

PHYS-635

**Semiconductor photonics and quantum structures**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Photonics		Obl.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	2
Session	
Exam	Oral
Workload	60h
<b>Hours</b>	<b>28</b>
Courses	28
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Frequency**

Every year

**Remark**

Next time: Spring 2018 - schedule under modification

**Summary**

This course gives an overview of the current trends in semiconductor nanophotonics, with an emphasis on quantum nanostructures and optical cavities. Different light-matter interaction regimes in cavity-quantum structure systems are discussed. Nanophotonic light emitting devices are presented.

**Content**

- 1) Introduction (4h)
  - a. Semiconductor Materials for Photonics
  - b. Basic physical properties
  - c. Optical properties – light matter interaction
- 2) Electronic Properties of semiconductor nanostructures (6h)
  - a. Quantum confinement
  - b. Single photon emission – photon entanglement
- 3) Microcavities and photonic crystals (6h)
  - a. Planar cavities
  - b. 2D photonic crystals – 1D nanobeams
- 4) Light-matter interaction in cavities - Cavity quantum electro-dynamics (8h)
  - a. Purcell effect
  - b. Weak and strong coupling regimes
  - c. Non-linear effects
- 5) Photonics quantum devices (4h)
  - a. Quantum well and quantum dot lasers
  - b. Nanolasers
  - c. Single photon emitters

**Keywords**

Nanostructures, photonic cavities, quantum dots, nanolasers

**Learning Prerequisites****Important concepts to start the course**

Solid state physics, optics