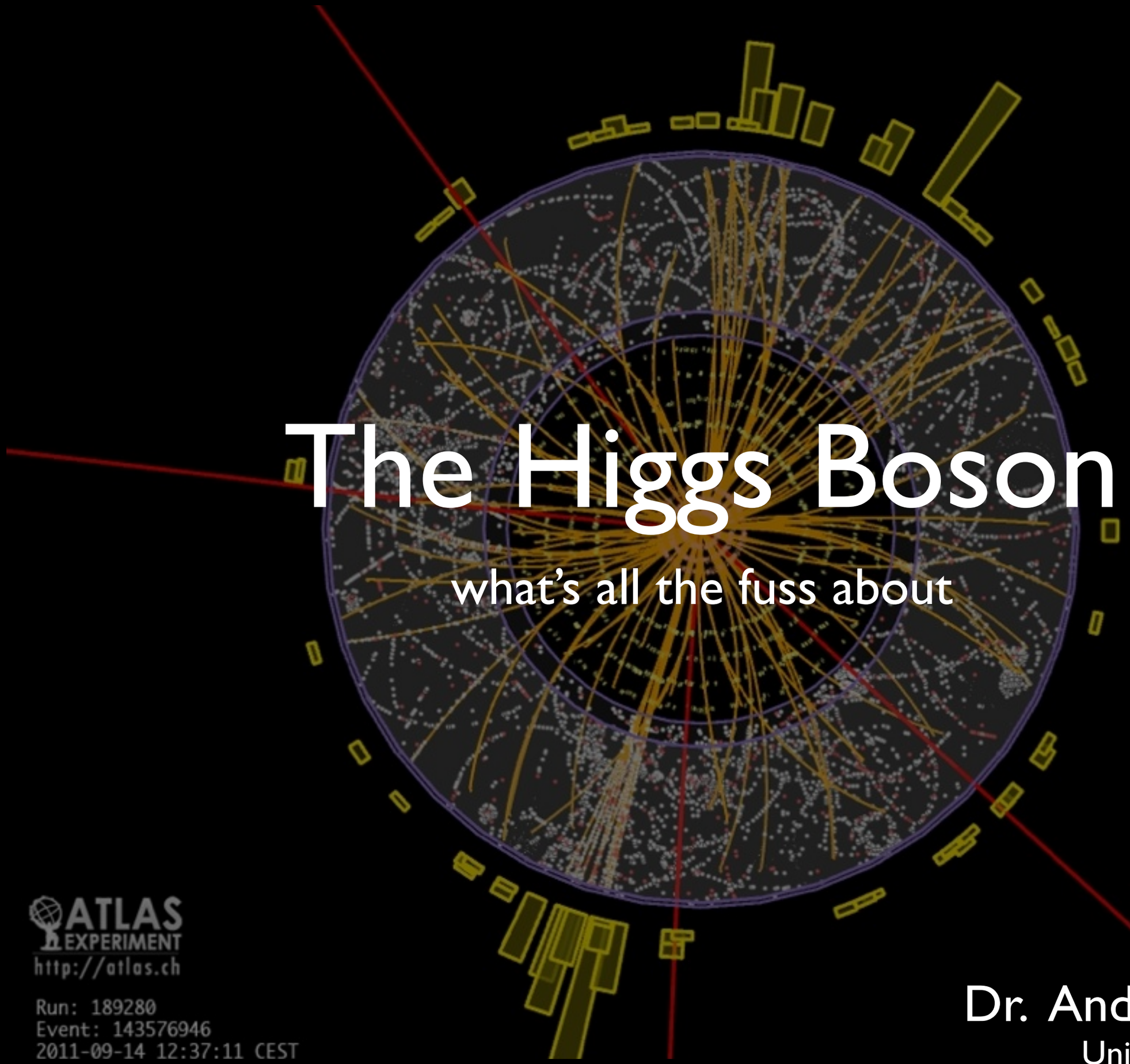


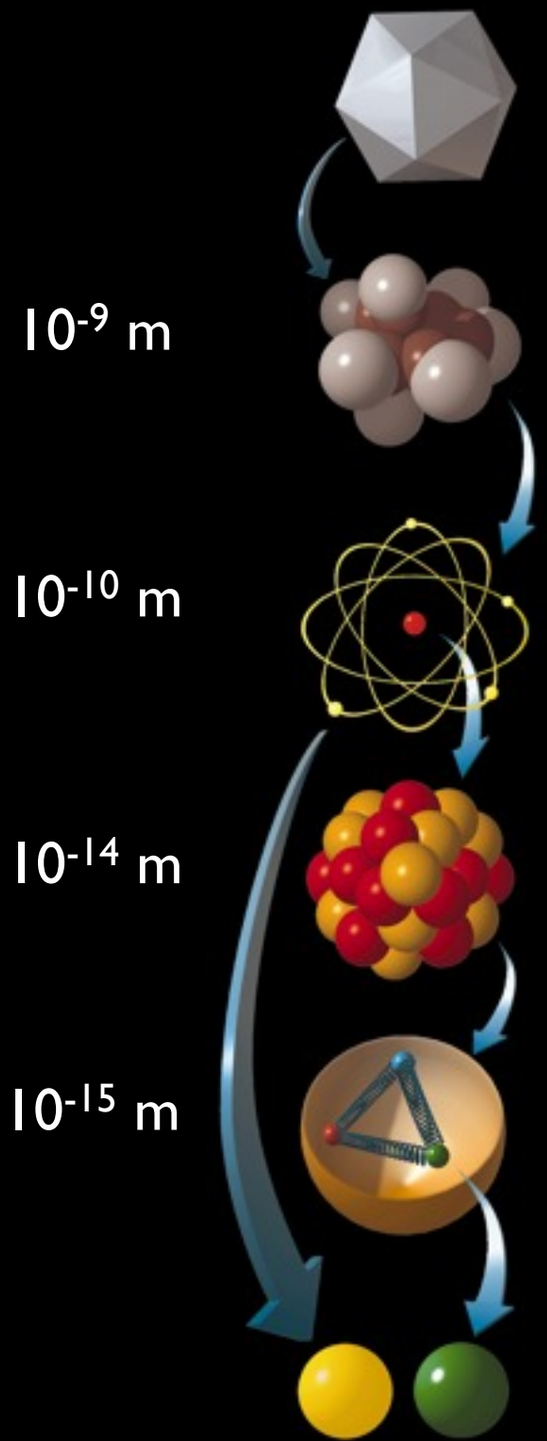
The Higgs Boson

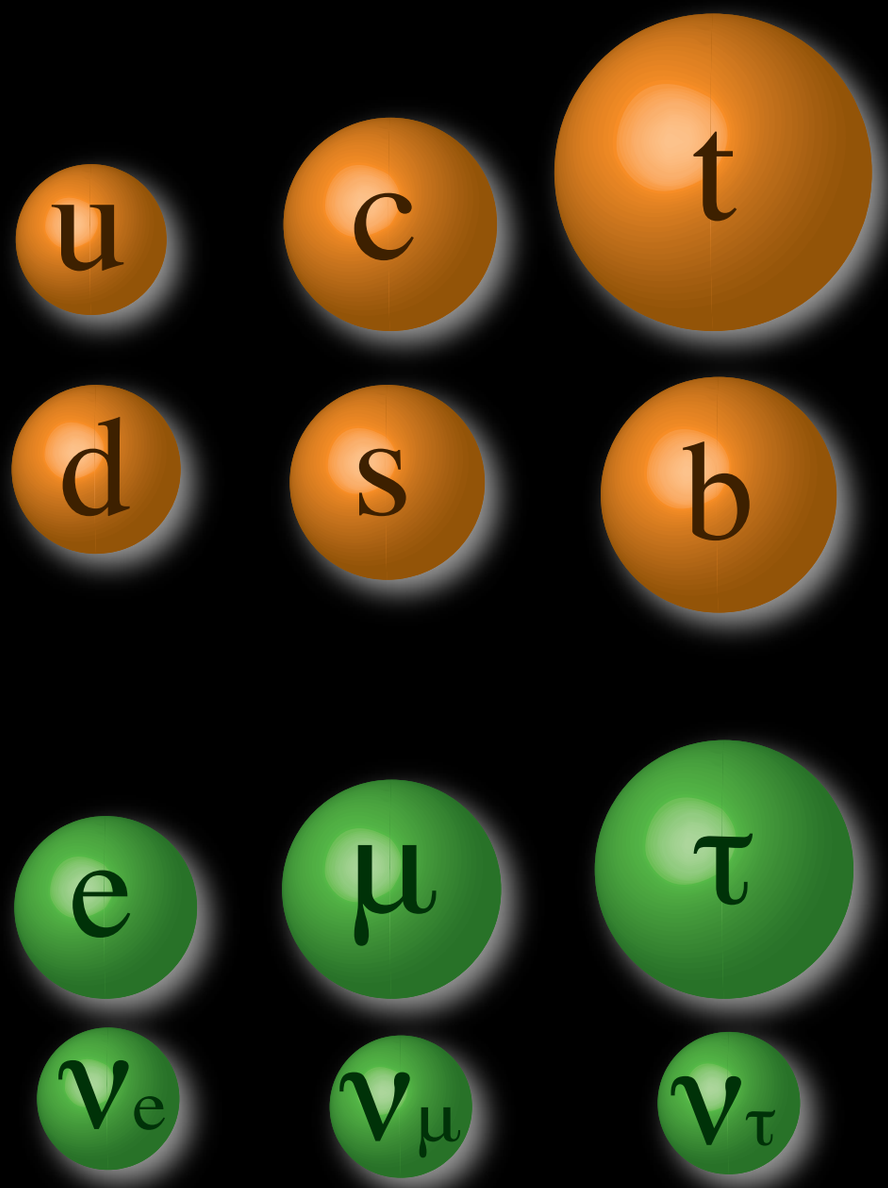
what's all the fuss about

Dr. Andrew Hamilton
University of Cape Town

What are you made of?

Matter Particles





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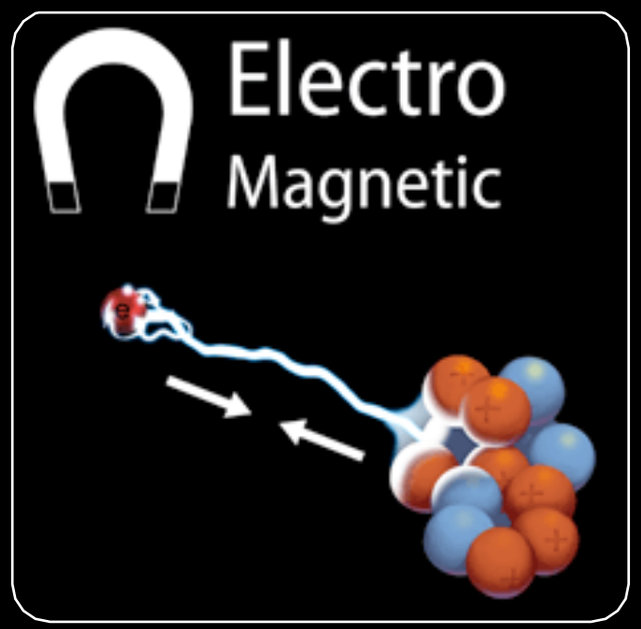
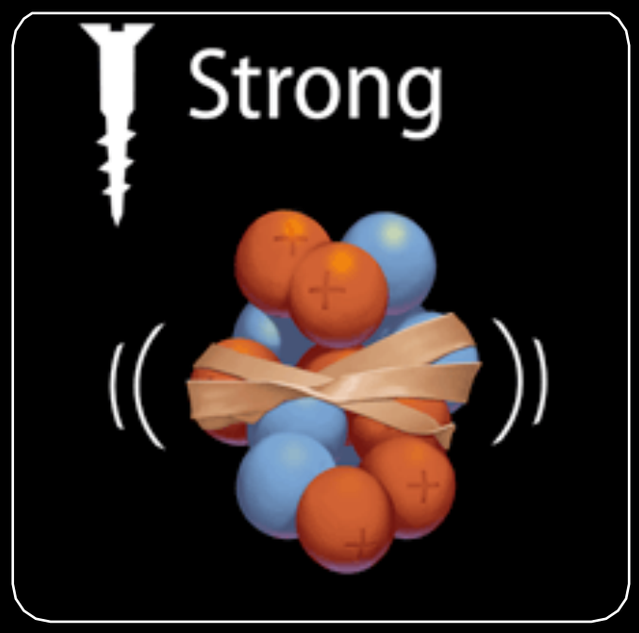
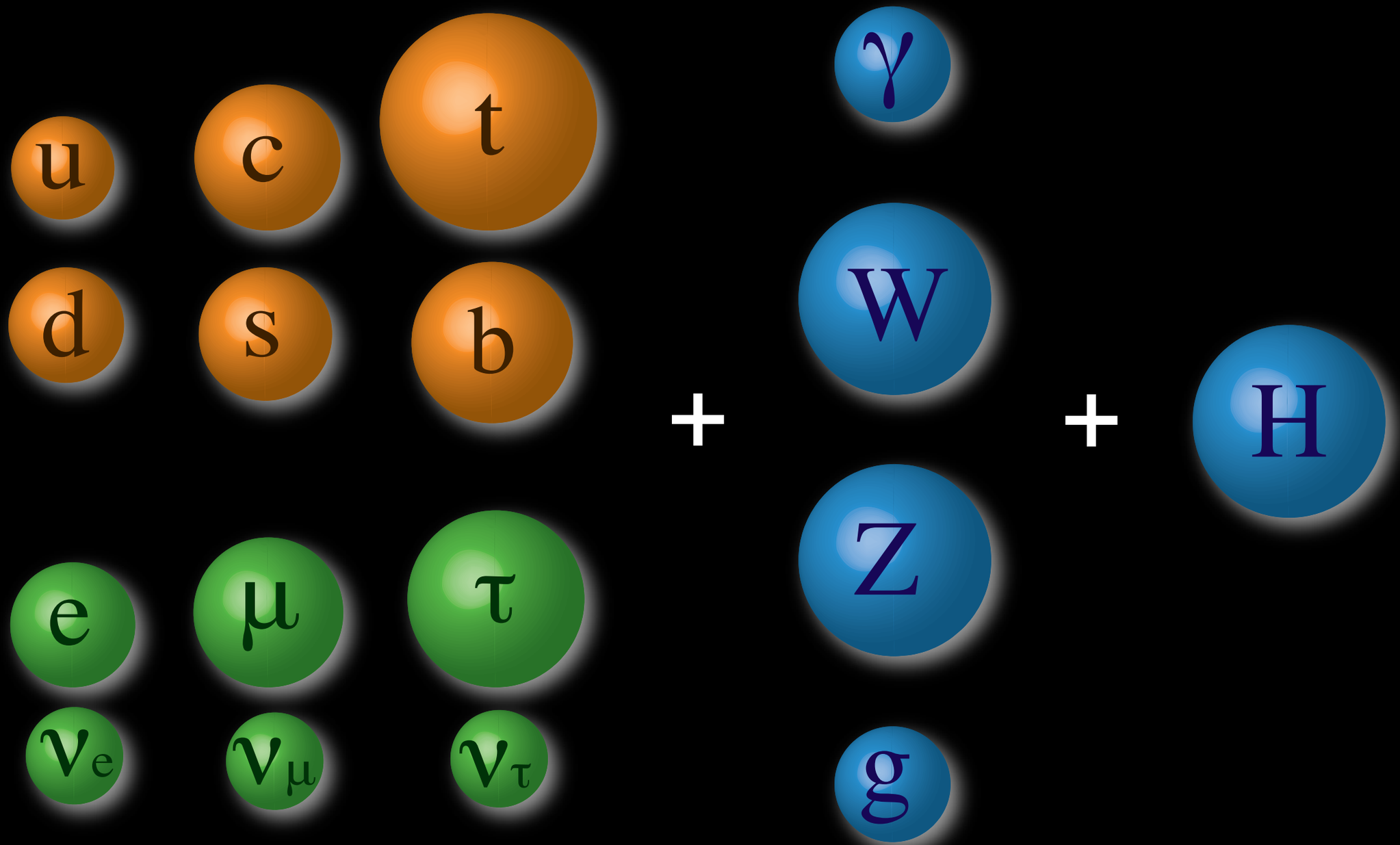
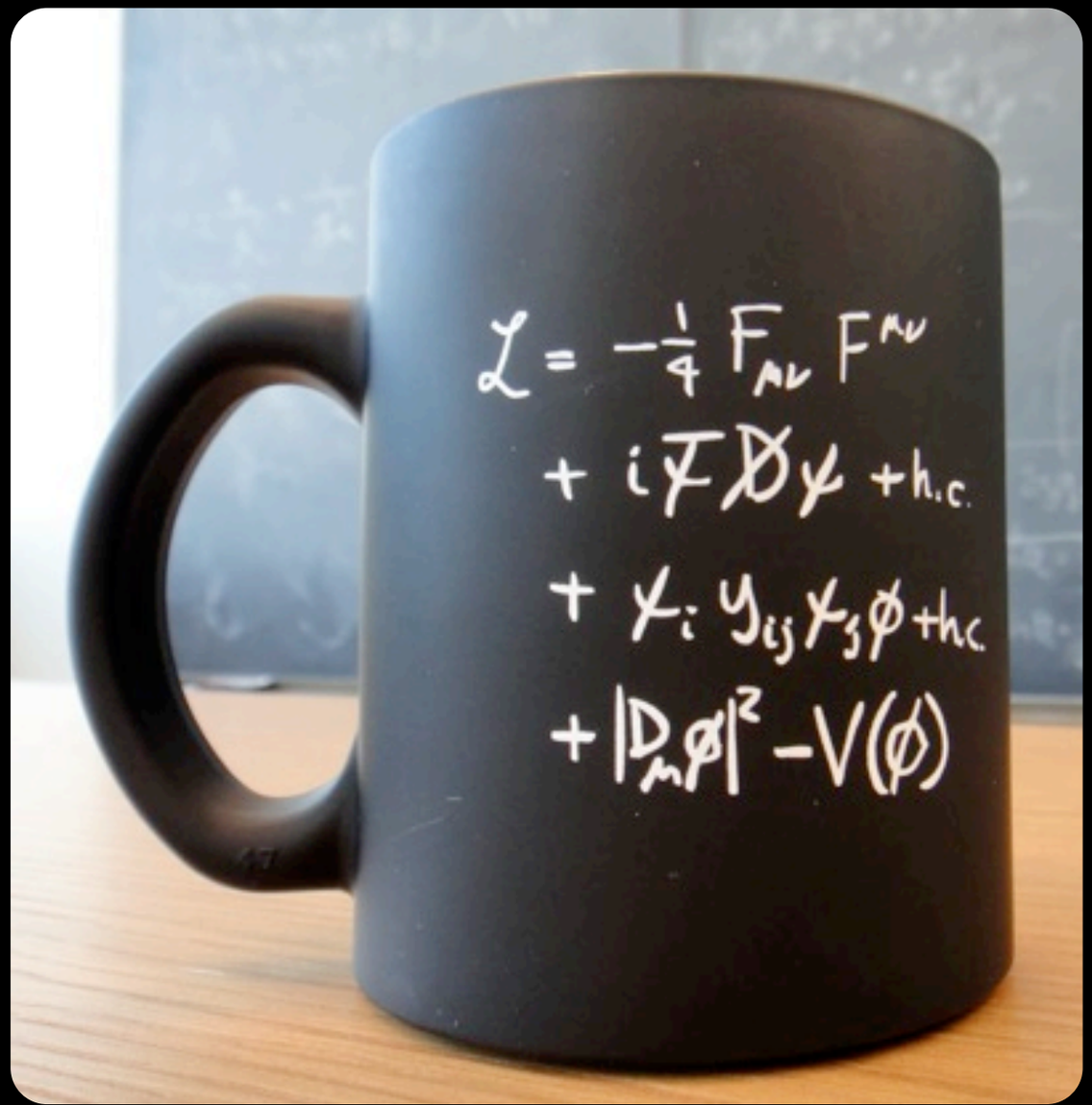




The Standard Model



A little bit of maths



A little bit more maths...

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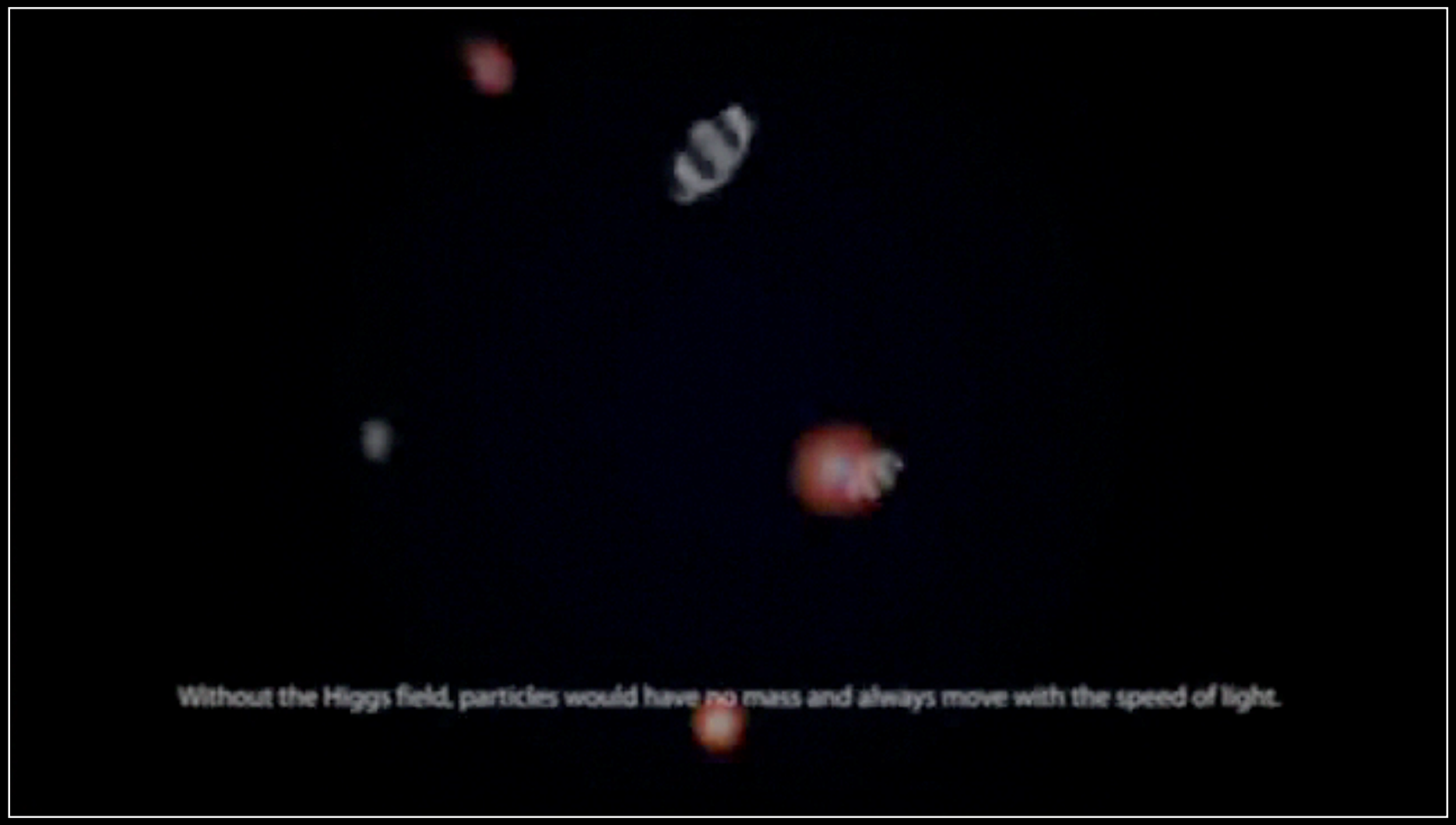
"If you want to know how the molecules that make up your body stick together in the way they do; how the sun shines; why the sky is blue; why water is a liquid at the temperatures found on Earth or even why you don't fall through the floor when your atoms are mostly empty space — the answers are contained within the equations of the Standard Model."

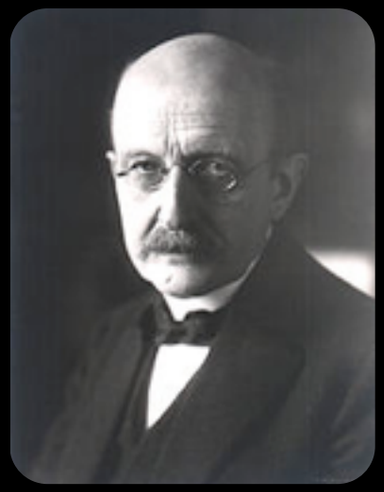
- Dr. Brian Cox

(BBC: Wonders of the Solar System)

The Higgs Gives Mass



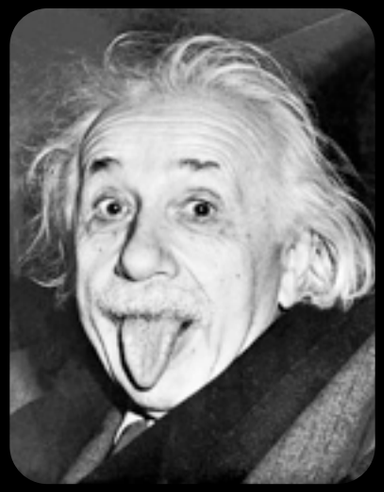
How did we get here?



Quantum Mechanics

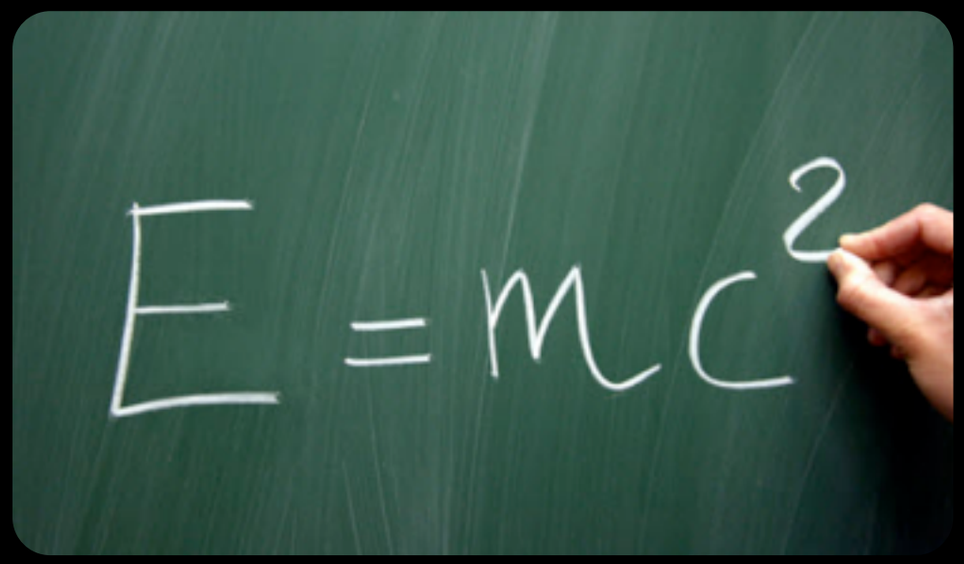
1900

"Dr. Quantum" extracted from YouTube



Relativity

1905



$$E^2 = m^2c^4 + p^2c^2$$

- speed of light is constant for all observers
- the laws of physics don't depend on your frame of reference

electron volt (eV) is a unit of energy

eV/c^2 is a unit of mass

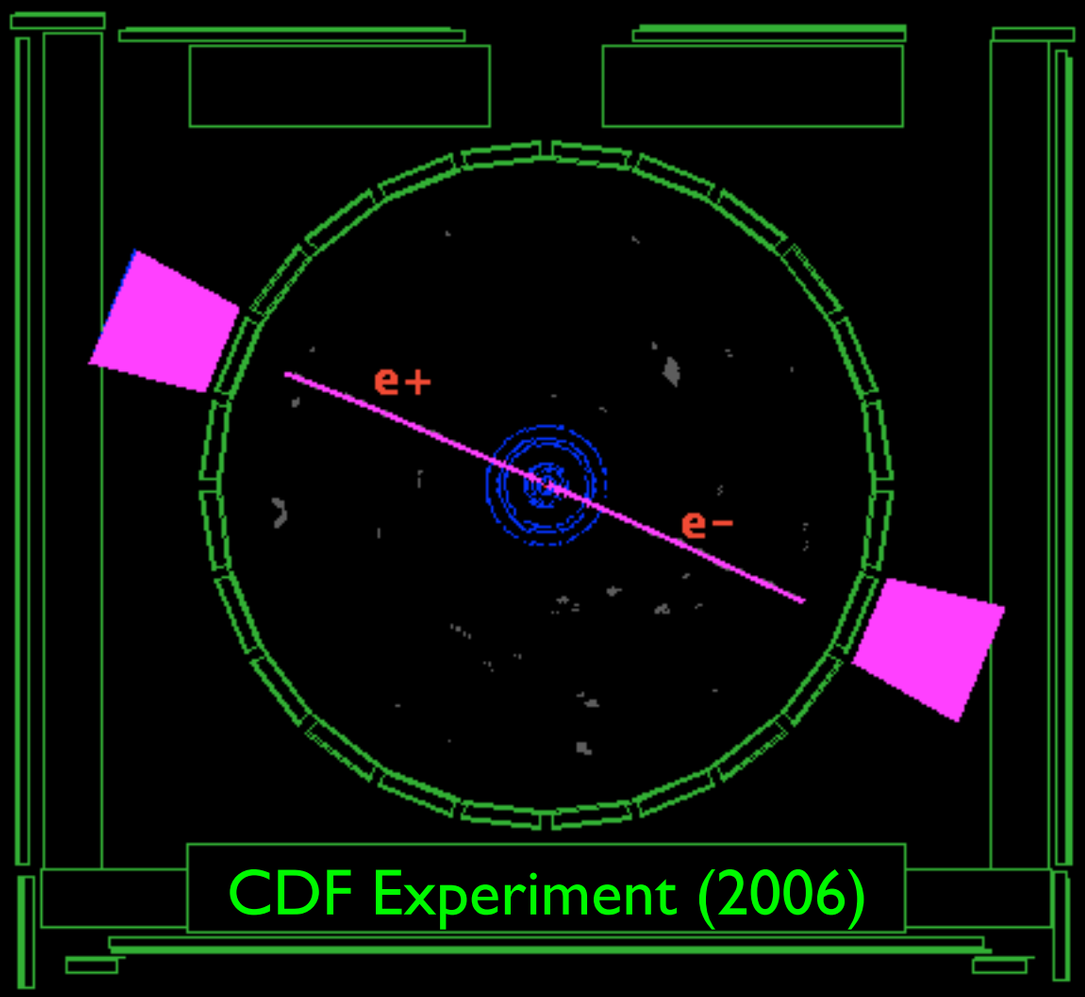
Anti-Matter

1932

- predicted by P. Dirac in 1928 based on

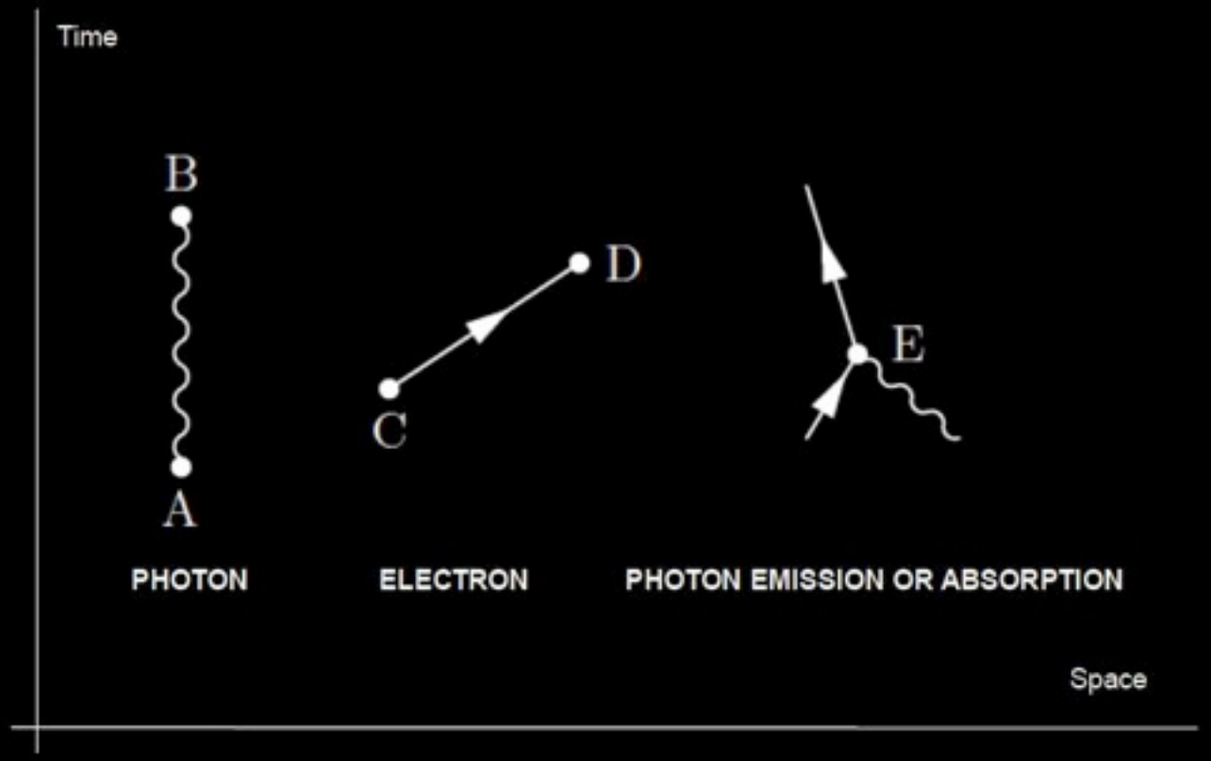
$$E = \pm\sqrt{m^2c^4 + p^2c^2}$$

- every particle type has an anti-matter partner



Quantum Electrodynamics

1950



- A photon goes from one place and time to another place and time.
- An electron goes from one place and time to another place and time.
- An electron emits or absorbs a photon at a certain place and time.

the first "quantum field theory"

The Particle Zoo

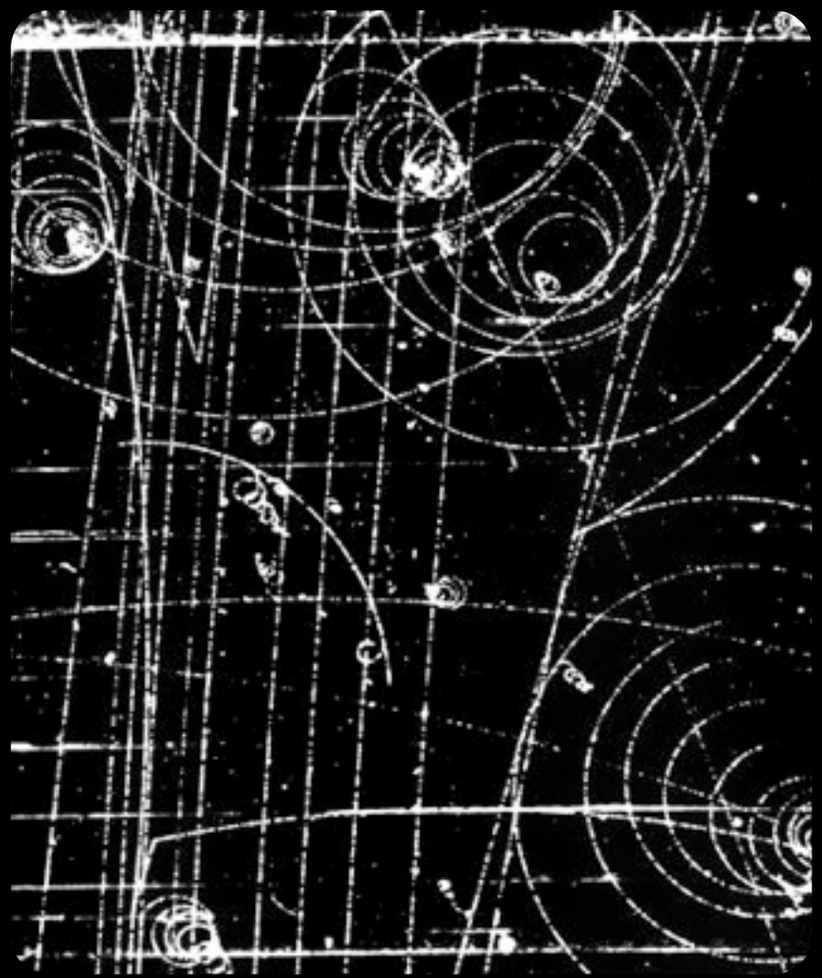
1950's and 60's

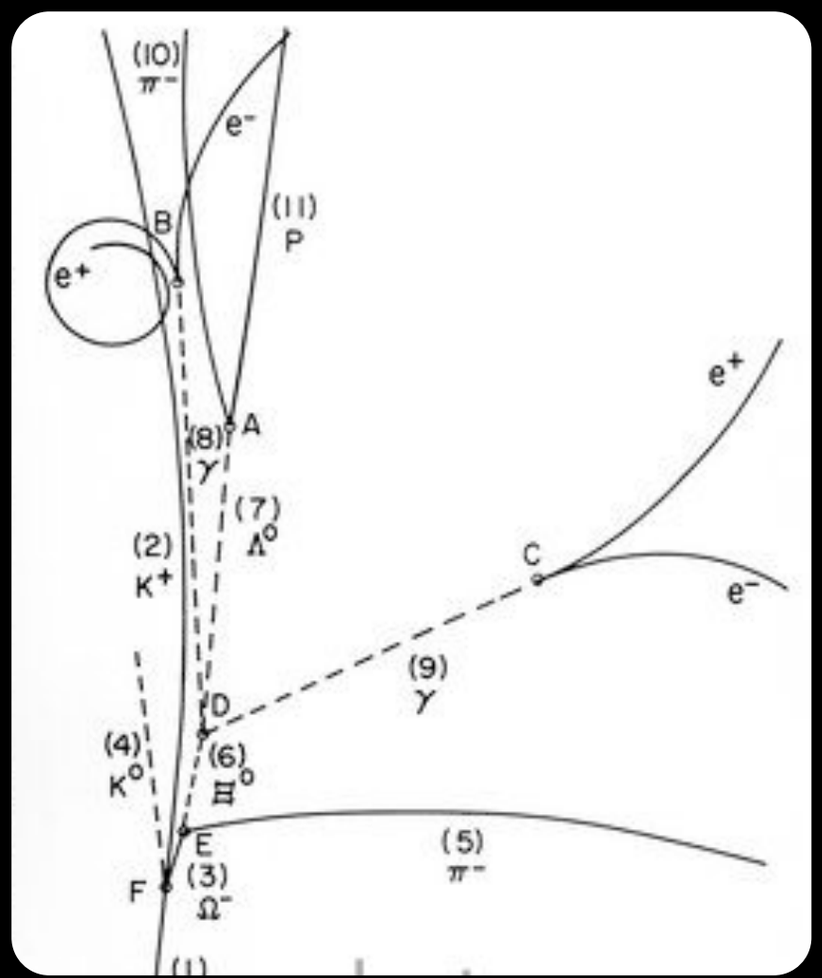
- dozens of 'fundamental' particles discovered

$$\pi^+, \pi^-, \pi^0, K^0, \Lambda^0, \Delta^0, \Sigma^+, \Sigma^-,$$
$$\bar{p}, \nu_e, \bar{n}, \Sigma^0, \bar{\Lambda}^0, \Xi^0, \rho, \omega, \eta,$$
$$K^*, \nu_\mu, \phi, f, \alpha_2, \eta', \Omega^-$$

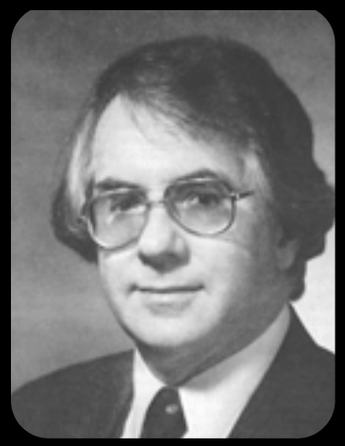
The Quarks

1962



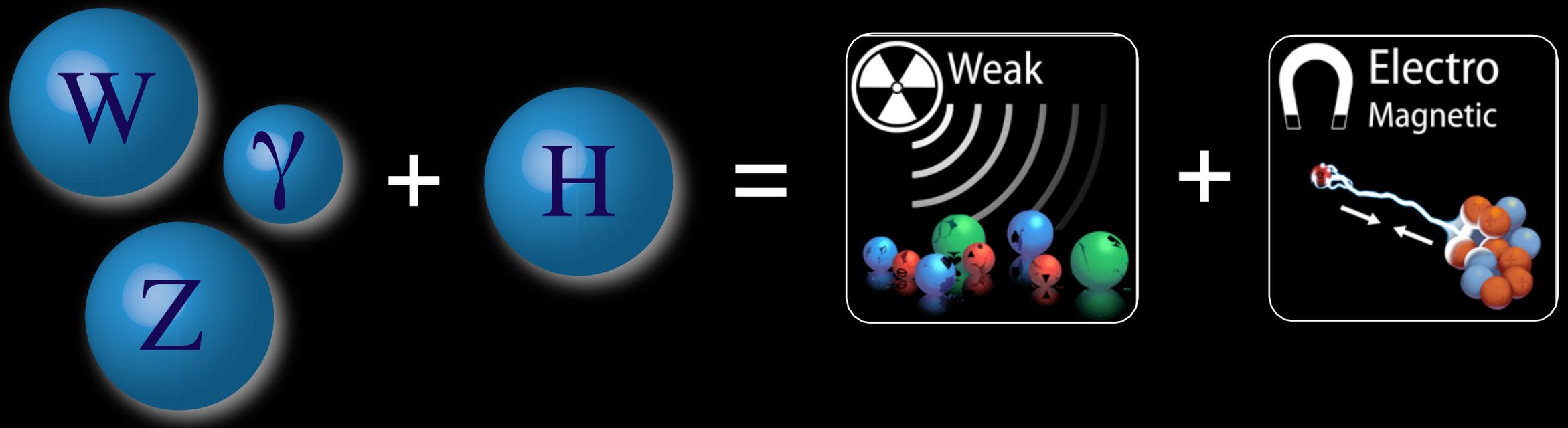


- particles made of quarks are called “hadrons”

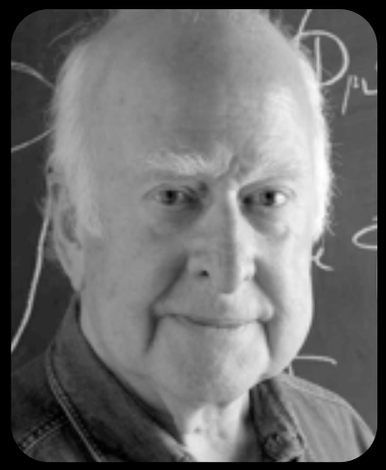


Electroweak Unification

1967

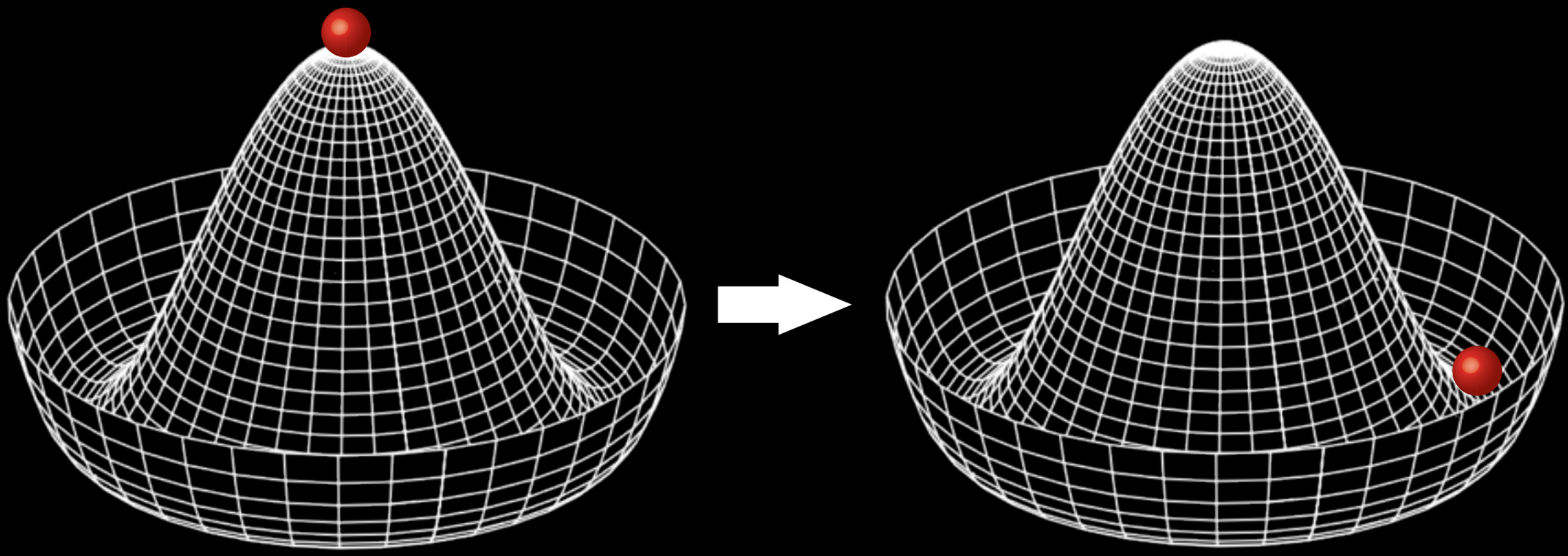


- forces are unified in one mathematical description



Spontaneous Symmetry Braking

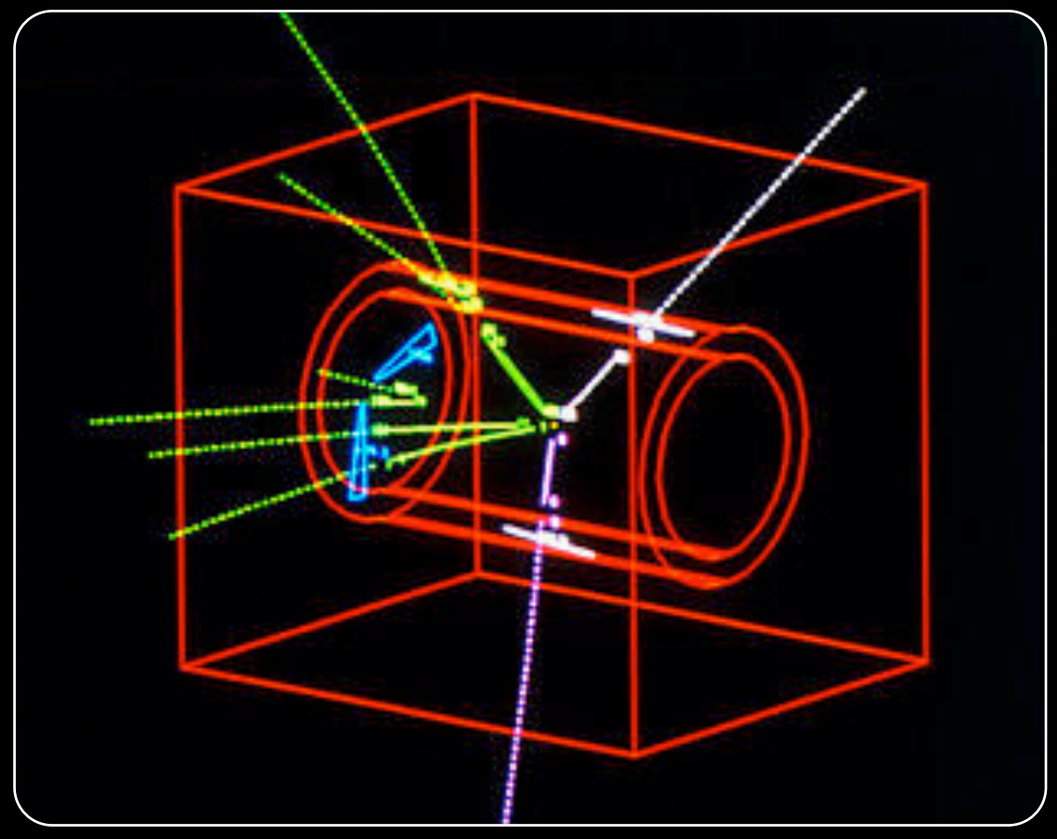
1964



- the ‘Lagrangian’ must be symmetric
- breaking the symmetry creates the Higgs boson and gives mass to the W and Z particles

The W & Z Bosons

1983



- using the ‘Super Proton Synchrotron’ (SPS) the W and Z bosons were discovered

How do you “see” an infinitely small particle?

Large Hadron Collider

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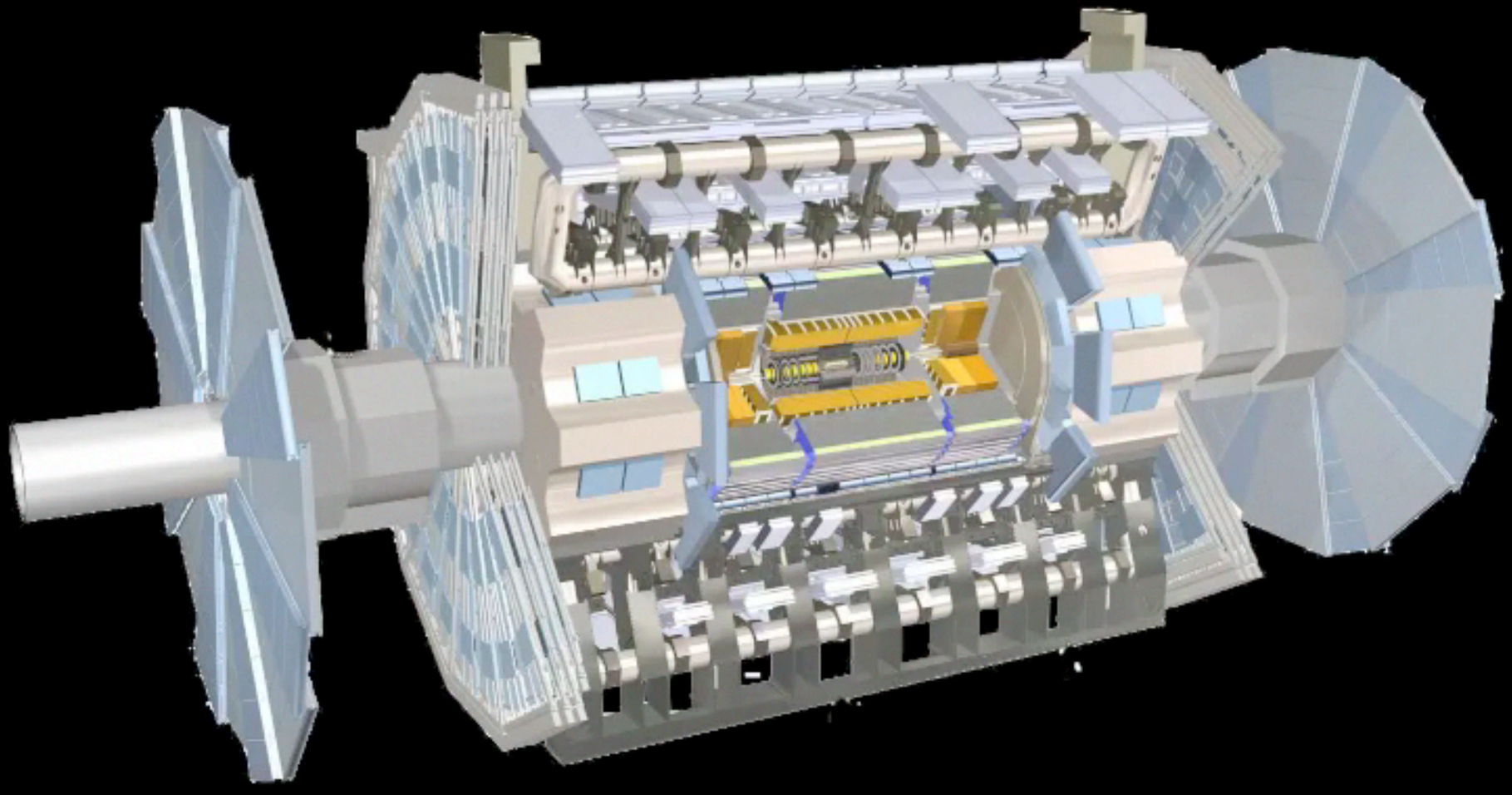
The ATLAS Detector



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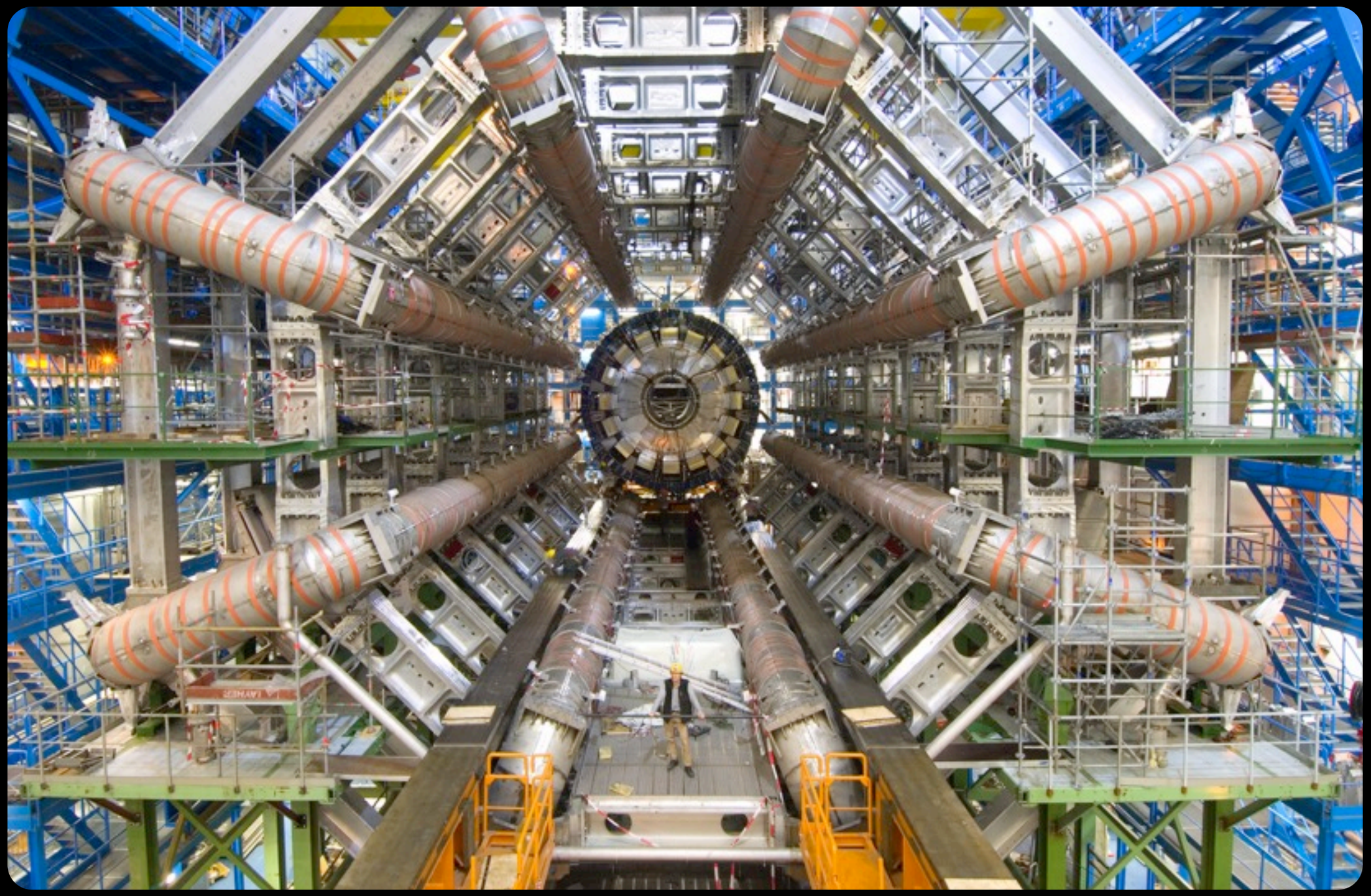
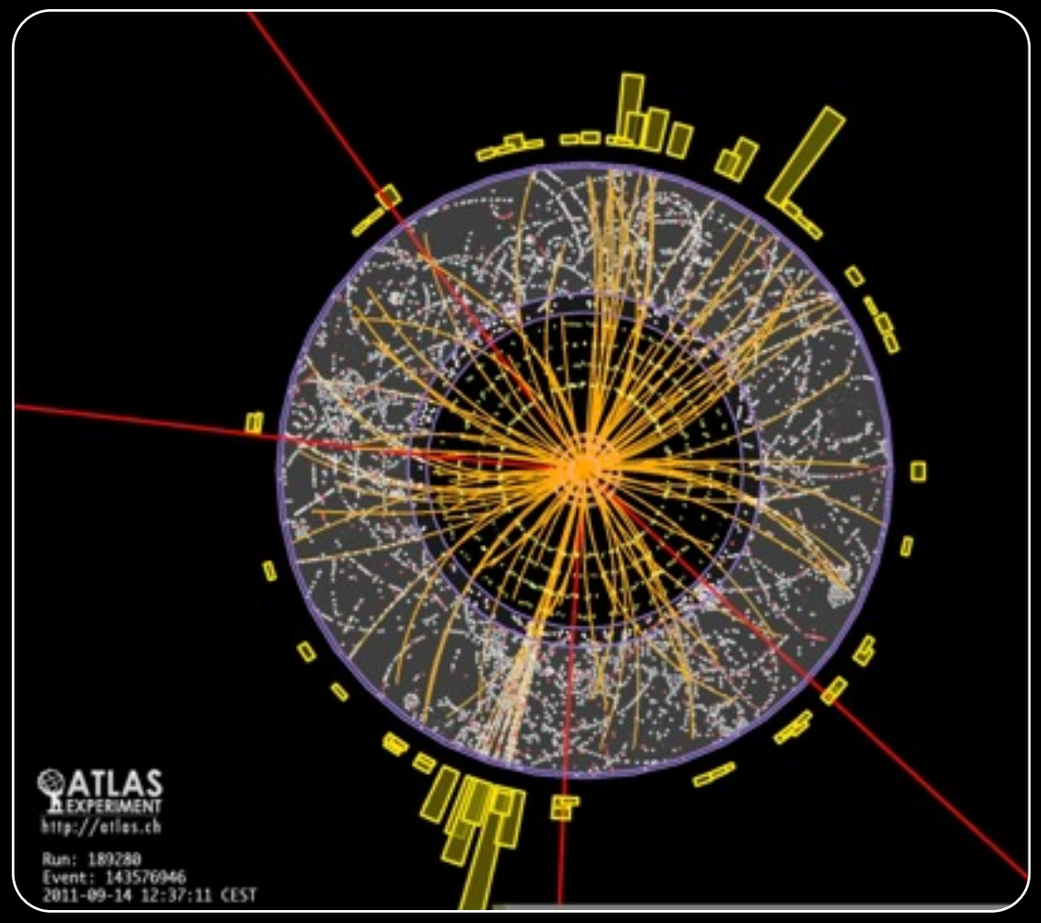
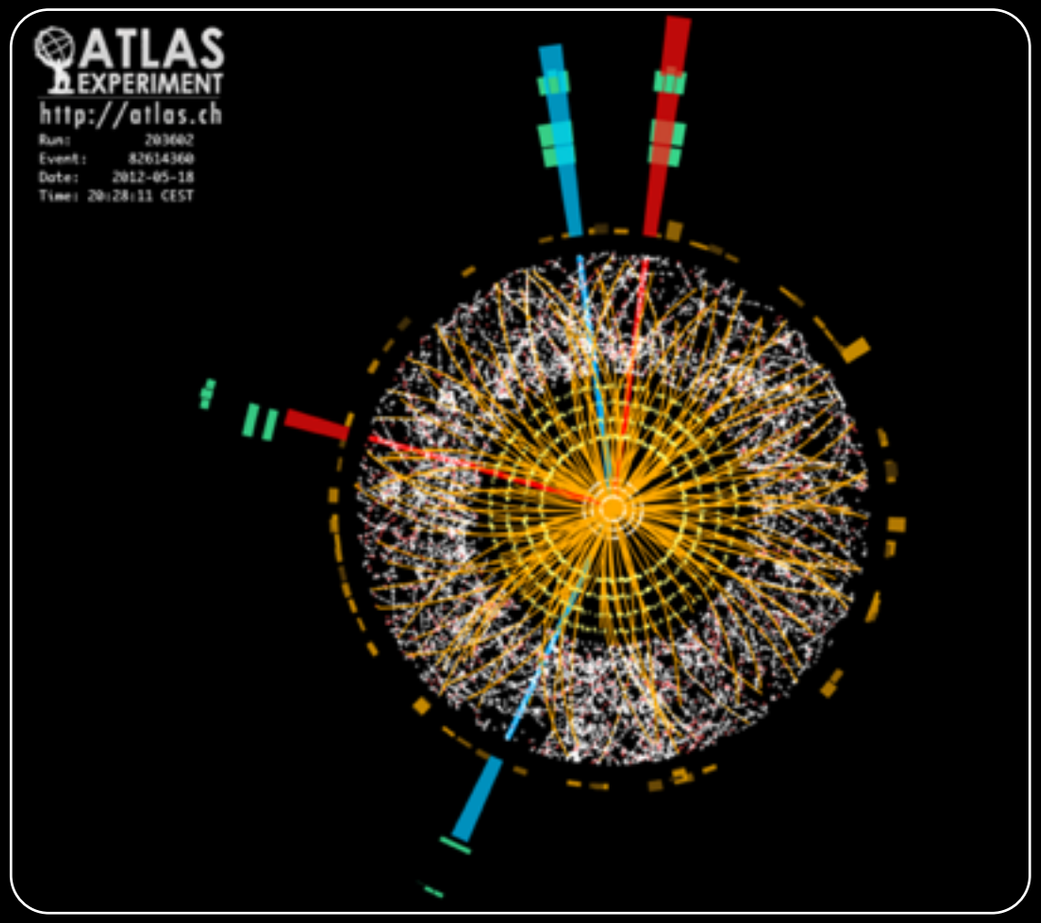
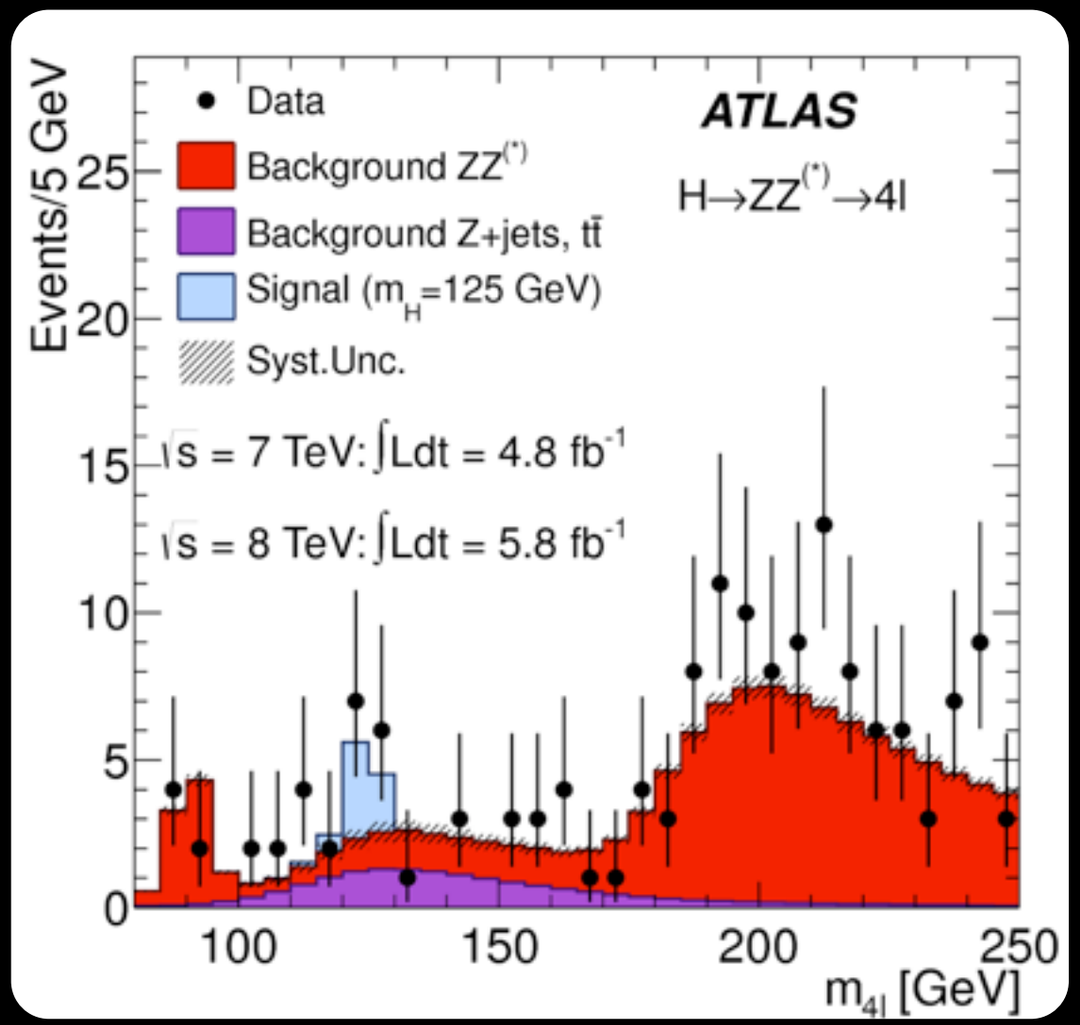


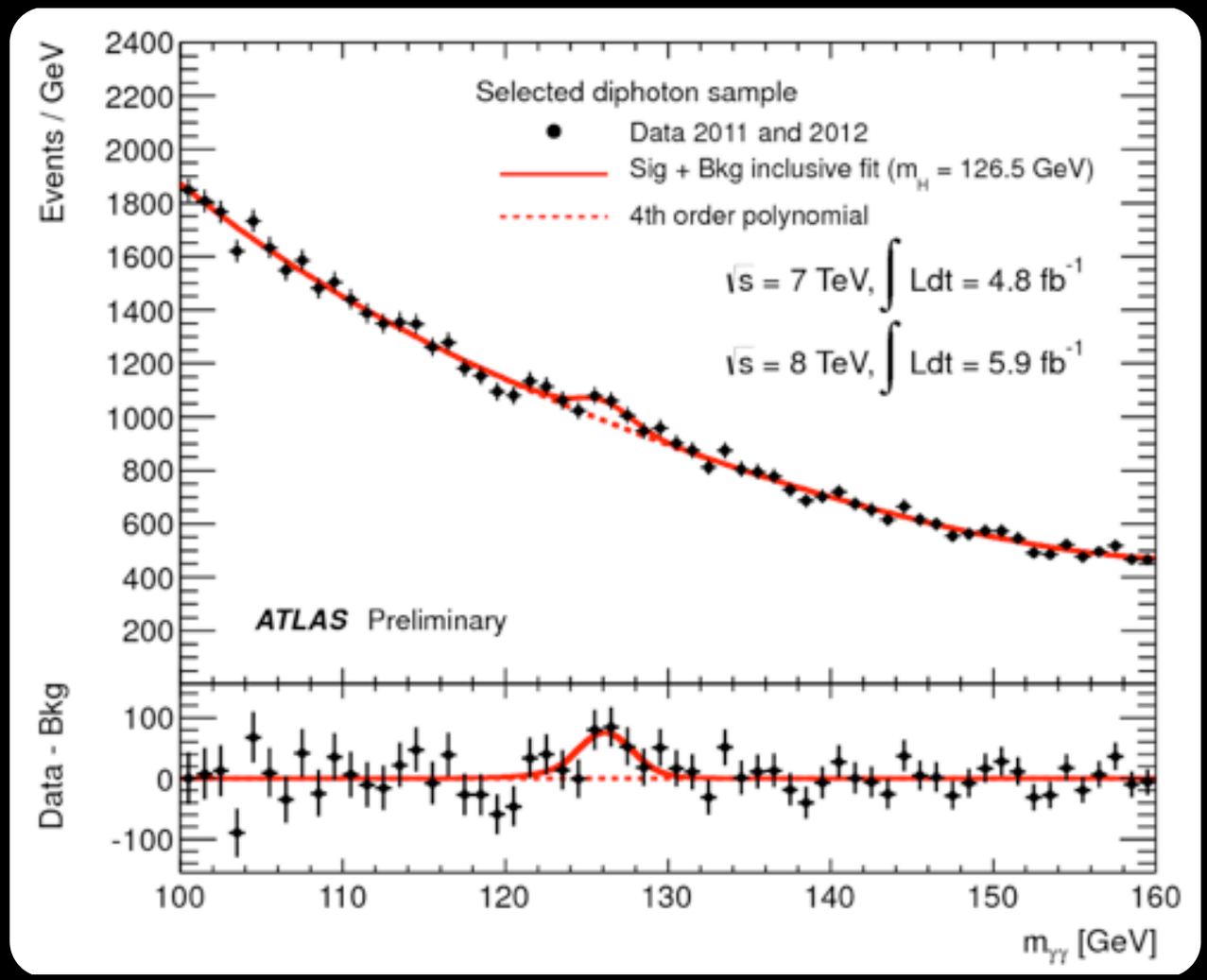
Examine trillions of proton collisions





Look for ‘bumps’.

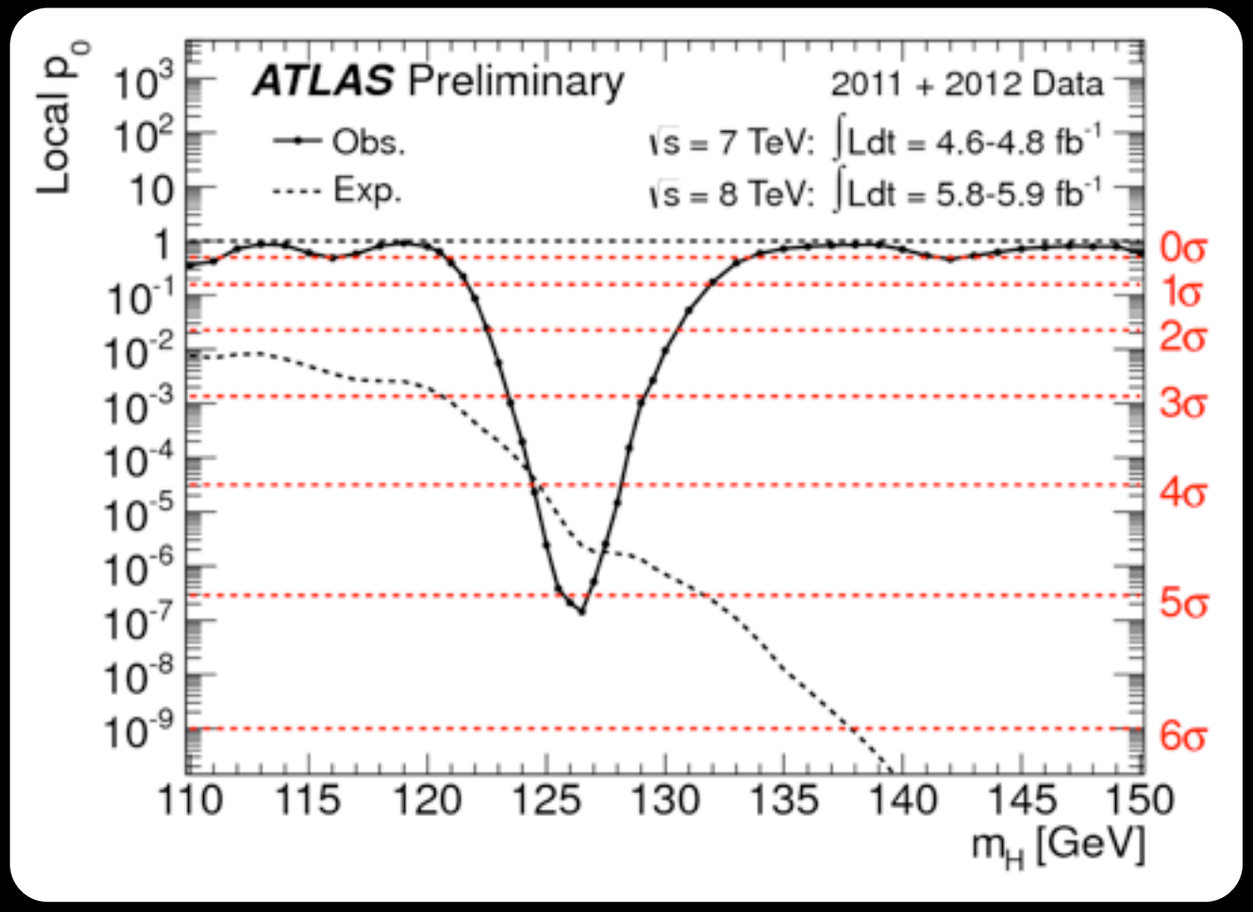




$$m^2c^4 = E^2 - p^2c^2$$

Is there a particle?

YES!



but is it the Higgs?

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