

Atoms and molecules

5 credits

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30.0 h + 22.5 h

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Language :	French			
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve			
Prerequisites	LPHY1222, LPHY1322 The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.			
Main themes	Atomic and molecular physics introductory course			
Aims	 a. Course contribution to the LO reference framework (programme LO) LO1: 1.1, 1.4, 1.7 LO2: 2.3, 2.4 LO3: 3.2, 3.4 LO4:4.1. LO5:5.1. b. Specific formulation of programme LOs for this course At the end of this course, the student will be able: 1. To establish the electronic structure of an atom, in particular the terms and configurations. 2. To describe and apply the basic principles of atomic spectroscopy, including the selection rules. 3. To describe the Hartree-Fock method and configuration interaction, and apply them to the numerical calculation of binding energies and dipole matrix elements. 4. To correctly manipulate atomic databases in order to extract transition frequencies, lifetimes and branching fractions. 5. To describe the fundamental concepts in molecular physics, in particular the quantum description of molecular systems with the help of corresponding molecular Hamiltonians and Schrödinger's equations (dependent on and independent of time). 6. To interpret the various representations of these equations and discuss the approximate solutions, in particular the adiabatic and diabatic representations and spectral analysis models. 8. To describe the electronic structure, vibrations and rotations of diatomic molecules. 9. To describe and apply the basic principles of rotation, vibration and electronic spectroscopy of diatomic molecules, including the bases for the selection rules. 			
Evaluation methods	Written exams, closed questions, short or long developments. Solving problems with a numerical result			
Teaching methods	Lectures, exercise sessions, software use, consultation of databases.			
Content	First section: atomic physics - Method: the structure of atoms and ions will be explained on the basis of a brief overview of the consequences of quantum mechanics and spectroscopy Hydrogen-like systems, quantum defect - Systems with many electrons: Hartree-Fock method - Central field and corrections, coupling schemes, isoelectronic series Second section: molecular physics - The Born-Oppenheimer approximation; separation of coordinates - Electronic states; molecular and atomic orbitals - Vibrational and rotational states - Diatomic molecule symmetries - Correlation diagrams - Radiative transitions; selection rules			
Faculty or entity in charge	PHYS			

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)					
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims	
Bachelor in Physics	PHYS1BA	5	LPHYS1241	٩	
Minor in Physics	LPHYS100I	5		٩	