Particle Physics

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Goal of Particle Physics

To Answer the Ultimate Question of Life, The Universe, and Everything



- D'où venons-nous ?
 Que sommes-nous ?
 Où allons-nous ?
- •What is the world made of
- What forces keep it together



Borrowed from Matt Strassler's blog: http://profmattstrassler.com/

Recent and ancient history

Particle	Year	Collider	Energy	Place	Spin
Higgs boson	2012	LHC	8 TeV	Europe	0
Top quark	1995	Tevatron	1.8 TeV	USA	1/2
W/Z bosons	1984	SppS	630 GeV	Europe	1
Gluon	1979	PETRA	38 GeV	Europe	1
Bottom quark	1977	E288	20 GeV	USA	1/2
Tau lepton	1975	SPEAR	3 GeV	USA	1/2
Charm quark	1974	SLAC/BNL	3 GeV	USA	1/2
Photon	1905	Einstein's brain	/	Europe	0
Electron	1897	Cathode rays @Cambridge	~1 MeV	UK	1/2

Position within Theory Pole



BSM/Higgs







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BSM group asks a lot of question

- Are there new particles beyond those of the Standard Model
- How is electroweak symmetry broken
- How do neutrinos get their mass
- What was happening in the first seconds of the universe
- What is the nature of dark matter
- What caused matter-antimatter asymmetry
- Are there extra dímensions of spacetime



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Flavor Physics



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Flavor Physics



- Flavor physics group is straddling the line between beyond and within the Standard Model
- It is focused on the dynamics and decays of composite particles containing a heavy quark (b or c)
- On one hand, these allow us to better understand the Standard Model, in particular the action of the strong force
- On the other hand, flavor transitions are naturally suppressed in the Standard Model and therefore they are very sensitive to physics beyond the standard model







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QCD

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QCD



- QCD group attempts to better understand the consequence of the Standard Model strong dynamics in various systems
- Many conceptual and quantitative problems remains to be solved
- Examples of problems tackled in UClab include quarkonium production, (generalized) parton distribution functions, small x physics, non-perturbative power corrections

Conclusions

