

# **Introduction to quantum mechanics and some applications**

**Thursday 8 May 2025 - Thursday 26 June 2025**

## **Scientific Programme**

**Course 1: May 8, 2025** - Historical introduction to quantum mechanics.

**Course 2: May 15, 2025** - Quantum states for quantum computation, the qubit, single qubit quantum gates. The Bloch sphere.

**Course 3: May 22, 2025** - Entanglement, two qubits, Bell's inequalities, Bell states and Bell state measurements. Maybe: quantum teleportation.

**Seminar 1:** Single and two qubit exercises. Quantum gates, Bell states.

**Course 4: June 5, 2025** - Quantum communications. The no-cloning theorem. The BB84 protocol. (The E91 protocol. - if time allows)

**Course 5: June 12, 2025** - Introduction to quantum optics. Single photon states. The beam splitter.

**Course 6: June 19, 2025** - The HOM effect. The Mach-Zehnder interferometer. Maybe Coherent states, squeezed vacuum.

**Course 7: June 26, 2025 final session** - Q&A/discussions/exercises