

PHYS-454

**Quantum optics and quantum information**

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Electrical and Electronical Engineering	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Ing.-phys	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Minor in Quantum Science and Engineering	E	Opt.
Photonics minor	E	Opt.
Photonics		Opt.
Physicien	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Physics		Opt.
Quantum Science and Engineering	MA2	Opt.

Language of teaching	English
Credits	6
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Written
Workload	180h
Weeks	14
<b>Hours</b>	<b>4 weekly</b>
Courses	2 weekly
Exercises	2 weekly
<b>Number of positions</b>	

**Summary**

This lecture describes advanced concepts and applications of quantum optics. It emphasizes the connection with ongoing research, and with the fast growing field of quantum technologies. The topics cover some aspects of quantum information processing, quantum sensing and quantum simulation.

**Content****1. Introduction**

Review of two-level systems and harmonic oscillators.

**2. Entanglement, decoherence and measurements**

Density matrix of bipartite systems, entanglement, entanglement entropy, generalized measurements, system-meter description and POVMs, completely positive maps and Kraus theorem, quantum channels

**3. Open quantum systems**

Lindblad master equation, fundamental examples: Optical Bloch equations, damped harmonic oscillator

**4. Mechanical effects of light and laser cooling**

Motional effects on light-matter interactions, Doppler and recoil shifts, semi-classical forces on the two-level atom, Doppler cooling and magneto-optical traps, sideband cooling.

**5 - 6. Two topics chosen among:**

- Trapped ions quantum logic
- Rydberg quantum logic
- Collective effects in light-matter interactions and quantum metrology
- Digital and analogue quantum simulation

**Keywords**

Quantum technology, quantum computing, quantum simulation, quantum optics, laser cooling, quantum measurement, quantum electrodynamics, quantum devices

**Learning Prerequisites****Required courses**

Quantum Electrodynamics and quantum optics (Fall semester) or equivalent (see prerequisites below).

**Recommended courses**

Solid state physics, Statistical physics

**Important concepts to start the course**

Good understanding of the two-level system and the harmonic oscillator in quantum mechanics, unitary transformations, canonical quantization of the electromagnetic field

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, the student must be able to:

- Perform calculations relevant to quantum optics
- Explore the scientific literature in quantum optics and quantum information

### Transversal skills

- Make an oral presentation.
- Use both general and domain specific IT resources and tools

### Teaching methods

Video lectures, tutorials and exercise solved in the class, computer simulations. Mini-conferences with student presentations of research papers.

### Expected student activities

Weekly problem sheet solving, paper reading and presentation

### Assessment methods

Written examination

### Resources

#### Bibliography

For a review of the basics of quantum optics

- Grynberg, Aspect and Fabre, *Introduction to Quantum Optics*

Core literature for the course

- Haroche, Raimond, *Exploring the quantum*
- Chuang, Nielsen, *Quantum Computation and Quantum Information*
- Cohen-Tannoudji, Guéry-Odelin, *Advances in Atomic Physics*

Further bibliographic elements on specific topics during the lectures and as exercises.

#### Ressources en bibliothèque

- Grynberg, Aspect and Fabre, [Introduction to Quantum Optics](#)
- Haroche, Raimond, [Exploring the quantum](#)
- Chuang, Nielsen, [Quantum Computation and Quantum Information](#)
- Cohen-Tannoudji, Dupont-Roc, Grynberg, [Atom-Photon Interactions](#)

#### Moodle Link

- <https://go.epfl.ch/PHYS-454>

### Prerequisite for

Specialization and Master projects in quantum optics, ultra-cold atoms, cavity quantum-electrodynamics