# HST2019



THEORETICAL PHYSICS & HIGGS PHYSICS



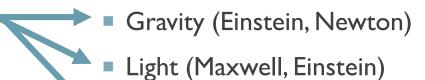
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## **CURRICULUM & CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS**

- Nature of Science
- Process of Science
- Goals of Science
- History of Physics
- Model Building & Testing



 Atoms (Democritus, Thomson, Rutherford, Bohr, Electron Cloud)

#### **KEY IDEAS**

- Theory's role in the process of science
- Importance of thinking
- Mathematic's role in Theoretical Physics
- Simple ideas
- There are no wrong models:
   Nature is the "judge"
   Higgs prediction /discovery
- Collaboration

What do theoretical and experimental physicists do?

What's a theory?

## POTENTIAL CHALLENGES

STUDENTS	TEACHERS
Difficult words/concepts (quantum, field, function, model, theory, principle, law)	Practical activities/images could induce misconceptions
Be able to think outside the box	Reliable resources in Higgs Physics
Complex Math leads to difficulties in undertanding Theories	
Abstract thinking	

#### **HELPFUL MATERIAL & RESOURCES**

#### a) Cartoon pictures for physics and HIGGS to make it fun and some extra visuals

https://docs.google.com/document/d/IiR8Hi8obSeEvpSmMEJrImcJmfAOXaRgYwcZdnxC0IY/edit?usp=sharing

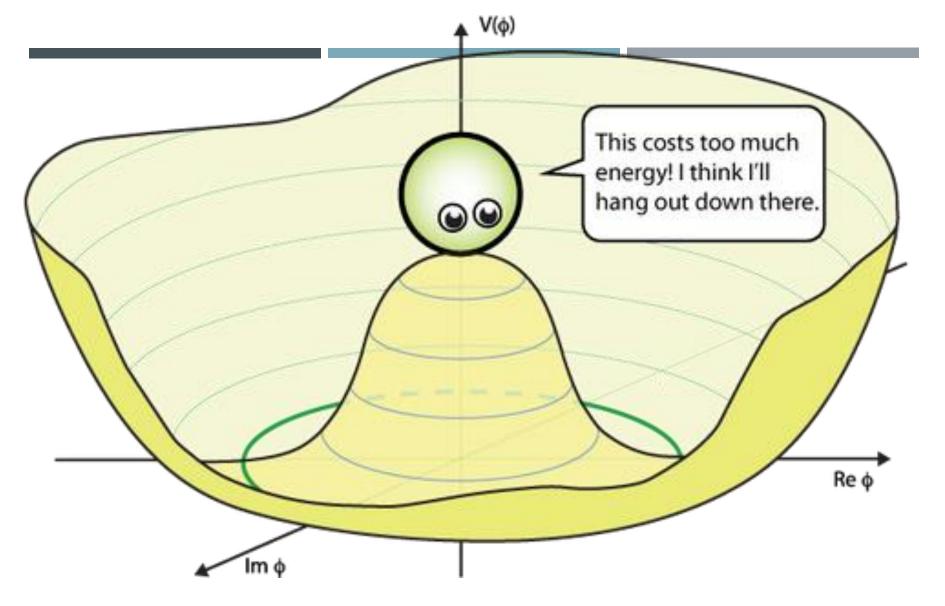
#### b) Tools to make Higgs discovery more visual:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZpfHzlhuzg - ATLAS Higgs ZZ animation
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imOpF9bP0wc ATLAS Higgs 2-photon animation
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEIHgJG5Fe4 - The basics of the Higgs boson - Dave Barney and Steve Goldfarb

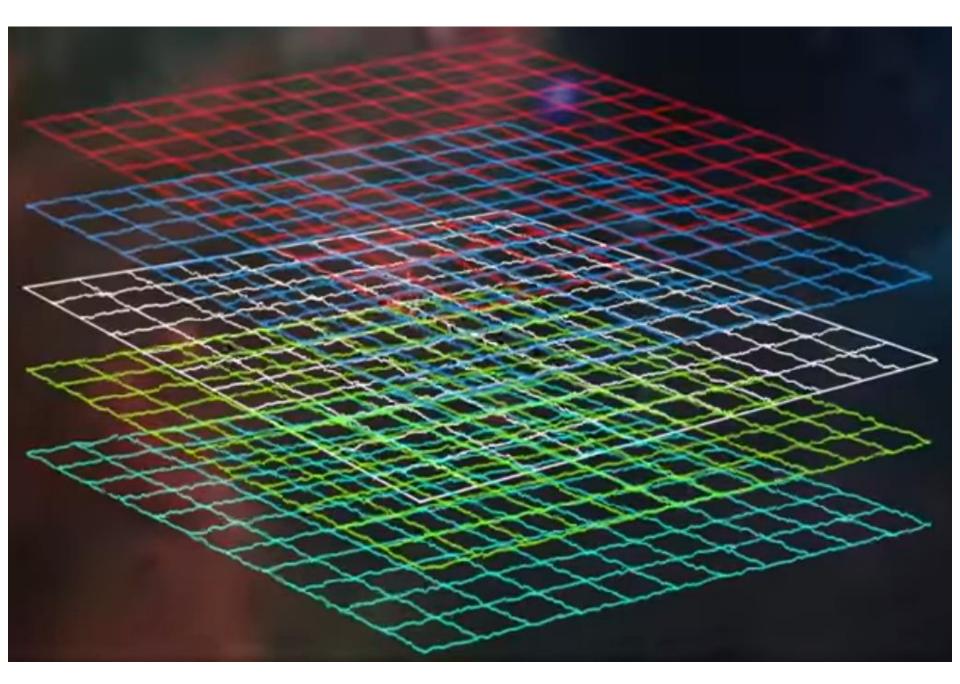
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6AN6UwTTjU - The Higgs Boson Simplified Through Animation <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyPQIJIHeU0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyPQIJIHeU0</a> - The animation of signal accumulation in the Higgs boson decaying to two-photon channel

#### c) Model Building

https://resources.perimeterinstitute.ca/-: Process of Science Resource: Activity 4, Making Models

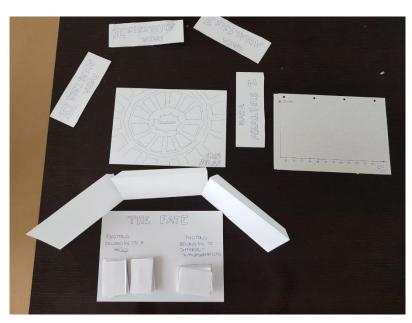


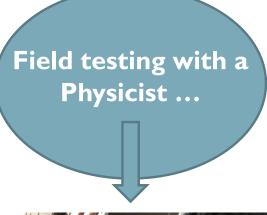
Source: www.quantumdiaries.org



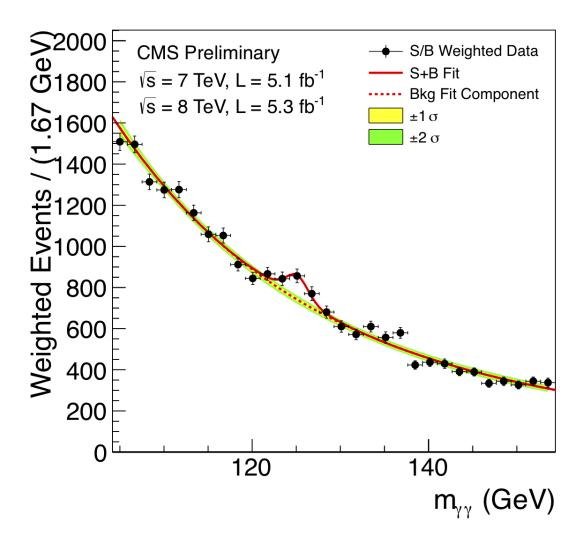
Source: PBS Space Time

## BEST PRACTICE EXAMPLE – **POTENTIAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITY**









http://cms.web.cern.ch/news/observation-new-particle-mass-I25-gev

