



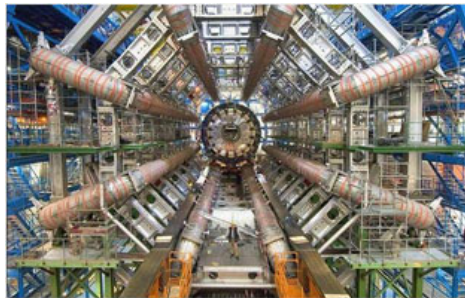
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Witsies matter in discovery of 'God particle'

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[Wits physicists](#) were part of the team at the European Organisation for Nuclear Research ([CERN](#)) that announced the discovery of particle consistent with Higgs boson – the 'God particle' that theoretically explains the origin of particle mass and holds the universe together.



[ATLAS](#) (A Toroidal LHC Apparatus) and CMS (Compound Muon Solenoid) particle detector experiments constructed by the [Large Hadron Collider](#) (LHC) at CERN in Switzerland revealed the particle, the discovery of which was announced at a particle physics seminar in Melbourne, Australia, on 4 July.

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