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Top Quark: Theory Perspective

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I will present a theoretical perspective on the top quark, the newest and most massive ingredient of the Standard Model of particle physics. I will explain how the top fits into the Standard Model, where its large mass gives it a special role, and may be a clue that top could act as a portal to physics beyond the Standard Model. I'll explore how current and future measurements will test the Standard Model expectations for the properties of top, and may reveal the truth about the top quark.