

The
~~'God Particle'~~
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~~Hug Bison~~
Higgs Boson
~~BEH Scalar~~
and Beyond

Colin Gay, UBC Physics

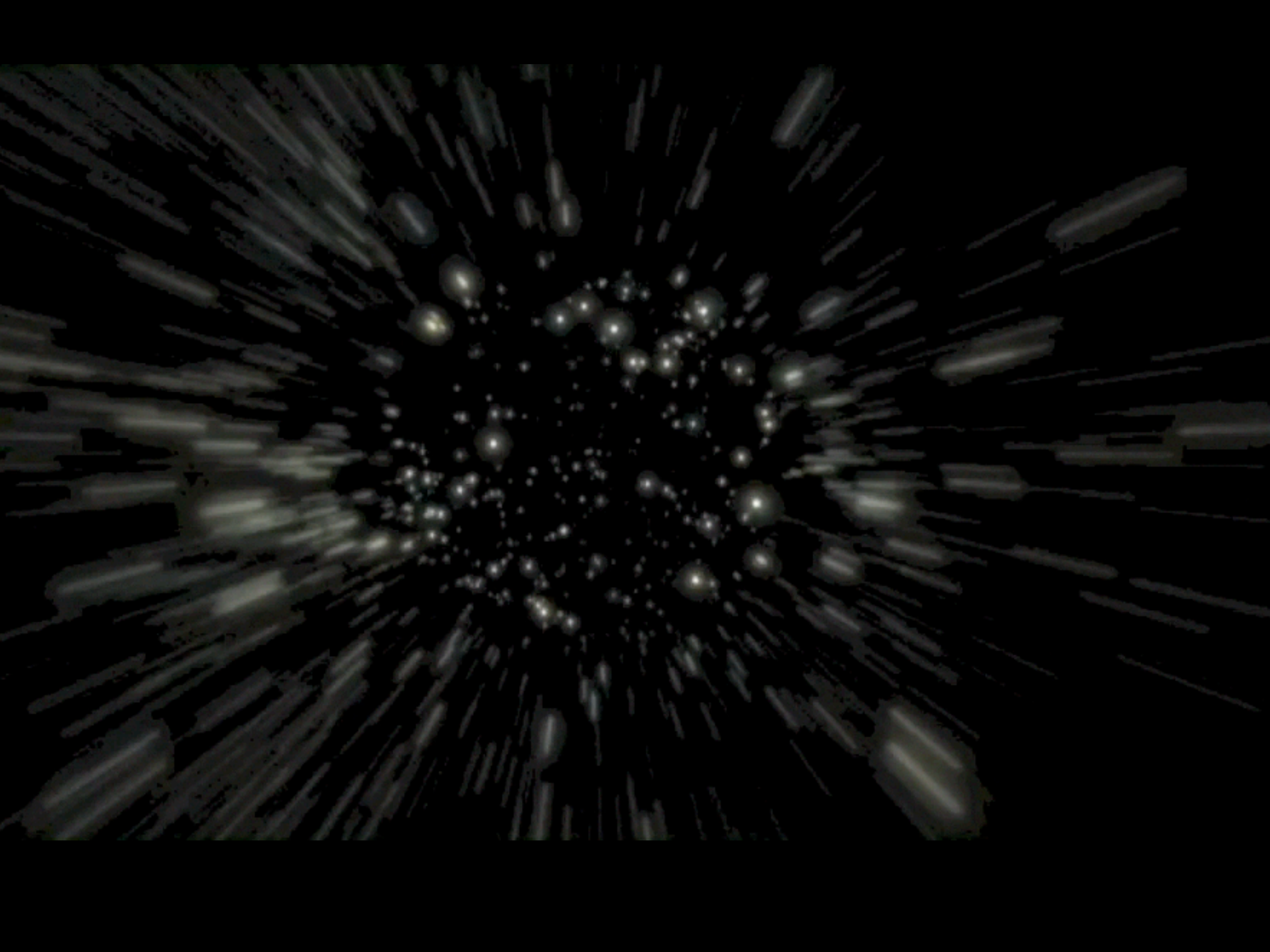
“There is either a *violation of probability* or some new physics,” Dr. Ellis said.

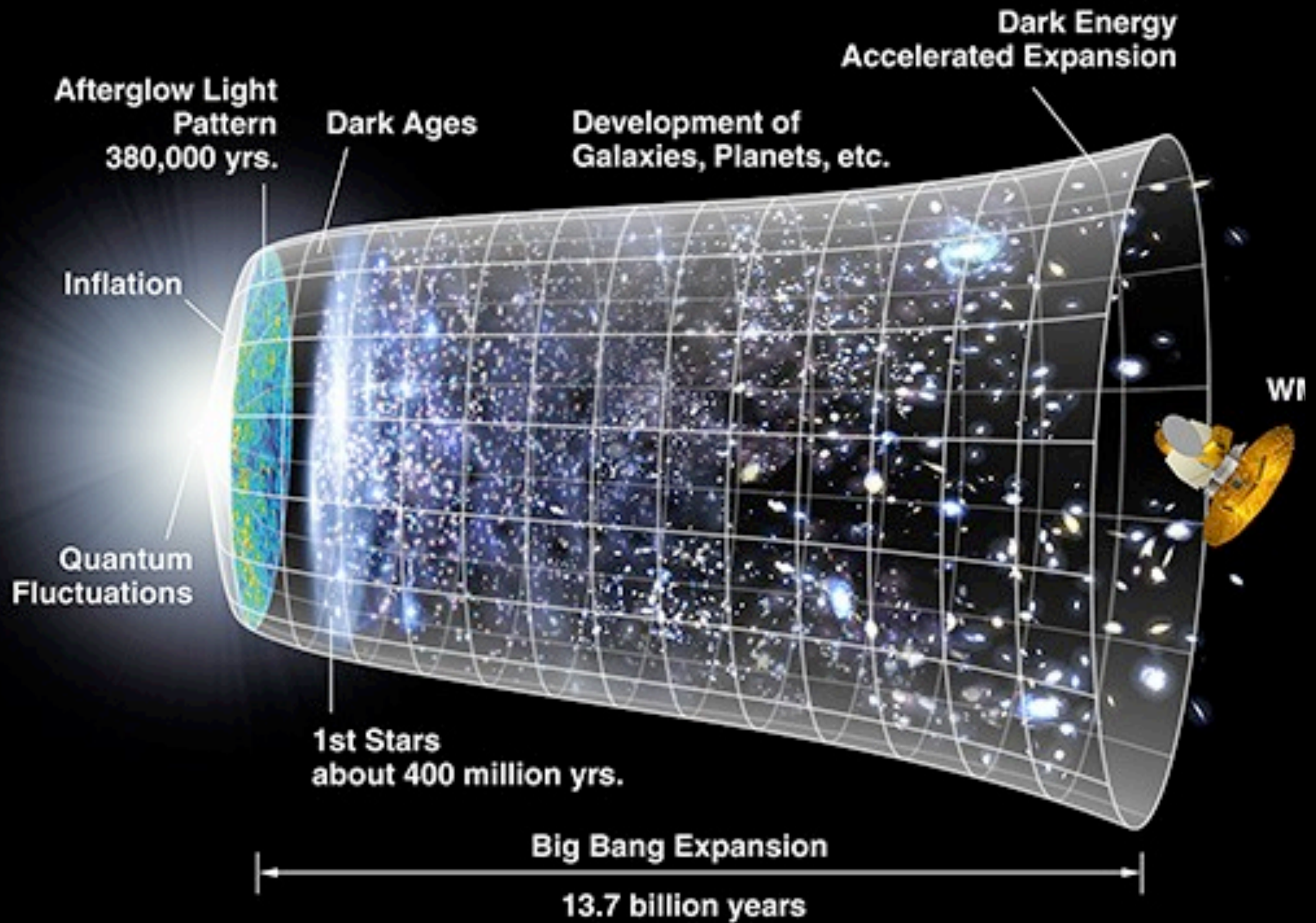
“If you see nothing,” said a CERN physicist, John Ellis, “in some sense then, we theorists have been talking rubbish for the last 35 years.”

That collider in Switzerland didn't create a universe-gobbling black hole. So far.
-NY Times

“If the Higgs or something like it doesn't exist,” Dr. Arkani-Hamed said, “then *some very basic things like quantum mechanics are wrong.*”



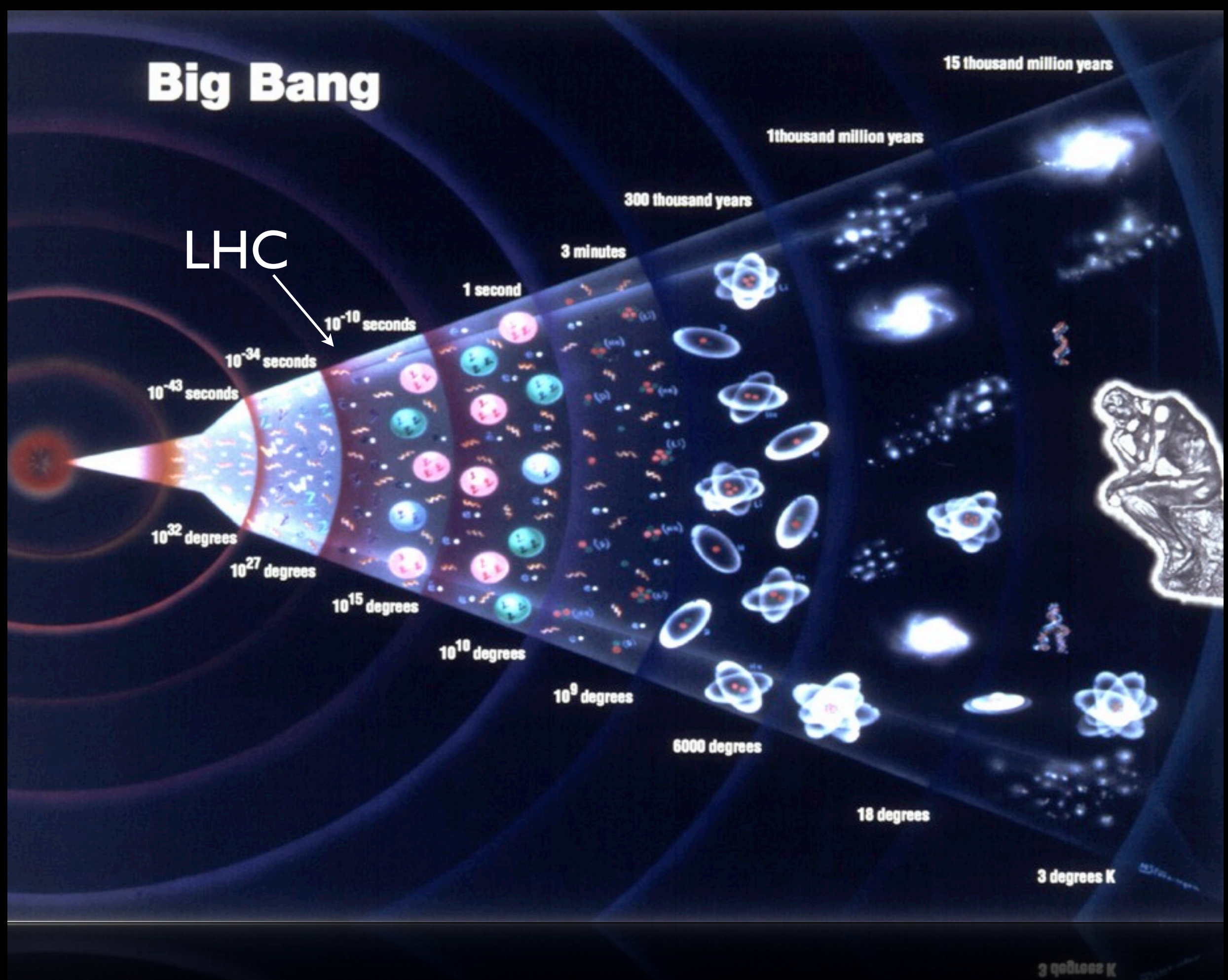




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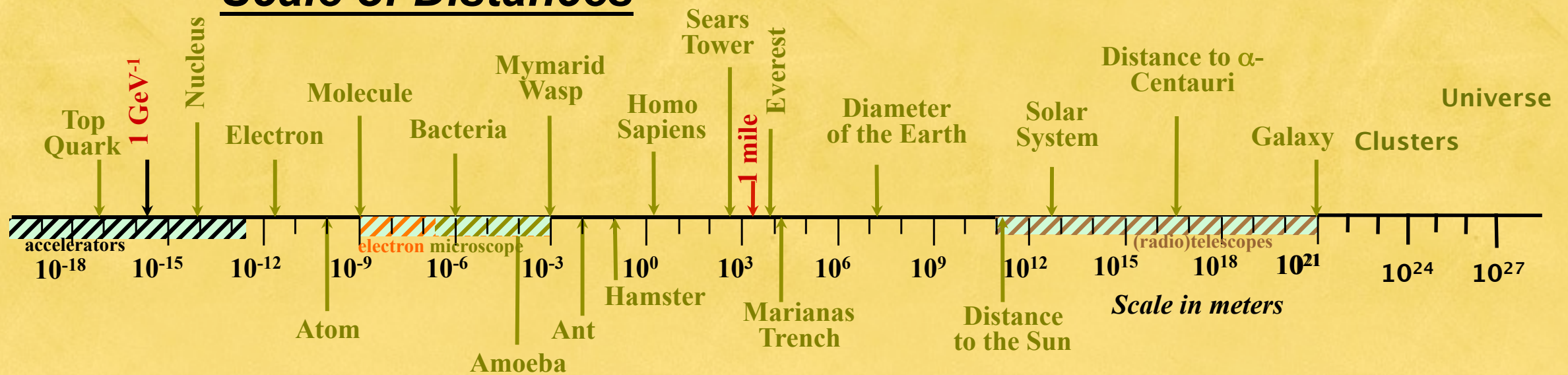
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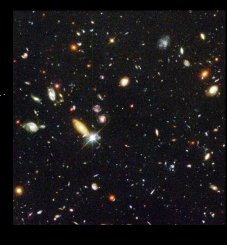
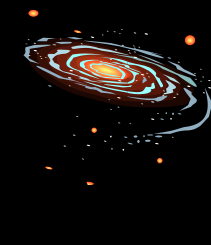




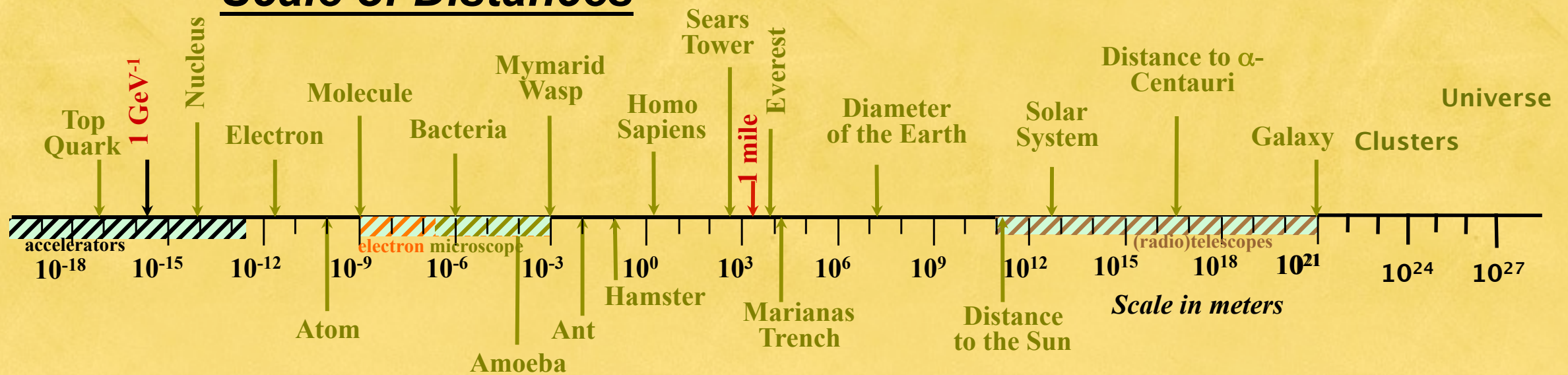
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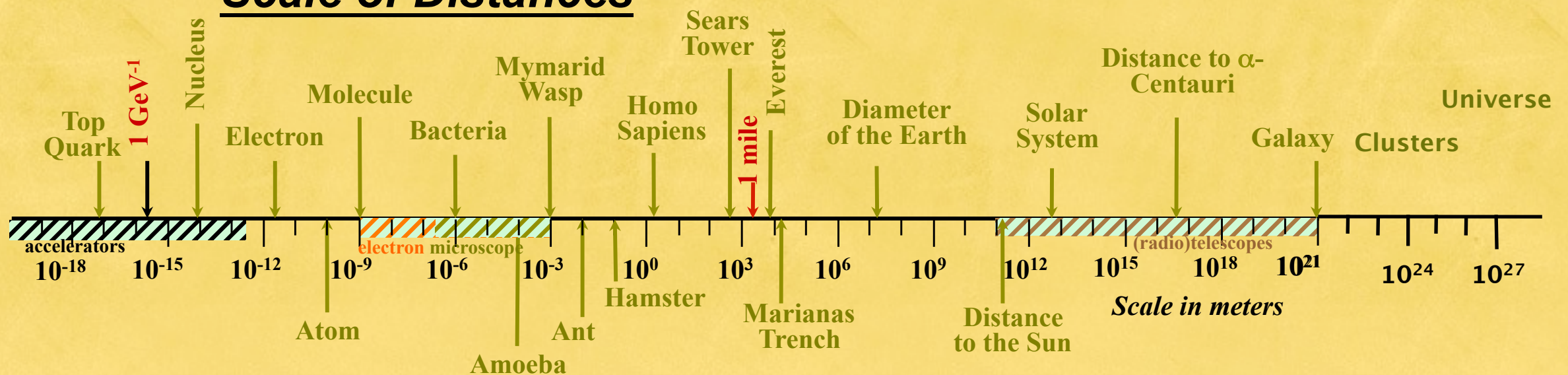
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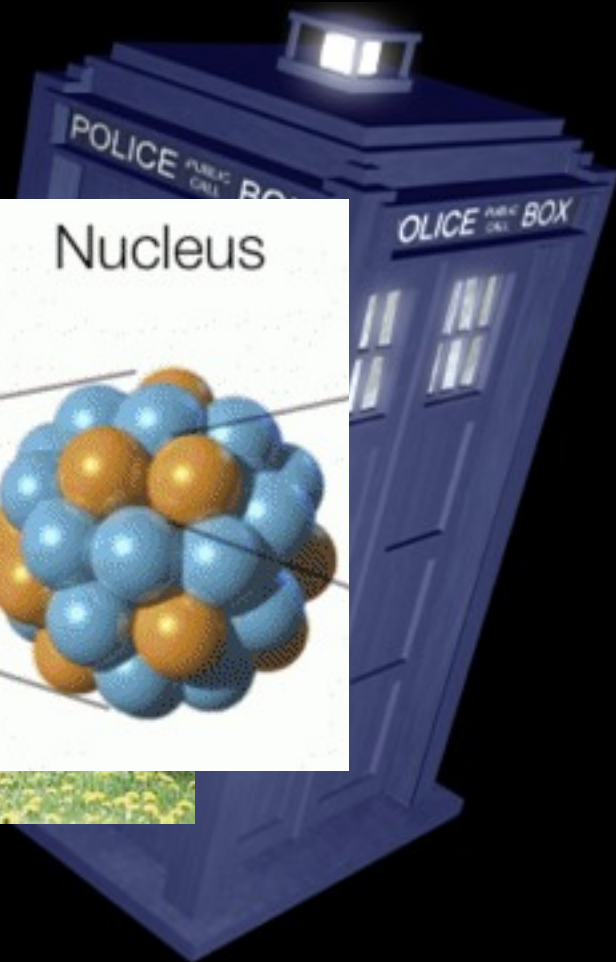
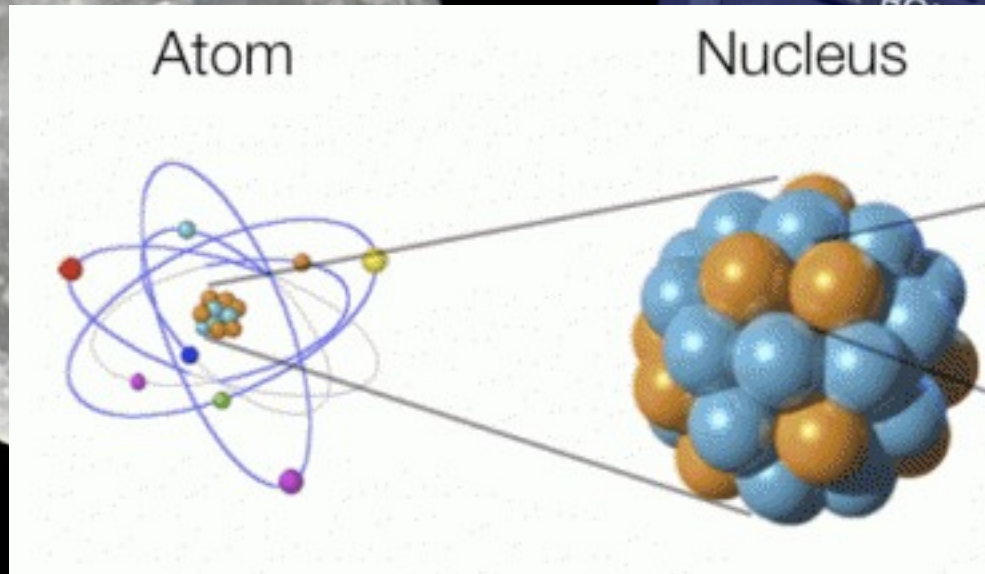
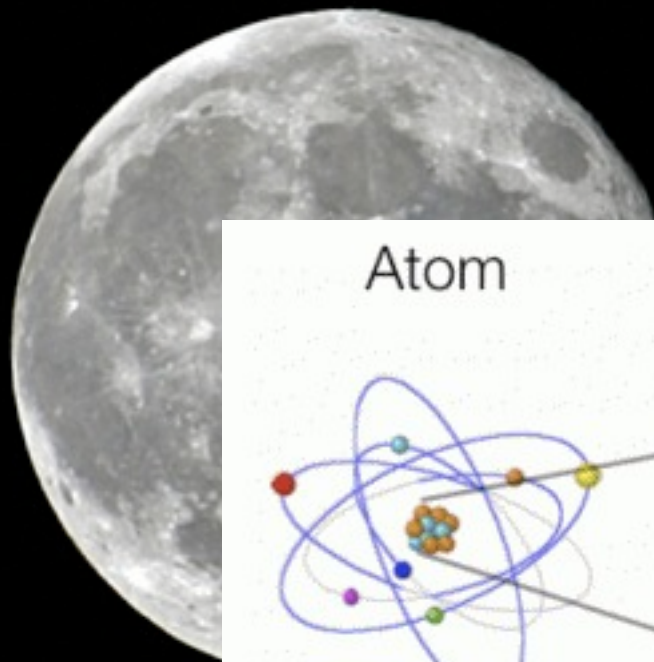
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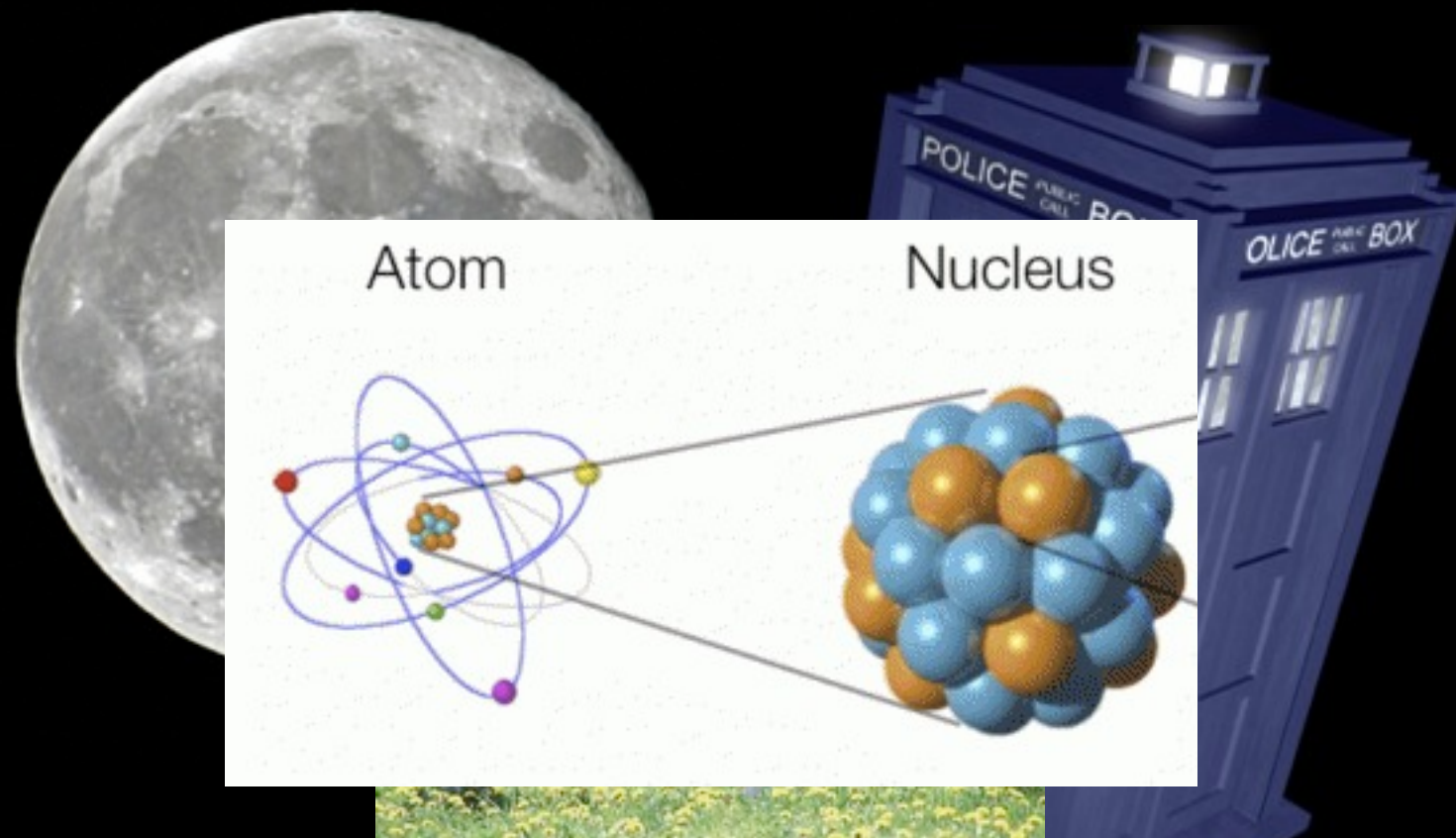
HOW do these building blocks interact?



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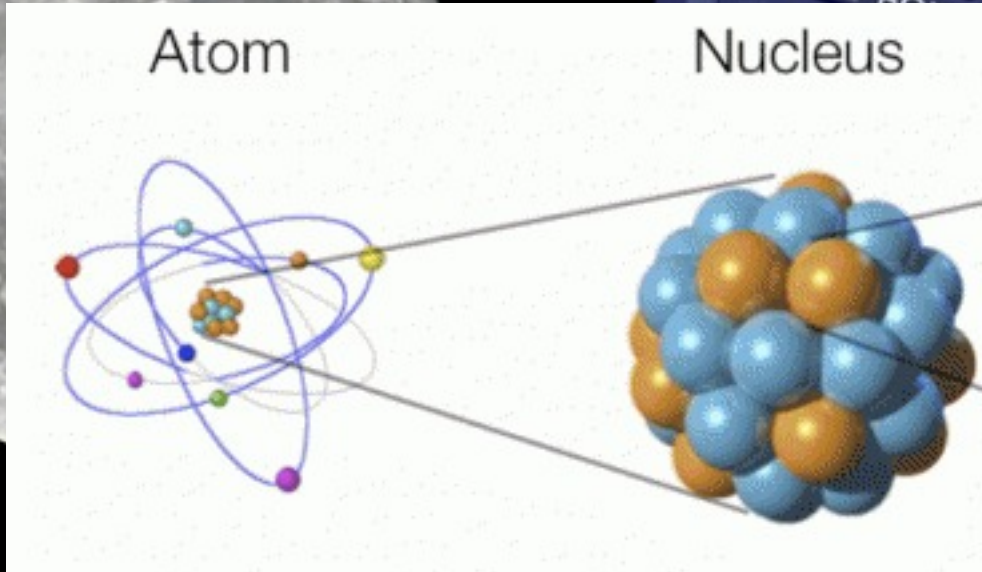
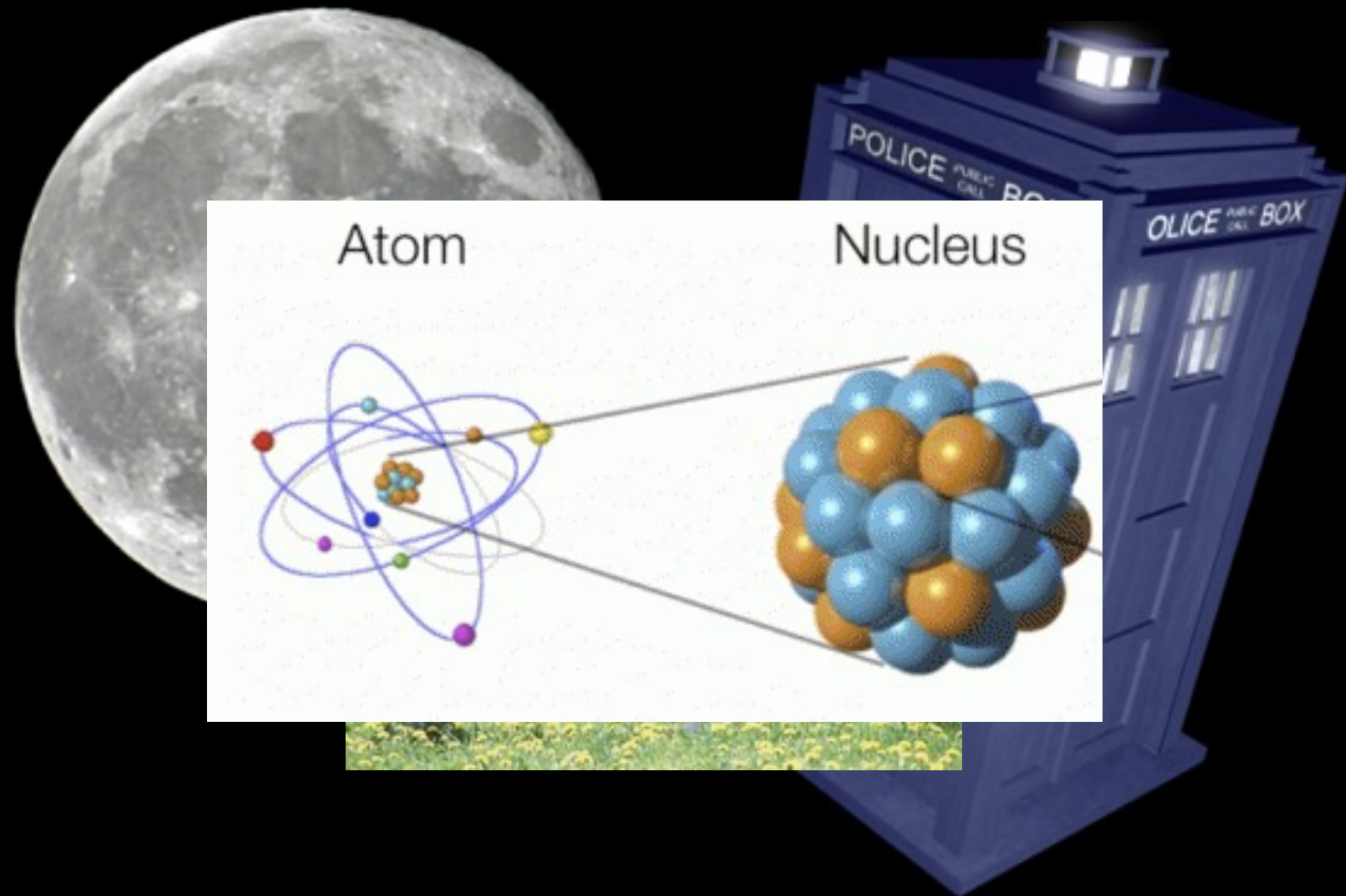


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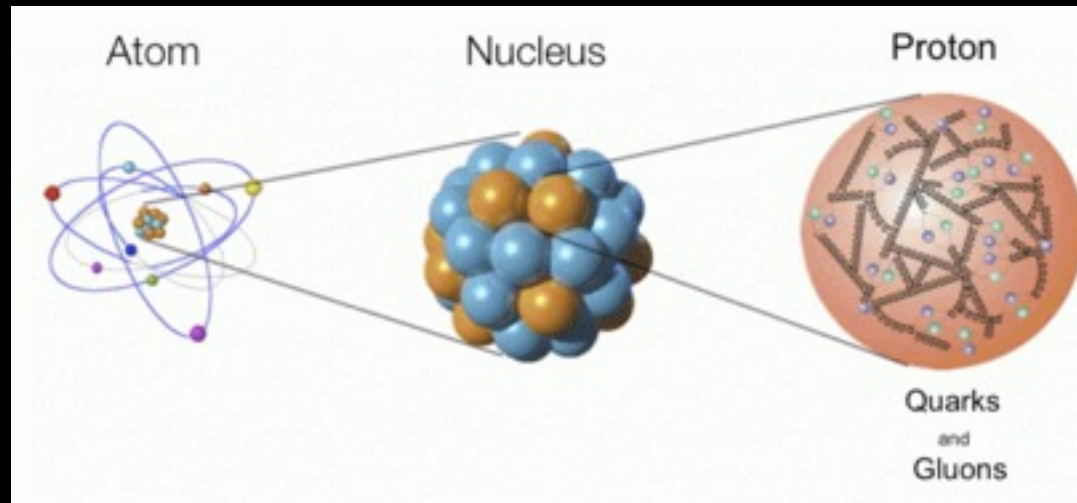
By 1930s we knew how it all worked --
 Everything is made out of atoms, and every
 atom in the periodic table is just different
 combinations of *protons*, *neutrons* and *electrons* –
 just 3 basic building blocks of the whole,
 complicated Universe



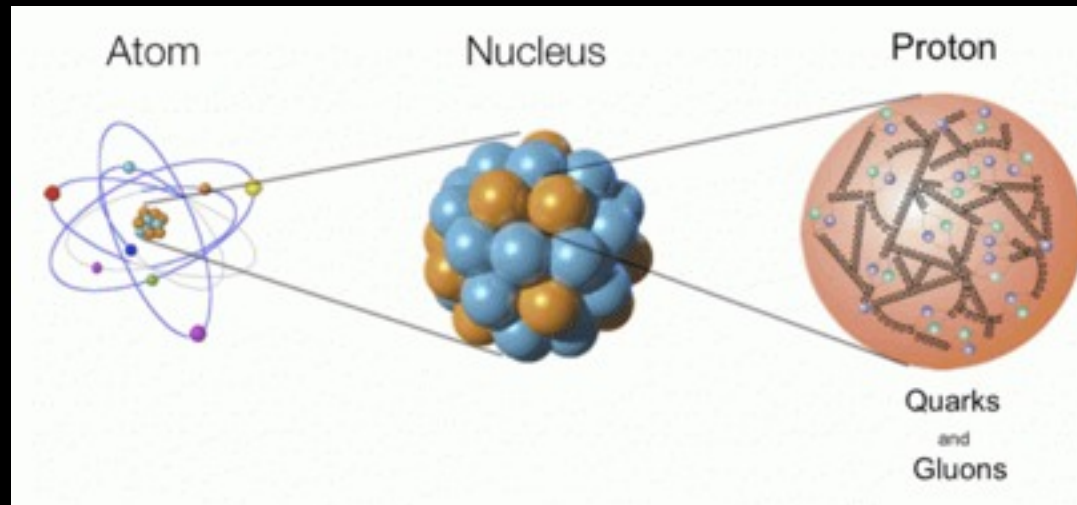
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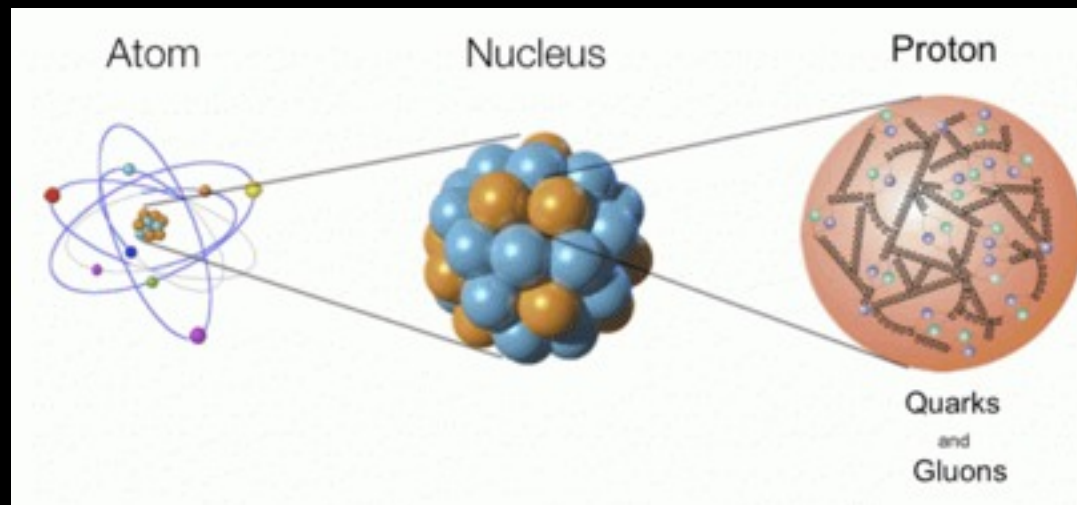


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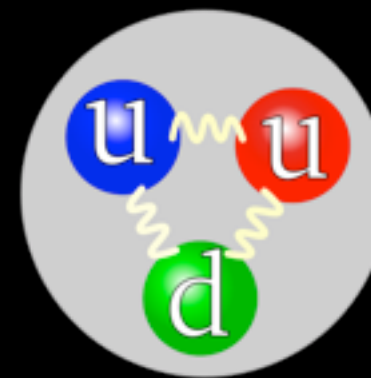


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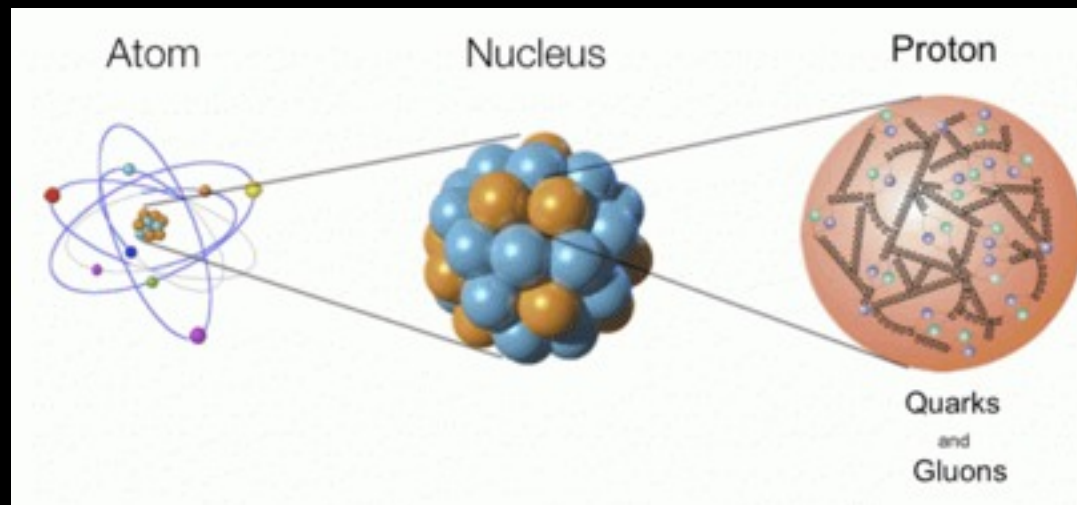
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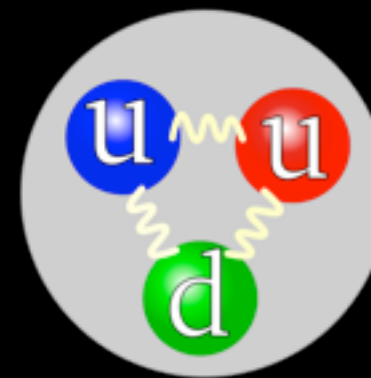


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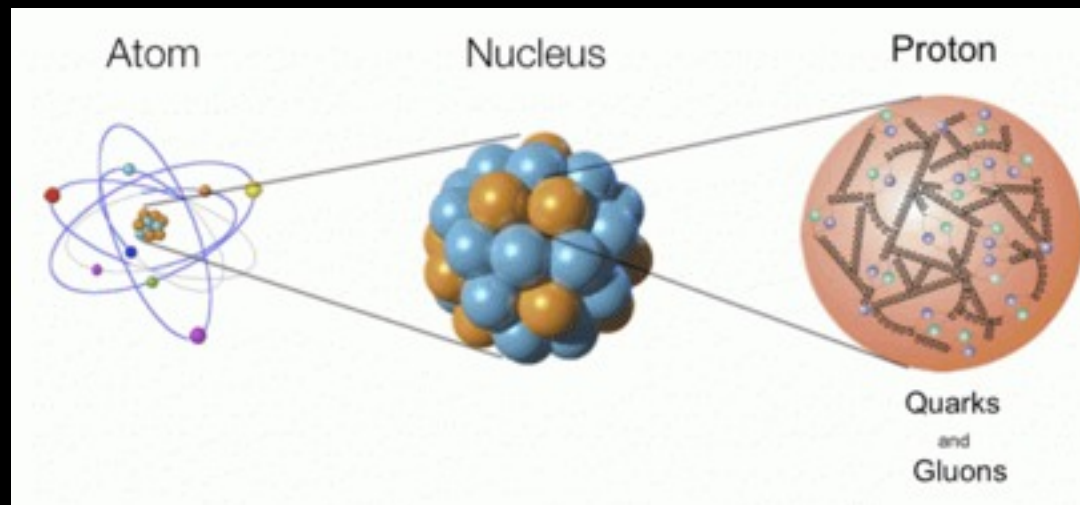
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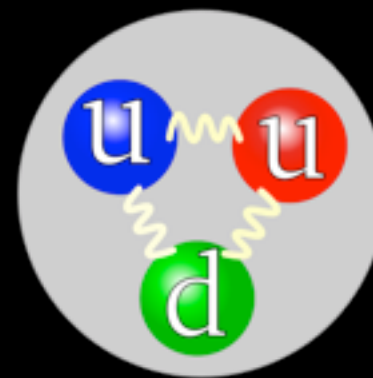


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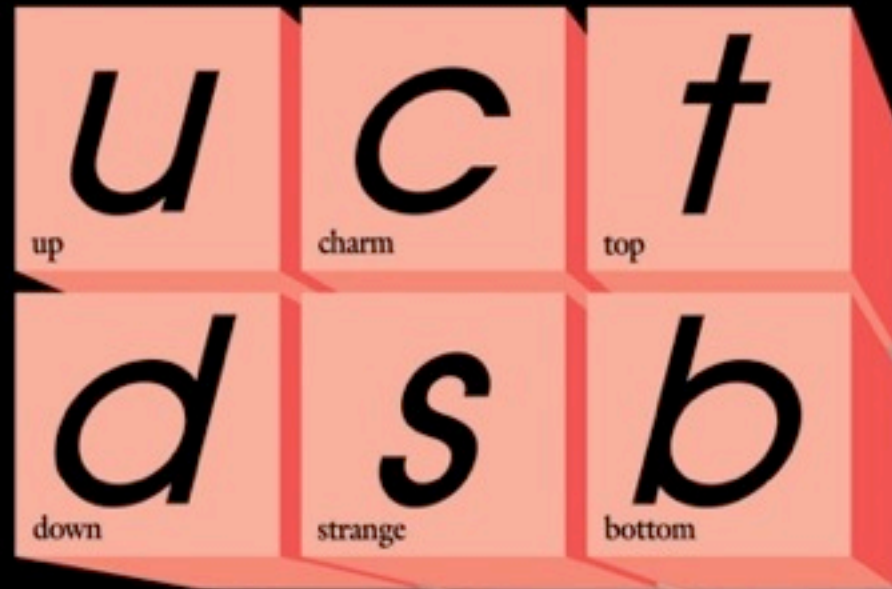
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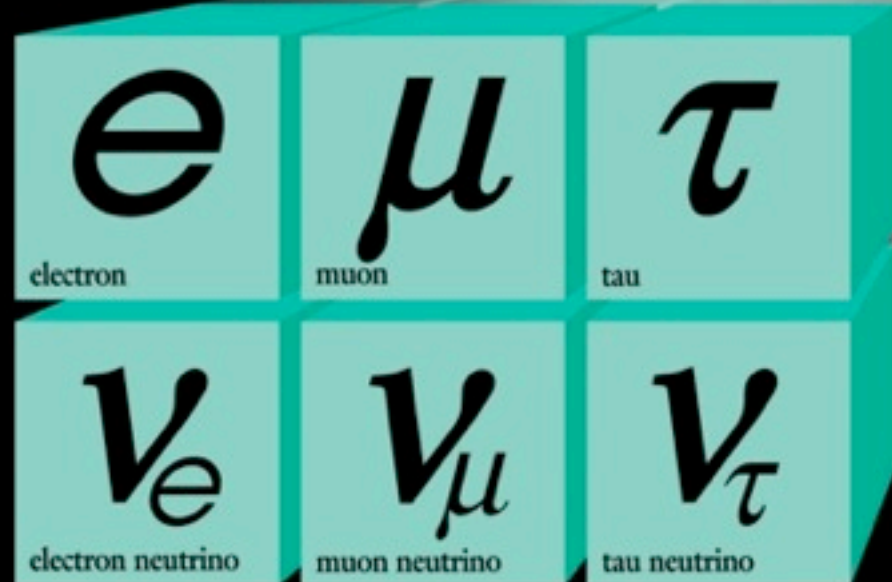
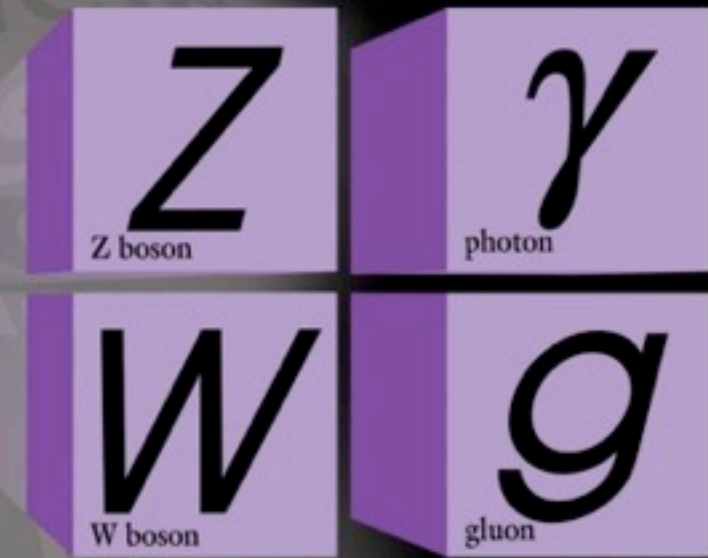
These were fancifully named Red, Green, Blue, and called “colour” charge. Not that they really are coloured, it's just a name, like “positive” and “negative”

Quarks



The Standard Model

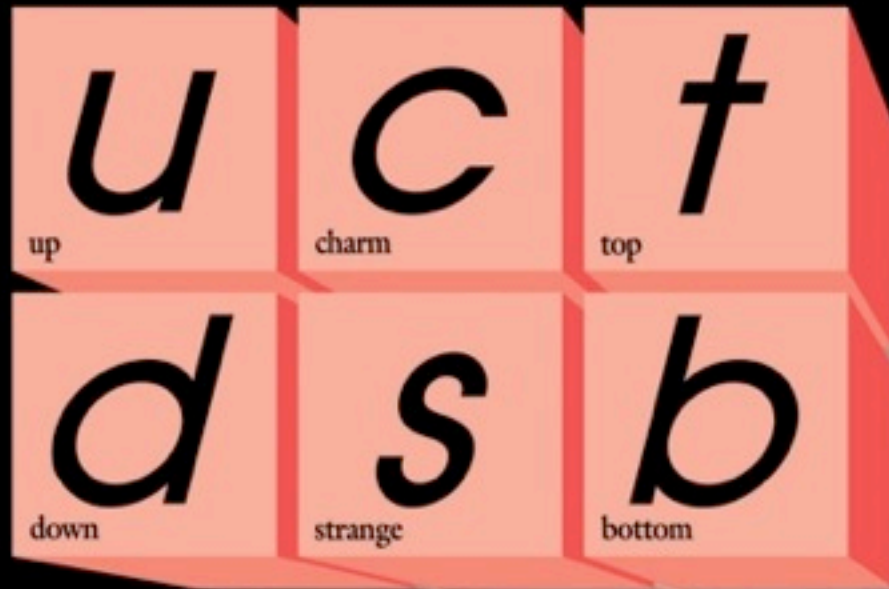
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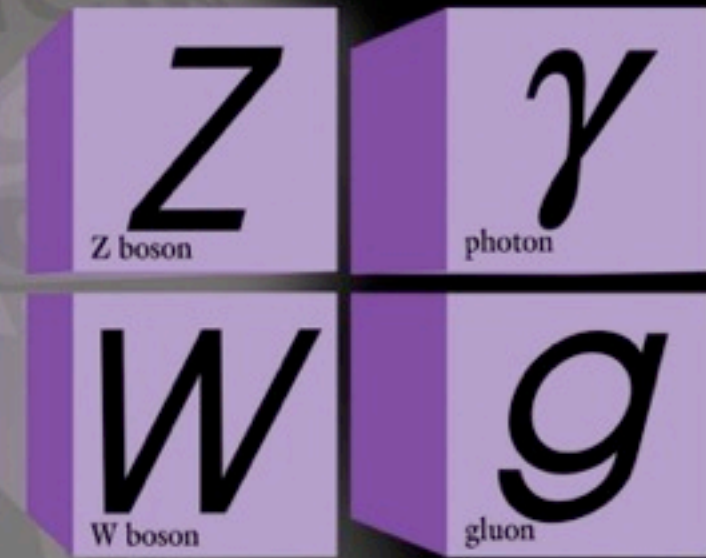
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+Gravity ...

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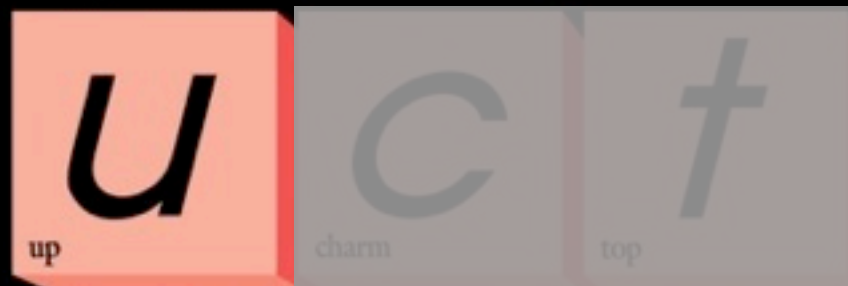
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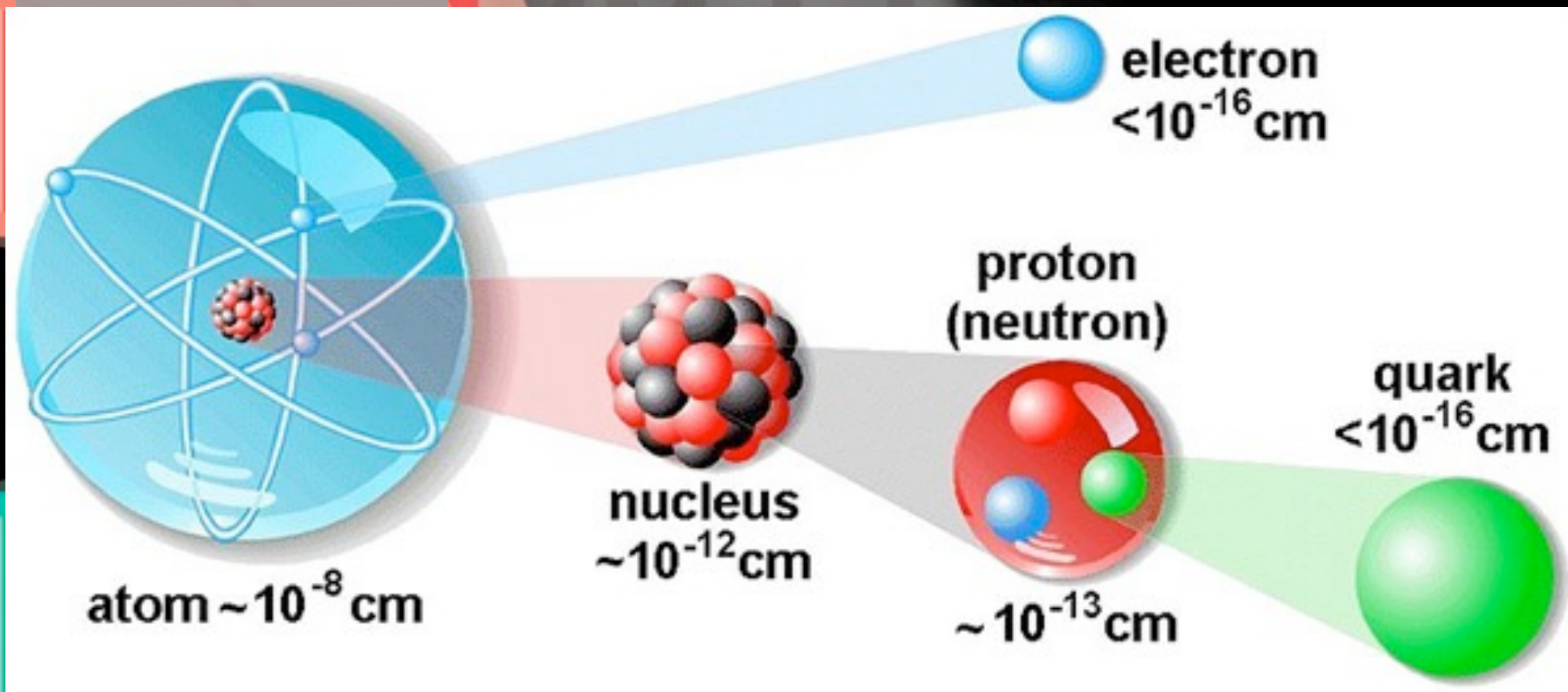
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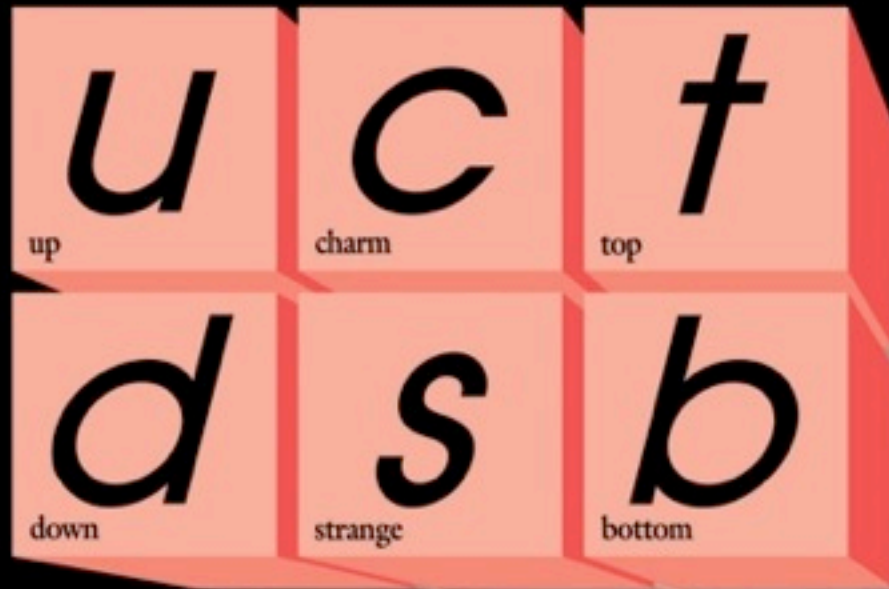
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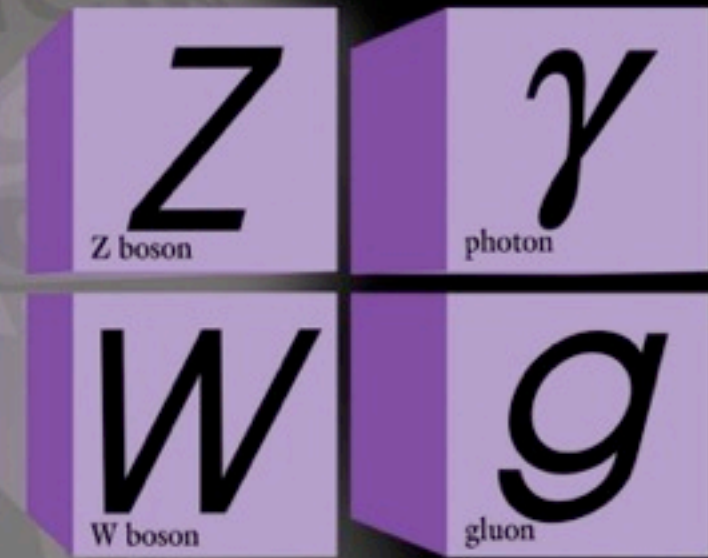
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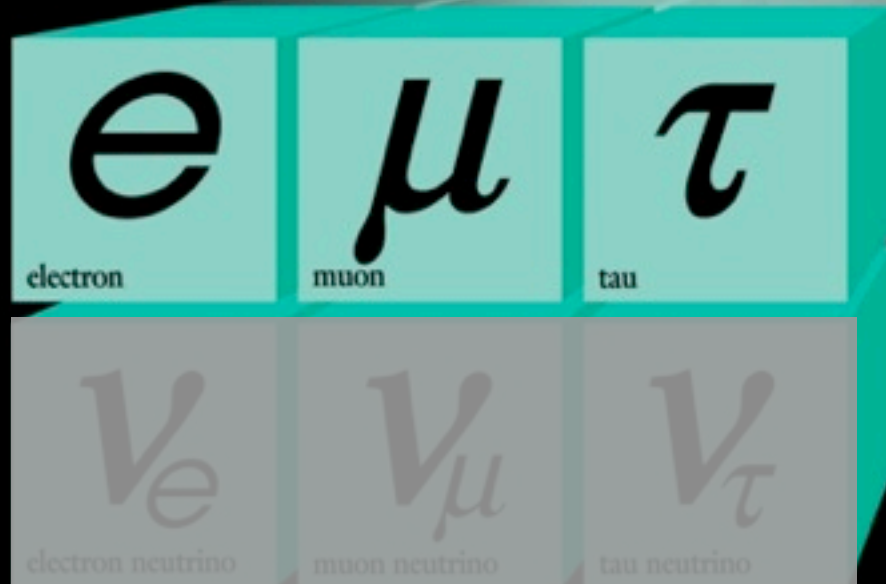
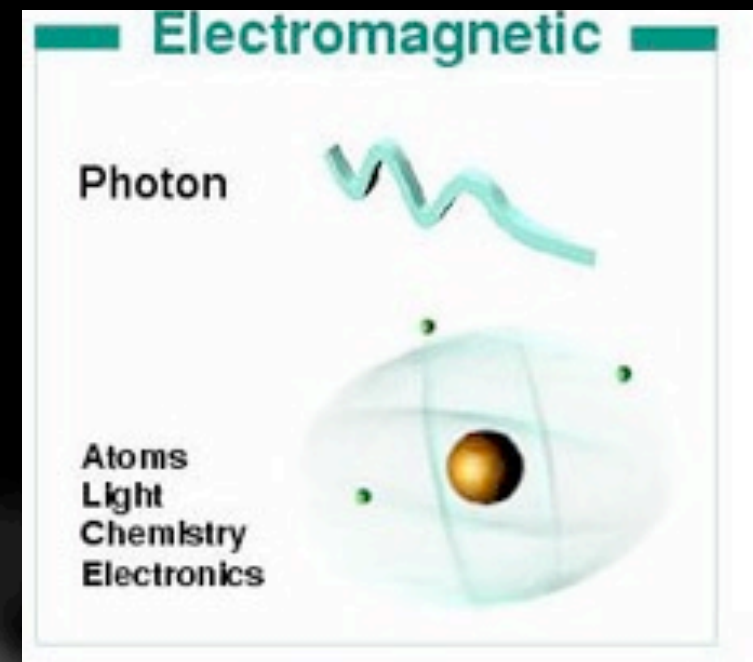
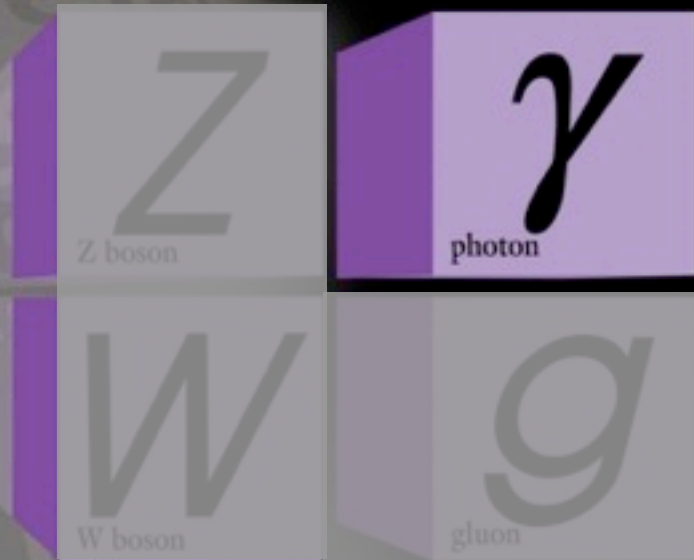


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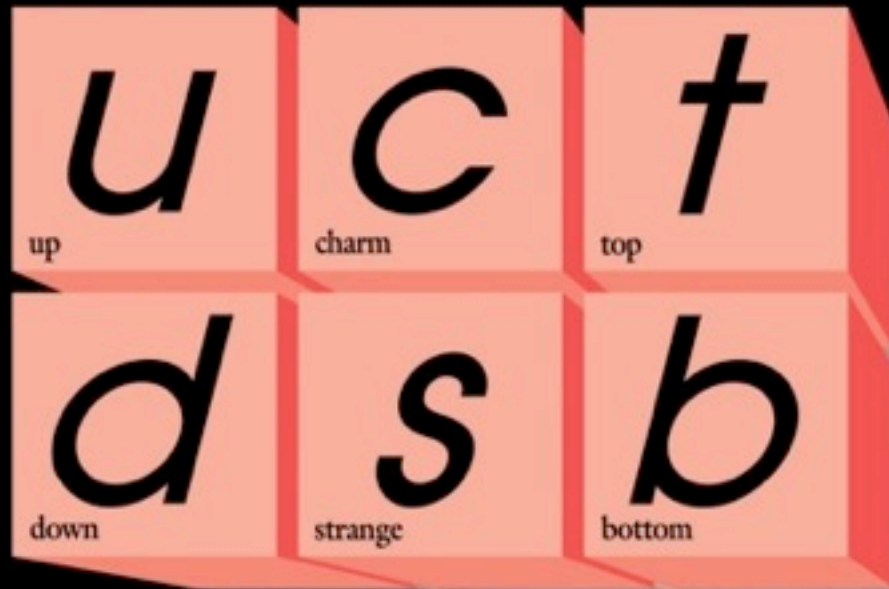
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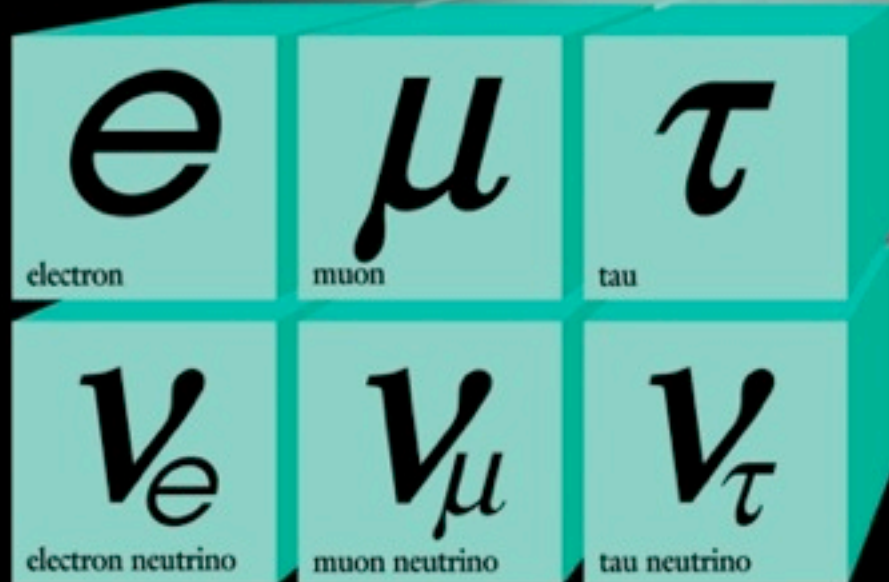
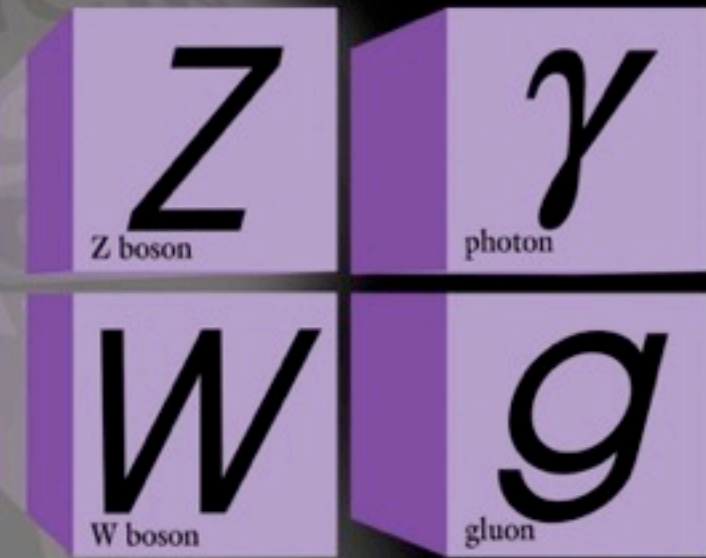


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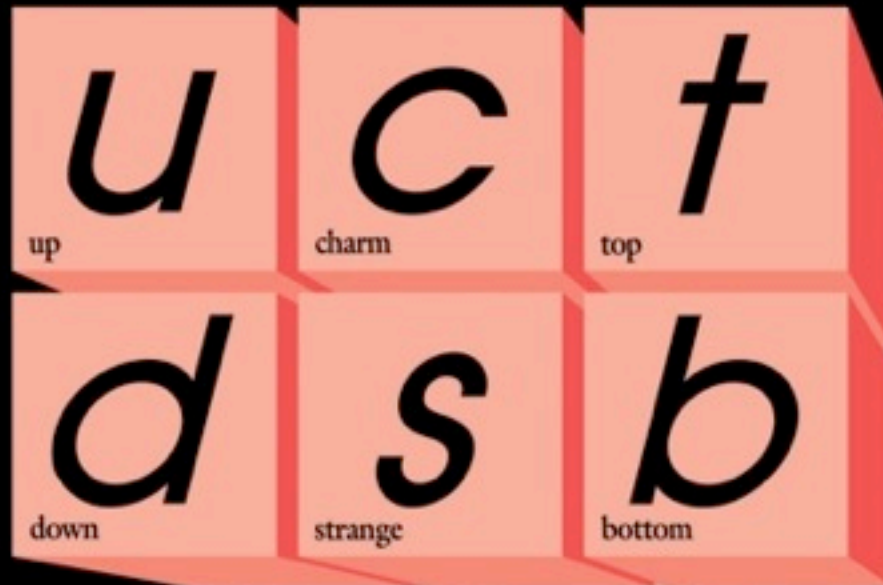


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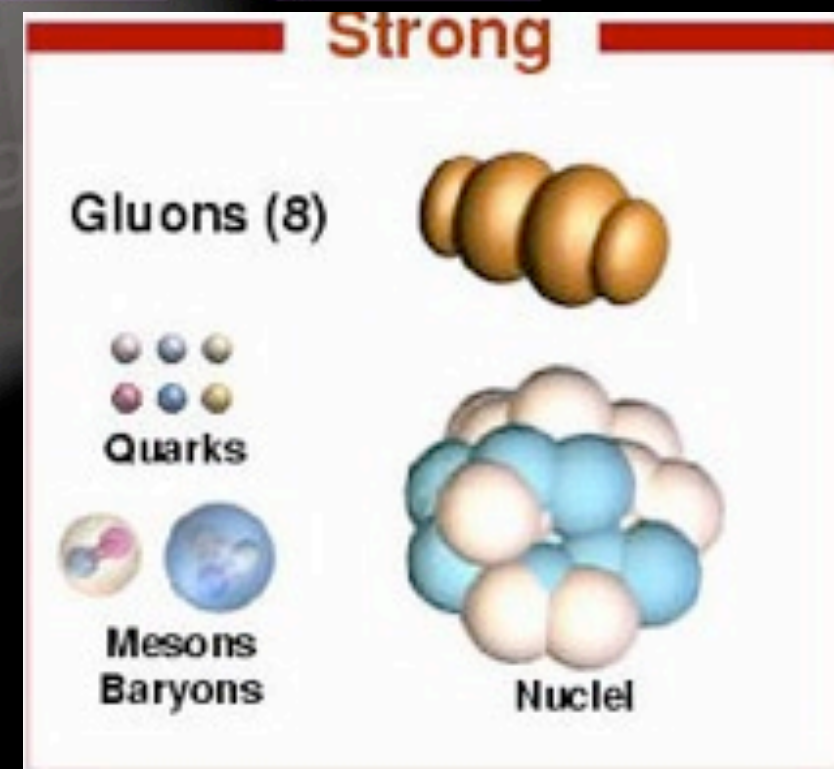
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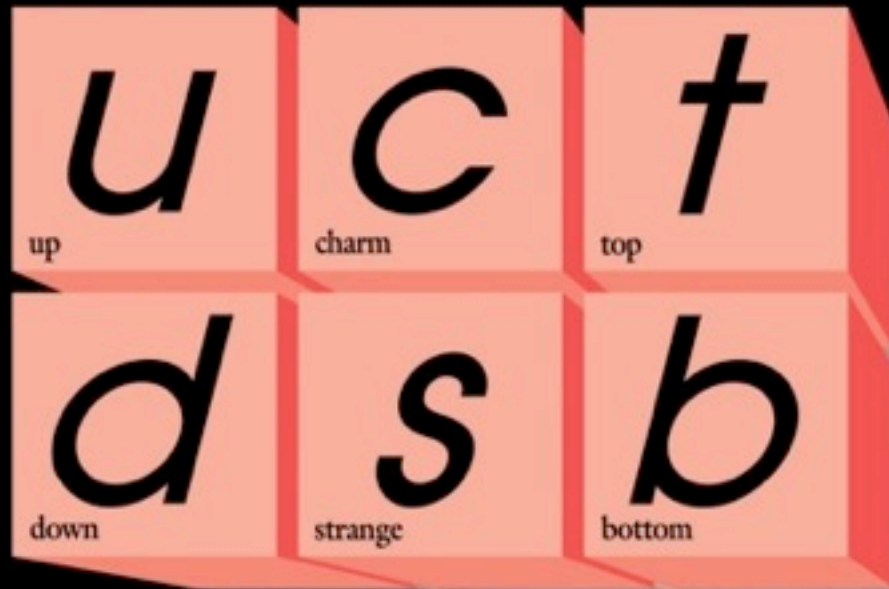
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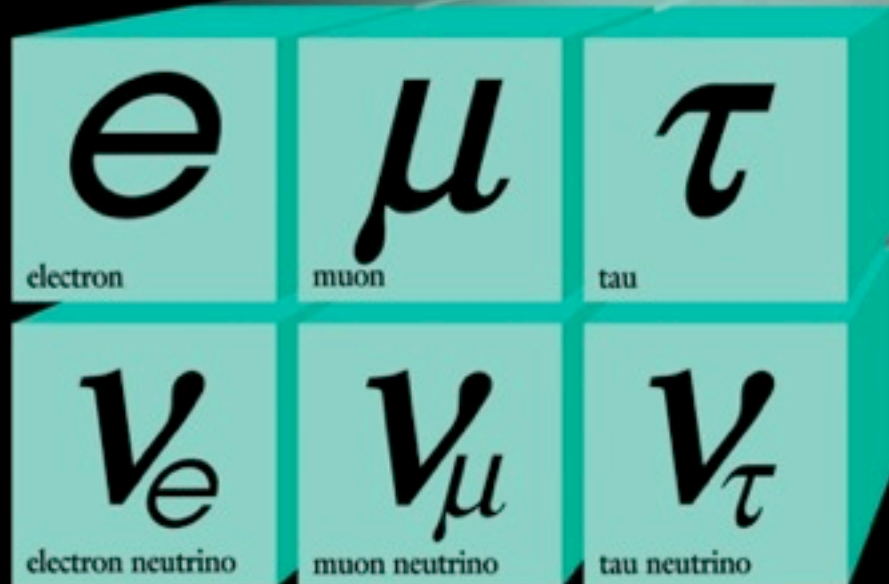
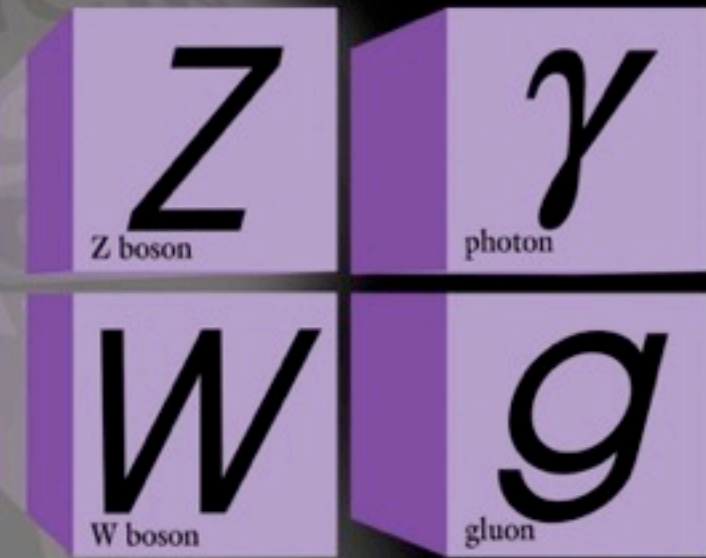
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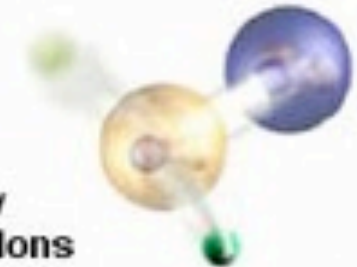
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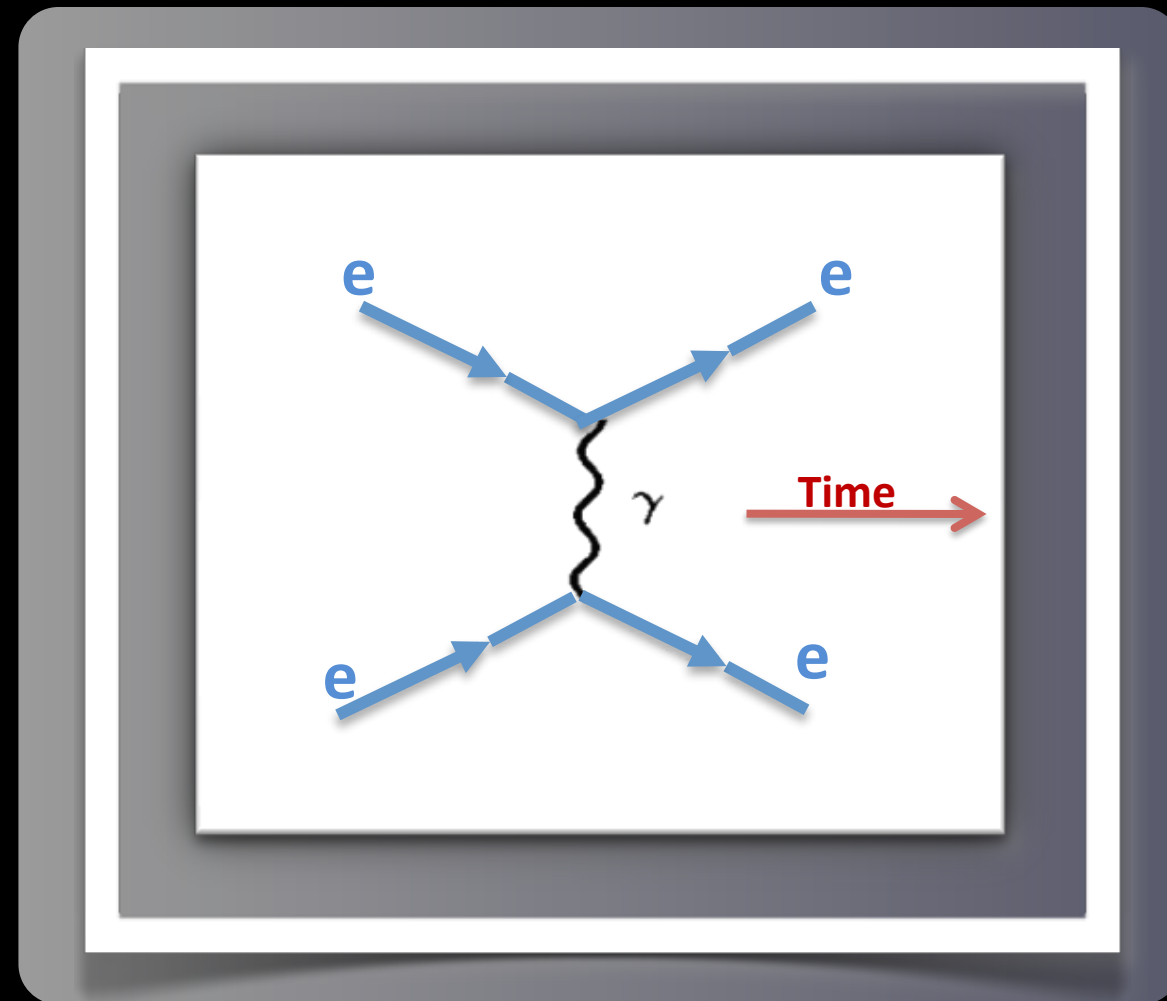
Bosons (W,Z)



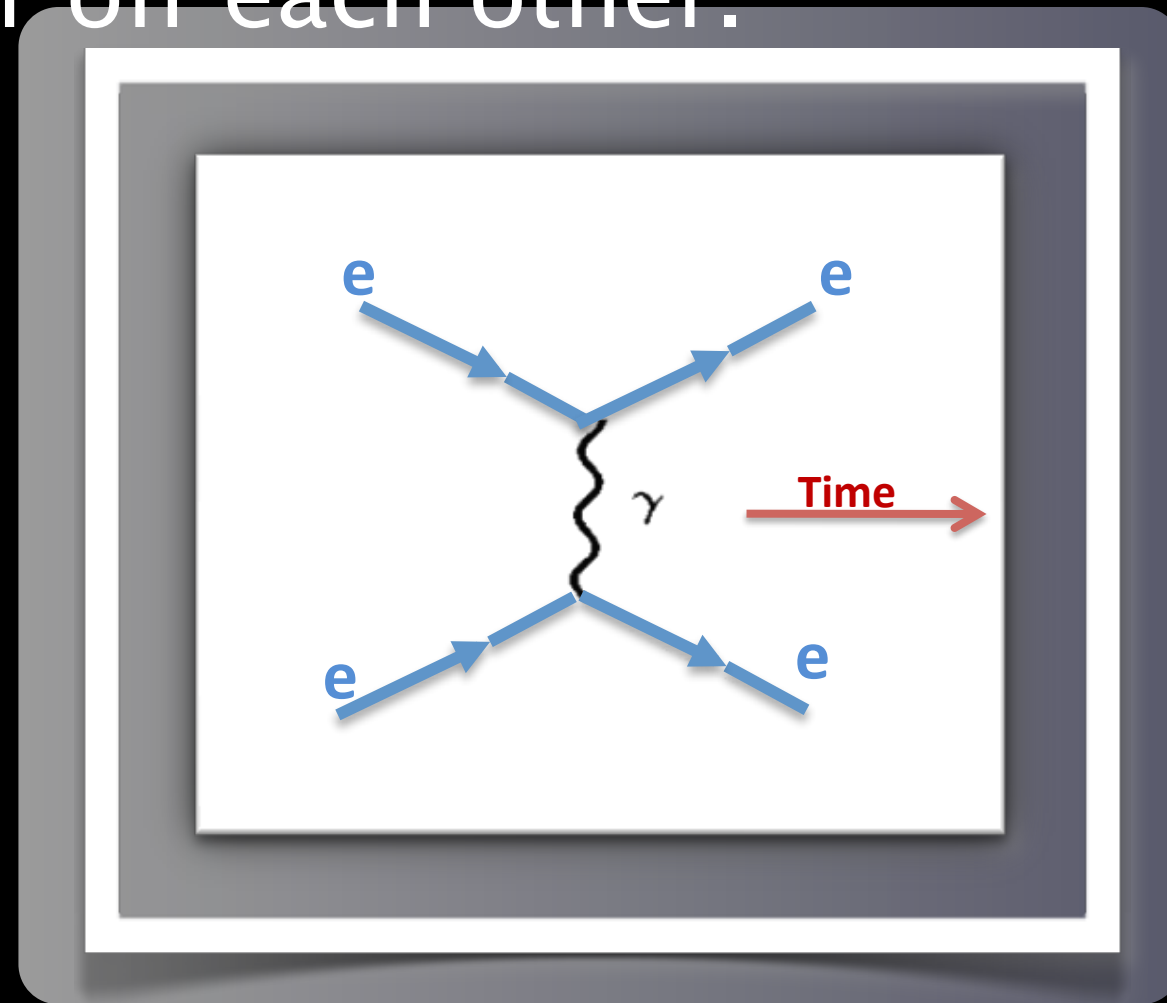
Neutron decay
Beta radioactivity
Neutrino Interactions
Burning of the sun



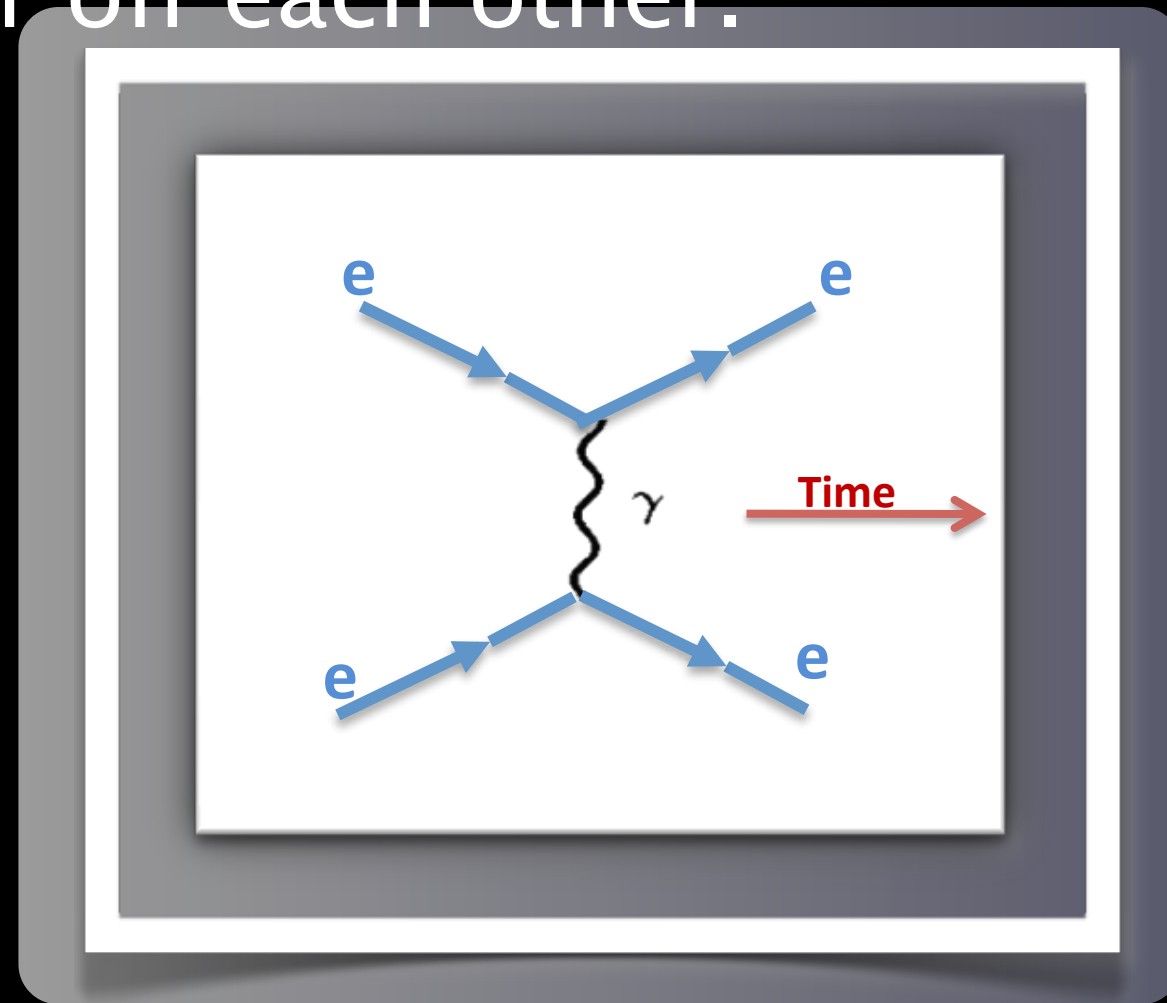
To represent forces/interactions, we draw diagrams, invented by Feynman, which show the elements of the process



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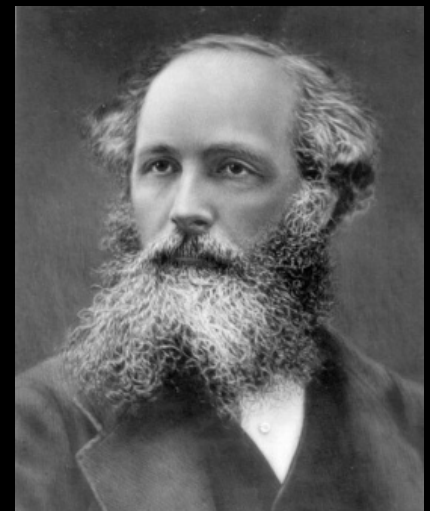


Q: How do we know what forces exist (or equivalently -- what particles can be exchanged) and what are their properties?

Forces and Symmetries



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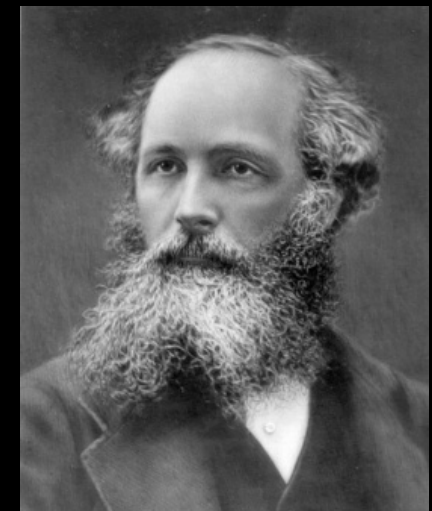


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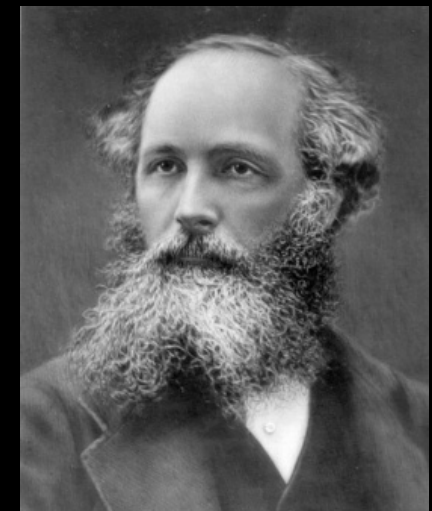
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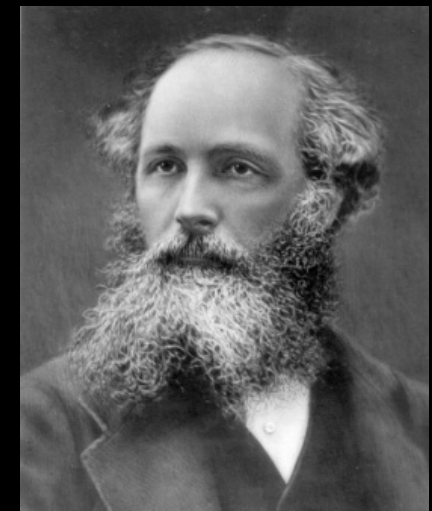
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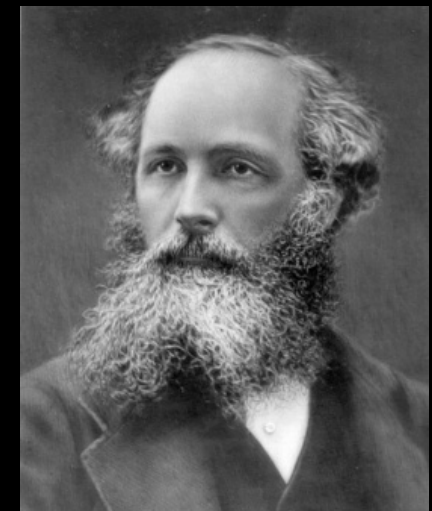
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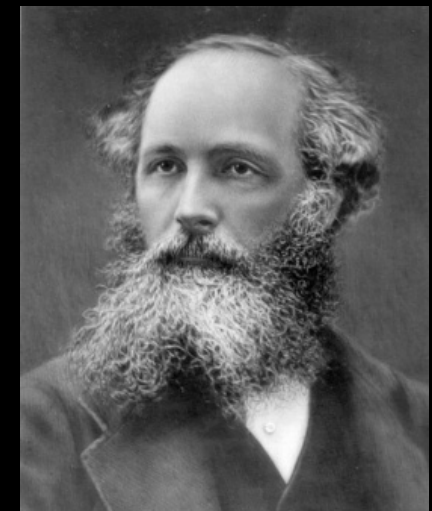
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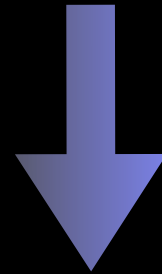
Symmetry



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Rotate through 90°



Object is the same

but only for special values

$1 \times 90^\circ$

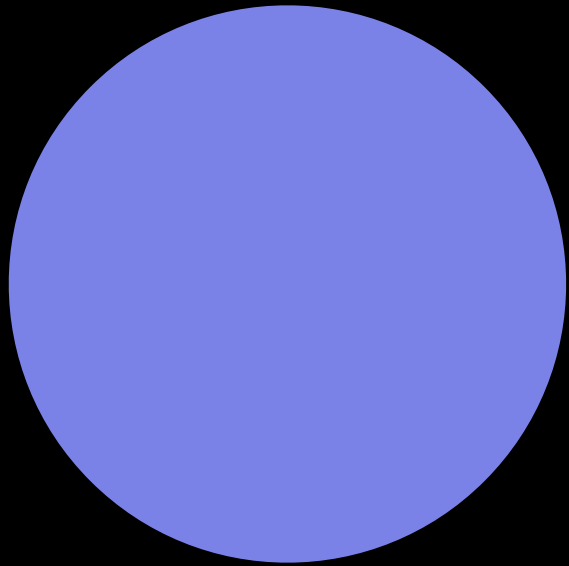
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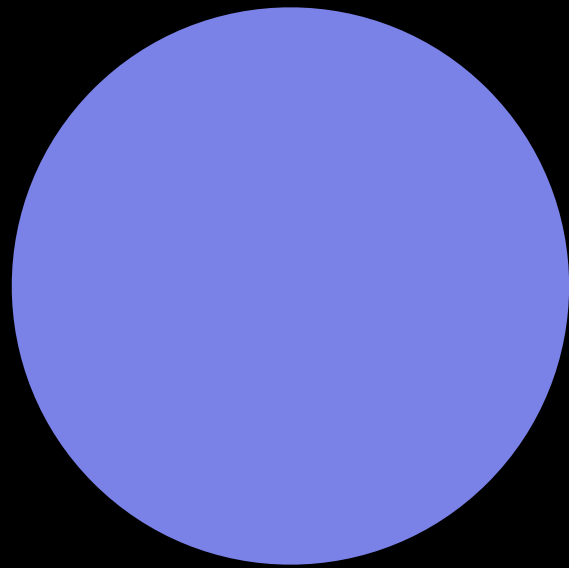
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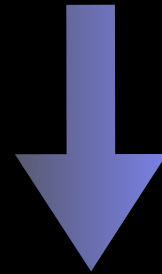
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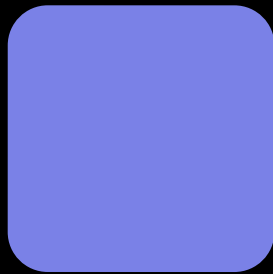
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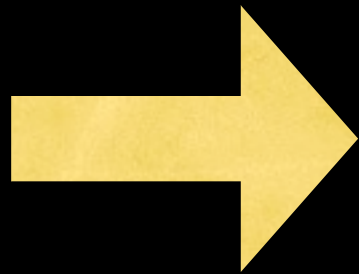
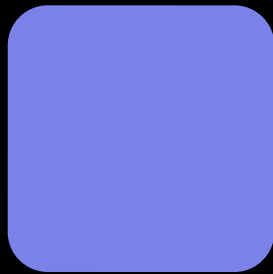
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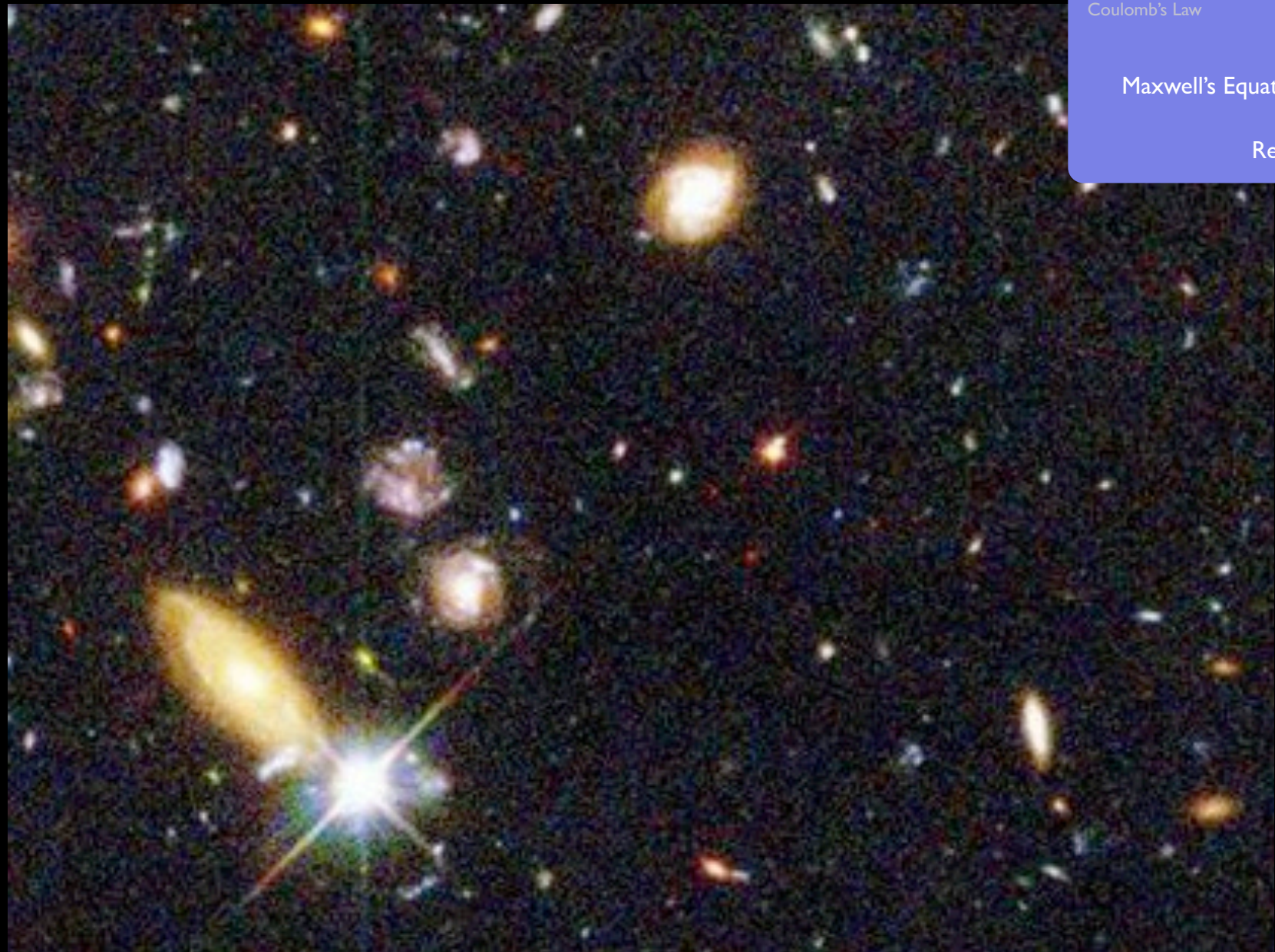
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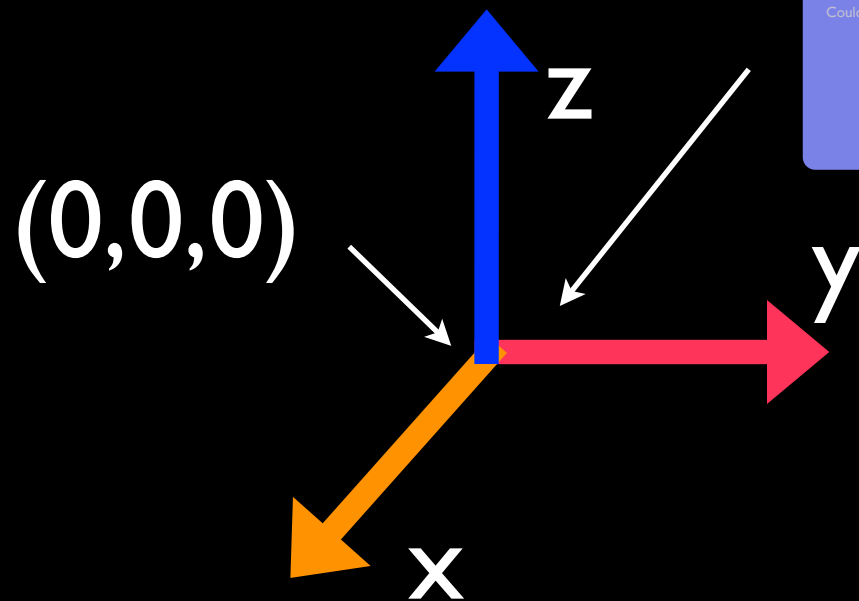
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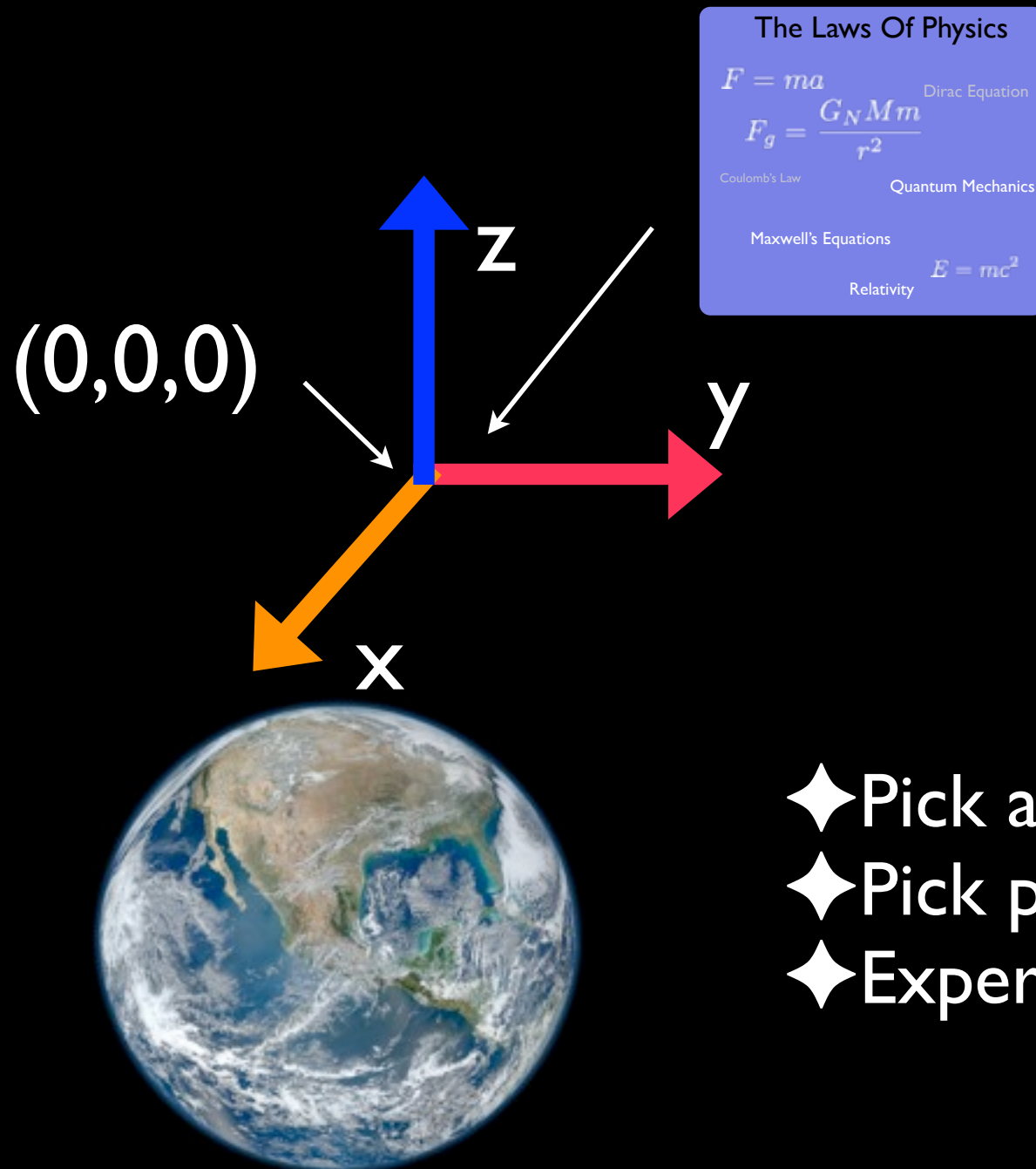
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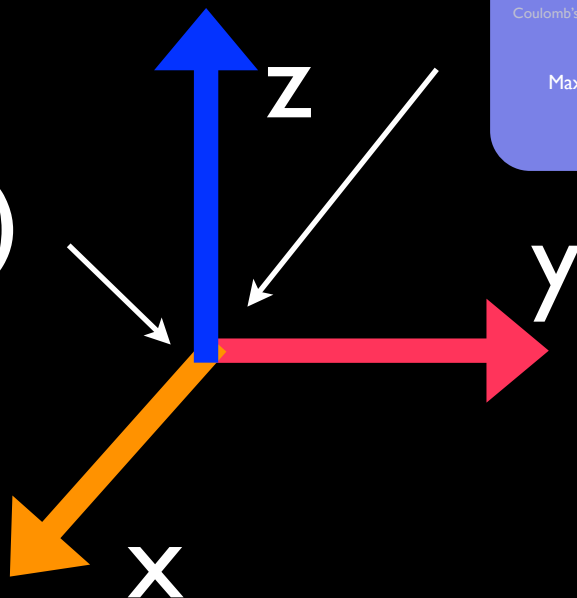


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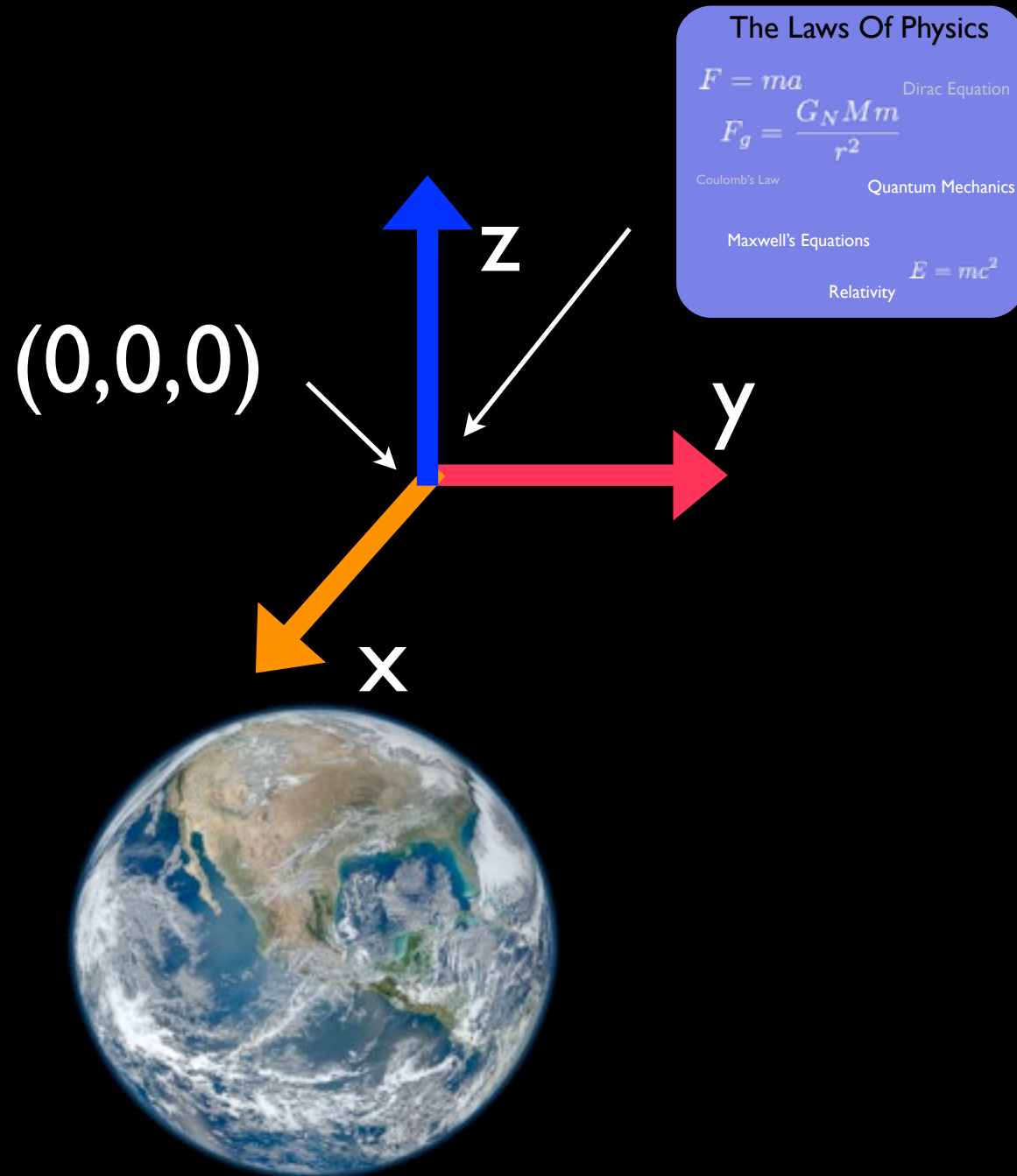
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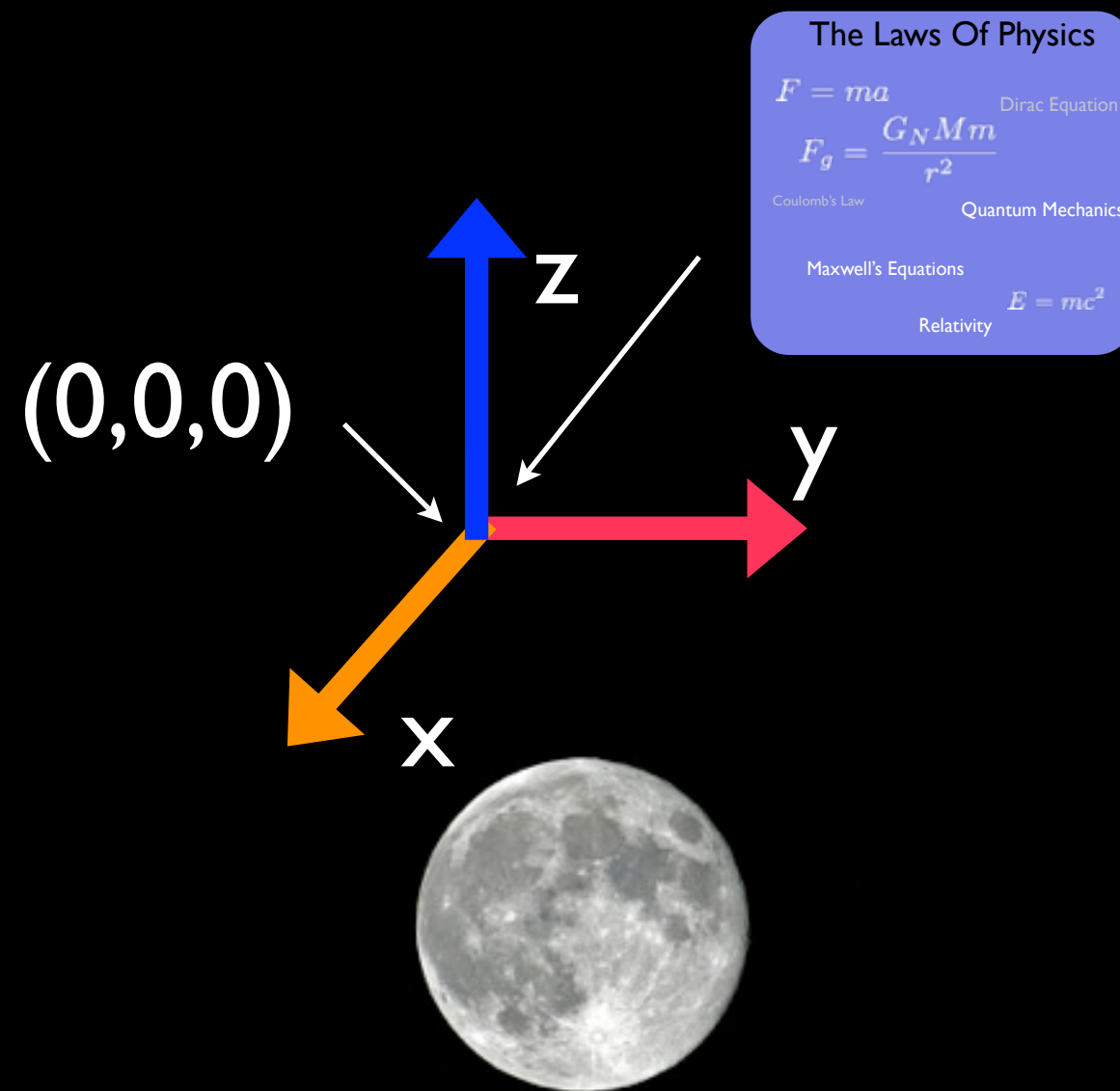
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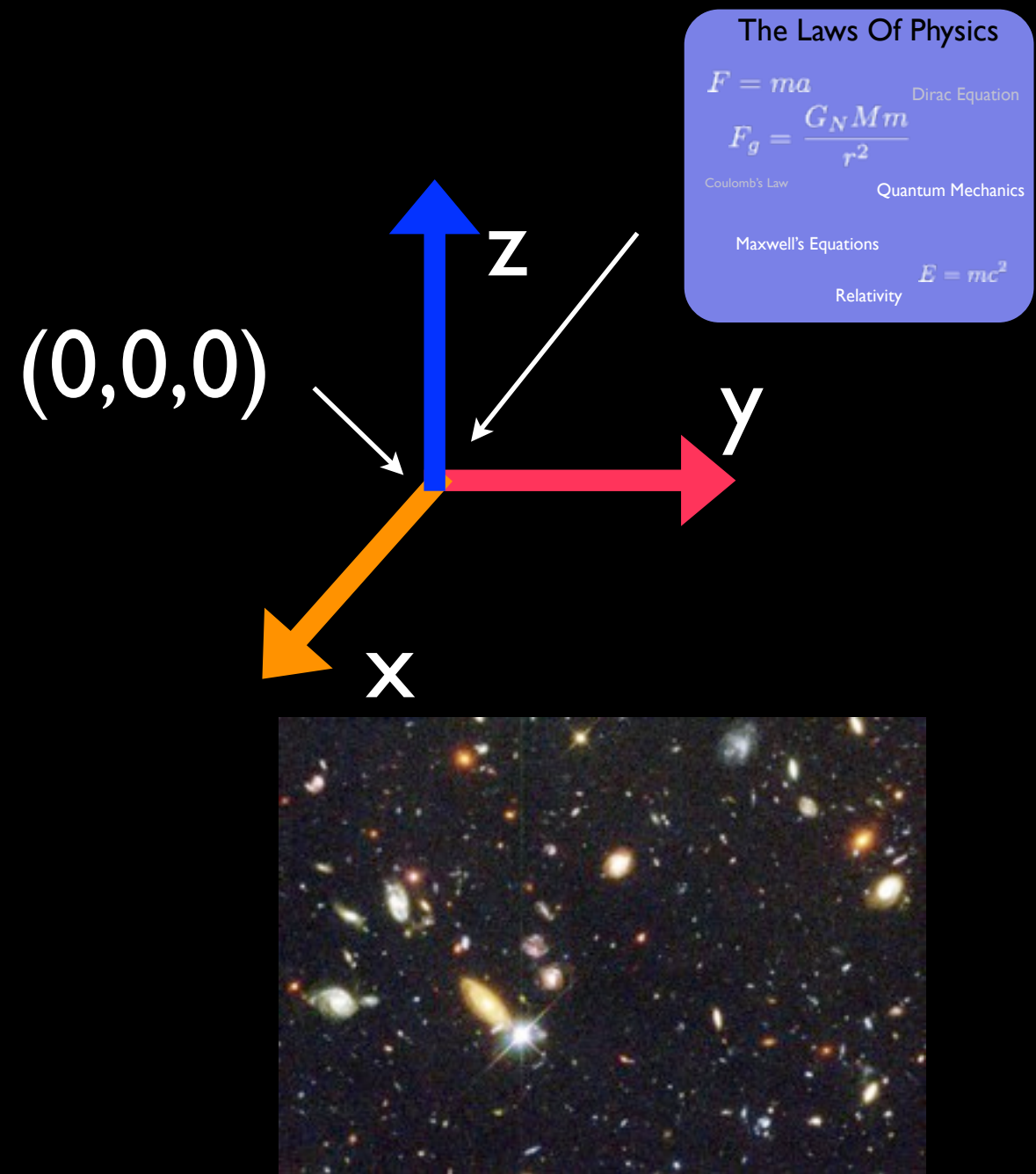
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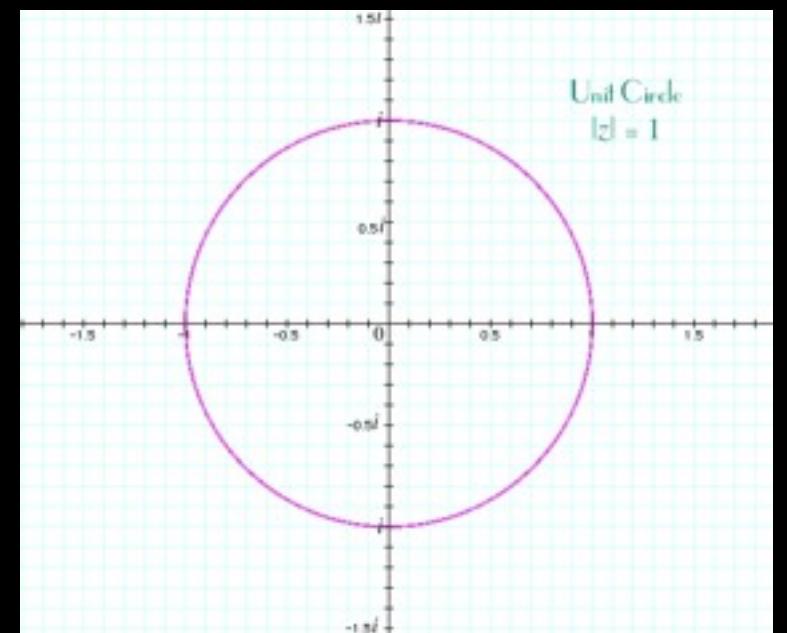
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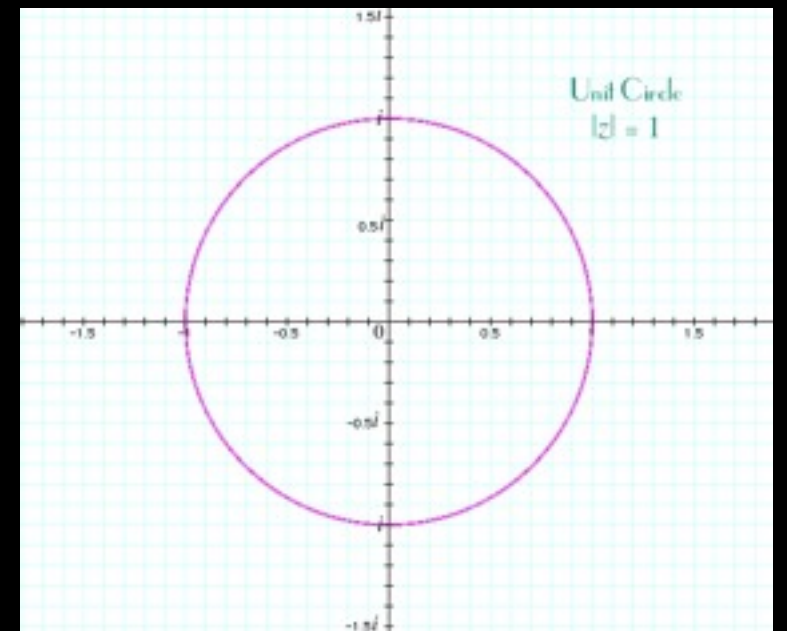
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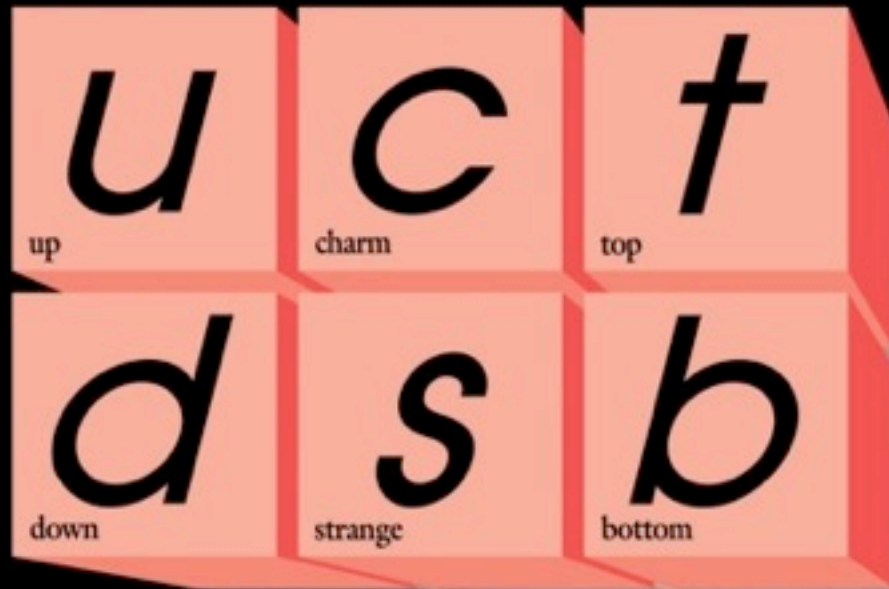
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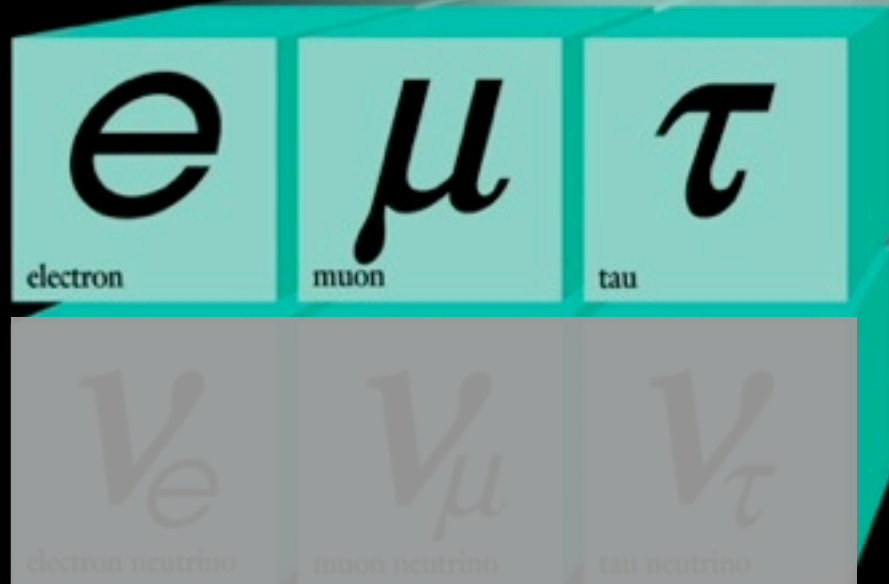
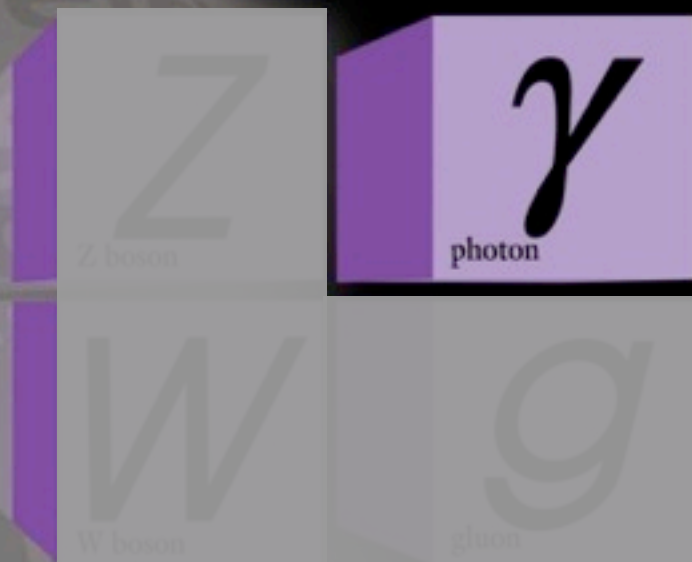
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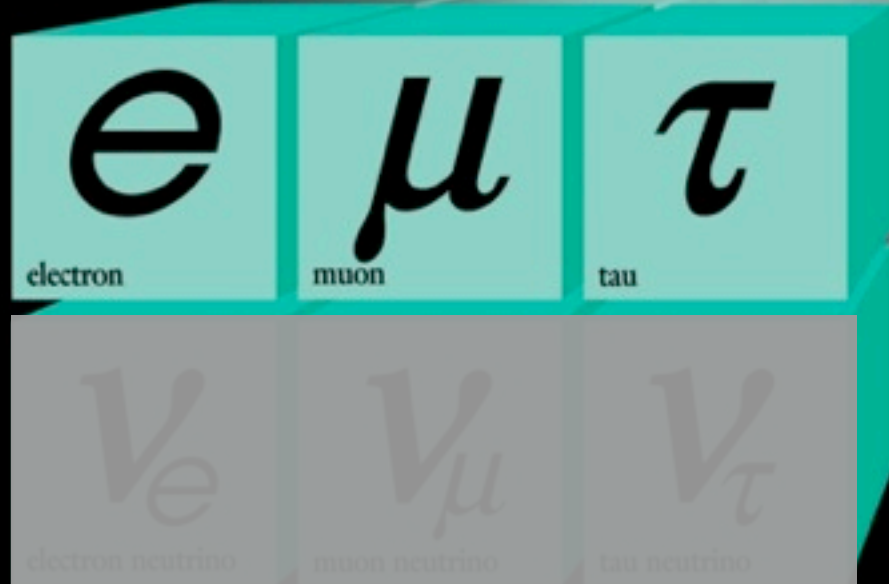
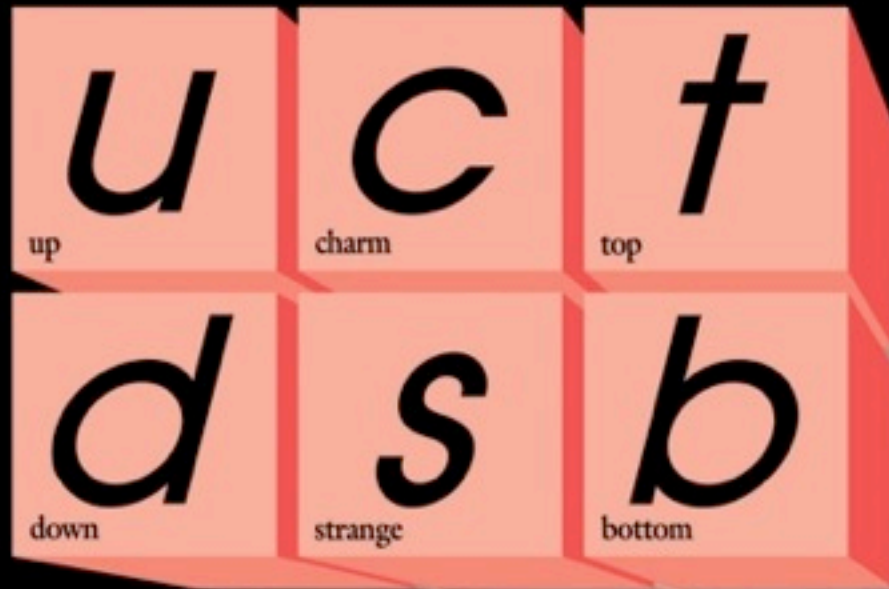


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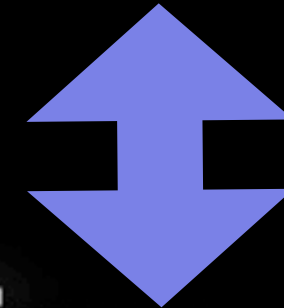
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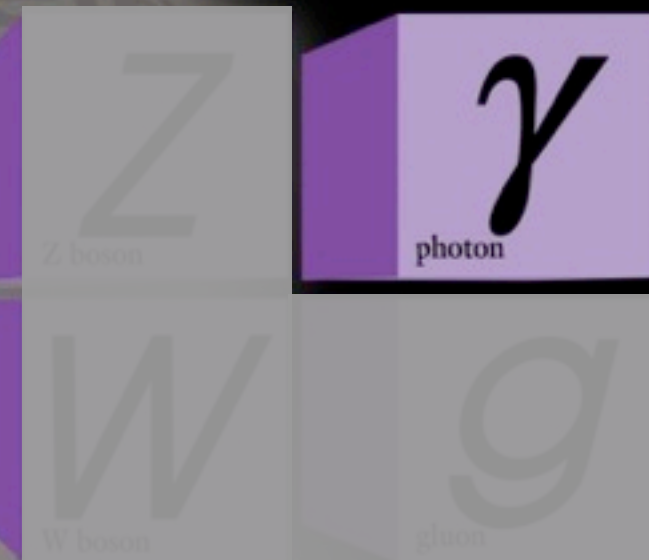


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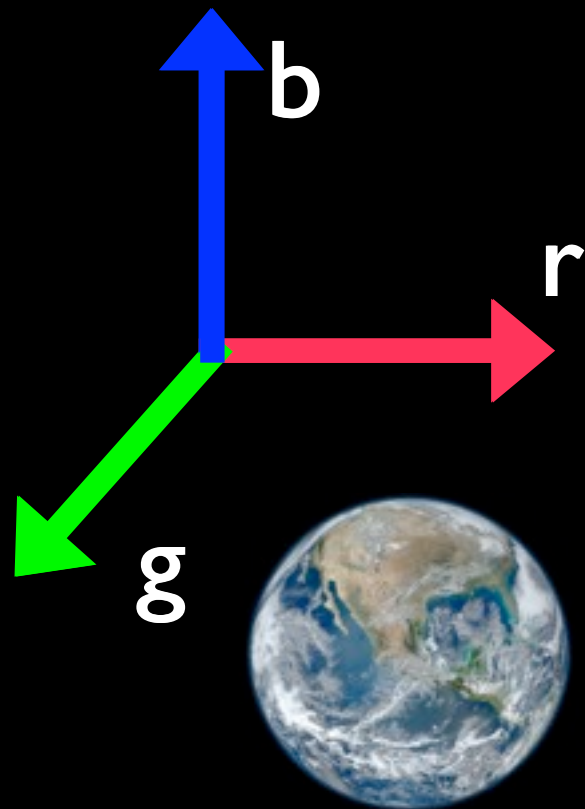


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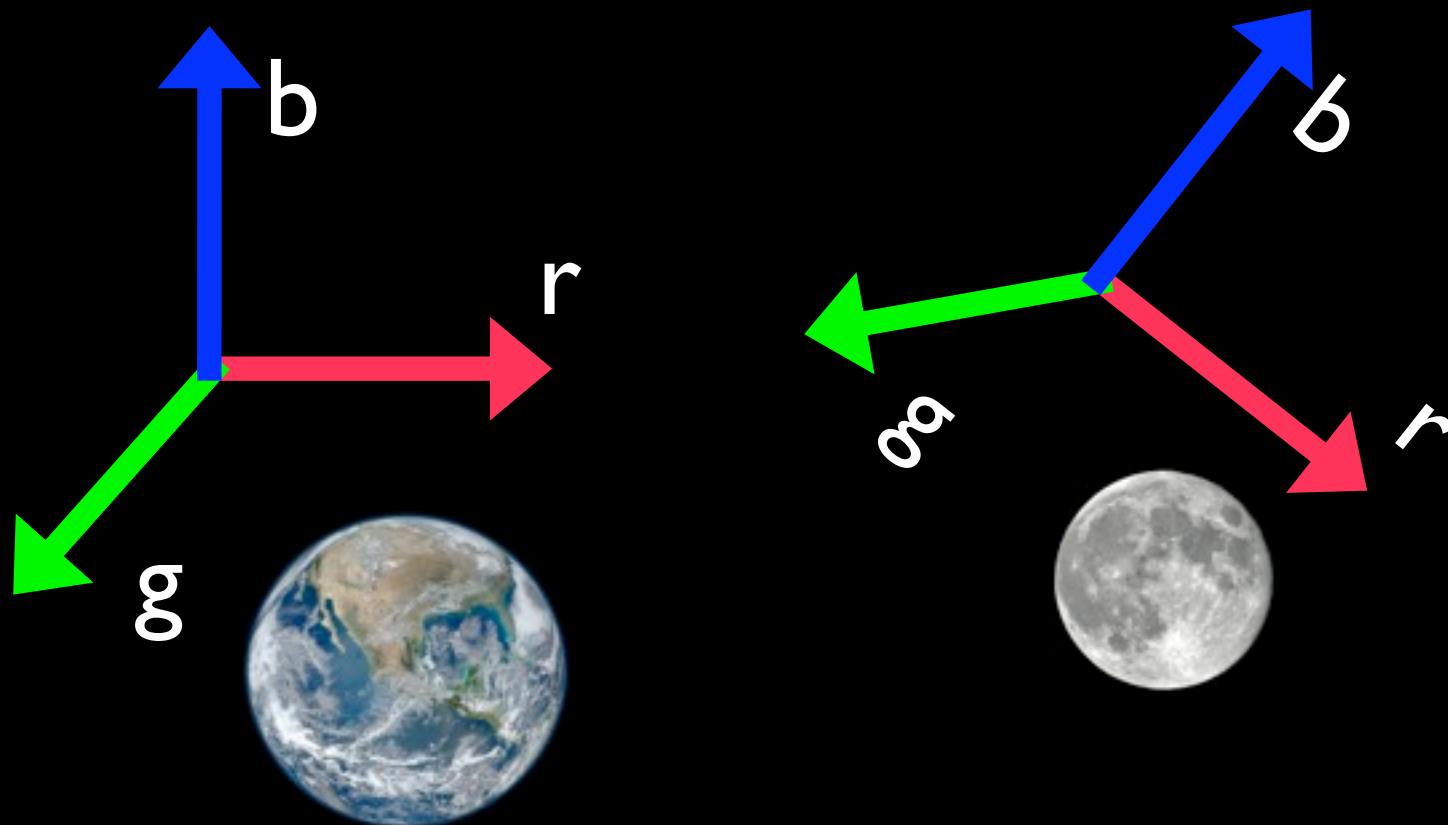
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2013 Nobel Prize -- Higgs and Englert

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In space, these would all just float in front of me



Shot Put



Beach Ball



Pea

But if I wiggle them back and forth, they are different



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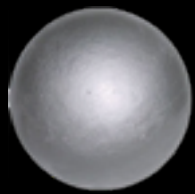


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- That analogy has some flaws -- e.g. why doesn't the Higgs field end up slowing down everything moving, like water would?
- The Higgs field, even in completely empty vacuum, has a strange property

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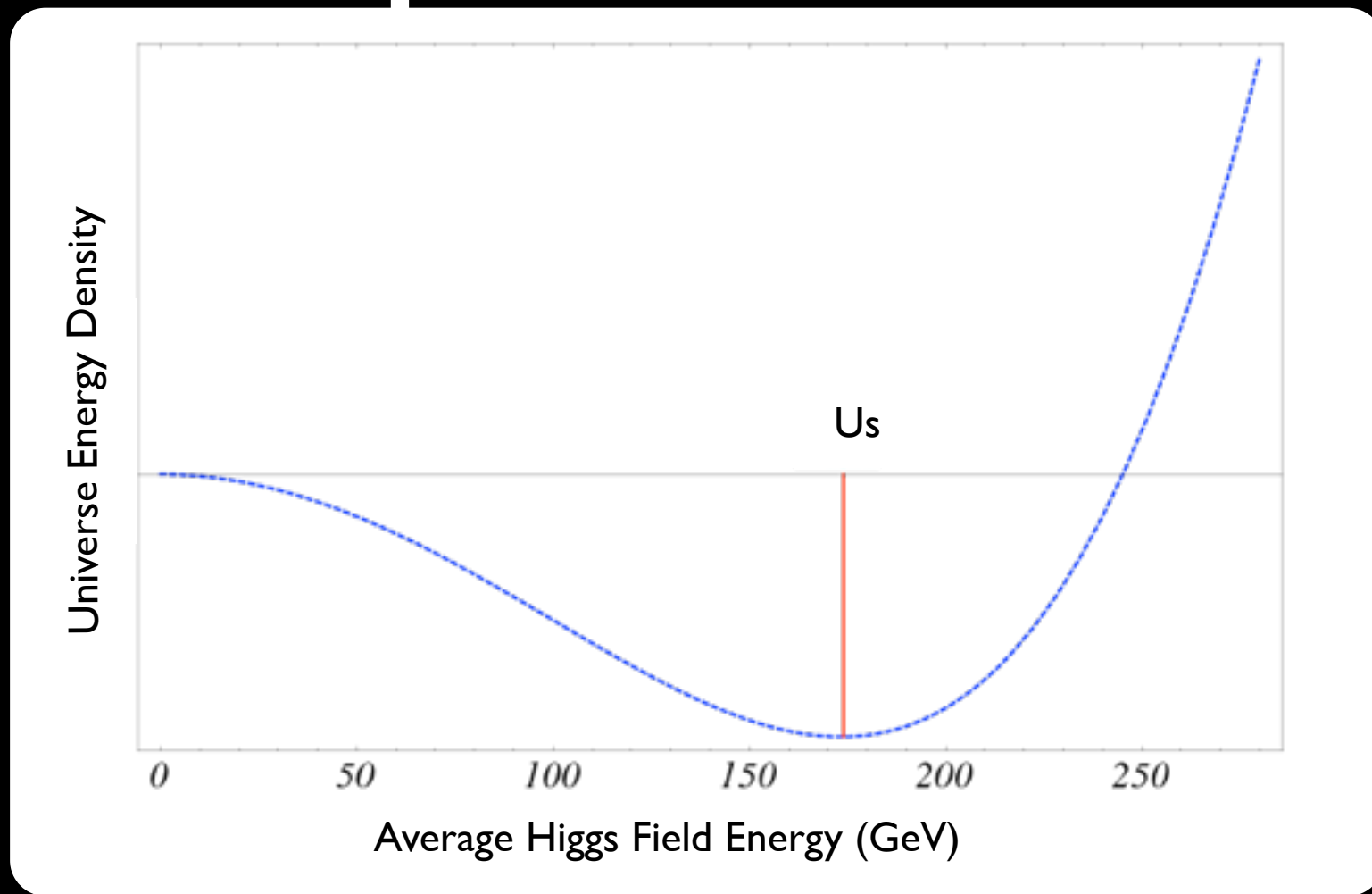
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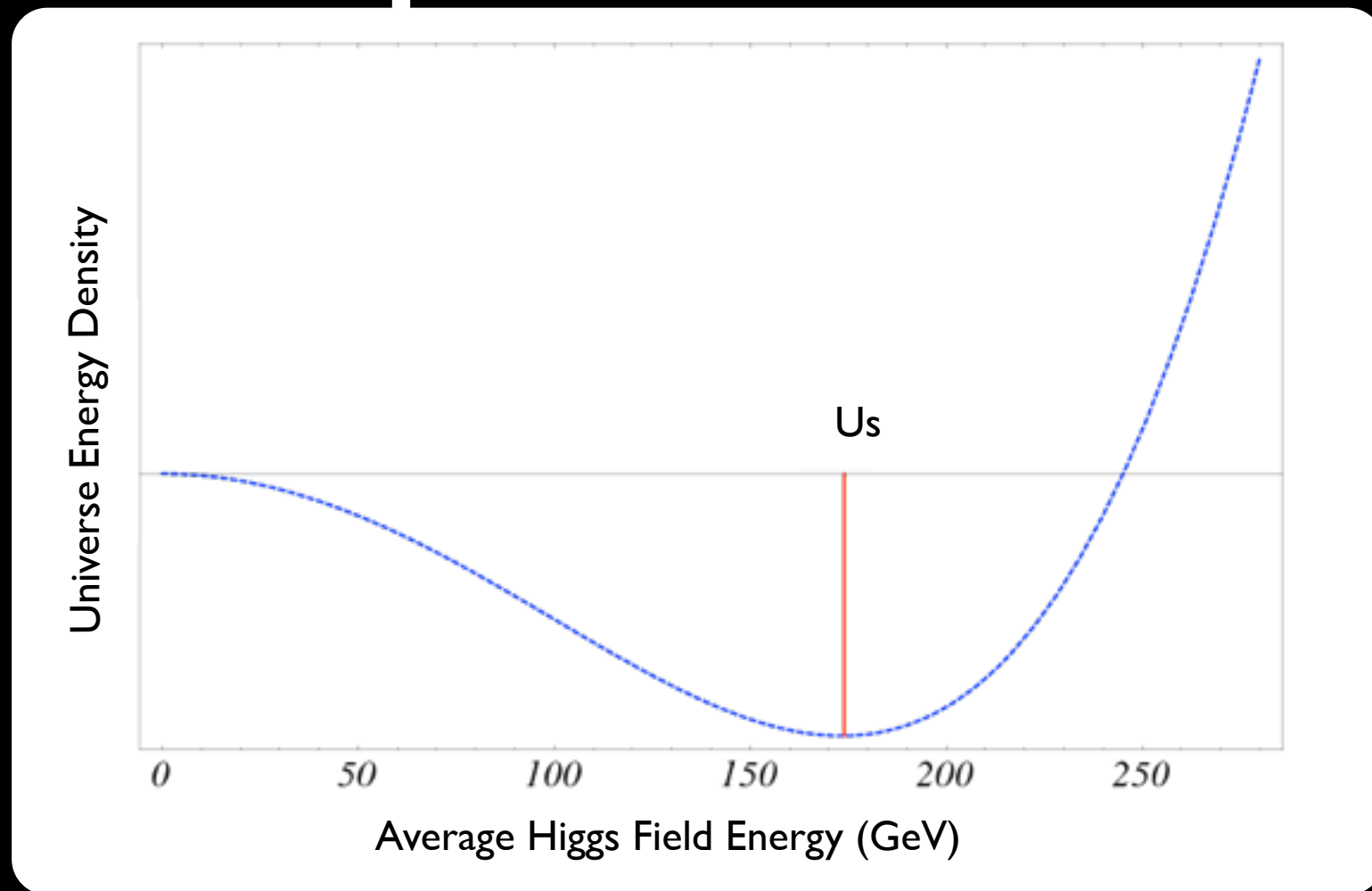
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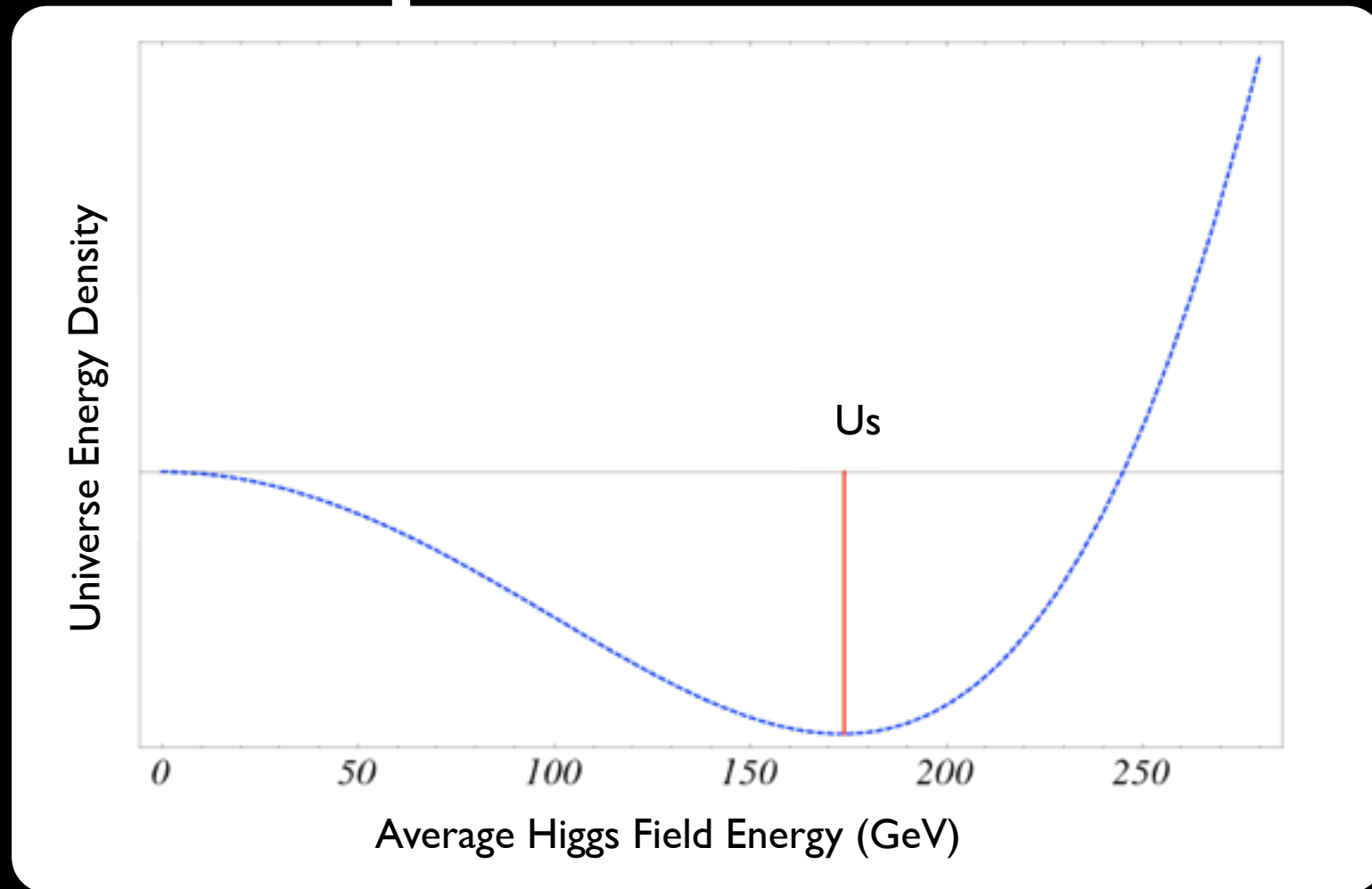
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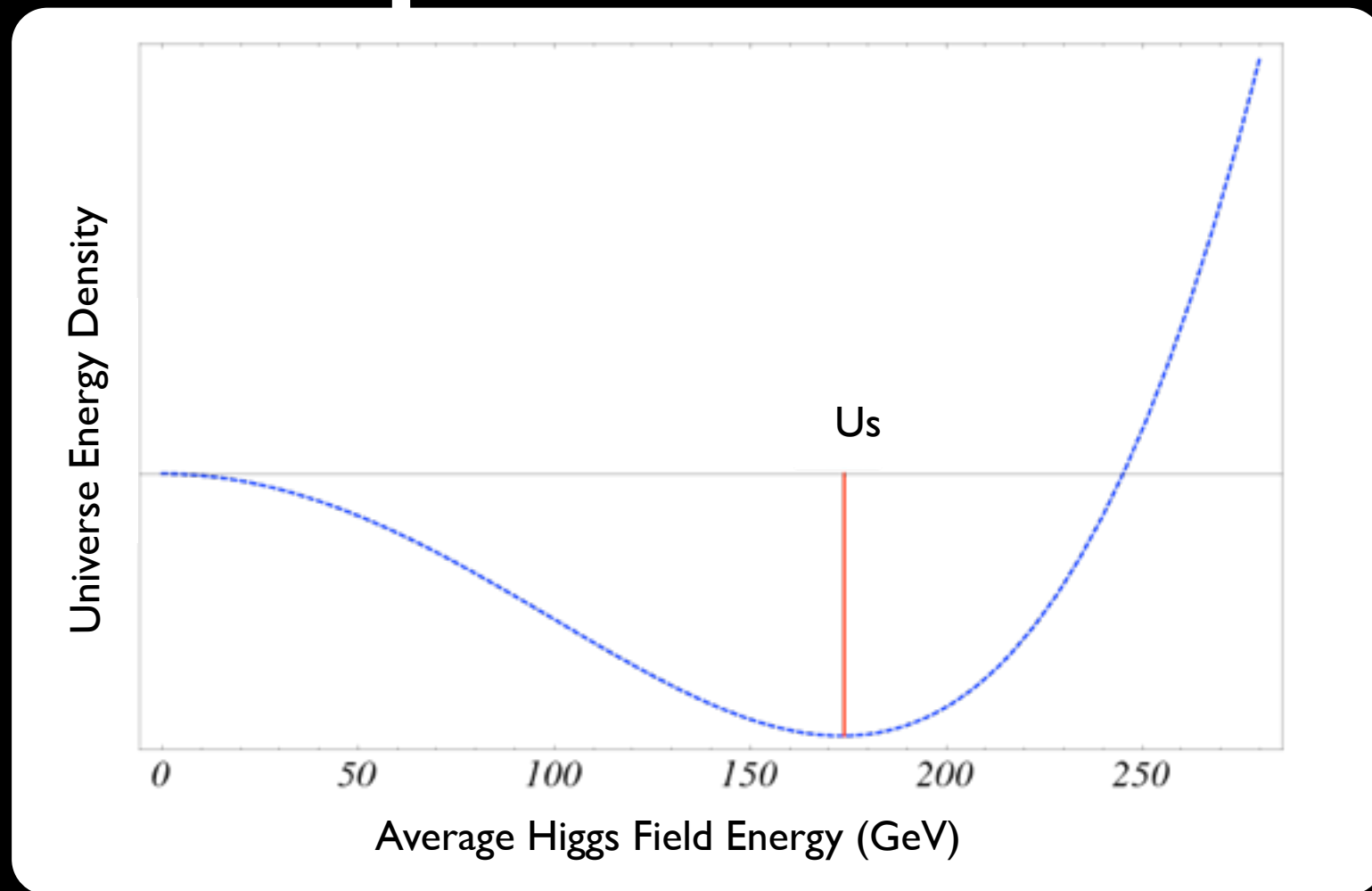
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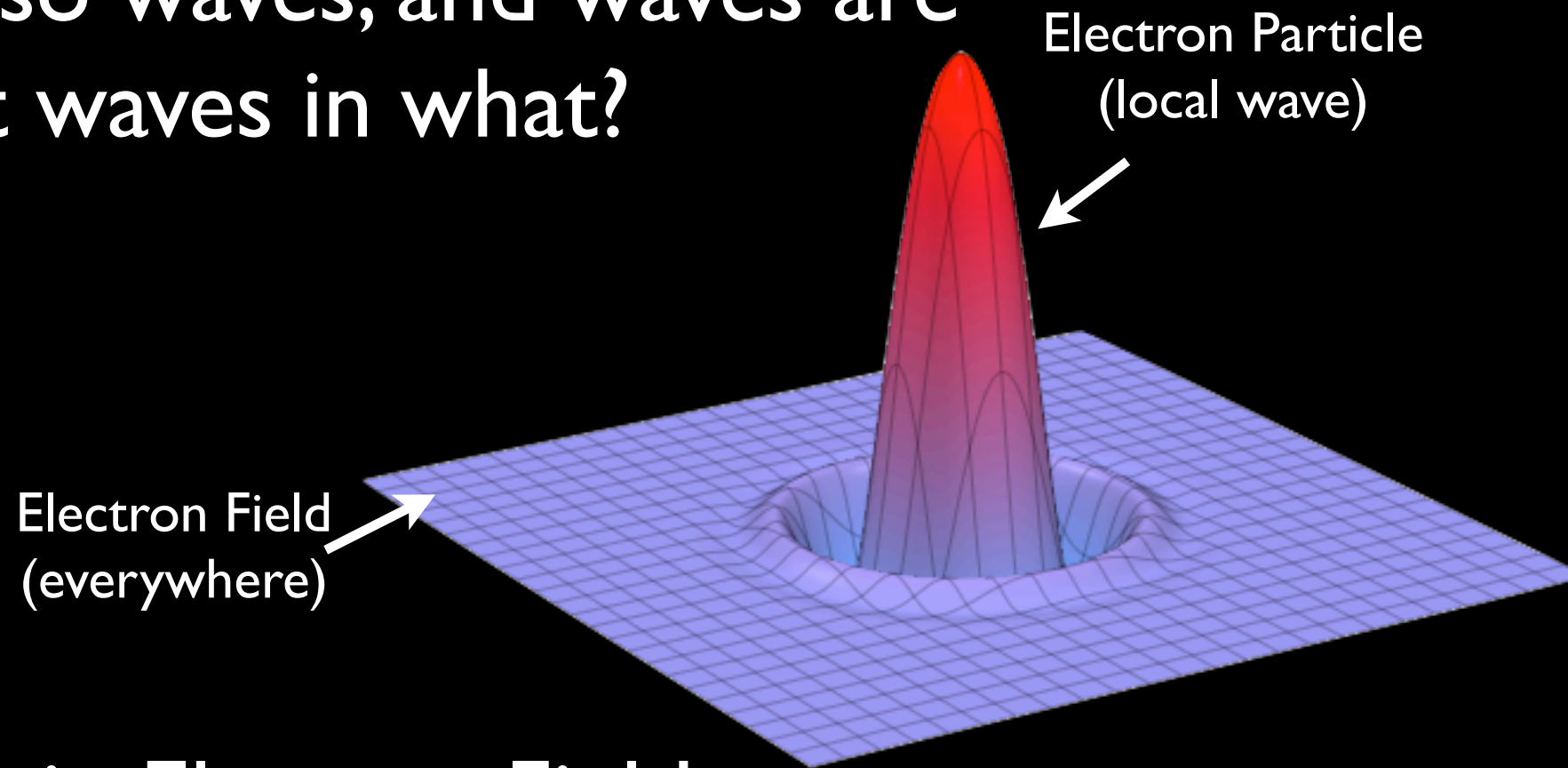
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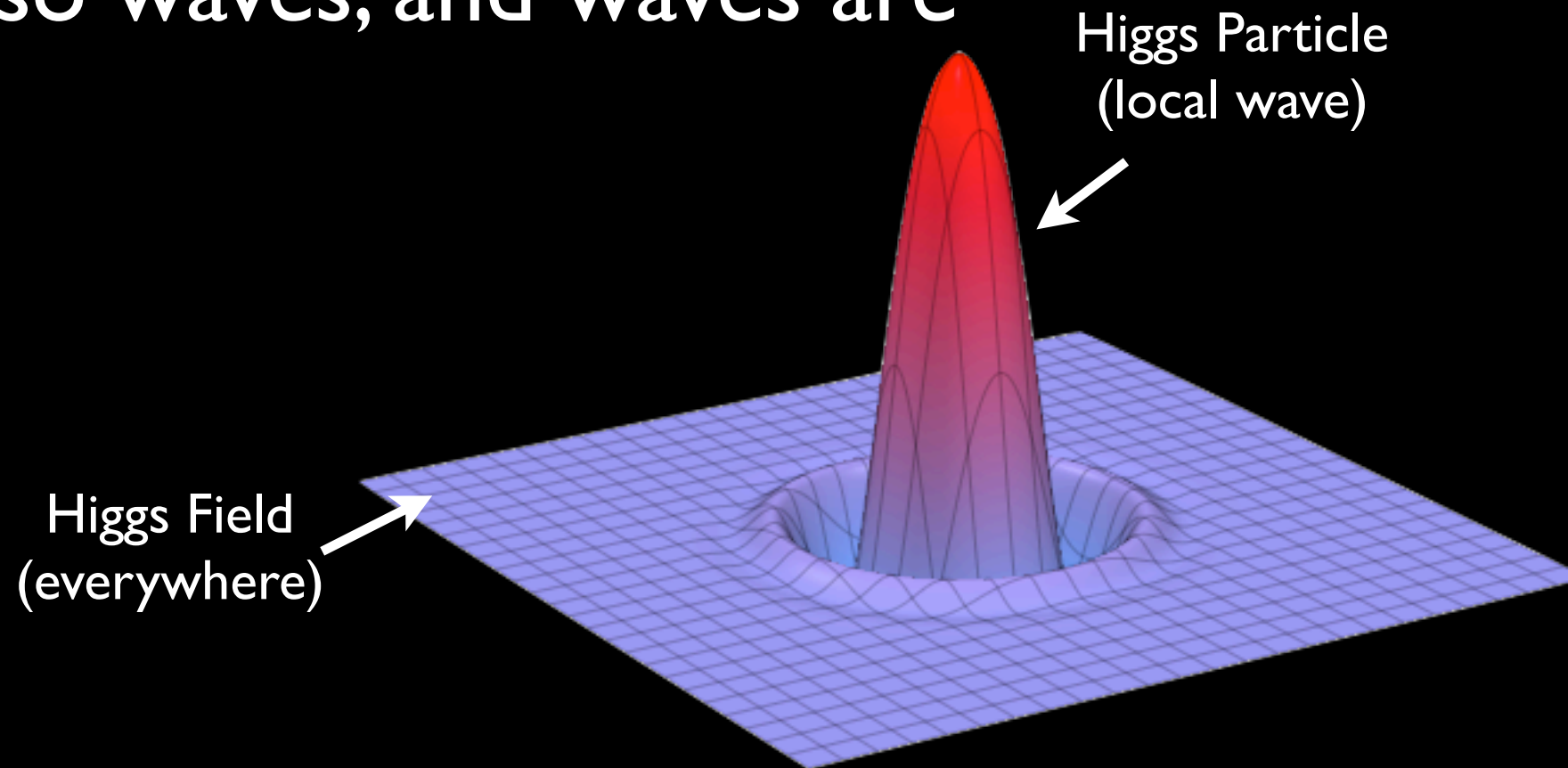
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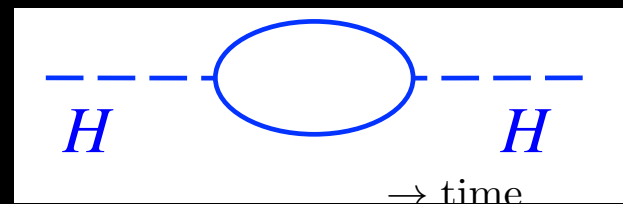
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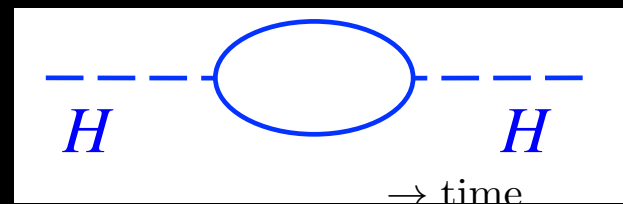
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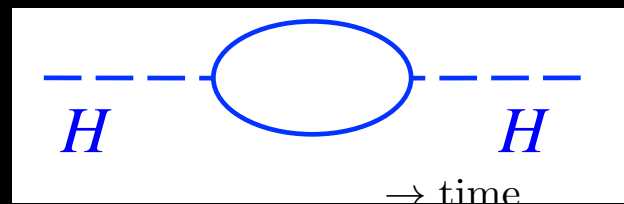
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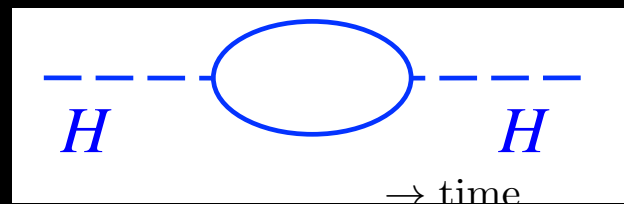
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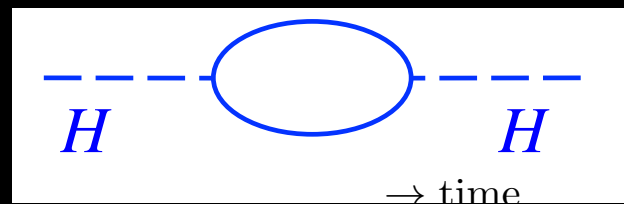
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Without which the universe wouldn't be here anymore

Trust me!

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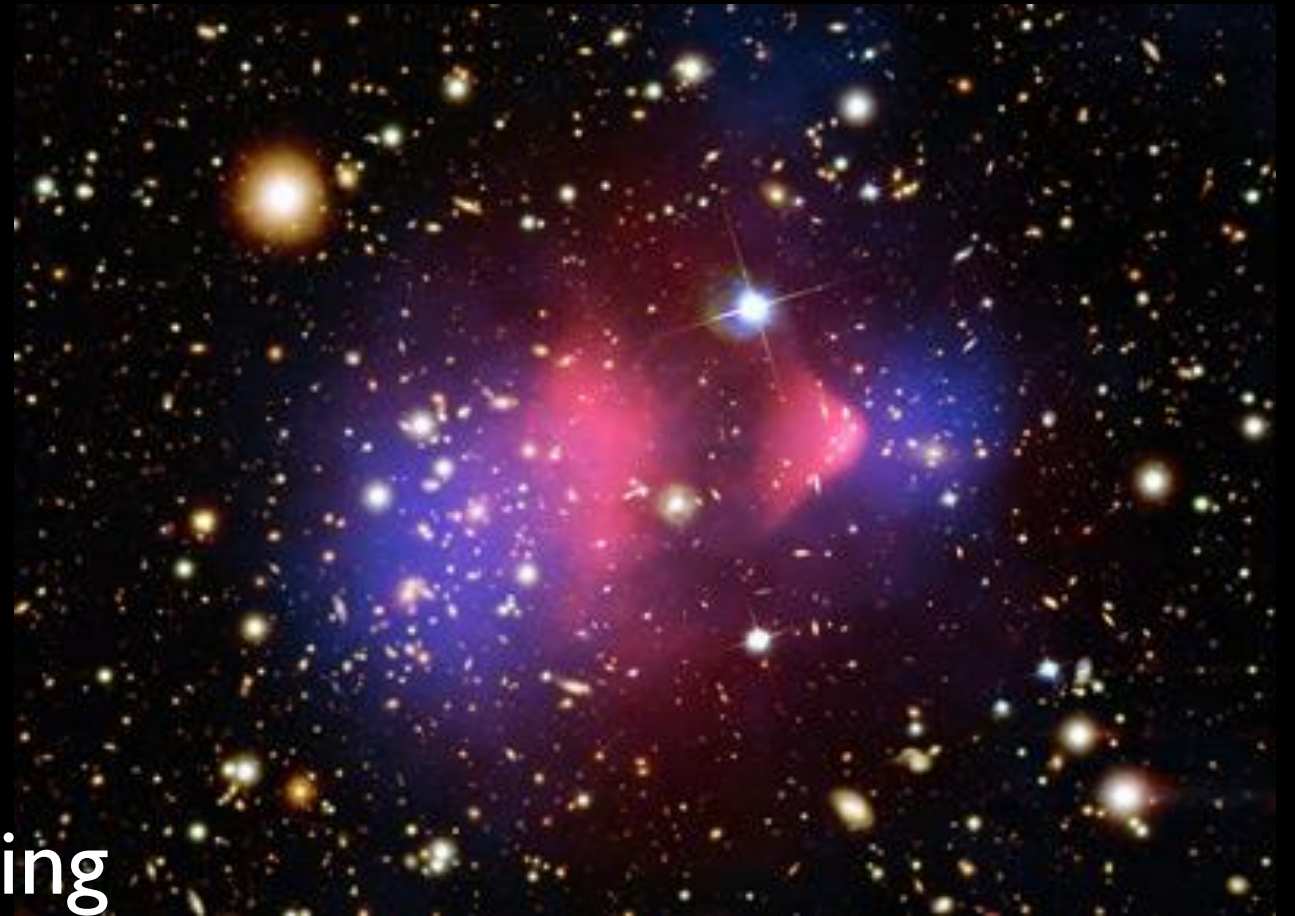
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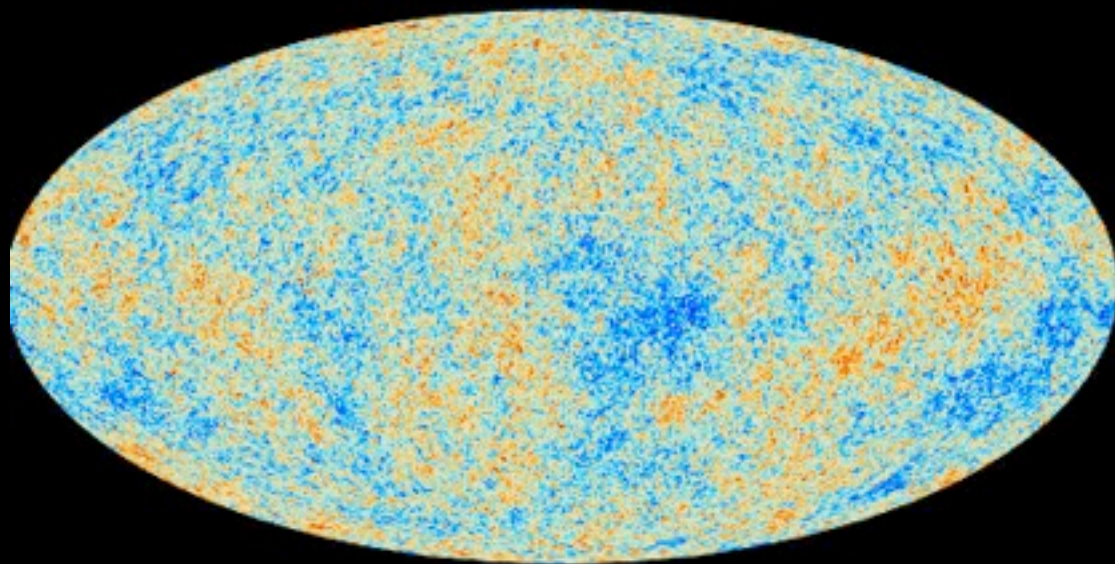
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- Cosmic microwave background
- Galaxy Rotation Curves
- Galactic Cluster motion
- Lensing
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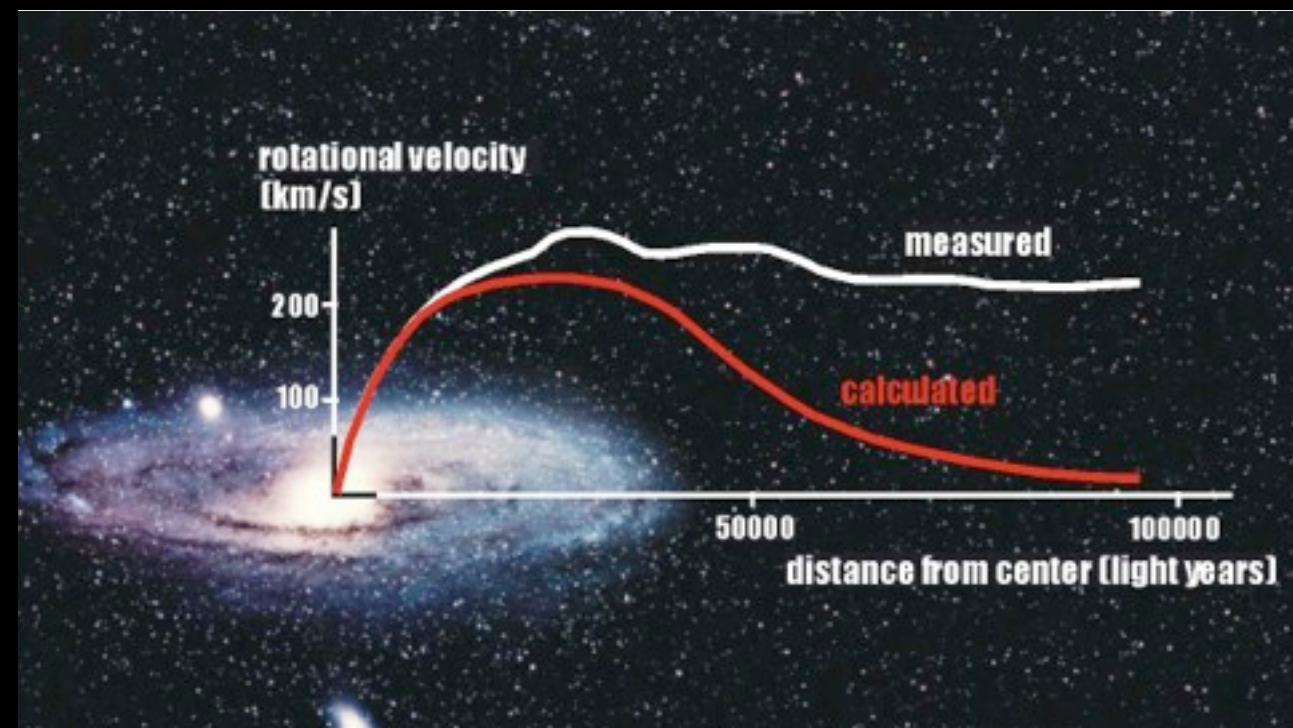
Point to most of the universe being
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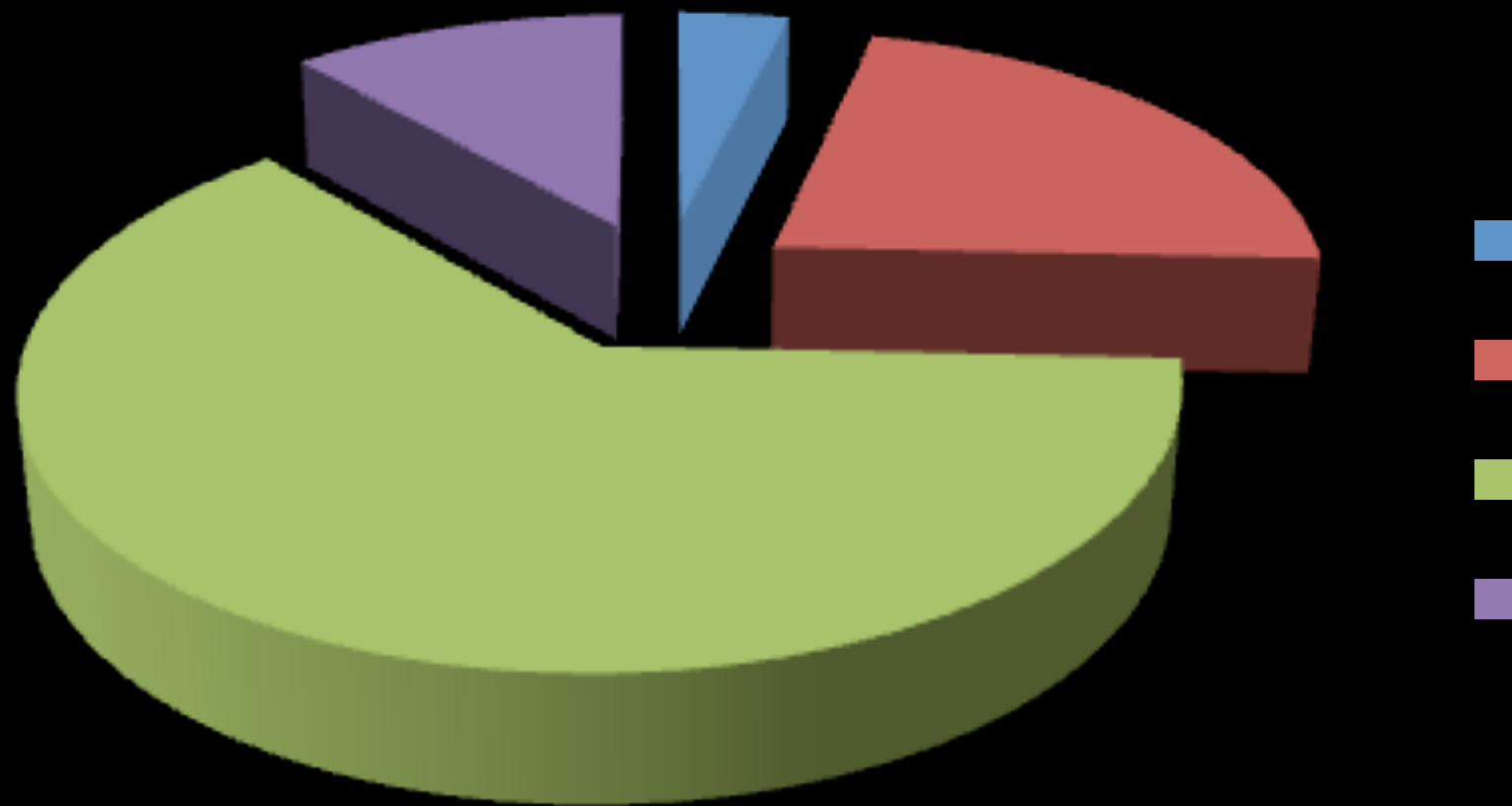
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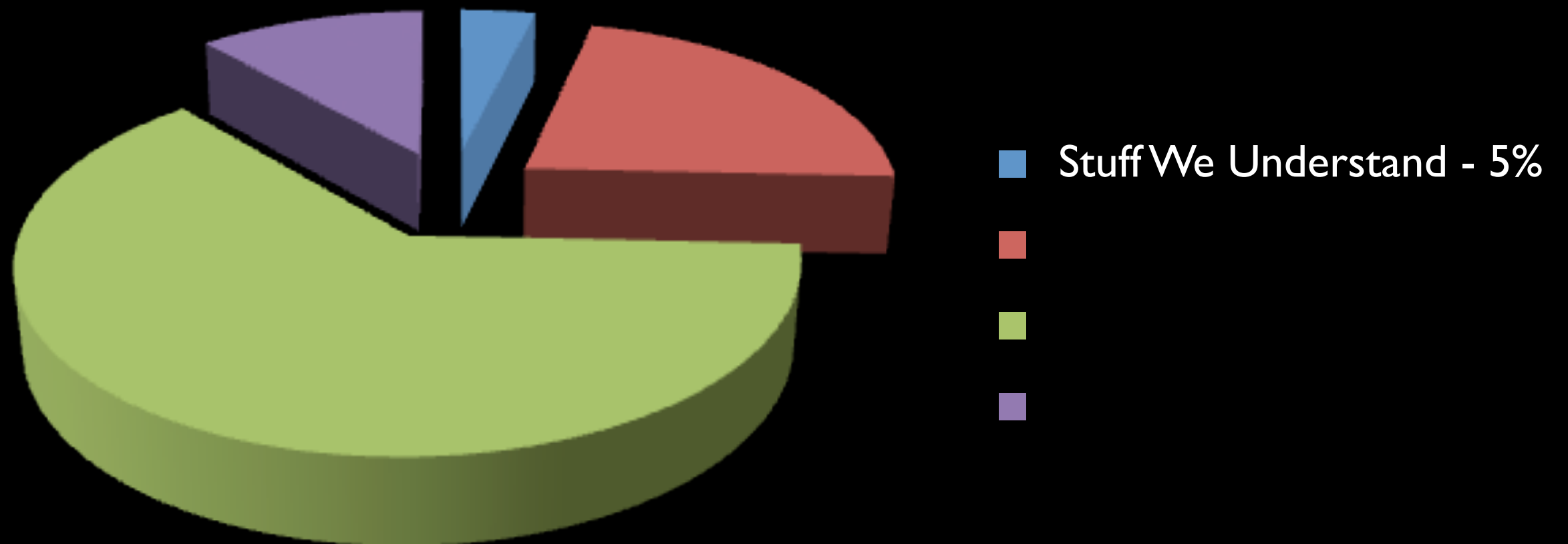
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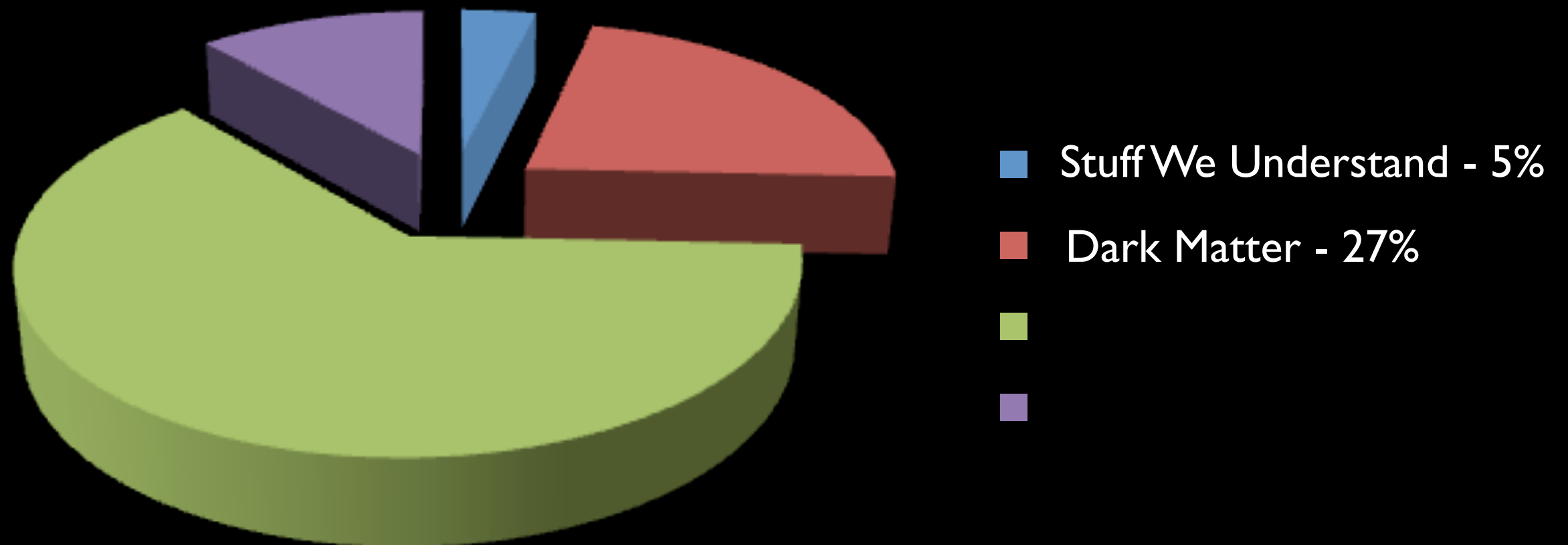
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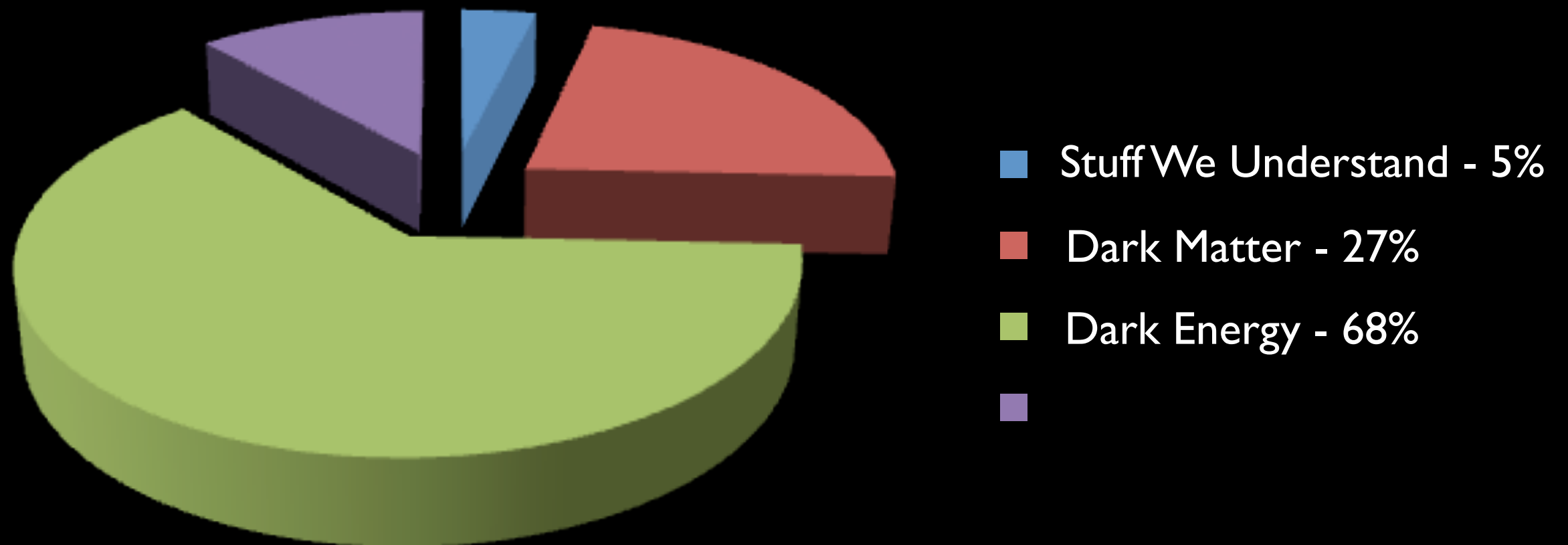
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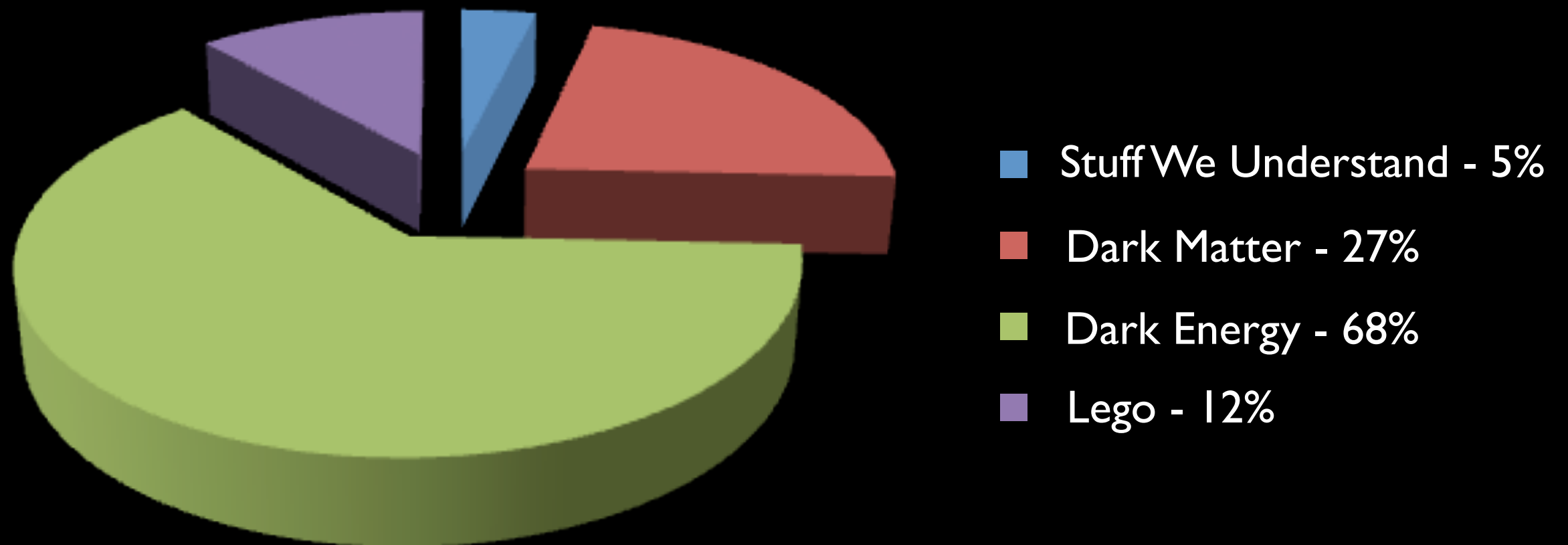
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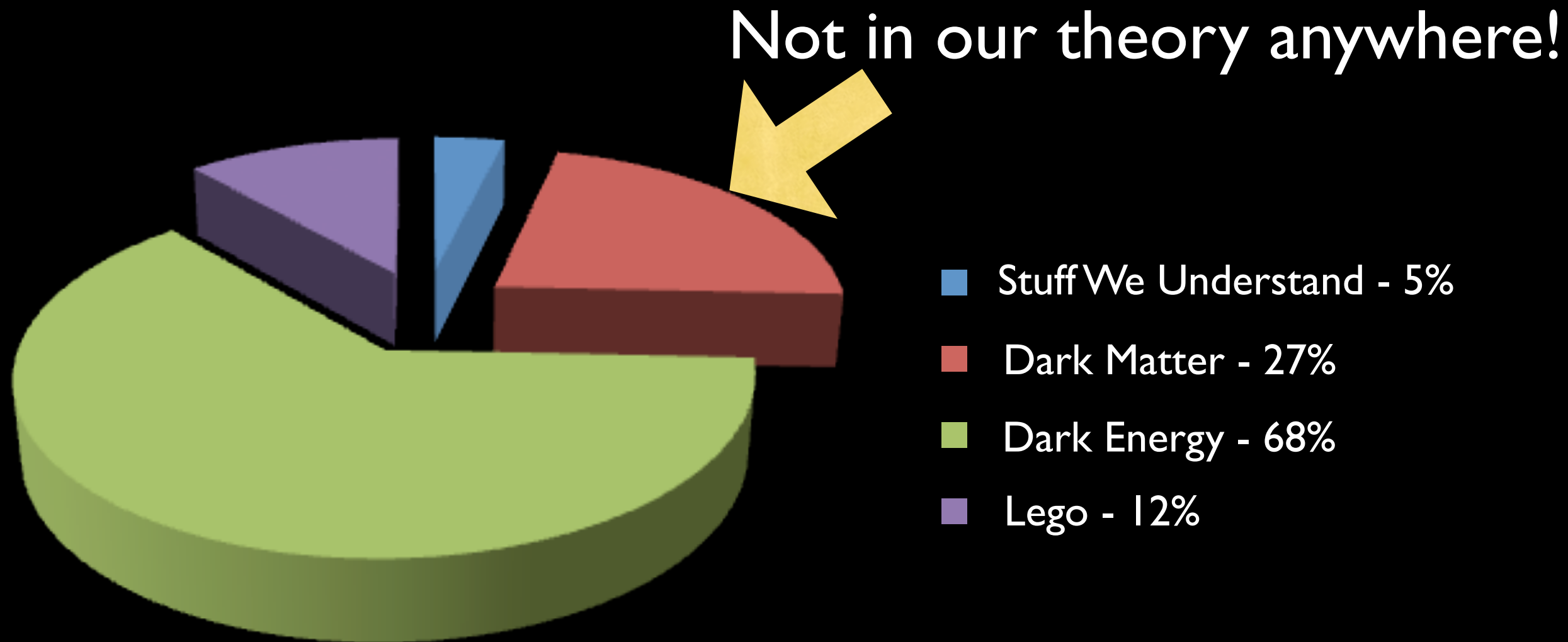
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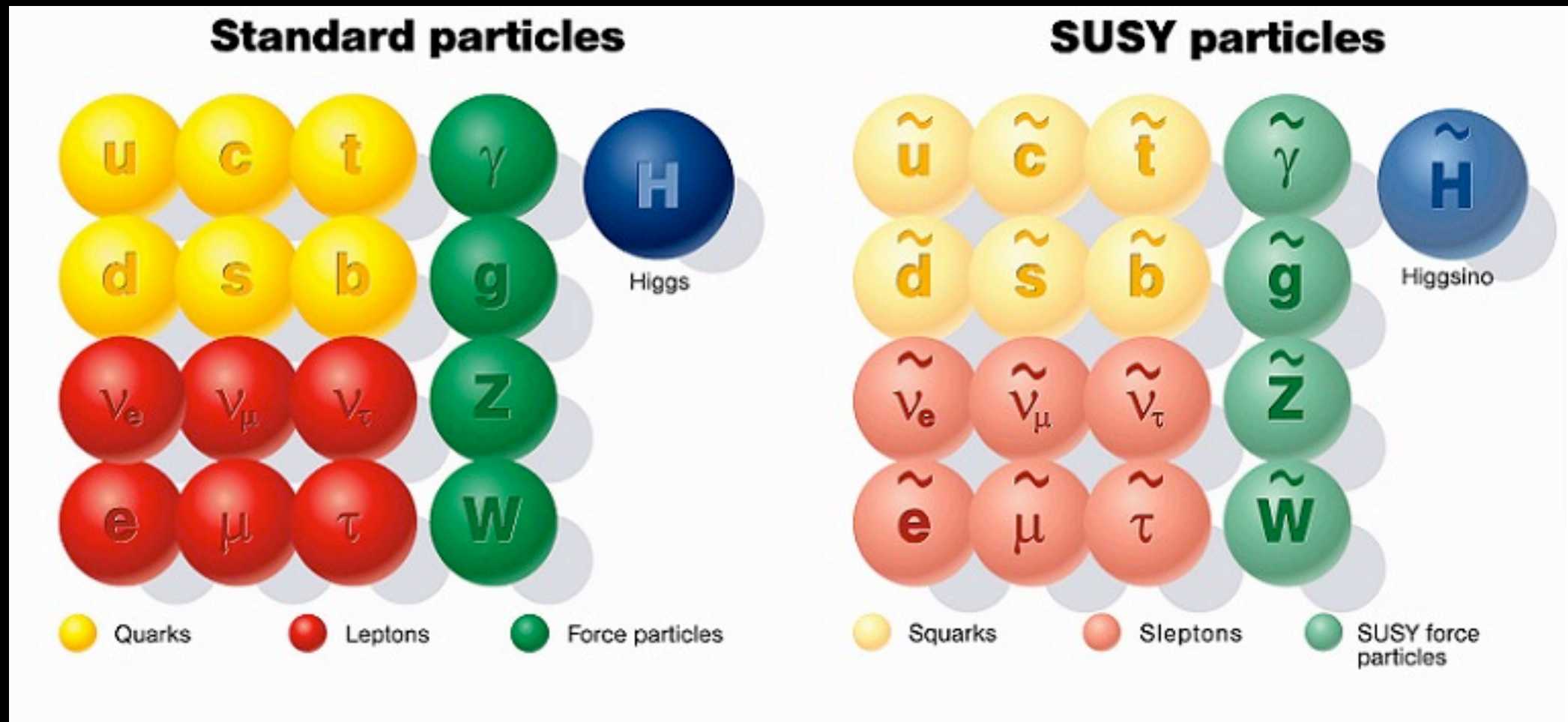
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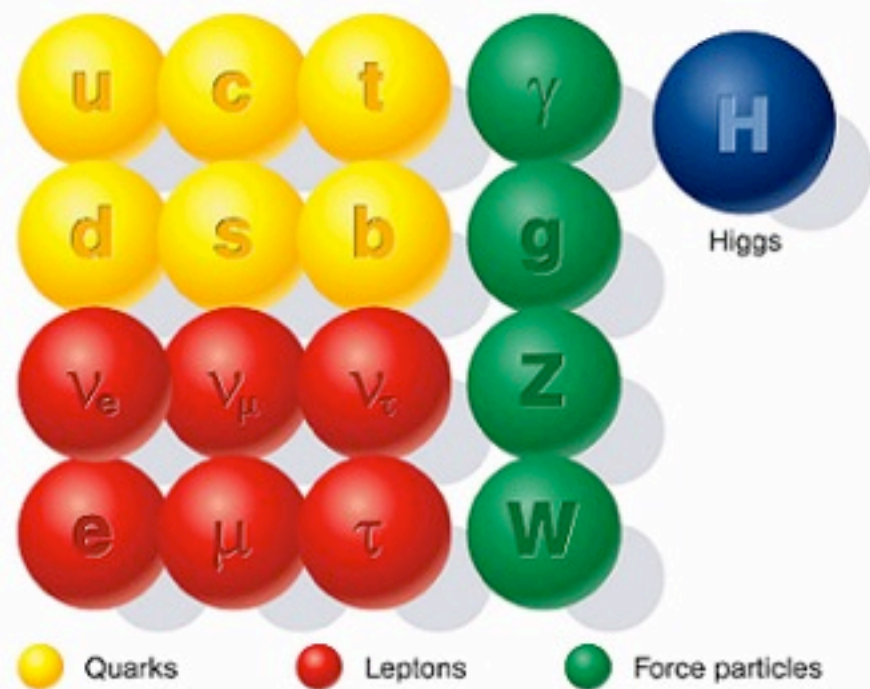


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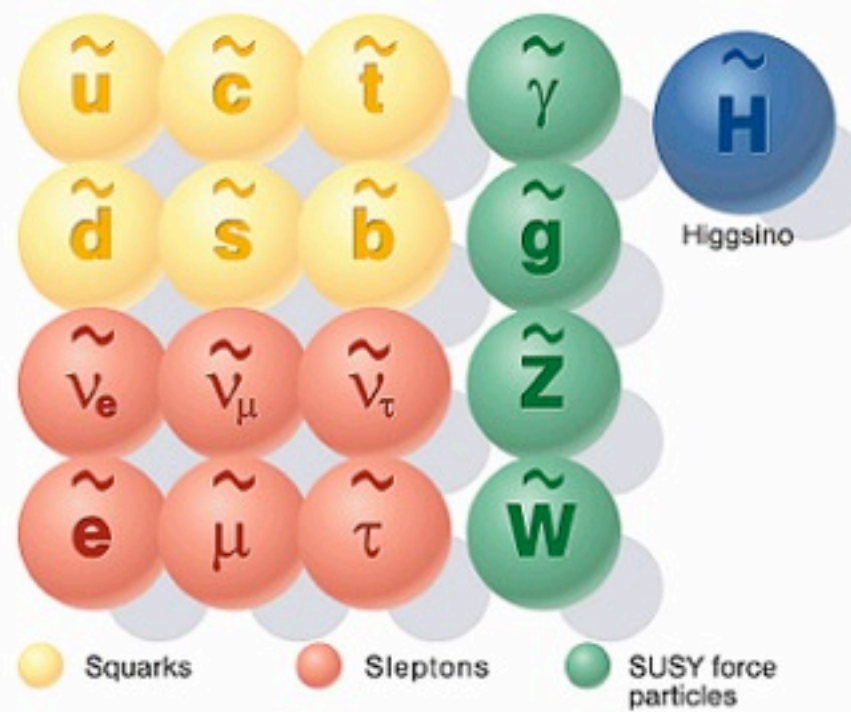


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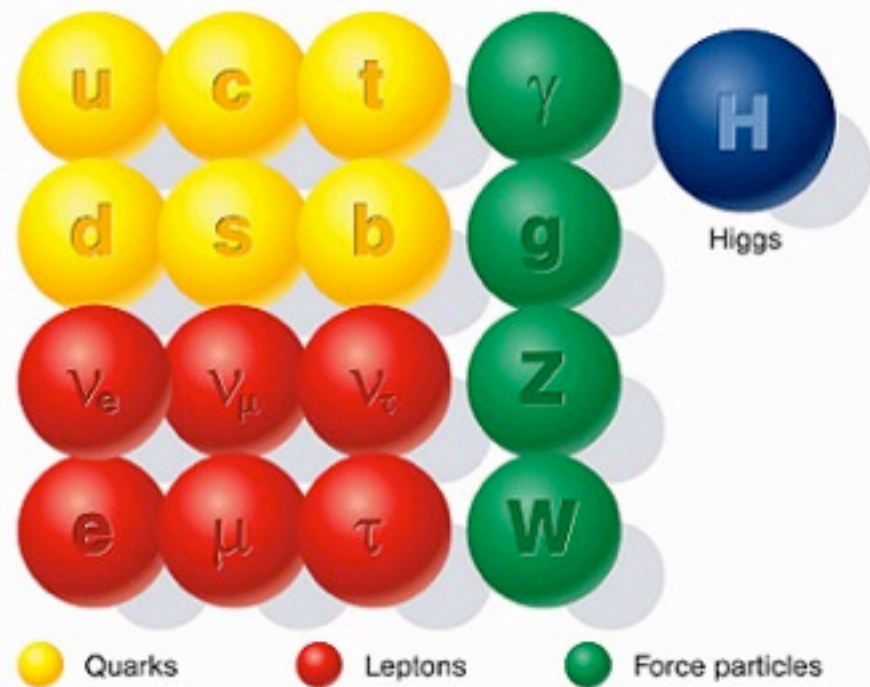


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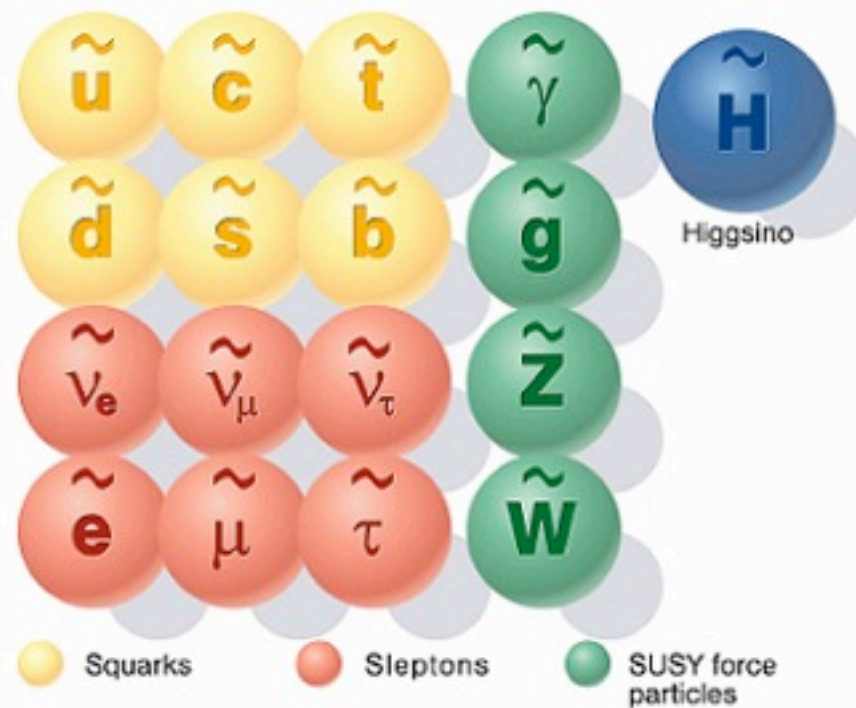


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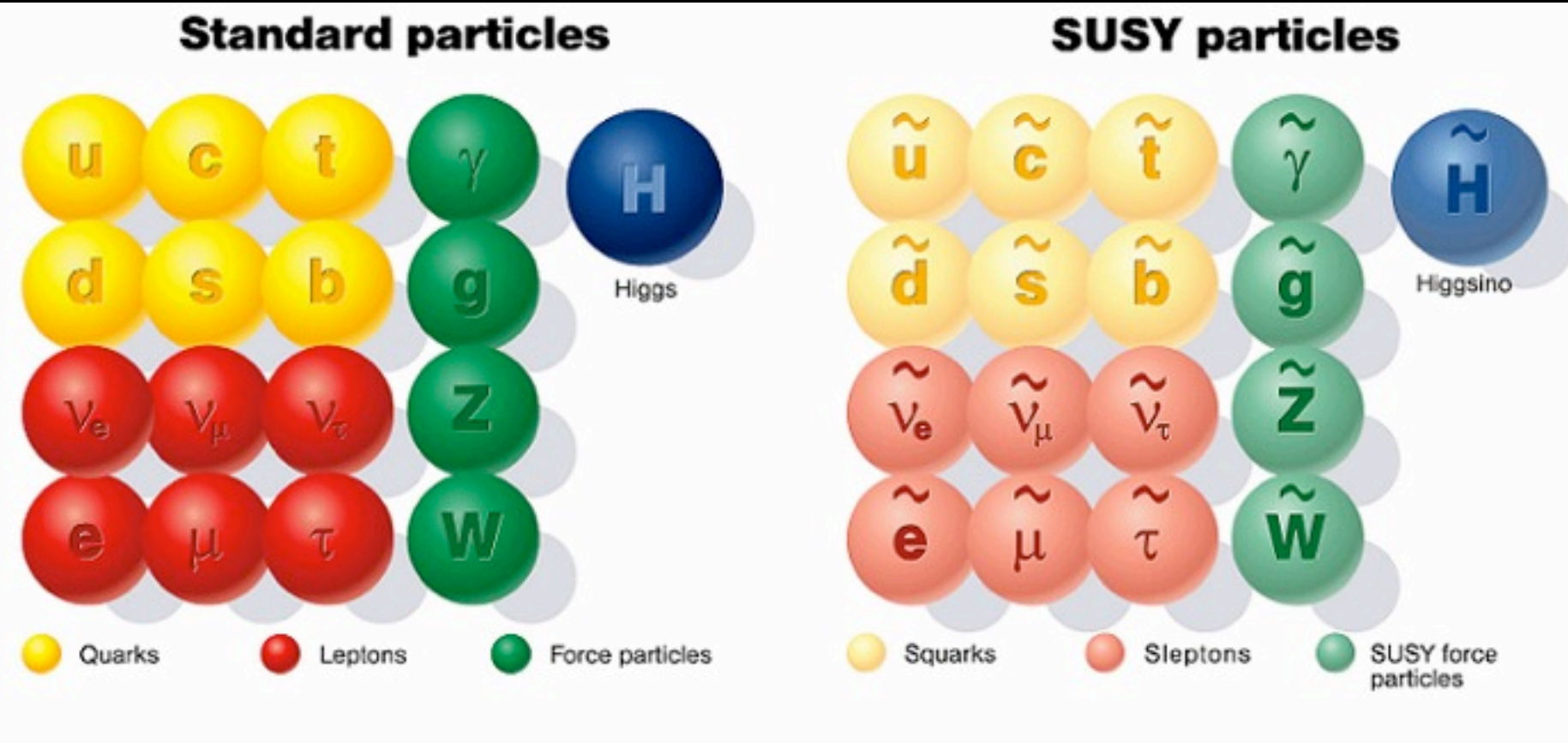
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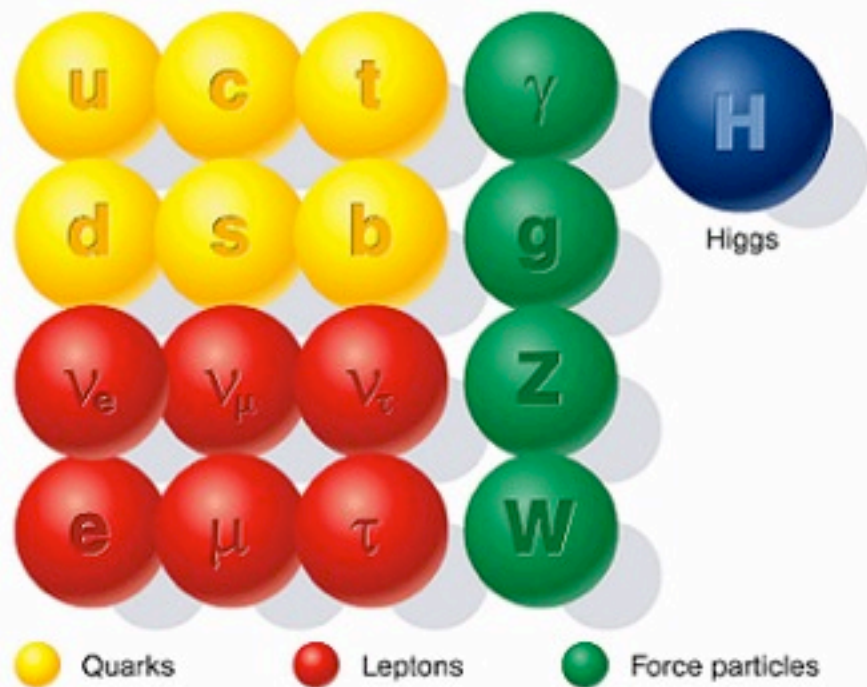
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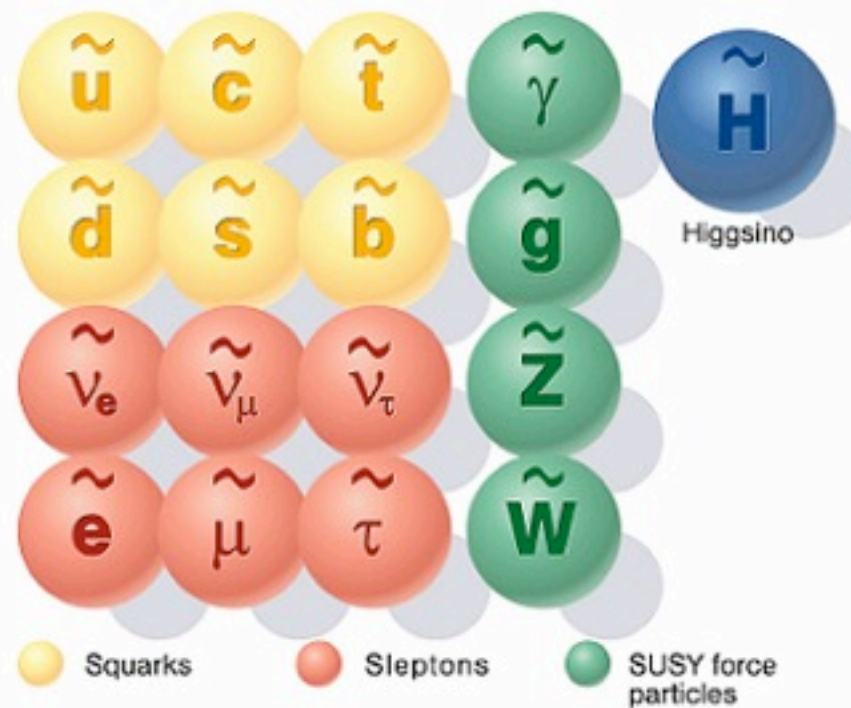
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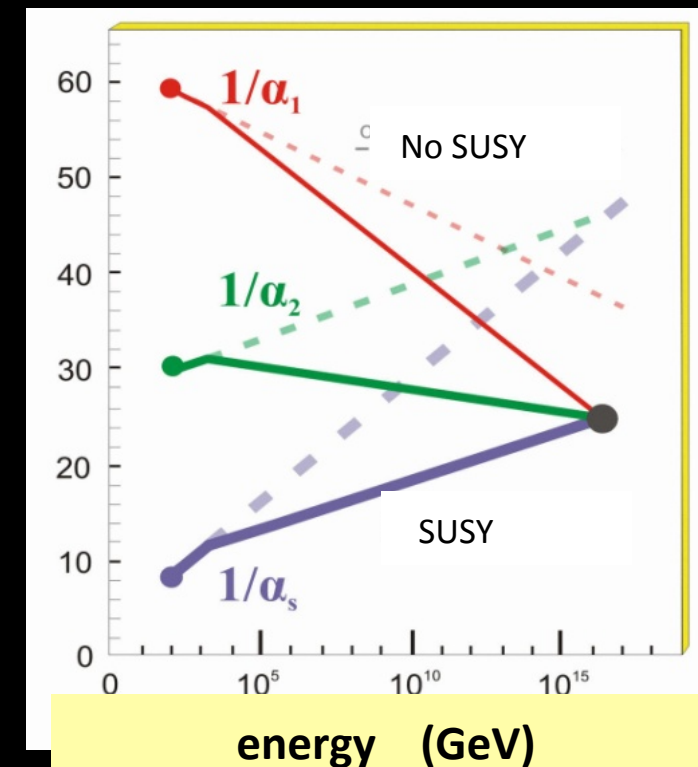
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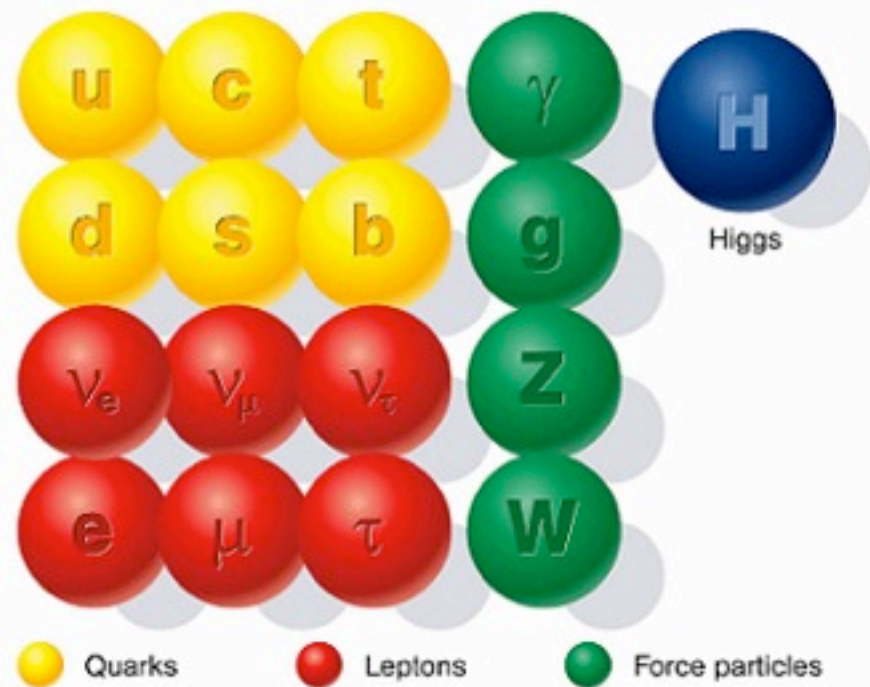
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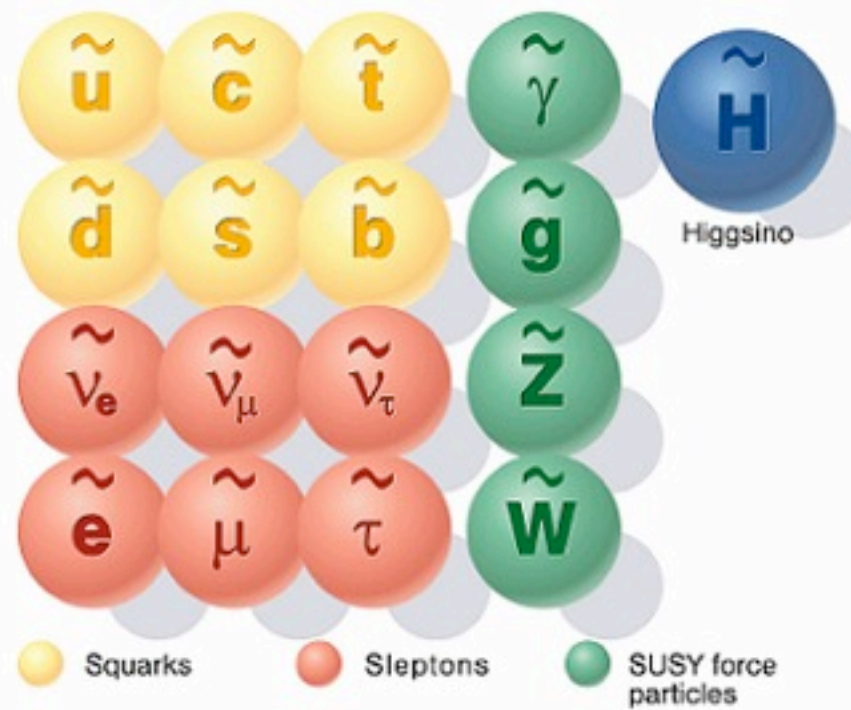
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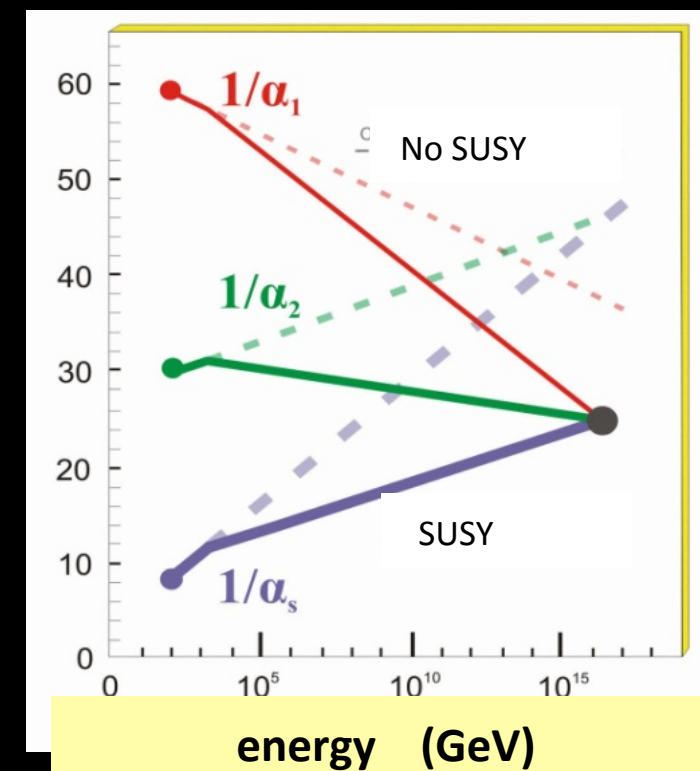
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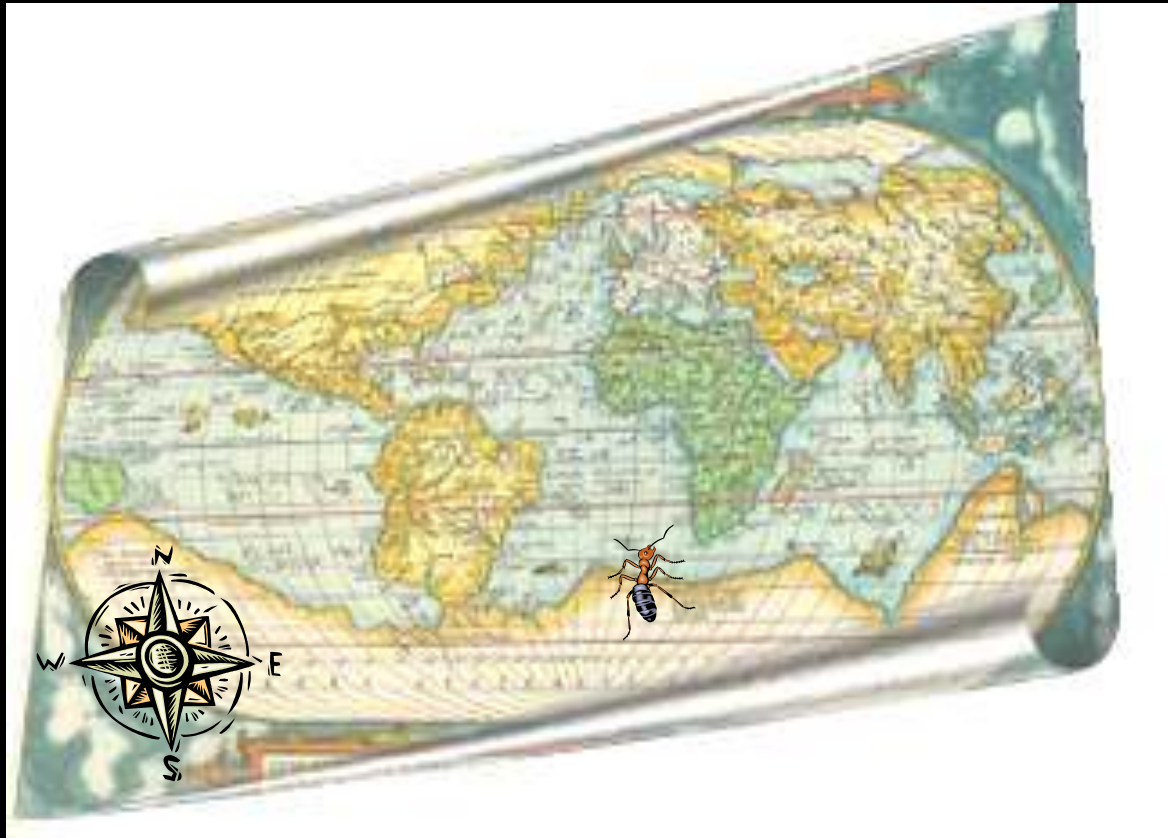
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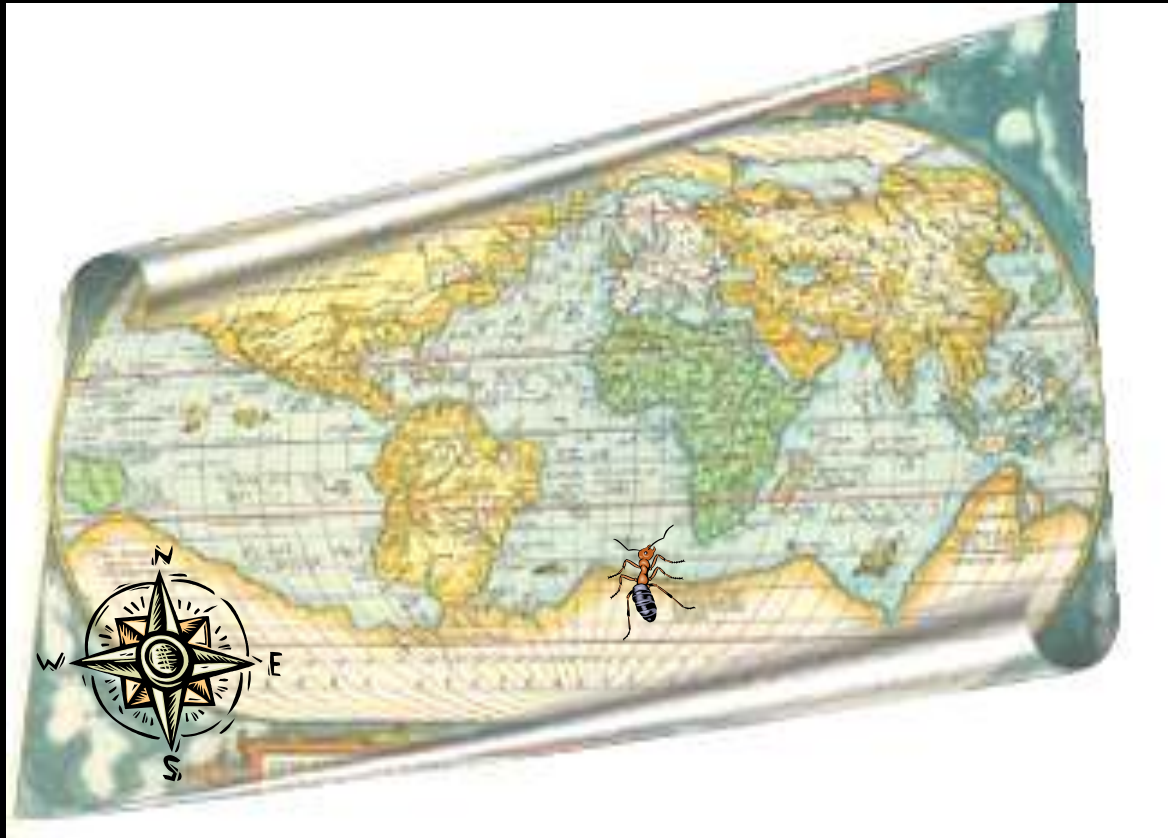


Twice as many particles to discover!
Job security!



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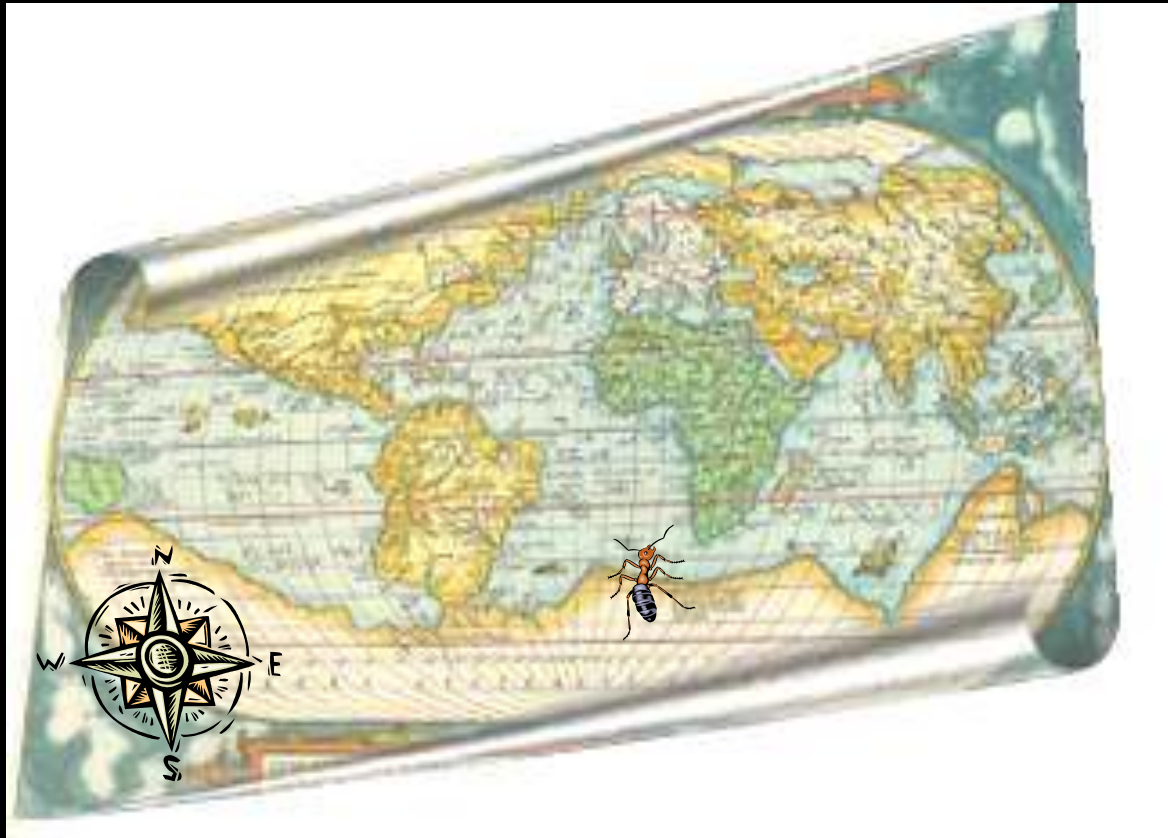
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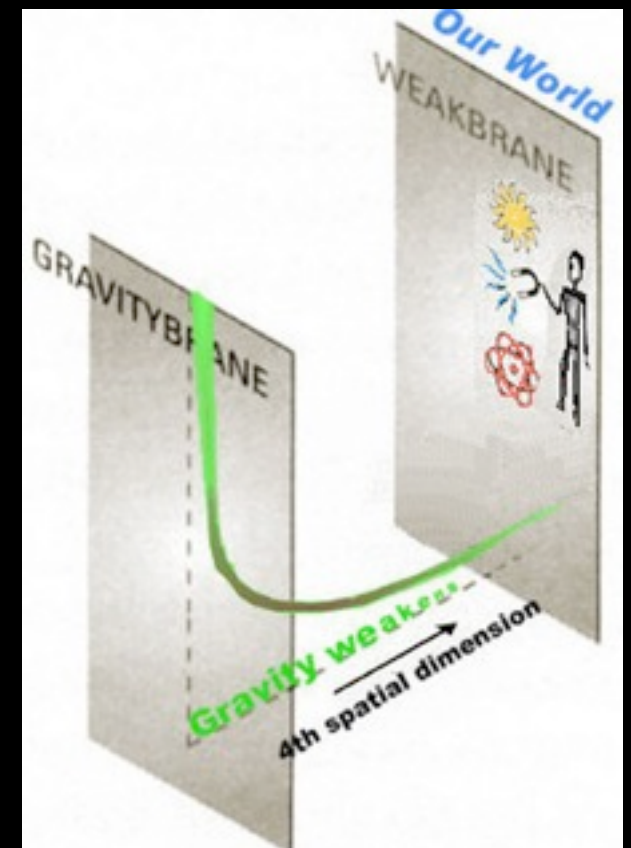
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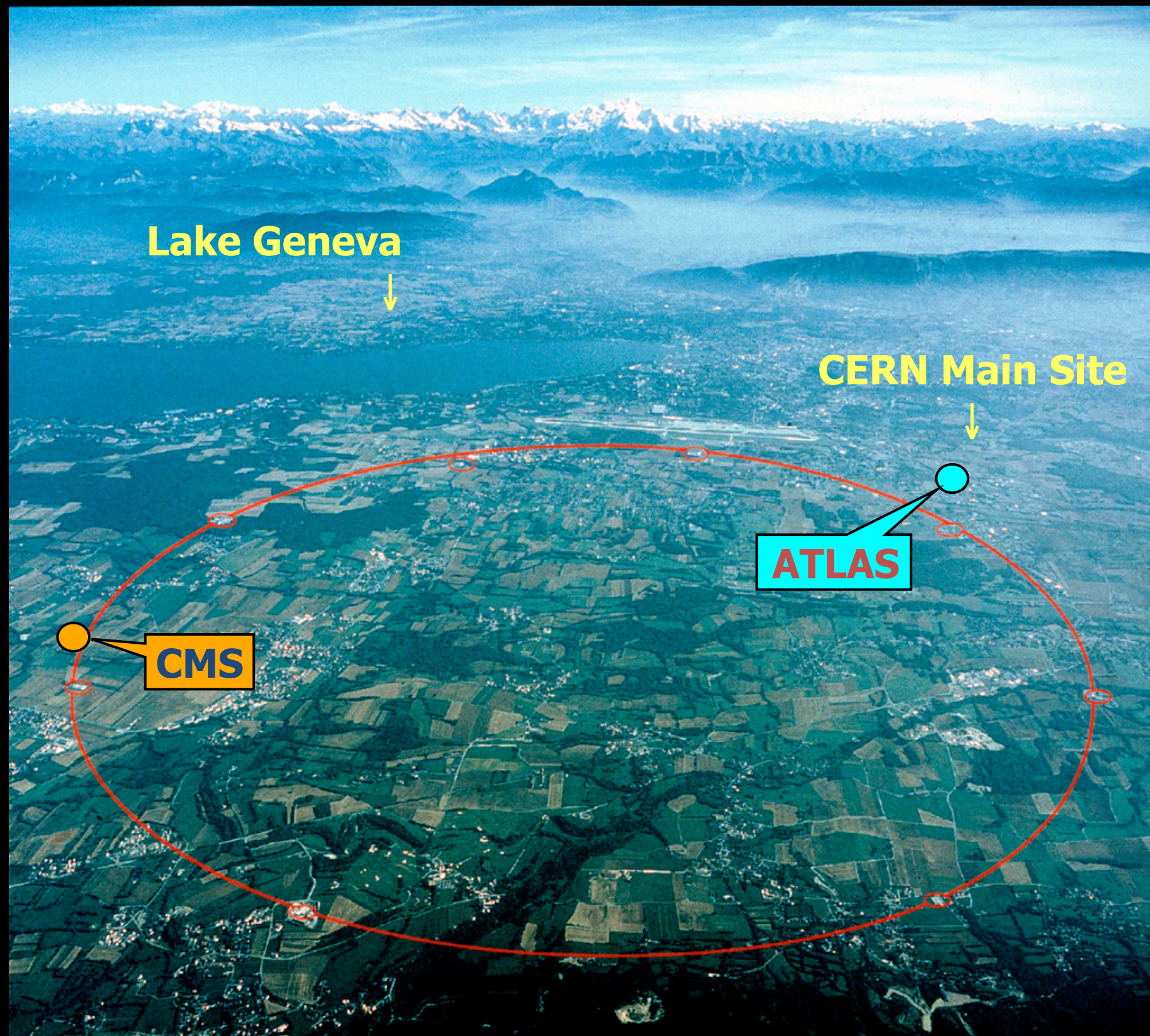




The Machine

The Large Hadron Collider

- A Proton-Proton Collider
- 27 km around
- Energy = 14 TeV (7 times Fermilab)
- 100,000 times hotter than the Sun
- Proposal in 1983!
- Colder than space
- Creates conditions of 1 billionth of a second after the Big Bang
- ~10 Billion \$



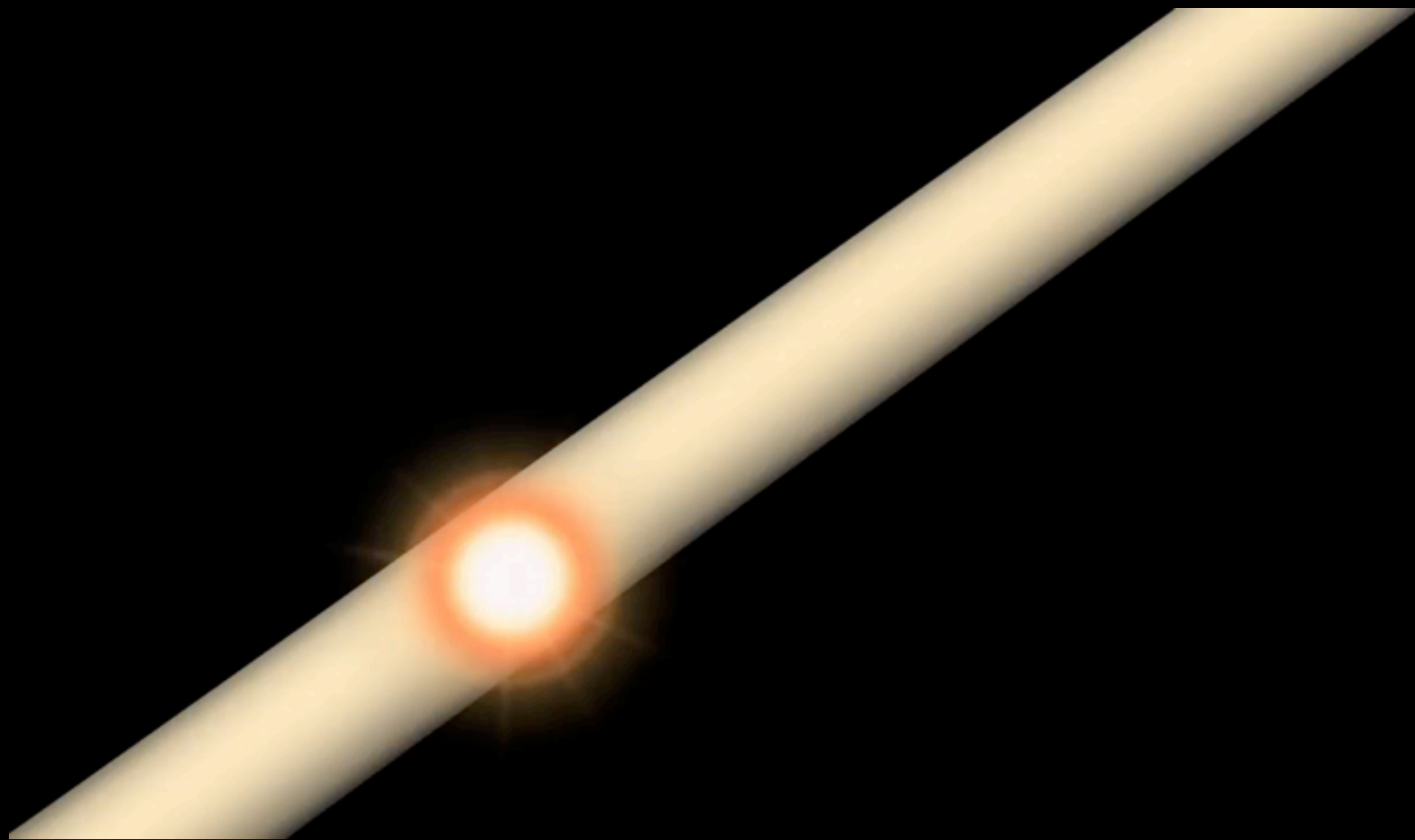
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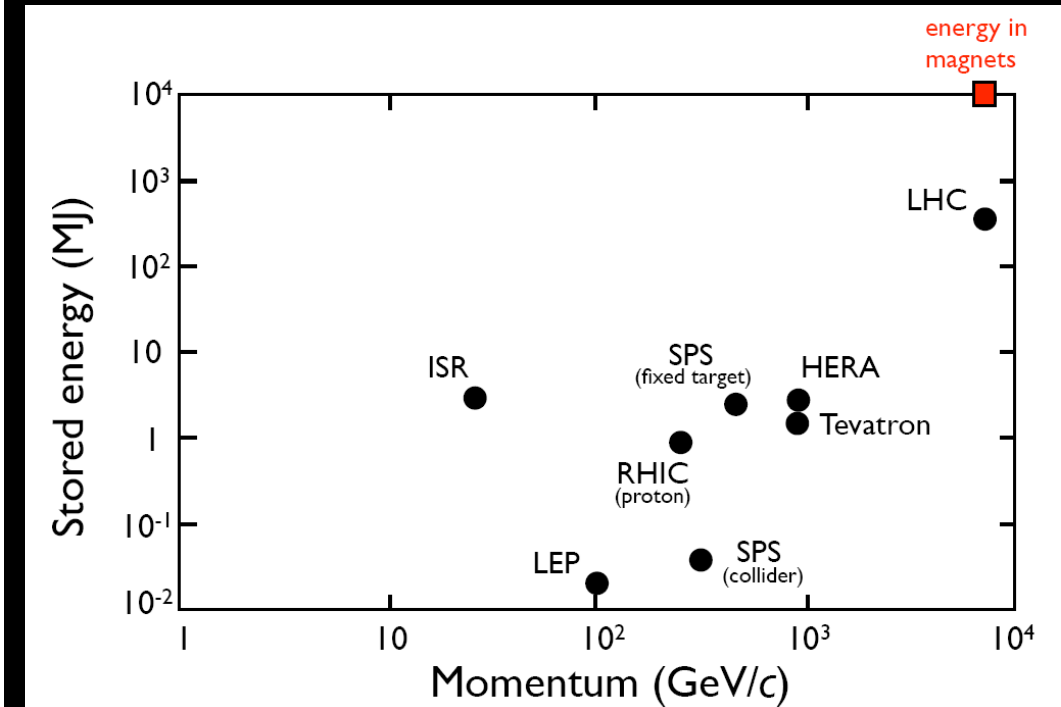


After LEP was ripped out





LHC Accelerator



Enough Energy to
melt 12 tons of
copper

Or, like driving your car into
our detector at 2,500 km/h

\$25M / year
electrical bill

Energy of the LHC

- ✨ • Biology, chemistry, art, architecture – move atoms around to create (very interesting) new *arrangements*, but underneath, you are moving existing atoms around

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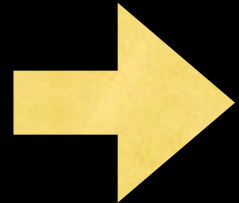
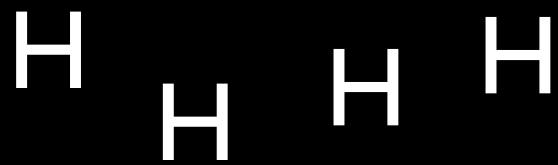
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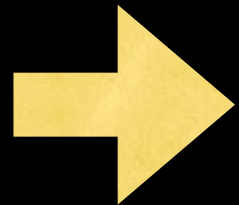
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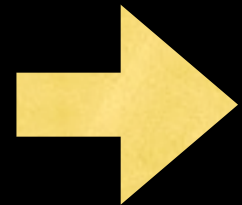
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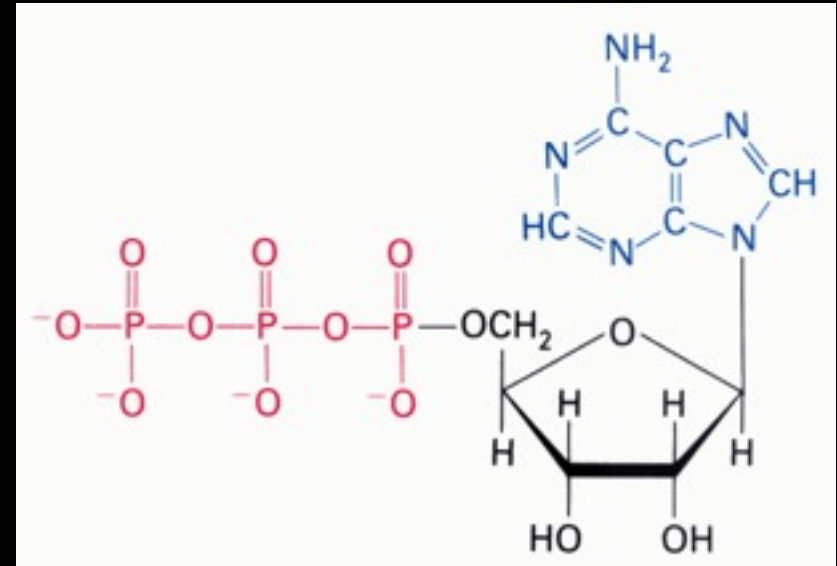
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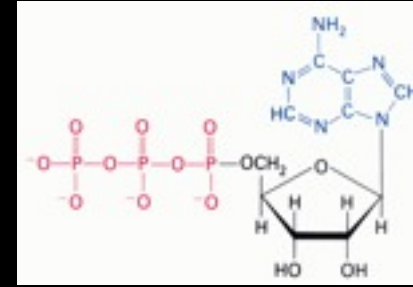
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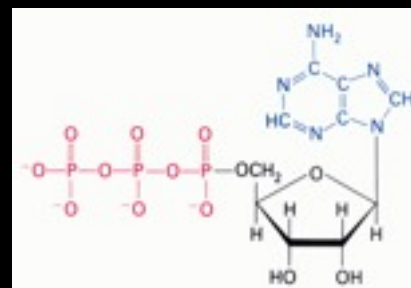
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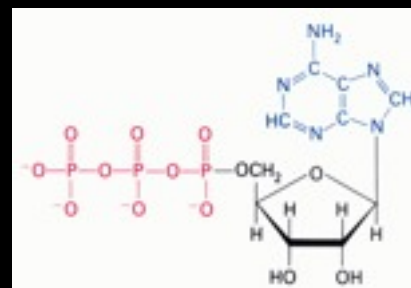
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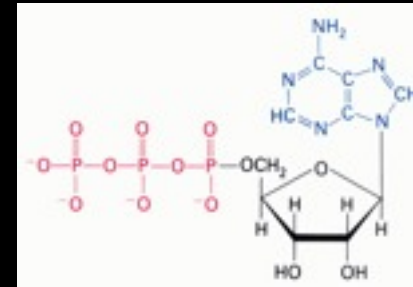




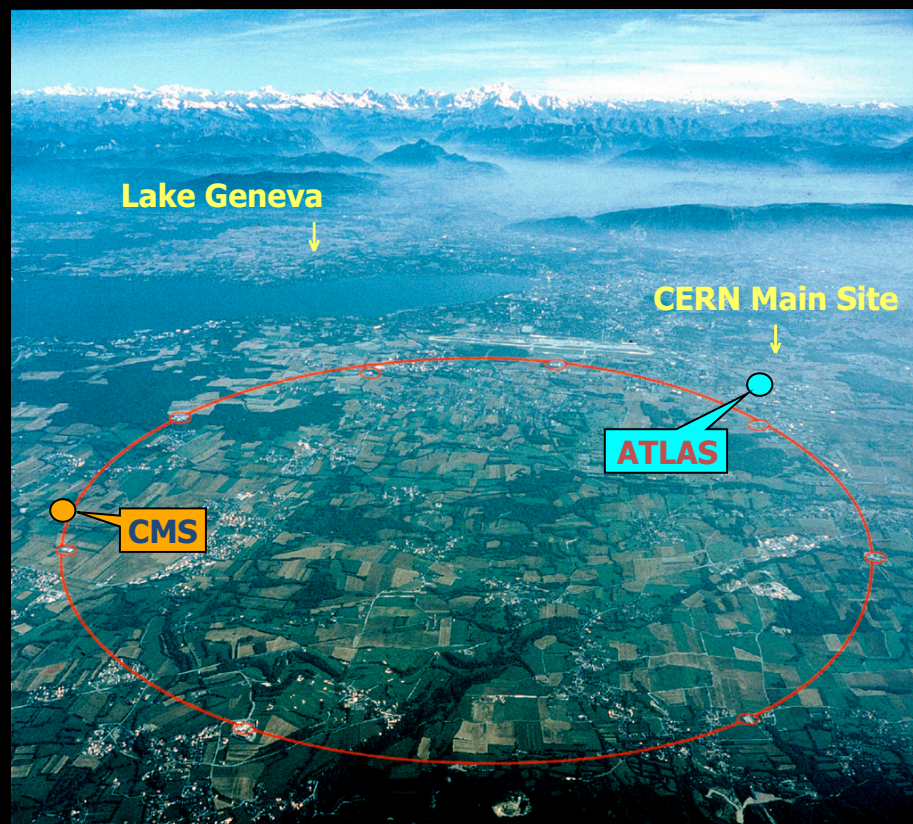








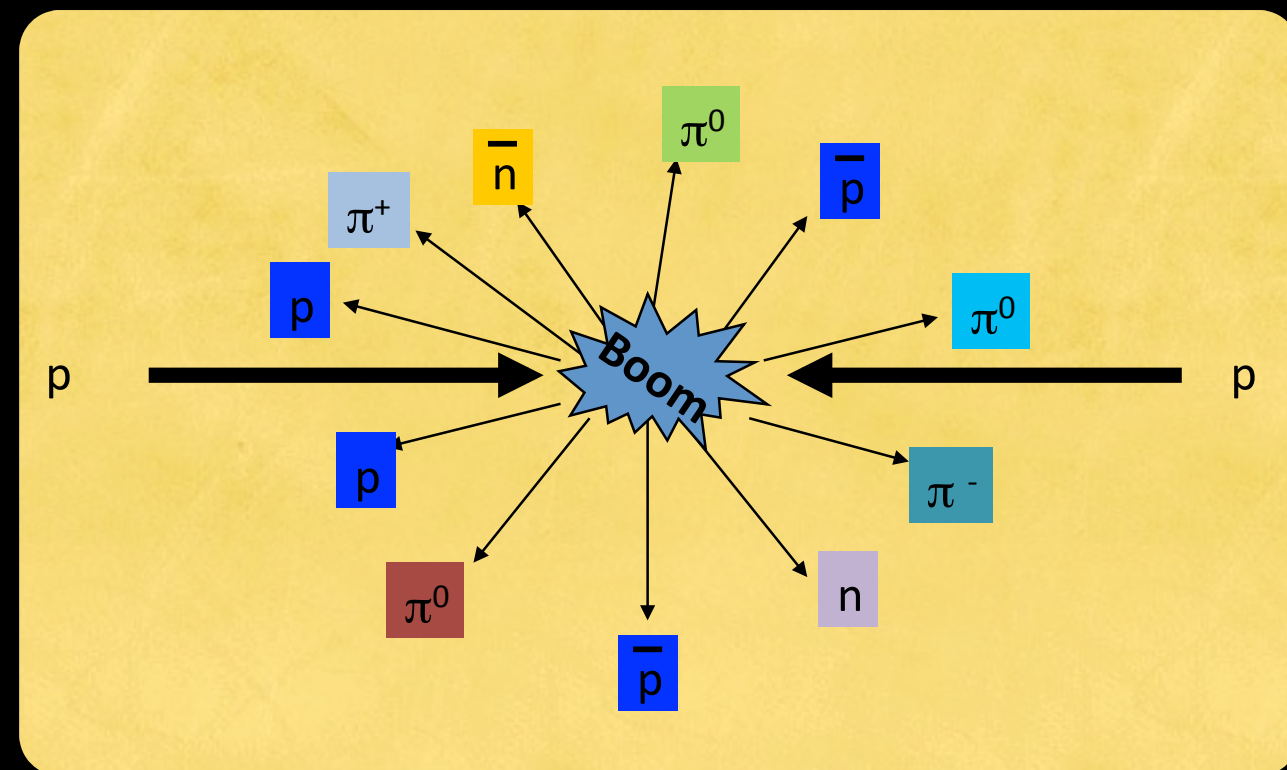
Energy
changes form
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Energy of motion
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Turned into mass of new
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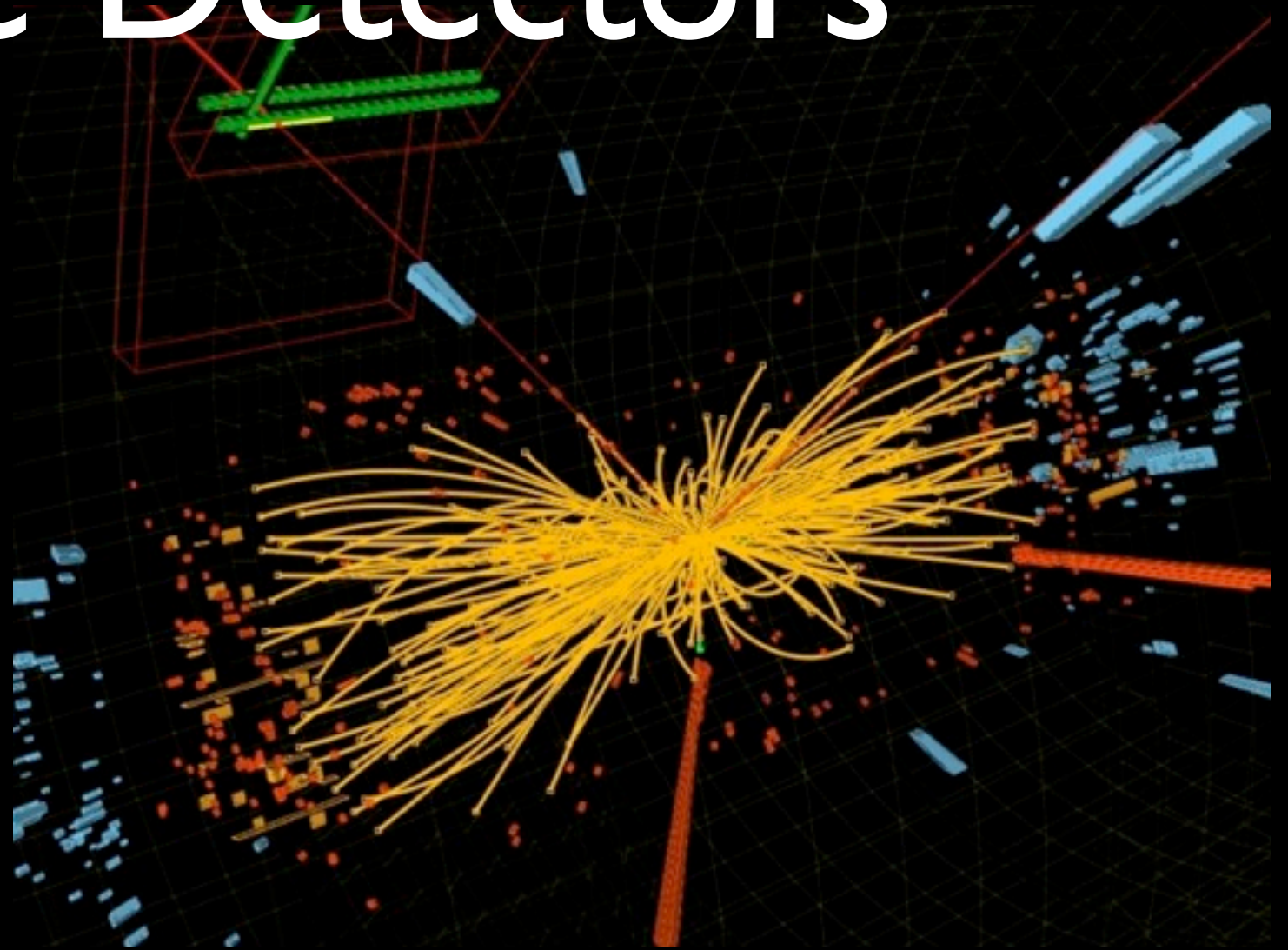




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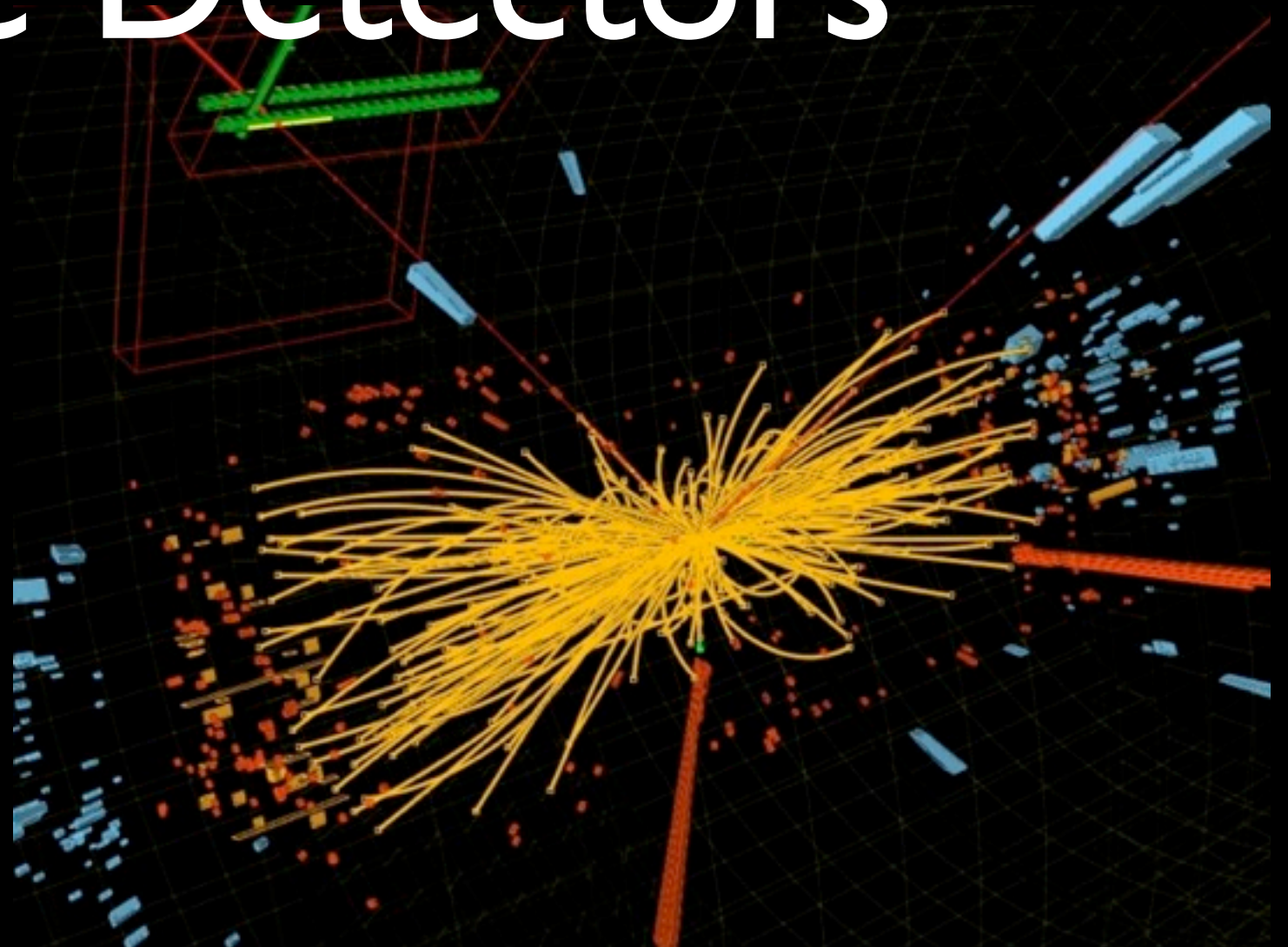
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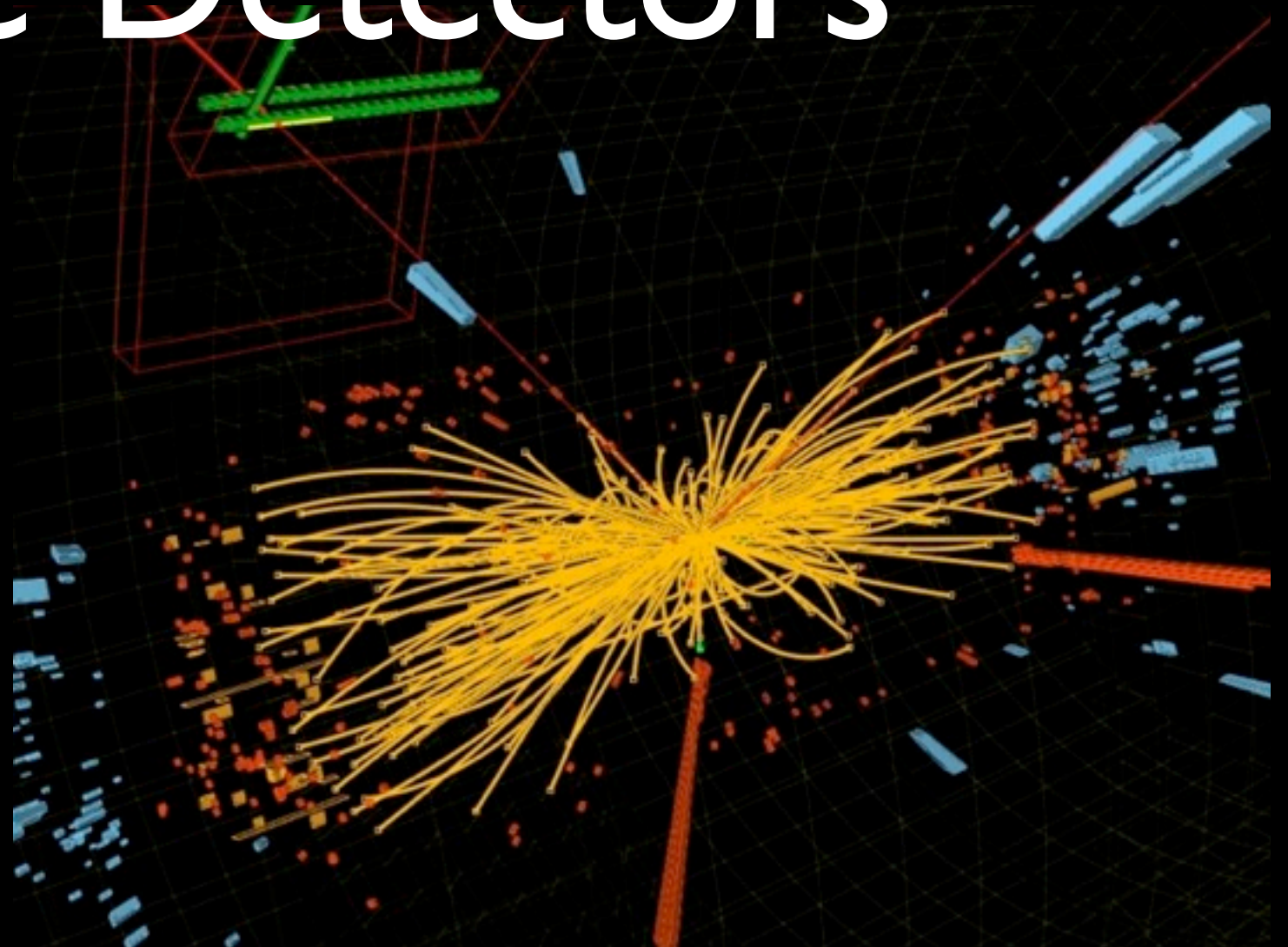
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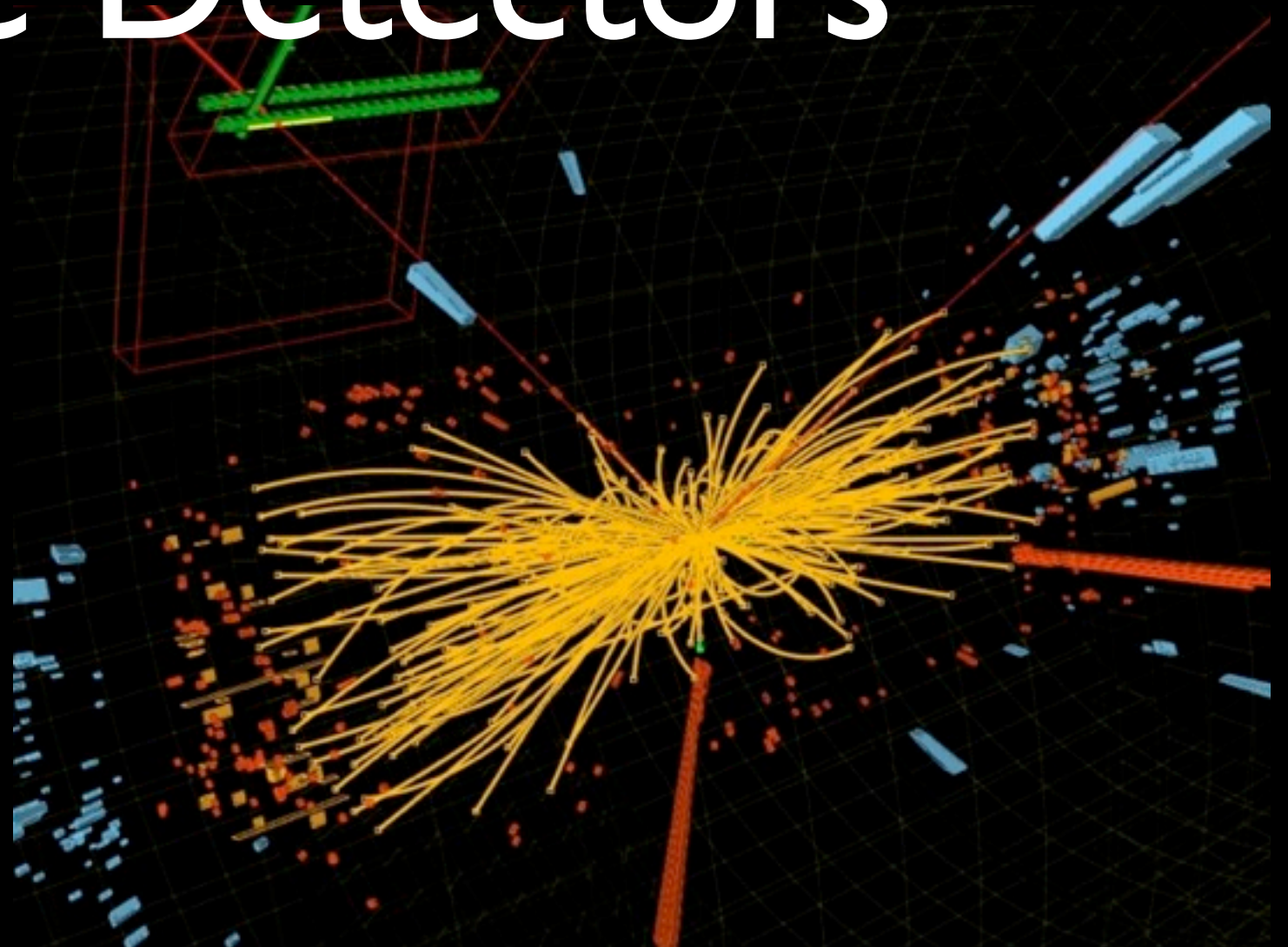
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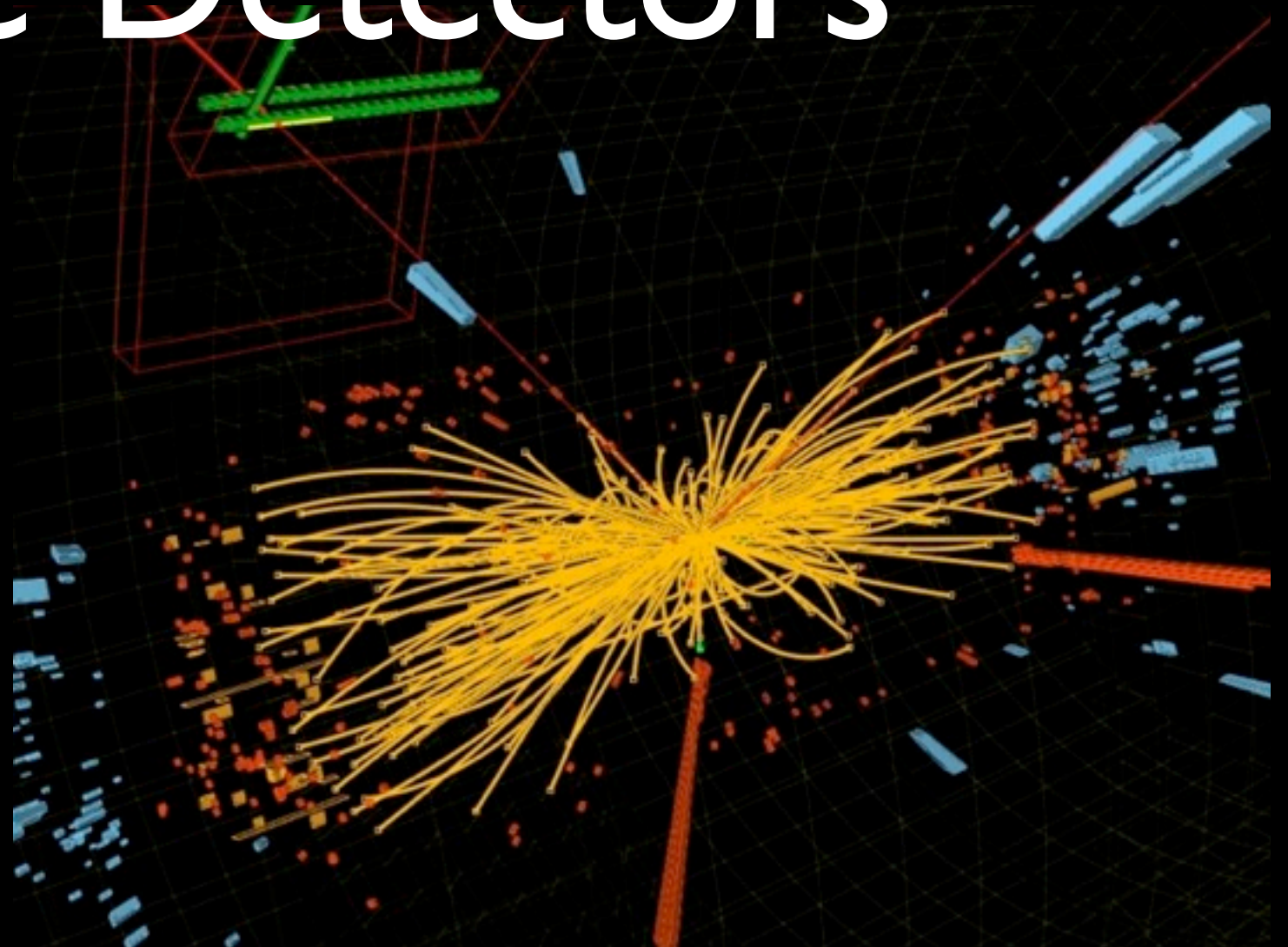
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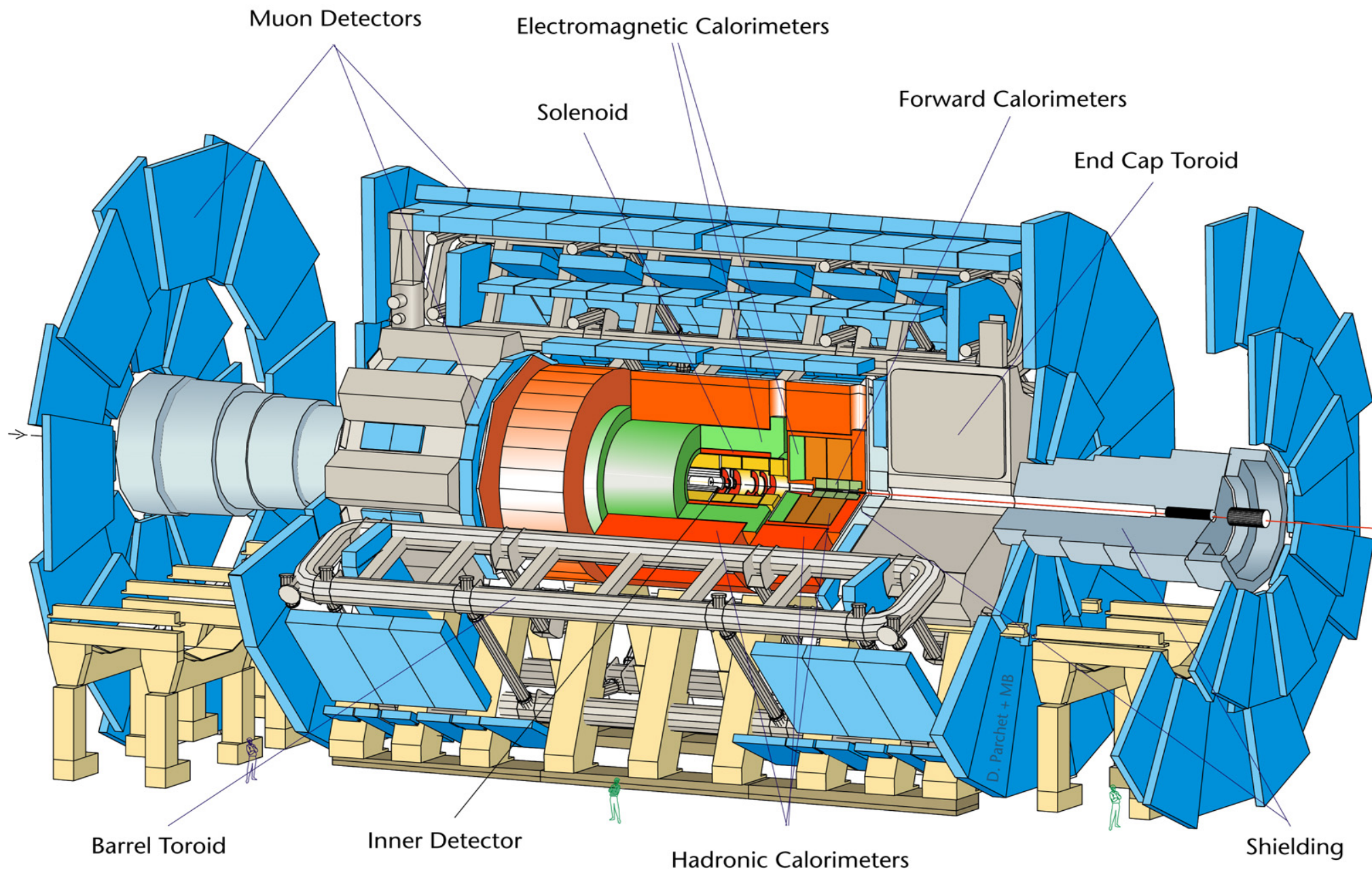


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25 m
Barrel toroid
length 26 m
Endcap end-wall chamber
span 46 m
Overall weight
7000 Tons

ATLAS

Muon Spectrometer

Muon

Neutrino

Canada

Hadronic Calorimeter

+ Major contribution
to Computing ("Tier 1"
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Electromagnetic Calorimeter

The dashed tracks
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Proton

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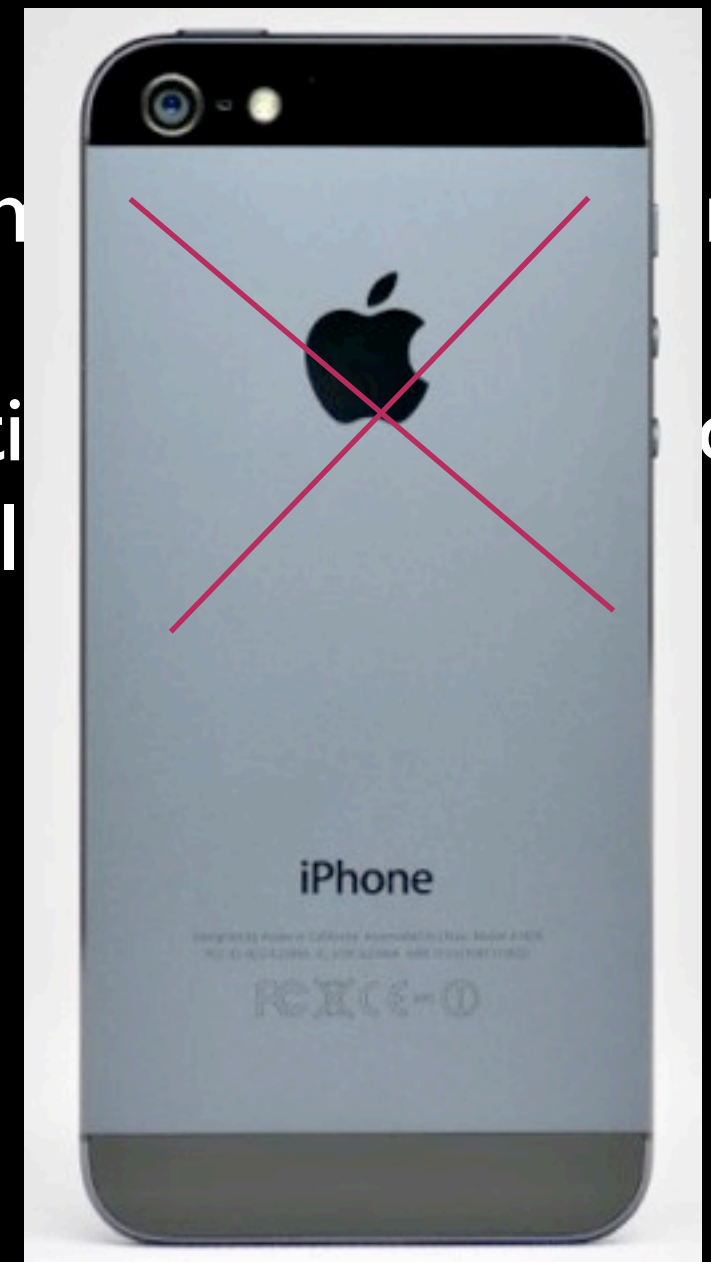
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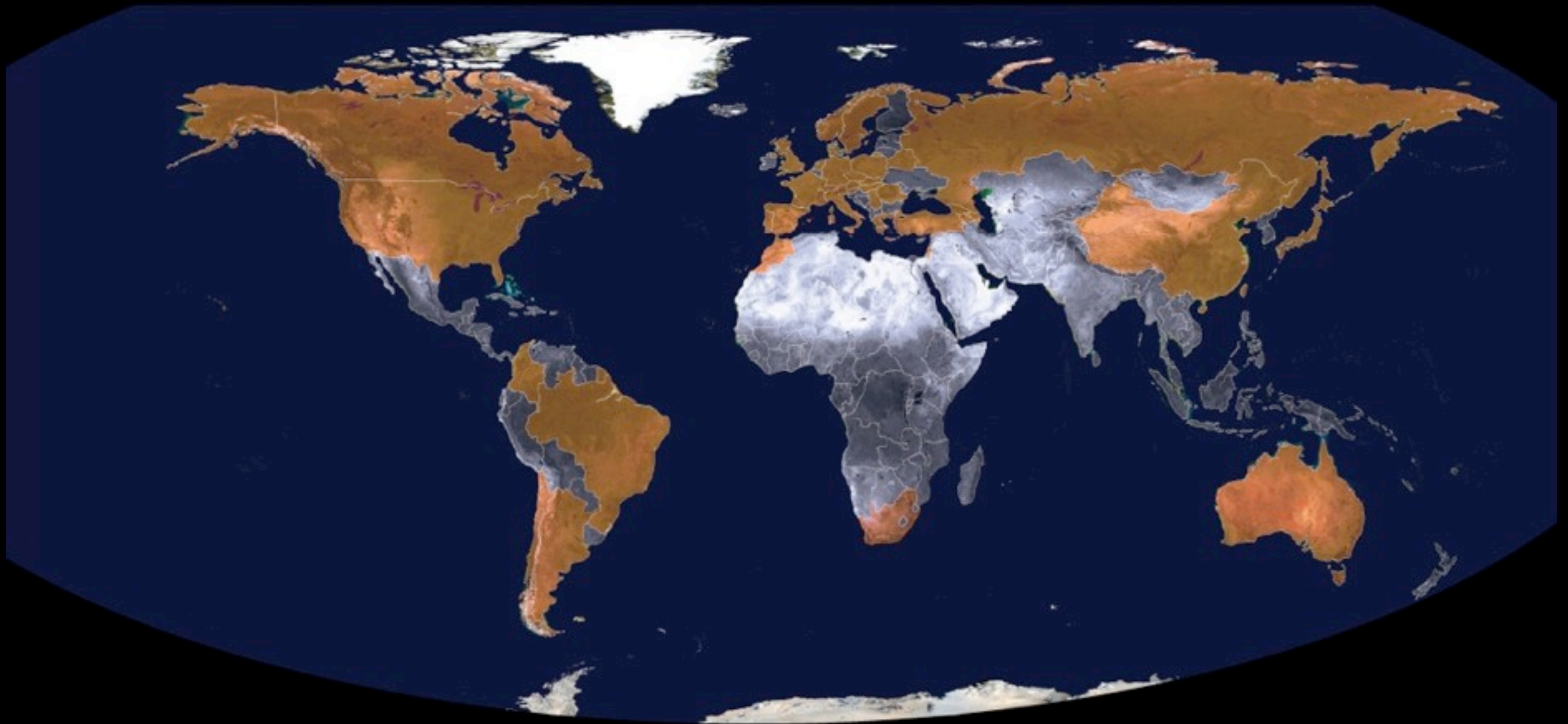
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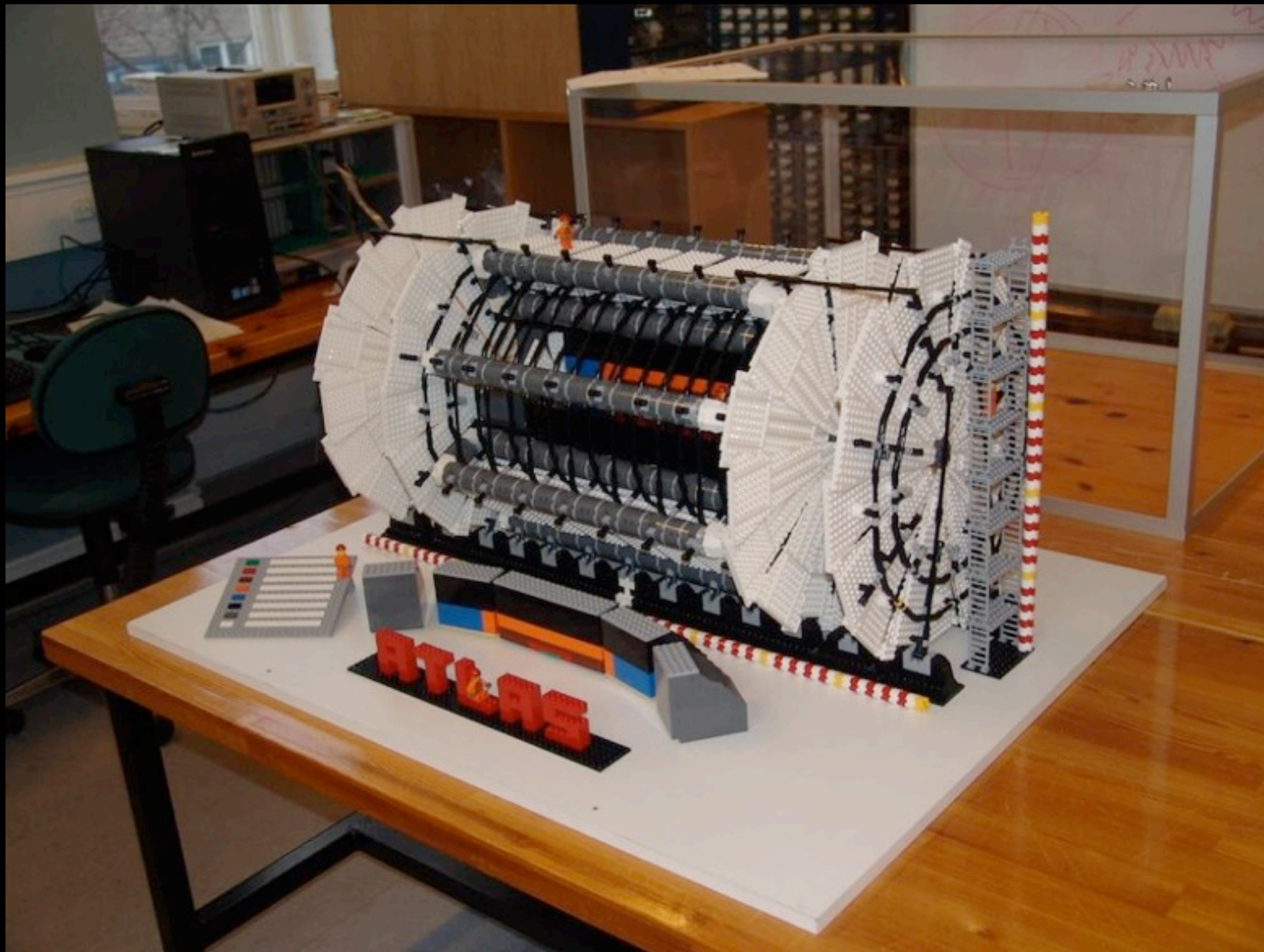
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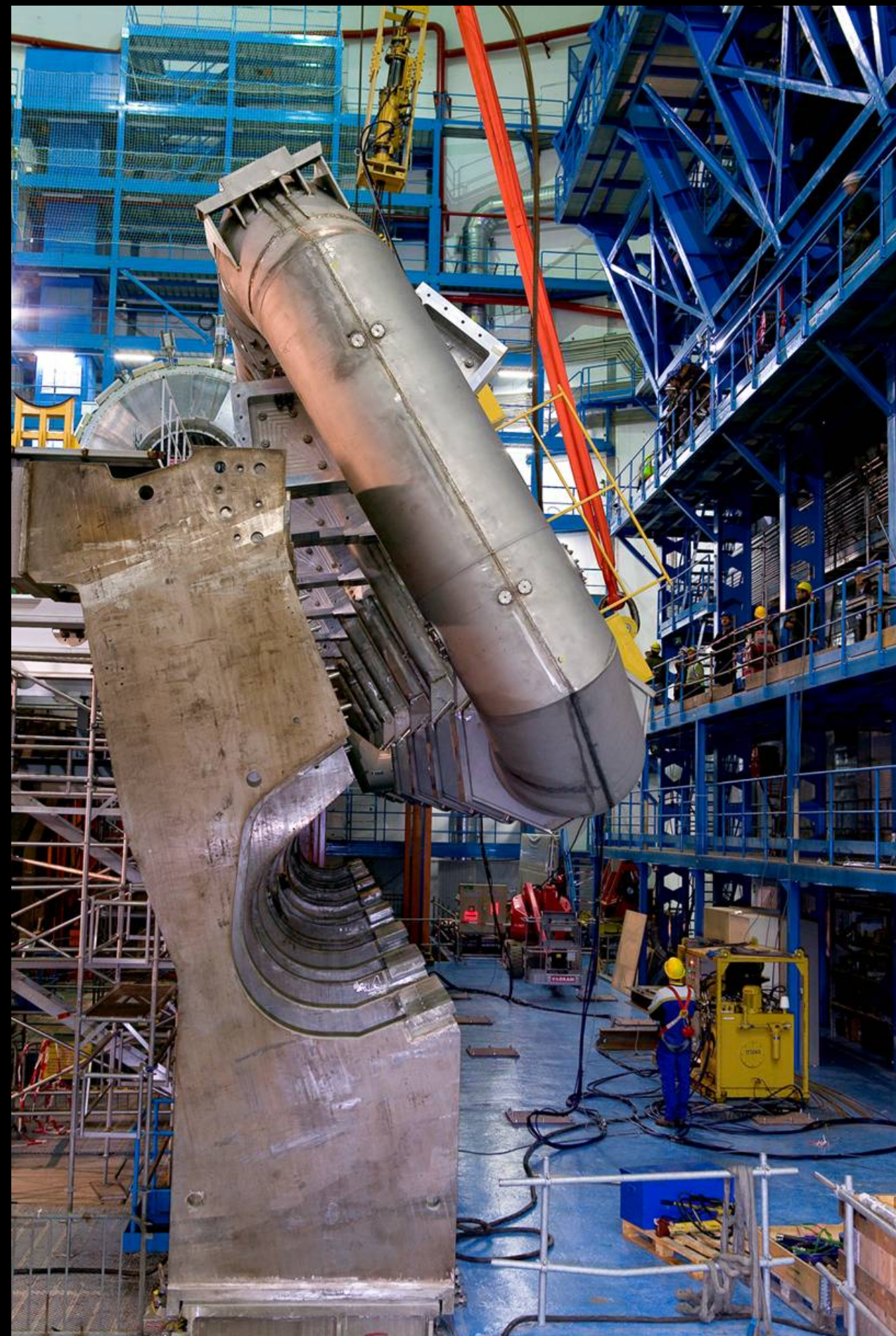


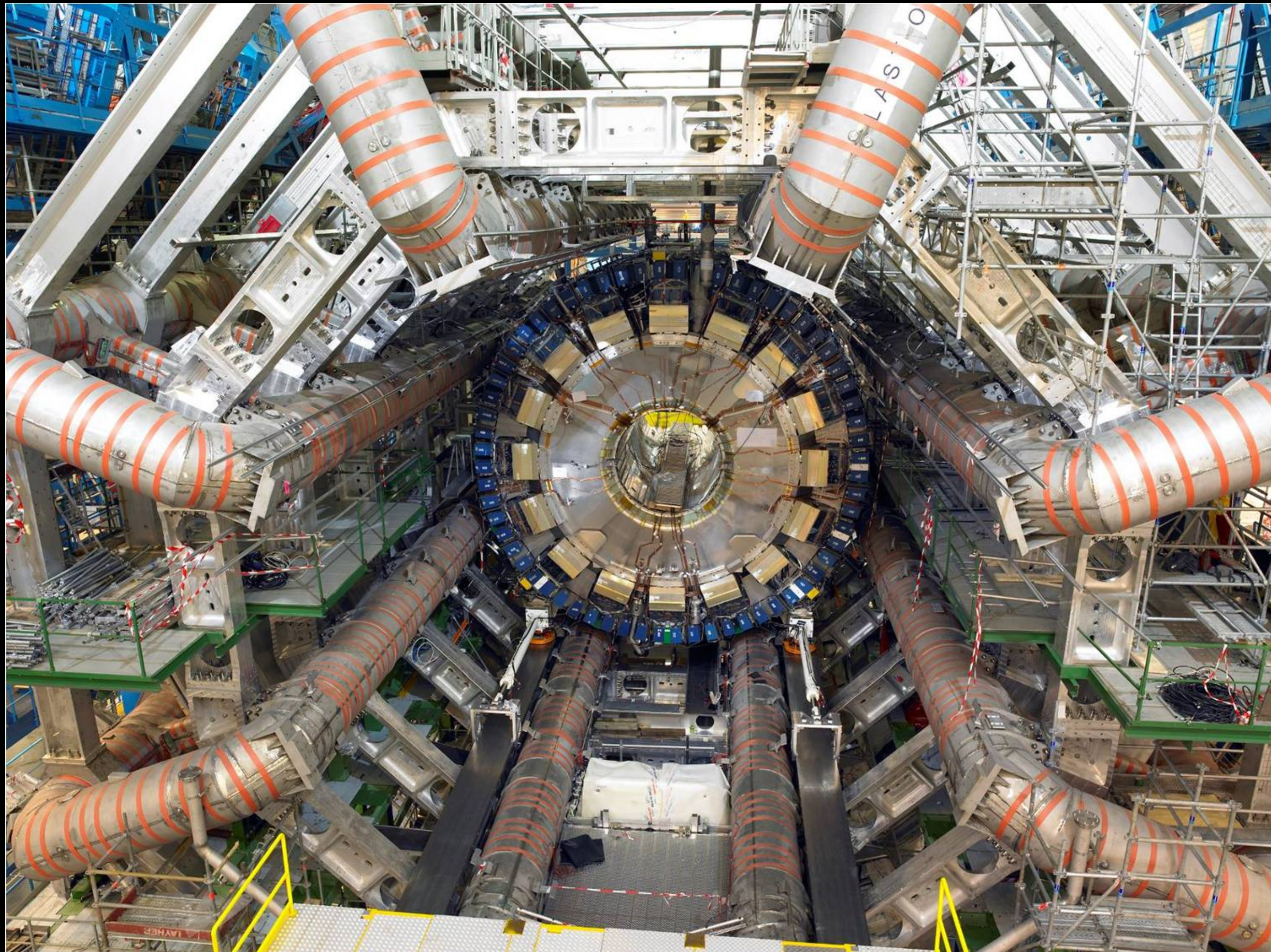
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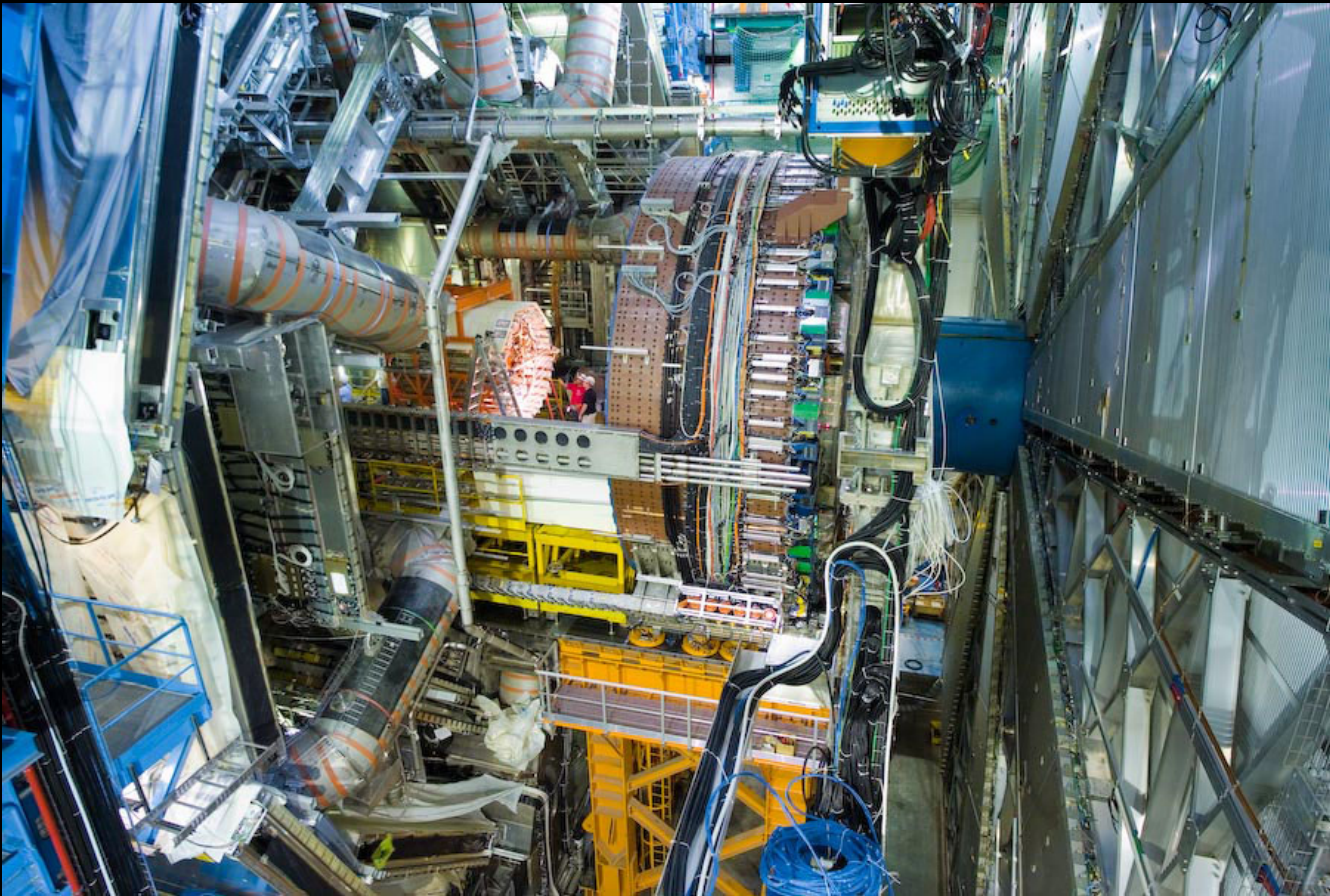


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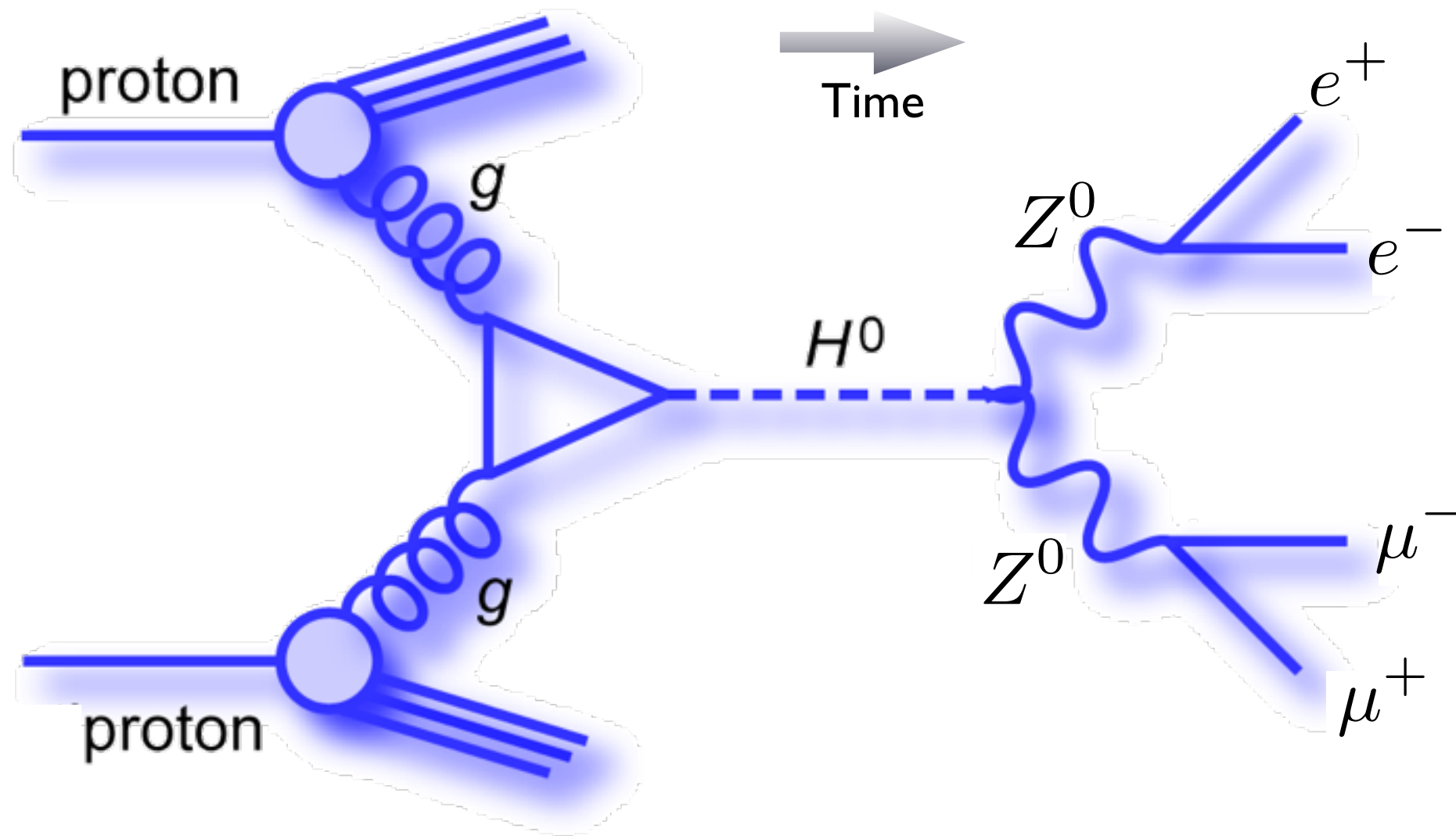


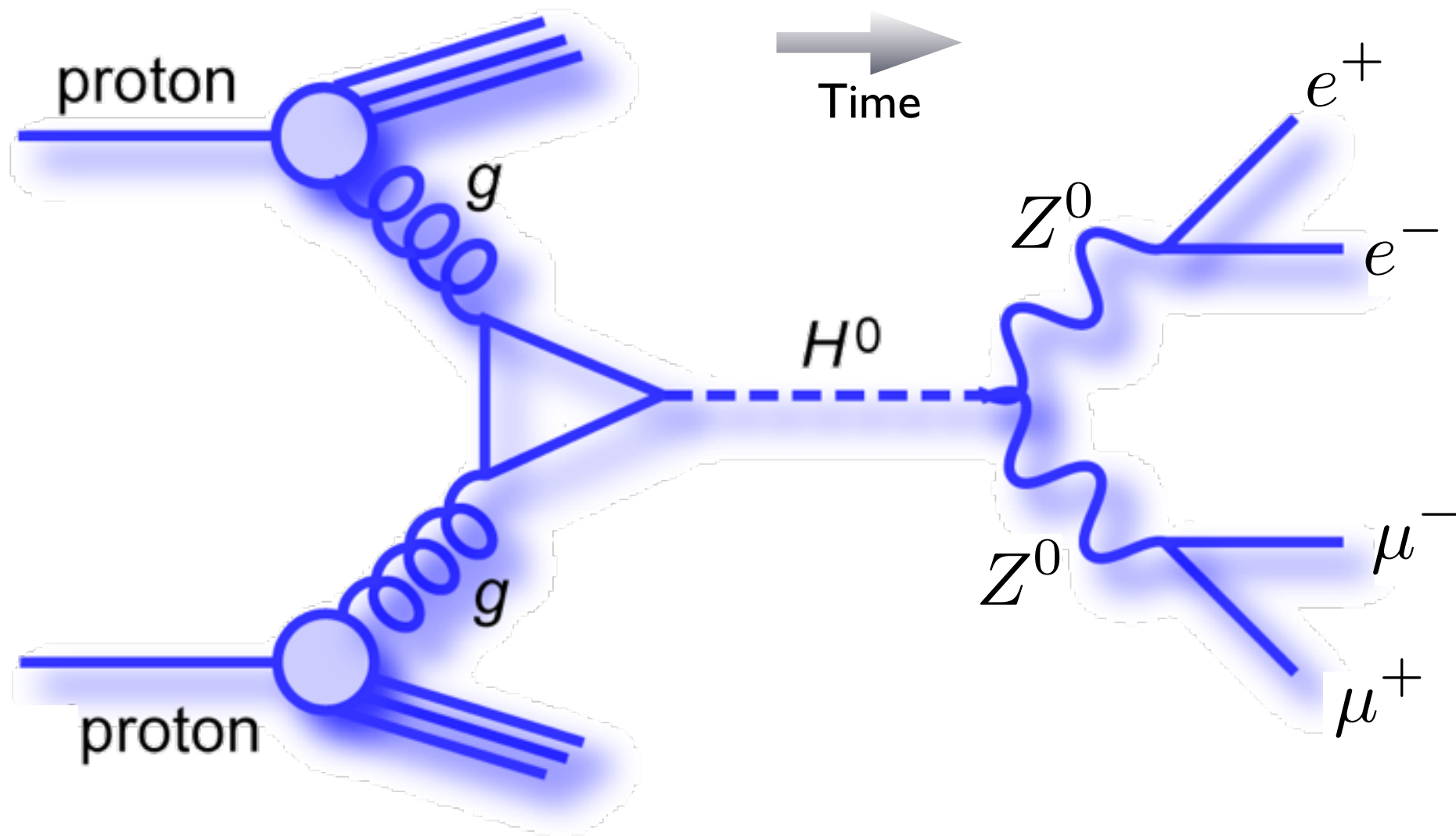


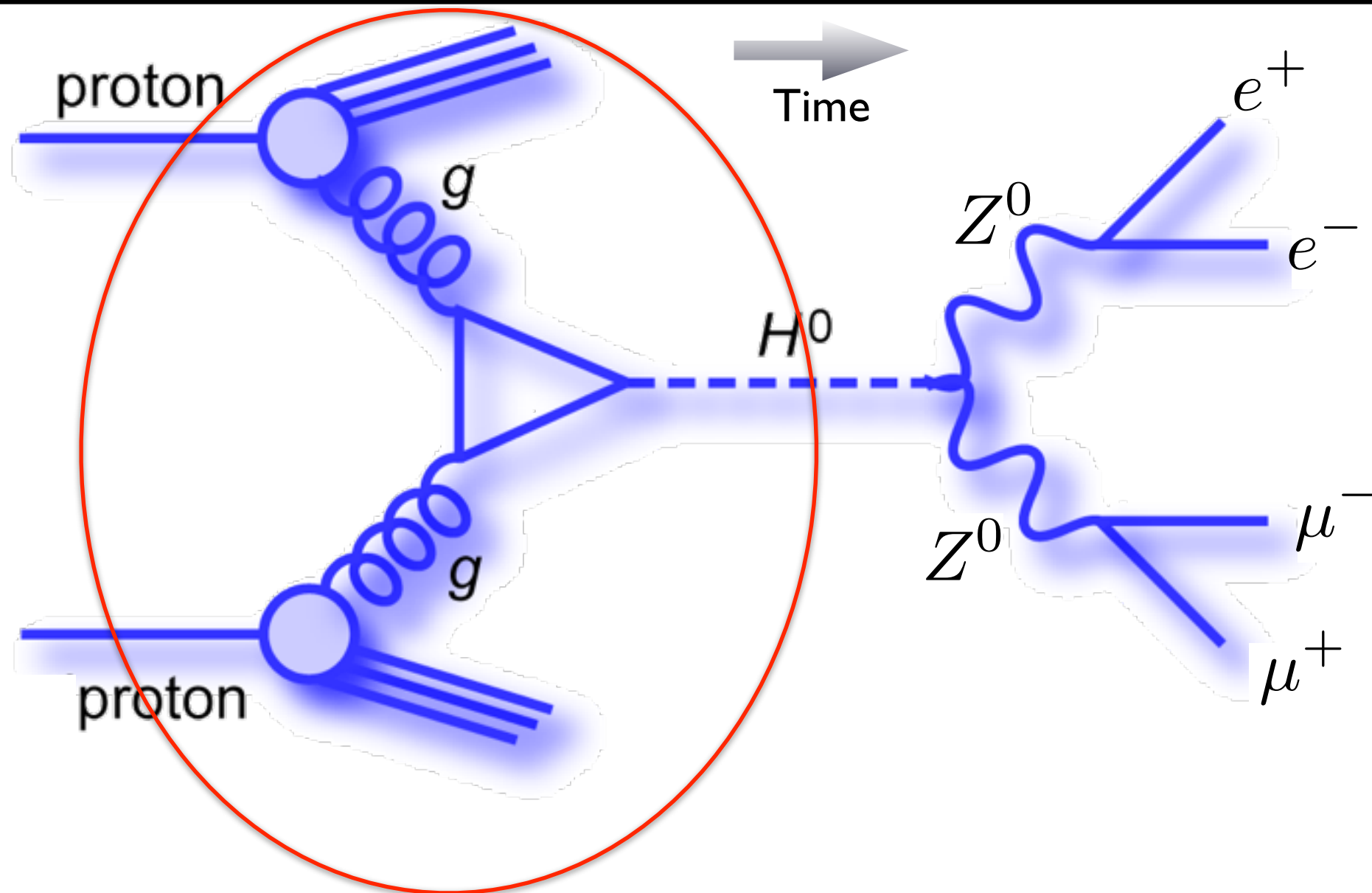


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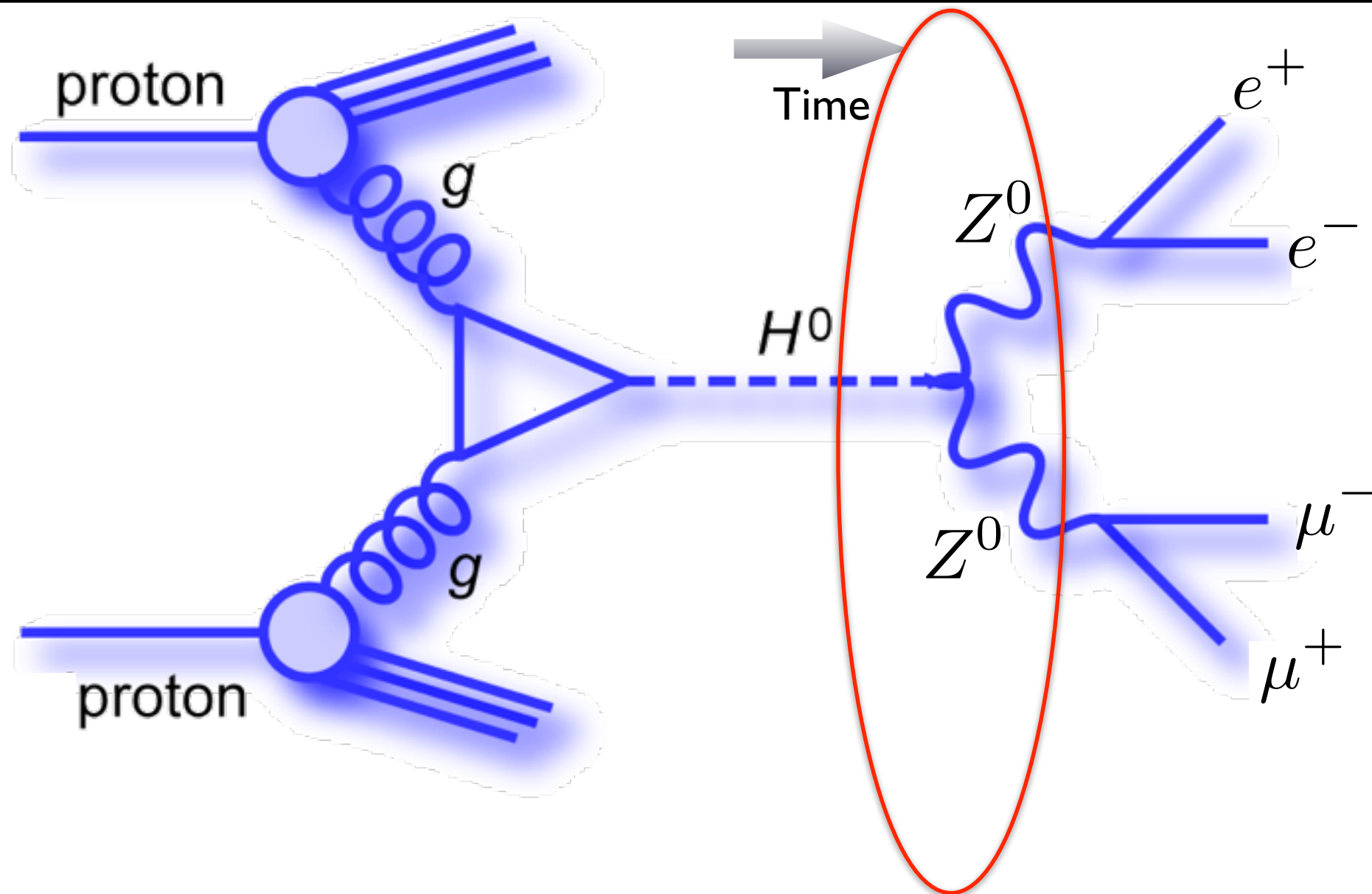
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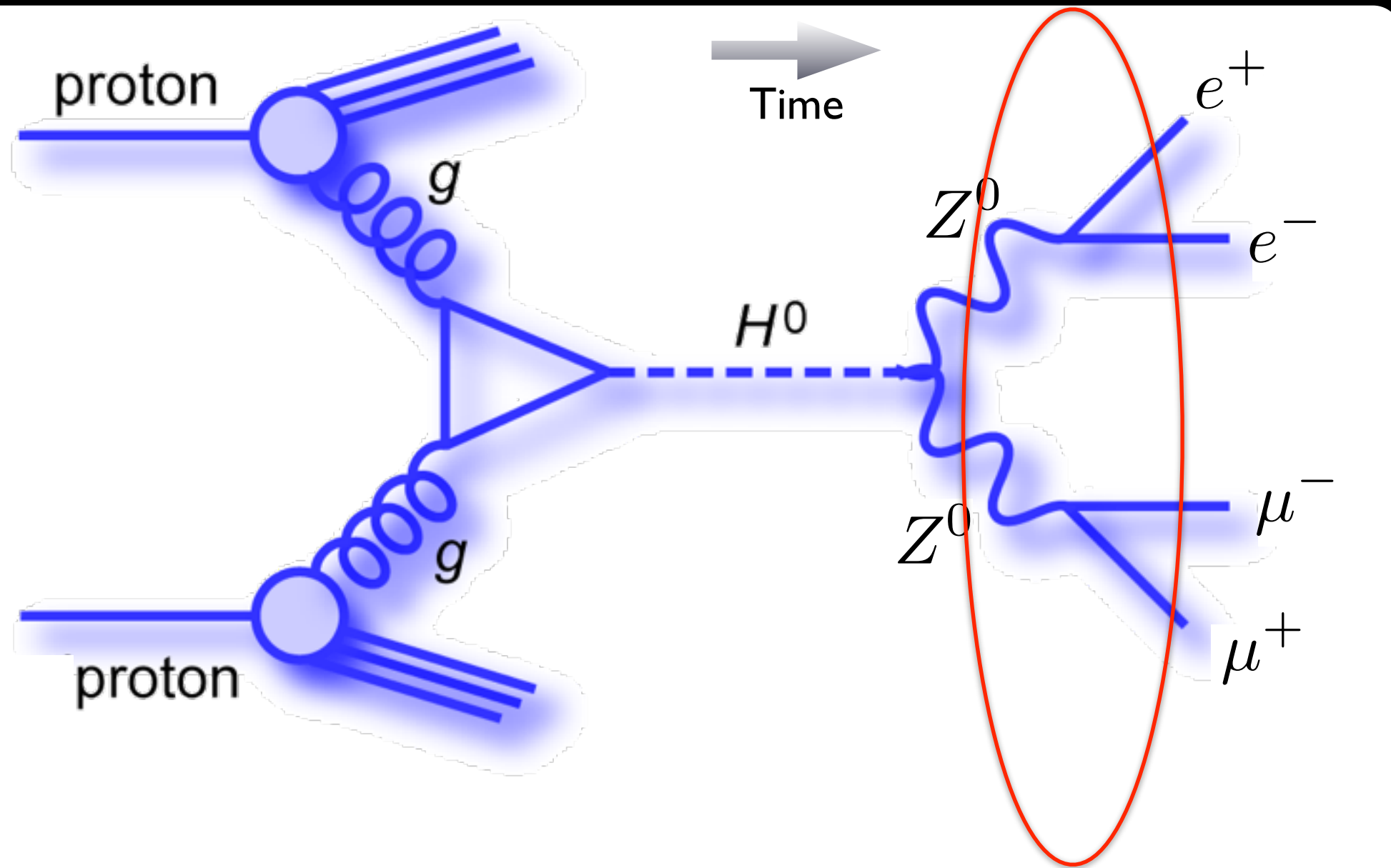




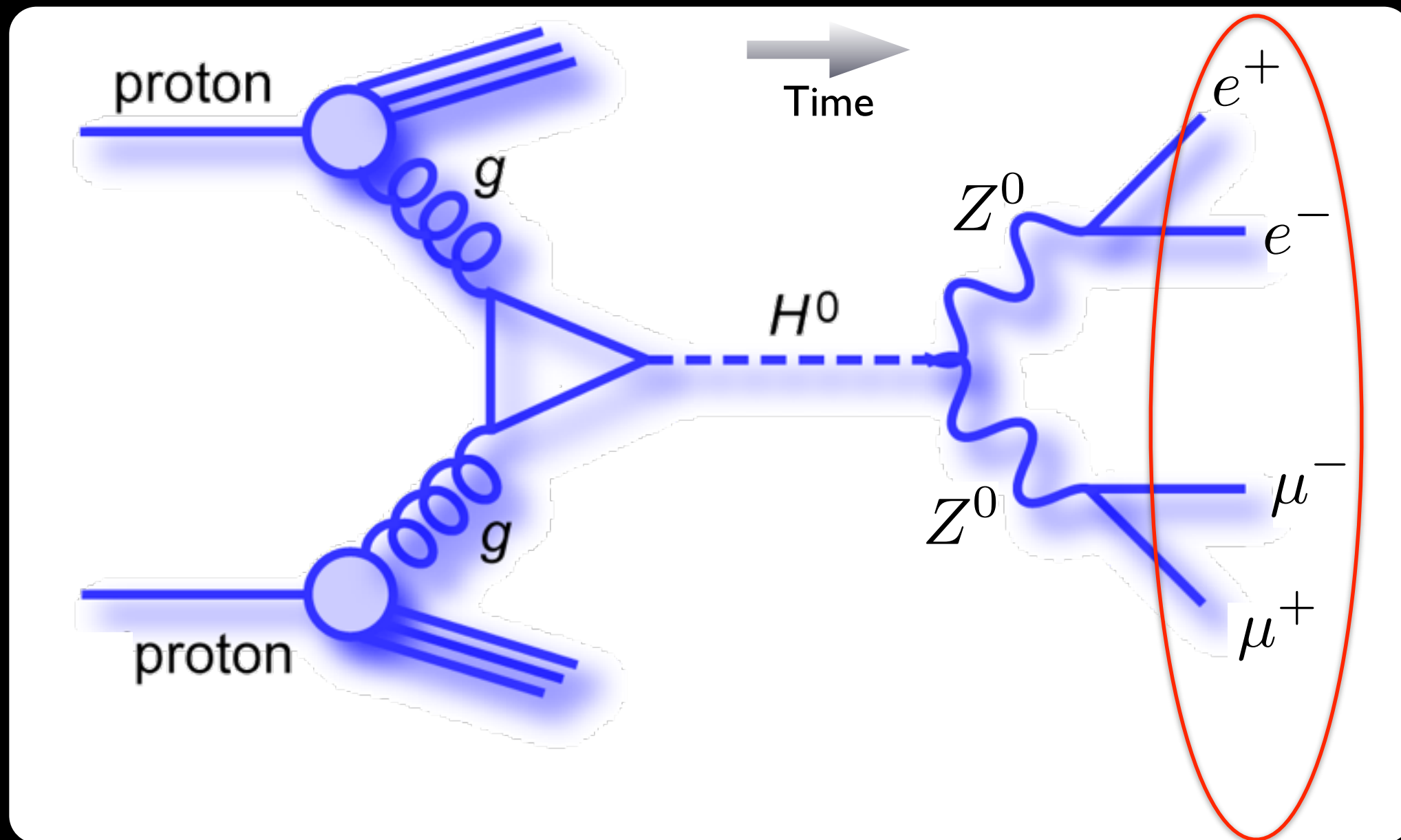
Make some Higgs
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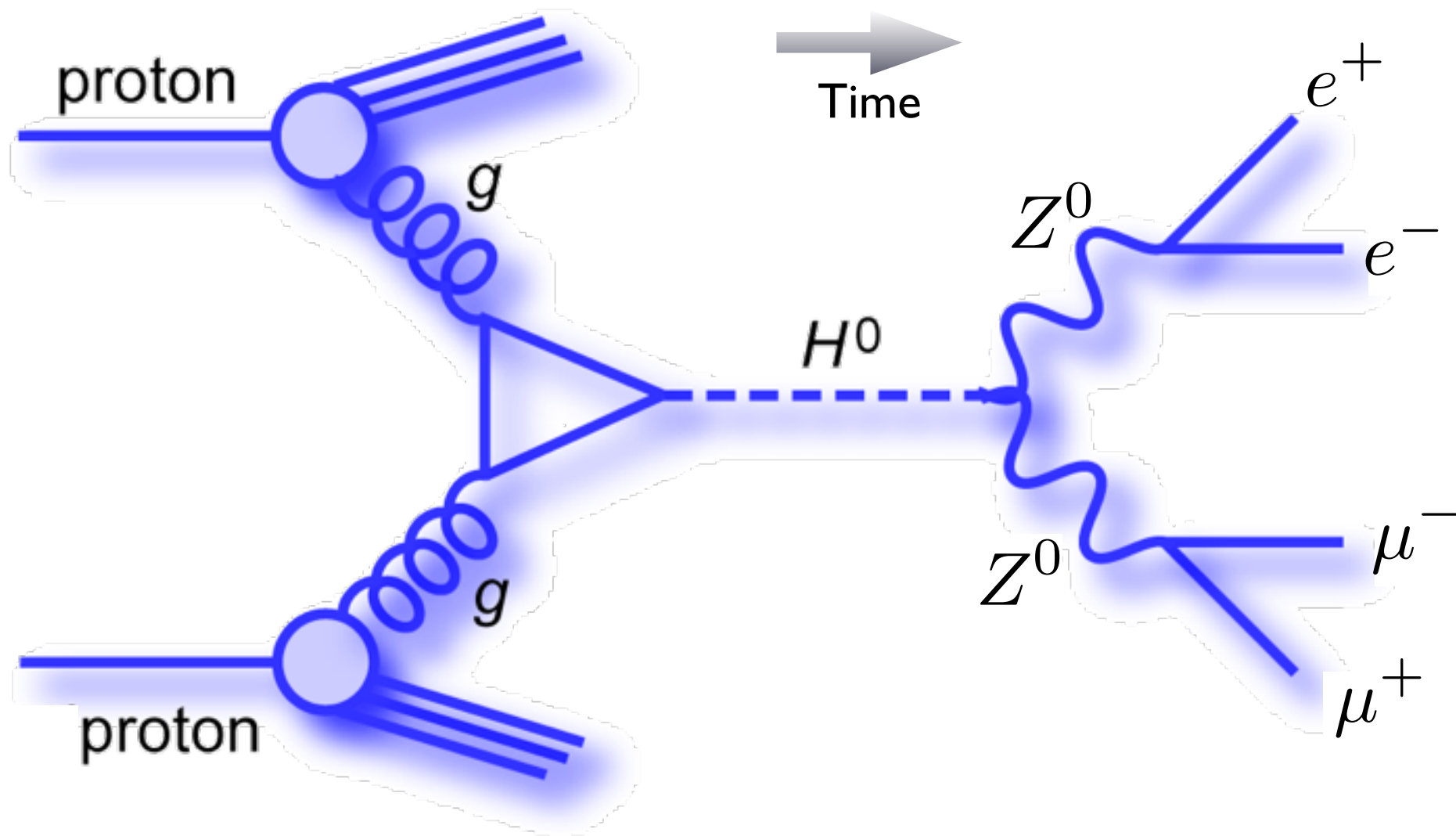
It immediately
decays (into ZZ
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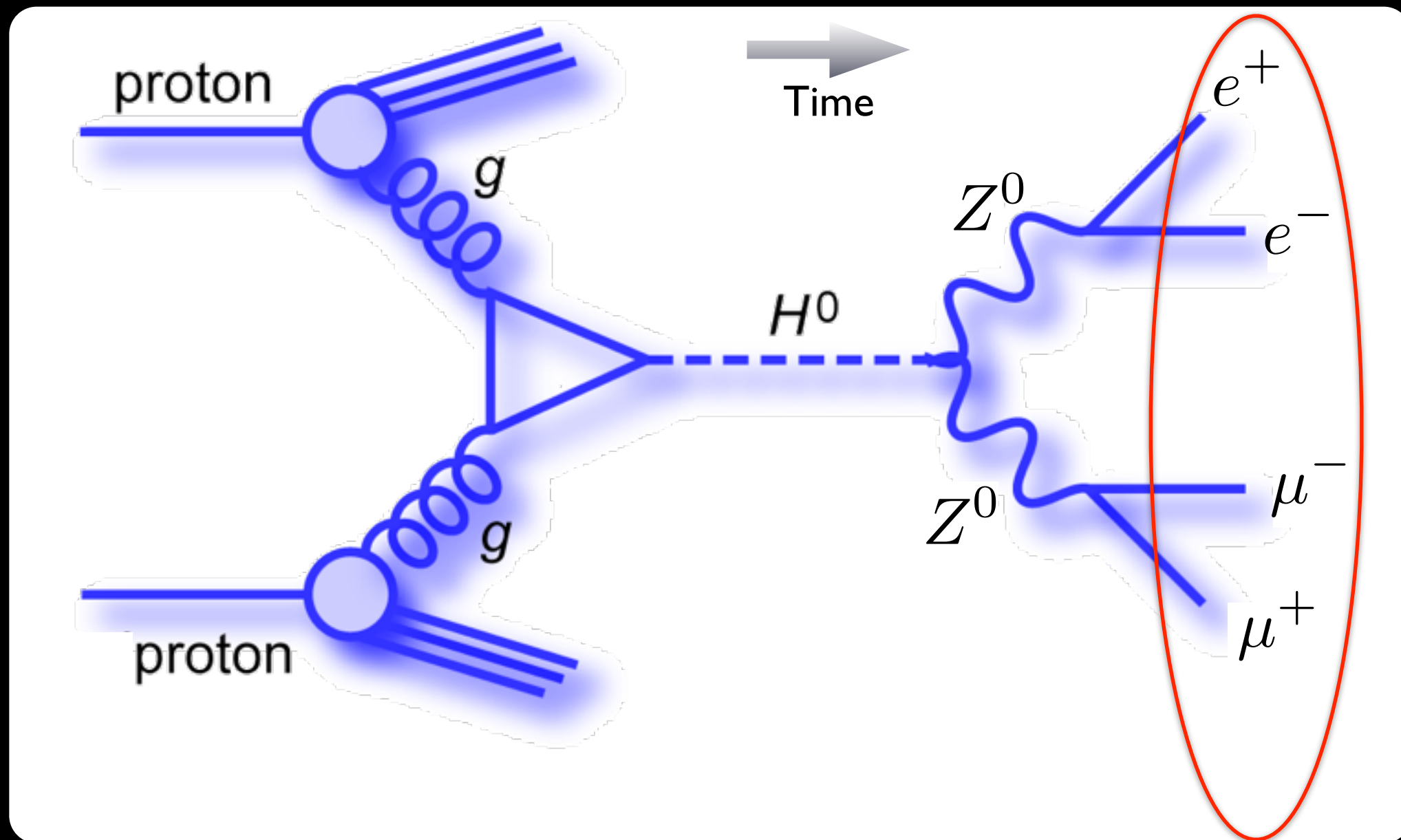


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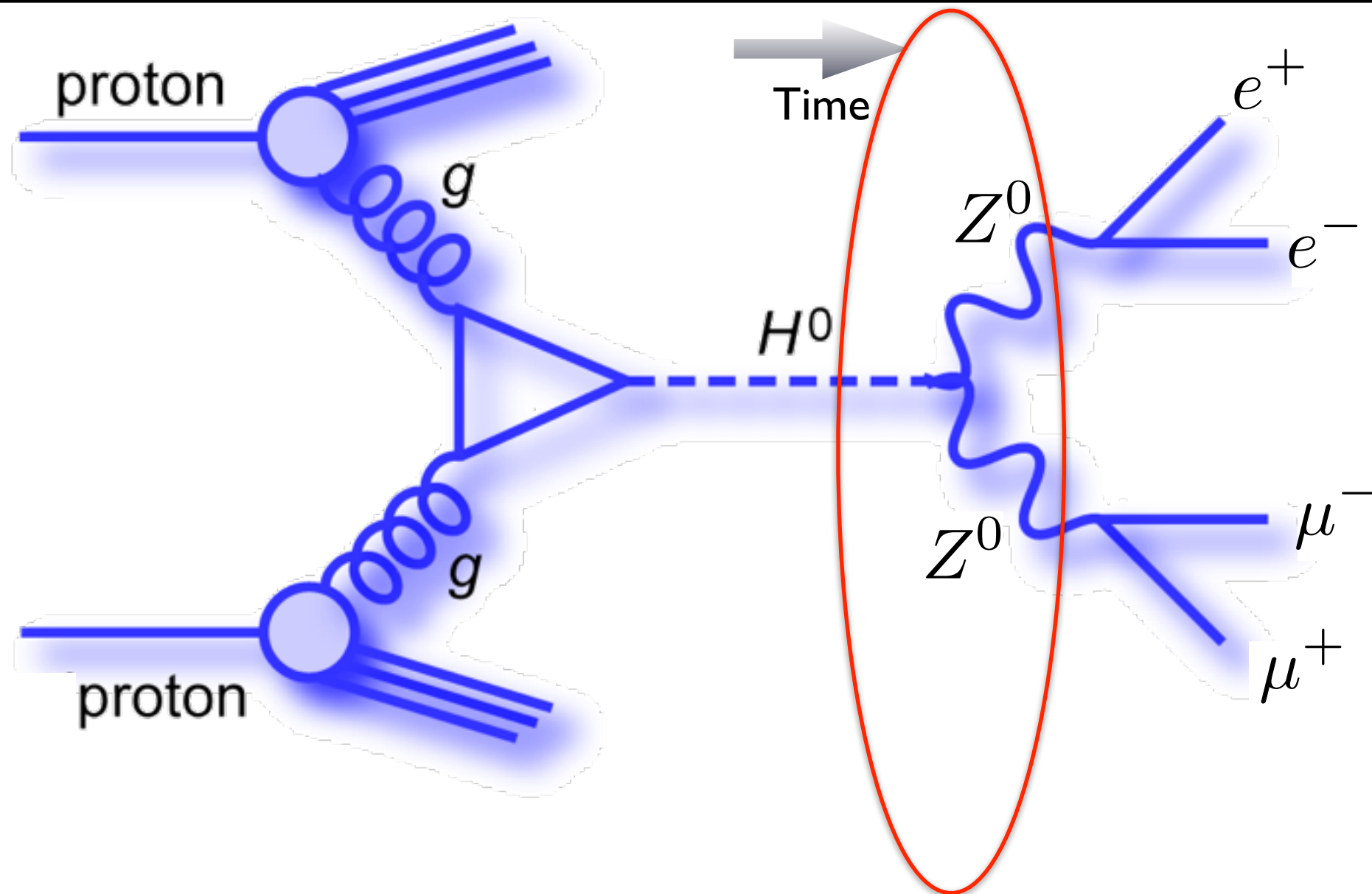


Into these,
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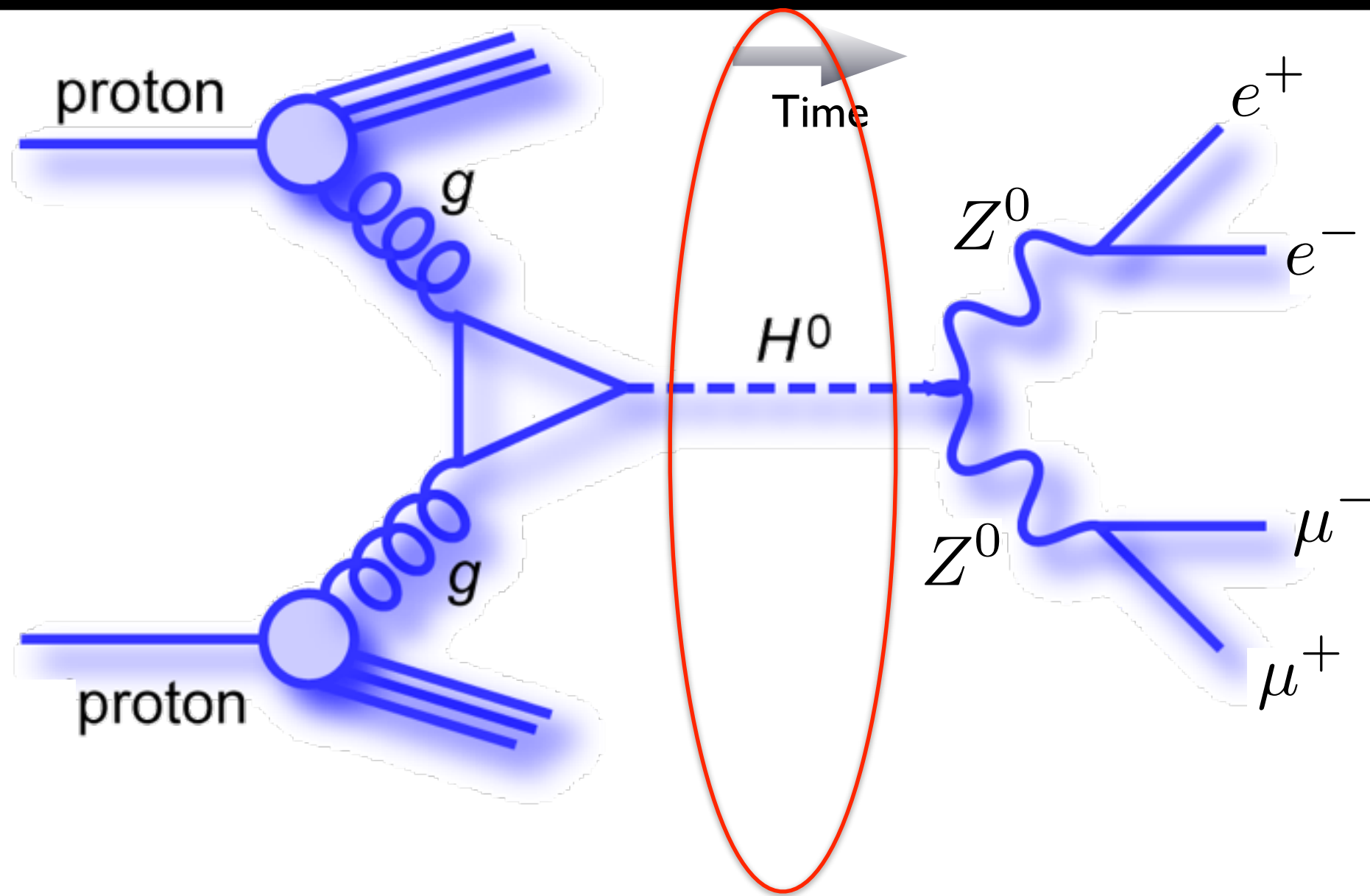




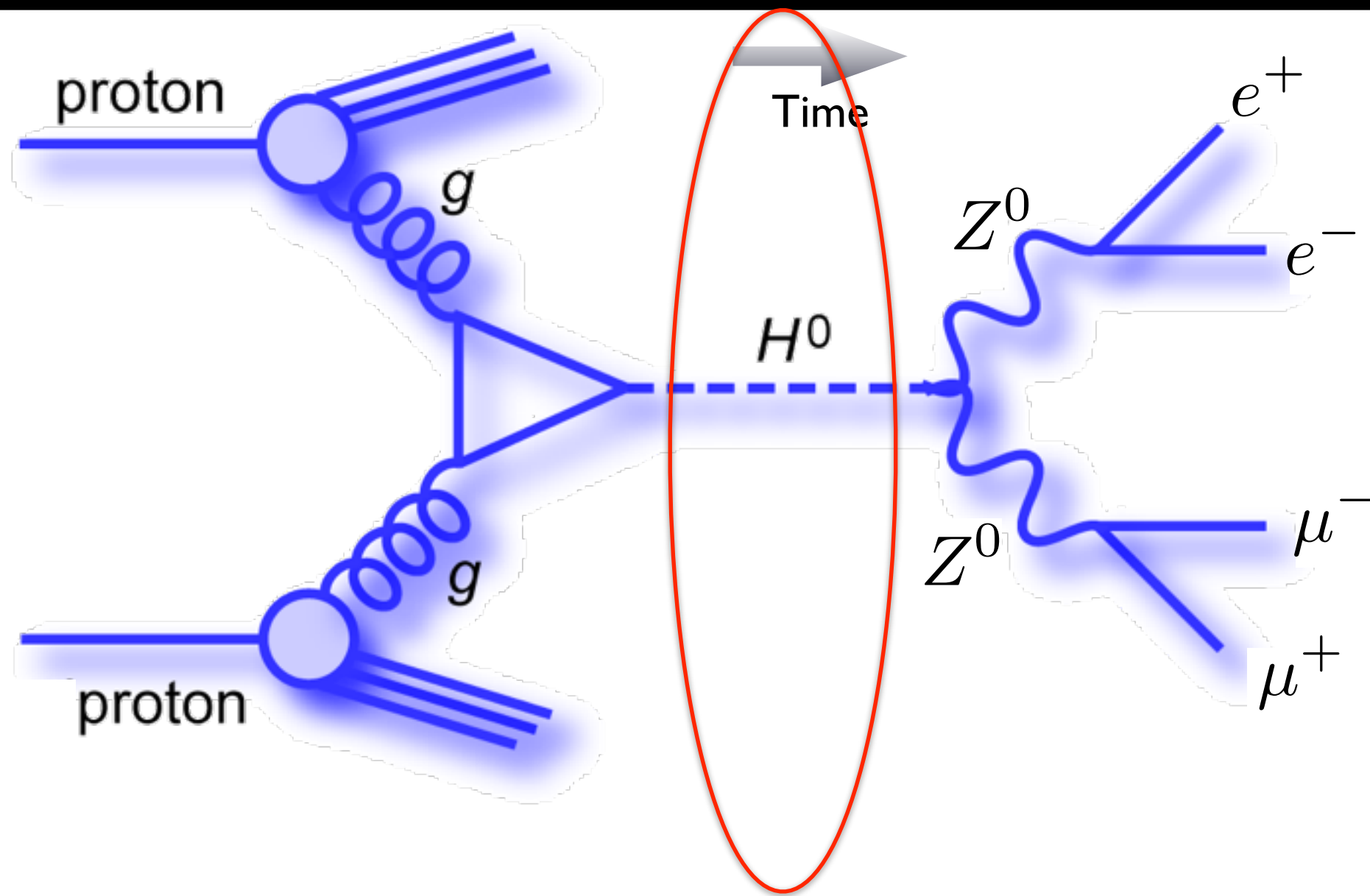
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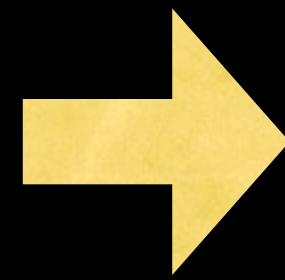
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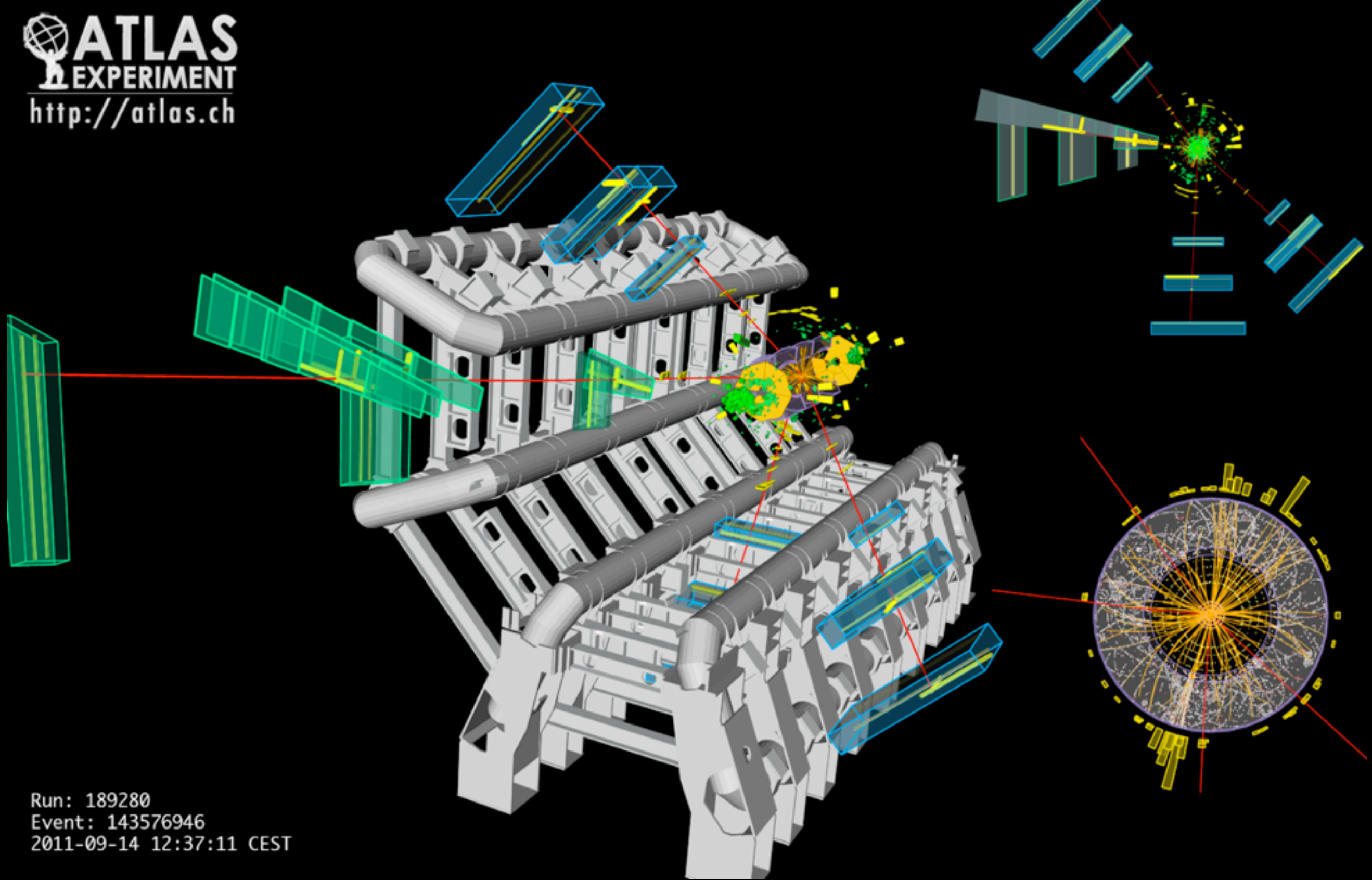
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Let's us
calculate
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Of course, complications

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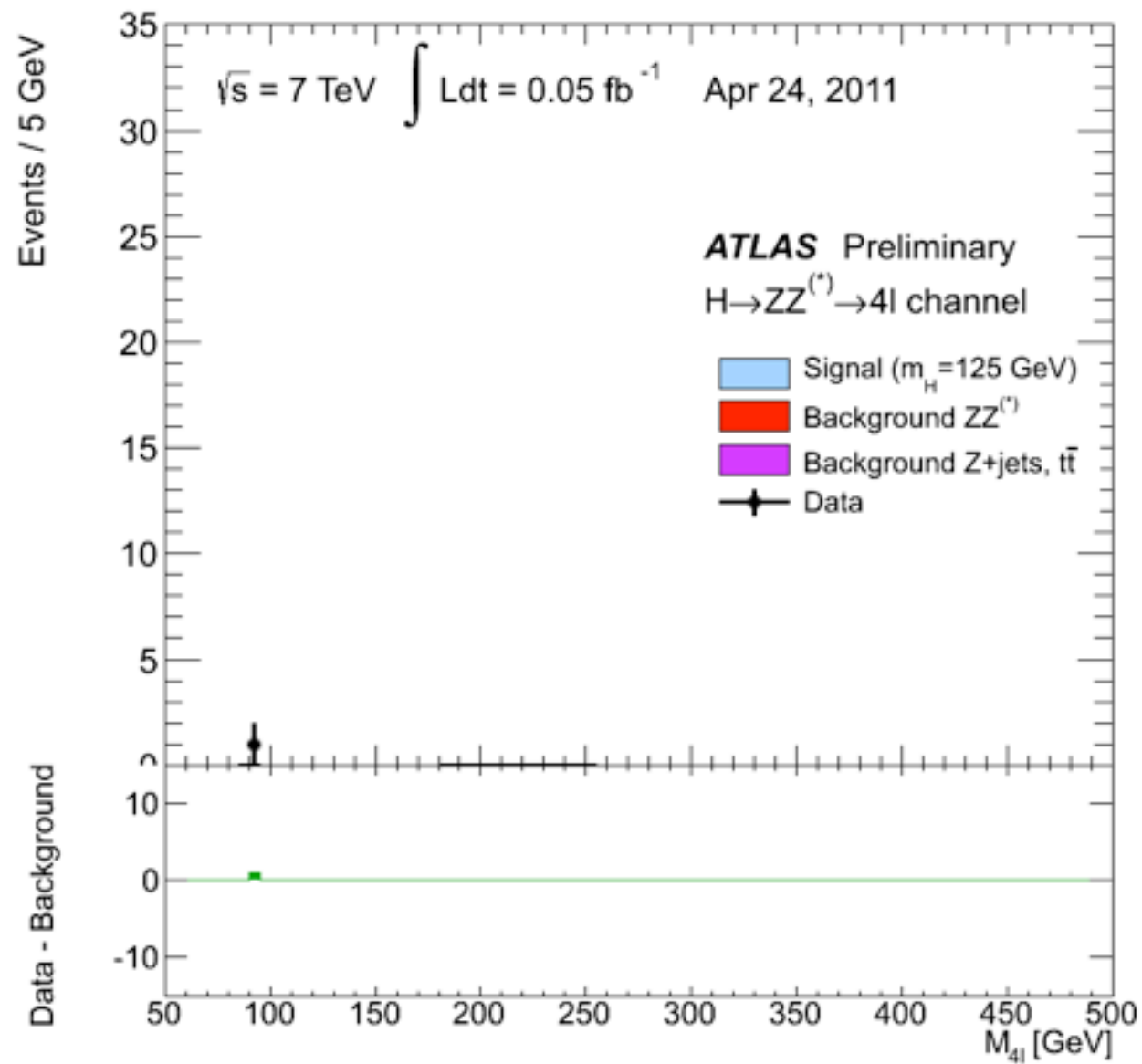
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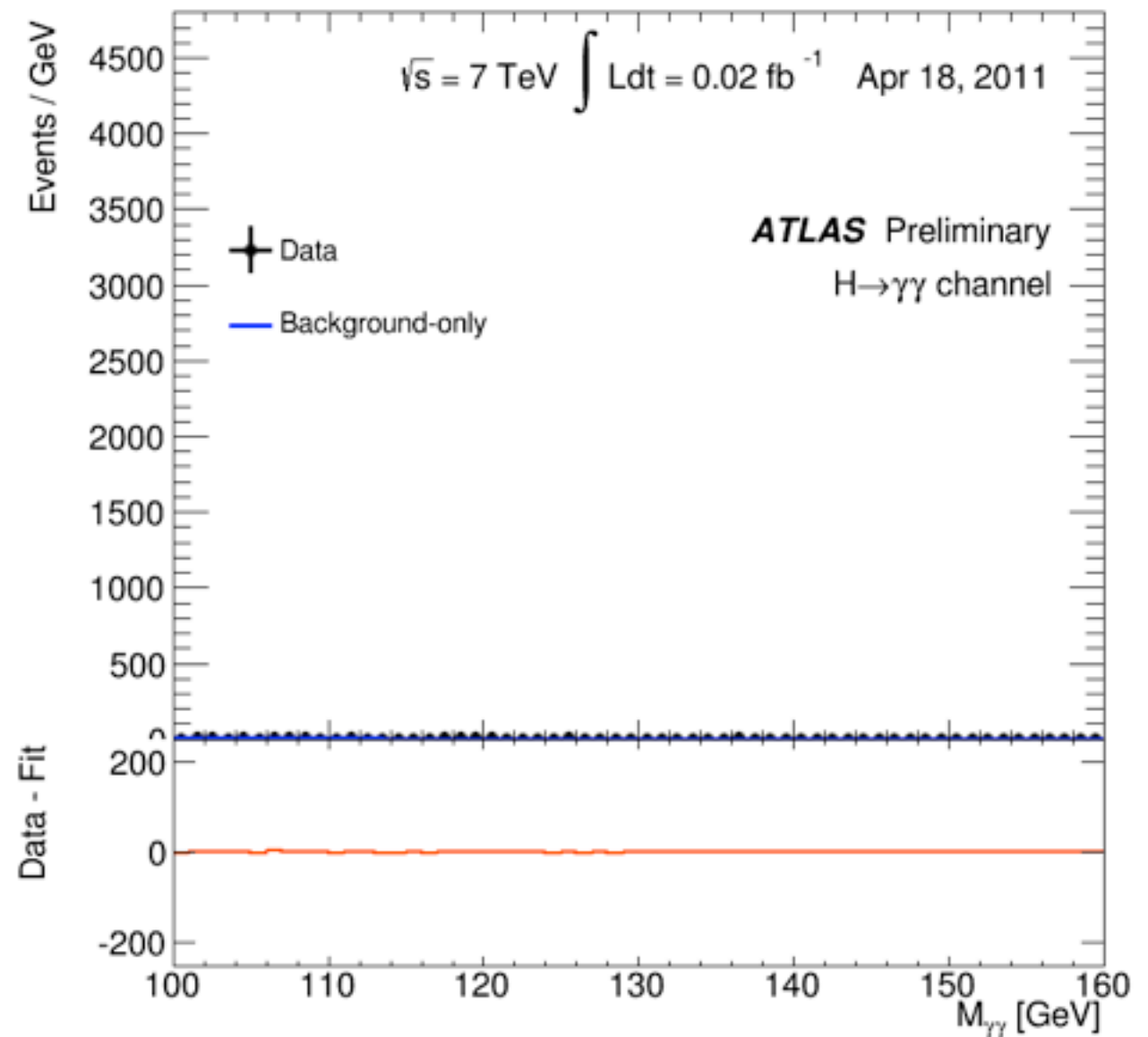
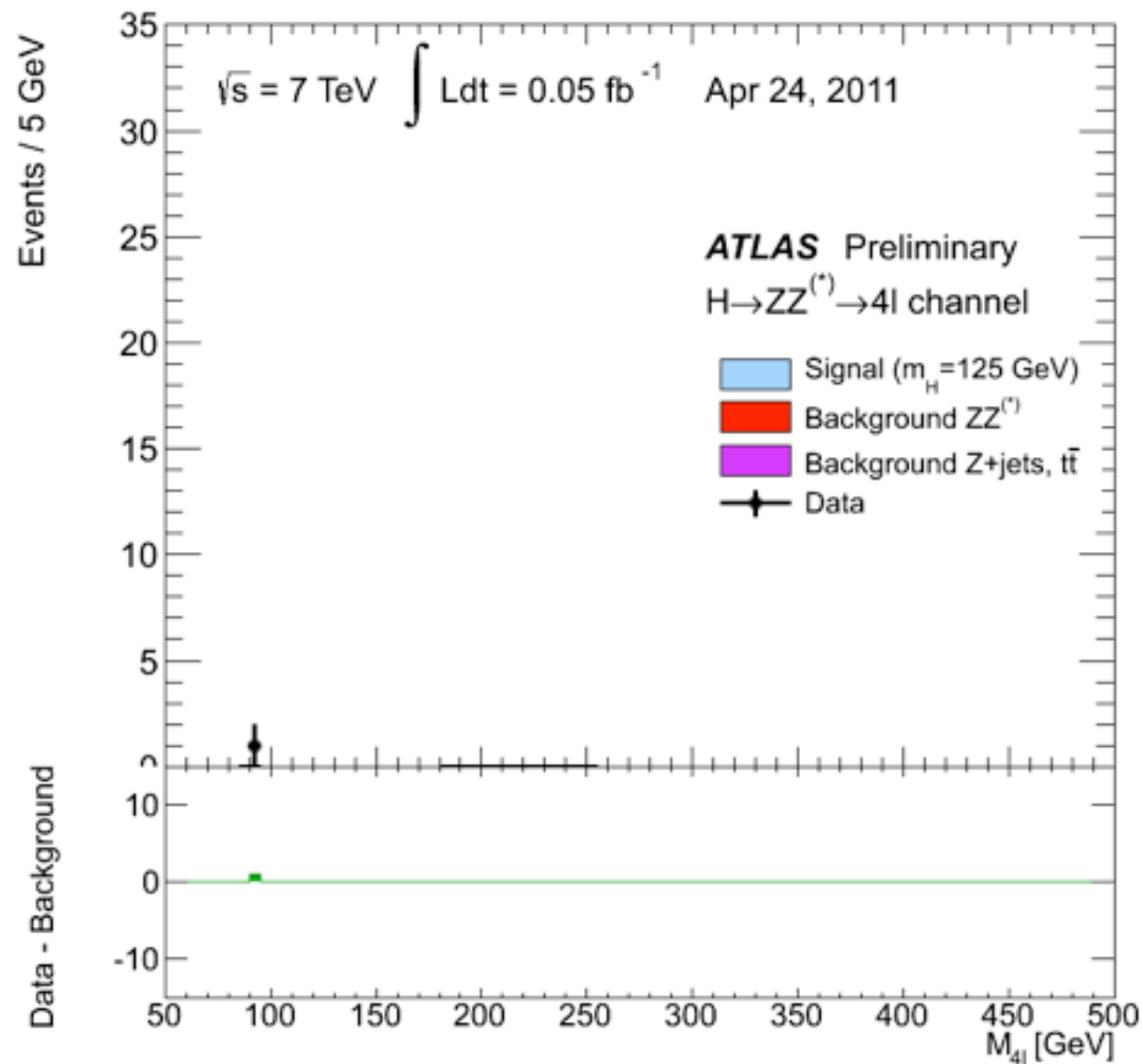
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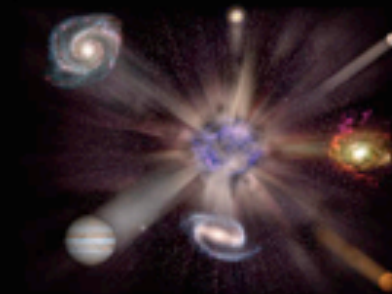
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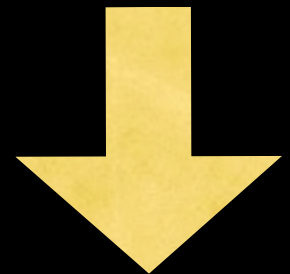
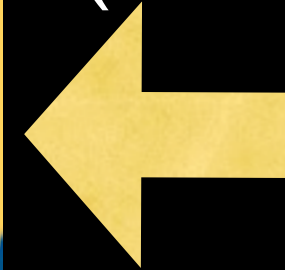
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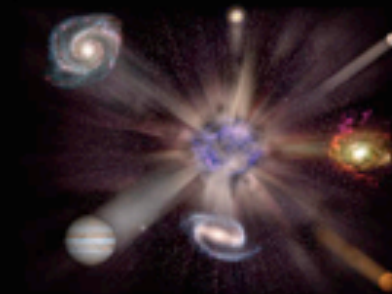


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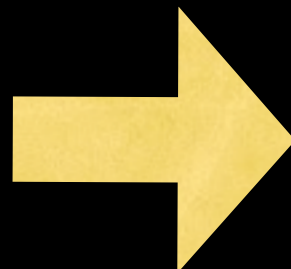
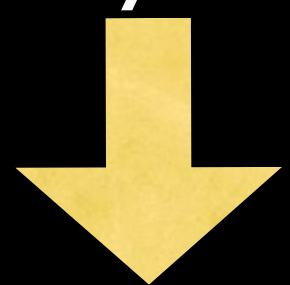
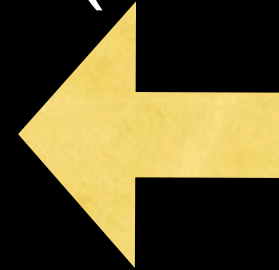
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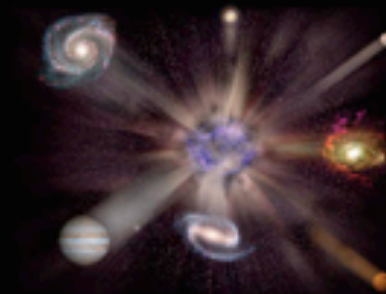
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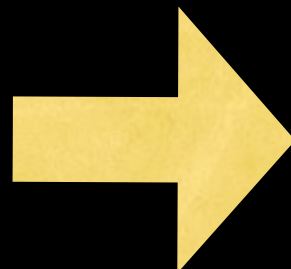
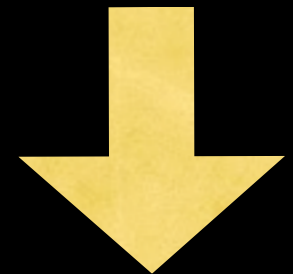
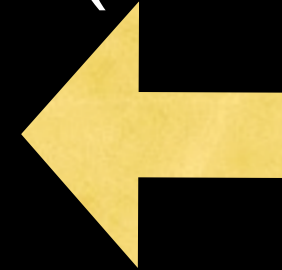
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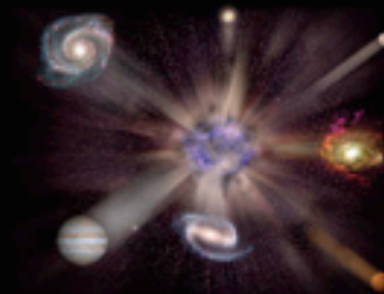


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