PHYS 1441 – Section 002
Lecture #1

Monday, Jan. 14, 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
- Dimensional Analysis

Today's homework is homework #1, due 9pm, Monday, Jan. 21!!

Announcements

- Reading assignment #1: Read and follow through all sections in appendices C, D and E by Tuesday, Jan. 22
  - There will be a quiz on Wednesday, Jan. 23, on this reading assignment
- Reading assignment #2: Read CH1.1 – 1.4 by this Wednesday, Jan. 16
- No class next Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King day
  - But homework#1 is still due 9pm that day

Who am I?

- Name: Dr. Jaehoon Yu (You can call me Dr. Yu)
- Office: Rm 342, Chemistry and Physics Building
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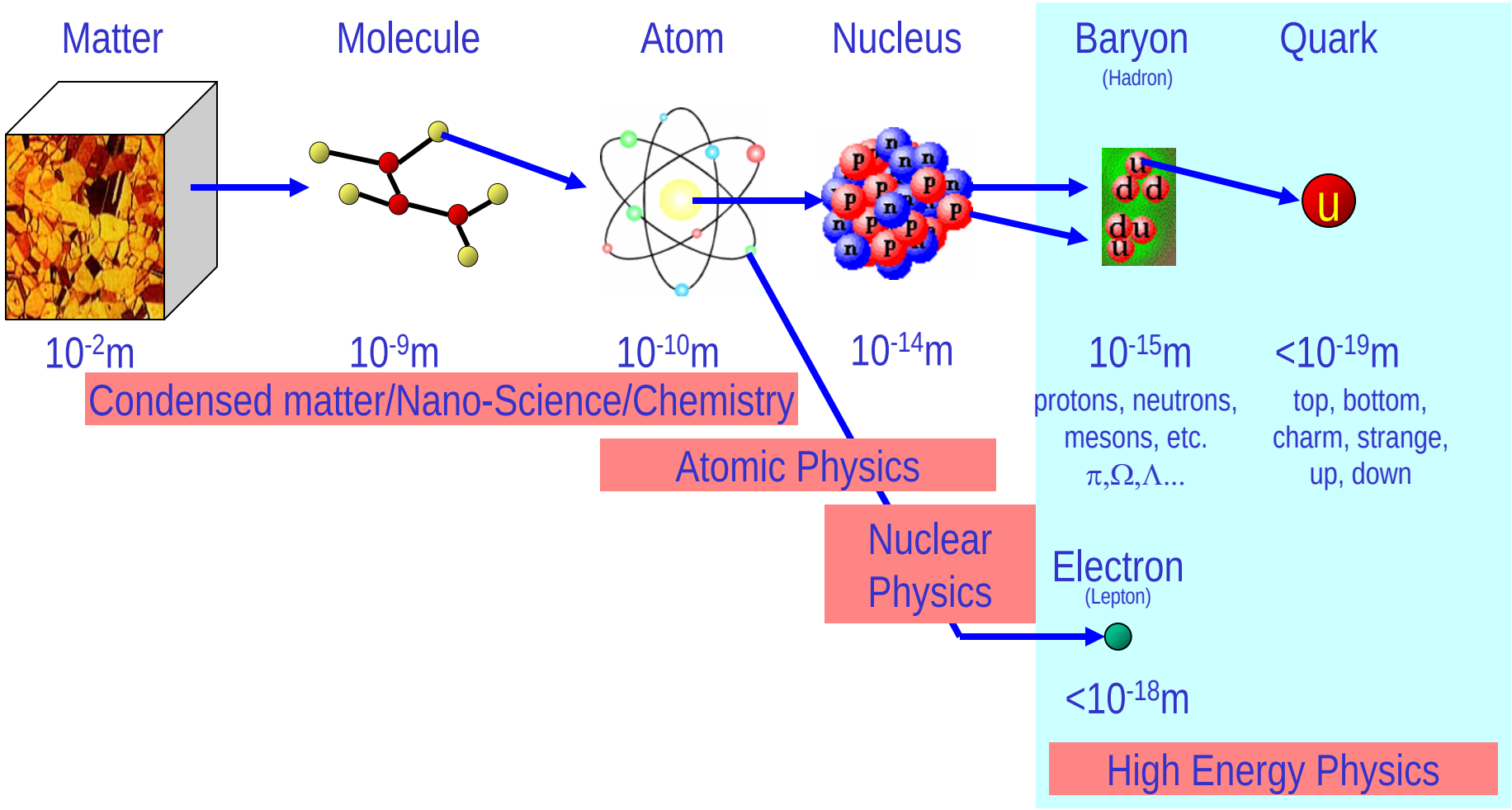
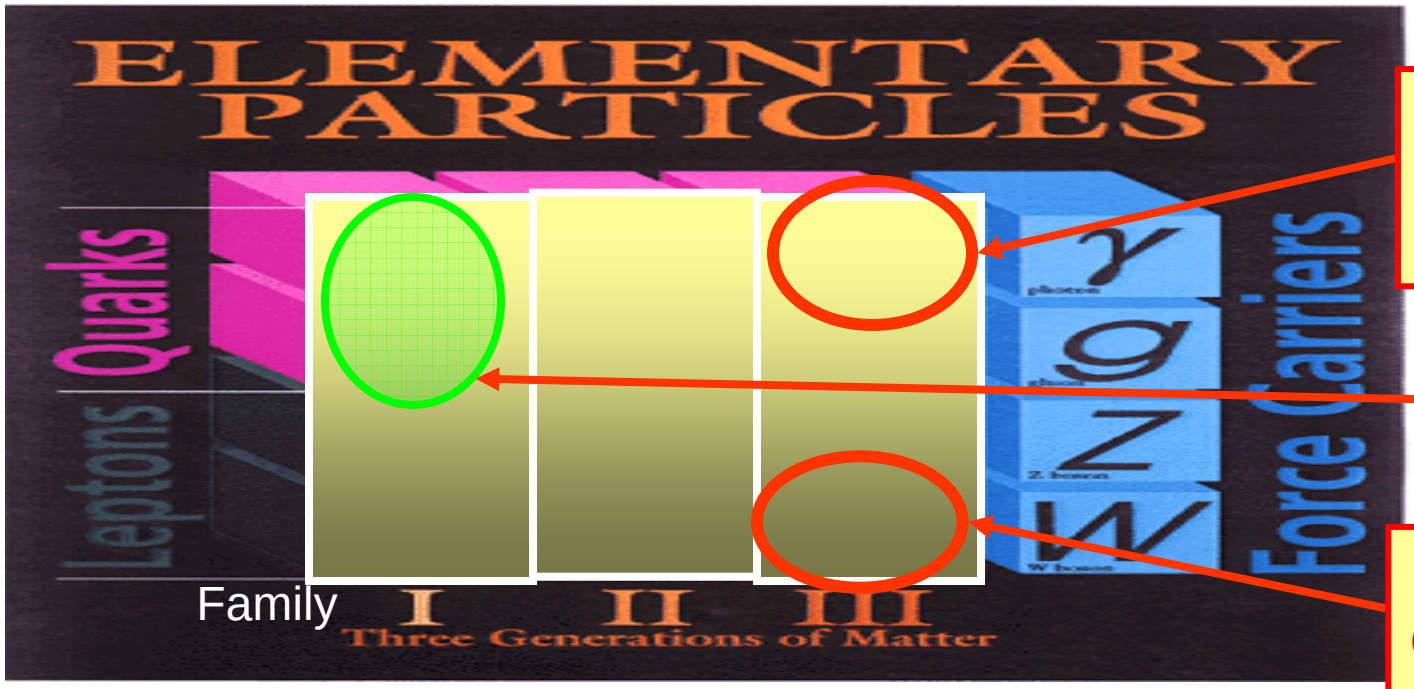
- My profession:High Energy Physics (HEP)
  - Collide particles (protons on anti-protons or electrons on anti-electrons, positrons) at the energies equivalent to 10,000 Trillion degrees
  - To understand
    - Fundamental constituents of matter
    - Interactions or forces between the constituents
    - Origin of Mass
    - Creation of Universe (The **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

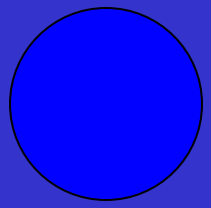
- Assumes the following fundamental structure:



- 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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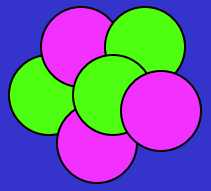

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Accelerators are also Time Machines.

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

Particle and anti-particle annihilate.

$$E = mc^2$$

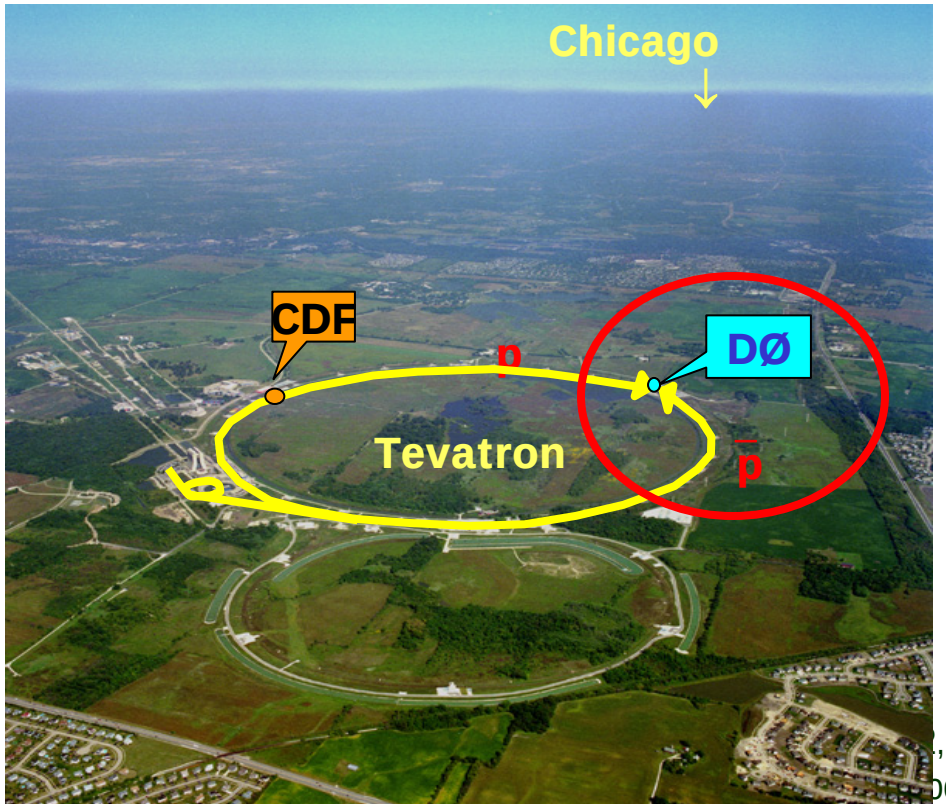
Fermilab Tevatron and LHC at CERN

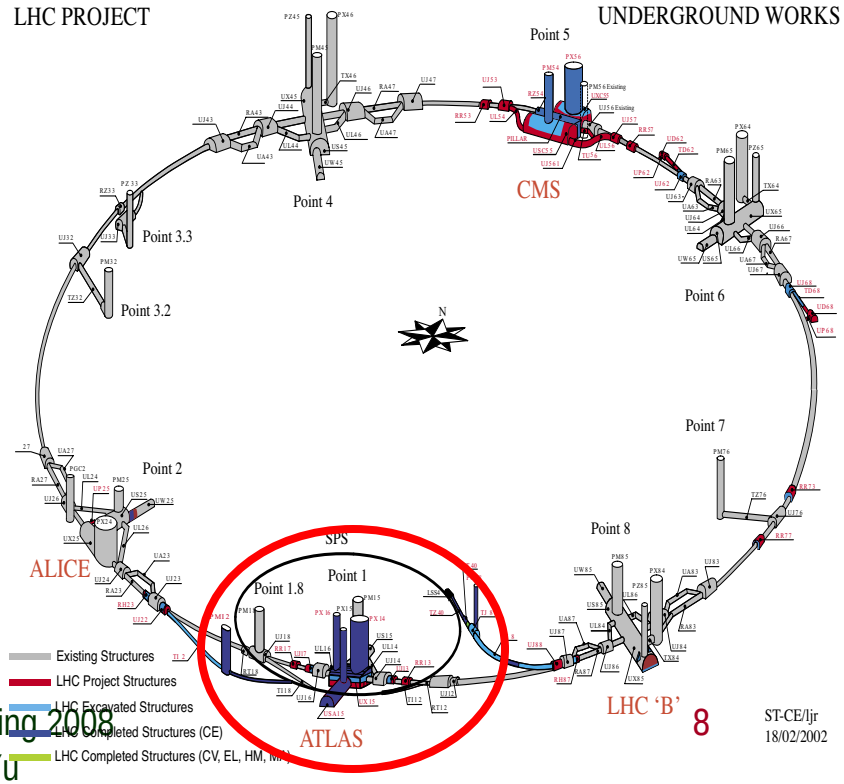
- Present world's Highest Energy proton-anti-proton collider
  - 4km circumference
  - E_{cm}=1.96 TeV (=6.3x10^{-7}J/p➔ 13M Joules on 10^{-4}m^2)

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

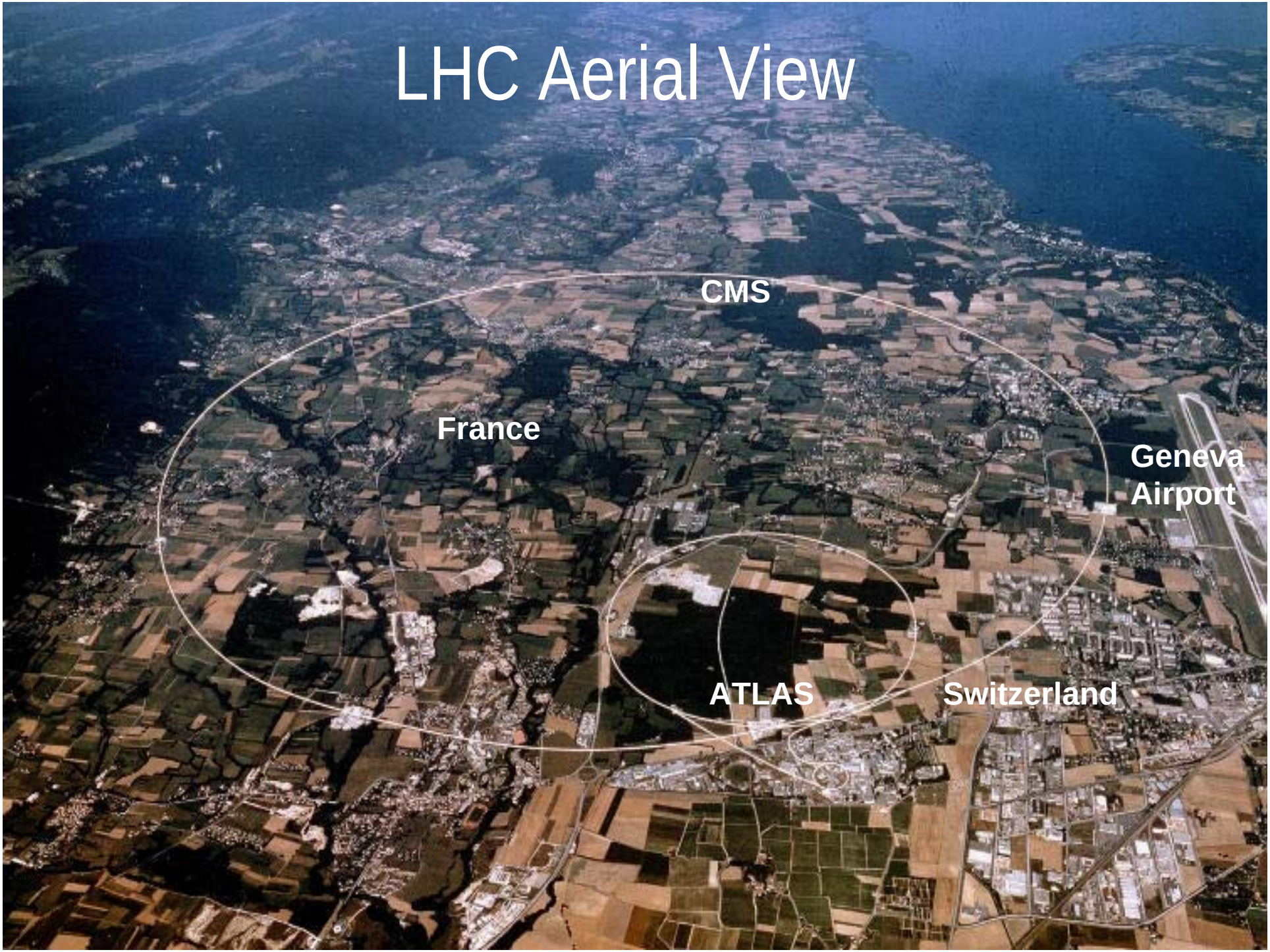
- World's Highest Energy proton-proton collider end of this year
  - 27km circumference
  - E_{cm}=14 TeV (=44x10^{-7}J/p➔ 1000M Joules on 10^{-4}m^2)

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



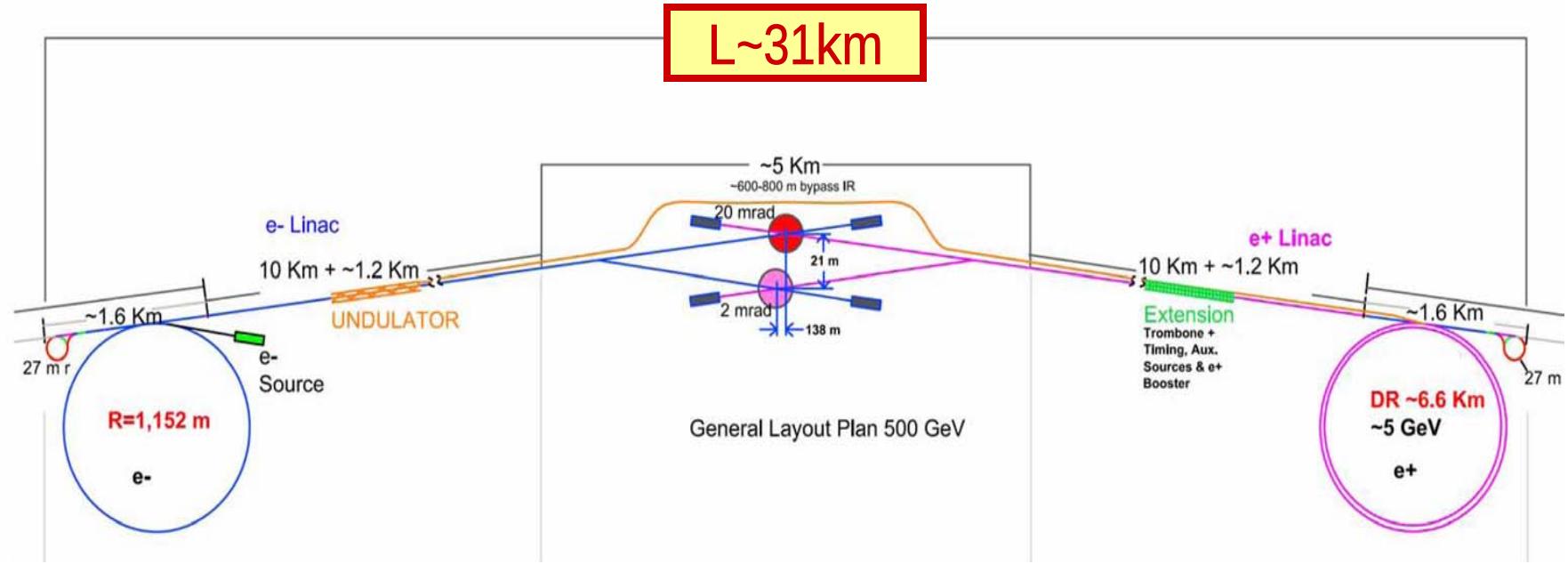


LHC Aerial View

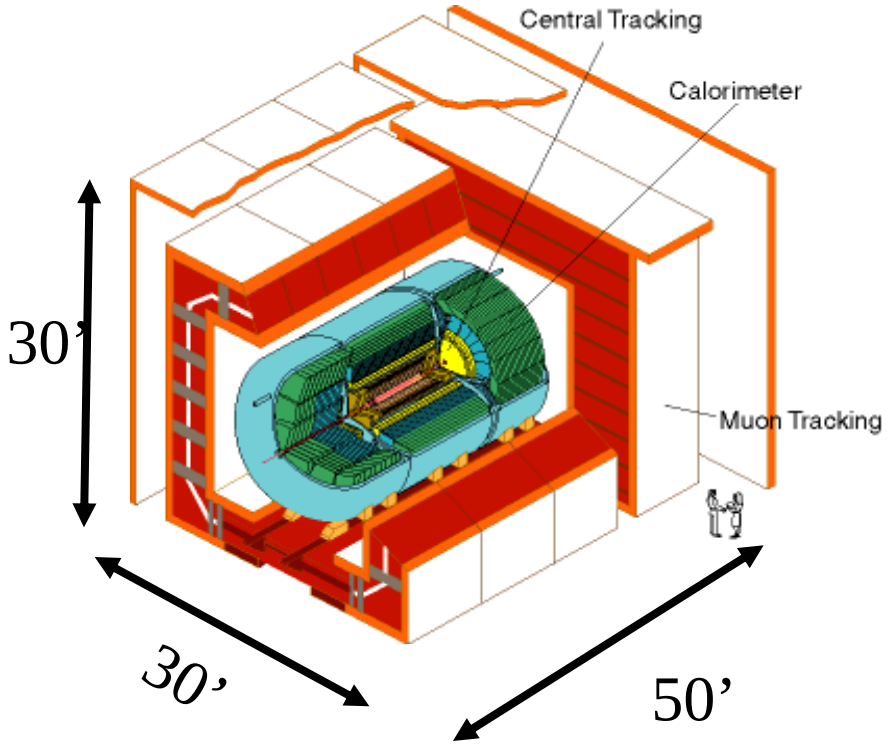


The International Linear Collider

- 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

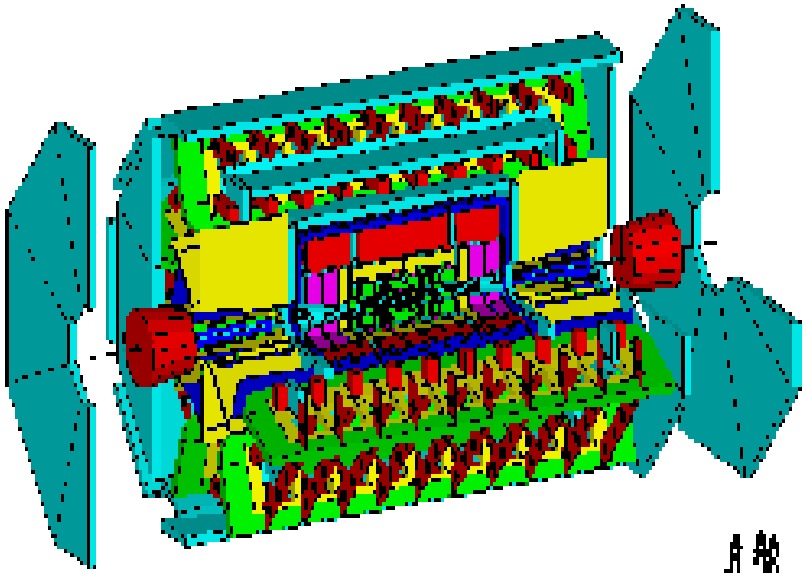


DØ Detector



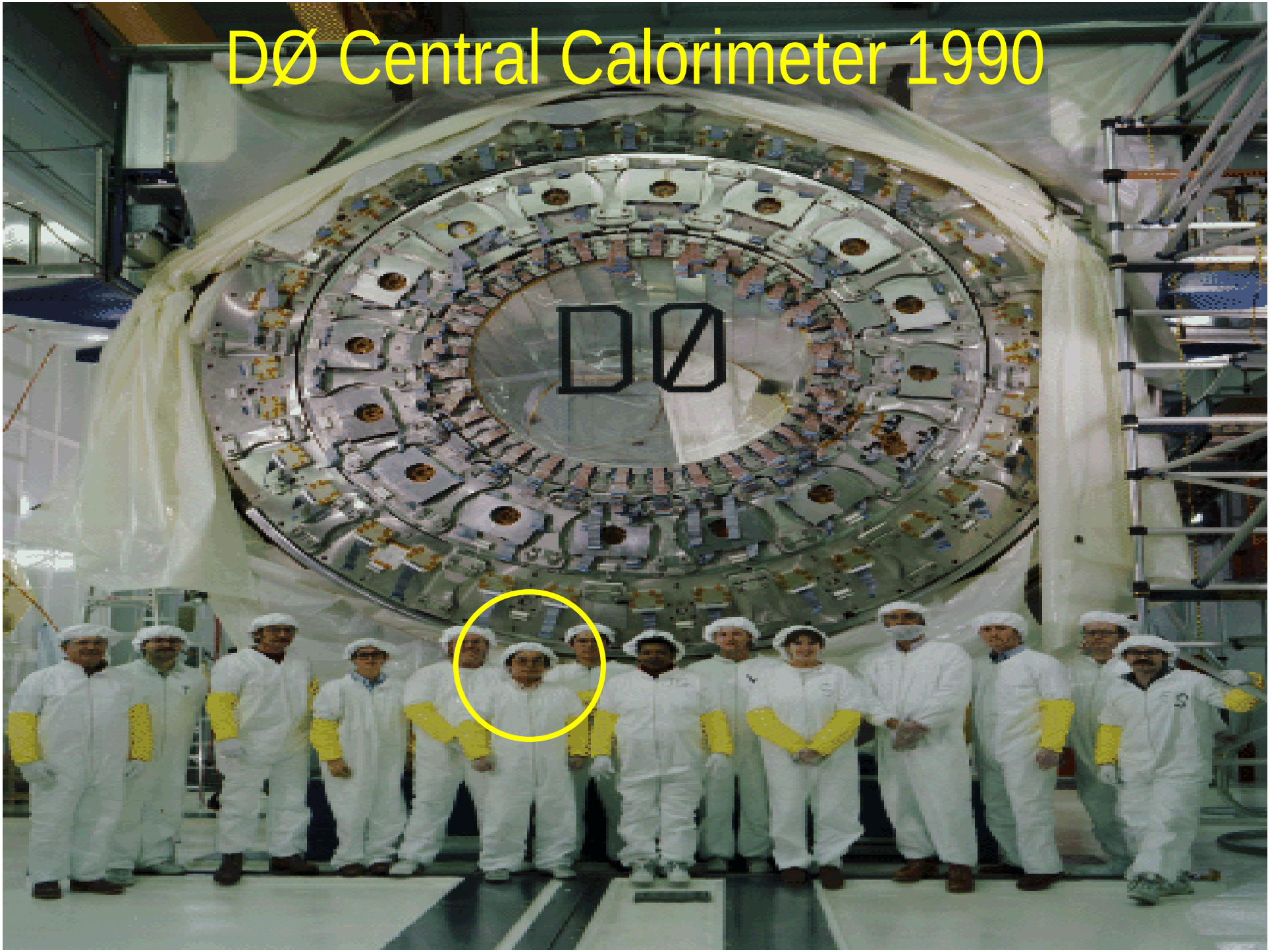
- Weighs 5000 tons and 5 story tall
- Can inspect 3,000,000 collisions/second
- Record 75 collisions/second
- Records approximately 10,000,000 bytes/second
- Records 0.5×10^{15} (500,000,000,000,000) bytes per year (0.5 PetaBytes).

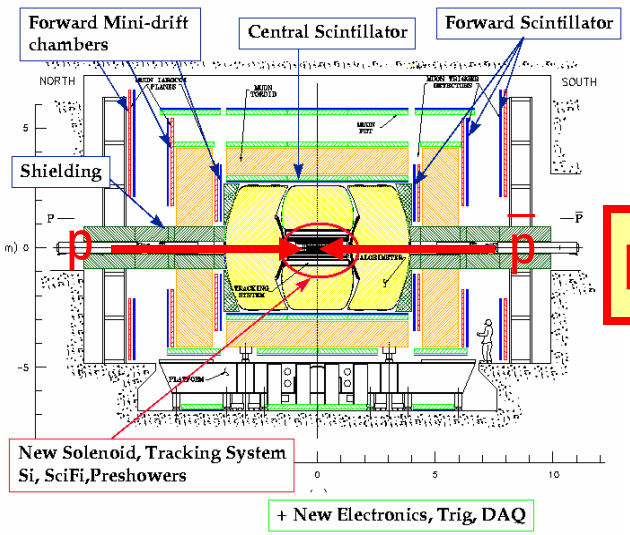
ATLAS Detector



- 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

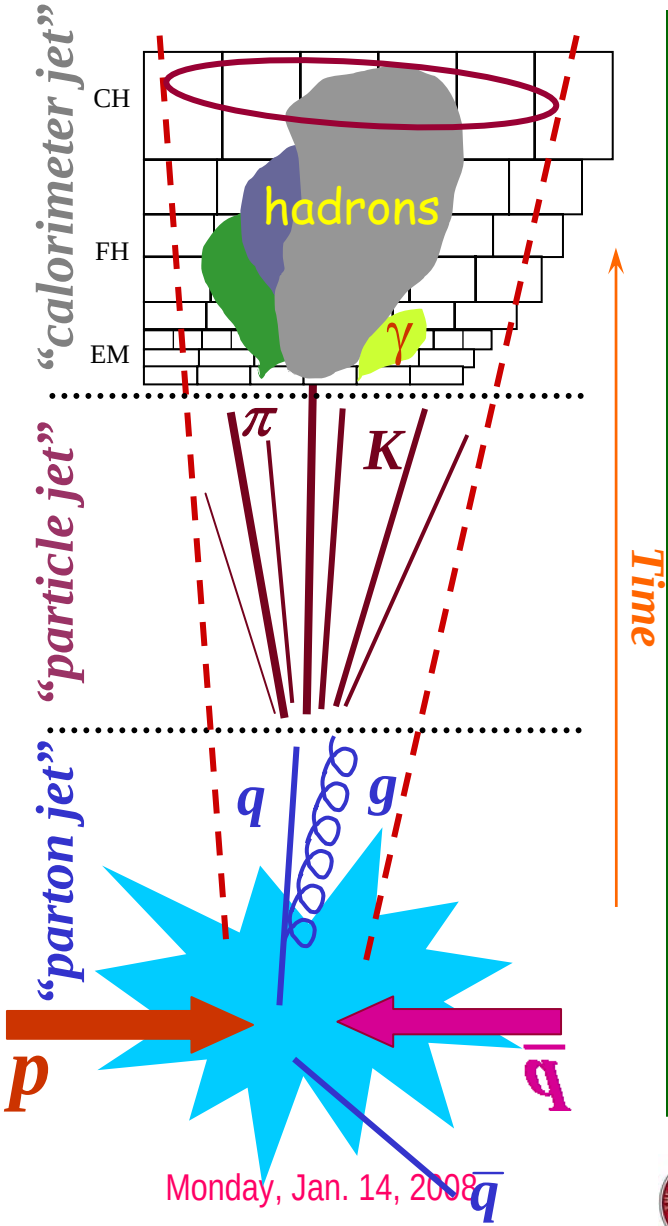


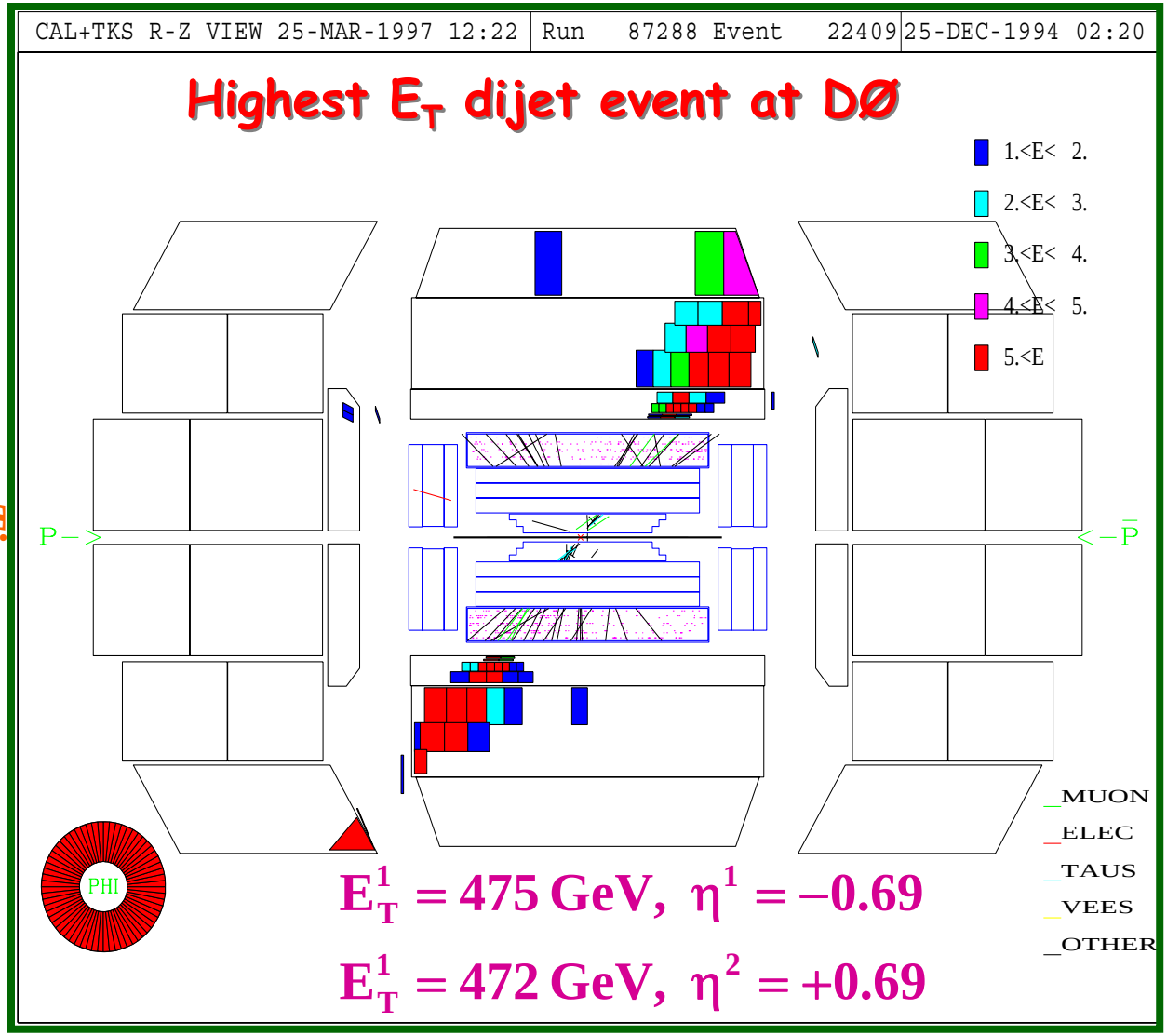


Digital data

Data Reconstruction

How does an Event Look in a Collider Detector?





Information & Communication Sources

- 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 PHYS1441-002-SPRING08 e-mail distribution list as soon possible ➔ Instruction available in Class style & Communication
  - 5 points extra credit if done by next Friday, Jan. 18
  - 3 points extra credit if done by next Wednesday, Jan. 23
- Office Hours: 2:30 – 3:30pm, Mondays and Wednesdays or by appointment

Evaluation Policy

- Homework: 25%
- Exams
  - Term Exams: 25%
    - Total of three exams (2/13, 3/12 and 4/9)
    - Two best of the three exams will be used for the final grade
    - Each will constitute 12.5% of the total
    - 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
  - Final Comprehensive Exam (5/5): 25%
- Lab score: 15%
- Pop-quizzes: 10%

100%

- Extra credits: 10% of the total
  - Random attendances
  - Strong participation in the class discussions
  - Other many opportunities
- Grading will be done on sliding scale

Homeworks

- 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://hw.utexas.edu/studentInstructions.html
  - Download homework #1 (1 problem), attempt to solve it, and submit it ➔ You will receive a 100% credit for HW#1
  - Roster will close Wednesday, Jan. 23
  - * Note, this homework system had some problems at the end of last semester so it is possible that we need to switchover to Wiley homework system ➔ Stay tuned!!
- 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:
  - Begins on Jan. 28
  - Important to understand physical principles through experiments
  - 15% of the grade
- Physics Clinic:
  - Free service
  - They provide general help on physics, including help solving homework problems
  - 12 – 6pm, Mon – Fri and 12 – 5pm Sat., starting 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….
- 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 will be tough!
    - Sometimes exam problems might not look exactly like what you learned in class
- But you have a great control for grade in your hands
  - Homework grade of 25%!!
    - Means you will have many homework problems
      - Sometimes much more than 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 get in this class?

- Physics is everywhere around you.
- Understand the fundamental principles that surrounds you in everyday lives…
- Identify what law 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 languages.
- 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!!