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## 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>."

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# The End of Physics - 1894



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### The Miracle Year - 1905



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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.



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## Unification of Forces



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## Modern scientific instruments



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## Particle Accelerators and Colliders

1. Super-microscope

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







### What is matter?





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### The Structure of Matter

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### Dark Matter

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# The Cosmic Fireball

Visible remnant of the Big Bang

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### Make-up of the Universe

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Dominately <u>dark matter</u> and <u>clark energy</u>
Very little anti-matter

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#### The Dark Side Controls the Universe

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Dark Matter HOLDS IT TOGETHER Dark Energy DETERMINES ITS DESTINY

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What is the Dark Matter? POPOULAR <u>HYPOTHESIS</u> SuperString Theory

- All fundamental particles are vibrating strings
- Theory unifies <u>all</u> particles and <u>all</u> forces
  - <u>gravity</u> with quantum mechanics

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- String is miniscule
  - 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 × smller than atom
- Space is ten-dimensional (not 3D!)
- A new set of particles are predicted
  - the <u>super-partners</u> of ordinary particles  $\Rightarrow$  Dark Matter ?

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### The Structure of Matter

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### Supersymmetry and Strings

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

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

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Nearing Completion Begins operation later early next year

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### LHC Detector - ATLAS

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### International Linear Collider (ILC)

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#### Under development by global collaboration including U. Oregon

Aim to start construction within several years

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# 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
  - The Unexpected!

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