

EE340: Advanced topics in optics and quantum optics

Optical microcavities

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Syllabus (tentative)

Part 1

Introduction to optical resonators

- Lossless hollow rectangular resonator
- Losses in a resonator. Quality (Q) factor of a resonator
- Finesse, free-spectral range, and mode volume of a resonator

References:

1. Ramo, Whinnery and Van Duzer, *Fields and waves in communication electronics*, 3rd edition, chapter 10
2. Jackson, *Classical electrodynamics*, 2nd edition, sections 8.7 and 8.8

Part 2 (1 hw)

Mechanisms for confinement of light

- Total internal reflection (TIR)
- Electromagnetic propagation in periodic media
 - Periodic media: Floquet (Bloch) theorem, Bloch waves, and band structure
 - Distributed Bragg reflection (DBR)
 - Photonic crystals, photonic band gap

References:

1. Born and Wolf, *Principles of optics*, 7th edition, section 1.5
2. Yariv and Yeh, *Optical waves in crystals*, chapter 6
3. Joannopoulos et. al, *Photonic crystals*

Part 3 (1 hw)

Electromagnetic field quantization in resonators

- Introduction: a brief review of classical mechanics, rules for quantization, quantum harmonic oscillator, and Maxwell's equations.
- Normal mode expansion of the electromagnetic field in:
 - Lossless medium with a uniform dielectric constant
 - Lossless medium with a non-uniform dielectric constant
 - Resonator (cavity)
- Electromagnetic field quantization in:
 - Lossless 1D resonator with a uniform dielectric constant
 - Free space
 - Lossless medium with a non-uniform dielectric constant
 - Resonator (cavity)
 - Very large Q-factor case: treating resonator as lossless
 - Lossy resonator: quantum Langevin equation

Useful references:

1. M. O. Scully and M. S. Zubairy, *Quantum optics*, Cambridge University Press 1997 (chapter 1)
2. R. Loudon, *The quantum theory of light*, Oxford Science Publications, 3rd edition (chapter 4)
3. R. J. Glauber and M. Lewenstein, "Quantum optics of dielectric media", *Physical Review A*, vol. 43, pp. 467-491 (1991)
4. Y. Yamamoto and A. Imamoglu, *Mesoscopic quantum optics*, Wiley and sons, 1999 (chapter 7)

Part 4 (1 hw)

Introduction to cavity quantum electrodynamics (cavity QED)

- Semi-classical treatment of the atom - electromagnetic field interaction: the interaction Hamiltonian in the dipole approximation
- Quantum-mechanical treatment of the atom - electromagnetic field interaction: Jaynes-Cummings Hamiltonian
- Strong and weak coupling regimes of the cavity QED
 - Strong coupling regime
 - Rabi oscillation
 - Normal mode splitting; dressed and bare states.
 - Weak coupling regime
 - Spontaneous emission rate in free space: Einstein's A coefficient
 - Spontaneous emission rate in a medium with a uniform dielectric constant
 - Modification of the density of photon states in a cavity
 - Spontaneous emission rate in a cavity; Purcell effect
 - Spontaneous emission coupling factor and relation to laser threshold

Useful references:

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2. K. Vahala, "Optical microcavities", *Nature*, vol. 424, pp. 839-846 (Aug. 14 2003)
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4. Y. Yamamoto and A. Imamoglu, *Mesoscopic quantum optics*, Wiley and sons, 1999 (chapter 6)
5. M. O. Scully and M. S. Zubairy, *Quantum optics*, Cambridge University Press 1997 (chapters 6, 9)
6. H. Mabuchi and A. C. Doherty, "Cavity quantum electrodynamics: coherence in context," *Science*, vol. 298, pp. 1372-1377 (2002).

Part 5 (~2 hws)

Types of optical microcavities

- Fabry-Perot resonators
- Microcavities employing only TIR (whispering gallery resonators)
 - Microdisk
 - Microring
 - Microsphere

- Microtorus
- Microcavities employing DBR combined with TIR
 - DBR micropost (micro-pillar)
 - Planar photonic crystal microcavities (cavities in two-dimensional photonic crystals of finite depth)
- Microcavities employing only DBR
 - Three-dimensional photonic crystal resonators

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Part 6 (1-2 hws)

Applications of optical microcavities

- Use of quantum dots as artificial atoms for cavity QED
- Thresholdless laser
- Channel add/drop filter
- Sensing
- Optical delay lines
- Coupled microcavity arrays
- Nonlinear optics (e.g., Raman lasers)
- Quantum information processing
 - Single and entangled photon sources
 - Single atom laser