

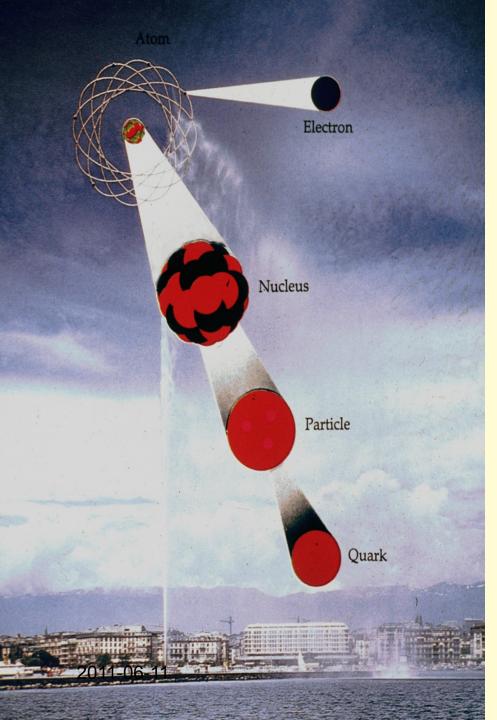
ATLAS for everybody

Celebrating Anna's half century 2011-06-11









The structure of matter

Electron (-1)

1897 Thomson (Nobel prize 1906)

Atomic nucleus 1911 Rutherford (Nobel prize chemistry 1908!)

Proton +1 1919 Rutherford

Neutron 0 1932 Chadwick (Nobel prize 1935)

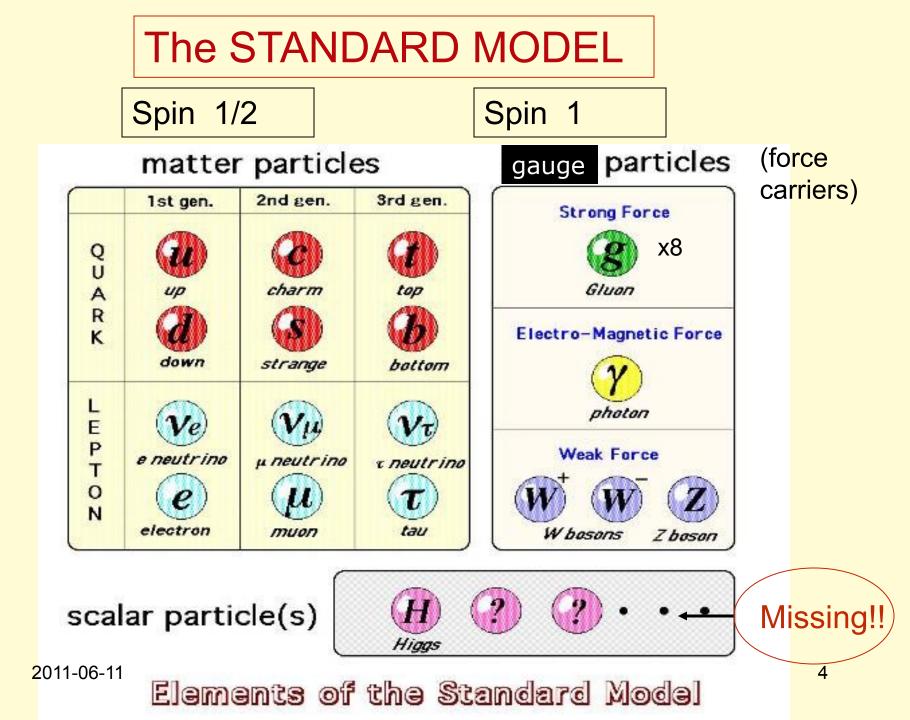
"1964" Gell-Mann (prize 1969)
ca 1970 Friedman, Kendall,
Taylor (Nobel prize 1990)
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1974 Richter, Ting (prize 1976)

The smallest building blocks à là Standard Model



+ anti particles for all particles

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... and the need to go beyond some of the fundamental questions yet to be answered

- Why do particles have mass?
- What is the dark matter of the Universe?
- Gravity? Not included in the Standard Model.
- Why is there only matter in the Universe?

Higgs?

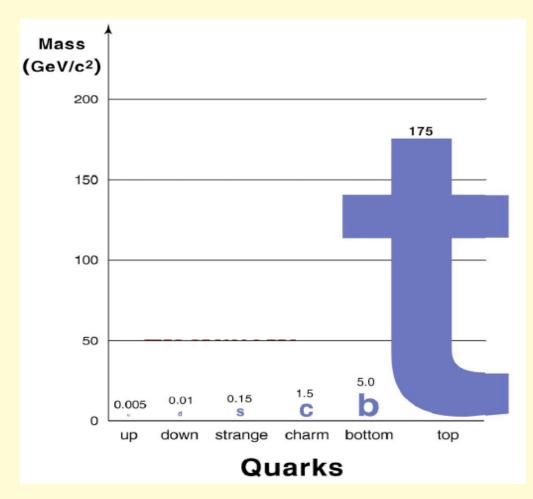
Can Supersymmetry be a solution?

What about string theory? Extra dimensions?

Origin of matter – antimatter asymmetry?

A most basic question is why particles (and matter) have masses (and so different masses)

The mass mystery could be solved with the 'Higgs mechanism' which predicts the existence of a new elementary particle, the 'Higgs' particle (theory 1964, P. Higgs, R. Brout and F. Englert)





Peter Higgs

• The unification of the electromagnetic and weak forces in the Standard Model requires mathematically that the force carriers, the photon, the W and Z bosons are mass less.

• But we know that the masses of W and Z are around 80 and 90 GeV respectively!

- P Higgs, R Brout, F Englert proposed the Higgs mechanism.
- •They proposed that all particles were massless just after the Big Bang.
- When the Universe was cooled down a field was released, the Higgs field, with a corresponding particle, the Higgs boson.

• The field exists in the whole Universe and particles interacting with it get mass. Stronger interaction gives higher mass.

The Higgs particle has been looked for at several accelerators but up to now it has not been found... LHC has enough energy to produce it if it exists...

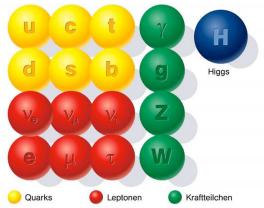
Supersymmetry (SUSY)

Establishes a symmetry between matter particles (fermions, quarks and leptons) and force carriers (bosons):

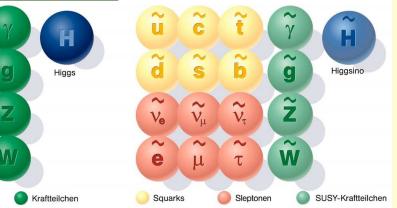
Examples: quark q (s=1/2) \leftrightarrow gluon g (s=1) \leftrightarrow

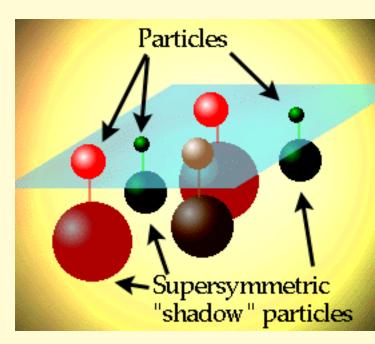
$$\begin{array}{l} \widetilde{q} \ (s=0) & squark \\ \widetilde{g} \ (s=1/2) & gluino \end{array}$$

Our known world with standard particles



Maybe a new world with SUSY particles?

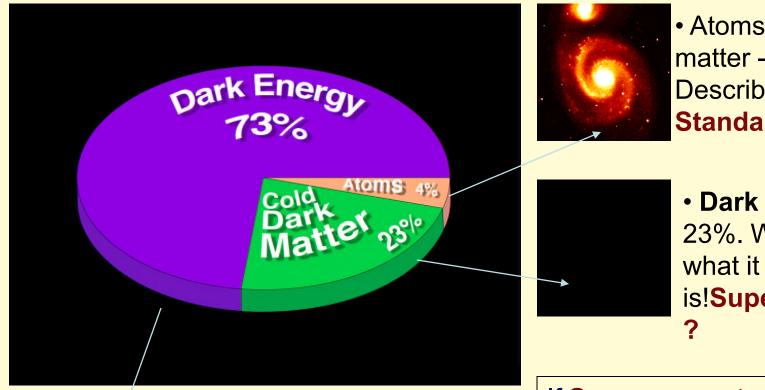




Motivation:

- Unification (fermions-bosons, matter-forces)
- Offers a candidate Dark Matter particle
- Solves some deep problems of the Standard Model⁸

Today's picture of the Universe



Atoms – "ordinary" matter - ca 4%.
Described by the Standard Model.

Dark Matter - ca
23%. We don't know what it
is!Supersymmetry?
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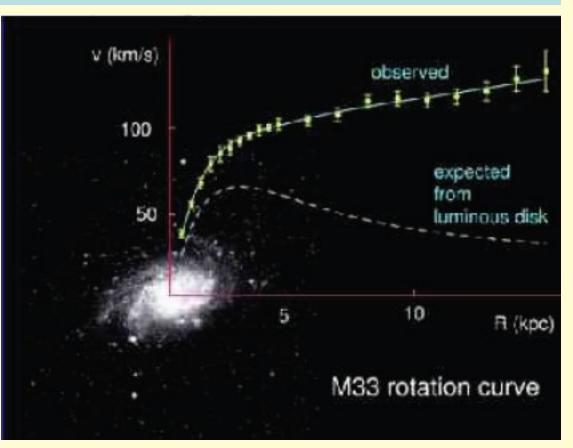
• Dark Energy – Completely unknown form of energy which is responsible for the accelerating expansion of the Universe. If Supersymmetry exists, the Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (rather heavy...) may be stable and be the Dark Matter Particle. We look for it at the LHC!!

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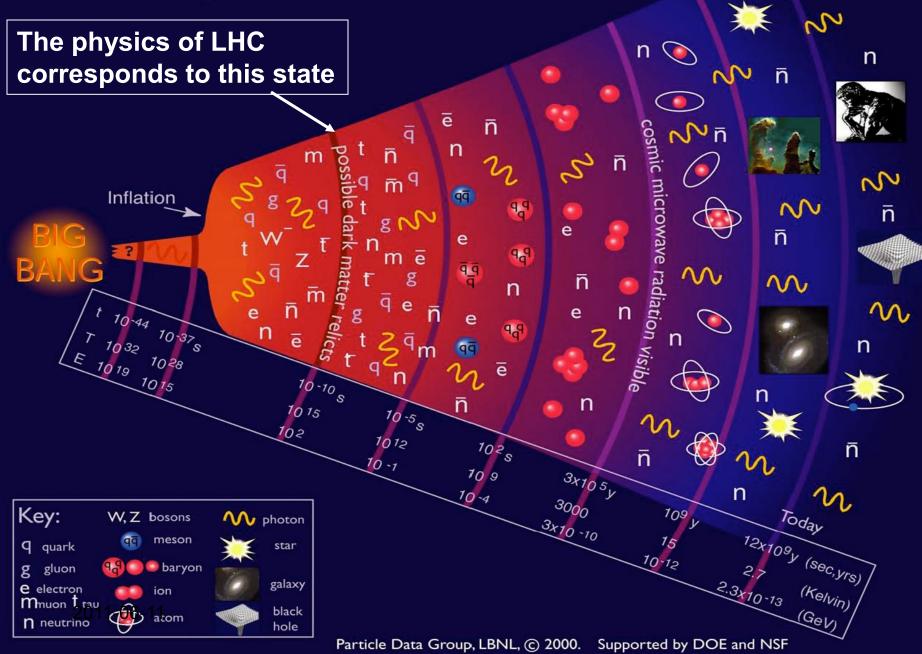
Dark Matter in the Universe



Surprising resultat: Most of the matter of galaxies (90%) is dark, it doesn't emit light. Vera Rubin made the first systematic study of rotation curves of spiral galaxies in 1970

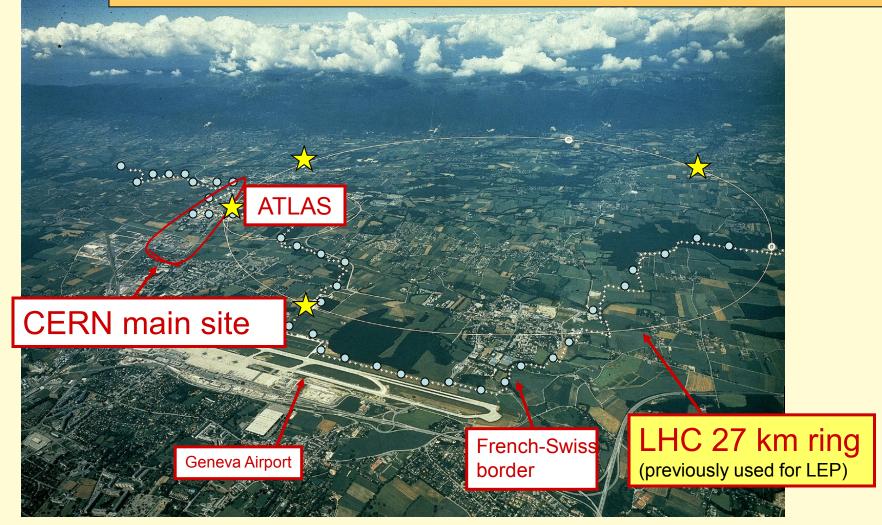


History of the Universe

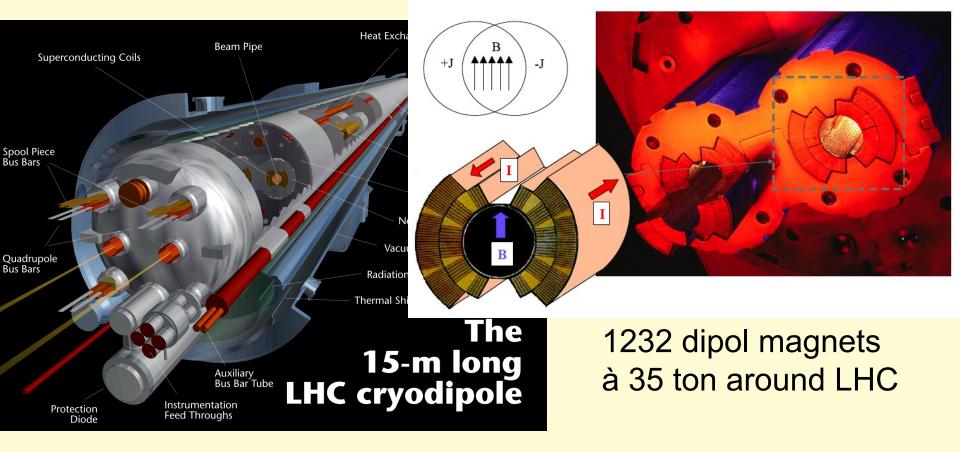


LHC Proton – proton collisions at a centre-of-mass energy of 7 TeV (2010 – 2012) 14 TeV (2014 – 2030?)

Most powerful existing accelerator (cf Tevatron 2 TeV)



LHC Accelerator Challenge: Dipole Magnets



Magnetic field needed to make the protons stay in their orbit: 8.4 Tesla

Current in the superconductive magnets: 12 kA

The LHC magnets are cooled with superfluid helium 2011-06-11 Coolest Place in the Universe? 1,9 K

Proton beams in the LHC

- 10 September 2008: Proton beams circulated around LHC for the first time, in both directions!!
- 19 September 2008: LHC suffered from an incident. A faulty electrical connection between two magnets caused a catastrophic He-release that damaged several magnets. and had to be repaired
- 20 November 2009: LHC was running again and we had proton collisions at 900 GeV a few days later
- 30 March 2010: The first collisions at the world record energy, 7 TeV
- 2010 2012: Long run at 7 TeV. We get lots of collisions...
- 2013-14: Upgrade of the LHC energy to 14 TeV
- 2014 ... : Collision energy of 14 TeV
- LHC will most likely run for 20 years





ATLAS picture

CERN

superimposed to a

photo of building 40 at

The ATLAS detector

45 m

Muon Detectors Tile Calorimeter Liquid Argon Calorimeter 7000 ton

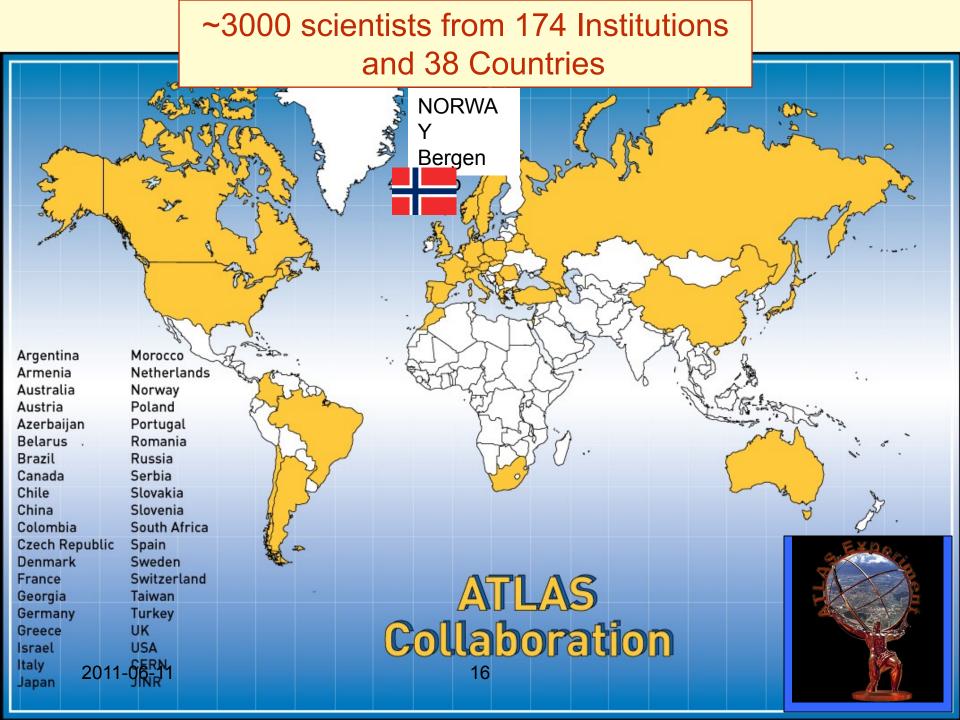
Solenoid Magnet

Toroid Magnets

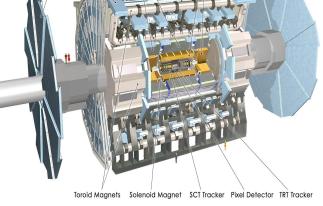
SCT Tracker Pixel Detector TRT Tracker

24 m

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November 2005 All toroids and the whole calorimeter installed

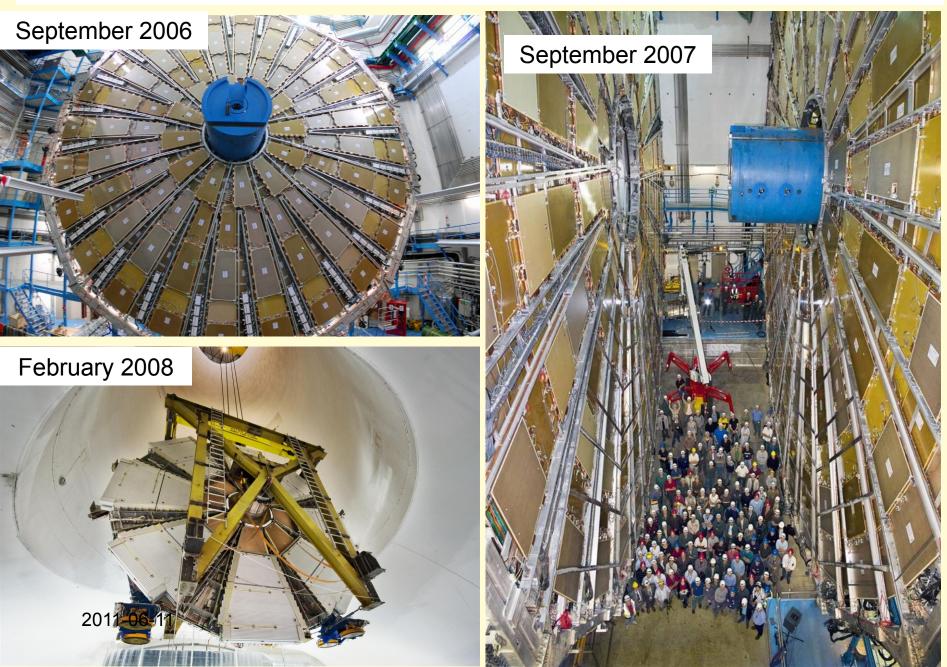


Tile Calorimeter

Liquid Argon Calorimeter

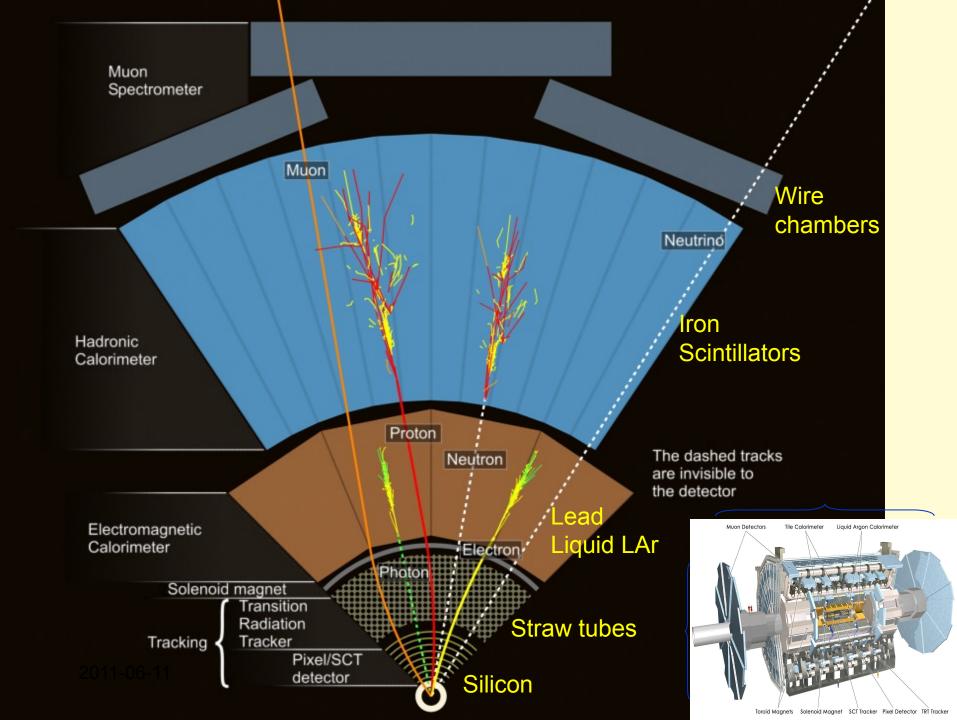
Muon Detectors

Installation of the end cap muon chambers – the big and small wheels

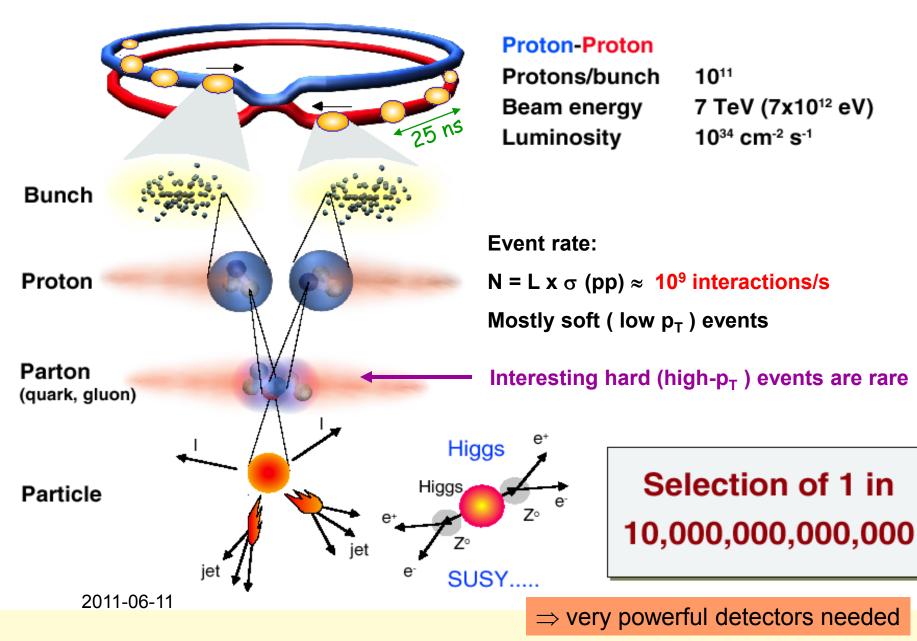


A historical moment





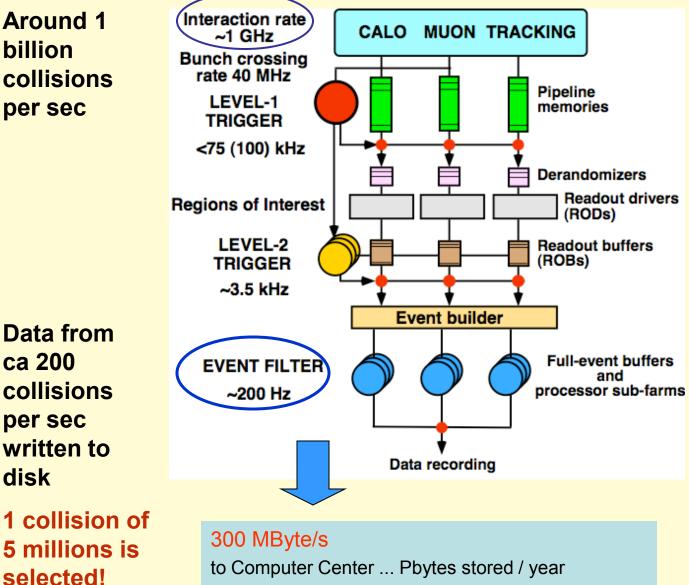
Collisions at LHC



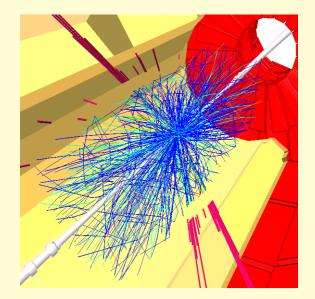
The trigger selects interesting collisions

Around 1 billion collisions per sec

disk



Worldwide LHC Computing Grid (WLCG)



WLCG is a worldwide collaborative effort on an unprecedented scale in terms of storage and CPU requirements, as well as the software project's size

Balloon (30 Km) CD stack with 1 year LHC data! (~ 20 Km)

Concorde (15 Km)

Mt. Blanc

(4.8 Km)

GRID computing developed to solve problem of data storage and analysis

LHC data volume per year: 10-15 Petabytes

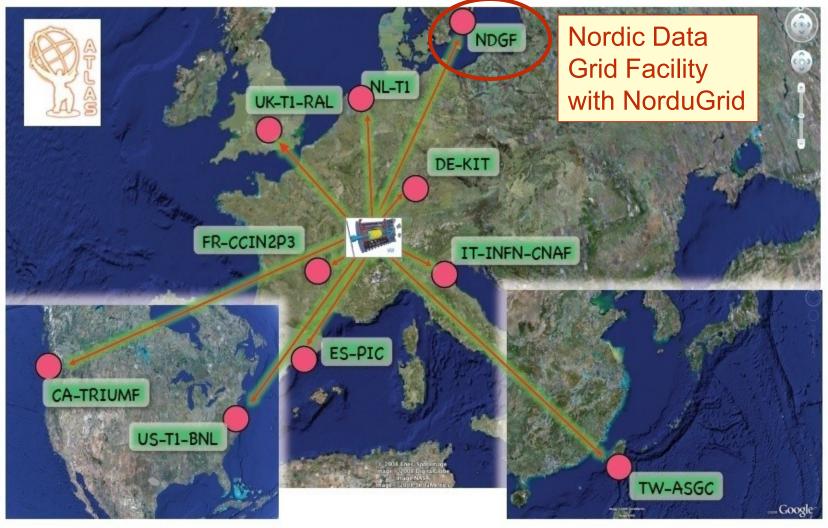
One CD has ~ 600 Megabytes 1 Petabyte = 10^9 MB = 10^{15} Byte

(Note: the WWW is from CERN...)



wLCG Grid

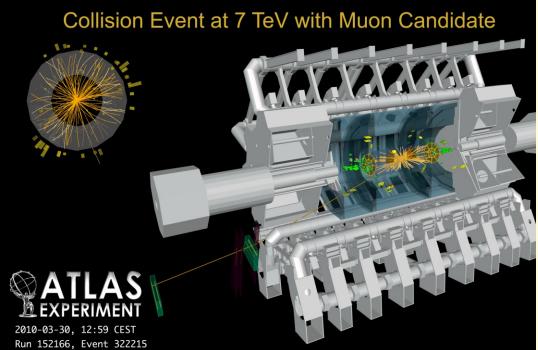
The computing centre at CERN and the 10 largest ATLAS computing centers in the world



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First high energy collisions detected in ATLAS 30 March 2010!

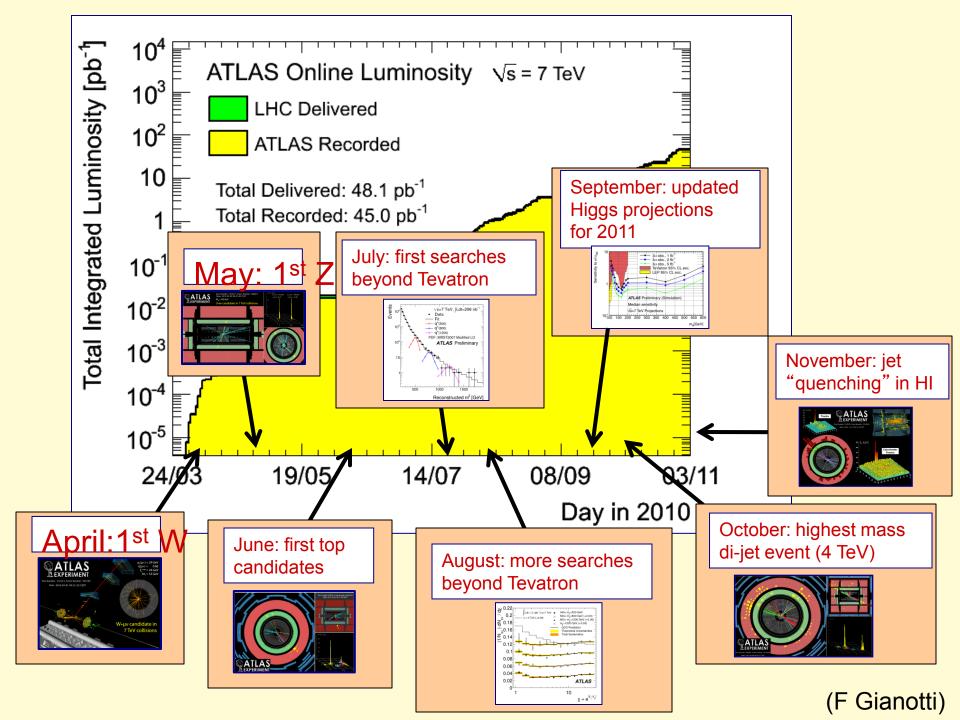
7 TeV

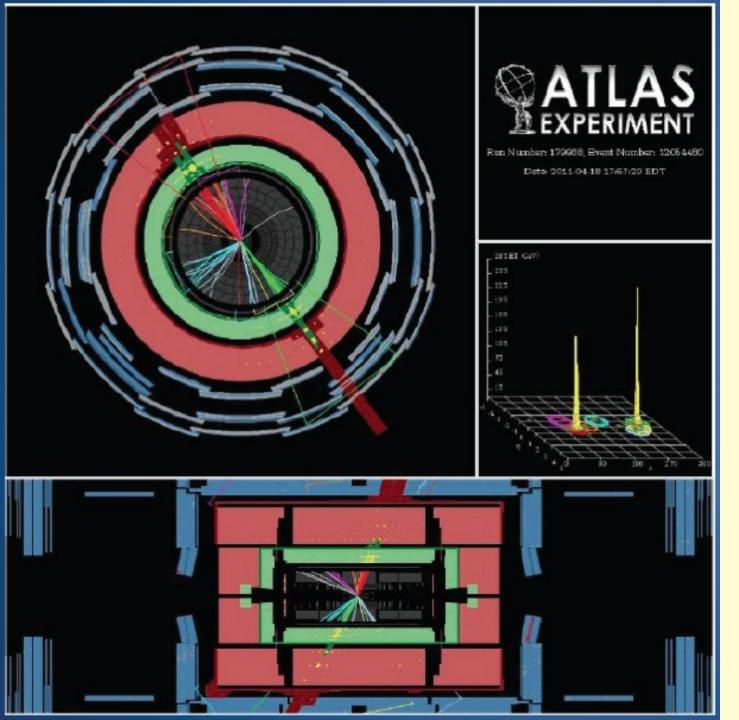


http://atlas.web.cern.ch/Atlas/public/EVTDISPLAY/events.html



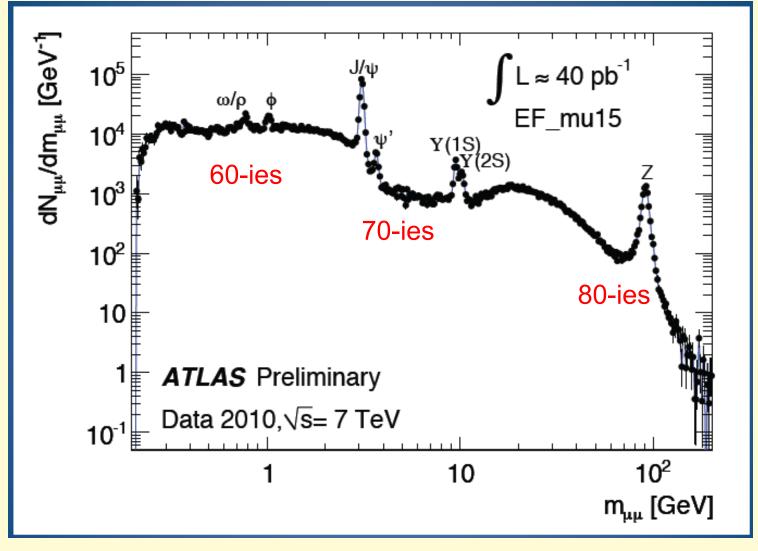






Highest Di-Jet mass in central Region: M_{ii} = 4 TeV

Calibrating the detector with Nobel Prize physics

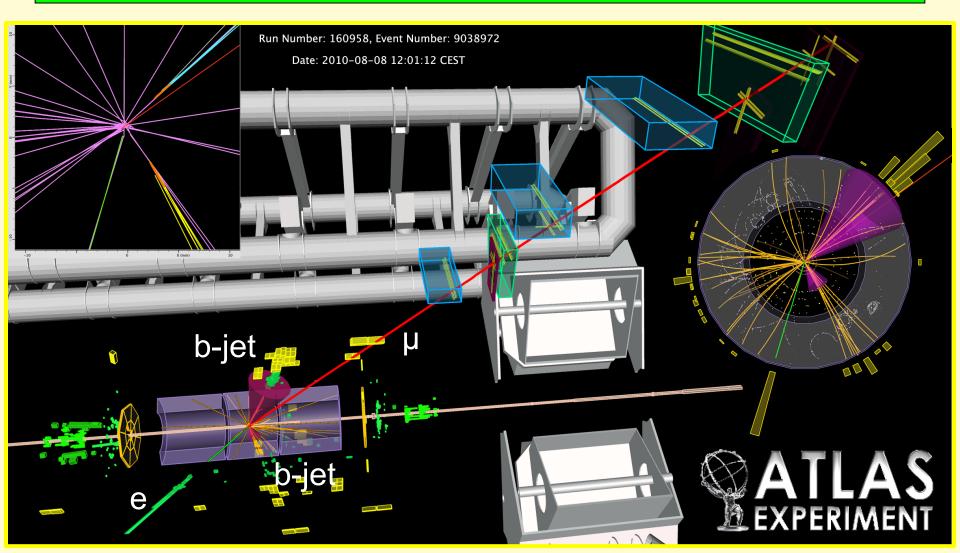


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This event display is most likely a top quark decay

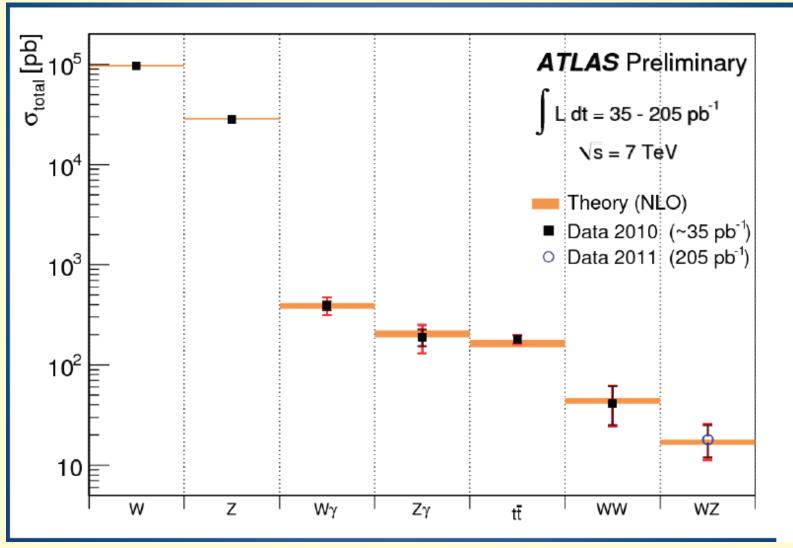
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LHC is now doing physics of the top quark - the heaviest known particle



Main ATLAS Standard Model measurements compared to theory

The Standard Model agrees beautifully with the data!



top quark

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Summary of current searches for Higgs... (from a recent conference)

- No evidence for a Standard Model Higgs boson yet!
- At the end of next year we should be able to tell whether it exists in a wide mass range

Summary

ATLAS detector performs very well.
 ATLAS has measured most possible
 SM channels : H->γγ, H->WW->lvlv/lvqq,
 H->ZZ->4l,llvv/llqq.

Dominant background contributions determined with data-driven methods.

No evidence for SM Higgs boson yet!

95% C.L. exclusion limit
 H->γγ search excludes 6~7X σ_{SM}.

H->WW->lvlv search excludes a 160 GeV SM Higgs with $2.4{\times}\sigma_{_{SM}}(\text{exp})$

Limit is expected to be improved with more than 1fb⁻¹ data by the end of 2011!

More results with SM/non-SM Higgs , see Marc Escalier's plenary talk: "Recent Higgs results from ATLAS"

Prospects

* ATLAS Prospects:

120

150

 with 1 fb⁻¹ @ 7TeV, expects to exclude a SM Higgs in 130<m_H<460 GeV.

200

300

500

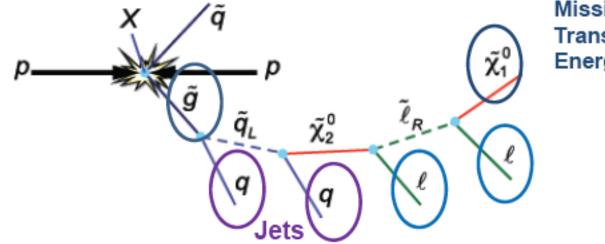
m_H [GeV]

400

- with 5-10 fb⁻¹@ 8TeV: 3σ evidence or 5σ discovery is expected in 120<m_H<500 GeV

(Yingchun Zhu)

Complex (and model-dependent) squark/gluino cascades



Missing Transverse Energy

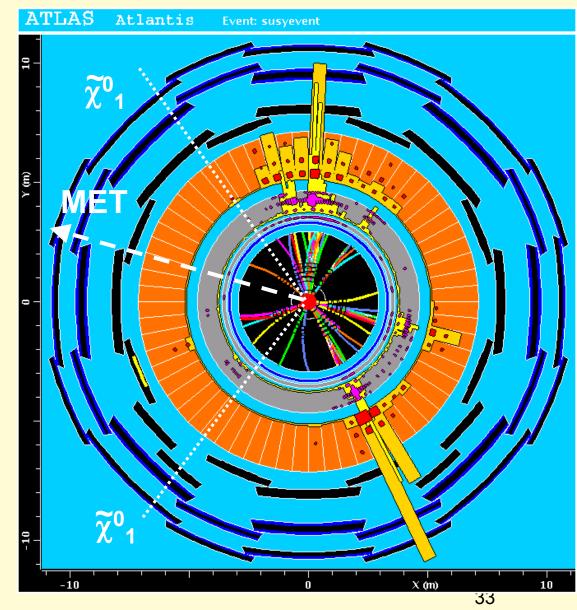
Focus on signatures covering large classes of models while strongly rejecting SM background

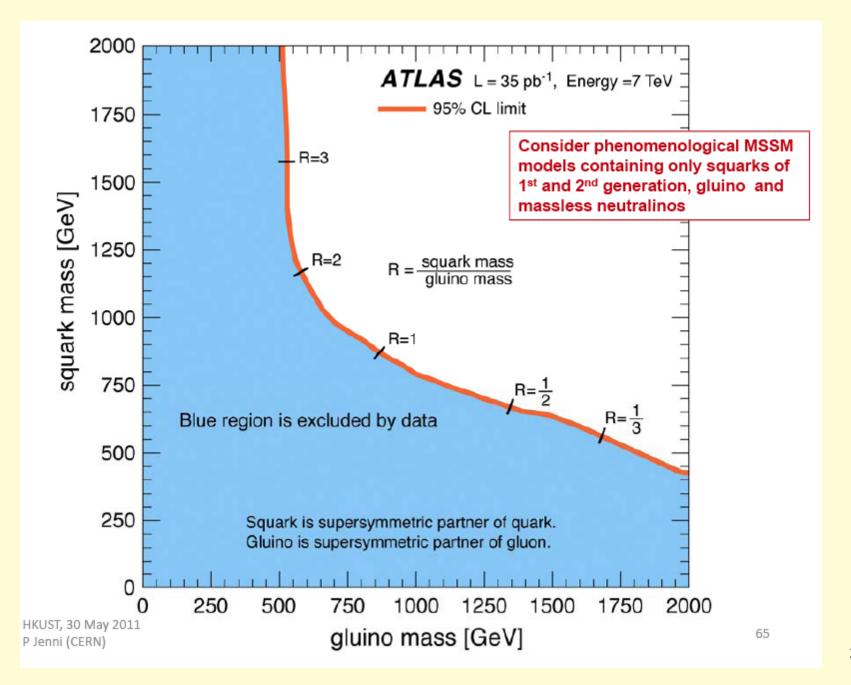
- large missing E_T
- High transverse momentum jets
- Leptons
 - Perform separate analyses with and without lepton veto (0-lepton / 1-lepton / 2-leptons)
- B-jets: to enhance sensitivity to third generation squarks.

Dark Matter at LHC, simulated event

- Characteristic signature for Dark Matter production at ATLAS: Missing Transverse Energy ('MET')
- Valid for any DM candidate (not just SUSY)
- Observation of MET signal *necessary* but not *sufficient* to prove DM signal (DM particle could decay outside detector)

Combine LHC and Astroparticle physics data in order to proof that the neutralino hopefully observed at LHC would be the DM particle...





Summary

- ATLAS works excellently
- Standard Model physics "rediscovered"
- Precision measurements will challenge the theory
- No sign of Higgs yet, but the future is exciting
- Limits for new physics being pushed but...

No New Physics (yet...)

Much more data is coming very fast and we will eagerly keep searching ready to harvest whatever Nature will provide us...

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Happy Birthday Anna!



No sign of Higgs yet, but the future is bright. By end of next year we will be able to tell whether it exists.

