Module title			Abbreviation
String Theory 2			11-STRG2-Int-201-m01
Module coordinator		**Module offered by**	
Managing Director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics		Faculty of Physics and Astronomy	
ECTS	**Method of grading**	**Only after succ. compl. of module(s)**	
6	numerical grade	--	
Duration	**Module level**	**Other prerequisites**	
1 semester	graduate	--	

Contents

Superstring Theories and M Theory, in particular a short introduction to bosonic string theory, the theory of fermionic fields and representations of clifford algebra in diverse dimensions, a review of supersymmetry in two and higher dimensions, the classical and quantum version of the Ramond-Neveau-Schwarz Superstring, type 2 A/B Superstrings, the Gliozzi-Scherck-Olive Projection and Space-Time Supersymmetry in 10 dimensions, the type 1 Superstring, heterotic string theories, anomaly cancellation and restrictions on gauge groups, dualities between the five superstring theories as well as their relation to M Theory in 11D, D-Branes and supersymmetric gauge theories, supergravity and the AdS/CFT Correspondence.

Intended learning outcomes

In-depth knowledge of supersymmetric string theories and M Theory. Familiarity with the main features of bosonic string theory, as well as withthe theory of fermionic fields and representations of Clifford algebra in different dimensions. Knowledge of supersymmetry in two and higher dimensions, as relevant for the understanding of superstring theory. Working knowledge of the classical and quantum version of the Ramond-Neveau-Schwarz Superstring. Understanding of the emergence of type II A/B Superstrings upon imposing the Gliozzi-Scherck-Olive Projection, which in particular enforces Space-Time Supersymmetry in 10D. Familiarity with the type 1 and heterotic superstring theories, as well as with anomaly cancellation in these theories and the restrictions it imposes on the allowed gauge groups. Knowledge of dualities between the five superstring theories as well as their relation to M Theory in 11D. Knowledge of the properties of D-Branes in type I and II superstring theories and the supersymmetric gauge theories they carry, of the supergravity actions in ten and eleven dimensional space-time and of the AdS/CFT Correspondence.

Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)

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Module taught in: English

Method of assessment (type, scope, language — if other than German, examination offered — if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)

a) written examination (approx. 90 to 120 minutes) or
b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or
c) oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or
d) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or
e) presentation/talk (approx. 30 minutes).
If a written examination was chosen as method of assessment, this may be changed and assessment may instead take the form of an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups. If the method of assessment is changed, the lecturer must inform students about this by four weeks prior to the original examination date at the latest.
Language of assessment: English
Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered and in the subsequent semester

Allocation of places

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Additional information

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Workload
180 h
Teaching cycle
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)
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Module appears in
Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2020) exchange program Physics (2023) Master's degree (1 major) Physics International (2024)