



It has been a sad one-and-half year for **hep-th**, with the premature passing away of several distinguished members of this community



Pierre was a man of synthesis

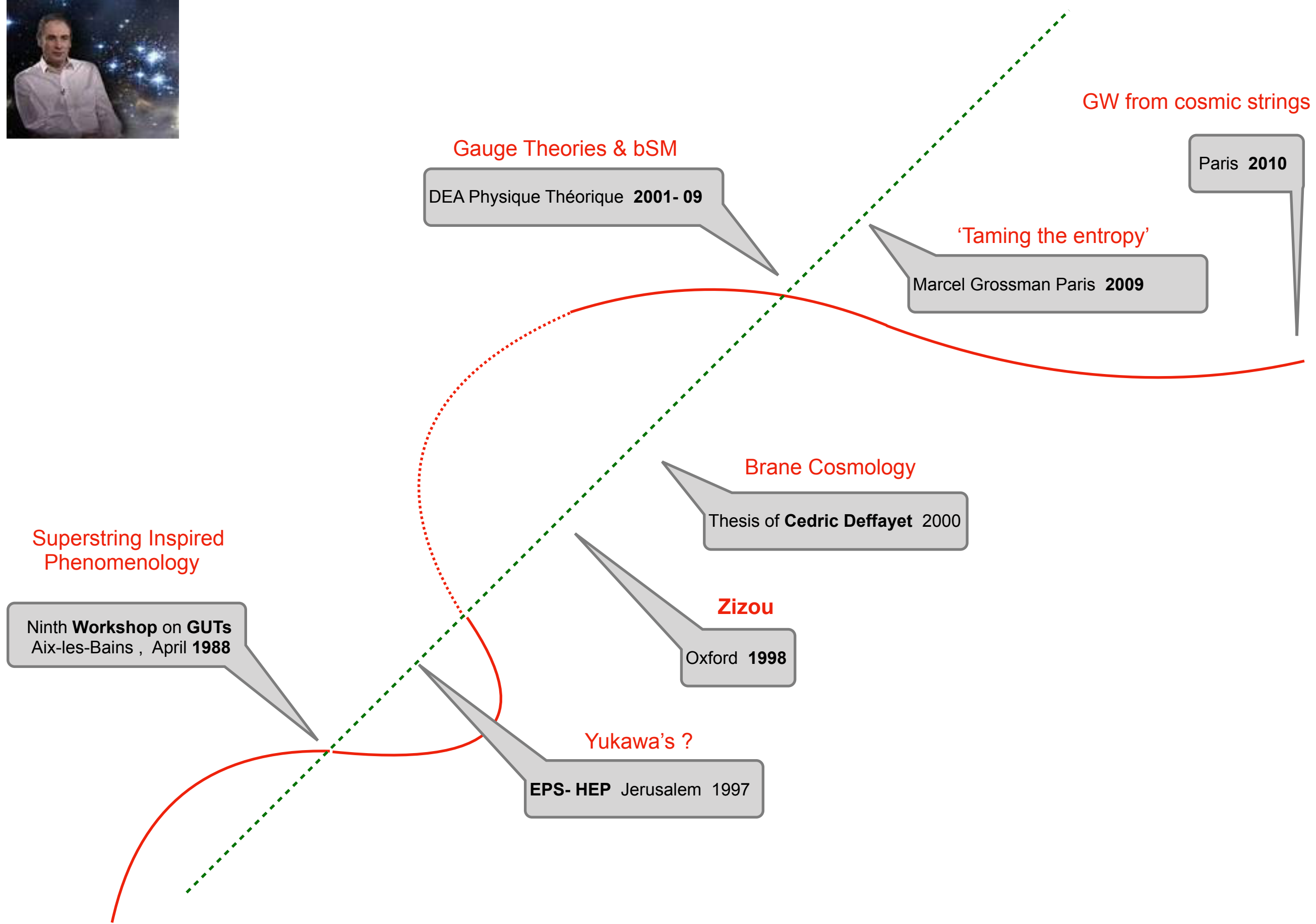


He had a unique combination of talents/qualities for this:

He had

- very broad interests encompassing two infinities,
- a ‘nose’ for the directions that physics would take,
- energy and taste for community service (O2, GDR, APC . . .)

He created bridges, reminding us how important it is work to maintain these (INP-IN2P3-INSU)





Pierre was a theorist at heart, but more insistent/(pressed?) than many to see beautiful ideas realized in the laboratory

Theorists in our fields often tend to forget an important time scale that cannot (unfortunately) be completely ignored: human lifetime

Pierre did live long enough to see the discoveries of :

the **Brout-Englert-Higgs boson**

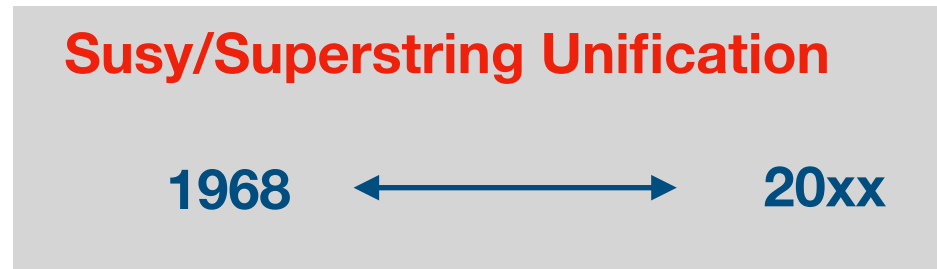
1964 \longleftrightarrow 2012

Gravitational Waves

Einstein, Über
Gravitationswellen

1918 \longleftrightarrow 2015

. . . he just fell short of witnessing the smoking-gun evidence for:



but his nose will prove most likely again right !

