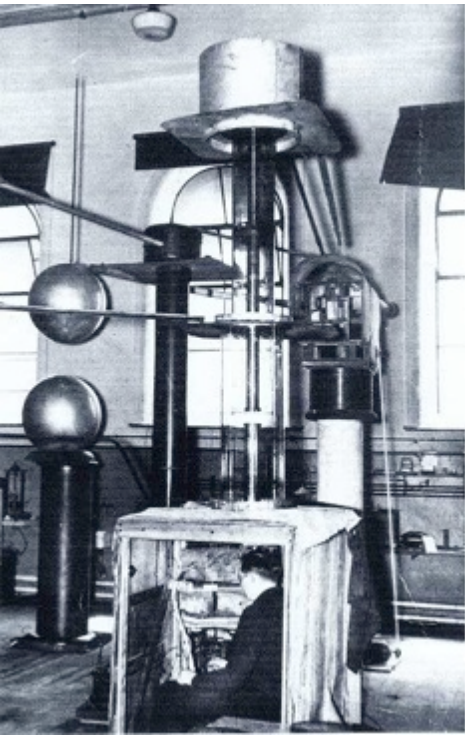




# Particle Accelerators – Engines of Discovery

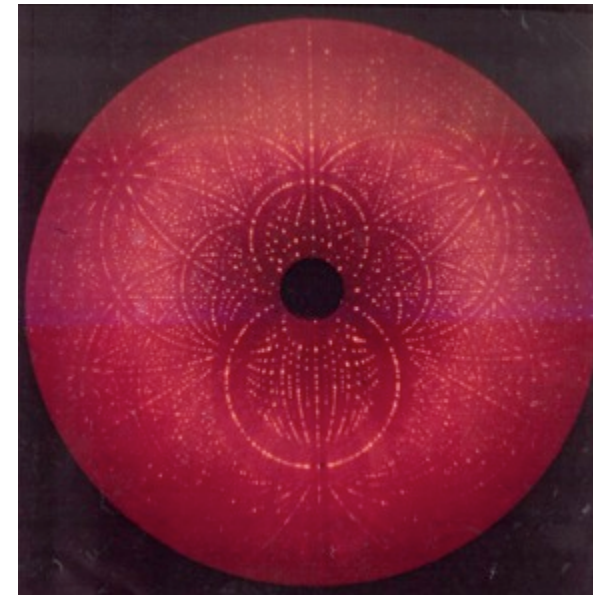
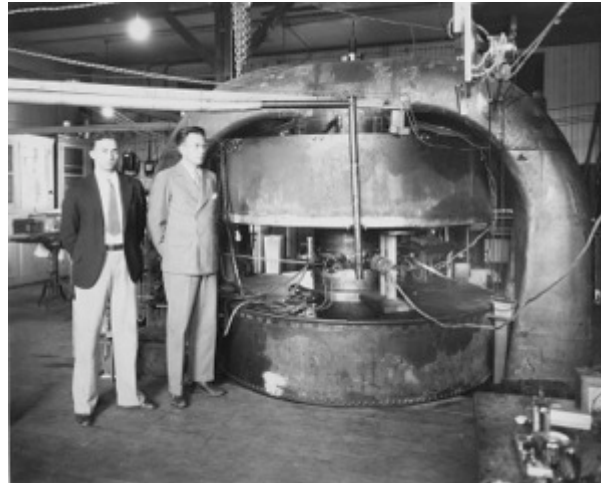
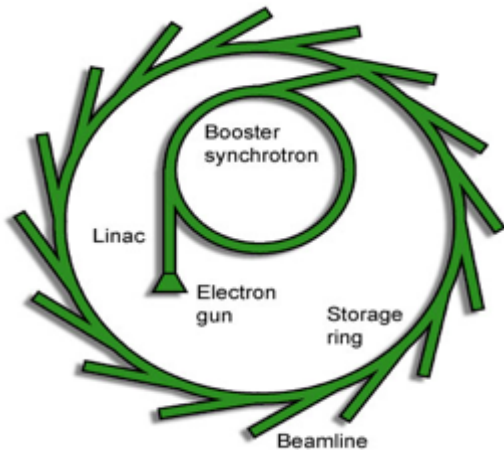
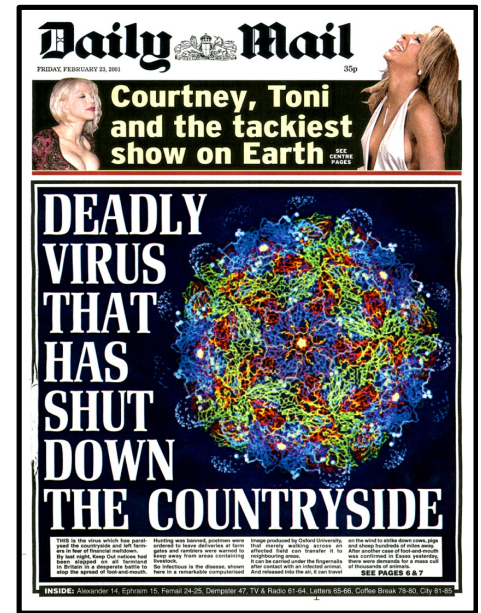
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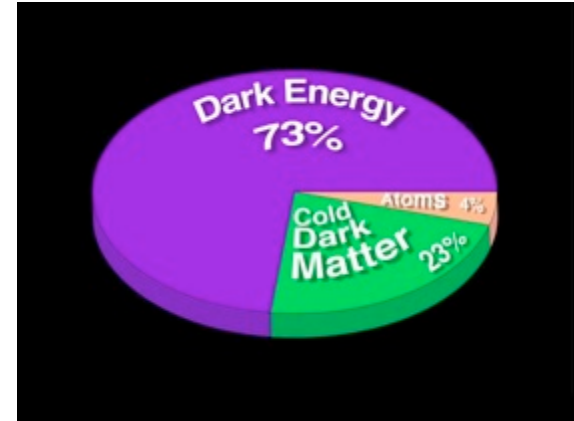
# Overview

- Fundamental questions
- Energy Frontier machines
- Science enabling machines
- Wider Applications
- Conclusion



# Fundamental Questions

- Role of gravity ?
- Origin of matter ?
- Origin of mass ?

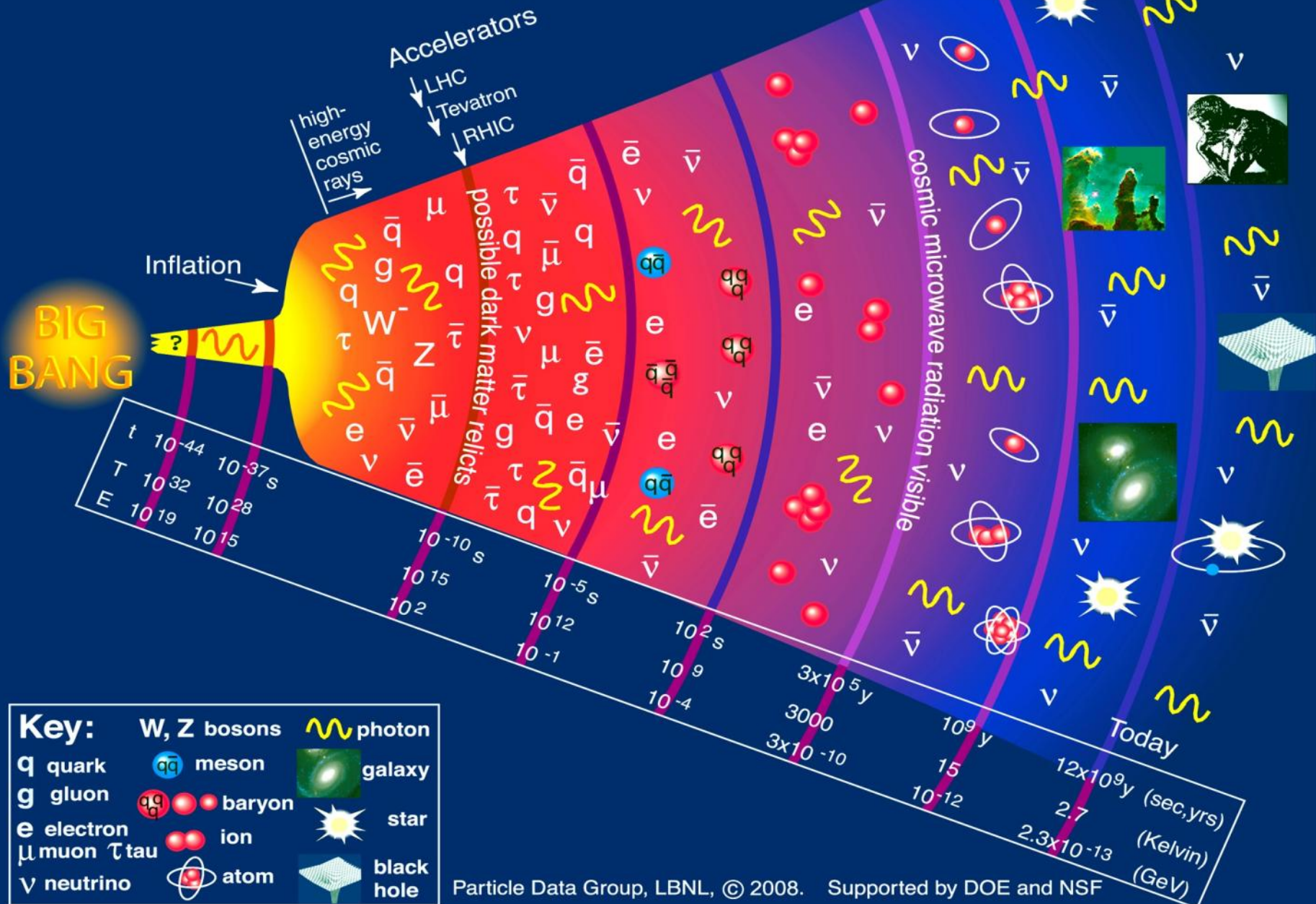


Newton's constant  $G_N = 6.674 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-2}$

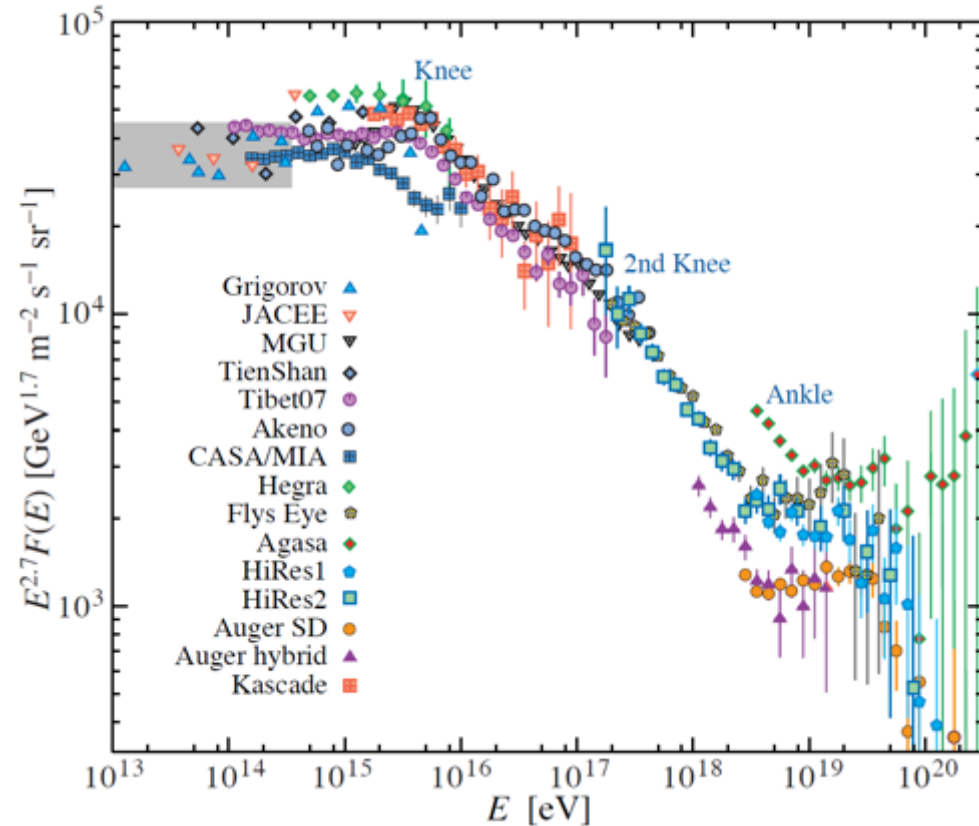
Natural units  $G_N = \frac{hc}{m_{Pl}^2} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

$$\Rightarrow m_{Pl} = 1.22 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

# History of the Universe



# Can we access $10^{15}$ GeV Directly?



## Cosmic Accelerators

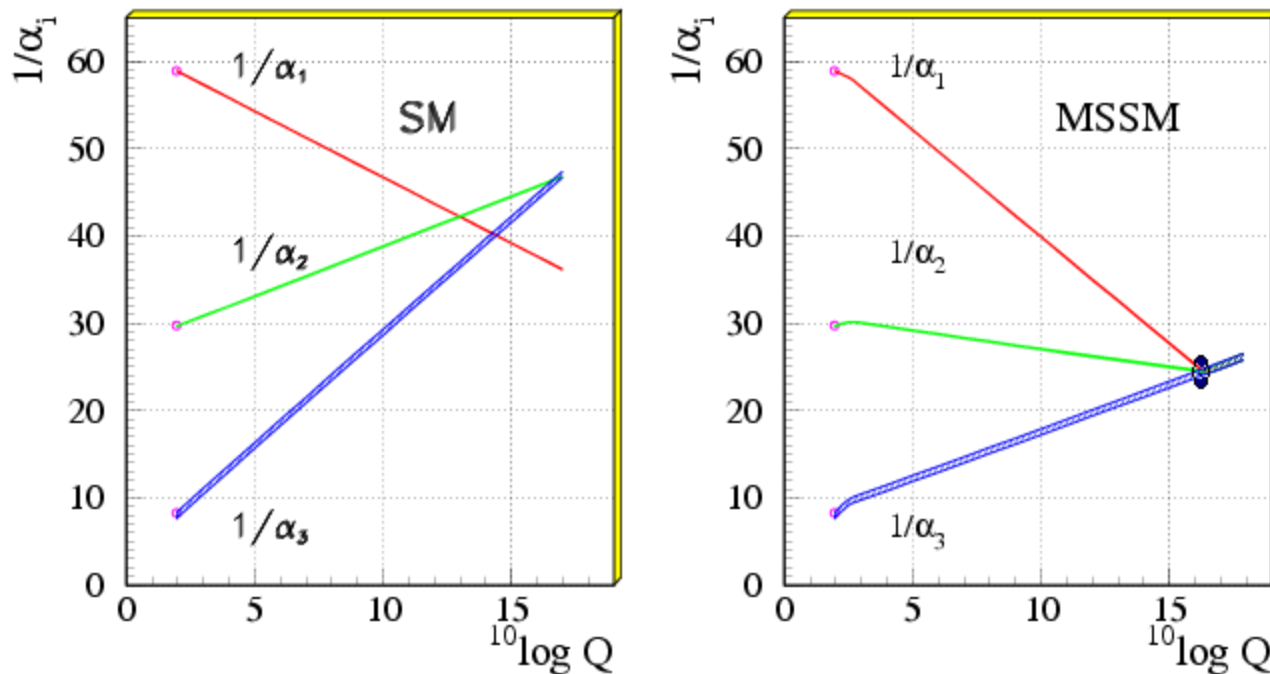
Highest energy cosmic rays are of order  $10^{11}$  GeV.

They are very infrequent.

No precision detector in space.

CMS energy of atmospheric collision =  $\sqrt{2m_p E} \sim 10^5$  GeV.  
So a long way off from our desired energy range.

# Indirect methods: Extrapolation?



Precision TeV scale measurements are essential to get a better view of GUT-scale physics, via extrapolation.

**Need high energy colliders:**

LHC for discovery and percent precision

LC or Muon collider for discovery and, for lighter states, per-mille precision?

# Fundamental Issue

- Typical “cross sections”  $\sigma \simeq \frac{\alpha^2}{E^2}$
- Reaction Rates  $\simeq L\sigma$

Where  $L$  is the “luminosity” of the accelerator

So to explore higher energies you also need high luminosity.

It's not just about “energy” – it's also about “quality”

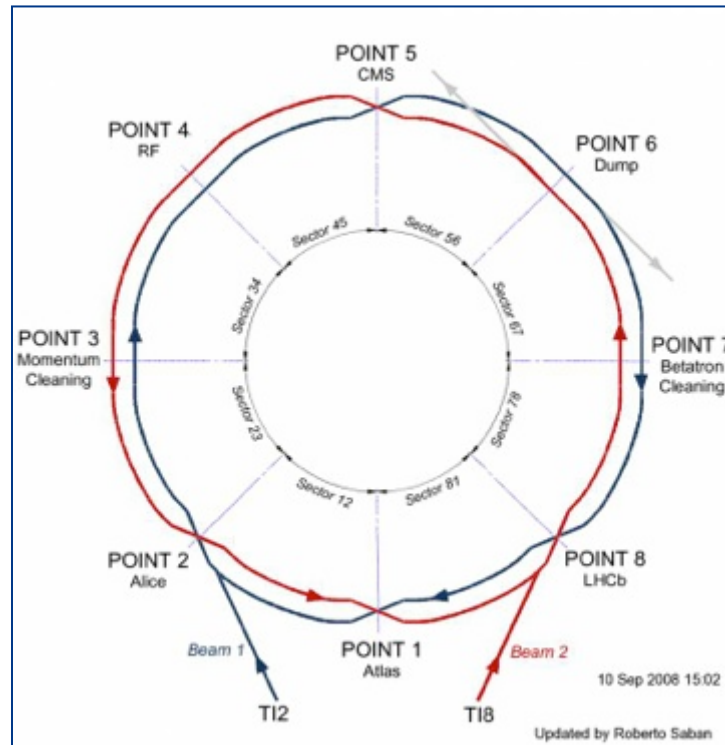
Beam diagnostics, control, Computing, ...





# The LHC

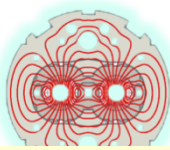
LHC Energy per proton	=	7,000,000,000,000 eV
Cockroft-Walton accelerator (1932)	=	700,000 eV
Car Battery	=	12 eV



The LHC is installed in a 27km long tunnel, ~100m underground. It is designed to supply **7 TeV** proton on **7 TeV** proton collisions to 4 experiments, as well as heavy ion collisions



# The LHC: Stored Energy



**Nimitz class aircraft carrier (90 000 tons) at battle-speed of 30 Knots; Energy =  $\frac{1}{2} mv^2 \sim 10GJ$**



- Energy stored in the magnets:  
10 GJ (1100 MJ/octant)
- In LHC we must dump the magnetic energy in around 40 seconds i.e. stop the aircraft carrier in 40 seconds (in case of a problem)
- Energy stored in each beam:  
362 MJ (in 89ms)  
= 4TW (power)
- Dumping the beam is therefore like driving a TGV into a wall (without damaging the wall!)

Copper: Melting point	1356 K
Specific heat capacity	386 J/kgK
Latent heat of fusion	205000 J/kg

So to heat and melt half a tonne (500kg) of copper  
11 MJ (362MJ / 386 + 205000) J = 0.73MJ  
11 MJ and melt 1.5 tonnes (1500kg) of copper

**A very thin long hole**



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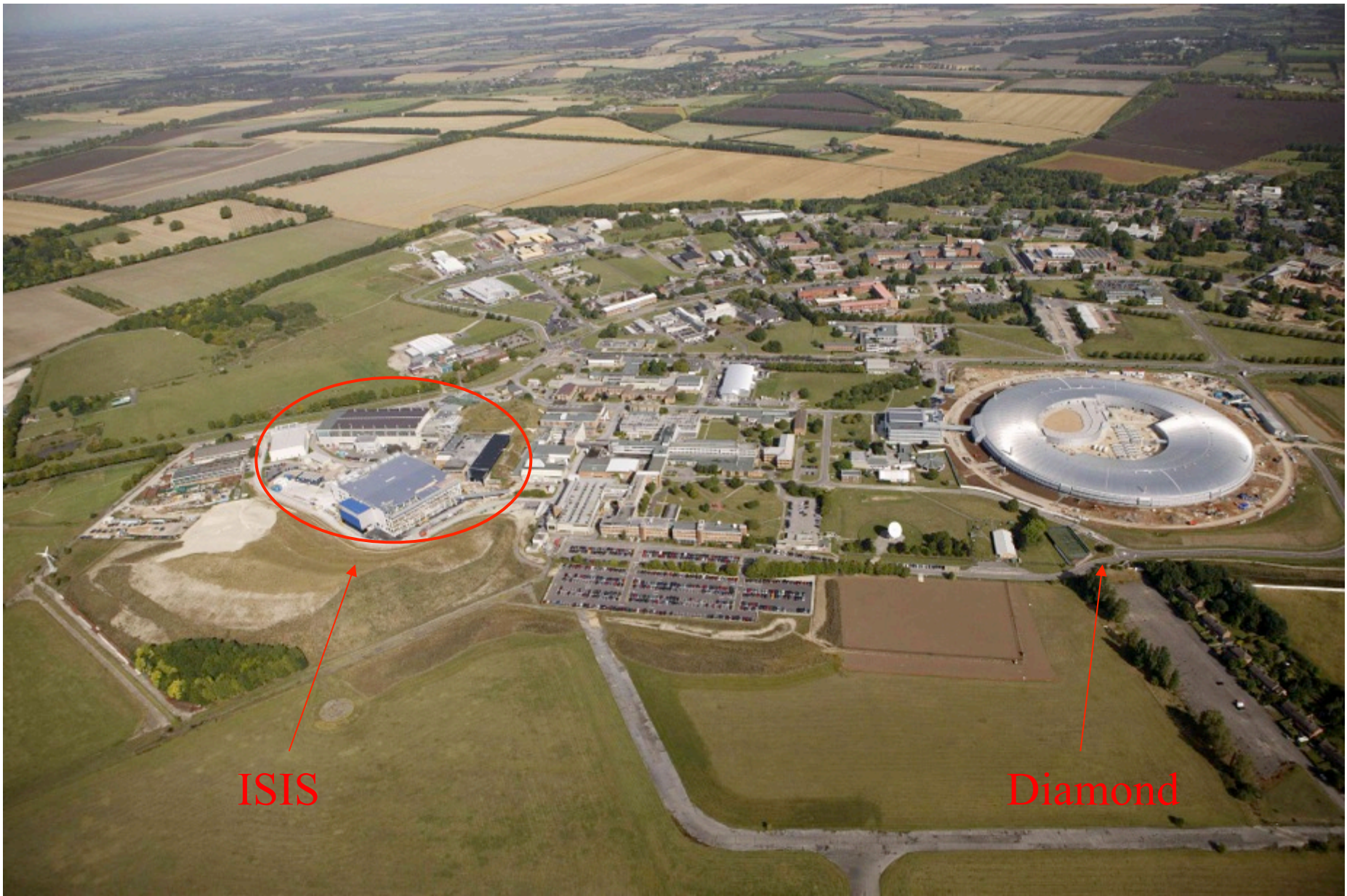
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Daresbury Laboratory  
**50 Years**  
1962 - 2012



Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, looking north

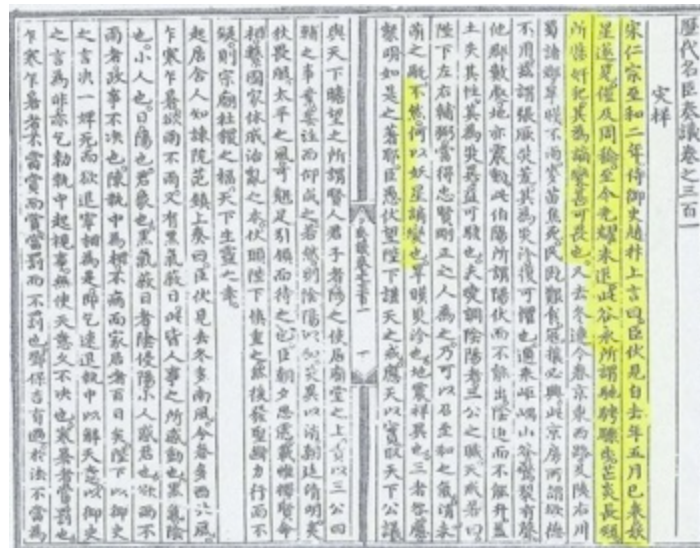
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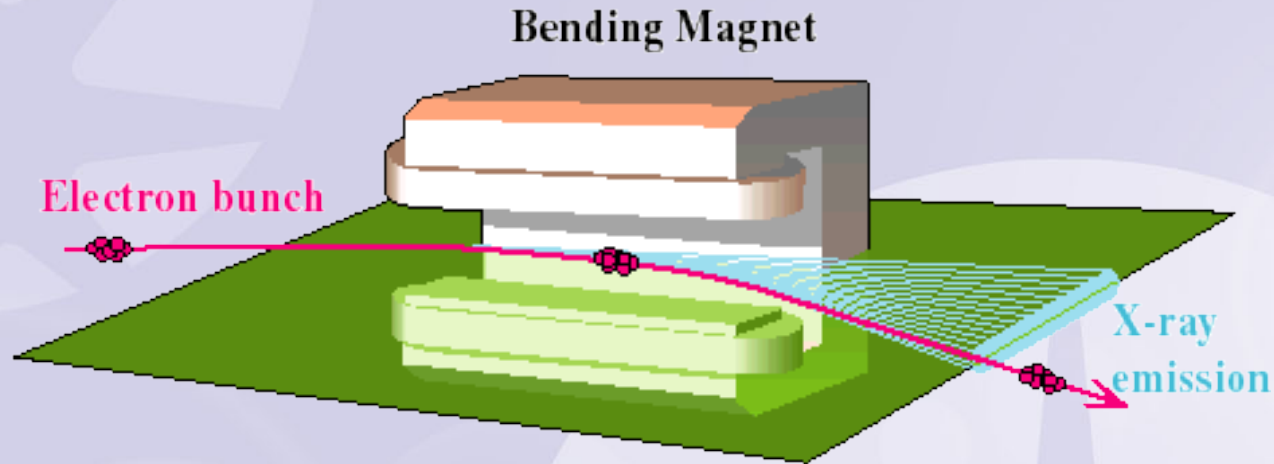
# Synchrotron Radiation

- A phenomenon called Synchrotron radiation was originally an undesirable energy loss in circular particle physics accelerators.
- It is now a powerful tool for providing brilliant X-ray sources for material science, chemical and biological studies.
- The world's first machine of this kind was in the UK – the SRS at Daresbury.

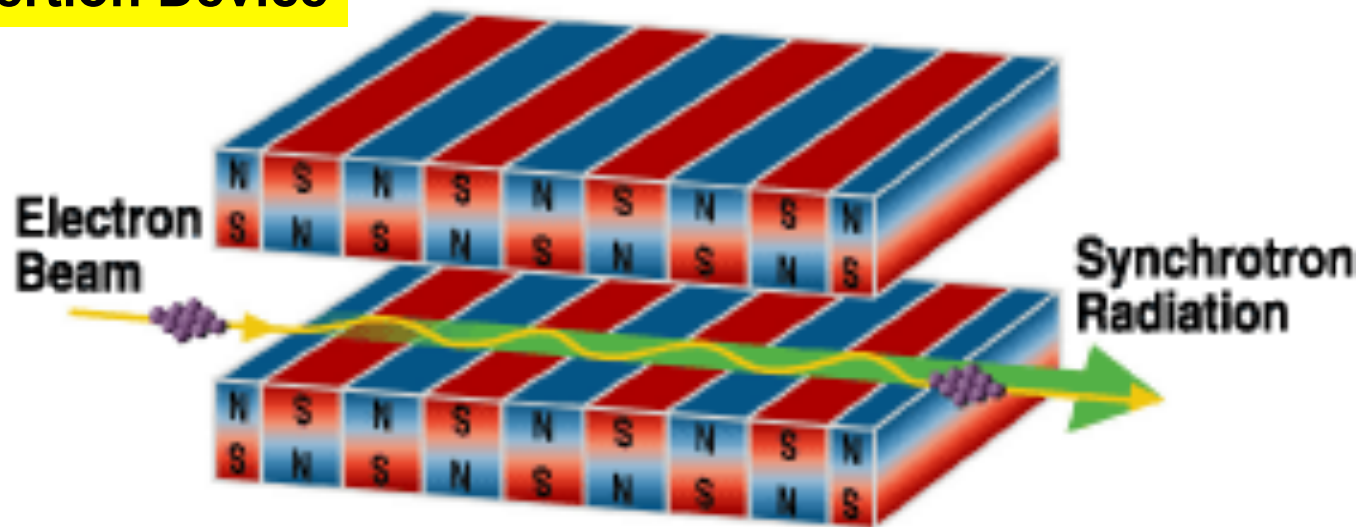
A 'guest star' identified as the **Supernova of 1054** in the pages of the Lidai mingchen zouyi (歷代名臣奏議), which dates to 1414.



# Synchrotron Light Generation

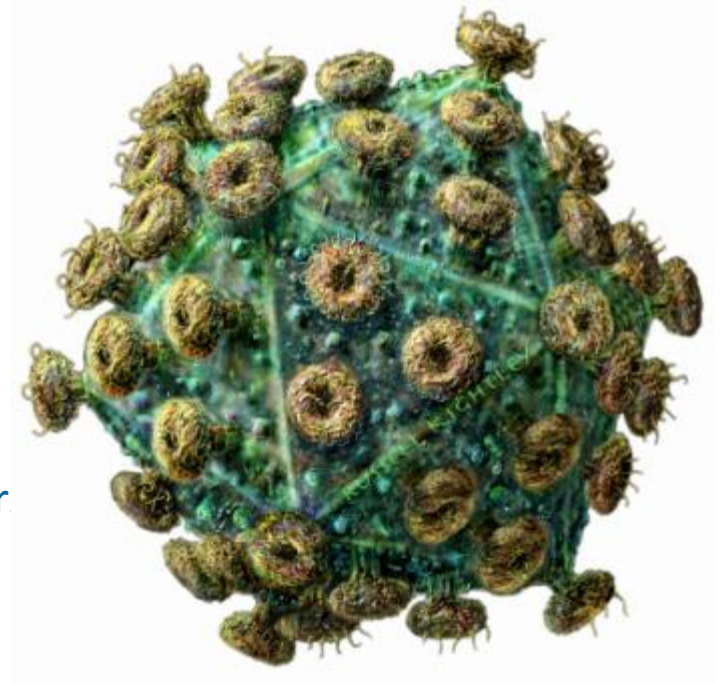


## Insertion Device



# SRS – A UK Case Study

- Direct or short term
  - Helped trained 4,000 PhD students
  - 11,000 users trained in techniques
  - 100 staff working on other synchrotrons
  - 1,200 protein structures solved
- Indirect or medium term
  - 9 spin-outs, 25 patents, 11 licenses
  - 200 industrial proprietary users
  - New applications, eg RF coating in TV transmitter generated £250m sales
- Global, usually long term
  - First 2<sup>nd</sup> generation multi user synchrotron
  - Pioneered protein crystallography
  - Led the way to 70 further facilities



# Diamond Light source

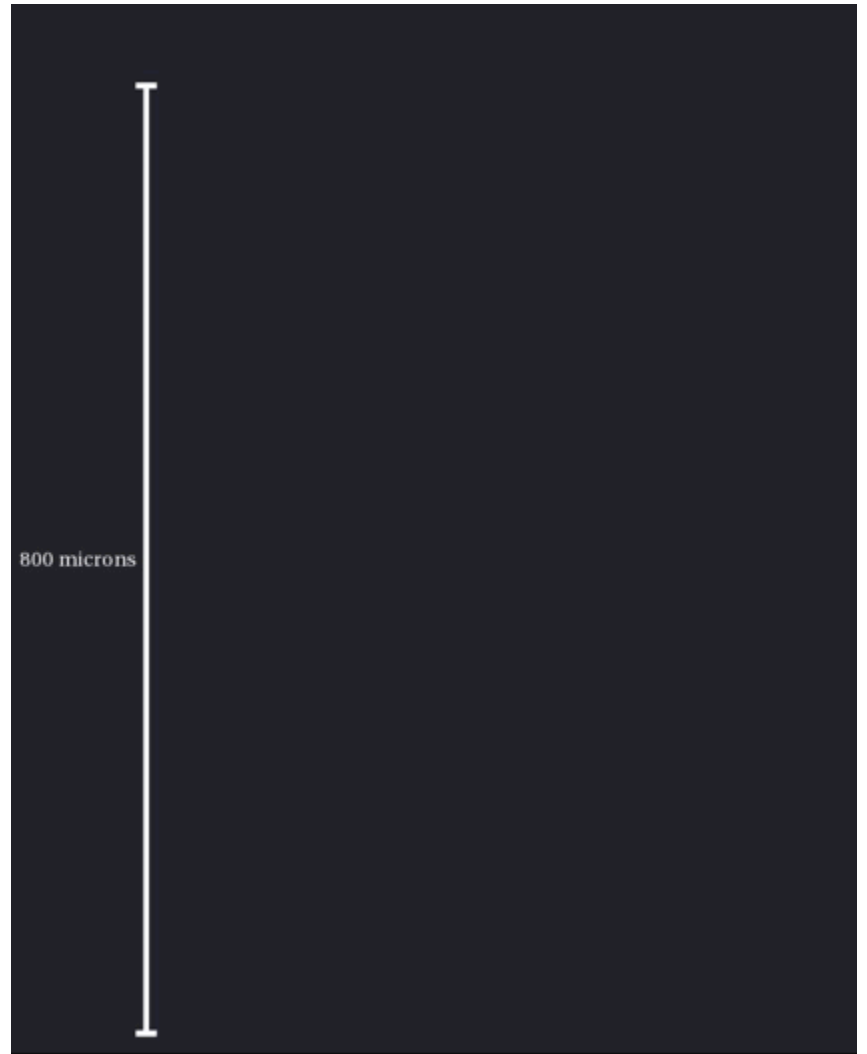


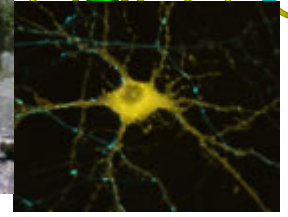
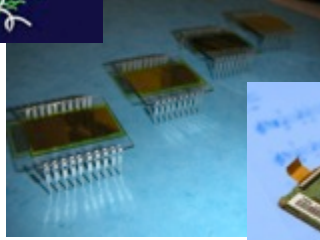
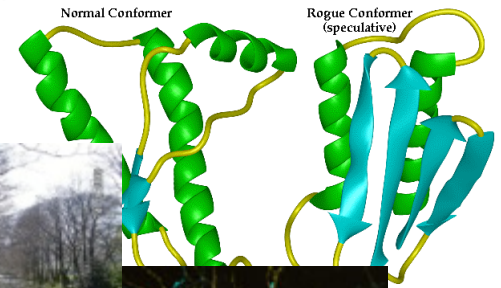
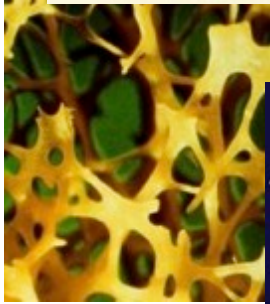
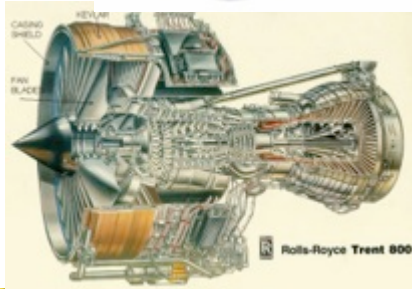
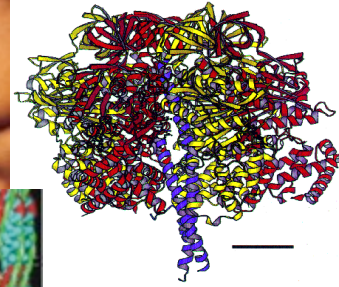
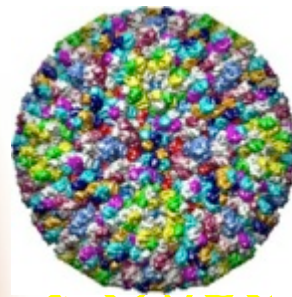
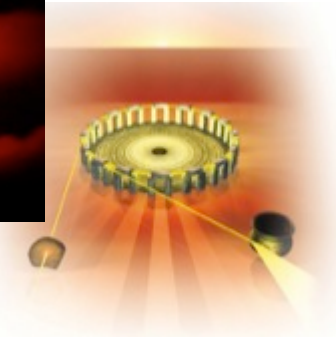
- Energy 3 GeV
- Circumference 561.6 m
- No. cells 24
- Symmetry 6
- Straight sections 6 x 8m, 18 x 5m
- Insertion devices 4 x 8m, 18 x 5m
- Beam current 300 mA (500 mA)
- Emittance (h, v) 2.7, 0.03 nm rad
- Lifetime > 10 h
  
- Min. ID gap 7 mm (5 mm)
- Beam size (h, v) 123, 6.4 mm
- Beam divergence (h, v) 24, 4.2 mrad  
(at centre of 5 m ID)

Commissioned in 2006 and open for users in January 2007

Currently operating 13 beamlines with 10 in-vacuum insertion devices

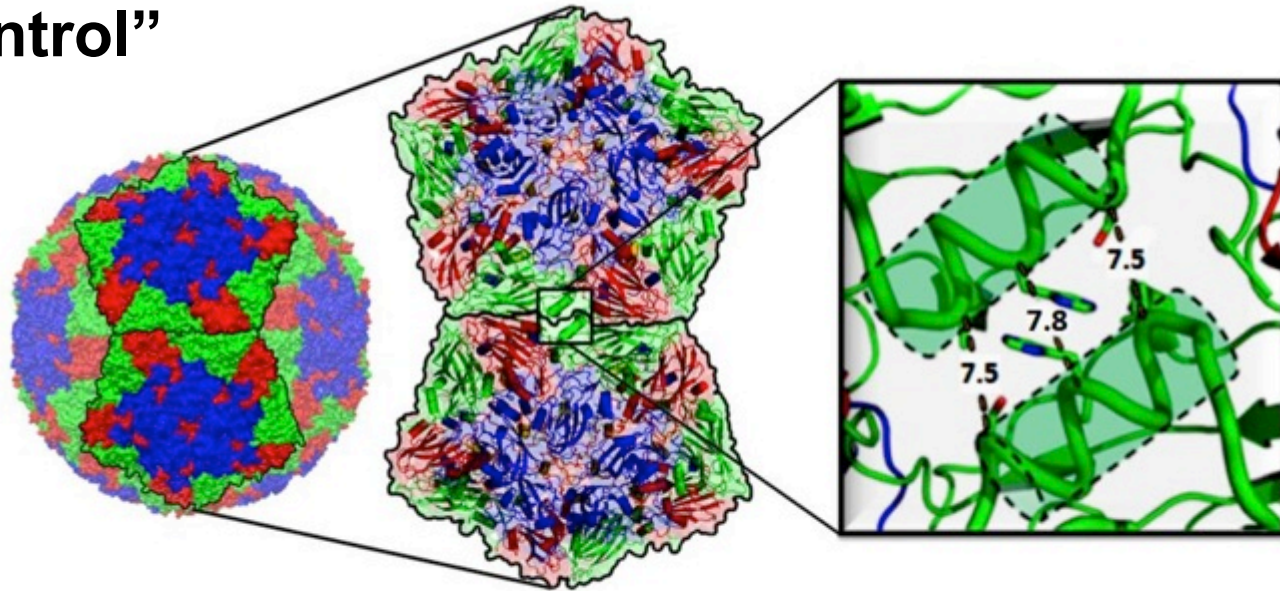






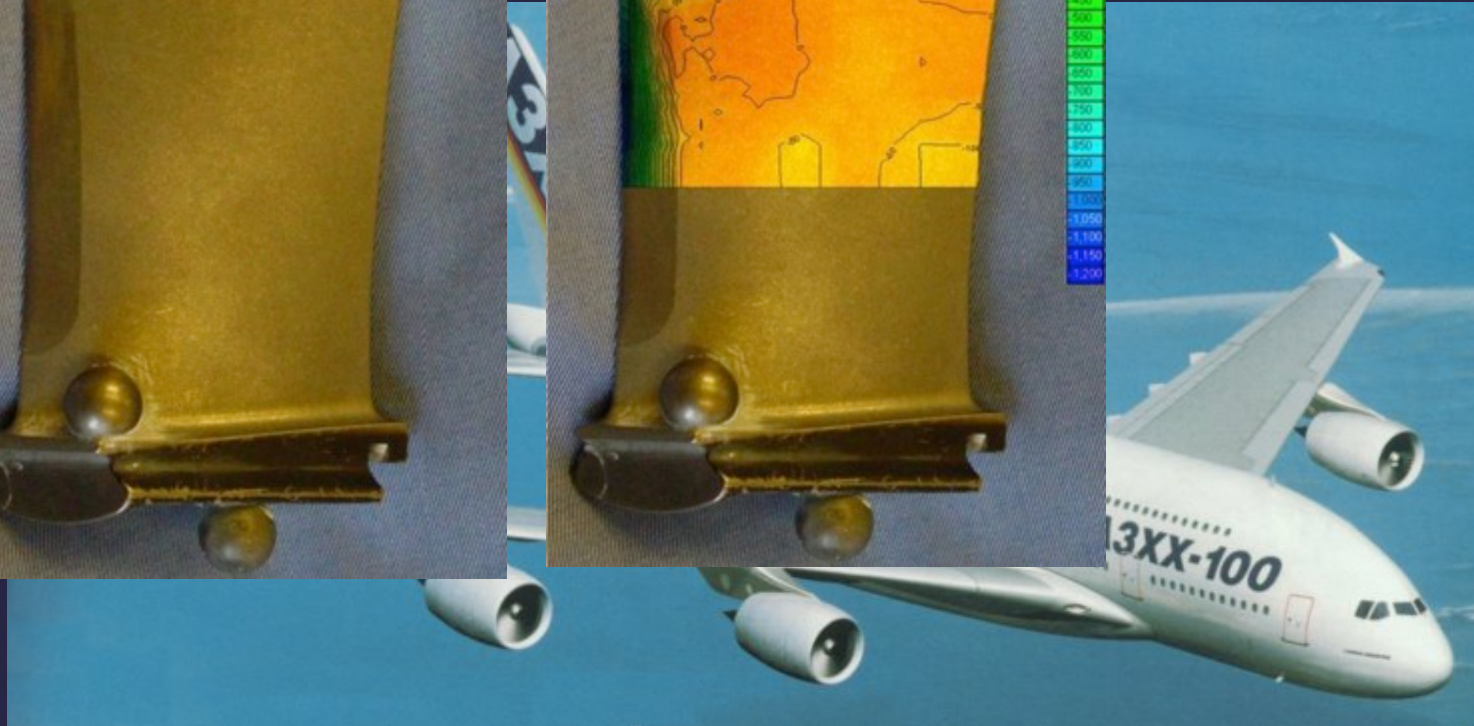
## Important Result from Diamond March 2013

**“New foot-and-mouth vaccine signals huge advance in global disease control”**



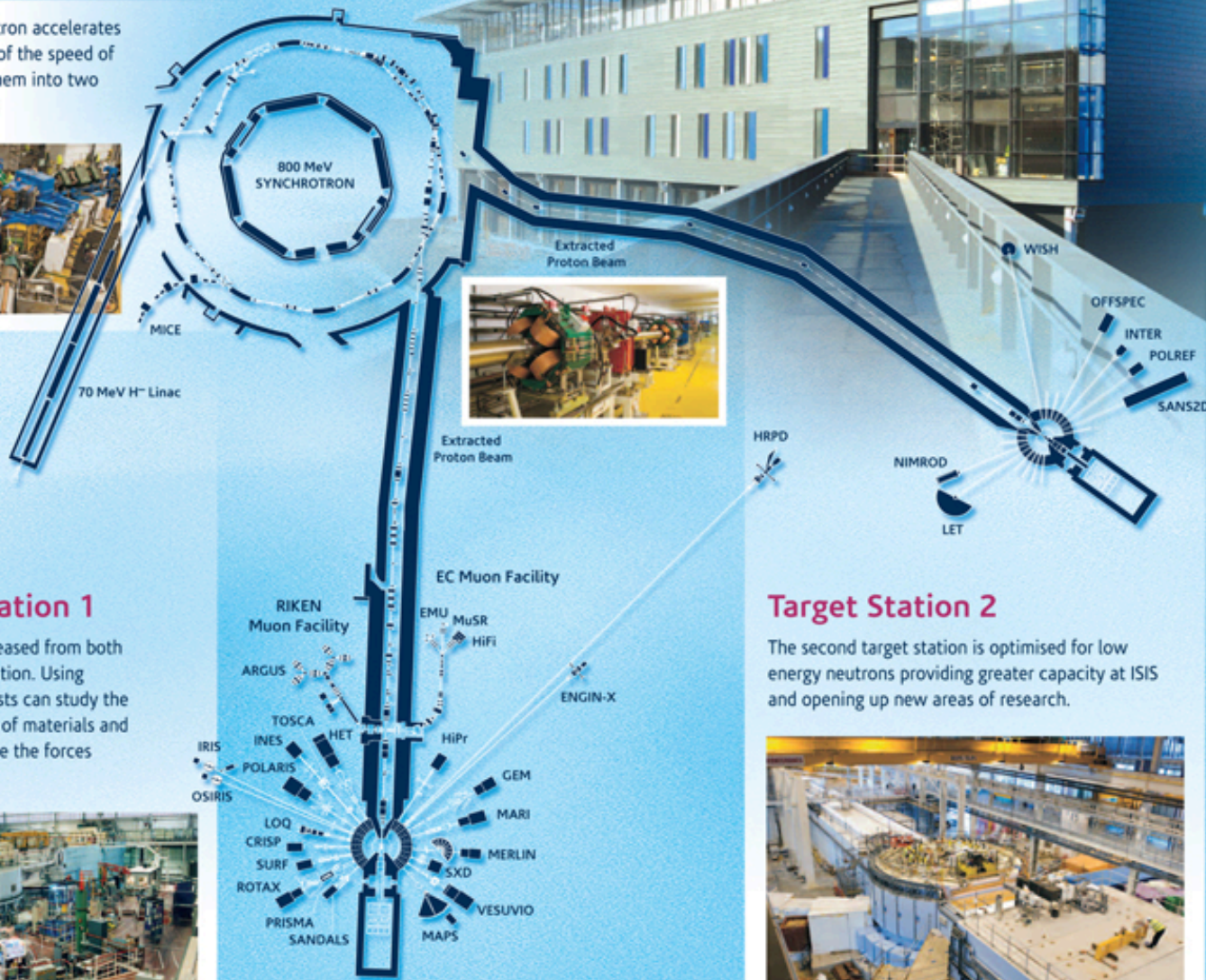
Scientists have developed a new methodology to produce a vaccine for foot-and-mouth disease virus. Because the vaccine is all synthetic, made up of tiny protein shells designed to trigger optimum immune response, it doesn't rely on growing live infectious virus and is therefore much safer to produce.

# Strain mapping



ISIS is a high power accelerator that fires high energy protons into two targets to release neutrons for experiments.

The ISIS synchrotron accelerates protons to 84% of the speed of light then fires them into two tungsten targets.



### Target Station 1

Neutrons are released from both targets via spallation. Using neutrons, scientists can study the atomic structure of materials and can even measure the forces between atoms.



### Target Station 2

The second target station is optimised for low energy neutrons providing greater capacity at ISIS and opening up new areas of research.



# Neutron Spallation

Research by EDF Energy at ISIS enabled five-year life extensions to be made to two nuclear power stations

- Uninterrupted electricity generation
- Deferment of **£3 billion** in decommissioning and replacement costs



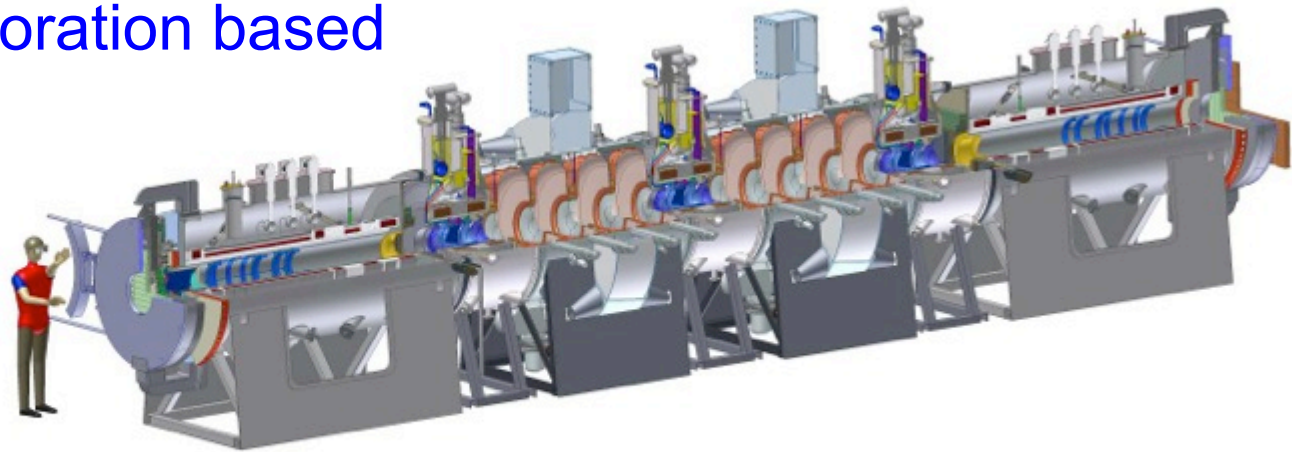
# Zero-emission vehicles

- Scientists at the ISIS neutron source are developing new materials to provide a safer, cheaper and more efficient method of hydrogen storage
- Looking at the atomic and molecular structure of new materials to see how they absorb and release hydrogen gas
- New materials that can safely release hydrogen at the right temperature
- This avoids the safety fears associated with compressed gas



# Muon ionisation cooling experiment

International collaboration based  
at RAL, Harwell



- MICE:
  - Design, build, commission and operate a realistic section of cooling channel
  - Measure its performance in a variety of modes of operation and beam conditions.
  - Data taking starting now.
  - Results will be important for a future muon collider or neutrino factory.



# Applications



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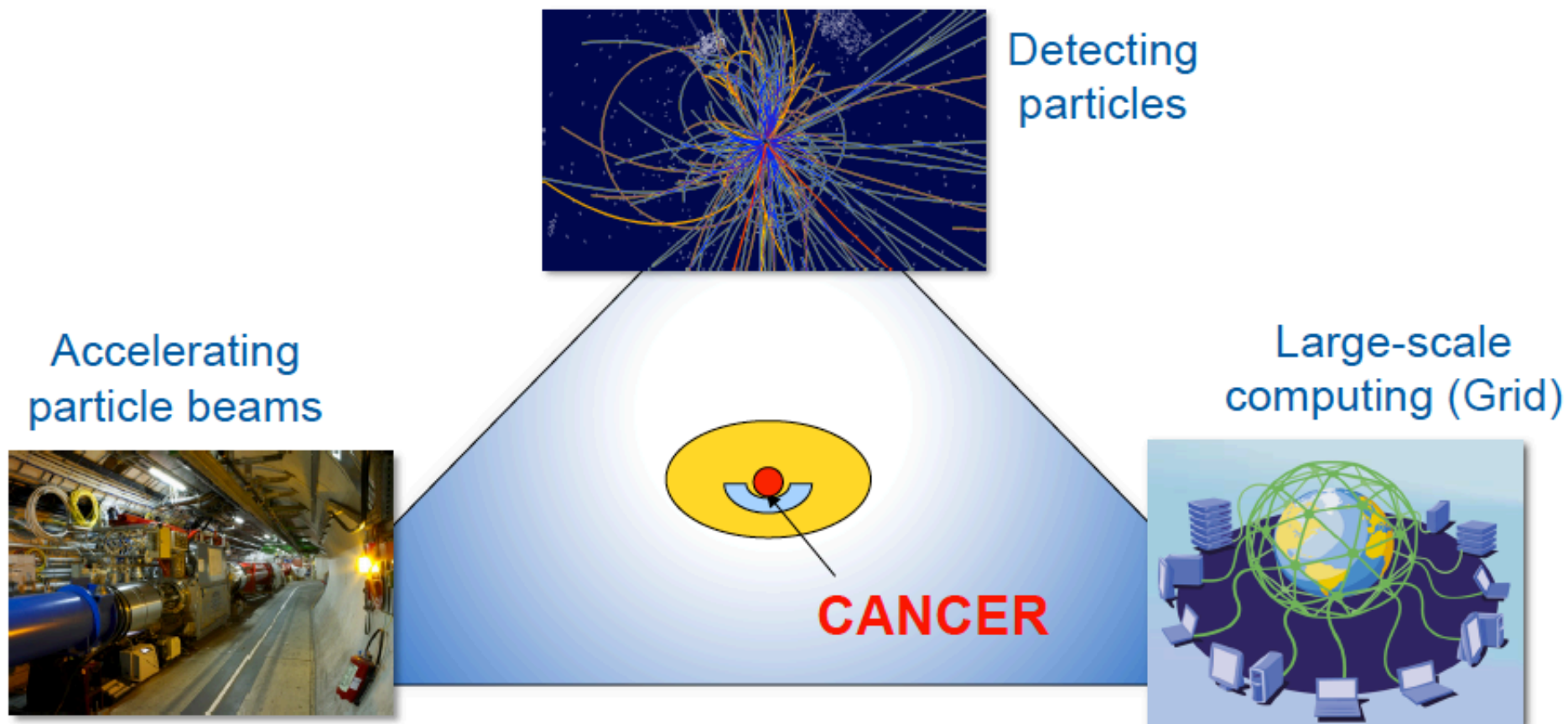
**The first capacitive touchscreens were also developed at CERN in 1973, to simplify their particle accelerator control system.**



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# CERN Technologies and innovation

Combining accelerators, detectors and IT to fight cancer



# Accelerators Have Wide Application

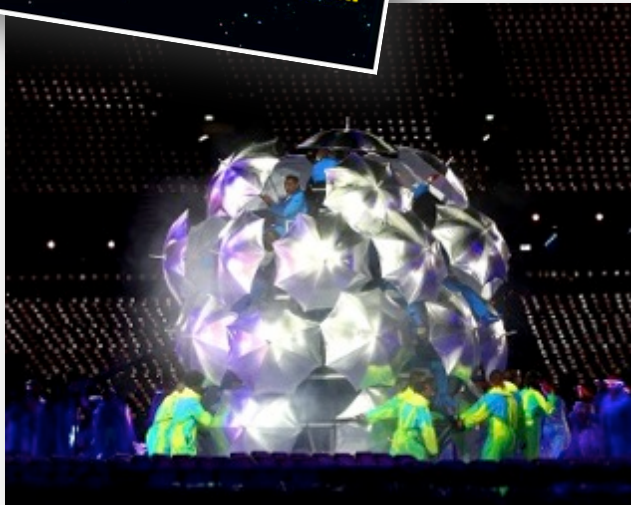
Accelerators are also used to provide practical nuclear data for fission reactors and fusion devices.

Electron linacs are used to inspect steel vessels by radiography, for non-destructive testing, as thickness gauges, inspection devices and for sterilization.

Are used in oil and gas surveys – they are lowered into wells where their particles probe the surrounding material.

Ion implantation in semiconductors; this has given rise to a huge industry.

# Higgs Discovery in the media



- Reached 12 million on UK TV
- 14 million on UK radio
- 1200 stories in UK broadcast media over 24 hours
- Mentioned every 1.1 seconds on Twitter at the peak of the excitement
  - 8 of 10 'trending' topics were Higgs-related
- Almost 4,500 articles printed globally



The UK is playing a leading role in the world's biggest scientific experiment, the Large Hadron Collider at CERN in Geneva - recreating the conditions that existed a trillionth of a second after the Big Bang.

# Summary

- Role of gravity ?
- Origin of matter ?
- Origin of mass ?
- New materials and molecules?
- Accelerator science will underpin the way - new technology advances in other fields.
- Not only energy is key; luminosity, stability, quality...
- Accelerators and accelerator-based science are inspirational to future generations of scientists and engineers.
- Accelerators are engines of discovery across all fields of science.

