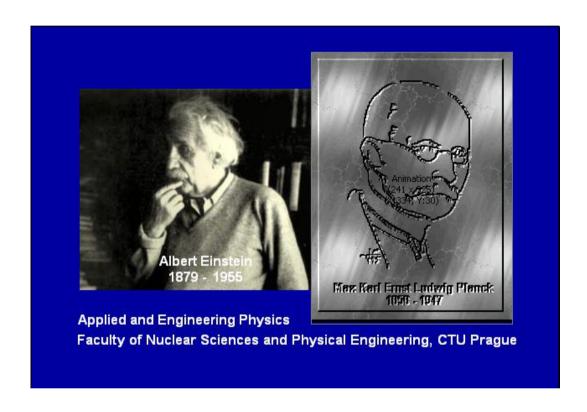
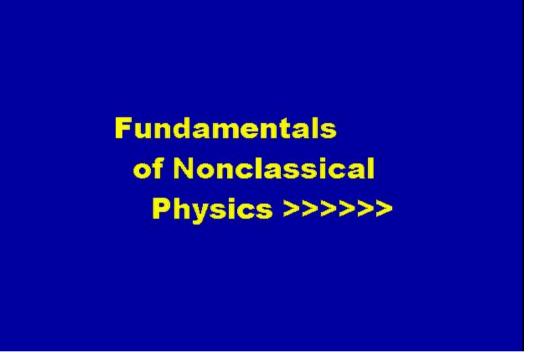
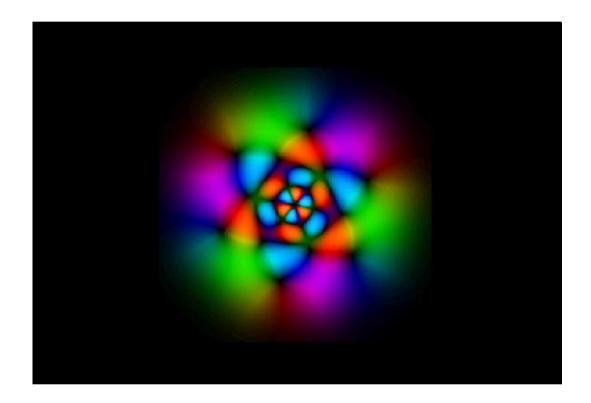
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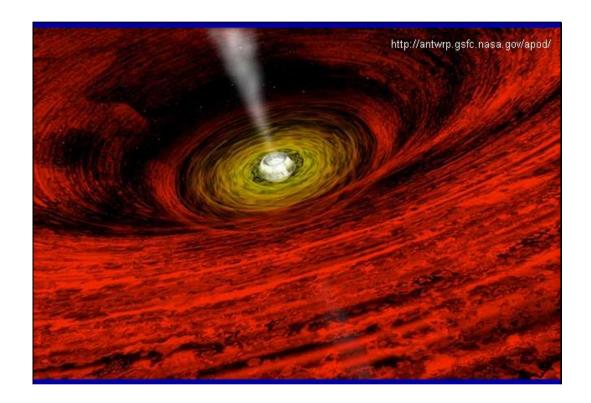
COURSES







Course Fundamentals of Nonclassical Physics Year : First Semester : Fall Staff Lectures : Prof. Lectoral Drska Laboratory : Petr Adamek Course Meeting Times Lectures : 2 hours/week Laboratory : 2 hours/week



Course Description

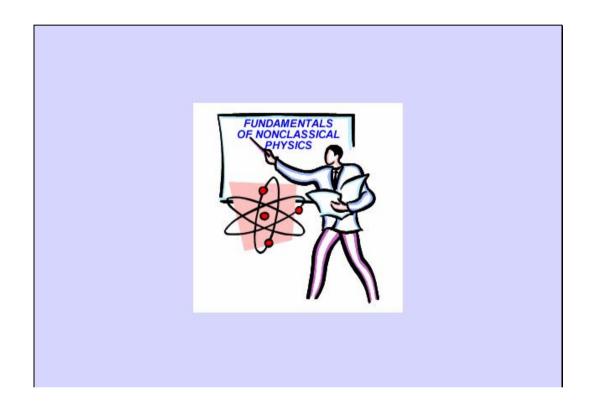
Course Prerequisites

It is assumed that the student is acquainted with the standard classical physics topics in mechanics, waves, thermodynamics, and electrodynamics, the first two being particularly important.

Some preliminary knowledge of modern physics concepts, including blackbody radiation, the Bohr atom and spectra, and wave-particle duality, could be helpful, but not necessary.

Regarding the math prerequisites, some familiarity with partial derivatives is assumed, use is made of complex numbers, basic understanding of differential equations is necessary.

Appropriate skills for individual work in a computational laboratory and using e-documents are vital for the course, some knowledge of numerical methods and programming could help.



Course Outline (1)

- 1. Introduction: Non-Classical Physics (Lecture 1)
- 2. Contemporary Physics : Methods (Lecture 2 3)
- 2.1 Integrated Computing Systems. Intensive Computing.
- 2.2 Simulation Methods. Computerized Experiments.
- 2.3 Facultative: ICS Fundamentals. Intensive Computing.
- 3. Microworld: Quantum Systems (Lecture 4 6)
- 3.1 Quantum Physics Concepts. Schroedinger Equation.
- 3.2. Visual Quantum Mechanics. Unbound States.
- 3.3 Bound States. 3D Systems, H-like / High-Z Atoms.
- 3.4 Facultative: Lasers. Quantum Computing.

TEST 1: Chap. 2 - 3. MICROPROJECT: Submission

Course Outline (2)

- 4. Megaworld: Relativistic Systems (Lecture 7 8)
- 4.1 Special Relativity Concepts. Relativistic Kinematics.
- 4.2 Relativistic Dynamics. General Relativity Outline.
- 4.3 Facultative: Particle Accelerators. Relativistic Astrophysics.
- 5. Real World: Real / Complex Systems (Lecture 9 11)
- 5.1 Real Physics Concepts. Physical Kinetics.
- 5.2 Particle Simulation. Algorithmic Physics.
- 5.3 Nonlinear Physics. Strongly-Coupled Systems.
- 5.4 Facultative: Plasma. High Energy Density Systems.

TEST 2: Chap. 4 - 5. MICROPROJECT: Evaluation.

- 6. Conclusion: Postmodern Physics (Lecture 12)
- 7. References: Texts / Webpages



Course Features

The course is presented in *Twin-Learning Mode* (class-room teaching + e-learning), substantial part of the course is delivered in a computational laboratory, active participation of the students in the education process is a must. *Learning-by-doing* will be the fundamental teaching strategy.

Exams: There will be two tests / quizes given through class period. Elaboration of an individual computer-based project is required. The course will be passed by project presentation and final exam. Grading: The quizes will be weighted 15 % each (30 % total), project elaboration and presentation 40 %, final exam 30 %.



Useful Preparative Reading and Tests

Hey T., Walters P.:

TheNew Quantum Universe. 2nd Ed.

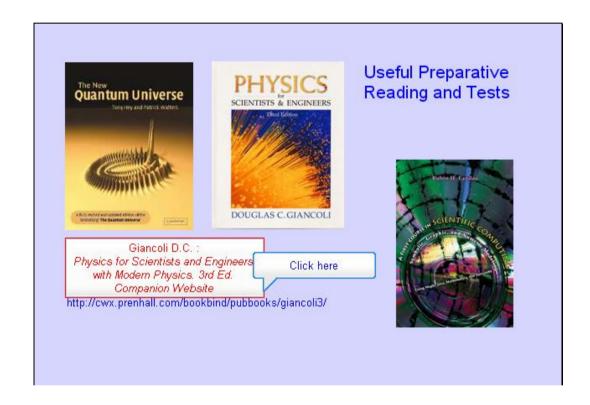
Cambridge University Press 2003. ISBN 0521564573

Giancoli D.C.:

Physics for Scientists and Engineers with Modern Physics. 3rd Ed. Prentice Hall 2000. ISBN 0130215171

Landau R. H.:

A First Course in Scientific Computing. Princeton University Press 2005. ISBN 0691121834



Alternate Textbooks

Krane R.: Modern Physics. 2nd Ed. Wiley 1996. ISBN 0471828726

Harris R.: Nonclassical Physics: Beyond Newton's View. Addison Wesley 1998. ISBN 0201834367

Thornton S.T., Rex A.:

Modern Physics for Scientists and Engineers. 3rd Ed.
Brooks Cole 2005. ISBN 0534417817

