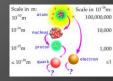
THE SEARCH FOR THE TRULY ELEMENTARY PARTICLE



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Elementary Particle: Contains no measurable internal structure

- The Greek philosopher Democritus (460?-370? BC) named the smallest unit atomus, meaning "not able to be cut."
- 18th Century: Lavoisier- All substances made up of chemical elements.

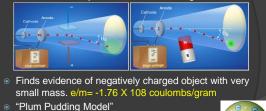
By the end of the 19th Century:

- Newton's Laws to describe motion
- Maxwell's Equations uniting electricity and magnetism
- Mendeleyev's Periodic Table of the Elements
- Becquerel- radioactivity
- Roentgen- x-rays

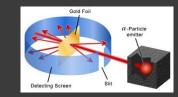
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1897: J.J. Thompson's Electron Thompson finds the 1st subatomic particle

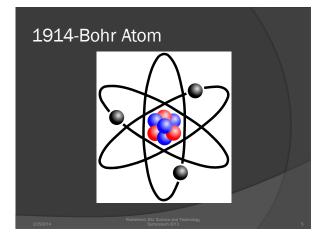
Used cathode ray tube to measure charge/mass ratio.

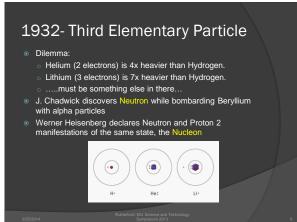


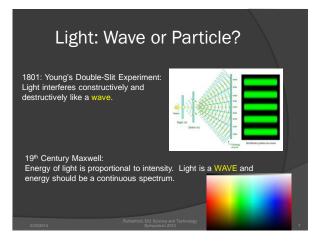


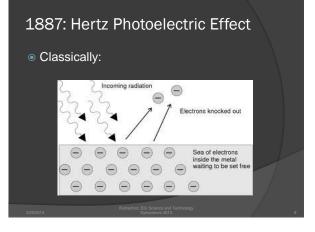


 RESULT: Atoms consist of heavily charged nuclei surrounded by negative, light electrons. Lightest nucleus (hydrogen) called "proton."







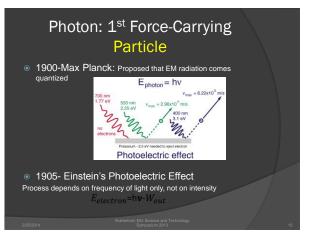


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Paradigm Shift: Quantum Mechanics

(1905) Einstein's Special Relativity

- Space and Time can change in different reference frames
- Describes behavior of particles moving at high velocities
- E=mc²
- Mass and Energy are two forms of the SAME THING!
- (1926) Erwin Schrodinger: At the atomic scale, Newton's Laws of Classical Mechanics give way to mathematical functions that describe particle behavior in terms of probabilities
- (1925) Werner Heisenberg: Uncertainty Principle- cannot precisely know both momentum and position of subatomic particle.

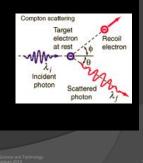


1924: Compton Effect • Light scattered off a particle with mass m at rest changes wavelength: $\lambda_f = \lambda_i + \frac{\hbar}{m_c}(1-\cos\theta)$

Exactly behavior of massless
 Relativistic particle of momentum
 $p_{photon} = h\lambda$

 Quanta of E-M radiation are PHOTONS! (y)

• E-M interactions mediated by Exchange of photons: Photon=Force-carrying particle



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Mesons (1934-1947)

•*classical" model does not address the problem: What holds the nucleus together? •Must be a <u>shorth force</u> with range about the size of nucleus itself. •<u>Yukawa 1934</u>: Theory for the mediator (quantum) of this force.

force. Estimated mass:

- 300 times m_{electron}
- 1/6 m_{proton}

Yukawa's particle became known as "meson" (middle-weight). Electron is "energy" (light-weight) Proton and neutron "cenyons" (heavy-weight)

BREAK FOR WWII



1947: Cosmic Ray experiments produce 2 middle-weight candidates for the Yukawa Meson

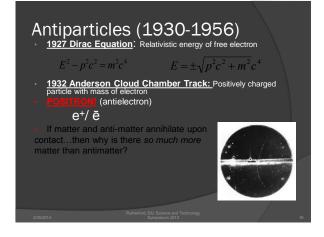
• Pion π - True Yukawa particle that interacts with nuclei. Copiously produced in upper atmosphere but ordinarily disintegrates long before reaching the ground.

Muon <u>µ</u>- Lighter and longer-lived imposter having nothing to do with strong interactions. Behaves like heavier version of electron and belongs in lepton family.

Rabi- "Who ordered that?"



Photographic emulsion exposed to cosmic rays at high altitude



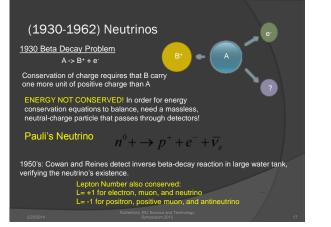
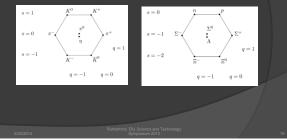


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Eightfold Way (1961-1964)

 Theory organizing subatomic baryons and mesons into "octets."

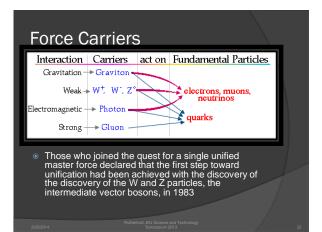


Quark Model (1964) • Gell-Mann and Zweig independently proposed that all hadrons are composed of even more elementary constituents, "quarks." • Quarks come in 3 types: up, down, strange (1964) O.W. Greenberg- each flavor comes in three colors: red, blue, green QuarkTheory



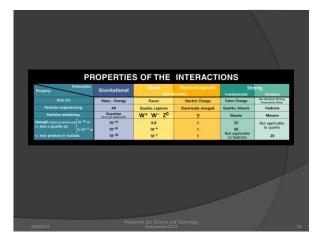
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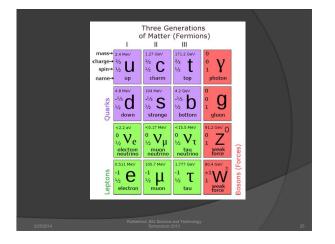
- Nov 1974: C.C. Ting at Brookhaven observes J (charm, anti-charm) meson.
- Nov 1974: Burton Richter at SLAC observes same particle, calls it Ψ.
- Both teams publish simultaneously- known now as the J/Ψ
- 1975- "Upsilon" Υ (bottom, anti-bottom)
- 1983- Intermediate Vector Bosons (W±, Z)

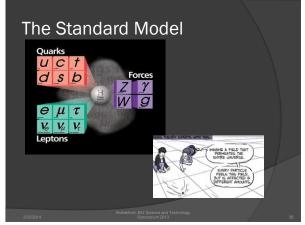


Hadrons: held together by strong force







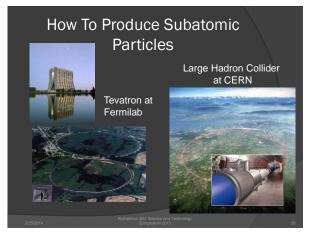


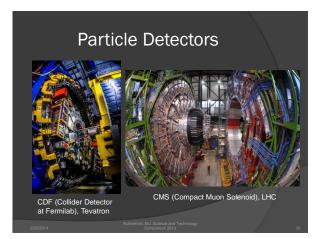
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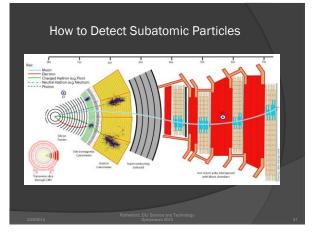


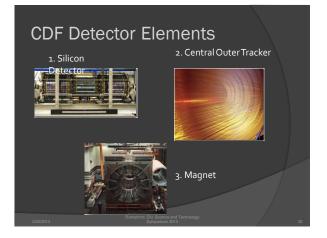
Why Search for the Higgs Boson? Higgs Mechanism: Non-zero field which generates mass and permeates the universe. W/Z bosons gain mass through d.o.f. of Higgs field Fermions gain mass by interacting with Higgs field Higgs Boson predicted! Electro-Weak Symmetry Breaking W/Z weak bosons massive, photon massless EM and weak forces unify at high energies, but EWSB occurs at low energies. Finding the Higgs boson means the Higgs field exists and our theory for the origin of mass is confirmed!

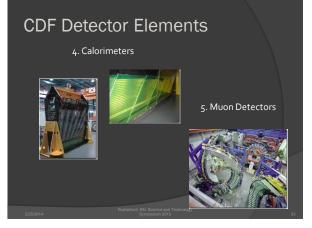
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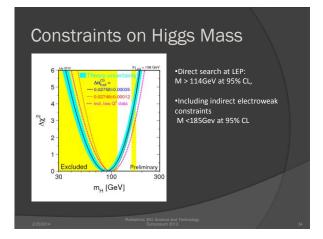


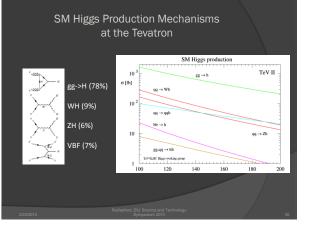


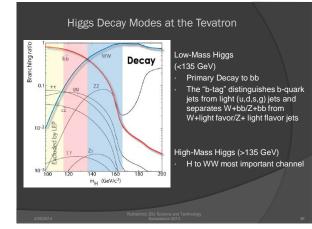


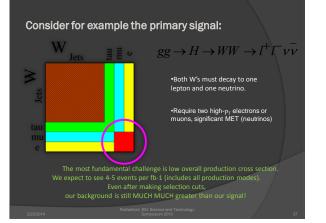


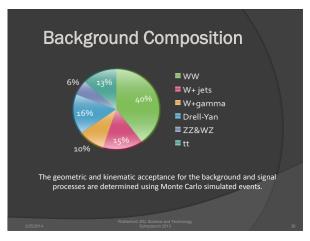


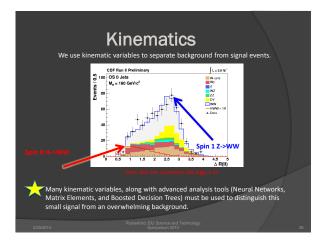


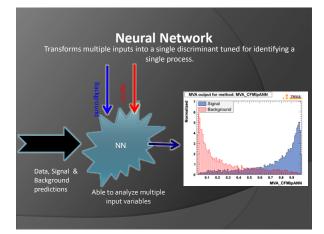


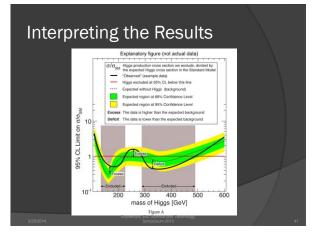


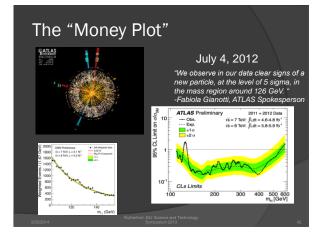












Nobel Prize in Physics 2013



 "For the theortical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider."

