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Part 3: Principles of Particle Detectors

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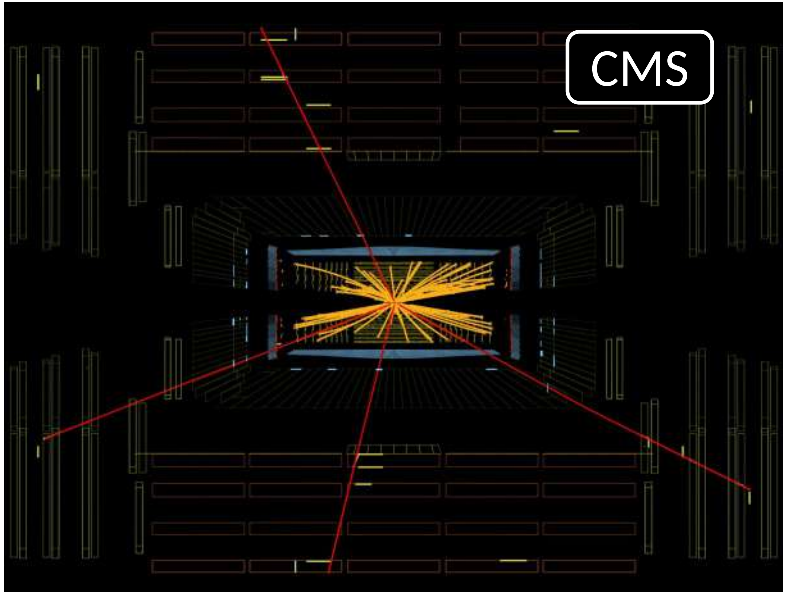
In Part 2 you learnt how photons and charged particles interact in material

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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Part 3: Principles of Particle Detectors

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Particle physics experiments (OL)

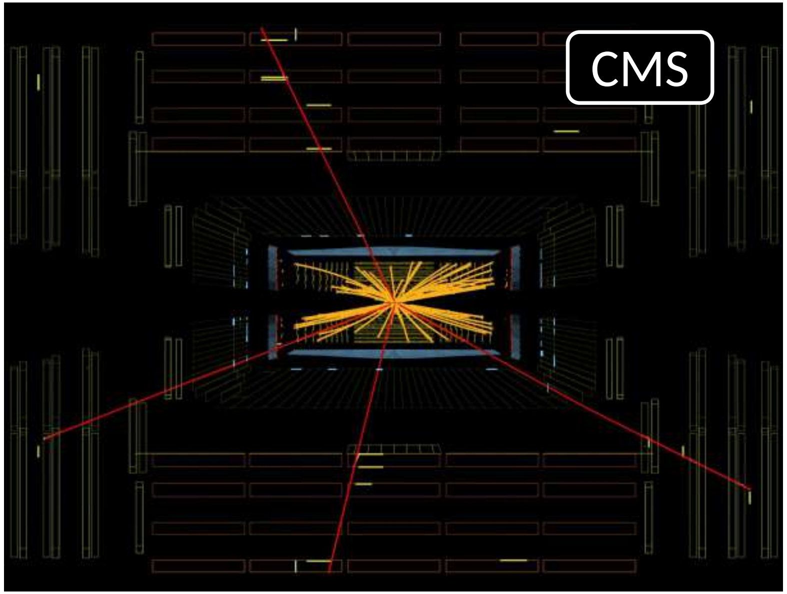
- layout and main components

Particle identification and tracking (AΓ)

- distinguish different types of particles
- measure flight direction and momentum

Calorimeters (GdL)

- measure the energy of particles



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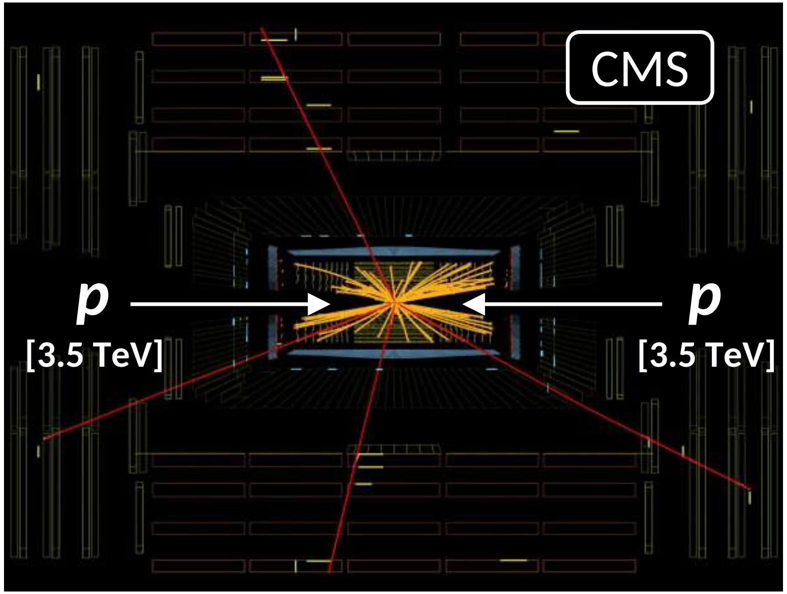

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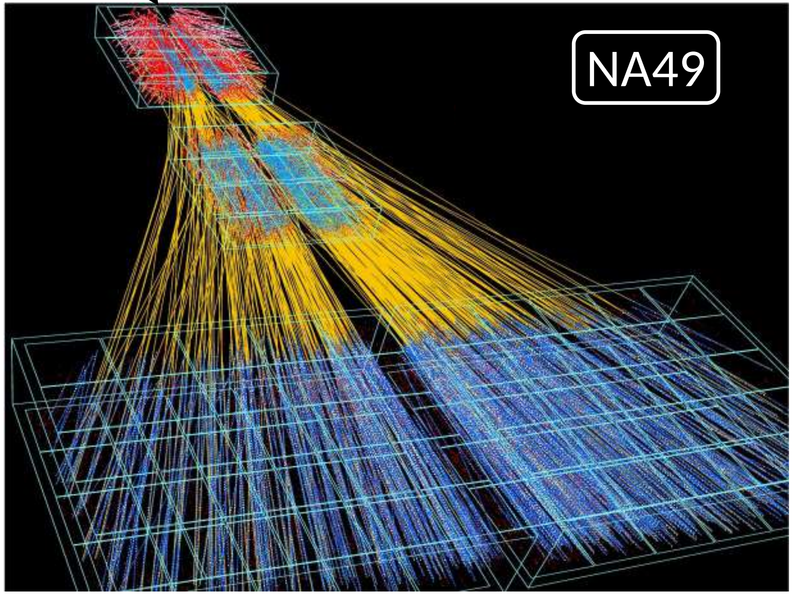
Pb

[158 GeV/nucleon]



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Particle Accelerators

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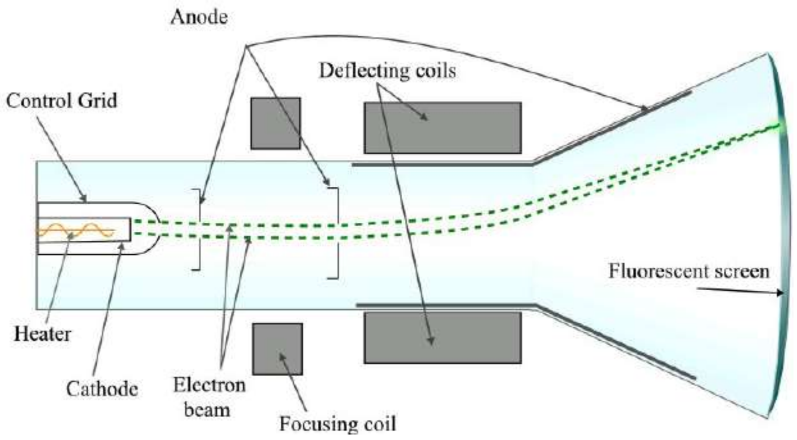
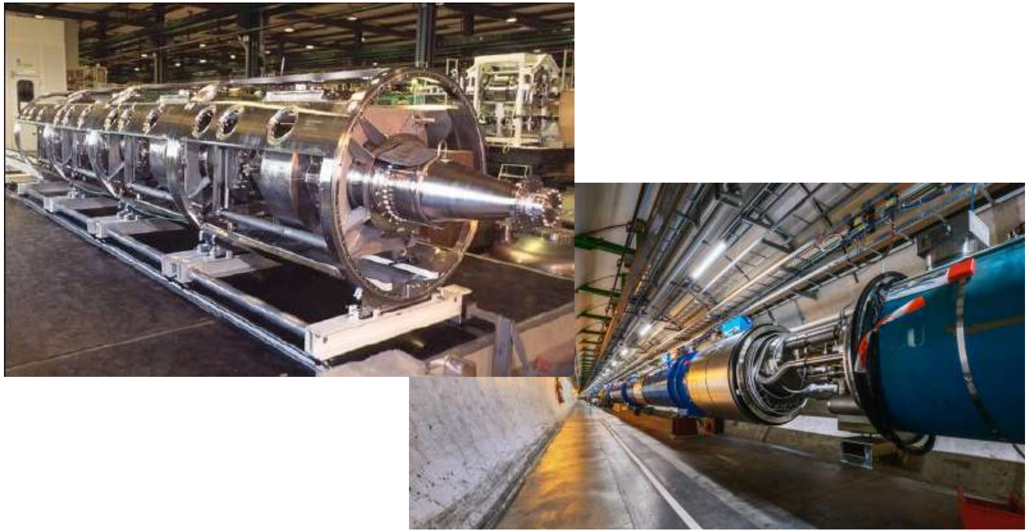
Use **electric fields** to accelerate particles,
use **magnetic fields** to steer them



Cathode ray tube

→ colour TV: 25 - 35 keV
→ materials research: > 100 keV



LHC

6.5 TeV = 6’500’000’000 keV

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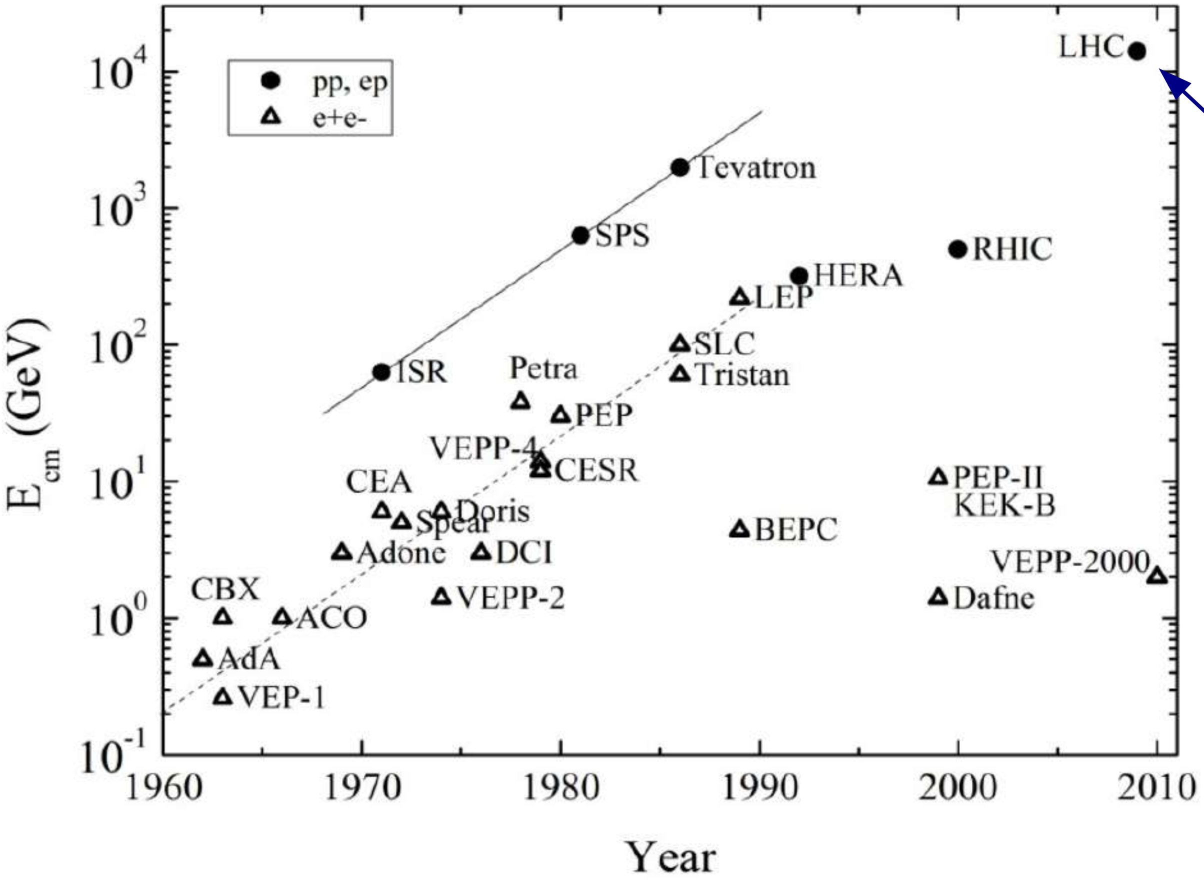

2×6.5 TeV
$= 13$ TeV

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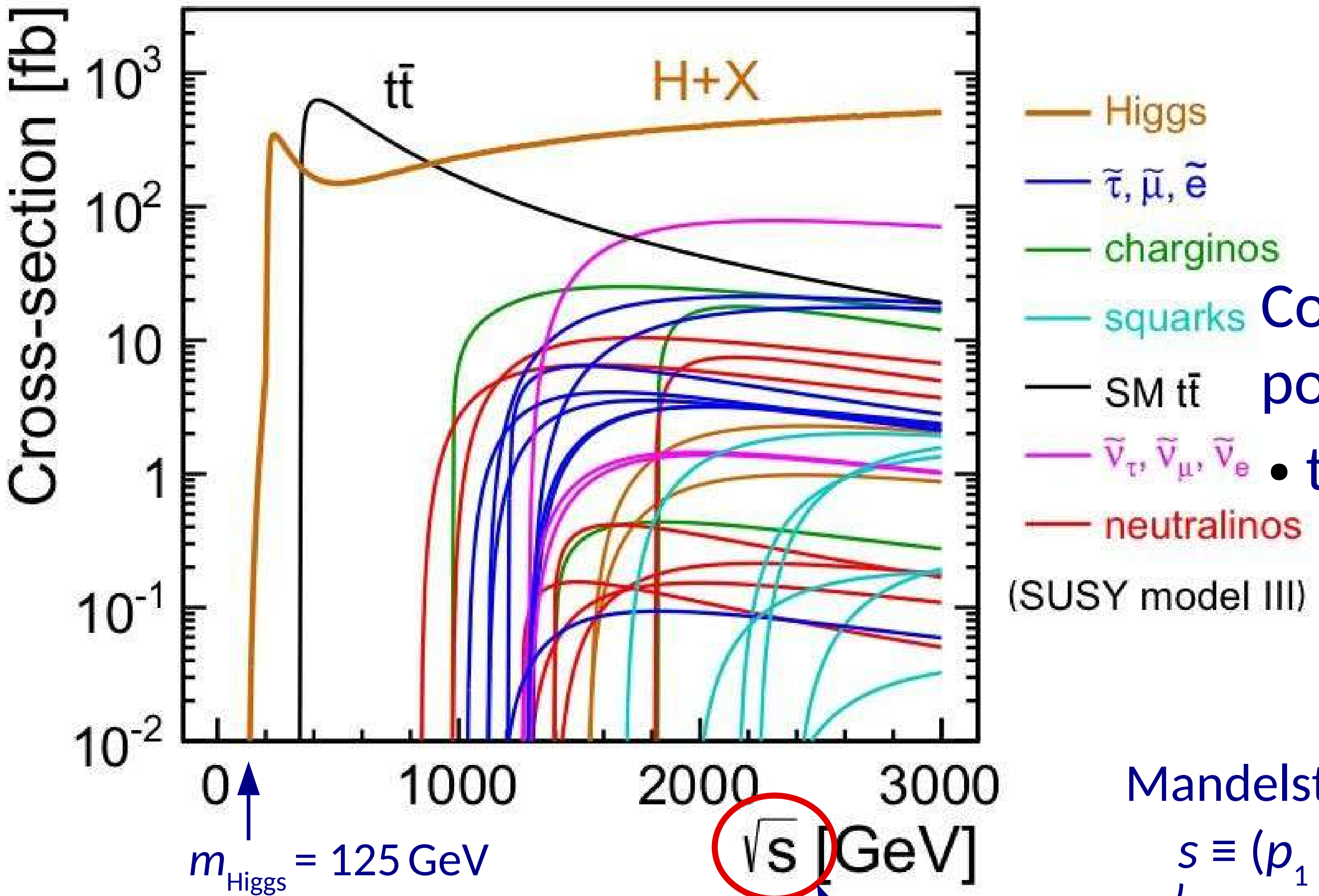

m_{Higgs} = 125 GeV

Collide particles at the highest possible energy:

- to probe high masses

$$E = m\,c^2$$

Mandelstam variable

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

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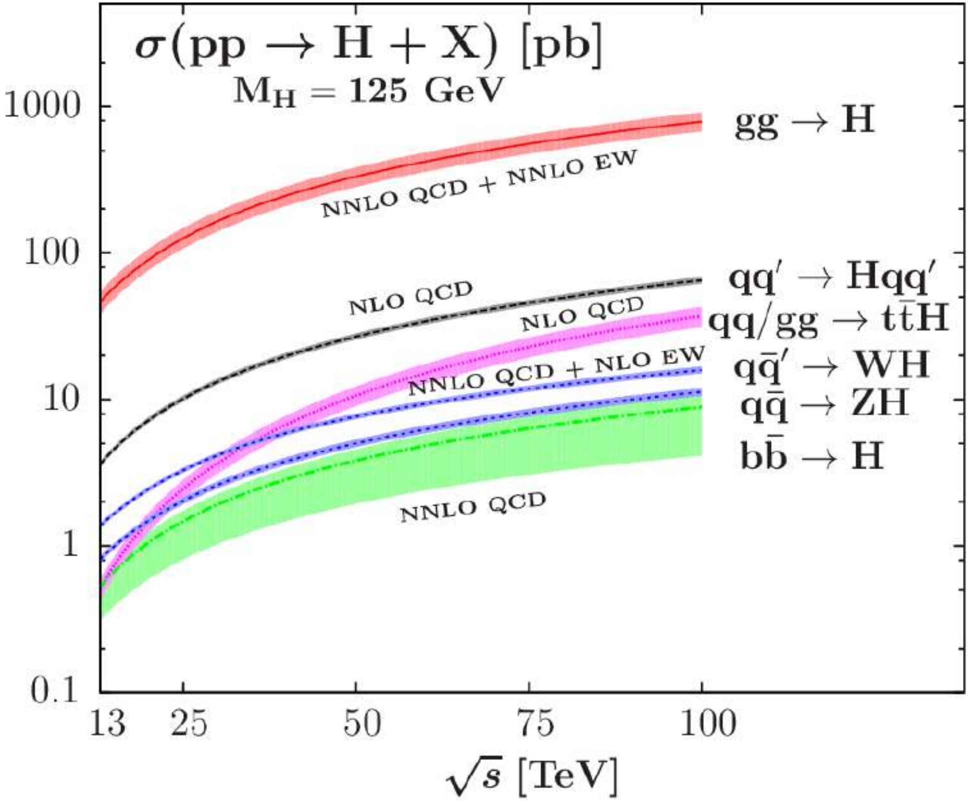

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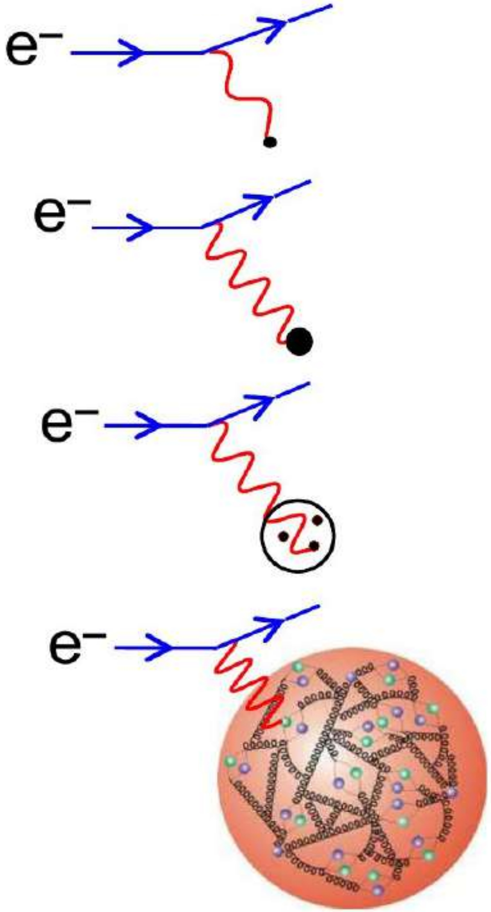
$$\frac{\hbar}{p} \gg r_p$$

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

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

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



Collide particles at the highest possible energy:

- to probe high masses

$$E = m c^2$$

- to probe small distances

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

Particle Accelerators

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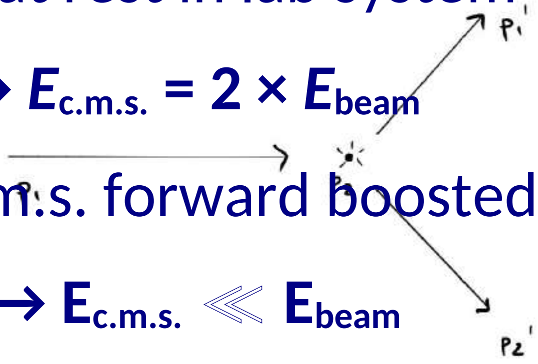
Energy in the center-of-mass system (c.m.s.)

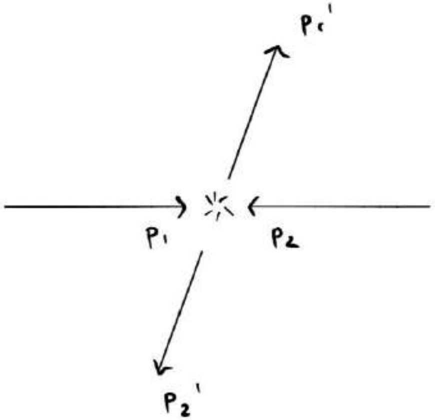
- collider: c.m.s. at rest in lab system(*)

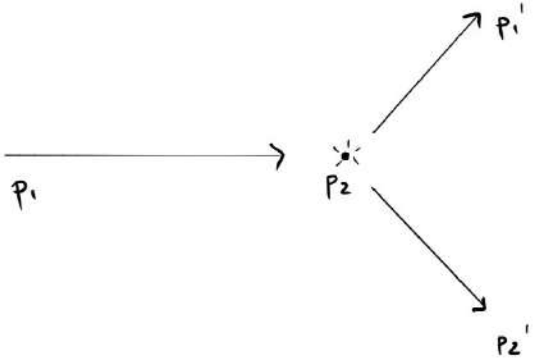
  → $E_{c.m.s.} = 2 \times E_{beam}$

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

  → $E_{c.m.s.} \lll E_{beam}$







Example LHC @ 6.5 TeV

collider: $E_{c.m.s.}$ = 13 TeV

fixed target: $E_{c.m.s.}$ = 114 GeV

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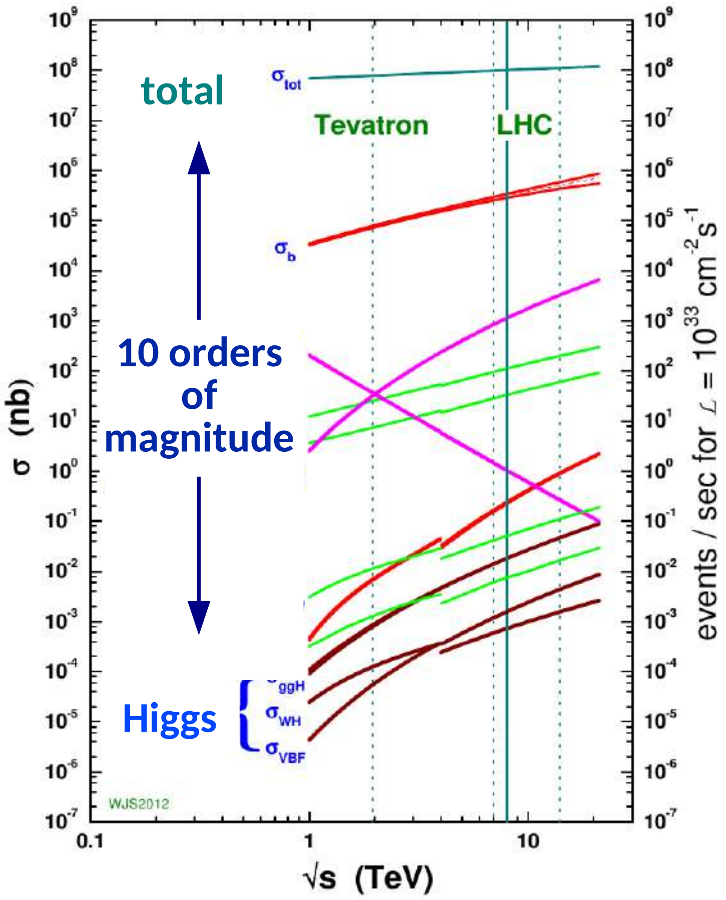

Collide particles at highest possible rate

- to probe very rare processes

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

- fixed target: higher density → higher rate

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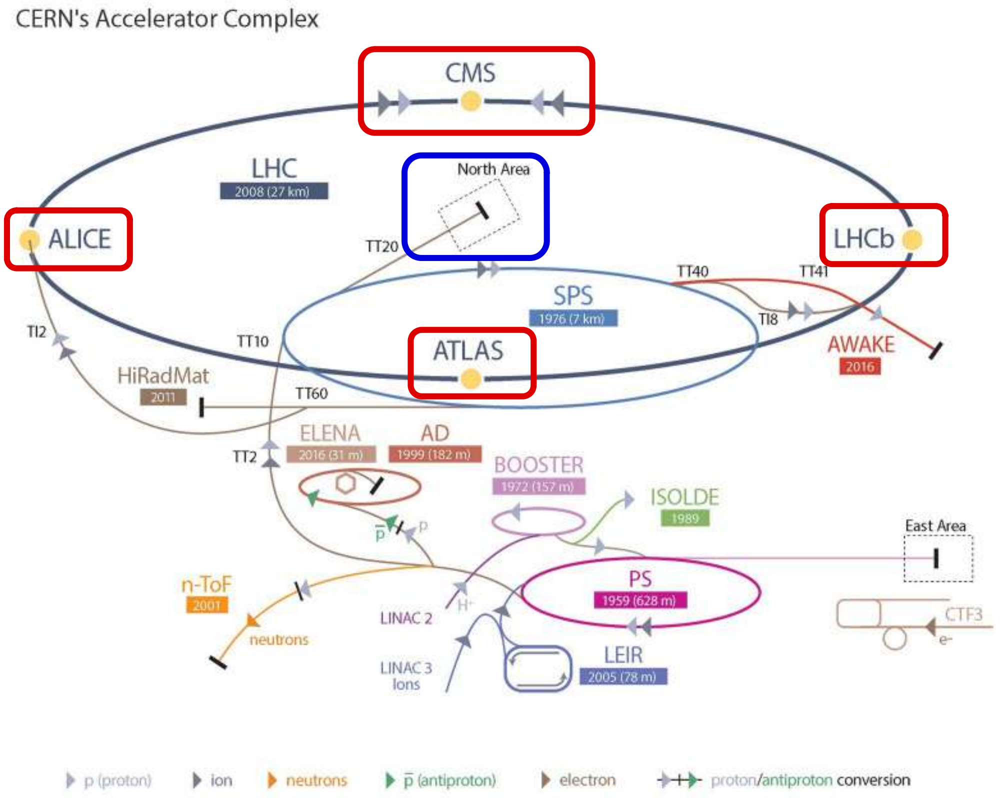

Colliding beam (LHC):

6.5 TeV p ↔ 6.5 TeV p

Fixed target (e.g. North Area):

450 GeV p beam

(e.g. SHiP experiment)

[https://stfc.ukri.org/research/particle-physics-and-particle-astrophysics/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 than one correct answer --- or none ;-)

Kinematic reconstruction

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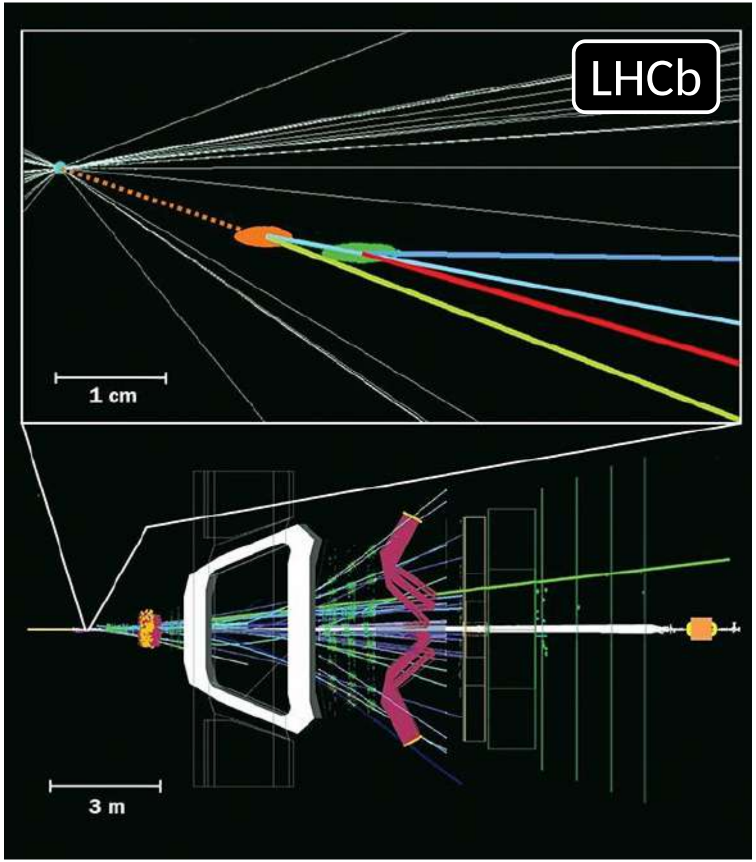

Most of the "interesting" particles are very short lived

- 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 ($\mu^{\pm}$), pions ($\pi^{\pm}$), kaons ($K^{\pm}$)

[https://cerncourier.com/a/beauty-quarks-test-lepton-universality]

Kinematic reconstruction

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

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

(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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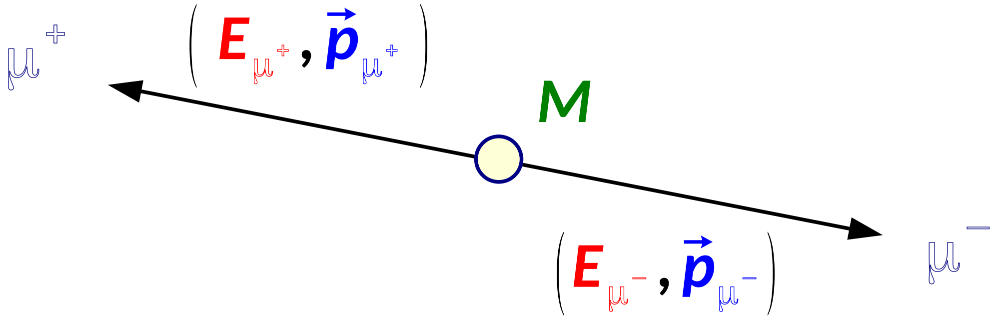

Measure the momenta of the μ^- and the μ^+

- **calculate their energies ($E^2_{\mu^\pm} = m^2_\mu + p^2_{\mu^\pm}$)**
- **calculate the mass of the decaying particle:**

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

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

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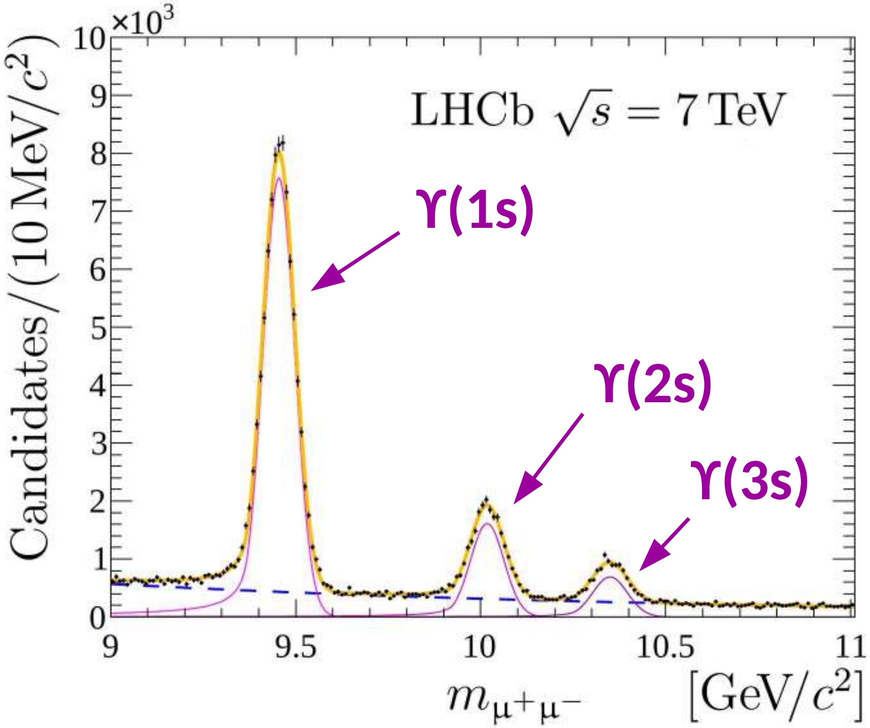
flat distribution:
"background"
from random
combinations
of μ^+ and μ^-



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

[J.High Energy Phys.(2015) 103]

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

ϒ "resonances"

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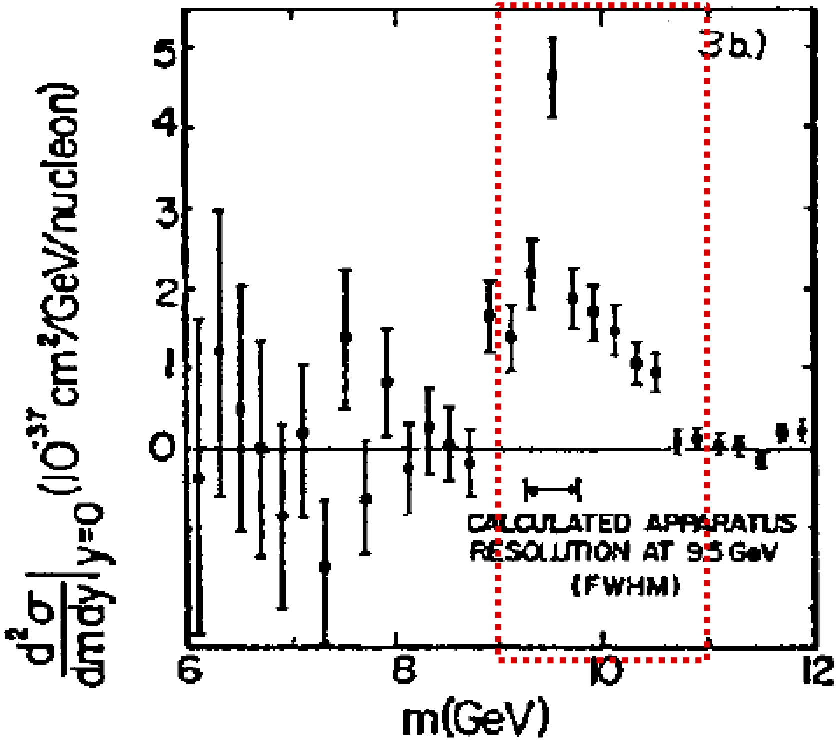

Discovered in 1977

- 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

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Upsilon_meson]

“Yesterday’s sensation …”

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Yesterday's sensation is today's calibration channel

(Richard P. Feynman)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_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

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

with

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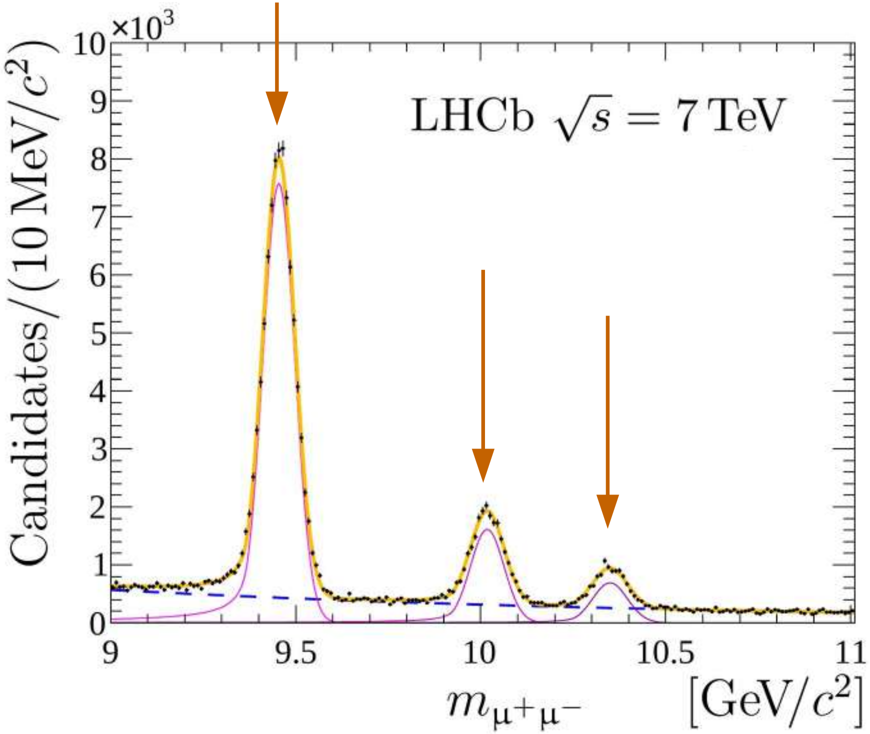

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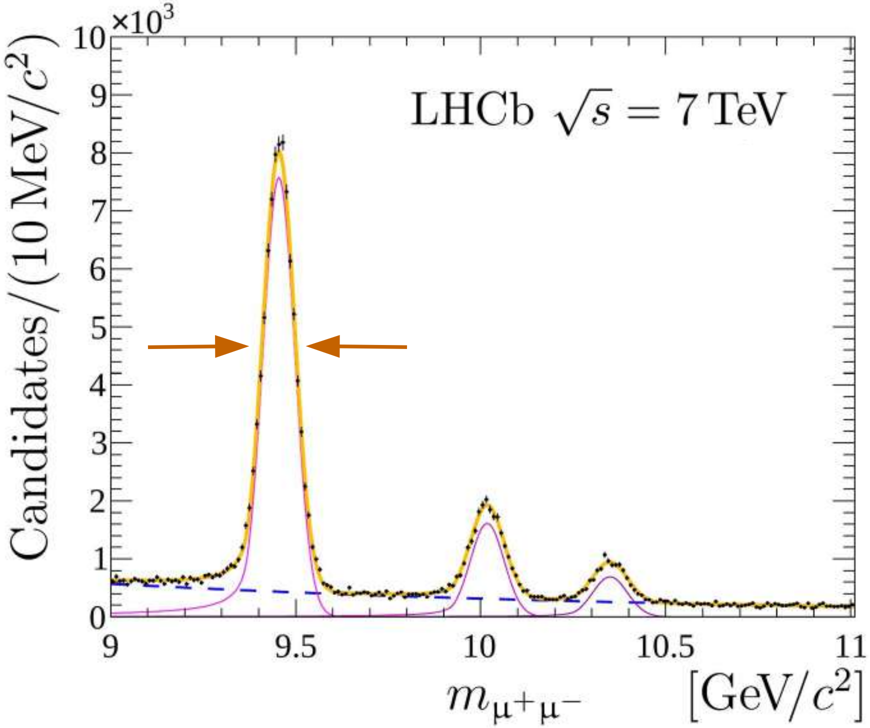

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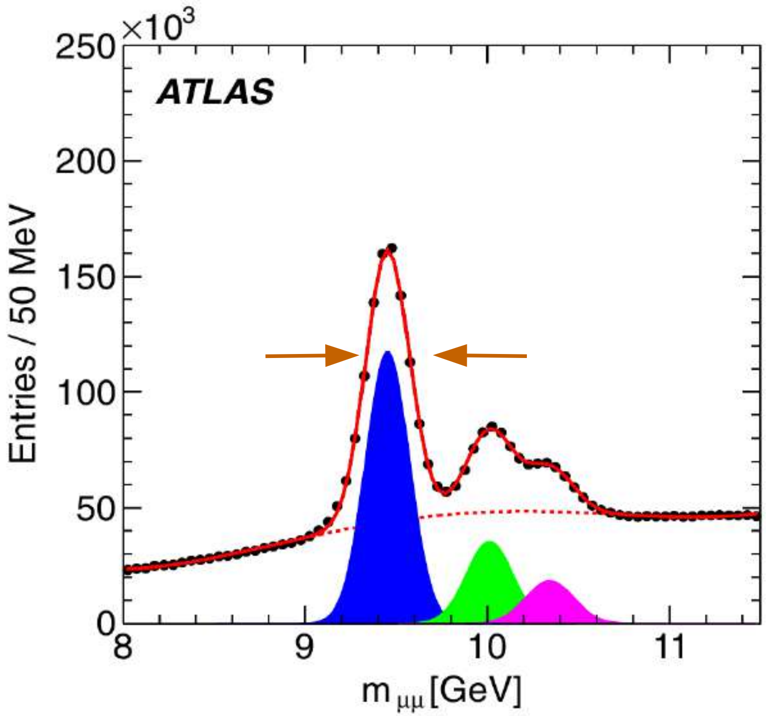

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Today's "sensations"

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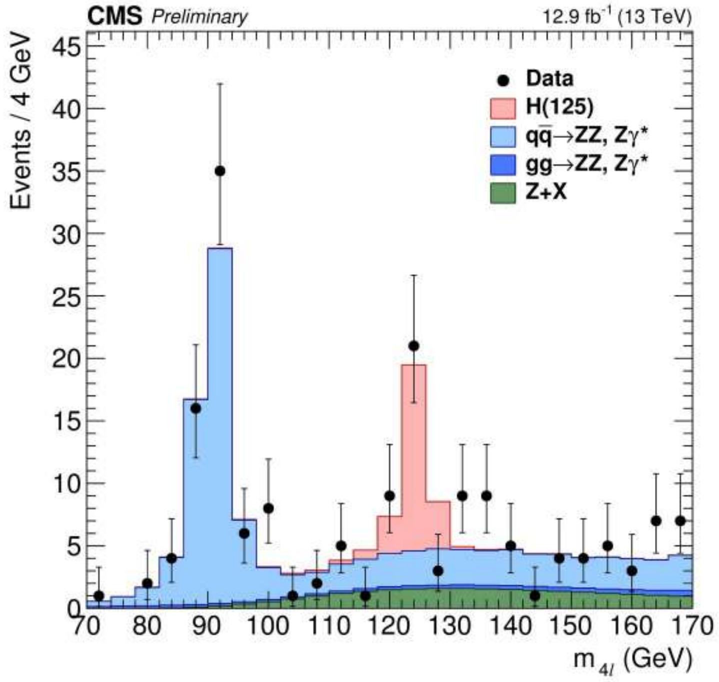
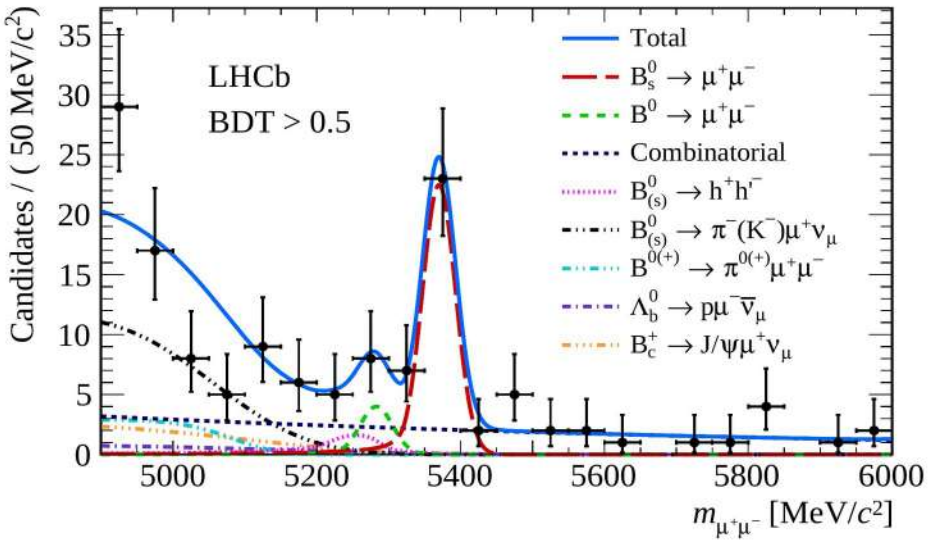


Higgs → 4 leptons in CMS



$B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$ 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)
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note: questions can have more than one correct answer --- or none ;-)

Long-lived particles

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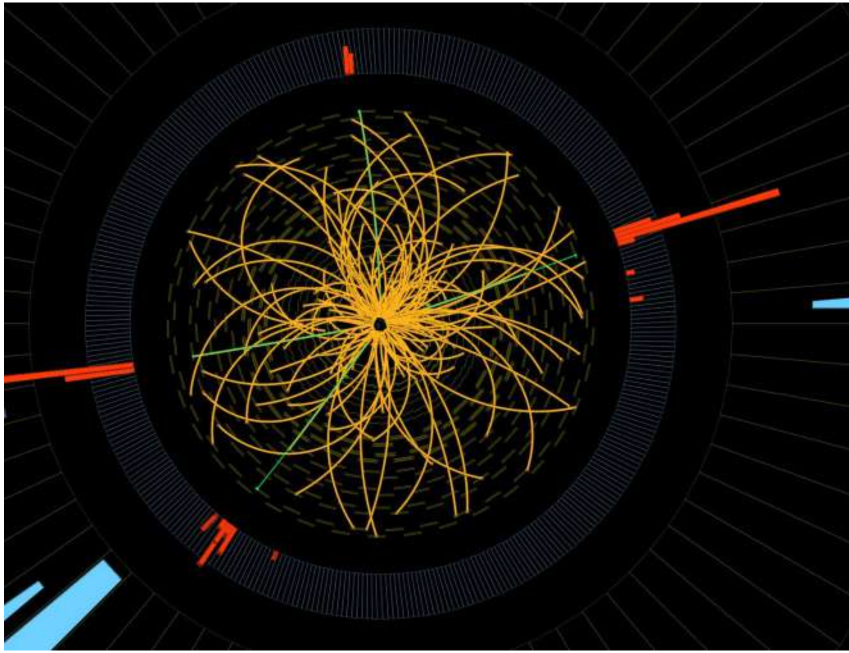
To reconstruct short-lived particles, detect the long-lived decay products and measure or determine their

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



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Momentum (magnitude)

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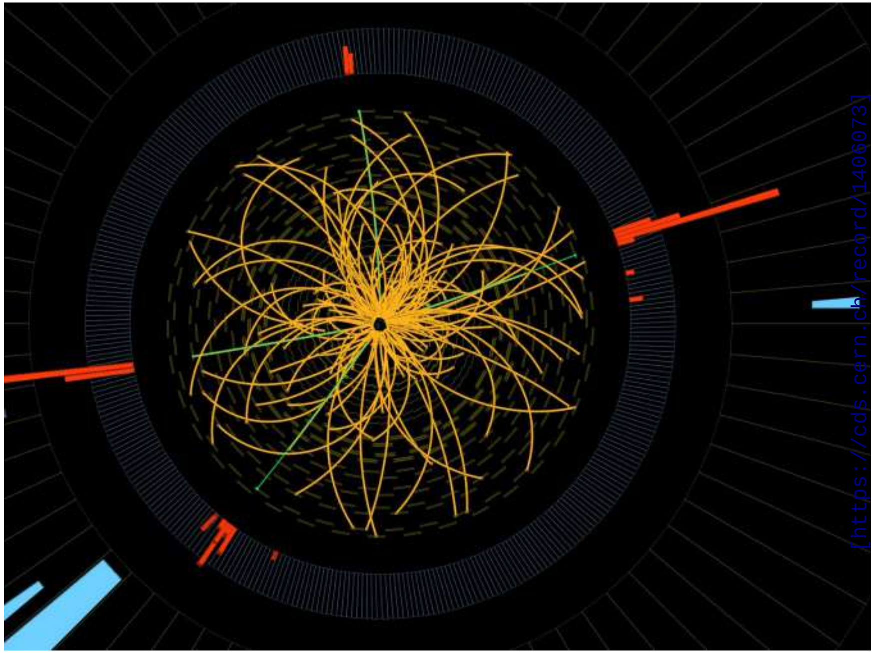
For charged particles only: bending of the trajectory in a magnetic field

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



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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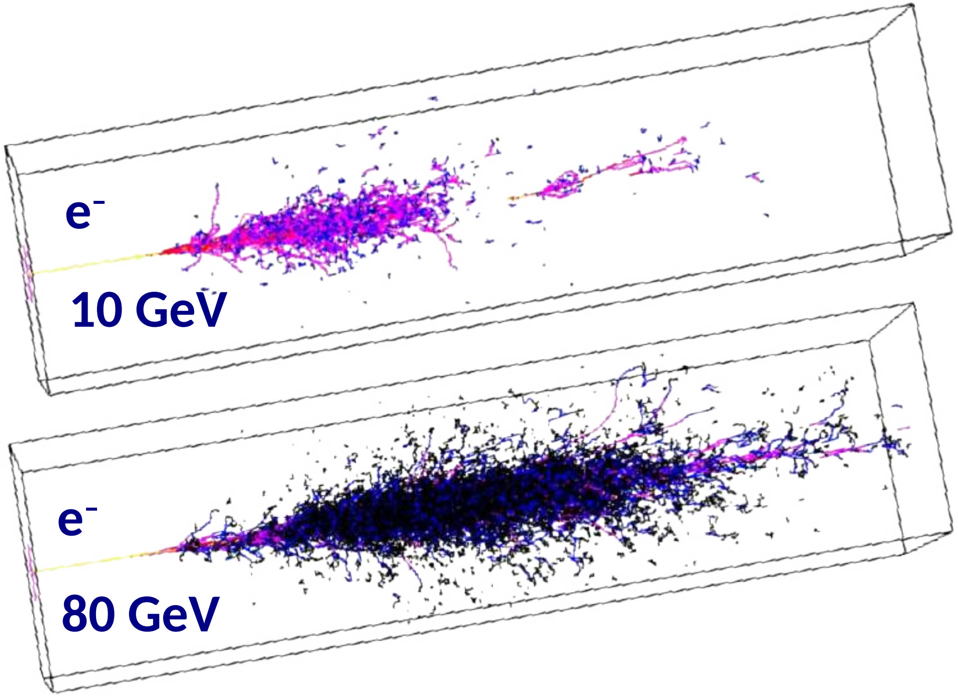
Calorimeter (for charged and neutral particles)

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



[https://www.mpp.mpg.de/~menke/elss/]

Colliding beam experiment

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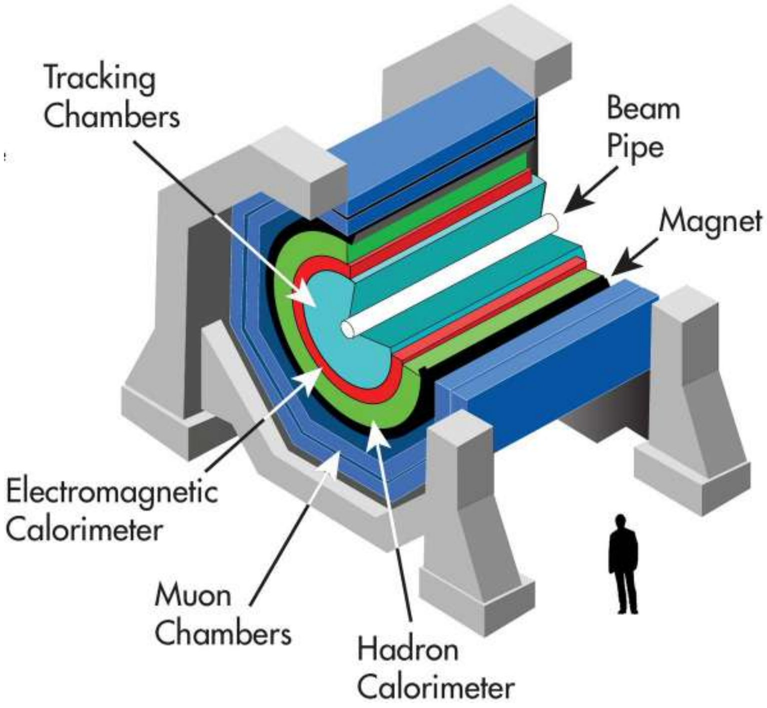
Collide two beams of particles head-on with each other

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

Barrel part most important:

- concentric layers of cylindrical detectors ("onion shell")



[https://www.cpepphysics.org/education/]

Fixed-target experiment

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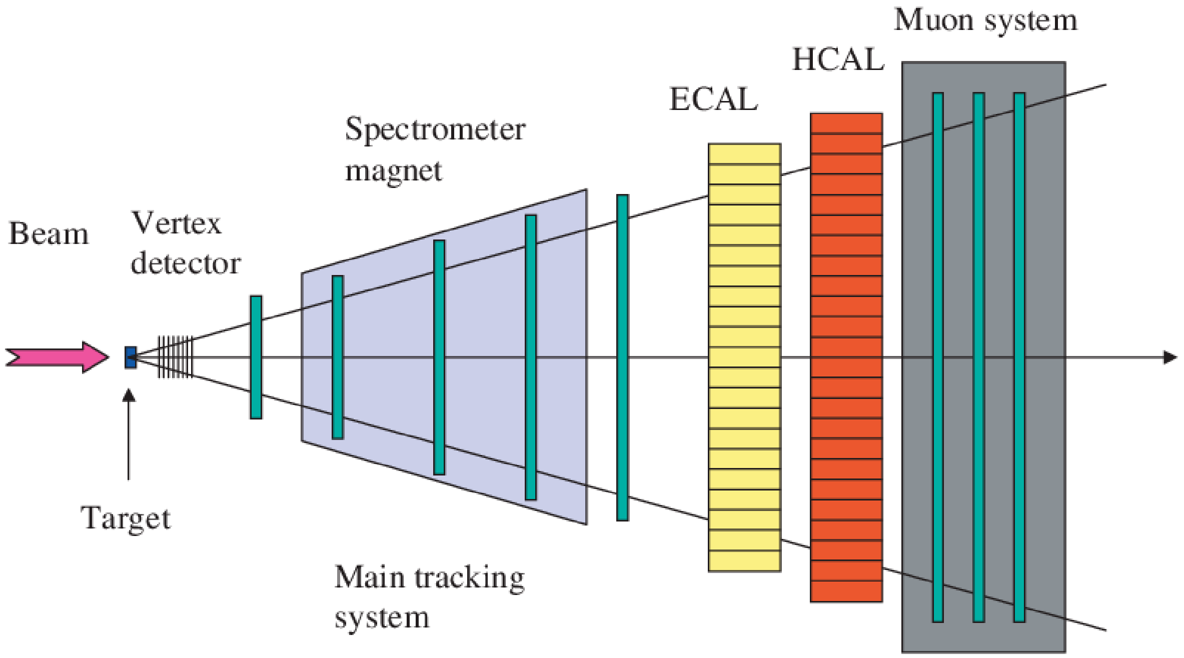
Shoot a beam of particles into a target at rest

- 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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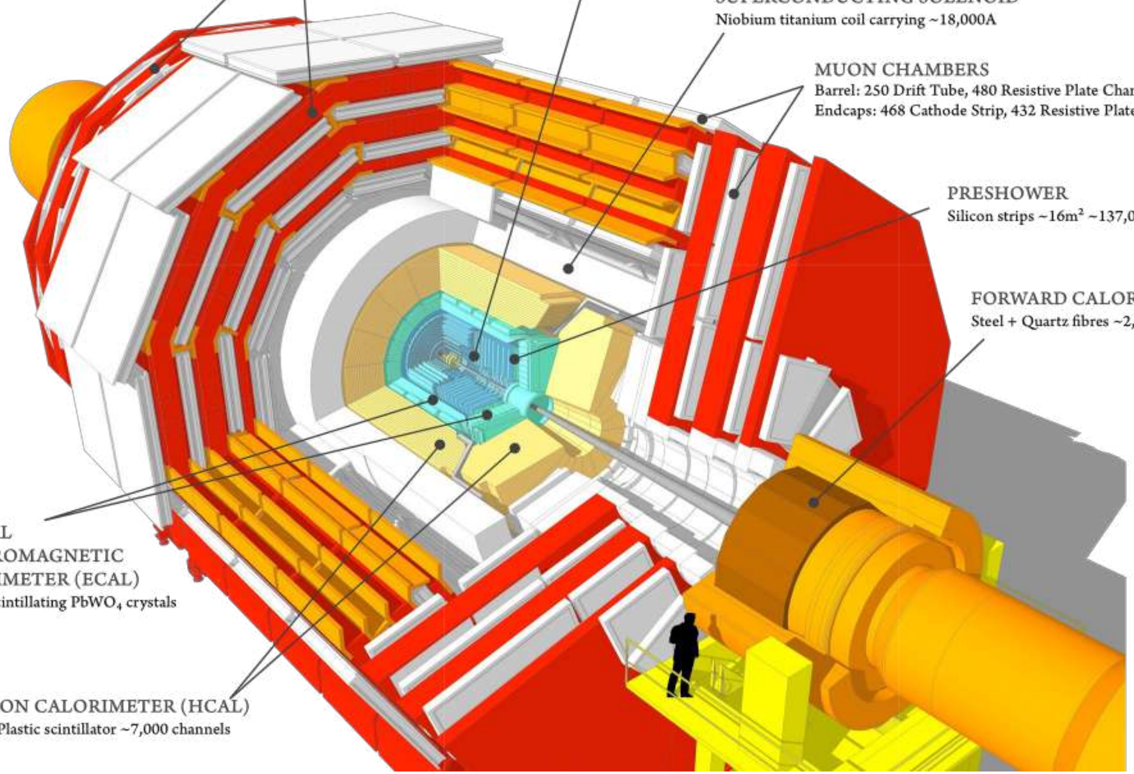

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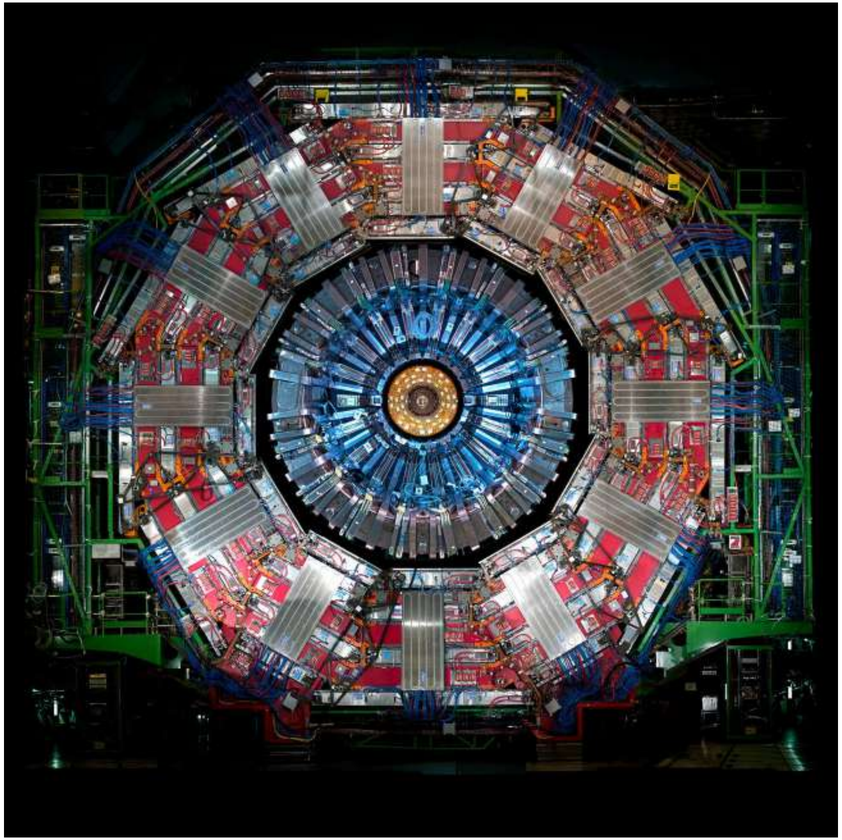

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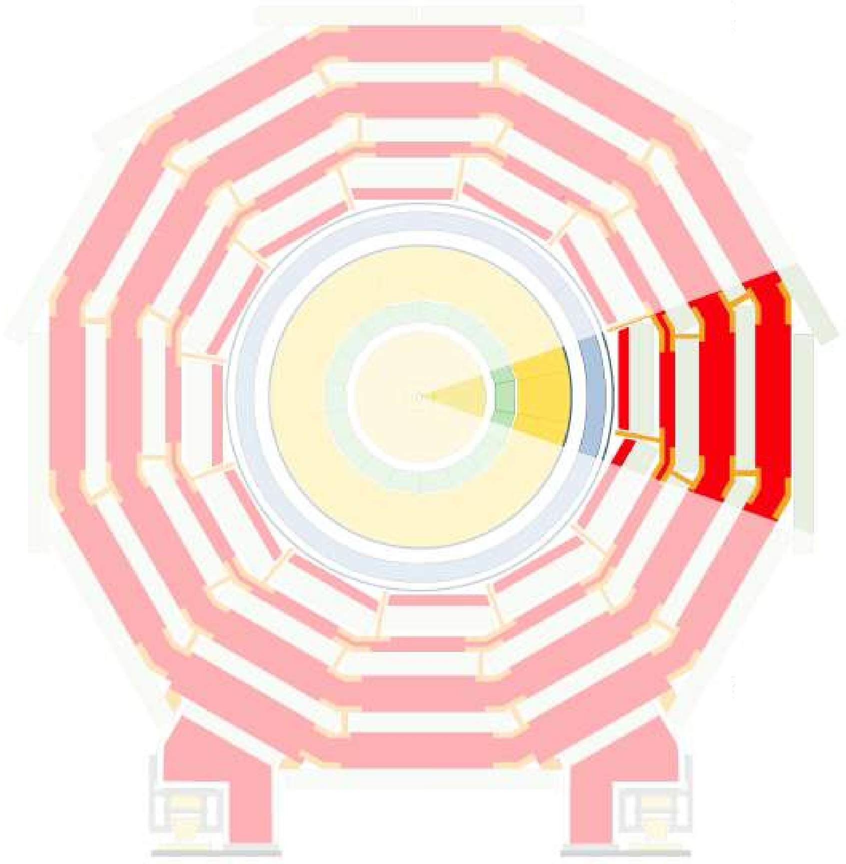

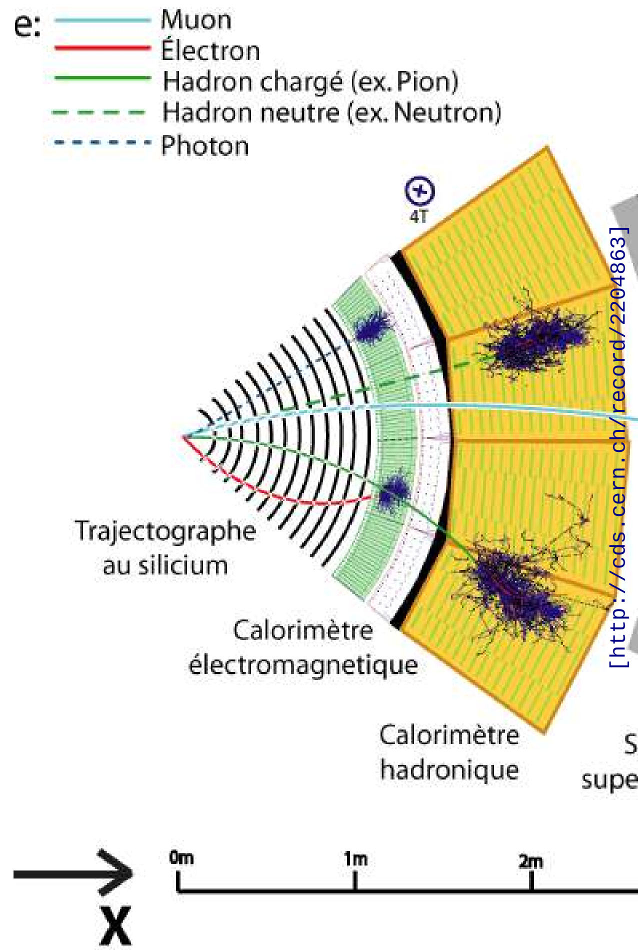

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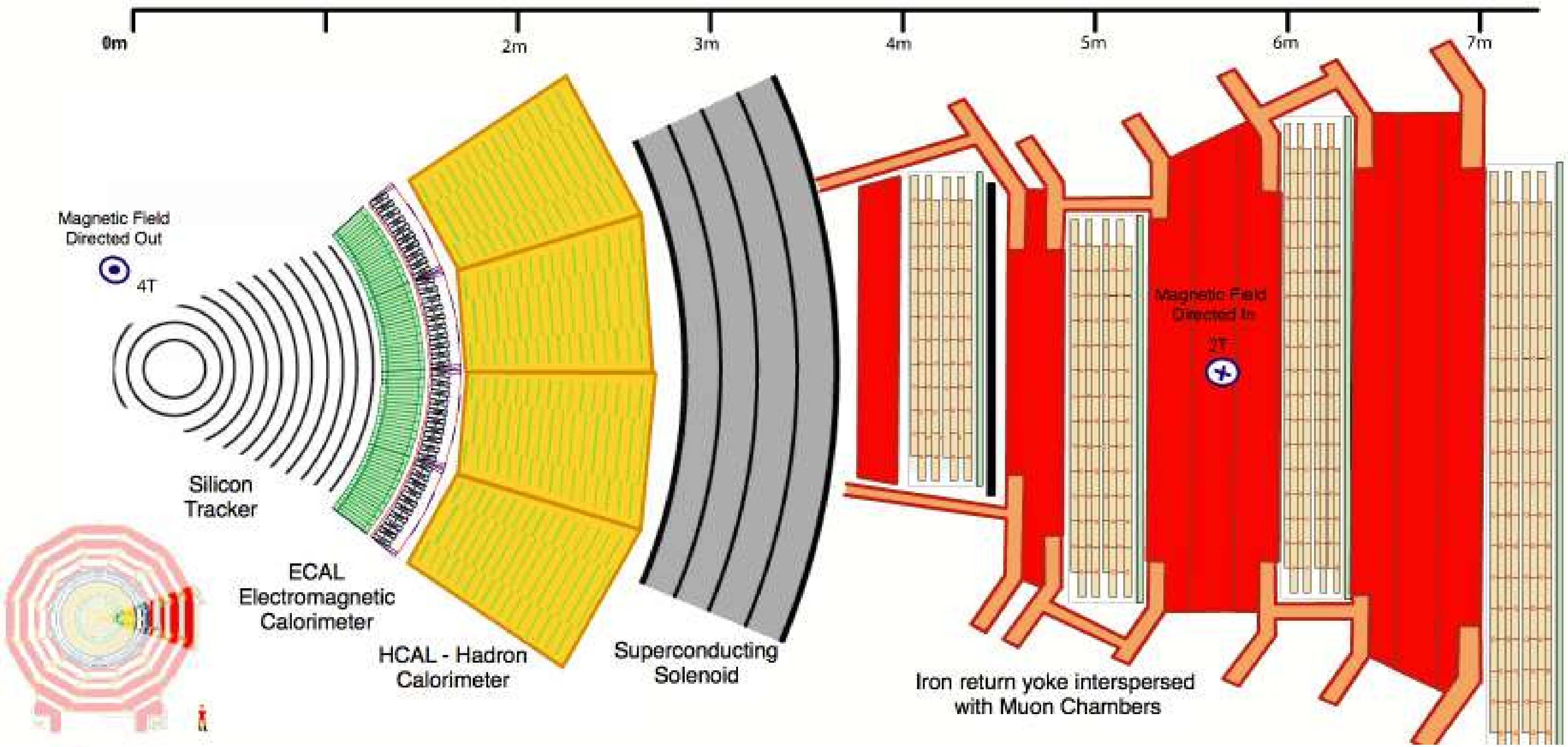

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Electron / positron

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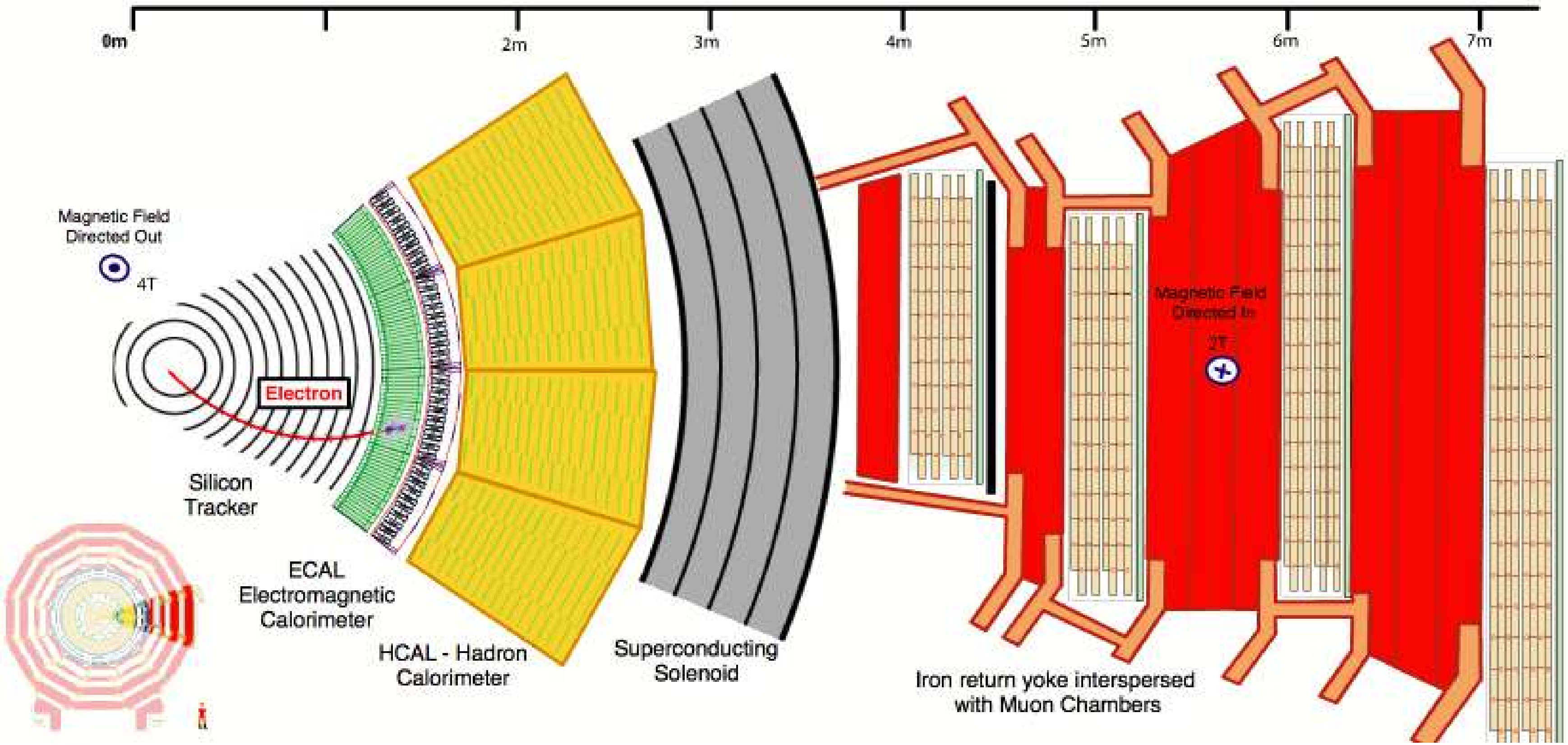

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Charged hadron (proton, kaon, pion)

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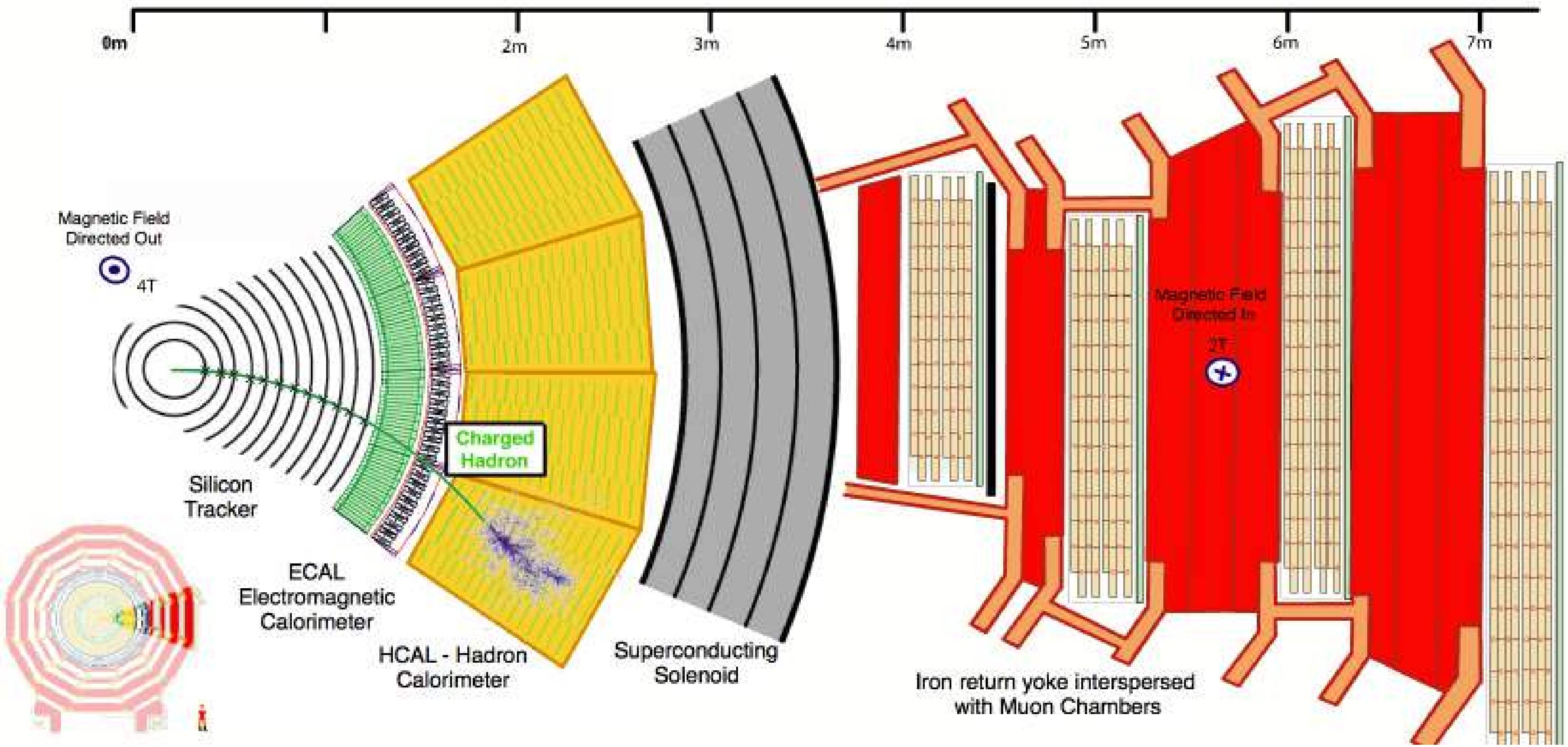

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Muon

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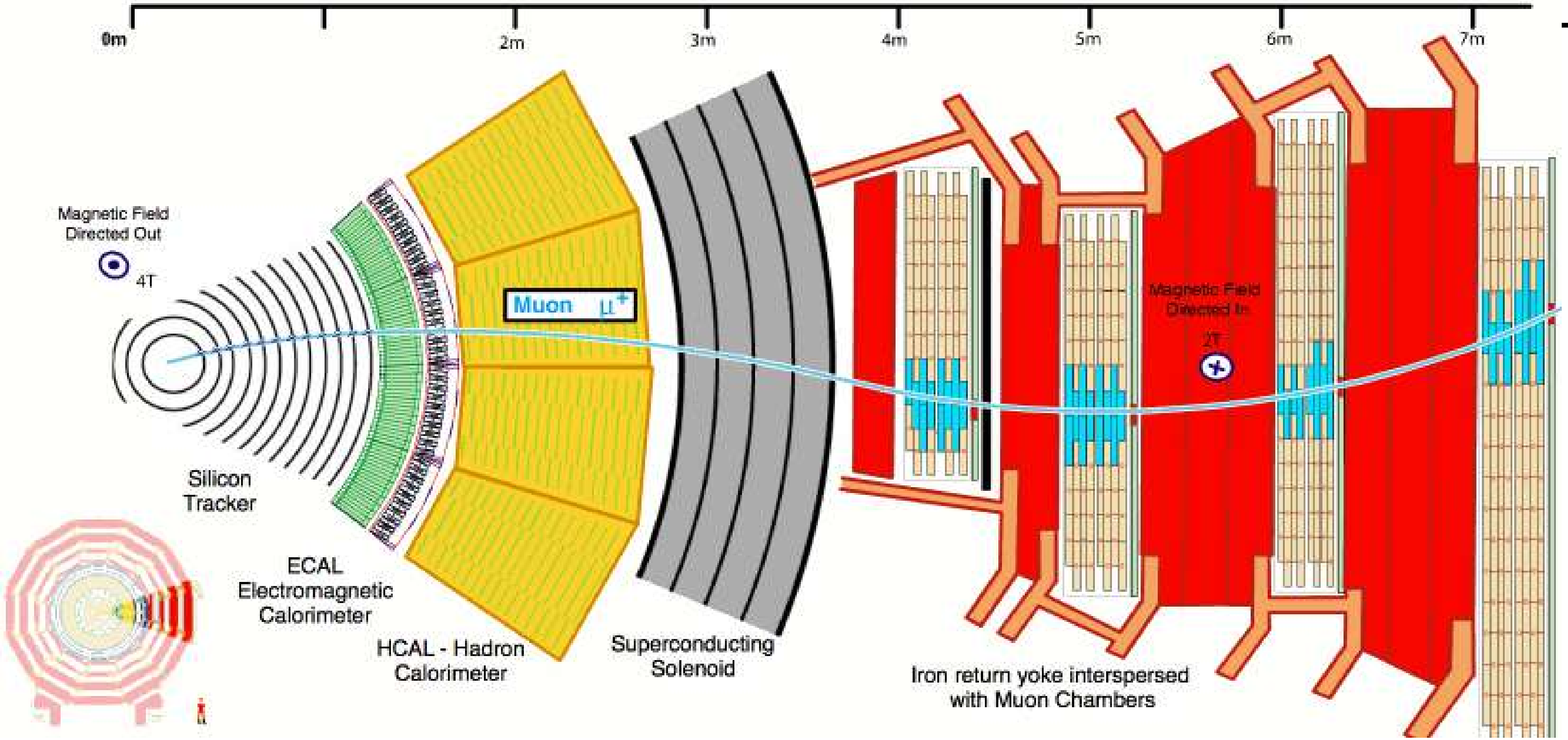

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Example: LHCb detector at the LHC

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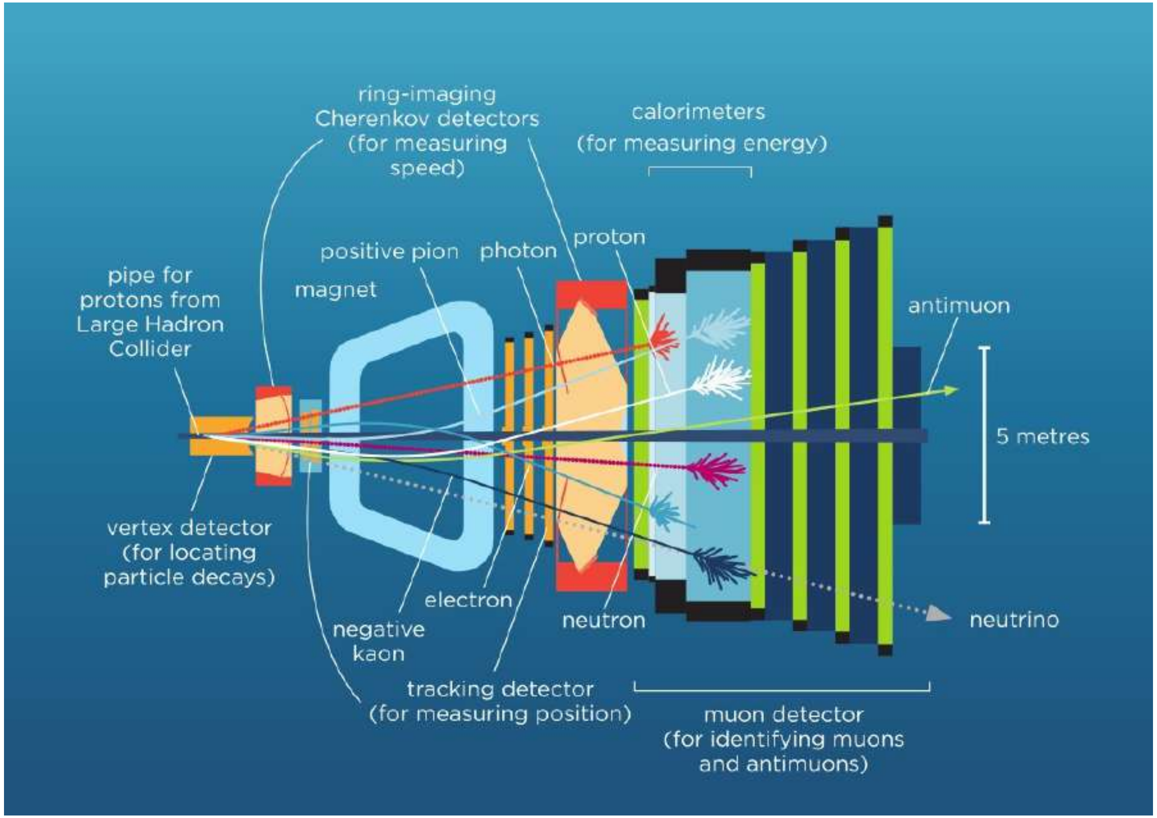

Similar:

- tracking detectors
- magnet
- calorimeters
- muon detectors

Different:

- Cherenkov detectors
- detector geometry

[http:]

Particle Type

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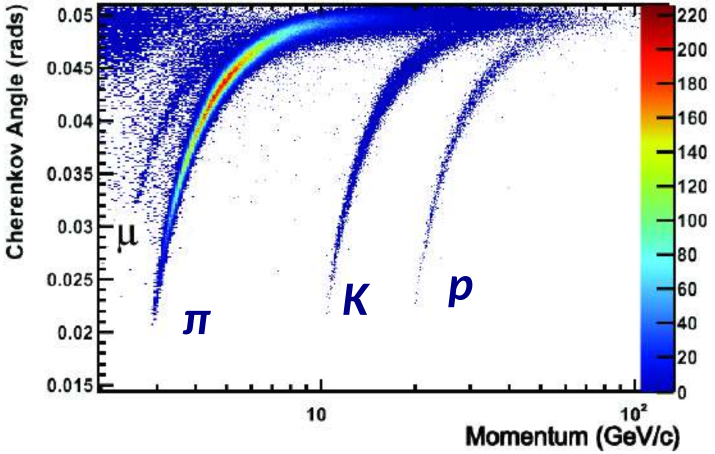
To distinguish between the different types of particles: exploit their different interactions in detector material

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

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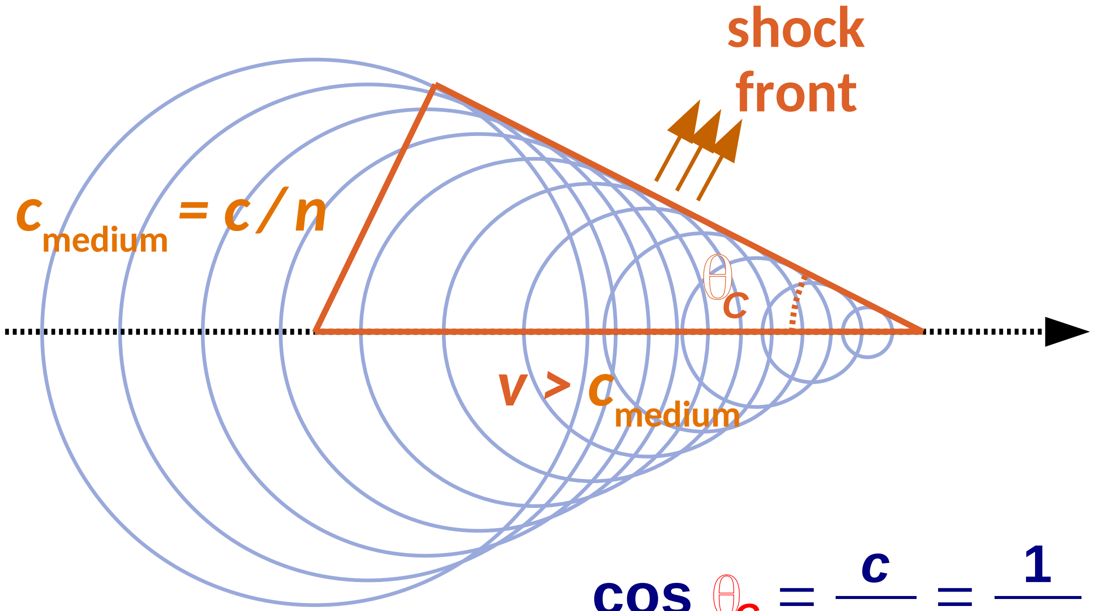
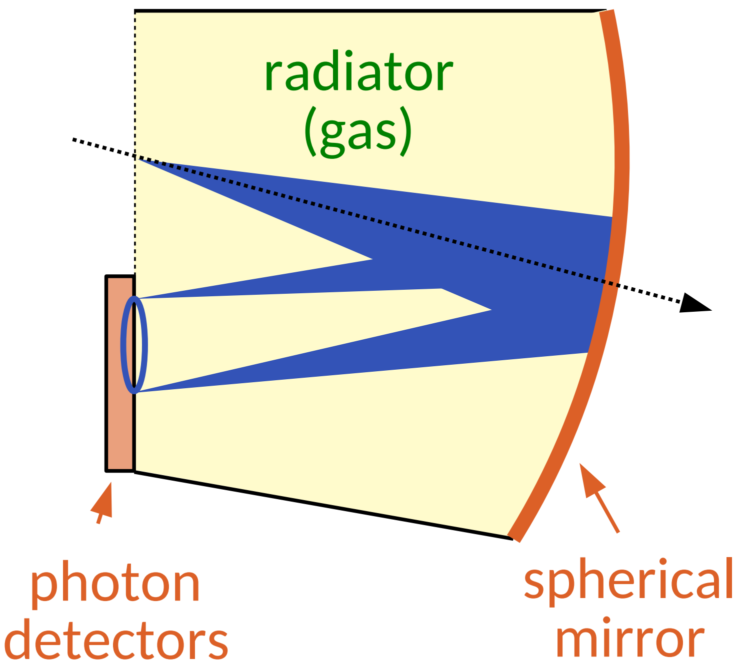


$$\cos\theta_c = \frac{c}{v\,n} = \frac{1}{\beta\,n}$$

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



LHCb detector geometry

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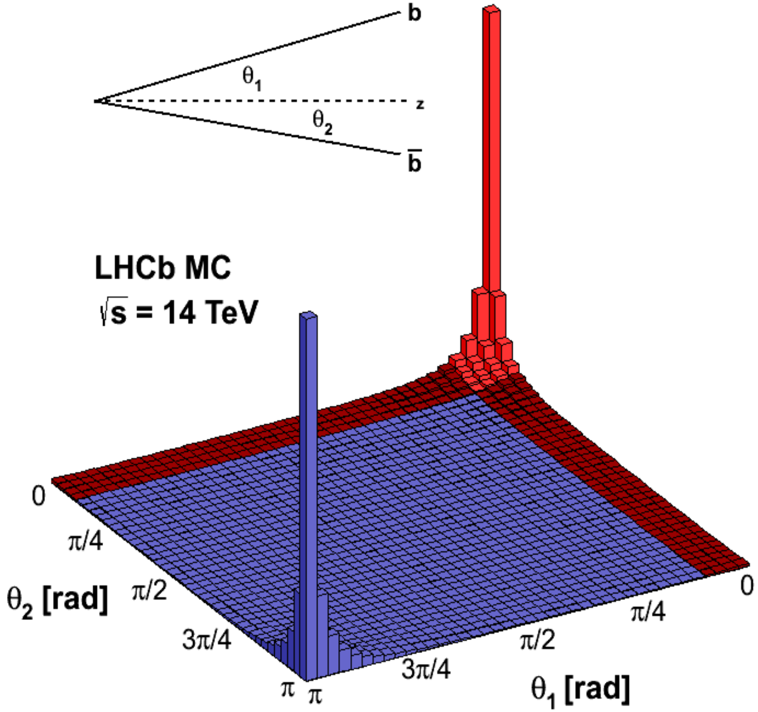
The main goal of LHCb is to study decays of particles that contain a b or $\bar{b}$ quark

- 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 !



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LHCb detector geometry

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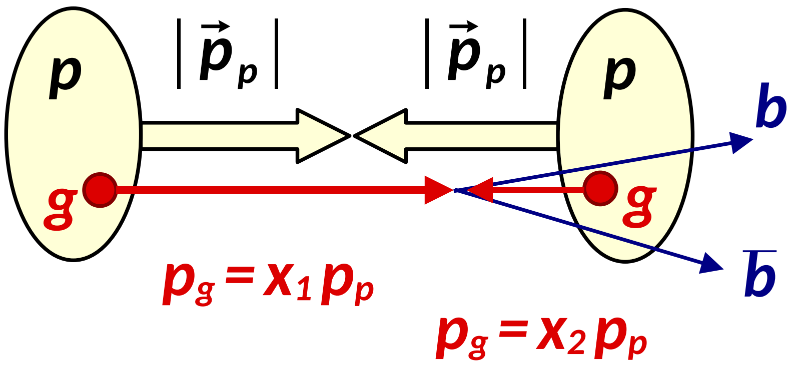
Why are particles containing a b or $\bar{b}$ quark produced under small angles to the beam axis ?

- $b\,\bar{b}$ 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 → asymmetric collision → 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 than 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

Why have both ATLAS and CMS ?

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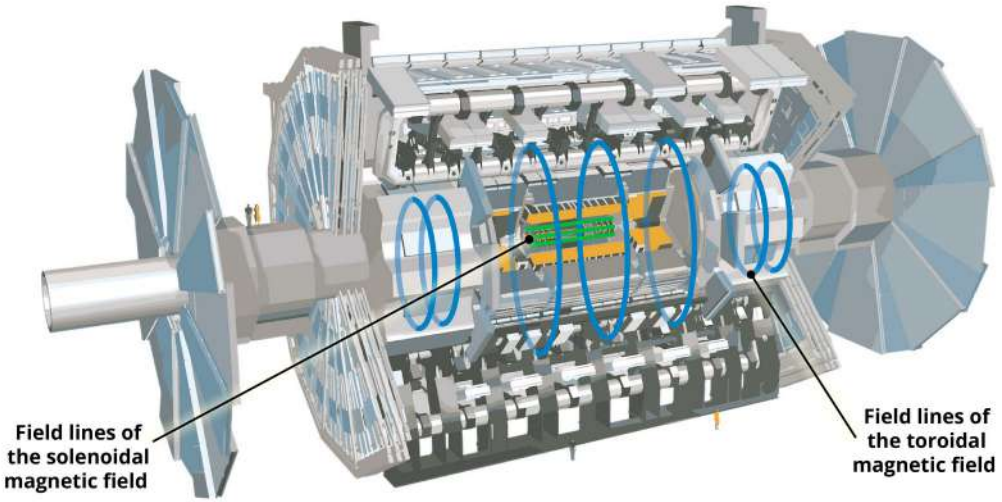
One difference : Magnetic fields



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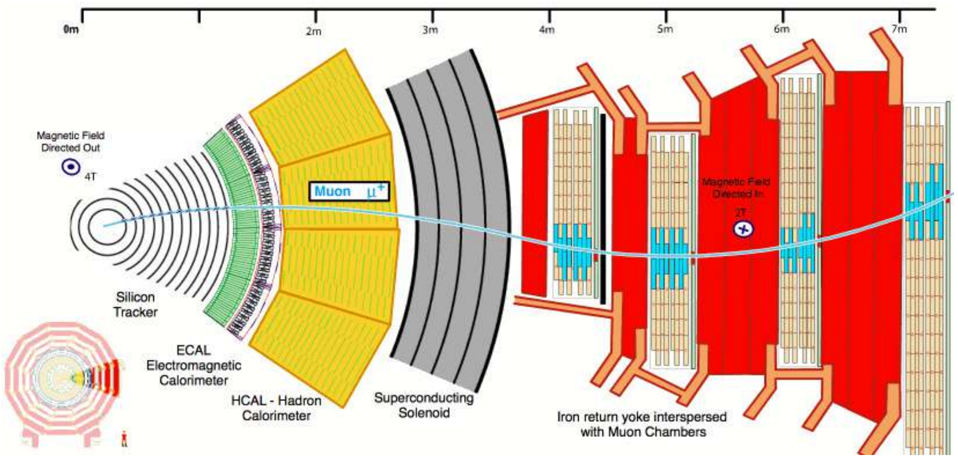

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ATLAS has not one, but two magnetic fields !

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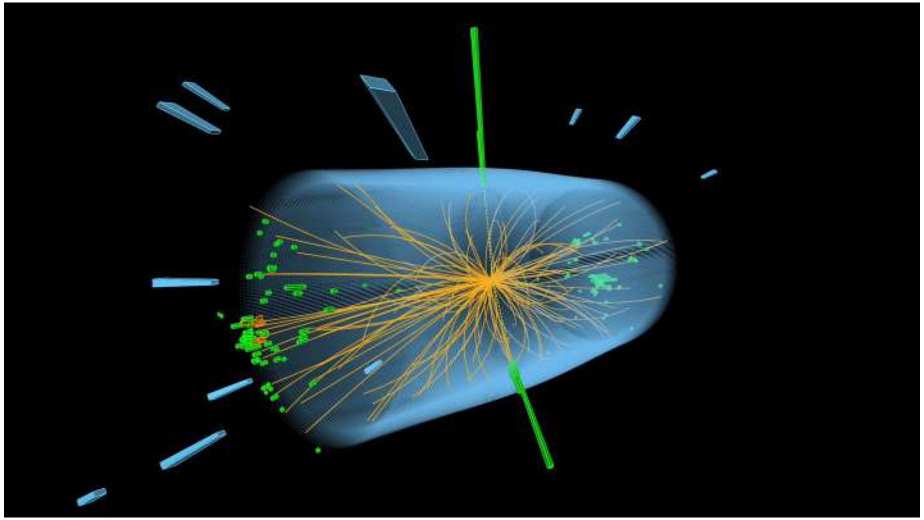
One difference : ECal



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CMS has excellent energy resolution, but needs other tracks in events to identify the PV
ATLAS Ecal can identify vertex on its own with ~50mrad/√E angular resolution
→ Important for H→γγ in the presence of pile-up

Search for Hidden Particles

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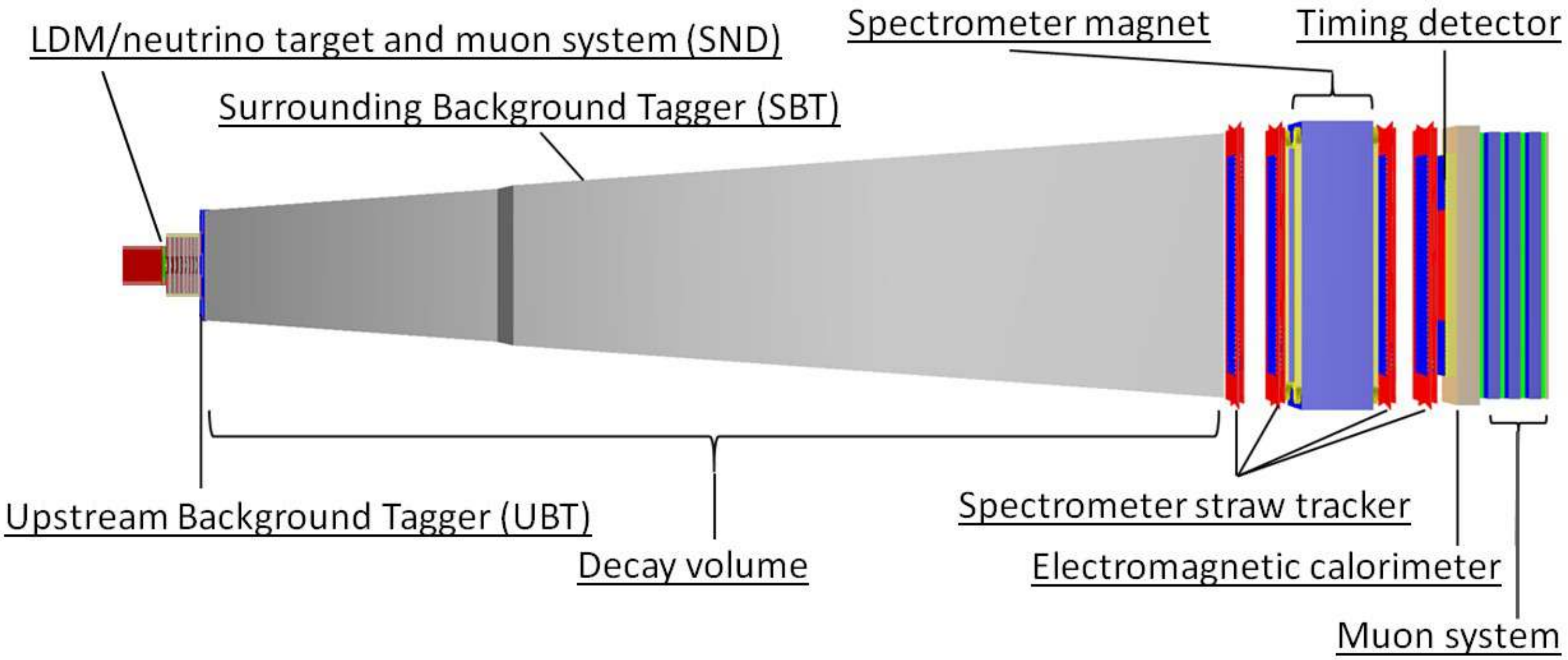
Example of a fixed target experiment



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Focus : Redundant background control and full measurement of as many final states as possible

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Questions ?