

Module description

Module title					Abbreviation
Theoretical Solid State Physics					11-TFK-Int-201-m01
Module coordinator				Module offered by	
Managing Director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics				Faculty of Physics and Astronomy	
ECTS	Method of grading		Only after succ. compl. of module(s)		
8	numerical grade				
Duration		Module level	Other prerequisites		
1 semester		graduate	-		
Contents					

The contents of this two-term course will depend on the choice of the lecturer, and may include parts of the syllabus which could alternatively be offered as "Quantum Many Body Physics" (11-QVTP).

A possible syllabus may be:

- 1. Band structure (Sommerfeld theory of metals, Bloch theorem, k.p approach and effective Hamiltonians for topological insulators (TIs), bulk-surface correspondence, general properties of TIs)
- 2. Electron-electron interactions in solids (path integral method for weakly interacting fermions, mean field theory, random phase approximation (RPA), density functional theory)
- 3. Application of mean field theory and the RPA to magnetism
- 4. BCS theory of superconductivity

Intended learning outcomes

In-depth knowledge of the topics listed above. In-depth understanding of the concepts involved and ability to apply the methods listed. This provides a thorough working knowledge of a large number of topics treated in the standard textbooks on theoretical solid state physics.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

V(4) + R(2)

Module taught in: English

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

a) written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or d) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or e) presentation/talk (approx. 30 minutes).

If a written examination was chosen as method of assessment, this may be changed and assessment may instead take the form of an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups. If the method of assessment is changed, the lecturer must inform students about this by four weeks prior to the original examination date at the latest.

Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered and in the subsequent semester Language of assessment: English

Allocation of places

Additional information

Workload

240 h

Teaching cycle

Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)



Module description

Module appears in

Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2020)

Master's degree (1 major) Quantum Engineering (2020)

exchange program Physics (2023)

Master's degree (1 major) Quantum Engineering (2024)

Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2024)

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