From the Big Bang to the Higgs Boson in Less Than an Hour

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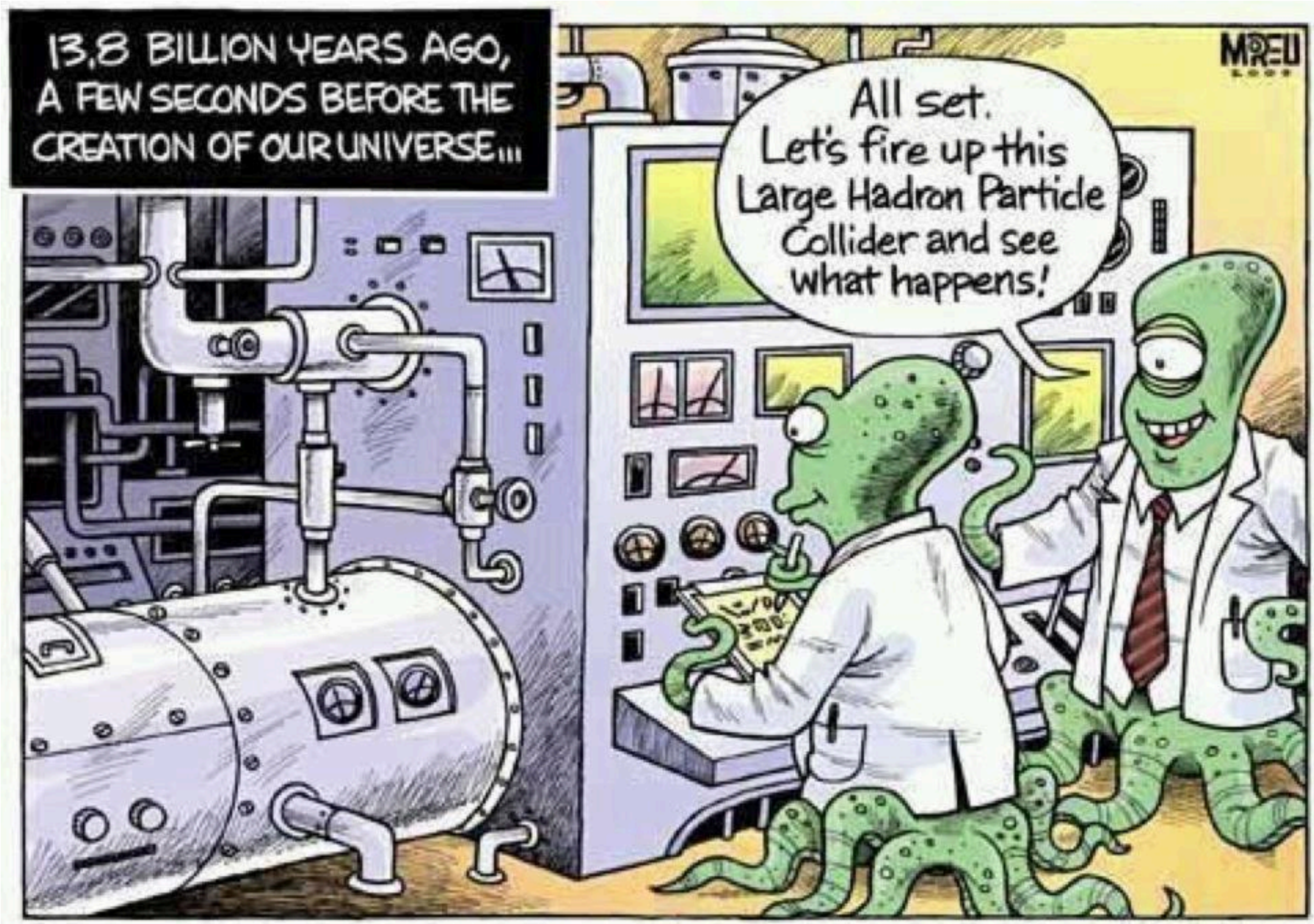
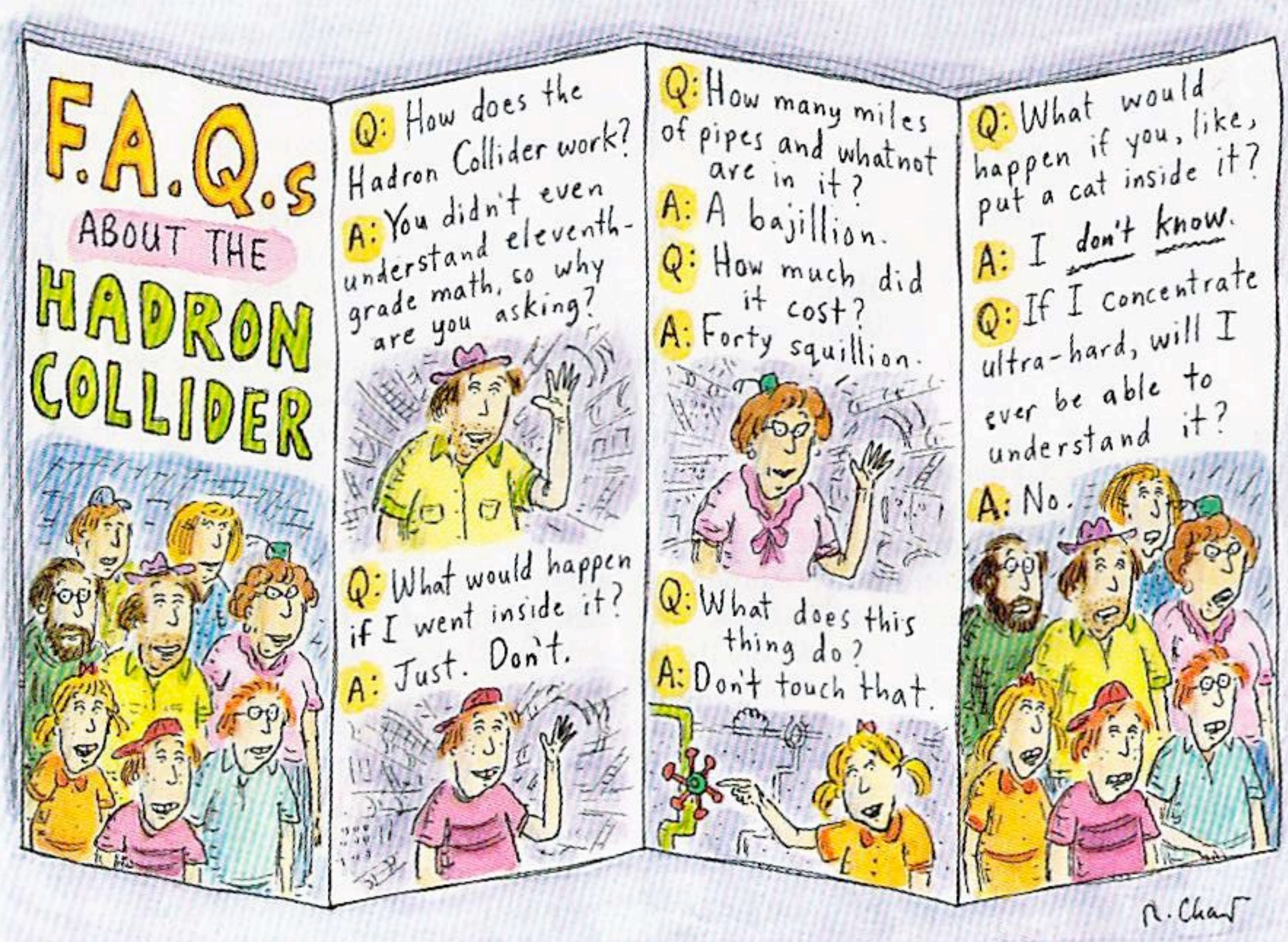




F.A.Q.s
ABOUT THE
HADRON COLLIDER
Q: How does the Hadron Collider work?
A: You didn't even understand eleventh-grade math, so why are you asking?
Q: What would happen if I went inside it?
A: Just. Don't.
Q: How many miles of pipes and whatnot are in it?
A: A bajillion.
Q: How much did it cost?
A: Forty squillion.
Q: What does this thing do?
A: Don't touch that.
Q: What would happen if you, like, put a cat inside it?
A: I don't know.
Q: If I concentrate ultra-hard, will I ever be able to understand it?
A: No.
R. Chast

European Organization for Nuclear Research
Geneva, Switzerland, July 4, 2012

photo courtesy CERN

Over Lac Léman (Lake Geneva)
View towards the east (Switzerland)

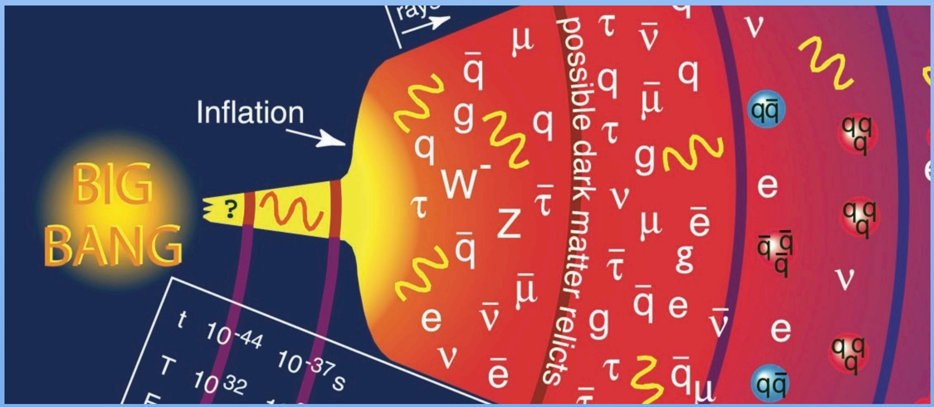
Over the Rhône River
View towards the west (France)

From sunflowers to particles

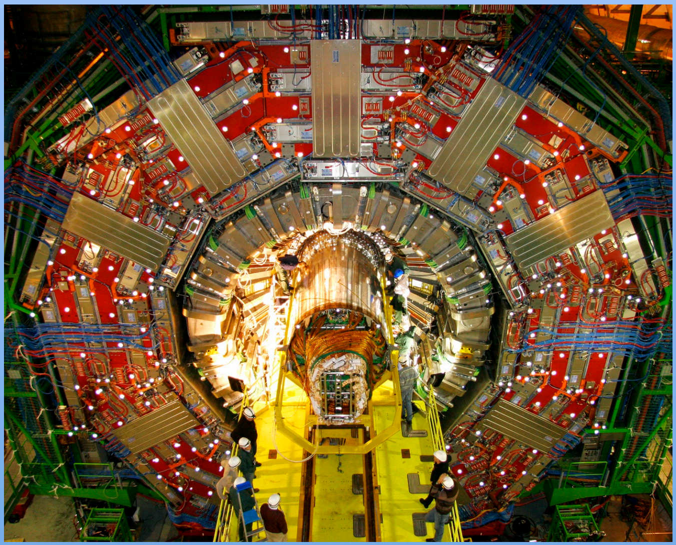
- Macroscopic world: sunflowers are similar.
- Particle micro-world: particles of the same type are identical! (Everywhere, and at all times!)
- Particle properties & behavior follow mathematical laws of physics → everything has to “fit”.
- “Particles aren’t just lumps of clay – they’re actors in a mathematical play.”

Plan of my talk

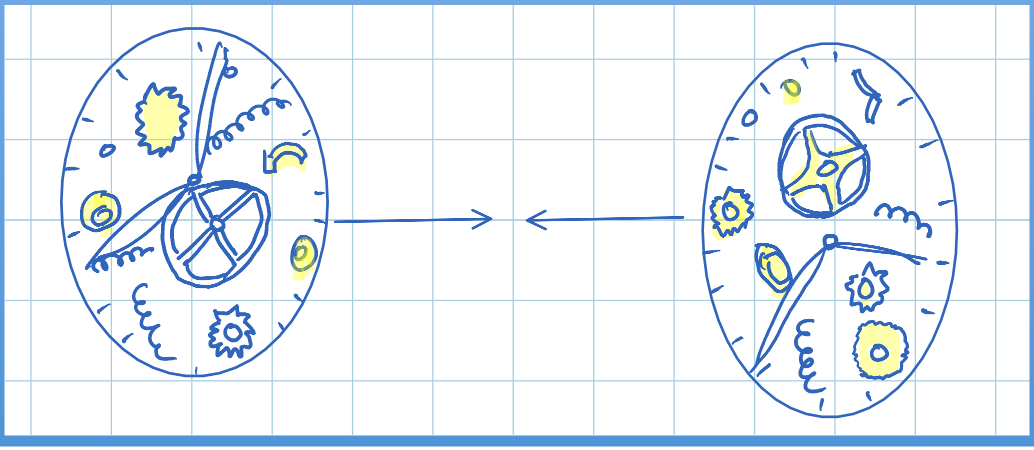
1. The universe, particles, and fields



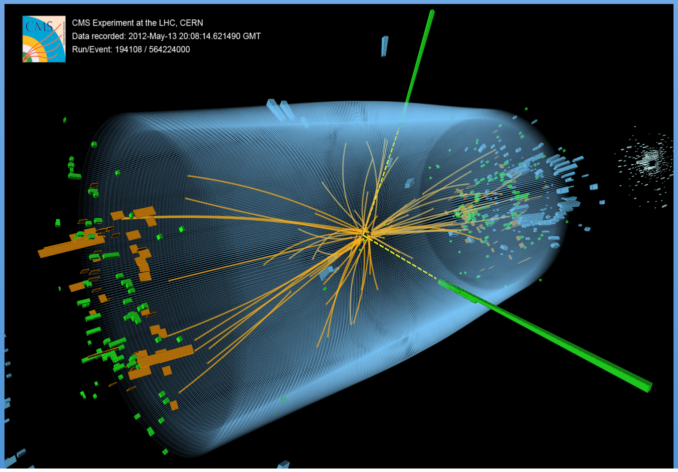
2. Accelerator and Detectors

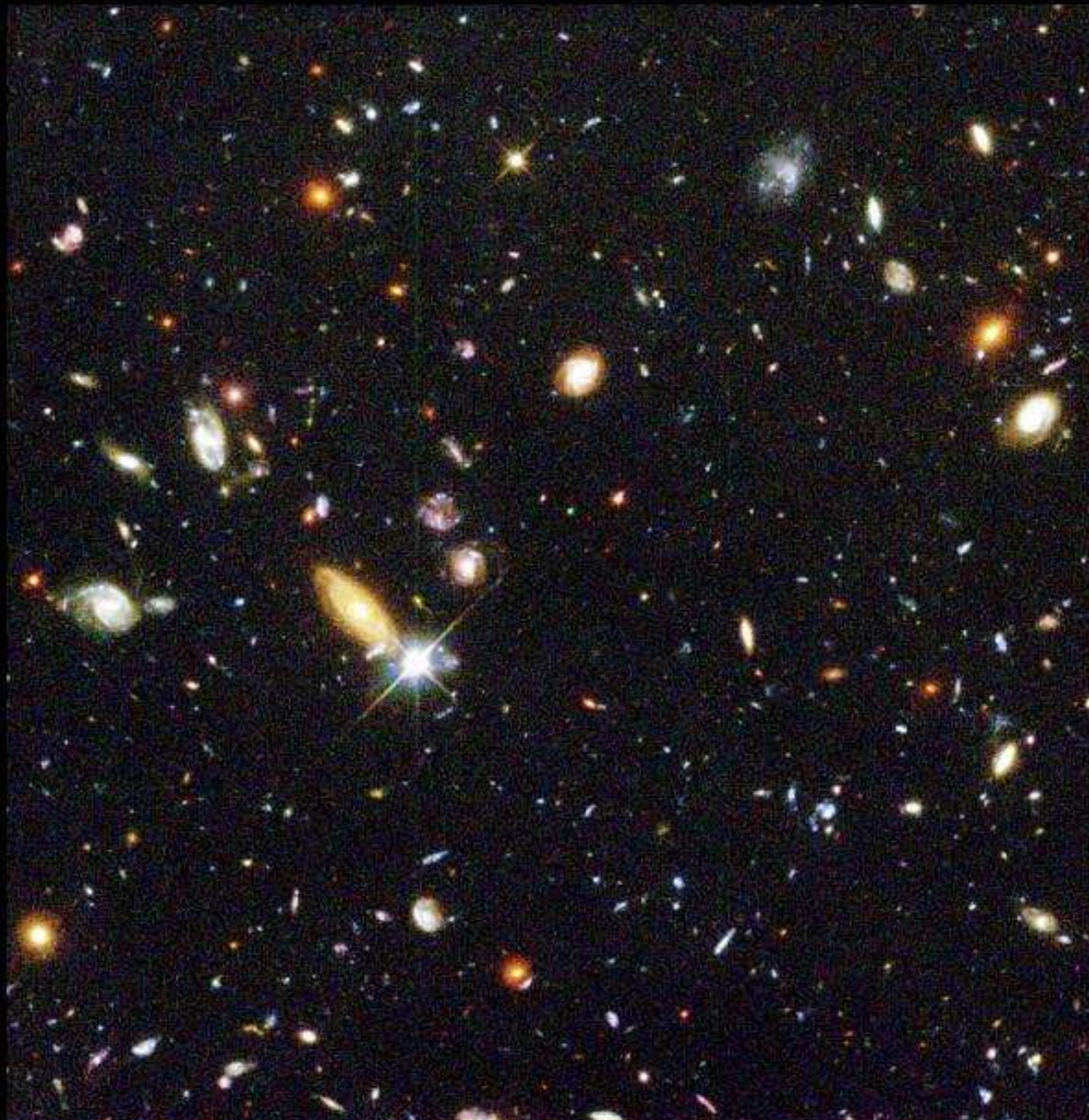


3. What happens when protons collide?



4. Discovery of a new particle





Hubble Deep Field HST · WFPC2

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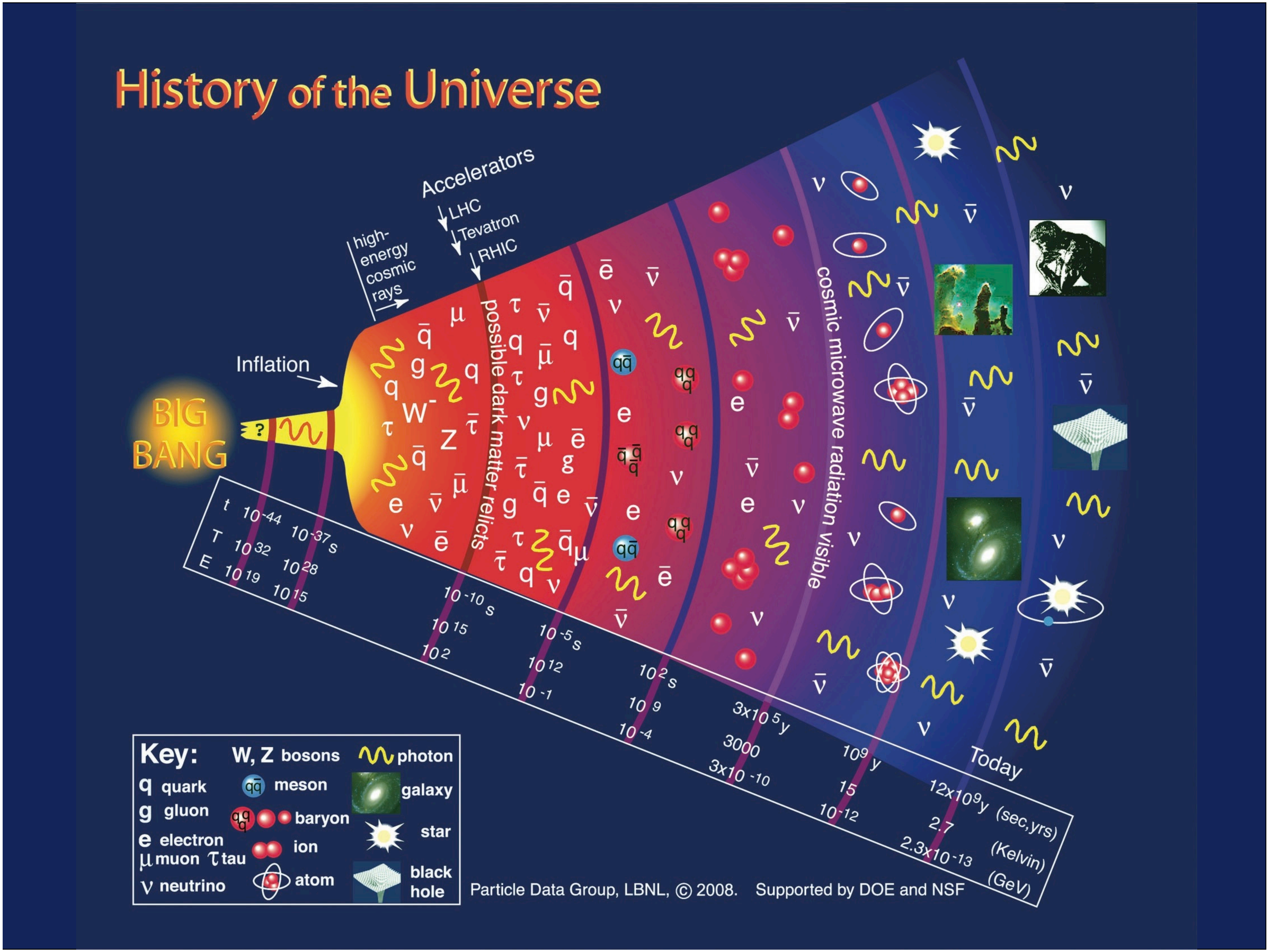
History of the Universe
Accelerators
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Tevatron
RHIC
high-energy cosmic rays
Inflation
BIG BANG
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possible dark matter relicts
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Key:
q quark
g gluon
e electron
μ muon τ tau
ν neutrino
W, Z bosons
meson
baryon
ion
atom
photon
galaxy
star
black hole
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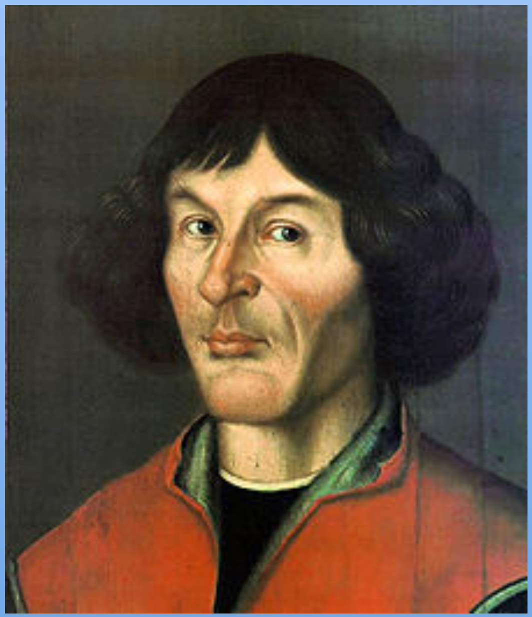
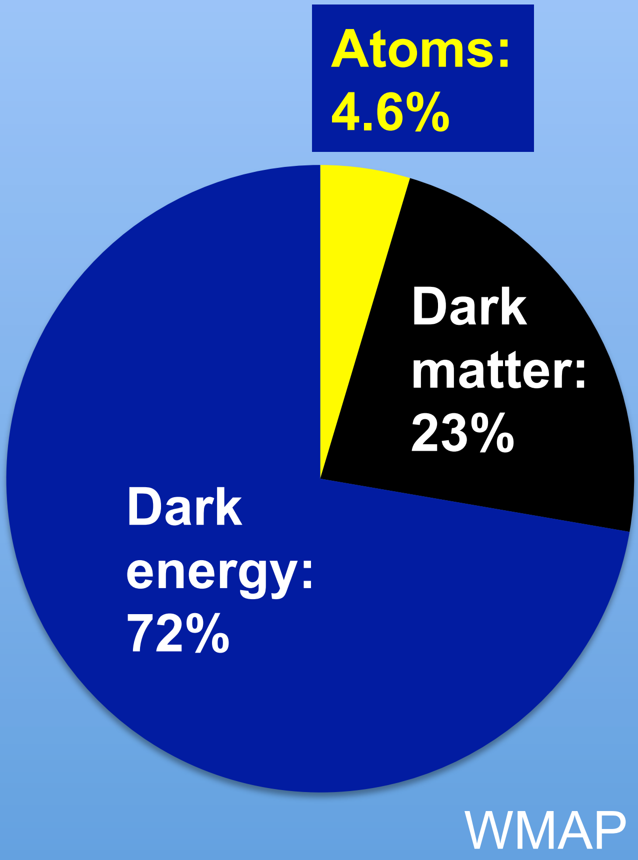
The dark matter revolution/mystery



Nicolaus Copernicus (1473-1543): heliocentric model

Vera Rubin (1928-): dark matter in galaxies



We aren't at the center of the solar system (or anything else), and we aren't made up of the dominant form of matter...

Who ordered that?

Quarks

u up	c charm	t top
d down	s strange	b bottom

Leptons

e^- electron	μ^- muon	τ^- tau
ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino

Gauge bosons (force field quanta)

Strong force	EM force	Weak force		
g	γ	Z^0	W^+	W^-
gluon (8)	photon	Z boson	W bosons	

Higgs boson

and vacuum expectation value

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Higgs boson

Particles all around: neutrinos and you

How many neutrinos pass through your thumbnail every second?

(a) 0.1 (b) 1 (c) 10^6 (d) 10^{11} (e) 10^{23}

(f) none of the above

They are mostly from the sun!

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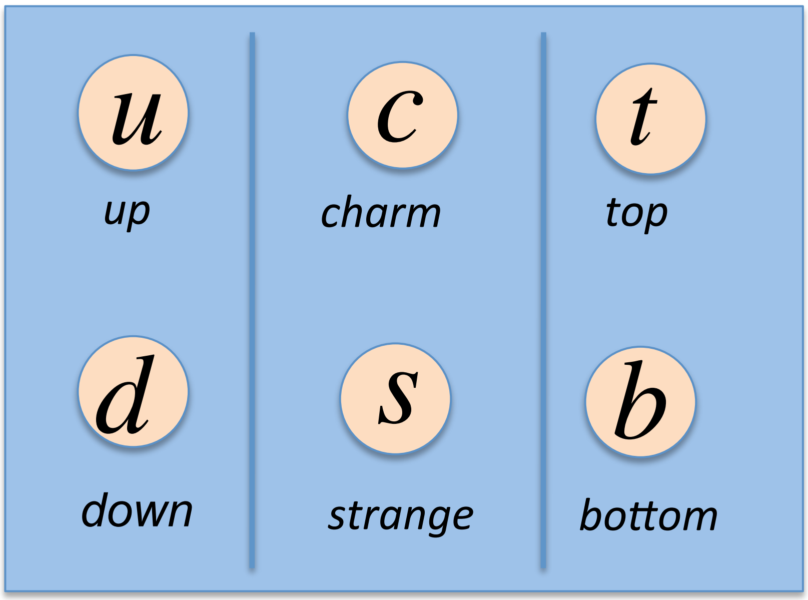
Who ordered that? - Matter

Quarks



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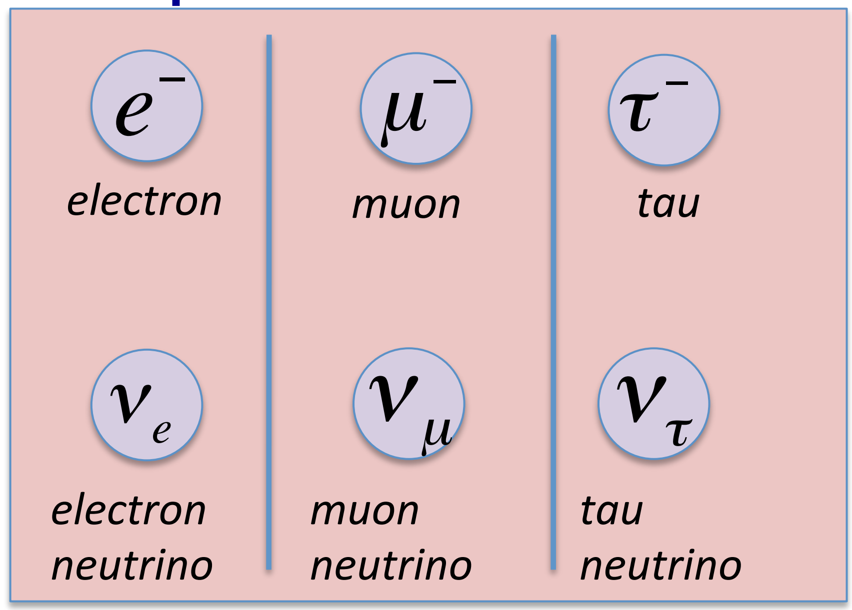


"**Matter**": made up of particles with spin (1/2)$\hbar$

$\hbar$ = Planck's constant

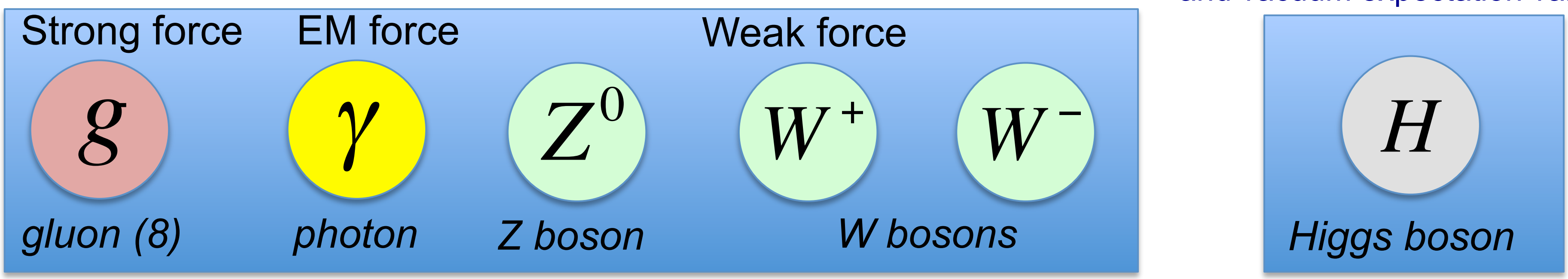
"Fermions" – obey Pauli exclusion principle!

Who ordered that? - Fields

Gauge bosons (force field quanta)

Higgs boson

and vacuum expectation value



“Fundamental forces”: transmitted by *fields*

Quantum excitations of fields are *particles* with spin = $n\hbar$, n = integer $\hbar$ = Planck’s constant

“bosons” – do not obey Pauli exclusion principle!

The four (known) fundamental forces of nature

Quantum field excitation	Fundamental forces/fields	Examples
γ	Electromagnetic	Light, electrical power, chemistry, civilization as we know it.
W^+ W^- Z^0	Weak	Many natural radioactive processes, operation of sun, supernova explosions, formation of elements.
g	Strong	Holds nuclear particles together.
G (graviton) [?]	Gravitational	Astrophysical systems, large scale dynamics of universe.

Electric and magnetic fields are unified!

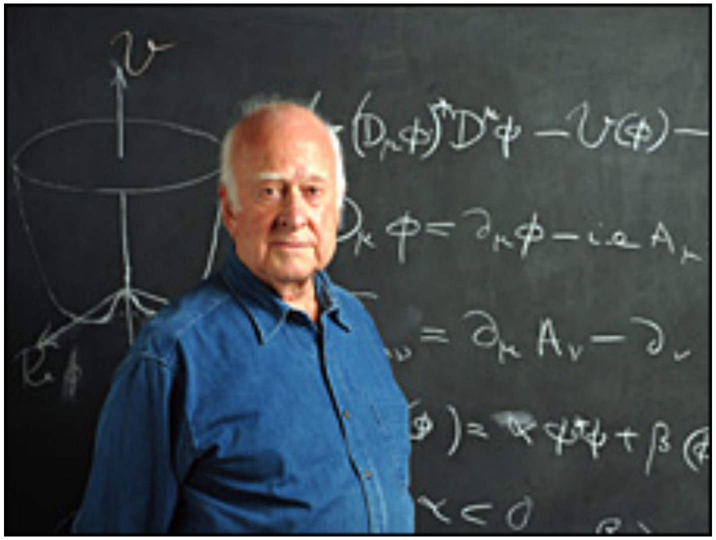
Demonstration of Faraday's Law, showing the connection between electric fields and magnetic fields.

Angels & Demons and Tom Hanks: What about antimatter?

Angels and Demons, © Sony Pictures
(They also make computer displays.)

LHC Control Room: the real thing

Peter Higgs and the origin of mass

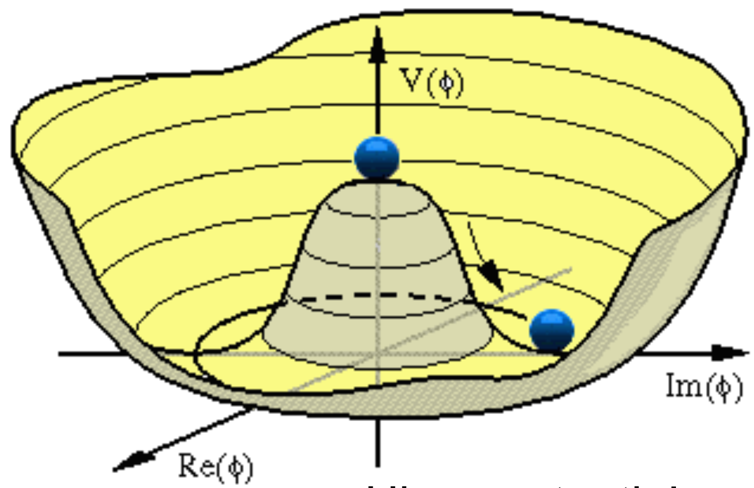


Fundamental particles interact with the Higgs field, which exists throughout all space. This gives mass to particles!

photon → $$A_\mu(x) = \sin\theta_W \, W^3_\mu(x) + \cos\theta_W \, B_\mu(x)$$

Z-boson → $$Z_\mu(x) = \cos\theta_W \, W^3_\mu(x) - \sin\theta_W \, B_\mu(x)$$

$$\sin\theta_W = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2 + (g')^2}}$$

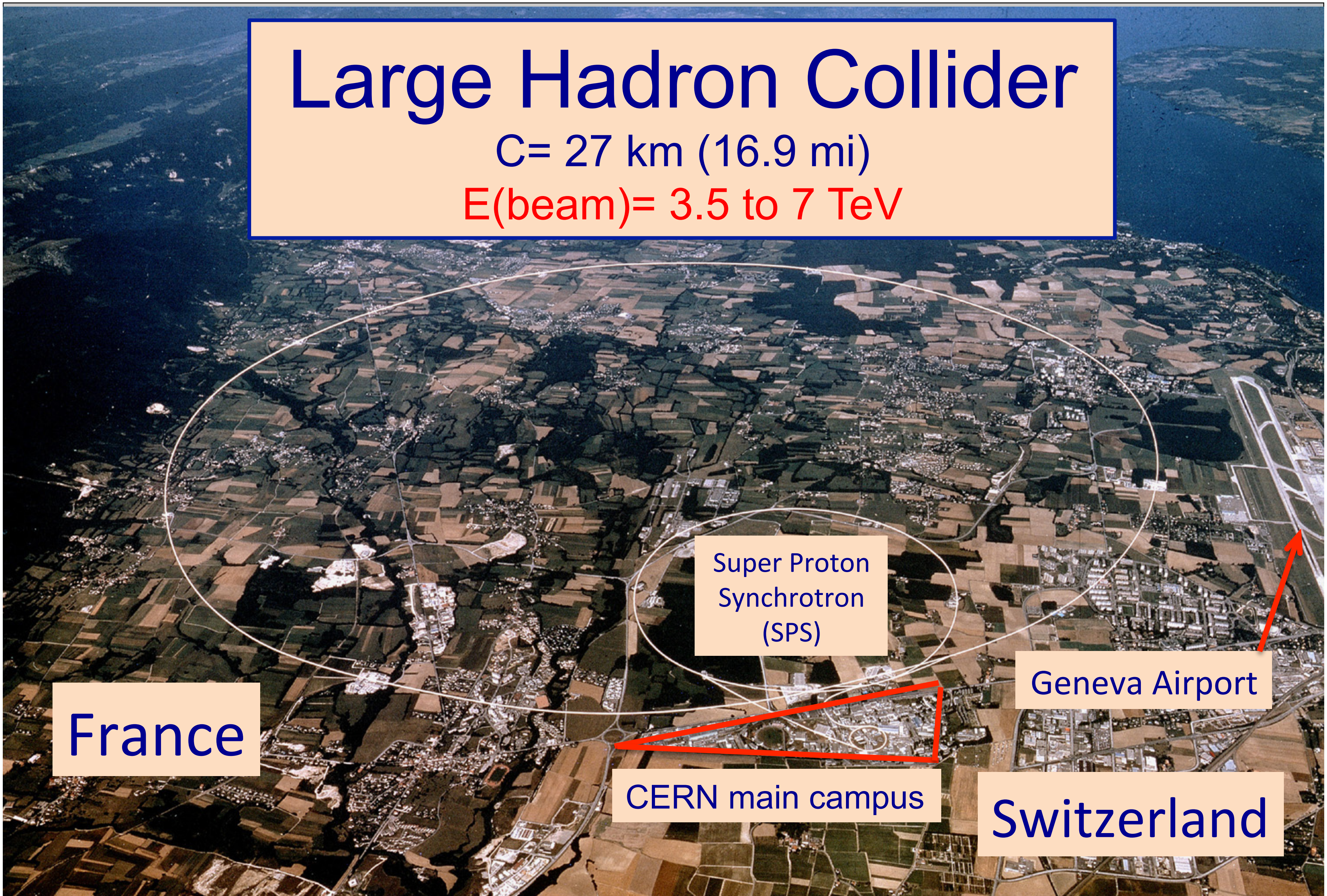


Higgs potential

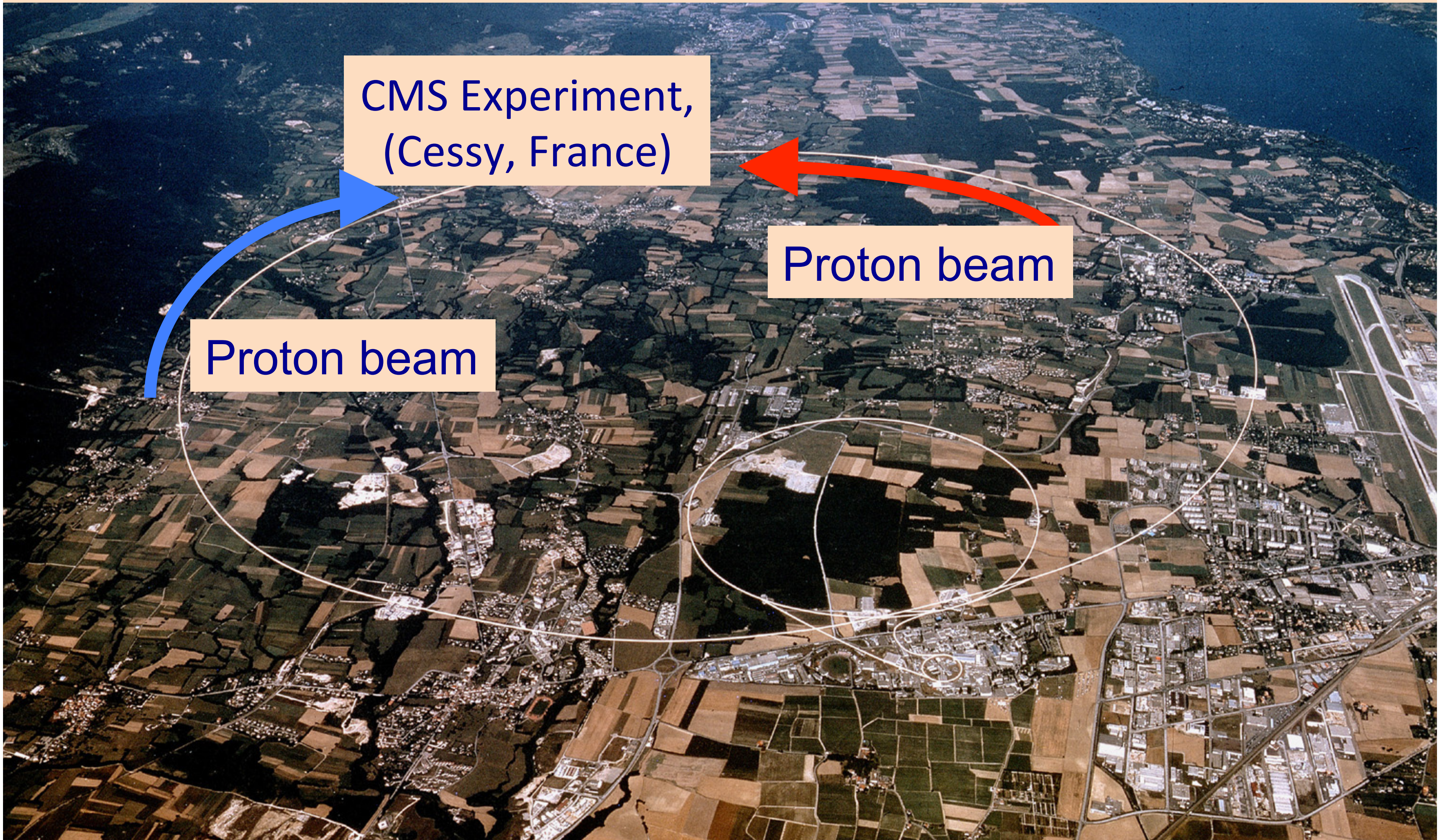
Large Hadron Collider

C= 27 km (16.9 mi)

E(beam)= 3.5 to 7 TeV



LHC ring: 2 separate magnetic "highways"



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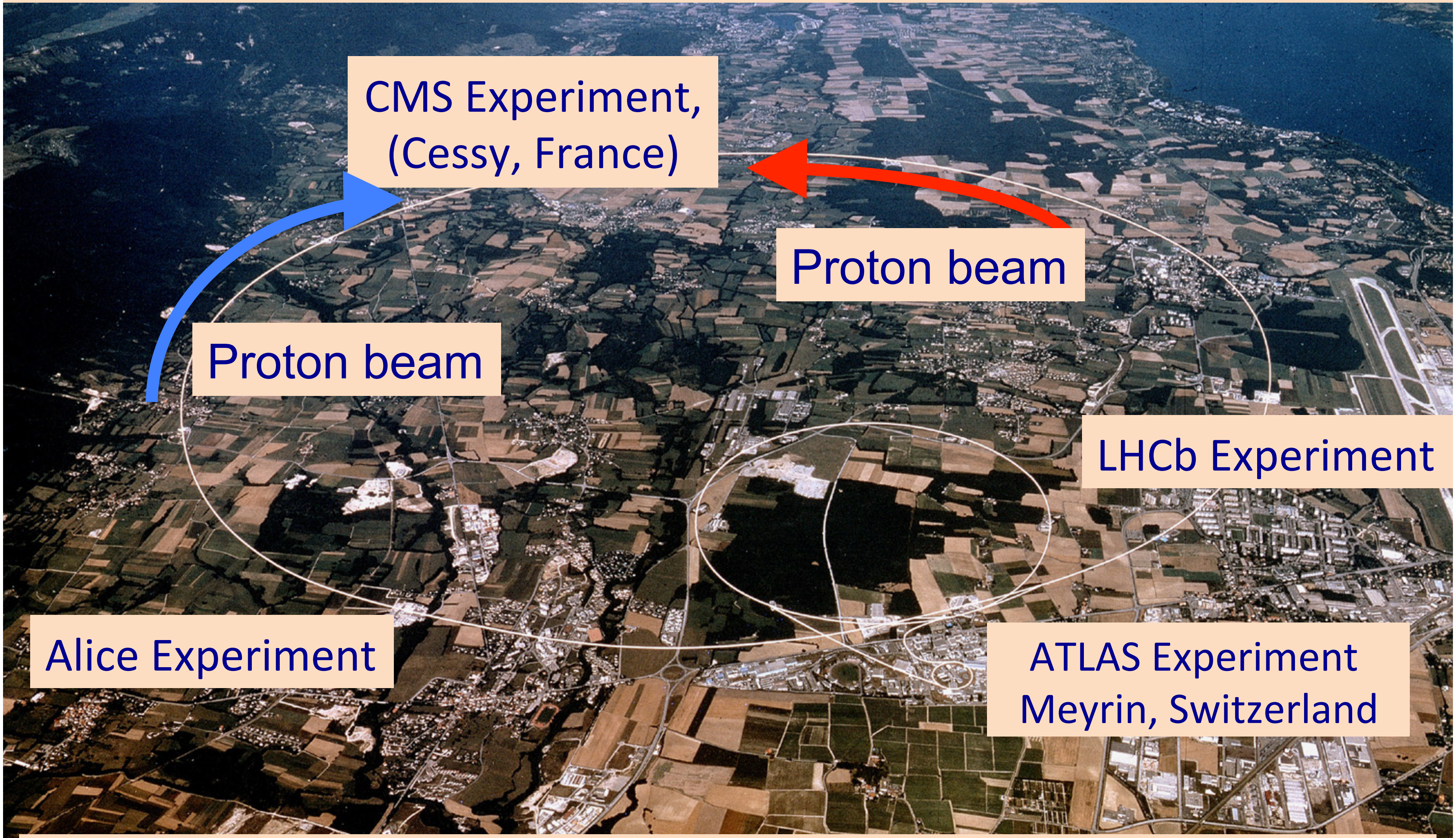
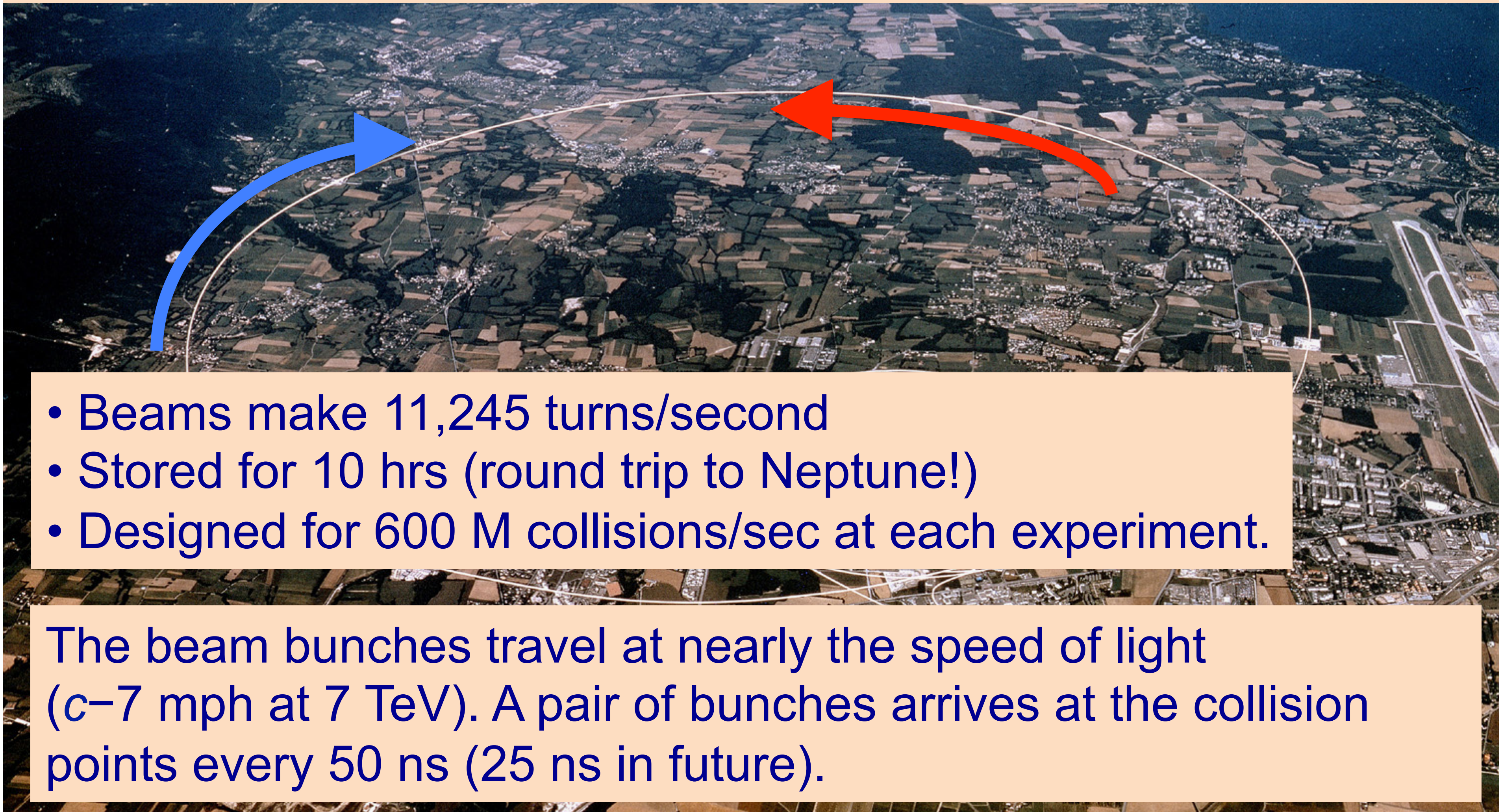


- 9300 magnets, including 1232 15-meter dipoles.
- Radio-frequency EM cavity devices to accelerate beams (8/beam; 40 MHz)

What is a proton "beam"?

"Bunch train" w/1374 bunches of protons; 1 bunch=10^{11} protons.



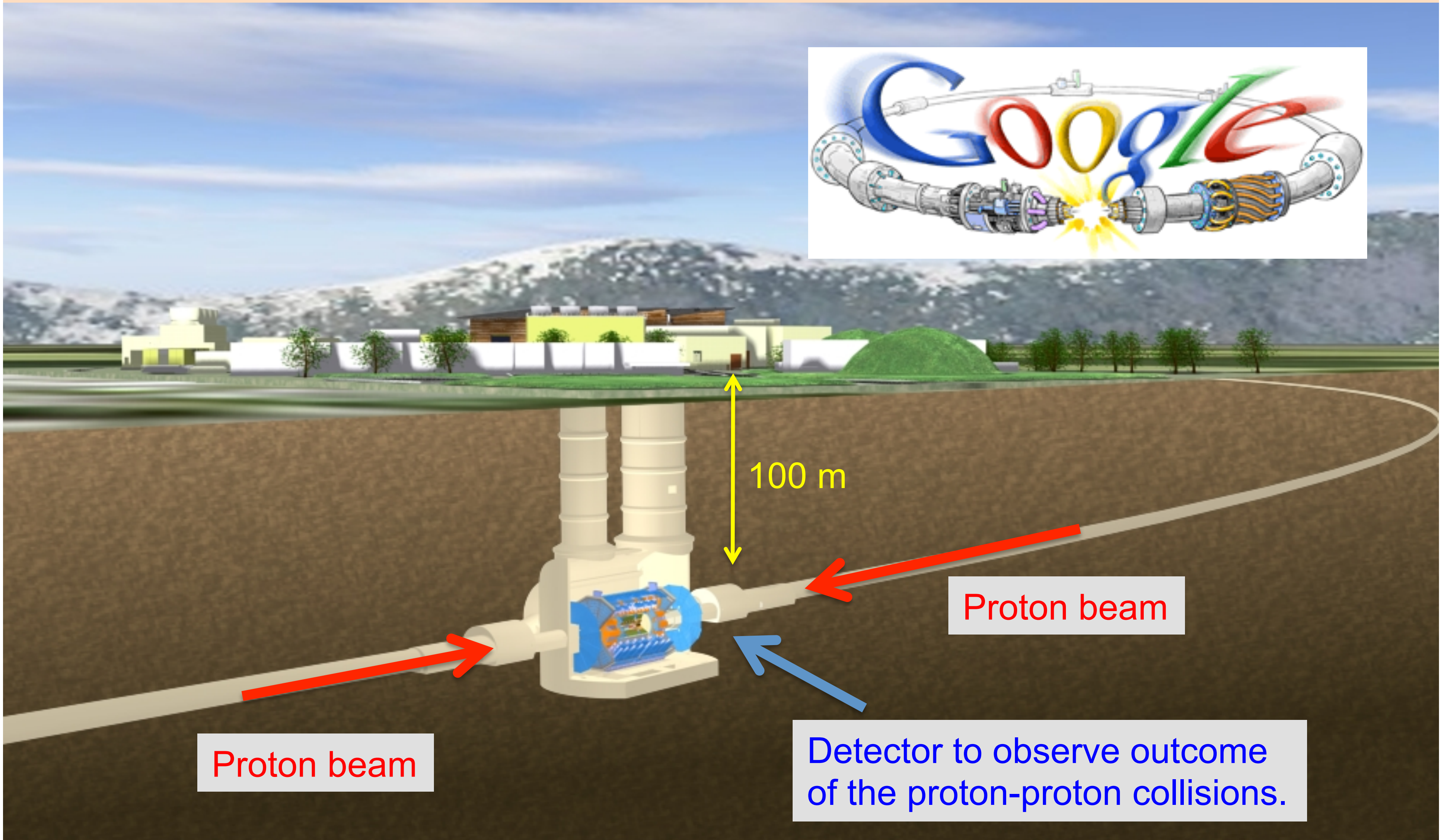
- Beams make 11,245 turns/second
- Stored for 10 hrs (round trip to Neptune!)
- Designed for 600 M collisions/sec at each experiment.

The beam bunches travel at nearly the speed of light (c−7 mph at 7 TeV). A pair of bunches arrives at the collision points every 50 ns (25 ns in future).

Stored energy per beam at design is 350 MJ, enough to melt 500 kg of Cu

This place should look familiar!

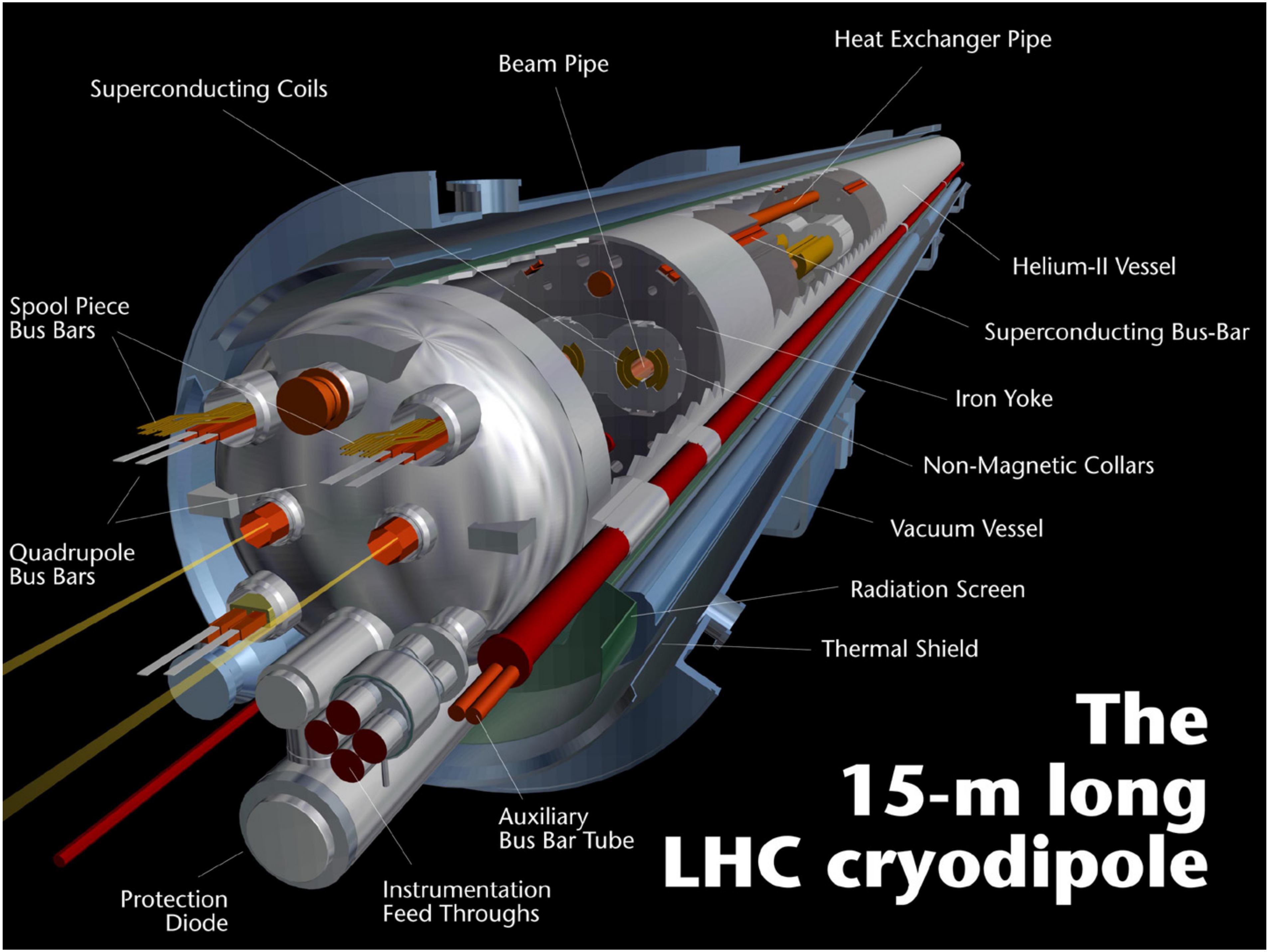
LHC Interaction Region



The detector is like a giant camera – or an observatory!

Inside the LHC Tunnel

Total magnets	9593
Num. main dipoles	1232 (L=15 m)
Num. main quadrupoles	392 (L= 5 to 7 m)
RF cavs/beam	8
Bunches/beam	2808
Protons/bunch	$1.1\ 10^{11}$
Collisions/sec	$600\ 10^{6}$
Bunch spacing	7 m (25 ns)
Dipole field	8.33 T
Dipole op. temp.	1.9 K
Dipole current	11,850 A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Beam Pipe
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Bus Bars
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Iron Yoke
Non-Magnetic Collars
Quadrupole
Bus Bars
Vacuum Vessel
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Feed Throughs
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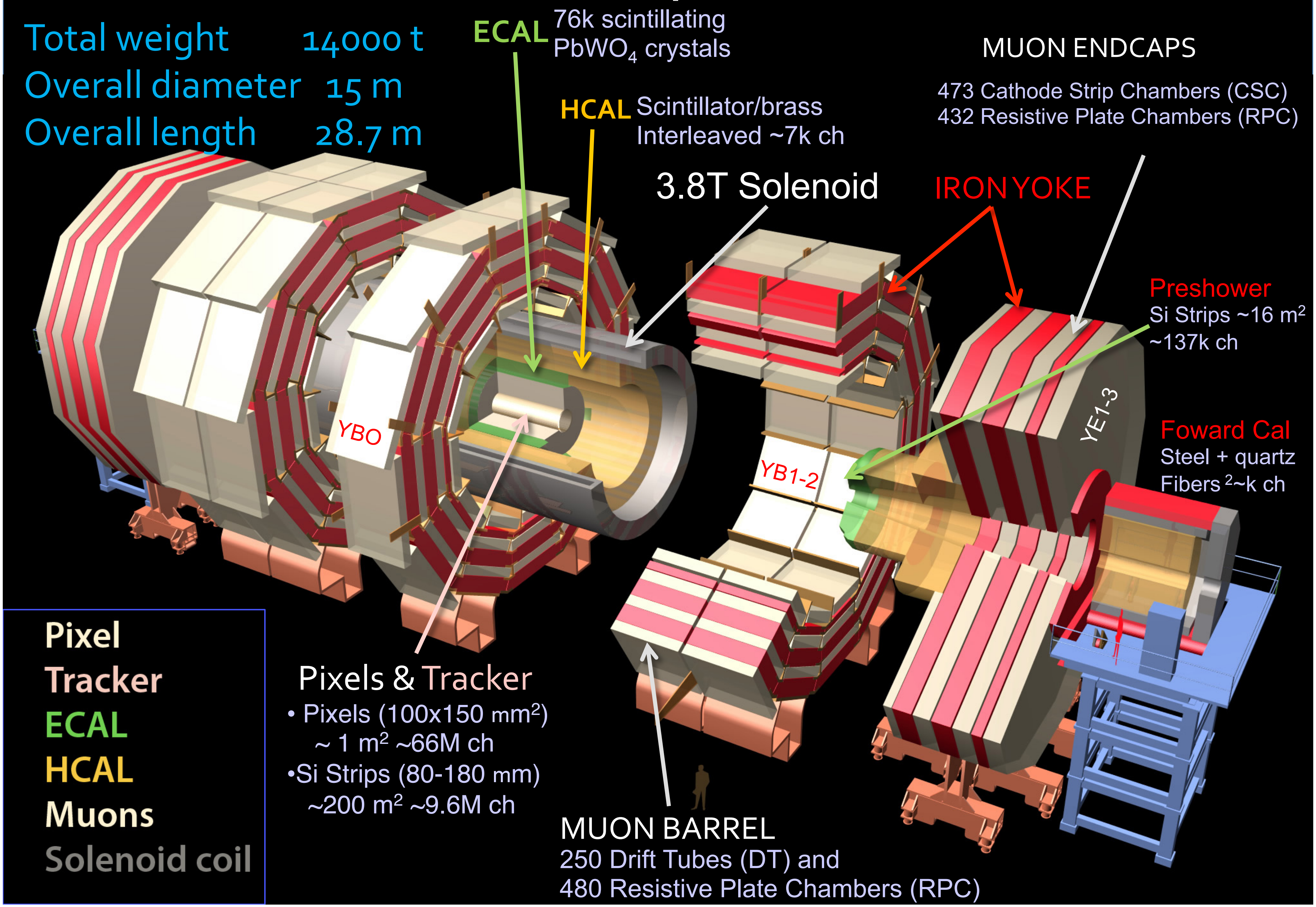
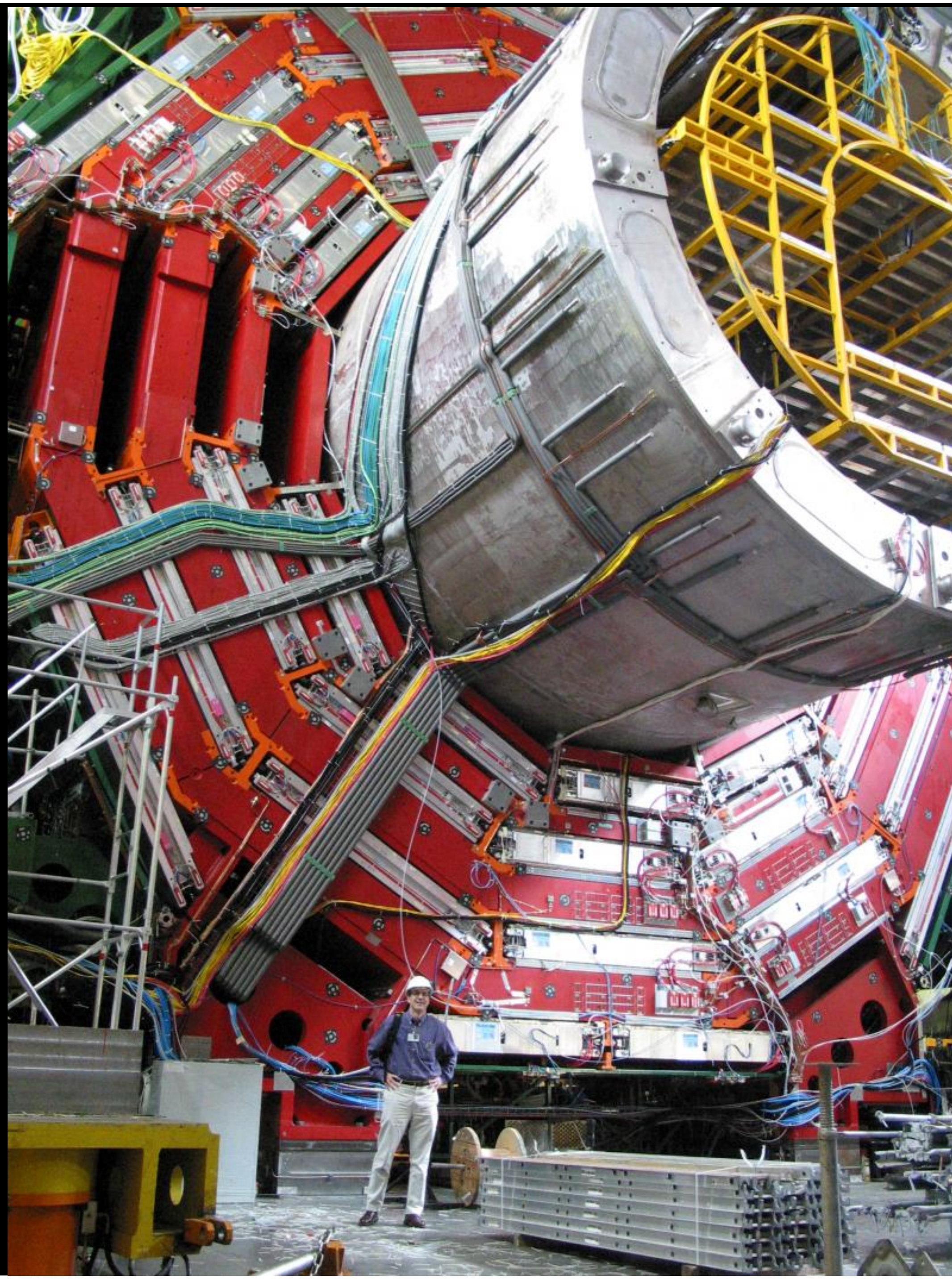
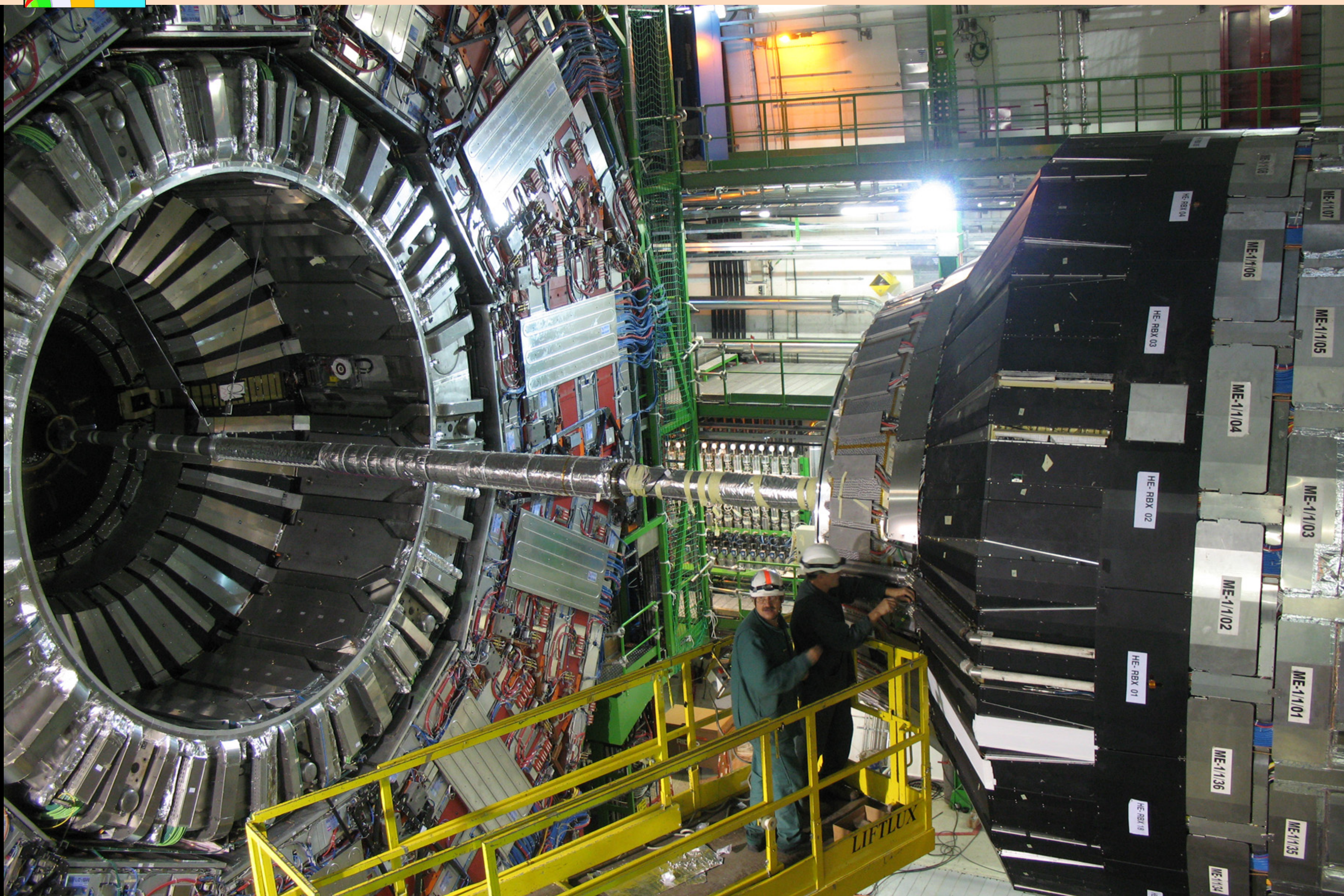
15-m long
LHC cryodipole

CMS Experiment





CMS Detector with Accelerator Beam Pipe



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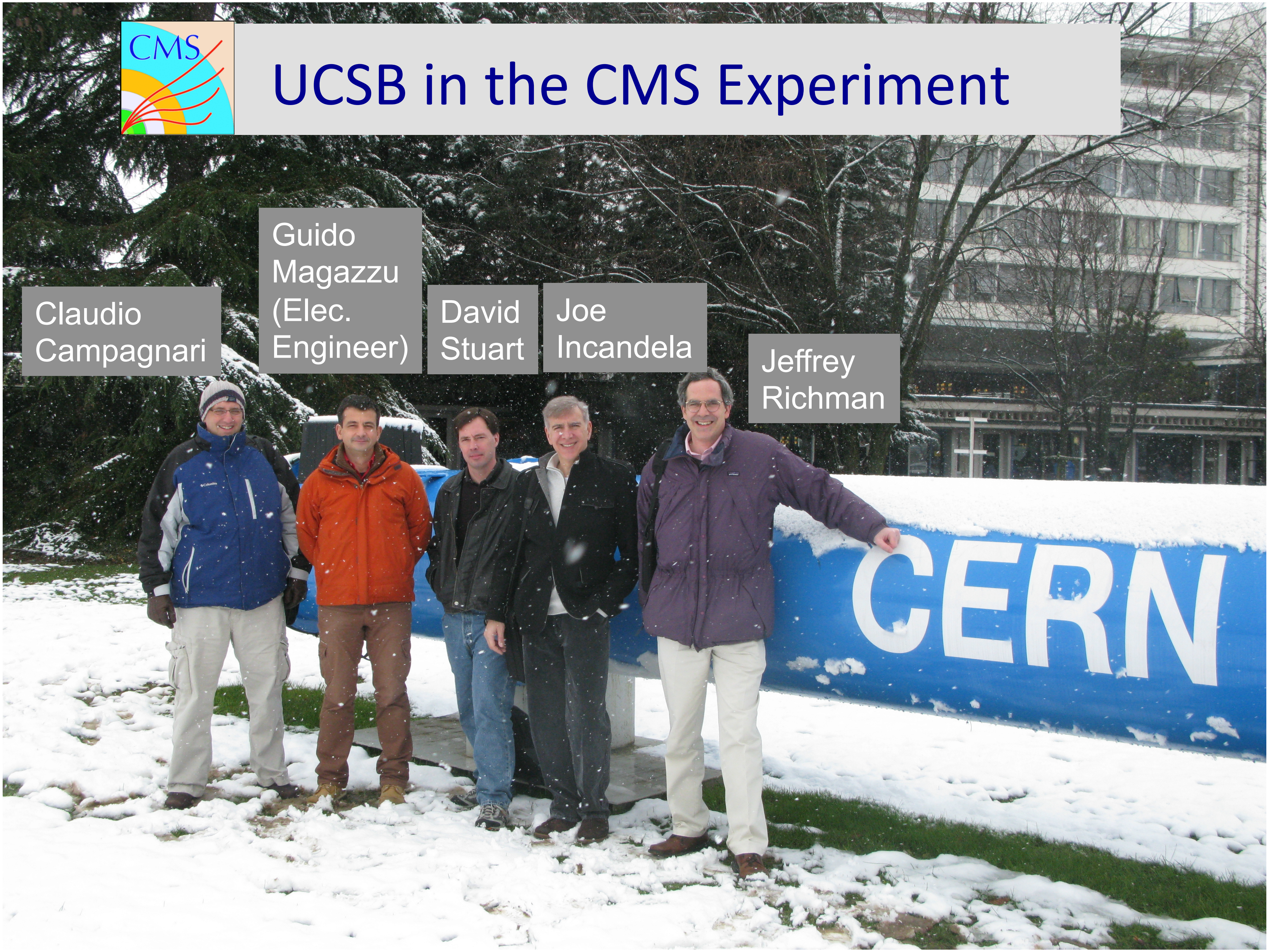
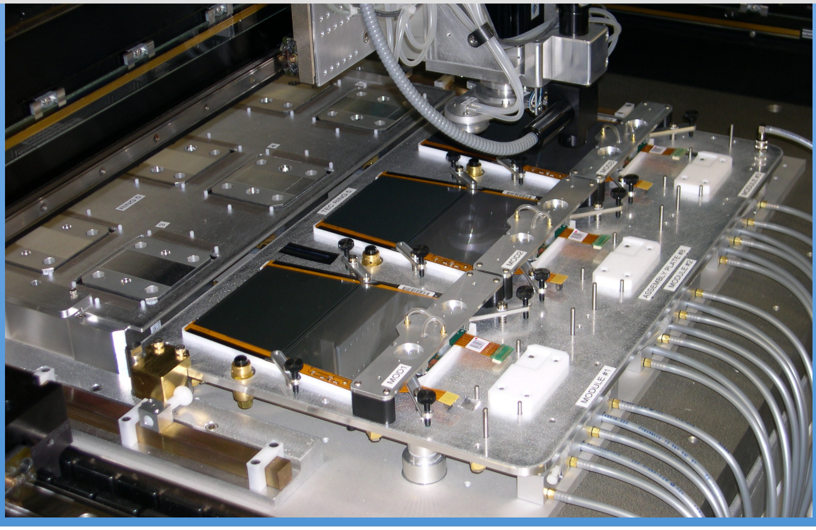


Working on the CMS Silicon Strip Tracker

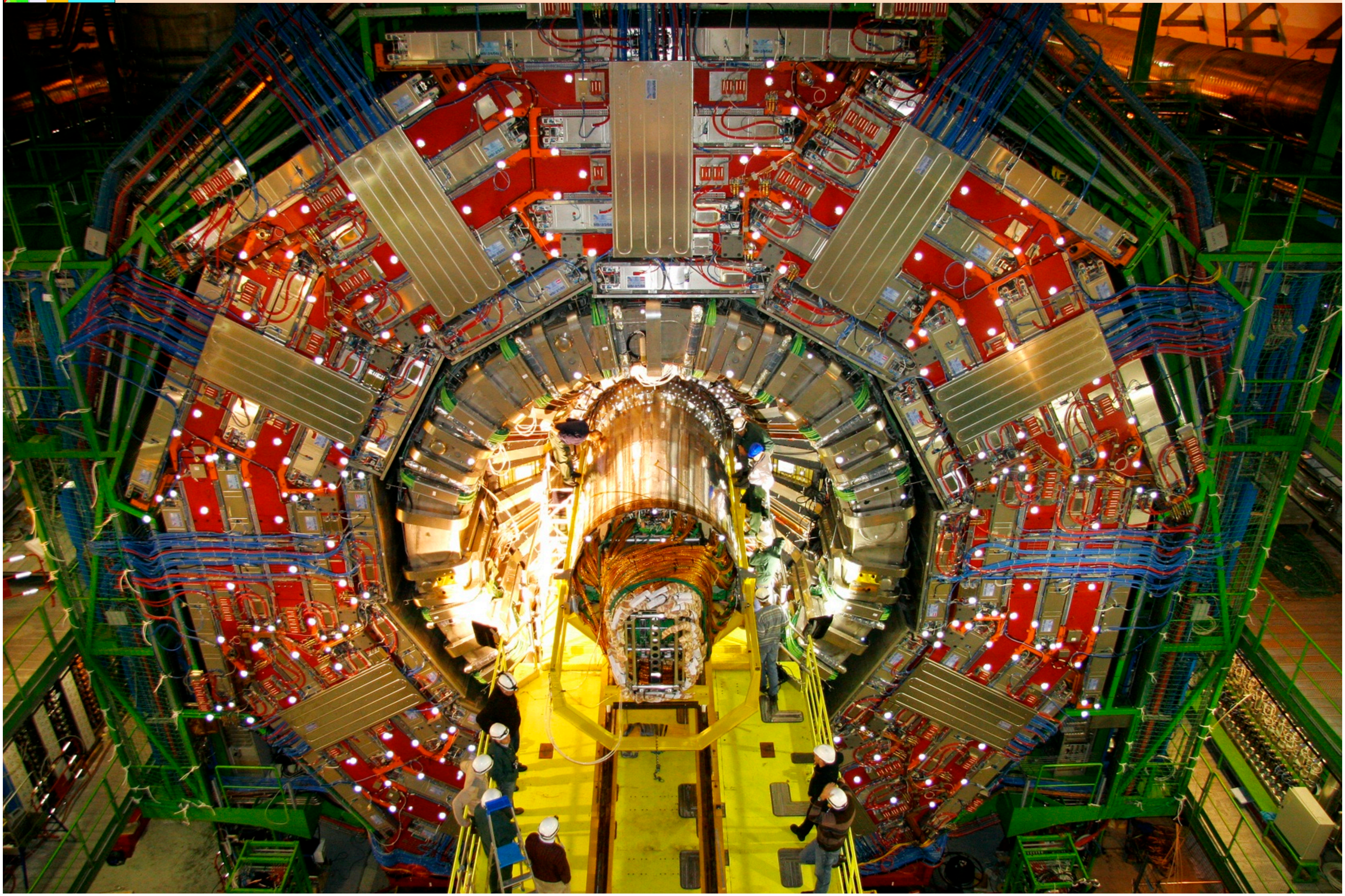
UCSB silicon-strip module assembly team

Module construction on ganty

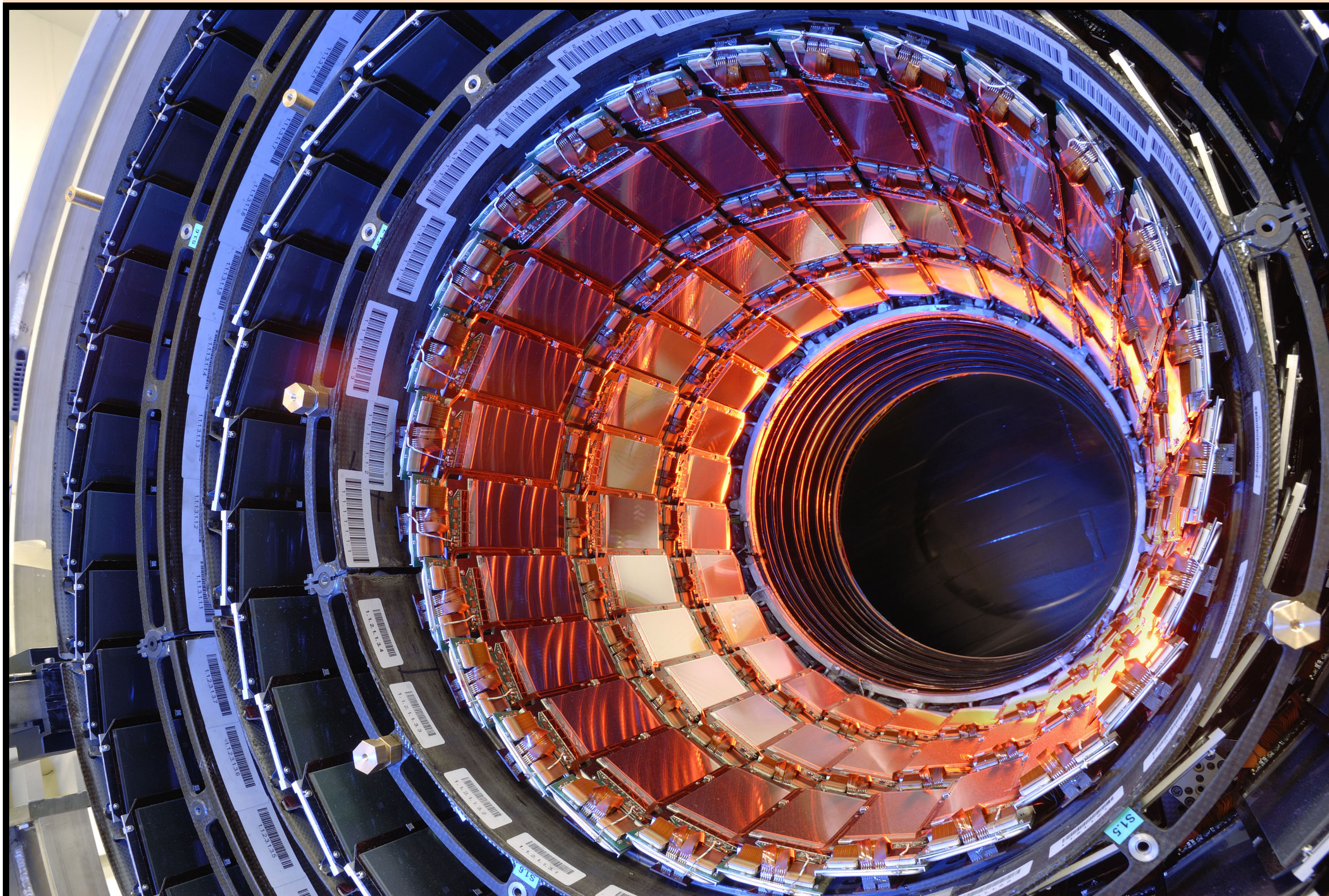


Module installation at CERN

CMS Silicon Tracker Installation: Dec 2007

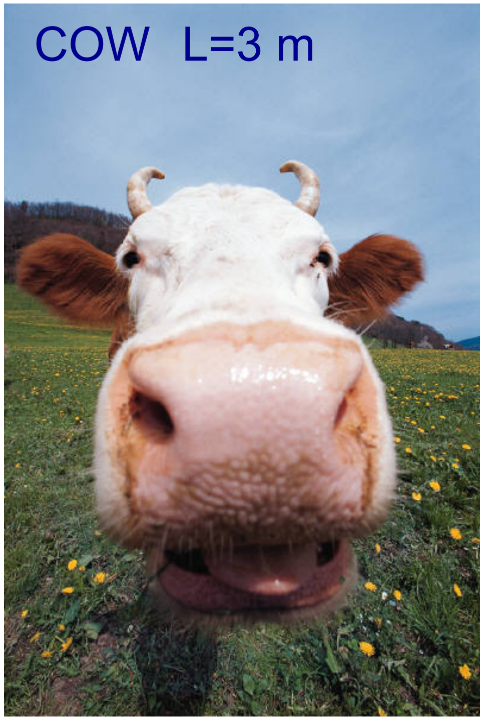


CMS Silicon-Strip Particle Tracking Detector



Shrinking down: cow → atom

COW L=3 m



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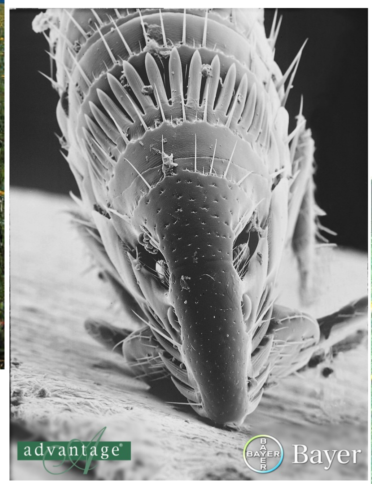
FLEA L = 0.0025 m = 2.5 mm



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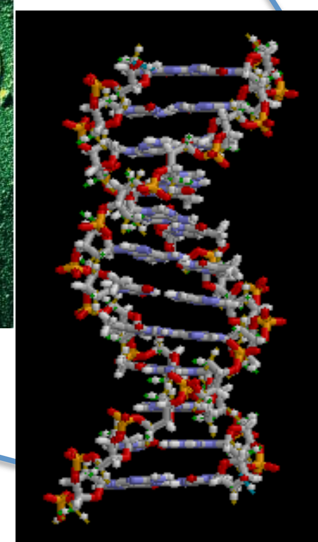
BACTERIUM
L=0.002 mm = 2 μm (large variation)

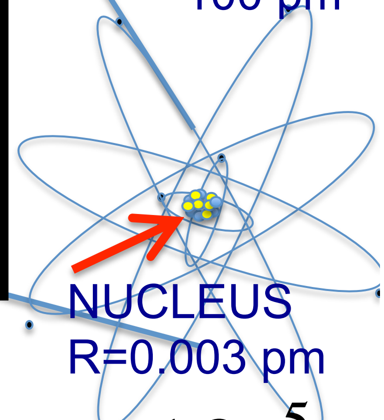
$\times 10^{-3}$

MOLECULE
W = 0.002 μm = 2 nm



$\times 10^{-1}$

ATOM
R = 0.1 nm
= 100 pm



NUCLEUS
R=0.003 pm

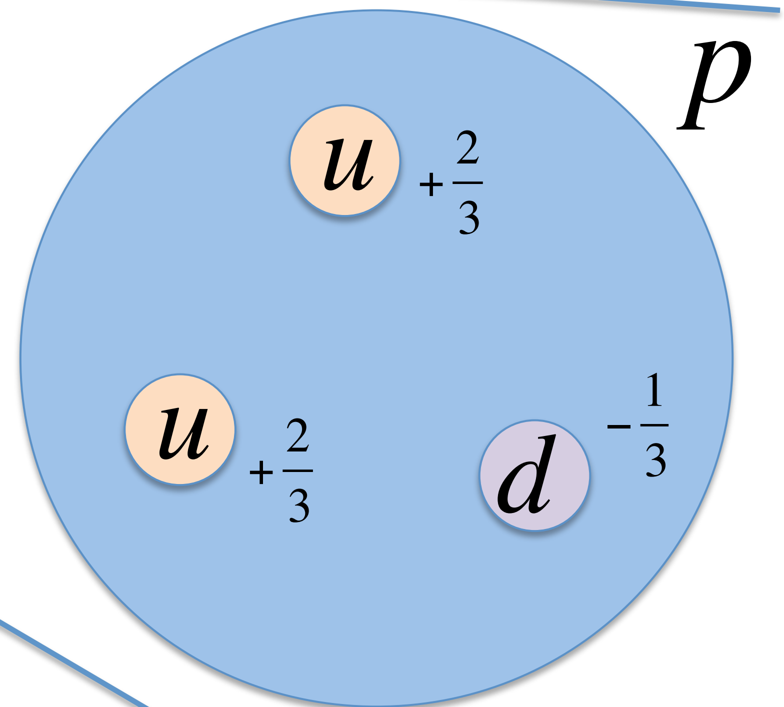
$\times 10^{-5}$

COW ATOMIC NUCLEUS

$$1 \text{ m} \rightarrow 10^{-15} \text{ m} = 0.000000000000001 \text{ m}$$

A first look inside of the proton

Quarks!



$$p = udu$$
$$n = dud$$

Rest energy (mass) of proton: 0.9 GeV
Energy of proton in LHC beam: 4000 GeV

$$r_{proton} \approx 10^{-13} \text{ cm}$$

Feynman's Van: Quantum Field Theory

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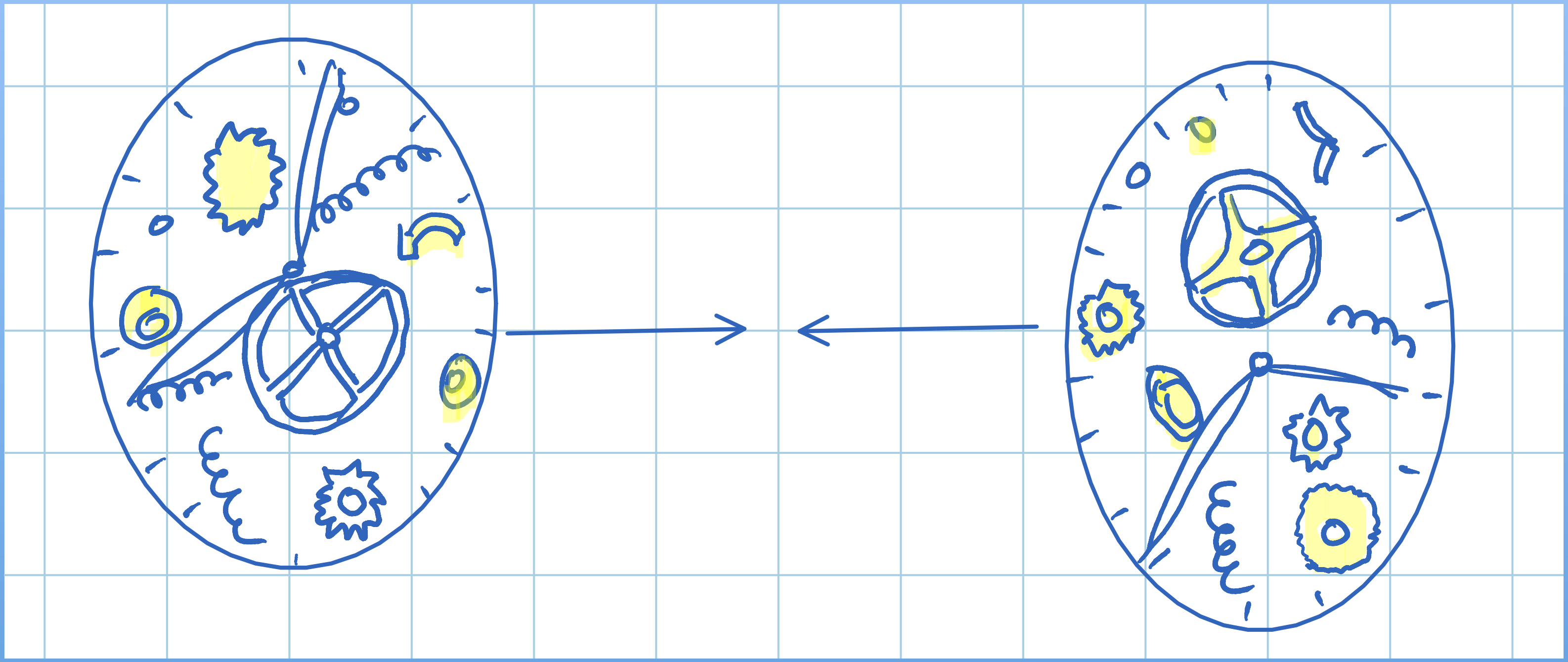
Fundamental forces don't just produce "pushes" and "pulls". Each type of force allows a well-defined set of **transformations of matter.**

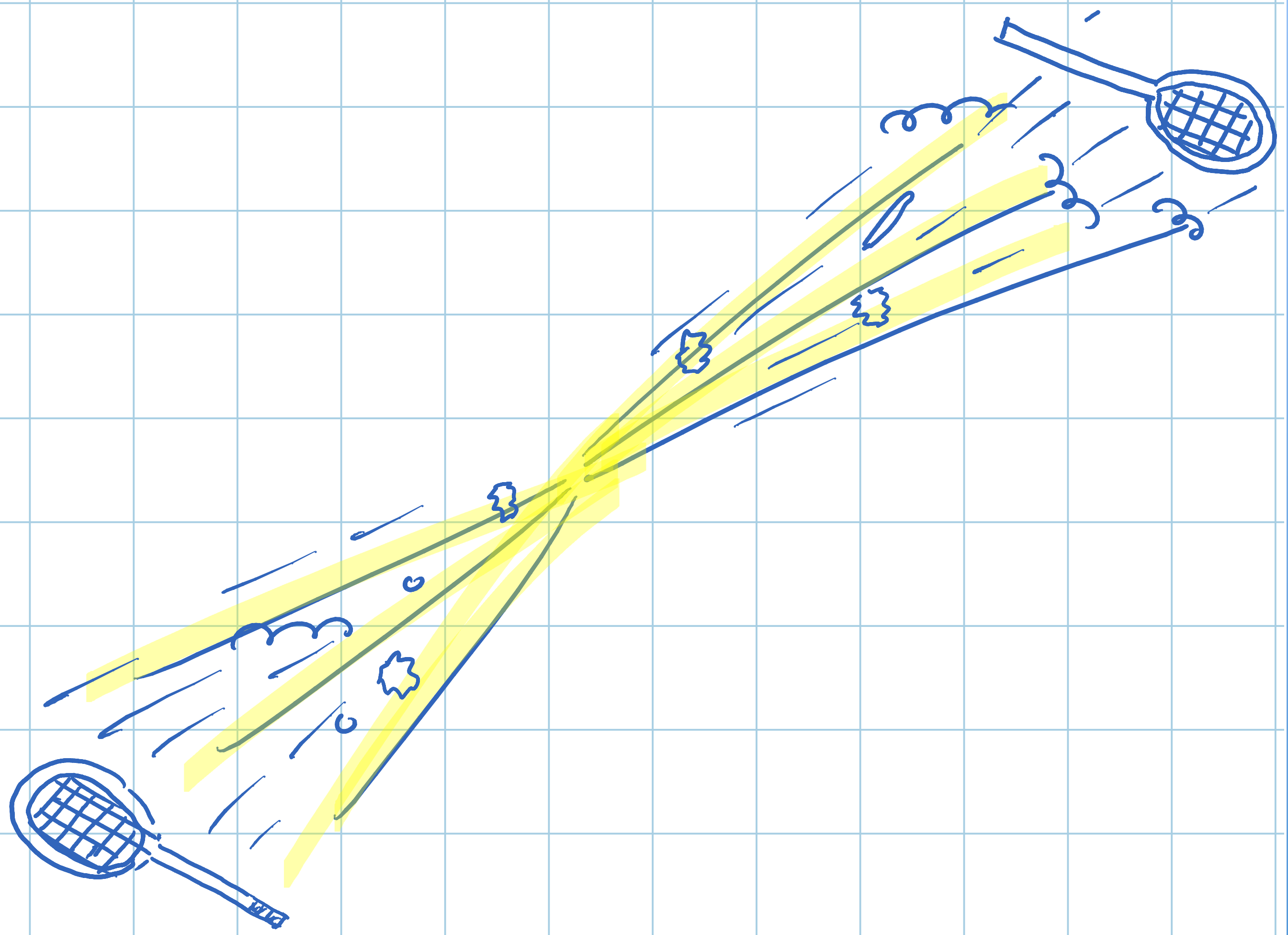
Smashing Swiss watches together



...after all, this is Geneva

Smashing Swiss watches together

...out come two tennis rackets



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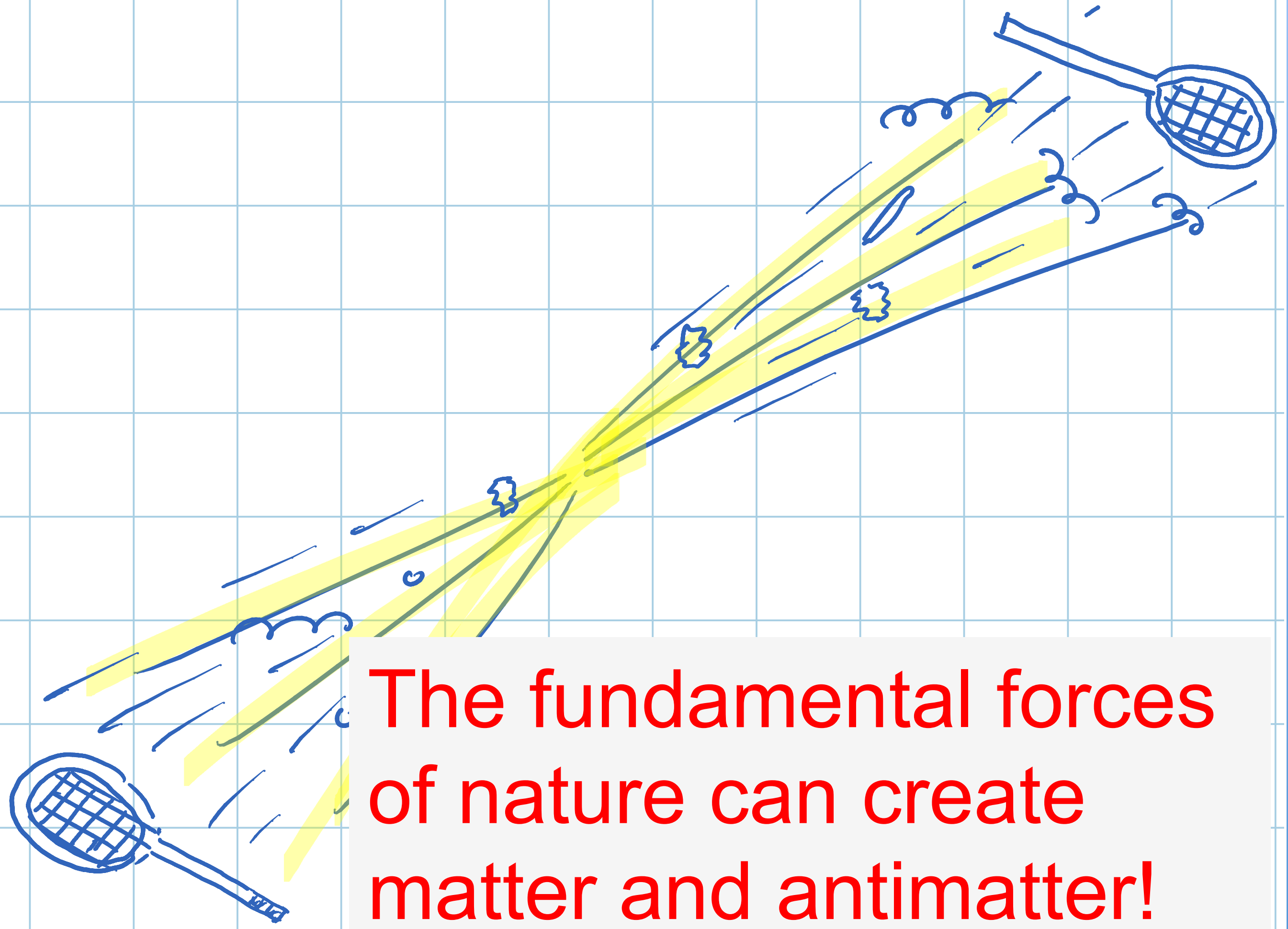
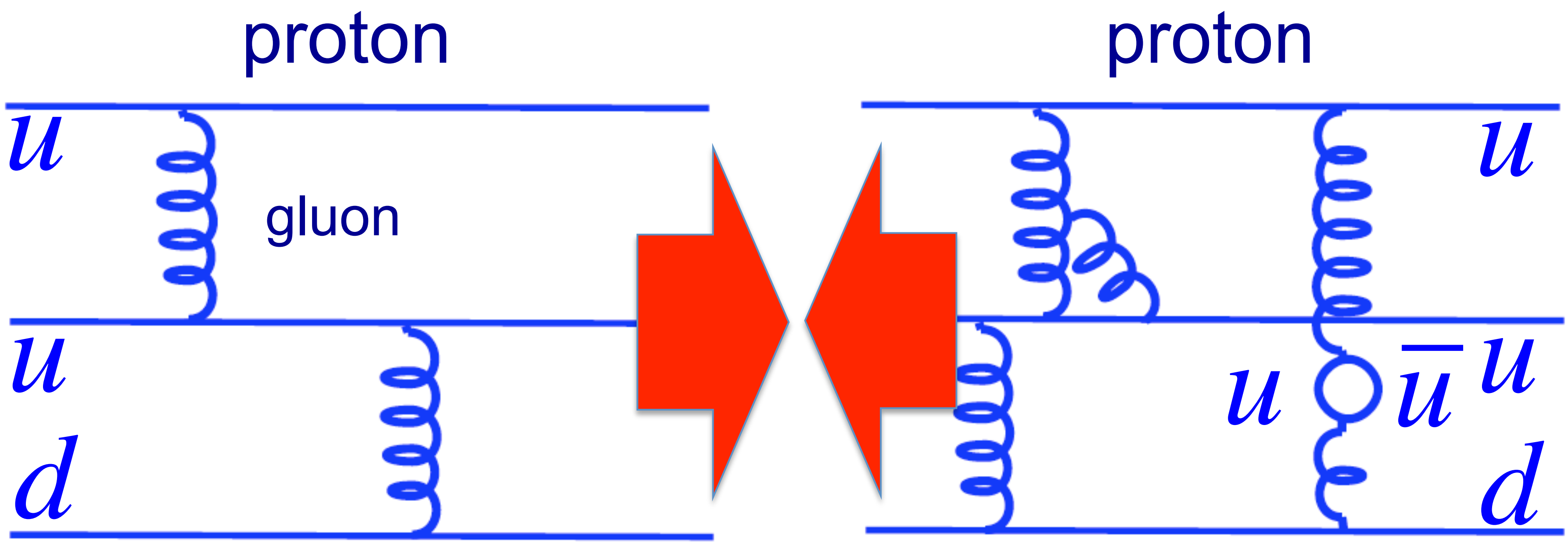


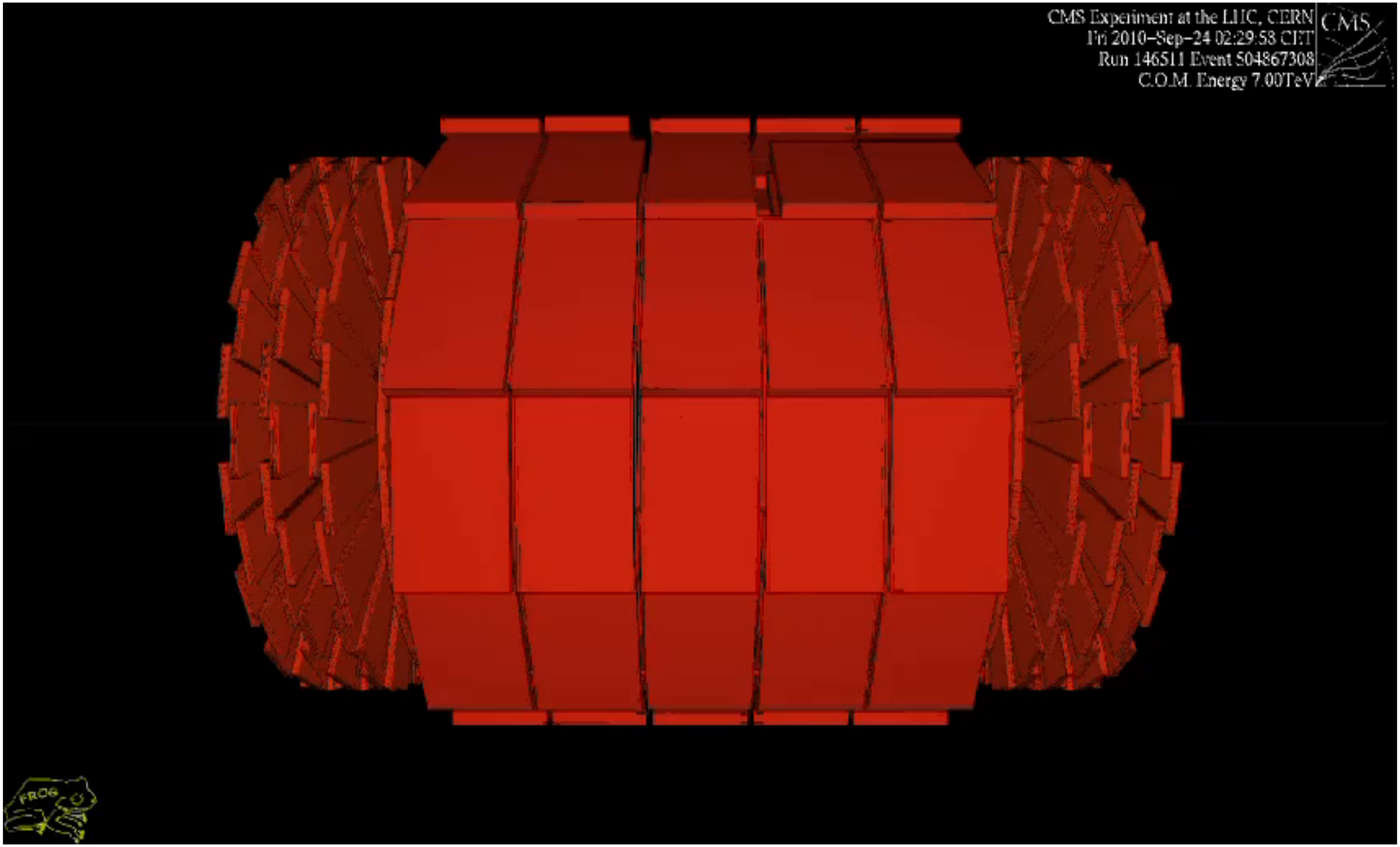
The fundamental forces of nature can create matter and antimatter!

Two protons colliding

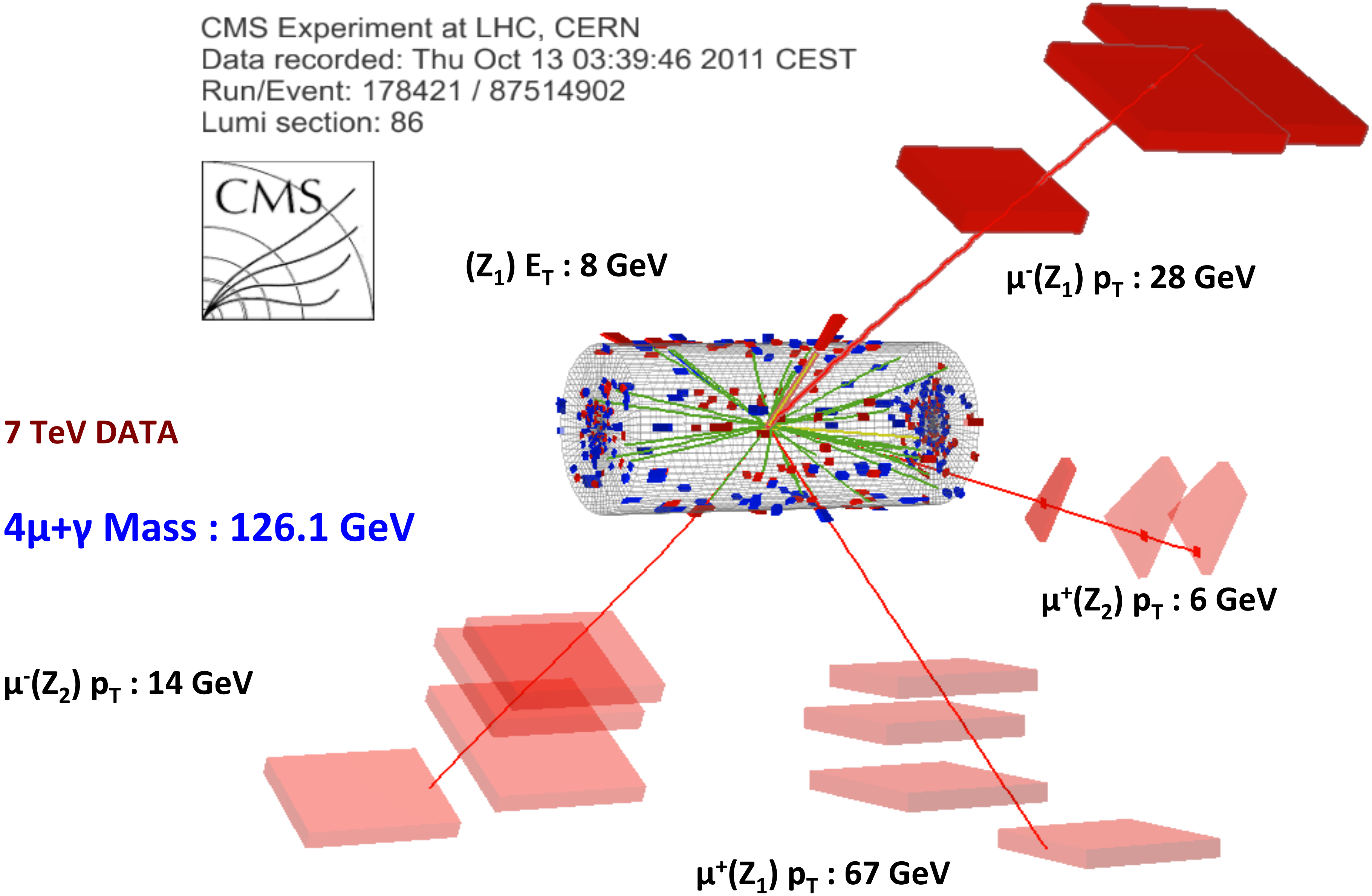


Gluons are the quanta of the strong field.
(Nobel Prize 2004: David Gross, David Politzer, Frank Wilczek.)

Can Matter be Created? (animation!)



Higgs particle → two Z bosons → 4 muons



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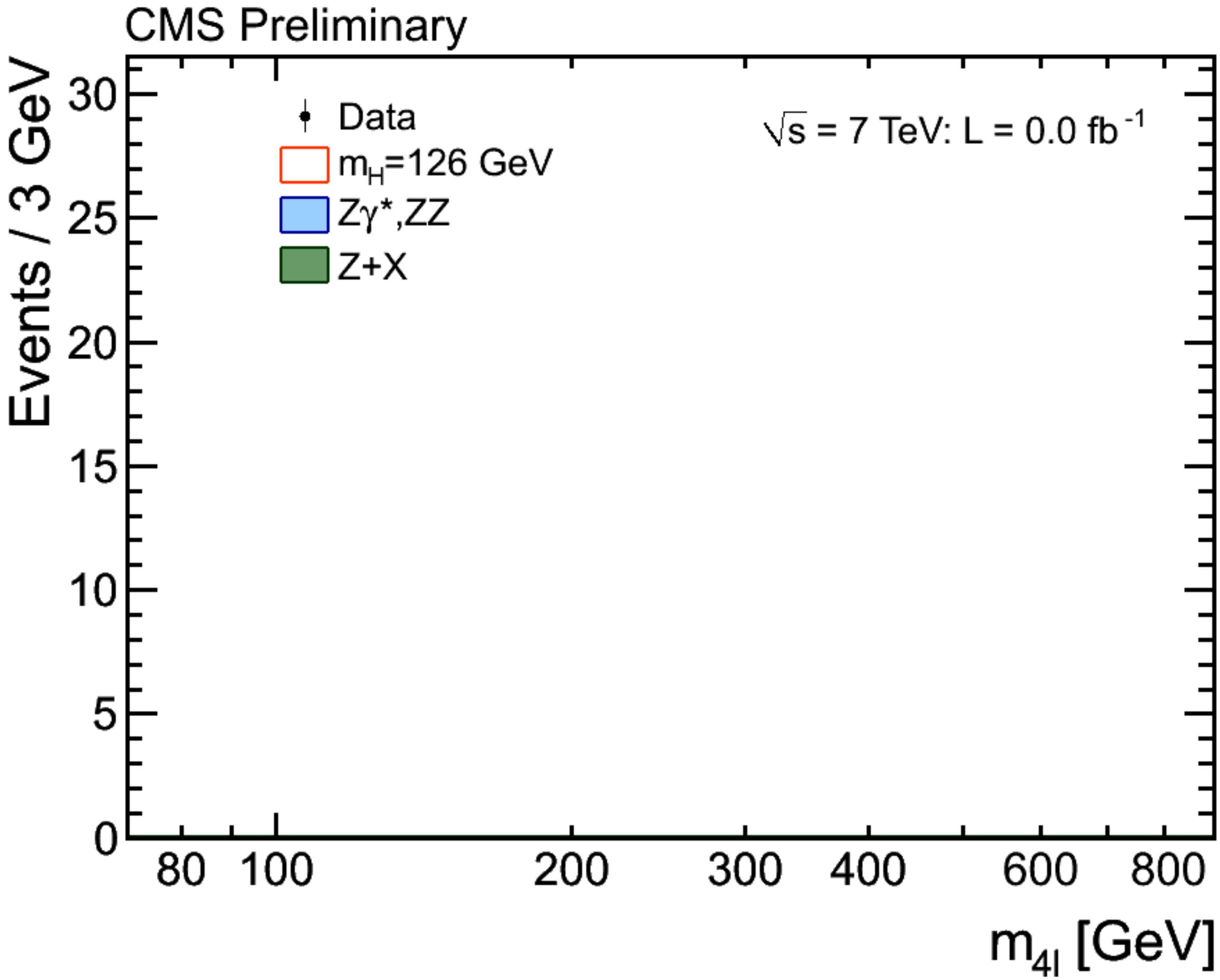

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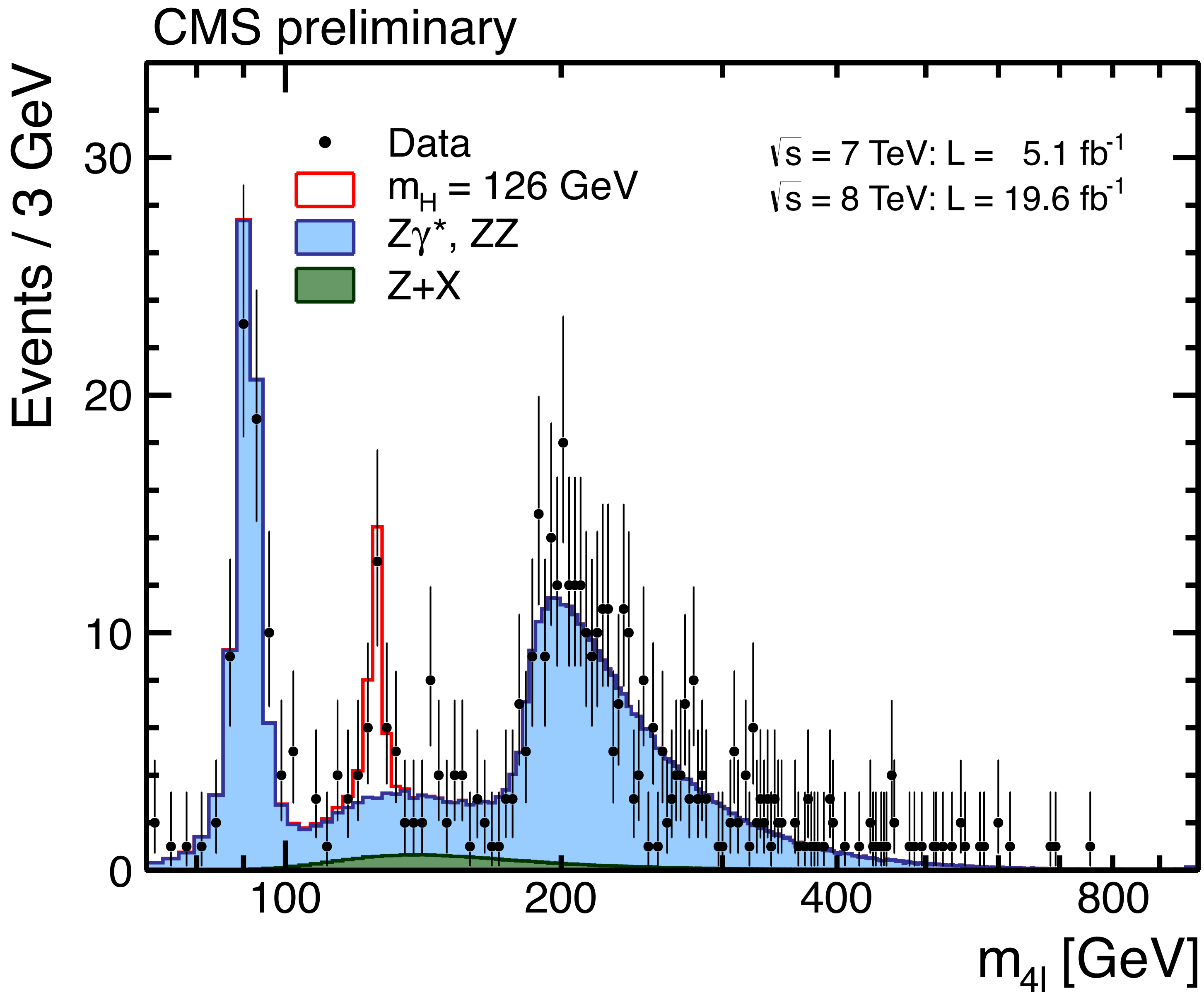

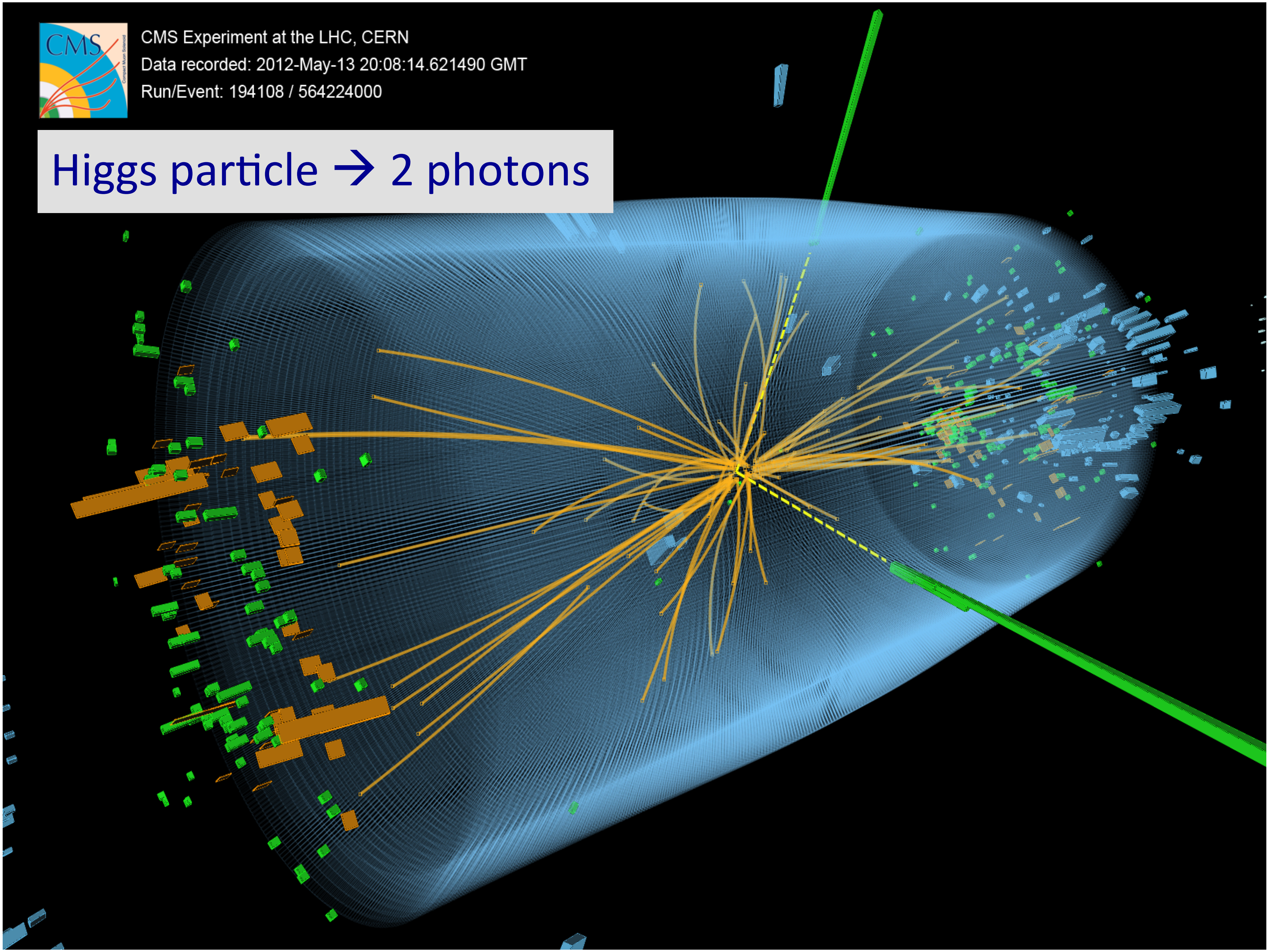
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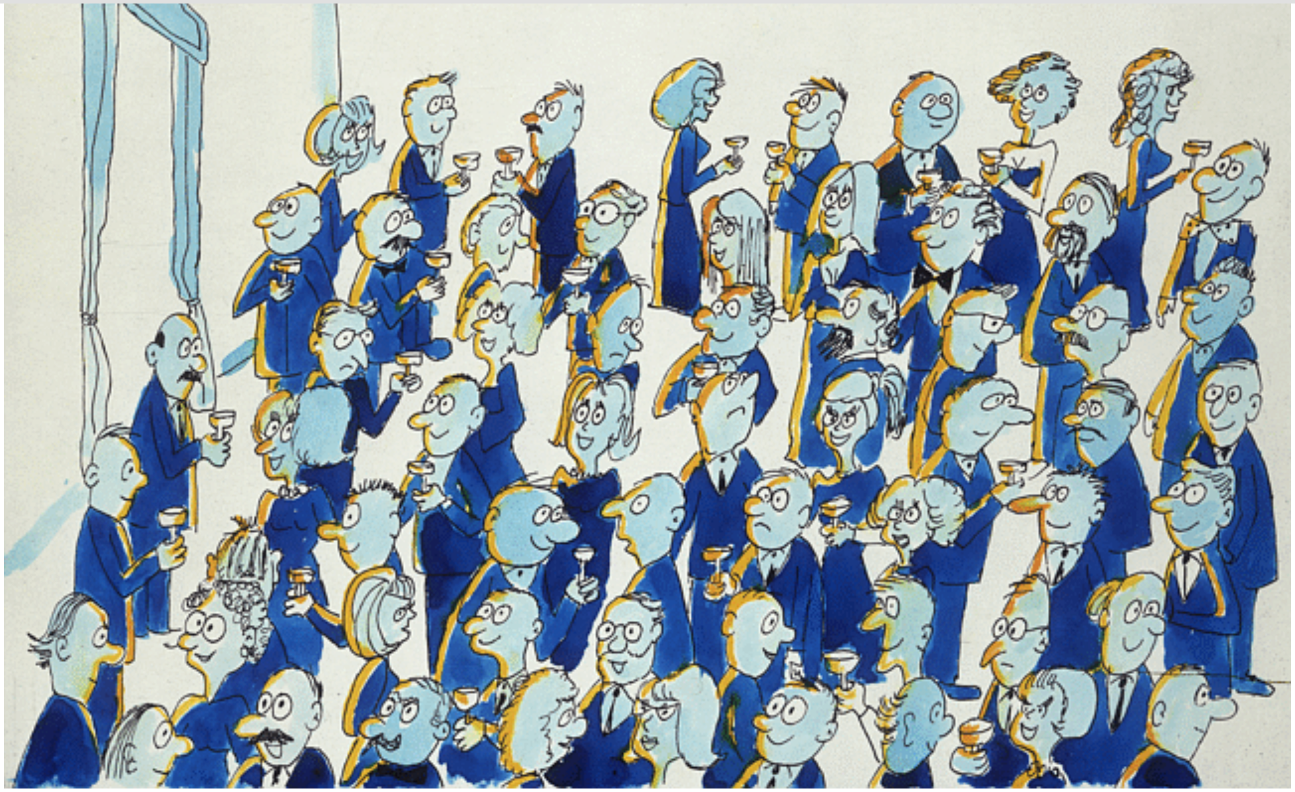
Higgs particle → 2 photons

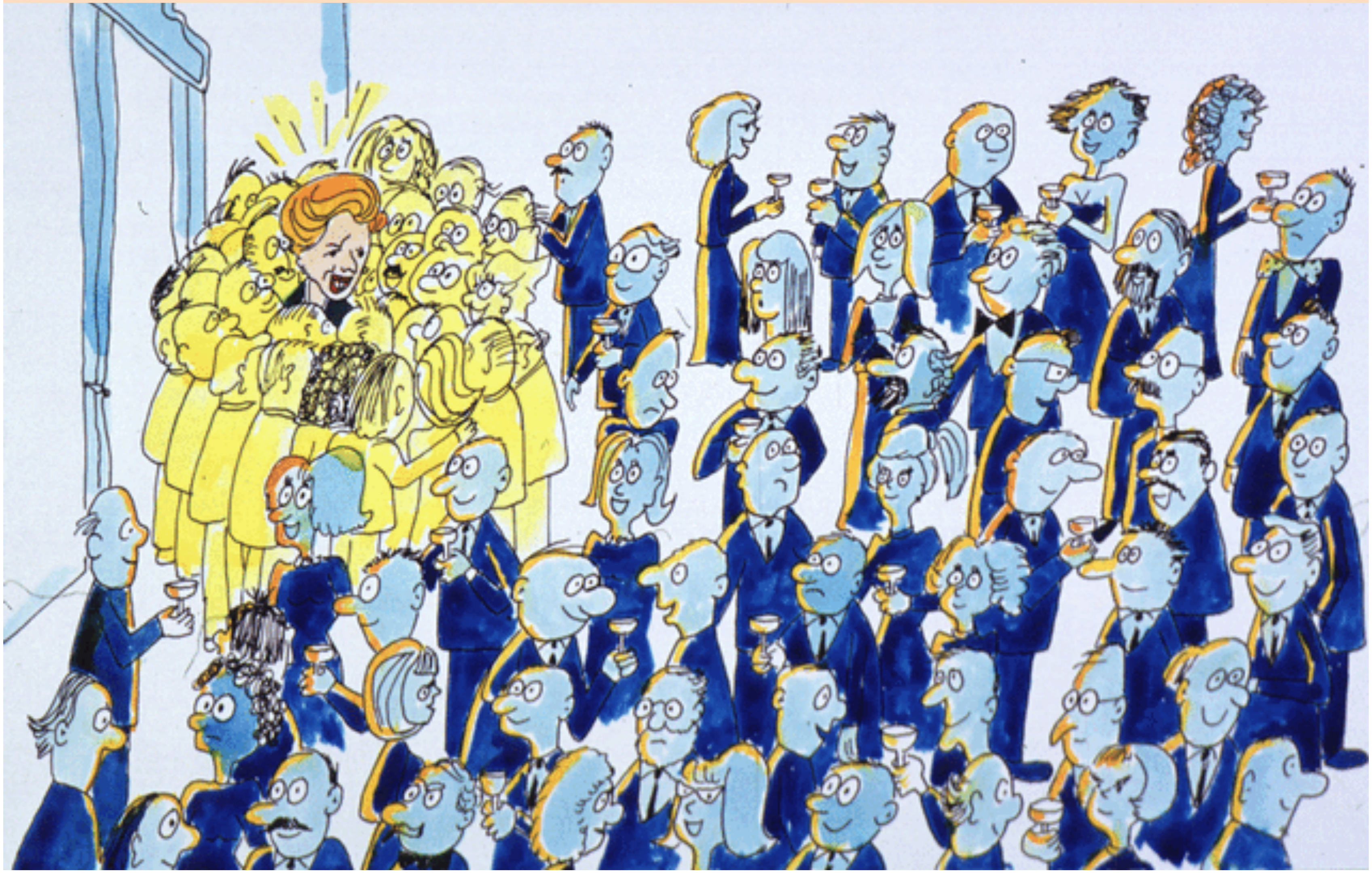
A quasi-political Explanation of the Higgs Boson; for Mr Waldegrave, UK Science Minister, 1993.

From David J. Miller, Physics and Astronomy, University College London (cartoons courtesy CERN)



Imagine a cocktail party of political party workers who are uniformly distributed across the floor, all talking to their nearest neighbors.

How the Higgs mechanism gives mass to massless particles



Information Management: A Proposal

Tim Berners-Lee, CERN
March 1989, May 1990

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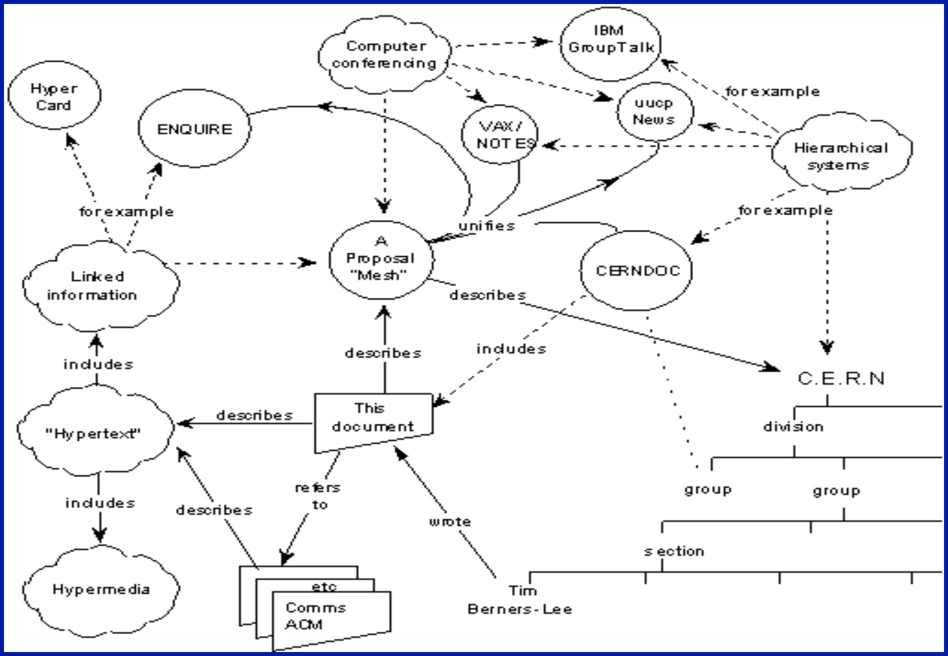
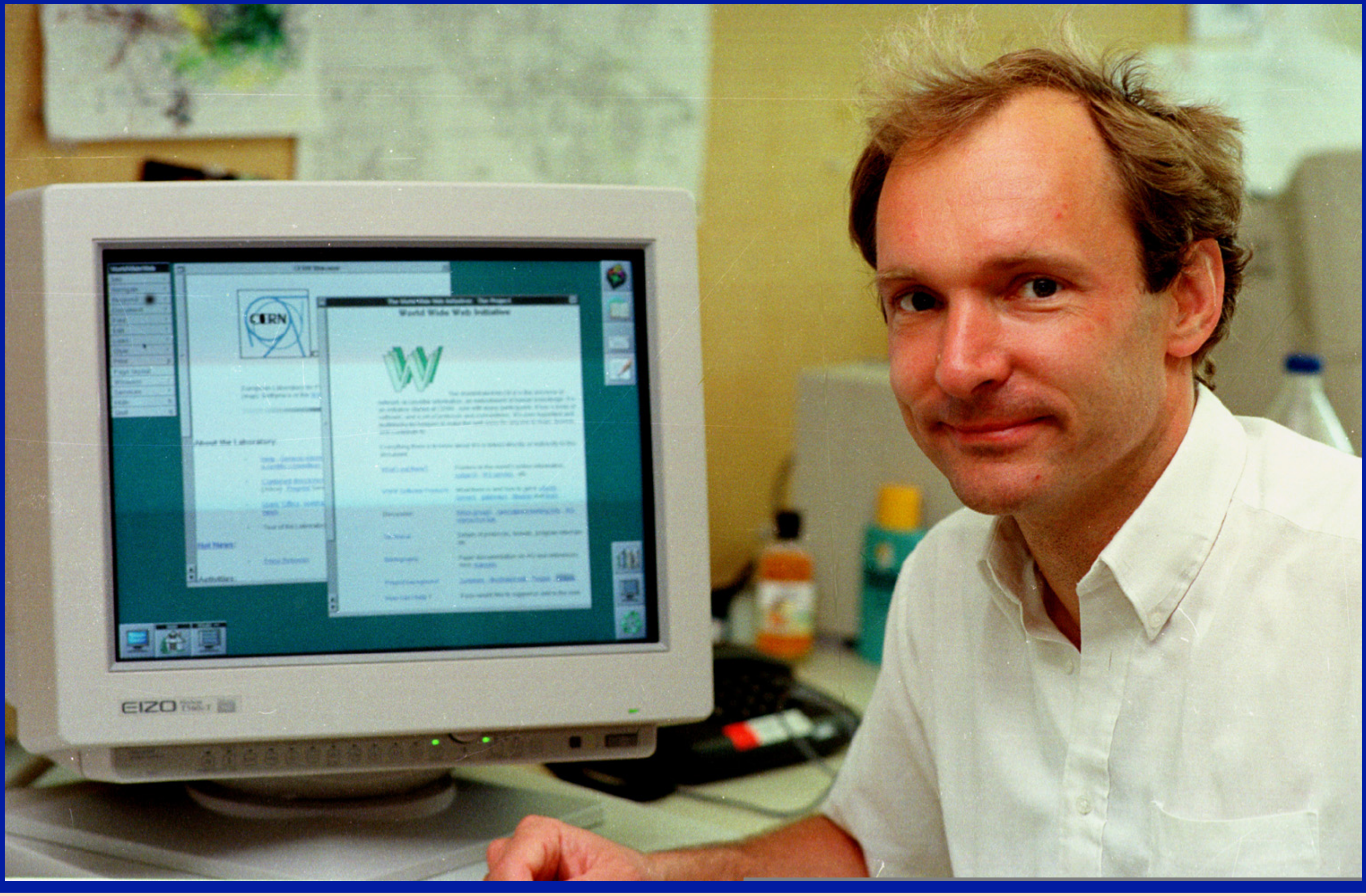


Many of the discussions of the future at CERN and the LHC era end with the question - ªYes, but how will we ever keep track of such a large project?º This proposal provides an answer to such questions. Firstly, it discusses the problem of information access at CERN. Then, it introduces the idea of linked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

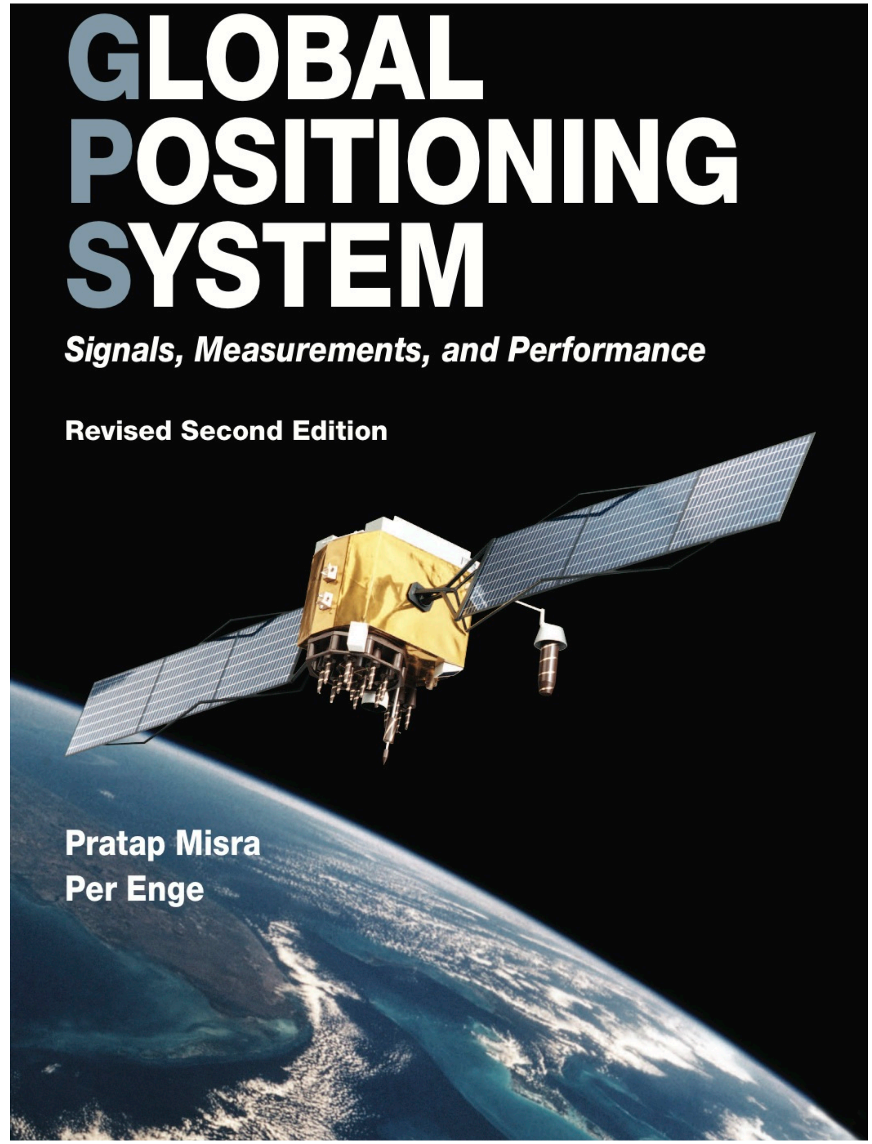
(Sir) Tim Berners-Lee and early development of the World Wide Web



Berners-Lee proposed the WWW in March 1989 while working at CERN and developed the first web site.

Albert Einstein and the geometry of space-time

- Einstein taught us that matter causes the geometry of space-time to be curved.
- Clocks run at very slightly different speeds at different heights in a gravitational field.
- Tiny effect – who cares? We all do!



After 3 years of running...

- Over 200 physics papers published.
- Our first major discovery: a “Higgs-like particle”.
- Need to fully establish the properties of the new particle. There are scenarios with multiple Higgs bosons (e.g. five of them!).
- Intensity search for particles that can explain the dark matter (“supersymmetric particles”).
- Train the next generation of scientists!
- The LHC project will continue for at least a decade.

Extra slides

Leadership Roles in CMS: Faculty

Faculty member	Roles
Claudio Campagnari	Member of Physics Project Office (2011) Co-convenor of Top Physics Analysis Group (2008, 2009), Publications Board (2011), co-chair, Physics Dataset Working Group (2012)
Joe Incandela	Spokesperson (2012, 2013) Deputy Spokesperson (2010, 2011) -- previously Deputy Physics Coordinator) US CMS Tracker Project Leader
Jeffrey Richman	Collaboration Board Advisory Group (2013), Publications Steering Board (2012), Co-chair Exotica Pub Comm (2012), Co-convenor of Supersymmetry (SUSY) Physics Analysis Group (2009, 2010)
David Stuart	Co-convenor of Supersymmetry Physics Analysis Group (2011, 2012); previously co-convenor of leptonic SUSY subgroup.

CMS: Major roles of UCSB group

Area	Examples
Leadership/management	Top-level management, physics & software convenorships
Silicon Tracker Construction	Silicon detector module construction at UCSB, detector testing and assembly at CERN, project management
Silicon Tracker Commissioning	Cooling systems; calibration & commissioning
Silicon Tracker Upgrade and SLHC Electronics Development	Endcap muon electronics, readout electronics development, tracker & trigger studies
General Physics Analysis Tools Development	Fireworks Event Display, Physics Datasets & Trigger Menu Development, Physics Analysis Toolkit (PAT) Development, Missing Transverse Momentum measurement, b-tagging studies, Conversion ID
Muon High Level Trigger	Development of Muon High Level Trigger Software
Tracking Software	Development of Tracker Reconstruction Software
Muon Reconstruction Software	Development of Muon Reconstruction methods
Physics Analysis	Broad range of analyses: Top, SUSY, Electroweak