GENERIC ELECTIVE (GE – 18): PHYSICS OF DETECTORS

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite of the course	Department offering the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical			
Physics of Detectors GE – 18	4	3	1	0	Appeared in previous Semester	GE Modern Physics of this course or its equivalent	Physics and Astrophysics

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

A detector is necessary for every physical measurement, and experimental physicists must be proficient in detector physics. The course will provide an overview of radiation and particle detectors, as well as how to use them in various experimental physics settings and application fields. The course covers the theory of detectors, their design and operation including electronic readoutsystems and signal processing. The fundamental physics processes for detecting radiation and particles are covered in the course, which include the photoelectric effect, Compton scattering, pair creation, excitation, ionization, bremsstrahlung, Cherenkov radiation, nuclear reactions, and secondary emissions.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

After completion of this course, studentsare expected to be able to,

- Understand the different types underlying fundamental physical processes for the detection of radiation and particles
- Acquire knowledge of design principles and characteristics of different types of detector
- Acquire knowledge of electronic readout systems and signal processing
- Assess the applicability of different types of detectors and detector systems in various fields of physics and applied sciences.

SYLLABUS OF GE - 18

THEORY COMPONENT

Unit – I **(12 Hours)**

Interaction of Radiation with matter: Interaction of radiation with matter (e.m. charged particles); detection of charged particles in magnetic field and measurement of charge to mass ratio; energy loss due to ionization (Bethe-Block formula), energy loss of electrons, Cerenkov radiation;gamma ray interaction through matter (photoelectric effect, Compton scattering, pair production); Dependence of electron and photon energy spectrum on materials (increasing Z); neutron interaction with matter

Unit – II **(8 Hours)**

Introduction to detectors: Basic principle of detector operation and its modes of operation, pulse height spectra, various detector performance parameters: response time, energy resolution, fano factor, efficiency: intrinsic and extrinsic, dead time.

Unit – III **(16 Hours)**

Detectors:

Gas detectors: Detector gases, gas detector characteristics, different types of detectors: gas filled ionization detectors (ionization chamber), bubble and cloud chambers, proportional counters, multi wire proportional counters (MWPC), Geiger Mueller (GM) counters and avalanche counters, gaseous multiplication detector.

Scintillation detectors: General characteristics, organic scintillators (anthraceneandplastic), inorganic crystals (NaI(Tl), CsI(Tl)), Charge Coupled Devices (CCD)

Photomultipliers: Basic construction and operation, time response and resolution, noise, gain stability;scintillation counter operation

Semiconductor detectors: Doped semiconductors, np semiconductor junction, depletion depth, detector characteristics of semiconductors. silicon and germanium detectors

Neutron detectors (gas-filled, scintillation, and semiconducting): slow and fast neutron detectors

Bolometric detectors: Working principle, characteristics and use of infrared detectors

Unit - IV **(5 Hours)**

Electronics, signal processing and techniques for data acquisition and analysis: Basic idea of analog and digital signal processing, noise and its types;instrumentation standards for nuclear instruments: NIM, ECL; TTL standards

Data acquisition system: VME and Digital pulse processing system.

Unit - V **(4 Hours)**

Application of detectors: for particle physics experiments, for nuclear physics, for astrophysics and cosmology, medical physics and imaging, by giving two examples each.

References:

Essential Readings:

1) Radiation detection and measurement, G. F. Knoll, 2010, John Wiley and Sons
2) Principles of radiation interaction in matter and detection, C. Leroy and P.G. Rancoita, 3rd edition, 2011, World Scientific
3) Techniques for Nuclear and Particle Physics experiments, W. R. Leo, 1994, Springer
4) Nuclear Radiation Detectors, S. S. Kapoor and V. S. Ramamurthy, 1st edition, John Wiley and Sons.
5) Physics and Engineering of Radiation Detection, S. N. Ahmed, 2007, Academic Press Elsevier
6) Semiconductor detectors: New developments, E. Gatti and P. Rehak, 2002, Springer

Additional Readings:

1) Radiation Detection for Nuclear Physics Methods and industrial applications, D. Jenkins
2) Advanced Nuclear Radiation Detectors Materials, processing, properties and applications, A. K.Batra, IOP Publishing
3) Measurement and Detection of Radiation, N.Tsoulfanidiset al., 4th edition, T and F CRC
4) Principles of nuclear radiation detection, G. G. Eichholz and J. W. Poston, CRC
5) Introduction to Nuclear Radiation Detectors: 2, Laboratory Instrumentation and Techniques, P. Ouseph, Springer
6) Detectors for Particle Radiation, K.Kleinknecht, Cambridge
7) Particle Detectors, C.Grupen, Cambridge
8) Handbook of Particle Detection and Imaging, C.Grupen and I. Buvat