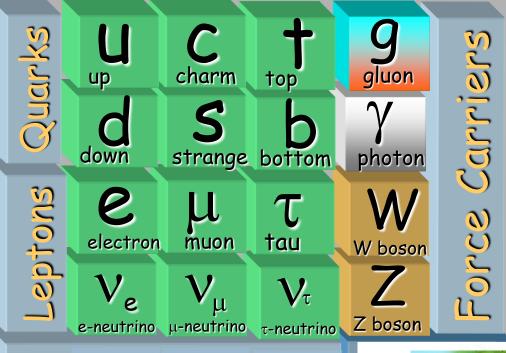


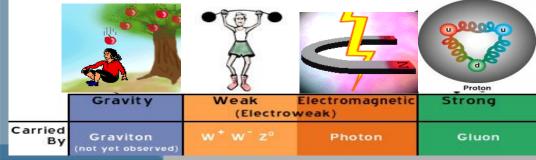
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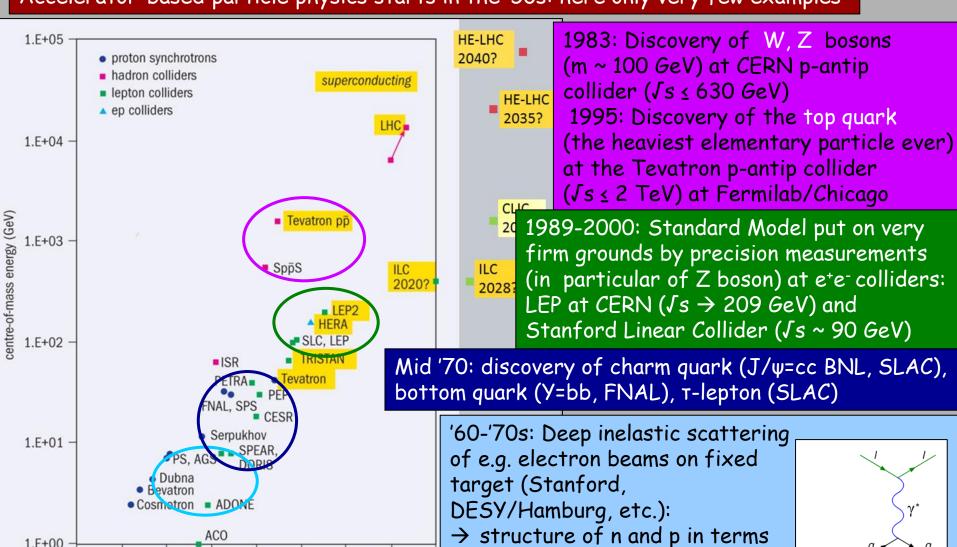
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The role of accelerators

'30s-'50s: particle physics based mainly cosmic ray observations \rightarrow discovery of e⁺, μ , ...

Accelerator-based particle physics starts in the '50s: here only very few examples



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of quark (u, d) constituents

Later ('90s): HERA ep collider

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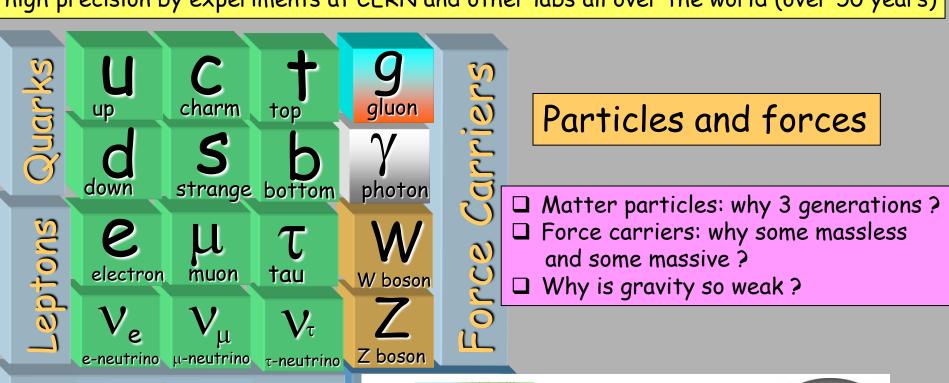
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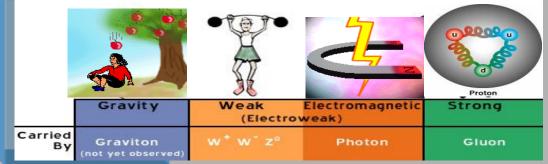
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The outstanding questions before the LHC

What is the origin of the particle masses?

→ Related to the Higgs boson

What is the nature of the Universe dark matter?

ATLAS, CMS

ATLAS, CMS

Note: New Physics beyond the Standard Model is needed in most cases. Experimental data and theoretical arguments indicate that this New Physics could manifest itself at the ~ TeV energy scale being explored by the LHC

permeating the Universe ~10 µs after the Big Bang?

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LHC built to address these and other fundamental questions

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Why is gravity so weak? Are there additional (microscopic) space dimensions?

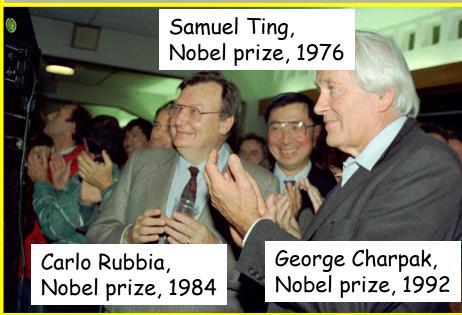
Etc. etc.

CERN: European Organization for Nuclear Research The world's largest particle physics laboratory

More than 50 years of:

- fundamental research and discoveries (and Nobel prizes ...)
- technological innovation and technology transfer to society (e.g. the World Wide Web: 20th anniversary on 30 April)
- training and education (young scientists, school students and teachers)
- bringing the world together (10000 scientists from > 60 countries)







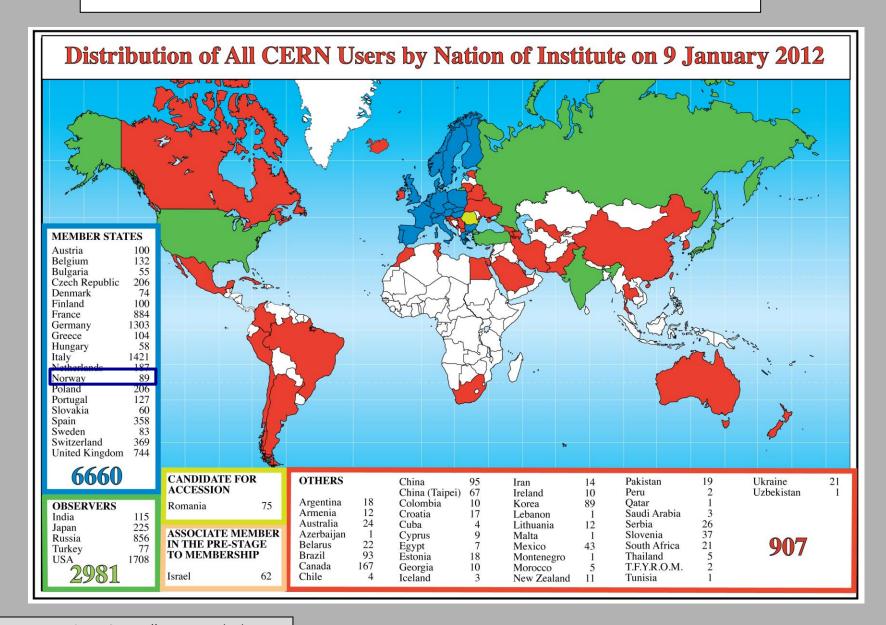
Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

Observers: India, Japan, the Russian Federation, United States of America, Turkey, the European Commission and UNESCO
Associate, in the pre-stage to membership: Israel

- ~ 2300 staff
- > 10000 users

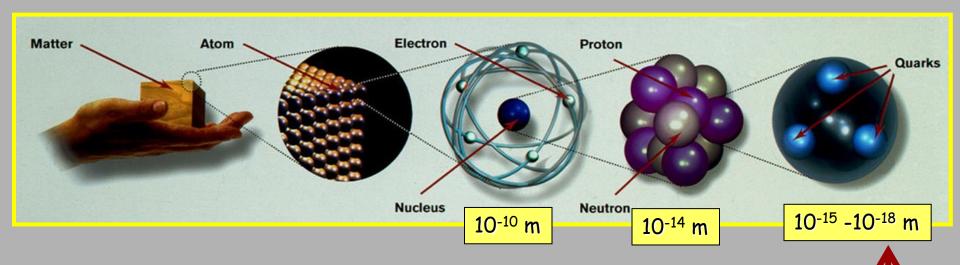
Budget (2012) ~1000 MCHF (→ about 1 cappuccino/citizen): each Member State contributes in proportion to its income: Norway: ~ 2.5% (~ 25 MCHF)

More than 10000 users from > 60 countries



CERN's primary mission is SCIENCE

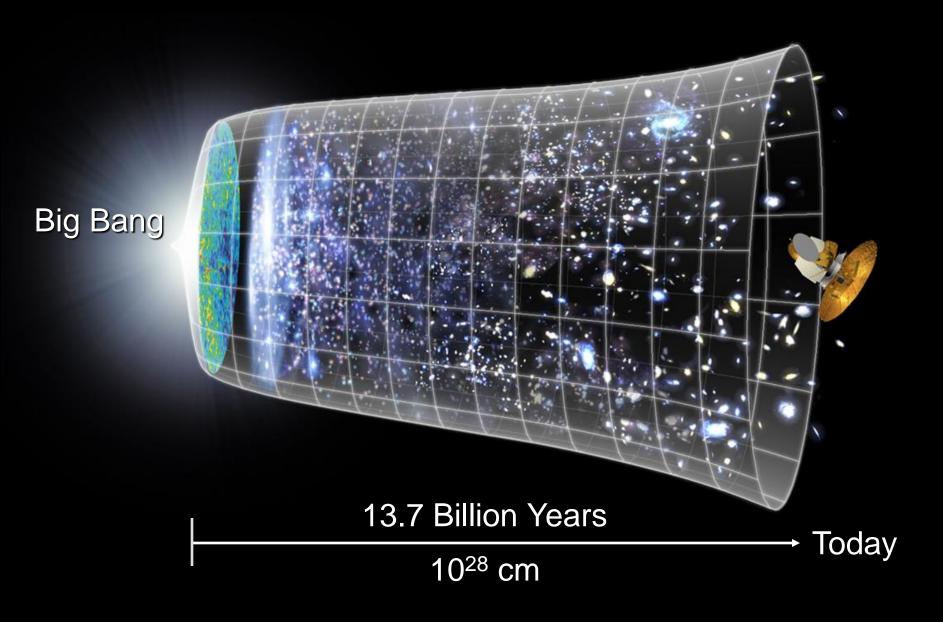
Study the elementary particles (e.g. the building blocks of matter: electrons and quarks) and the forces that control their behaviour at the most fundamental level



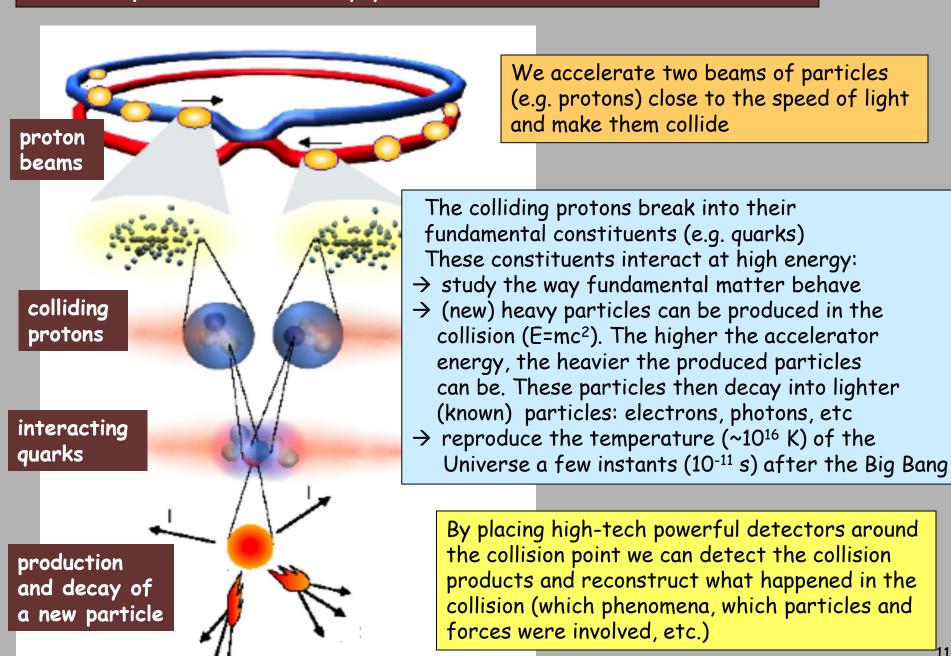
Particle physics at modern accelerators allows us to study the fundamental laws of nature on scales down to 10^{-18} m

- > insight also into the structure and evolution of the Universe
- → from the very small to the very big ...

Evolution of the Universe

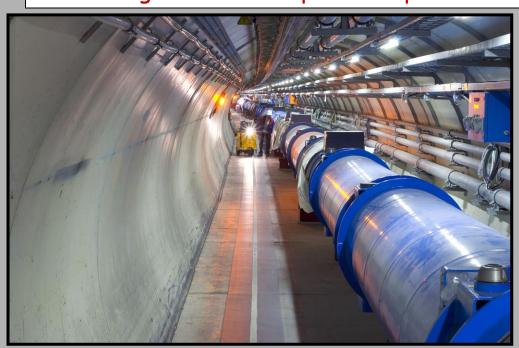


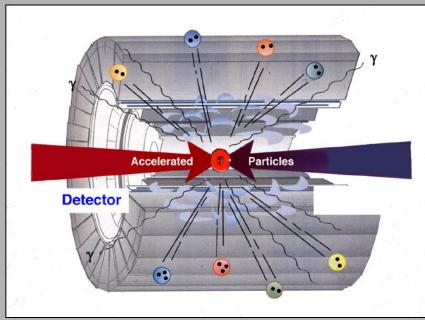
To study the elementary particles and their interactions:



Therefore, we need three things:

Accelerators: underground tunnels (usually rings) containing electric fields to accelerate particles to very high energy (incrementally at each turn), and magnets to bend the beams inside the ring and bring them into collision Powerful giant microscopes to explore the smallest constituents of matter!





Detectors: massive instruments which register the collision products and allow to identify the produced particles and measure their energy and trajectory.

Computing: to store, distribute and analyse the vast amount of data produced by the detectors and thus reconstruct the "event" occurred in the collision.

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN

the most powerful accelerator

.... and also

the most high-tech and complex detectors
the most advanced computing infrastructure
the most innovative concepts and technologies
(cryogenics, new materials, electronics, data transfer and storage, etc. etc...)
the widest international collaborations

ever achieved in accelerator-based particle physics.

One of the most ambitious projects in science in general.

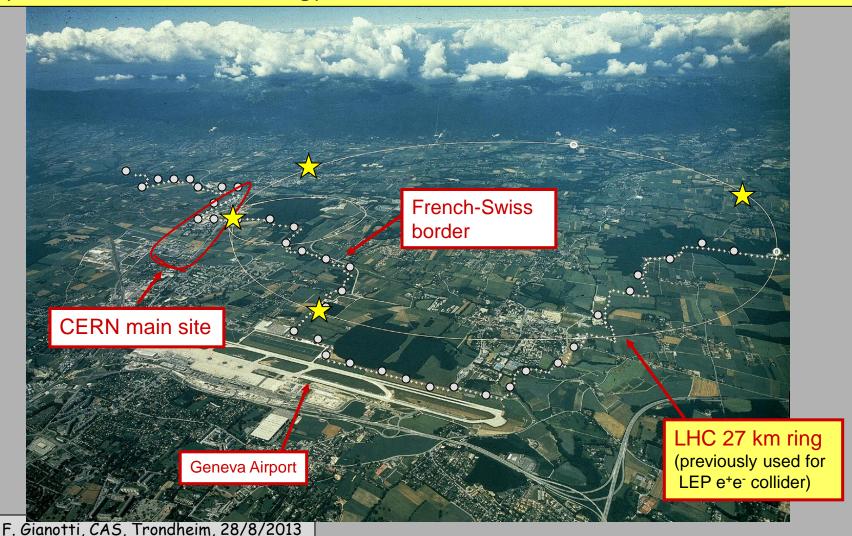
Operation started 20 November 2009
(> 20 years from concept to start of operation)

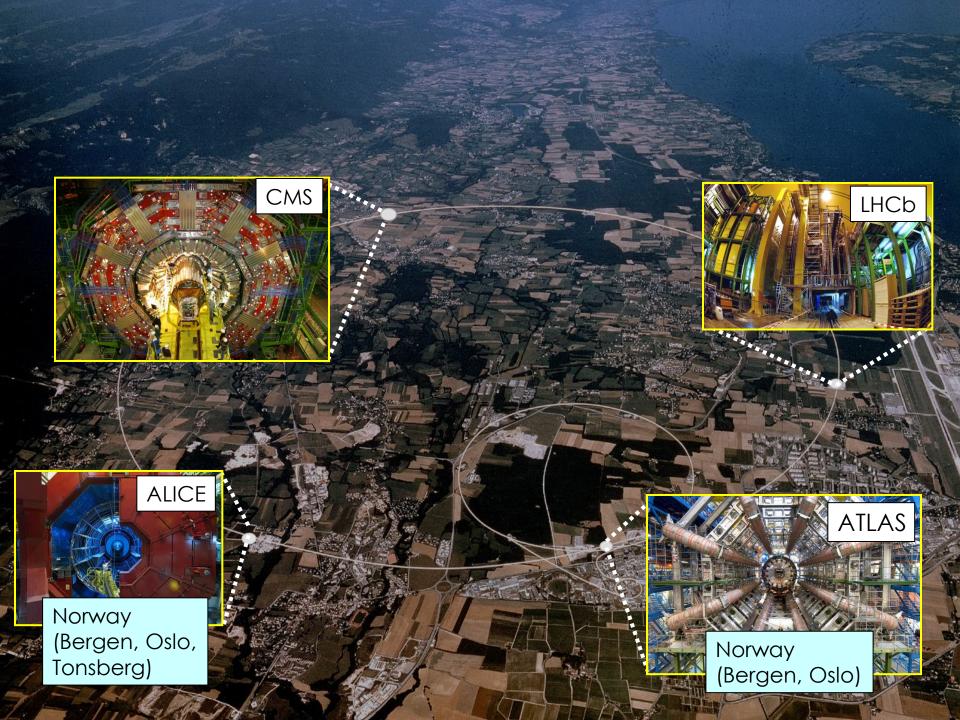
→ End of first data-taking period: February 2013



The LHC is a 27 km ring, 100 m below ground, across France/Switzerland Over the last three years, two high-energy proton beams have been circulating in opposite directions and colliding at 4 points, where 4 big experiments had been installed.

Unprecedented collision energy: 8 TeV (4 times larger than the Tevatron collider, Fermilab)

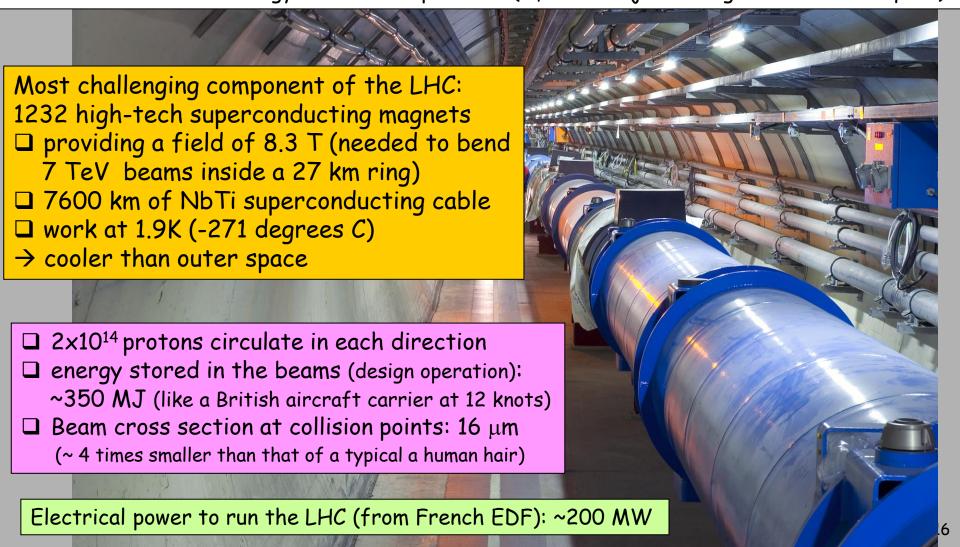




Unprecedented energy: 4 TeV per beam particle → collision energy = 8 TeV (1 TeV= 10⁻⁷ Joule)

 $2015 \rightarrow collision energy to ~ 14 TeV$

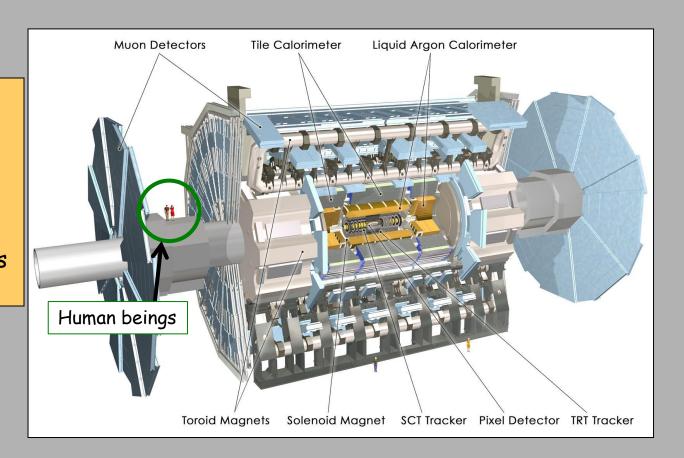
Note: huge amount of energy concentrated in the collision point (14 TeV corresponds to 10^{14} times the temperature in this room) However: small energy on macroscopic scale (1 μ Joule is just enough to swat a mosquito)



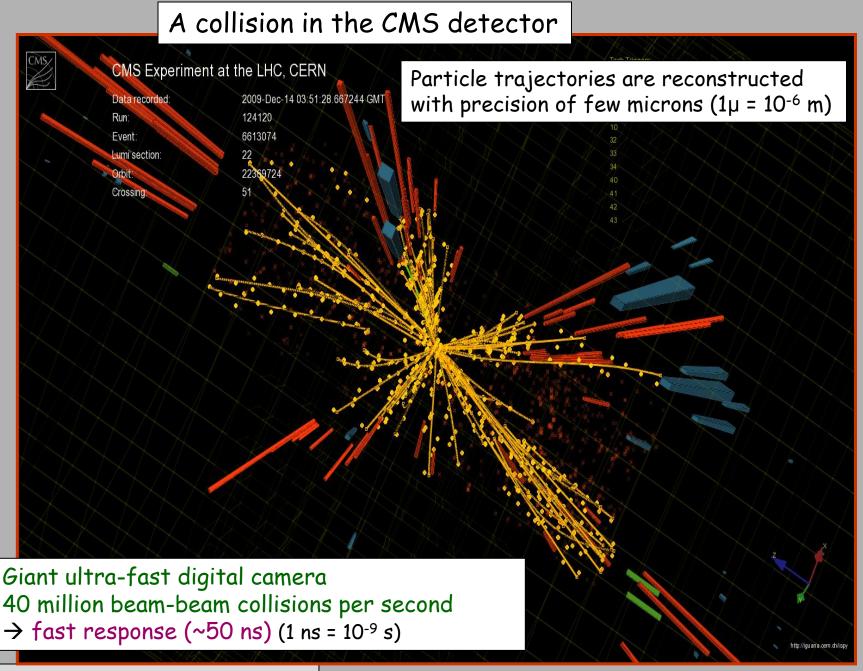
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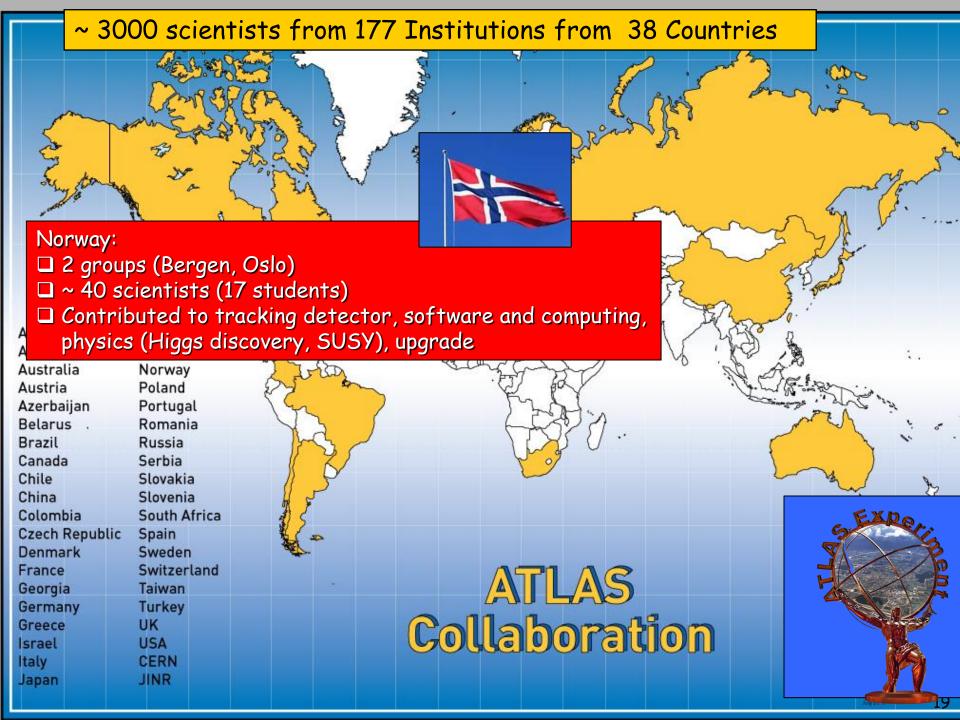
LHC detectors are much more complex, performing and challenging than those at previous/present accelerators

→ a big jump in concepts and technologies

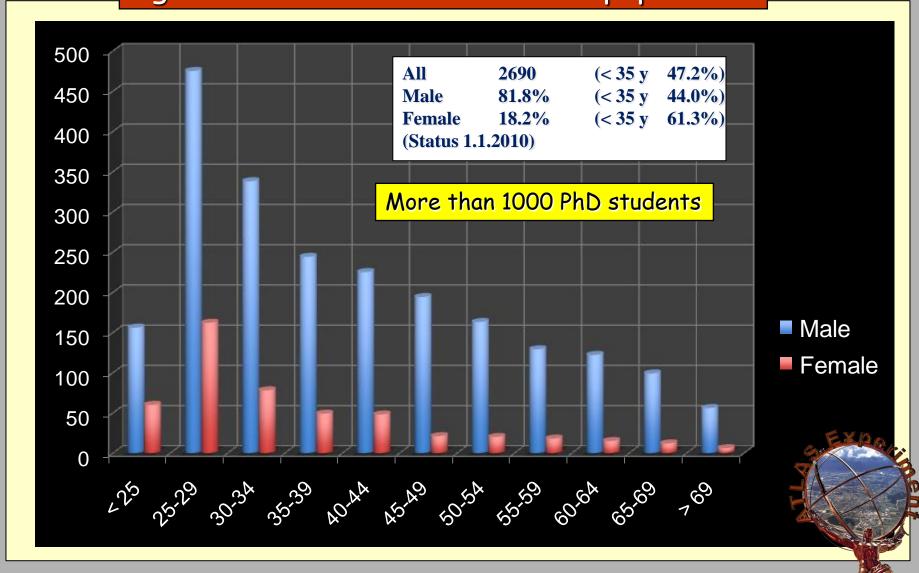


- Size (length 45m, diameter 25m): to measure and absorb high-energy particles
- 10⁸ sensors ("individual signals"): to track ~1000 particles per event and reconstruct their trajectories with ~10 μ m precision (1 μ m=10⁻⁶ m)





Age distribution of the ATLAS population

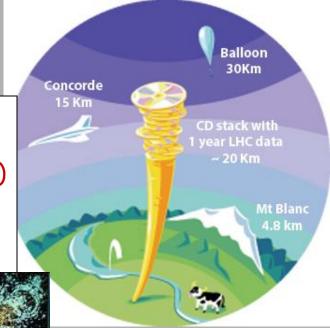


Computing

Each LHC experiment produces ~ 10 PB of data per year 1 PB=10⁶ GB This corresponds to ~ 20 million DVD (a 20 km stack ...)

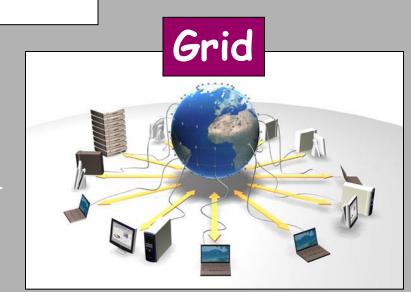
Data analysis requires computing power equivalent to ~100 000 today's fastest PC processors.

The experiment international Collaborations are spread all over the world \rightarrow computing resources must be distributed.



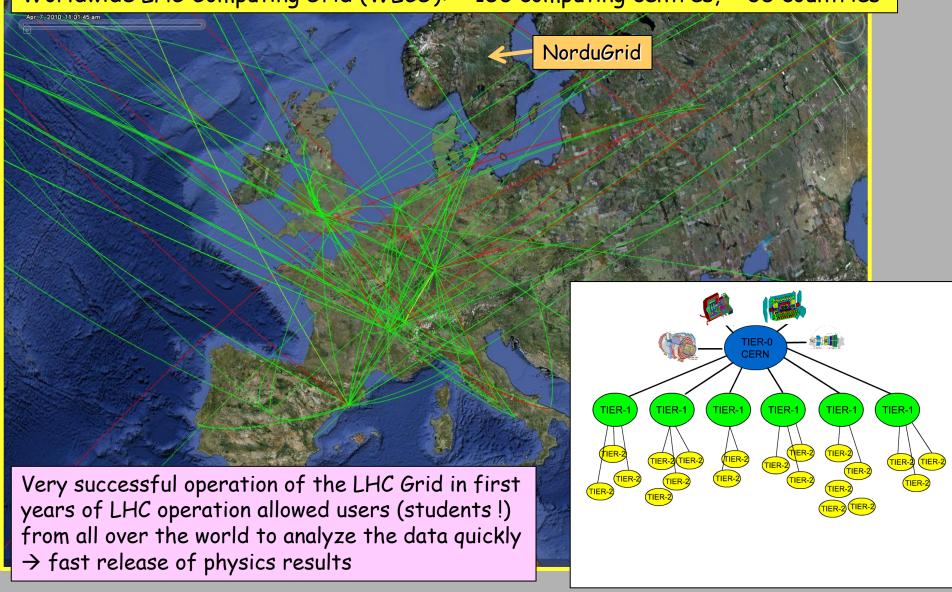
Cooperation of many computer centres all over the world is needed

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The Grid provides seamless access to computing power and data storage capacity distributed over the globe

Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG): ~ 150 computing centres, ~ 35 countries



30 March 2010: first proton-proton collisions at an unprecedented energy \rightarrow exploration of a new energy



Since then:

- ☐ The accelerator, detectors, and computing performed beyond expectations
- ☐ Huge amount of collisions recorded and analyzed (ATLAS and CMS: ~5 billion each)
- ☐ The Standard Model and the previously known particles have been "rediscovered" and measured in the new energy regime
- ☐ Many scenarios of physics beyond the Standard Model have been investigated and ruled out

July 2012: discovery by ATLAS and CMS of a new Higgs-like particle with mass \sim 125 GeV (\sim 130 proton masses)

What is the origin of the particle masses?





Mass of top quark (heaviest elementary particle observed) \approx mass of Gold atom

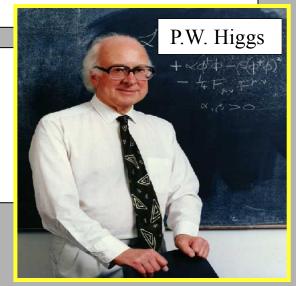
Electron mass is ~350000 times smaller: why ???

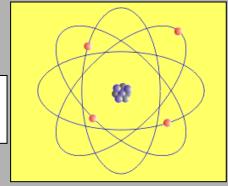
Proposed solution (Brout, Englert, Guralnik, Hagen, Higgs, Kibble): "Higgs mechanism": origin of masses ~ 10⁻¹¹ s after the Big Bang, when "Higgs field" became active → particles acquired masses proportional to the strength of their interactions with the Higgs field

Consequences: existence of a Higgs boson This particle has been searched for > 30 years at accelerators all over the world → finally found at the LHC!

Note: a world without "Higgs" would be a very strange one! Atoms may not exist, and the Universe would be very different

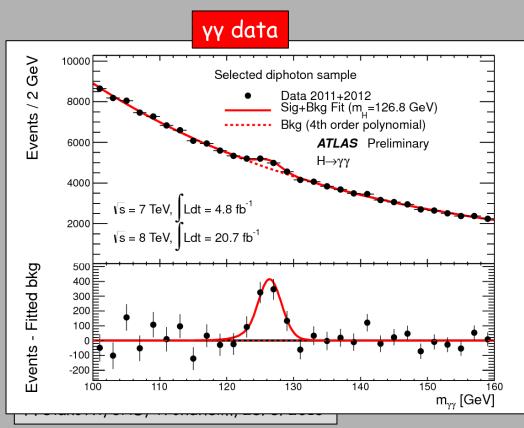
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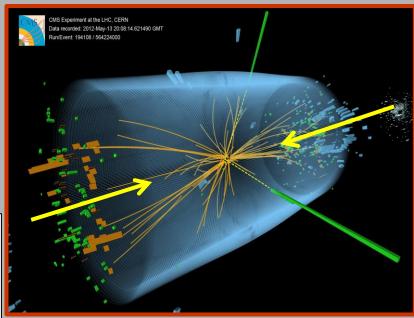




What did we observe?

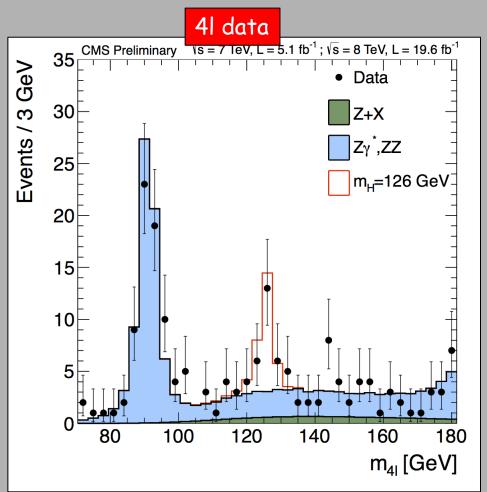
Once produced the Higgs boson is expected to disintegrate ("decay") into known particles, for instance into two photons \rightarrow looked at the $\gamma\gamma$ spectrum in our data

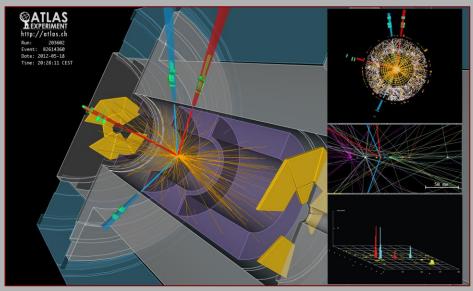




Peak ("resonance") at $m_{\gamma\gamma}$ around 125 GeV indicates the production of a (new) heavy particle

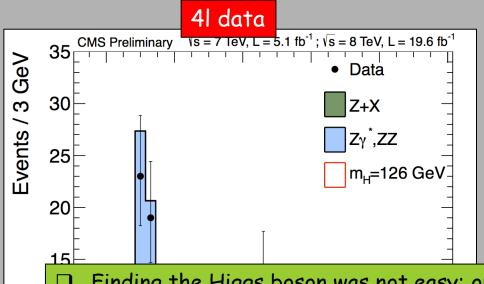
Higgs boson can also decay into 4 leptons (electrons, muons): → looked at 4e, 4μ, 2e2μ spectrum in our data

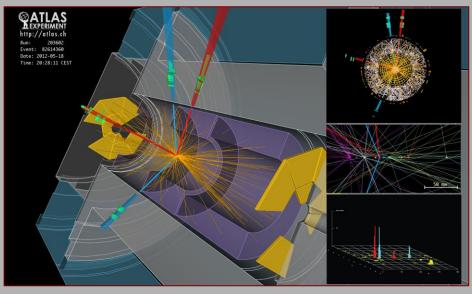




A peak is observed also in this case at m_{41} around 125 GeV

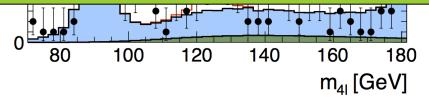
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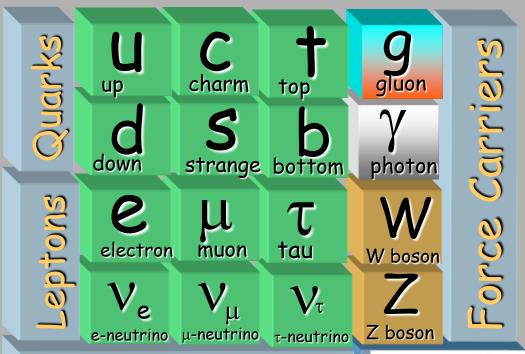
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- □ Finding the Higgs boson was not easy: one H→ 4e produced every 10¹³ pp collisions → required superb performance of the LHC, ideas, and a huge amount of meticulous experimental work
- ☐ As of today, each experiment has a sample of about 600 Higgs events



Is this a Higgs boson?

A Higgs boson is a very special particle ..

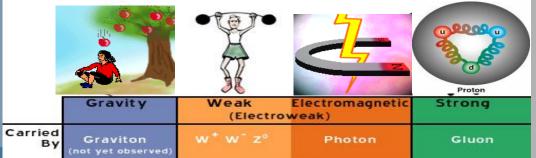




Particles and forces

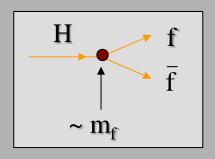
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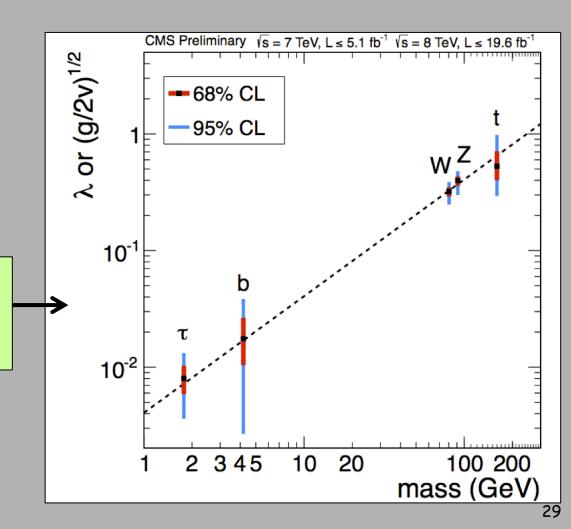


Two "fingerprints" distinguish the Higgs boson from all other particles

1) To accomplish its job (providing mass) it interacts with other particles with strength proportional to their masses, as predicted by the "Higgs mechanism"



Couplings of the new particle to several known particles (W, Z, top-quark, b-quark, T-lepton) vs particle mass (over a factor of 100!)



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2) It has spin zero ("scalar") None of the other SM elementary particles has spin zero:

- -- Matter particles (electrons, quarks, ...): spin $\frac{1}{2}$
- -- Force carriers (photons, W, Z, ..): spin 1

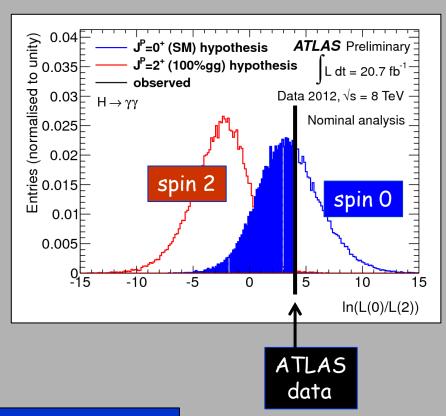


What is the spin of the newly discovered particle?

Spin can be determined from the angular distribution of the decay products of the particle (here for events where the new particle decays to $\gamma\gamma$)

Red: expected distribution for spin 2 Blue: expected distribution for spin 0

Vertical black line: ATLAS data



- → (likely) the first elementary scalar observed in Nature
- → consequences also for Universe evolution (according to cosmology, inflation was triggered by a scalar field)

Note: until now, fermions (c, b, t, τ) discovered in US, bosons (W, Z, H) in Europe ..!

Three Frequently-Asked-Questions

1) Is this new particle the Standard Model Higgs boson?

Present LHC measurements say it's A Higgs boson (it has both fingerprints) However, too early to draw definite conclusions \rightarrow we will need to measure its properties in detail in the months/years to come with present/future data to understand e.g. if it is THE SM Higgs boson or a more exotic object of a more general theory \rightarrow LHC upgrade and possibly a new (e⁺e⁻?) accelerator

2) Is the task of the LHC over?

No, this is just the beginning of the LHC exploration phase: the LHC was built to address many more questions (dark matter, etc.), not only to find the Higgs boson

3) Will the Higgs boson change our day-by-day life?

It did already!

From fundamental science to everyone's life

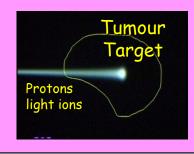
Extreme performance required in particle physics \rightarrow cutting-edge technologies developed at CERN (and collaborating Institutes) and other HEP laboratories, and then transferred to society.

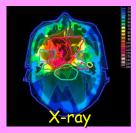
Applications: medical imaging (e.g. PET), cancer therapy, materials science, airport scanners, cargo screening, food sterilization, nuclear waste transmutation, analysis of historical relics, etc. ...not to mention the WEB ..

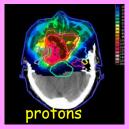




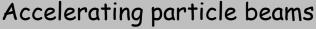
Hadron Therapy



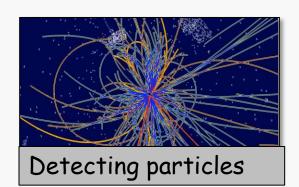




> 90000 patients treated worldwide (30 facilities)



- ~30'000 accelerators worldwide
- ~17'000 used for medicine





Imaging

e.g. PET scanner



The outstanding questions after the 1st LHC run

What is the origin of the particle masses? → Related to the Higgs boson



What is the nature of the Universe dark matter?

Why 3 generations of matter particles?
Why is there so little antimatter in the Universe?
(Nature's favouritism allowed us to exist ...)

What are the features of the primordial plasma permeating the Universe $\sim 10~\mu s$ after the Big Bang?

Are there other forces in addition to the known four?

Why is gravity so weak? Are there additional (microscopic) space dimensions?

Etc. etc.

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Two additional questions (from the Higgs boson itself ..)

Does this new particle fix the SM problems at high energy?

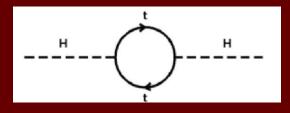
This process becomes unphysical (cross section diverges): $\sigma \sim E^2$ at $m_{WW} \sim TeV$ if this process does not exist

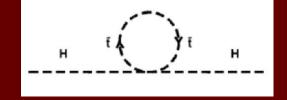
- \rightarrow Important to verify that the new particle accomplishes this task \rightarrow a "closure test" of the SM
- → Need LHC upgrade to verify

Why is the Higgs so light?



Need new physics (close-by, ~TeV scale) to "stabilize" the divergent Higgs mass







In the SM, this correction to m_H diverges as ~ Λ^2 (energy scale up to which the SM is valid)

E.g. the supersymmetric partner of the top (stop) gives rise to the same diagram with opposite sign

→ cancellation

Only works if mass difference stop-top small (few hundreds GeV) \rightarrow motivation for SUSY at TeV scale

Conclusions

The discovery of the Higgs boson is a giant leap in our understanding of fundamental physics and the structure and evolution of the universe

This accomplishment is the result of > 20 years of talented work and extreme dedication of those involved in the LHC project. More in general, it's the result of the ingenuity, vision and painstaking work of the HEP community (theory, accelerators, computing, experiments)

After 50 years of theory and experimental work, the Standard Model is now complete However: it is not the <u>ultimate</u> theory of particle physics, as many unanswered questions remain:

- Why is the Higgs boson so light ("naturalness" problem)?
- lue What is the the nature of dark matter and dark energy (95% of the universe!)?
- ☐ What is the origin of the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the universe?
- ☐ Why is gravity so weak and "fundamental scales" so different ("hierarchy problem")?
- **....**

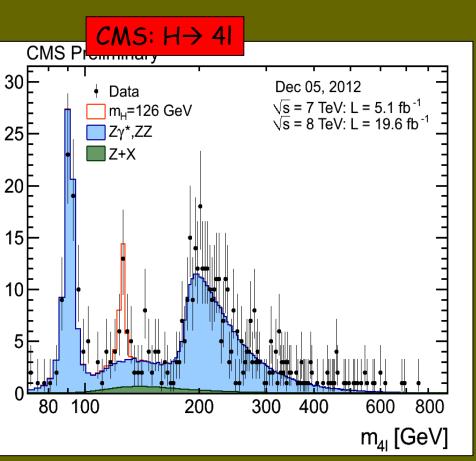
More powerful accelerators will be needed in the future to address these and other questions, requiring new ideas, ingenuity, new developments in order to provide higher energy at affordable costs.

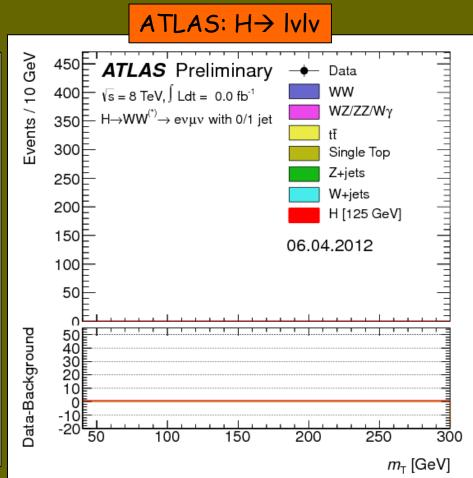
As in the past, the benefits to society are expected to be HUGE.

THANK YOU!



Birth and evolution of a signal

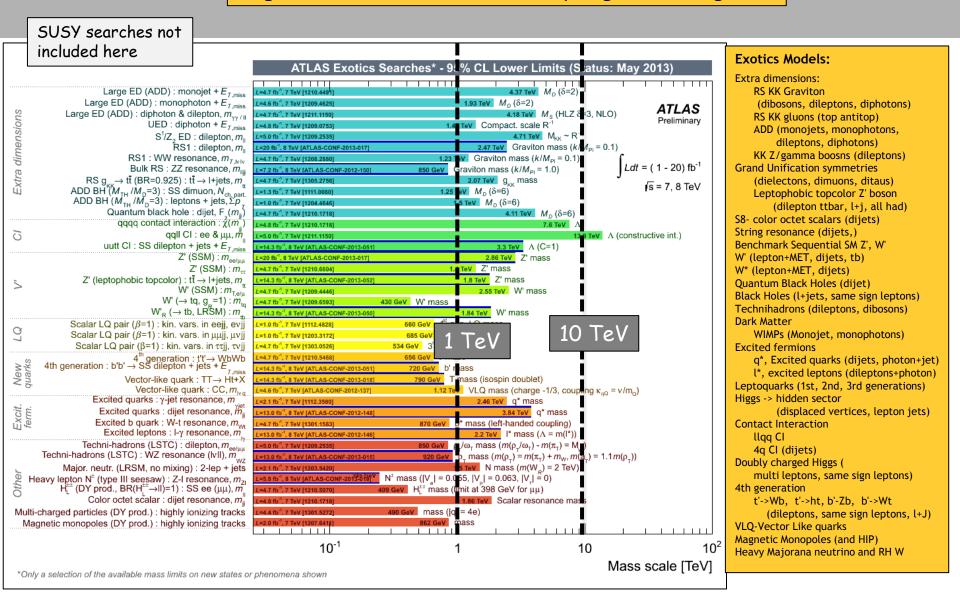


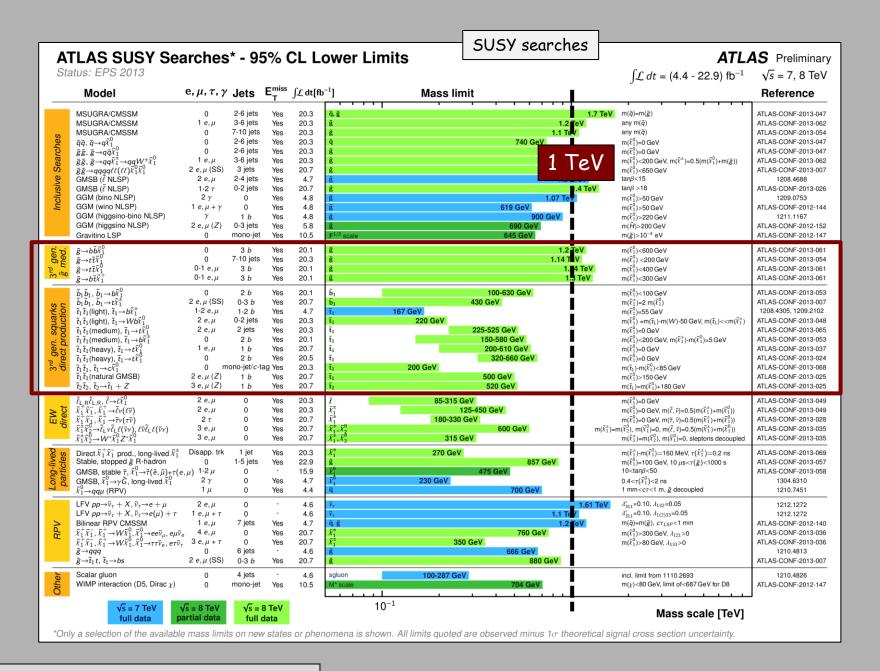


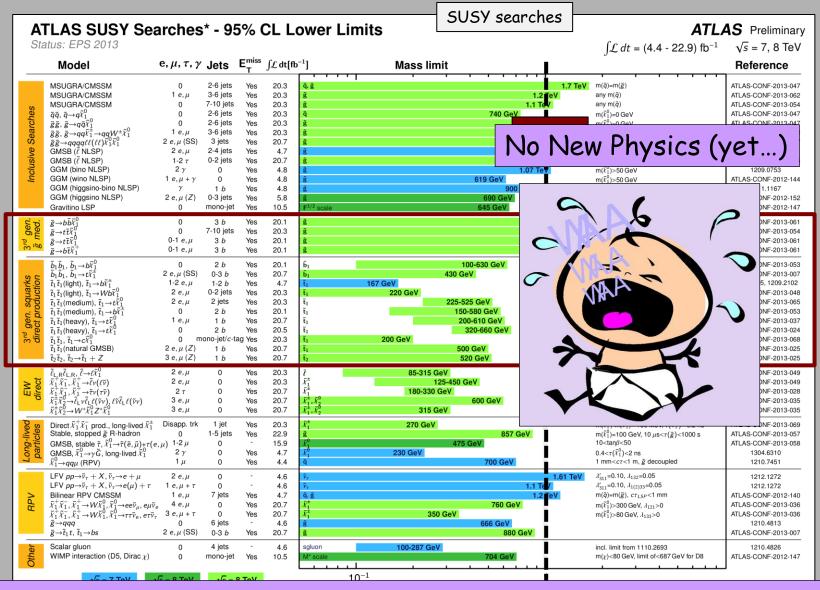
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Searches for physics beyond the Standard Model

Huge number of scenarios and topologies investigated





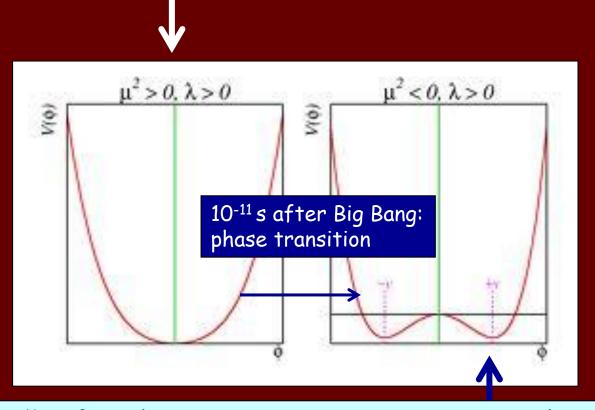


But

- \square searches far from being complete \rightarrow surprises may hide in present data
- \Box Is today ~ 1.7 smaller than design value and integrated luminosity ~12 smaller \rightarrow 2015++

How does the Higgs mechanism work? An over-simplified picture ...

At the time of the Big Bang particles were all massless (\rightarrow were moving at speed of light) and Higgs field was there as an "non-interacting ether" (minimum of Higgs potential = 0).



About 10^{-11} s after the Big Bang \rightarrow temperature became low enough for phase transition (\rightarrow minimum of Higgs potential became negative) \rightarrow ether becomes "molasses" \rightarrow particles interacting with "molasses" acquire a mass and are slowed down

The Higgs mechanism ... as exemplified by Prof. David Miller

Imagine a room full of people quietly chattering ... this is like space filled only with the Higgs field ...



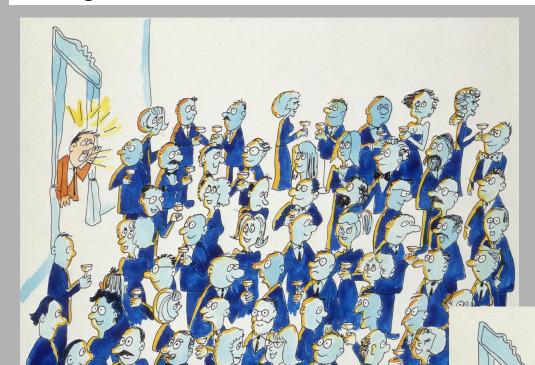
a well known actor walks in, creating a disturbance as he moves across the room, and attracting a cluster of admirers with each step ... the actor is like a particle traversing the Higgs field



this increase his resistance to movement, in other words, he acquires mass, just like a particle moving through the Higgs field ...



... Imagine now that a rumour crosses the room ...



it creates the same kind of clustering, but this time among the people in the room. In this analogy, these clusters are the Higgs particle.

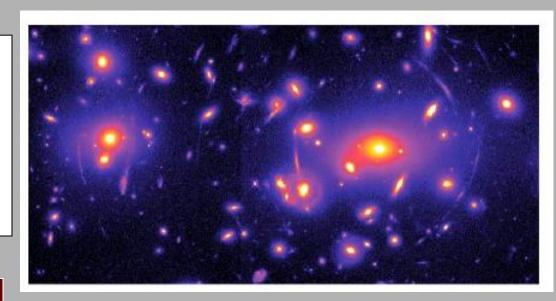
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What is the nature of the Universe Dark Matter?

Recent astrophysical measurements indicate that the Universe is made of:

- 5% of known matter
- 25 % of "dark matter"

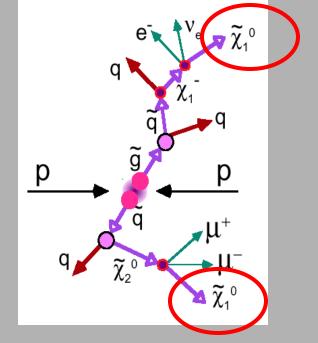
 (no known particle can explain it)
- 70% of "dark energy"



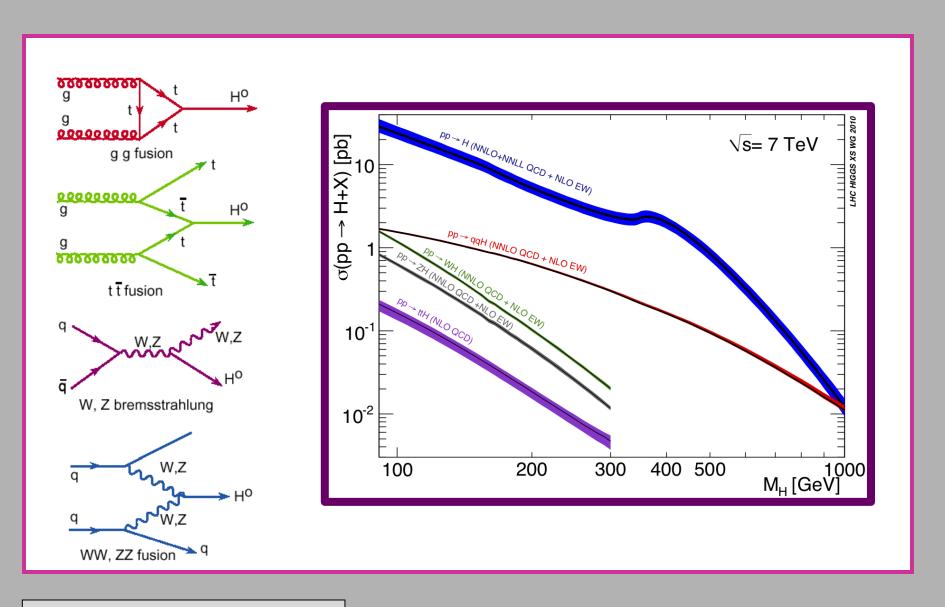
Today we understand <u>only 5%</u> of the Universe composition

be produced abundatly at the LHC

Supersymmetry (a particle physics theory) predicts new (heavy) elementary particles, not yet observed. Among them the neutralino, our present best candidate for the Universe dark matter (its predicted features are in agreement with astrophysics observations and cosmological predictions). It is expected to be light enough to



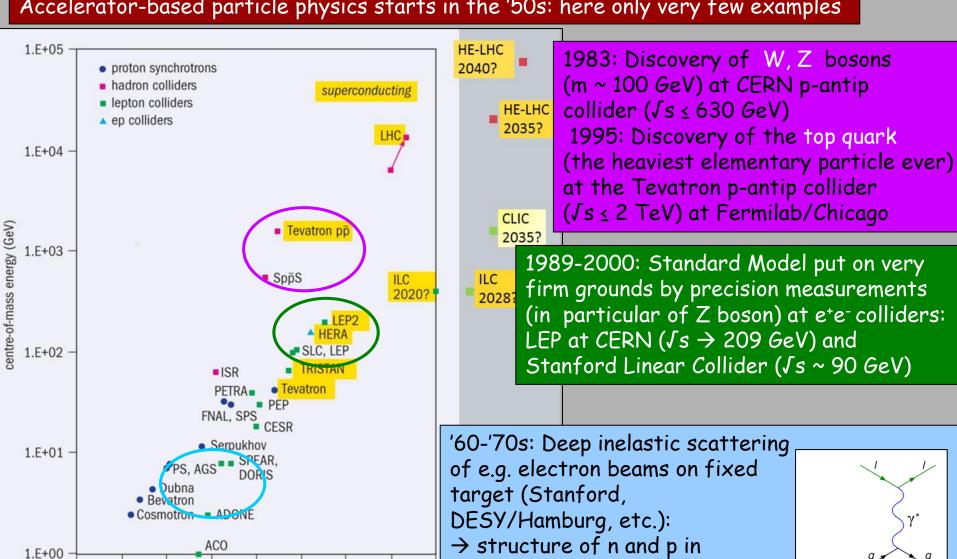
SM Higgs production cross section at LHC ...



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terms of quark constituents

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