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Paper - 6 QUANTUM FIELD THEORY

Offered to : M.Sc.(PHYSICS)	Course Code : 22PH4D5
Course Type : Domain specific elective (DSE)	Course : Quantum Field Theory
Year of Introduction : 2022	Year of offering : 2022
Year of Revision : 2022	Percentage of Revision : Nil
Semester : IV	Credits : 4
Hours Taught : 60 hrs. per Semester	Max.Time : 3 Hours

CourseDescription:

Quantum Field Theory

courseisatheoreticalframeworkthatcombinesclassicalfieldtheory,special relativity, and quantum mechanics that explains the fundamental structure ofmatterandthe physics of the early universe.

CourseObjectives:

1. Toapplythefundamentalconceptsofclassicalfieldtheory
2. Toemphasizethemathematicalformulationofsecondquantizationproblemsandtophysicallyinterpretthesolutions
3. Tolaythesolidbackgroundofmathematicalmethodstouseinfieldtheories.
4. To make the students understand the reasons for the failure of relativistic quantum mechanics
5. To make the students learn the quantization of dirac field and quantum electrodynamics

Course Outcomes:Attheendofthiscoursethestudentsshouldbeableto:

CO1: Analyse thefoundationformoreadvancedstudiesinquantumfieldtheory

CO2: ApplyFeynmanrulestocalculateprobabilitiesforbasicprocesseswithparticles

CO3: Developcriticalthinkingandproblem-solvingabilities

withapplicationtoadiverserangeofpracticalproblemsinquantumfieldtheory

CO4: Identify the relativistic origin of effects such as spin orbit interaction.

CO5: Use effective field theory to develop models at large scales

CO-PO MATRIX								
	CO-PO	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7
22PH4D5	CO1		H					M
	CO2						H	M
	CO3	H					H	
	CO4							M
	CO5						H	H

Syllabus		
Unit	Learning Units	Lecture Hours
I	<p>Classical Field Theory</p> <p>Review of classical field theory, Lagrangian field theory, Lorentz invariance, Noether's theorem and conserved currents, Hamiltonian field theory.</p>	12
II	<p>Canonical Quantization</p> <p>The Klein-Gordon equation, the simple harmonic oscillator, free quantum fields, vacuum energy, particles, relativistic normalization, complex scalar fields, the Heisenberg picture, causality and propagators, applications, non-relativistic field theory.</p>	12
III	<p>Interacting Fields</p> <p>Types of interaction, the interaction picture, Dyson's formula, scattering, Wick's theorem, Feynman diagrams, Feynman rules, amplitudes, decays and cross sections, Green's functions, connected diagrams and vacuum bubbles, reduction formula.</p>	12
IV	<p>The Dirac Equation</p> <p>The Lorentz group, Clifford algebras, the spinor representation, the Dirac Lagrangian, chiral spinors, the Weyl equation, parity, Majorana spinors, symmetries and currents, plane wave solutions.</p>	12
V	<p>Quantizing the Dirac Field</p> <p>A glimpse at the spin-statistics theorem, Fermionic quantization, Fermi-Dirac statistics, propagators, particles and antiparticles, Dirac's hole interpretation, Feynman rules, Quantum electrodynamics: gauge invariance, quantization, inclusion of matter – QED, Lorentz invariant propagators, Feynman rules, QED processes</p>	12

Text Books:

1. M. Peskin and D. Schroeder, *An Introduction to Quantum Field Theory*, Addison-Wesley, 1995.
2. L. Ryder, *Quantum Field Theory*, 2nd Ed., Cambridge University Press, 1996.
3. M. Srednicki, *Quantum Field Theory*, 1st Ed., Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Reference Books:

1. S. Weinberg, *The Quantum Theory of Fields*, Vol. 1, 1st Ed., Cambridge University Press, 2005.
2. A. Zee, *Quantum Field Theory in a Nutshell*, 2nd Ed., Princeton University Press, 2010.