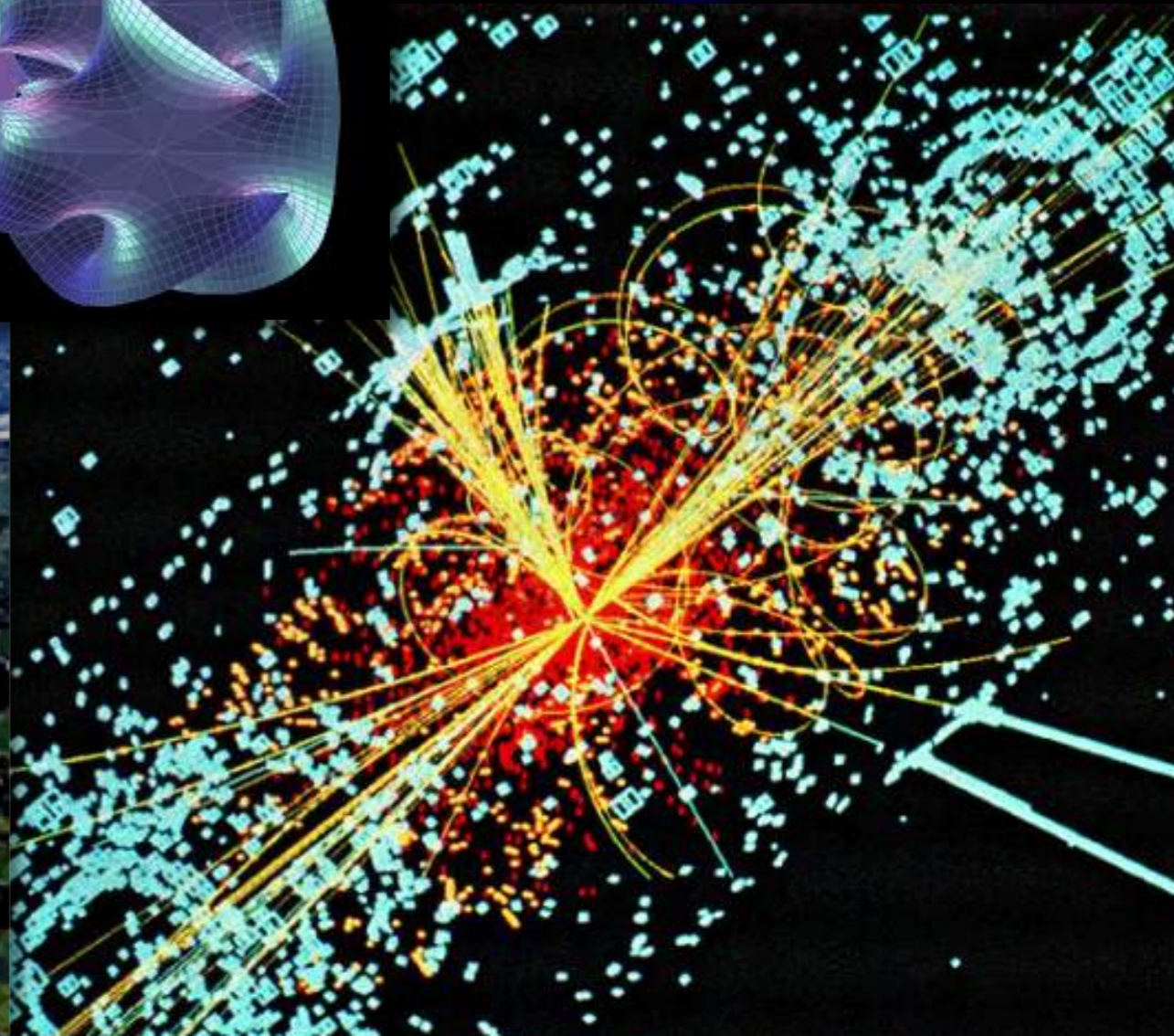
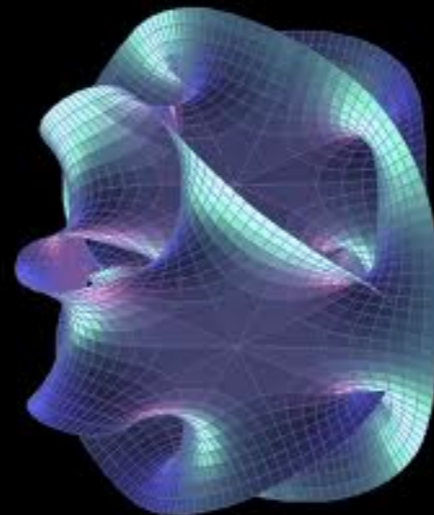
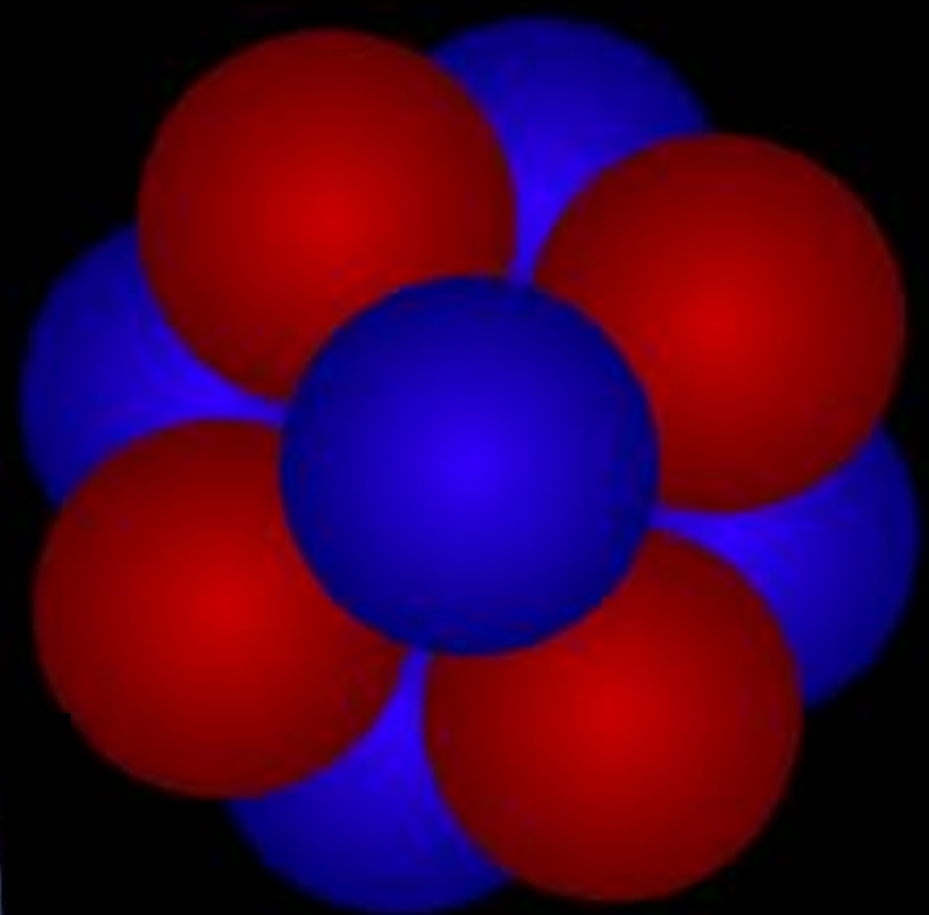


# Quantum Gravity

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# PART I

Classical gravity



# What is Gravity?

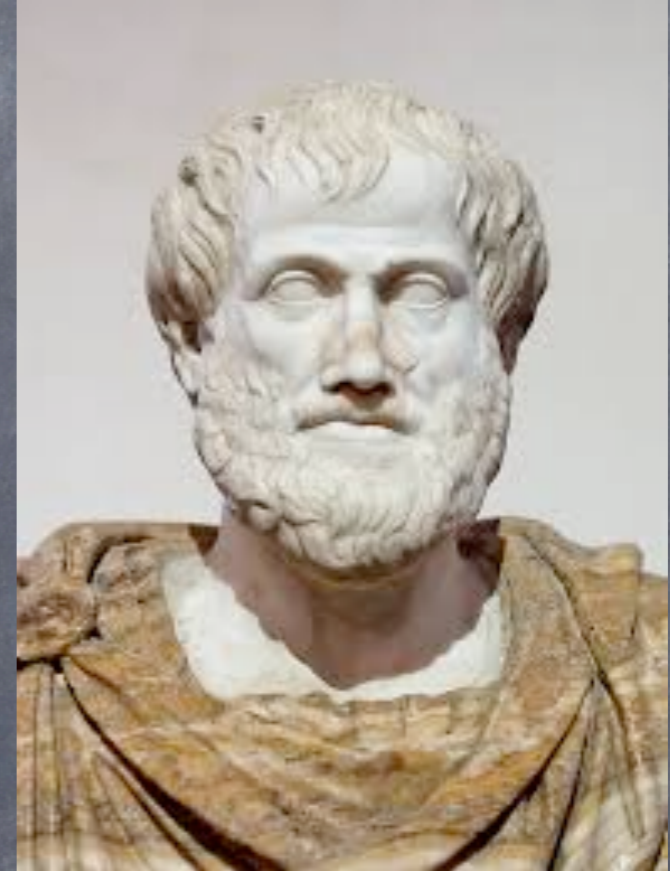
- We all had *encounters* with gravity in our *daily lives*



- Gravity is an *extremely* important factor in *shaping* our Universe
- Still: *a most mysterious force* ....

# A quick history of gravity

- Aristotle: There is no *motion* without cause! (Force)
- Vituvius: Gravity not dependent on *weight* rather on *substance*! (Acceleration)
- Brahmagupta: Earth is spherical and attract things! (Uniformity)



# Scientific method

Gravity– no exception!

Standard scientific method endless cycle of explaining results of experiments through new theories:

Data  $\leftrightarrow$  Theory  $\leftrightarrow$  Better data  $\leftrightarrow$  New theory...

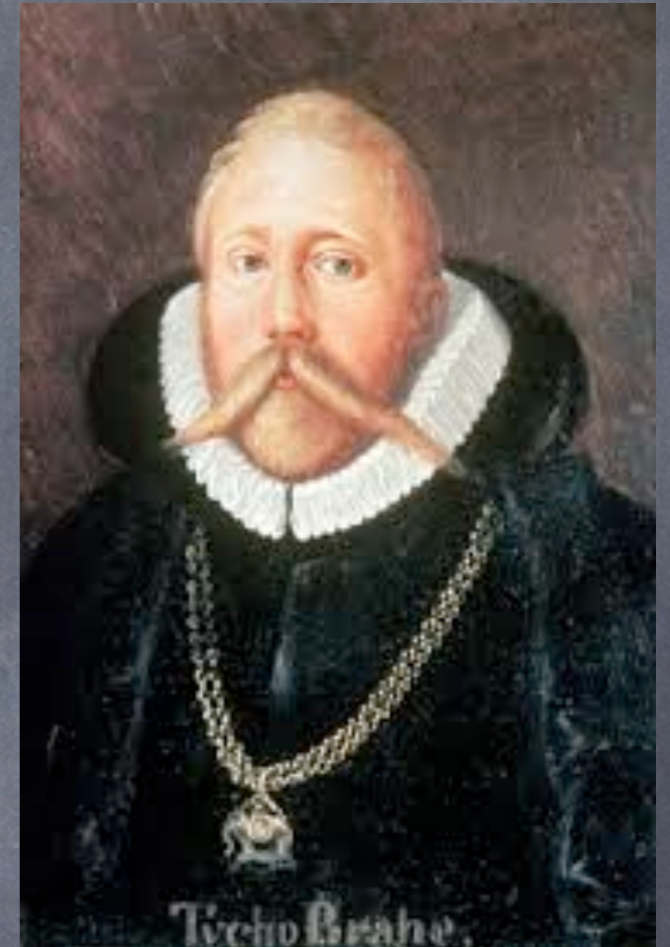
Ideas



Experiment/Observations

# Observations and new theory

- Tycho Brahe: **Direct observations of orbital anomalies for planets**
- Question: Heliocentric system?
- Difficult questions and challenge to "accepted" truths...
- Kepler: Through **careful analysis of Tycho Brahe's results**: laid the ground for Newton's work through his **laws for the motion of planets in the solar system**.



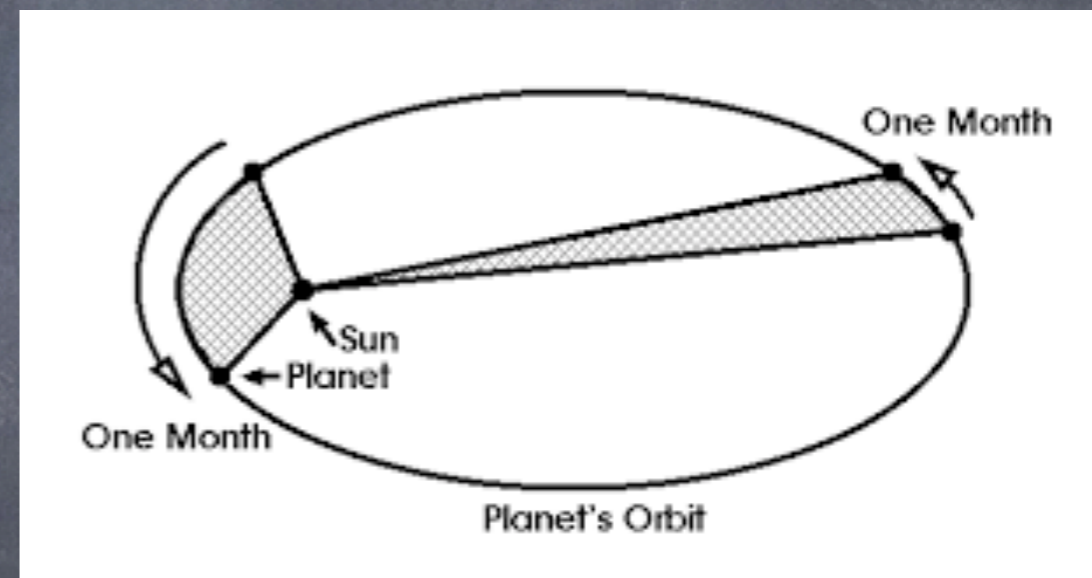
# Kepler's work

- The **orbits** of the planets are **ellipses**
- A line drawn from a planet to the sun **sweeps out equal areas in equal intervals of time**

- The **square of the Planets orbital period (T)** is proportional to the **cube of its average Distance (D)**

from the Sun.

$$T^2 \sim D^3$$





time since perihelion (years)  0.

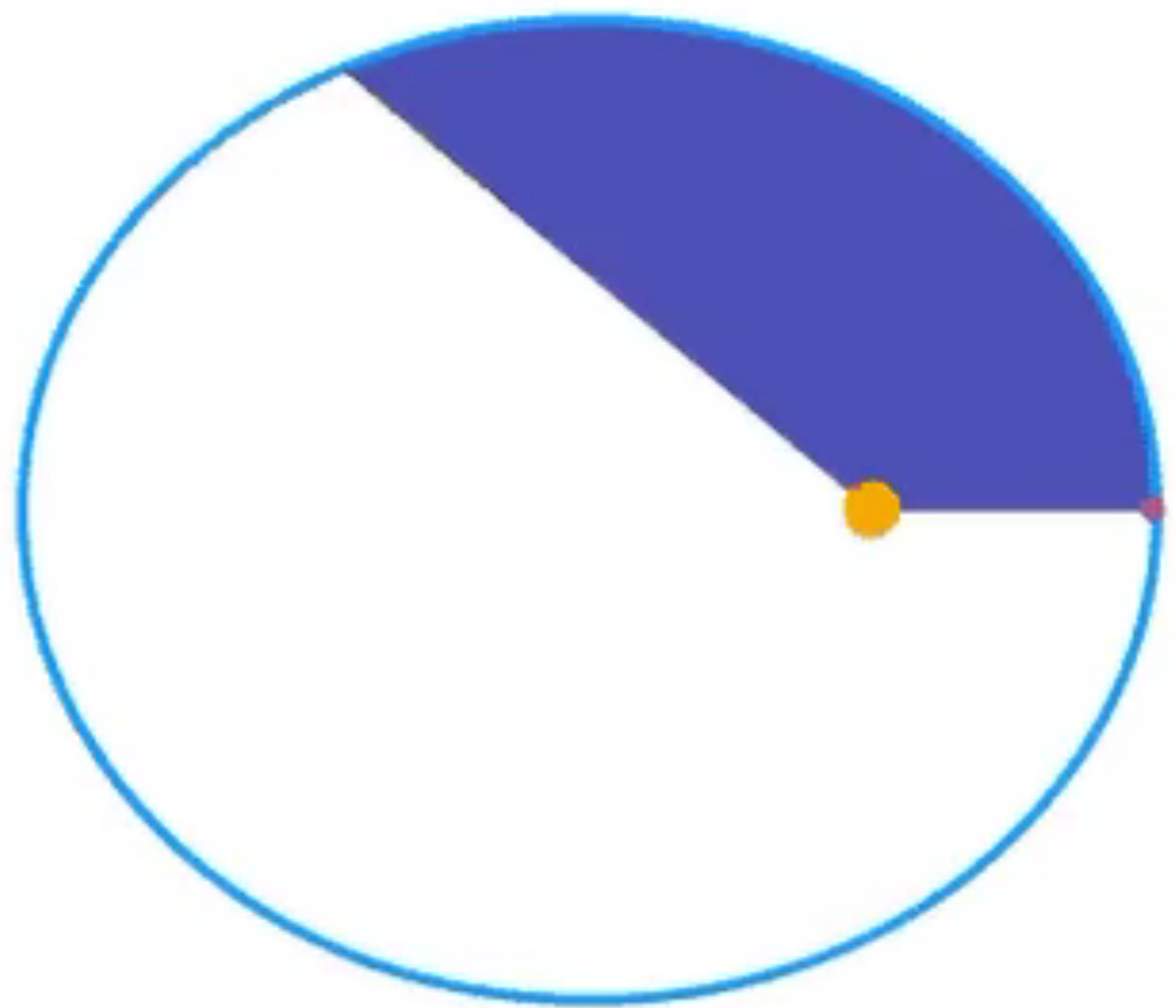
eccentricity  0.5

orbital period (years)  20

time span (years)  5

animate time since perihelion

area = 0.68 AU<sup>2</sup>



# Newton

Gravity attraction: between matter.

Newton: gravity fundamental force, same force on apple as for the moon.

New way of thinking..

Birth of modern physics: Newton's theory confirmed by numerous observations and experiments.

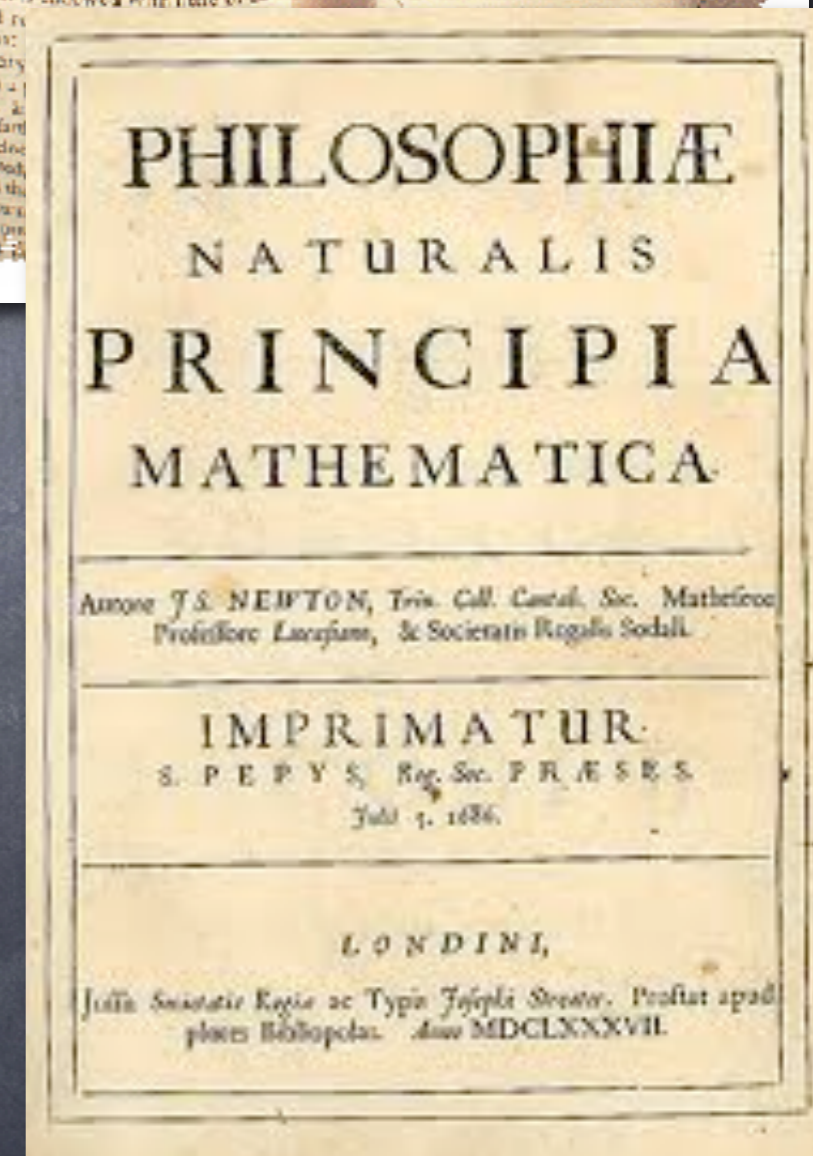
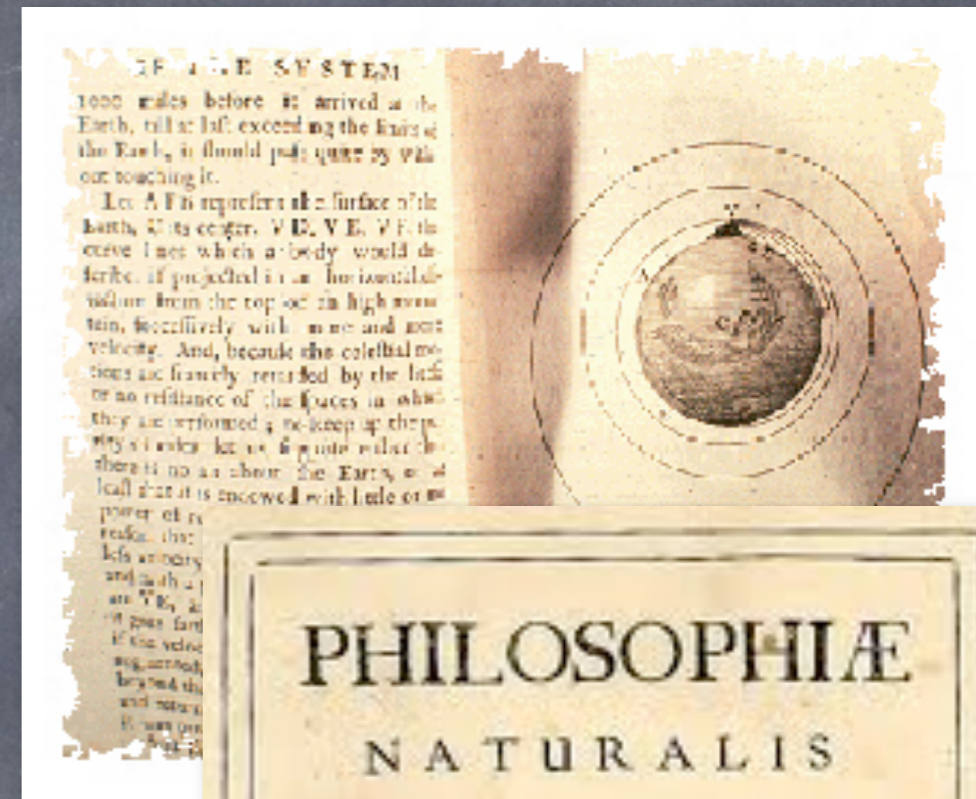


# Newton's work

- Gives a direct way to compute the effects of gravity

$$\text{Force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$$

- Explains a number of observations from theoretical reasons, derives Keplers law!
- Introduces the important notion: A universal force (a new concept)

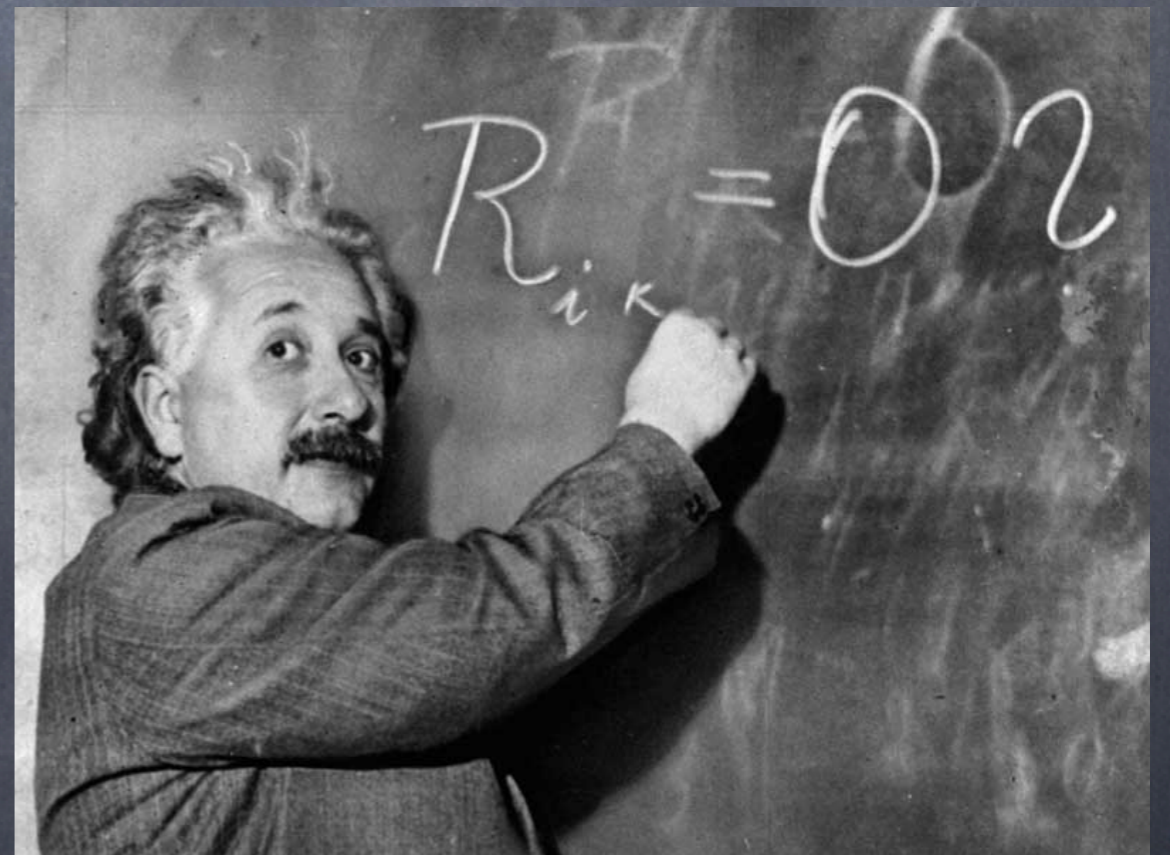


# Inertia



# Einstein's theories

- The concept of **universal forces** in Nature is inspiration for **Maxwell** who combines **Electric and Magnetic forces** as **one force** of Nature.
- The **theory of Electromagnetism** is problematic to combine with **Newtonian mechanics**, but leads **Einstein** on the track to **formulate special relativity...**



# Einstein's general theory

- Derived from the principles of special relativity but introducing new concepts
- Basic equation is the Einstein equation:

Curvature is connected to the energy-density

Leads to the notion of curvature of space!

- Gravity is a result of attraction between densities of energy, curvature of space is given by solving the Einstein equation.

# Experimental verification

Einstein predicts: **Bending of light**

- **Light bends** around massive objects
- Deflection can be measured
- Gives clear justification to **Einstein's theory!**

**EINSTEIN THEORY TRIUMPHS**

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**Stars Not Where They Seemed  
or Were Calculated to be,  
but Nobody Need Worry.**

# Experimental verification

Einstein predicts: **Perihelion distortion**




- Planet orbits are generally **a little distorted** from their **Newtonian form (ellipses)**.
- This is due to the **Newtonian mechanics neglect of energy** as a source of gravity.
- Can be measured rather **precisely**.






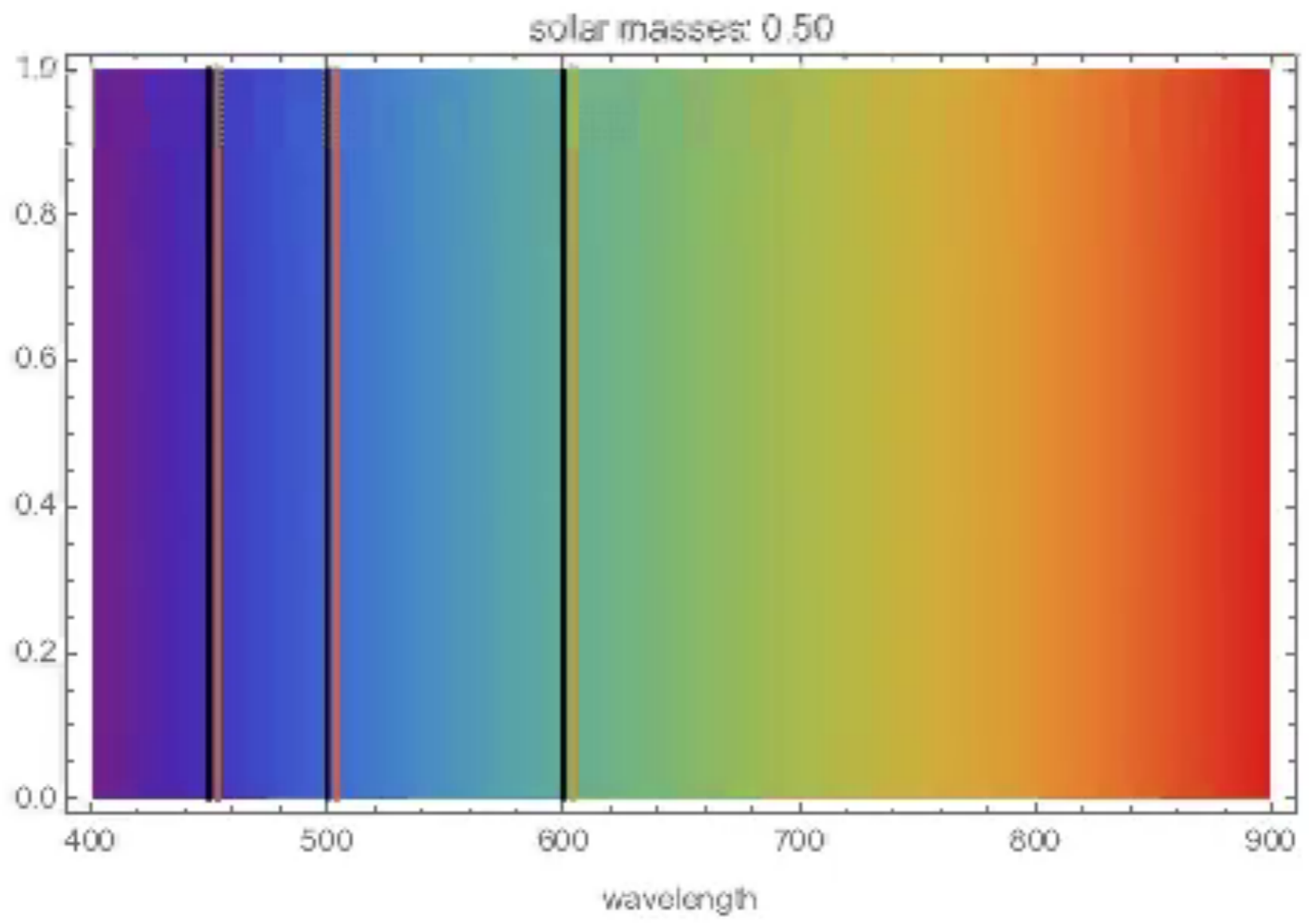
# Experimental verification

- Gravitational time dilatation:
  - Time goes little slower on the surface of a massive object, this can be observed as a small time delay!
  - Plays a crucial role for GPS systems
  - Gives a gravitational redshift for light



solar mass   

distance of photon from mass   



# Einstein's theory

- A beautiful theory based on one equation, explaining all theories before and giving important new theoretical results
- Everything we know about gravity is in correlation with the general theory of relativity
- Deterministic theory like Newton's theory: given initial conditions everything is known in future!



# PART II

Deterministic vs. Non  
deterministic

# Deterministic vs. Non-deterministic

In order to understand how this question becomes important in theoretical physics  
– one has to understand **matter better**

Eventually this question comes down is matter really **dividable forever** or does **smallest quantities** appear at some scale.

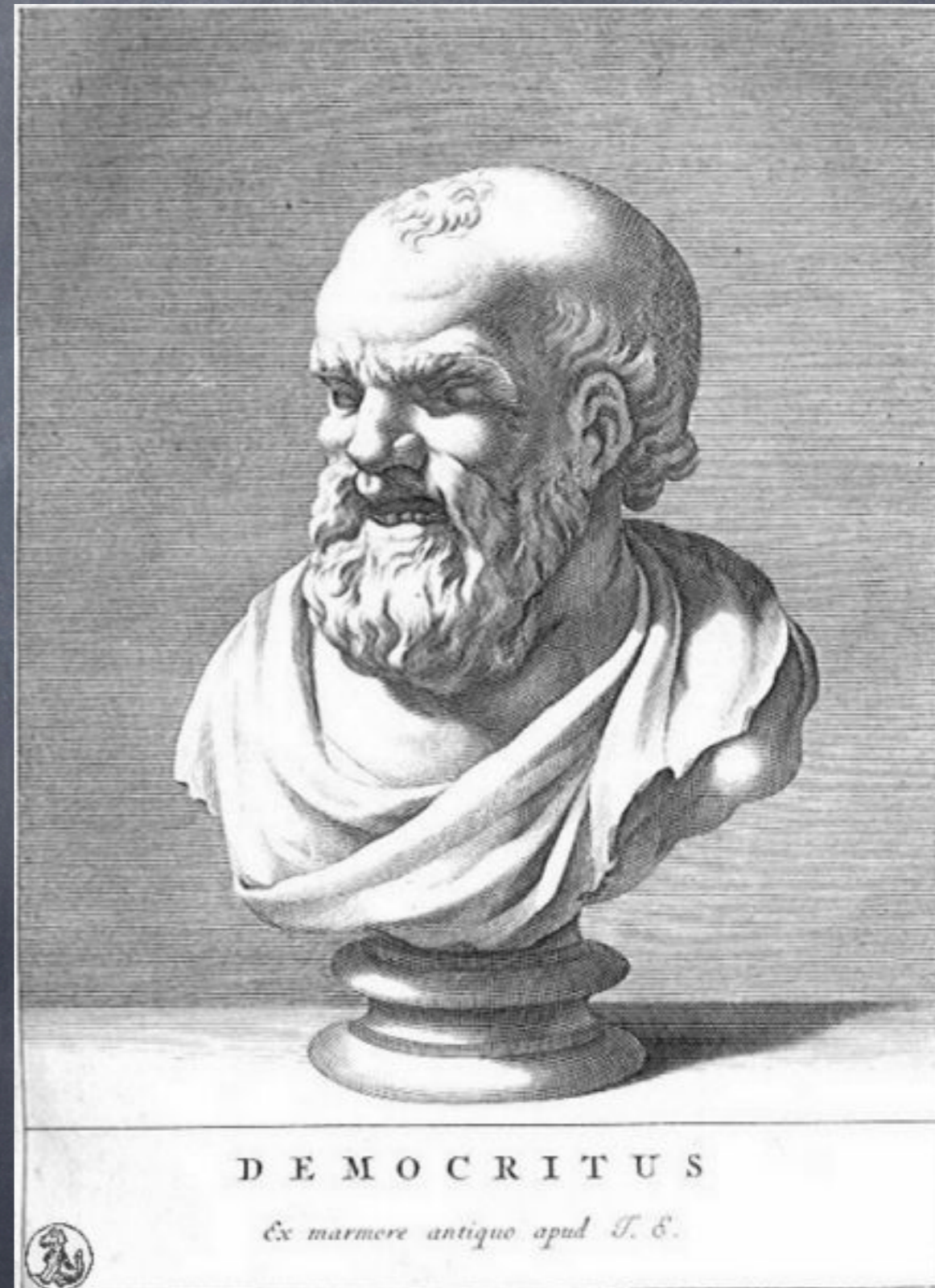
Birth: **Quantum mechanics**

# History of atoms

**Idea:** matter containing undividable particles (atoms)

Close to modern knowledge of atoms constituting matter

**Philosophical work:** no direct experiments to establish if theory is correct...

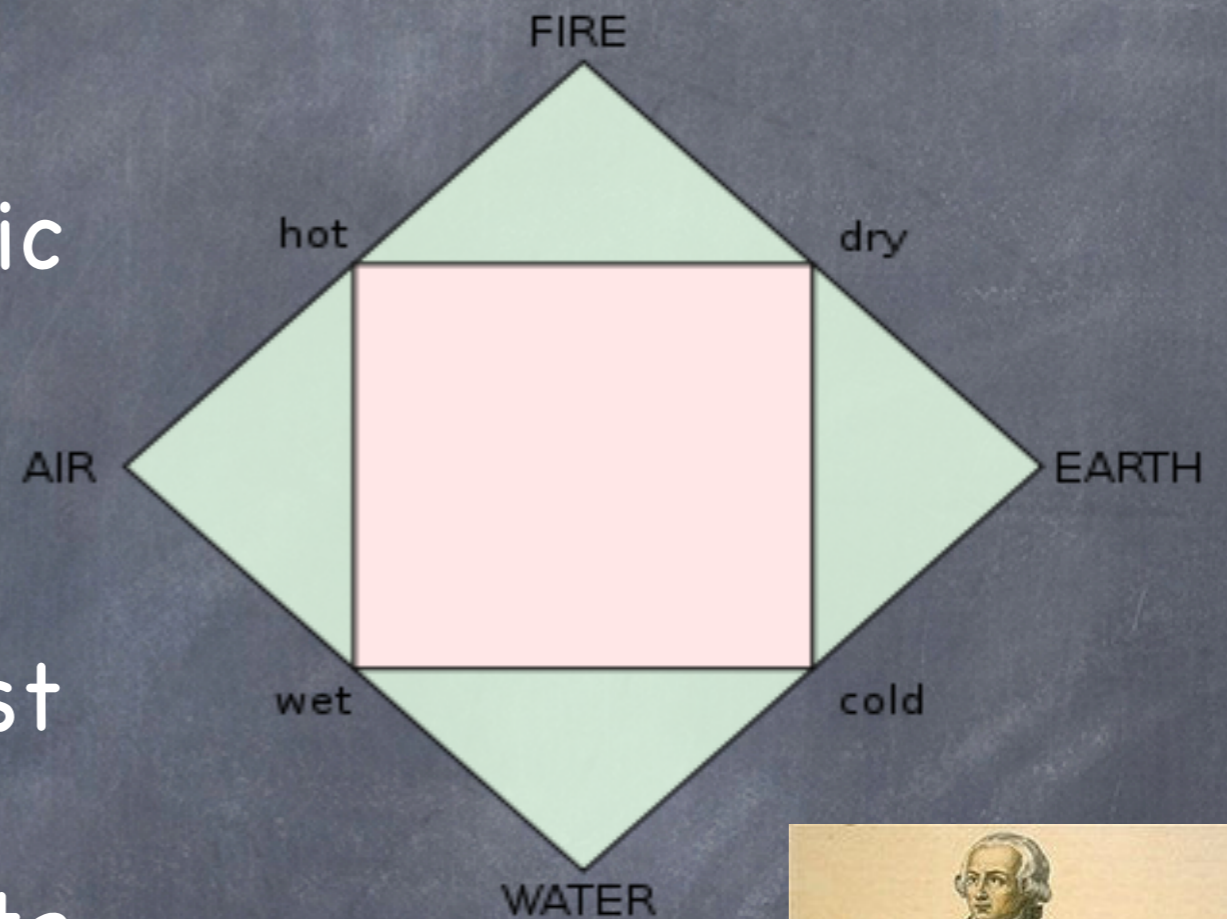


# Air, Fire, Earth, Water

In the middle ages, alchemy, **Aristotle's** elements – based on basic observations (data)

**Lavoisier:** creator of modern chemistry (against the phlogiston theory)

**Idea:** elements constitute matter and interact through chemistry → idea of a periodic table of elements





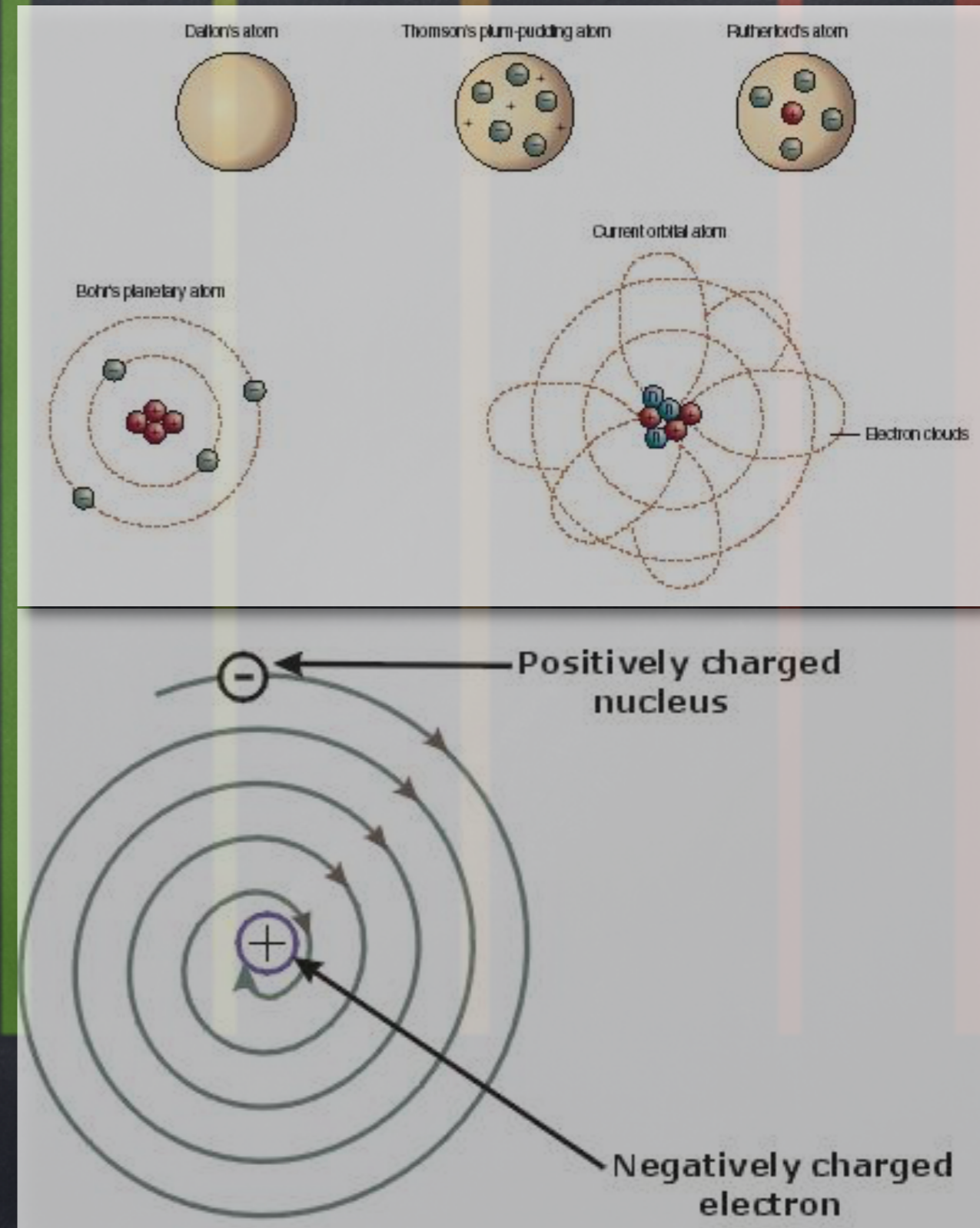
# 1913 Atoms and Nuclei

## Properties of atoms and nuclei

Spectral lines

A very hard and small nucleus

**Challenge:** To understand of the concept of interactions at the quantum level.

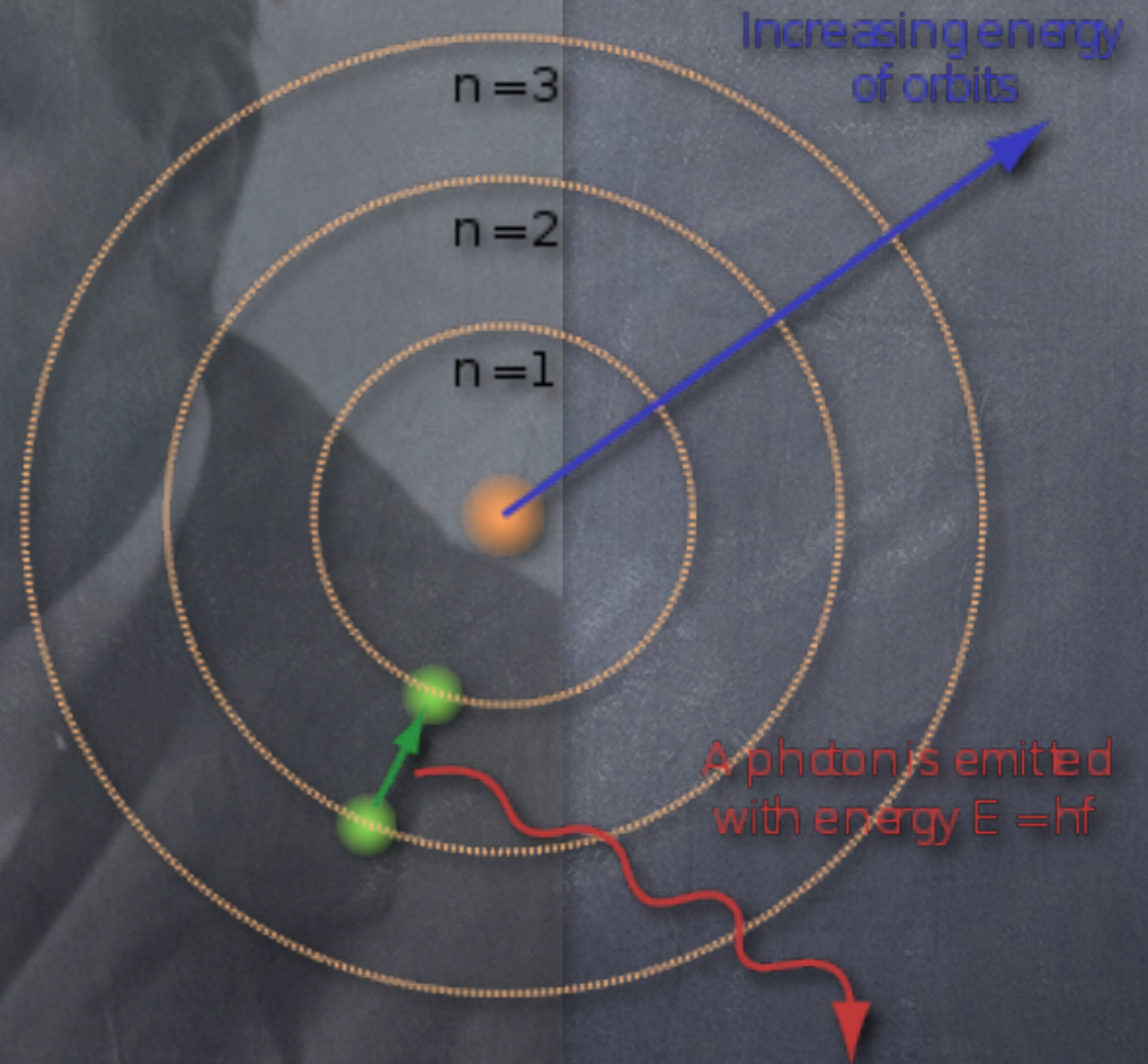


# Niels Bohr's model for the atom

Creative new solution to problem of stability and explanation of spectra:

Fixed energy levels between shells

Quantum jumps between shells: light (photon) emission

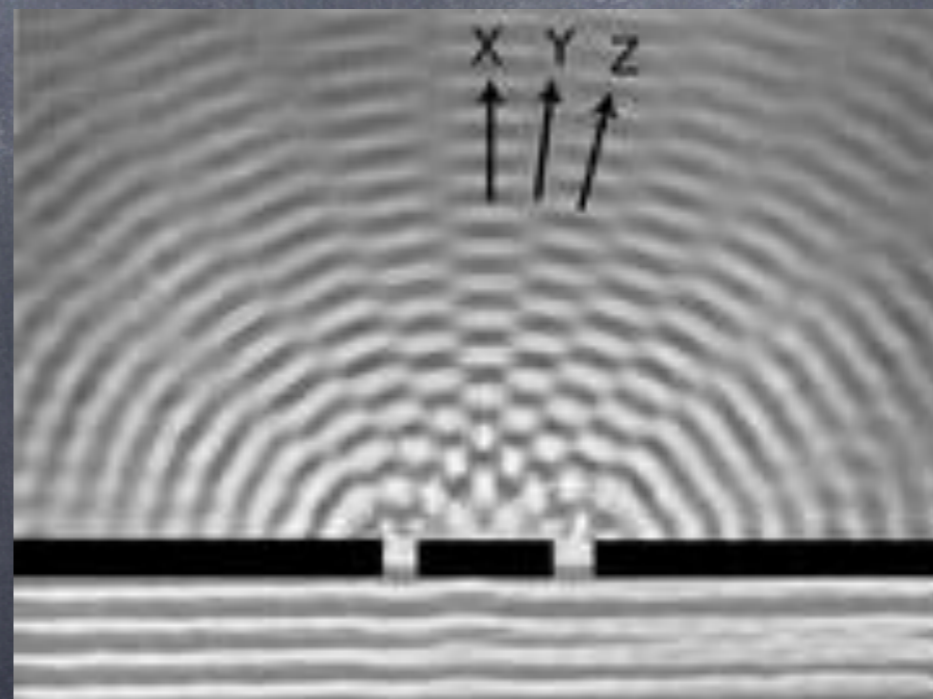
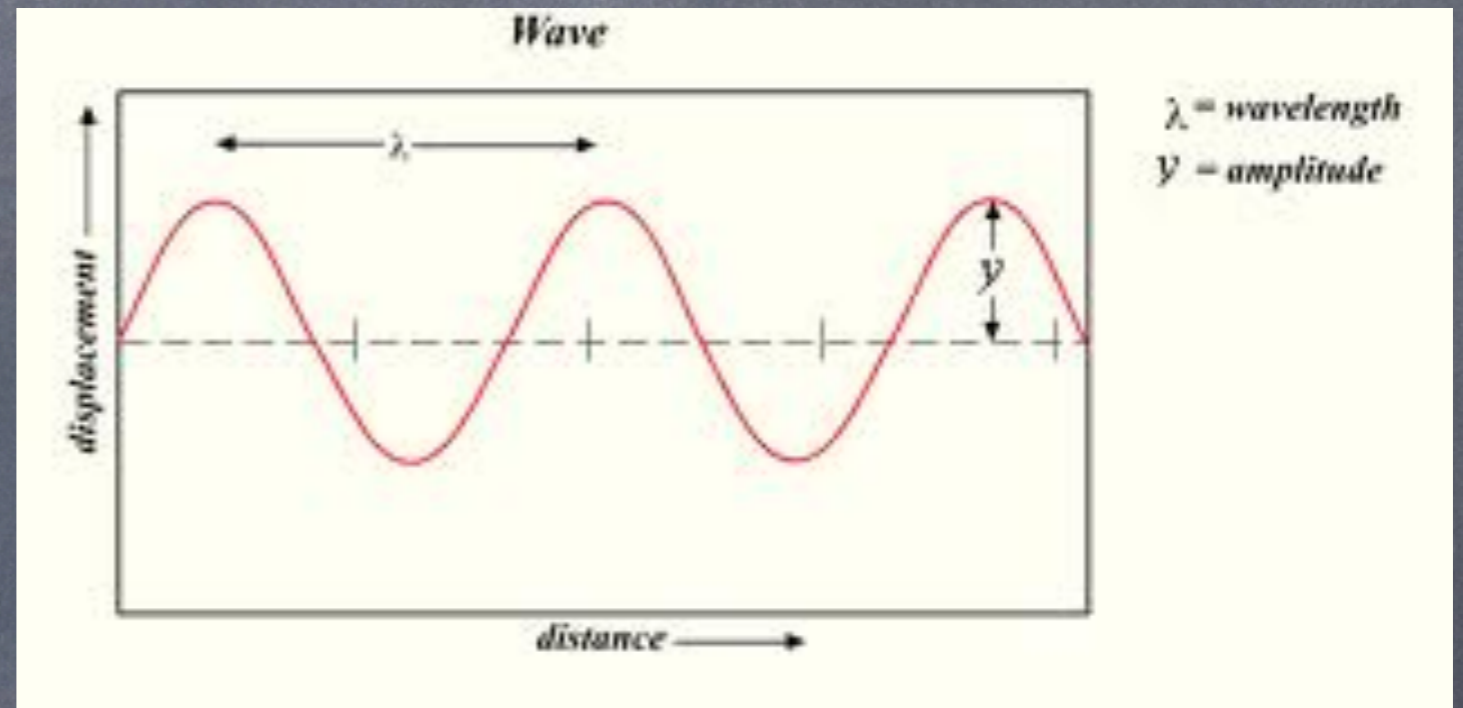


# Amplitudes

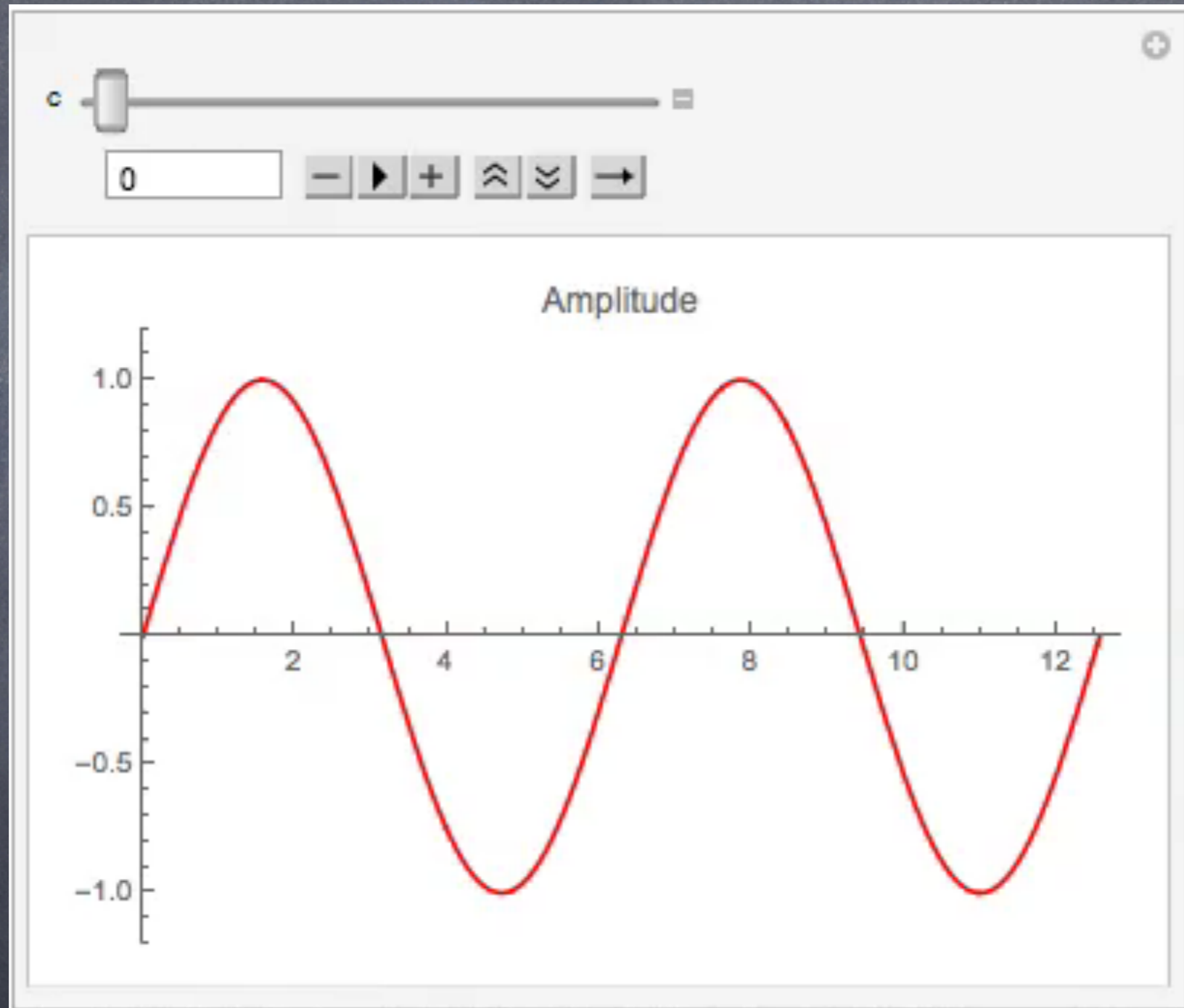
Fundamental object in quantum mechanics

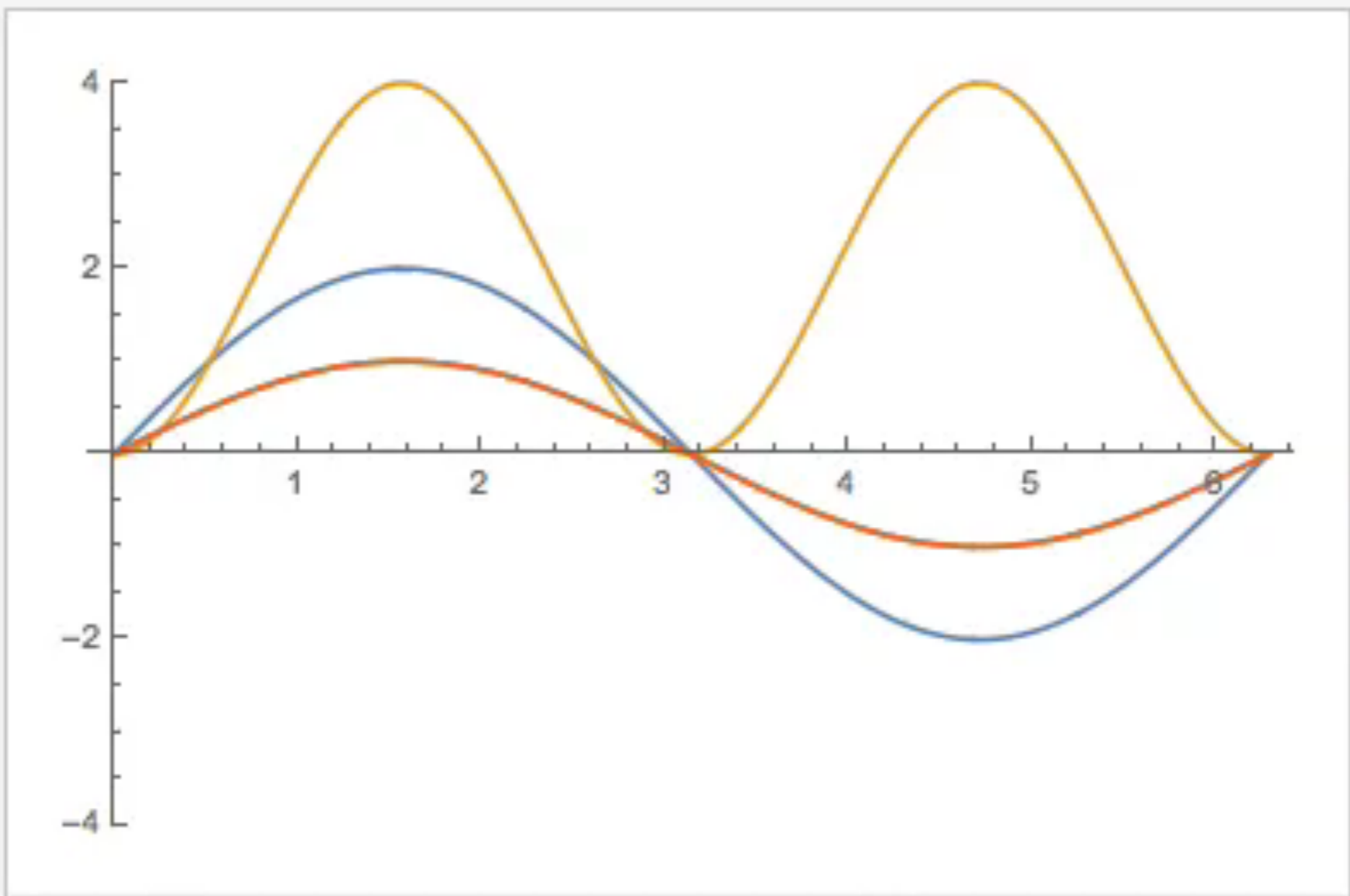
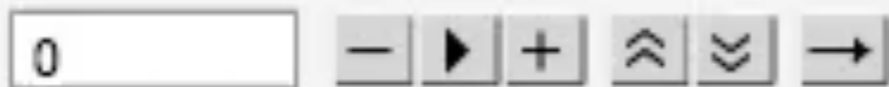
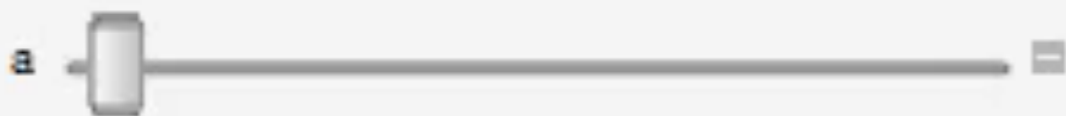
Matter described as waves/amplitudes

Squaring the amplitude gives quantum probability



# Amplitudes and probability

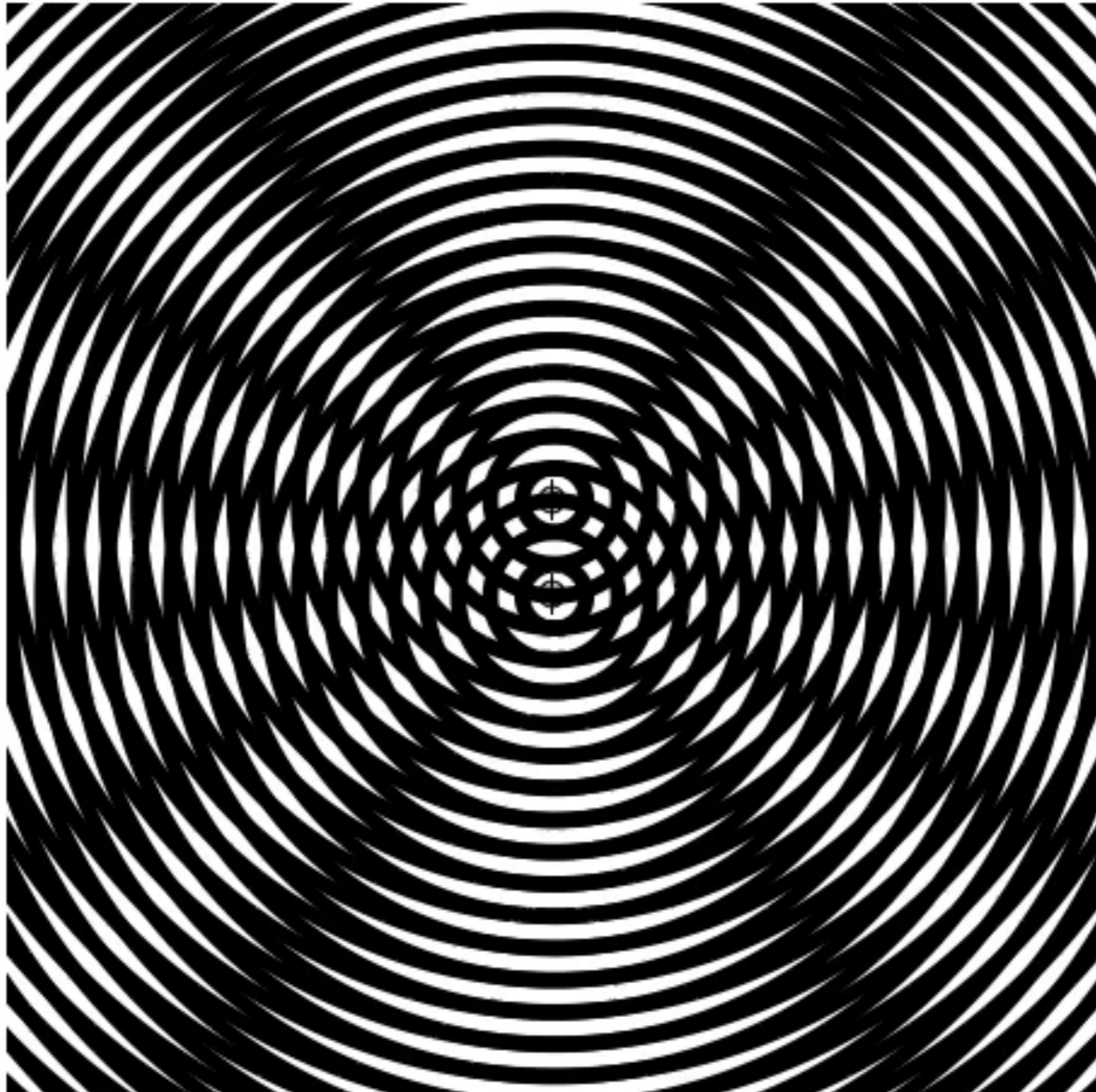




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# Quantum Mechanics

Unique importance for physics

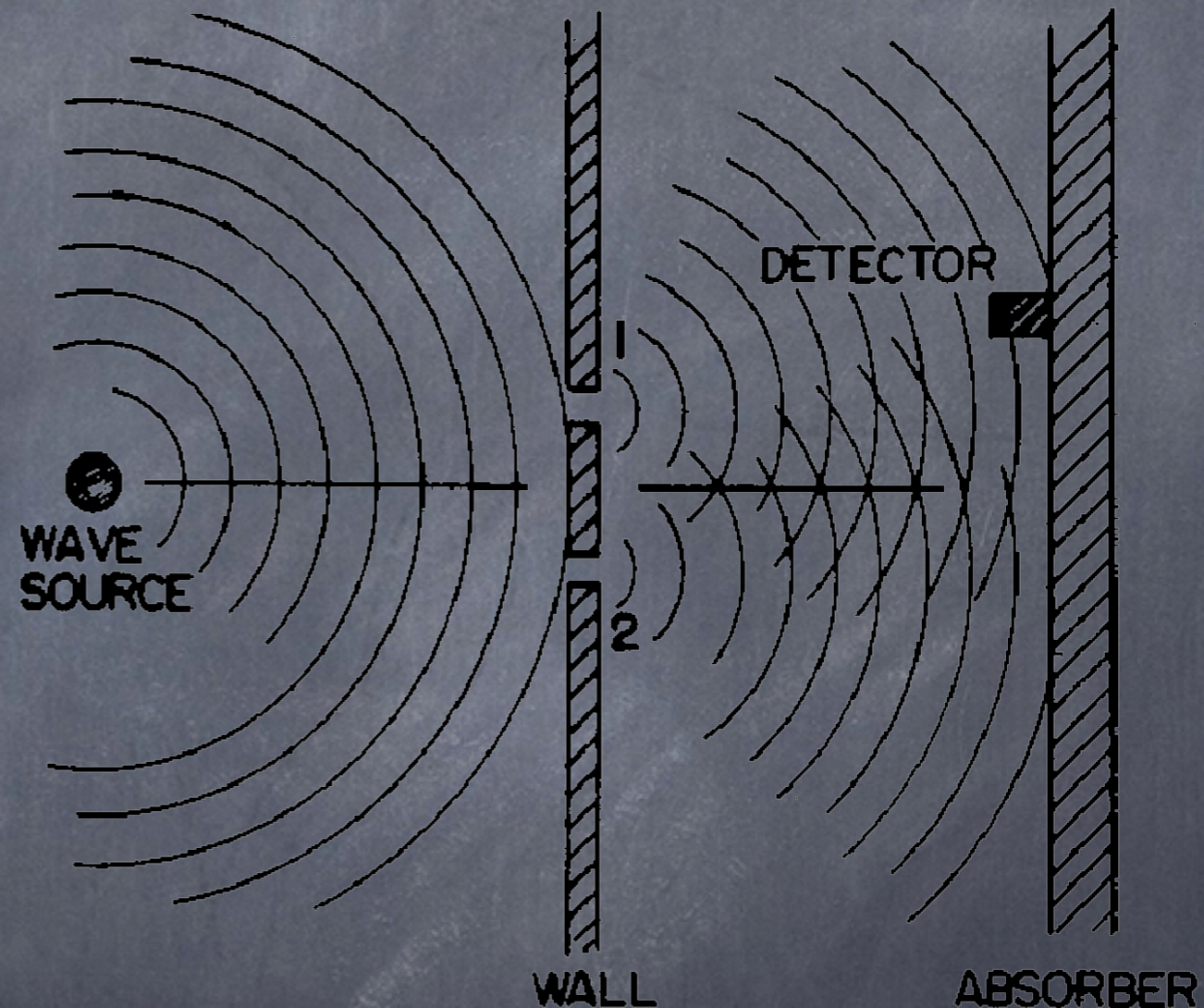
Completely new concepts

Complimentary interpretation

Extremely successful:

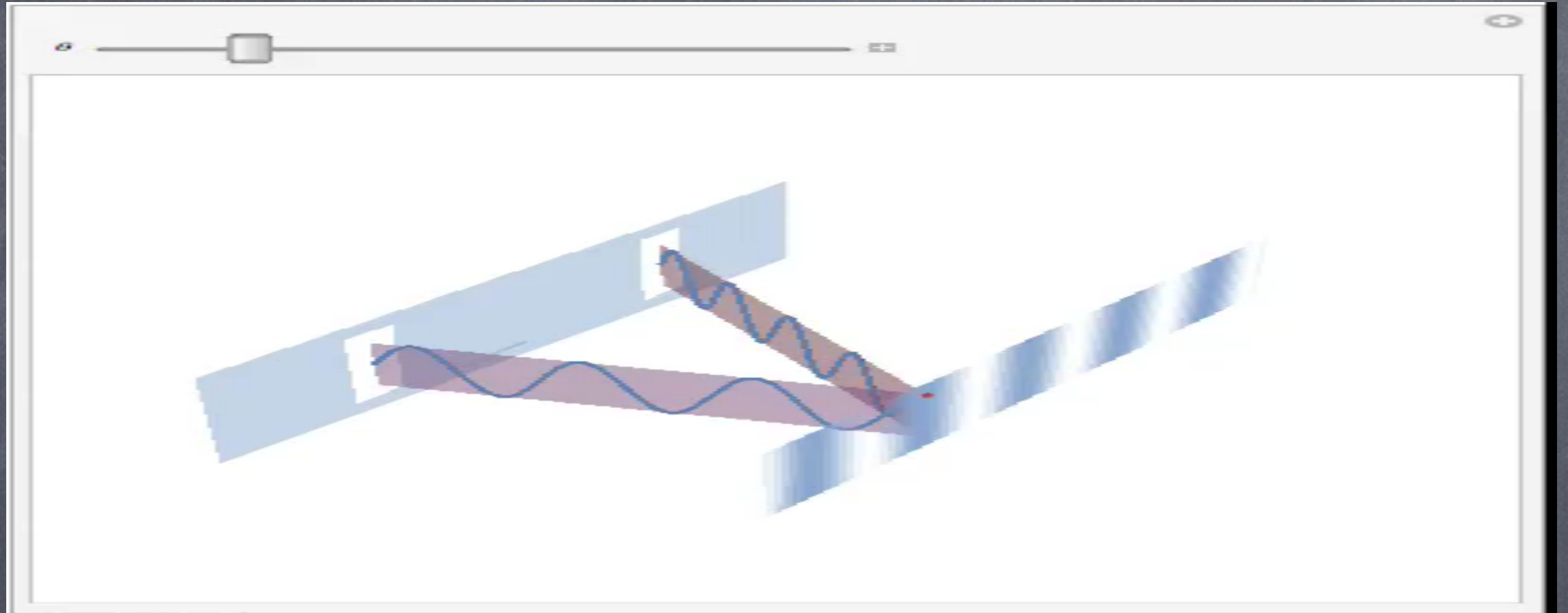
Match of theory to experiment with unseen high precision

The quantum path forward for Theoretic Physics even today



Position and momentum cannot be measured at the same time

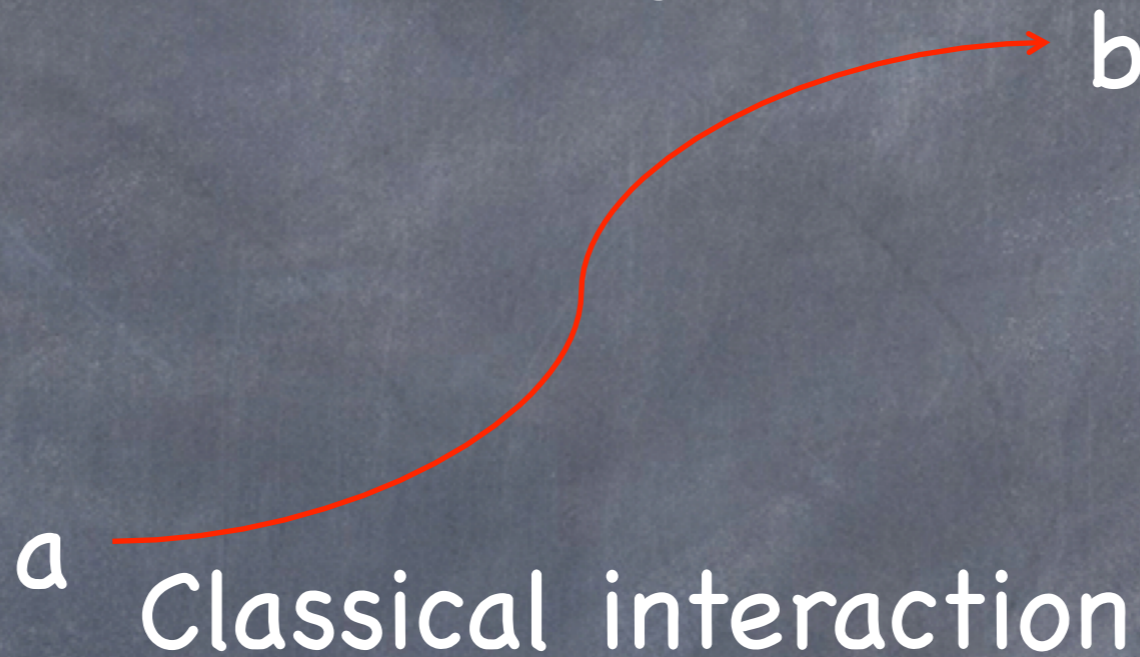
# Interference properties



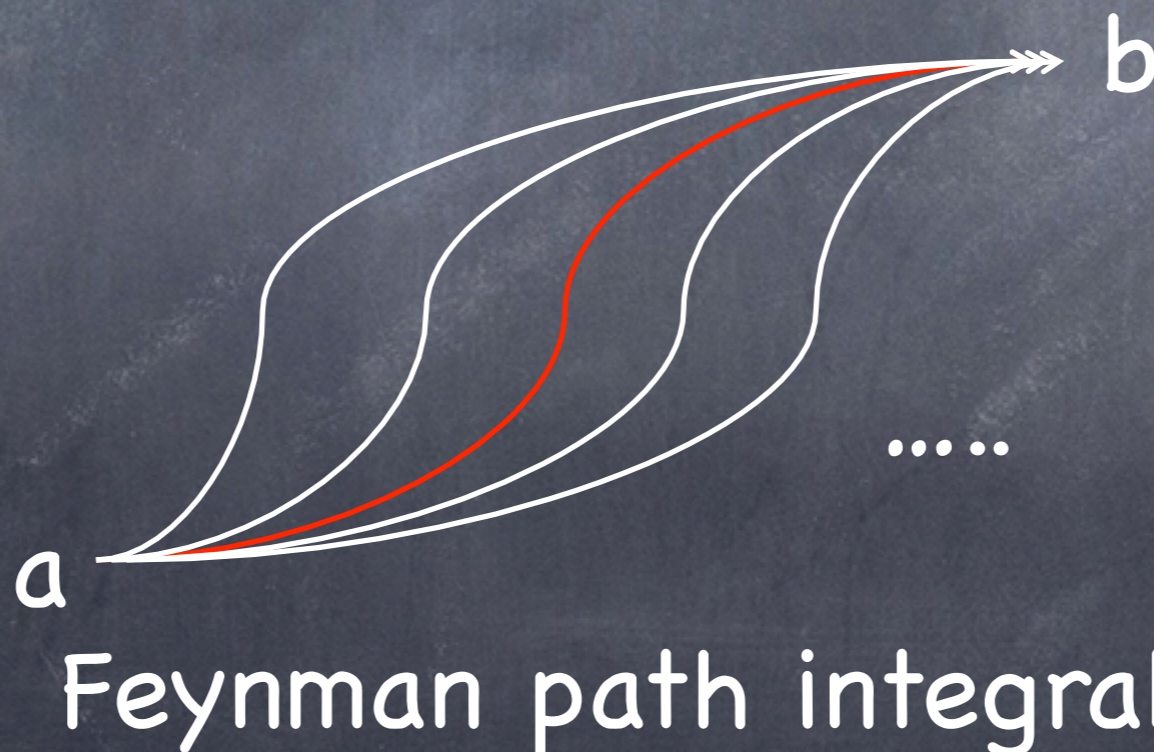
Distinct break between quantum and classical physics –  
Wave properties hold for single particles



# Deterministic vs. Non-deterministic



Have to  
integrate/sum  
over all paths



# Particle wave duality

Absolutely crucial in Quantum Mechanics

- Particle properties are as real as wave properties. It is the same fundamental manifestation of matter.
- What we have grasp is that this is fundamental break with classical mechanics where all variables can be measured at the same time to all times
- Problem: Quantum gravity? What framework?

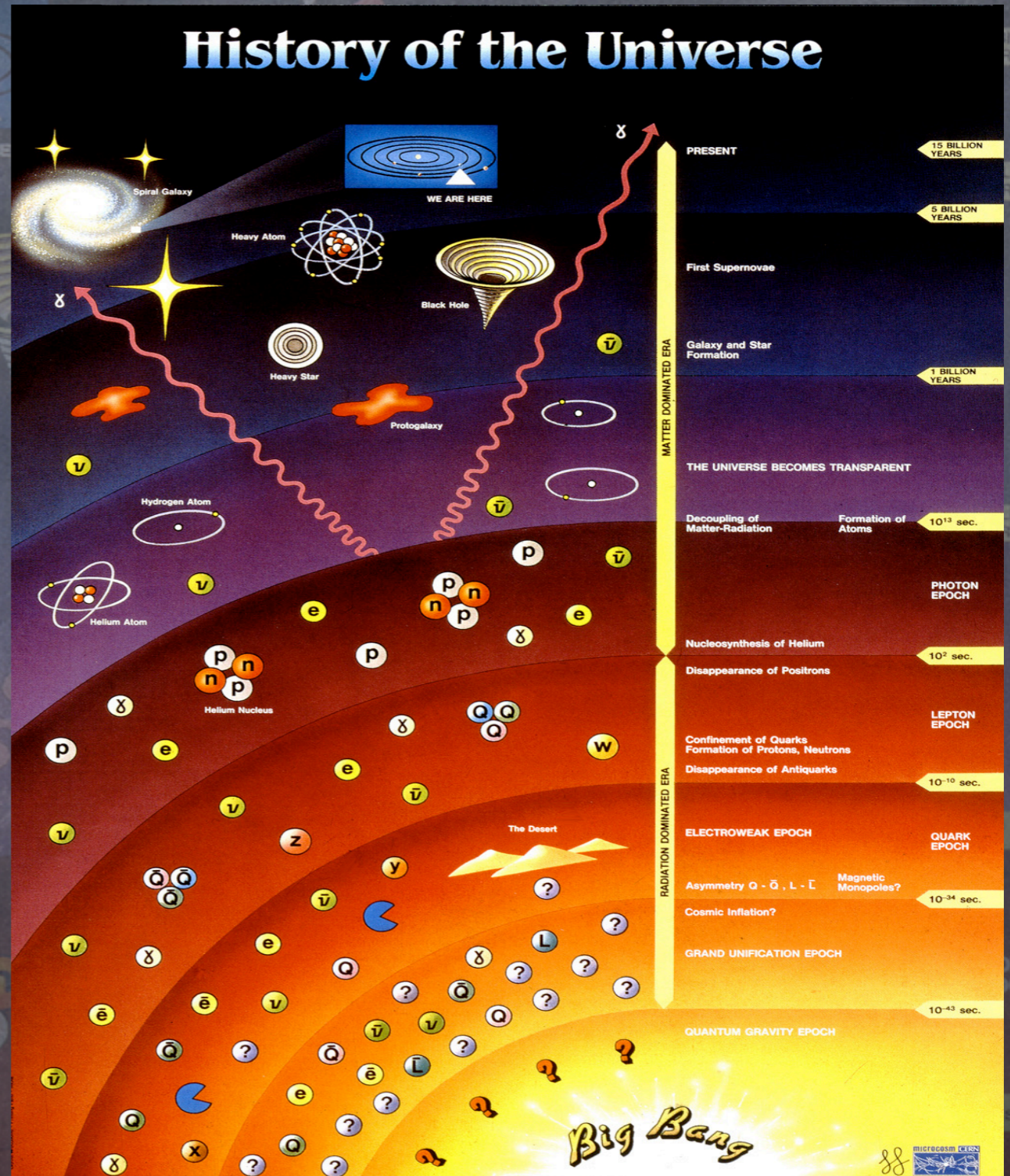


# PART III

Modern Particle physics

# History of the Universe

Concerned with a large number of topics ranging from the sub-nuclear scales to the cosmological



# High Energy Physics

Some current goals and ongoing investigations:

## New physics

New particles and symmetries  
(esp. Supersymmetry)

Understanding "Dark matter"

Extra dimensions of spacetime?

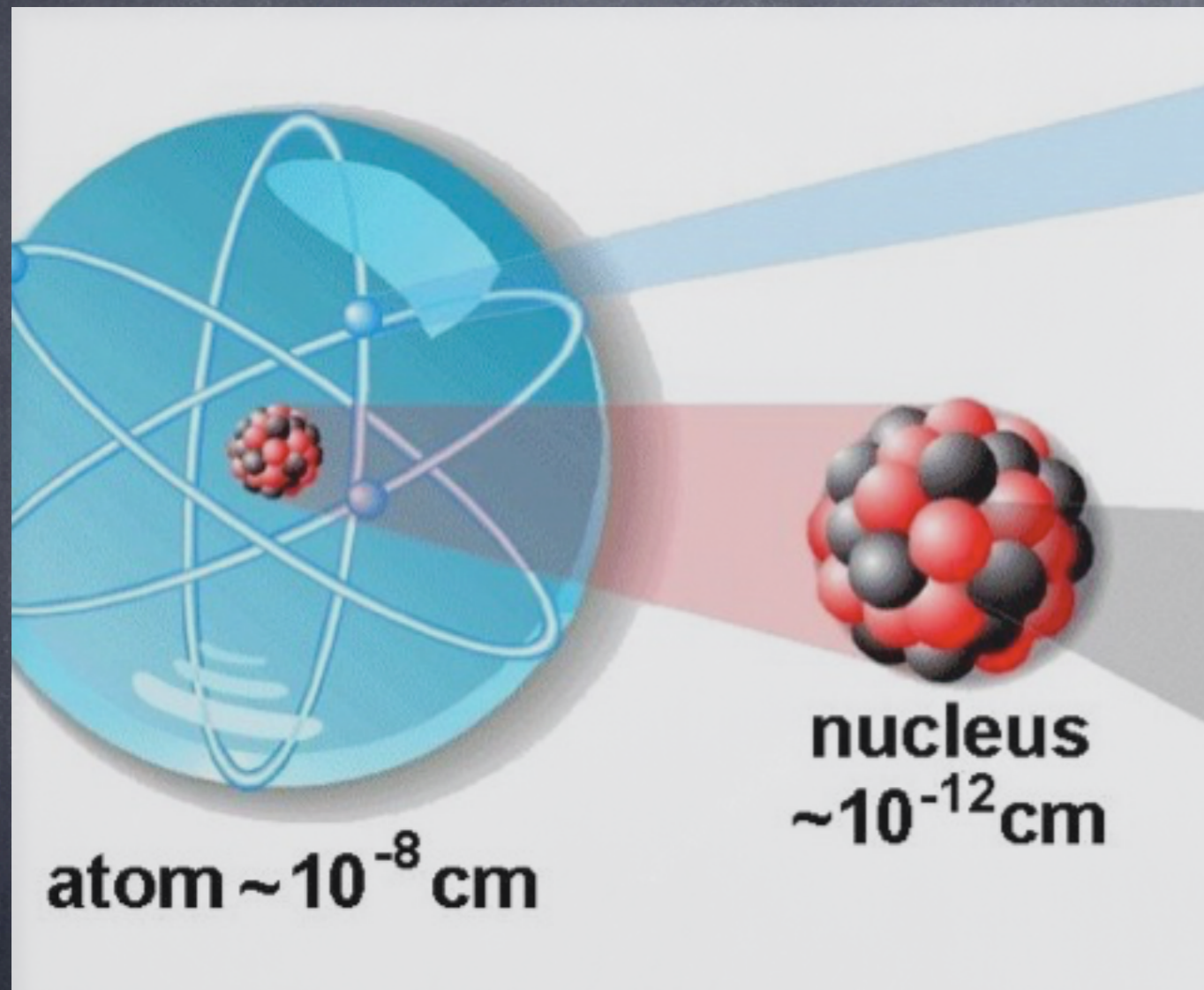
Masses of neutrinos

Anti-symmetry of matter

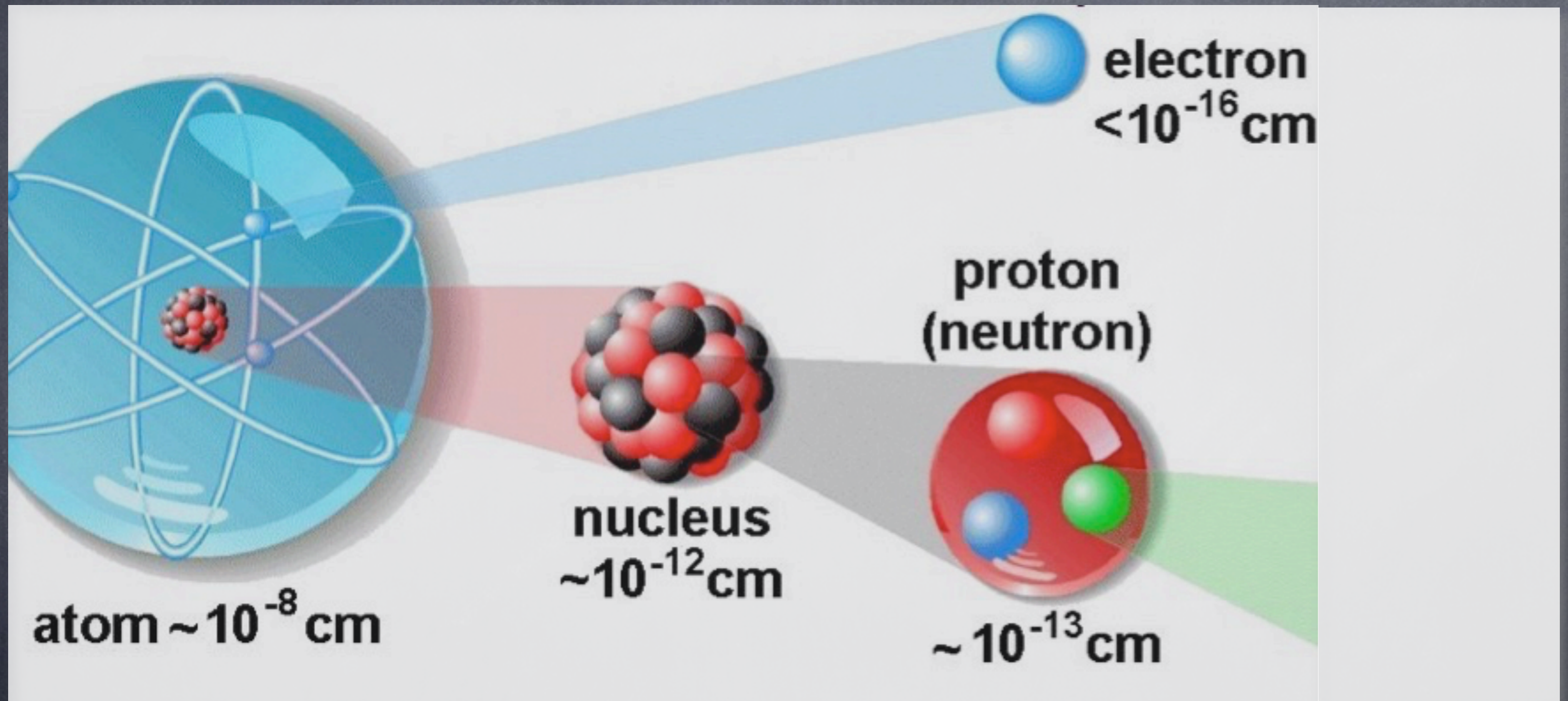
Quantum gravity

Unification of forces

# From the atom to the nucleus

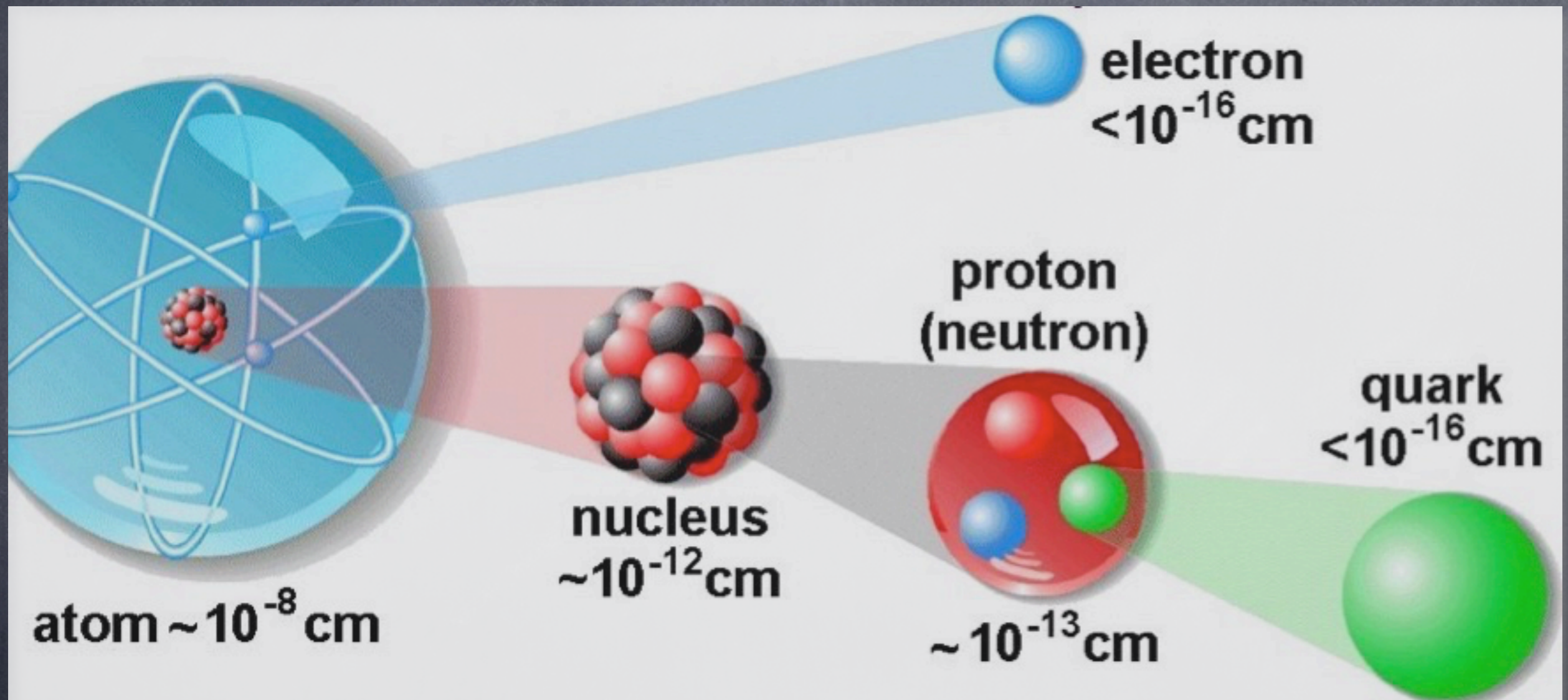


# From the atom to the proton

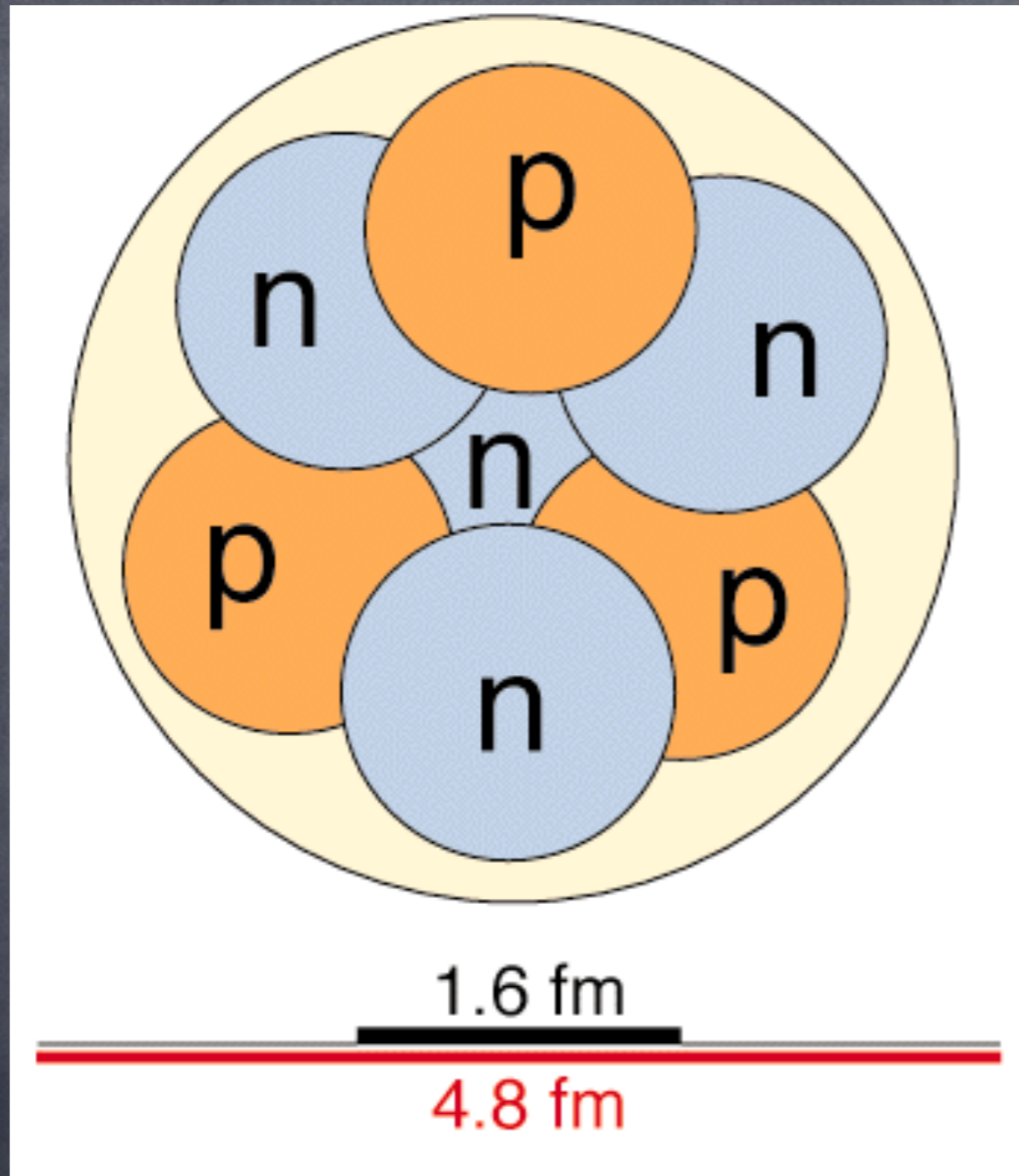




# From the atom to the quark



# Nucleus



**Atom:** Nucleus and Electrons, held together by Electromagnetic forces.

**Nucleus:** Protons and Neutrons held together by much stronger nuclear forces.

**Possible:** in many cases to reuse solutions from atomic physics

# Nuclear forces

## Weak nuclear interactions

Force particle: W and Z bosons

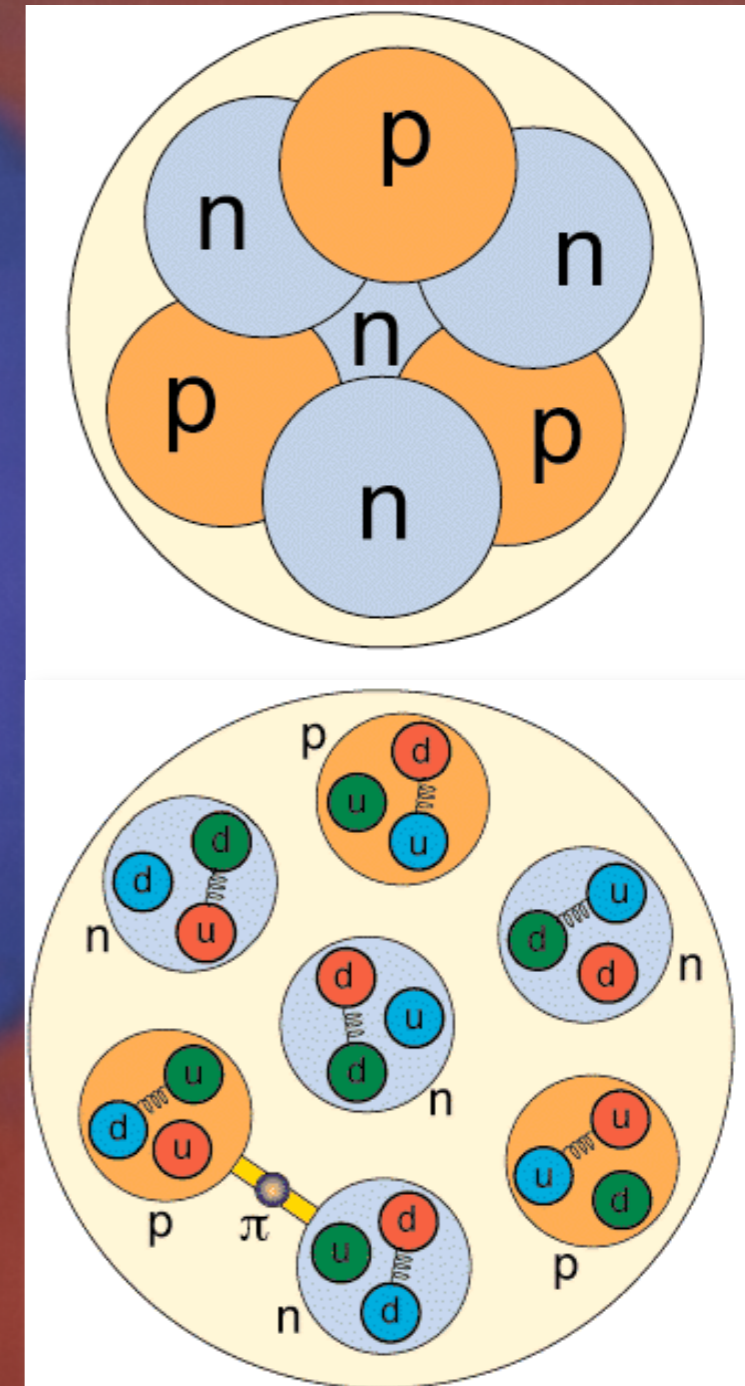
Neutrons decay into Protons:  
**new particle: neutrino**

## Strong nuclear interactions

Force particle: gluon

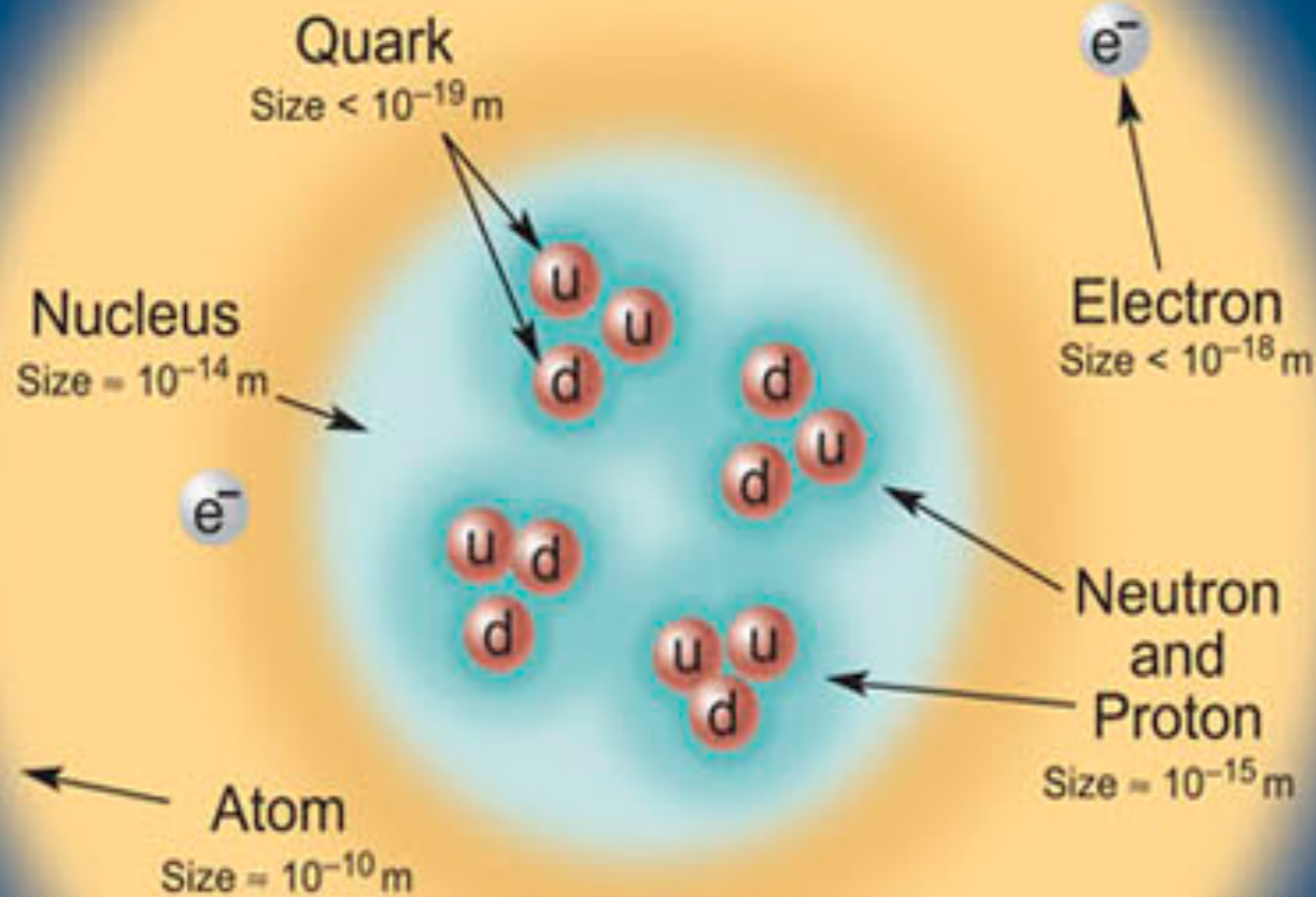
Quarks interact via gluons

**New concept:** Asymptotic freedom



# Standard Model of particle physics: Bosons, leptons and quarks – gravity?

## Structure within the Atom



### Unified Electroweak spin = 1

Name	Mass $\text{GeV}/c^2$	Electric charge
$\gamma$ photon	0	0
$W^-$	80.39	-1
$W^+$ W bosons	80.39	+1
$Z^0$ Z boson	91.188	0

### Strong (color) spin = 1

Name	Mass $\text{GeV}/c^2$	Electric charge
$g$ gluon	0	0

# Three generations for matter:

Leptons spin = 1/2		
Flavor	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
$\nu_L$ lightest neutrino*	$(0-0.13)\times 10^{-9}$	0
$e$ electron	0.000511	-1
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<b>c</b> charm	1.3	2/3
<b>s</b> strange	0.1	-1/3
<b>t</b> top	173	2/3
<b>b</b> bottom	4.2	-1/3

# Amazing cookbook for all matter

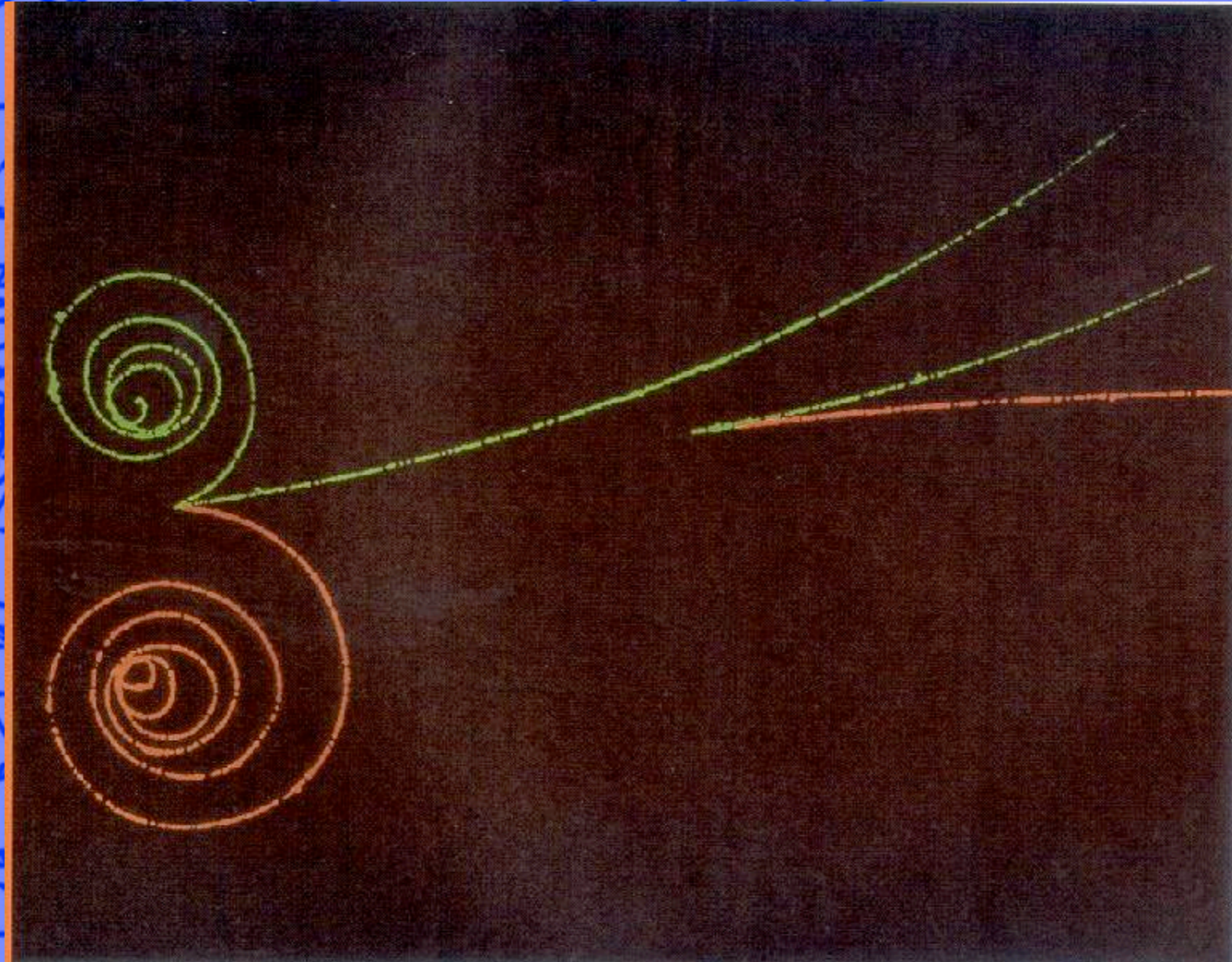
Hydrogen

2x

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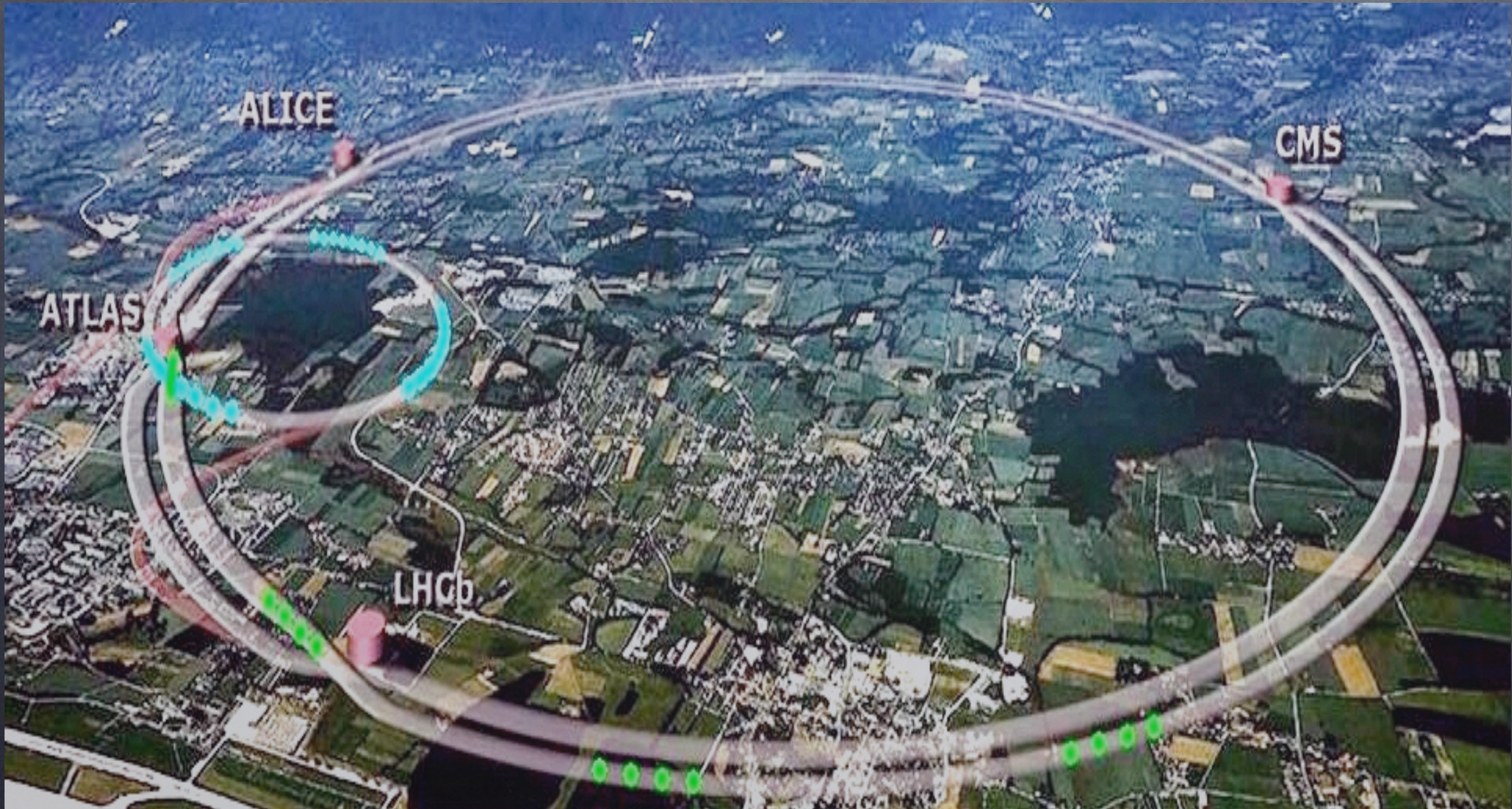
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# Bubble chamber

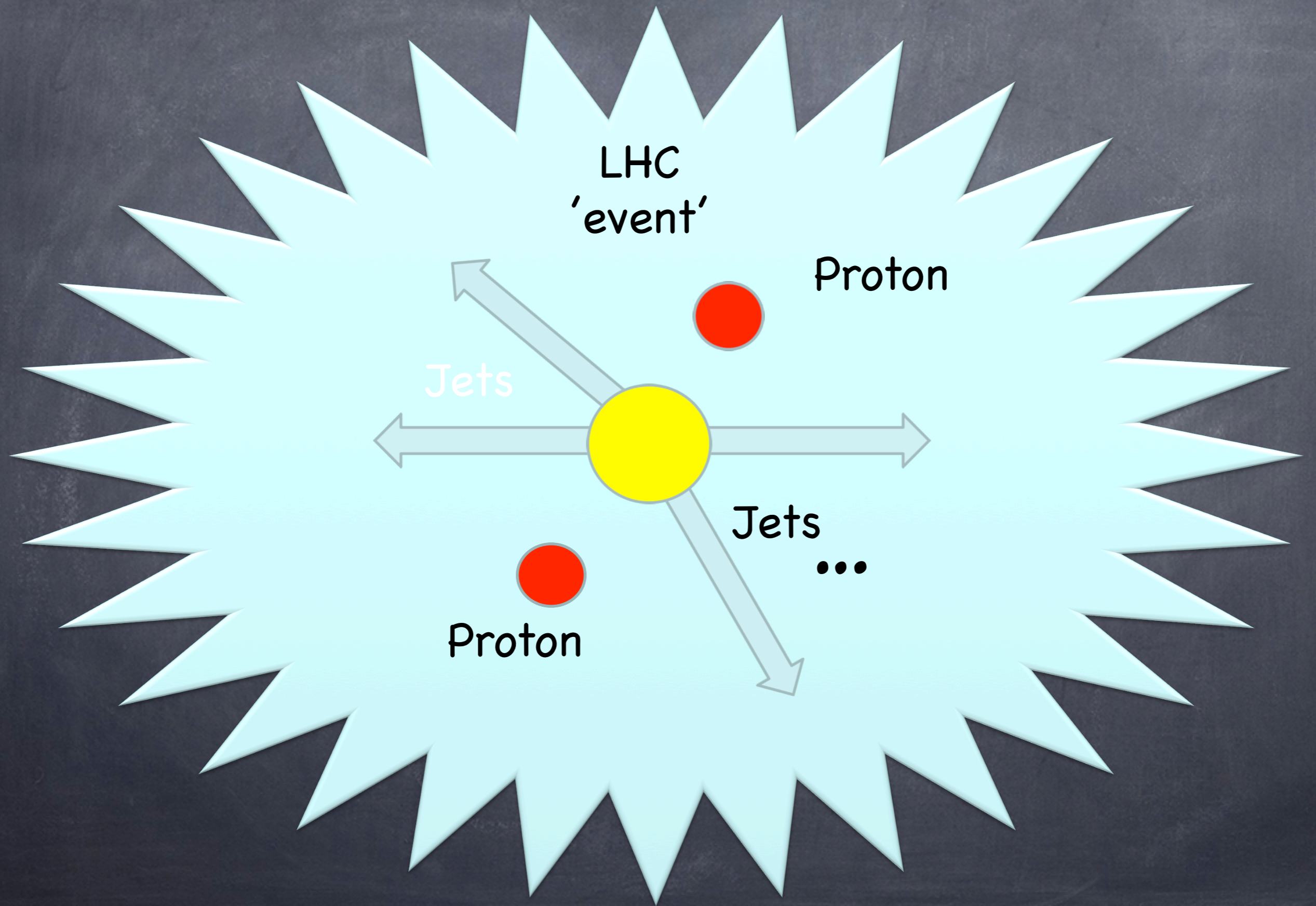




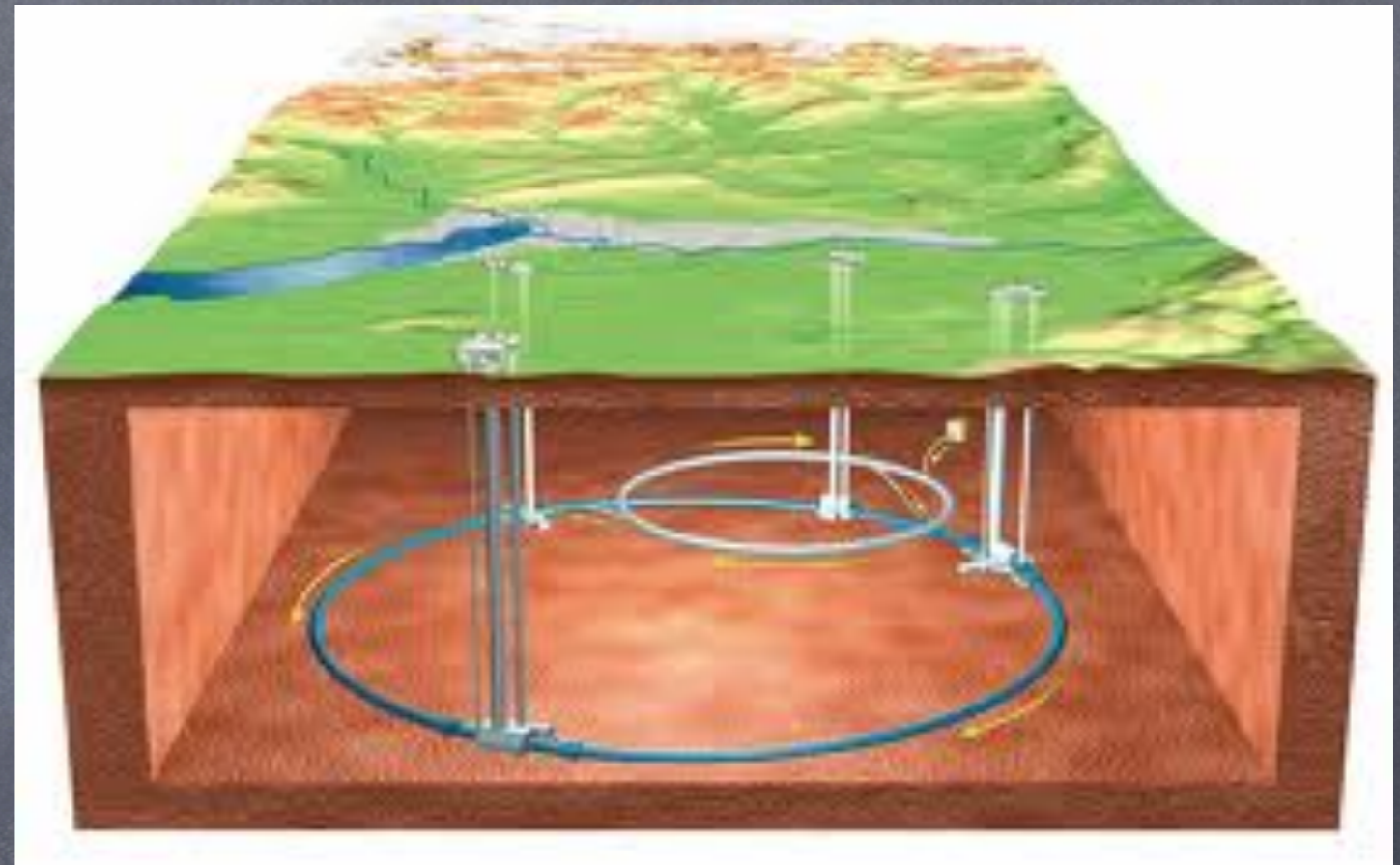
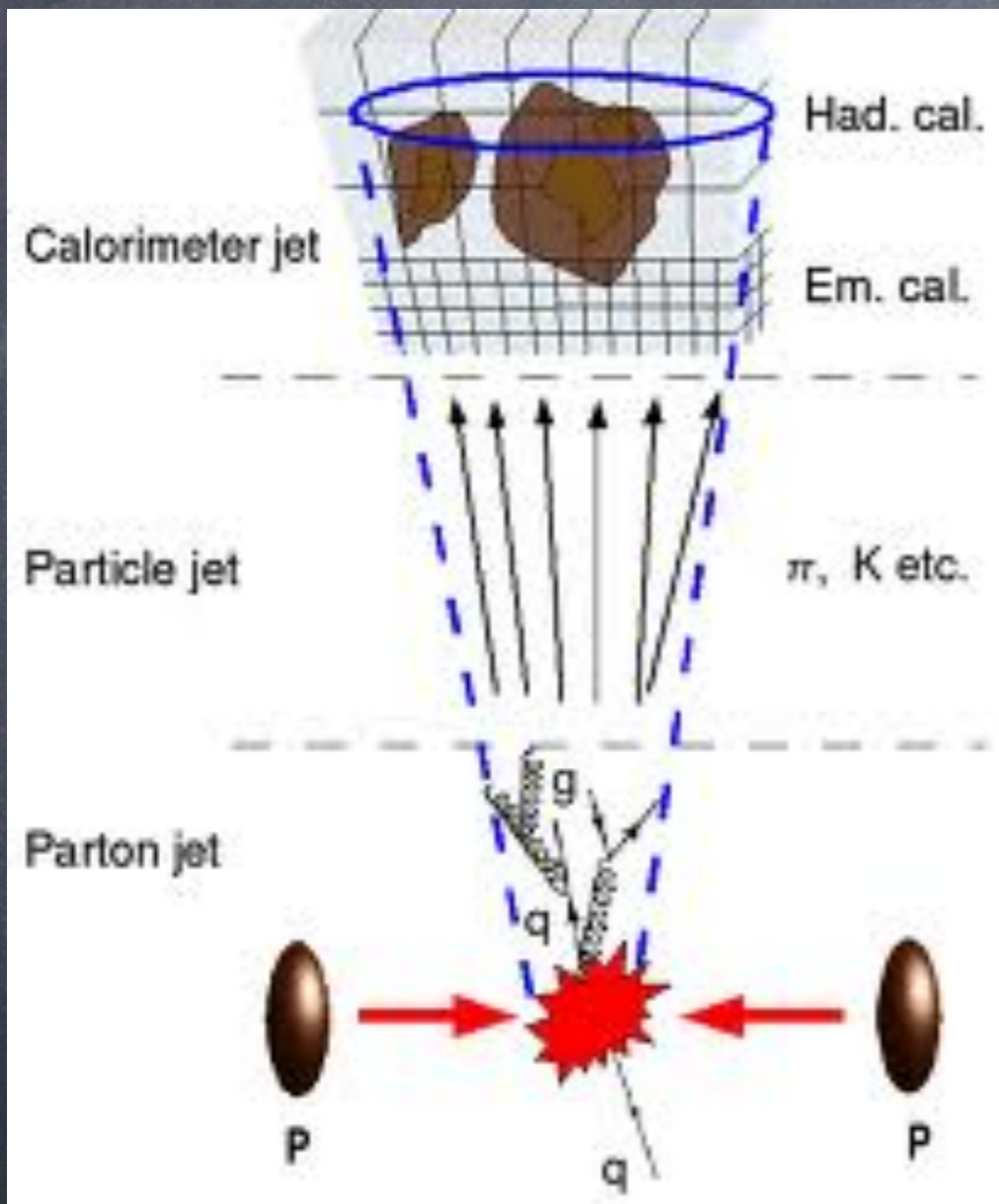
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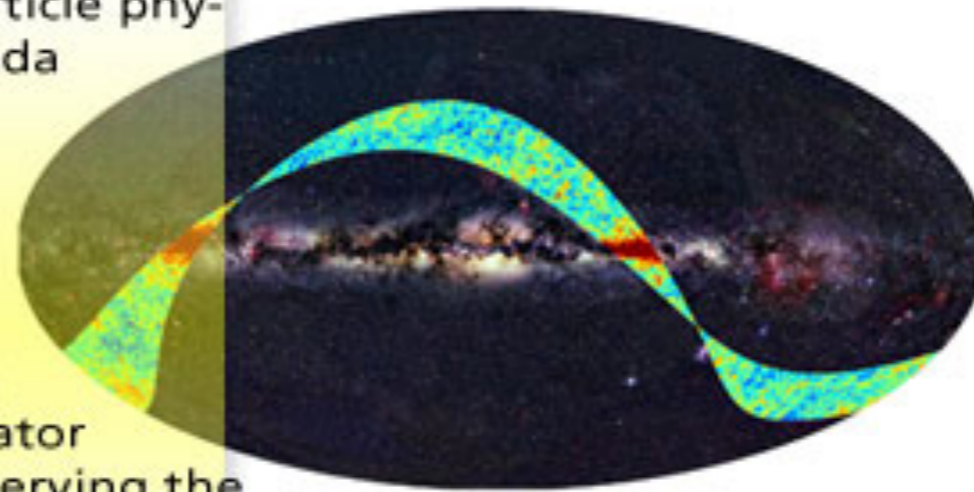
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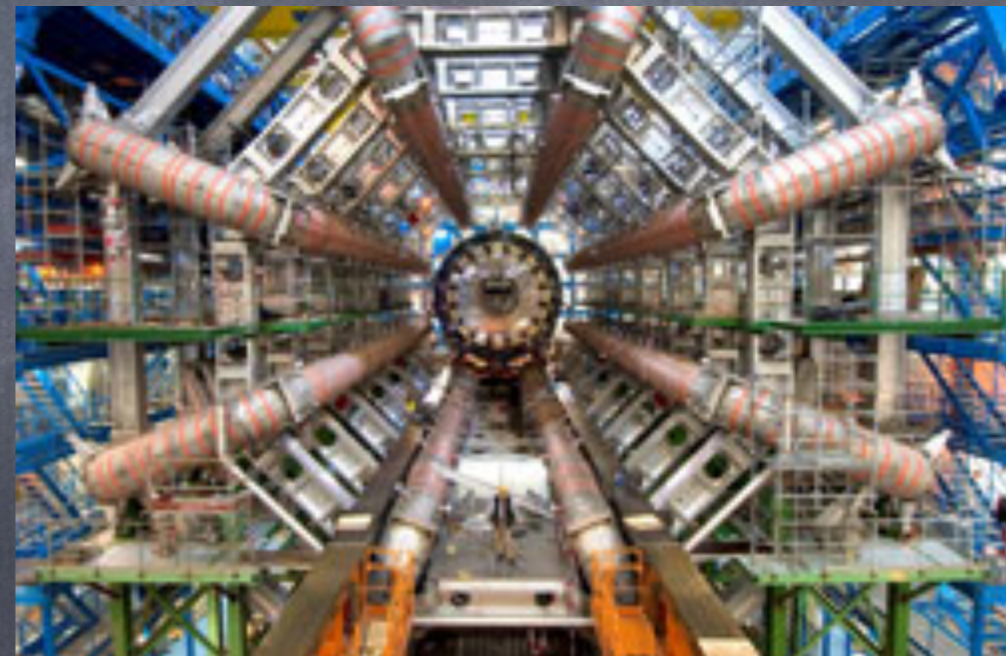
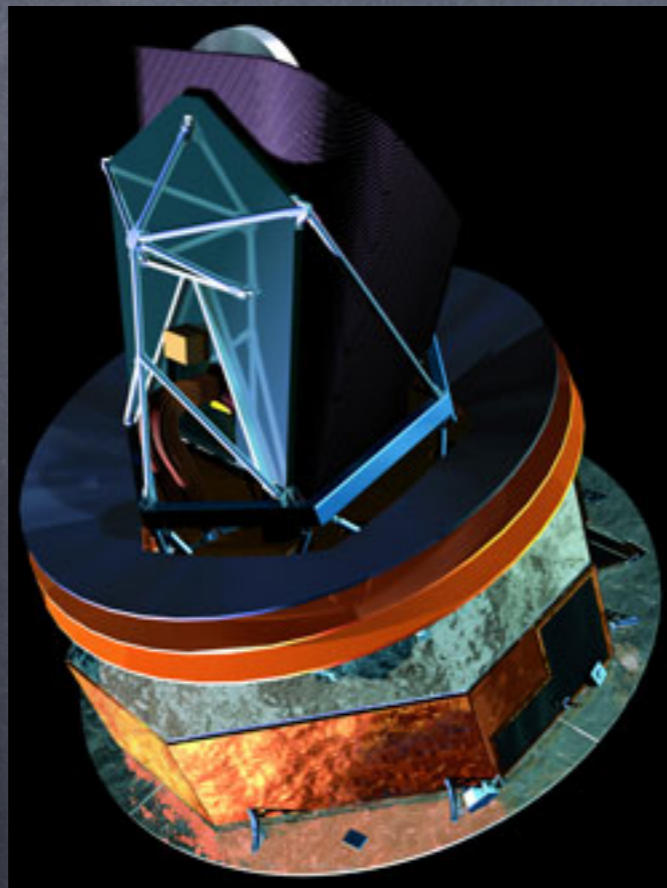
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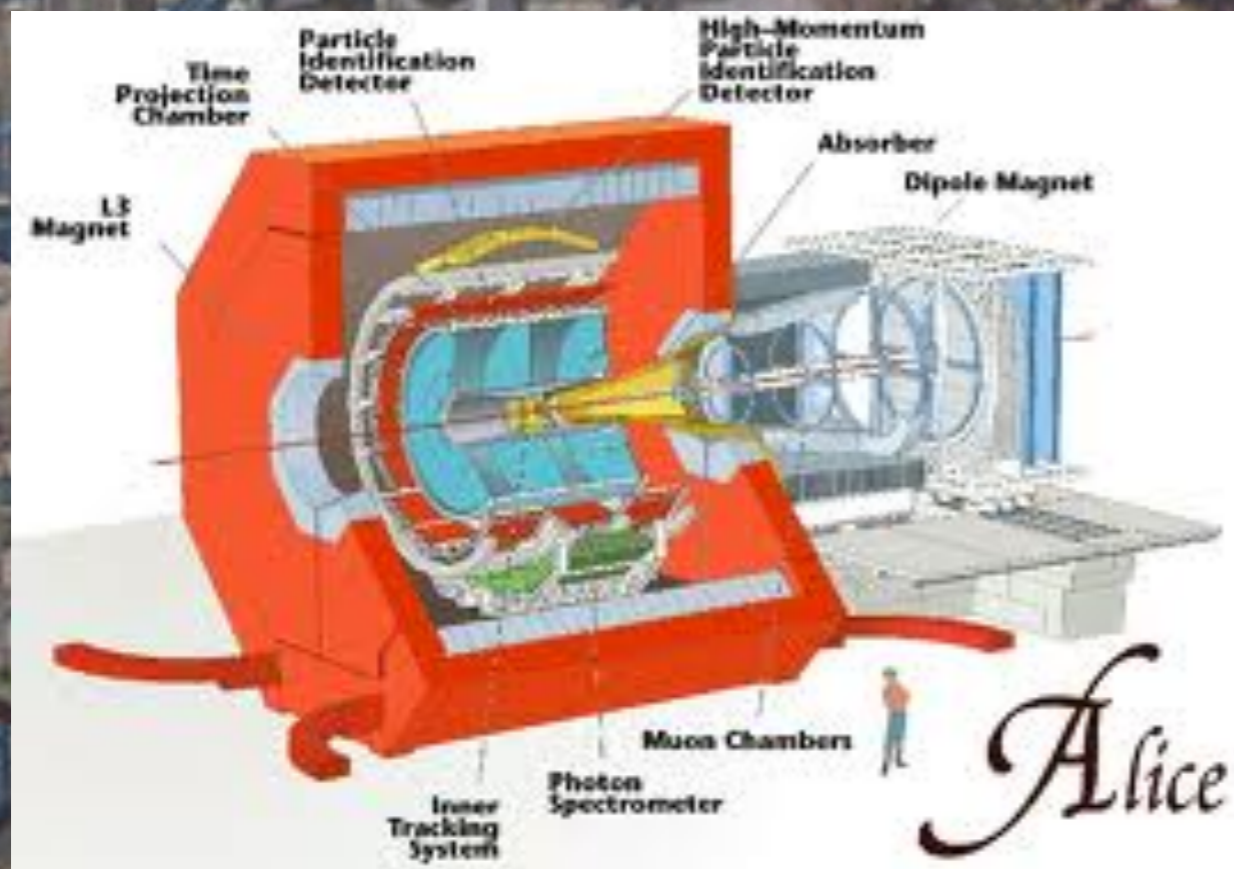
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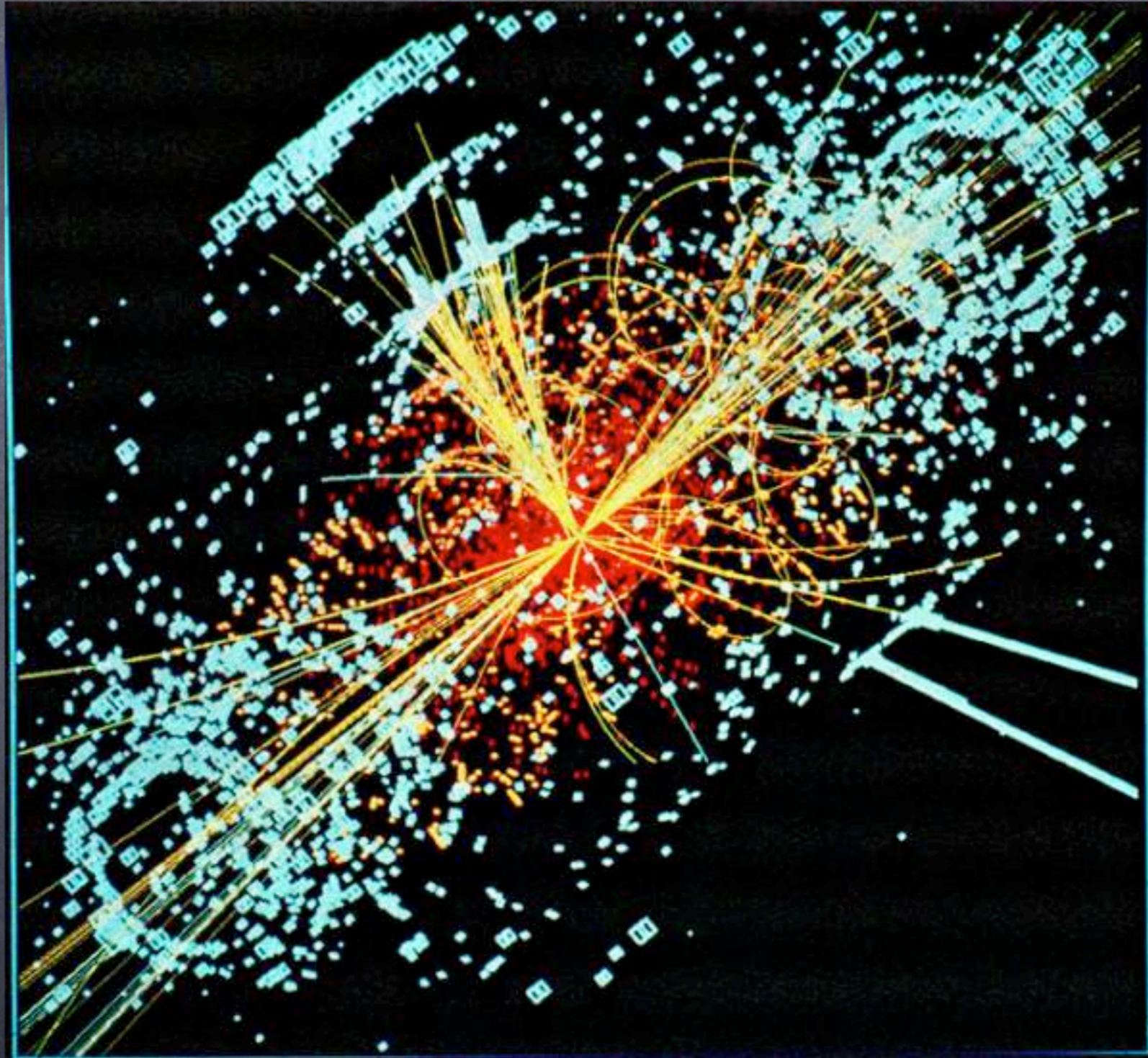
## **Discovery** Center for particle physics



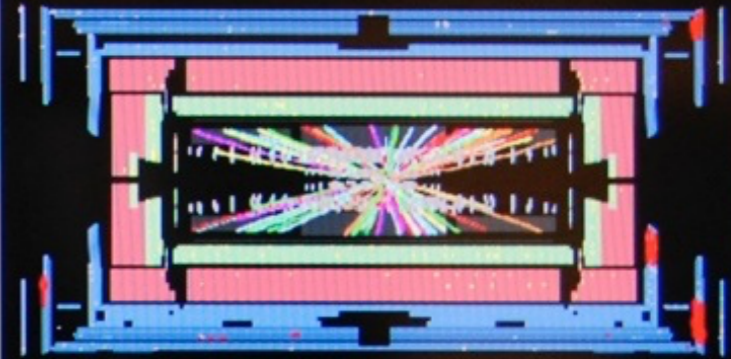
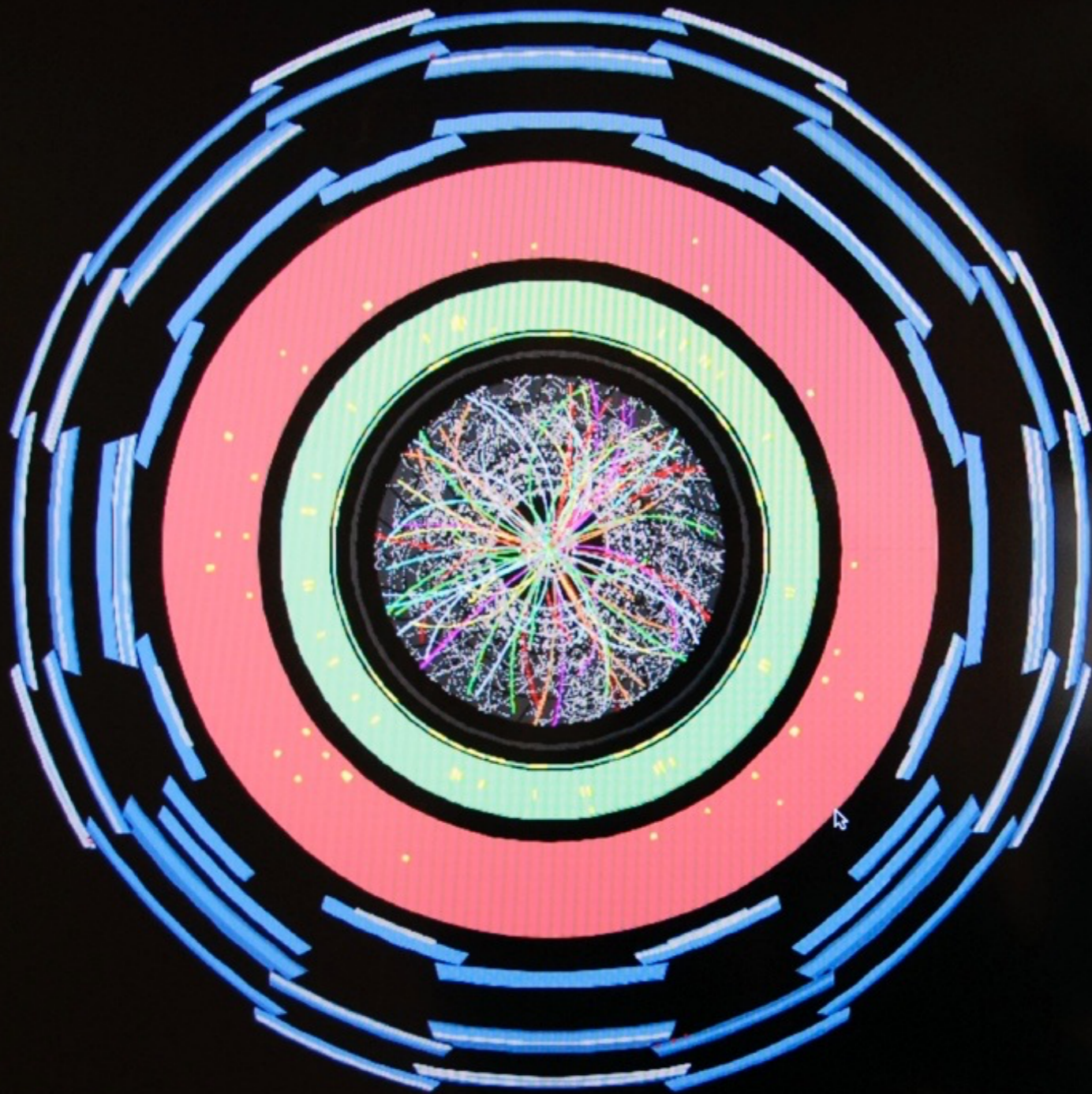
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# Electronic detectors



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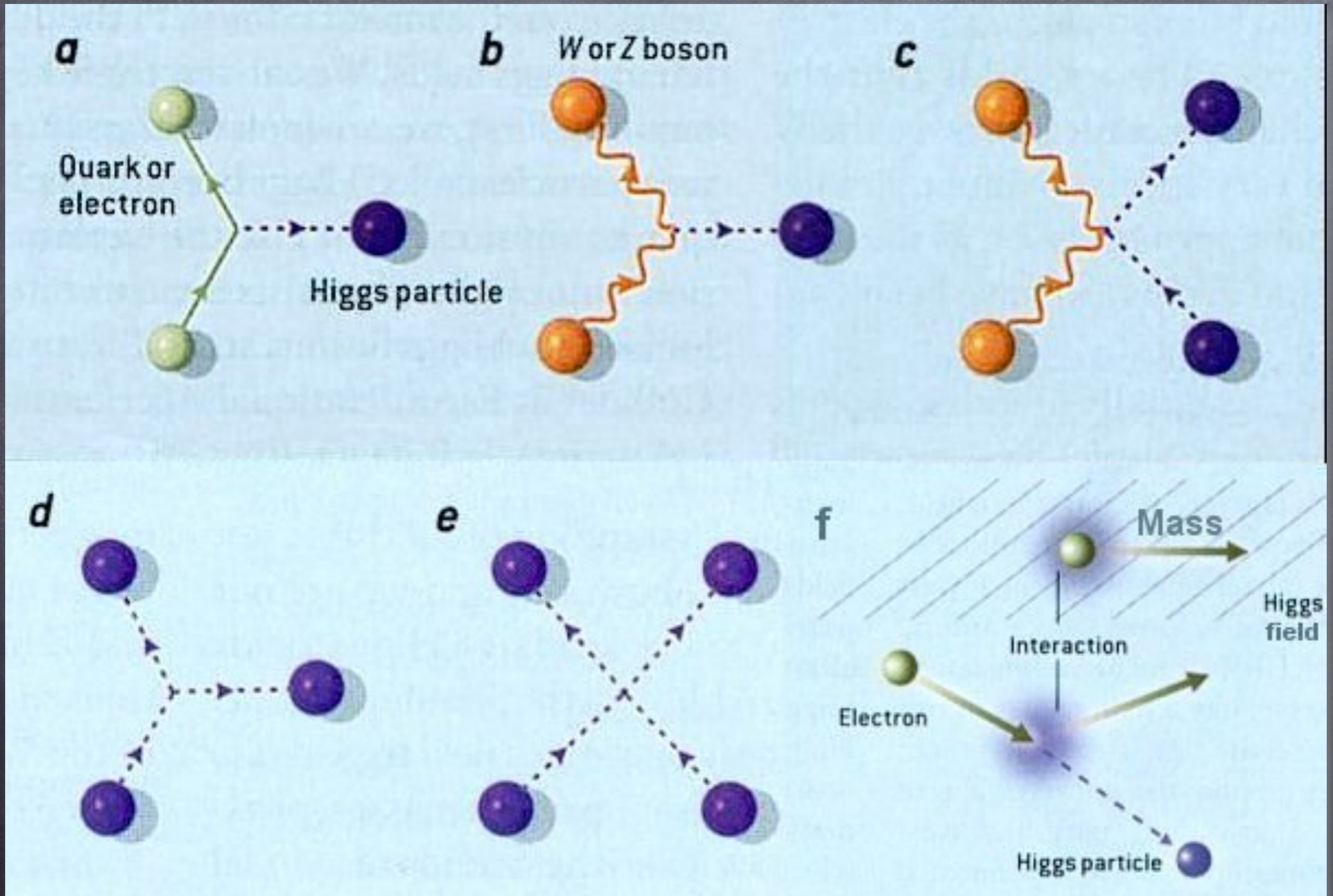


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Snapshot of a proton collision  
directly from the ATLAS experiment

# Higgs partikel





So where is the graviton  
in all this??

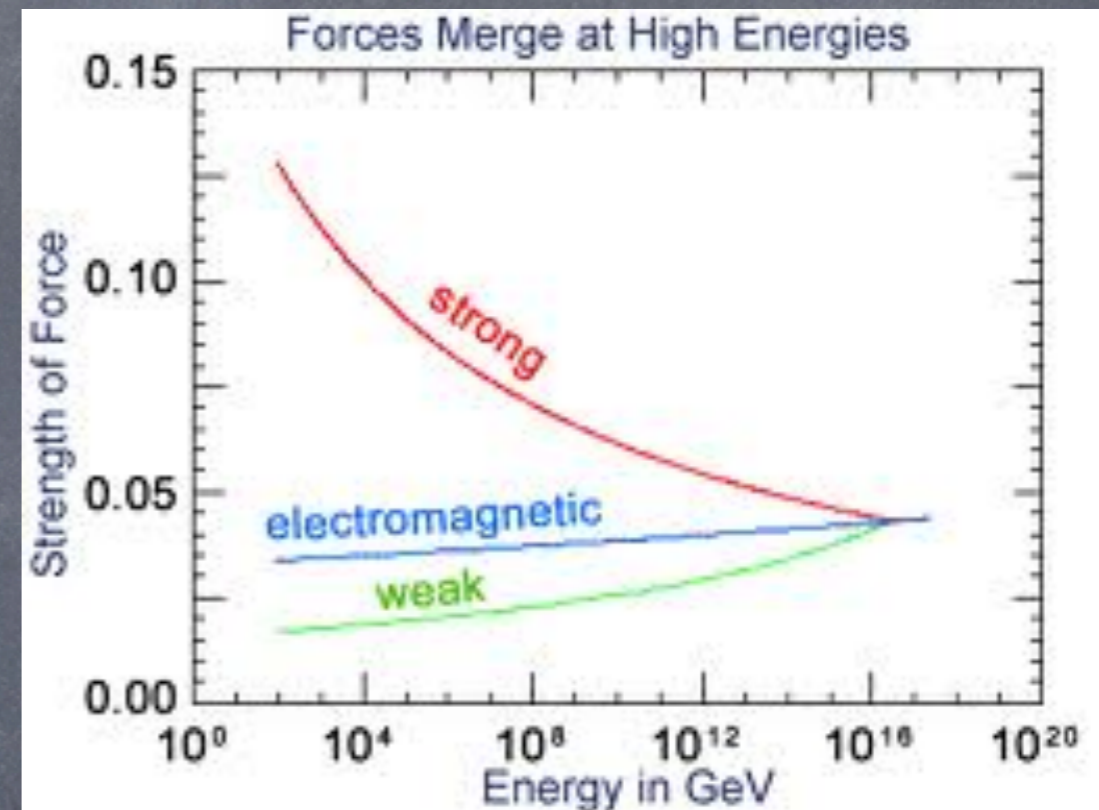
# Grand-unified theory

Forces of nature: merge  
at high energies

Same formalism?

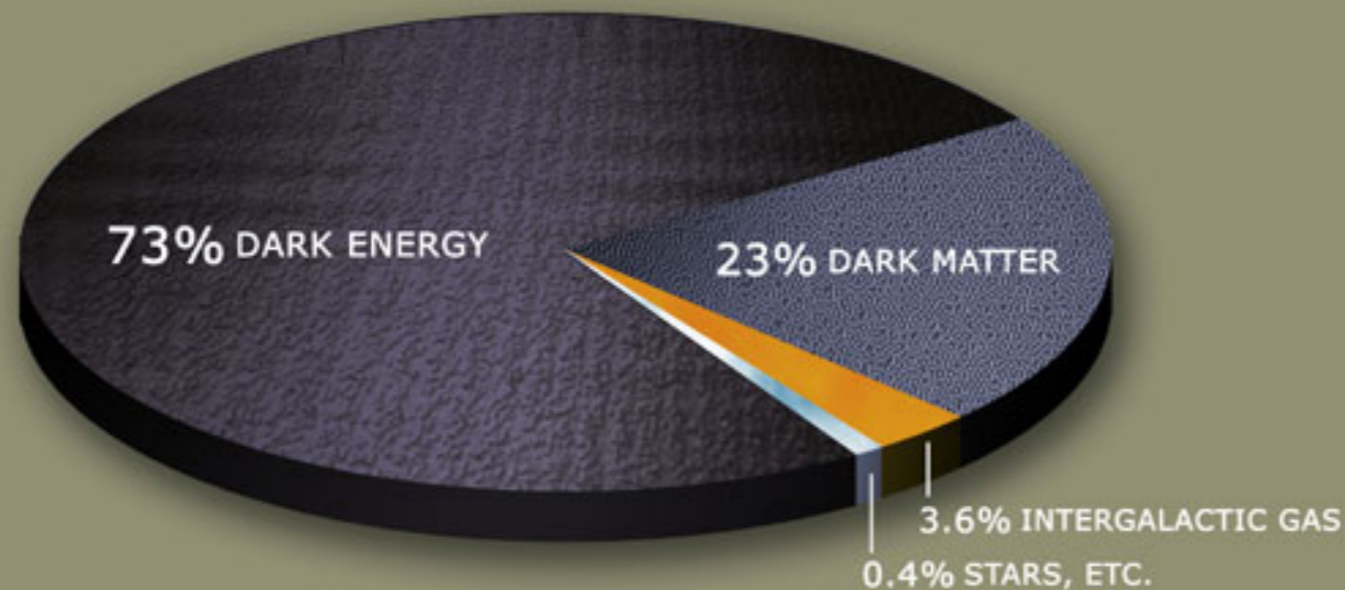
Does not include gravity. Still  
an open problem

Need completely new ideas  
about space and time??



# Dark matter and antimatter

Universe : Expanding forever



Why more matter than antimatter in universe?

Fundamental antisymmetry??..Current tests

Masses of neutrinos?

What is Dark matter?

# PART IV

Quantum gravity as a  
Particle Theory

# How to think of gravity as a quantum theory

- Gravity is mediating the attraction of matter
- We know other theories:
- Electromagnetism: Photons
- Strong interactions: Gluons

# Graviton

- Graviton should be emitted from all matter not 'charged' like photons
- It should be an attractive force, not mixed repulsive / attractive like electro-magnetism
- The optimal candidate particle is a spin-2 particle (photons are spin-1)

# Einstein-Hilbert

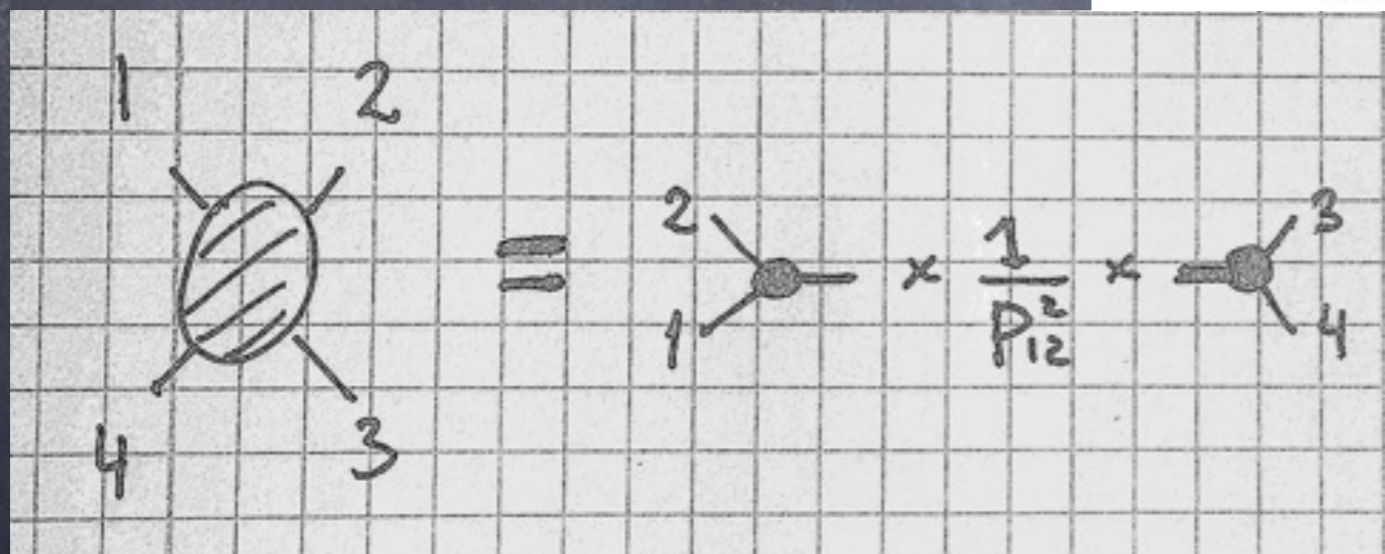
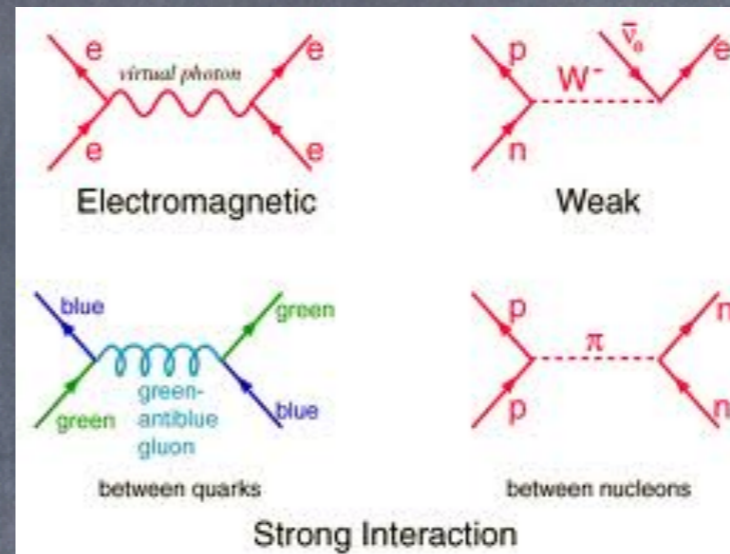
- Einstein equation can be derived from a classical action theory
- The offers a starting point for particle physics.
- Idea is to proceed as if the theory was one we know well like electromagnetism or strong interactions

# Amplitudes and Feynman diagrams

In particle physics: amplitudes from diagrams

Feynman diagrams

Example



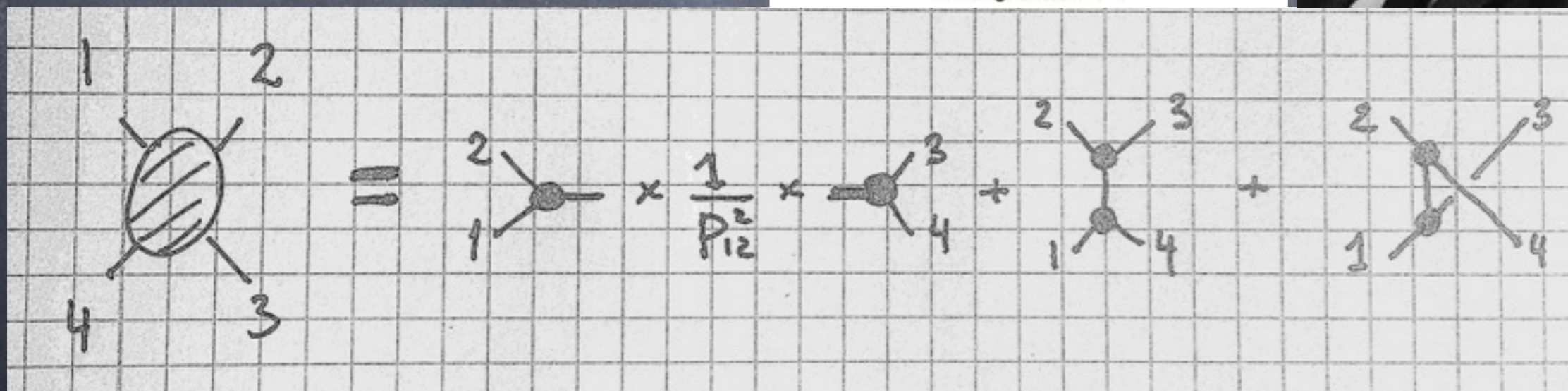
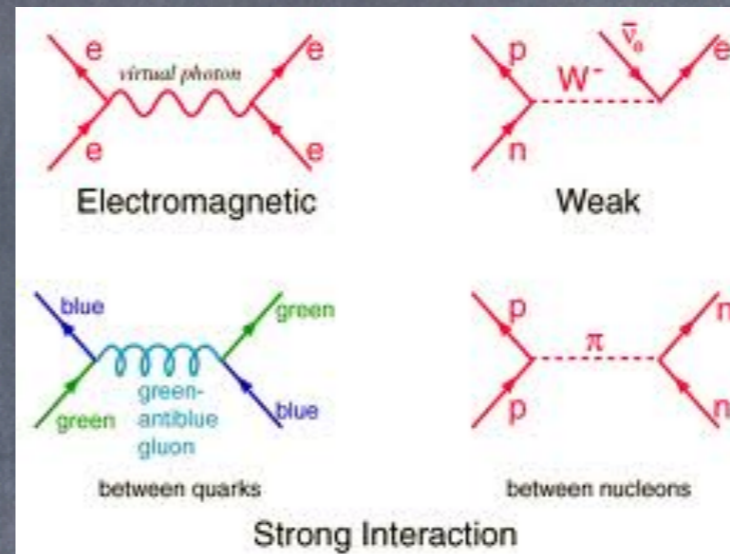


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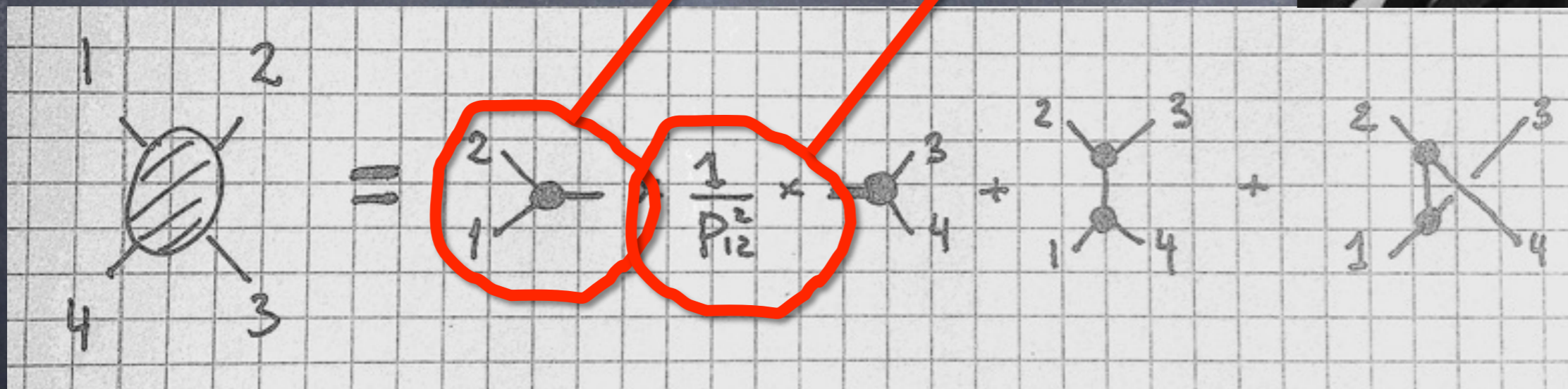
In particle physics: amplitudes from diagrams

Feynman diagrams

Example

Vertex

Propagator



# Amplitudes and Feynman diagrams

- Feynman's method not flawless
- Diagrammatic expansion : huge permutational problem!
  - Scalar field theory : constant vertex (i.e. 1 term)
  - Gluons : momentum dependent vertex (i.e. 3 terms)
  - Gravitons : momentum dependent vertex (i.e. 100 terms)
- Naïve basic 4pt diagram count (graviton exchange) :

100 x 100 i.e.  $10^4$  terms + index contractions (i.e. 36 pr diagram)

Number of diagrams:  $(4!)$   $10^5$  terms i.e.  $10^6$  index contractions

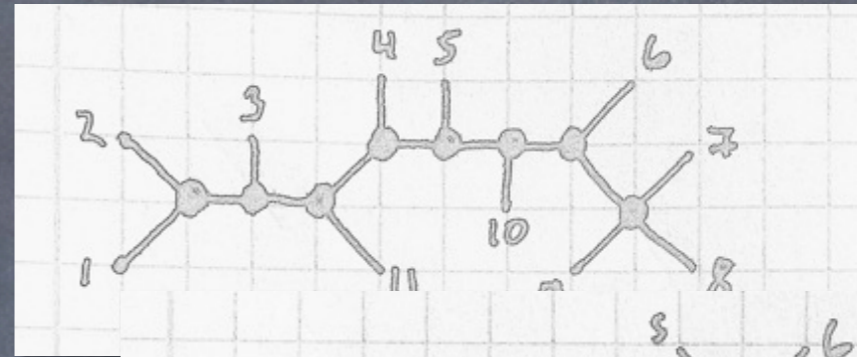
n-point:  $(n!)$  i.e. more atoms in your brain!

Too much clutter.....

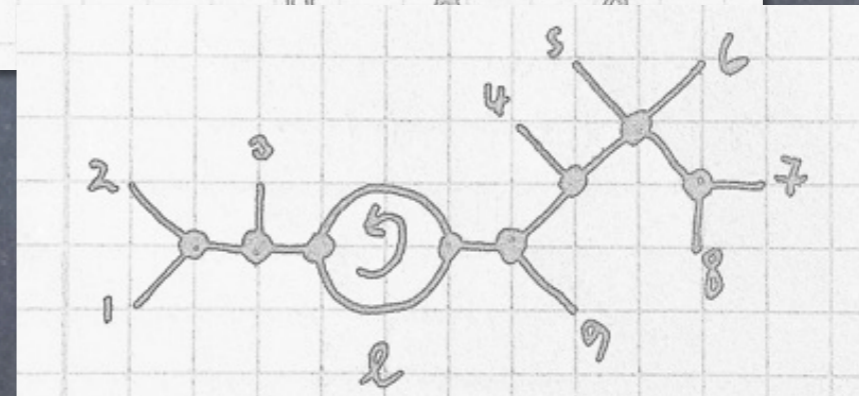
# Topologies of amplitudes

- Feynman diagrams have different topologies:

- Tree diagrams :



- One-loop diagrams :



- Multi-loop diagrams :

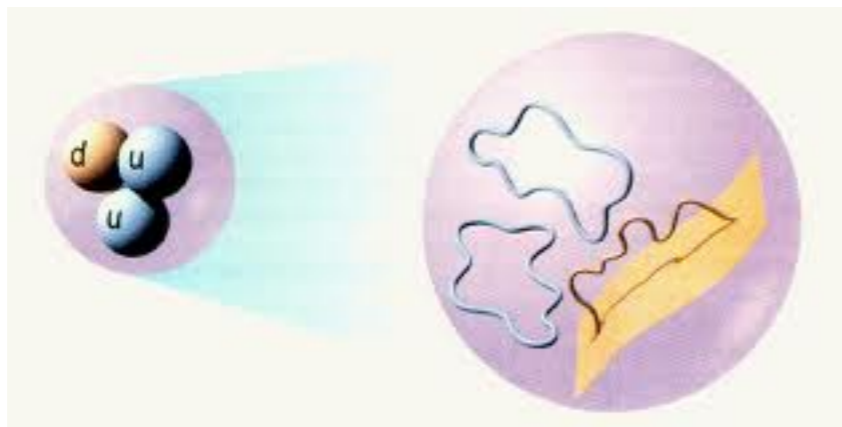
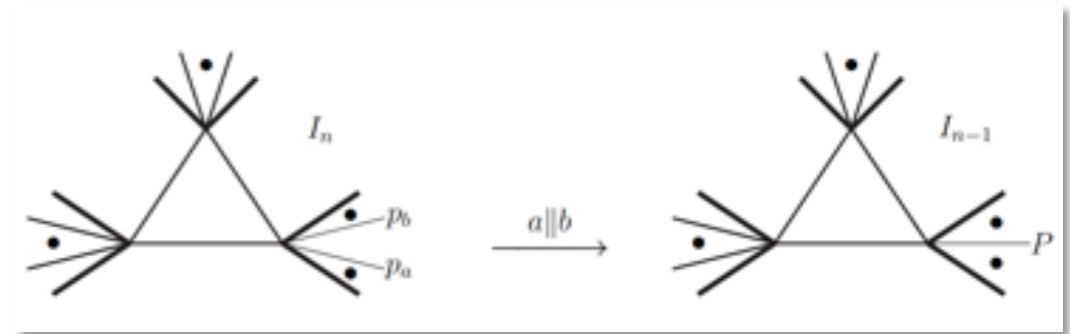
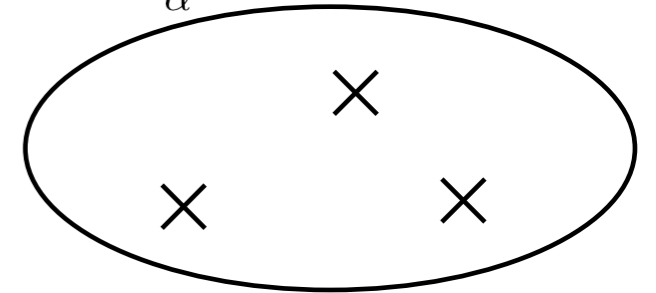


# Amplitude cookbook!

1 Unitarity: Fuse tree amplitudes into loops

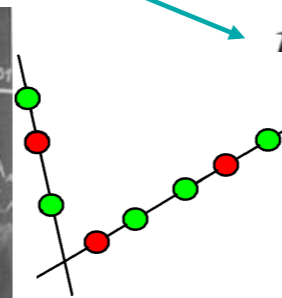
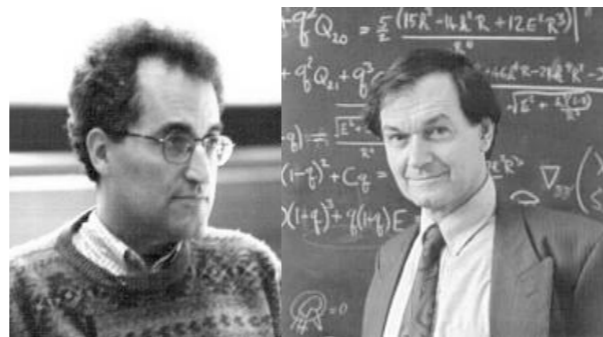
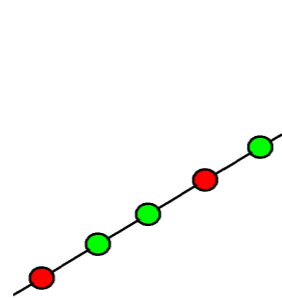
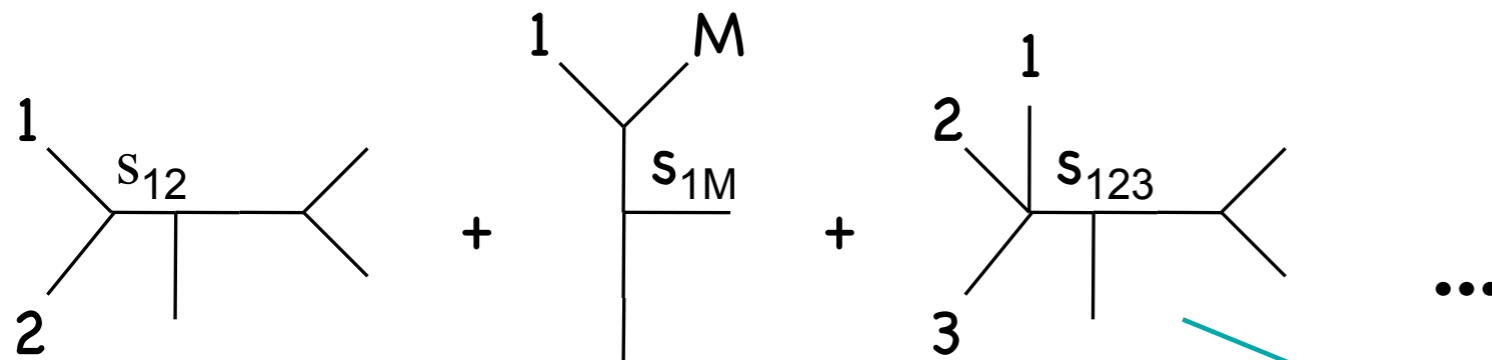
2 Recursion: Extend trees and loops into more complicated amplitudes

$$A(0) = - \sum_{\alpha} \text{Res}_{z=z_{\alpha}} \frac{A(z)}{z}$$

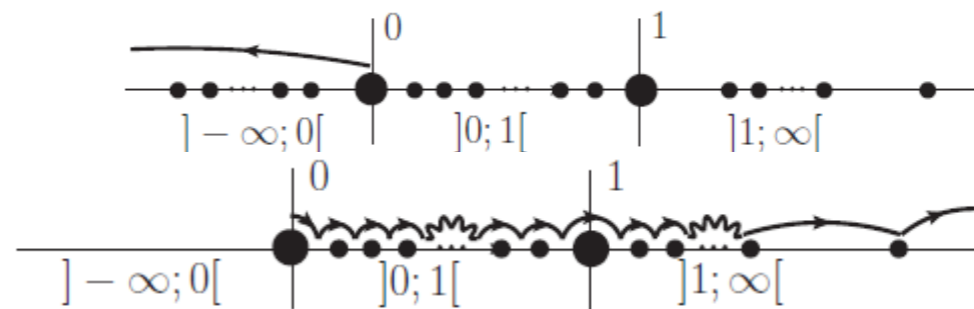
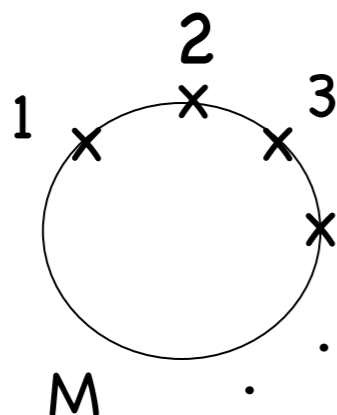
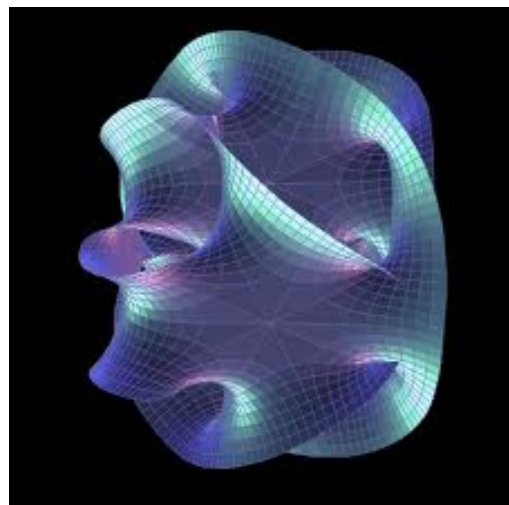


3 String theory: Complete the picture and link concepts

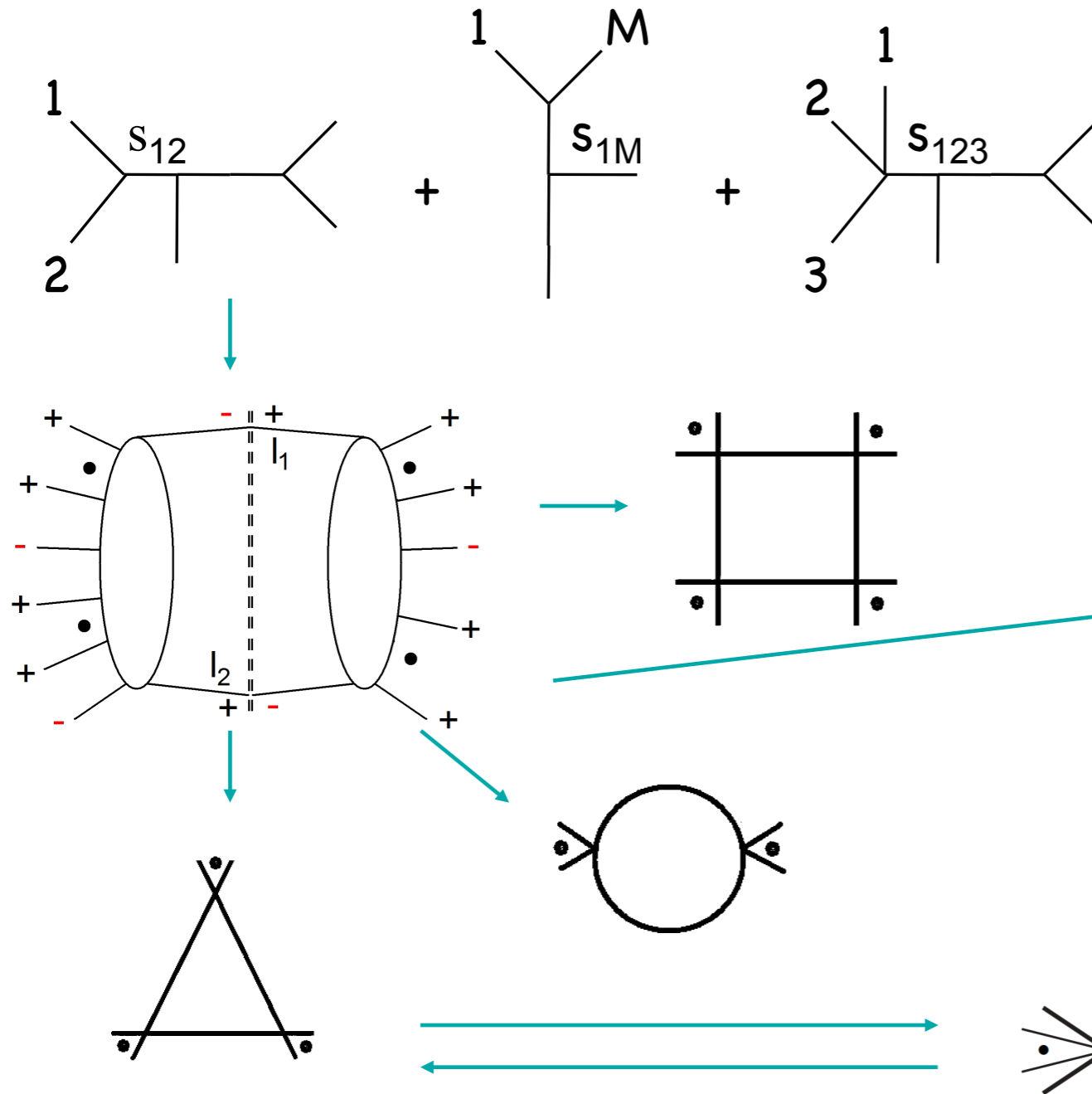
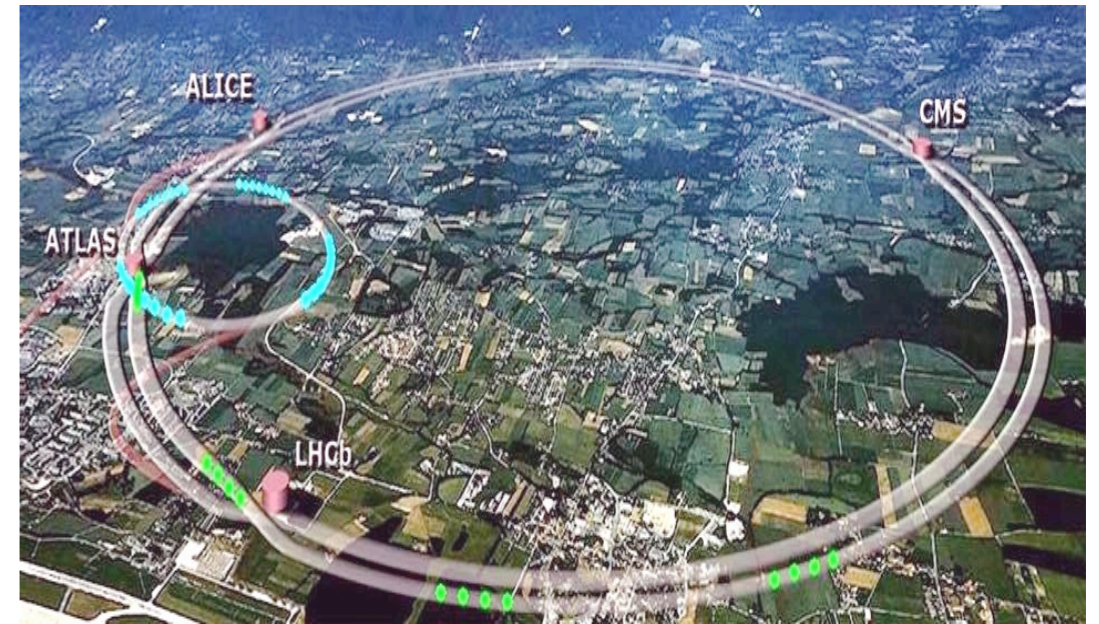
# Research



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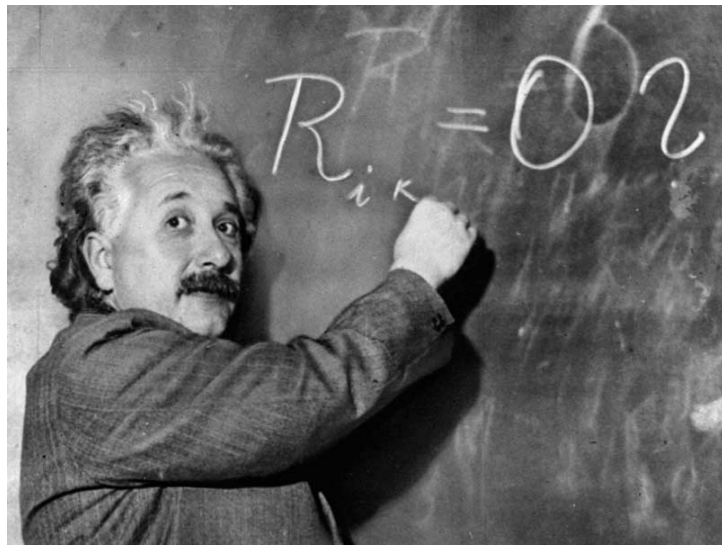
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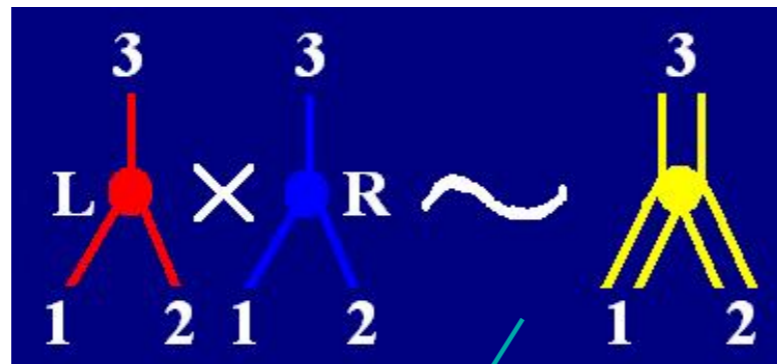
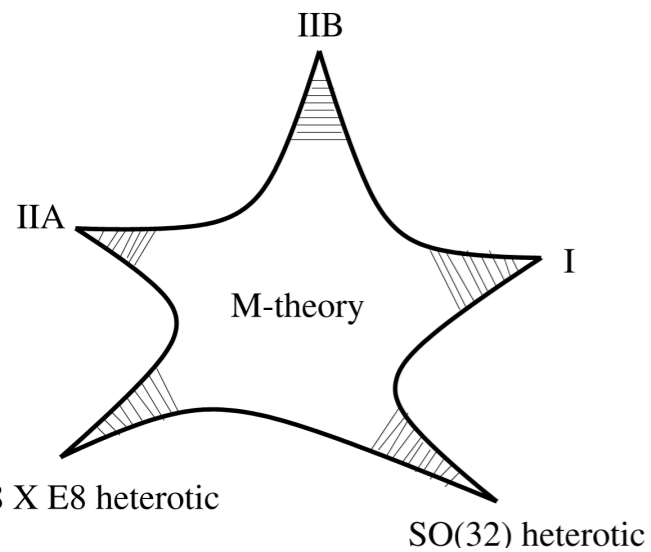
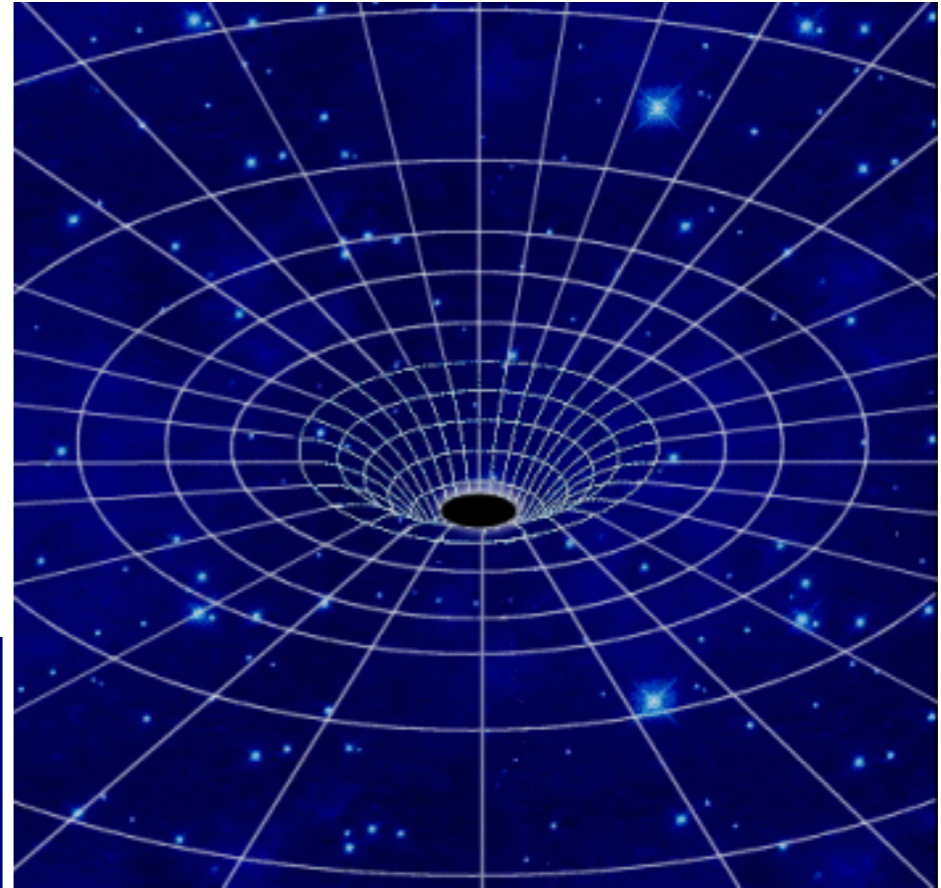
Amplitudes<sup>2</sup> ~ Probablility

# Research

## Gravity



Highly creative and experimental..



'Vanishing' relations!!!

$$\Sigma \left( \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \text{---} S_{12} \text{---} \\ | \\ 2 \end{array} \right) + \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \text{---} S_{1M} \text{---} \\ | \\ M \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ | \\ \text{---} S_{123} \text{---} \\ | \\ 2 \\ | \\ 3 \end{array} \dots \Big) \sim 0$$

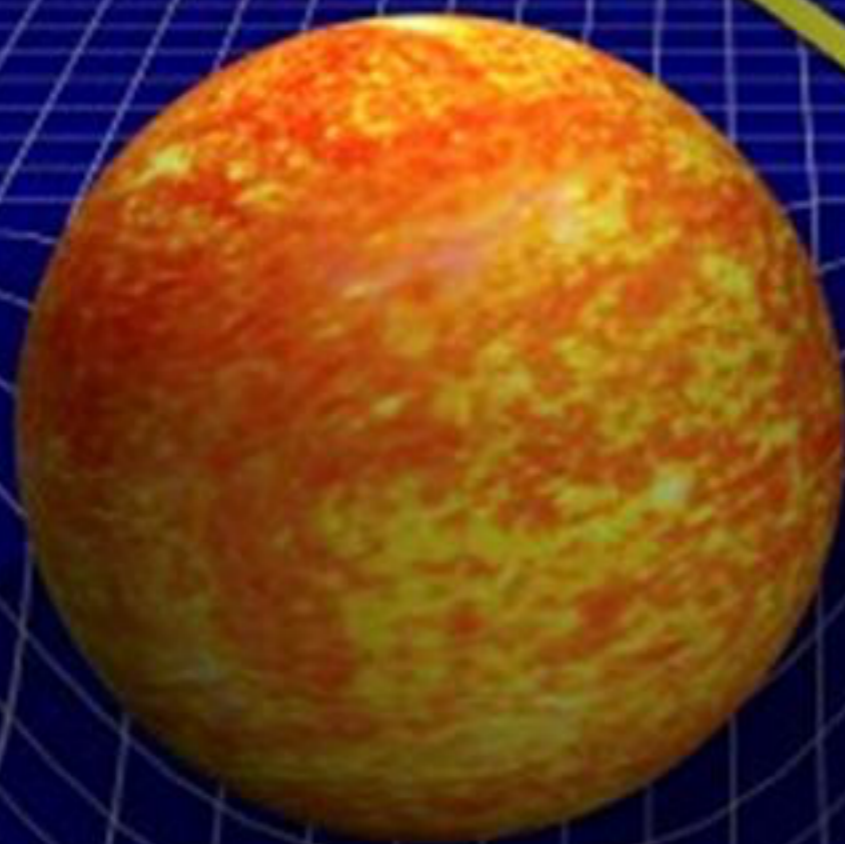


actual star

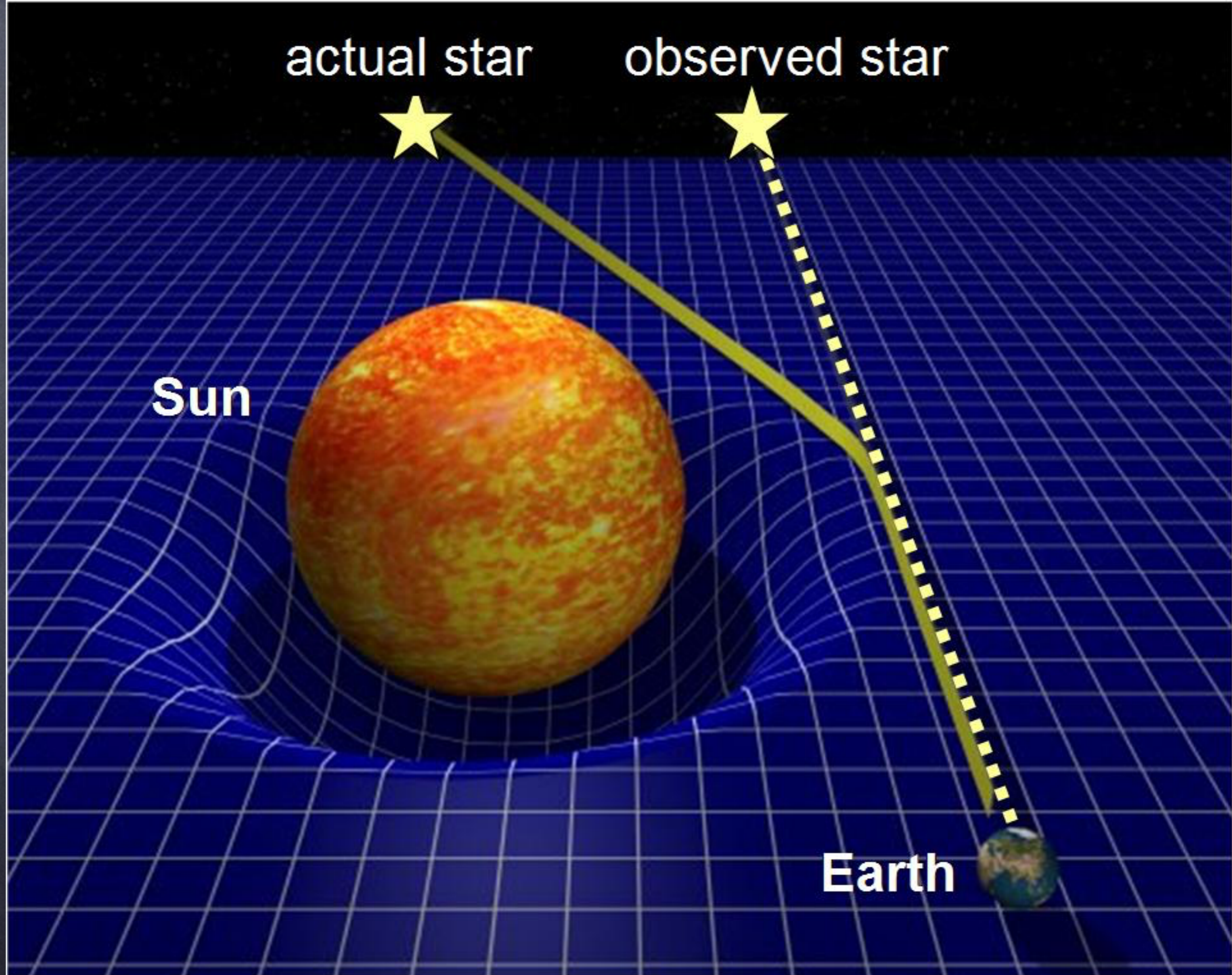
observed star



Sun



Earth



# Quantum gravity from particle physics

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## Bending of Light in Quantum Gravity

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We consider the scattering of lightlike matter in the presence of a heavy scalar object (such as the Sun or a Schwarzschild black hole). By treating general relativity as an effective field theory we directly compute the nonanalytic components of the one-loop gravitational amplitude for the scattering of massless scalars or photons from an external massive scalar field. These results allow a semiclassical computation of the bending angle for light rays grazing the Sun, including long-range  $\hbar$  contributions. We discuss implications of this computation, in particular, the violation of some classical formulations of the equivalence principle.

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Using only  
particle  
theory plus  
computational  
tricks!

Reproduces Einstein's result  
plus quantum effects!

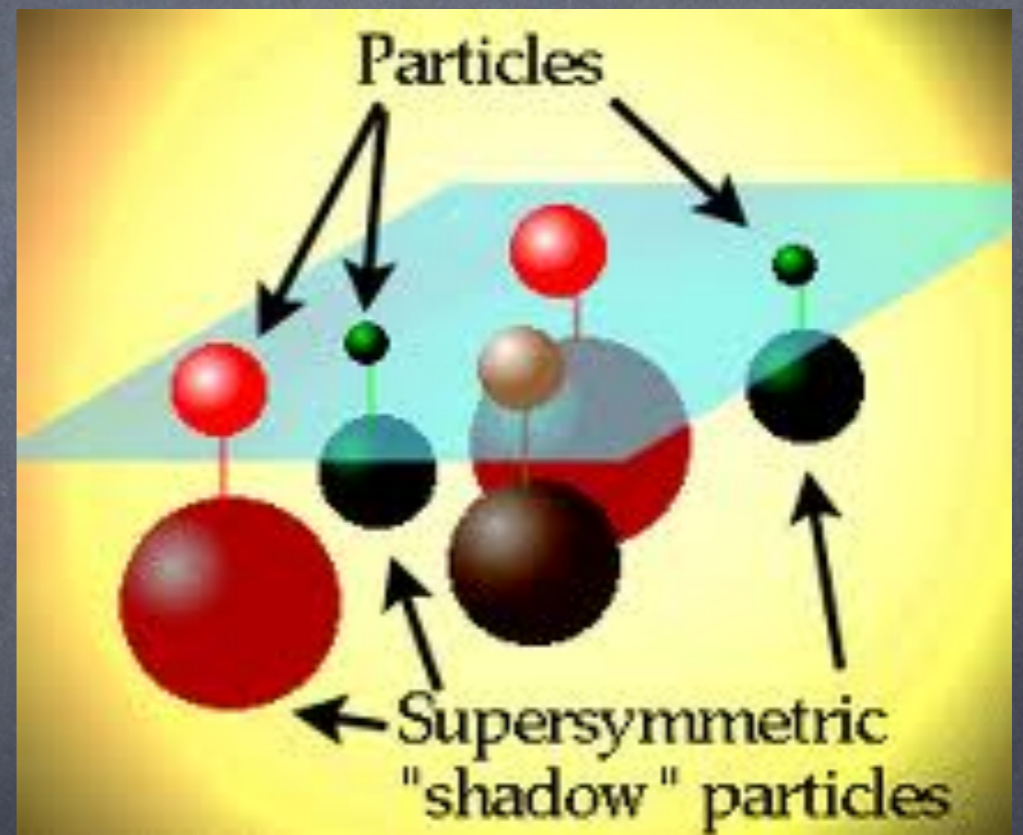


# Quantum gravity from particle physics

- Solves part of the problem: **how to combine particle physics and general relativity**
- There is a **framework** where it is possible to **compute in quantum mechanical valid way**.
- **Very high-energy limit**: still a problem, here **new non-perturbative effects are needed + it appears fundamental obstacles hinders valid computations. String theory??**

# Extensions of the Standard Model

- Big changes in concepts of standard model difficult
  - Extra symmetry?
- Super-symmetry exciting possibility
  - Solves many issues...
  - Funny new dimensions with anti commuting variables:  $X Y = - Y X$  (Grassman)



# Supersymmetry

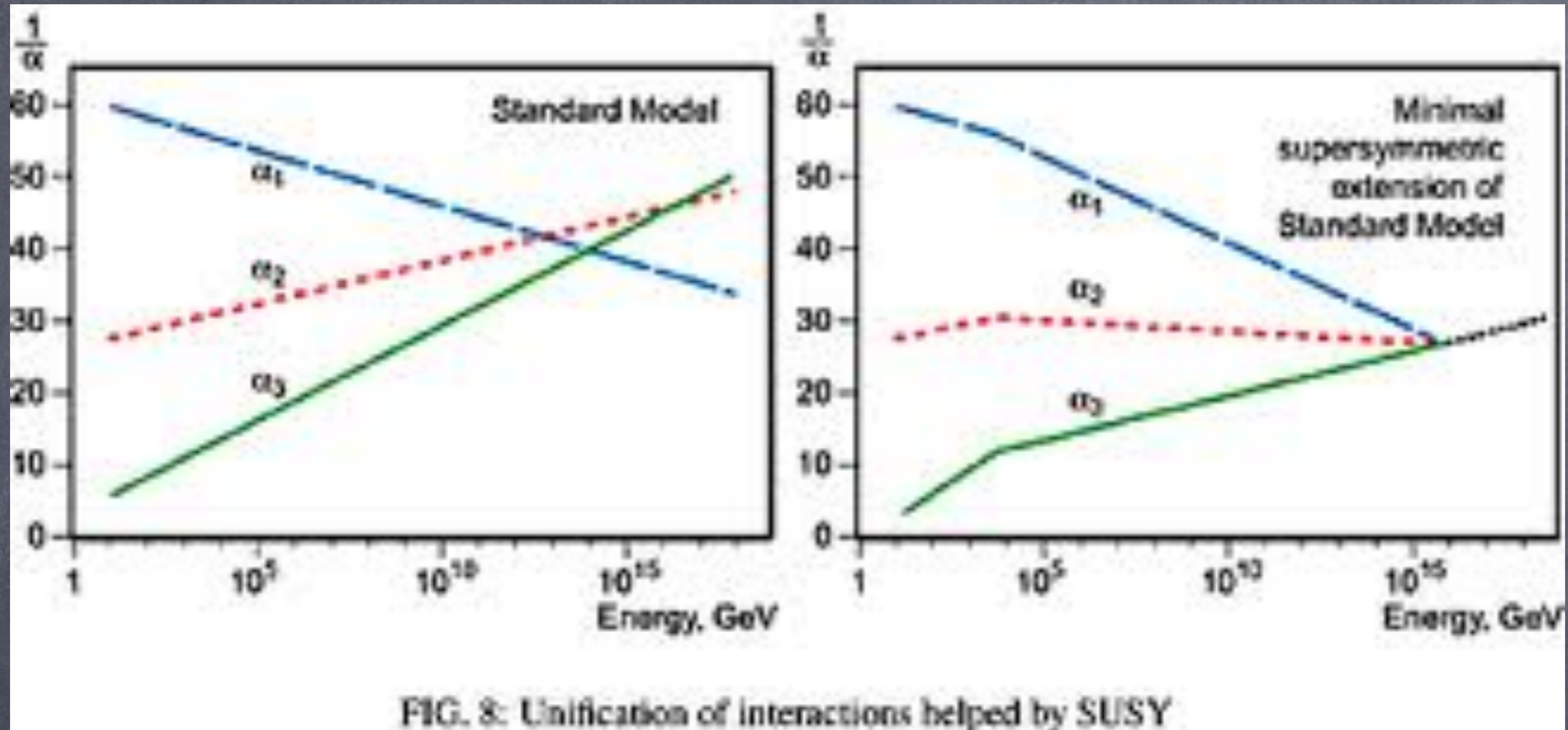
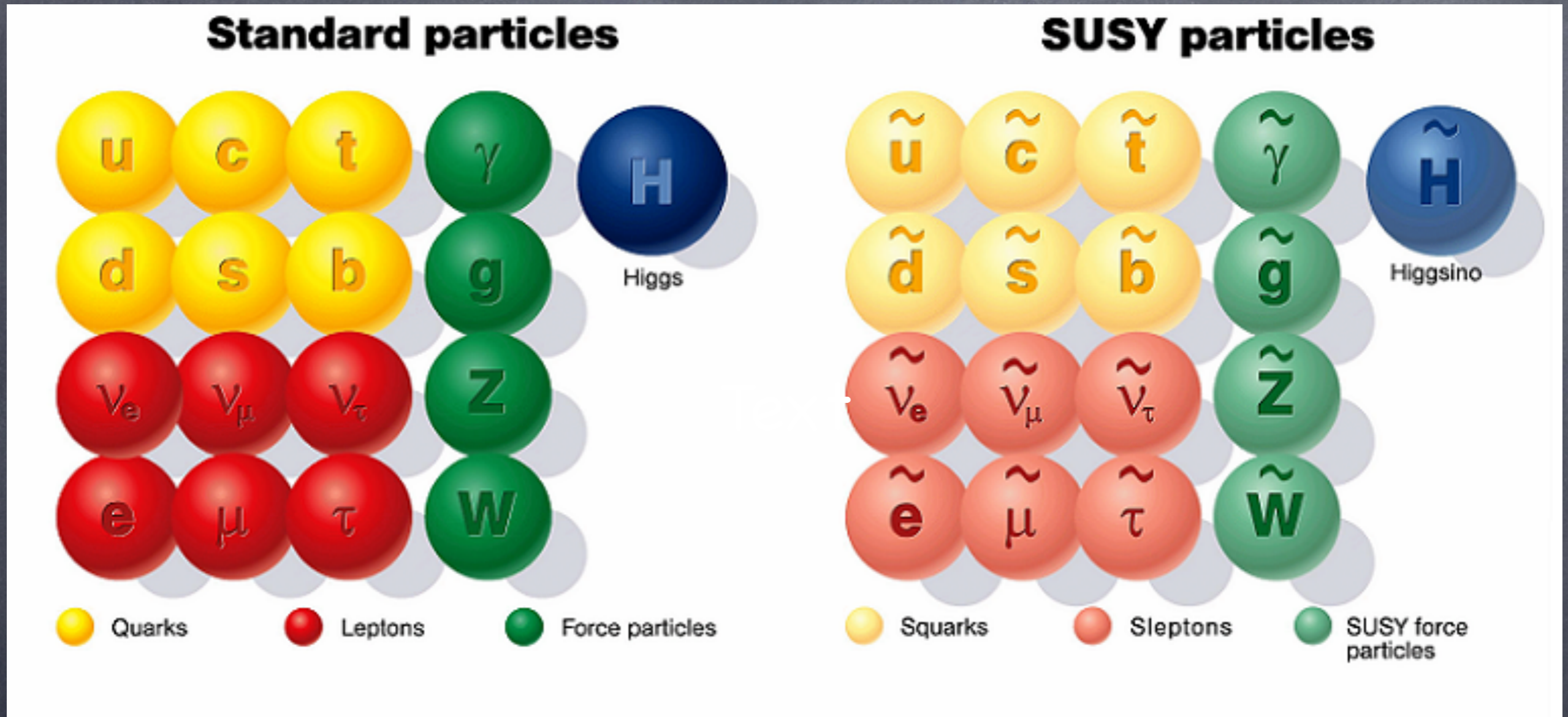


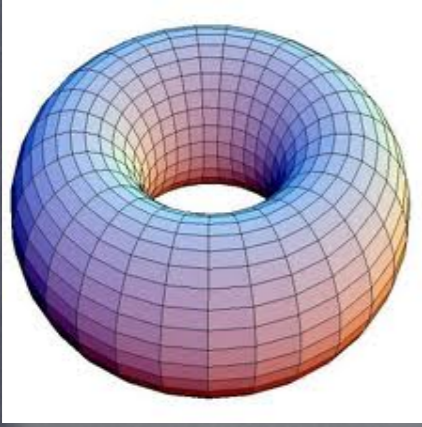
FIG. 8: Unification of interactions helped by SUSY

**Problem:** forces of nature seems to not meet in a point if we try to reach unification scales (with supersymmetry they do...)

# Supersymmetry

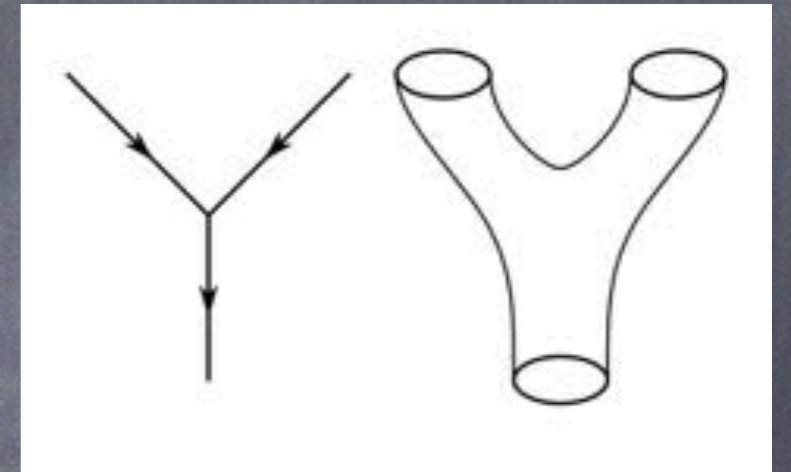
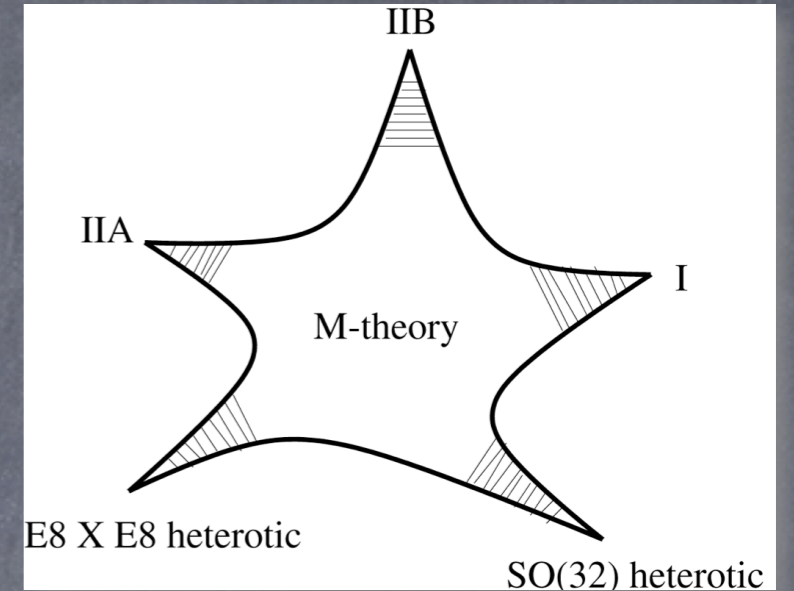


New model(s), couplings, fields  
Quantum gravity?



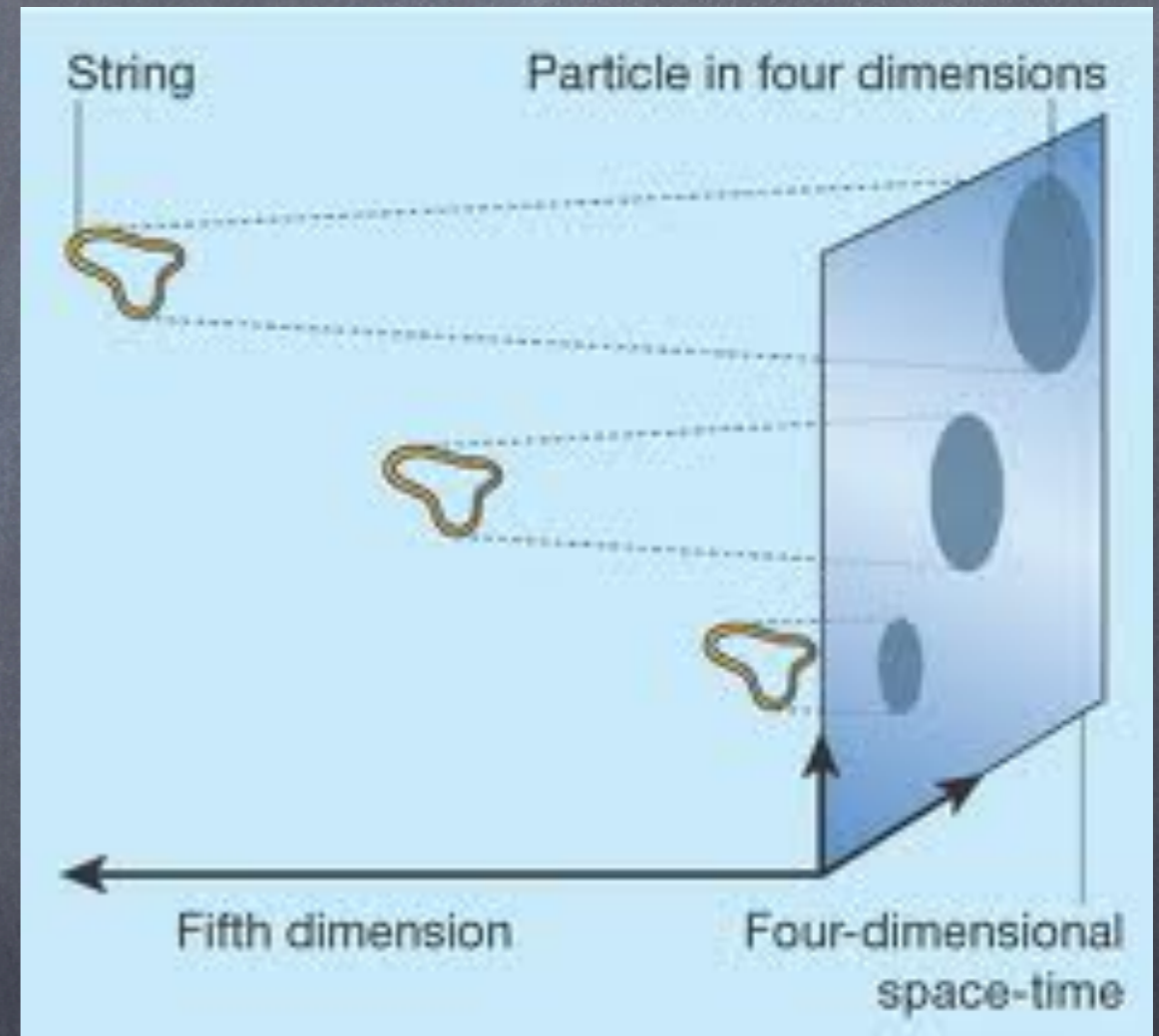
# String theory

- Natural quantum gravity
- Particles as vibrations on strings
- M-theory in 10 Dimensions
- From creative point of view:  
Natural idea: **extend the concept of interaction point into a interaction surface...**



# Extra dimensions

If we are **creative** we can understand particles in 4D as shadows of particles living in higher dimensions.





# Quantum gravity visions going ahead

Still many things we do not know..

But we are making progress all the time.

We are seeing deep connections in quantum mechanics – between gauge and gravity theories

Developments no one would have believed of a few years ago.

**Very exciting times in physics ahead!**

Every great and deep  
difficulty bears in  
itself its own solution.  
It forces us to  
change our thinking in  
order to find it.

Niels Bohr

Learn from yesterday,  
live for today, hope  
for tomorrow. The  
important thing is not  
to stop questioning

Albert Einstein



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