



# UNIVERSITÀ DI PISA

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## QUANTUM AND CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS

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### Obiettivi di apprendimento

#### *Conoscenze*

Become familiar with the basic concepts of quantum mechanics and learn how to make use of the Schroedinger equation. Use these tools for an elementary microscopic description of the properties of atoms, molecules and solids.

#### Prerequisiti (conoscenze iniziali)

General physics and calculus.

#### Programma (contenuti dell'insegnamento)

##### 1. *Introduction to quantum mechanics*

Waves and particles. Wave-particle duality and uncertainty principle. Wave function. Schroedinger equation and stationary states. Expectation values. Examples: potential well and harmonic oscillator. Transition probability and selection rules.

##### 2. *Atomic physics*

First atomic models and their shortcomings. Hydrogen atom: energy spectrum, angular momentum and eigenfunctions. Electron spin. Pauli exclusion principle. Helium atom, singlet and triplet states. Many-electron atoms, periodic system of elements. Atomic spectroscopy.

##### 3. *Molecular physics*

The ionized hydrogen molecule. The hydrogen molecule. Homonuclear and heteronuclear diatomic molecules. Polyatomic molecules. Molecular vibrations. Molecular Spectroscopy.

##### 4. *Solid state physics*

Structure of liquids, amorphous solids and crystals. X-ray diffraction. Types of crystals: molecular, ionic, covalent and metallic. Boltzmann distribution, equipartition of energy. Quantum statistics: bosons and fermions. Phonons and specific heat of solids. Free electron model of metals: electrical conductivity and specific heat. Bloch functions and electronic bands.

#### Bibliografia e materiale didattico

hand-out notes

Alonso-Finn: "Fundamental university physics, vol. 3: quantum and statistical physics"

Landshoff-Metherell-Rees: "Essential Quantum Physics", Cambridge

Kittel: "Introduction to Solid State Physics", Wiley

#### Indicazioni per non frequentanti

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#### Modalità d'esame

oral exam

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