



Life as an academic - roundtable discussion



Department of Physics and Astronomy
Stony Brook University



Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics
18 January 2014

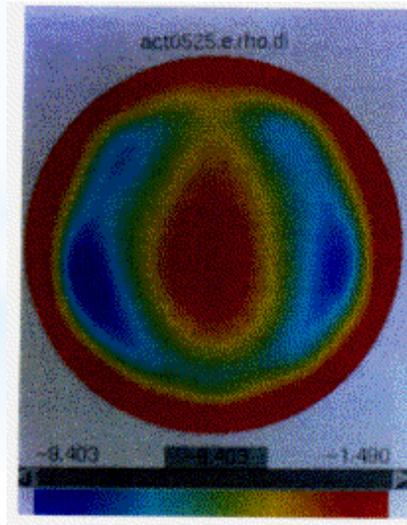
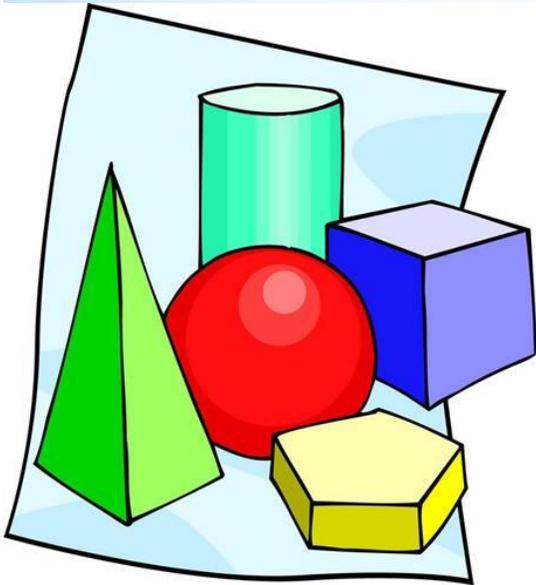
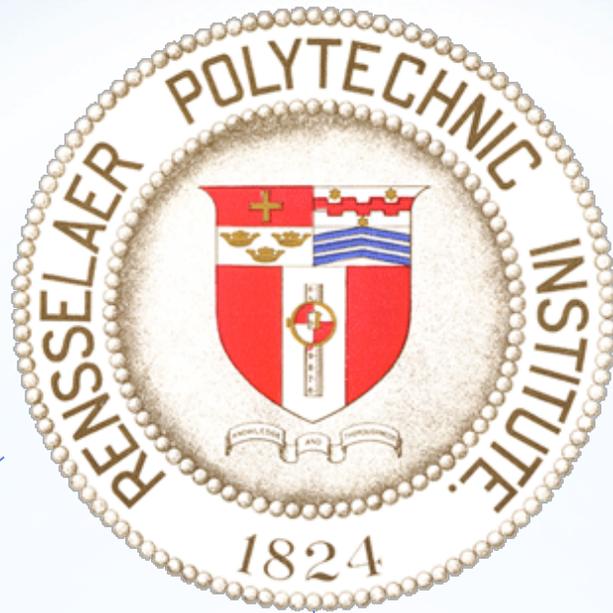
Part I Panel Members Introduction

- Grad students: Alyssa Montalbano, Betul Pamuk
- Postdocs: Ali Hanks, Mariola Lesiak-Bzdak,
- Faculty: Martin Rocek, Marivi Fernandez-Serra, Joanna Kiryluk

Alyssa Montalbano

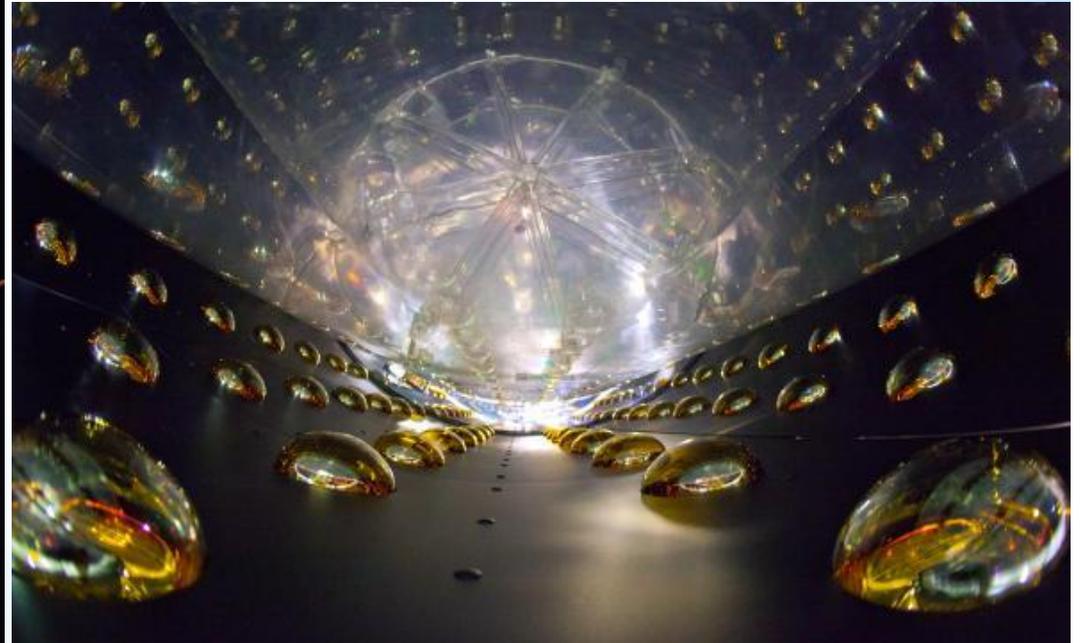
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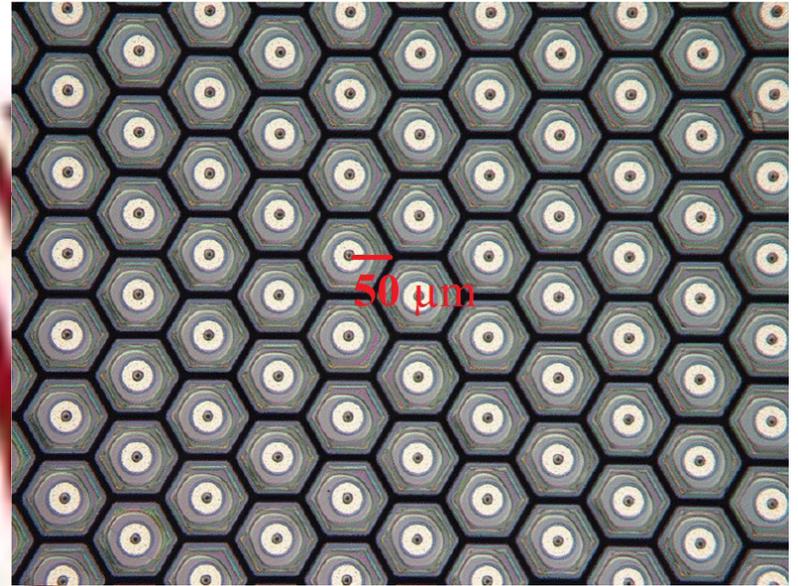




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NATIONAL LABORATORY







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PHYSICS
F-S GROUP



Betül Pamuk

Graduate Student

Condensed Matter Physics

Department of Physics and Astronomy

Stony Brook University



Elementary School



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Elementary School



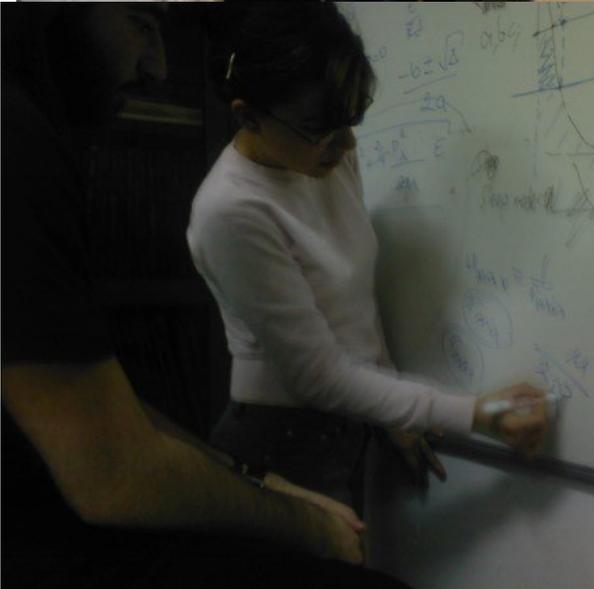


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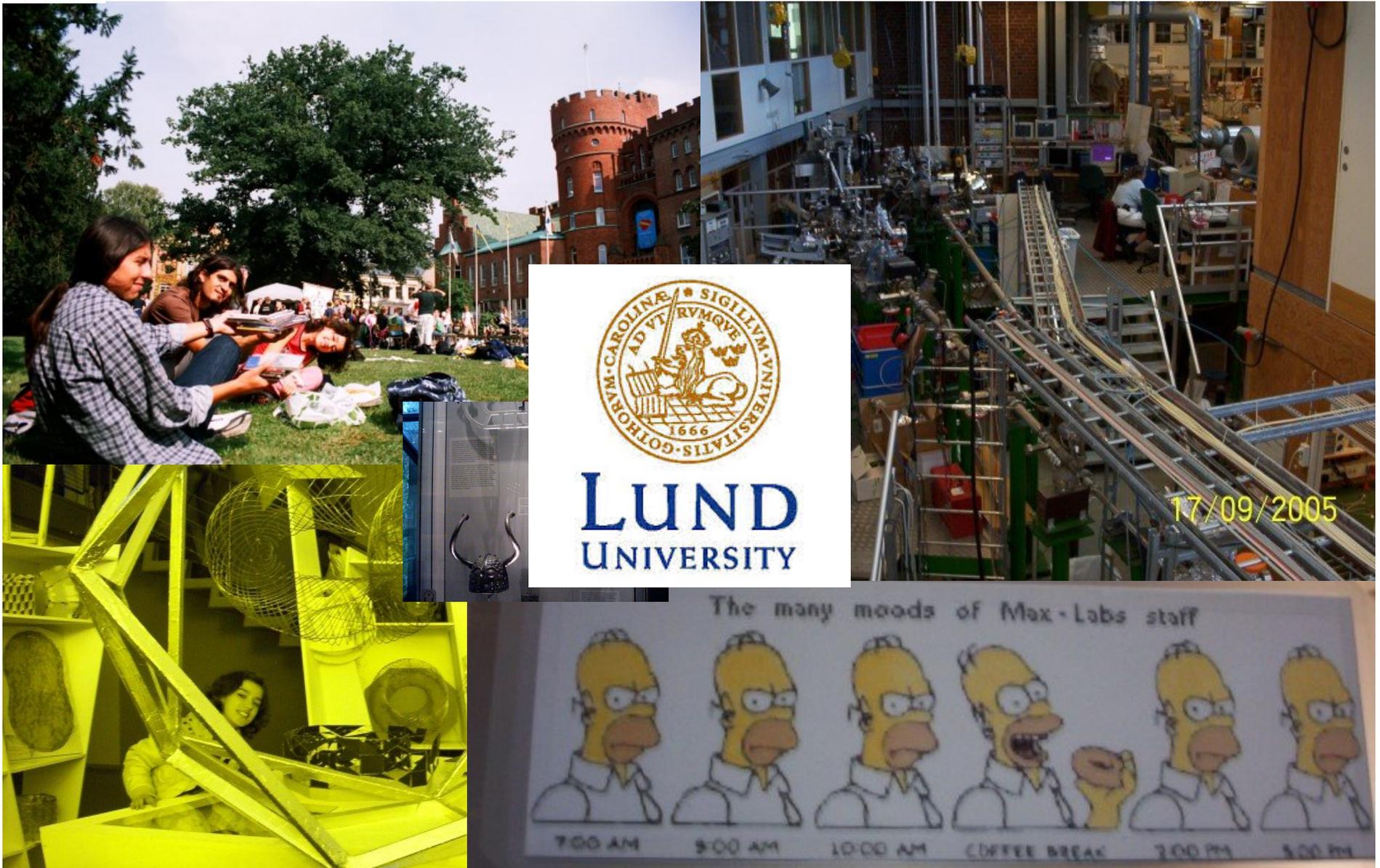


Undergrad: Bilkent University, Ankara



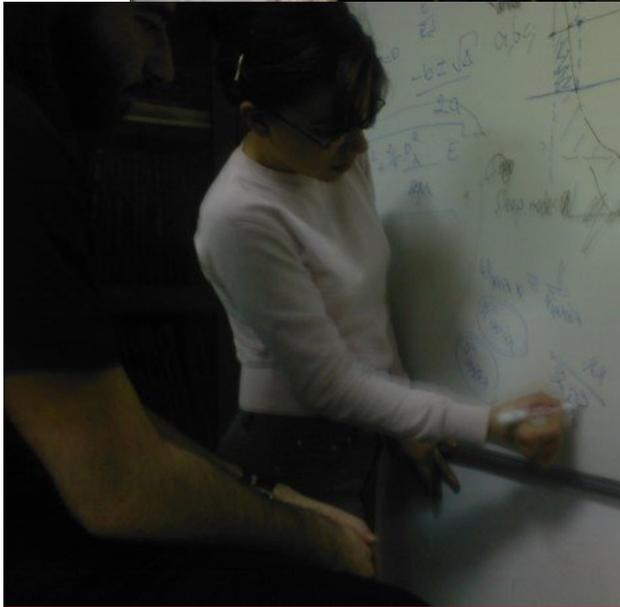


Undergrad: Lund University, Sweden





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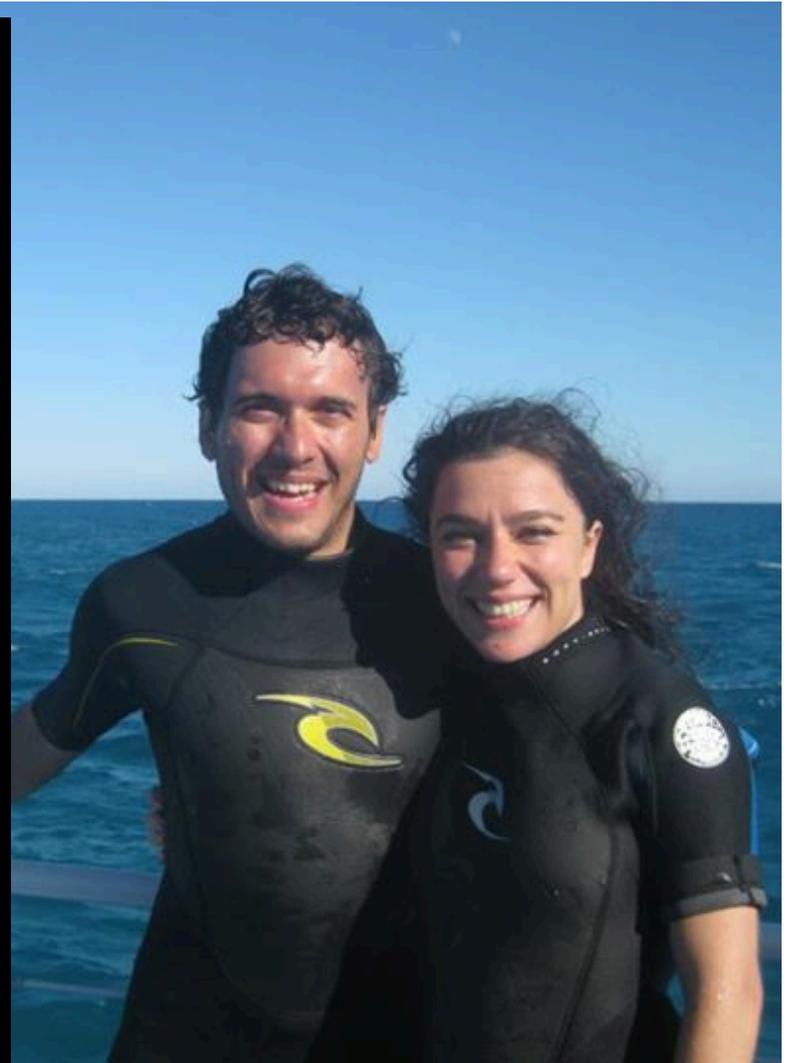
Grad: Stony Brook University, NY



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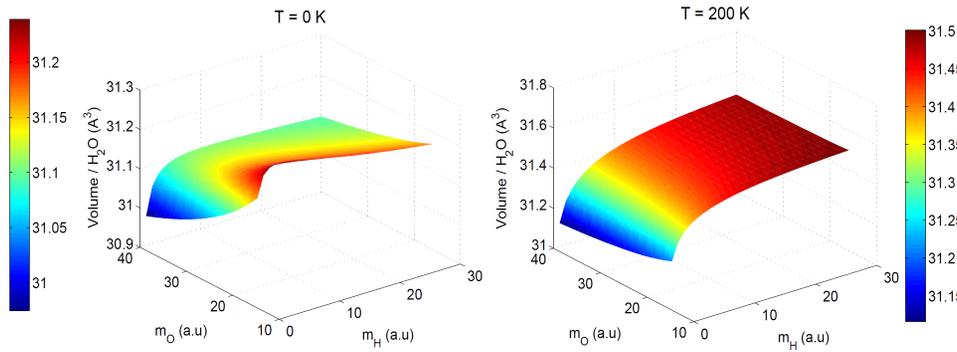


LIFE: Stony Brook University, NY





Research: Stony Brook University, NY

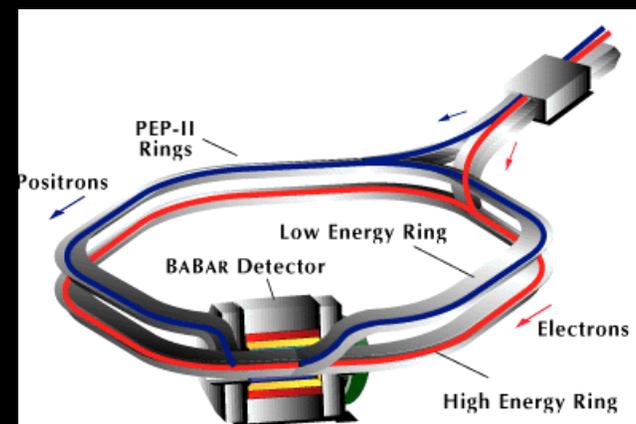
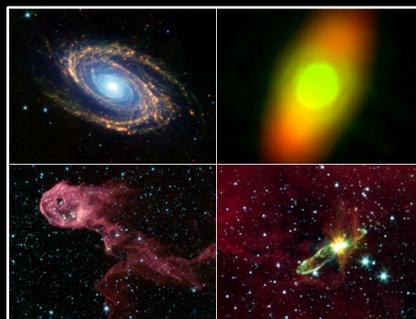
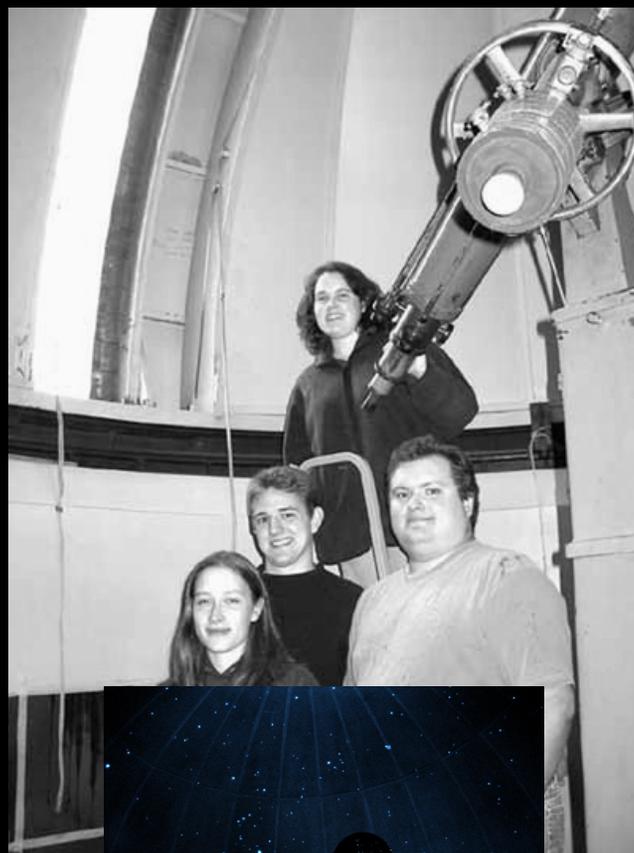
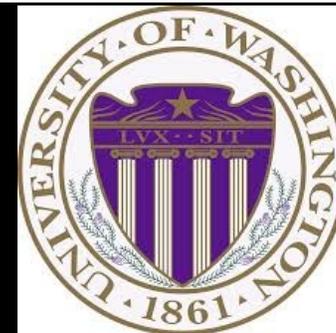




Dr. Ali Hanks
Postdoctoral Researcher
Experimental Nuclear Physics
Stony Brook University



Undergrad



COLUMBIA
UNIVERSITY



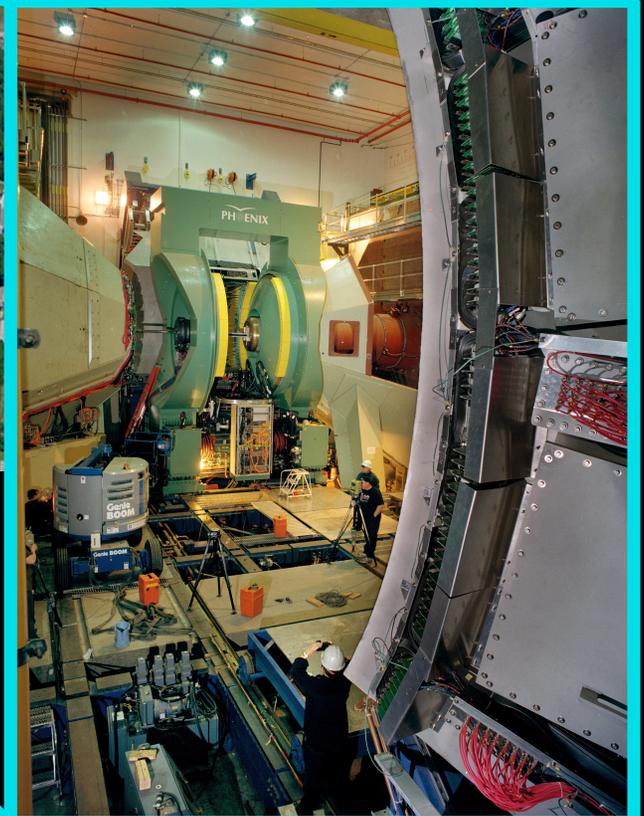
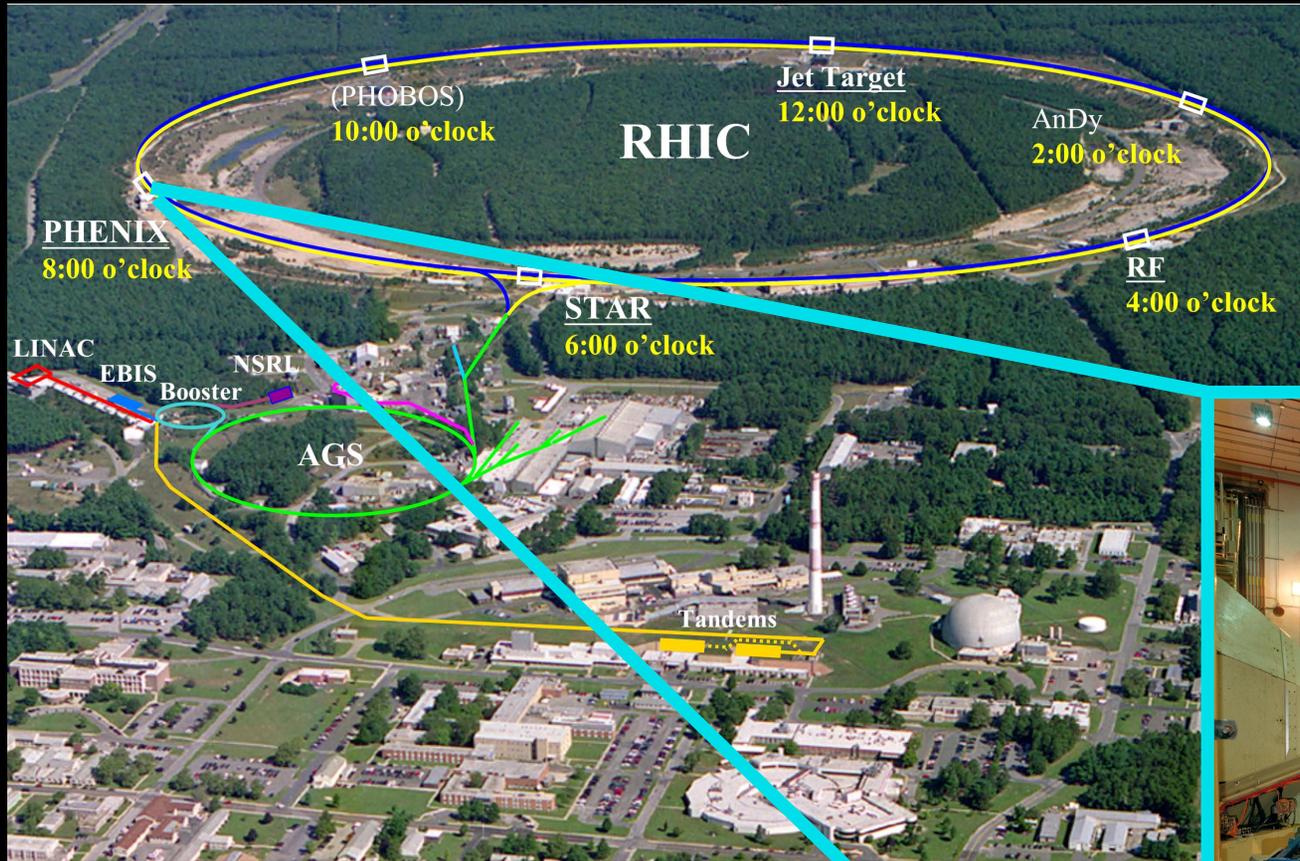
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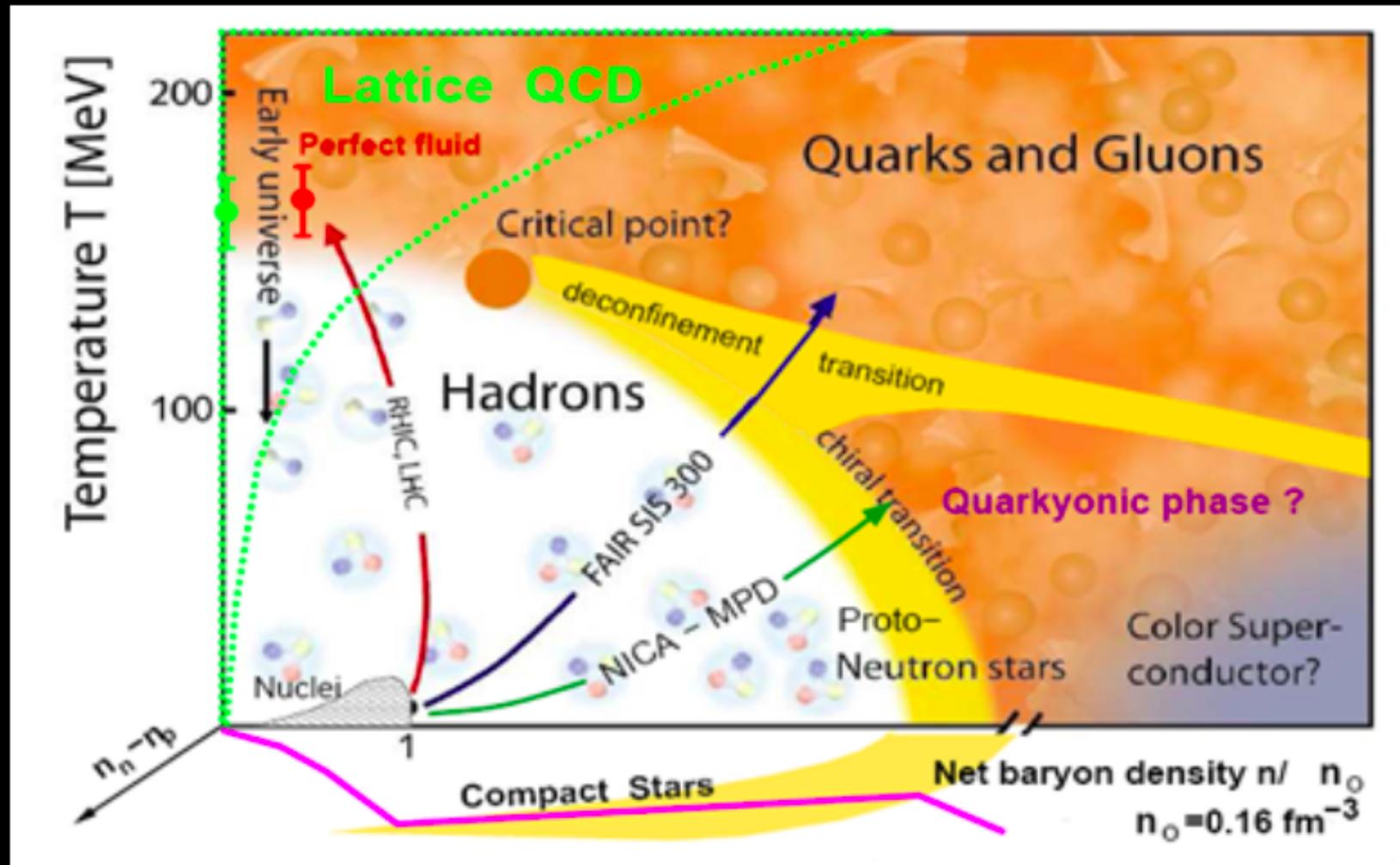
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Women in Science @ Columbia

Research



A new state of matter!





Life and Science



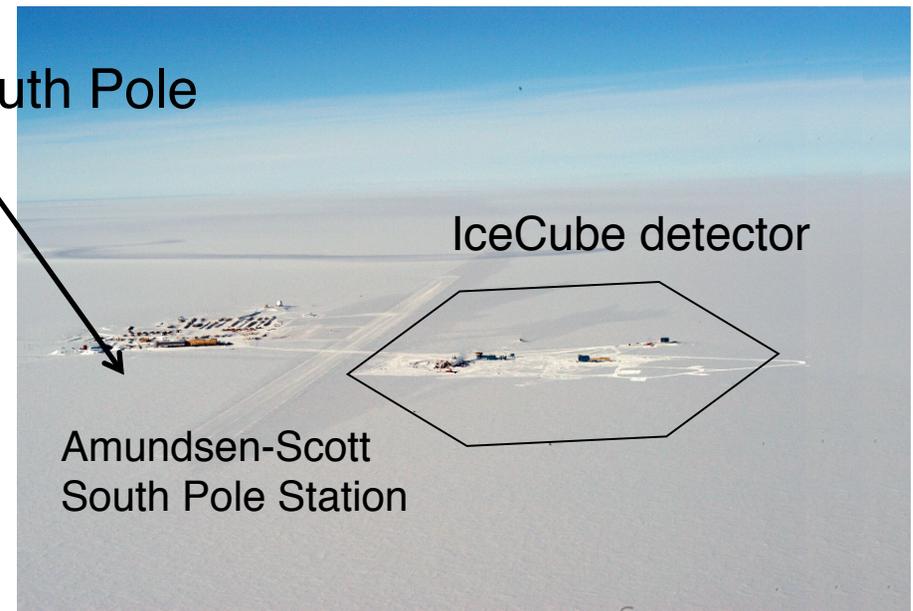
Dr. Mariola Lesiak-Bzdak

PostDoctoral researcher @ Stony Brook University

IceCube Neutrino Telescope



Geographic South Pole



Amundsen-Scott
South Pole Station

IceCube detector

High School –
physics teacher



Undergraduate
Physics Studies at
Jagiellonian University



Worked
hard



Scientific
projects



Summer
School



**Master of
Science**

High School – physics teacher



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Master of Science

Worked hard



Scientific projects



Summer School



PhD Studies @ JU



Teaching Assistant

Took Advanced Physics Classes

2-year scholarship in



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Meetings and Conferences



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Back in Poland

PhD thesis defence

Job outside academia while waiting for California



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Voluntary work on IceCube @ LBNL



Physics Analysis



Meetings and Conferences



Growing Family ☺



Moved to Long Island



Stony Brook University

PostDoc in IceCube



Reading scientific papers



Work on my analysis (writing code, making plots and analyzing them) and its publication



Phone call meetings



Writing reviews of other analyses



Attend seminars



Prepare presentations for meetings/conferences



Martin Rocek
Professor
Theoretical Physics
Supersymmetry, String theory
Stony Brook University

Graduation 1975



Baby 1987



Portable bed



A two body problem with happy ending



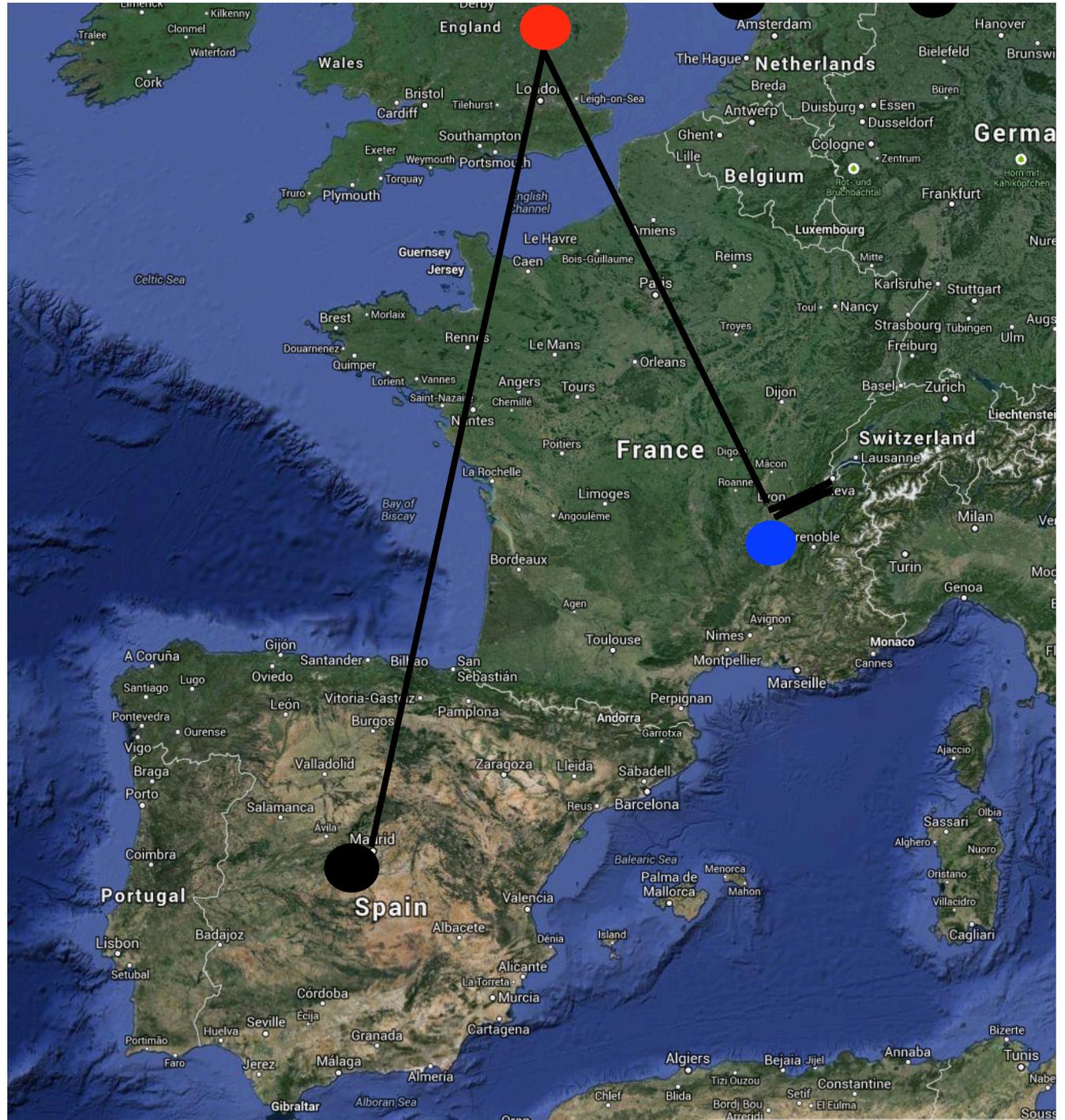
Marivi Fernandez-Serra
Associate Professor
Stony Brook University

Undegrad:
1999

Universidad
Autonoma
Madrid
(33% female)

2005 PhD
University of
Cambridge
(UK)
(30% female)

Post-Doc
Ecole Normale
Superieur
Lyon
(40% female)



2008

Assistant Professor

Stony Brook



Job Add (2006): I Cond Mat. theory
(computation) + I Cond Mat. Exp
We tried, and we got lucky!

- When it comes to decisions in two body problems:
 - Timing matters, and often decides; I had two post-doc options, one was 100% sure near my partner, the other was only 99% sure in the US (pending on grant renewal). I decided not to wait and take the 100% option. Of course both options were equally good for me, so there was no bad decision.
 - Both people should compromise. If you feel you are compromising too much, speak out. But the most important thing is knowing that your partner values your career as much as he/she values his/hers.

- As a student and post-doc: Enjoy and travel as much as you can. Once you are a faculty you will travel more, but you will have less freedom to enjoy it.
- But make sure you work hard to ensure that you advisor approves and supports your travel!



Joanna Kiryluk, assistant professor
Department of Physics and Astronomy
Stony Brook University

Contact: Joanna.Kiryluk@stonybrook.edu

Education and Positions:

1996-2000 PhD student, exp. physics, elementary particles, University of Warsaw, Poland

2000-2004 postdoctoral researcher, University of California Los Angeles, USA

2004-2006 senior postdoctoral researcher, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

2006-2011 project scientist, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, USA

Spring 2011 visiting professor, University of Warsaw, Poland

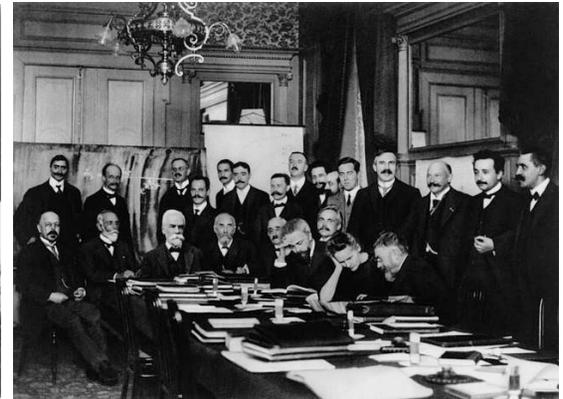
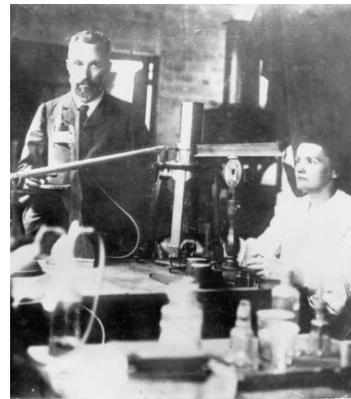
Since the Fall 2011 assistant professor, Stony Brook University, USA

Inspiration: Maria Skłodowska-Curie

MSC (1867 – 1934) - a Polish born and naturalized-French physicist and chemist.



- 1903 - Nobel Prize in Physics with Pierre Curie, her husband, and Henry Becquerel
- 1911 - Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- First woman to win a Nobel Prize.
- One of four multiple Nobel-Laureates.
- Only person to win a Nobel Prize in two different sciences.



Warsaw, Poland (Europe)



Translation:
"Men also can do science"



of research and education.

The Faculty of Physics is a large research and teaching center. It consists of The Institutes of Theoretical Physics, Experimental Physics, Geophysics, The Astronomical Observatory and The Department of Mathematical Methods in Physics.

The Faculty is regarded as one of the best in the country, recognized internationally for the high quality

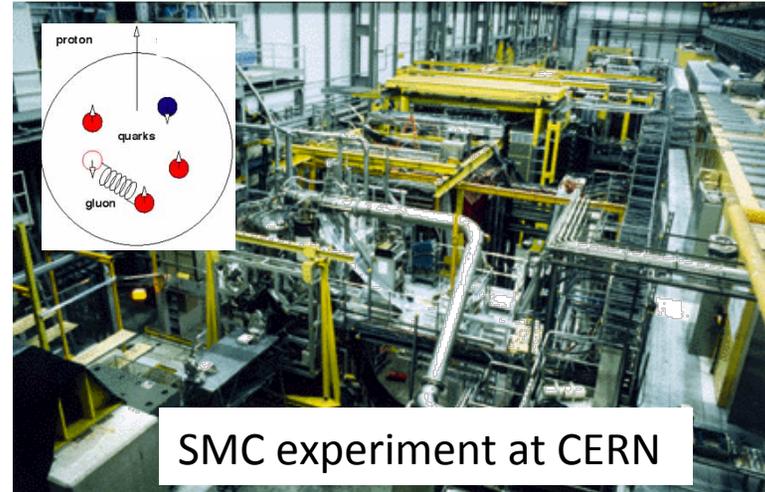
Women in Physics



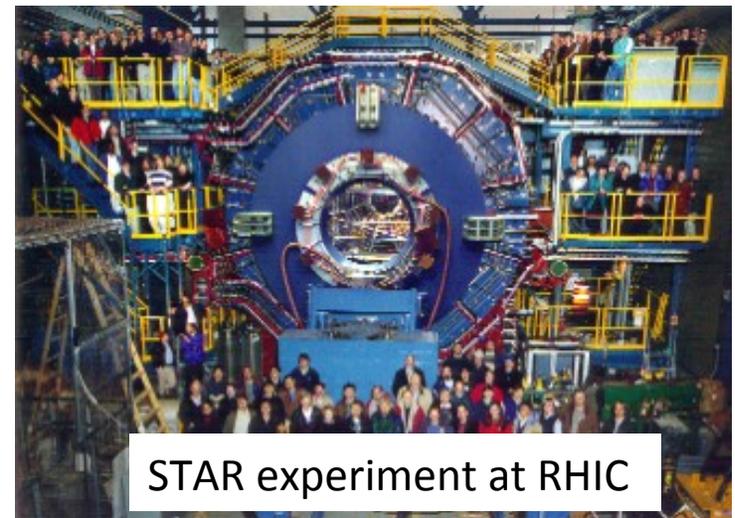
With 40% of female students and 35 women professors, the Faculty of Physics University of Warsaw is successfully aiming at achieving gender equality. To further boost the number of women in science and technology careers, we are co-organizing the action "**Girls to Science/Girls as Engineers!**" the main goal of which is to promote this educational path among female high-school students as interesting, attractive and very beneficial in the long run.

My (past) research project

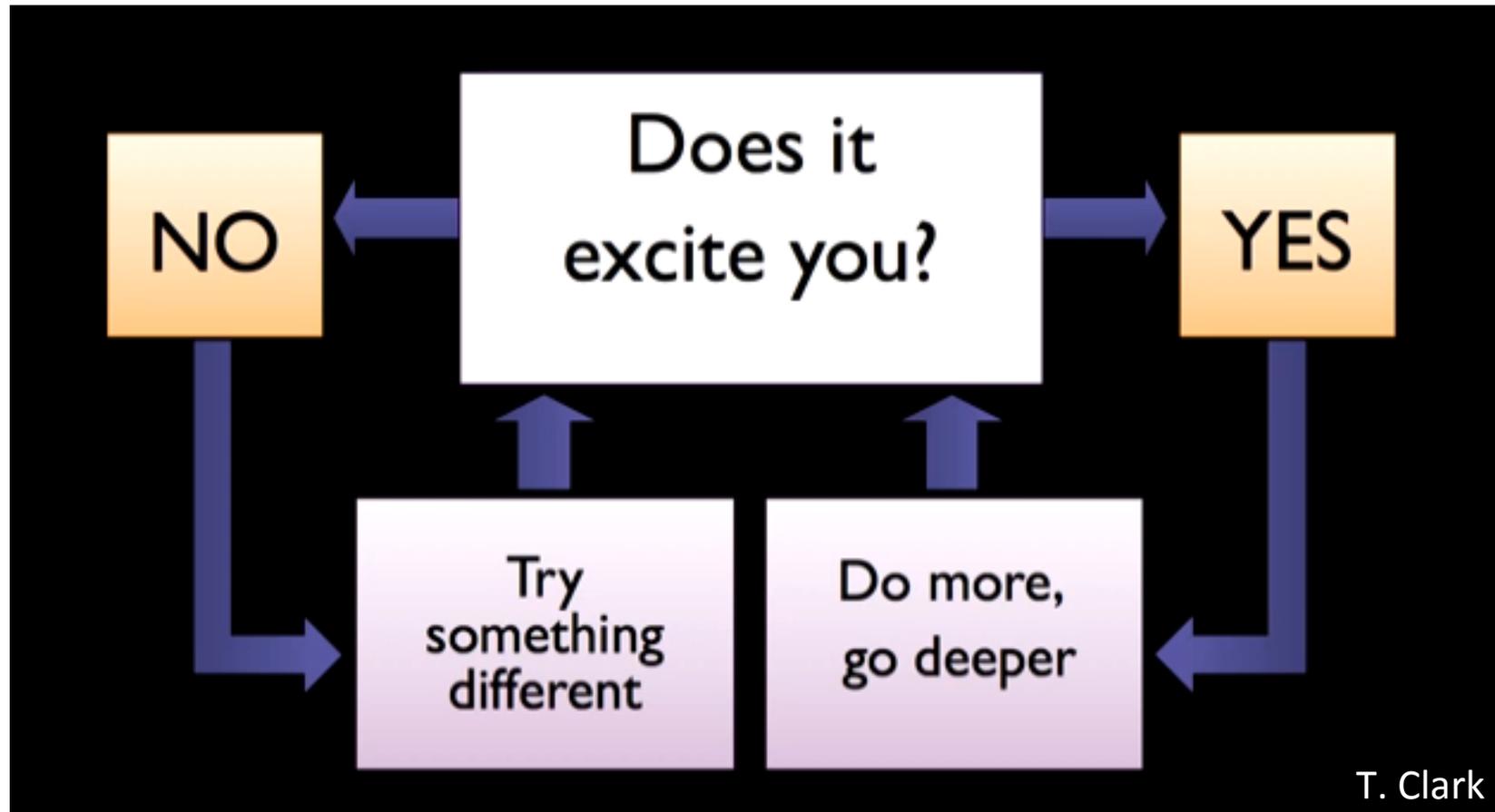
SMC: How do quarks spin? (PhD, Warsaw Univ.)



STAR: How do gluons spin? (Postdocs: UCLA, MIT)



Career “planning”

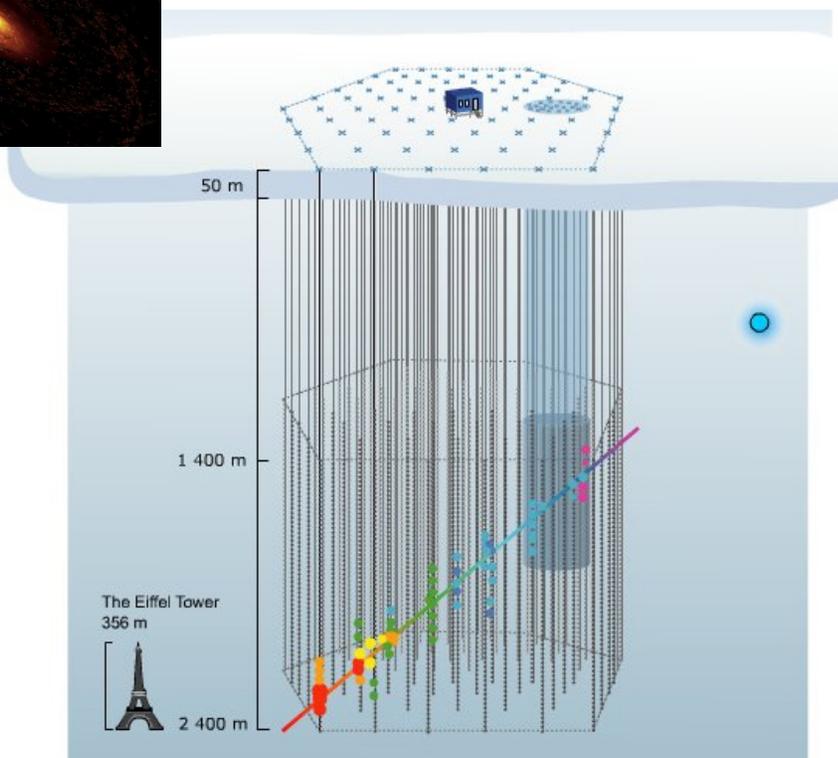
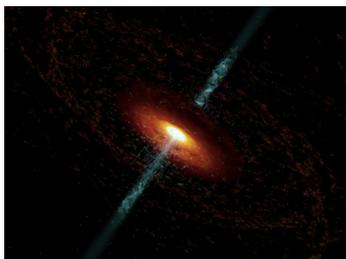


applied a few times in my life

My (current) research project

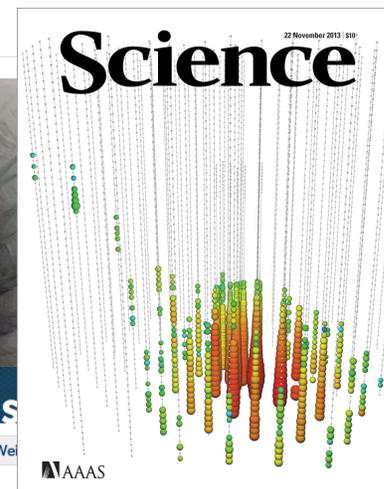


A 1 km³ telescope in the South Pole ice to search for the highest energy neutrinos from astrophysical sources (e.g. Active Galactic Nuclei, Gamma Ray Bursts) in the Universe.



Neutrinos from the cosmos hint at new era in astronomy

By Jason Palmer
Science and technology reporter, BBC News



COSMIC LOG
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A work day in my life revolves around

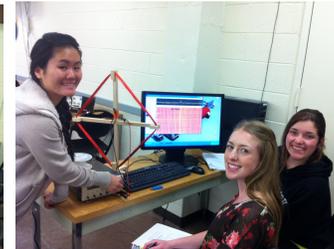
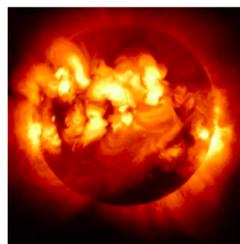
- Research: IceCube



Principal investigator: Joanna Kiryluk
Postdoc: Mariola Lesiak-Bzdak,
Grad students : Hans Niederhausen, Yiqian Xu
Fulbright fellow: Anna Steuer
Undergrad student: Christopher Urban



- Education: undergraduate and graduate physics courses
2013/2014 Modern Physics, Nuclear Physics
- Outreach: Introduction to Research (WISE course)
2013: “Hands-on science with radio waves”



- Service: committees, journal article reviews, grant reviews, ...

Work and Travel – See the World



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California, 2012



Part II Questions and Answers