



# Elements of Discovery Process Lecture I

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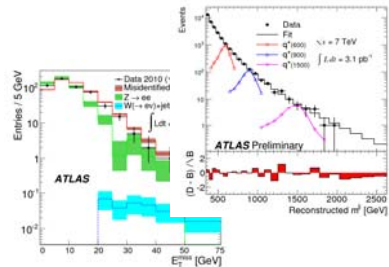
**Theoretical Insight**  
Interplay of theory and experiment is essential

**Accelerator Advances**  
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**New Physics:  
Our Understanding  
of the World**

**New Detectors, Computing Tools**  
With new developments come new capabilities



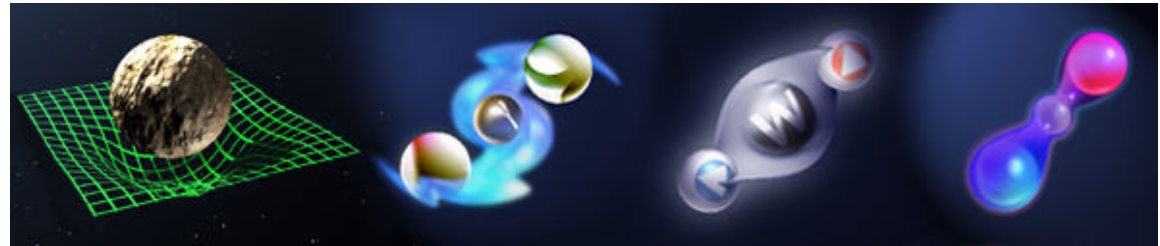
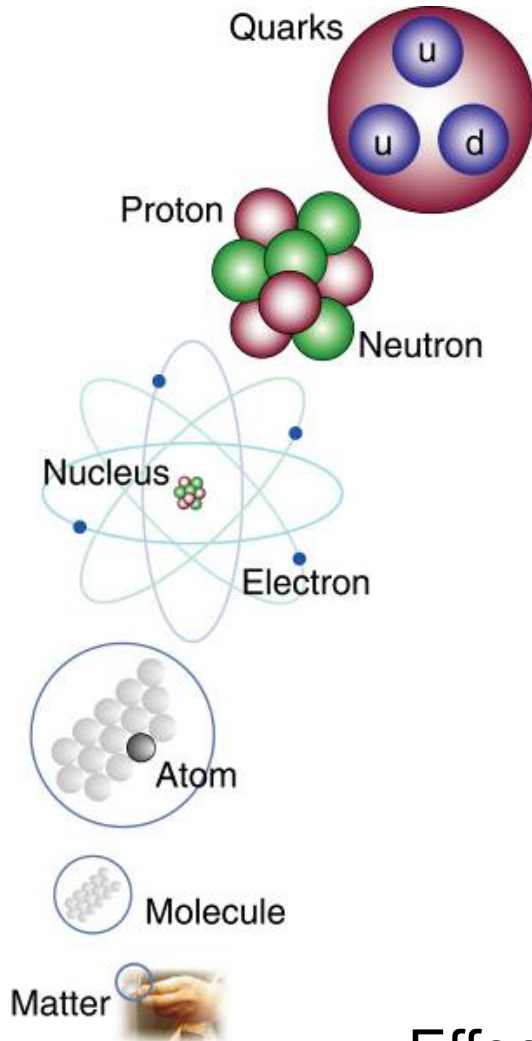
**Data Analysis:**  
Not missing the signal is key

# Theoretical Insight



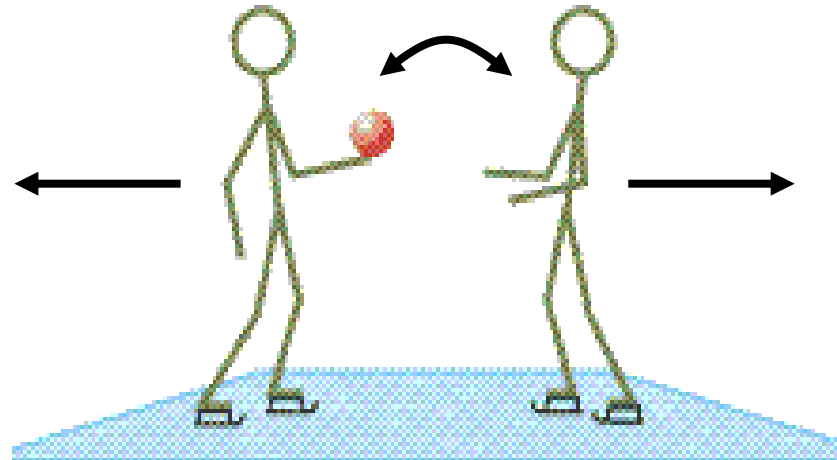
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Discussions, Papers, MCs....etc**

# The Standard Model of Particle Physics



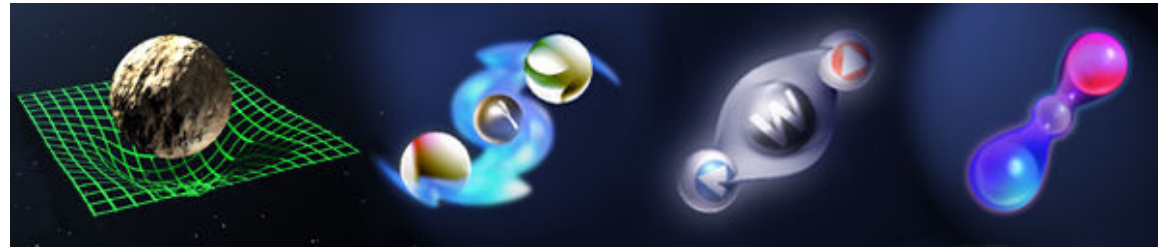
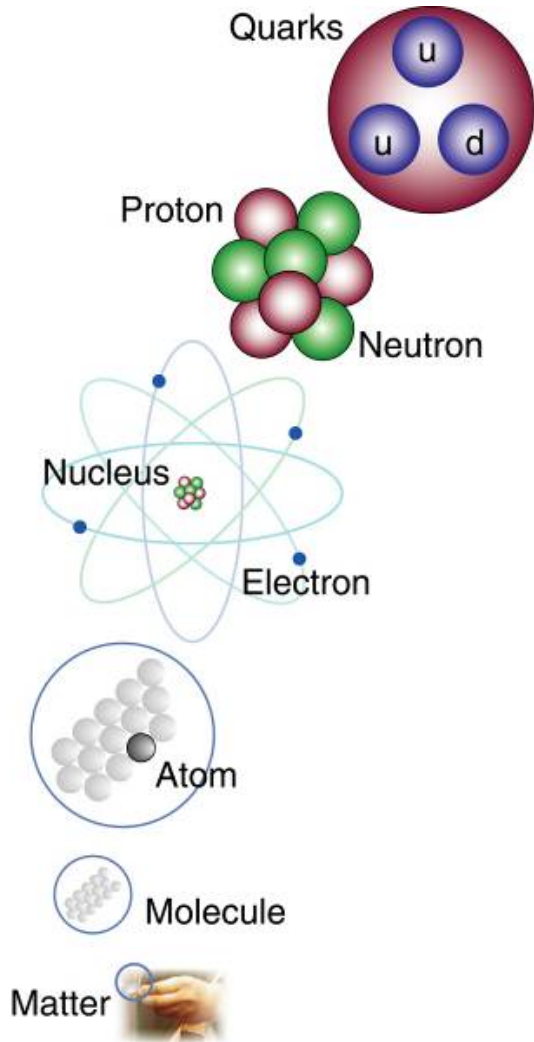
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Forces due to exchange of particles:



Effect of force  $\sim$  intrinsic strength (“muscle power”)  
+ mass of carrier ( $\sim$  range)

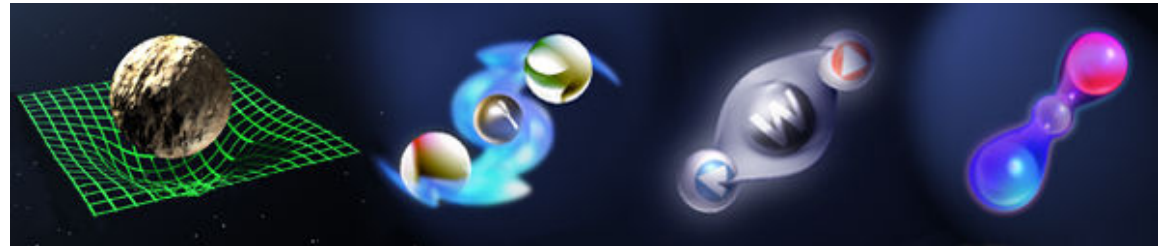
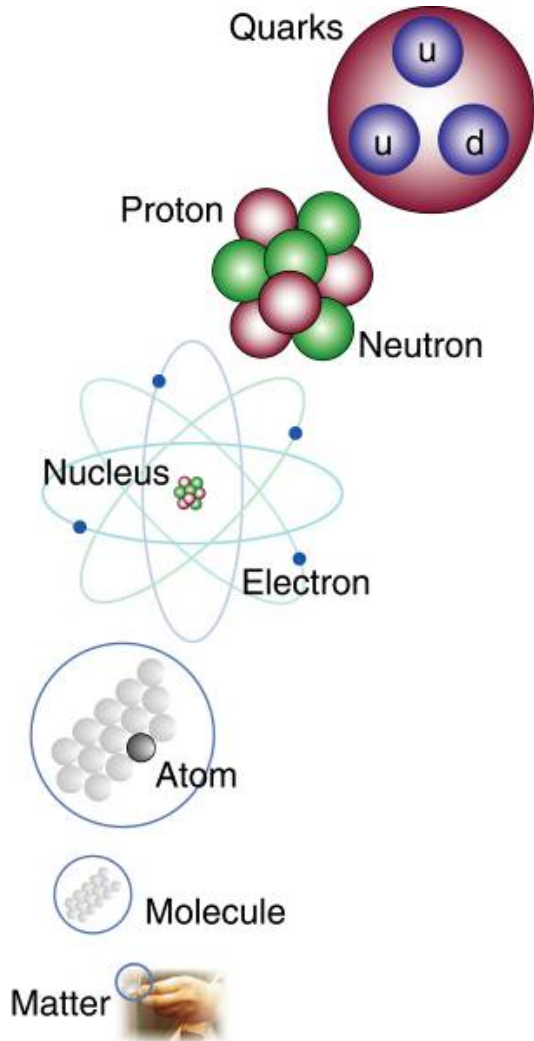
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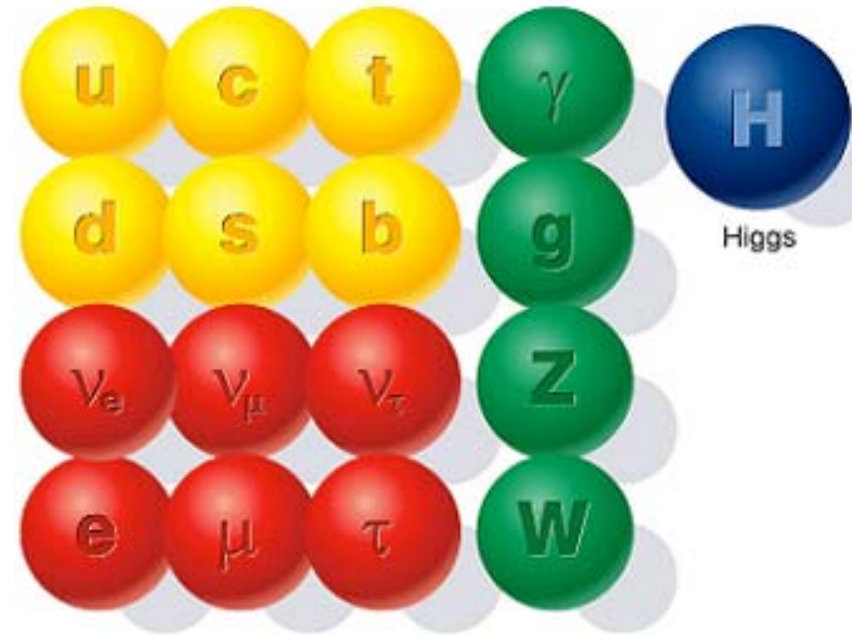
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Add another particle, the Higgs gives mass to other particles

# The Standard Model of Particle Physics

- A few fundamental particles
- A few forces
  - mediated by bosons
- Higgs to give mass.



**The Standard Model has been incredibly successful in explaining all data...  
...but there are problems too.**

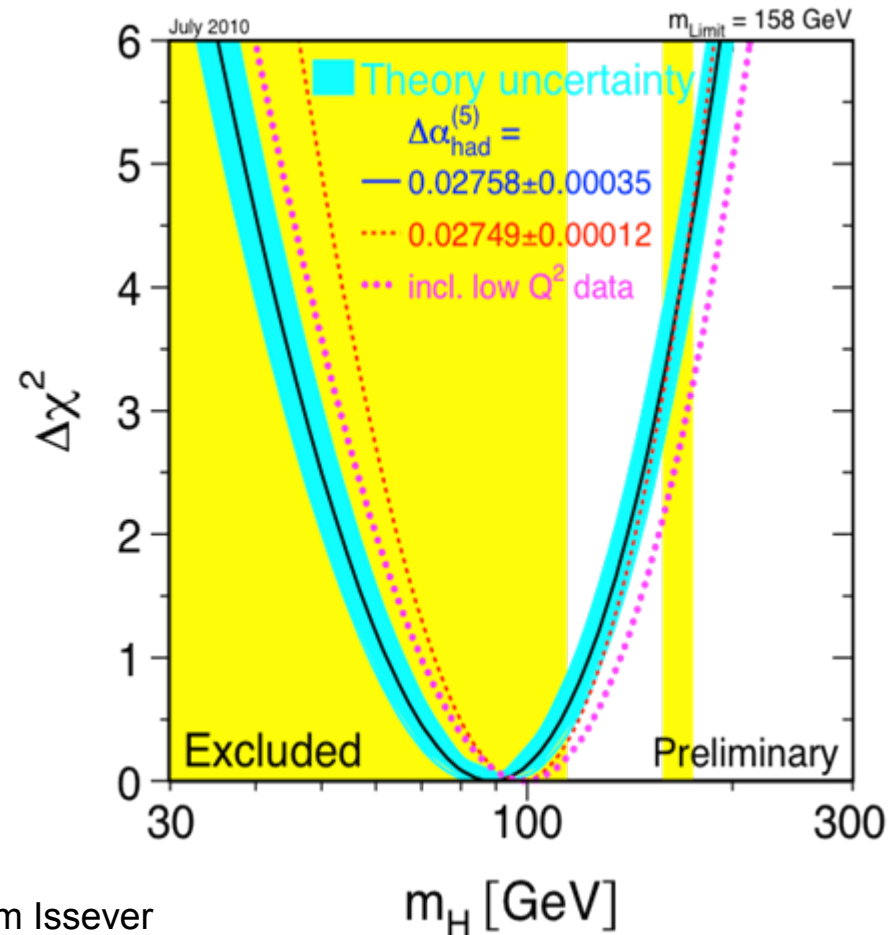
# The Standard Problems: Higgs?

From precision Electroweak measurements

Mass of SM Higgs boson:  $87^{+35}_{-26}$  GeV

but we know  $114 < m_H < 157$  GeV

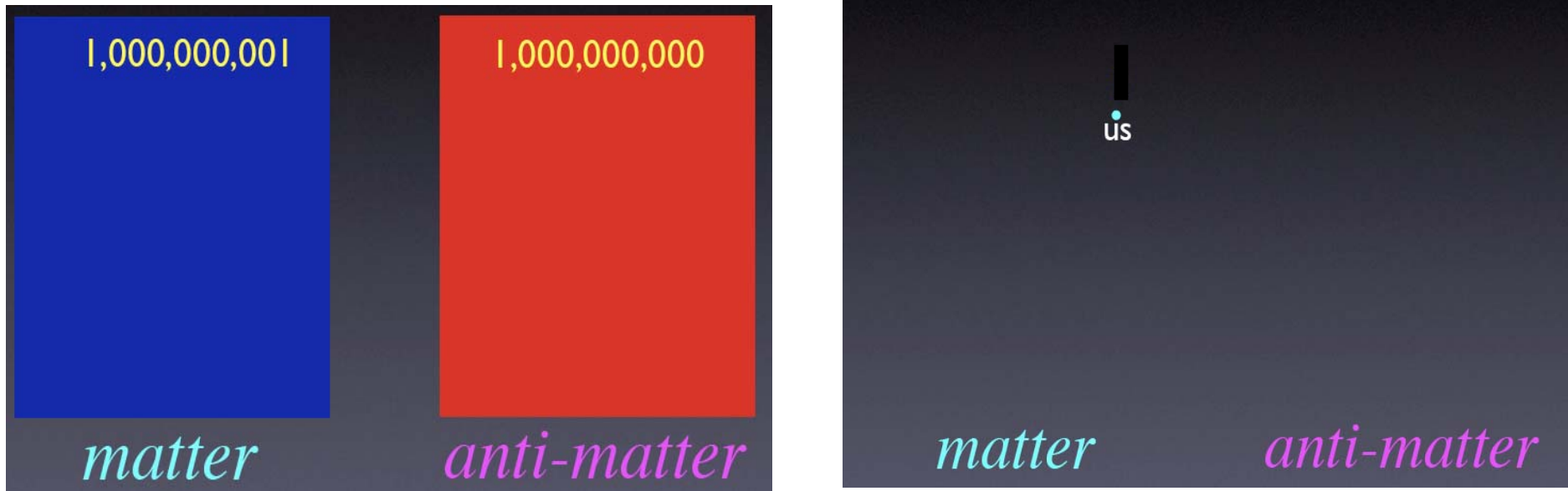
Where is the Higgs?





# Standard Problems: antimatter?

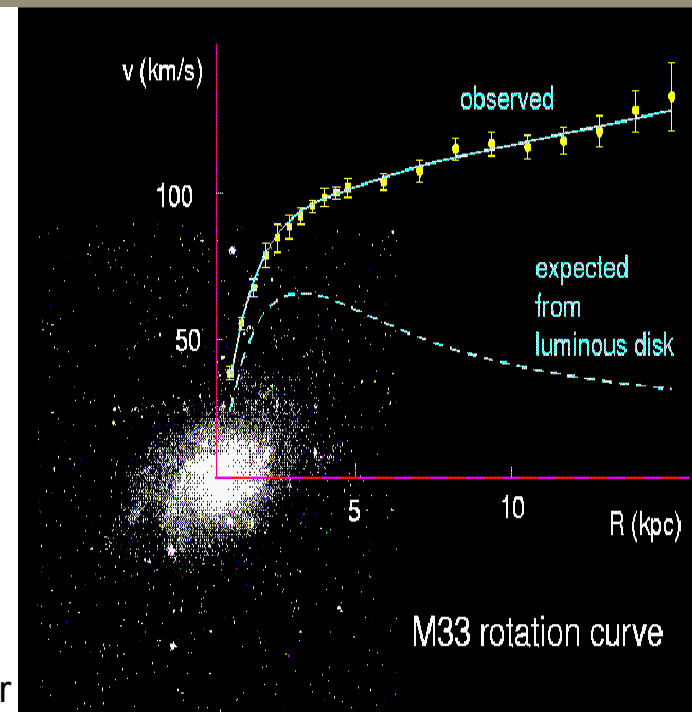
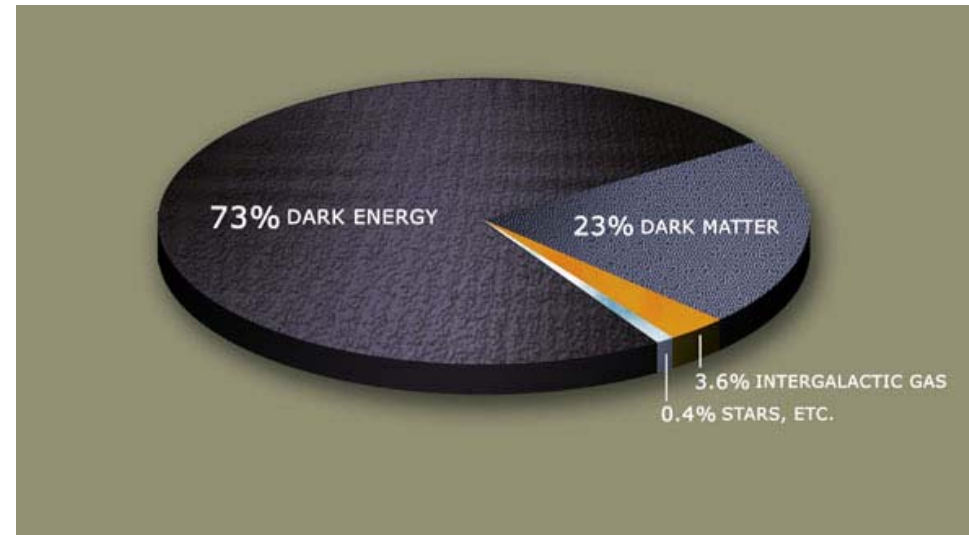
## What happened to all the antimatter?



The imbalance is a trillion times bigger than the model predicts.

# The Standard Problems: Dark Matter?

- 23 % Dark Matter
  - Inferred from gravitational effects
  - Rotational speed of galaxies
  - Orbital velocities of galaxies in clusters
  - Gravitational lensing
  - .....
- 73 % Dark Energy
  - Accelerated expansion of universe
- **Only 4 % made out of known matter.....**



# More Problems!

**“Cracks” have started to appear in the Standard Model...**

Many problems identified over time

- No explanation of
  - masses,
  - coupling constants
- Why three families?
- Gravity not included
- The “hierarchy” problem, fine tuning..

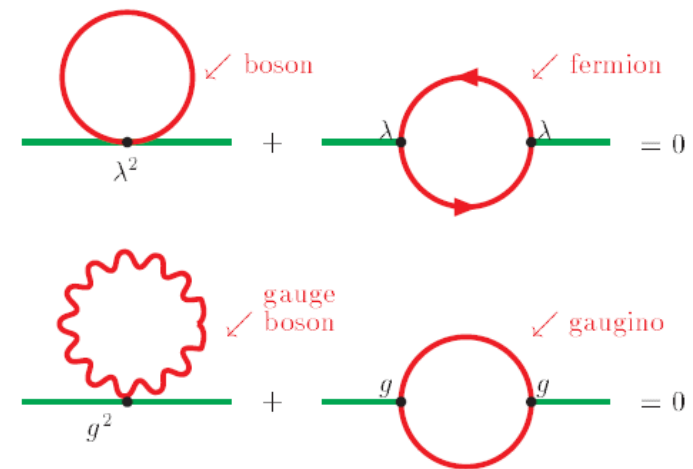
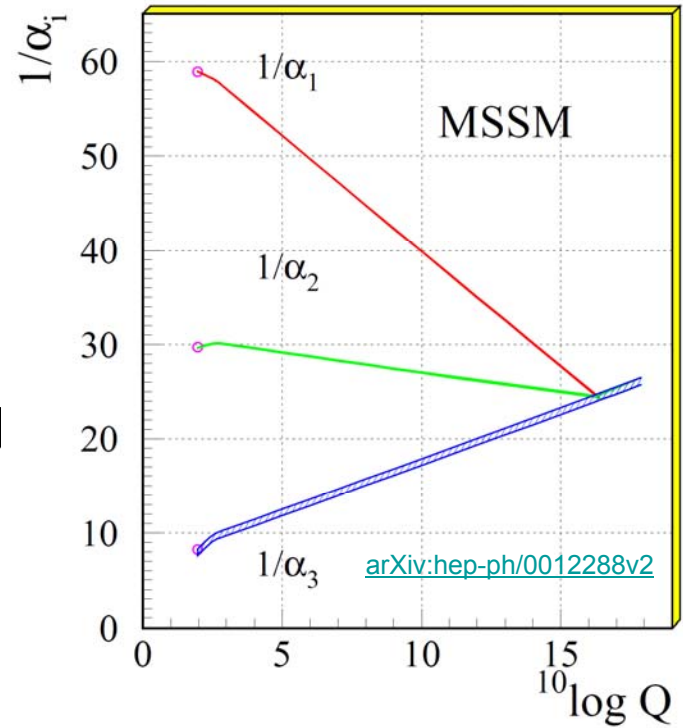


...and yet it explains the data

**The Standard Model isn't so much wrong as it is *incomplete***

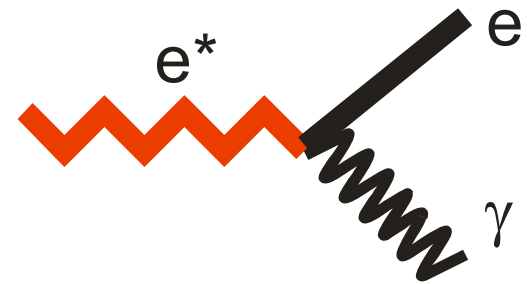
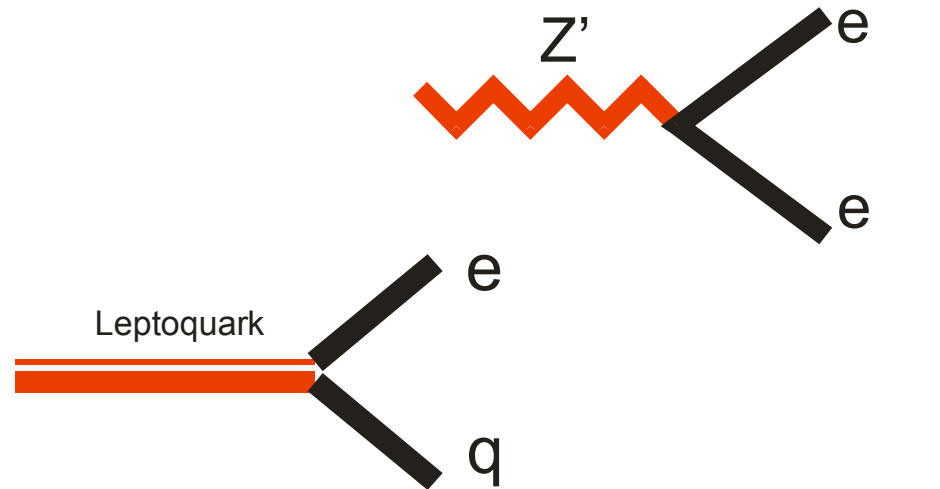
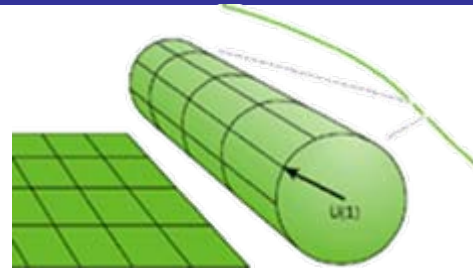
# Is SUSY the “next SM”?

- Supersymmetry (SUSY)
  - SM particles get partners (-spin 1/2)
- Unifications of forces possible
  - SUSY changes running of coupling
- Dark matter candidate exists:
  - The lightest neutral partner of the gauge bosons
- No (or little) fine-tuning required
  - cancellation of loop corrections



# What else is there beside SUSY?

- **Extra spatial dimensions**
  - Addresses hierarchy problem
  - make gravity strong at TeV scale
- **Extra gauge groups:  $Z'$ ,  $W'$** 
  - Occur naturally in GUT scale theories
- **Leptoquarks:**
  - Would combine naturally the quark and lepton sector
- **New/excited fermions**
  - More generations?
  - Compositeness?
- something not thought of yet

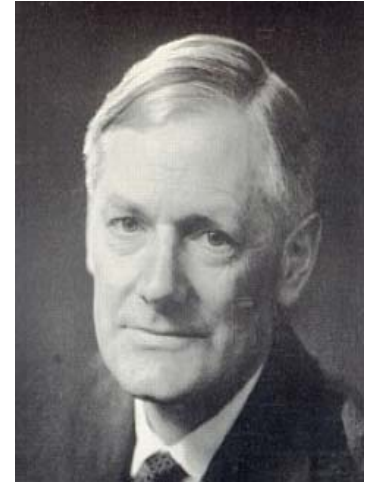


# Redman's Theorem

Sorting out the structure of the universe can be frustrating...

...just ask the astronomers

***“Any competent theoretician can fit any given theory to any set of facts.”***



Quoted in M. Longair's *High Energy Astrophysics*, sect 2.5.1: "The Psychology of Astronomers and Astrophysicists": Prof. R. Redman, 1905-1975

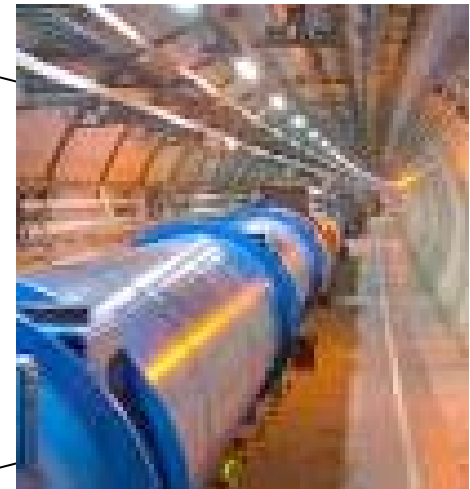
**First we need data...**

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# Accelerator Advances

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# Accelerator Advances

- Each advance is a *revolution*...
  - but sadly only once or twice per generation
- To help understand our excitement about the LHC
  - Previous energy record-holder (Tevatron) started in 1983 - 27 years
  - LEP at CERN stopped in 2000 - 10 years ago



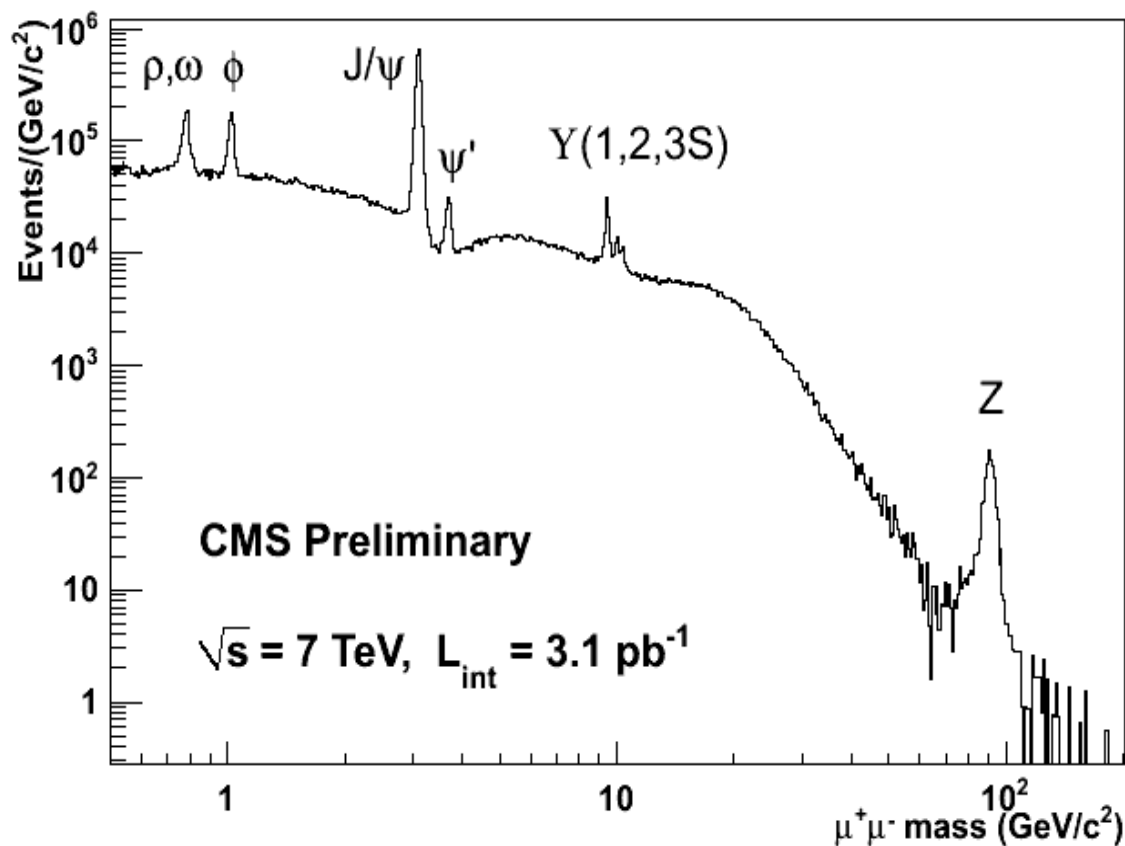


# Role of Colliders

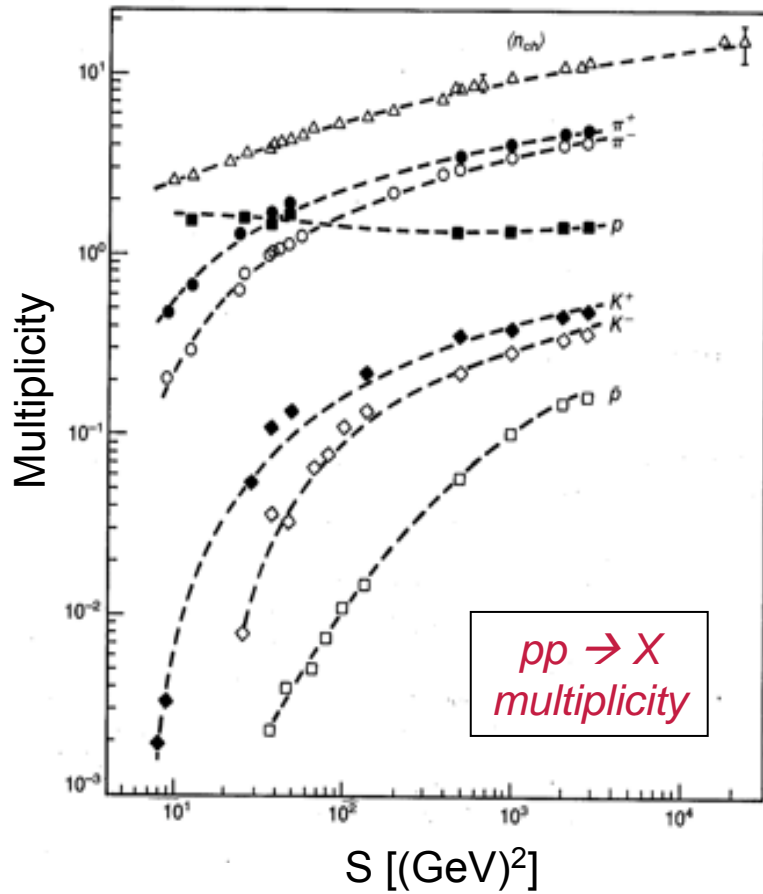
- **Colliders key tool for discovering particles we know today**
  - Anti-proton (LBNL, 1955)
  - Quarks (SLAC 1969)
  - W- and Z-boson (CERN, 1983)
  - Top-quark (FNAL, 1994)
  - ... plus many more
  
- **Basic principle follows from  $E=mc^2$** 
  - If collider energy  $\geq$  mass of particle
    - particle can be produced

# New Energy Regimes

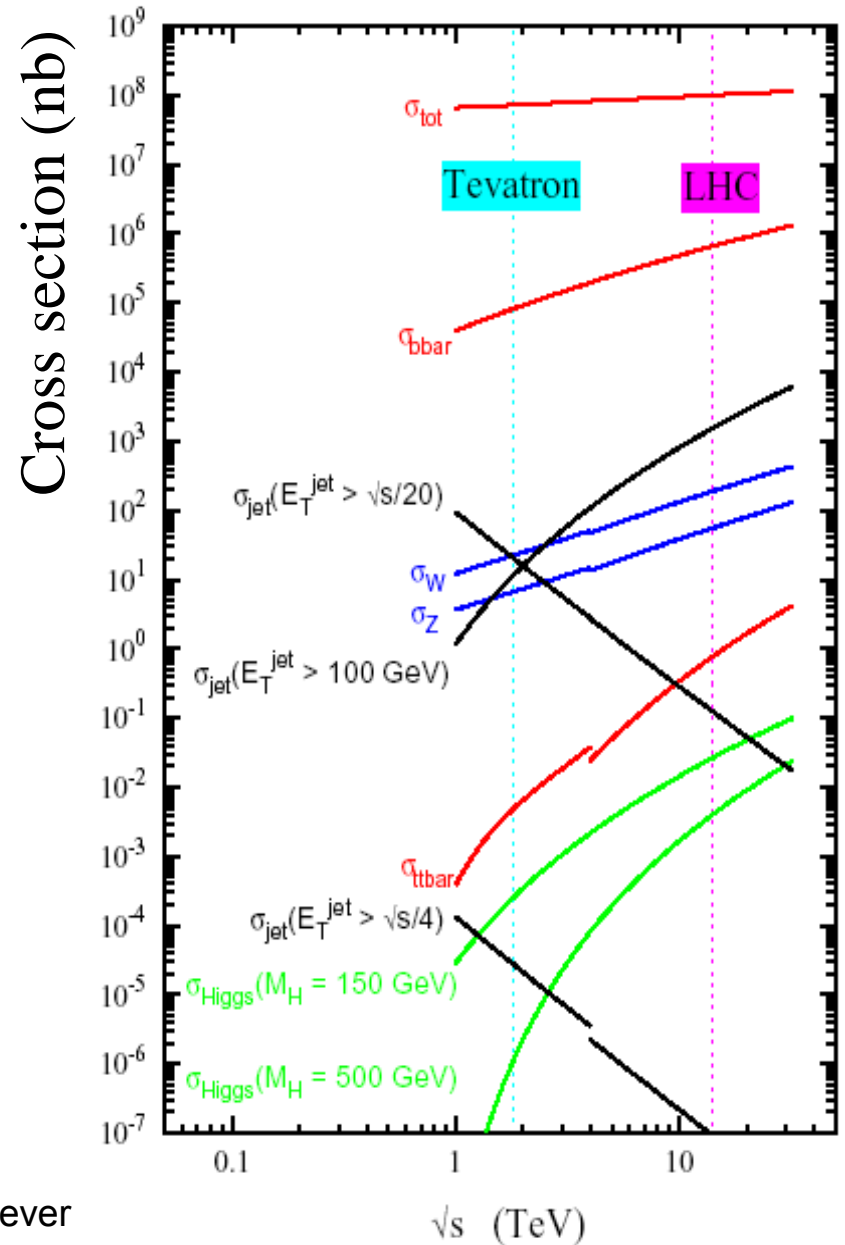
- Each advance in territory makes new discovery possible
- Many historic examples...
- Hunting for “bumps” in the mass spectra



# More energy, more particles

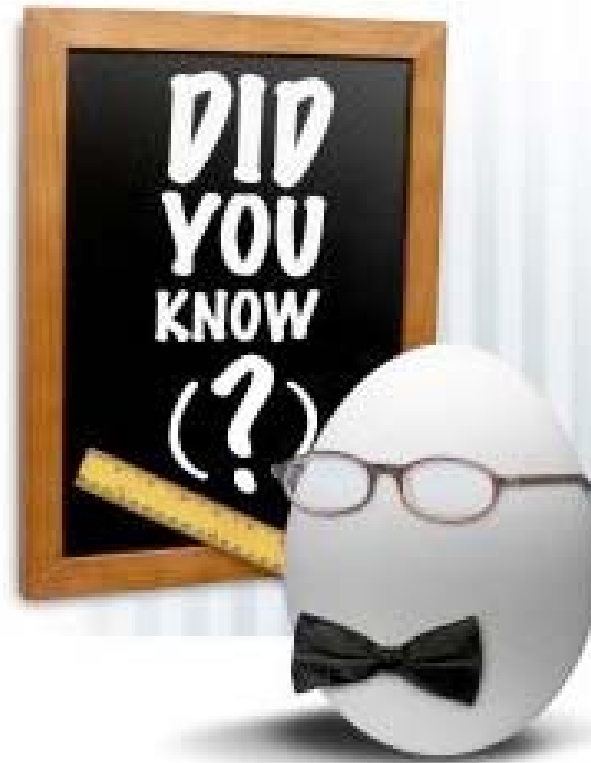


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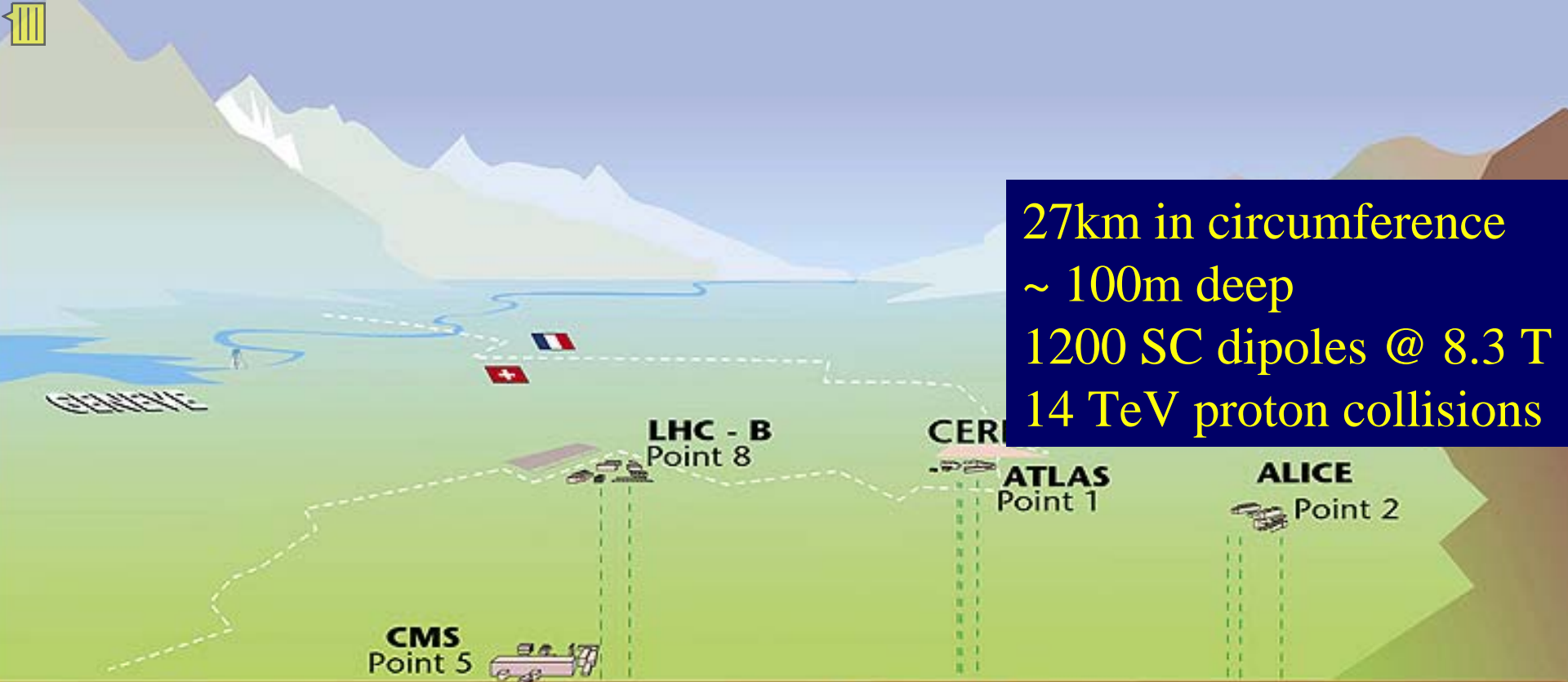
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# Some Fun Facts about the LHC

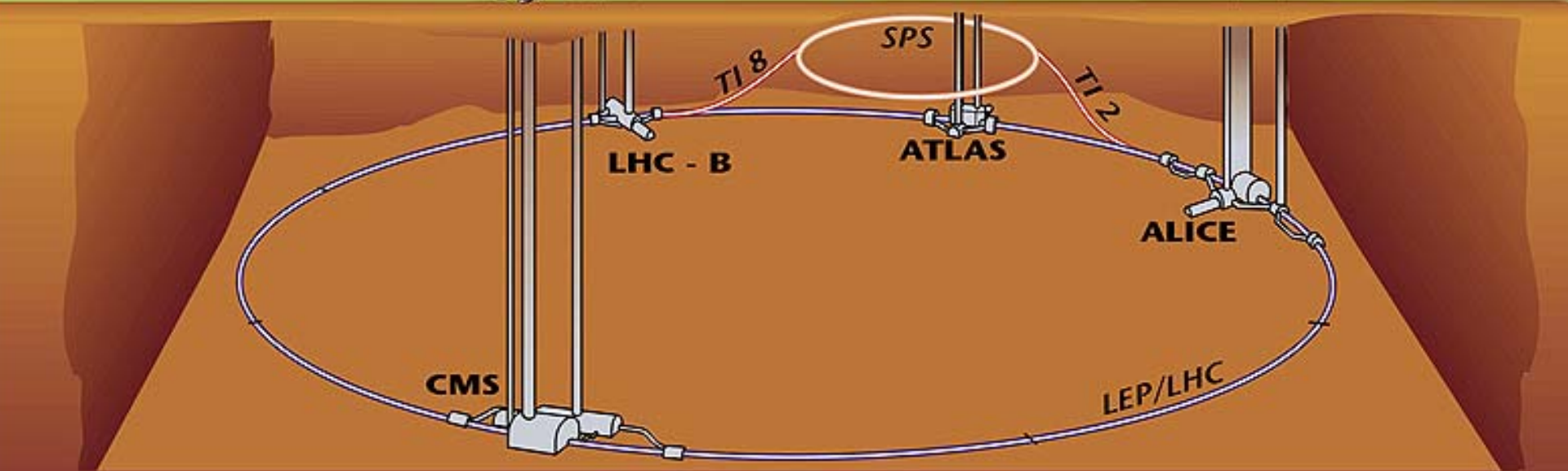


[http://www.sustain.ucla.edu/media/images/facts\\_general.jpg](http://www.sustain.ucla.edu/media/images/facts_general.jpg)



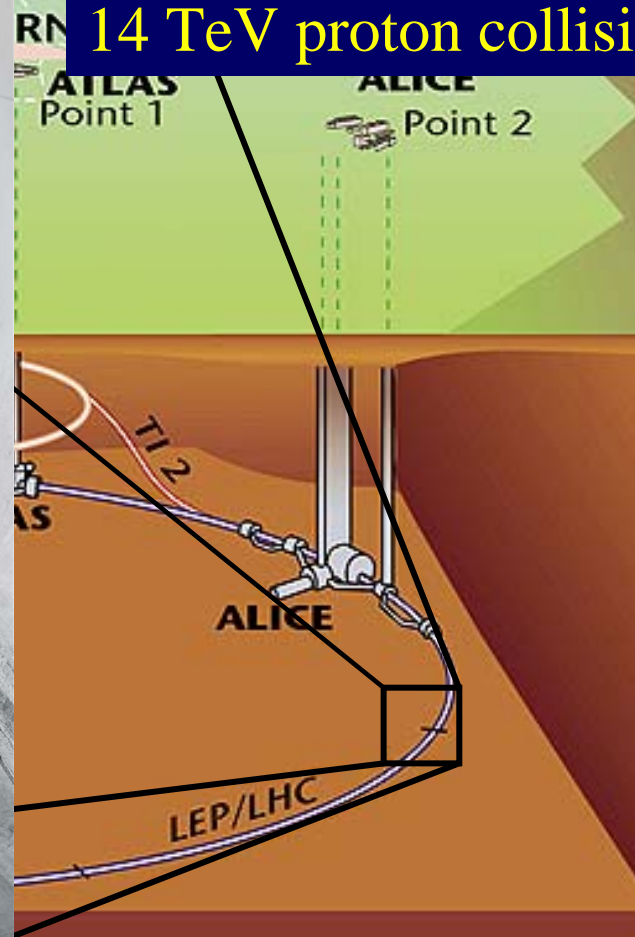


27km in circumference  
~ 100m deep  
1200 SC dipoles @ 8.3 T  
14 TeV proton collisions

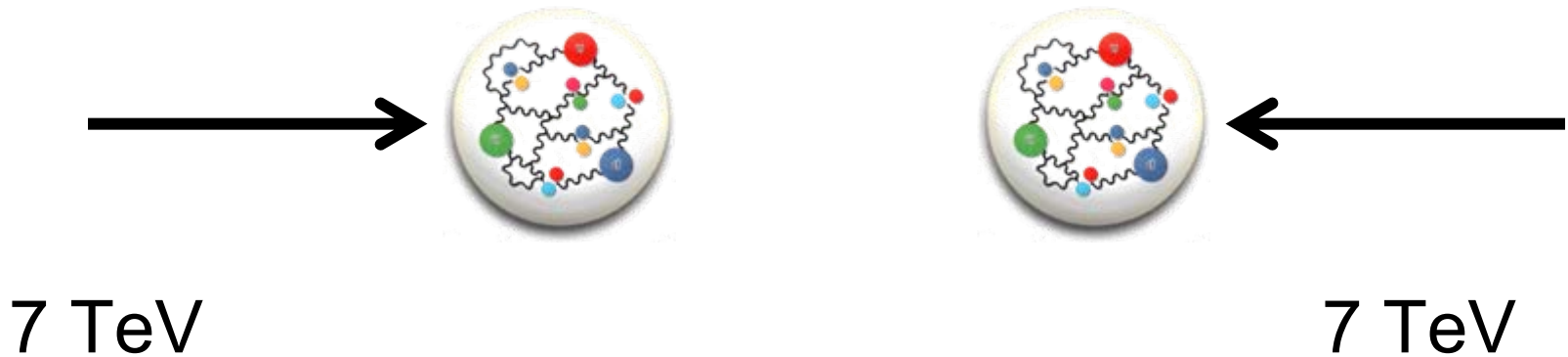




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# Proton on Proton Collisions at 14 TeV\*



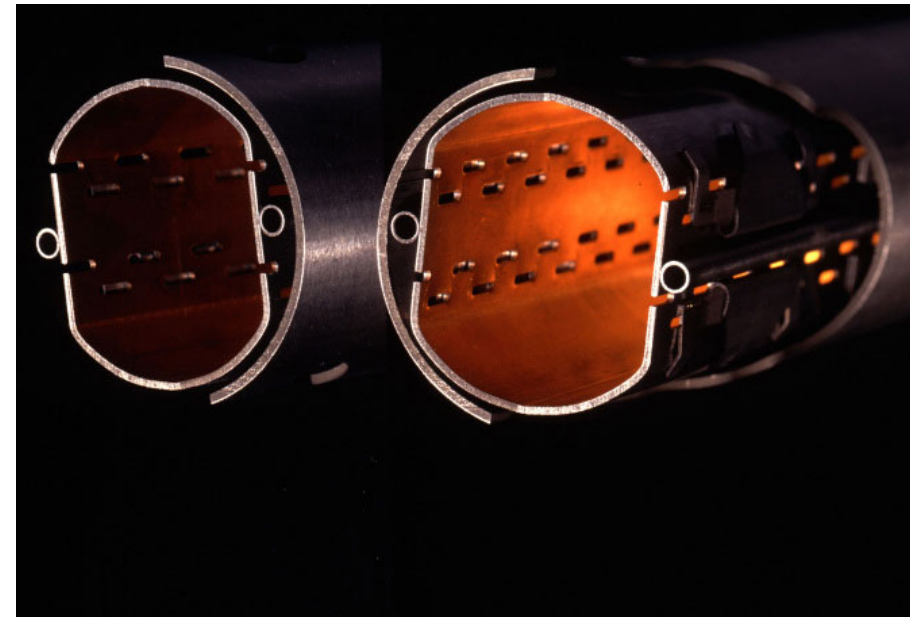
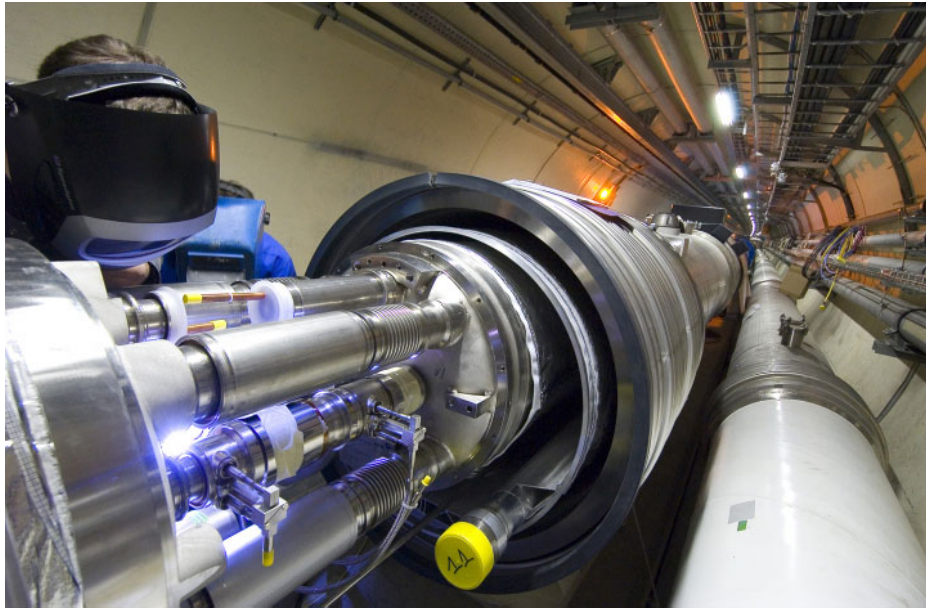
- 1 TeV ~ kinetic energy (KE) of a mosquito
- $10^{11}$  protons in a bunch = KE of a London bus
- LHC beam stores 700 MegaJoules



\*Lead on Lead at 1150 TeV



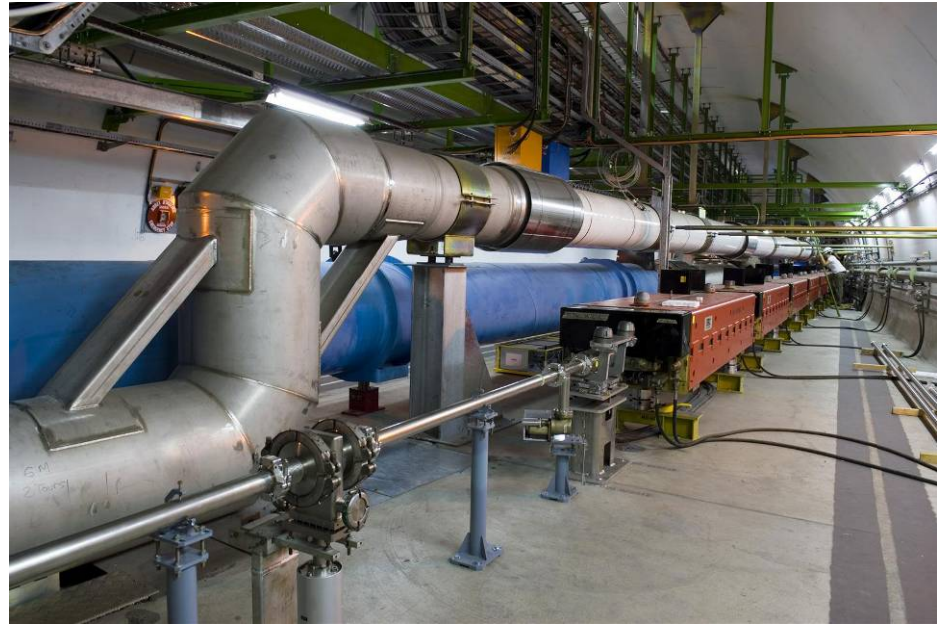
# The emptiest (largest) vacuum in the solar system



**Ten times more atmosphere on the Moon  
than inside LHC beam pipes**

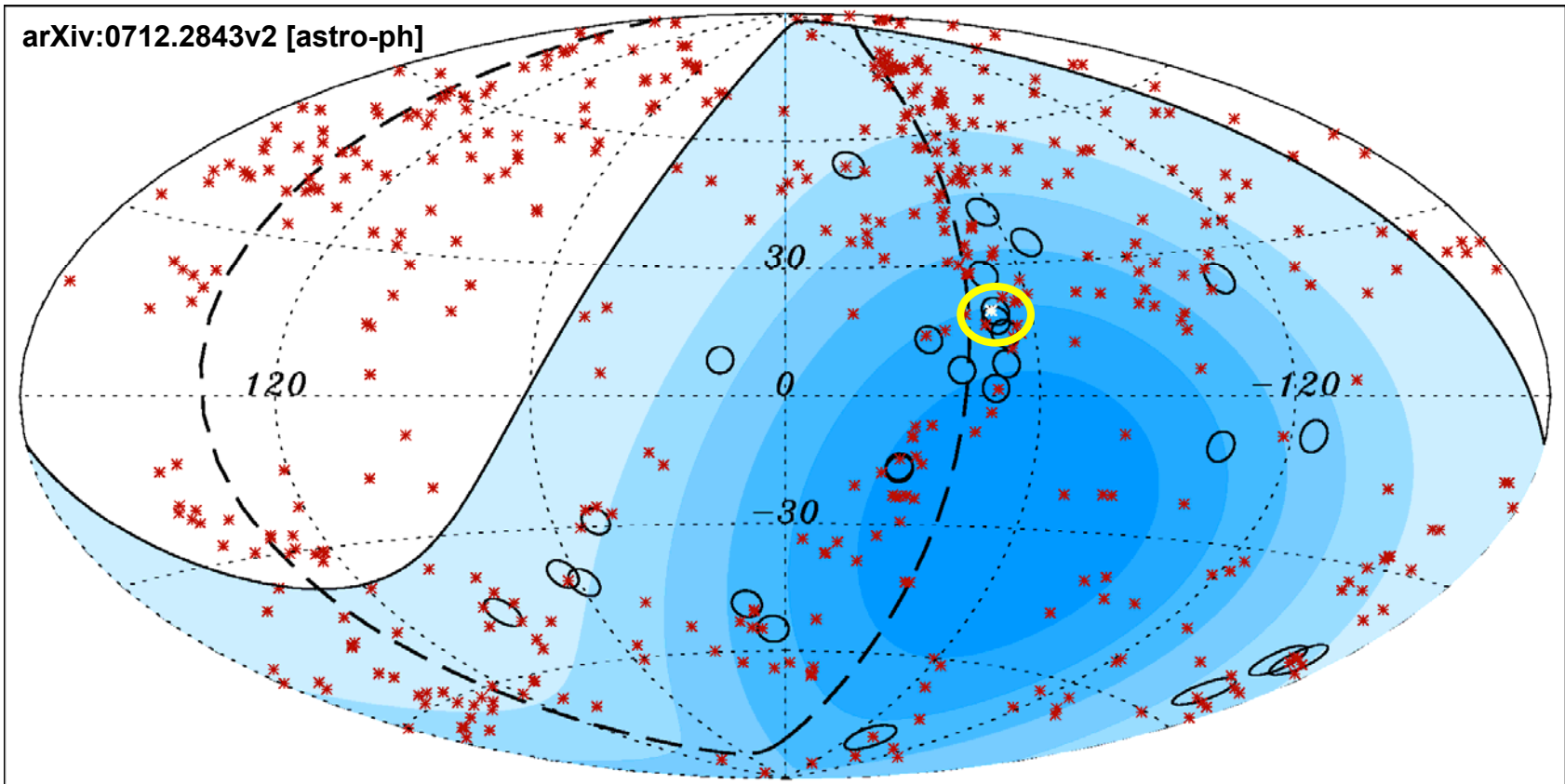
# Colder than outer space

**LHC operates at 1.9 K**  
**38000 tones cool mass**  
**120 tones of Helium**



**The largest refrigerator ever**

# Sources of ultra high energetic particles



27 highest energy cosmic rays detected by Auger 2004 - 2007

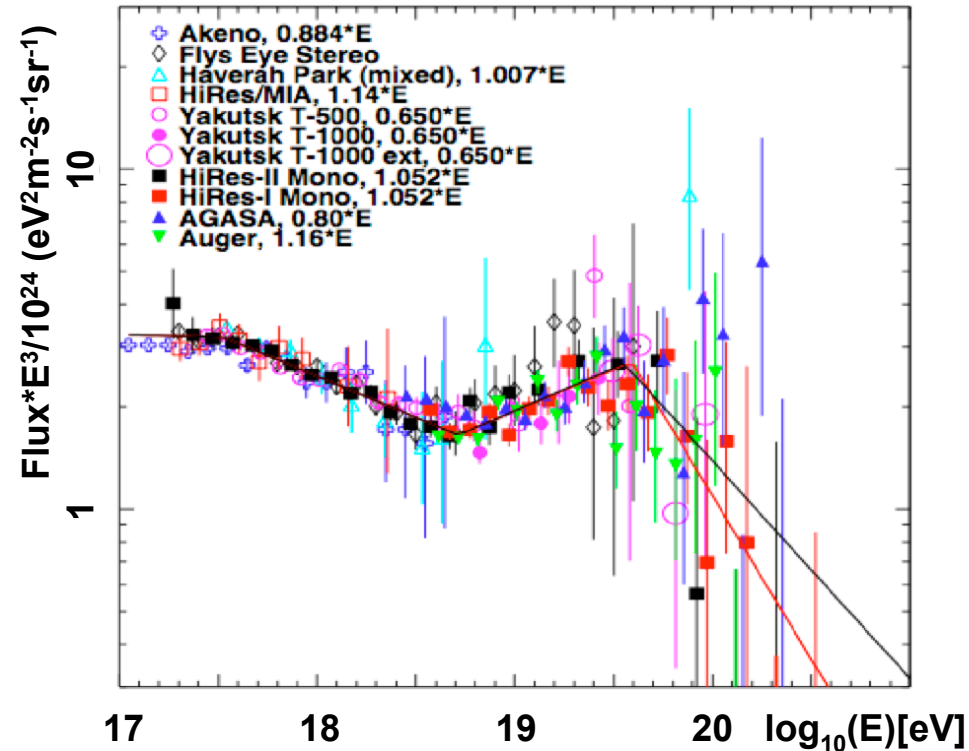
$$E > 6 \times 10^{19} \text{ eV} = 60 \times 10^6 \text{ TeV}$$

# LHC is safe!

J. Ellis, <http://indico.cern.ch/conferenceDisplay.py?confId=39099>

- LHC@14 TeV=cosmic ray@ $10^{17}$ eV
- $\sim 3 \cdot 10^{22}$  cosmic rays  $>10^{17}$  eV have struck Earth
- Equivalent to  $10^5$  LHC programmes
- Area of Sun  $10^4$  larger
- $10^{11}$  stars in galaxy
- $10^{11}$  galaxies in Universe
- Nature has performed  $10^{31}$  LHC programmes
- Nature carries out  $3 \cdot 10^{13}$  LHC programmes per second

arXiv:0806.3414v2 [hep-ph]



ultra-high-energy cosmic rays up to  $10^{20}$  eV

# Luminosity

- Single most important quantity
  - Drives ability to observe new rare processes

$$L = \frac{f * n_{\text{bunch}} * N_p^2}{4\pi * \sigma_x * \sigma_y}$$

- revolving frequency  $f = 11245.5/\text{s}$
- $n_{\text{bunch}} = 2808$
- $N_p = 1.15 \times 10^{11}$  Protons/Bunch
- Area of beams:  $4\pi\sigma_x\sigma_y \sim 40 \mu\text{m}$

- Rate of physics processes per unit time  $\sim L$

$$N_{\text{Obs}} = \int L dt * \epsilon * \sigma_{\text{process}}$$

Cross section; given by nature; predicted by theory

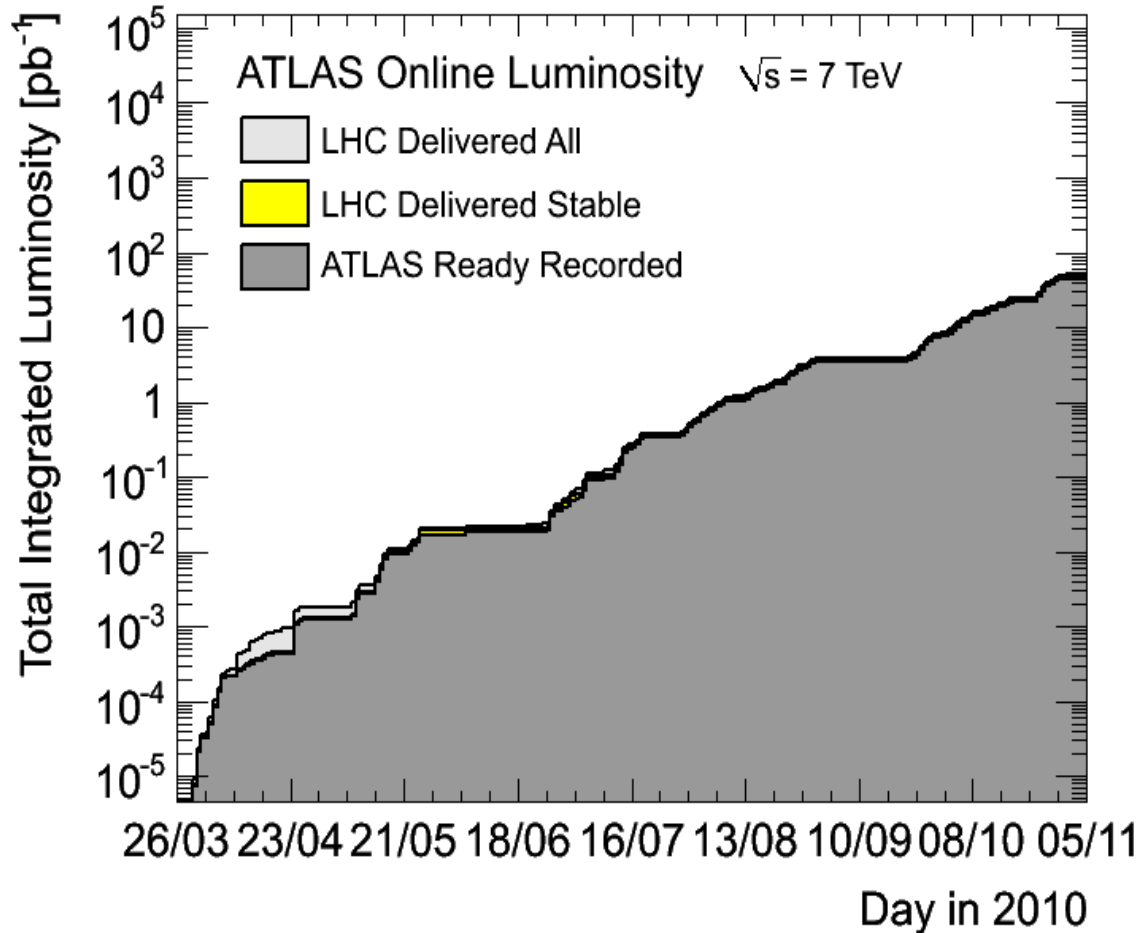
Efficiency; optimized by experimentalists

**Maximize  $N_{\text{obs}} \rightarrow \max \epsilon$  and  $L$**

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- End of proton run:
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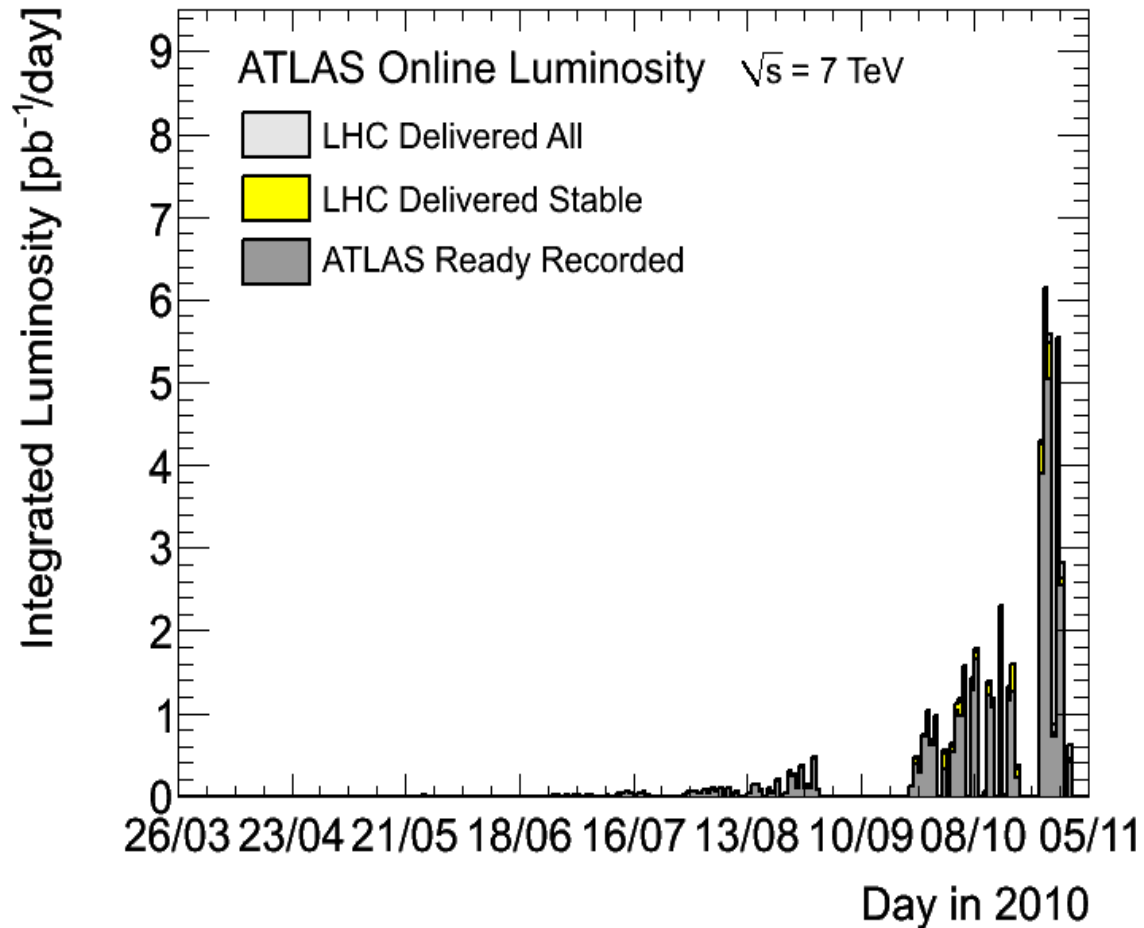
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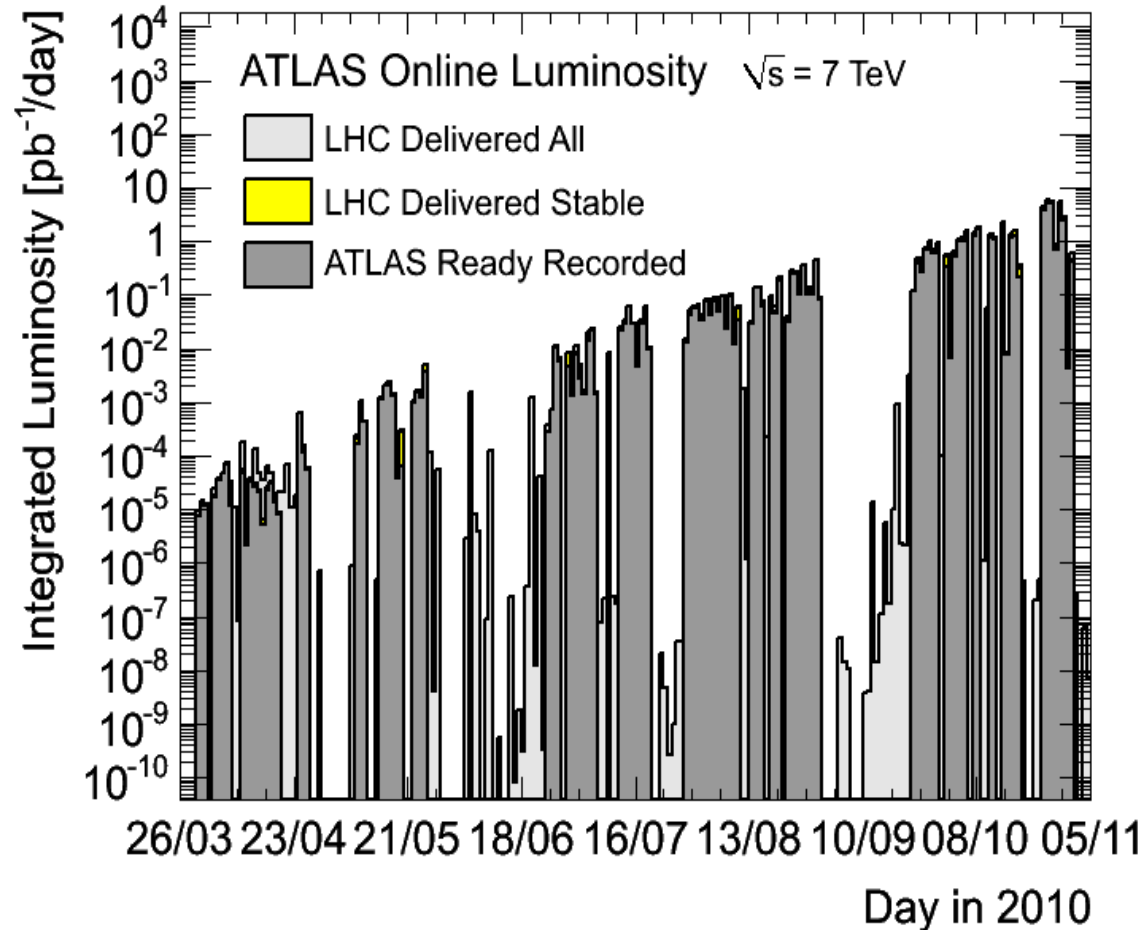
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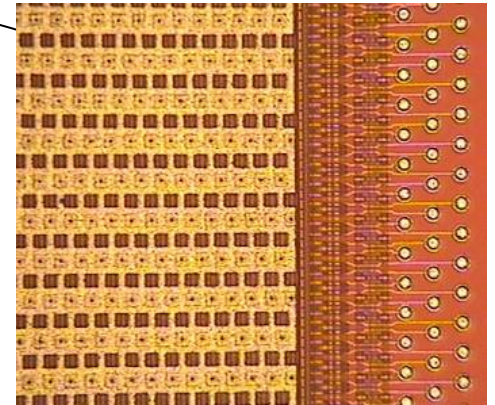




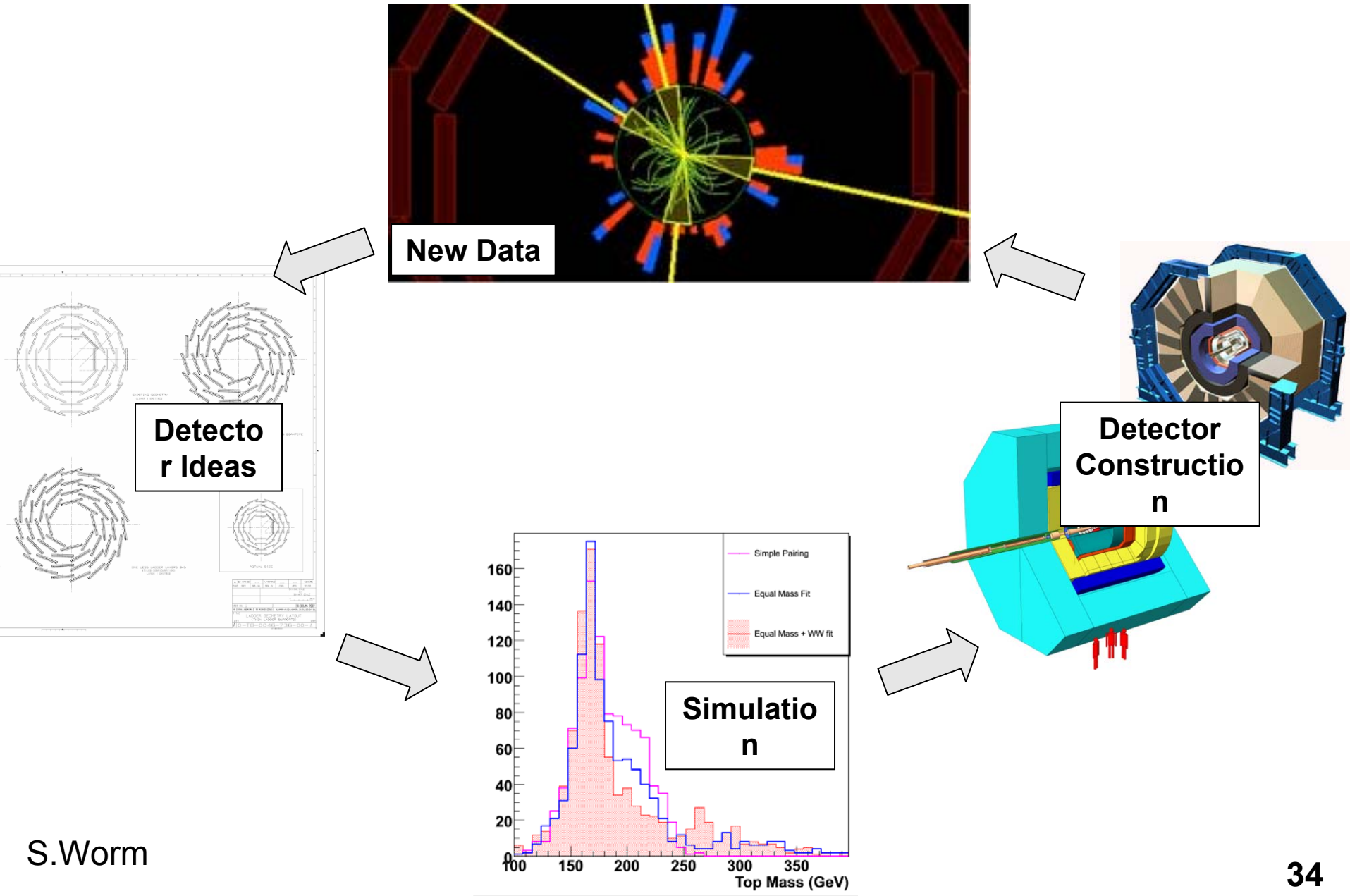
# Detectors and Computing

## New Detectors, Computing Tools

With new developments  
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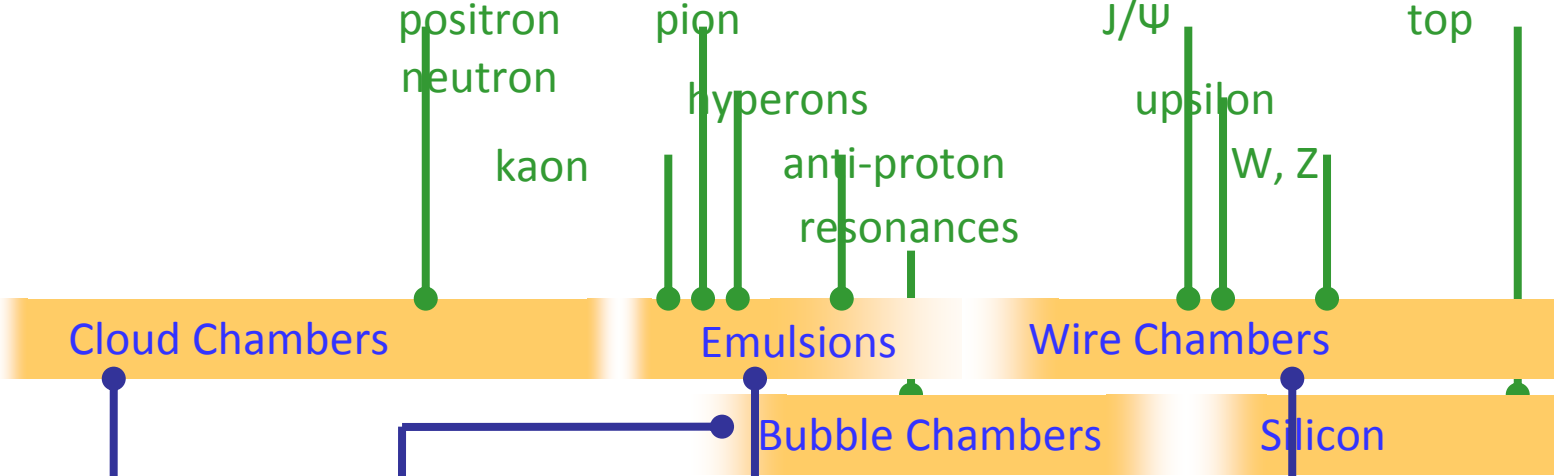


# The Detector Development Loop Today

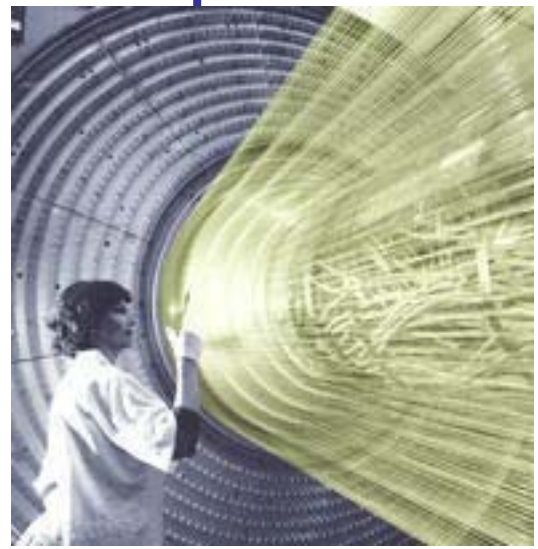
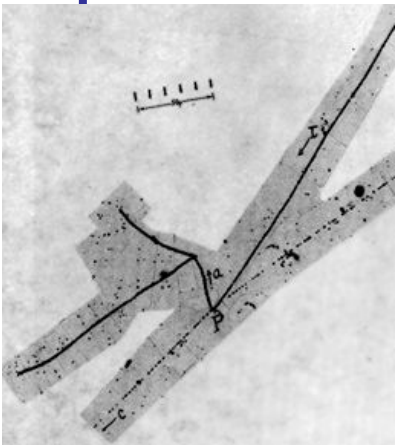
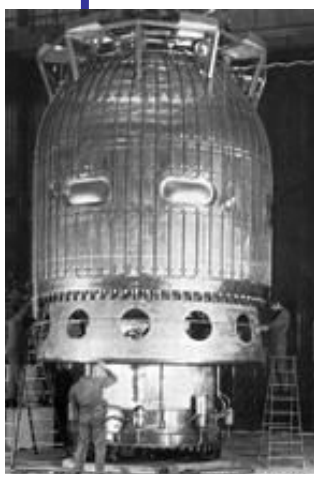


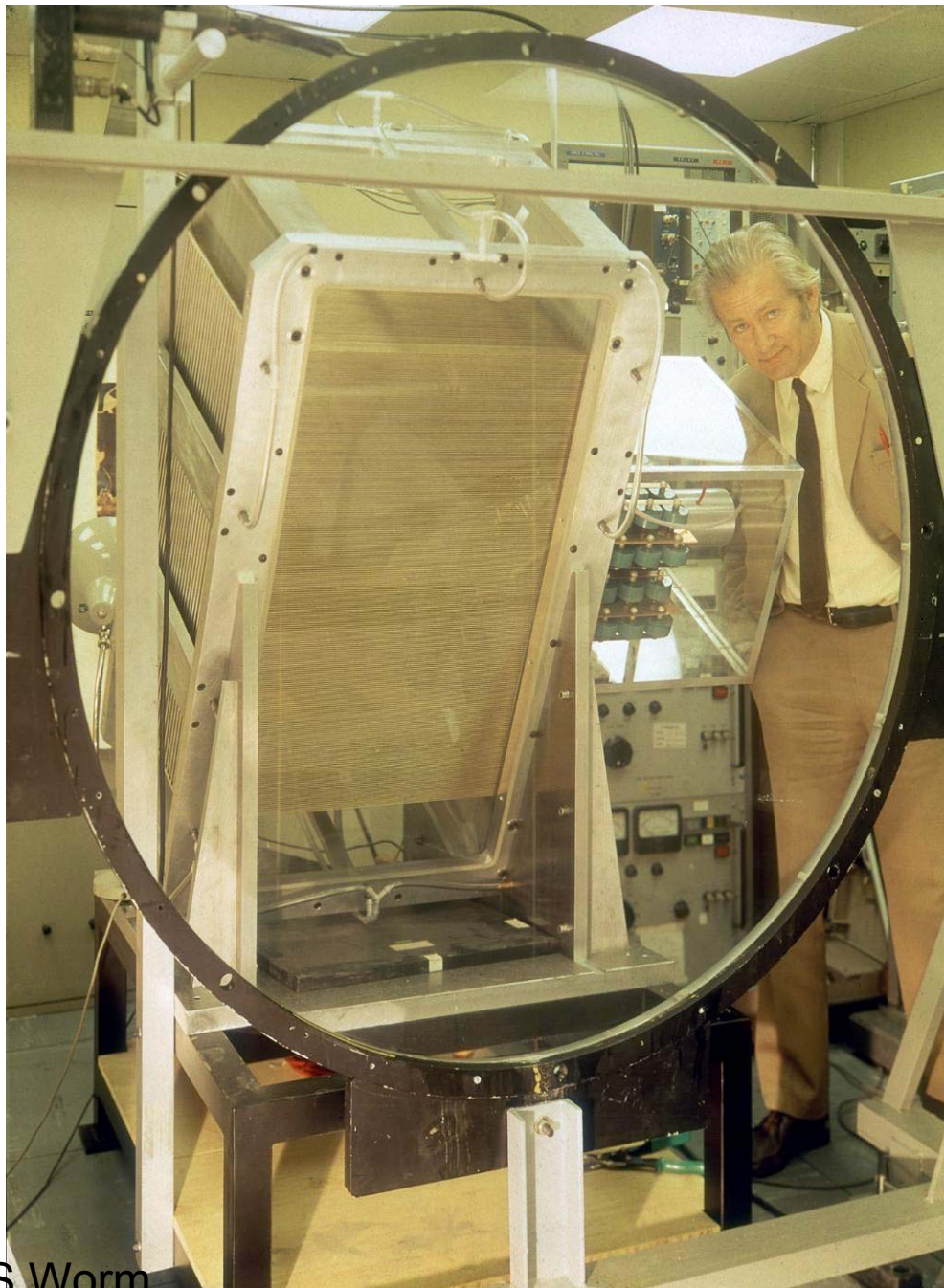
# Interplay of Detectors and Discoveries

1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000



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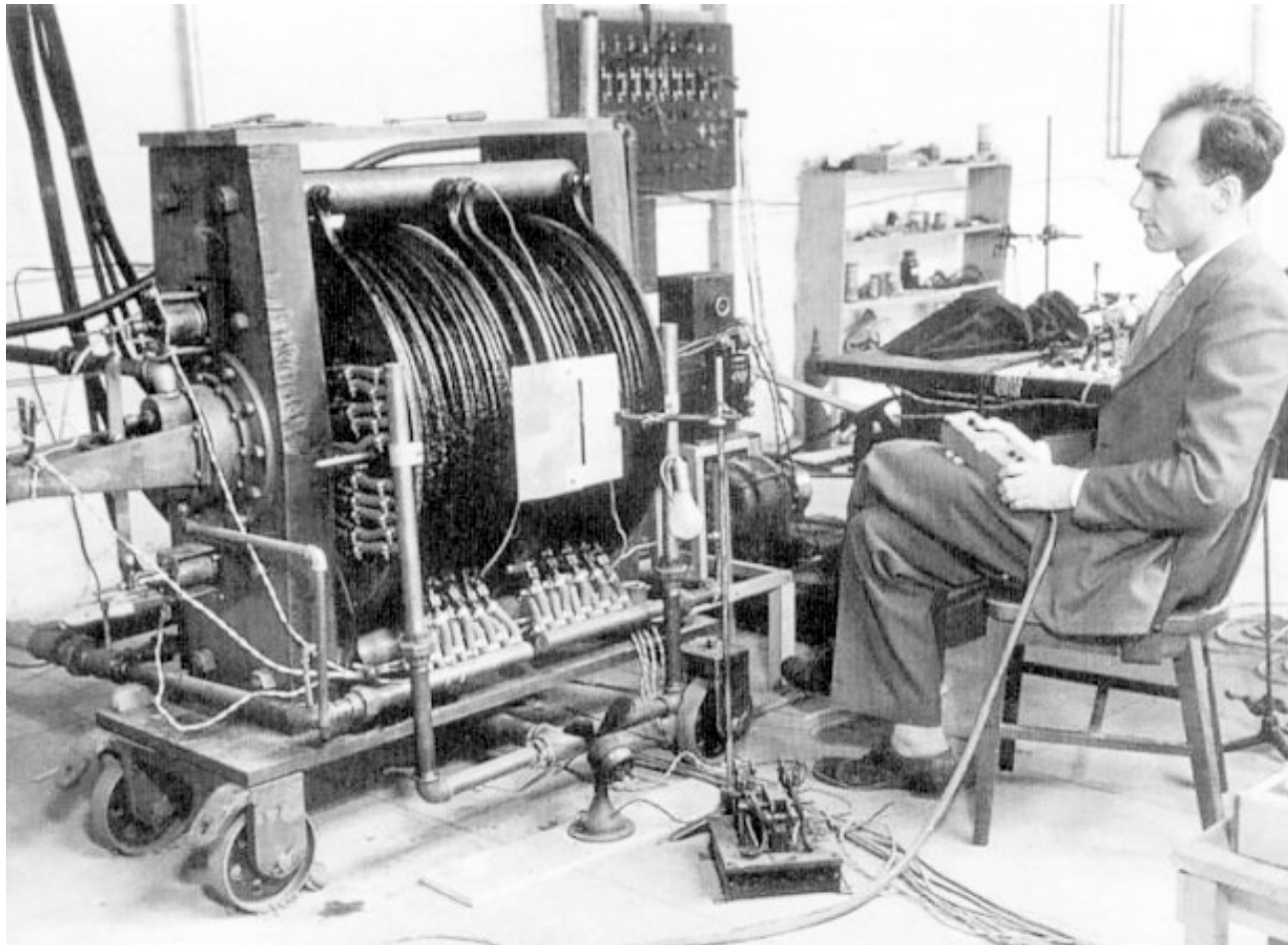


## Georges Charpak (1924 – 2010)

Invented Multi-wire  
proportional chambers  
(1968) which rapidly  
replaced bubble  
chambers

Nobel Prize in Physics  
in 1992

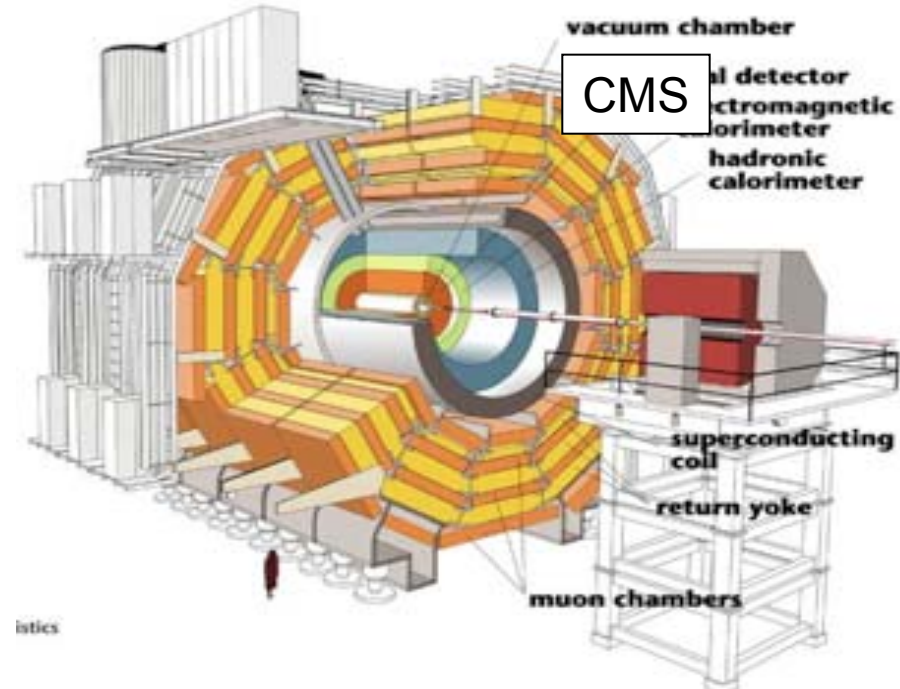
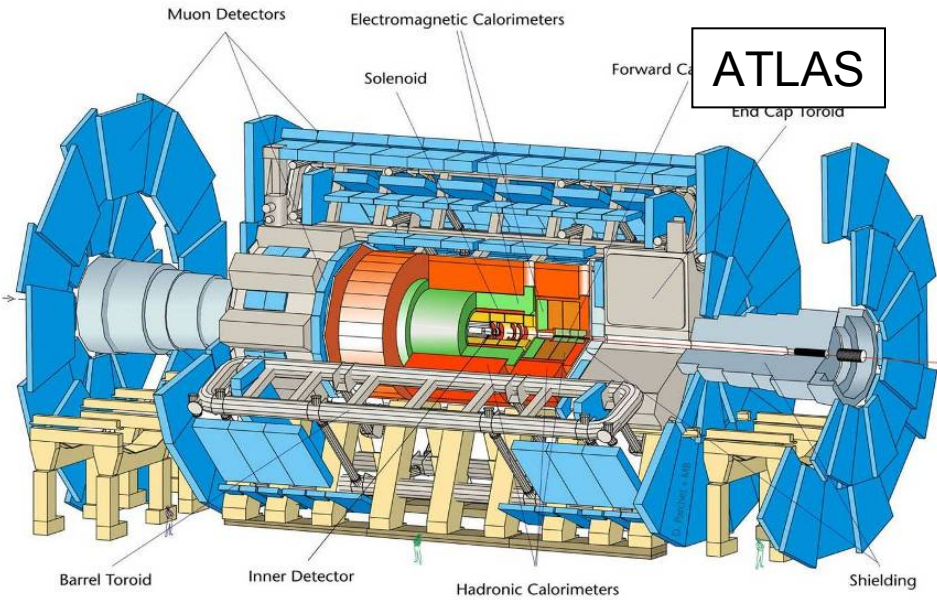
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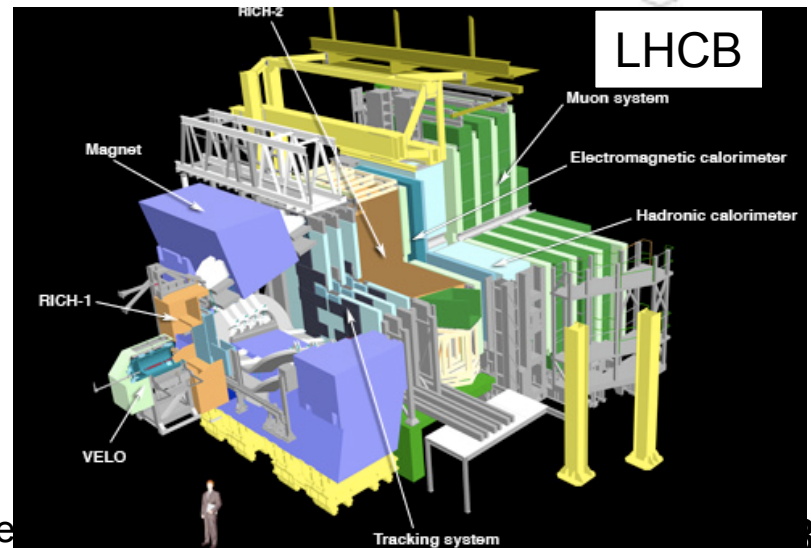
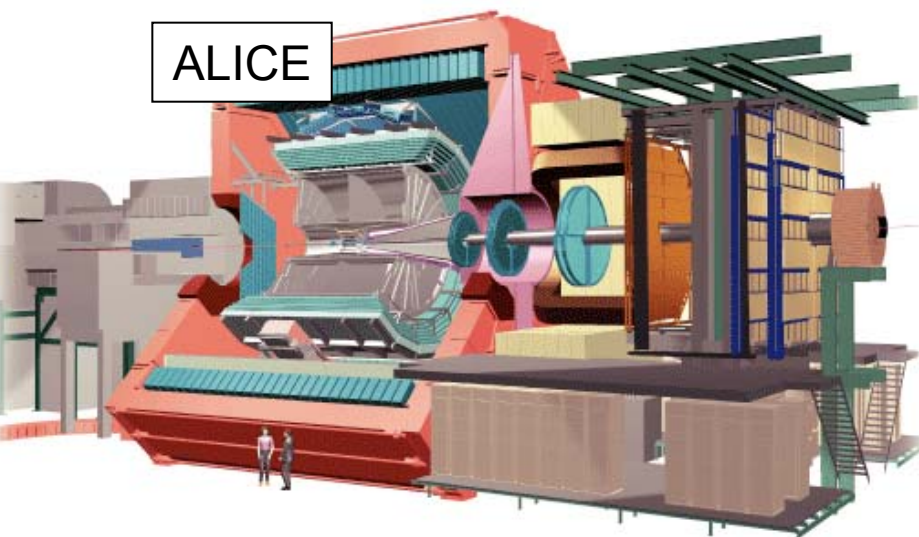
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New/better detector → new physics found → Nobel prize (simple, isn't it?)

# Modern Detectors

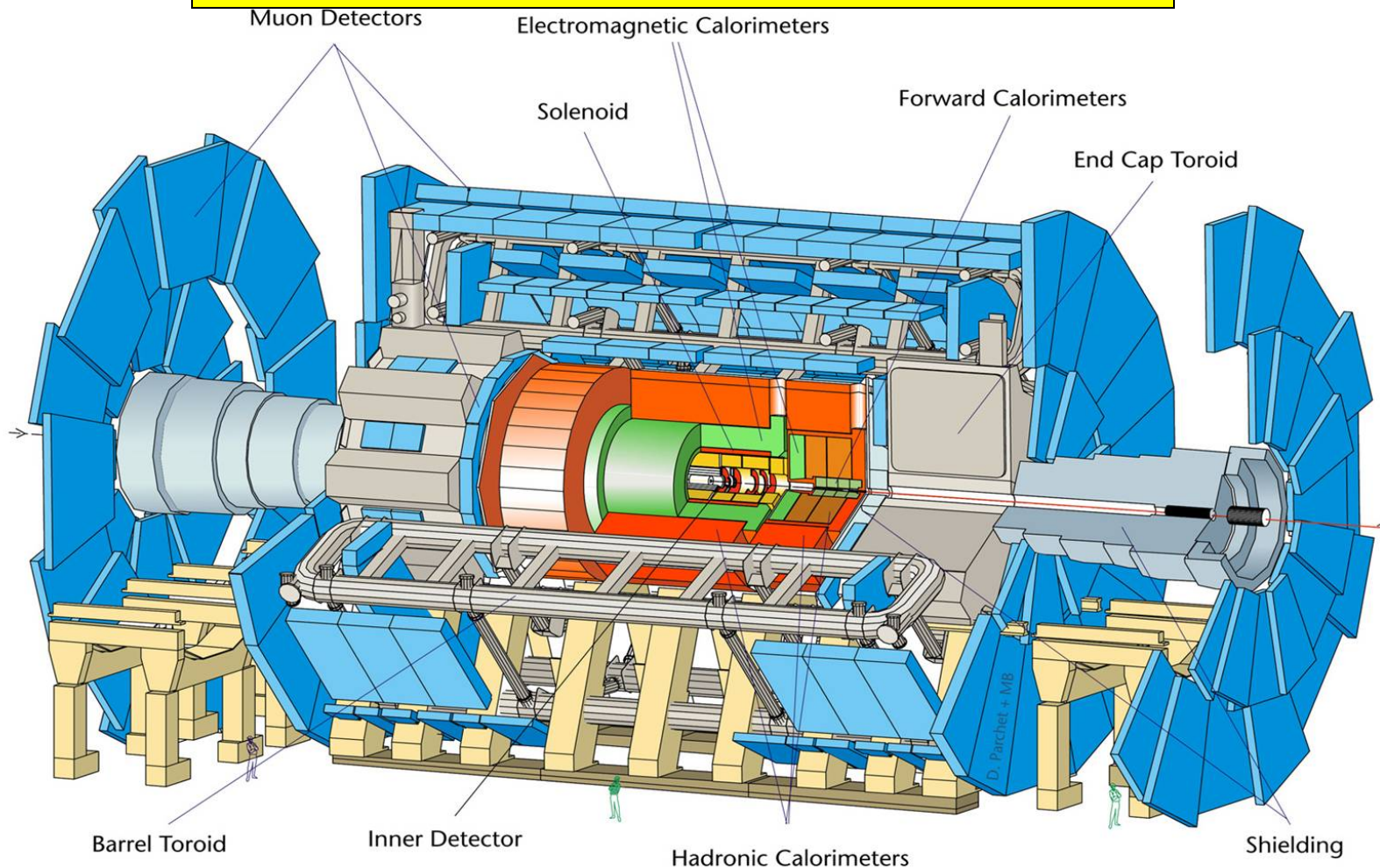


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# The ATLAS Detector



Diameter	25 m
Total length	46 m
Overall weight	7000 tons

Over 2500 scientists and engineers  
Nearly 40 countries  
More components than a moon rocket

# Detector Mass in Perspective

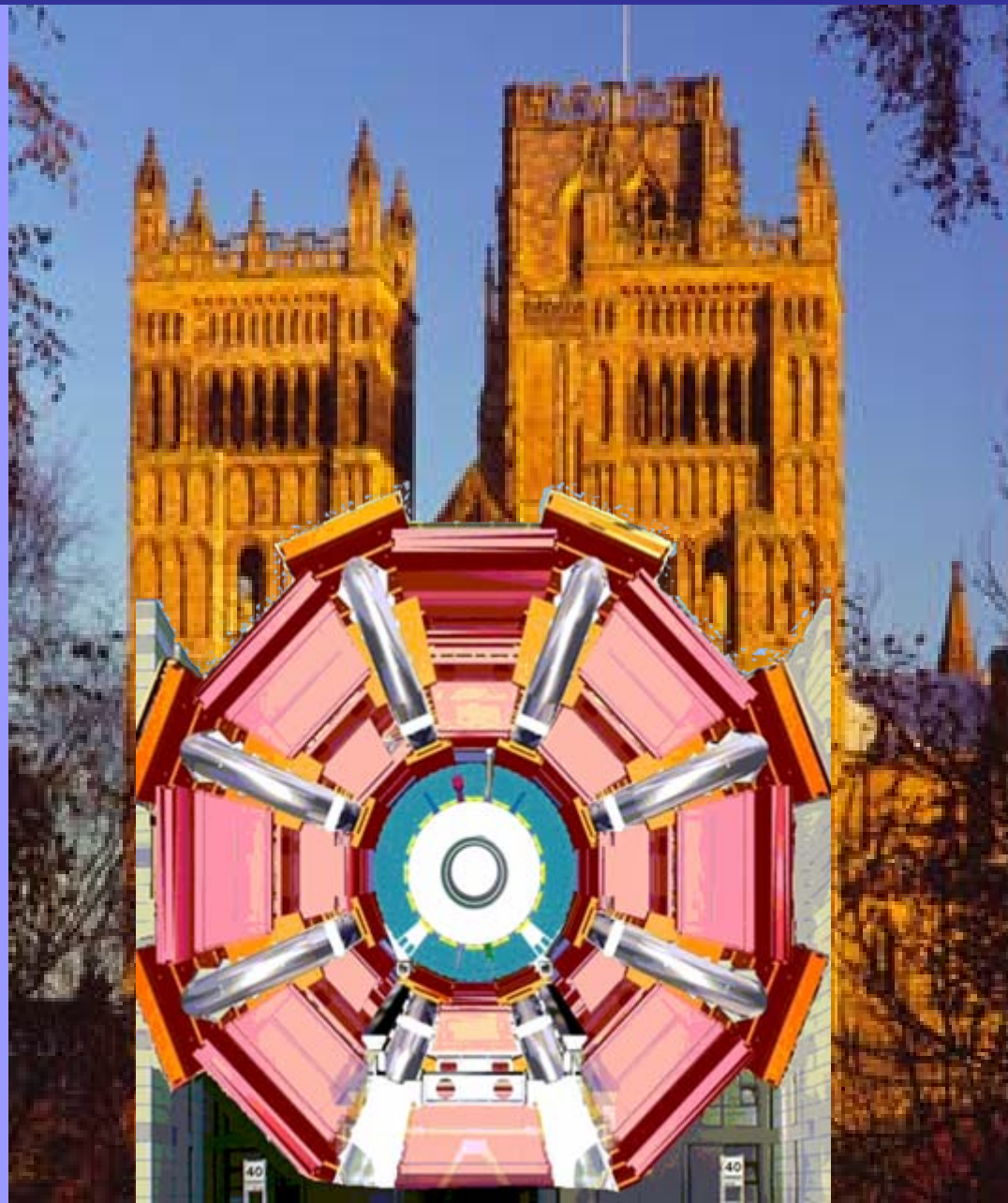


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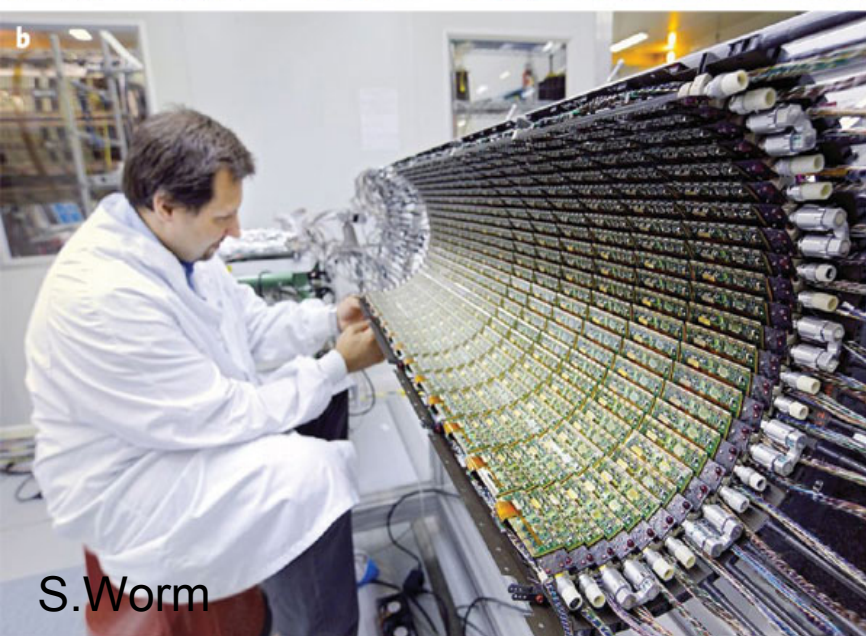
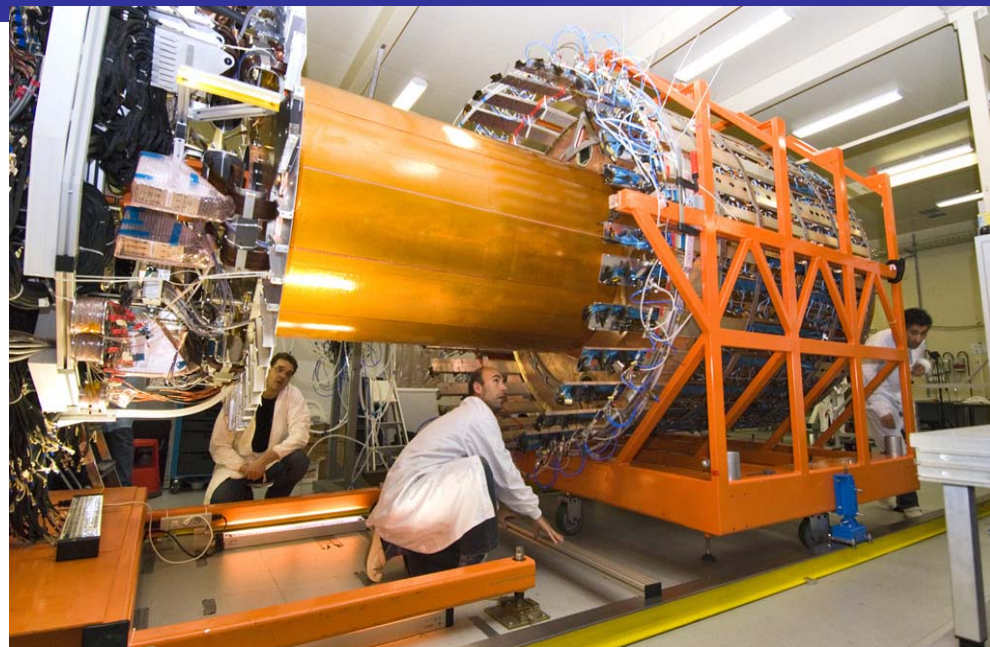
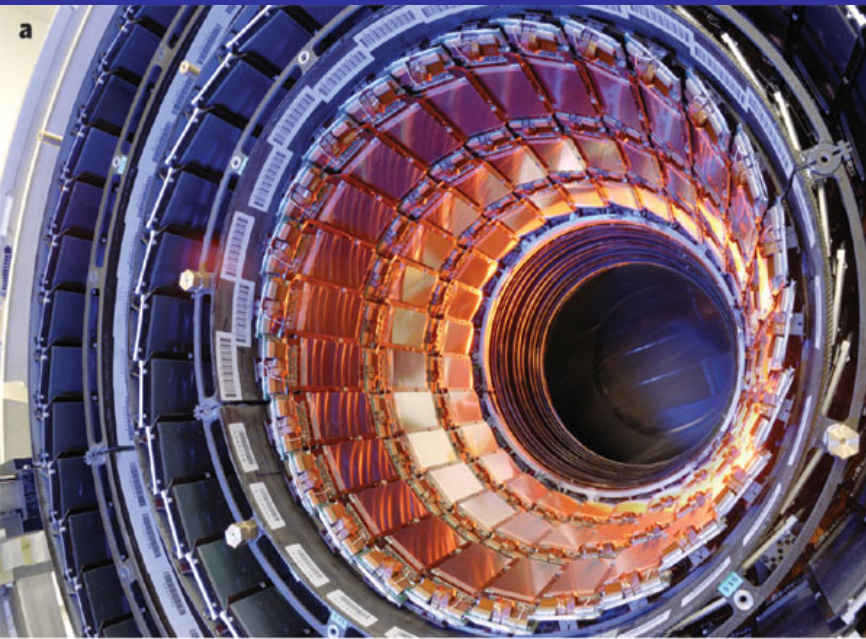
**CMS is 30% heavier than the Eiffel tower**



# Durham Cathedral and ATLAS

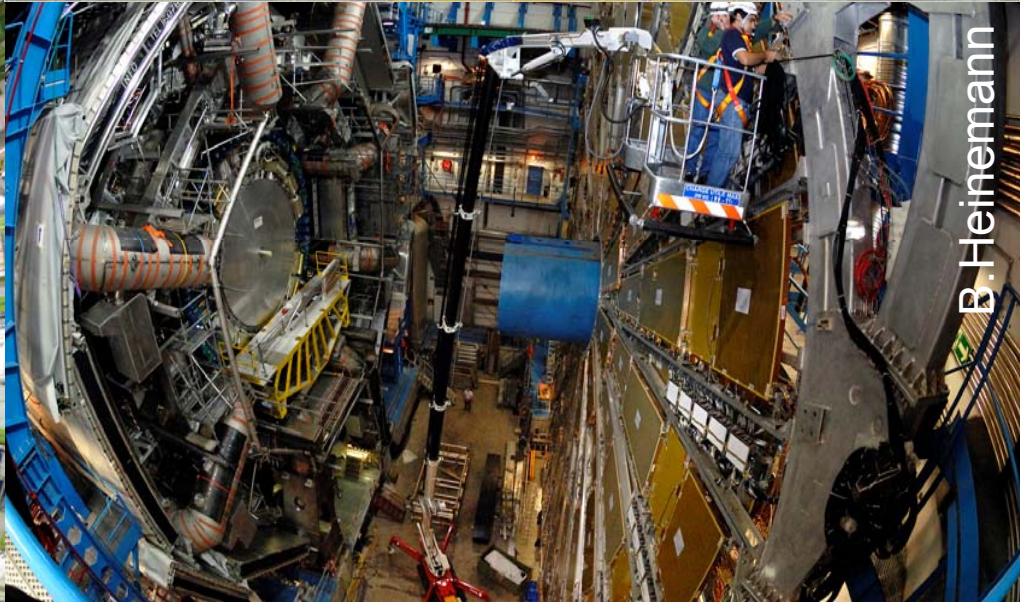
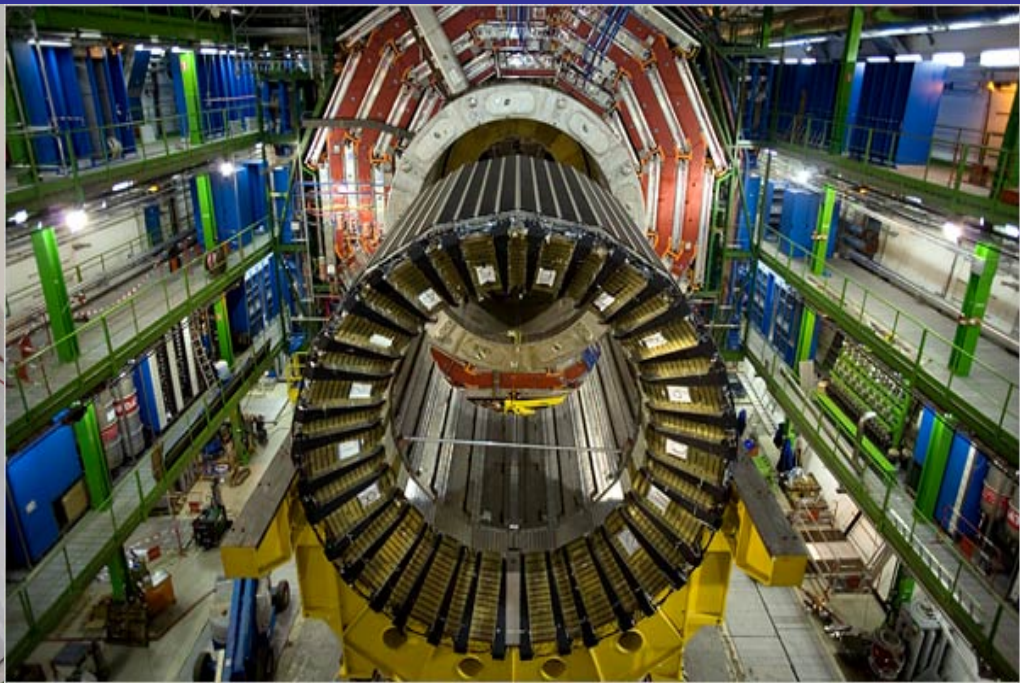
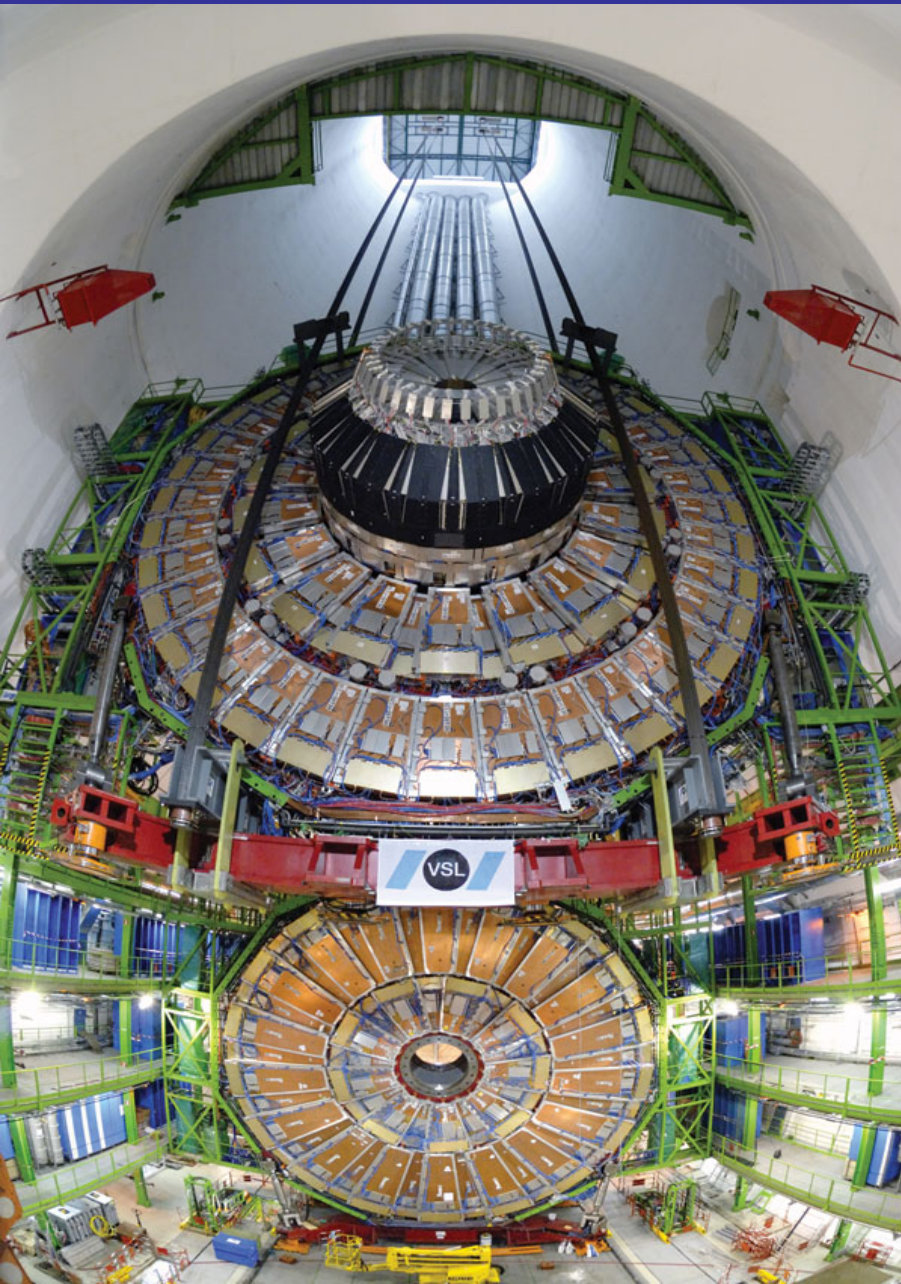


# Silicon Detectors

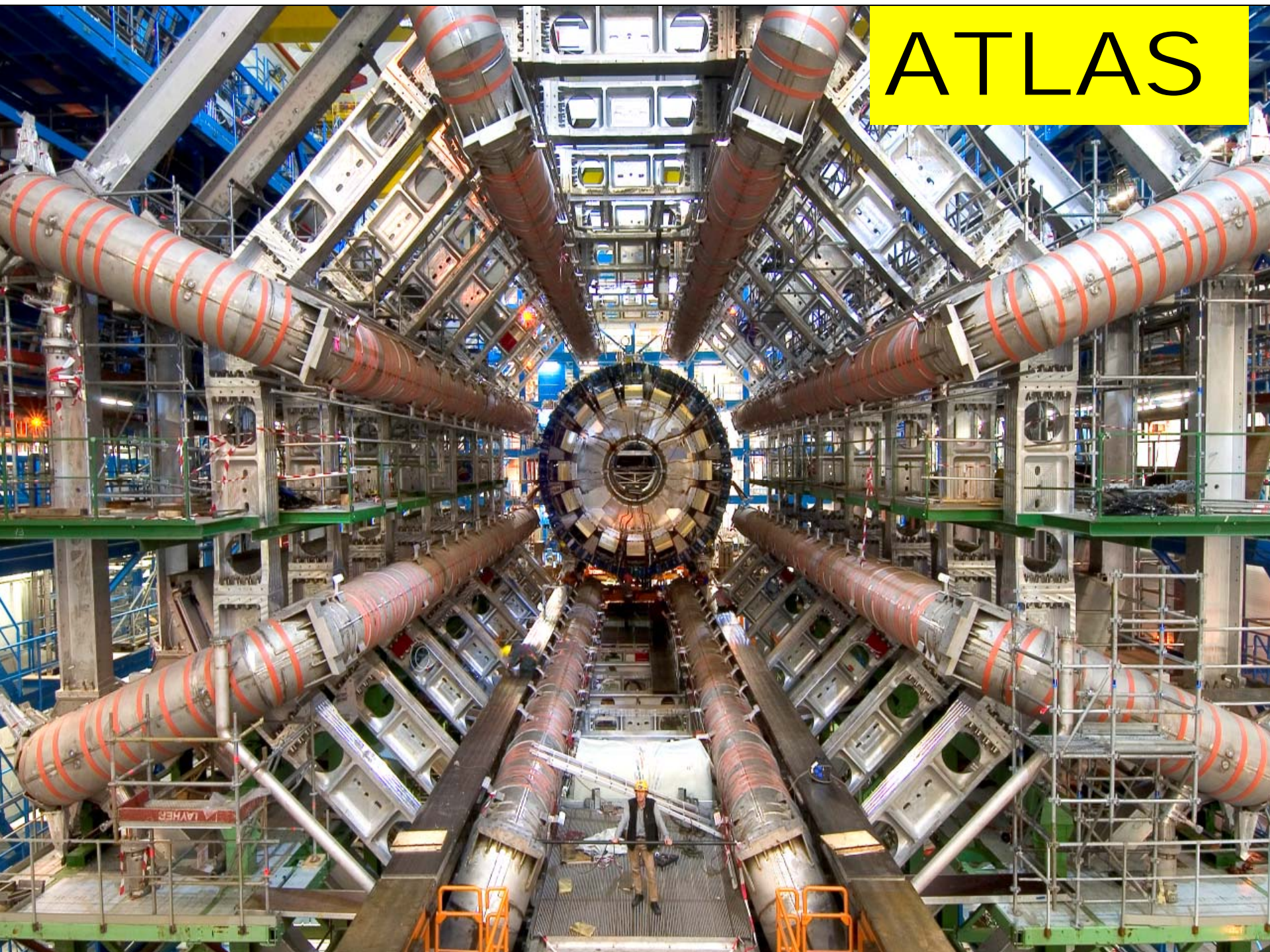


- Silicon strip and pixel detectors
  - Pixels used for first time at hadron colliders
  - Huge!
    - area of CMS silicon  $\sim 200 \text{ m}^2$
    - Like a football field!

# Muon Systems and Calorimeters



# ATLAS



Muon Spectrometer

Muon

Neutrino

Hadronic Calorimeter

Proton

Neutron

The dashed tracks are invisible to the detector

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

Electron

Photon

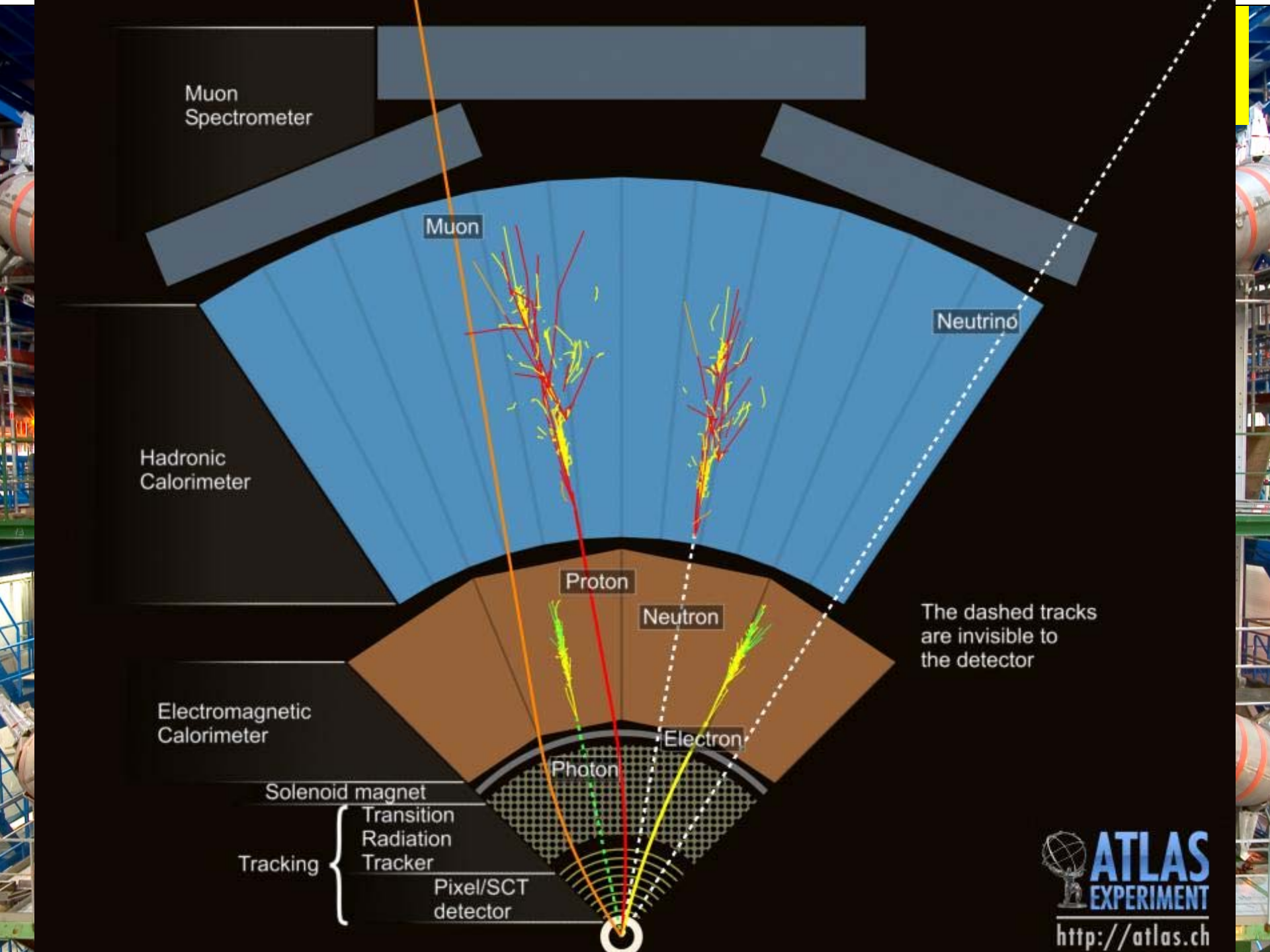
Solenoid magnet

Tracking {  
Transition  
Radiation  
Tracker

Pixel/SCT  
detector

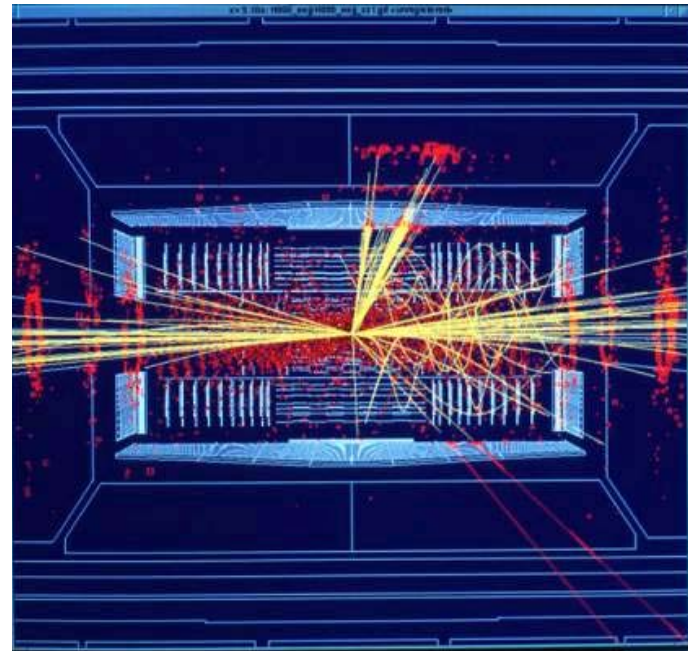
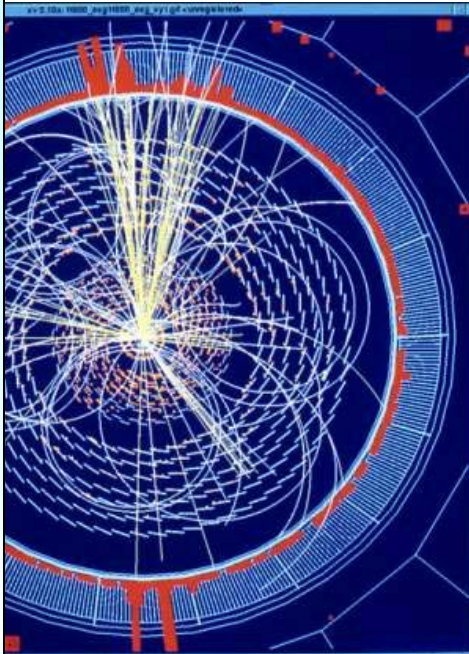
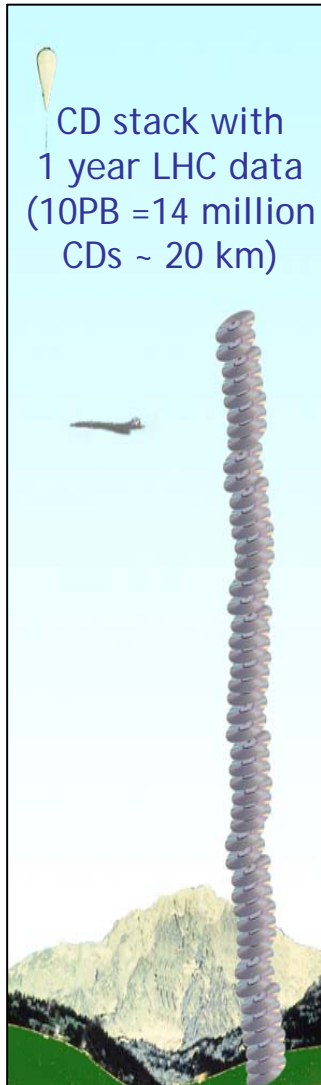
 **ATLAS**  
EXPERIMENT

<http://atlas.ch>



# Particle Collisions - “Events”

The raw data recorded is later reconstructed, filtered, and then analysed.



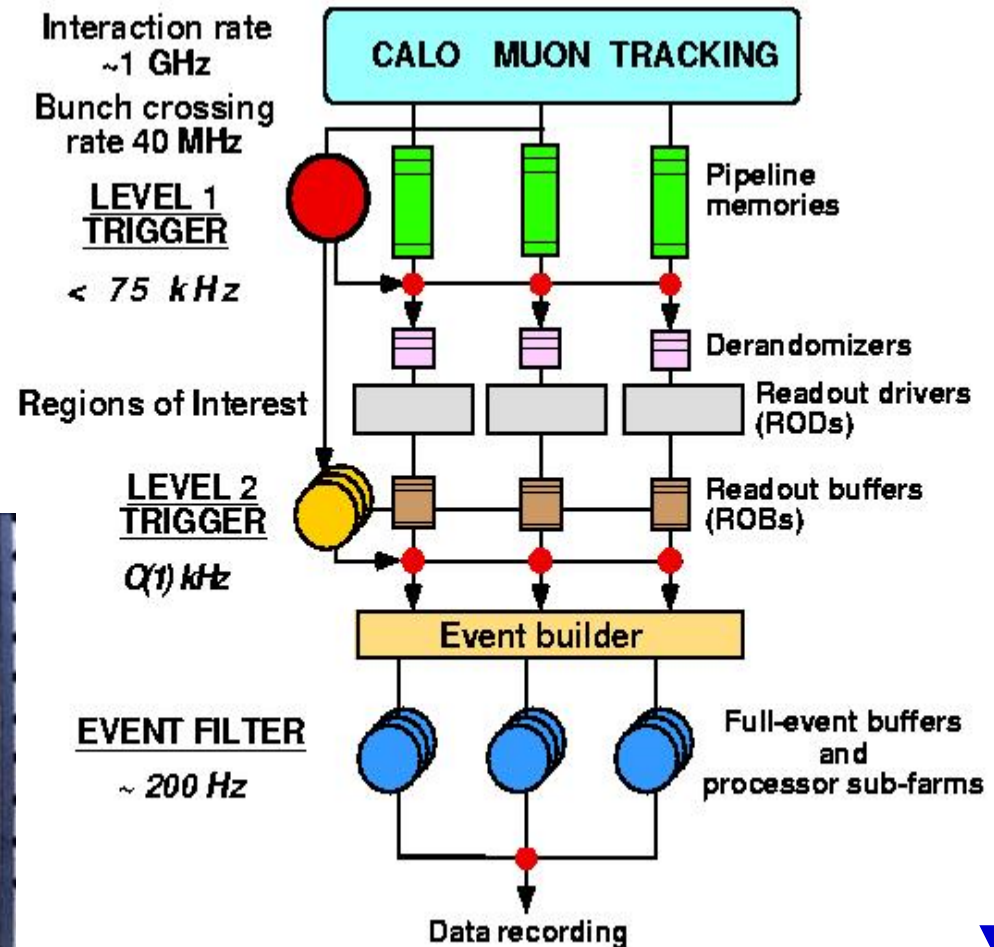
- ~100,000,000 electronic channels
- 600,000,000 proton-proton collisions each second
- But record only 100 one-MB events each second
- which still gives 10 PB of data recorded per year.

# Finding the interesting Events

- A lot more “uninteresting” than “interesting” processes  
at design luminosity ( $L=10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ )
  - Any event:  $10^9 / \text{second}$
  - W boson:  $150 / \text{second}$
  - Top quark:  $8 / \text{second}$
  - Higgs (150 GeV):  $0.2 / \text{second}$

# The Trigger Systems

- **Trigger** filters out interesting processes
  - Makes fast decision
    - Keep
    - Not Keep
  - Crucial at hadron colliders

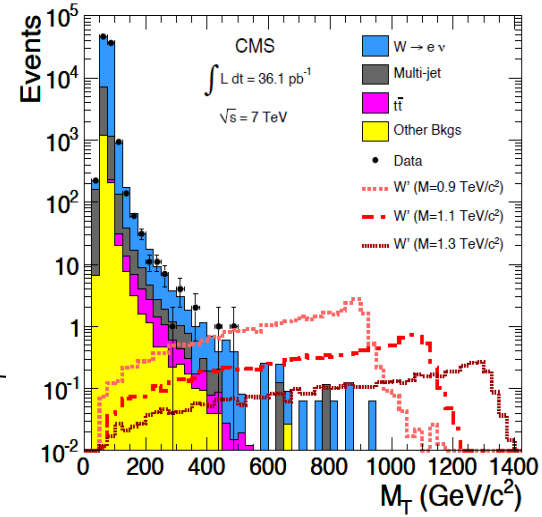
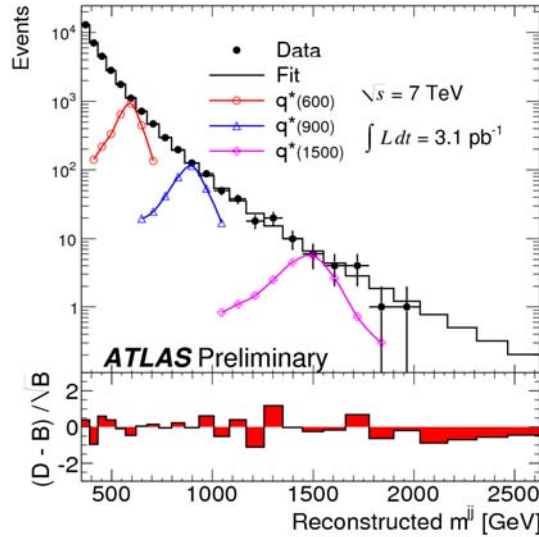
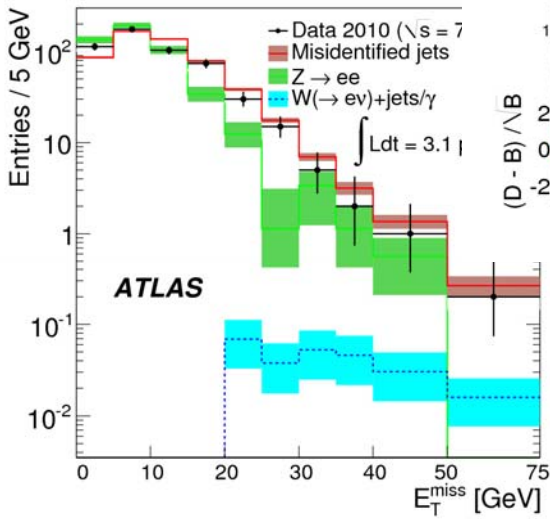




# What is it for?

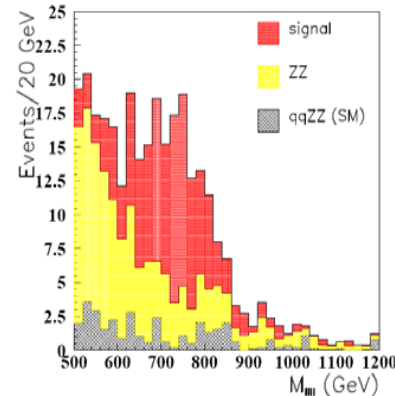
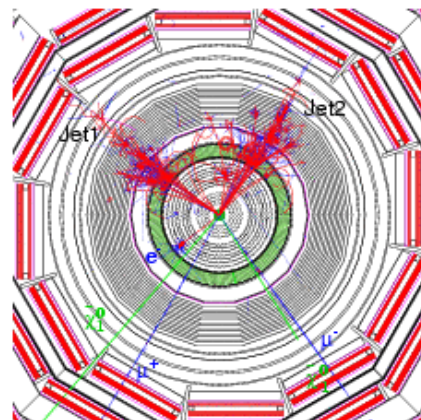
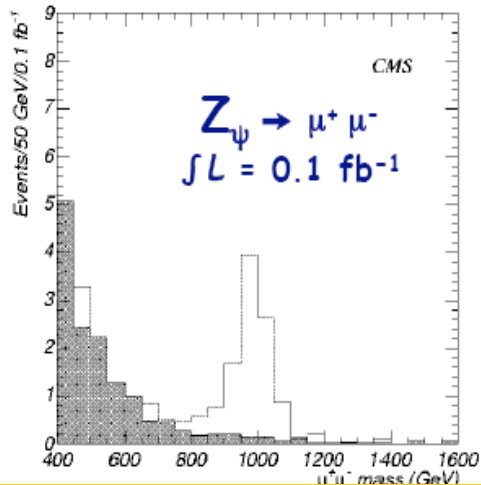


# Analysis of the Data

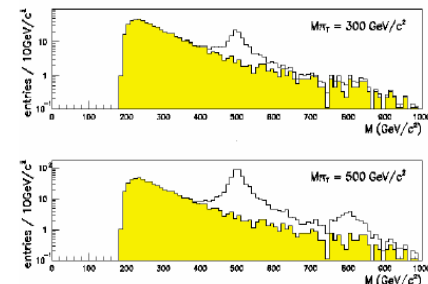


**Data Analysis:**  
**Not missing the signal is key**

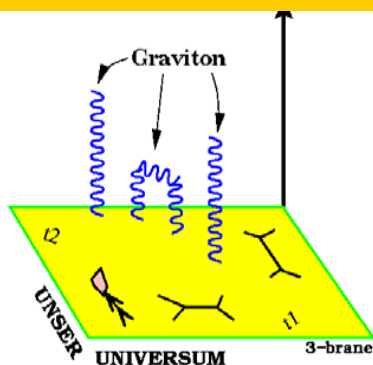
**New Gauge Bosons? Supersymmetry ZZ/WW resonances?**



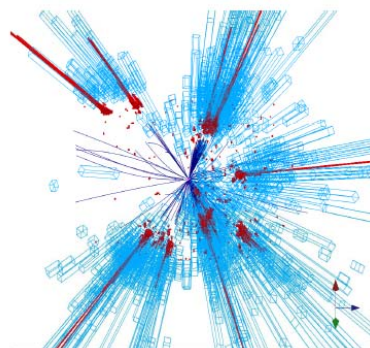
**Technicolor?**



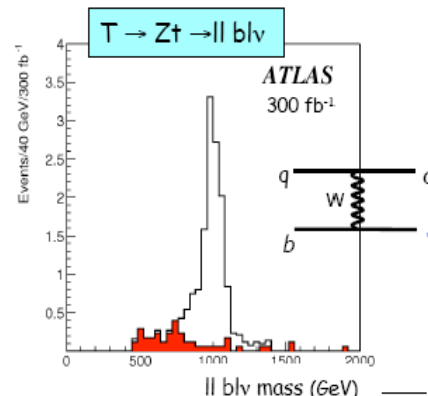
**Extra Dimensions?**



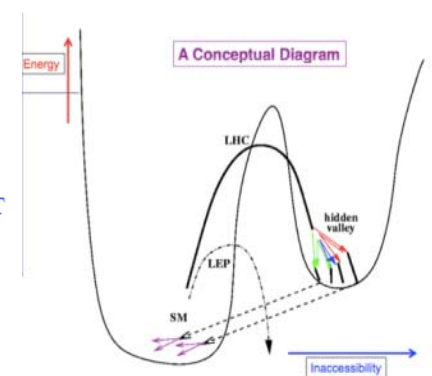
**Black Holes???**



**Little Higgs?**



**Hidden Valleys?**



**We do not know what is out there for us...  
 A large variety of possible signals. We have to be ready for that**

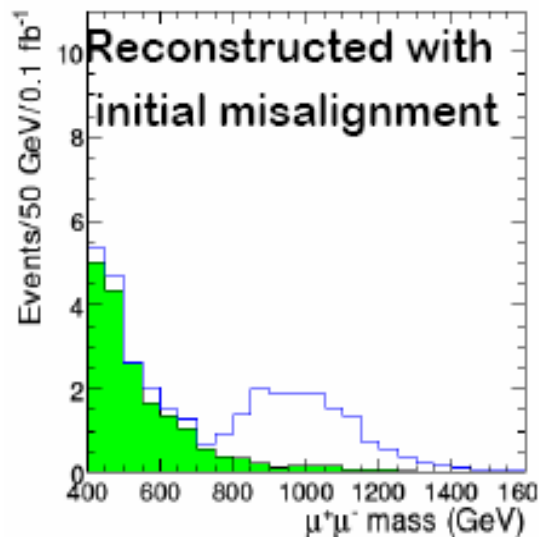
# Early discoveries? E.g. Di-lepton Resonance

Plot the di-lepton invariant mass

A peak!!

A new particle!!

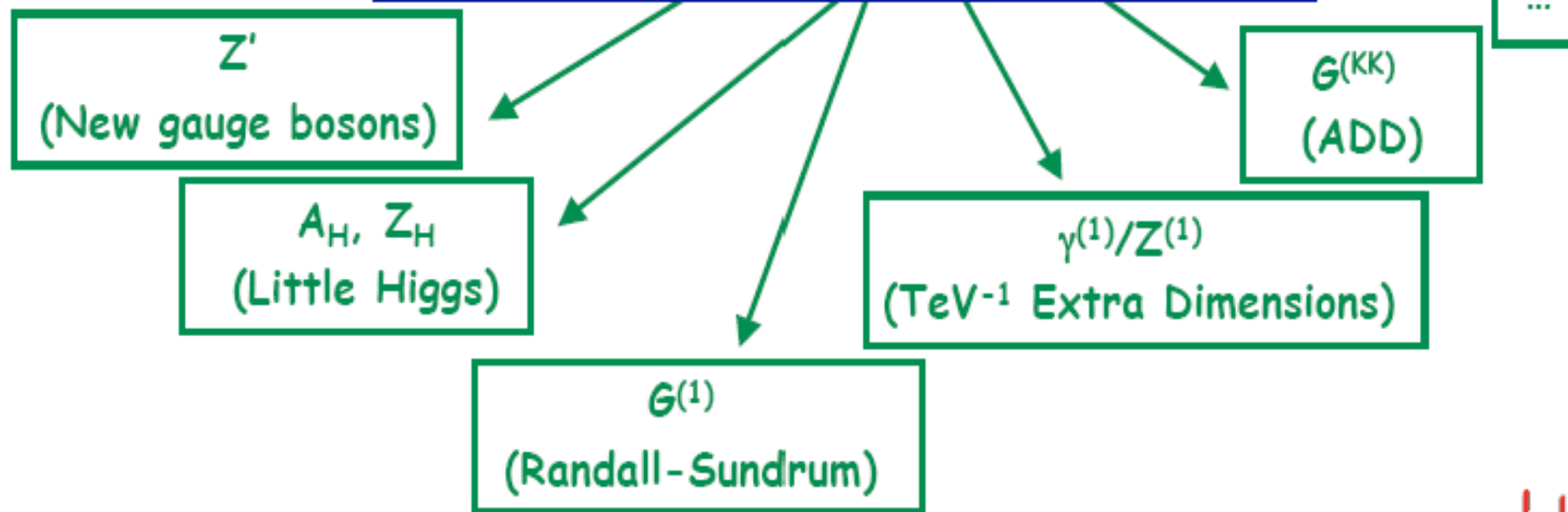
A discovery!!



$pp \rightarrow \mu\mu + X$

First year of operation

Example : The Di-lepton channel



# How to make a Discovery?

- This is a tricky business!
  - Lot's of complicated statistical tools needed at some level
- But in a nutshell:
  - Show that we have a signal that is inconsistent with being background
    - Number of observed data events:  $N_{\text{Data}}$
    - Number of estimated background events:  $N_{\text{Bg}}$
  - Number of observed data events to be inconsistent with background fluctuation:
    - Background fluctuates statistically:  $\sqrt{N_{\text{Bg}}}$
  - Significance:  $S/\sqrt{B} = (N_{\text{Data}} - N_{\text{Bg}}) / \sqrt{N_{\text{Bg}}}$ 
    - Require typically  $5\sigma$
    - Increases with increasing luminosity:  $S/\sqrt{B} \sim \sqrt{L}$
    - All a lot more complex with systematic uncertainties...

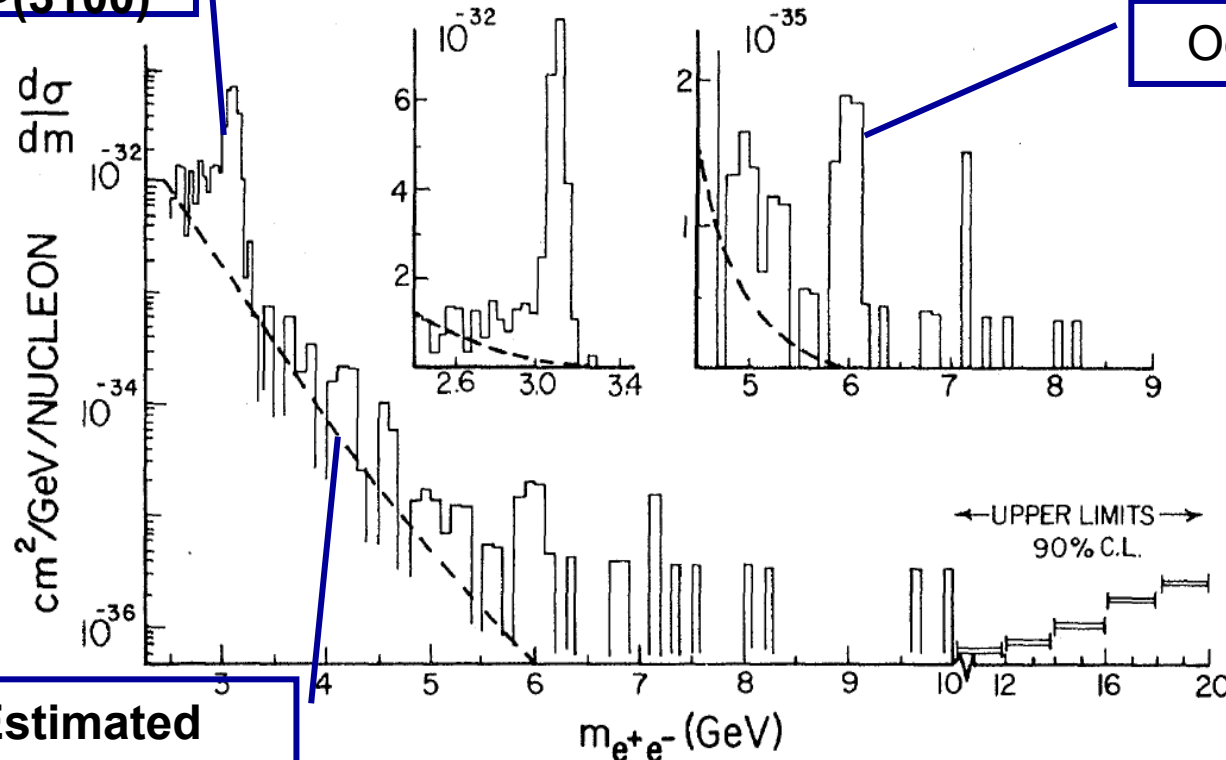
# The Discovery of the Oops-Leon

Physical Review Letters 36: 1236-123

- New subatomic particle "discovered" at Fermilab in

$J/\psi(3100)$

Oops-Leon



Estimated background

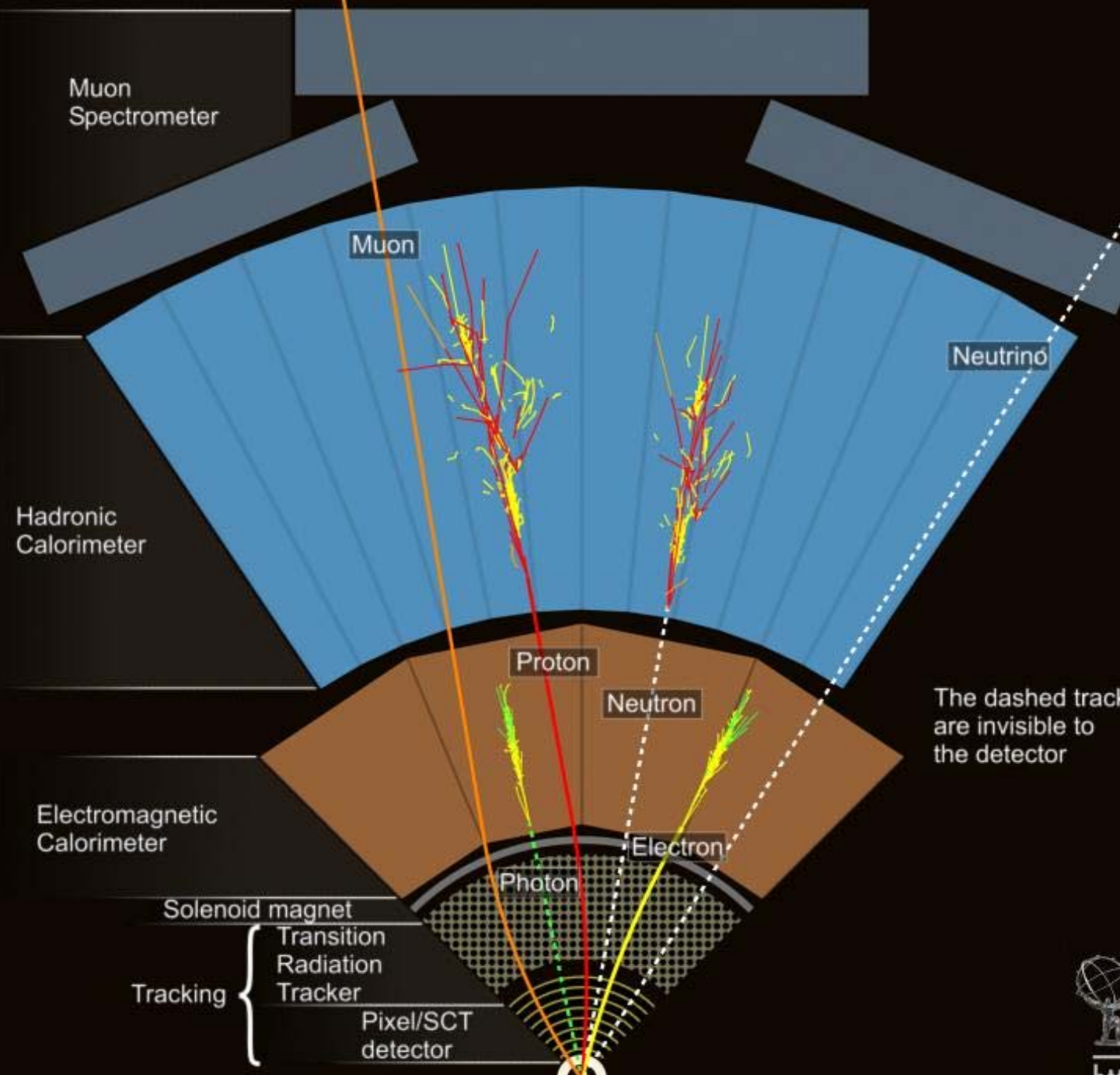
"less than one chance in fifty" that this is due to random coincidence  
BUT 1977 data showed that it was such a coincidence

# “Five-sigma Rule”

- Commonly-accepted standard (acid test)
  - $N_{\text{obs}} > 5\sigma$  above the expected level of the background
    - 99.9999% of events fall within  $5\sigma$
    - less than one in a million chance
  - Today :Oops-Leon "discovery" would have not been published.
- Five-sigma rule is far from golden
  - $5\sigma$  “discoveries” can vanish overnight

“The statistical analysis is based upon the assumption that you know everything and that everything is behaving as it should. But after everything you think of, there can be things you don't think of. **A five-sigma discovery is only five sigma if you properly account for systematics.**”

Val Fitch, 1980 Nobel Prize for discovering charge-parity violation in K mesons.



Muon Spectrometer

Muon

Neutrino

Hadronic Calorimeter

Proton

Neutron

The dashed tracks are invisible to the detector

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

Electron

Photon

Solenoid magnet  
Tracking { Transition Radiation Tracker  
Pixel/SCT detector



<http://atlas.ch>



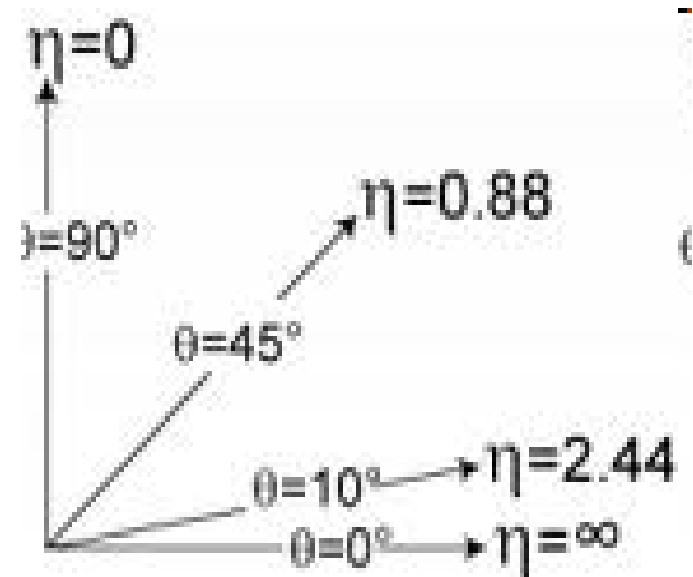
# Kinematic Constraints and Variables

- Longitudinal momentum and energy,  $p_z$  and  $E$ 
  - Visible  $p_z$  is not conserved
- Polar angle  $\theta$ 
  - $\theta$  is not Lorentz invariant

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z}$$

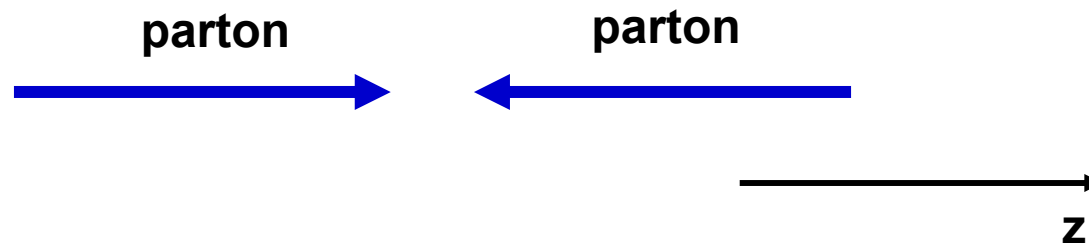
$$y = \eta = -\ln\left(\tan \frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

For  $M=0$



# Kinematic Constraints and Variables

- Transverse momentum,  $p_T$ , very useful!
  - **Colliding partons**  $p_T \approx 0$



- Vector sum  $p_T$  conserved:  $\sum_i p_{Ti} \approx 0$ 
  - If non zero something escaped detection
  - **Missing transverse momentum:**  $-\sum_i p_{Ti}$
- Scalar sum  $p_T$ :  $\sum_i |p_{Ti}|$ 
  - Measure of “Umpf” in the final state

# 2010 (Exotics) Searches at the LHC

- Bump Hunting
  - Dijet, dilepton, diphoton, dijet+dilepton final states
  - Excited quarks,  $Z'$ ,  $W'$ , RS Graviton, Leptoquarks....
- Search for deviations in the tails
  - Digamma + Met final states (UED, SUSY)
  - Multi-object final states (Strong Gravity, Black Holes)
- Search for odder things
  - Long lived particles

# Overview of Dijet Resonance Search

- Select inclusive dijet events, and plot dijet mass

$$m_{jj} = \sqrt{(\mathbf{E}_{j1} + \mathbf{E}_{j2})^2 - (\vec{\mathbf{p}}_{j1} + \vec{\mathbf{p}}_{j2})^2}$$

- Background: fit a smooth function to **DATA\***

$$f(x) = p_1 (1-x)^{p_2} x^{p_3 + p_4 \ln x}$$

$$x = m_{jj} / \sqrt{s}$$

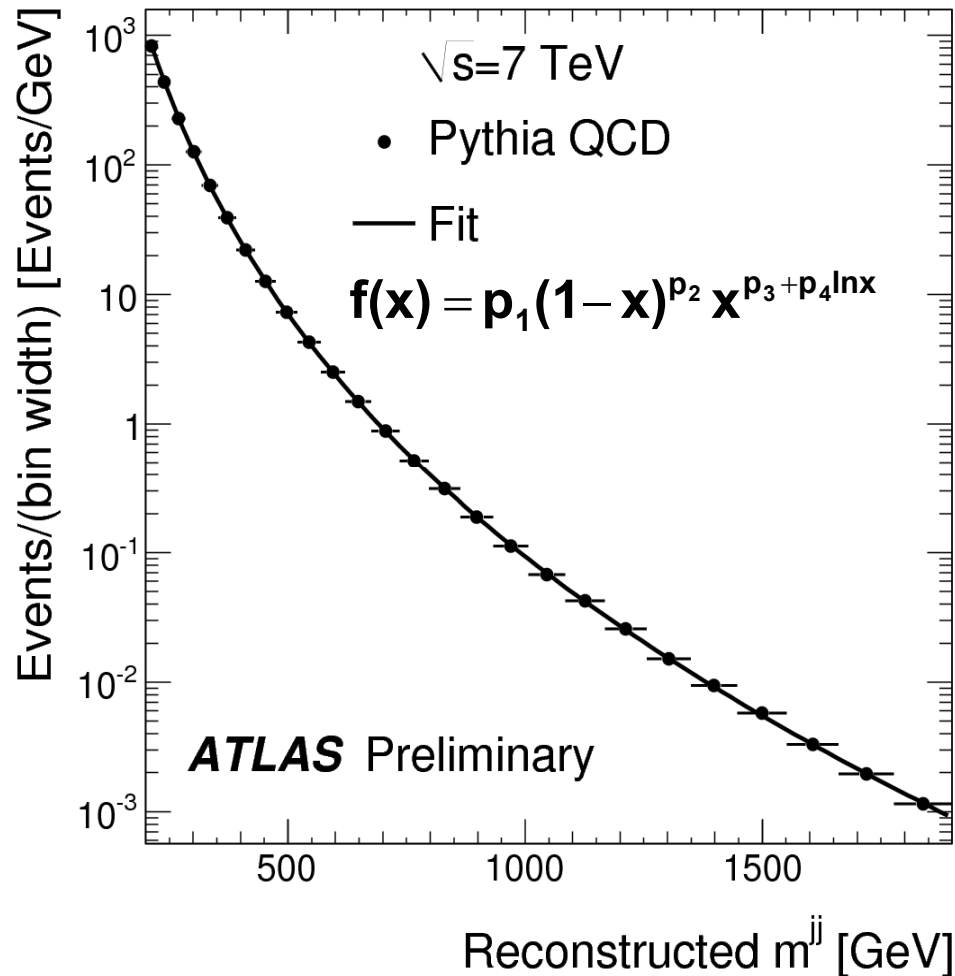
- Search for discrepancies between data and background.
- If no discrepancies found, set limits

\*CDF, Phys.Rev.D79:112002,2009

# Fitting MC

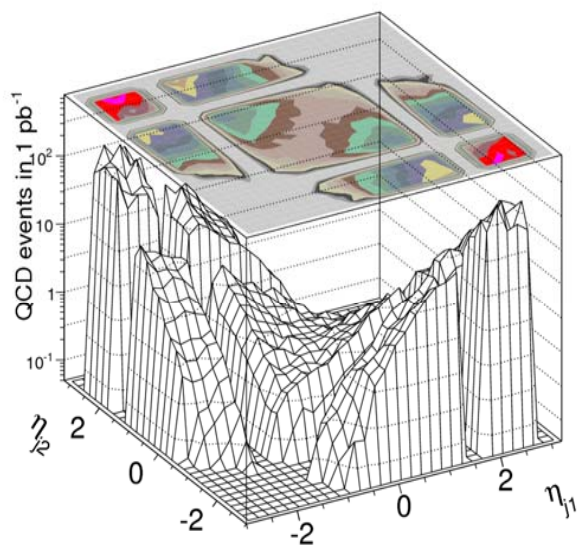
- Excellent fit to SM QCD, 7TeV
- Same for PYTHIA, ALPGEN, NLOJET++, hadron-level, reco-level..
- Same for 1.96 TeV, shown by CDF
- By construction
  - smooth,
  - monotonic
  - and goes to 0 at  $m = s$

If we can't fit data something is going on.

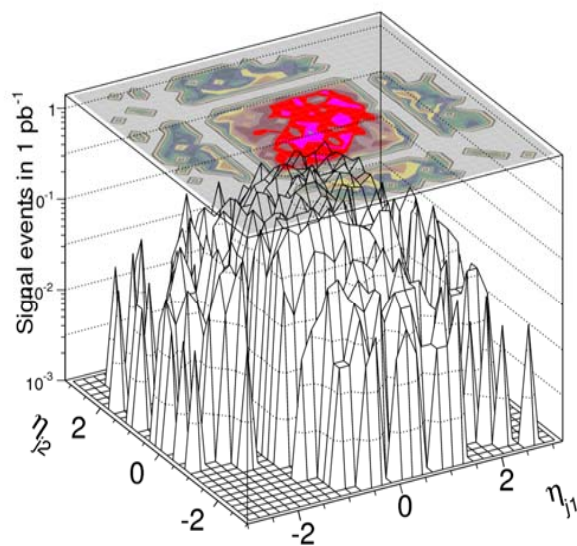


# Event Selection

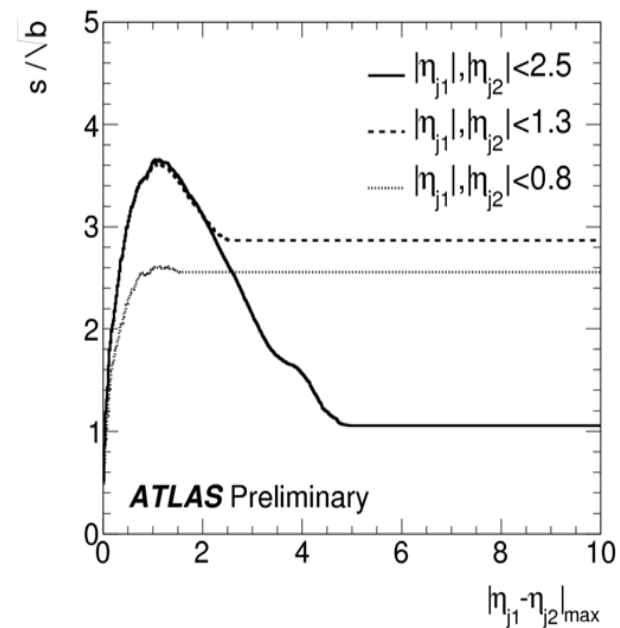
- High Data Quality
- $p_T^{j1} > 150$  GeV
- $p_T^{j2} > 30$  GeV
- $M_{jj} > 350$  GeV
- Reject poorly measured jets
- $|\eta| < 2.5$  and  $|\Delta\eta| < 1.3$



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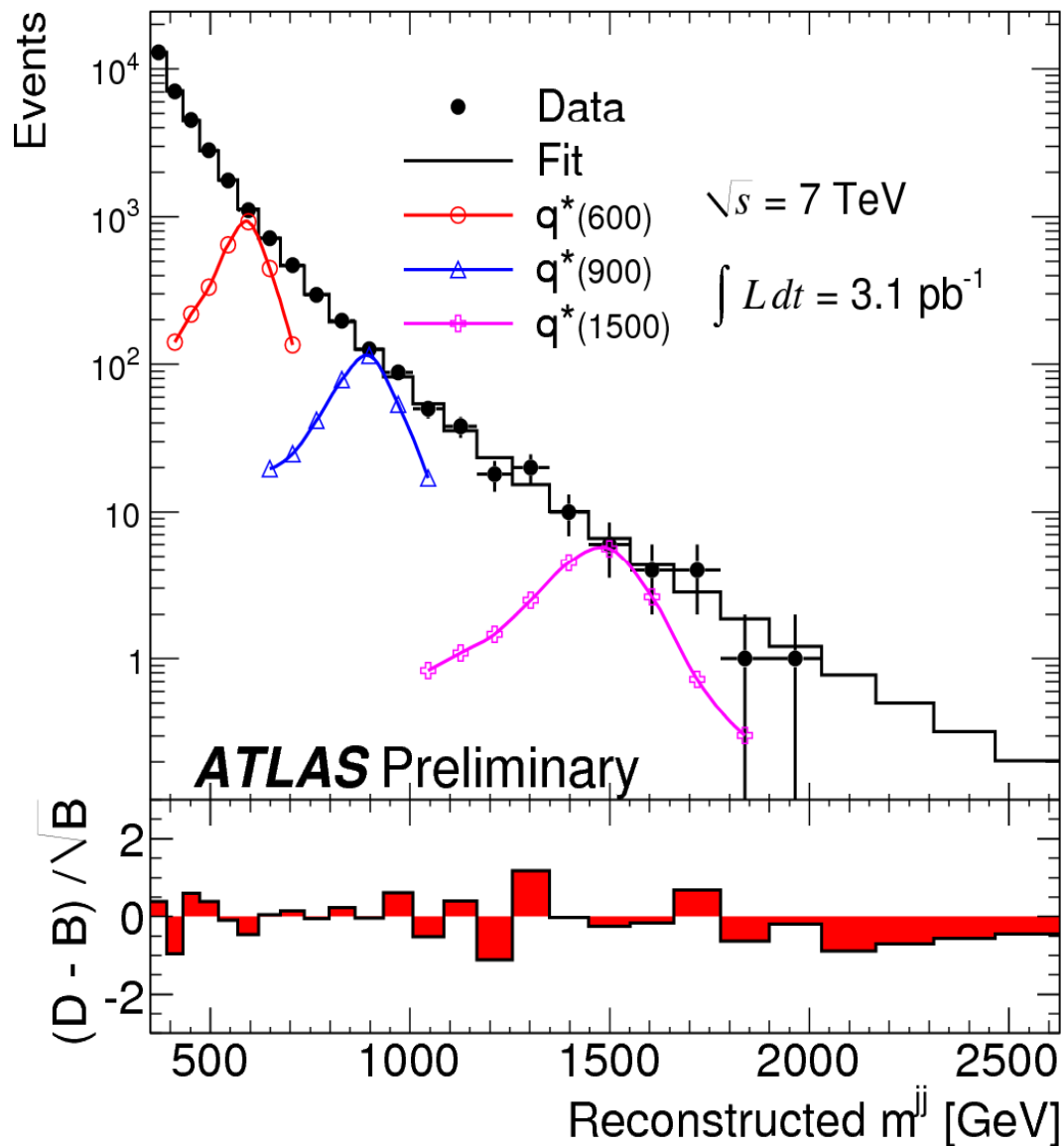


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# Data and Background



# Model independent search for discrepancy

- BumpHunter \*
- TailHunter\*
- Likelihood,  $\chi^2$ , KS, Jeffreys Divergence

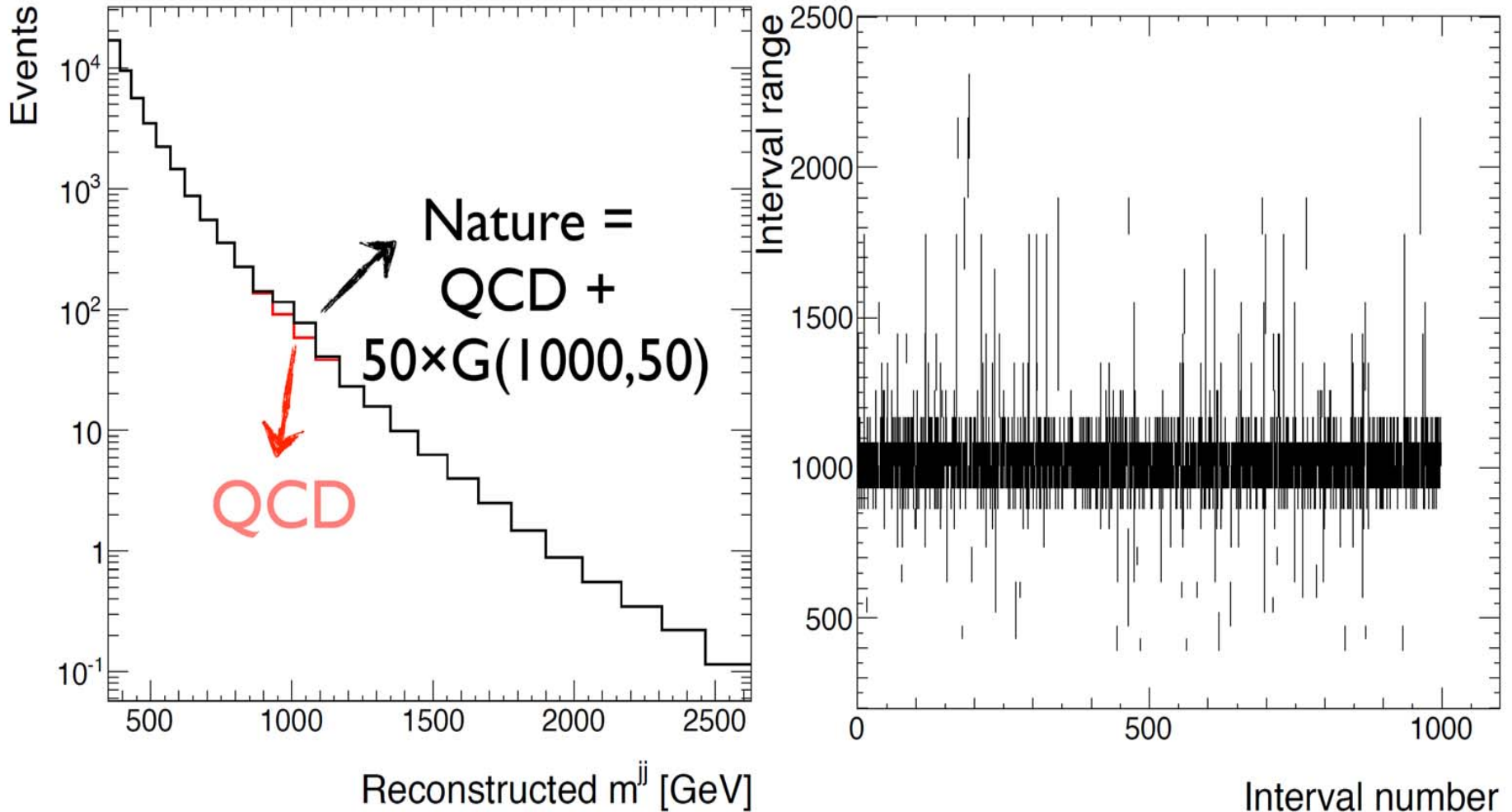
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and Phys.Rev.D78:012002,2008



# BumpHunter and TailHunter

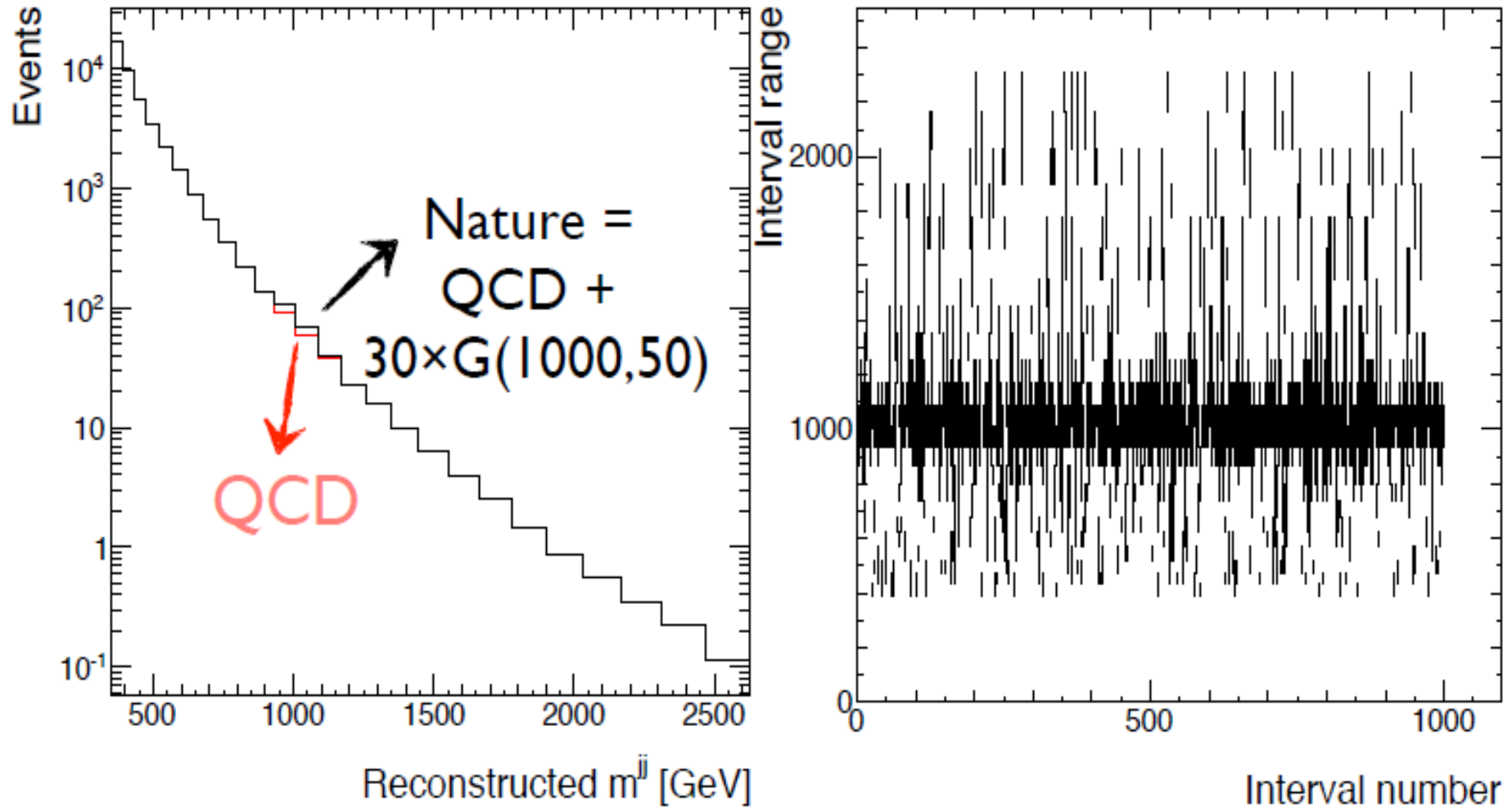
- **BumpHunter:**
  - scan the spectrum for a local excess
  - surrounded by agreeing sidebands.
- **TailHunter:**
  - Similar. Check all high-mass tails for an excess.
- Nothing assumed about mass, or width of the signal.

# BumpHunter Demo



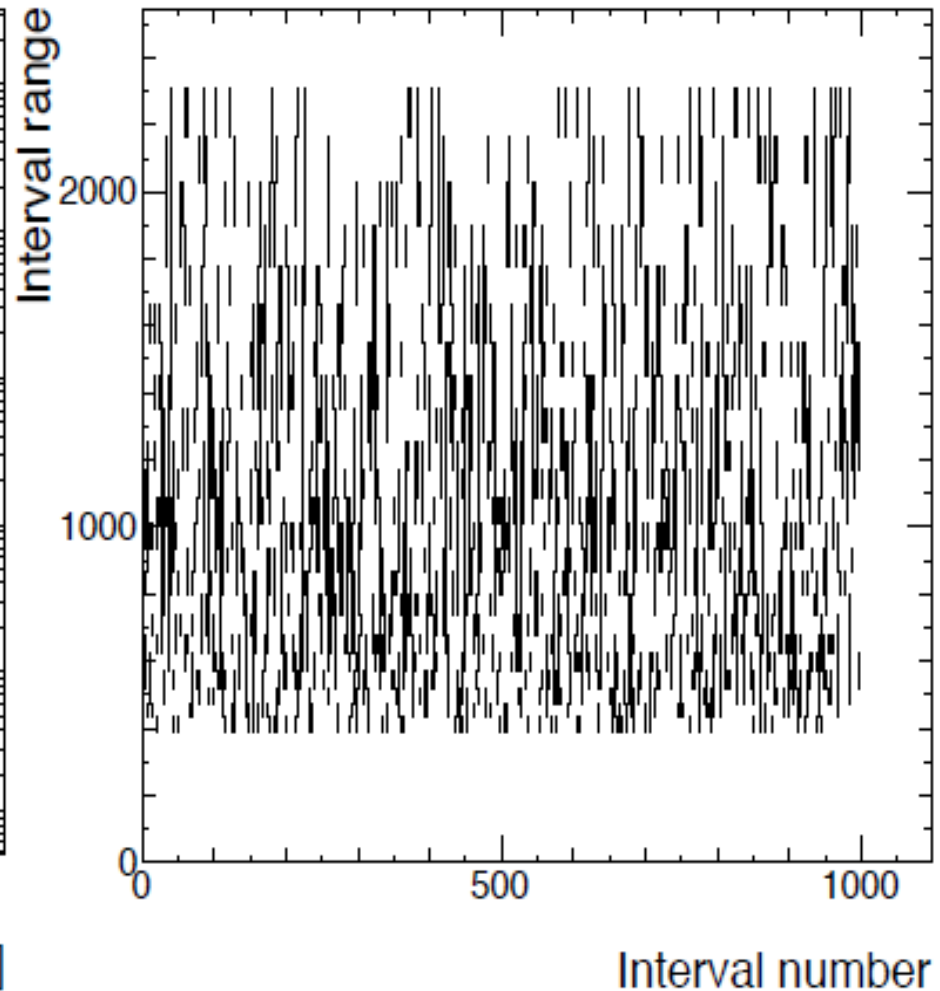
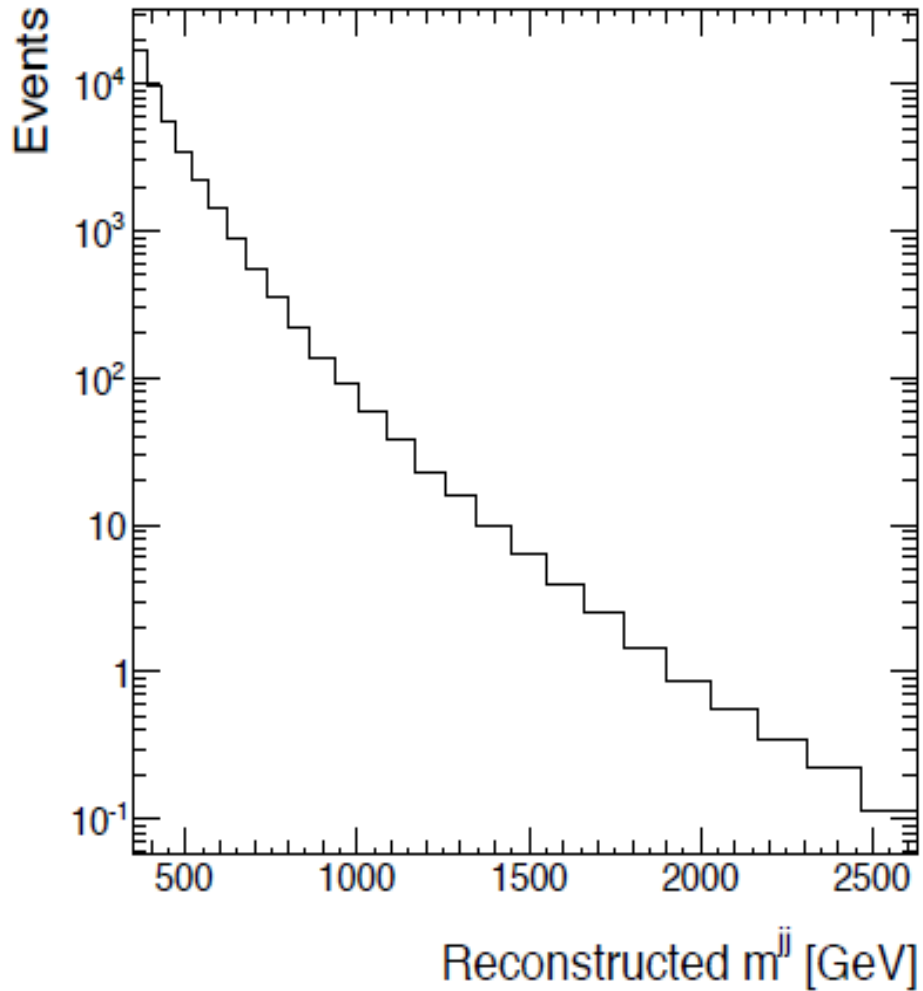
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# BumpHunter Demo



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# Results

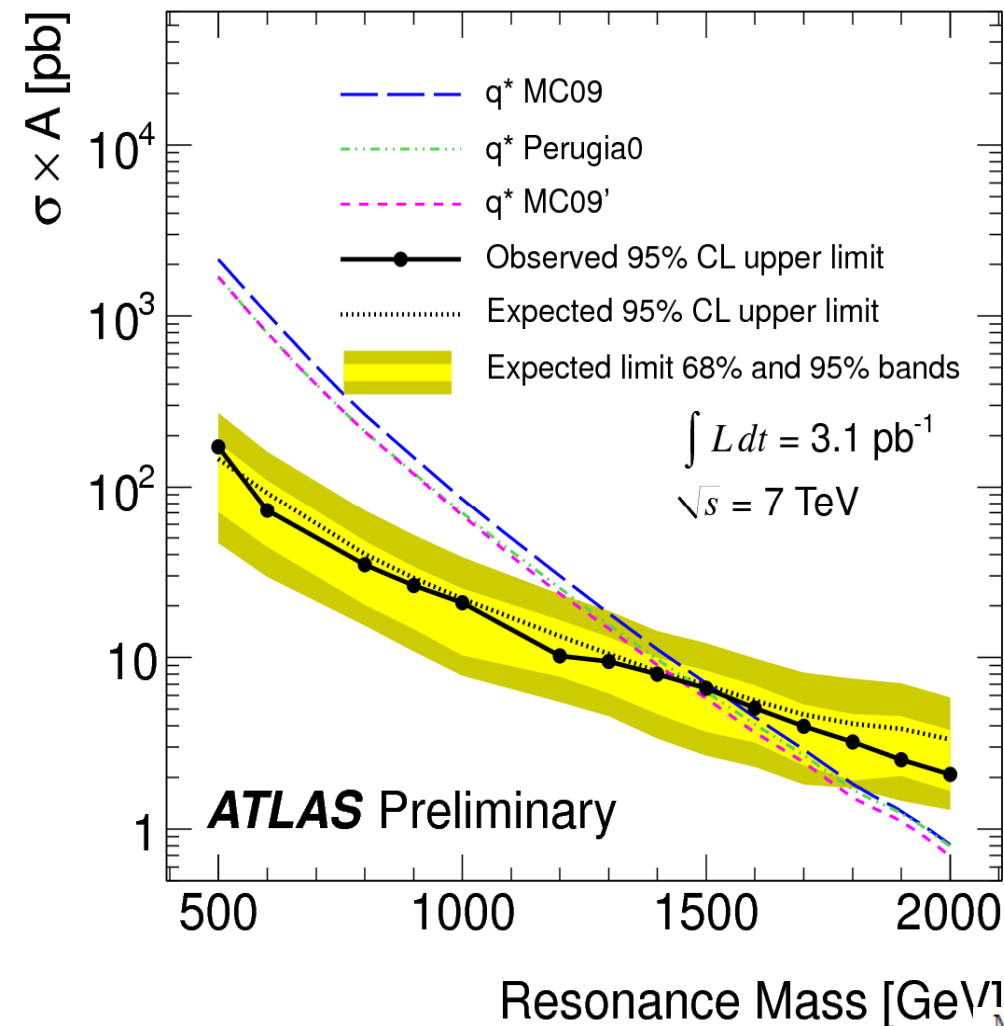
- 6 tests, independently, indicated that the data are consistent with the background-only hypothesis.
- Data were so well-fitted that the p-values were ~ 99%.
  - → *Perfectly consistent.*
  - Multiple tests agreed that this was just a coincidence.



# NOTHING FOUND

Back to setting limits...

# Limits on excited Quarks



	Observed Limit	Expected Limit
MRST2007	1.53 TeV	1.51 TeV
CTEQ6L1	1.45 TeV	1.43 TeV

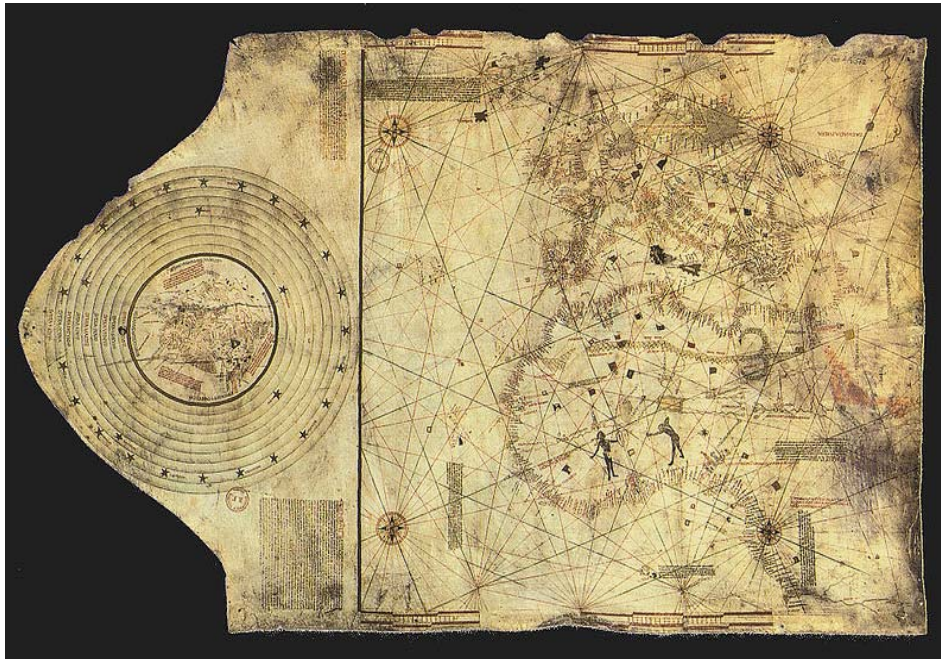
**Observed ~ Expected**

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MC Tune	PDF Set	Stat. $\oplus$ Syst.	Stat. only	Stat. $\oplus$ Syst.
MC09 [3]	MRST2007 [4]	1.53	1.64	1.51
MC09'	CTEQ6L1 [5]	1.45	1.56	1.43
Perugia0 [6]	CTEQ5L [7]	1.49	1.60	1.46

# Why set limits and publish?

- Mapping of our knowledge



- Quantifying search with help of bench mark models
  - Comparison with other models via bench mark models



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