

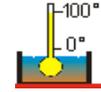
Physical basis of dental material science 10.

Thermal and optical properties

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Thermal properties

- temperature: proportional to the internal energy of the material.
(unit: K, °C, in physics K is used mainly)
- Heat uptake/loss – exchange between the object and the environment.



Heat capacity (C):
(energy that increases the temperature by 1 K)

$$C = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta T}$$

ΔQ – exchanged thermal energy
 v – no. of mols
 m – mass
 ΔT – temperature change

molar heat capacity (c_v):
(heat capacity for one mol)

$$c_v = \frac{C}{v}$$

specific heat capacity (c):
(heat capacity for unit mass)

$$c = \frac{C}{m}$$

c_p – measured at constant pressure
 c_v – measured at constant volume

$$c_p > c_v$$

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Specific heat capacity

High specific heat of the water is important from the viewpoint of the life! (thermal stability)



specific heat capacity of some dental materials:

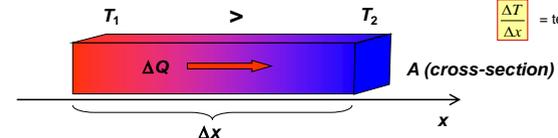
material	c (J/(kg·K))
Enamel	750
Dentin	1260
Water	4190
Amalgam	210
Gold	126
Porcelain	1100
Glass	800
PMMA	1460
ZnPO ₄	500

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Thermal conduction

$$\Delta T = T_2 - T_1$$

$$\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x} = \text{temperature gradient}$$

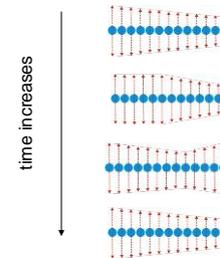


How is the energy transported?

lattice oscillation

In metals e.g. motion of the free electrons.

time increases



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Thermal conductivity

Fourier-law

$$\frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t} = -\lambda A \frac{\Delta T}{\Delta x}$$

λ — thermal conductivity
J/(s·m²·K/m) = W/(m·K)

Characterizes well the phenomenon in the case of stationary flow!

(stationary – the parameters are constant in time)

Thermal conductivity of some dental material:

material	λ (W/(mK))
Enamel	0.9
Dentin	0.6
Water	0.44
Amalgam	23
Gold	300
Porcelain	1
Glass	0.6-1.4
Acrylate	0.2
PMMA	0.2-0.3
ZnPO ₄	1.2

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Non-stationary case

$$D = \frac{\lambda}{c_p \rho}$$

D — thermal diffusivity (m²/s)
(may be different at the different points of the material)

ρ — density
 c_p — specific heat capacity at constant pressure

Thermal diffusivity of some dental materials:

material	λ (W/(mK))	D (10 ⁻⁶ m ² /s)
Enamel	0.9	0.5
Dentin	0.6	0.2
Water	0.44	0.14
Amalgam	23	9.6
Gold	300	118
Porcelain	1	0.4
Glass	0.6-1.4	0.3-0.7
Acrylate	0.2	0.1
PMMA	0.2-0.3	0.12
ZnPO ₄	1.2	0.3

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Thermal expansion

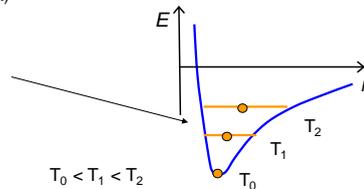
Linear expansion:

$$\frac{\Delta l}{l_0} = \alpha \Delta T$$

$$l = l_0(1 + \alpha) \Delta T$$

α — coefficient of thermal expansion (1/K)

Increasing temperature results increasing oscillation of particles.
This may be observed as increasing size.



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Volumetric thermal expansion

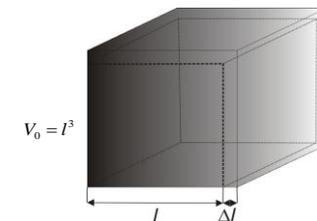
$$\frac{\Delta V}{V_0} = \beta \Delta T$$

$$V = V_0(1 + \beta) \Delta T$$

β — volumetric thermal expansion coefficient (1/K)

for isotropic materials:

$$\beta \approx 3\alpha$$



Isotropic: properties are independent from the direction

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The coefficient of thermal expansion of some dental materials :

Material	α (10^{-6} 1/K)
Enamel	11.4
dentin	8.3
Gold	14.2
Gold alloys	11-16
Amalgam	≈ 25
Porcelain	4-16
Acrylate	90
Glass	8
PMMA	90-160
Silicon	100-200
gypsum	15-20
wax	300-500

different expansion → stress!



Conservative dentistry!

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Optical properties

What is the light?

- electromagnetic wave
- propagation of the energy (radiation)
- propagates in straightline
- Interact to the material



Egyptian mythology.
The Sun as the source
of the light.

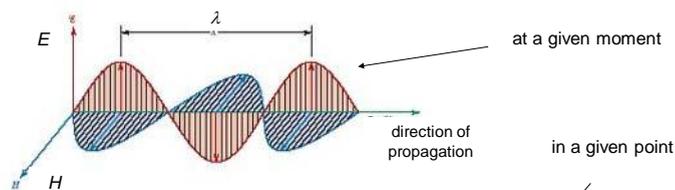


Sources: Sun - thermal radiation
luminescence (cold light)

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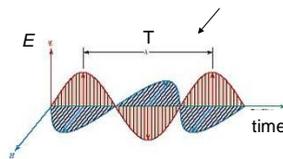
What is the electromagnetic wave?

wave: propagating oscillation.



at a given moment

direction of propagation
in a given point



E – strenght of the electric field
H – strenght of the magnetic field
 λ - wavelength
T - period

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Features, characteristic quantities

speed of the wave

$$c = f \cdot \lambda$$

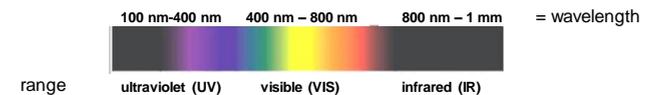
f – frequency = $1/T$ (T – period)

$$c = \frac{c_0}{n}$$

speed in vacuum ~
 $3 \cdot 10^8$ m/s

refractive index of
the material
(absolute)

spectrum: distribution of the energy versus the frequency (or wavelength)

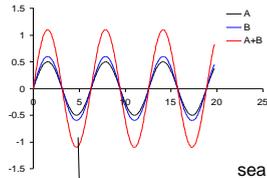


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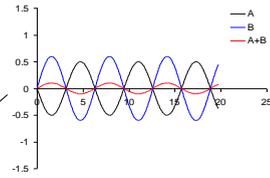
Wave phenomena

superposition of 2 or more waves:
the amplitudes are summed.

positive (constructive) interference
(same phase: see below)



negative (destructive) interference
(opposite phase: see below)



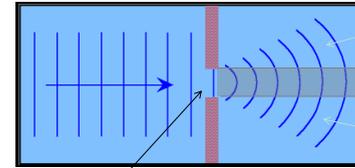
sea waves



Interference pattern
Stable constructive and
destructive interference
points

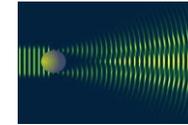
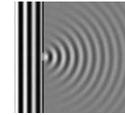
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Diffraction



slit (size is close to the wavelength)

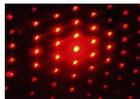
may be any barrier



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Diffraction and interference

monochromatic light
(practically only 1 wavelength)

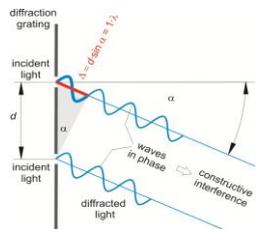


Spots are the points
produced by constructive
interference.

white light
(whole spectrum)



Depends on the wavelength!



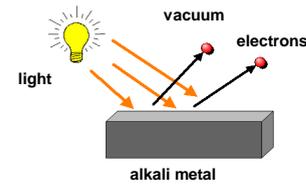
$$d \cdot \sin \alpha = k \cdot \lambda$$

($k = 0, 1, 2 \dots$)

The direction of the constructive
interference depends on the
wavelength!

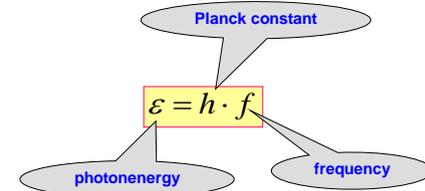
Photon

Photoelectric effect



$$\epsilon = A + E_e$$

A – work function
 E_e – kinetic energy of electrons



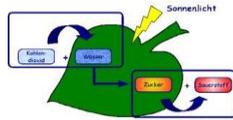
Threshold frequency exists.
Below this frequency there are no free electrons.

Energy is quantized and the
quantum is the photon.

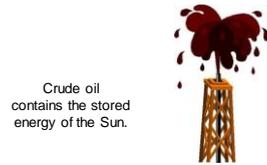
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Energy transport

Photosynthesis is the base of the life.



Chloroplast absorbs the light energy and stores in molecules as chemical energy.



Solar cell converts the light energy into electric one.

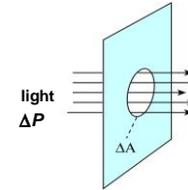


The absorbed energy in the skin results reddening.

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Intensity (J)

Energy propagates in the radiation.



Intensity characterizes the strength of the radiation.

$$J = \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta A} \quad \left(\frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2} \right)$$

ΔA – the area.
 ΔP – power of the radiation propagating through the whole.

Power: energy per unit time

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Geometrical optics

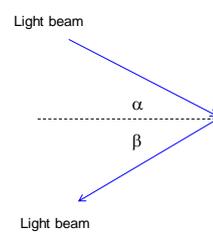
- light propagates in straightline.



reflection



$$\alpha = \beta$$



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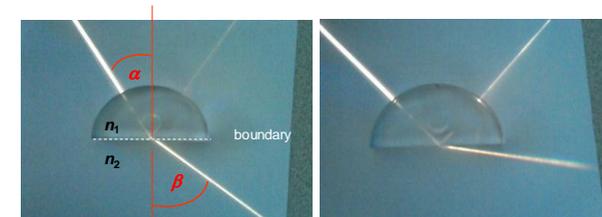
Refraction

Snell's law:



$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} = \frac{c_1}{c_2} = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = n_{21}$$

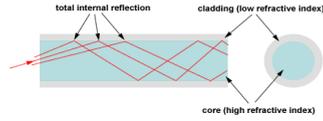
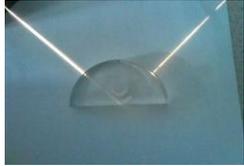
(relative) refractive index



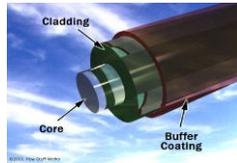
limiting angle

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Application of the total internal reflection



optical fiber



Application of the total internal reflection

mirage:



dentistry

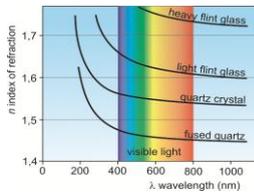


endoscopy

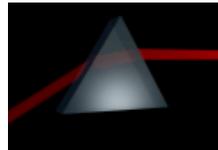


Dispersion of the light (n depends on the wavelength)

$n(\lambda)$



monochromatic light



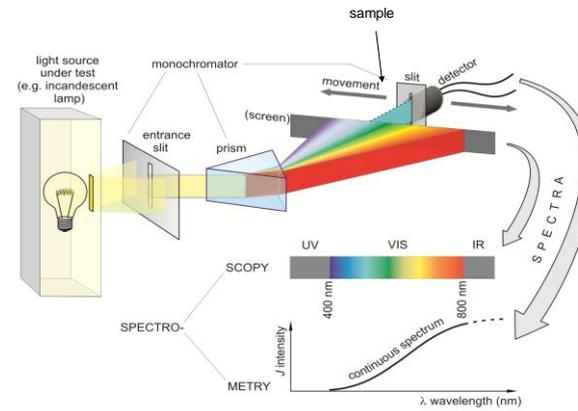
white light



rainbow

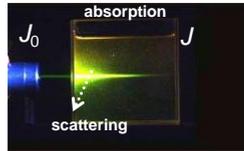


Spectroscopy and spectrometry



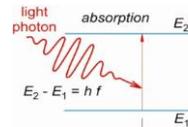
Interaction to the matter

Consequence
 $J < J_0$



Attenuation: decreasing intensity
attenuation = scattering + absorption

Inhomogeneity of the refractive index in the material!



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Light scattering

elastic scattering
(λ, f, ϵ are constant)

inelastic scattering
(λ, f, ϵ are not constant)

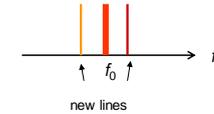


Rayleigh-scattering
particle size $\ll \lambda$

scattered intensity $\sim \frac{1}{\lambda^4}$

blue sky: blue is scattered better.
(wavelength is shorter)

Raman-scattering



Mie-scattering

size of the scattering particle $\geq \lambda$
(no strong λ dependency)
(white clouds)



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Attenuation law

if the scattering is negligible

attenuation \sim absorption

transmission

$$\hat{T} = \frac{J}{J_0} \quad (\cdot 100 \%)$$

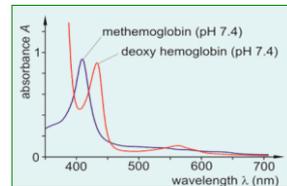
absorbance

$$A = \lg \frac{J_0}{J}$$

attenuation coefficient

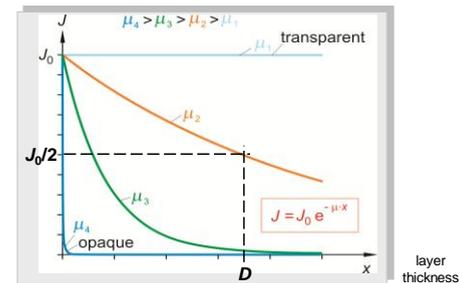
$$J = J_0 \cdot e^{-\mu \cdot x}$$

absorption spectrum: $A(\lambda)$



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Attenuation law



penetration depth (δ):

$$\delta = \frac{1}{\mu}$$

half-value thickness (D):

$$D = \frac{\ln 2}{\mu}$$

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