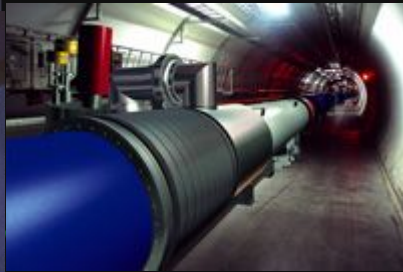
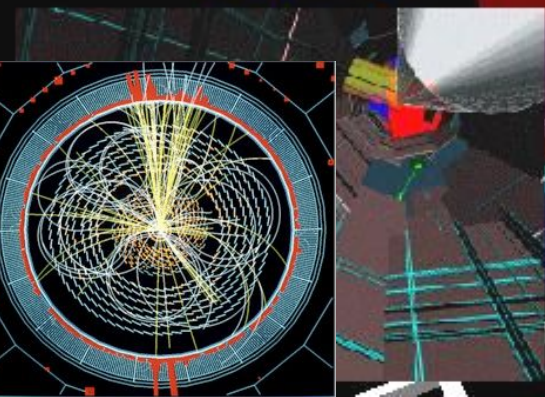
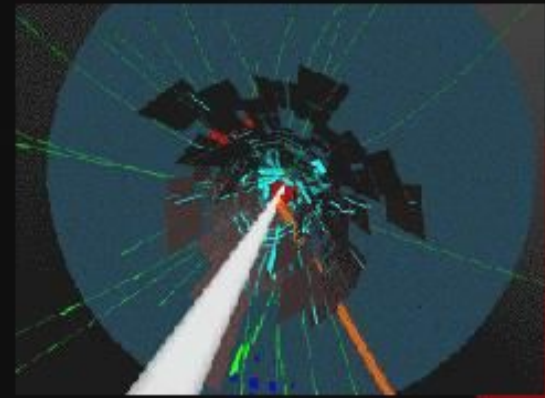


High Energy Experiments: A Smashing good time

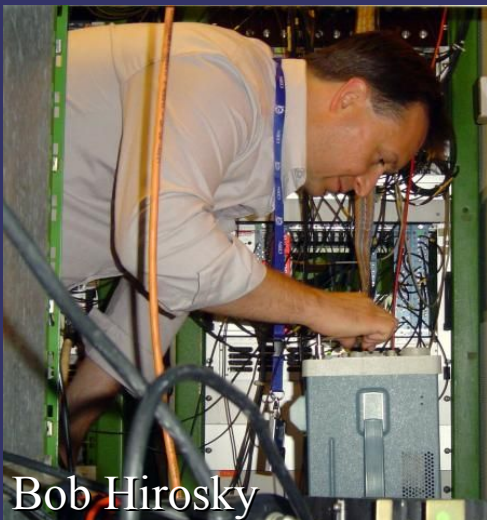


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Meet the Group: CMS and D-Zero Projects



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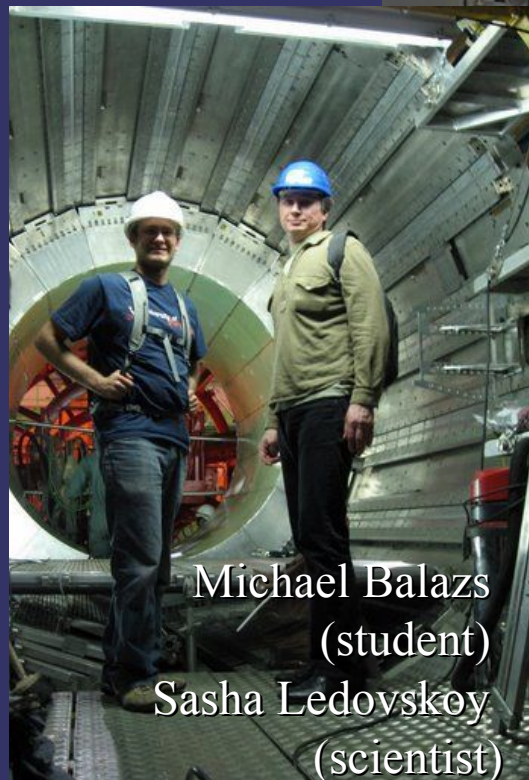
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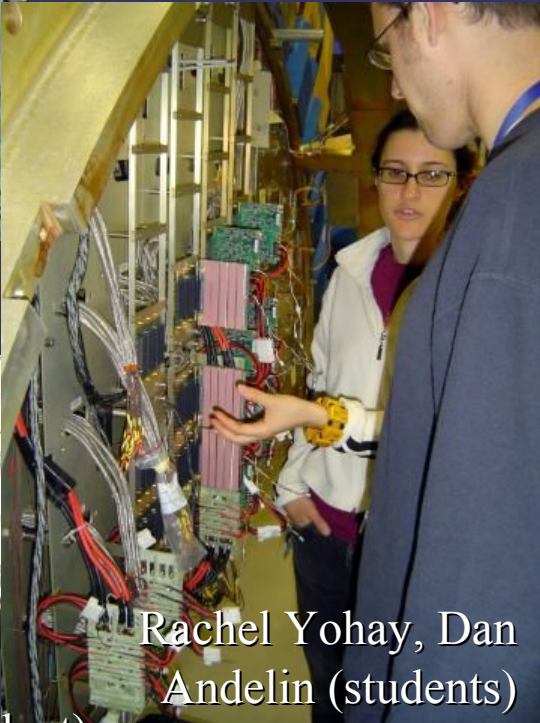
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(students)

Duncan Brown (PDoc, not pictured)

The basic questions

What are the basic building blocks of everything?

What are the forces of nature?

Some things we know about matter:

Elementary Particles

Charge = +2/3	Quarks	u	c	t
Charge = -1/3		d	s	b
Charge = 0		e	μ	τ
Charge = -1		ν_e	ν_μ	ν_τ
		I	II	III
		Generations of Matter		

γ	Force Carriers	EM
g		Strong
Z		Weak
W^\pm		

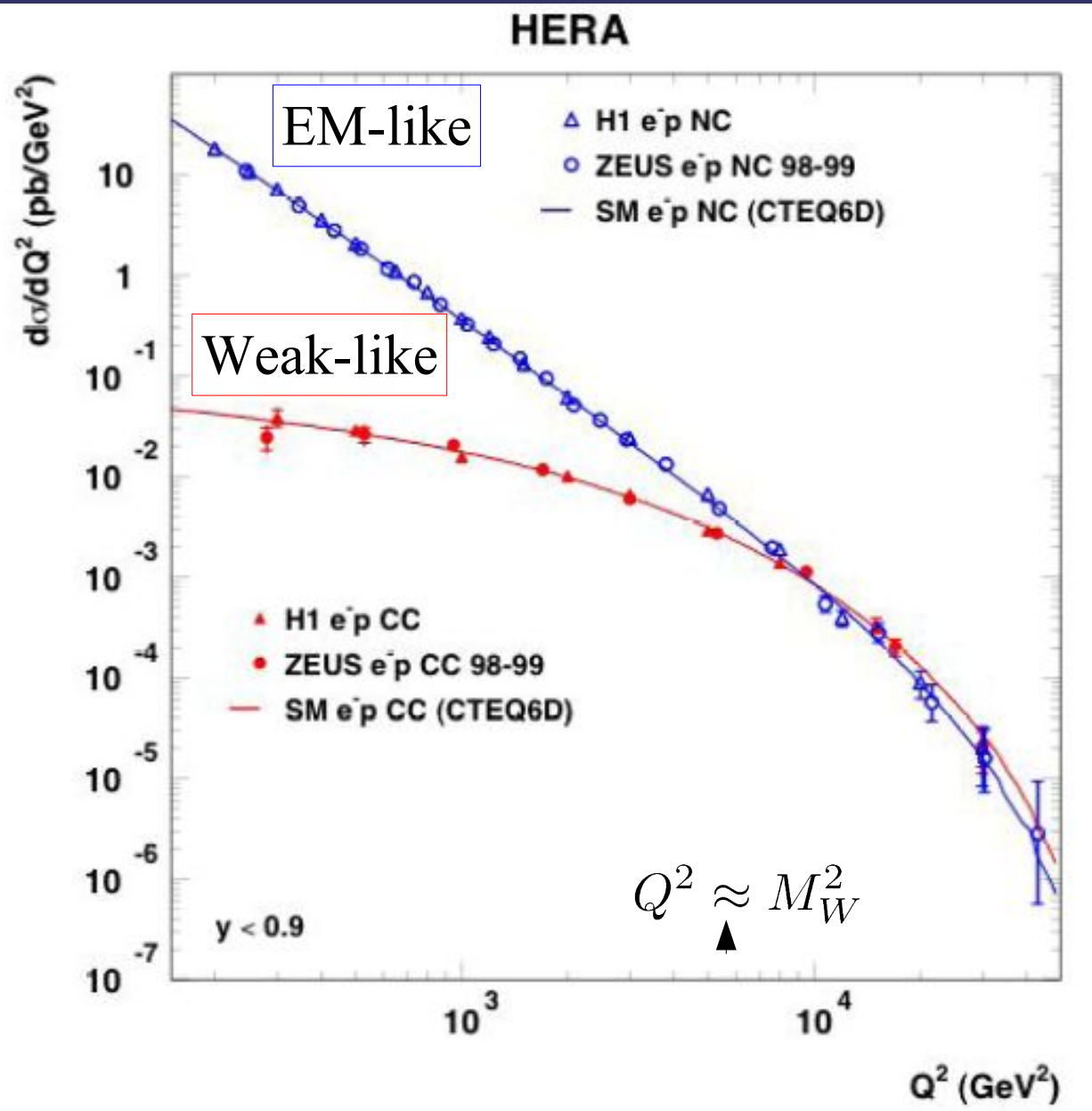
(quantized fields)



The “periodic table of fermions.”

Some things we know about matter:

Electroweak Unification



EM/Weak interactions unified at large energy/momentum transfer

Some things we know about matter:

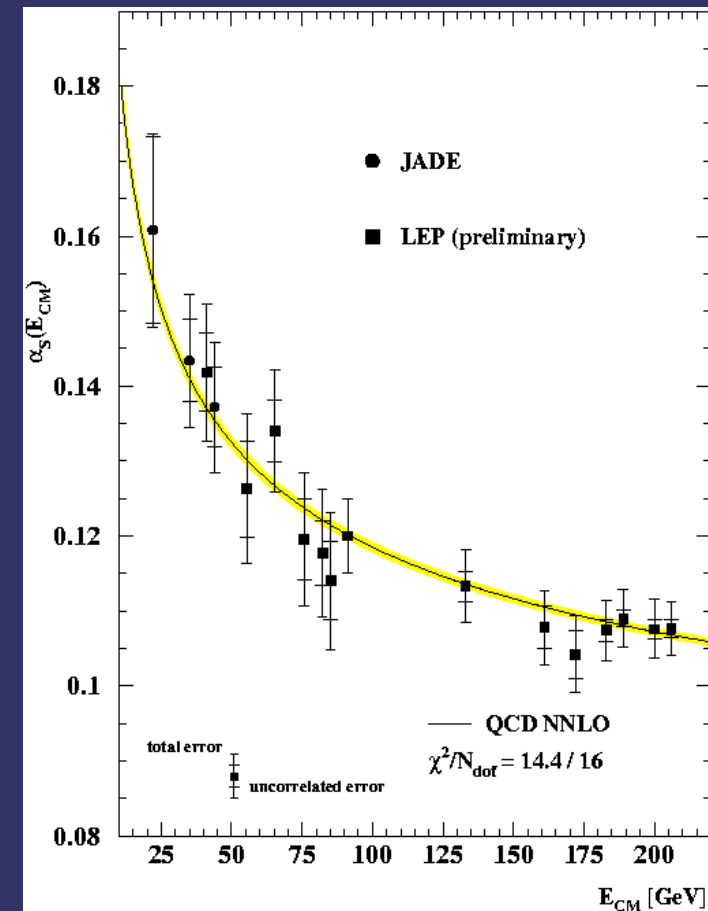
Quantum Chromodynamics

Gauge theory (like electromagnetism) describes fermions (quarks) which carry an SU(3) charge (color) and interact through the exchange of vector bosons (gluons)

Interesting features:

- gluons themselves have color
- interactions are **strong**
- coupling constant runs rapidly
becomes weak at momentum
transfers above a few GeV

In a more general theory (GUT),
expect unification w/
electroweak force



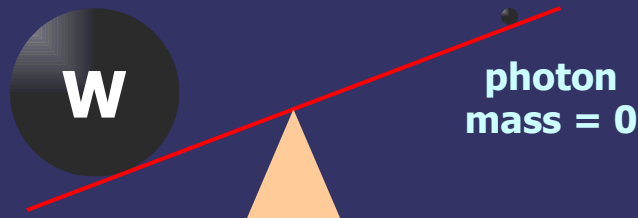
Some things we **don't** know about matter:

Masses

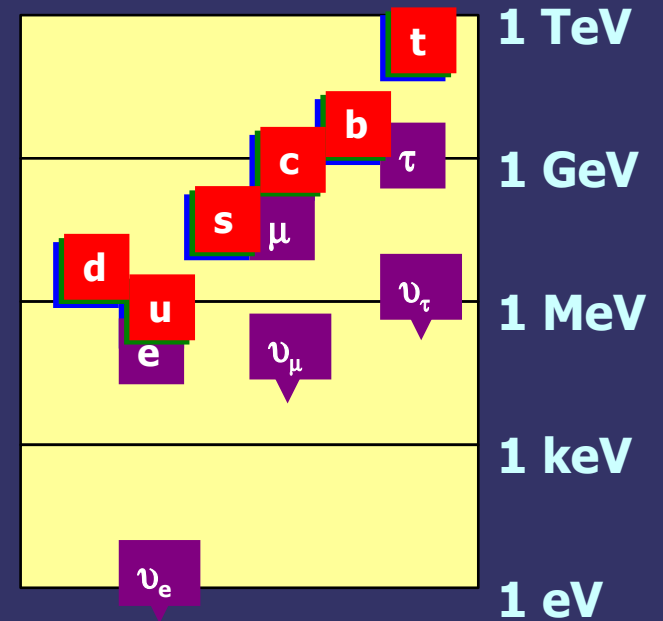
Second and third generations of quarks and leptons are much more massive than first

Origin of mass difference for bosons in EW force?

mass = 80.4 GeV



Electroweak asymmetry



>12 orders of magnitude in mass!

Some ideas about matter:

The Higgs Mechanism

In the Standard Model

(Glashow, Weinberg, Salam, 't Hooft, Veltmann)

- “electroweak symmetry breaking” through introduction of a scalar field ϕ
→ masses of W and Z
- Higgs field permeates space with a finite vacuum expectation value
 - cosmological implications! (inflation)
- If ϕ also couples to fermions → generates fermion masses

An appealing picture: is it correct?

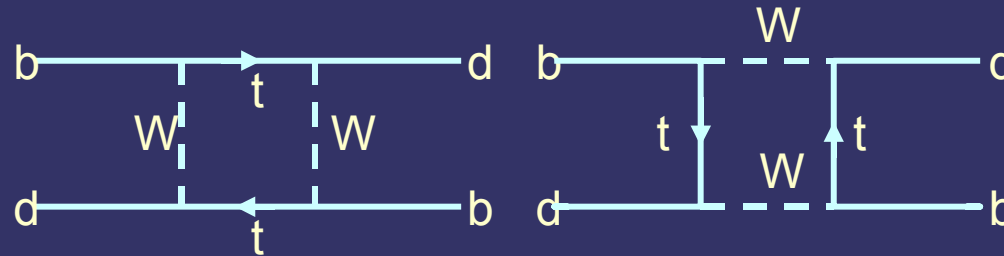
- One clear and testable prediction: there exists a neutral scalar particle which is an excitation of the Higgs field
- All its properties (production and decay rates, couplings) are fixed except its own mass

Highest priority of worldwide high energy physics program: find it!

W's, Z's, Top's, and Higgs's (oh my!):

- Fundamental parameters of Standard Model (SM)
- Affect predictions of SM via radiative corrections:

– BB mixing

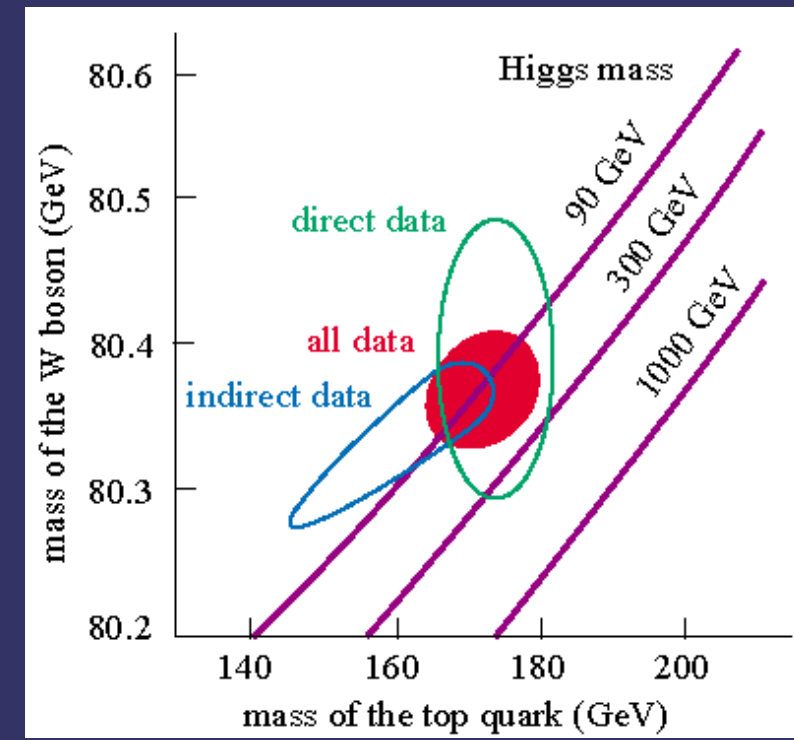


– W and Z mass



– measurements of M_W , m_t constrain M_H

- Large mass of top quark
 - may provide clues about electroweak symmetry breaking



The Standard Model is incomplete:

Theoretical problems

Mass scale for M_{EW} ?

how to achieve grand unification?

how to include gravity?

what explains proliferation of quark and lepton types and determines their mixings?

Experimental problems

SM fit to electro-weak data has probability of 4.4%

what is dark matter?

new type of matter? – can be produced at the LHC!

“dark” because of undiscovered properties of space-time? – can be probed at LHC!

More general theories make predictions that can be tested at the Tevatron & LHC

Beyond the Higgs:

Standard Model works well for observed phenomena and would be completed by the discovery of the Higgs, but the Higgs may be the first window on to a new domain of physics at the electroweak scale

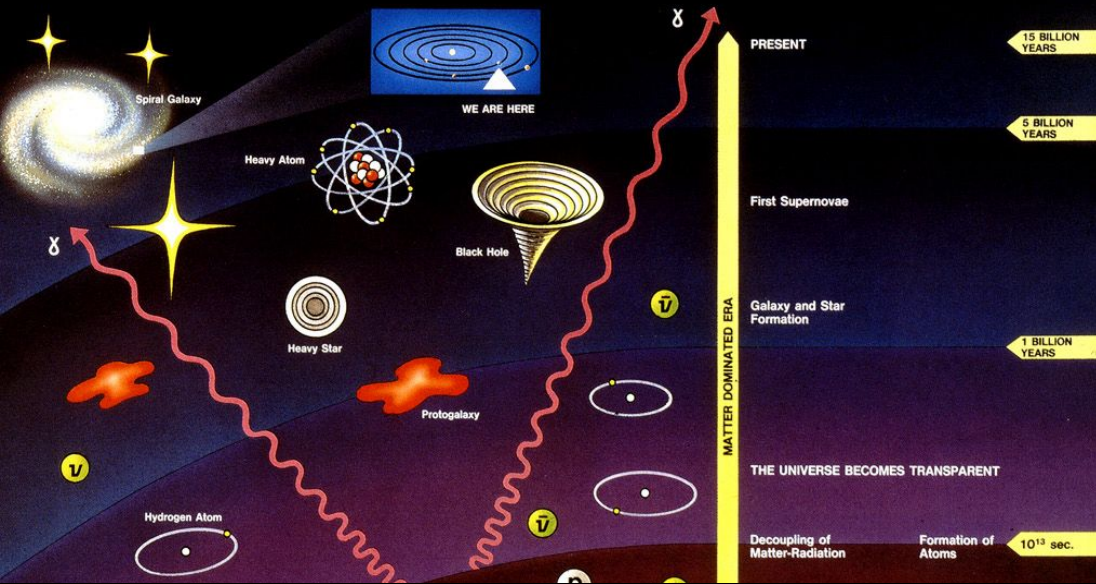
This Higgs is unlike any other particle in the SM (no other elementary scalars)

SM Higgs would have a mass unstable to radiative corrections (quantum effects): m_H would become very large $m_H \sim 10^{15}$ GeV, unless parameters fine tuned at the level of 1 part in 10^{26}

the patterns of the fundamental particles suggest a deeper structure
the SM is a low energy approximation to some more general theory

Theoretically the most attractive option is supersymmetry

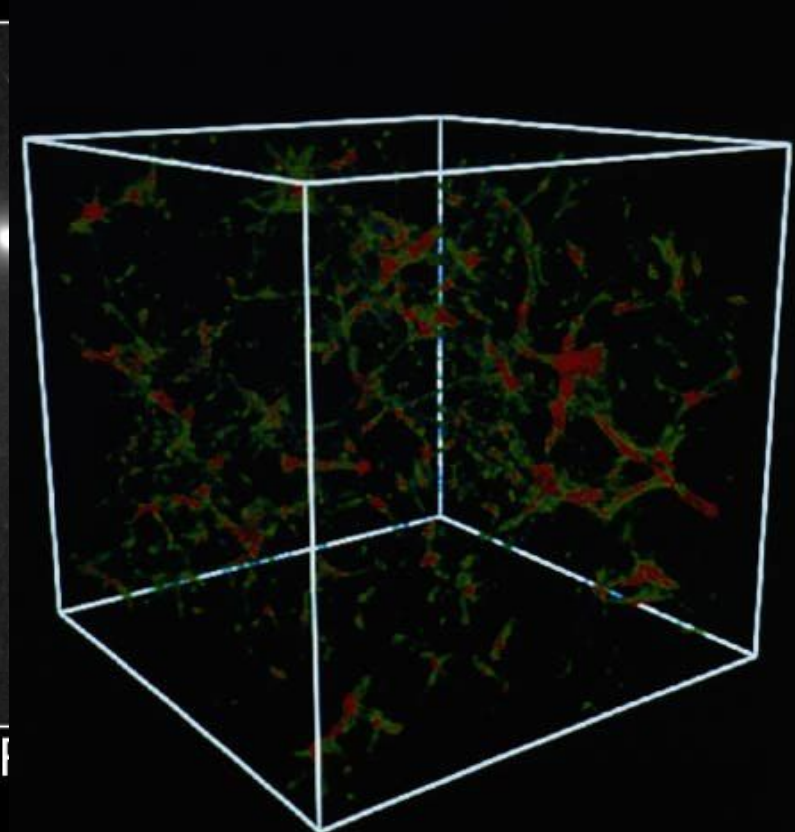
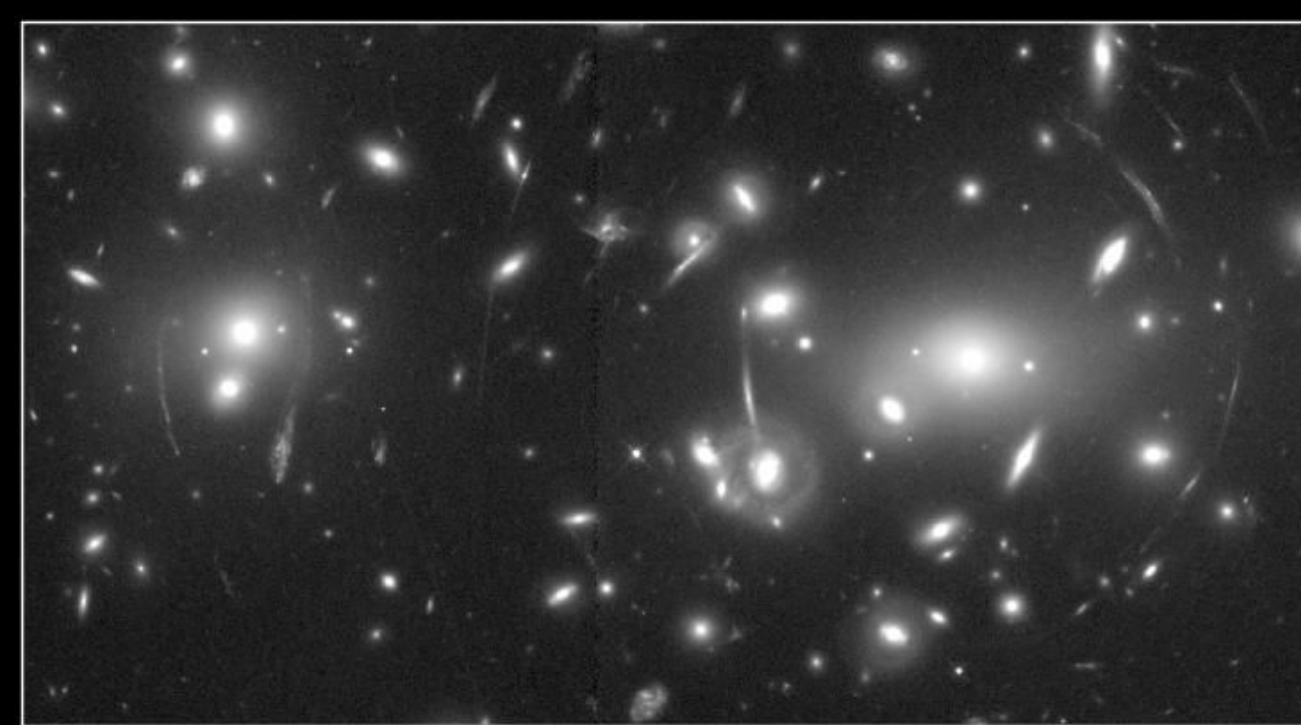
History of the Universe



(Now...)

Now (15 billion years)

Large scale galactic clustering,
mass deficit in universe, lensing
where/what is dark matter?



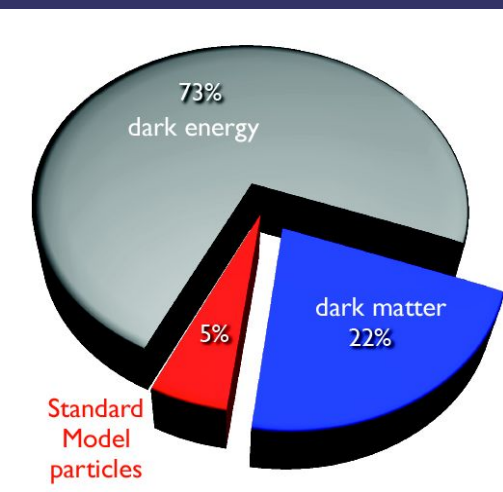
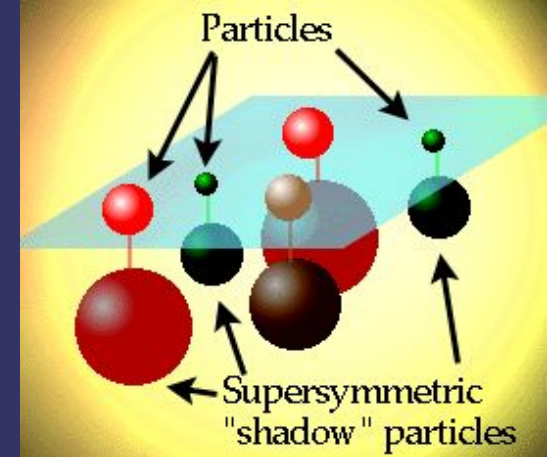
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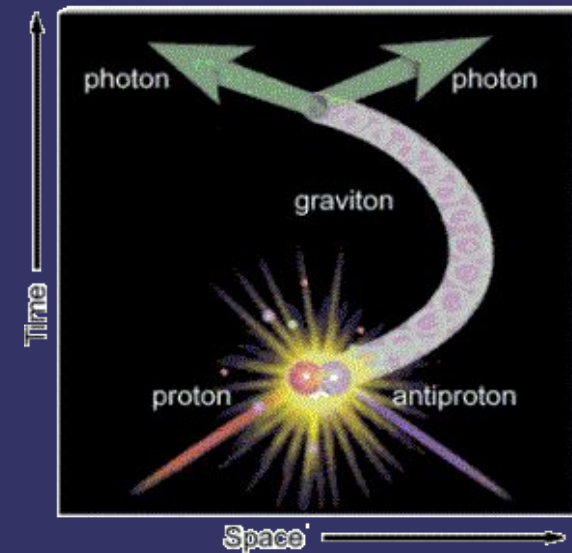
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Supersymmetry

- Introduce a symmetry between bosons and fermions:
 - more massive super-partners for all particles
 - Allows a fundamental scalar (the Higgs) at low mass
 - cancels the divergences in m_H
 - closely approximates the standard model at low energies
 - allows unification of forces with common couplings at higher energies
 - provides a path to the incorporation of gravity and string theory: Local Supersymmetry = Supergravity
- lightest neutral superpartner (neutralino, etc) is massive, weakly interacting + stable → cosmic dark matter candidate!



- Connections w/ gravity: allows TEV scale effects for processes probing extra spacial dimensions
- Flexible framework & calculable!



How do we see any of this?

Analyze states produced in proton-(anti)proton collisions at high energy

$E=Mc^2$, so Big E = Large reach in creating new matter states

Study dynamics of collisions – How do the forces work...

Only by understanding the Standard Model precisely can we hope to find new physics in the dynamics of our collisions

Study massive states – What kinds of things can exist, what are their properties...

Precise knowledge of W, top properties are central to understanding where the Higgs may be...

Collider physics = precision studies + direct access to new physics

Literally 100's of thesis topics

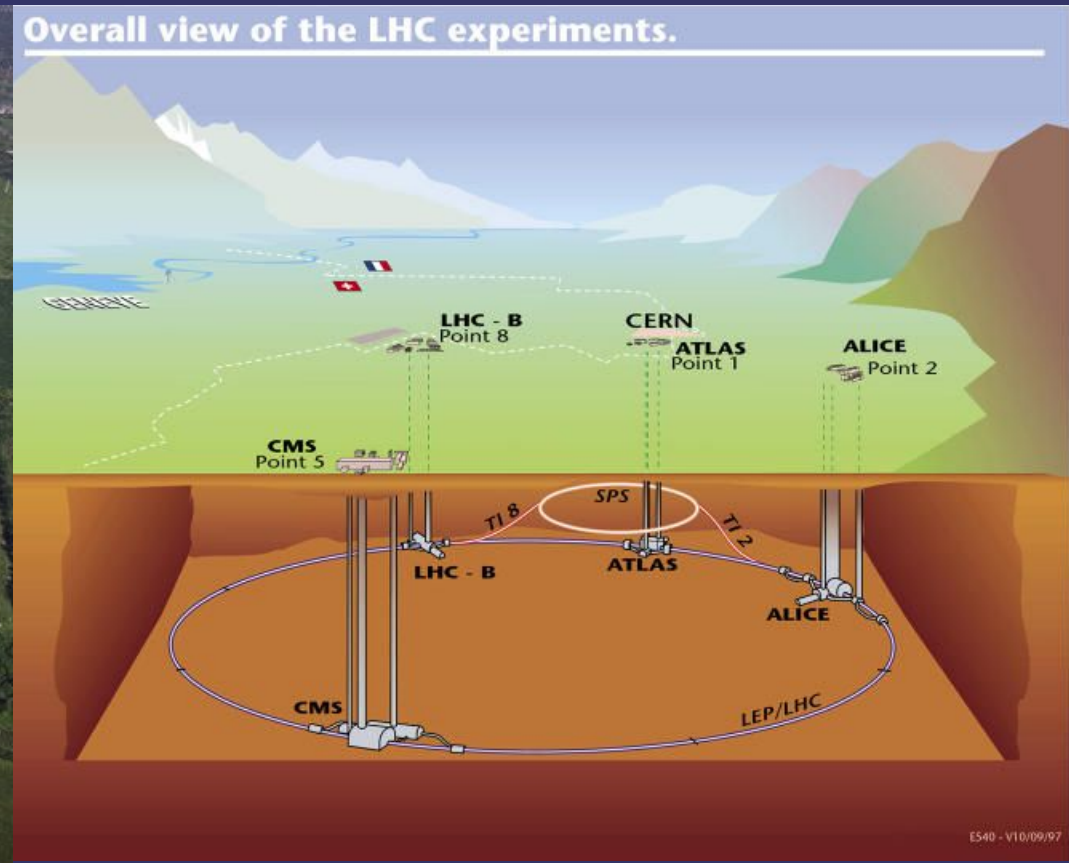
The Labs

Fermilab (Near Chicago)
The Tevatron
proton-antiproton collider
at c.o.m. Energy = $\sim 2\text{TeV}$

6.3 km circumference

CERN (Geneva, Switzerland)
The LHC
proton-proton collider
at c.o.m. Energy = 14TeV

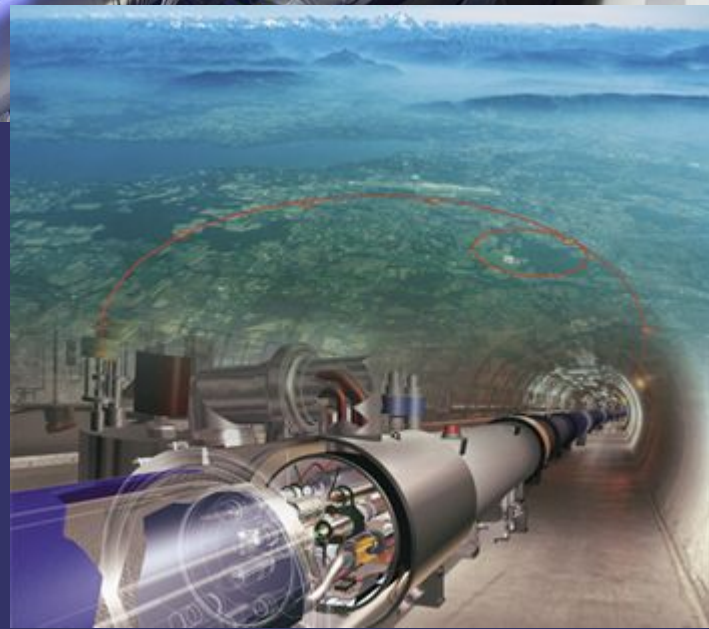
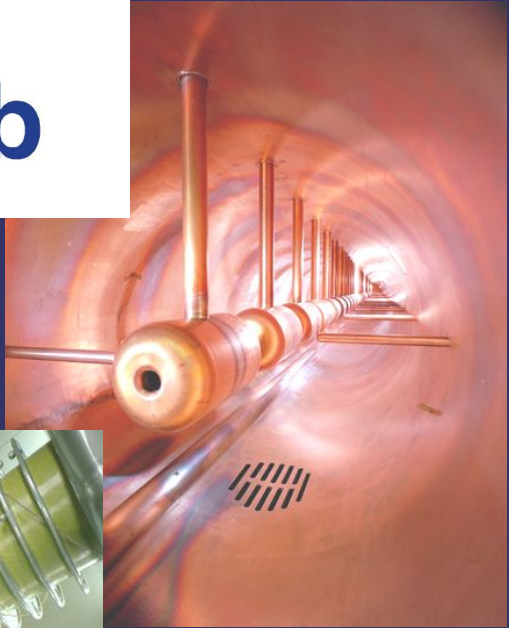
27 km circumference




Fermilab



Tevatron



The Experiments

DØ - Fermilab

Weighs 5000 tons

$\sim 10^6$ channels of information

Inspects $\sim 3-30 \times 10^6$
collisions/sec.

Running now

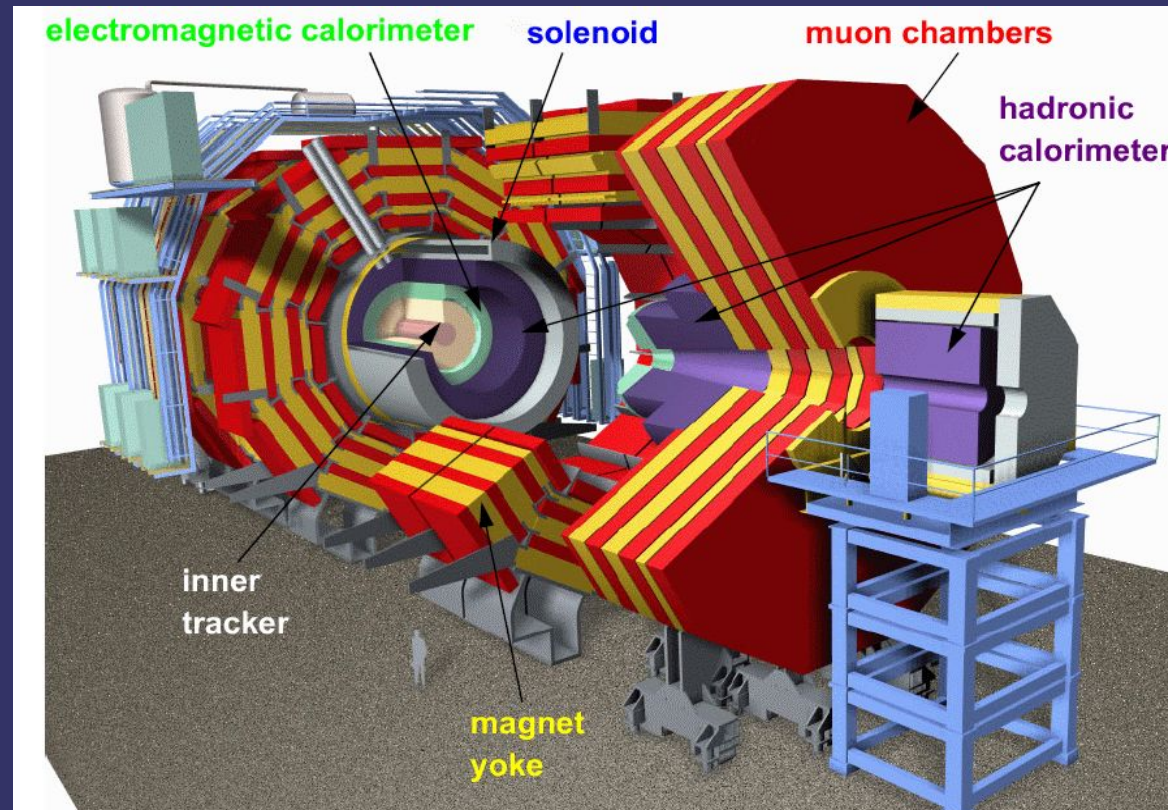
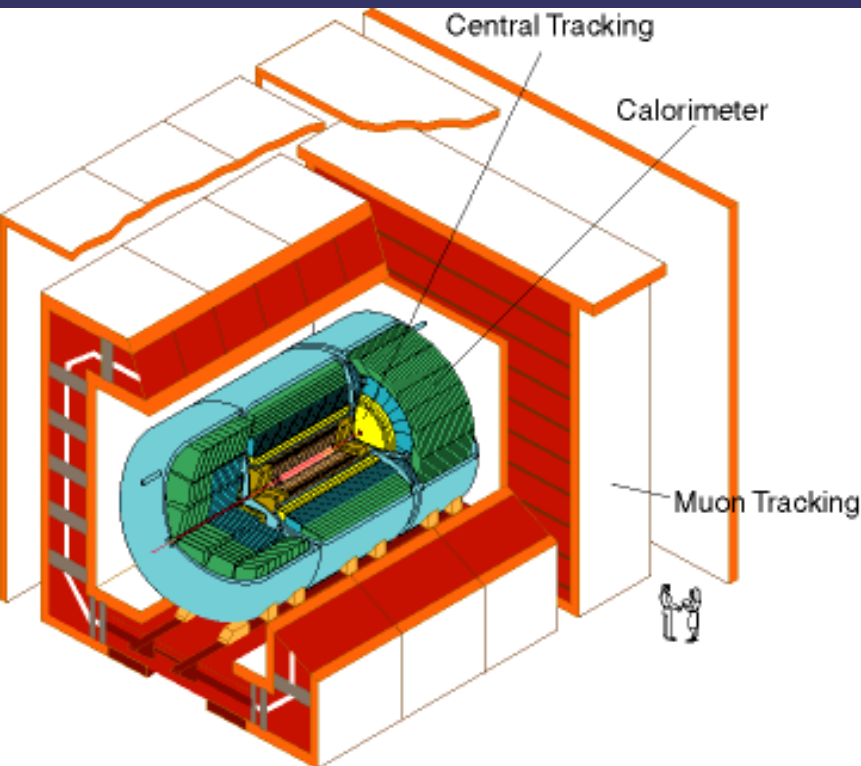
CMS - CERN

Weighs 12,500 tons

$\sim 10^7$ channels of information

Inspects $\sim 40-1000 \times 10^6$
collisions/sec.

First beam: end of 2008

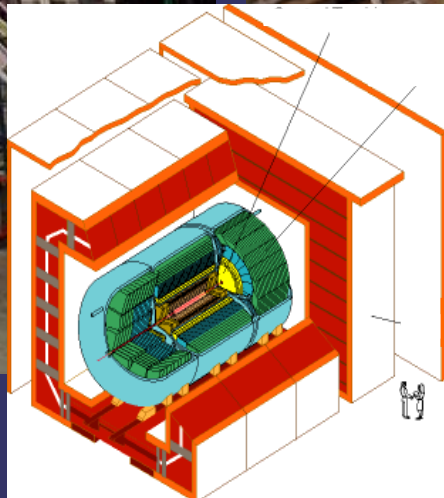
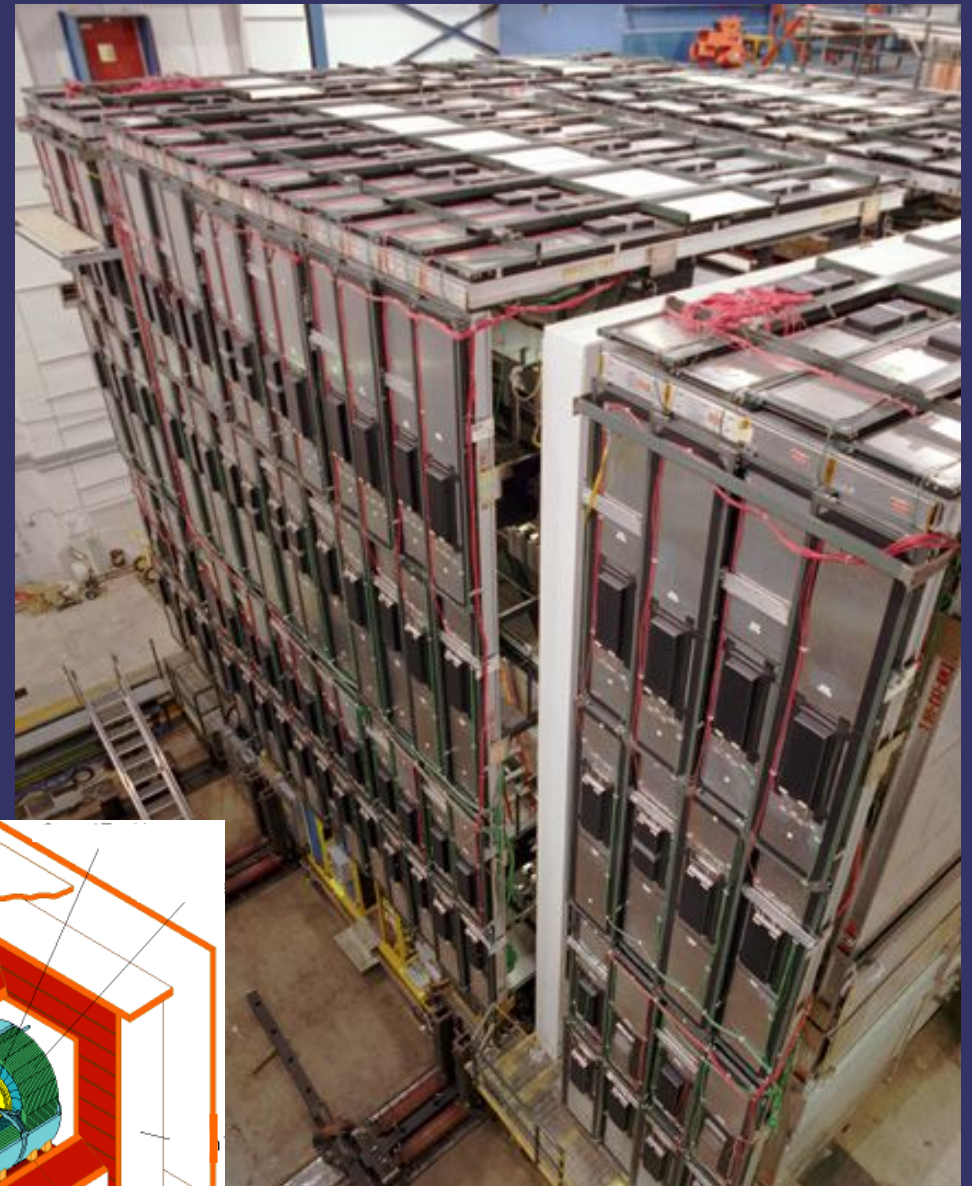


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The Calorimeter

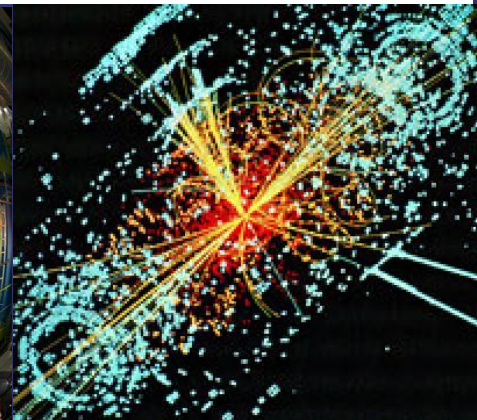
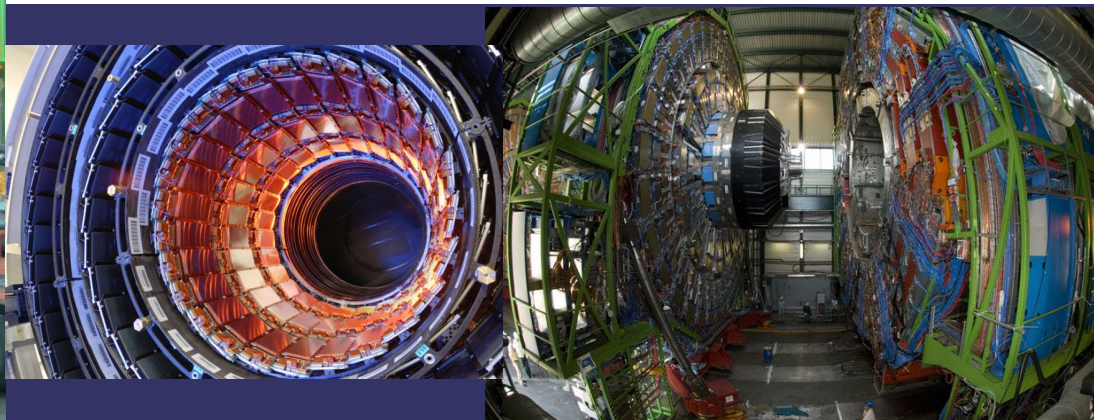
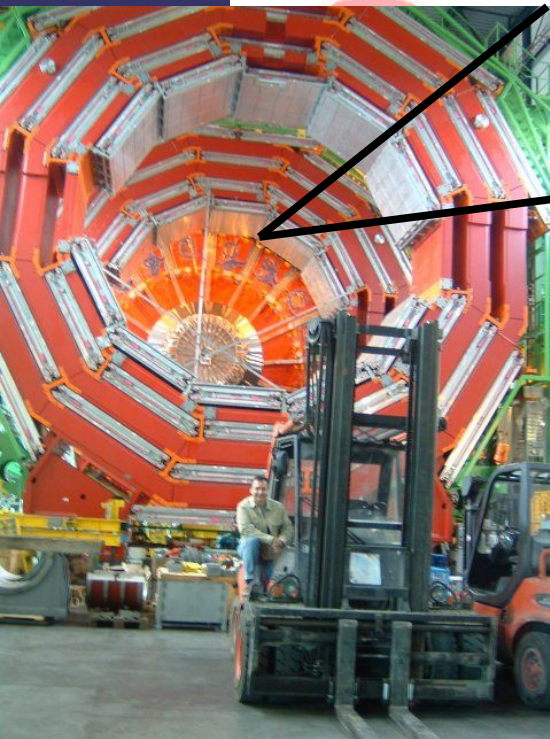
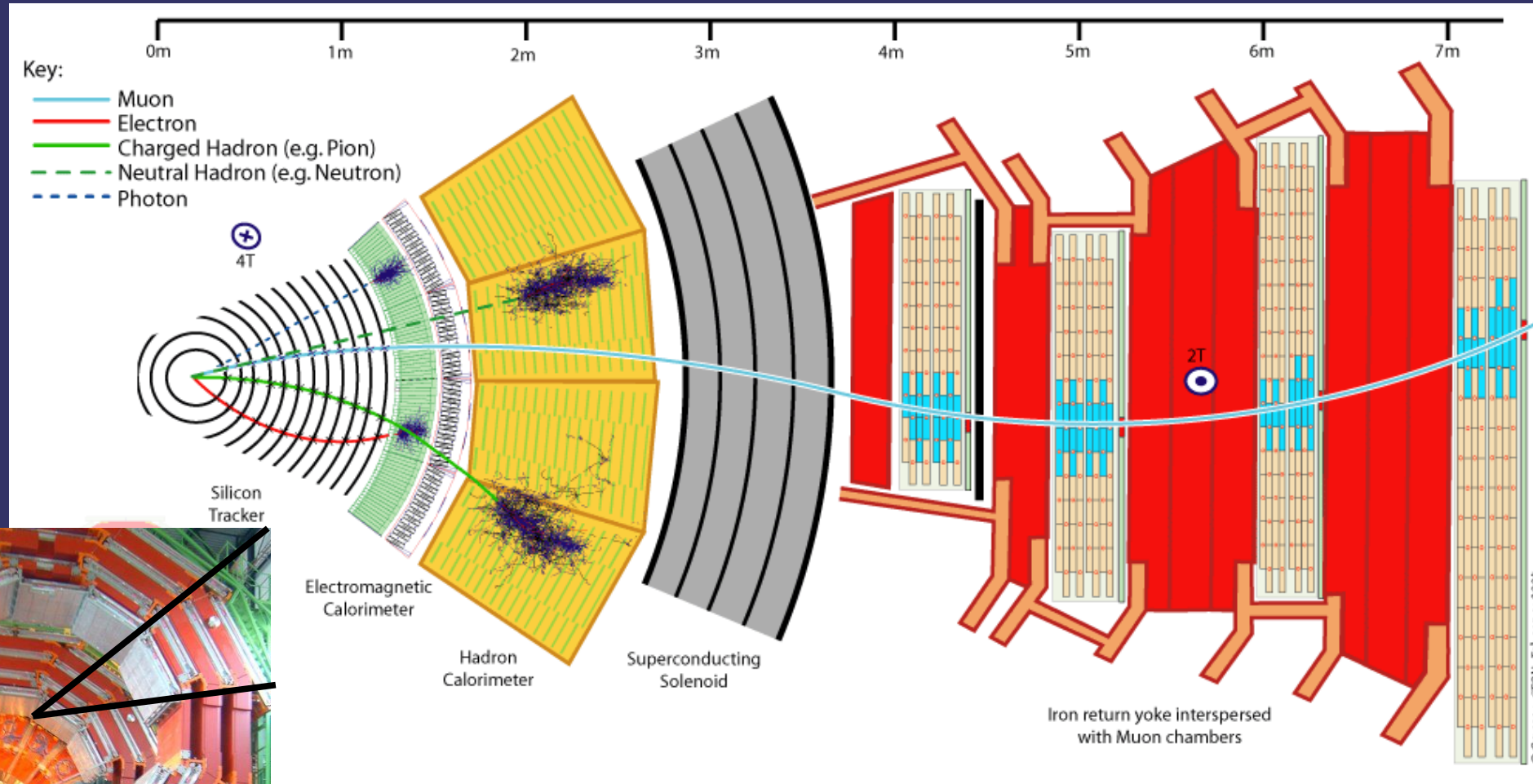


The full cube, w/ muon chambers



Slice of CMS

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LHC: The New Frontier

massive physics menu includes:

Accumulate world's largest data sets at highest energies before LHC era

massive physics menu includes:

- ★ Precision top physics (first ever)
- ★ Precision EW physics (order of magnitude increase W statistics)*
- ★ Searches: Higgs* and for new physics (explore much of SUSY phase space, extra-dimensions, exotic matter states)
- ★ QCD and proton hadronic structure (new levels of precision, smallest distance scales yet)*
- ★ Heavy flavor physics (Precision measurements in heavy quark sector, relationship between generations, matter antimatter asymmetry,...)

- ★ Copious top production
- ★ Test of EW physics to “unitarity limit”
- ★ Copious Higgs production, test SM vs. SUSY Higgs
- ★ Direct observations of SUSY states* or elimination of the lifetime work of many theorists :)
- ★ Order of magnitude increase in reach to physics at smallest distance scales*
- ★ Open to weirdness: black hole production, extremely massive exotic states, new types of strong interactions, extra-dimensions*....

A new era for HEP is only a couple 1 year away!

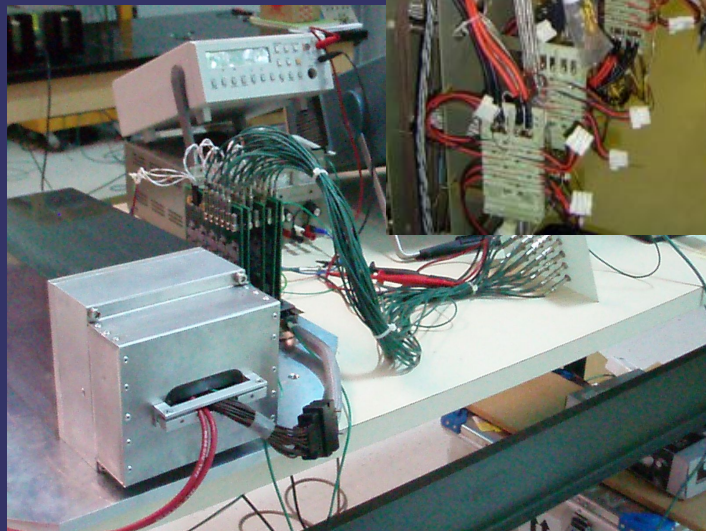
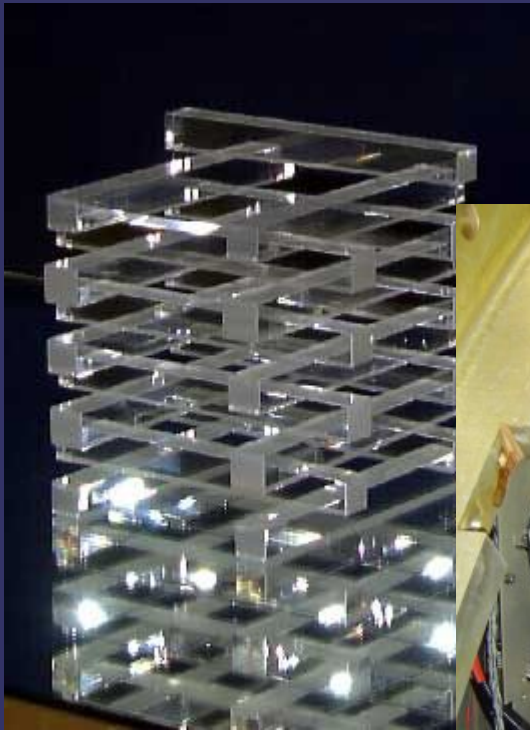
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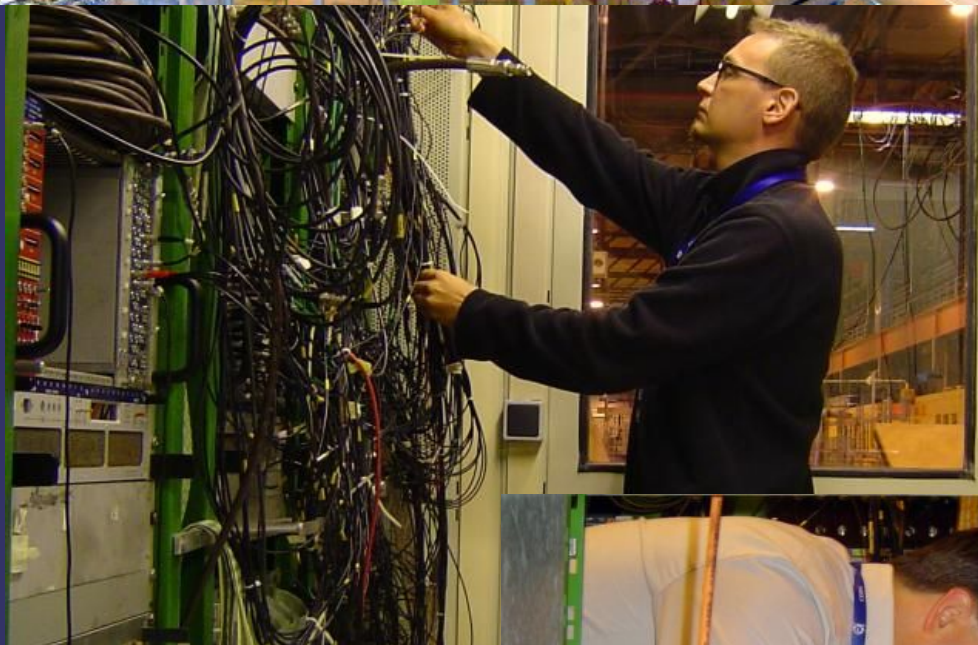
Dukes, Hirosky

* general group interests at present

Conetti, Cox, Hirosky

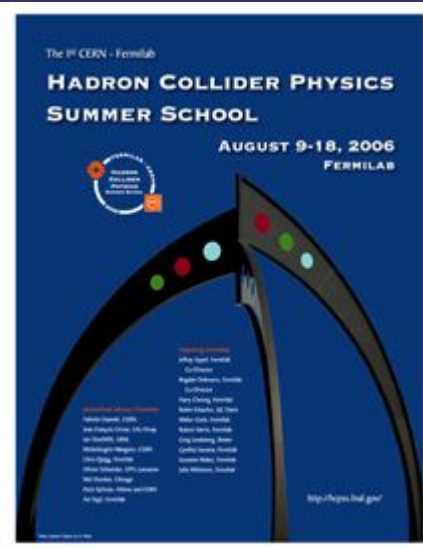
Various Technical Projects





At the CMS test beam

Workshops and Physics Schools



Around CERN



CERN Surroundings



Where do HEP students go?

HEP students and postdocs go many places after completing their research, some (very few really) examples:

- Industry
 - Industrial research and instrumentation design
 - Wireless technology and network infrastructure
 - IT Consulting
 - Financial analysis, modeling
 - Design of medical treatment devices
- Non-Industry
 - Private and public “think tanks”
 - National research laboratories (not only HEP)
 - Law, Media
- Academia
 - 4-year undergraduate colleges
 - Tier-1 research universities

But, you should only choose this or any other research area because you are interested in the physics!

no passion, no progress!

What can you learn along w/ physics?

Lots:

- detector technologies, typical HEP experiments can easily employ many varieties of particle detection – enormous amount of practical physics in development of detector systems
- high performance data readout systems, electronics (HEP detectors must typically process 10's of TB of data each second)
- high performance computing:
 - need to cull above data rate to manageable levels in real time
 - handle data sets at many PetaByte level
- sophisticated data analysis techniques, statistical reasoning, multivariate approaches for problems -> extracting maximal information from data
- working with engineers and detector/accelerator physics experts to bring experiments on-line
- experience w/ detailed simulations of detector systems and physics processes
- working in a large expert physics community, amazing access to expertise in world wide community + opportunities to contribute
- ...

Interested in Experimental HEP?

Expected opportunities for graduate students this year:

<u>experiment</u>	<u>~advisor</u>	<u>colleagues</u>
CMS	Hirosky	(w/ Cox and Conetti)
DØ/NOvA	Dukes	(w/ Hirosky)

To learn more (start by doing some homework):

- seminars, colloquia, ...
- Symmetry Magazine: <http://www.symmetrymagazine.org>
- CERN Courier: <http://cerncourier.com>
- Femilab Today: <http://www.fnal.gov/pub/today/>

Contact me or another group member if you have questions about the group and our projects.

Interested in signing up? I'll be happy to interview interested students after the Fall semester.