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Part 3: Principles of Particle Detectors

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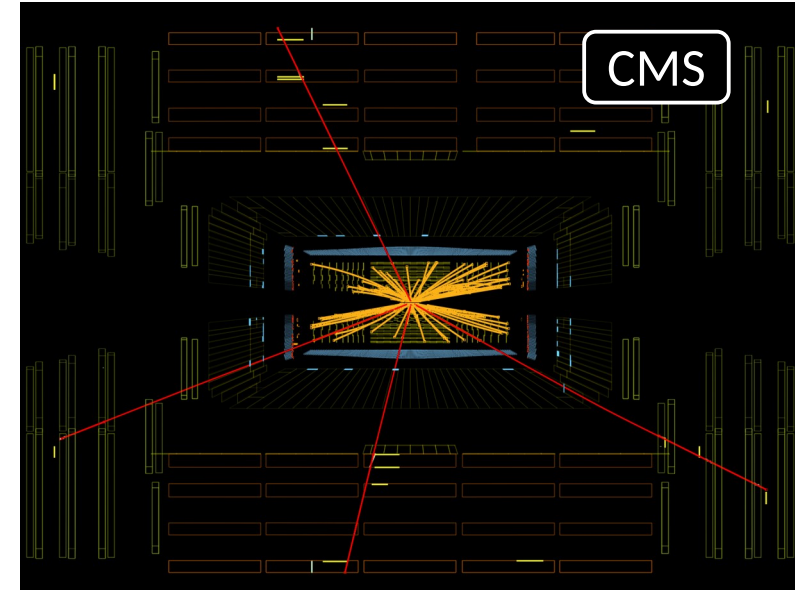
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In Part 2 you learnt how photons and charged particles interact in material

In this part, you'll learn how we use the interaction of particles with the material of a detector to

- detect particles and reconstruct their basic properties (momentum, energy, type)
- combine the information from individual particles to reconstruct an “event”



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Lecture 1: particle physics experiments (OS)

- layout and main components

Lecture 2: particle identification (AГ)

- distinguish different types of particles

Lecture 3: tracking detectors (OS)

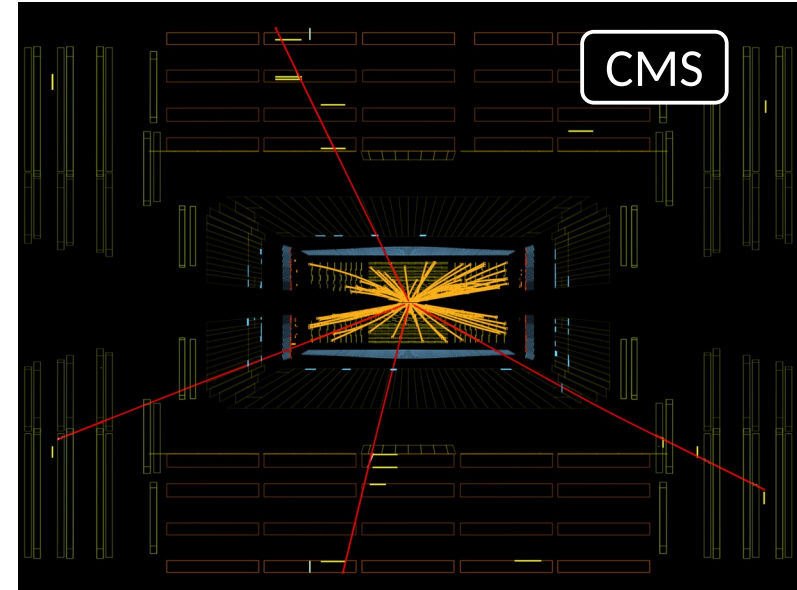
- measure flight direction and momentum

Lecture 4: calorimeters (GdL)

- measure the energy of particles

Lecture 5: emulsion detectors (GdL)

- tracking for special applications



Particle physics experiments

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Produce a beam of particles

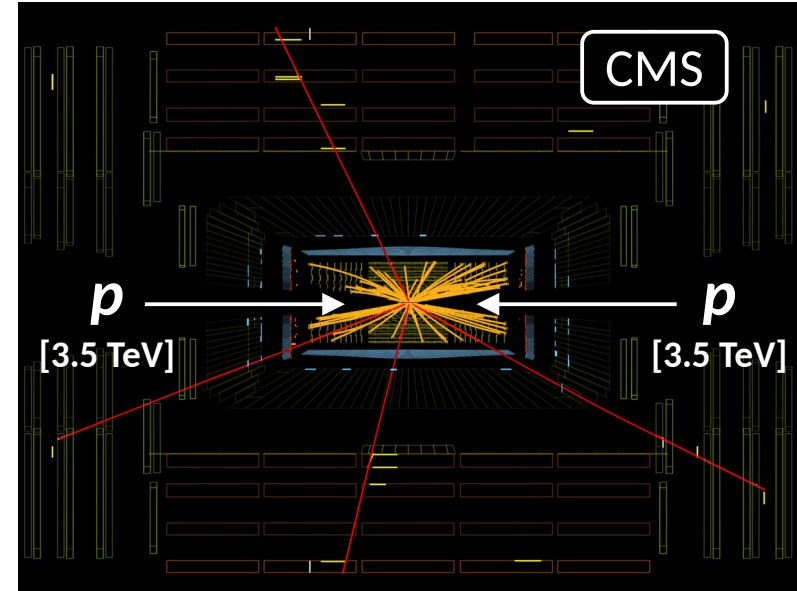
- electrons / positrons
 - protons / antiprotons
 - heavy ions (e.g. lead)
- } charged, stable

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- another beam of particles (“collider”)
- a target at rest (“fixed target”)

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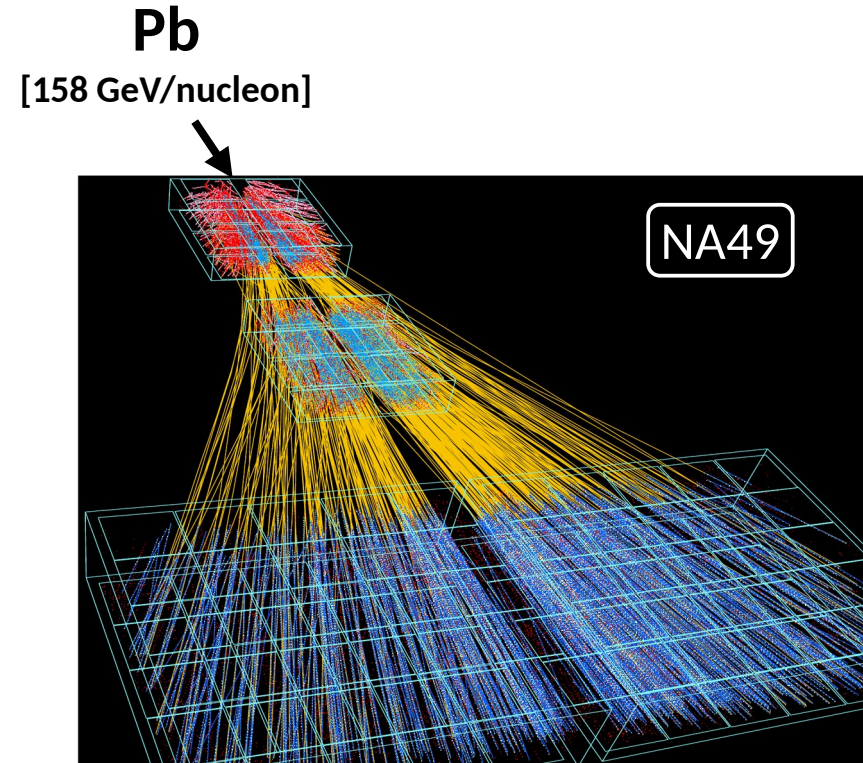
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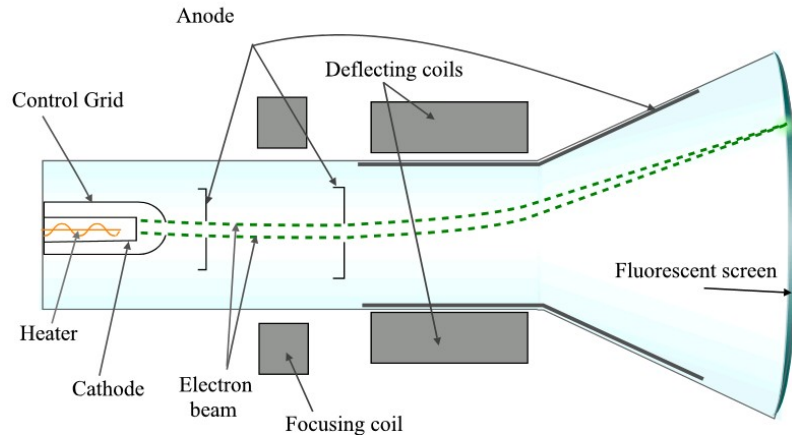
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Particle Accelerators

Use **electric fields** to accelerate particles,
use **magnetic fields** to steer them

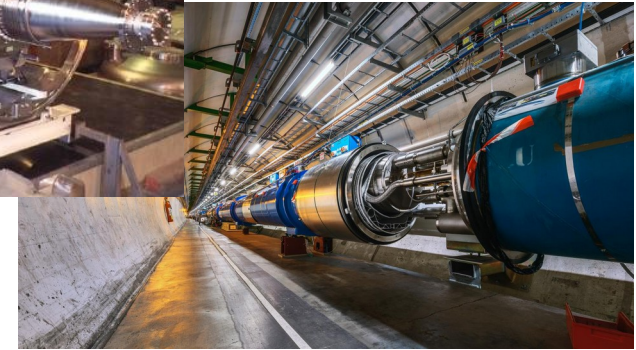


Cathode ray tube

→ colour TV: 25 - 35 keV

→ materials research: > 100 keV

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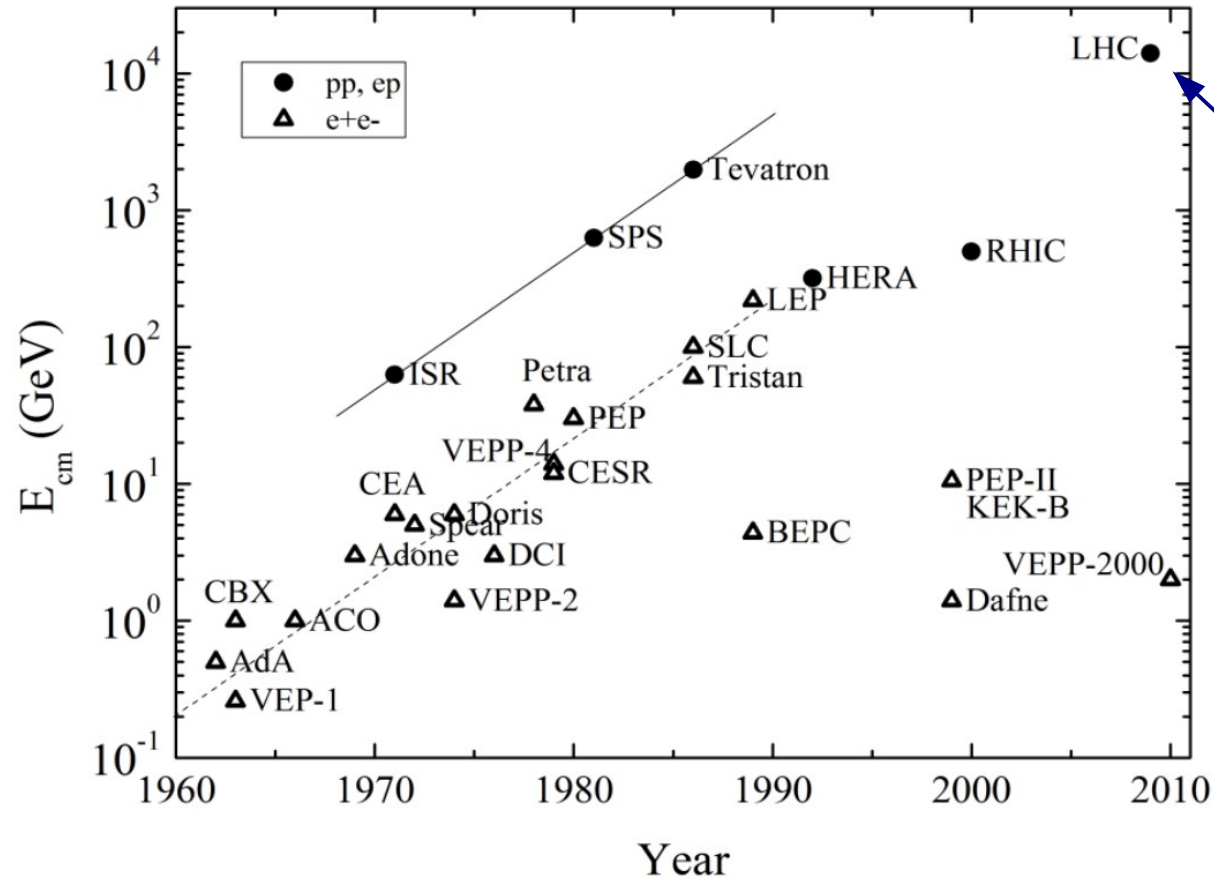


LHC

6.5 TeV = 6'500'000'000 keV

Particle Accelerators

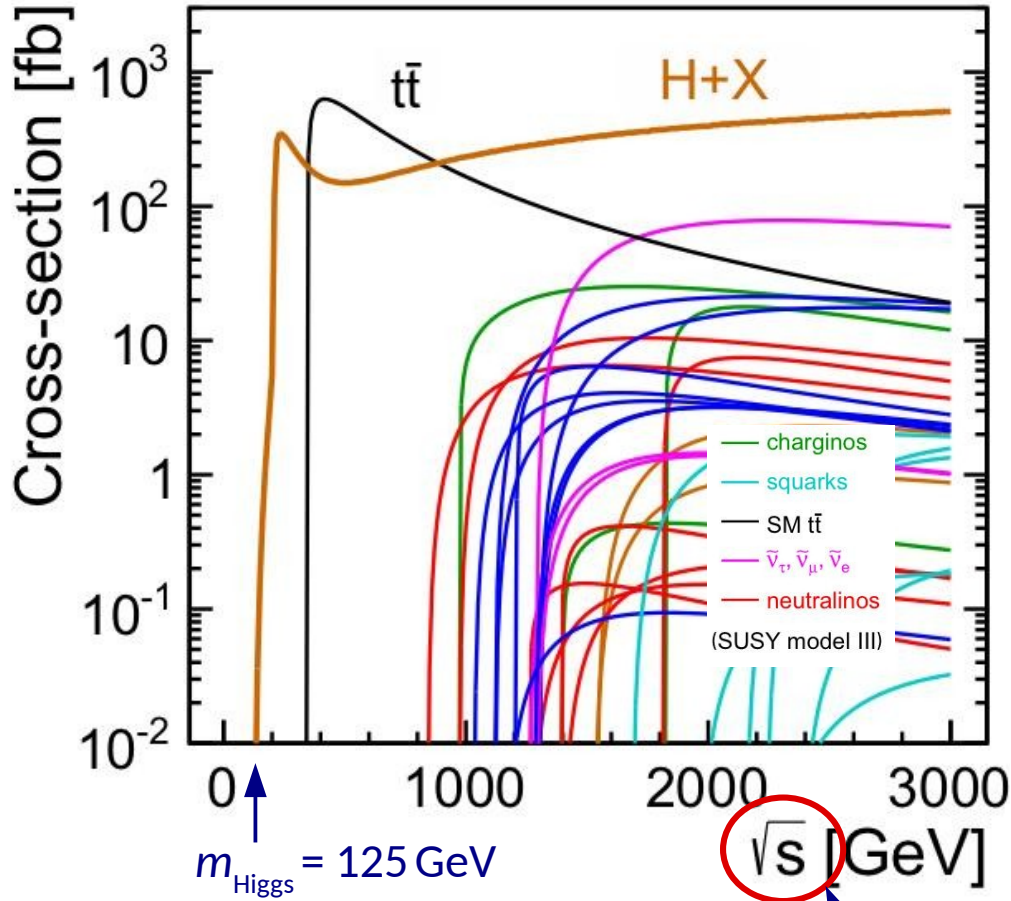
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$2 \times 6.5 \text{ TeV}$
 $= 13 \text{ TeV}$

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Collide particles at the highest possible energy:

- to probe high masses

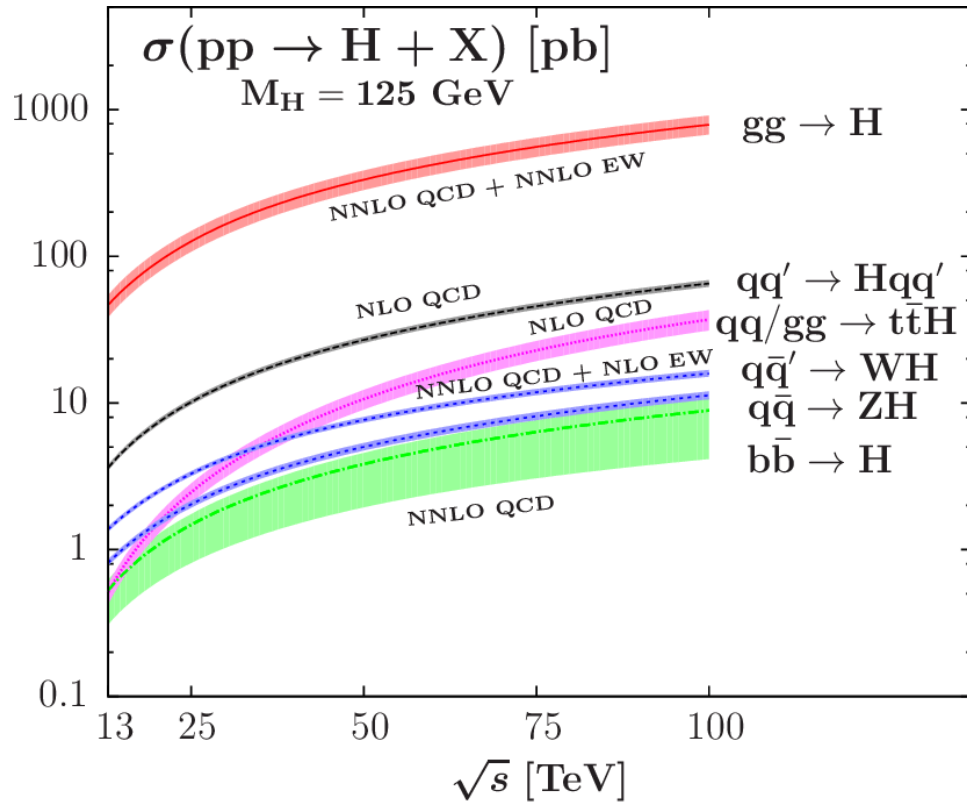
$$E = mc^2$$

Mandelstam variable

$$s \equiv (p_1 + p_2)^2 = E^2$$

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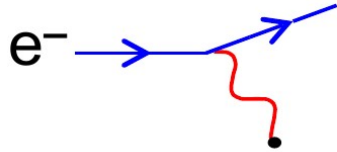
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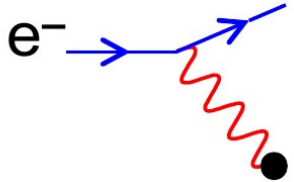
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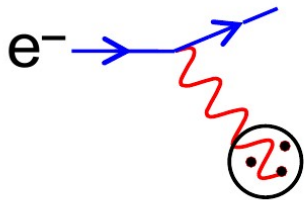
$$\frac{\hbar}{p} \gg r_p$$



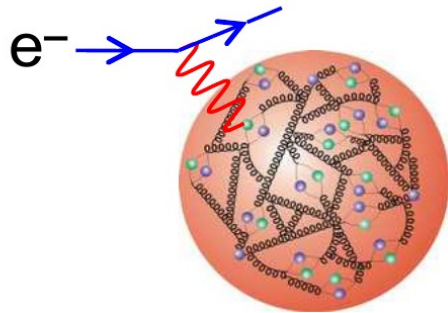
$$\frac{\hbar}{p} \approx r_p$$



$$\frac{\hbar}{p} < r_p$$



$$\frac{\hbar}{p} \ll r_p$$



Collide particles at the highest possible energy:

- to probe high masses

$$E = mc^2$$

- to probe small distances

$$\lambda = 2\pi \frac{\hbar}{p}$$

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Energy in the center-of-mass system (c.m.s.)

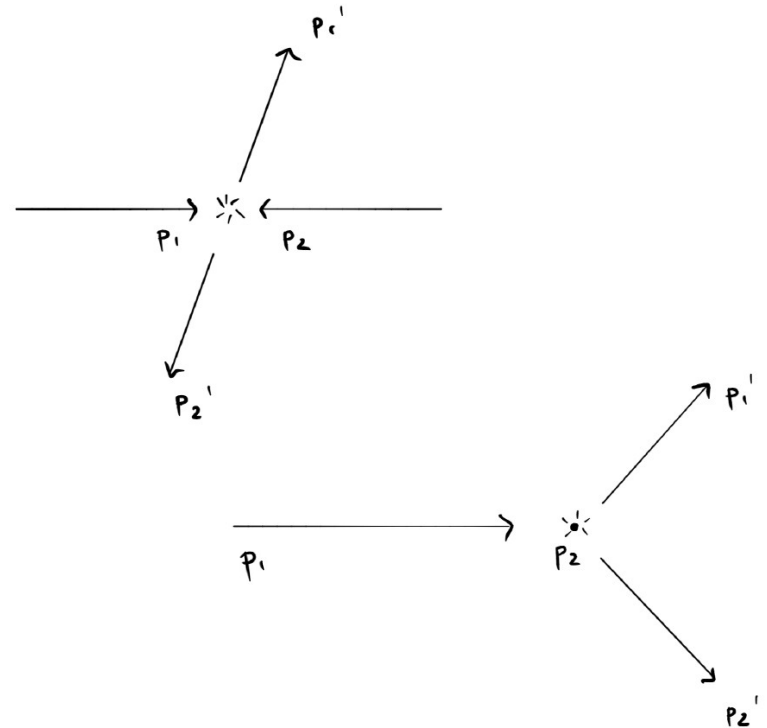
- collider: c.m.s. at rest in lab system^(*)

$$\rightarrow E_{\text{c.m.s.}} = 2 \times E_{\text{beam}}$$

- fixed target: c.m.s. forward boosted

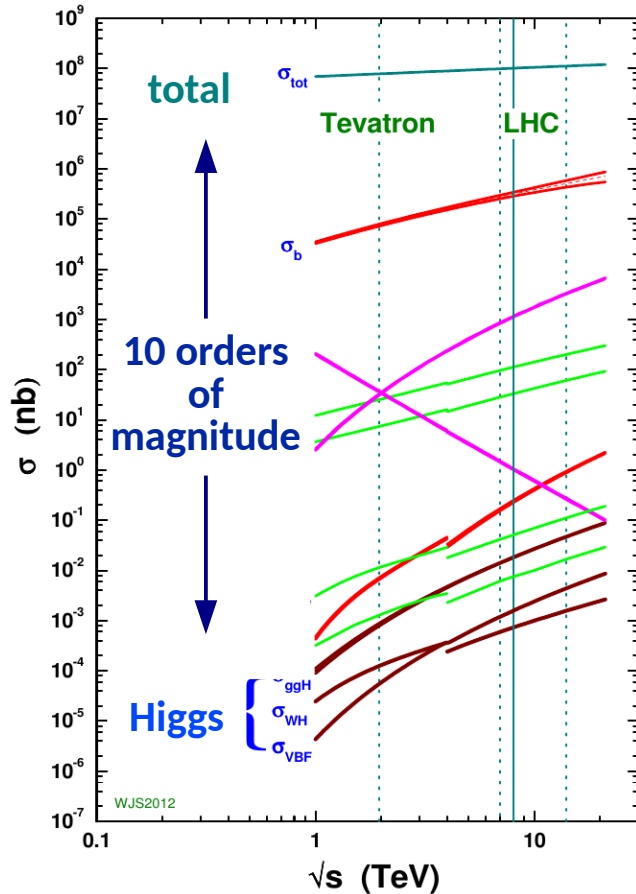
$$\rightarrow E_{\text{c.m.s.}} \ll E_{\text{beam}}$$

Example LHC @ 6.5 TeV
collider: $E_{\text{c.m.s.}} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
fixed target: $E_{\text{c.m.s.}} = 114 \text{ GeV}$



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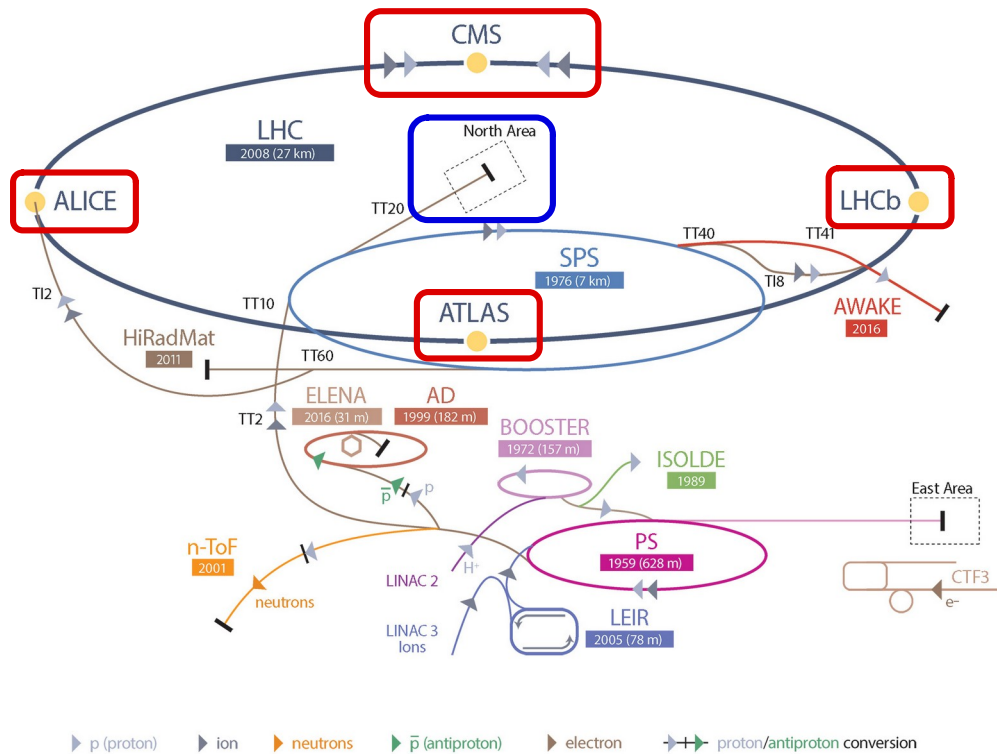
Collide particles at highest possible rate

- to probe very rare processes

LHC: 10^9 pp collisions / second
to produce 3×10^6 Higgs bosons / year

- fixed target: higher density \rightarrow higher rate

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Colliding beam (LHC):
 $6.5 \text{ TeV } p \leftrightarrow 6.5 \text{ TeV } p$

Fixed target (e.g. North Area):
 $450 \text{ GeV } p$ beam
 (e.g. SHiP experiment)

[https://stfc.ukri.org/research/particle-physics-and-particle-accelerator-physics/large-hadron-collider/cern-accelerator-complex]

Quiz I

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At the LHC, what are electric fields used for?

- (a) to accelerate the protons
- (b) to focus the proton beams
- (c) to keep protons on a circular trajectory

What are magnetic fields used for?

- (a) to accelerate the protons
- (b) to focus the proton beams
- (c) to keep protons on a circular trajectory

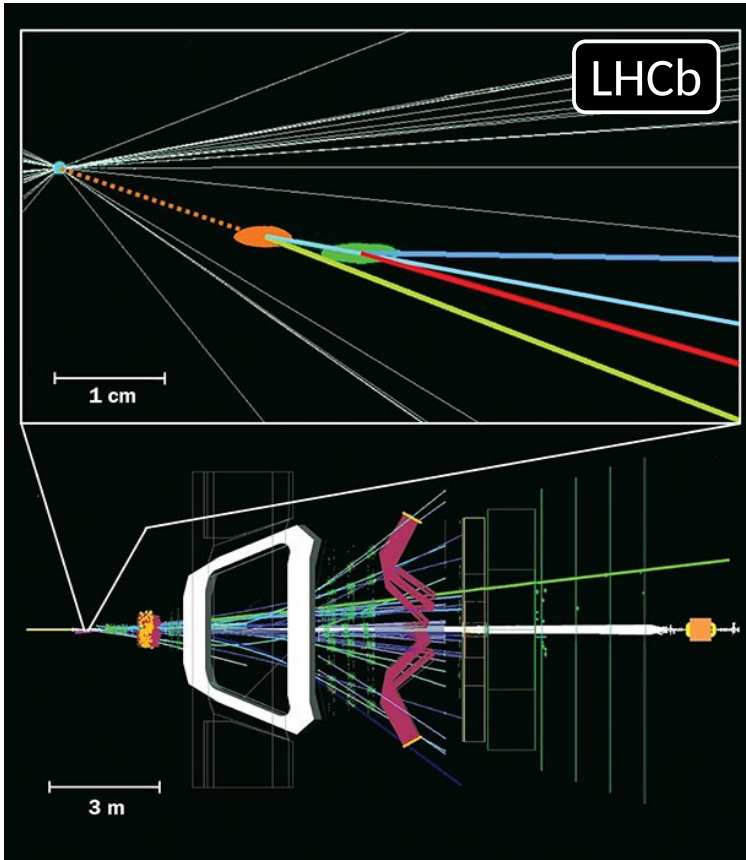
Why do we want to accelerate particles to the highest possible energies?

- (a) to produce massive particles
- (b) to resolve small distances
- (c) to study rare processes

**note: questions can have
more one correct answer
--- or none ;-)**

Kinematic reconstruction

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Most of the “interesting” particles
are very short lived

- e.g. B^0 meson: 1.6×10^{-12} sec

What we see in our detector are the
stable or long-lived decay products

- electrons/positrons (e^\pm)
- protons/antiprotons (p/\bar{p})
- muons (μ^\pm), pions (π^\pm), kaons (K^\pm)

Kinematic reconstruction

Deduce the production of short-lived particles by kinematic reconstruction from the measured momenta and energies of their decay products

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$$E^2 = m^2 + p^2$$

using “natural units”
with $c \equiv 1$

Energy and momentum conservation in the decay

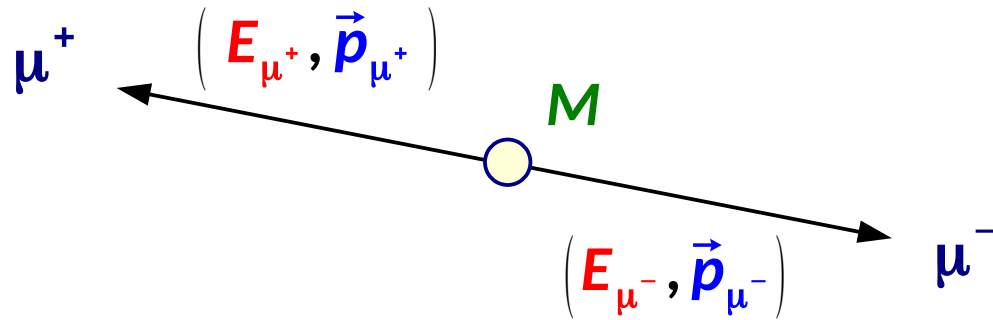
Mass of decaying particle

$$M^2 = \left(\sum E_i \right)^2 - \left| \sum \vec{p}_i \right|^2$$

Energies and momenta of the decay products

Example: particle decays to $\mu^+ \mu^-$

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Measure the momenta of the μ^- and the μ^+

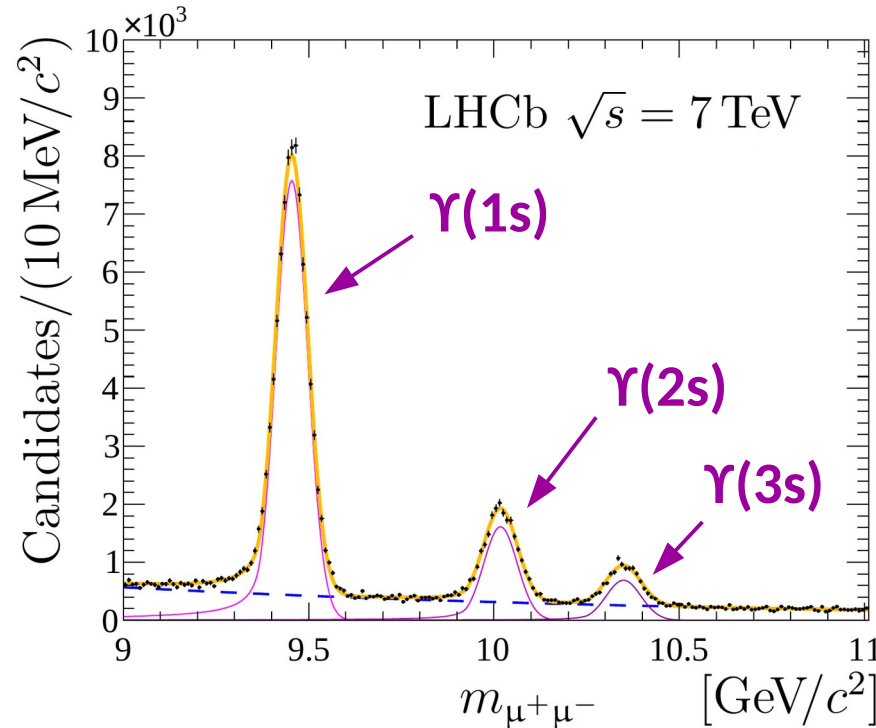
- calculate their **energies** ($E_{\mu^\pm}^2 = m_\mu^2 + p_{\mu^\pm}^2$)
- calculate the mass of the decaying particle:

$$M^2 = (E_{\mu^+} + E_{\mu^-})^2 - |\vec{p}_{\mu^+} + \vec{p}_{\mu^-}|^2$$

Example: particle decays to $\mu^+ \mu^-$

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flat distribution:
“background”
from random
combinations
of μ^+ and μ^-

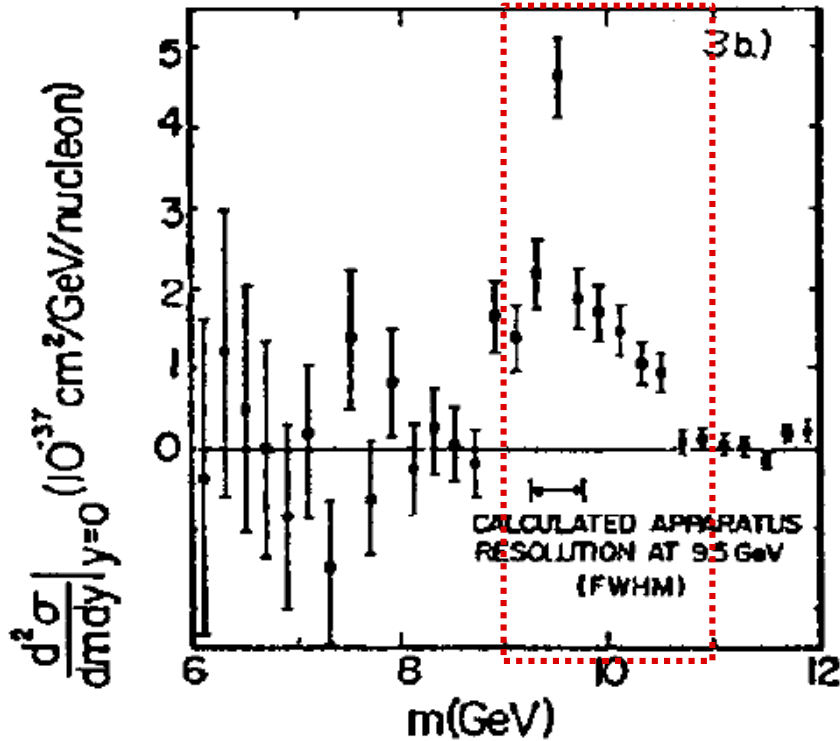


narrow peaks:
“signal” from
short-lived particles
decaying into $\mu^+ \mu^-$

$$m_{\mu^+\mu^-} = \sqrt{(E_{\mu^+} + E_{\mu^-})^2 - |\vec{p}_{\mu^+} + \vec{p}_{\mu^-}|^2}$$

Υ “resonances”

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Discovered in 1977

- interpreted as bound states of a b quark and a \bar{b} quark

Important discovery

- first direct evidence for a 3rd family of elementary particles

“Yesterday’s sensation ...”

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Yesterday's sensation
is today's calibration channel

(Richard P. Feynman)

“... today’s calibration channel”

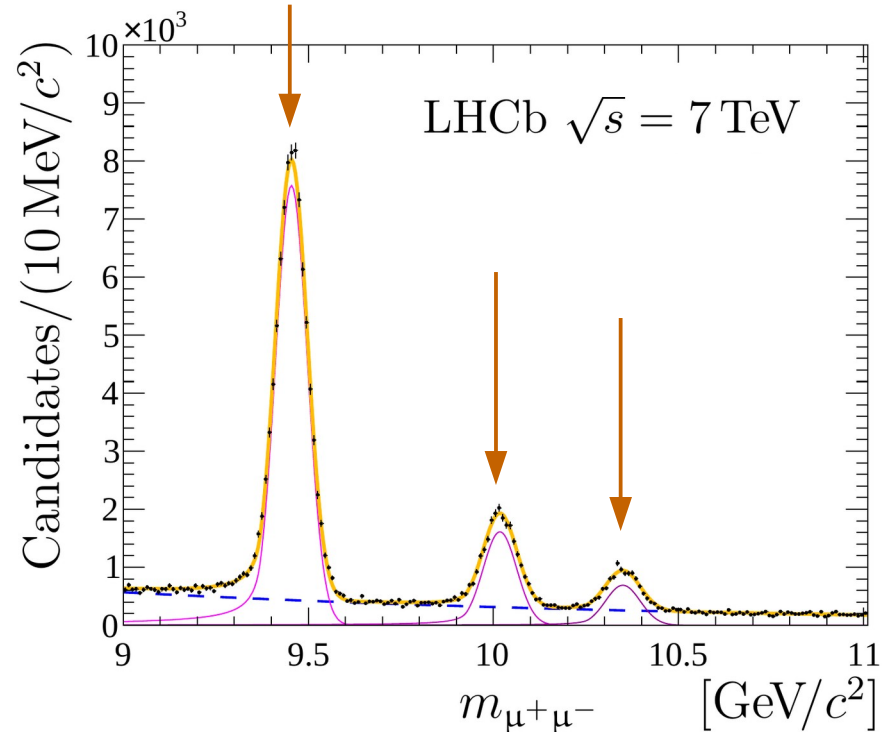
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Calibrate momentum measurement:
compare the position of the peak with
the known masses of the Υ resonances

$$m_{\mu^+\mu^-} = \sqrt{(E_{\mu^+} + E_{\mu^-})^2 - |\vec{p}_{\mu^+} + \vec{p}_{\mu^-}|^2}$$

with

$$E_{\mu^\pm} = \sqrt{m_\mu^2 + p_{\mu^\pm}^2}$$



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“... today’s calibration channel”

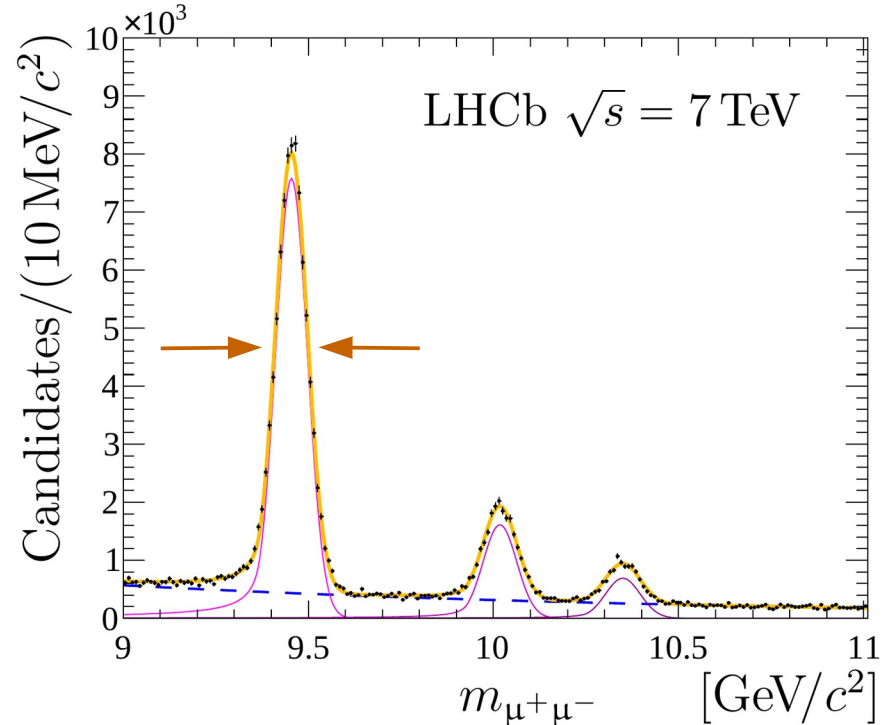
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Determine momentum resolution from the width of the peak

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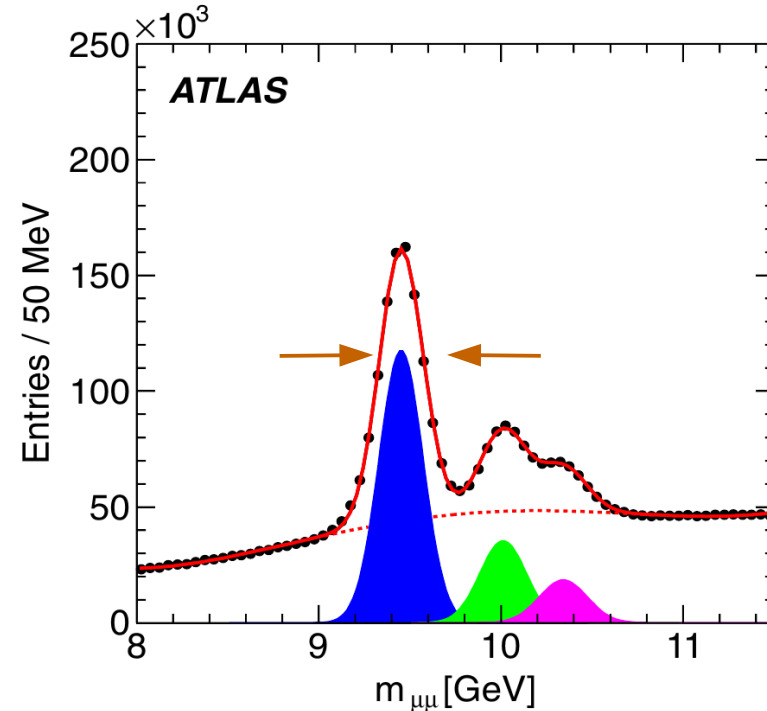
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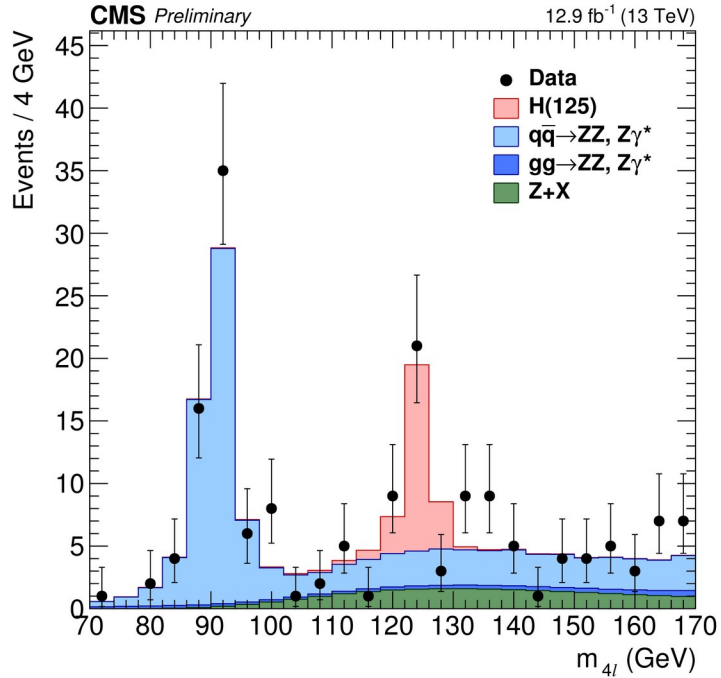
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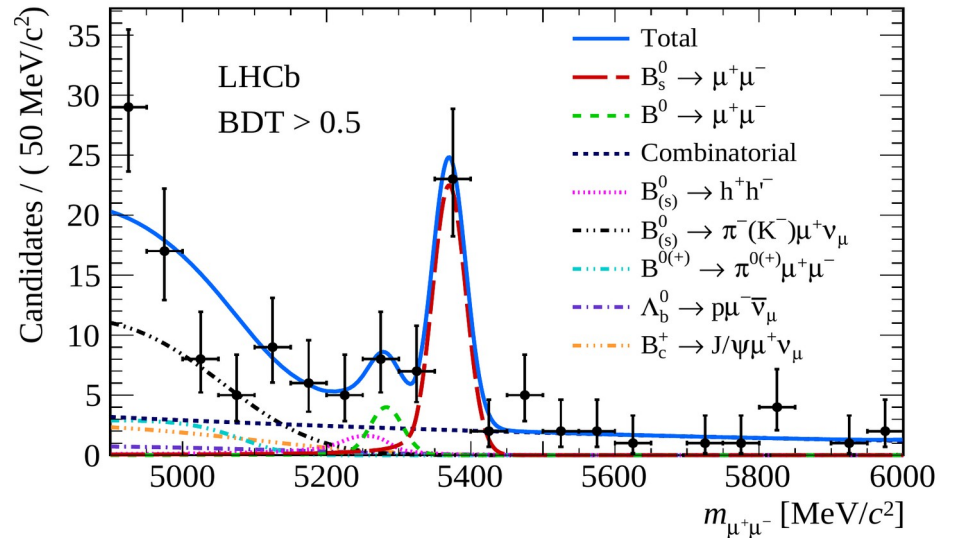


Today's "sensations"

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Higgs → 4 leptons in CMS



B_s⁰ → μ⁺μ⁻ in LHCb

Quiz II

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To reconstruct the mass of a short-lived particles, which properties of its decay products to we have to determine?

- (a) their energy
- (b) the magnitude of their momentum
- (c) their flight direction
- (d) their mass

- (a) and (b)
- (a) and (d)
- (b) and (d)

- (a) and (b) and (c)
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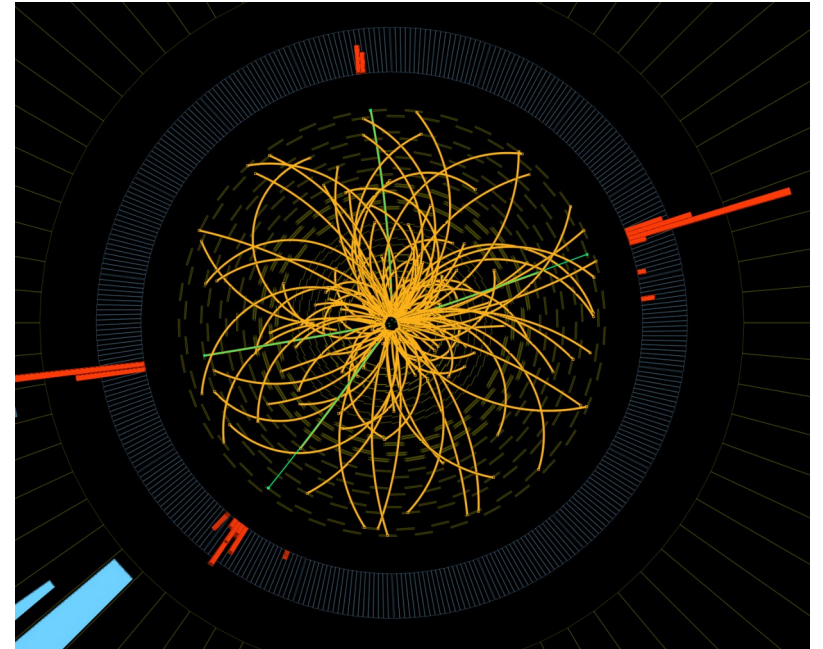
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Long-lived particles

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To reconstruct short-lived particles,
detect the long-lived decay products
and measure or determine their

- **momentum** (direction and magnitude)
 - tracking detectors in magnetic field
- **energy**
 - calorimeters
- **particle type** (e^\pm , μ^\pm , π^\pm , K^\pm , p/\bar{p})
 - combination of different detectors



Momentum (magnitude)

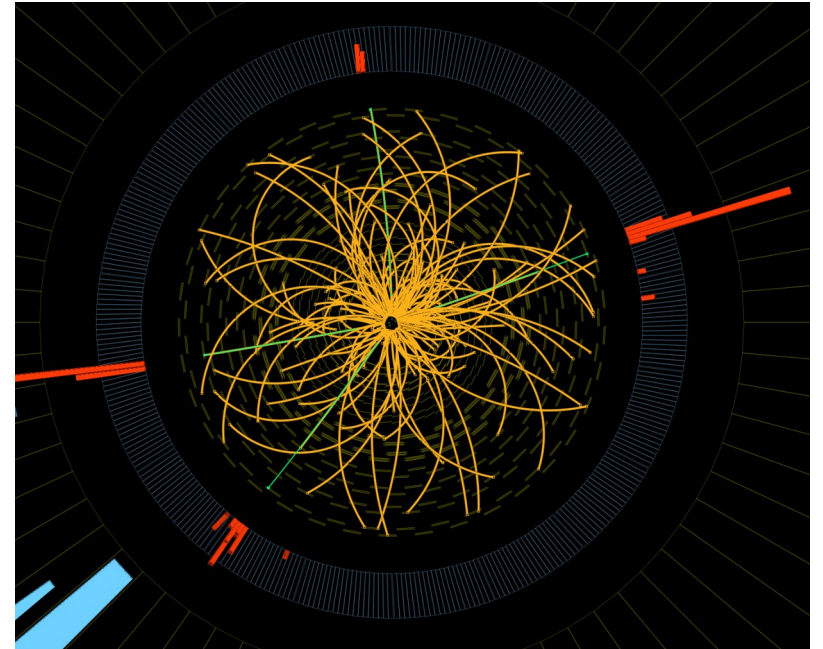
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For charged particles only: bending of the trajectory in a magnetic field

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \vec{F}_L &= q \cdot \vec{v} \times \vec{B} \\ \frac{m \cdot v^2}{r} &= q \cdot v \cdot B \end{aligned} \right\} p = q \cdot B \cdot r$$

Layers of position-sensitive detectors to follow the trajectory of the particle

Charge sign of the particle from the direction of curvature

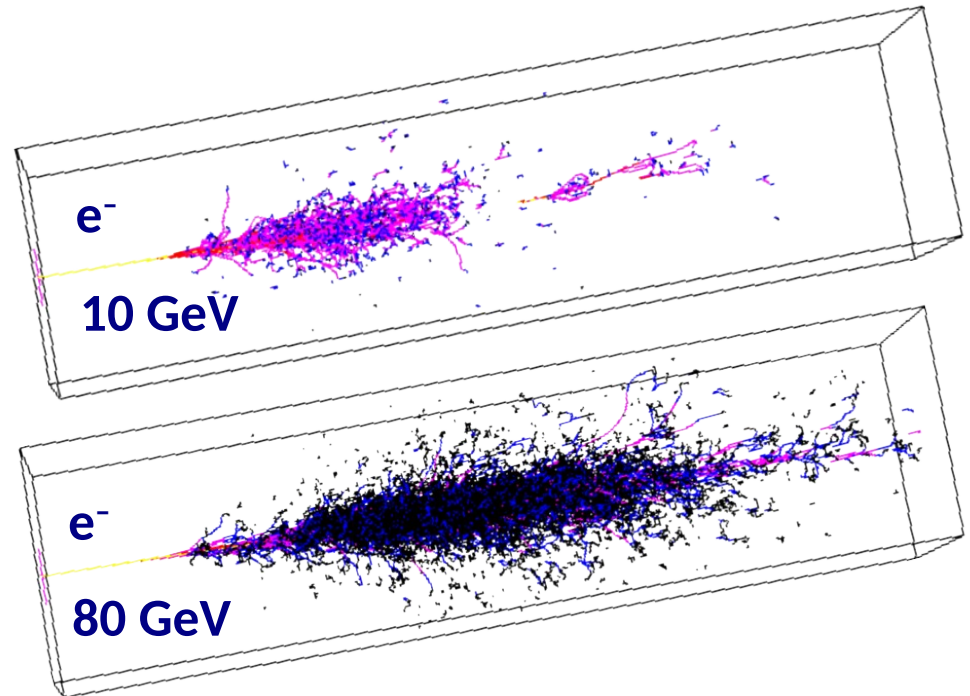


Energy

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Calorimeter (for charged and neutral particles)

- dense detector material:
incoming particle initiates
shower of secondary particles
- e^\pm, γ : shower created by
electromagnetic interaction
(Bremsstrahlung, pair production)
→ electromagnetic calorimeter
- hadrons ($\pi^\pm, K^\pm, p/\bar{p}$): shower
created by hadronic interactions
→ hadron calorimeter



Colliding beam experiment

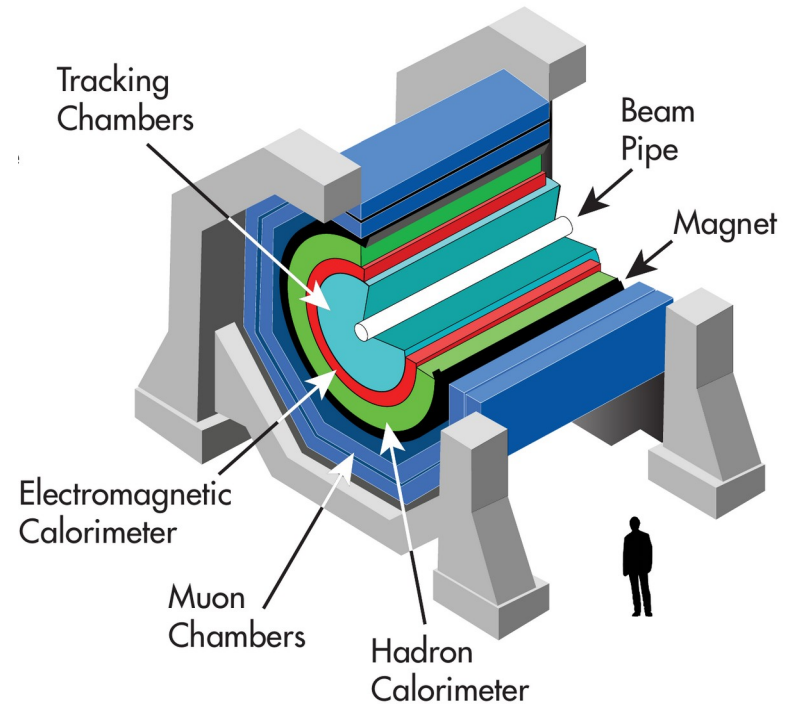
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Collide two beams of particles head-on with each other

- particles are produced in all directions
- detector needs to cover full solid angle (“ 4π ”) to detect all produced particles
- usually implemented as barrel + endcaps

Barrel part most important:

- concentric layers of cylindrical detectors (“onion shell”)



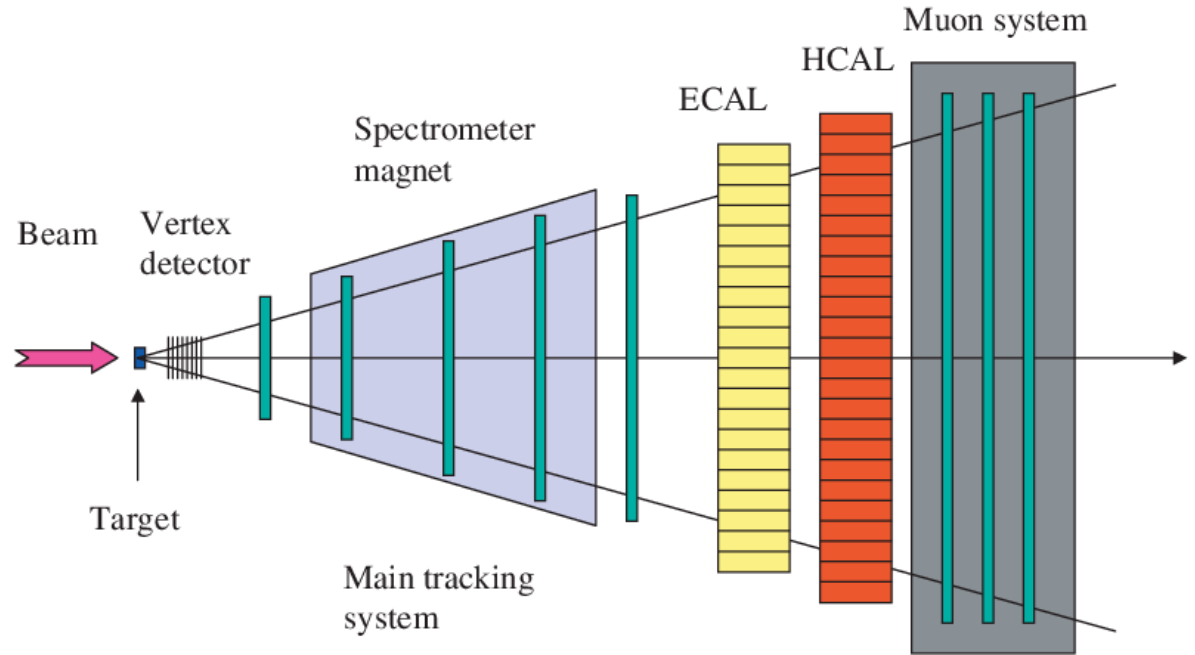
Fixed-target experiment

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Shoot a beam of particles into a target at rest

- particles are produced with forward Lorentz boost
- need to equip only a cone in the forward direction to detect all particles

Planar detector layers, orthogonal to beam axis (“book shelf”)



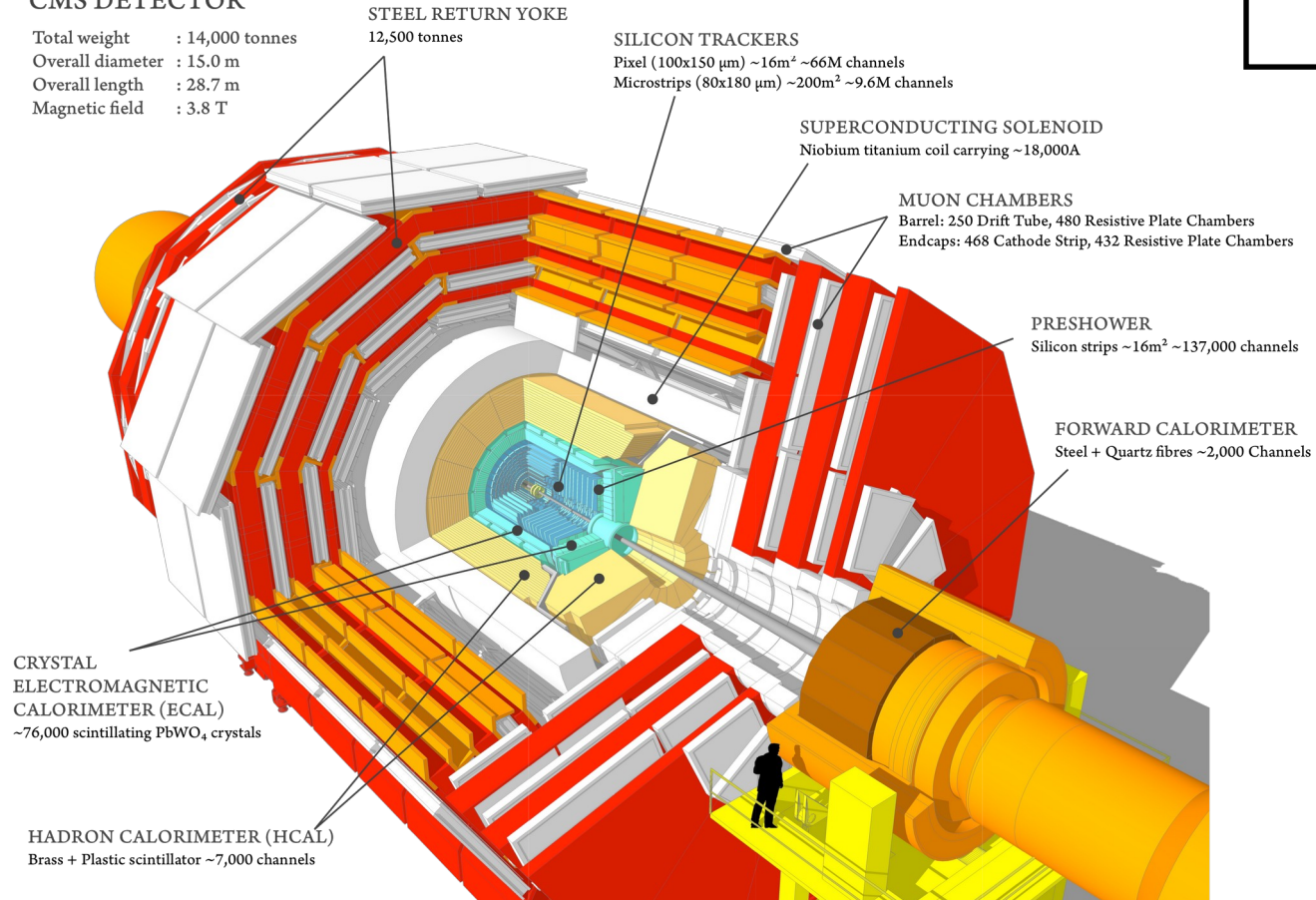
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Example: CMS detector at the LHC

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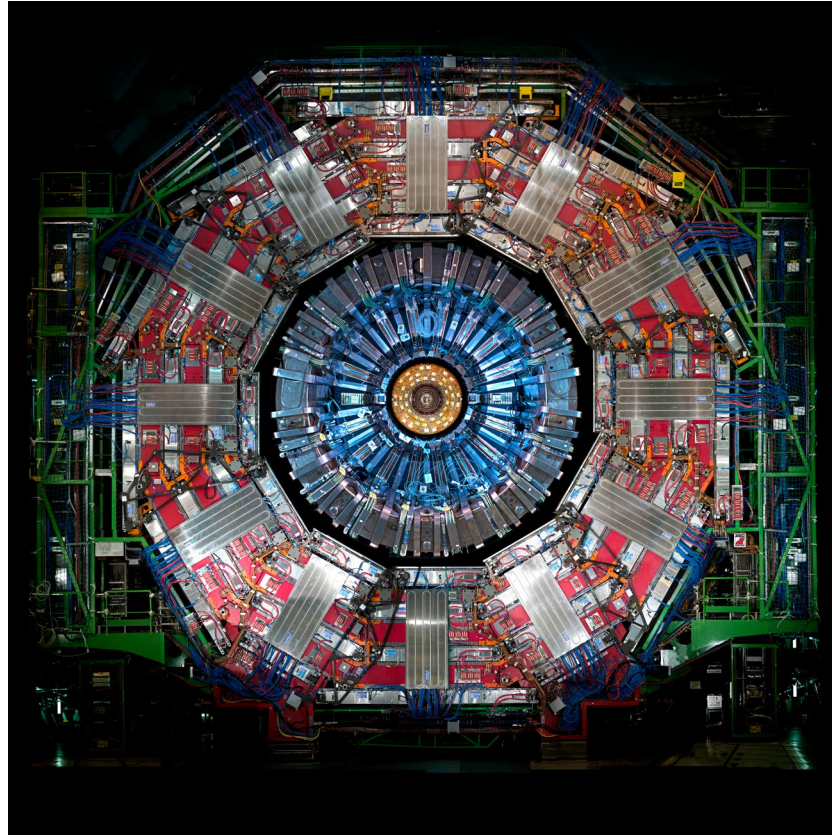
CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes
Overall diameter : 15.0 m
Overall length : 28.7 m
Magnetic field : 3.8 T



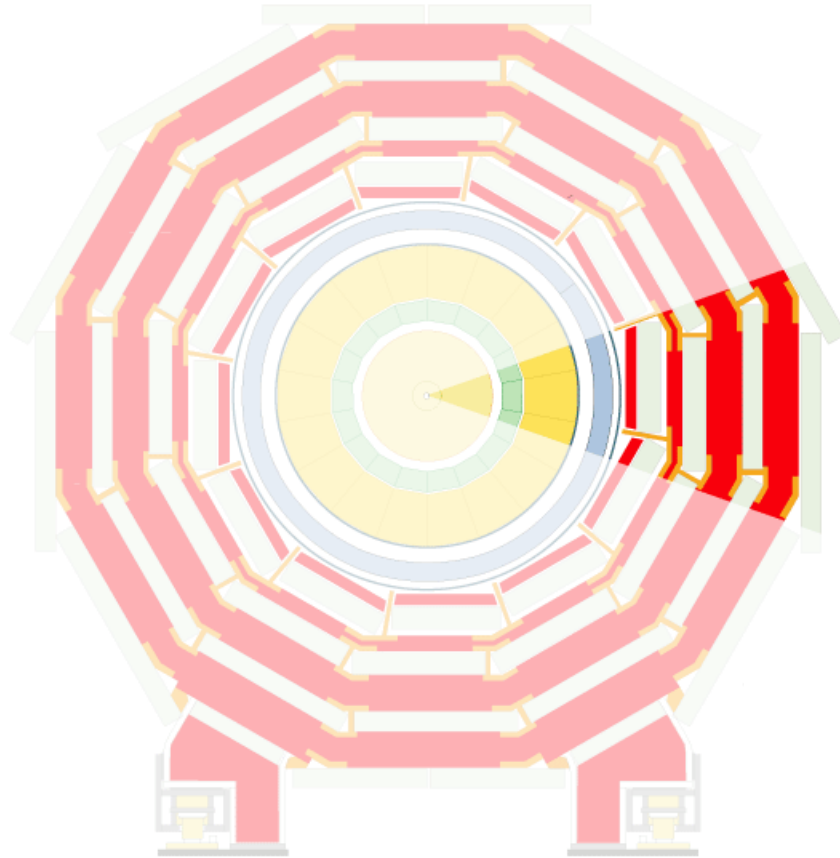
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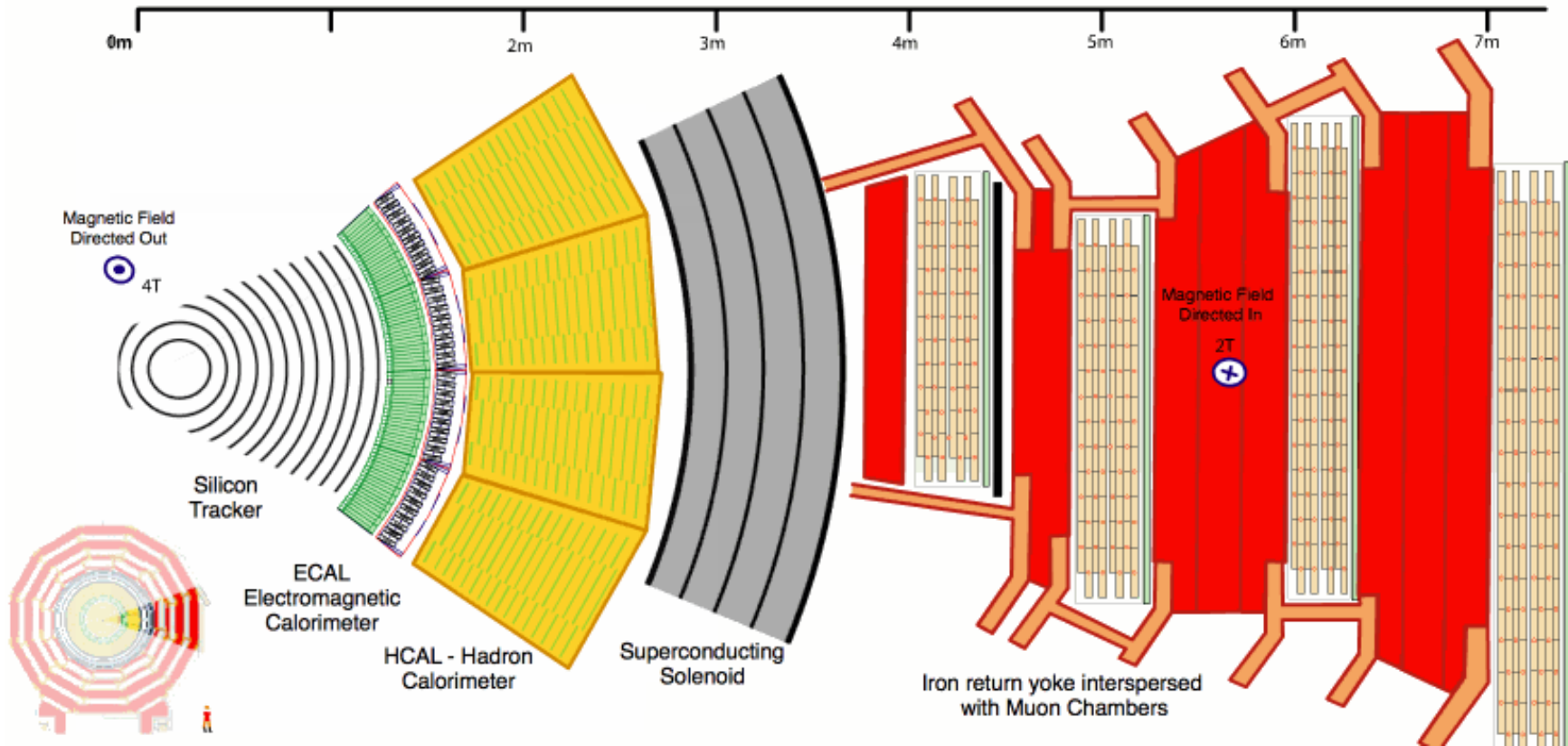
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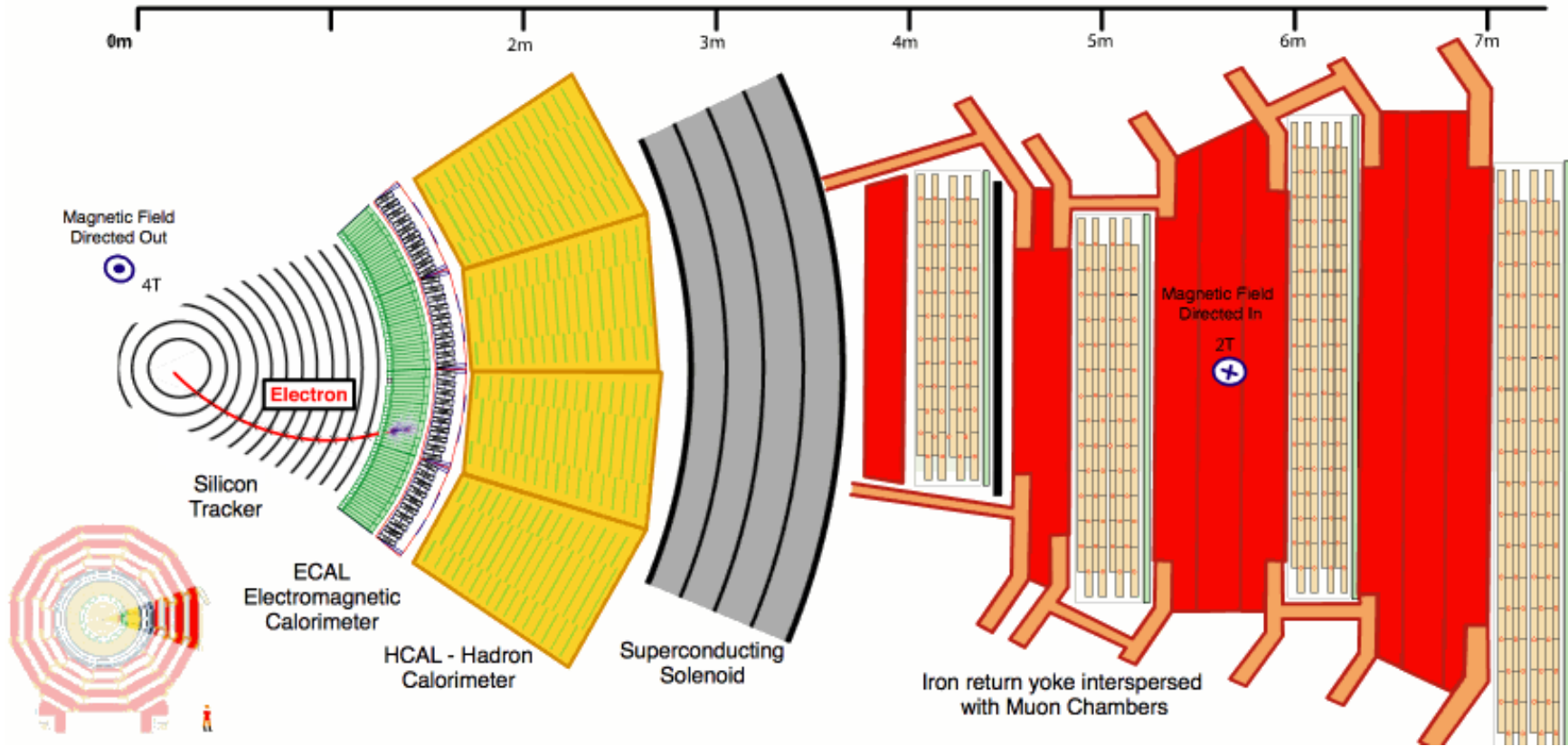
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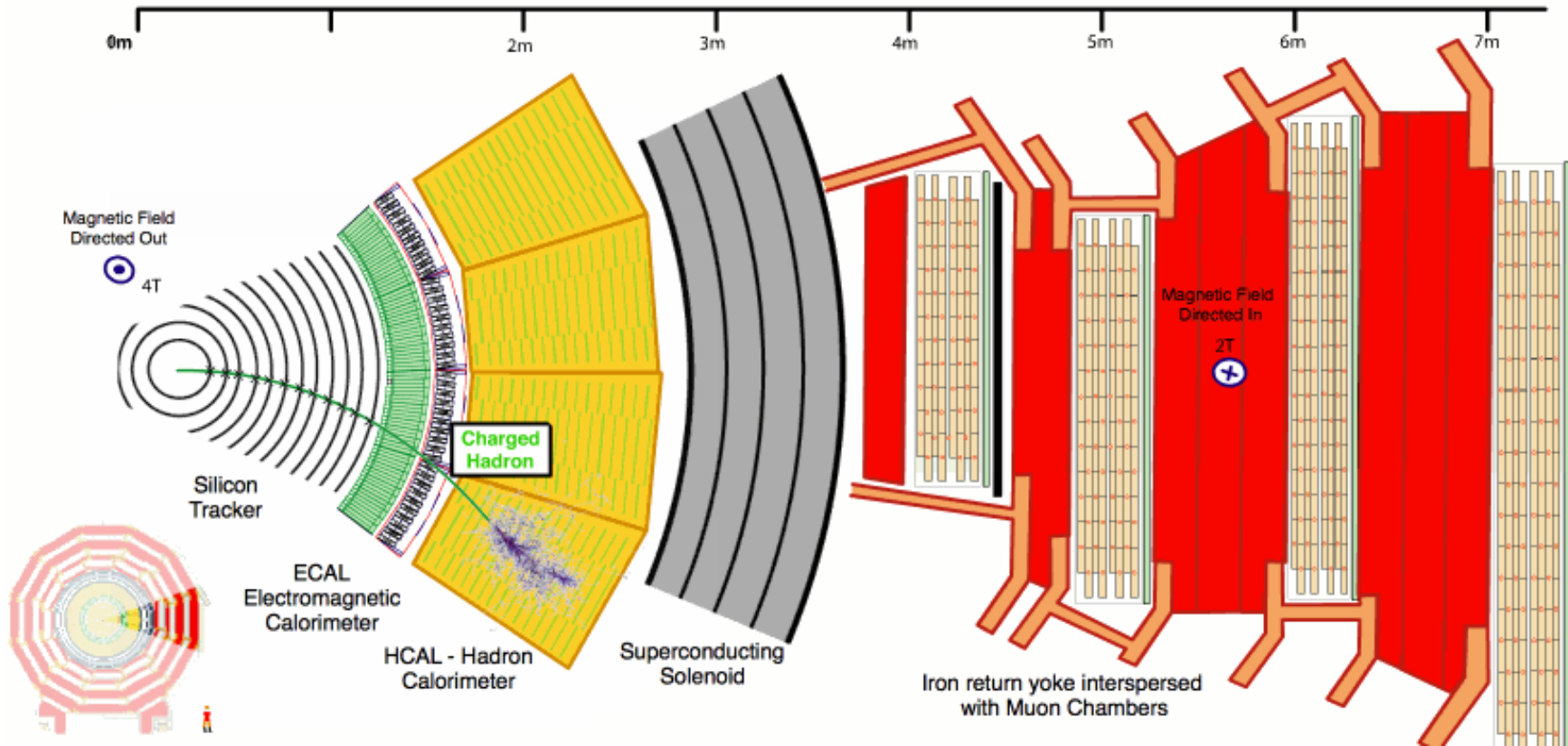
Electron / positron

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Charged hadron (proton, kaon, pion)

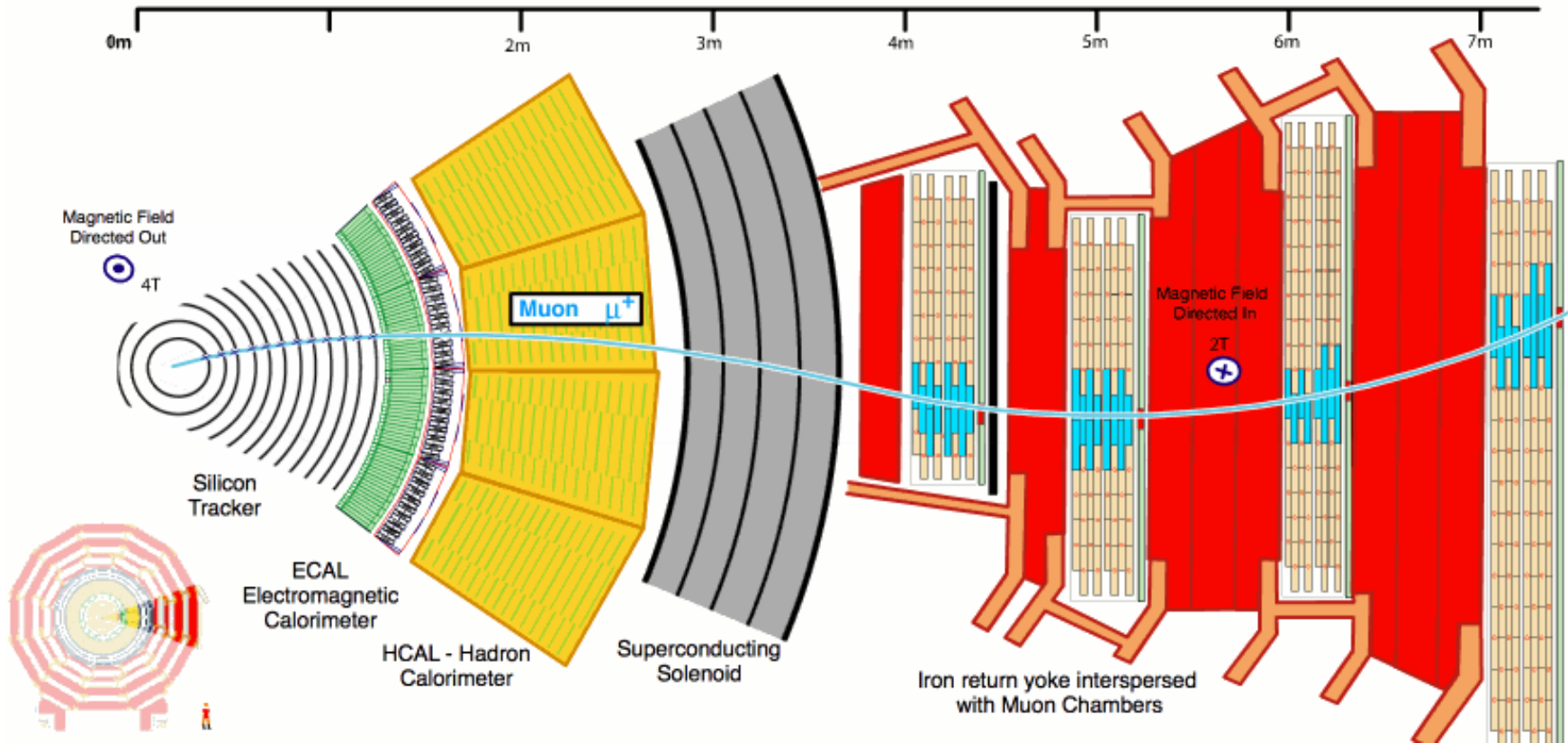
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Muon

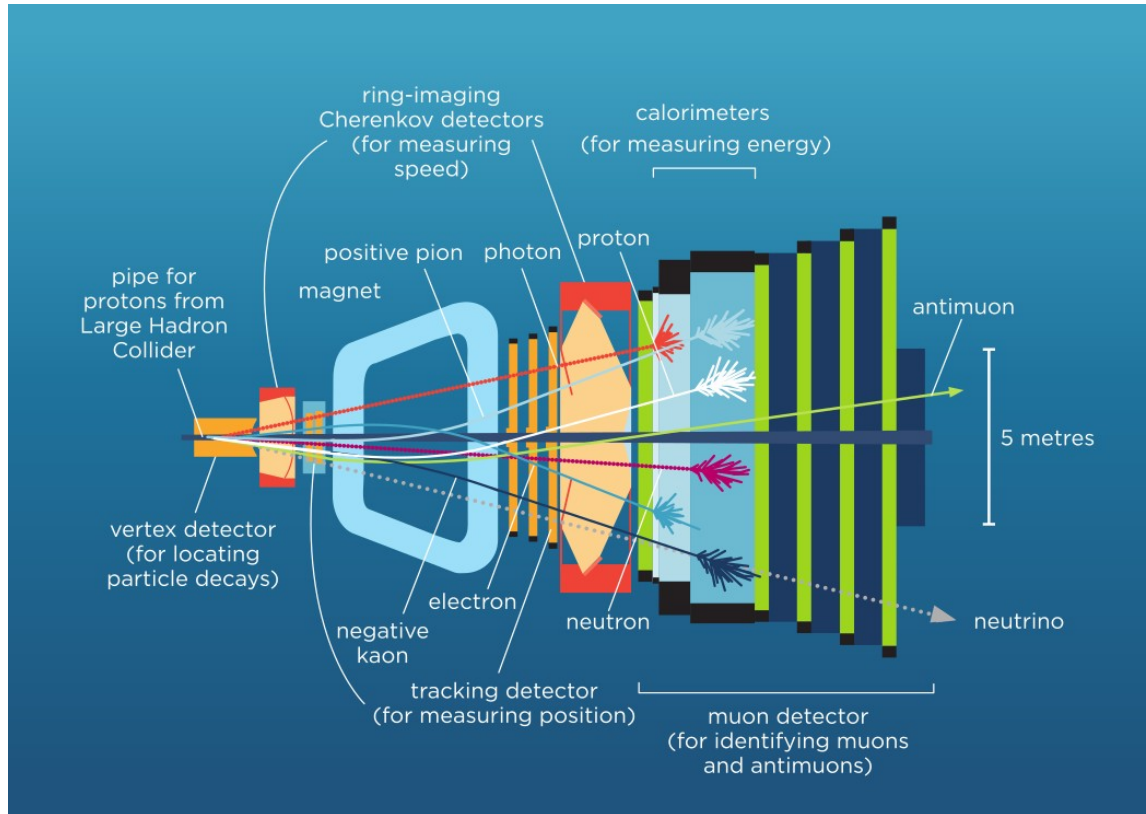
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Example: LHCb detector at the LHC

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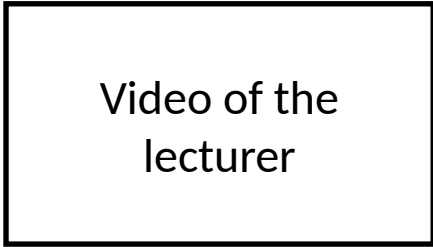
Similar:

- tracking detectors
- magnet
- calorimeters
- muon detectors

Different:

- Cherenkov detectors
- detector geometry

Particle Type

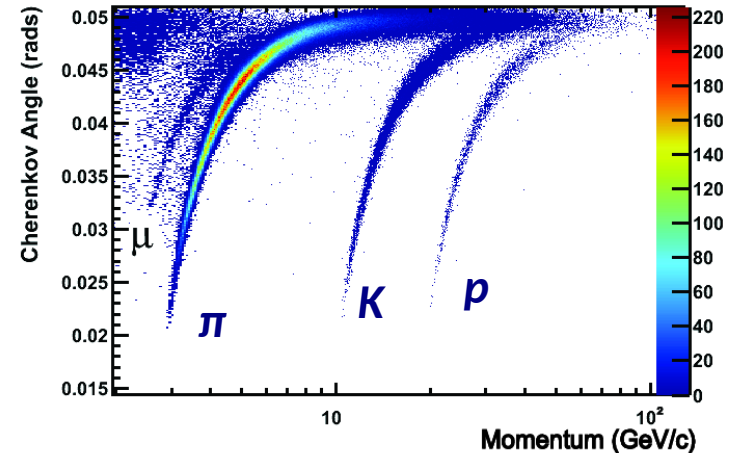


To distinguish between the different types of particles:
exploit their different interactions in detector material

- e^\pm shower by electromagnetic interaction \rightarrow ECAL
- $\pi^\pm, K^\pm, p/\bar{p}$ shower by hadronic interaction \rightarrow HCAL
- μ^\pm do not create showers \rightarrow muon detectors

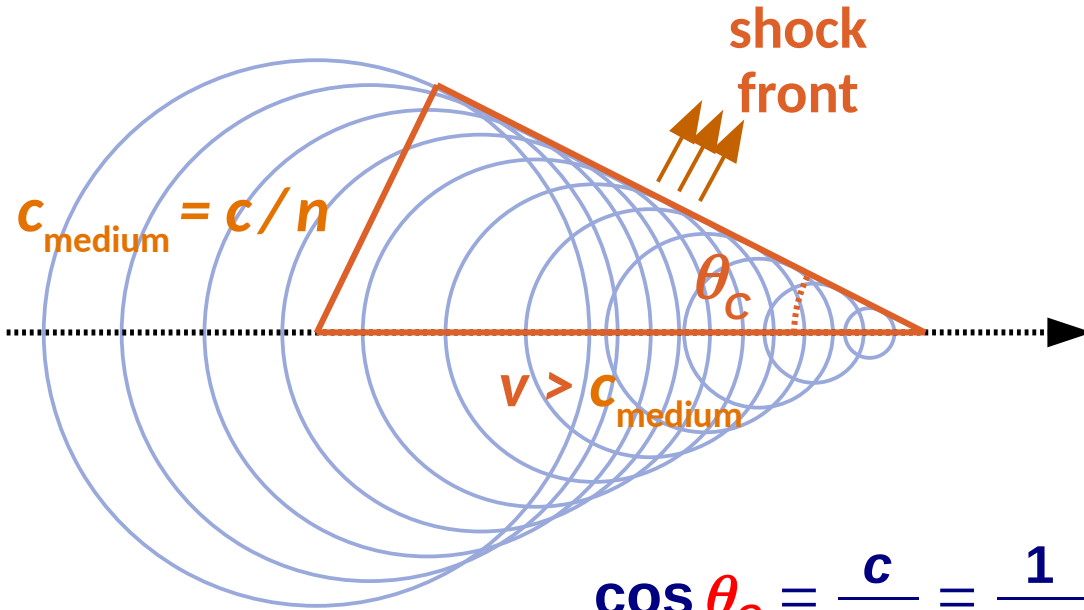
To distinguish $p/\bar{p}, \pi^\pm, K^\pm$: measure speed (β)
(momentum + speed \rightarrow mass \rightarrow particle type)

- Time of flight } at low β
- dE/dx (Bethe-Bloch) } at low β
- Cherenkov detectors } at high β



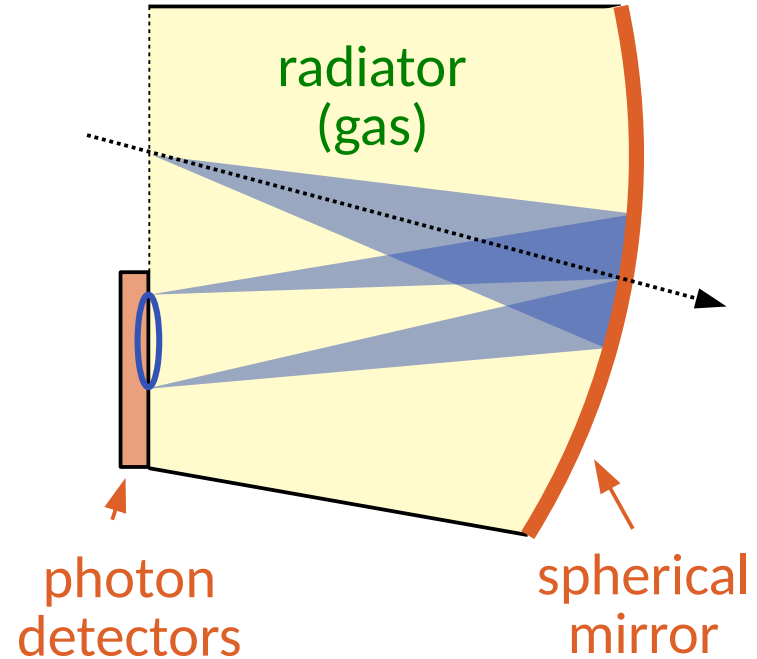
Ring Image Cherenkov Detectors

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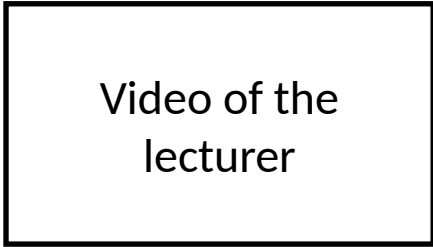


$$\cos \theta_c = \frac{c}{v n} = \frac{1}{\beta n}$$

$$\beta = \frac{p}{E} = \frac{p}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2}}$$



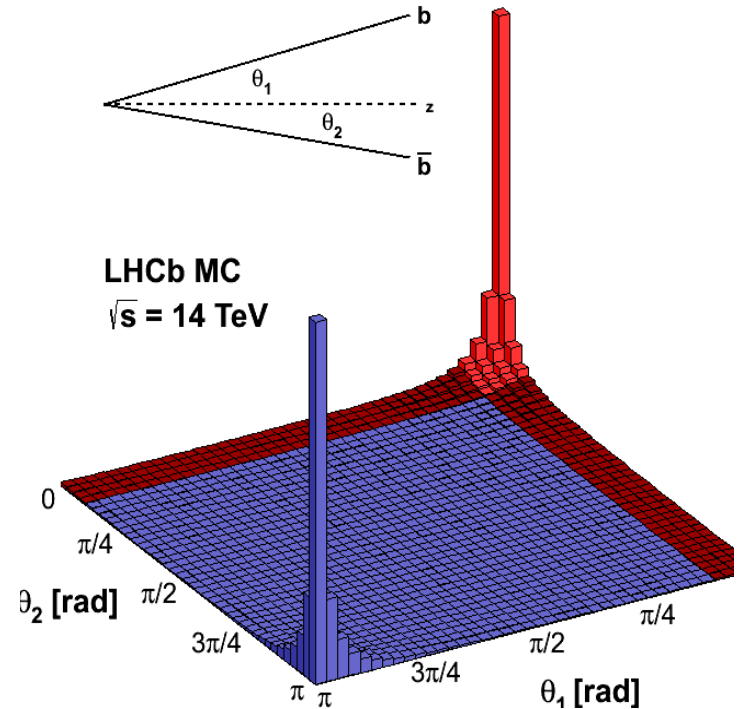
LHCb detector geometry



The main goal of LHCb is to study decays of particles that contain a b or \bar{b} quark

- these particles are produced mostly under small angles with respect to the proton beam axis
- more cost efficient to build a detector that covers only the relevant angles
- (plus some other advantages)

Experiments are optimized for the physics processes they are meant to study !

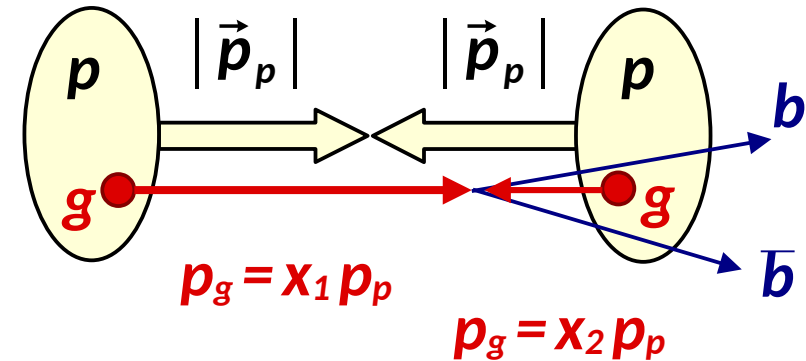


LHCb detector geometry

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Why are particles containing a b or \bar{b} quark produced under small angles to the beam axis ?

- $b \bar{b}$ quark pairs are produced through the interaction of two gluons (or two quarks) inside the colliding protons
- each of the interacting gluons carries a fraction of the momentum of its proton
- these fractions are different \rightarrow asymmetric collision \rightarrow boost along the beam axis



Quiz III

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What are magnetic fields used for in particle-physics detectors?

- (a) to measure the momentum of neutral particles
- (b) to measure the speed of charged particles
- (c) to measure the energy of neutral and charged particles
- (d) all of the above
- (e) none of the above

**note: questions can have
more one correct answer
--- or none ;-)**

Which of these arrangements make sense in a barrel detector (inside → out)?

- (a) tracking → ECAL → HCAL → magnet coil → muon stations
- (b) tracking → magnet coil → ECAL → HCAL → muon stations
- (c) tracking → ECAL → HCAL → muon stations → magnet coil

Slide 41 explains why at the LHC particles containing a b or \bar{b} quark are produced mostly at small angles with respect to the beam axis. Why is this not true for Higgs bosons?

- (a) the Higgs boson has a much shorter lifetime than particles containing a b or \bar{b} quark
- (b) the Higgs boson has a much higher mass than particles containing a b or \bar{b} quark