Understanding the emptiness: the Higgs field and beyond



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FCC (CERN) vision of the next 70 years



The Next Microscope (Collider Proposals)



The Future of Particle Physics: "Snowmass" planning

Decadal community planning process

1982 — concept of SSC...



- 2001 flavor physics and future facilities (LHC)
- 2013 Higgs discovery and the next steps (see P5 below)
- 2022 starting now...

US strategic planning (P5), advise NSF and DOE through HEPAP (P5) (P5 = Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel)

Use the Higgs boson as a new tool for discovery



- Pursue the physics associated with neutrino mass
- Identify the new physics of dark matter
- Understand cosmic acceleration: dark energy and inflation
- Explore the unknown: new particles, interactions, and physical principles

Higgs Potential and Stability of the Vacuum



Vision of the World by a Physicist

We learn that there are fields...



Vision by a Particle Physicist

Quantum Field Theory =

Quantum Mechanics (very small) + Special Relativity (very fast)





The Unified Vision: the Standard Model (SM)



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Crisis of Standard Models of Particles Physics & Cosmology

Understanding the Vacuum



Approach the Problems: Astrophysics



Approach the Problems: Particle Physics



Scales in Particle Physics





"Optimistic" Scale in Particle Physics



"Pessimistic" Scale in Particle Physics



Effective Field Theory

Effective Field Theory (EFT)

- describes energies (of interest) below \mathbf{M} (underlying dynamics)

– no "new physics" up to $M \gg m_H$





Heavy-Quark ("Low-Energy") Experiments



Quark and Neutrino "Flavor" Physics: CP Violation

- The only known source of CP violation (difference matter-antimatter)
 - in the Quark sector (completion of the Standard Model in this sector)
 - the Lepton (neutrino ν) sector in active development (Nobel Prize 2015: ν mass)



The Nobel Prize in Physics 2008



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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2008 was divided, one half awarded to Yoichiro Nambu *"for the discovery of the mechanism of spontaneous broken symmetry in subatomic physics"*, the other half jointly to Makoto Kobayashi and Toshihide Maskawa *"for the discovery of the origin of the broken symmetry which predicts the existence of at least three families of quarks in nature"*.

Large Hadron Collider



CMS Experiment at the LF Fri 2010–Sep–24 02:2 Run 146511 Event S C.O.M. Energ



The Higgs boson: 2012-2013



The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013

Iranians Put It



Photo: A. Mahmoud François Englert Prize share: 1/2



Photo: A. Mahmoud Peter W. Higgs Prize share: 1/2

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013 was awarded jointly to François Englert and Peter W. Higgs *"for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider"*





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The Higgs boson eight years later...



The Higgs boson eight years later...

- Couples to matter-energy rates as ~ expected
- Mass: quantum corrections
- Lifetime:

faster decay to new states? to dark matter?...

- Quantum numbers? expect $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$ as vacuum
- New source of CP violation?
- Any hints of EFT effects $\sim \left(\frac{V}{M}\right)^2$?...

 $\mathscr{L}\ensuremath{\mathsf{agrangian}}\xspace$ involving the Higgs field



Higgs field(s) and potential?

Summary

- Crisis of Standard Models of Particles Physics & Cosmology
- Use the Higgs boson as a new tool for discovery
 - may reach to new particles, interactions (EFT)
 - may be our window to dark matter
 - may relate to baryogenesis (CP)
 - Higgs field responsible for stability of the vacuum
 - interplay with inflation and dark energy: scalar fields in vacuum
 - Active research program of Higgs physics
 - from discovery to detailed properties
 - Run-3 of LHC, to High-Luminosity LHC
 - Higgs Factory on the horizon...
 - synergy with table-top, dark-matter, low-energy experiments

