Journey to the origins of the universe – what we do in the laboratory

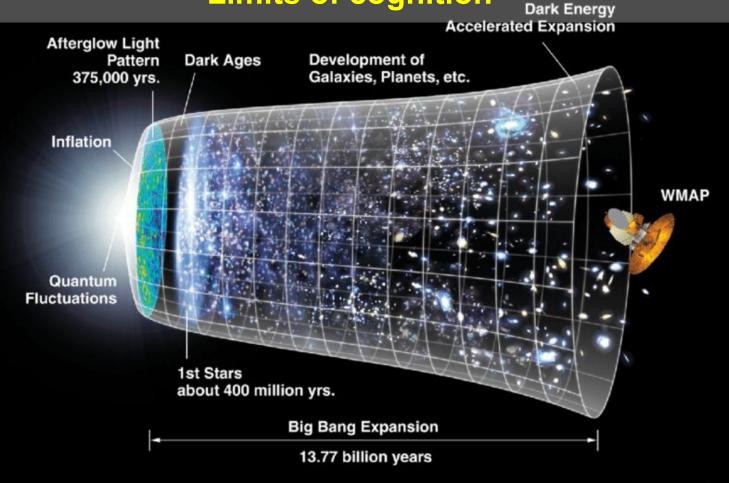


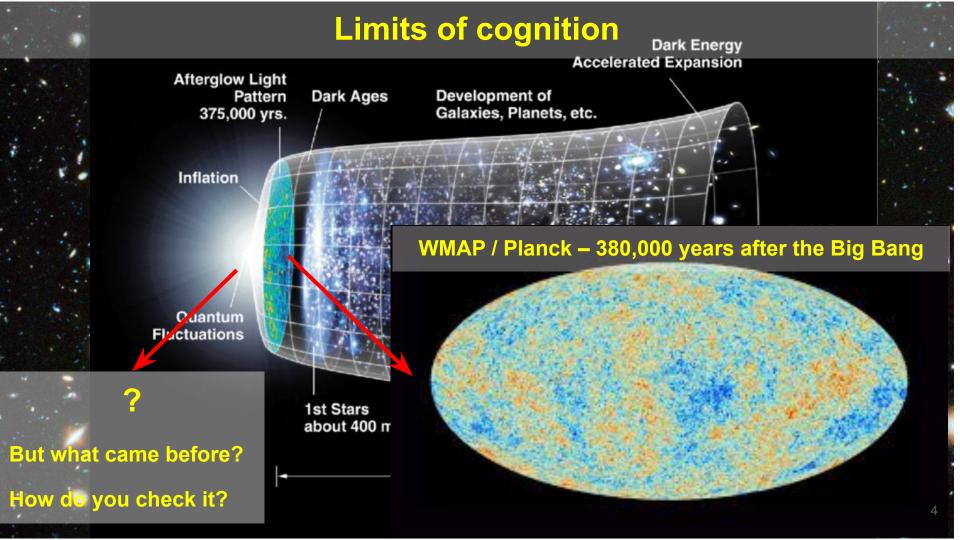
Presenter: Wioleta Rzęsa (Warsaw University of Technology) Masterclass Lecture, QCHSC 2024 (Cairns, Australia) 20.08.2024

How do we go back to the beginnings?

Hubble Deep Field

Limits of cognition

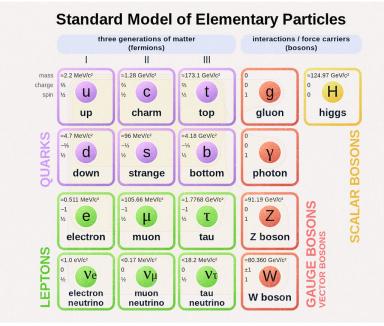




How can we study something we cannot see?

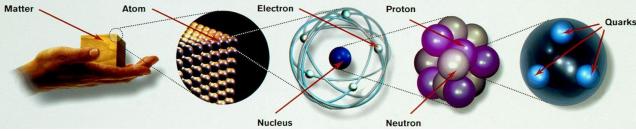


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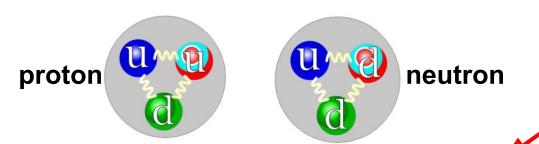
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Quarks and gluons

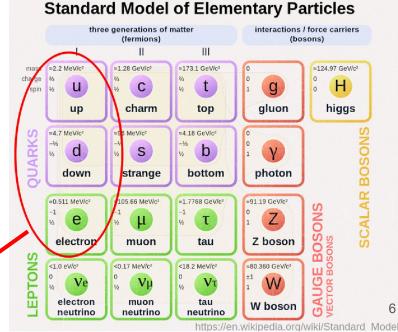


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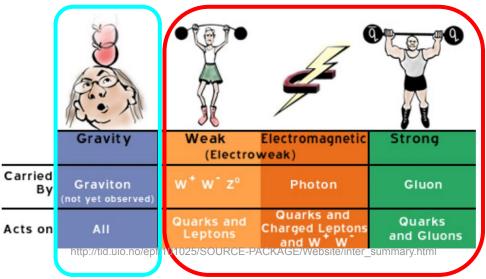
• Quarks are tightly bound by gluons, forming the components of the atomic nucleus: protons and neutrons.



• We and almost all the matter around us are made up of just these 3.



Interactions



- The Standard Model contains 3 of the 4 interactions (without gravity)
- Gravity is the weakest force in the microworld (it is negligibly small)
- Strong interactions behave differently (increase with distance)

Free the quarks!

Free quarks could not be observed. But why?

Quark-antiquark pair (meson) -

We try to separate them (we add energy)

E=mc²

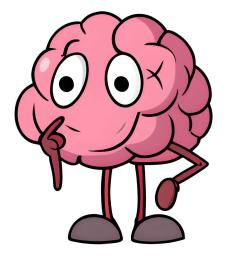
We get two mesons

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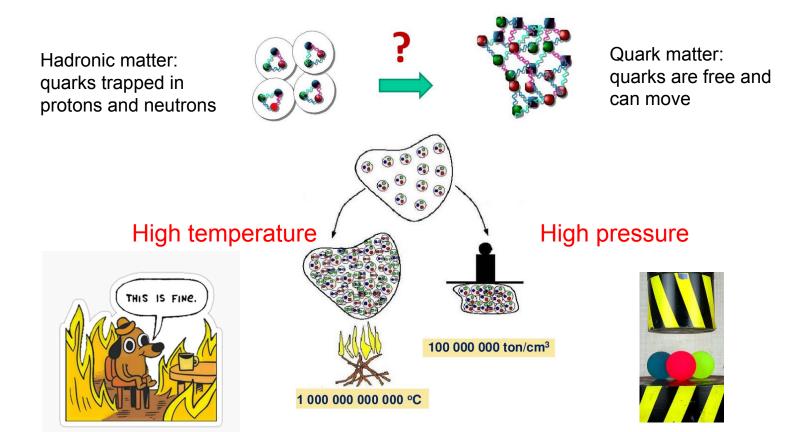
Problem: a free quark cannot be obtained

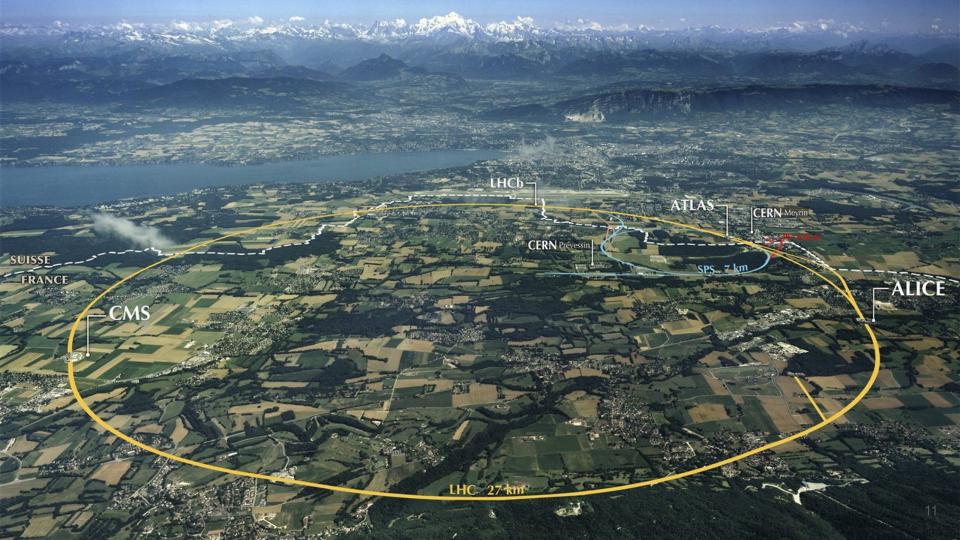
Question: Do we need to isolate a single quark? Or would it be better to free them all at once? Is this possible?

We need to create conditions in which quarks are free. <u>Many quarks</u> at once...



Recipe to free the quarks





What is CERN?

CERN – European Organization for Nuclear Research (fr.) Organisation Européenne pour la Recherche Nucléaire

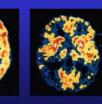
CERN was founded in 1954 (12 countries) → Now: 23 member countries

CERN mission

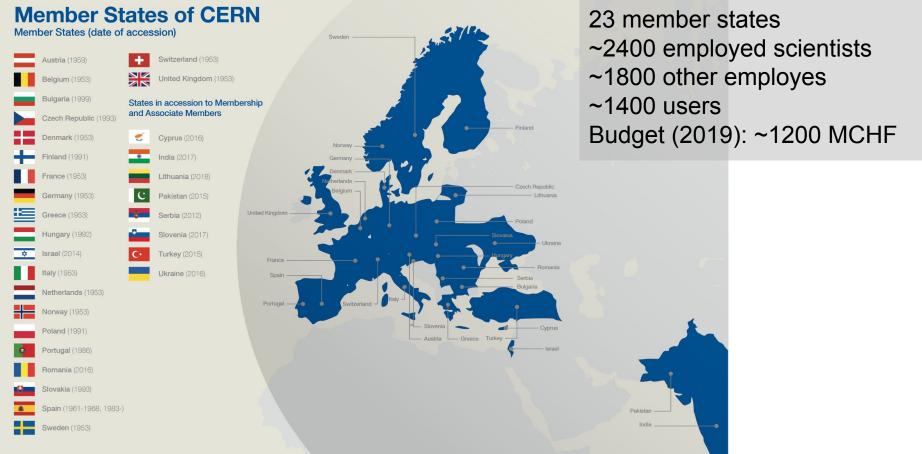
- Pushing the boundaries of science e.g., the mystery of the Big Bang - what was our Universe like in the first moments of its existence?
- Development of accelerator and detector technologies, information technology - e.g., World Wide Web, GRID, medicine - diagnosis and treatment (e.g. PET).
- Training new generations of scientists and engineers.
- Uniting people from different countries and cultures.







CERN in numbers



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CERN - Nobel prizes

- 1984 Carlo Rubbia and Simon van der Meer 'for the work that led to the discovery of the W and Z bosons'
- 1992 George Charpak 'for the conception and development of particle detectors, in particular the MWPC (multiwire proportional chamber proportional chamber)'

Other Nobel laureates associated with CERN:

- 1952 Felix Bloch for precise measurements of the magnetism of atomic nuclei first Director General of CERN
- 1976 Samuel C. Ting for the discovery of the J/ψ particle once head of the L3 experiment at LEP, now head of the AMS experiment on the International Space Station









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LHC - Large Hadron Collider



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The LHC is a real Guinness Book of Records

Tunnel depth ~100m

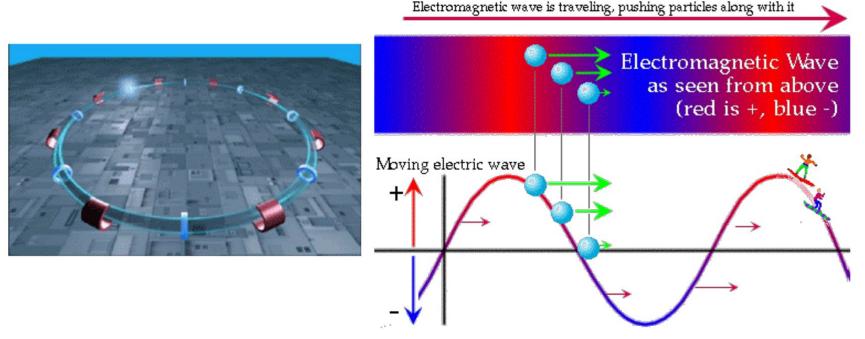
Tunnel length of accelerator ~27km

Their velocity of protons: v=0.999999991c Energy: E=13 TeV c - speed of light Temperature T=1.9 K=-271.2 C

Vacuum: P=10⁻¹⁰ Tr

> Superconducting magnets: electric current: I = 11 700 A magnetic field: 8.7 T

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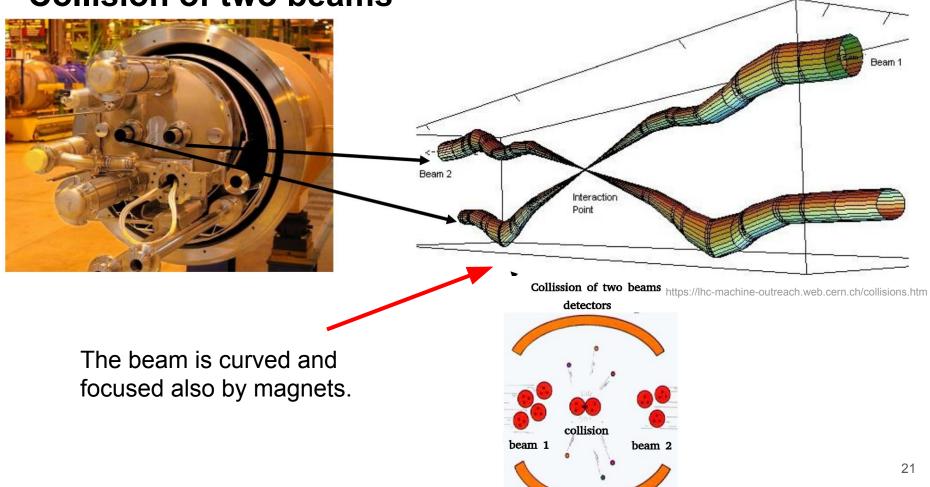


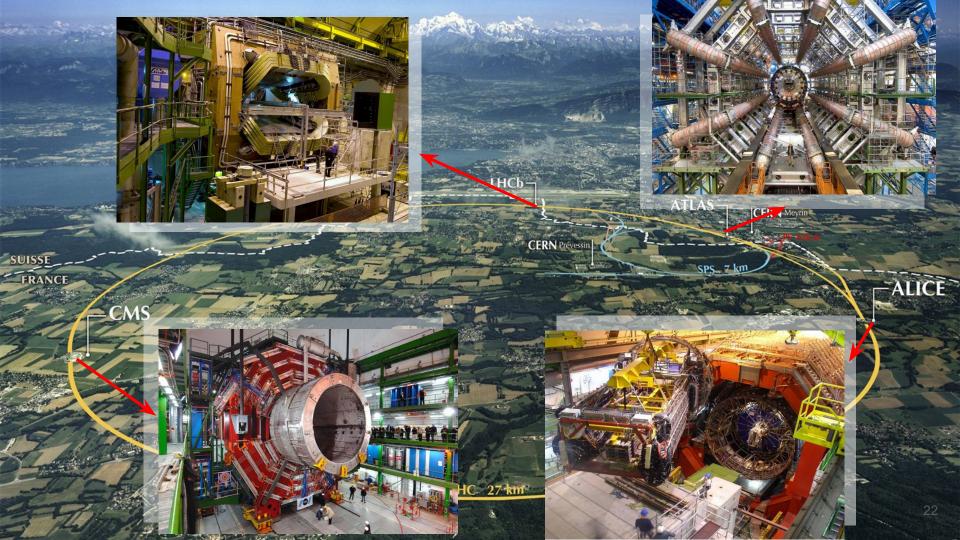
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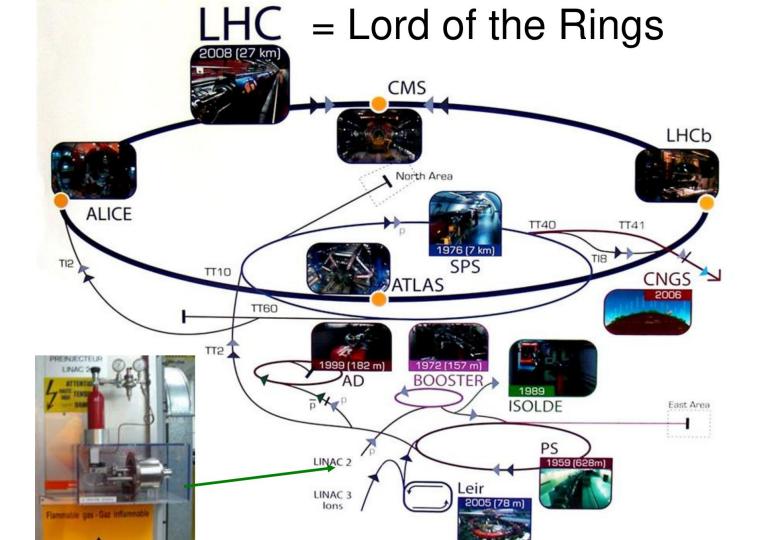
We can only accelerate charged particles (electrons, protons, atomic nuclei)

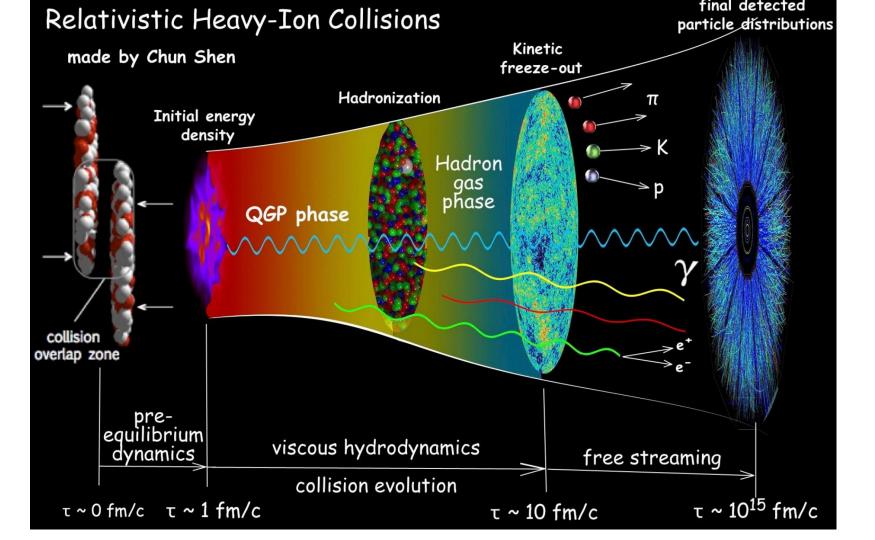
- Electric field accelerates particles
- Magnetic field bends the beam path focuses the beam

Collision of two beams

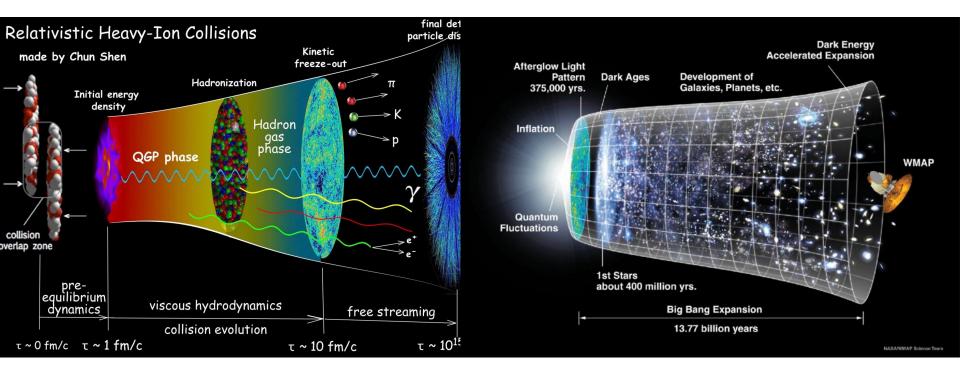








So, we can look at the beginning of the Universe

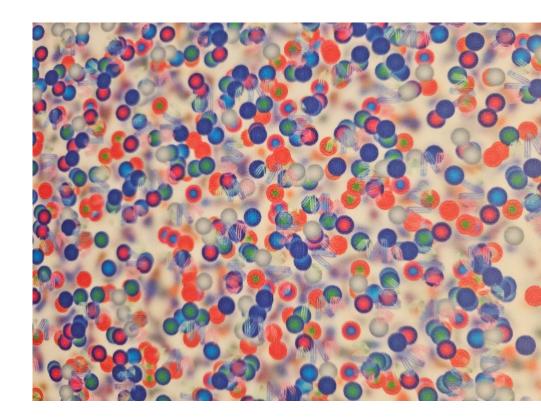


How to study QGP

QGP exists for only ~10⁻²³ s

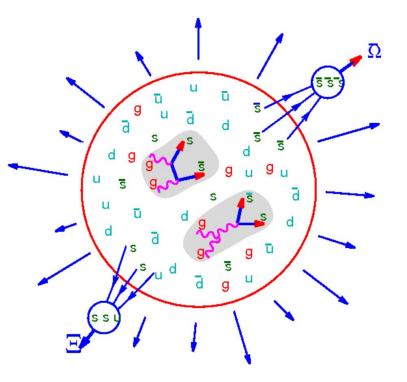
BUT!

We can use processes which are created by the QGP itself ('self-generated QGP probes').



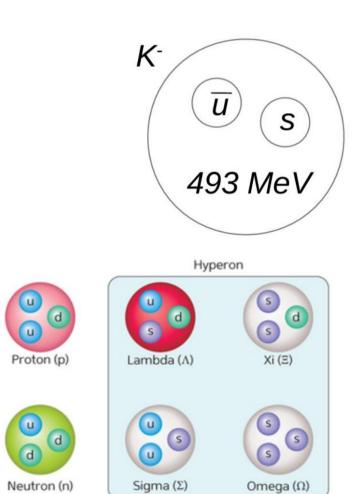
Strangeness enhancement

- Strange particles are hadrons containing at least one strange quark
- Strange quarks do not normally exist in the surrounding matter the ideal probe for QGP research!
- The number of strange quarks produced quarks depends on the conditions and plasma dynamics.

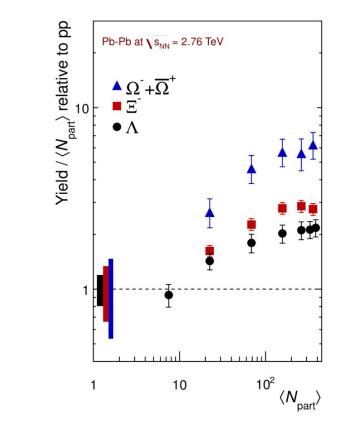


Strangeness enhancement

- Particles are produced from the collision energy E=mc².
- Under normal conditions (no QGP), the 'cost' of producing one strange quark is comparable with the kaon mass.
- When QGP exists, s quarks can exist independently, so the production cost of one quark is less.
- We should observe more strange particles in heavy-ion collisions where QGP is produced in comparison to nucleon-nucleon collisions.



Results



Stability of particles

- Most particles are unstable and each of particle has its own lifetime au

Stability of particles

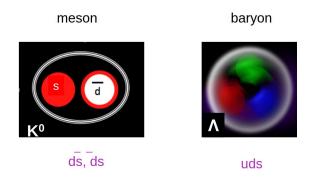
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- p: $\tau > 10^{31}$ years
- n: *τ*= 880,1±1,1 s
- π^{+-} : τ = (2,6033±0,0005) x 10⁻⁸ s
- K⁺⁻: τ = (1,2380±0,0021) x 10⁻⁸ s
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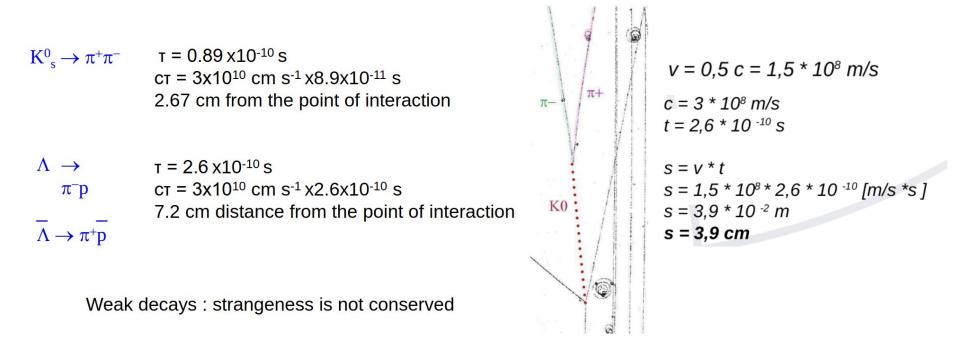
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hadrons (baryons or mesons) containing at least one strange (s) quark

Strange particles

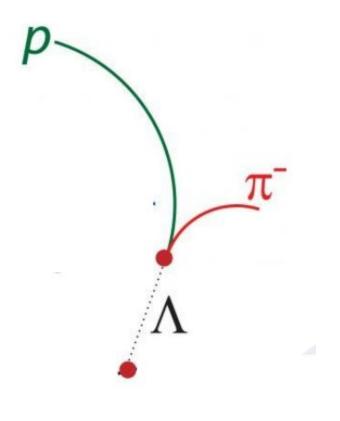


We will be looking for neutral strange particles, which travel some distance (mm or cm) from the point of production (collision point) before they decay into two oppositely charged particles



Particle decay

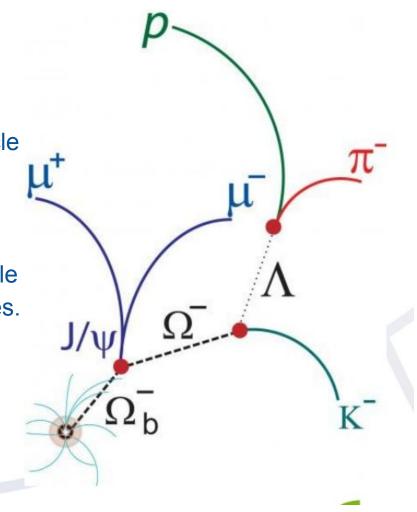
- A spontaneous process in which a particle transforms into other particles.
- Particles with smaller masses are created.



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

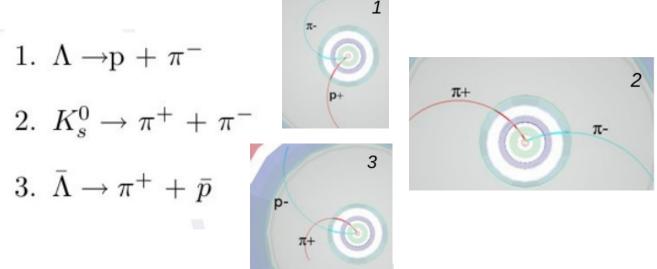
Particle decay

- A spontaneous process in which a particle transforms into other particles.
- Particles with smaller masses are created.
- If, during the process, an unstable particle is produced, the decay process continues.



Particle decay

Weak decays - decays caused by weak interactions, average lifetime τ of a decaying particle: 10^{-8} s - 10^{-10} s



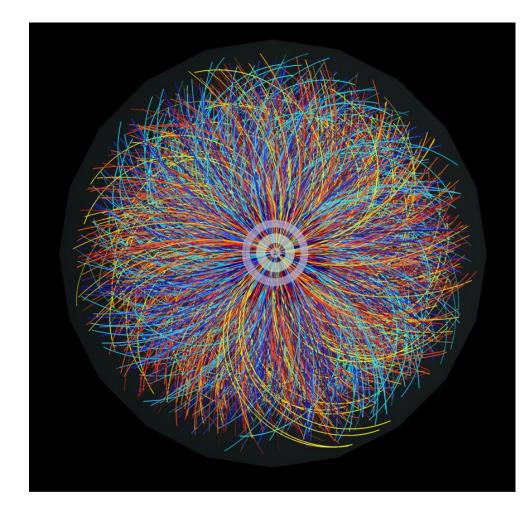
Strong decays - decays caused by the strong interactions, average lifetime τ of a decaying particle: 10^{-23} s

Strange particles

- Contain at least one strange quark or anti-quark.
- They travel a few cm in the detector from the interaction point (IP, or Primary Top).
- In the so-called Secondary Top they decay into more stable particles, which move in the opposite directions and are registered by the detector.
- Such particles have a specific decay topology V, hence they are called V0 (0 no electric charge).
- For particles with many s quarks, the topology can be more extended.

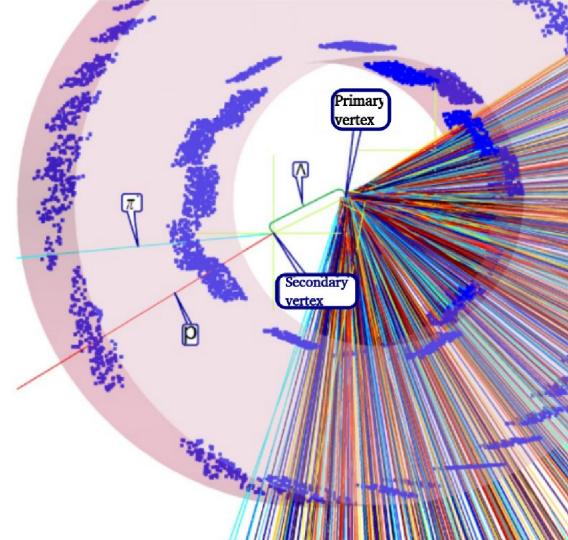
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How to find them?



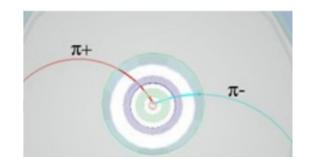
Example:

- The decay reconstruction process and identification of a neutral particle that decay into a pair of charged particles:
- 1) Identification of the secondary vertex and determination of its coordinates.
- 2) Identification of both secondary particles and determination of their momentum.
- 3) Calculation of invariant mass.



Invariant mass

$$K_0^{s} \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$$



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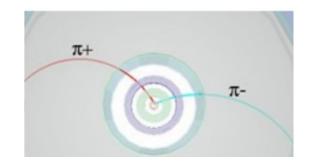
Each particle can be described with: (p_x, p_y, p_z, E)

 $K_0^{s}: E \mathbf{p} m$ Energy and $\pi^+: E_1 \mathbf{p}_1 m_1$ Energy and momentum conservation $\pi^-: E_2 \mathbf{p}_2 m_2$

 $E = E_1 + E_2$ $p = p_1 + p_2 \text{ and } E_1^2 = p_1^2 + m_1^2$ $E_2^2 = p_2^2 + m_2^2$

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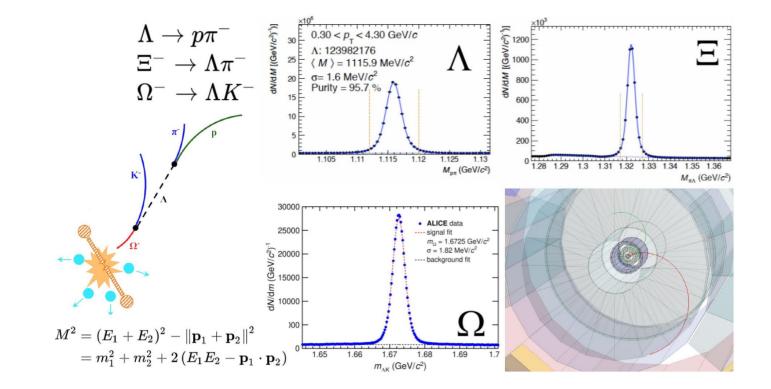
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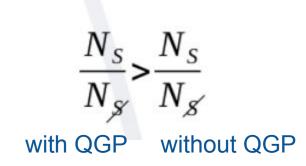
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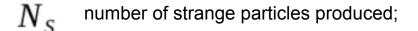
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Strangeness enhancement:

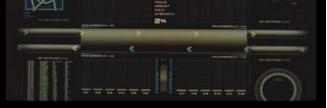
Increased production of strange particles when:





 N_{\checkmark} number of particles containing no strange quarks









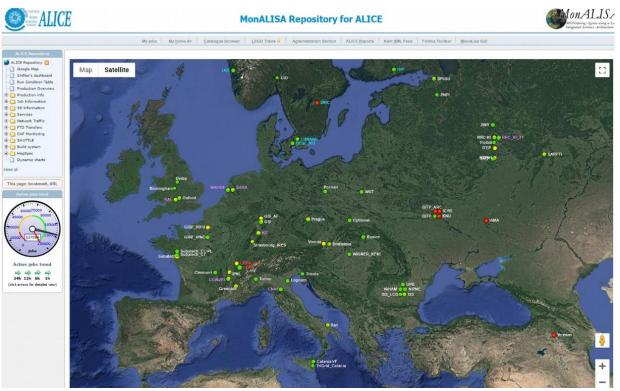




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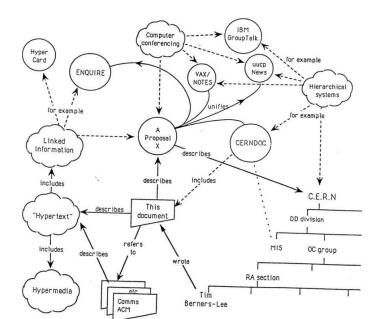
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Information Management: A Proposal

Abstract

This proposal concerns the management of general information about accelerators and experiments at CERN. It discusses the problems of loss of information about complex evolving systems and derives a solution based on a distributed hypertext system.

Keywords: Hypertext, Computer conferencing, Document retrieval, Information management, Project control



26 years ago....

Tim Berners-Lee writes the famous document that marked the beginning of the World Wide Web (HTML). In its opening paragraphs he writes:

"Many of the discussions of the future at CERN and the LHC era end with the question - ^aYes, but how will we ever keep track of such a large project?^o This proposal provides an answer to such questions. Firstly, it discusses the problem of information access at CERN. Then, it introduces the idea of linked information systems, and compares them with less flexible ways of finding information."

Thank you for your attention!



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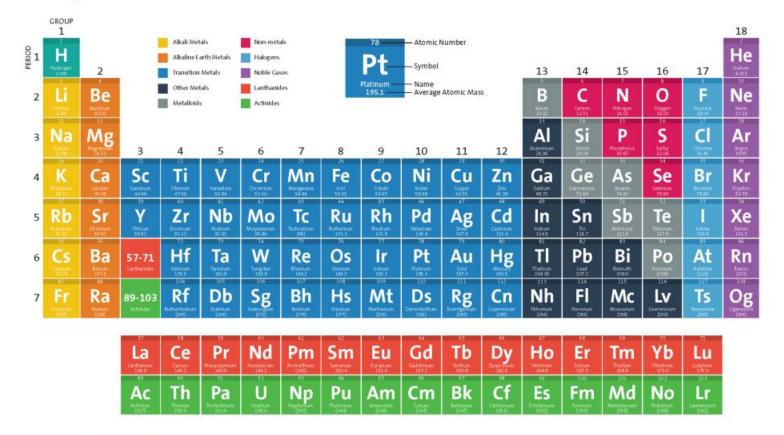


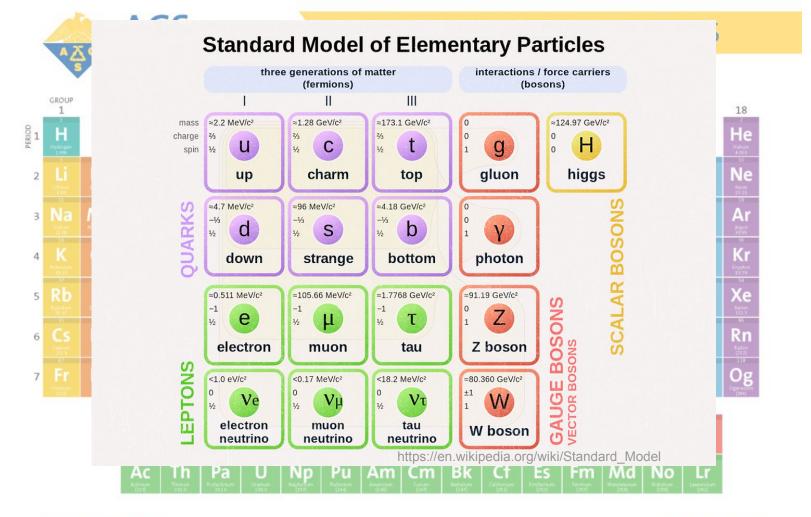
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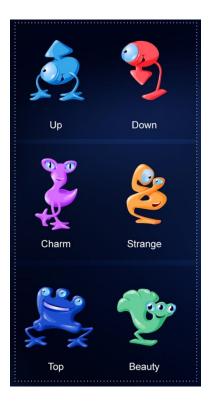
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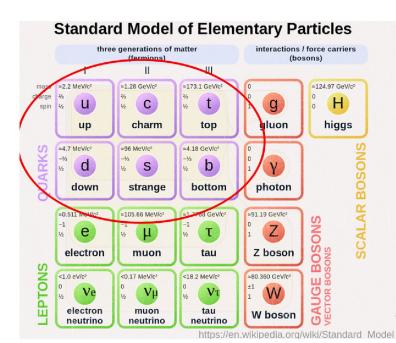




Standard model

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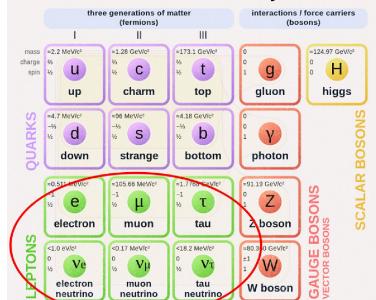
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Standard Model of Elementary Particles



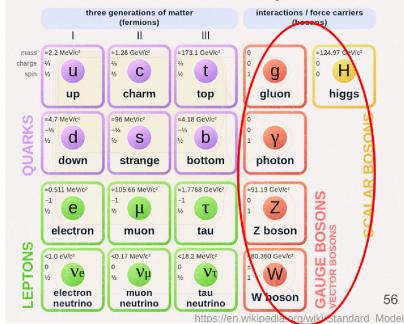
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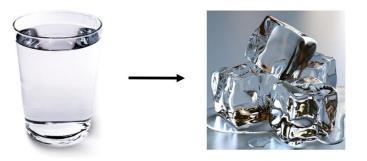
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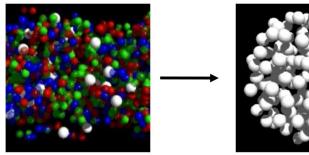


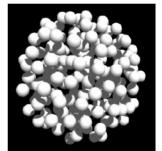
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The critical temperature below which the phase transition occurs.

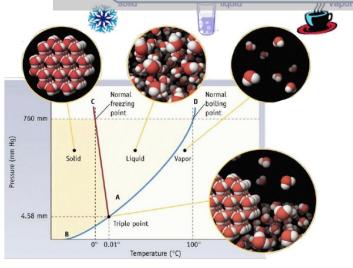


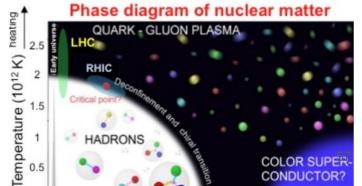
Below a certain temperature, quarks combine to form protons, neutrons, and other particles.



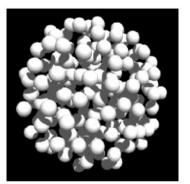


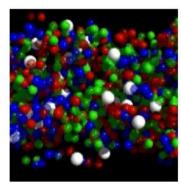
Phase diagram of water

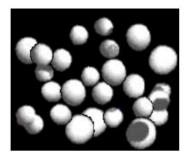






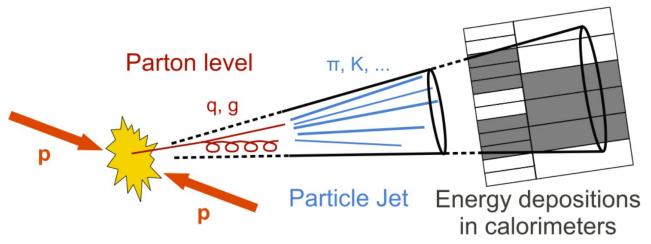






Jets

Initial partons (quarks or gluons) with high shoots give rise to so-called jets:

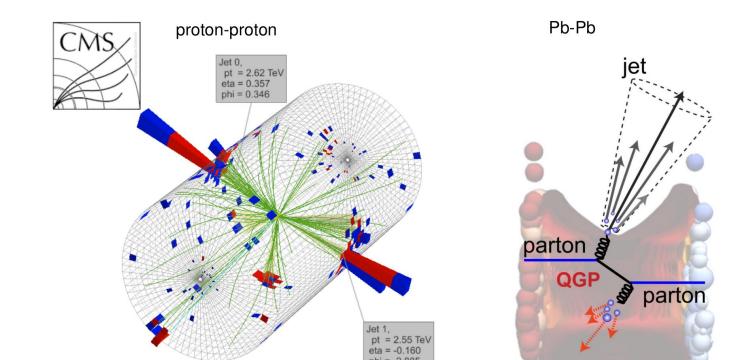


- "jet" is a collimated stream of particles (hadrons) of high momentum (energy), which reach the detectors

- In practice (conservation of energy-momentum principle) in a collision we have two (or sometimes more) such jets

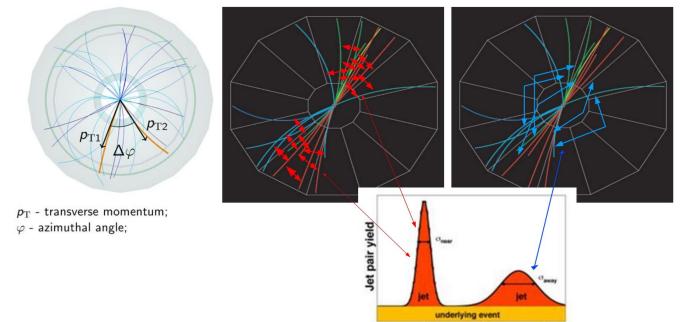
Jets

In heavy ion collisions, one of the two jets should be suppressed on passage through the plasma



Jet quenching

- How can we experimentally measure the suppression of the second jet?
- We can look at the collision in a plane perpendicular to the beam axis and count the difference in azimuthal angle for a pair of particles:



Jet quenching

And if we carry out such an analysis separately for collisions between protons and heavy ions, we obtain:

here an example from the STAR experiment at the RHIC accelerator in the USA

