

Particle Physics for Teachers

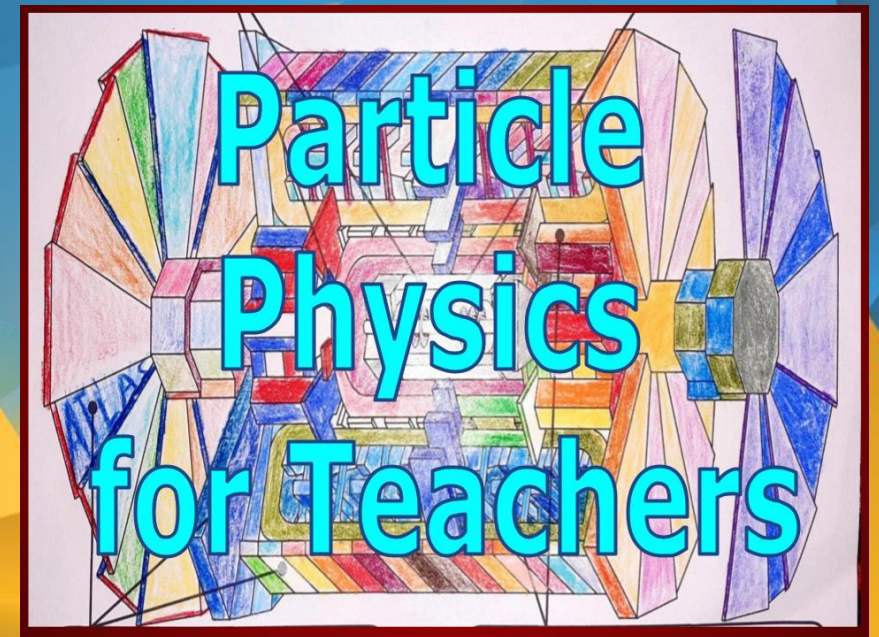
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Link to these slides:

<https://tinyurl.com/PP4T-Scientix>



Hi, I'm Michael!

Where/when was the last time you saw me?

Please write in the chat (can be
online or in-person).



Michael at DDD, Madrid
last weekend

Past Scientix Appearances

Scientix webinar Feb 2023 - “More Science From the Road”

Scientix TV - Episodes 7 & 8 - Dec 2022 & Jan 2023

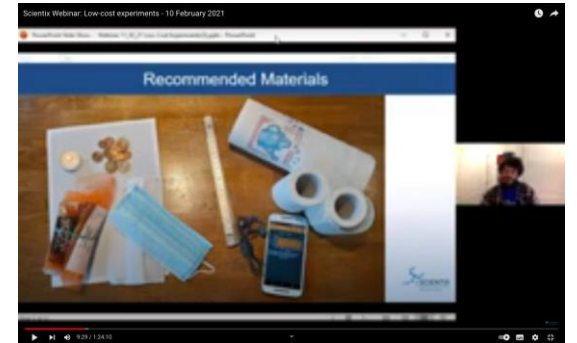
Scientix Conference - Nov. 2022

Scientix webinar June 2022 - “More Low-Cost Science”

Scientix webinar December 2021 - “Hands-on Experiments from Shared Experiences”

Scientix webinar June 2021 - “Perimeter Institute Resources”

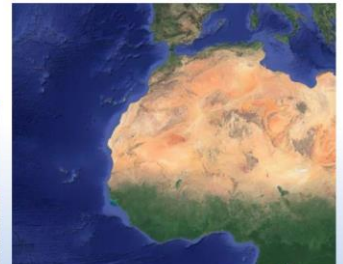
Scientix webinar Feb 2021 - “Low-Cost Experiments”



On the road - Morocco to Senegal

Approximately:

- 3 countries
- 4000 km
- 2 months



Other places you might have seen me...



Michael Gregory

In June 2022 Michael Gregory was named Science on Stage Ambassador for France, and he is eager to share hands-on science with teachers across Europe and beyond, through a number of projects including « My Favourite Experiments, where he has biked across over 30 countries asking teachers to share their favourite experiments for him to share forward as the adventure continues. This summer he will once more bike through a dozen or so countries, this time including his new science show « Experiments - World Tour ».



Experiment Share

scienceonstage.fr/experiment-share

Teachers around the world sharing experiments



Experiments World Tour!

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Particle Detectives

APS News - November 2023

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Science From a Bike: One Teacher's Cycling Journey to Share Physics Experiments Around the World

Michael Gregory leans on APS JNIPER's coffee hours and workshops to support his global outreach efforts.

By Liz Boatman | October 13, 2023



Credit: Michael Gregory

Michael Gregory demonstrating Bernoulli's principle outside of a school in Machraa Ben Abbou, Morocco.

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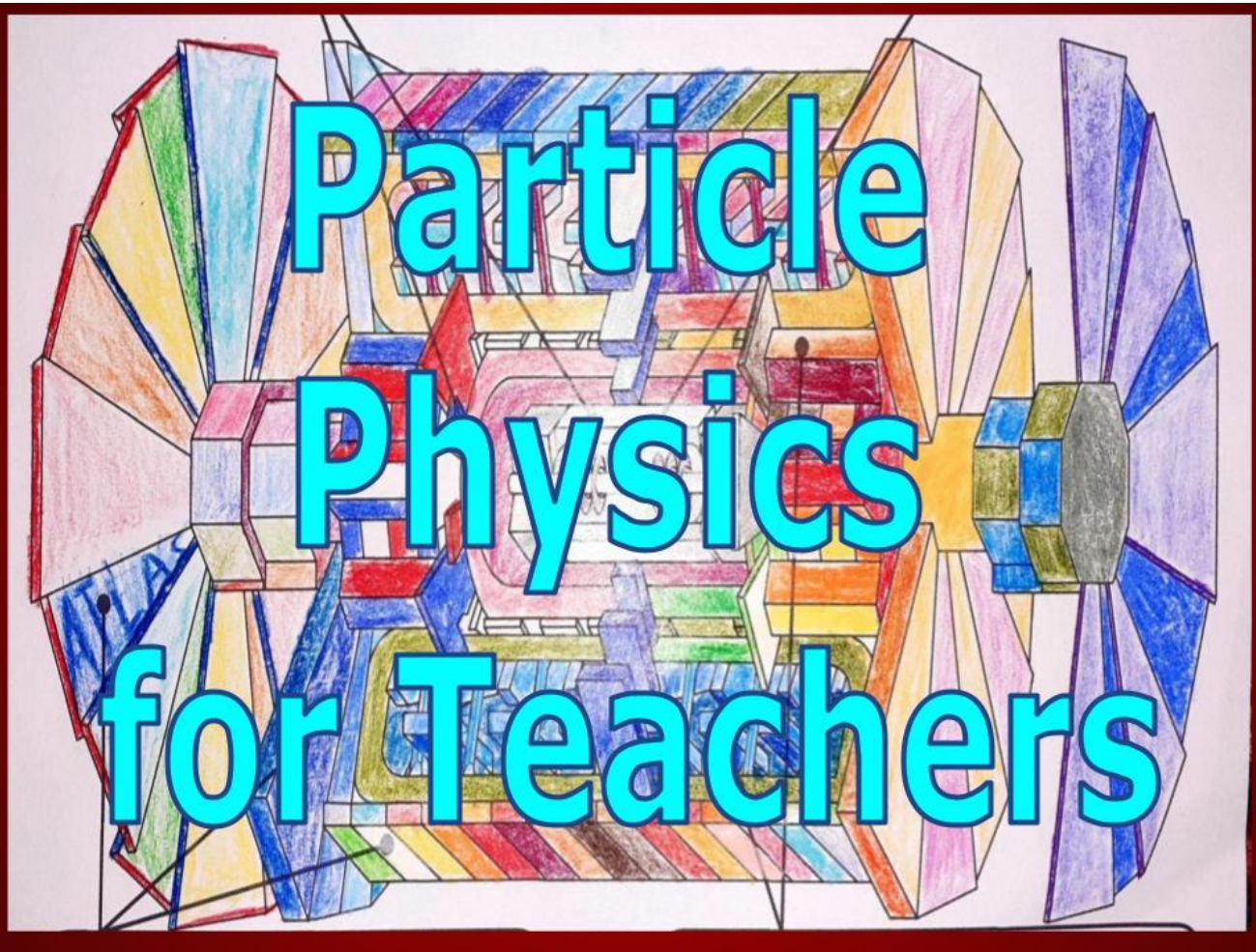
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[APS Announces Recipients of the Spring 2024 Prize and Awards](#)

What am I talking about today???



**Free, online course running
Nov to Dec.**

No prior knowledge required.

**8-10 sessions - attend as
many or as few as you like.**

Enough about me, who are you?

In the chat, please indicate which best describes you:

- a) Primary school teacher**
- b) Middle school teacher**
- c) High school teacher**
- d) Scientist**
- e) Other (please share what you do)**

Enough about me, who are you?

In the chat, please indicate why you're interested in this webinar:

- a) I love particle physics!**
- b) I love Scientix!**
- c) I love Michael**
- d) Other**

Particle Physics for Kids 2021

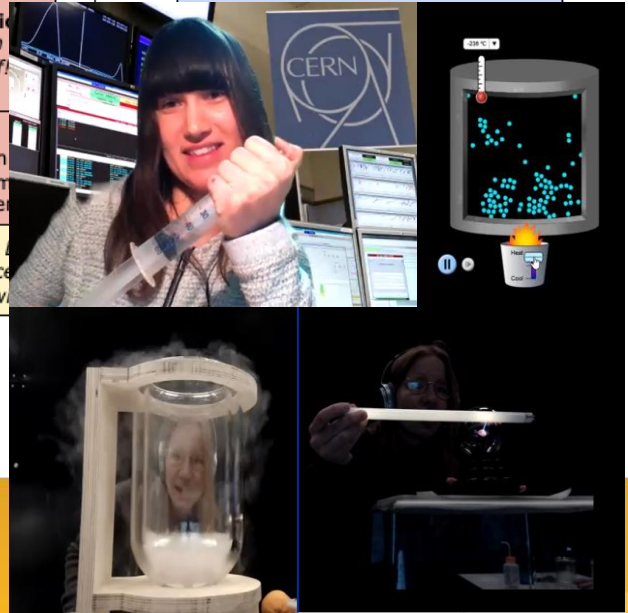
Two sessions per week Jan-April

Targeted kids aged 10-16 years

Tuesdays - Scientist lecture or visit (from CERN, JINR, Perimeter)

Saturdays - Hands-on Session with experiments at home

Ex. "It's Just a Phase" Science Show from CERN S'Cool Lab, followed up by "Phase Changes in the Kitchen"

Hands-on Sessions Saturdays 18:00 - 18:45 (Paris time) <i>recommended ages 10 to 14</i> With experiments to do at home using the list of recommended materials.		Guest Lecture Sessions Tuesdays 18:00 - 19:00 (Paris time) <i>recommended ages 12 to 16</i> With guest hosts from around the world	
9/01	Launch of Particle Physics for Kids https://youtu.be/RxQ27Yn6asQ	12/01	It's Just a Phase Science Show hosted by Anja and Sarah, CERN's S'Cool Lab, Geneva, Switzerland
16/01	Phase Changes in the Kitchen https://youtu.be/WCZDIK2IKjA	19/01	Introduction to CERN Guest host Jeff Wiener, CERN, Geneva, Switzerland https://youtu.be/otvQVs9197E
23/01	Modelling Magnification	26/01	The Big Bang Theory. The Evolution of the Universe Guest host: Dmitry Dryablov, JINR, Dubna, Russia
30/01	Intro to Electromagnetism <i>Recommended preparation: Superconductors Take Off!</i>		
6/02	Measuring Sound A slight divergence from particle physics to share our current favourite experiments		



Two-week
Virtual Science
schedule w

Particle Physics for Kids re-run 2022

Repeated partly thanks to
encouragement & contacts.

More amazing guest hosts than
ever before!

**More than 50% of participants
were teachers looking for new
ideas...**

After 1.5 years of reflection and
planning - **Particle Physics for
Teachers is born!!!**



Particle Physics for Teachers - Goals

- **To make particle physics more fun and accessible**
- **To bridge the gap between researchers/outreach and teachers**
- Increase teacher interest in particle physics
- Increase in teacher confidence and knowledge
- Get new ideas into classrooms

Bridging the gap with researchers

- most adults assume they are experts on school
- teaching is a very specialised skill
- scientists often have weeks to prepare a lecture, whereas teachers give several lectures a day!
- research model discourages feedback and evaluation from users

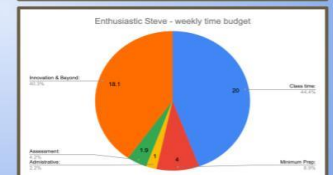
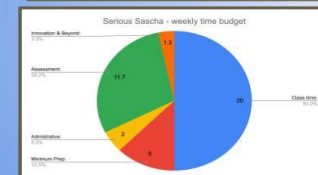
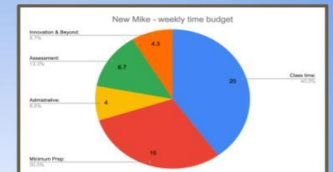
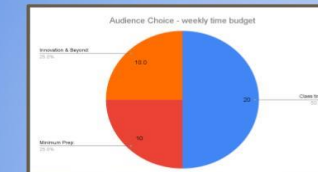
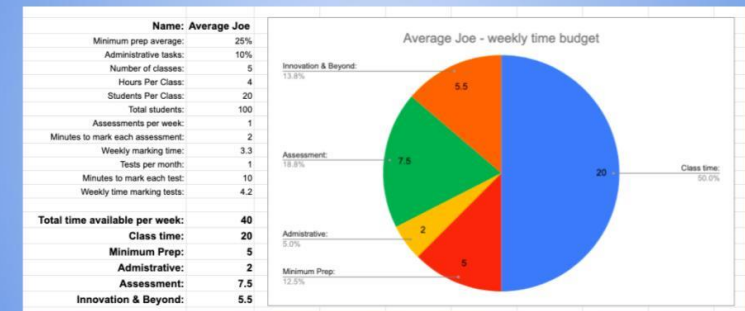
A Teacher's Perspective...



The importance of lowering entry barriers to get modern physics into classrooms

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Science on Stage - Team France 2022
Scientix Ambassador for France
Alumnus of CERN, Perimeter and Exploratorium Teacher Programs

Teacher Weekly Time Budget



Intro to Particle Physics - Nov-Dec 2023

*A mix of **Scientific Sessions** (led by scientists) and **Pedagogical Sessions** (led by myself and other educators), in an attempt to make the course both scientifically interesting, and relevant to teachers.*

Tues 21/11 - Introduction to Particle Physics and CERN
with Anja Kranjc Horvat (CERN Science Gateway
science show manager)

**Thurs 23/11 - Particle Physics in the classroom and
beyond**
with Michael Gregory

Fri 1/12 - ATLAS Detector Visit
with Steve Goldfarb (Canettes Blues Band lead singer)

Mon 4/12 - Making the Invisible Visible with Detectors
with Marco Kirshner (teacher, Germany)

**Tues 12/12 - CMS Muon Telescope & History of Gas
Detectors**

with Jesus Puerta Pelayo (Head of Outreach, CIEMAT,
Spain)

Thurs 14/12 - Homemade Radon Detector
with Federico Andrioletti (teacher and president of
Aghi Magnetici, Italy)

**Mon 18/12 - The Triumphant Discovery of the Higgs
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with Claire David (AIMS South Africa, York
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Wed 20/12 - CERN Science Gateway Resources
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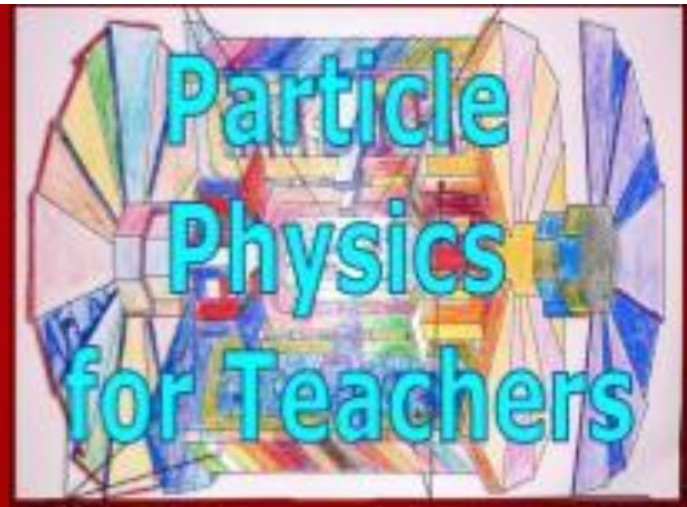
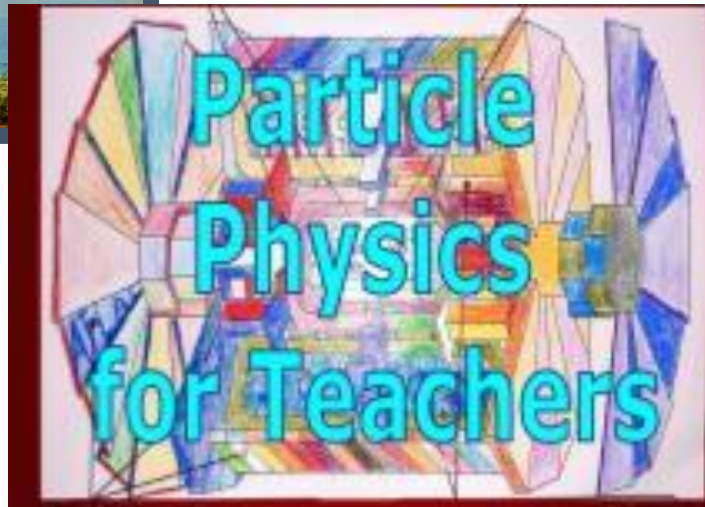
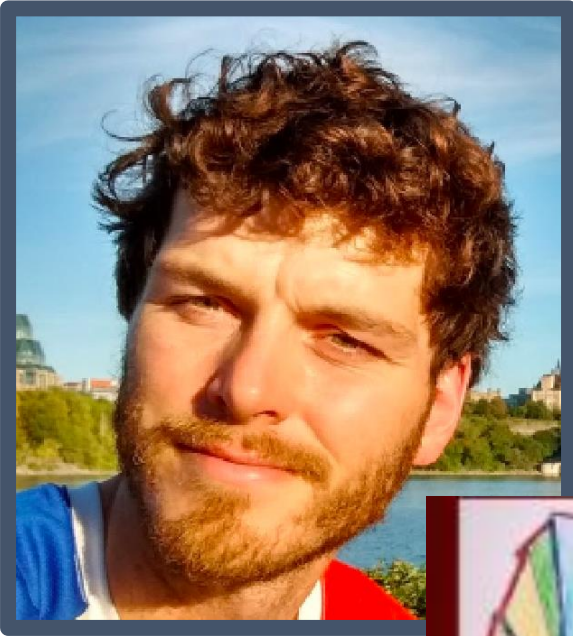
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Photo from: <https://visit.cern/proton-express>

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VSC - Making the Invisible Visible with Detectors - with Guest Host: Marco Kirschner

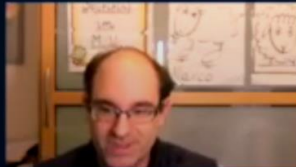
An example for a particle detector: The Bubble Chamber

BIG EUROPEAN BUBBLE CHAMBER AT CERN



SOME INFORMATION

- $m = 26 \text{ t}$
- **Lifetime:** 1973 – 1984
- **Importance:** Prove of the existence of some particles, neutrino physics




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VSC - Making the Invisible Visible with Detectors - with Guest Host: Marco Kirschner


Some detective work – common events

NEW PARTICLES PRODUCED BY A COLLISION

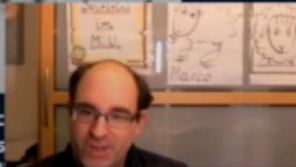


An incoming positively charged particle hits a proton of the liquid. What is the electric charge before the collision and after it?

DECAY OF A PHOTON



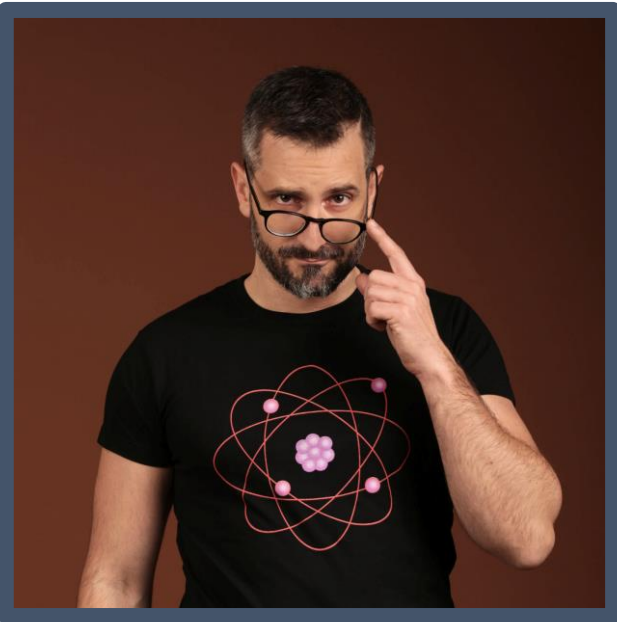
A photon (no charge) decays into an electron (anti-clockwise spiral) and a positron (clockwise spiral).



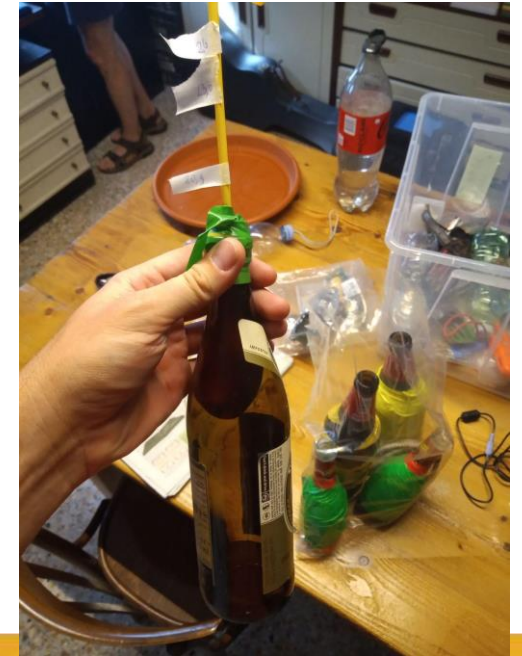
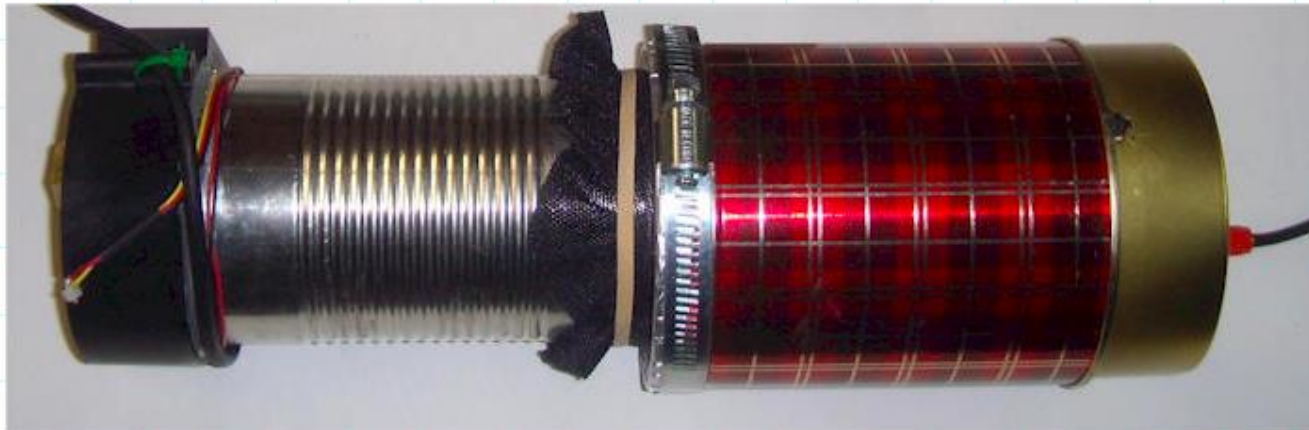
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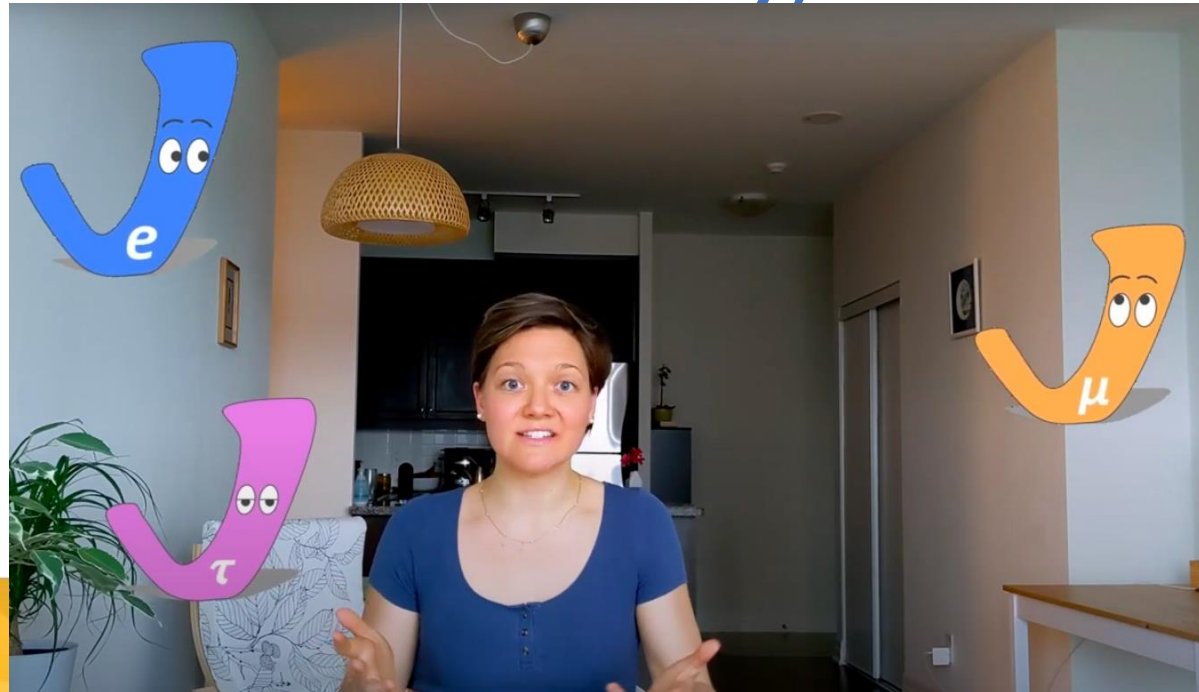
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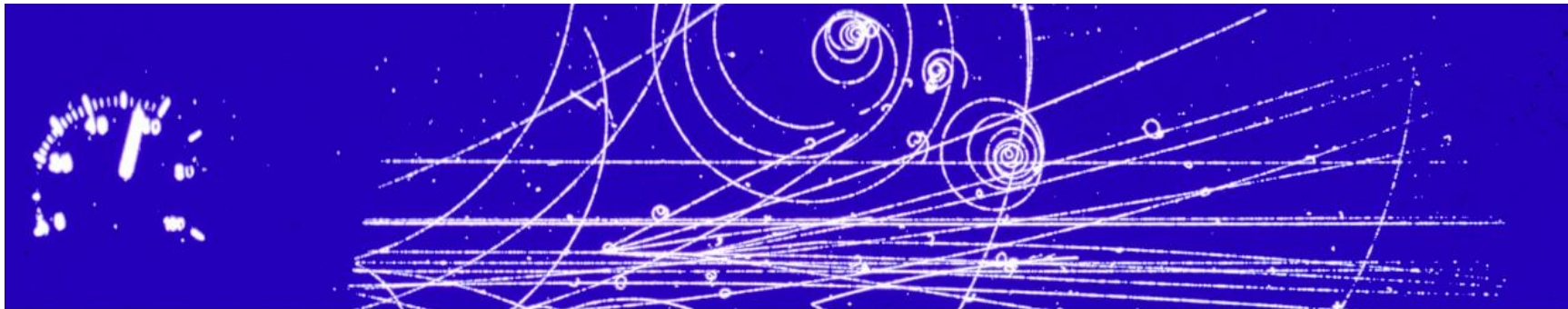
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Educational Resources

Here you will find a collection of educational resources developed in the framework of education and outreach activities at CERN.

Whether you're a student, a teacher, or simply someone with a curious mind, these resources are designed to spark your interest by bringing you closer to the physics and technology of CERN. You will also find material that can aid you in preparing for, enjoying, and following up on a visit to CERN, or engaging with it online if you cannot visit us physically.

Particle Detectives (portable science show)



Combines elements of my previous show “Experiments World Tour” and CERN Science Gateway’s “Seeing the Invisible”

Low-cost show to be accessible, transportable and free.

Takes inspiration from teachers and communicators I’ve met across Europe and beyond - modelling the same international collaboration we see in modern physics!

From September 2023 performed in Kazakhstan, Serbia and Montenegro, Italy, France, Bulgaria and Spain.

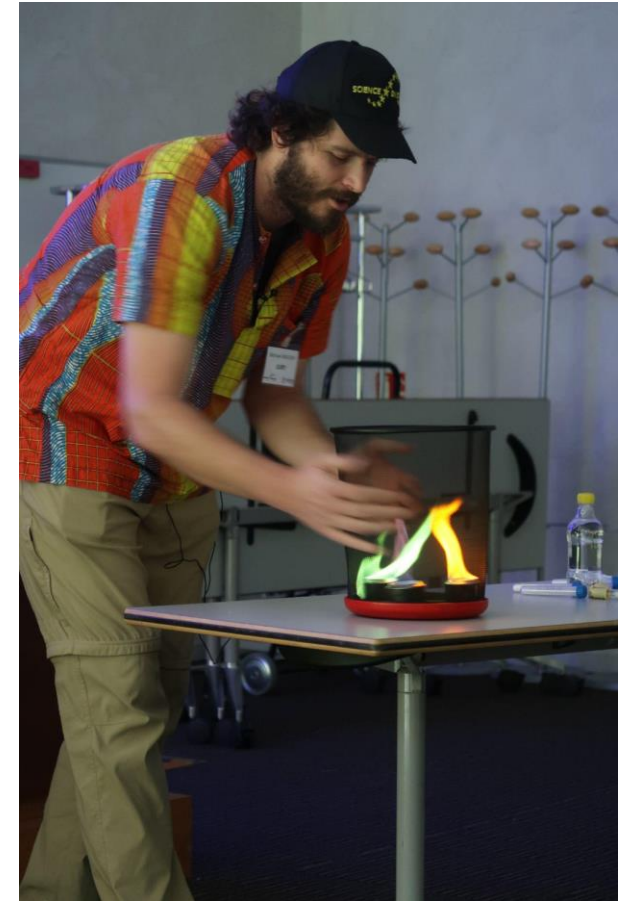
Script and how-do guide should be published on CERN Science Gateway website for all to use for free.

Invite me! I’m always happy to perform and to provide training others to perform.

For more info, see: <https://www.scienceonstage.fr/particle-detectives/>

Experiment	Inspiration	Explanation	Materials	Ease, Cost, Hardest part	Relevance/Impressiveness	Order
Air Vortex w/bubbles	STI Bryson (UK)	Visualising air-vortex travelling through bubbles above the audience. Can show other vortex fun.	Box (ex. From A4 paper) Garbage bag Large elastics Small bubble wands/containers (many)	4	3 Seeing air	1
Coloured Flame Vortex	David Haller (USA)	Flame test using fire tornado	Chlorides of: Copper Potassium Barium Strontium Calcium Sodium Wire waste bin (or homemade substitute) Marbles (or bearings) Large plate Methanol	3	5 Seeing presence of metal ions (consider using colourless salts/solutions)	2
Marinko's Rutherford Model	Marinko (Serbia)	Game to model the Rutherford experiment to discover the size of the nucleus	Large frame (1x1 m approx) Target "nucleus" (cardboard) String Elastics "Alpha particles" - can be nuts, rocks, etc. Chart paper or projector	4	4 "Seeing" the nucleus Fun & interactive	3
Colour Clapping	STI	STI uses theatre lights, portable version can use coloured	RGB Flashlight (large)	5	2 Detector	4 Or 2,

Experiment Time!!!





Experiment Share

Monthly Zoom meetings for teachers to share experiments.

Typically 5-10 teachers present, and another 10-20 come to watch.

Experiment Share webpage:

www.scienceonstage.fr/experiment-share/

Next Experiment Share:

Tuesday November 28th, 18:00 CET

Registration: <https://forms.gle/gGSXgD45kn2QuB8K7>

Join in the fun!

Particle Physics for Teachers: www.scienceonstage.fr/pp4teachers/
mailing list: <https://tinyurl.com/PP4T-mailing>

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