

# **M.Phil. / Ph.D. Physics**

## **SYLLABUS**

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**DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS**  
**FACULTY OF ARTS, SCIENCE & HUMANITIES**  
**RESEARCH PROGRAM – M.Phil / Ph.D in PHYSICS**  
**(2015–2016 Batch and onwards)**

S. No.	Course	Course code	Title of the course
01	Paper - 1	15RPHY101	Research Methodology and Pedagogy
02	Paper – 2	15RPHY201	Advanced Physics
03	Paper – 3 (Special paper)	15RPHY301	Solar Energy and Utilization
		15RPHY302	Molecular Spectroscopy
		15RPHY303	Thin Film Physics
		15RPHY304	Crystal Growth
		15RPHY305	Cosmic Ray Astrophysics
		15RPHY306	Material Science
		15RPHY307	Concepts of Nanophysics and Nanotechnology

**PAPER – I: Research Methodology & Pedagogy (15RPHY101)**

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**Course Objectives**

- To develop a research orientation among the scholars and to acquaint them with fundamentals of research methods.
- To develop understanding of the basic framework of research process.
- To develop an understanding of various research designs and techniques.
- To identify various sources of information for literature review and data collection.
- To develop an understanding of the ethical dimensions of conducting applied research.
- Appreciate the components of scholarly writing and evaluate its quality.

**Course Outcomes**

Upon completing this course, each scholar will be able to:

1. demonstrate knowledge of research processes (reading, evaluating, and developing)
2. perform literature reviews using print and online databases
3. identify, explain, compare, and prepare the key elements of a research proposal/report
4. define and develop a possible higher education research interest area using specific research designs;
5. compare and contrast quantitative and qualitative research paradigms, and explain the use of each in higher education research;
6. describe sampling methods, measurement scales and instruments, and appropriate uses of each explain the rationale for research ethics, and the importance of and local processes for Institutional Review.

**Unit – I**

Ethics of Research – Objectives of Research – Historical Background of Physics Research – Research Works of Sir C.V. Raman, S.Chandrasekhar and Venkaraman Ramakrishnan (Nobel prize works only) (Nobel Lectures) – Experimental Research in Physics – Design of the experiment, Apparatus to be used, Results and Interpretation – Theoretical Research in Physics – Theory, Models, Methods to solve the problems, results and Interpretation – Literature Survey on Thesis Writing – Online literature survey – Science Citation Index – Impact factor of a journal – Thesis writing.

**Unit – II****Probability distributions**

Mean, Median peak value, and Standard Deviation – Binomial Distribution – Poisson Distribution – Gaussian or Normal Error Distribution – Modes of distributions.

**Error Analysis**

Instrumental and Statistical uncertainties – Propagation of errors – Estimation of means and errors – Method of least squares – Statistical fluctuations – Chi square test of a distribution

**Unit–III**

**Numerical Integration:** Trapezoidal and Simpson's 1/3 rule for single integrals - Error estimates - Trapezoidal and Simpson's rule for double integrals

**Interpolation:** Two points Gaussian quadrature - Three points Gaussian quadrature - Cubic spline interpolation

**Eigen values:** Power method - Jacobi method (Only 2 x 2 and 3 x 3 matrices)

**Simulation techniques:** Monte Carlo simulation – Fuzzy logic.

**Unit IV****Computer Applications in Physics Research**

**Programming in C:** Constants - Variables - Data types - Operators and Expressions - Input/Output Statements - Control statements - Functions - Arrays - One, two, multidimensional array declarations and initializations

**Simple applications using C - Program:** Program to integrate tabulated function using Trapezoidal rule - Program to integrate tabulated function using Simpson's 1/3 rule - Program to compute the solution of first order differential equation of the type  $y' = f(x,y)$  using RK4 method - Program to compute first order differential equation  $y' = f(x,y)$  using Milne's method - Program to compute the interpolation value at a specified value from a set of table points using natural cubic spline interpolation.

**Unit V****Pedagogical Methods in Higher Learning**

Historical perspectives: Objectives and role of higher education – Learning and learning hierarchy – Information processing – Learning and outcomes – Motivation.

Education evaluation: A conceptual framework – Methods of evaluation – Self evaluation and student evaluation in higher education – Question banking – Diagnostic testing and remedial teaching.

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4. Bevington Philip, Robinson D. Keith – Data Reduction and Error Analysis for Physical Sciences, Mc Graw Hill Higher Education.

**PAPER – II: Subject Paper : Advanced Physics (15RPHY201)**

(Effective from the academic year 2015 – 2016 onwards)

**Course Objectives**

- To convey the scholars some of the concepts of higher levels of physics
- To prepare them for research in advanced physical fields.
- To introduce the concept of advanced concepts of quantum mechanics
- To teach scholars some of the basic concepts of experimental methods of physics in research
- To prepare them for research in advanced fields of experimental physics.
- To prepare and specialize them in the relevant areas of research, development and applications.

**Course Outcomes**

After attending the course the scholars will understand the

1. some of the advanced concepts of Electrodynamics, quantum mechanics, condensed matter physics, Spectroscopy and mathematical physics, likely to be useful in forefront areas of research.
2. conversant with the concepts of scattering theory, relativistic quantum mechanics and the idea of quantum field theory.
3. some of the fundamental and higher level concepts of measurement and characterization techniques likely to be useful especially in forefront areas of experimental research.
4. acquainted with the basic theoretical knowledge that explains various phenomena of condensed matter such as superconductivity, fractional Hall effect etc.
5. Explain various types of magnetic phenomenon, physics behind them, their properties and applications.
6. Apply integral transform (Fourier and Laplace) to solve mathematical problems of Fourier transforms as an aid for analyzing experimental data.

**Unit – I**

**Maxwell's equations:** Magnetic field of a spherically symmetric current - A traveling field - The speed of light - Solving Maxwell's equations; the potentials and wave equation - Maxwell's equations for waves in free space, plane waves - Three dimensional waves - Spherical waves - Maxwell's equations for light and electromagnetic waves - Spherical waves from a point source - The fields of an oscillating dipole - The potentials of a moving charge - The potentials for a moving charge with constant velocity

**Unit – II****Quantum behaviour**

Atomic Collision and Backscattering Spectrometry: – Energy loss of Light Ions and Backscattering Depth Profiles – Sputter Depth Profile and Secondary Ion Mass Spectroscopy – Channeling: Basics and its application in Thin Film analysis - X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy – Electron Microprobe analysis of surface – Non-radiative Transitions and Auger Electron Spectroscopy.

**Unit – III****Spectroscopic Techniques**

Spectrophotometer – UV –VIS Near IR, - Basic concepts of FTIR and Raman and its applications to various materials - NMR and ESR and its applications – Thermal analysis (TG/DTA, DSC) of different Materials.

The Bragg Law – X-ray Spectroscopy – Diffraction Directions – Diffraction Methods – Powder Method – Particle size Calculation – X-ray scattering by electrons, atomic and unit cells.

**Unit – IV****Crystal Physics and Physical Properties of Crystals**

Representation of physical quantities by scalars, vectors and tensors – Tensors of second rank- Transformations of components of a second-rank tensor – Representation quadric – Simplification of equations referred to principal axes – Effect of crystal symmetry on crystal properties: Neumann's principle – Magnitude of a property in a given direction – Geometrical properties of the representation quadric – Equilibrium properties represented by second-rank tensor:

Properties of metallic and semiconducting Nanoparticles – various physical and chemical methods of preparation - synthesis of carbon nanostructures and their applications

**Unit V****Ordinary differential equations**

Runge-kutta IV<sup>th</sup> order method for first order differential equation – RK4 for simultaneous first order differential equations – RK4 method for second order differential equations – Milne's Predictor – Corrector method

**Partial differential equations**

Difference quotients – Graphical representation of partial quotients – Classification of PDE of the second order – Elliptic equations – Standard five point formula – Diagonal five-point formula – Solution of Laplace's equation by Liebmann's iteration.

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8. Nye,J.F. (1985), Physical Properties of Crystals: Their Representation by Tensors and Matrices, Oxford University Press, New York.
9. Pool, C.P. Jr. and Owens, F.J. Introduction to Nanotechnology. John Wiley & Sons.

**PAPER – III : Special Paper I : Solar Energy and its Utilization (15RPHY301)**

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**Course Objectives**

- Solar energy harvesting and utilizing for day to day purposes has become order of the day. The scarcity and increasing need of the fossil fuel has made man to think about alternate sources, the easiest and best being Solar energy. Hence the course introduced to get knowledge of solar energy and its utilization.
- To introduce the students to the world of solar energy, its different uses, the different methods of harvesting solar energy.
- To understand the basic concepts of energies produced from various energy sources, advantages and disadvantages
- To learn the present energy scenario and the need for energy conservation
- To facilitate the students to achieve a clear conceptual understanding of technical and commercial aspects of Solar Power Development and Management.
- To enable the students to develop managerial skills to assess feasibility of alternative approaches and drive strategies regarding Solar Power Development and Management.

**Course Outcomes (COs)**

At the end of the course, Students will / can be able to

1. Describe the environmental aspects of non-conventional energy resources. In Comparison with various conventional energy systems, their prospects and limitations.
2. Know the need of renewable energy resources, historical and latest developments
3. explain the principles that underlie the ability of various natural phenomena to deliver solar energy
4. outline the technologies that are used to harness the power of solar energy
5. Describe the use of solar energy and the various components used in the energy production with respect to applications like - heating, cooling, desalination, power generation, drying, cooking etc
6. Appreciate the need of Wind Energy and the various components used in energy generation and know the classifications.

**UNIT - 1: Radiation Geometry**

Basis earth sun angles - Determination of Solar time - Derived Solar angles - Day length - Solar Radiation measurements - selective surfaces - Heat balance energy lost by radiation, convection and conduction - Physical characteristics of selective surfaces - Anti reflection coatings - Solar reflector materials - production methods of coatings.

**UNIT - II: Fundamentals of Heat Transfer**

Transfer of Heat by Conduction: Study heat flow in a slab-steady heat flow in a cylindrical shell- Heat transfer through fins – Transient heat conduction. Thermal Radiation: Basic laws of radiation –

Radiant heat transfer between two black bodies- Radiant heat transfer between grey bodies. Convection heat loss Evaluation of convective heat transfer co-efficient –Free convection from vertical planes and cylinders – Forced convection – Heat transfer for fully established flow in tubes.

### **UNIT-III: Solar Thermal systems**

General description of plate collector – thermal losses and efficiency of FPC –Energy balance equation – Evaluation of overall loss coefficient – Thermal analysis of flat plate collector and useful heat gained by the fluid performance of solar air heaters – Heating and drying of agricultural products Types of drier in use.

Solar concentrators and Receiver geometries – General characteristics of focusing collector systems Evaluation of optical losses – Thermal performance of focusing collectors.

### **UNIT-IV: Photovoltaics**

Description of the photovoltaic effect – Electrical characteristics calibration and efficiency measurement – silicon solar energy converters – Thermal generation of recombination centers silicon. Role of thin films in solar cells Properties of thin films for solar cells CdSe, CdTe, In P, Ga As, Cd Cu<sub>2</sub>, Cu In SnO<sub>2</sub>, Cd<sub>2</sub>SnO<sub>4</sub> ZnO)- Transport properties of metal films – poly crystalline film silicon solar cells (Photovoltaic characteristics, junction analysis loss mechanisms) Amorphous silicon solar cells (Structural compositional optical and electrical properties)

### **Unit- V: Energy storage and solar applications**

Types of energy storage Thermal storage Latent heat storage – Electrical storage principle of operation of solar ponds-Non convective solar ponds – Theoretical analysis of solar pond – solar distillation – solar cooking –solar pumping.

### **References:**

1. Charles E. Backus (1976). Solar cells. IEEE Press
2. Garg, H.P. (1982). Treatise on solar energy volume I fundamentals of Solar Energy.
3. Kasturi Lal Chopra and Suhit Ranjan Das (1983). Thin film solar cells.
4. Rai, G.D. (1996). Solar energy utilization.
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**PAPER – III: Special Paper II. Molecular Spectroscopy (15RPHY302)**

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**Course Objectives**

- This paper gives an insight into the theoretical and practical aspects of spectroscopy.
- It is used as a tool for non-destructive testing of samples.
- It is important to know the physical aspects of spectroscopy.
- The major objectives of this course are to integrate theory and practice and to bring together different branches of both Academic studies and Industrial Research through the presentation of critical aspects of modern Spectroscopy.
- To give an understanding of wide range of techniques including optical Nearfield spectroscopy, Raman, and FTIR spectroscopy.
- To introduce electronic spectroscopy methods that are widely used in physics, chemistry and biological sciences.

**Course Outcomes (COs)**

After completing the course the students will / can able to

1. Understand the basic physical chemistry law that govern molecular spectroscopy
2. Describe the basic concepts of crystal field theory.
3. According to crystal field theory examines simple molecules.
4. Defines the basic concepts of molecular orbital theory.
5. According to molecular orbital theory examines simple molecules.
6. Identify the types of radiation in the atomic and molecular electronics.

**UNIT – I: Molecular Symmetry**

Symmetry operation – symmetry elements – Different type of symmetry operations – symmetry point groups – Linear and non linear molecules – Representations of groups - Irreducible Representations and character – and character tables.

**UNIT – II: Molecular Orbital theory**

General principles – the LACO approximation – the Huckel approximation – Bonding character of orbitals - symmetry factoring of secular equations – Transformation properties of Atomic orbitals – Hybridization schemes of and orbitals Hybrid orbitals as linear combinations of Atomic orbitals – Valence Bond and Molecular orbital theory - Brief description of Hartree-Fock theory and Density functional theory

**UNIT – III: Molecular Vibrations**

The symmetry of Normal vibrations – Determining the symmetry types of the Normal mode – Internal coordinates – symmetry coordinates - Normal coordinates – potential and kinetic energies in terms of symmetry coordinates – removal of redundant coordinates – application of group theory of Raman and IR activity.

**UNIT – IV: Infrared And Raman Spectroscopy**

**IR spectroscopy:** Practical aspects – Theory of I.R rotation vibration spectra of gaseous diatomic molecules – applications of I.R spectroscopy – Principles of F.T.I.R spectroscopy – FTIR instrumentation – Interpretation of data.

**Raman spectroscopy:** Classical and Quantum theory of Raman effect - Rotation vibration Raman spectra of diatomic and polyatomic molecules – Applications - Laser Raman spectroscopy – Sample handling techniques – Polarized Raman spectra of single crystals – Fundamentals of Surface Enhanced Raman Scattering (SERS)

**UNIT - V: Electronic Spectra - Fluorescence and Phosphorescence Spectroscopy**

Electronic excitation of diatomic species - Resonance and Normal Fluorescence – Intensities of transitions - Phosphorescence population of triplet state and intensity- Experimental methods - Applications of Fluorescence and phosphorescence – UV spectrophotometry.

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1. Chandra, A.K. Quantum chemistry.
2. Aruldas, G. (2008). Molecular Structure and Spectroscopy. Pergamon Press, New Delhi.
3. Cotton, F.A. Chemical applications of group theory. Wiley Inter science.
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5. Puranik, P.G. Group theory application to molecular vibrations.
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**PAPER – III: Special Paper III. Thin Film Physics (15RPHY303)**

(Effective from the academic year 2015 – 2016 onwards)

**Course Objectives**

- Introduce physical concepts and mathematical tools used to describe surfaces, interfaces and thin films.
- To develop an intuition for surface and thin film physical principles through plotting of functions using Maple
- To relate the mathematical results to practical applications and experiments in thin film techniques.
- Develop an appreciation of the mathematical basis for experimental techniques for deposition and analysis of thin films
- Understand physical phenomena that can be exploited for the deposition of thin films
- To demonstrate knowledge of different thin film deposition strategies

**Course Outcomes (COs)**

At the end of the course, the students can/will be able to

1. Discuss the differences and similarities between different vacuum based deposition techniques
2. Evaluate and use models for nucleating and growth of thin films
3. Examine the relation between deposition technique, film structure, and film properties, discuss typical thin film applications,
4. Select proper deposition techniques for various applications.
5. Understand the basic concepts about the thin film technology
6. The importance of use of thin films in application and research.

**UNIT - I: Preparation of Thin Films**

Spray pyrolytic process – characteristic feature of the spray pyrolytic process – ion plating – Vacuum evaporation – Evaporation theory – The construction and use of vapour sources – sputtering Methods of sputtering – Reactive sputtering – RF sputtering - DC planar magnetron sputtering.

**UNIT - II: Thickness measurement and Nucleation and Growth in Thin Film**

Thickness measurement: electrical methods – optical interference methods – multiple beam interferometry – Fizeau – FECO methods – Quartz crystal thickness monitor.

Theories of thin film nucleation – Four stages of film growth incorporation of defects during growth.

**UNIT - III: Electrical properties of metallic thin films**

Sources of resistivity in metallic conductors – sheet resistance - Temperature coefficient of resistance (TCR) – influence of thickness on resistivity – Hall effect and magneto resistance – Annealing – Agglomeration and oxidation.

**UNIT - IV: Transport properties of semiconducting and insulating Films**

Semiconducting films; Theoretical considerations - Experimental results – Photoconduction – Field effect thin films – transistors, Insulation films Dielectric properties – dielectric losses – Ohmic contacts – Metal – Insulator and Metal – metal contacts – DC and AC conduction mechanism .

**UNIT - V: Optical properties of thin films and thin films solar cells**

Thin films optics –Theory – Optical constants of thin films – Experimental techniques – Multilayer optical system – interference filters – Antireflection coating, thin films solar cells: Role, Progress, and production of thin solar cells – Photovoltaic parameter, thin film silicon (Poly crystalline) solar cells : current status of bulk silicon solar cells – Fabrication technology – Photo voltaic performance: Emerging solar cells: GaAs and  $\text{CuInSe}_2$ .

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8. Vilsan, J.L. Thin films processes.

**PAPER – III: Special Paper IV: Crystal Growth (15RPHY304)**

(Effective from the academic year 2015 – 2016 onwards)

**Course Objectives**

- To strengthen the students with crystallographic and crystal growth techniques
- To provide the general characteristics of crystals, methods of preparation etc.
- Various thin films deposition techniques and thin film characterization techniques are also covered in the course.
- To give an idea about historical importance of crystals, methods of preparation and characterization of crystals etc.
- To explore the knowledge in fundamentals of materials syntheses, crystal growth techniques, zone refining, properties etc.,
- To provide the basic knowledge on crystal structure.

**Course Outcomes (COs)**

After completing the course the students will / can able to

1. The student will learn about the crystal growth mechanisms and techniques.
2. Understand different crystals having a lot applications in electronics, energetics etc.
3. Acquire the theoretical concept behind electrical and thermal properties of metals
4. Understand the fundamental theories to describe the energy bands in metals
5. Gain the knowledge about Semiconductor Crystals and their properties
6. Gain the knowledge about phonons and its importance in thermal physics

**Unit – I: Fundamentals of Crystal Growth**

Importance of crystal growth – Classification of crystal growth methods – Basic steps: Generation, transport and adsorption of growth reactants – Nucleation: Kinds of nucleation – Classical theory of nucleation: Gibbs Thomson equations for vapour and solution – Kinetic theory of nucleation – Becker and Doring concept on nucleation rate – Energy of formation of a spherical nucleus – Statistical theory on nucleation: Equilibrium concentration of critical nuclei, Free energy of formation.

**Unit – II Theories of Crystal Growth**

An introductory note to Surface energy theory, Diffusion theory and Adsorption layer theory – Concepts of Volmer theory, Bravais theory, Kossel theory and Stranski's treatment – Two-dimensional nucleation theory: Free energy of formation, Possible shapes and Rate of nucleation – Mononuclear, Polynuclear and Birth and Spread models – Modified Birth and Spread model – Crystal growth by mass transfer processes: Burton, Cabrera and Frank (BCF) bulk diffusion model, Surface diffusion growth theory.

**Unit – III Experimental Crystal Growth-Part-I: Melt Growth Techniques.**

Basics of melt growth – Heat and mass transfer – Conservative growth processes: Bridgman-Stockbarger method – Czochralski pulling method – Kyropoulos method – Nonconservative processes: Zone-refining – Vertical and horizontal float zone methods – Skull melting method – Vernueil flame fusion method.

**Unit – IV Experimental Crystal Growth-Part-II: Solution Growth Techniques.**

Growth from low temperature solutions: Selection of solvents and solubility – Meir's solubility diagram – Saturation and supersaturation – Metastable zone width – Growth by restricted evaporation of solvent, slow cooling of solution and temperature gradient methods – Crystal growth in Gel media: Chemical reaction and solubility reduction methods – Growth from high temperature solutions: Flux growth Principles of flux method – Choice of flux – Growth by slow evaporation and slow cooling methods – Hydrothermal growth method.

**Unit –V Experimental Crystal Growth-Part-III: Vapour Growth Techniques**

Basic principles – Physical Vapour Deposition (PVD): Vapour phase crystallization in a closed system – Gas flow crystallization – Chemical Vapour Deposition (CVD): Advantageous and disadvantageous – Growth by chemical vapour transport reaction: Transporting agents, Sealed capsule method, Open flow systems – Temperature variation method: Stationary temperature profile, Linearly time varying temperature profile and Oscillatory temperature profile.

**Books for Study and Reference**

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**PAPER – III: Special Paper V: Cosmic Ray Astrophysics (15RPHY305)**

(Effective from the academic year 2015 – 2016 onwards)

**Course Objectives**

- A survey of the Universe at all scales and wave lengths/energies.
- Studies of the interstellar medium and magnetic fields.
- Cosmic ray acceleration and propagation; pulsars, gamma-ray astrophysics; radio and x-ray astronomy.
- Formulate and tackle problems, both open and more defined, identifying the most relevant principles and using approaches where necessary to reach a solution, which should be presented with an explanation of the suppositions and approaches.
- Understand the bases of advanced topics selected at the frontier of high energy physics, astrophysics and cosmology and apply them consistently.
- Understand of the close relationship between scientific research and the development of new knowledge in a global context.

**Course Outcomes**

After this course the scholars are expected to be able to:

1. demonstrate a detailed physical and mathematical understanding of a variety of systems and processes in a range of advanced topics in physics;
2. apply the concepts and theories of a range of advanced topics in physics;
3. demonstrate specialised analytical skills and techniques necessary to carry out advanced calculations in a range of advanced topics in physics;
4. approach and solve new problems in a range of advanced topics in physics;
5. Analyze the different sources of cosmic radiation.
6. Distinguish and analyze the different class of cosmic radiation detectors.
7. Understand the physical processes responsible for the emission, propagation and absorption of cosmic radiation

**Unit I**

Introduction to Cosmic Rays – The nature of the radiation – the latitude effect and effect of earth's magnetic fields – The primary cosmic ray energy spectrum – components in the primary radiation – Observation of knee and ankle in the energy spectrum – origin of cosmic rays – Possibility of electromagnetic acceleration – Fermi's acceleration mechanism – Supernovae as sources – Other sources – Motion and storage of cosmic rays.

**Unit II**

Extensive Air Shower (EAS) – Phenomenology – The cascade process – Bhabha's cascade theory – Electromagnetic cascade – Interaction of photons with matter – Interaction of electrons with matter – Lateral spread of EAS particles – EAS cascade – Monte Carlo simulation – Numerical methods – EAS initiated by primary nuclei.

**Unit III**

General features of EAS – Electromagnetic component – Lateral studies – Hadron component – Temporal structure of Hadrons – Charged to neutral (C/N) ratio – Muon component – Cherenkov light from EAS – Fluorescence light – Radio emission from EAS

**Unit IV**

Detection of EAS – Electron detectors – Scintillation detectors – Yes/No type detectors – Proportional counters – Fast timing – Muon detectors – Importance of muon detectors in EAS detector arrays – Hadron detectors – Underground detectors – Recording systems – Calibration of the detectors and electrons.

**Unit V**

Analysis of EAS data – Determination of shower parameters – NKG function – Search for sources – Significance of size spectrum – Relation to the energy spectrum – Knee and Ankle of the energy spectrum – Possible explanations – Models of origin of cosmic rays.

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2. Hillas A.M., Cosmic Rays, Pergamon Press, New York



**PAPER – III: Special Paper VI : Material Science (15RPHY306)**

(Effective from the academic year 2015 – 2016 onwards)

**Course Objectives**

- To provide an introduction to the concepts underlying solid state Ionics
- To illustrate the wide range of materials and physical properties that currently available for ionic conductors
- To introduce the superionic conductors and their applications
- To establish the ionic conductors for energy applications
- To introduce the different mechanism of electrochemical energy storage materials and their applications
- To understand the ion transport mechanism via gas, liquid and solid phase materials.

**Course Outcomes**

Students will be able to:

1. calculate point defect concentrations using formation energies, develop Brouwer diagrams, describe several means of tailoring point defect concentrations through independent variables, and apply equilibrium thermodynamics to the case of defective solids
2. write point defect reactions in Kroger-Vink notation to describe defect processes, and apply a non-equilibrium thermodynamics and chemical kinetics framework to describe defect reactions and kinetic behavior
3. describe operation of various solid state ionics applications (including open circuit cells, cells using current, and cells generating current)
4. select measurement techniques appropriate for investigating solid state electrochemical material/device behavior and select materials appropriate for different functions within the devices.
5. use appropriate resources for finding up-to-date information on solid state ionics for continued learning.
6. Learn the superionic conductors and their real life applications.

**Unit I**

Crystalline solids – space lattice – the basis and crystal structure; crystal translational vectors, symmetry operation primitive lattice cell and unit cell symmetry elements, Fundamental type of lattice, atomic packing, atomic radius, lattice constants and density, crystal structure other cubic structure – type of bonding – Ionic bonding – Energy of formation of NaCl molecules, Madelung constants – potential energy of diagram of ionic molecules – calculation of repulsive exponent – Born Haber cycle characteristics of ionic bond.

**Unit II**

Ionic conductivity – Normal and super ionic conductors – Mass transport in crystals – Diffusion – Atomic diffusion theory – Experimental determination of the diffusion constant – Ionic conduction –

Experimental results – for ionic conduction – The Einstein relation – Dielectric loss in ionic crystals – Electronic conduction in ionic crystals – Excess conductors – Deficit conductors – Amphoteric semiconductor.

### Unit III

Phenomenological Models – Huberman's Theory – Ries Strassler Toom's Theory – Weleh and Diene Theory – Lattice Gas theory – Free ion model – Domain Model – Riea and Roth Theory – The Path Probability Method – The static variables – the Path variables – The path Probability – Stationary state condition – Classification of Superionic solids – Crystalline and Amorphous – Glasses – Dispersed solid Electrolytes – polymers – Ion exchange resins – biological basis resins – Classification over conducting ion species – mode and mechanism of conduction in each case and their corresponding criteria to be superionic conductors.

### Unit IV

Structural characterization – XRD surface Analysis, EXAFS, IPS and Quasi neutron scattering – Thermo dynamical characterization – Differential scanning calorimetry, Differential Thermal Analysis, Thermo Gravimetric Analysis and Thermo electric power – Ion transport properties – Electrical conductivity – Two probe method – four probe method – Immitance spectroscopy – Dynamical conductivity – state conductivity – polarisation characteristic – determination of small electronic transport numbers – The permeation Technique (Static) – The polarization cell (Static) – the polarized cell technique (Dynamic) – The permeation technique (Dynamic).

### Unit V

Application of superionic solid – Battery and Non-Battery application – conventional cells – fuel cells – Supercapacitors-sensors and partial pressure – gauges – Oxygen and non Oxygen sensors – coulometers – timers – Diffusion coefficient measurement in solids and liquids – Electro chemic displays.

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**PAPER – III: Special Paper VII : Concepts of Nanophysics and Nanotechnology (15RPHY307)**

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**Course Objectives**

- To foundational knowledge of the Nanoscience and related fields.
- To make the students acquire an understanding the Nanoscience and Applications
- To help them understand in broad outline of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology.
- To familiarize with the on-going merge of the top-down approach of microelectronics and micromechanics with the bottom-up approach of chemistry/biochemistry.
- To demonstrate the potential of nanoscience and industrial applications of nanotechnology.
- To give you an insight into complete systems where nanotechnology can be used to improve our everyday life.

**Course Outcomes**

Scholars will be able to:

1. understand the fundamental physical principles, which govern properties of the condense matter and in particular the role of dimensionality on the mechanical, thermal, optical, electrical and magnetic properties of materials
2. understand the physical basis of new phenomena that appear when the linear dimension of an object or device shrinks below a micrometer
3. be familiar with the methods for fabrications of nanostructures
4. understand and be able to explain the principles of newly characterization techniques for imaging and analysis of nanostructures and nanomaterials
5. understand and be able to explain the principles of operation of nanoelectronic and nanophotonic devices
6. became familiar with the whole concept of nanoscale science and technology and be able to apply their knowledge for understanding further developments in this rapidly emerging area.

**Unit I: Introduction to Nanotechnology**

Defining nanotechnology, Historical development – Beyond Moore's law, Comparison of bulk and nano materials – change in band gap and large surface to volume ratio, Classification of nanostructured materials – one, two and three-dimensional confinement, quantum dots, quantum wires and quantum wells, scope of applications.

**Unit II Synthesis and characterization**

Classification of fabrication methods – Top to bottom approach – Ball milling, etching etc bottom to top approach – Physical and chemical methods – Molecular Beam Epitaxy, optical and electron beam lithography, Ion implantation, sputtering, thermal evaporation, pulsed laser deposition, chemical vapor deposition, controlled precipitation, sol gel methods. Grain size determination – XRD (Debye Scherer equation), TEM, AFM, STM and Light scattering techniques. Composition analysis – ICP – AES, EDAX, SIMS.

**Unit III Optical and vibrational properties of nanoparticles**

Basic concepts – Band structure of solids, excitons, effective mass, reciprocal lattice, Brillouin zone, phonons etc. Size and dimensionality effects – Bulk to nano transition –Density of states, potential well - quantum confinement effect – weak and strong confinement regime. Blue shift of band gap - Effective mass approximation (Rigorous mathematical treatment not necessary). Phonon confinement effect and presence of surface modes. Characterization tools - UV – Visible absorption and Photoluminescence techniques, Raman and IR spectroscopy

**Unit IV Carbon Nanostructures**

Carbon nanostructures – carbon molecules – carbon clusters. Fullerene - structure of  $C_{60}$  and its crystal – larger and smaller fullerenes – other bucky balls. Carbon nanotubes – fabrication – structure – electrical properties – vibrational properties – mechanical properties. Applications of carbon nanotubes – Field emission and Shielding – computers – Fuel cells – Chemical sensors – Catalysis – Mechanical reinforcement.

**Unit V Nanomachines and Nanodevices**

Extension of conventional devices by nanotechniques – Bipolar and MOS transistors – structure and technology, electrical characteristics, limitations, low temperature behavior. Microelectromechanical systems (MEMSs), Nanoelectromechanical systems (NEMSs), Resonant Tunneling Diode, Quantum Cascade lasers, Single Electron Transistors – Operating principles and applications.

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