

Module No.: physics710  
Credit Points (CP):  
Category: Elective  
Semester: 8.

## Module: Experimental Physics

### Module Elements:

Nr.	Course Title	Number	CP	Type	Workload	Sem.
1.	Selected 700-courses from catalogue type "E" (Experimental) or "E/A" (E/Applied)	see catalogue	3-6	see catalogue	90-180 hrs	ST/WT
2.	Courses from Cologne marked "E"	see catalogue	3-5	see catalogue	90-150 hrs	WT/ST
3.	Also possible classes from M.Sc. in Astrophysics					

### Requirements:

### Preparation:

### Content:

Advanced lectures in experimental physics from the catalogue of selected courses

### Aims/Skills:

Preparation for Master's Thesis work; broadening of scientific knowledge

### Form of Testing and Examination:

If the lecture is offered with exercises: requirements for the submodule examination (written or oral examination): successful work with exercises

**Length of Module:** 1 semester

**Maximum Number of Participants:** ca. 100

### Registration Procedure:

s. <https://basis.uni-bonn.de> u. <http://bamawww.physik.uni-bonn.de>

Note: The students must obtain 18 CP in all out of the modules physics700, -710, -720, -730.

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

# Particle Astrophysics and Cosmology (E)

**Course No.:** physics711

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

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

physics611 (Particle Physics), useful: Lectures Observational Astronomy

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

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

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Basics of particle astrophysics and cosmology

**Contents of the Course:**

Observational Overview (distribution of galaxies, redshift, Hubble expansion, CMB, cosmic distance ladder, comoving distance, cosmic time, comoving distance and redshift, angular size and luminosity distance); Standard Cosmology (cosmological principle, expansion scale factor, curved space-time, horizons, Friedmann-Equations, cosmological constant, cosmic sum rule, present problems); Particle Physics relevant to cosmology (Fundamental Particles and their Interactions, quantum field theory and Lagrange formalism, Gauge Symmetry, spontaneous symmetry breaking and Higgs mechanism, parameters of the Standard Model, Running Coupling Constants, CP Violation and Baryon Asymmetry, Neutrinos); Thermodynamics in the Universe (Equilibrium Thermodynamics and freeze out, First Law and Entropy, Quantum Statistics, neutrino decoupling, reheating, photon decoupling); Nucleosynthesis (Helium abundance, Fusion processes, photon/baryon ratio) Dark Matter (Galaxy Rotation Curves, Clusters of Galaxies, Hot gas, Gravitational lensing, problems with Cold Dark Matter Models, Dark Matter Candidates); Inflation and Quintessence; Cosmic Microwave Background (origin, intensity spectrum, CMB anisotropies, Temperature correlations, power spectrum, cosmic variance, density and temperature fluctuations, causality and changing horizons, long and short wavelength modes, interpretation of the power spectrum)

**Recommended Literature:**

A. Liddle; An Introduction to Modern Cosmology (Wiley & Sons 2. Ed. 2003)  
 E. Kolb, M. Turner; The Early Universe (Addison Wesley 1990)  
 J. Peacock; Cosmological Physics (Cambridge University Press 1999)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Advanced Electronics and Signal Processing (E/A)

**Course No.:** physics712

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

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Electronics laboratory of the B.Sc. in physics programme

Recommended: module nuclear and particle physics of the B.Sc. programme

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

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

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Comprehension of the basics of electronics circuits for the processing of (detector) signals, mediation of the basics of experimental techniques regarding electronics and micro electronics as well as signal processing

**Contents of the Course:**

The physics of electronic devices, junctions, transistors (BJT and FET), standard analog and digital circuits, amplifiers, elements of CMOS technologies, signal processing, ADC, DAC, noise sources and noise filtering, coupling of electronics to sensors/detectors, elements of chip design, VLSI electronics, readout techniques for detectors

**Recommended Literature:**

P. Horowitz, W. Hill; The Art of Electronics (Cambridge University Press 2. Aufl. 1989)

S. Sze; The Physics of Semiconductor Devices (Wiley & Sons 1981)

H. Spieler, Semiconductor detector system (Oxford University Press 2005))

J. Krenz; Electronics Concepts (Cambridge University Press 2000)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Particle Detectors and Instrumentation (E/A)

**Course No.:** physics713

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

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Completed B.Sc. in Physics, with experience in quantum mechanics, atomic- and nuclear 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:**

Designing an experiment in photoproduction on  $\pi^0$ , selection and building of appropriate detectors, set-up and implementation of an experiment at ELSA

**Contents of the Course:**

Quark structure of mesons and baryons, nucleon excitation; electromagnetic probes, electron accelerators, photon beams, relativistic kinematics interaction of radiation with matter, detectors for photons, leptons and hadrons; laboratory course: setup of detectors and experiment at ELSA

**Recommended Literature:**

B. Povh, K. Rith, C. Scholz, F. Zetsche; Teilchen und Kerne (Springer, Heidelberg 6. Aufl. 2004)  
 Perkins; Introduction to High Energy Physics (Cambridge University Press 4. Aufl. 2000)  
 W. R. Leo; Techniques for Nuclear and Particle Detection (Springer, Heidelberg 2. Ed. 1994)  
 K. Kleinknecht; Detektoren für Teilchenstrahlung (Teubner, Wiesbaden 4. überarb. Aufl. 2005)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Advanced Accelerator Physics (E/A)

**Course No.:** physics714

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

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Accelerator Physics (physics612)

**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:**

Understanding of the physics of synchrotron radiation and its influence on beam parameters  
 Basic knowledge of collective phenomena in particle accelerators  
 General knowledge of applications of particle accelerators (research, medicine, energy management)

**Contents of the Course:**

Synchrotron radiation:  
 radiation power, spatial distribution, spectrum, damping, equilibrium beam emittance, beam lifetime  
 Space-charge effects:  
 self-field and wall effects, beam-beam effects, space charge dominated beam transport, neutralization of beams by ionization of the residual gas  
 Collective phenomena:  
 wake fields, wake functions and coupling impedances, spectra of a stationary and oscillating bunches, bunch interaction with an impedance, Robinson instability  
 Applications of particle accelerators:  
 medical accelerators, neutrino facilities, free electron lasers, nuclear waste transmutation, etc.

**Recommended Literature:**

F. Hinterberger; Physik der Teilchenbeschleuniger und Ionenoptik (Springer, Heidelberg 1997)  
 H. Wiedemann; Particle Accelerator Physics (Springer, Heidelberg 2 Aufl. 1999)  
 K. Wille; Physik der Teilchenbeschleuniger und Synchrotronstrahlungsquellen (Teubner, Wiesbaden 2. Aufl. 1996)  
 D. A. Edwards, M.J. Syphers; An Introduction to the Physics of High Energy Accelerators (Wiley & Sons 1993)  
 A. Chao; Physics of Collective Beam Instabilities in High Energy Accelerators (Wiley & Sons 1993)  
 Script of the Lecture Particle Accelerators (physics612)  
<http://www-elsa.physik.uni-bonn.de/~hillert/Beschleunigerphysik/>

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

## Experiments on the Structure of Hadrons (E)

**Course No.:** physics715

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	WT

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Completed B.Sc. in Physics, with experience in quantum mechanics, atomic- and nuclear 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:**

Understanding the structure of the nucleon, understanding experiments on baryon-spectroscopy, methods of identifying resonance contributions, introduction into current issues in meson-photoproduction

**Contents of the Course:**

Discoveries in hadron physics, quarks, asymptotic freedom and confinement; multiplets, symmetries, mass generation; quark models, baryon spectroscopy, formation and decay of resonances, meson photoproduction; hadronic molecules and exotic states

**Recommended Literature:**

Perkins, Introduction to High Energy Physics (Cambridge University Press 4. Aufl. 2000)  
 K. Gottfried, F. Weisskopf; Concepts of Particle Physics (Oxford University Press 1986)  
 A. Thomas, W. Weise, The Structure of the Nucleon (Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 2001)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

## Statistical Methods of Data Analysis (E)

**Course No.:** physics716

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:****Form of Testing and Examination:**

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

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Provide a foundation in statistical methods and give some concrete examples of how the methods are applied to data analysis in particle physics experiments

**Contents of the Course:**

Fundamental concepts of statistics, probability distributions, Monte Carlo methods, fitting of data, statistical and systematic errors, error propagation, upper limits, hypothesis testing, unfolding

**Recommended Literature:**

R. Barlow: A Guide to the Use of Statistical Methods in the Physical Sciences; J. Wiley Ltd. Wichester 1993

S. Brandt: Datenanalyse (Spektrum Akademischer Verlag, Heidelberg 4. Aufl. 1999)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:****High Energy Physics Lab (E)**

Course No.: physics717

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Laboratory	English		4	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Recommended: B.Sc. in physics, physics611 (Particle Physics) or physics618 (Physics of Particle Detectors)

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Credit points can be obtained after completion of a written report or, alternatively, a presentation in a meeting of the research group.

**Length of Course:**

4-6 weeks

**Aims of the Course:**

This is a research internship in one of the high energy physics research groups which prepare and carry out experiments at external accelerators. The students deepen their understanding of particle and/or detector physics by conducting their own small research project as a part-time member of one of the research groups. The students learn methods of scientific research in particle physics data analysis, in detector development for future colliders or in biomedical imaging (X-FEL) and present their work at the end of the project in a group meeting.

**Contents of the Course:**

Several different topics are offered among which the students can choose. Available projects can be found at <http://heplab.physik.uni-bonn.de>. For example:

- Analysis of data from one of the large high energy physics experiments (ATLAS, DØ, ZEUS)
- Investigation of low-noise semiconductor detectors using cosmic rays, laser beams or X-ray tubes
- Study of particle physics processes using simulated events
- Signal extraction and data mining with advanced statistical methods (likelihoods, neural nets or boosted decision trees)

**Recommended Literature:**

Will be provided by the supervisor



**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Programming in Physics and Astronomy with C++ or Python (E/A)

**Course No.:** physics718

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge of programming and knowledge of simple C/C++ or Python constructs.

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

C/C++ part: Requirements for the examination (written or oral): successful work with the exercises.

Python part: Requirements for examination: successful implementation of the scientific projects in Python during the semester.

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

C++ part: In-depth understanding of C++ and its applications in particle physics. Discussion of advanced features of C++ using examples from High Energy Physics. The course is intended for students with some background in C++ or for advanced students who wish to apply C++ in their graduate research.

Python part: Effective and flexible program solving with the easy-to-learn, high level programming language Python. The course addresses master and PhD students with prior Python-programming knowledge as taught in the bachelor course physics131.

**Contents of the Course:**

C++ part: - Basic ingredients of C++, - Object orientation: classes, inheritance, polymorphism, - How to solve physics problems with C++, - Standard Template Library, - C++ in data analysis, example: the ROOT library, - C++ and large scale calculations, - How to write and maintain complex programs, - Parallel computing and the Grid, - Debugging and profiling

Python part: - In-depth introduction to Python based on prior programming experience, - Introduction to numpy arrays (primary Python data structure for scientific computing), - Introduction to scientific-Python modules (scipy, astropy), - Interactive work / development with Python (ipython), - Web interaction with Python (jupyter notebooks, web and database queries), - Plotting with Python (the matplotlib module)

**Recommended Literature:**

Eckel: Thinking in C++, Prentice Hall 2000.

Lippman, Lajoie, Moo: C++ Primer, Addison-Wesley 2000.

Deitel and Deitel, C++ how to program, Prentice Hall 2007.

Stroustrup, The C++ Programming Language, Addison-Wesley 2000.

- The course is given in the summer term and alternates between C++ and Python
- The course can only be taken once for credit points.

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:****Physics with Antiprotons (E)**

**Course No.:** physics720

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	WT

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Completed B.Sc. in Physics, with experience in quantum mechanics, atomic- and nuclear physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Written or oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Insight in current research topics with antiprotons, understanding experimental methods in particle and nuclear physics, understanding interrelations between different fields of physics such as hadron physics, (astro-)particle physics, atomic physics

**Contents of the Course:**

Matter-antimatter asymmetry, test of the standard model, anti-hydrogen, anti-protonic atoms, antiproton beams, key issues in hadron physics with antiprotons, planned research facilities (FAIR) and experiments (PANDA)

**Recommended Literature:**

B. Povh, K. Rith, C. Scholz, F. Zetsche; Teilchen und Kerne (Springer, Heidelberg 8. Aufl. 2009)  
 D.H. Perkins; Introduction to High Energy Physics (Cambridge University Press 4. Aufl. 2000)  
 further literature will be given in the lecture

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

## **Intensive Week: Advanced Topics in Hadron Physics (E)**

**Course No.:** physics721

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Combined lecture, seminar, lab course	English	3	4	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Fundamentals of hadron physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Presentation, working group participation

**Length of Course:**

1 - 2 weeks

**Aims of the Course:**

This course will convey recent topics in hadron physics. Guided by lectures, original publications and tutors, the students will prepare a proposal for a planned or recent experiment. The class will not only focus on the experimental aspects, but also on the theoretical motivation for the experiment.

**Contents of the Course:**

As announced in the course catalogue. The main topics will vary from semester to semester.

**Recommended Literature:**

Will be given in the lecture

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

## Advanced Gaseous Detectors - Theory and Practice (E)

**Course No.:** physics722

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

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Completed B.Sc. in physics, with experience in electrodynamics, quantum mechanics, nuclear and particle physics, physics618 (Physics of Particle Detectors)

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Form of examination: written or oral report

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

- Design, construction, commissioning and characterization of a modern gaseous particle detector
- Simulations: GARFIELD, GEANT, FE-Methods, etc.
- Signals, Readout electronics and Data Acquisition
- Data analysis: pattern recognition methods, track fitting
- Scientific writing: report

**Contents of the Course:**

- Signal formation in detectors
- Microscopic processes in gaseous detectors
- Readout electronics
- Tools for detector design and simulation
- Performance criteria
- Laboratory course: commissioning of detector with sources, beam test at accelerator
- Track reconstruction

**Recommended Literature:**

<http://root.cern.ch>

<http://garfieldpp.web.cern.ch/garfieldpp/>

Blum, Rolandi, Riegler: Particle Detection with Drift Chambers

Spieler: Semiconductor Detector Systems

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **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:****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)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Optics Lab (E/A)**

**Course No.:** physics732

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Laboratory	English		4	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:****Form of Testing and Examination:**

Credit points can be obtained after completion of a written report.

**Length of Course:**

4-6 weeks

**Aims of the Course:**

The student learns to handle his/her own research project within one of the optics groups

Available projects and contact information can be found at: <http://www.iap.uni-bonn.de/opticslab/>

**Contents of the Course:**

Practical training/internship in a research group, which can have several aspects:

- setting up a small experiment
- testing and understanding the limits of experimental components
- simulating experimental situations

**Recommended Literature:**

Will be given by the supervisor

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Holography (E/A)**

**Course No.:** physics734

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:****Form of Testing and Examination:**

Written or oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

The goal of the course is to provide in-depth knowledge and to provide practical abilities in the field of holography as an actual topic of applied optics

**Contents of the Course:**

The course will cover the basic principle of holography, holographic recording materials, and applications of holography. In the first part the idea behind holography will be explained and different hologram types will be discussed (transmission and reflection holograms; thin and thick holograms; amplitude and phase holograms; white-light holograms; computer-generated holograms; printed holograms). A key issue is the holographic recording material, and several material classes will be introduced in the course (photographic emulsions; photochromic materials; photo-polymerization; photo-addressable polymers; photorefractive crystals; photosensitive inorganic glasses). In the third section several fascinating applications of holography will be discussed (art; security-features on credit cards, banknotes, and passports; laser technology; data storage; image processing; filters and switches for optical telecommunication networks; novelty filters; phase conjugation ["time machine"]; femtosecond holography; space-time conversion). Interested students can also participate in practical training. An experimental setup to fabricate own holograms is available

**Recommended Literature:**

Lecture notes;

P. Hariharan; Optical Holography - Principles, Techniques, and Applications (Cambridge University Press, 2nd Edition, 1996)

P. Hariharan; Basics of Holography (Cambridge University Press 2002)

J. W. Goodman; Introduction to Fourier Optics (McGraw-Hill Education - Europe 2nd Ed. 2000)

A. Yariv; Photonics (Oxford University Press 6th Ed. 2006)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

# **Laser Cooling and Matter Waves (E)**

**Course No.:** physics735

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic thermodynamics: fundamentals of quantum mechanics, fundamentals of solid state physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Written or oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

The in-depth lecture shows, in theory and experiments, the fundamentals of laser cooling. The application of laser cooling in atom optics, in particular for the preparation of atomic matter waves, is shown. New results in research with degenerated quantum gases enable us to gain insight into atomic many particle physics

**Contents of the Course:**

Outline: Light-matter interaction; mechanic effects of light; Doppler cooling; polarization gradient cooling, magneto-optical traps; optical molasses; cold atomic gases; atom interferometry; Bose-Einstein condensation of atoms; atom lasers; Mott insulator phase transitions; mixtures of quantum gases; fermionic degenerate gases

**Recommended Literature:**

P. v. d. Straten, H. Metcalf; Laser Cooling (Springer, Heidelberg 1999)



**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Crystal Optics (E/A)**

**Course No.:** physics736

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

**Requirements:****Preparation:****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:**

Because of their aesthetic nature crystals are termed "flowers of mineral kingdom". The aesthetic aspect is closely related to the symmetry of the crystals which in turn determines their optical properties. It is the purpose of this course to stimulate the understanding of these relations. The mathematical and tools for describing symmetry and an introduction to polarization optics will be given before the optical properties following from crystal symmetry are discussed. Particular emphasis will be put on the magneto-optical properties of crystals in magnetic internal or external fields. Advanced topics such as the determination of magnetic structures and interactions by nonlinear magneto-optics will conclude the course

**Contents of the Course:**

Crystal classes and their symmetry; basic group theory; polarized light; optical properties in the absence of fields; electro-optical properties; magneto-optical properties: Faraday effect, Kerr effect, magneto-optical materials and devices, semiconductor magneto-optics, time-resolved magneto-optics, nonlinear magneto-optics

**Recommended Literature:**

R. R. Birss, Symmetry and Magnetism, North-Holland (1966)  
 R. E. Newnham: Properties of Materials: Anisotropy, Symmetry, Structure, Oxford University (2005)  
 A. K. Zvezdin, V. A. Kotov: Modern Magneto-optics & Magneto-optical Materials, Taylor/Francis (1997)  
 Y. R. Shen: The Principles of Nonlinear Optics, Wiley (2002)  
 K. H. Bennemann: Nonlinear Optics in Metals, Oxford University (1999)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

## **Intensive Week: Advanced Topics in Photonics and Quantum Optics (E)**

**Course No.:** physics737

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Combined lecture, seminar, lab course	English	3	4	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Fundamentals of optics, fundamentals of quantum mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Seminar or oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 - 2 weeks

**Aims of the Course:**

The intensive course will convey the basics of a recent topic in photonics or quantum optics in theory and experiments. Guided by a combination of lectures, seminar talks (based on original publications) and practical training, the participants will gain insight into recent developments in photonics/quantum optics.

**Contents of the Course:**

Will be given in the bulletin of lectures. The main theme will vary from term to term

**Recommended Literature:**

Will be given in the lecture

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

## Lecture on Advanced Topics in Quantum Optics (E)

**Course No.:** physics738

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Fundamentals of Quantum Mechanics, Atomic Physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

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

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

The goal of the course is to introduce the students to a special field of research in quantum optics. New research results will be presented and their relevance is discussed.

**Contents of the Course:**

Will be given in the bulletin of lectures. The main theme will vary from term to term

**Recommended Literature:**

Will be given in the lecture

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Lecture on Advanced Topics in Photonics (E/A)

**Course No.:** physics739

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Optics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

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

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

The goal of the course is to introduce the students to a special field of research in photonics. New research results will be presented and their relevance is discussed.

**Contents of the Course:**

Will be given in the bulletin of lectures. The main theme will vary from term to term

**Recommended Literature:**

Will be given in the lecture

This course may be offered as "Teaching hours (3+1)" with 6 cp, as well

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Hands-on Seminar: Experimental Optics and Atomic Physics (E/A)

**Course No.:** physics740

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Laboratory	English	2	3	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Fundamentals of optics and quantum mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Credit points can be obtained after successful carrying out the experiments and preparing a written report on selected experiments

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

The students learn to handle optical setups and carry out optical experiments. This will prepare participants both for the successful completion of research projects in experimental quantum optics/photonics and tasks in the optics industry.

**Contents of the Course:**

Practical training in the field of optics, where the students start their experiment basically from scratch (i.e. an empty optical table). The training involves the following topics:

- diode lasers
- optical resonators
- acousto-optic modulators
- spectroscopy
- radiofrequency techniques

**Recommended Literature:**

Will be given by the supervisor

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Modern Spectroscopy (E/A)**

**Course No.:** physics741

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Fundamentals of Optics, Fundamentals of Quantum Mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

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

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

The aim of the course is to introduce the students to both fundamental and advanced concepts of spectroscopy and enable them to practically apply their knowledge.

**Contents of the Course:**

Spectroscopy phenomena - time and frequency domain;  
 high resolution spectroscopy;  
 pulsed spectroscopy; frequency combs;  
 coherent spectroscopy;  
 nonlinear spectroscopy: Saturation, Raman spectroscopy, Ramsey spectroscopy.  
 Applications of spectroscopic methods (e.g. Single molecule spectroscopy; spectroscopy at interfaces & surfaces, spectroscopy of cold atoms; atomic clocks; atom interferometry)

**Recommended Literature:**

W. Demtröder; Laser spectroscopy (Springer 2002)  
 S. Svanberg; Atomic and molecular spectroscopy basic aspects and practical applications (Springer 2001)  
 A. Corney; Atomic and laser spectroscopy (Clarendon Press 1988)  
 N. B. Colthup, L. H. Daly, S. E. Wiberley; Introduction to infrared and Raman spectroscopy (Academic Press 1990)  
 P. Hannafor; Femtosecond laser spectroscopy (Springer New York 2005)  
 C. Rulliere; Femtosecond laser pulses: principles and experiments (Springer Berlin 1998)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics730 **Theoretical Physics**

**Course:****Ultracold Atomic Gases (E/T)**

Course No.: physics742

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

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Quantum Mechanics

**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:**

This lecture discusses both the experimental and theoretical concepts of ultra-cold atomic gases.

**Contents of the Course:**

Almost hundred years ago, in 1924, A. Einstein and S.N. Bose predicted the existence of a new state of matter, the so-called Bose-Einstein condensate. It took 70 years to successfully realize this macroscopic quantum state in the lab using ultracold atomic gases (Nobel prize 2001). The main challenge was to achieve cooling to Nanokelvin temperatures, the coolest temperatures ever reached by mankind. Nowadays, ultracold gases are exciting systems to study a broad range of quantum phenomena. These phenomena range from the direct observation of quantum matter waves and superfluidity over the creation of artificial crystal structures as analogous to solids, to the realization of complex quantum phase transitions of interacting atoms, e.g. the formation of a bosonic Mott-insulator or the BCS superconducting state for Fermions. In this lecture we will discuss both the experimental and theoretical concepts of ultra-cold atomic gases.

Outline: Introduction and revision of basic concepts, Fundamentals of atom-laser interaction

Laser cooling &amp; trapping, Bose-Einstein condensation of atomic gases. Dynamics of Bose-Einstein condensates

Optical lattices: strongly interacting atomic gases and quantum phase transitions

The crossover of Fermi-gases between a BCS superconducting state and a Bose-Einstein condensate of molecules.

**Recommended Literature:**

C. J. Pethick and H. Smith, Bose-Einstein Condensation in Dilute Gases (Cambridge University Press)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Electronics for Physicists (E/A)**

**Course No.:** physics774

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

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Electronics laboratory of the B.Sc. in physics programme

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

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

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Comprehension of electronic components, methods to derive the dynamical performance of circuits and mediation that these methods are widely used in various fields of physics

**Contents of the Course:**

Basics of electrical engineering, RF-electronics I: Telegraph equation, impedance matching for lumped circuits and electromagnetic fields, diodes, transistors, analogue and digital integrated circuits, system analysis via laplace transformation, basic circuits, circuit synthesis, closed loop circuits, oscillators, filters, RF-electronics II: low-noise oscillators and amplifiers

**Recommended Literature:**

P. Horowitz, W. Hill; The Art of Electronics (Cambridge University Press)  
 Murray R. Spiegel; Laplace Transformation (McGraw-Hill Book Company)  
 A.J. Baden Fuller; Mikrowellen (Vieweg)  
 Lutz v. Wangenheim; Aktive Filter (Hüthig)



**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:****Nuclear physics II (E)**

Course No.:

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	3	5	WT

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Nuclear Physics I, Quantum Mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Part of the obligatory courses for area of specialisation Nuclear and Particle Physics, separate oral examination is possible exceptionally.

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Study of nuclear reactions, fission and fusion.

**Contents of the Course:**

- Kinematics in nuclear reactions
- Cross section
- Rutherford scattering
- Scattering in quantum mechanics
- The Born approximation
- Partial wave analysis
- Inelastic scattering, resonances
- Optical model
- Direct, compound, spallation and fragmentation reactions
- Neutron sources and detectors
- Neutron cross sections
- Fission
- Nuclear reactors
- Fusion
- Solar fusion
- Man-made thermonuclear fusion
- Controlled thermonuclear fusion

**Recommended Literature:**

A script for parts of the course will be distributed during the course.

K.S. Krane, Introductory nuclear physics, chapters 11-14

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Physics of Detectors (E/A)****Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	3	4	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Nuclear Physics I, Quantum Mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Part of the obligatory courses for area of specialisation Nuclear and Particle Physics, separate oral examination is possible exceptionally.

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Study detection methods of experimental techniques in nuclear and particle physics.

**Contents of the Course:**

- Interaction of electrons and charged heavy particles in matter
- Coherent effects: Cherenkov and transition radiation
- Interaction of gamma-radiation in matter
- Detection of neutral particles: neutrons and neutrinos
- Measurement of 4-momentum in particle physics
- Ionisation detectors: Bragg chamber, avalanche detectors
- Position sensitive detectors: drift chambers, time-projection chamber
- Anorganic and organic scintillators
- Energy detection, calorimeter and shower detectors
- Semiconductor detectors
- Position sensitive Si detectors (strip-, pixel-detectors)
- Ge detectors
- Low background measurements
- Lifetime measurements
- Mössbauer Spectroscopy
- Basic principles of analogue and digital signal processing

**Recommended Literature:**

A script or slides of the course will be distributed during the course.

R. Leo, Techniques for Nuclear and Particle Physics Experiments

K Kleinknecht, Detektoren für Teilchenstrahlung

G.F. Knoll, Radiation Detection and Measurement

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:****Particle physics (E)**

Course No.:

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	3	4	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Quantum Mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Part of the obligatory courses for area of specialisation Nuclear and Particle Physics, separate oral examination is possible exceptionally.

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Introduction into particle physics, accelerators and detectors

**Contents of the Course:**

- Relativistic kinematics
- Interaction of radiation with matter
- Particle accelerators
- Targets and detectors
- Symmetries in particle physics
- QED
- Weak interaction, neutrinos
- Quark model
- QCD
- Standard model
- Cosmology

**Recommended Literature:**

A script for course will be available on-line

D.H. Perkins: Introduction to High Energy Physics, Cambridge University Press, ISBN 0521621968

H. Frauenfelder, E.M. Henley: Subatomic Physics, Prentice Hall, ISBN 0138594309

F. Halzen: A.D. Martin: Quarks and Leptons, John Wiley and Sons, ISBN 0471887412

D. Griffiths: Introduction to Elementary Particles, John Wiley and Sons ISBN: 0471603864

B. Povh, K. Rith, C. Scholz, F. Zetsche: Teilchen und Kerne, Springer-Verlag, ISBN 3540659285

C. Berger: Elementarteilchenphysik, Springer-Verlag, ISBN 3-540-41515-7

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:**

## Groundbreaking experiments in nuclear physics (E)

**Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge in Nuclear Physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Part of courses for area of specialisation Nuclear and Particle Physics, separate oral examination is possible exceptionally.

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Study of original publications of fundamental experiments in nuclear physics. The students should participate actively in the course.

**Contents of the Course:**

- Discovery of radioactivity
- Rutherford and his many discoveries using alpha sources
- The discovery of the neutron and deuteron
- Determination of magnetic moments
- Hofstadters electron scattering experiments
- The use of cosmic rays to discover mesons
- Fermi work in neutron physics
- Properties of neutrinos
- Mößbauereffekt

**Recommended Literature:**

Will be distributed during the course.

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**

**Course:****Condensed Matter Physics II (E)**

Course No.:

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	3	4	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge in condensed matter physics and quantum mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral examination

**Length of Course:**

2 semesters

**Aims of the Course:**

Advanced topics in condensed matter physics with examples of current research.

**Contents of the Course:**

The entire course (Condensed Matter I & II, given in 2 semesters) covers the following topics:

Crystal structure and binding

Reciprocal space

Lattice dynamics and thermal properties

Electronic structure (free-electron gas, Fermi surface, band structure)

Semiconductors and metals

Transport properties

Dielectric function and screening

Superconductivity

Magnetism

**Recommended Literature:**

Skriptum (available during the course)

Ashcroft/Mermin: Solid State Physics

Kittel: Introduction to Solid State Physics

Ibach/Lüth: Festkörperphysik

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Semiconductor Physics and Nanoscience (E/A)

**Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge in condensed matter physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

No examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding of theoretical and experimental concepts of semiconductor physics, nanotechnology as well as aspects of future information technology.

Knowledge of basic fields and important applications of information technology.

**Contents of the Course:**

Semiconducting material and nanostructures represent the backbone of modern electronics and information technology. At the same time they are fundamental to the research of problems of modern solid state physics, information technology and biophysics. This lecture will provide an introduction to semiconductor physics and its applications.

Topics covered are

introduction to semiconductor physics, crystalline structure, band structure, electronic and optical properties,

heterostructures, junction and interfaces,

basic semiconductor device concepts,

up to date techniques and strategies of information technology ranging from nowadays preparation technologies and nanoscience to concepts of molecular electronic and bioelectronics.

**Recommended Literature:**

Skriptum (available during the course)

Bergmann/Schäfer, Experimentalphysik (Band 6: Festkörper)

Ibach/Lüth, Festkörperphysik

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Superconductivity (E/A)**

Course No.:

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge in condensed matter physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding of the fundamental aspects of superconductivity.

**Contents of the Course:**

The lecture provides an overview of the fundamental aspects of superconductivity, theoretical description and technological applications, including the following topics:

Basic experimental facts and critical parameters  
 Phenomenological description: London equations  
 Ginzburg-Landau theory  
 Magnetic flux quantization  
 Type I and type II superconductors, characteristic length scales, vortices  
 Microscopic description: BSC theory  
 Electron-phonon interaction, Cooper pairs  
 Josephson effects  
 Applications of superconductivity in science, transport, and medicine  
 Brief introduction to unconventional superconductivity with recent examples

**Recommended Literature:**

J. F. Annett: Superconductivity, Superfluids and Condensates (2004)  
 M. Tinkham: Introduction to Superconductivity (1996)  
 V. V. Schmidt: The Physics of Superconductors (1997)  
 J. R. Waldram: Superconductivity of Metals and Cuprates (1996)  
 D. R. Tilley and J. Tilley: Superfluidity and Superconductivity (1990)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Magnetism (E/A)****Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	WT

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge in condensed matter physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding of magnetism in condensed matter systems

**Contents of the Course:**

The lecture introduces to the magnetism in condensed matter systems. Starting from basic concepts of the magnetic properties of free atoms it is aimed to illustrate the extremely rich field of collective magnetism that arises from the mutual interaction of an extremely large number of interacting particles.

Topics covered are

Magnetism of free atoms

Magnetism of ions in the crystal electric field

Magnetic interactions and ordering phenomena

Magnetic ground states and excitations

Itinerant magnetism

Magnetic frustration and low dimensionality

Magnetic order vs. competing ordering phenomena

**Recommended Literature:**

Skriptum (available during the course)

S. Blundell, Magnetism in Condensed Matter

Ashcroft/Mermin, Solid State Physics

Kittel, Festkörperphysik



**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Experimental methods in condensed matter physics (E/A)

**Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	WT

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge in condensed matter physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding of experimental concepts in condensed matter science  
 Knowledge of basic fields and important applications

**Contents of the Course:**

The lecture introduces to modern experimental approaches in solid state physics. Basic concepts are illustrated with examples of physical problems investigated employing different methods.

Topics covered are

Introduction on sample preparation

X-ray powder diffraction

Specific heat, Thermal expansion

Magnetization and magnetic susceptibility

DC-Transport

Dielectric spectroscopy

Photo-emission spectroscopy

Inelastic scattering (neutrons, light)

THz spectroscopy / Optical spectroscopy

Scanning probe microscopy/spectroscopy (AFM, STM)

**Recommended Literature:**

Skriptum (available during the course)

Bergmann/Schäfer, Experimentalphysik (Band 6: Festkörper)

Ibach/Lüth, Festkörperphysik

Ashcroft/Mermin, solid state physics

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Physics of Surfaces and Nanostructures (E/A)

**Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	WT

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge of solid state physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding of fundamental concepts in surface and nanostructure science  
 Knowledge of basic fields and important applications

**Contents of the Course:**

The lecture introduces to modern topics of surface and nanostructure physics. Basic concepts are illustrated with examples and the link to technical applications is emphasised. Topics covered are

- surface structure and defects,
- adsorption and heterogeneous catalysis,
- surface thermodynamics and energetics
- surface electronic structure and quantum dots,
- magnetism at surfaces
- epitaxy and thin film processes,
- oxide films
- ion beam processes at surfaces,
- clusters,
- graphene

**Recommended Literature:**

Michely: Skriptum (available during the course)

H. Ibach: Physics of Surfaces and Interfaces (Springer, Berlin 2006)

K. Oura et al: Surface Science - an introduction (Springer, Berlin 2003)

M. Prutton: Introduction to Surface Physics (Oxford University Press, 1994)

H. Lüth: Solid Surfaces, Interfaces and Thin Films, (Springer, Berlin 2001)

M. Henzler/ W. Göpel: Oberflächenphysik des Festkörpers (Teubner, Stuttgart 1994)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:**

## Introduction to neutron scattering (E/A)

**Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge in condensed matter physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding of the basic concepts and techniques of elastic and inelastic neutron scattering experiments.

**Contents of the Course:**

The lecture introduces to the techniques of elastic and inelastic neutron scattering that can be used to determine the crystal or magnetic structure as well as the dispersion of nuclear or magnetic excitations.

Topics covered are

Crystal structures and reciprocal space

Neutron powder diffraction

Single-crystal diffraction

Structure refinements

Inelastic neutron scattering

Phonon dispersion

Magnetic excitations

Examples of current research (high-temperature superconductors, manganates with colossal magnetoresistivity, multiferroics)

Polarized neutron scattering

**Recommended Literature:**

Skriptum (available during the course)

S. W. Lovesey, Theory of Neutron Scattering from Condensed Matter, Oxford (1981)

G. E. Bacon, Neutron Diffraction, Oxford (1979)

Shirane, Shapiro and, Tranquada, Neutr. Scattering with a triple-axis spectrometer, Cambridge (2002)

Izyumov, Ozerov, Magnetic Neutron Diffraction Plenum (1970)

Marshall and Lovesey, Theory of thermal neutron scattering, Oxford (1971)

Squires, Introduction to the theory of Thermal Neutron scattering, Cambridge (1978)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Optical Spectroscopy (E/A)****Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	3	WT/ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge in condensed matter physics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding of the basic concepts and techniques of optical spectroscopy on solid-state samples.

**Contents of the Course:**

Topics covered are:

Electromagnetic waves in matter, dielectric function

Electromagnetic response of metals and insulators, Drude-Lorentz model

Kramers-Kronig relations

THz spectroscopy (time domain and cw)

Fourier-transform spectroscopy

Ellipsometry

Examples of current research (phonons, magnons, orbital excitations, superconductors, ...)

**Recommended Literature:**

Skriptum (available during the course)

Dressel/Grüner: Electrodynamics of Solids: Optical Properties of Electrons in Matter (Cambridge, 2002)

Klingshirn: Semiconductor Optics (Springer, 1997)

Kuzmany: Solid-State Spectroscopy: An Introduction (Springer, 2009)

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**

**Course:****Astrochemistry (E/A)**

Course No.:

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	4	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Atomic Physics, Molecular Physics and Quantum Mechanics at the level of the bachelor courses in physics, Molecular Physics I

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral Examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

The lecture introduces to astrochemistry of various astrophysical environments. Fundamental processes, such as molecular collisions, fragmentations, and chemical reactions, are explained, and implications for astrophysical observations by means of high resolution spectroscopy are treated.

**Contents of the Course:**

- Detection of Molecules in Space
- Elementary Chemical Processes
- Chemical Networks
- Grain Formation (Condensation)
- Properties of Grains and Ice
- Grain Chemistry
- Diffuse Clouds, Shocks, Dark Clouds, Star Forming Regions

**Recommended Literature:**

- A. Tielens "The Physics and Chemistry of the Interstellar Medium" Cambridge University Press, 2005  
 S. Kwok "Physics and Chemistry of the Interstellar Medium" University Science Books, 2006  
 D. Rehder "Chemistry in Space, From Interstellar Matter to the Origin of Life" Wiley-VCH, Weinheim, 2010  
 J. Lequeux "The interstellar Medium" Springer, 2004  
 A. Shaw "Astrochemistry" Wiley, 2006  
 D. Whittet "Dust in the Galactic Environment", Taylor and Francis, 2nd edition, 2002

**Modules:**

physics700 **Elective Advanced Lectures**  
 physics710 **Experimental Physics**  
 physics720 **Applied Physics**  
 physics730 **Theoretical Physics**

**Course:**

## Fundamentals of Molecular Symmetry (E/A/T)

**Course No.:**

Category	Type	Language	Teaching hours	CP	Semester
Elective	Lecture	English	2	4	ST

**Requirements:****Preparation:**

Basic knowledge of quantum mechanics

**Form of Testing and Examination:**

Oral Examination

**Length of Course:**

1 semester

**Aims of the Course:**

Understanding the fundamental concepts of representation theory and its application to describe the symmetry of molecules

**Contents of the Course:**

The lecture introduces to group theory with special emphasis on representations and their use to describe the symmetry of molecules in high-resolution spectroscopy and in molecular physics generally. The theory is accompanied by a series of "prototypical" examples. Topics covered are

- symmetry in general and symmetry of a molecule.
- groups and point groups.
- irreducible representations, characters.
- vanishing integral rule
- the Complete Nuclear Permutation-Inversion (CNPI) group.
- the Molecular Symmetry (MS) group).
- the molecular point group.
- classification of molecular states: electronic, vibrational, rotational, and nuclear spin states
- nuclear spin statistical weights
- hyperfine structure
- non-rigid molecules (inversion, internal rotation)

**Recommended Literature:**

Jensen: Script (text of powerpoint presentation files; available during the course)  
 P. Jensen and P. R. Bunker: The Symmetry of Molecules, in: "Encyclopedia of Chemical Physics and Physical Chemistry" (J. H. Moore and N. D. Spencer, Eds.), IOP Publishing, Bristol, 2001.  
 P. R. Bunker and Per Jensen: "Molecular Symmetry and Spectroscopy, 2nd Edition," NRC Research Press, Ottawa, 1998 (ISBN 0-660-17519-3).  
 P. R. Bunker and P. Jensen: "Fundamentals of Molecular Symmetry", IOP Publishing, Bristol, 2004 (ISBN 0-7503-0941-5).