Study programmes: BACHELOR STUDIES – Astronomy and Astrophysics

Course name: Statistical Physics 2

Lecturers: Milan Knežević and other lecturers

Status:Optional

ECTS: 5

Attendance prerequisites: Mathematics 4.

Course aims: Learn the main concepts, laws and methods of equilibrium statistical physics.

Course outcome: Students will be able to apply the acquired knowledge and methods in studies of equilibrium many-body systems.

Course content:

Central limit theorem of probability theory; stable distributions; Levy distributions. Entropy of a distribution (Shannon entropy). Relative entropy of one distribution with respect to another one. Foundation of classical statistical physics; Liouville's equation. Elements of ergodic theories. Gibbs concept of statistical enesemble. Distributions for systems described by microcanonical, canonical and grand canonical enesembles; applications to ideal systems. Fluctuations of macroscopic quantities in canonical and grand canonical ensemble. Quantum statistics of identical particles; average occupation numbers for idel bose and fermi particles. Low-temperature thermodynamics of ideal fermions. Bose-Einstein condensation. Statistics of photon gas. Classical real gases; virial expansion. Density-density correlation functions. Models of magnetisme. Ising model; exact and mean-field analysis.

Literature:

- 1. R. Patria, Statistical mechanics, 2nd ed. Butterworth-Heinemann (1996)
- 2. F. Schwabl, Statistical mechanics, 2nd ed. Springer-Verlag (2006)
- 3. M. Kardar, Statistical physics of particles, Cambridge University Press (2007)
- 4. R. Kubo, Statistica physics, North-Holland (1965)
- 5. M.Knežević, Lecture notes

Number of hours: 4	Lectures: 2	Tutorials: 2	Laboratory: -	Research: -
Teaching and learning	methods:			

Lectures, example exercises, consultations, homework assignments

Assessment (maximal 100 points)					
Course assignments	points	Final exam	points		
Lectures	-	Written exam	30		
Exercises / Tutorials	10	Oral exam	50		
Colloquia	-	Written-oral exam	-		
Essay / Project	10				