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# ABSTRACT

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## Part II

# The standard model and Dark Matter

## Chapter 2

# The standard model

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# The Dark Matter

### 3.1 Two-Higgs-doublet model

### 3.2 Simplified model

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## **Part III**

# **The LHC and ATLAS experiment**

# The LHC

## 4.1 The LHC: Instrument

### 4.1.1 Machine layout

### 4.1.2 Machine performance

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## 4.2 The LHC: Operation

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## Part IV

Dark Matter search in the Higgs

Boson associated  $b\bar{b}$  decay

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# Conclusions

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## Part VI

# Appendices

# Appendix A

# The ATLAS detector service work

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