

# Theorists React to the CERN 750 GeV Diphoton Data

Last December, the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations at the Large Hadron Collider reported preliminary data with a small excess of diphoton events at an invariant mass of about 750 GeV [1,2], which, if verified, would require unexpected new elementary particles. The collaborations have recently reanalyzed their data [3,4], and the signal has become slightly stronger. Though the results are extremely intriguing, more data are required to establish if the excess is real, or a statistical fluctuation.

Over 250 theory papers have appeared following the December announcement, and a number of them were submitted to us. We found it appropriate to publish a small sample of them. To maximize the coherence and fairness of our choices, we obtained informal advice from several experts.

Four such Letters appear in this issue [5–8]. Others may follow, but we think that this set gives readers a sense of the kind of new physics that would be required to explain the data, if confirmed.

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# **Particle Detectors**

Summer Student Lectures 2022
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History of Instrumentation ↔ History of Particle Physics

The 'Real' World of Particles

Interaction of Particles with Matter

Tracking Detectors, Calorimeters, Particle Identification

**Detector Systems** 

# ON UNITARY REPRESENTATIONS OF THE INHOMOGENEOUS LORENTZ GROUP\*

By E. WIGNER

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of the invariance of the transition probability we have

$$|\langle \varphi_l, \psi_l \rangle|^2 = |\langle \varphi_{l'}, \psi_{l'} \rangle|^2$$

and it can be shown<sup>4</sup> that the aforementioned constants in the  $\varphi_l$  can be chosen in such a way that the  $\varphi_l$  are obtained from the  $\varphi_l$  by a linear unitary operation, depending, of course, on l and l'

$$\varphi_{l'} = D(l', l)\varphi_{l}.$$

By going over from a first system of reference l to a second  $l' = L_1 l$  and then to a third  $l'' = L_2 L_1 l$  or directly to the third  $l'' = (L_2 L_1) l$ , one must obtain—apart from the above mentioned constant—the same set of wave functions. Hence from

$$\varphi_{l''} = D(l'', l')D(l', l)\varphi_l$$
  
$$\varphi_{l''} = D(l'', l)\varphi_l$$

it follows

(3) 
$$D(l'', l')D(l', l) = \omega D(l'', l)$$

D. Classification of unitary representations from the point of view of infinitesimal operators

### E. Wigner:

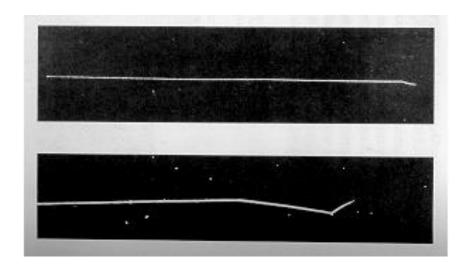
"A particle is an irreducible representation of the inhomogeneous Lorentz group"

Spin=0,1/2,1,3/2 ... Mass  $\geq 0$ 

## **Particle Detector**

## W. Riegler:

A particle detector is a classical device, that is collapsing wave functions of quantum mechanical states, which are linear super positions of irreducible representations of the inhomogeneous Lorentz group (Poincare group).





#### Solvay Conference 1927, Einstein:

"A radioactive sample emits alpha particles in all directions; these are made visible by the method of the Wilson Cloud Chamber. Now, if one associates a spherical wave with each emission process, how can one understand that the track of each alpha particle appears as a (very nearly) straight line .... "

#### Born, Heisenberg:

"As soon as such an ionization is shown by the appearance of cloud droplets, in order to describe what happens afterwards one must reduce the wave packet in the immediate vicinity of the drops. One thus obtains a wave packet in the form of a ray, which corresponds to the corpuscular character of the phenomenon."

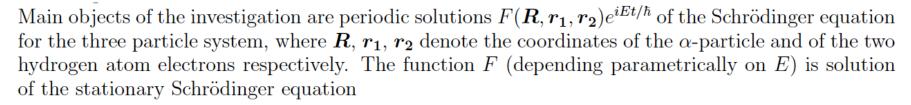
According to this reasoning the whole process is described in terms of the interaction of a quantum system (the alpha particle) with a classical measurement apparatus (the atoms of the vapour).

#### Nevill Mott (1929):

Assuming the atoms of the vapour also to be part of the quantum mechanical system, " ... it is a little difficult to picture how it is that an outgoing spherical wave can produce a straight track; we think intuitively that it should ionise atoms at random throughout space."

Mott considers and example with and alpha particle at the origin, one hydrogen atom at position  $\mathbf{a_1}$  and another hydrogen atom at  $\mathbf{a_2}$ , and the two hydrogen atoms only having EM interaction with the alpha particle:

[Mo] Mott N.F., The wave mechanics of α-ray tracks. *Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A*, **126**, 79-84, 1929. Reprinted in: Wheeler J.A., Zurek W., *Quantum Theory and Measurement*, Princeton University Press, 1983.



$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2M}\Delta_R F + \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta_{r_1} - \frac{e^2}{|\boldsymbol{r_1} - \boldsymbol{a_1}|}\right) F + \left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta_{r_2} - \frac{e^2}{|\boldsymbol{r_2} - \boldsymbol{a_2}|}\right) F$$

$$-\left(\frac{2e^2}{|\boldsymbol{R} - \boldsymbol{r_1}|} + \frac{2e^2}{|\boldsymbol{R} - \boldsymbol{r_2}|}\right) F = E F$$

$$(4.1)$$

where  $\Delta_x$  is the laplacian with respect to the coordinate x, M is the mass of the  $\alpha$ -particle, m is the mass of the electron, -e is the charge of the electron so that 2e is the charge of the  $\alpha$ -particle.

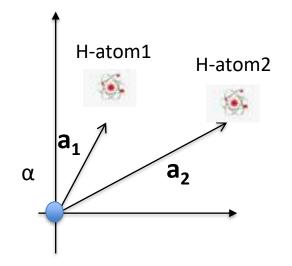


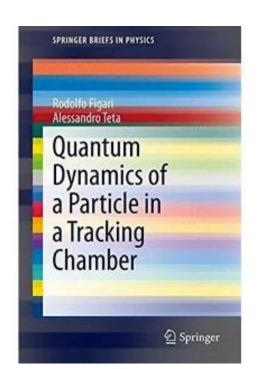
(see Also Werner Heisenberg, Chicago lectures 1930)

This example (i.e. moving the boundary between the quantum system and classical measurements device) is also used by S. Coleman in the lecture

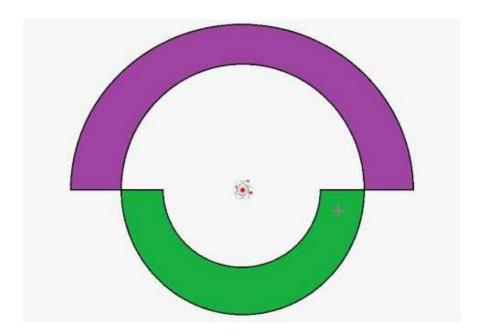
Quantum Mechanics in Your Face [1994] <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtyNMIXN-sw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EtyNMIXN-sw</a>
to show how the collapse of the wave function and other 'interpretations of QM' become unnecessary if one removes this boundary and simply considers the entire world (including us) as QM systems.







# Renninger's negative-result experiment (1953)



A radioactive atom (emitting and alpha particle) is placed in the center of a detector that consists of two hemispheres and that are 100% efficient to alpha particles.

Considering the second (purple) hemisphere to be very large, the absence of the a signal on the green detector after a given time will indicate that the alpha particle will hit the purple detector.

The QM analysis will come out right, with a given probability for the red or the green part to fire and zero probability that both fire.

The semi-classical analysis is however confusing:

The wave-function has collapsed although there was no measurement performed with the green detector? A non measurement collapses a wave-function?

### W. Riegler:

"...a particle is an object that interacts with your detector such that you can follow it's track,

it interacts also in your readout electronics and will break it after some time,

and if you a silly enough to stand in an intense particle beam for some time you will be dead ..."

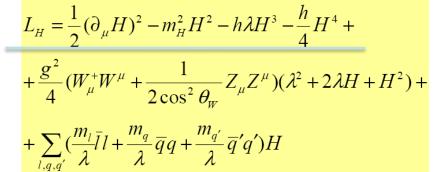
#### **Elektro-Weak Lagrangian**

$$L_{GSW} = L_{0} + L_{H} + \sum_{l} \left\{ \frac{g}{2} \overline{L}_{l} \gamma_{\mu} \overline{\tau} L_{l} \overline{A}^{\mu} + g' \left[ \overline{R}_{l} \gamma_{\mu} R_{l} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{L}_{l} \gamma_{\mu} L_{l} \right] B^{\mu} \right\} +$$

$$+ \frac{g}{2} \sum_{q} \overline{L}_{q} \gamma_{\mu} \overline{\tau} L_{q} \overline{A}^{\mu} +$$

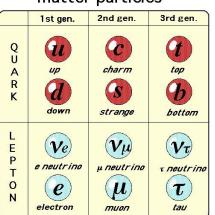
$$+ g' \left\{ \frac{1}{6} \sum_{q} \left[ \overline{L}_{q} \gamma_{\mu} L_{q} + 4 \overline{R}_{q} \gamma_{\mu} R_{q} \right] + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{q'} \overline{R}_{q'} \gamma_{\mu} R_{q'} \right\} B^{\mu}$$

$$L_{I} = \frac{1}{2} (2\pi I R)^{2} + 2 R^{2} + 2 R^{3} + R^{4} + R^{$$



### **Higgs Particle**

#### matter particles



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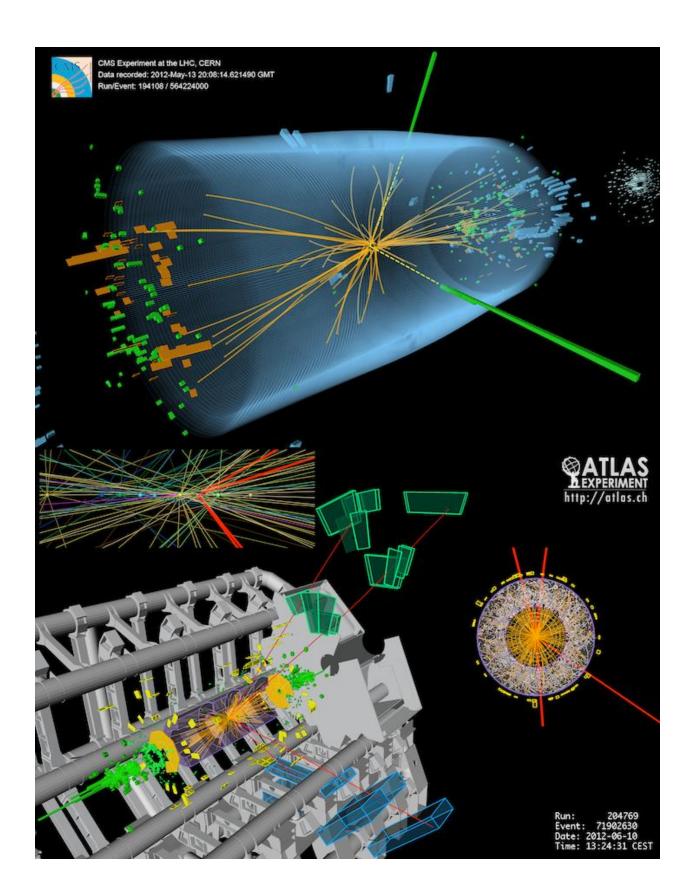


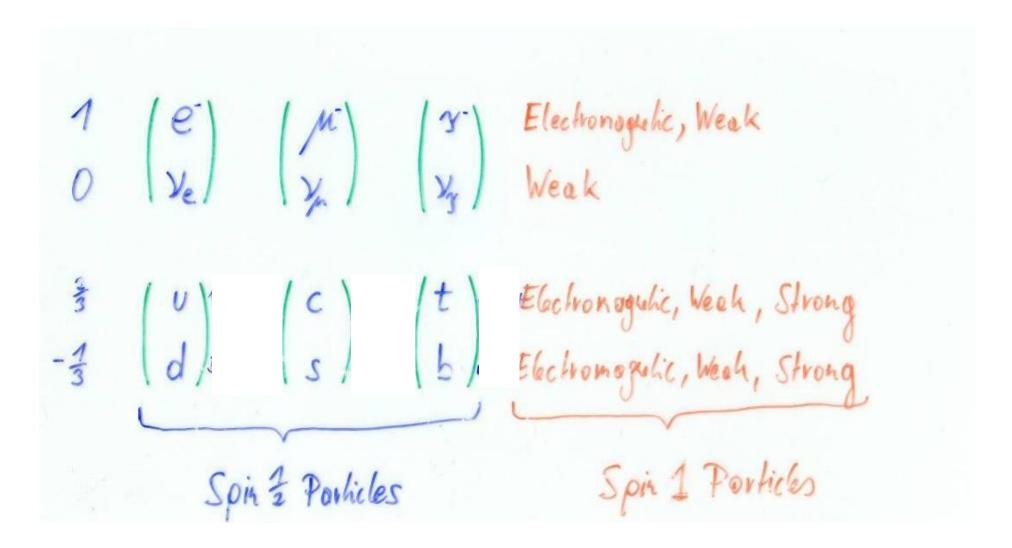
scalar particle(s)











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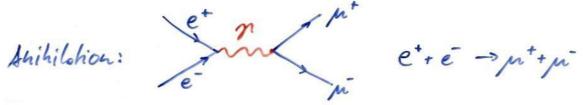
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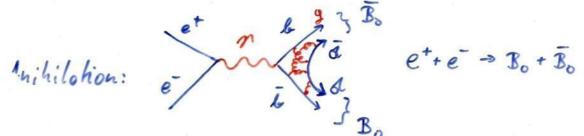
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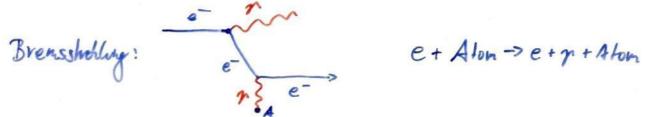
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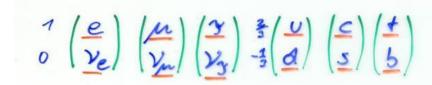
# Electronagnetic Interaction n-Photon





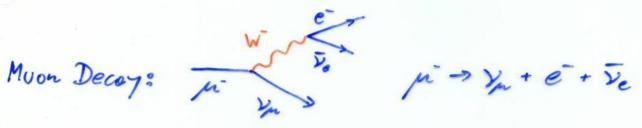


Pair Production: n+ Alon > e+ e+ Atom

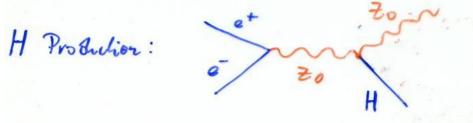


# Week Interaction Wt, 2°





Newton De cay:



Strong Interaction of V FOR Proton Self Inbrockion "Confinement"

.... Strong Inbrockor ..... et + e -> jets in Detector

e.g. Two jets of Hobras ove 'spraying' away from the Interoction Point.

Over the last century

this 'Standard Model' of

Fundamental Physics was discovered

by studying

Radioactivity

Cosnic Roys
Porticle Collisions (Accelerators)

A lorge variety of Detectors and experimental techniques home been developed during this time.

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# Scales

$$E = Ma^{2}$$

$$E = Mb^{2}$$

$$E = Mc^{2} = Energy = Mass$$

$$\vdots$$

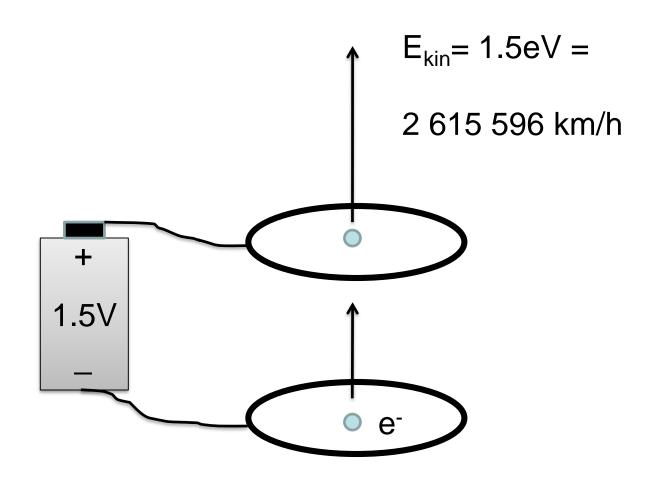
$$M(e6chon) = 9.1 \cdot 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$
 $m_e C^2 = 8.19 \cdot 10^{-14} \text{ J}$ 
 $= 510999 \text{ E6ction Volt (eV)}$ 
 $= 0.511 \text{ MeV}$ 

1 Electron Volt = 
$$e_0 \cdot 1V = 1.603 \cdot 10^{-19}$$
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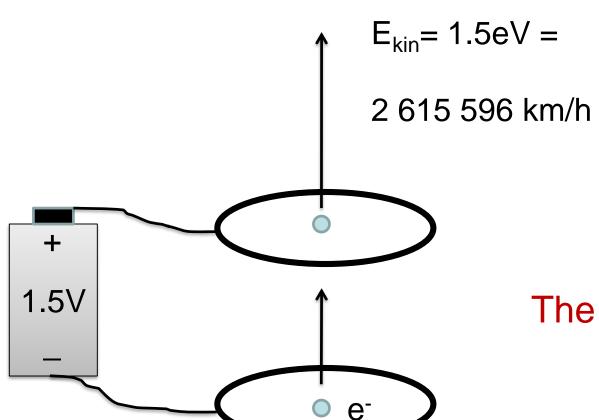
$$E = e_0 \cdot 1V$$

1 Electron Volt - Evergy on Electron goins as it traverses a Polential Difference of 1V

# **Build your own Accelerator**



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The LHC produces 2 x 7 000 000 000 000 eV protons

# **Scales**

Visible Light: 
$$2=500\,\mathrm{nm}$$
, hy  $2.5\,\mathrm{eV}$ 

Excilab Slobs in Alons:  $1-100\,\mathrm{keV}$  "X-Rays"

Nuclear Physics:  $1-50\,\mathrm{MeV}$ 

E.g:  $\frac{90}{35}\,\mathrm{Y} \Rightarrow \beta^- \Rightarrow e^-$  with  $E_n=2.283\,\mathrm{MeV}$ 
 $E_n=\mathrm{mec}^2\,(\gamma-1)$   $\mathrm{mec}^2=0.511\,\mathrm{MeV}$ 
 $\gamma = \frac{E_n}{\mathrm{mec}^2}+1 \approx 5.5$ 
 $\beta = \frac{2}{c} = \sqrt{1-(\frac{\mathrm{mec}^2}{E_n+\mathrm{ng}})^2} \approx 0.98 \Rightarrow \mathrm{Highly}\,\mathrm{Relativistic}$ 
 $E_{\mathrm{kin}}=\mathrm{mc}^2 \Rightarrow \mathrm{mc}^2(\gamma-1)=\mathrm{mc}^2 \Rightarrow \gamma=2 \Rightarrow \beta=0.87$ 
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# **Lorentz Boost**

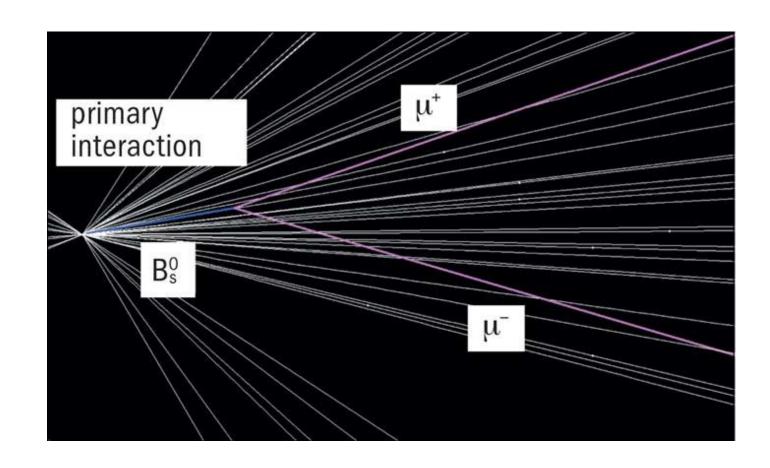
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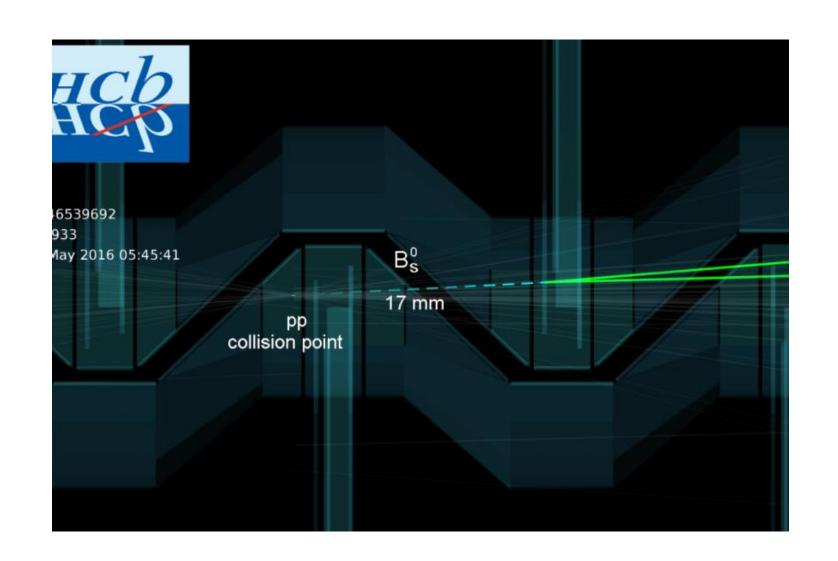
E.g. Probuced by Cosmic Rays (p, He, Li...) colliding with oir in the upper Almosphere ~ 10 km

But we see Muons here on Earth

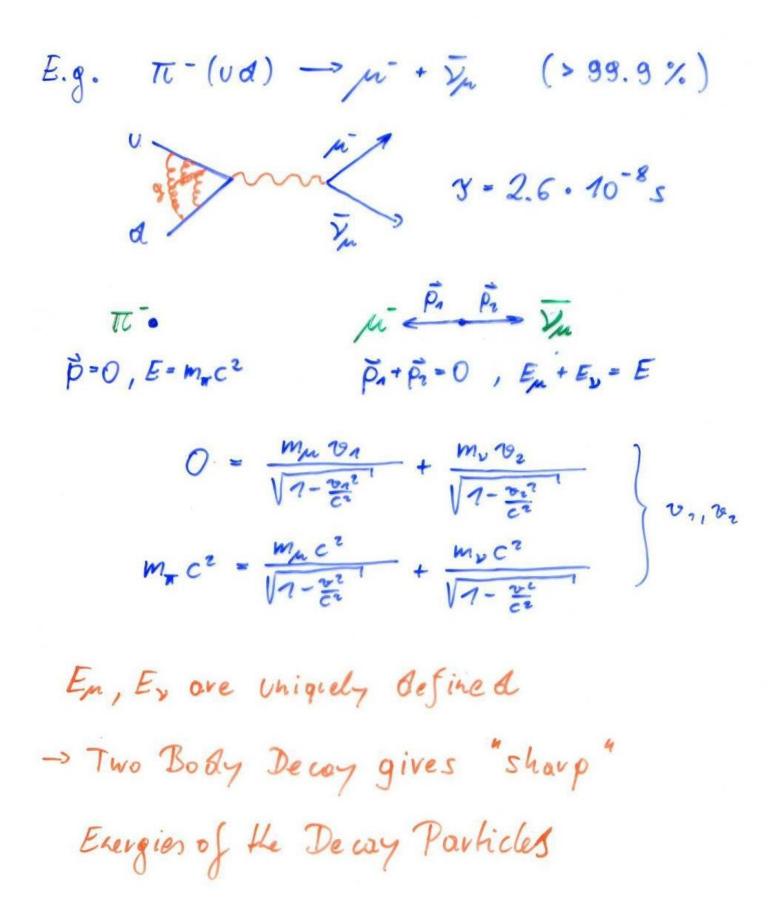
Pions Whore discovered in Envisions exposed to Cosnic Roys on high Mourtoins.

# **LHCb B decay**





Two Body Decay



Three Body Decay

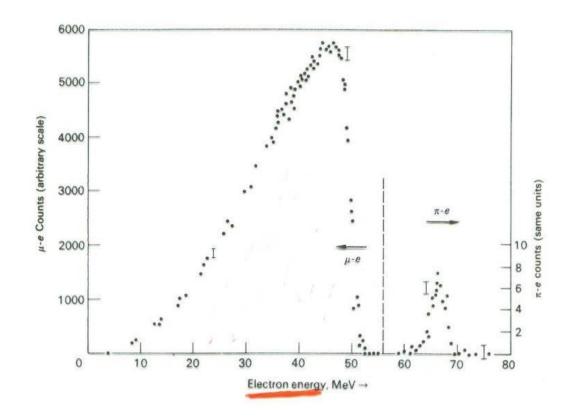
But: e shows a continuous Energy Spectrum

-> W. Pouli proposed on invisible Particle -> >

For > 2 Body decay, He Evergy Spectrum of the decay porticles depends on the Notive of the Interaction. Kinenotics alone doesn't define the Evergies.

Two Body and Three Body Decay

Stopping Pions and measuring the Becay electron Spectrum:



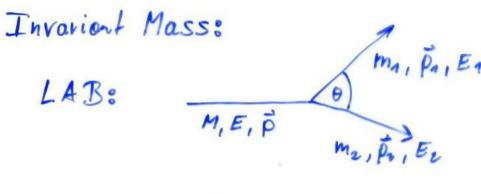
$$TT^{-} \Rightarrow \mu + \bar{y}_{\mu}$$

$$\downarrow \Rightarrow e^{-} + \bar{y}_{e} + y_{\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Evergy Spochron (3 Boby Docoy)}$$

$$TT^{-} \Rightarrow e^{-} + \bar{y}_{e}$$

**Invariant Mass** 



Reblivity: 
$$\tilde{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_o \\ \tilde{a} \end{pmatrix}$$
  $\hat{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_o \\ \tilde{b} \end{pmatrix}$   $\hat{a}\tilde{b} = a_o b_o - \tilde{a}\tilde{b}$ 

$$E = mc^2 \gamma , \ \tilde{p} = m\tilde{v}\gamma$$

$$\tilde{p} = \begin{pmatrix} E \\ \tilde{p} \end{pmatrix}, \ \tilde{p}_n = \begin{pmatrix} E_1 \\ \tilde{p}_n \end{pmatrix}, \ \tilde{p}_r = \begin{pmatrix} E_2 \\ \tilde{p}_r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{p} = \tilde{p}_{A} + \tilde{p}_{L} \qquad \text{Exergy} + \text{Moneton Conservation}$$

$$\hat{p}^{2} = (\tilde{p}_{A} + \tilde{p}_{L})^{2} \implies \tilde{p} \; \tilde{p} = \tilde{p}_{A} \; \tilde{p}_{A} + \tilde{p}_{L} \; \tilde{p}_{L} + 2 \; \tilde{p}_{A} \; \tilde{p}_{L}$$

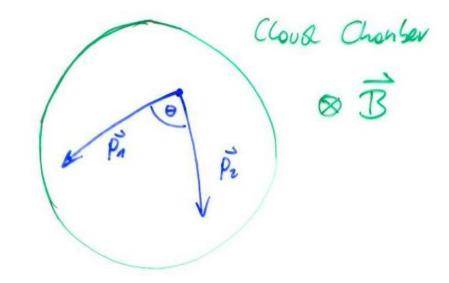
$$M^{2}c^{2} = m_{A}^{2}c^{2} + m_{L}^{2}c^{2} + 2 \left(\frac{E_{A}E_{L}}{c^{2}} - p_{A}p_{L} \; cos \; \theta\right)$$

- · Measuring Momenta on & Exergies OR
- Messuring Momenta and identifying Porticles gives the Mess of the original Particle

# **Invariant Mass**



E.g: Discovery of Vo Porticles



$$\Lambda^{\circ} \rightarrow p^{+} + \pi^{-}$$

"If 1 is a Probon and 2 is a Pion the Mass of He V° particle is ...."

I Seelifichion is the Expensed by looking of the spourfic Ionization ..... (see loke)

# Lifetime of a Particle → Exponential distribution

M-Lifetime

The muon (ony unlaste Porticle) Boesn't have on inner 'clock', i.e. nothing that tells it' age.

What is the probability P(t)dt that the muon will decay between time t and t+dt after starting to measure it – independently of how long it lived before ?

Probability p that it decays within the time interval dt after starting to measure = p=P(0) dt =  $c_1$  dt.

Probability that is does NOT decay in n time intervals dt but the  $(n+1)^{st}$  time interval =  $(1-p)^n$  p  $\approx$  exp(-n p) p with p =  $c_1$  dt.

n time intervals of dt means a time of  $t = n dt \rightarrow$ 

Probability that the particle decays between time t and t+dt =  $Exp(-c_1 t) c_1 dt = P(t) dt !$ 

The Probability that it Deceys at time

$$T(t) = \frac{1}{3}e^{-\frac{t}{3}}$$

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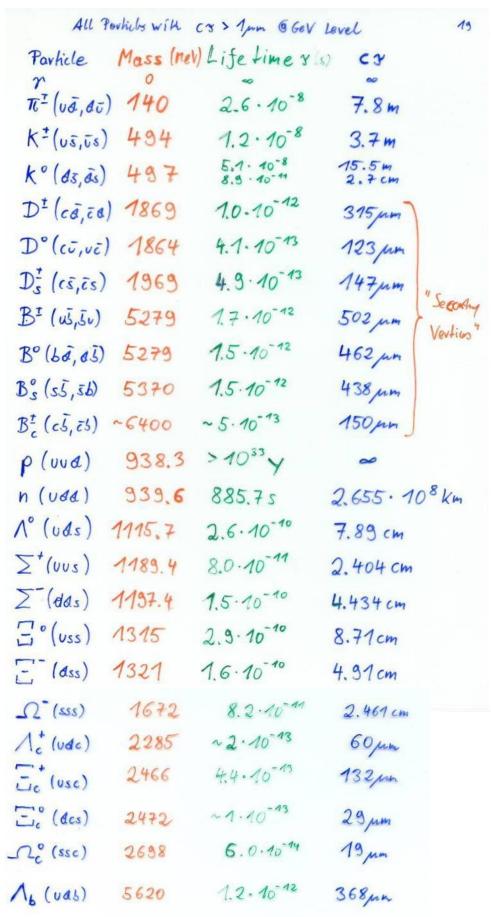
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# **Known Particles**

1, W, Z, Q, e, M, 3, Ve, Ym, Yy, TL+, TO, y, fo(660), g(20), w (782), n' (858), fo (380), Qo (380), \$\phi(1020), ha (1170), ba (1235), a, (1260), f2 (1270), f, (1285), y (1295), T (1300), a2 (1320), 10 (1370), 1, (1420), w (1420), y (1440), a, (1450), g (1450), 10 (1500), 12 (1525), W (1650), W3 (1670), TC2 (1670), \$ (1680), 93 (1690), 9 (1700), fo (1710), Tt (1800), \$3 (1850), \$2 (2010), a4 (2040), Sy (2050), Sz (2300), Sz (2340), Kt, Ko, Ko, Ko, Ko, K' (892), K, (1270), K, (1400), K\* (1410), K, (1430), K, (1430), K\* (1680), K, (1770), K, (1780), K, (1820), K, (2045), D, D, D, D, (2007), D" (2010) D, (2420) D, (2460) D, (2460) D, (2460) D, D, Ds (2536) t, Ds, (2573) 1, Bt, Bo, B, Bo, Bt, Me (15), J/4(15), Xco (1P), Xco (1P), Xco (1P), y (25), y (3770), y (4040), y (4160), V (4415), Y (15), X50 (1P), X50 (1P), X51 (1P), Y (25), X50 (2P), X52 (2P), T (3S), T (4S), T (10860), T (11020), p, n, N (1440), N (1520), N (1535), N (1650), N (1675), N (1680), N (1700), N (1710), N(1720), N(2190), N(2220), N(2250), N(2600),  $\Delta(1232)$ ,  $\Delta(1600)$ , A (1620), A (1700), A (1905), A (1910), A (1920), A (1930), A (1950),  $\Delta(2420)$ ,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda(1405)$ ,  $\Lambda(1520)$ ,  $\Lambda(1600)$ ,  $\Lambda(1670)$ ,  $\Lambda(1690)$ ,  $\Lambda$  (1800),  $\Lambda$  (1810),  $\Lambda$  (1820),  $\Lambda$  (1830),  $\Lambda$  (1890),  $\Lambda$  (2100),  $\Lambda$  (2110),  $\Lambda$  (2350),  $\Sigma^{+}$ ,  $\Sigma^{\circ}$ ,  $\Sigma^{-}$ ,  $\Sigma$  (1385),  $\Sigma$  (1660),  $\Sigma$  (1670),  $\sum (1750), \sum (1775), \sum (1915), \sum (1940), \sum (2030), \sum (2250), \equiv 0, \equiv 0, = 0$  $\equiv$  (1530),  $\equiv$  (1690),  $\equiv$  (1820),  $\equiv$  (1950),  $\equiv$  (2030),  $\Omega$ ,  $\Omega$  (2250),  $\Lambda_{c}^{+}, \Lambda_{c}^{+}, \Sigma_{c}(2455), \Sigma_{c}(2520), \Xi_{c}^{+}, \Xi_{c}^{0}, \Xi_{c}$ = c(2780), = c(2815), \(\Omega\_c, \lambda\_b, = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, tt

There are Many move

# All known particles that can leave a track in the detector



## Task of a Detector

From the 'hundreds' of Particles listed by the PDG there are only ~27 with a life time cs > ~ 1, mm i.e. they can be seen as 'tracks' in a Detector.

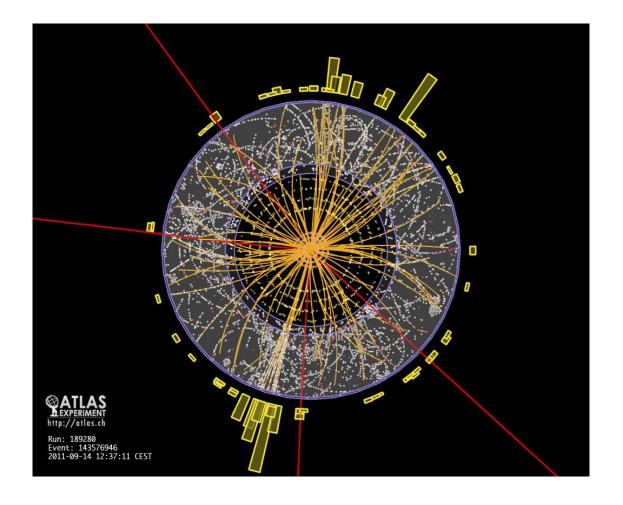
~ 13 of the 27 have cs < 500 pm i.e. only~mm range at GeV Energies.

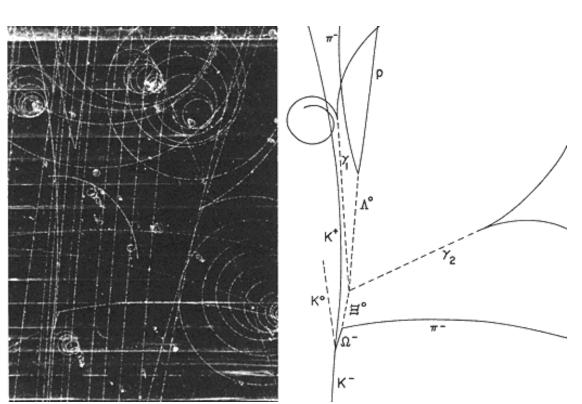
→ "short" Ivochs measured with Emulsions or Verkx Detectors.

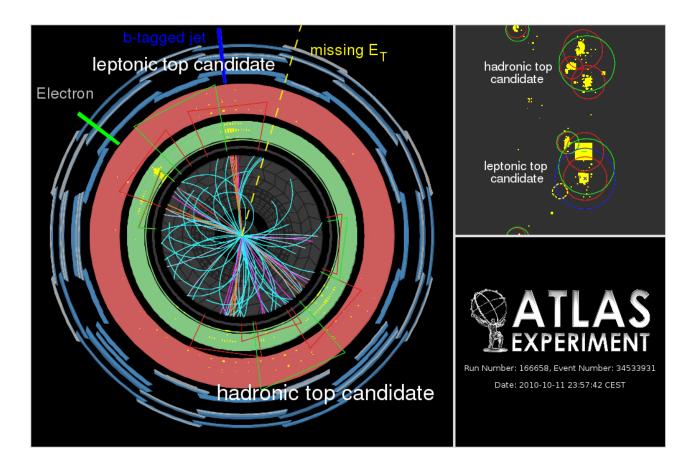
From  $k \sim 14$  remaining possibles  $e^{\pm}, \mu^{\pm}, \gamma, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\bullet}, p^{\pm}, n$ 

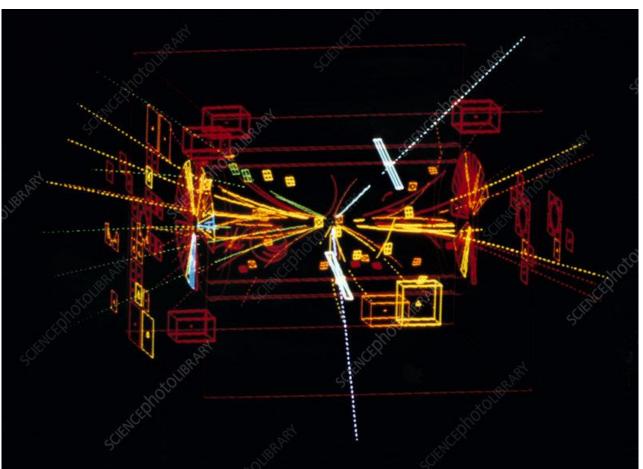
are by far the most frequent ones

A porticle Delector null be able to identify and measure Energy and Momenta of Hese 8 porticles.

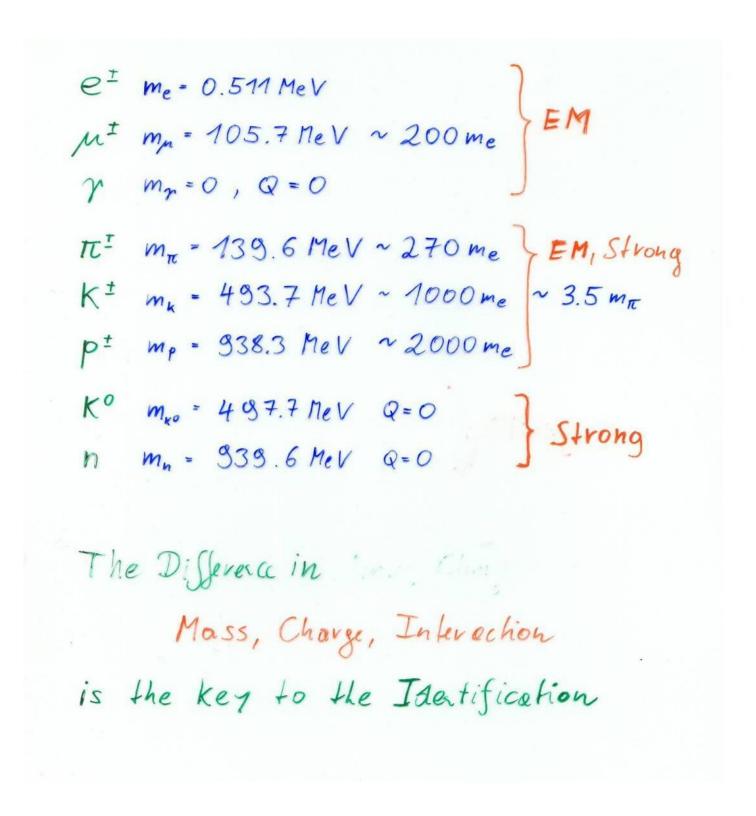




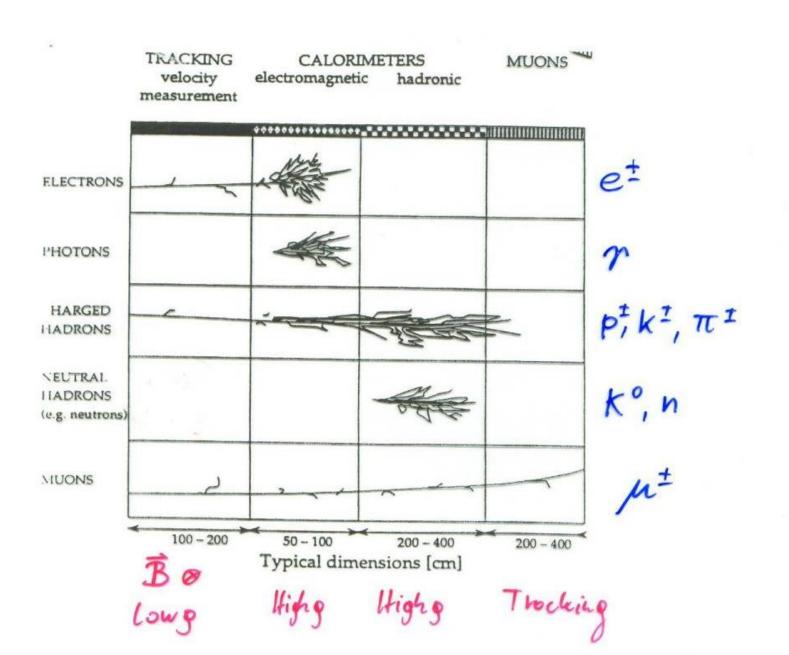




# Interactions of the 8 particles

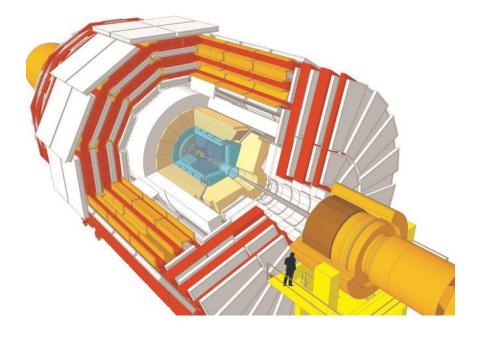


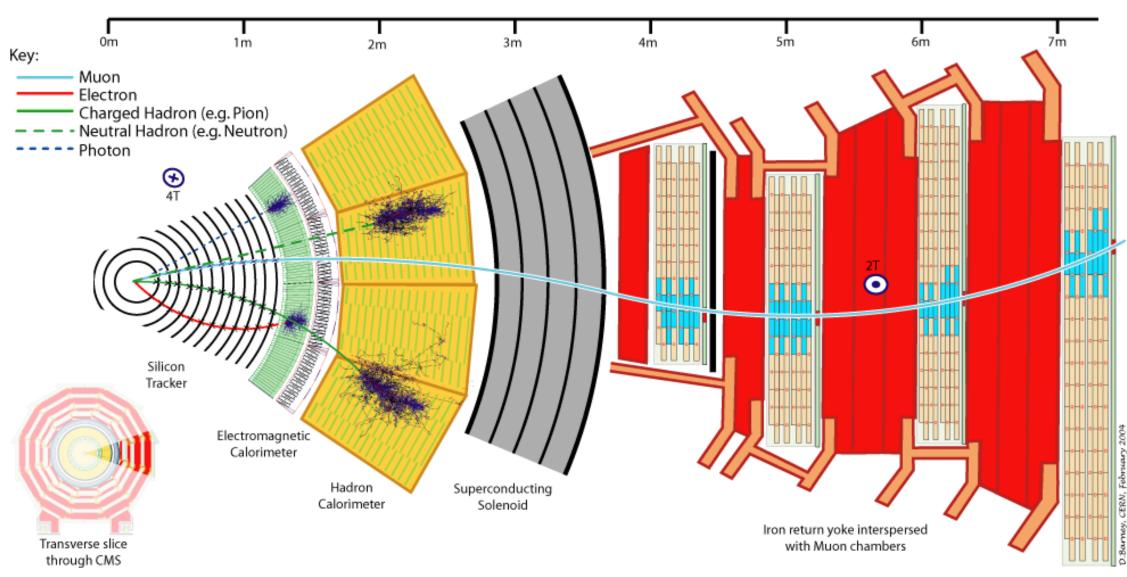
## Task of a Particle Detector

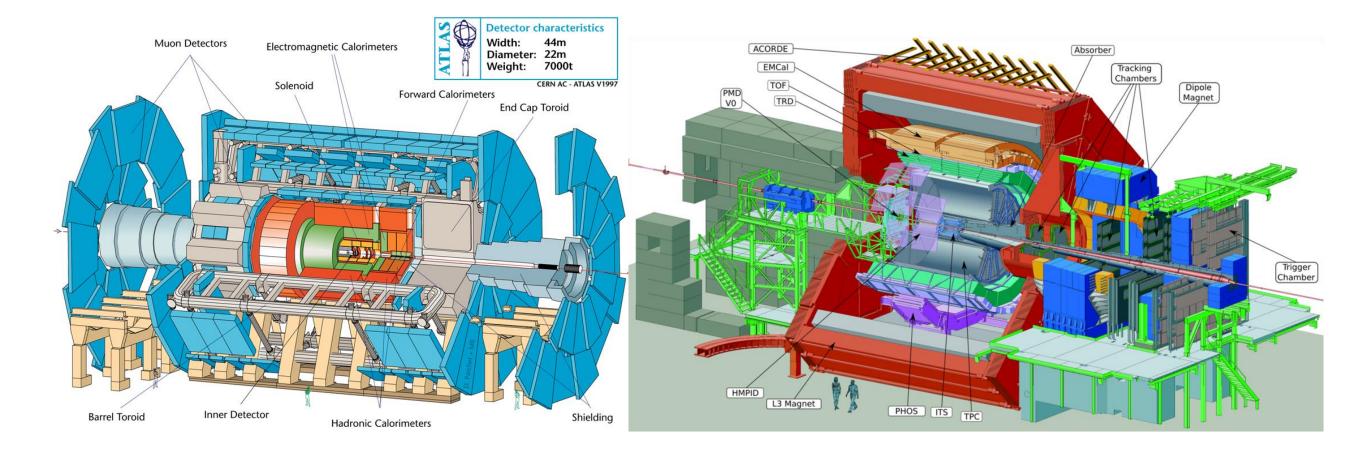


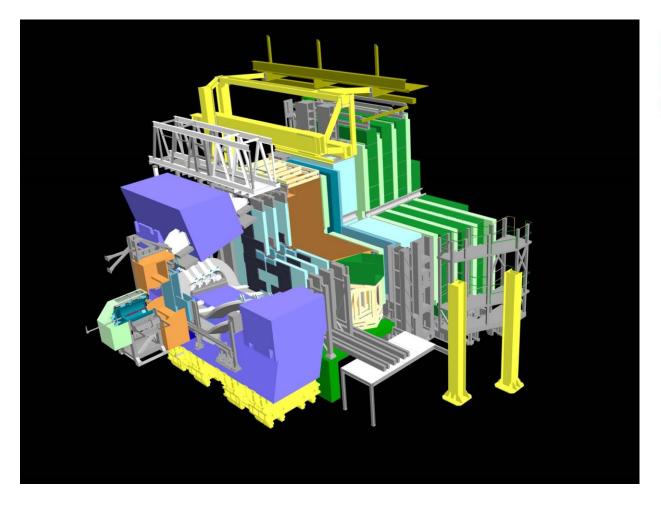
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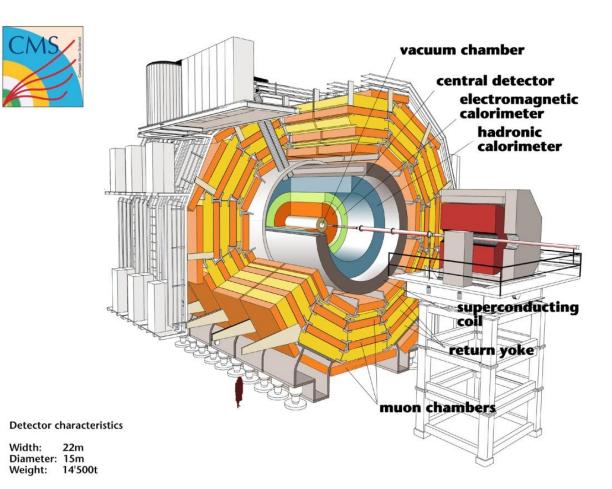
# **CMS** Detector



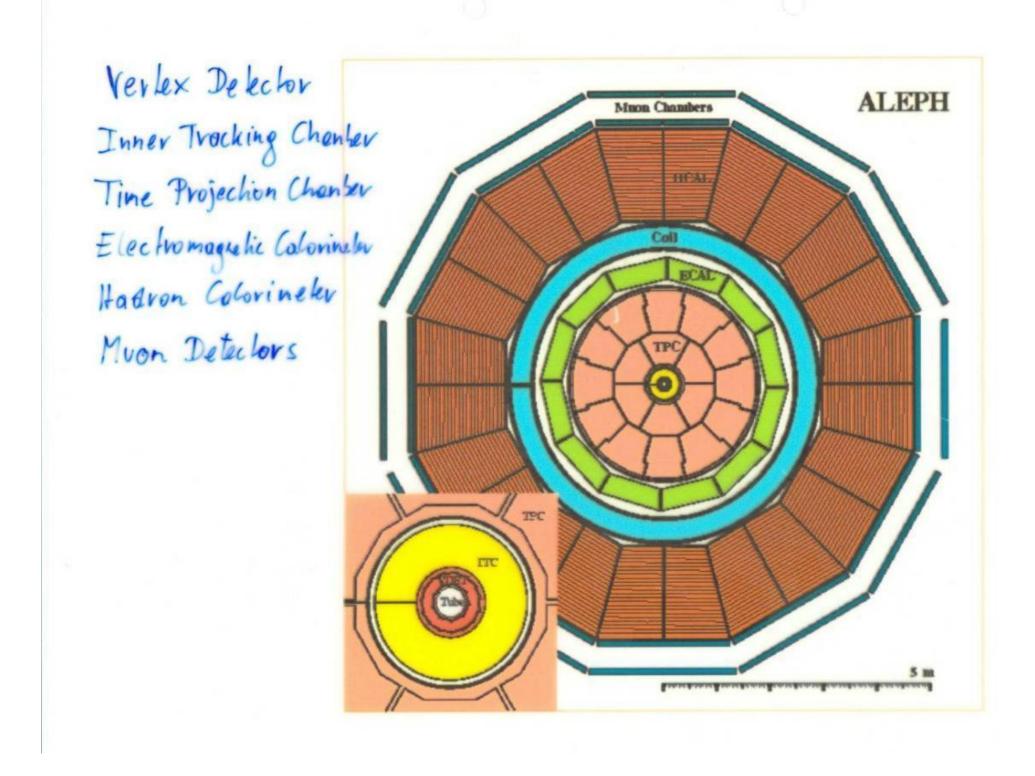








# ALEPH detector (LEP 1988 - 2000)



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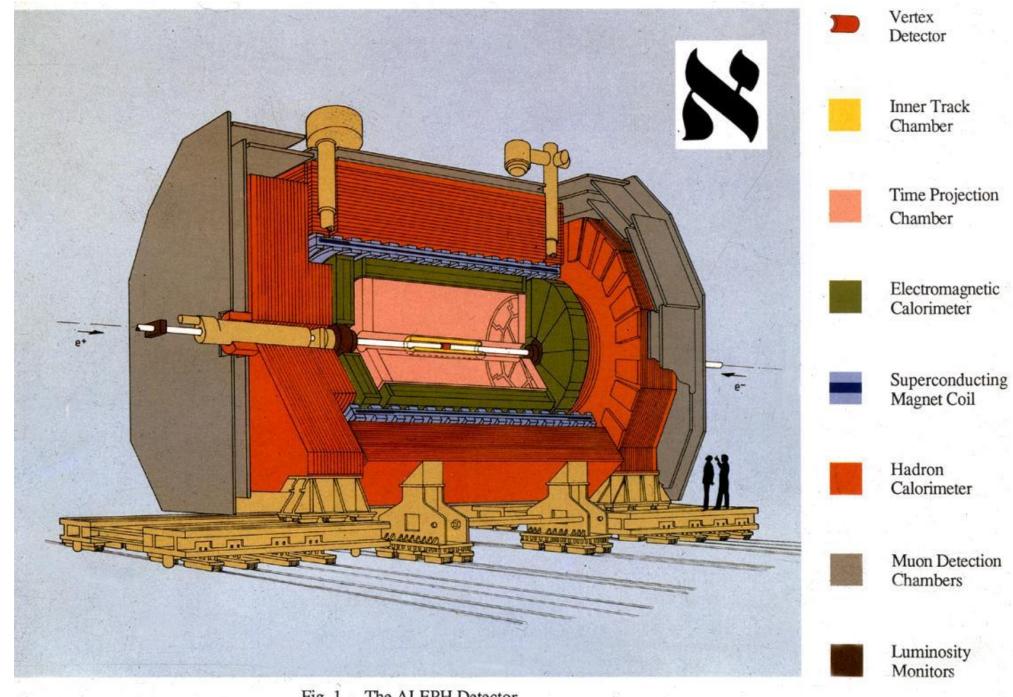
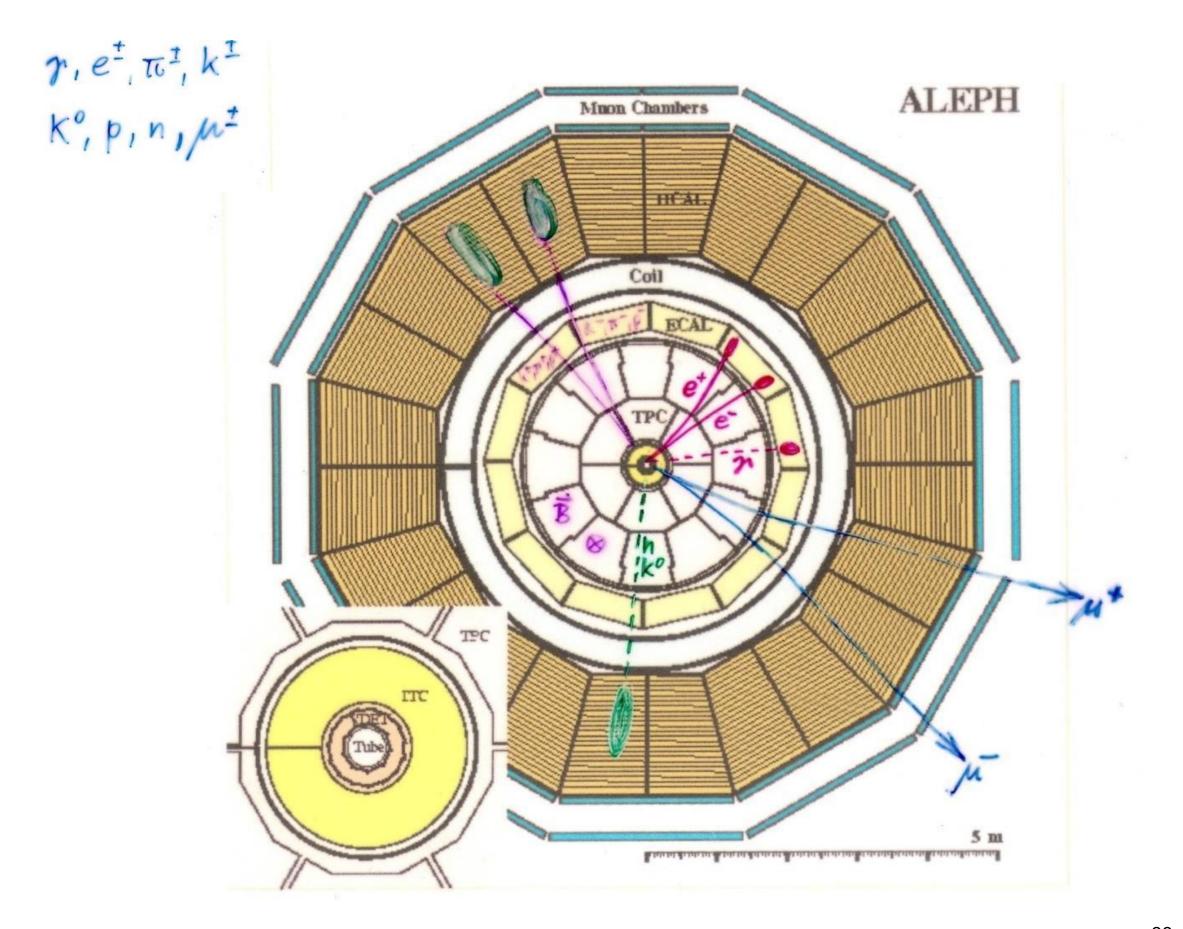


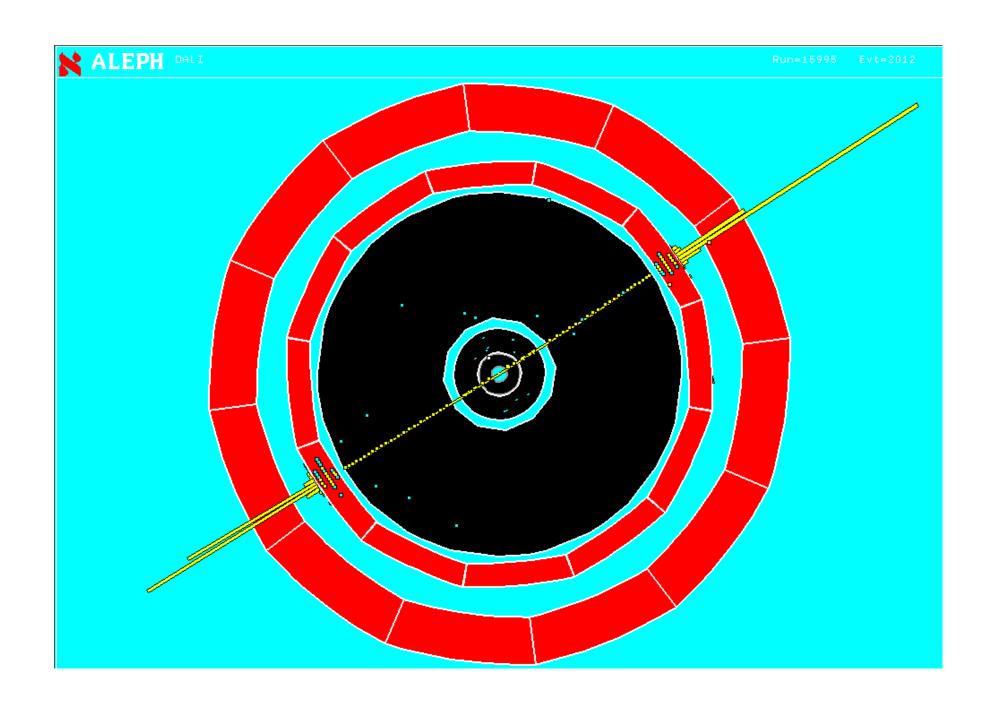
Fig. 1 - The ALEPH Detector

ALEPH detector (LEP 1988 - 2000)



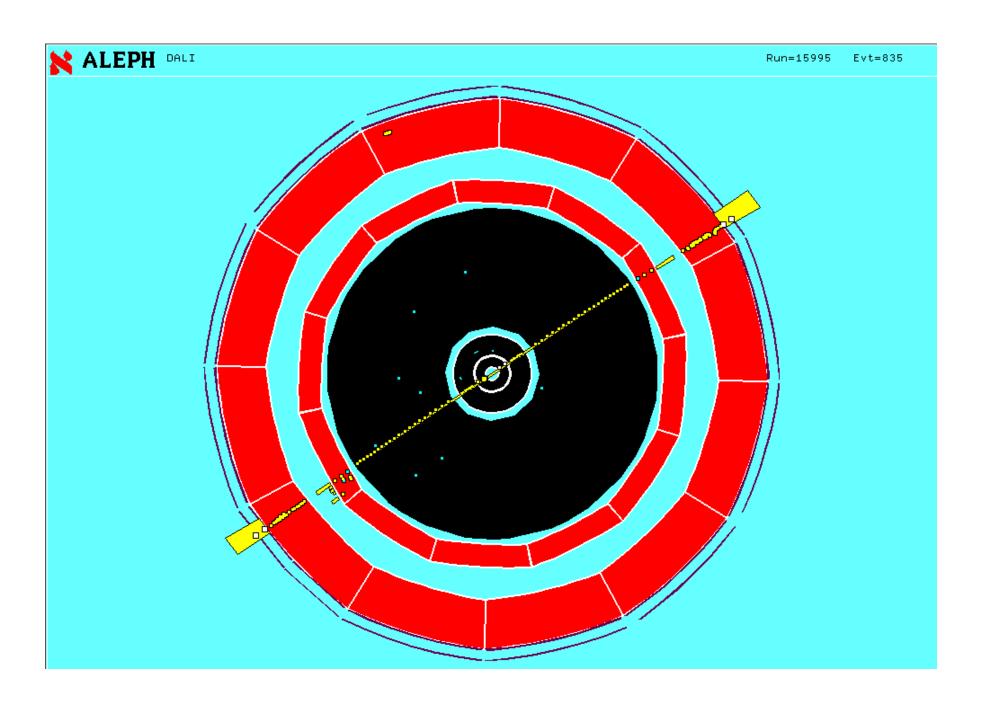
### $Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$

Two high momentum charged particles depositing energy in the Electro Magnetic Calorimeter



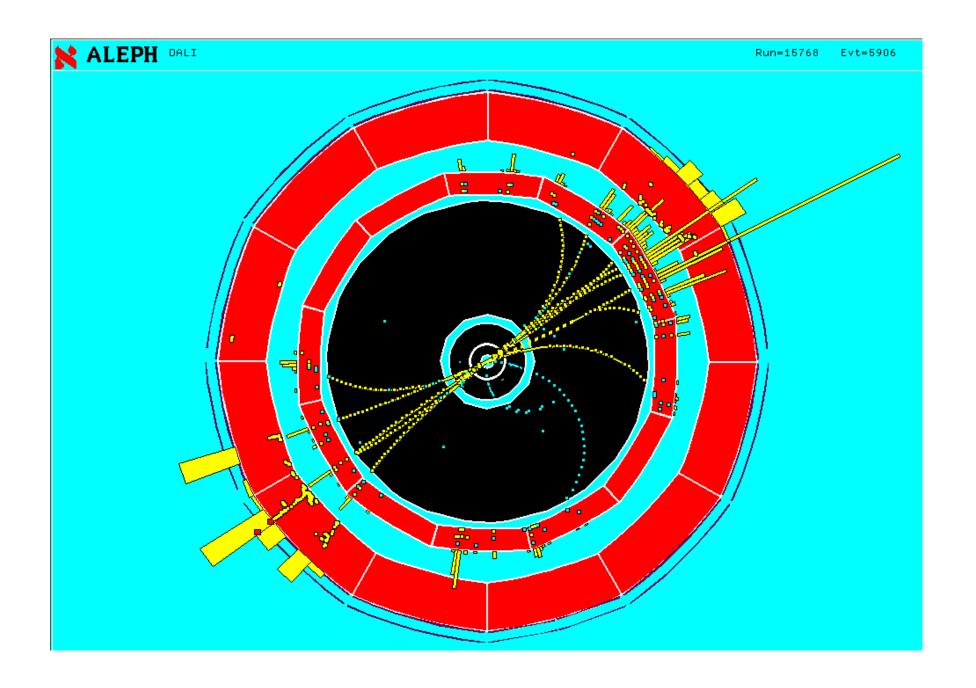
# $Z \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

Two high momentum charged particles traversing all calorimeters and leaving a signal in the muon chambers.



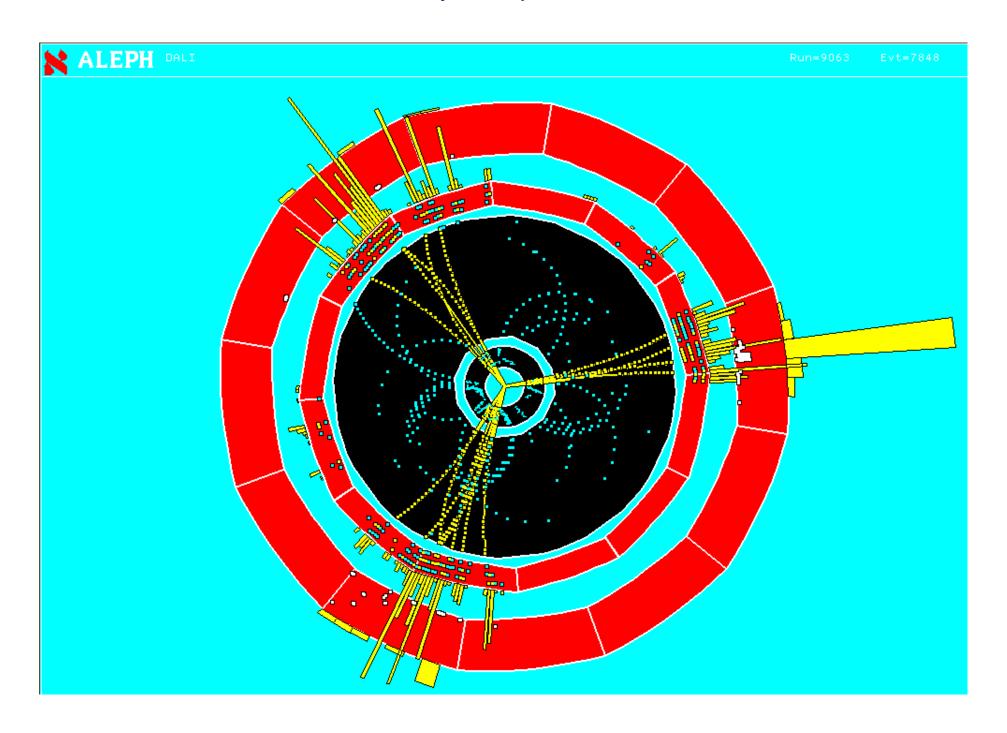
# $Z \rightarrow q \overline{q}$

#### Two jets of particles



# $Z \rightarrow q \overline{q} g$

#### Three jets of particles

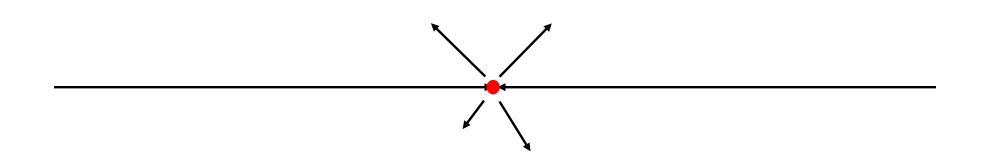


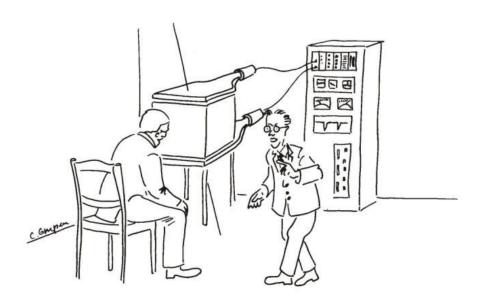
# Interaction of Particles with Matter

Any device that is to detect a particle must interact with it in some way → almost ...

In many experiments neutrinos are measured by missing transverse momentum.

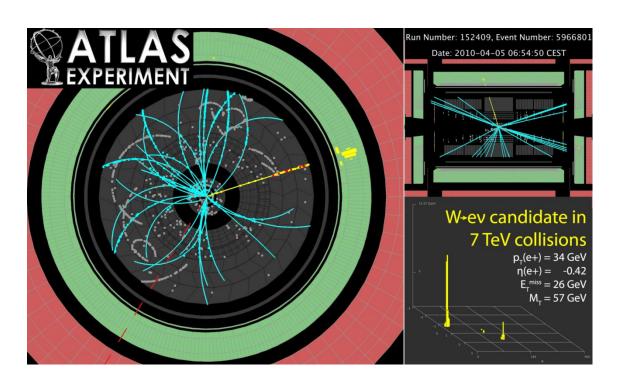
E.g.  $e^+e^-$  collider.  $P_{tot}=0$ , If the  $\Sigma$   $p_i$  of all collision products is  $\neq 0 \rightarrow$  neutrino escaped.

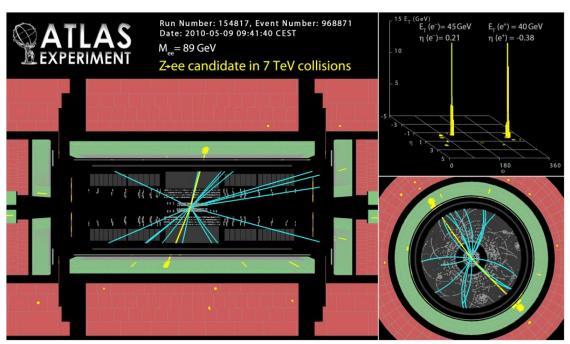


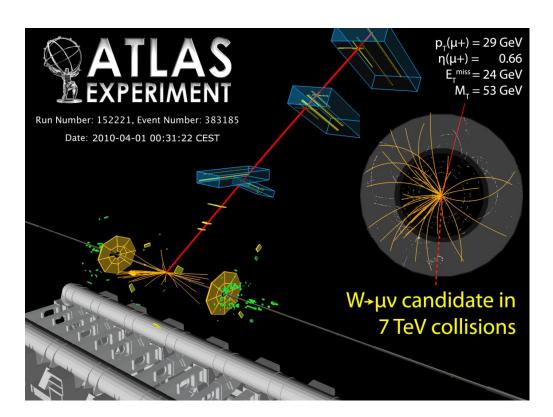


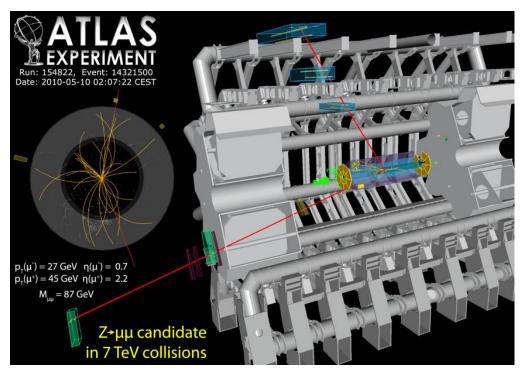
"Did you see it?"
"No nothing."
"Then it was a neutrino!"

#### 2010 ATLAS W, Z candidates!



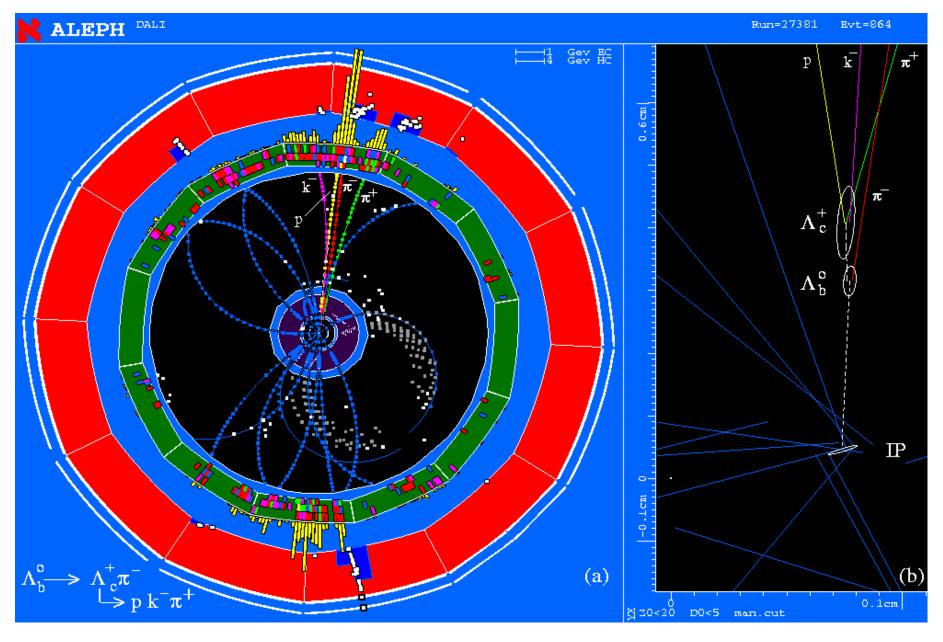




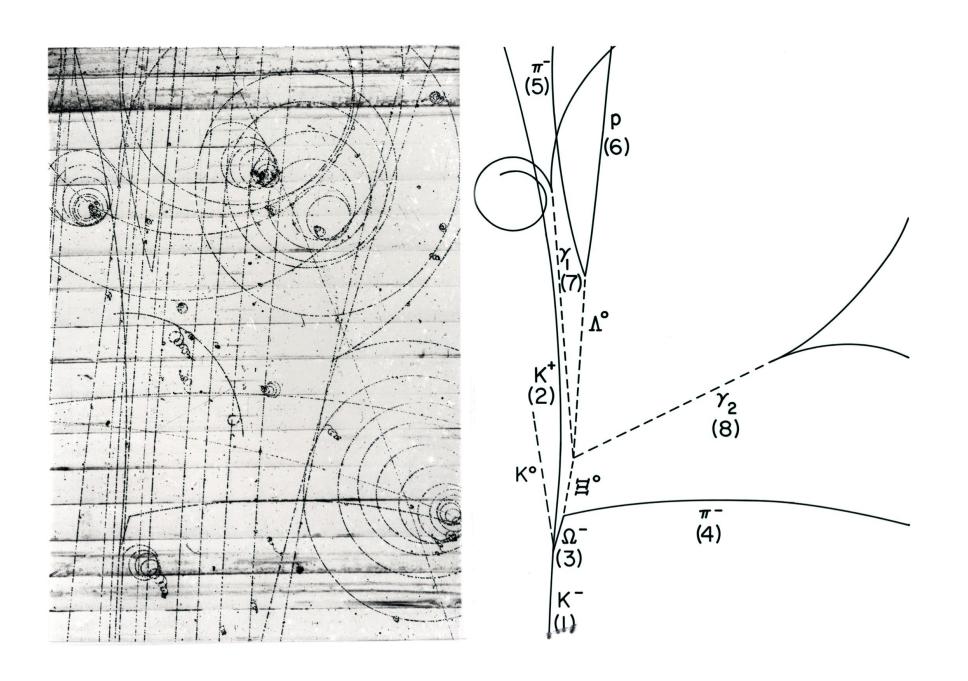


Two secondary vertices with characteristic decay particles giving invariant masses of known particles.

Bubble chamber like – a single event tells what is happening. Negligible background.

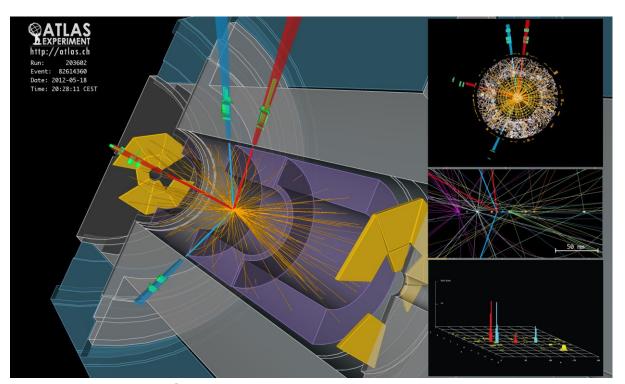


# **Discovery of 'new' Particles**

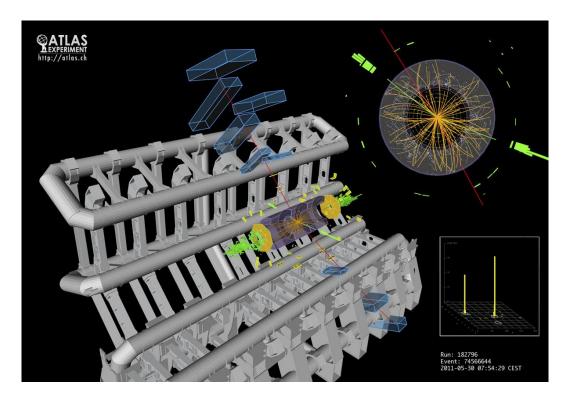


Discovery of  $\Omega$  at the Brookhaven National Laboratory 80 inch hydrogen bubble chamber in 1964. Discovery claimed by a single event – 'background free'

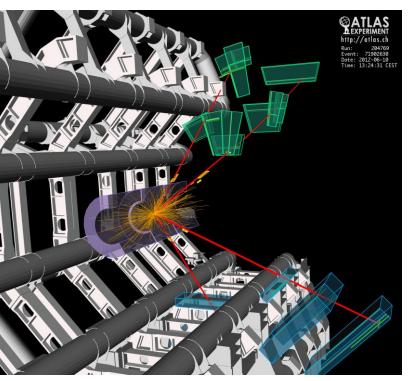
# **Candidate Higgs Events**

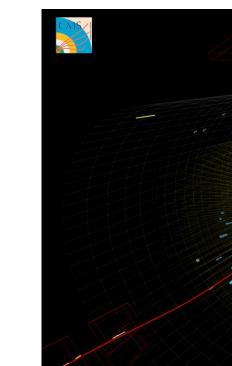


Candidate Higgs → 4e

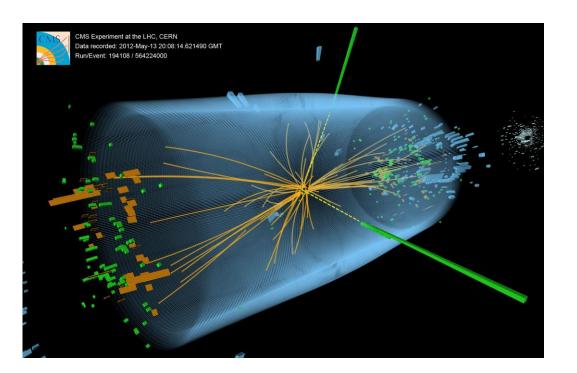


Candidate Higgs → 2µ2e



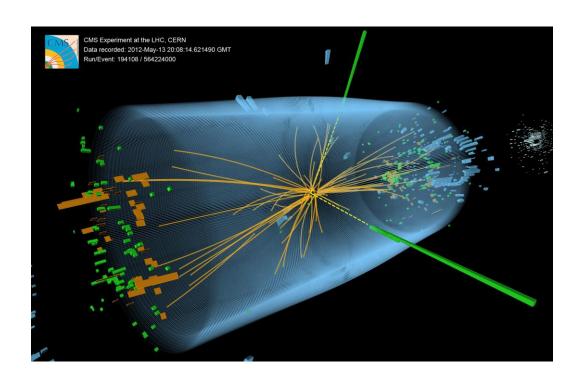


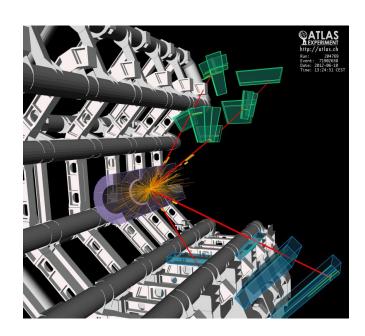
Candidate Higgs  $\rightarrow$  4 $\mu$ 



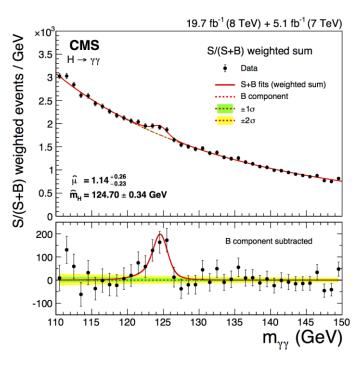
Candidate Higgs → 2 photons

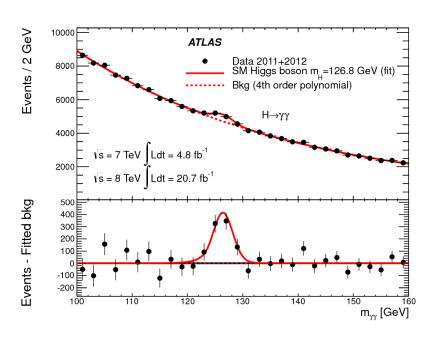
# Signal and Background

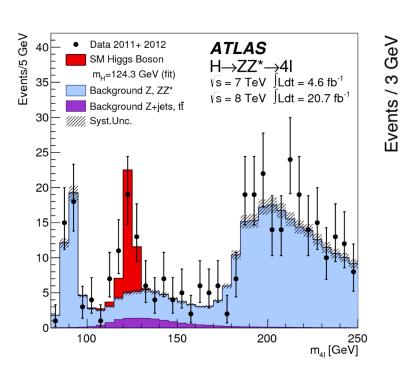


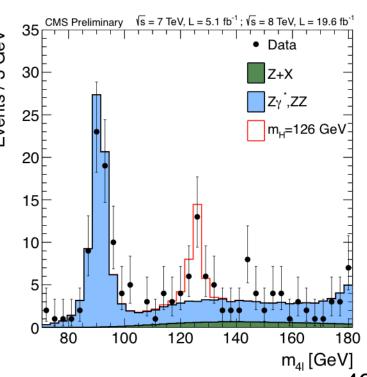


Particles are typically seen as an excess of events above an irreducible (i.e. indistinguishable) background.









#### **Conclusion**

Only a few of the numerous known particles have lifetimes that are long enough to leave tracks in a detector.

Most of the particles are measured though the decay products and their kinematic relations (invariant mass). Most particles are only seen as an excess over an irreducible background.

Some short lived particles (b,c –particles) reach lifetimes in the laboratory system that are sufficient to leave short tracks before decaying  $\rightarrow$  identification by measurement of short tracks.

In addition to this, detectors are built to measure the 8 particles.

$$e^{\pm}, u^{\pm}, \gamma, \pi^{\pm}, K^{\pm}, K^{\circ}, p^{\pm}, n$$

Their difference in mass, charge and interaction is the key to their identification.

### Conclusion

A particle detector is an (almost) irreducible representation of the properties of these 8 particles

$$e^{\pm}, \mu^{t}, \gamma, \pi^{t}, K^{t}, K^{o}, p^{t}, n$$