

## The End of Physics

"The more important fundamental laws and facts of physical science have <u>all been discovered</u>,

and these are now so firmly established that the possibility of their ever being supplanted in consequence of <u>new discoveries is exceedingly remote</u>."

# The End of Physics - 1894



## The Miracle Year - 1905



### Einstein's Theoretical Discoveries



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## Relativity

- When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute.
- But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute—and it's longer than any hour.
- That's relativity.





#### Einstein's

Dream







## Unification of Forces



## Modern scientific instruments



# The Big Bang

 Fundamental Physics needed to understand Big Bang







# The Cosmic Fireball

Visible remnant of the Big Bang

Microwaves in the sky



## Particle Accelerators and Colliders

1. Super-microscope Proton Electron

2. Creation of massive matter ( $E=mc^2$ )





### What is matter?











### What is matter?

- · Quarks -
  - combine to make protons and neutrons
- · Leptons
  - eg. electron, neutrino
- · Force Carriers
  - defines behavior of matter



### We have a precise understanding of matter and its behavior

Three Generations of Matter

ELEMENTARY

PARTICLES

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### The Structure of Matter



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### Symmetries of particles

1928, Paul A.M. Dirac
Theory of the <u>electron</u>



· <u>Hypothesized</u> ANTI-MATTER

#### DOUBLED THE NUMBER OF FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLES





# Probing the Big Bang



 The dominant "weight" of the universe appears to be <u>dark matter</u> and <u>dark energy</u>



### Dark Matter



#### The Dark Side Controls the Universe



Dark Matter HOLDS IT TOGETHER Dark Energy DETERMINES ITS DESTINY







### The Dark Energy Something from Nothing

#### Quantum Fluctuations Create a "Dark Energy" - Cosmological constant



## Calculating Dark Energy

$$E_o=\frac{1}{4\pi} h\omega$$

um energy is the sum of all the simple harmo

$$E_o = \sum_j \frac{1}{4\pi} \hbar \omega_j$$

 $\lambda$ ) for the scalar field. This sum may be evalu , go to infinity. The periodic boundary conditic eger values of *n*. There are then  $Ldk/2\pi$  discre es an integral:

$$E_o = \frac{1}{4\pi} h L^3 \int \frac{\omega}{(2\pi)^3} d^3 k$$

pose a cutoff at a maximum wavevector  $k_{max}$  :

$$\rho_{\nu\alpha c} \equiv \lim_{L \to \infty} \frac{E_o}{L^3} = \frac{\hbar k_{max}^4}{32\pi^3}$$

times too big

POPOULAR HYPOTHESIS

# SuperString Theory

- Unifies <u>all</u> particles and <u>all</u> forces
  - gravity with quantum mechanics
- Fundamental particles are represented as vibrations on string
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- String is miniscule
  - Atom is 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 × bigger
- Space is ten-dimensional (not 3D!)
- A matching set of particles appear
  - $\cdot$  the <u>super-partners</u> of ordinary particles

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## Supersymmetry and Strings

History repeats?





 The supersymmetric particles have just the properties expected of <u>Dark Matter</u>

### Large Hadron Collider (LHC) Geneva, Switzerland



Nearing Completion Begins operation later early next year

### LHC Detector - ATLAS







### International Linear Collider (ILC)



#### Under development

Planned to begin operation last half of next decade

## Our Mysterious Universe

- We are on the eve of a <u>revolution in physics</u>
  - Many mysteries
  - Solutions appear near
  - Deeper understanding of the universe itself
- <u>Dark Matter</u> particles may appear soon in <u>particle collider</u> experiments
- · Also
  - Gravity waves
  - Higgs Boson
  - Extra Dimensions
  - Other AMAZING Things

Stay Tuned!



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