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#### The Team!



Javier Duarte, Lederman Fellow at Fermilab Helped set up the cloud chamber

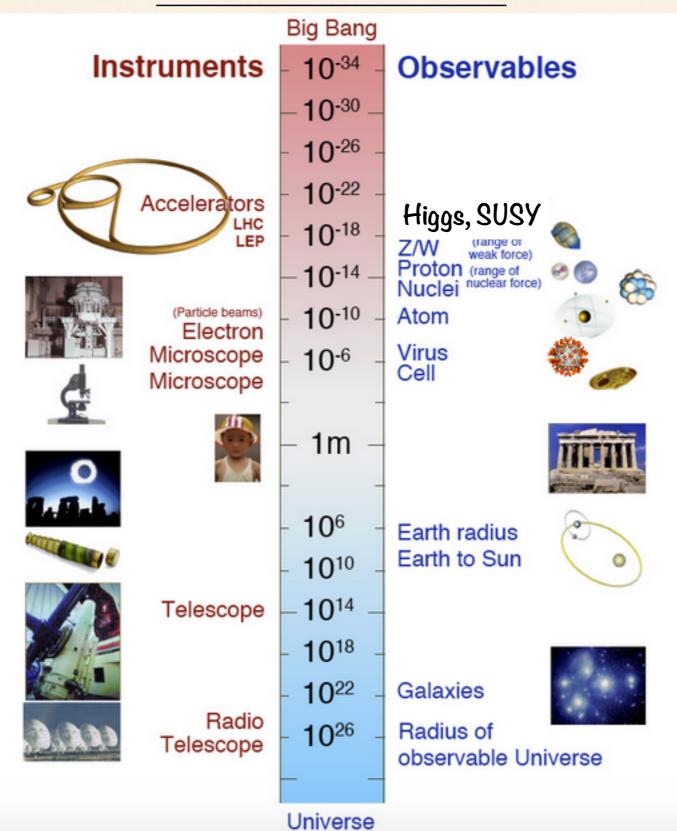


Souvik Das, Post-doc at Purdue Helped with setting up the camera for observation

# Thank you!!

#### Sense of scale

From the microscopic to the large scale structures.

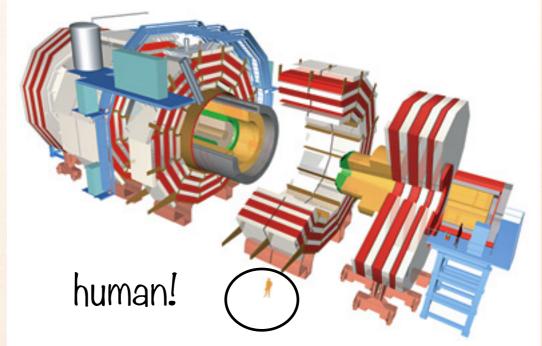


Interesting paradox!
Why do we need large detectors to detect such small "particles"?

# Small particles —> big detectors

- Remember that we are creating these subatomic particles in a detector
- The more energetic we make the particles, the more "stuff" (mass) can be created
- We are looking at very rare particles
- We need to collide many particles to get just a handful of "interesting" particles
- The history of particle physics can be traced through a succession of accelerators of increasing sizes





# Units in physics

#### Powers of ten

The powers of ten are commonly used in physics and information technology. They are practical shorthand for very large or very small numbers.

| Power of ten      | Number                | Symbol    |
|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 10 <sup>-12</sup> | 0.000000000001        | p (pico)  |
| 10 <sup>-9</sup>  | 0.00000001            | n (nano)  |
| 10 <sup>-6</sup>  | 0.000001              | μ (micro) |
| 10 <sup>-3</sup>  | 0.001                 | m (milli) |
| 10-2              | 0.01                  |           |
| 10 <sup>-1</sup>  | 0.1                   |           |
| 10 <sup>0</sup>   | 1                     |           |
| 10 <sup>1</sup>   | 10                    |           |
| 10 <sup>2</sup>   | 100                   |           |
| 10 <sup>3</sup>   | 1000                  | k (kilo)  |
| 10 <sup>6</sup>   | 1 000 000             | M (mega)  |
| 10 <sup>9</sup>   | 1 000 000 000         | G (giga)  |
| 10 <sup>12</sup>  | 1 000 000 000 000     | T (tera)  |
| 10 <sup>15</sup>  | 1 000 000 000 000 000 | P (peta)  |

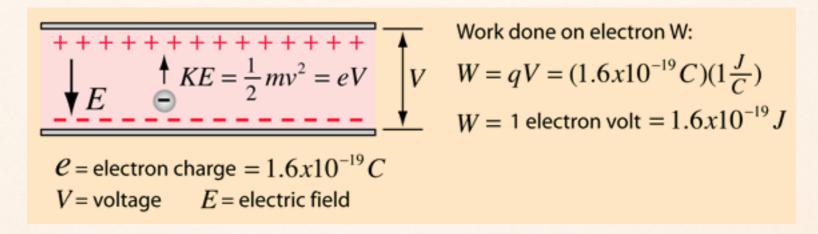
Length scales

Energy units

#### Natural units

Our unit of choice in this lecture will be the electron-volt: <u>eV</u> In more familiar units:

I electron volt =  $1.60217657 \times 10^{-19}$  joules It is the amount of energy gained (or lost) by an electron moving across an electric potential difference of one volt.



We will use <u>natural units</u> in this lecture, which means, speed of light, c=1. Therefore, mass and energy units will be the same. So, don't be alarmed when I say that the mass of the proton is ~1 GeV.

#### Let's make sure that we all understand our system of units

#### Exercise:

- · what is 10<sup>13</sup> X 10<sup>-10</sup>?
- mass of the electron is 511 keV and the mass of the muon (to be introduced shortly) is 105 MeV. How much heavier is the muon with respect to the electron?
- how much heavier is the Higgs boson (mass of 125 GeV) with respect to the electron?

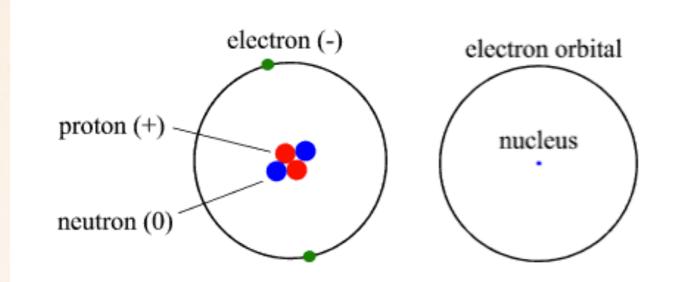
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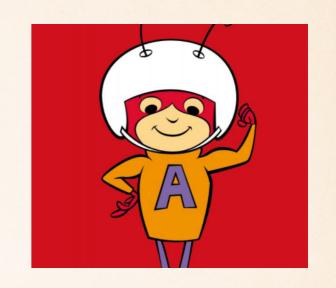
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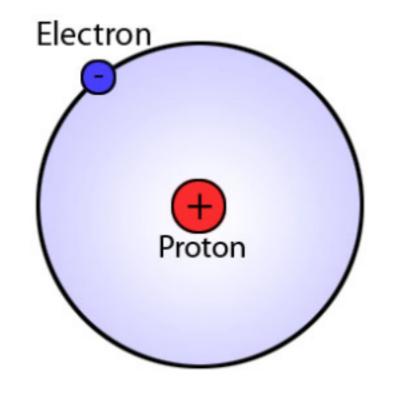
- · what is 10<sup>13</sup> X 10<sup>-10</sup>? 10<sup>3</sup>
- mass of the electron is 511 keV and the mass of the muon (to be introduced shortly) is 105 MeV. How much heavier is the muon with respect to the electron? 105/0.5 = 200 times
- how much heavier is the Higgs boson (mass of 125 GeV) with respect to the electron?

125\*1000 MeV/0.5 MeV = 250,000 times!

#### Constituents of Matter: What is an atom?







The Hydrogen Atom: simplest possible atom. Remember this as we will later connect it to the Large Hadron Collider.

## Constituents of Matter

#### **LEPTONS**

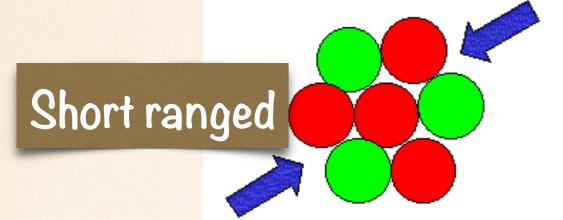
| Make up matter | Electron Together with the nucleus, it makes up the atom                         | Electron neutrino Particle with no electric charge, and very small mass; billions fly through your body every second | 0 |
|----------------|--|--|---|
|                | Muon A heavier relative of the electron; it lives for two-millionths of a second | Muon neutrino Created along with muons when some particles decay   | 0 |
|                | Tau Heavier still; it is extremely unstable. It was discovered in 1975           | Tau neutrino<br>Discovered in<br>2000  | 0 |

#### **QUARKS**

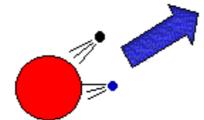
| Make up matter | Up Has an electric charge of plus two-thirds; protons contain two, neutrons contain one | Down  Has an electric charge of minus one-third; protons contain one, neutrons contain two |
|----------------|---|--|
|                | Charm A heavier relative of the up; found in 1974                                       | Strange A heavier relative of the down.  |
|                | Top<br>Heavier still;<br>found in 1995  | Bottom Heavier still; measuring bottom quarks is an important test of electroweak theory   |

- Turns out that the previous slide only tells you half of the truth
- Protons and neutrons are not fundamental and are composed of quarks
- Look at the mass hierarchy!
- Why the masses exactly what we observe is an interesting question

#### The four fundamental forces

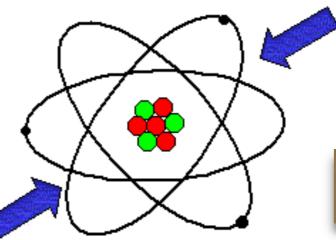


Strong force binds the nucleus



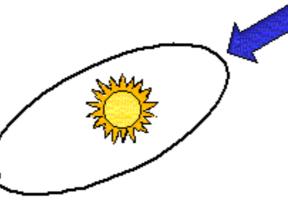
Weak force in radioactive decay

Weak and short ranged



Electromagnetic force binds atoms

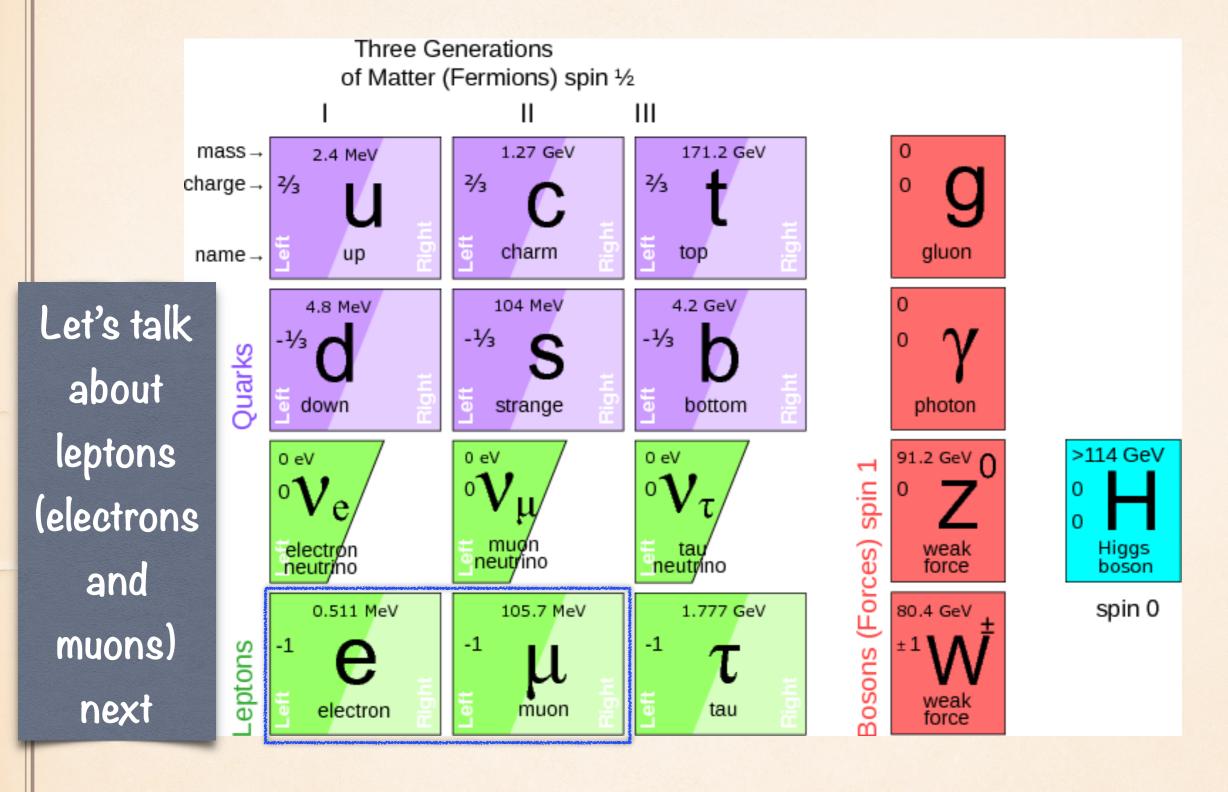
Long ranged



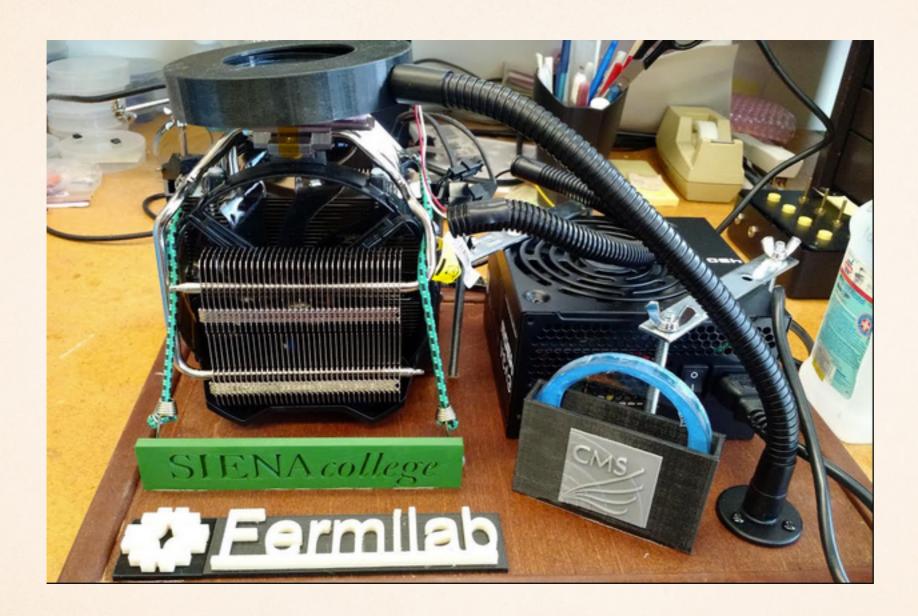
Gravitational force binds the solar system

Weak, but very long ranged

#### The Standard Model of Particle Physics

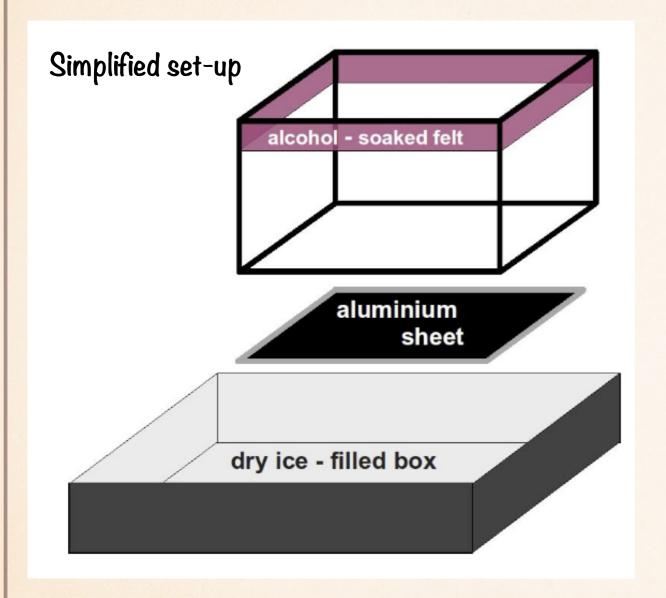


#### See the apparatus set up here?



This apparatus is called a cloud chamber

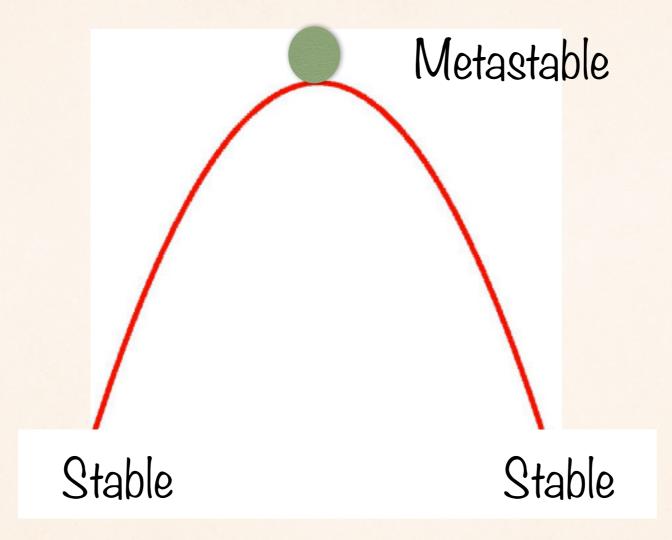
#### How does it work?



- The dry ice keeps the lower layer very cold (in this case the cooling is done differently)
- So, while the top layer has alcohol at a higher temperature, the bottom layer is much colder
- When a particle passes through the chamber it ionizes the alcohol which then causes alcohol droplets to condense around the path of the particle

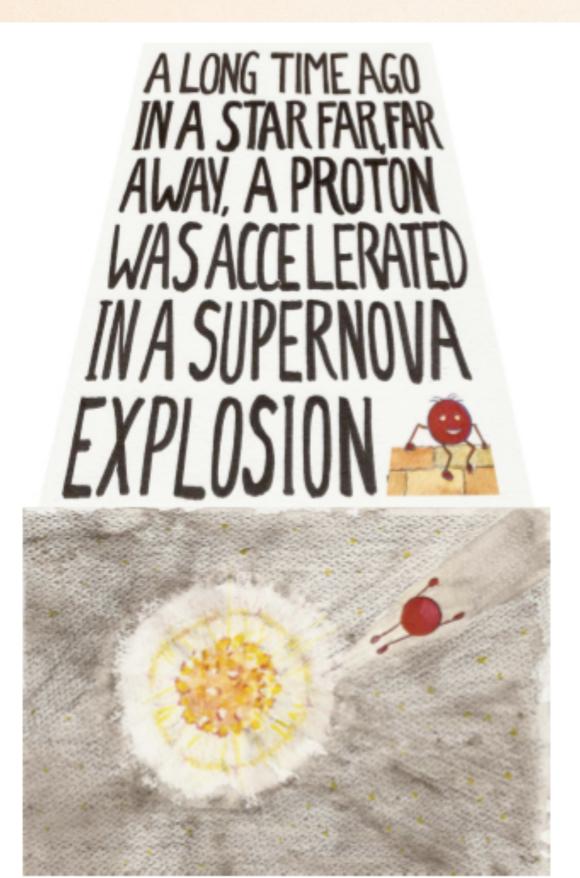


## Very brief detour



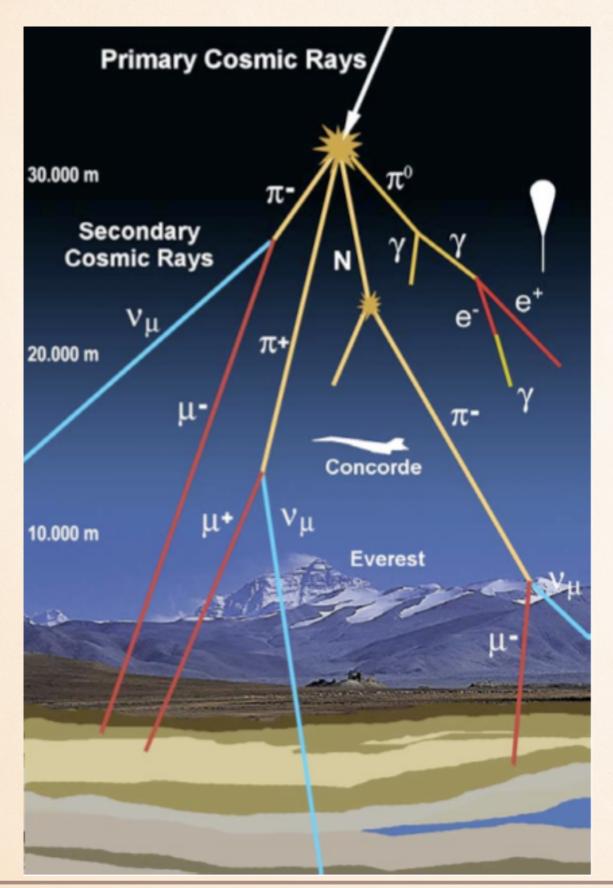
To be drawn on the black-board

## What are we trying to observe?



This proton travels through interstellar space and reaches the earth. It then interacts with air molecules.

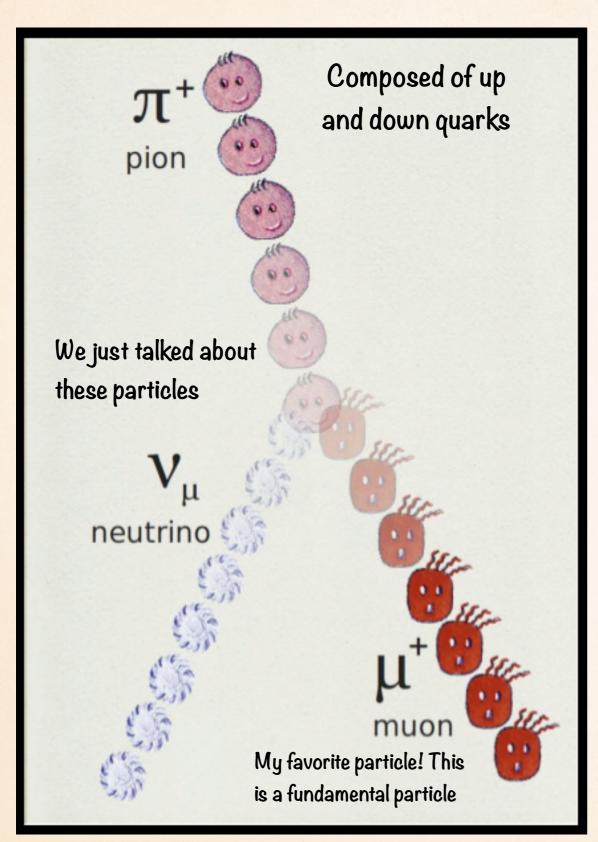
#### What are we trying to observe?



- Cosmic ray interactions with the atmosphere
- · A slew of particles are created
- One of these particles are muons which can be detected in a cloud chamber

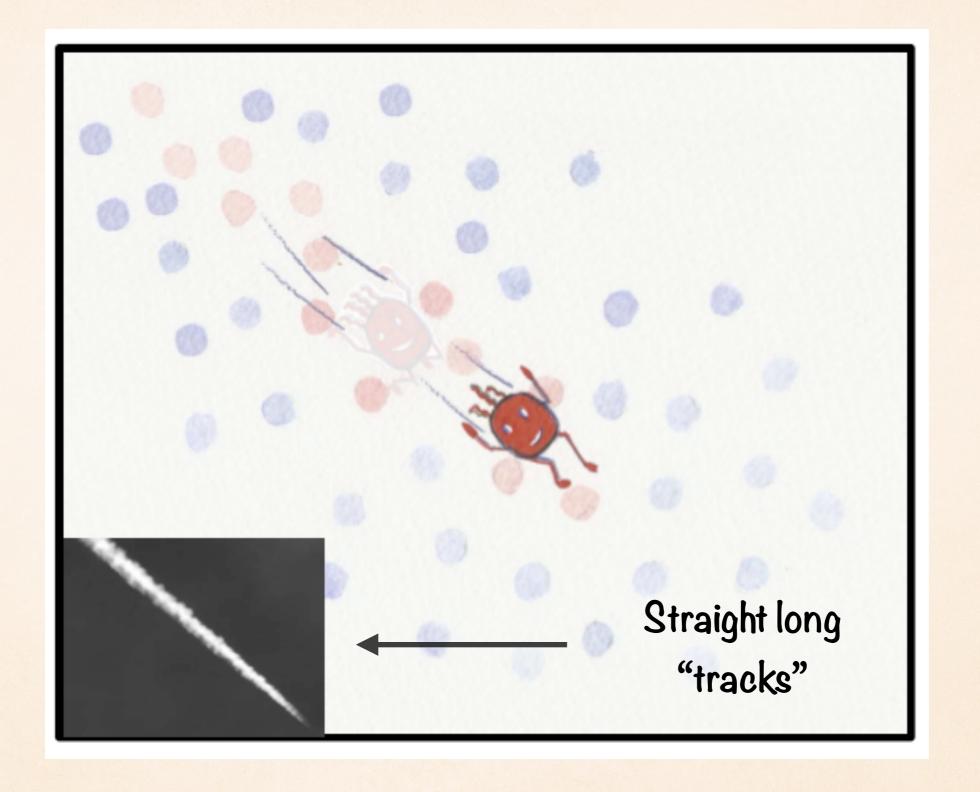
Pretty incredible!!

#### How exactly do we see the muon?

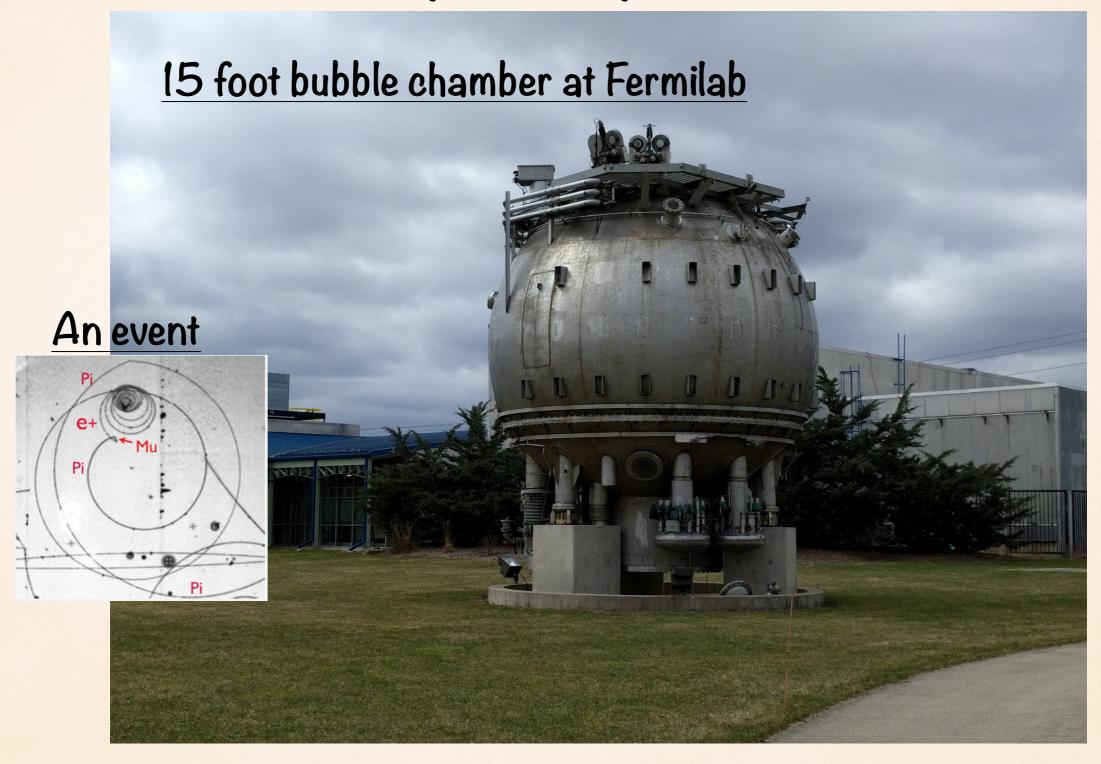


- The pion decays to a neutrino and a muon
- The muon is a stable particle that can be detected using a cloud chamber.
- Notice that the muon and the neutrino are of the same kind
- This is a muon neutrino. There are electron and tau neutrinos that are produced when electrons and taus decay. These decay chains involve interactions different from the one shown here

#### What does the muon look like?

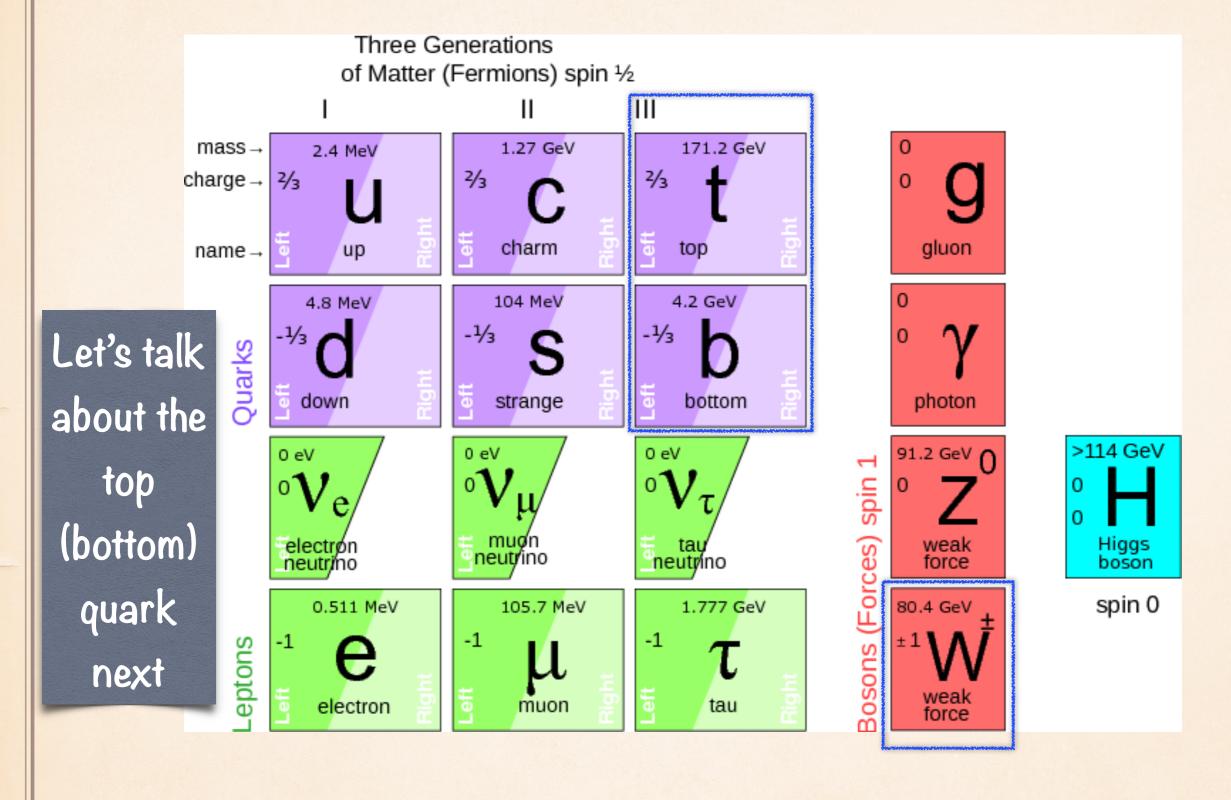


# The first particle physics detectors

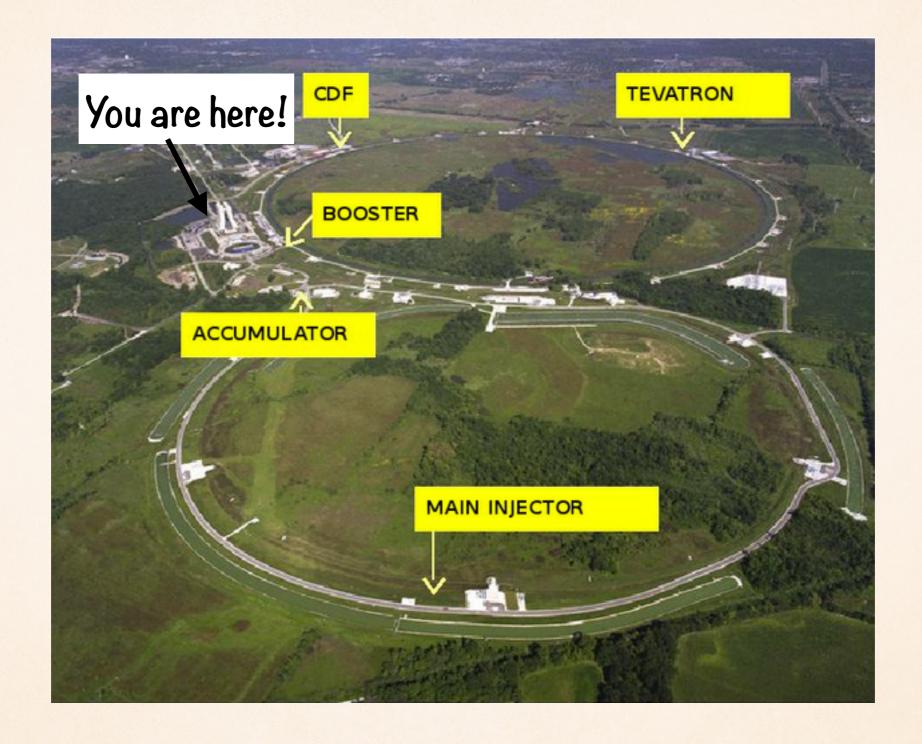


Uses super heated hydrogen (metastable state) to detect "tracks"

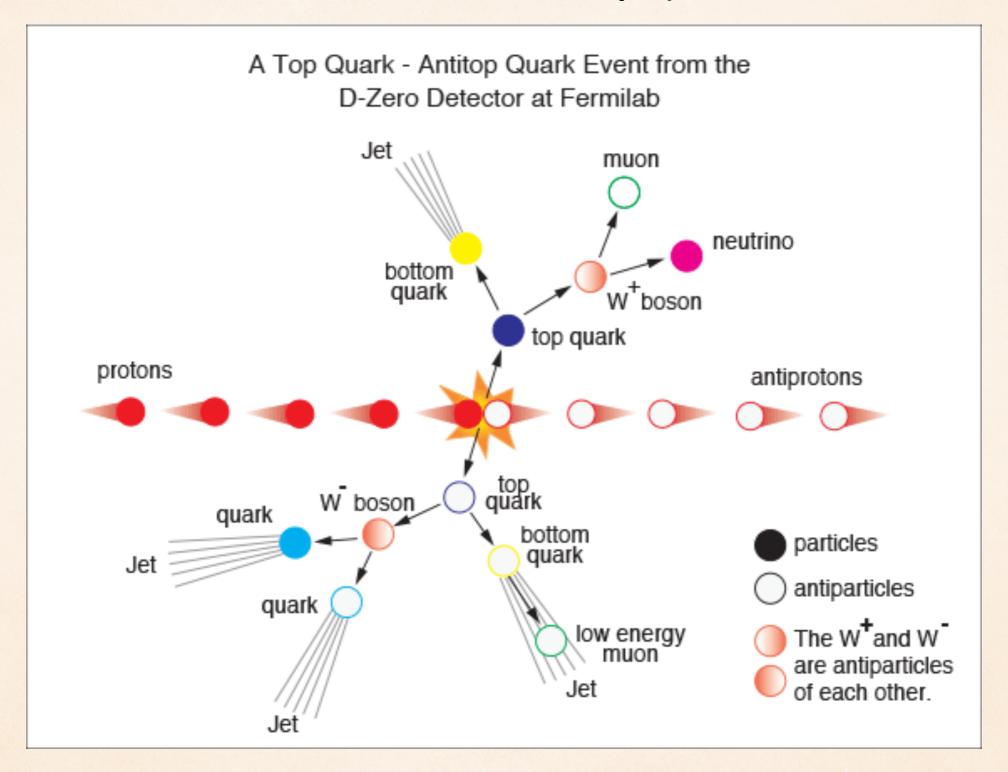
#### The Standard Model of Particle Physics



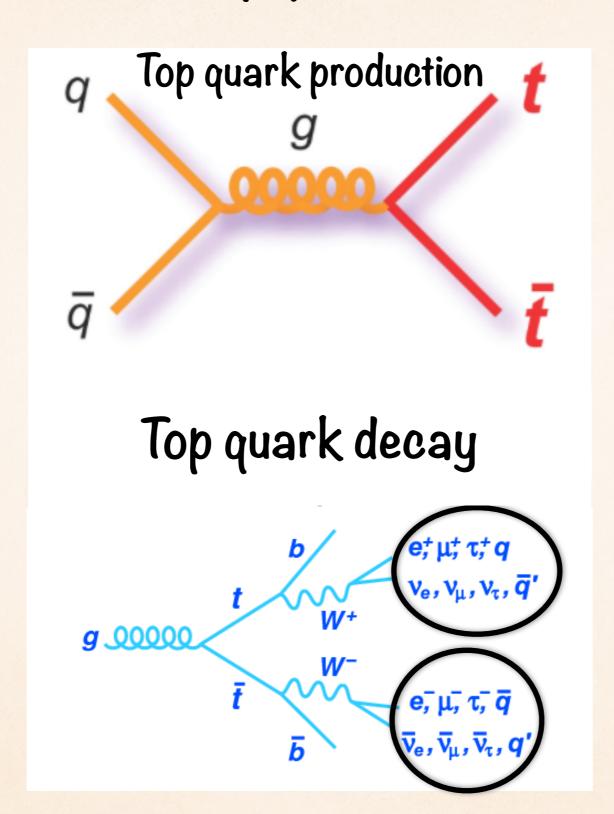
#### An aerial view of the Tevatron



#### Discovery of the top quark



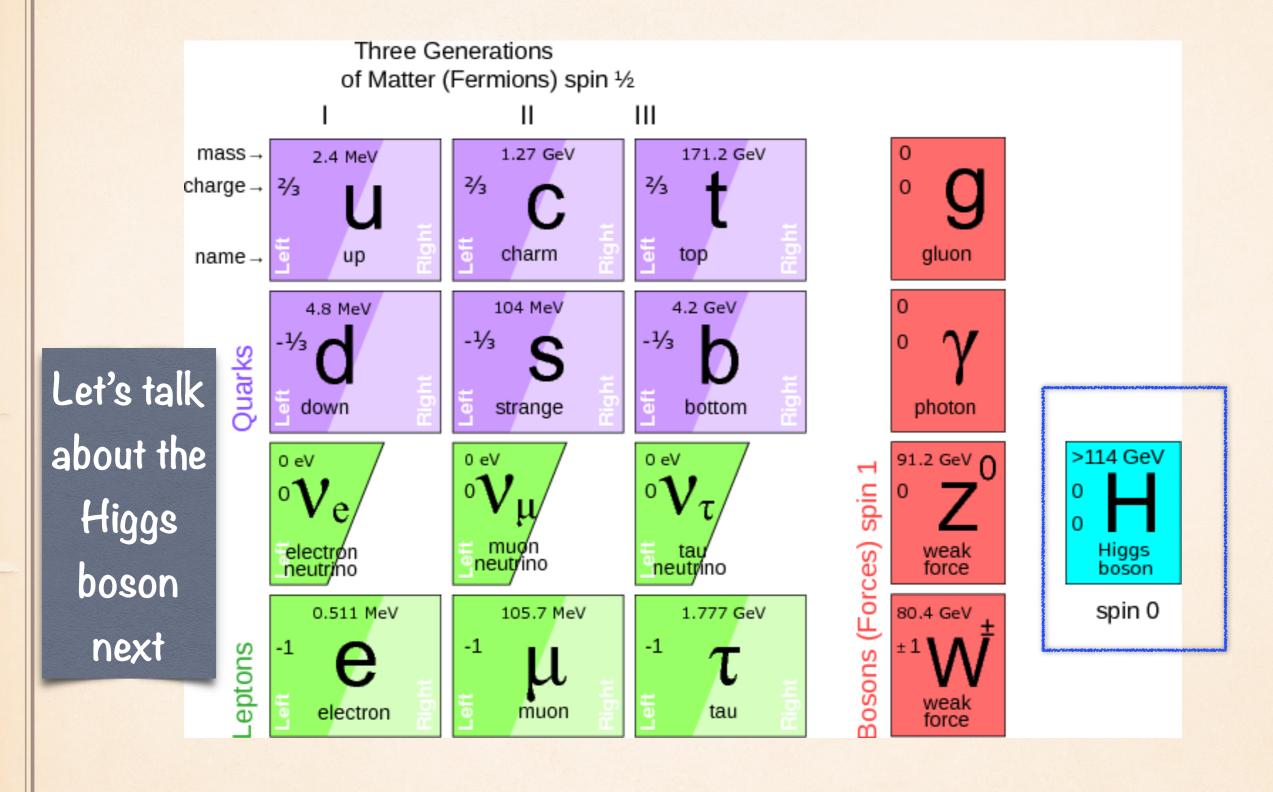
## Discovery of the top quark: Feynman Diagrams



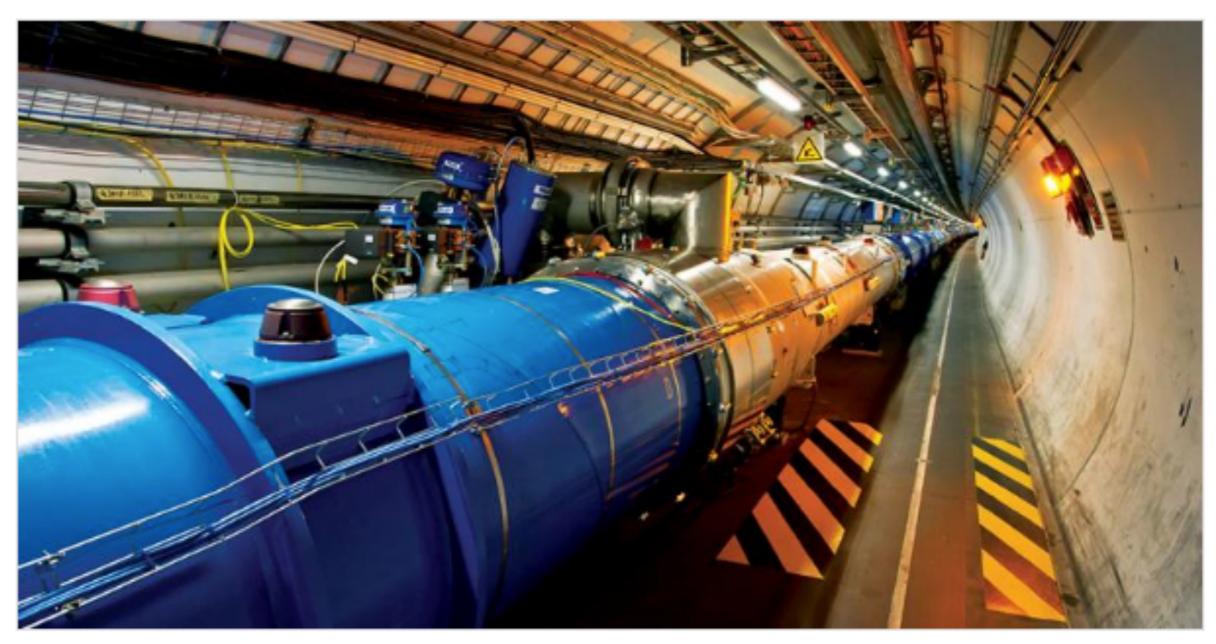
The detector sees these "particles"

# Let's pause for a moment... Any questions?

#### The Standard Model of Particle Physics



# The Large Hadron Collider

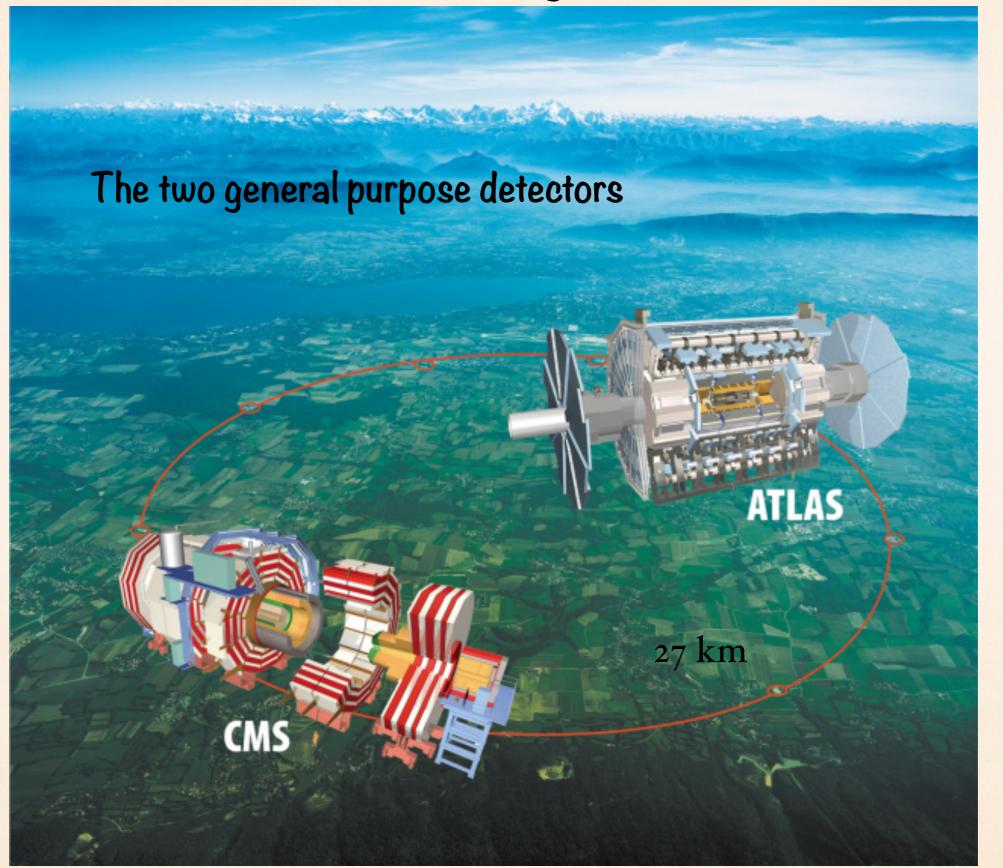


The Large Hadron Collider is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator (Image: CERN)

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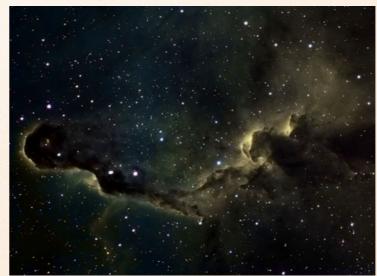


# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

The LHC is the world's largest and most powerful particle accelerator.
 It first started up on September, 10th, 2008



- Two high-energy particle beams travel at close to the speed of light, guided by super conducting magnets
- The coils of this electromagnet operates in a superconducting state -> conducting electricity without resistance or loss of energy
- This requires chilling the magnets to -271.3°C
- Cooling achieved with liquid helium



# The Large Hadron Collider



Magnets squeeze the beam to a space narrower than human hair



Beams bent by magnets

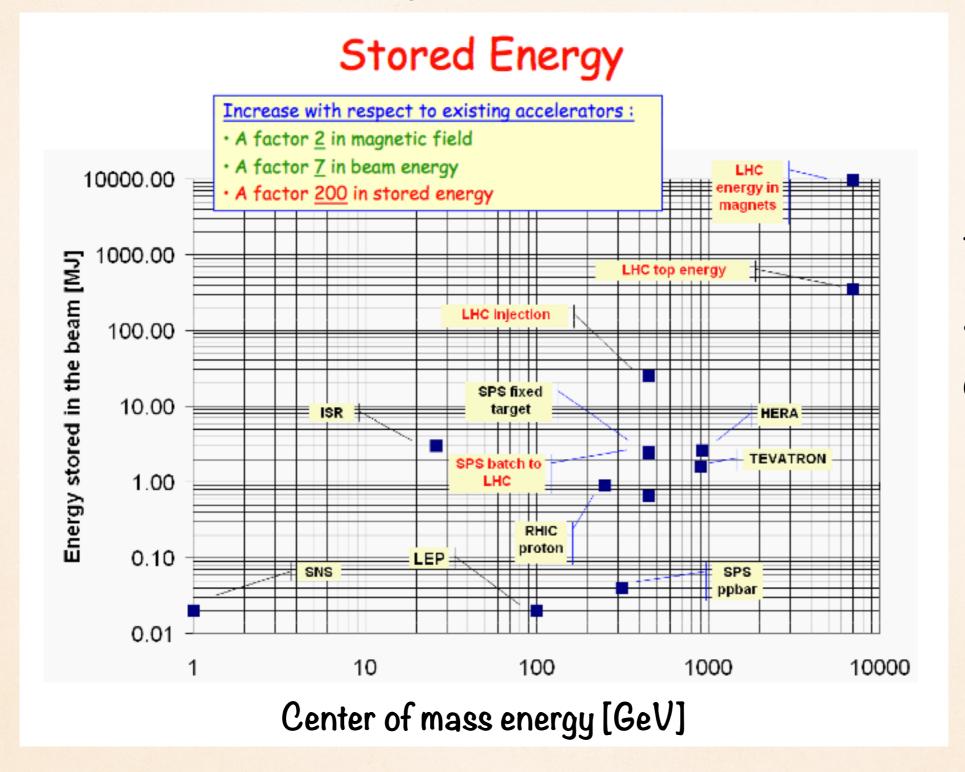


Special magnets focus beams so maximum number of collisions occur



Protons accelerated in bunches

# The Large Hadron Collider



The Tevatron at Fermilab operated at 1.96 TeV

# The Large Hadron Collider: Facts

#### Comparison...

The energy of an A380 at 700 km/hour corresponds to the energy stored in the LHC magnet system:

Sufficient to heat up and melt 12 tons of Copper!!



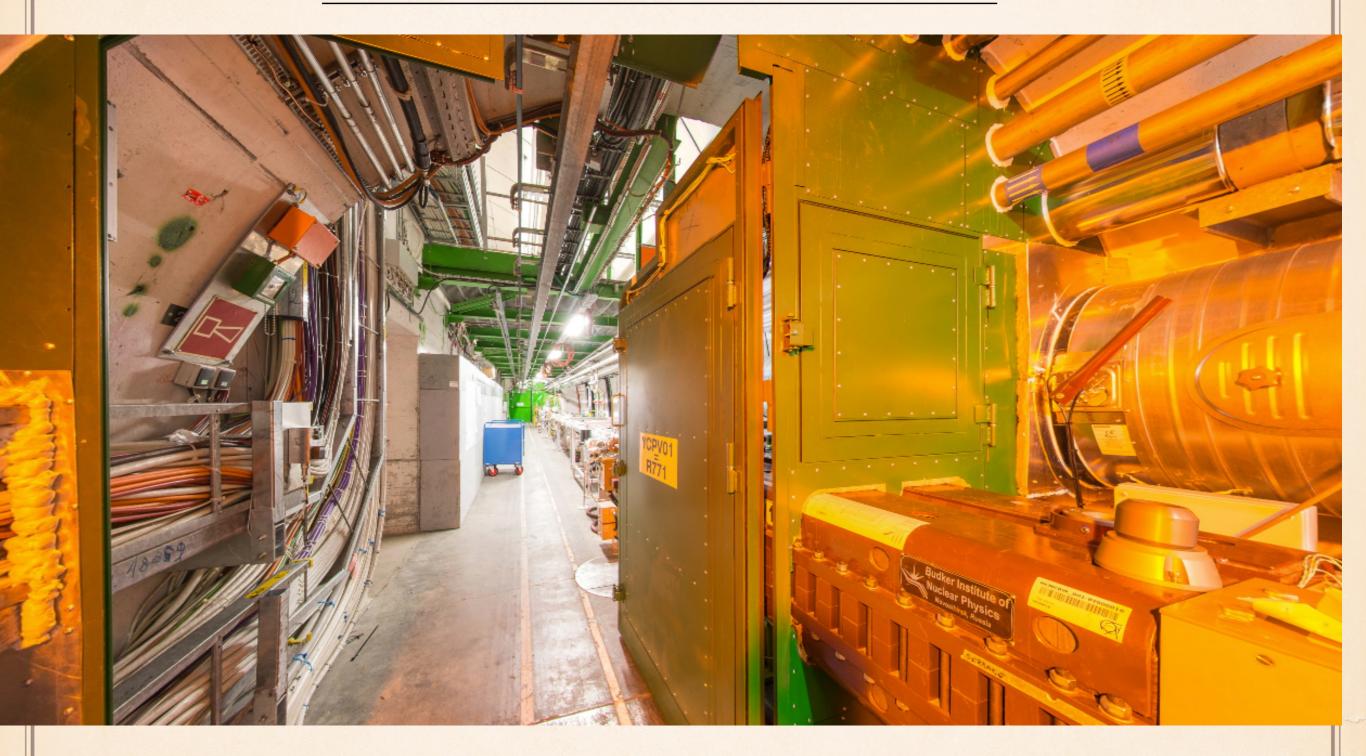
The energy stored in one LHC beam corresponds approximately to...

- 90 kg of TNT
- 8 litres of gasoline
- 15 kg of chocolate



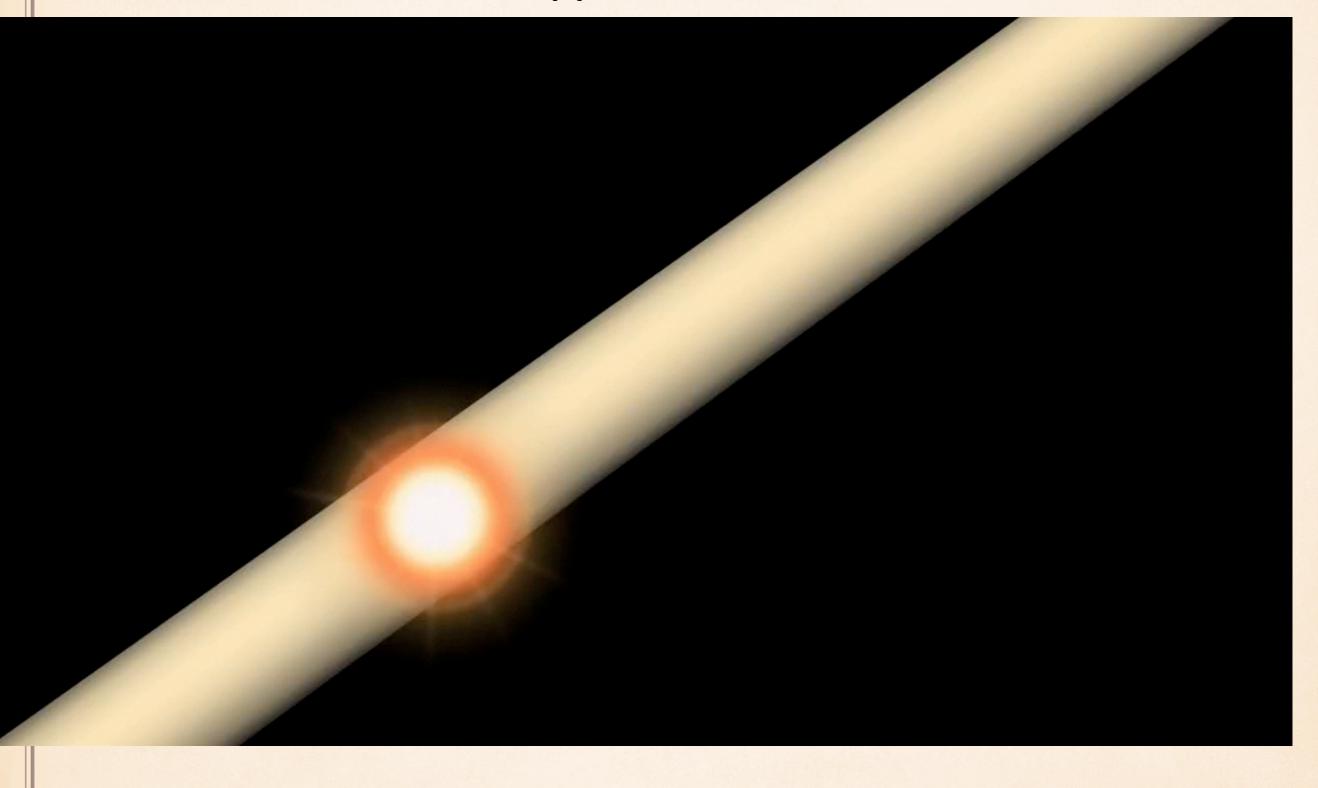


## Panoramic view of the LHC.

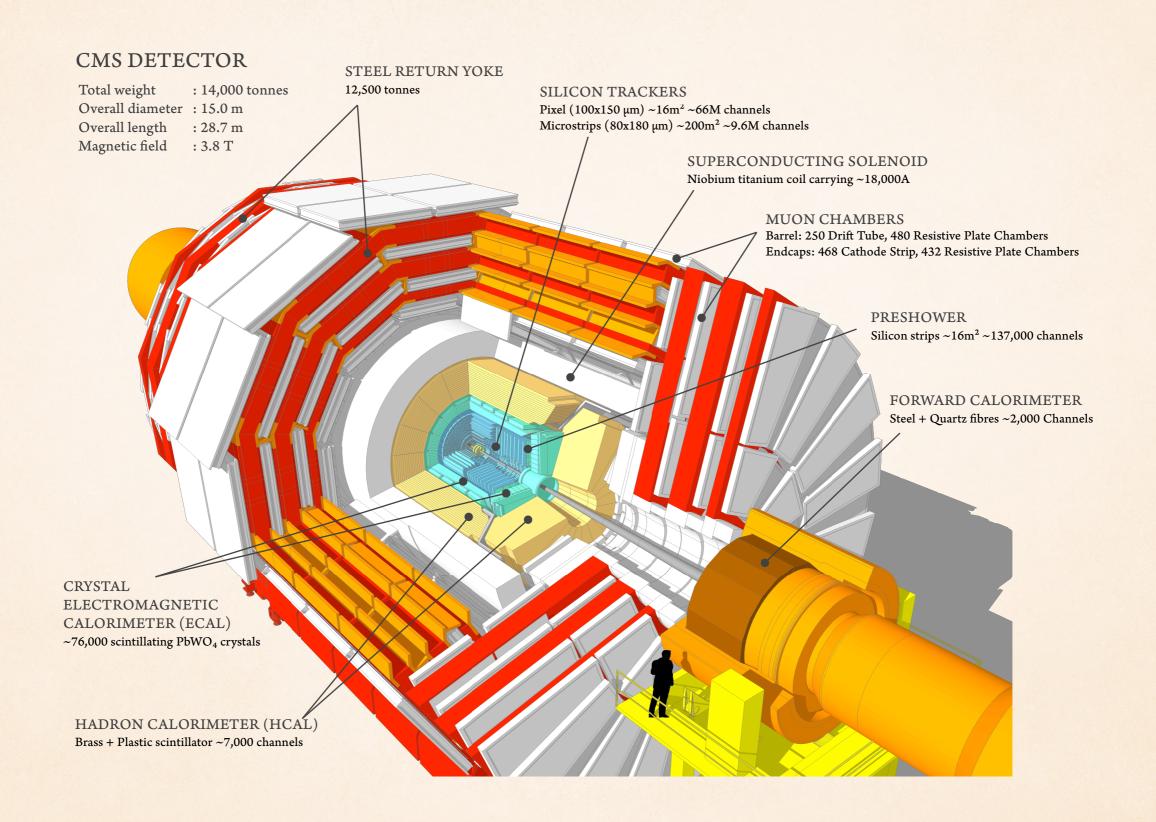


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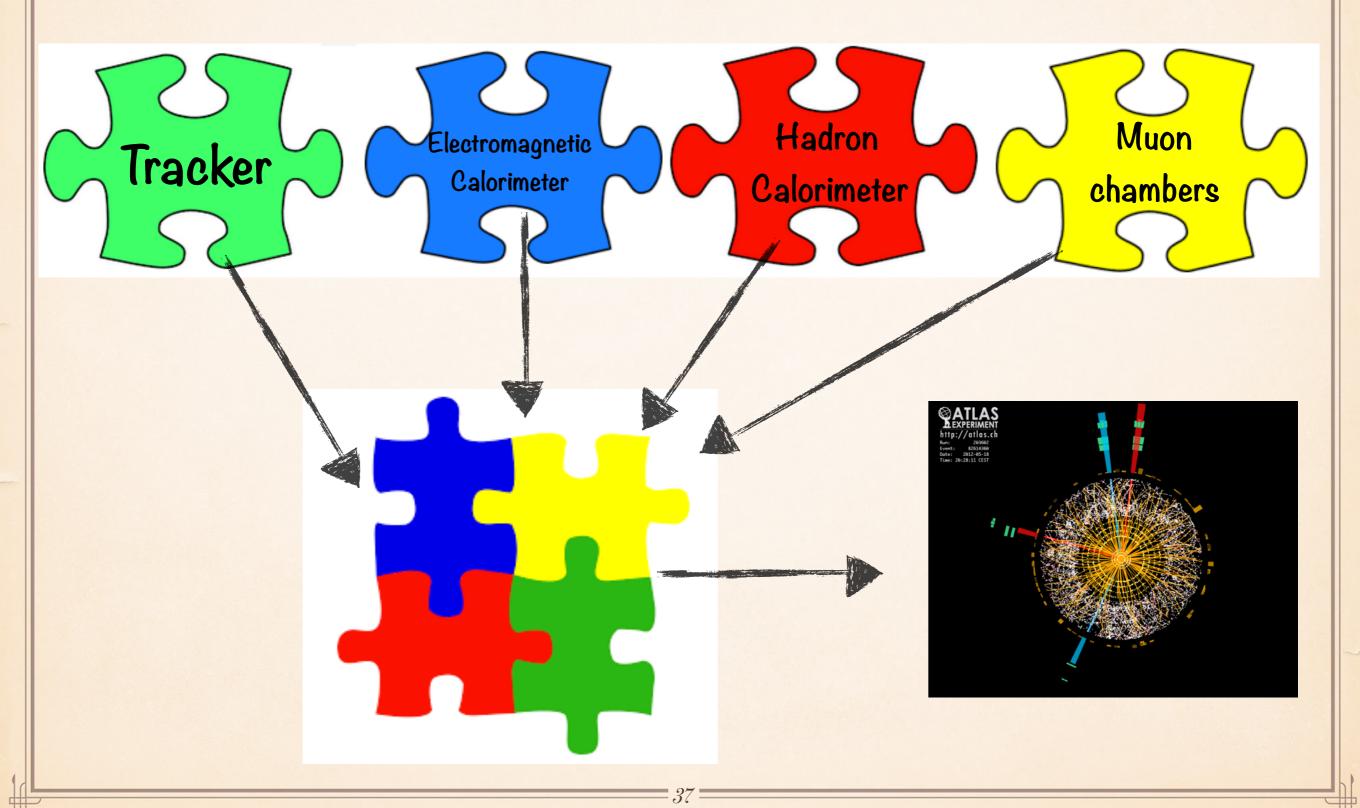
# What happens at the LHC



#### The CMS Detector



# Let's try to analyze what each part of the detector does?



#### Central Feature of CMS

- The CMS magnet is the largest superconducting magnet ever built weighs 12,000 tonnes
- It is cooled to -268.5°C
- It is 100,000 times stronger than the Earth's magnetic field
- It stores enough energy to melt 18 tonnes of gold
- It uses almost twice as much iron as the Eiffel Tower

#### The crux of particle detection

- $E=mc^2$  if a particle of mass m is at rest. So  $E^2=(mc^2)^2$
- If a particle has momentum p, then  $E^2 = (mc^2)^2 + (pc)^2$
- · For a massless particle (m=0), you get E=lplc
- Particle detection relies on measuring E and p in a detector, so that the mass of a particle can be computed
- Often, in particle physics, easier to measure the transverse momenta,  $pT = \sqrt{(p_x^2 + p_y^2)}$

#### A brief detour

Force is acting on a particle in a magnetic field (called Lorentz force)

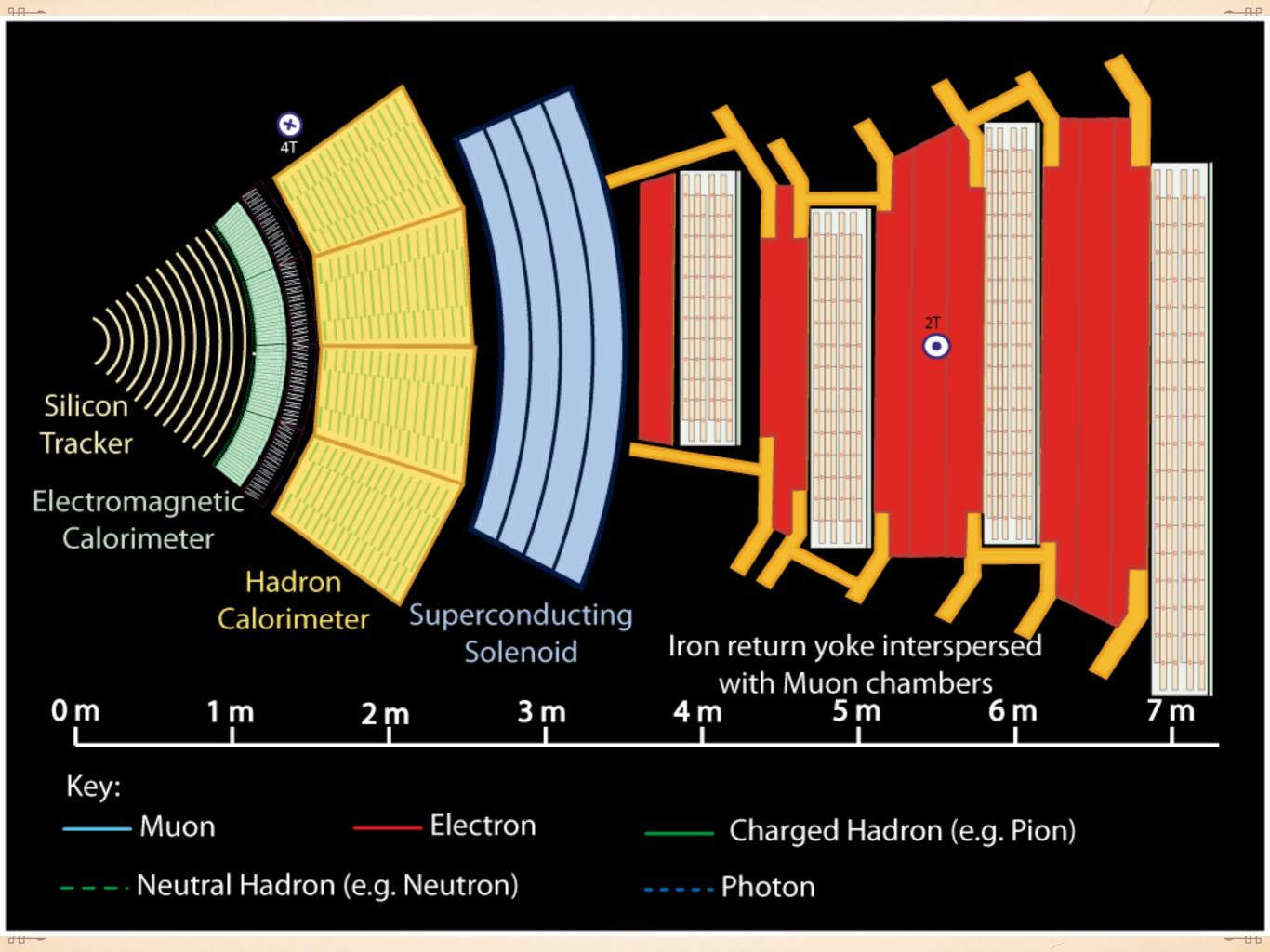
$$\vec{F} = q\vec{v} x \vec{B}$$

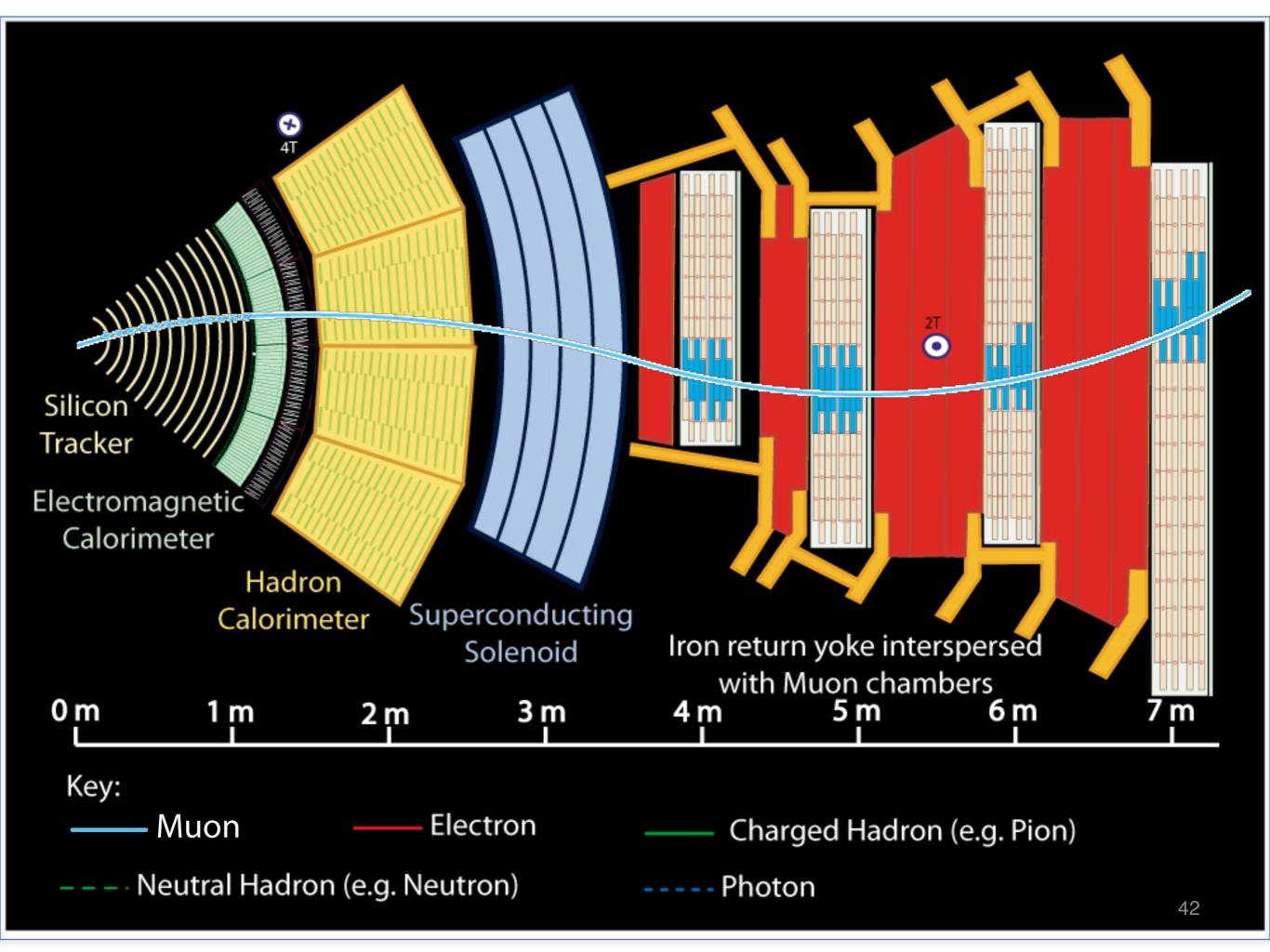
What other force is acting on a particle?

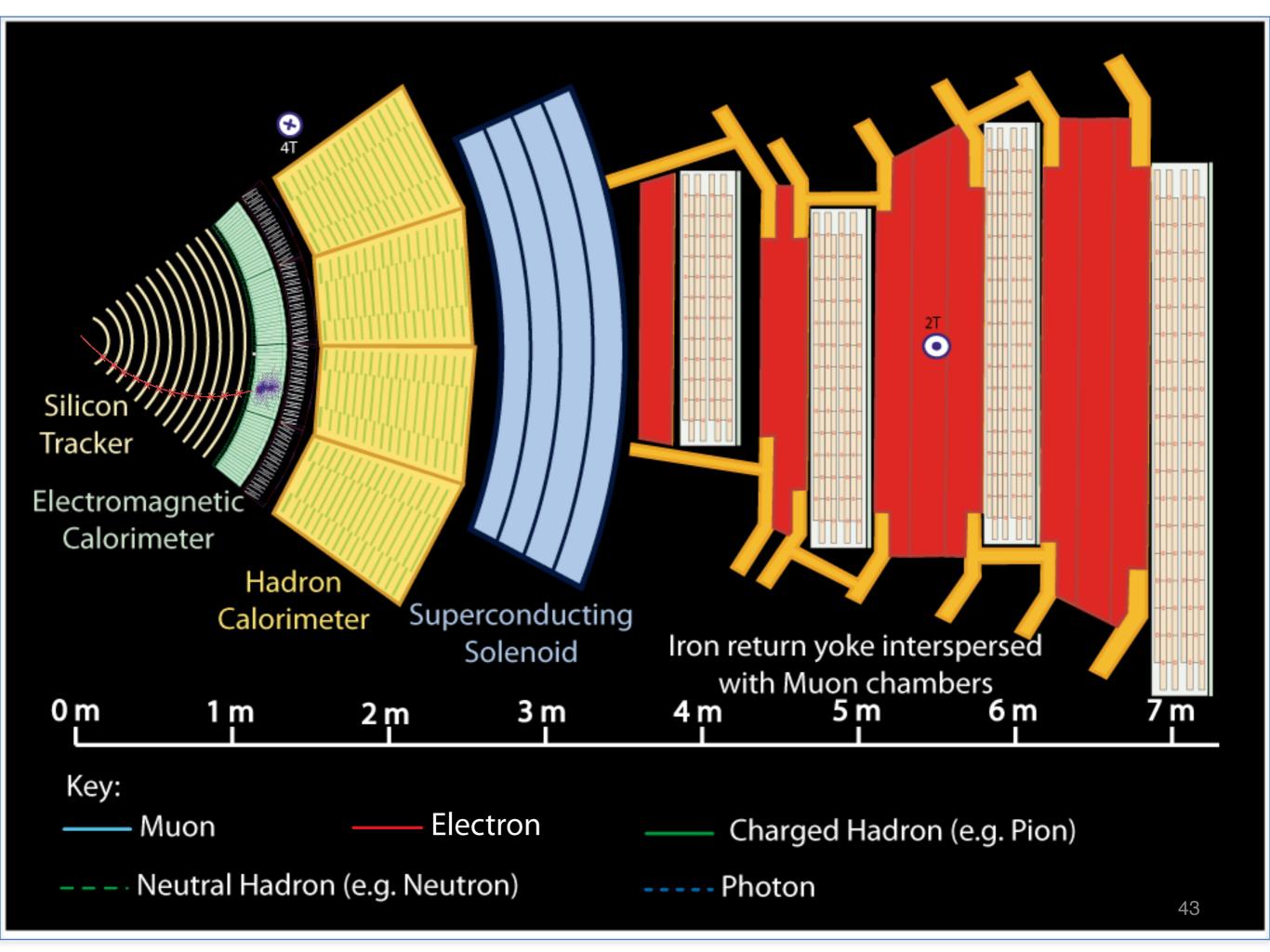
$$F_{centripetal} = m \frac{v^2}{r}$$

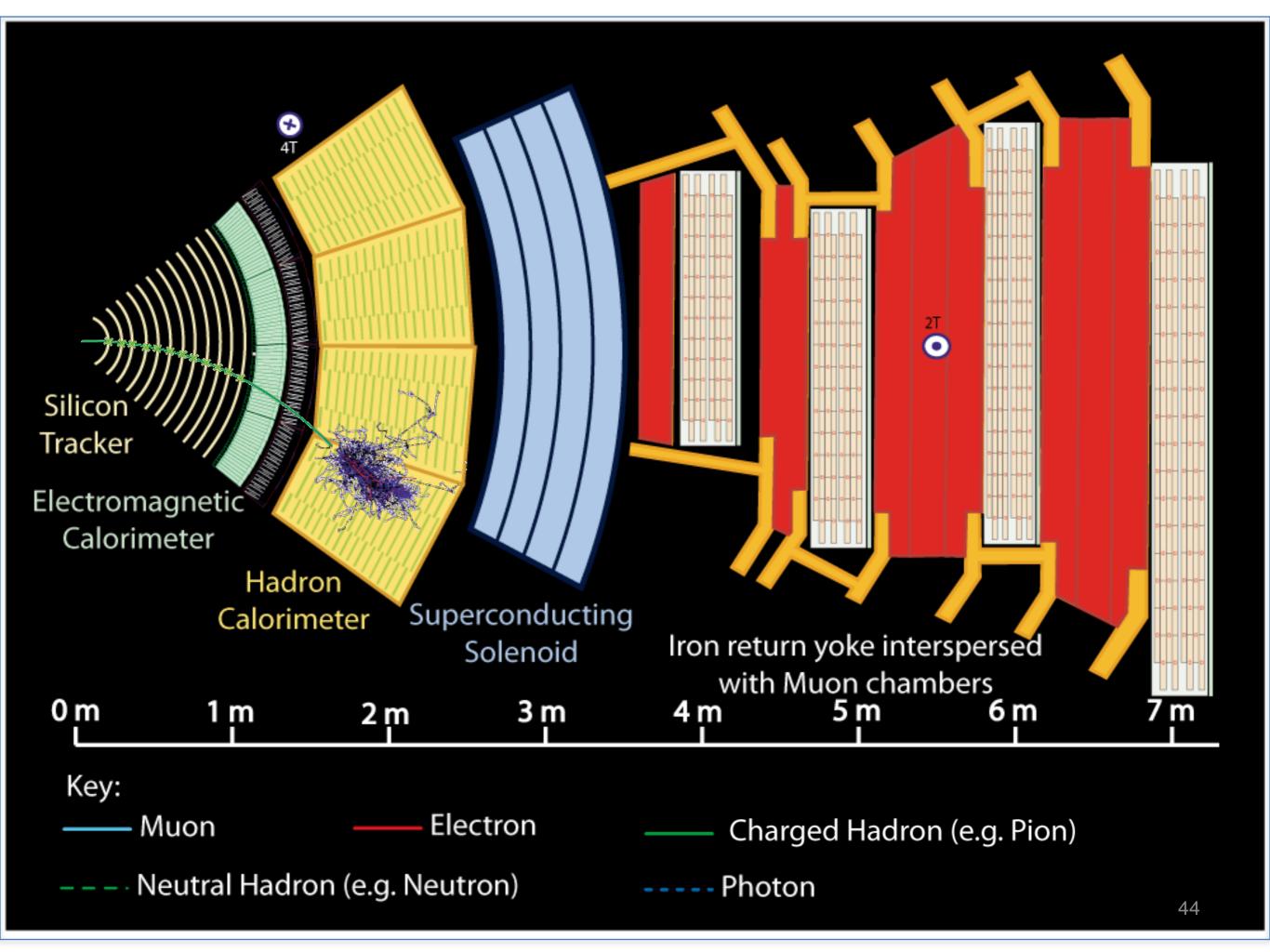
$$\frac{v^2}{r}$$
 is the centripetal acceleration

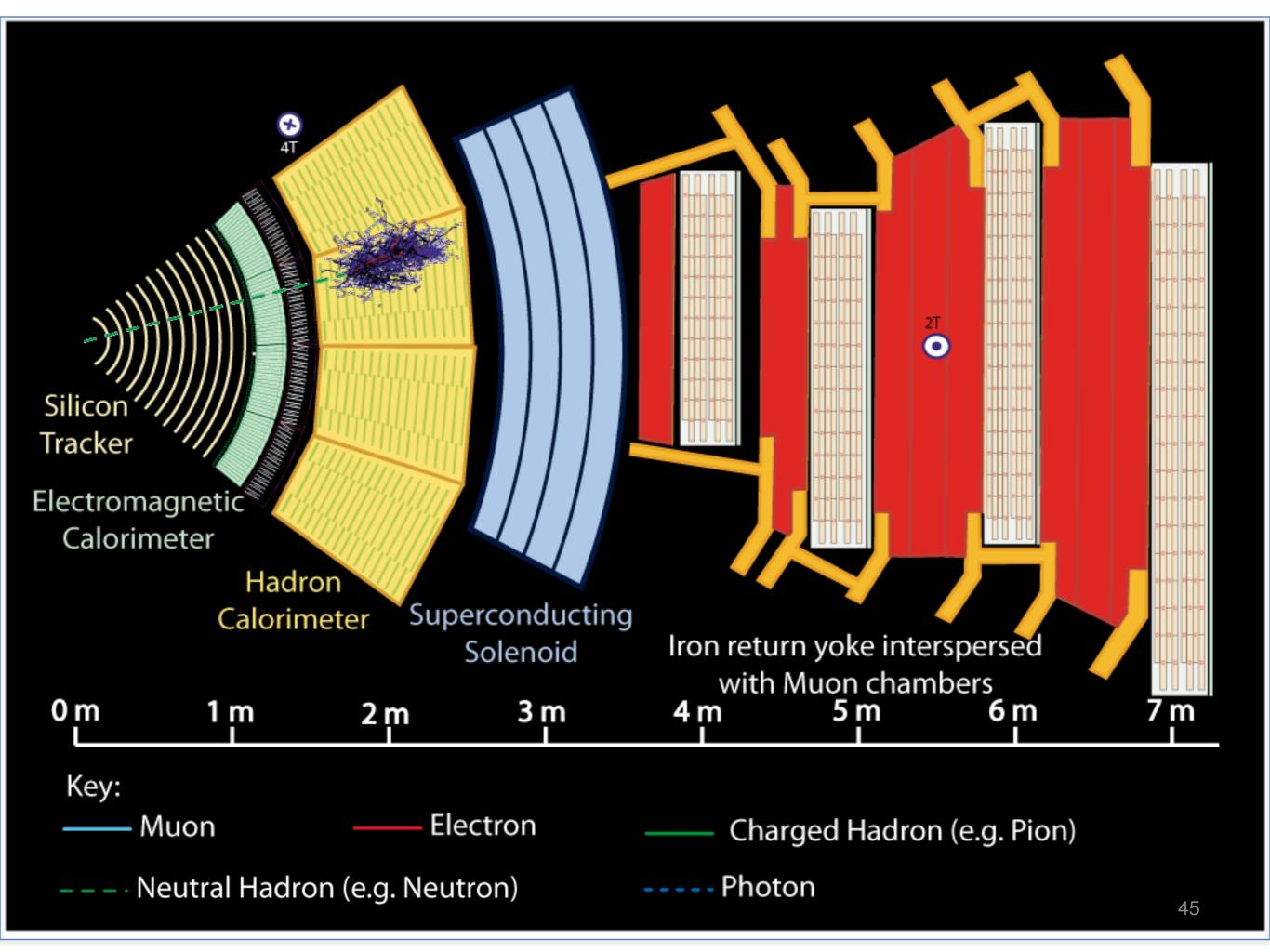
So, Bqv =  $mv^2/r$ , or, Bq=mv/r, Bq=p/r

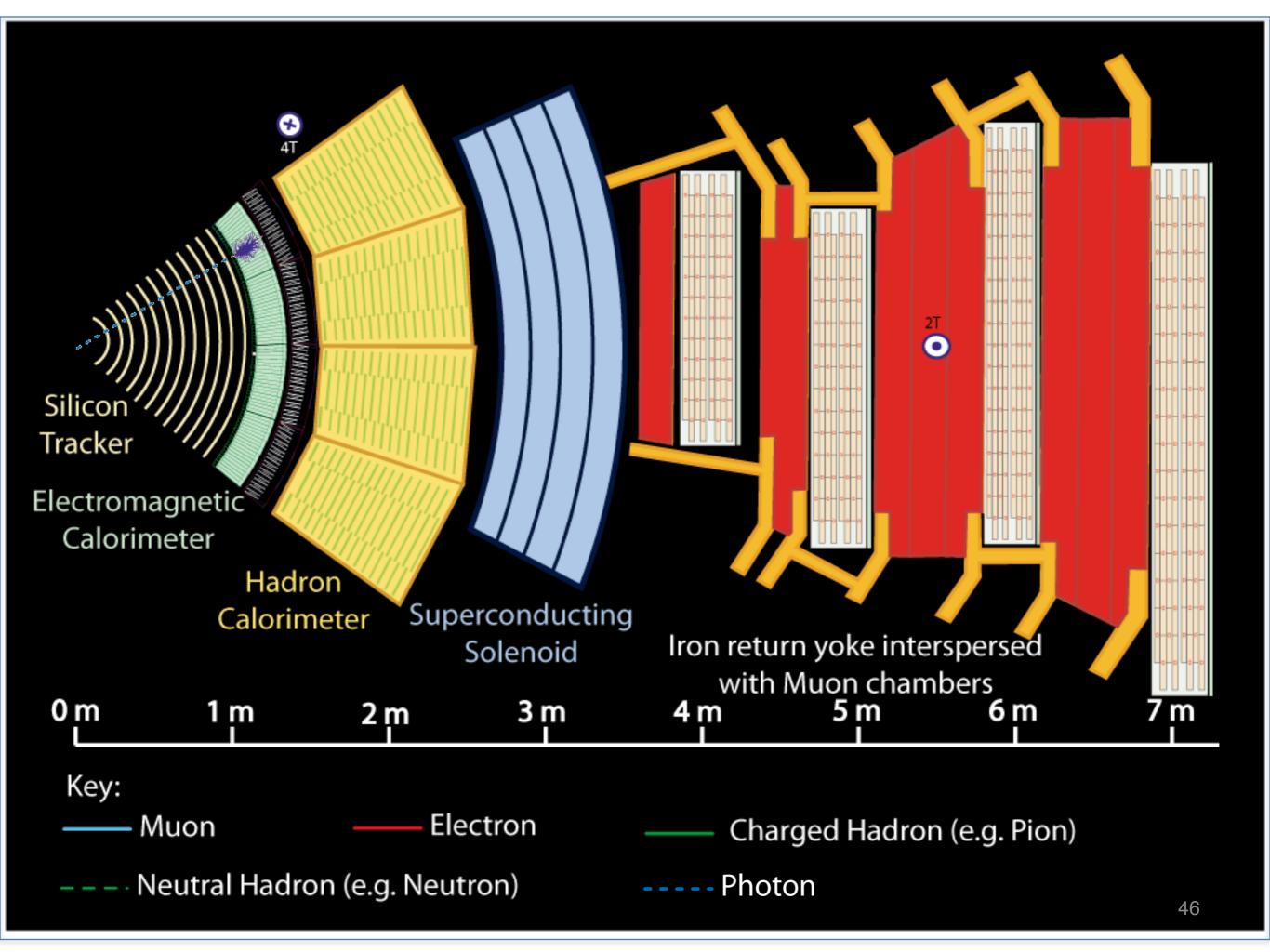




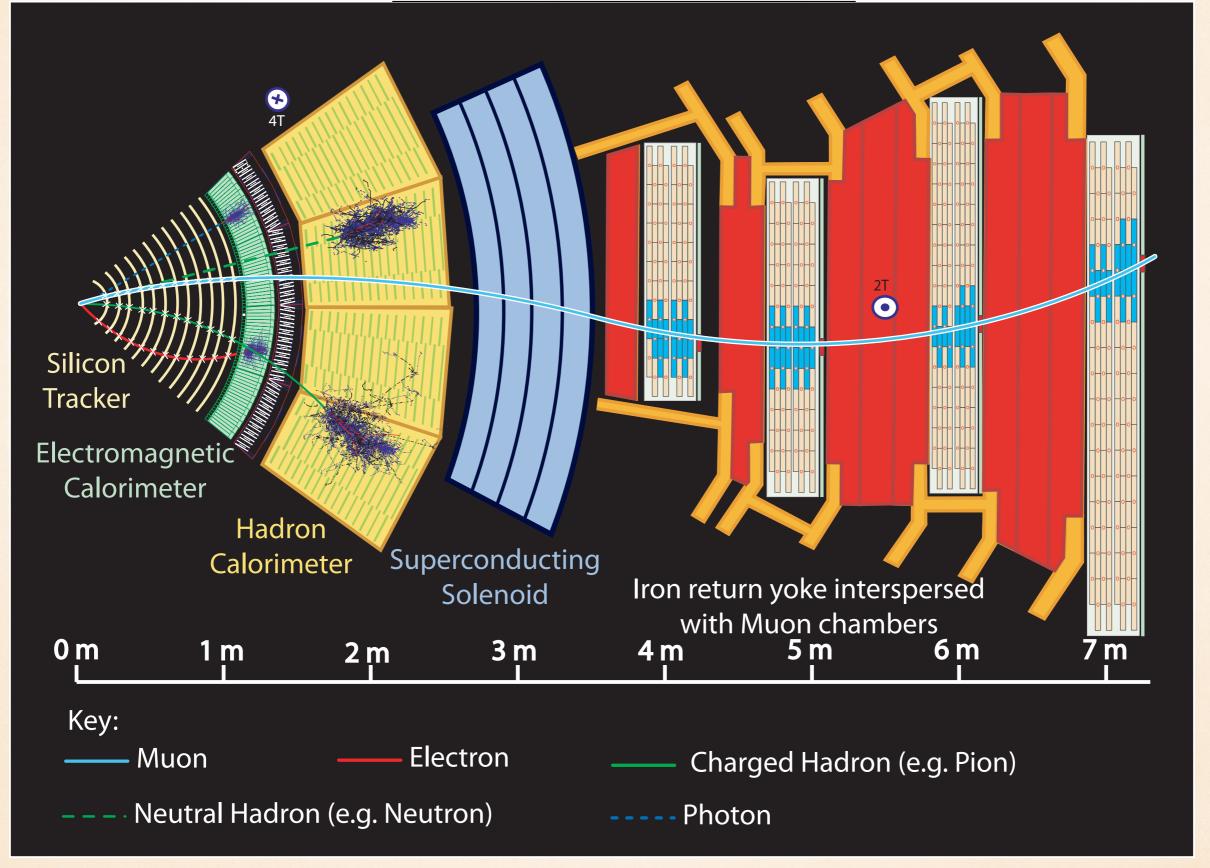




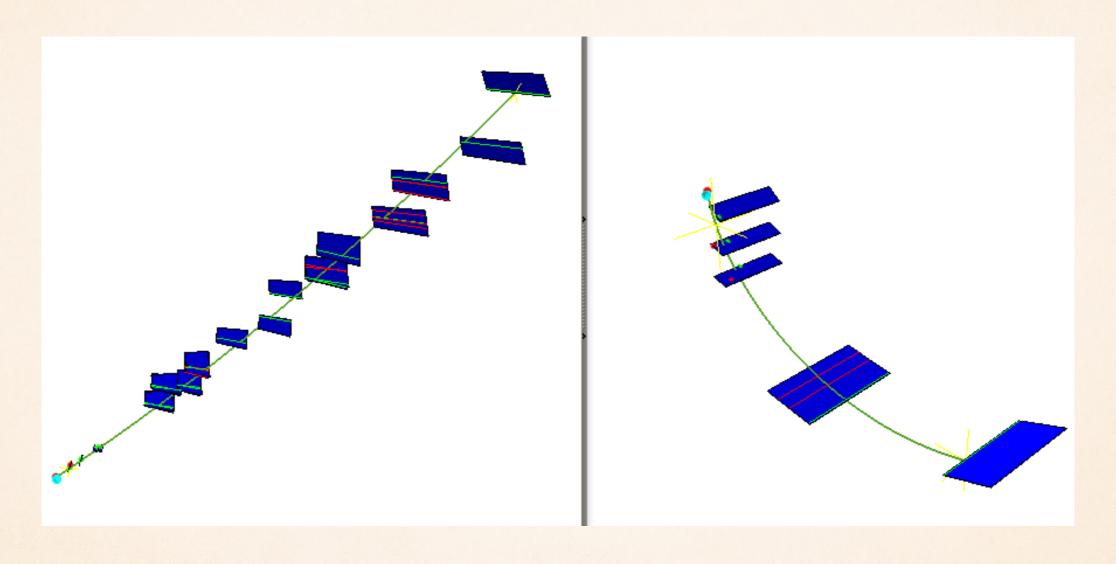




#### Particle Detection in CMS

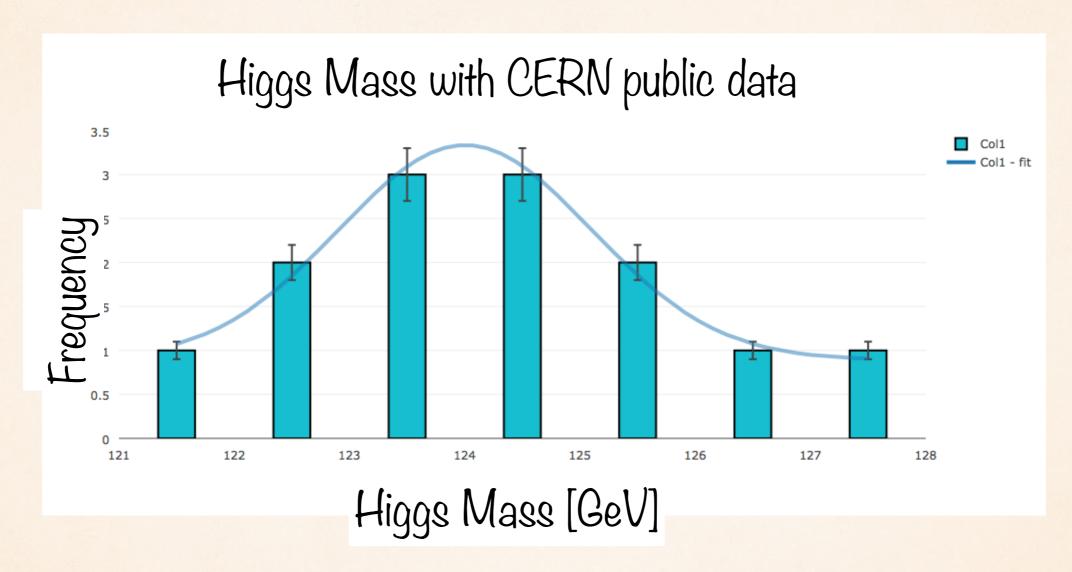


# Do we understand how tracks are created from individual hits in sensors?



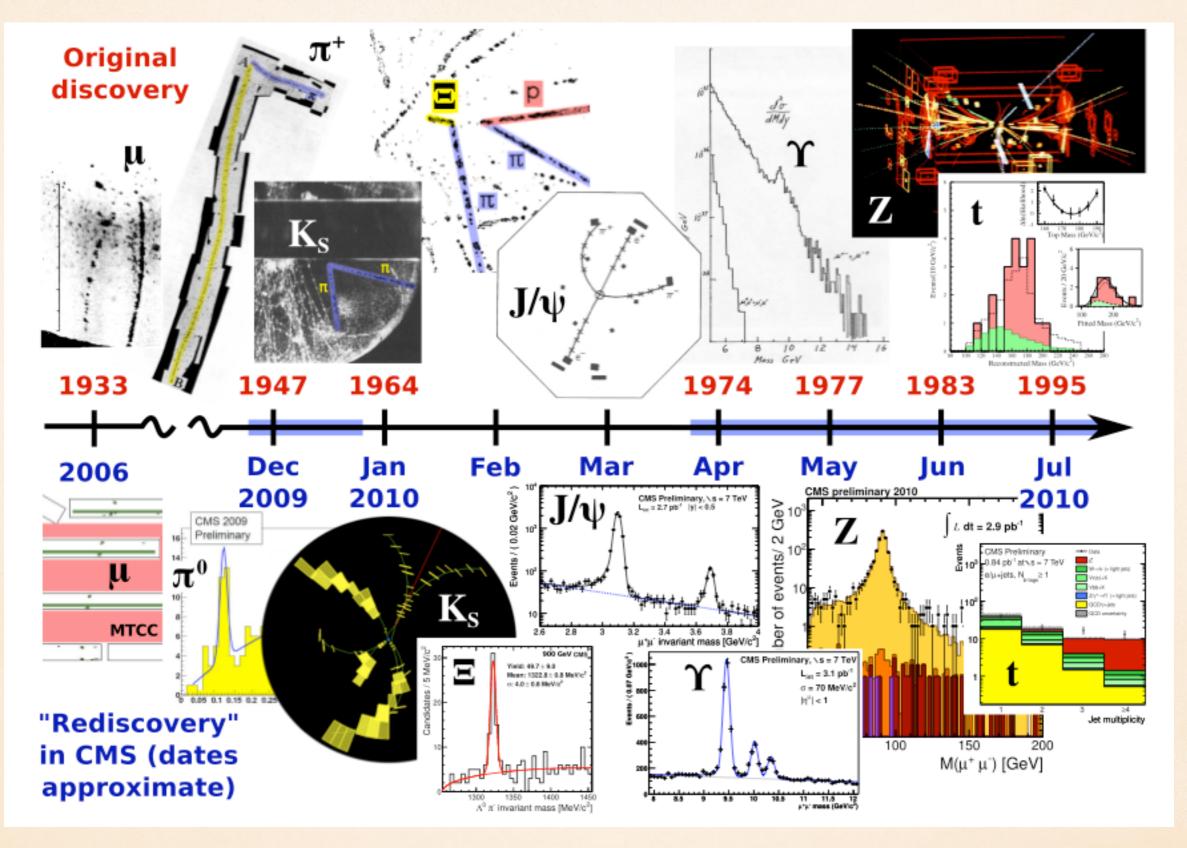
Pattern recognition algorithm used

#### A brief detour

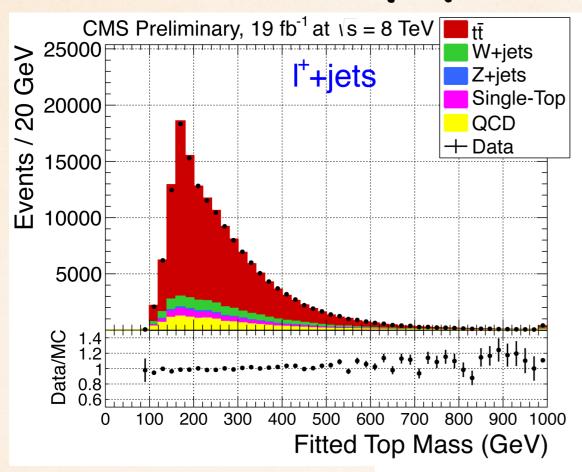


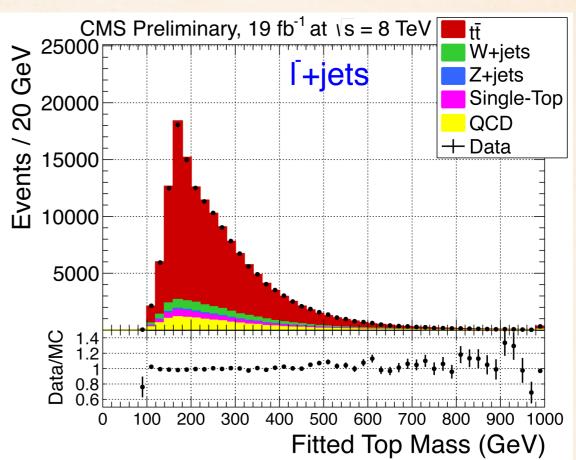
- · What's a histogram? It's a frequency graph
- · We usually make a plot per event
- · What's an event? I p-p collision
- · Plots made with y-label: Events/x-axis units

# The rediscovery of particles at the LHC

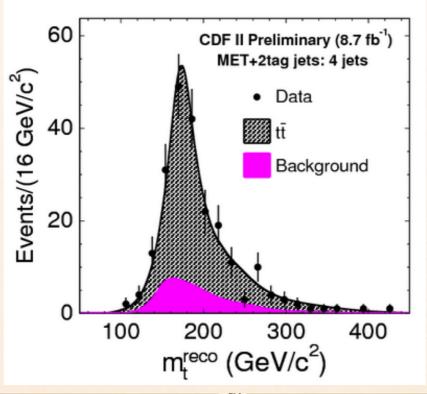


### Top quark at the LHC



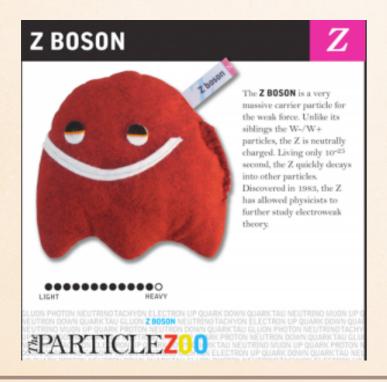


Compare with top quark at the Tevatron



# The discovery train

"Yesterday's discovery, today's calibration, tomorrow's background"



Literally referred to as a standard candle!



# A word about the Higgs boson



- Remember Einstein's equation?  $E^2=(mc^2)^2+(pc)^2$ , if m=0 particle travels at the speed of light
- What if there is a force field filling the universe that somehow slows particles down to below the speed of light?
- · This would make them have mass!

#### Timeline of the Higgs discovery

October 19th, 1964: Higgs, Brout and Englert independently work out the Higgs mechanism

July 14th, 1989: Large Electron-Positron collider: First injection



December 16th, 1994: LHC construction approved

#### Timeline of the Higgs discovery

September 10th, 2008: The LHC starts up

December 13th, 2011: Tantalizing hints of the Higgs

July 4th, 2012: ATLAS and CMS observe a particle consistent with the Higgs boson

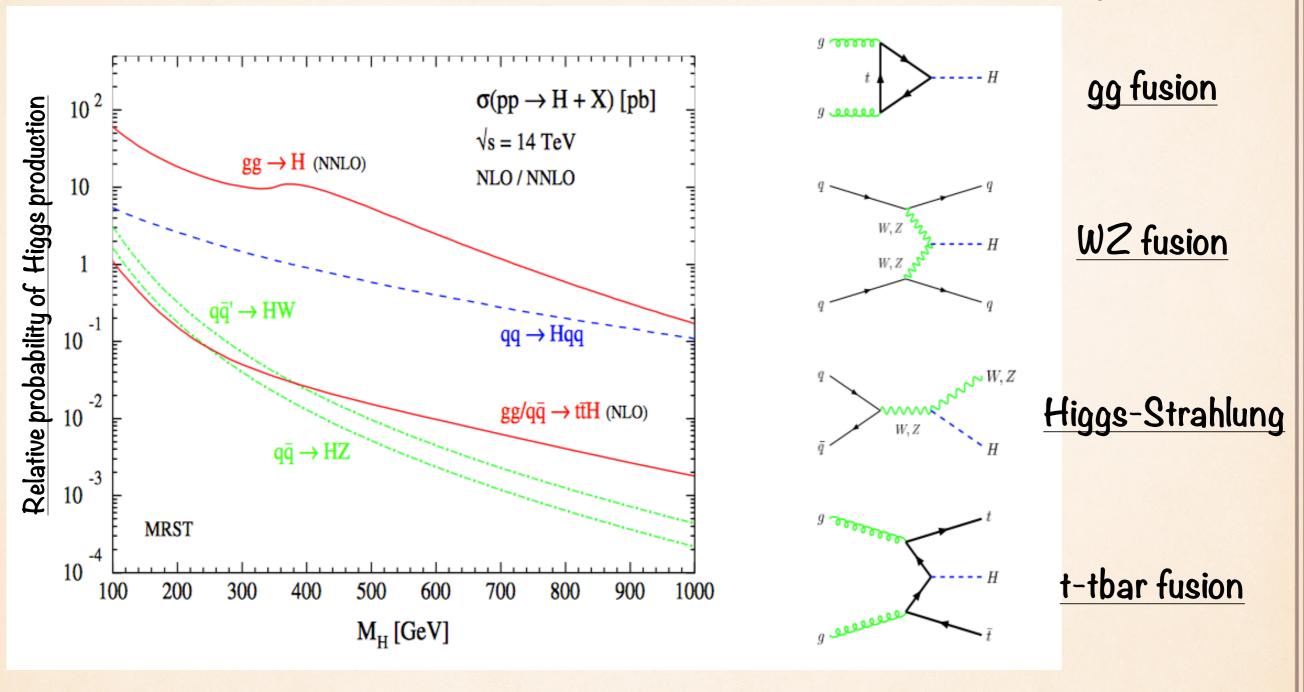




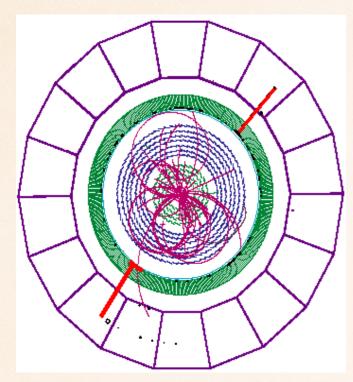
July 4th, 2012: ATLAS and CMS submit Higgs-search papers

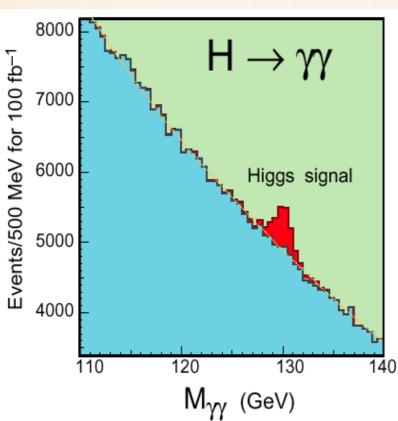
# Higgs Production

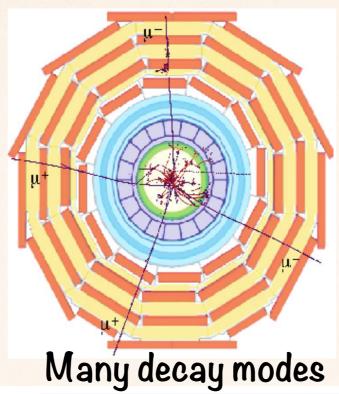
#### affectionately known as...

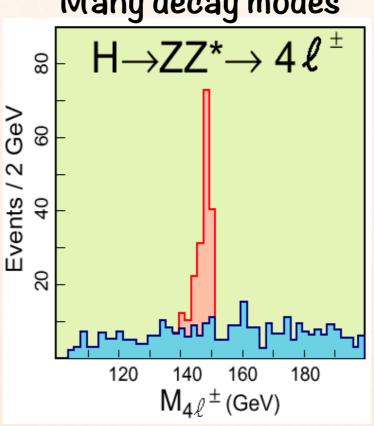


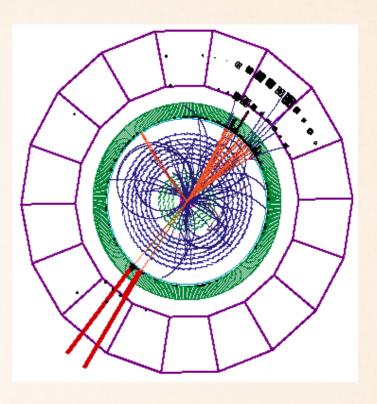
### Observing the Higgs boson

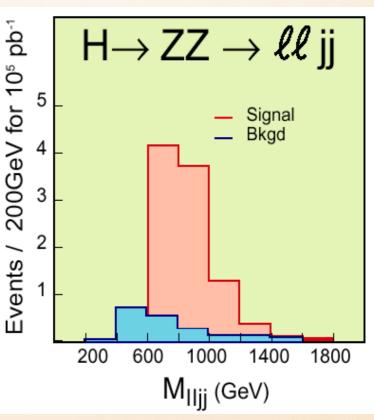




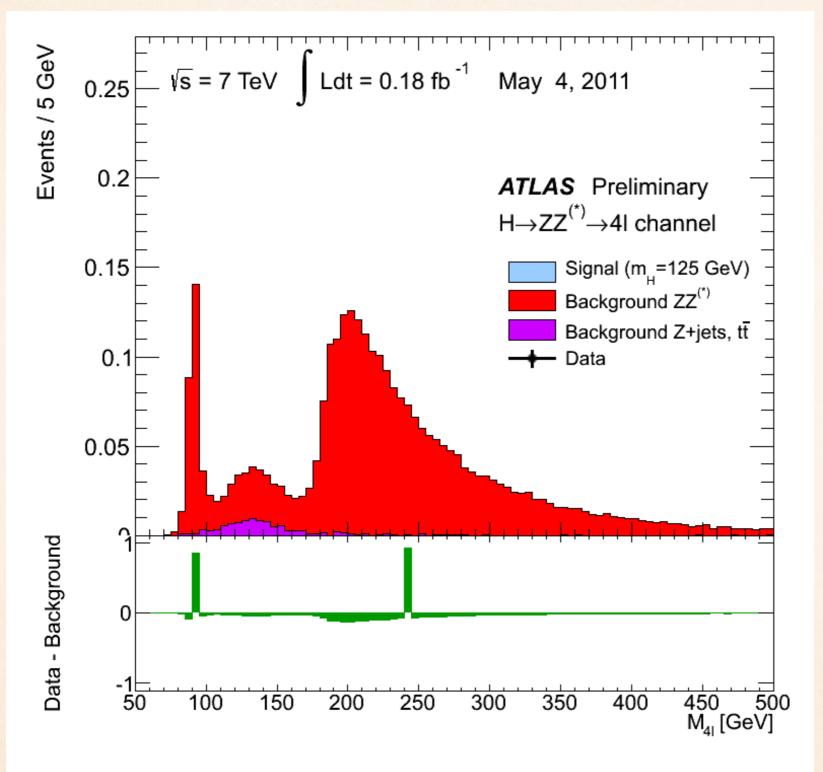




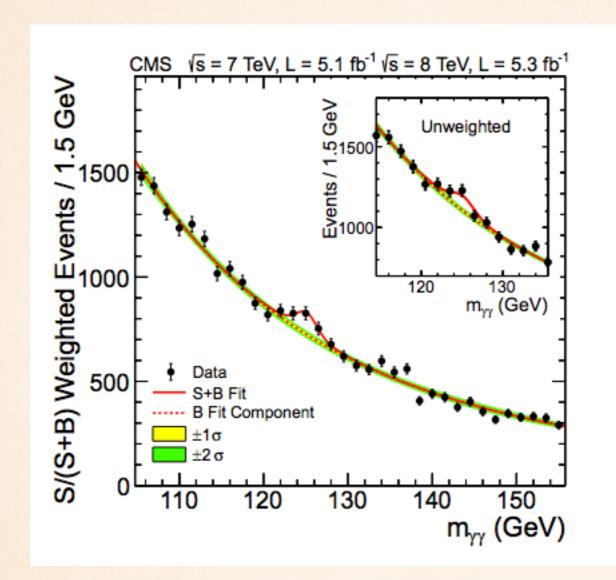




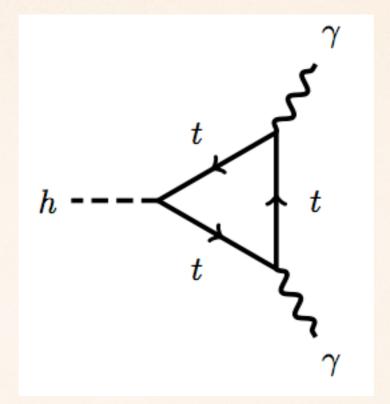
# Higgs boson discovery

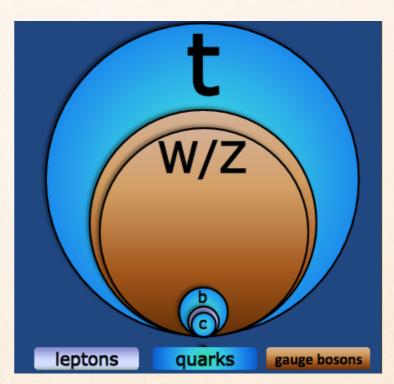


#### What's next: Understand the relationship between the top and the Higgs

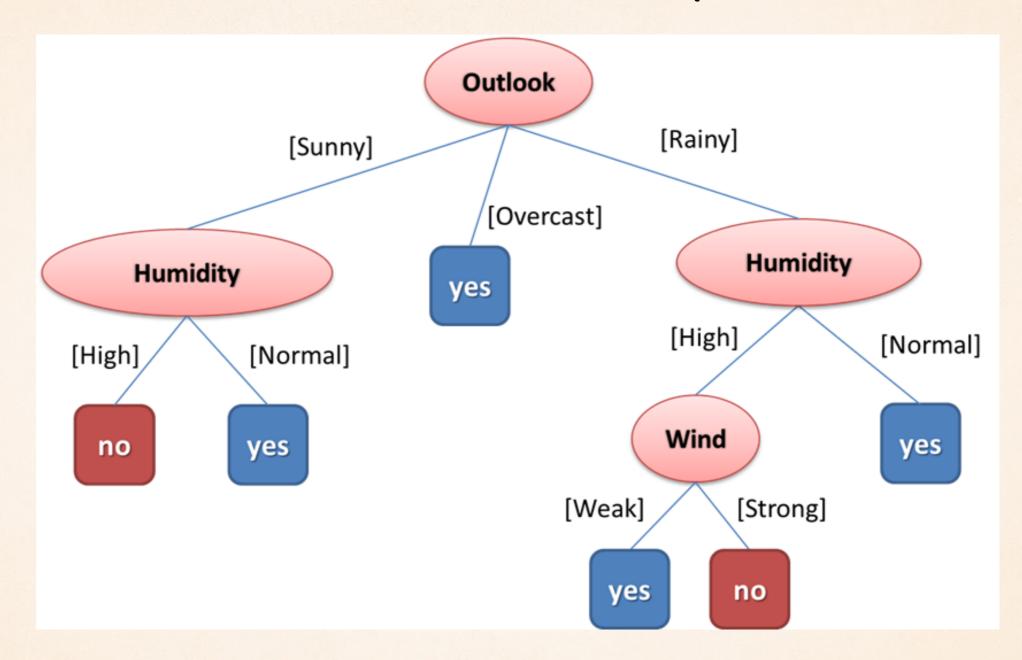


Higgs->largest coupling with the top



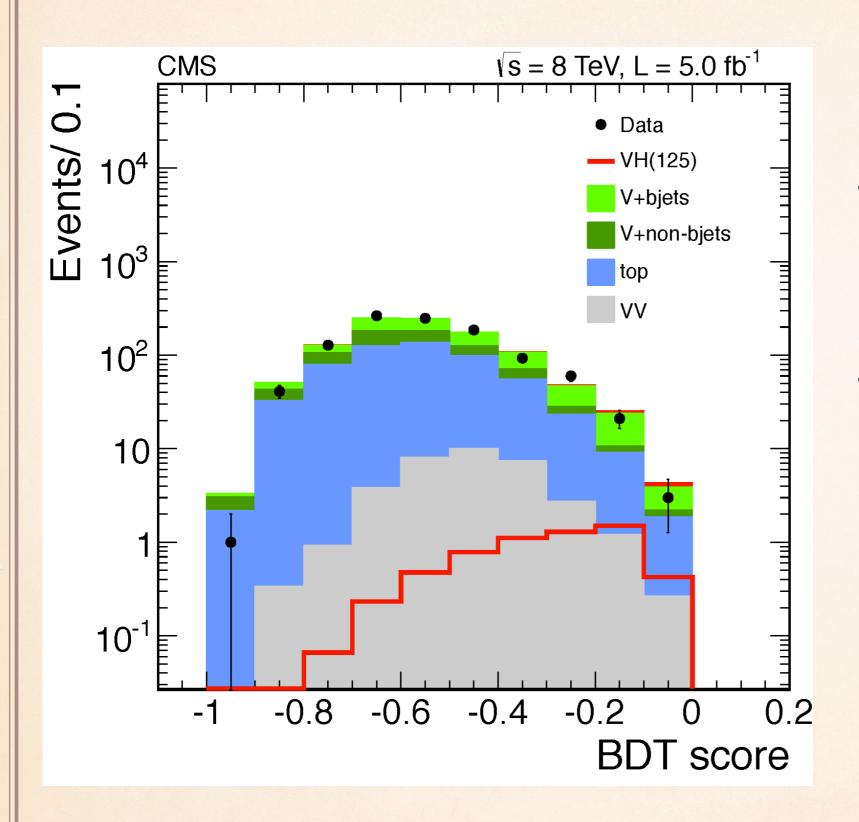


#### What's next: Use machine learning to probe further



Ask enough questions to fully characterize weather

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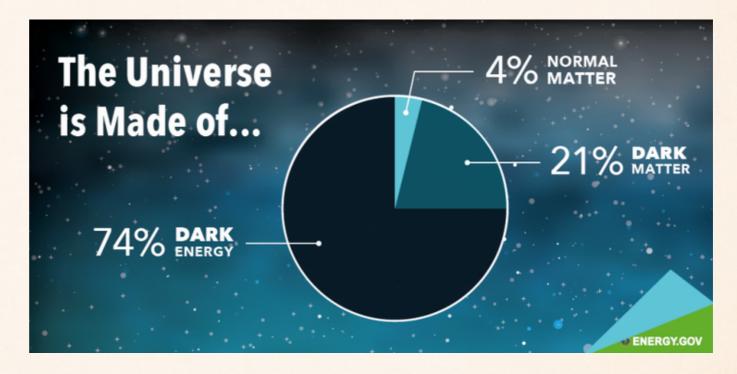


- Super variable identified by the computer
- Not enough signal yet

# Open questions?

 We know about ~27% of the universe is made up of dark matter from cosmological evidence



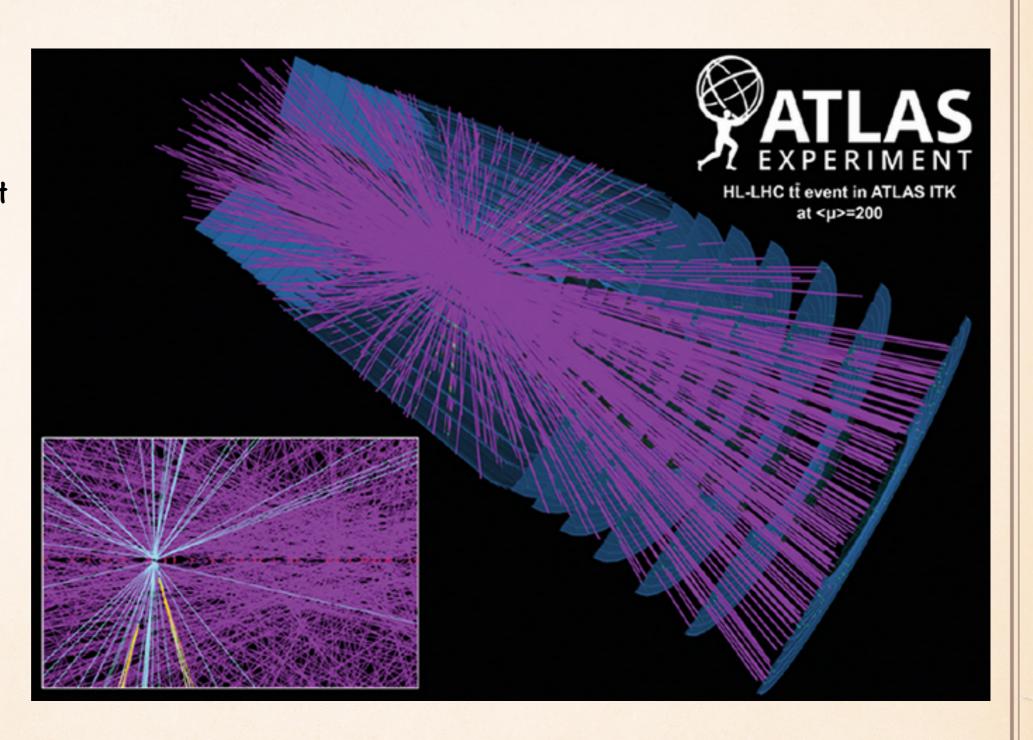


- Where is all the anti matter?
- We haven't included gravity into the mix yet!

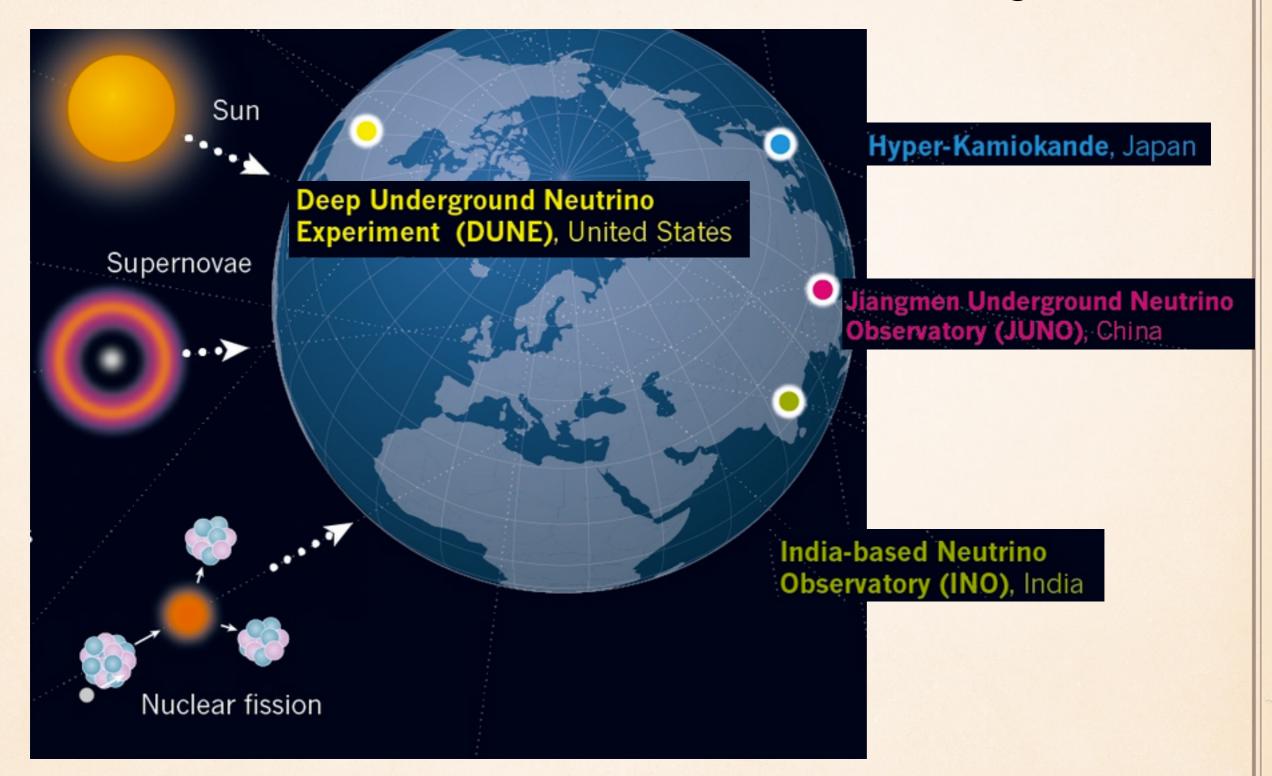


# Where do we see ourselves in the next 10 years?

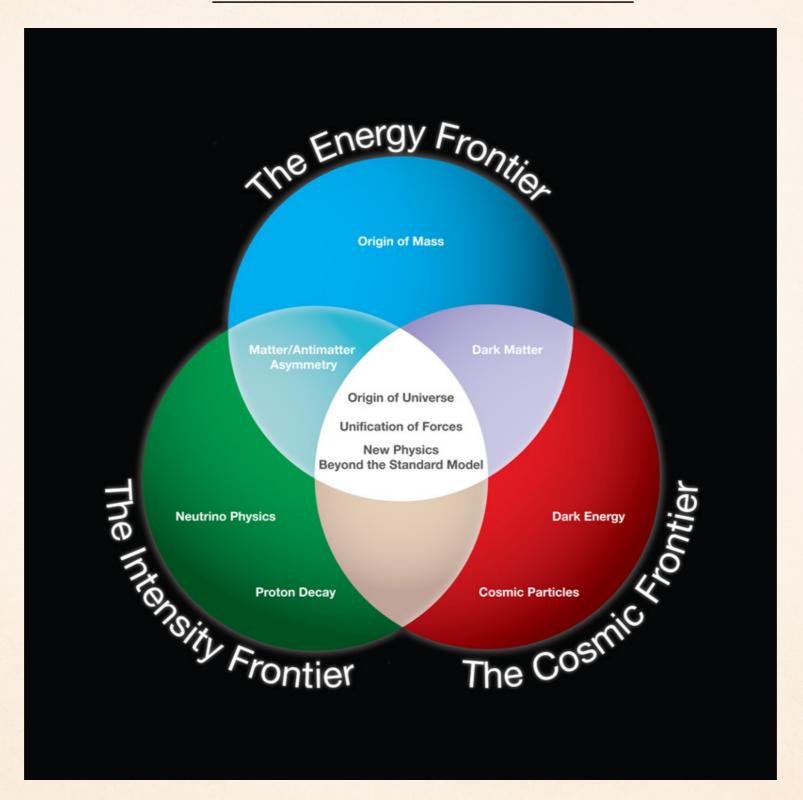
- Plan on collecting at least
   15 times more data
- Many technical challenges
   associated with designing
   upgraded
   detectors



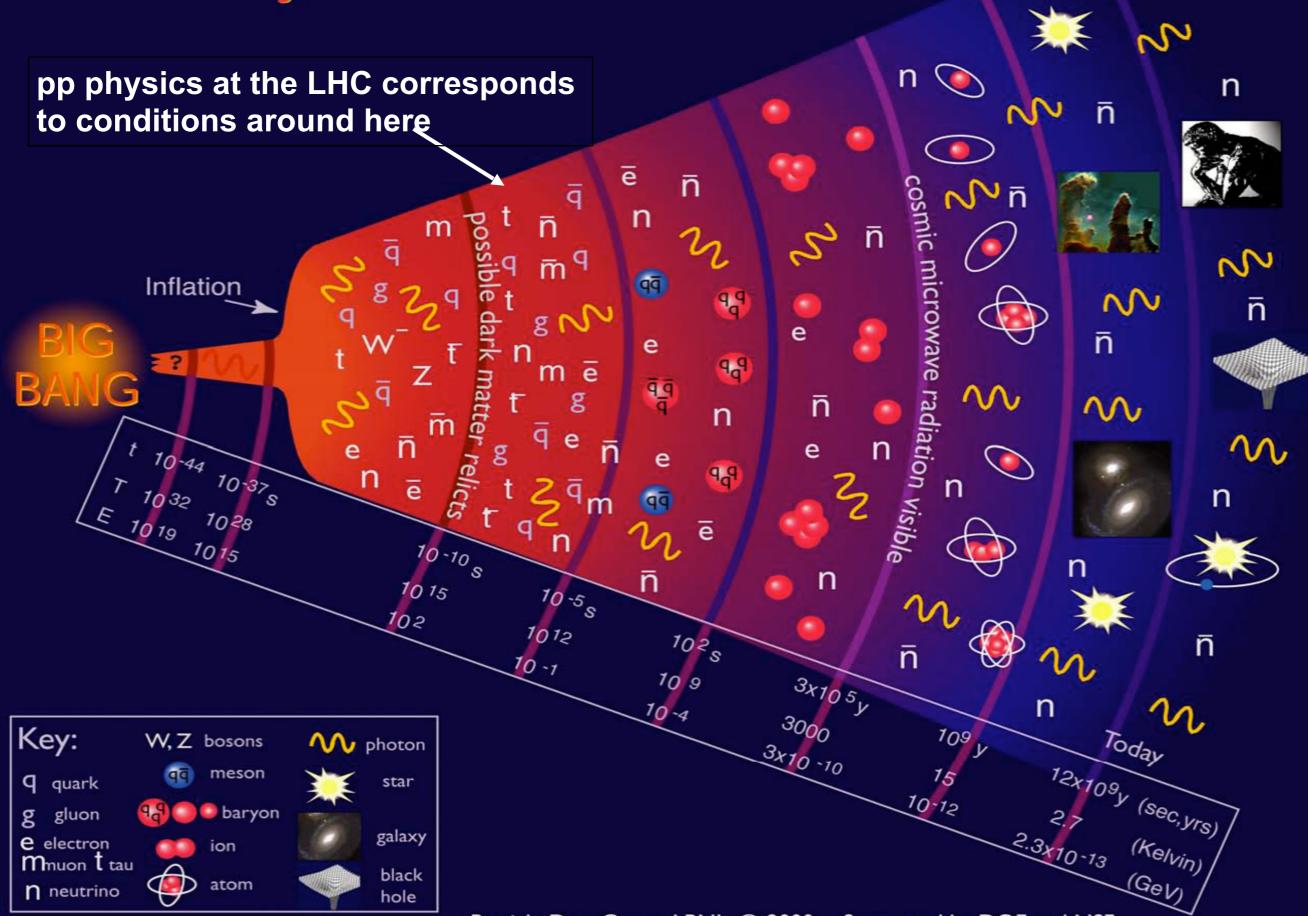
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#### It's all connected!



History of the Universe

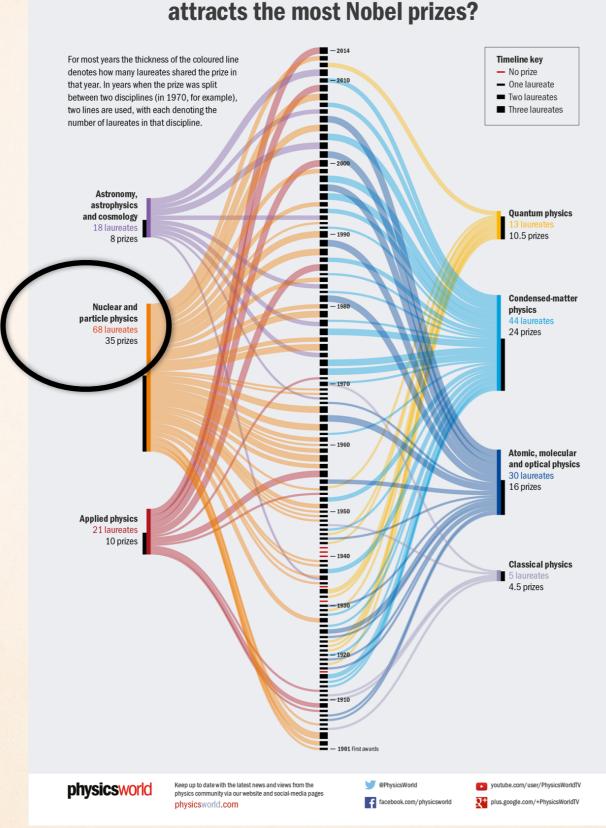


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#### Nobel Prizes

#### Which physics discipline attracts the most Nobel prizes?

Particle
Physics: 68
laureates, 35
prizes!



#### References

- · Used CERN resources
- · Used journals like Nature
- · Borrowed from talks given by my colleagues: Dave Barney, Joe Incandela

# ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

# Higgs Decay

If you were to follow the curve for a 125 GeV Higgs, you'd get the following numbers:

60% of such particles would decay to bottom (b) quark/antiquark pairs

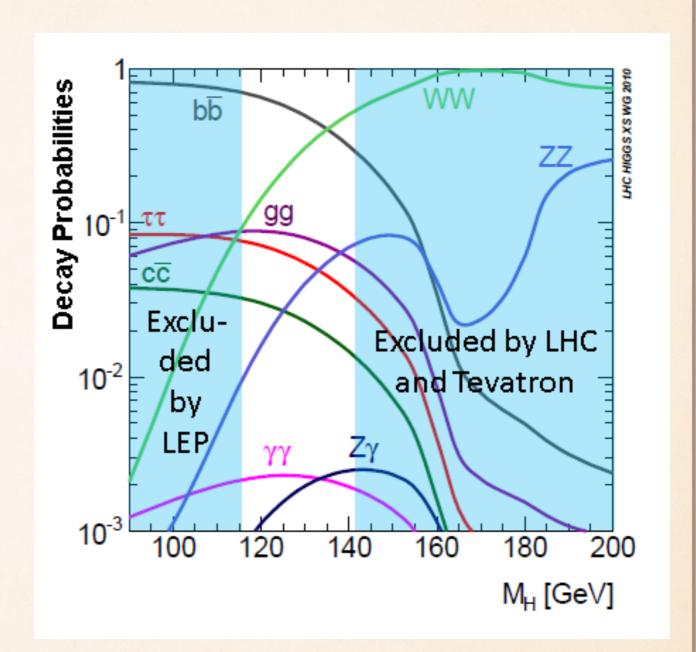
21% would decay to W particles

9% would decay to two gluons (g)

5% would decay to tau (C) lepton/antilepton pairs

2.5% would decay to charm (c) quark/antiquark pairs

- 2.5% would decay to 2 particles.
- O.2% would decay to two photons (7)
- 0.15% would decay to a photon and a Z particle



#### Let's look at the sources of neutrinos

