B.Sc. Physical Sciences with Physics as one of the Core Disciplines

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – DSE 8-6 : NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE PHYSICS

Course Title and Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical	
Nuclear and Particle Physics DSE 8-6	4	3	1	0	

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The objective of the course is to impart the understanding of the sub atomic particles and their properties. It will emphasize to gain knowledge about the different nuclear techniques and their applications in different branches Physics and societal application. The course will focus on the developments of problem-based skills.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- To be able to understand the basic properties of nuclei: Nuclear charge and mass density, size, magnetic and electric moments
- To appreciate the formulations and contrasts between different nuclear models such as Liquid drop model, Fermi gas model and Shell Model and evidences in support.
- Familiarization with different types of nuclear reactions, Q- values, compound and direct reactions.
- To know about energy losses due to ionizing radiations, energy losses of electrons, gamma ray interactions through matter and neutron interaction with matter.
- To understand classification of fundamental forces based on their range, time-scale and mediator mass.
- To understand Scattering cross-sections of 2 to 2 processes and their inherent symmetries.
- Angular and energy distributions for three body decay process.
- Discrete symmetries of nature and associated conservation laws and Colour triplet

SYLLABUS OF DSE 8-6
THEORY COMPONENT
(Hours: 45)

Unit I **(15 Hours)**

General Properties of Nuclei and Nuclear Models: Constituents of nucleus and their Intrinsic properties. Fermi gas model (degenerate fermion gas, nuclear symmetry potential in Fermi gas). Single Particle Shell Model (Concept of mean field and spin orbit coupling), Estimation of Spin parity and electromagnetic moments for ground state configuration for even- even, even -odd and odd-odd nuclei. Basic concept of Collective Model and deformed shell model.

Unit II **(10 Hours)**

Nuclear Reactions: Types of Reactions, Units of related physical quantities, Conservation Laws, Kinematics of reactions, Q-value, Reaction rate, Reaction cross section, Concept of compound and direct reaction, Coulomb scattering (Rutherford scattering).

Unit III **(8 Hours)**

Interaction of Nuclear Radiation with matter: Interaction of radiation for light ions (electrons) and heavy charge particles, neutron and photons with matter. Energy loss due to ionization (Bethe-Block formula), for both light and heavy-ions, Cerenkov radiation. Gamma ray interaction with matter. Neutron interaction with matter.

Unit IV **(12 Hours)**

Particle Physics: Overview of Particle spectrum and their interactions in the Standard Model. Range, time-scale and relative strength of interactions. Interactions at a distance mediated by virtual particles (Exchange Force).
Requirement of High Energy Colliders to probe the constituents of nucleon, Linear and circular colliders, Inelastic collisions at Hadron colliders. Brief idea about Large Hadron Collider experiment and Indian ALICE and CMS and collaborations.
Kinematics for $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering processes and Crossing symmetries of scattering amplitudes. Angular and energy distributions of decaying particles in $1 \rightarrow 3$ decay processes (muon decay / beta decay).
Lepton and Baryon quantum numbers. Isospin, Strangeness and Hypercharge. Gell-Mann-Nishijima formula. Parity and Charge conjugation of a particle state. Time Reversal and General CPT theorem.
Valence quark model of Murray Gell-Mann and Yuval Ne'eman, current and constituent masses of quarks, flavor symmetry Isospin triplets, Baryon octet and decuplet, Meson octet. Antisymmetric Δ^{++} state and necessity for color quantum number. Evidence for color triplet quarks from $\mathbf{e^+e^-}$ annihilation experiment.

REFERENCES

Essential Readings

For Nuclear Physics

1. Basic ideas and concepts in Nuclear Physics: An introductory approach by K Heyde, third edition, IOP Publication, 1999.
2. Introductory Nuclear Physics by K S Krane, Wiley-India Publication, 2008.
3. Nuclear Physics by S N Ghoshal, First edition, S. Chand Publication, 2010.
4. Nuclear Physics: principles and applications by J Lilley, Wiley Publication, 2006.
5. Concepts of Nuclear Physics by B L Cohen, Tata McGraw Hill Publication, 1974.
6. Radiation detection and measurement, G F Knoll, John Wiley & Sons, 2010.

For Particle Physics

7. Modern Particle Physics by Mark Thompson, Cambridge University Press, 2013.
8. Particles and Nuclei: An Introduction to the Physical Concepts by Bogdan Povh, Klaus Rith, Christoph Scholz, Frank Zetsche, Werner Rodejohann, Springer-Verlag 2015.
9. An Introductory Course of Particle Physics, Palash B. Pal (CRC Press, 2015)
10. Introduction to High Energy Physics by D H Perkins, 4th edition, Cambridge University Press, 2000.
11. Introduction to elementary particles by D J Griffiths, Wiley, 2008.
12. Quarks & Leptons, F. Halzen and A. D. Martin, John Wiley, 1984.

References for Tutorial

13. Problems and Solutions in Nuclear and Particle Physics by Sergio Petreta, Springer, 2019.
14. Schaum's Outline of Modern Physics, McGraw-Hill, 1999.
15. Schaum's Outline of College Physics, by E. Hecht, 11th edition, McGraw Hill, 2009.
16. Problems and Solutions on Atomic, Nuclear and Particle Physics by Yung-Kuo Lim, World Scientific, 2000.
17. Nuclear Physics "Problem-based Approach" Including MATLAB by Hari M. Aggarwal, PHI Learning Pvt. Ltd. (2016).