

Course V: MODERN PHYSICS

UNIT-I :

1. Atomic and Molecular Physics:(12 hrs)

Vector atom model and Stern-Gerlach experiment, Quantum numbers associated with it, Angular momentum of the atom, Coupling schemes, Spectral terms and spectral notations, Selection rules, Intensity rules, Fine structure of Sodium D-lines, Zeeman effect, Experimental arrangement to study Zeeman effect; Raman effect, Characteristics of Raman effect, Experimental arrangement to study Raman effect, Quantum theory of Raman effect, Applications of Raman effect.

UNIT-II:

2. Matter waves & Uncertainty Principle: (12 hrs)

Matter waves, de Broglie's hypothesis, Wave length of matter waves, Properties of matter waves, Davisson and Germer's experiment, Phase and group velocities, Heisenberg's uncertainty principle for position and momentum & energy and time, Illustration of uncertainty principle using diffraction of beam of electrons (Diffraction by a single slit) and photons (Gamma ray microscope), Bohr's principle of complementarity.

UNIT-III:

3. Quantum (Wave) Mechanics:(12 hrs)

Basic postulates of quantum mechanics, Schrodinger time independent and time dependent wave equations-Derivations, Physical interpretation of wave function, Eigen functions, Eigen values, Application of Schrodinger wave equation to (i) one dimensional potential box of infinite height (Infinite Potential Well) and (ii) one dimensional harmonic oscillator

UNIT-IV:

4. Nuclear Physics:(12 hrs)

Nuclear Structure: General Properties of Nuclei, Mass defect, Binding energy; *Nuclear forces*: Characteristics of nuclear forces- Yukawa's meson theory; *Nuclear Models*: Liquid drop model, The Shell model, Magic numbers; *Nuclear Radiation detectors*: G.M. Counter, Cloud chamber, Solid State detector; *Elementary Particles*: Elementary Particles and their classification

UNIT-V:

5. Nano materials: (7hrs)

Nano materials – Introduction, Electron confinement, Size effect, Surface to volume ratio, Classification of nano materials– (0D, 1D, 2D); Quantum dots, Nano wires, Fullerene, CNT, Graphene (Mention of structures and properties), Distinct properties of nano materials (Mention-*mechanical, optical, electrical, and magnetic properties*); Mention of applications of nano materials: (*Fuel cells, Phosphors for HD TV, Next Generation Computer chips, elimination of pollutants, sensors*)

6. Superconductivity: (5 hrs)

Introduction to Superconductivity, Experimental results-critical temperature, critical magnetic field, Meissner effect, Isotope effect, Type I and Type II superconductors, BCS theory (elementary ideas only), Applications of superconductors

Practical Course V: Modern Physics

Minimum of 6 experiments to be done and recorded

1. e/m of an electron by Thomson method.
2. Determination of Planck's Constant (photocell).
3. Verification of inverse square law of light using photovoltaic cell.
4. Determination of the Planck's constant using LEDs of at least 4 different colours.
5. Determination of work function of material of filament of directly heated vacuum diode.
6. Study of absorption of α -rays.
7. Study of absorption of β -rays.
8. Determination of Range of β -particles.
9. Determination of M & H .
10. Analysis of powder X-ray diffraction pattern to determine properties of crystals.
11. Energy gap of a semiconductor using junction diode.
12. Energy gap of a semiconductor using thermistor
13. GM counter characteristic