# **Modules:** physics70a Elective Advanced Lectures: Experimental **Physics**

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# Low Temperature Physics (E/A)

Course No.: physics731

| Category | Туре                   | Language | Teaching hours | СР | Semester |
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| 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)