

# Introduction to particle physics



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Physics for both infinities  
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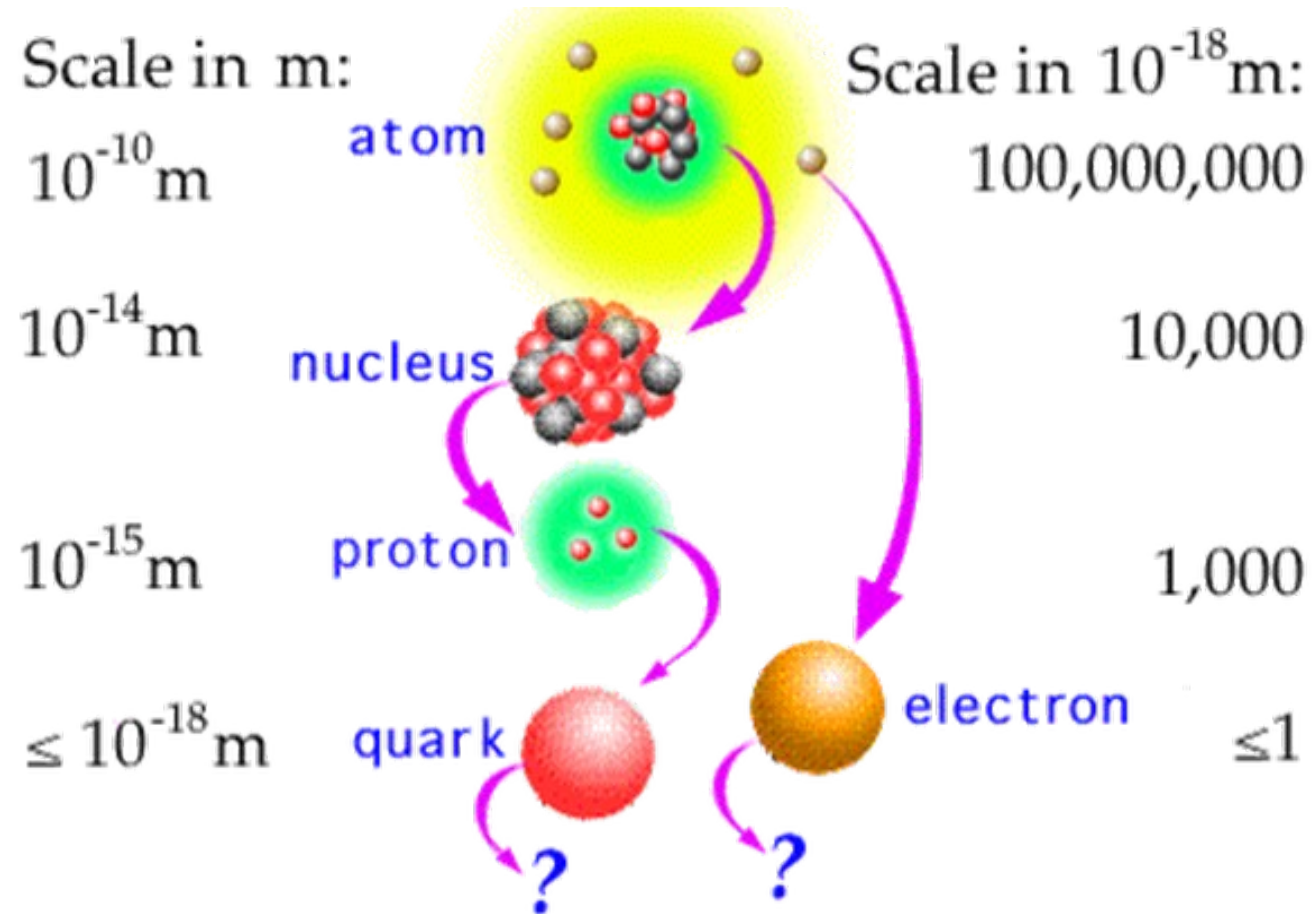
# Particle physics @ Summer school in Marseille

- This introductory lecture (YC, Wed 4/7, 9:00)
- Rest of the day:
  - ▶ *ATLAS experiment*, by Laurent Vacavant (14:00)
  - ▶ *LHCb experiment*, by Julien Cogan (16:00)
- Friday 6/7 afternoon:
  - ▶ *ATLAS data analysis on computer*, with Romain Kukla (postdoc) & Ana Dumitriu (PhD student)
- Tuesday 10/7 at 9:00:
  - ▶ *The future of particle physics*, by Romain Kukla

# From the infinitely large to the infinitely small



# Distance scale in particle physics



If protons and neutrons were **10 cm** apart, a quark or electron would measure **less than 0.1 mm** and an atom about **10 km**

# Particle physics

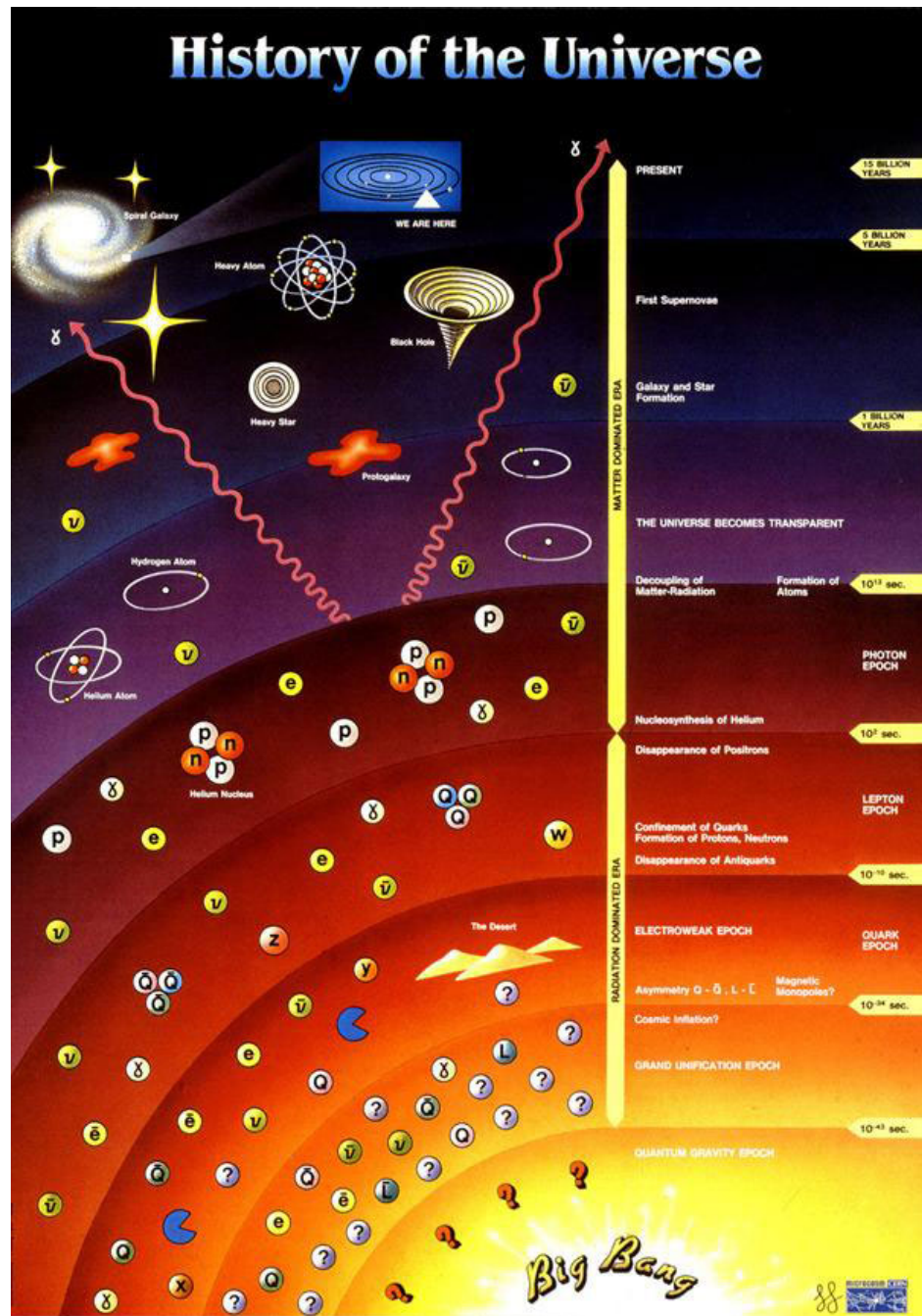
Study of **elementary constituents** of matter and their **interactions**

- ▶ *elementary* building blocks: “particles” without internal structure
- ▶ *interactions*: forces at play between these constituents

Present in the primordial universe, when it was dense and hot

In today’s cold universe, most of these particles have disappeared

- ▶ artificially created in particle accelerators (colliders), reproducing conditions that prevailed in the very first instants of the universe
  - the more particles are accelerated, the more energy is at play, the further “back in time” one can go



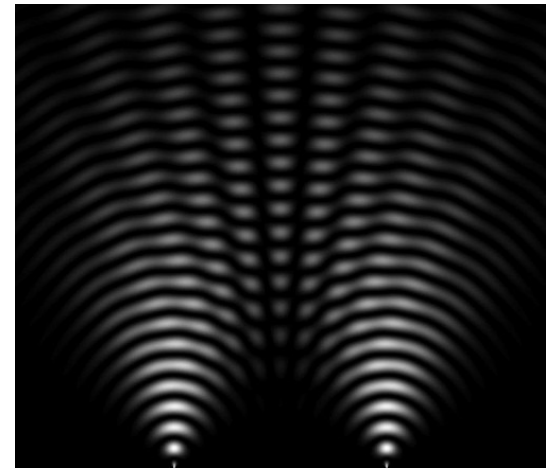
# Physics at the end of the XIX<sup>th</sup> century

- Newtonian mechanics [Newton (1643-1727)]
  - ▶ Principle of inertia (First law of motion)
  - ▶ Law of dynamics (Second law of motion)
  - ▶ Universal gravitation



- Analytical mechanics [Lagrange (1736-1813)]
  - ▶ Principle of least action

- Wave optics [Fresnel (1788-1827) – Young (1773-1829)]
  - ▶ Wave nature of light



- Electromagnetism [Maxwell (1831-1879)]
  - ▶ Unification of electricity & magnetism

• Existence of atoms: not proven – still debated

• Light: electromagnetic wave that propagates through *aether*

# Conceptual revolutions

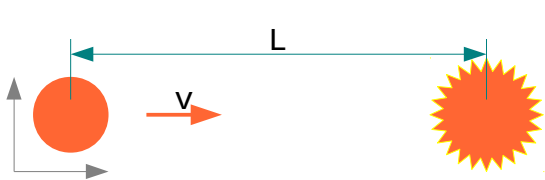
- According to Lord Kelvin in 1900 (British Association for the advancement of Science) :
  - “There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now. All that remains is more and more precise measurement.”
- Nevertheless, the beginning of the XX<sup>th</sup> century sees two major changes of paradigm:
  - ▶ Special relativity
  - ▶ Quantum mechanics(and later on general relativity)

# Special relativity: spacetime

- Length contraction and time dilation
  - ▶ Flow of time depends on reference frame
    - proper time ( $t_0$ ): time measured in object reference frame
    - time measured by (stationary) observer seeing object moving with velocity  $v$ :

$$t = \gamma t_0 \text{ where } \gamma = 1/\sqrt{1-v^2/c^2} > 1 \text{ (increases with } v\text{)}$$

- ▶ Example: bomb programmed to detonate after 1 s



1)	$v =$	300	km/s	(0,1 % $c$ )	$\rightarrow$	$L =$	300	km	( $t = 1s$ )	
2)	$v =$	29 979	km/s	(10 % $c$ )	$\rightarrow$	$L =$	30	130	km	( $t = 1s$ )
3)	$v =$	269 813	km/s	(90 % $c$ )	$\rightarrow$	$L =$	618	994	km	( $t = 2s$ )
4)	$v =$	296 794	km/s	(99 % $c$ )	$\rightarrow$	$L =$	2 103	921	km	( $t = 7s$ )
5)	$v =$	299 493	km/s	(99,9 % $c$ )	$\rightarrow$	$L =$	6 698	534	km	( $t = 22s$ )

To be taken into account when approaching  
limiting speed  
( $c$ , speed of light in vacuum)



# Special relativity: mass and energy

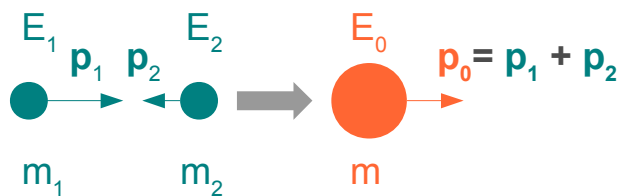
- Mass-energy equivalence

- ▶ Mass is a form of energy

- If a body loses an amount of energy  $E$ , its mass decreases by  $\Delta m = E/c^2$
- $E_0 = m c^2$ : rest energy (in reference frame with body at rest)

- ▶ Total energy of a system:  $E^2 = m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2$  ( $p$  = momentum)

- ▶ Conversion of kinetic energy into mass

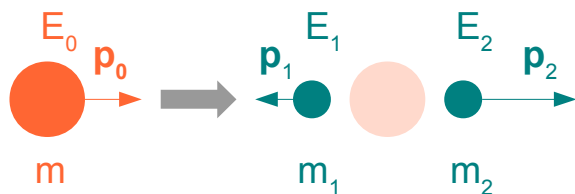


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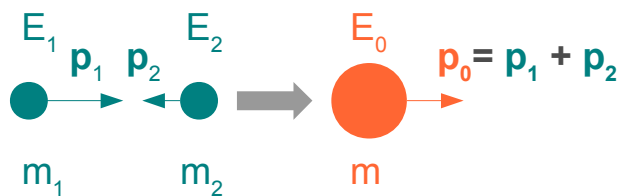
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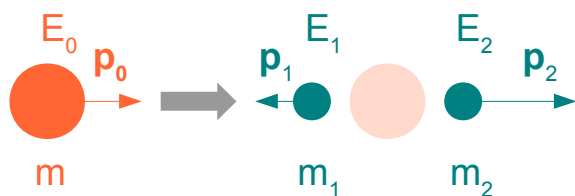
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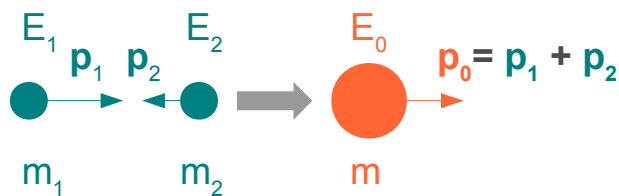
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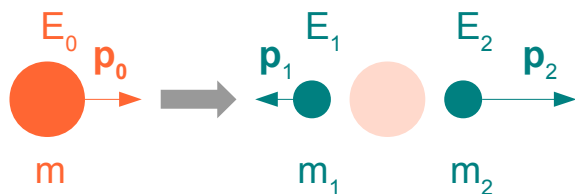


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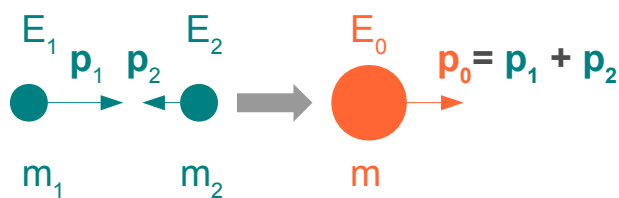
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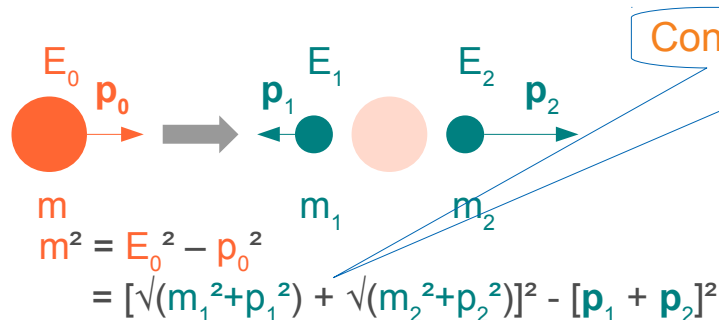


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# Units

- Usual units not very practical in particle physics
- Instead, use :
  - ▶ Energy : eV (*electron-volt*)
    - $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J}$
    - energy gained by an electron in a 1V electric potential difference
- From mass-energy equivalence ( $E^2 = m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2$ ):
  - ▶ Momentum: eV/c
  - ▶ Mass: eV/c<sup>2</sup>
    - $1 \text{ eV}/c^2 = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-36} \text{ kg}$
  - ▶ Often using “natural” units:
    - $c = 1$
    - energy, momentum and mass in eV
- Usual multiples : keV ( $10^3$ ), MeV( $10^6$ ), GeV( $10^9$ ), TeV ( $10^{12}$ )

# Quantum mechanics: wave-particle duality

- At microscopic scales, objects have both *wave* and *particle* nature

$$E = h\nu \quad p = h/\lambda$$

Planck's constant:  $h = 6,63 \cdot 10^{-34}$  J.s

- ▶ nothing equivalent in our macroscopic world → non-intuitive !
- Two antagonistic descriptions!
  - **particle**: point-like object with well-defined position and momentum
  - **wave**: spread out object that can interfere
- ▶ **quantum object**: point-like properties follow probabilistic laws of associated wave.

ex : position of a particle

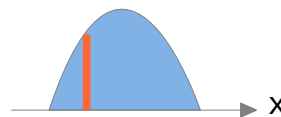
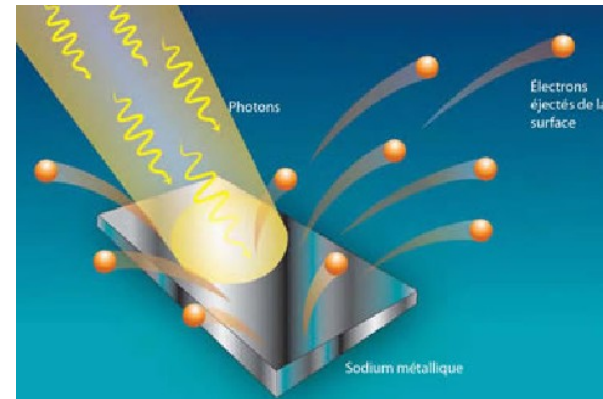
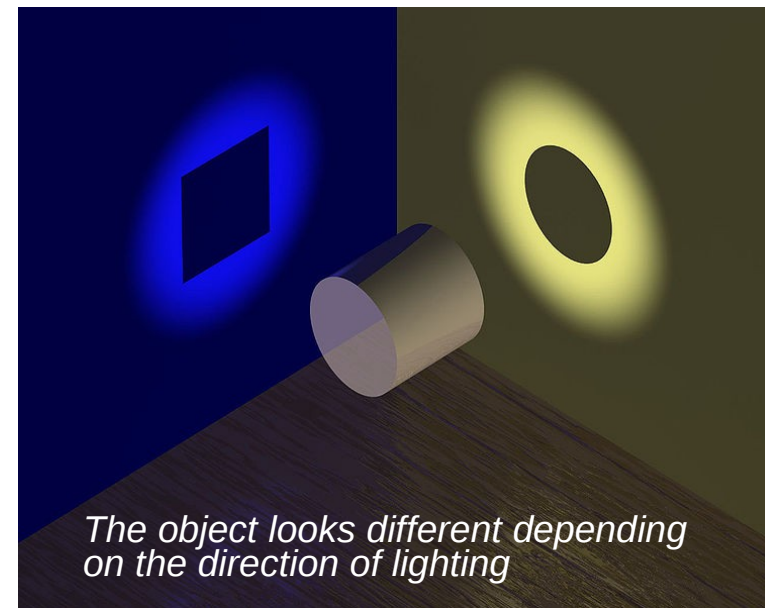


Photo-electric effect, Einstein, 1905

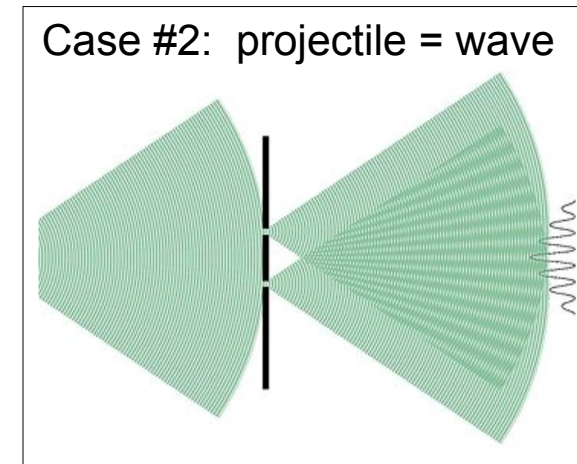
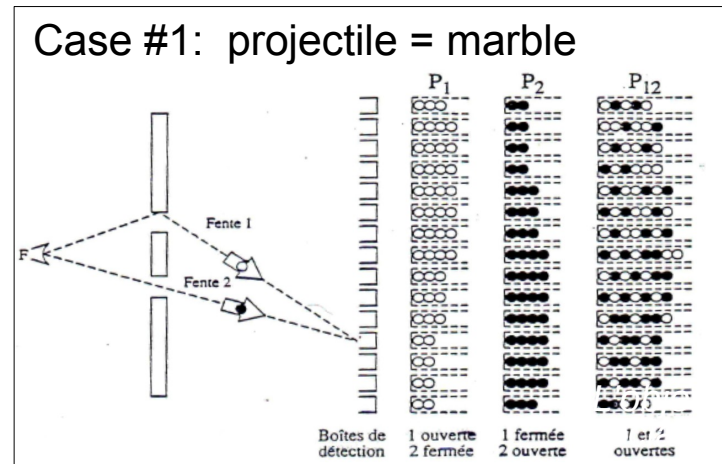
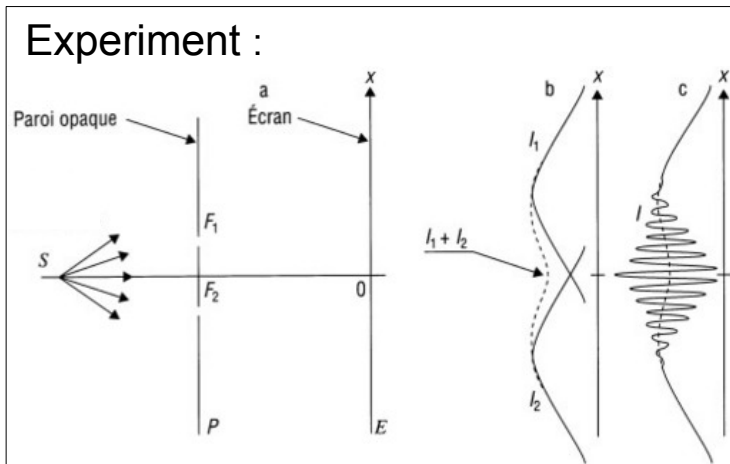


The photon is the carrier of the energy of the electro-magnetic wave



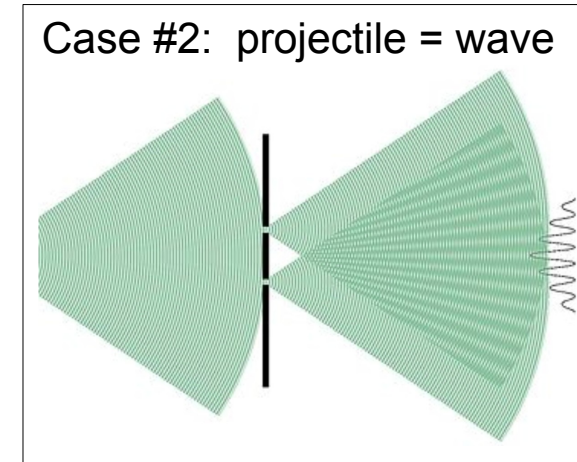
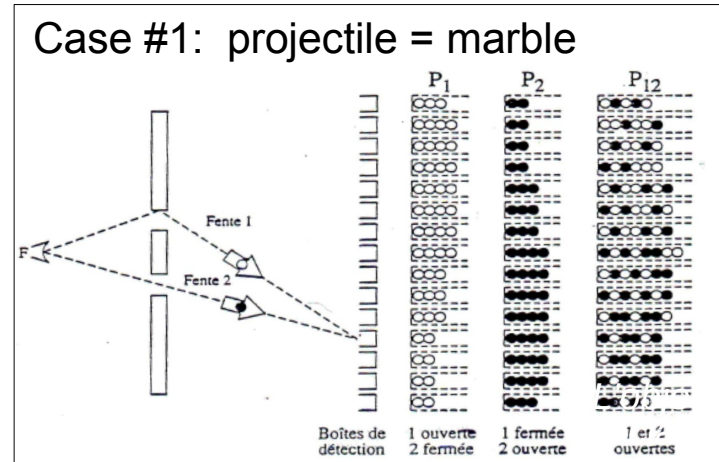
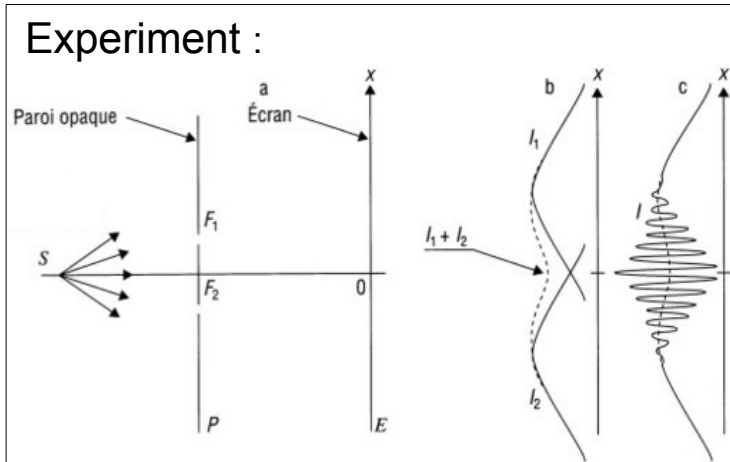
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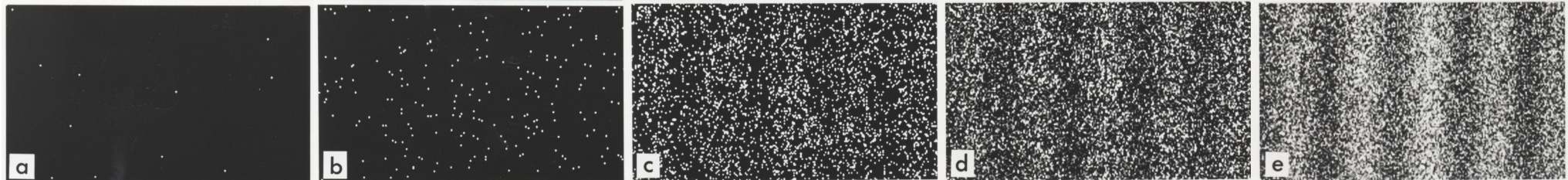


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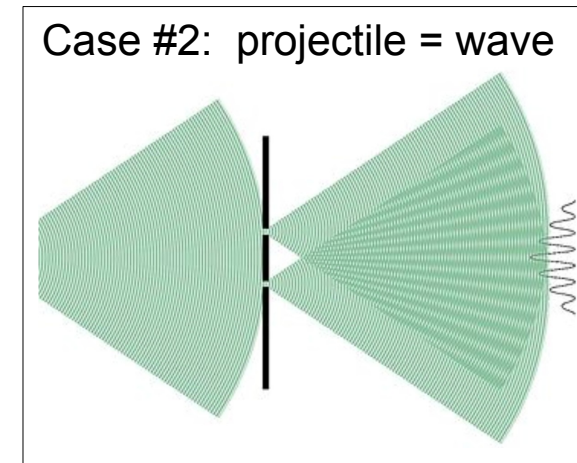
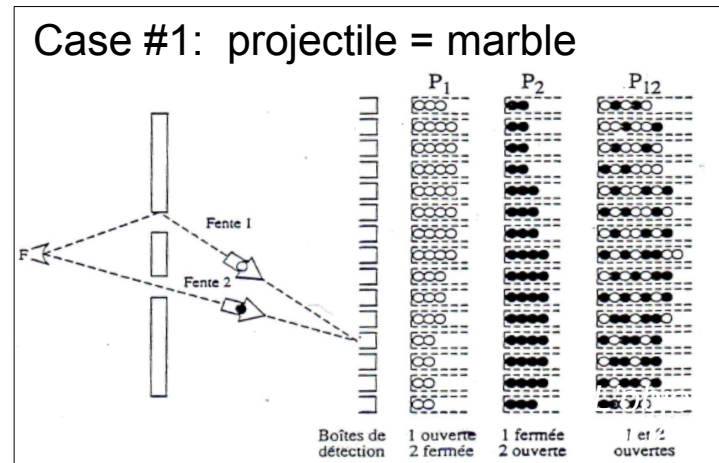
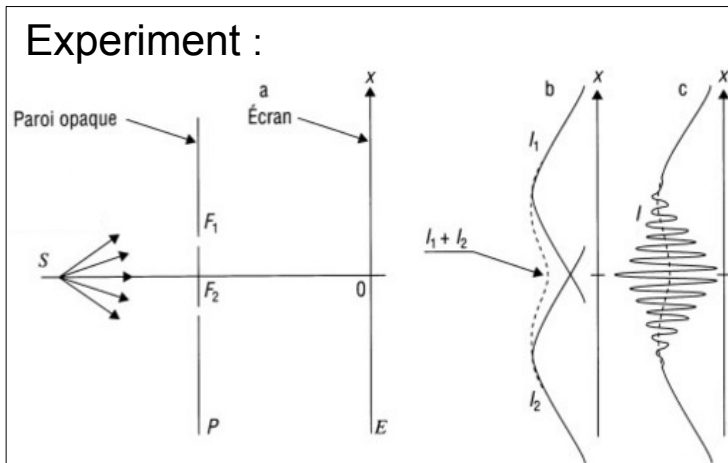


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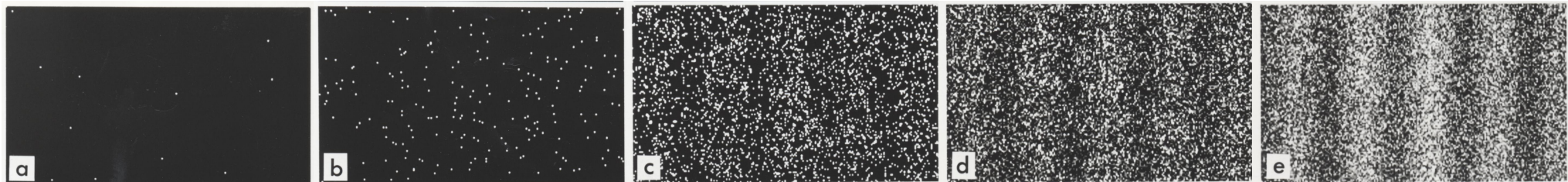


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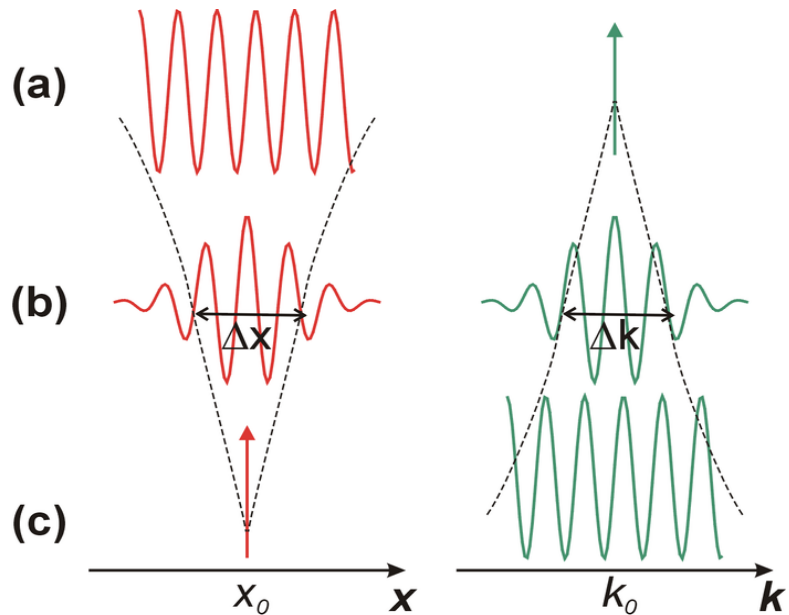


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- Note: if one detects which slit the particle goes through, the interference pattern disappears!

# Quantum mechanics: uncertainty principle



- (a) **wave**:  $A = \cos(k.x)$   
 - infinite spatial spread  
 - pure frequency
- (b) **wave packet**:  $A = \sum_k \cos(k.x)$   
 - limited spatial spread  
 - mix of frequencies
- (c) **particle**:  $A = 1$  if  $x=x_0$ ,  $0$  otherwise ( $\forall k$ )  
 - spatially localised  
 - no well-defined frequency

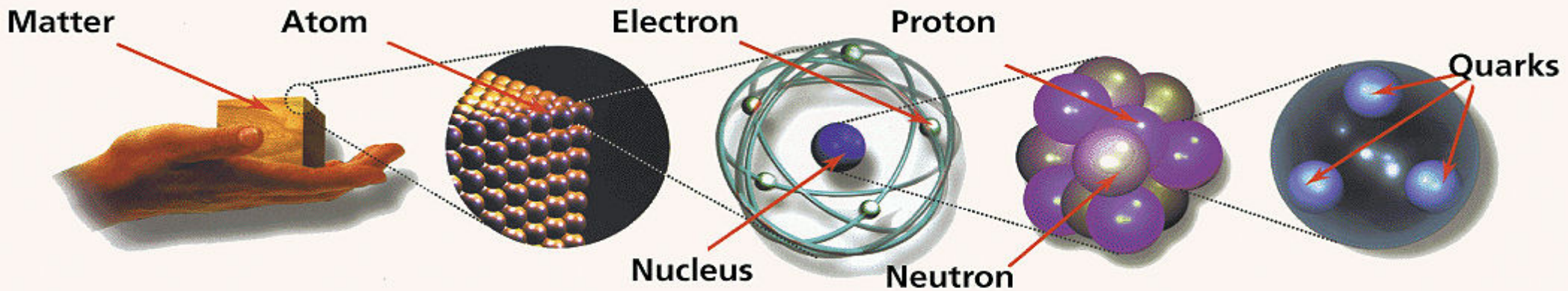
- Heisenberg relations (1927)
  - ▶ if position of particle known to  $\Delta x$ , its momentum is known to a precision  $\Delta p$  such that:  $\Delta p \cdot \Delta x > \hbar/2$
  - ▶ if timing of particle known to  $\Delta t$ , its energy is known to  $\Delta E$  such that:  $\Delta E \cdot \Delta t > \hbar/2$
- Advantage of quantum fuzziness
  - ▶ an energy ( $\Delta E$ ) can be “borrowed” from vacuum during a time ( $\Delta t$ ), sufficiently short for  $\Delta E \cdot \Delta t > \hbar/2$
  - ▶ ... and since  $E=mc^2$ , (virtual) particles can be created and “live” for a short time (getting shorter the heavier the particle)

# Quantum mechanics: interpretation

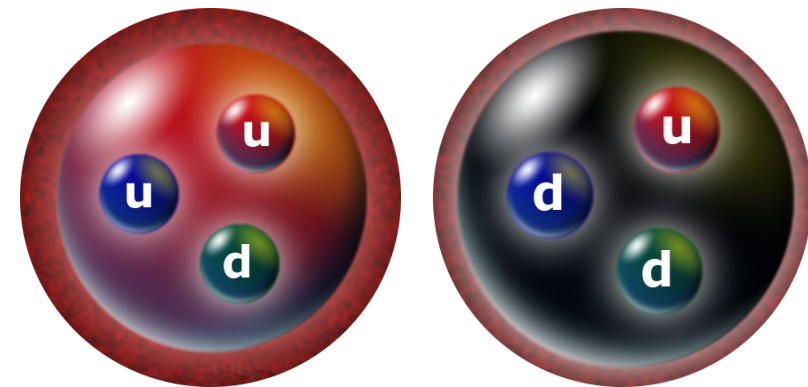
- Quantum mechanics: mathematical trick or reality?
  - ▶ Probabilistic aspects shocking to deterministic physicists
    - “God does not play dice with the universe”, Einstein (1927)
  - ▶ Wave-particle duality
    - hard to interpret
    - debated for a long time
    - very active field of research
- Despite all its weirdness, all predictions of quantum mechanics are so far confirmed by experiments

LIGHT IS A  
WAVE!

# What is the visible Universe made of?



- All visible matter, galaxies, viruses or human beings, are made up of **up quarks** ( $u$ ), **down quarks** ( $d$ ) and **electrons**
- Protons and neutrons are made up of 3 quarks
- They make up the nucleus
- Electrons orbit nucleus
- **Neutrinos** are produced in nuclear reactions within the core of stars



# The positron

- Equation of motion of an electron

[1928, Dirac]

- ▶ quantum mechanics
- ▶ relativistic case
- ▶ Dirac equation with 2 solutions

- electron
  - positron
- $$\left( i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m \right) \psi^c = 0$$

- Observation:

[1932, Anderson]

- records in a Wilson cloud chamber a particle with the same properties as the electron but opposite electric charge

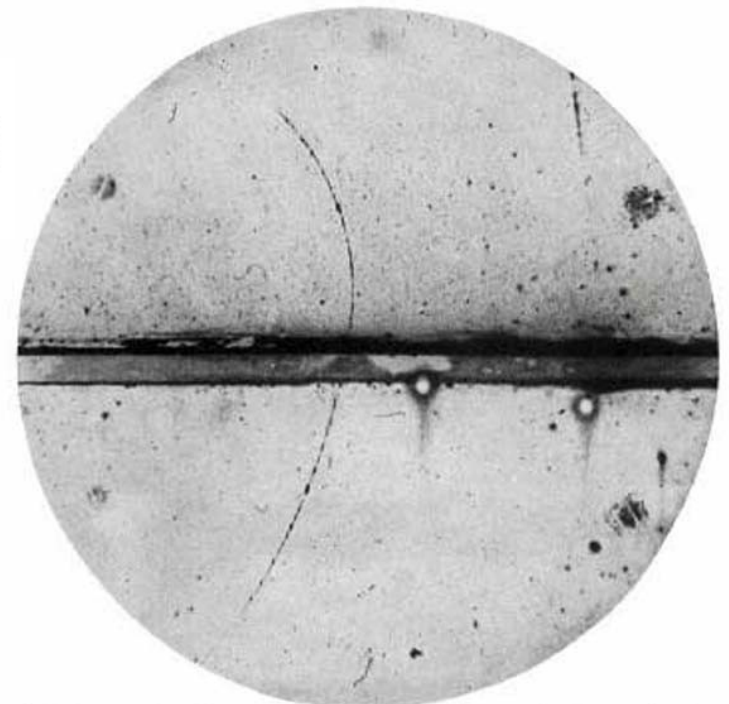
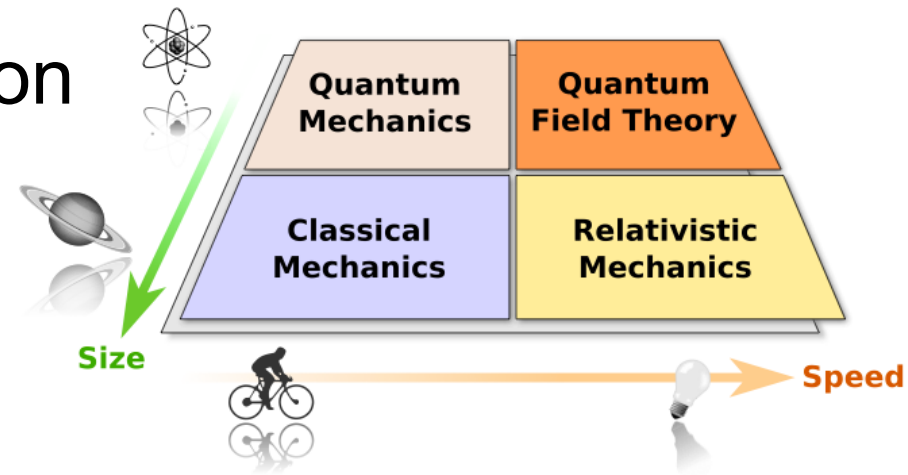
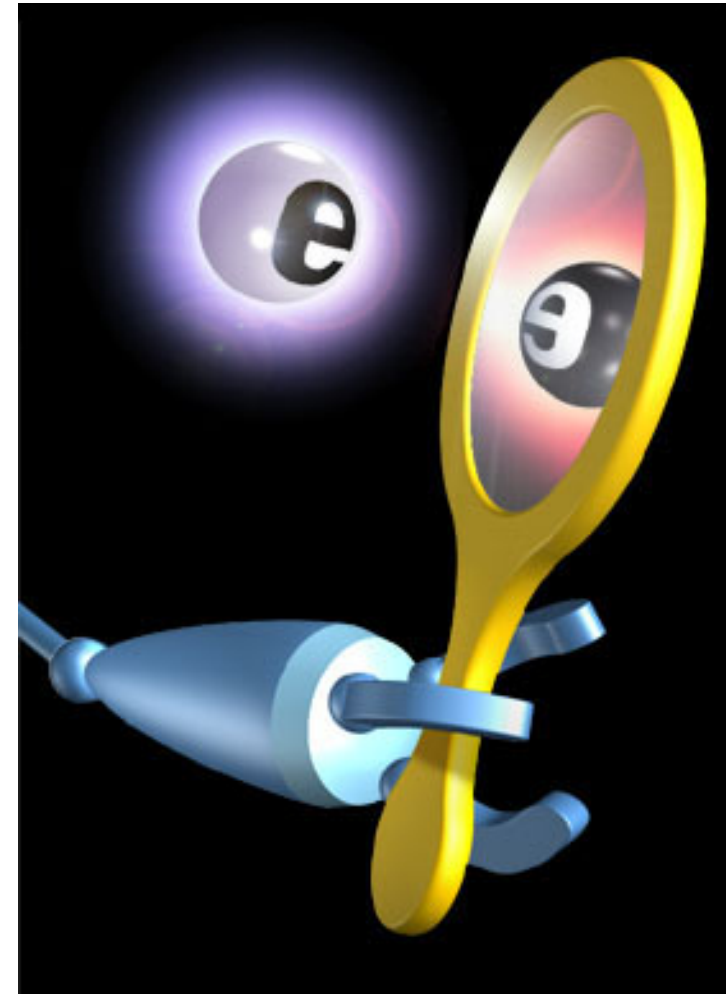
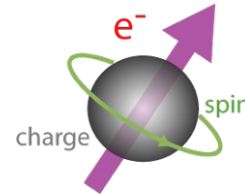


FIG. 1. A 65 million volt positron ( $H_0=2.1 \times 10^6$  gauss-cm) passing through a 6 mm lead plate and emerging as a 23 million volt positron ( $H_0=7.5 \times 10^4$  gauss-cm). The length of this latter path is at least ten times greater than the possible length of a proton path of this curvature.

# Antimatter

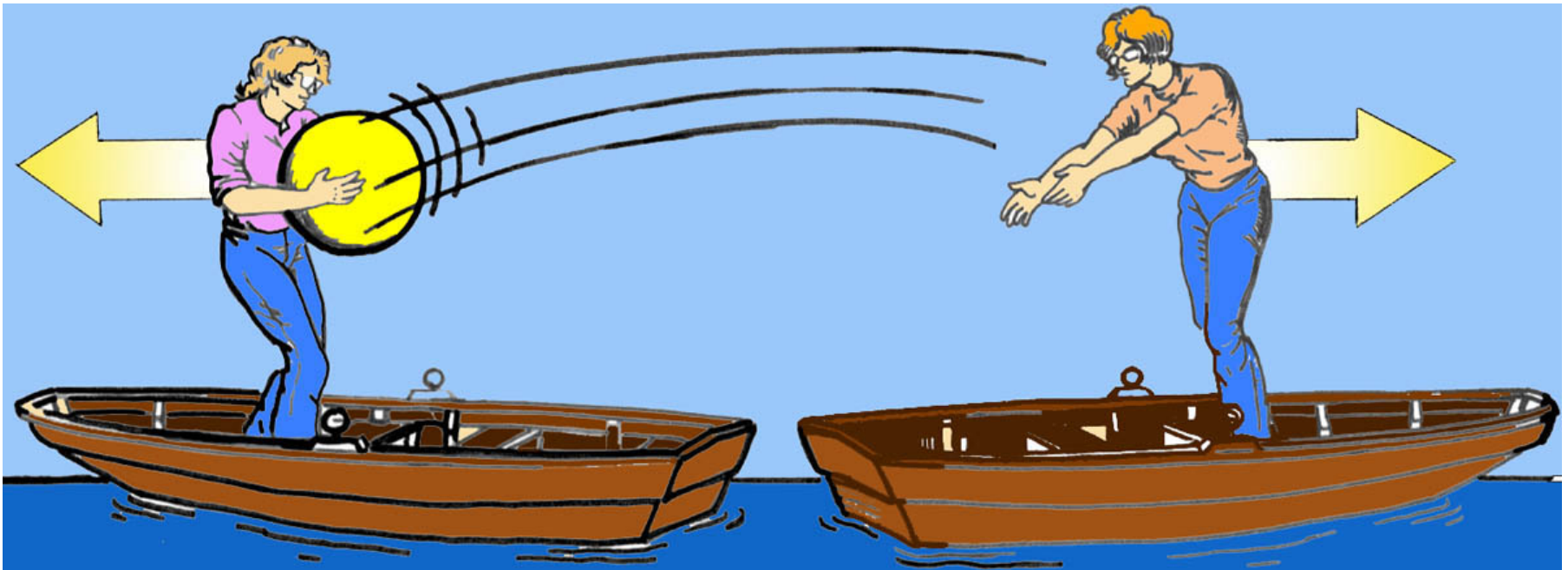
- Positron discovery means birth of antimatter
  - ▶ positron = anti-electron
- Generalisation: each particle is associated to its anti-particle with:
  - ▶ same mass
  - ▶ same *spin* (intrinsic angular momentum)
  - ▶ opposite charge(s)
- Antimatter behaves like matter (as seen in a mirror)
  - ▶ ... but not quite exactly
    - there is a small asymmetry
    - very active field of research (and quite a theoretical puzzle)



convention:  
anti-particle of  $x$  is called  $\bar{x}$

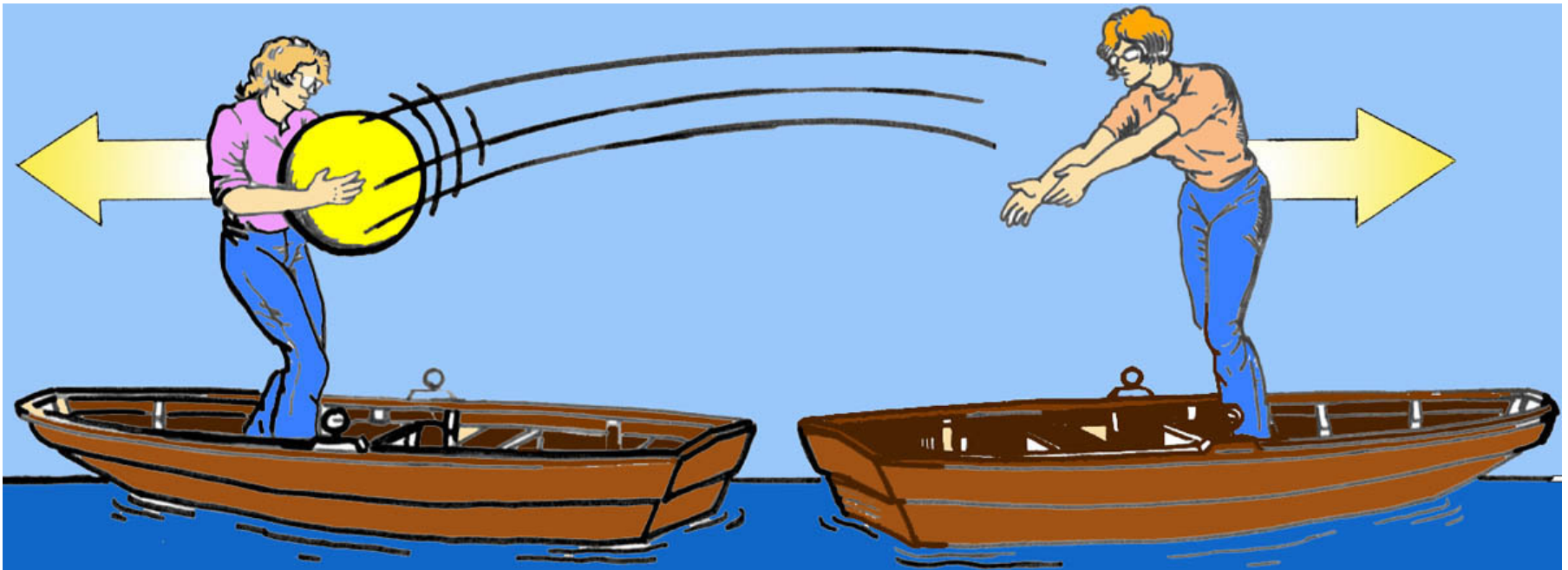
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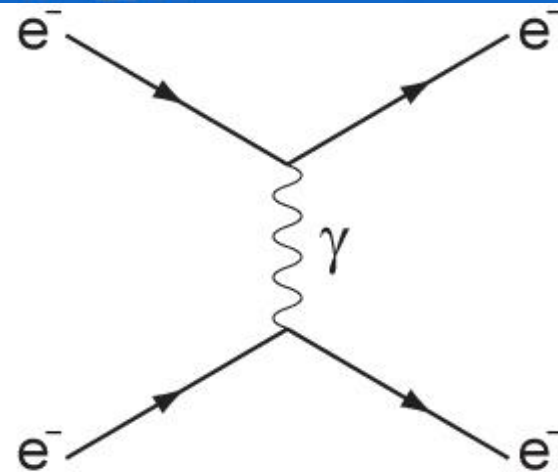


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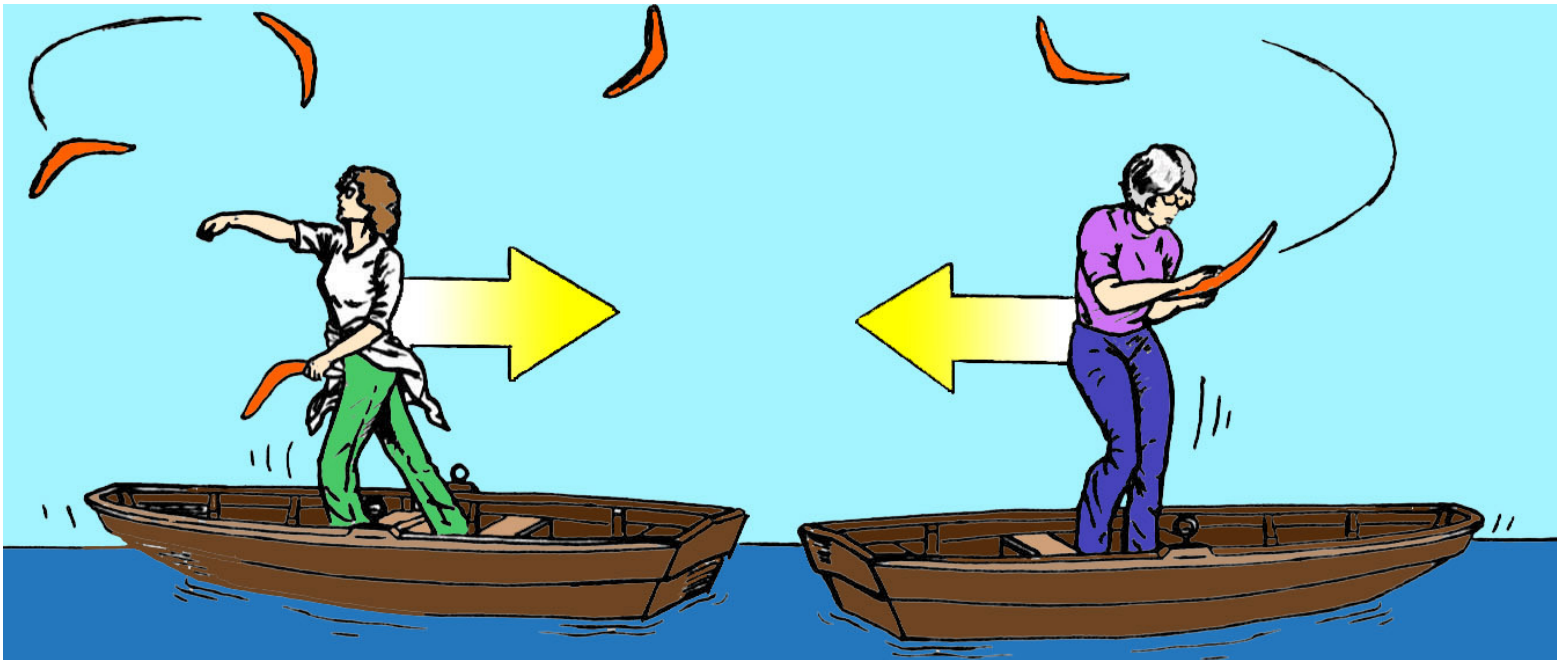
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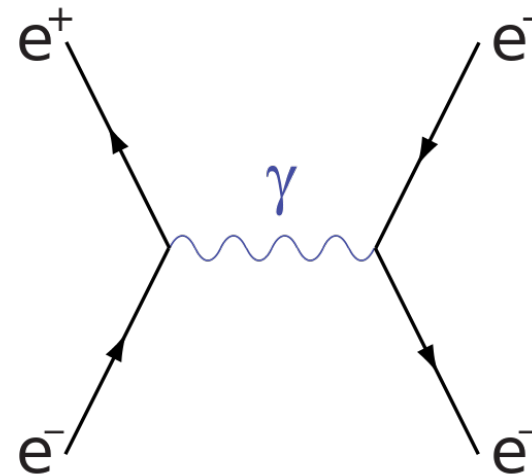


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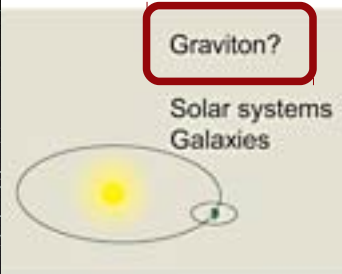
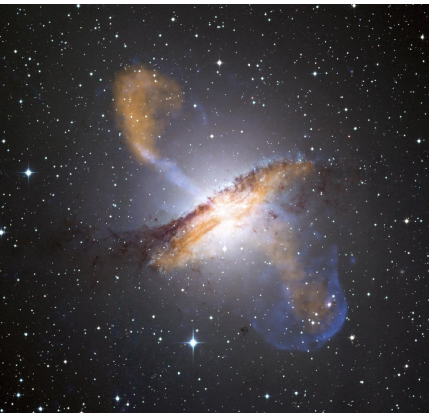
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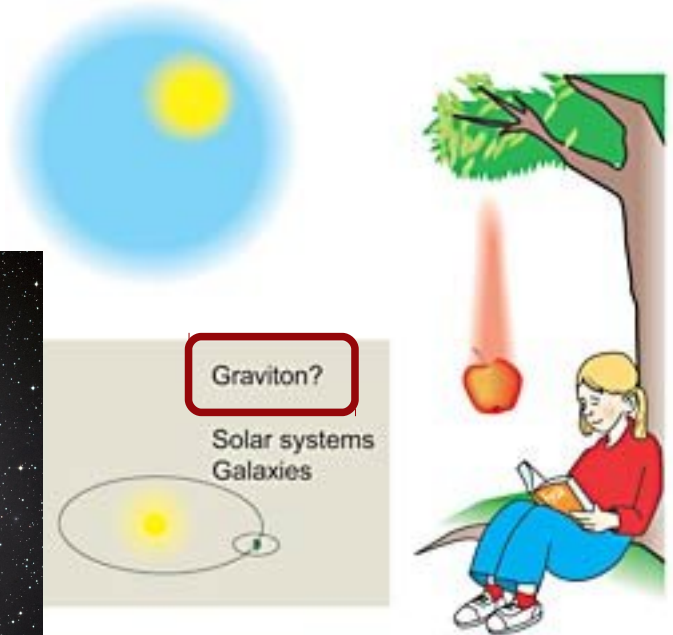


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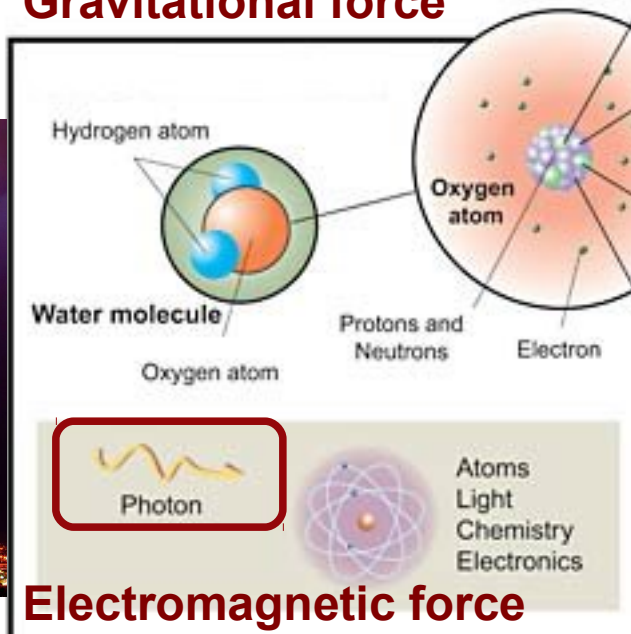
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Graviton?

Solar systems  
Galaxies

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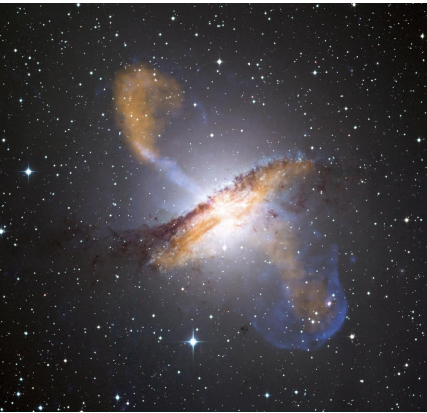


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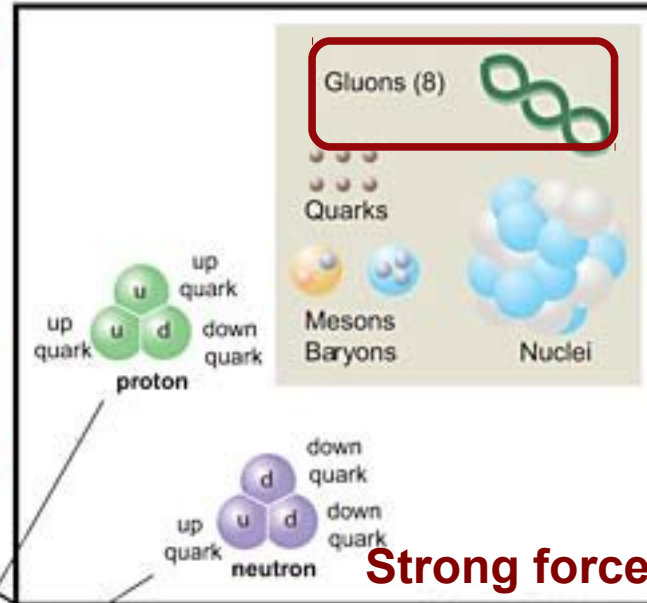
Atoms  
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Electronics

**Electromagnetic force**

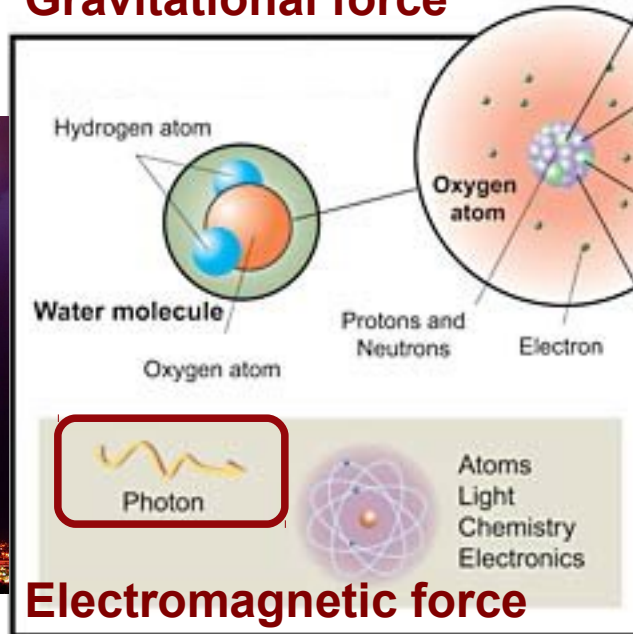
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**Gravitational force**



**Strong force**



**Electromagnetic force**

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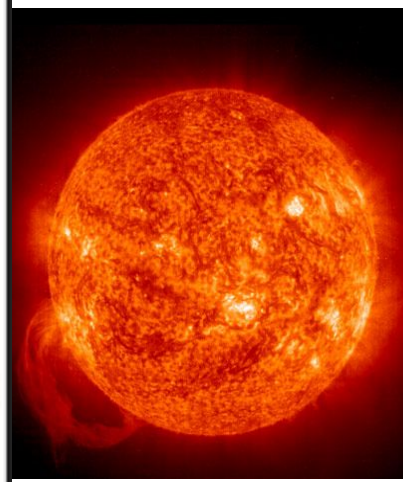
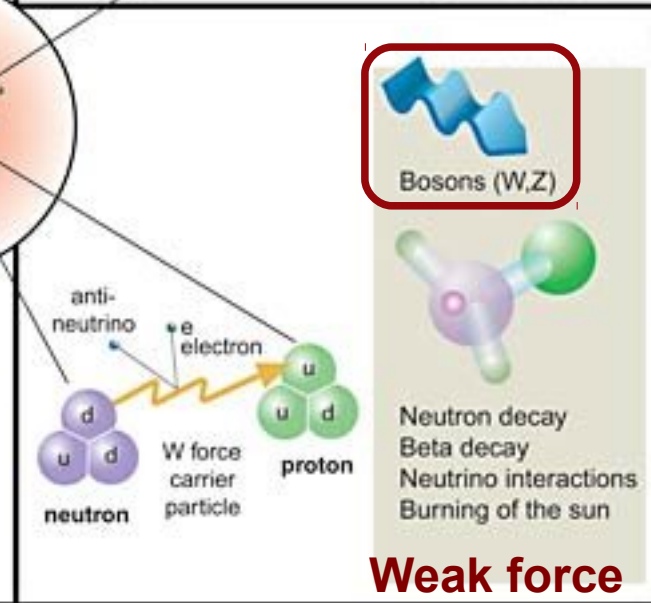
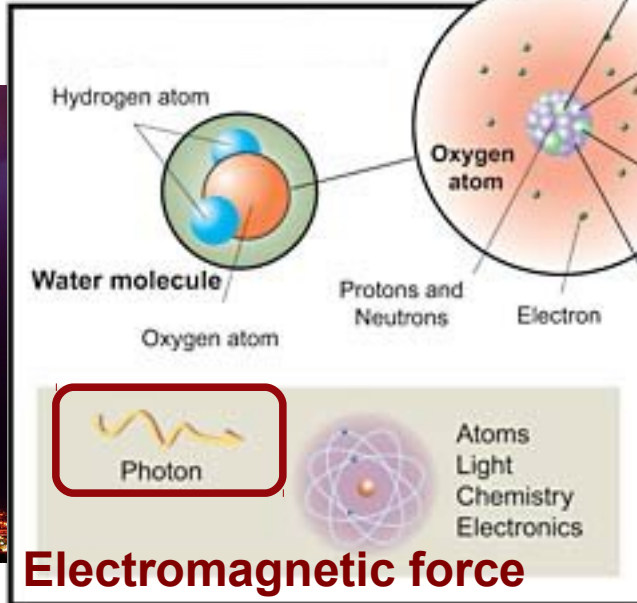
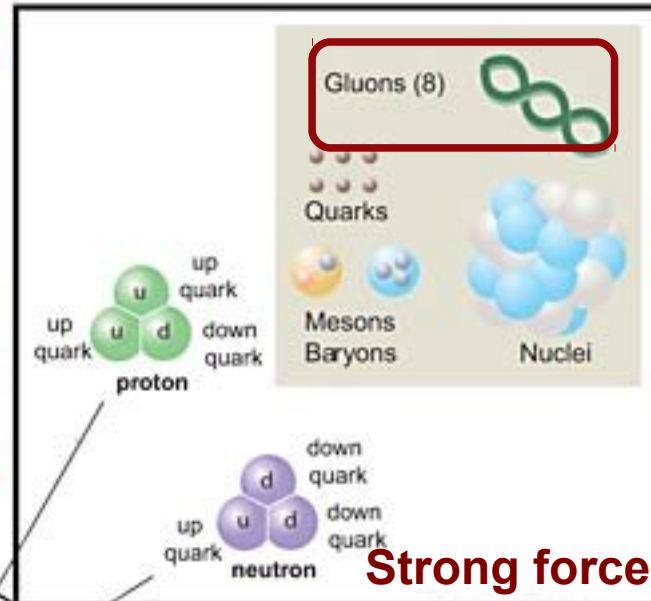


Graviton?

Solar systems  
Galaxies



**Gravitational force**



# Forces

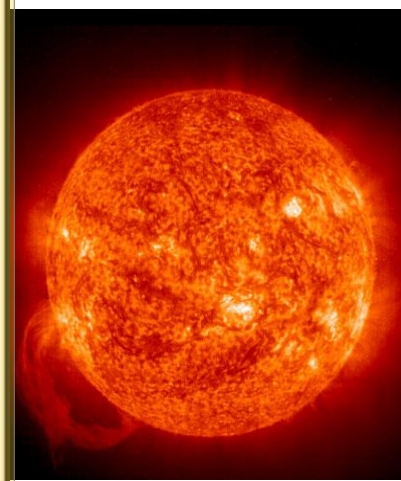
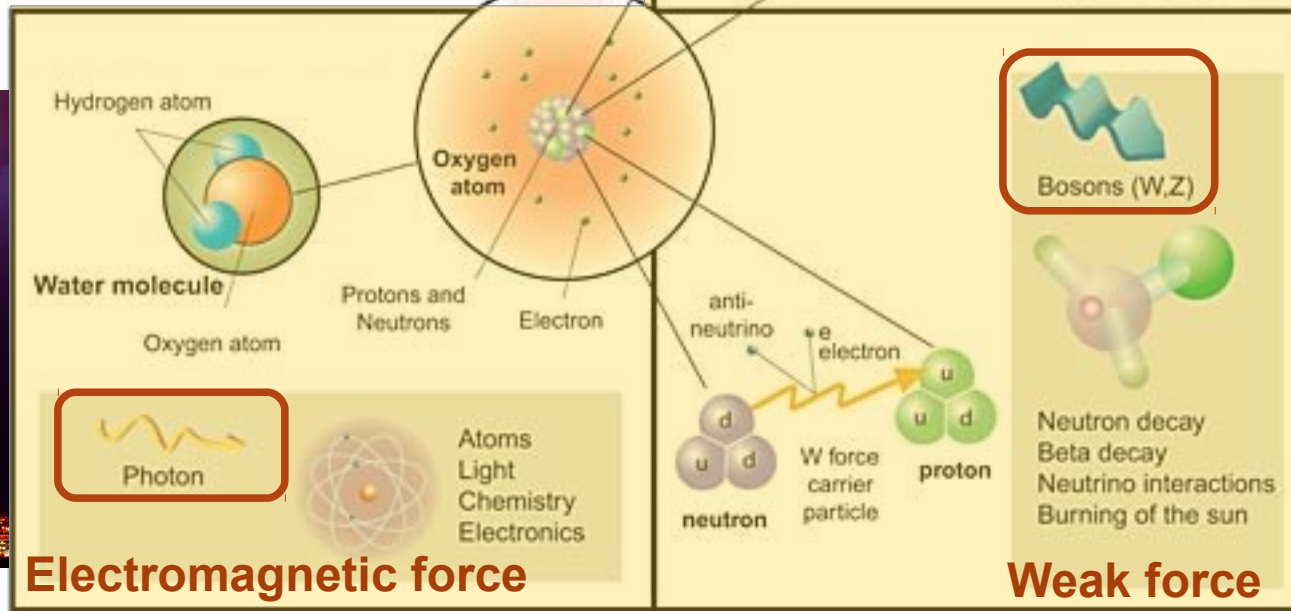
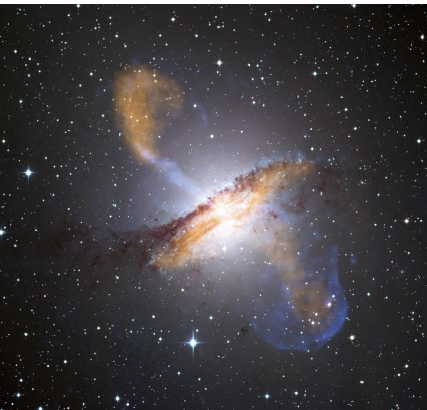
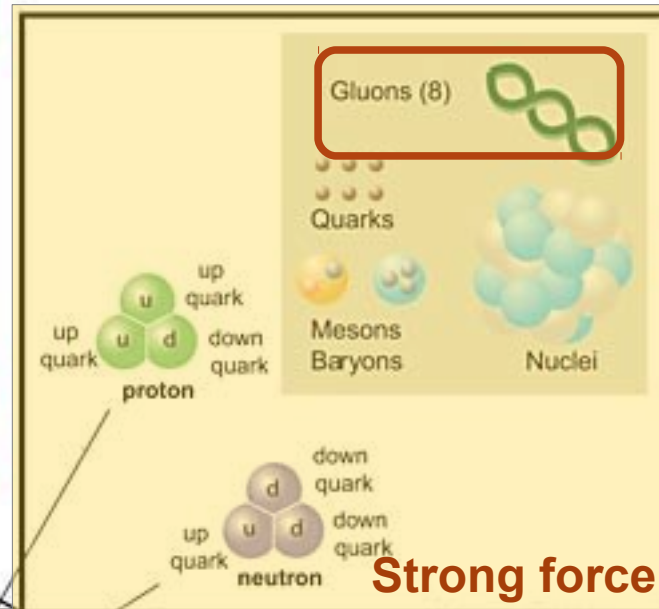


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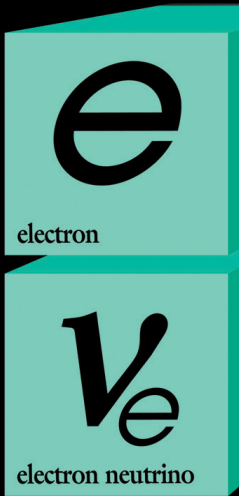
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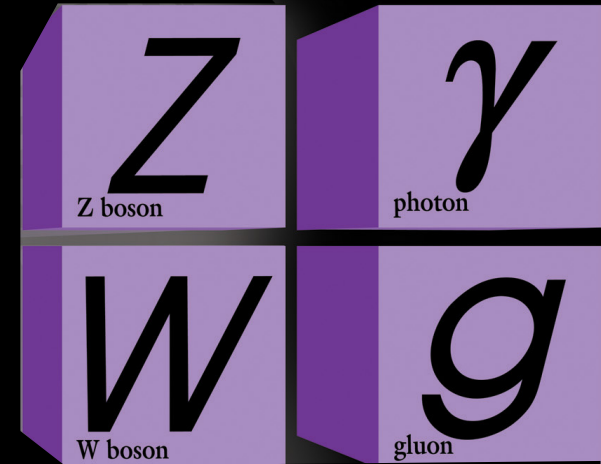
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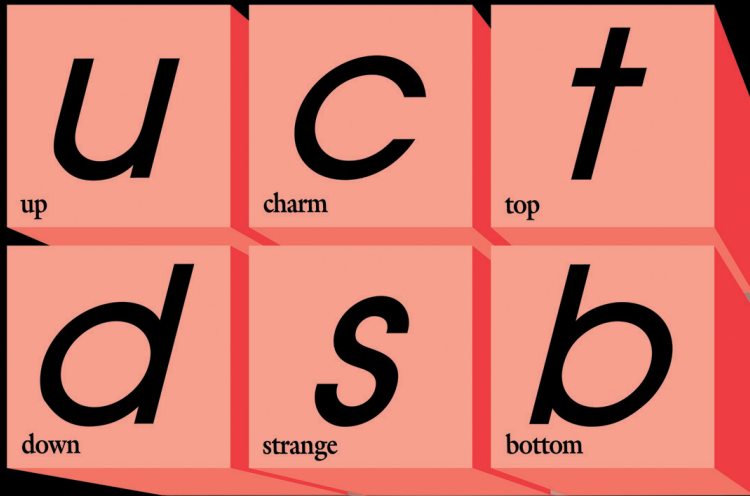
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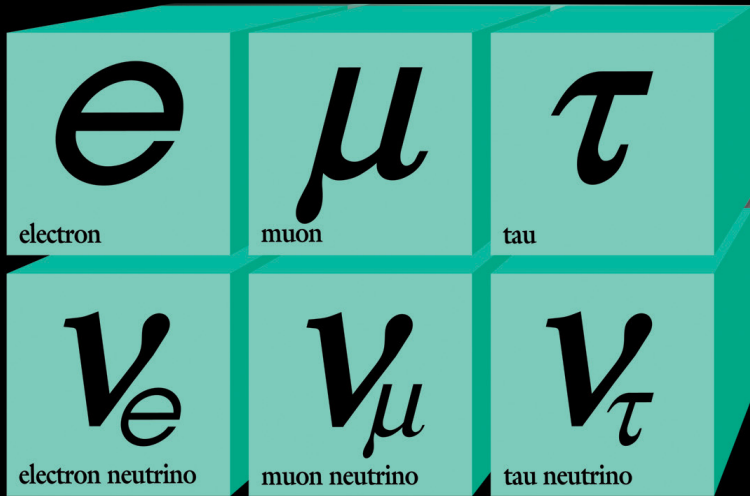




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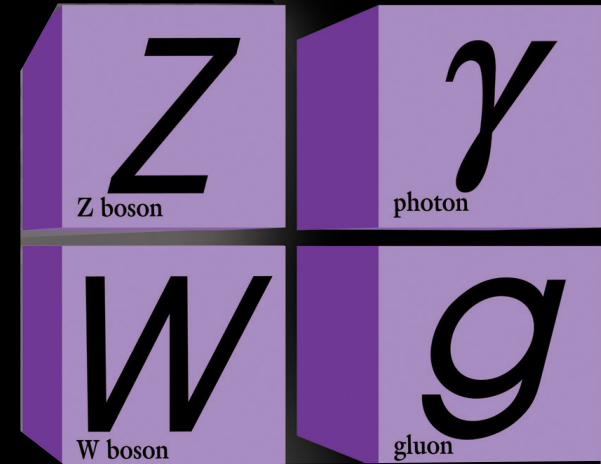
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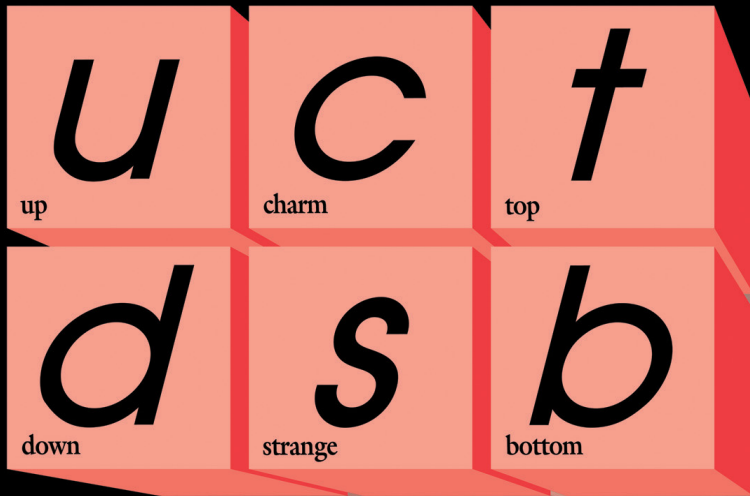
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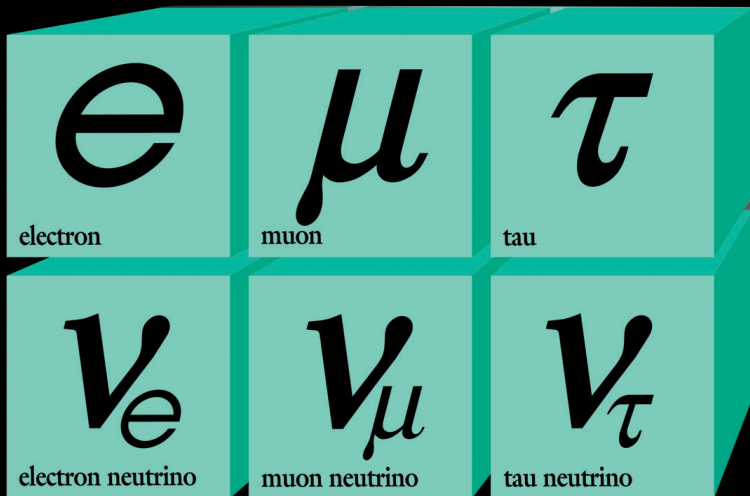
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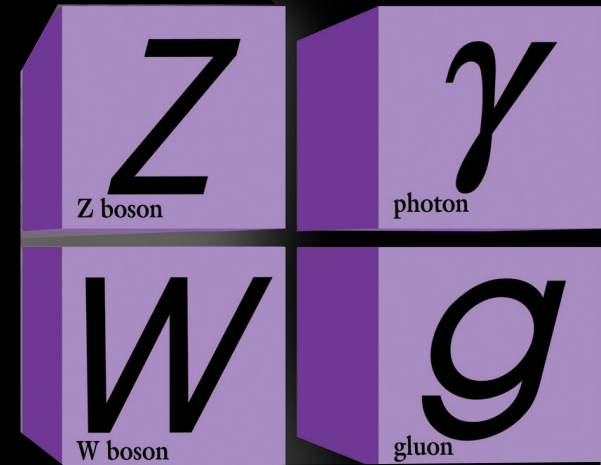
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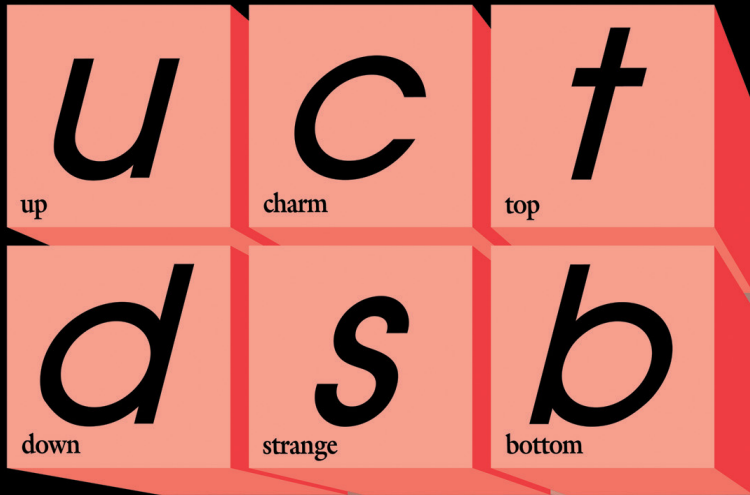
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All particles have zero mass,  
contrary to experimental results...

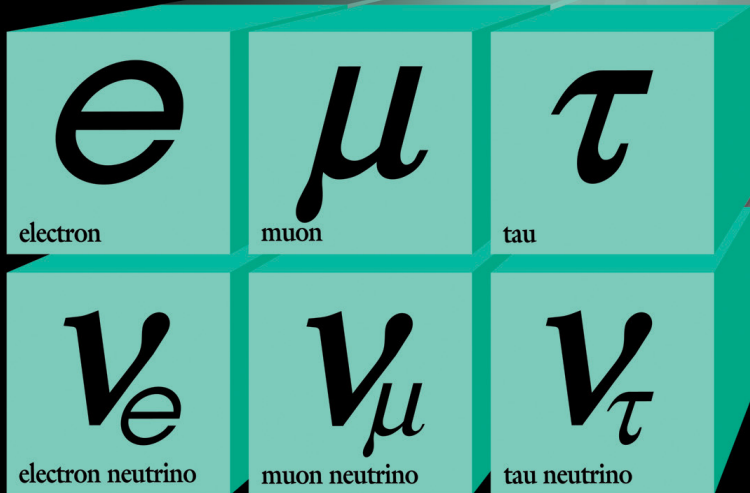
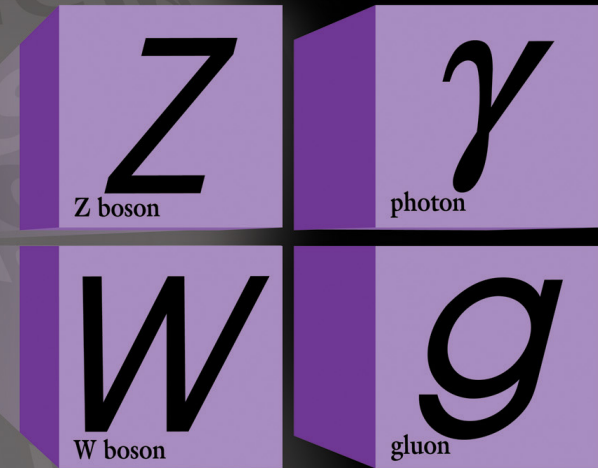
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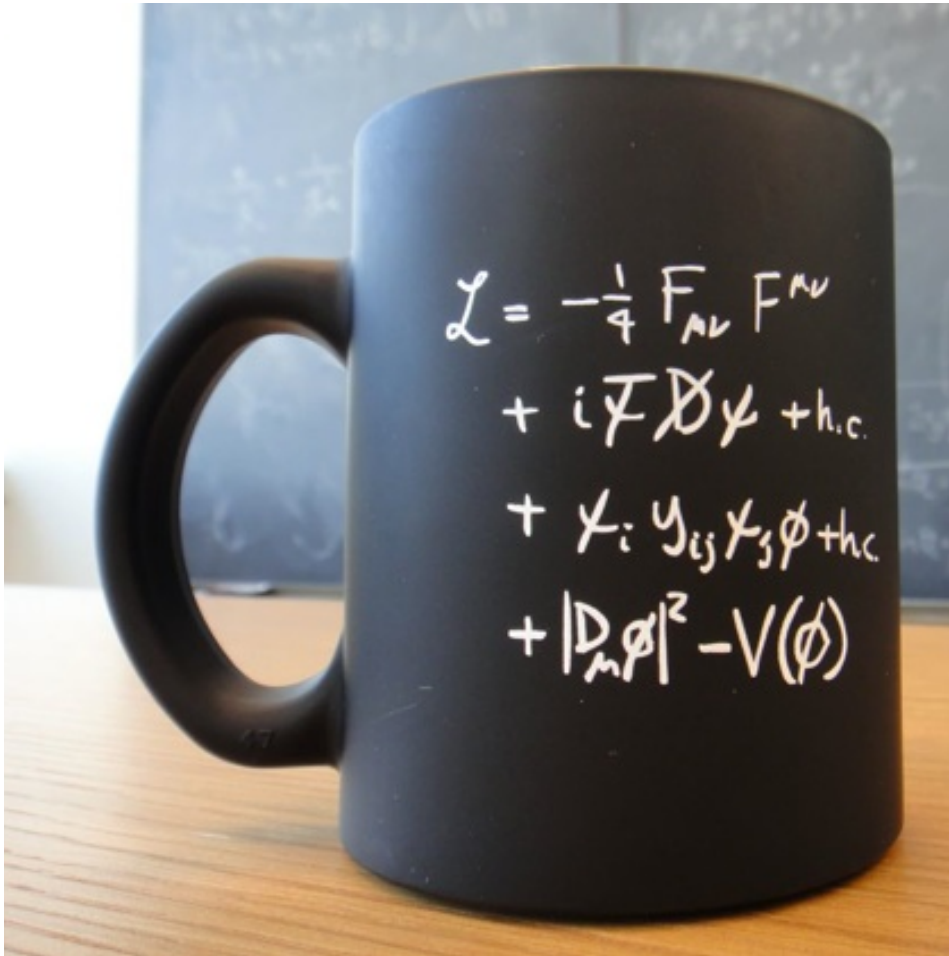


# Leptons

Solution: add the Higgs field

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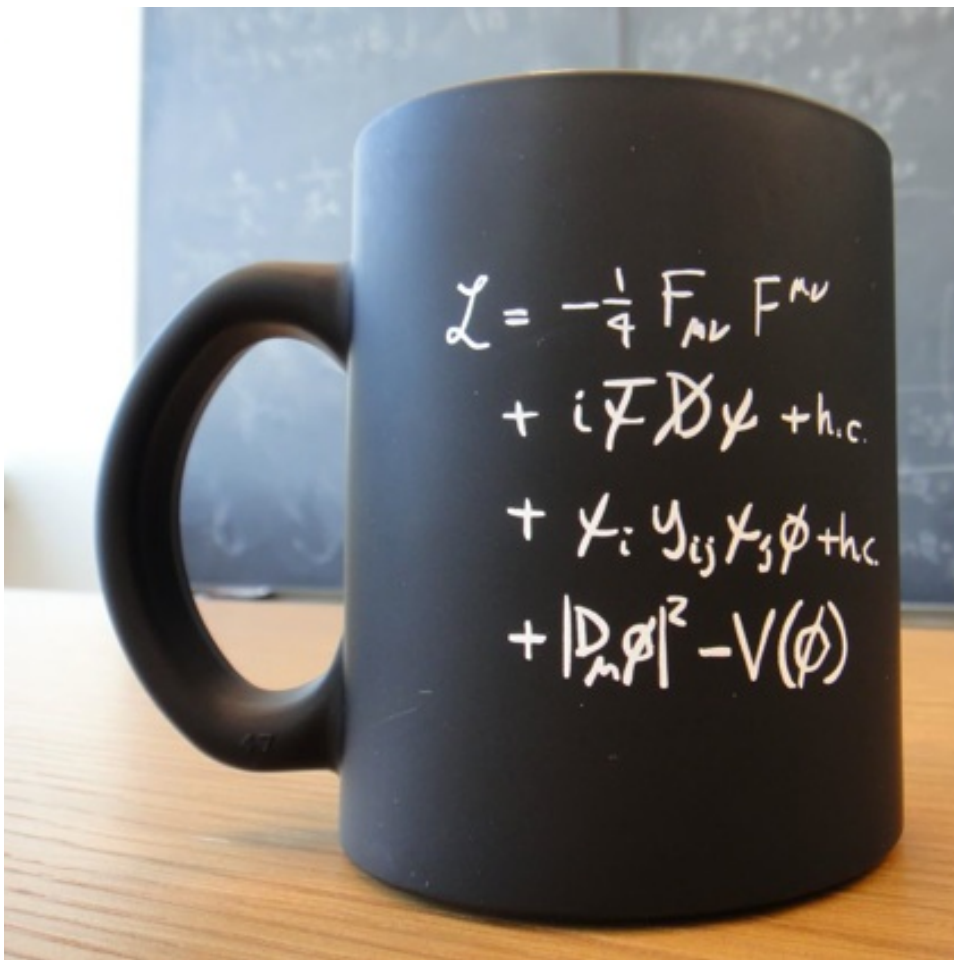
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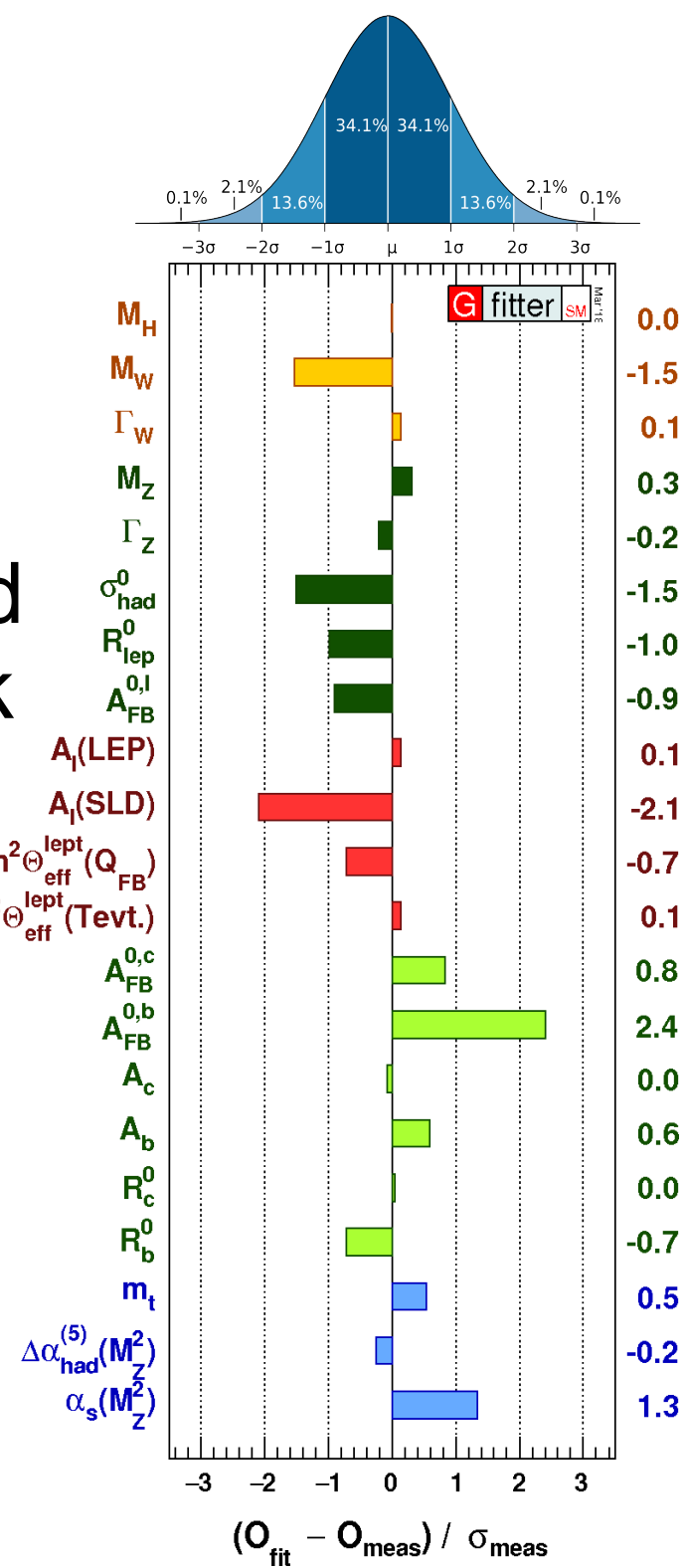
- Partial expansion...



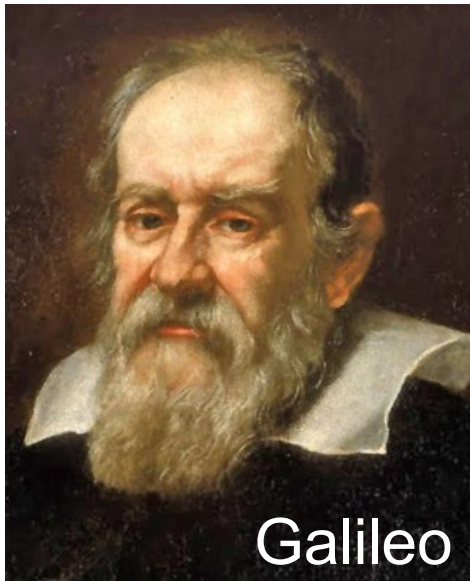
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 & \frac{1}{2}i g_s^2 (\bar{q}_i^\sigma \gamma^\mu q_j^\sigma) g_\mu^a + \bar{G}^a \partial^2 G^a + g_s f^{abc} \partial_\mu \bar{G}^a G^b g_\mu^c - \partial_\nu W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - \\
 & M^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 \partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2c_w^2} M^2 Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu A_\nu \partial_\mu A_\nu - \\
 & \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \mathbf{H} \partial_\mu \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{2}m_h^2 \mathbf{H}^2 - \partial_\mu \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^- - M^2 \phi^+ \phi^- - \frac{1}{2}\partial_\mu \phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^0 - \\
 & \frac{1}{2c_w^2} M \phi^0 \phi^0 - \beta_h \left[ \frac{2M^2}{g^2} + \frac{2M}{g} \mathbf{H} + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{H}^2 + \phi^0 \phi^0 + 2\phi^+ \phi^-) \right] + \frac{2M^4}{g^2} \alpha_h - \\
 & igc_w [\partial_\nu Z_\mu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - Z_\nu^0 (W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) + \\
 & Z_\mu^0 (W_\nu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\nu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+)] - ig s_w [\partial_\nu A_\mu (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - \\
 & A_\nu (W_\mu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\mu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+) + A_\mu (W_\nu^+ \partial_\nu W_\mu^- - W_\nu^- \partial_\nu W_\mu^+)] - \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- W_\nu^+ W_\nu^- + \frac{1}{2}g^2 W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- + g^2 c_w^2 (Z_\mu^0 W_\mu^+ Z_\nu^0 W_\nu^- - \\
 & Z_\nu^0 Z_\mu^0 W_\nu^+ W_\nu^-) + g^2 s_w^2 (A_\mu W_\mu^+ A_\nu W_\nu^- - A_\mu A_\nu W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-) + \\
 & g^2 s_w c_w [A_\mu Z_\nu^0 (W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- - W_\nu^+ W_\mu^-) - 2A_\mu Z_\mu^0 W_\nu^+ W_\nu^-] - g\alpha [\mathbf{H}^3 + \\
 & \mathbf{H} \phi^0 \phi^0 + 2\mathbf{H} \phi^+ \phi^-] - \frac{1}{8}g^2 \alpha_h [\mathbf{H}^4 + (\phi^0)^4 + 4(\phi^+ \phi^-)^2 + \\
 & 4(\phi^0)^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 4\mathbf{H}^2 \phi^+ \phi^- + 2(\phi^0)^2 \mathbf{H}^2] - gM W_\mu^+ W_\mu^- \mathbf{H} - \\
 & \frac{1}{2}g \frac{M}{c_w^2} Z_\mu^0 Z_\mu^0 \mathbf{H} - \frac{1}{2}ig [W_\mu^+ (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \phi^0) - W_\mu^- (\phi^0 \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \\
 & \phi^+ \partial_\mu \phi^0)] + \frac{1}{2}g [W_\mu^+ (\mathbf{H} \partial_\mu \phi^- - \phi^- \partial_\mu \mathbf{H}) - W_\mu^- (\mathbf{H} \partial_\mu \phi^+ - \phi^+ \partial_\mu \mathbf{H})] + \\
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 & g^1 s_w^2 A_\mu A_\mu \phi^+ \phi^- - \bar{e}^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_e^\lambda) e^\lambda - \bar{\nu}^\lambda \gamma \partial \nu^\lambda - \bar{u}_j^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_u^\lambda) u_j^\lambda - \\
 & \bar{d}_j^\lambda (\gamma \partial + m_d^\lambda) d_j^\lambda + ig s_w A_\mu [-(\bar{e}^\lambda \gamma^\mu e^\lambda) + \frac{2}{3}(\bar{u}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu u_j^\lambda) - \frac{1}{3}(\bar{d}_j^\lambda \gamma^\mu d_j^\lambda)] + \\
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 & m_u^\lambda (\bar{u}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda k} (1 + \gamma^5) d_k^\lambda) + \frac{ig}{2M\sqrt{2}} \phi^- [m_d^\lambda (\bar{d}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda k}^\dagger (1 + \gamma^5) u_k^\lambda) - m_u^\lambda (\bar{d}_j^\lambda C_{\lambda k}^\dagger (1 - \\
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 & \frac{ig}{2} \frac{m_e^\lambda}{M} \phi^0 (\bar{d}_j^\lambda \gamma^5 d_j^\lambda) + \bar{X}^+ (\partial^2 - M^2) X^+ + \bar{X}^- (\partial^2 - M^2) X^- + \bar{X}^0 (\partial^2 - \\
 & \frac{M^2}{c_w^2}) X^0 + \bar{Y} \partial^2 Y + igc_w W_\mu^+ (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^0 X^- - \partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ X^0) + ig s_w W_\mu^+ (\partial_\mu \bar{Y} X^- - \\
 & \partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ Y) + igc_w W_\mu^- (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^- X^0 - \partial_\mu \bar{X}^0 X^+) + ig s_w W_\mu^- (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^- Y - \\
 & \partial_\mu \bar{Y} X^+) + igc_w Z_\mu^0 (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ X^+ - \partial_\mu \bar{X}^- X^-) + ig s_w A_\mu (\partial_\mu \bar{X}^+ X^+ - \\
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 & igM s_w [\bar{X}^0 X^- \phi^+ - \bar{X}^0 X^+ \phi^-] + \frac{1}{2}igM [\bar{X}^+ X^+ \phi^0 - \bar{X}^- X^- \phi^0]
 \end{aligned}$$

# The Standard Model

- Theoretical model that explains about all observed and predicted phenomena in particle physics
- Describes elementary particles and their strong and electroweak (weak and electromagnetic) interactions
- Put together in 1960-70
- Based on symmetries, implying conservation laws
- Great success over the years: tested to unprecedented precision
- Largest deviation  $\sim 2.5\sigma$



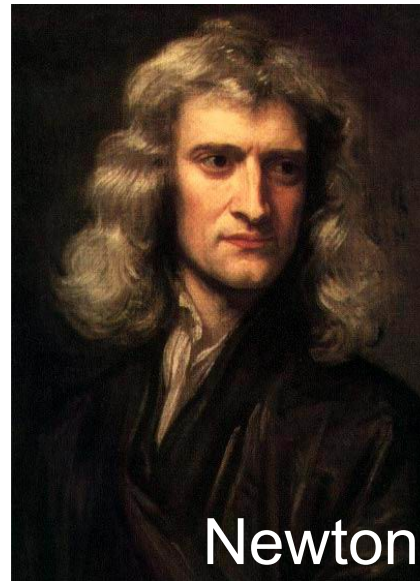
# Mass



Galileo

- Gravitational mass

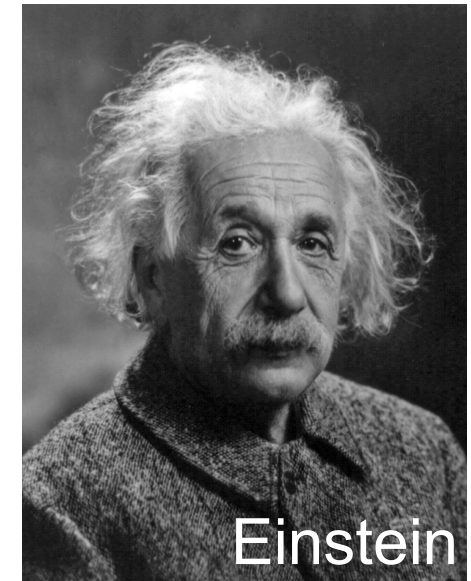
$$P = mg$$



Newton

- Inertial mass

$$\Sigma F = ma$$



Einstein

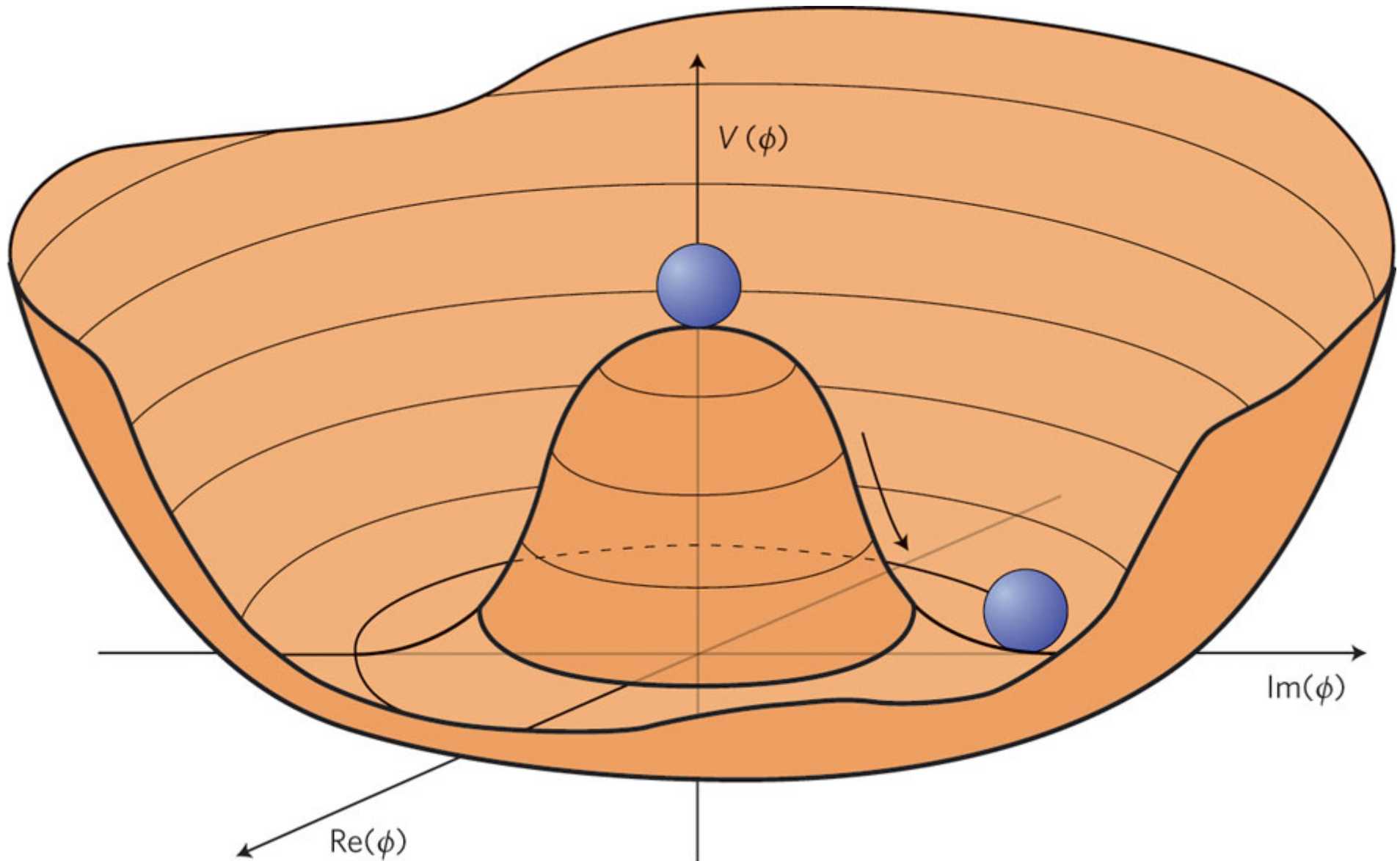
- Mass-energy equivalence

$$E = mc^2$$

- Various interpretations of the same concept of mass
- From theory elementary particles are massless
  - ▶ The Universe as we know it does not exist...
  - ▶ Introduction of a mechanism to generate mass, without losing nice properties of model: **spontaneous breaking of electroweak symmetry**

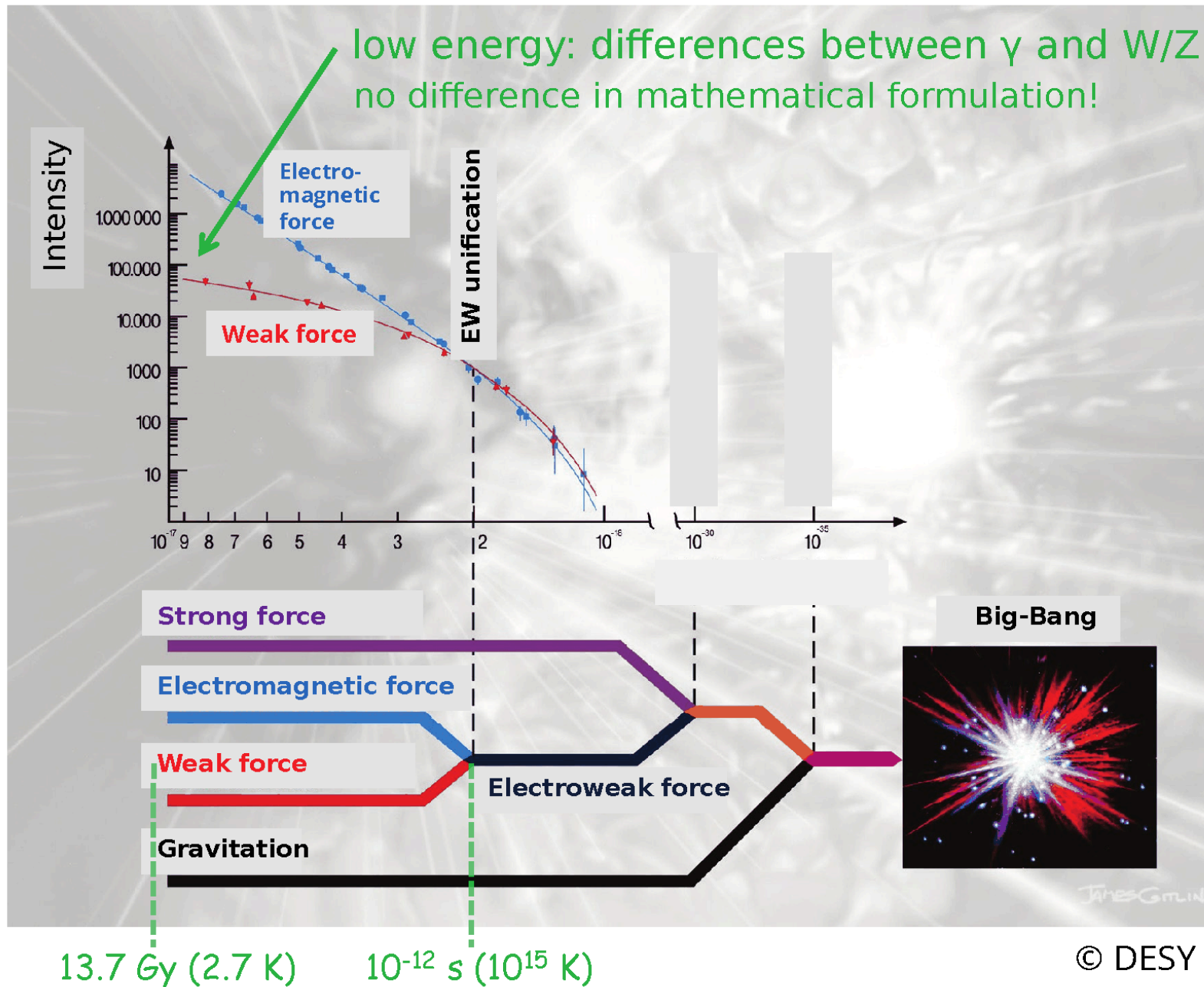
# Spontaneous breaking of electroweak symmetry

The Higgs potential: the “Mexican hat”

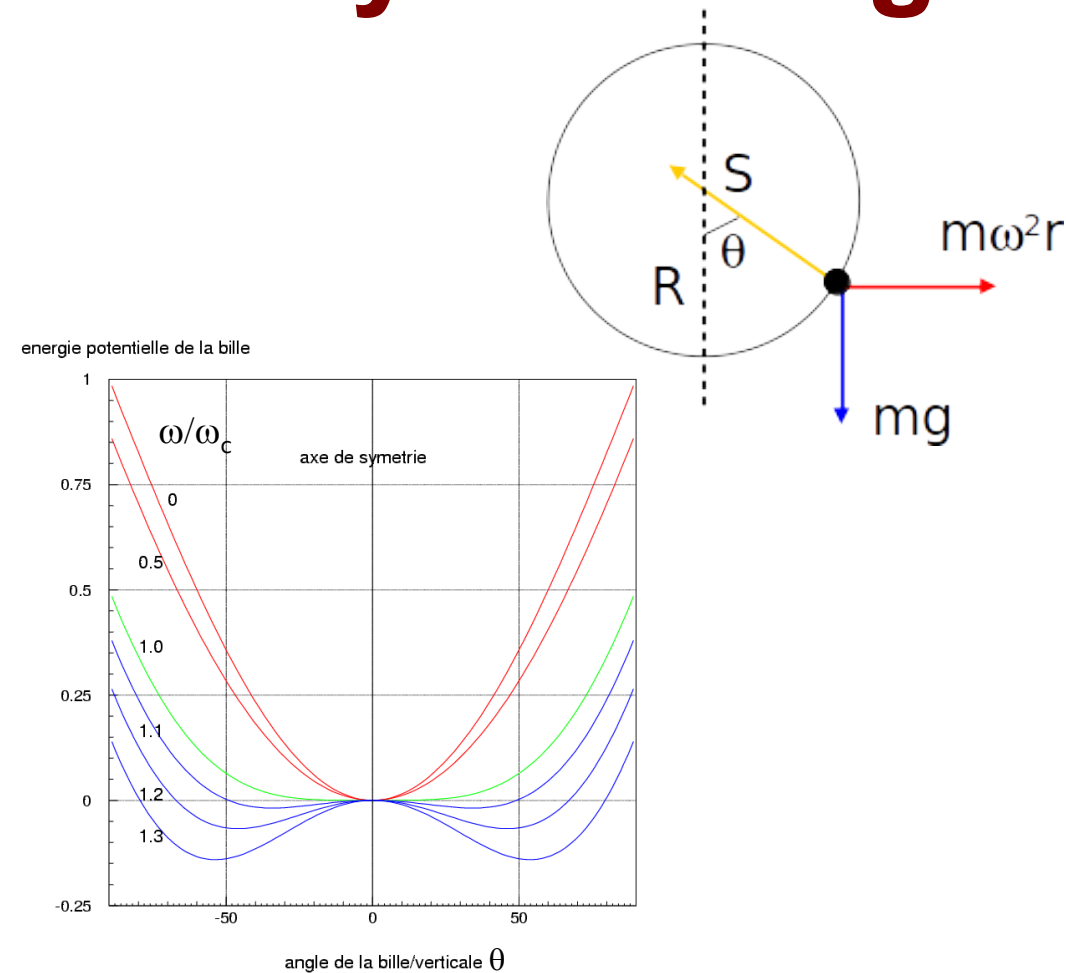
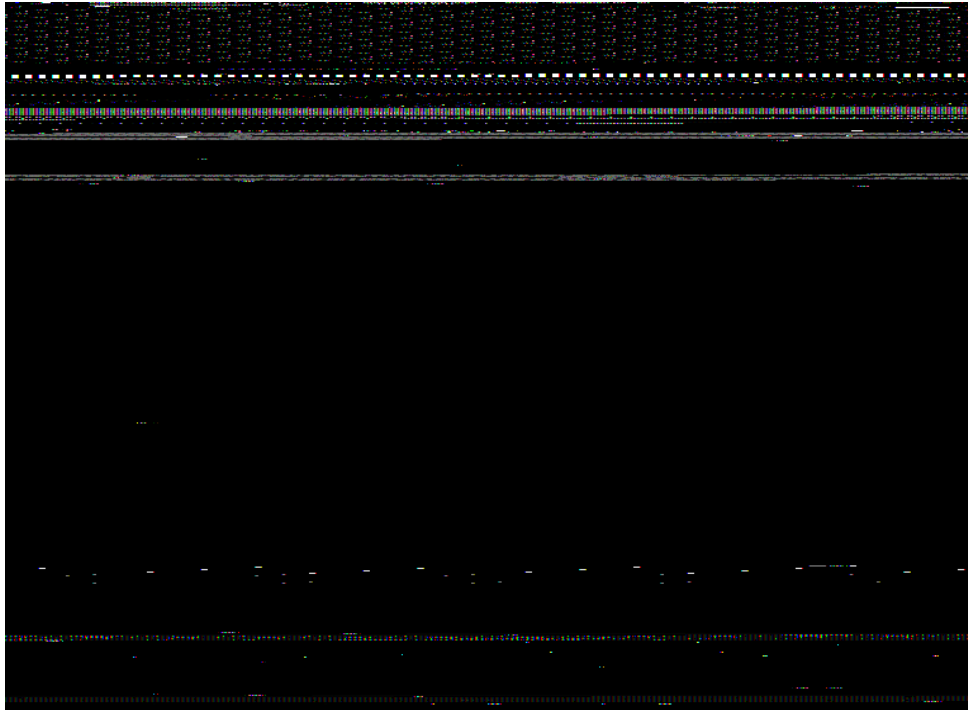




# Electroweak unification



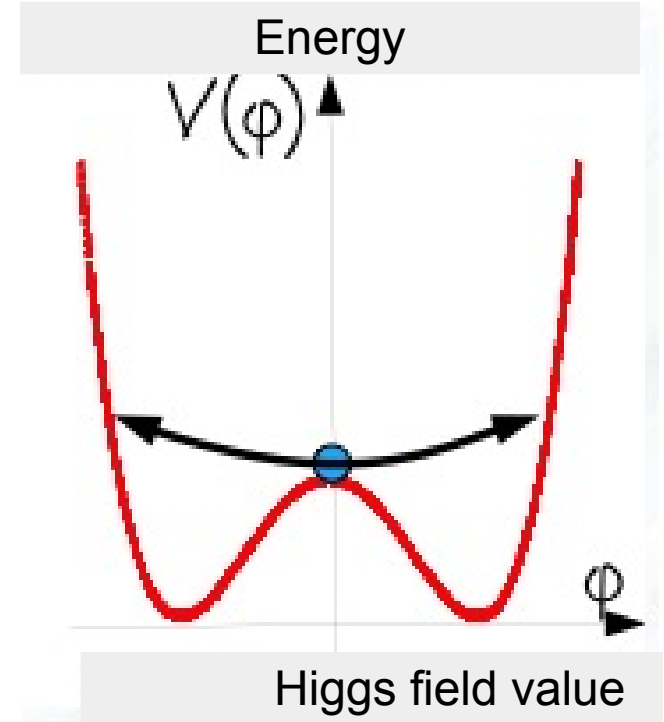
# Spontaneous symmetry breaking



- Angular velocity  $\omega \Rightarrow$  critical velocity  $\omega_c$ 
  - ▶ if  $\omega < \omega_c$  : marble on symmetry axis
  - ▶ if  $\omega > \omega_c$  : 2 stable positions. The marble must “choose” one of them  $\Rightarrow$  spontaneous symmetry breaking

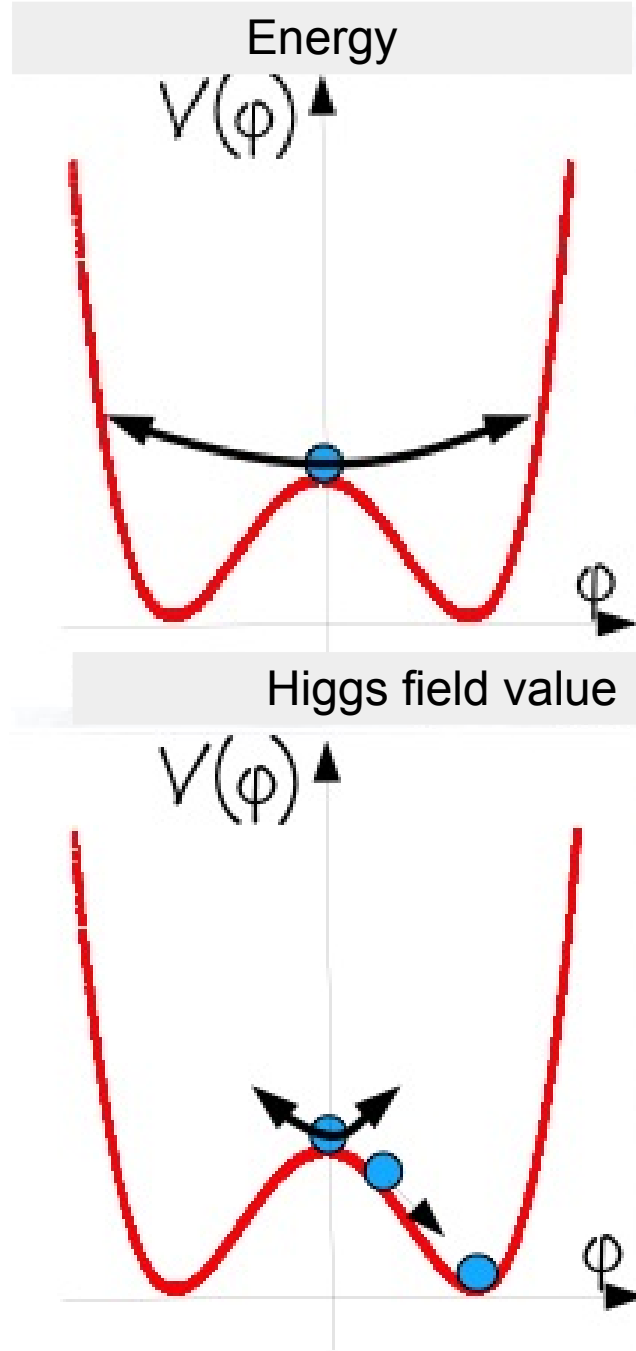
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- At high temperature, just after the Big Bang:
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  - ▶ particles are massless

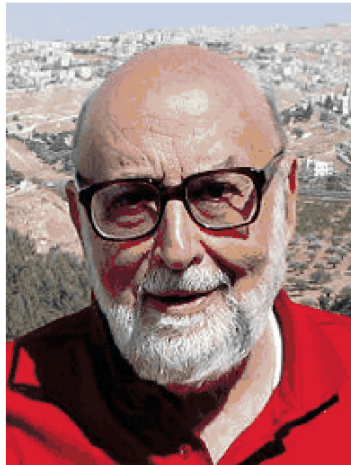


# Electroweak symmetry breaking

- At high temperature, just after the Big Bang:
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  - ▶ particles are massless
- Temperature decreases ( $10^{-12}$  s after the Big Bang):
  - ▶ symmetry breaking
  - ▶ non-zero field
  - ▶ elementary particles acquire mass by **interacting with the Higgs field**



# 1964: The Higgs mechanism



## BROKEN SYMMETRY AND THE MASS OF GAUGE VECTOR MESONS\*

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It is of interest to inquire whether gauge vector mesons acquire mass through interaction<sup>1</sup>; by a gauge vector meson we mean a Yang-Mills field<sup>2</sup> associated with the extension of a Lie group from global to local symmetry. The importance of this problem resides in the possibility that strong-interaction physics originates from massive gauge fields related to a system of conserved currents.<sup>3</sup> In this note, we shall show that in certain cases vector mesons do indeed acquire mass when the vacuum is degenerate with respect to a compact Lie group.

Theories with degenerate vacuum (broken symmetry) have been the subject of intensive study since their inception by Nambu.<sup>4-6</sup> A

those vector mesons which are coupled to currents that "rotate" the original vacuum are the ones which acquire mass [see Eq. (6)].

We shall then examine a particular model based on chirality invariance which may have a more fundamental significance. Here we begin with a chirality-invariant Lagrangian and introduce both vector and pseudovector gauge fields, thereby guaranteeing invariance under both local phase and local  $\gamma_5$ -phase transformations. In this model the gauge fields themselves may break the  $\gamma_5$  invariance leading to a mass for the original Fermi field. We shall show in this case that the pseudovector field acquires mass.

In the last paragraph we sketch a simple argument which renders these results reason-

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## BROKEN SYMMETRIES AND THE MASSES OF GAUGE BOSONS

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In a recent note<sup>1</sup> it was shown that the Goldstone theorem,<sup>2</sup> that Lorentz-covariant field theories in which spontaneous breakdown of symmetry under an internal Lie group occurs contain zero-mass particles, fails if and only if the conserved currents associated with the internal group are coupled to gauge fields. The purpose of the present note is to report that, as a consequence of this coupling, the spin-one quanta of some of the gauge fields acquire mass; the longitudinal degrees of freedom of these particles (which would be absent if their mass were zero) go over into the Goldstone bosons when the coupling tends to zero. This phenomenon is just the relativistic analog of the plasmon phe-

about the "vacuum" solution  $\varphi_1(x) = 0$ ,  $\varphi_2(x) = \varphi_0$ :

$$\partial^\mu \{ \partial_\mu (\Delta\varphi_1) - e\varphi_0 A_\mu \} = 0, \quad (2a)$$

$$\{ \partial^2 - 4\varphi_0^2 V''(\varphi_0^2) \} (\Delta\varphi_2) = 0, \quad (2b)$$

$$\partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = e\varphi_0 \{ \partial^\mu (\Delta\varphi_1) - e\varphi_0 A_\mu \}. \quad (2c)$$

Equation (2b) describes waves whose quanta have (bare) mass  $2\varphi_0 \{ V''(\varphi_0^2) \}^{1/2}$ ; Eqs. (2a) and (2c) may be transformed, by the introduction of new variables

$$B_\mu = A_\mu - (e\varphi_0)^{-1} \partial_\mu (\Delta\varphi_1),$$

- Englert, Brout, Higgs, Guralnik, Hagen, Kibble publish within a few months
- Prediction: existence of the **Higgs field**, which would manifest itself with a new particle, the **Higgs boson**

# Higgs mechanism in pictures



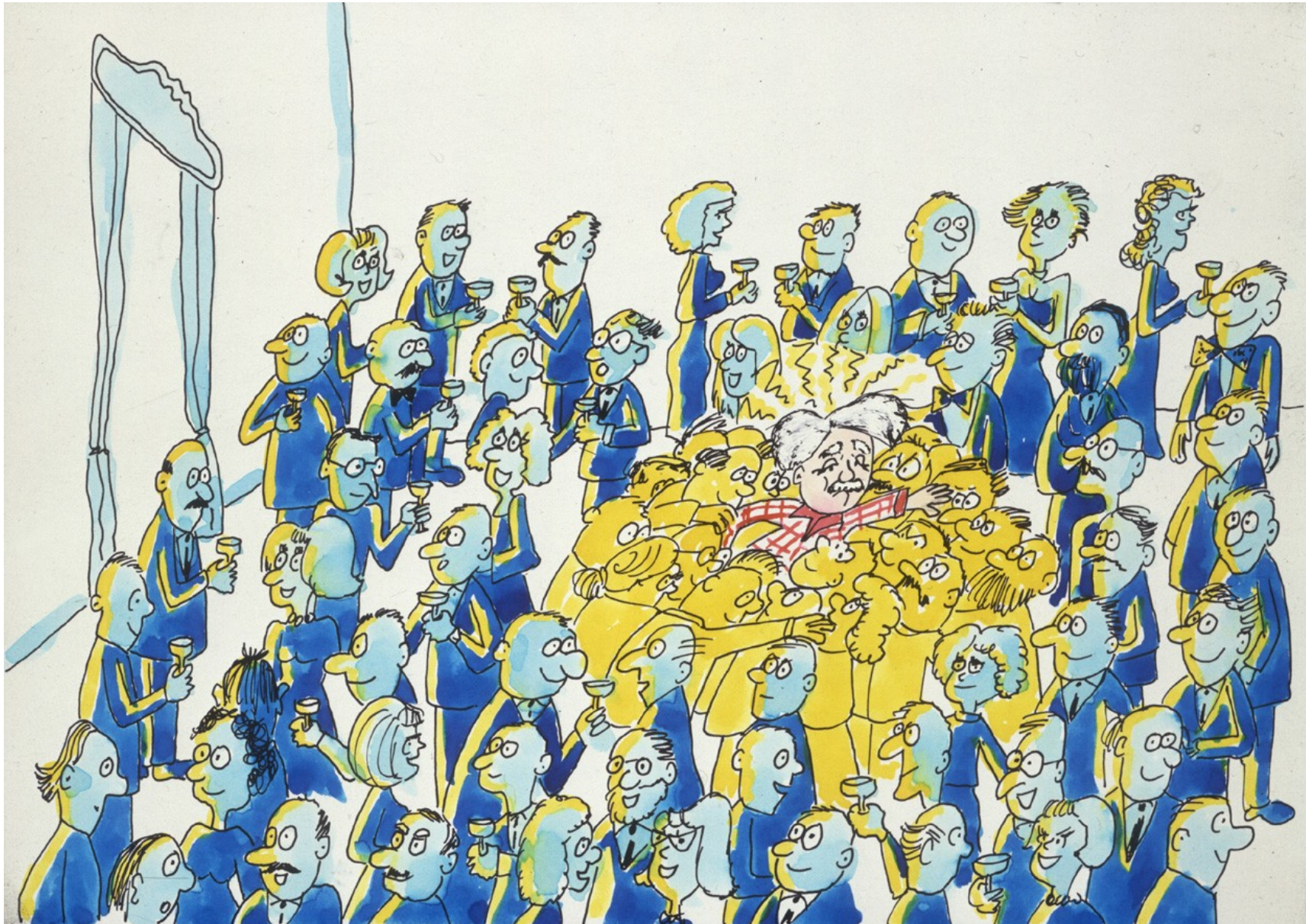
Imagine that a room full of physicists quietly chattering is like space filled only with the Higgs field...

# Higgs mechanism in pictures



... a well known scientist walks in, creating a disturbance as he moves across the room, and attracting a cluster of admirers with each step ... 47

# Higgs mechanism in pictures



... this increase his resistance to movement, in other words, he acquires mass, just like a particle moving through the Higgs field ... 48



# Higgs mechanism in pictures



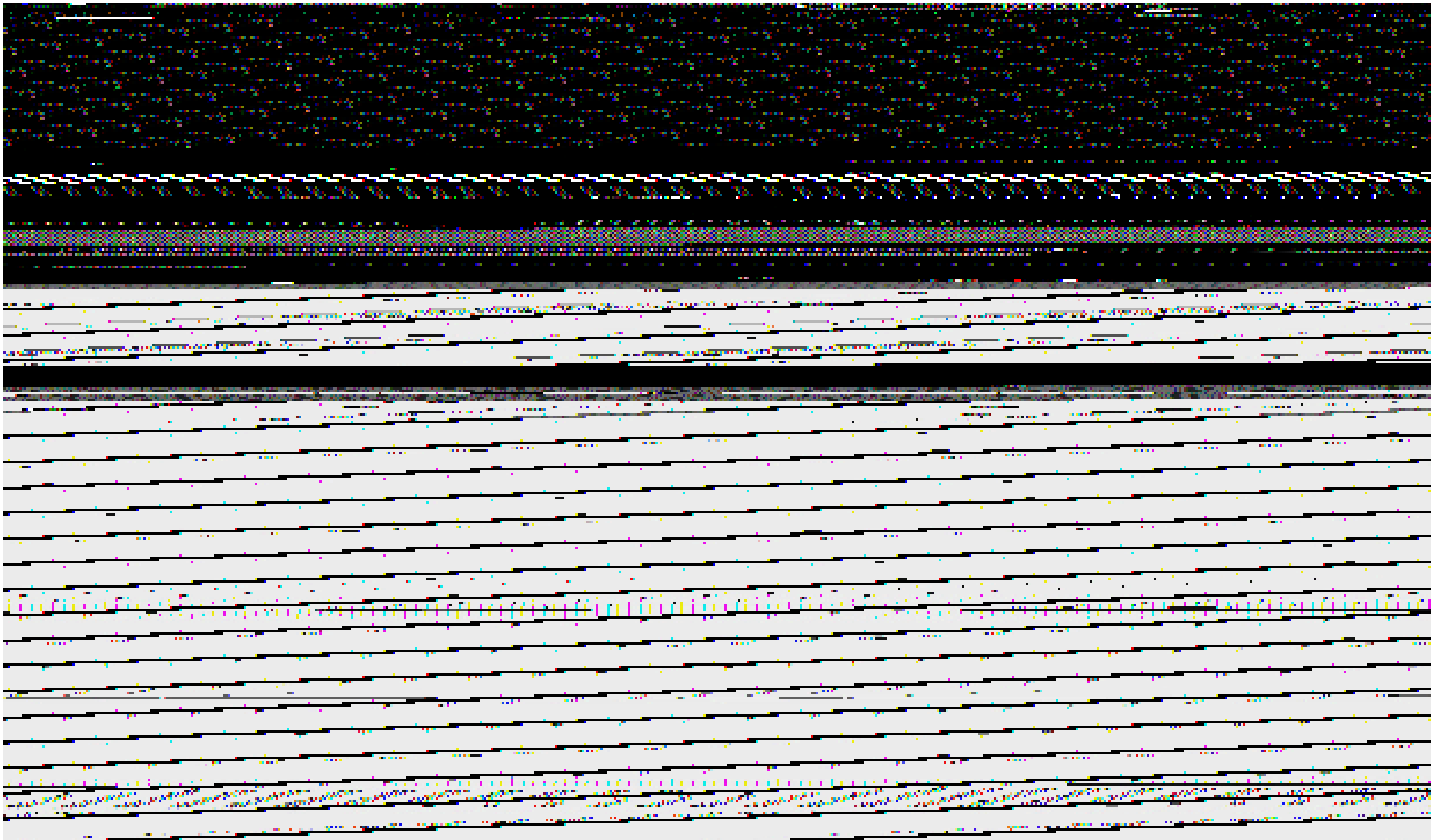
... if a rumour crosses the room ...

# Higgs mechanism in pictures



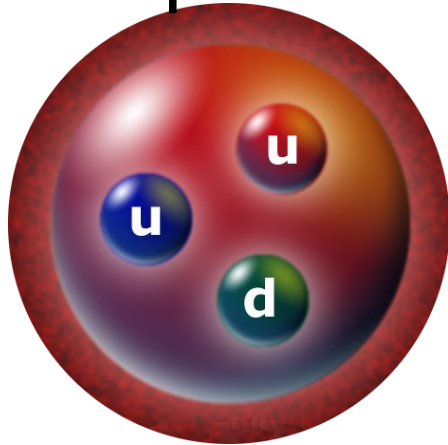
... it creates the same kind of clustering, but this time among the scientists themselves. In this analogy, these clusters are the Higgs particles.

# Interactions with the Higgs boson



# Mass

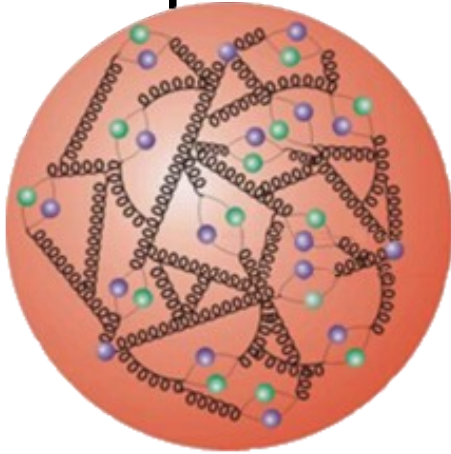
- Our mass: that of our atoms
- Mass of atoms: almost exclusively that of nucleus, made of protons and neutrons of mass  $\sim 1$  GeV



- Proton, neutron: 3 quarks, mass  $\sim 10$  MeV

# Mass

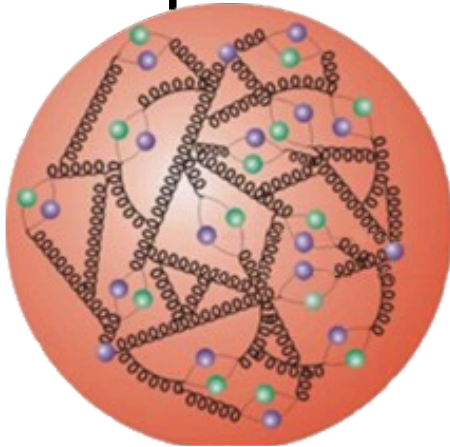
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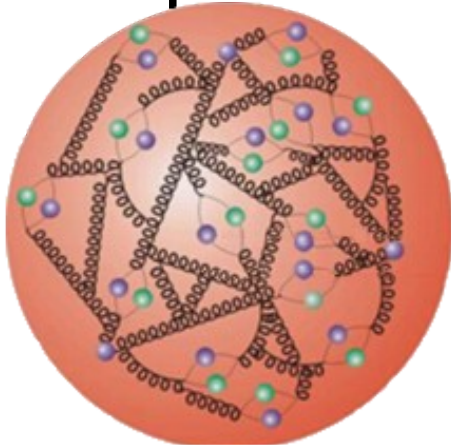
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- Not much? Without this, no atoms, no chemistry, no life or Universe as we know it...

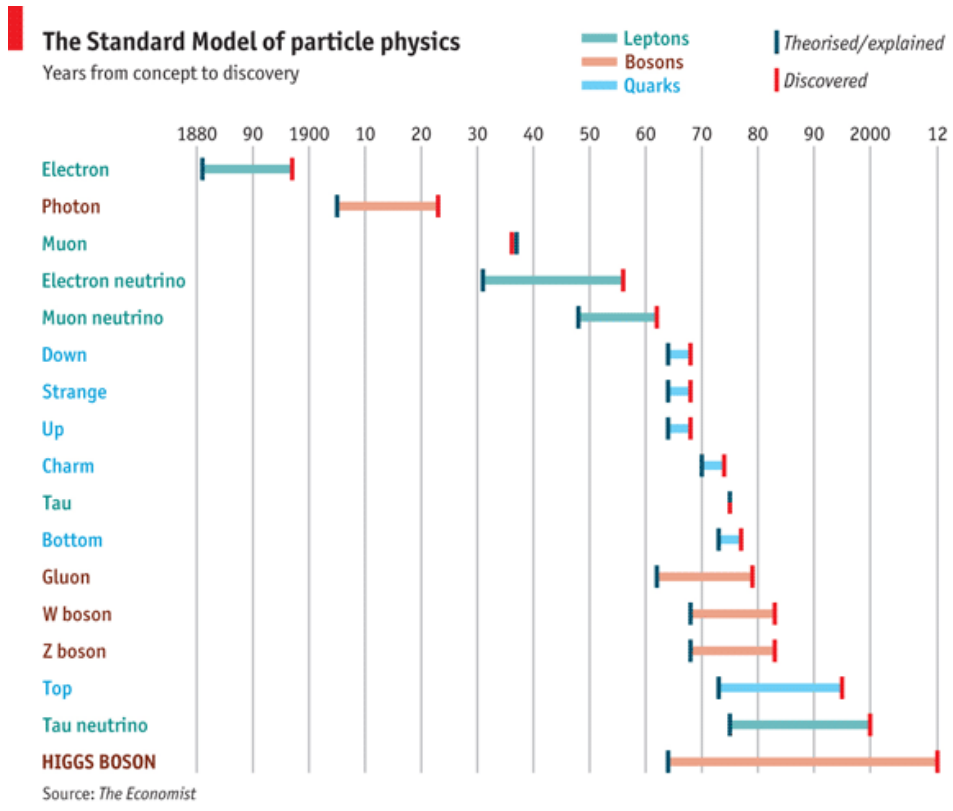


# Higgs boson discovery announcement on 4 July 2012





# A long quest



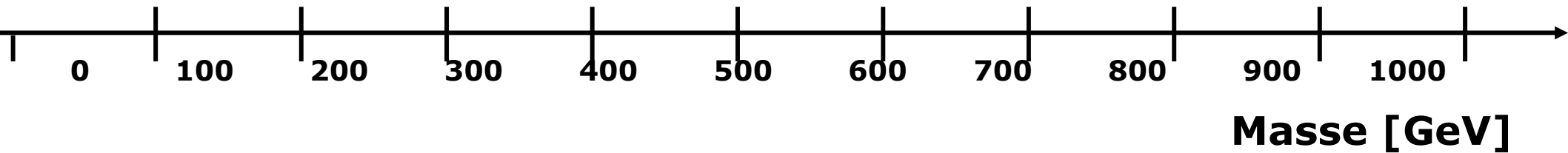
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- Standard model: incredible success, except particles have no mass...
- Higgs boson: cornerstone of model to make theory and experiment agree
- 48 years between theoretical prediction and experimental discovery!

- Why? The theory predicts everything about the Higgs boson, except its mass! Had to look for it everywhere...

# The Higgs boson hunt

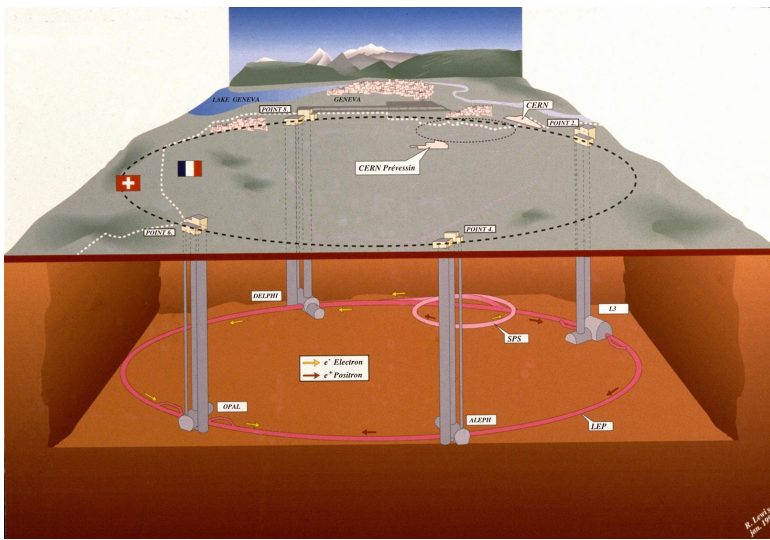
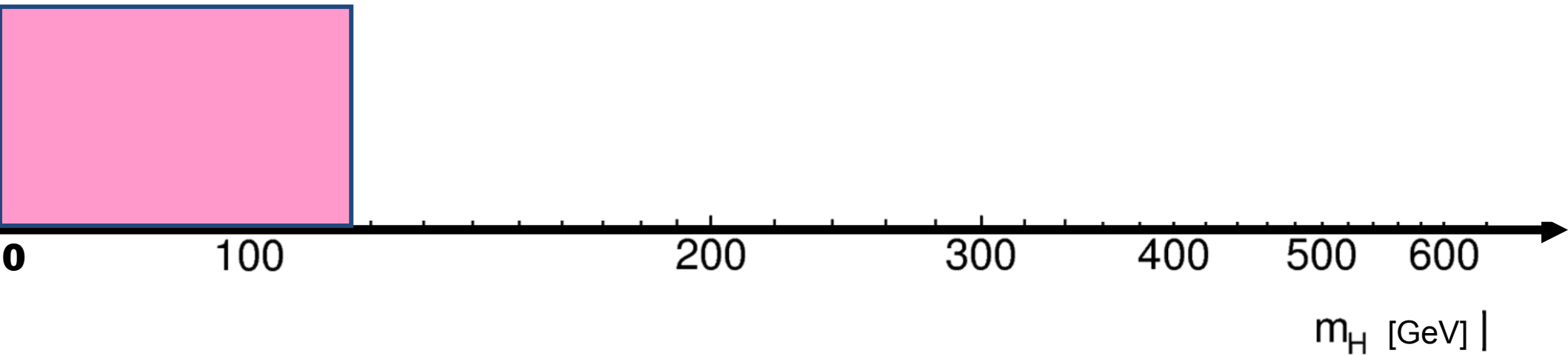
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- Only theoretical constraint: mass  $< 1000$  GeV

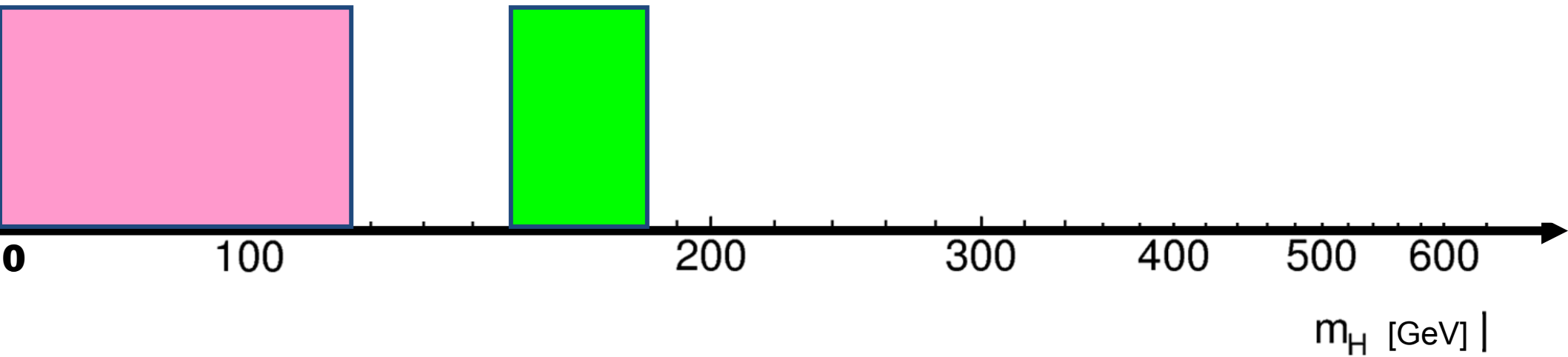
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LEP  
1989-2000



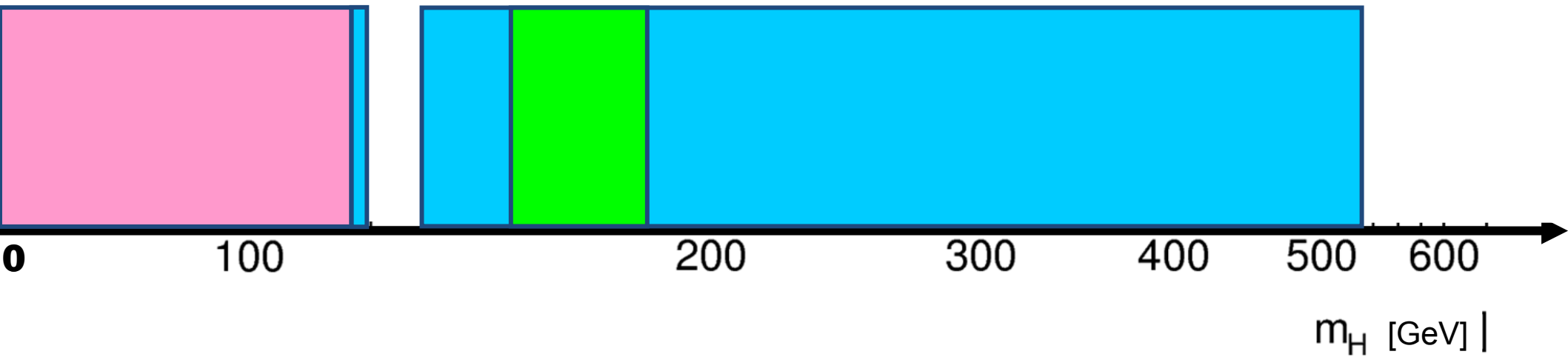
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Tevatron  
1983-2011

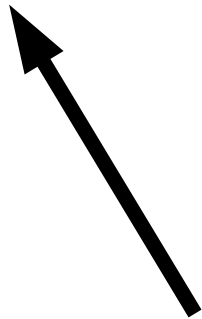
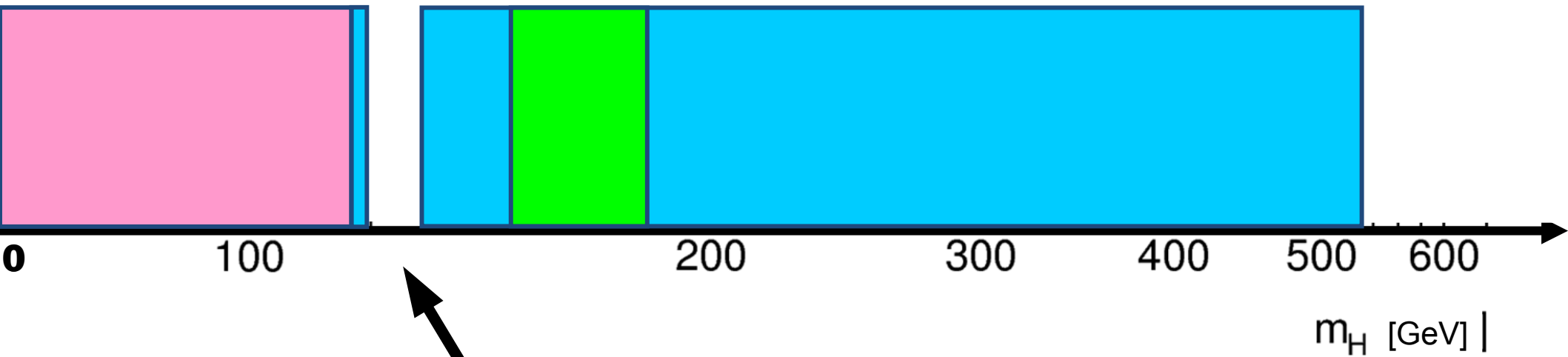


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LHC  
2009-2011



# The Higgs boson hunt



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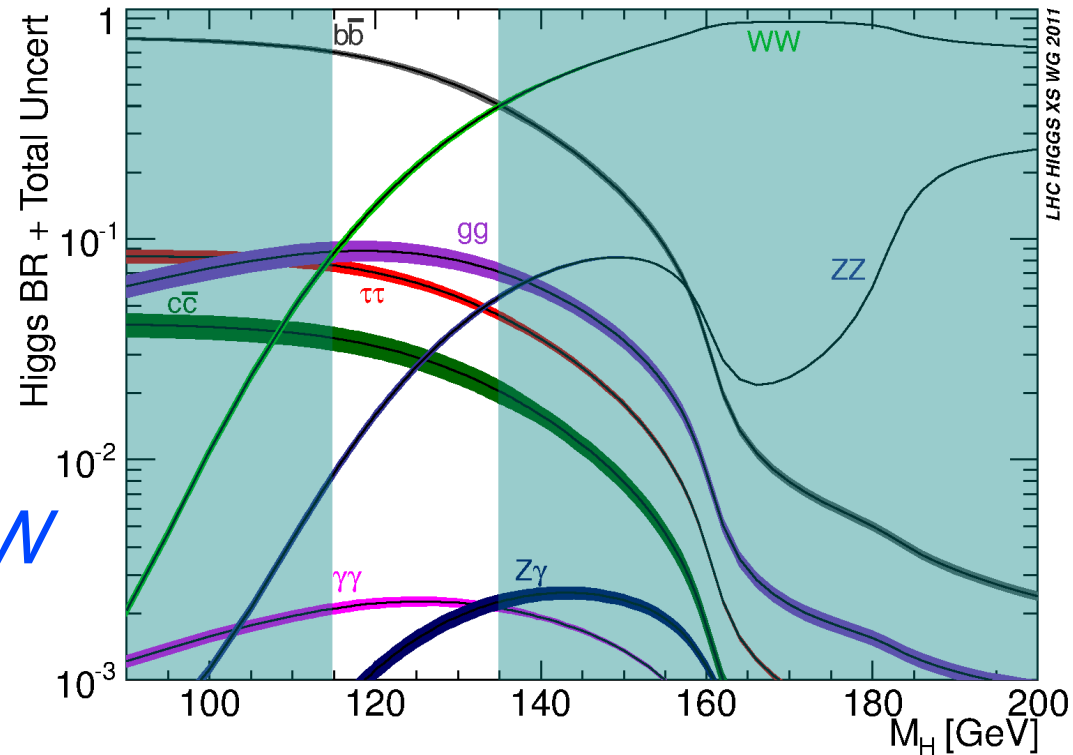


# How do you go about it?

- Proton collision  $\rightarrow (E = mc^2) \rightarrow$  creation of a Higgs boson, once every 10 billion collisions

- Decays quickly, differently depending on its mass. Example at 125 GeV:

- ▶ 58 times out of 100 in  $b\bar{b}$
- ▶ 21 times out of 100 in  $WW$
- ▶ 3 times out of 100 in  $ZZ$
- ▶ 2 times out of 1000 in  $\gamma\gamma$



- Note: the most frequent decay mode does not have to be the easiest one to observe

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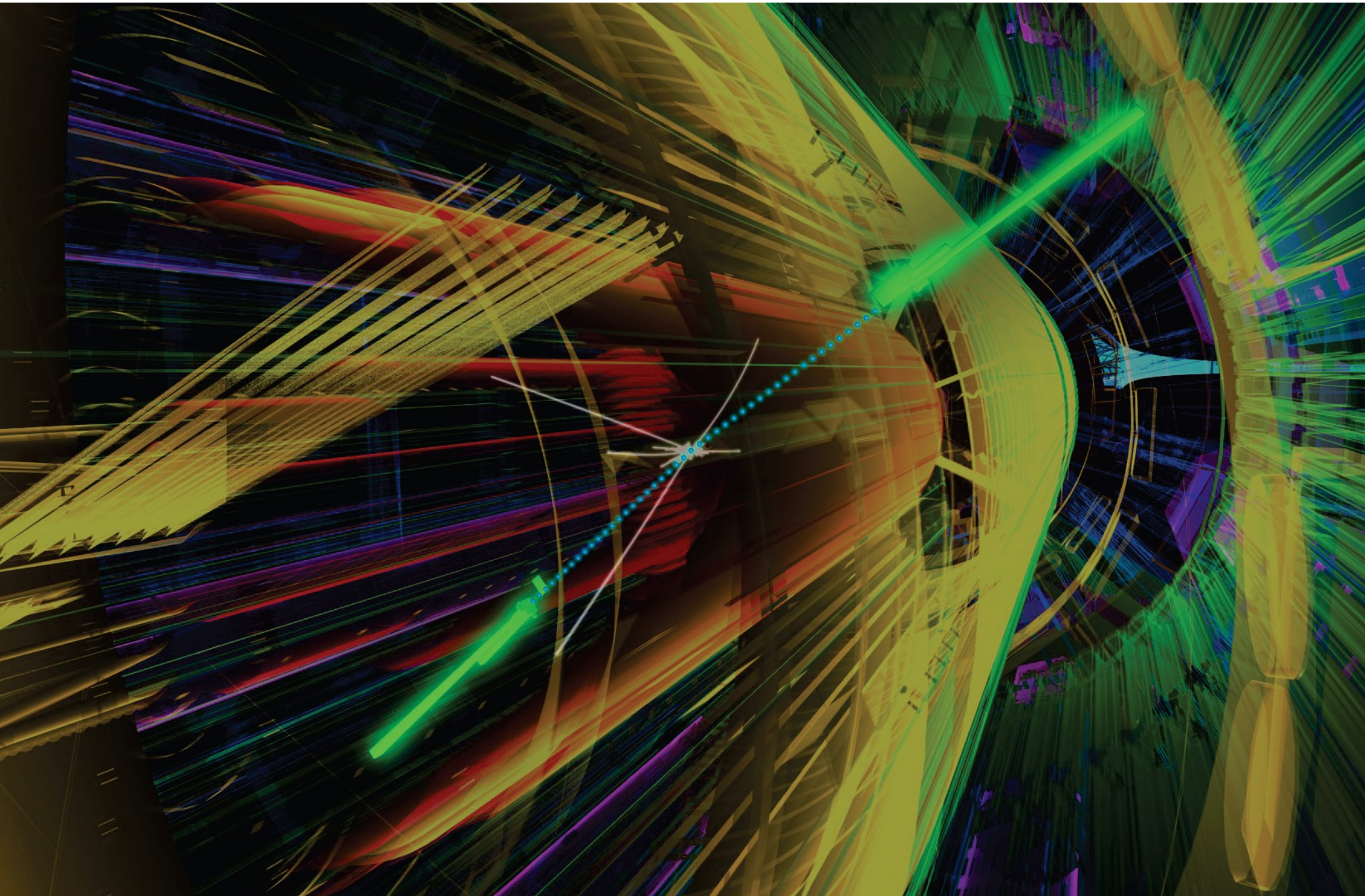
# Even more difficult than a needle in a haystack

- The Higgs boson is not produced very often, one needs to analyse many, many collisions
- The trace of its decay in the detector maybe be mimicked by other processes, difficult to distinguish from what one is looking for
- A needle in a needle stack

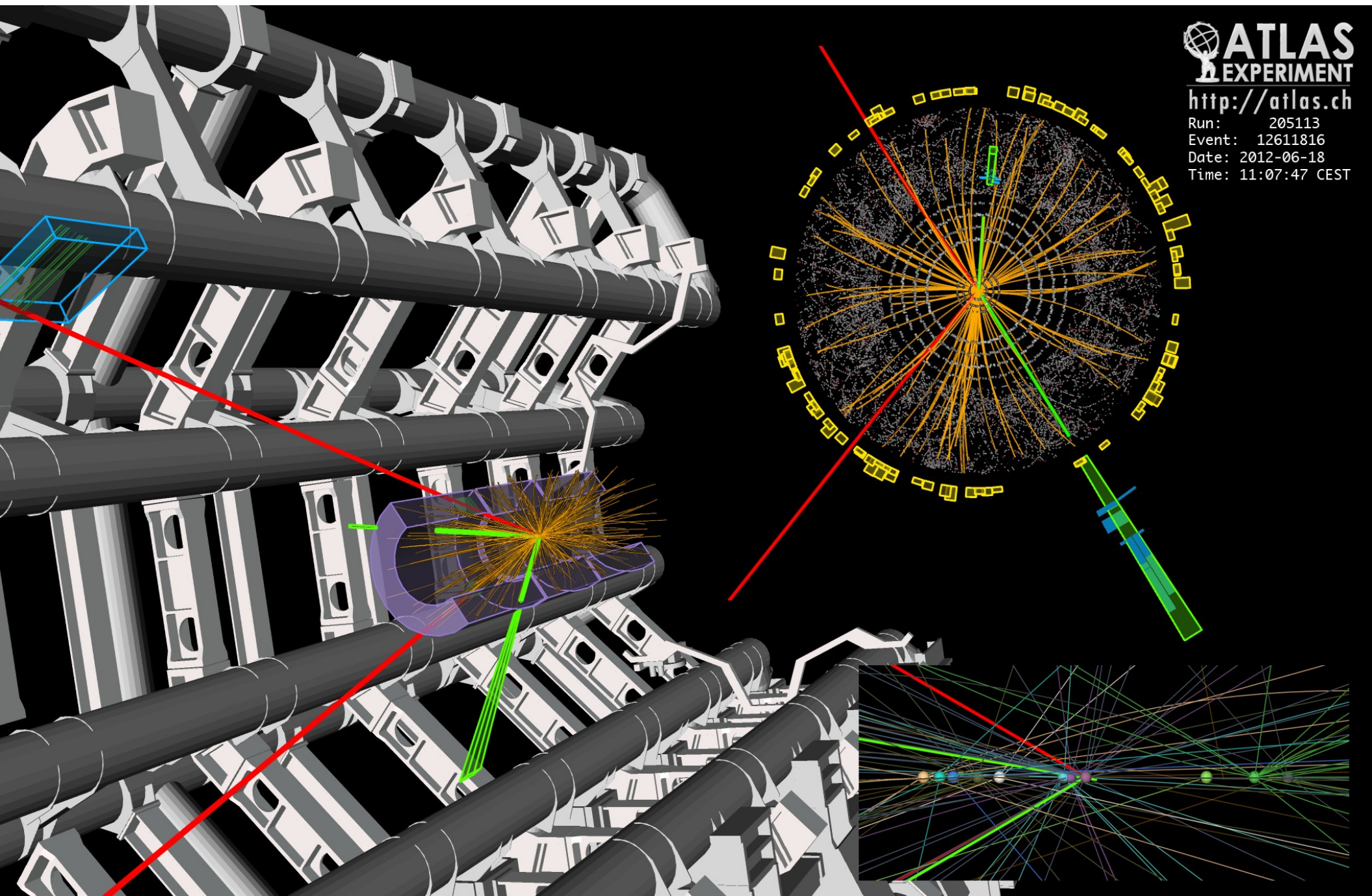




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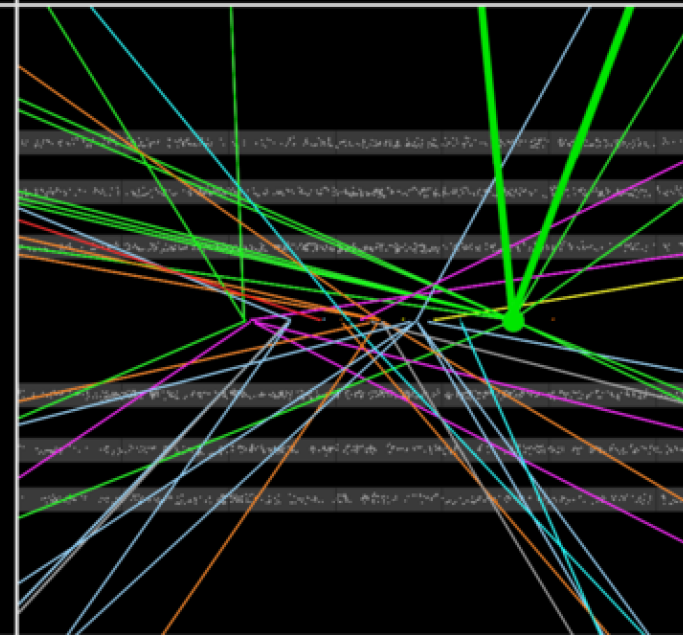
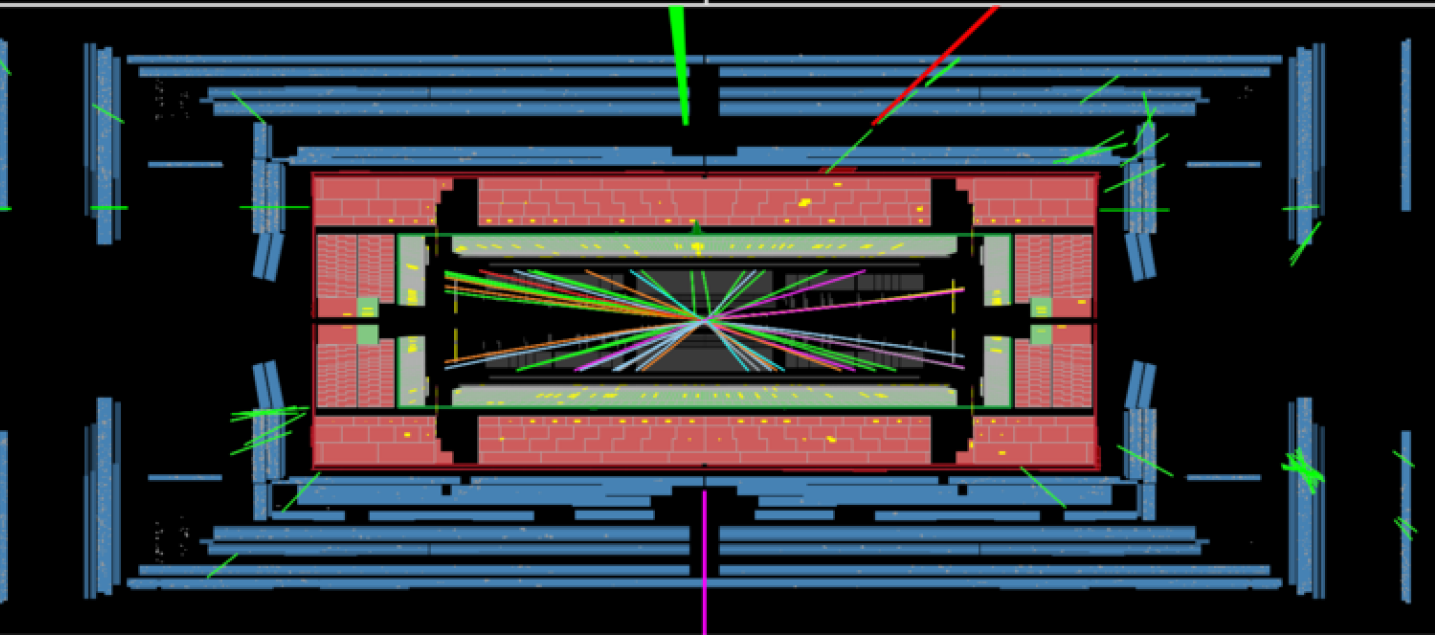
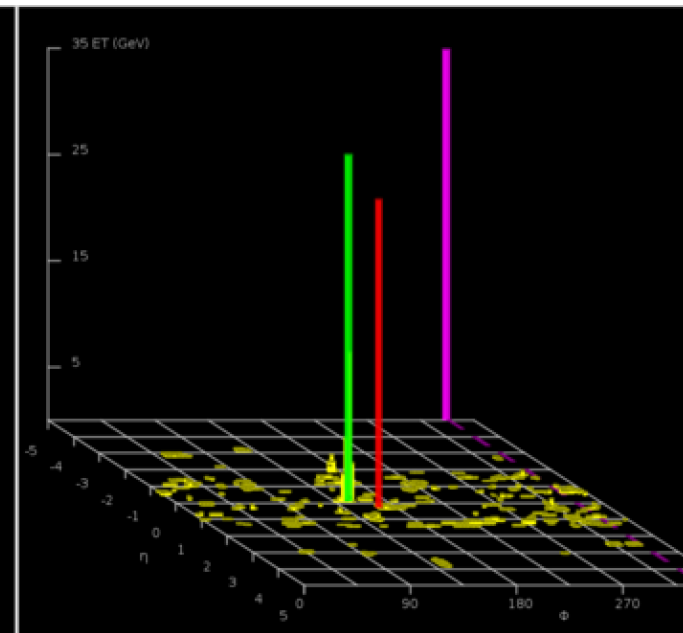
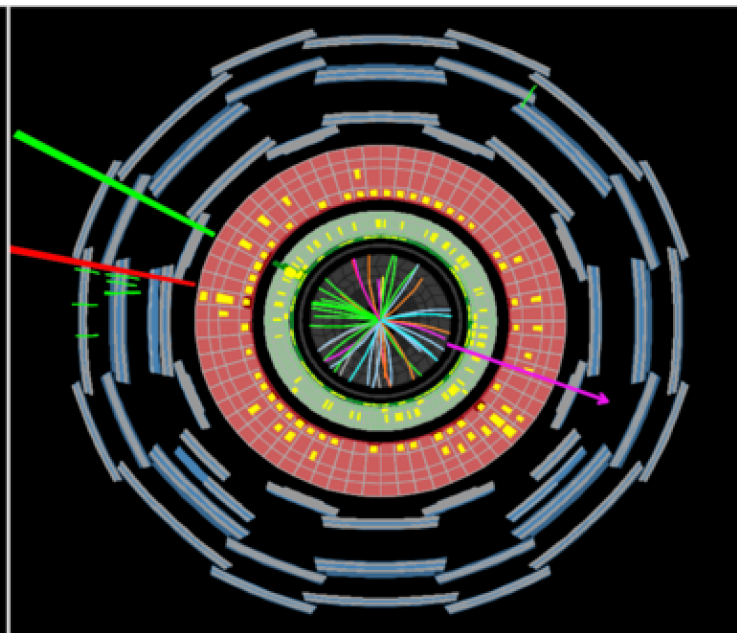


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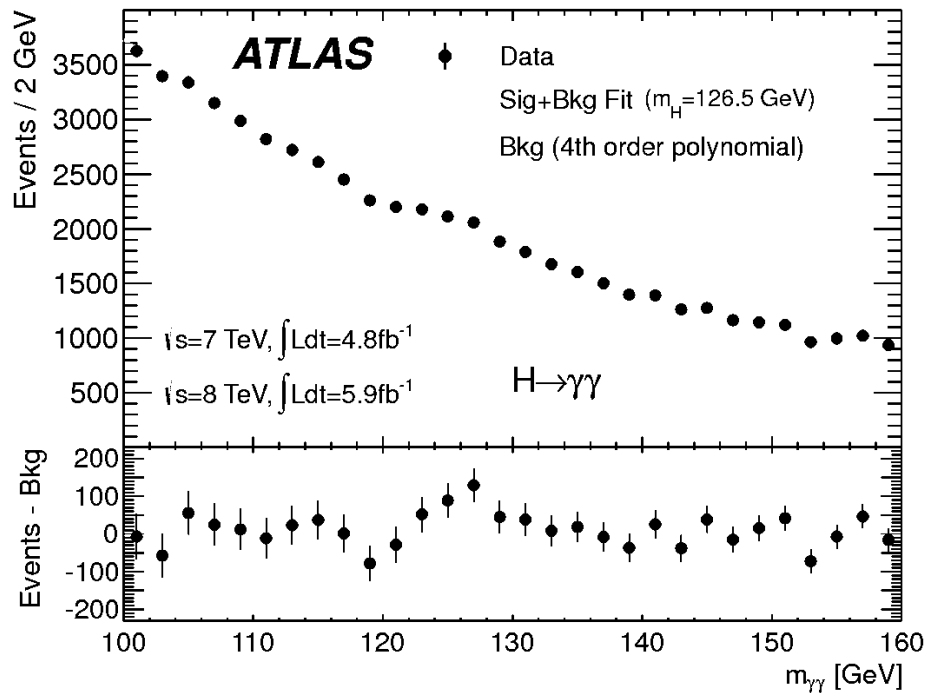
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EXPERIMENT

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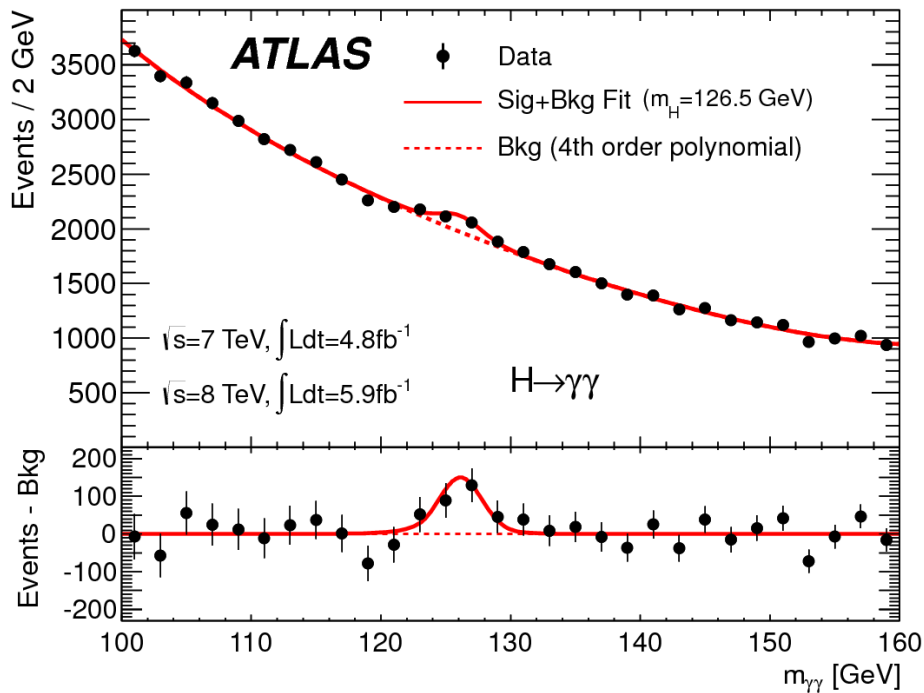
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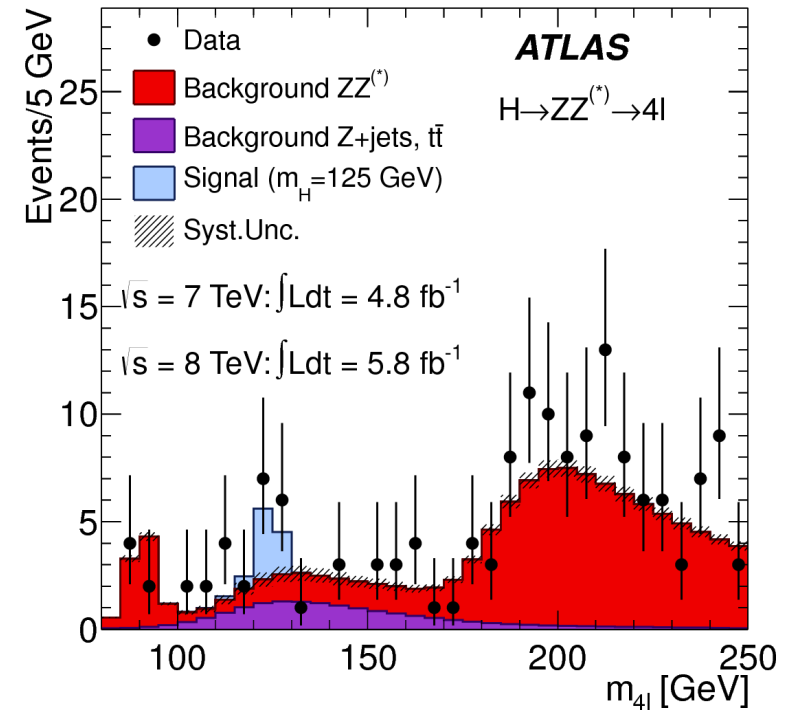
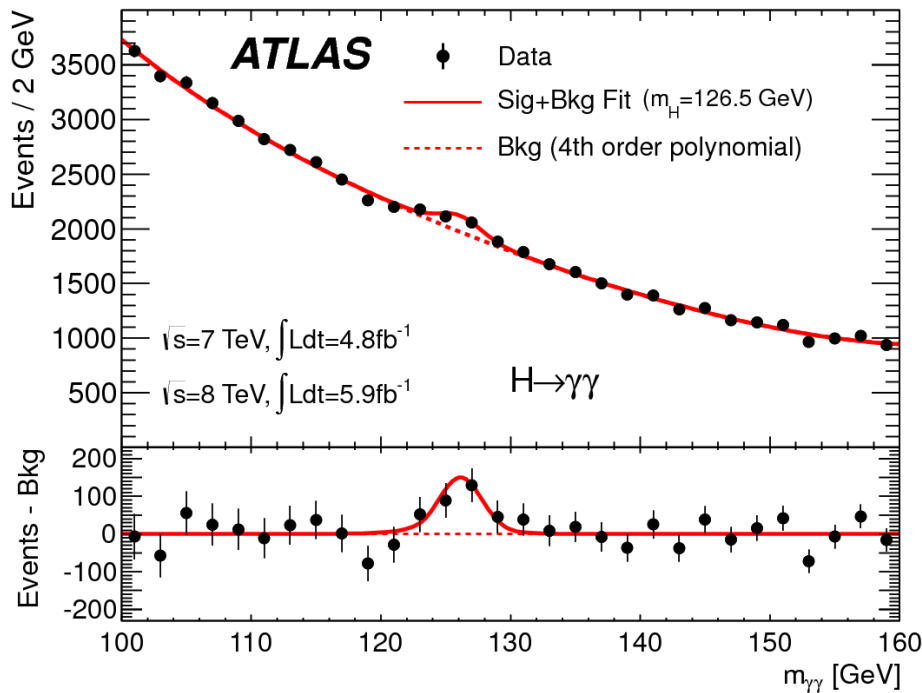
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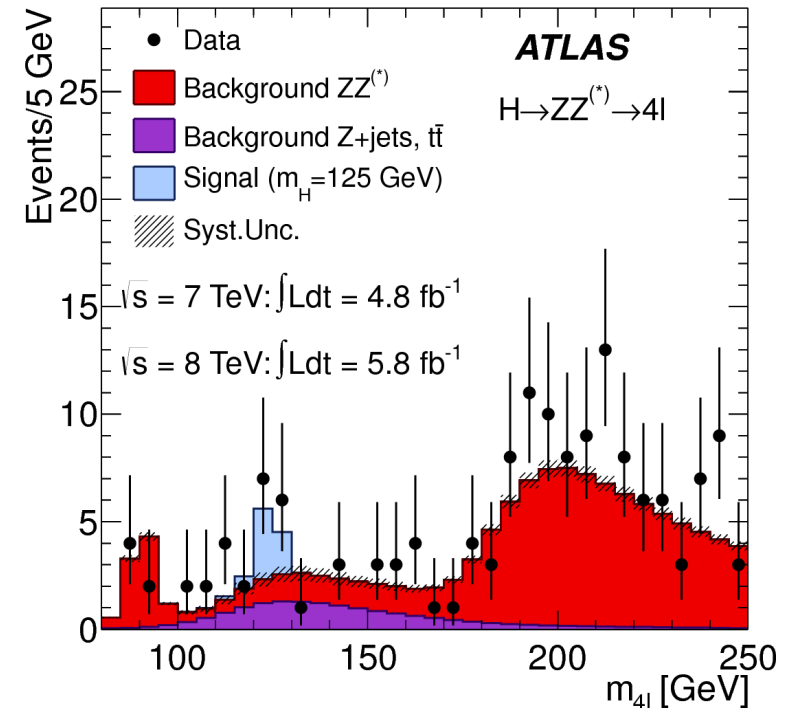
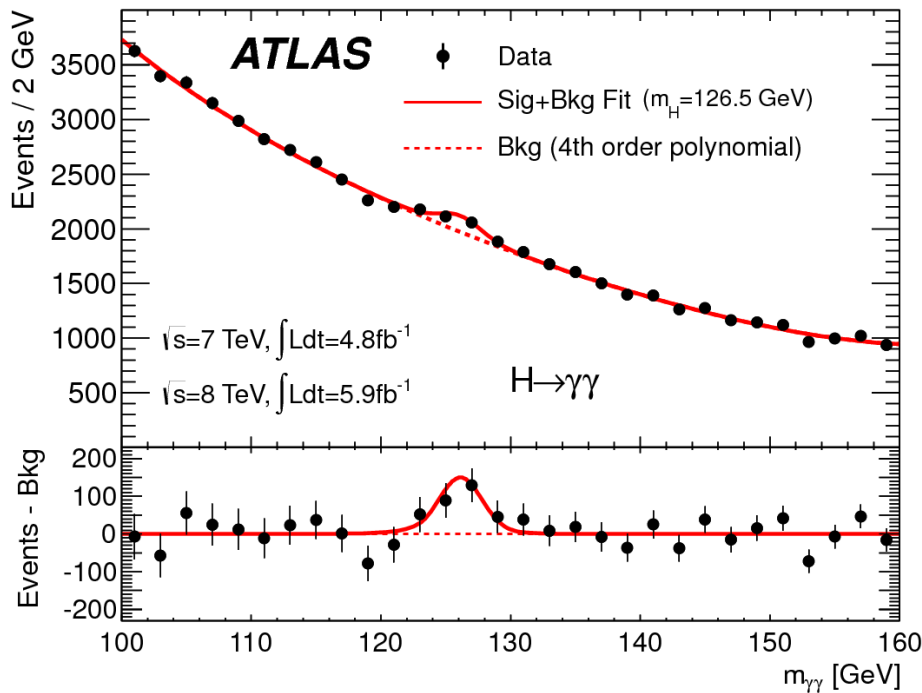
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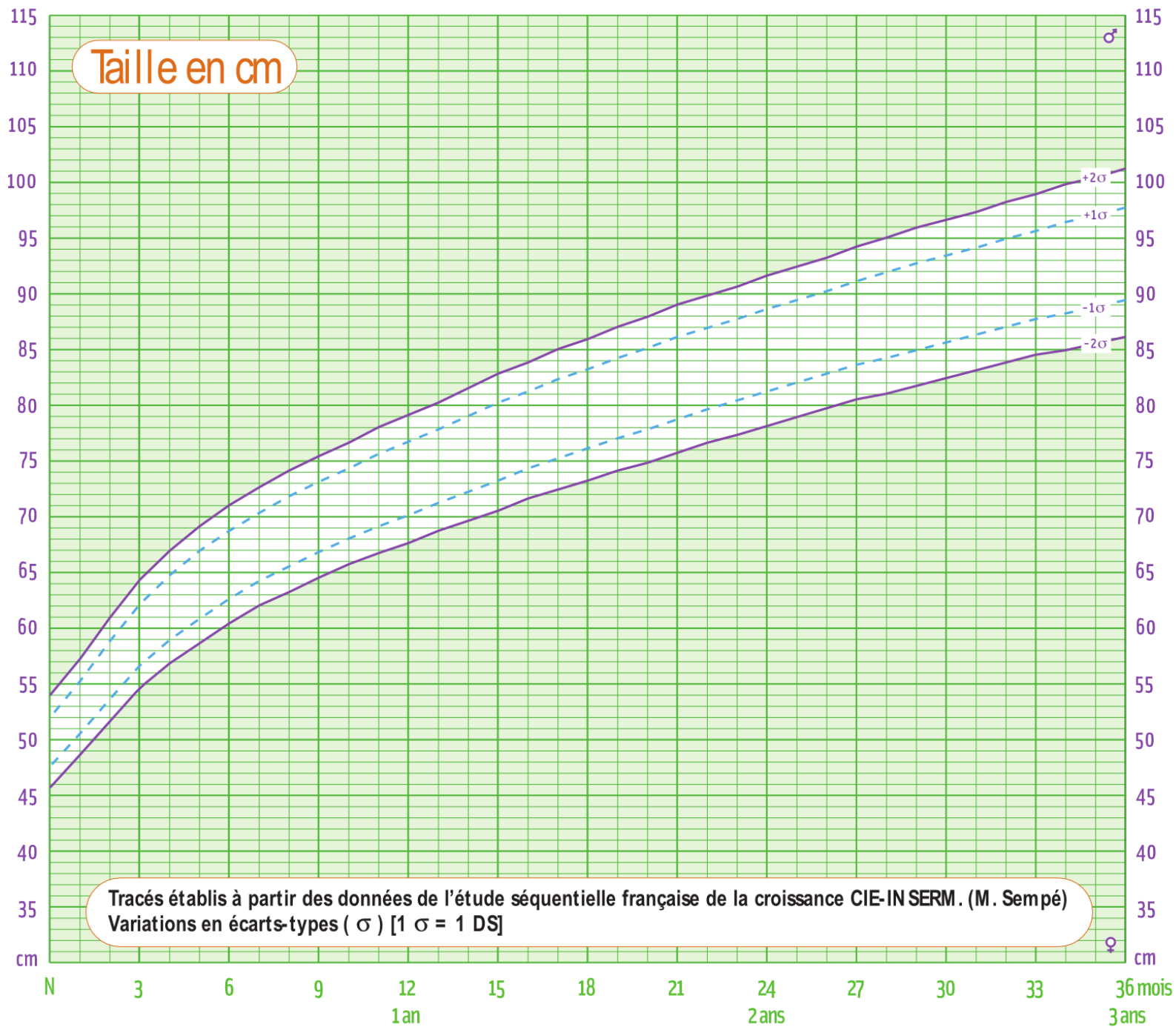
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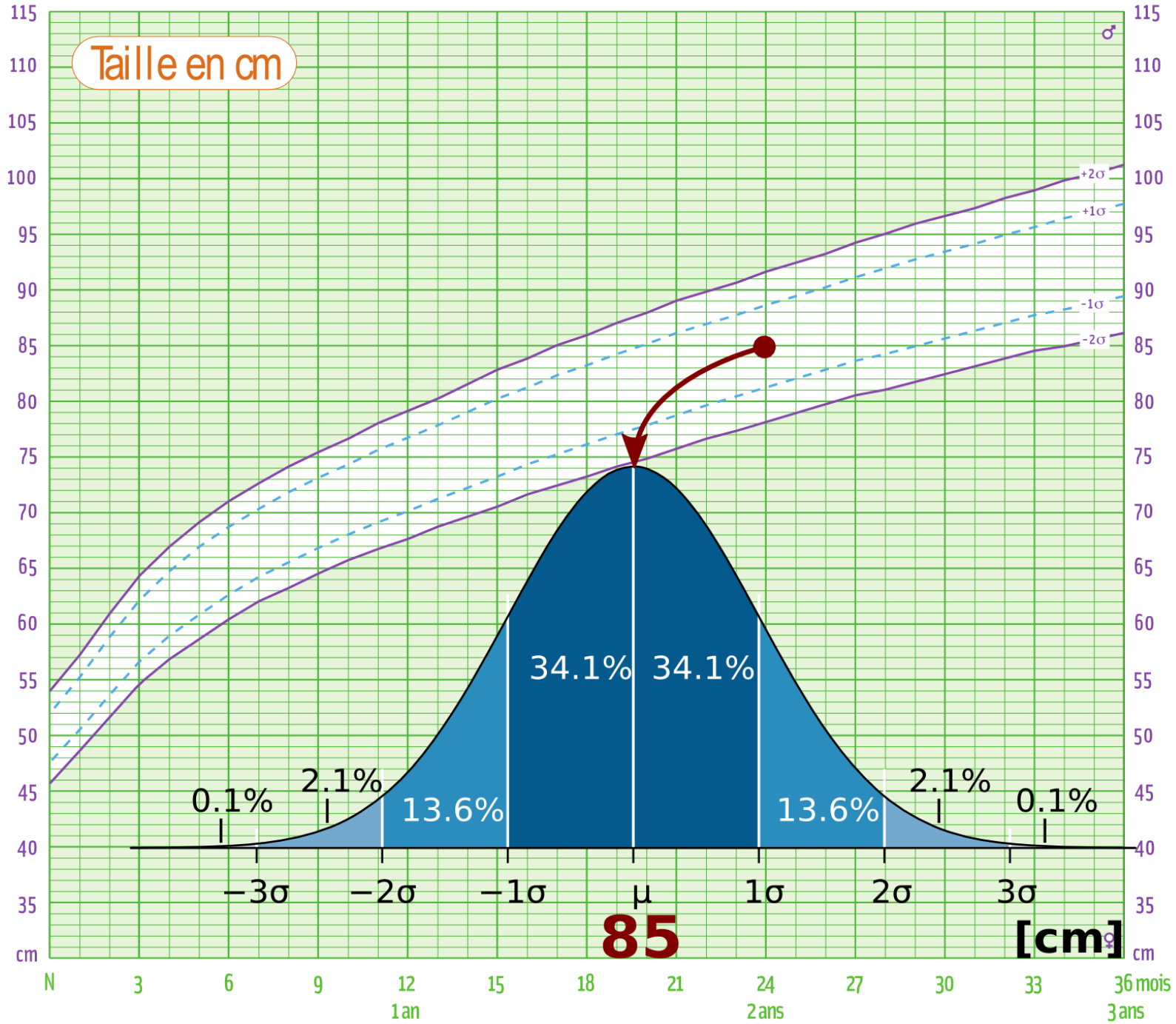
Is it significant?  
Statistical tools to answer

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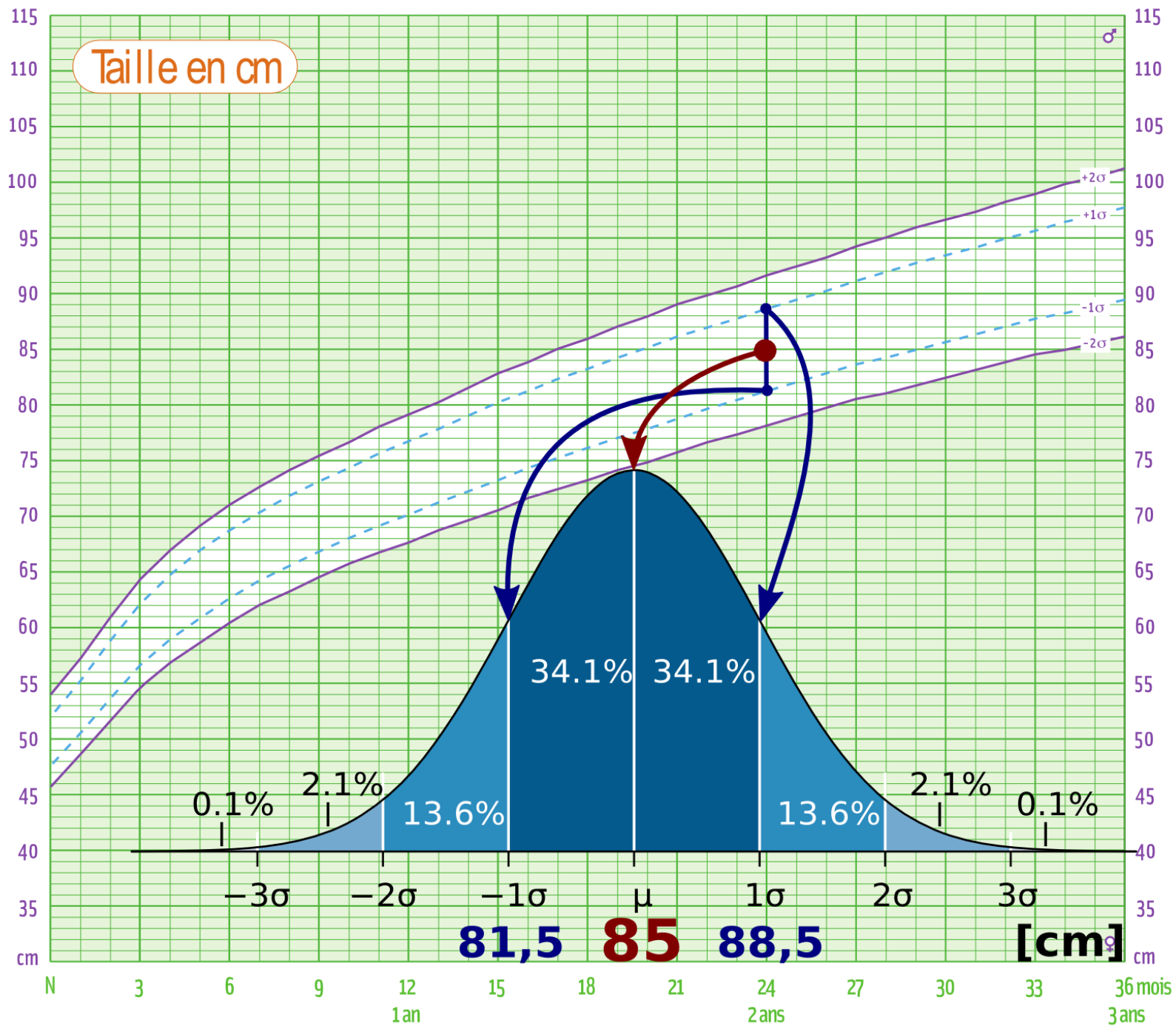




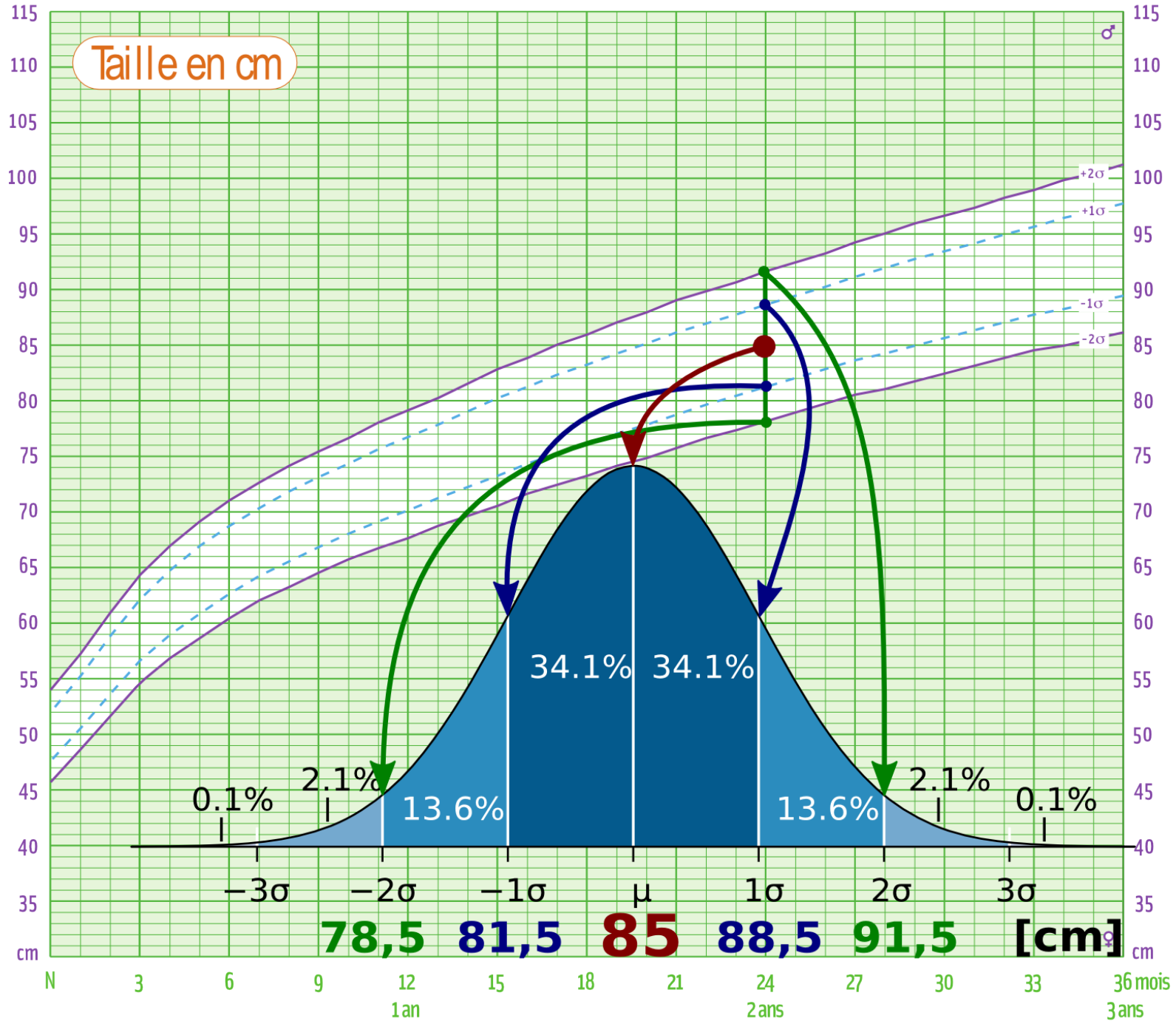
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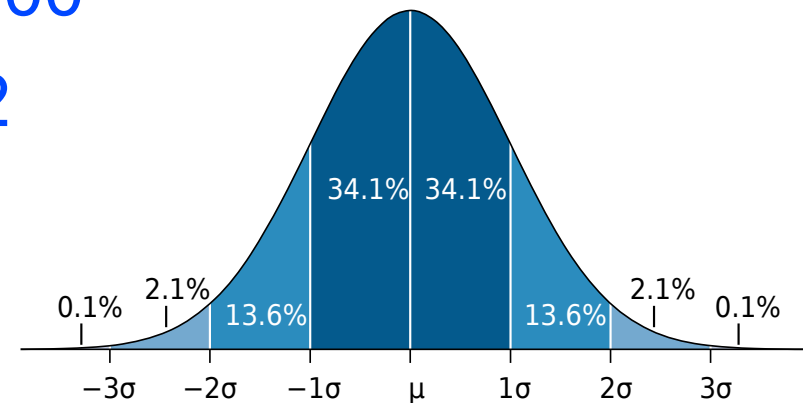
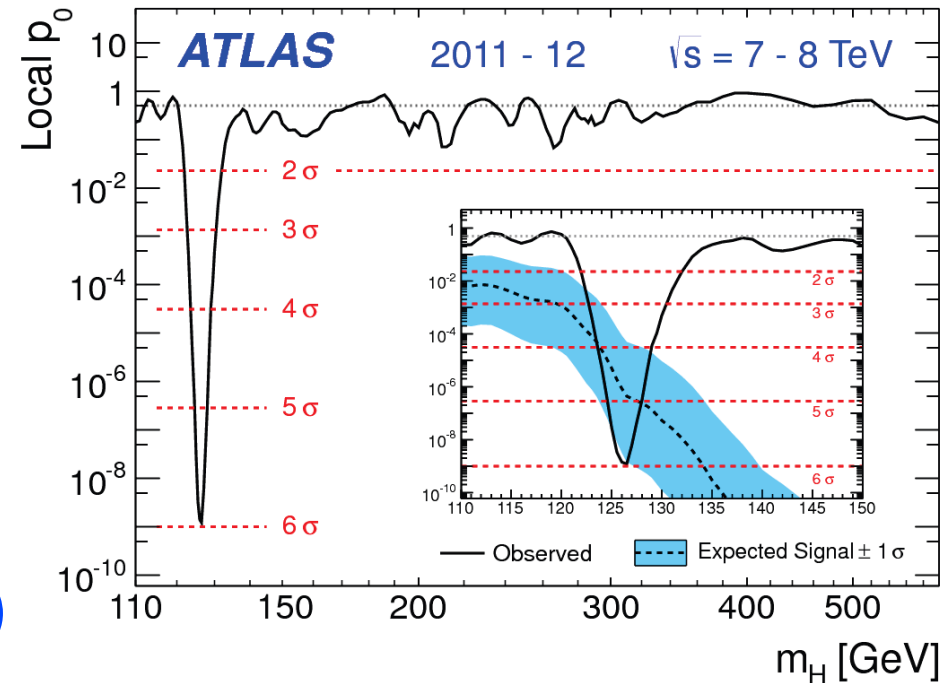


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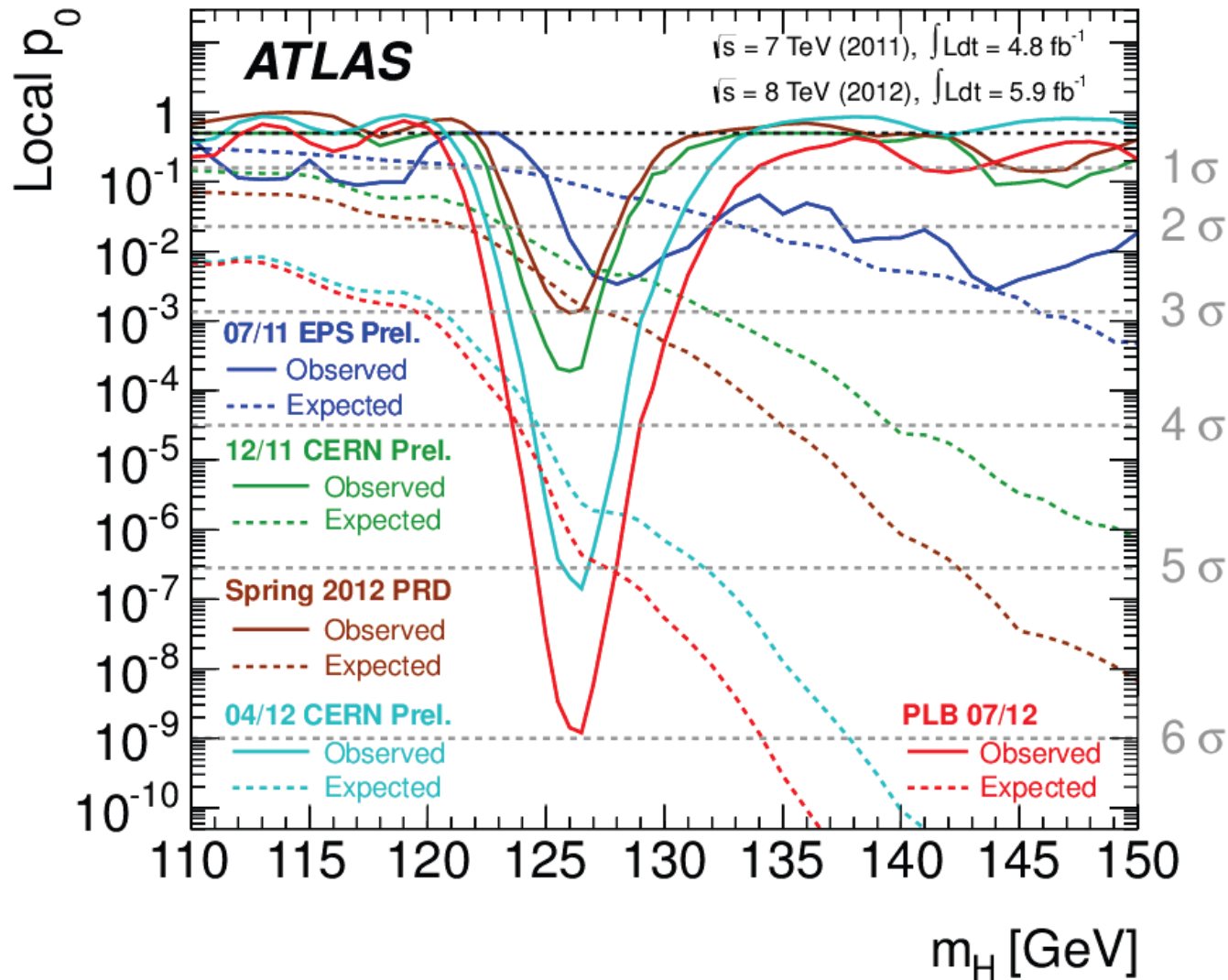
# Higgs result: is it statistically significant?

- p-value  $p_0$ : probability that background events produce something that is as signal-like by chance
- Quantified in number of “ $\sigma$ ”:
  - ▶  $1\sigma$ : 1 chance out of 3 (too probable to conclude anything)
  - ▶  $3\sigma$  (evidence): 3 chances out of 1000
  - ▶  $5\sigma$  (observation): 1 chance out of 2 millions
  - ▶  $5,9\sigma$ : 3 chances out of 1 billion



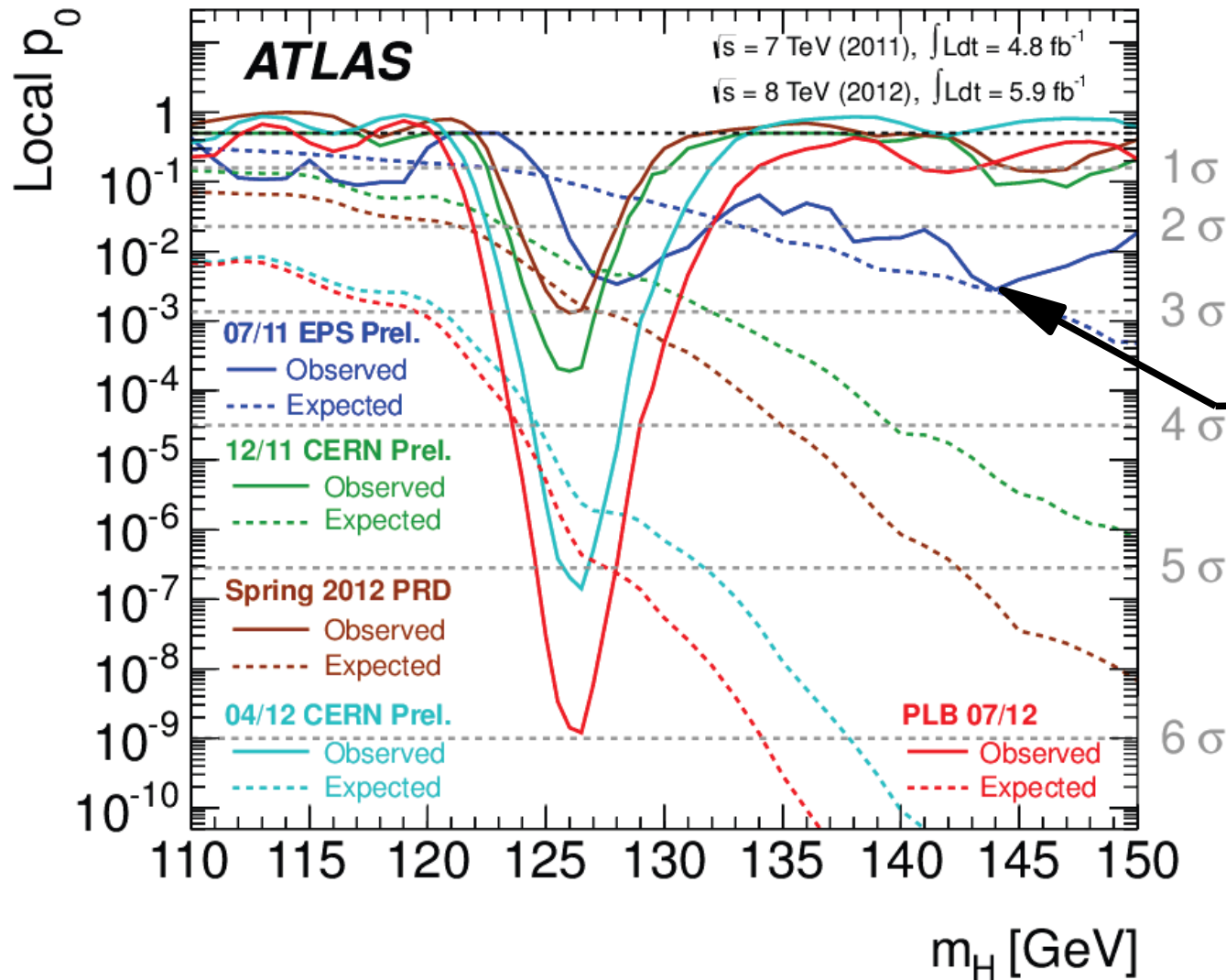
- We are therefore sure we saw something

# Evolution with time (until discovery)



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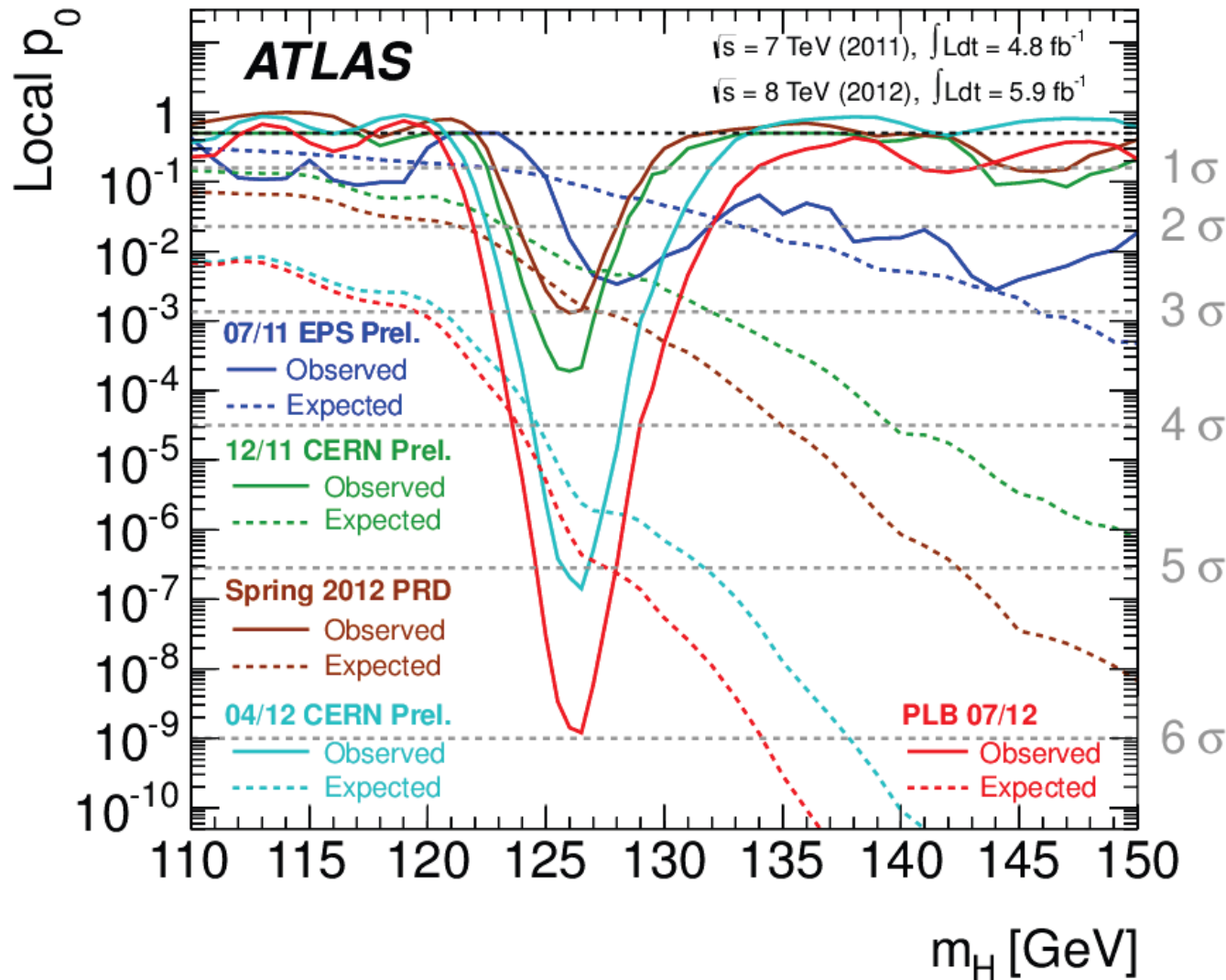
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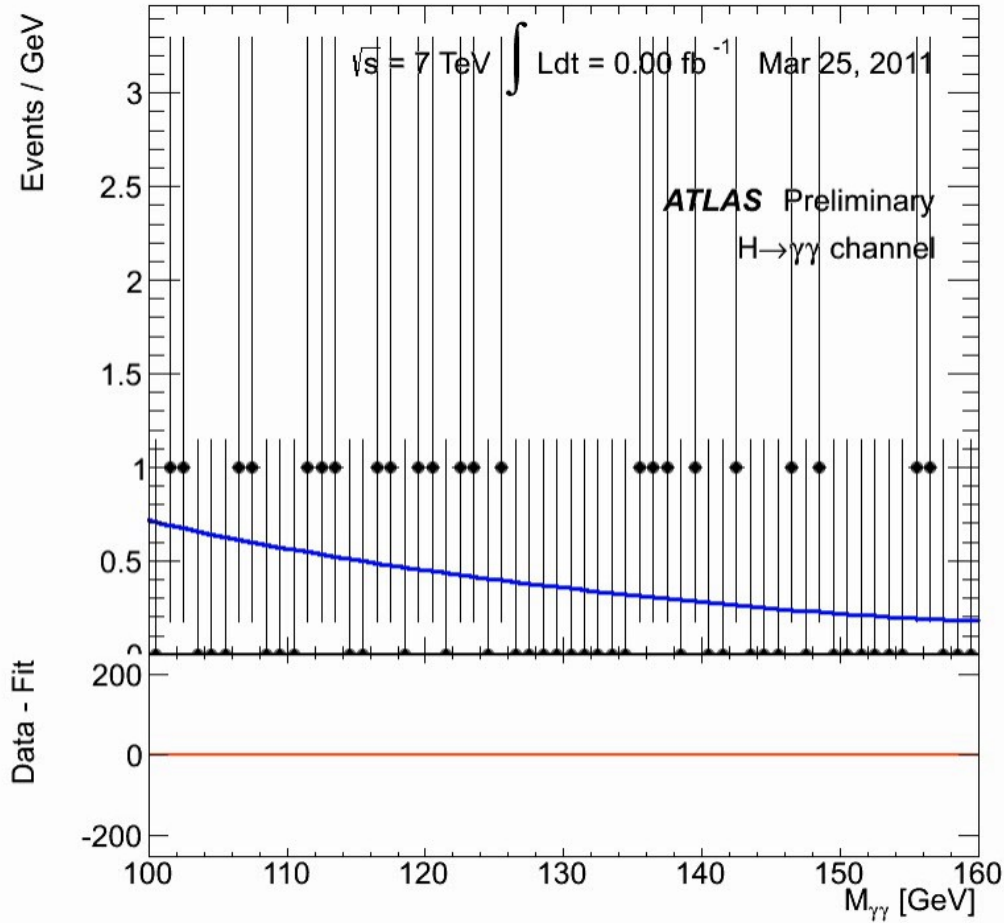
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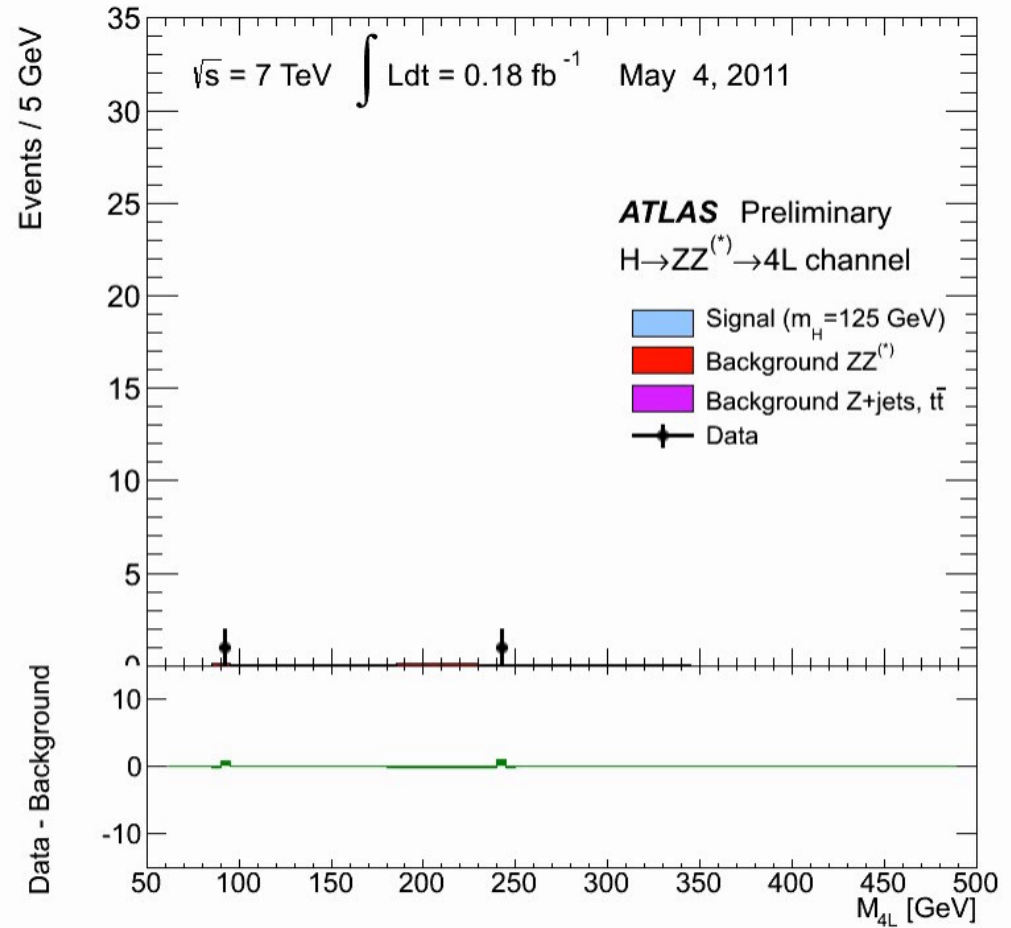
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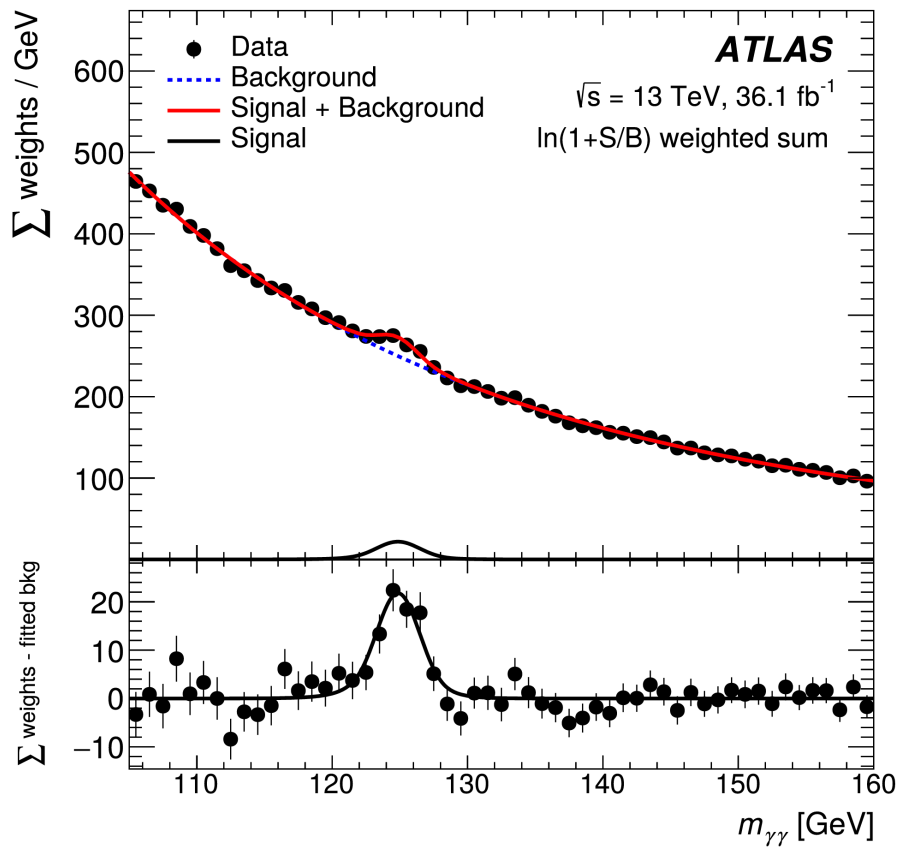


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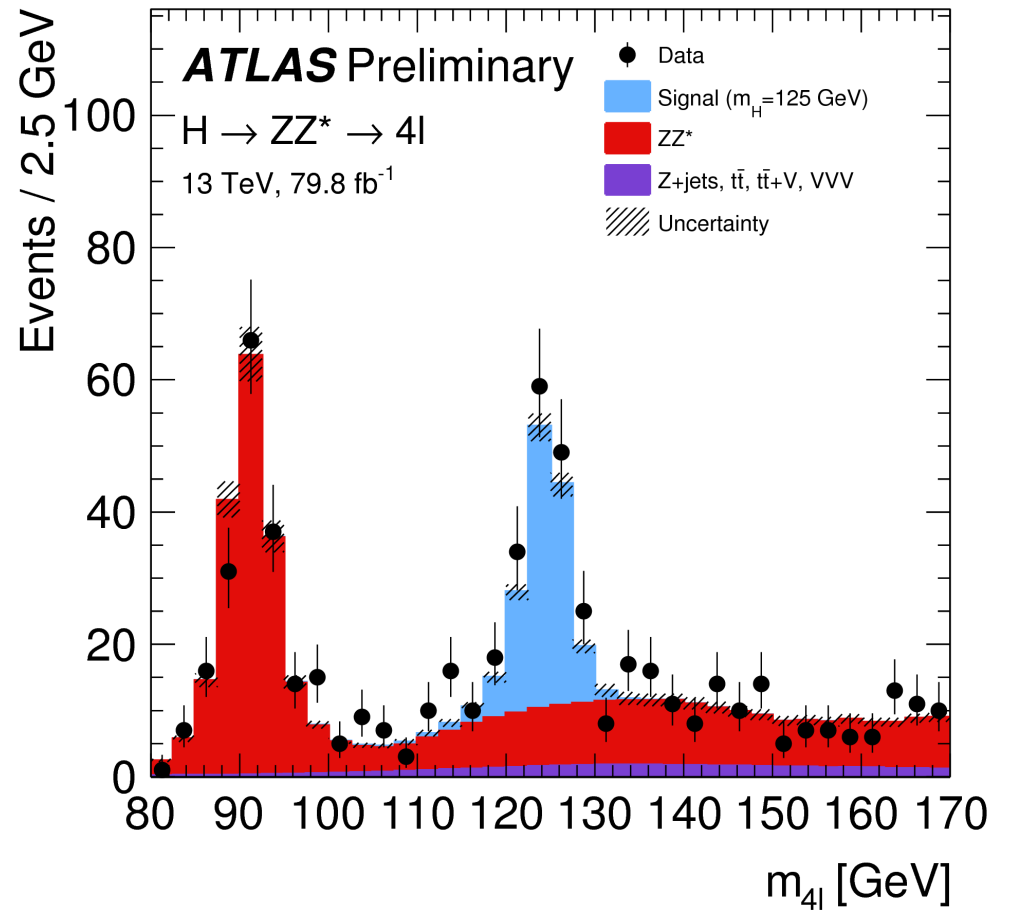


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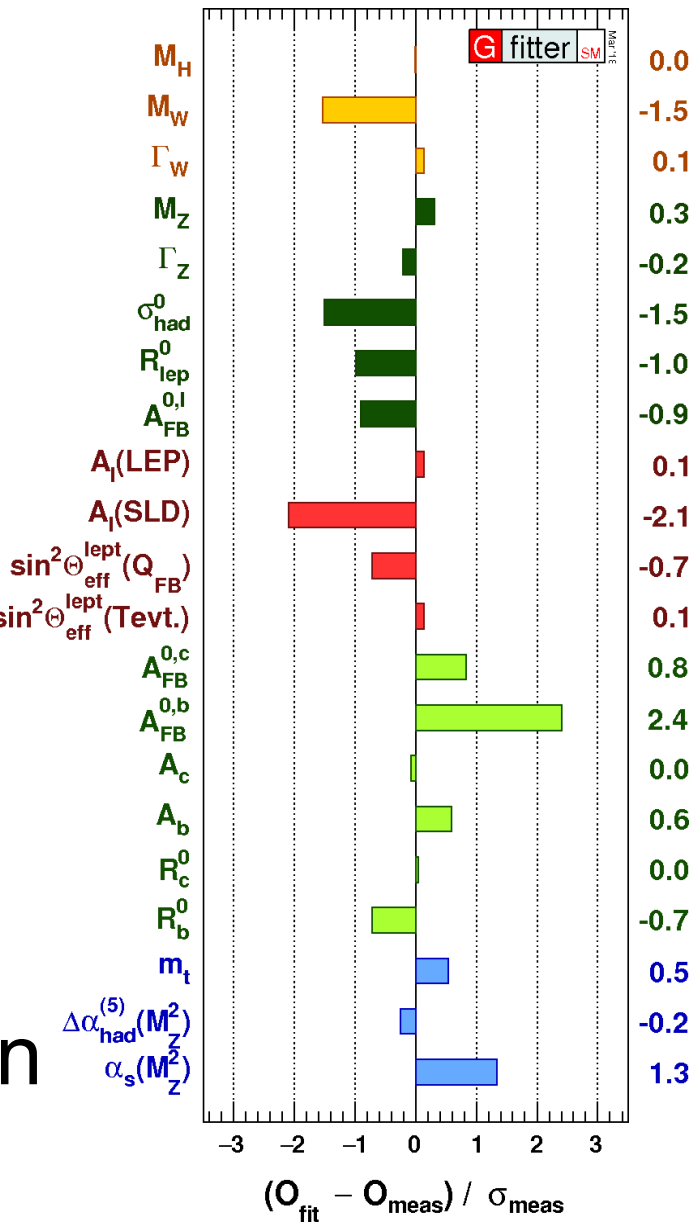
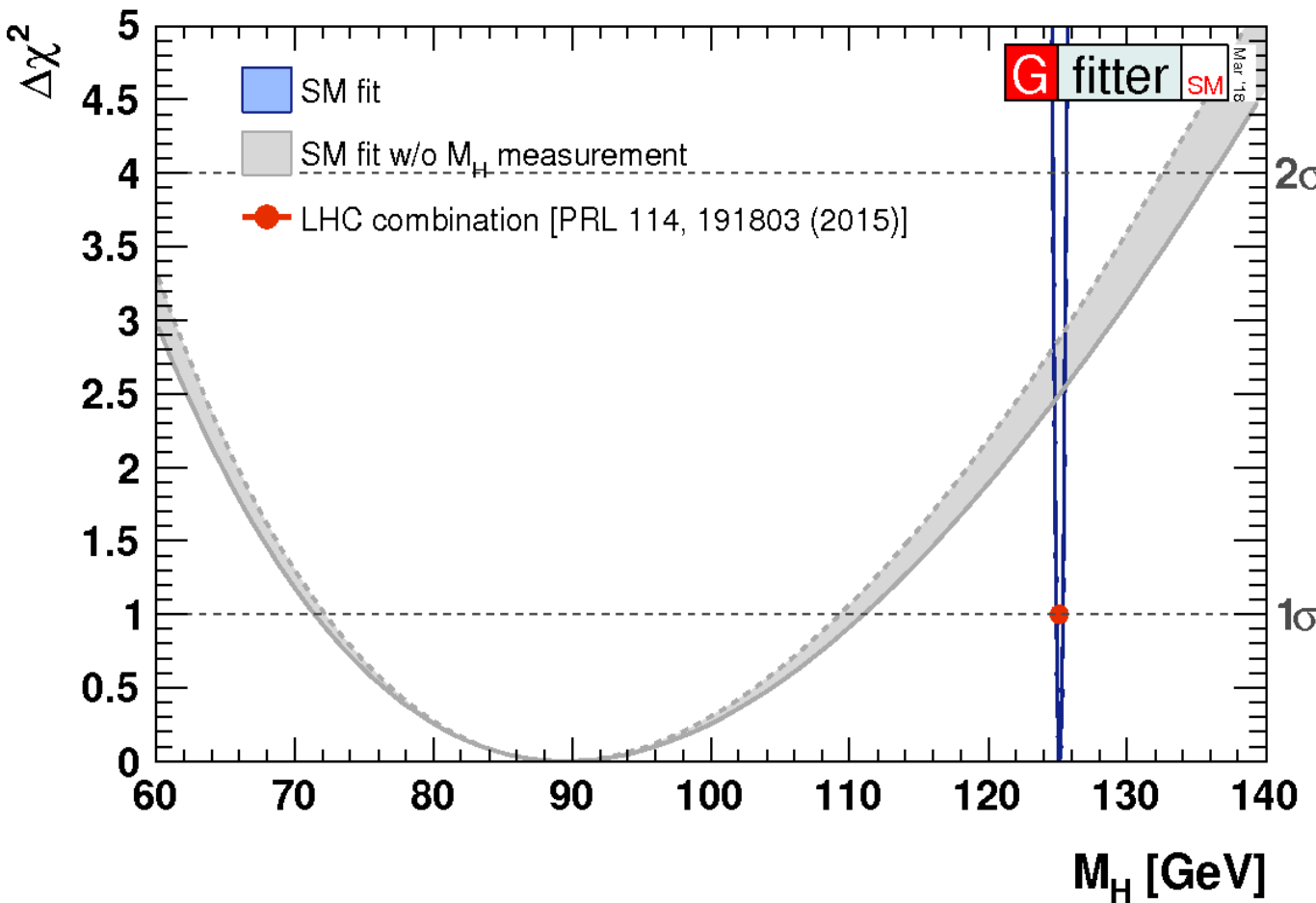


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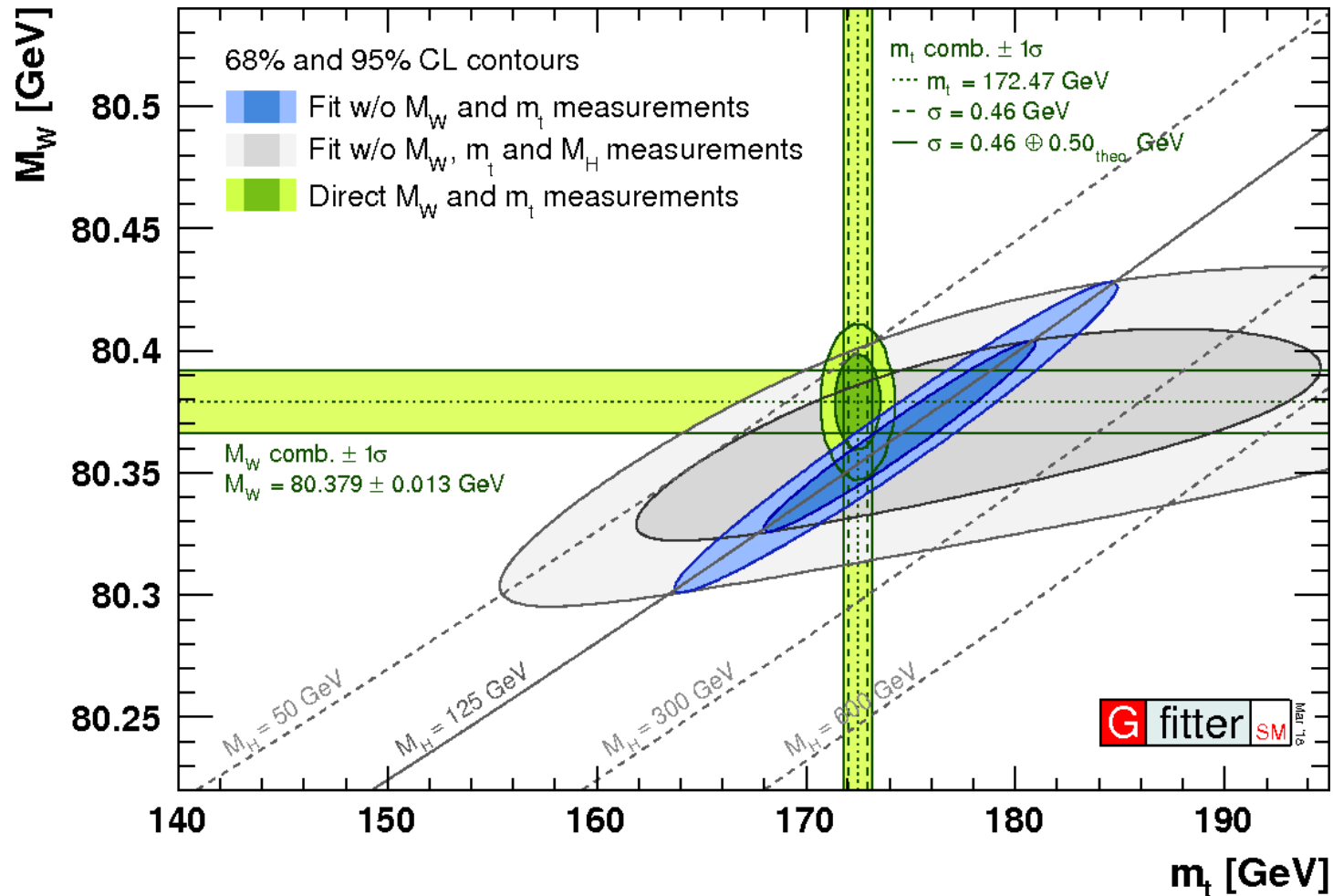
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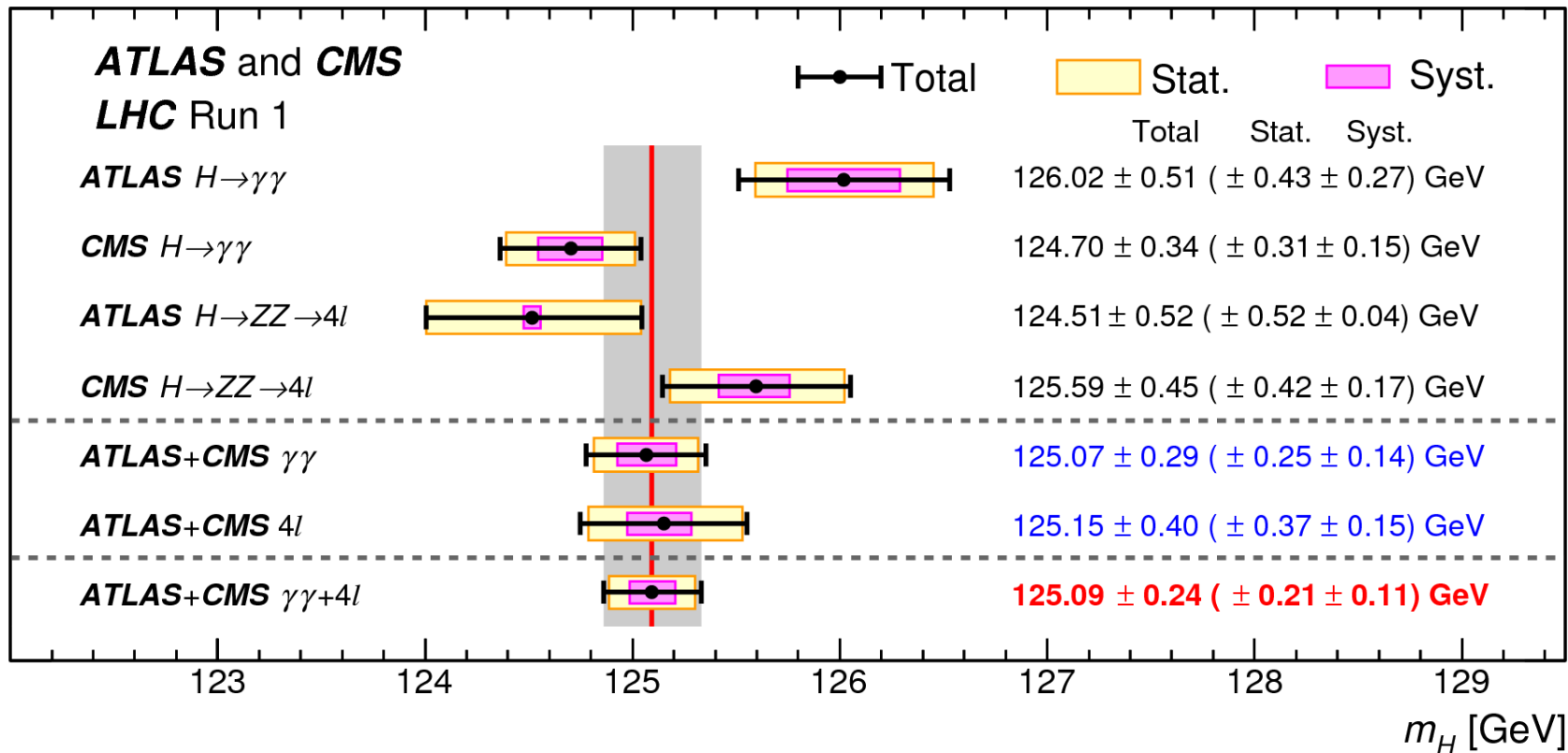
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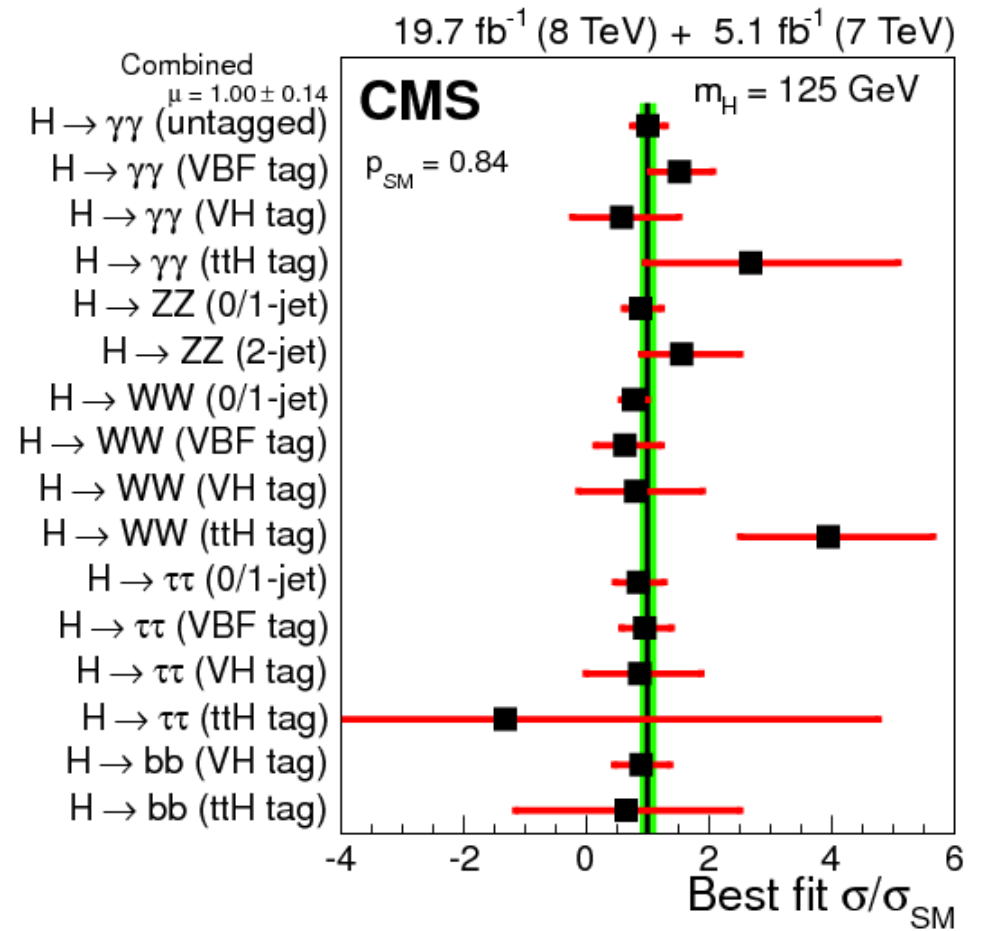
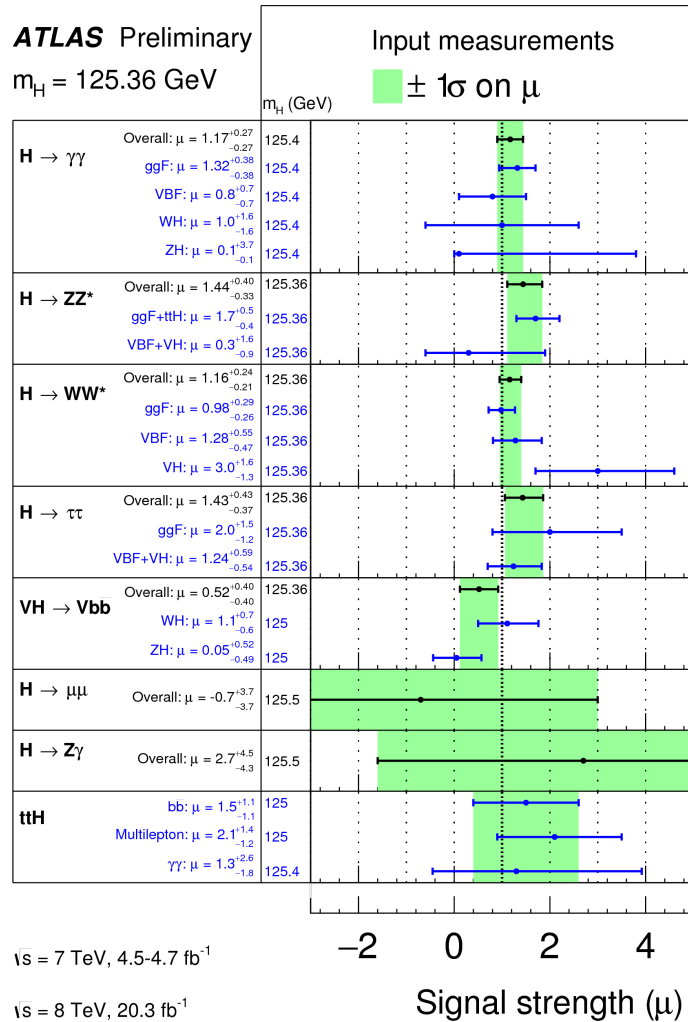


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- Statistical significance keeps increasing
- Measurements in other decays modes
- New ATLAS and CMS results still consistent
- Property measurements:
  - ▶ Various channels/production modes, couplings, spin...
  - ▶ Confirm the standard model...

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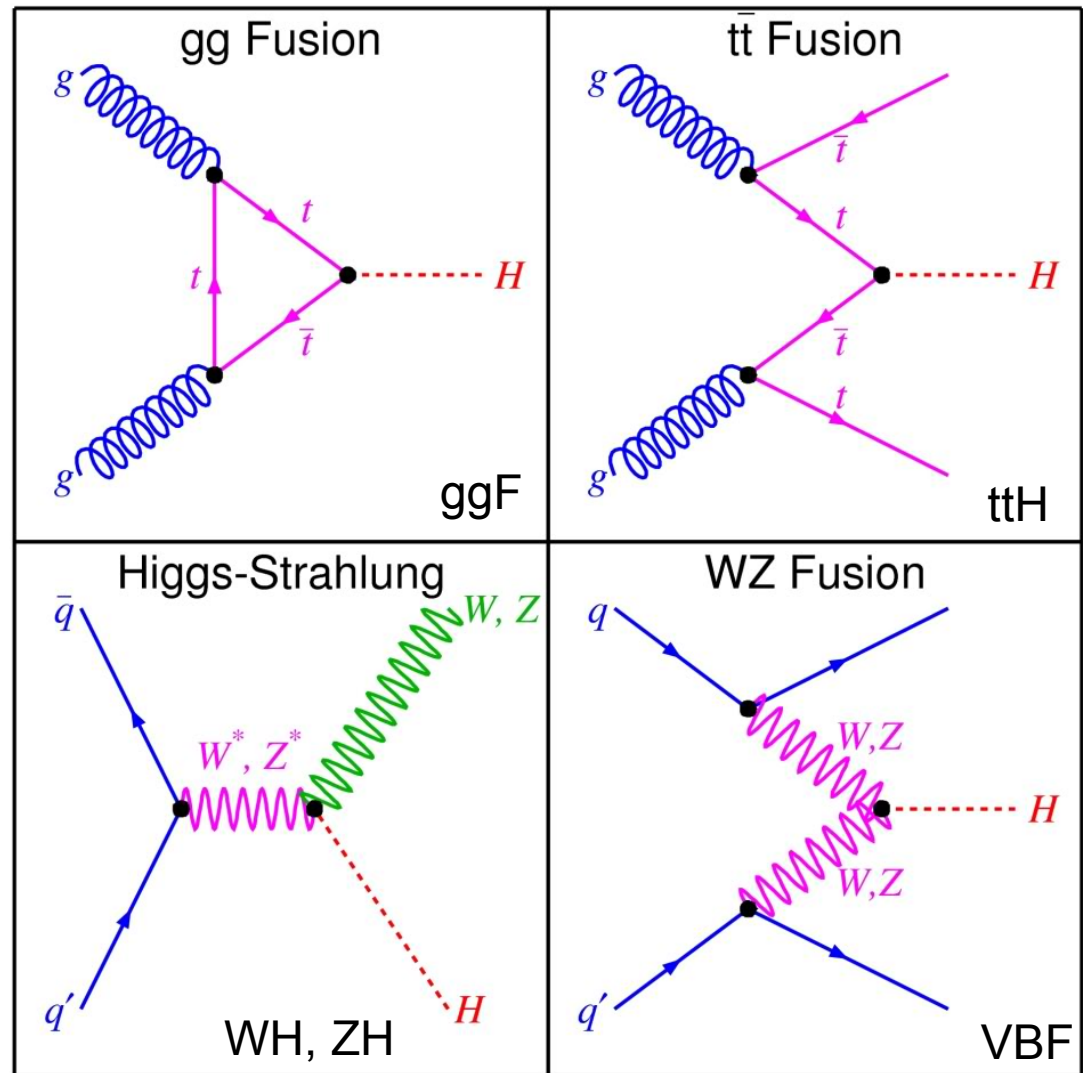
# Measurements in several channels



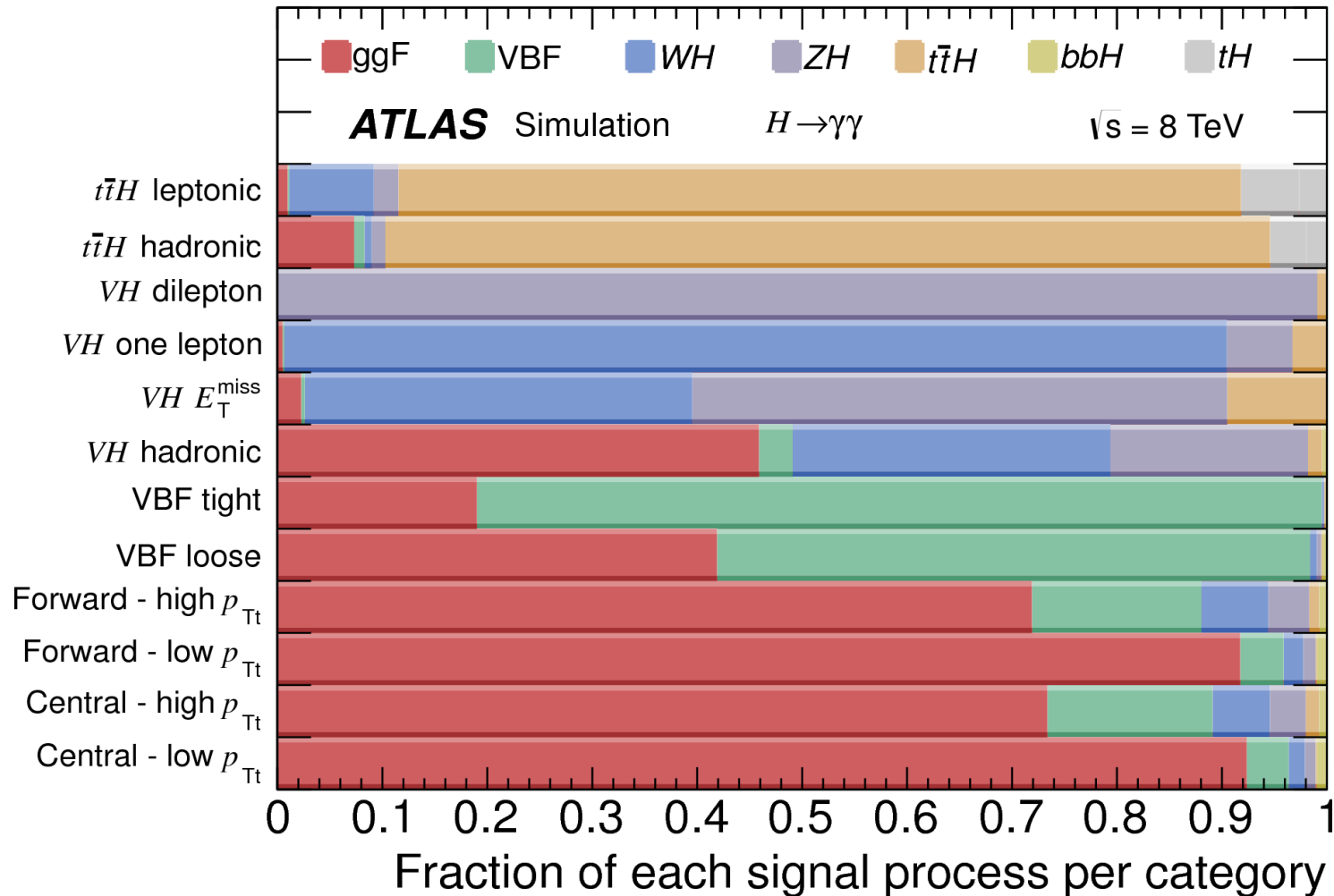
- $\mu = \sigma/\sigma_{SM} = 1$  if the particule is like the Higgs boson of the standard model
- So far very close to predictions

# Higgs boson production

- Different production modes
- If standard model Higgs, proportions are known
- “Just” have to separate decay modes experimentally
- Easier said than done...



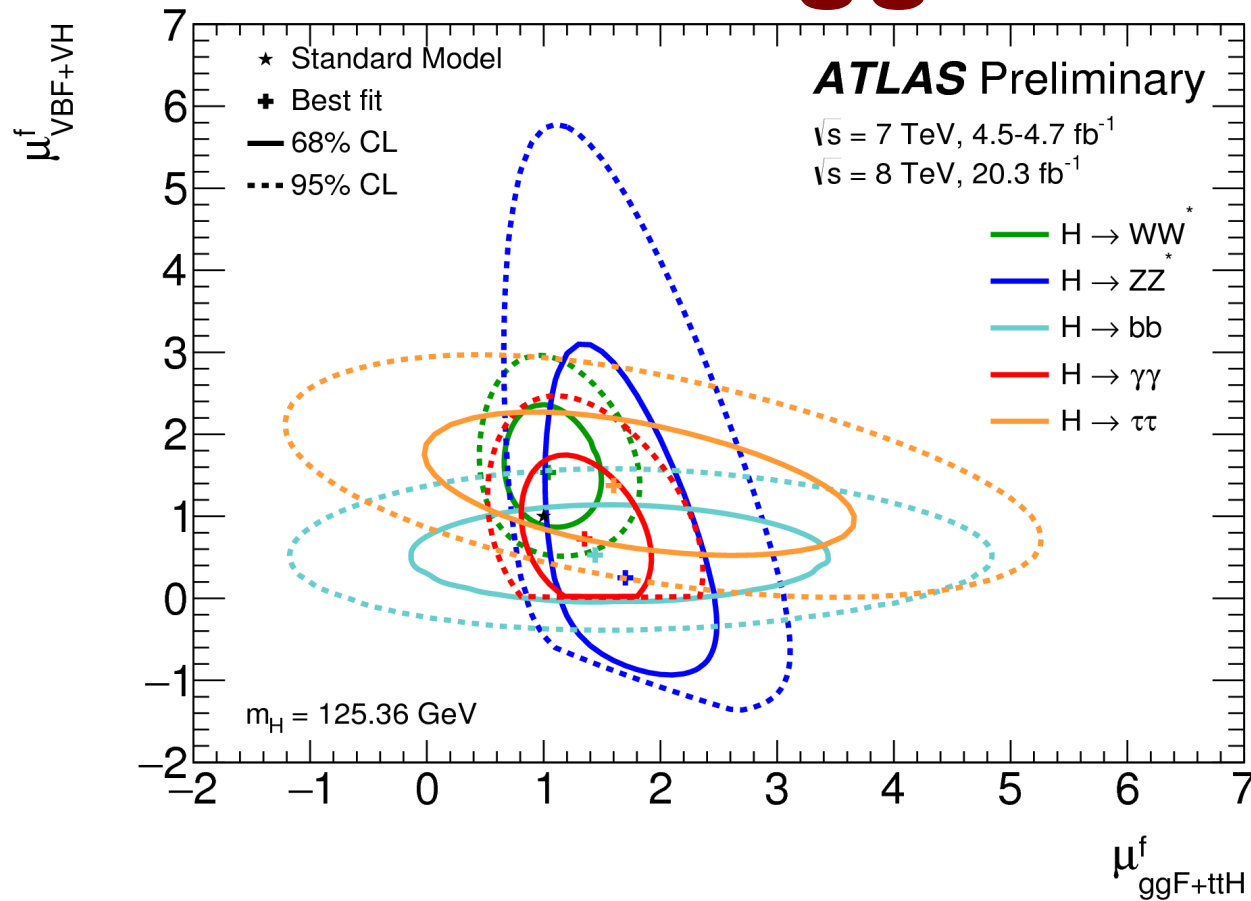
# Separation of production channels



- Optimising analyses, one can target a specific production mode
- Never 100 % pure, but allows interesting measurements



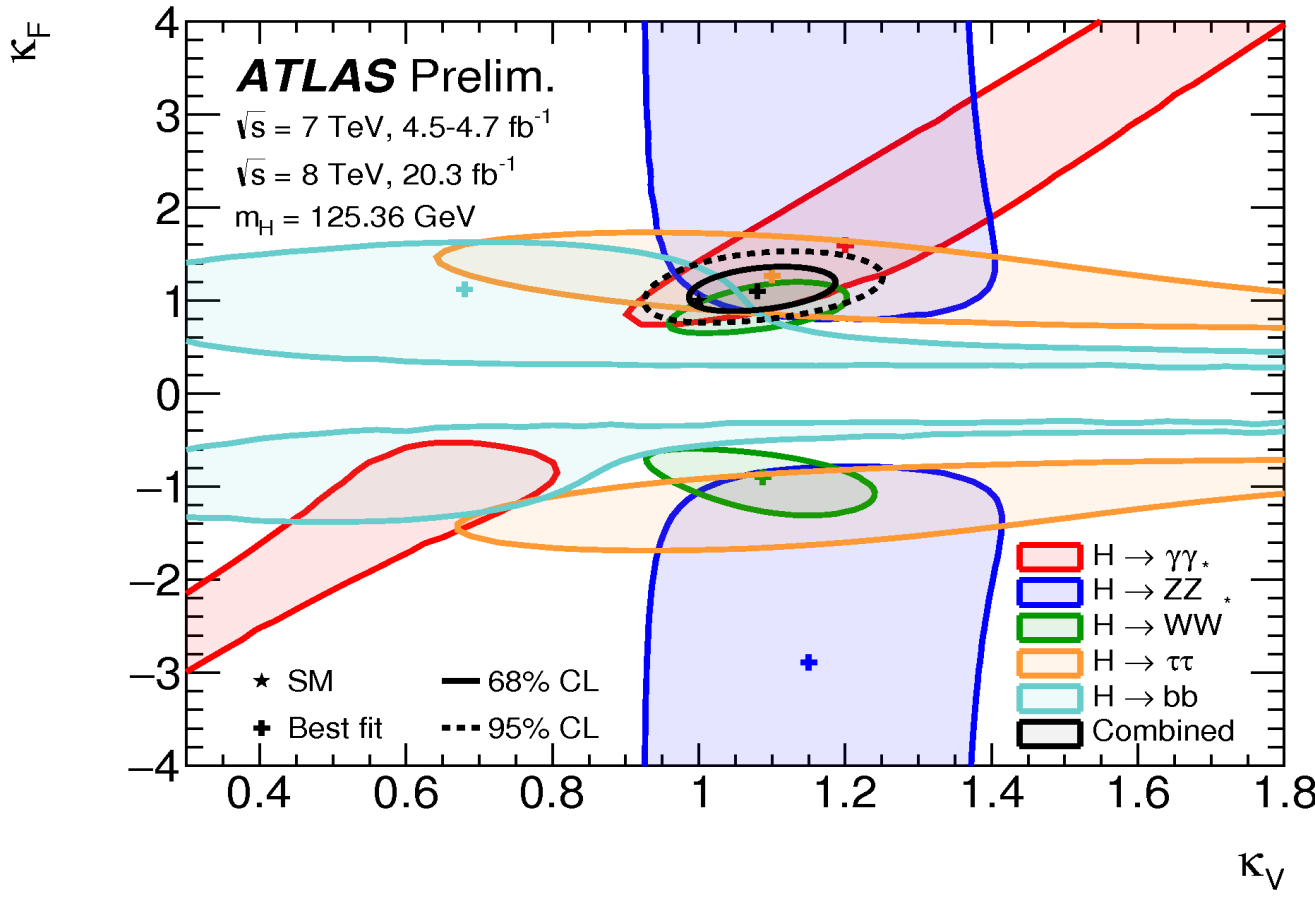
# “VBF” or “ggF”?



- $\mu = 1$  if the particle is like the Higgs boson of the standard model
- All channels compatible among themselves and with standard model
- Evidence pour  $\text{VBF} \neq 0 \rightarrow$  this boson plays a role in electroweak symmetry breaking

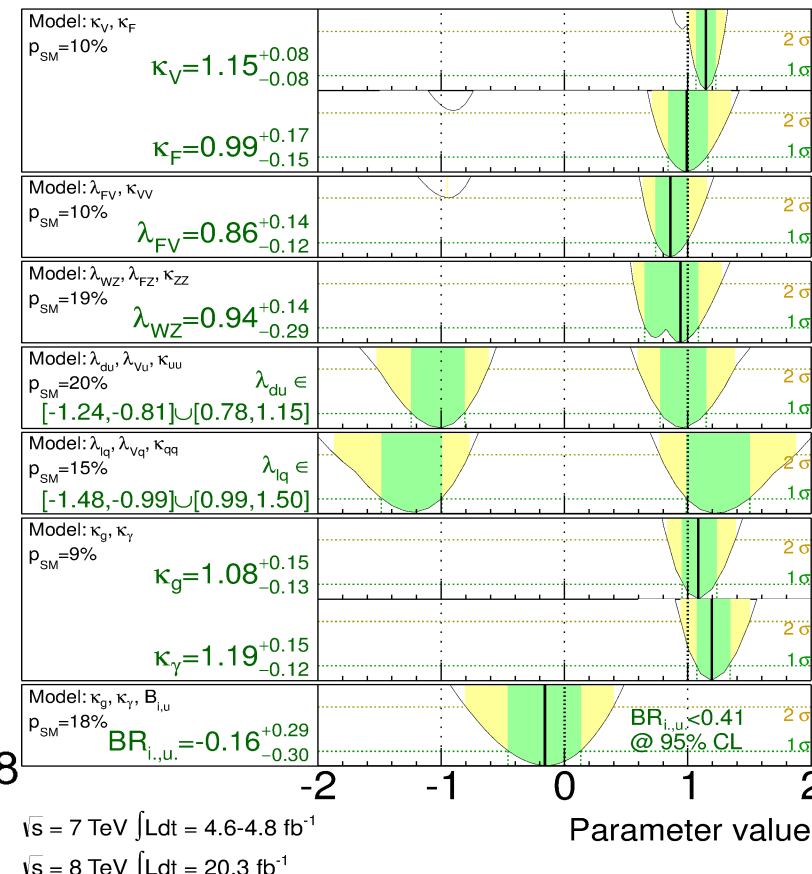
# Coupling to fermions and bosons

- Too many parameters to measure simultaneously
  - ▶ Group them and measure ratio to SM prediction,  $\kappa$
- If  $\kappa = 1$  the particle is like the Higgs boson of the standard model



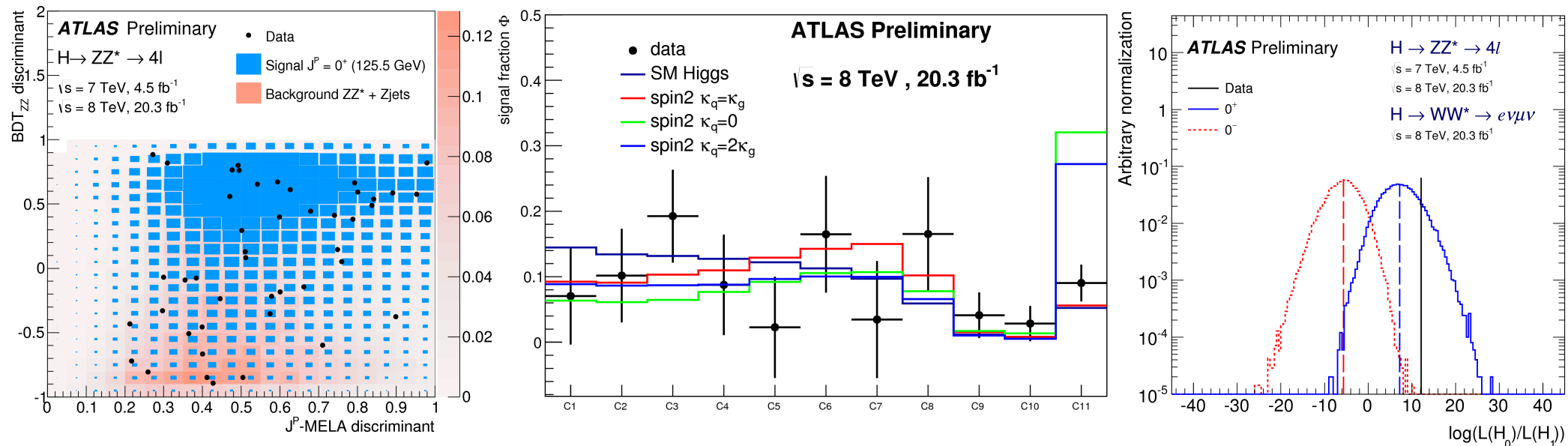
**ATLAS Preliminary**  
 $m_H = 125.5 \text{ GeV}$

Total uncertainty  
▭  $\pm 1\sigma$     ▭  $\pm 2\sigma$

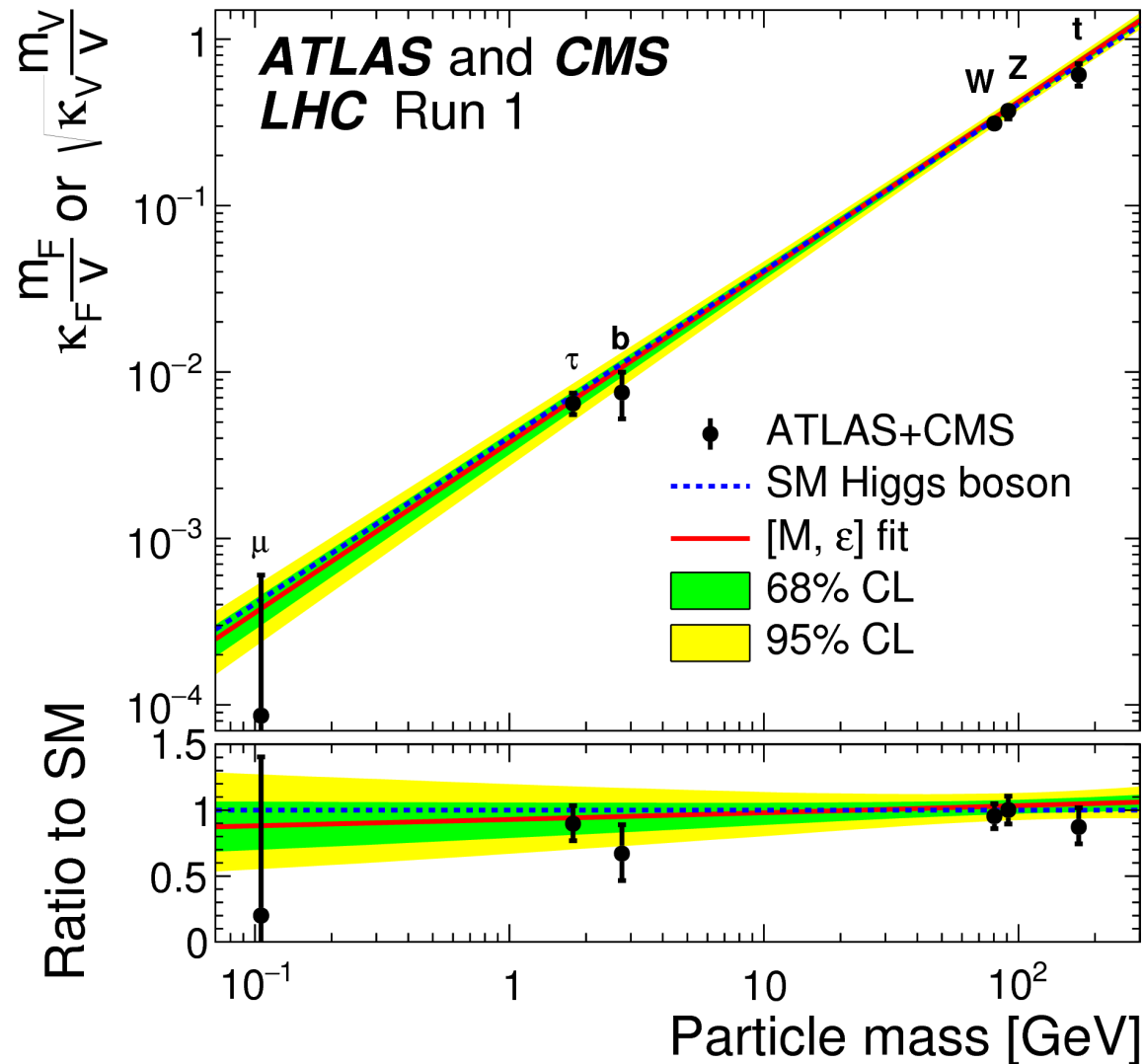


# Spin and parity

- Observation of  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  implies integer spin, not 1
- Exclusion of spin  $1^+$ ,  $1^-$ ,  $0^-$ ,  $2^+$  more and more clear (more than 99 % confidence)
- Every time consistent with  $0^+$ : like the standard model Higgs boson

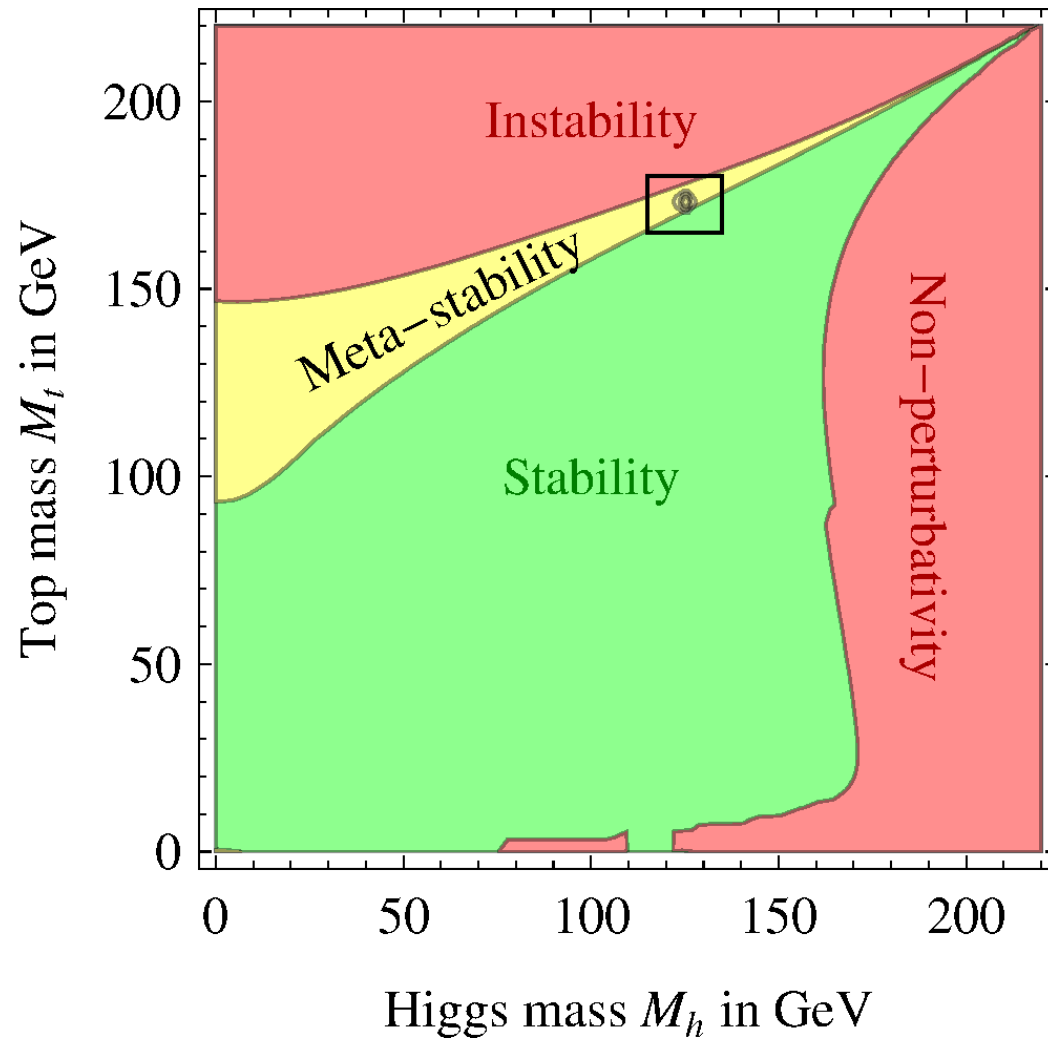


# Particle masses and coupling to Higgs boson

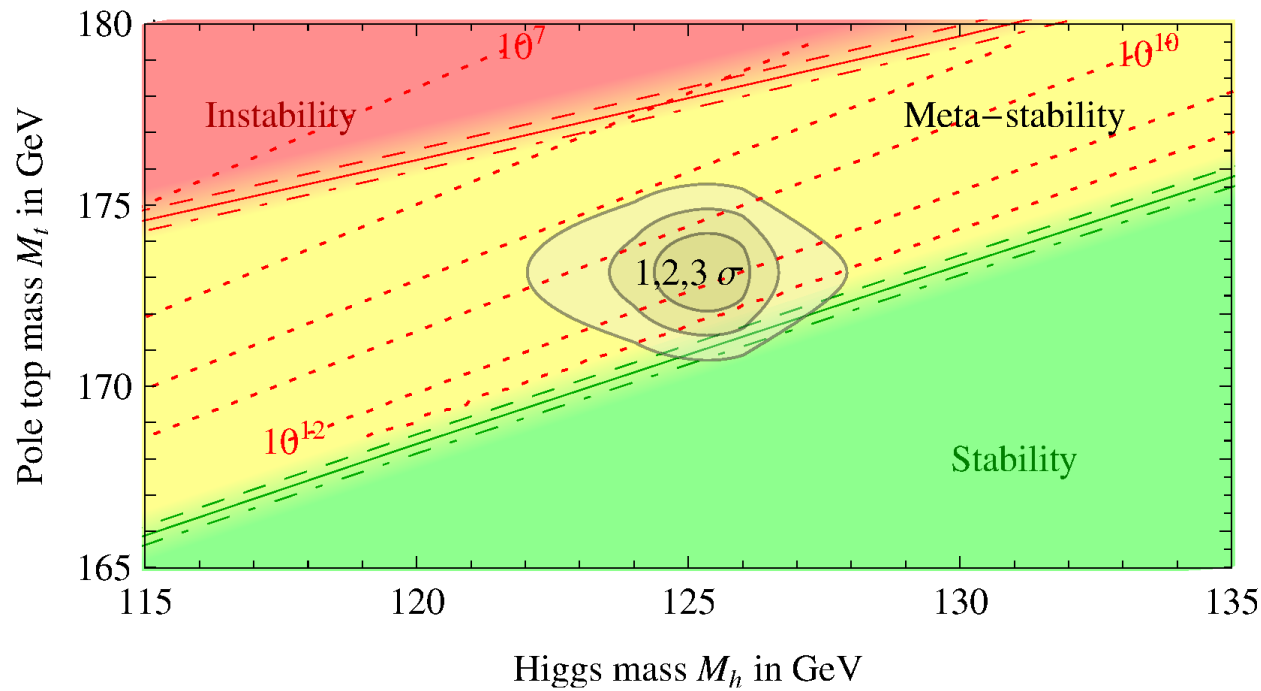


- As expected from standard model

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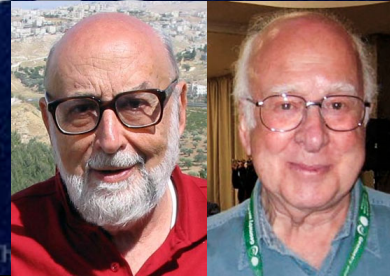


- Rather meta-stable, stable on the scale of the age of the Universe  
→ we are safe!
- Need to improve precision on  $m_t$  to know more

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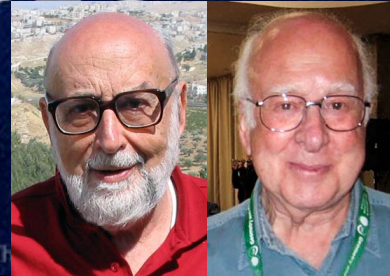


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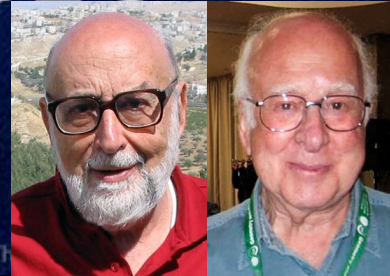
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**CERN and the ATLAS & CMS experiments**

# What else?

Our visible Universe



Standard model

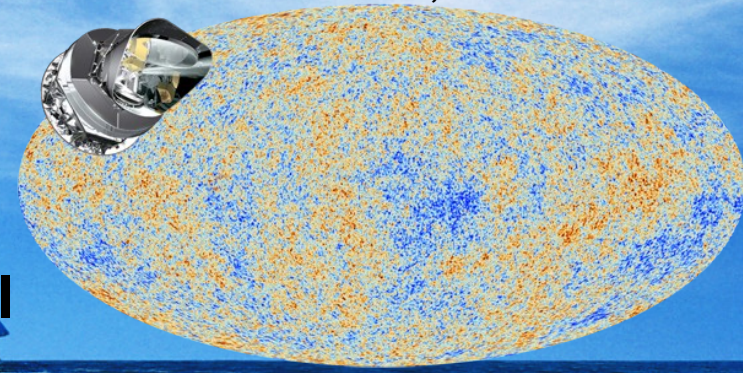


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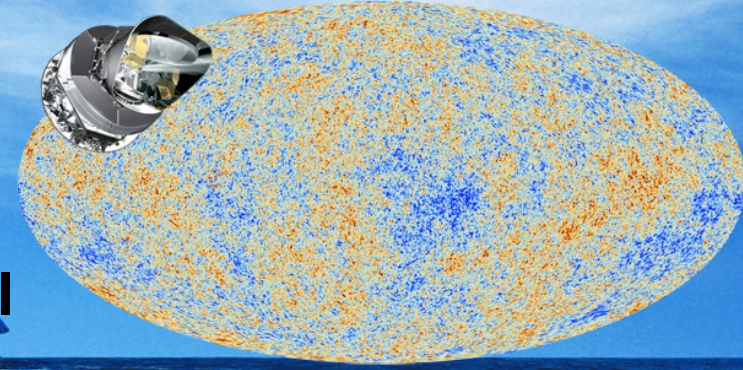
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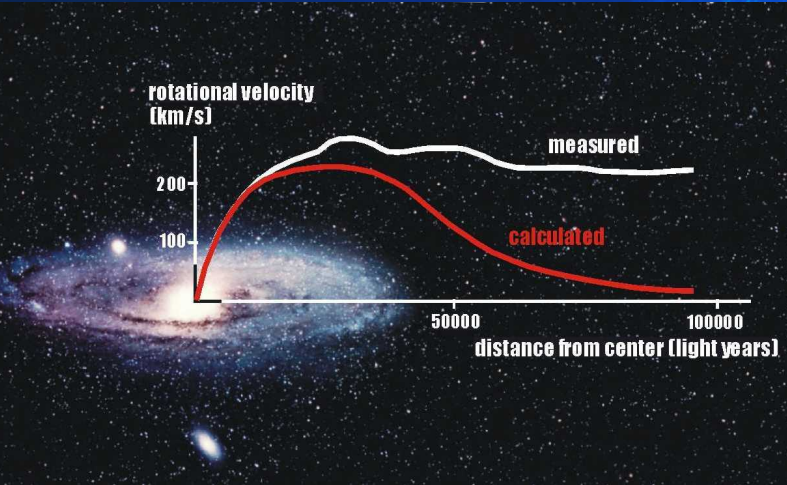
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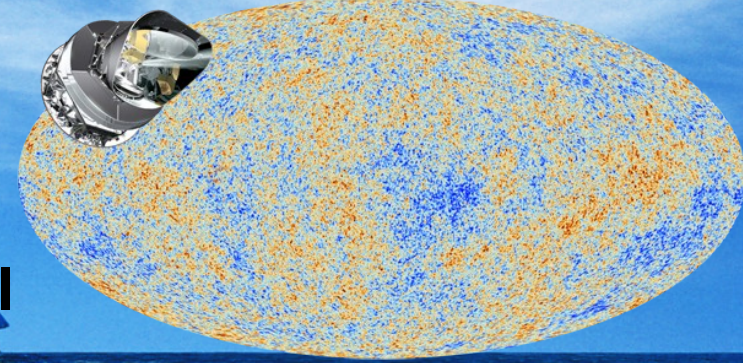
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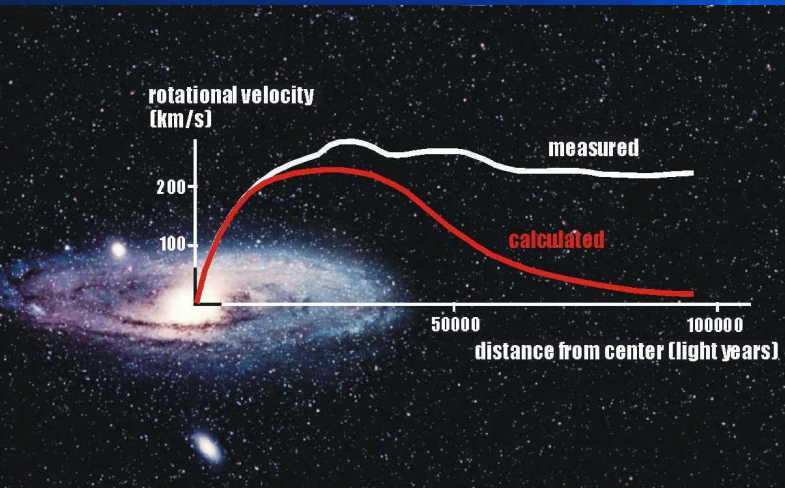
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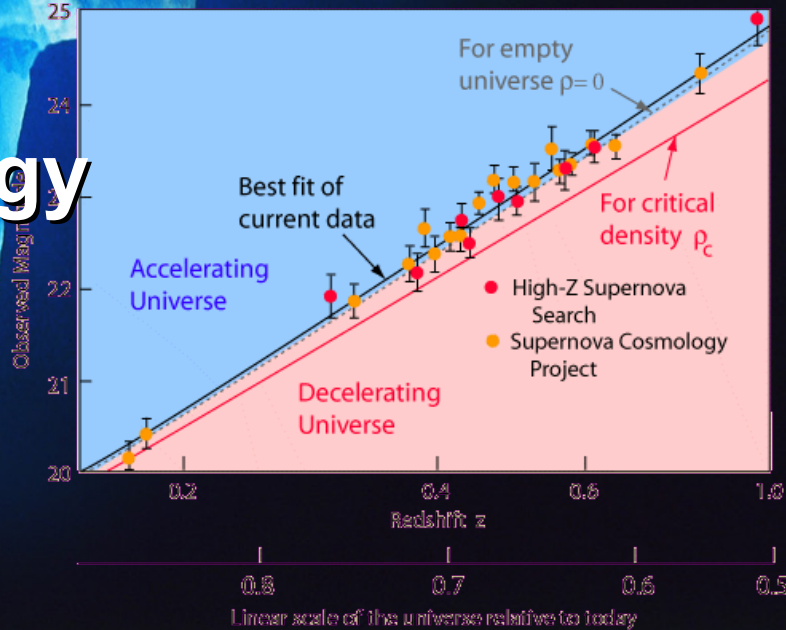


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Distant Type Ia Supernovae



68% dark energy

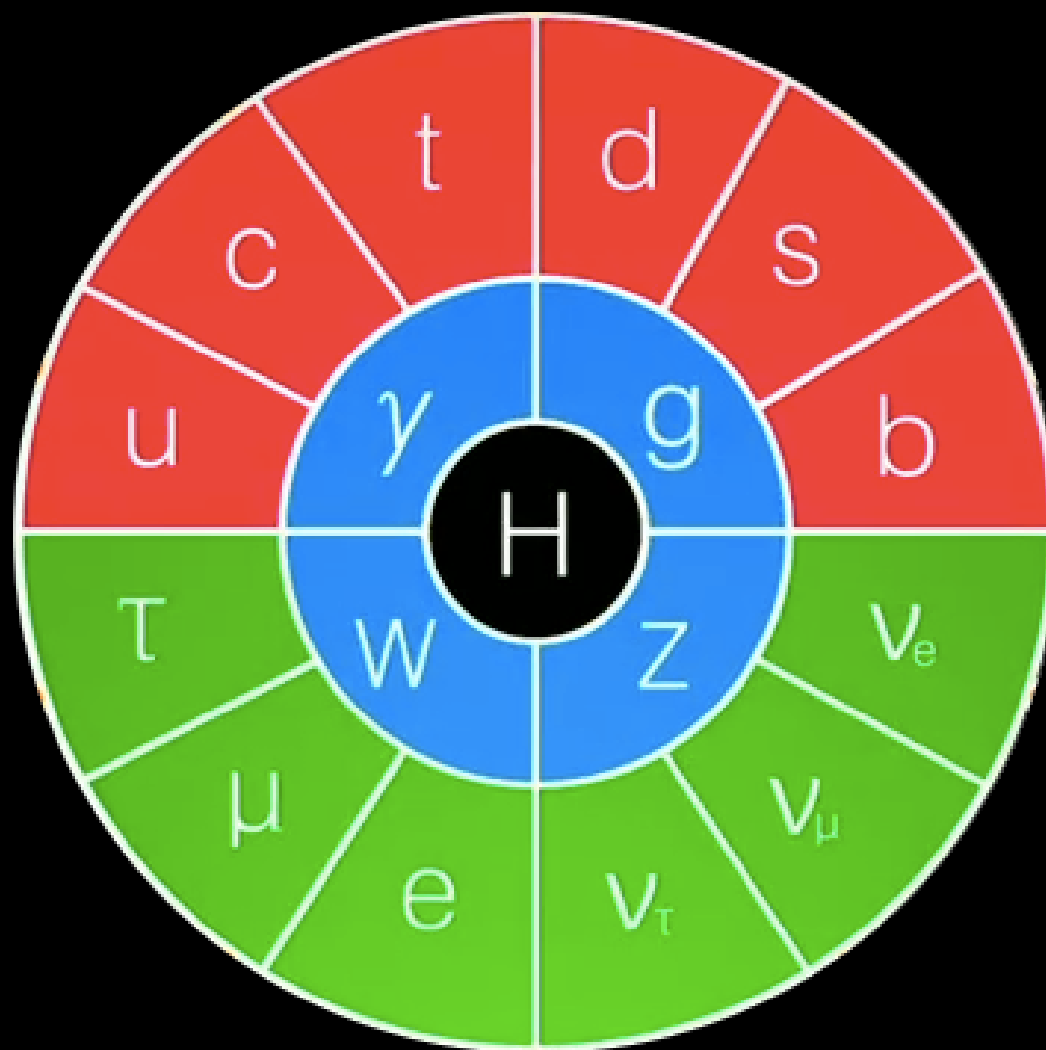


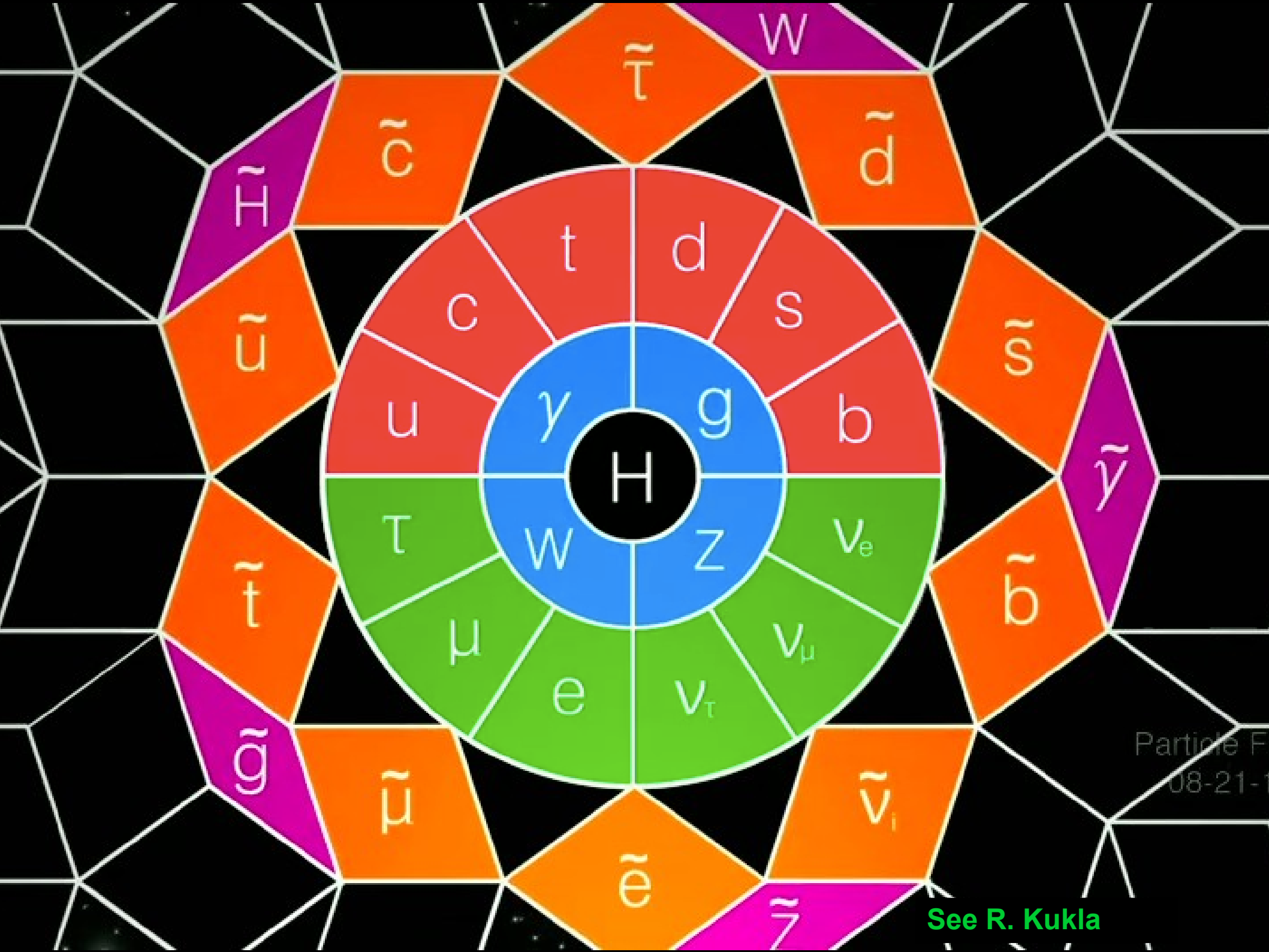
No clue whatsoever as to what it could be

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# Other theories

- The standard model does not explain everything:
  - ▶ Why three families?
  - ▶ Why such a wide spectrum of masses among elementary particles?
  - ▶ What are dark matter and dark energy?
  - ▶ Why has antimatter almost completely disappeared?
- Theoreticians have lots of ideas
- Many models make predictions that can be tested at LHC
- Supersymmetry, exotic models, extra dimensions of space, ...
  - ▶ predict new particles, or have impact on already known phenomena
- Need experimental measurements to guide theoreticians





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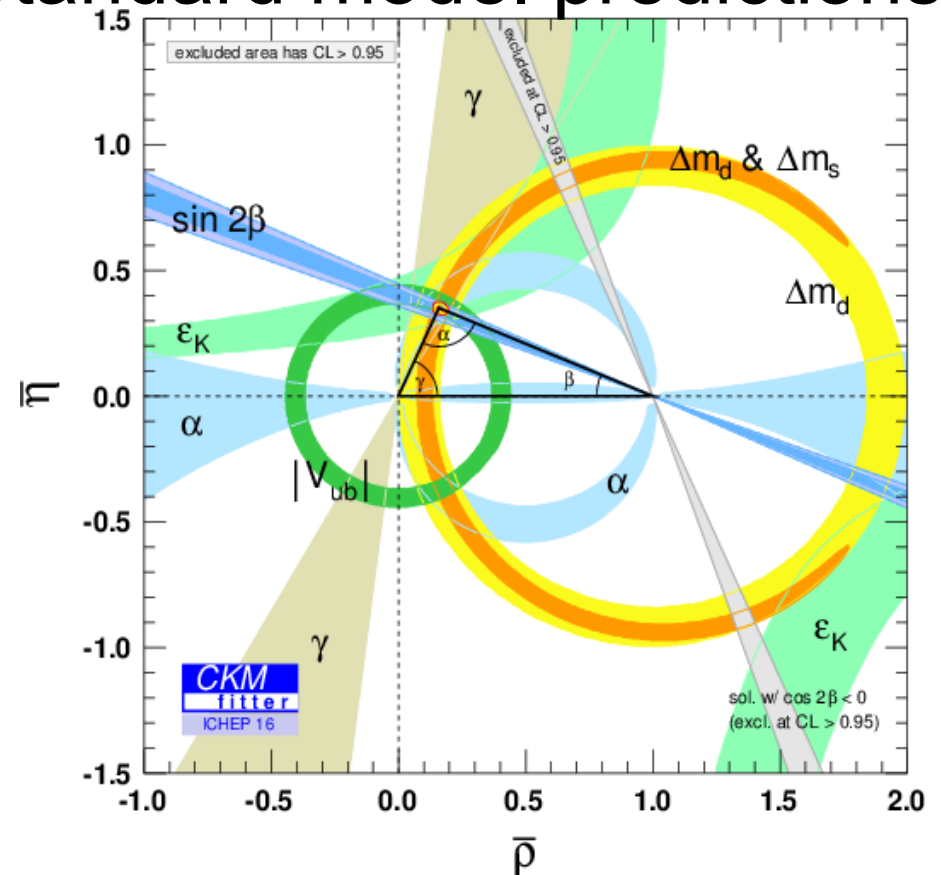
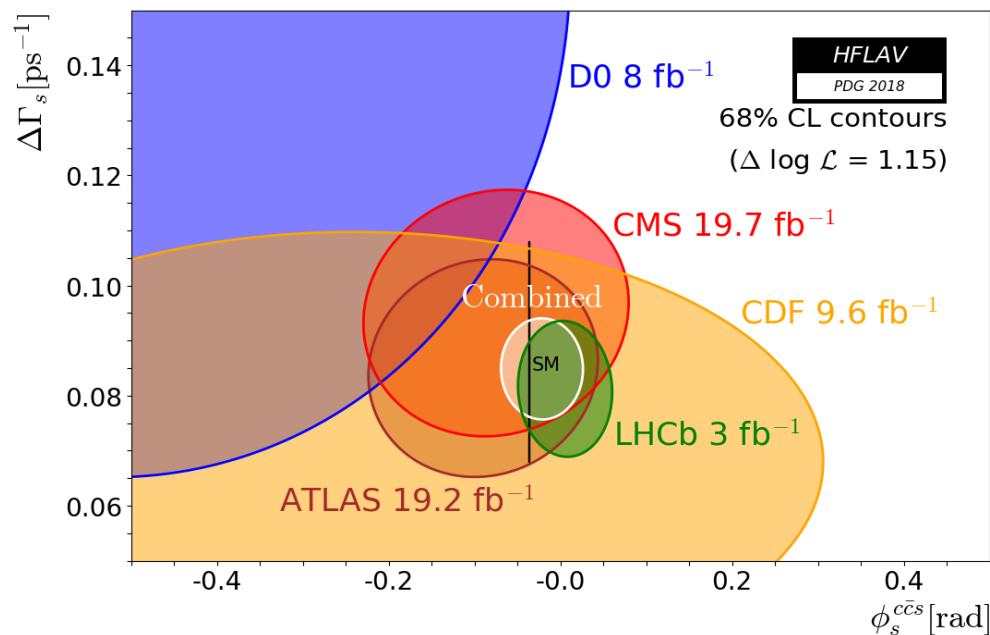
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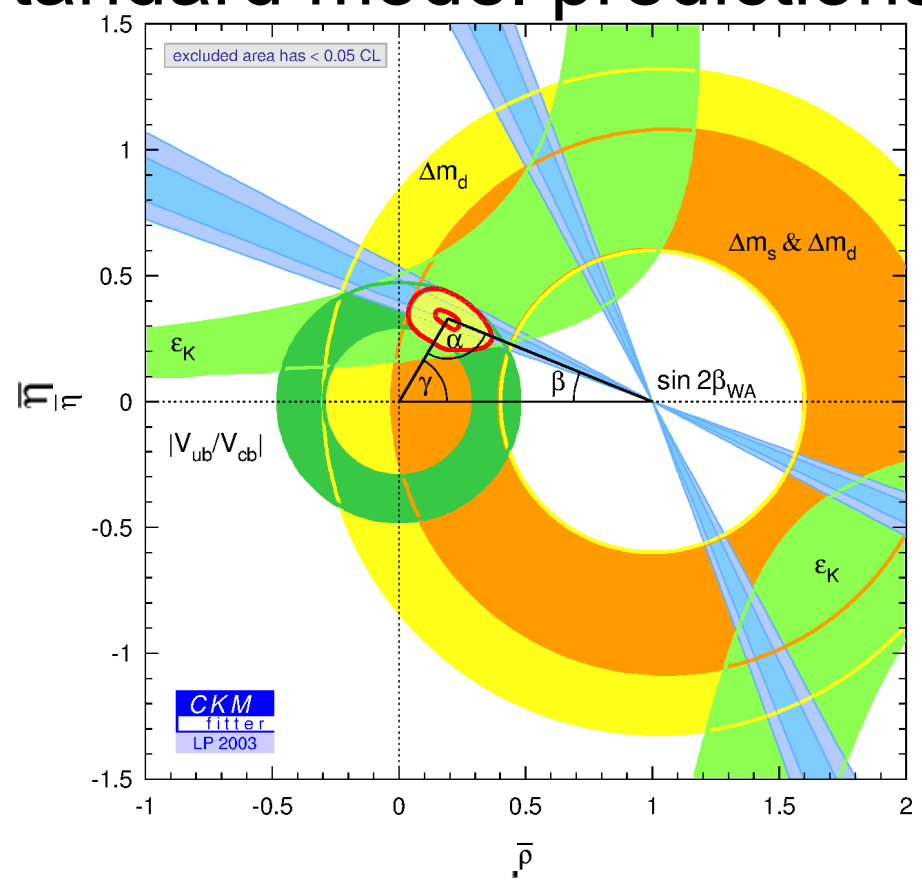
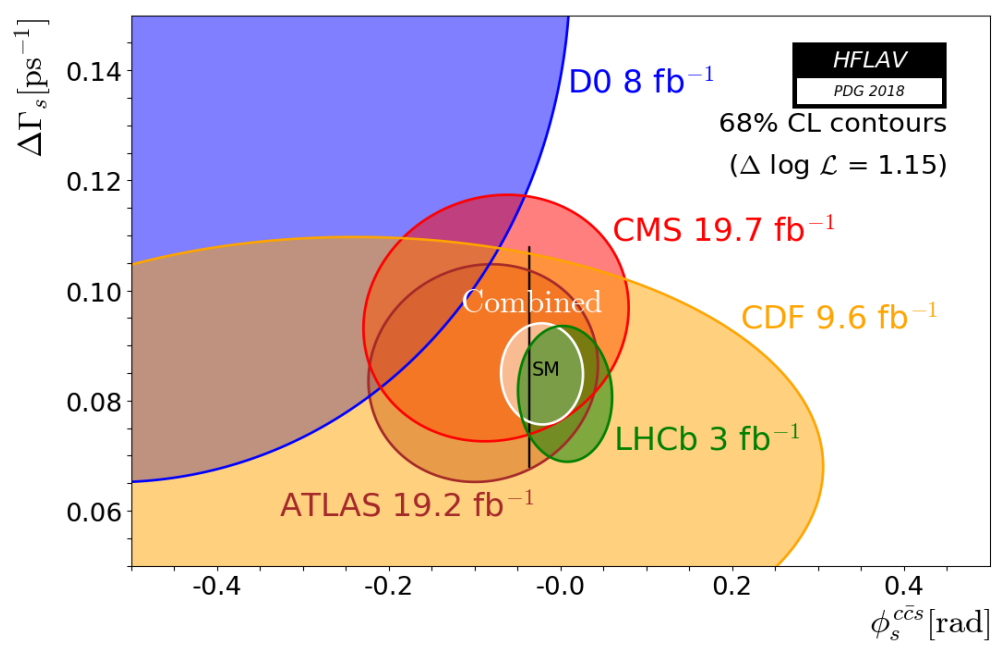
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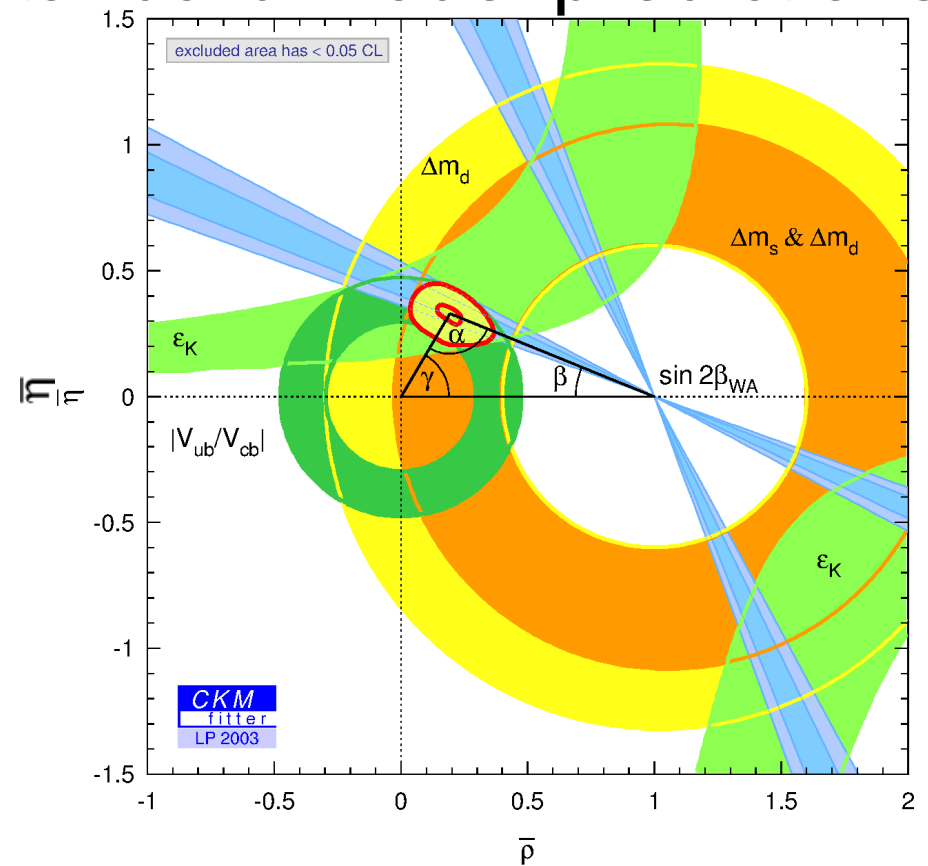
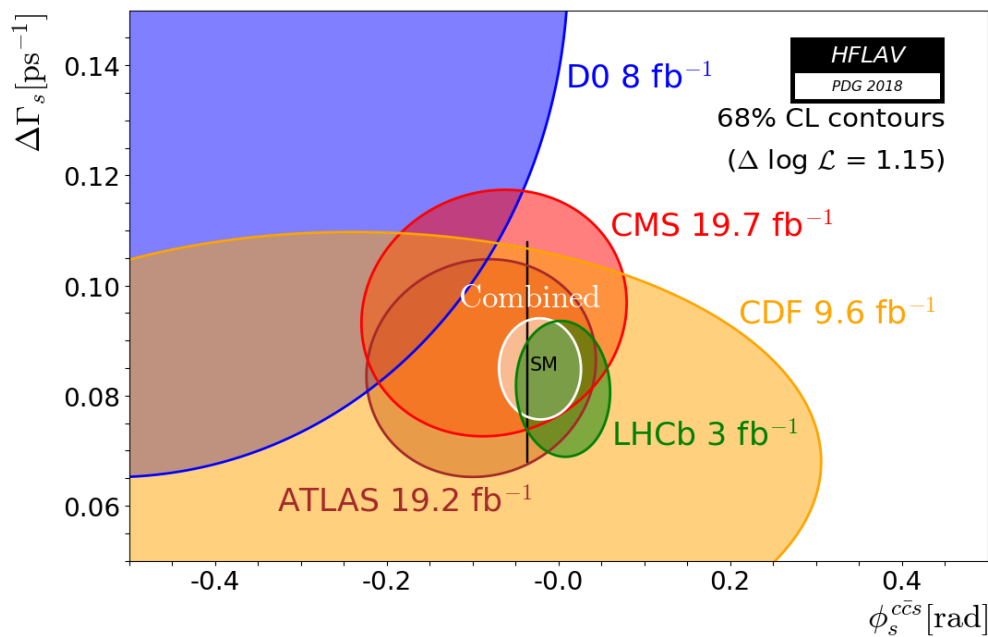
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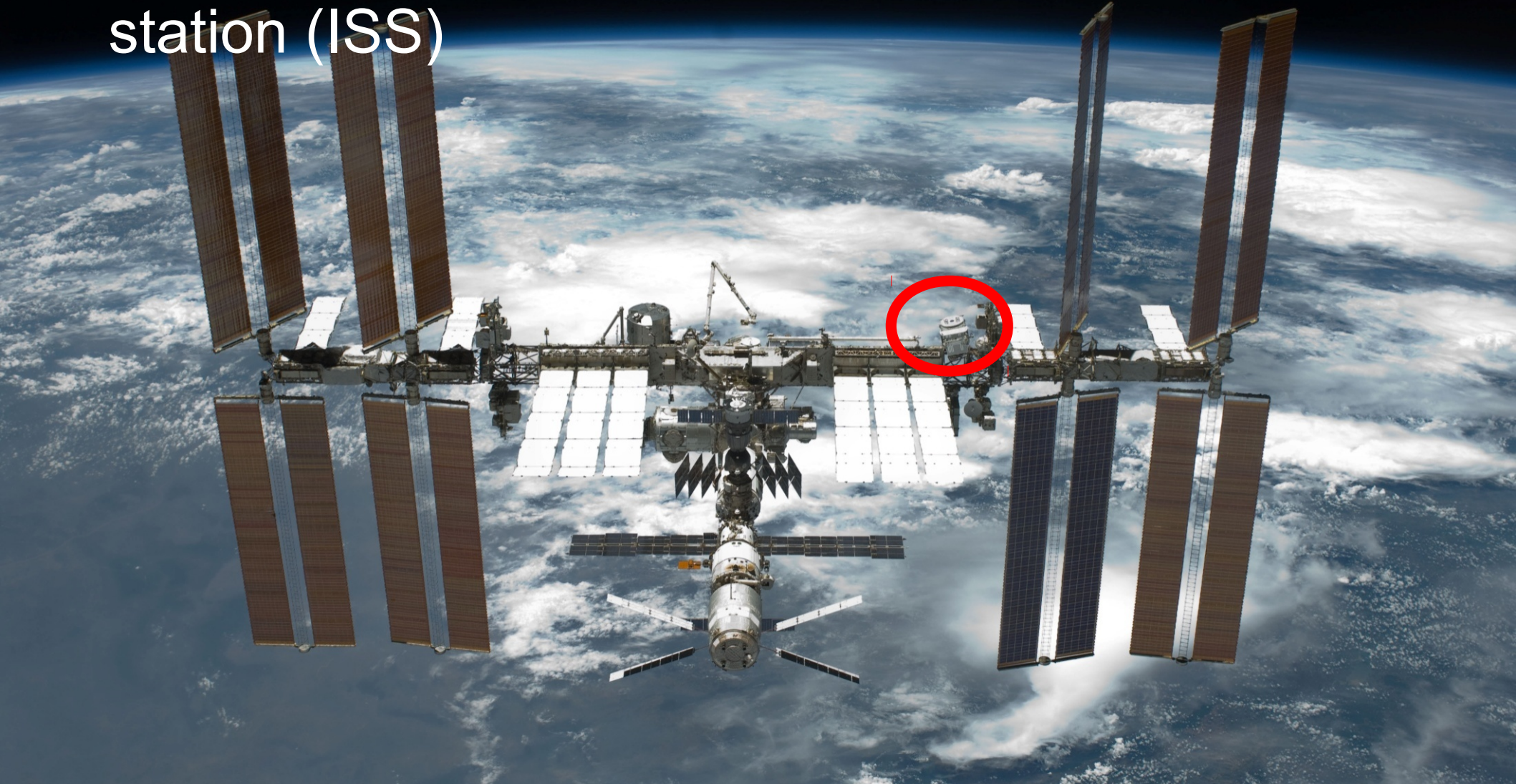
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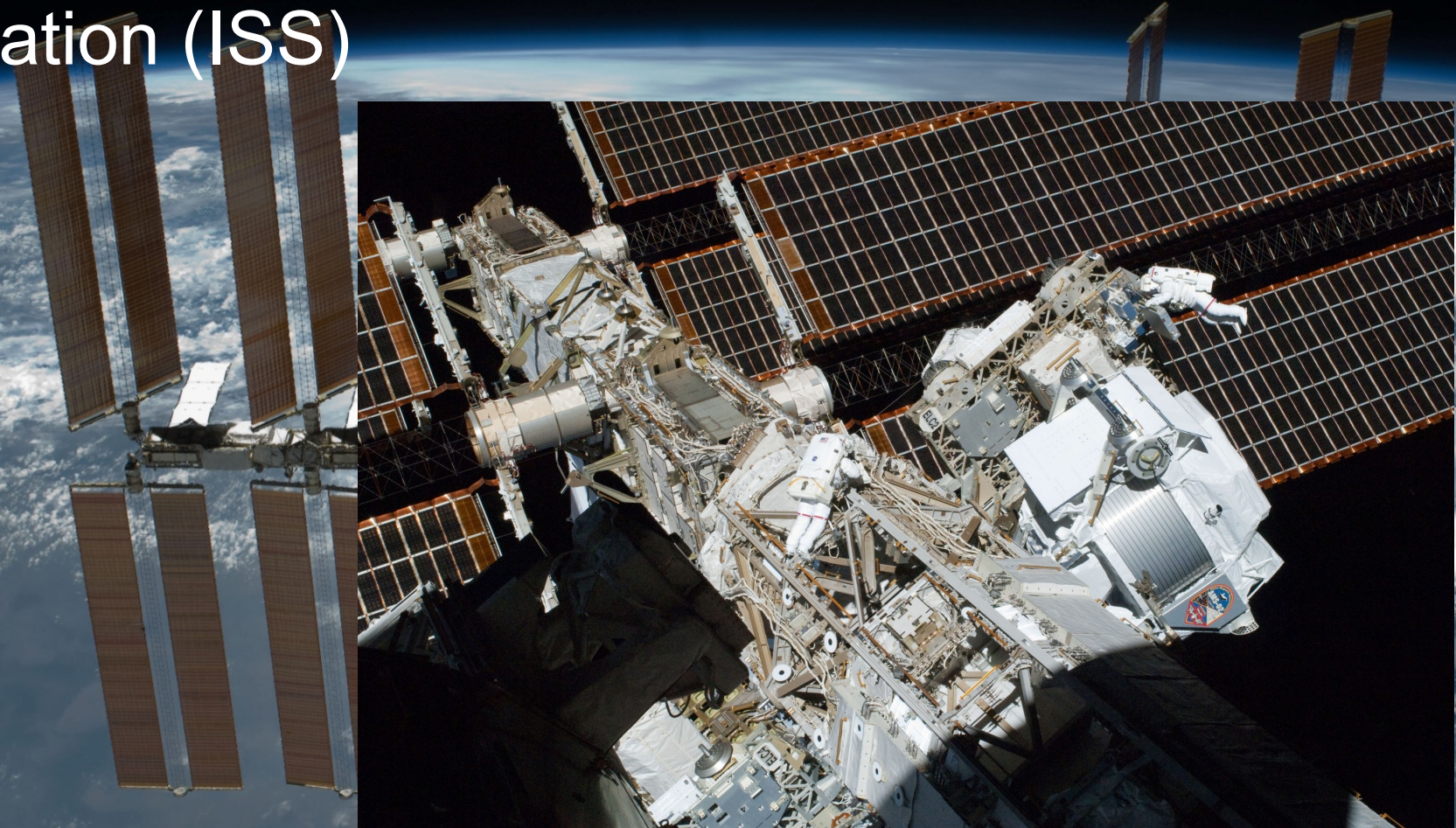
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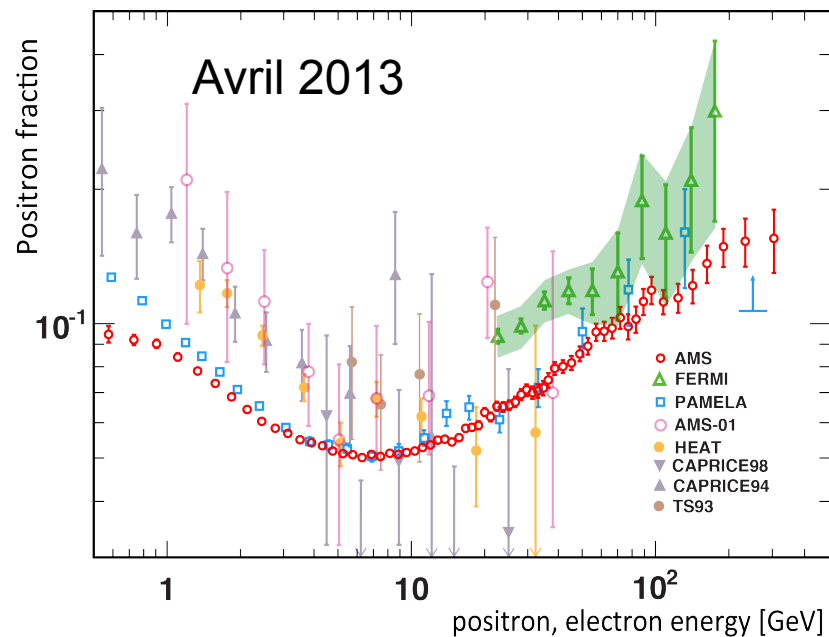
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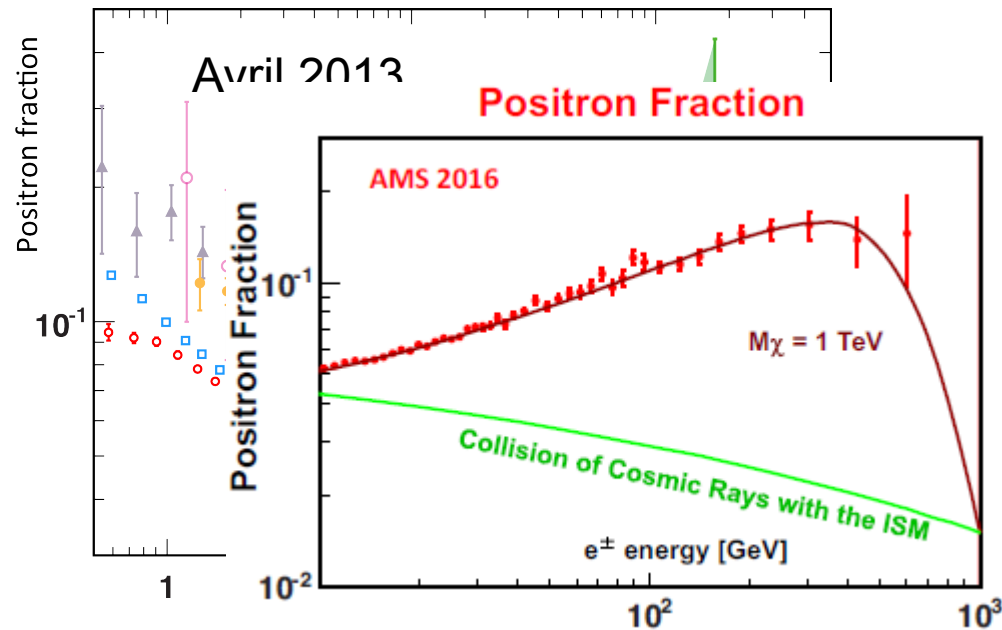
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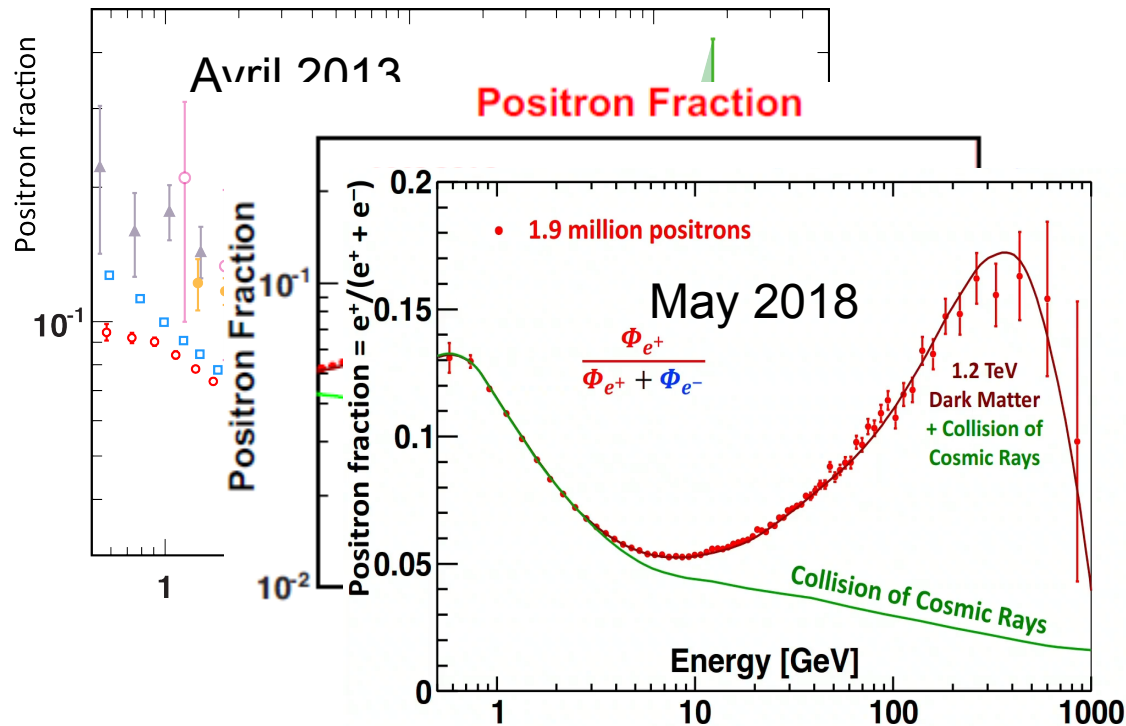
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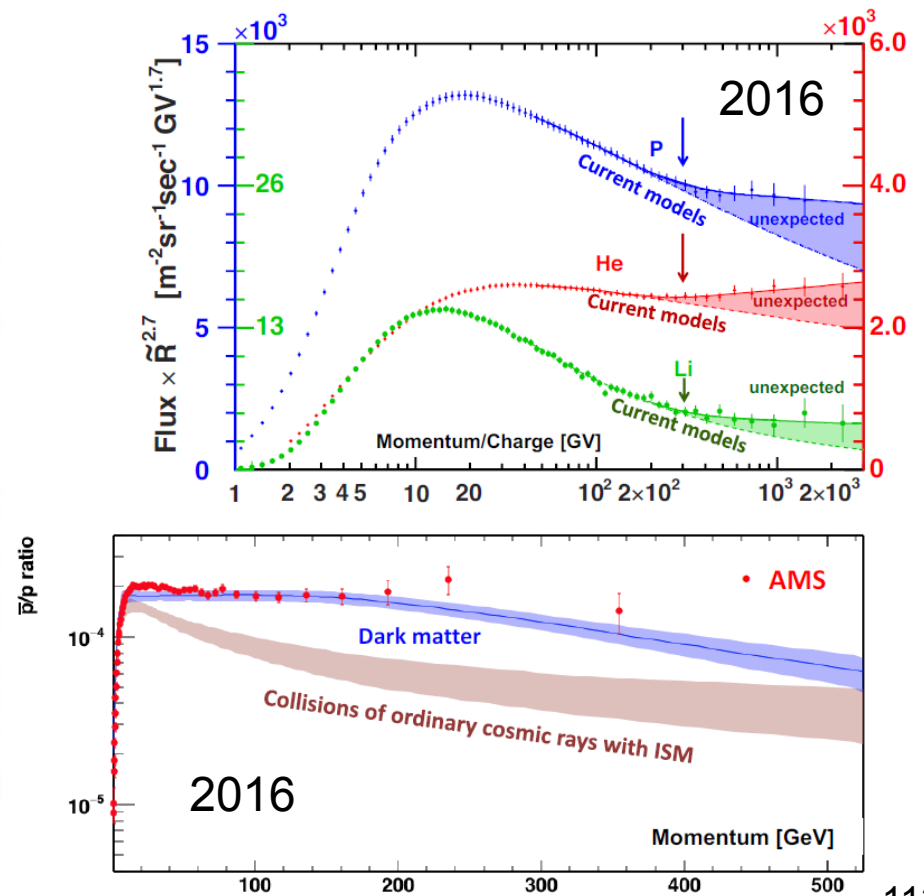
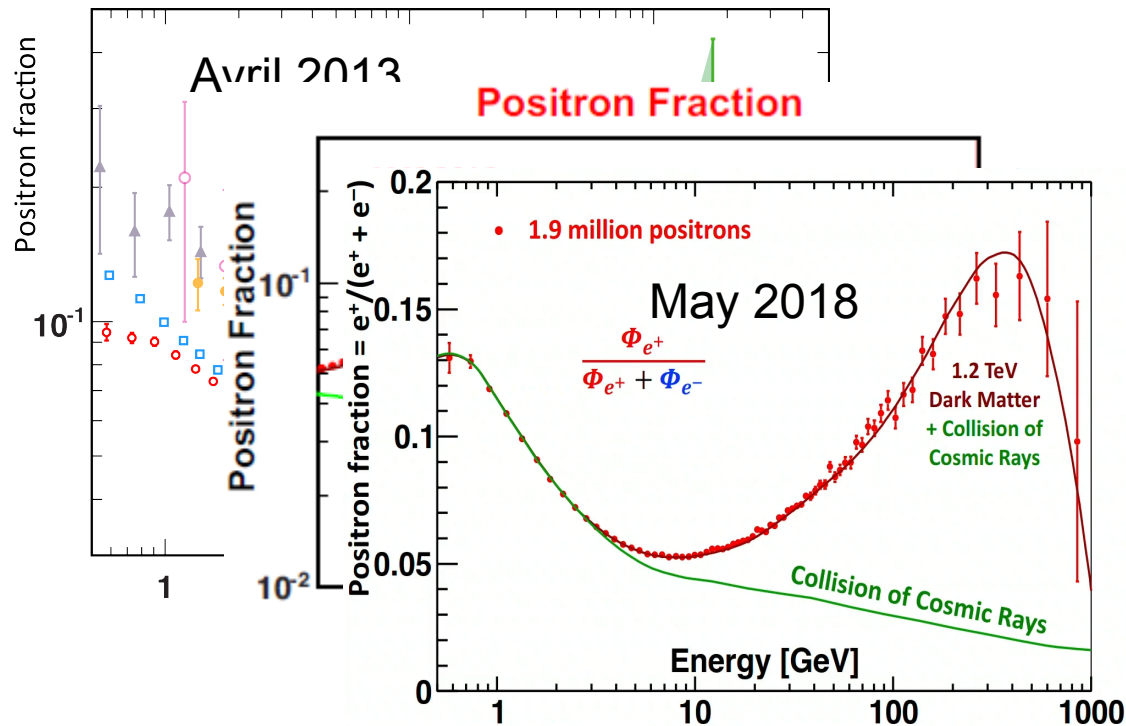
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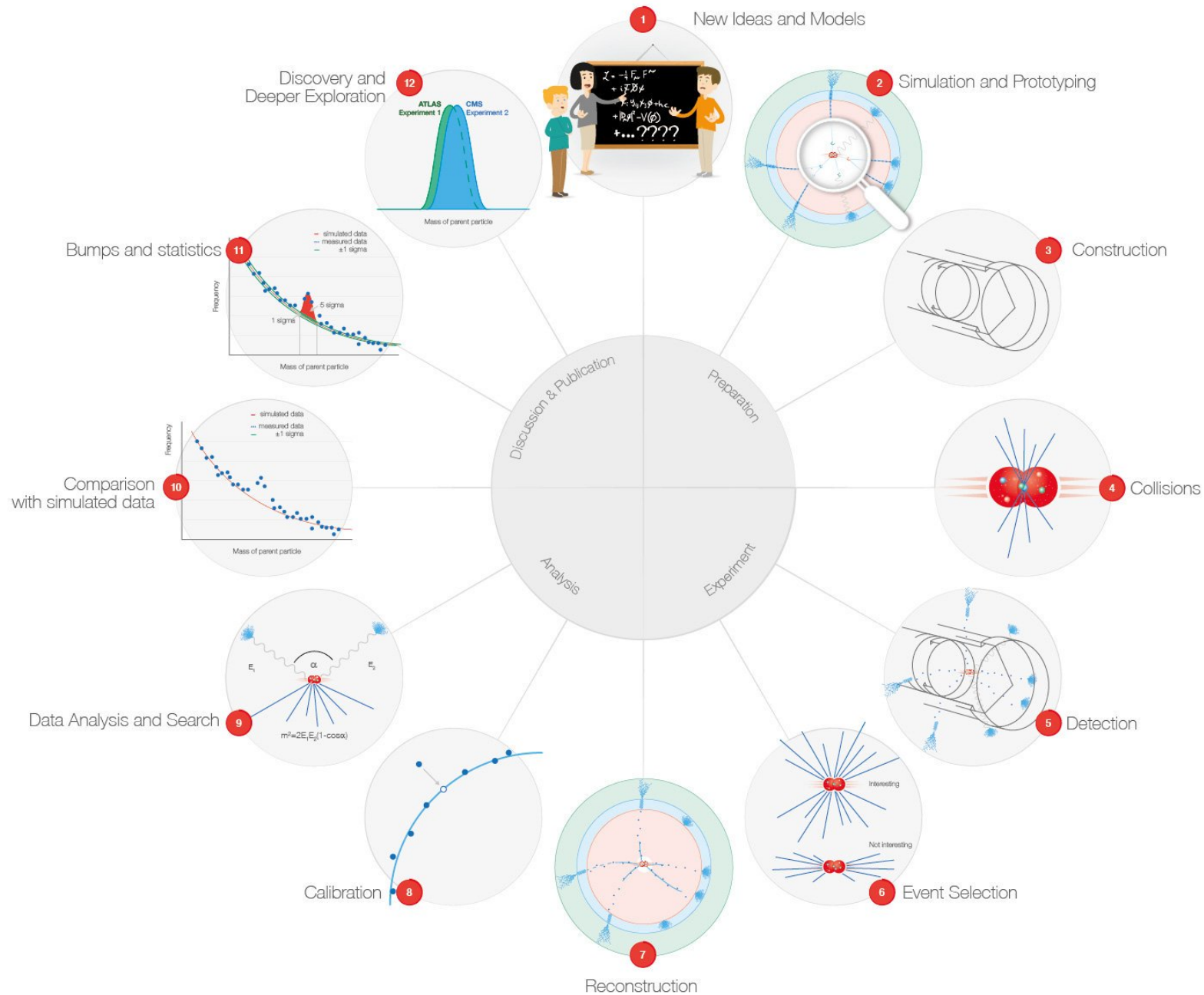
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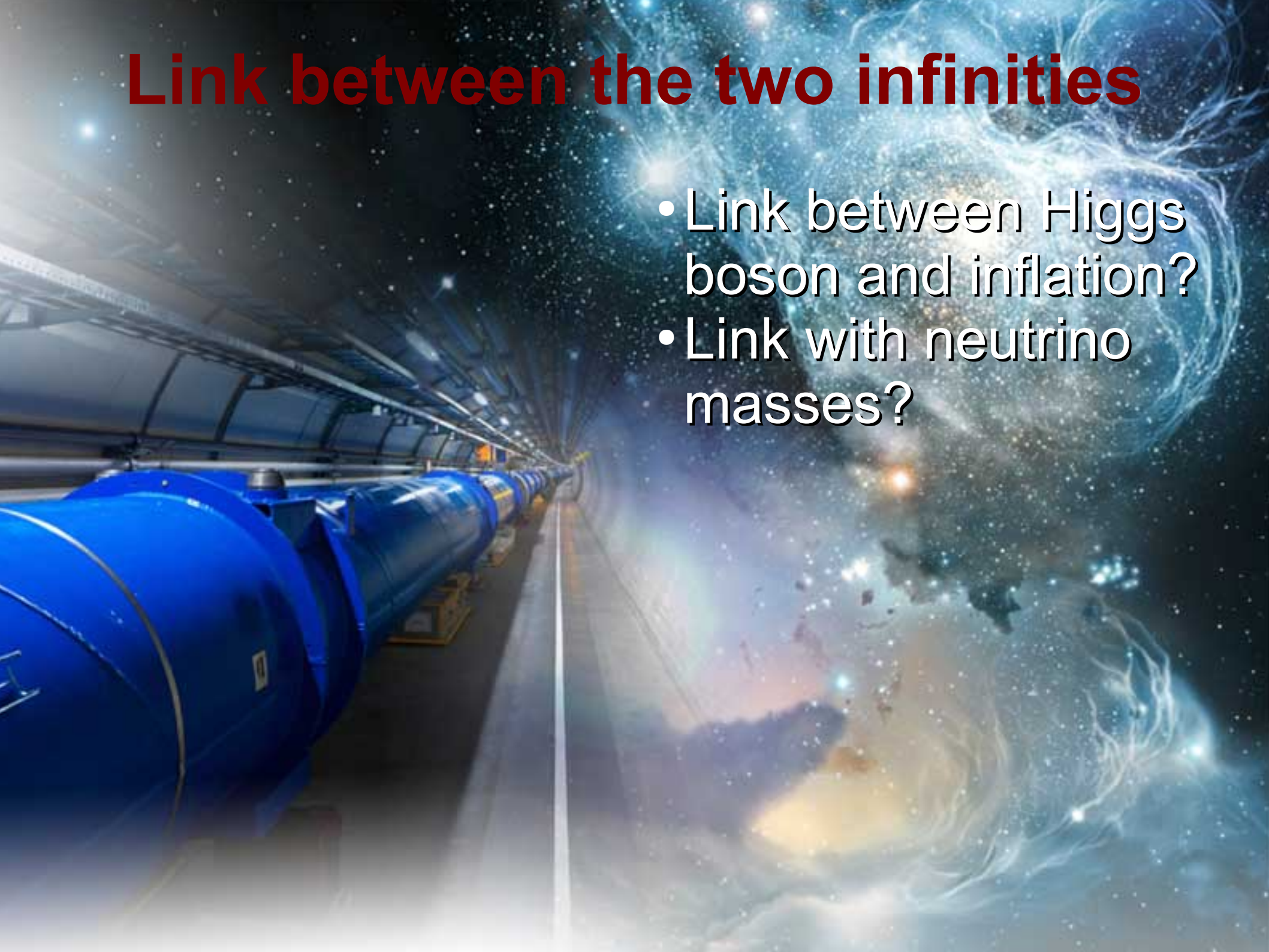
- Remember Lord Kelvin in 1900:
  - ▶ “There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now. All that remains is more and more precise measurement.”
    - Oops, “just” missed quantum mechanics, special and general relativity...
- Safe bet: there is more to discover out there
- But: where?
- R. Kukla will tell you more about prospects next Tuesday

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