# Debye Lecture 9

# Multi-Component Nanocrystal Assemblies

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#### **Semiconductor Quantum Dot Arrays**

#### **Glassy QD Solids**



#### **Crystalline QD Solids**



2 µm

500 nm





Most of the work in this tutorial can be found in: C. B. Murray, C. R. Kagan, M. G. Bawendi, Ann. Rev. Mat. Sci. C. R. Kagan, Thesis, MIT (1996). C. B. Murray, Thesis, MIT (1995).

### Absorption and Fluorescence of CdSe Quantum Dot Solids



# **Quantum Dot Solids**



Small Angle X-ray Scattering

# **Mixed QD Solids**



Didn't satisy radius ratio rules to form ordered intermetallic phases



Ordered

18% 38.5 Å/82% 62Å CdSe QDs

#### **Photoconductivity in Quantum Dot Solids**



Charge Neutra

2 Charged QDs

C. A. Leatherdale, C. R. Kagan, N. Y. Morgan, S. A. Empedocles, M. A. Kastner, M. G. Bawendi, Phys. Rev. B, **62**, 2669 (2000).

#### **Spectral Response of Photoconductivity**



## Size and Interparticle Distance Dependence of Photoconductivity



- Spectral response maps the size-dependent, discrete electronic states of QDs
- Photocarriers thermalize to lowest excited state before being separated



Increased energy required to overcome binding energy with decreasing QD size

### **Temperature Dependence of the Photoconductivity**







Decrease in photocurrent and the decrease in lifetime and Quantum Yield have the same temperature dependence

#### **Fluorescence Quenching**



Well passivated QDs

Poorly passivated QDs Deep trap emission quenched at lower fields than band edge emission

Quenching not observed in PL of isolated QDs in applied field

Quenching not directly proportional to charge separation efficiency as free charges in film may quench PL by Auger process

Measureable quenching possible sign of free charges in film

units) PL intensity (arb. PL intensity (arb. units) 2.22 2.24 2.26 Energy (eV) increasing electric field 2.21.4 1.6 1.8 2.02.4Energy (eV)

## **Charge Separation versus Geminate Recombination**



#### **Dipole-Dipole Interaction**



# **Electronic Energy Transfer**

h		Transfer of Charge Neutral			h	
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Excited Donor	Ground Stat Acceptor	e	Ground State Excited Donor Acceptor			
D*	+ A		I	C +	A*	
		nsfer $D^* + A \rightarrow D$	) + A*	Or	One Step	
Near Field d < 100 Å		equires Coupling between Excited Donor and		Process		
		Ground State Acceptor				
Radiative Transfer Far Field		$D^* \to D + h$	V	Two Step Process		
		$A + hv \rightarrow A^*$		"Real" Photon Mediates Energy Transfer		
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No Direct Donor-Acceptor Interaction

#### Long Range Resonance Transfer of Excitations



Quenching of Donor Luminescence Quantum Yield and Lifetime Enhancement of Acceptor Luminescence Quantum Yield and Lifetime

#### Spectral Overlap of Donor Emission and Acceptor Absorption



#### **Mixed CdSe Quantum Dot Solid**



## Efficiency of Long Range Resonance Transfer

 $R_0 \rightarrow$  "critical radius" -- distance of donor and acceptor separation at which



Spectral Overlap of Donor Emission and Acceptor Absorption



Room Temperature  $k_{DA} = 1 \times 10^{8} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ 

## Photoluminescence of a Mixed QD Solid and Solution Containing 82% 38.5 Å and 18% 62 Å CdSe Quantum Dots



Quenching of the Luminescence QY of the small 38.5 Å QDs accompanied by Enhancement of the Luminescence QY of the large 62 Å QDs in the Mixed CdSe QD Solid

C. R. Kagan, C. B. Murray, M. Nirmal, M. G. Bawendi, Phys. Rev. Lett. 76, 1517 (1996).

## Photoluminescence Excitation: The Origin of Emission



#### Time Dependence of Energy Transfer in Mixed QD Solids



#### Energy Transfer within the Inhomogeneous Distribution of Electronic States





Inhomogeneous Distribution of Emission Energies in a QD Sample **Dispersed System** 

No Interaction between QDs

**Close Packed System** 

Energy Transfer between Proximal QDs

#### QDs Dispersed in Solution $\rightarrow$ Close Packed in QD Solid

- → Red Shift
- → Narrowingof the Emission Lineshape
- → Asymmetric

C. R. Kagan, C. B. Murray, M. G. Bawendi, Phys. Rev. B 54, 8633 (1996).

#### Energy Transfer within the Sample Inhomogeneous Distribution





## **Probability of Energy Transfer**

$$P_{DA} = \frac{R_{o}^{6}}{R_{o}^{6} + R_{DA}^{6}},$$

Spectral Overlap from the Absorption Spectrum for the QD Solid, Emission Spectrum for the QDs in Solution Quantum Yield of the QD Solid Nearest Neighbor Distance in QD Solid



Absorption and Emission Spectra decreases

#### **Broad versus Narrow Size Distribution**



#### Peak in Emssion Shifts Red

Narrow Distribution  $\Delta E = 14.6 \text{ meV}$ Broad Distribution  $\Delta E = 29.6 \text{ meV}$ 

#### **Emission Lineshape Narrows**

Narrow Distribution  $\Delta$ FWHM=11 meV Broad Distribution  $\Delta$ FWHM=23 meV

# Energy Transfer as a Function of Sample Inhomogeneous Distribution



Red Shift Increases with Increasing Sample Inhomogeneous Distribution

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{Emission Lineshape Narrows} \\ \mbox{from Solution} \rightarrow \mbox{Film} \end{array}$ 

Narrowning Increases with Increasing Sample Inhomogeneous Distribution

#### **Concentration Dependence of Luminscence Lineshape**





## **Exchange-Spring Nanocomposites via Self-Assembly**

![](_page_27_Picture_1.jpeg)

### Nanoscale Engineering for Optimum Exchange-Coupling

Nature, 420, 395 (2002)

![](_page_28_Figure_2.jpeg)

TEM images of the binary composite assemblies of

- (A)  $Fe_{3}O_{4}(4 \text{ nm}):Fe_{58}Pt_{42}(4 \text{ nm});$
- (B)  $Fe_{3}O_{4}(8 \text{ nm}):Fe_{58}Pt_{42}(4 \text{ nm});$
- (C)  $Fe_{3}O_{4}(12 \text{ nm}):Fe_{58}Pt_{42}(4 \text{ nm});$
- (D) FePt)Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> core-shell

![](_page_28_Figure_8.jpeg)

Hysteresis loops of FePt-Fe<sub>3</sub>Pt nanocomposite derived from Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>:FePt binary assembly (A) 4 nm:4 nm; and (C) 12 nm:4 nm

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36% energy product enhancement compared to singlephase FePt!

#### **Binary nanocomposites**

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TEM images of two different binary assemblies prepared directly from particle dispersions of 4 nm FePt as well as 4 nm  $Fe_3O_4$  and 8 nm  $Fe_3O_4$ .

![](_page_29_Figure_3.jpeg)

HRTEM image of an exchange-coupled nanocomposite (FePt-Fe<sub>3</sub>Pt) made from 4nm FePt and 4nm Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles under reductive annealing. Shown here is a modulated structure with FePt and Fe<sub>3</sub>Pt in intimate contact, resulting in exchangecoupling.

H. Zeng et al, *Nature*, **2002**, *420*, 395.

![](_page_30_Figure_0.jpeg)

Hysteresis loops at room temperature with the composites from 4nm:4nm and 4nm:8nm nanoparticles respectively.

![](_page_30_Figure_2.jpeg)

(BH)max, energy product, reflects the ability for a composite to store the magnetic energy, the larger the better. **Binary Nanocrystal Array's a New Class of Nanostructured Materials Franz Redl, Kyung-Sang Cho and C. B. Murray** 

**Composites of:Ferromagnets, Noble Metals, Semiconductor QDs, Ferroelectrics, Superconductors, may all be possible.** 

![](_page_31_Picture_2.jpeg)

New Near IR Magneto-Optic Composite ~13nm Fe2O3 and 5nm PbSe QDots

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### Binary nanocomposites via self-assembly of two kinds of NPs

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aggregation.

Binary nanocomposite: Magnetic-magnetic composite or magnetic-semiconductor composite.

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#### PbSe – Au binary mixture

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#### Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> – Au binary mixture

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#### PbSe – Ag binary nanoparticle mixture

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#### PbSe (large) – Ag (small) binary nanoparticle mixture

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#### PbSe (large) – Ag (small) binary nanoparticle mixture

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#### **PbSe – Ag binary nanoparticle mixture**

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# **Complex Compositions and Multi-Component Structures**

Simultaneous Reaction A & B Compounds & Alloys

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Ferromagnets, Noble Metals, Semiconductor QDots, Ferroelectrics, Superconductors

150 nm

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**50 nm** 

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Customize organic linkers (molecular wires)

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**Dicyanobenzene linked Cobalt Nanocrystals**