The Coming Revolutions in Particle Physics

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From the 1898–99 University of Chicago catalogue:

"While it is never safe to affirm that the future of the Physical Sciences has no marvels in store even more astonishing than those of the past, it seems probable that most of the grand underlying principles have been firmly established and that further advances are to be sought chiefly in the rigorous application of these principles to all the phenomena which come under our notice An eminent physicist has remarked that the future truths of Physical Science are to be looked for in the sixth place of decimals."







RADIOACTIVITY, NEW PROPERTY OF MATTER









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 Not asking general questions and receiving limited answers, but asking limited questions and finding general answers







The World's Most Powerful Microscope

Fermilab's Tevatron Collider and Detectors 900-GeV protons: *c* - 364 mph 1-TeV protons: *c* - 295 mph Improvement: 69 mph!

Protons pass my window 45,000 times per second

Large Hadron Collider at CERN, c-6 mph

































Atoms are small!

 $\sim 10^{-10}$ meter

Wavelength of green light:

~ $5 \cdot 10^{-7}$ meter

Atoms are far too small to be seen












Neutrinos ...

- are tiny subatomic particles
- carry no electric charge
- have (almost) no mass; move (nearly) at the speed of light
- hardly interact at all



- *Each second,* a hundred trillion neutrinos made in the Sun pass through your body.
- *Each second,* about a thousand neutrinos made in Earth's atmosphere by cosmic rays pass through your body.
- Inside your body are more than ten million neutrino fossils from the Big Bang.
- Other neutrinos reach us from natural (radioactive decays of elements inside the Earth) and artificial (nuclear reactors) sources.















Cosmic Rays Produce Neutrinos in the Atmosphere





















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	Measurement	Pull	(O ^{meas} –O ^{fit})/o ^{meas}
			-3-2-10123
$\Delta \alpha_{\rm had}^{(5)}({\rm m_Z})$	0.02761 ± 0.00036	-0.24	•
m _z [GeV]	91.1875 ± 0.0021	0.00	
Γ _Z [GeV]	2.4952 ± 0.0023	-0.41	-
$\sigma_{\sf had}^{\sf 0}\left[{\sf nb} ight]$	41.540 ± 0.037	1.63	
R _I	20.767 ± 0.025	1.04	
A ^{0,I} _{fb}	0.01714 ± 0.00095	0.68	-
A _I (P _τ)	0.1465 ± 0.0032	-0.55	-
R _b	0.21644 ± 0.00065	1.01	
R _c	0.1718 ± 0.0031	-0.15	•
A ^{0,b} _{fb}	0.0995 ± 0.0017	-2.62	
A ^{0,c} _{fb}	0.0713 ± 0.0036	-0.84	-
A _b	0.922 ± 0.020	-0.64	-
A _c	0.670 ± 0.026	0.06	1
A _l (SLD)	0.1513 ± 0.0021	1.46	
$sin^2 \theta_{eff}^{lept}(Q_{fb})$	0.2324 ± 0.0012	0.87	
m _w [GeV]	80.449 ± 0.034	1.62	
Г _w [GeV]	2.136 ± 0.069	0.62	-
m _t [GeV]	174.3 ± 5.1	0.00	
sin ² θ _w (νN)	0.2277 ± 0.0016	3.00	
Q _W (Cs)	-72.18 ± 0.46	1.52	

-3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3

Precision measurements to determine unknown parameters ...

Inferring the top-quark mass through its rôle in quantum corrections:



















Strength of Forces





Gravitons ring extra dimensions ...

(Video: Liubo Borissov, Columbia University, New York)



PEOPLE

Stretching Physics

Maria Spiropulu believes in a fifth dimension. The physicist, a researcher at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, is harnessing the world's most powerful particle accelerator to smash protons and antiprotons together. If these collisions kick out less energy than predicted, then a few particles must have been blasted into another dimension. Or so the theory goes. "Think of it like a game of billiards," says Spiropulu, 32. "When you hit the balls, one of them goes vertical and never comes down." Her quest may resolve quantum physics' inconsistencies with Newtonian laws and inch science closer to a unified theory that explains the formation of the universe and black holes. "Right now," she says, "we haven't a clue." - Michael Behar

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Topography

 \triangleright What is the fabric of space and time? ... the origin of space and time?

The Great Lesson of Science in the Twentieth Century

The human scale is not privileged for understanding Nature . . .

and may even be disadvantaged



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A Decade of Discovery Ahead

In the midst of a revolution in our conception of Nature, we deal with fundamental questions about our world, including

- Are the quarks and leptons elementary or composite?
- What are the symmetries of Nature, and how are they hidden from us?
- Are there new forms of matter, like the superpartners suggested by supersymmetry?
- Are there more fundamental forces?
- What makes an electron an electron and a top quark a top quark?
- What is the dimensionality of spacetime?

Nothing is too wonderful to be true, if it be consistent with the laws of nature ... Experiment is the best test Michael Faraday

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... and to learn the right questions to ask