Lasers Physics (3 ECTS)

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This course presents the basics of matter-radiation interaction and introduces the optical gain processes that enable the laser effect. The operating principles of lasers are explained and illustrated by examples of high-performance lasers used in spectroscopy and metrology.

Contents:

- gaussian modes
- optical resonnant cavity, electromagnetic field loop condition cw laser, spectral behaviour, modes and emission frequencies, linewidth.
- dynamics of laser: lifetime of the field in the cavity, damping of the cavity, relaxation oscillation, Q-switch laser, modes locked laser
- different kinds of lasers