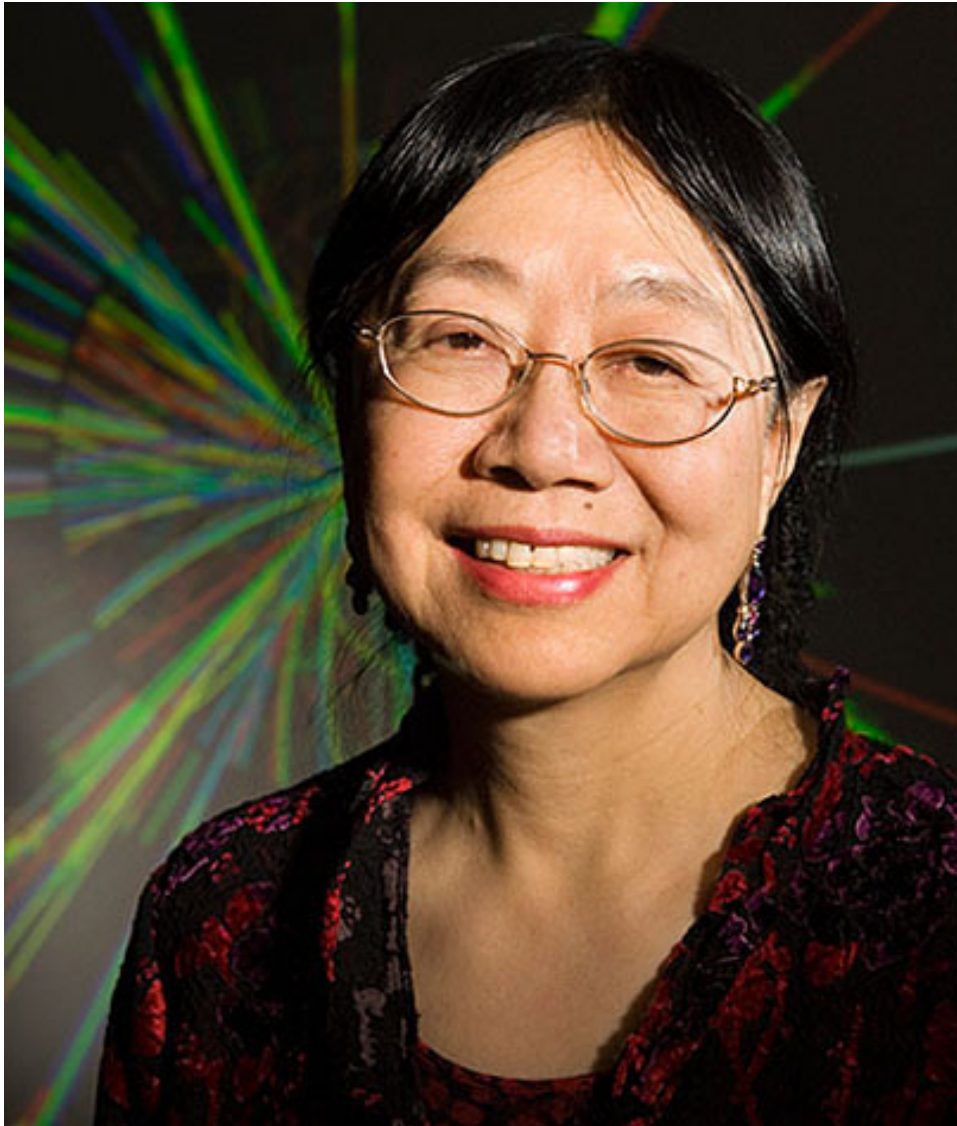


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Inside the heart of the atom, physicist Sau Lan Wu is mapping the very structure of our universe. In 2012, Wu, the leader of the UW-Madison contingent at the ATLAS experiment at the Large Hadron Collider in Europe, played a major role in identifying the wake of the Higgs boson – an elusive subatomic particle believed to give all matter its mass. It was yet another landmark in a career that includes being the leader in the discovery of the gluon - which "glues" together pieces of an atom's nucleus - and contributing to finding a particle called J/psi that confirmed the existence of another subatomic piece, the charm quark.