

# INTRODUCTION TO PARTICLE PHYSICS

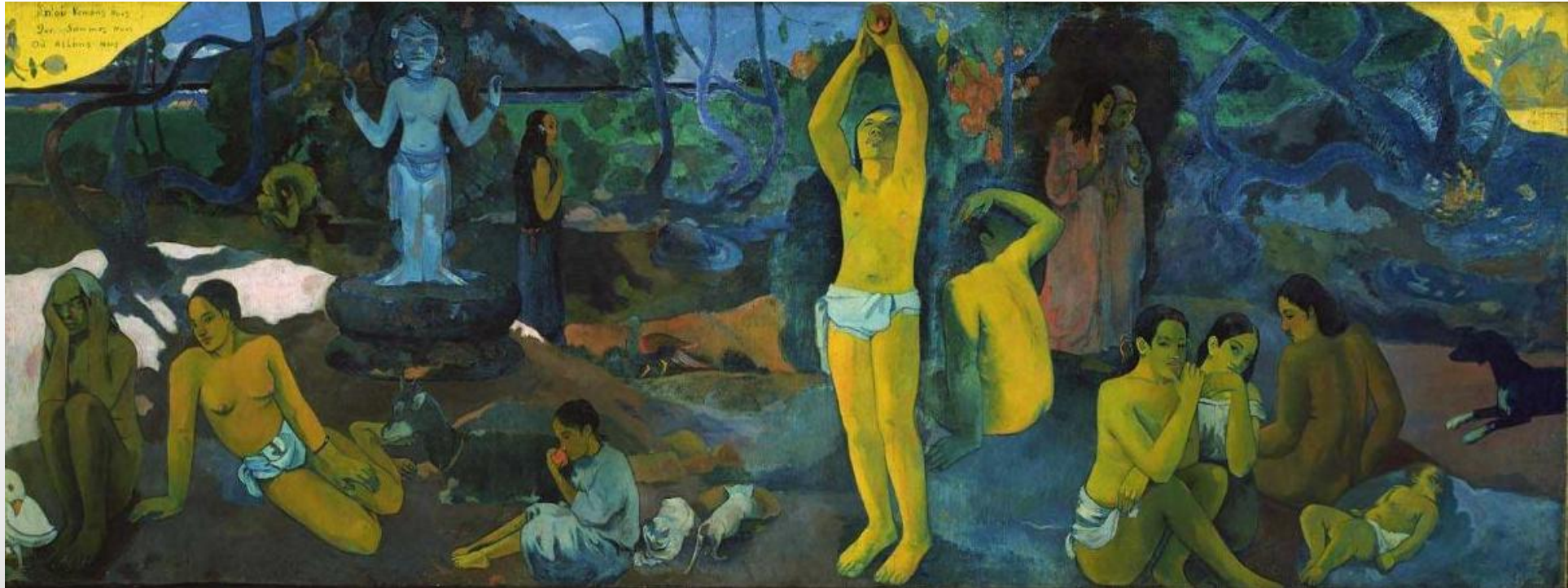
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# Agenda ...

- Introduction to particle physics
- Virtual visits to ATLAS and CMS Experiments
- Questions / answers session

What are we?  
Where do we come from?  
Where are we going?



The aim of particle physics:  
What is matter in the Universe made of?

# Evolution of the Universe

What will  
happen in  
the future?

Big Bang

What  
happened  
then?

13.8 Billion Years

What is  
the universe  
made of?

Today

$10^{28}$  cm



# Big Questions in the Language of Particle Physics

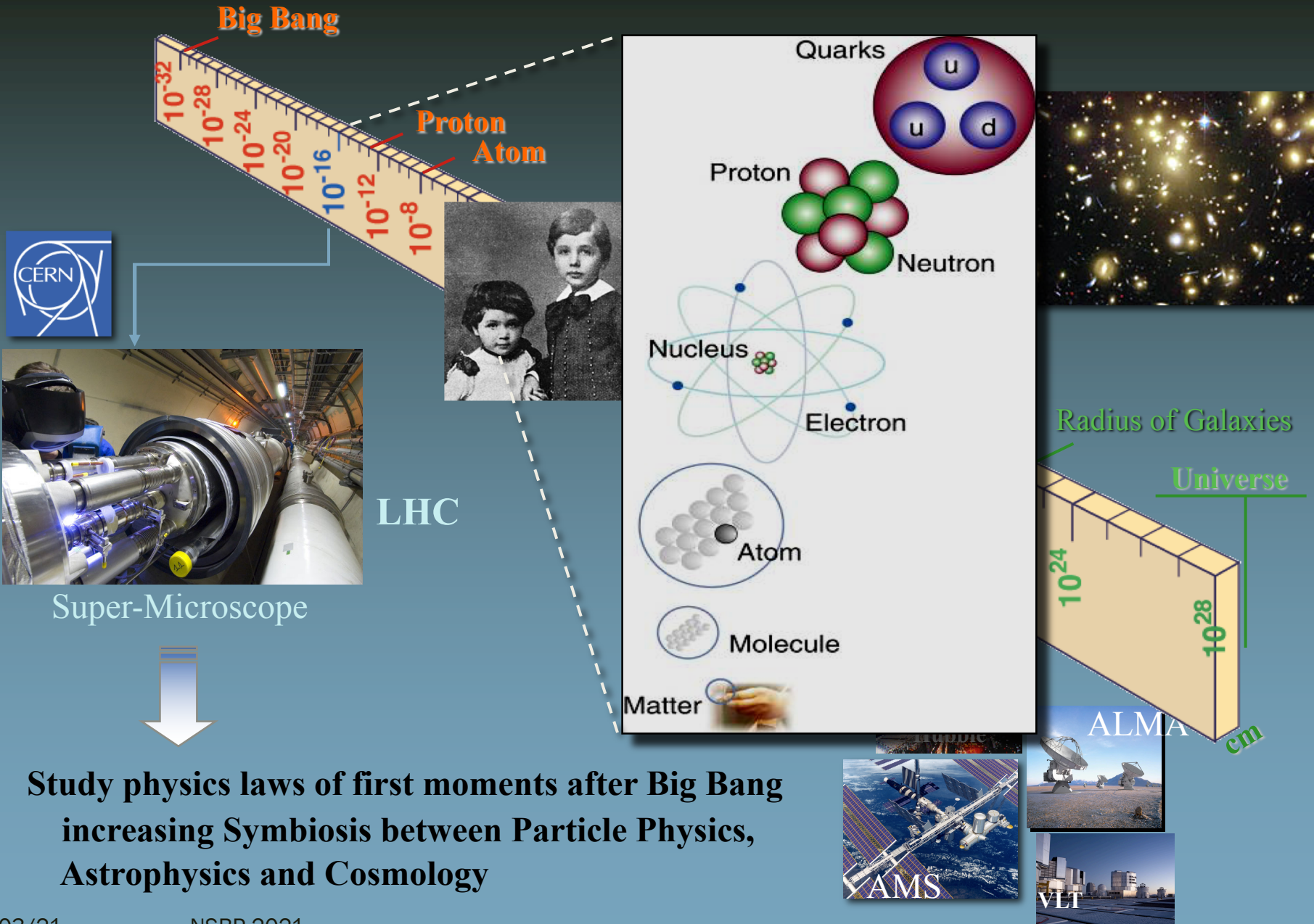
- What is matter made of?
  - *Why do things weigh?*



- What is the origin of matter? LHC
- What is the dark matter that fills the Universe? LHC
- How does the Universe evolve?
- Why is the Universe so big and old? LHC
- What is the future of the Universe? LHC

Our job is to ask - and answer - these questions

Need physics beyond what we know



300,000  
years

3  
minutes

1 micro-  
second

1 pico-  
second

Appearance  
of dark matter?

Appearance  
of matter?

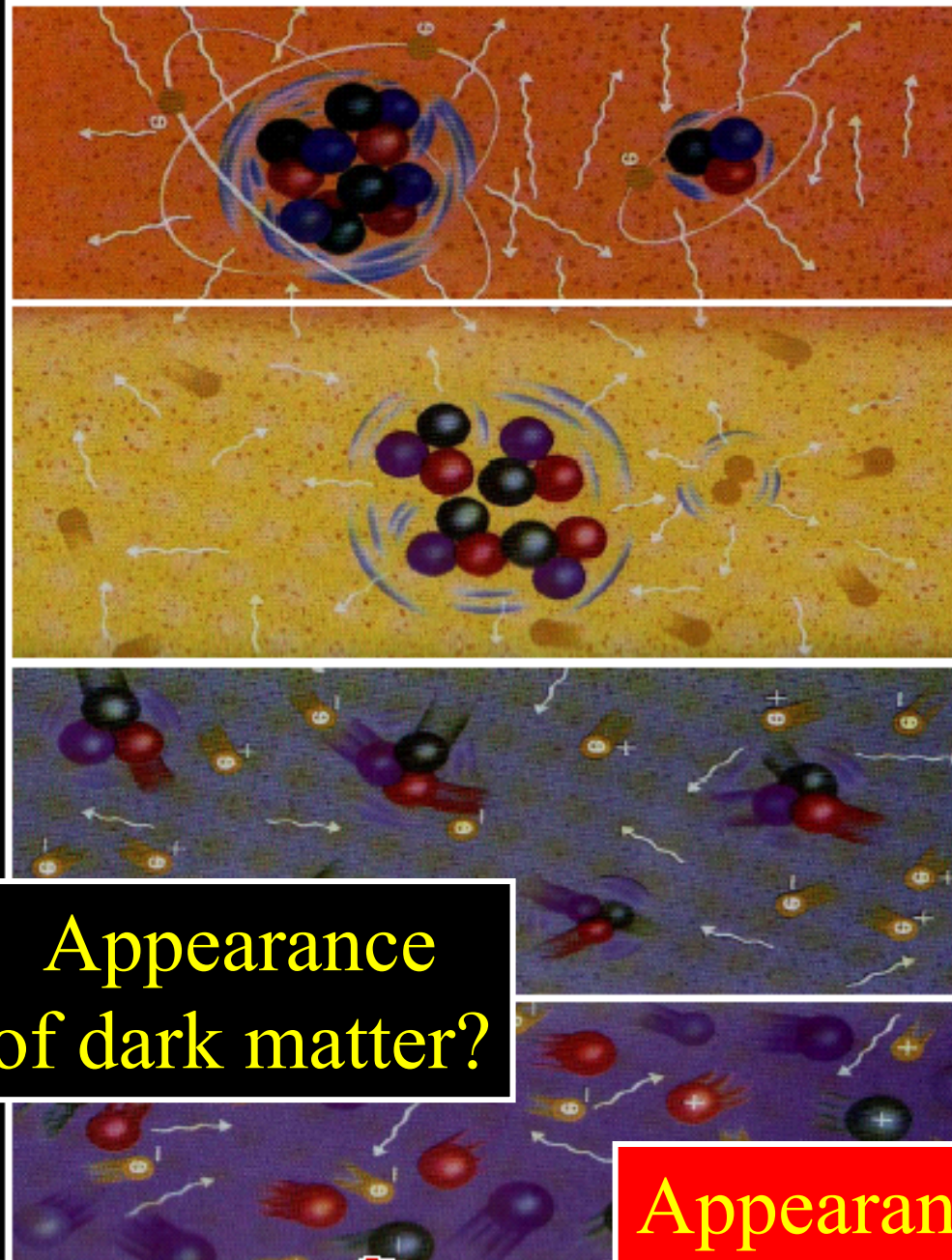
BANG!

Formation  
of atoms

Formation  
of nuclei

Formation  
of protons  
& neutrons

Appearance  
of mass?



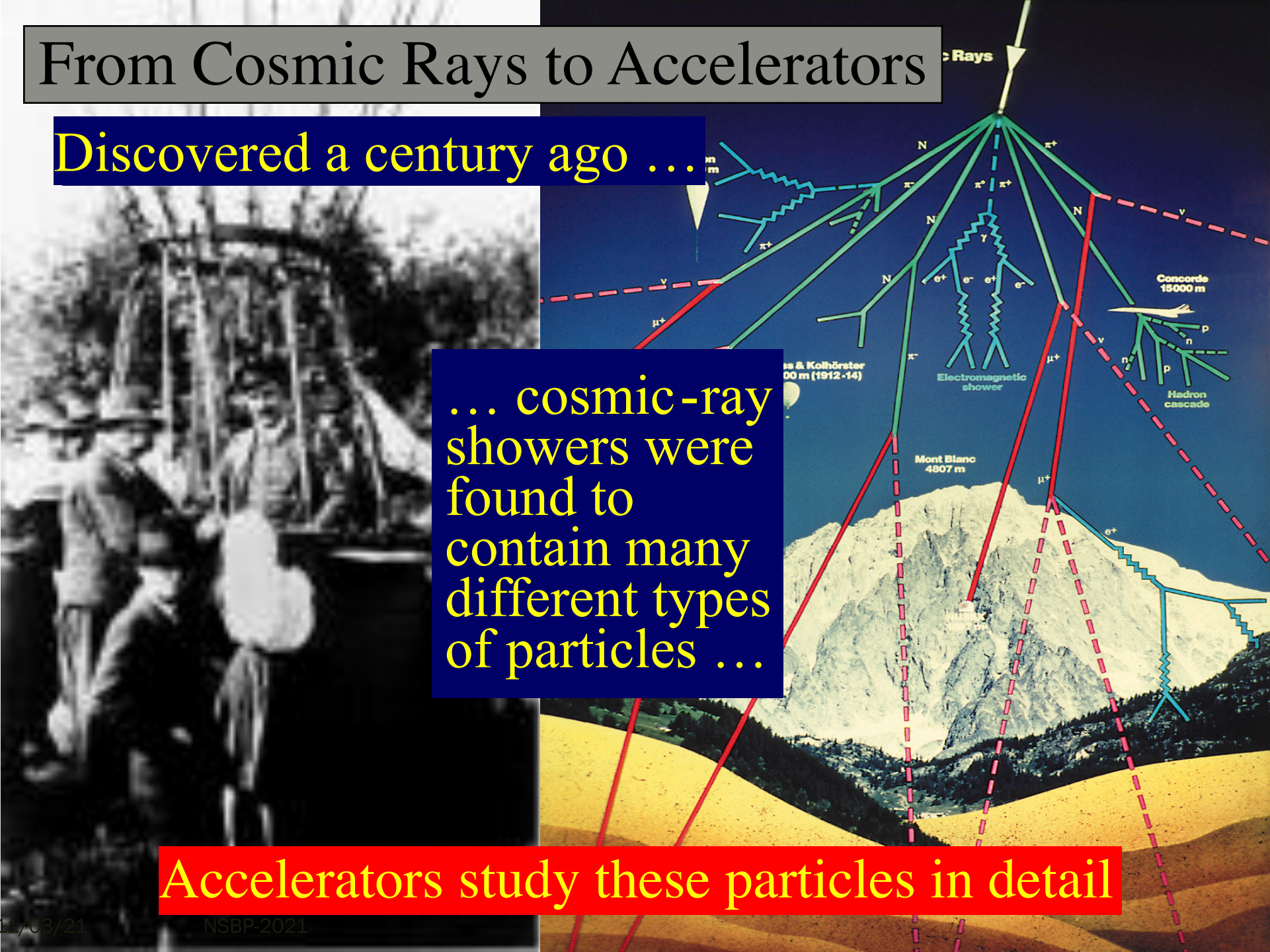


# From Cosmic Rays to Accelerators

Discovered a century ago ...

... cosmic-ray showers were found to contain many different types of particles ...

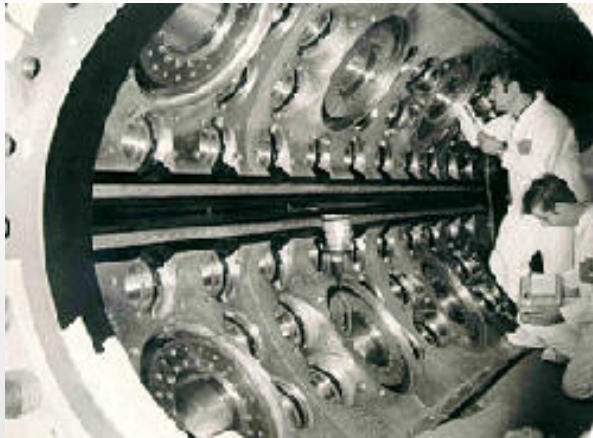
Accelerators study these particles in detail





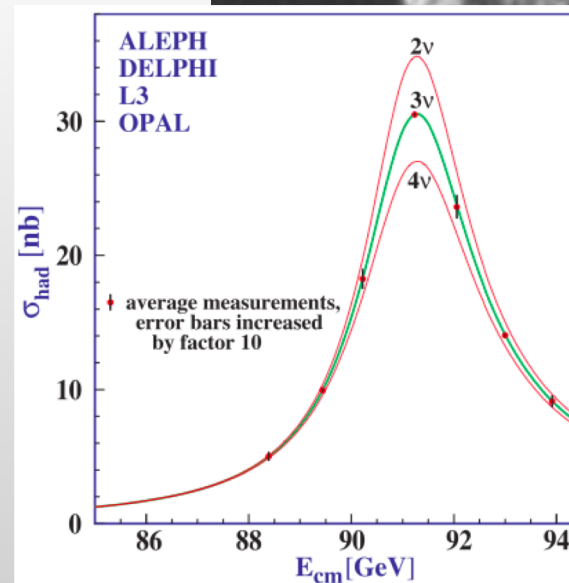
# The 'Standard Model' of Particle Physics

Developed by Abdus Salam,  
Glashow, Weinberg,  
Feynman, Gell Mann et al.



Tested by experiments  
at CERN

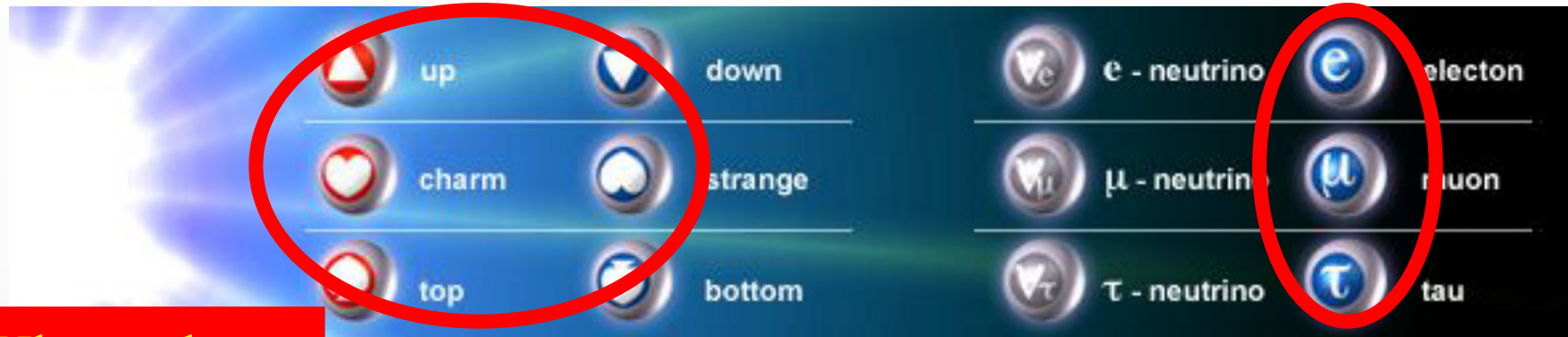
Perfect agreement between  
theory and experiments  
in all laboratories



# The 'Standard Model'

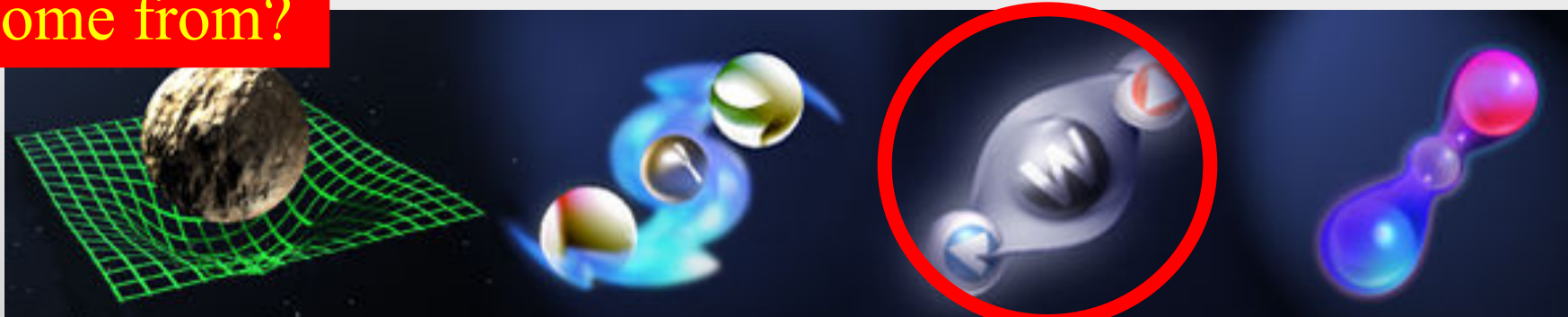
= Cosmic DNA

## The matter particles



Where does  
mass  
come from?

## The fundamental interactions



Gravitation

electromagnetism

weak nuclear force

strong nuclear force

# Why do Things Weigh?

Newton:

Weight **proportional to** Mass

Einstein:

Energy **related to** Mass

Neither explained origin of Mass

Where do the masses  
come from?

Are masses due to Higgs boson?  
(the physicists' Holy Grail)



# THINK OF A SNOWFIELD



**The LHC discovered  
the snowflake:  
The Higgs Boson**

Skier moves fast:

Like particle without mass  
e.g., photon = particle of light



Snowshoer sinks into snow,  
moves slower:

Like particle with mass  
e.g., electron



Hiker sinks deep,  
moves very slowly:  
Particle with large mass





To answer Gauguin's questions:

## The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

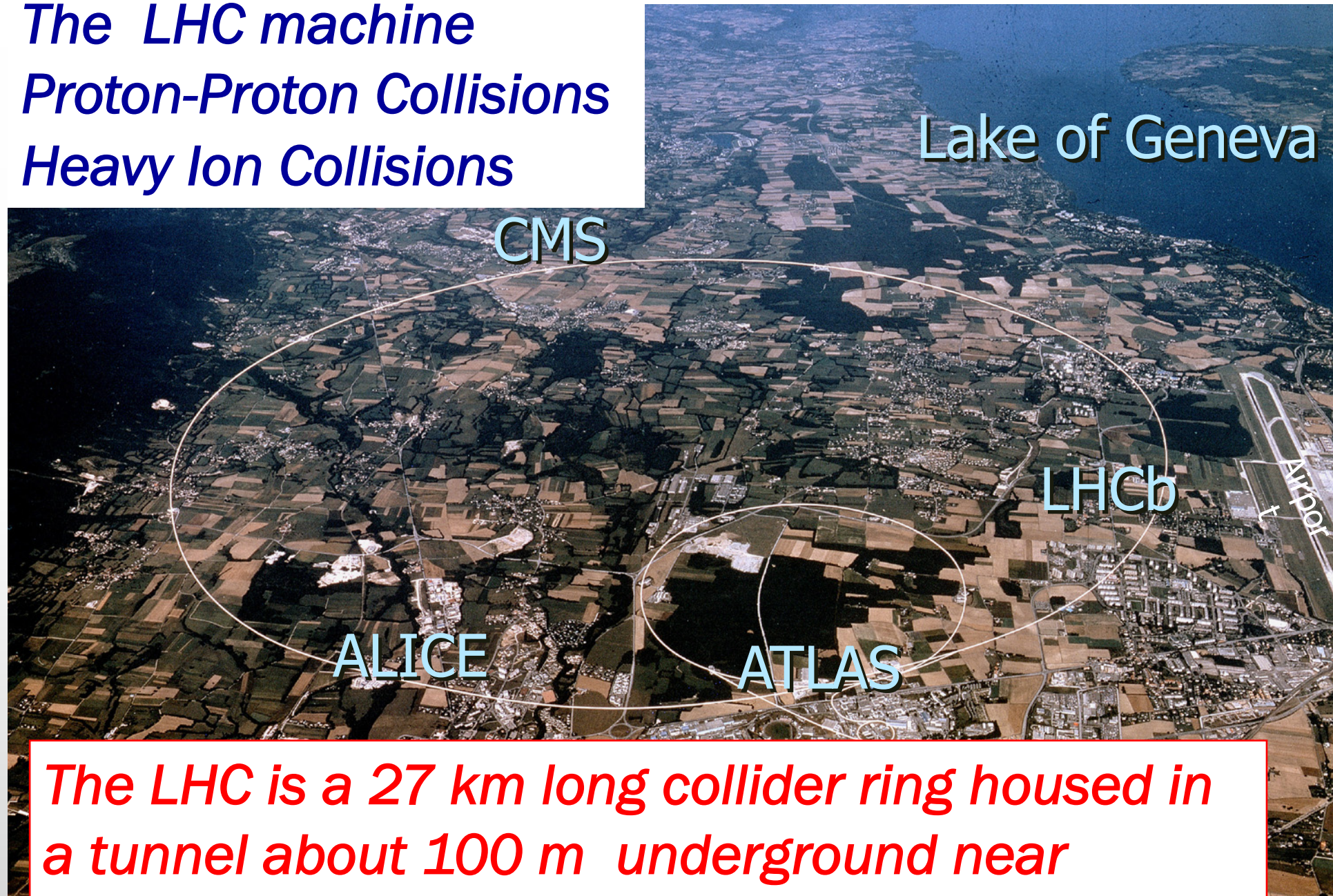
Several thousand billion protons  
Each with the energy of a fly  
99.9999991% of light speed  
Orbit 27km ring 11 000 times/second  
A billion collisions a second

Primary targets:

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

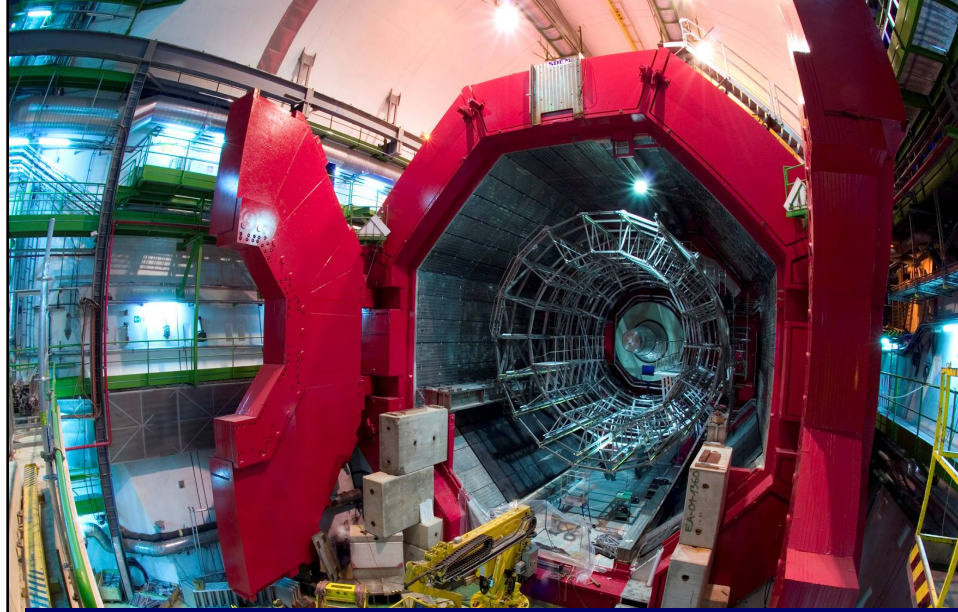


*The LHC machine  
Proton-Proton Collisions  
Heavy Ion Collisions*

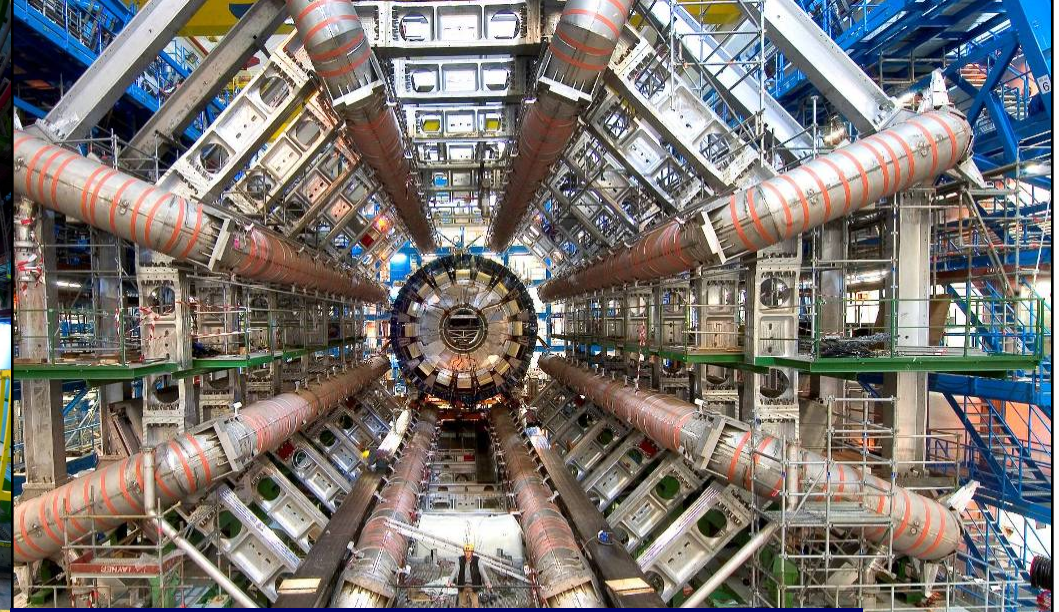


*The LHC is a 27 km long collider ring housed in  
a tunnel about 100 m underground near  
Geneva*

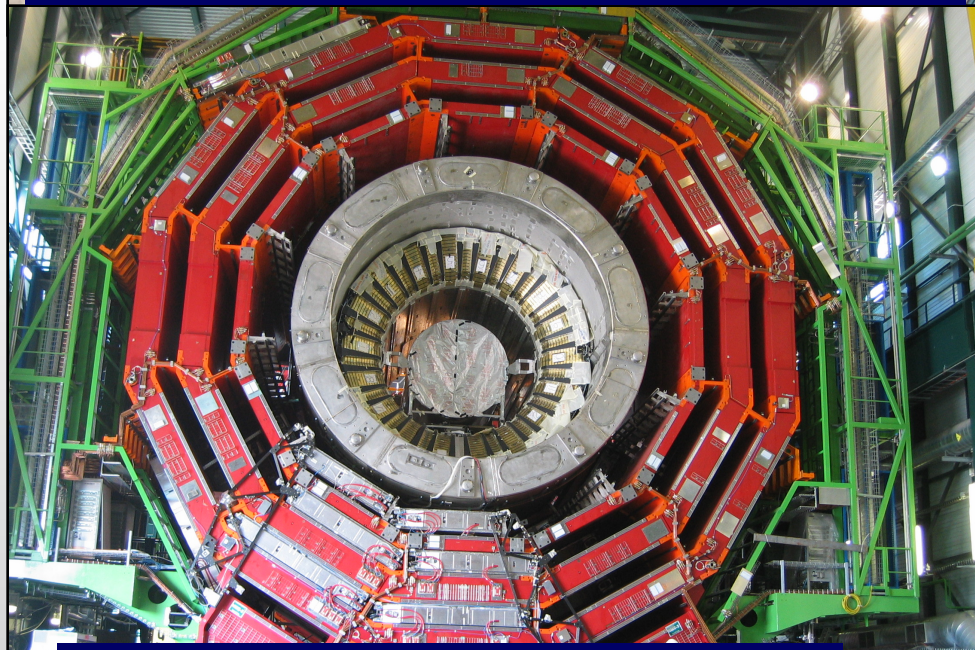




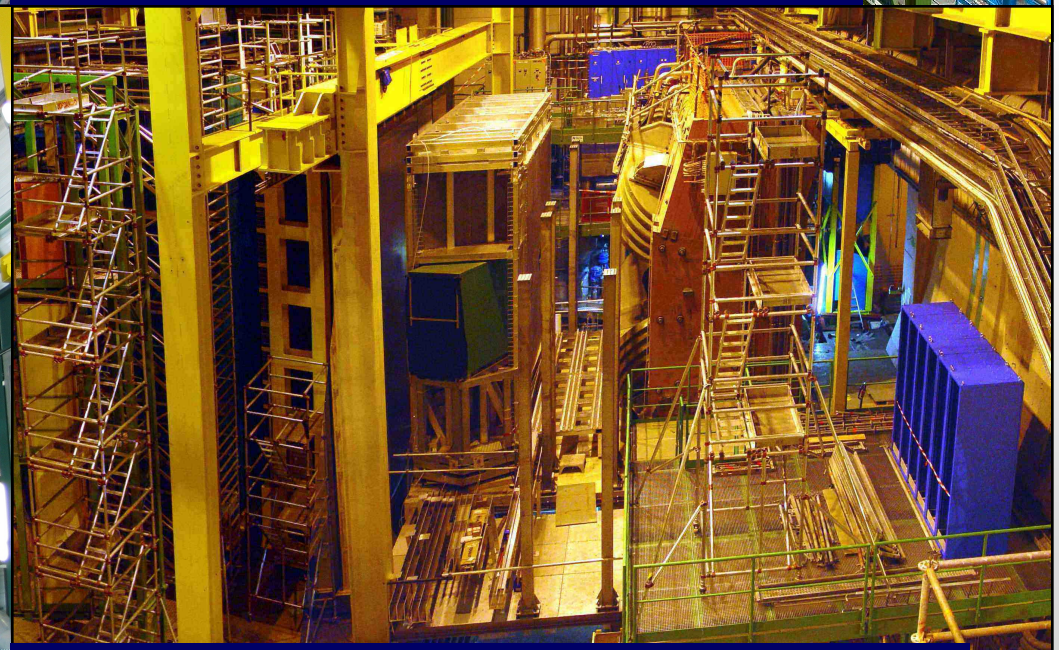
ALICE: Primordial cosmic plasma



ATLAS: Higgs and dark matter



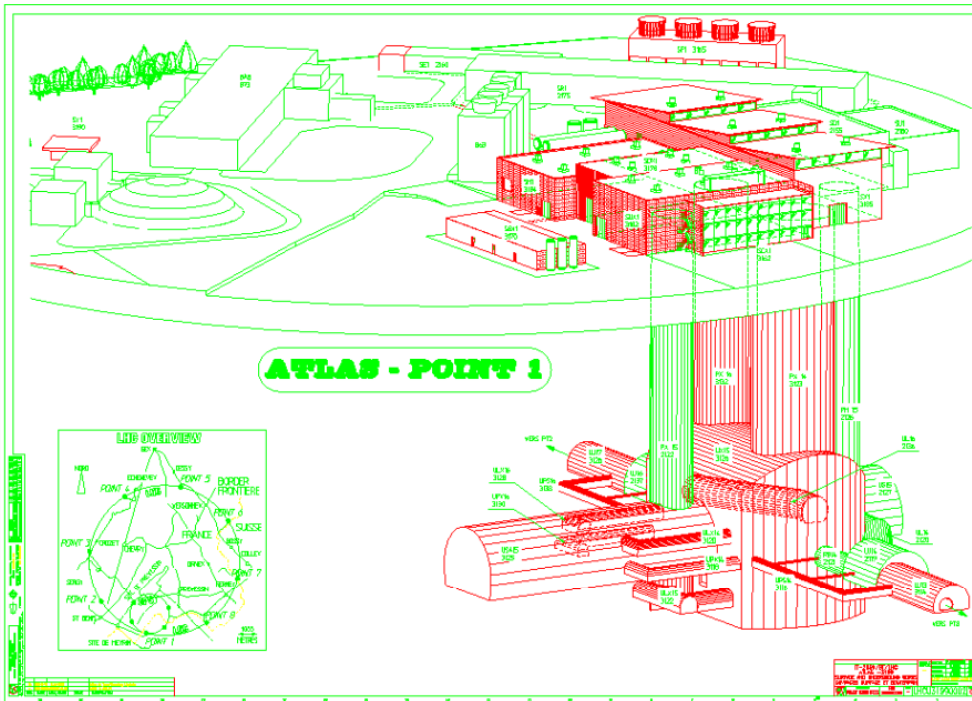
11/08/2019 CMS: Higgs and dark matter



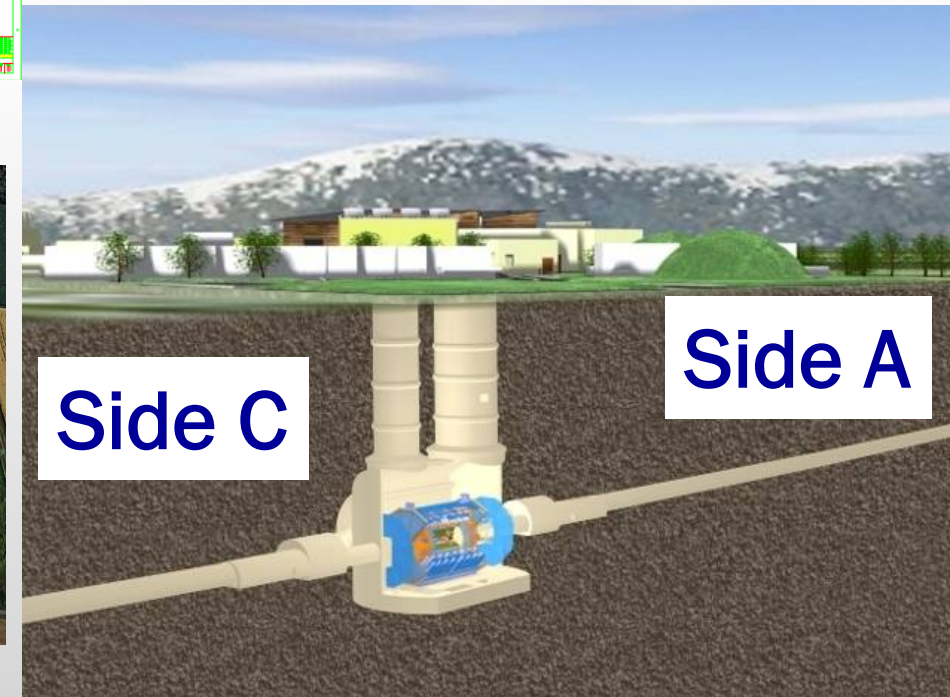
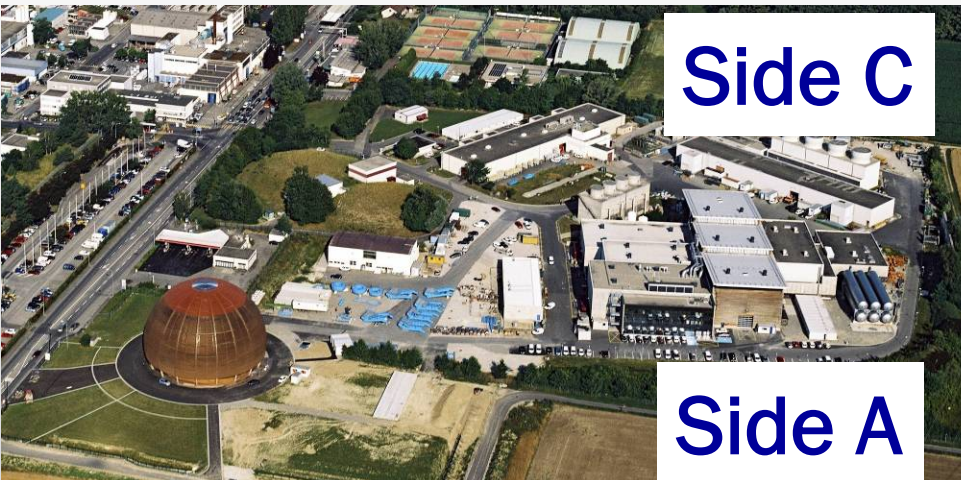
LHCb: Matter-antimatter difference



# The Underground Cavern for the ATLAS Detector



Length = 55 m  
Width = 32 m  
Height = 35 m





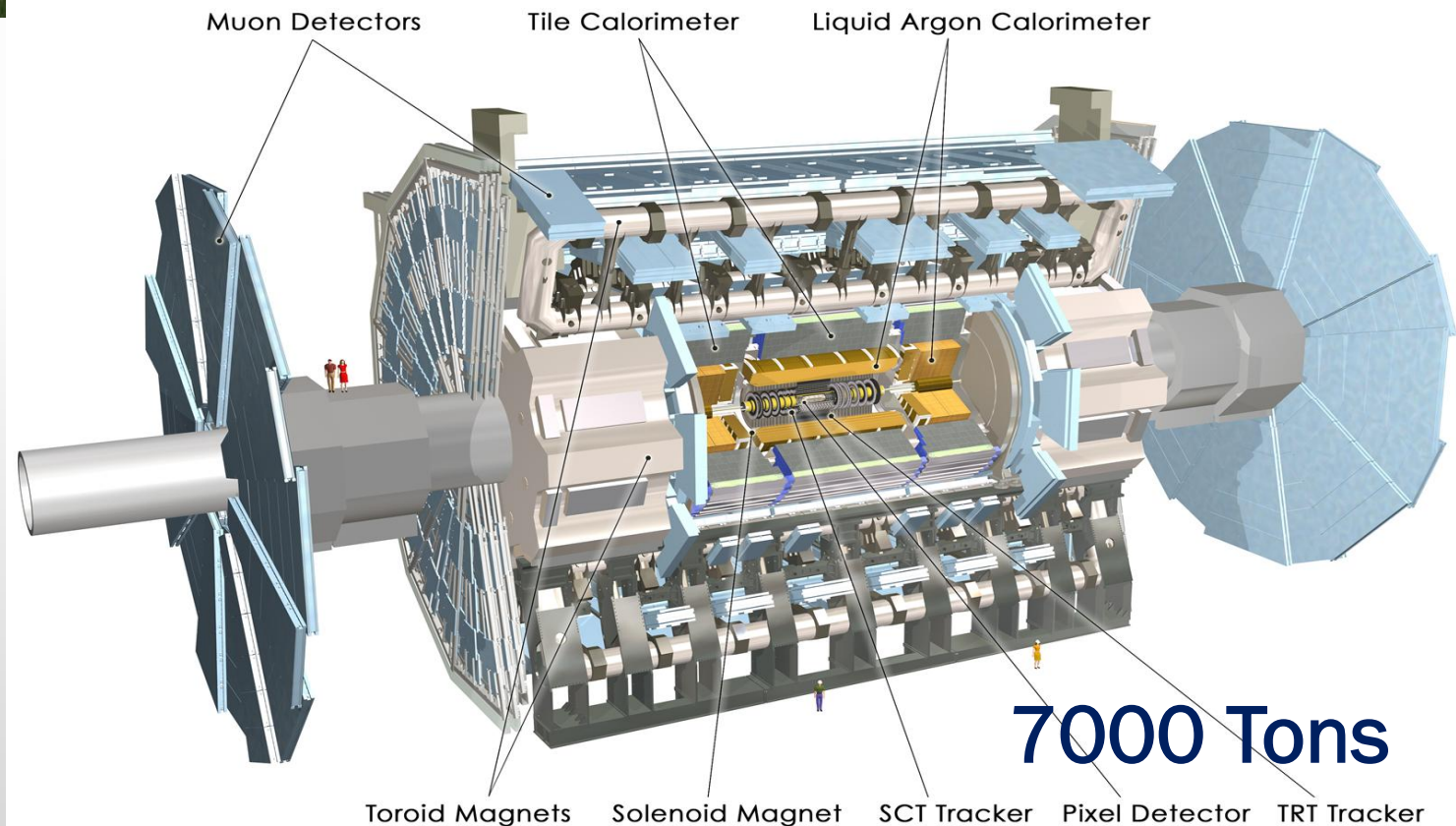


# ***ATLAS Detector at the LHC***

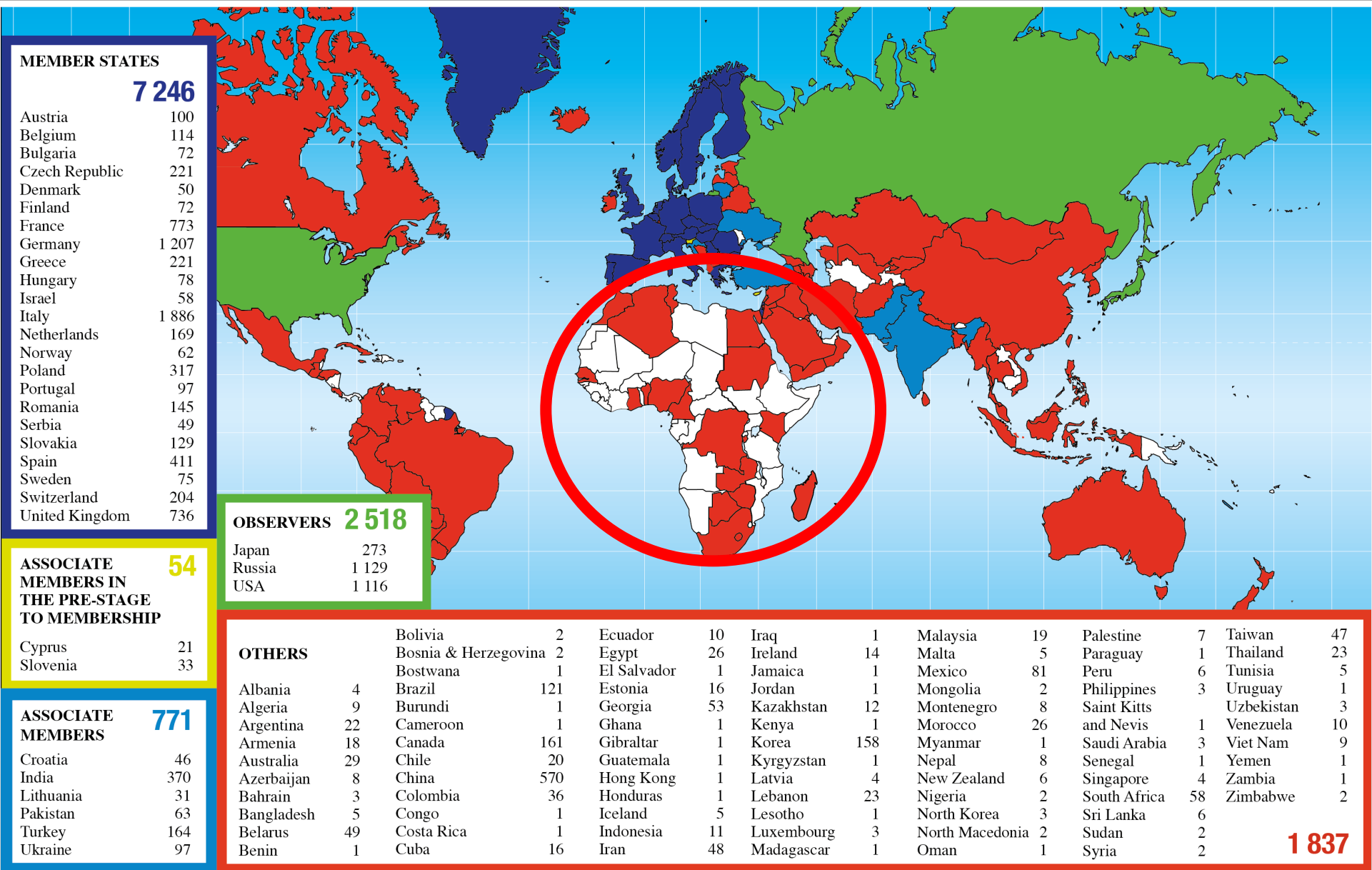
**3300 Physicists**  
**550M Suisse Franks**

**45 m**

**24 m**

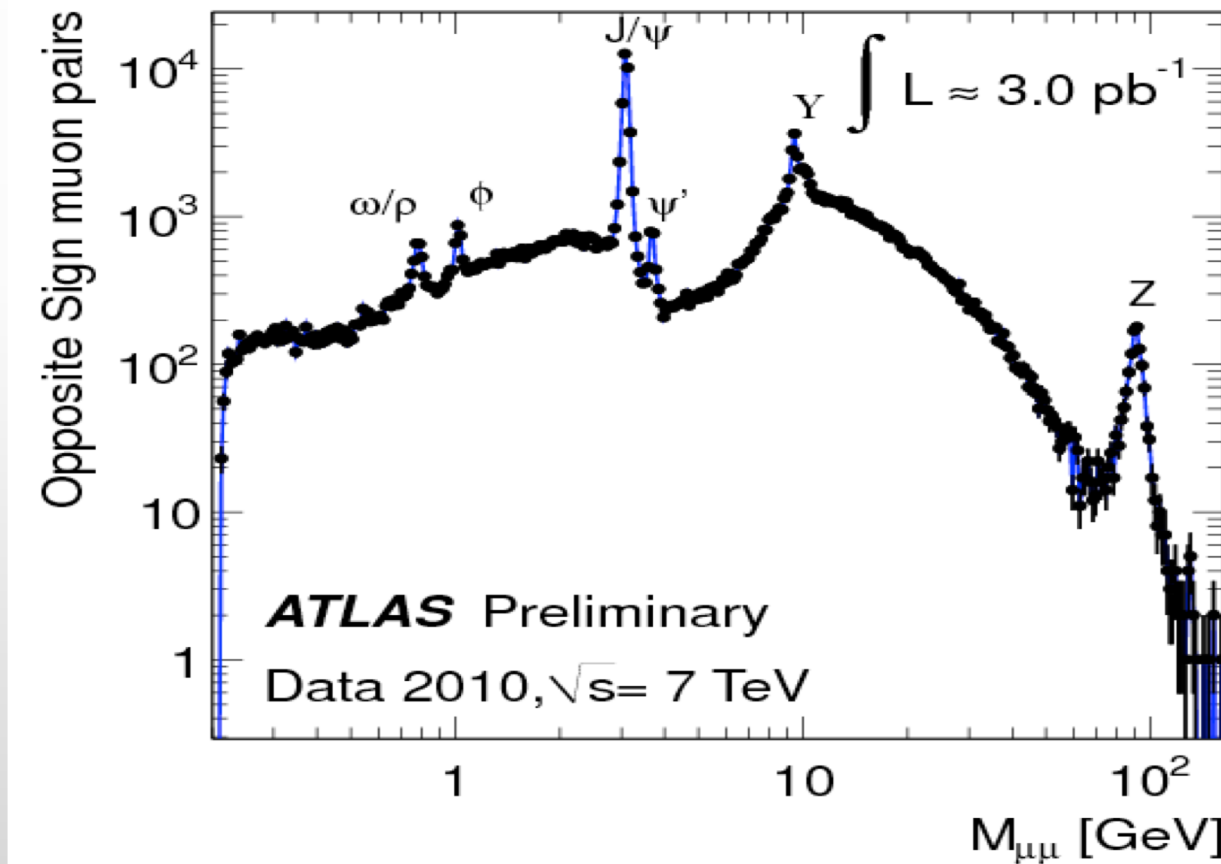


# SCIENTISTS' HOME COUNTRIES



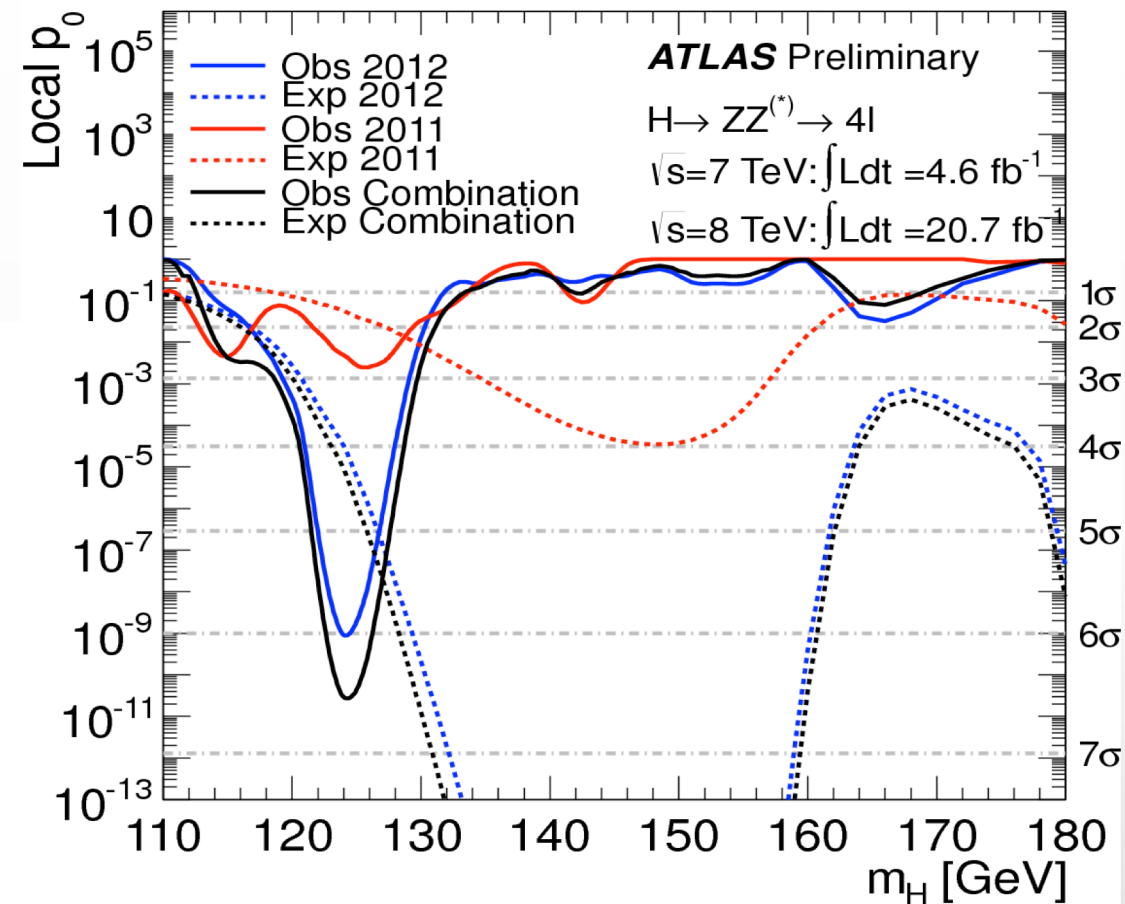
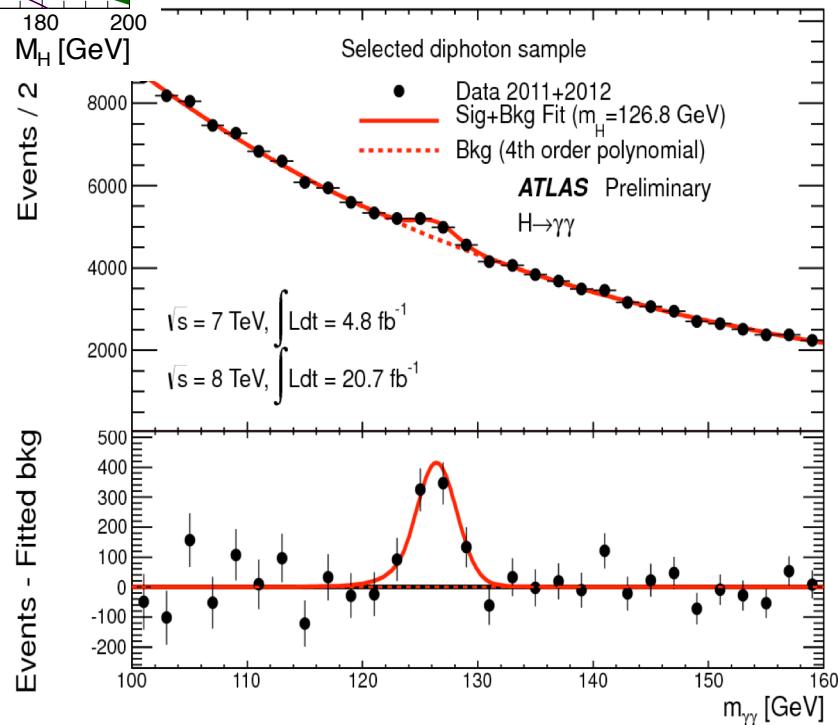
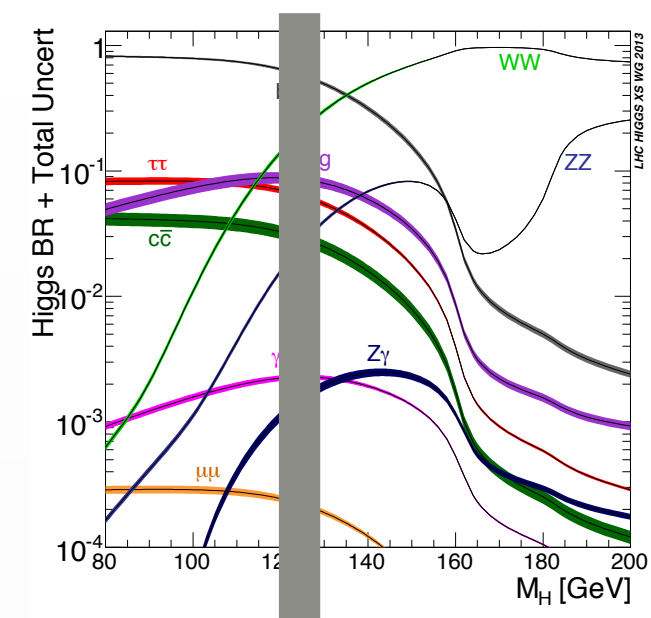
# Confirming previous measurements or discoveries

- Before we do new searches, we have to show that we measure accurately what is already known



# The Higgs Boson Discovery

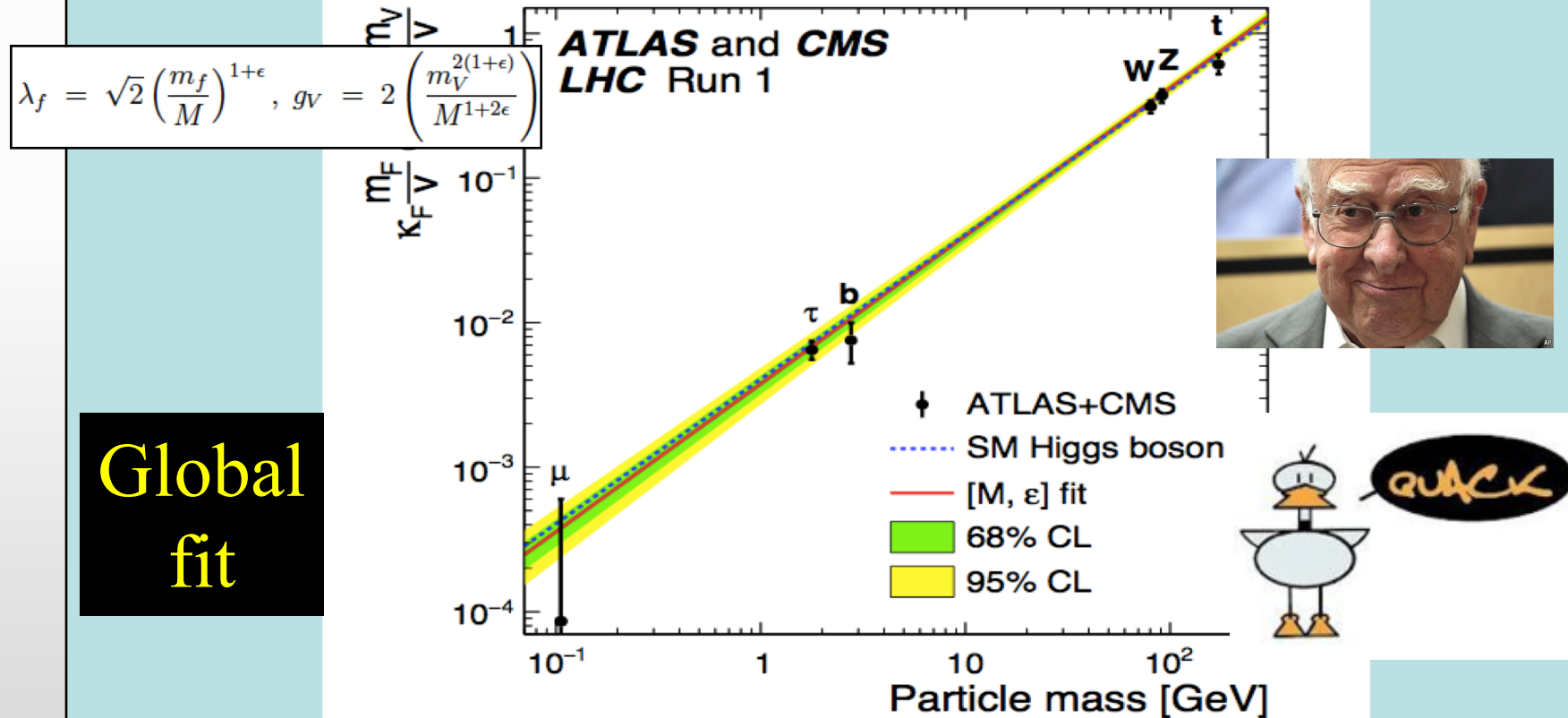
In July 2012





# It Walks and Quacks like a Higgs

- Do couplings scale  $\sim$  mass? With scale =  $v$ ?



Blue dashed line = Standard Model

# The Dark Matter Hypothesis

- Proposed by Fritz Zwicky, based on observations of the Coma galaxy cluster
- The galaxies move too quickly
- The observations require a stronger gravitational field than provided by the visible matter

■ **Dark matter?**



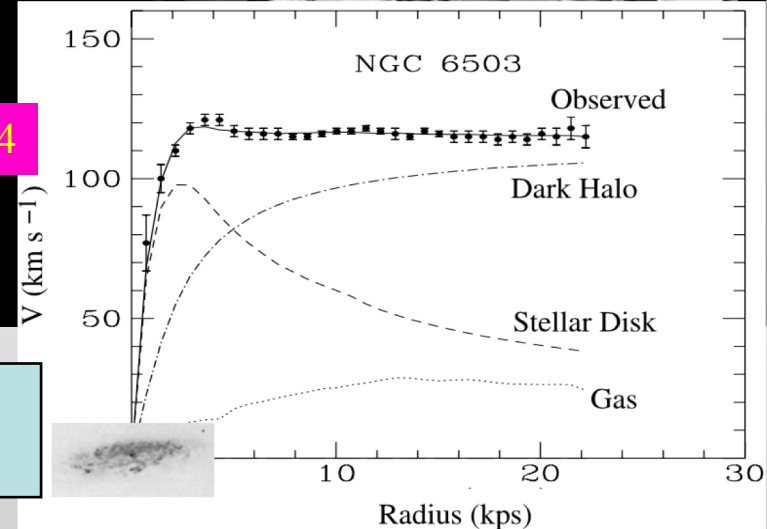
# The Rotation Curves of Galaxies

- Measured by Vera Rubin
- The stars also orbit ‘too quickly’
- Her observations also required a stronger gravitational field than provided by the visible matter
- **Further strong evidence for dark matter**

Tkachev, arXiv:1802.02414

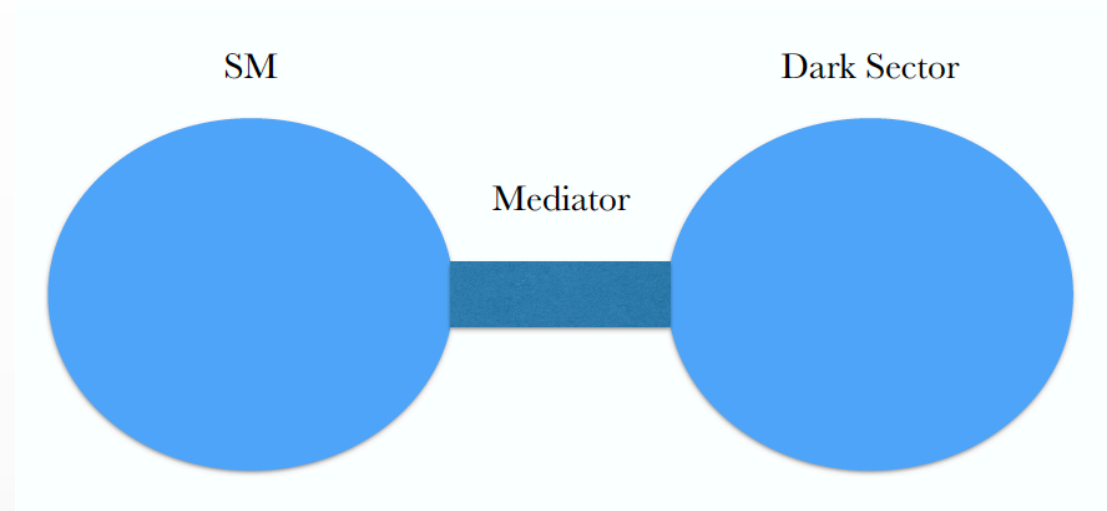
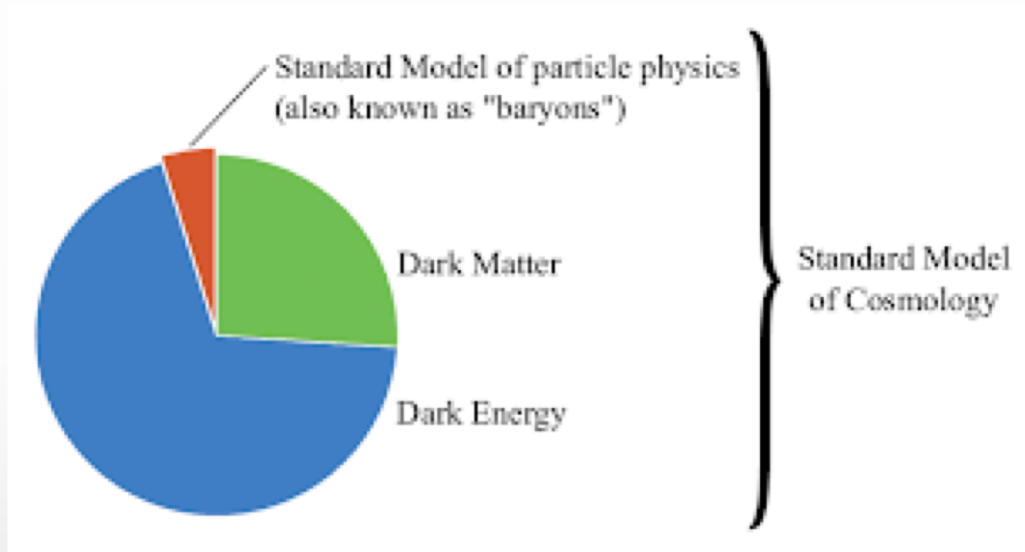
Much larger than visible galaxy

Sample Rotation Curve: NGC 6503



# Dark Sector

- Dark Sector as "New Physics" beyond the Standard Model of particle physics (SM)



Need new force / interaction  
to connect SM to Dark Sector

Dark Matter could just be one example of Dark Sector State



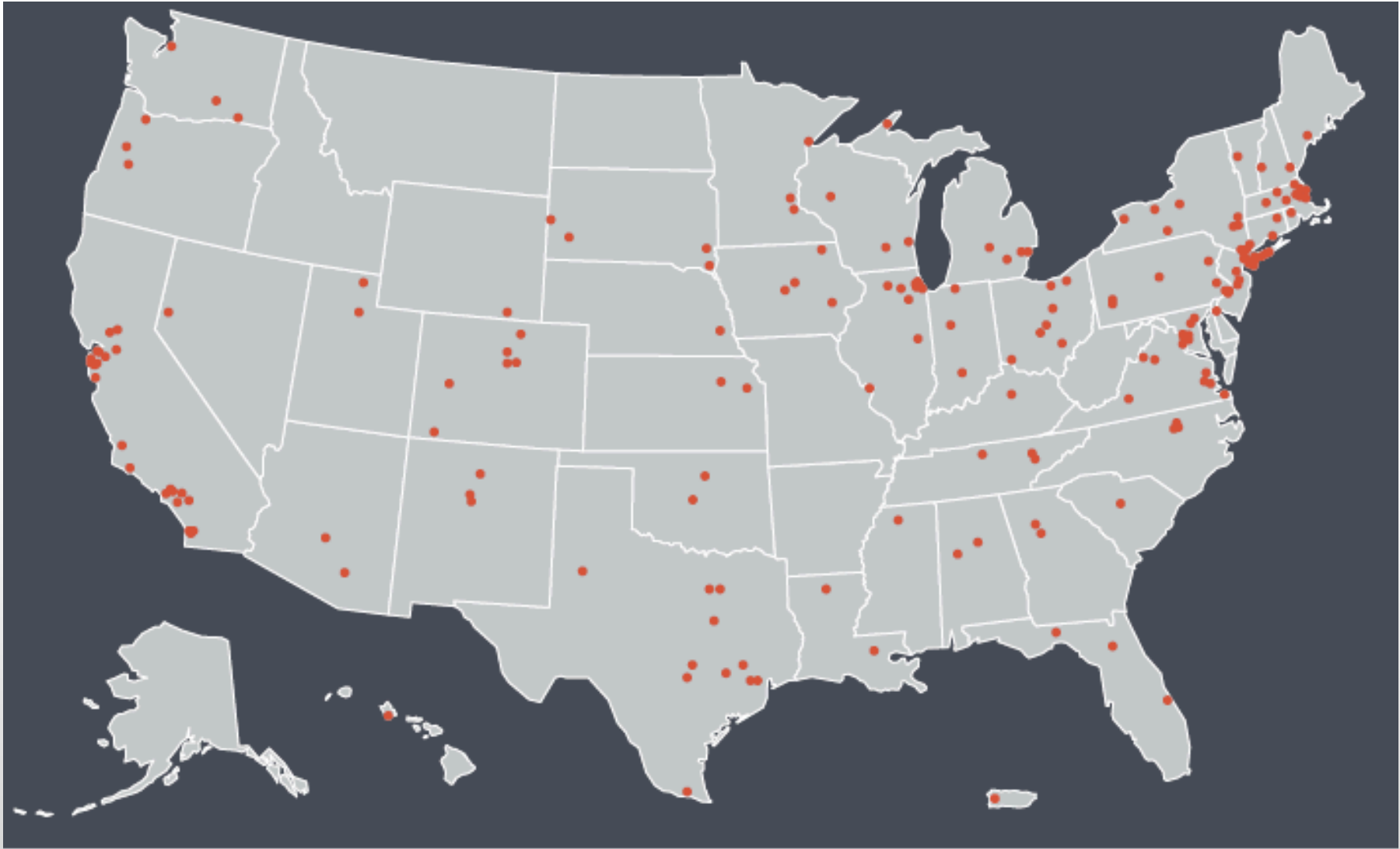
# RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH U.S. LHC

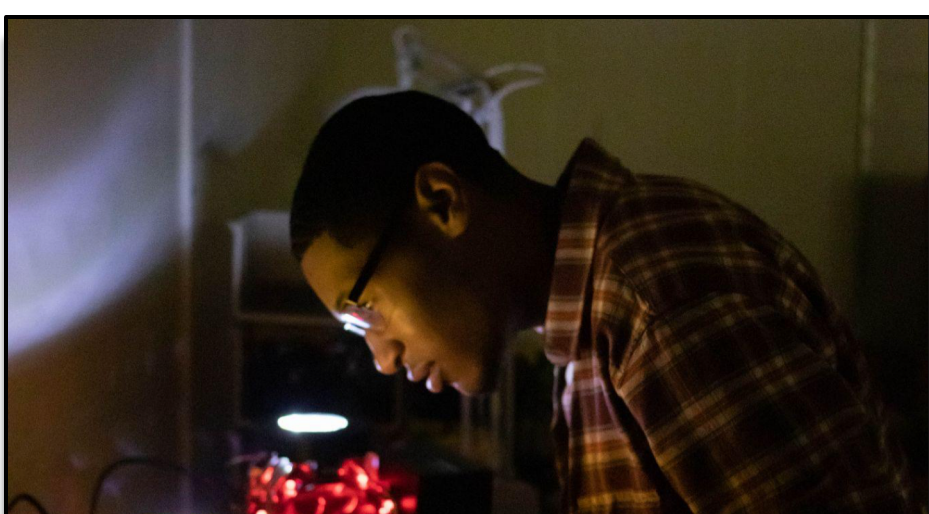
Students can participate in opportunities offered by U.S. LHC universities and national labs.

Students at all levels can engage in research and develop skills to enter America's technological workforce.

Teachers can access resources and develop skills to bring real research experience to science class rooms.

# U.S. HEP Institutions





# Looking for something to do in Summer 2022?

## Visit the U.S. CMS Exhibit Booth

Are you interested in contributing to the next stage in humanity's understanding of Nature at the smallest scales?

Are you interested in getting paid while working with other scientists and engineers to push the envelope with cutting-edge instrumentation?

**The CMS experiment is looking for undergrad students to work with us to upgrade the detector for the next generation of LHC experiments**

Scan this QR code and fill out the form and we'll email you information on how to apply!



**SCAN ME**



Research Experience for Undergraduates:

<https://sites.google.com/a/umich.edu/um-cern-reu/>



# Conclusions

- The Higgs boson, the particle responsible for the masses of elementary particles, was discovered in 2012
- Since then, nothing new has been discovered
- At the Large Hadron Collider, we are preparing for a new batch of data taking, Run3
- US-ATLAS and US-CMS offer many opportunities for education, research, and skills development useful to enter the technological workforce

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