

# An introduction to CERN

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***Accelerating Science and Innovation***

# CERN: founded in 1954: 12 European States

“Science for Peace”

## Today: 23 Member States

~ 2'500 staff

~ 1'800 other paid personnel

~ 13'000 scientific users

Budget (2019) ~ 1'300 MCHF

**Member States:** Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and United Kingdom

**Associate Member States:** Croatia, India, Lithuania, Pakistan, Turkey, Ukraine

**Associate Members in the Pre-Stage to Membership:** Cyprus, Slovenia

**Non-Member States with co-operation agreements:** 35

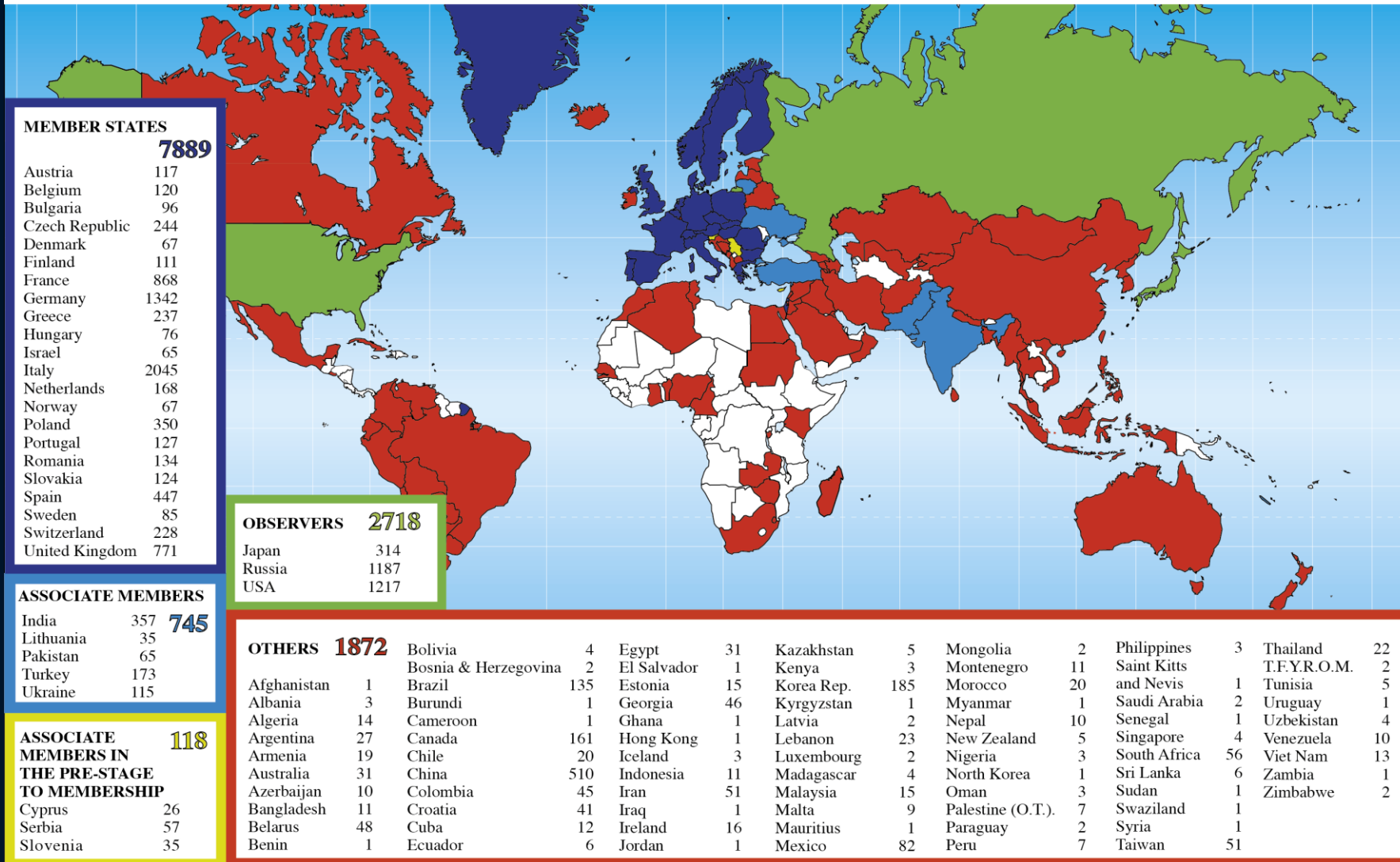
**Scientific contacts:** 24

**Observers to Council:** Japan, Russian Federation, United States of America; European Union, JINR and UNESCO



# Science is getting more and more global

## Distribution of All CERN Users by Nationality on 24 January 2018

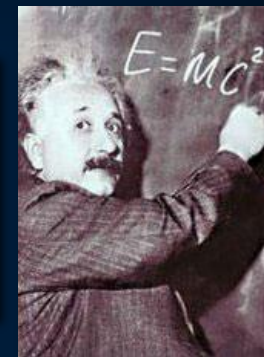




# The Mission of CERN

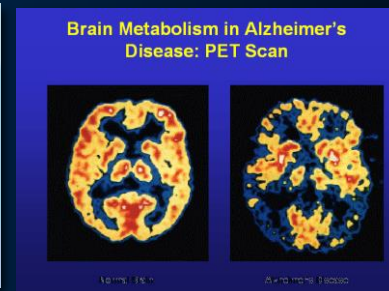
- ❑ **Push forward** the frontiers of knowledge

E.g. the secrets of the Big Bang ...what was the matter like within the first moments of the Universe's existence?



- ❑ **Develop** new technologies for accelerators and detectors

Information technology - the Web and the GRID  
Medicine - diagnosis and therapy



- ❑ **Train** scientists and engineers of tomorrow

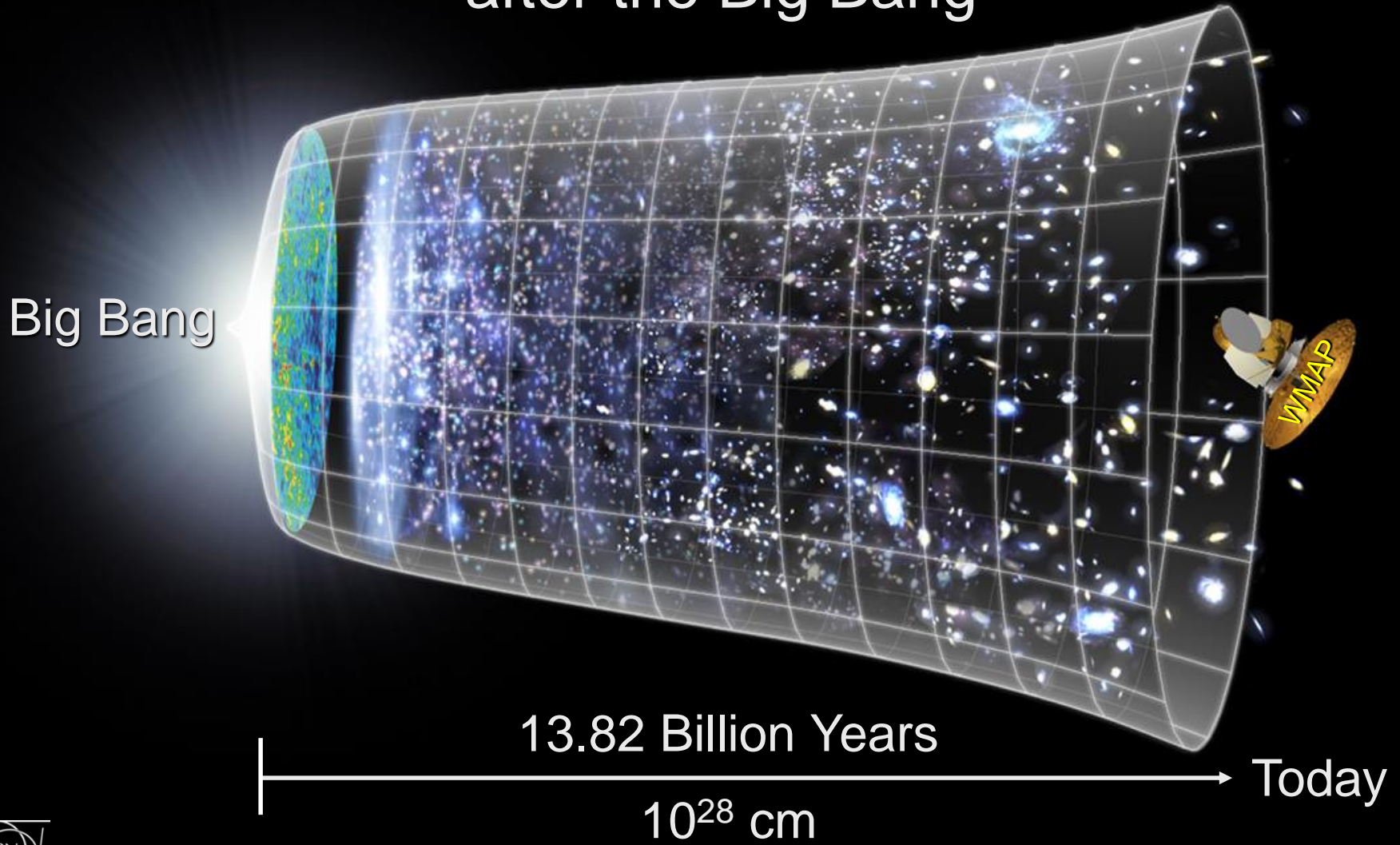


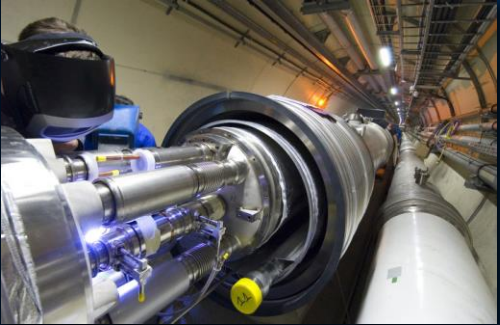
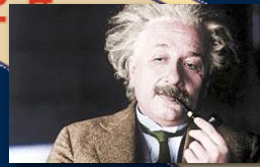
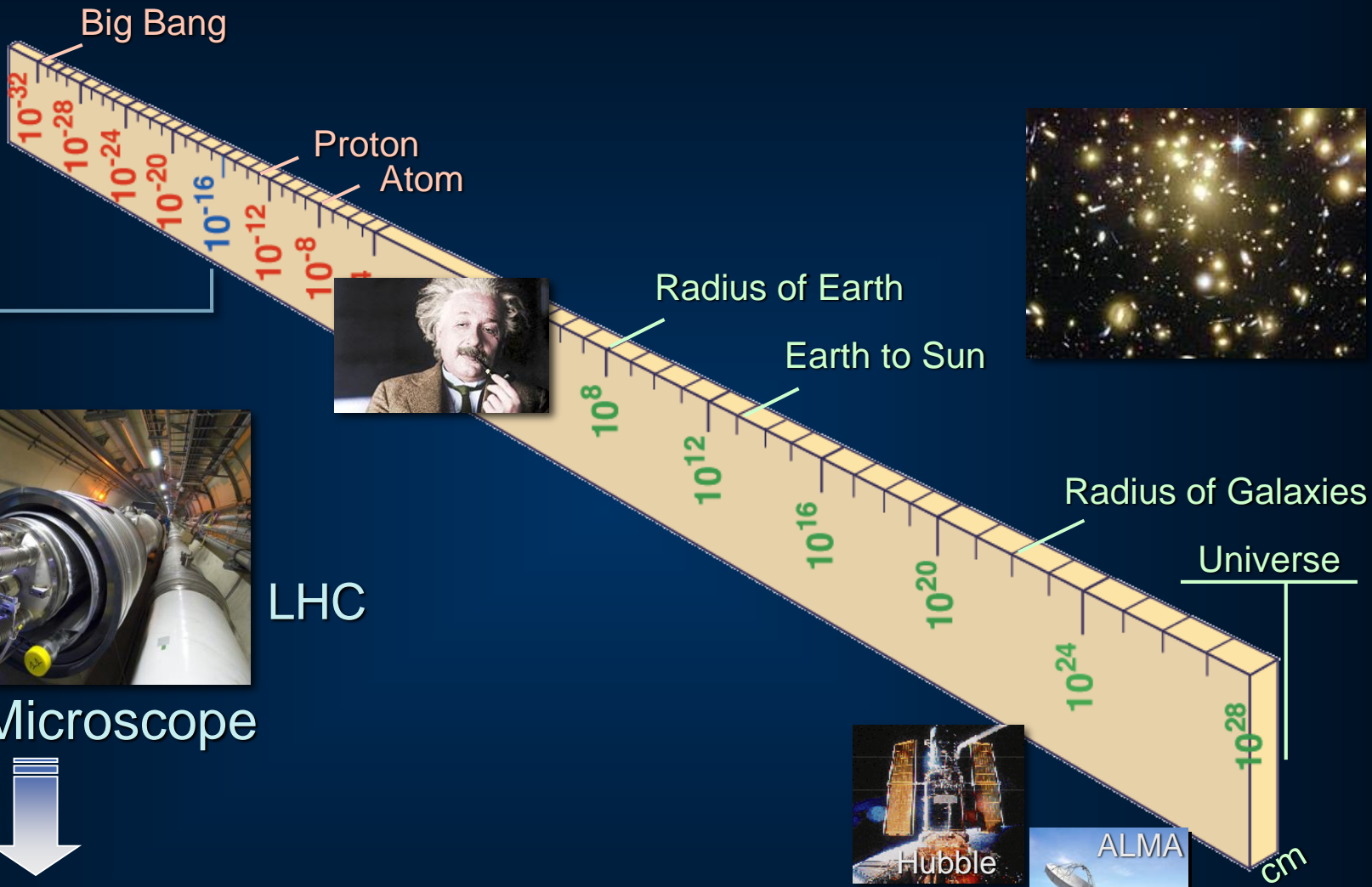
- ❑ **Unite** people from different countries and cultures



# Scientific Challenge:

to understand the very first moments of our Universe  
after the Big Bang





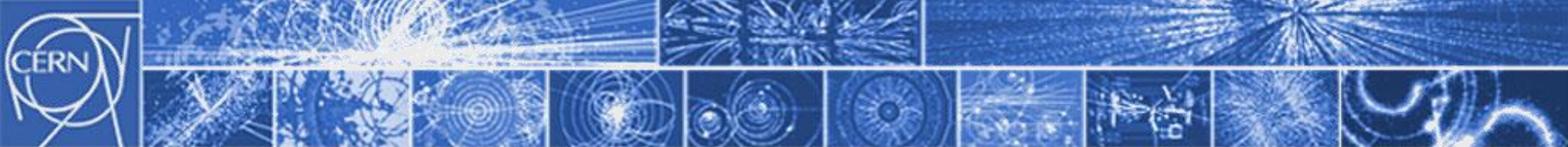
LHC

Super-Microscope



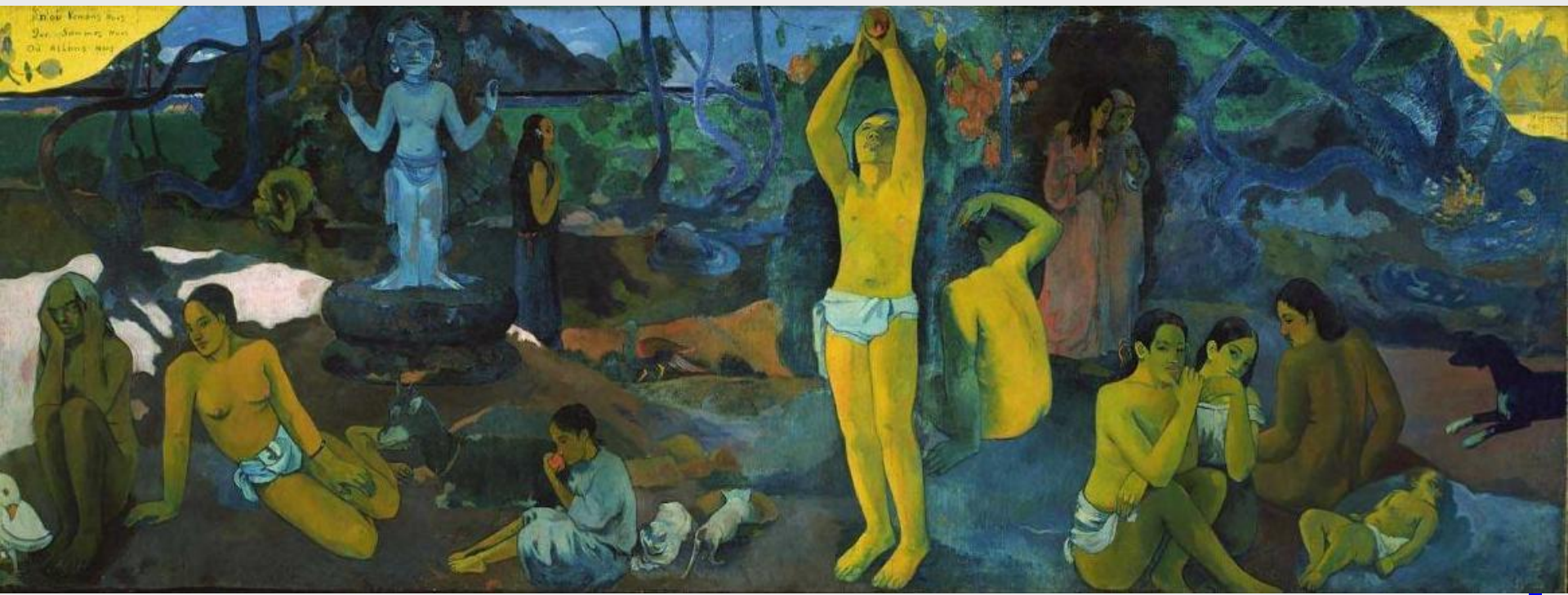
Study physics laws of first moments after Big Bang  
 increasing Symbiosis between Particle Physics,  
 Astrophysics and Cosmology





# CERN

European Organization for Nuclear Research  
Organisation Européenne pour la Recherche Nucléaire



**“Where do we come from?  
What are we?  
Where are we going?”**



**The aim of particle physics, CERN & the LHC:  
What is the Universe made of?**



# The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

Proton- Proton Collider

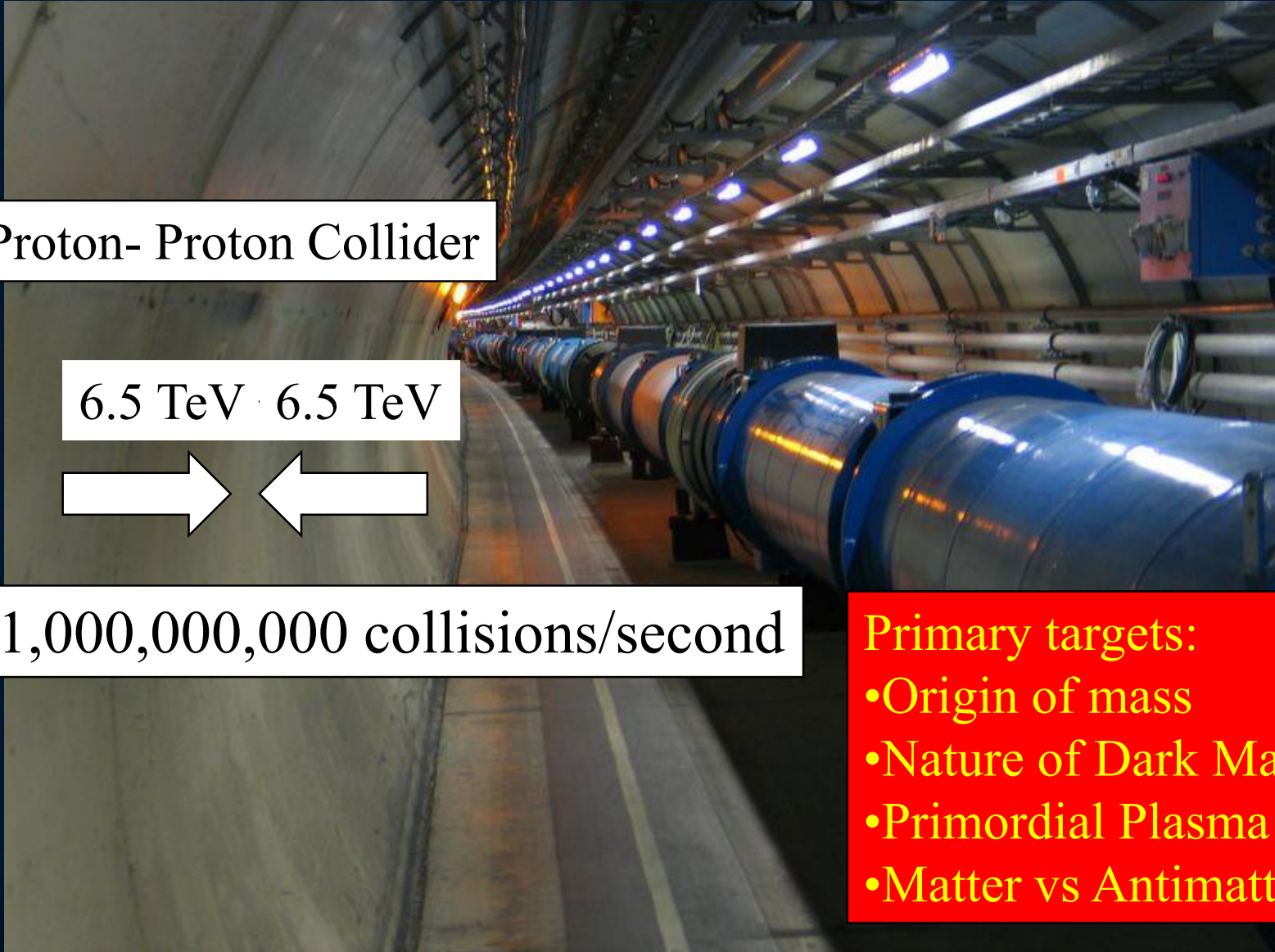
6.5 TeV · 6.5 TeV



1,000,000,000 collisions/second

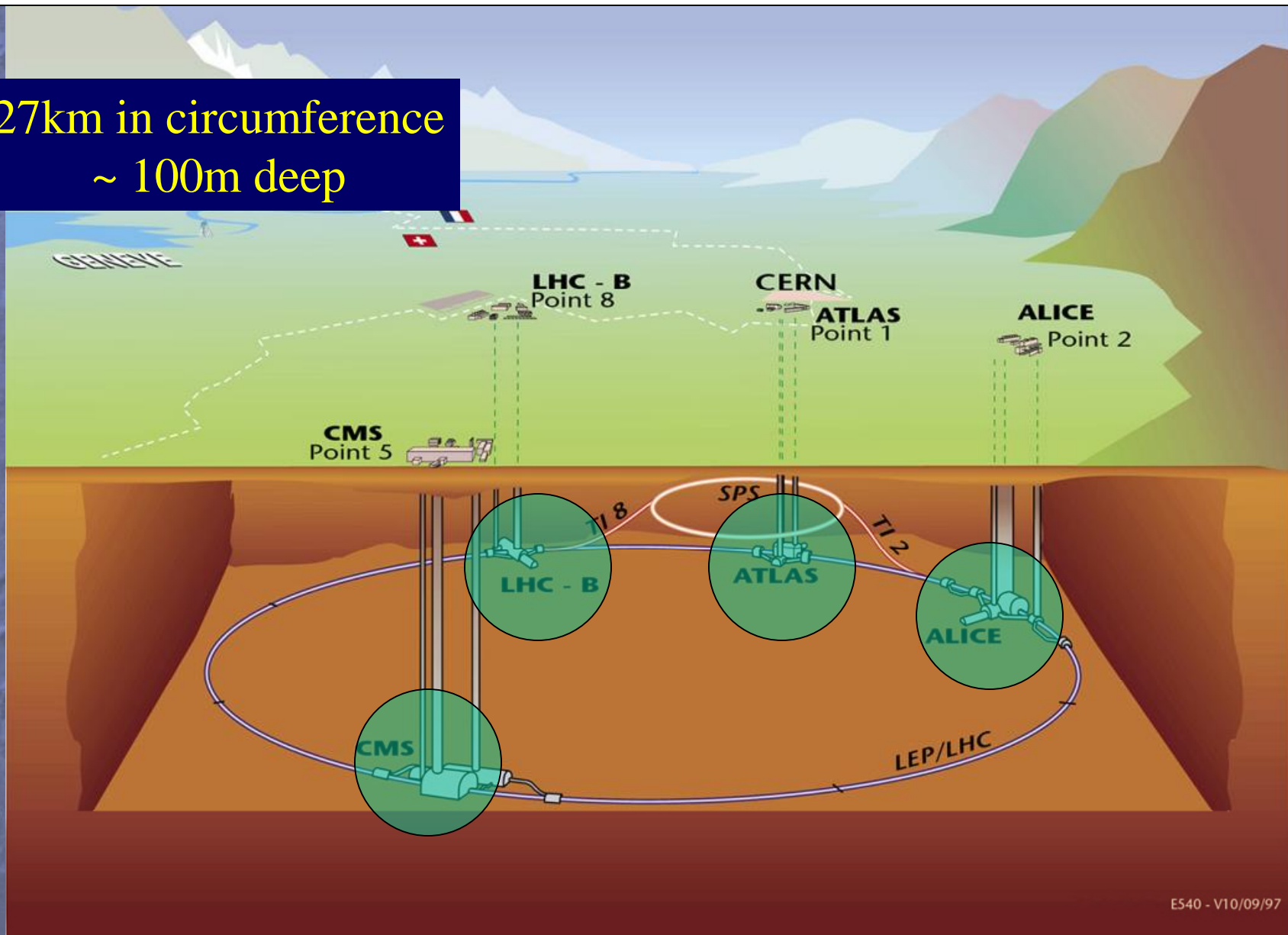
Primary targets:

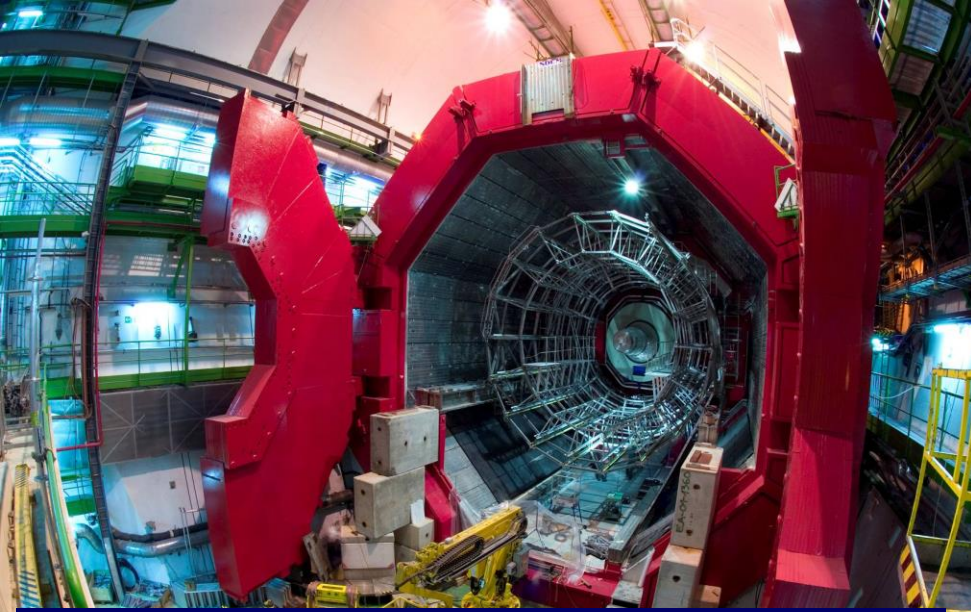
- Origin of mass
- Nature of Dark Matter
- Primordial Plasma
- Matter vs Antimatter



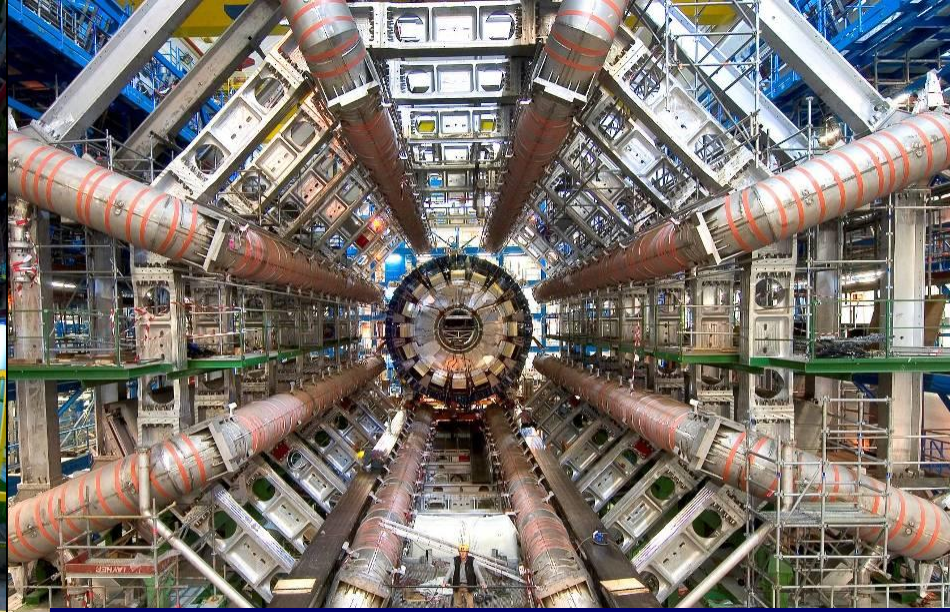
# General View of LHC & its Experiments

27km in circumference  
~ 100m deep

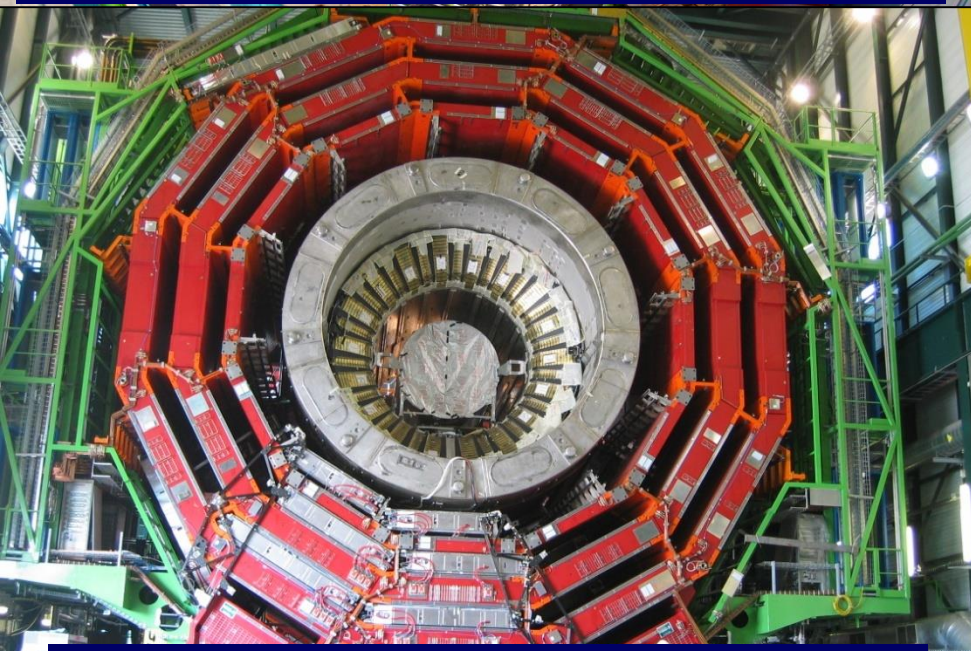




**ALICE: Primordial cosmic plasma**



**ATLAS: Higgs and supersymmetry**



**CMS: Higgs and supersymmetry**

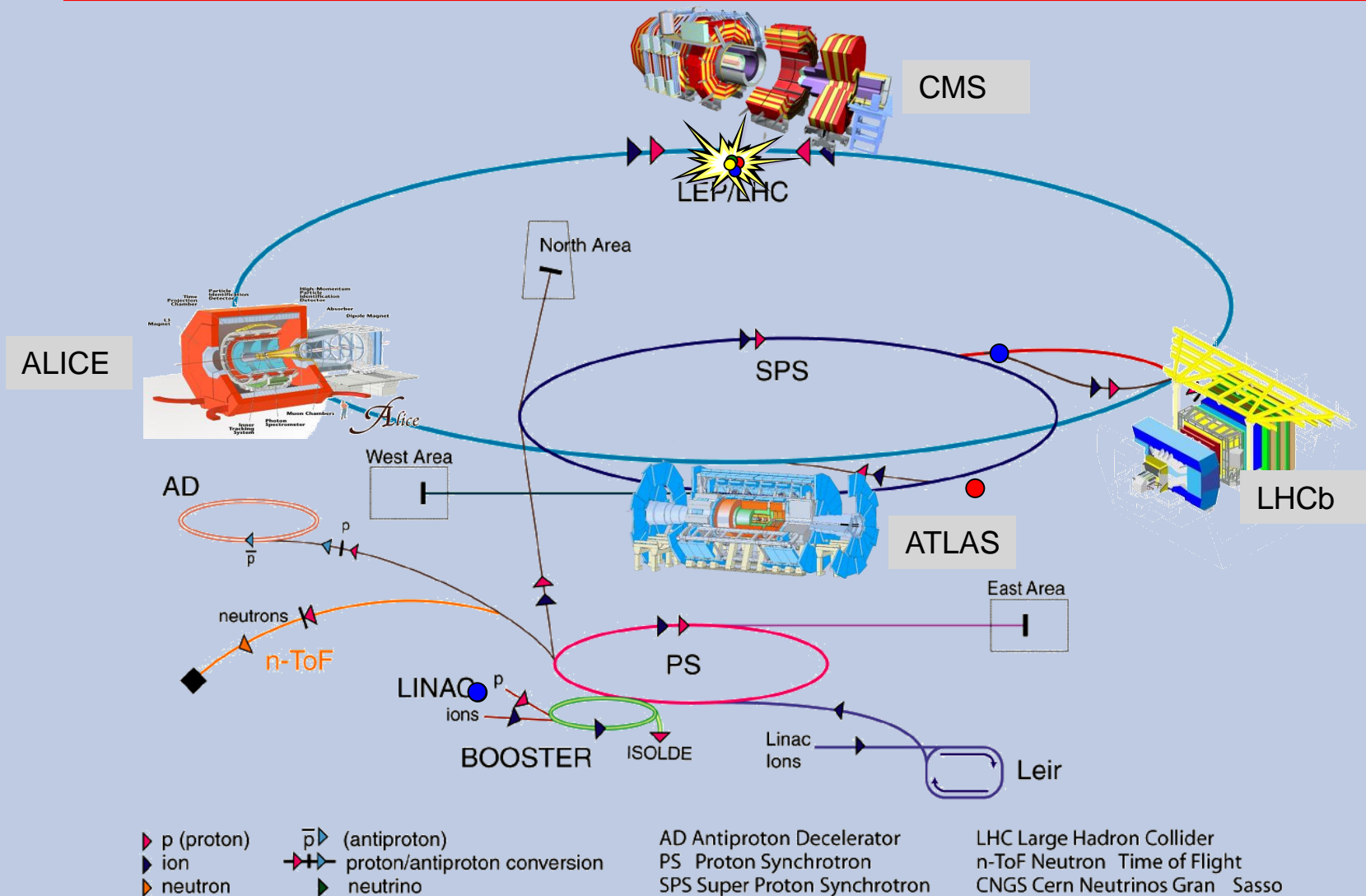


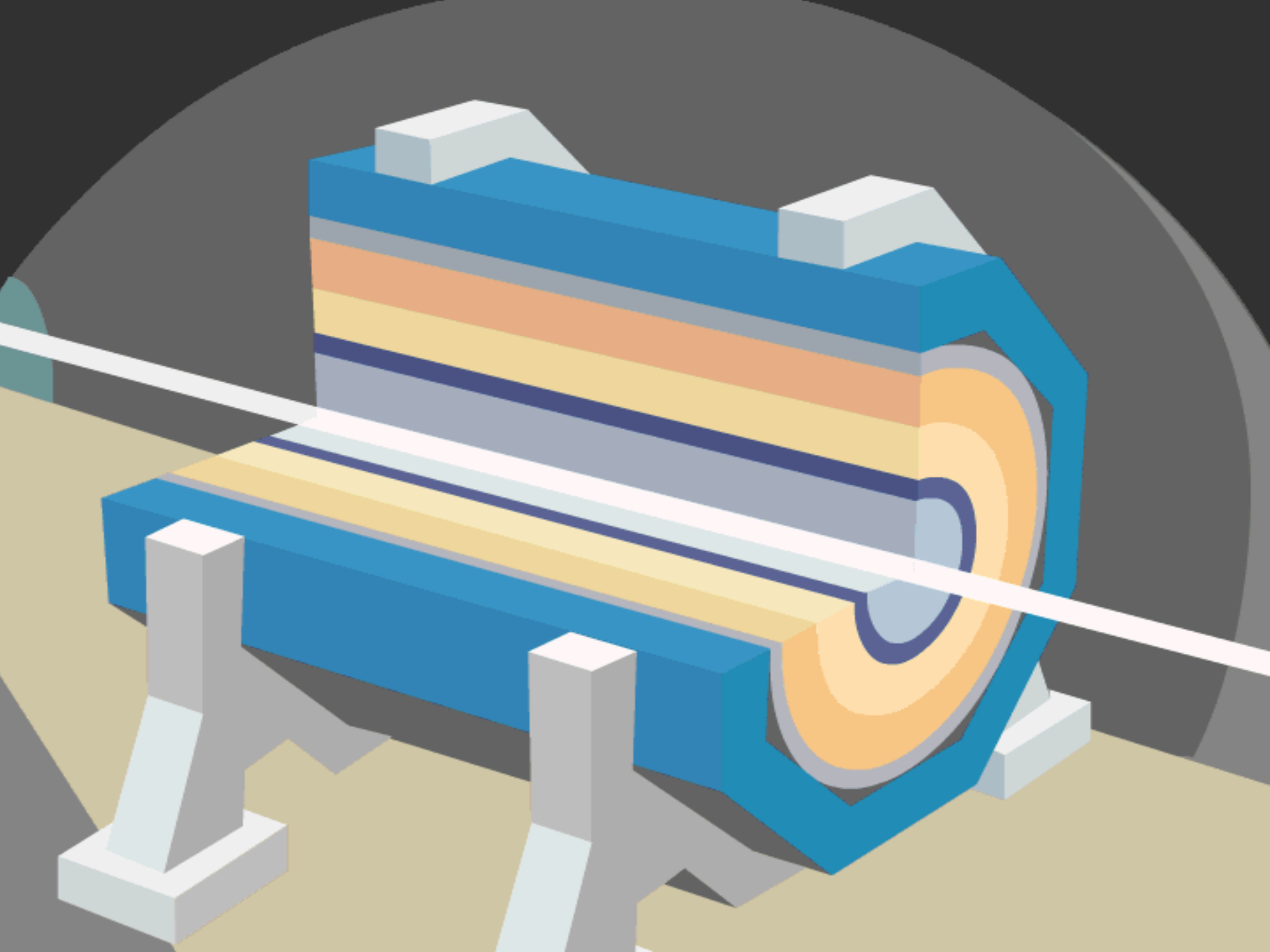
**LHCb: Matter-antimatter difference**

# Large Hadron Collider

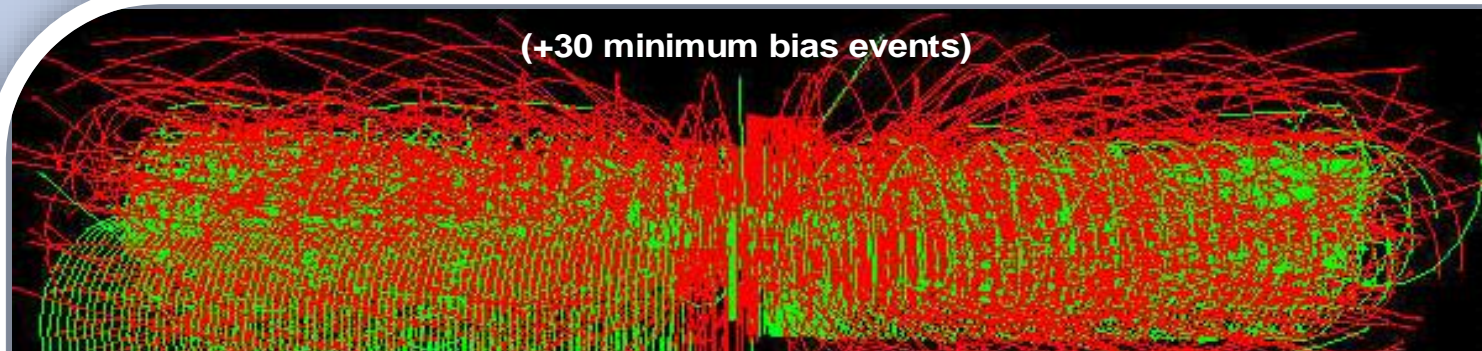
Collision of proton beams...

...observed in giant detectors



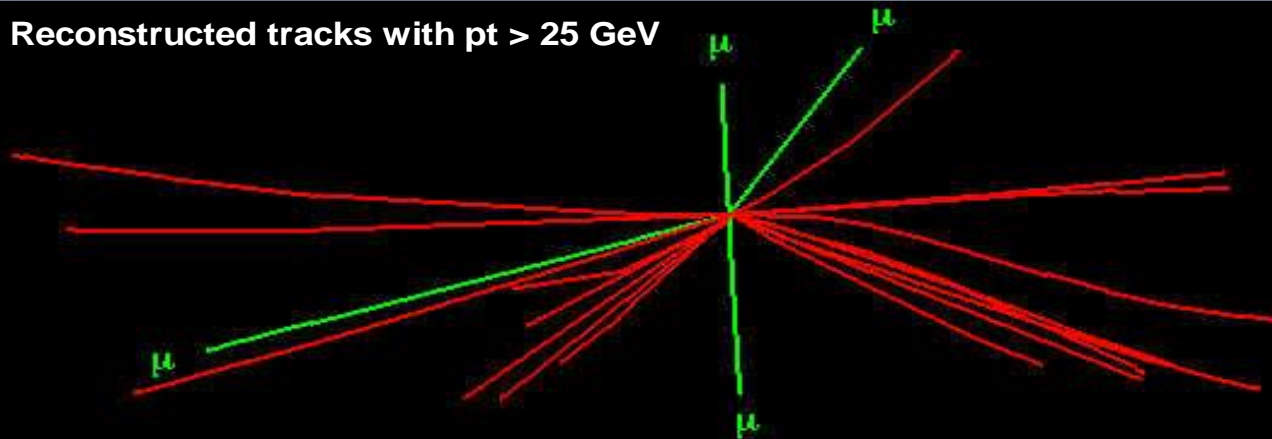


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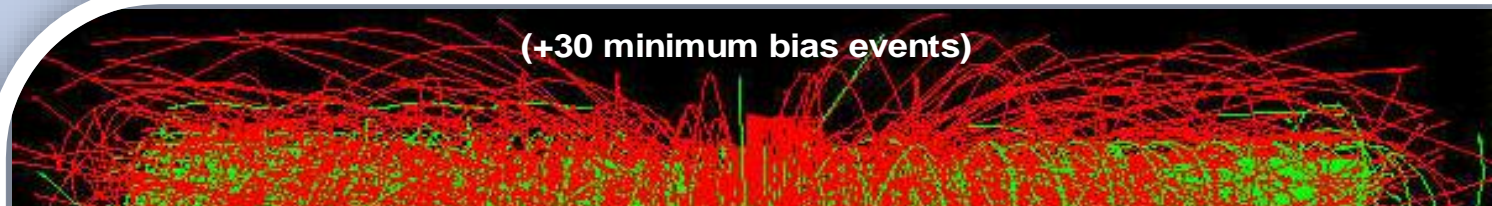


New particle ???

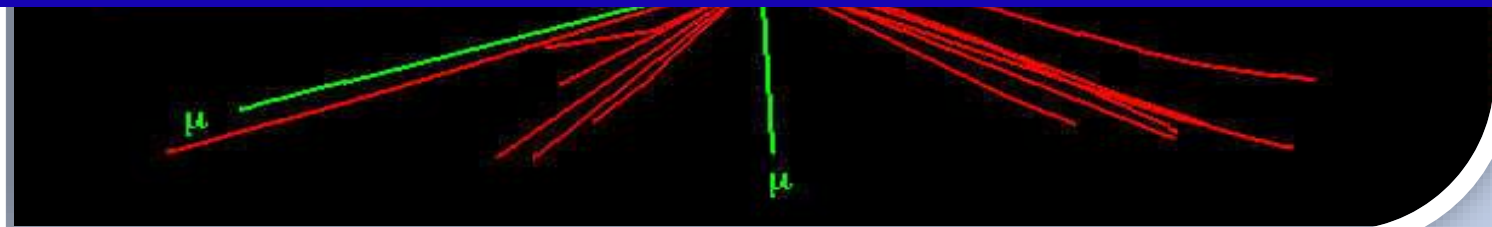
Reconstructed tracks with  $p_t > 25$  GeV



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- LHC experiments produce **50 million Gigabytes** of data each year
- LHC data analysis requires a computing power equivalent to **~1,000,000 of today's fastest PC processors.**



# Personnel





# Workforce

- **Physicists**
  - **Experimental**
  - **Theoretical**
- **Applied Physicists and Engineers**
- **Technicians**
- **Craftsmen**
- **Administrative personnel**
- **Fellows**
- **Doctoral Students**
- **Technical Students**
- **Associates**
- **Summer Students**
- **Employees of CERN**
- **Users**



4 July 2012: CERN press conference

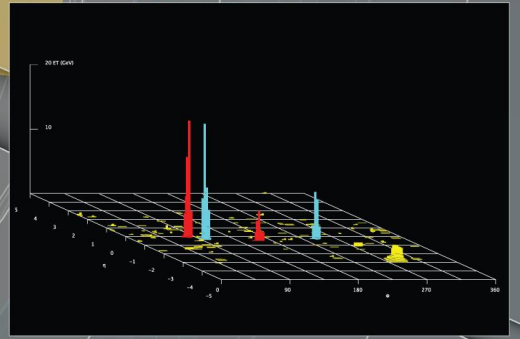
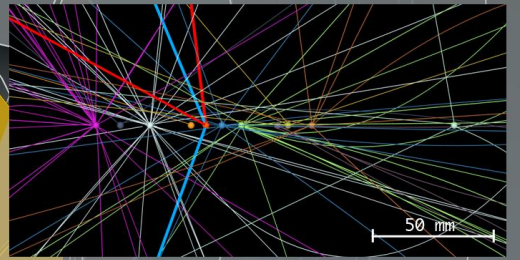
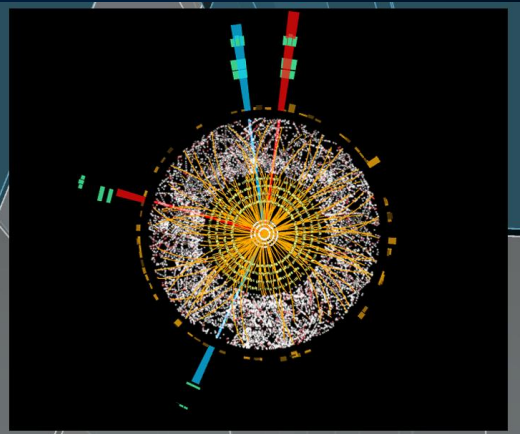
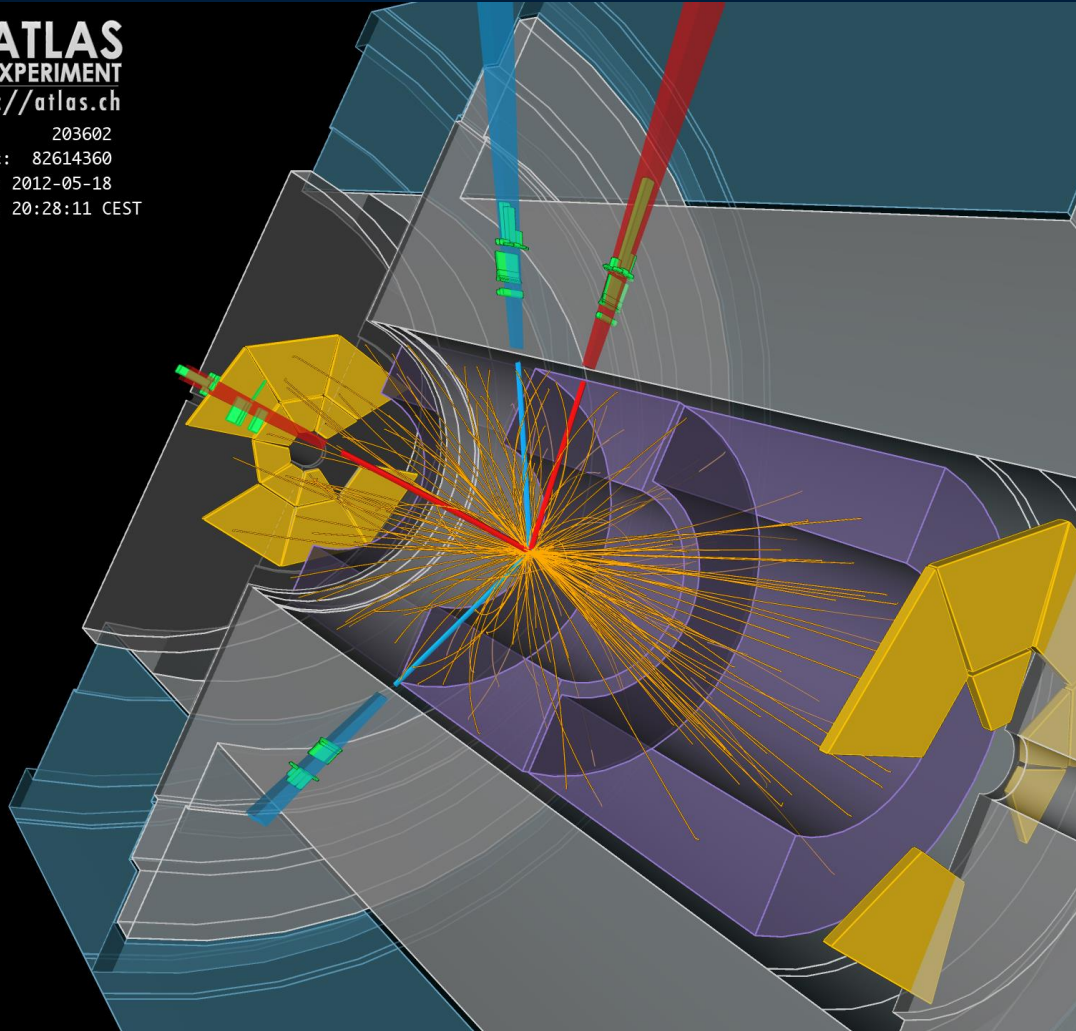


# “CERN experiments observe particle consistent with long-sought Higgs boson”

**ATLAS**  
EXPERIMENT

<http://atlas.ch>

Run: 203602  
Event: 82614360  
Date: 2012-05-18  
Time: 20:28:11 CEST



## **CERN experiments observe particle consistent with long-sought Higgs boson Geneva, 4 July 2012.**

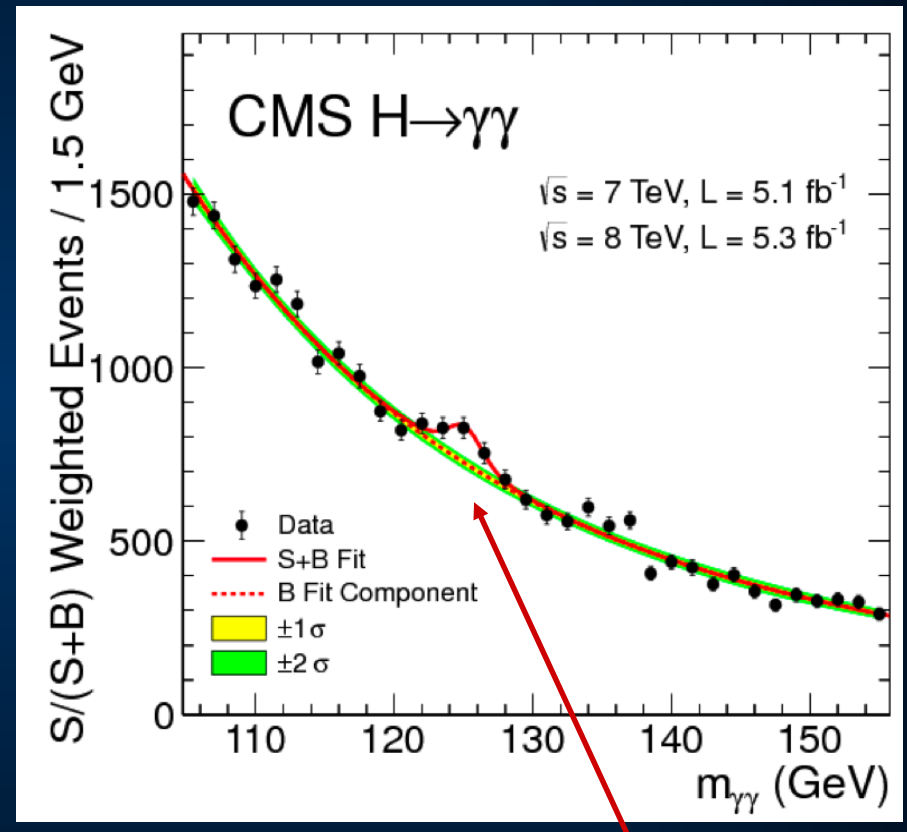
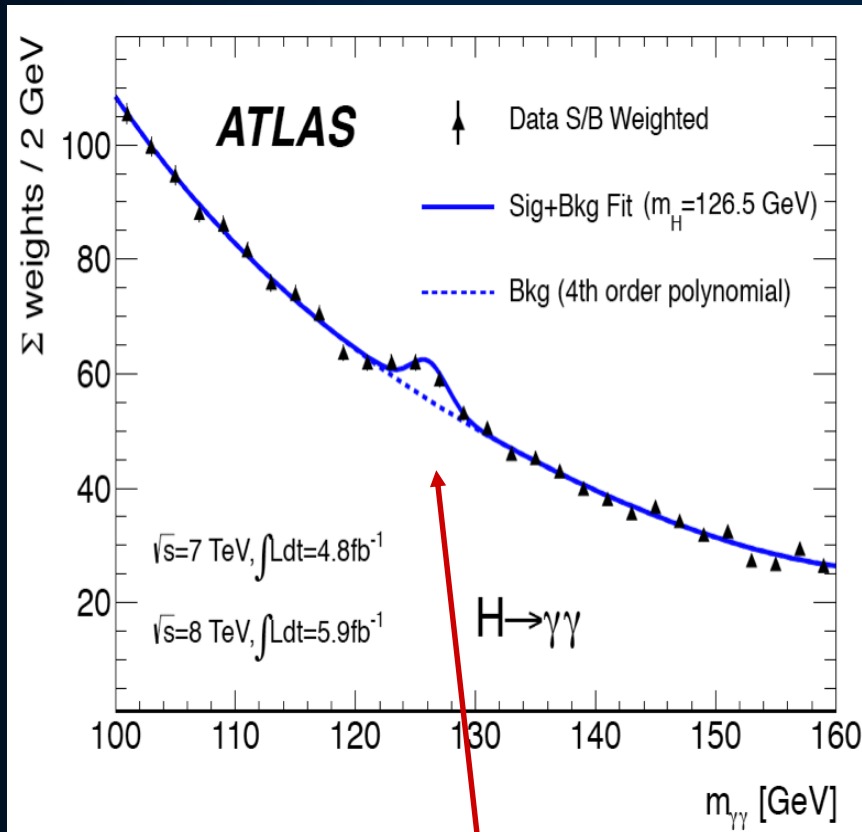
At a seminar held at CERN<sup>1</sup> today as a curtain raiser to the year's major particle physics conference, ICHEP2012 in Melbourne, the ATLAS and CMS experiments presented their latest preliminary results in the search for the long sought Higgs particle. **Both experiments observe a new particle in the mass region around 125-126 GeV.**

***“We observe in our data clear signs of a new particle, at the level of 5 sigma, in the mass region around 126 GeV. The outstanding performance of the LHC and ATLAS and the huge efforts of many people have brought us to this exciting stage,”*** said ATLAS experiment spokesperson Fabiola Gianotti, *“but a little more time is needed to prepare these results for publication.”*

***“The results are preliminary but the 5 sigma signal at around 125 GeV we’re seeing is dramatic. This is indeed a new particle. We know it must be a boson and it’s the heaviest boson ever found,”*** said CMS experiment spokesperson Joe Incandela. ***“The implications are very significant and it is precisely for this reason that we must be extremely diligent in all of our studies and cross-checks.”***



# Higgs decay to $\gamma\gamma$ , ATLAS and CMS, summer 2012 data



# Peter Higgs and Francois Englert

