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ELECTROMAGNETIC DIPOLE MOMENTS IN $LHCb$

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Introduction

Electric and magnetic dipole moments of particles are sensitive to physics within and beyond the Standard Model. In this thesis, sensitivity studies for the measurement of the Lambda baryon electromagnetic dipole moments based on pseudo experiments will be performed [1]. In addition, the possibility of a first measurement using data collected with the LHCb detector will be explored [2].

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Chapter 1

The Standard Model of Particle Physics

Ever since Democritus' philosophy of atomism, one of the driving desires behind mankind's advancements in the fields of natural science has been to reduce reality to its basic components.

[...], this chapter explores the theoretical framework for the rest of thesis, introducing key concepts such as *spin*, *helicity* and the importance of *angular distributions* of decay products.

1.1 Elementary particles

Intuitively, a particle is said to be *elementary* when it displays no substructure that we know of. A century of efforts in the fields of nuclear, quantum and high energy physics has whittled down the spectrum of matter to just seventeen unique fundamental particles, colloquially known as the *particle zoo* and depicted in Figure 1.1.

Each of the ten charged particles is joined by an *antimatter particle* (*antiparticle* for short), a companion of opposite charge identified by the *anti*-prefix, e.g. antimuon for the muon. While often omitted for the sake of brevity, antiparticles are elementary particles in every respect, distinct from their partners and related to them through the transformation of *charge conjugation*.

1.1.1 Quarks

Adroni, mesoni e barioni. QCD. Storia della scoperta.

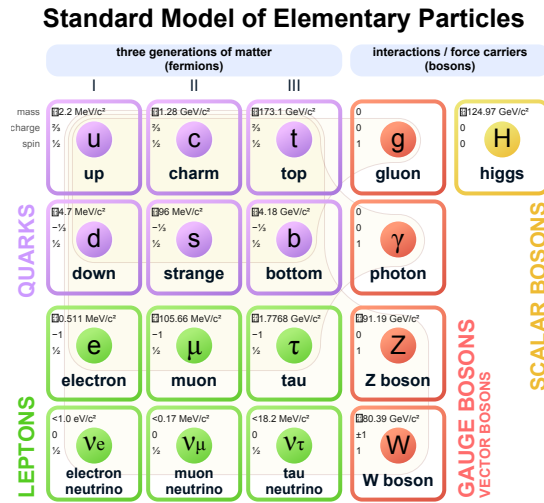


Figure 1.1: The seventeen currently known elementary particles in the Standard Model of Particle Physics. Antiparticles are not depicted.

1.1.2 Leptons

1.1.3 Gauge bosons

1.1.4 The Higgs boson

1.2 Spin

Spin ed EM dipole.

1.3 Discrete symmetries

CPT, violazione di CP.

1.4 Helicity formalism

Il Richman.

Chapter 2

The LHCb experiment

2.1 The Large Hadron Collider

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Chapter 3

The $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ decay

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Appendix A

Angular distribution of $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$ decay products

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8 APPENDIX A. ANGULAR DISTRIBUTION OF $\Lambda \rightarrow P\pi^-$ DECAY PRODUCTS

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