Protons at the LHC

1. The LHC collides protons.



2. Protons exist inside the atom along with neutrons. Electrons whizz around the outside.



3. Protons and neutrons are made of quarks and gluons. Quarks come in three colours (red, green, blue) and two types (up, down). Gluons bind the quarks together.



3a. The proton has two up quarks and one down quark.

3b. The neutron has one up quark and two down quarks. 4. When protons hit each other at very high speeds, their mass gets turned into energy, and then back into mass in the form of new particles.





5. Similar processes happened in the moments after the Big Bang.





Neutrons at the ISIS Neutron and Muon Source

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4. When a beam of protons strikes the tungsten target, neutrons are released from the tungsten atoms. These neutrons are guided down to the instruments.



Image: Rose in a lead jar. Neutrons can pass through lead to allow us to see the rose inside.









Build your own Proton/Neutron Cookie!



Protons have two 'up' quarks and one 'down' quark. Neutrons have two 'down' quarks and one 'up' quark. Quarks come in different colours. Inside the proton there is always one red, one blue and one green quark.





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You can make your own neutron cookie at home! You will need: One cookie ٠ Some water icing (made of icing sugar and water) Some chocolate ٠ buttons Some writing-icing, in red, green and blue Use water icing for the gluons, and one chocolate button for each quark. Write the type of Science and each quark on each button: one Technology Facilities Council red, one blue and one green!

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