Standard Model: Fundamentals and Phenomenology

Code: 42864
ECTS Credits: 9

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Use of languages

Principal working language: english (eng)

Prerequisites

It is recommended to have followed the courses Introduction to the Physics of the Cosmos and Introduction to Quantum Field Theory.

Objectives and Contextualisation

The main purpose of this course is to give an overview of the Standard Model of particle physics starting from the fundamentals and finishing with the phenomenology.

Skills

- Apply the main principles to specific areas such as particle physics, astrophysics of stars, planets and galaxies, cosmology and physics beyond the Standard Model.
- Formulate and tackle problems, both open and more defined, identifying the most relevant principles and using approaches where necessary to reach a solution, which should be presented with an explanation of the suppositions and approaches.
- Understand the bases of advanced topics selected at the frontier of high energy physics, astrophysics and cosmology and apply them consistently.
- Use acquired knowledge as a basis for originality in the application of ideas, often in a research context.
- Use critical reasoning, analytical capacity and the correct technical language and formulate logical arguments.

Learning outcomes

1. Analyzing the concept of spontaneous breaking of symmetry.
2. Apply chromodynamics of quantum to strong elementary processes.
3. Apply the Weinberg- Salam theory to electroweak elementary processes.
4. Calculate weak and strong electro sections.
5. Recognize the basics of Weinberg- Salam theory of electroweak interactions.
6. Recognize the basis of Quantum Chromodynamics as a theory of strong interactions.

Content

Fundamentals of the Standard Model:

1. Difficulties of the pre-gauge theory
2. Global and local gauge invariance
3. Spontaneous symmetry breaking, Goldstone bosons and the Higgs mechanism
4. The Standard Model of electroweak interactions
5. Electroweak phenomenology
6. Flavour dynamics
7. Electromagnetic interactions of leptons and hadrons
8. An introduction to Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

Phenomenology of the Standard Model:

1. QCD in electron-proton collisions
2. QCD in electron-positron collisions
3. Jet algorithms
4. QCD in hadron-hadron collisions
5. Monte Carlo event generators
6. Top physics
7. Higgs physics
8. Heavy flavor physics
9. Neutrino physics

Methodology

Theory Lectures and Exercises.

Classwork and Homework.

Activities

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Evaluation

One exam and one homework of Fundamentals of the SM, and one exam and one homework of Phenomenology of the SM.

In the case of Fundamentals of the SM, the homework will consist on a selected set of exercises.
In the case of Phenomenology of the SM, the homework will consist on an individual presentation about a selected research article.

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