

ATLAS at the LHC

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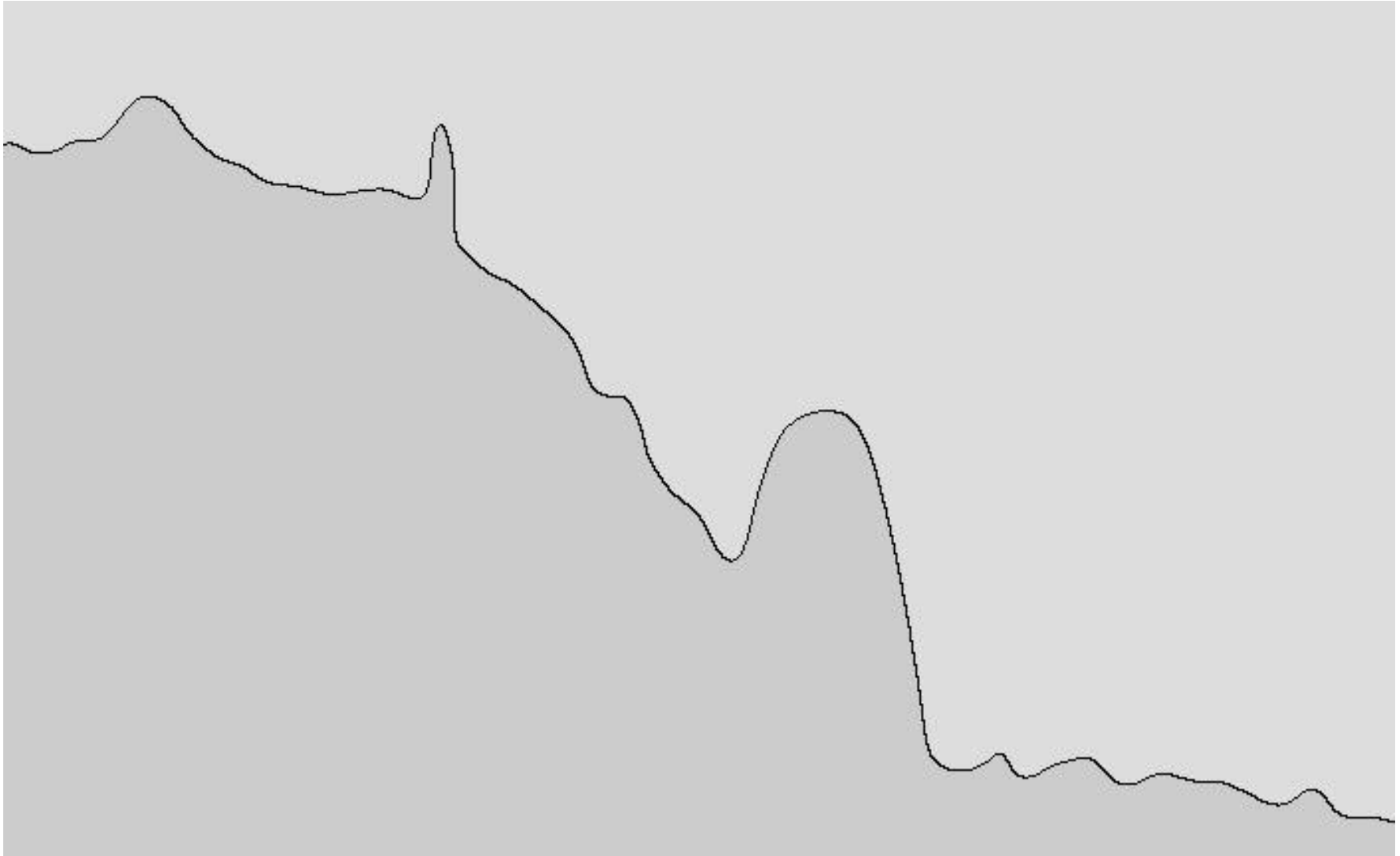
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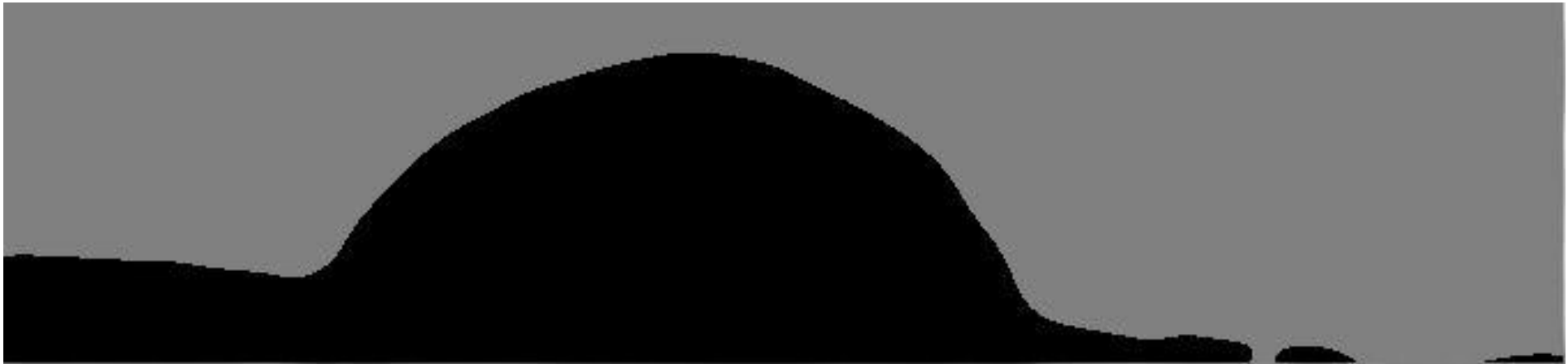
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Announcing My Great Discovery!

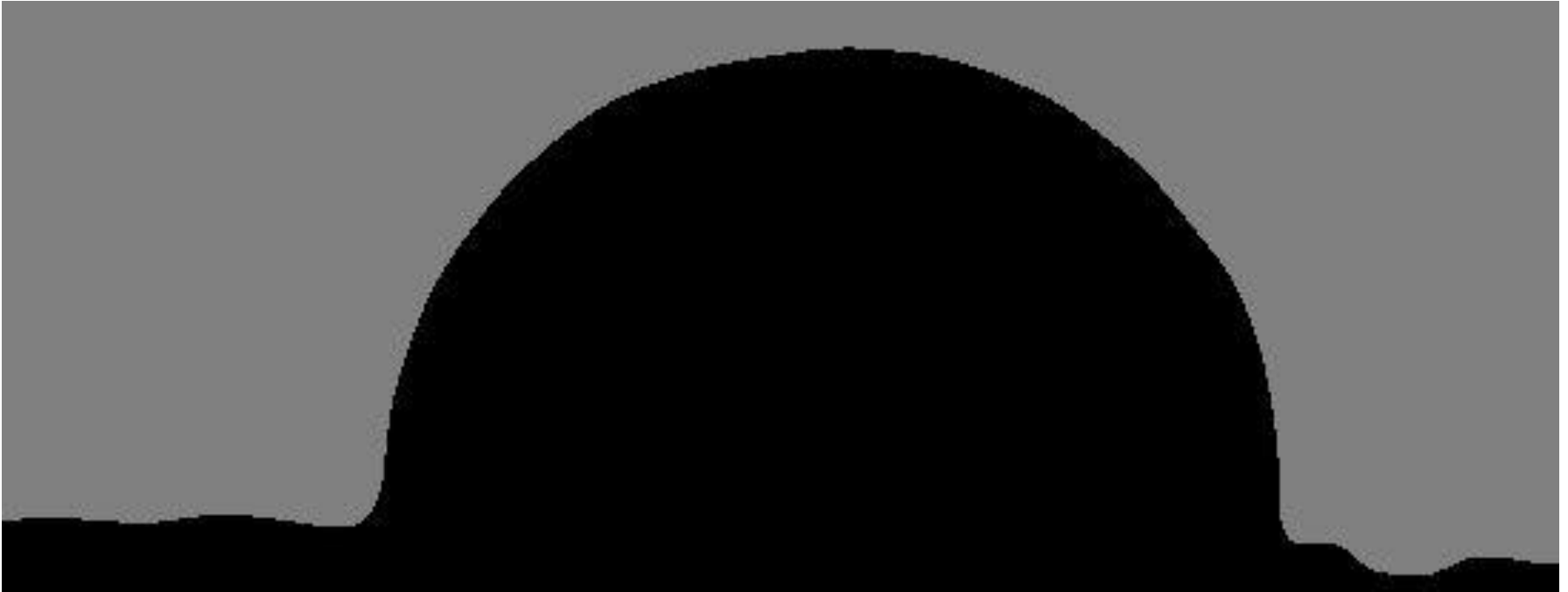
Raw Data



Reduce The Background:

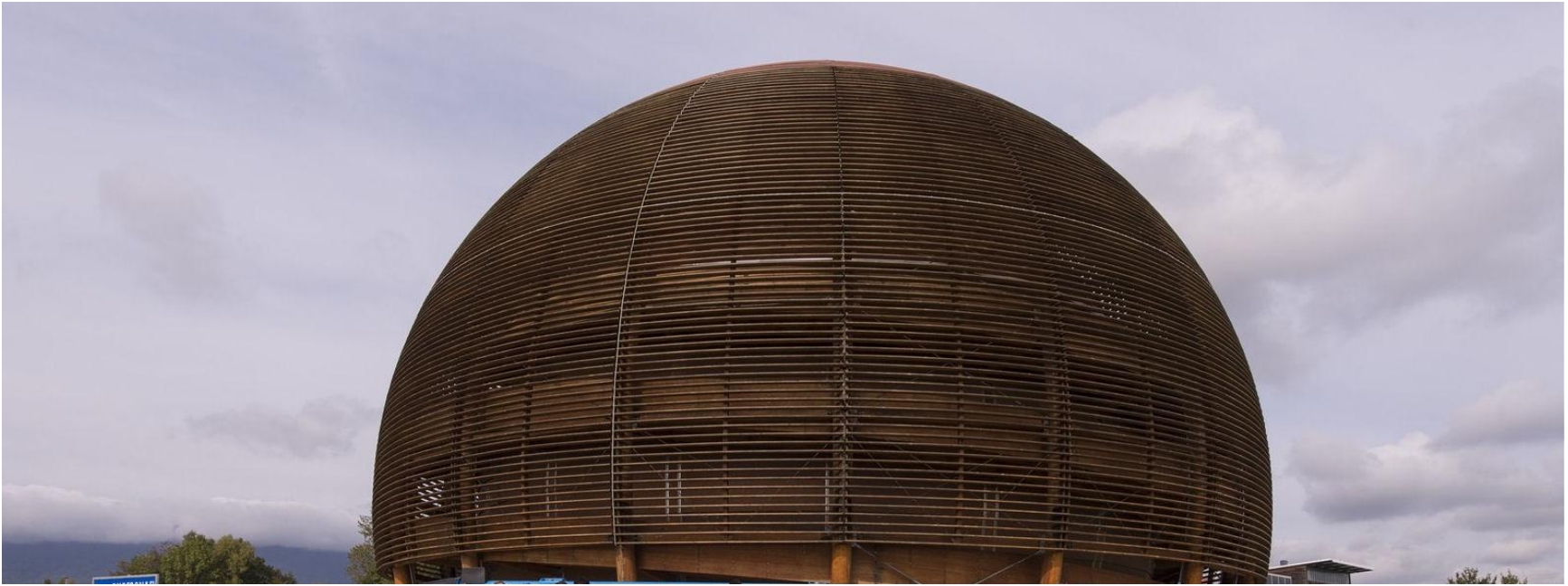


Refine the Signal:



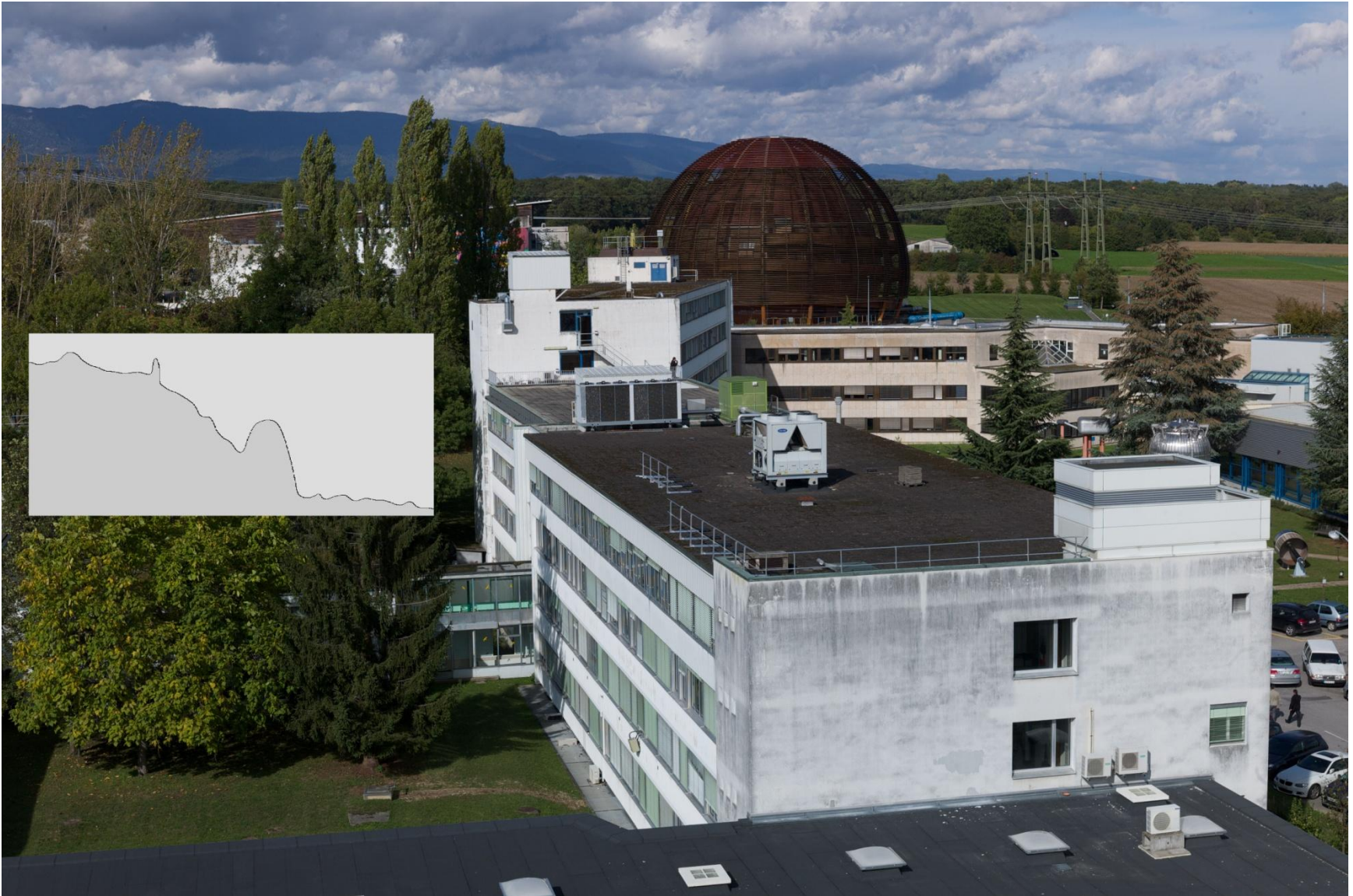
No Doubt about it, a clear signal!

Next, Identify the Discovery:



I'm Delighted to say, I've discovered The CERN!







And I've Discovered Much More:



I've discovered others who have also discovered CERN!

Newcomers:



Notice the diversity of, gender, race, age, eye color, hair color-length-curve, and clothing; but all have one trait in common:



It's the big smile!

Time to get down to business:



The reality is that physics research will harden you.

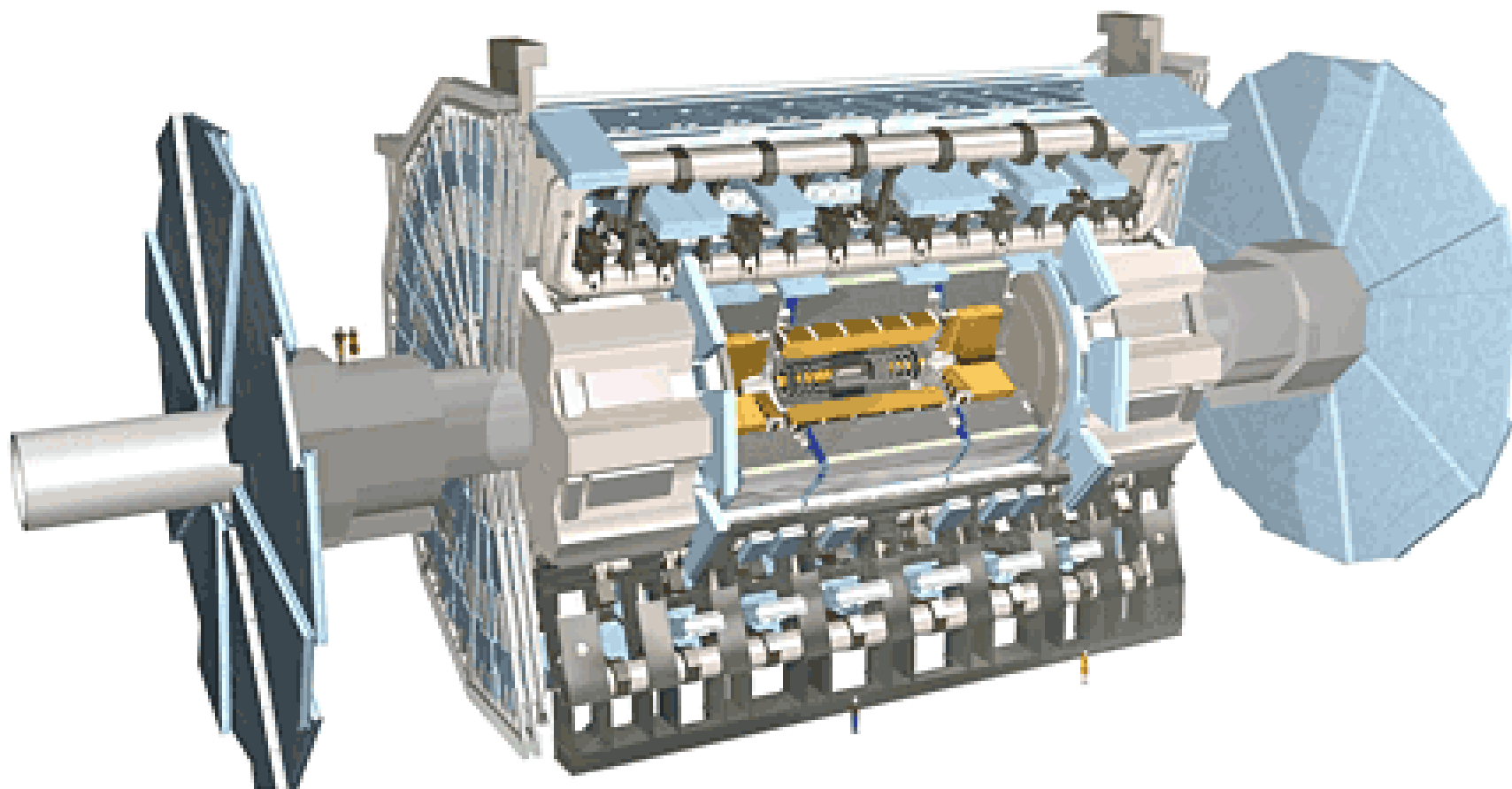
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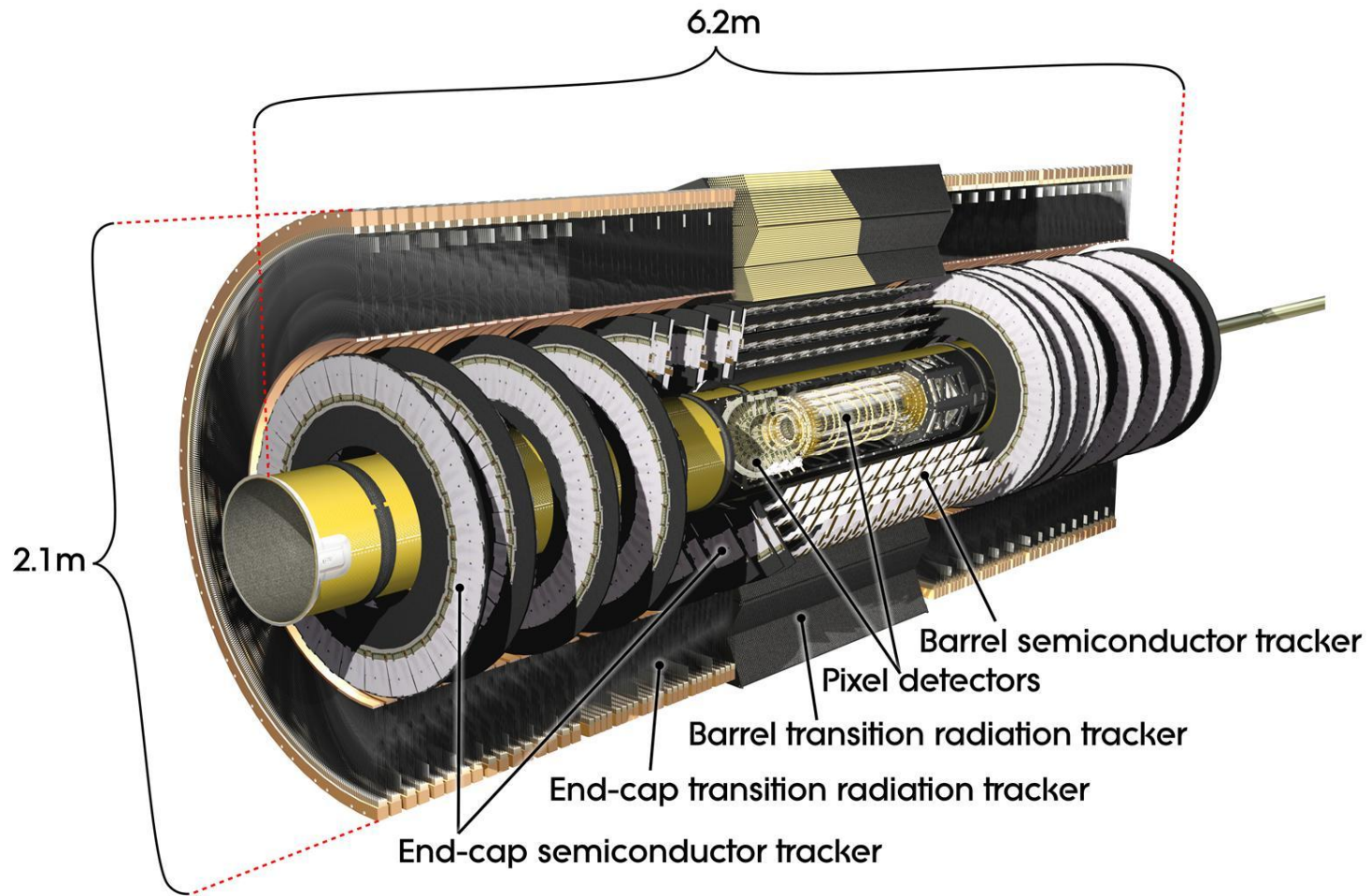
When you consider the magnitude of the project:



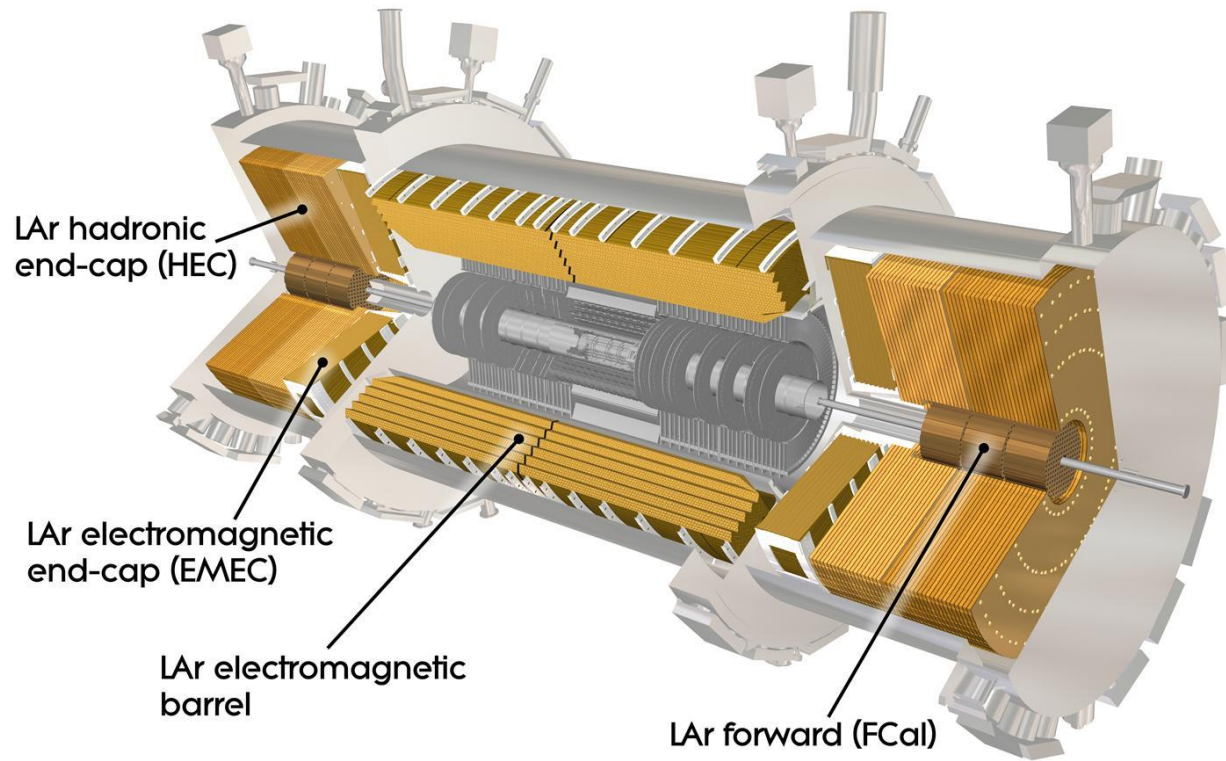
Introducing the ATLAS Detector:



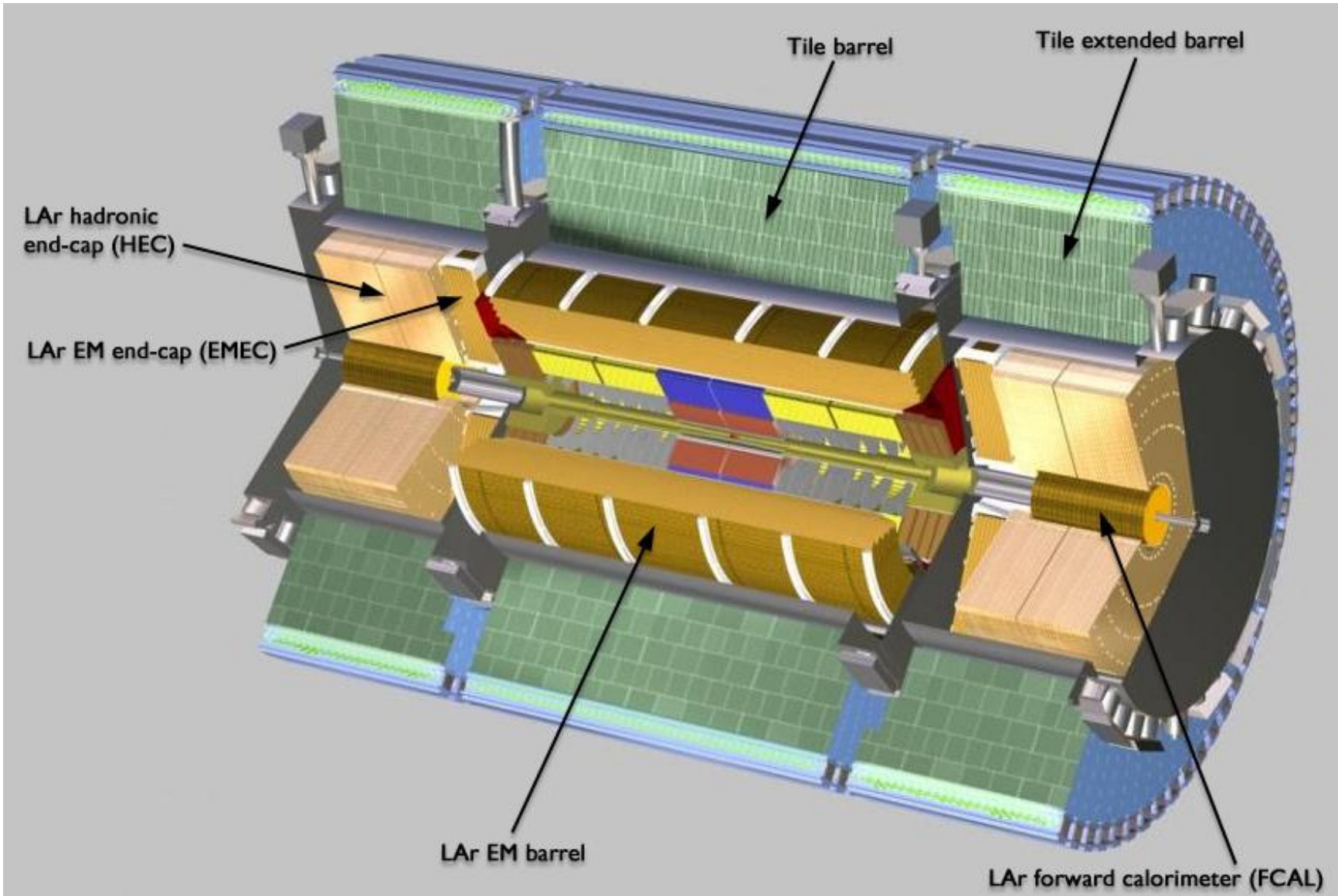
Inner Detector:

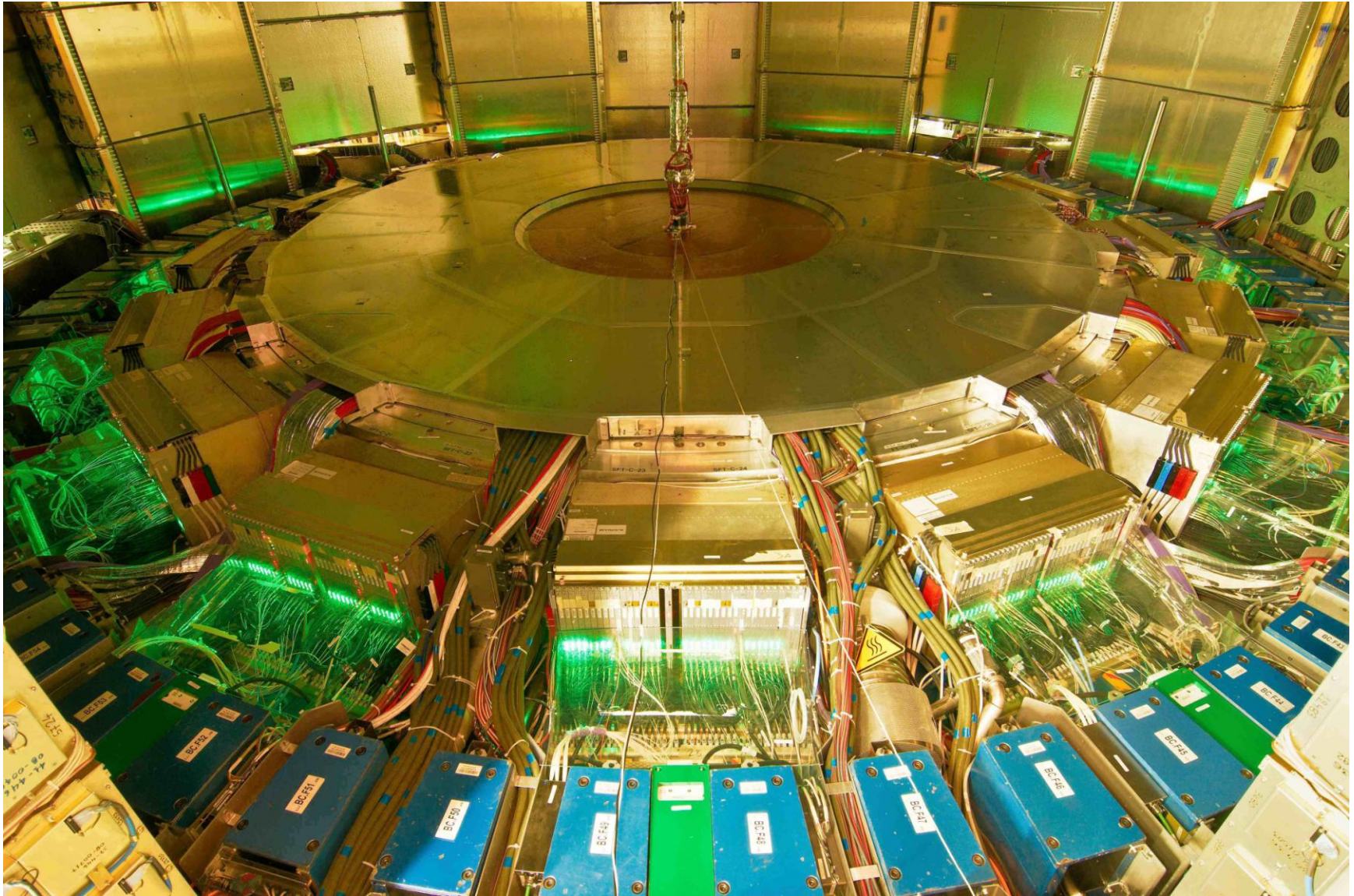


Liquid Argon Detector (E&M):



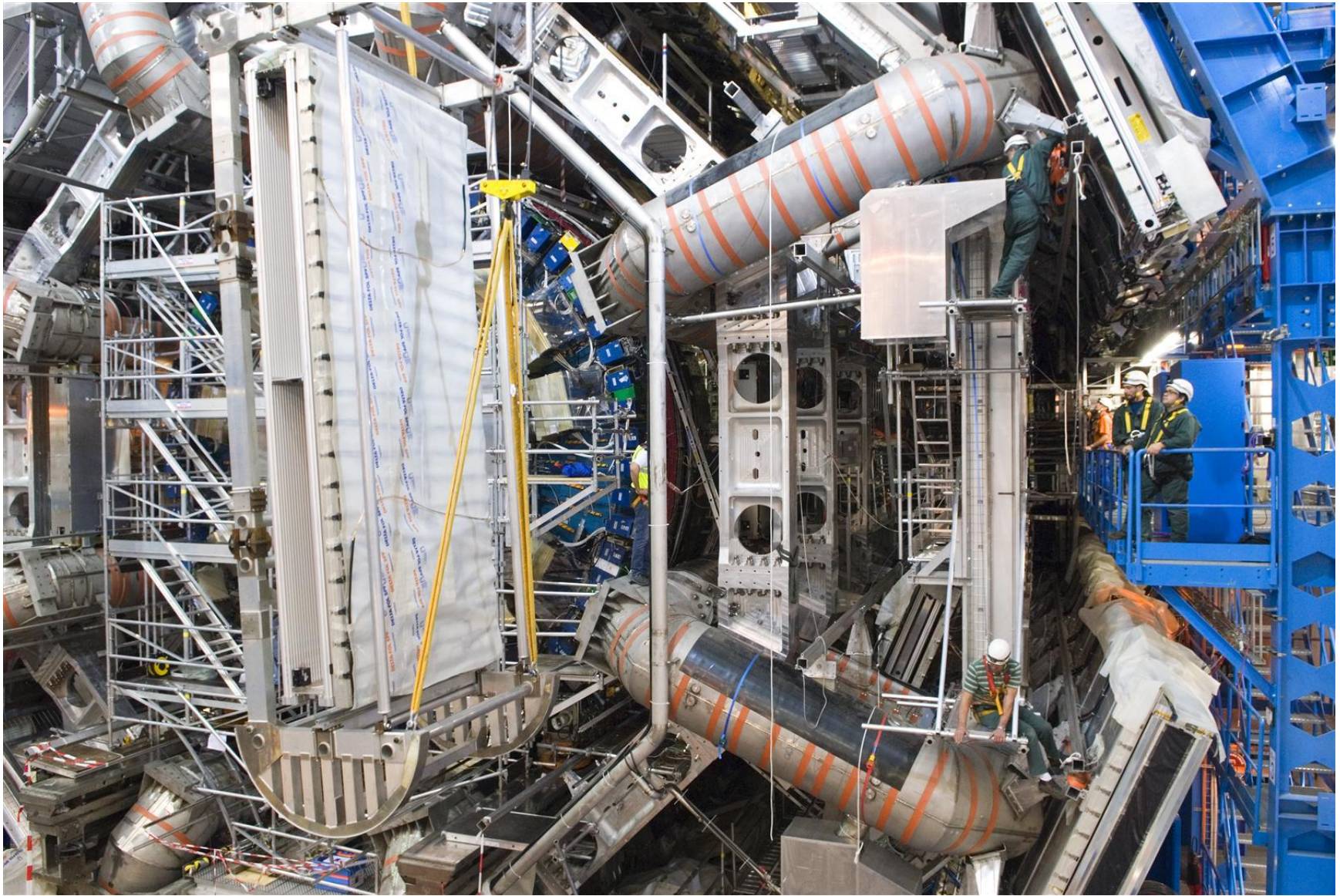
The Tile Calorimeter (Hadrons):



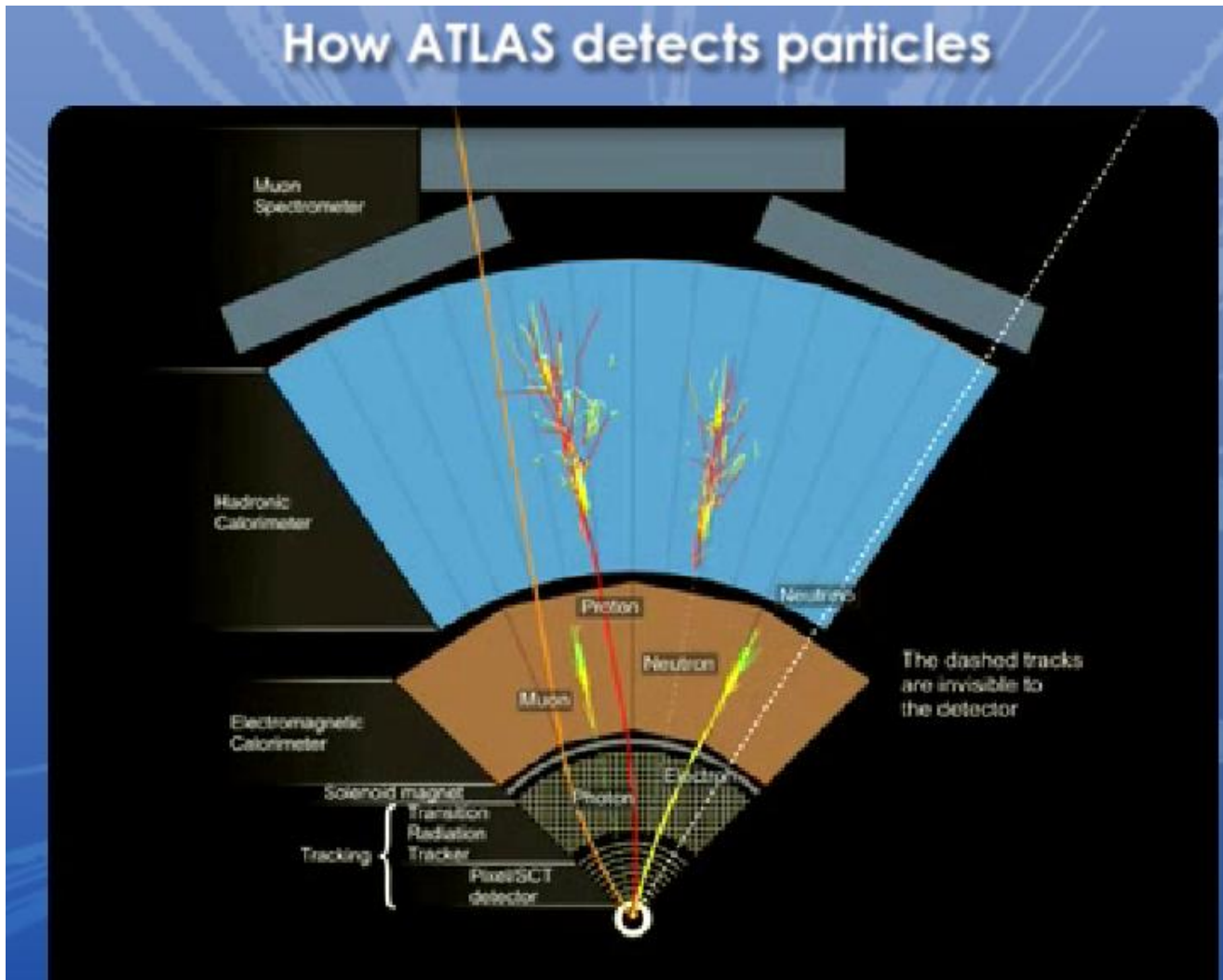


Muon System:





How ATLAS Works: [\(Video\)](#)



Part of the LHC at CERN:

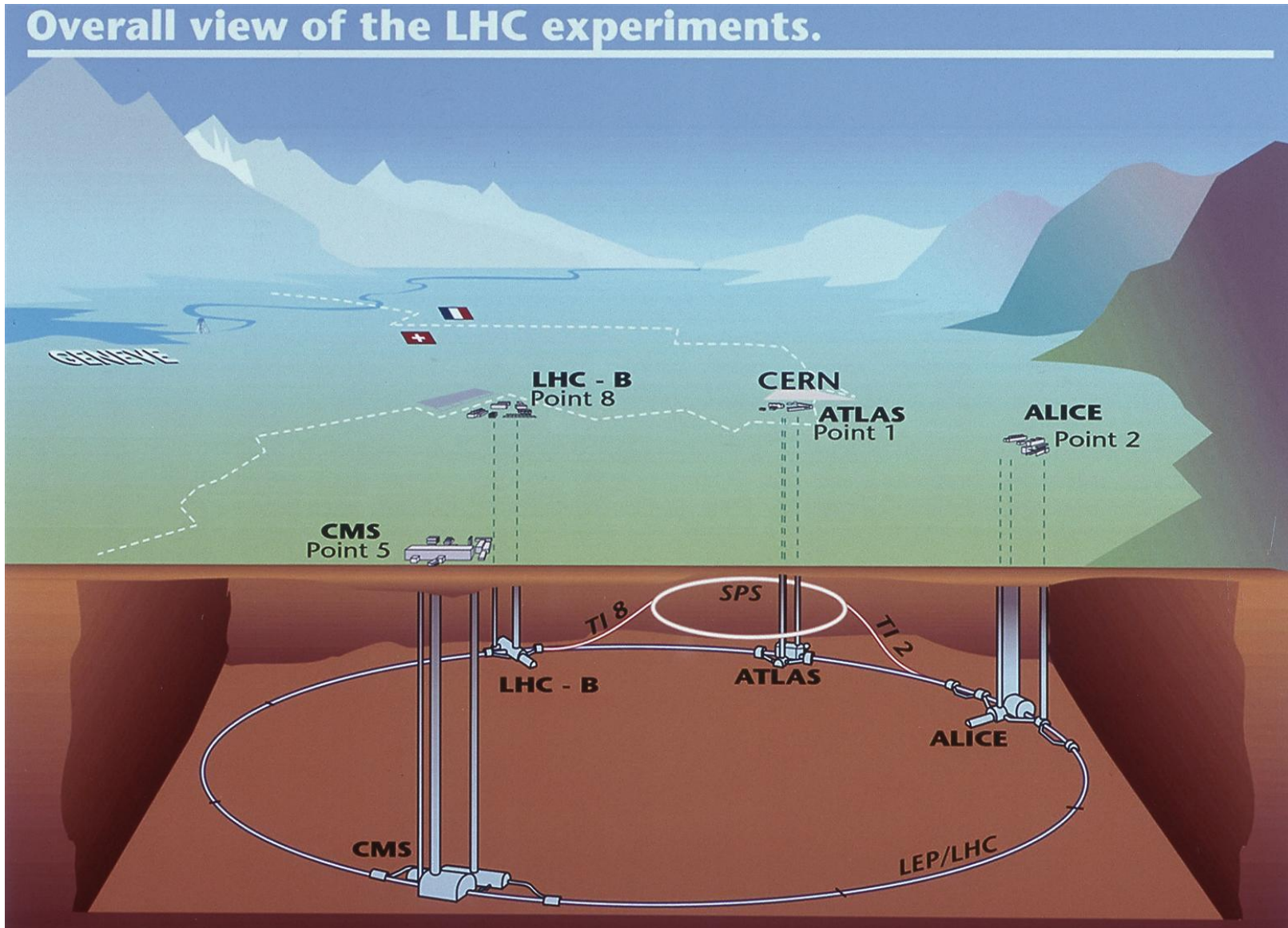


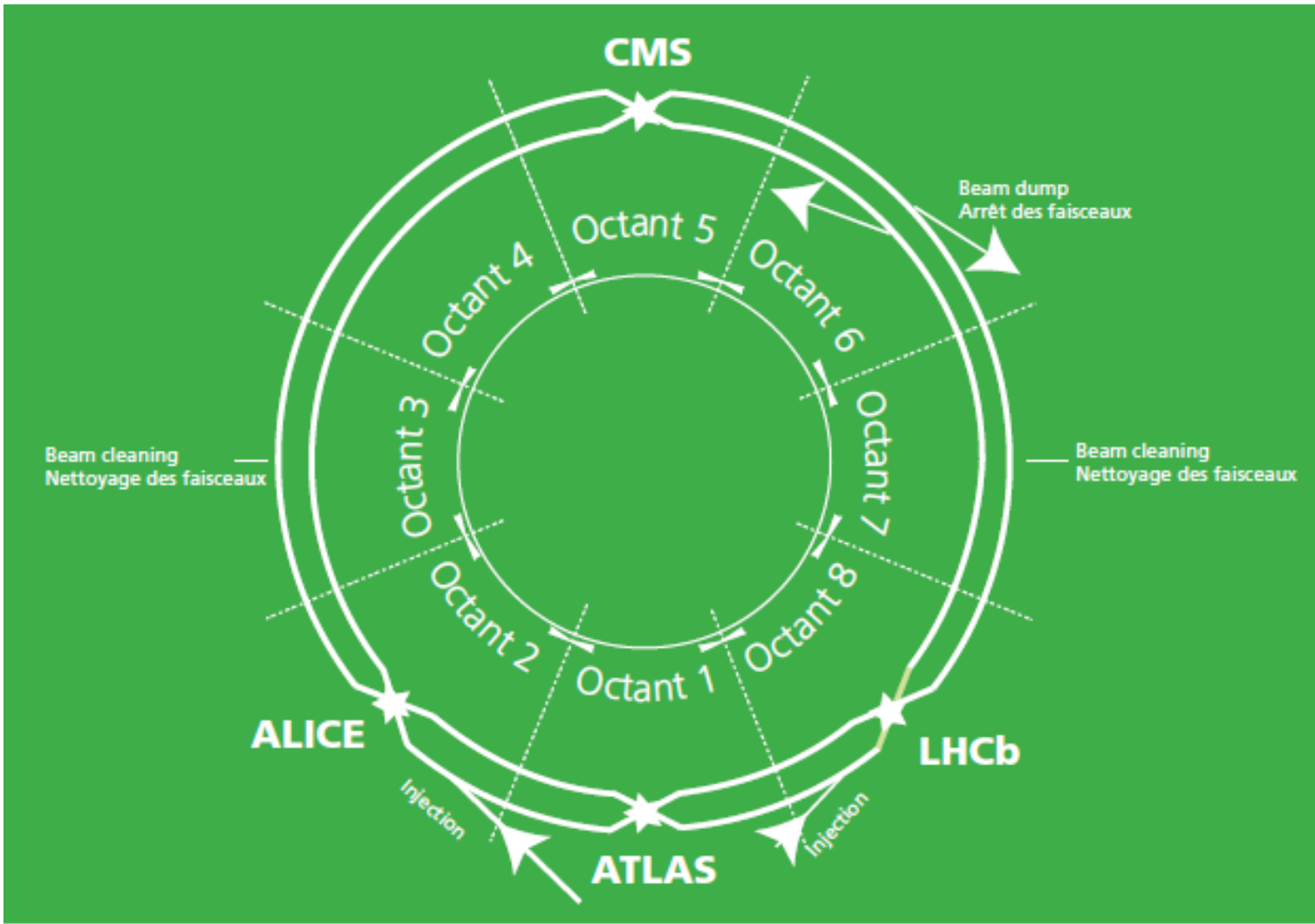
The following table lists the important parameters for the LHC.

Quantity	number
Circumference	26 659 m
Dipole operating temperature	1.9 K (-271.3°C)
Number of magnets	9593
Number of main dipoles	1232
Number of main quadrupoles	392
Number of RF cavities	8 per beam
Nominal energy, protons	7 TeV
Nominal energy, ions	2.76 TeV/u (*)
Peak magnetic dipole field	8.33 T
Min. distance between bunches	~7 m
Design luminosity	$10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
No. of bunches per proton beam	2808
No. of protons per bunch (at start)	1.1×10^{11}
Number of turns per second	11 245
Number of collisions per second	600 million

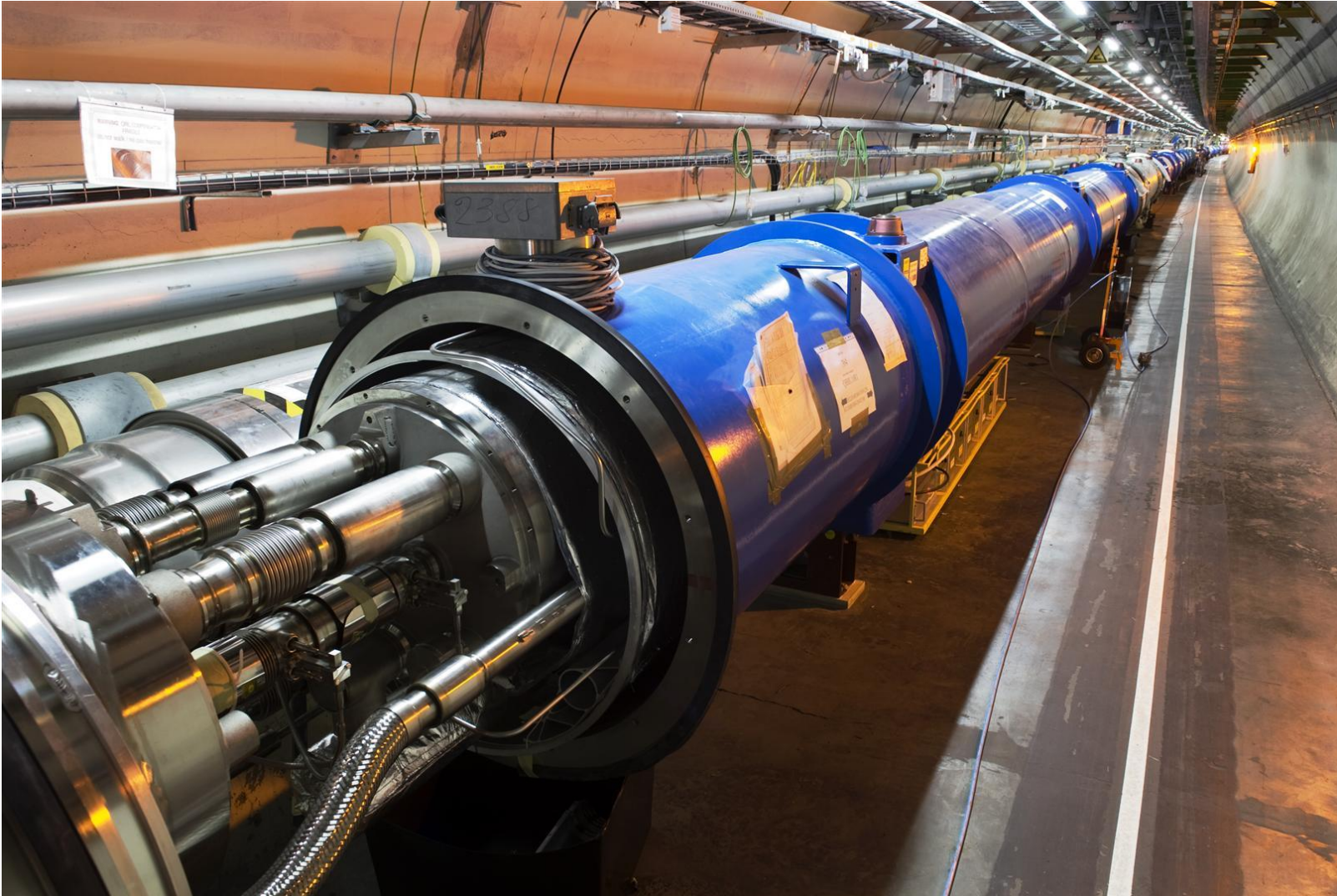
(*) Energy per nucleon

Centered at 100m (or so) below point 1:

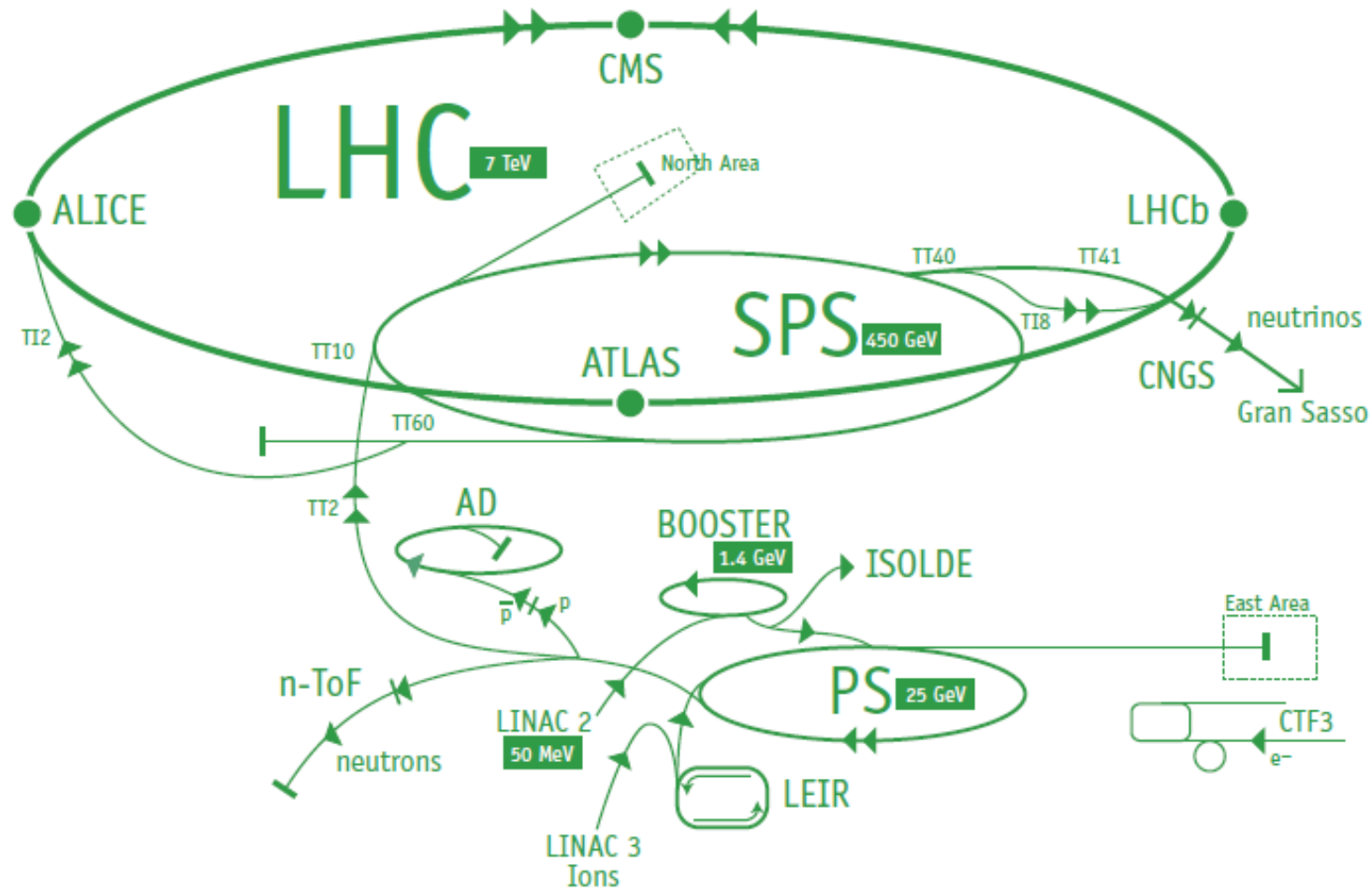




Inside the Tunnel:



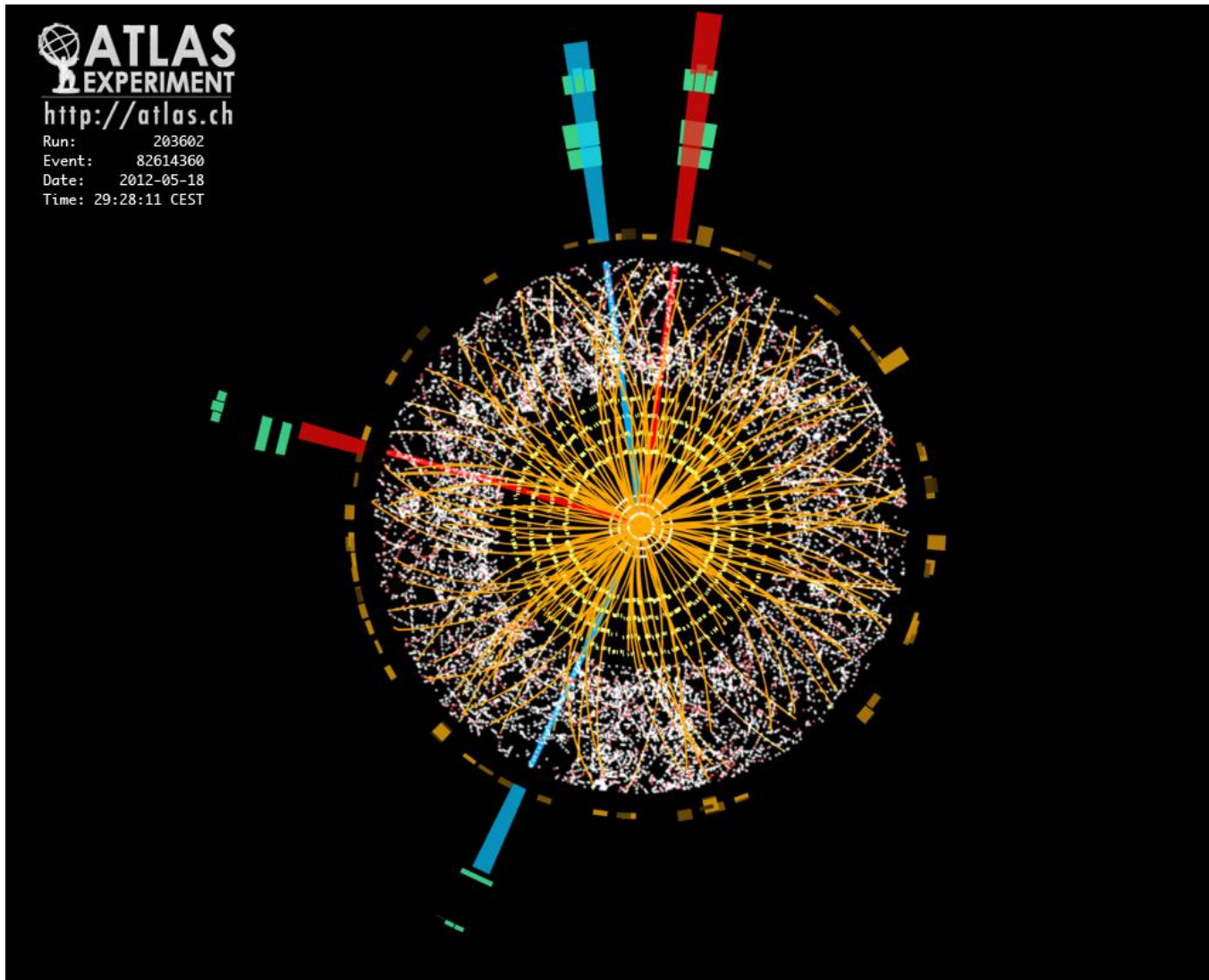
The Proton Stream:



ATLAS Control Room:

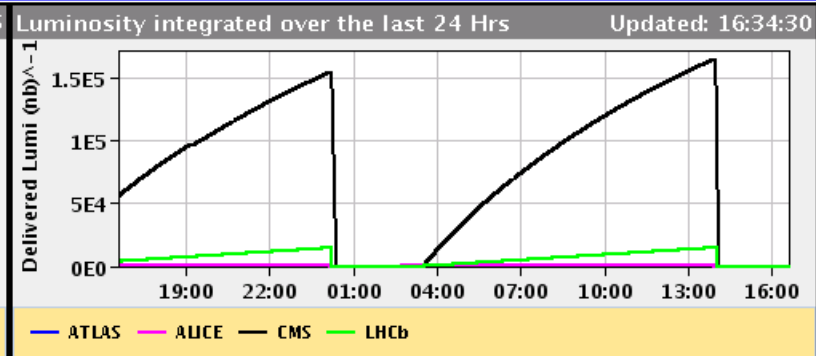
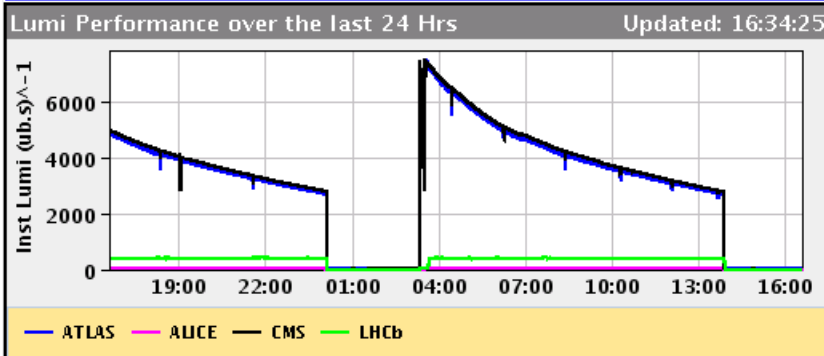


Event Display:



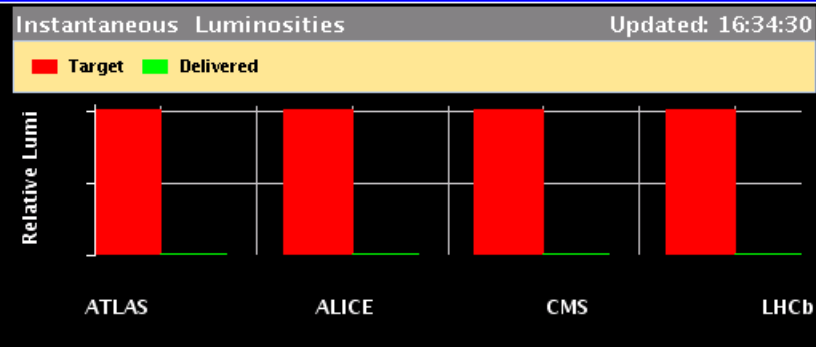
Monitoring the LCH: <http://www.atlas.ch>

14-Nov-2012 16:34:31 Fill #: 3287 Energy: 450 GeV I(B1): 0.00e+00 I(B2): 0.00e+00



INJECTION PROBE BEAM

	Luminosity [(ub.s) ⁻¹]	Fill Lumi (nb) ⁻¹
ATLAS	0.00	0.0
ALICE	0.00	0.0
CMS	0.00	0.0
LHCb	0.00	0.0



ALICE Target Instantaneous Lumi = 7.0 Hz/ub
 LHCb Target Instantaneous Lumi = 100.0 Hz/ub

Computing:



Computing Center:



Coding in Linux:

```
# for each ident
for i in $(cat dogo.list)
do
  echo $i
  mkdir -p ./output/${i}
  nohup nice bash -l ./dogo.sh $i &>\
    ./output/${i}/${i}.out&
done
```

Coding with root in C++ and/or python:

```
void dogo( TString ident="data11" ){
    TString param_file = "inputPars.dat";
    TString do_mc="true";
    if( ident.BeginsWith("data11") ){
        do_mc = "false";
        param_file = "data11Pars.dat";
    }
    TString output = "./output/"+ident;
    gSystem->Exec("mkdir -p "+output);
    TChain t("physics");
    Okla::build_file_list (
        output + "/input.txt",
        path + "user.teeba.*" + ident + "*"
    );
    Okla::add_files(t, output+"/input.txt");
    TString options = TString("")
        + " param_file=" + param_file
        + " identifier=" + ident //
        + " input_path=" //
        + " output_path=" + output //
        + " do_mc=" + do_mc
        ;
    TNtupleAnalyzer Analyzer;
    t.Process(&Analyzer,options);
}
```

Two quotations from the experimental papers presented in this publication:

"... The search for the Higgs boson, the only elementary particle in the Standard Model that has not yet been observed, is one of the highlights of the Large Hadron Collider physics program."

- ATLAS Collaboration

"... The decay to two photons indicates that the new particle is a boson with spin different from one. The results presented here are consistent, ... with expectations for a standard model Higgs boson."

- CMS Collaboration

Hi Chris,

Plan A:

Collaboration with Dilip Kumar jana: (Summer 2011 to Present)

H-**→WW-→lvqq**

Bonus work with H-→WW-→lvlv

Plan A: Take the analysis code from the H-→WW-→lvlv group and modify it to work with lvqq.

Use MC samples where available, and estimate the QCD from the data using the matrix method.

Generate a limit plot to exclude the Higgs in the mass range 200-600 GeV

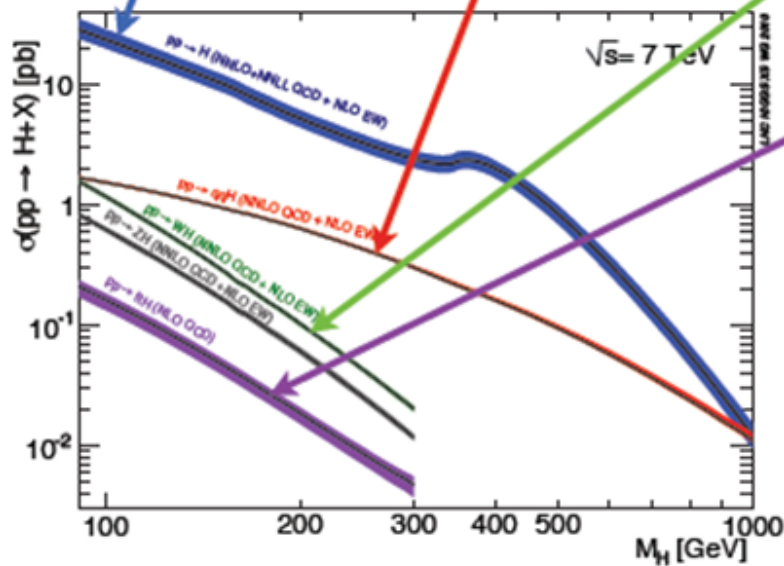
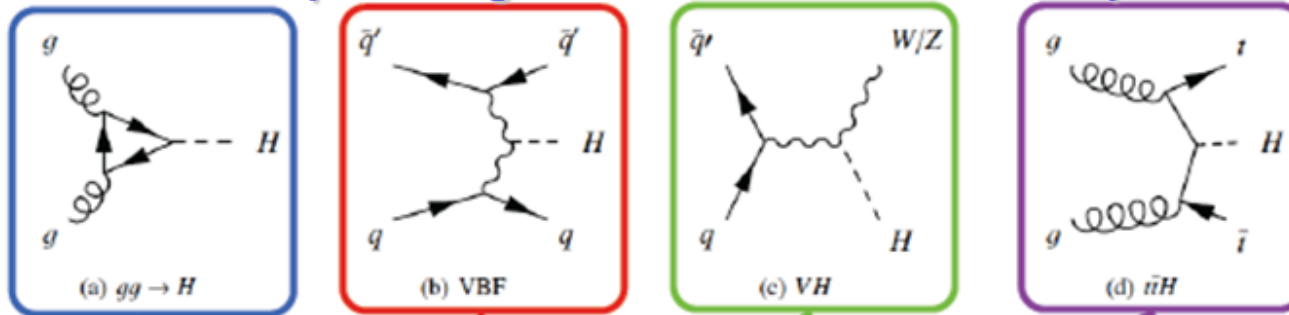
Plan B: Discover the high mass Higgs

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SM Higgs production at the LHC

Gluons hold quarks together in hadrons such as the proton



- At $\sqrt{s} = 8 \text{ TeV}$ cross section 25-30% higher than at 7 TeV at low masses
- VBF, VH and $t\bar{t}H$ have smaller cross section but better S/B

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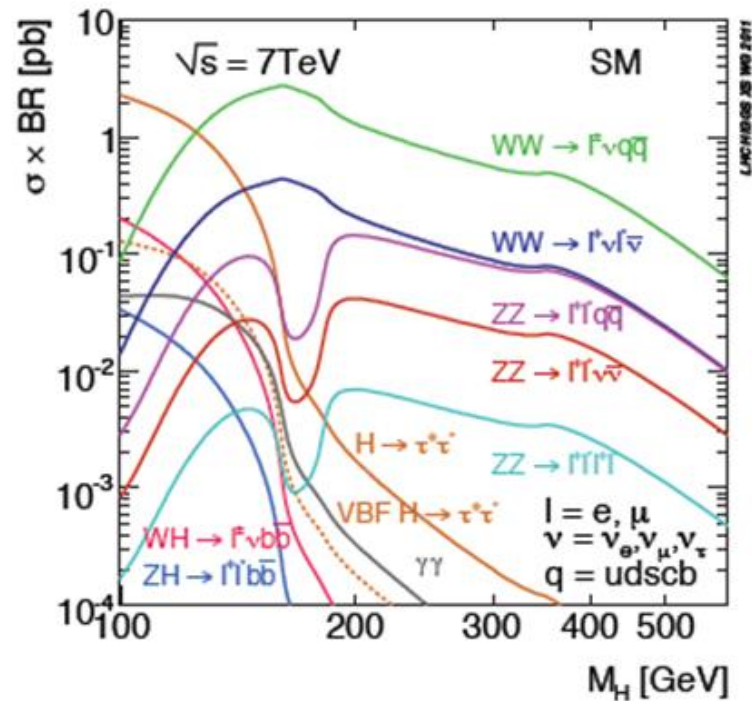


Higgs decays

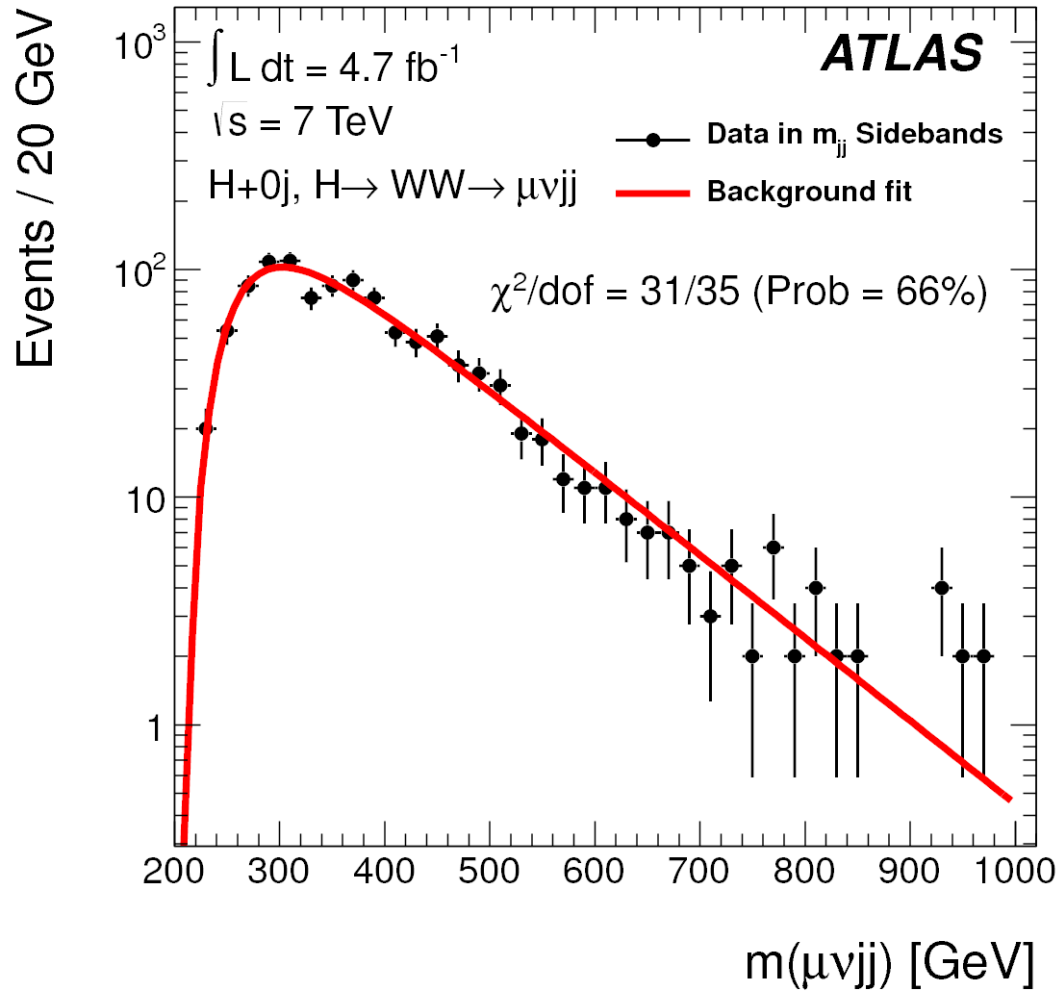
- ◆ 5 decay modes studied:
 - ◆ High masses: **ZZ, WW**
 - ◆ Low masses: **bb, $\tau\tau$, $\gamma\gamma$, WW, ZZ**

- ◆ low mass especially challenging due to huge backgrounds (esp. $bb, \tau\tau$)

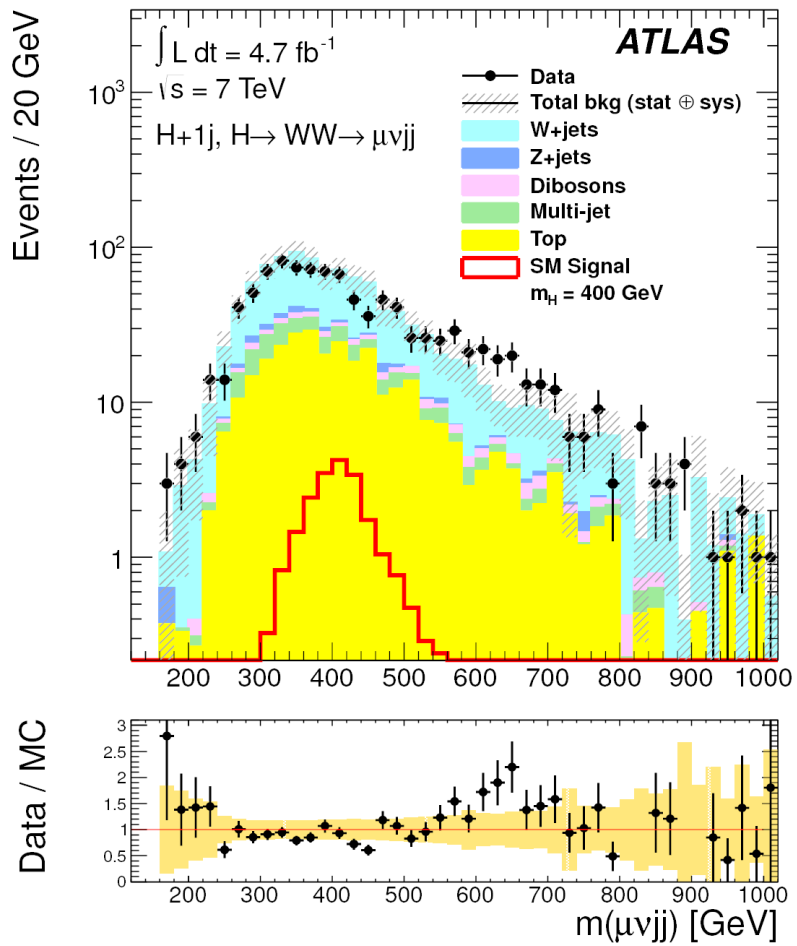
- ◆ best **mass resolution** (1-2%):
 - ◆ $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \mu\mu$



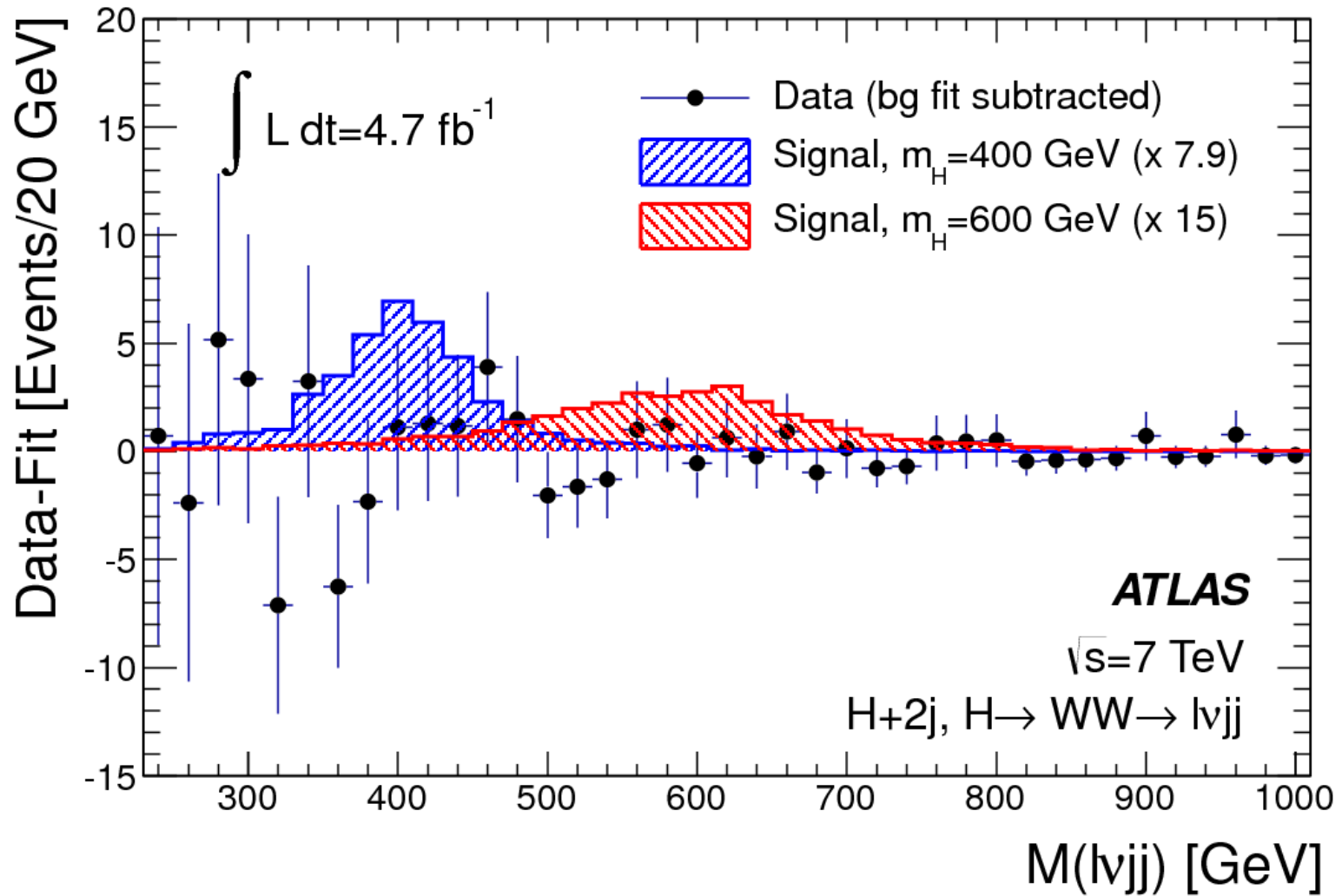
H->WW->lvqq: fits



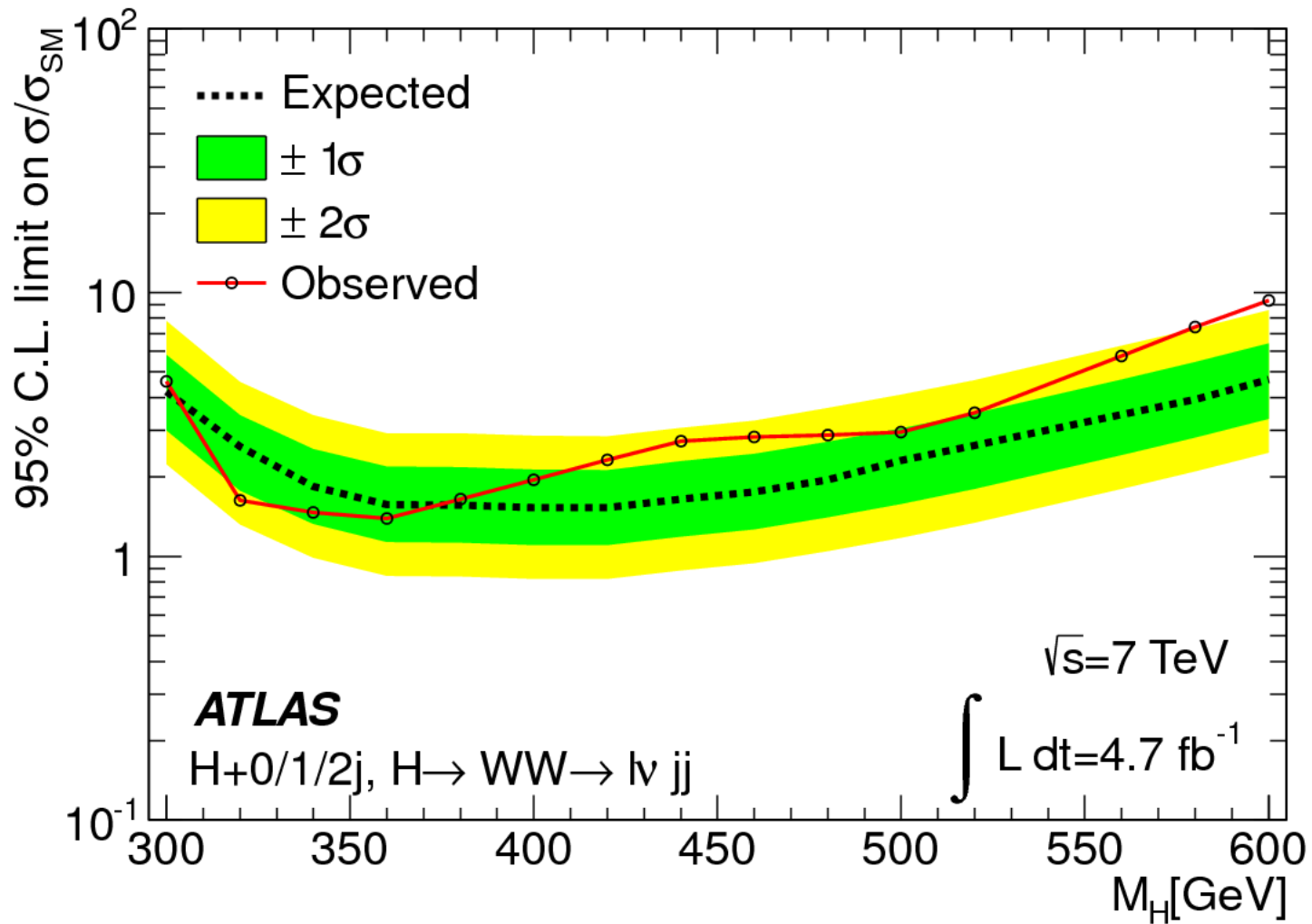
H->WW->lvqq MC background and signal vs. data comparisons:



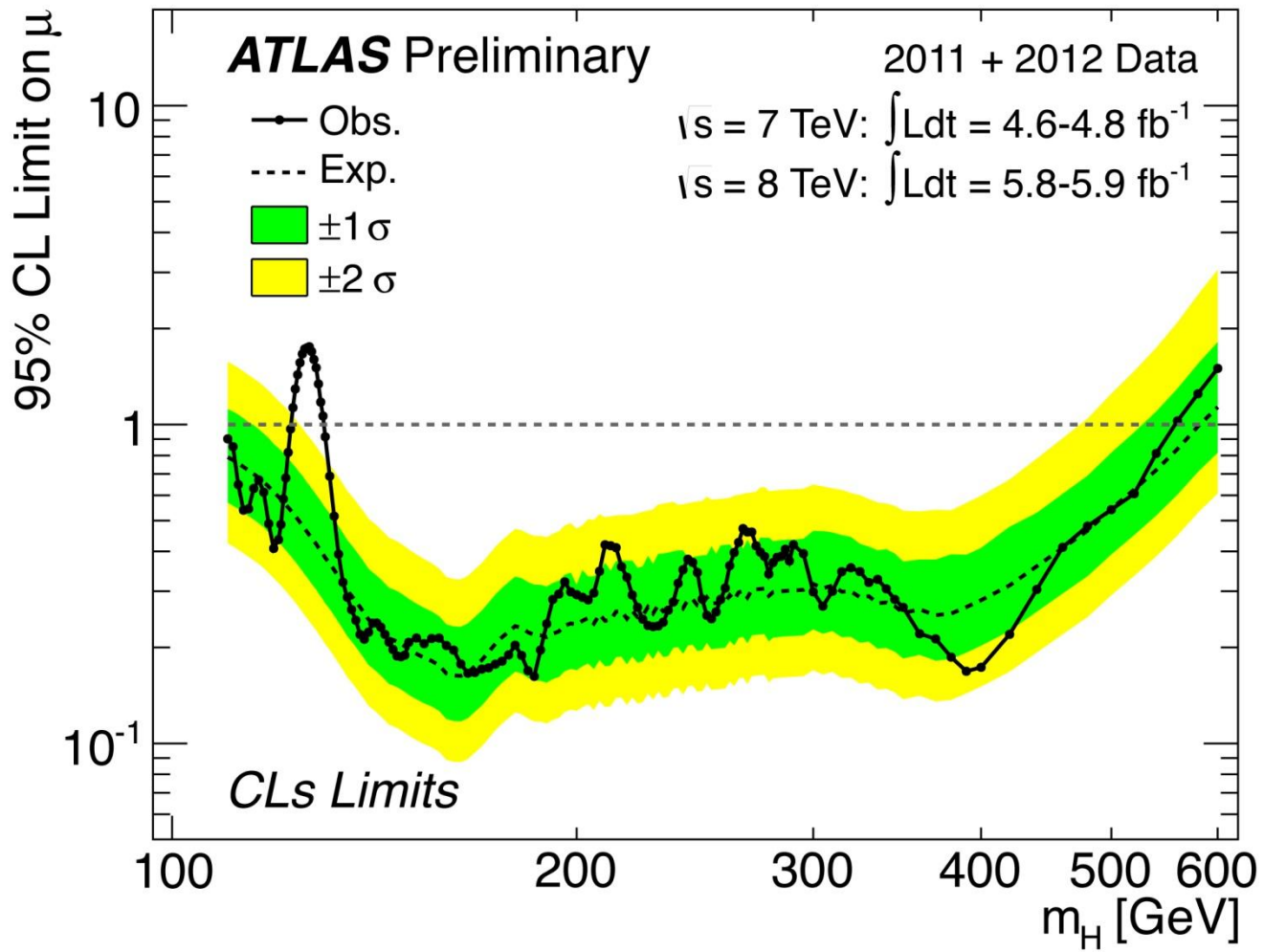
H->WW->lvqq: Difference compared to signal MC



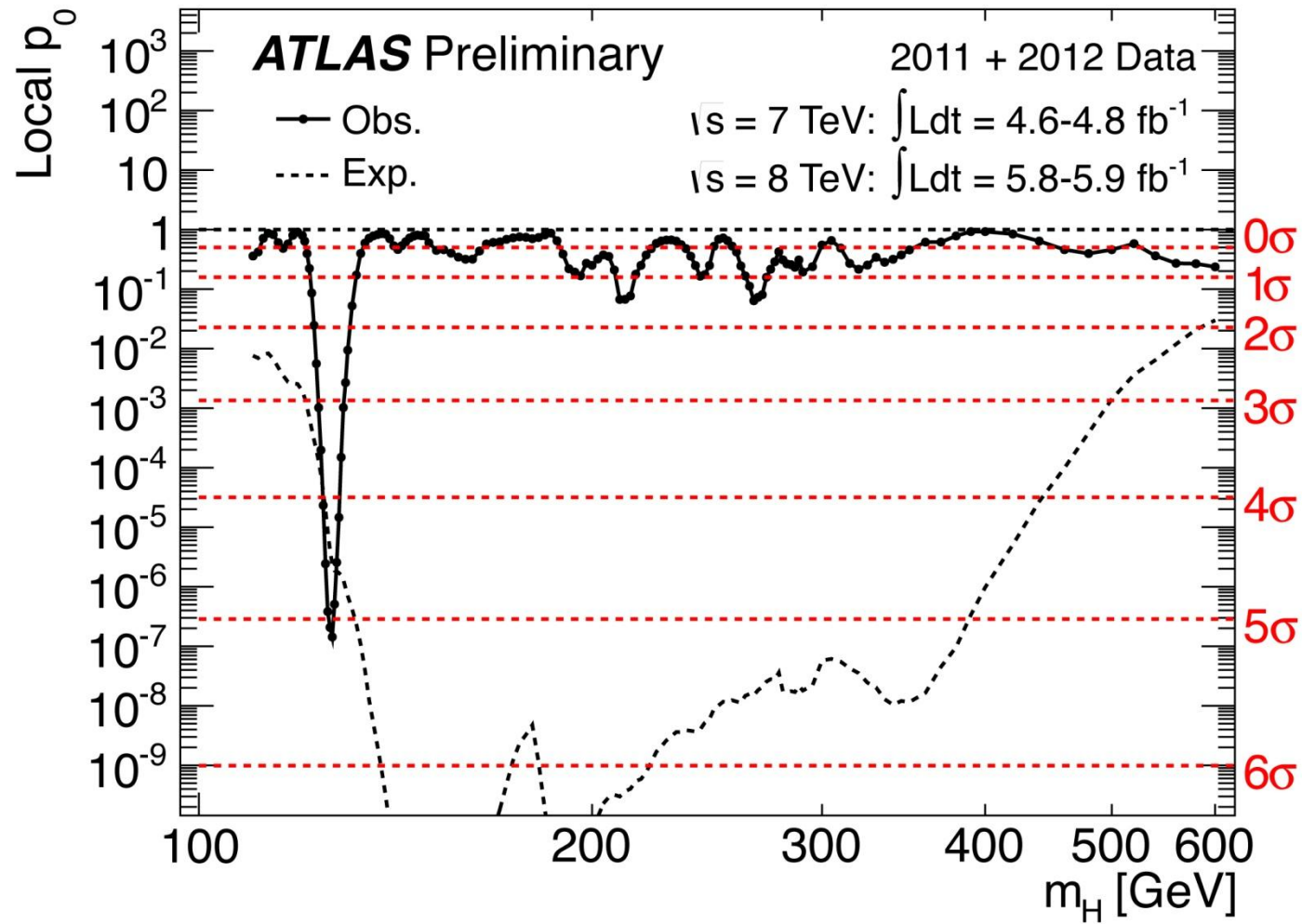
H->WW->lvqq: Confidence Limit



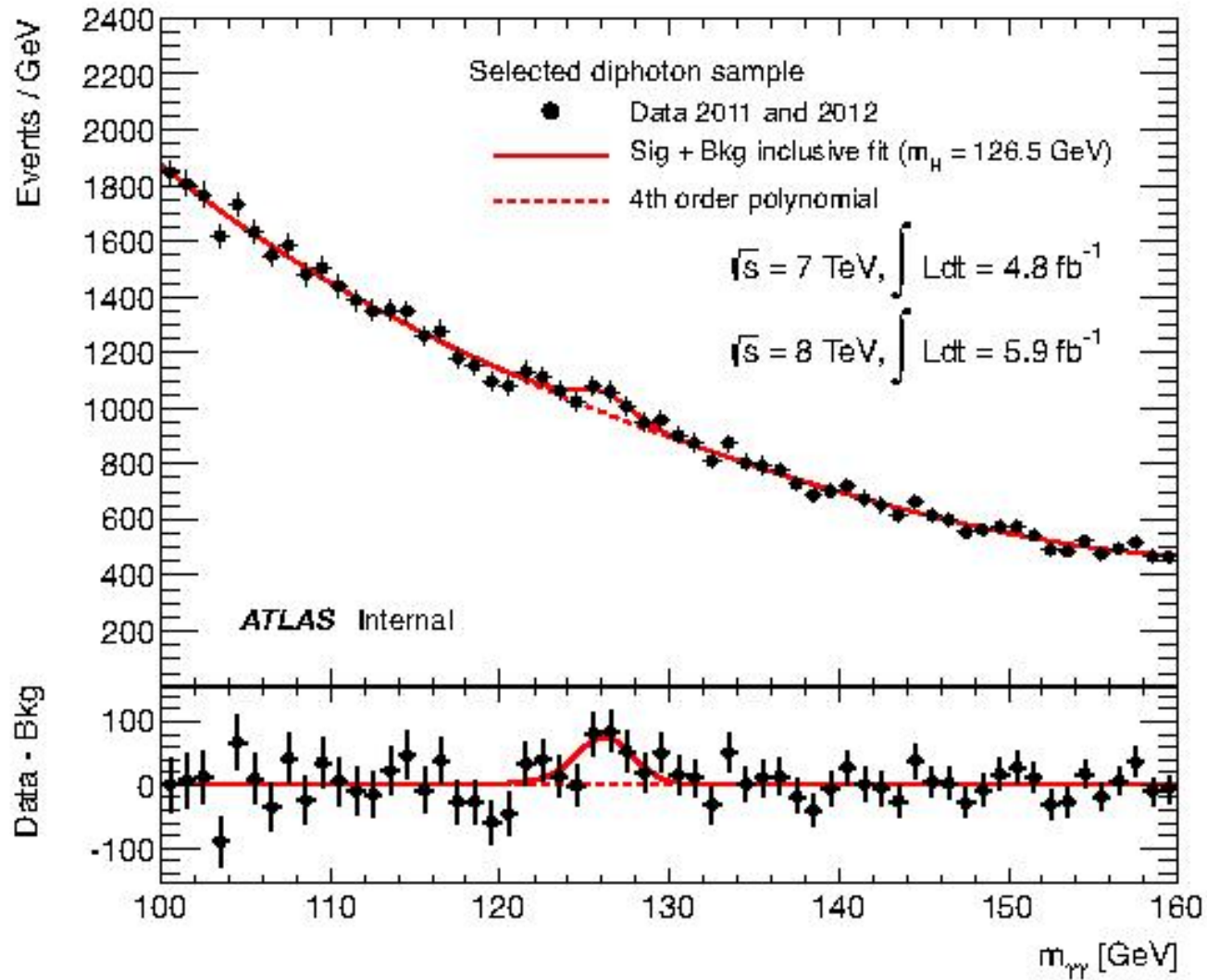
“Higgs-Like” Discovery: CL



“Higgs-Like” Discovery: sigma



“Higgs-Like” Discovery: perspective





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Congratulations to both
Atlas and CMS Collaborations
and to the builders of the LHC
on a magnificent achievement!

Peter Higgs

30 August 2012

Hi Chris,

It was a pleasure to work with you on Higgs
Searches. Thank you.

Dhruv Kumar

“Higgs-Like” Discovery: Announcement



New Beginning: All Smiles



Back to Work:



Shed some light upon and measure the properties of this new Discovery!

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H->WW->lvjj Higgs results [10.1016/j.physletb.2012.10.066](https://arxiv.org/abs/10.1016/j.physletb.2012.10.066)

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