

Online class # 16

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Topics: Plasmons, Polaritons, and Polarons

Time: 0950 – 1050

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Introduction To Solid State Physics
– Charles Kittel

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Plasmon: A quantum or quasiparticle associated with a local collective oscillation of charge density.

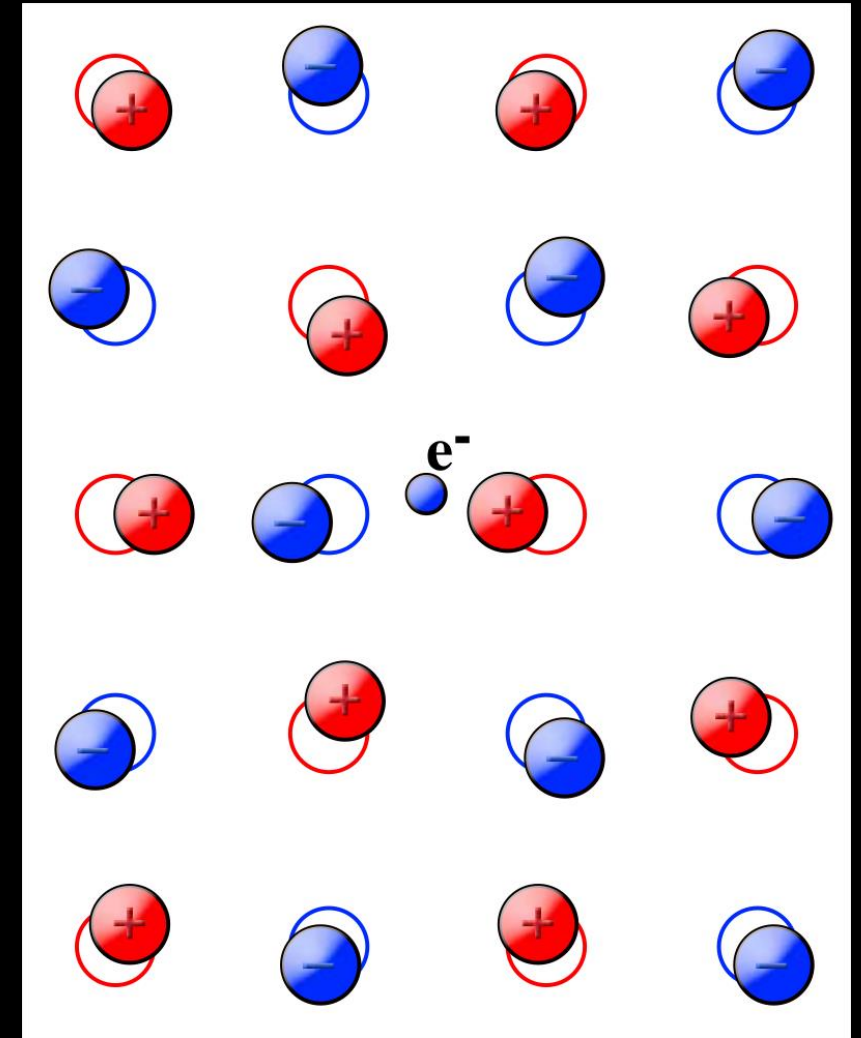
A polariton is a quasi-particle formed when photons couple strongly with excitons. Polaritons are quasiparticles in a medium that form as a result of interaction and mixing of light with dipole active transitions of the medium.



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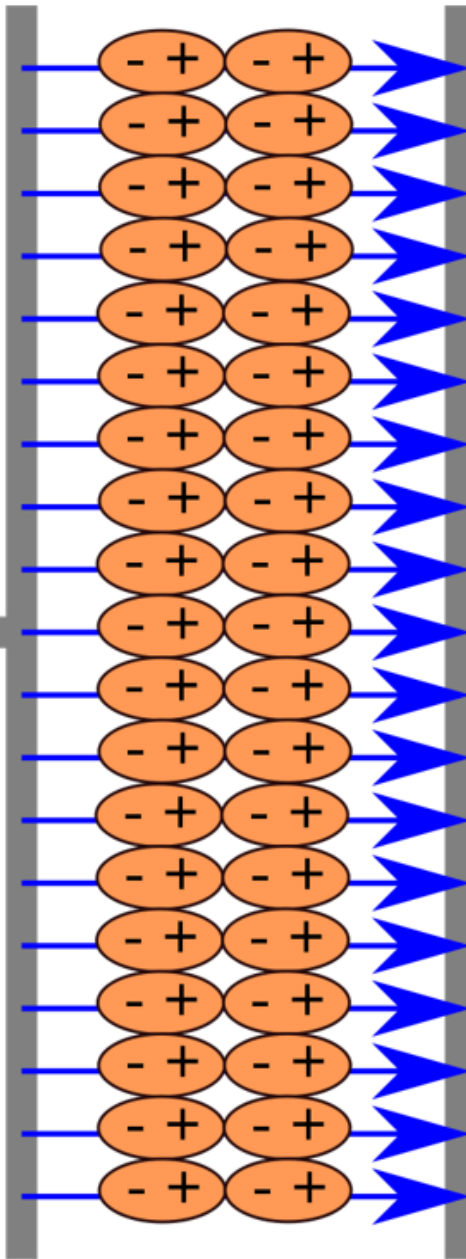
A polaron is a quasiparticle used in condensed matter physics to understand the interactions between electrons and atoms in a solid material.

An electron accompanied by this kind of electrical displacement of neighbouring charges constitutes a polaron.



What is dielectric?

Charge
 $+Q$



$-Q$

dielectric

Plate
area A

Dielectric Constant



Relative Permittivity

$$K = \epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon_m}{\epsilon_0}$$

Permittivity of the material

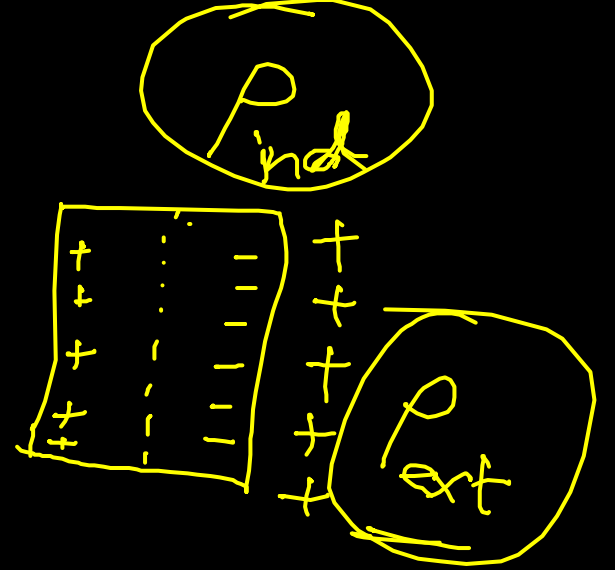
Permittivity of Vacuum

$8.85418782 \times 10^{12}$ Farads/meter



Dielectric function $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r$

$$\vec{D} = \vec{E} + 4\pi \vec{P} = \epsilon \vec{E}$$



$$\boxed{\text{div } \vec{D}} = 4\pi \rho_{ext}$$

$$\boxed{\text{div } \vec{E}} = 4\pi \rho = 4\pi (\rho_{ind} + \rho_{ext})$$

$$\rho = \rho_{ext} + \rho_{ind}$$

$$\rho_{ext} = \rho - \rho_{ind}$$



$$D(\mathbf{r}) = \epsilon(\mathbf{r}) \underline{E(\mathbf{r})} \quad \epsilon$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{div } \vec{E} &= \text{div} \sum \vec{E}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \\ &= 4\pi \sum \rho(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{div } \vec{D} = 4\pi \sum \rho_{\text{ext}}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r}}$$

$$\boxed{\epsilon} = \frac{\rho_{\text{ext}}}{\rho} = 1 - \frac{\rho_{\text{ind}}}{\rho}$$



$$\vec{D} = -\nabla\phi_{ext} \rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{D} = -\nabla^2\phi_{ext}$$

$$\vec{E} = -\nabla\phi \rightarrow \nabla \cdot \vec{E} = -\nabla^2\phi$$

$$\epsilon(\omega) = \frac{\rho_{ext}}{\rho} = \frac{\phi_{ext}}{\phi} \quad \begin{aligned} -\nabla^2\phi_{ext} &= 4\pi\rho_{ext} \\ -\nabla^2\phi &= 4\pi\rho \end{aligned}$$

$$F = ma$$

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Equation of motion

$$m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -eE$$

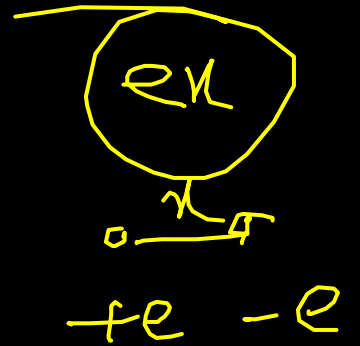
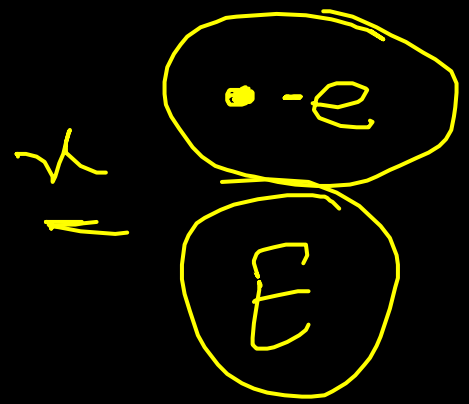
E, x

$$\frac{dx}{dt} =$$

$$e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$E = E_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$x = x_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$



$$x = x_0 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$(-i)^n = (-i)(-i) \dots (-i)$$

$$= i^2 = -1$$

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x_0 (-i\omega) e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right) = x_0 (-i\omega)^2 e^{-i\omega t}$$

$$= -\omega^2 x$$

$$-m\omega^2 x = -e\mathcal{E}$$

$$x = \frac{e\mathcal{E}}{m\omega^2}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{e\mathcal{E}}{mx}$$



$\rho = ne$

$$-en = -e\vec{E}/m\omega^2$$

$en = n$

$$P = -\frac{nen}{\rho} = -\frac{ne^2}{m\omega^2} E$$

$n \rightarrow$ number of electrons per unit volume

$$\epsilon = \frac{D}{E} = \frac{E + 4\pi P}{E} = 1 + \frac{4\pi P}{E}$$

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{4\pi ne^2}{m\omega^2}$$



$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{4\pi n e^2}{m\omega^2}}}$$

plasma frequency

$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{4\pi n e^2}{m}$$

$\omega \rightarrow$ frequency

$$\epsilon(\omega) = 1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

CGS

$$\underline{\underline{\epsilon(\infty)}}$$



$$E(\omega) = E(\infty) - \frac{4\pi n e^2}{m \omega^2} = E(\infty) - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2}$$

$$\omega = \omega_p$$

$$= \underline{E(\infty)} \left[1 - \frac{\omega_p^2}{\omega^2} \right]$$

$$\boxed{E(\omega) = 0}$$

$$\omega_p^2 = \frac{4\pi n e^2}{E(\infty) m}$$

$$\underline{\omega_p^2} = \underline{E(\infty) \omega_p^2}$$



$$E = h\nu = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

$$\frac{E(\text{cm}^{-1})}{\nu(\text{cm}^{-1})}$$

$$= \frac{hc\nu}{2\pi} = h\nu$$



