

**Modules:**

physics70a **Elective Advanced Lectures: Experimental Physics**

physics70b **Elective Advanced Lectures: Applied Physics**

**Course:****Low Temperature Physics (E/A)**

**Course No.:** physics731

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	3+1	6	WT/ST

**Requirements for Participation:****Preparation:**

Elementary thermodynamics; principles of quantum mechanics; introductory lecture on solid state physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Experimental methods at low (down to micro Kelvin) temperatures; methods of refrigeration; thermometry; solid state physics at low temperatures

**Contents of the Course:**

Thermodynamics of different refrigeration processes, liquefaction of gases; methods to reach low (< 1 Kelvin) temperatures: evaporation cooling, He-3-He-4 dilution cooling, Pomeranchuk effect, adiabatic demagnetisation of atoms and nuclei; thermometry at low temperatures (e.g. helium, magnetic thermometry, noise thermometry, thermometry using radioactive nuclei); principles for the construction of cryostats for low temperatures

**Recommended Literature:**

O.V. Lounasmaa; Experimental Principles and Methods Below 1K (Academic Press, London 1974)

R.C. Richardson, E.N. Smith; Experimental Techniques in Condensed Matter Physics at Low Temperatures (Addison-Wesley 1988)

F. Pobell, Matter and Methods at Low Temperatures (Springer-Verlag, Heidelberg 2. Aufl. 1996)