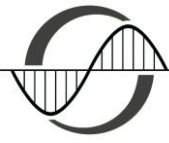




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Program of the course

- Renormalization and renormalization group in quantum field theory. Callan-Symanzik and Wilson renormalization group (RG) equations.
- Dimensional regularization, zeta function regularization, Wilsonian renormalization. Fine tuning, counterterms and physical tuning. Naturalness.
- Theories with Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking. Unbroken phase and RG flow in the ultraviolet regime. Instabilities: the RG “microscope”. Renormalization in the broken phase. Tree level renormalization and Maxwell construction.

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