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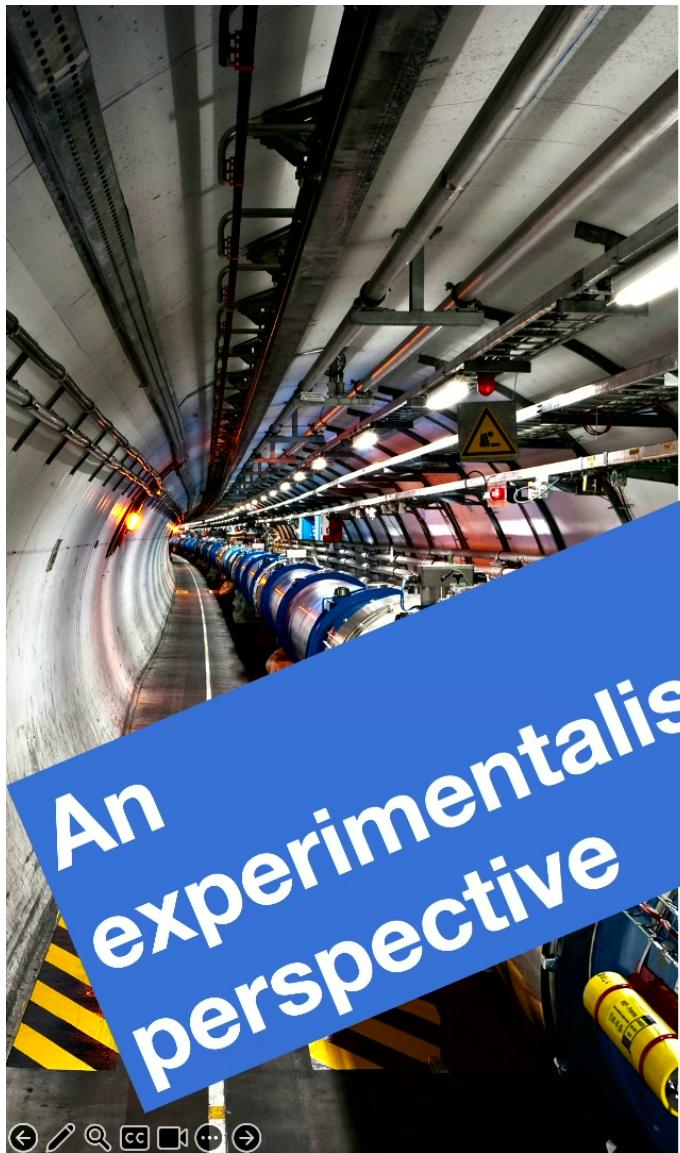
Abstract: Explore particle physics with Dr. Clara Nellist at the Perimeter Institute on May 8, as she discusses CERN's groundbreaking research.

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# From Hydrogen to Higgs Bosons

Particle Physics at the  
Large Hadron Collider at CERN

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# CERN

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But what are we looking for?

$$\begin{aligned}
 & -\frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu g_\mu^\nu \partial_\nu g_\mu^\rho - g_\mu f^{abc} \partial_\mu g_\mu^b g_\mu^c g_\mu^a - \frac{1}{2}g_\mu^2 f^{abc} f^{ade} g_\mu^e g_\mu^f g_\mu^d + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g_\mu^2 (\tilde{q}^\mu{}^\nu \tilde{q}_\nu^\rho) g_\mu^\rho + \tilde{G}^\mu \partial^\nu G^\mu - g_\mu f^{abc} \partial_\mu G^\mu G^\nu g_\mu^\nu - \partial_\mu W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu W_\mu^- - \\
 & M^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu Z_\mu^0 \partial_\mu Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2M^2} M^2 Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu A_\mu \partial_\mu A_\mu - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu H \partial_\mu H + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}m_h^2 H^2 - \partial_\mu \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - M^2 \phi^+ \phi^- - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^0 - \frac{1}{2M^2} M^2 \phi^0 \phi^0 - \partial_\mu \frac{2M^2}{g} + \\
 & \frac{2M^2}{g} H + \frac{1}{2}(H^2 + \phi^0 \phi^0 + 2\phi^+ \phi^-)] + \frac{2M^2}{g} \alpha_h - ig c_w [\partial_\mu Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - \\
 & W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-) - Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\mu W_\mu^+)] + Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu W_\mu^- - \\
 & W_\mu^- \partial_\mu W_\mu^+) - ias_w [\partial_\mu A_\mu (W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- W_\mu^+) - A_\mu (W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu W_\mu^- - \\
 & W_\mu^- \partial_\mu W_\mu^+)] + A_\mu (W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\mu W_\mu^+)] - \frac{1}{2}g^2 H^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- + g^2 c_w (Z_\mu^0 W_\mu^+ Z_\mu^0 W_\mu^- - Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-) + \\
 & g^2 s_w^2 (A_\mu W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - A_\mu A_\mu W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-) + g^2 s_w c_w [A_\mu Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - \\
 & W_\mu^- W_\mu^+) - 2A_\mu Z_\mu^0 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-] - g\alpha H^3 + H \tilde{\phi}^0 \phi^0 + 2H \phi^+ \phi^- + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g^2 \alpha_h [H^4 + (\phi^0)^4 + 4(\phi^+ \phi^-)^2 + 4(\phi^0)^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 4H^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 2H^2 \phi^0 \phi^0] + H^2 \\
 & g M W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- H - \frac{1}{2}g^2 M^2 Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 H - \frac{1}{2}ig [W_\mu^+ (\partial_\mu \phi^+ - \partial_\mu \phi^-) + \\
 & W_\mu^- (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^-)] + \frac{1}{2}ig [W_\mu^+ (H \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \phi^0 \partial_\mu H) + W_\mu^- (H \partial_\mu \phi^- - \\
 & \phi^0 \partial_\mu H)] + \frac{1}{2}g^2 [Z_\mu^0 (H \partial_\mu \phi^0 - \phi^0 \partial_\mu H) + a_\mu^2 H^2] \\
 & - ias_w [A_\mu (W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\mu W_\mu^+)] - ig \frac{1}{2} Z_\mu^0 \partial_\mu (W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-) + \\
 & g^2 s_w c_w [A_\mu W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - A_\mu A_\mu W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-] + g^2 c_w^2 (W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-) + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g^2 Z_\mu^0 H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2(Z_\mu^0)^2 - \frac{1}{2}g^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + g^2 c_w^2 (W_\mu^+ W_\mu^-) + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g^2 \phi^0 \phi^0 + \frac{1}{2}g^2 \phi^+ \phi^+ + \frac{1}{2}g^2 \phi^- \phi^- + \frac{1}{2}g^2 H^2 + \frac{1}{2}g^2 H^2 + \frac{1}{2}g^2 H^2 + \\
 & d^2 (\partial_\mu + m_d^2) u_\mu^0 + ias_w A_\mu] - e^2 [e^2 e^2 + \frac{1}{2}(u_\mu^0 \bar{u}_\mu^0) - 2e^2 d^2 + 2A_\mu^2 + \\
 & \frac{g^2}{2} \frac{2m_e^2}{g^2} (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + \\
 & 1 - \gamma^2 u_\mu^0] + (d^2)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + \frac{g^2}{2} \frac{2m_e^2}{g^2} (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + \\
 & (u_\mu^0)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + (H^2)^2 (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + \\
 & \frac{g^2 m_e^2}{2} (H^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + i\phi^0 (C_{\lambda\lambda}) + \\
 & m^2 (u_\mu^0 C_{\lambda\lambda} (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + d^2 C_{\lambda\lambda} (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + H^2 C_{\lambda\lambda} (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + \\
 & \gamma^2 u_\mu^0) - \frac{1}{2}g^2 H C_{\lambda\lambda} (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) - \frac{1}{2}g^2 H (d^2 C_{\lambda\lambda} (1 + \gamma^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) + \\
 & \frac{g^2 m_e^2}{2} (H^2 C_{\lambda\lambda}) - X^+(d^2 + M^2) X^+ + X^-(\partial^2 - M^2) X^- + X^0(\partial^2 - \\
 & \frac{1}{2}M^2) X^0 + Y \partial^2 Y + ig c_w W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu X^- X^0 - \partial_\mu X^+ X^0) + ig s_w W_\mu^+ \partial_\mu X^- Y \\
 & \partial_\mu X^+ Y + ig c_w Z_\mu^0 \partial_\mu X^- X^0 - \partial_\mu X^+ X^-) + ias_w (\partial_\mu X^- X^+ - \\
 & \partial_\mu X^+ X^-) - ig M (X^+ X^0 - X^- X^0) + \frac{1}{2}g M (X^+ X^0 - X^- X^0) \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g M (X^+ X^0 - X^- X^0) + \frac{1}{2}g M (X^+ X^0 - X^- X^0)
 \end{aligned}$$

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 & -\frac{1}{2}\partial_\nu g_\mu^a \partial_\nu g_\mu^a - g_s f^{abc} \partial_\mu g_\mu^a g_\mu^b g_\mu^c - \frac{1}{4}g_s^2 f^{abc} f^{ade} g_\mu^b g_\nu^c g_\mu^d g_\nu^e + \\
 & \frac{1}{2}ig_s^2 (\bar{q}_i^\sigma \gamma^\mu q_j^\sigma) g_\mu^a + \bar{G}^a \partial^2 G^a + g_s f^{abc} \partial_\mu \bar{G}^a G^b g_\mu^c - \partial_\nu \bar{W}_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - \\
 & M^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 \partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2c_w^2} M^2 Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu A_\nu \partial_\mu A_\nu - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu H \partial_\mu H - \\
 & \frac{1}{2} m_h^2 H^2 - \partial_\mu \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - M^2 \phi^+ \phi^- - \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^0 - \frac{1}{2c_w^2} M \phi^0 \phi^0 - \beta_h \left[ \frac{2M^2}{g^2} + \right. \\
 & \left. \frac{2M}{g} H + \frac{1}{2}(H^2 + \phi^0 \phi^0 + 2\phi^+ \phi^-) \right] + \frac{2M^4}{g^2} \alpha_h - ig c_w [\partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - \\
 & W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - Z_\nu^0 (W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) + Z_\mu^0 (W_\nu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - \\
 & W_\nu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) - ig s_w [\partial_\nu A_\mu (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - A_\nu (W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - \\
 & W_\mu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) + A_\mu (W_\nu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\nu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+)] - \frac{1}{2} g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ W_\nu^- + \\
 & \frac{1}{2} g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- + g^2 c_w^2 (Z_\mu^0 W_\mu^+ Z_\nu^0 W_\nu^- - Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 W_\nu^+ W_\nu^-) + \\
 & g^2 s_w^2 (A_\mu W_\mu^+ A_\nu W_\nu^- - A_\mu A_\nu W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-) + g^2 s_w c_w [A_\nu Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - \\
 & W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - 2 A_\mu Z_\mu^0 W_\nu^+ W_\nu^-] - g \alpha [H^3 + H \phi^0 \phi^0 + 2H \phi^+ \phi^-] - \\
 & \frac{1}{8} g^2 \alpha_h [H^4 + (\phi^0)^4 + 4(\phi^+ \phi^-)^2 + 4(\phi^0)^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 4H^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 2(\phi^0)^2 H^2] - \\
 & g M W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- H - \frac{1}{2} g \frac{M}{c_w^2} Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 H - \frac{1}{2} ig [W_\mu^+ (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^0) - \\
 & W_\mu^- (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^0)] + \frac{1}{2} g [W_\mu^+ (H \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu H) - W_\mu^- (H \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \\
 & \phi^+ \partial_\mu H)] + \frac{1}{2} g \frac{1}{c_w} (Z_\mu^0 (H \partial_\mu \phi^0 - \phi^0 \partial_\mu H) - ig \frac{s_w^2}{c_w} M Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) + \\
 & ig s_w M A_\mu (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) - ig \frac{1-2c_w^2}{2c_w} Z_\mu^0 (\phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^+) + \\
 & ig s_w A_\mu (\phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^+) - \frac{1}{4} g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- [H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2\phi^+ \phi^-] - \\
 & \frac{1}{4} g^2 \frac{1}{c_w^2} Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 [H^2 + (\phi^0)^2 + 2(2s_w^2 - 1)^2 \phi^+ \phi^-] - \frac{1}{2} g^2 \frac{s_w^2}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 \phi^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- + \\
 & W_\mu^- \phi^+) - \frac{1}{2} ig^2 \frac{s_w^2}{c_w} Z_\mu^0 H (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) + \frac{1}{2} g^2 s_w A_\mu \phi^0 (W_\mu^+ \phi^- + \\
 & W_\mu^- \phi^+) + \frac{1}{2} ig^2 s_w A_\mu H (W_\mu^+ \phi^- - W_\mu^- \phi^+) - g^2 \frac{s_w}{c_w} (2c_w^2 - 1) Z_\mu^0 A_\mu \phi^+ \phi^- - \\
 & g^1 s_w^2 A_\mu A_\mu \phi^+ \phi^- - \bar{e}^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_d^\lambda) e^\lambda - \bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma \partial \nu^\lambda - \bar{u}_j^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_u^\lambda) u_j^\lambda - \\
 & d_j^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_d^\lambda) d_j^\lambda + ig s_w A_\mu [(-\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu e^\lambda) + \frac{2}{3} (\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu u_j^\lambda) - \frac{1}{3} (\bar{d}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu d_j^\lambda)] + \\
 & \frac{ig}{4c_w} Z_\mu^0 [(\bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) \nu^\lambda) + (\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (4s_w^2 - 1 - \gamma^5) e^\lambda) + (\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu (\frac{4}{3}s_w^2 - \\
 & 1 - \gamma^5) u_j^\lambda) + (d_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 - \frac{8}{3}s_w^2 - \gamma^5) d_j^\lambda)] + \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^+ [(\bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) e^\lambda) + \\
 & (\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) C_{\lambda\kappa} d_j^\kappa)] + \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} W_\mu^- [(\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma^5) \nu^\lambda) + (d_j^\kappa C_{\lambda\kappa}^\dagger \gamma^\mu (1 + \\
 & \gamma^5) u_j^\lambda)] + \frac{ig}{2\sqrt{2}} \frac{m_e^\lambda}{M} [-\phi^+ (\bar{\nu}^\lambda (1 - \gamma^5) e^\lambda) + \phi^- (\bar{e}^\lambda (1 + \gamma^5) \nu^\lambda)] - \\
 & \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_e^\lambda}{M} [H (\bar{e}^\lambda e^\lambda) + i \phi^0 (\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^5 e^\lambda)] + \frac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}} \phi^+ [-m_d^\kappa (\bar{u}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda\kappa} (1 - \gamma^5) d_j^\kappa) + \\
 & m_u^\lambda (\bar{u}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda\kappa} (1 + \gamma^5) d_j^\kappa) + \frac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}} \phi^- [m_d^\kappa (\bar{d}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda\kappa}^\dagger (1 + \gamma^5) u_j^\kappa) - m_u^\kappa (\bar{d}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda\kappa}^\dagger (1 - \\
 & \gamma^5) u_j^\kappa)] - \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_e^\lambda}{M} H (\bar{u}_j^\lambda u_j^\lambda) - \frac{g}{2} \frac{m_e^\lambda}{M} H (\bar{d}_j^\lambda d_j^\lambda) + \frac{ig}{2} \frac{m_e^\lambda}{M} \phi^0 (\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^5 u_j^\lambda) - \\
 & \frac{ig}{2} \frac{m_e^\lambda}{M} \phi^0 (\bar{d}_j^\lambda \gamma^5 d_j^\lambda) + \bar{X}^+ (\partial^2 - M^2) X^+ + \bar{X}^- (\partial^2 - M^2) X^- + \bar{X}^0 (\partial^2 - \\
 & \frac{M^2}{c_w^2}) X^0 + \bar{Y} \partial^2 Y + ig c_w W_\mu^+ (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^0 X^- - \partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ X^0) + ig s_w W_\mu^+ (\partial_\mu \bar{Y} X^- - \\
 & \partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ Y) + ig c_w W_\mu^- (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^- X^0 - \partial_\mu \bar{X}^0 X^+) + ig s_w W_\mu^- (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^- Y - \\
 & \partial_\mu \bar{Y} X^+) + ig c_w Z_\mu^0 (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ X^+ - \partial_\mu \bar{X}^- X^-) + ig s_w A_\mu (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ X^+ - \\
 & \partial_\mu \bar{X}^- X^-) - \frac{1}{2} g M [\bar{X}^+ X^+ H + \bar{X}^- X^- H + \frac{1}{c_w^2} \bar{X}^0 X^0 H] + \\
 & \frac{1-2c_w^2}{2c_w} ig M [\bar{X}^+ X^0 \phi^+ - \bar{X}^- X^0 \phi^-] + \frac{1}{2c_w} ig M [\bar{X}^0 X^- \phi^+ - \bar{X}^0 X^+ \phi^-] + \\
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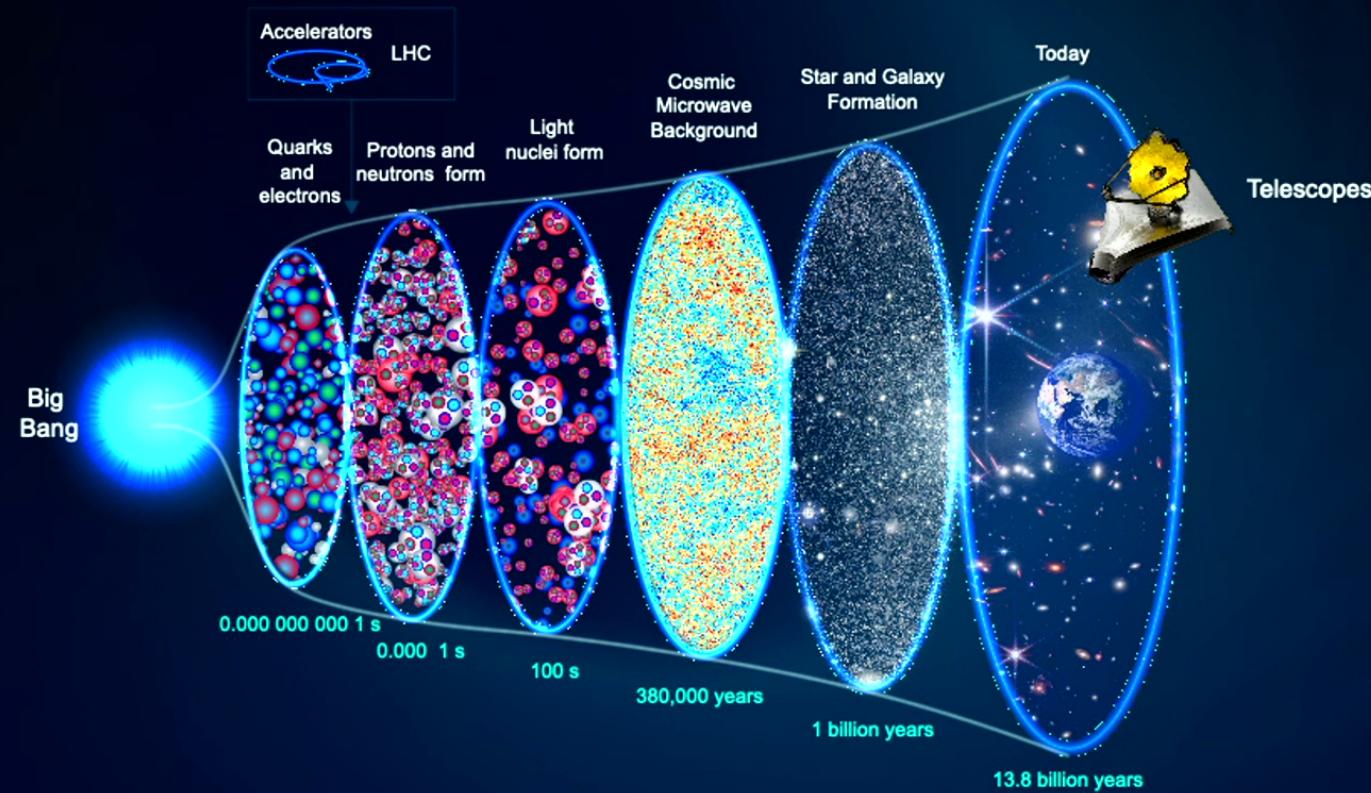
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## But what are we looking for?

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# Studying nature's building blocks and the forces that govern them



# The Standard Model (2000s)

three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)	
	I	II	III	
mass charge spin	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ u up	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ c charm	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ t top	$0$ $0$ $1$ g gluon
QUARKS	d $\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ down	s $\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ strange	b $\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $-\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ bottom	$0$ $0$ $1$ $\gamma$ photon
LEPTONS	e $\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1$ $\frac{1}{2}$ electron	$\mu$ $\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1$ $\frac{1}{2}$ muon	$\tau$ $\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $-1$ $\frac{1}{2}$ tau	Z $\approx 91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $0$ $1$ Z boson
	$\nu_e$ $<1.0 \text{ eV}/c^2$ $0$ $\frac{1}{2}$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ $<0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $0$ $\frac{1}{2}$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ $<18.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $0$ $\frac{1}{2}$ tau neutrino	$\pm 1$ $\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $1$ W W boson
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spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
QUARKS	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	
	d down	s strange	b bottom	$\gamma$ photon	
LEPTONS	e electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau	Z Z boson	
	$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	W W boson	GAUGE BOSONS VECTOR BOSONS

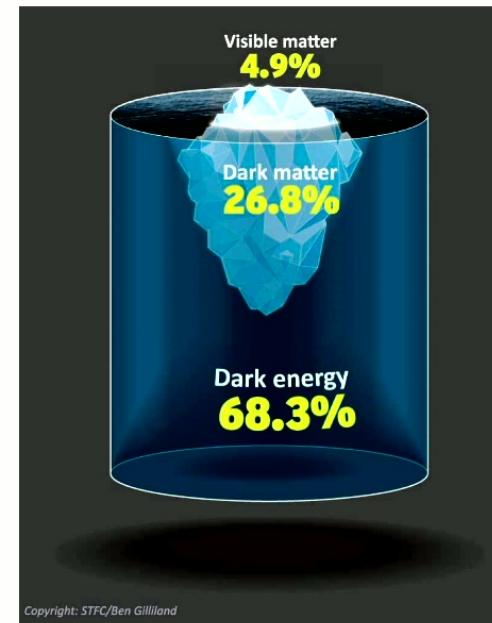
**What's missing?**

- The Higgs boson
- Dark matter
- Dark energy
- Gravity!

# The Big Questions



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# The search for the Higgs boson

**Aim:** to understand the origin of the mass of elementary particles.



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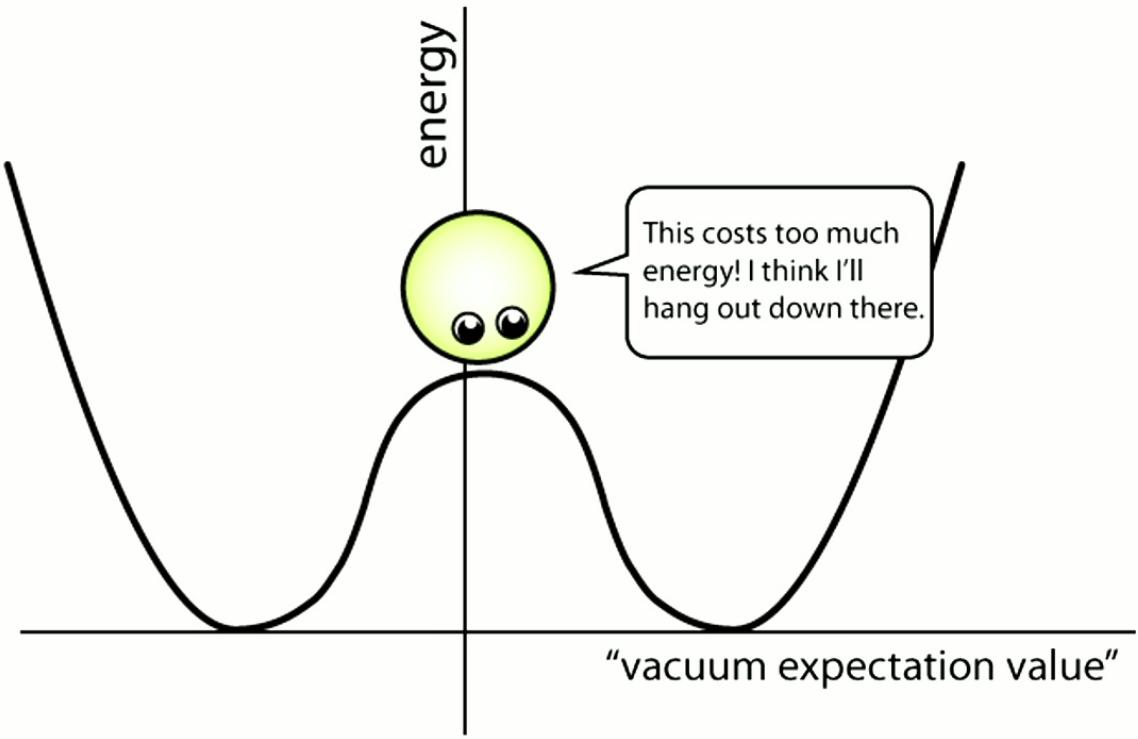


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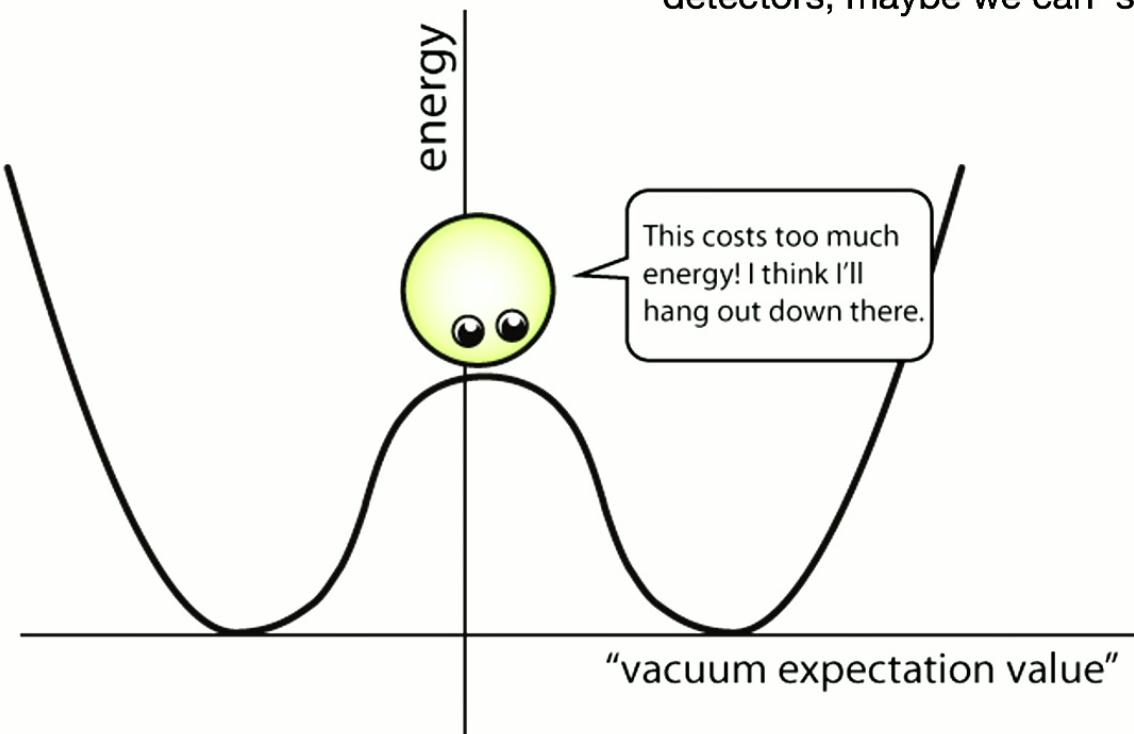


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# The Higgs boson



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Light particle



Heavy particle



The Higgs boson



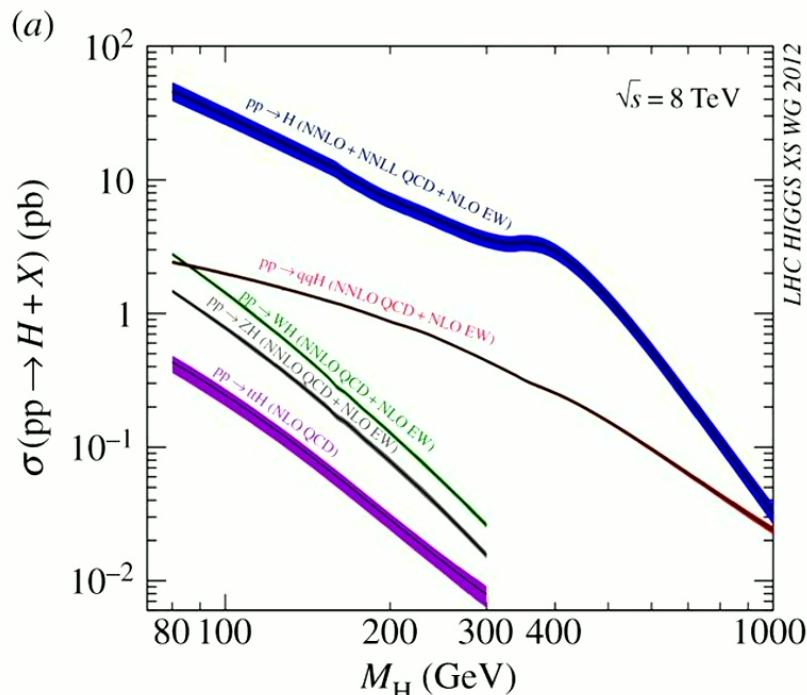
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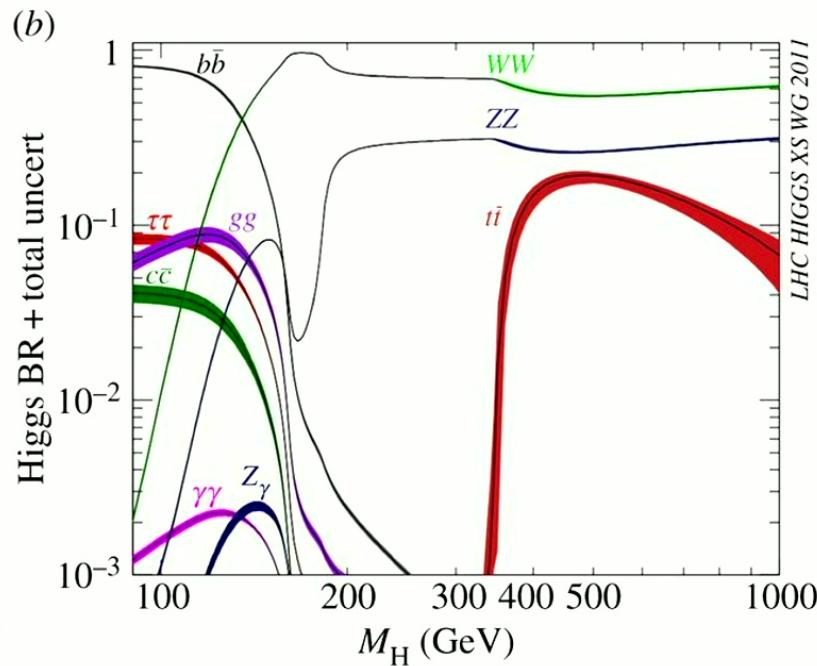
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When we produce a Higgs boson in the LHC collisions, it is unstable and quickly changes into other particles

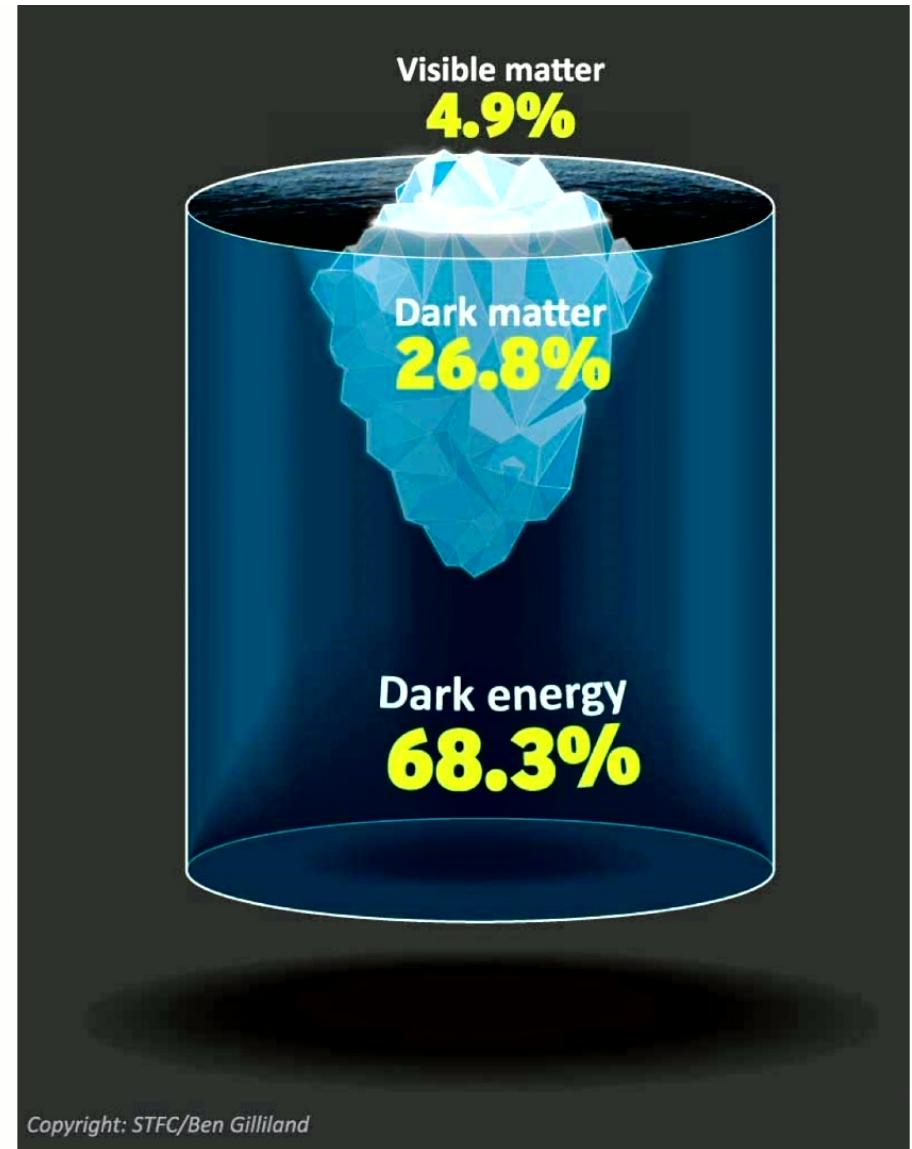
Production rate of Higgs bosons:



Which particles the Higgs will change into:

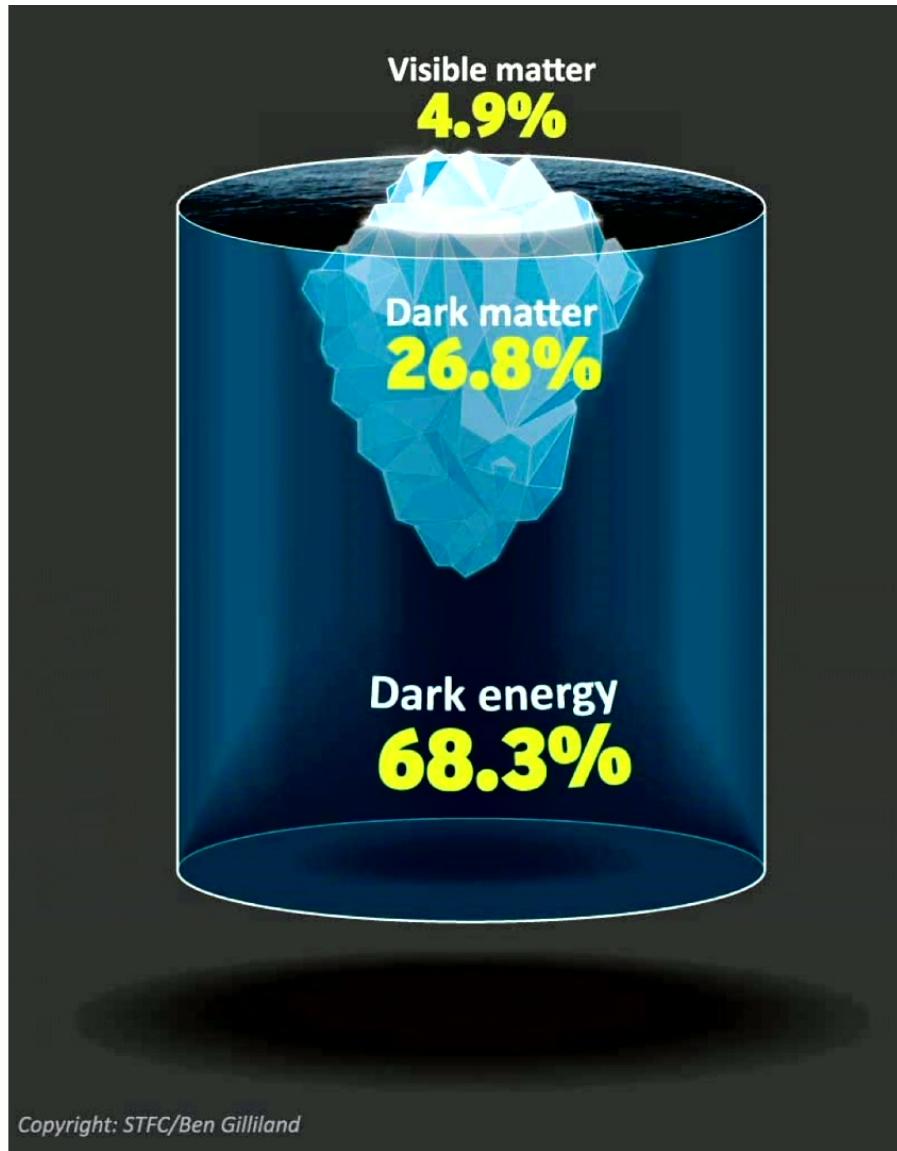
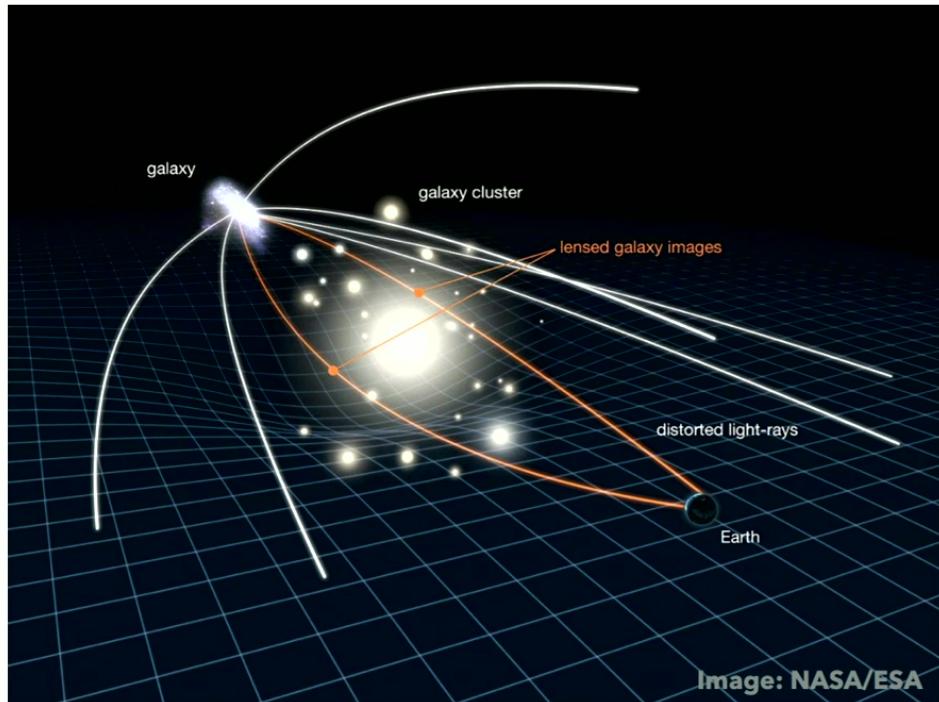


# The search for new particles (dark matter?)



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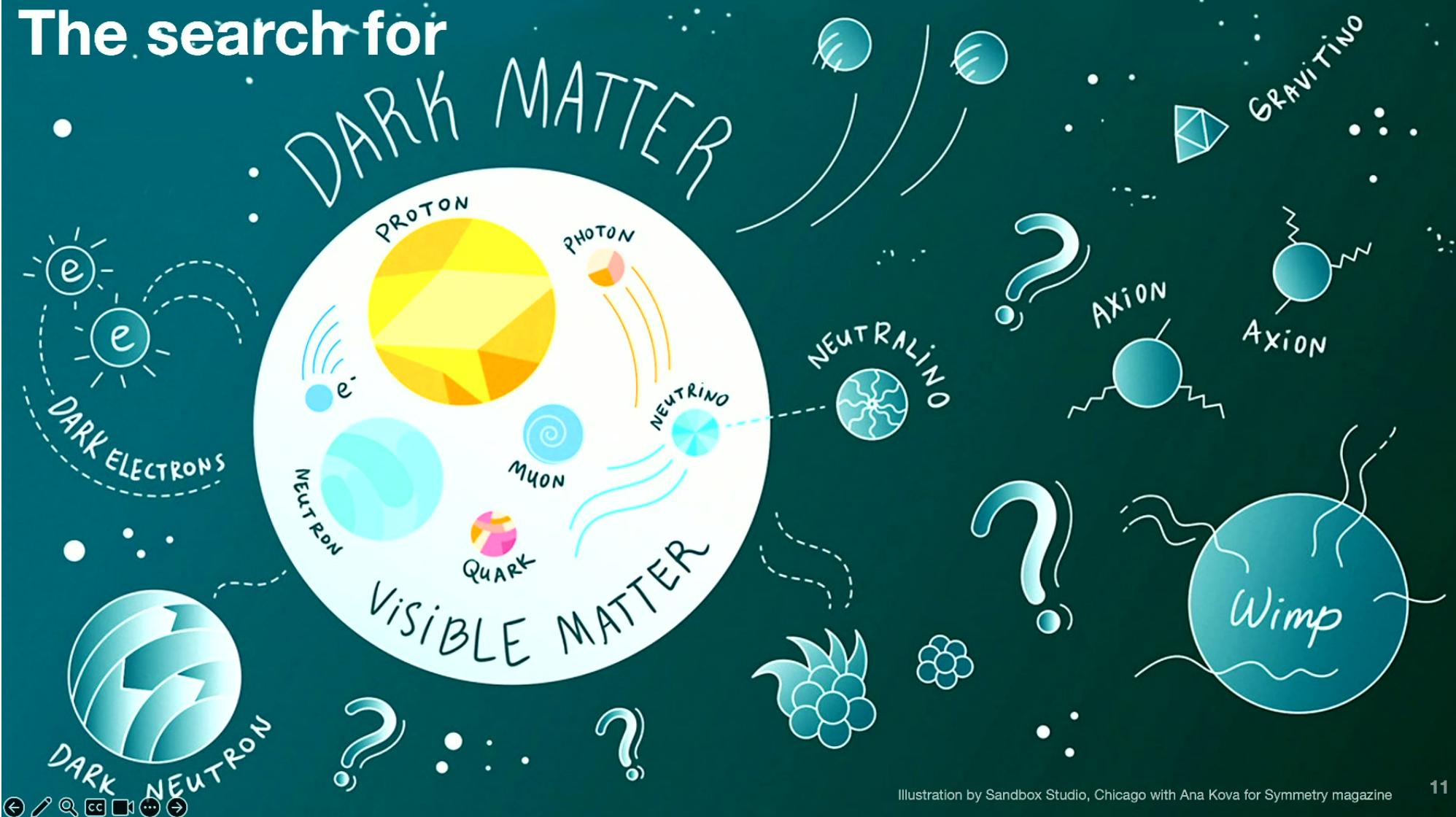
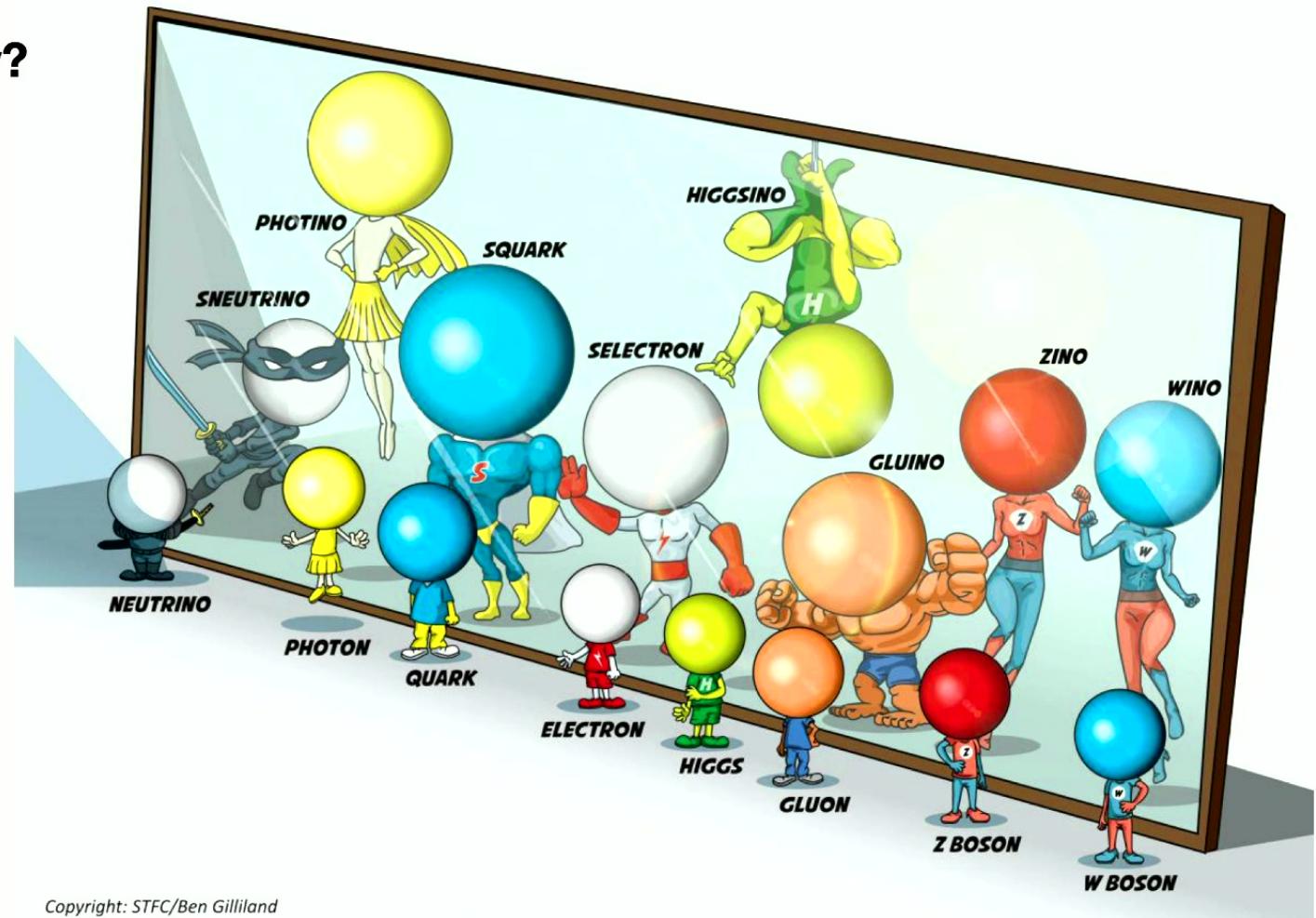


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# Dark Matter

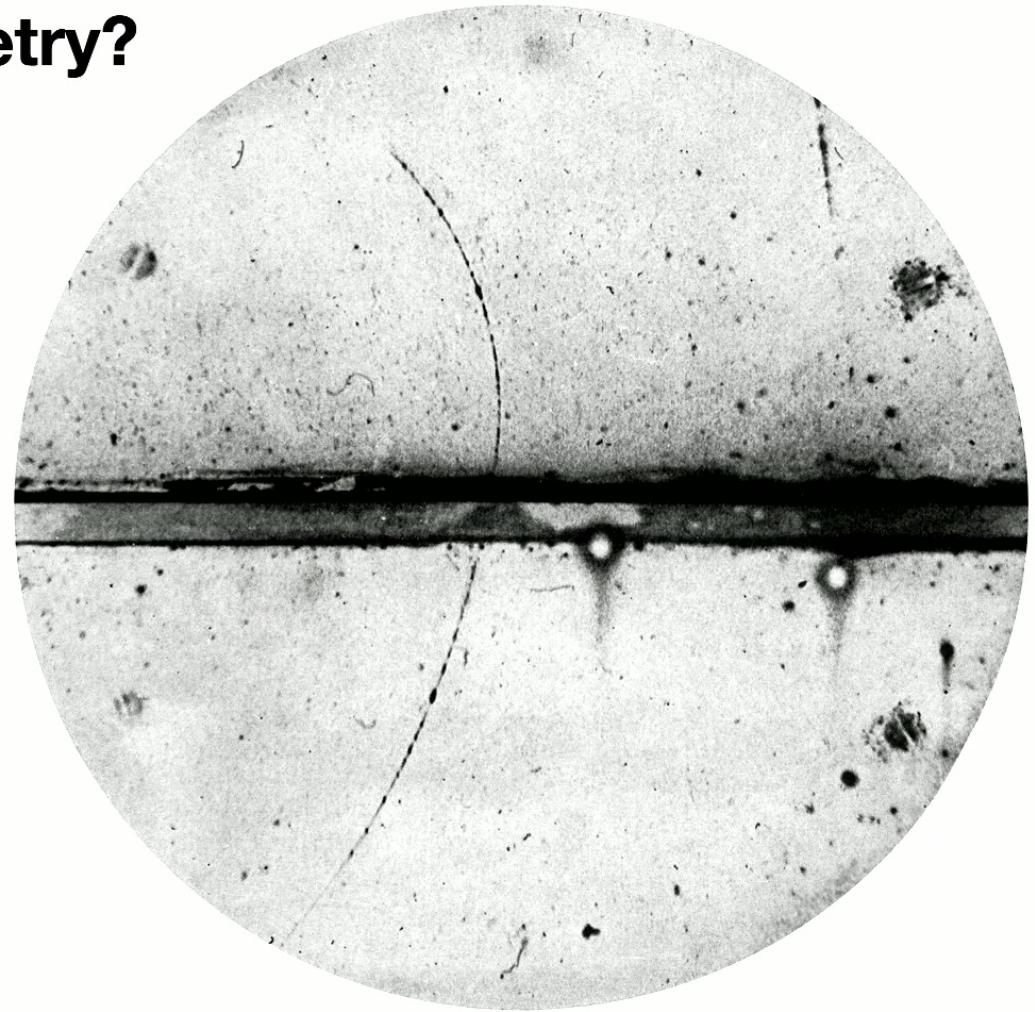
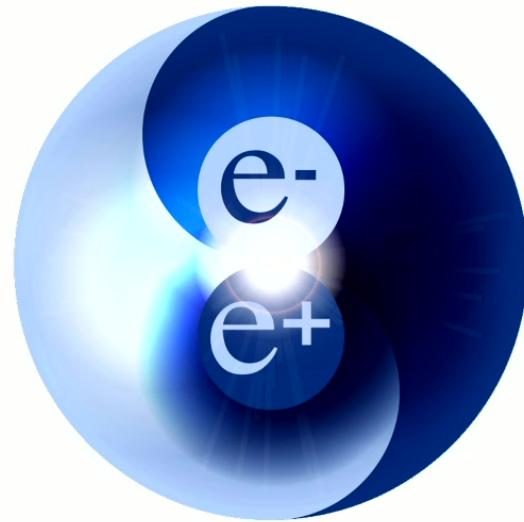
## Supersymmetry?



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# Matter-Antimatter asymmetry?



# The Strength of Gravity?



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# The Strength of Gravity?

- Is there a graviton?
- Are there extra dimensions that gravity is leaking into?
- What is the strength of gravity for antimatter?

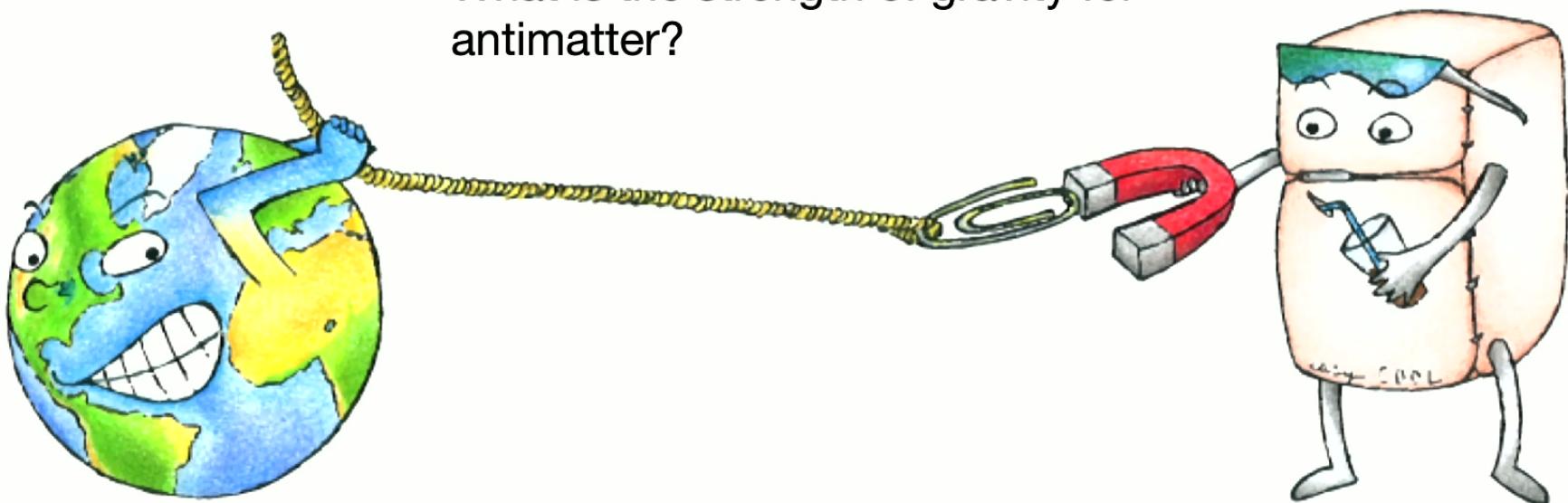
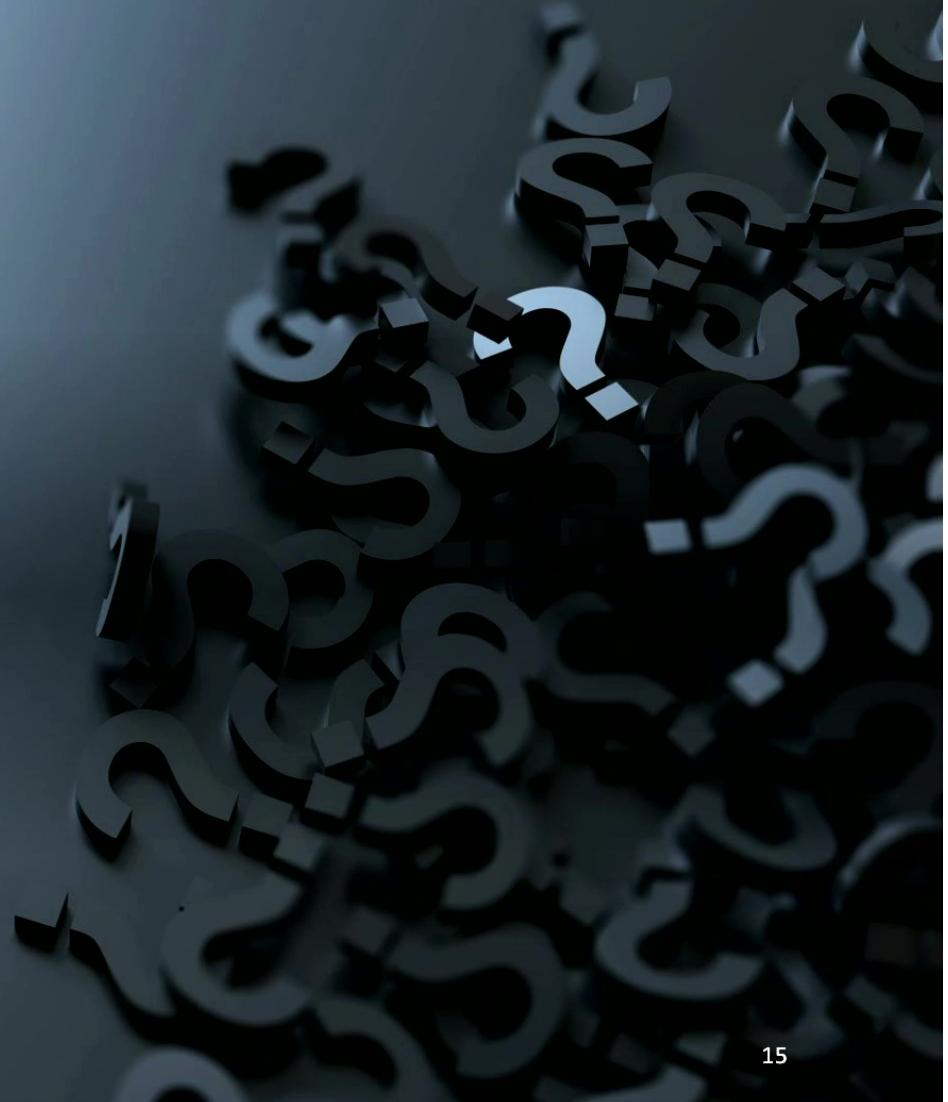


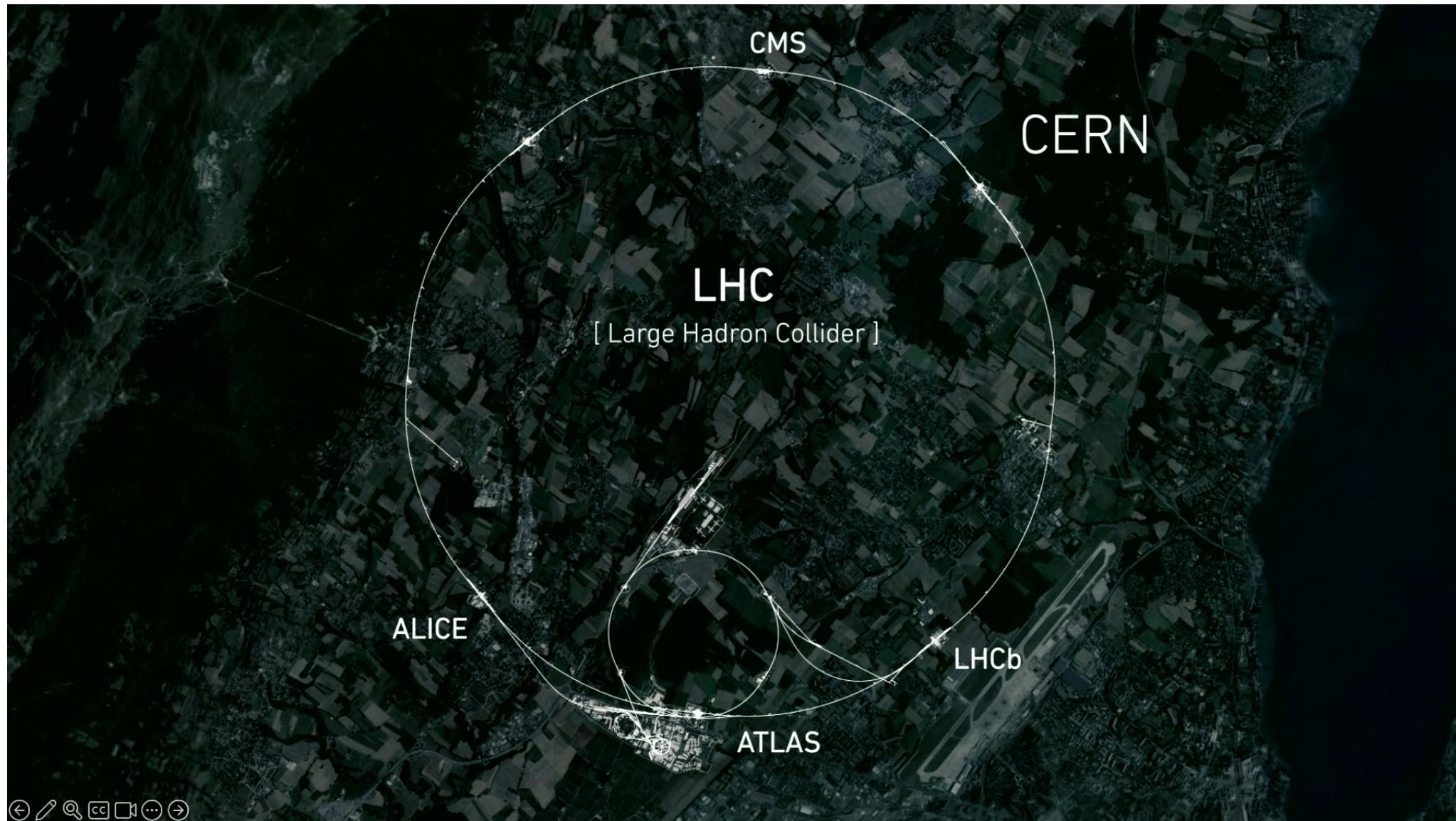
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# **So how do we go about answering these questions?**



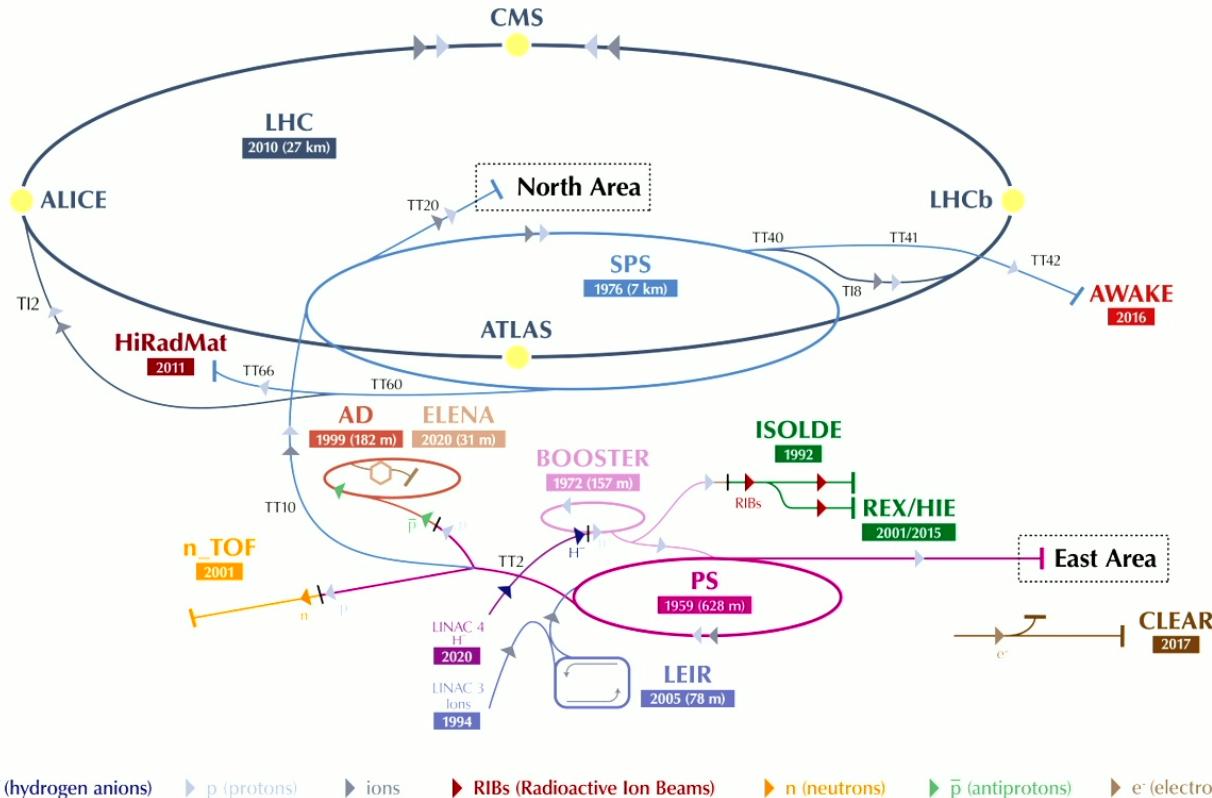
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# The CERN accelerator complex

## Complexe des accélérateurs du CERN



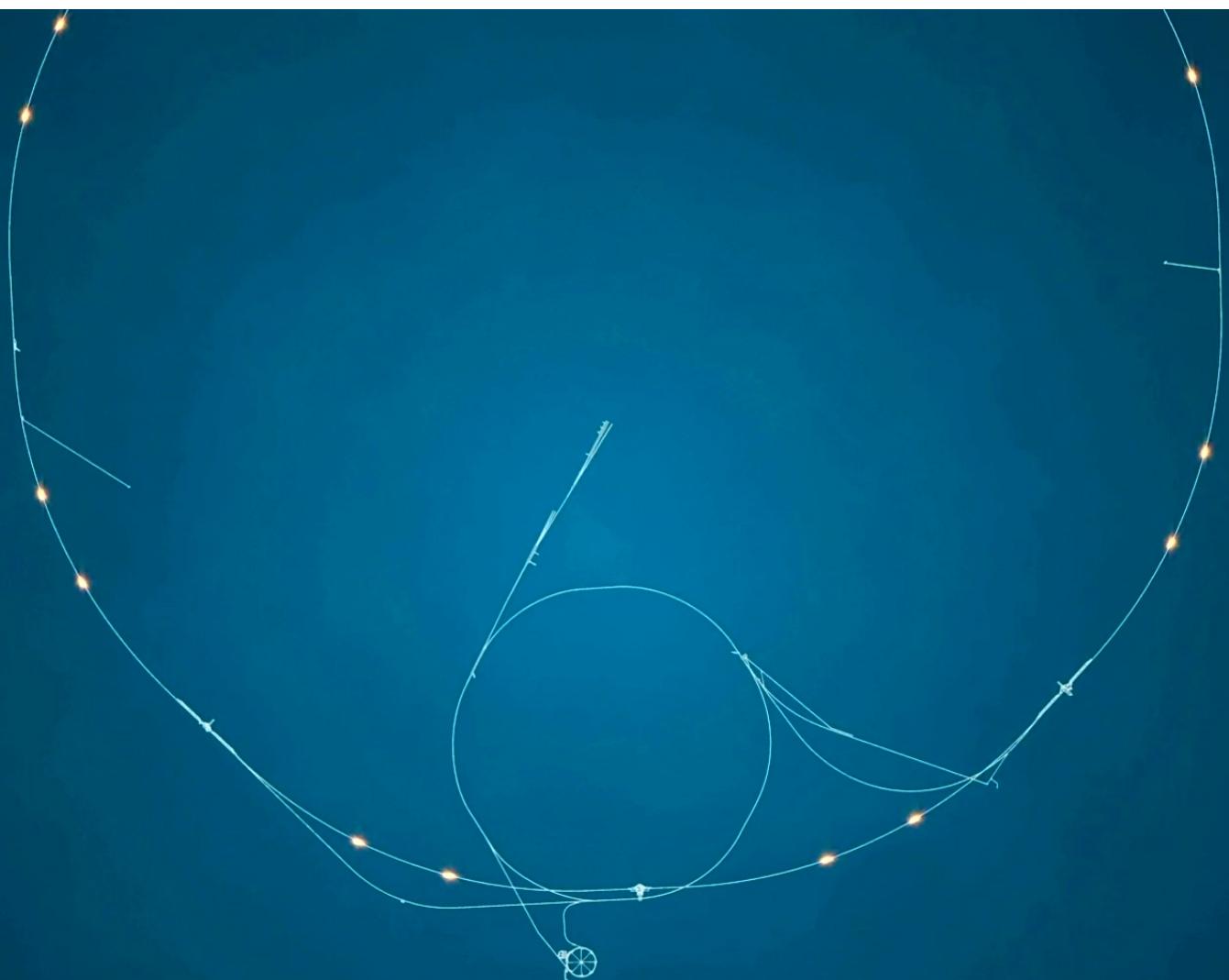
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From hydrogen bottle to the LHC

CERN

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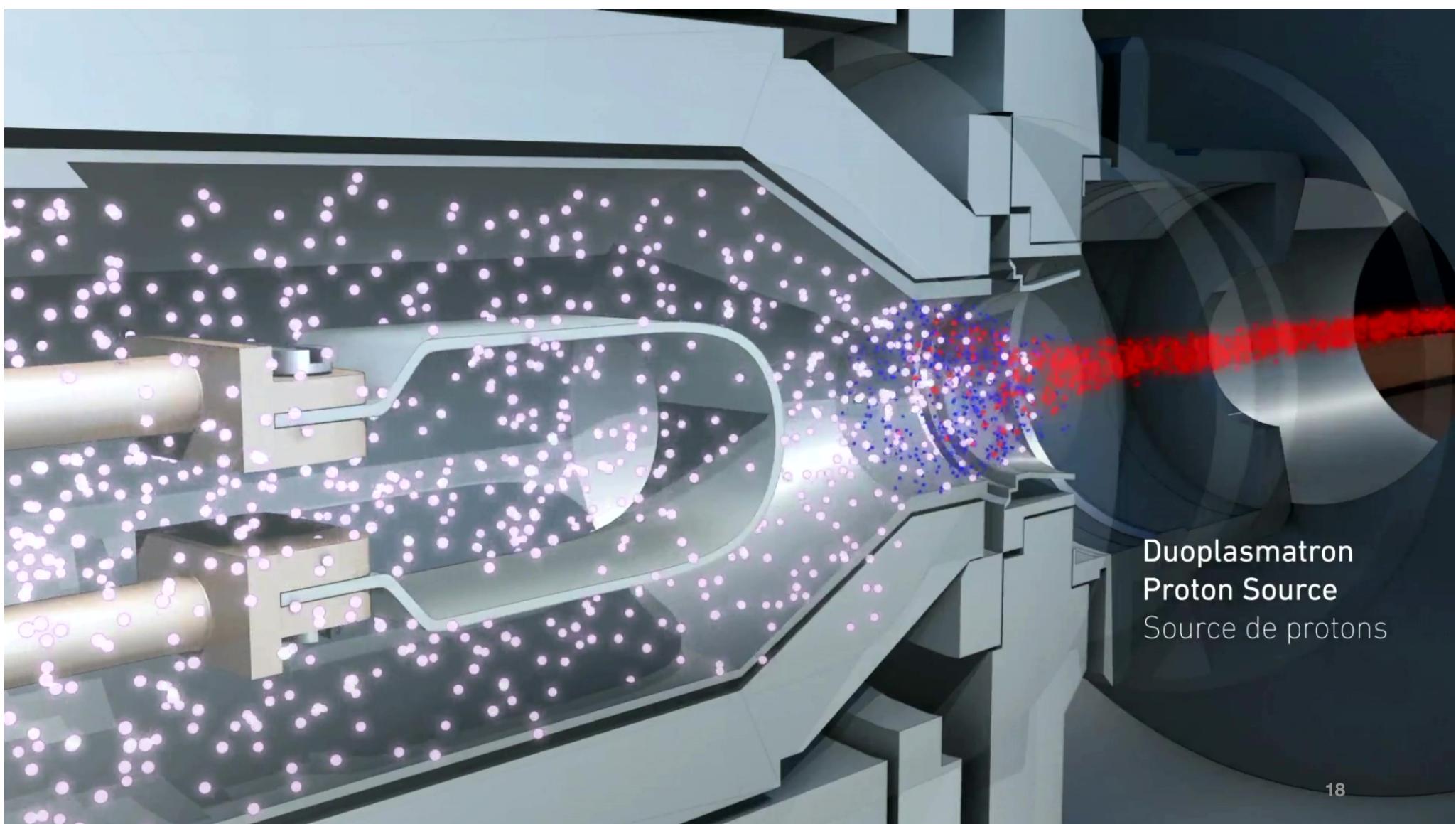




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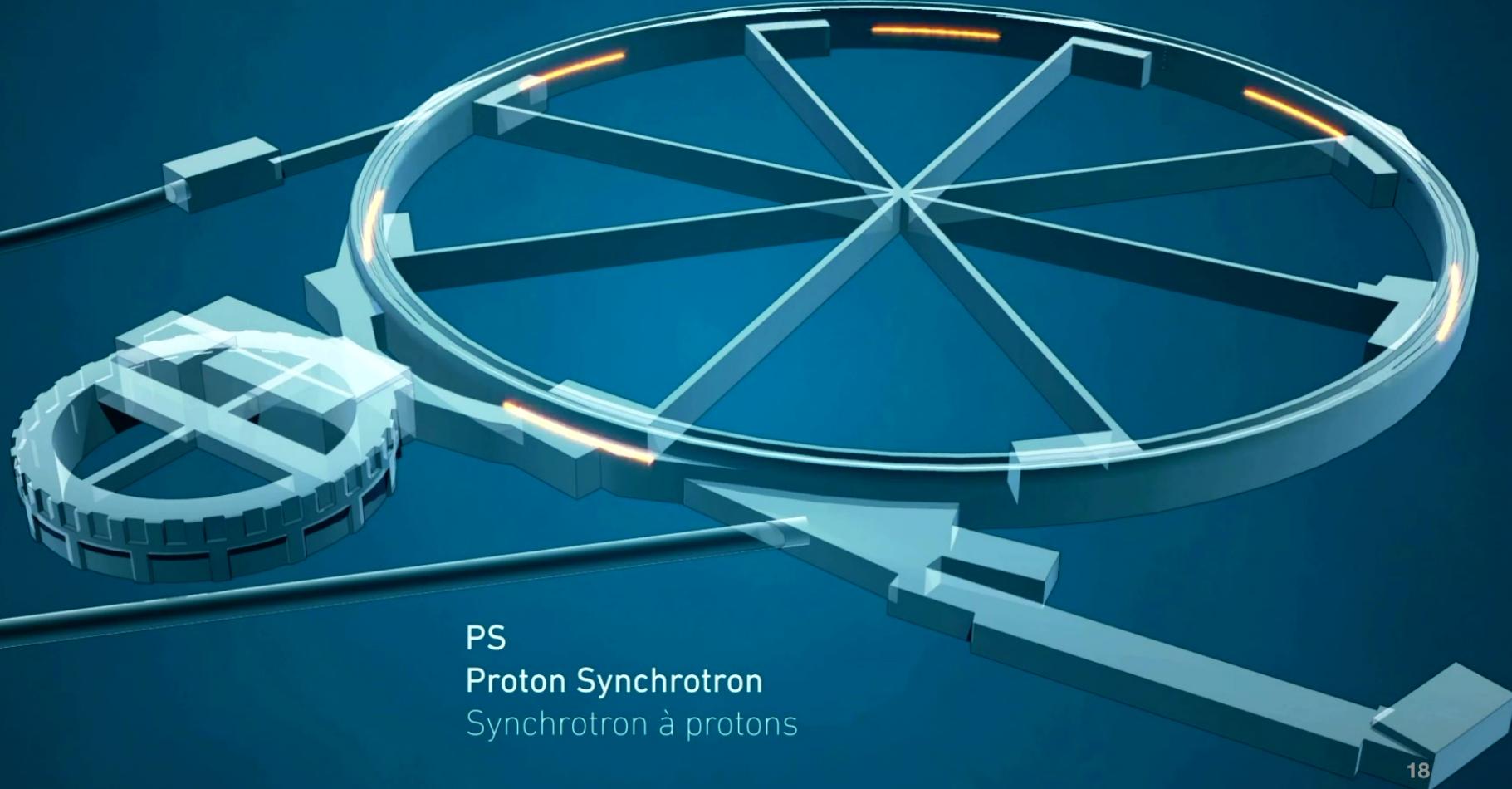
**Hydrogen Bottle**  
Bouteille d'hydrogène





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Proton Source  
Source de protons

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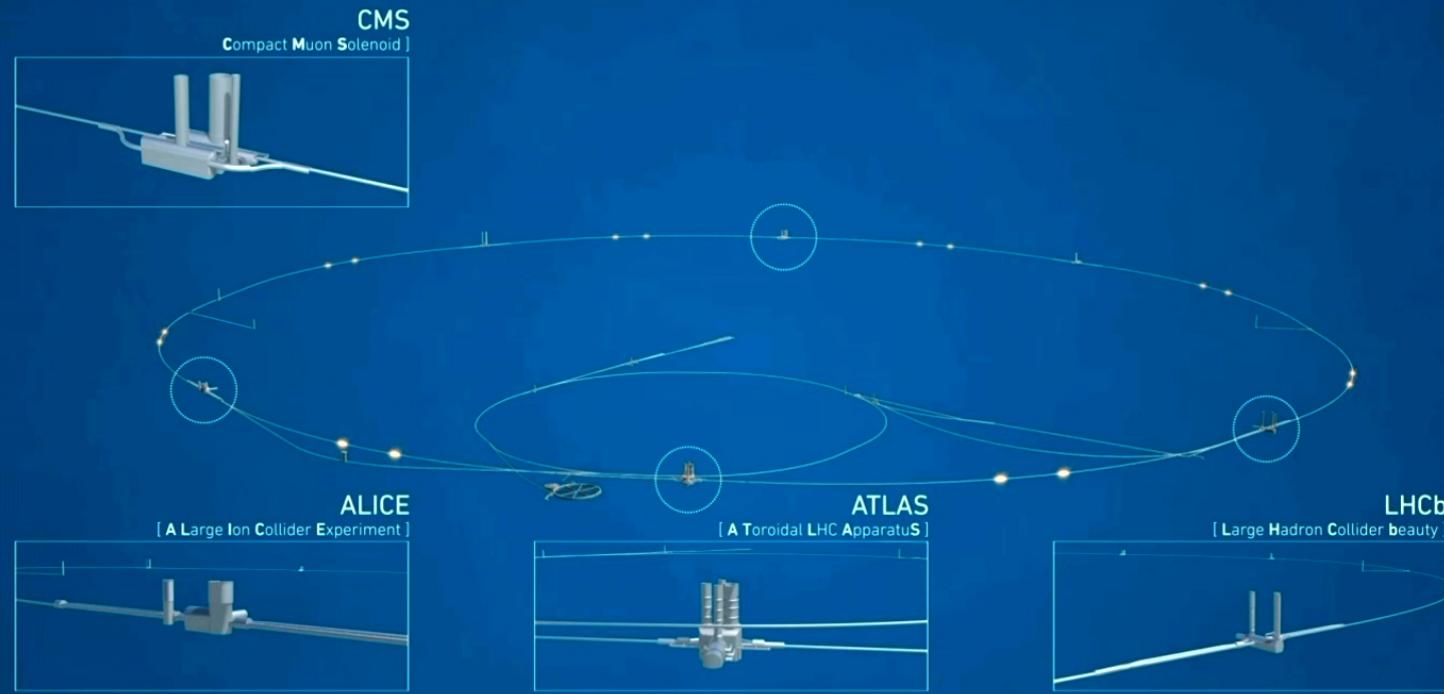
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Proton Synchrotron  
Synchrotron à protons

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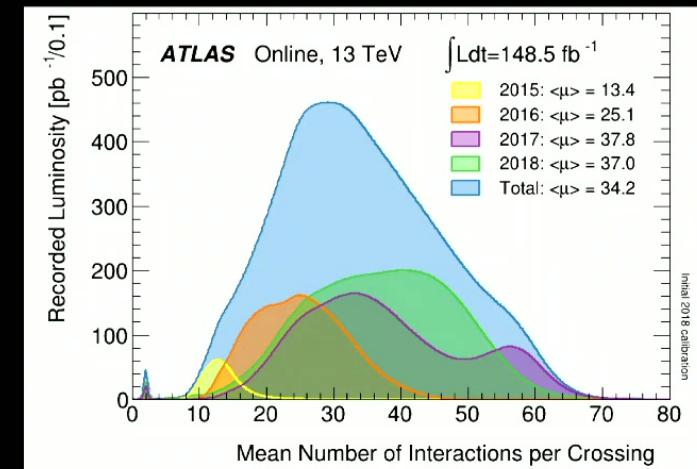
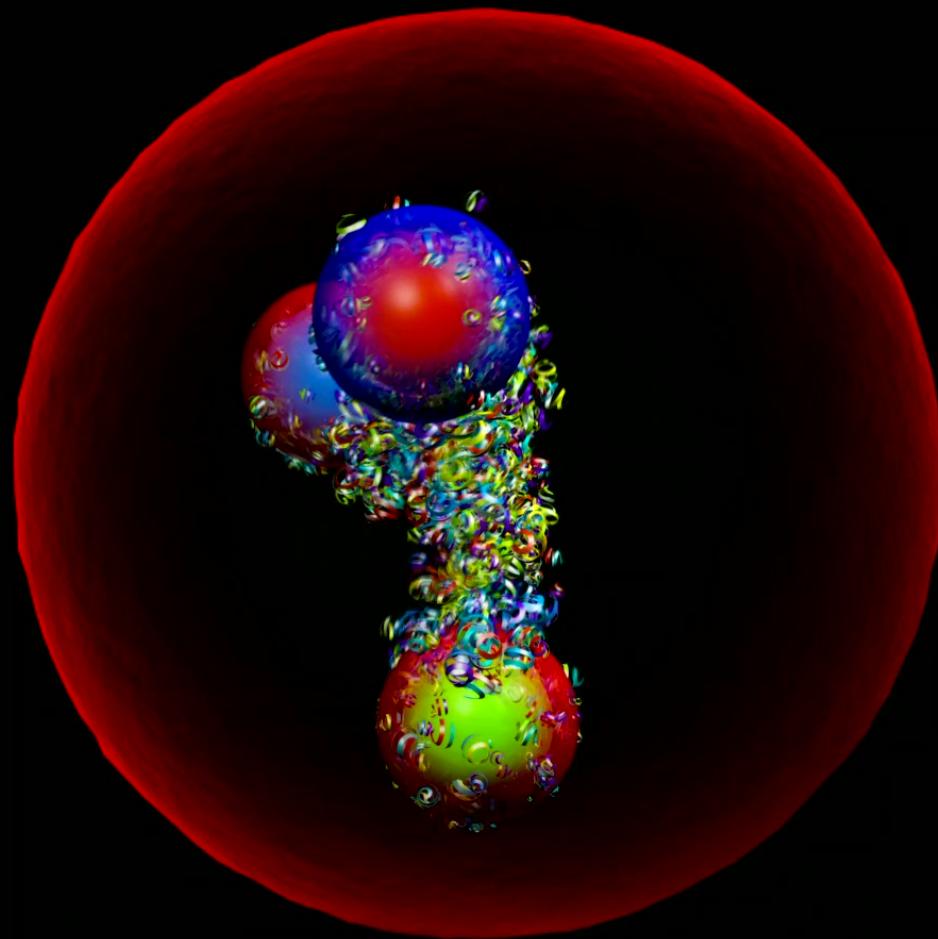


**LHC**  
**Large Hadron Collider**  
Grand collisionneur de hadrons

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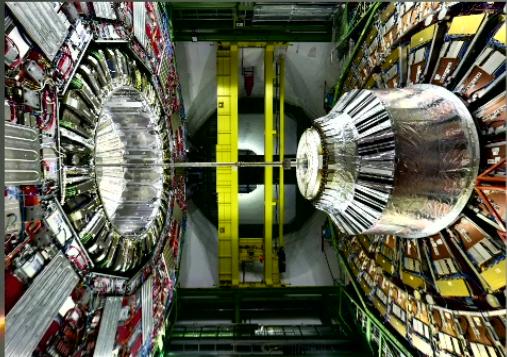


# Colliding protons



We wanted to explore a high range of masses: from 50 GeV to 1 TeV

# The LHC detectors

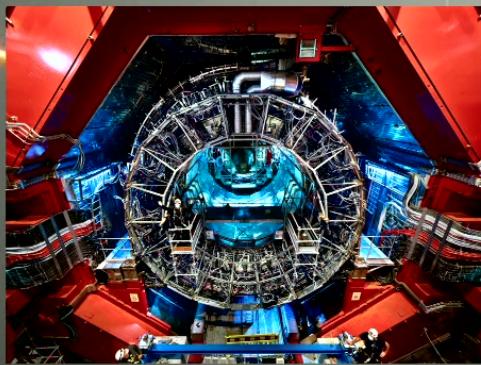


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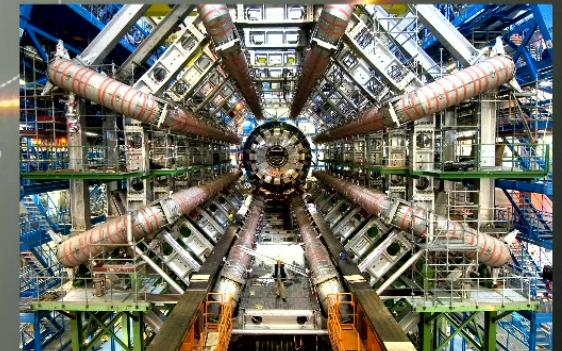


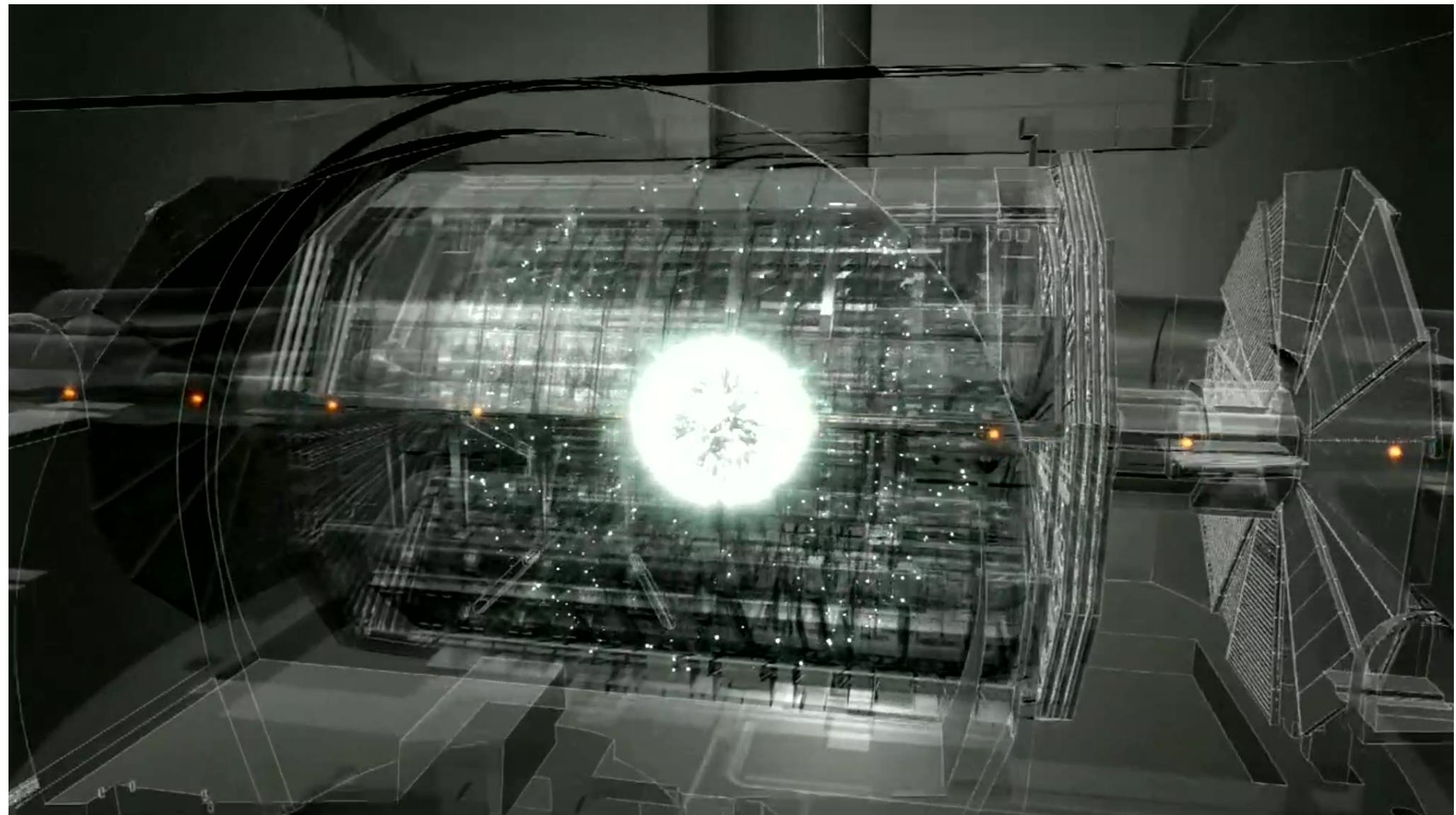
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ALICE

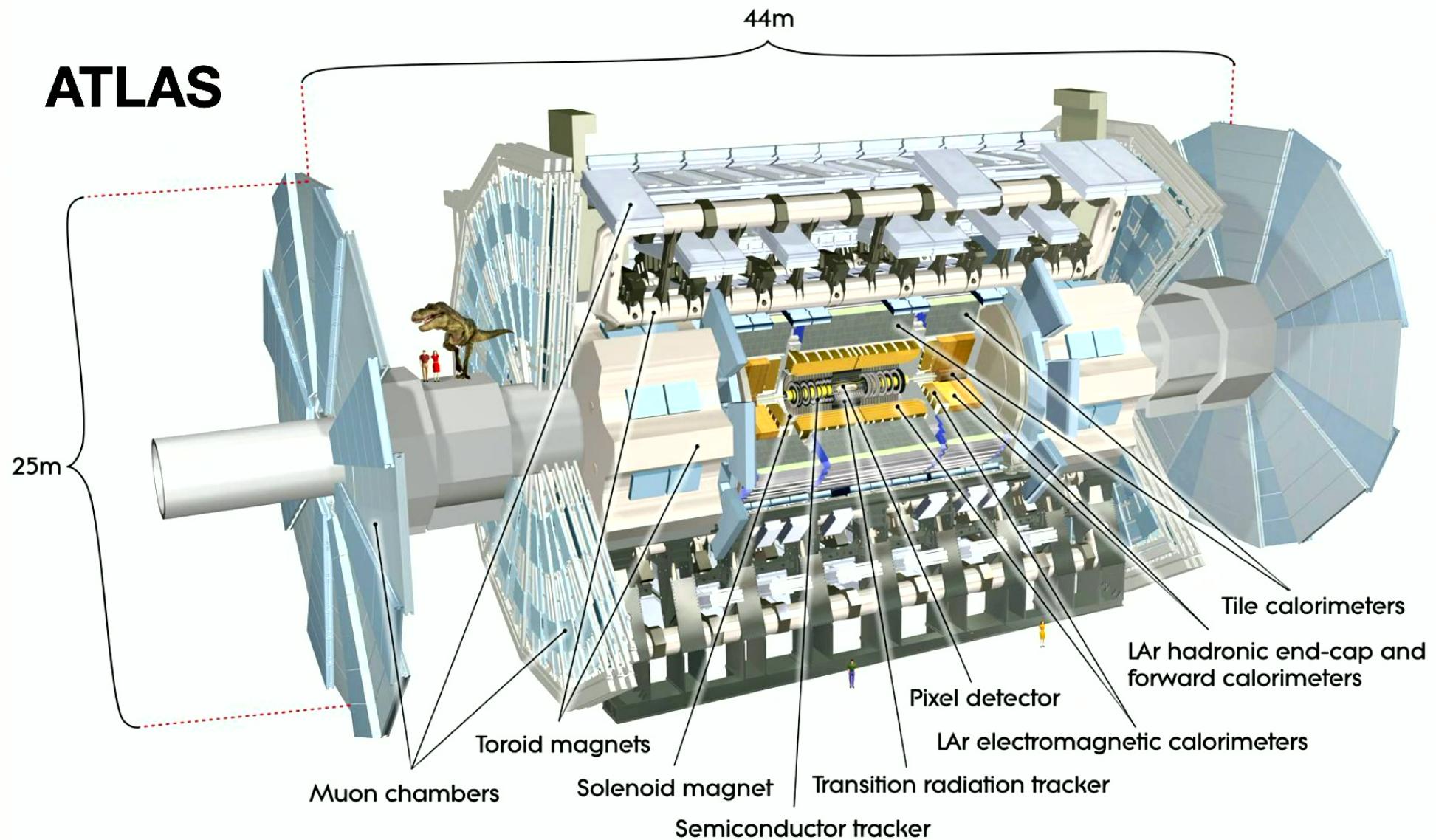


ATLAS





# ATLAS



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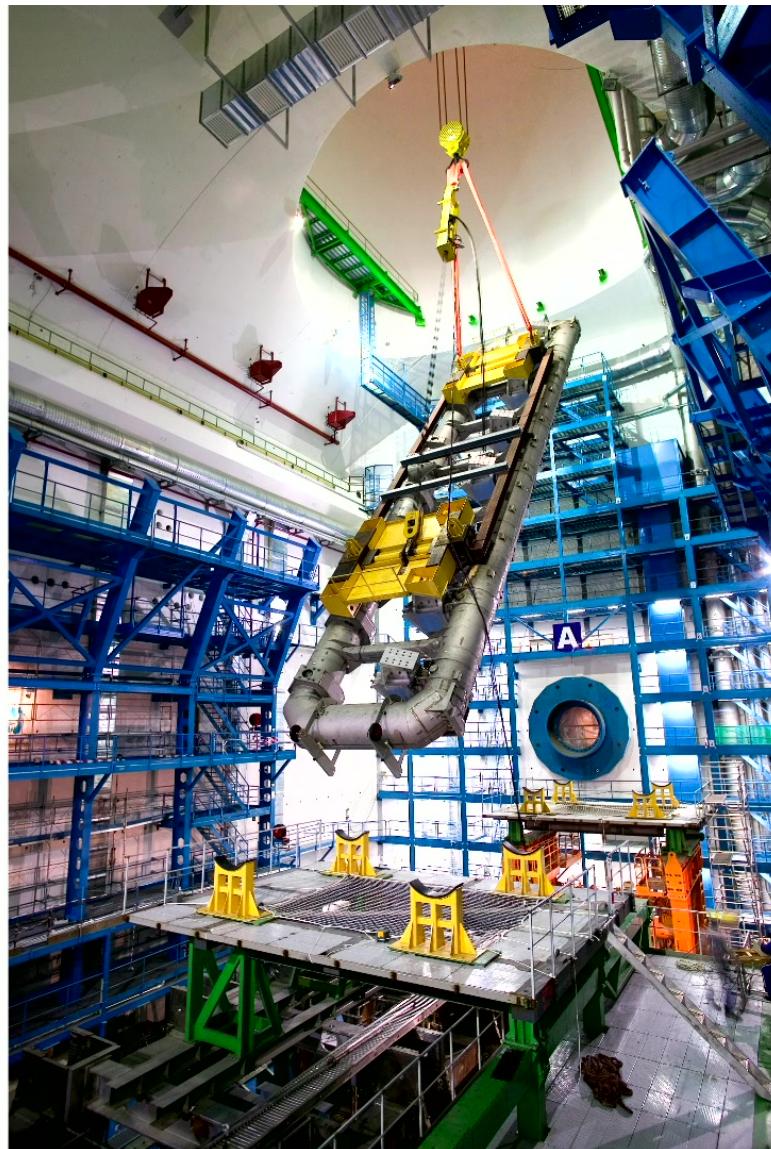
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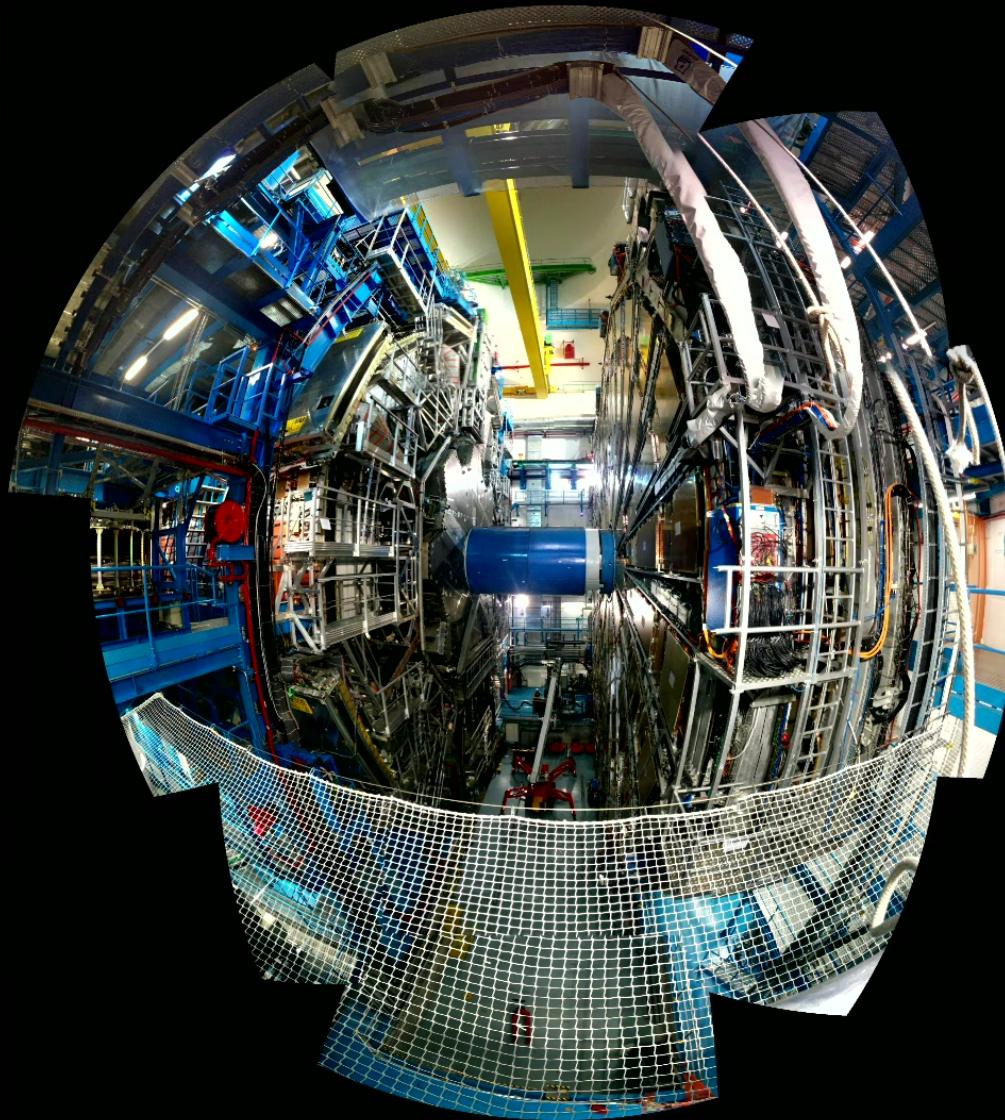
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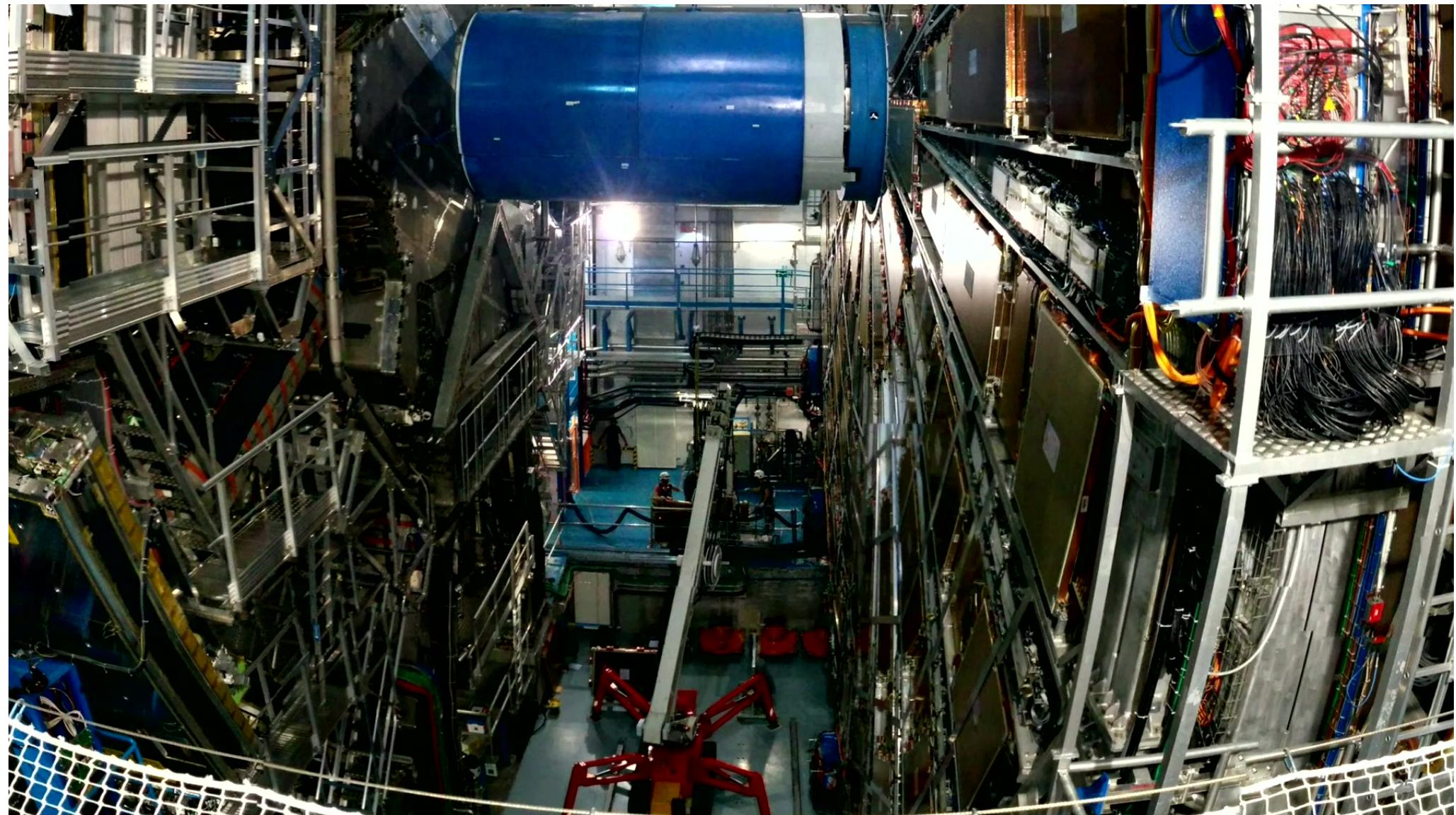
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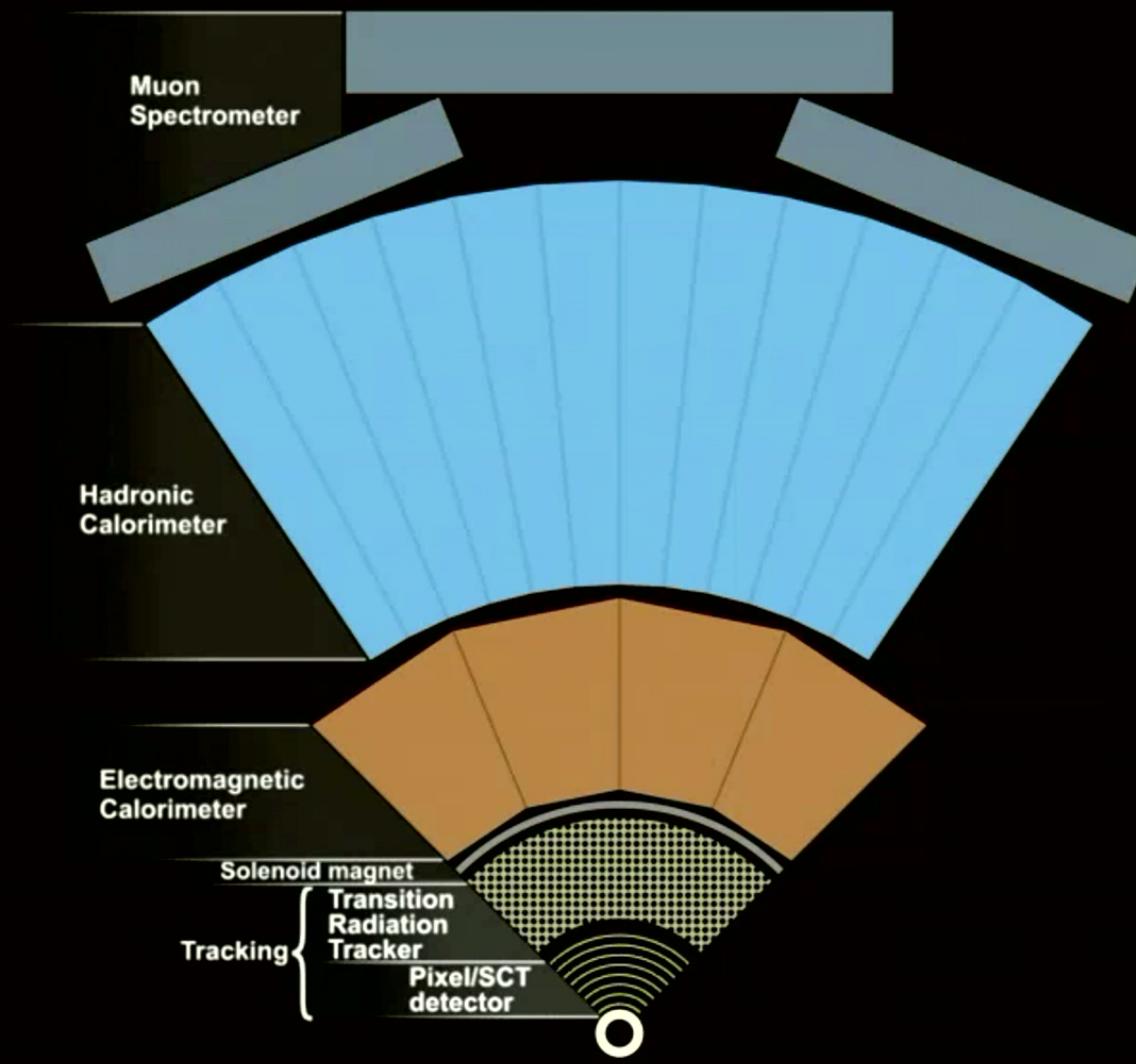


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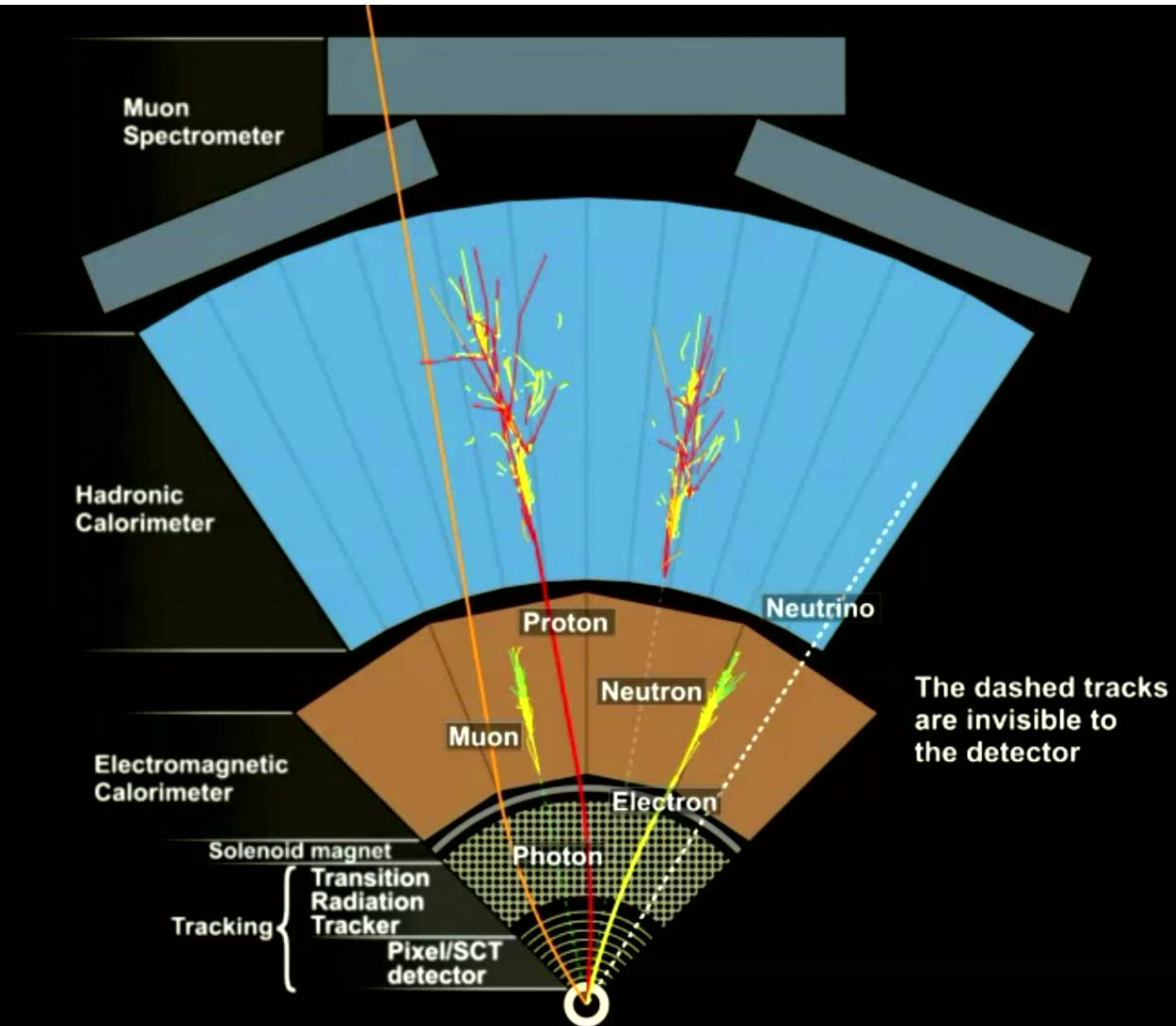




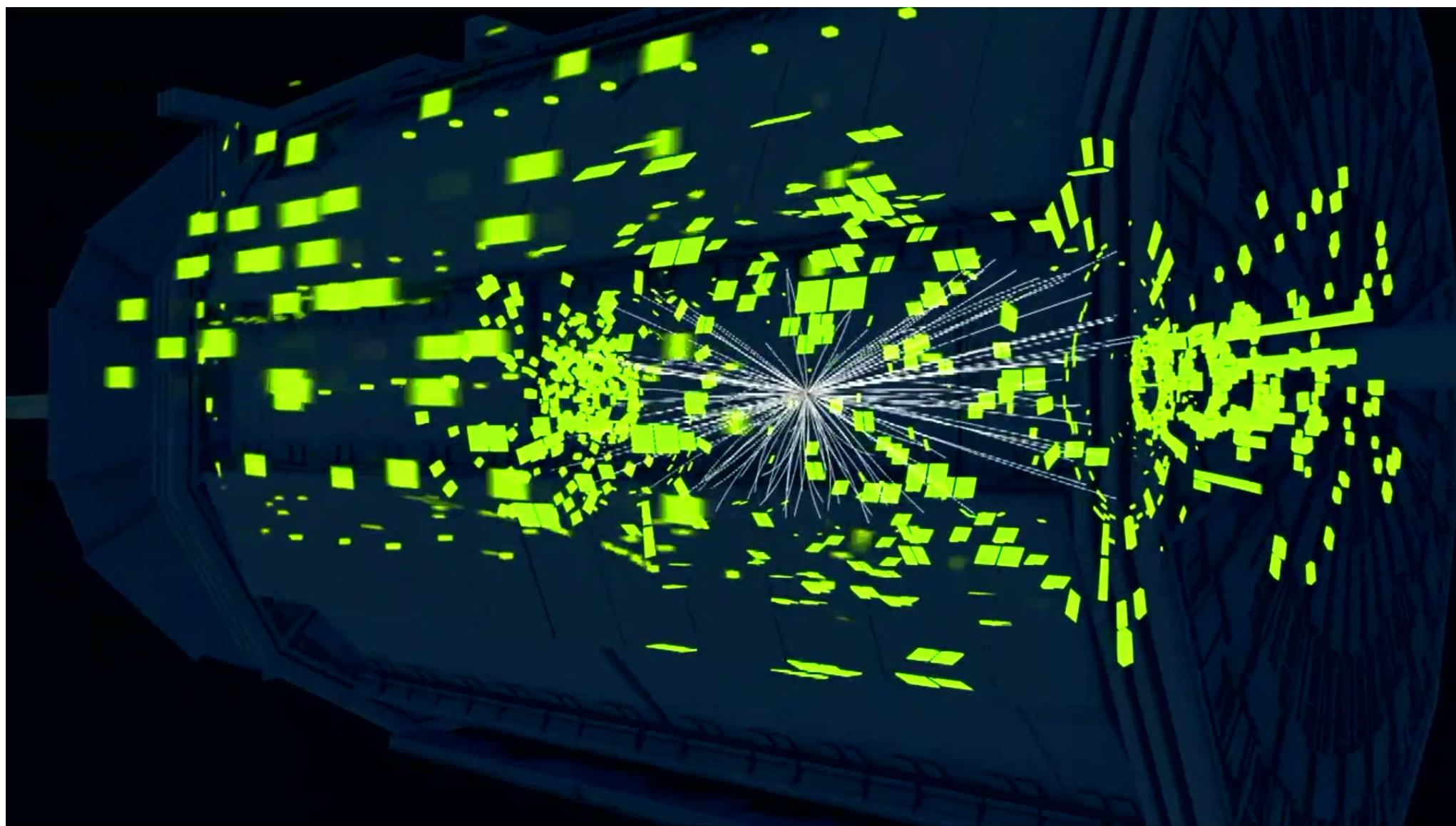


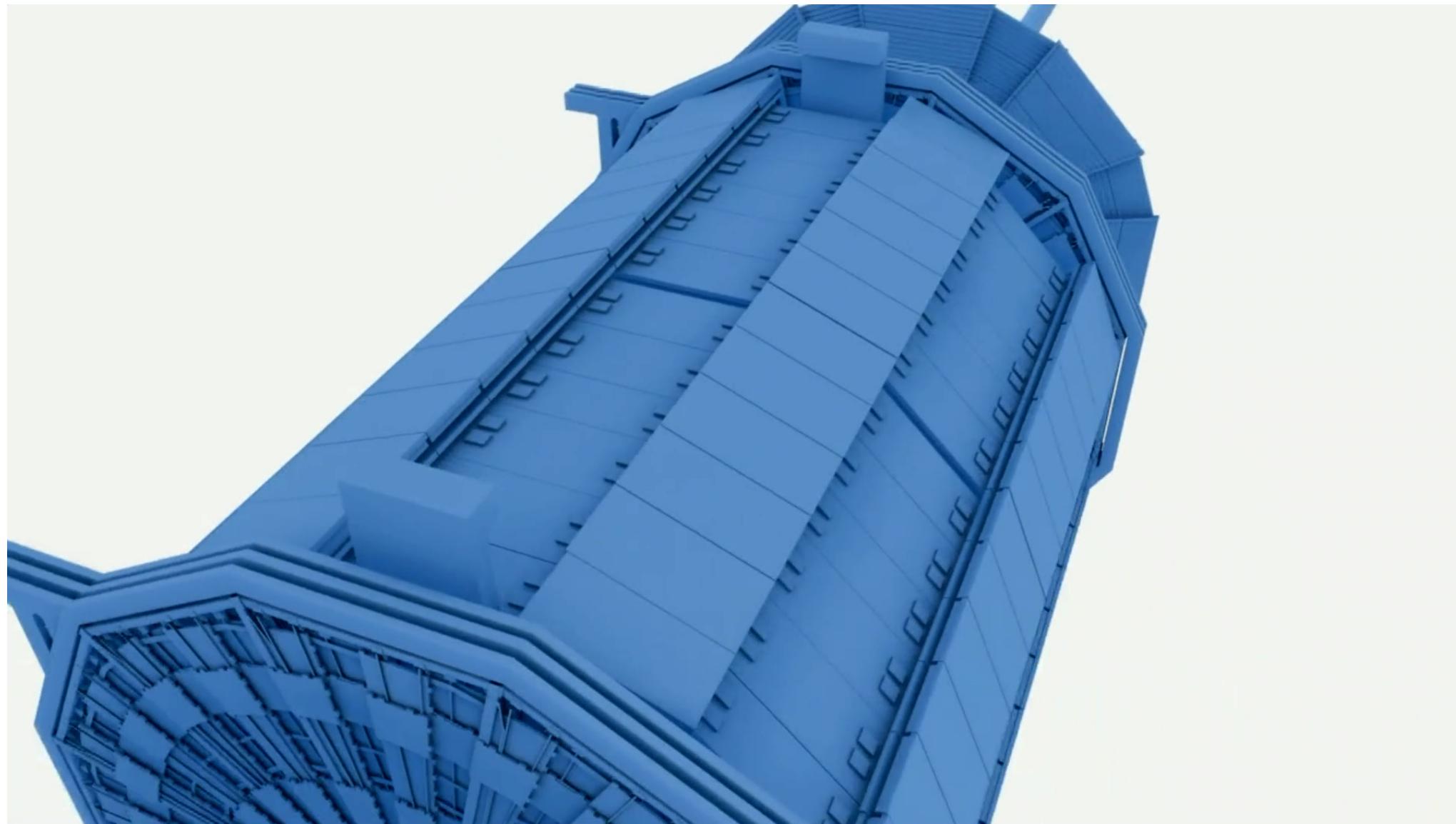


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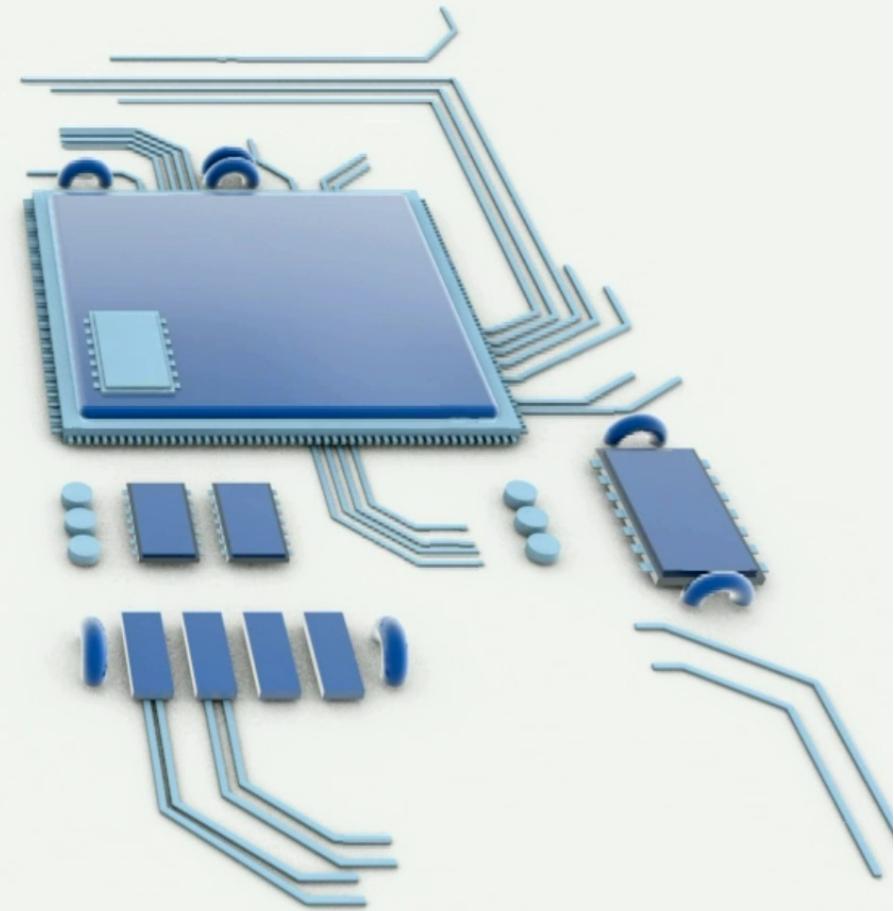


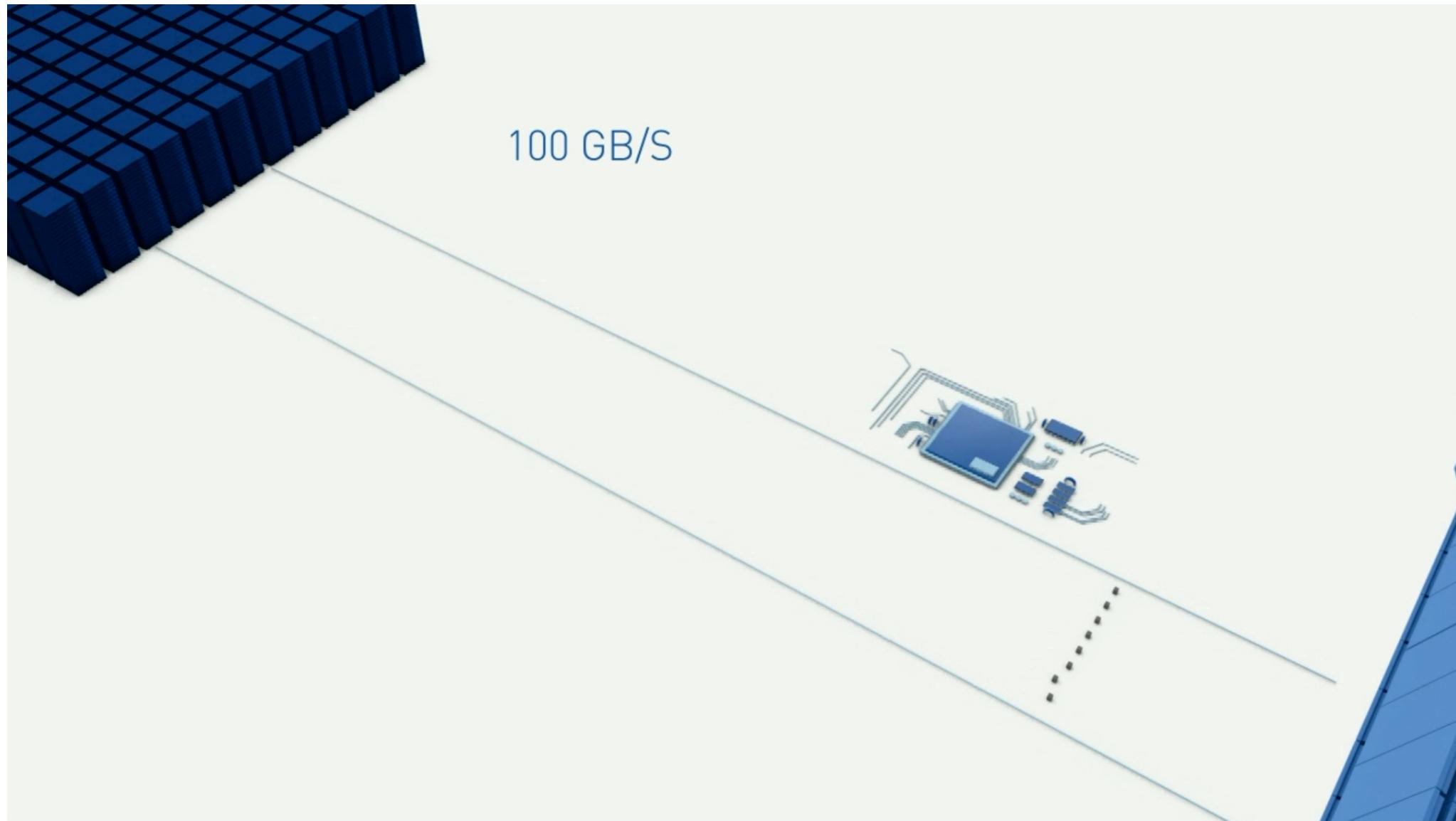
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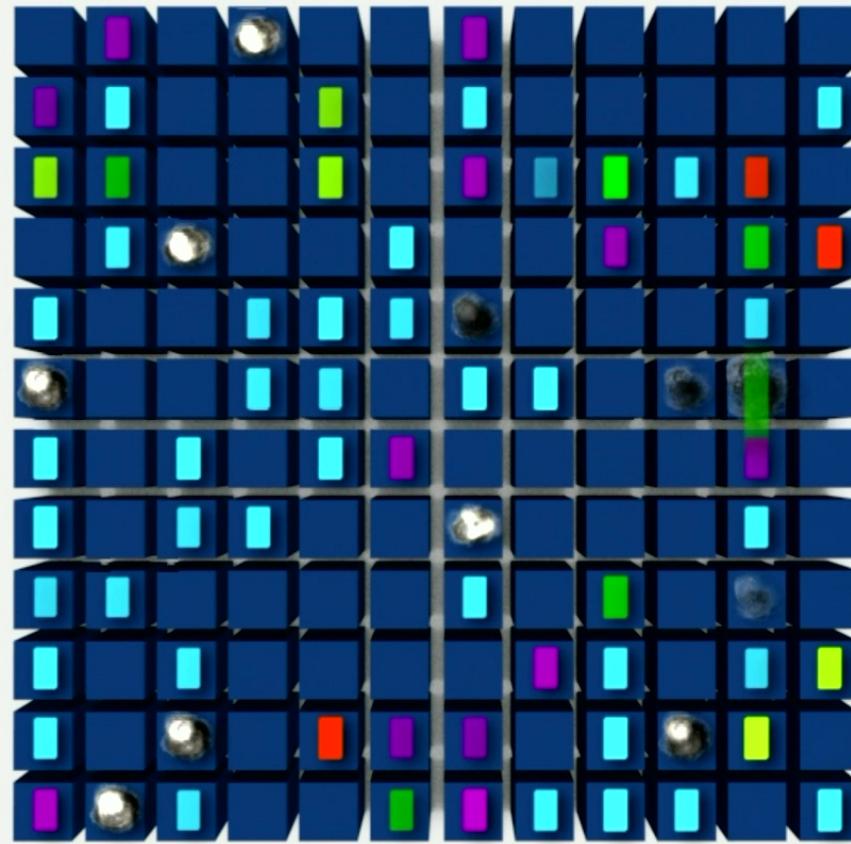




Fast electronic  
preselection passes  
1 out of 10 000 events  
and stores them  
on computer memory







TIER





## 2008 First beams in the LHC

10th September

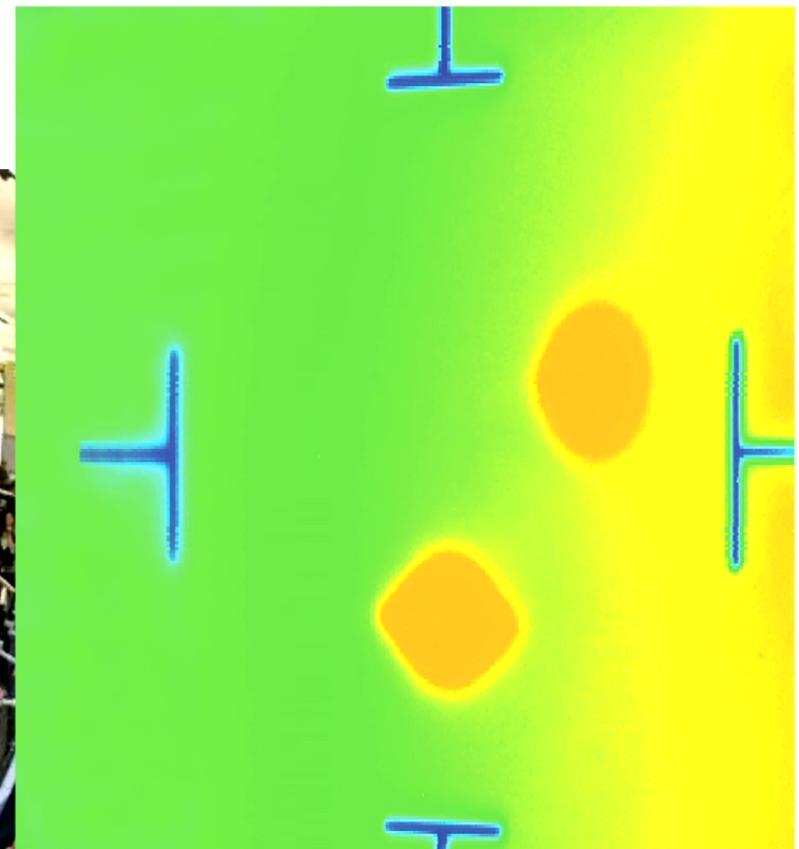


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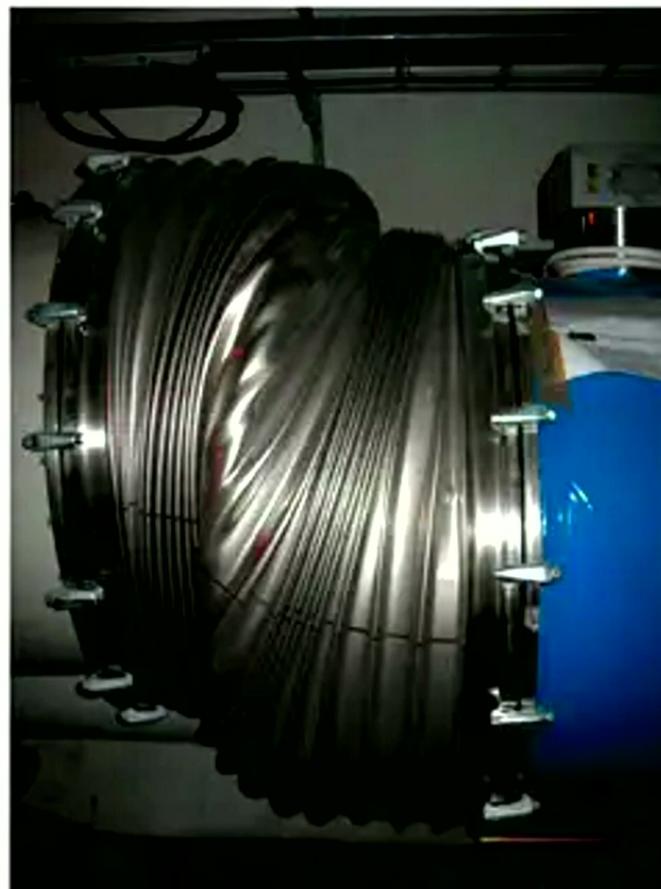
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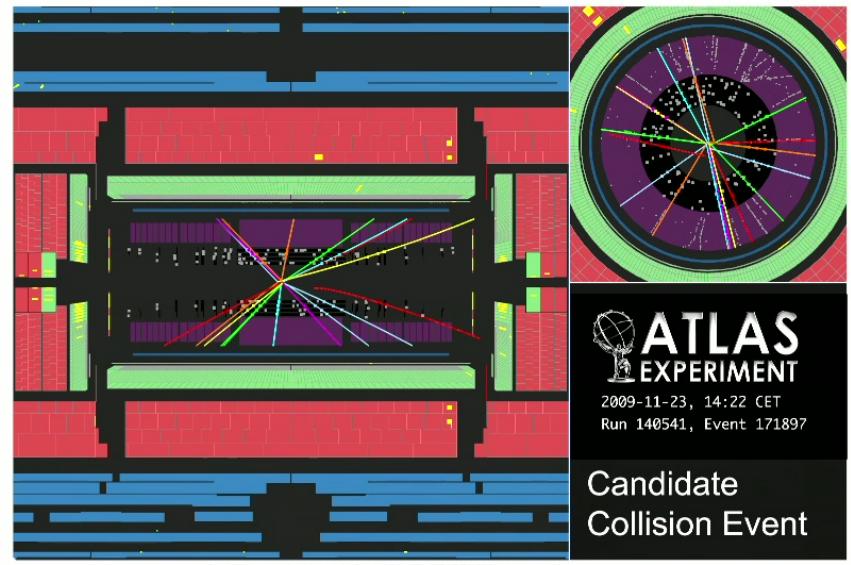
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2008 Magnet incident - QUENCH

19th September, 11.45am



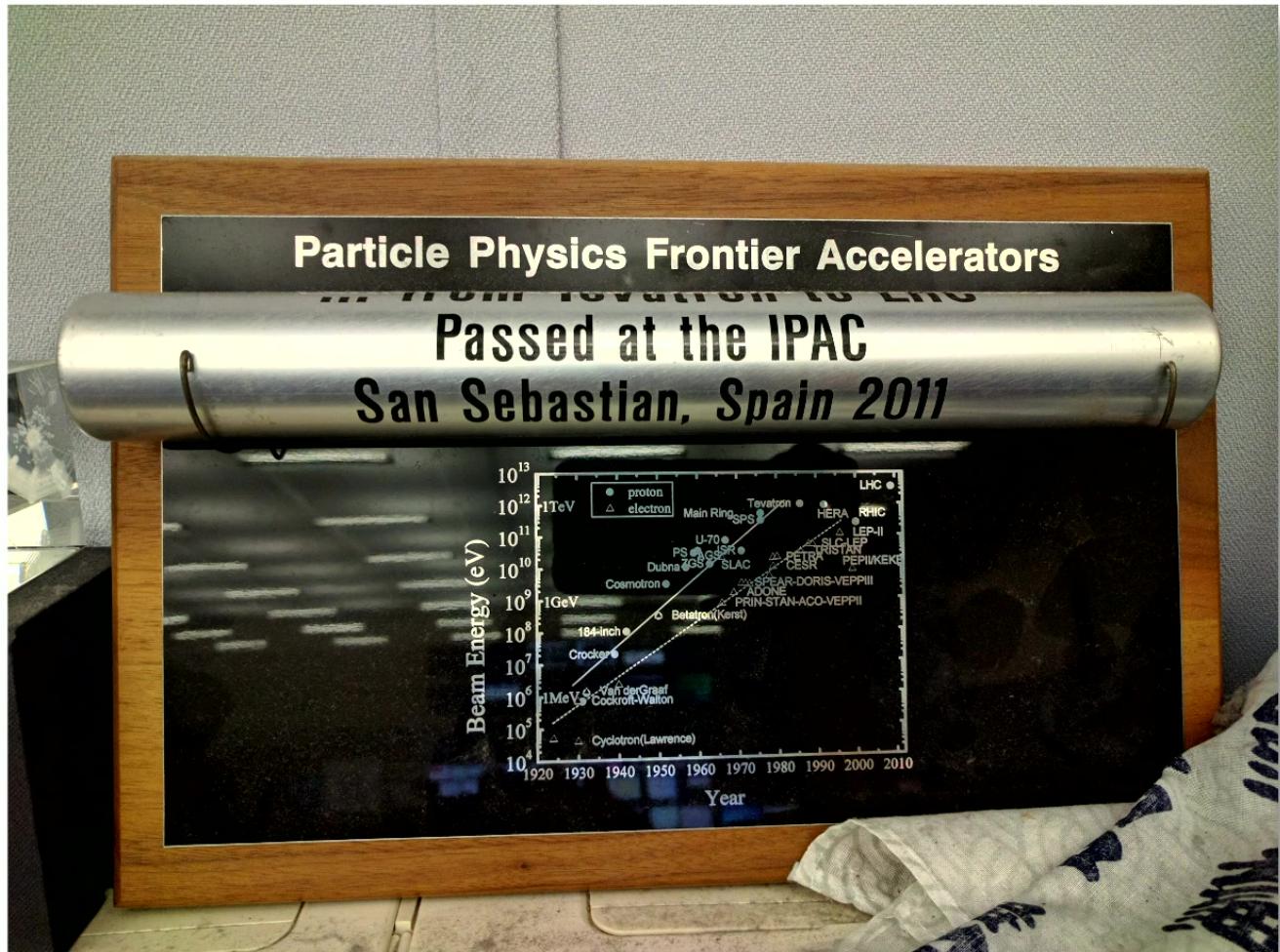
## 2009 First collisions in the LHC!



**2009** Highest energy particle collider in the world!

**First collisions at 900 GeV.  
Then to 2.36 TeV - a new  
record!**

**Continued ramping up through  
to 2010 to reach 7 TeV centre of  
mass.**



From Fermilab to CERN

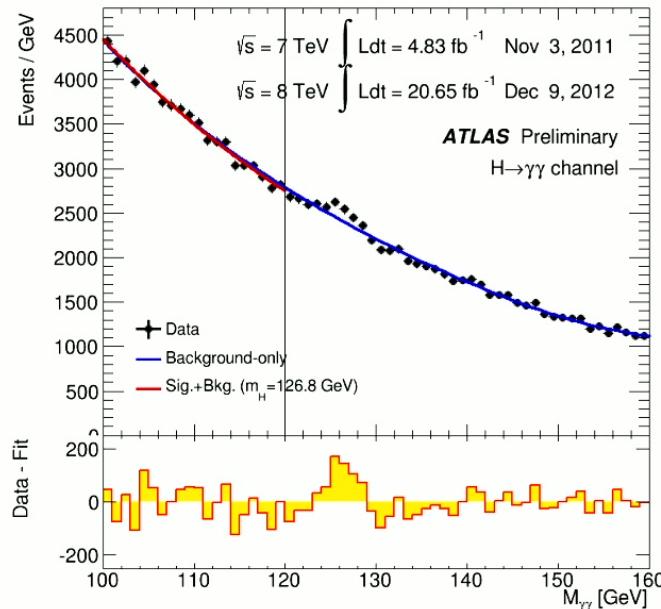
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The Higgs boson – a major success of the first LHC run.



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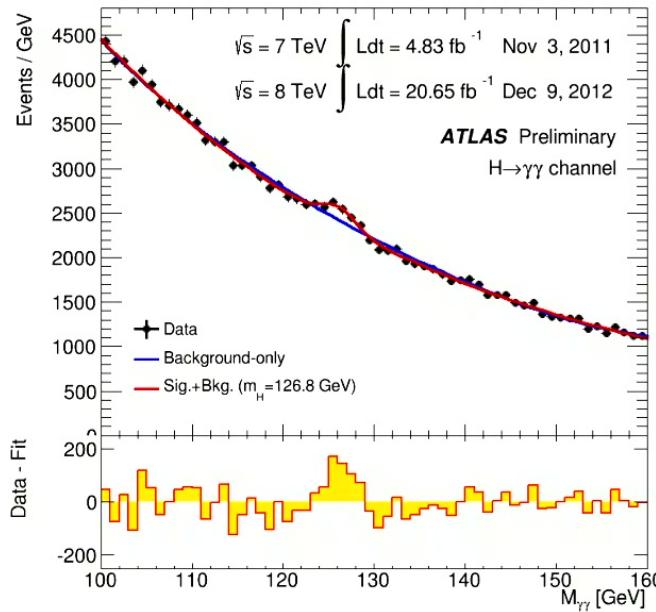
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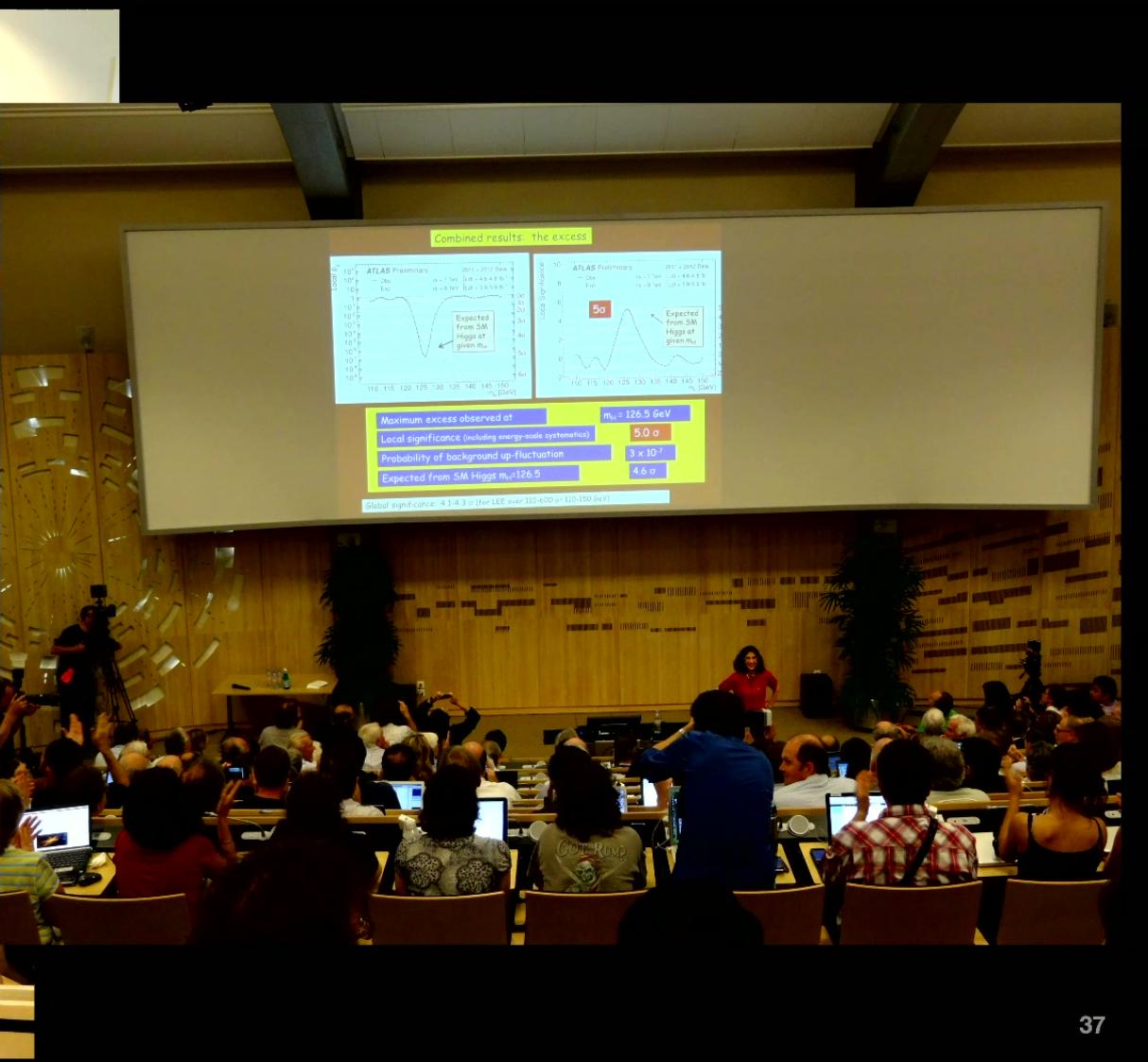


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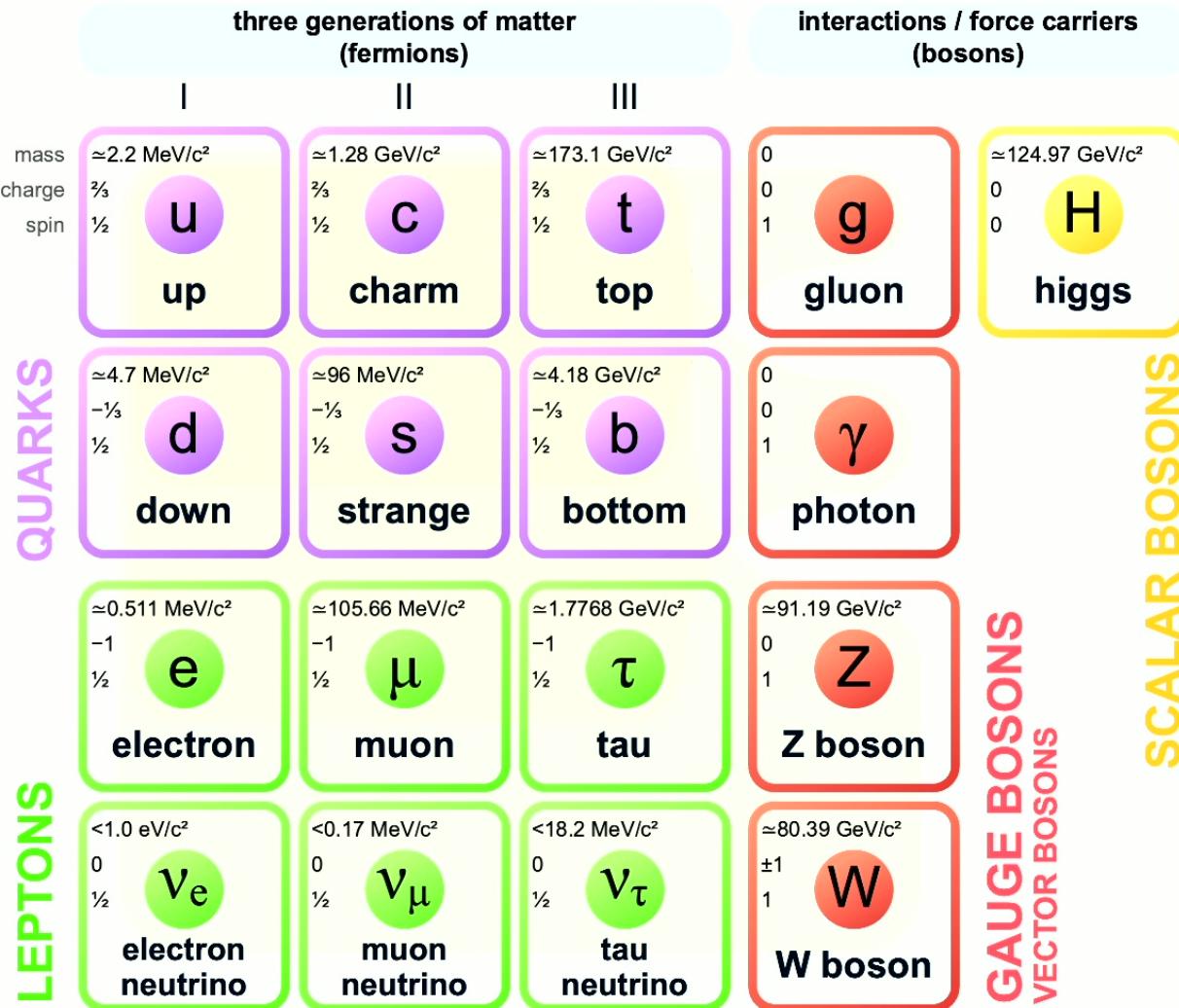


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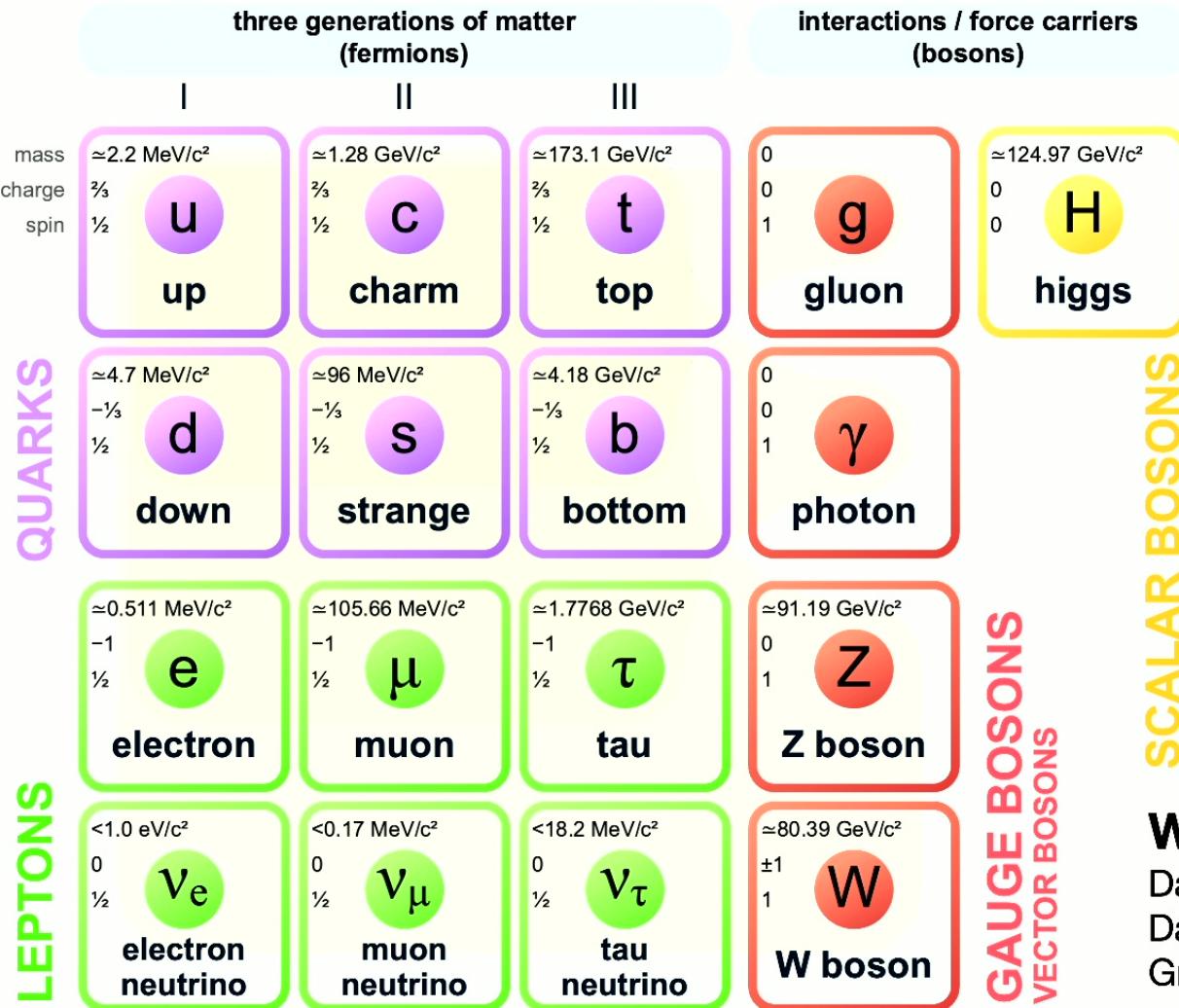




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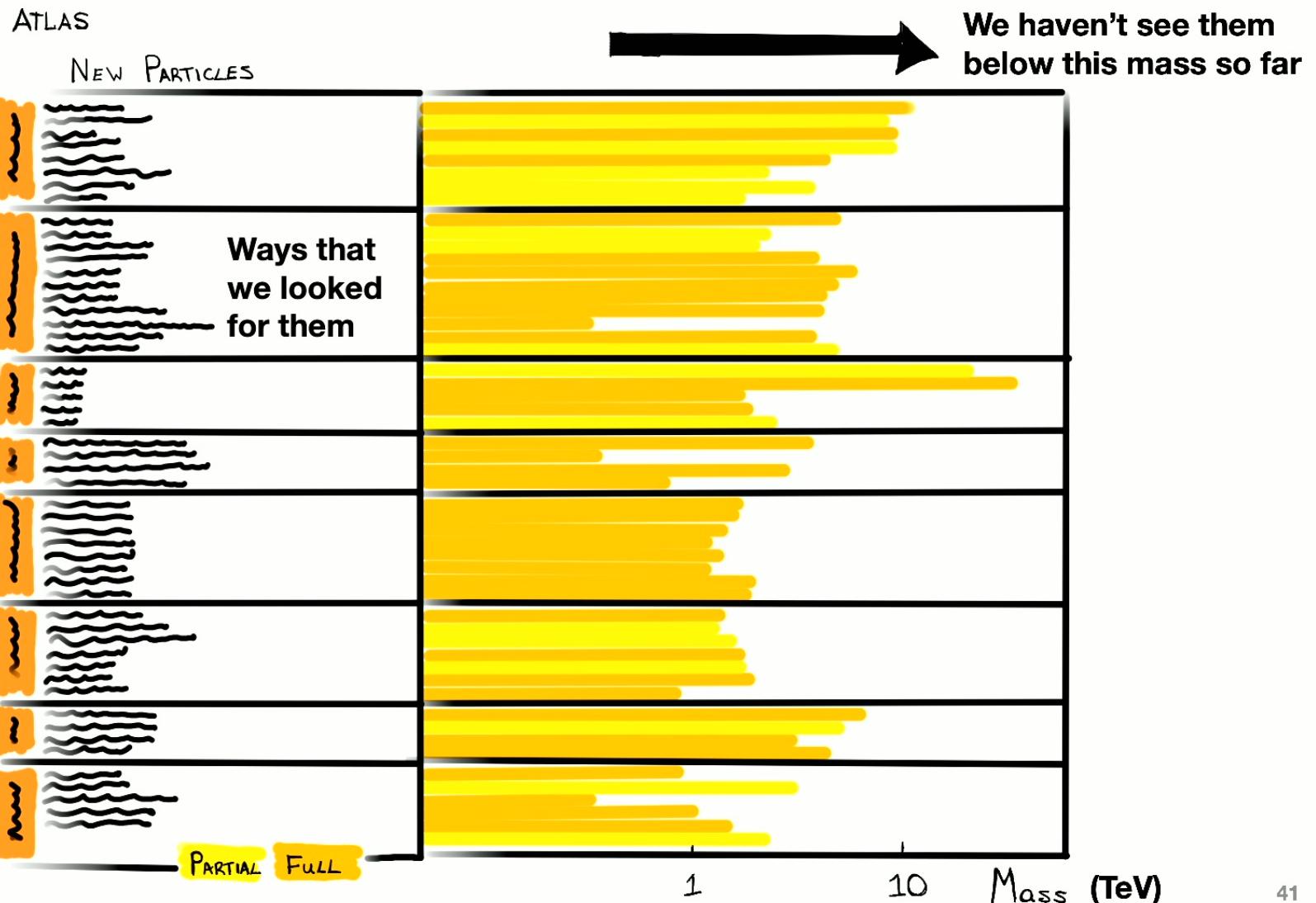


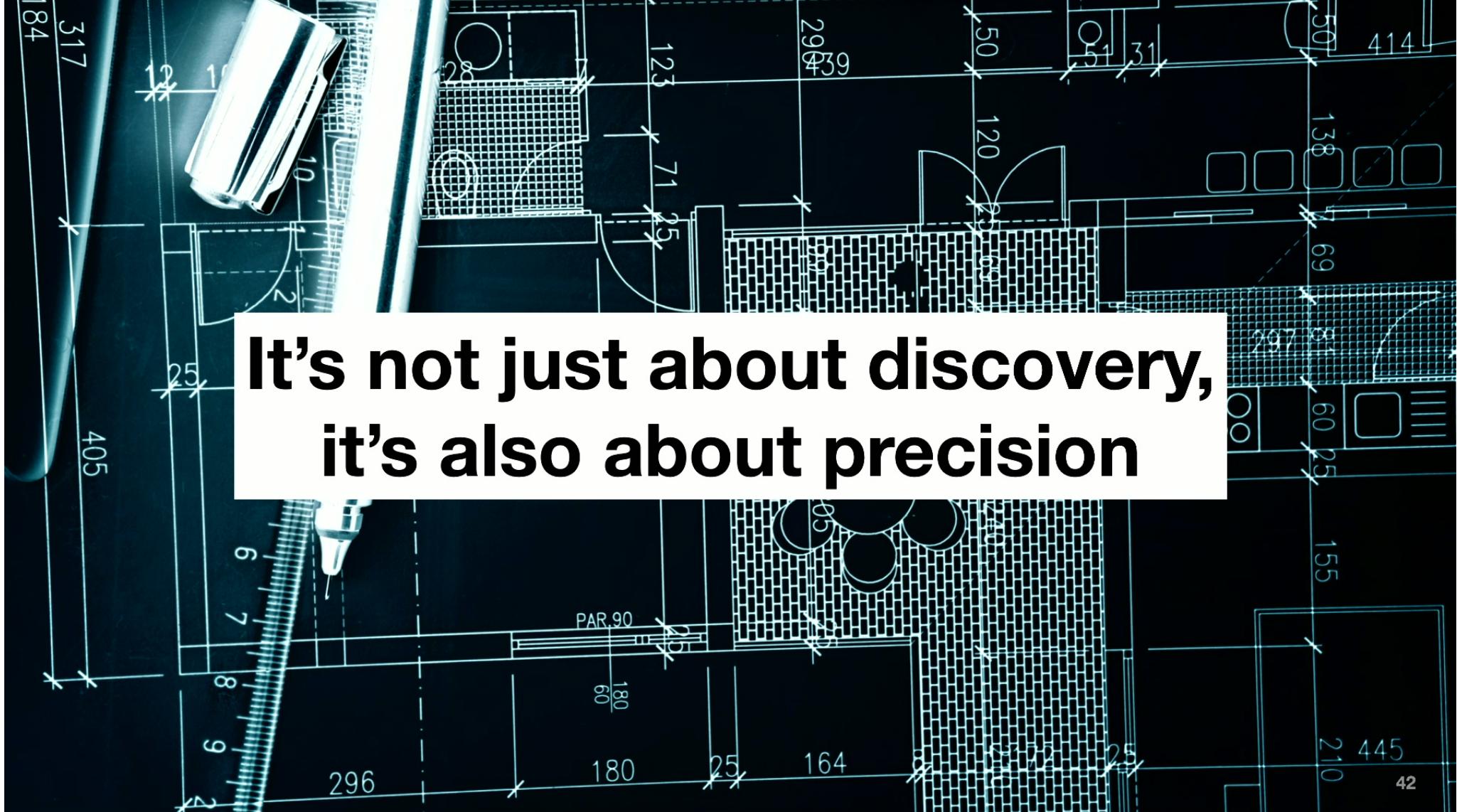
**What's missing?**  
 Dark matter  
 Dark energy  
 Gravity!



**So, we keep  
searching**

# Searches





**It's not just about discovery,  
it's also about precision**

# Precision measurements

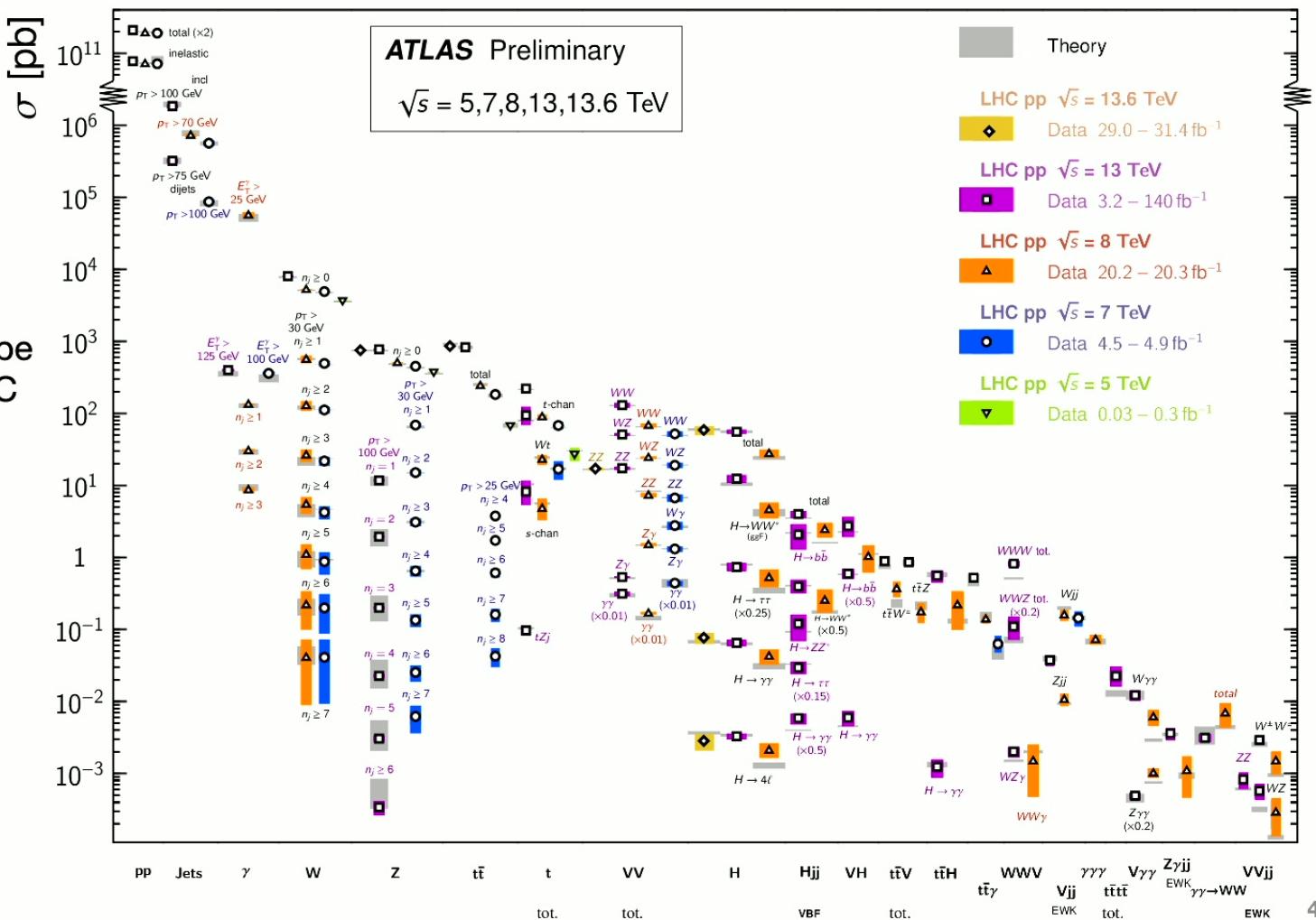


How likely a process is to be created in LHC collisions

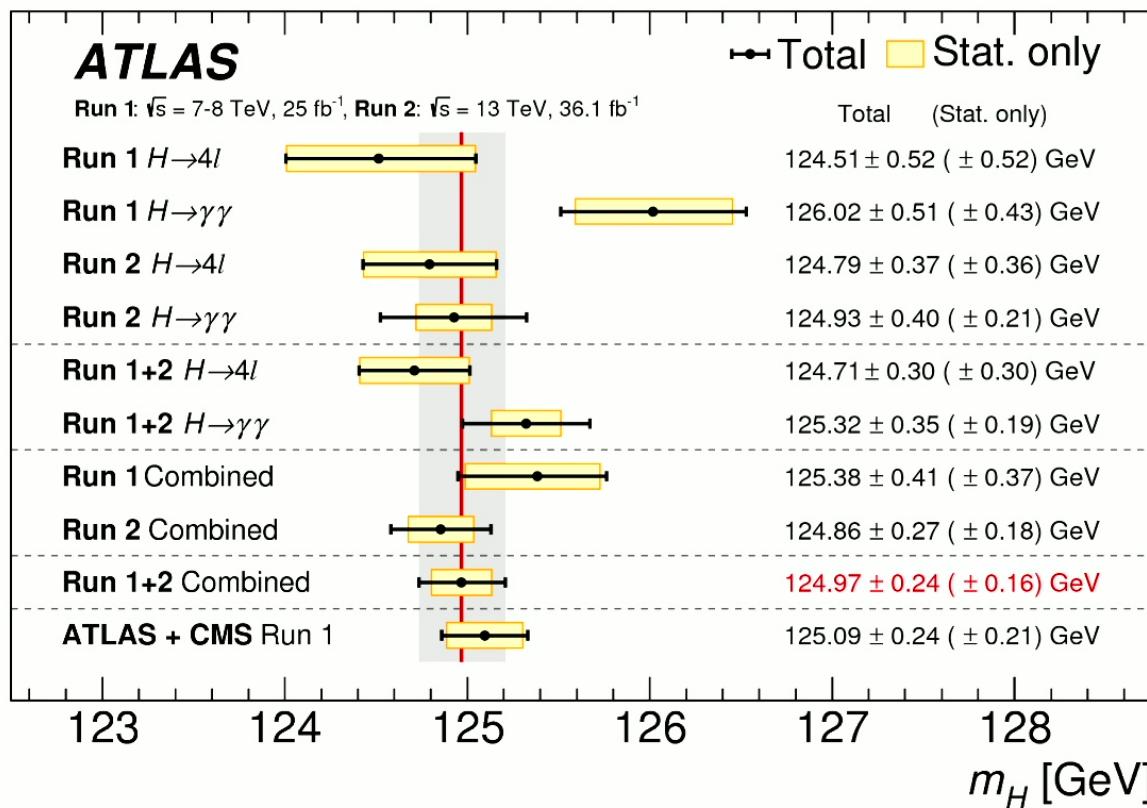
A rarer process

## Standard Model Production Cross Section Measurements

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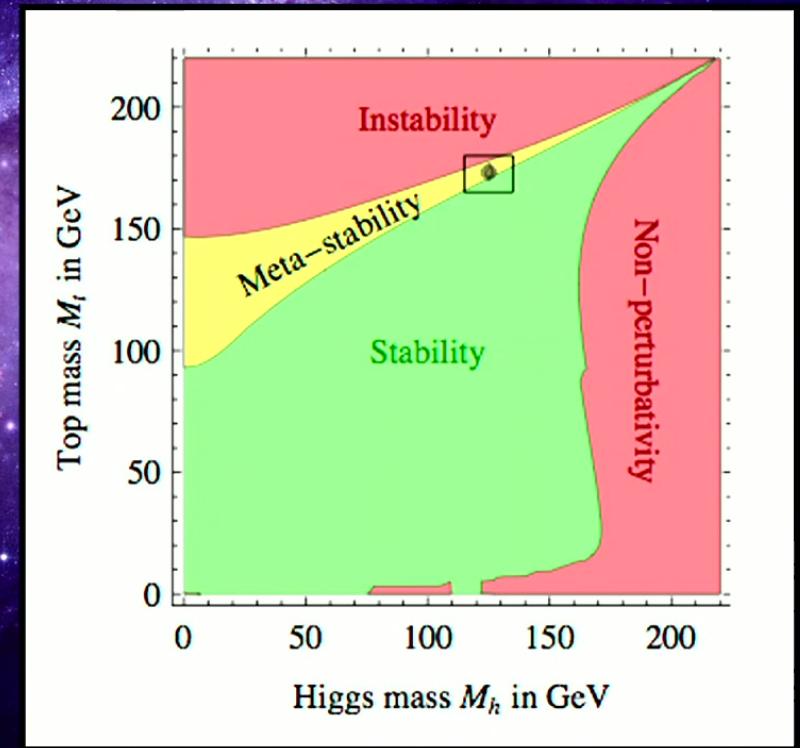
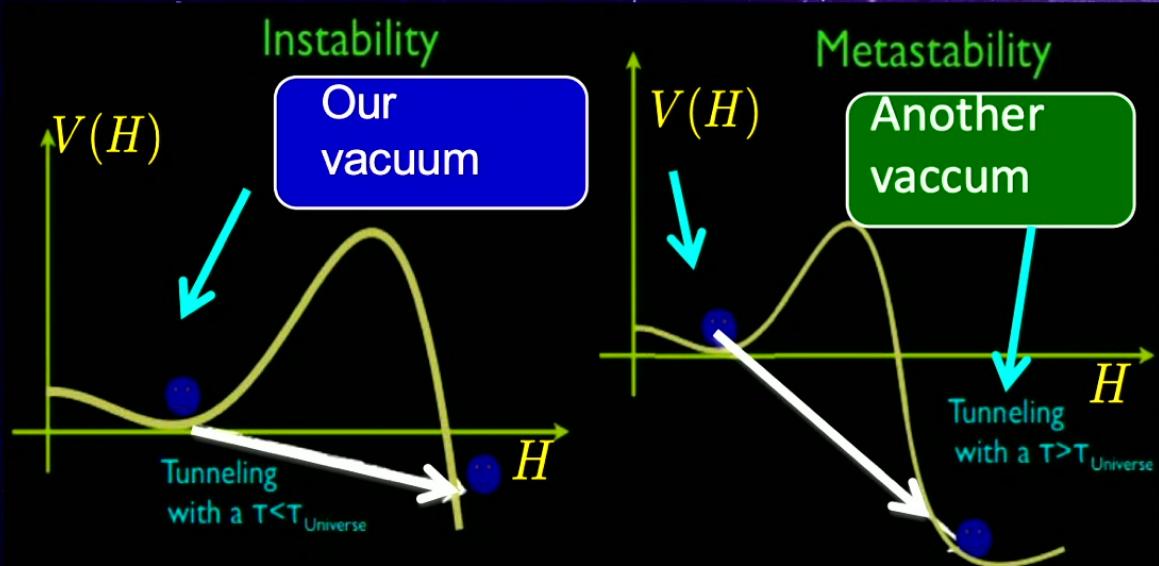
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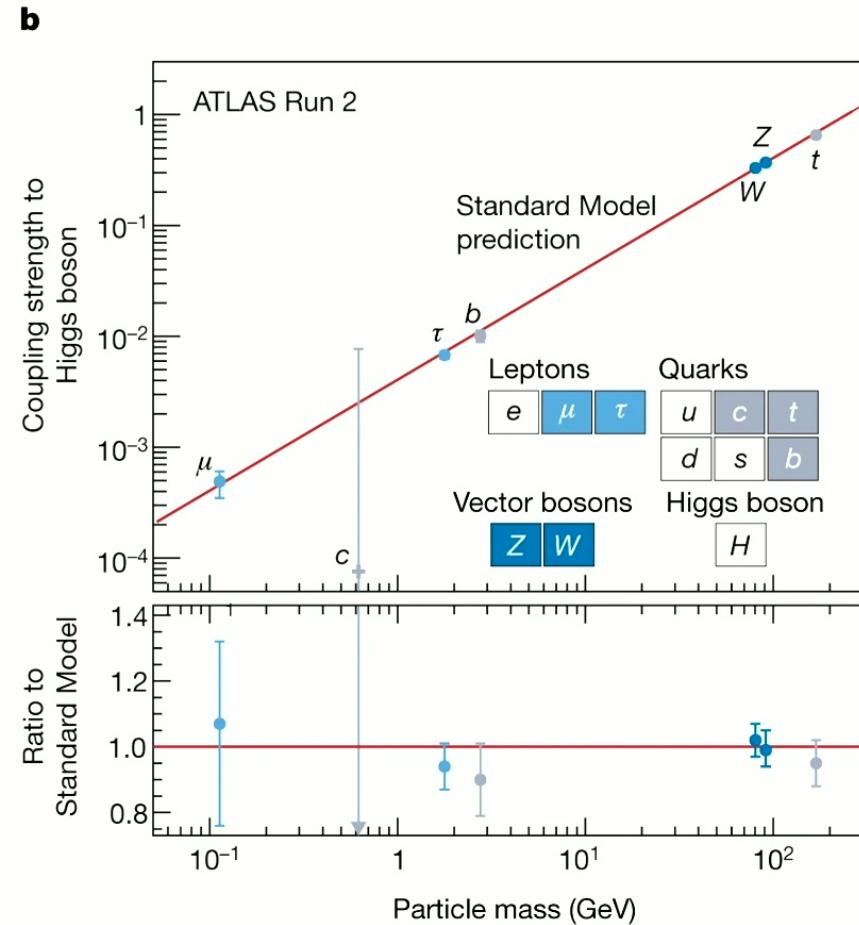
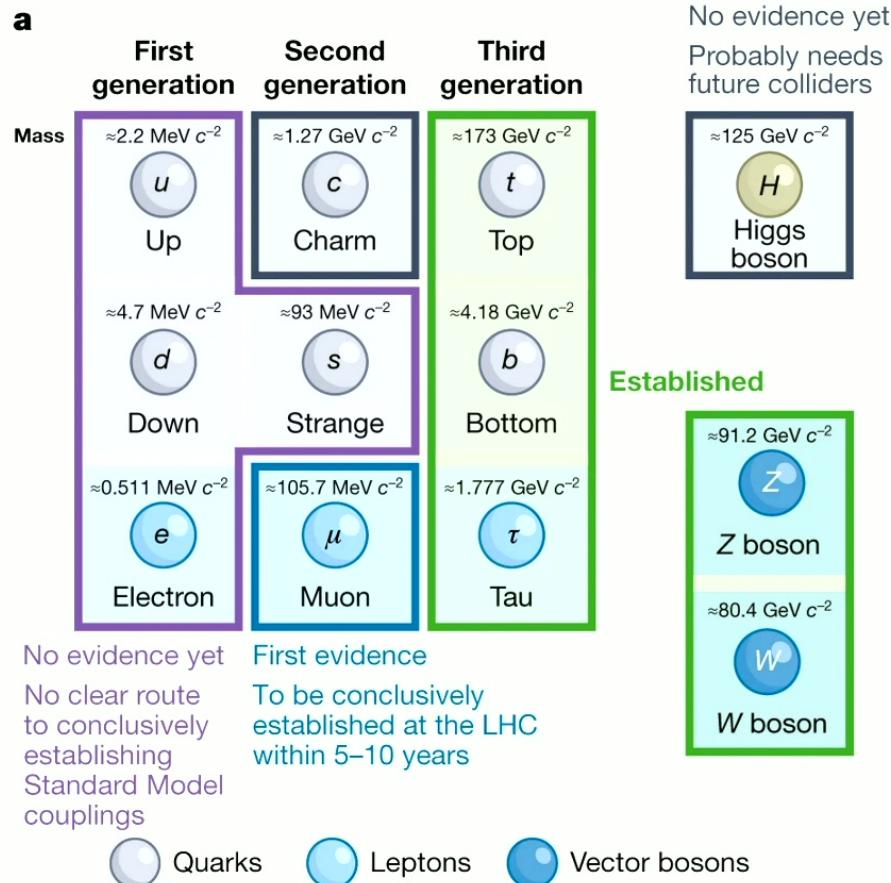
Mass measurements

# The stability of the universe depends on it!

(Please note: measuring this doesn't affect the stability. We're a passive observer.)



# Precision Higgs measurements



## Next step: Higgs self-interaction



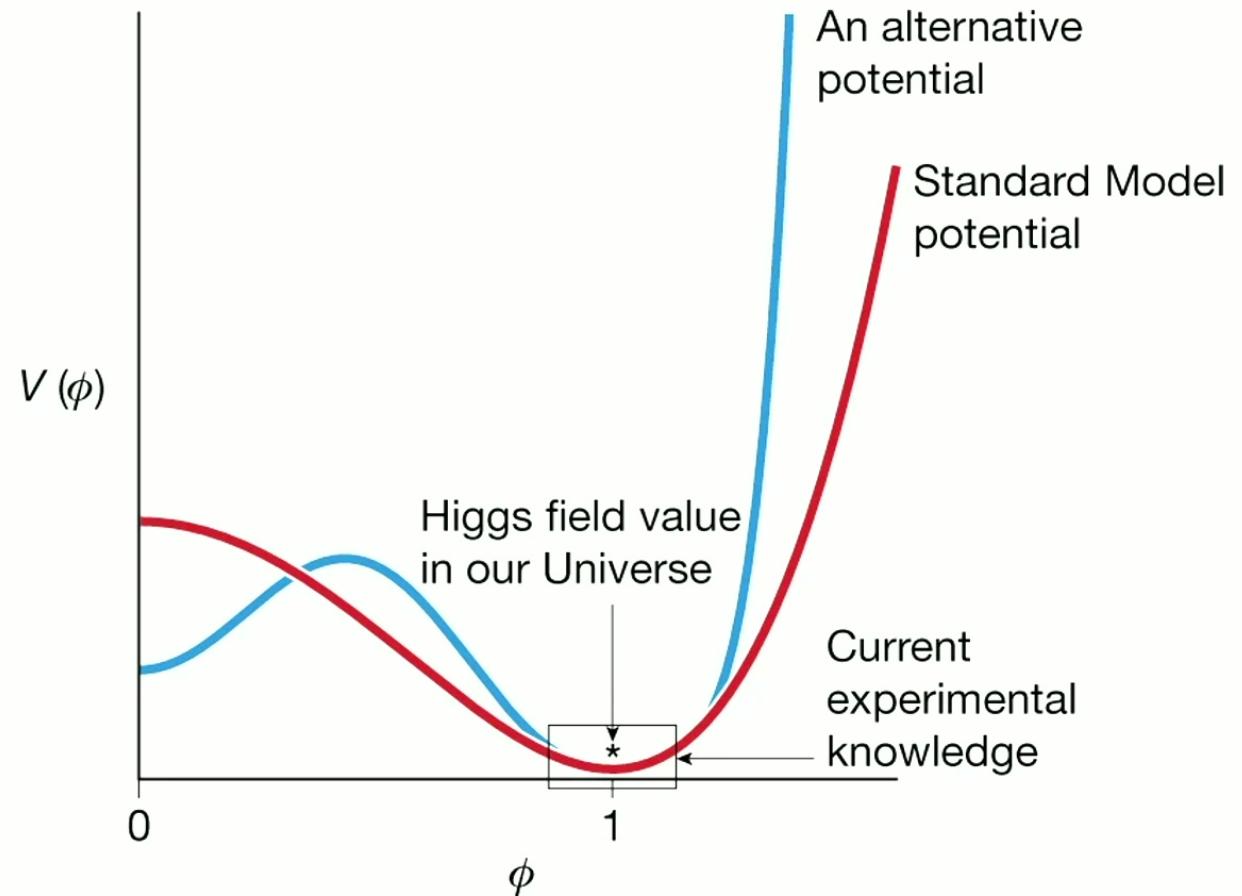
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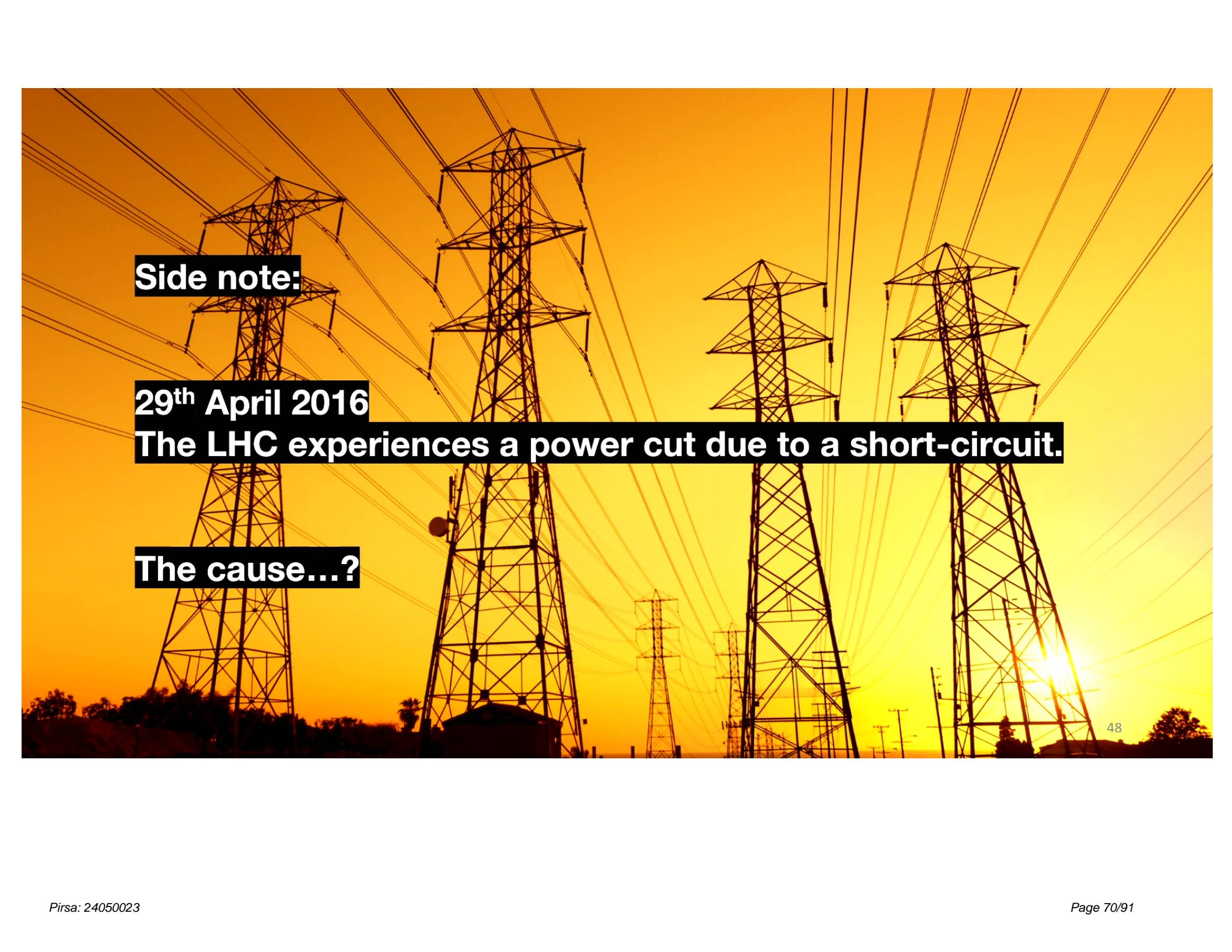
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Nice to meet you!

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**Side note:**

**29<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**The LHC experiences a power cut due to a short-circuit.**

**The cause...?**



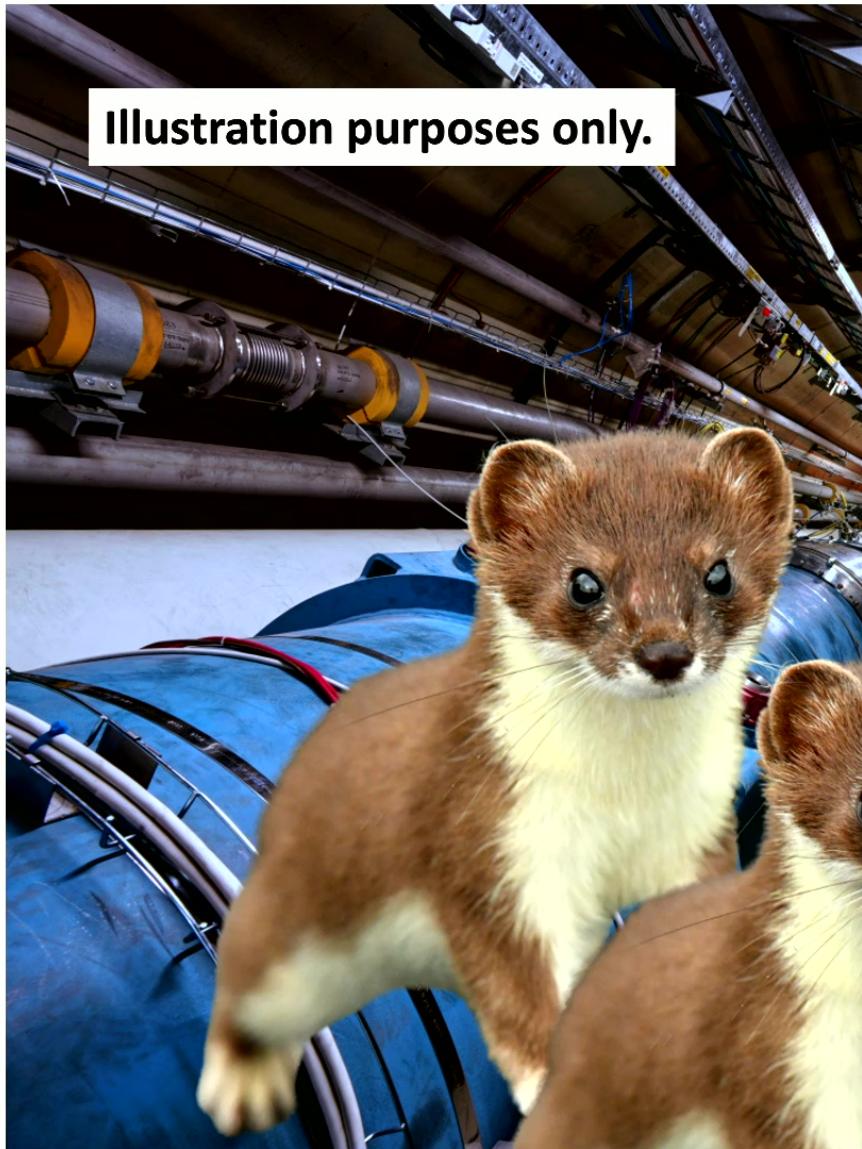


Illustration purposes only.



## Large Hadron Collider on paws after creature chews through wiring

The  
Guardian

LHC to be out of action for a week while connections to transformer are replaced following visit from hungry fouine



A young beech marten, or fouine. Photograph: Alamy

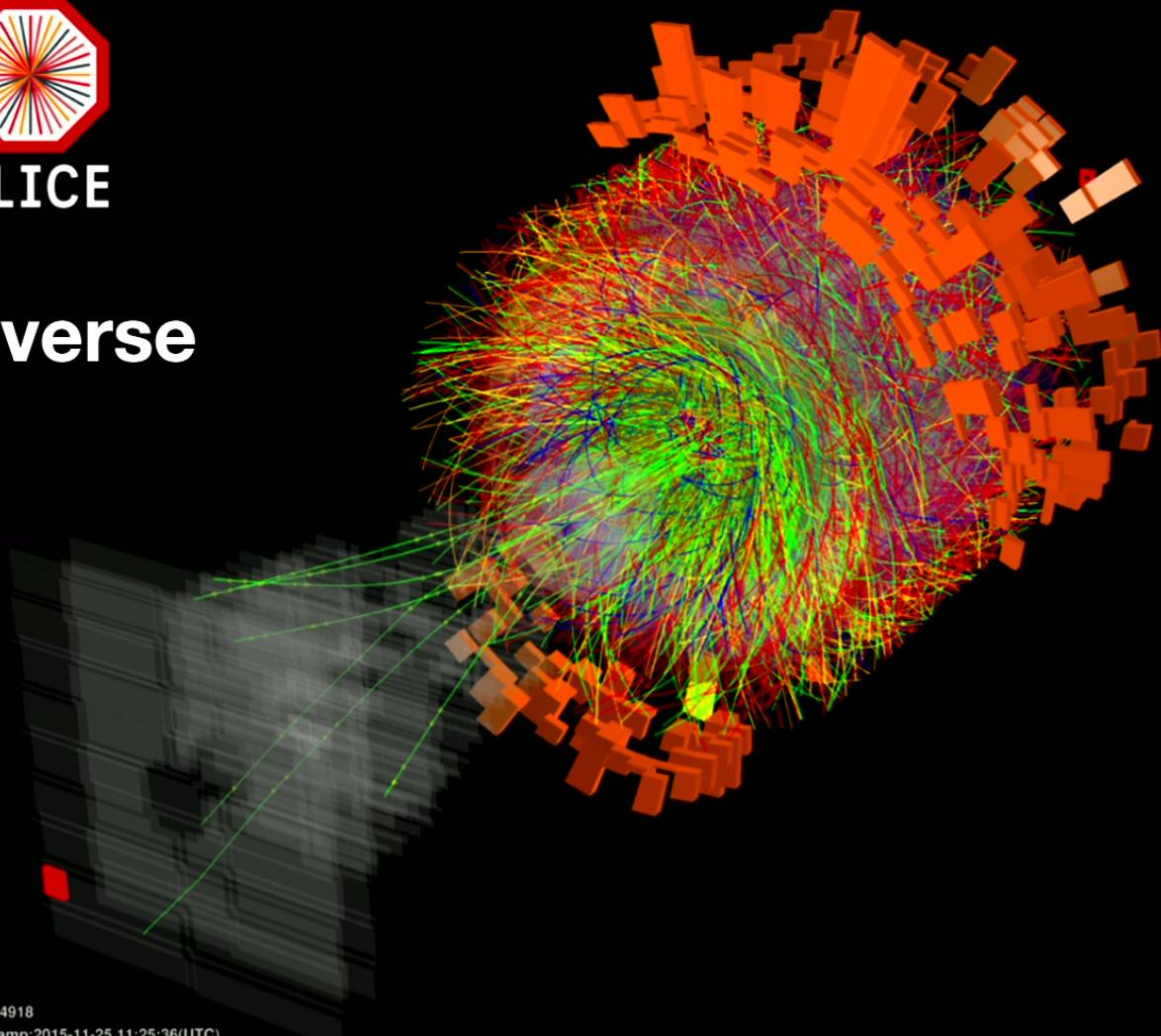
The world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator has been brought to its knees by a beech marten, a member of the weasel family, that chewed through wiring connected to a 66,000-volt transformer.



ALICE

## The Very Early Universe

**ALICE studies the quark gluon plasma, created in heavy ion collisions, and gives us a better understanding of this special state of matter.**

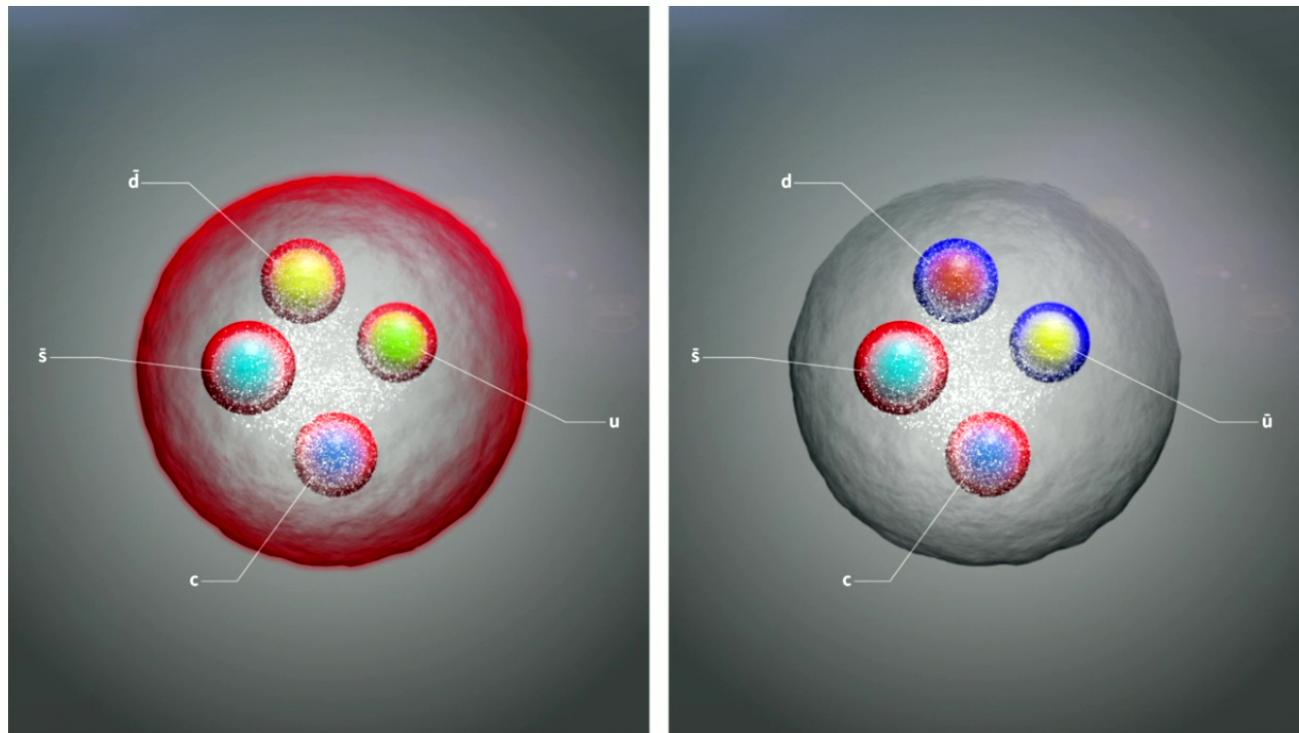


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# LHCb pentaquarks and tetraquarks

LHC creates many new states, including new (fleeting) exotic forms of matter

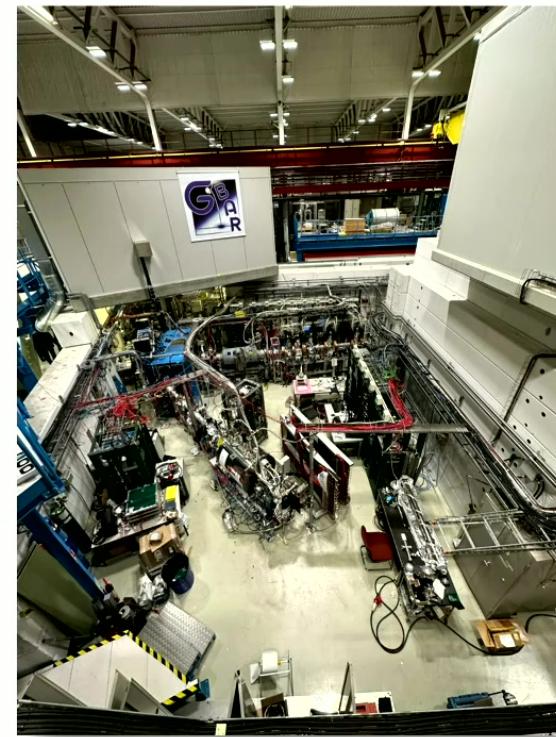


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# The Antimatter Factory



**Create and store antimatter  
to study its properties**



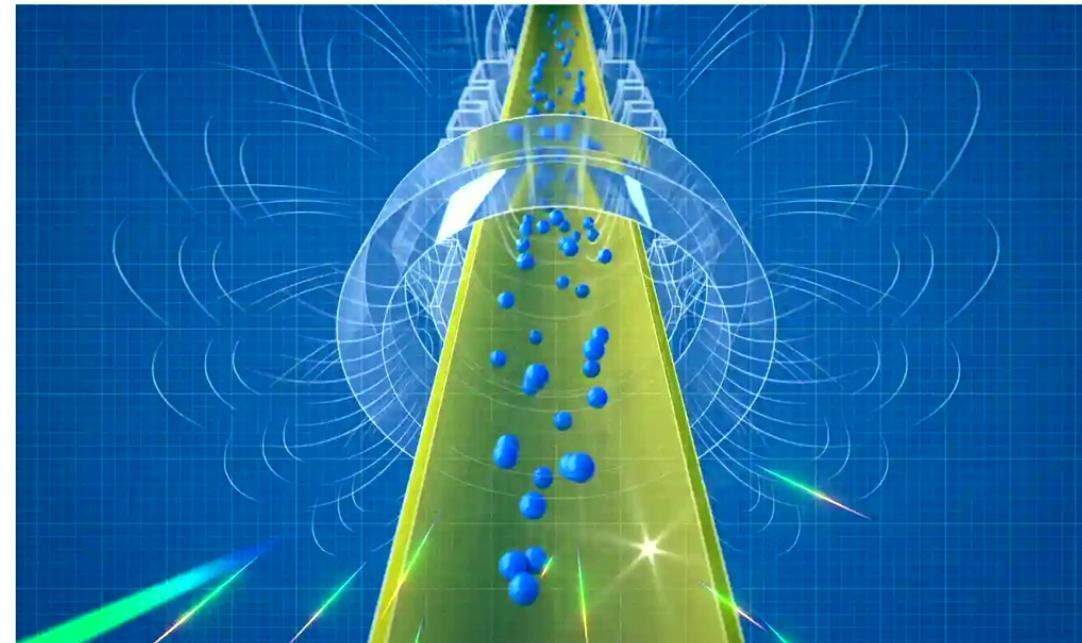
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# The Antimatter Problem

## Scientists find antimatter is subject to gravity

Tests at Cern refute suggestion that antigravity might apply to antimatter, showing instead it also falls downwards



Scientists have struggled to preserve antimatter long enough to carry out experiments on it.  
Illustration: US National Science Foundation/AFP/Getty Images

more antimatter properties



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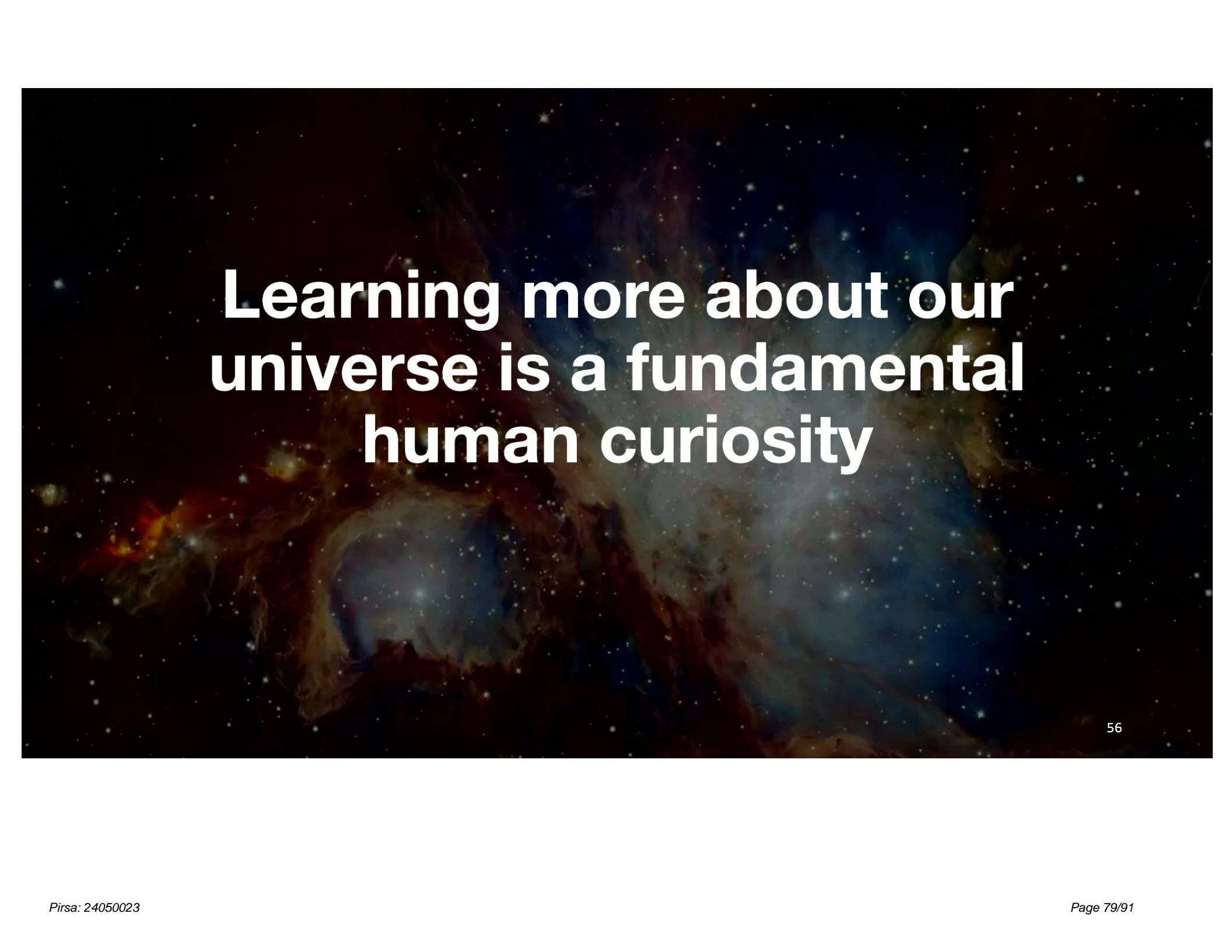
## Highest energy observation of quantum entanglement, looking at top quarks in the ATLAS Experiment



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**How  
does  
this  
affect  
you?**

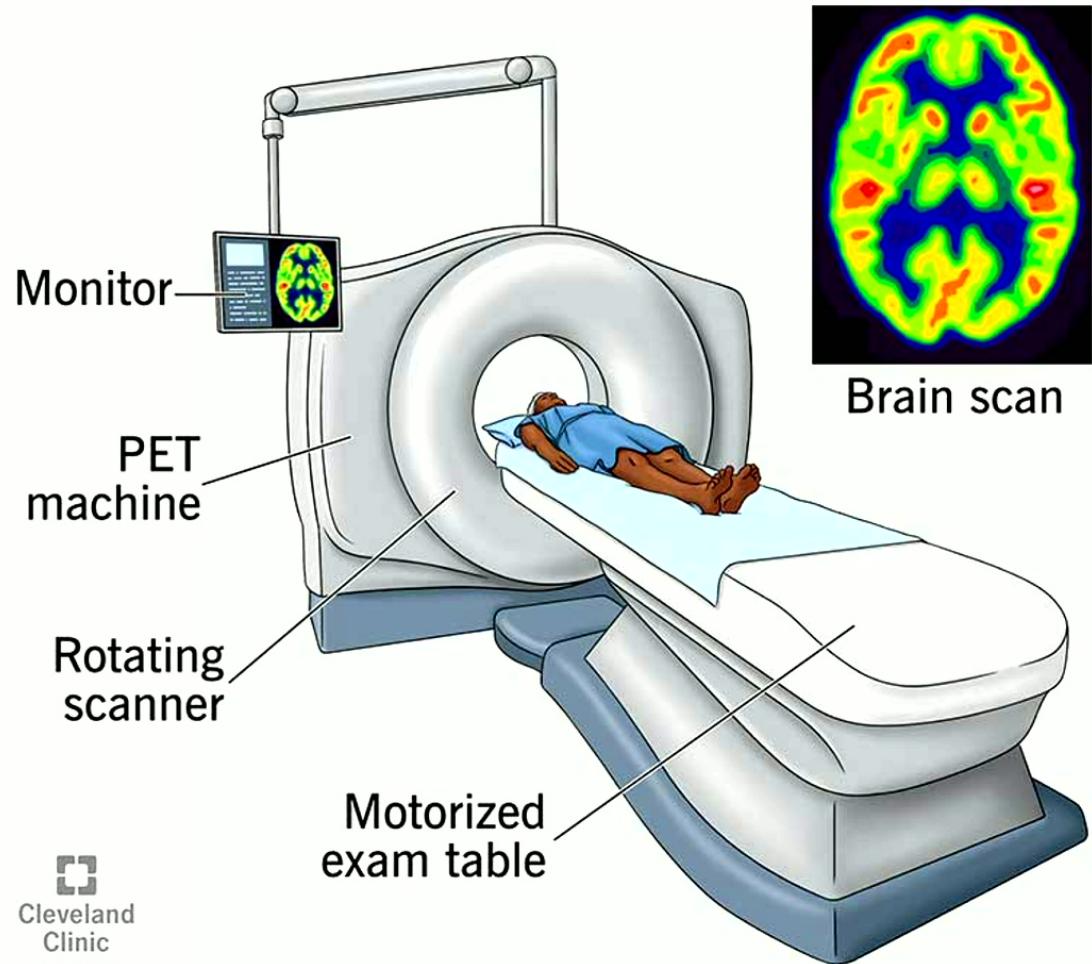


The background of the slide is a dark, deep space image featuring a nebula with vibrant, glowing gas clouds in shades of blue, red, and orange. Numerous small white stars of varying sizes are scattered across the dark void.

**Learning more about our  
universe is a fundamental  
human curiosity**

**Doing difficult things gives us better technology that improves our lives and tells us interesting things right now!**

## PET Scan

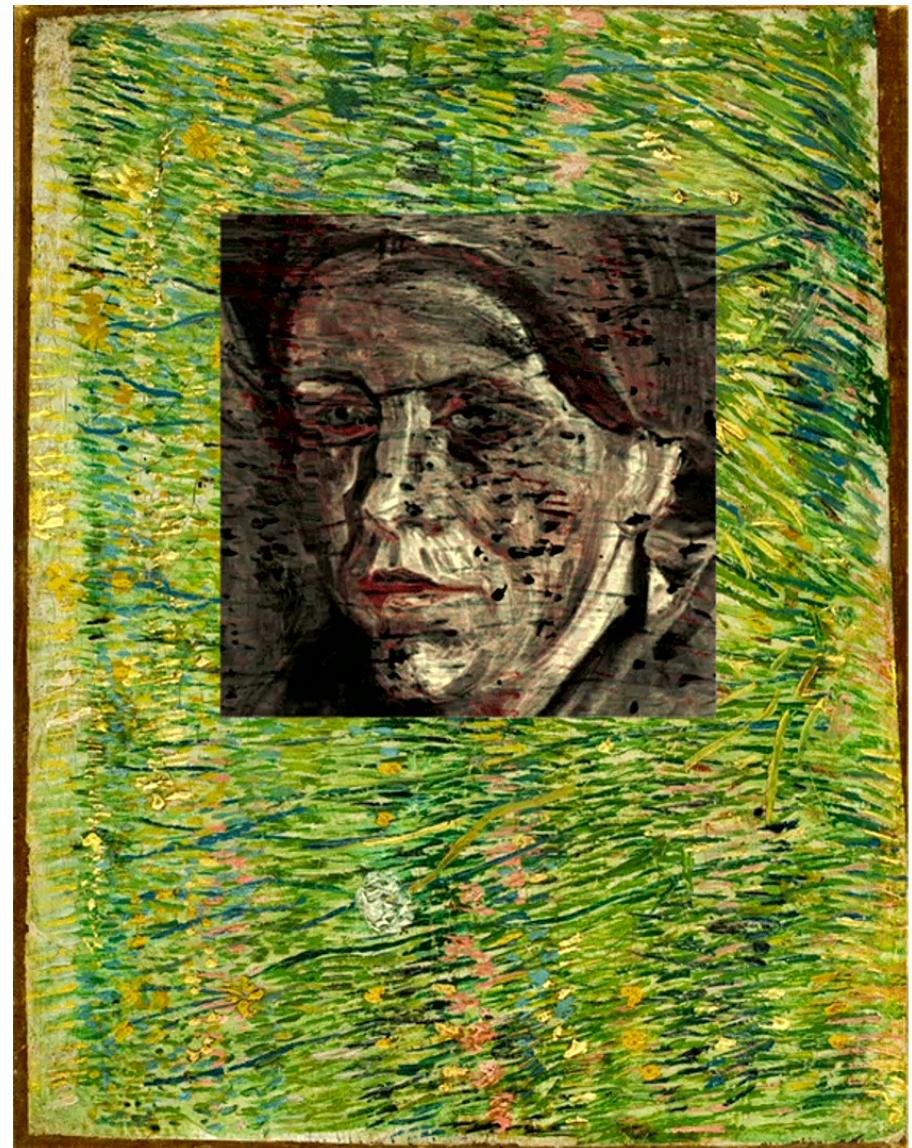
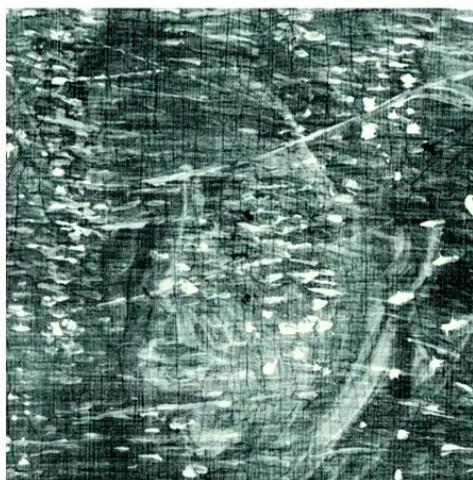




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X-ray  
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Elemental  
Mapping**



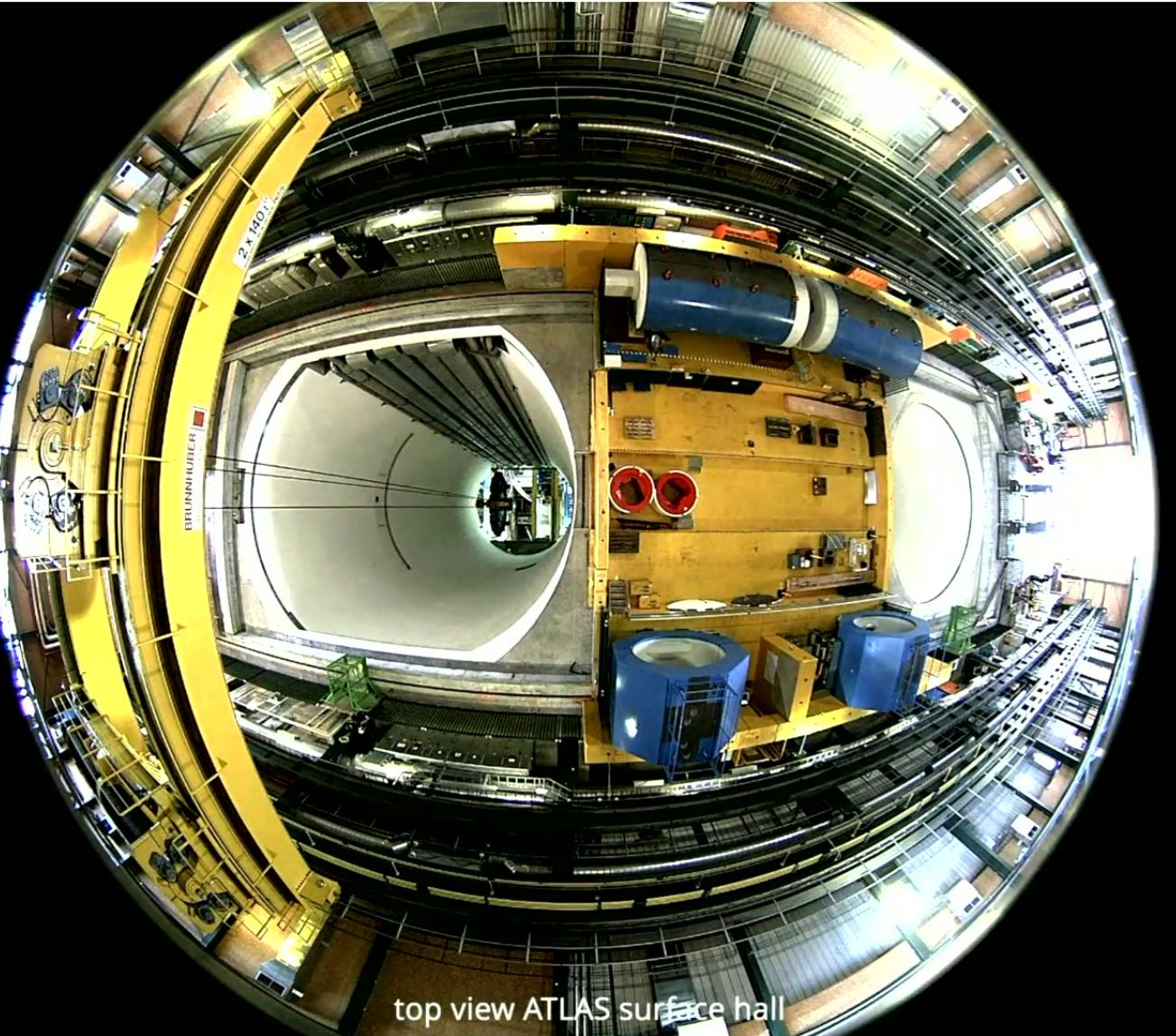
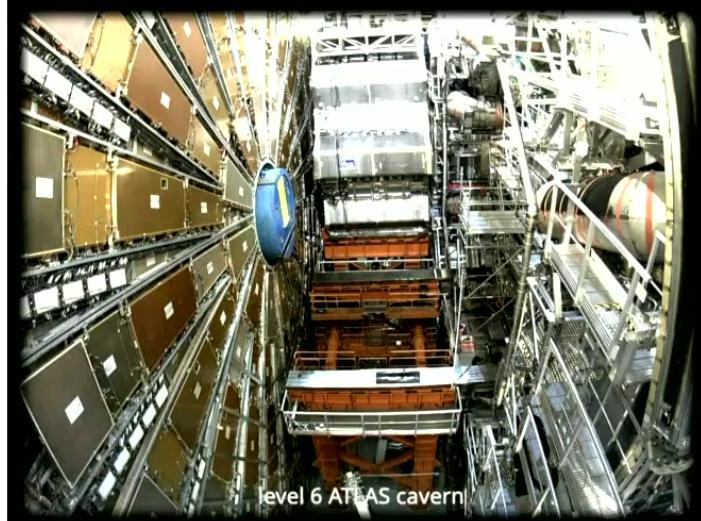
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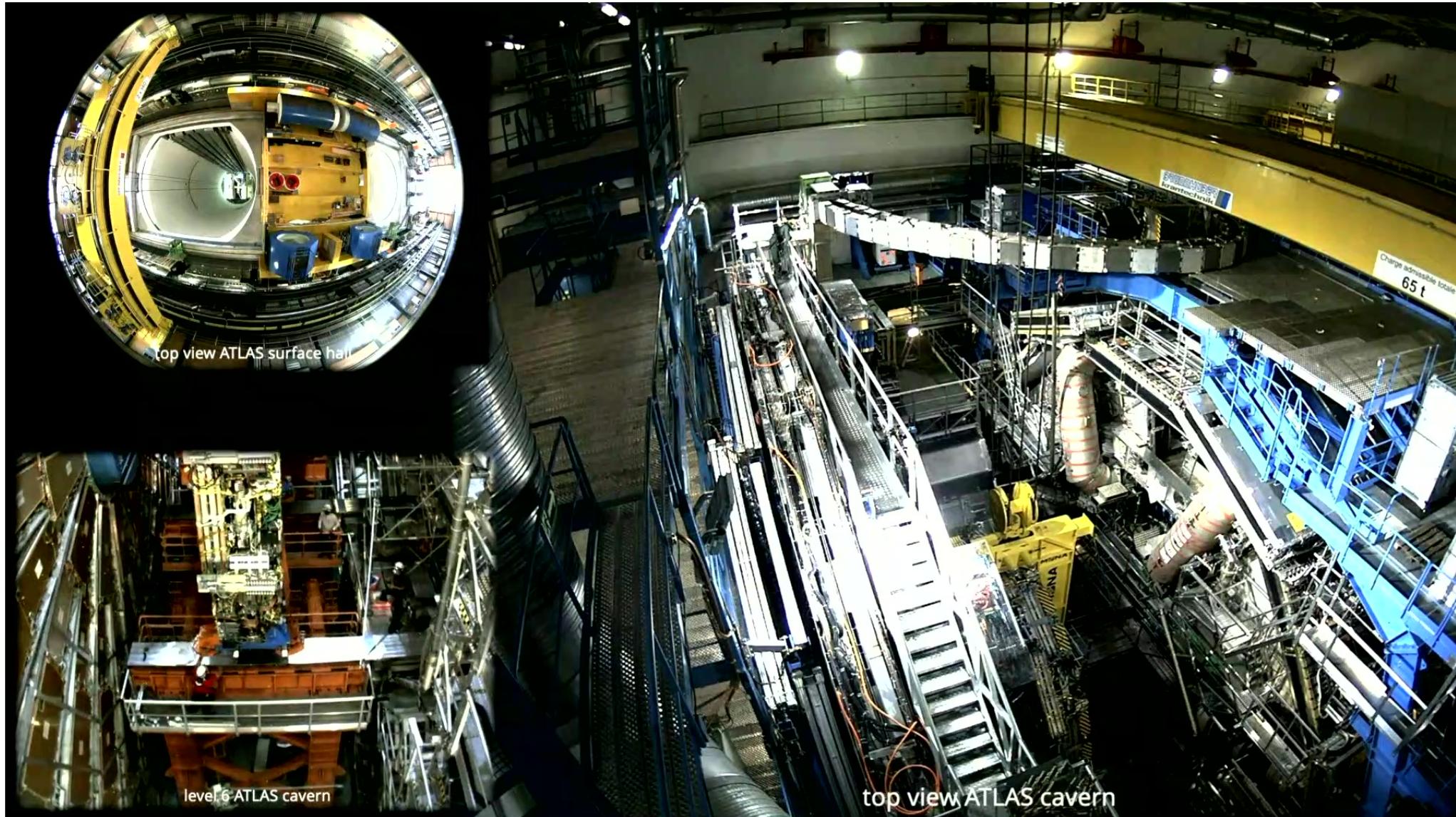


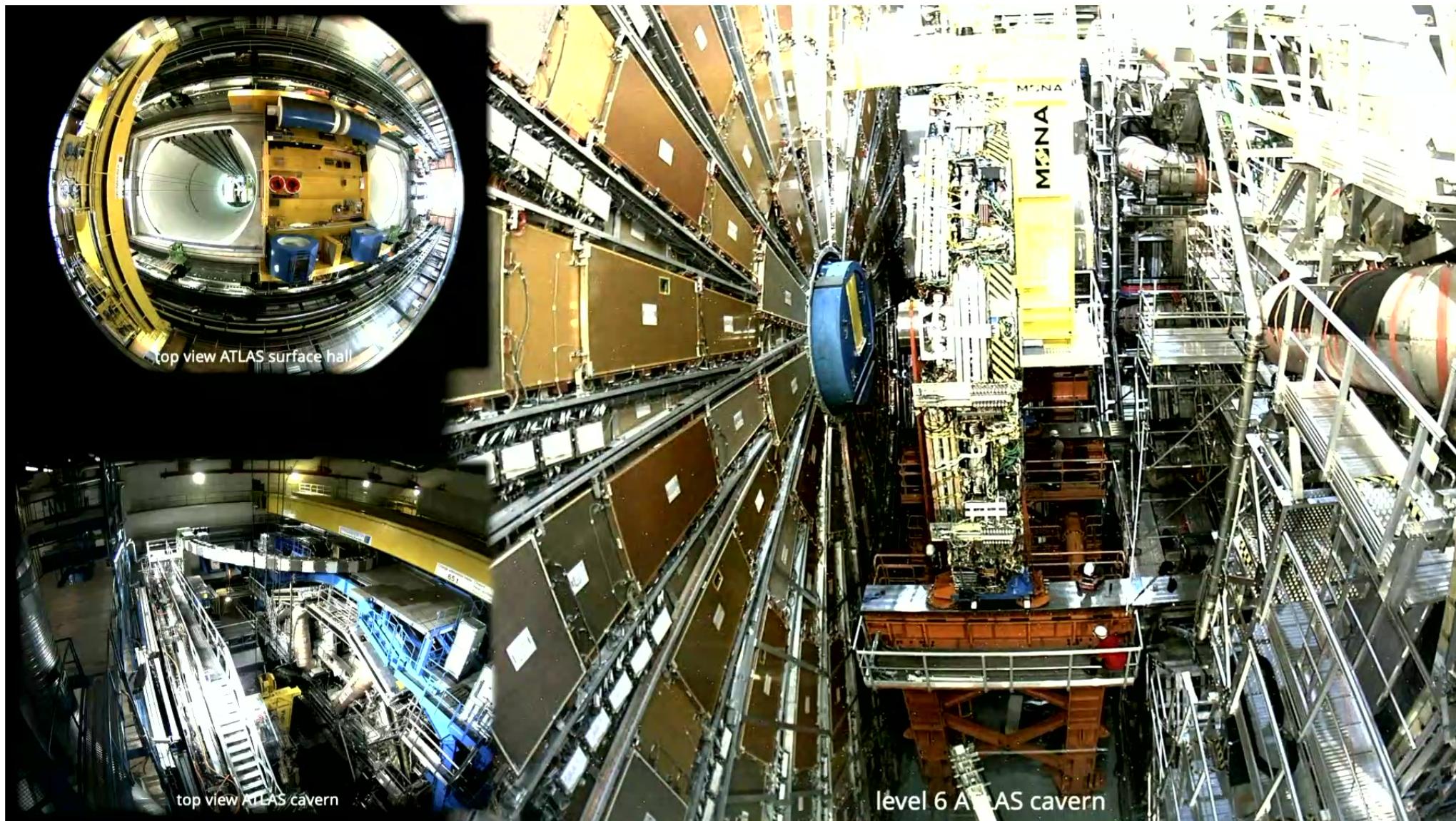
# Muon tomography for pyramids



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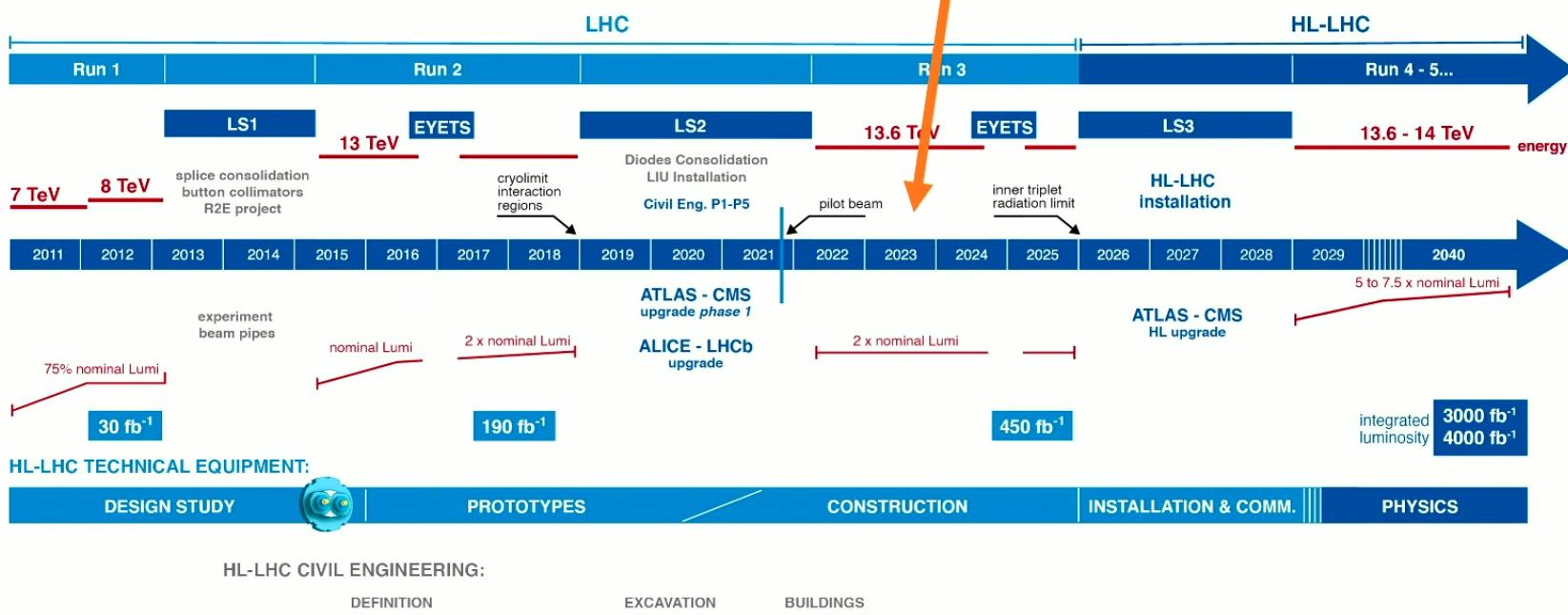






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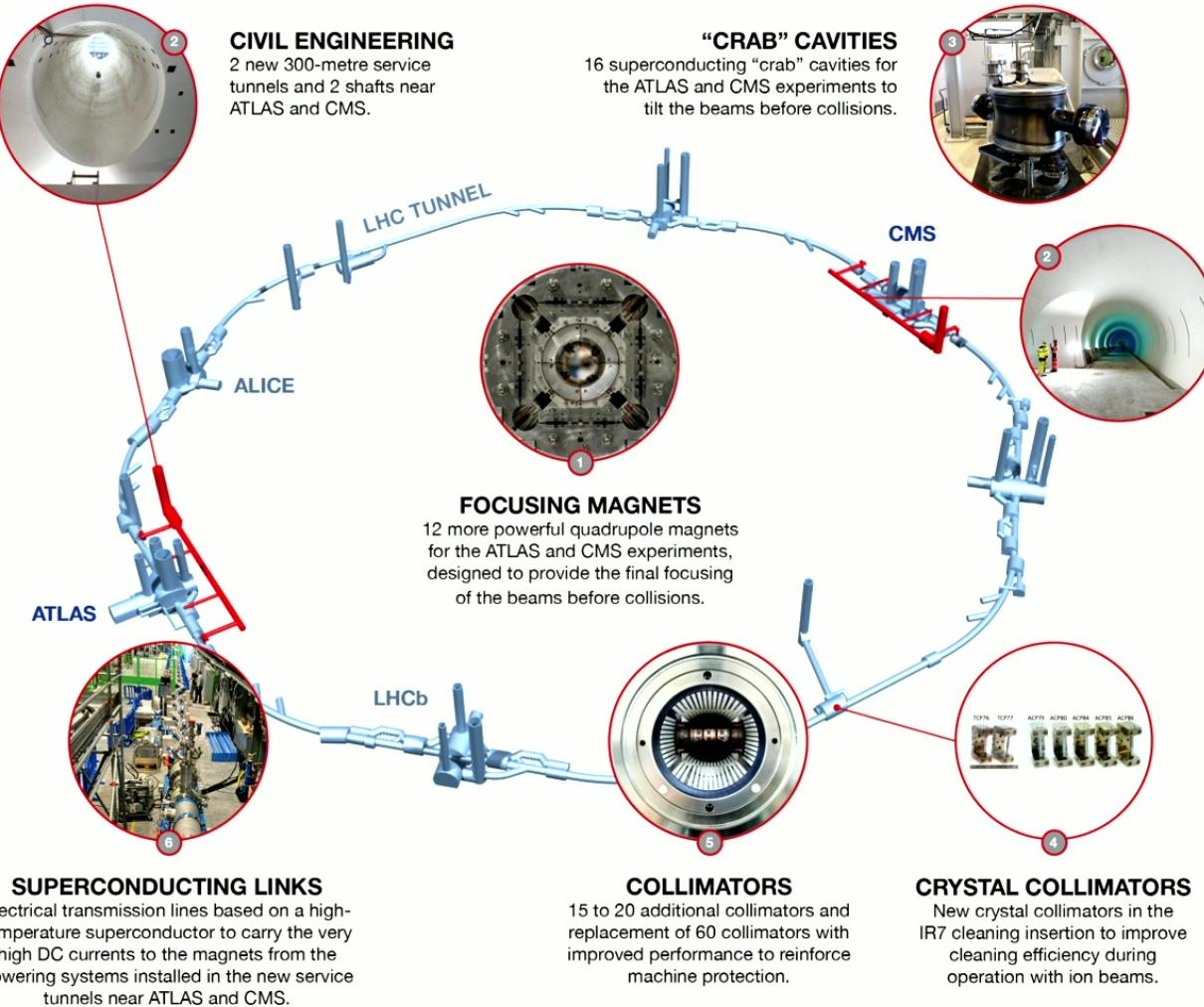


Have only taken ~ 7% of planned data so far

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# A new LHC Towards high luminosity

## NEW TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE HIGH-LUMINOSITY LHC



CERN March 2022

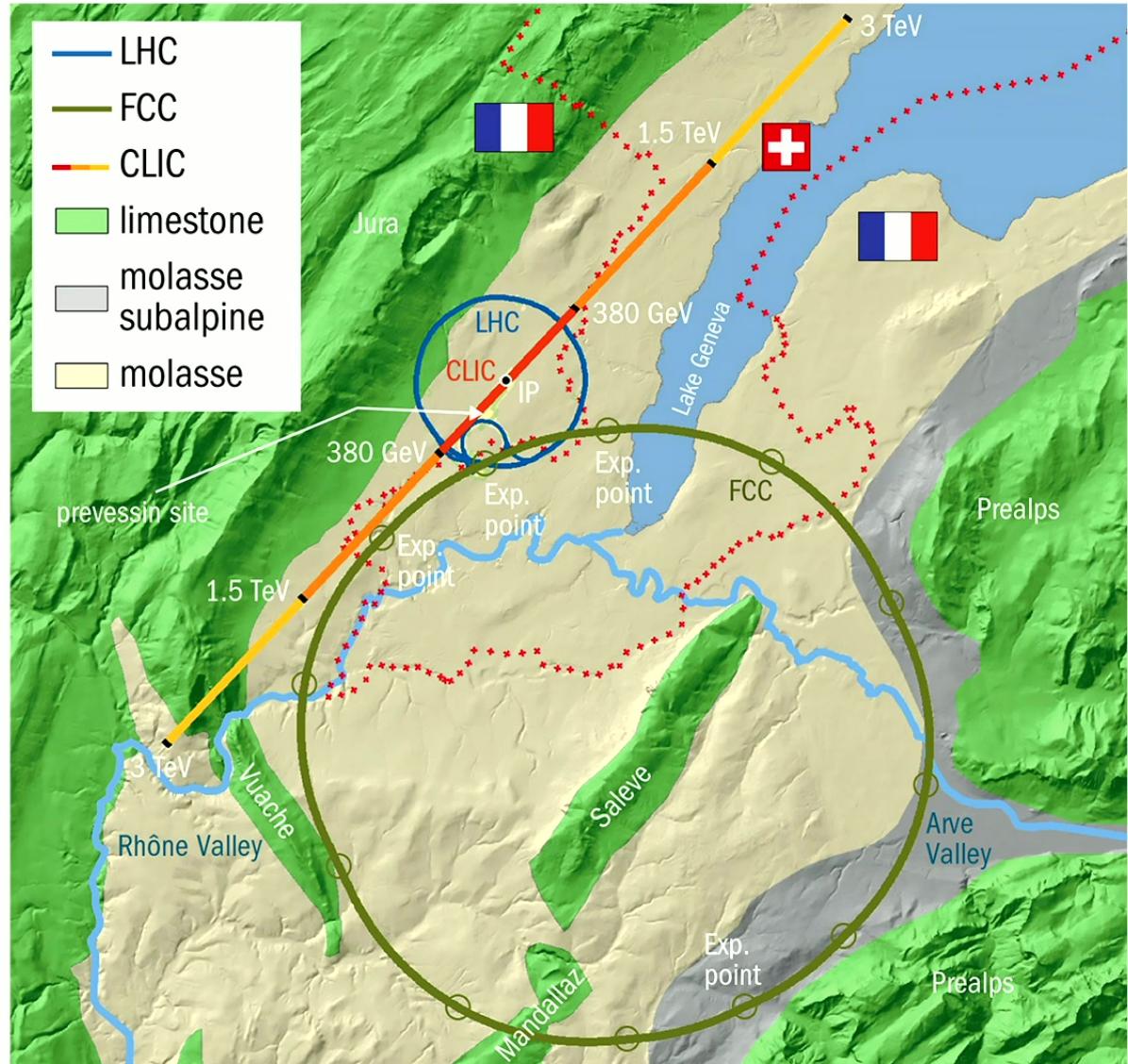
2040 and after

# The future

What's beyond the HL-LHC?

Linear collider?

Circular  
collider?



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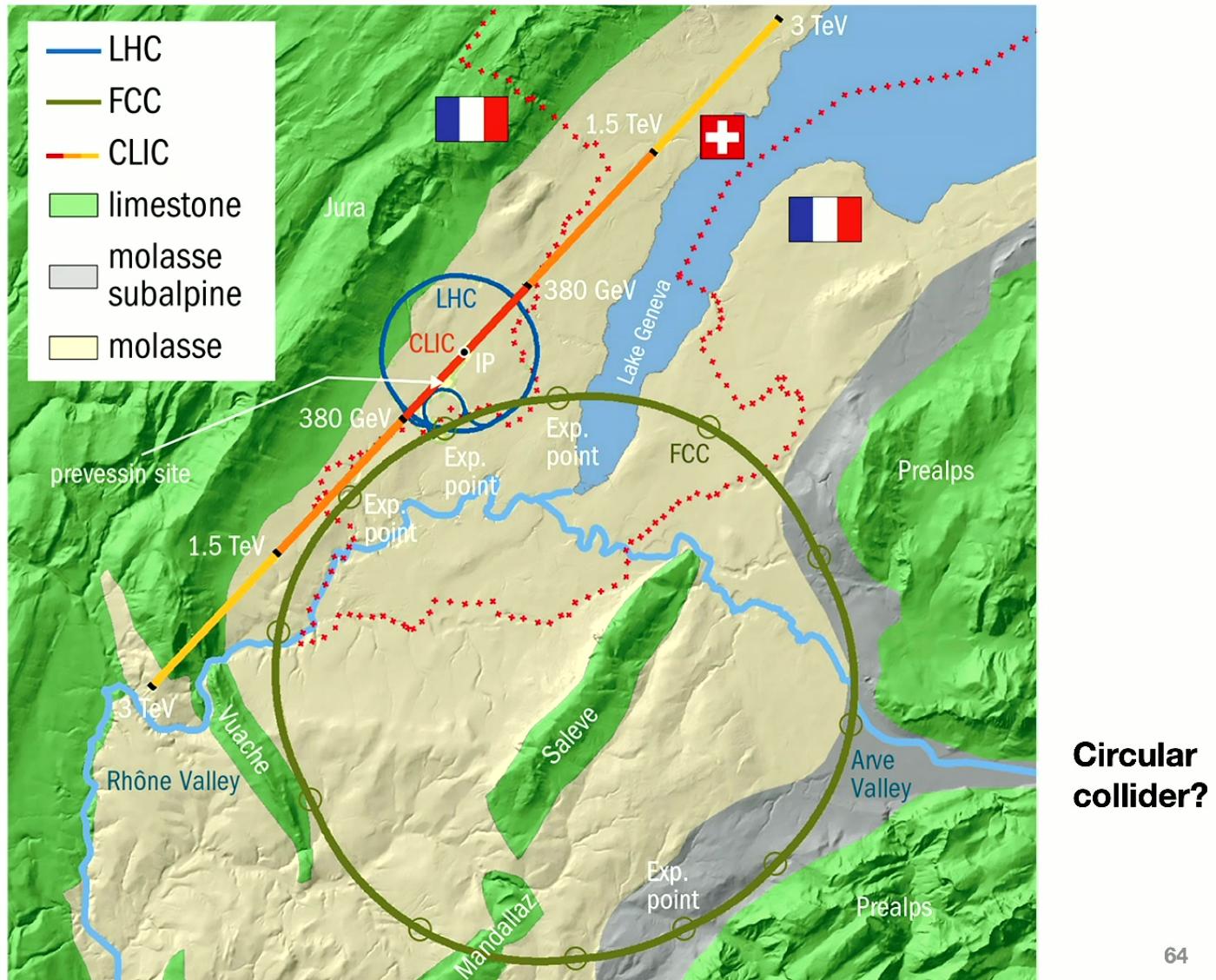
# The future

What's beyond the HL-LHC?

For the FCC we need magnets with strength of 16 T  
- We don't have this yet  
- Need R&D!

Also, muon colliders, plasma wakefield accelerators...

**Linear collider?**





thank  
you!