Level: master

Course title: Astroparticle physics

Status: obligatory

ECTS: 7

Requirements: Nuclear physics, Particle physics

Learning objectives

The objective is to qualify students for understanding astroparticle physics.

Learning outcomes

Understanding the nature and interactions of astroparticles, dark matter and cosmic rays.

Syllabus

Theoretical instruction

Standard model: fundamental interactions, force carriers, problems of Standard model and other modern theories.

Content and dynamics of Universe: principles of cosmology, distribution of matter and radiation in the Universe, dynamics of matter, red shift and Hubble law, Newtonian cosmological models, critical density and geometry of the Universe.

Big-Bang nucleosynthesis and thermal relicts, Planck era, chronology of the Big-Bang; radiation, matter and expansion of the Universe, antimatter in the Universe.

Cosmic microwave background radiation and cosmological parameters: discovery and origin of cosmic microwave background radiation, anisotropy of cosmic microwave background radiation, measurement of anisotropy and cosmological parameters, future experiments.

Dark matter and missing mass in the Universe: problem of dark matter, dark matter candidates and dark matter search experiments.

Role of neutrinos in the Universe: interactions and cross sections, solar neutrinos, supernova neutrinos, atmospheric neutrinos, high-energy neutrinos, neutrino detectors, neutrino mass and neutrino oscillations.

Cosmic rays: origin and acceleration of cosmic rays, ultra high-energy cosmic rays and detection, sources of cosmic rays in Solar system, effects of cosmic rays on the Earth, cosmic gamma rays.

Practical instruction: Exercises, other forms of teaching and student individual and group research exercises.

Weekly teaching load				Other:
Lectures: 3	Exercises: 2	Other forms of teaching:	Student research:	