

Discovery at the Large Hadron Collider

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Abstract

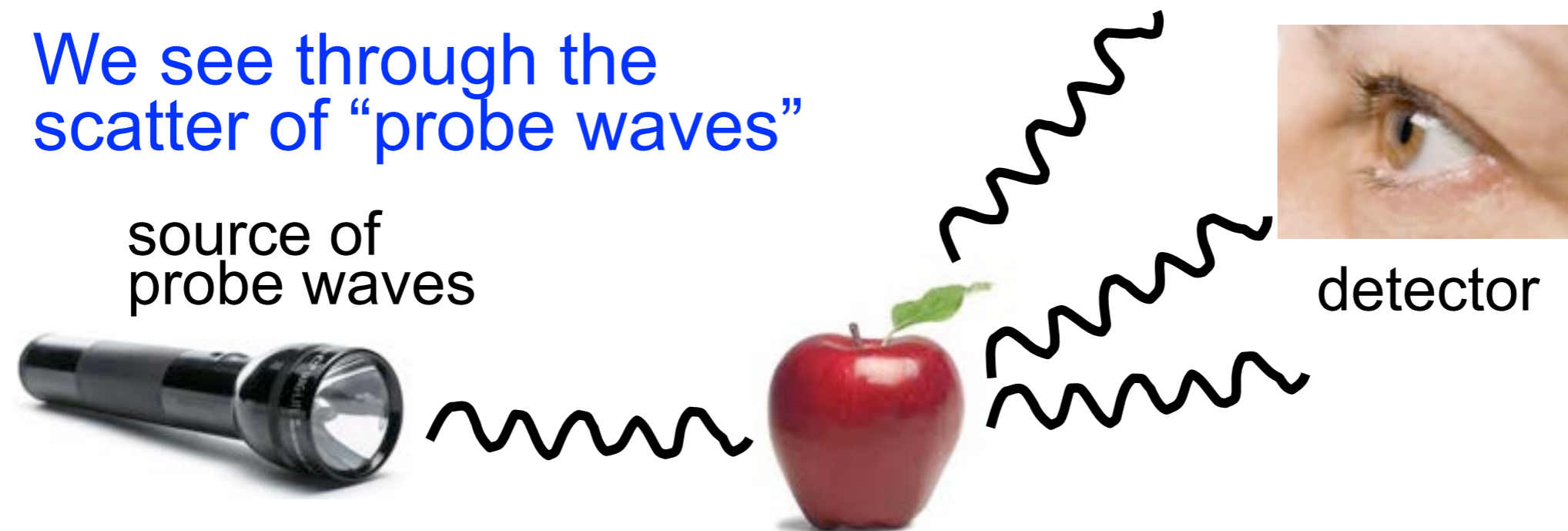
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The recent discovery of a new particle is a historic event in our exploration of the fundamental constituents of matter and the interactions between them. To date, the Standard Model of particle physics is extremely successful and accounts for all measured subatomic phenomena.

However the postulated Higgs mechanism, from which fundamental particles acquire mass, remains to be verified experimentally. Research at the energy frontier is being carried out at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), operating at CERN near Geneva since 2010. From 2010 to 2012, the LHC provided proton-proton collisions at a centre of mass energy of 7 to 8 TeV, allowing the exploration of distance scales smaller than a tenth of an attometer. The products of these collisions were successfully recorded by the ATLAS detector, which will be introduced in this lecture, with emphasis on Canadian contributions. The ATLAS physics programme features Standard Model measurements and a rich array of searches for new physics phenomena. The discovery of a new Higgs-like particle and other important results will be presented. The future increase in energy and intensity at the LHC, and the associated ATLAS plans, will also be discussed. These are exciting times indeed for particle physics!

Scattering experiment

We see through the scatter of “probe waves”

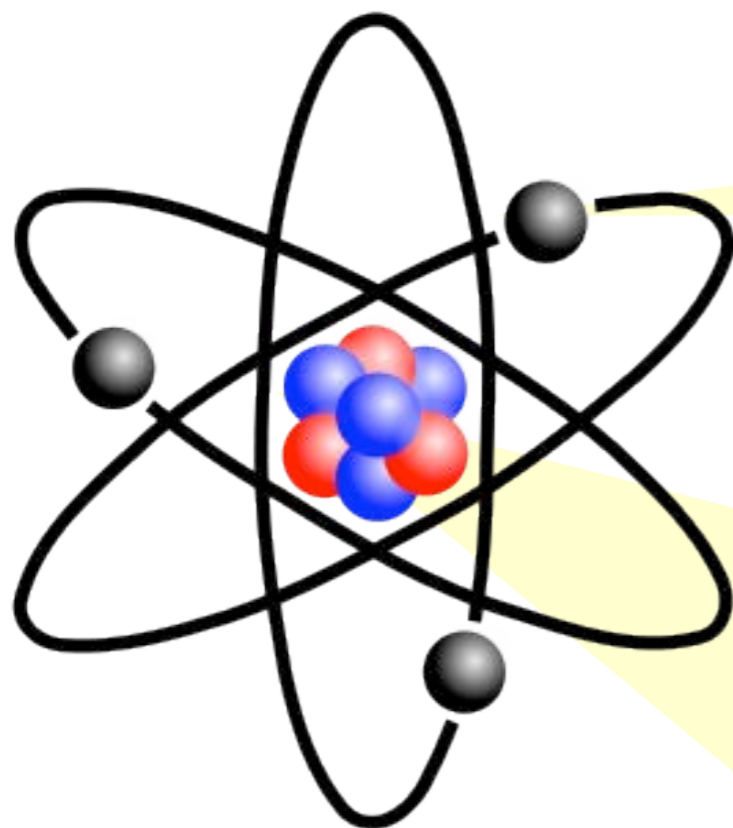


Matter waves:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{particle} \\ \text{aspect} \end{array} \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} p = \frac{h}{\lambda} \\ E = h\nu \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{wave} \\ \text{aspect} \end{array}$$

The matter wave can resolve features about the size of its wavelength, given sufficient luminosity

Inside the atom

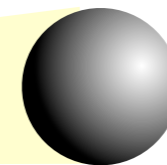


atom

10^{-10} m

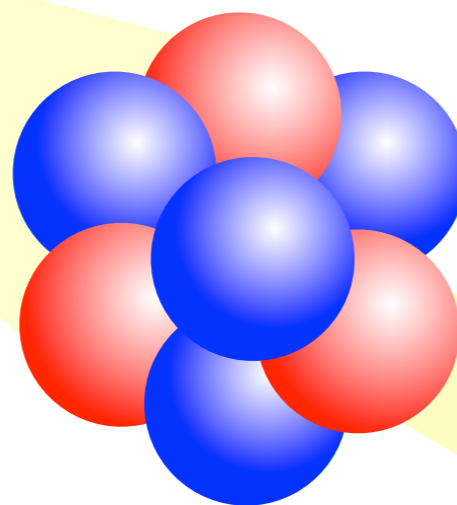
Rutherford's
scattering
experiments

$$K_{\alpha} = 7.7 \text{ MeV}$$
$$\lambda = 5.2 \text{ fm}$$



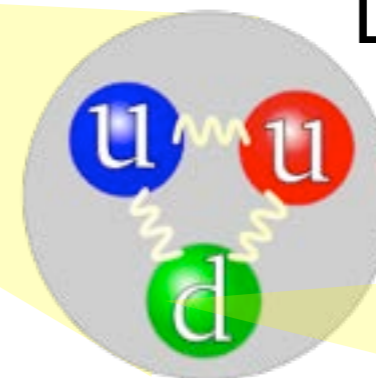
electron

$< 10^{-18}$ m



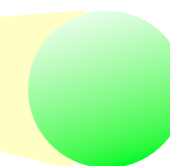
nucleus

10^{-14} m



proton

10^{-15} m



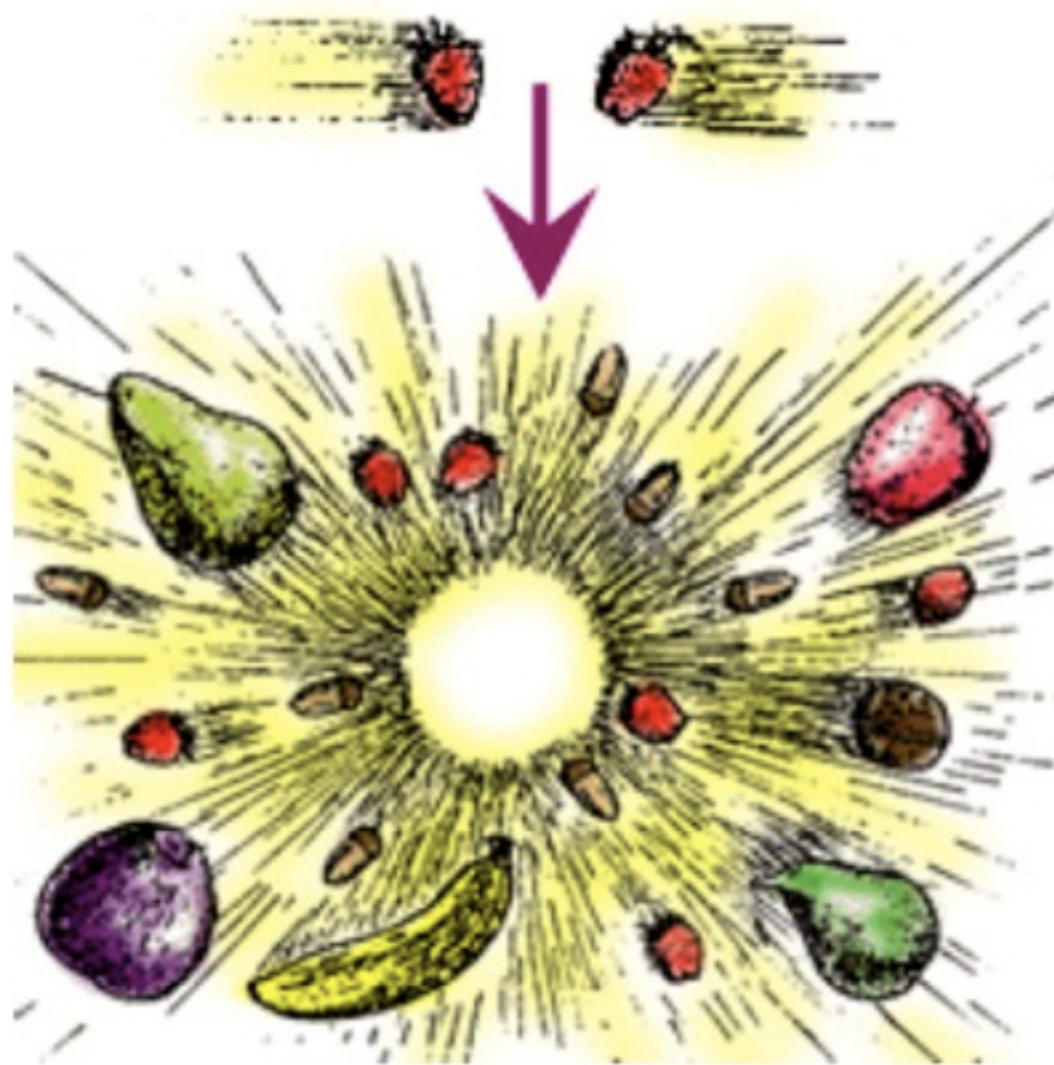
quark

$< 10^{-19}$ m

Deep inelastic
scattering
experiments at
SLAC

Dick Taylor shared
1990 Nobel

Colliding particles



<http://www.particleadventure.org/collision.html>

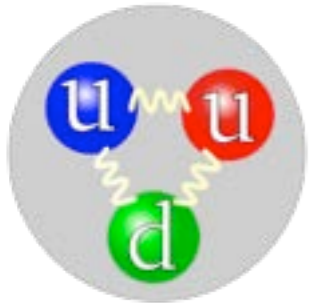
Particles and antiparticles, perhaps new and unknown ones, can be produced from the pure energy available after the collision

$$E = mc^2$$

New particles signal new physical laws!

Convenient mass units: GeV/c^2 or GeV

Matter and forces



the **proton**: three bound quarks

Three generations of matter (fermions)

	I	II	III	
mass →	2.4 MeV/c ²	1.27 GeV/c ²	171.2 GeV/c ²	0
charge →	2/3	2/3	2/3	0
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2	1
name →	u up	c charm	t top	γ photon
	4.8 MeV/c ²	104 MeV/c ²	4.2 GeV/c ²	0
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Quarks				
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Leptons				Gauge bosons

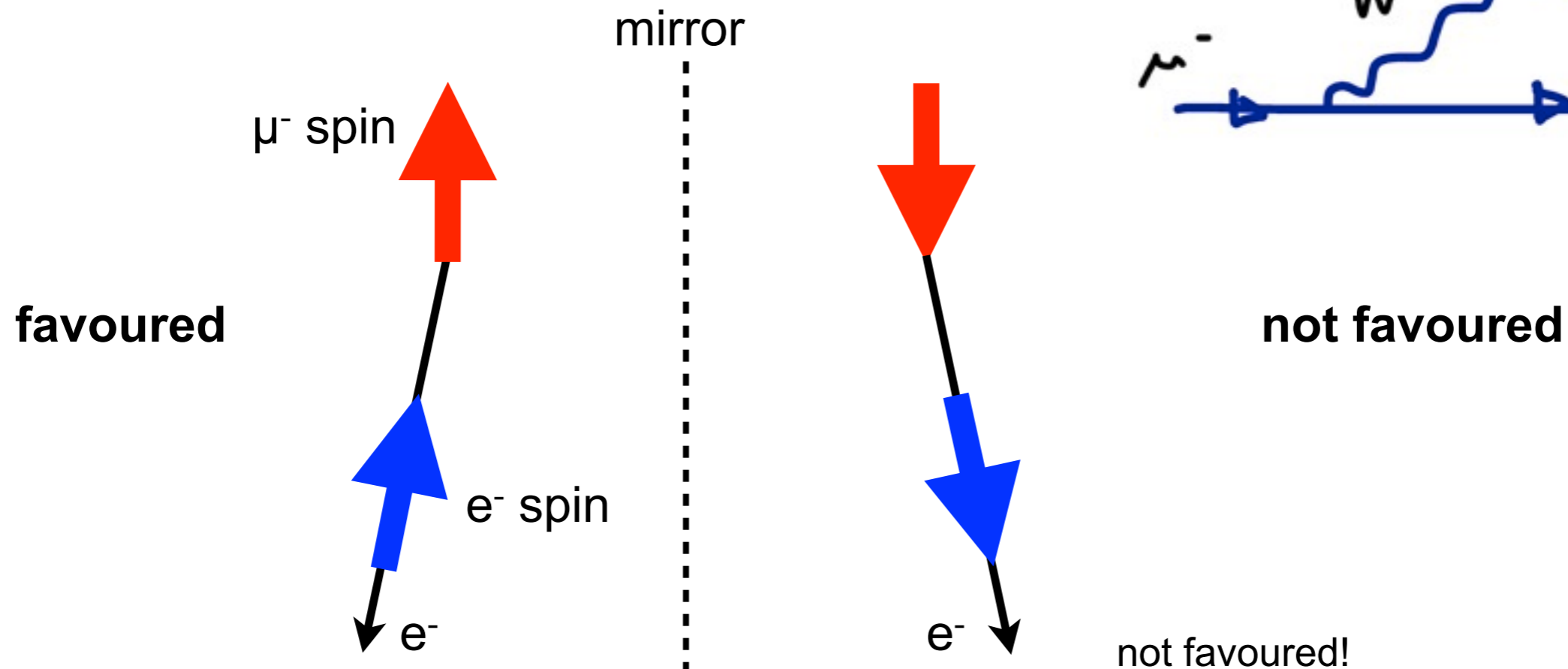
Matter:
spin 1/2
fermions

and
Antimatter

Forces:
mediated
by spin 1
bosons

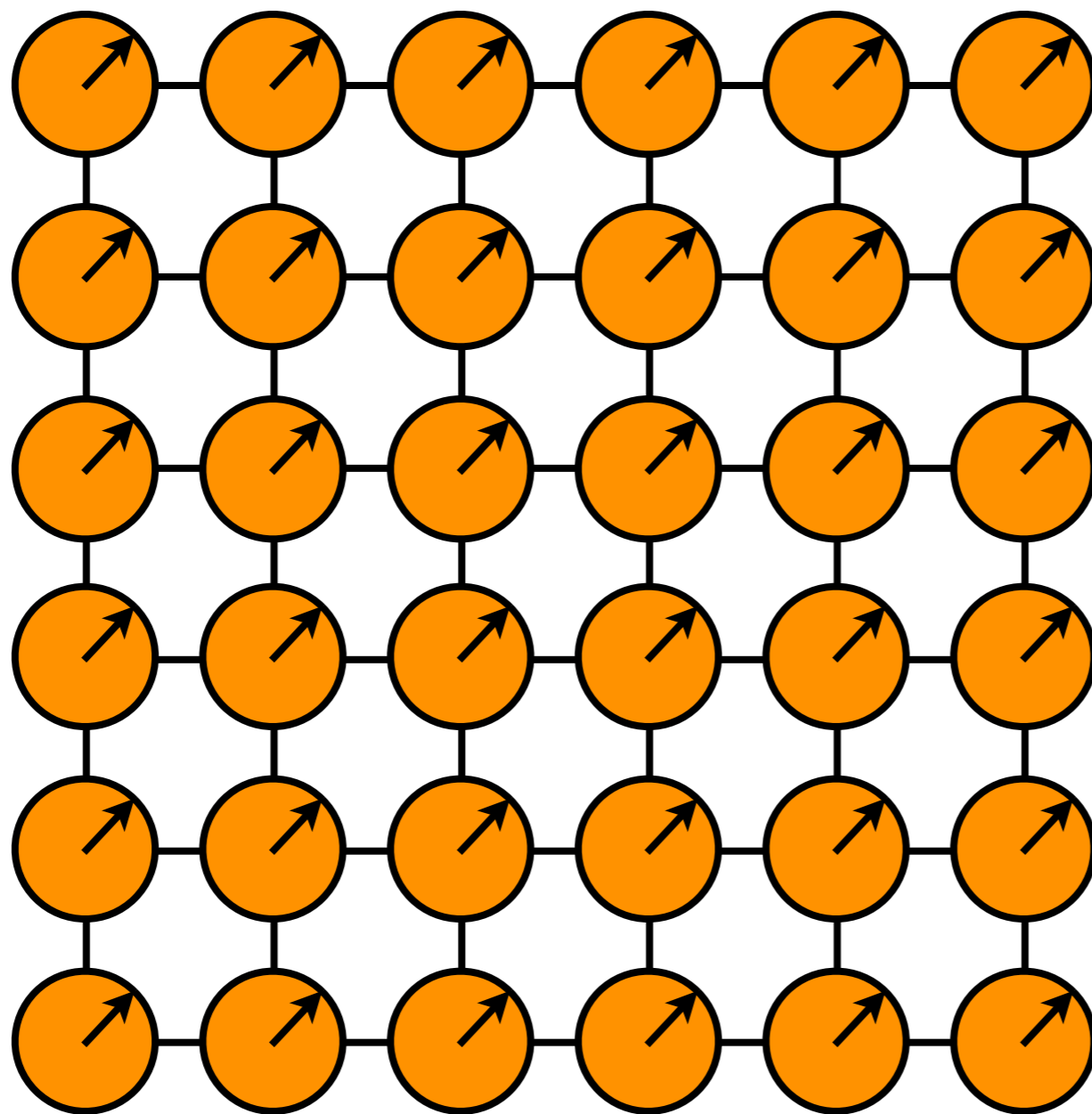
Weak interaction and parity

$$\mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \nu_\mu$$

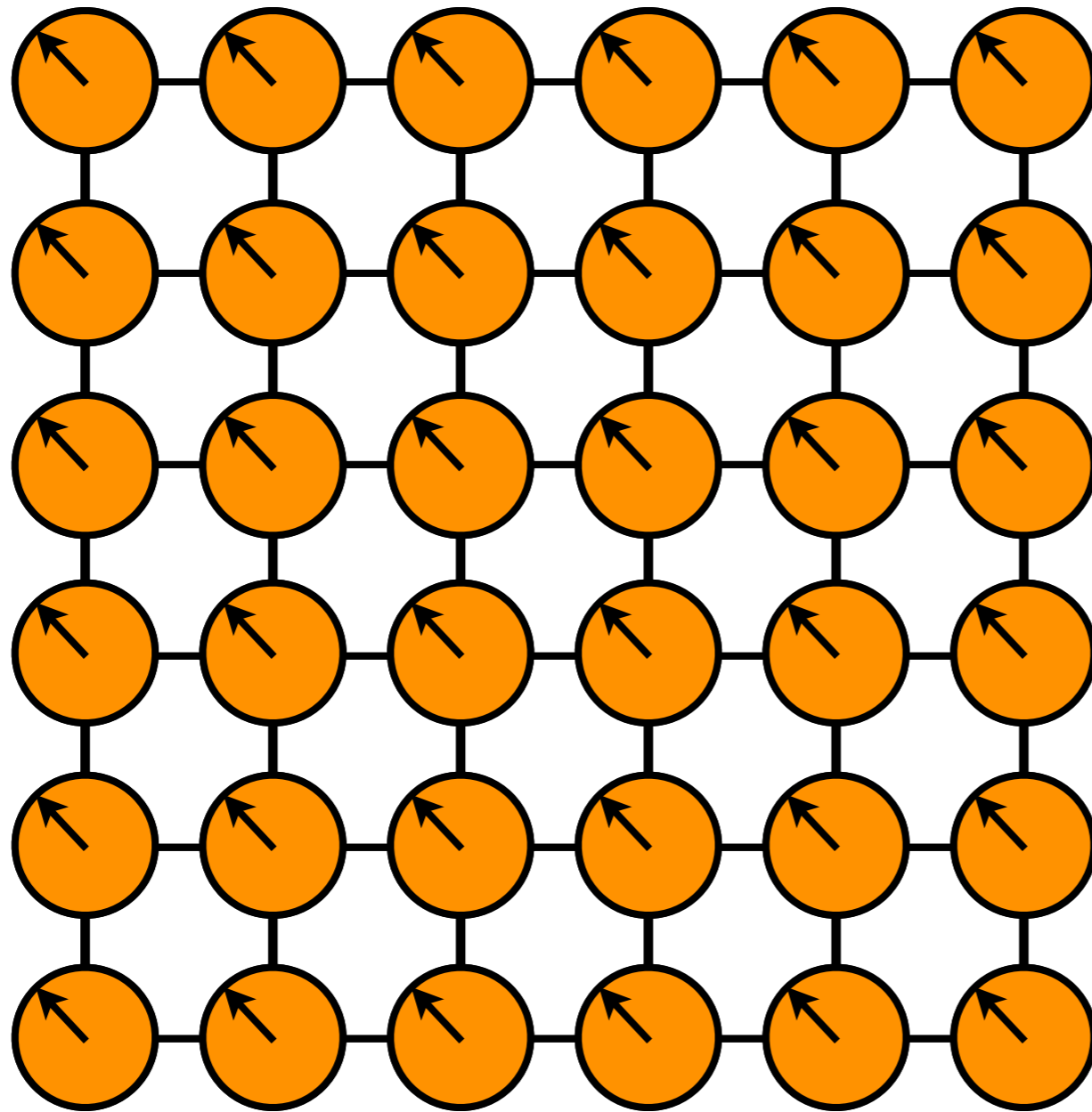


The weak interaction violates parity!
This is very odd, and crucial to the understanding of
the mystery of the origin of mass

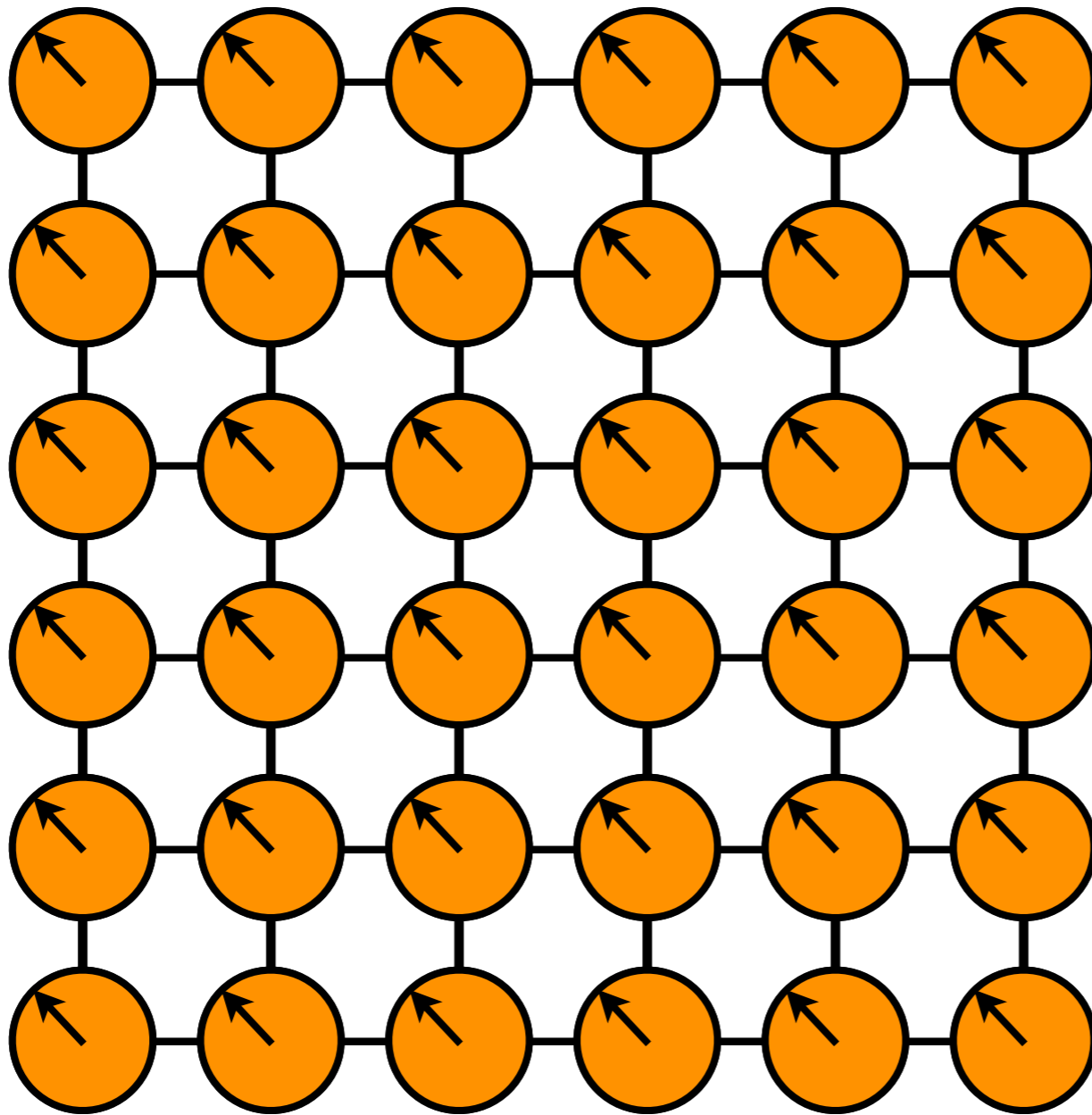
Global symmetries



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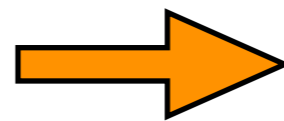


Global
symmetry



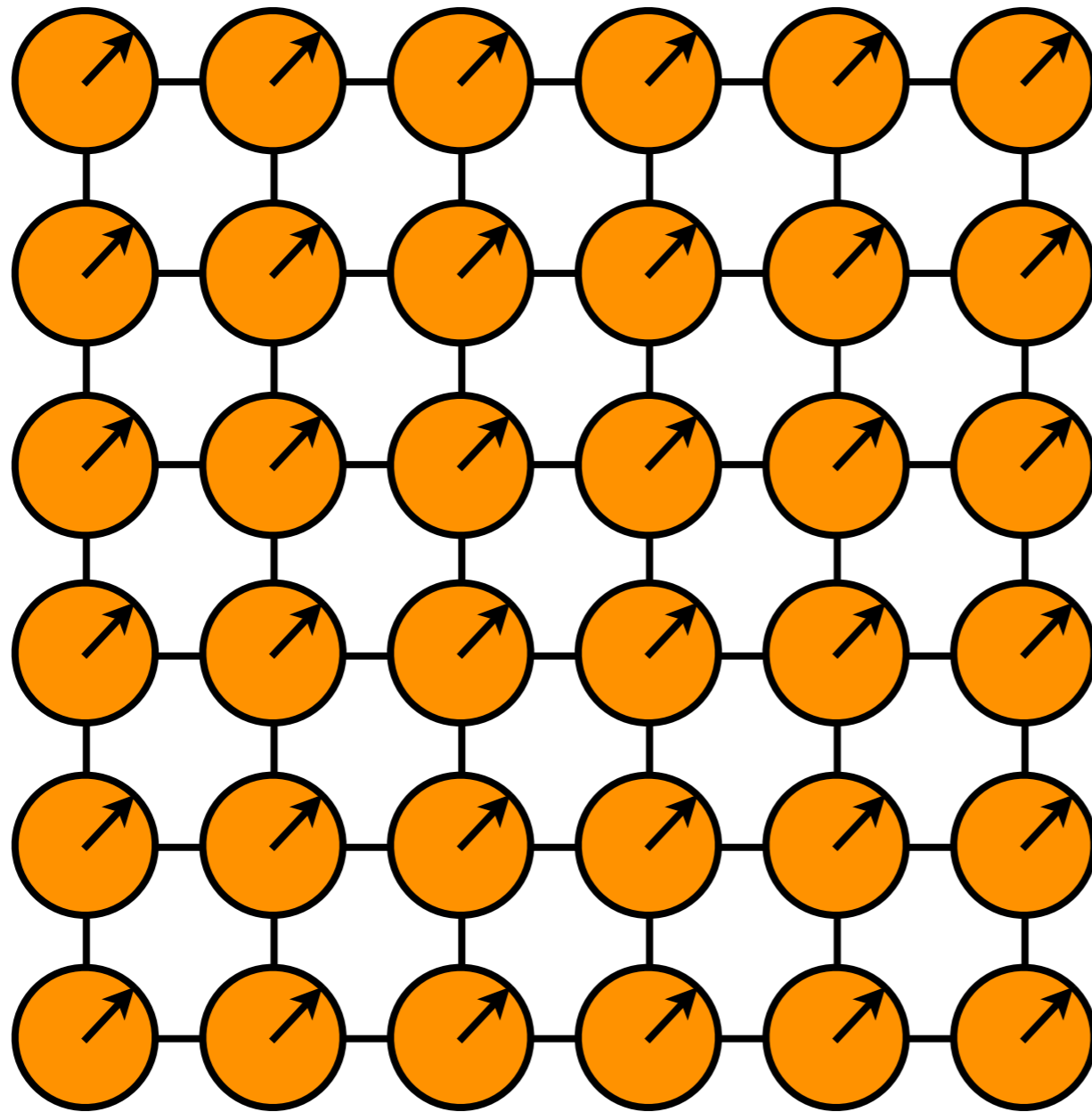
Conservation
Law!

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\epsilon} \psi(x)$$

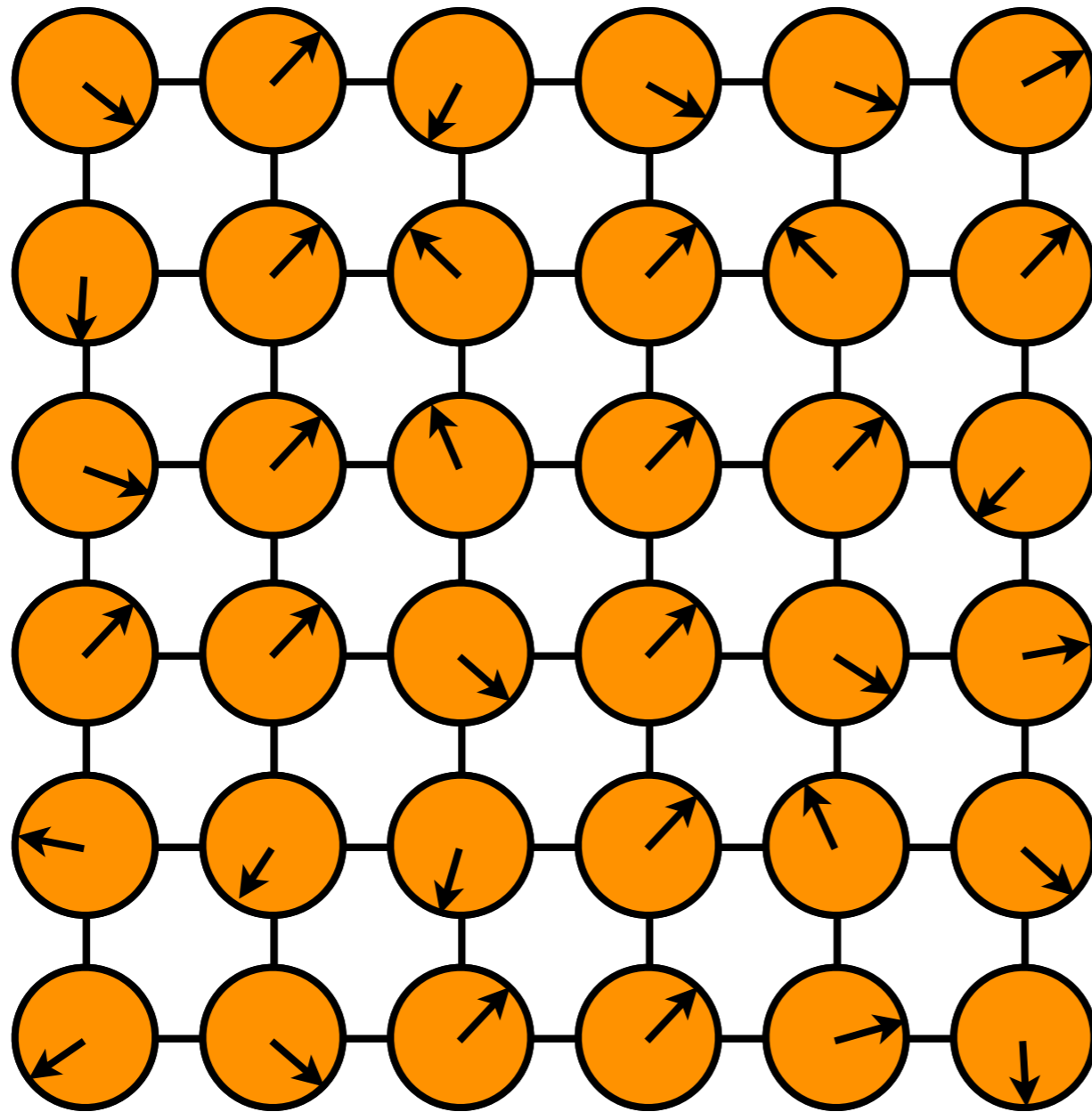


Conservation of
electric charge

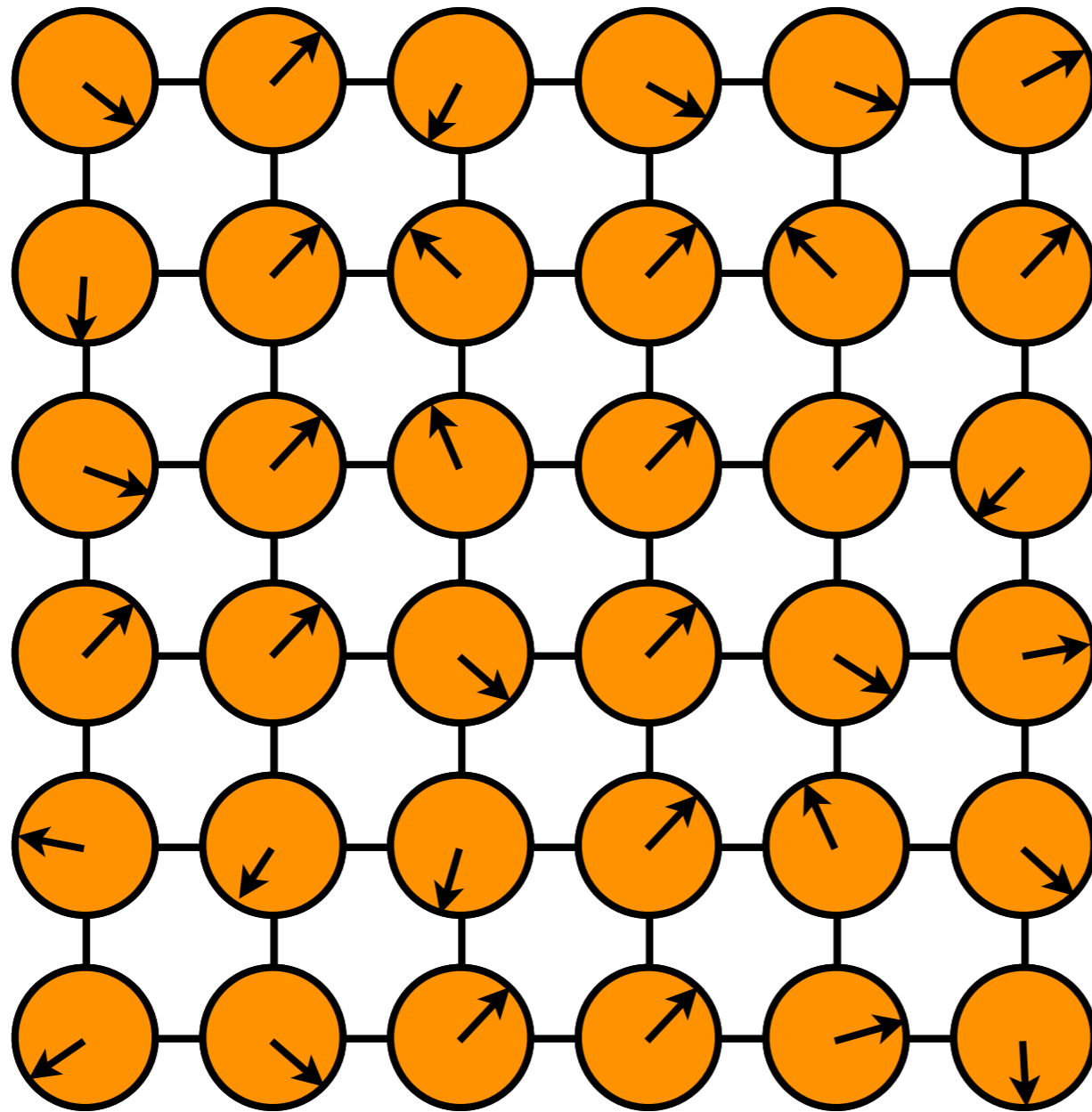
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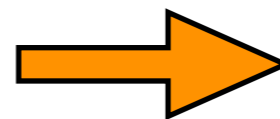
Local
symmetry



Forces!

All known forces are
consequences of
local symmetries...
but this only works
for massless
particles!!

$$\psi(x) \rightarrow e^{i\epsilon(x)} \psi(x)$$



QED

Gauge invariance

- We wish to generate the EM, weak, and strong forces from a gauge invariance of the type

$$U(1)_Y \times SU(2)_L \times SU(3)_C \quad \text{Standard Model gauge}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e^- \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{u} \\ \mathbf{u} \end{pmatrix}$$

- But **ALL** masses violate this assumption!

gauge boson
mass terms

$$M Z^\mu Z_\mu$$

fermion mass terms
because of $SU(2)_L$

$$m \bar{\psi} \psi = m (\bar{\psi}_L \psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R \psi_L)$$

**We need a gauge
invariant mechanism
to generate mass**

Higgs mechanism!

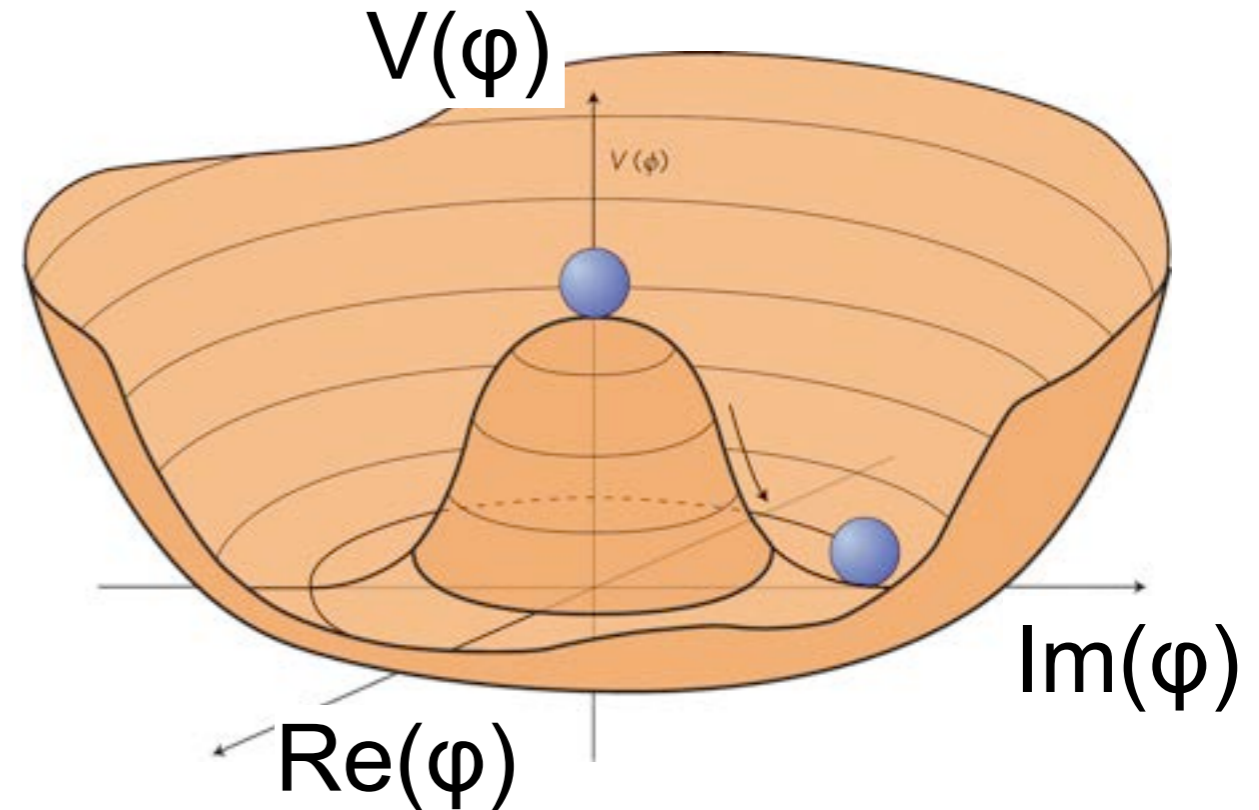
R. Brout, F. Englert, P. Higgs, G.S.
Guralnik, C.R. Hagen, and T.W.B. Kibble

Higgs mechanism

- The Higgs mechanism postulates the existence of a Higgs field ϕ
 - with its potential, and couplings to fermions

$$V(\phi) = -\mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 \quad \lambda > 0$$

- The equilibrium state is $\phi \neq 0$ and not unique!
 - nature makes a choice, partially **hiding the gauge invariance**
 - gauge bosons W^+, W^-, Z **acquire mass**
 - all fermions **acquire mass**
 - **prediction of one neutral scalar Higgs boson particle:**



F. Englert and P. Higgs at CERN July 4th 2012



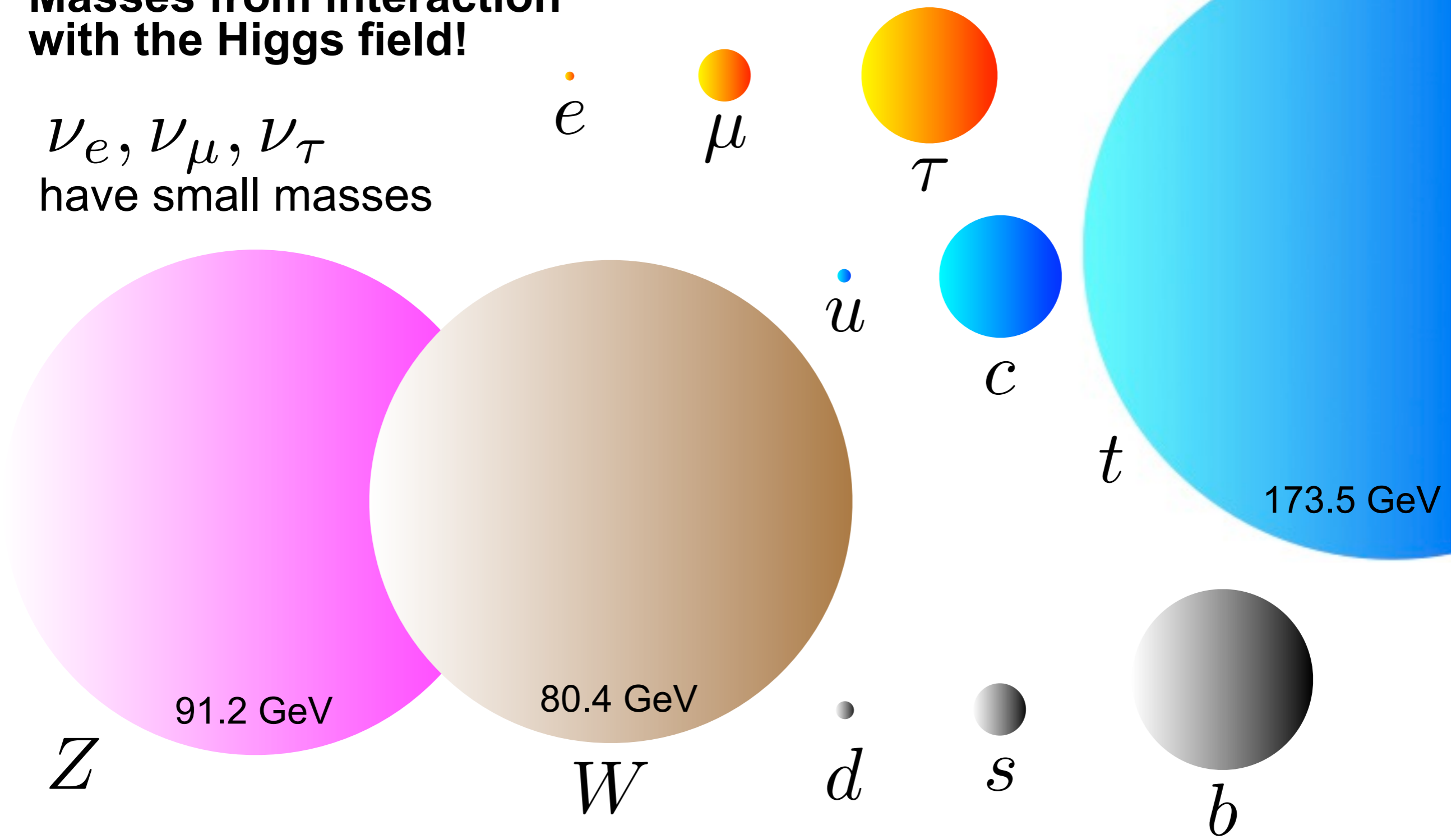
Fundamental masses

Depicted with mass proportional to volume of sphere!

Masses from interaction with the Higgs field!

ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ
have small masses

γ, g
massless



The Standard Model

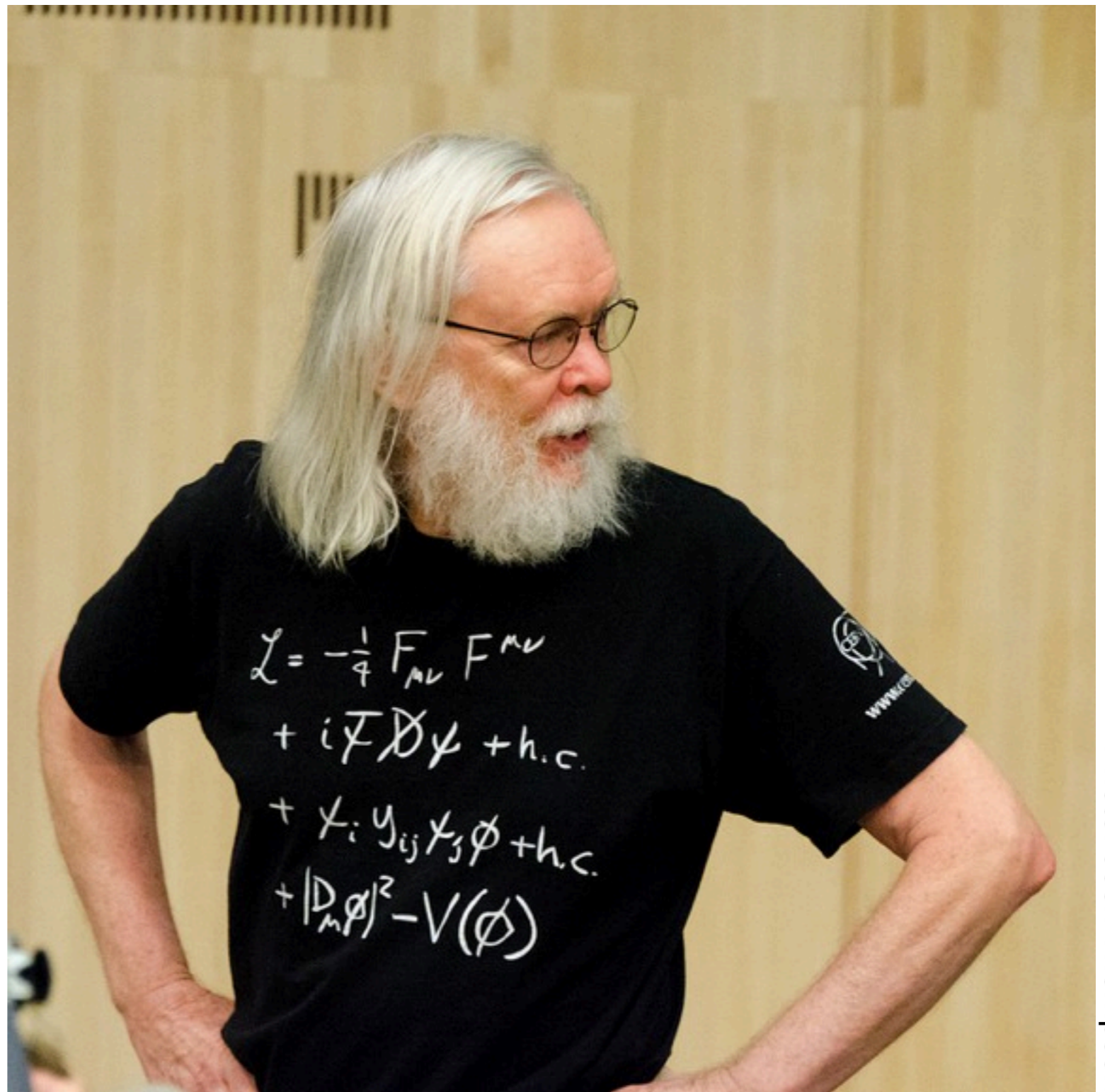
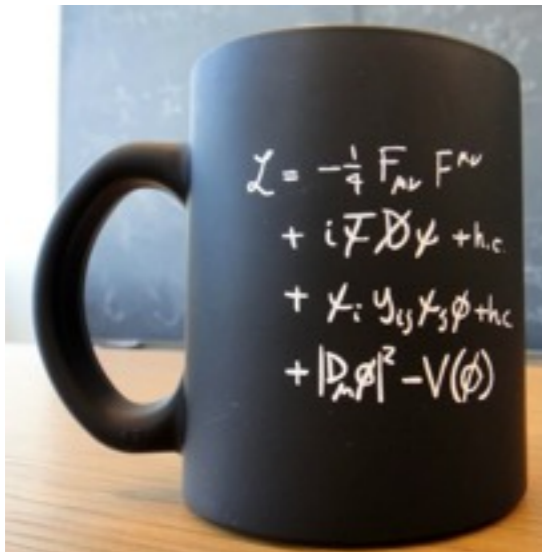


Photo: Josh Thompson

“The LSP = The Ellis Particle”

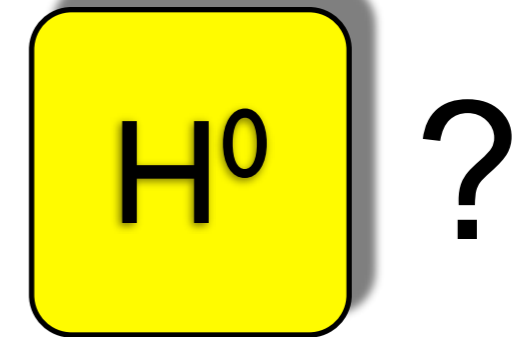
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Gauge bosons

Higgs boson: the missing piece



- The SM is a very successful theory
 - relativistic quantum fields
- All experimental measurements at the subatomic level agree with the SM to date!
- But it does not predict the mass of the Higgs boson!

Higgs boson mass??

A PHENOMENOLOGICAL PROFILE OF THE HIGGS BOSON

John ELLIS, Mary K. GAILLARD ^{*} and D.V. NANOPOULOS ^{**}

CERN, Geneva

Nucl. Phys. B 106, 292 (1976).

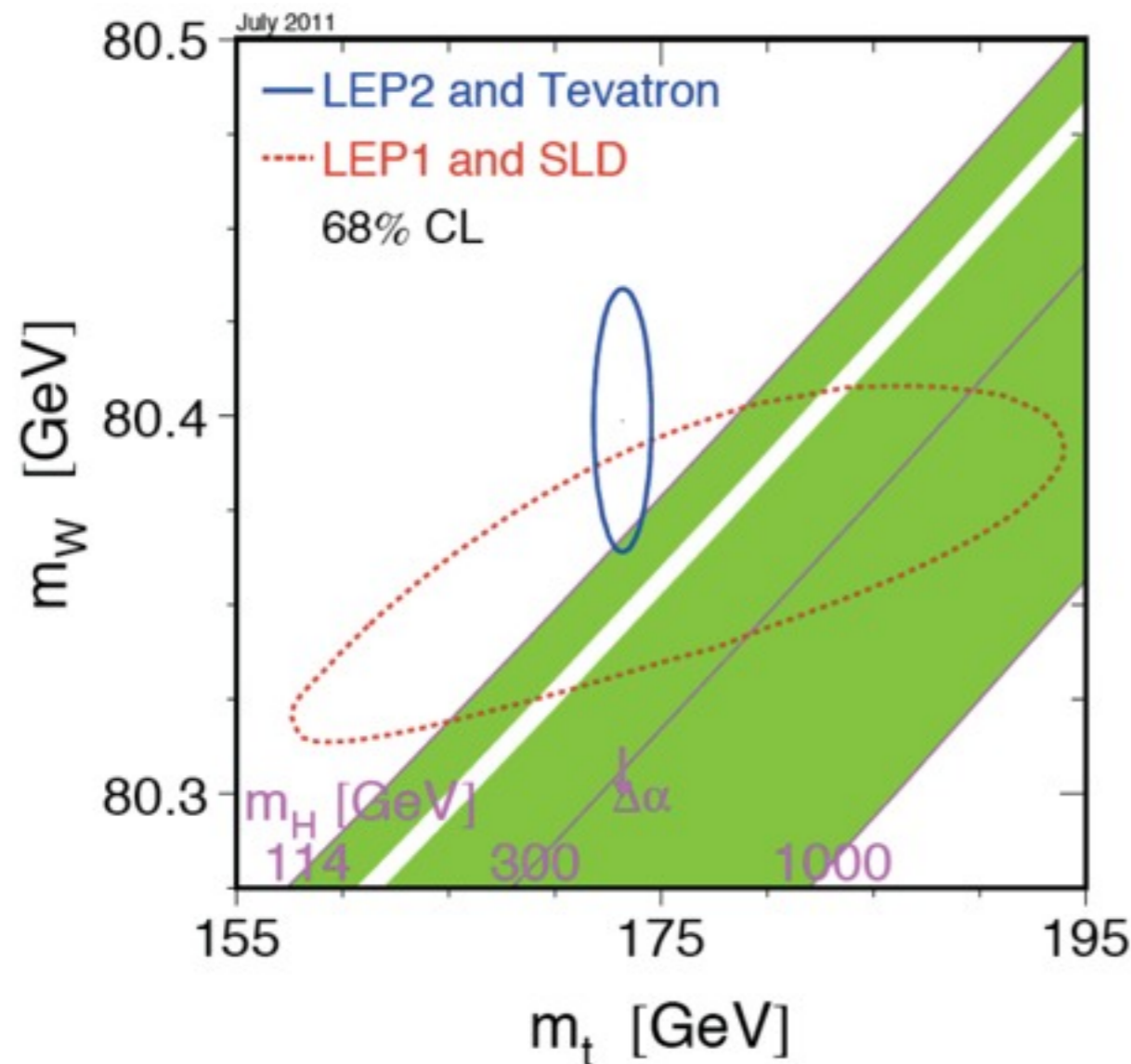
Received 7 November 1975

We should perhaps finish with an apology and a caution. We apologize to experimentalists for having no idea what is the mass of the Higgs boson, unlike the case with charm [3,4] and for not being sure of its couplings to other particles, except that they are probably all very small. For these reasons we do not want to encourage big experimental searches for the Higgs boson, but we do feel that people performing experiments vulnerable to the Higgs boson should know how it may turn up.

Many thanks to J.-F. Arguin (UdeM) for pointing out this anecdote!

Precision measurements

- Precise Standard Model measurements put constraints on the Higgs mass
 - Higgs couples to mass... look at heavy particles!



Higgs mass constraints

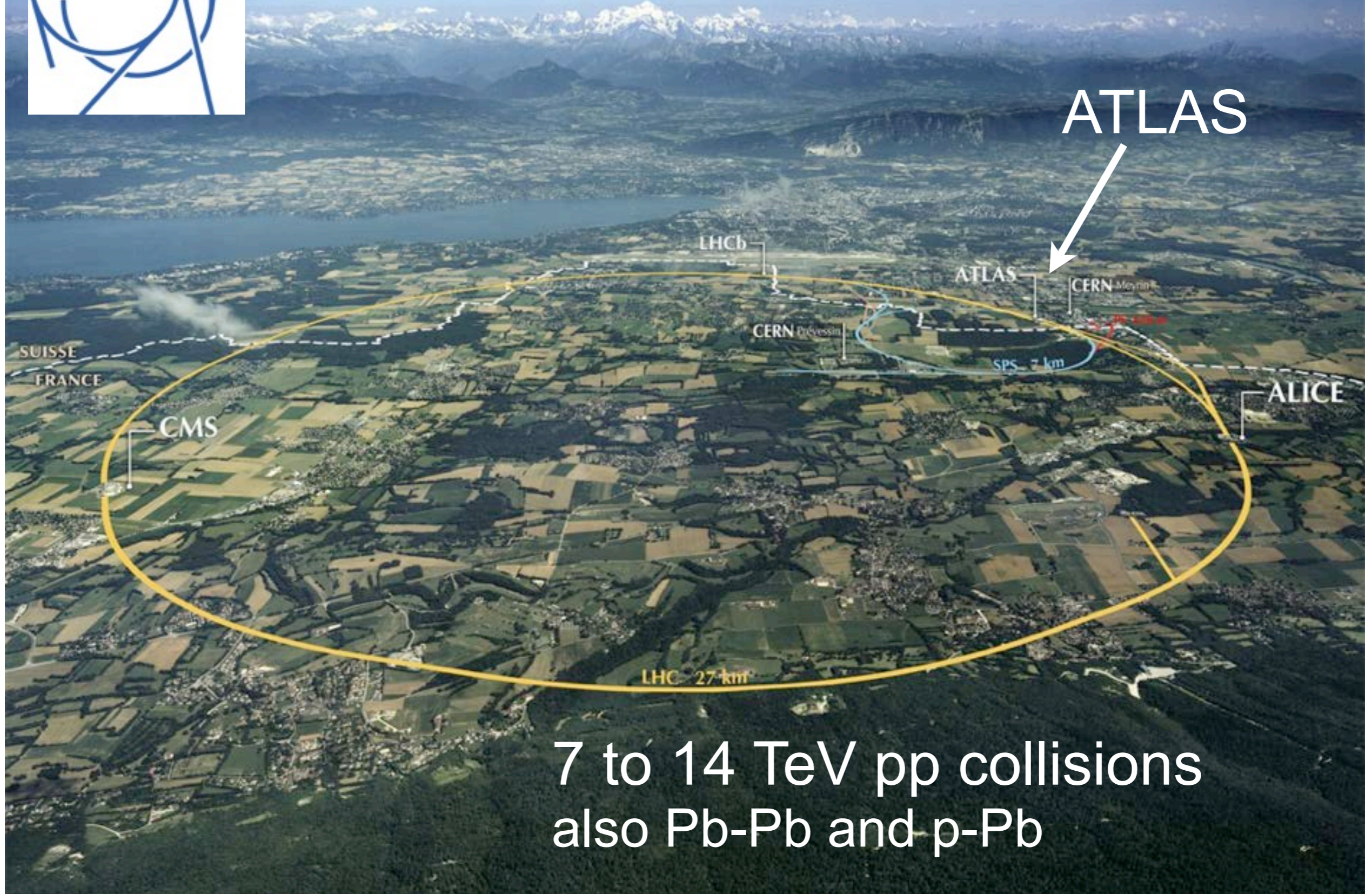
$$114 < M_H < 161 \text{ GeV } 95\% \text{CL}$$

Direct searches

Indirect:
precision
measurements.
Assumes SM

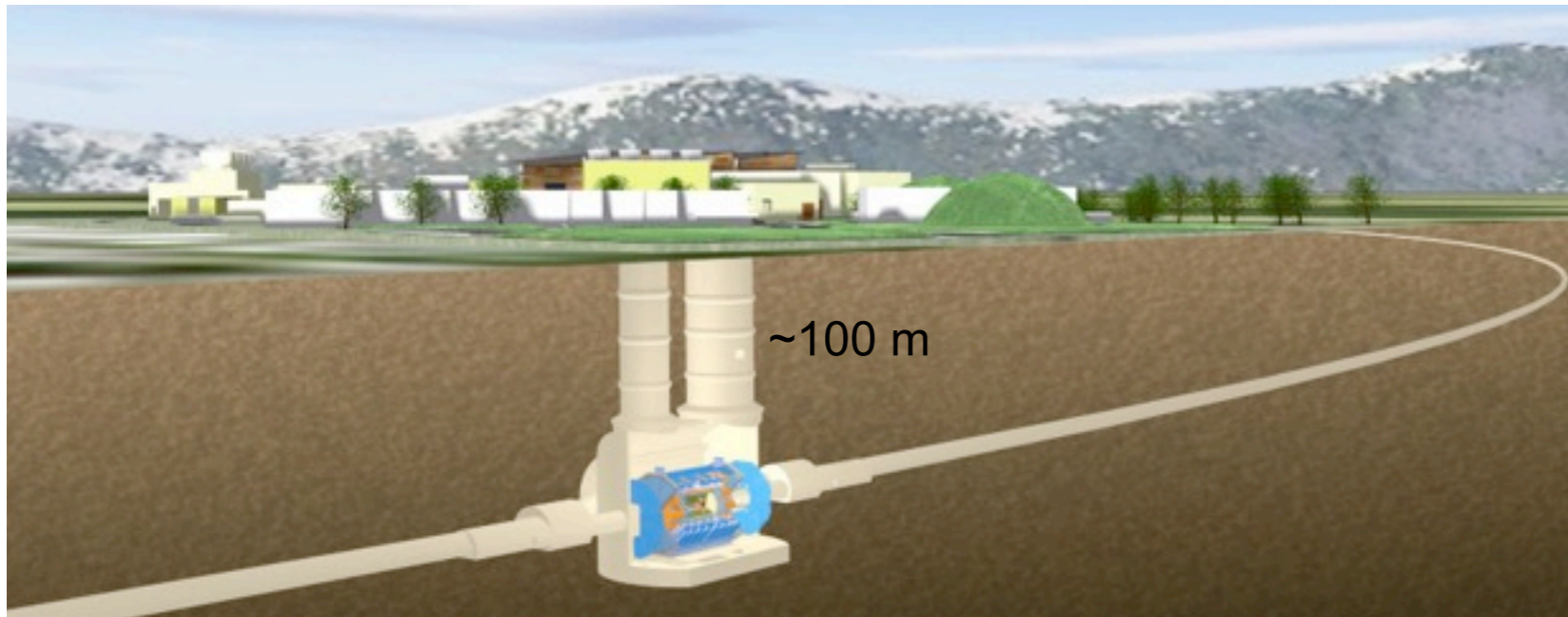


CERN and the LHC

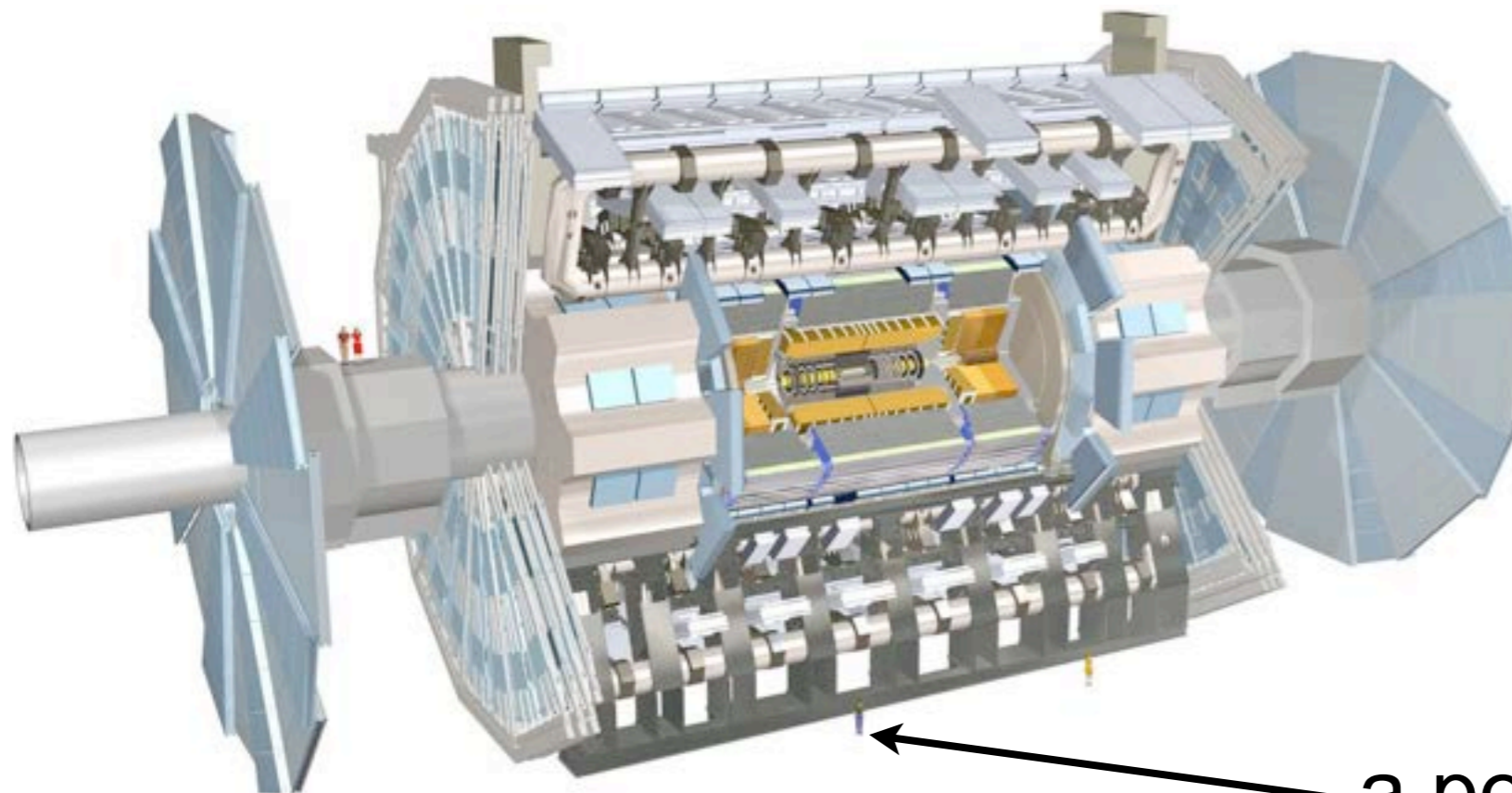


CERN PhotoLab CERN-MI-0807031

The ATLAS detector at the LHC



The ATLAS Experiment at CERN, <http://atlas.ch>

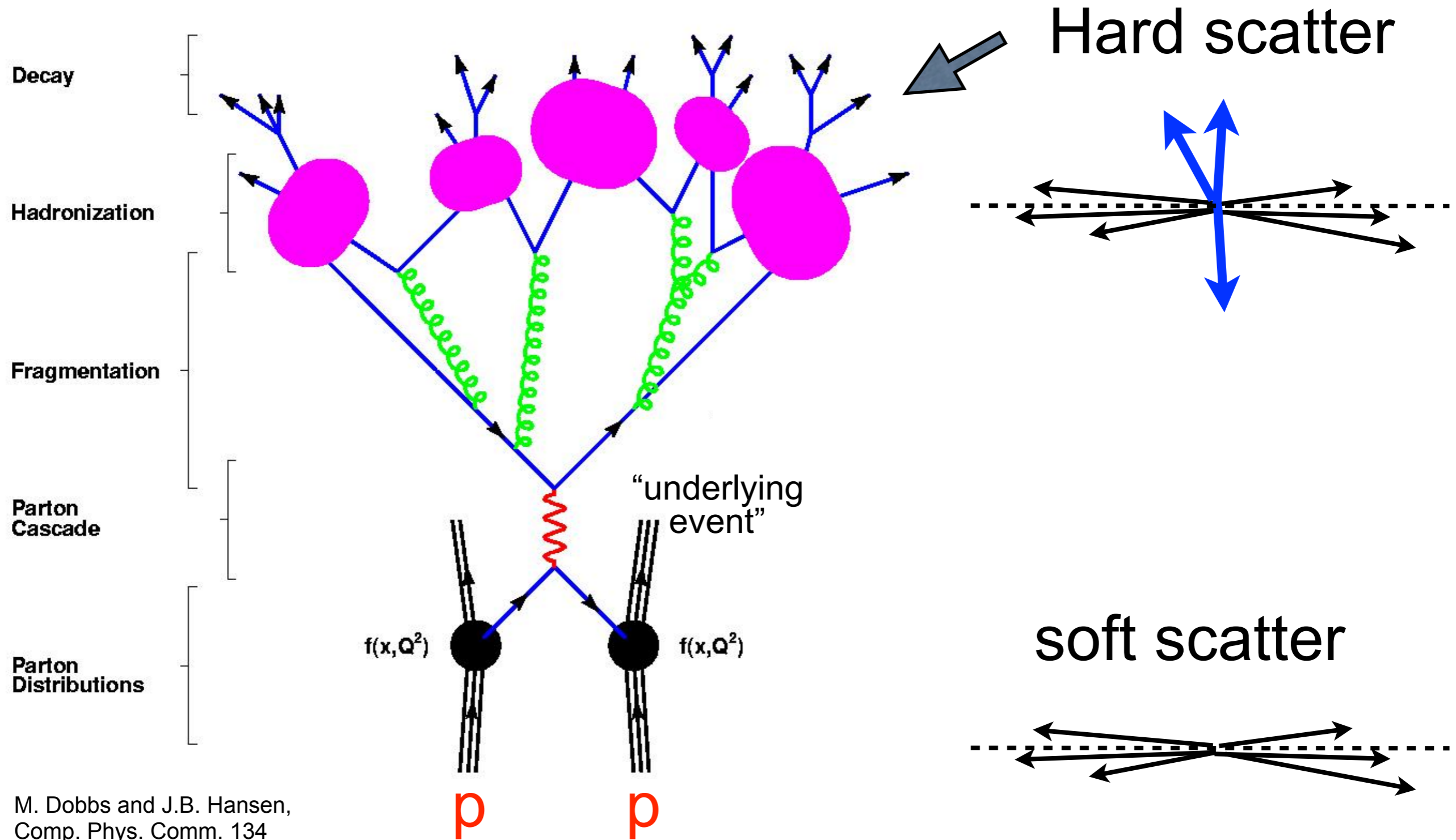


← a person!



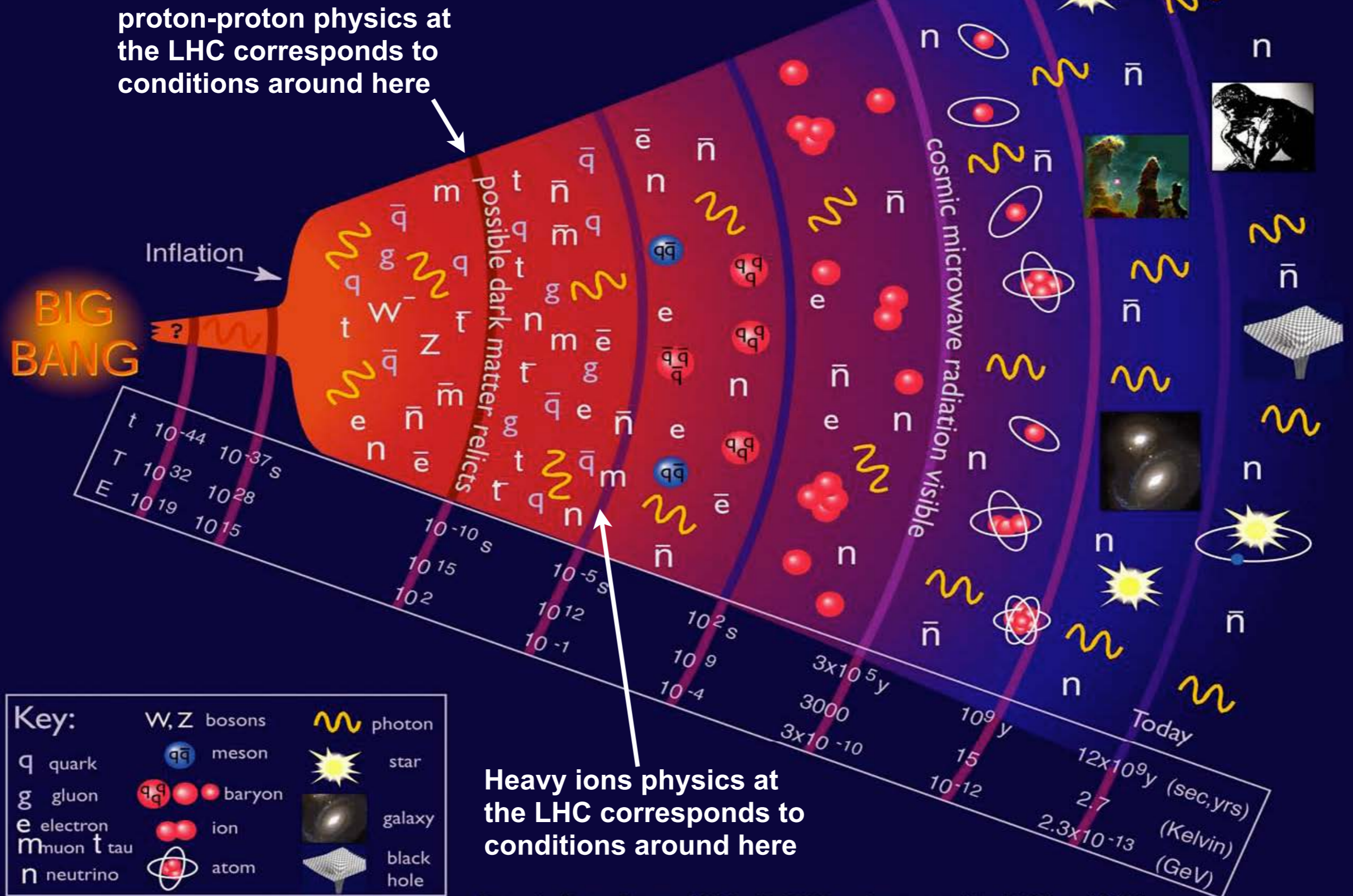
LHC magnets operate at 1.9 K
1232 dipoles (8.4 T, 34 t)
392 quadrupoles

Proton-proton collisions



M. Dobbs and J.B. Hansen,
 Comp. Phys. Comm. 134
 (2001) 41-46.

History of the Universe



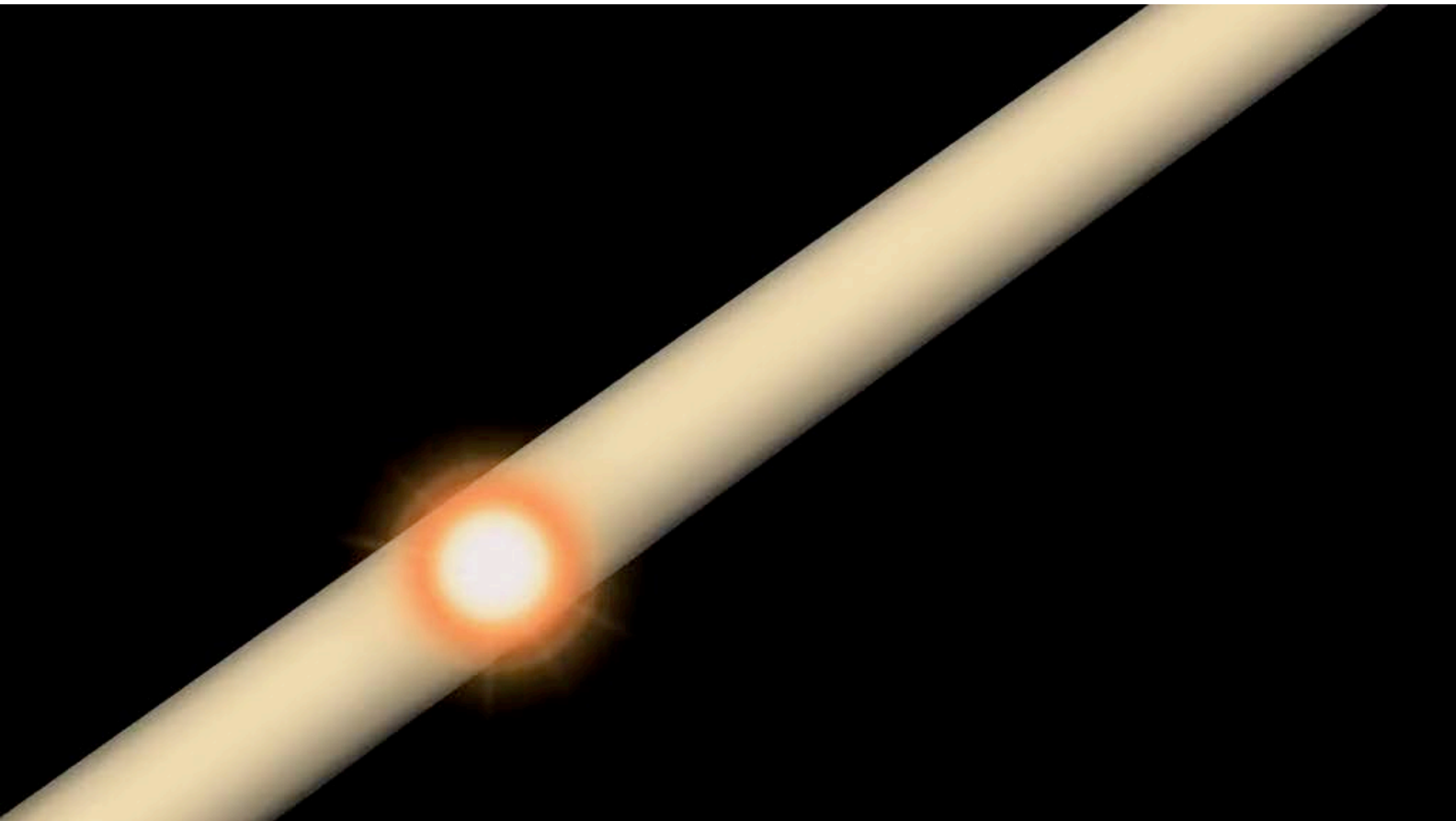
proton-proton physics at the LHC corresponds to conditions around here

Heavy ions physics at the LHC corresponds to conditions around here

Particle Data Group, LBNL, © 2000. Supported by DOE and NSF

<http://www.particleadventure.org/>

Proton-proton collisions





Canada and the LHC

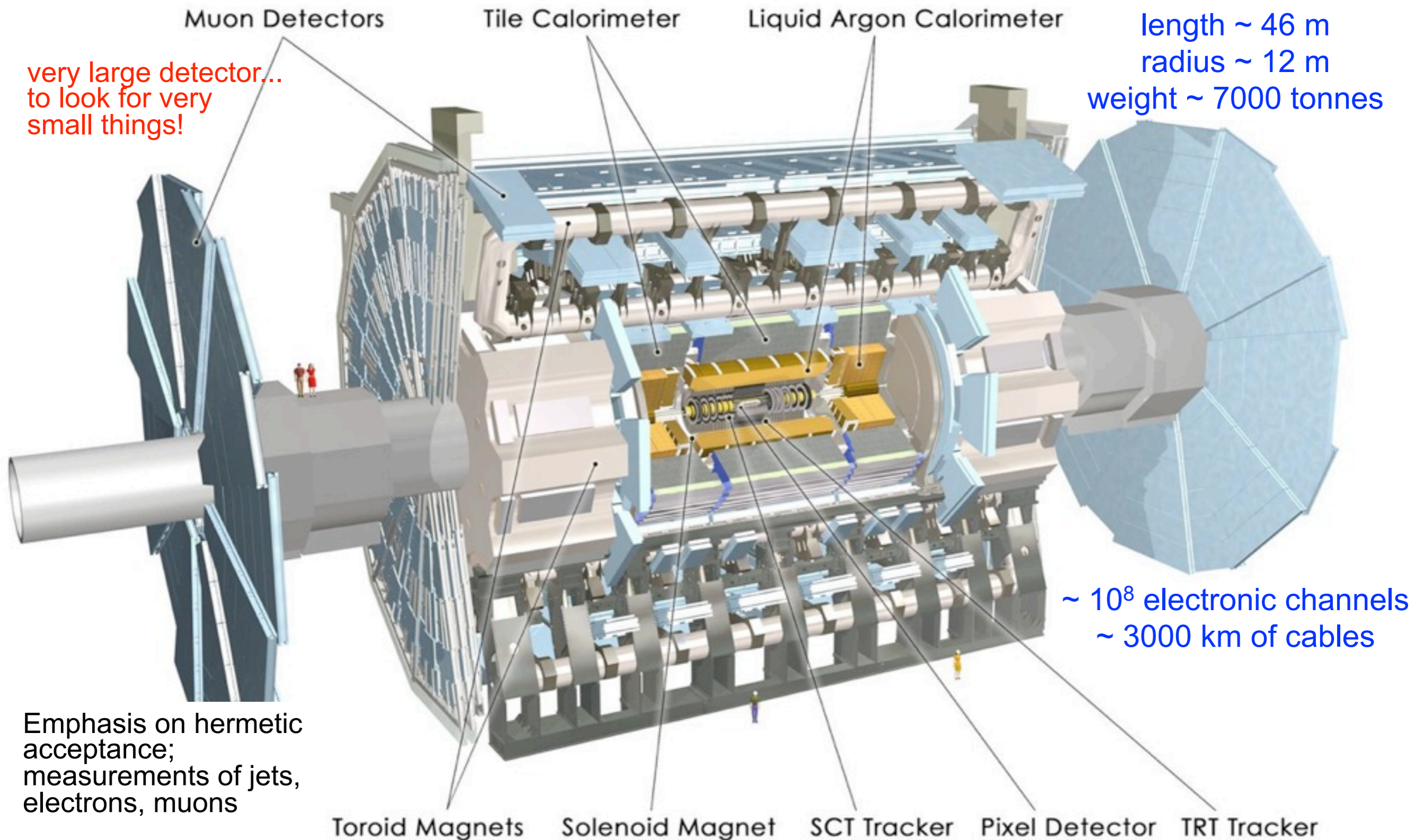


Canada made important contributions to the LHC machine: warm insertions and injector upgrades, with TRIUMF engineering

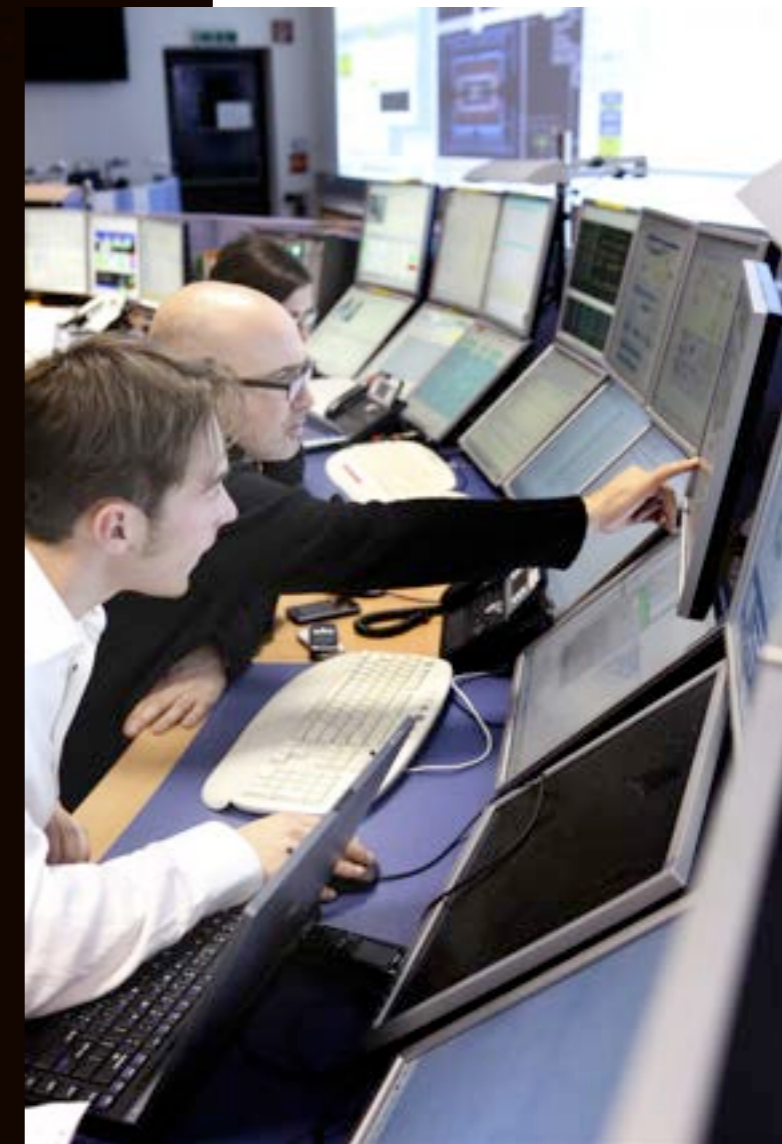
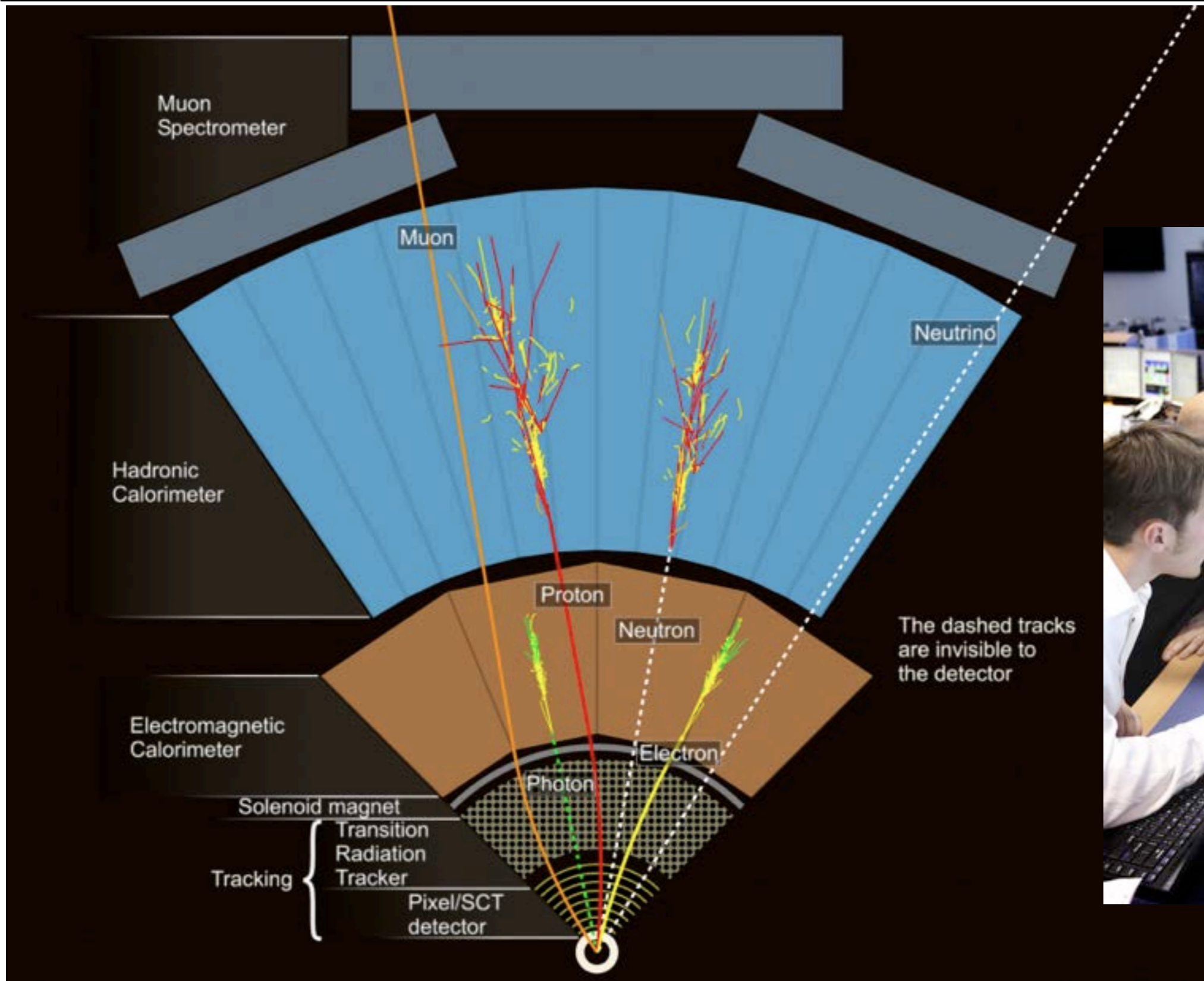


48 + 4 warm twin-aperture quadrupoles for cleaning insertions

The ATLAS detector

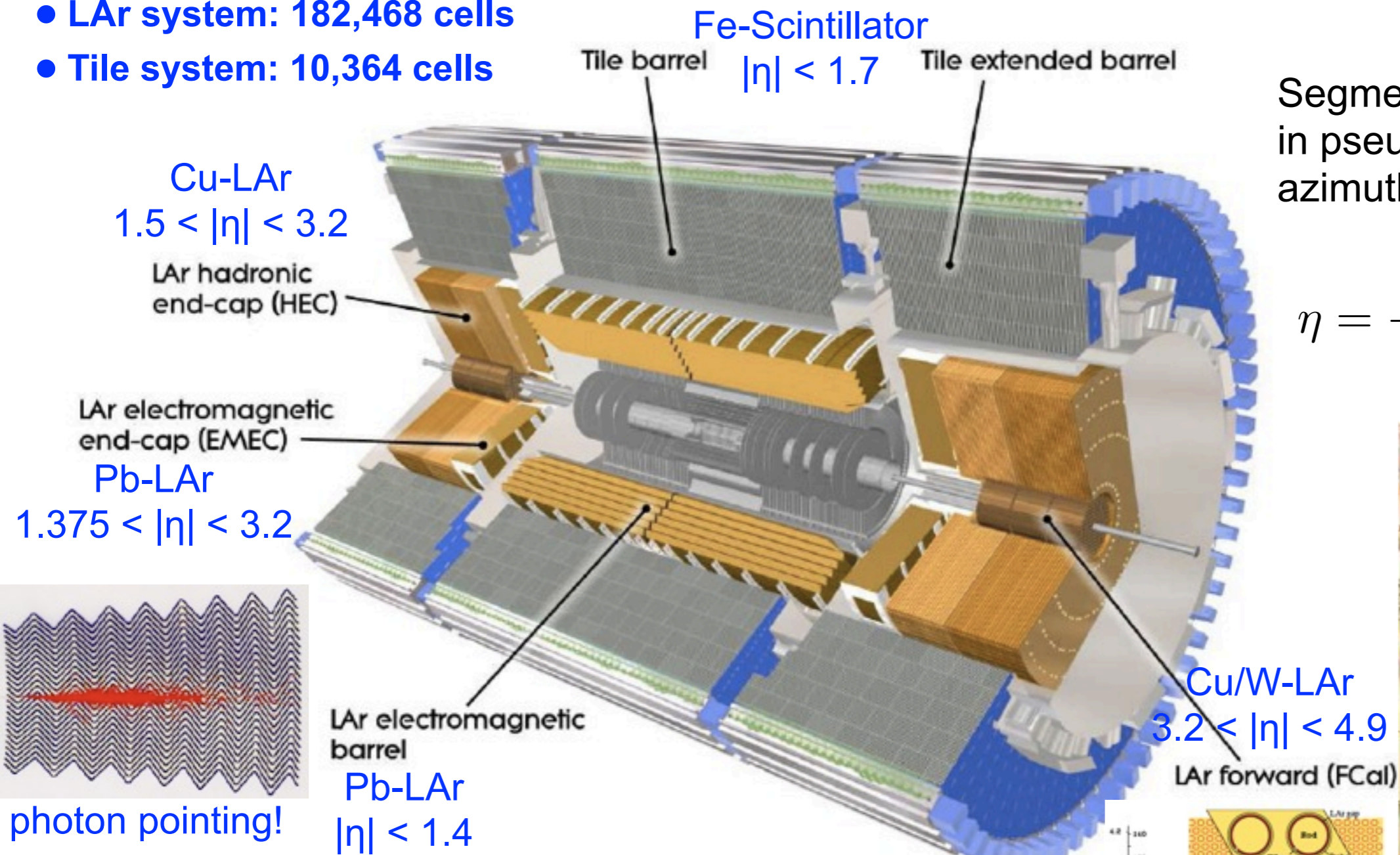


Particle identification in ATLAS



ATLAS calorimetry

- LAr system: 182,468 cells
- Tile system: 10,364 cells



Segmented in depth and in pseudorapidity η and azimuthal angle ϕ

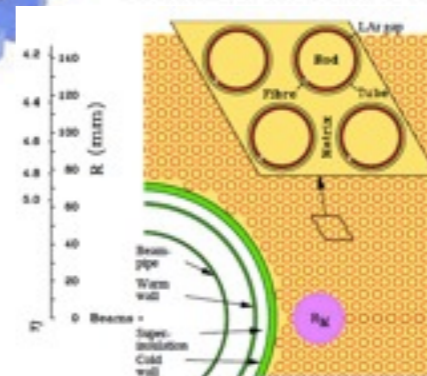
$$\eta = -\ln \left[\tan \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right]$$



e/ γ /jet trigger, identification, E measurement

EM: $\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{10\%}{\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]} } \oplus 0.7\%$

Had: $\frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{50\%}{\sqrt{E[\text{GeV}]} } \oplus 3\%$



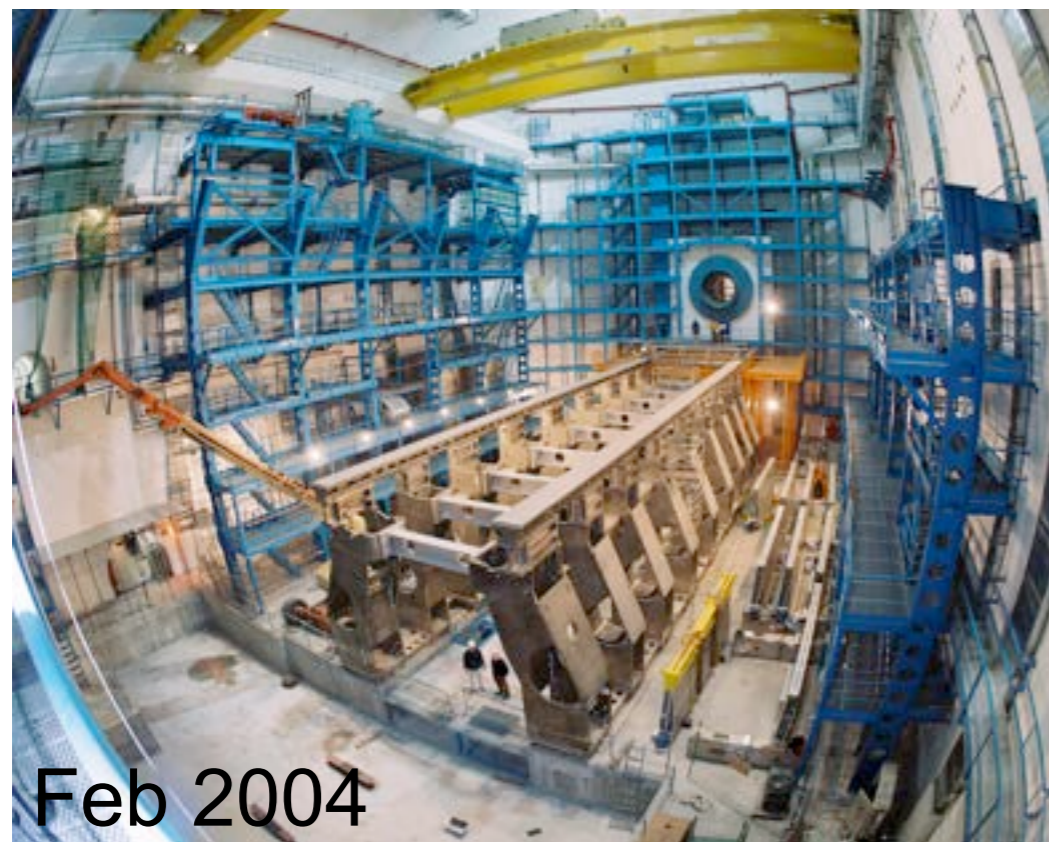
ATLAS and Canada



**Alberta
Carleton
McGill
Montréal
SFU
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TRIUMF
UBC
Victoria
York**

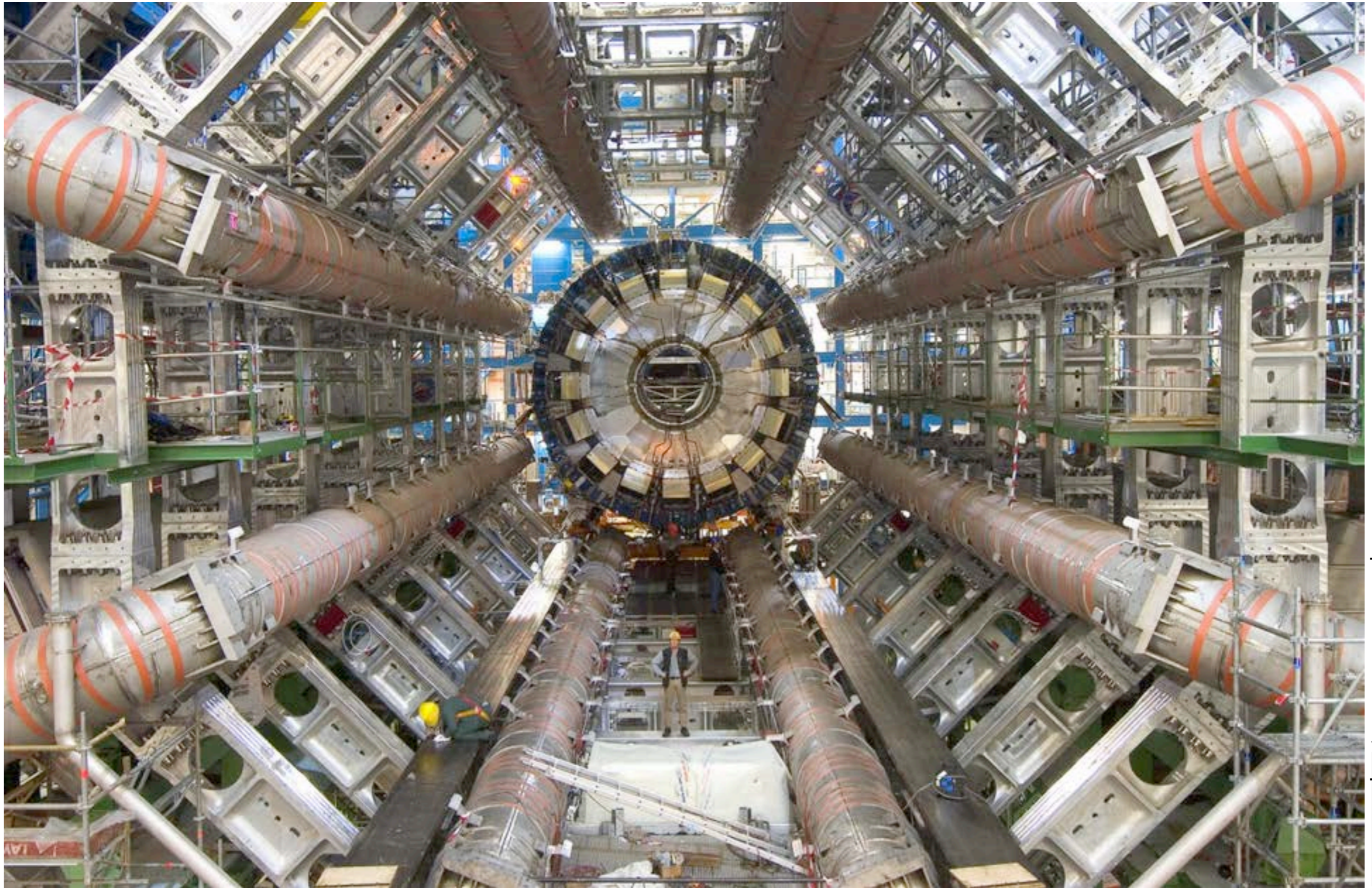
- **ATLAS celebrated its 20th anniversary on 1 Oct 2012**
- Over 150 Canadian scientists participate in the ATLAS experiment
- ATLAS Canada Collaboration
 - Founded in 1992 ML Spokesperson, UVic
 - Spokesperson (07-) Rob McPherson, UVic/IPP
 - Deputy Richard Teuscher, UofT/IPP
 - Physics Coordination Bernd Stelzer, SFU
 - Computing Coordination Reda Tafirout, TRIUMF
- Contributions to the ATLAS detector construction
 - Calorimetry, cryogenics, electronics, trigger, radiation
 - Now much more: trigger, tracking, muon, beam monitor...
- Contributions to the LHC construction (TRIUMF)
- **TRIUMF**, Canada's nuclear and particle physics laboratory located in Vancouver
 - <http://www.triumf.ca/>

ATLAS cavern



The ATLAS Experiment at CERN, <http://atlas.ch>

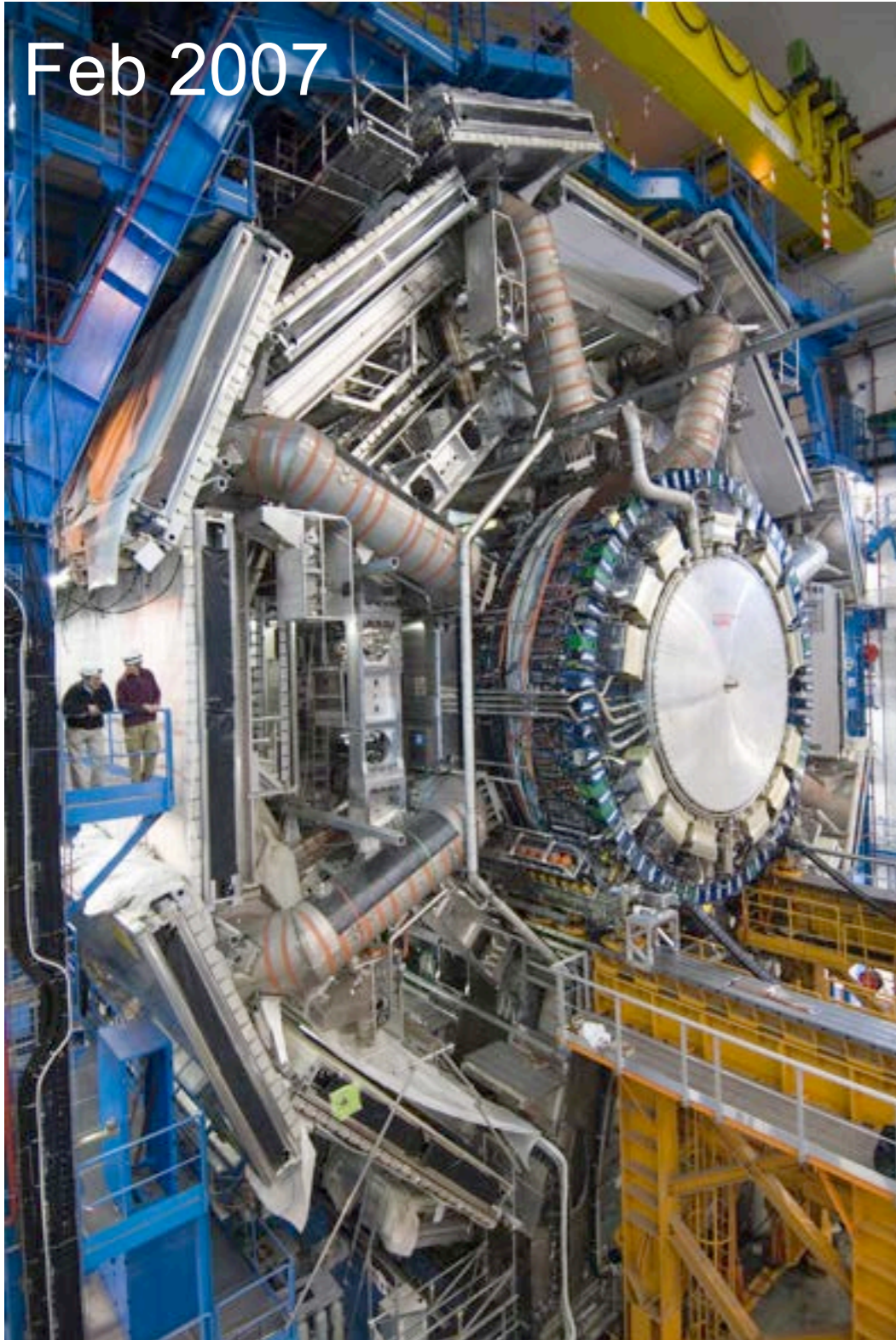
Barrel Toroids all installed (Nov 2005)



The ATLAS Experiment at CERN, <http://atlas.ch>

Moving the calorimeters in place

Feb 2007



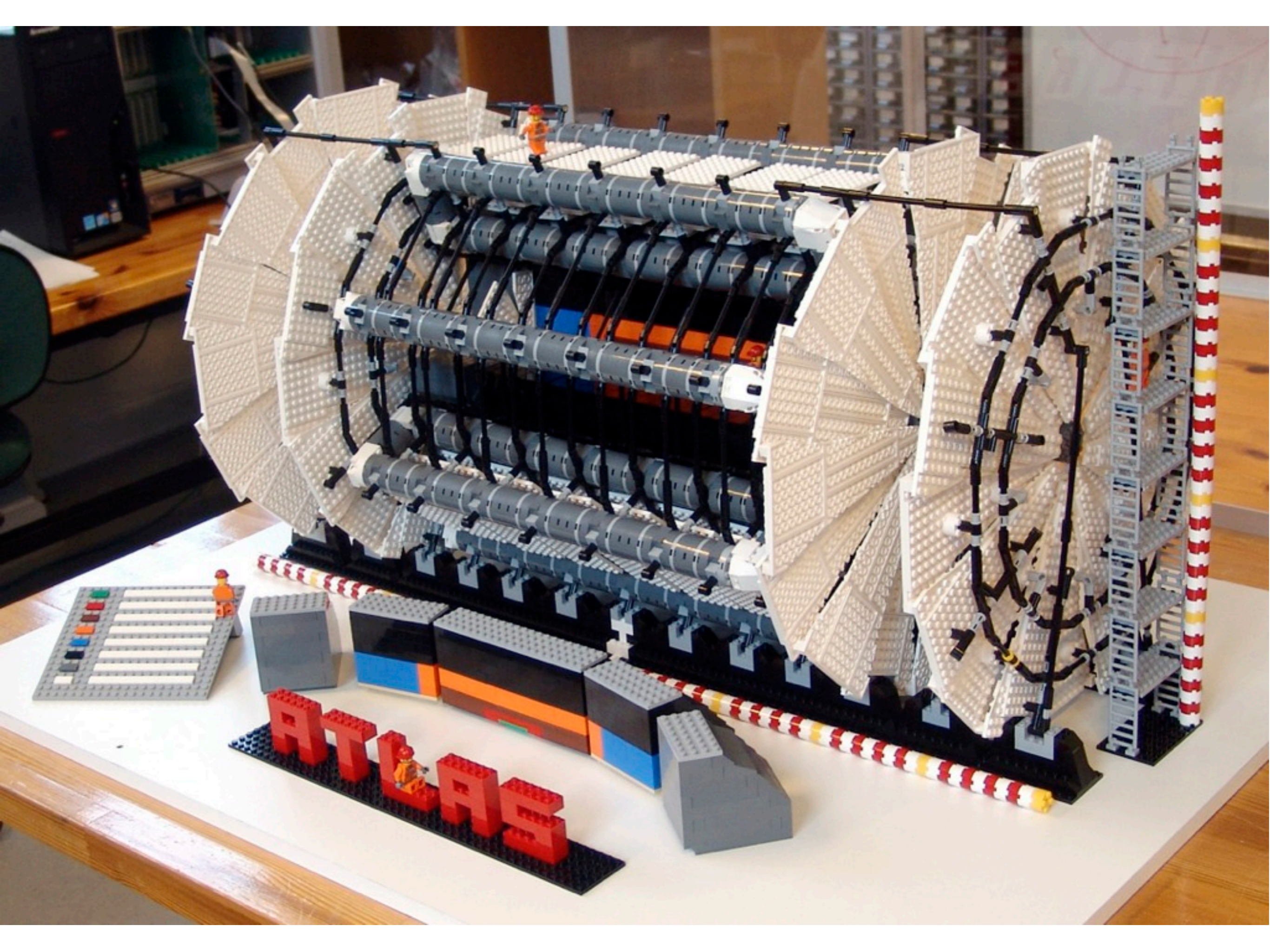
May 2008, side A



Closing of LHC beam pipe (16 June 2008)



The ATLAS Experiment at CERN, <http://atlas.ch>



Luminosity and cross section

event
production
rate in Hz

$$R = L\sigma$$

instantaneous
luminosity in
 $\text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

cross section for the
relevant process, in nb, pb, fb

$$1 \text{ pb} = 10^{-36} \text{ cm}^2$$



number of
events
produced

$$N = \left(\int L dt \right) \sigma$$

integrated
luminosity in fb^{-1}

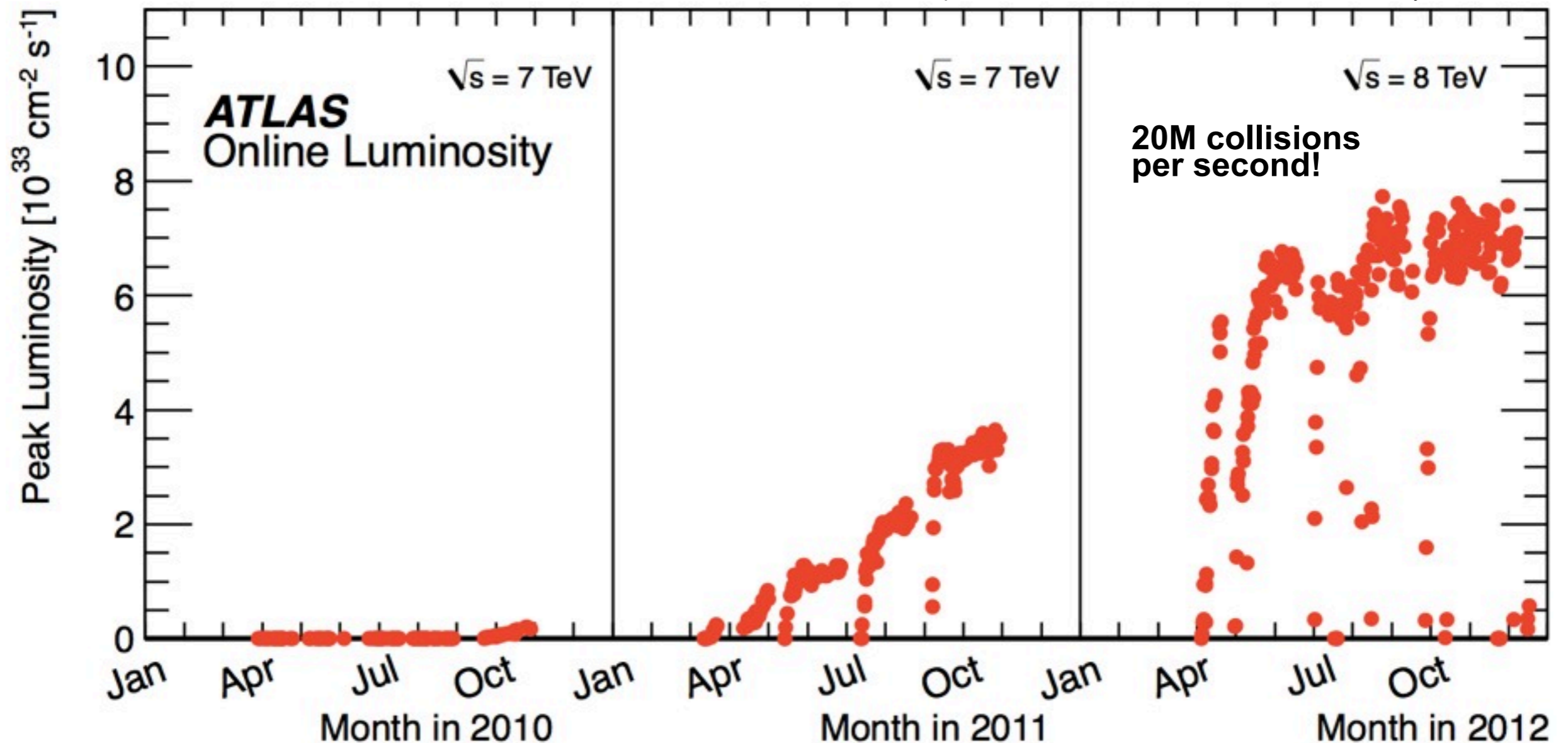
- if you want to make a measurement of a **rare process (low cross section)** with any significance, you need a **large integrated luminosity**. If you want to achieve this in a **reasonable time**, you need a **large luminosity**!

LHC luminosity, pp collisions

Superb LHC performance!!

Peak luminosity: $7.73 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

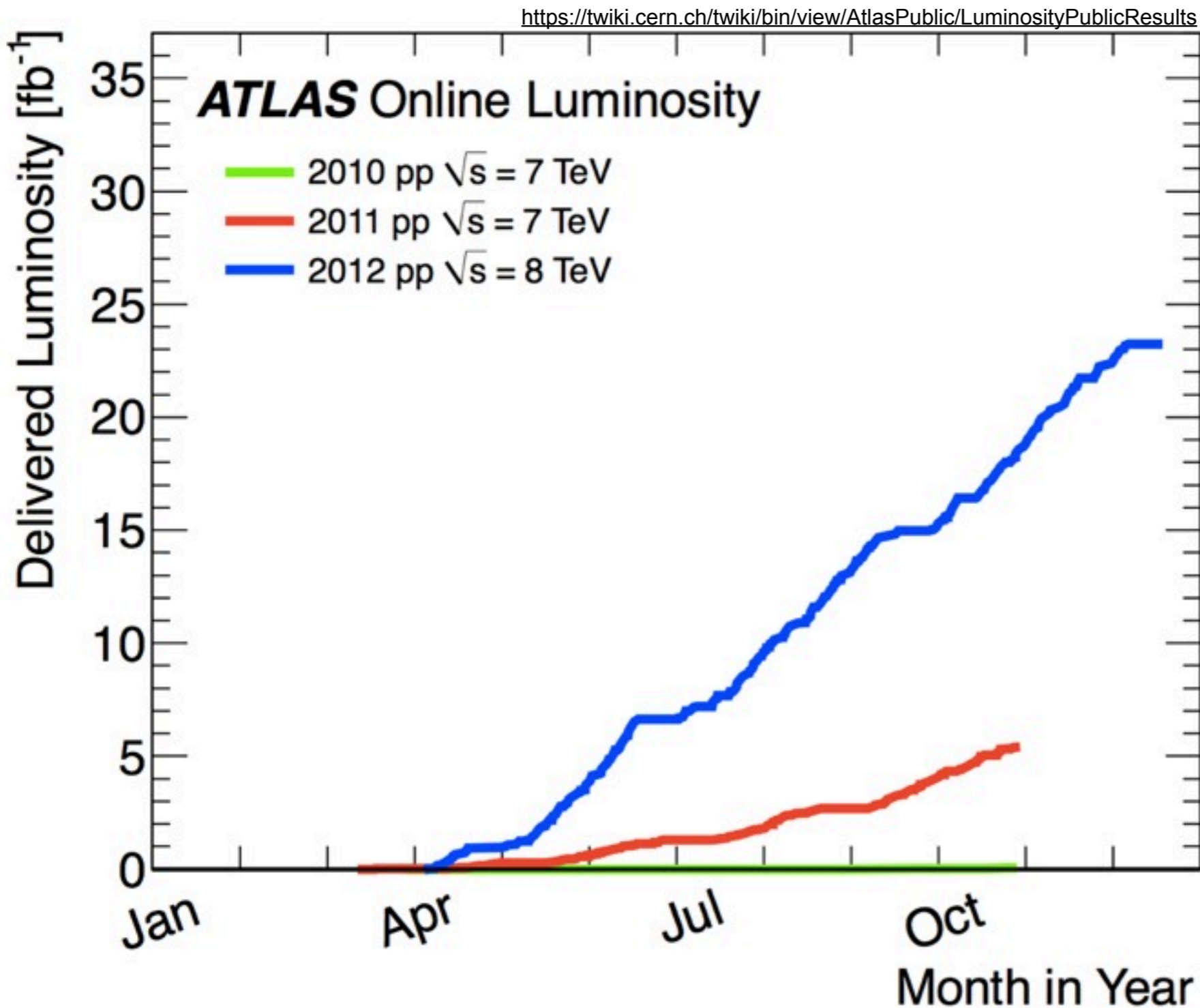
<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/LuminosityPublicResults>



A challenge for the experiments to keep up!

LHC integrated luminosity, pp

Superb LHC performance!!



$$\int L dt$$

23.3 fb^{-1} 8 TeV

5.6 fb^{-1} 7 TeV

48.9 pb^{-1} 7 TeV

Cross sections and event rates

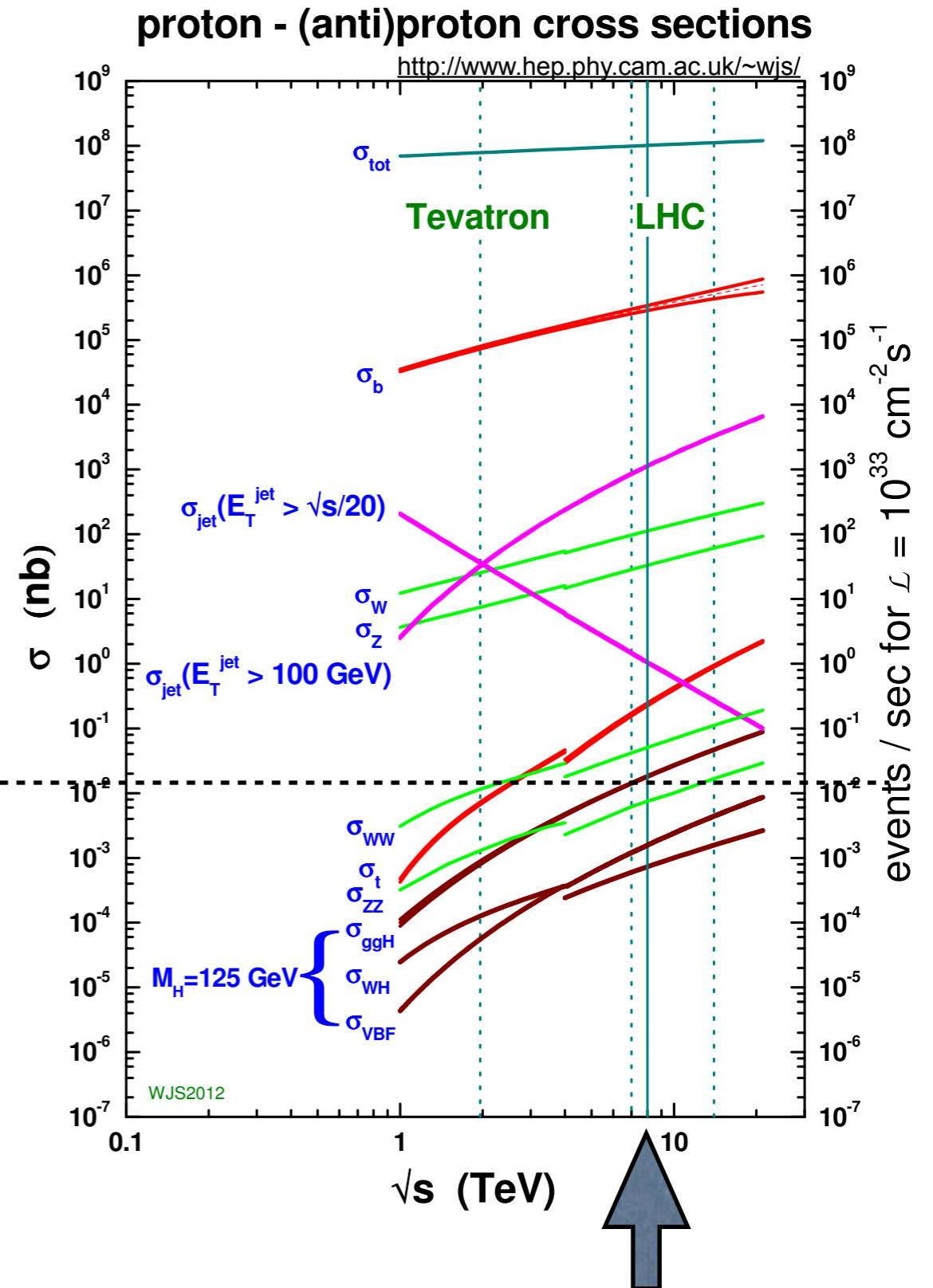
$$\sigma_{\text{tot}} \sim 115 \text{ mb} \sim (3.4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m})^2$$

@ $7 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$

process	$\sigma(\text{nb})$	R(Hz)
inelastic	$\sim 7.5 \times 10^7$	0.53×10^9
Z	~ 35	250
ttbar	~ 0.24	1.7
$H_{(125\text{GeV})}$	~ 0.022	0.15

$\sim 0.5 \text{ M}$ in 2012!

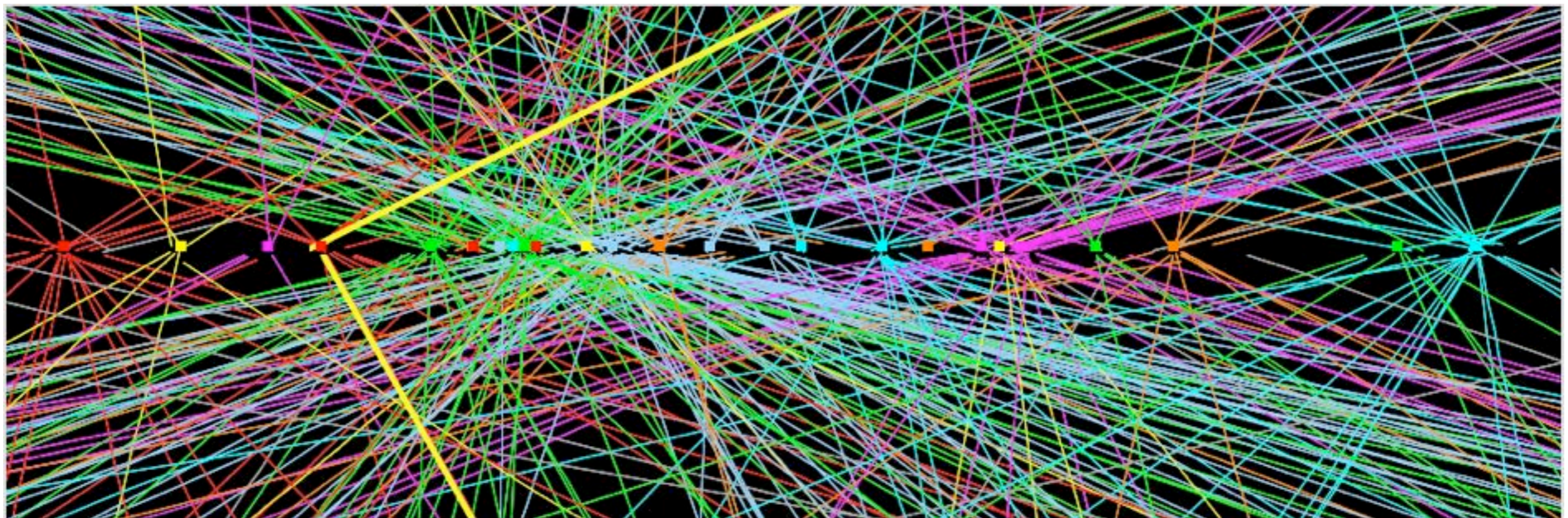
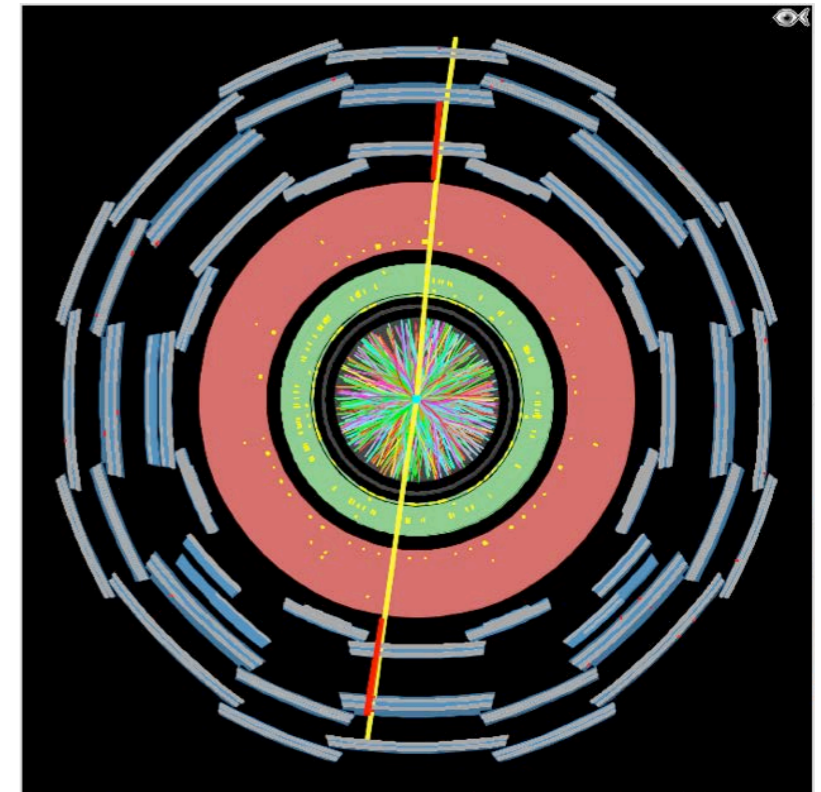
Higgs production is nearly **10 orders of magnitude** less than the total cross section!



Experimental challenge: Pile-up

- In-time pile-up
 - due to multiple collisions per bunch crossing
 - **in 2012, ~20 events per bunch crossing!**
 - near value of 23 at design instantaneous luminosity!
- Out-of-time pile-up
 - superposition of signal from preceding (and following) bunch crossing

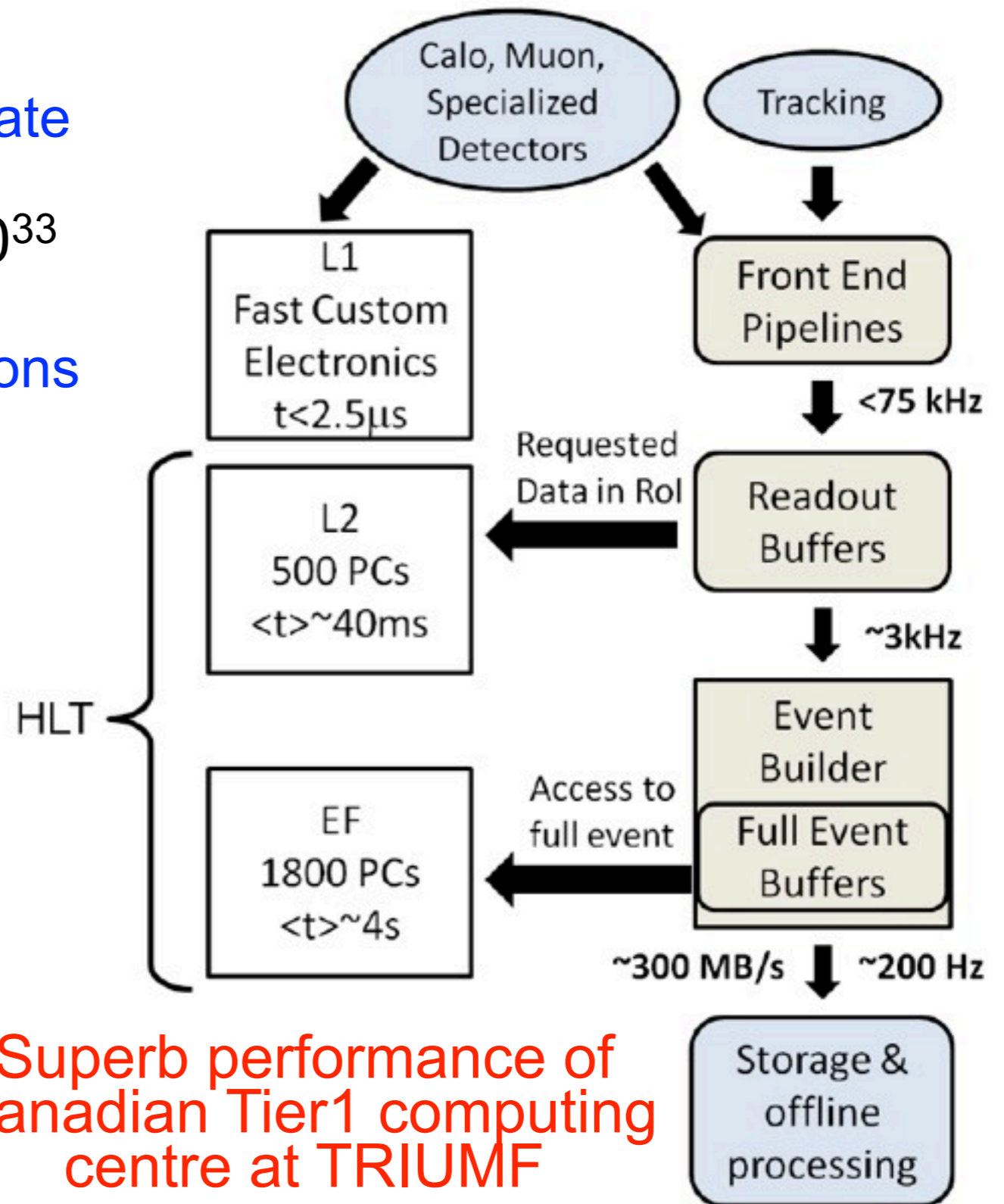
$Z \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ event with 25 vertices $\sim 1\text{cm}$



Trigger system

- Three-level trigger system
 - designed to reduce the data rate from 40 MHz to ~200 Hz
- Menu now optimized for $7 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
 - improvement of object selections and trigger algorithms
- Good performance in 2012!

Main triggers at $7 \times 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$				
Offline (GeV)	L1 thr (GeV)	L1 rate (kHz)	EF thr (GeV)	EF rate (Hz) @ 5×10^{33}
$e > 25$	18	17	24	70
$\mu > 25$	15	8	24	45
dilepton	10-15	15	8-18	21
2γ 25-40	10-16	12	20-35	17
2τ 30-45	11-15	12	20-29	12
Jet > 360	75	2	2	5
MET 120	40	2	80	17



Superb performance of Canadian Tier1 computing centre at TRIUMF

SM production cross sections

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/CombinedSummaryPlots>

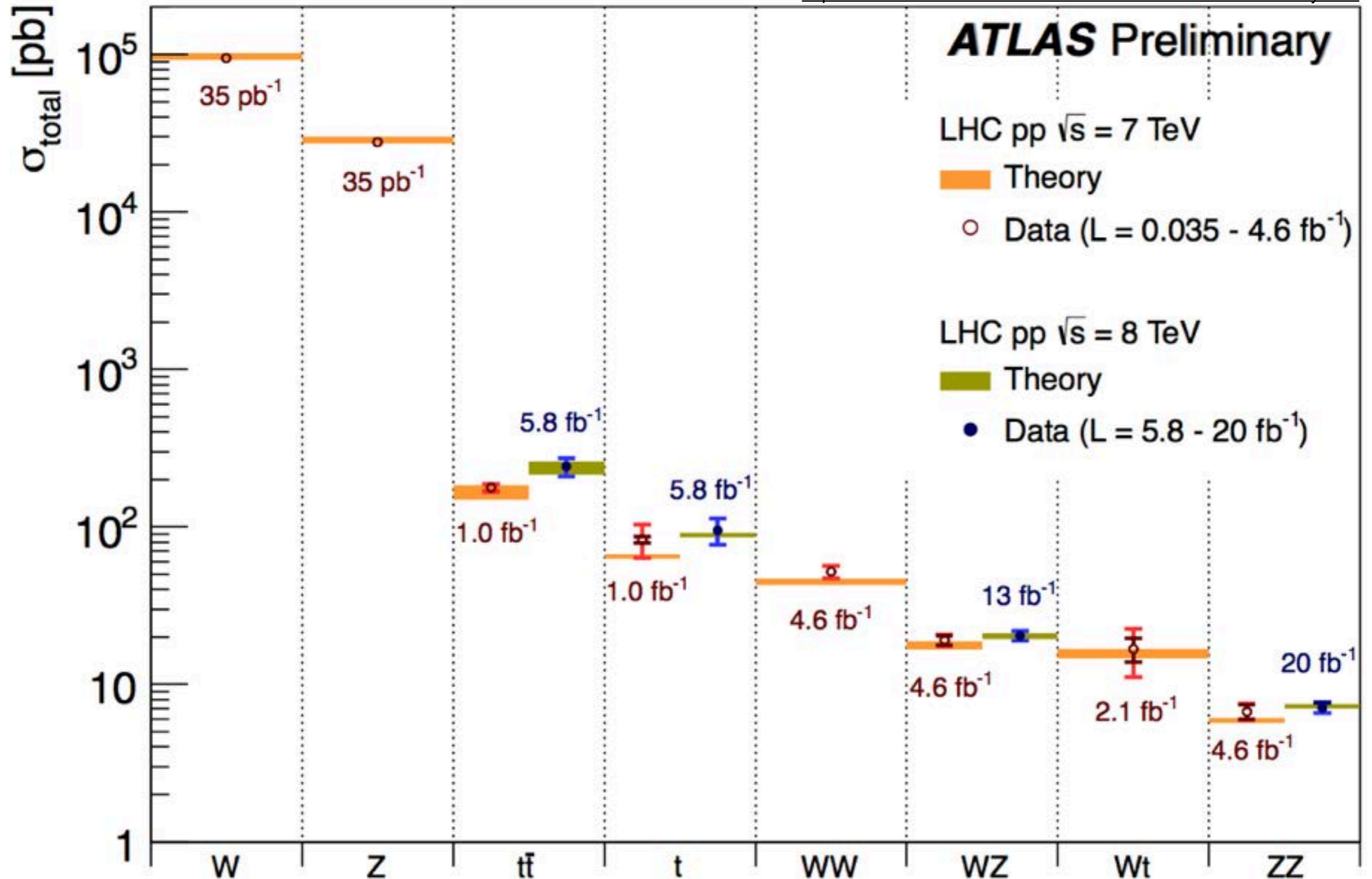
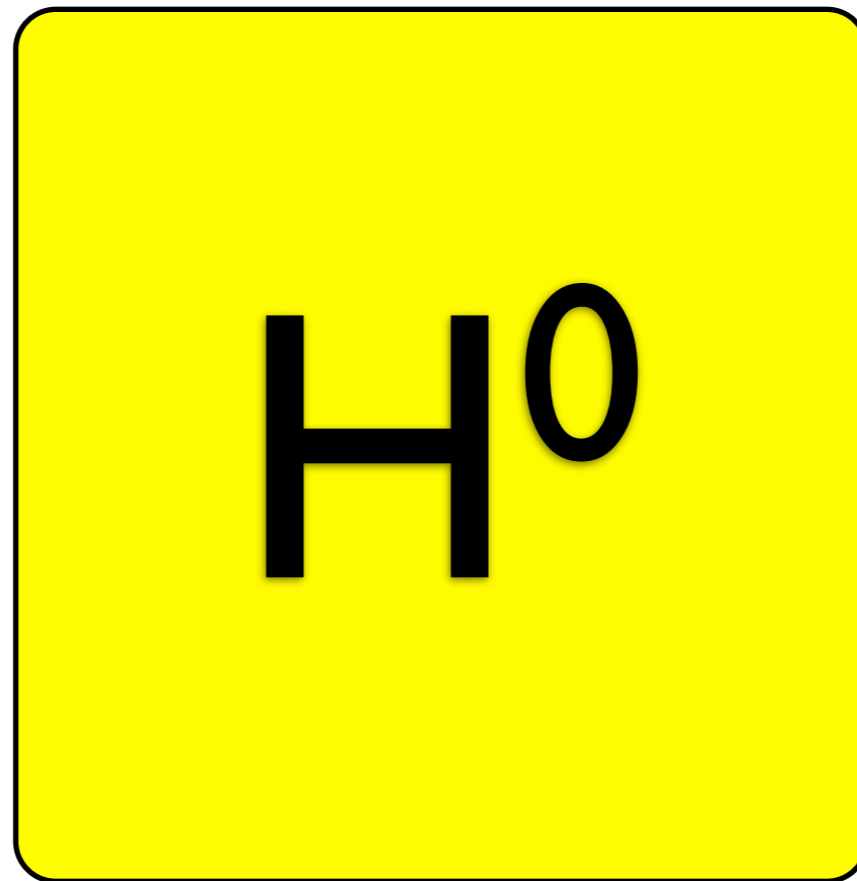


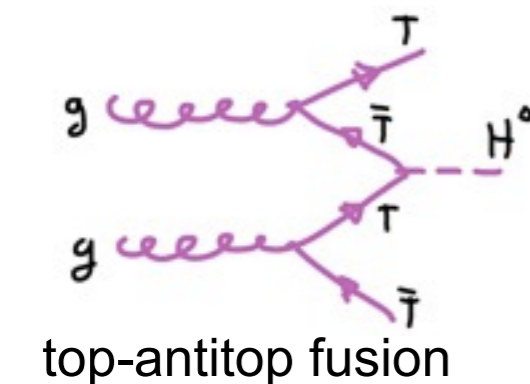
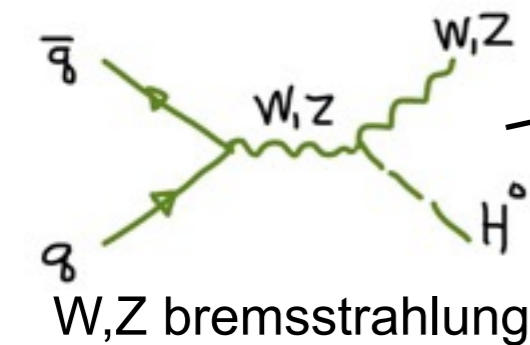
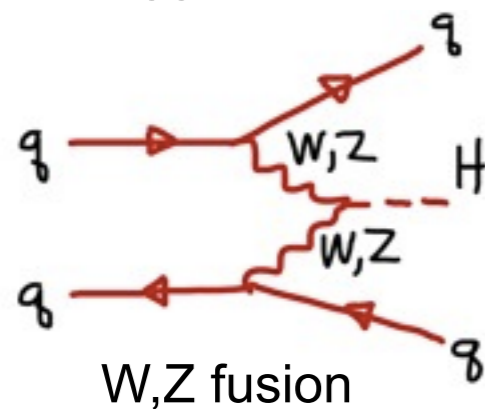
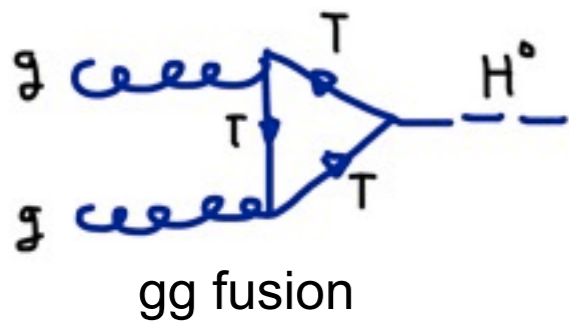
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the Higgs boson: the missing piece



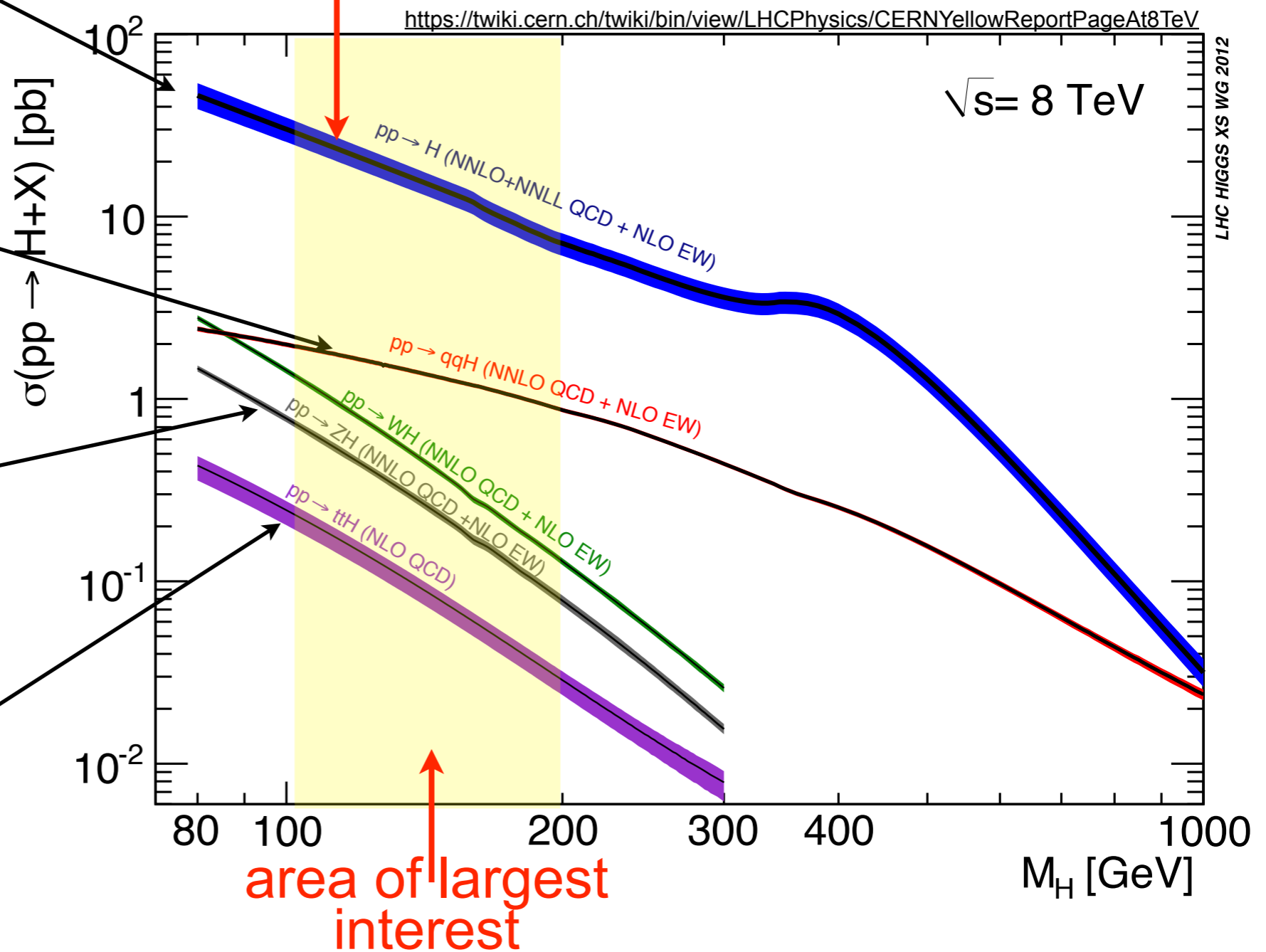
a spin 0 boson!

SM Higgs production



Predicted cross sections for

$M_H = 125 \text{ GeV @ } 8 \text{ TeV} : \mathbf{22.3 \text{ pb}}$

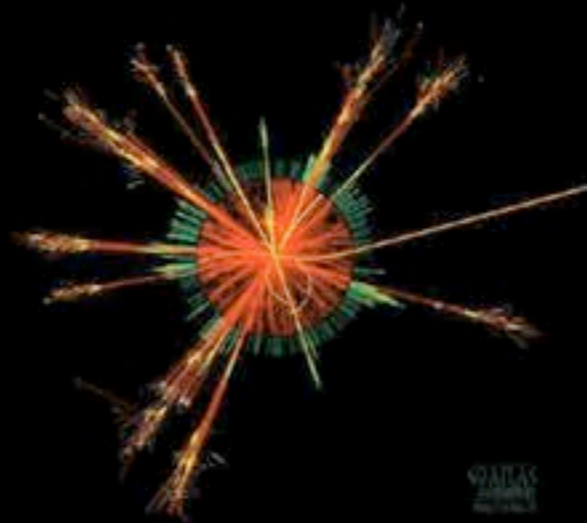


Higgs production

Proton-proton Collision in the ATLAS Experiment

Production of the Higgs particle decaying to two Photons

 ATLAS
EXPERIMENT
<http://atlas.ch>



<http://www.atlas.ch/multimedia>

Most important Higgs decays

Here the most important decays for searches, with fractions for $M_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$

$$\sim 58\% \quad H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$$

$$\sim 0.5\% \quad H \rightarrow W W^{(*)} \rightarrow e\nu \mu\nu$$

$$\sim 6.3\% \quad H \rightarrow \tau\tau$$

$$\sim 0.23\% \quad H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$$

$$\sim 0.02\% \quad H \rightarrow Z Z^{(*)} \rightarrow 4\ell \text{ }^{e \text{ or } \mu \text{ pairs}}$$

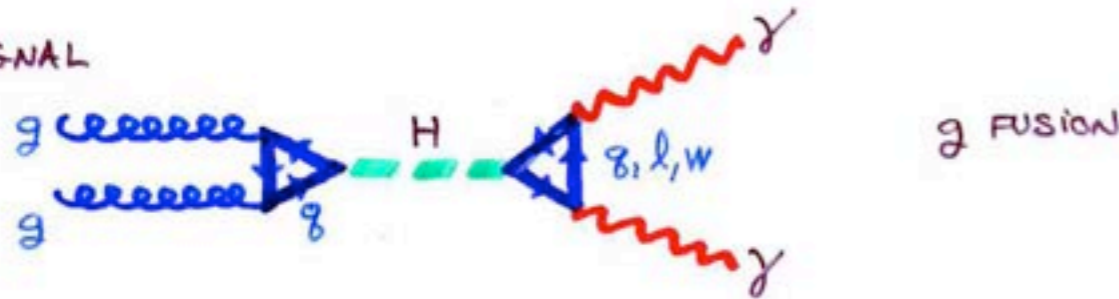
The cleanest channels are also the rarest...

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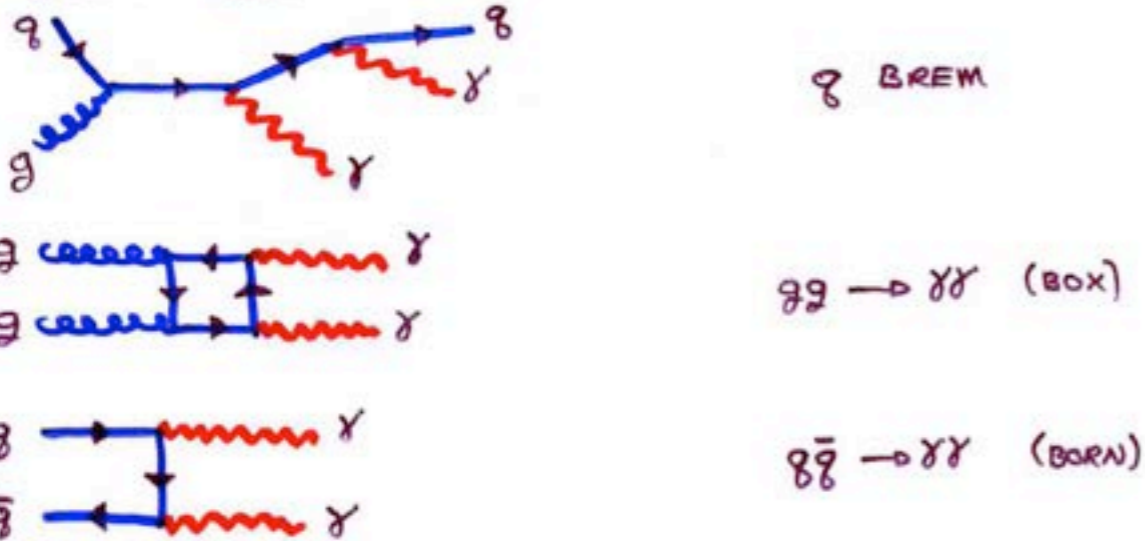
H → γγ

- BEST CHANNEL FOR $80 \text{ GeV} < M_H < 120 \text{ GeV}$
- PRESENT DIRECT LIMIT FOR SM H : $M_H > 65.2$
- EXPECT LEP (192 GeV) : $M_H > 95$ 95%

SIGNAL



BACKGROUND IRREDUCIBLE : QCD PRODUCTION



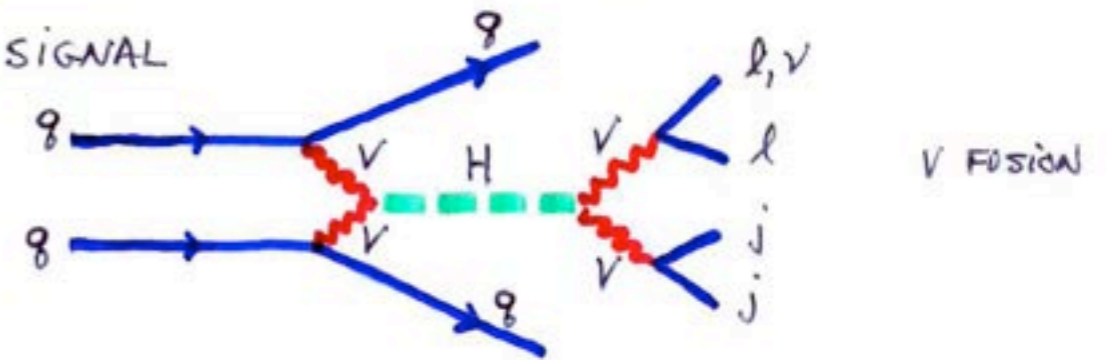
REDUCIBLE : QCD JETS } WITH FAKE γ
 $Z \rightarrow ee$

CHALLENGING CHANNEL

H → WW → lν jj $ZZ \rightarrow lljj$

- INTERESTING BECAUSE 150X BRANCHING-RATIO OF γγ CHANNEL

SIGNAL



BACKGROUND

$T\bar{T}$, W + JETS

TO CONTROL BACKGROUND

- NEED A GOOD $\sigma_{M_{jj}}$ FOR M_W, M_Z RECONSTRUCTION
 - CALORIMETER GRANULARITY
 - PILEUP CONTROL
- FORWARD JET TAGGING $2 < |\eta| < 5$
- CENTRAL JET VETO

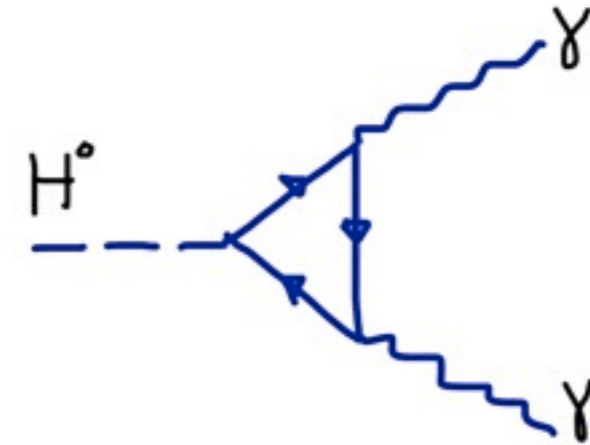
$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

- Look for two isolated high energy photons

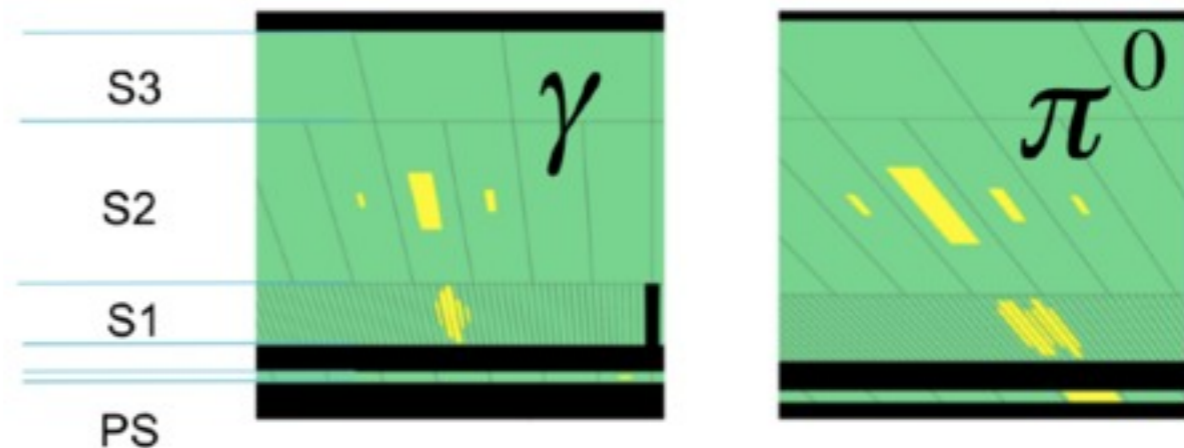
- need good photon identification

- Large background

- irreducible SM 2-photon production
- fake photons (neutral pions)
 - use shower shape in LAr calorimeter segmented readout



π^0 - γ Rejection



- Reconstruct the 2-photon invariant mass

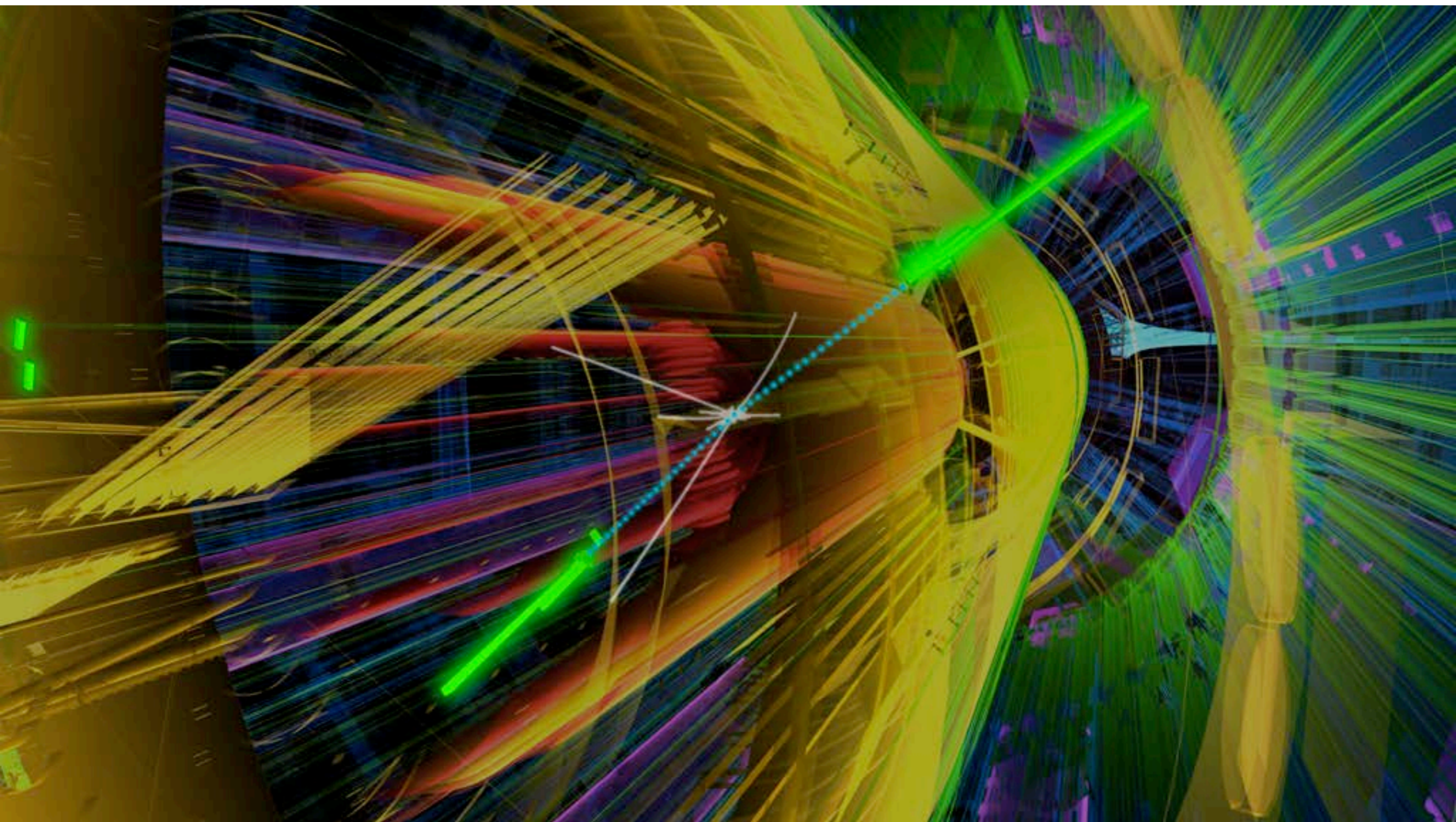
- look for a signal mass bump over a large background

$$M_{\gamma\gamma}^2 = 2E_1 E_2 (1 - \cos \alpha)$$

need good photon
energy reconstruction

need good
photon direction

$$H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma ?$$



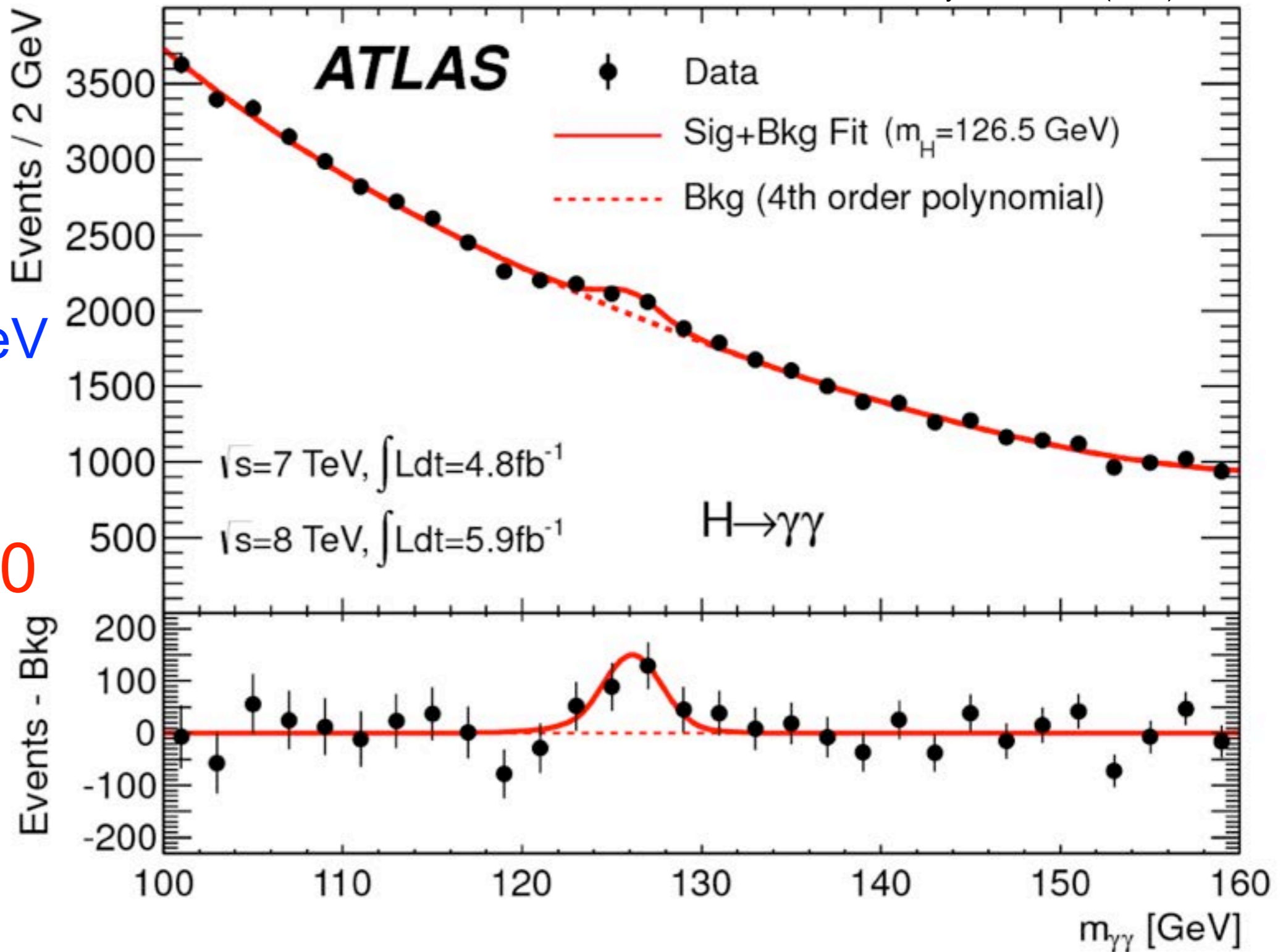
H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$ (July 2012)

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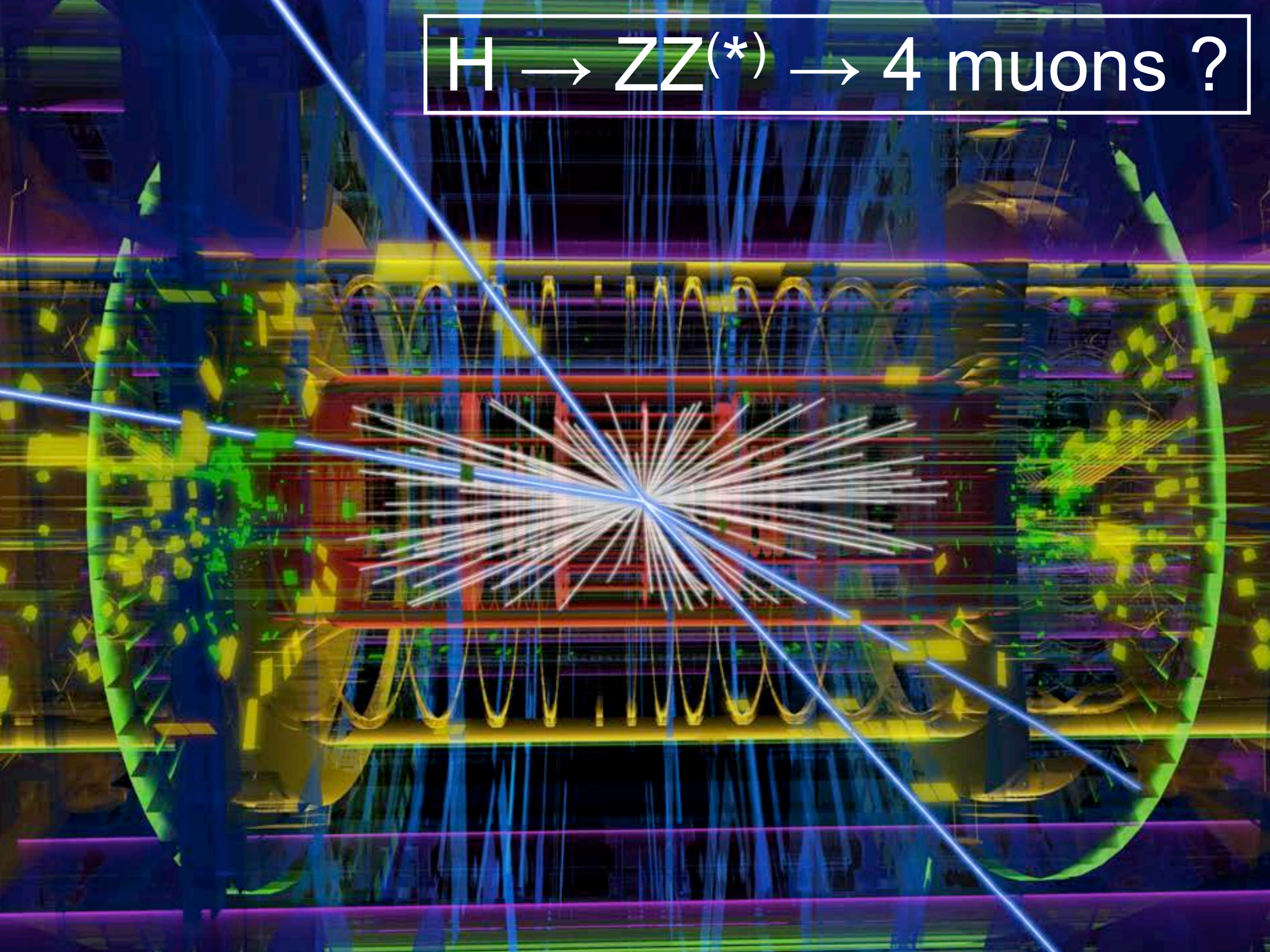
Excess of events!

M \sim 126.5 GeV
4.5 σ

\sim 1 / 300000
chance of
being a
statistical
fluctuation



$H \rightarrow ZZ^{(*)} \rightarrow 4 \text{ muons ?}$



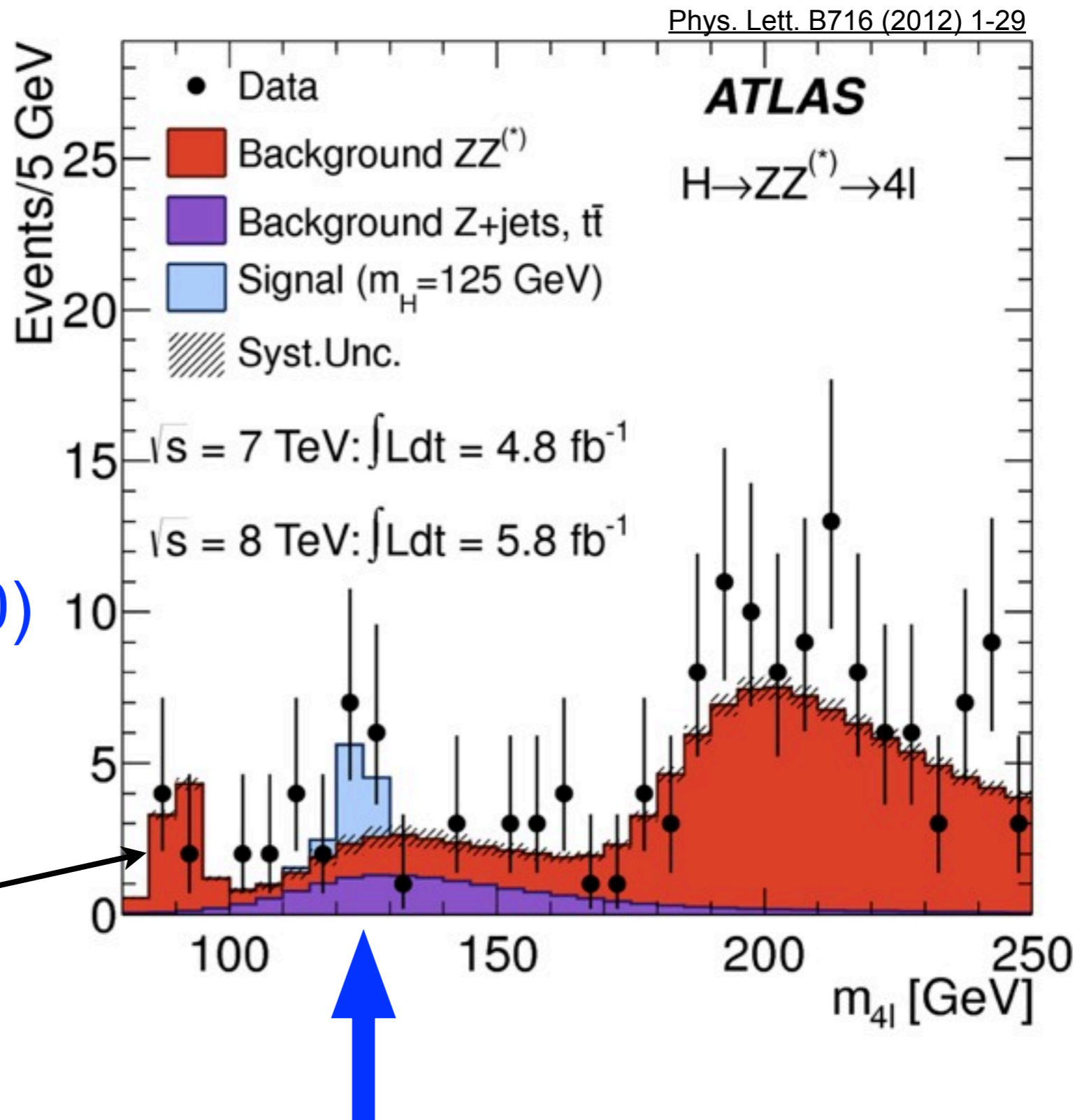
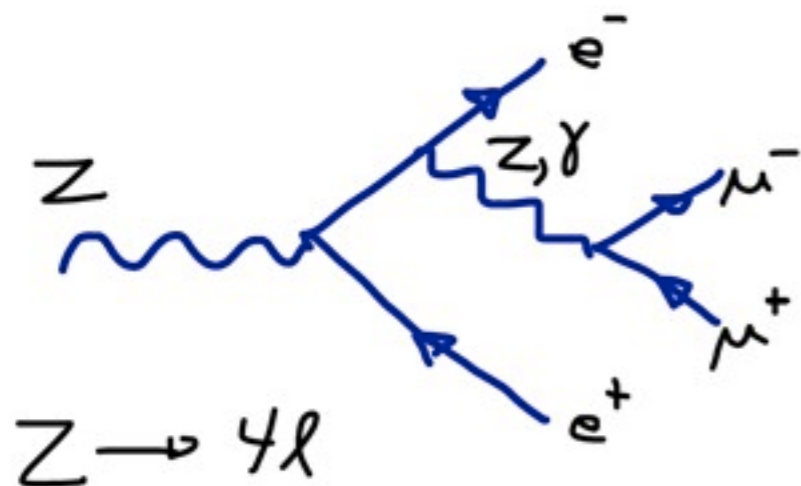
H \rightarrow ZZ^(*) \rightarrow 4 leptons (July 2012)

- Look for four isolated high energy leptons
 - very clean, but rare!
- Reconstruct invariant mass of system
 - excellent mass resolution

Excess of events!

3.6 σ (~1 / 6300)

M ~ 125.0 GeV



4 July 2012 CERN and Melbourne



CERN, 09:00



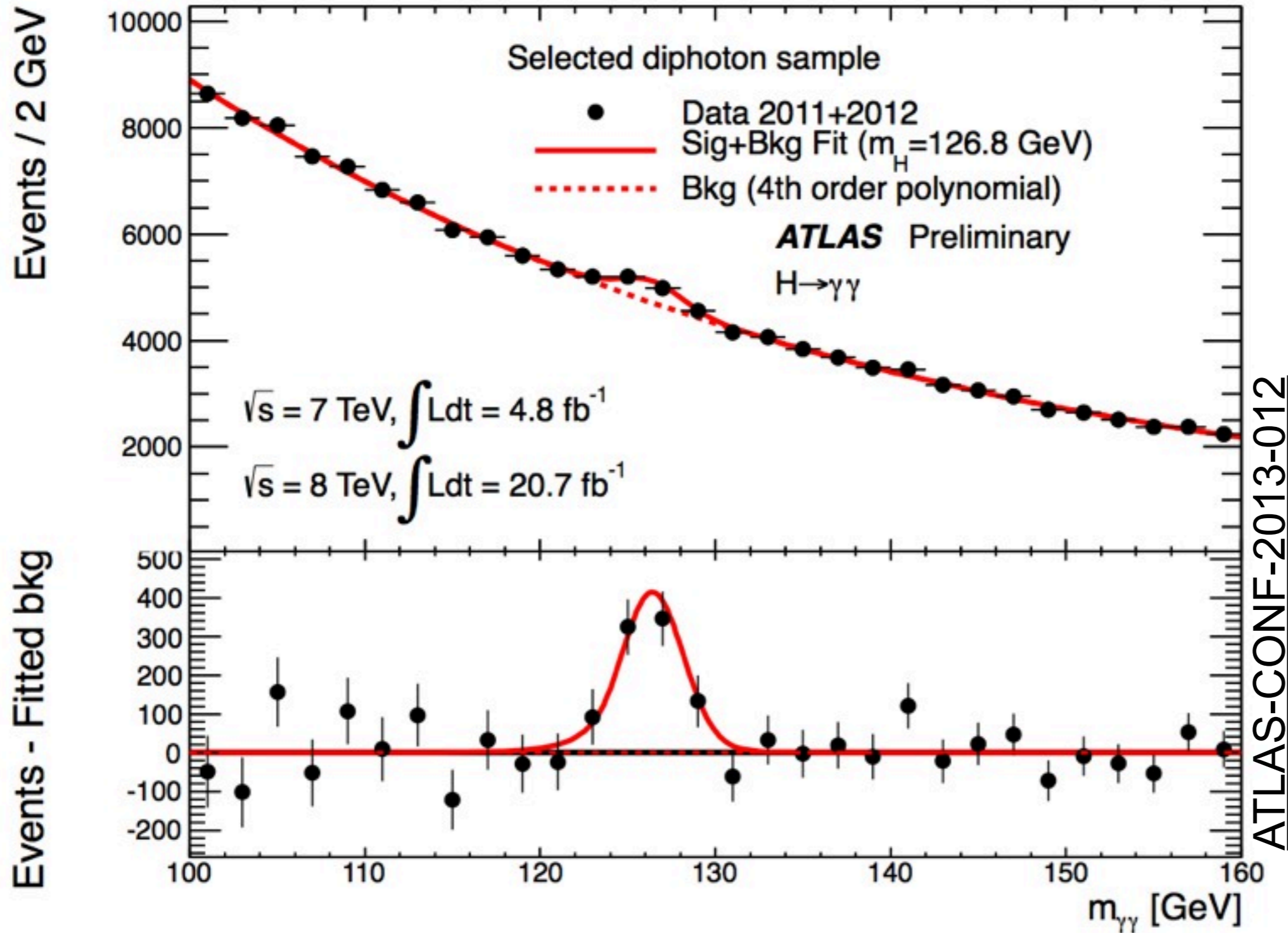
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00:00 in Victoria!



H \rightarrow $\gamma\gamma$

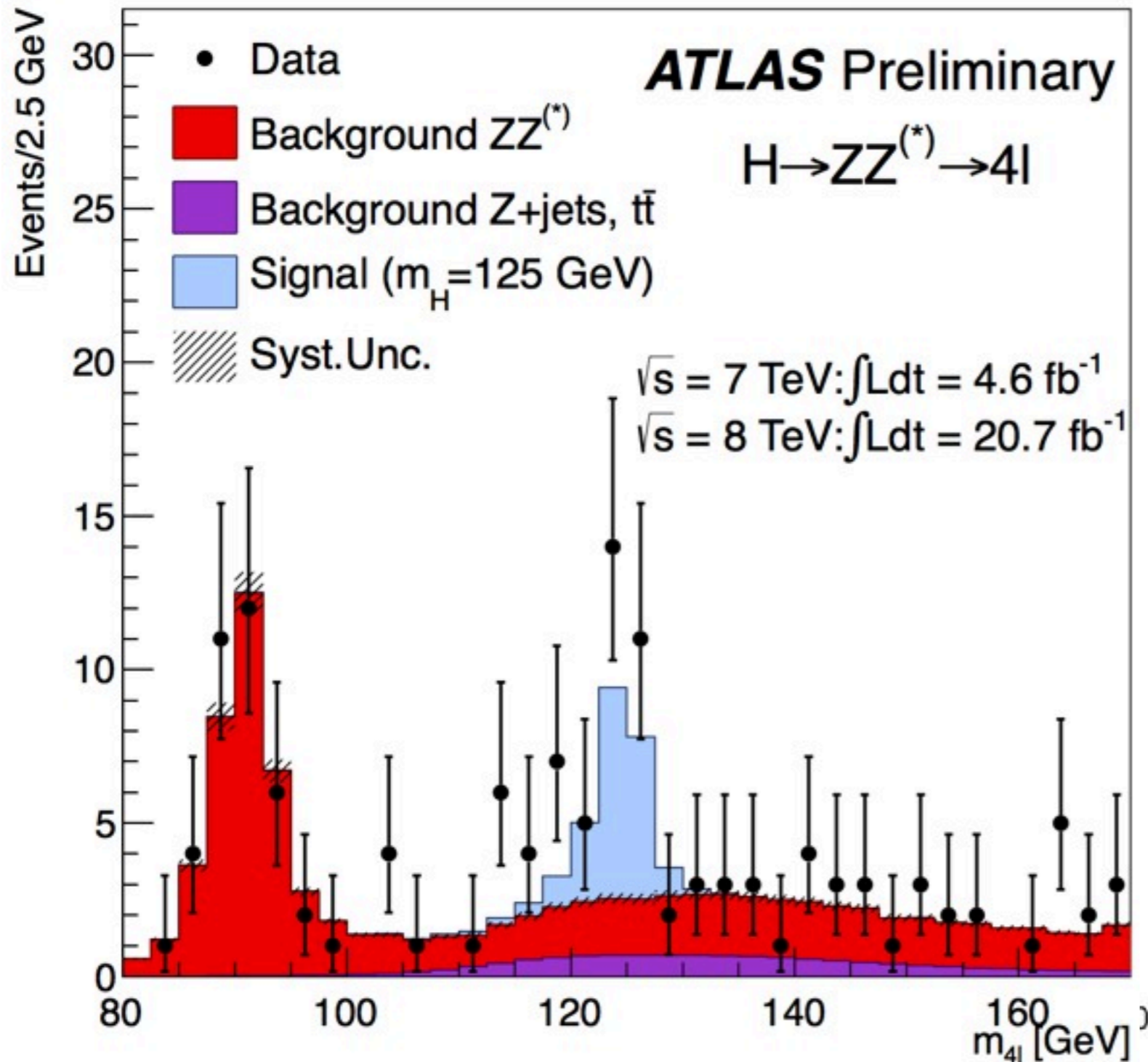


7.4 σ
(6.8×10^{-14})

ATLAS-CONF-2013-012

$$M_{\gamma\gamma} = 126.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.7 \text{ (sys)} \text{ GeV}$$

H \rightarrow ZZ^(*) \rightarrow 4 leptons



6.6 σ (2.7×10^{-11})

Latest results:

[ATLAS-CONF-2013-013](#)

In [120, 130 GeV], expect

Signal: 16 events

Background: 11 events

Observed: 32 events

The difference between the measured masses is found to have a significance of 2.4 σ (or 1.5%).

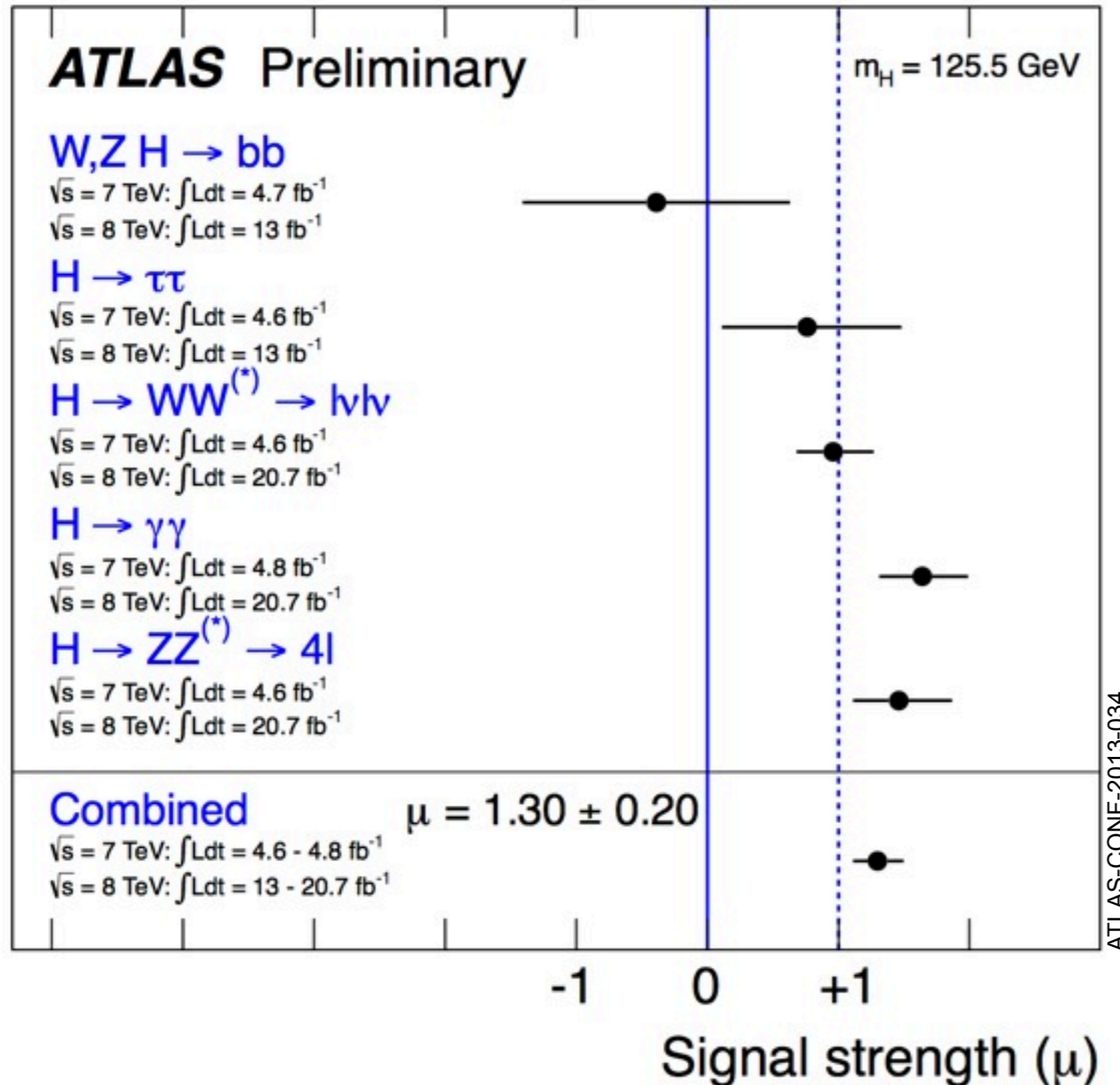
$2.3^{+0.6}_{-0.7}$ (stat) ± 0.6 (sys) GeV

Latest mass combination:
 ATLAS-CONF-2013-014

$$M_{4\ell} = 124.3^{+0.6}_{-0.5} \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.5^{+0.5}_{-0.3} \text{ (sys)} \text{ GeV}$$

Higgs particle signal strength

$$M_H = 125.5 \pm 0.2 \text{ (stat)} \begin{matrix} +0.5 \\ -0.6 \end{matrix} \text{ (sys) GeV}$$



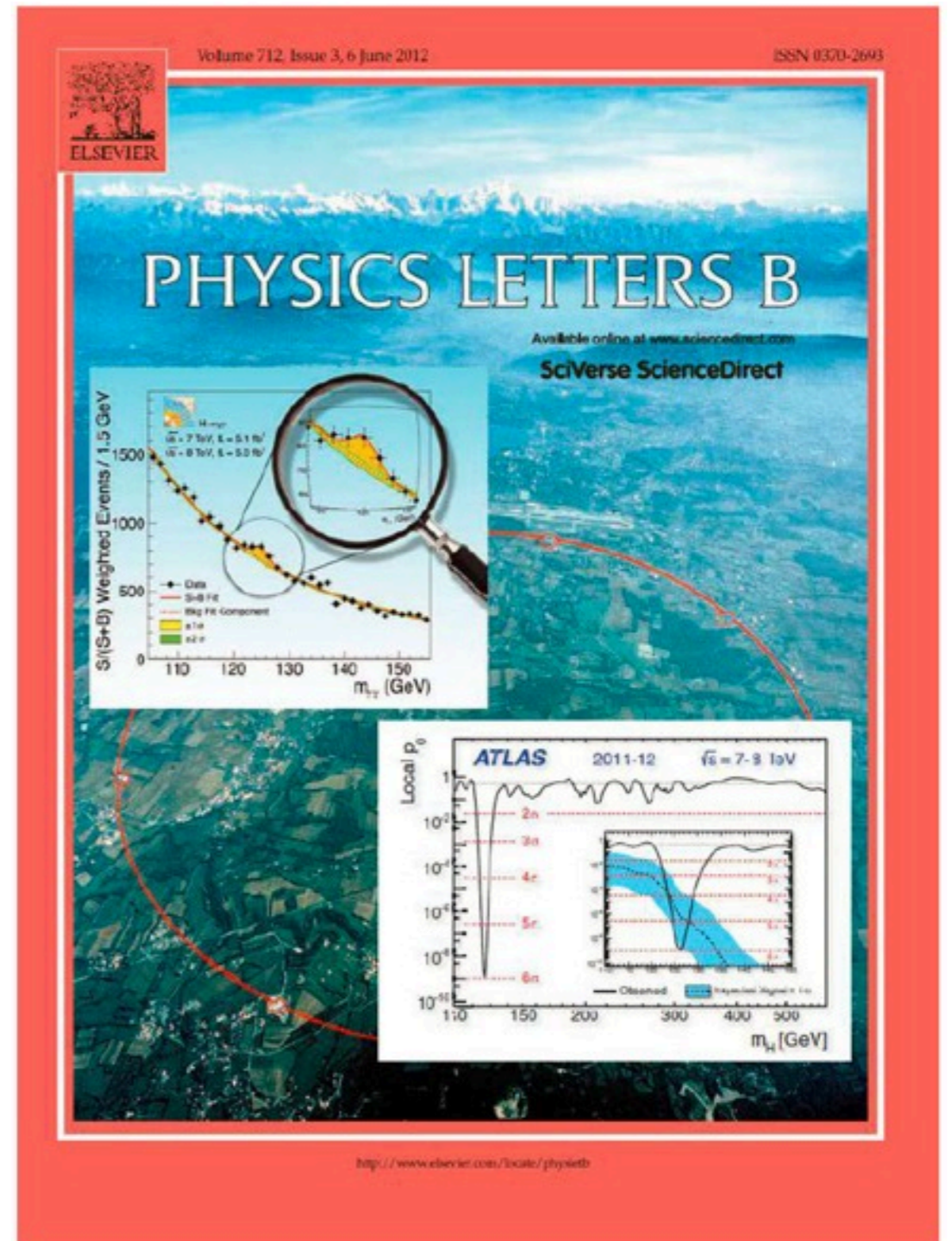
$$\mu = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}} \frac{B}{B_{\text{SM}}} = 1.30 \pm 0.20$$

Compatibility with SM
 $\mu = 1$ with observed measurement is $\sim 9\%$

Latest Higgs combination:
ATLAS-CONF-2013-034

Is it the SM Higgs boson?

- We have discovered a new particle!
 - savour this privileged and historic moment
 - a Higgs boson
 - naturalness issue: M_H small only if protected by some symmetry
- Spin and parity
 - boson, not of spin 1
 - compatible with SM prediction of 0^+
- Couplings as predicted by the SM gauge symmetry?
 - otherwise at odds with gauge principle that rules all forces!
 - so far: agreement with SM



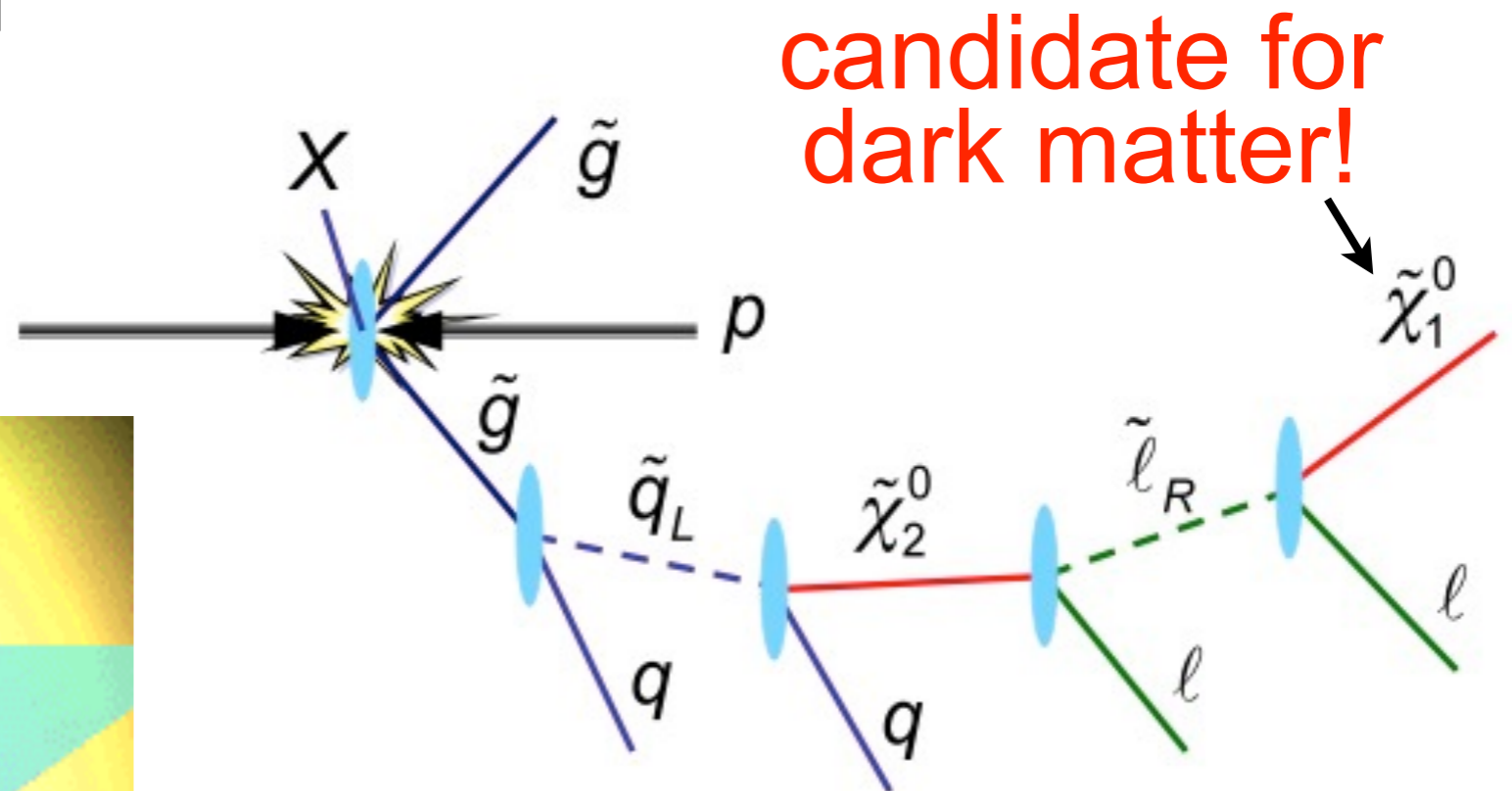
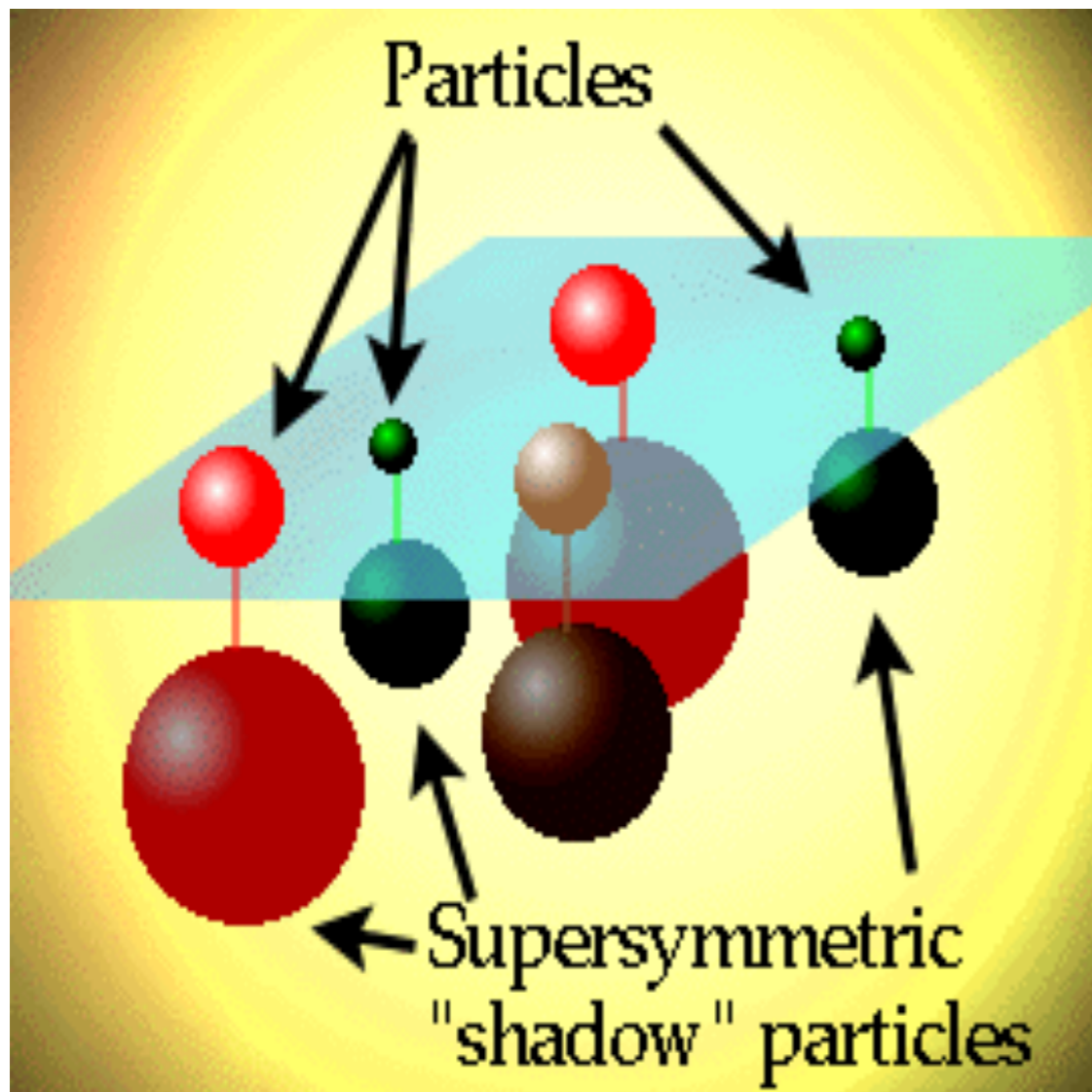
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Many more questions

- * What is the nature of Dark Matter?
- * Why is there more matter than antimatter?
- * Can all forces be unified?
- * Is SuperSymmetry realized in Nature?
- * Are fundamental particles fundamental?
- * Are there extra dimensions of space?
- * Why three families of quarks and leptons?
- * Why are neutrinos so light?
- * What is Dark Energy?

Supersymmetry

- Theoretical idea: extended symmetry of Nature
 - Wess and Zumino, 1974
 - establishes a symmetry between fermions and bosons



- Required in most theories of new physics
- Predicts super-partners of all particles!
 - “sparticles”, not yet found: broken symmetry
- Many possible signatures sought for at the LHC!

Supersymmetry searches

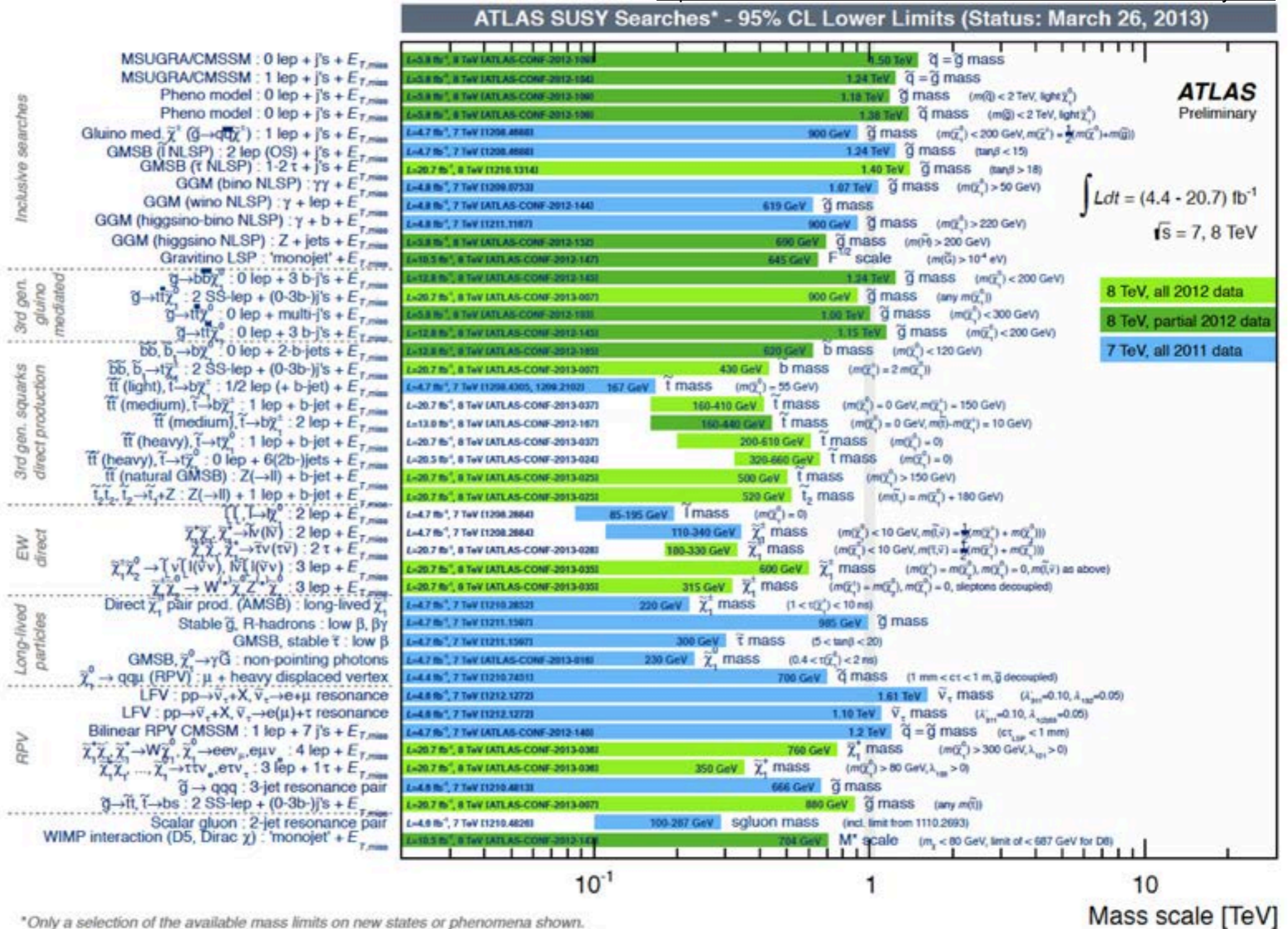
- Aggressively probing weak scale SUSY between 100 GeV and 1 TeV

<https://twiki.cern.ch/twiki/bin/view/AtlasPublic/CombinedSummaryPlots>

inclusive searches

natural SUSY

long lived particles



*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena shown. All limits quoted are observed minus 1σ theoretical signal cross section uncertainty.

Exotic searches

- Many searches... no evidence for new physics so far

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extra dimensions

substructure

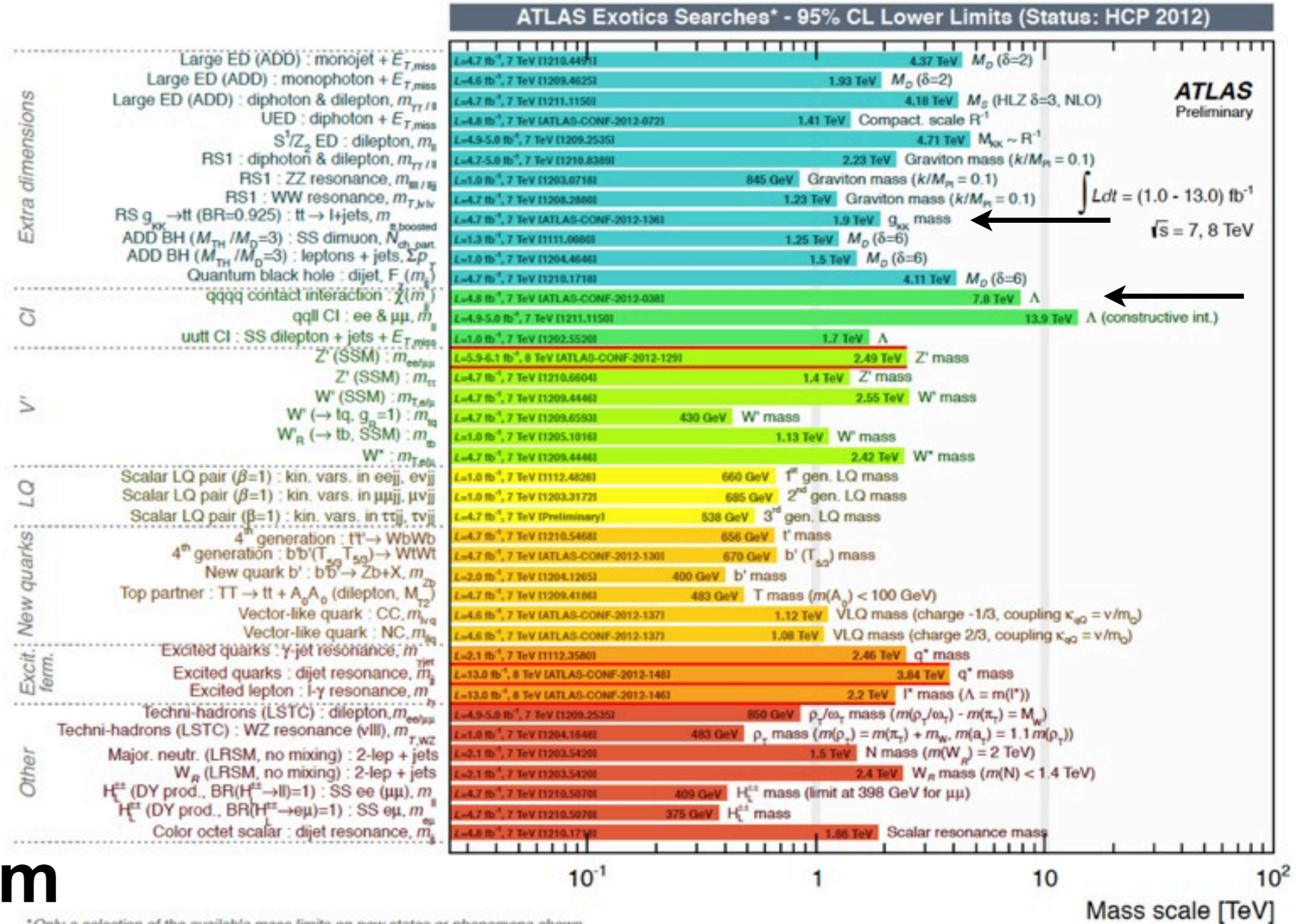
W', Z'

leptoquarks

new quarks

substructure

10 TeV \rightarrow
 $\sim 2 \times 10^{-20}$ m



If it's the SM Higgs, is that it?

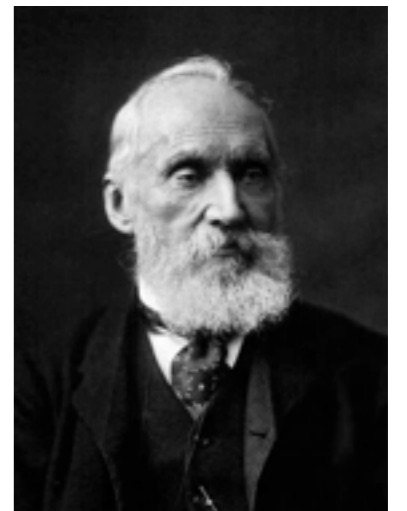
“Our future discoveries must be looked for in the 6th place of decimals.”

Albert A. Michelson, 1894



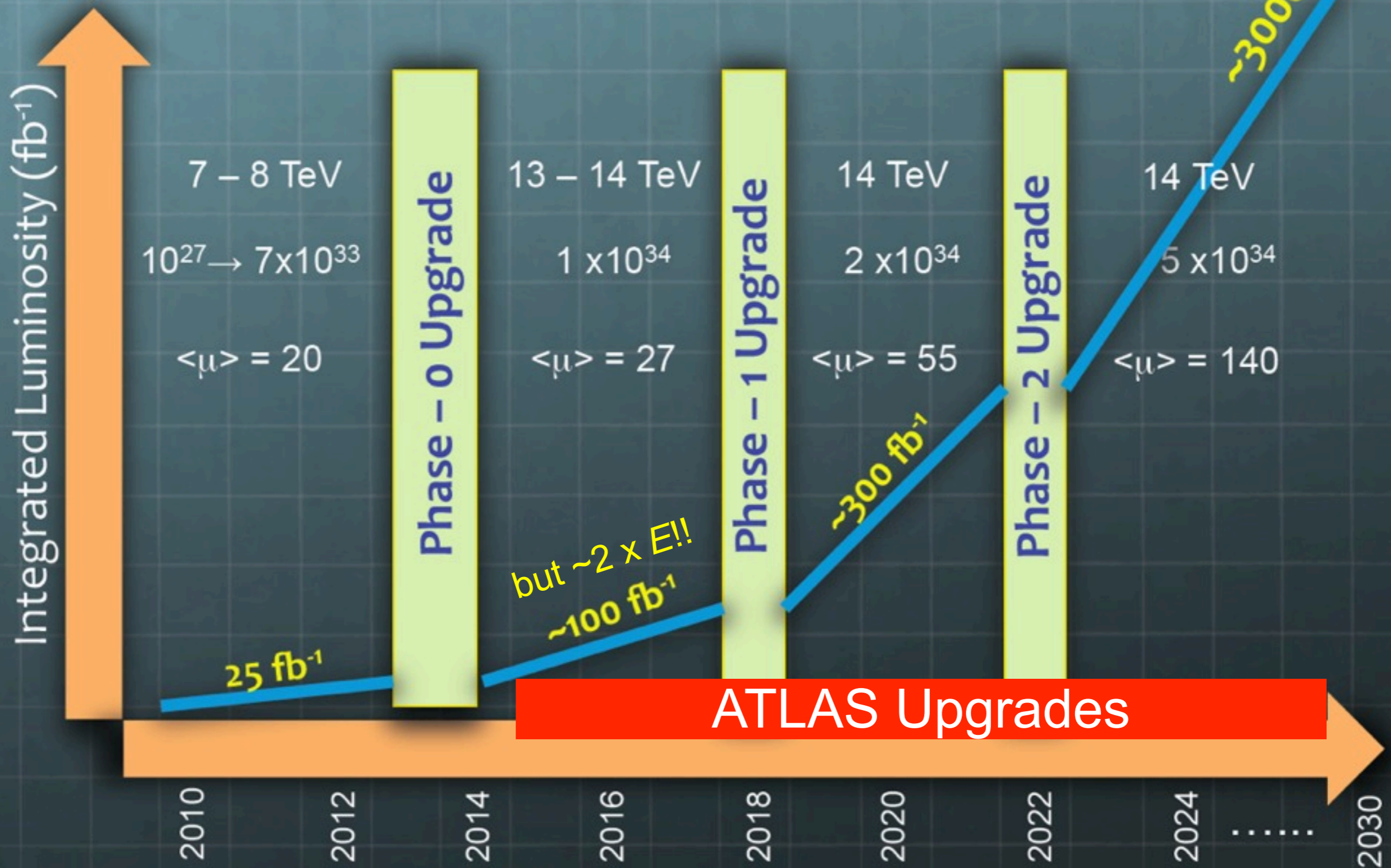
“There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now. All that remains is more and more precise measurement.”

William Thomson (Lord Kelvin), 1900

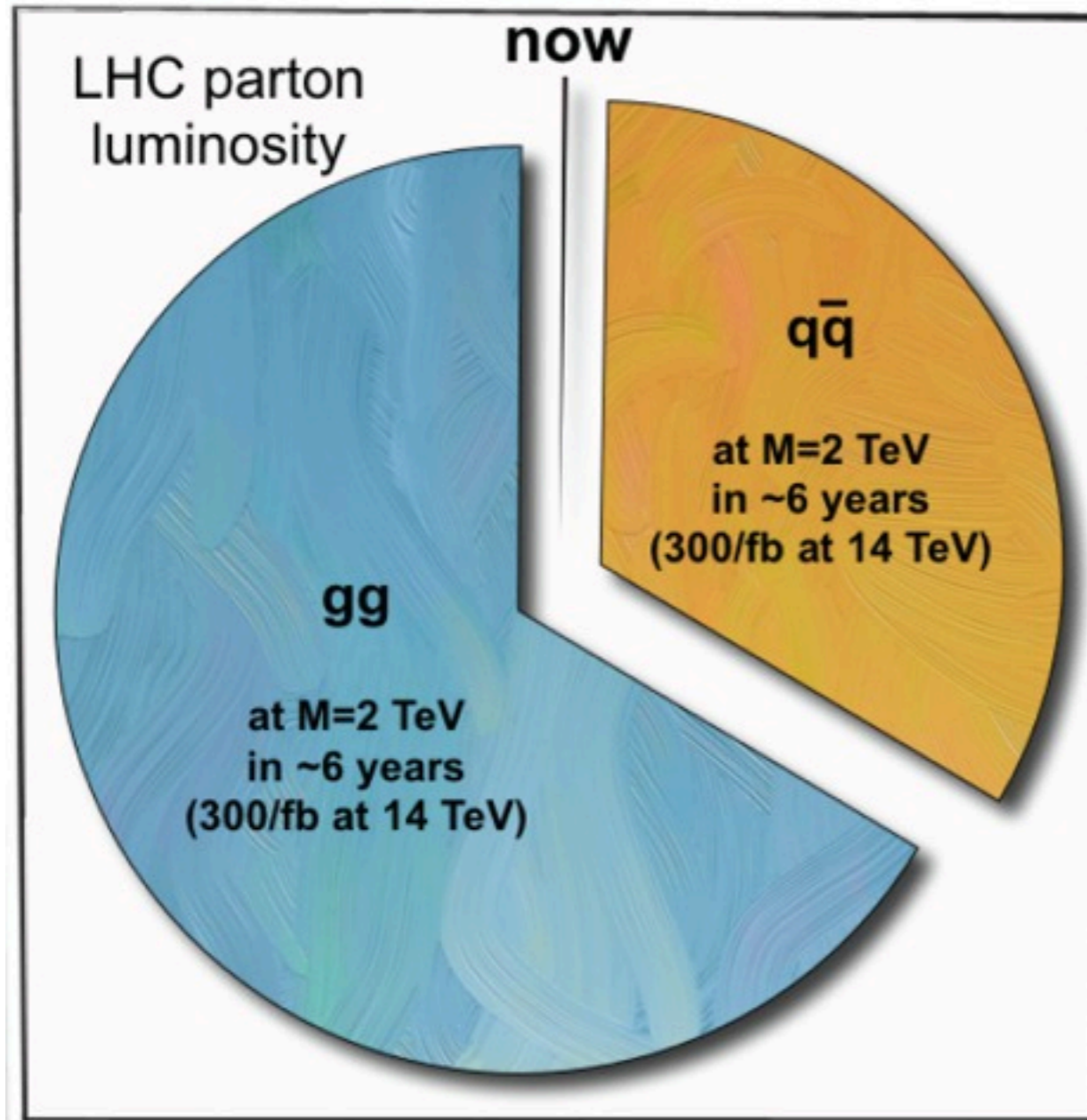


LHC forecast

Srini Rajagopalan,
HCP2012



More explorations



G. Dissertori, quoted by C. Grojean, HCP2012

...and the unexpected!

- We are only starting the exploration of the TeV scale at the LHC!
- $300 \text{ fb}^{-1} \rightarrow 3000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$
 - precision measurement of **Higgs couplings** (in particular measure coupling with top and μ)
 - direct measurements of the **Higgs tri-linear self-couplings** via HH pair production: ~30% precision with ATLAS+CMS with 3000 fb^{-1}
 - extend the reach of **searches for physics beyond the Standard Model**, eg top-antitop resonances up to 7 TeV

ATLAS Upgrades and Canada

- Liquid Argon Calorimeter Electronics
 - maintain ~ 20 GeV electron trigger p_T thresholds at highest luminosities
 - critical for a huge range of ATLAS physics programmes
 - make all calorimeter cells available to a fully digital level 1 trigger
- Muon Small Wheel
 - replace muon small wheels with improved trigger capability
 - increase granularity
 - new chamber technologies capable of higher rates and increased precision
- Forward Calorimetry
 - current forward calorimeter performance will degrade at high luminosity
 - two solutions are envisaged
 - install new forward calorimeters with smaller LAr gaps
 - shield the forward calorimeters with high-rate “Mini-FCal”
 - pCVD Diamonds, LAr, or high pressure Xe gas.

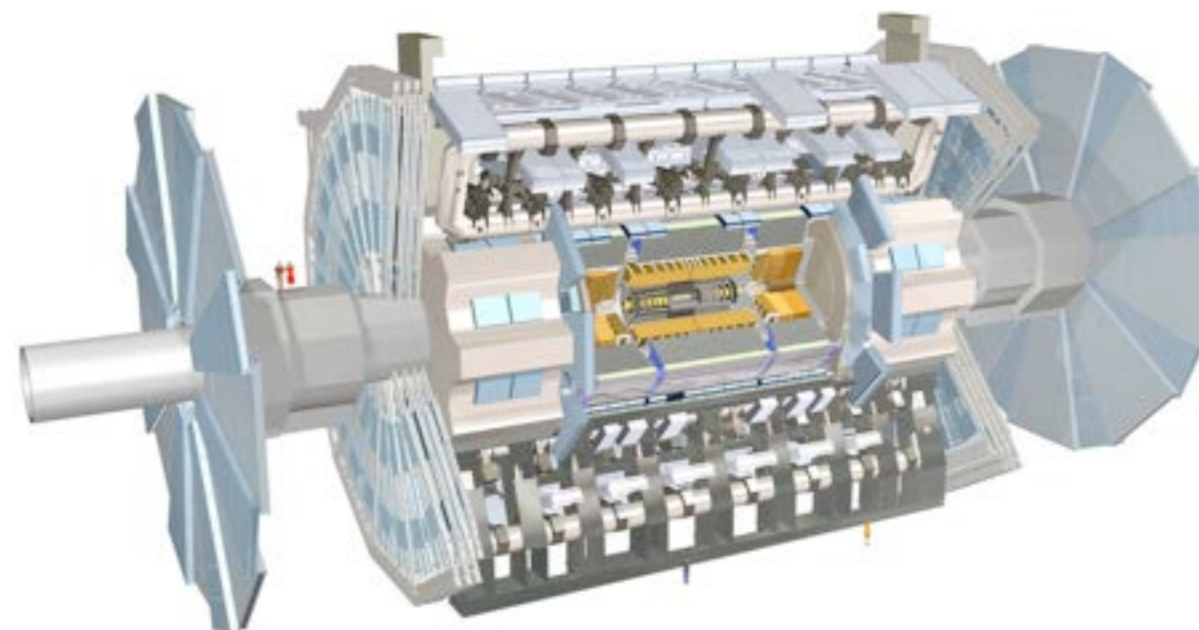
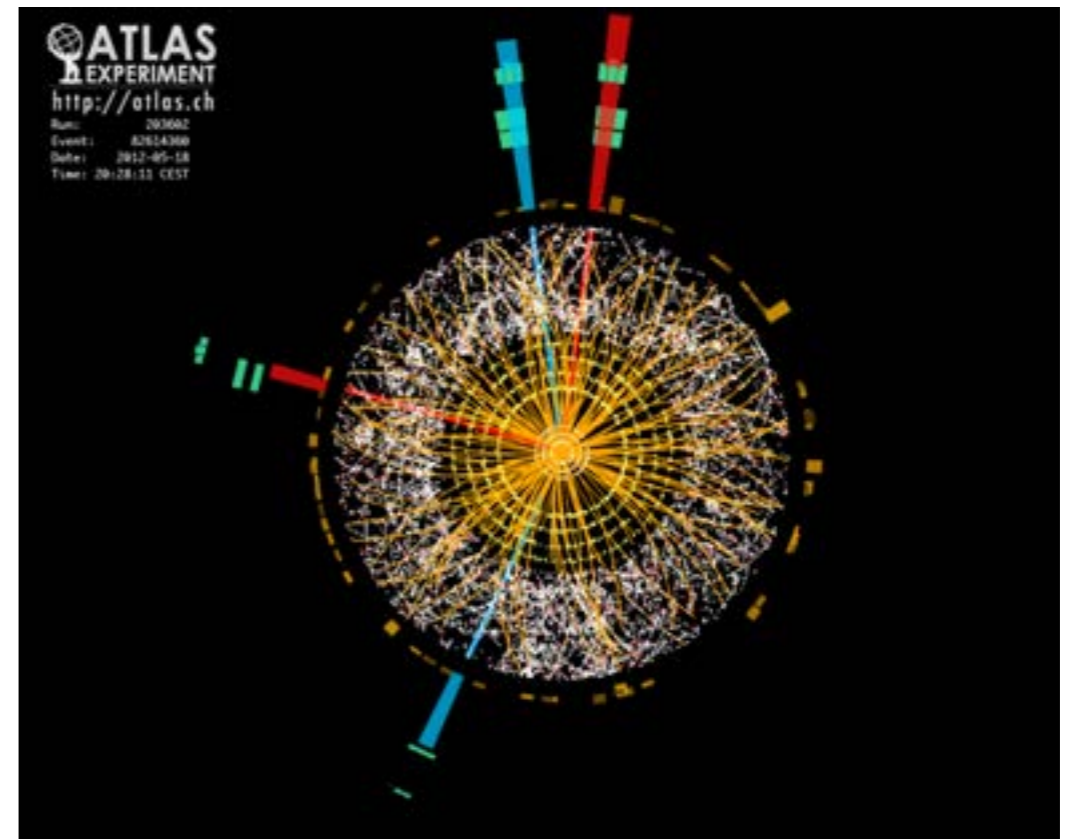
CAP Congress ATLAS contributions

■ M1-1-1 Session

- Dr. Thomas Koffas, Higgs
- Dr. Mark Stockton, SM
- Dr. Bernd Stelzer, Searches

■ ~25 contributions

- T1-1
- T3-1
- W1-1
- W2-3
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- Posters



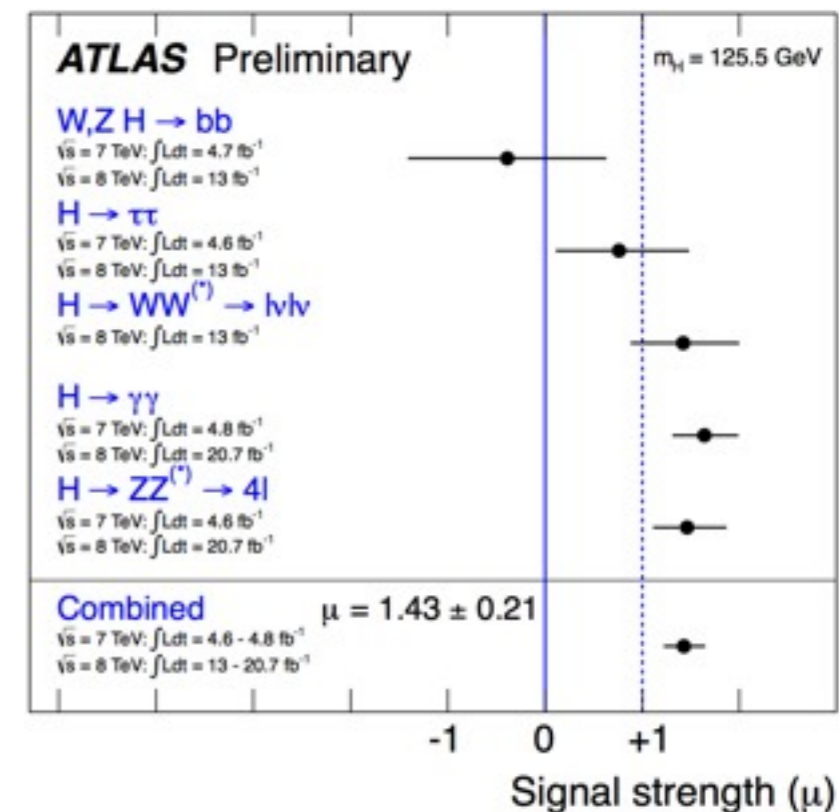


Conclusions

- Discovery of a new particle
 - a ~ 125.5 GeV neutral Higgs boson
 - historic event of great significance
 - so far **compatible with the SM Higgs**
- Exploration at the energy frontier
 - Excellent LHC performance
 - Excellent ATLAS performance
 - this is just the beginning
- Expect more exciting results from the LHC!!

ATLAS papers:

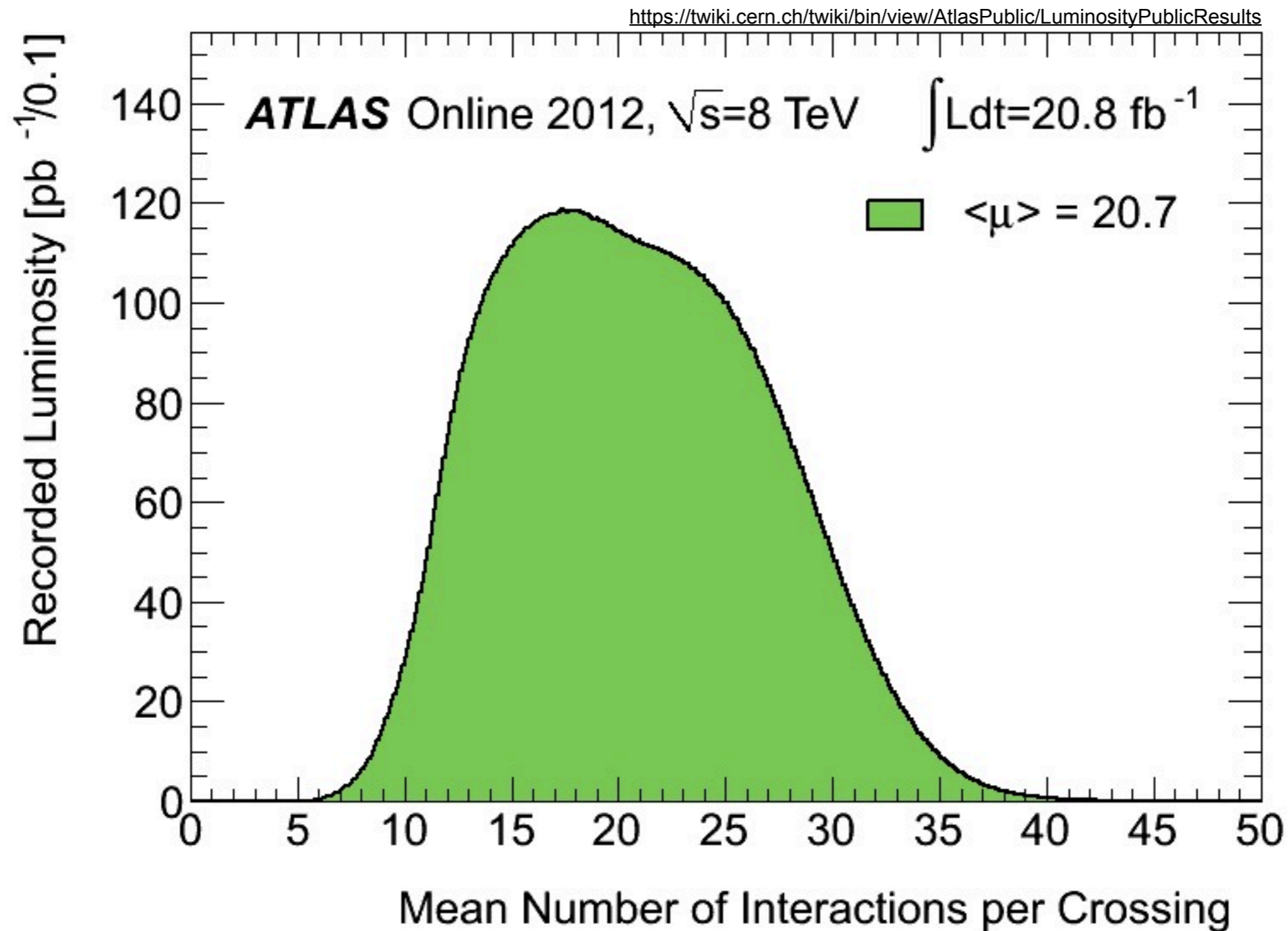
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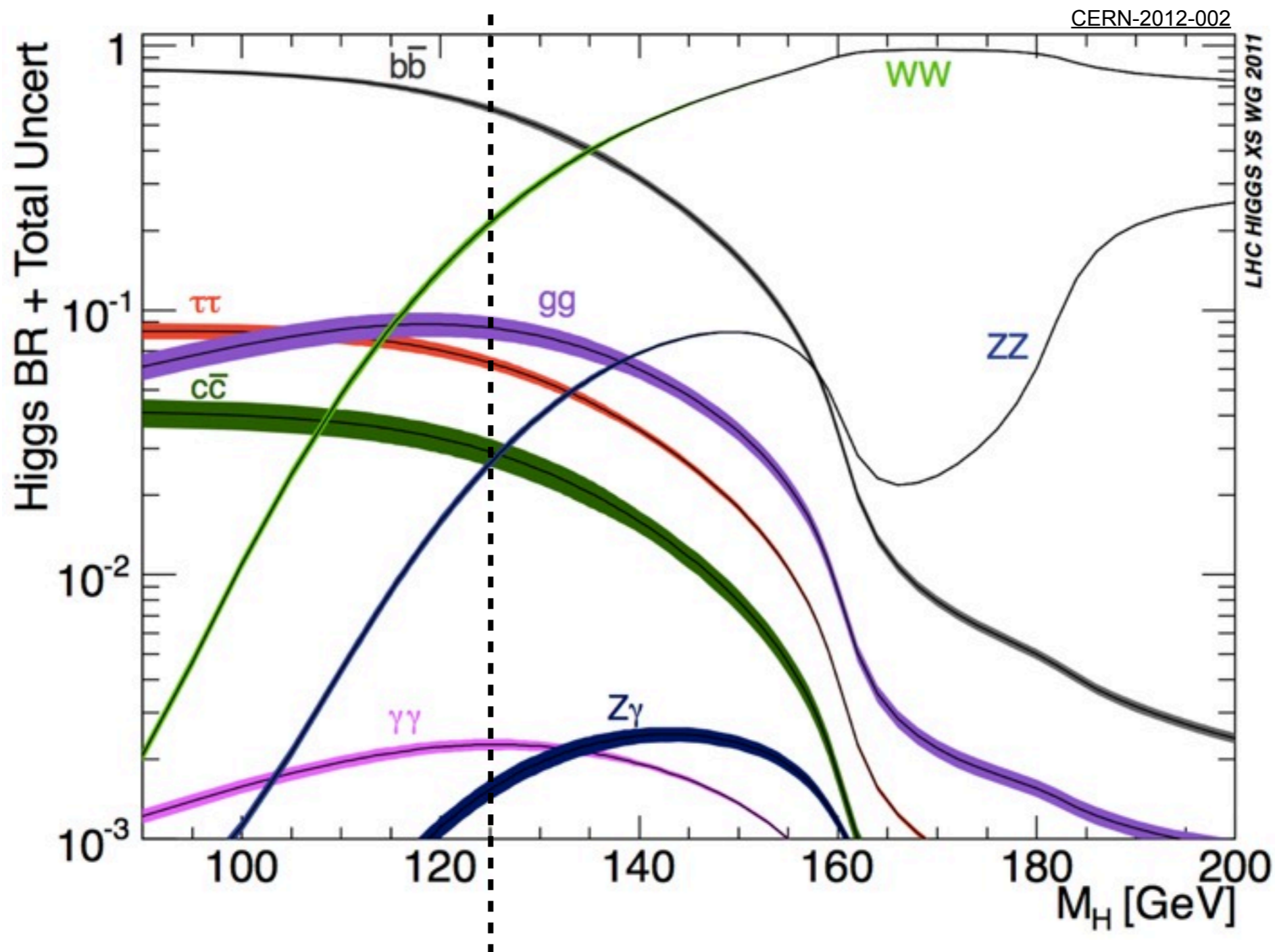
Extra slides

Interactions per beam crossing



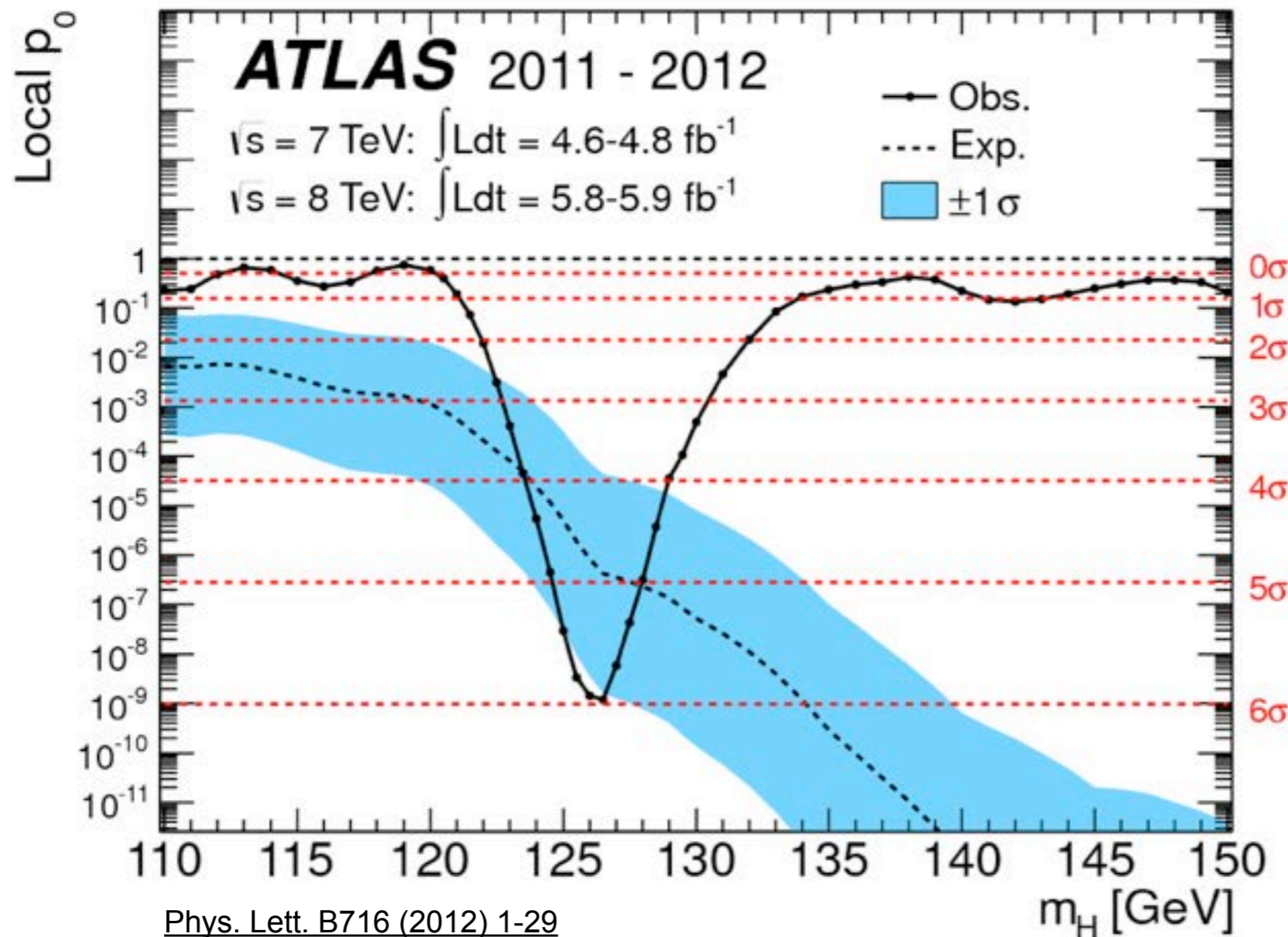
Standard Model Higgs decays

Many possible decay channels of the Higgs boson



Observation of a new particle

- The five best channels are statistically combined (July 2012)
 - sophisticated treatment, including all systematic errors

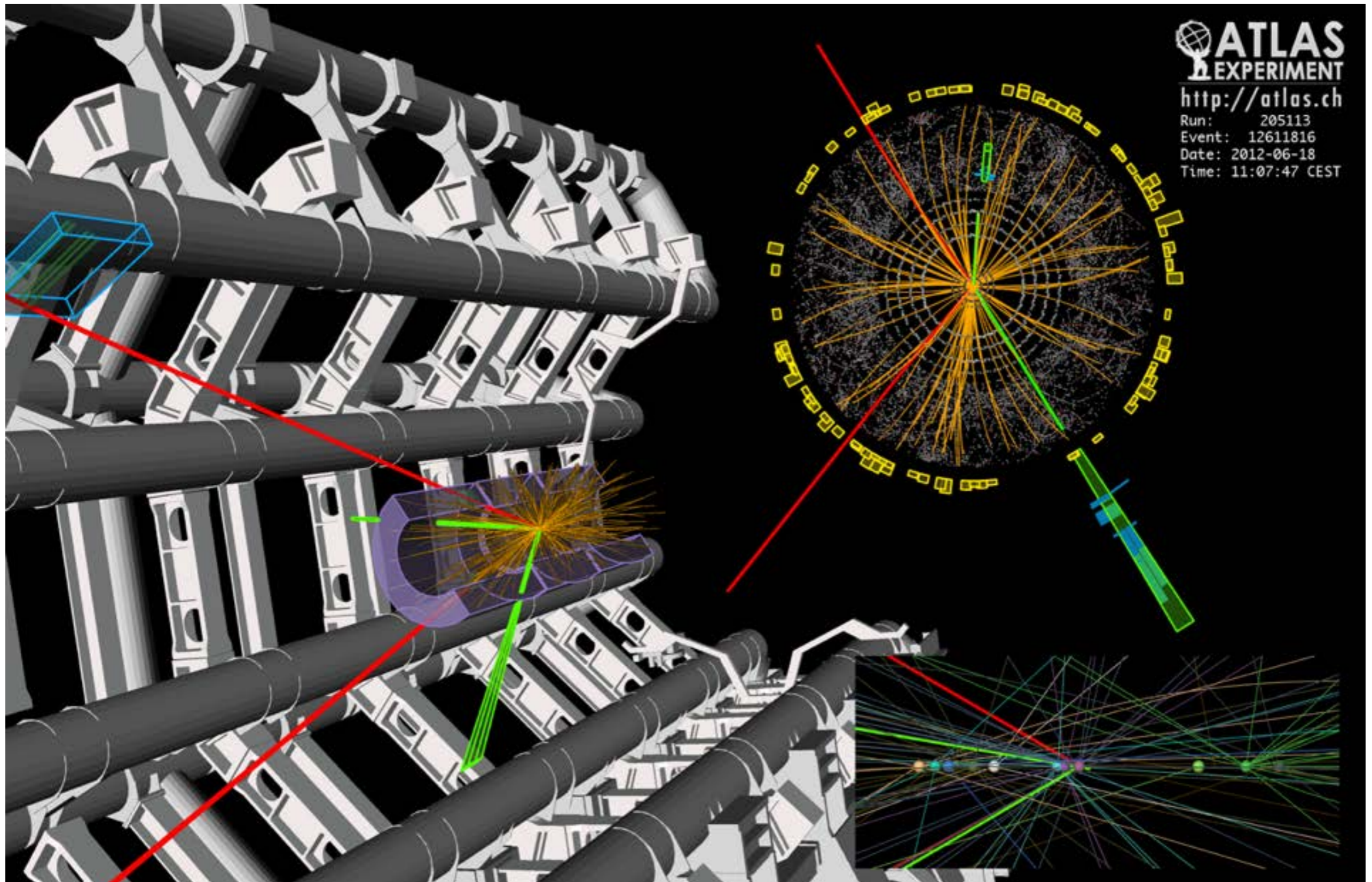


p_0 : test of background only hypothesis
 $p_0 = 1.8 \times 10^{-9}$
local: 5.9σ

$\sim 1 / 550,000,000$
chance of being a statistical fluctuation of the background!

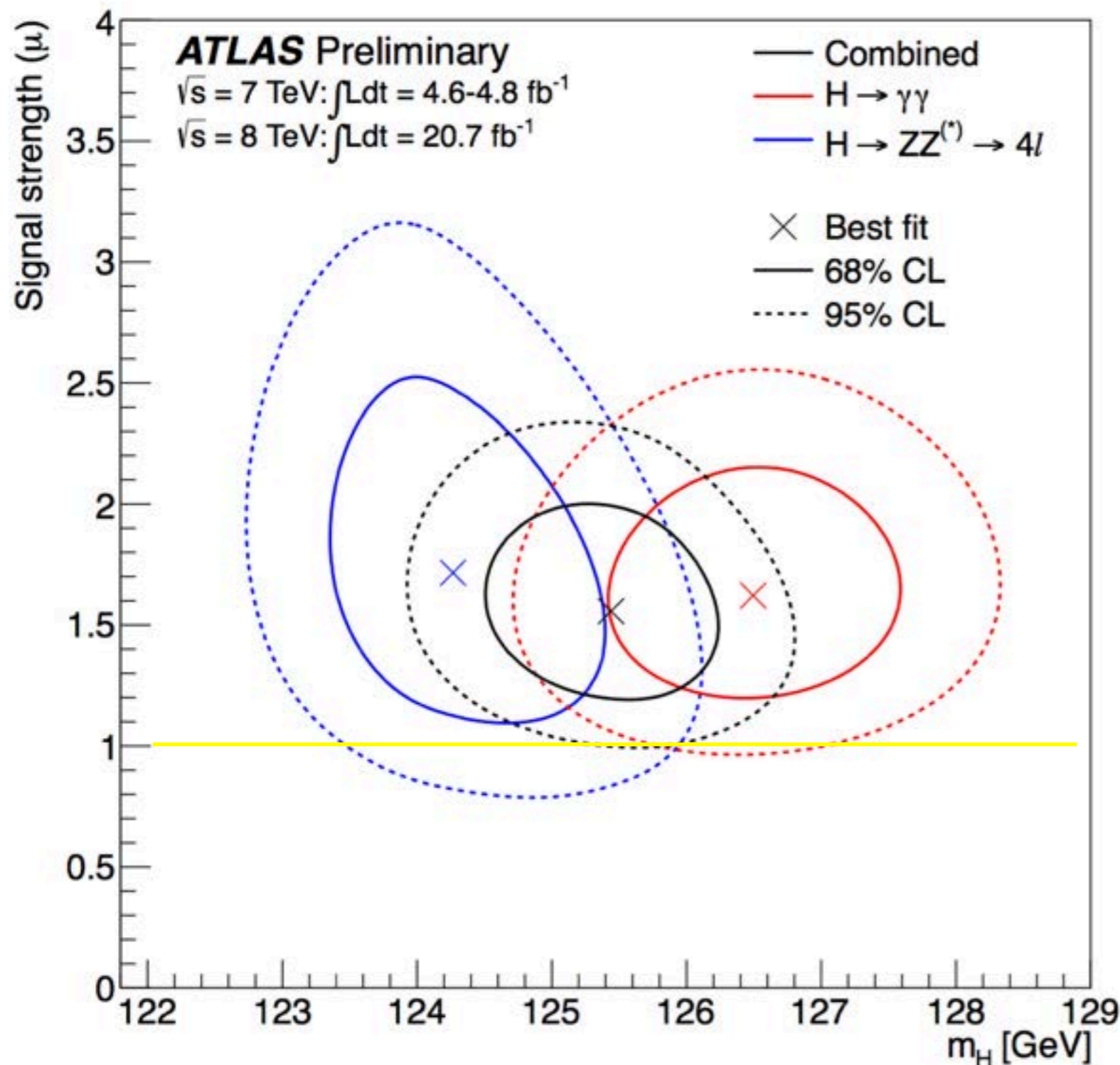
global: 5.1σ
for 100-600 GeV
 1.7×10^{-7}
 $\sim 1 / 5,900,000$

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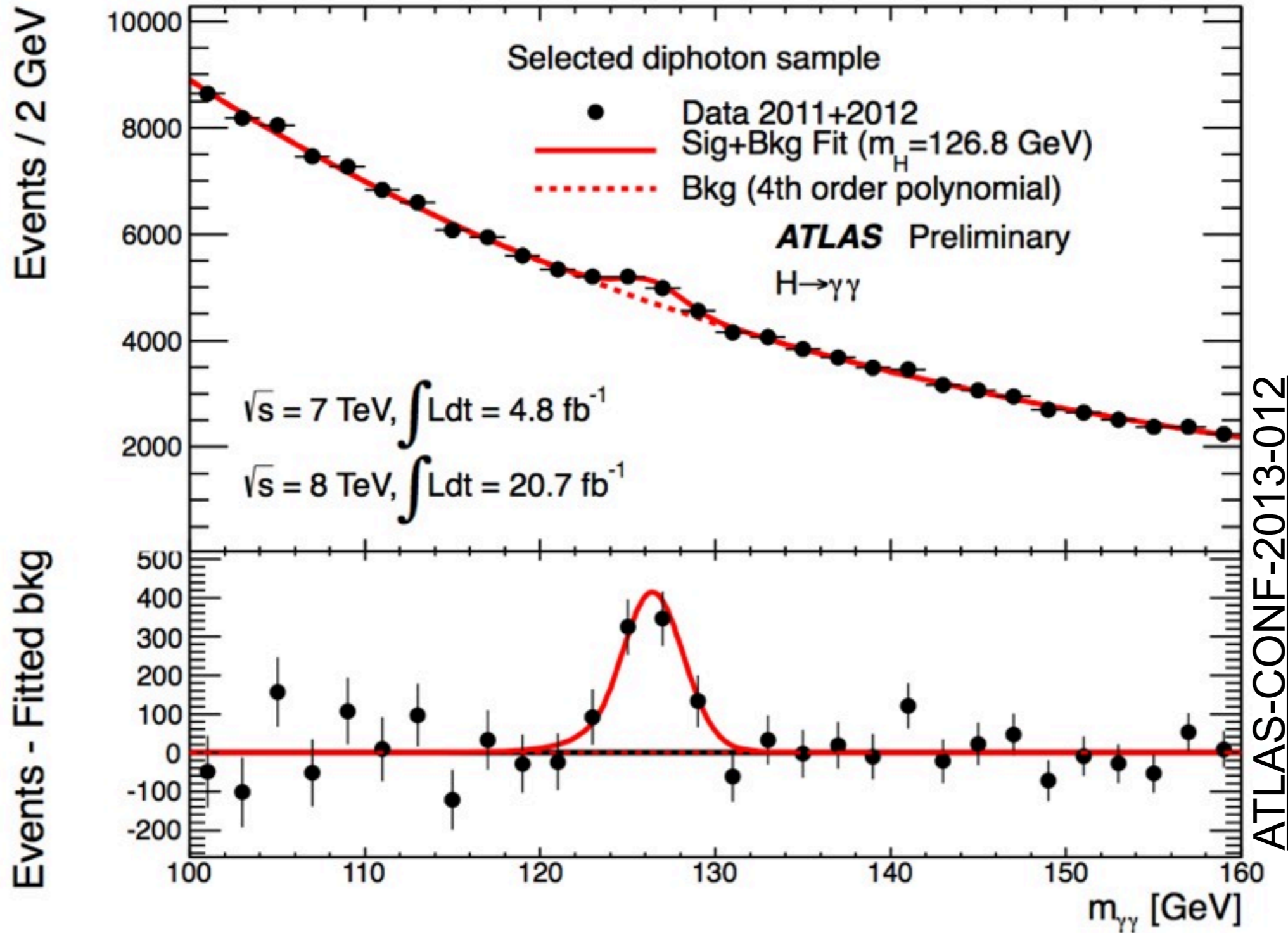


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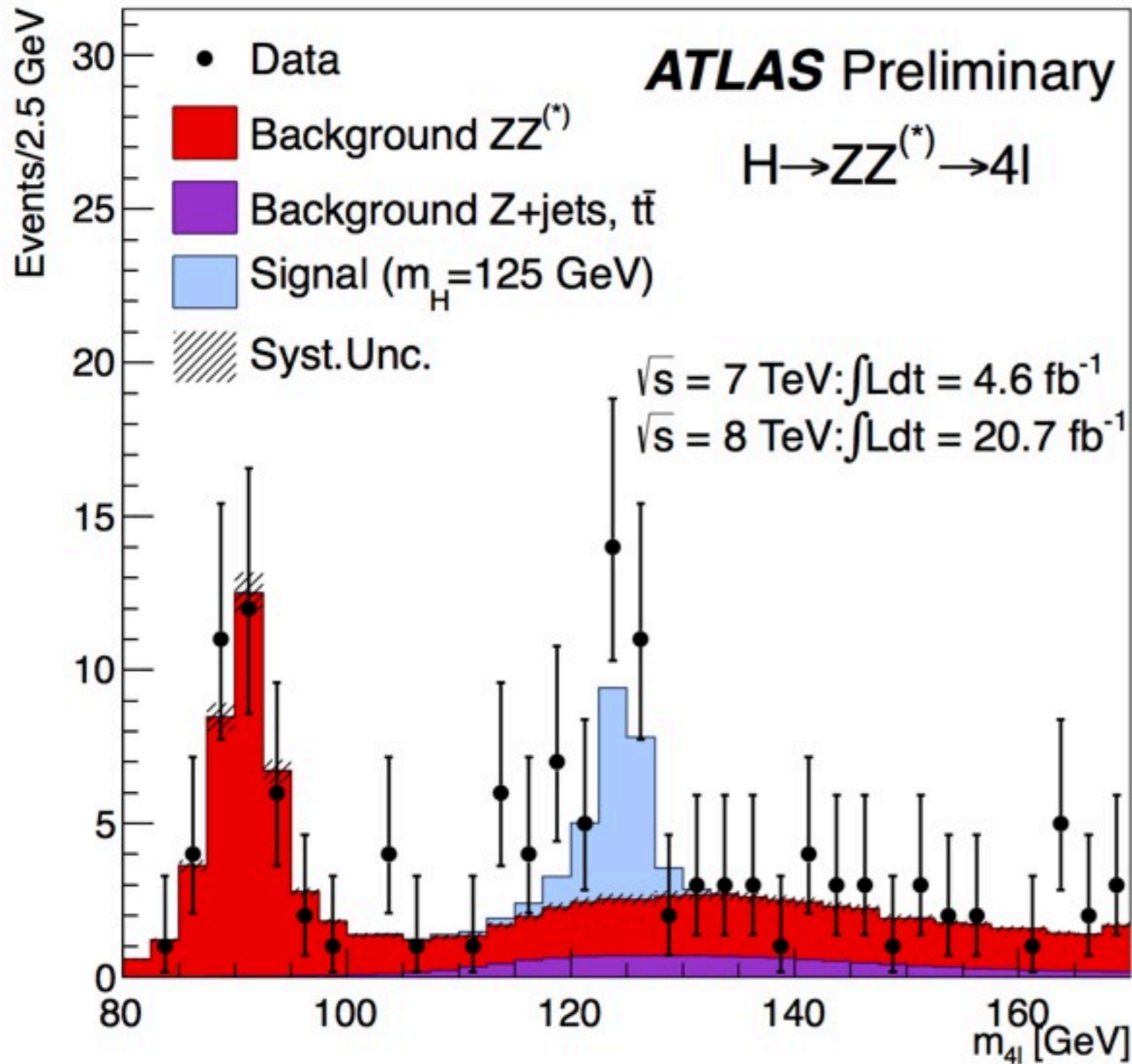
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