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From the Higgs boson to the Great Rift Valley: What could high-energy physics technologies do for you?

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High-energy physics is the study of the fundamental properties of the elementary constituents of matter. It requires sophisticated and highly-expensive experimental devices, mostly located in Europe, Asia and America. However, high-energy physics may not be as disconnected as it seems at first sight from the studies performed within the GDR Rift. As a matter of fact, there are numerous examples of technologies, originally developed for particle physics, that have been transferred to various other scientific fields. After a short presentation of the ATLAS experiment at CERN, Geneva, the speaker will give a few examples of technologies such as muon tomography, big data processing and image analysis by machine learning techniques, simulation of radiation, detection of radon, or network of connected sensors, which could be of interest for future interdisciplinary collaborations.

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