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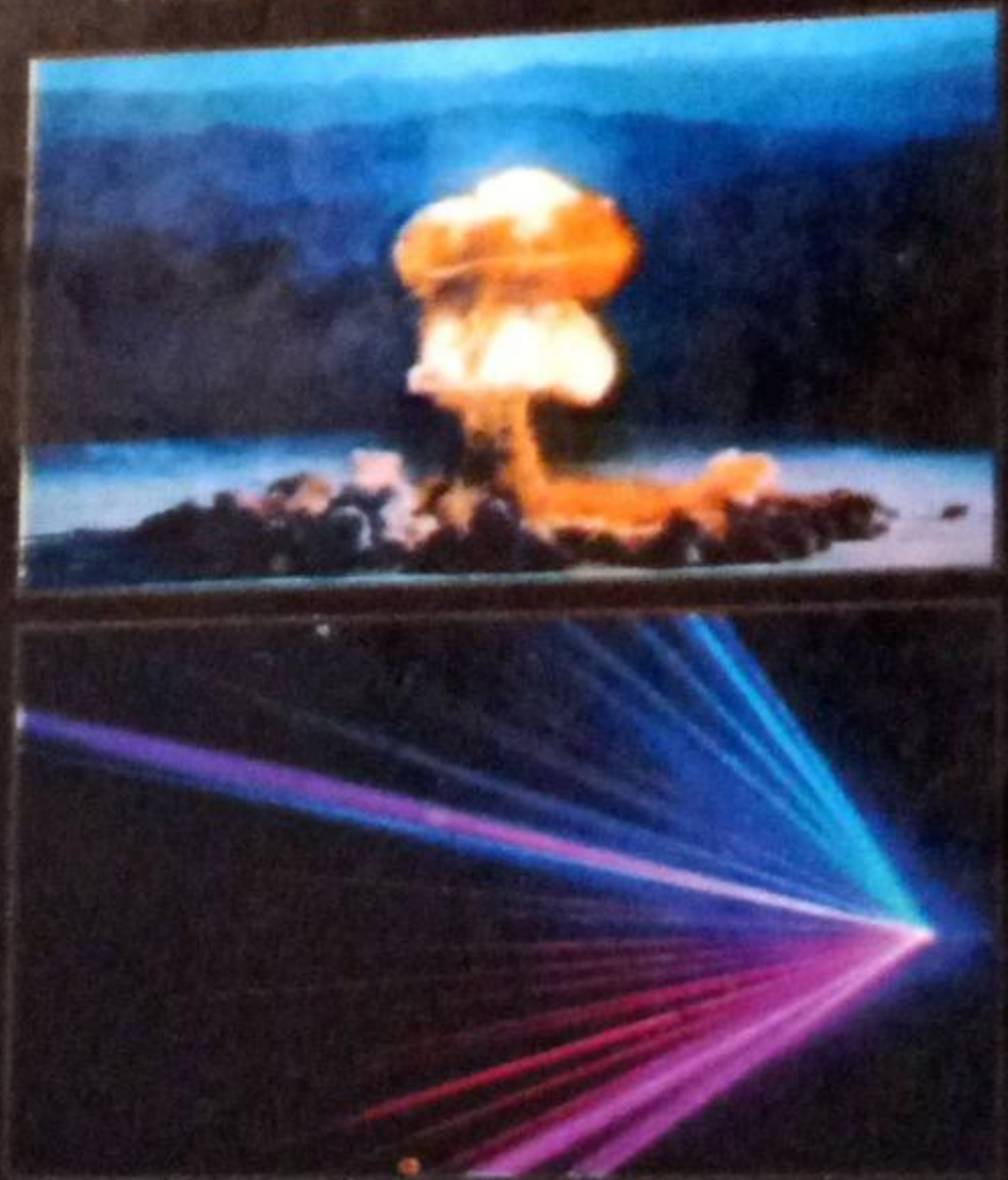
# Quantum, Laser and Nuclear Physics

PAPER - IX : QUANTUM AND LASER PHYSICS

PAPER - X : NUCLEAR PHYSICS

B.Sc. PART-III SEMESTER-V (K.U./C.D.L.U.)

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# Syllabus

B.Sc. Part-III Physics (K.U.)

**SEMESTER-V**

Physics (PH-501)

## PAPER-IX : QUANTUM AND LASER PHYSICS

Max. Marks : 40  
Internal Assessment : 10  
Time : 3 Hrs.

### NOTE

1. Nine Questions will be set in total.
2. Questions number 1 will be compulsory and will be based on the conceptual aspects of entire syllabus. This question may have five parts and the answer should be in brief but not in Yes/No.
3. Four more questions are to be attempted, selecting one question out of two questions set from each unit. Each question may contain two or more parts.
4. 20% numerical problems are to be set.
5. Use of scientific (non-programmable) calculator is allowed.

### UNIT - I

#### Origin of quantum physics (Experimental basis)

Overview : scale of quantum physics, boundary between classical and quantum phenomena. Photon, Photoelectric effect. Compton effect (theory and result)., Frank-Hertz experiment, de-Broglie hypothesis. Davison and Germer experiment, G.P. Thomson experiment. Phase velocity, group velocity and their relation. Heisenberg's uncertainty principle. Time energy and angular momentum, position uncertainty. Uncertainty principle from de Broglie wave. (Wave-particle duality). Gamma Ray Microscope. Electron diffraction from a slit. Derivation of 1-D time-dependent Schrodinger wave equation (subject to force, free particle). Time independent Schrodinger wave equation, eigen values, eigen functions, wave functions and its significance. Orthogonality and Normalization of function, concept of observer and operator. Expectation values of dynamical quantities probability current density.

## UNIT - II

### Application of Schrodinger wave equation :

- (i) Free particle in one-dimensional box (solution of Schrodinger wave equation eigen functions, eigen values, quantization of energy and momentum, nodes and anti nodes, zero point energy).
- (ii) One dimensional step potential  $E > V_0$  (Reflection and Transmission coefficient).
- (iii) One dimensional step potential  $E < V_0$  (penetration depth calculation).
- (iv) One dimensional potential barrier,  $E > V_0$  (Reflection and Transmission coefficient).
- (v) One dimensional potential barrier,  $E < V_0$  (penetration or tunneling coefficient).
- (vi) Solution of Schrodinger equation for harmonic oscillator (quantization of energy. Zero-point energy, wave equation for ground state and excited states).

## UNIT - III

### Laser Physics - I

Absorption and emission of radiation. Main features of a laser : Directionality, high intensity, high degree of coherence, spatial and temporal coherence. Einstein's coefficients and possibility of amplification, momentum transfer, life time of a level, kinetics of optical absorption (two and three level rate equation. Fuchbauer landerburg formula), population inversion : A necessary condition for light amplification, resonance cavity, laser pumping. Threshold condition for laser emission, line broadening mechanism, homogeneous and inhomogeneous line broadening (natural, collision and Doppler broadening).

## UNIT - IV

### Laser Physics - II

- [ He-Ne laser and RUBY laser (Principle, Construction and working). Optical properties of semiconductor, Semiconductor laser (Principle, Construction and working). Applications of lasers in the field of medicine and industry.

## Paper – X : Nuclear Physics

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Internal Assessment : 1  
Time : 3 hours

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### Unit-I : Nuclear Structure and Properties of Nuclei

Nuclear composition (p-n and p-n hypotheses), Nuclear properties, Nuclear size, spin, parity, statistics, magnetic dipole moment, quadrupole moment (shape concept), Determination of mass by Bain-Bridge, Bain-Bridge and Jordan mass spectrograph. Determination of charge by Mosely Law. Determination of size of nuclei by Rutherford Back Scattering, mass and binding energy, systematic of nuclear binding energy, nuclear stability.

### Unit-II : Nuclear Radiation decay Processes

Alpha-decay and its theory. Energetics of alpha-decay, Origin of continuous beta spectrum (neutrino hypothesis), types of beta-decay and energetics of beta-decay. Nature of gamma rays, Energetics of gamma rays.

#### Radiation interaction

Interaction of heavy charged particles (Alpha particles); Energy loss of heavy charged particle (idea of Bethe formula, no derivation), Range and straggling of alpha particles. Geiger-Nuttall law. Interaction of light charged particle (Beta-particle), Energy loss of beta-particles (ionization), Range of electrons, absorption of beta-particles. Interaction of Gamma Ray; Passage of Gamma radiation through matter (Photoelectric, Compton and pair production effect) electron-positron annihilation. Absorption of Gamma rays (Mass attenuation coefficient) and its applications.

### **Unit-III : Nuclear Accelerators**

Linear accelerator, Tandem accelerator, Cyclotron and Betatron accelerations.

### **Nuclear Radiation Detectors.**

Gas filled counters; Ionization chamber, proportional counter, G.M. Counter (detailed study), Scintillation counter and semiconductor detector.

### **Unit-IV : Nuclear reactions.**

Nuclear reactions, Elastic scattering, Inelastic scattering, Nuclear disintegration, Photonuclear reaction, Radiative capture, Direct reaction, Heavy ion reactions and spallation Reactions. Conservation law, Q-value and reaction threshold.

### **Nuclear Reactors.**

Nuclear Reactors, General aspects of Reactor Design. Nuclear fission and fusion reactors, (Principle, construction, working and use).

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