

Preface to the second edition

In the eight years since the first edition, the Standard Model has not been seriously discredited as a description of particle physics in the energy region (<2 TeV) so far explored. The principal discovery in particle physics since the first edition is that neutrinos carry mass. In this new edition we have added chapters that extend the formalism of the Standard Model to include neutrino fields with mass, and we consider also the possibility that neutrinos are Majorana particles rather than Dirac particles.

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is now under construction at CERN. It is expected that, at the energies that will become available for experiments at the LHC (~ 20 TeV), the physics of the Higgs field will be elucidated, and we shall begin to see 'physics beyond the Standard Model'. Data from the 'B factories' will continue to accumulate and give greater understanding of CP violation. We are confident that interest in the Standard Model will be maintained for some time into the future.

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