

#### PH575 Spring 2019

Fundamentals of the condensed state: Where are the electrons? How do they determine the properties?

Start with a single atom and build up solid in real space as a huge molecule by considering interactions between atoms (more intuitive -> amorphous, defective materials)

Traditional momentum-space (*k*-space) approach exploits periodicity (less intuitive -> works well for crystals, some properties).

### Class research?

- Graphene
- Carbon nanotubes
- Your research here ...

## Graphene



- No defects
- Very high conductivity, mobility
- Highest thermal conductivity
- Quantum hall effect

### Carbon nanotubes

- Rolled-up graphene
- Stronger than steel
- High mobility



## **Organic Electronics**

- Organic FETs
- Polymer solar cells
- Organic LEDs



Gate electrode Gate electrode Semiconductor Substrate Unan Substrate

Why does the I-V characteristic look like this?

## Silicon

- Most perfect material we've ever made in production
- Underlies current technological era
- Prototypical semiconductor
- GaAs (III-V), ZnTe (II-VI) .....

## Quantum-confined systems

- Quantum well lasers
- Quantum dots



#### $1nm \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow 5nm$

http://www.aist.go.jp/aist\_e/aist\_today/2006\_21/hot\_line/ hot\_line\_22.html



GaInP/AIInP Quantum Well Laser Diode http://www.optics.rochester.edu/workgroups/wicks/research.html

# Cu(In,Ga)Se<sub>2</sub> (CIGS)

Solar cell materials



http://www.hmi.de/people/daniel.abou-ras/SEM.htm

## $Ga_{0.95}Mn_{0.05}As$

- Spintronics
- Dilute magnetic semiconductor new electronics by control of spin?



Spin transistor



Spintronic Devices

# YBa<sub>2</sub>Cu<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>

- 90-K high-temperature superconductor
- We still don't really know why it works







# $La[O_{1-x}F_x]FeAs$

- Hosono et al., 2008
- 26-K HTSC with Fe in it!



## Giant Magnetoresistance (GMR)

Read heads



# $In_2O_3$ :Sn

- Representative of transparent conductors, transparent semiconductors
- ZnO:AI, SnO<sub>2</sub>:F, IGZO, IZO

## Thermoelectrics

- Na<sub>x</sub>CoO<sub>2</sub>
- $Bi_2Te_3$
- $zT = \alpha^2 \sigma T/\kappa$



#### Ferroelectrics

- BaTiO<sub>3</sub> PZT (lead zirconate titanate)
- Tunable capacitors, ferroelectric memory (like ferromagnetic)

## **Multiferroics**

- Some combination of ferromagnetism (or antiferromagnetism), ferroelectricity, or ferroelasticity in same material.
- HoMnO<sub>3</sub>



#### Metamaterials

- Photonic crystals (semiconductors with light)
- Negative index materials (sub-wavelength focusing, ...)

## **Topological insulators**



Symmetry-protected conducting surface states

2008: Sb/Bi, Sb,  $Bi_2Se_3, Bi_2Te_3, Sb_2Te_3$ 

Majorana particles can occur at the interface between a TI and a superconductor. QC applications?

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Topological\_insulator#/media/File:Topological\_insulator\_band\_structure.svg

## Qubits & quantum computing

• Quantum computing on a chip?



magnetic-based

Graphene-based

## The future

- Solid state lighting
- Solid state batteries
- Solid state heating/cooling
- Solar cells
- Catalysts
- Spintronics
- Quantum computing
- Metamaterials
- Liquid Crystals