



Three generations of matter (fermions)

	I	II	III	
mass	2.4 MeV/c ²	1.27 GeV/c ²	171.2 GeV/c ²	0
charge	2/3	2/3	2/3	0
spin	1/2	1/2	1/2	1
name	u up	c charm	t top	Y photon
Quarks	4.8 MeV/c ² -2/3 1/2 d down	104 MeV/c ² -2/3 1/2 s strange	4.2 GeV/c ² -2/3 1/2 b bottom	0 0 1 g gluon
	<2.2 eV/c ² 0 1/2 ν _e electron neutrino	<0.17 MeV/c ² 0 1/2 ν _μ muon neutrino	<15.5 MeV/c ² 0 1/2 ν _τ tau neutrino	91.2 GeV/c ² 0 1 Z ⁰ Z boson
	0.511 MeV/c ² -1 1/2 e electron	105.7 MeV/c ² -1 1/2 μ muon	1.777 GeV/c ² -1 1/2 τ tau	80.4 GeV/c ² ±1 1 W [±] W boson
Leptons				Gauge bosons

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I. Particle Detectors–Trigger/DAQ

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Module 1	Particle Detectors
Lecturer	Margherita Primavera (INFN Lecce)
Planned hour	22
Planned schedule	Spring 2021
Prerequisites	Charged particles interactions with matter
Description	Generalities on gaseous detectors. Ionization and transport phenomena in gases. Amplification in gases. Gaseous detectors: ionization chambers, proportional counters, MultiWire Proportional Chambers, Drift chambers, TPC, Geiger counters, streamer tubes, Resistive Plate Counters. Calorimetry. Electromagnetic and hadronic calorimeters. Calorimeter calibration and monitoring. Cherenkov detectors: DISC, RICH, DIRC. Transition radiation detectors. Micropattern detectors, dual readout calorimeters.

Module 2	Photodetection
Lecturer	Elisabetta Bissaldi (Politecnico di Bari)
Planned hour	16
Planned schedule	Apr/Mai/June 2021 (TBD) 1 lecture per week two hours each
Prerequisites	Experimental particle physics background
Description	This course aims to provide the student with advanced knowledge of radiation measurements and detection techniques, from classic scintillation detectors to Silicon Photomultiplier devices. It requires an elementary background in radiation measurements, radiation matter interactions and basic electronics. The program includes Photon-matter interactions; Organic and Inorganic scintillators; Optical coupling; Solid-state photodetectors; SiPM technologies, properties and Applications. Part of the course will be devoted to laboratory sessions.

Module 3	Trigger and DAQ for Particle Physics
Lecturer	Massimo Della Pietra (Univ. Federico II NAPOLI)
Planned hour	10
Planned schedule	Spring 2021
Prerequisites	Experimental particle physics background
Description	Introduction to trigger and data acquisition system for experimental physics. Basic elements and definitions: trigger latency and trigger rate. Connection between trigger e data acquisition: dead time and busy status. Multilevel trigger systems, trigger for High Energy Physics at colliders. Integration of Trigger - DAQ and related systems Event building, Run Control, Online data quality. Description of most relevant trigger system for collider HEP: the trigger system of the LHC experiments. Trigger systems for fixed target experiments and for test-beam setup. Triggerless DAQ systems for particle and astroparticlephysics. The impact of the trigger system efficiency on a physical measurement.

II. Signals formation and treatment in particle detectors

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Module 1	Signals formation
Lecturer	Marcello Abbrescia (uniba)
Planned hours	10
Planned schedule	5 lectures of 2 hours each in April-May 2021
Prerequisites	Basic notions of electromagnetism and of particle detector physics
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Electrostatics-Principles-Reciprocity-Induced currents-Induced voltages-Ramo-Shockley theorem-Mean value theorem- Capacitance matrix-Equivalent circuits; - Signals in: -Ionization chambers-Liquid argon calorimeters- Diamond detectors-Silicon detectors-GEMs (Gas Electron Multiplier) -Micromegas (Micromesh gas detector) -APDs (Avalanche Photo Diodes)-LGADs (Low Gain Avalanche Diodes)- SiPMs(Silicon Photo Multipliers) -Strip detectors-Pixel detectors- Wire Chambers -Liquid Argon TPCs.

Module 2	Signals treatment
Lecturer	Alberto Aloisio (unina)
Planned hours	10
Planned schedule	
Prerequisites	
Description	<p>Sistemi di schermatura e di guardia nella lettura di sensori e rivelatori</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cenni sul noise di componenti attivi e passivi - Uso del simulatore analogico per l'analisi di alcuni casi di studio: rumore di alcune configurazioni base degli amplificatori operazionali, effetto della capacità del rivelatore sul noise gain

III. Multi-messenger and particle astrophysics of compact objects

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Module 1	Compact objects
Lecturer	F. De Paolis (Università del Salento)
Planned hour	6 h
Planned schedule	Spring-fall 2021
Prerequisites	Basic Astrophysics
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last stages of stellar evolution and formation of the compact objects • Phenomenological properties of neutron stars and pulsars Selected recent topics on the physics of the compact objects
Recommended texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides of the lecturer and texts suggested during the lectures
Assessment methods	Short essay on one of the topics developed during the lectures

Module 2	Neutrino Oscillations
Lecturer	D. Montanino (Università del Salento)
Planned hour	6-8h
Planned schedule	Spring-fall 2021
Prerequisites	Particle physics
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the neutrino masses, mixing and oscillations in vacuum and matter • Phenomenology of neutrino oscillations from terrestrial experiments and astrophysical sources, in particular solar neutrinos
Recommended texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Giunti, Kim, “Fundamentals of neutrino Physics and Astrophysics” (Oxford University Press, 2007) • Slides of the lecturer
Assessment methods	Short essay on one of the topics developed during the lectures

Module 3	Supernova neutrinos
Lecturer	A. Mirizzi (Università di Bari)
Planned hour	6
Planned schedule	Spring-fall 2021
Prerequisites	Particle physics
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supernova (SN) explosion mechanism • SN 1987A neutrino observation • Future SN neutrino observations • Neutrino oscillations in dense SN medium
Recommended texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • G. Raffelt, “Stars as Laboratories for Fundamental Physics” (University of Chicago Press, 1996) • Slides of the lectures
Assessment methods	Short essay on one of the topics developed during the lectures

Module 4	Gravitation, Relativity and Black Holes
Lecturer	M. De Laurentis (Università di Napoli)
Planned hour	6-8
Planned schedule	Spring-fall 2021
Prerequisites	analytical mechanics, general relativity
Description	<p>Rotating black holes: Kerr Spacetime and its global properties. Kerr black hole in Boyer-Lindquist coordinates. Zero-mass limit. Kerr-Schild form of the Kerr solution. Ergosphere and Horizon (Infinite redshift surface, Surface gravity, Surface geometry of horizon and ergo surface) Particle and Light Motion in Equatorial Plane. Matter accretion and black hole parameters change. Evolution in the black hole parameter space. Geodesics in Kerr Spacetime: General Case. Light Propagation. Black hole shadow. Generic properties of the rotating black hole shadows (Asymmetry, Flattening etc..). Image of Black Holes with the Event Horizon Telescope.</p>
Recommended texts	Slides of the lectures
Assessment methods	Short essay on one of the topics developed during the lectures

Module 5	Physics and evolution of supermassive Black Holes
Lecturer	M. Paolillo (Università di Napoli)
Planned hour	6-8
Planned schedule	Spring-fall 2021
Prerequisites	Basic classical physics and gravitation. Useful but not required: Module “Gravitation, Relativity and Black Holes”, Introductory astrophysics, Physics of Galaxies
Description	The Discovery of Active Galactic Nuclei; Taxonomy of AGNs; clues to the interpretation: variability, luminosity and efficiency; steps toward unification: Eddington luminosity, Eddington mass and accretion rate; accretion efficiency. The Unified Model; AGN physical scales; broadband emission in AGNs; accretion disk spectrum; X-ray corona and other components. Observational evidence of the Unified Model: Quasar host galaxies; dynamical and reverberation mapping mass measurements; evidence of hidden BLR in Sy2; relativistic distortion in Fe lines; the Milky Way nuclear BH. AGN evolution from multi-wavelength studies of AGN populations optical, X-ray and infrared; luminosity function and number counts; AGN activity and number density evolution; resolving the Cosmic X-ray Background; Soltan argument: how to derive the current Black Hole mass density of the Universe; The link between Supermassive Black Holes and galaxy evolution; Evidences of AGN feedback in galaxies.
Recommended texts	Lecture slides; “Exploring the X-ray Universe”, Seward & Charles, 2010)
Assessment methods	Short essay on one of the topics developed during the lectures

Module 6	Gravitational waves and Gamma-Ray Bursts
Lecturer	T. Di Girolamo (Università di Napoli)
Planned hour	6-8
Planned schedule	Spring-fall 2021
Prerequisites	Basic astrophysics and particle physics
Description	Generation of Gravitational Waves (GWs). Binary Black Holes (BBHs) as sources of GWs. Detection of GWs. Observations of GWs from BBHs. Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs): observations and theoretical models. GRB progenitors. Black holes as central engines and final products of GRBs.
Recommended texts	Shapiro & Teukolsky, “Black Holes, White Dwarfs and Neutron Stars”
Assessment methods	Short essay on one of the topics developed during the lectures

IV. Fundamental interaction: QCD and BSM

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Module 1	Perturbative QCD
Lecturer	Francesco Tramontano (NAPOLI)
Planned hour	12
Planned schedule	xxx da decidere quando xxx 2 lectures per week two hours each
Prerequisites	Particle physics background
Description	The lectures introduce to some basic aspects and concepts of perturbative QCD: running coupling and asymptotic freedom, the parton model, infrared divergences and the factorization theorem, parton densities and parton evolution, colour coherence. Applications to e+e-annihilation, deep inelastic lepton-nucleon scattering and hadron-hadron collisions are discussed.

Module 2	Teoria di Regge
Lecturer	Giovanni Chirilli (Regensburg) ref. Claudio Corianò
Credits (planned)	xxx
Planned hour	10
Planned schedule	xxx
Prerequisites	Particle physics background
Description	Regge Theory; High parton density; small x evolution equations and Wilson lines formalism; Background field method; High-energy Operator Product Expansion; High-energy factorization for scattering amplitudes;

Module 3	BSM
Lecturer	Fulvia De Fazio (BARI)
Planned hour	16
Planned schedule	Spring 2020
Prerequisites	Particle physics background
Description	Physics beyond the Standard Model- Reasons to go beyond the Standard Model- Models based on extended gauge groups- Models introducing extra dimensions- Aspects of supersymmetry- Extension of the effective hamiltonians in New Physics Models

V. Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning

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Module 1	Data modelling
Lecturer	Amoroso
Planned hour	10
Planned schedule	Spring 2021
Prerequisites	
Description	Introduction: graph theory. Different graph models. Nodal and edge characterization. Local and global properties. Community detection. Learning: Basic definitions, bias, variance and cross-validation. Supervised Models. Deep Learning. Unsupervised models: Clustering.

Module 2	Machine learning: basics and applications
Lecturer	Giorgio De Nunzio & Giuseppe Palma
Planned hour	10
Planned schedule	Spring 2021
Prerequisites	
Description	ML taxonomy: supervised, reinforcement, unsupervised; Regression: linear regression, GLM. Classification: scores (confusion matrix and related measures; ROC curve; calibration; cross entropy, Brier score), class imbalance. Bias-Variance tradeoff: underfitting, overfitting. Perceptrons and Shallow Feed-Forward Neural Networks. Regression and Classification in Matlab+Toolboxes. Applications of regression and classification: case studies in Physics and Medicine with synthetic and public access data (Matlab). Applications of regression and classification: case studies in Physics and Medicine with synthetic and public access data (Matlab)

Module 3	Causality analysis of time series data	
Lecturer	Stramaglia	
Planned hour	10	
Planned schedule		
Prerequisites		
Description	<p>Complex Networks. Small world networks: Watts-Strogatz model. Scale free networks: Albert-Barabasi model. Communities in complex networks. Applications. The problem of inference of Complex Networks from multivariate time series data. Time Series. Stationarity. Linear correlations and the power spectrum. Cross-correlation and coherence between time series. Prediction. Applications. Introduction to Information Theory. Shannon's Entropy. Mutual Information. Maximum Entropy methods. Transfer Entropy. Applications. Vector autoregressive models. Granger causality and its relation with transfer entropy. Applications.</p> <p>Decomposition of Granger causality in frequency and time. Higher order dynamical networks. Synergy and redundancy. Applications.</p>	

Module 4	Approximate reasoning and evolutionary computation	
Lecturer	Acampora, Di Martino	
Planned hour	10	
Planned schedule	Spring 2021	
Prerequisites		
Description	<p>Fuzzy sets and fuzzy relations. Fuzzy operators: t-norm, s-norm, residuum. Fuzzy membership functions and fuzzy numbers. The extension principle. Fuzzy partitions and Linguistic variables.</p> <p>Fuzzy inference systems: fuzzy rule set inference systems. Mamdani fuzzy inference model. Tagaki-Sugeno- Fuzzy inference model. Type2 fuzzy sets: interval type2 fuzzy sets. Interval type2 fuzzy systems.</p> <p>Introduction to the Evolutionary Computation and its motivations.</p> <p>The main scheme of an Evolutionary algorithm. Different evolutionary algorithms: Genetic Algorithms, Differential Evolution and Particle Swarm Optimization. Design issues for evolutionary algorithms: parameter tuning and performance measures.</p>	

VI. Quantum Information, Quantum Computation and Quantum Imaging

Module 1	Physical Coherence and Correlation Functions
Lecturer	Saverio Pascazio (UniBA)
Planned hours	16
Planned schedule	Eight two-hour lectures between February and July 2021
Prerequisites	Background in quantum theory, technologies and applications
Description	Optical Fluctuations and Coherence. Classical and Quantum theory. The Radiation field. Experimental milestones. Measuring correlation functions. Equilibrium equal-time (spatial) correlation functions Equilibrium equal-position (temporal) correlation functions. Beyond equilibrium. Phase transitions and correlation functions.

Module 2	Introduction to Quantum Computation
Lecturer	Luigi Martina (UniSalento)
Planned hours	16
Planned schedule	Eight two-hour lectures between February and July 2021
Prerequisites	Quantum Mechanics and Statistical Mechanics
Description	Since at least a couple of decades, the Physics of Information and Computation has been a recognized as an autonomous discipline. In fact, the latter fields should be linked to the study of the underlying physical processes, namely of the quantum mechanical universe. But the intrinsic probabilistic character of the quantum measurements and the non-commutative algebra of the observables induce important modifications in the central results of classical information theory, including: quantum parallelism, compression of quantum information, bounds on classical information encoded in quantum systems, bounds on quantum information sent over a noisy quantum channel, efficient quantum algorithms and quantum complexity. The course will touch the above topics.

Module 3	Quantum imaging
Lecturer	Milena D'Angelo (UniBA)
Planned hours	16
Planned schedule	Eight two-hour lectures between June and July 2021
Prerequisites	Background in quantum theory and optics. Attendance of either one of the two above modules is suggested.
Description	From classical to quantum imaging. Klyshko advanced wave model. Ghost imaging and diffraction, from first protocols to recent advances (differential GI, computational GI, compressive GI,...). Single-pixel imaging. Super-resolution: NOON states, and Quantum Fisher information. Sub-shot-noise imaging. Imaging by undetected photons. Imaging through turbulence and scattering media, and imaging around corners. Correlation plenoptic imaging: from principles to applications.

VII. Experimental High-Energy Astroparticle Physics

Module 1	EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES IN ASTROPARTICLE PHYSICS
Lecturer	MARSELLA (Palermo)
Planned hours	16 hours (2CFU)
Planned schedule	june 2021
Prerequisites	Basic particle physics, astrophysics and detectors
Description	<p>Description of the principal experimental techniques in Astroparticle Physics</p> <p>Contents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Cosmic Ray (CR) sources • Primary CRs, acceleration mechanism, propagation • Secondary CRs, atmospheric showers • Detection techniques in Space, Extensive Air Shower arrays and underground detectors • Presentation of the principal experiments and recent results
Recommended texts	
Assessment methods	

Module 2	HE and VHE observations from Extragalactic sources
Lecturer	Lorenzo Perrone et al (Lecce)
Planned hours	1-2 CFU
Planned schedule	June-July 2021
Prerequisites	Basic particle physics, astrophysics and detectors
Description	The lectures intend to cover the description of the detection techniques of ultra-high energy cosmic rays (Pierre Auger Observatory, Telescope Array) and the current status of the art (result and perspectives) in the field.
Recommended texts	Review papers and journal papers.
Assessment methods	Lessons, final report, hands-on session

Module 3	HE transients and the multimessenger context
Lecturer	Elisabetta Bissaldi (Politecnico di Bari)
Planned hours	2 CFU (1 CFU = 8 hours)
Planned schedule	May-June 2021
Prerequisites	Basic astrophysics, Detectors
Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transient phenomena in the gamma-ray sky: Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs), Soft Gamma Repeaters, Terrestrial Gamma-Ray Flashes; Solar Flares. Temporal and spectral characteristics; - Multi-frequency and Multi-messenger studies; LIGO/Virgo gravitational wave (GW) events and follow-up observations; The case of GRB 170817A / GW 170817; IceCube neutrino events and follow-up observations; The case of TXS 0506+056; Other recent discoveries in the field.
Recommended texts	1. Longair - "High-energy astrophysics"

	2. De Angelis & Pimenta - “Introduction to Particle and Astroparticle Physics” 3. Recent Publications
Assessment methods	Lessons, final report

Module 4	Indirect Dark Matter searches
Lecturer	Bari (Loparco)
Planned hours	2 CFU (1 CFU = 8 hours)
Planned schedule	Fall 2021
Prerequisites	Basic particle physics and detectors
Description	1) Dark Matter models 2) Dark matter distribution in galaxies 3) WIMPs as dark matter candidates 4) Indirect dark matter searches with gamma rays and charged particles 5) Searches dark matter from the Sun
Recommended texts	Recent publications, some textbooks, slides from the lecturer
Assessment methods	Final report