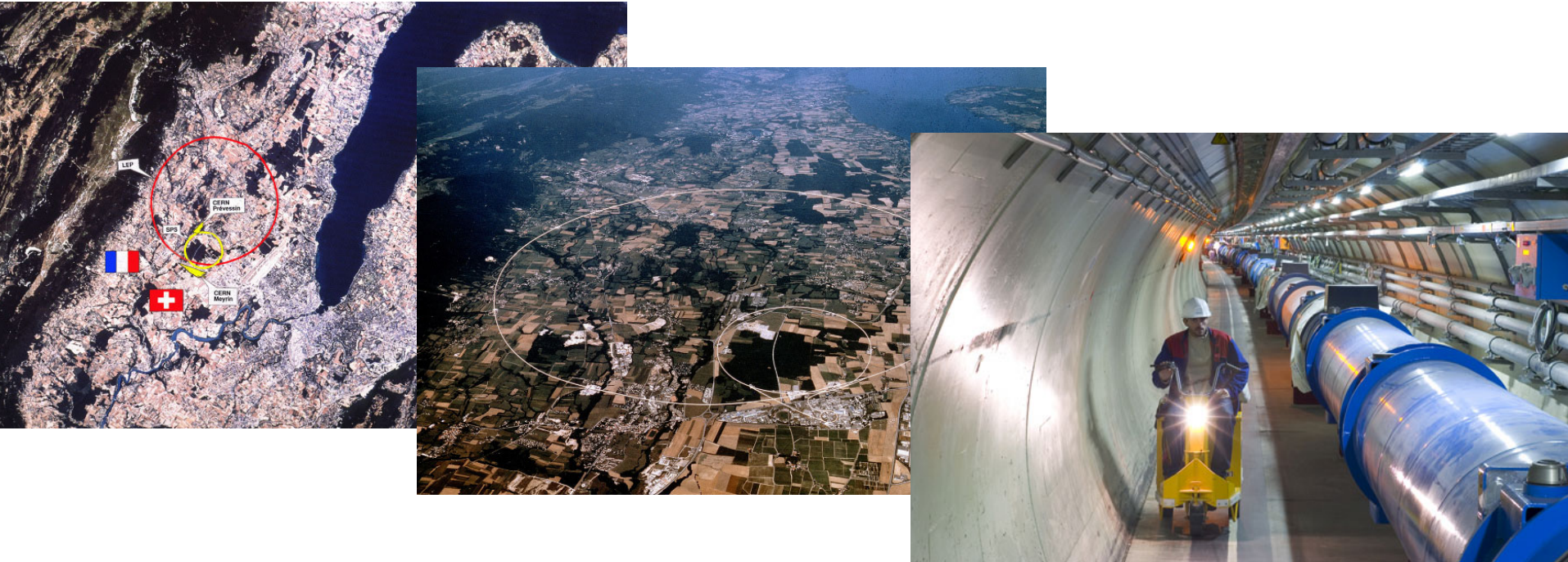


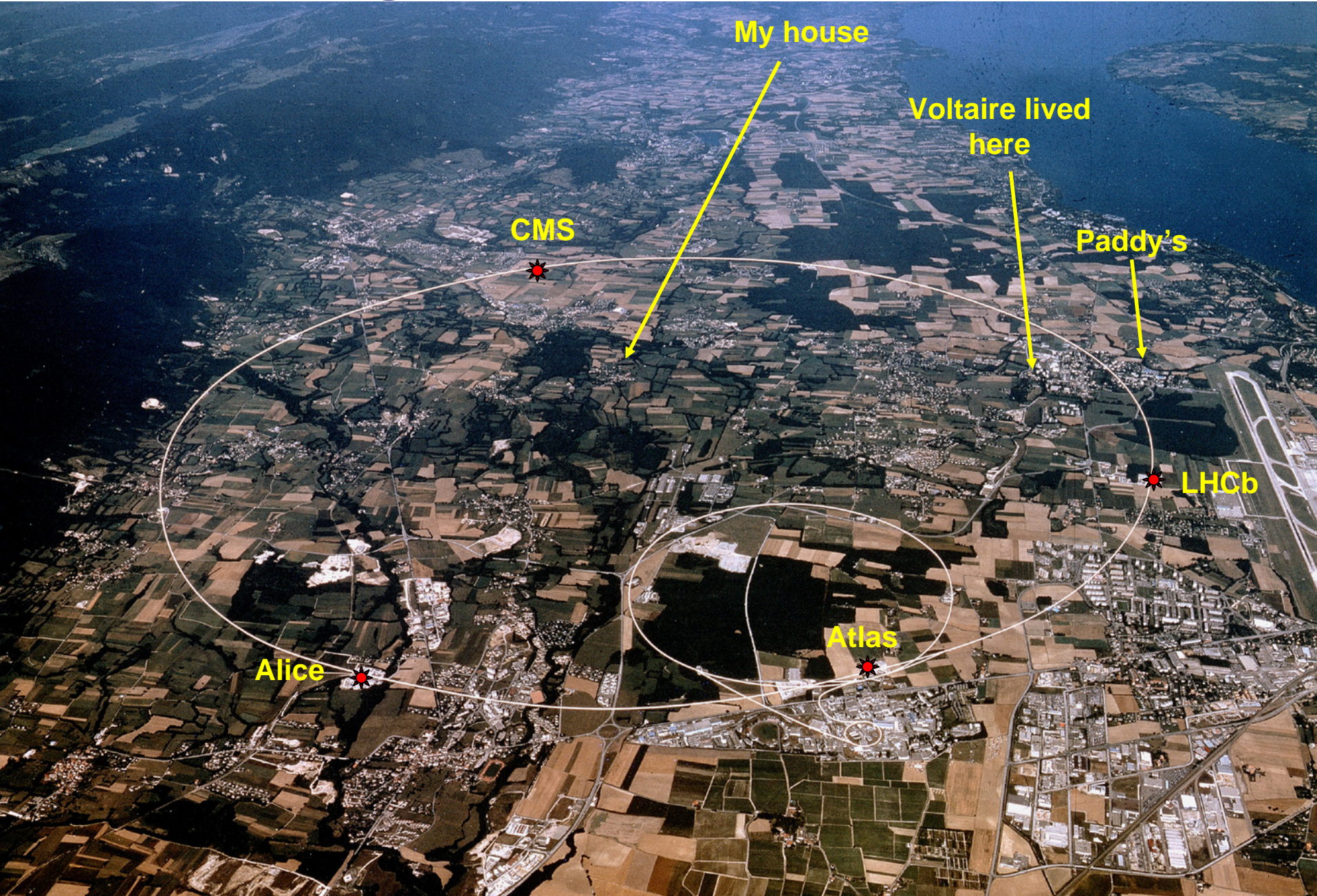
The LHC....work in progress!



Two beams, each containing trillions of protons, will race around the 27km ring in opposite directions travelling at 0.999999991 times the speed of light...

Sometime soon!

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)



First dig somewhere to put the experiments



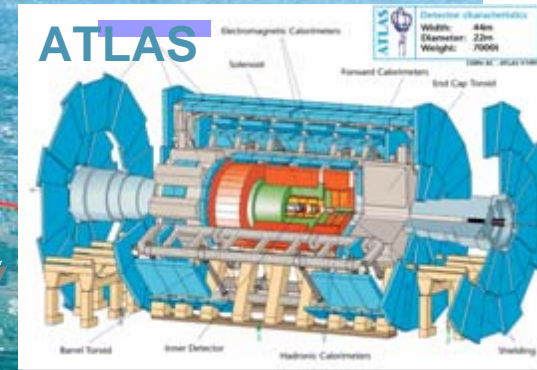
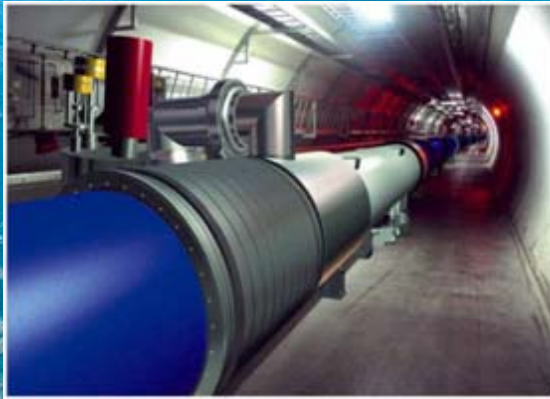
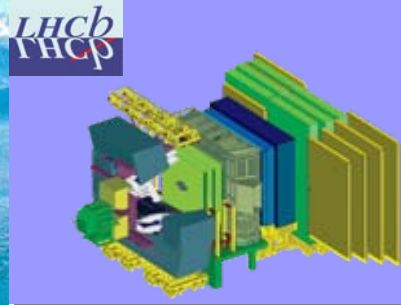
CMS – a few years ago

Today



pp, B-Physics,
CP Violation

LHC : 27 km long
100m underground

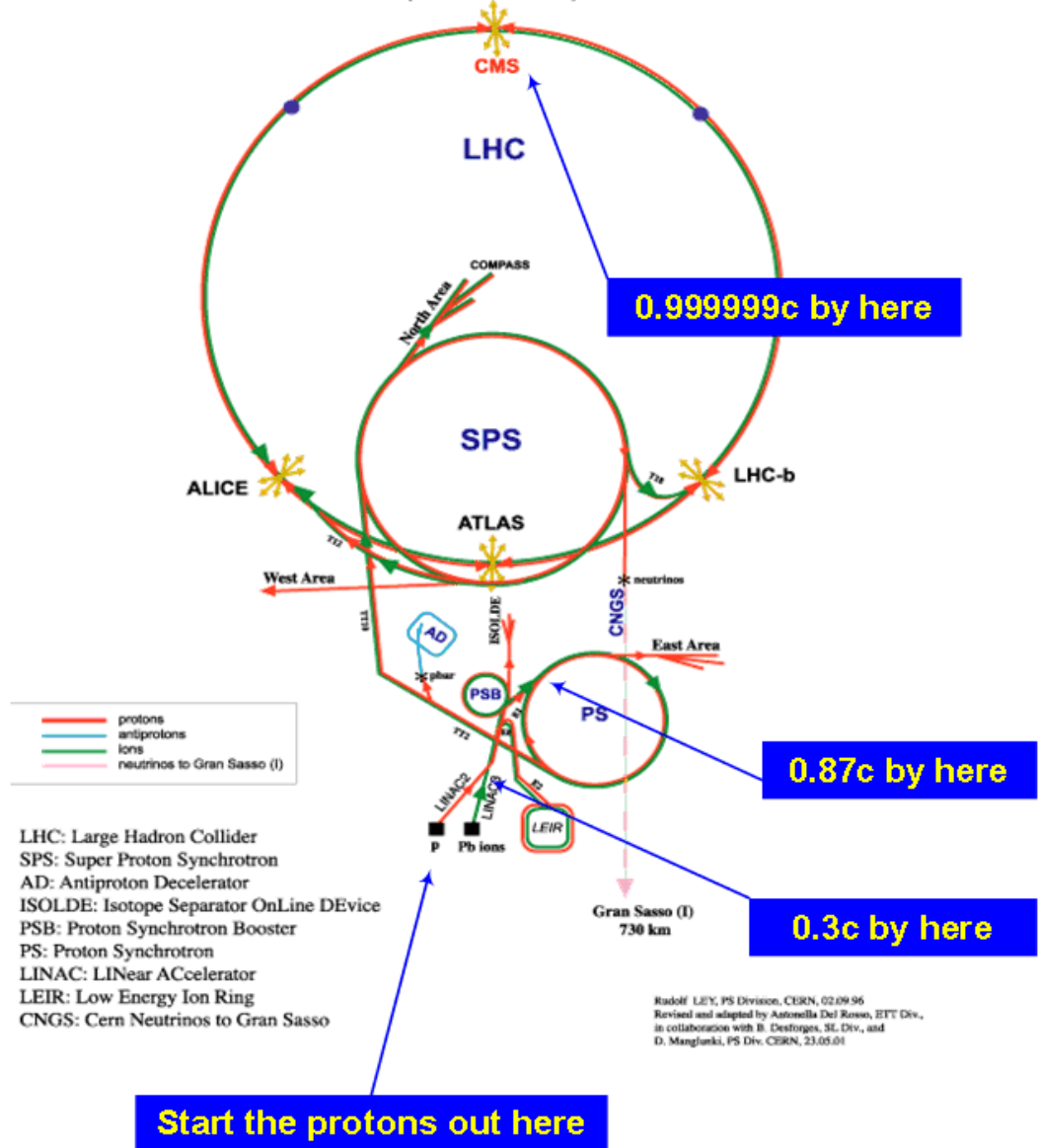


General Purpose,
pp, heavy ions

Heavy ions, pp



CERN Accelerators (not to scale)

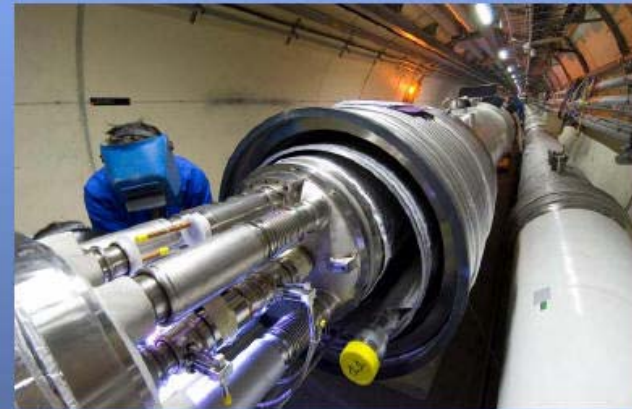


LHC – Install everything

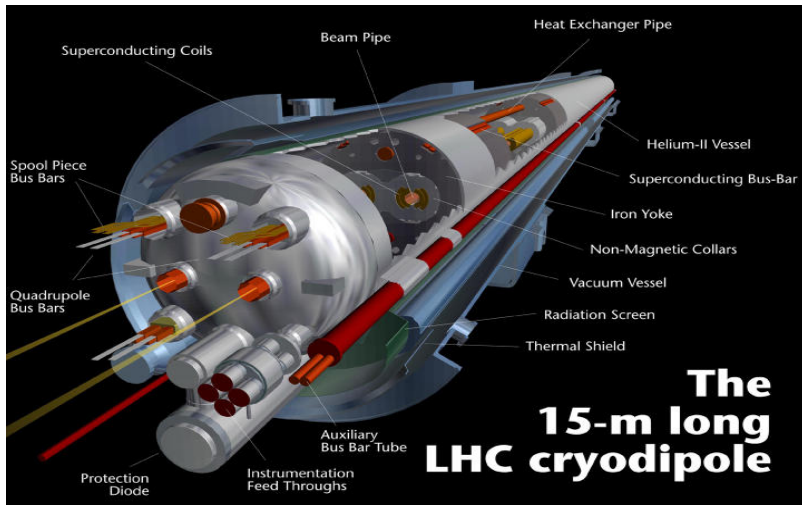


Join everything up

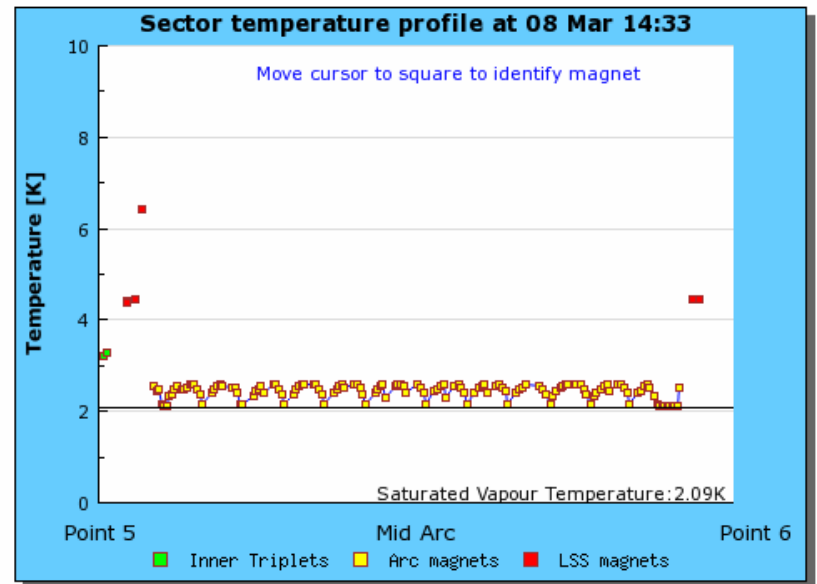
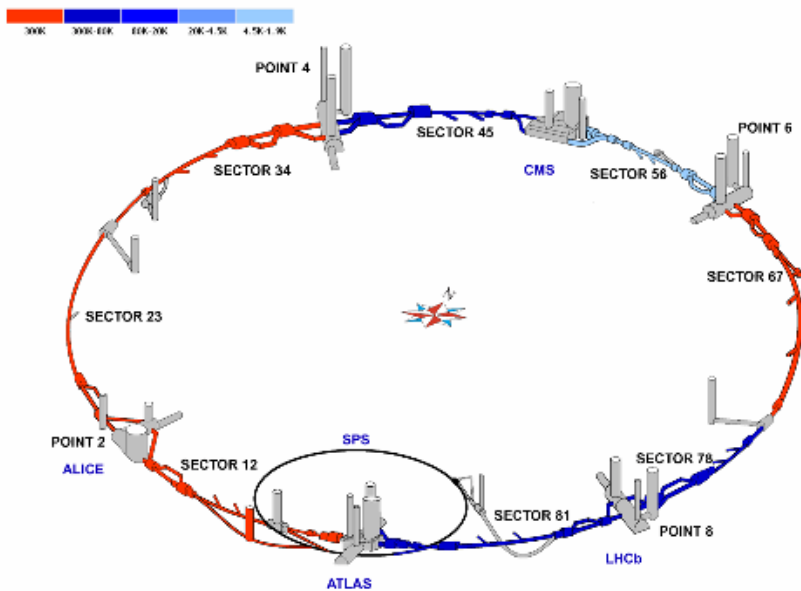
Underground



Cool everything down



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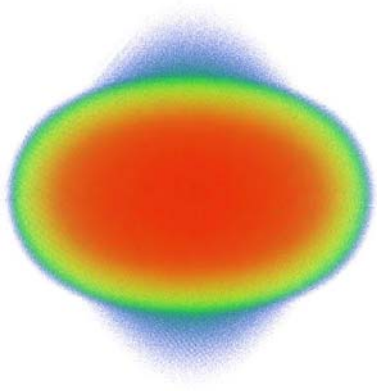


Beam later this year – we hope!

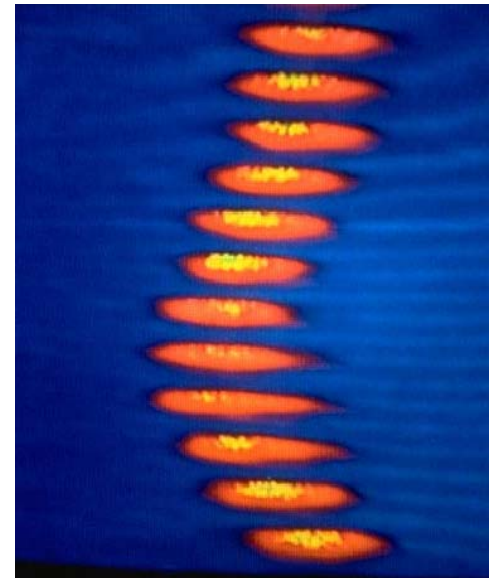
Beam

- For ease of handling the protons come in bunches
- Each bunch contains **100,000,000,000** protons
- We plan **~3000** bunches of protons per beam

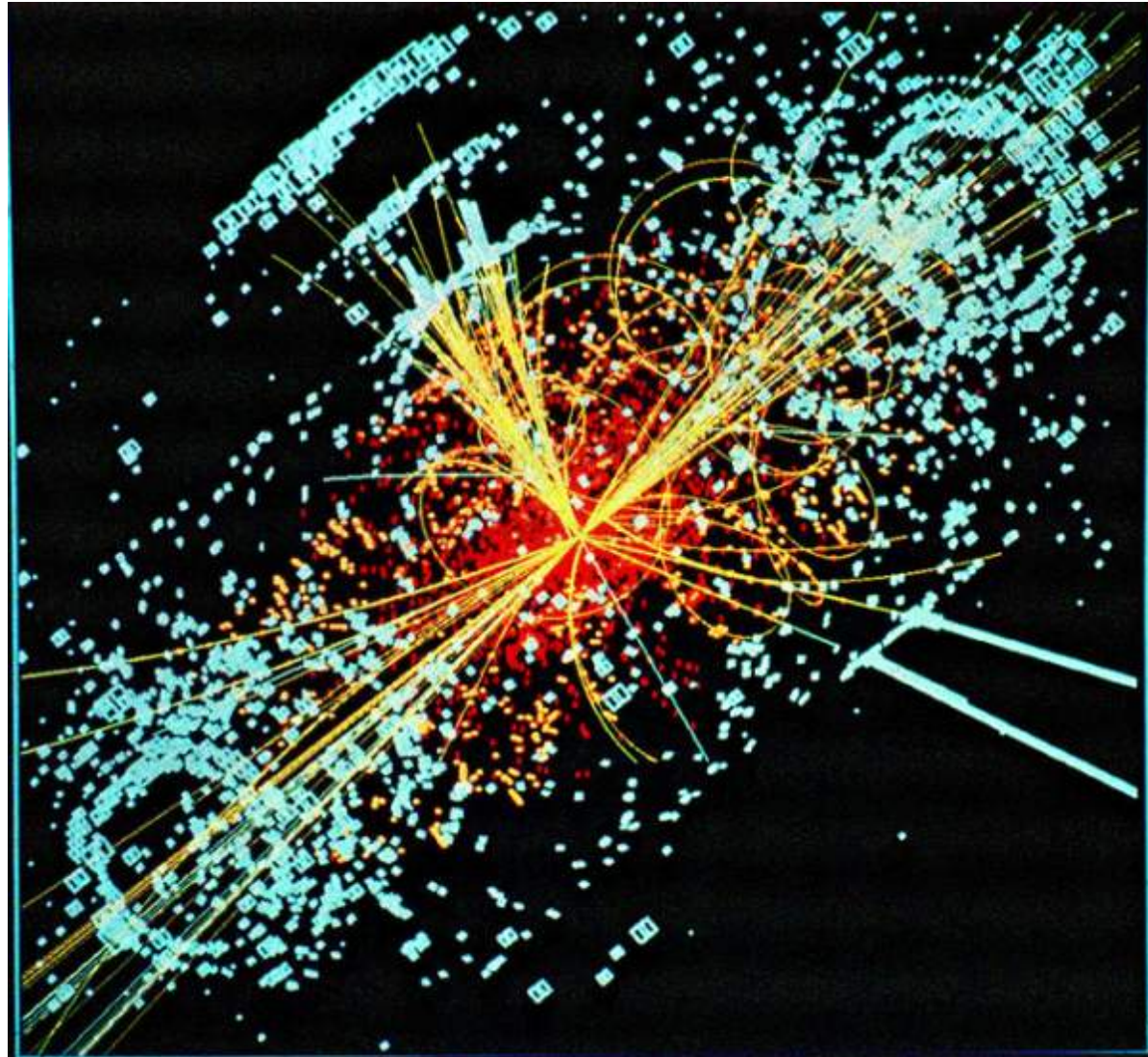
- When the protons arrive in the LHC they are going **0.999997828** times the speed of light
- At top energy are going **0.9999999991** the speed of light



Bunches are typically 1 mm wide and 30 cm long

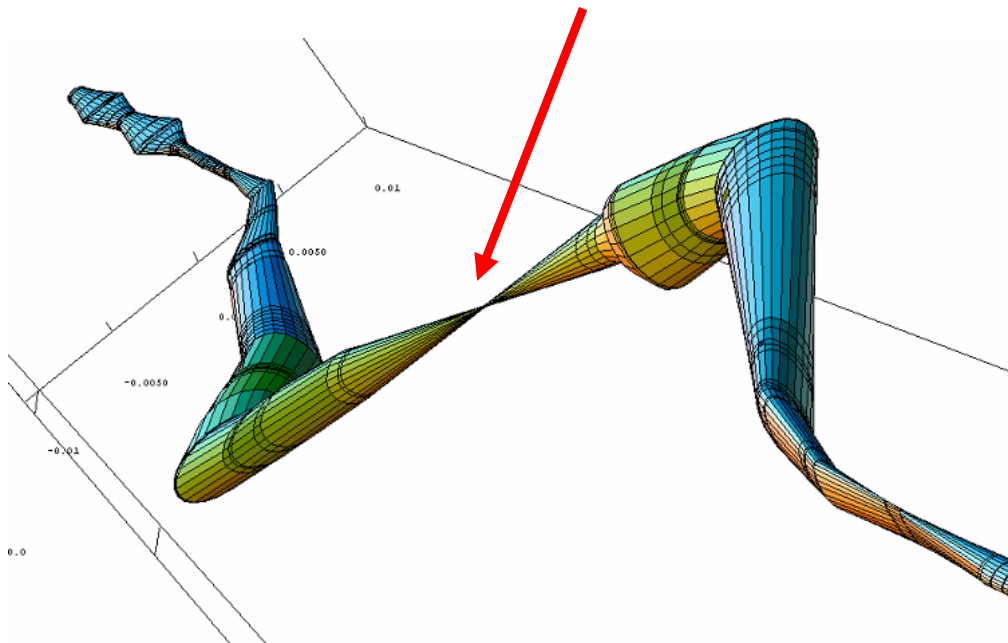


Aim of the exercise - events



Collisions

- Smallest beam size possible at the collision point.
- Even so... small things protons
- So although we squeeze our 100,000 million protons down to 60 microns...
- We get only around **20 collisions** per crossing

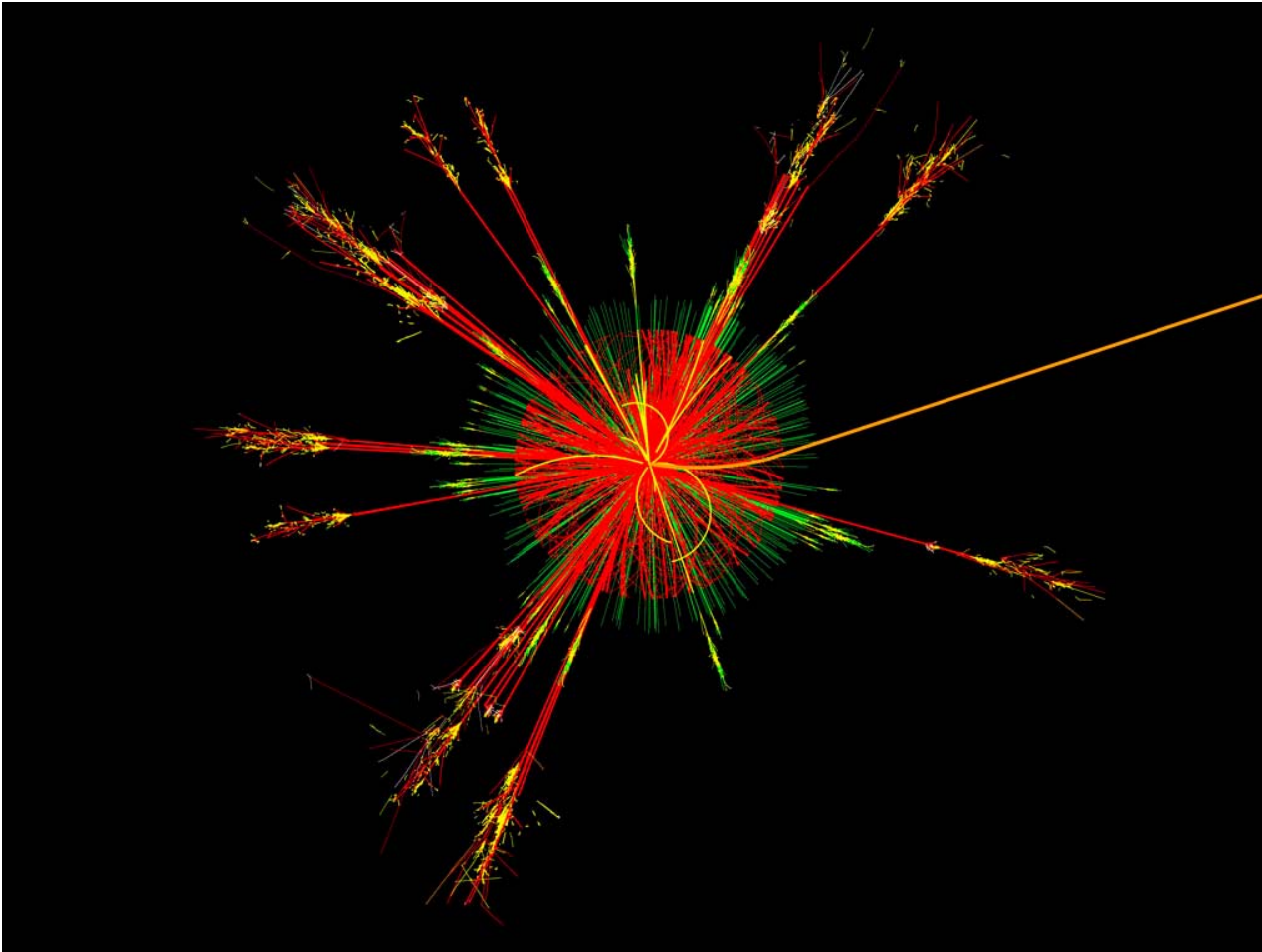


Bunches cross so often we end up with 600 million collisions per second

Most protons miss each other and carry on around the ring time after time.

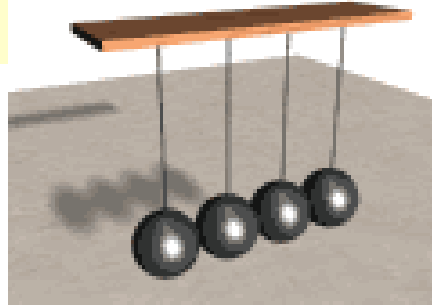
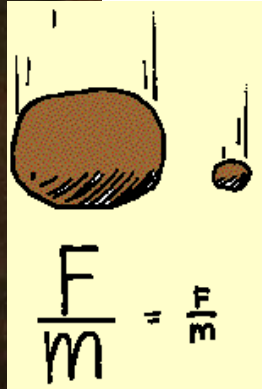
The beams are kept circulating for hours.

Higgs, supersymmetry or maybe even a black hole in Atlas?



Watch this space
(and time)!

Acknowledgements



$$E = mc^2$$

"The speed of light is the same for all inertial observers, regardless of the motion of the source."

$$\nabla \cdot E = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$$

$$\nabla \times E = -\frac{\partial B}{\partial t}$$

$$\nabla \cdot B = 0$$

$$c^2 \nabla \times B = \frac{j}{\epsilon_0} + \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$$

