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Area of Research: Optics of Nanostructures, Magnetism in Nanostructures

Facilities: Low temperature, high resolution Photoluminescence  
Optical spectrometer to study single quantum dot

### Glimpses of Current Research

Confinement effects on electron energy levels of luminescent quantum dots are being studied by the optical probes. The systems under study are ZnSe, doped and alloyed ZnSe quantum dots.

Un-doped as well as doped ZnO nanocrystals showed ferromagnetic ordering that is closely related to the defect density. A correlation between ferromagnetic ordering and charge transfer in coupled ZnO based nanostructures are being studied.

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