

Master studies in Particle Physics
Siegen University, Germany
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Where is Siegen?

Germany



Siegen is located centrally in Germany, around 125 km northwest of Frankfurt and 90 km east of Cologne and can be reached well via train or car. Nearby international airports are in Frankfurt, Cologne and Düsseldorf. Siegen celebrated 2024 the 800th anniversary and it has currently around 100.000 inhabitants. Downtown Siegen offers many pubs, restaurants and cafes, but also theatres, Cinemas and concert halls.



The University of Siegen was founded in 1972 and has currently around 16.000 students.
<https://www.uni-siegen.de/start/index.html.en?lang=en>

Siegen - downtown





University of Siegen - and local industry



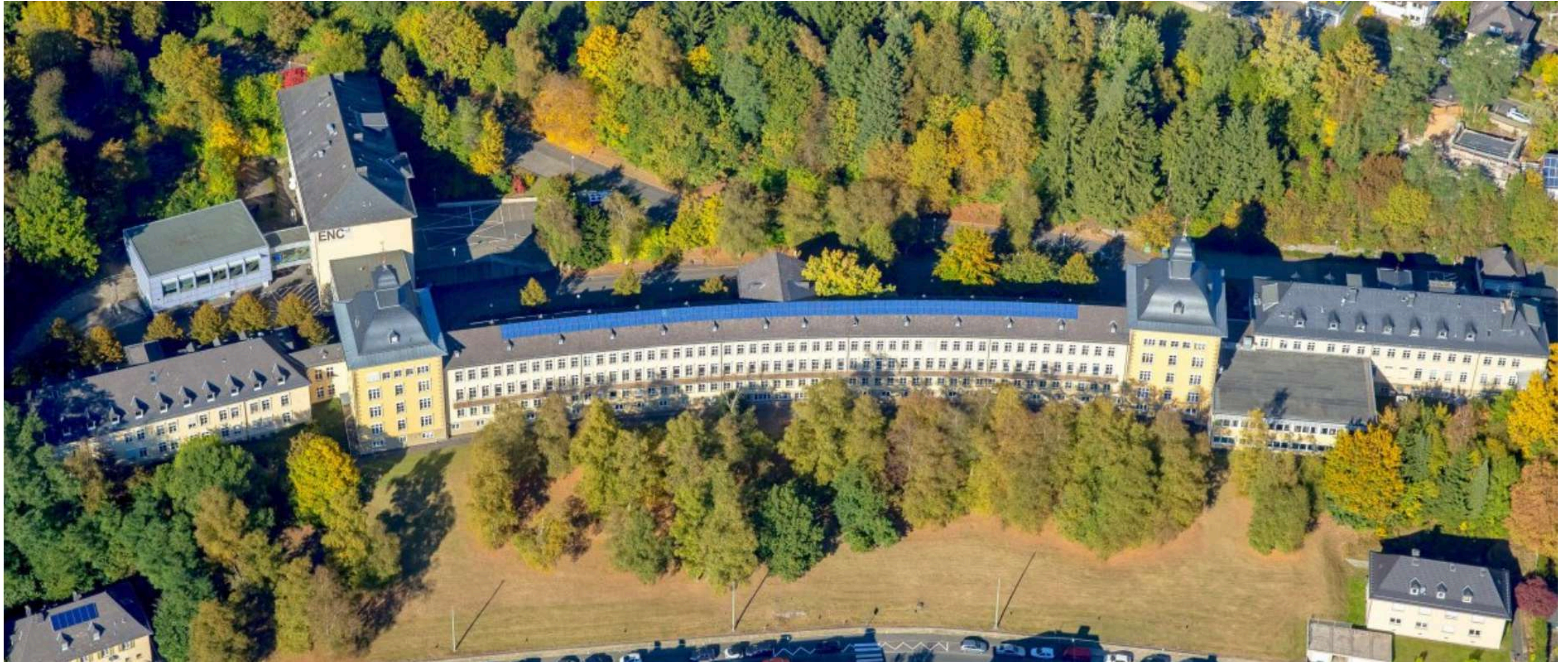
Surroundings of Siegen

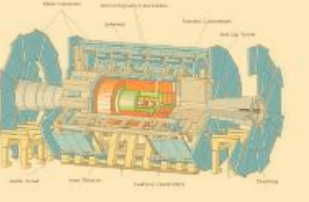


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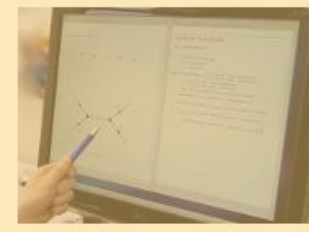
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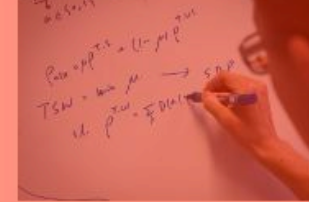
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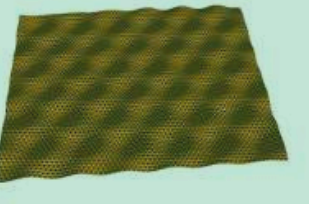
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Röntgenphysik

Prof. Dr. Christian Gutt



Beschleunigerphysik

Prof. Dr. Jens Knobloch



PHYSIK
DIDAKTIK

Didaktik der Physik

Prof. Dr. Oliver Schwarz

Particle physics

Quantum Optics

Solid states and X-ray Physics

Didactics

Amazing staff-student ratio



- Ca. 30 beginners in bachelor
- Ca. 10 beginners in master
- Ca. 20 professors



<div>Uni Heidelberg</div> <div>Fakultät für Physik und Astronomie</div> <div>Zur Hochschule</div>	<div>TU München/Garching</div> <div>TUM School of Natural Sciences</div> <div>Zur Hochschule</div>	<div>Uni Siegen</div> <div>Fakultät IV: Naturwissenschaftl... Technische Fakultät</div> <div>Zur Hochschule</div>
Studium und Lehre		
General study situation		
Allgemeine Studiensituation ⓘ		
★ 4.3	★ 4.5	★ 4.5
Support during studies		
Unterstützung im Studium ⓘ		
★ 3.8	★ 4	★ 4.1
Digital elements in studies		
Digitale Lehrelemente ⓘ		
★ 3.6	★ 4.1	★ 4.2
Relation to research		
Forschungsorientierung ⓘ		
★ 4.3	★ 4.3	★ 4.5
Teaching		
Praxisorientierung in der Lehre ⓘ		
★ 3.5	★ 4.1	★ 4.4
Support by teaching staff		
Betreuung durch Lehrende ⓘ		
★ 4.1	★ 4.2	★ 4.5

Students are happy in Siegen

CHE Master-Ranking 2024 (<https://studiengaenge.zeit.de/>)

Comparing Siegen with

the oldest university (Heidelberg) and

one of the most prestigious universities (TUM) in Germany

5.0 is the highest possible mark

Excellent Supervision

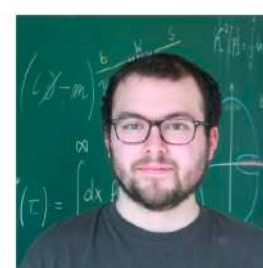
Success indicators

Many times
Master theses
are published

Alumni find attractive jobs
in science

Alumni find attractive jobs
in industry

PhD and post-doc
applications from all over the
world



Matthew
Black

PhD in Siegen
-> post-doc in Edinburgh
(Lattice QCD)



Maria Laura
Piscopo

PhD in Siegen
-> post-doc in NIKHEF
(Amsterdam) and CERN



Aleksey
Rusov

PhD/post-doc in Siegen
-> post-doc in IPPP
(Durham) and TU Munich



Meril
Reboud

post-doc in Siegen
-> permanent position
in IJCLab Orsay



- e.g. 2023: 290 applications for 1 post-doc position
- International postdocs



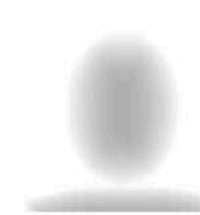
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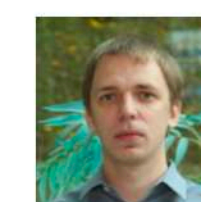
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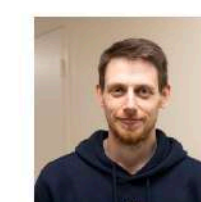
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Taming new physics in $b \rightarrow c\bar{u}d(s)$ with $\tau(B^+)/\tau(B_d)$ and a_{st}^d

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ABSTRACT: Inspired by the recently observed tensions between the experimental data and the theoretical predictions, based on QCD factorisation, for several colour-allowed non-leptonic B -meson decays, we study the potential size of new physics (NP) effects in the decay channels $b \rightarrow c\bar{u}d(s)$. Starting from the most general effective Hamiltonian describing the $b \rightarrow c\bar{u}d(s)$ transitions, we compute NP contributions to the theoretical predictions of B -meson lifetime and of B -mixing observables. The well-known lifetime ratio $\tau(B^+)/\tau(B_d)$ and the experimental bound on the semi-leptonic CP asymmetry a_{st}^d provide strong, complementary constraints on some of the NP Wilson coefficients.

KEYWORDS: Bottom Quarks, Specific BSM Phenomenology, CP Violation

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Historic moment for the University of Siegen: Excellence certified

22.05.2025 Tanja Hoffmann

The University of Siegen has been awarded the contract for a Cluster of Excellence in the field of elementary particle physics. The project with partners Bonn, Dortmund and Jülich was successful in the Excellence Strategy of the German federal and state governments - it will receive a total of around 60 million euros in funding over the next seven years.



4 out of 70 Clusters
in particle physics

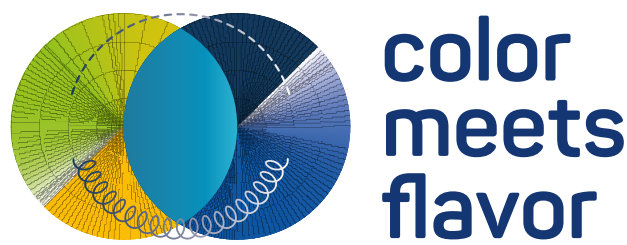
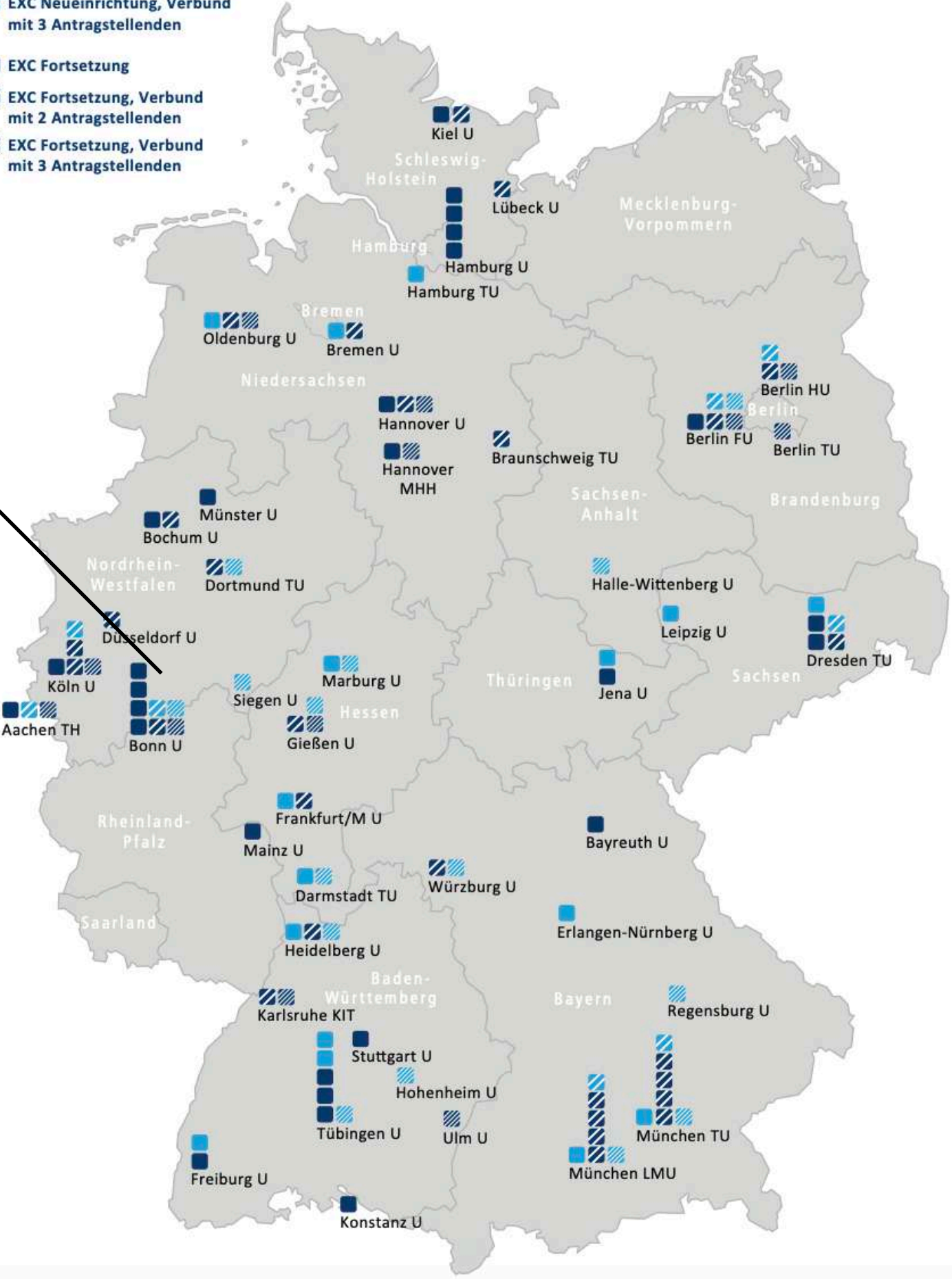
Bonn, Dortmund, Siegen, Jülich:
Color meets flavor

Munich: ORIGINS:

Mainz: PRISMA+

Hamburg: Quantum Universe

- EXC Neueinrichtung
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- EXC Fortsetzung
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<https://color-meets-flavor.de/>

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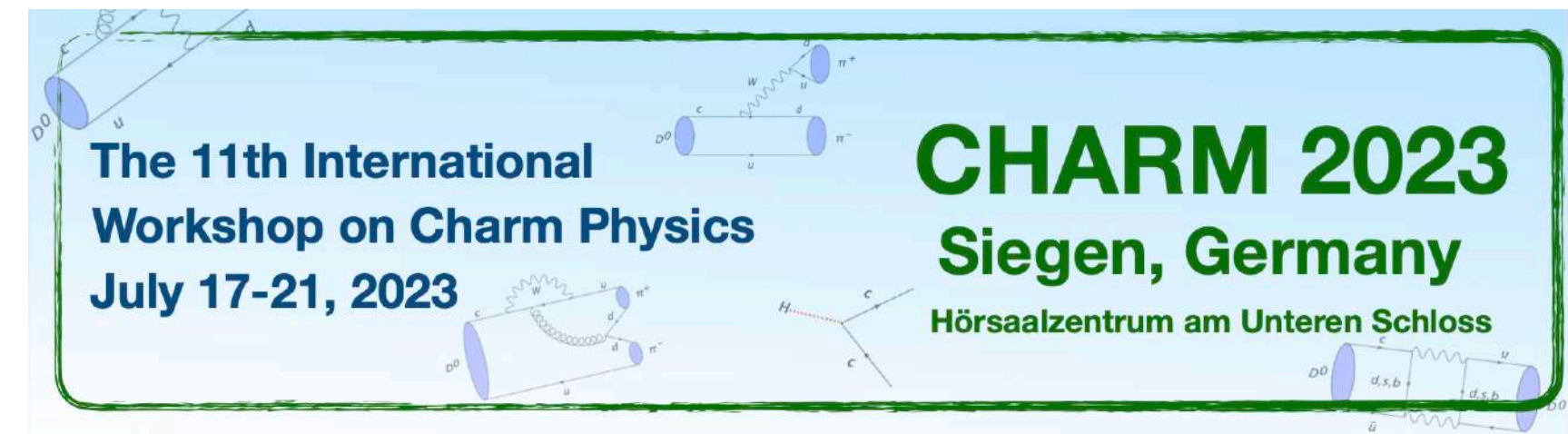
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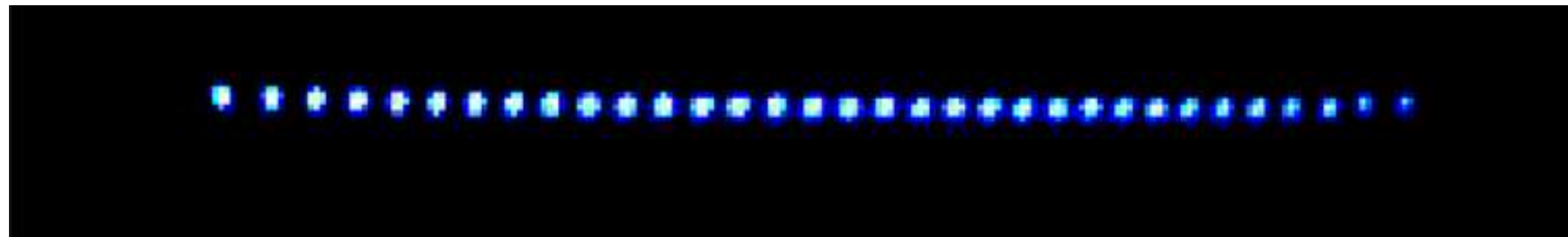
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Experimental Quantum Optics

Foundations of Quantum Physics, Quantum Computing



Trapped ions acting as Q-Bits



Company in Siegen: 

Nano-Optics

- Light and its interaction with matter on Nano-scales
- Investigate individual Quantum Physics
- Development of new light sources or sensors



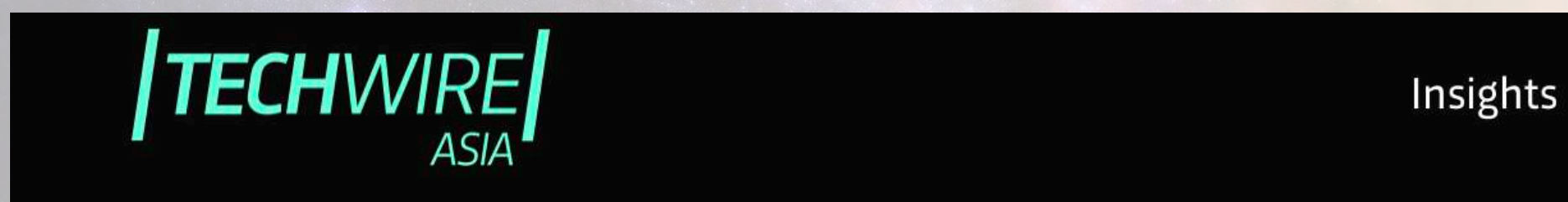
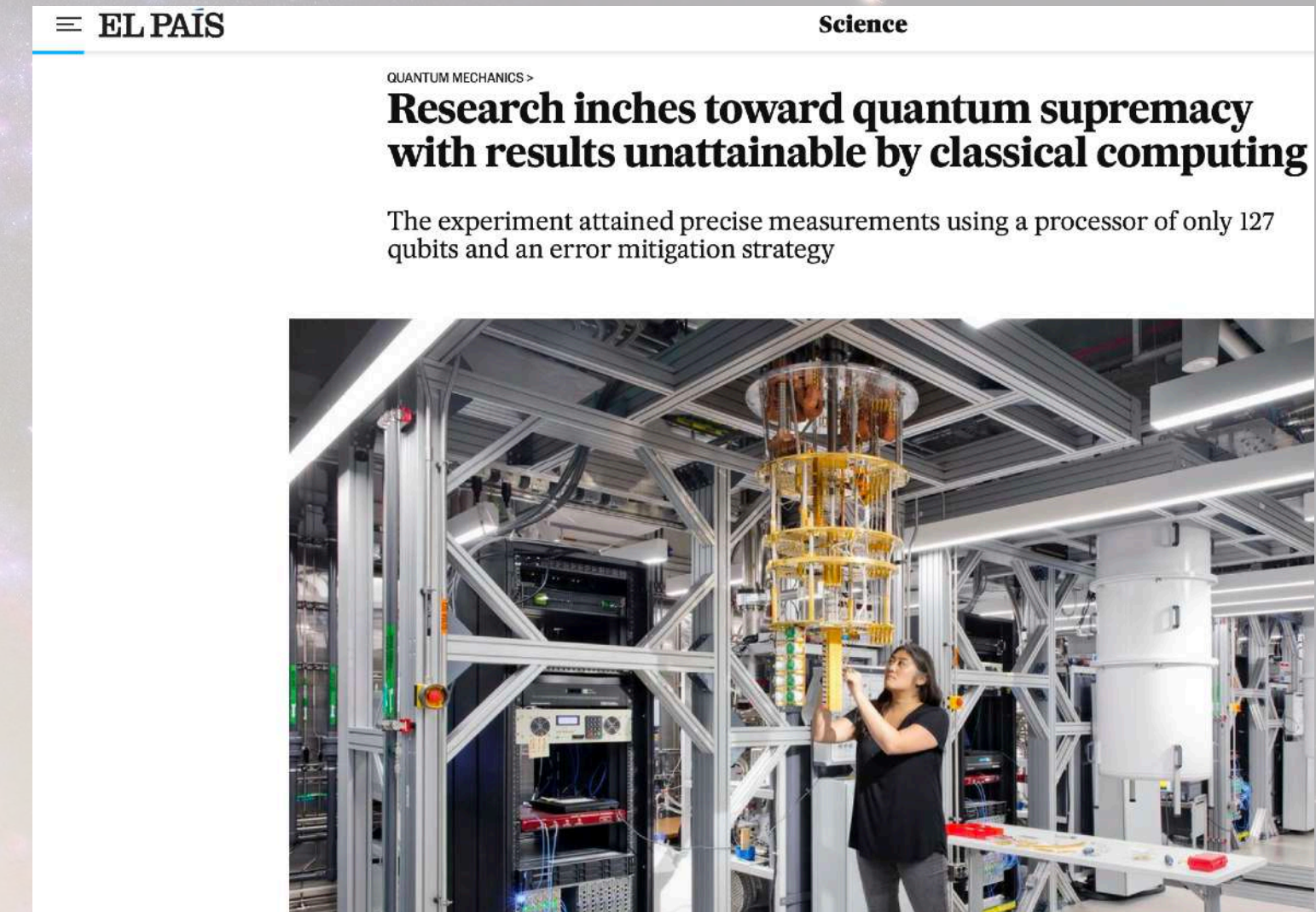
High level politicians visiting
quantum optics in Siegen



Computer Revolution?



**2025:
100
Years after
the discovery
of quantum
theory**

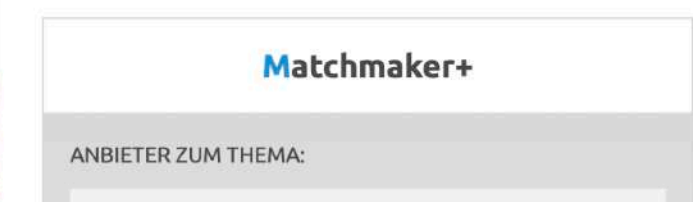


IBM makes significant breakthrough in quantum computing

Deutscher Quantencomputer

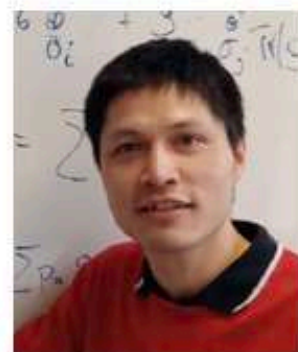
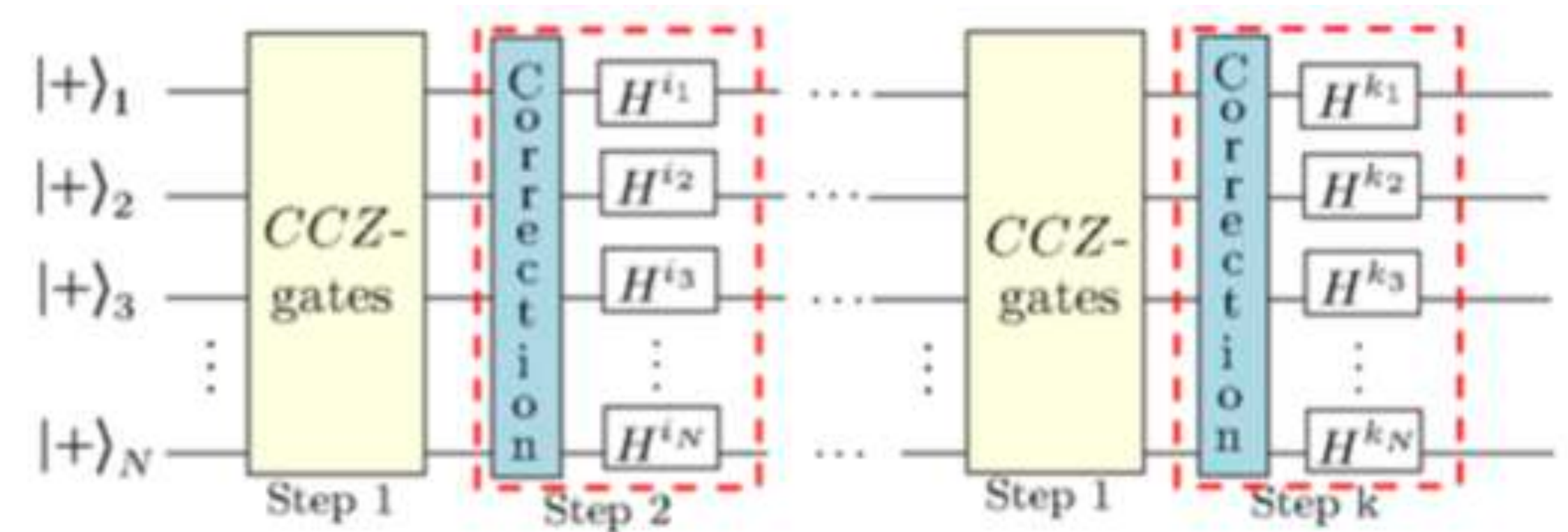
eleQtron erhält ersten »Quantum Effects Award«

12. Oktober 2023, 6:38 Uhr | Heinz Arnold





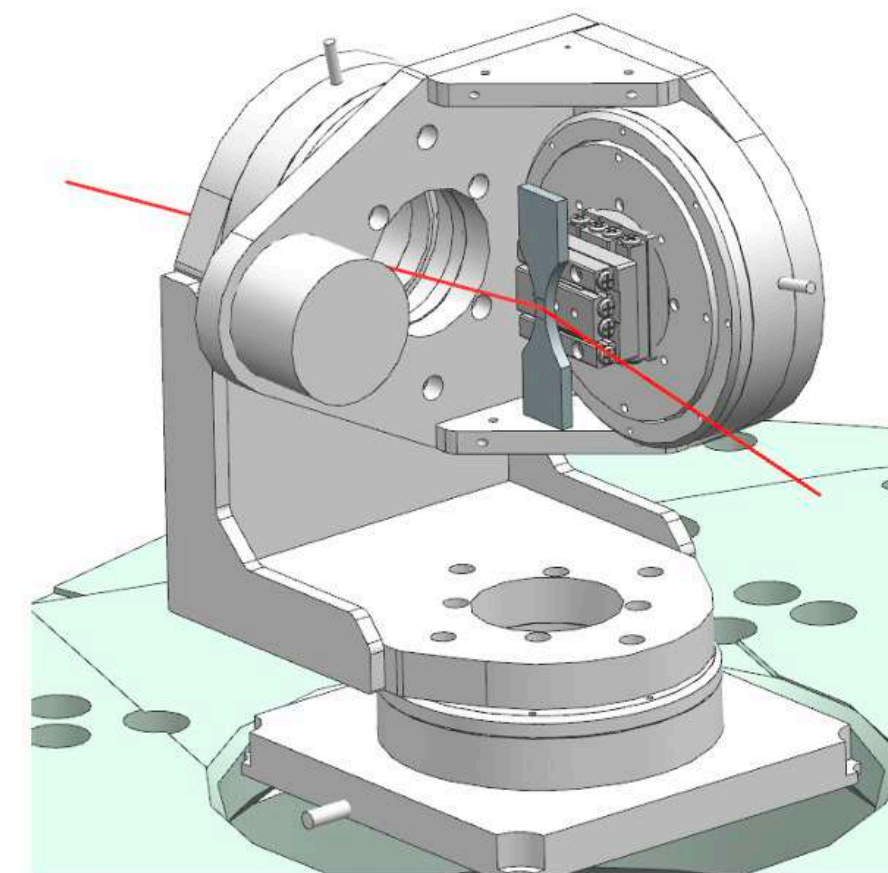
- Study the differences between quantum physics and classical physics
- How can quantum effects be used for computing and cryptography?



Solid State and x-ray physics

Structure and dynamics of 2D materials, biological matter and materials

**Methods: brilliant synchrotron radiation / ultra-short x-ray pulses /
microscopes with atomic resolution**



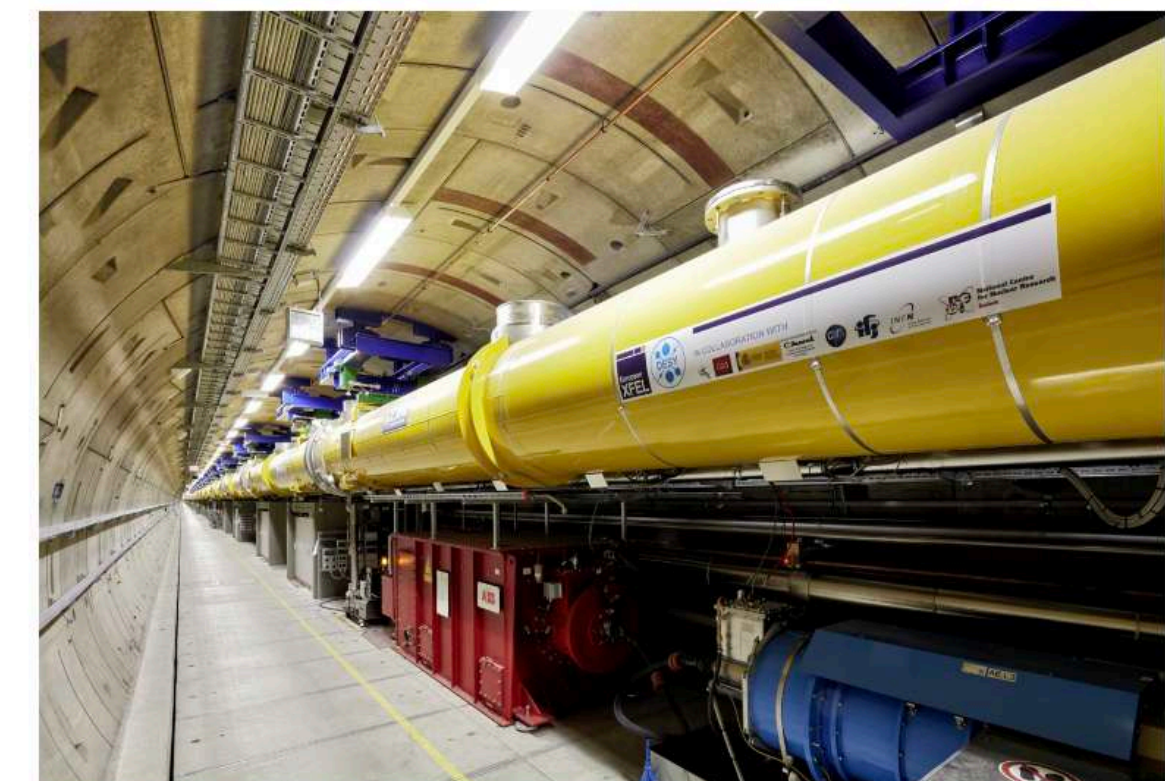
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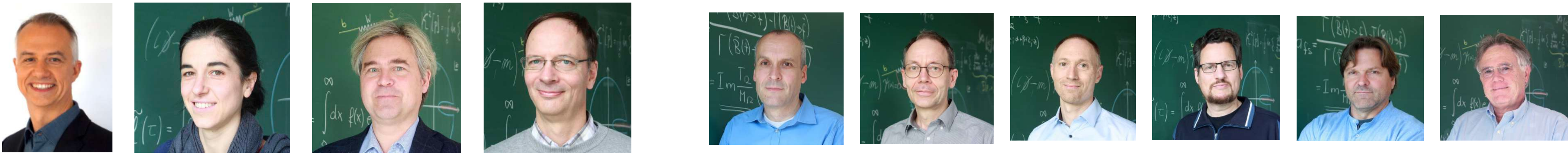
Surface Science Labs (Siegen)
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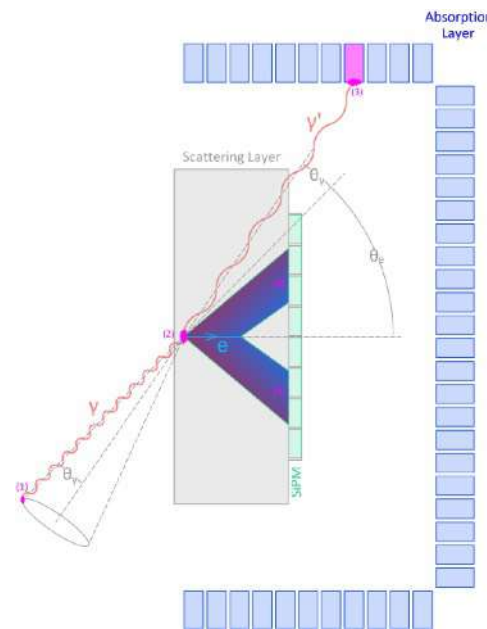
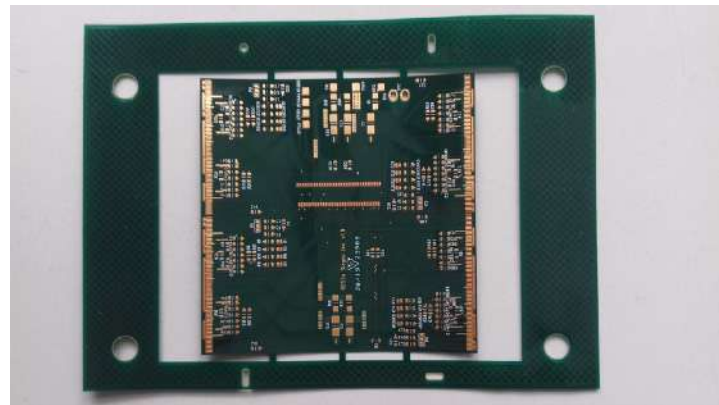
24 scientists



European XFEL (Hamburg)

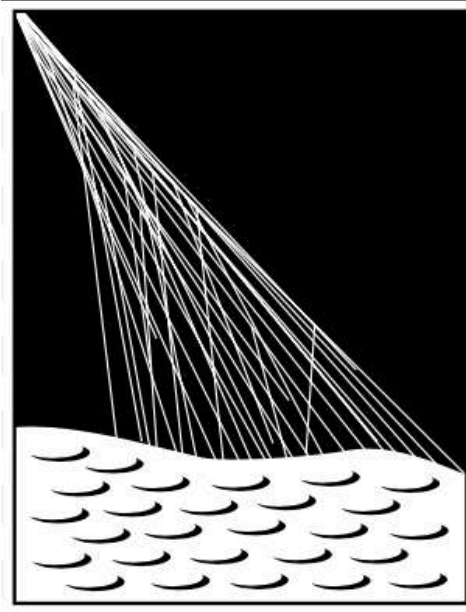
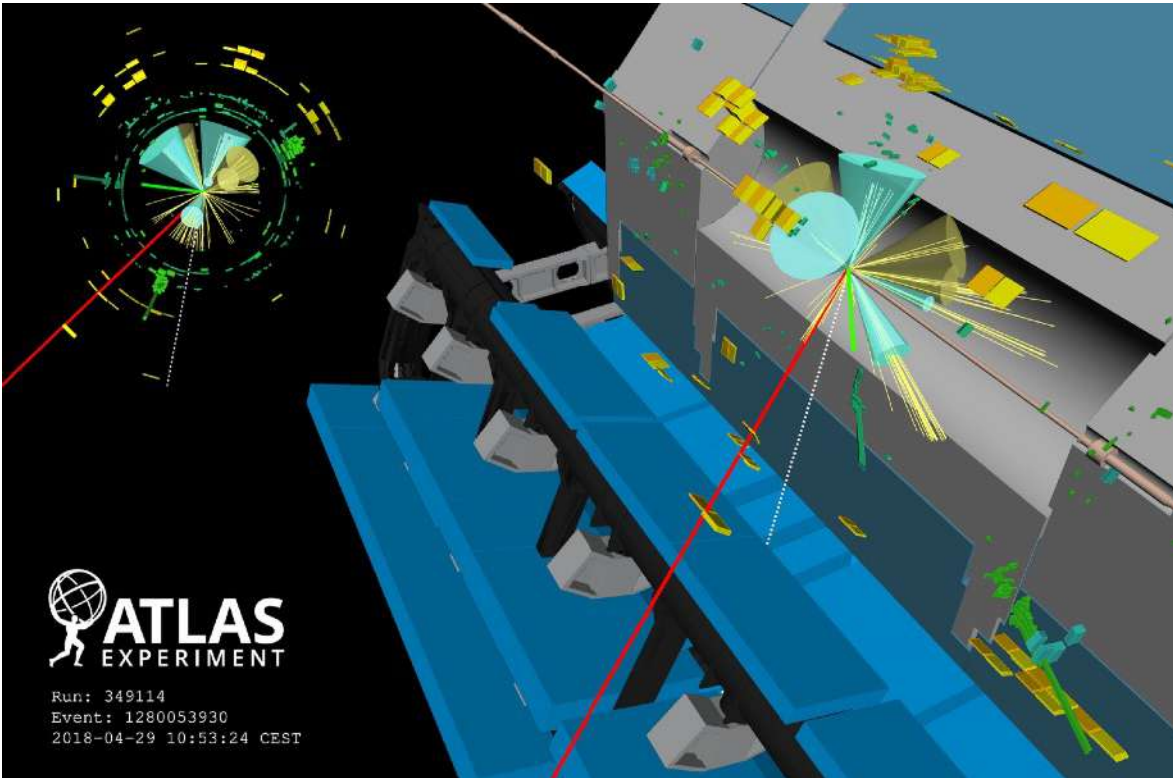


Experimental particle physics
40 scientists and technicians

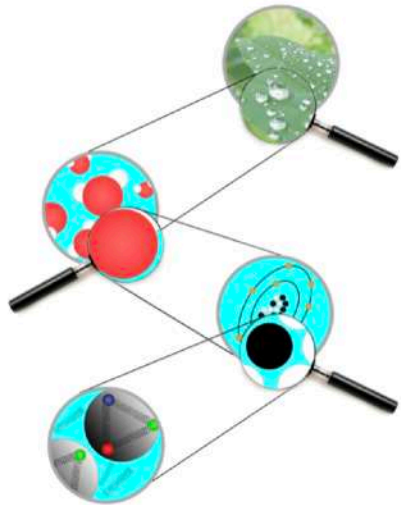


Theoretical particle physics
37 scientists

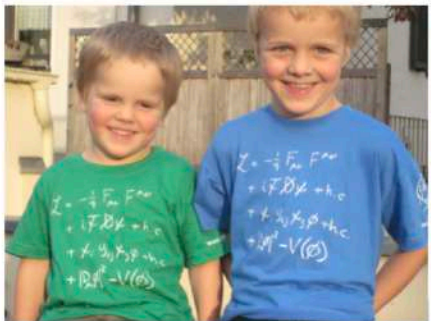
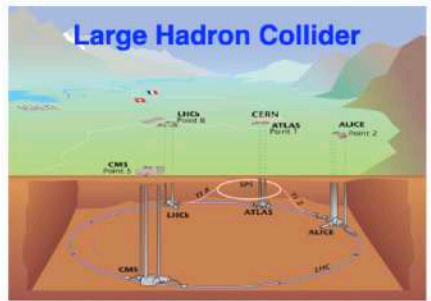
$$W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{X_u} \frac{1}{2m_B} (2\pi)^3 \langle \bar{B} | J_H^{\dagger\mu} | X_u \rangle \langle X_u | J_H^\nu | \bar{B} \rangle \delta^{(4)}(p_B - q - p_{X_u})$$



PIERRE
AUGER
OBSERVATORY



Drei Generationen der Materie (Fermionen)			Wechselwirkungen (Bosonen)	
I			II	
u	c	t	g	H
Up	Charm	Top	Gluon	Higgs
II			III	
d	s	b	γ	Photon
Down	Strange	Bottom	Photon	
III			IV	
e	μ	τ	Z	Z-Boson
Elektron	Muon	Tau	Z-Boson	
IV			V	
ν _e	ν _μ	ν _τ	W	W-Boson
Elektron-Neutrino	Muon-Neutrino	Tau-Neutrino	W-Boson	



Elektromagnetische interaction (IA), strong IA, weak IA, (Gravitation)

Color: binds quarks into proton

Flavor: radioactive decay of a neutron to a proton

SM describes thousands of measurement with a very high precision!



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THE STANDARD MODEL OF PARTICLE PHYSICS

ALL KNOWN FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLES IN THE UNIVERSE CAN BE CLASSIFIED AS MATTER CONSTITUENTS, FORCE CARRIERS AND PARTICLES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CREATION OF MASS.

Quarks and leptons are the matter constituents. To a good approximation the proton is made of two **up** quarks and one **down** quark. There are also heavier copies of these two quarks: the **charm**, **strange**, **bottom** and **top** quarks.

The electron is a lepton and it has also heavier copies: the **muon** and the **tau** as well as neutral partners: the neutrinos.

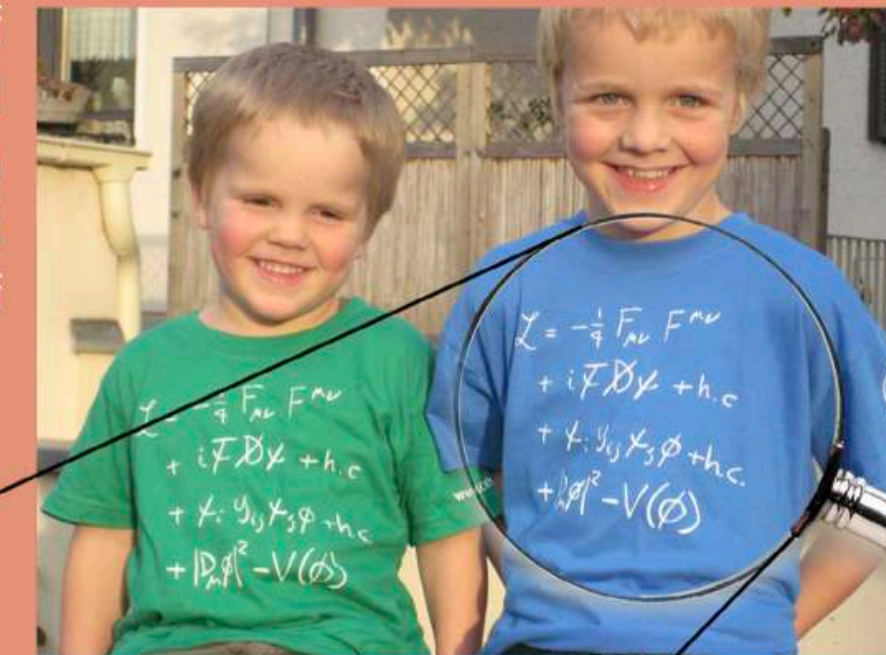
All known fundamental forces are transmitted via force carriers: the electromagnetic interaction by the **photon**, the strong interaction by the **gluon g** and the weak interaction by the **W** and **Z bosons**.

STANDARD MODEL OF ELEMENTARY PARTICLES

THREE GENERATIONS OF MATTER				FORCE CARRIER	MASS GENERATION
Quarks	<div>u up</div>	<div>c charm</div>	<div>t top</div>	<div>g gluon</div>	<div>H Higgs</div>
	<div>d down</div>	<div>s strange</div>	<div>b bottom</div>	<div>γ photon</div>	
	<div>u_c charm quark</div>	<div>u_s strange quark</div>	<div>u_t top quark</div>		
Leptons	<div>e electron</div>	<div>μ muon</div>	<div>τ tau</div>	<div>Z Z boson</div>	
	<div>ν_e electron neutrino</div>	<div>ν_μ muon neutrino</div>	<div>ν_τ tau neutrino</div>		
	<div>W W boson</div>				

MASS GENERATION: Having particles with a mass (as we observe in nature) leads to mathematical problems of our theory. A possible solution was the existence of a new, unknown particle, that was finally observed in 2012: the Higgs boson H.

Mathematically all properties of the fundamental particles and interactions can be encoded in the four line formula from page 3 - known as the Standard Model of Particle Physics.



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi + h.c. \\ & + \bar{\psi}_i \gamma_5 X_3 \psi + h.c. \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \partial^\mu \phi \partial_\mu \phi - V(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

THE FIRST LINE of the formula describes the force carriers.

THE SECOND LINE describes quarks and leptons as well as their interactions.

THE THIRD LINE makes quarks and leptons massive.

THE LAST LINE describes the Higgs particle.

SO WHERE'S GRAVITY? Gravity is not included because we do not have a quantum version of it and its effects are also negligible in the microworld.

HOW DO WE KNOW ALL THIS?

OUR MICROSCOPES FOR LOOKING INTO THE SUB-ATOMIC WORLD ARE PARTICLE ACCELERATORS - THE BIGGEST ONE IS THE LARGE HADRON COLLIDER (LHC)

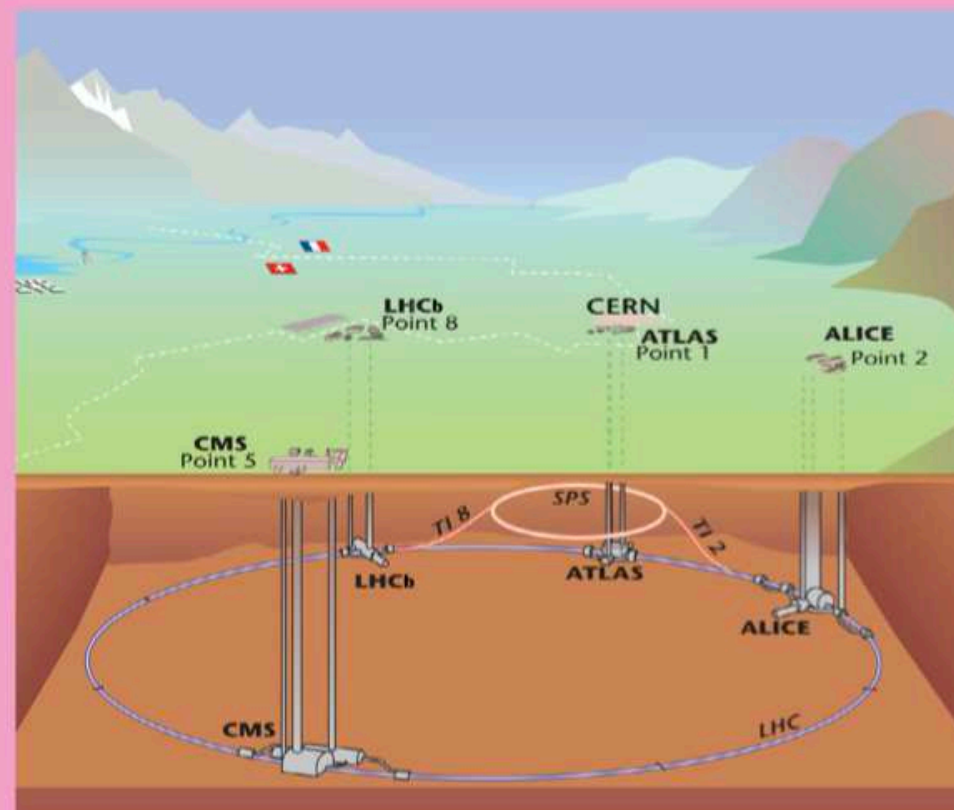
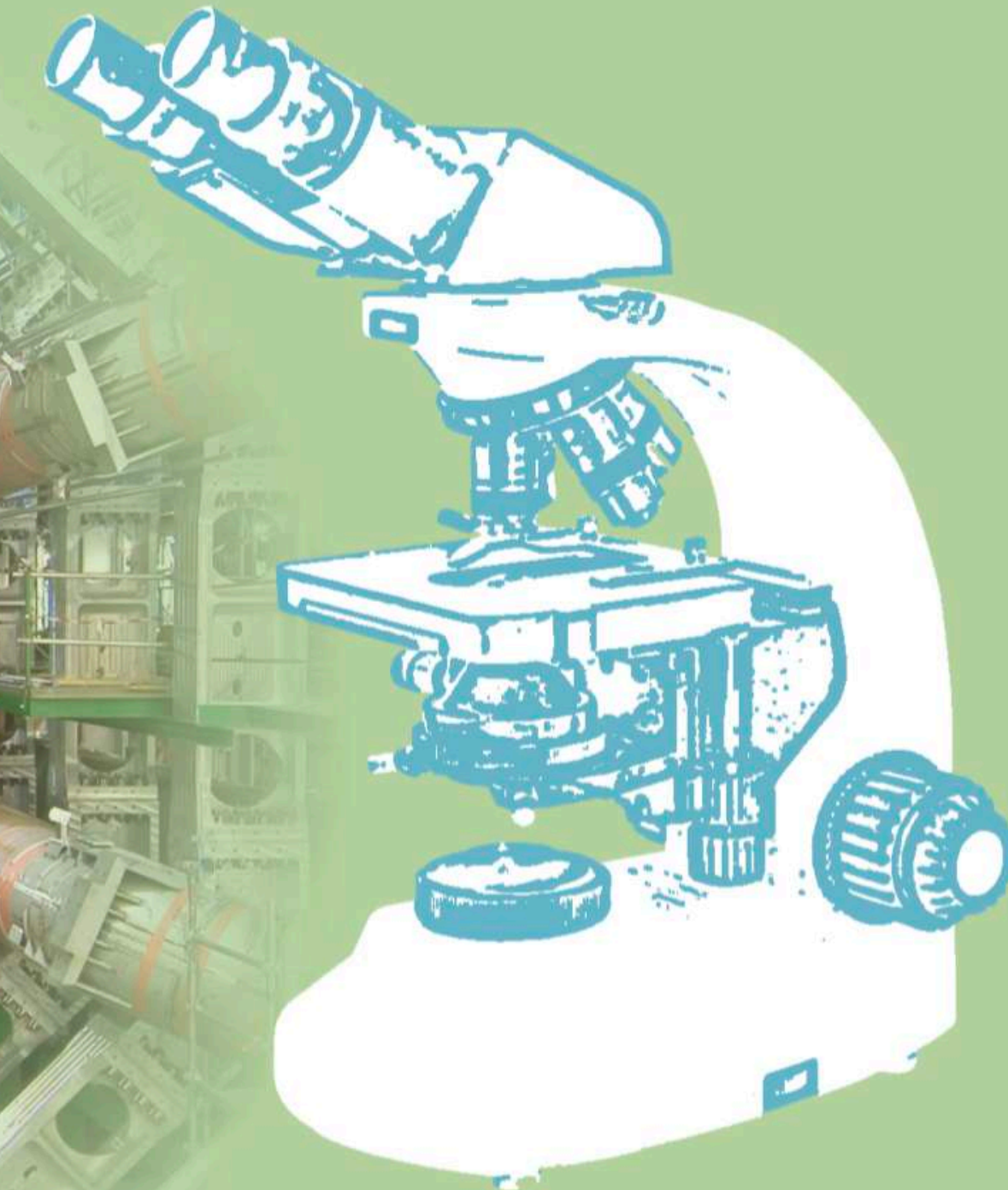
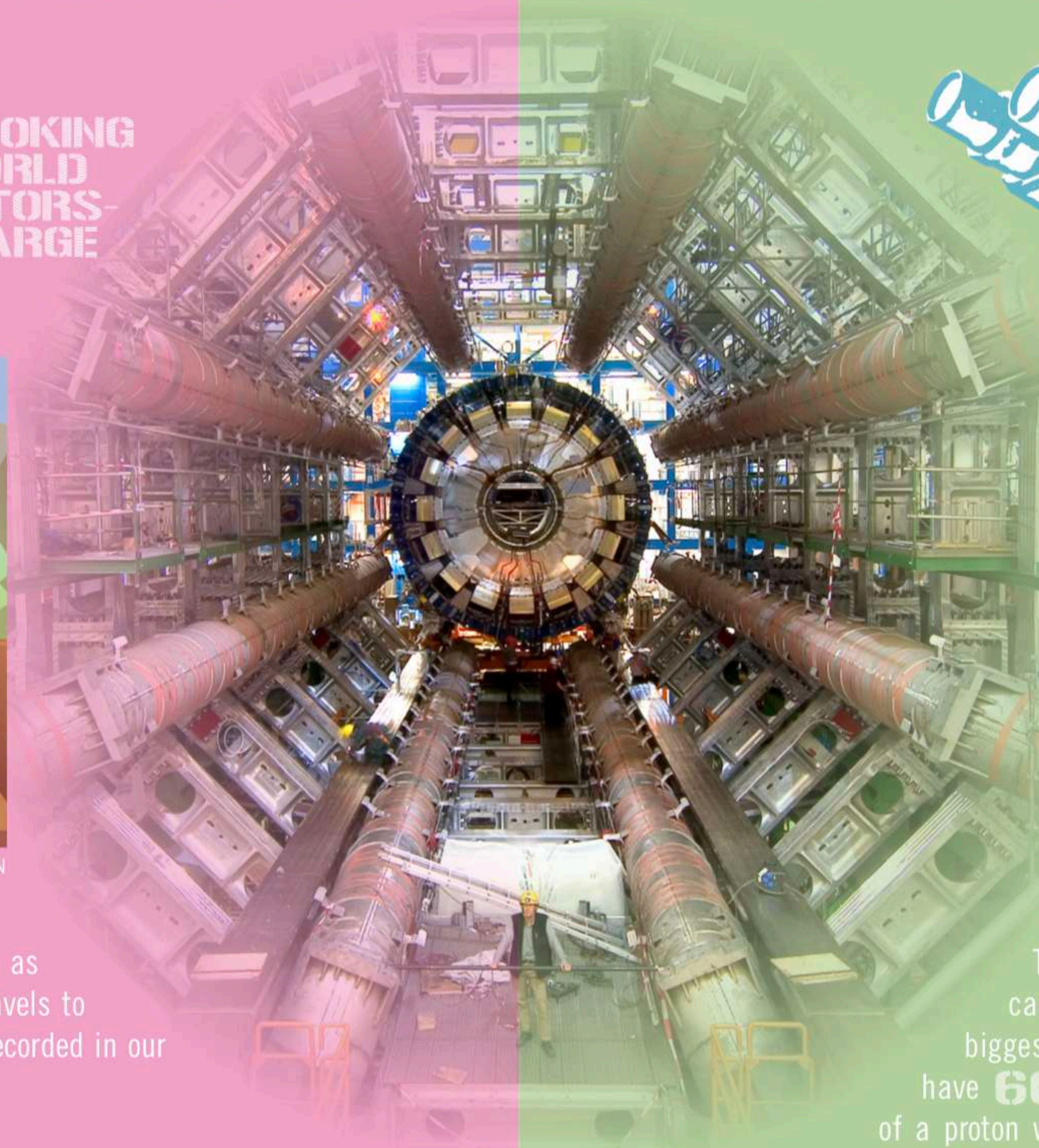


Image credit: CERN

When we see an object, our eyes are working as detectors! Light is emitted by the sun and travels to Earth before bouncing off objects and being recorded in our eyes.

With a normal microscope we can only see objects that are as large as the wavelength of light, which is about the size of small bacteria.

For smaller objects we need shorter wavelengths - which is equivalent to higher energies.



The highest possible energies in the laboratory can currently be created with the LHC, making it our biggest microscope. In every second at the LHC, we can have **600 MILLION COLLISIONS** of a proton with another proton. The energy of the proton beam in the LHC corresponds to the energy of a 200 ton train with a velocity of **MORE THAN 100 MPH!**

With the LHC we can see structures that are more than 100 billion times smaller than bacteria!

IS THERE ANYTHING BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL?



Flammarion engraving 1888 (colourised version)

The enquiring mind of humankind is determined to look behind the curtain, representing the limit of current knowledge. Centuries ago this curtain was given by the borders of the known world - looking beyond these boundaries new countries were discovered, later we even reached out for the whole Universe. Besides making discoveries at larger and larger distance scales, we also started to investigate the smallest building blocks. Now the Standard Model is the limit of knowledge in the micro-world....

...WHAT LIES BEYOND?

THE STANDARD MODEL IS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL

it accurately predicts
hundreds of observables at the quantum level

$$a_e = \frac{g - 2}{2}$$

Predicted value = $0.0011596521816(\pm 8)$ • g is the strength of the coupling of a photon to an electron

Measured value = $0.0011596521807(\pm 3)$ • a_e is the deviation of this coupling from 2

• Experiment and Standard model agree to an extremely high precision

BUT

it leaves many questions open, like

What is the origin of **DARK MATTER**?

How was **MATTER CREATED** in the Universe?

Why are **NEUTRINOS** almost **MASSLESS**?

Why do we have three copies of **Quarks** and **LEPTONS**?

Is there a **QUANTUM THEORY OF GRAVITY**?

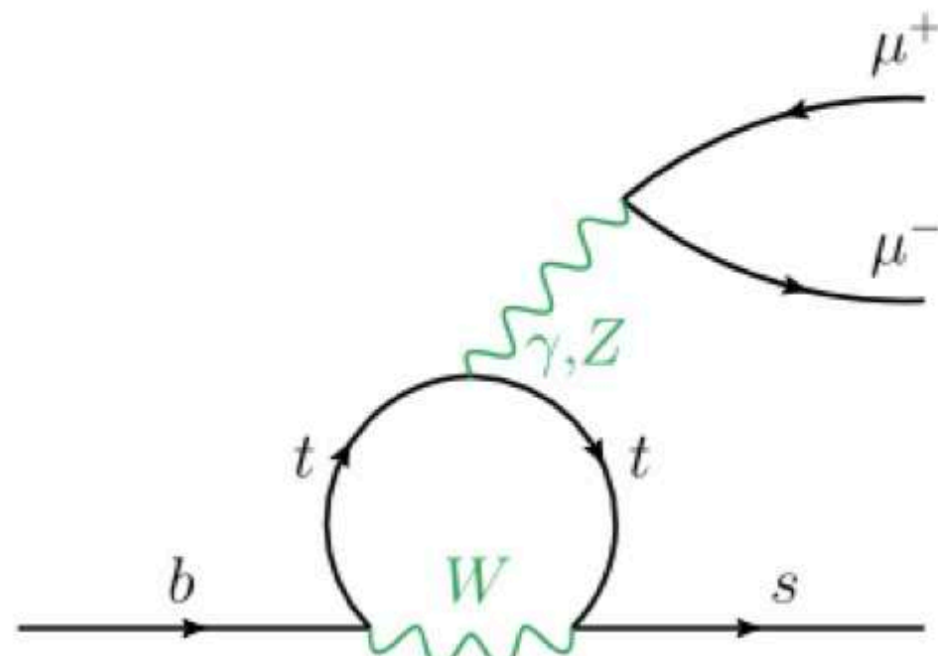
Why is the top **QUARKS** so much heavier than the **ELECTRON**?

Flavour Physics

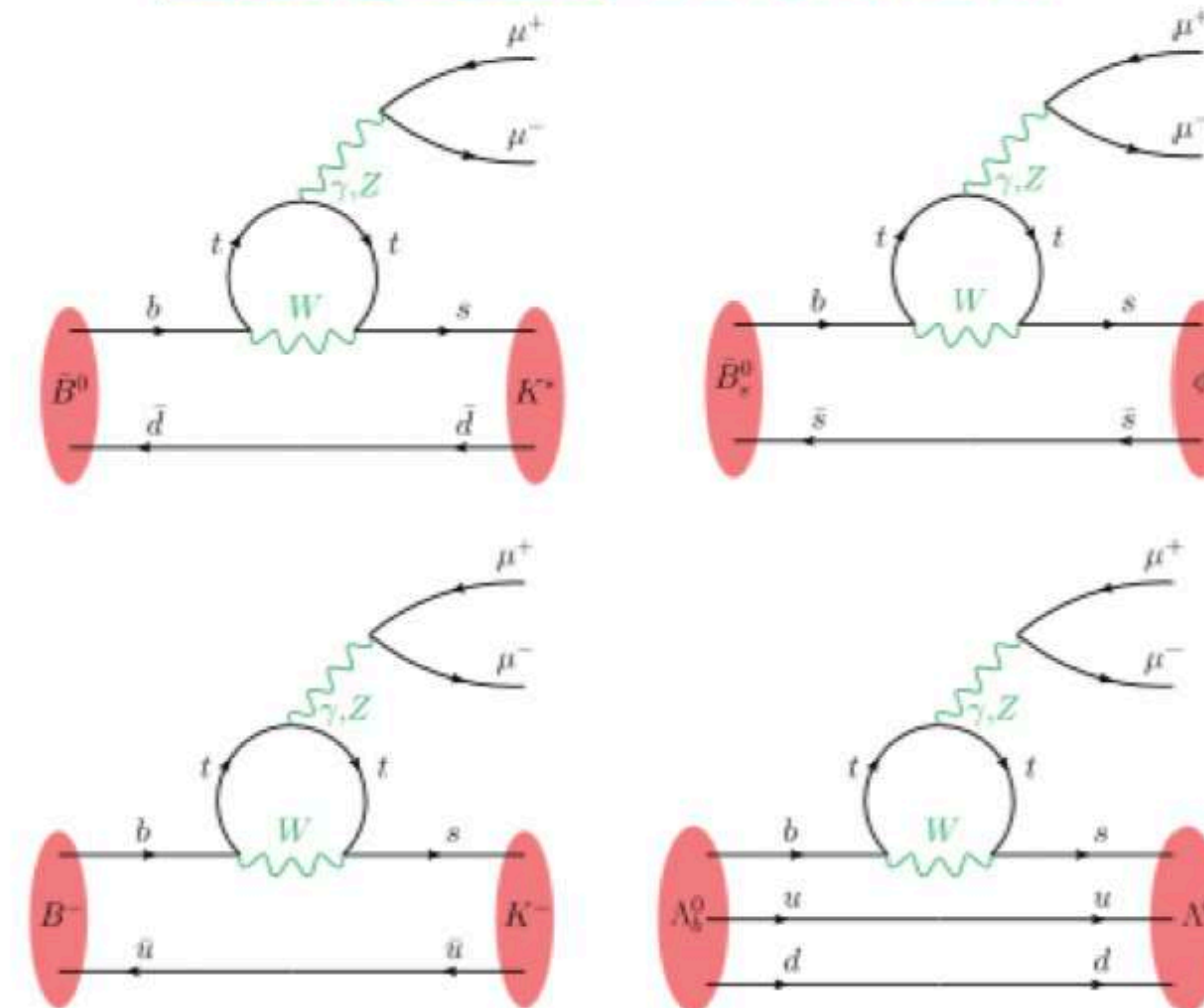
Theory

Experiment

$b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ weak decay

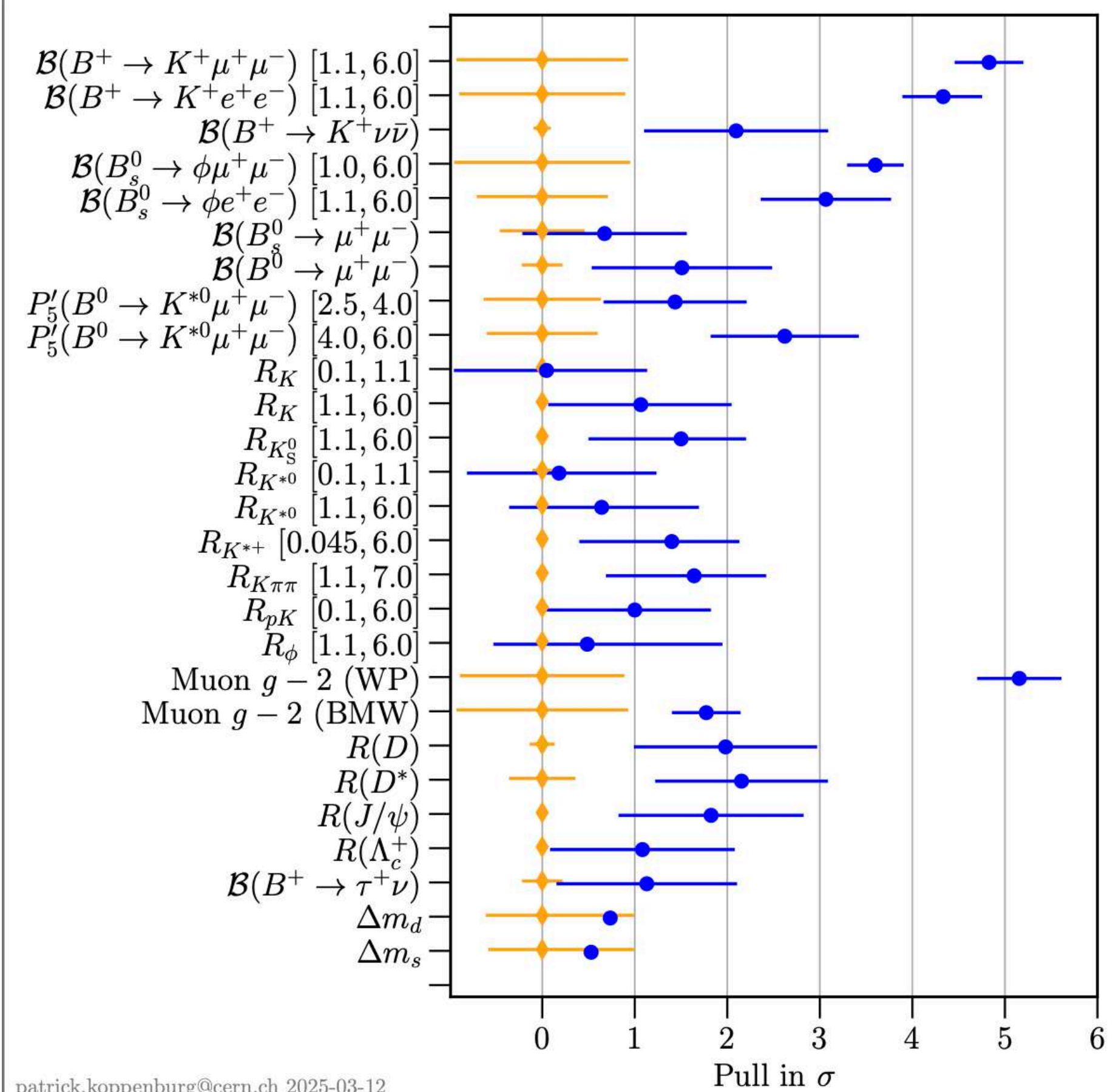


Hadronic structure



Our speciality:

Precise theory calculations

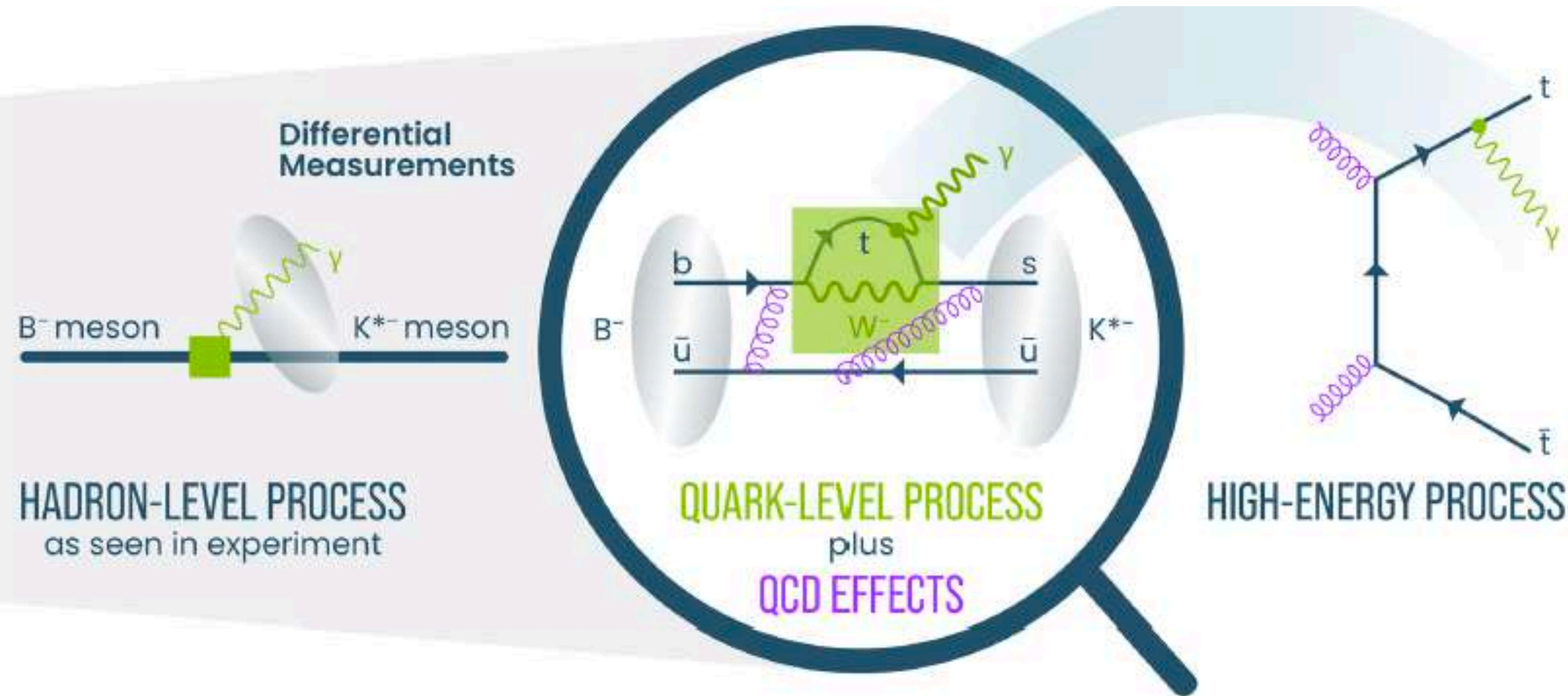


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Deviations **might** point towards new physics,
explain matter asymmetry, dark matter,...

Experiments at CERN (LHCb, ATLAS, CMS), KEK (BelleII) und BESIII

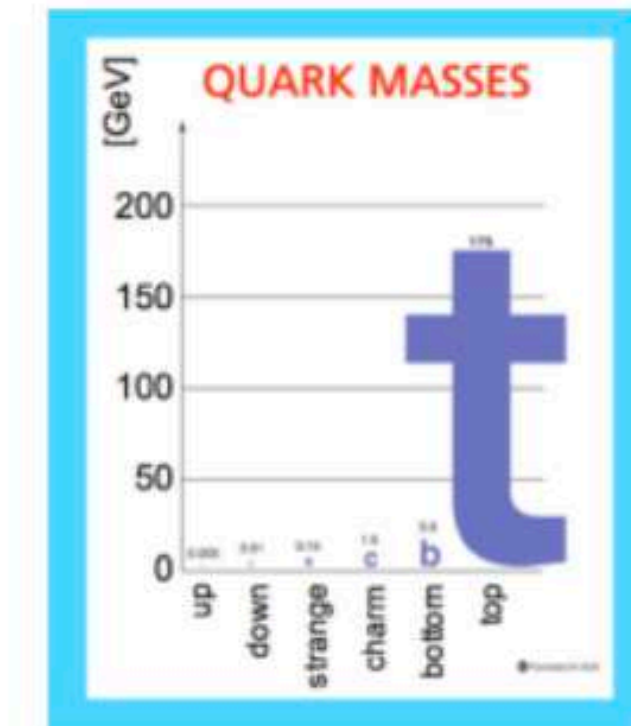
Flavour Physics meets Top Physics



Look for the properties of the top quark at the ATLAS detector

Top Quark : The heaviest Ingredient of our Universe

Since its discovery at the Tevatron in 1995, the top quark has been of major interest in studying the Standard Model (SM) and in the search for New Physics.



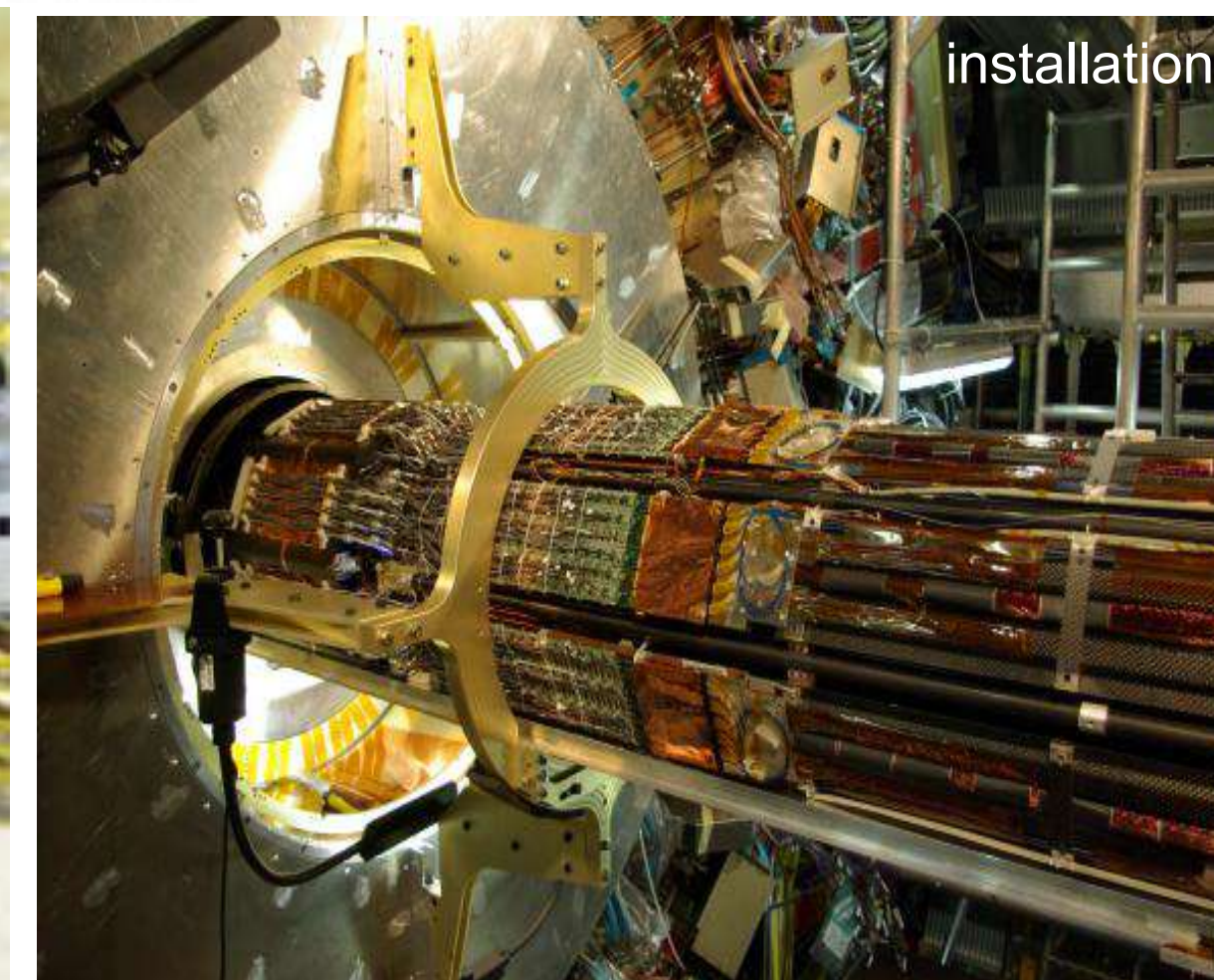
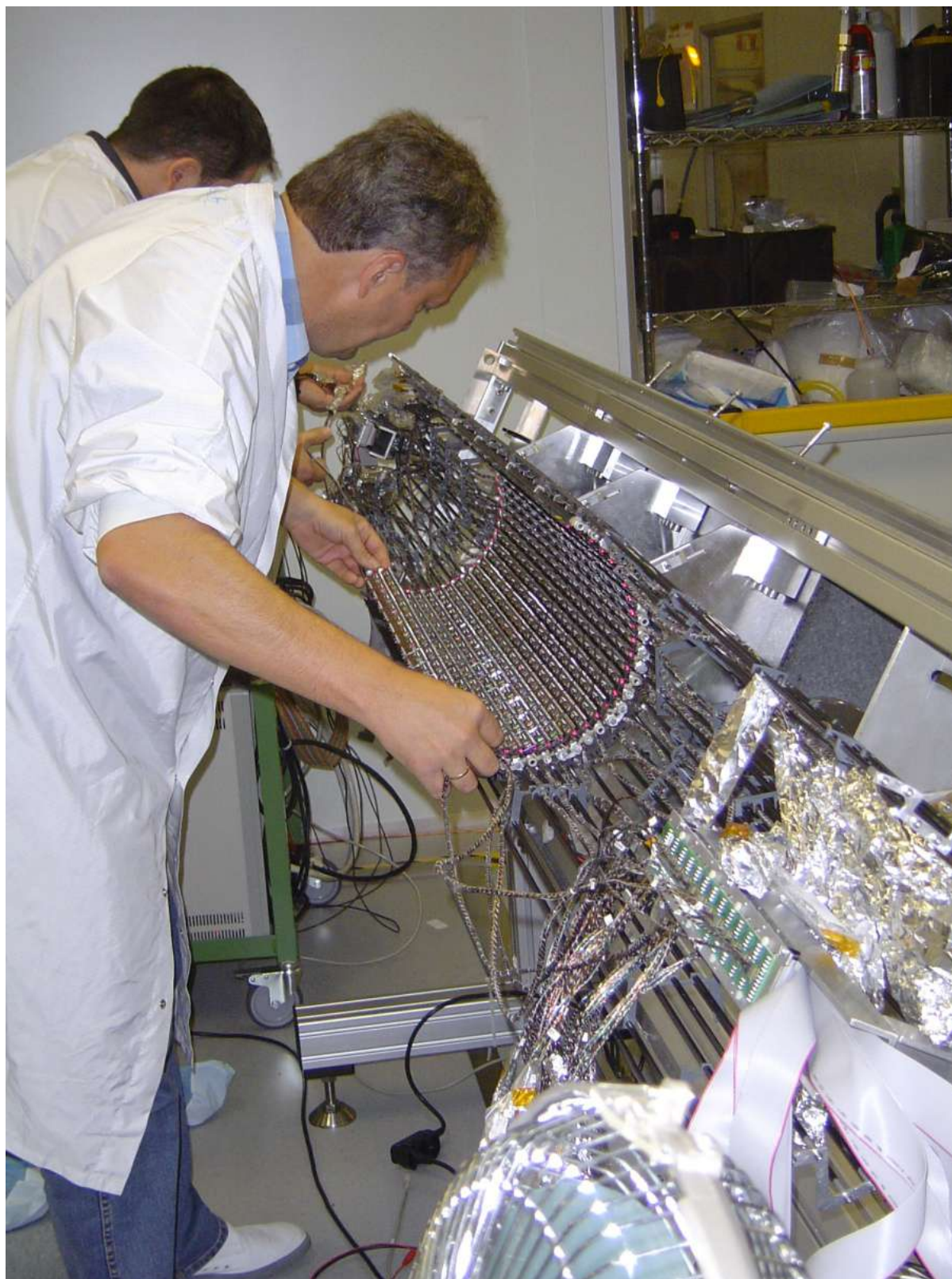
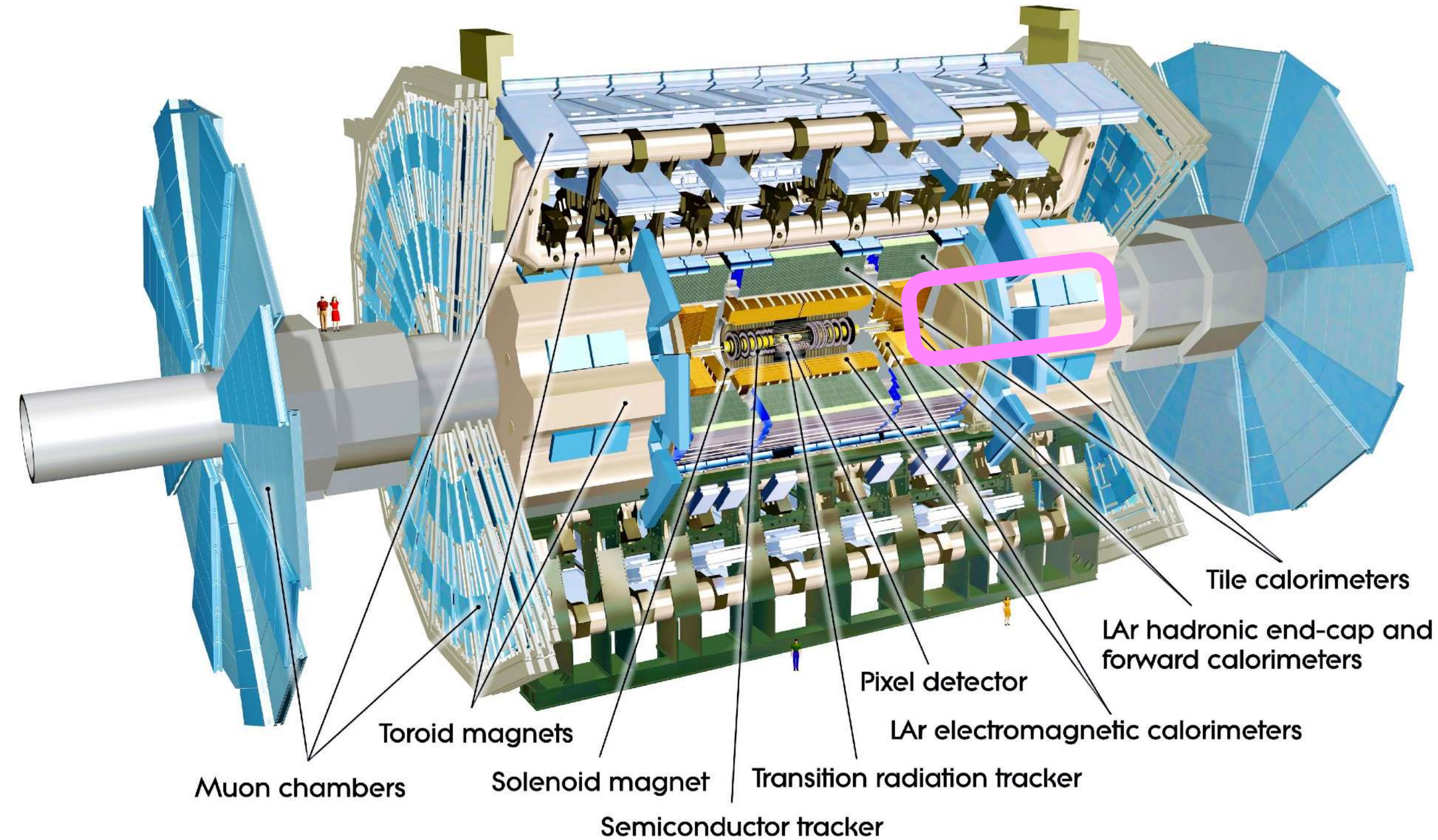
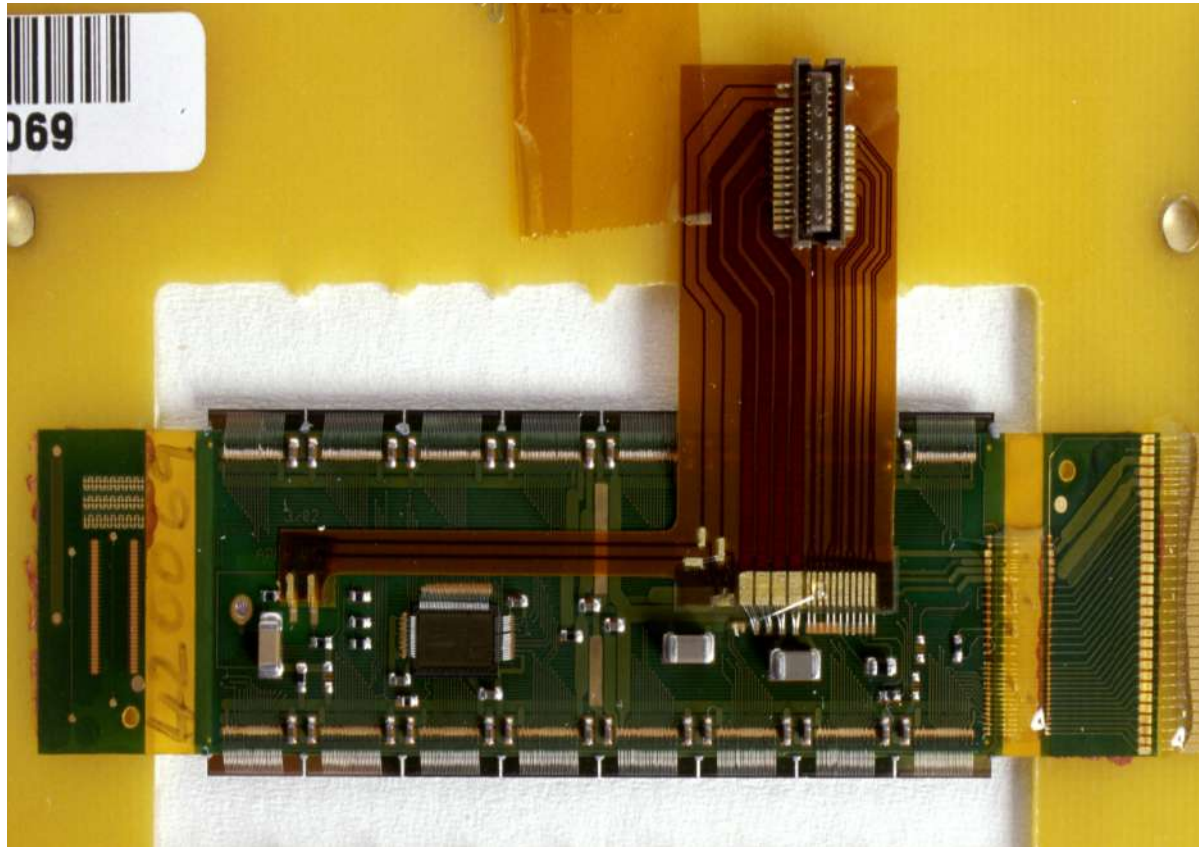
With a mass of 172.5 GeV, the top quark is the **heaviest** SM particle known to date.

It is a key tool to **probe the SM at high energies** and search for **new phenomena**

The LHC is a Top Quark Factory

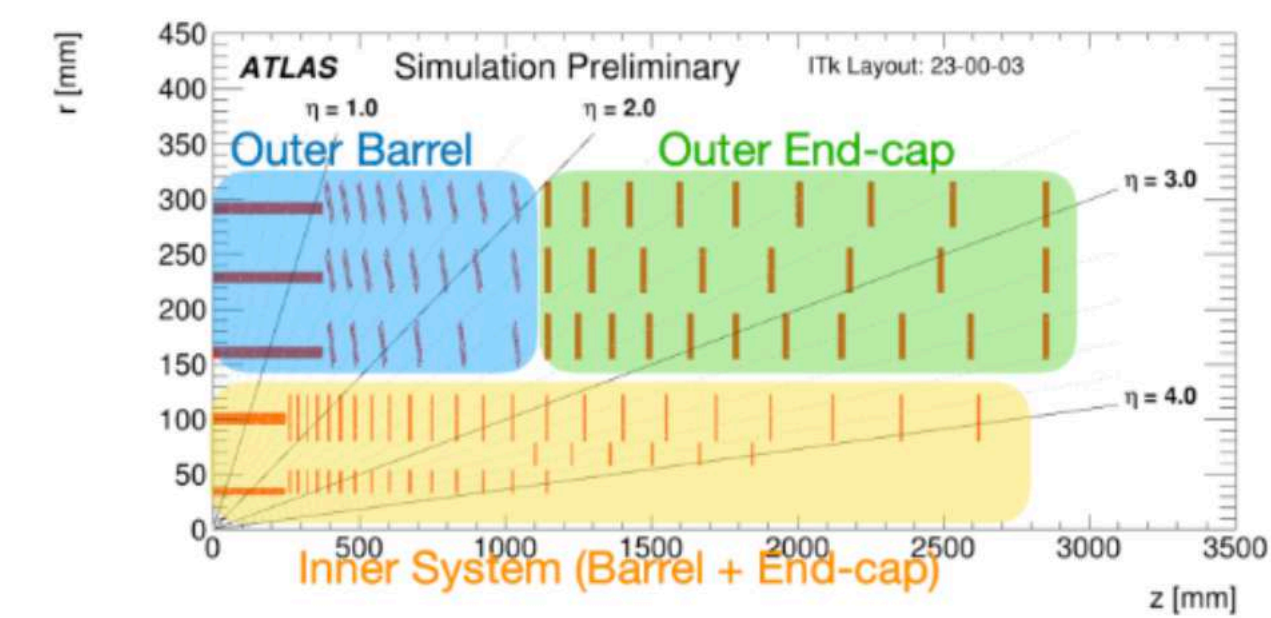
The high centre-of-mass energy of the LHC (13.6 TeV since 2022!) makes it a true top quark factory: more than 300 million top quarks produced!

The ATLAS Pixel detector



A new pixel detector is required for the High-Lumi LHC phase

- Up to 200 simultaneous collisions
- $2 \rightarrow 13 \text{ m}^2$ silicon sensors
- $2000 \rightarrow 9400$ modules
- $92 \text{ Mega-Pixel} \rightarrow 5,1 \text{ Giga-Pixel}$



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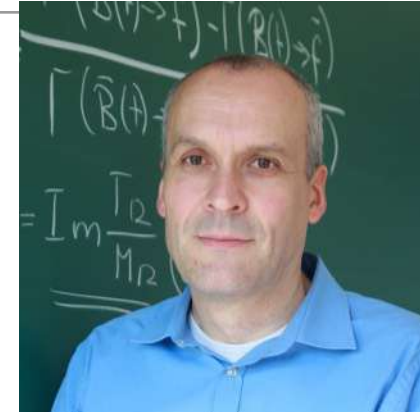
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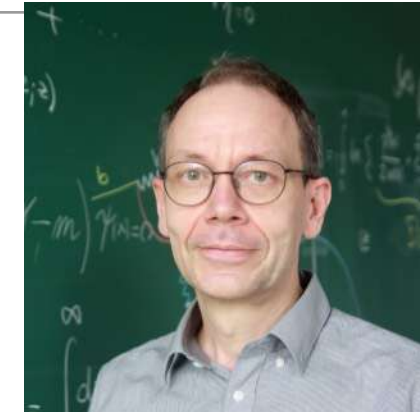
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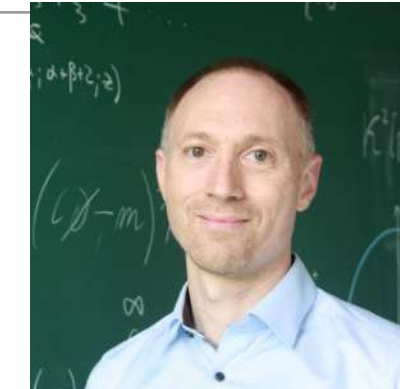
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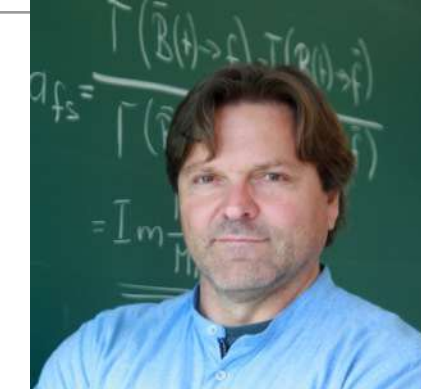
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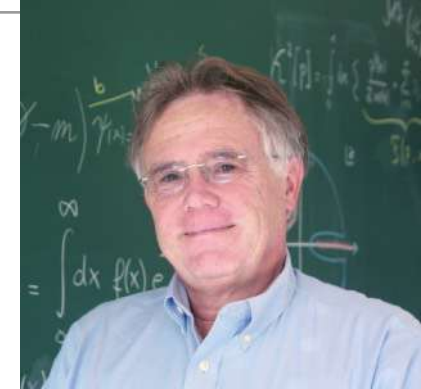
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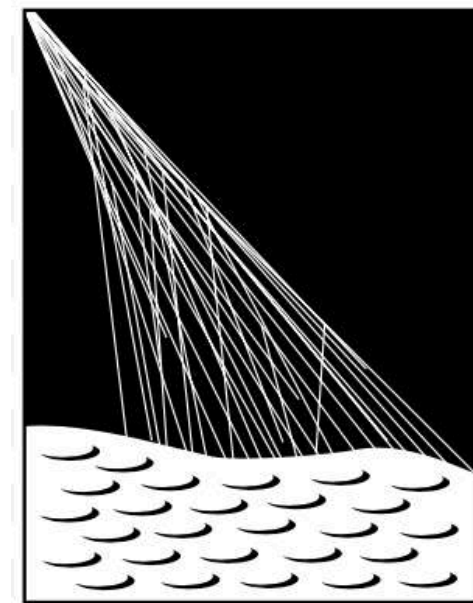
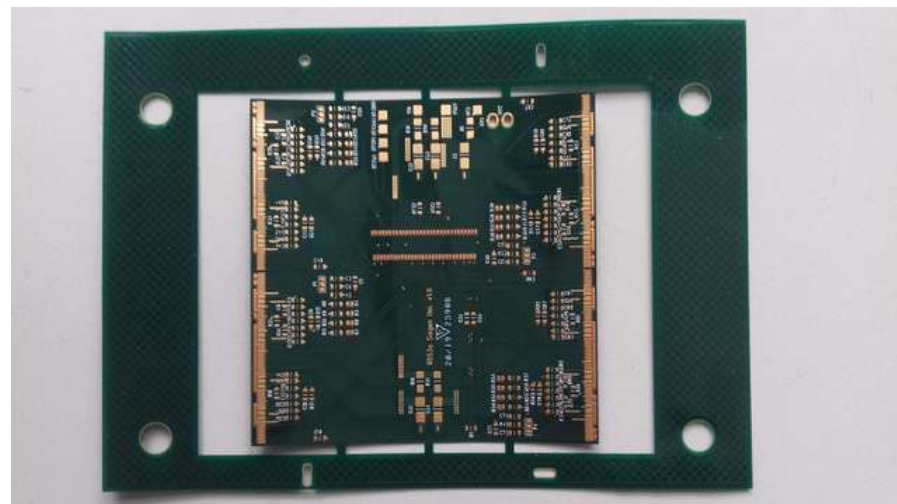
$$S_0(\tau, \nu) = 1 + \left(\frac{Z_0 \alpha_s}{4\pi} \right) (\mu^2 \tau^2)^{\epsilon} (\nu \bar{\tau})^{\alpha} S_R(\epsilon, \alpha) + \left(\frac{Z_0 \alpha_s}{4\pi} \right)^2 (\mu^2 \tau^2)^{2\epsilon} \left\{ (\nu \bar{\tau})^{\alpha} S_{RV}(\epsilon, \alpha) + (\nu \bar{\tau})^{2\alpha} S_{RR}(\epsilon, \alpha) \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$$

$$F_{\gamma\pi}^{\text{LP}}(Q^2) = \frac{(e_u^2 - e_d^2) f_{\pi}}{\sqrt{2} Q^2} \int_0^1 dx T_2(x, Q^2, \mu_F) \phi_{\pi}(x, \mu_F)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_Y = -Y_{ij}^{(u)} \bar{Q}_L^i \tilde{\Phi}_2 u_R^j - Y_{ij}^{(d)} \bar{Q}_L^i \Phi_1 d_R^j - Y_{ij}^{(\ell)} \bar{L}_L^i \Phi_1 \ell_R^j + \text{h.c.},$$

Detector development

- Silicon pixel detector
- gasgefüllte Detektoren (Timepix)
- Silizium Photomultiplier (SiPM)



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$$\mathcal{M}_{12}(B_q) = \mathcal{M}_{12}(B_q)|_{\text{SM}} \left[1 + \frac{4\pi^2 C_{qq}}{G_F^2 m_W^2 (V_{tb}^* V_{tq})^2 S_0(x_t)} \right]$$

Process	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}[\text{fb}]$	MG5 aMC $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}[\text{fb}]$	K	$\sigma_{\text{LO}}[\text{fb}]$	WHIZARD $\sigma_{\text{NLO}}[\text{fb}]$	K	$\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\text{std}}[\text{fb}]$
$e^+e^- \rightarrow ii$	622.70(5)	639.30(12)	1.027	622.737(8)	639.39(5)	1.027	0.69

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{X_u} \frac{1}{2m_B} (2\pi)^3 \langle \bar{B} | J_H^{\dagger\mu} | X_u \rangle \langle X_u | J_H^\nu | \bar{B} \rangle \delta^{(4)}(p_B - q - p_{X_u})$$

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Theory

- Precision calculations within in beyond the Standard model (SM)
 - Flavour physics
 - Perturbative calculations
 - Effective Theories, SCET
 - Sum rules
 - Lattice simulations
- Monte Carlo Studies
- Investigations of models beyond the SM

**Largest theoretical
flavour physics
group in the world**



Data analysis

Develop methods for reconstruction and analysis (Machine Learning)

Analysis of top quark data at ATLAS



Detector
Development

Centre for Particle Physics Siegen



Data
Analysis

Machine
Learning

ATLAS
CERN

Pierre
Auger

Ship
CERN

Flavour
Physics

Sum
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SCET

Monte
Carlo

Multi
Loop

Lattice

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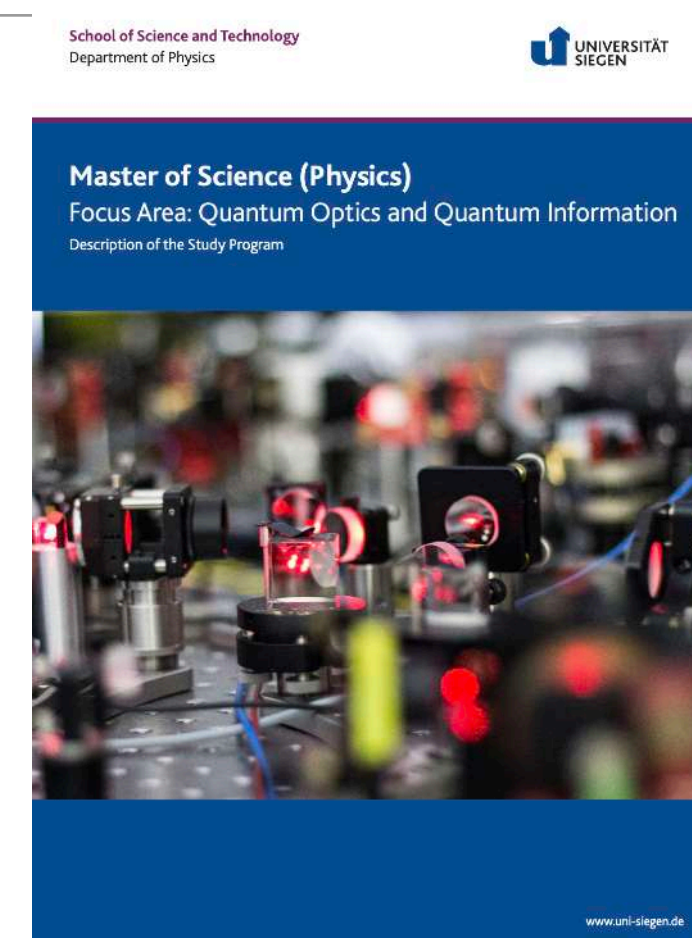
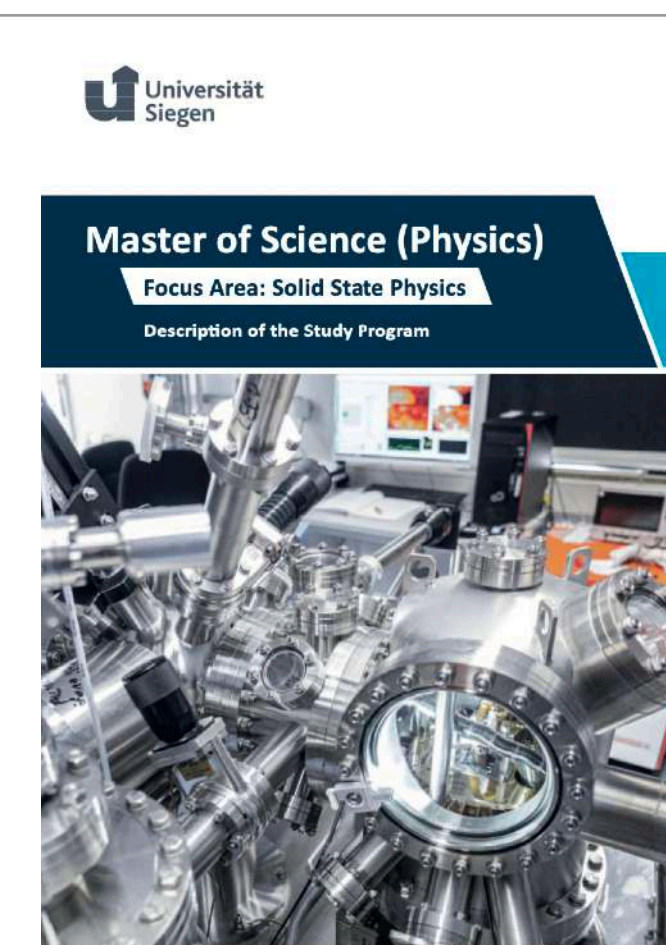
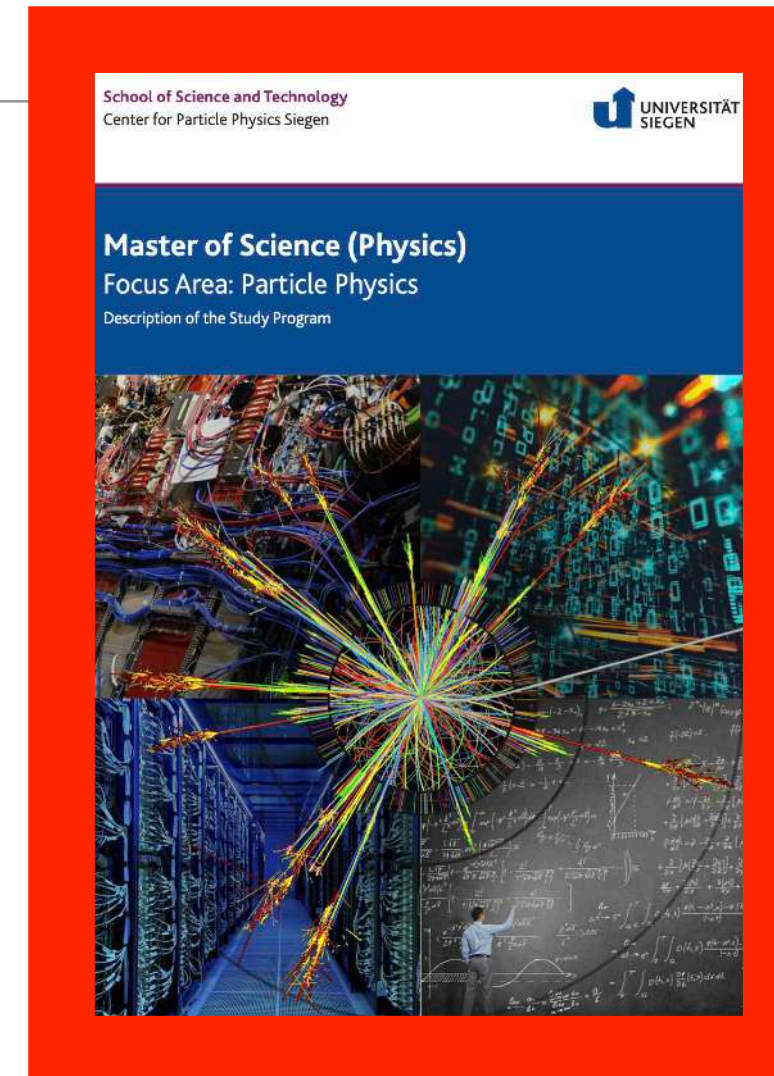
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Physics Studies in Siegen

- Bachelor (German)
- **Master (English)**
 - **General Master**
 - **Focus area particle physics**
 - Focus area quantum optics and quantum information
 - Focus area solid state physics
- Teaching in Physics
- MSc NanoScience and Nanotechnology
- MSc Quantum Science



[Link to brochure for master studies in particle physics](#)

Particle Physics Master studies

The CPPS offers a two-year **Master of Science (Physics)** degree with focus on **particle physics**.

The study program is **research oriented**, i.e. after its successful completion you will be qualified to understand and participate in topical research in particle physics, e.g. by **undertaking a PhD project**.

The program is designed for **four semesters**:

1. In the **first two semesters** the students attend specialized **lectures, seminars** and a **laboratory course**
Can take longer depending on your previous education
2. one semester of **preparation for research work**
3. **master thesis** to be prepared during the last semester
Thesis results often in a publication

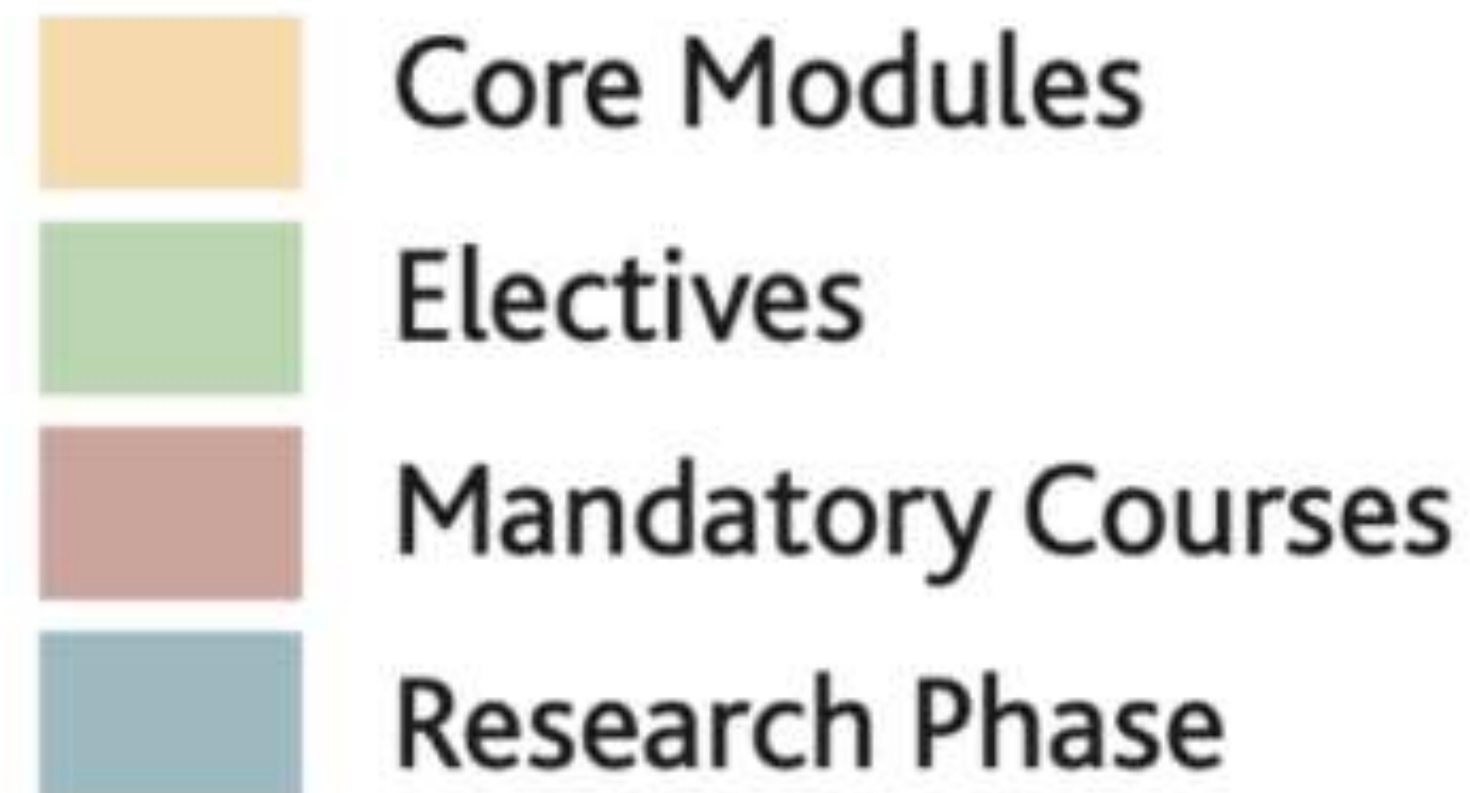


Particle Physics Master studies

The curriculum offers ample flexibility to tailor your studies to your personal interests.

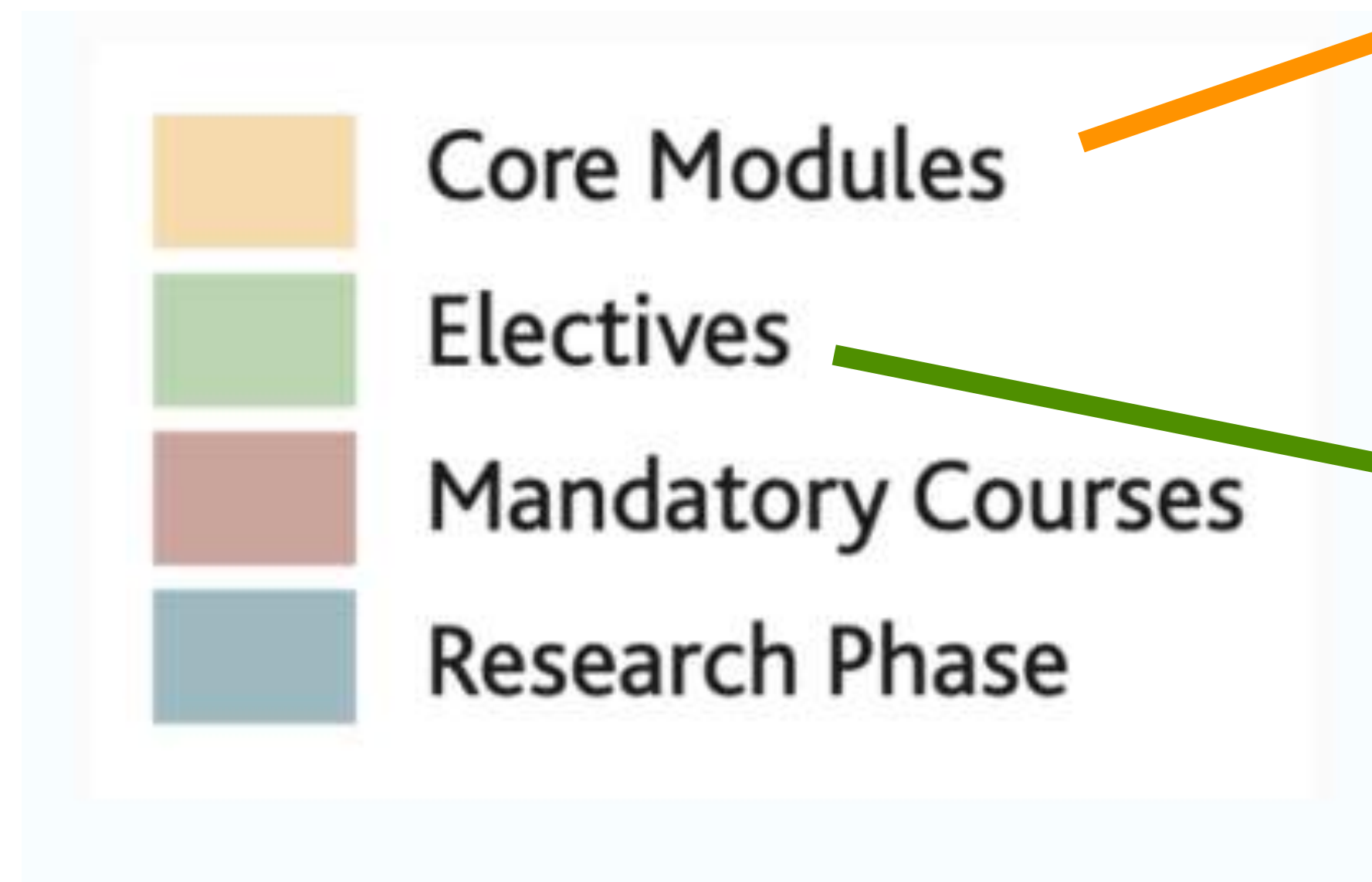
It is subdivided into four categories:

- 1. Mandatory Courses:** Laboratory Course and Master Seminar (15 CP)
- 2. Mandatory Electives:** Two **Core Modules** and one **Elective** in the chosen Focus Area (24 CP)
- 3. Electives:** Further **Core Modules** and **Electives** (21 CP)
- 4. Research Phase:** Preparation Phase, Training Phase and Master Thesis (60 CP)



Particle Physics Master studies

For further information on the MSc course program, please consult
https://www.physik.uni-siegen.de/pruefungsamt/modbuchmsc_2019-en.pdf



EPP	Experimental Particle Physics (ST)
CPPP	Concepts and Phenomena in Particle Physics (WT)
TPP1	Theoretical Particle Physics I (ST)
TPP2	Theoretical Particle Physics II (WT)

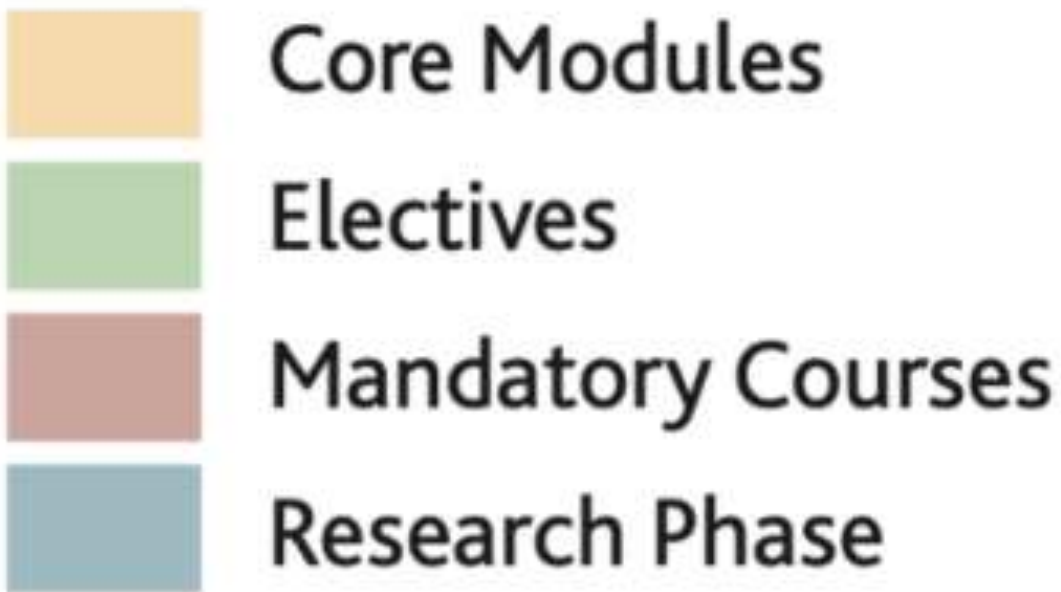
(9 CP each)

ID	Course Title	CP
A1	Data Analysis + Machine Learning	6
A2	Lab Course on Electronics	6
A3	Detector Physics	6
A4	Accelerator Physics II	3
D1	Astroparticle Physics	6
D2	Cosmology	6
D3	Physics at the Pierre Auger Obser.	6
D4	Physics at the LHC	6
E1	Flavour Physics	6
E2	Hadron Physics	6
E3	Collider Physics	6
E4	Higgs Physics	6
F1	Physics beyond the SM	6
F2	Effective Field Theories	6
F3	Calculation of Loop Diagrams	6
F4	Special Topics in QFT	3

Particle Physics Master studies

A student with interests in **experimental particle physics** may choose the following modules:

- **Core Modules:**
 - Experimental Particle Physics (EPP)
 - Concepts and Phenomena in Particle Physics (CPPP)
- **Electives:**
 - Physics at the Large Hadron Collider
 - Detector Physics
 - Flavour Physics
 - Machine Learning
 - Accelerator Physics II



Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
EPP	Physics at the LHC	Oral Exam	
	CPPP		
Detector Physics	Flavour Physics		
Machine Learning			
Accelerator Physics II			
Master Seminar	Laboratory Course	Preparation + Training	Master Thesis

Particle Physics Master studies

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CPPP	Flavour Physics	Oral Exam	
	TPP 1		
Physics at the LHC	Hadron Physics		
Cosmology	Special Topics in QFT		
Laboratory Course	Master Seminar	Preparation + Training	Master Thesis

A student with interests in **theoretical particle physics** may choose the following modules:

- **Core Module:**
 - Concepts and Phenomena in Particle Physics (CPPP)
 - Theoretical Particle Physics 1 (TPP 1)
- **Electives:**
 - Physics at the Large Hadron Collider
 - Cosmology
 - Flavour Physics
 - Hadron Physics
 - Special Topics in Quantum Field Theory

Additional online Courses

<https://color-meets-flavor.de/education/lectures>



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Joint “Color meets Flavor” Lectures

The following advanced lectures in hadron and particle physics, offered jointly by the University of Bonn, TU Dortmund University, and the University of Siegen, are open to Master students and doctoral students from all three institutions. Participation is possible both in person and via Zoom. Under the title “Color meets Flavor”, the lectures explore and integrate key topics in quantum chromodynamics and flavor physics.

Credits obtained in these courses are officially recognized by all three universities. Please coordinate your course selection and credit transfer with the designated contact persons at your home institution. A form for use at TU Dortmund University is available [here](#).

Winter Semester 2025/26

Bonn

Theoretical Physics

Theoretical Hadron Physics
Prof. Dr. Christoph Hanhart
Dr. Andreas Nogga

Lecture:
Wednesday, 13:00-16:00

The lecture starts on October 15, 2025. Please write to the lecturers if you would like to participate via Zoom from Dortmund or Siegen.

Module Description (PDF)

Experimental Physics

Accelerator Physics
Prof. Dr. Sebastian Neubert

Lecture:
Tuesday, 10:15-11:45
Thursday, 10:15-11:45

The lecture starts on October 14, 2025. Please write to the lecturer if you would like to participate via Zoom from Dortmund or Siegen.

Module Description (PDF)

Experimental Physics

Physics of Particle Detectors
Prof. Dr. Jochen Dingfelder

Lecture:
Tuesday, 12:15-14:00
Thursday, 14:15-16:00

The lecture starts on October 14, 2025. Please write to the lecturer if you would like to participate via Zoom from Dortmund or Siegen.

Module Description (PDF)

Siegen

Theoretical Physics

Introduction to Lattice Field Theory
Dr. Oliver Witzel

Lectures:
Thursday, 10:15-11:45
Friday, 10:15-11:45
(alternating between lecture and tutorial)

The lecture starts on October 23, 2025. Please write to the lecturer if you would like to participate via Zoom from Bonn or Dortmund.

Announcement (PDF)

Theoretical Physics

QCD Sum Rules for Flavor Physics
Prof. Dr. Alexander Khodjamirian

Block course of lectures taking place in Siegen from February 9 to 17, 2026, 10:15-11:45. Please write to the lecturer if you would like to participate via Zoom from Bonn or Dortmund.

Announcement (PDF)

Previous Topics for Master theses

Master

Area	Date	Name	Title of Thesis
Experiment	2024	Tim Lukas Fehler	Hybrid Search for Photons with the Low-Energy Extensions of the Pierre Auger Observatory
Theory	04/2023	Dennis Heinemann	Study of $e^+ e^-$ jet-rates in Soft-Collinear Effective Theory
Experiment	04/2023	Kaveh Kooshkjalali	Design, Construction, and Testing of a Cherenkov Coincidence Detector for Proton Beam Therapy
Theory	01/2023	Christian Schneider	Gradient-flow scale setting with tree-level improvement
Theory	01/2023	Daniel Busch	Classifying the Flavour Sector in Extensions of the Standard Model via Froggatt-Nielsen Charges
Theory	11/2022	Jakob Müller	Schranken an Physik jenseits des Standardmodells durch Lebensdauern von B Mesonen
Experiment	08/2022	Chiara Papior	Evaluating the capabilities of the Pierre Auger Observatory to search for axion-like particles
Theory	09/2022	Sebastian Edelmann	Next-to-Next-to-Leading Order Real-Virtual Corrections to Soft Functions with Massive Partons
Theory	09/2022	Anastasia Boushmelev	Quark masses and the heavy quark expansion
Experiment	11/2021	Vakhtang Ananiashvili	Improving the $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ event selection with Graph Neural Networks in multilepton final states at the ATLAS detector
Theory	07/2021	Sven Münker	Automated Calculation of Soft Functions for Massive Partons at Next-to-Leading Order
Theory	02/2021	Gustavo Adolfo Lara-Sánchez	Impact of TeV Scalar Leptoquarks on Flavor-violating Higgs Decays: An effective Field Theory approach
Experiment	12/2020	Tim-Philip Hücking	Pseudo Experiment Based Studies with RooFit of Fits to Events Weighted by the SPlot Technique for Application in the ATLAS B-Physics Data Analysis
Experiment	11/2020	Niklas Schwan	Improving Four-Top-Quark Event Classification with Deep Learning Techniques using ATLAS Simulation
Experiment	10/2020	Anna Bobrikova	Predicting the UHE photon flux from GZK-interactions of hadronic cosmic rays using CRPropa 3
Experiment	08/2020	Jan Joachim Hahn	Measurement of X-ray photons using an INGRID chip
Experiment	06/2020	Agha Mohammad Raza	Determination of Background from Misreconstructed Electrons in $t\bar{t}\gamma$ Single Lepton Channel at the $\sqrt{s}=13$ TeV with 139 fb^{-1} of ATLAS Data

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Living in Siegen

Low living costs



**Ranking of
average renting
costs in German
university towns:
Siegen ranks last,
i.e. the lowest
costs :-)**

Quelle: empirica-Preisdatenbank (Basis: VALUE Marktdaten)

No tuition fees - administrative fee of currently 333 Euro per term

Low living costs



Living costs (w/o rent)
Rent
Food
Rent
Living costs
Salary - costs



Lebenshaltungskosten in Siegen

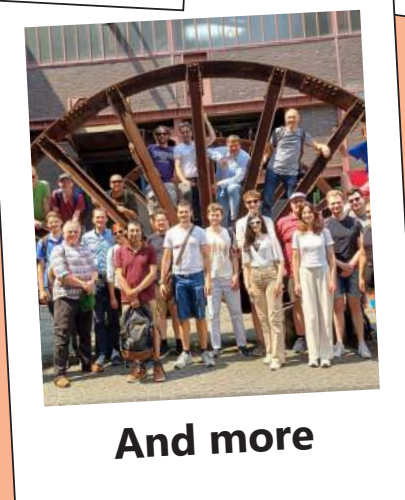
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Lebenshaltungskosten-Index (ohne Miete):	55,81
Miet-Index:	13,08
Lebensmittel-Index:	60,00
Gaststätten-Index:	49,28
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Örtliche Kaufkraft:	137,08

**Compared
to 100**

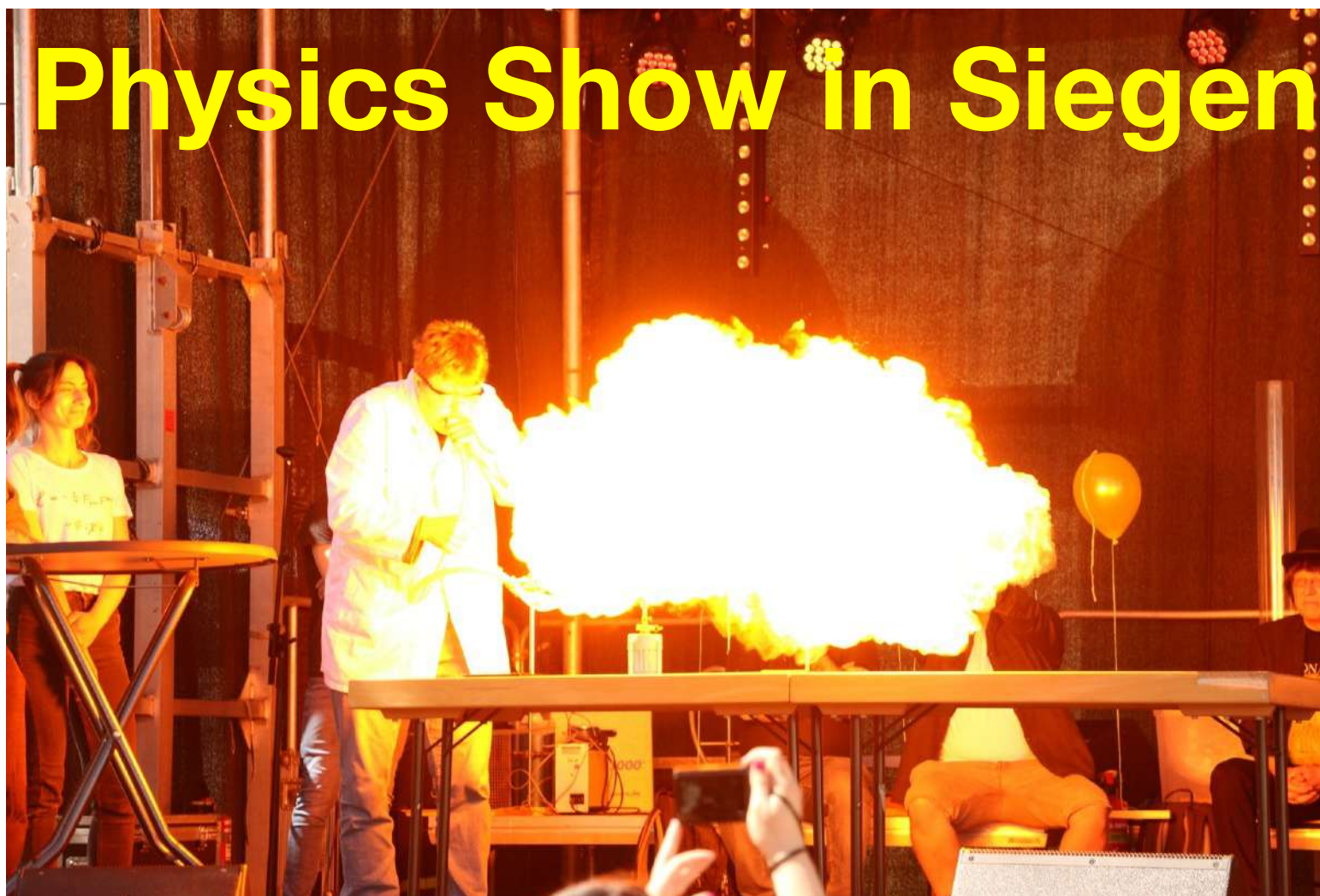
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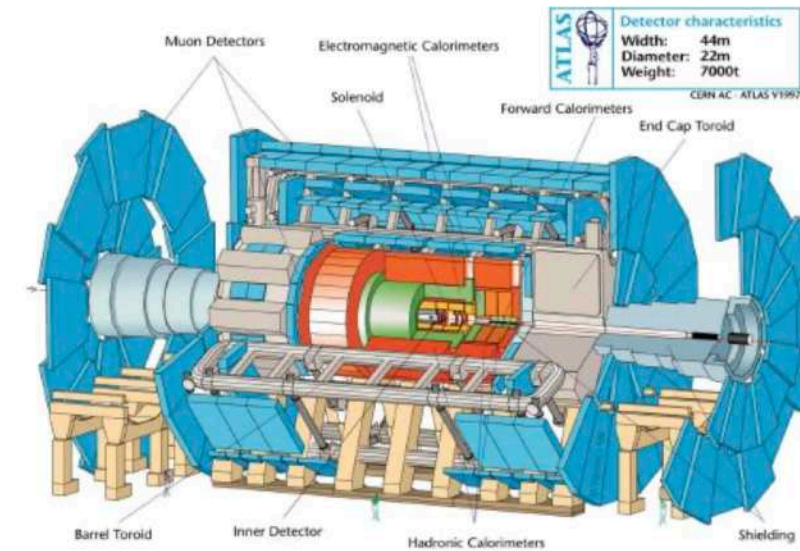
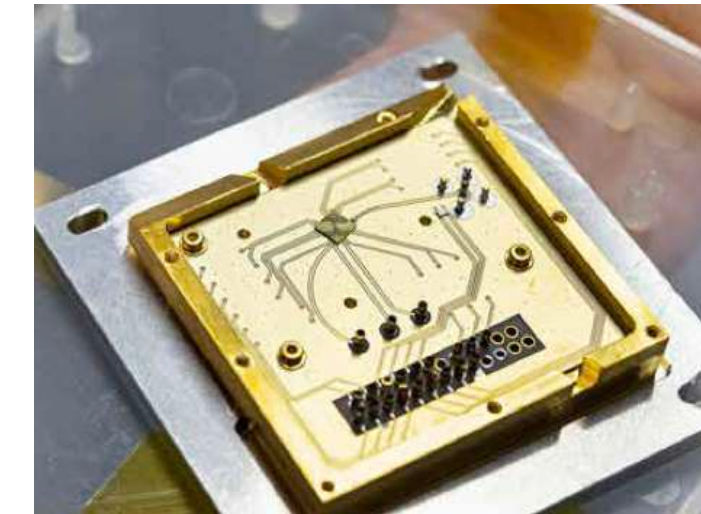
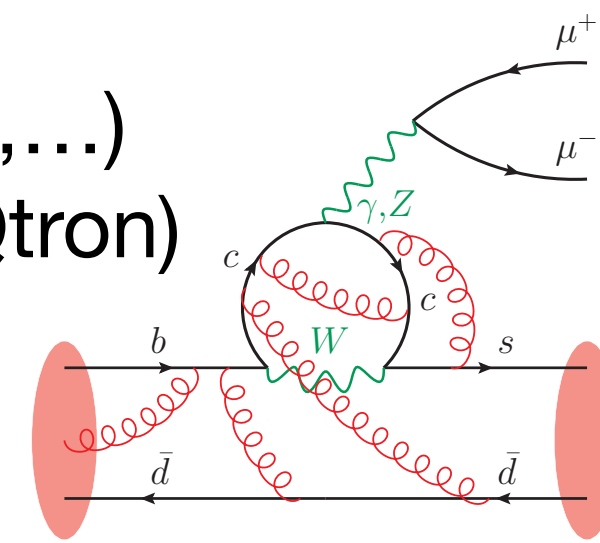
Studying Physics in Siegen - where else?

1. Sensational Staff-student ratio

excellent student satisfaction —- classes taught in English

2. World leading in several areas, e.g.

- Theoretical flavour physics (Large 3rd party funding projects,...)
- Experimental quantum optics (own quantum computer, EleQtron)
- Experimental particle physics (ATLAS @ CERN, Auger,...)
- X-ray physics (DESY,...) ...



3. Low living costs

Lowest renting costs in Germany

no-tuition fees

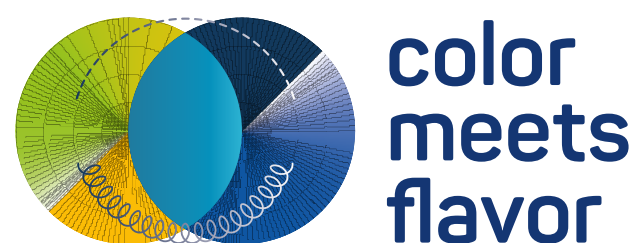
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4. Amazing nature

5. Prepares perfectly for a follow-up PhD

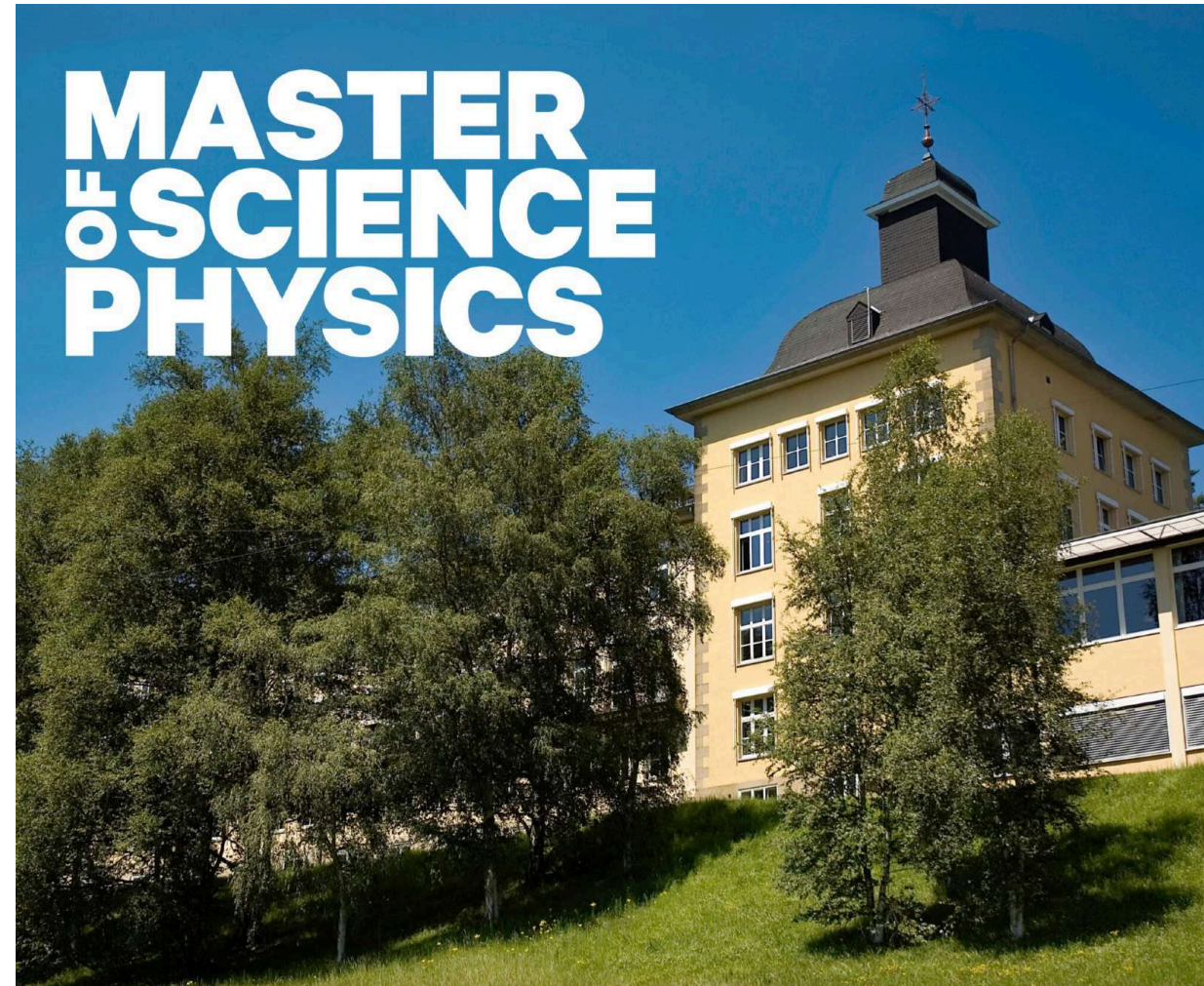
6. Active student life



Willkommen bei der jDPG-Regionalgruppe Siegen



How to apply? Links at: <https://cpps.physik.uni-siegen.de/master/>



Applications should be submitted via the **online application portal** [unisono](#) of the university. At this page, you have to do the "Self-Registration" first. Please do not send any application documents via e-mail or regular mail.

You are encouraged to apply early, up to **3 months prior** to the deadline. Typically, it will take one month to notify you of our decision regarding your admission.

See you soon in Siegen