

Advanced Solid State Physics

Solid state physics is the study of how atoms arrange themselves into solids and what properties these solids have.

Calculate the macroscopic properties from the microscopic structure.

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Quantization

Review: Photons (noninteracting bosons), photonic crystals

Review: Free electrons (noninteracting fermions), electrons in crystals

Electrons in a magnetic field

Fermi surfaces

Quantum Hall effect

Linear response theory

Dielectric function / optical properties

Transport properties

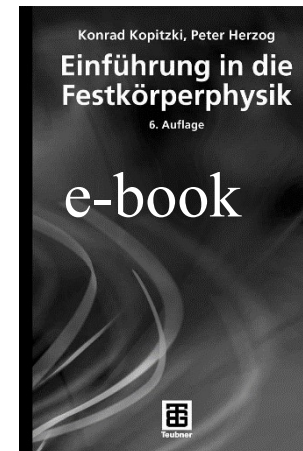
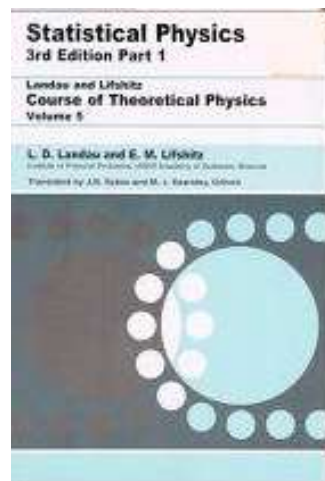
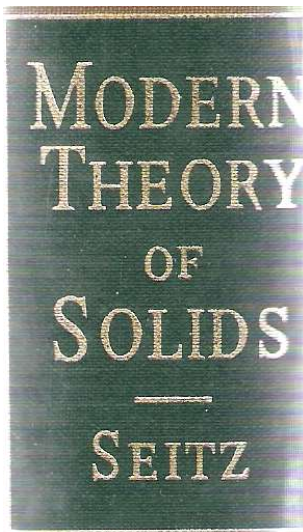
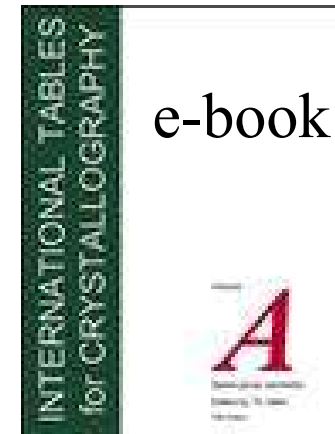
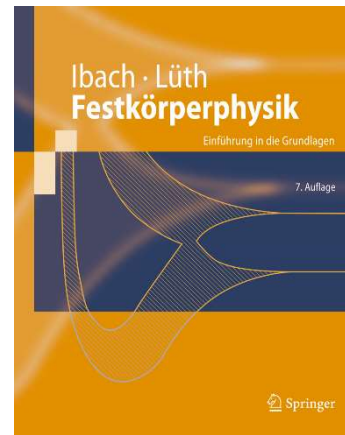
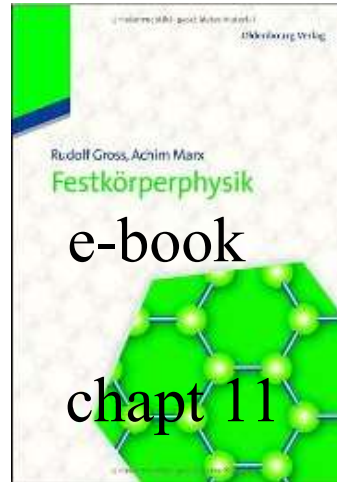
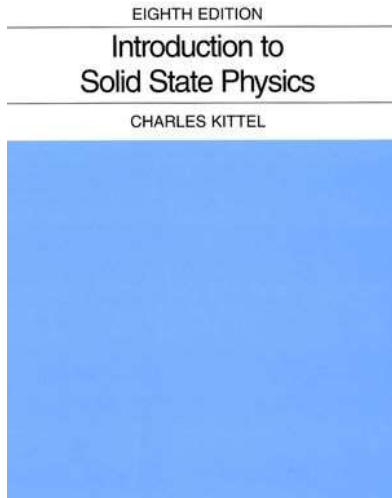
Quasiparticles (phonons, magnons, plasmons, excitons, polaritons)

Mott transition, Fermi Liquid Theory

Ferroelectricity, pyroelectricity, piezoelectricity

Landau theory of phase transitions

Superconductivity



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Introduction
Quantization
Photons
Phonons
Electrons
Magnetic effects and Fermi surfaces
Crystal Physics
Linear response
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Solid-state physics, the largest branch of condensed matter physics, is the study of rigid matter, or solids. The bulk of solid-state physics theory and research is focused on crystals, largely because the periodicity of atoms in a crystal, its defining characteristic, facilitates mathematical modeling, and also because crystalline materials often have electrical, magnetic, optical, or mechanical properties that can be exploited for engineering purposes. The framework of most solid-state physics theory is the Schrödinger (wave) formulation of non-relativistic quantum mechanics.

- [Solid state physics in Wikipedia](#)

The most remarkable thing is the great variety of *qualitatively different* solutions to Schrödinger's equation that can arise. We have insulators, semiconductors, metals, superconductors—all obeying different macroscopic laws: an electric field causes an electric dipole moment in an insulator, a steady current in a metal or semiconductor and a steadily accelerated current in a superconductor. Solids may be transparent or opaque, hard or soft, brittle or ductile, magnetic or non-magnetic.

From *Solid State Physics* by H. E. Hall

To a large extent, our success in understanding solids is a consequence of nature's kindness in organizing them for us... By the term solid we shall really always mean crystalline solid, and, moreover, infinite perfect crystalline solid at that.

From *States of Matter* by David L. Goodstein

<http://lamp.tu-graz.ac.at/~hadley/ss2/>

TUG -> Institute of Solid State Physics -> Courses

Student projects

Something that will help other students pass this course

2VO + 1UE

Solutions to exam questions

Example calculations (phonon dispersion relation for GaAs)

Javascript calculations

Lecture videos

No lecture

March 9

Examination

1 hour written exam

half of the questions will be from the website

Oral exam

Student project

Mistakes on written exam

General questions about the course

Quantization

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 \psi + V(\vec{r})\psi = E\psi$$

Start with the classical equations of motion

Find the normal modes

Construct the Lagrangian

From the Lagrangian determine the conjugate variables

Perform a Legendre transformation to the Hamiltonian

Quantize the Hamiltonian

Harmonic oscillator

Newton's law:

$$ma = -Kx$$

Euler - Lagrange equations:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0$$

Lagrangian
(constructed by
inspection)

$$L(x, \dot{x}) = \frac{m\dot{x}^2}{2} - \frac{Kx^2}{2}$$

Conjugate variable:

$$p = \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{x}} = m\dot{x}$$

Legendre transformation:

$$H = p\dot{x} - L = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \frac{Kx^2}{2}$$

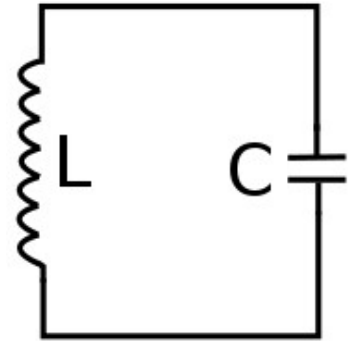
Quantize: $p \rightarrow -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

$$H\psi = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\psi}{dx^2} + \frac{Kx^2}{2} \psi$$

LC circuit

Classical equations $V = L \frac{dI}{dt}$ $I = -C \frac{dV}{dt}$ $Q = CV$

$$\frac{Q}{C} = -L \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2}$$



Euler - Lagrange equation: $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{Q}} - \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial Q} = 0$

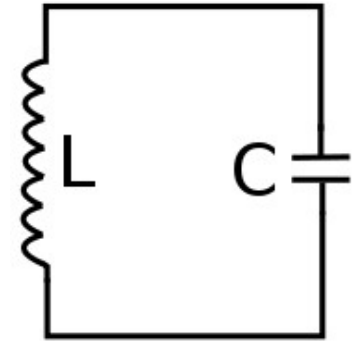
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$$\mathcal{L}(Q, \dot{Q}) = \frac{L\dot{Q}^2}{2} - \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

LC circuit

Conjugate variable:
$$p = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \dot{Q}} = L\dot{Q}$$

Legendre transformation:
$$H = L\dot{Q}^2 - \mathcal{L} = \frac{L\dot{Q}^2}{2} + \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$



Quantize:
$$p \rightarrow -i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial Q}$$

$$H\psi = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2L} \frac{d^2\psi}{dQ^2} + \frac{Q^2}{2C} \psi = E\psi$$