# • PHSGCOR03T - Thermal Physics and Statistical Mechanics

# Thermal Physics and Statistical Mechanics 60 Lectures 4 Credits

## Laws of Thermodynamics

## **22 Lectures**

Thermodynamic Description of system: Zeroth Law of thermodynamics and temperature. First law and internal energy, conversion of heat into work, Various Thermodynamical Processes, Applications of First Law: General Relation between CP and CV, Work Done during Isothermal and Adiabatic Processes, Compressibility and Expansion Coefficient, Reversible and irreversible processes, Second law and Entropy, Carnot's cycle & theorem, Entropy changes in reversible & irreversible processes, Entropy-temperature diagrams, Third law of thermodynamics, Unattainability of absolute zero.

# **Thermodynamic Potentials**

#### 10 Lectures

Enthalpy, Gibbs, Helmholtz and Internal Energy functions, Maxwell's relations and applications - Joule-Thompson Effect, Clausius- Clapeyron Equation, Expression for (CP – CV), CP/CV, TdS equations.

## **Kinetic Theory of Gases**

#### 10 Lectures

Derivation of Maxwell's law of distribution of velocities and its experimental verification, Mean free path (Zeroth Order), Transport Phenomena: Viscosity, Conduction and Diffusion (for vertical case), Law of equipartition of energy (no derivation) and its applications to specific heat of gases; mono-atomic and diatomic gases.

#### **Theory of Radiation**

## 6 Lectures

Blackbody radiation, Spectral distribution, Concept of Energy Density, Derivation of Planck's law, Deduction of Wien's distribution law, Rayleigh- Jeans Law, Stefan Boltzmann Law and Wien's displacement law from Planck's law.

# **Statistical Mechanics**

# 12 Lectures

Phase space, Macrostate and Microstate, Entropy and Thermodynamic probability, Maxwell-Boltzmann law - distribution of velocity - Quantum statistics (qualitative discussion only) - Fermi-Dirac distribution law (statement only) - electron gas as an example of Fermi gas - Bose-Einstein distribution law (statement only) - photon gas as an example of Bose gas- comparison of three statistics.

## **Reference Books**

Concepts in Thermal Physics, S.J. Blundell and K.M. Blundell, 2nd Ed., 2012, Oxford Univ Press.

- Thermal Physics, S. Garg, R. Bansal and C. Ghosh, 1993, Tata McGraw-Hill.
- A Treatise on Heat, Meghnad Saha, and B.N. Srivastava, 1969, Indian Press.
- Thermodynamics, Enrico Fermi, 1956, Courier Dover Publications.
- Heat and Thermodynamics, M.W.Zemasky and R. Dittman, 1981, McGraw Hill
- Thermodynamics, Kinetic theory & Statistical thermodynamics, F.W.Sears and
- G.L. Salinger. 1988, Narosa
- University Physics, Ronald Lane Reese, 2003, Thomson Brooks/Cole.
- Thermal Physics, A. Kumar and S.P. Taneja, 2014, R. chand Publications.

# • PHSGCOR03P – Thermal Physics and Statistical Lab

Thermal Physics and Statistical	
60 class hours	2 Credits

## **List of Practical**

- 1. Verification of Stefan's law using a torch bulb.
- **2.** To determine the Coefficient of Thermal Conductivity of a bad conductor by Lee and Charlton's disc method.
- **3.** To determine the Temperature Coefficient of Resistance by Platinum Resistance Thermometer (PRT).using constant current source
- **4.** To study the variation of Thermo-Emf of a Thermocouple with Difference of Temperature of its Two Junctions.
- **5.** To calibrate a thermocouple to measure temperature in a specified Range by Null Method using a potentiometer.
- **6.** To calibrate a thermocouple to measure temperature in a specified Range by direct measurement using Op-Amp differential amplifier and to determine Neutral Temperature
- **7.** Measurement of unknown temperature using Diode sensor.
- 8. To determine Mechanical Equivalent of Heat, J, by Callender and Barne's constant flow method.
- 9. To determine the Coefficient of Thermal Conductivity of Cu by Searle's Apparatus.
- 10. To determine the Coefficient of Thermal Conductivity of Cu by Angstrom's Method.

# Reference Books

- Advanced Practical Physics for students, B.L.Flint & H.T.Worsnop, 1971, Asia Publishing House.
- Advanced level Physics Practicals, Michael Nelson and Jon M. Ogborn, 4th Edition, reprinted 1985, Heinemann Educational Publishers
- A Text Book of Practical Physics, Indu Prakash and Ramakrishna, 11th Edition, 2011, Kitab Mahal, New Delhi.
- A Laboratory Manual of Physics for Undergraduate Classes, D.P. Khandelwal, 1985, Vani Publication.