PHYS – E0463: Fusion Energy Technology

Preface and course layout



Course objectives

- Introduction into thermonuclear fusion, principle, and concepts, and technology
- Advanced courses have been / will be given as special lecture series, e.g.,
 - Plasma stability
 - Transport
 - Scrape-off layer physics (2018)
 - Gyrokinetic theory (2017)
- Introduction to plasma physics (PHYS-E0561) in fall and advanced plasma physics course (PHYS-E0566) held in winter/spring



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- Duration: weeks 2 14 (Jan 11 Apr 11, 2021),
 - Note, week 8 (Feb 22-26, 2021) is a midterm (evaluation week), no lectures nor exercise class
 - Note, Apr 5, 2021 is a public holiday (Easter Monday)
- (Regular) lectures: Monday 14:15-16:00 o'clock
 - Zoom: https://aalto.zoom.us/j/68644286347
- (Regular) exercises: Wednesday 10:15-12:00 o'clock
 - Zoom: https://aalto.zoom.us/j/66233604247
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Course material (e.g., lecture notes) on MyCourses:

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Aalto Fusion and Plasma Physics group:

https://www.aalto.fi/en/department-of-applied-physics/fusion-and-plasma-physics/

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5 credits:

- No points for attending lectures
- 75% for attending the exercise classes and completing the exercises
- 25% for the (final) exams ⇒ provisionally, oral exams during week 15
 (April 12 16, 2021); pairs of two students, Q&A for 30 mins

Course curriculum

- Long-term role of fusion in meeting future energy needs
- Fusion principles and concepts
- Tokamaks, stellarators and laser facilities
- Heating systems and diagnostics
- Plasma-wall interaction and fusion materials
- Fuel cycle
- Future fusion reactors: ITER and DEMO

Course material

- Kikuchi, Lackner, Tran: "Fusion Physics" (2012)
 www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/Publications/PDF/Pub1562 web.pdf
- Wesson: "Tokamaks" (4th edition 2011)
- Dolan: "Magnetic Fusion Technology" (2014)
- Stacey: "Introduction to the Physics and Technology of Magnetic Confinement Fusion" (2010)
- Stangeby: "The Plasma Boundary in magnetic fusion devices"
 (2000)
- Duderstadt, Moses: "Inertial confinement fusion" (1982)
- Material from plasma physics summer schools
- Various review papers on fusion

