A Personal View of Electromagnetic Phenomena

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and there was light

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Statics and Quasi-Statics: Microscopy at nanometer scale Electron sources Interface with bio-systems Coupling Phenomena Micro-Electro-Mechanical -System Dynamics: Photonic Band Gap Structures Interaction with bio-systems Frank-Hertz (PASER) & accelerators X-ray sources: tools for nano-science

Statics & QS: Microscopy @ Nanometer Scale

- Our ability to measure length is limited by the "ruler" used
- From the perspective of the human eye, the limit is of the order of typical wavelength 0.5µm
 There are several concepts that may be used for bypassing this inherent limitation -- most of them do not use light

Statics & QS: Microscopy @ Nanometer Scale

• Force at the atomic level - Capacitance change related to the distance and the radius of curvature of the tip - Change in capacitance (assuming constant $voltage) \rightarrow current$





Figure 5.85 SEM image of micromachined a-Si waveguide-cantilever.

Statics: Microscopy @ Nanometer Scale

• Force at the atomic level

- The applied electric field can deflect the tip according to the geometric details of the structure.
 Attached to the tip there is a "mirror". It reflects an incoming laser beam
- The information about the motion of the tip is in the reflected wave



Statics: Microscopy @ Nanometer Scale

• Scattering of waves at the atomic level

- Near-field microscopy relies on evanescent waves
- Waves that propagate in one direction but decay in another
 Resolution determined by the size of the aperture and its height from the surface.



Statics: Microscopy @ Nanometer Scale

• Scattering or Transmission of electrons at the atomic level

- Features of the surface or bulk_determined by energetic electrons (0.3 0.4 MeV).
- Low energy electrons may better help reproducing characteristics of the surface.





Statics & Quasi-Statics: Electron Sources

- Thermionic emission: heat up metal, kinetic energy of some electrons facilitate to overcome the work function therefore free electrons become available. Problem: heat
- Photo-emission: Photons from a laser beam provide sufficient energy to electrons for overcoming the work function of a metal. Problem: quantum efficiency
 Field emission: External electric field
 - may extract electrons Problem: intense electric field





Statics & Quasi-Statics: Electron Sources

- Intense electric field is not a big problem. What is an intense field? Typical for dc
 - $E_{cr} \sim 1[\text{MV/m}] \sim 10[\text{kV/cm}]$
- Applying a few volts on the scale of 1µm generates a sufficient electric field E: 1V/1µm =1[MV/m]
 Field emitter array !! Flat displays Modulated electron beam



Statics & QS: Interface with bio-systems

Interface between electronic system and nerves or organs
Bio-detectors
Gas detectors





Statics & Quasi-Statics: Coupling

- Systems operate at higher and higher frequencies
- Kirchoff voltage and current laws need to be extended to take into account:

propagation time# reflections# dispersion

- High frequency effects of elements or wires (coupling)
- In other words, transmission line theory.





Statics & QS: MEMS Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems



Figure 1.29 Electrostatic micromotor fabricated at Berkeley.74

Statics & QS: MEMS Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems



Figure 7.71 Optical schematic of projection operation.

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Figure 1.37 SEM photograph of a digital mirror array.

Statics & QS: MOEMS Micro-Opto-Electro-Mechanical Systems



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Dynamics: Photonic Band Gap (PBG)

• Guiding Electromagnetic Energy Transmission line Waveguide Optical fiber Electromagnetic energy confined by metallic walls or in regions of high dielectric coefficient

Dynamics: Photonic Band Gap (PBG)

It is possible to use destructive interference for ensuring confining electromagnetic radiation. Bragg mirror

Bragg fiber

Dynamics: Photonic Band Gap (PBG)

It is possible to use destructive interference for ensuring confining electromagnetic radiation using more complex structures. Advantage: propagation of a significant fraction of the wave in vacuum.

Dynamics: Interaction with bio-systems

- Interaction microwaves and the human body
- Eye our electromagnetic detector
- Brain our "CPU"







Dynamics: Interaction with bio-systems





Dynamics: Frank-Hertz Effect

Electron moving in the vicinity of an atom may excite it by "kicking" the internal electron from a low energy level to a higher one. Its loss of energy equal to the difference between the energy levels



Dynamics: Frank-Hertz Effect

This is the basis to the well known LASER: Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation









Dynamics: Inverse Frank-Hertz Effect

The opposite is also possible: Electron moving in the vicinity of an excited atom may be accelerated



PASER: Particle Acceleration by Stimulated Emission of Radiation



Dynamics: X-ray Sources & Nano-Science

Double Doppler shift
Why accelerator
"Quality" of the radiation is set by the quality of the electrons - coherence

Synchrotron



 $\lambda \simeq \frac{\lambda_w}{2\gamma^2} \implies \lambda_w \sim 10 [\text{cm}] \& \gamma \sim 7 \times 10^3 \implies \lambda \sim 1 [\text{nm}]$

Dynamics: X-ray Sources & Nano-Science

Advantages:

- High intensity (good signal to noise ratio)
- Atto-second pulses
- Tunable
- Drawbacks:
 - Large national facility
 Poor repetitivity
 - > Potential:



- Resolve the dynamics of chemical bond
- Resolve crystalline structures of single atoms
- Learn about non-crystalline matter at atomic
- Alternative: high harmonic generation of laser pulses

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