

# PHYS-462 Quantum transport in mesoscopic systems

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Cursus	Sem.	Type
Ingphys	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Minor in Quantum Science and Engineering	Е	Opt.
Physicien	MA2, MA4	Opt.
Quantum Science and Engineering	MA2, MA4	Opt.

Language of	English
teaching	
Credits	4
Session	Summer
Semester	Spring
Exam	Oral
Workload	120h
Weeks	14
Hours	4 weekly
Lecture	2 weekly
Exercises	2 weekly
Number of	
positions	

### **Summary**

This course will focus on the electron transport in semiconductors, with emphasis on the mesoscopic systems. The aim is to understand the transport of electrons in low dimensional systems, where even particles with statistics different than fermions and bosons will be discussed.

#### Content

- 1. Preliminary concepts in Condensed matter physics
- 2. Landauer-Buttiker formalism in one dimensional channel
- 3. IQHE, Basics, Classical Hall effect
- 4. FQHE, Review of IQHE
- 5. Berry Phase
- 6. Recent/Relevant experimental works in Graphene
- 7. Recent/Relevant advancements in the field

#### **Learning Prerequisites**

### Required courses

Introduction to Solid state physics

### Important concepts to start the course

Electronic transport, superconductivity

### **Learning Outcomes**

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

• Develop basic understanding of quantum phenomenon in the mesoscopic devices and current state of the art experimental works in related fields

#### **Assessment methods**

oral exam during the exam session

#### Resources

#### **Bibliography**

Electronic transport in mesoscopic system by Supriyo Datta



# and current research papers on related topics

# Ressources en bibliothèque

• Electronic transport in mesoscopic system / Datta

Notes/Handbook Lecture notes

## **Moodle Link**

• https://go.epfl.ch/PHYS-462