Level: bachelor

Course title: Physics of ionized gases

Status: obligatory/elective

ECTS: 6

Requirements: Basic electronics, Atomic physics

Learning objectives

To introduce students to the processes in ionized gases and plasmas.

Learning outcomes

After completion of the course, students should have developed:

- General skills: reading professional literature, gained experience and knowledge to set new experiments applicable in electronics, atomic physics, in physics of new materials etc.
- Specific skills: students gain knowledge of elementary processes in ionized gases and plasmas. Based on this knowledge, students become familiar with the broad application of ionized gas.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

The formation of ions in the gas. Kinetics of elementary processes. The degree of ionization and the principle of detailed balance. The movement of charged particles in the gas. Non-sustained discharges. Townsend's zones. Self-sustained discharges. Glow discharge, corona, arc discharge, spark and high-frequency discharge. Application of electrical gas discharges. The main characteristics of the plasma.

Practical instruction

The exercises that follow the content of lectures: Check of Paschen's law. The determination of work function. The determination of volt ampere arc characteristic. Determining the distribution of glow discharge potential.

Weekly teaching load				Other:
Lectures:	Exercises:	Other forms of	Student research:	
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