



# The Standard Model and the LHC in the Higgs Boson Era

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# The Standard Model of Particle Physics



# Particle Physics in the headlines

- **W** Higgs Boson: most important discovery in particle physics in 25 years
- Completes the extremely successful Standard Model of particle physics ....
- **•** ... but at the same time **opens a number of crucial** questions
- The LHC will play a central role in exploring the high-energy frontier in the next 20 years

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#### El CERN anuncia el descubrimiento de una partícula que podría ser el bosón de Higgs

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Quantum Field Theory provides a consistent framework to describe all known particles and interactions (except Gravity)

 $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I} &= -\frac{1}{4} F_{A\nu} F^{A\nu} \\ &+ i \mathcal{F} \mathcal{D} \mathcal{F} + h.c. \\ &+ \mathcal{F} \mathcal{Y}_{ij} \mathcal{F}_{j} \mathcal{P} + h.c. \end{aligned}$ 

# The Dawn of the Standard Model

- **Solution** By early 30s, after discovery of electron, proton, neutron, and positron, we had a reasonable **description of particle physics**
- ✓The discovery of the muon (37) was completely unexpected: this new particle, a *heavier electron*, did not fit in!
- ✓ To make things worse, a plethora of new strongly interacting particles (pions, kaons) with no role in Nature, was soon discovered
- **Mow to make sense** of this chaos?



#### Status of high-energy physics in the early 60s:



- **Many conceptual questions** unanswered:
- How are **atomic nuclei bound together**?
- What is the origin of the **weak interaction**?
- Are hadrons fundamental particles or composite states?
- What is the **mathematical language** to describe particle physics?

# Quantum Electrodynamics (QED)

#### **QED** Feynman rules

- ✓ The interactions of electrically charged particles are governed by electromagnetism (EM)
- ✓ Making sense of EM once quantum corrections are accounted for was a theoretical *tour de force* that ended in formulation of Quantum Electrodynamics (QED)
- Starting from simple rules (Feynman diagrams), compute terms at any order in the perturbative expansion in the QED coupling
- Some of the most precise calculations ever done have been obtained in QED: for instance, the muon anomalous magnetic moment known better than one part in one billion!



# Quarks: the inner life of protons

Scattering of *α* **particles (He nuclei) off atoms** lead in 1911 Rutherford to **discovery of internal structure of atoms**: a **point-like nucleus** and layers of electrons

✓ 70 years later, the scattering of energetic electrons off protons lead to equally surprising result: the internal structure of protons, composed by point-like quarks

#### **Rutherford experiment:** Atoms have internal structure!



#### **Electron-proton collisions at Stanford Linear Accelerator: Protons have internal structure!**



# Quarks: charming, beautiful and top

- ✓ The Constituent Quark Model allowed to describe all known hadrons as composite states of only three types of quarks: up, down and strange, with fractional electric charge
- Considered as a mathematical trick to organise hadrons, real existence confirmed only after SLAC experiments
- ✓ Much to everyone's surprised, two new, heavier quarks were soon discovered: the charm quark (73) and the bottom quark (77). Much heavier top quark had to wait until 1995 to be discovered

Quark Constituent Model: Hadrons composed by quarks





Evidence of new particle with mass 3 GeV: the J/Psi, charm/anti-charm pair

# Eight Gluons to Bind Them All

- **Electromagnetism** can be understood as a **renormalizable Quantum Field Theory (QFT)**, **Quantum Electrodynamics** (QED). Compute scattering amplitudes as **perturbative expansion in small coupling**
- **Madrons interact strongly**: QED model cannot be applied to **nuclear strong force**?
- ✓ In fact, strong force is also a renormalizable QFT but with asymptotic freedom: it looks like QED, but only at very high energies
- The mediator of the strong force is the gluon (analog of the photon), responsible for binding the quarks together in the proton



# Weak vector bosons

- Fermi (30s) explained **beta-decay of nuclei** by a **four-body interaction** between neutrons, protons, electrons and neutrinos: the **weak nuclear interaction**
- Weak interaction also similar to electromagnetism, but with **massive vector bosons**, the W and Z particles. Due to large masses (80 and 91 GeV) their interactions are **point-like at low energies**

**Solution** Evidence for **Neutral Currents** (73) followed by the **discovery of the W and Z** bosons at the CERN (83)



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# The Higgs Mechanism



- ✓ In the SM, symmetries do not allow mass terms in the Lagrangian
- ✓ The Higgs mechanism bypasses this restriction: laws are still symmetric, but the specific configuration chosen by Nature (Higgs potential) is not: Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

- ✓ Thanks to the Higgs mechanism, SM particles can acquire a mass
- ✓ As a byproduct, the Higgs particle, excitation of the Higgs field can also be produced if energy high enough
- ✓ Predicted more than 50 years ago, it was finally discovered in 2012 at LHC

**Higgs Potential**  $\begin{array}{c} \chi = (D_{\mu}, \phi)^{*} D^{*} \phi - U(\phi) - \frac{1}{4} F_{\mu} \\ D_{\mu} \phi = \partial_{\mu} \phi - ie A_{\mu} \phi \\ F_{\mu} \phi = \partial_{\mu} \phi - ie A_{\mu} \phi \end{array}$  $y_{\nu} = \partial_{\mu} A_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu} A_{\mu}$   $U(\phi) = \nabla \phi^{\dagger} \phi + \beta (\overline{\phi}^{*} \phi)^{2}$   $\nabla < 0, \quad \beta > 0$ Teter A





# **Exploring the high-energy frontier: The Large Hadron Collider**





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# Why high-energy colliders?

- Exploring the smallest possible lengths requires going to the high-energy frontier
- Heisenberg uncertainty principle: if we want to resolvevery small distances, we need use very energetic probes

In **natural units**, **hbar=c=1**, we can convert distances to energies:

 $(1 \text{ GeV})^{-1} = 0.2 \text{ fm} = 0.2 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ 



This conversion sets the **energies needed to explore smaller and smaller objects**:



We need to reach **energies of TeraElectronvolts** to keep exploring the smallest distances

# High energy colliders: tools for discovery

Since the first ever **particle accelerator**, **Lawrence's Cyclotron**, **bigger and more powerful colliders** have been built to explore Nature at the **highest energies** 







HERA (Hamburg) electron-proton collider Length: 6 km Energy: 310 GeV



**Energy: 40 GeV** 

# The Large Hadron Collider

**Model** The LHC is the **most powerful particle accelerator ever build by mankind** 

- ✓ Hosted by CERN, the LHC is composed by a massive 27 km long tunnel with four gigantic detectors: ATLAS, CMS, LHCb and ALICE
- ✓At the LHC protons collide at the highest energies ever achieved: unique probe of the fundamental laws of Nature



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# Remarkable facts about the LHC

- ☑One of coldest places in the Universe: the LHC magnets are kept at only 1.9 deg above absolute zero, colder than interstellar space!
- ✓ The emptiest place in the Solar System: vacuum in the beam pipe similar to interplanetary space
- ☑ One of hottest places in the Galaxy: collisions generate a temperature billions of times larger than the Sun, reproducing conditions of early universe





- ✓ The data volume recorded is 1 TeraByte/ second: 10,000 sets of the Encyclopedia Britannica each second!
- **Gigantic technological challenge** to efficiently reach for the relevant events



## Rediscovering the Standard Model at the LHC

- **First** major results from the LHC were the **rediscovery of the Standard Model**
- Essential to verify performance of accelerator and detectors and to validate theoretical calculations of SM processes at the highest energies
- **W** High precision SM measurements provide unique information to further sharpen our tools in searches like Higgs and New Physics Beyond the SM



## The Higgs discovered - 4th of July Fireworks







- ✓ In July 2012, ATLAS and CMS announced the long-awaited discovery of the Higgs boson
- Very challenging measurement, requires separating small signal from large background

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#### **Higgs Decays into Four Leptons**

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## Beyond the SM: searching for the unknown

- **Despite the Higgs discovery, crucial questions** are left open: **stability of Higgs mass**, nature of **Dark Matter**, the possible **unification of forces**, the role of **gravity**, origin of matter-anti-matter asymmetry
- ✓ Motivation to develop theories beyond the Standard Model (BSM) to improve on its limitations, theories that can be scrutinised at the LHC
- ✓ *e.g.* Supersymmetry: each SM particle has a superpartner with spin differing by 1/2. SUSY predicts unification of all forces (but gravity) at very high scales



**No hints of BSM physics at the LHC yet**, though the **upcoming Run II with increased energy** opens a completely new region of the parameter space

New discoveries could be around the corner!





# What's Next?



# Explorers of the high-energy frontier

- © The LHC will lead **exploration of the high-energy frontier for the next 20 years**.
- Sharpening our theory predictions of the Standard Model, and a close interplay between theory and experiment, will be crucial ingredient to maximise the LHC potential
- Solution Two central ingredients of this LHC program will be:
  - **Markov** Precision measurements of Higgs properties
  - **M** Direct searches for Dark Matter





# The LHC: A Luminous Future

- By 2022, a High-Luminosity upgrade of the LHC is scheduled: much higher number of proton collisions with better chances of interesting events
- These extreme conditions will require to completely **upgrade the LHC detectors**

A simulated High-Luminosity LHC collision



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Oxford is playing a central role in this upgrade with the ATLAS Silicon Tracker





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## Going Beyond: a Future Circular Collider?





Planning of **new facilities in High-Energy Physics**, at cutting edge of technology, require **long timescales** 

Free The next machine could be a **100 TeV hadron collider**, with also electron-positron and electron-proton modes

Sites in **CERN** and **China** proposed, **technical feasibility and physics motivation** now being assessed

Given by the proposed colliders are **linear colliders**, cleaner than hadron machines but with **reduced reach in energy** 

#### **CLIC: Compact Linear Collider**



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# Extra Material













#### **Outstanding Questions in Particle Physics circa 2014** ... there has never been a better time to be a particle physicist! **Higgs boson and EWSB** Quarks and leptons: $\Box$ Is m<sub>H</sub> natural or fine-tuned ? • why 3 families ? $\rightarrow$ if natural: what new physics/symmetry ? masses and mixing $\Box$ does it regularize the divergent $W_{\rm L}W_{\rm L}$ cross-section **CP** violation in the lepton sector at high $M(W_{L}W_{L})$ ? Or is there a new dynamics? matter and antimatter asymmetry elementary or composite Higgs ? baryon and charged lepton is it alone or are there other Higgs bosons? number violation origin of couplings to fermions coupling to dark matter ? does it violate CP? Physics at the highest E-scales: cosmological EW phase transition how is gravity connected with the other forces? do forces unify at high energy ? Dark matter: composition: WIMP, sterile neutrinos, axions, other hidden sector particles, ... Neutrinos: • one type or more ? • v masses and and their origin • only gravitational or other interactions ? what is the role of H(125)? Majorana or Dirac? The two epochs of Universe's accelerated expansion: **CP** violation primordial: is inflation correct ? which (scalar) fields? role of quantum gravit Many of these crucial questions can be addressed at □ today: dark energy (why is ∧ so small?) or the Large Hadron Collider! modification of gravity theory?



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- Most of the matter in the universe interacts only gravitationally, and not through electromagnetism (does not emit light), hence we can only ascertain its existence via indirect effects: Dark Matter
- Solution Many of the scenarios Beyond the SM provide neutral, stable particles: candidates for dark matter
- The LHC has a unique potential for direct discovery of Dark Matter if some of these scenarios have been realised in Nature
- For instance, Dark Matter should have a characteristic signature of SM particles with additional missing transverse energy in the detector
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# Higgs: from discovery to precision

- **Following the discovery**, the LHC is now working in characterisation of **properties of the new boson**
- Fundamental predictions that Higgs
  couples with strength proportional to
  mass verified, still with large uncertainties
- The scalar nature of the boson has also been demonstrated: first fundamental (?)
  boson ever found in Nature!



#### Higgs couplings proportional to Mass



Spin 0 preferred over alternative hypothesis, like Spin 2