

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI**  
**HYDERABAD CAMPUS**  
**SECOND SEMESTER 2021-2022**  
**COURSE HANDOUT**

Date: 15-01-2022

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

	Elementary Particles	numbers, Interactions of Elementary particles	1.1-1.6(RB1) 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
34-42	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	Duratio	Weightage (%)	Marks	Date & Time	Nature of Component
Mid-sem	90 mins.	30 %	60	11/03 9.00am to 10.30am	Open Book
Quiz	NA	30 %	60	TBA	Open Book
Comprehensive	120 mins.	40 %	80	09/05 FN	Closed
Total		100%	200		

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

6. **Notices** CMS. Google classroom

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

**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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