

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI**  
**HYDERABAD CAMPUS**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2022-2023**  
**COURSE HANDOUT**

Date : 16/1/2023

Course No : **PHY F343,**  
Course Title : **Nuclear and Particle Physics**  
Instructor-in-Charge : Prof. Rahul Nigam (Chamber:A204)  
Instructors: Asrarul Haque, Rahul Nigam

**1. Scope and Objectives of the course**

The course is designed to stress the general underlying ideas of theoretical as well as experimental Nuclear and Particle physics. Quantum Mechanics I & II are pre-requisites for this course. The course includes traditional nuclear physics at elementary level, but covers the new trends of elementary particle physics so that the students could pursue advanced courses/active research either in Nuclear or Particle Physics later on.

**2. Text Book**

Introduction to Nuclear & Particle Physics: A. Das and T.Ferbel, World Scientific.

**Reference Book**

Introduction to Elementary Particle Physics: David Griffiths , 2008 (John Wiley and Sons)

**3. Course Plan**

| Lect. No. | Topics to be covered               | Learning Objectives   | Chapters of Text Book |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| 1         | Introduction                       | Rutherford's Scattering of Alpha particles, Cross-section, Nuclear model of atoms.                                      | 1                     |
| 2-3       | General Properties of Nuclei       | Labeling of nuclei, Mass, size, spin, dipole moment, stability of nuclei, Nature of Nuclear force.                      | 2                     |
| 4-7       | Nuclear Models                     | Liquid drop model(Bethe-Weizsacker mass formula), Fermi-Gas model, Shell model, Collective model, Superdeformed nuclei. | 3                     |
| 8-10      | Nuclear Radiation                  | Alpha, Beta, Gamma decay  | 4                     |
| 11-12     | Application of Nuclear Physics     | Fission, Fusion, Radioactive decay  | 5, class notes        |
| 13-15     | Nuclear Force and two body problem | Deuteron  | Class notes           |
| 16-21     | Properties and Interactions of     | Forces, Elementary particles, Quantum numbers, Resonances, Violation of Quantum   | 9,                    |

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|       | Elementary Particles                             | numbers, Interactions of Elementary particles  | 1.1-1.6(RB1)<br>1.7-1.8(RB1) |
| 22-26 | Symmetries and Conservation Laws                 | Spin & Orbital Angular momentum, Angular momentum addition   | 10, class notes              |
| 27-33 | Discrete Transformation                          | Parity, Time reversal, Charge Conjugation, CPT theorem, CP violation, Wu's experiment                        | 11,12                        |
| 34-40 | Basic idea of Standard Model of Particle Physics | Quarks & Leptons, Quark contents of mesons & baryons, color charge, Symmetry breaking, Gauge Bosons, QCD,QGP | 13                           |

#### 4. Evaluation Scheme

| Component     | Duration  | Weightage (%) | Marks | Date & Time         | Remarks    |
|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|---------------------|------------|
| Mid-sem       | 90 mins.  | 30 %          | 60    | 15/03 4.00 - 5.30PM | Open Book  |
| Quizes (2)    | 50 mins   | 30 %          | 60    | TBA                 | Open Book  |
| Comprehensive | 180 mins. | 40 %          | 80    | 06/05 FN            | Close Book |
| Total         |           | 100%          | 200   |                     |            |

5. **Chamber Consultation Hours** TBA, or by appointment through email

6. **Notices** CMS.

7. **Make-up Policy** Very strict, only for genuine reasons such as hospitalization with prior permission.

**8. Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy:**

Academic honesty and integrity are to be maintained by all the students throughout the semester and no type of academic dishonesty is acceptable.

**Instructor-in-charge**  
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