

MSE-478

Organic semiconductors

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Advanced Manufacturing		Obl.
Materials Science and Engineering	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Photonics		Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	3
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Oral
Workload	90h
Weeks	14
Hours	3 weekly
Courses	2 weekly
Exercises	1 weekly
Number of positions	

Summary

This course provides an introduction to organic semiconducting materials starting from fundamental optical and electronic properties of conjugated small molecules and polymers. Furthermore, electronic and optical properties in the solid state and applications in optoelectronic devices are studied.

Content

1. Conjugated molecules interacting with light (electronic orbitals, optical and electronic properties, photochemical reactions), biological systems
2. Structure and properties of conjugated molecular materials (crystalline materials, polymers, liquid crystals)
3. Applications in electronics and optoelectronics (LCD displays, solar cells, light-emitting diodes, transistors)

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Elaborate a topic in the field of organic optoelectronic devices
- Interpret organic thin film device performance in terms of fundamental processes
- Solve a physical problem in the field of organic semiconductors quantitatively
- Estimate order of magnitude of physical effects occurring in organic semiconductors
- Differentiate between organic and inorganic semiconductors
- Analyze fundamental processes in organic semiconductors
- Model molecular orbitals and organic thin film device properties
- Report on a scientific publication

Assessment methods

oral exam