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Nanoestructuras: cables y puntos cuánticos

Aproximación de masa efectiva en heteroestructuras

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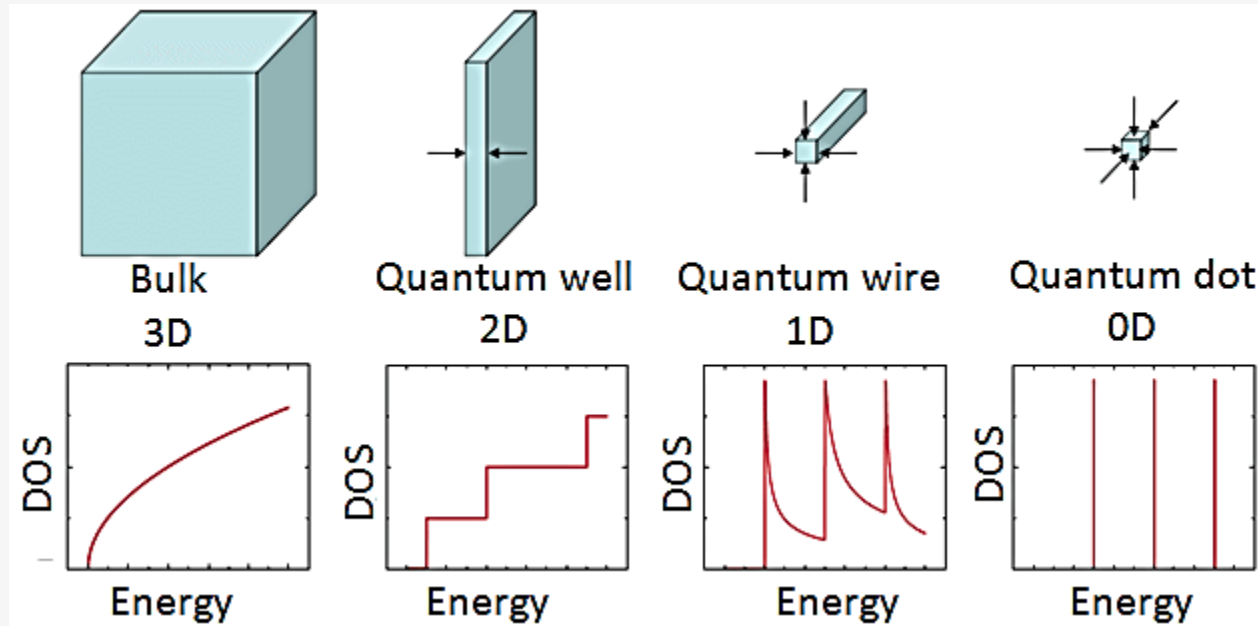
**Esta clase veremos:**

Autoestados y autoenergías en sistemas cuasi-2D

Ocupación de subbandas

Sistemas cuasi-1D

# Nanoestructuras: cables y puntos cuánticos



## Quantum Wires

To make the transition from a 2D electron gas (quantum well) to a 1D electron gas (quantum wire), the electrons should be confined in two directions and only 1 degree of freedom remain. The **x direction** remains the **only one** for **free-electron propagation**.

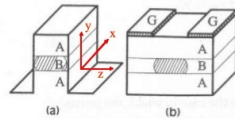
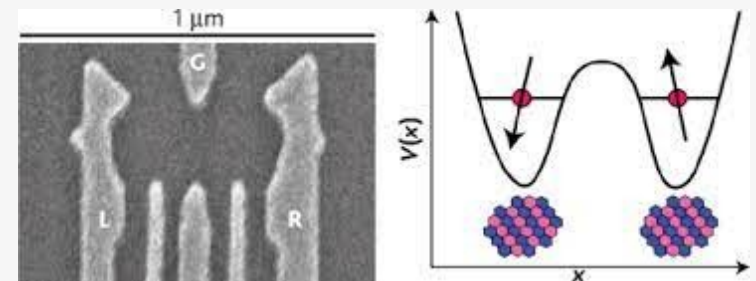
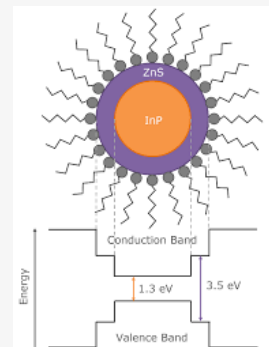
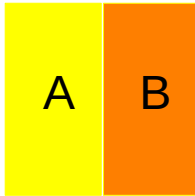


Figure 3.11. Two of the simplest examples of structures providing electron confinement in two dimensions: case (a) uses the etching technique, while case (b) is based on the split-gate technique.



# Aproximación de masa efectiva en heteroestructuras



$$\chi(0_A) = \chi(0_B), \quad \left. \frac{1}{m_A} \frac{d\chi(z)}{dz} \right|_{z=0_A} = \left. \frac{1}{m_B} \frac{d\chi(z)}{dz} \right|_{z=0_B}$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_0} \frac{d}{dz} \left[ \frac{1}{m(z)} \frac{d\chi}{dz} \right] + V(z)\chi(z) = E\chi(z)$$

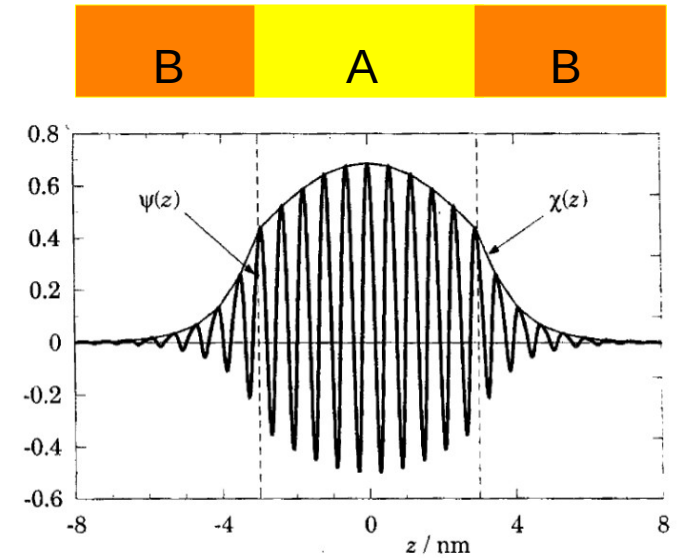
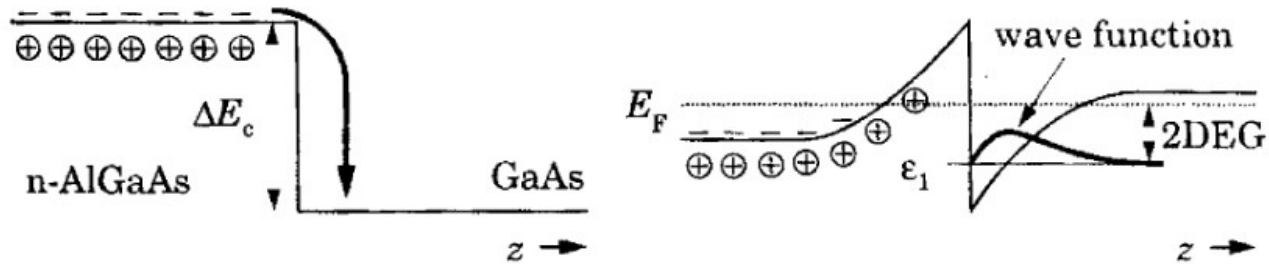


FIGURE 3.22. Wave function for the lowest state in a 6 nm quantum well in a heterostructure, including the Bloch functions. The thin curve is an approximate envelope function joining the peaks of the full wave function. [Redrawn from Burt (1994).]

REPASO

## Dopaje remoto – *modulation doping*



**FIGURE 3.9.** Conduction band around a heterojunction between n-AlGaAs and undoped GaAs, showing how electrons are separated from their donors to form a two-dimensional electron gas.

Los electrones migran de una región a otra y evitan las colisiones con los iones (cargados atractivamente)

Autoestados y autoenergías en sistemas de baja dimensionalidad con Hamiltoniano separable

# THE PHYSICS OF LOW-DIMENSIONAL SEMICONDUCTORS

AN INTRODUCTION

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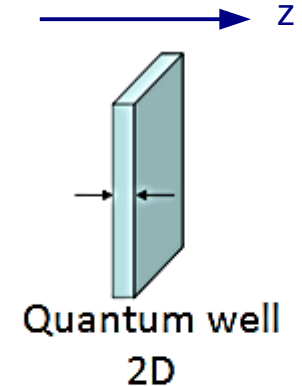
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# Pozos cuánticos: Hamiltoniano separable cuasi-2D

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{R}) \right] \psi(\mathbf{R}) = E \psi(\mathbf{R}).$$

$$V(\mathbf{R}) = V(z) \quad \leftarrow \text{Confinamiento cuasi-2D}$$

electrones libres en plano  $xy$



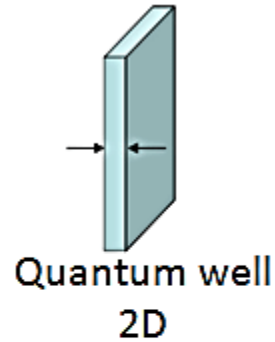
$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) + V(z) \right] \psi(x, y, z) = E \psi(x, y, z).$$

Tenemos un Hamiltoniano separable:  $H(\mathbf{r}) = H_x(x) + H_y(y) + H_z(z)$

Buscamos autoestados factorizados:  $\psi(x, y, z) = \exp(ik_x x) \exp(ik_y y) u(z)$



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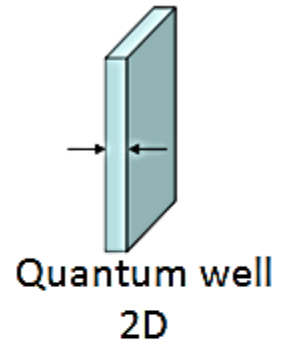


$$\begin{aligned} & \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} \right) + V(z) \right] \exp(ik_x x) \exp(ik_y y) u(z) \\ &= \left[ \frac{\hbar^2 k_x^2}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2m} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial z^2} + V(z) \right] \exp(ik_x x) \exp(ik_y y) u(z) \\ &= E \exp(ik_x x) \exp(ik_y y) u(z). \end{aligned}$$

Llegamos a un problema de autovalores unidimensional:

$$\left[ \frac{\hbar^2 k_x^2}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2m} - \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} + V(z) \right] u(z) = E u(z)$$

# Pozos cuánticos: Hamiltoniano separable cuasi-2D



Pasamos la energía cinética en el plano al otro lado:

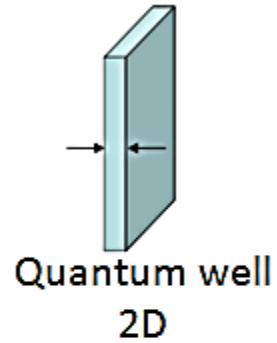
$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} + V(z) \right] u(z) = \left[ E - \frac{\hbar^2 k_x^2}{2m} - \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2m} \right] u(z)$$
$$\varepsilon = E - \frac{\hbar^2 k_x^2}{2m} - \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2m}$$

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$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dz^2} + V(z) \right] u(z) = \varepsilon u(z)$$

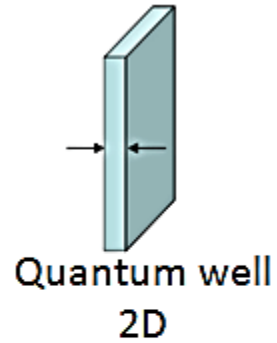
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$$\psi_{k_x, k_y, n}(x, y, z) = \exp(ik_x x) \exp(ik_y y) u_n(z)$$

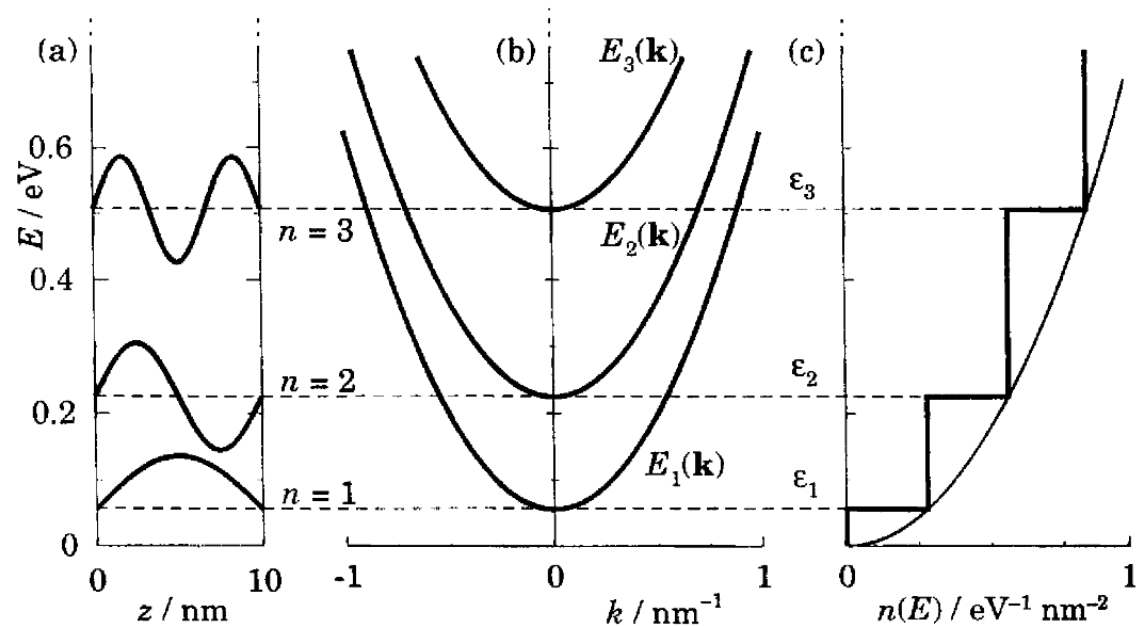
$$E_n(k_x, k_y) = \varepsilon_n + \frac{\hbar^2 k_x^2}{2m} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_y^2}{2m}$$

# Pozos cuánticos: Hamiltoniano separable cuasi-2D



$$\mathbf{r} = (x, y) \quad \mathbf{k} = (k_x, k_y)$$

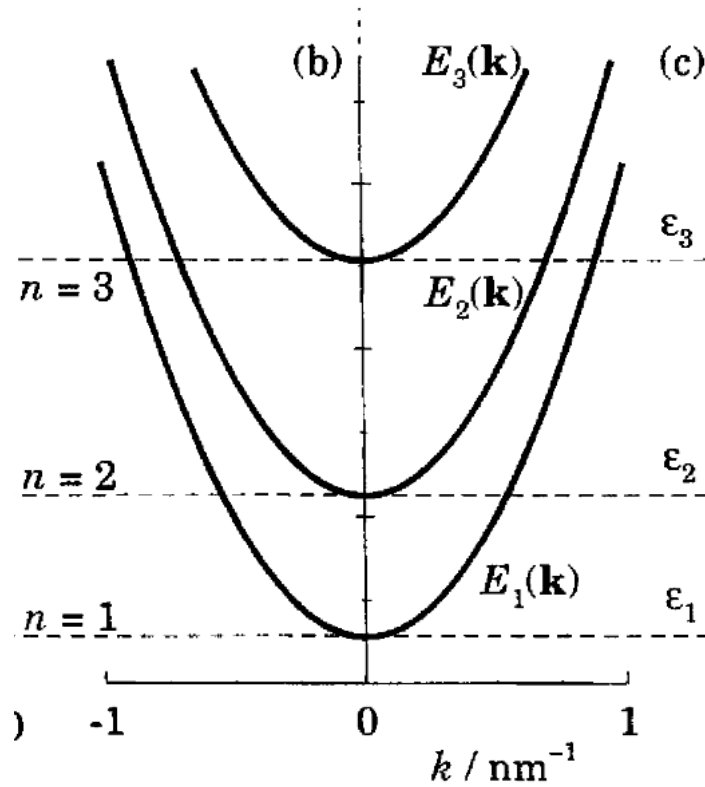
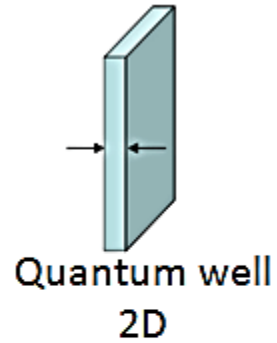
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \psi_{\mathbf{k},n}(\mathbf{r}, z) = \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) u_n(z) \\ E_n(\mathbf{k}) = \varepsilon_n + \frac{\hbar^2 \mathbf{k}^2}{2m} \end{array} \right.$$



**FIGURE 4.7.** (a) Potential well with energy levels, (b) total energy including the transverse kinetic energy for each subband, and (c) steplike density of states of a quasi-two-dimensional system. The example is an infinitely deep square well in GaAs of width 10 nm. The thin curve in (c) is the parabolic density of states for unconfined three-dimensional electrons.

## Ocupación de subbandas

# Pozos cuánticos: ocupación de subbandas



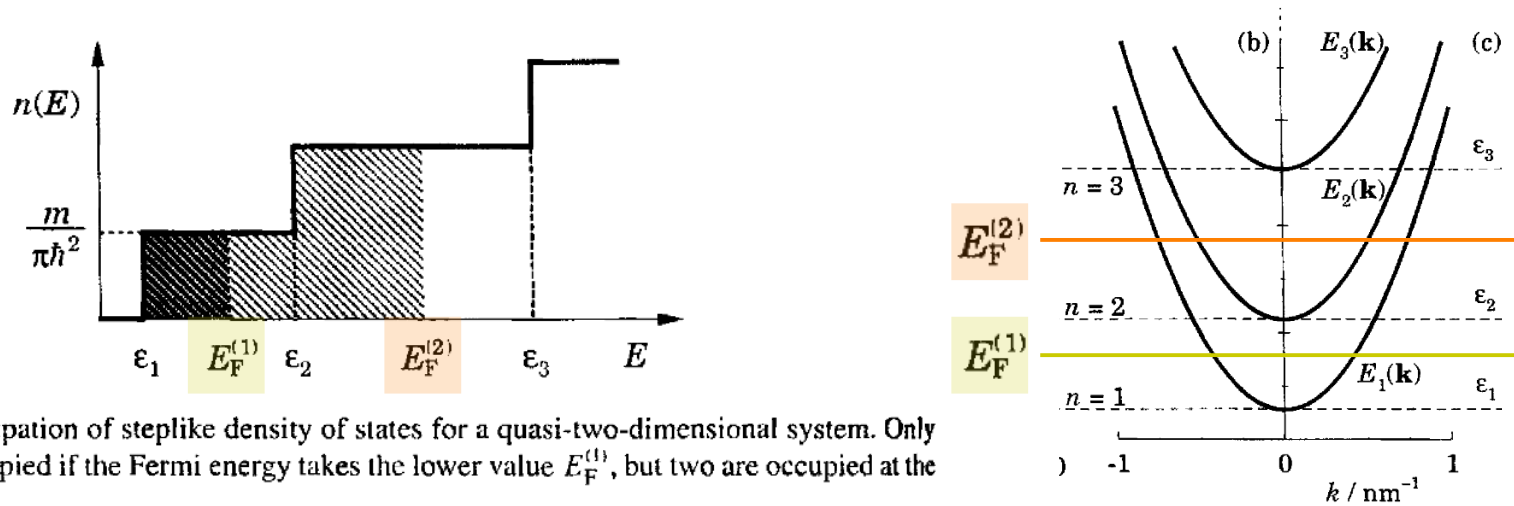
Datos necesarios:

- Densidad de electrones, por unidad de área:  $n_{2D}$
- Temperatura:  $T$

$$n_{2D} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n(E) f(E, E_F) dE$$

$$n_{2D} = \sum_j n_j$$

# Pozos cuánticos: ocupación de subbandas



**FIGURE 4.8.** Occupation of steplike density of states for a quasi-two-dimensional system. Only one subband is occupied if the Fermi energy takes the lower value  $E_F^{(1)}$ , but two are occupied at the higher value  $E_F^{(2)}$ .

$$n_j = \frac{m}{\pi \hbar^2} \int_{\epsilon_j}^{\infty} f(E, E_F) dE = \frac{m k_B T}{\pi \hbar^2} \ln \left[ 1 + \exp \left( \frac{E_F - \epsilon_j}{k_B T} \right) \right]$$

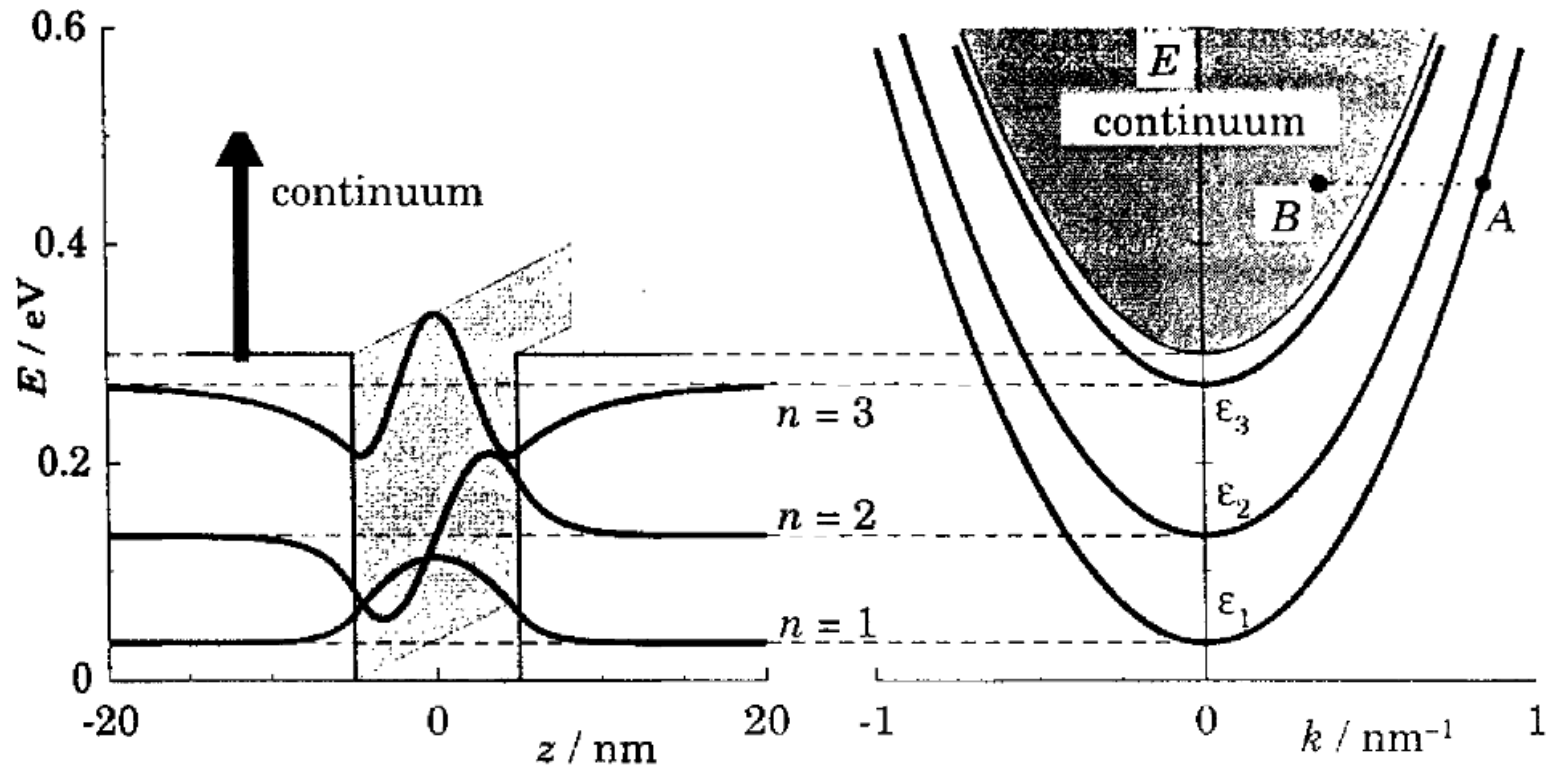
$$n_{2D} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n(E) f(E, E_F) dE$$

$$n_{2D} = \sum_j n_j$$

Límite de  $T = 0$

$$n_{2D} = \sum_j n_j = \frac{m}{\pi \hbar^2} \sum_j (E_F - \epsilon_j) \Theta(E_F - \epsilon_j)$$

## Pozos cuánticos: ocupación de subbandas



**FIGURE 4.9.** Quasi-two-dimensional system in a potential well of finite depth. Electrons with the same total energy can be bound in the well (*A*) or free (*B*).



Cables cuánticos: Hamiltoniano separable cuasi-1D

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$$\mathbf{r} = (x, y)$$

$$\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2} \right) + V(\mathbf{r}) \right] u_{m,n}(\mathbf{r}) = \varepsilon_{m,n} u_{m,n}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\psi_{m,n,k_z}(\mathbf{R}) = u_{m,n}(\mathbf{r}) \exp(ik_z z),$$

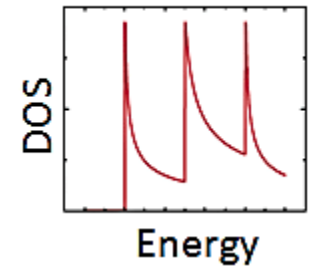
$$E_{m,n}(k_z) = \varepsilon_{m,n} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_z^2}{2m}.$$

$$n(E) = \sum_{m,n} \frac{1}{\pi \hbar} \sqrt{\frac{2m}{E - \varepsilon_{m,n}}} \Theta(E - \varepsilon_{m,n})$$

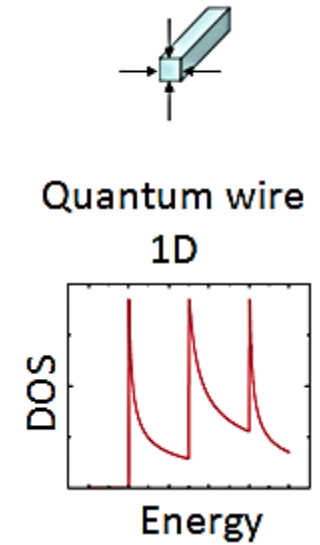
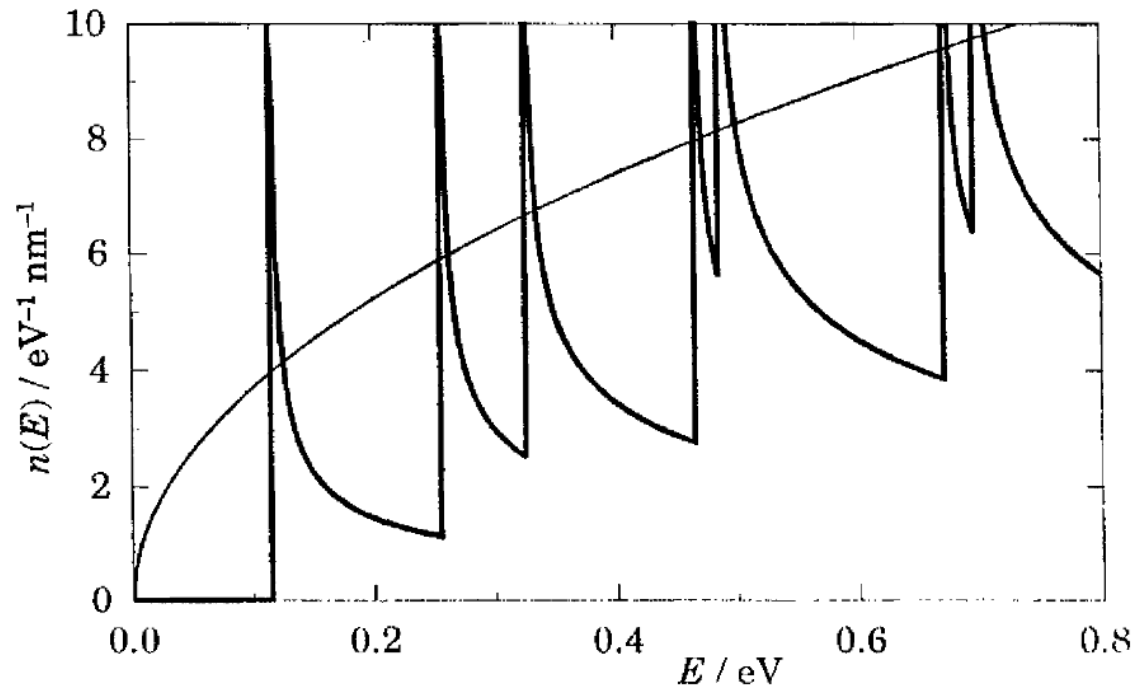
Densidad de estados  
(por unidad de longitud)



Quantum wire  
1D



# Cables cuánticos: Hamiltoniano separable cuasi-1D



**FIGURE 4.11.** Density of states of a quasi-one-dimensional system. The curve was calculated for electrons in a  $9 \times 11 \text{ nm}$  infinitely deep well in GaAs. The thin parabola is the density of states for unconfined three-dimensional electrons.

# Resumen de la clase 8

Autoestados y autoenergías en sistemas cuasi-2D

Ocupación de subbandas

Sistemas cuasi-1D