



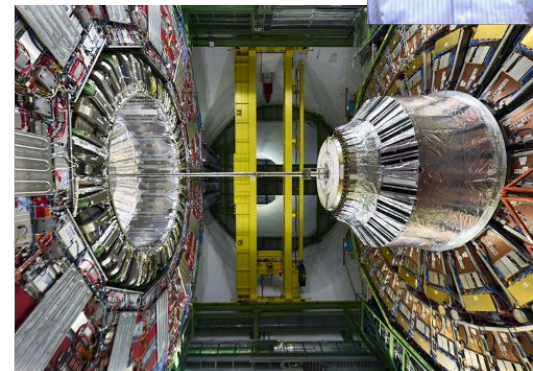
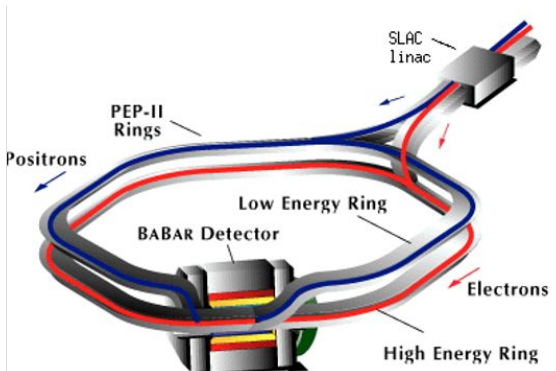
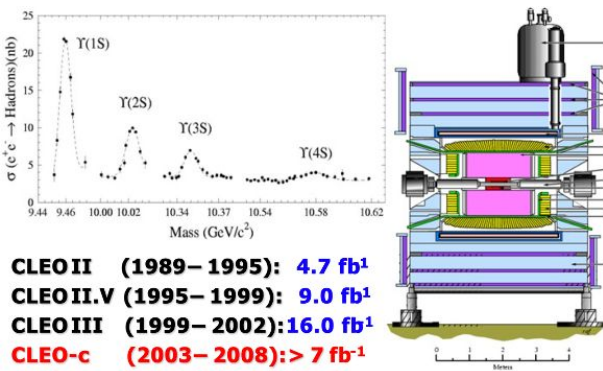
What Enables Research in Experimental Particle Physics?

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Introductions.... Who am I?



CLEO-II(.5) @ Cornell

- Silicon detector calibration + operations
- Form-factor analysis in semileptonic decays
- Event generators

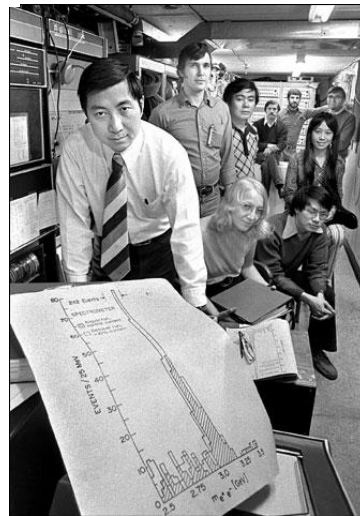
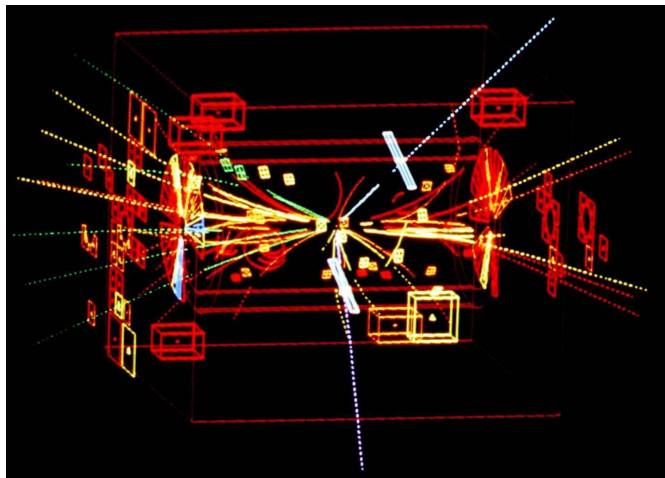
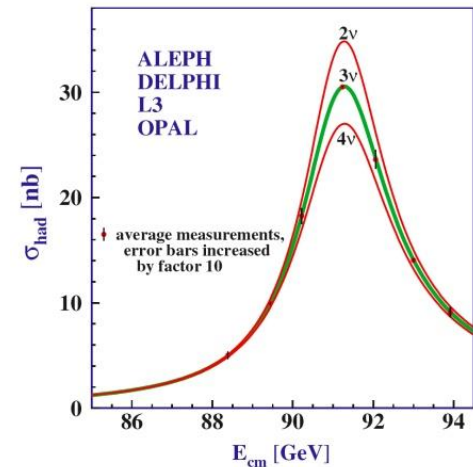
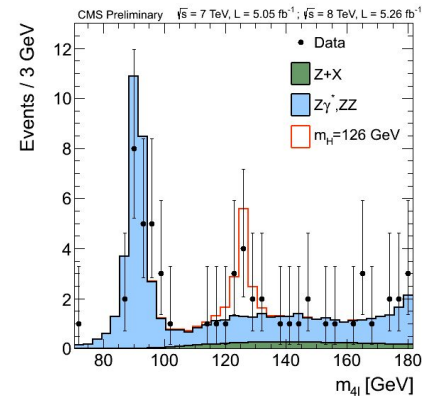
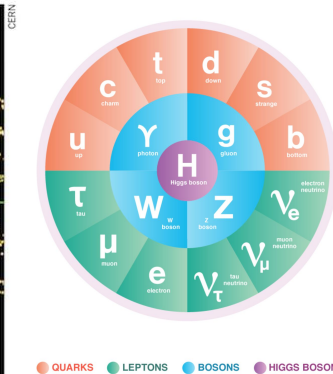
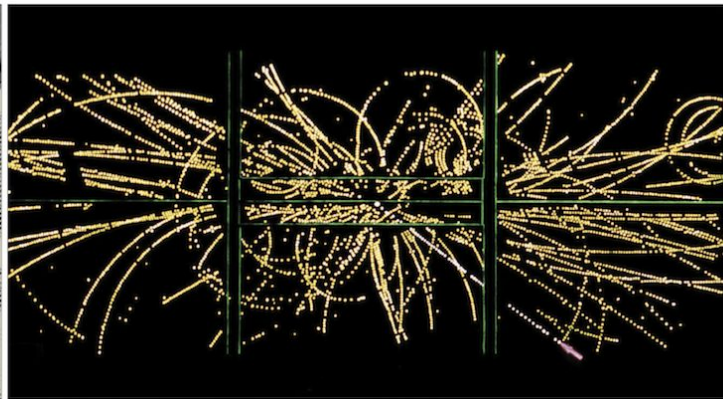
BaBar@SLAC

- CP violation analysis
- RPC detector operations + software
- Event generators (“EvtGen”)
- Event reconstruction software

CMS@CERN

- Event reconstruction software
- Simulation techniques
- Computing resource projections
- IRIS-HEP

Experimental Development of the Standard Model

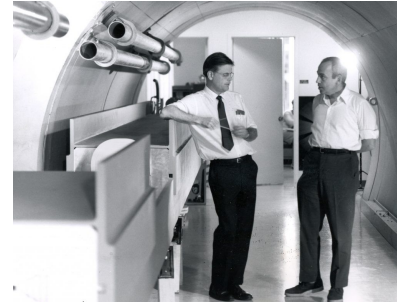


**How did we get here?
(As experimentalists)**

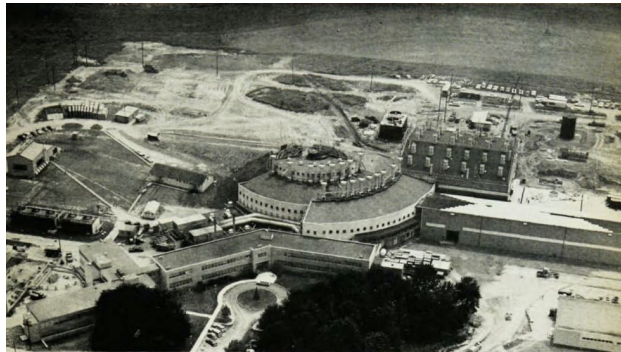
Big Science and Accelerators - larger and larger facilities



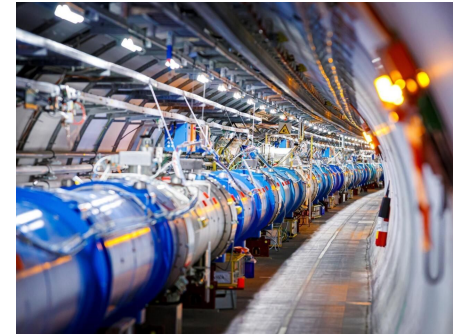
E.O. Lawrence and the cyclotron
at U.C. Berkeley



The birth of the “National Accelerator
Laboratory” in the US (now Fermilab)

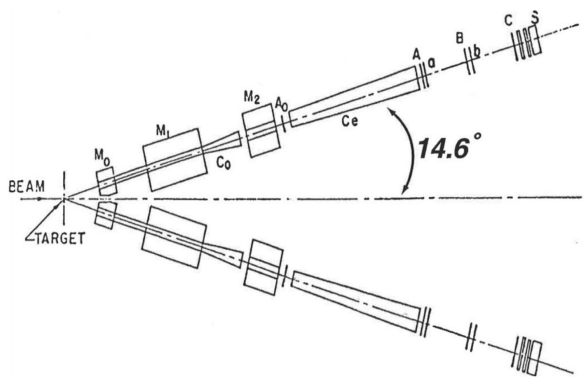
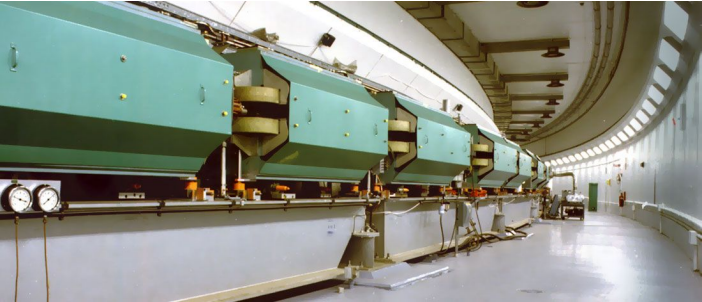


The Princeton-Pennsylvania Accelerator,
Milton White 1964 Physics Today 17(8): 27

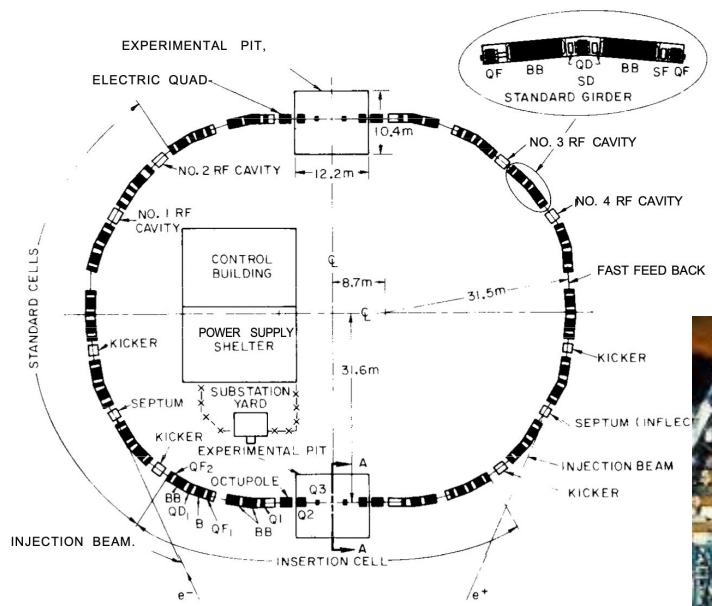


The Large Hadron Collider and
CERN first as a European laboratory
and then as a “world laboratory”

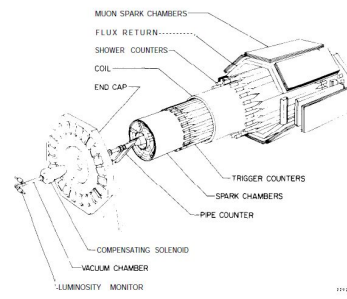
AGS at BNL delivering protons on a fixed target



Spear e+e- collider at SLAC and Mark 1 detector

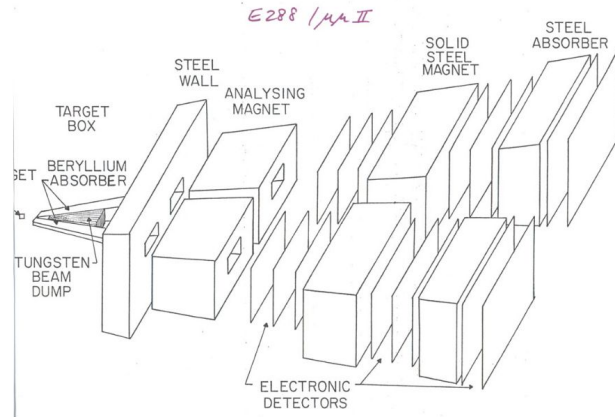


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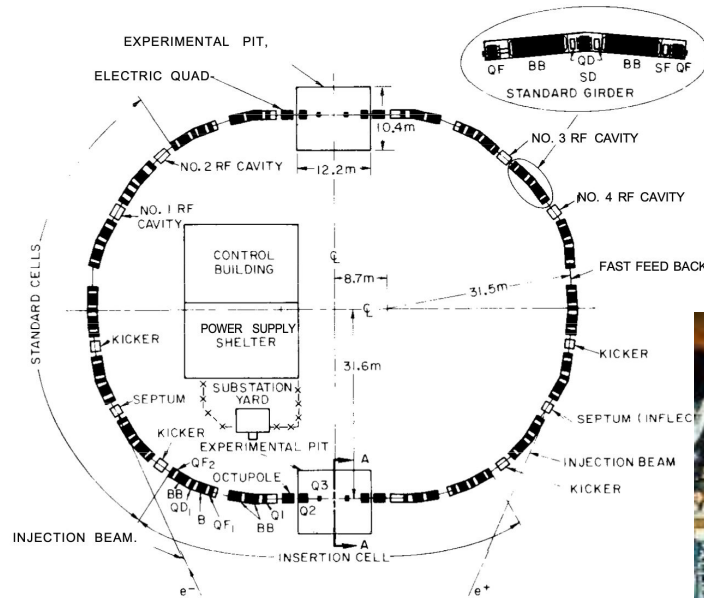


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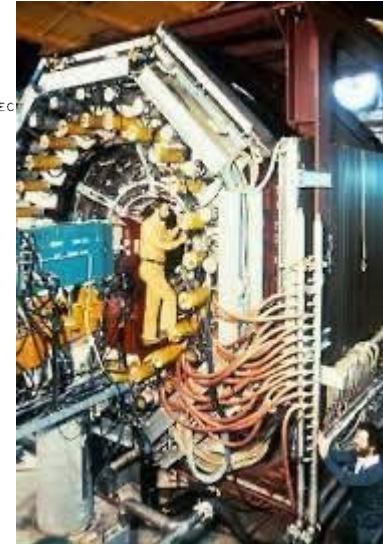
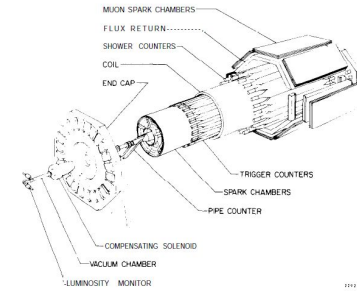
Protons at FNAL on a Uranium fixed target



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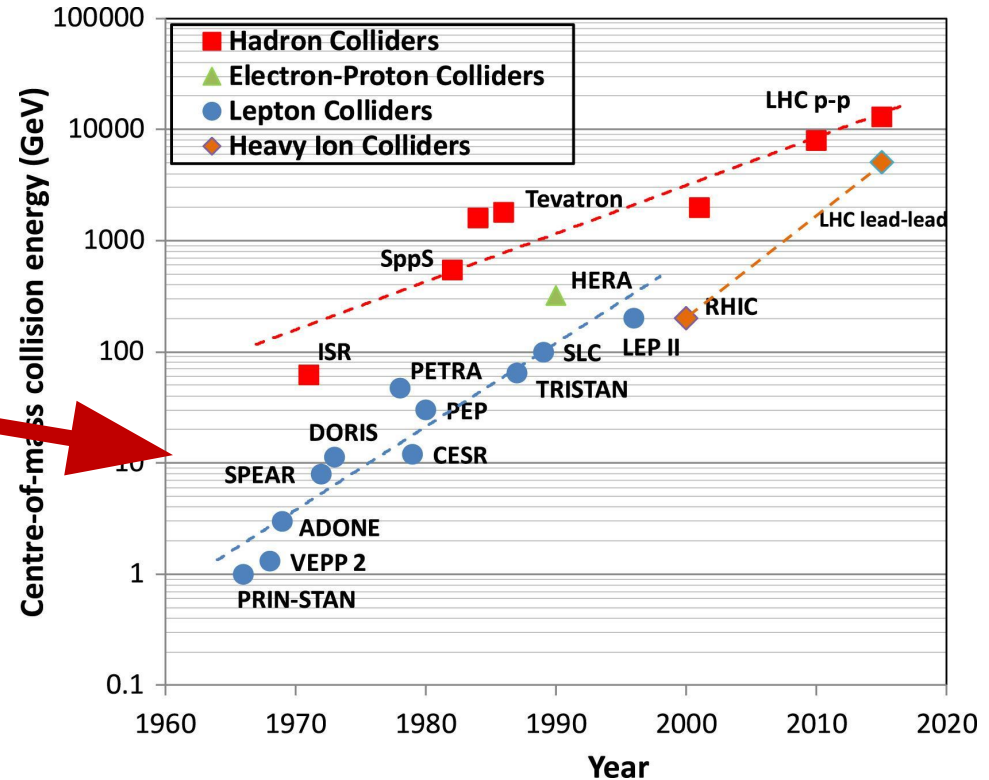
1. Schematic of the SPEAR storage ring.



**Bottom and Tau discoveries
in 1977 and 1975**

High Energy Physics is a facilities driven science

Symposium on the 50th Anniversary
of the November Revolution



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Tools $\longleftrightarrow$ Discoveries

1895 - Roentgen discovers x-rays using cathode ray tubes



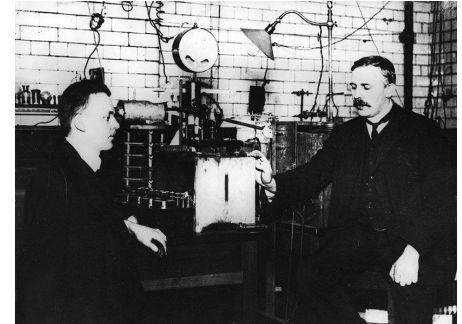
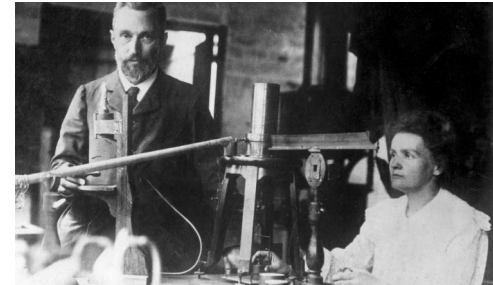
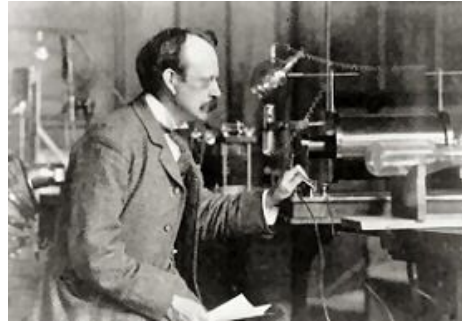
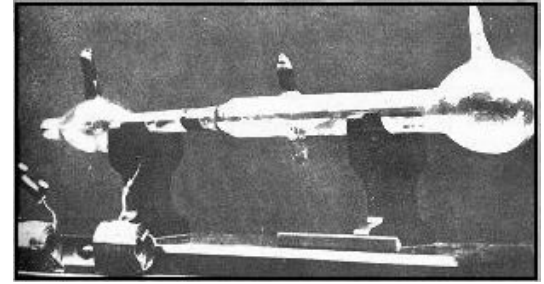
1896 - Becquerel accidentally discovers radioactivity in uranium, trying to explain x-rays



1898+ - Marie and Pierre Curie discover and explore radioactivity in other elements (polonium, thorium, radium)



1911 - Rutherford, Geiger, Marsden use radioactivity to explore atomic structure and discover the nucleus

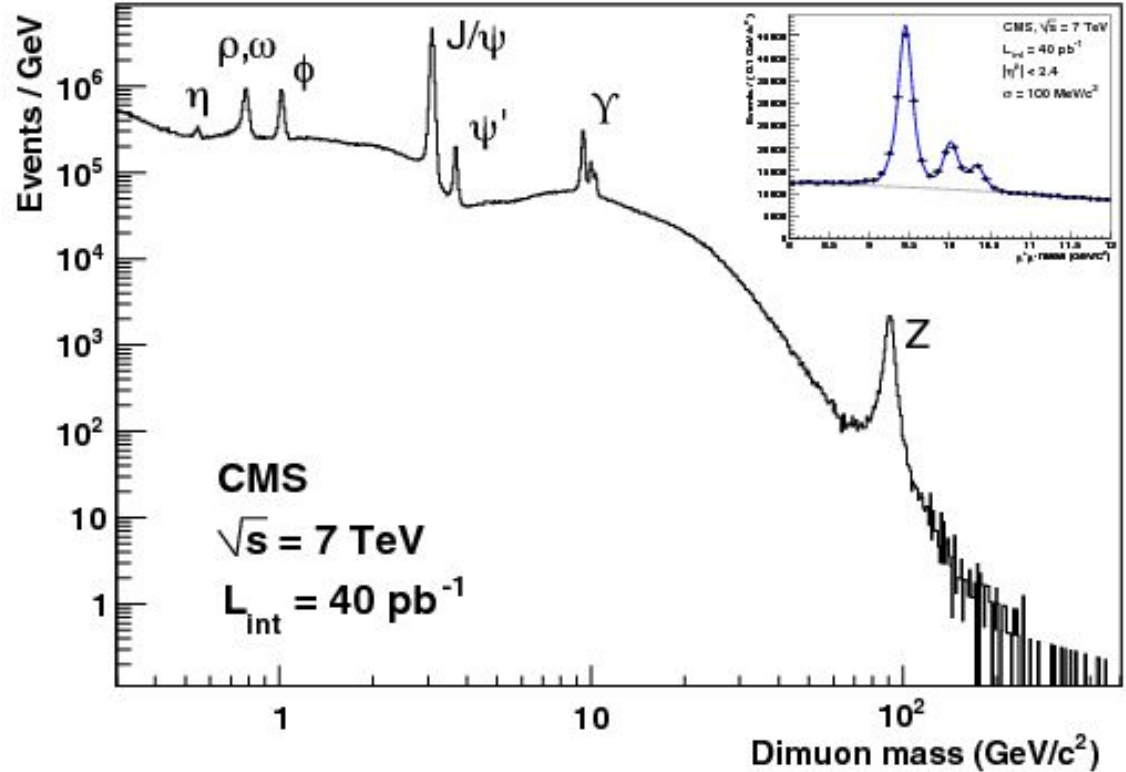


Evolution in particle physics

Discovery of a particle leads to Nobel prize and full exploration of the properties of the particle.

On later experiments the particle is used for calibration or as a tool itself (e.g. in a beam).

On yet later experiments the particle may become a background.



"New directions in science are launched by new tools much more often than by new concepts. The effect of a concept-driven revolution is to explain old things in new ways. The effect of a tool-driven revolution is to discover new things that have to be explained." - *Freeman Dyson*



Physics Nobel Prizes → Tools open doors to new research avenues

- **2024** (Hopfield, Hinton) - foundational discoveries and inventions that enable machine learning with artificial neural networks
- **2023** (Agostini, Krausz, L'Huillier) - development of experimental methods that generate attosecond pulses of light for the study of electron dynamics in matter
- **2018** (Ashkin) - invention of optical tweezers and their application to biological systems
- **2018** (Mourou, Strickland) - invention of a method of generating high-intensity ultra-short optical pulses
- **2014** (Isamu, Hiroshi, Nakamura) - invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes, which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources
- **2012** (Haroche, Winelar) - development of methods that enable measuring and manipulation of individual quantum systems
- **2009** (Boyle, Smith) - invention of the CCD sensor, an imaging semiconductor circuit
- **2009** (Kao) - achievements concerning the transmission of light in fibres for optical communication
- **2005** (Glauber) - contributions to the field of optics
- **2005** (Hall, Hänsch) - contributions to the development of laser spectroscopy
- **2000** (Kilby) - development of the integrated circuit (microchip)
- **2000** (Alferov, Kroemer) - development of fast semiconductors for use in microelectronics
- **1997** (Chu, Cohen-Tannoudji, Phillips) - process of trapping atoms with laser cooling
- **1992** (Charpak) - invention of a detector that traces subatomic particles
- **1989** (Dehmelt, Paul) - development of methods to isolate atoms and subatomic particles for study
- **1989** (Ramsey) - development of the atomic clock

Experimental Observation of a Heavy Particle $J^\dagger$

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We report the observation of a heavy particle J , with mass $m = 3.1$ GeV and width approximately zero. The observation was made from the reaction $p + \text{Be} \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + x$ by measuring the e^+e^- mass spectrum with a precise pair spectrometer at the Brookhaven National Laboratory's 30-GeV alternating-gradient synchrotron.

Discovery of a Narrow Resonance in $e^+ e^-$ Annihilation*

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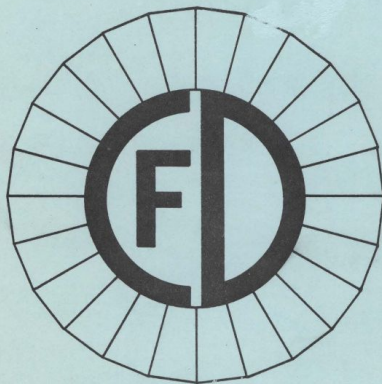
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We have observed a very sharp peak in the cross section for $e^+ e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$, $e^+ e^-$, and possibly $\mu^+ \mu^-$ at a center-of-mass energy of 3.105 ± 0.003 GeV. The upper limit to the full width at half-maximum is 1.3 MeV.

DESIGN REPORT
FOR THE
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8. High level computer complex: These computers run the whole system. The complex will contain one or more powerful 32-bit processors together with additional CPU's to act as front ends. Its jobs include data logging onto magnetic tape, overall performance monitoring, overall system control, event analysis, event display, data base management, etc.

As many as possible of these components will be assembled from commercially available CPUs and standard software so that our limited resources can be focused on the pieces of the problem that cannot be solved with commercially available equipment.

9.3 SETTLED ISSUES

Several important decisions have already been made about the implementation of certain pieces of the data acquisition system. These are:

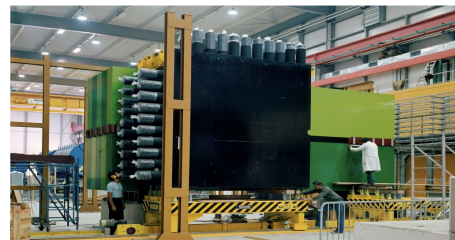
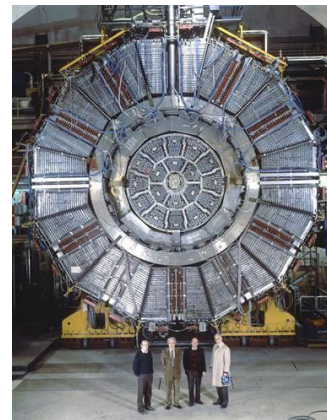
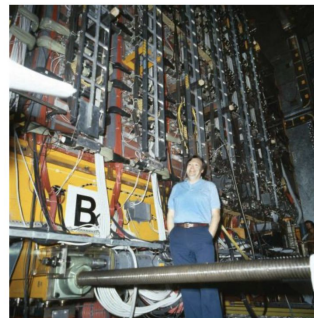
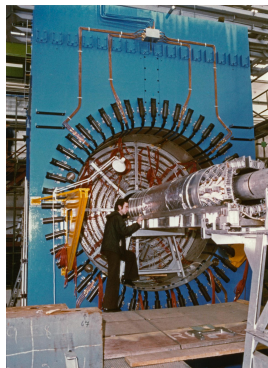
1. VAX: The high level CPU will be a VAX.
2. FASTBUS: The various processors in the system will be linked via the FASTBUS, and most data transfers in the system will be block transfers from one FASTBUS memory to another.
3. Front End Modules: There is an overall requirement on the Front-End Modules that they deliver their data into FASTBUS memories within 0.5-1.0 milliseconds.

CDF CDR

And there was a similar evolution towards collider detectors, larger (international) collaborations at PETRA with 4 fixed experiments, UA1 and UA2 at the SppS, at LEP with 4 fixed experiments. And also non-collider collaborations such as EMC were building long running (evolving) facilities.

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UA1 experiment approved





Technical Design Report

The *BaBar* Collaboration

March, 1995

March, 1995

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Computing

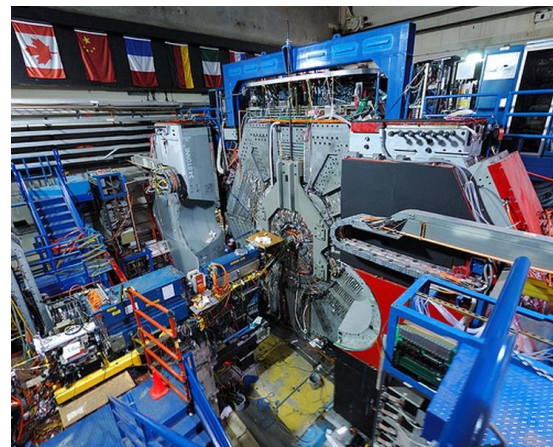
There are a number of computing challenges for the proposed *BaBar* detector. The data rates are high for an e^+e^- collider, and there is a large quantity of useful data which must be stored and analyzed. Convenient interactive access must be available for the efficient extraction of physics results. In addition, the wide geographical distribution of the collaboration implies significant issues for remote access to the data and code, collaboration communication, and for remote computing.

The *BaBar* Computing System, as defined here, includes several aspects: (1) the online data acquisition, control, and monitoring hardware and software; (2) the offline computing hardware—CPUs (“farm” and desktop), storage, X servers, and networking—whether local to SLAC or at remote locations; (3) the software environment in which the computing work is done; and (4) the code itself used by the collaboration. All of these are important items for *BaBar* computing, although parts of these, including most of (2), are properly considered institutional infrastructure.

The next section reviews the computing requirements, and Section 11.2 gives an overview of the proposed computing system. Following these are more detailed discussions of the computing model, software environment, online system, reconstruction and analysis framework, computing support plan, integration issues, system responsibilities and management, and cost and schedule.

11.1 Requirements

In this section, the basic computing requirements for *BaBar* are summarized. These are divided into operational requirements and technical requirements. Operational requirements are broad capabilities that must be present in order for the system to respond adequately to the environment within which it must operate. Technical requirements are specific capabilities that the system must exhibit in order to meet the operational requirements, for example, the CPU power and bandwidth. Estimates are given for the early years of the experiment. It is recognized that the requirements may increase as the experiment progresses; hence, a general further requirement exists that the system be scalable to meet future needs.

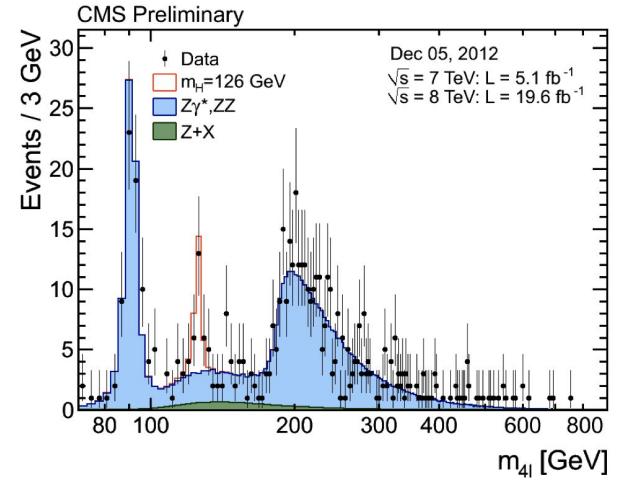
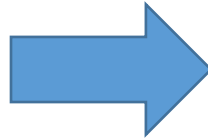
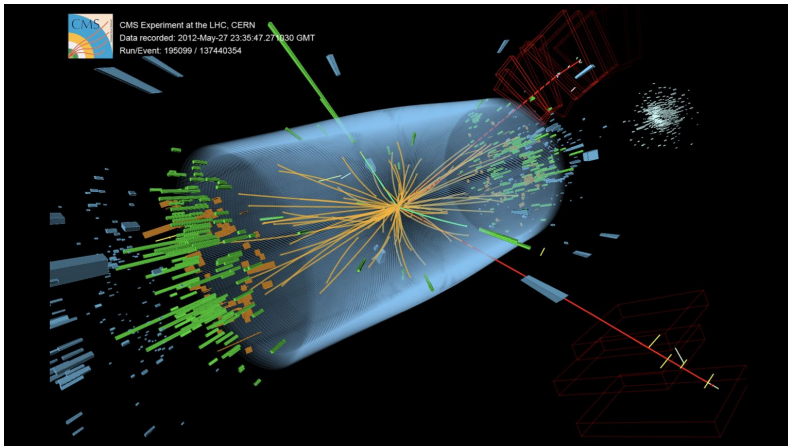


50 pages on Computing



CMS has ~4300 Scientists, Engineers and technicians
(including 800 PhD students) from 41 Countries and 179 institutes

Just as with facilities, HEP scientists rely on large computing infrastructures to do their science



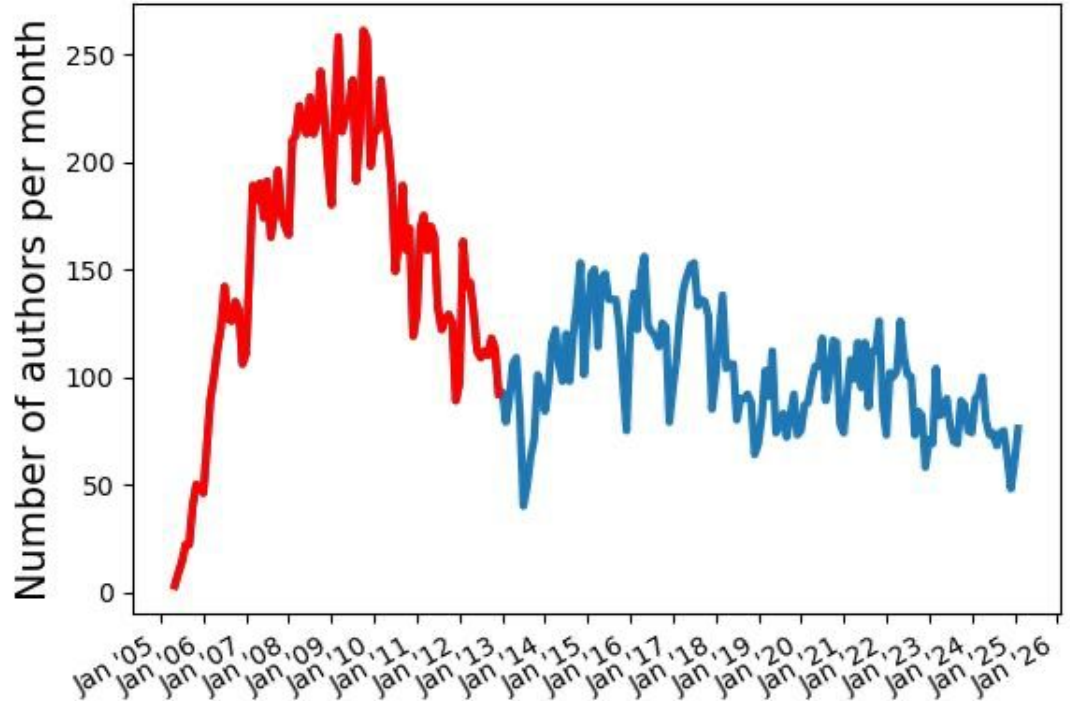
Large scale software
and computing
infrastructures

Today: Large scale collaborative software development in HEP - CMSSW Example

In addition to software codes useful for many experiments, each experiment usually has its own customized software, often with millions of lines of code.

For example, CMS has “CMSSW”:
<https://github.com/cms-sw/cmssw>

These are also highly collaborative software development projects, with many physicist developers contributing along with (typically) a handful of core experts/professionals.





COMPUTING IN HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS

June 25-28, 1985 - Amsterdam (Netherlands)
Organized by the National Institute for Nuclear Physics and High Energy Physics, section H (NIKHEF-H) and
the Computer Science Dept. (FVI), University of Amsterdam

FINAL PROGRAM AND GENERAL INFORMATION

- * Program
- * Exhibition
- * General Information
- * List of Participants per 06-21-1985

Computing in High Energy Physics Conference Series

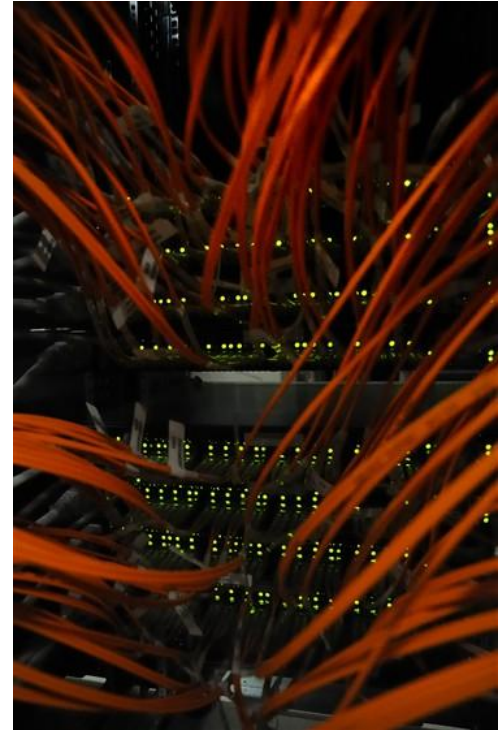
Every 18 months since 1985.

Initial conference was heavily focused on topics highly connected to computing hardware, data acquisition and networking.

Software became an ever present topic as things involved.

<http://www.chep2013.org/assets/doc/CHEP1985-final-program.pdf>

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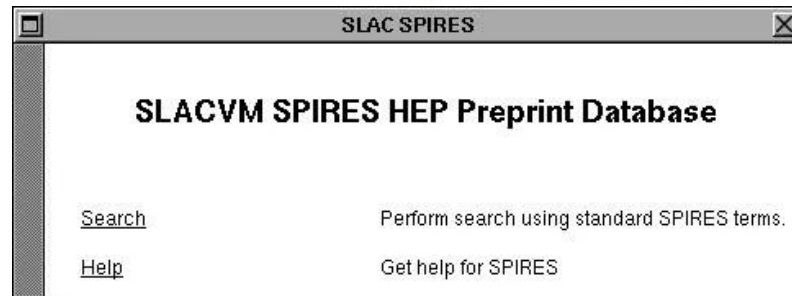


Conceptual motivations behind the HEP Software Foundation

Computer hardware is a consumable. Software is the actual "cyberinfrastructure" in the long run.

More importantly software is also an *intellectual product* of our research, not just a tool.



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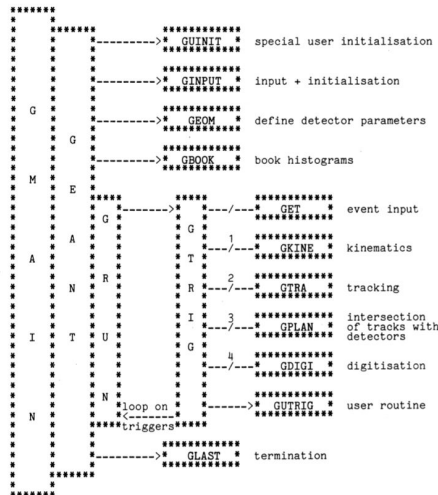
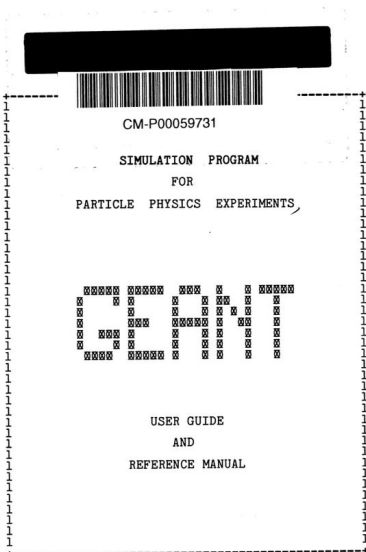
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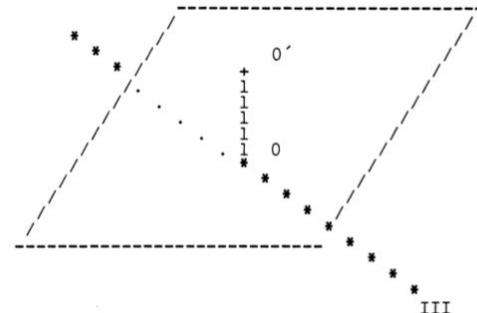
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MC Simulation of the “passage of particles through matter”

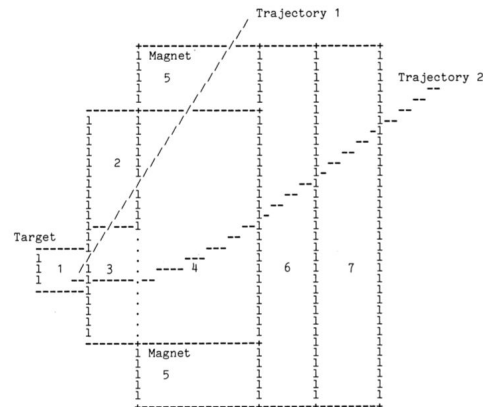
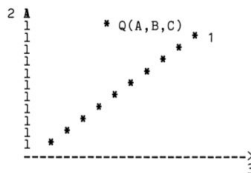


2.3 REFERENCE SYSTEM

The master reference system is determined according to the way the user represents the kinematical quantities. Consequently this system will also be referred to as the user system.

If the axes are labelled 1,2,3, then the point $Q(A,B,C)$ is represented by

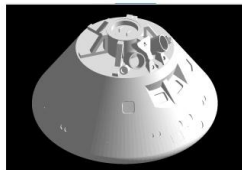
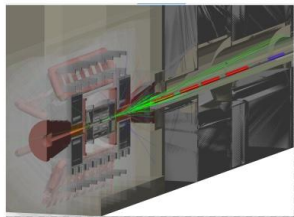
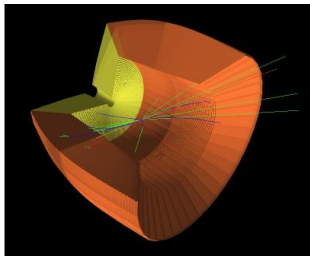
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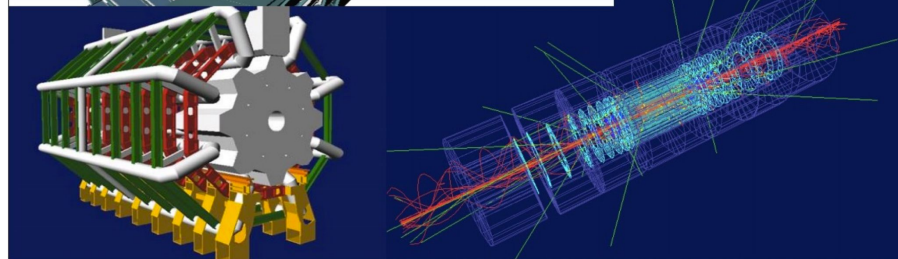
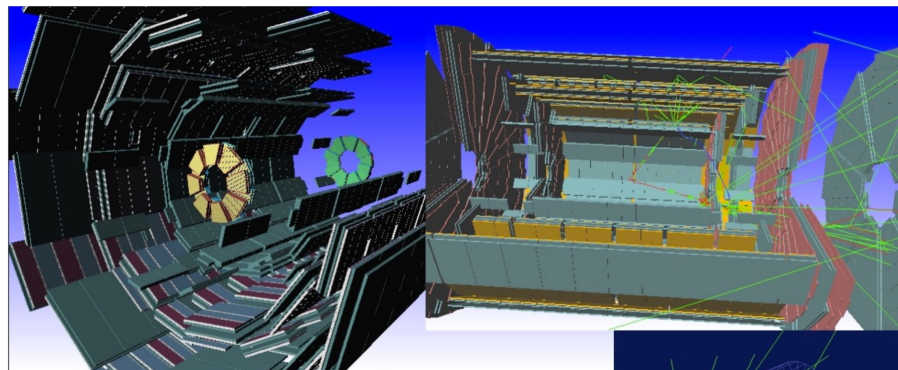
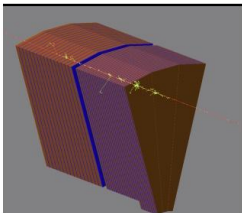
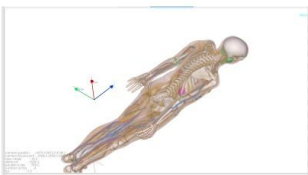
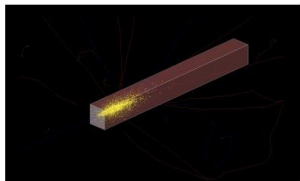
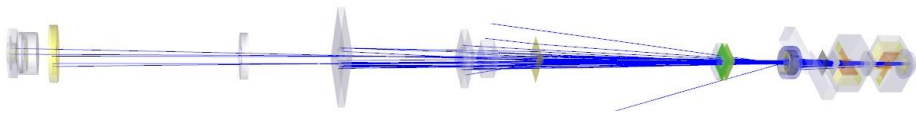
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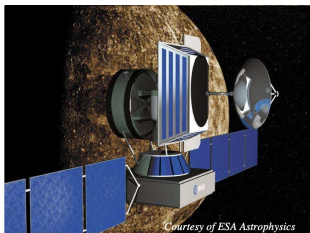
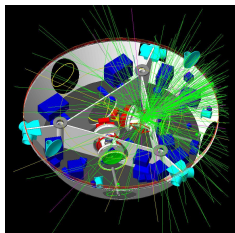
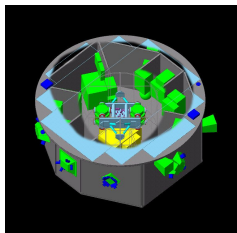


MC Simulation

C++ 1995-



Many applications beyond particle physics



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1973 - early 2000s

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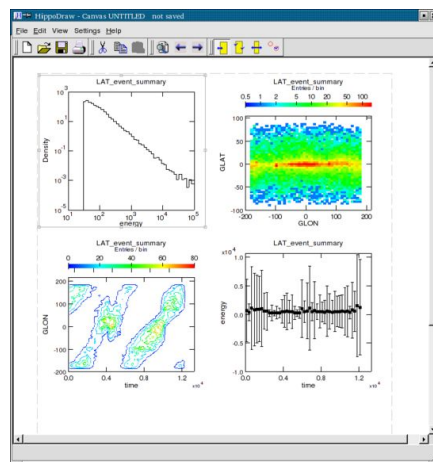
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Visualization and Data Analysis



1990s



Hippodraw



Histo-Scope & NPlot

Histo-Scope is a tool to select and display histograms, n-tuples, and scalar values from a program as data is being created or analyzed. Using Histo-Scope, physicists can interactively "browse" through the large quantities of statistical data that their analysis and data acquisition programs gather as they run. It is intended to complement existing physics applications, providing immediate access to data while a program is running, as well as new interactive methods for viewing data.

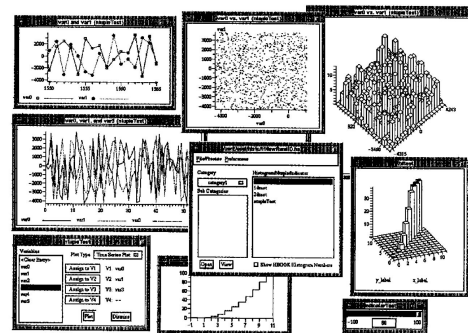
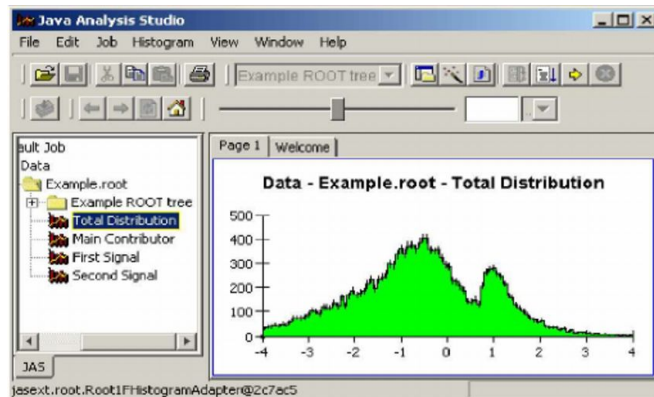
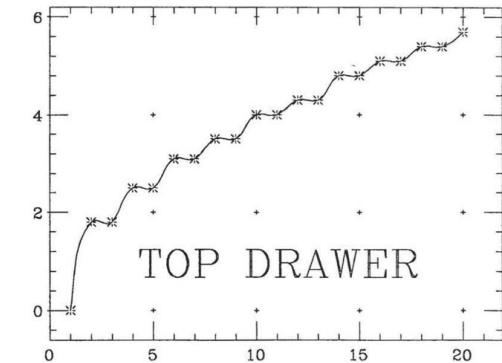


Figure 1. Viewing Data with Histo-Scope

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Java Analysis Studio (JAS)



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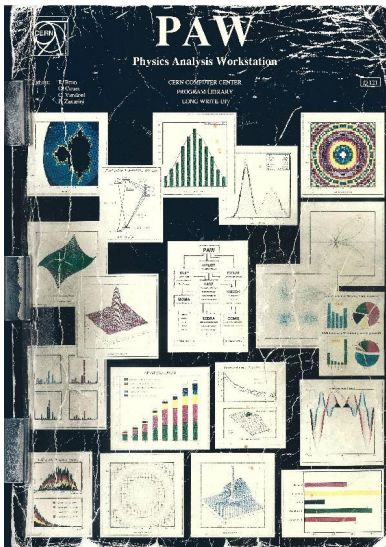
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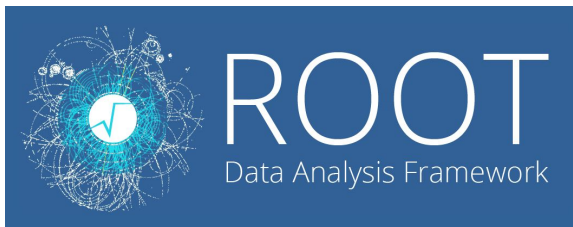
1970s

Top Drawer

Visualization and Data Analysis



1984 -
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FORTRAN



C++ 1995-

ROOT Manual - Functional parts

Histograms

Graphs

Graphics

Fitting

Dataframes

Trees

RooFit

Machine learning with ROOT

Python interface

Mathematical libraries

Physics vectors

Geometry

I/O Concepts

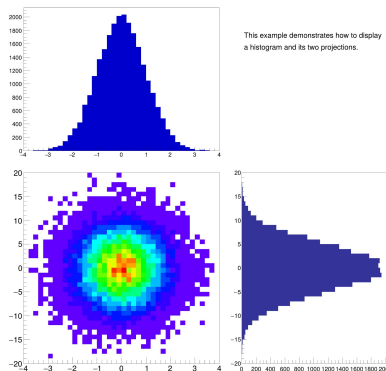
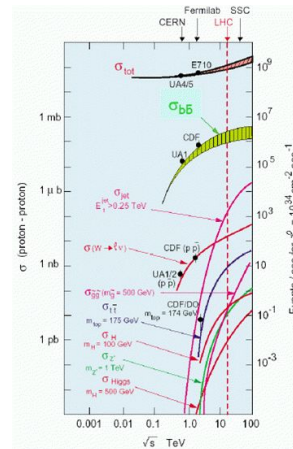
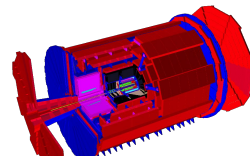
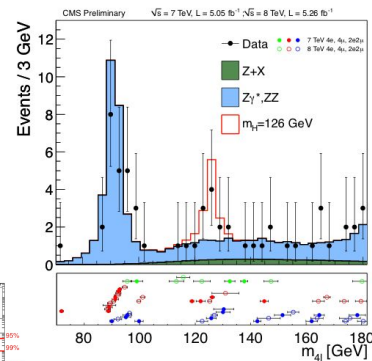
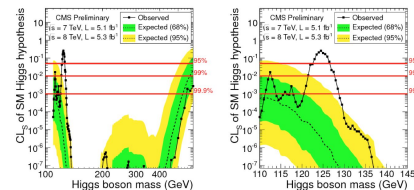
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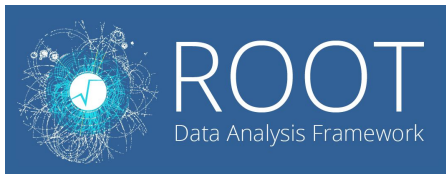
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How to embed ROOT in a GUI

The C++ interpreter Cling



Building different types of collaborations



Collaborate With Us

We warmly welcome your contribution to ROOT!

There are two ways in which you can contribute:

Many community contributors.

Large CERN team, with many smaller partnerships at other institutions.



Collaboration

Geant4 [team and documents](#)

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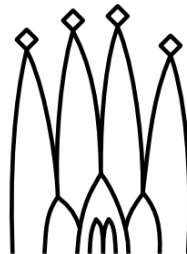
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EvtGen A Monte Carlo Generator for *B*-Physics

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These are just some examples, there are many more...



Why we started EvtGen

b-decay chains are full of interesting sequential decays

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We wanted to correctly simulate all correlations while only implementing the nodes in each decay tree

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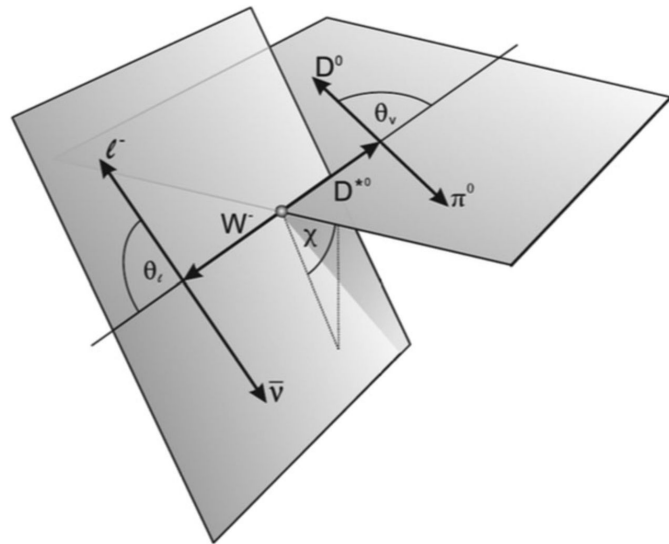
CLEO's event generator at the time ("QQ") was not structured to allow this. Correlations had to be handled by implementing the entire decay chain together as one model

Modeling correlations in decay chains

Modeling these correlations is unnecessary to correctly model multiplicity and momentum spectra

But as CLEO moved to higher (3M BB events!) statistics analysis, modeling correlations became more and more important

Given the ability to perform time-dependent measurements, modeling these correlations became essential for BABAR/Belle (etc)



Our implementation via individual decay amplitudes proved to be the right approach

It provided a natural separation of the physics (and implementation) into individual pieces made it easier for

- Analysts to contribute **reusable** code
- Us to convert pheno results of interest into EvtGen components.

We managed the computational complexity found ways to apply Monte Carlo algorithms efficiently (eg, accept-reject sampling could be done step by step by tracking spin-density matrices as computations were done)

$$A = \sum_{\lambda_D^* \lambda_\tau} A_{\lambda_D^* \lambda_\tau}^{B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu} \times A_{\lambda_D^*}^{D^* \rightarrow D \pi} \times A_{\lambda_\tau}^{\tau \rightarrow \pi \nu}$$

$$P_B = \sum_{\lambda_D^* \lambda_\tau} |A_{\lambda_D^* \lambda_\tau}^{B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu}|^2.$$

$$\rho_{\lambda_D^* \lambda_{D'}^{*}}^{D^*} = \sum_{\lambda_\tau} A_{\lambda_D^* \lambda_\tau}^{B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu} [A_{\lambda_{D'}^{*} \lambda_\tau}^{B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu}]^*$$

$$P_{D^*} = \frac{1}{\text{Tr } \rho^{D^*}} \sum_{\lambda_D^* \lambda_{D'}^{*}} \rho_{\lambda_D^* \lambda_{D'}^{*}}^{D^*} A_{\lambda_D^*}^{D^* \rightarrow D \pi} [A_{\lambda_{D'}^{*}}^{D^* \rightarrow D \pi}]^*$$

Community Structures Reflect Our Community Evolution/Needs



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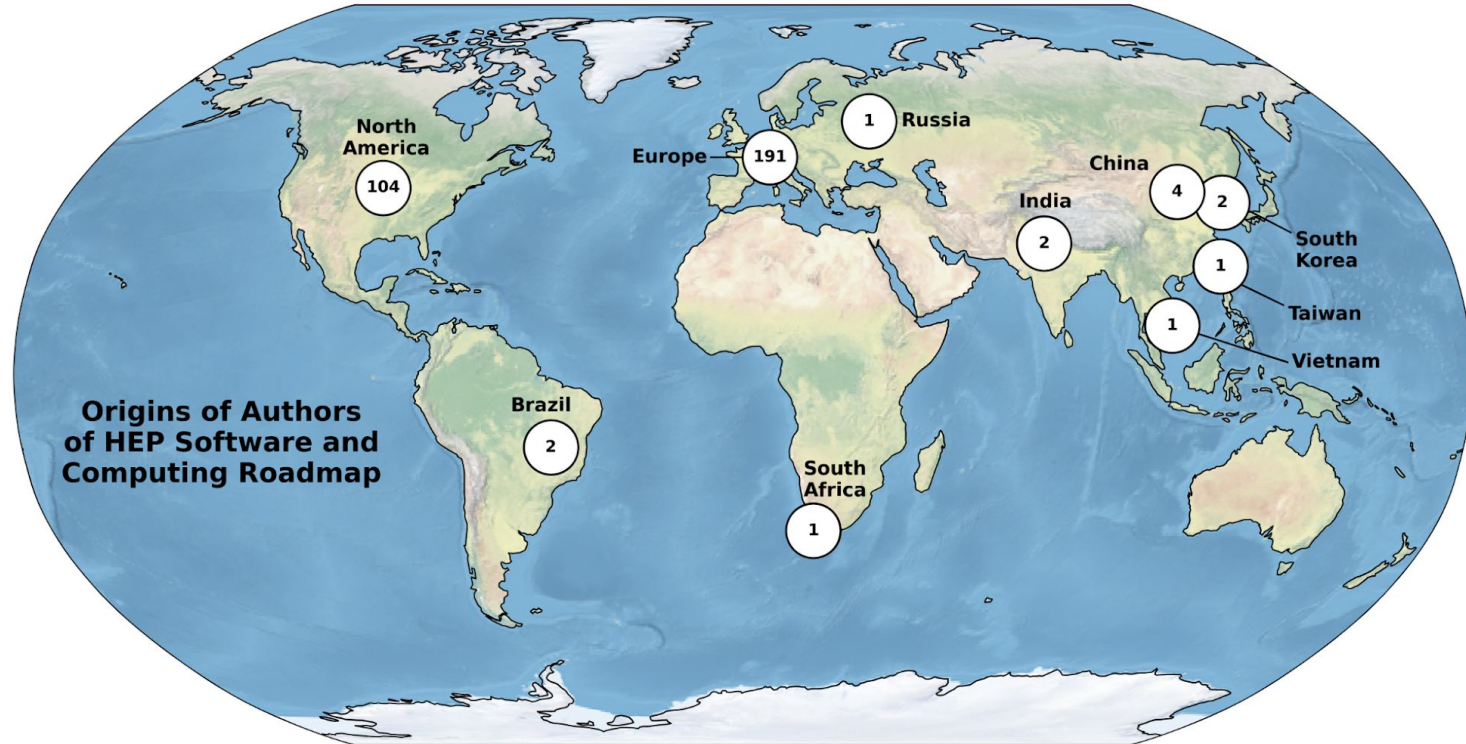
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Despite the fact that software contributions in the experiments come from across the globe, nearly all authors of the “HSF Community Roadmap” in 2017-2018 for software/computing R&D towards HL-LHC and other future experiments were from institutions in Europe and the US.



Facilitating international research software: The “HSF-India” project

- Given the growing complexity of our scientific data and collaborations, building and fostering collaborations are increasingly important to raise the collective productivity of our research community.
- HSF-India project aims to build international research software collaborations between US, European, and India based researchers to reach the science goals of experimental particle, nuclear and astroparticle research.

Intended as a long-term investment in international team science with a broad research scope



Rather than directly fund a specific research activities, much of our funding is to facilitate research collaborations

- Training in research software skills
- Bidirectional research exchanges
- Student programs

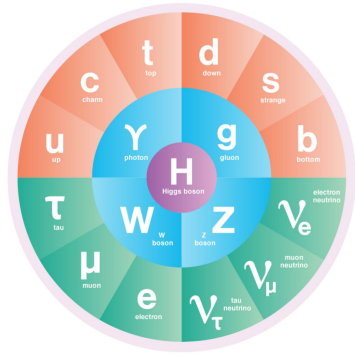


We have run software workshops hosted by HEP groups across India

- Regionally organized, primarily targeting MS/PhD level students.
- Mix of lectures and hands-on exercises
- Mix of local and US instructors
- Jupyter notebook based materials derived from/patterned after HSF training courses

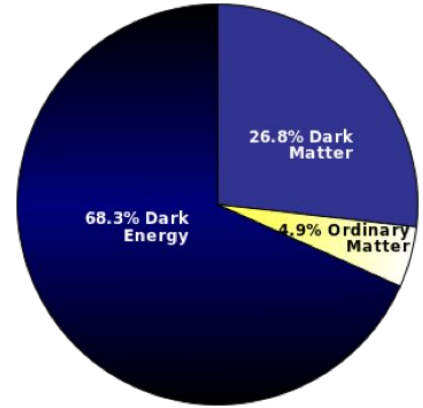


Science Drivers - Beyond the Standard Model of Particle Physics

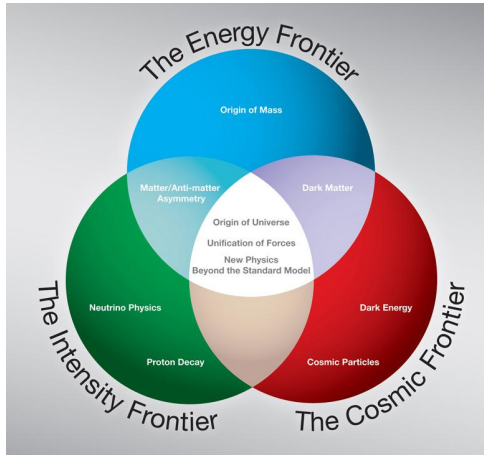


● QUARKS ● LEPTONS ● BOSONS ● HIGGS BOSON

While the Standard Model of Particle Physics describes, often with incredible precision, the vast majority of experimental observations, it is known to be incomplete. It does not (for example) include gravity, and it does not explain neutrino masses, the matter-antimatter asymmetry or dark matter/energy.



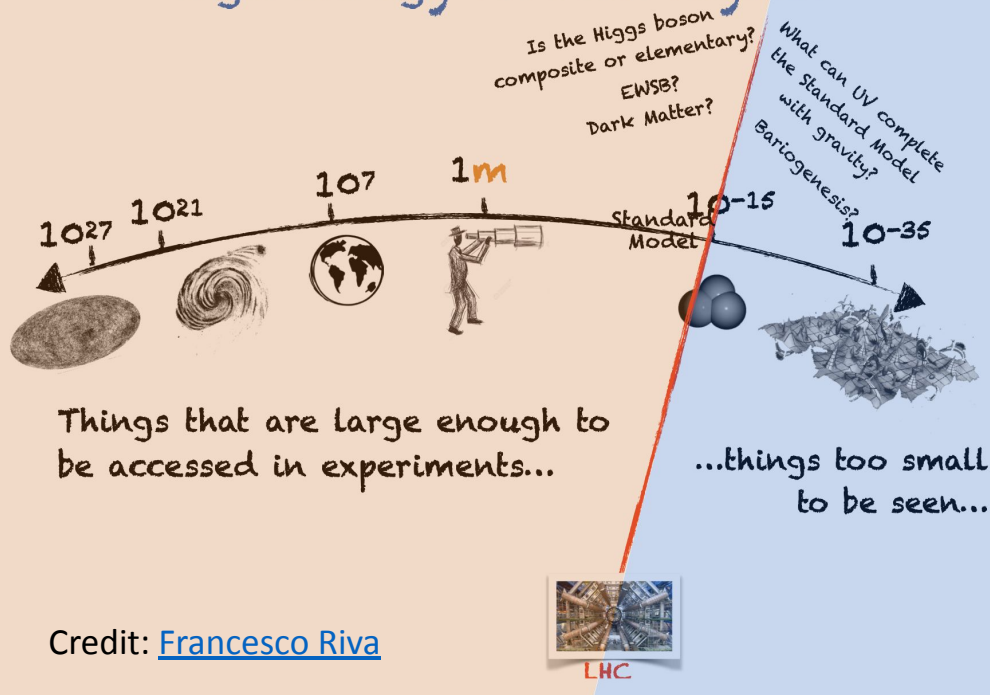
From “Building for Discovery - Strategic Plan for U.S. Particle Physics in the Global Context” - Report of the Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel (P5):



- 1) Use the Higgs boson as a new tool for discovery
- 2) Pursue the physics associated with neutrino mass
- 3) Identify the new physics of dark matter
- 4) Understand cosmic acceleration: dark energy and inflation
- 5) Explore the unknown: new particles, interactions, and physical principles

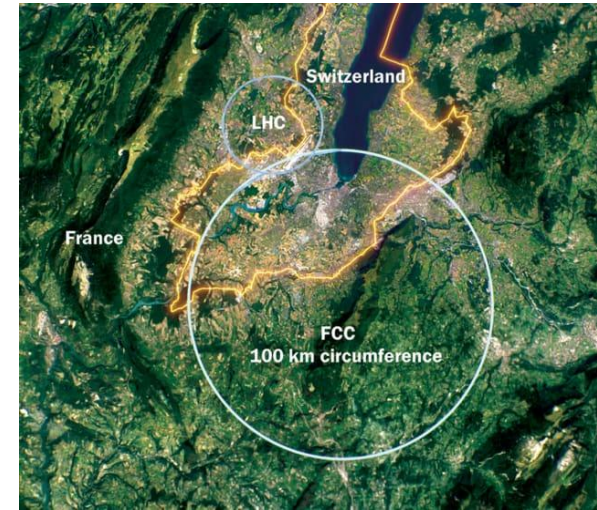
We know that physics beyond our current model exists.
However, we do not yet know the energy scale to probe.

High-Energy Particle Physics



Credit: [Francesco Riva](#)

Next-generation colliders will bring precision science with Higgs

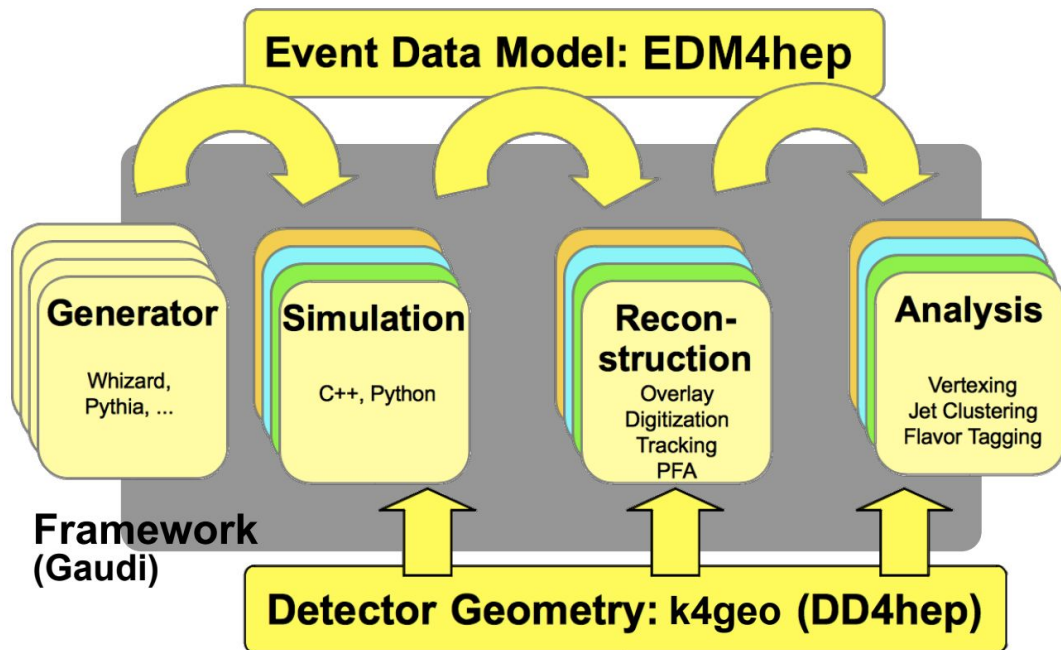


CERN aims to approve FCC-ee as next generation e⁺e⁻ collider in 2028

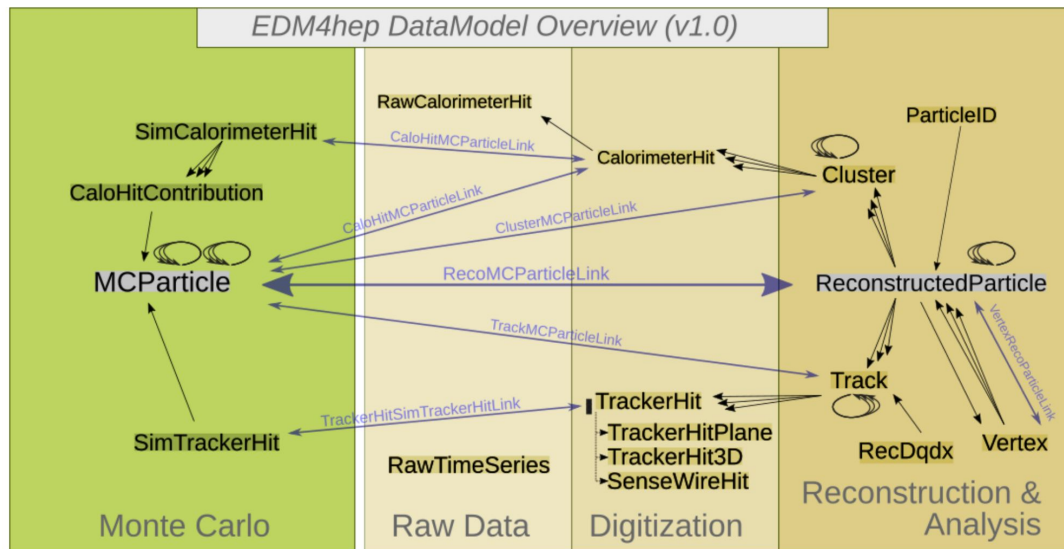
Future Colliders: Can we effectively share software development costs across experiments or facility concepts?

Key4Hep builds on LHC components (eg, Gaudi) to provide a full data processing framework and common data model

Community driven with participation from future experiments: FCC, ILC, CLIC, CEPC, EIC, Muon Collider, etc



Can we adopt a common data model?



A common data model fosters algorithm reuse in Key4hep, and allows analysis codes to be re-used and shared across detector concepts

How far can a model of common software be taken?

It remains to be seen if and how much of a software ecosystem can be maintained in common between experiments at different facilities and at different stages of their lifecycle

Practical considerations

- Competition naturally moves groups to closed development models
- Forking off is easier than coming back together
- It is more difficult to establish a common timeline for releases as projects move out of a R&D/simulation phase towards data taking
 - For example: data model and core components are likely easier to share than higher level components

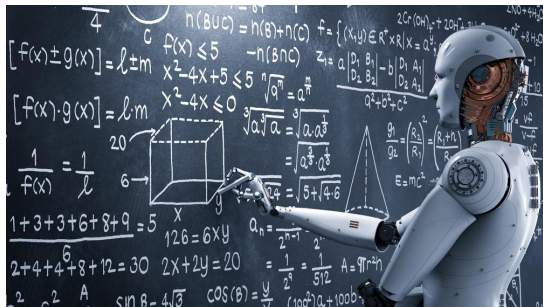
And the Future for HEP?



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What collaborative research efforts will the rest of the 2020's and the 2030's produce for the future “facilities” for the HEP community?

An AI-Native Research Ecosystem and a corresponding collaboration?

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High Energy Physics – Experiment

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Building an AI-native Research Ecosystem for Experimental Particle Physics: A Community Vision

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Experimental particle physics seeks to understand the universe by probing its fundamental particles and forces and exploring how they govern the large-scale processes that shape cosmic evolution. This whitepaper presents a vision for how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can accelerate discovery in this field. We outline grand challenges that must be addressed to enable transformative breakthroughs and describe how current and planned experimental facilities can implement this vision to advance our understanding of the vast and complex physical world from the smallest to the largest scales. We show how facilities currently under construction, such as the HL-LHC, DUNE and soon EIC, can both benefit from and serve as proving grounds for this vision, while also enabling a longer-term goal for how future experiments -- like FCC-ee at CERN, IceCube-Gen2, a Muon Collider in the U.S., and smaller to mid-scale projects -- can be fully AI-native. We describe how a truly national-scale collaboration, jointly managed across large funding partners, and involving both DOE laboratories and universities, can make this happen.

AI-NATIVE RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM - PARTICLE PHYSICS

GC 1: ACCELERATED EXPERIMENT DESIGN

Differentiable Simulations,
Active Learning, Co-optimize
Detectors, Triggers,
Beams and Costs

GC 2: INTELLIGENT SENSING AND INSTRUMENTATION

On-detector Inference,
Physics-Aware Compression,
Capture Rare Signals

AI-NATIVE
EXPERIMENTAL
LIFECYCLE

Agent-Orchestrated
Systems, Fast AI Simulation,
Foundation Models,
Uncertainty-Aware Inference

GC 4: FROM DATA TO DISCOVERY

AI-Driven Monitoring, Diagnosis,
Operational Decision Support,
Reduce Downtime & Calibration

GC 3: AUTONOMOUS EXPERIMENTS

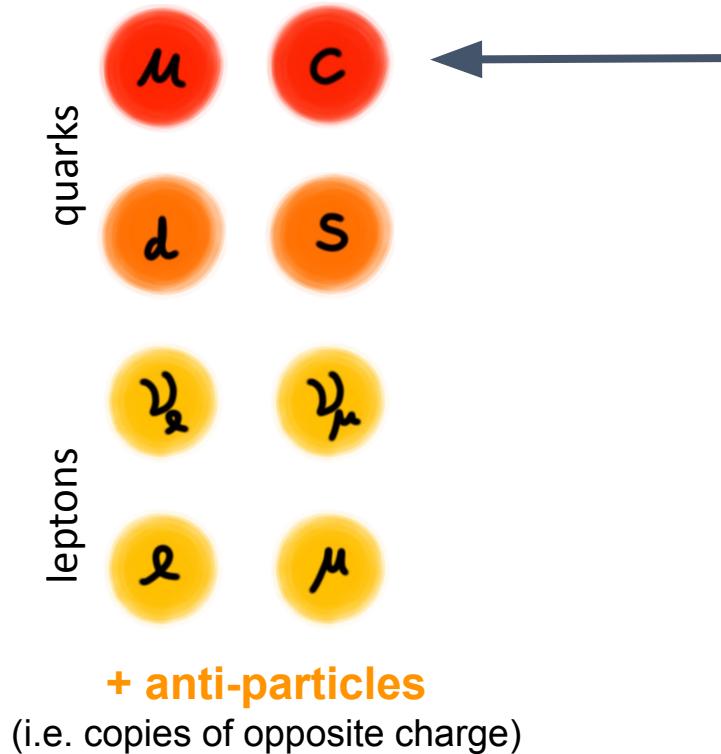
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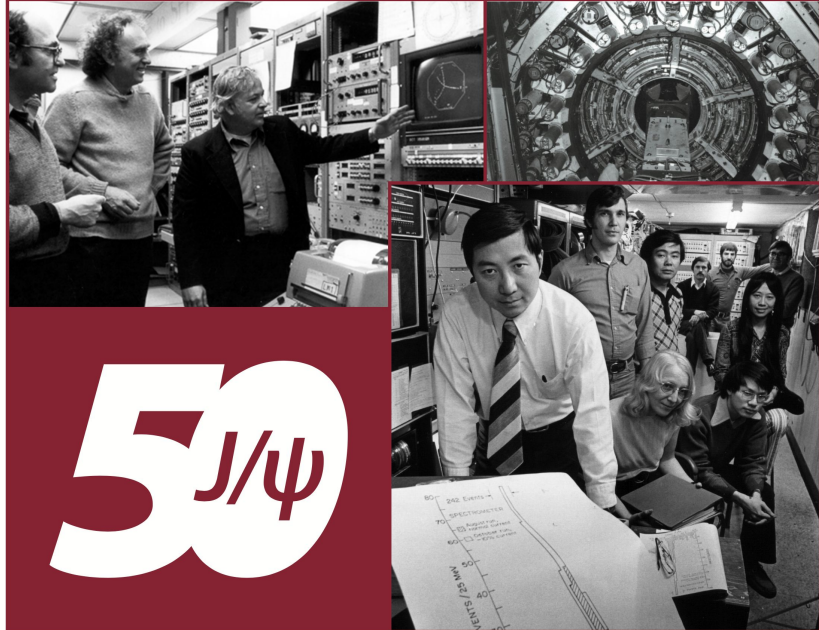
- Experimental science is enabled by tools innovation, which become facilities enabling further science. Our science has been driven by accelerator and detector innovation.
- As facilities get larger, scientific collaborations are created to build and exploit those facilities. These large international collaborations of scientists allow experimental endeavors to exploit regional strengths.
- Just as with other aspects of our science, software teams that are inherently international are most likely to develop performant, highly usable, and sustainable **research software ecosystems**, which are a new kind of “facility” and an *intellectual product* of our research.

Thank You!

November “Charm” Revolution: Two families of fermions?

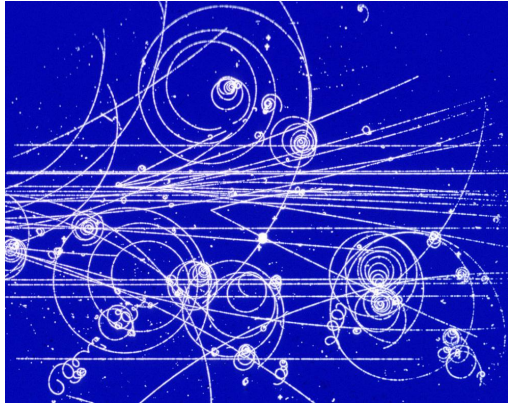


Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the November Revolution



50 J/ψ

Left uncovered here, but not to be forgotten: Detectors (+ Electronics)

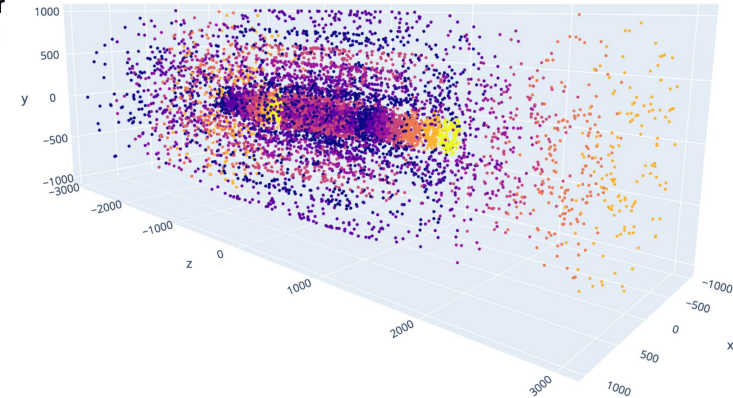
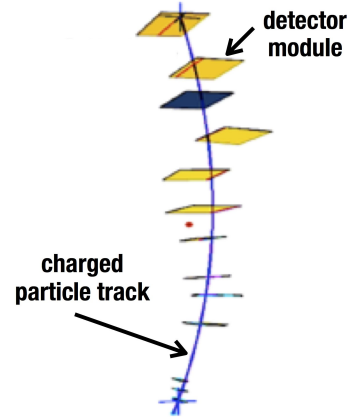
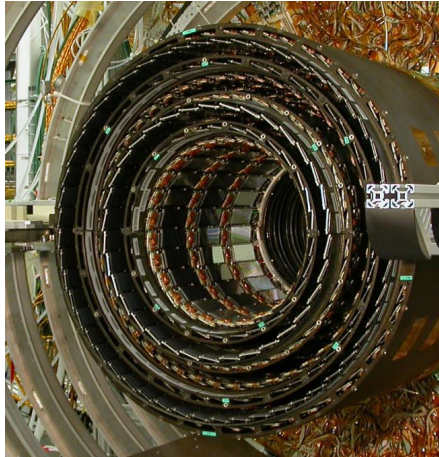


Bubble chamber
photography

By-hand
“scanning” of
the photos



Modern
detectors with
(digital)
electronic
readout



Fundamental Particles of Matter?

1917: Discovery of the proton (Rutherford) using alpha particles

1932: Discovery of the neutron (Chadwick) using alpha particles

1932: Discovery of the positron (Anderson) in cosmic rays with a cloud chamber

1937: Discovery of the muon (Anderson and Neddermeyer) with a cloud chamber

1947: Charged pion discovery (Powell) and Kaon discovery (Rochester), both in cosmic rays and using photographic emulsions

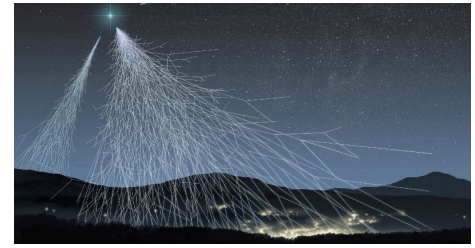
1949: Neutral pion discovery at the Berkeley 184 inch Cyclotron (Bjorklund et al)

1955: Discovery of the antiproton, at the Bevatron accelerator (in Berkeley)

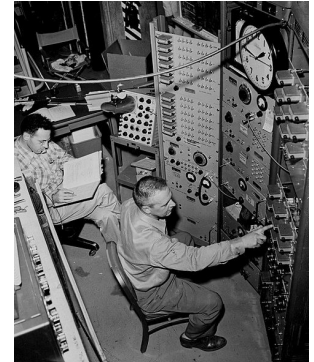
1956: Discovery of the neutrino (Cowan, Reines, et al), using nuclear reactor

1950s-1960s: Particle zoo explosion - “Had I foreseen this, I would have gone into botany” (Pauli)

1960s: Quark Model and Deep Inelastic Scattering Experiments (SLAC)



A first surprise - Muons
“Who ordered that?” (Rabi)



Collaborations



2000-



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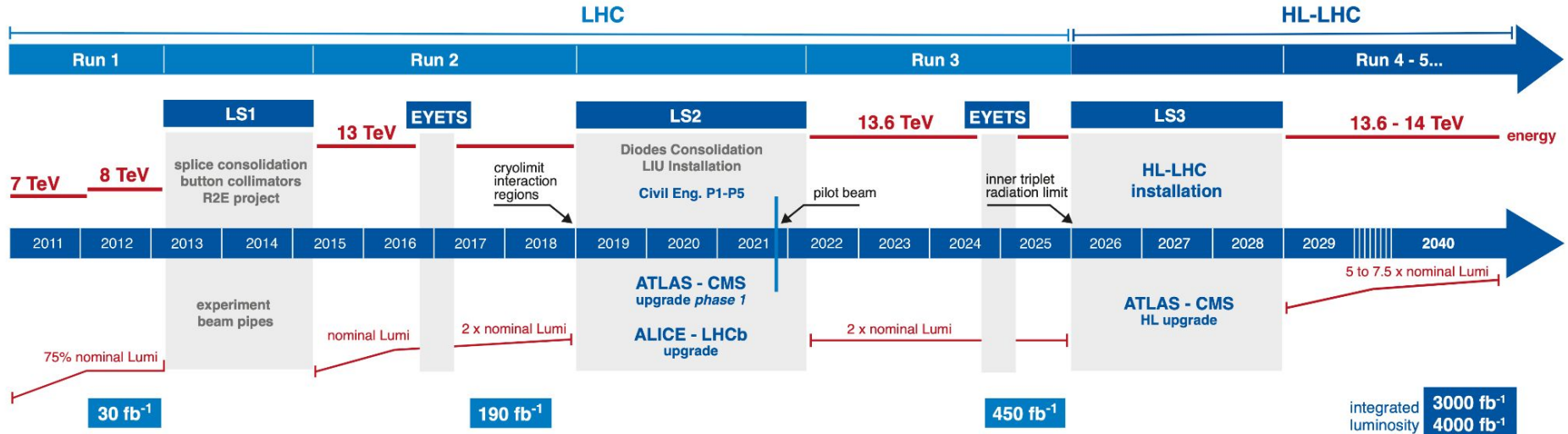
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Experimental timescales span decades



LHC / HL-LHC Plan



Experiment designs start far before data taking. CMS was formed in 1992 (more than 30 years ago!), expects to run through 2040 with continued data analysis beyond that date.