PHYS 1443 – Section 002
Lecture #1

Monday, August 25, 2008
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- Who am I?
- How is this class organized?
- What is Physics?
- What do we want from this class?
- Brief history of physics
- Standards and units

Today's homework is homework #1, due 9pm, next Monday, Sept. 1!!

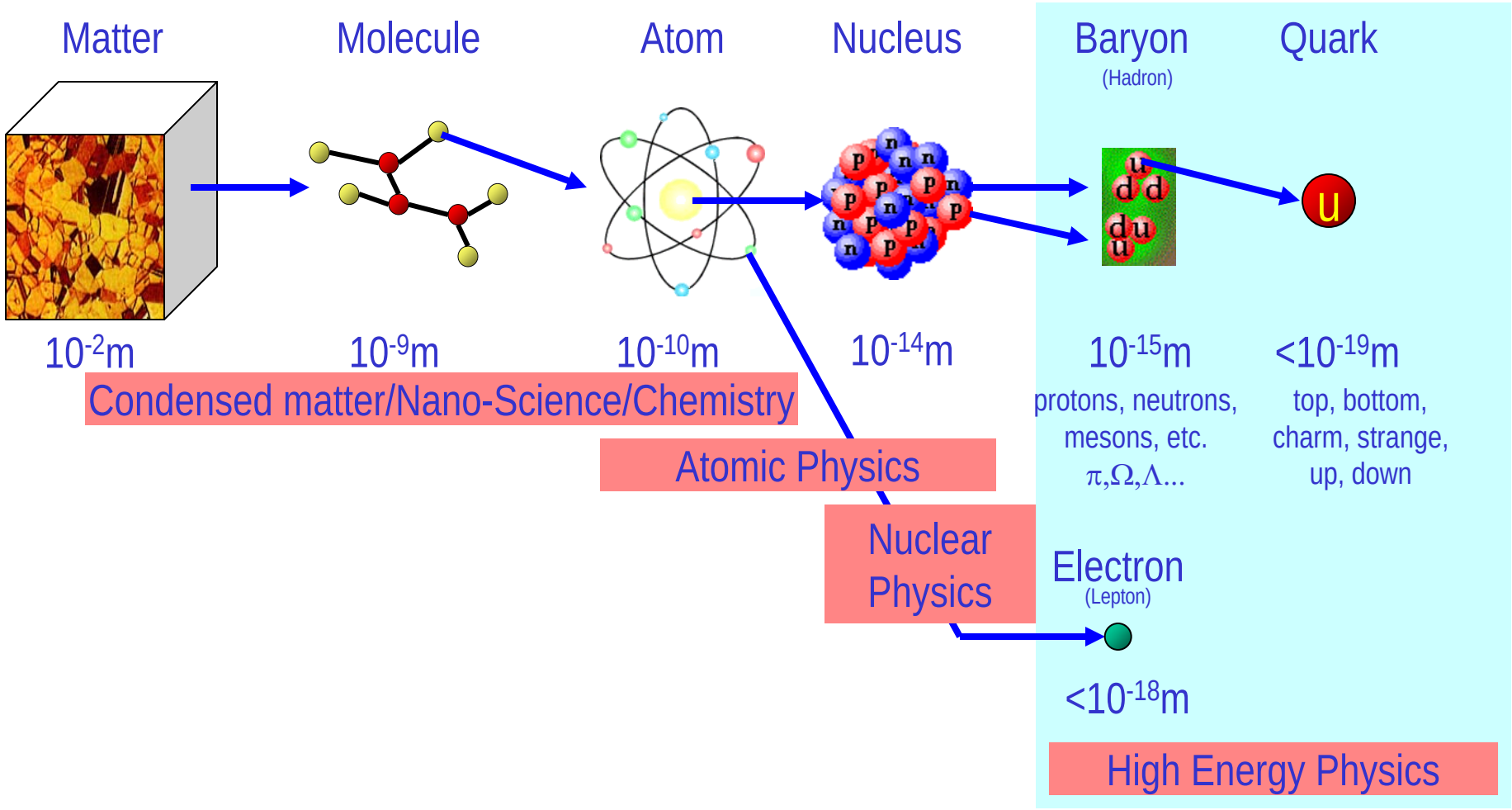
Announcements

- Reading assignment #1: Read and follow through all sections in appendices A and B by Wednesday, Sept. 3
  - There will be a quiz next Wednesday, Sept. 3, on this reading assignment

Who am I?

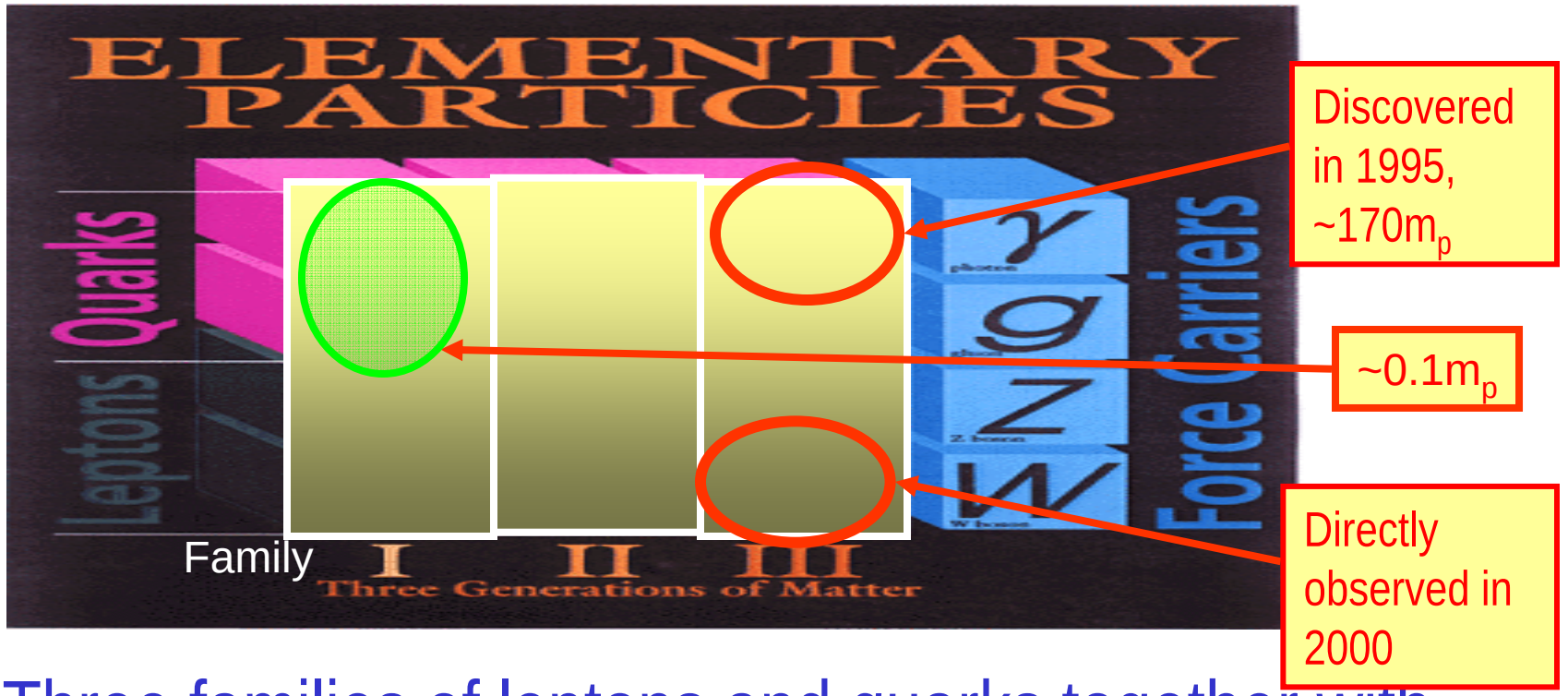
- Name: Dr. Jaehoon Yu (You can call me Dr. Yu)
- Office: Rm 342, Chemistry and Physics Building
- Extension: x22814, E-mail: *jaehoonyu@uta.edu*
- My profession:High Energy Physics (HEP)
  - Collide particles (protons on anti-protons or electrons on anti-electrons, positrons) at the energies equivalent to 10,000 Trillion degrees
  - To understand
    - Fundamental constituents of matter
    - Interactions or forces between the constituents
    - Origin of Mass
    - Creation of Universe (**Big Bang** Theory)
  - A pure scientific research activity
    - Direct use of the fundamental laws we find may take longer than we want but
    - Indirect product of research contribute to every day lives; eg. WWW

Structure of Matter



The Particle Physics Standard Model

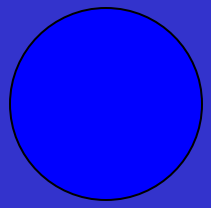
- Prescribes the following fundamental structure:



- Three families of leptons and quarks together with 12 force mediators ➔ Simple and elegant!!!

Accelerators are Powerful Microscopes.

They make high energy particle beams that allow us to see small things.



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low energy beam
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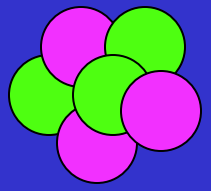

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high energy beam
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Accelerators are also Time Machines.

They make particles last seen
in the earliest moments of the universe.

Particle and anti-particle annihilate.

$$E = mc^2$$

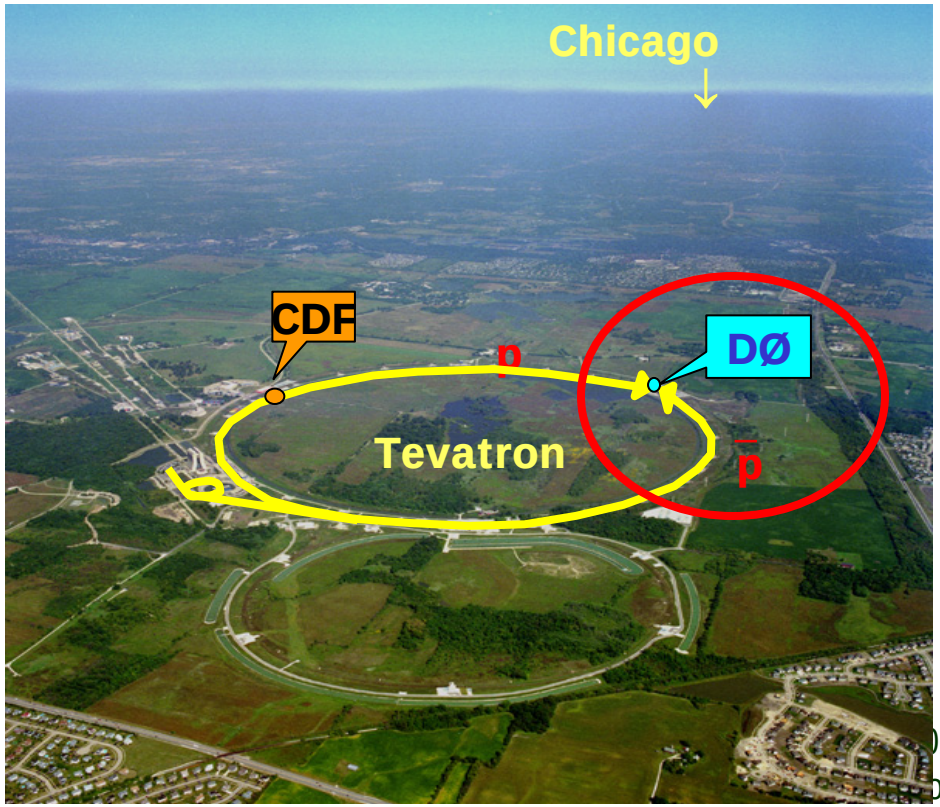
Fermilab Tevatron and LHC at CERN

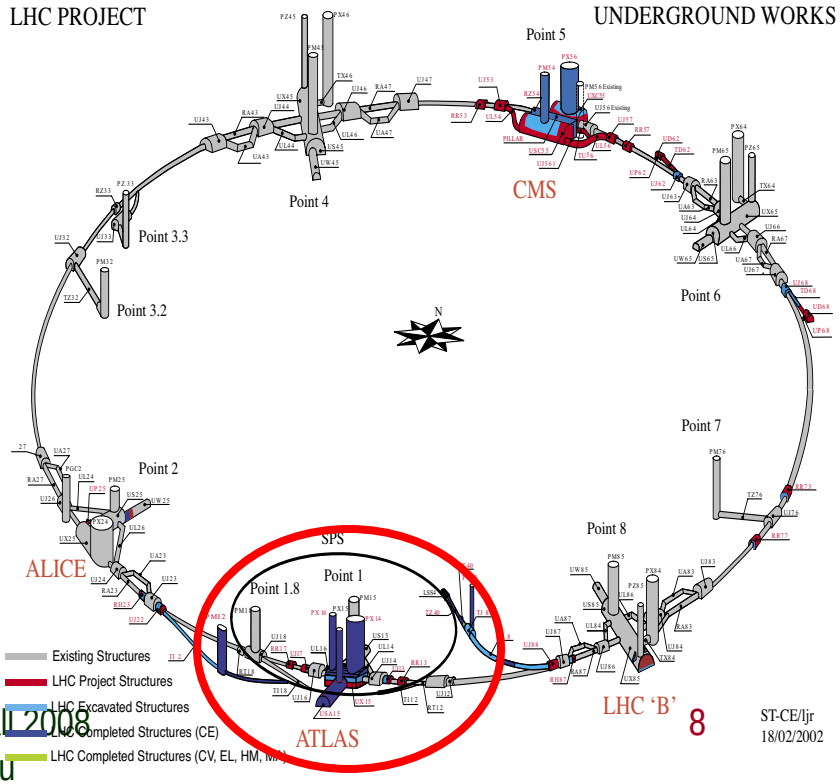
- Present world's Highest Energy proton-anti-proton collider
  - 4km circumference
  - E_{cm}=1.96 TeV (=6.3x10^{-7}J/p➔ 13M Joules on 10^{-4}m^2)

  ⇒ Equivalent to the kinetic energy of a 20t truck at a speed 81mi/hr➔ 130km/hr

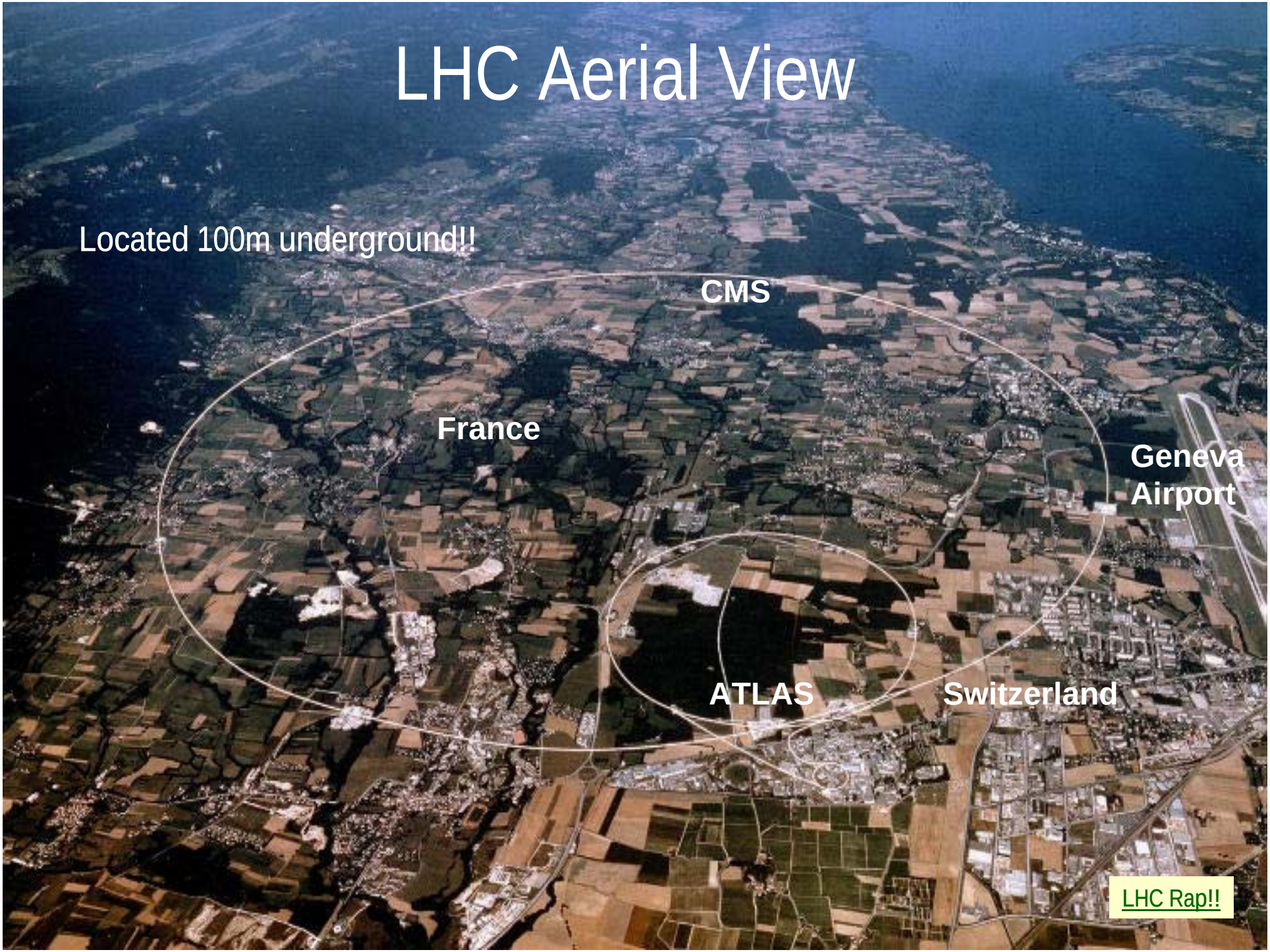
- World's Highest Energy proton-proton collider w/ first collision on Sept. 10
  - 27km circumference
  - E_{cm}=14 TeV (=44x10^{-7}J/p➔ 1000M Joules on 10^{-4}m^2)

  ⇒ Equivalent to the kinetic energy of a 20t truck at a speed 711mi/hr➔1140km/hr



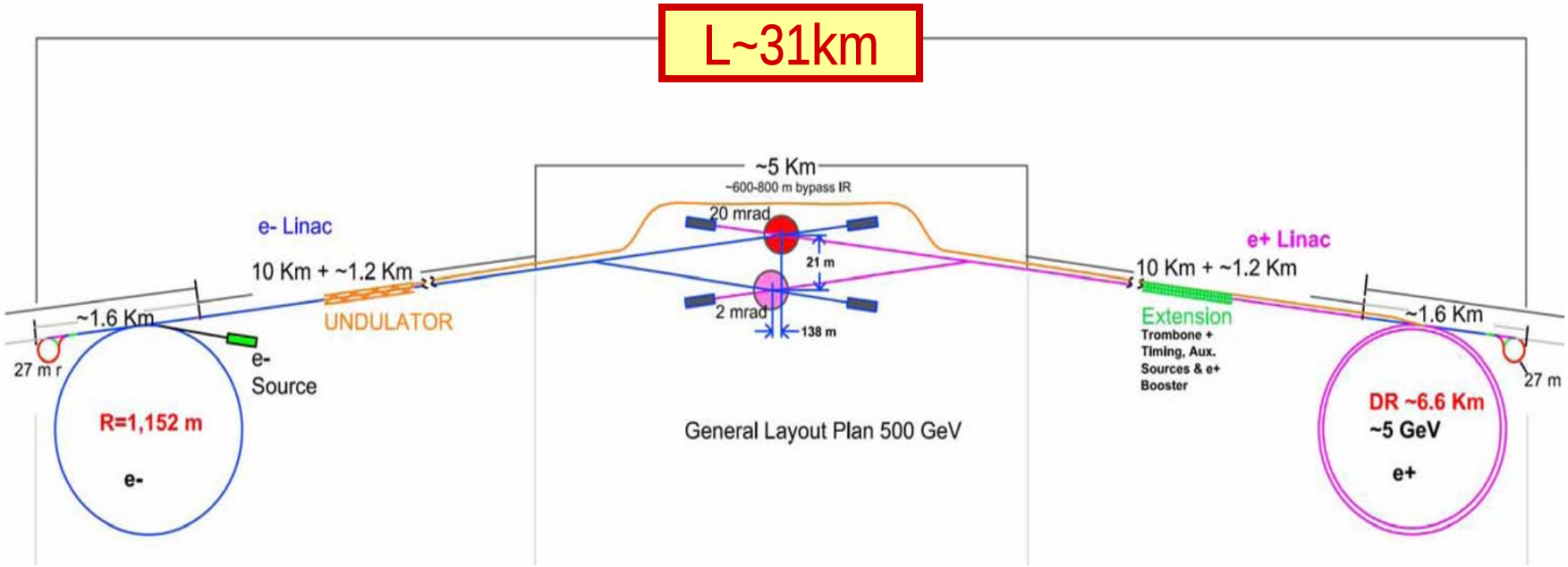


LHC Aerial View

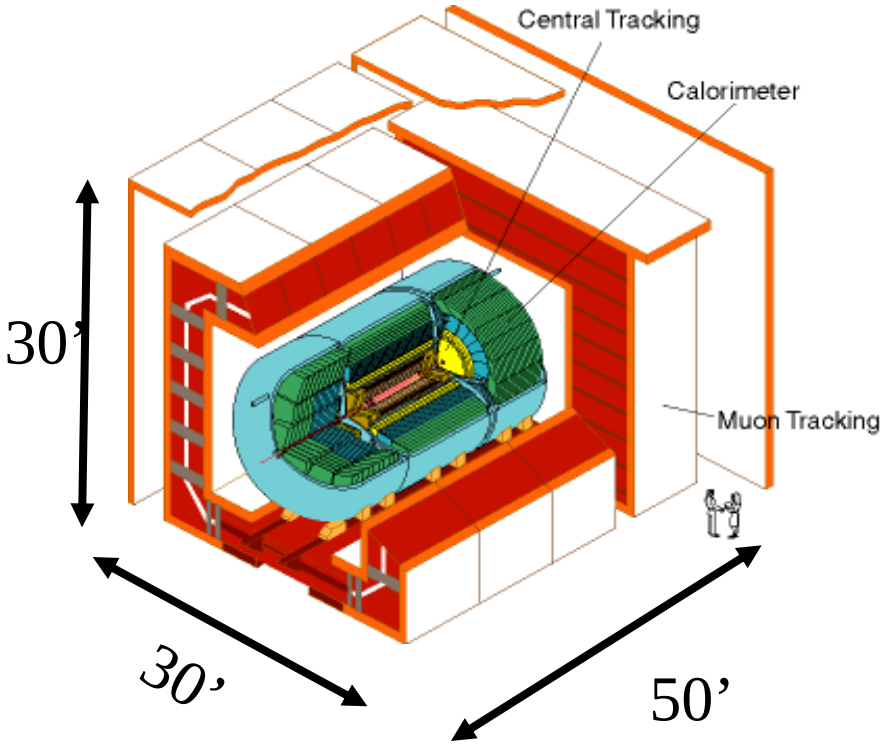


The International Linear Collider

- An electron-positron collider on a straight line
- CMS Energy: 0.5 – 1 TeV
- 10~15 years from now
- Takes 10 years to build the accelerator and the detector

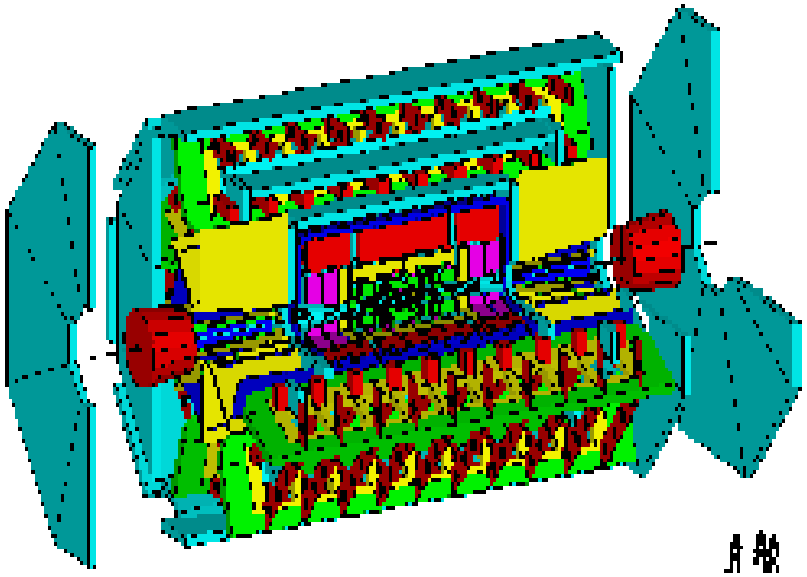


DØ Detector



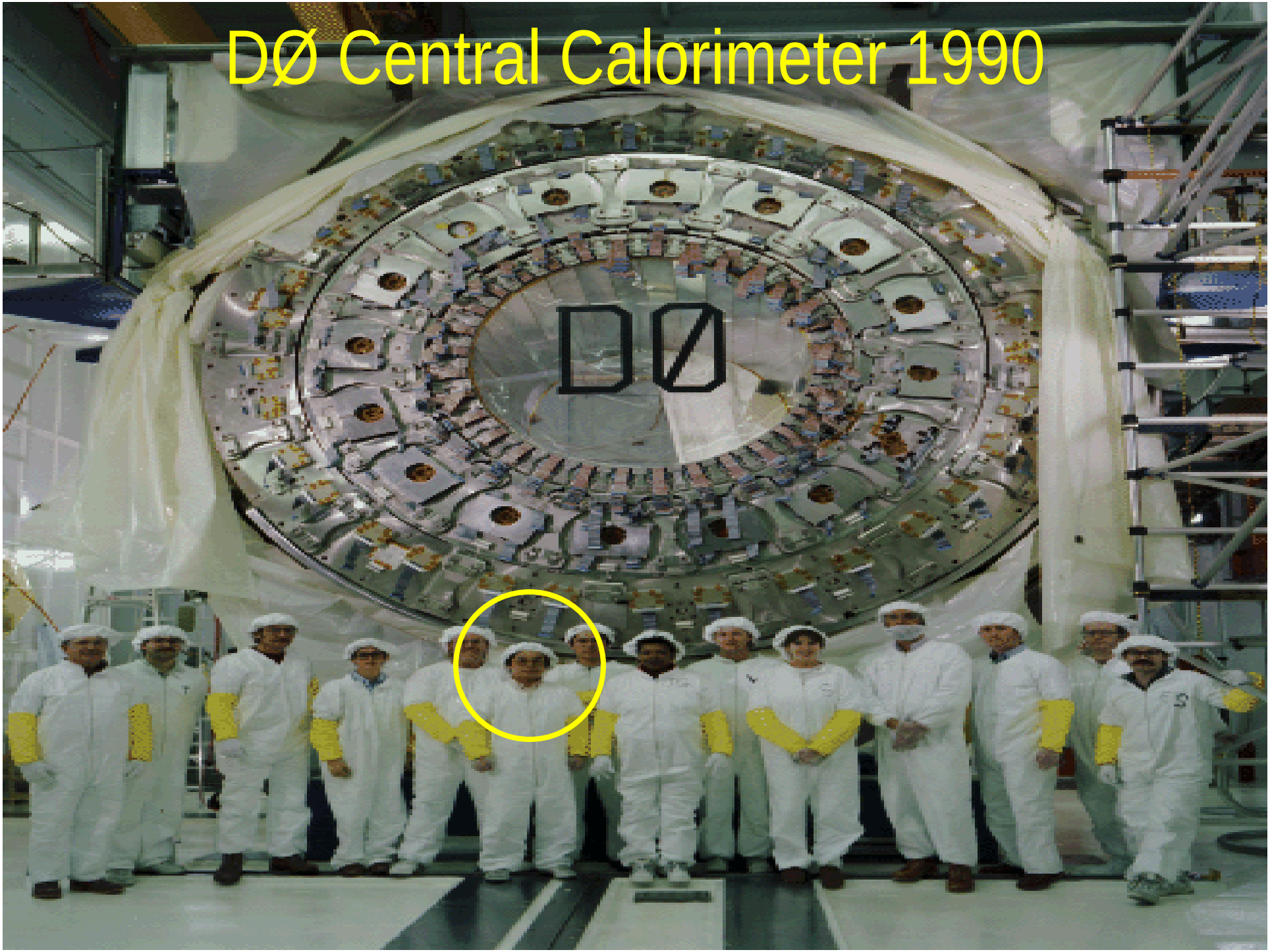
- Weighs 5000 tons and 5 story tall
- Can inspect 3,000,000 collisions/second
- Record 75 collisions/second
- Records approximately 10,000,000 bytes/second
- Records 0.5×10^{15} (500,000,000,000,000) bytes per year (0.5 PetaBytes).

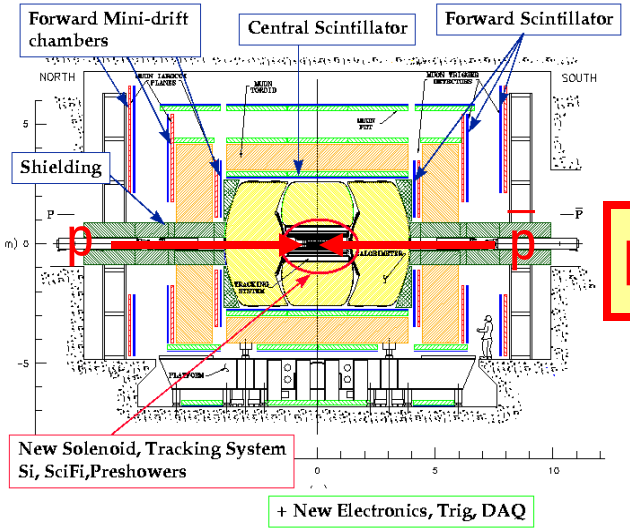
ATLAS Detector



- Weighs 10000 tons and 10 story tall
- Can inspect 1,000,000,000 collisions/second
- Will record 100 – 200 collisions/second
- Records approximately 300,000,000 bytes/second
- Will record 1.5×10^{15} (1,500,000,000,000,000) bytes each year (1.5 PetaByte).

DØ Central Calorimeter 1990

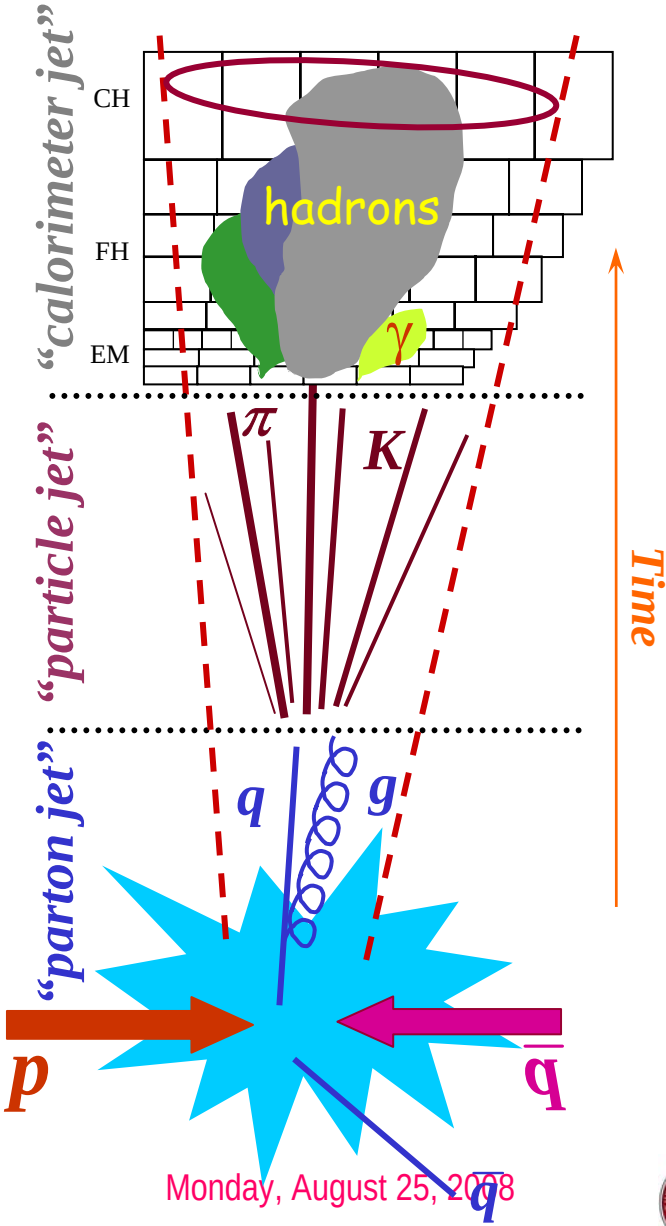


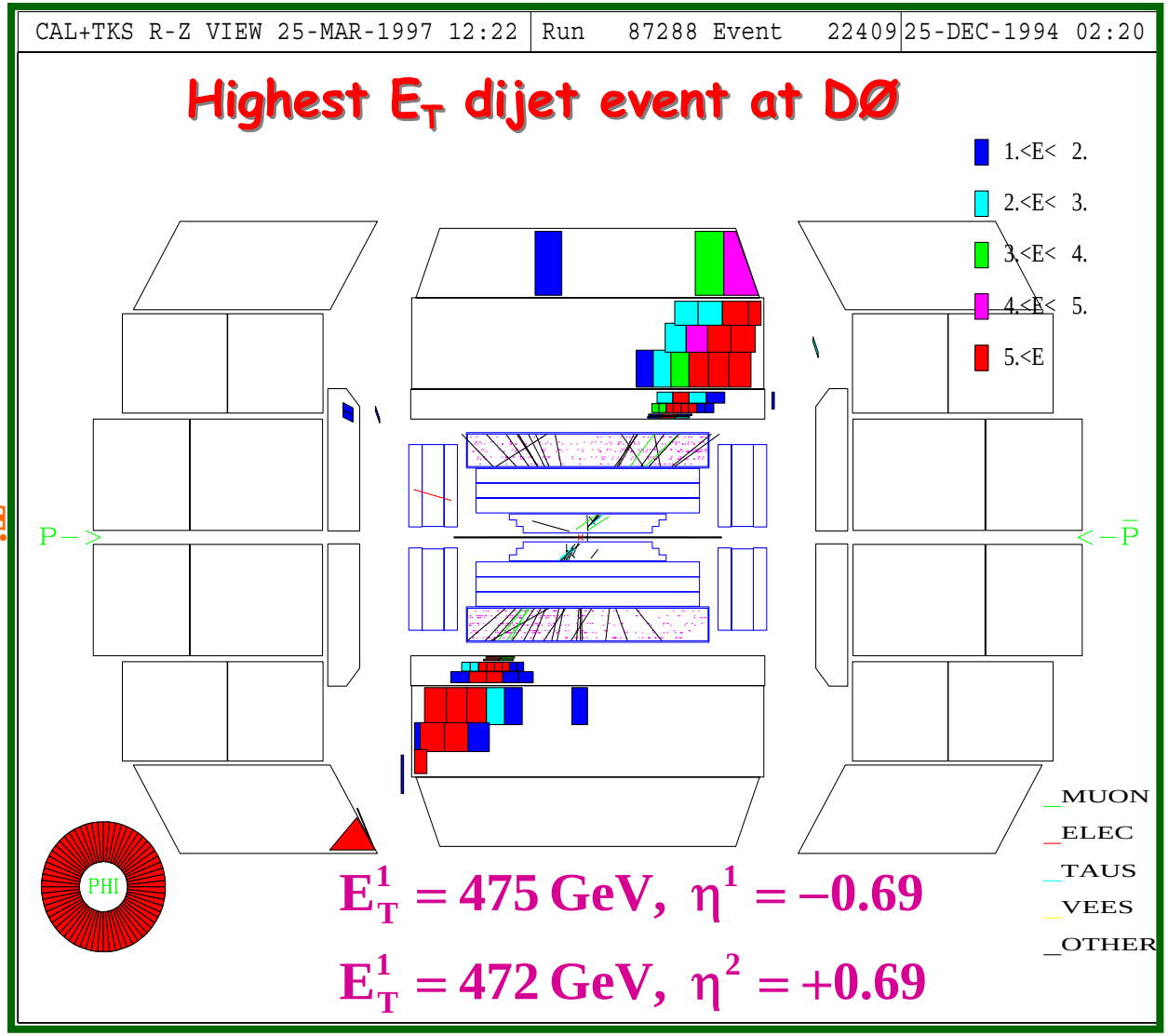


Digital data

Data Reconstruction

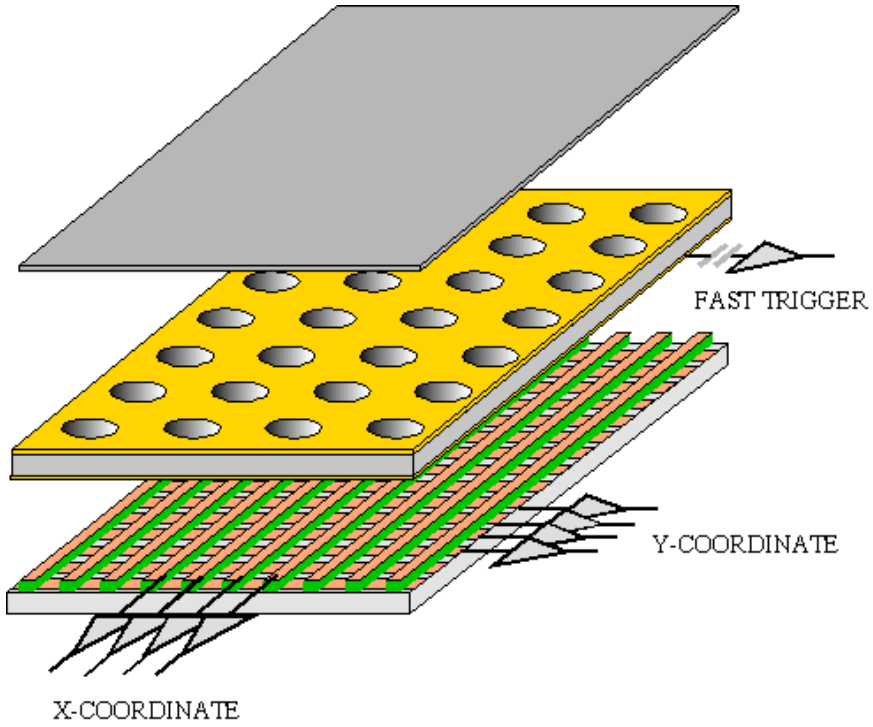
How does an Event Look in a Collider Detector?



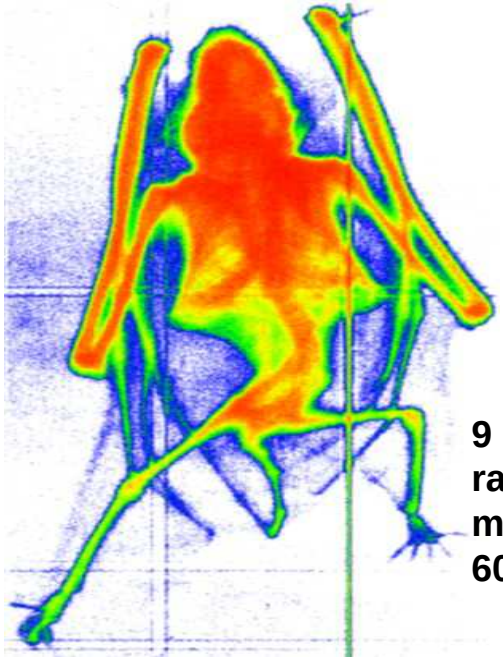


GEM Application Potential

Using the lower GEM signal, the readout can be self-triggered with energy discrimination:



FAST X-RAY IMAGING



9 keV absorption radiography of a small mammal (image size ~ 60 x 30 mm²)

A. Bressan et al,
Nucl. Instr. and Meth. A 425(1999)254
F. Sauli, Nucl. Instr. and Meth.A 461(2001)47

Information & Communication Source

- My web page: http://www-hep.uta.edu/~yu/
  - Contact information & Class Schedule
  - Syllabus
  - Homework
  - Holidays and Exam days
  - Evaluation Policy
  - Class Style & Communication
  - Other information
- Primary communication tool is e-mail: Register for PHYS1443-002-FALL08 e-mail distribution list as soon possible ➔ Instruction available in Class style & Communication
  - 5 points extra credit if done by this Friday, August 29
  - 3 points extra credit if done by next Wednesday, Sept. 3
- Office Hours: 2:30 – 3:30pm, Mondays and Wednesdays or by appointments

Evaluation Policy

- Homework: 25%
- Exams
  - Midterm and Final Comprehensive Exams (10/22 and 12/8): 19% each
  - One better of the two term Exams: 12%
    - Total of two non-comprehensive term exams (9/17 and 11/19)

100%

    - One better of the two exams will be used for the final grade
    - Missing an exam is not permissible unless pre-approved
      - No makeup test
      - You will get an F if you miss any of the exams without a prior approval
- Lab score: 15%

Homework

- Solving homework problems is the only way to comprehend class material
- An electronic homework system has been setup for you
  - Details are in the material distributed today and on the web
  - https://quest.cns.utexas.edu/student/courses/list
  - Choose the course 1443YU, unique number 43022
  - Download homework #1, solve the problems and submit them online
  - Multiple unsuccessful tries will deduct points
  - Roster will close Friday, August 29
- Each homework carries the same weight
- ALL homework grades will be used for the final grade
- Home work will constitute 25% of the total ➔ A good way of keeping your grades high
- Strongly encouraged to collaborate ➔ Does not mean you can copy

Attendances and Class Style

- Attendances:
  - Will be taken randomly
  - Will be used for extra credits
- Class style:
  - Lectures will be on electronic media
    - The lecture notes will be posted on the web AFTER each class
  - Will be mixed with traditional methods
  - Active participation through questions and discussions are STRONGLY encouraged ➔ Extra credit….
  - Communication between you and me is extremely important
    - If you have problems, please do not hesitate talking to me

Lab and Physics Clinic

- Physics Labs:
  - Starts Monday, Sept. 8
  - Important to understand physical principles through experiments
  - 15% of the grade
  - Lab syllabus is available in your assigned lab rooms.
    - Go by the lab room between 8am - 6pm M – F and pick up the syllabus
- Physics Clinic:
  - Free service
  - They provide general help on physics, including help solving homework problems
  - 12 – 6pm, Monday – Friday and 12 – 4pm Saturday
  - Begins today
  - SH 224

What can you expect from this class?

- All A's?
  - This would be really nice, wouldn't it?
  - But if it is too easy it is not fulfilling or meaningful….
- This class is not going to be a stroll in the park!!
- You will earn your grade in this class.
  - You will need to put in sufficient time and effort
  - Exams and quizzes will be tough!
    - Sometimes problems might not look exactly like what you learned in the class
- But you have a great control for your grade in your hands
  - Homework is 25% of the total grade!!
    - Means you will have many homework problems
      - Sometimes much more than any other classes
      - Sometimes homework problems will be something that you have yet to learn in class
  - Lab 15%
  - Extra credit 10%
- I will work with you so that your efforts are properly awarded

What do we want to learn in this class?

- Physics is everywhere around you.
- Understand the fundamental principles that surrounds you in everyday lives…
- Identify what laws of physics applies to what phenomena and use them appropriately
- Understand the impact of such physical laws
- Learn how to research and analyze what you observe.
- Learn how to express observations and measurements in mathematical language
- Learn how to express your research in systematic manner in writing
- I don't want you to be scared of PHYSICS!!!

Most importantly, let us have a lot of FUN!!