

MAE 545 (Spring 2017)

Special Topics - Lessons from Biology for Engineering Tiny Devices



Lectures: T, Th 11:00 AM-12:20 PM, W 1:30-3:00 PM, Friend Center 111

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- * text books: none
- Iecture slides will be posted on Blackboard

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Assignments

- * presentation of research paper in class
- # final paper (final project)

Course overview Structural colors

Structural colors of animals and plants appear due to the selective reflection of ambient light on structural features underneath the surface.



H. Wang and K-Q. Zhang, Sensors 13, 4192 (2013) V. Saranathan et al., J. R. Soc. Interface 9, 2563 (2012)

Wrinkling



Wrinkling of thin films on soft substrates can be used to make flexible electronics and to tune drag, adhesion and wetting.

Golf balls (reduced drag)



Gecko (strong adhesion)

Lotus leaves (hydrophobic)



Growth and forms in nature

Brain



Gut



Beaks



Leaf

Flower

Shells







From transformable shapes to self-folding robots

opening/closing of flowers



self-folding robots



https://vimeo.com/98276732

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M-vQdyY6OE

swelling of patterned gels



Patterns in nature



Turing patterns

Random walks

Brownian motion



Polymer random coils



Swimming of E. coli



Protein search for a binding site on DNA



Protein filaments and molecular motors

Actin filament

Microtubule

Cargo transport

Crawling of cells

Contraction of muscles

10 nm







Viruses and drug delivery

assembly of viral capsids

packing of viral DNA inside the capsid

infection of cells



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drug delivery

DNA Origami



C. E. Castro et al., Nature methods (2011)

MAE 545: Lecture 1 (2/7) **Structural colors**



 $1.7 \mu m$

Structural color

Structural colors of animals and plants appear due to the selective reflection of ambient light on structural features underneath the surface. structural color

White light coming from the sun consists of all colors. rainbow $1.7 \mu m$ incoming reflected light light 42° transmitted

light

Structural colors

Structural colors of animals and plants appear due to the selective reflection of ambient light on structural features underneath the surface.

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Peacock feather eyes

Morpho butterfly





Plum-throated Cotinga





Marble berry

 $1.7 \mu m$





bleak fish









 $1 \mu m$

250 nm



Dynamic structural colors

Chameleon (speed 8x)



J. Teyssier et al., Nat. Comm. 6, 6368 (2015)

Changes in osmotic concentration lead to the swelling of cells in excited chameleon. This changes the spacing of periodic structure from which the ambient light is reflected.





yellow color

green color



 $200 \mathrm{nm}$

Comb Jelly (real time)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qy90d0XvJIE

Rainbow color waves are produced by the beating of cilia, which change the orientation of periodic structure from which the ambient light is reflected.



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Dynamic colors in cephalopods

octopus





squid

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MB2ItsAPnQ

Dynamical color change in cephalopod is achieved by modulation of size and spacing of both the pigment cells and the cells reflecting light.



 $7.5 \mu m$



electromagnetic waves

Wave equation



Solutions are traveling waves with velocity c.

waves in ropes under tension



- tensile force F
- mass density ρ
- A cross-section area

waves on liquid surfaces



 $c = \sqrt{gh}$

deep water

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{g\lambda}{2\pi}}$$

- gravitational const. \boldsymbol{Q}
- h water depth
- λ wavelength

permittivity μ permeability

 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\epsilon\mu}}$

sound waves

 ϵ

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{K}{\rho}}$$

- **bulk modulus** K
 - mass density

shear waves

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{\mu}{\rho}}$$

- shear modulus μ
- mass density 0

ρ





Plane waves



Planes of constant phases:

$$\vec{k} \cdot \vec{r} = \text{const}$$

Solutions of wave equation can be described as a linear superposition of plane waves:

$$u(x,t) = \sum_{\vec{k}} A_{\vec{k}} e^{i(\vec{k}\cdot\vec{r}-\omega t)}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}$$
 wavevector

 $\omega = 2\pi\nu \quad \text{angular frequency}$

Plane waves travel in direction of \vec{k} with velocity:

$$c = \frac{\omega}{k} = \lambda \nu$$

Note: velocity of plane waves may depend on the wavevector $c(\vec{k})$!

Interference

constructive interference



Constructive interference occurs when the two waves are in phase: waves offset by $m\lambda$, $m = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, ...$ $e^{ikm\lambda} = e^{i2\pi m} = +1$ destructive interference



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Propagation of light in medium



speed of light frequency

wavelength

 $c_0 = 3 \times 10^8 \text{m/s}$ $c = c_0/n$ ν_0 $\nu = \nu_0$ λ_0 $\lambda = \lambda_0/n$ $c_0 = \nu_0 \lambda_0$ $c = \nu \lambda$

total number of cycles

$$\frac{x_1}{\lambda_0} + \frac{x_2}{\lambda} = \frac{x_1 + nx_2}{\lambda_0}$$

Optical path length is geometric distance multiplied by the index of refraction!

Reflection of waves



Reflection of light at the interface between two media



Refraction of light



Snell's
law
$$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$$
Total internal
reflection $\theta_2 > \arcsin(n_1/n_2)$

Rainbow

Rainbow forms because refraction index *n* in water droplets depends on the color (wavelength) of light.

 $n_{\text{purple}} > n_{\text{blue}} > n_{\text{green}} > n_{\text{yellow}} > n_{\text{orange}} > n_{\text{red}}$





Interference on thin films



difference between optical path lengths of the two reflected rays

$$OPD = n_2 \left(\overline{AB} + \overline{BC} \right) - n_1 \overline{AD}$$
$$OPD = 2n_2 d \cos(\theta_2)$$

no additional phase difference due to reflections

 $n_1 < n_2 < n_3$ $n_1 > n_2 > n_3$

constructive interference $OPD = m\lambda$

destructive interference

 $OPD = (m + 1/2)\lambda$

$$m=0,\pm 1,\pm 2,\ldots$$

additional π phase difference due to reflections

 $n_1 < n_2 > n_3$ $n_1 > n_2 < n_3$

constructive interference

 $OPD = (m + 1/2)\lambda$ destructive interference $OPD = m\lambda$

Interference on soap bubbles



constructive interference for different colors happens at different angles

$$2dn_{\text{soap}}\cos(\theta_2) = (m+1/2)\lambda$$

 $m=0,\pm 1,\pm 2,\ldots$

soap bubble



visible spectrum



Single structural color

Single reflected color on structures with uniform spacing





Morpho butterfly





 $1.7 \mu m$

Marble berry





250nm

Chrysochroa raja bettle





 $1 \mu m$

Silver and gold structural colors

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Many colors reflected on structures with varying spacing





chirped structure



disordered layer spacing bleak fish







Bragg scattering on crystal layers



Comb jelly



Beating cilia are changing crystal orientation





Scattering on disordered structures



Disordered structures with a characteristic length scale.

This length scale determines what light wavelengths are preferentially scattered. This gives rise to blue colors in birds above.