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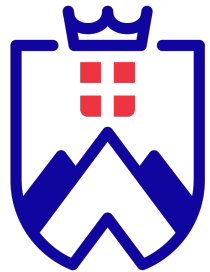
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## *Introducing* Particle Physics

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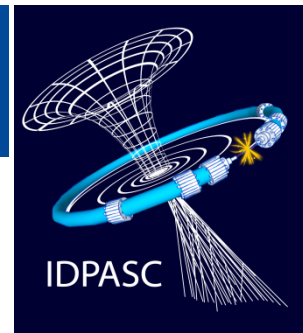


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# Aim of this lecture:

Particles and Forces of the Standard Model

The particle zoo

First contact with Feynman diagrams

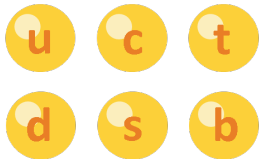
# The Standard Model: elementary particles and their interactions

**Fermions**  
matter particles

**Gauge bosons**  
force carriers

**Higgs boson**  
origin of mass

Quarks



Leptons



photon



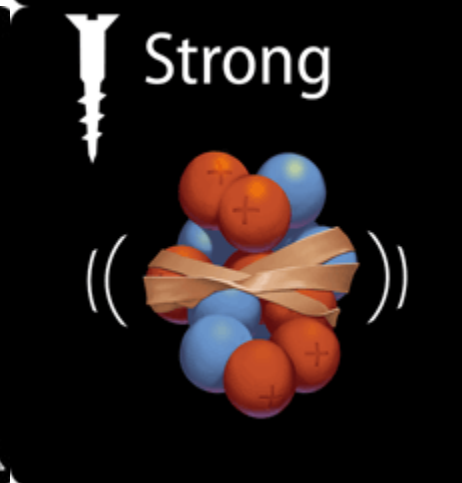
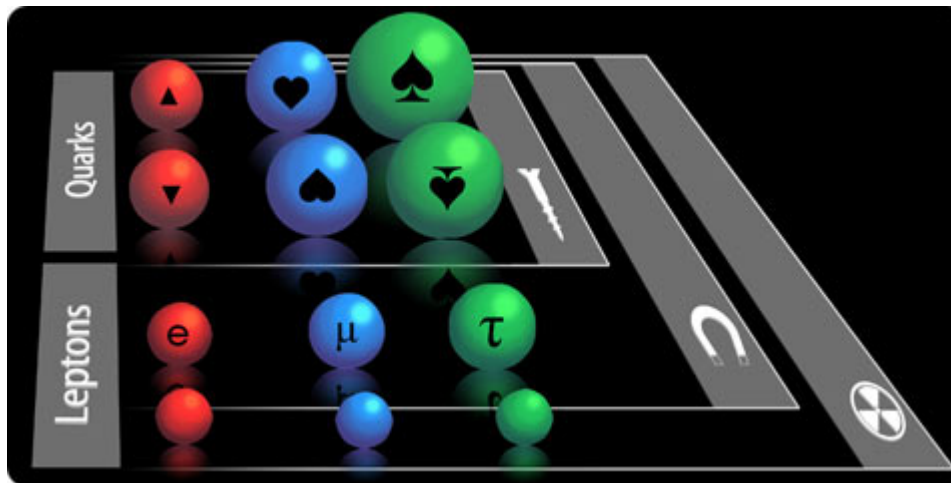
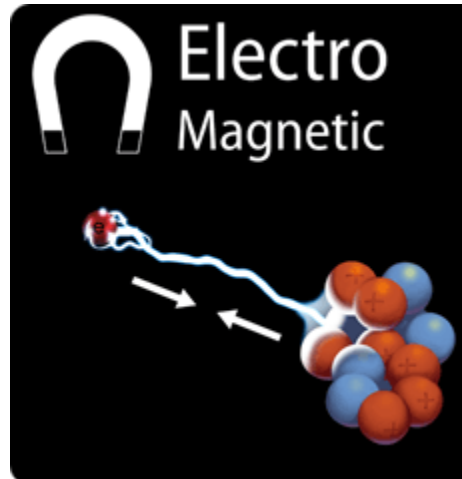
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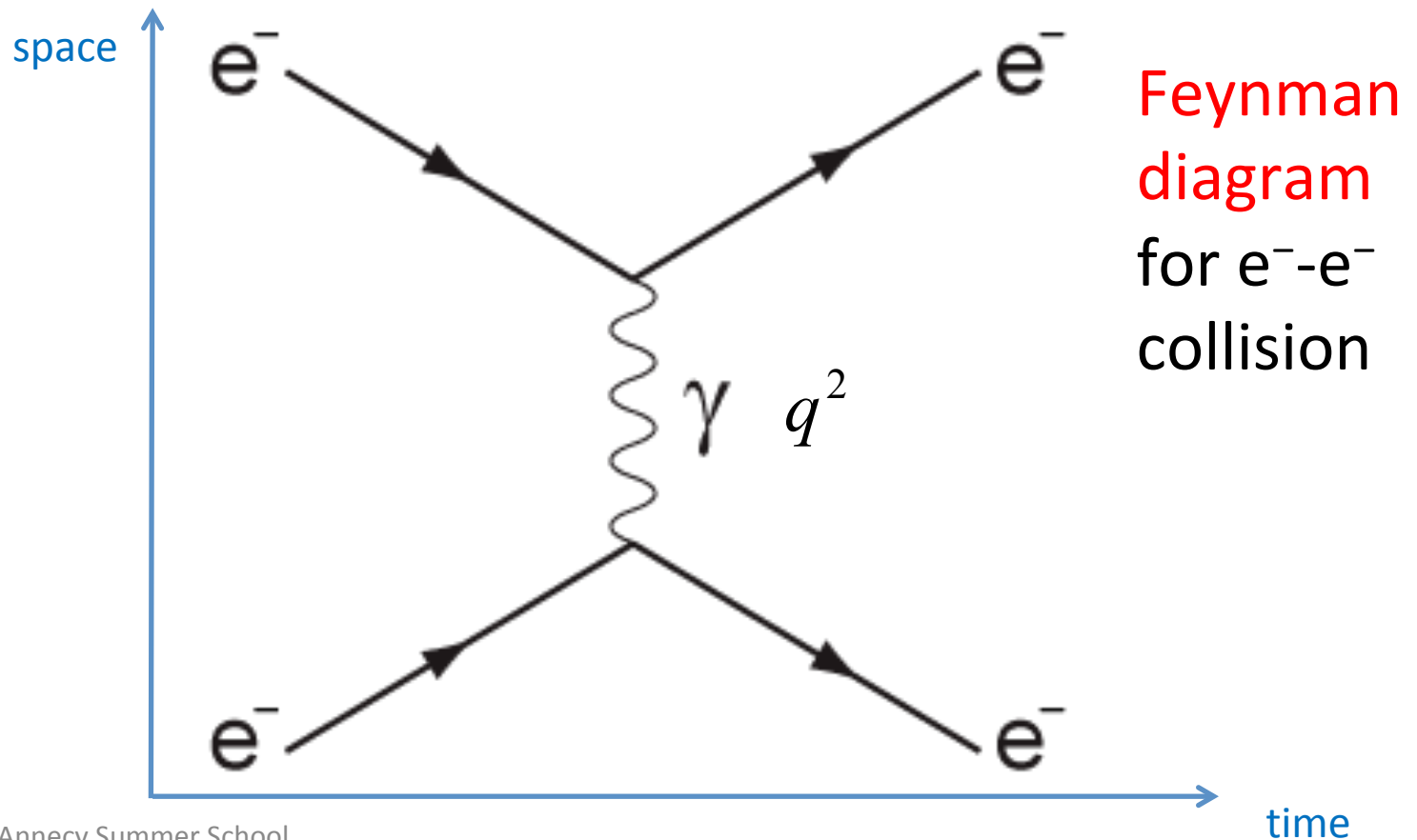


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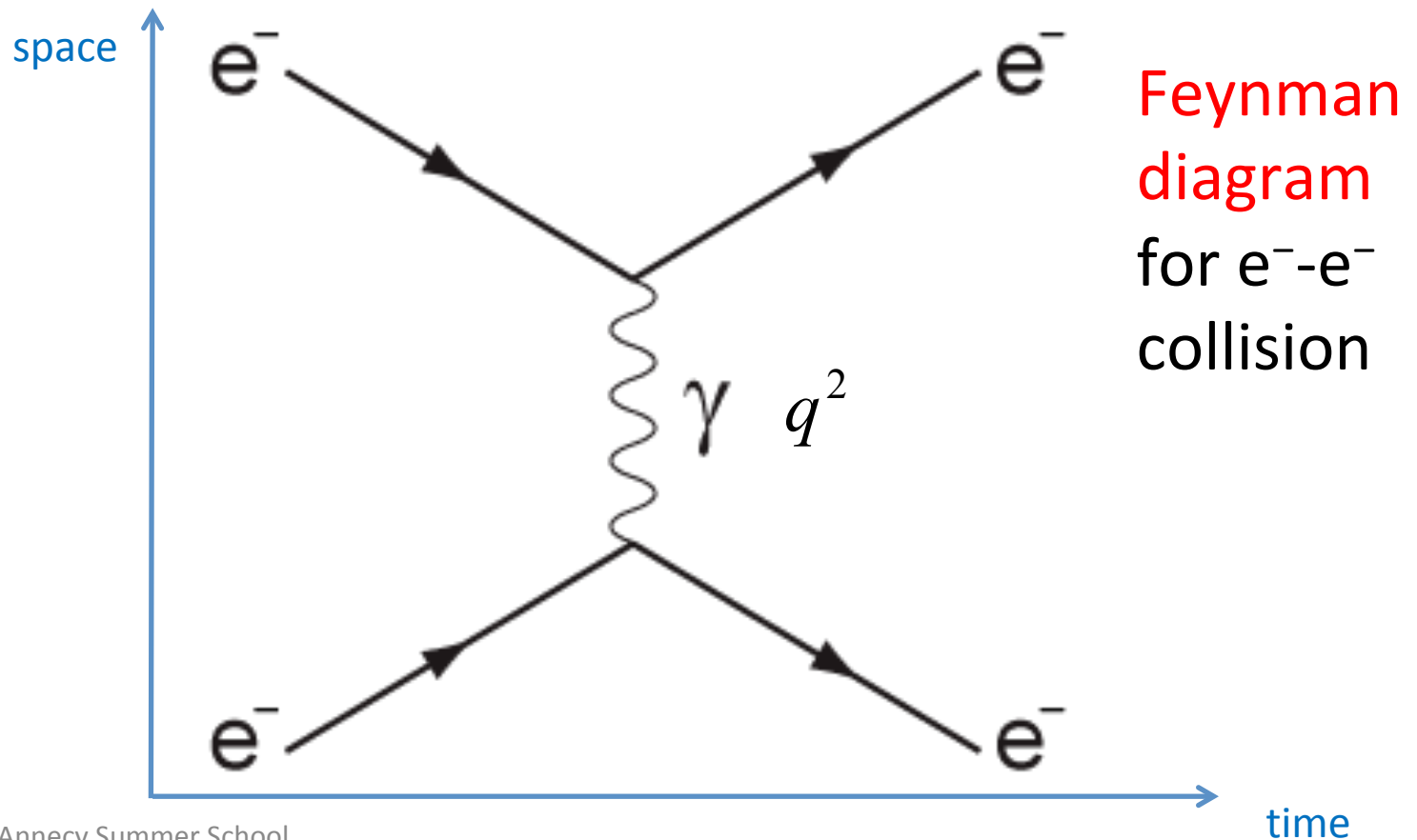
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Transition rate

$$\Gamma_{i \rightarrow f} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} \left| \langle f | V | i \rangle \right|^2 \rho(E_f)$$

↓ Matrix element      ↓ Density of final states

The diagram shows two incoming electrons ( $e^-$ ) at the bottom, moving upwards. They interact via a photon ( $\gamma$ ) exchange, represented by a wavy line. Two outgoing electrons ( $e^-$ ) are shown at the top, moving downwards. The momentum transfer is labeled as  $q^2$ .

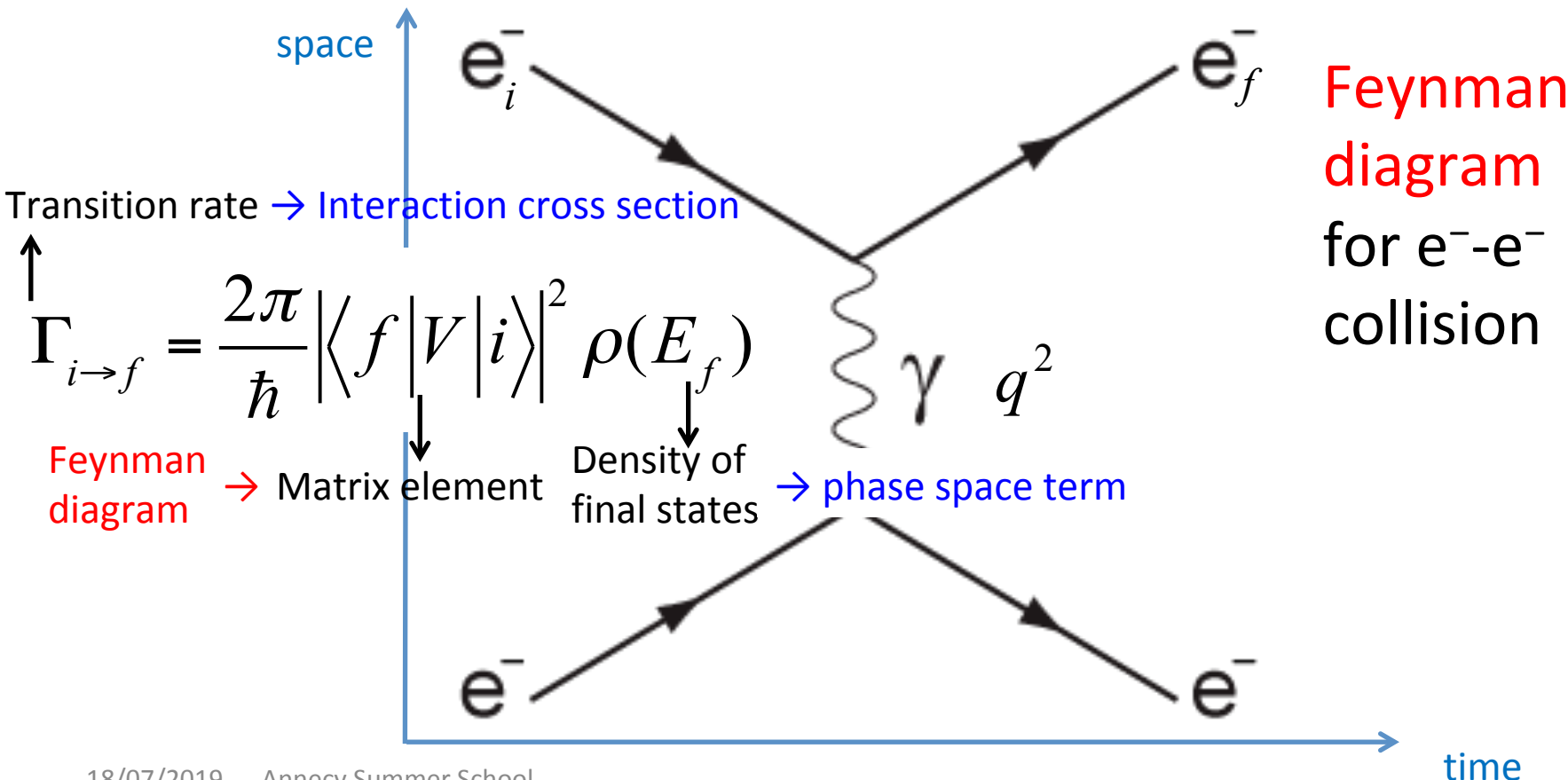
Feynman diagram for  $e^- - e^-$  collision

space ↑

time →

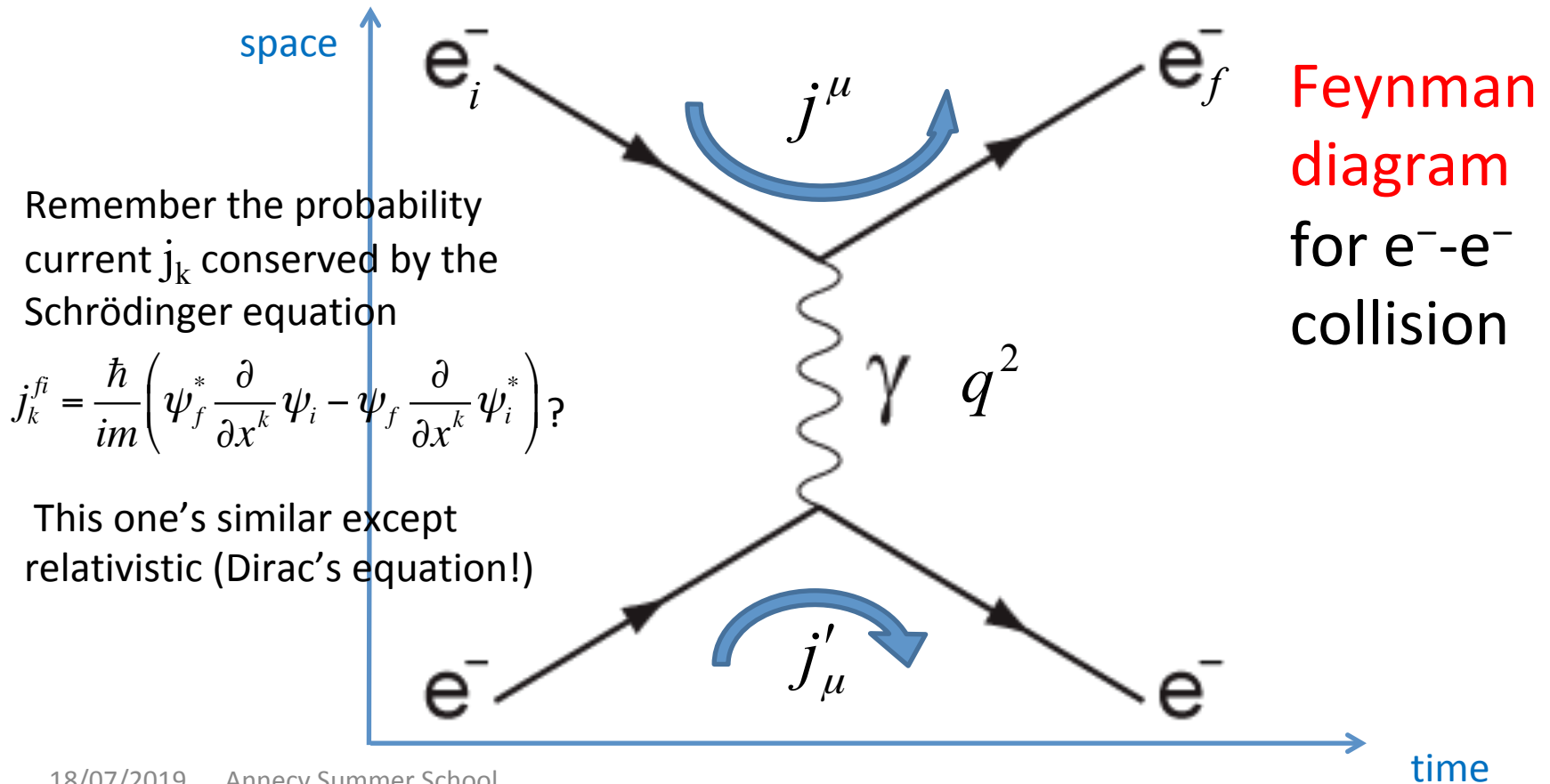
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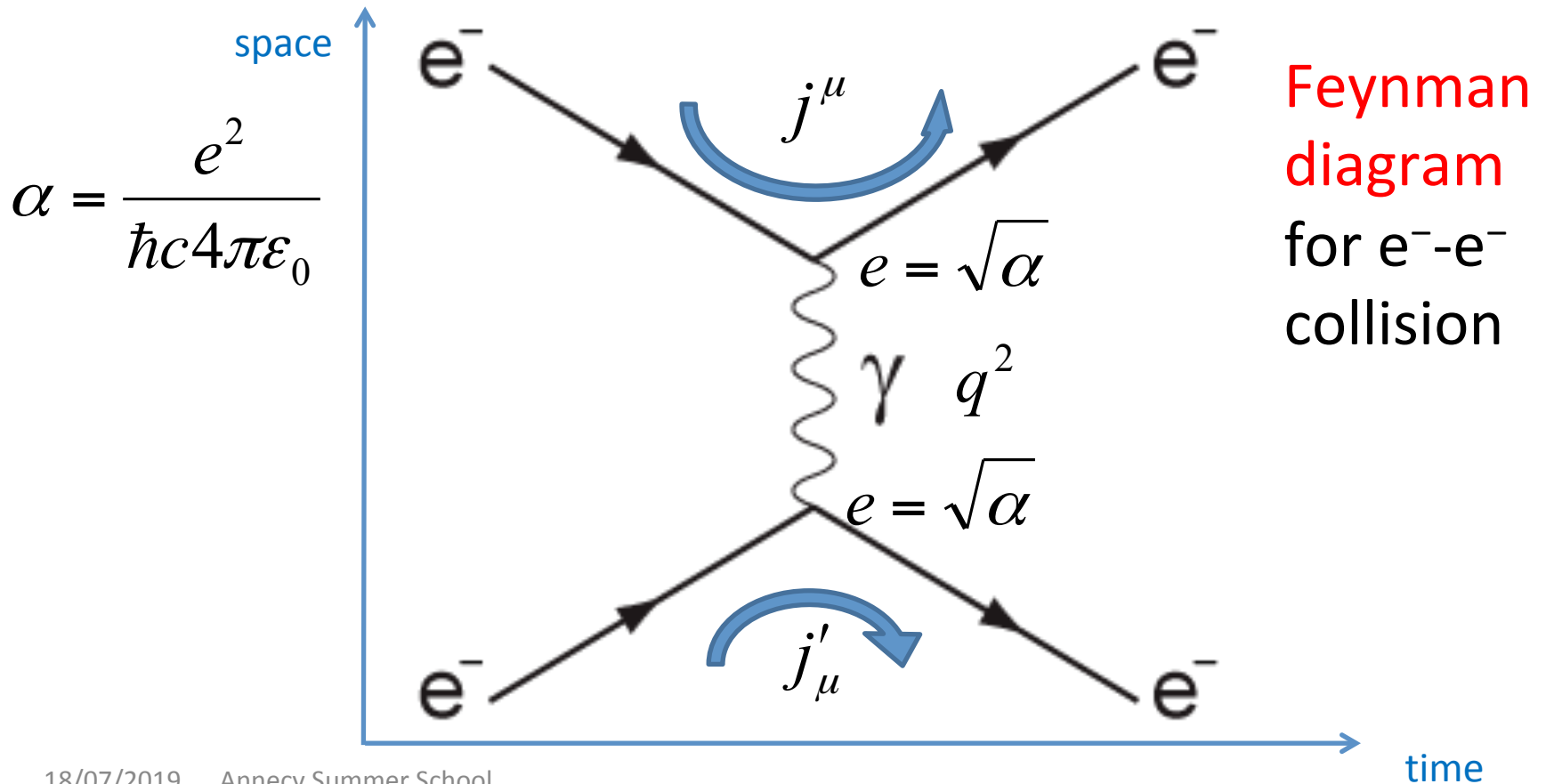
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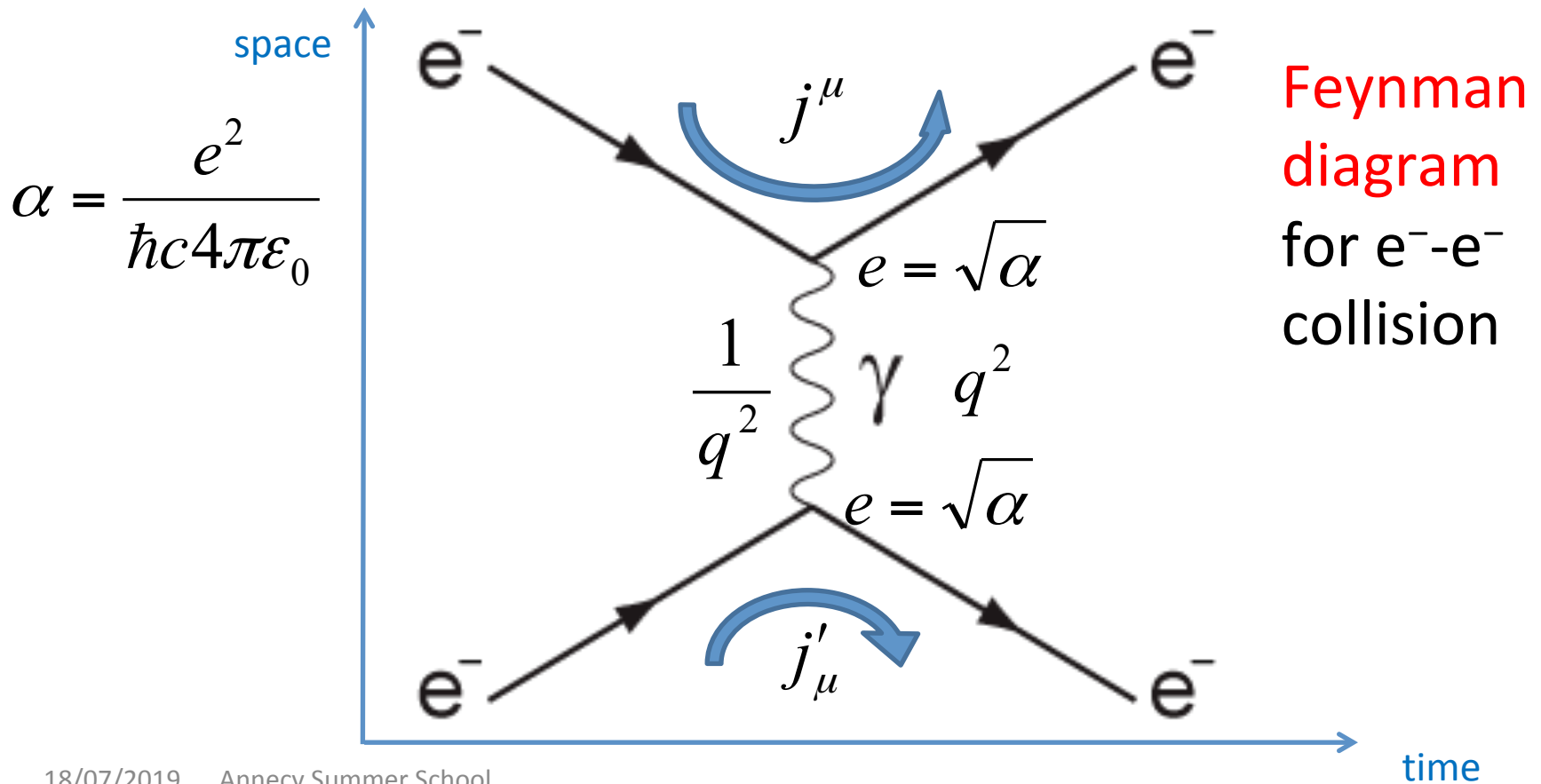
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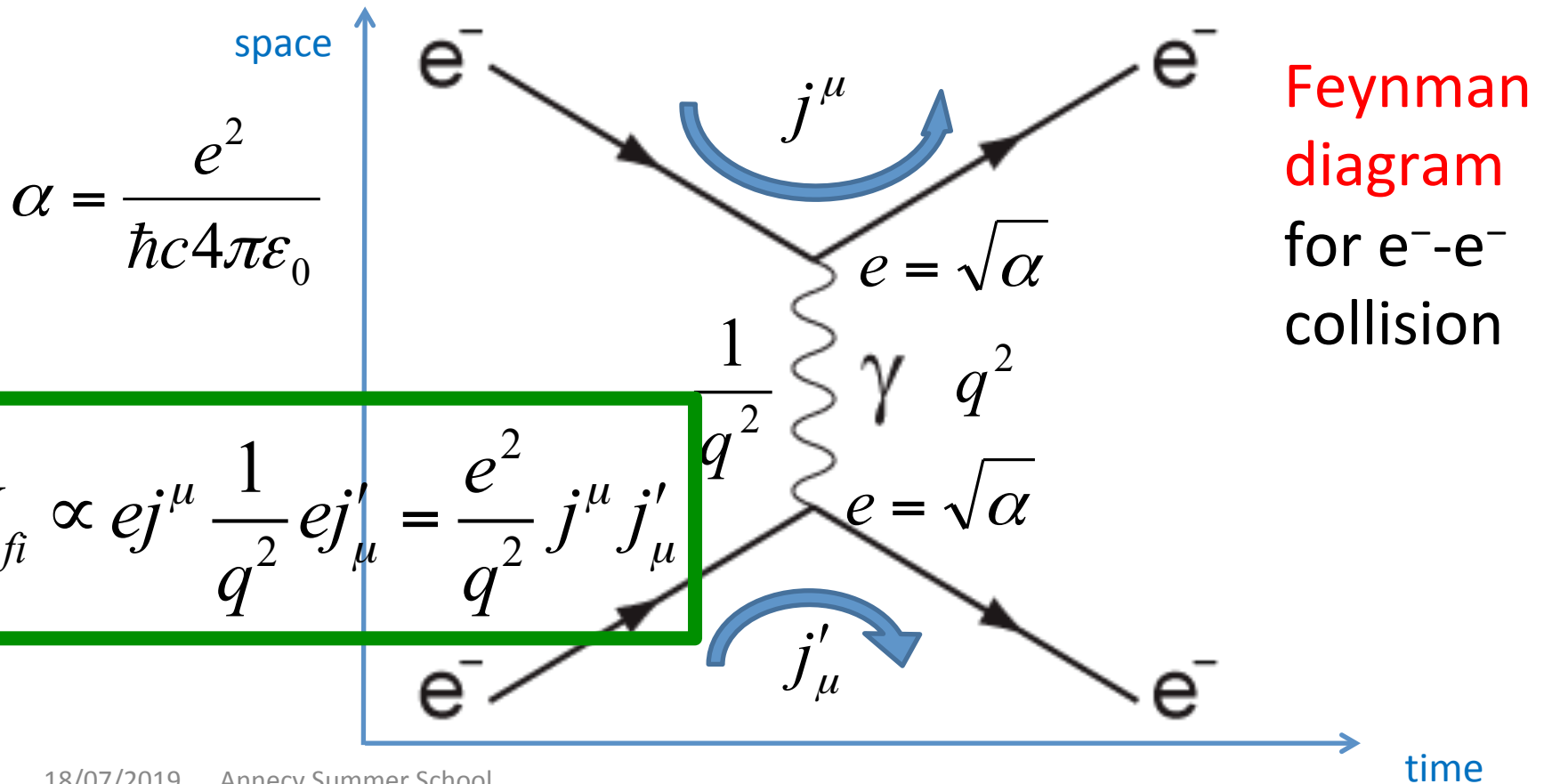
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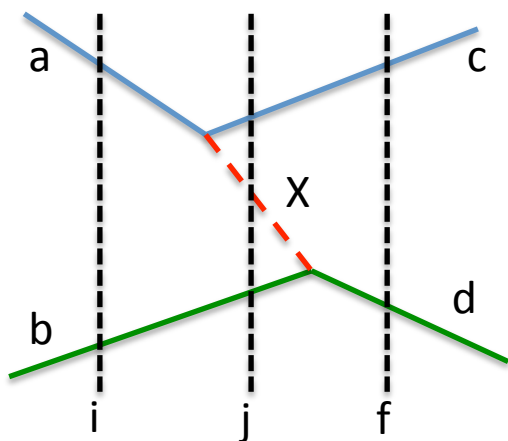
- Can derive it from standard QM time-indep. perturbation theory:

$$T_{fi} = \langle f|V|i\rangle + \underbrace{\sum_{j \neq n} \frac{\langle f|V|j\rangle \langle j|V|i\rangle}{E_i - E_j}}_{\text{This is the term that concerns us: } i \rightarrow f \text{ scattering via an intermediate state } j \text{ (the photon)}} + \dots$$

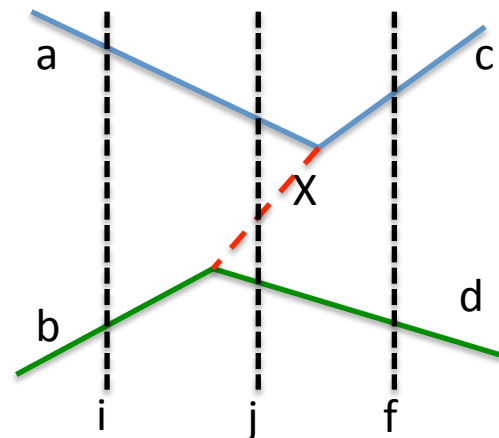
(See e.g. Halzen & Martin for a more detailed discussion)

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$$= \frac{1}{(E_a - E_c) - E_X}$$

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Use energy conservation:  
 $E_a + E_b = E_c + E_d$

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$$= \frac{1}{(E_b - E_d) - E_X} = \frac{-1}{(E_a - E_c) + E_X}$$

# Photon propagator

- Special relativity doesn't preserve simultaneity, have to sum over two time orderings:

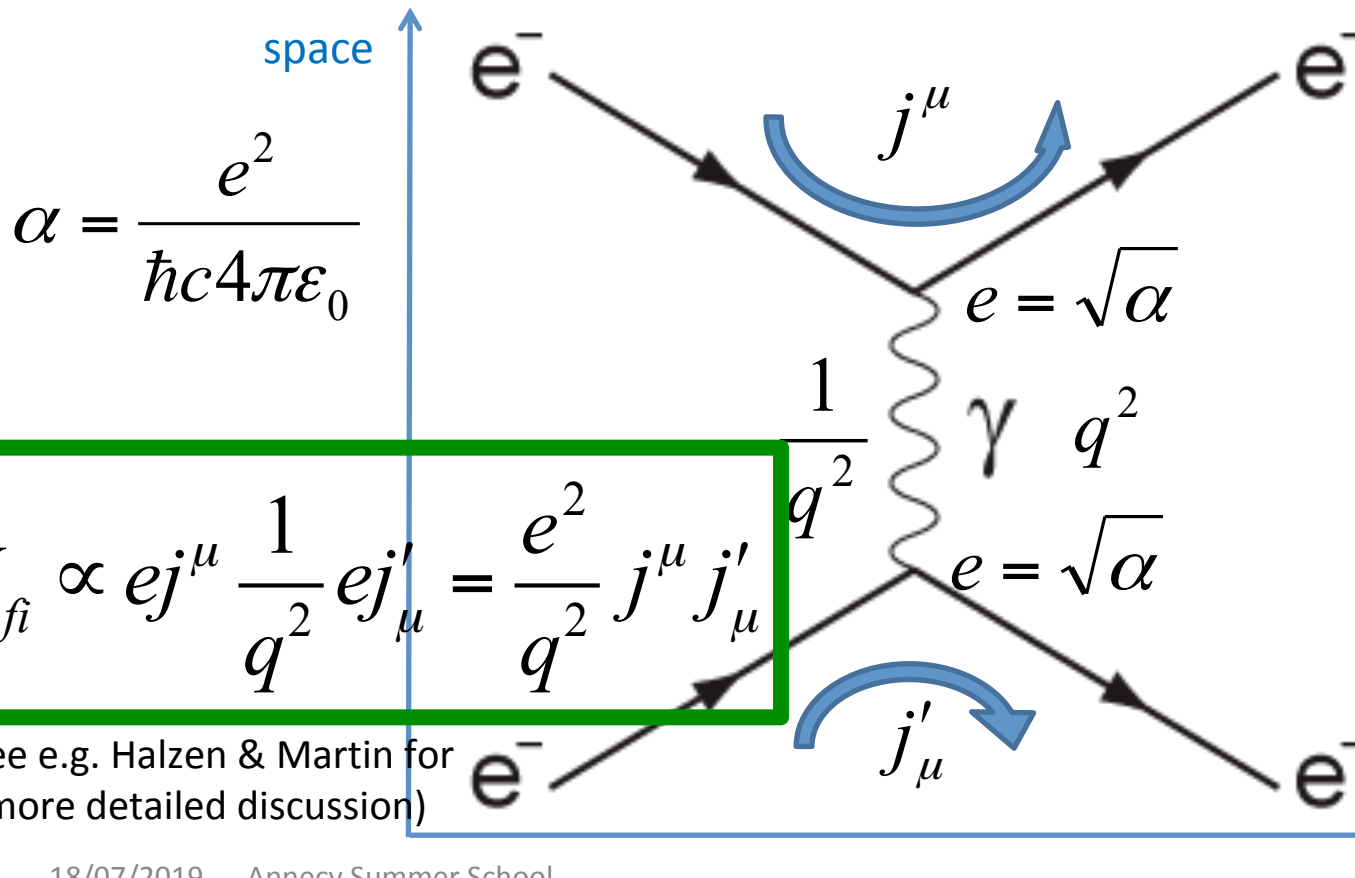
$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{fi} &= \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\langle f|V|j\rangle\langle j|V|i\rangle}{E_i - E_j} \propto \frac{1}{(E_a - E_c) - E_X} + \frac{-1}{(E_a - E_c) + E_X} \\
 &\propto \frac{1}{(E_a - E_c)^2 - E_X^2} = \frac{1}{(E_a - E_c)^2 - (\vec{p}_a - \vec{p}_c)^2 - m_X^2} = \\
 &= \frac{1}{(p_a - p_c)^2 - m_X^2} = \frac{1}{q^2 - m_X^2} \quad \text{where } q = p_a - p_c \text{ is the} \\
 &\quad \text{transferred 4-momentum}
 \end{aligned}$$

and we've used  $E_X^2 = \vec{p}_X^2 + m_X^2 = (\vec{p}_a^2 - \vec{p}_c^2) + m_X^2$

Photons are massless,  $m_X^2 = 0$  and their propagator is  $1/q^2$

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$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{\hbar c 4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

$$V_{fi} \propto e j^\mu \frac{1}{q^2} e j'_\mu = \frac{e^2}{q^2} j^\mu j'_\mu$$

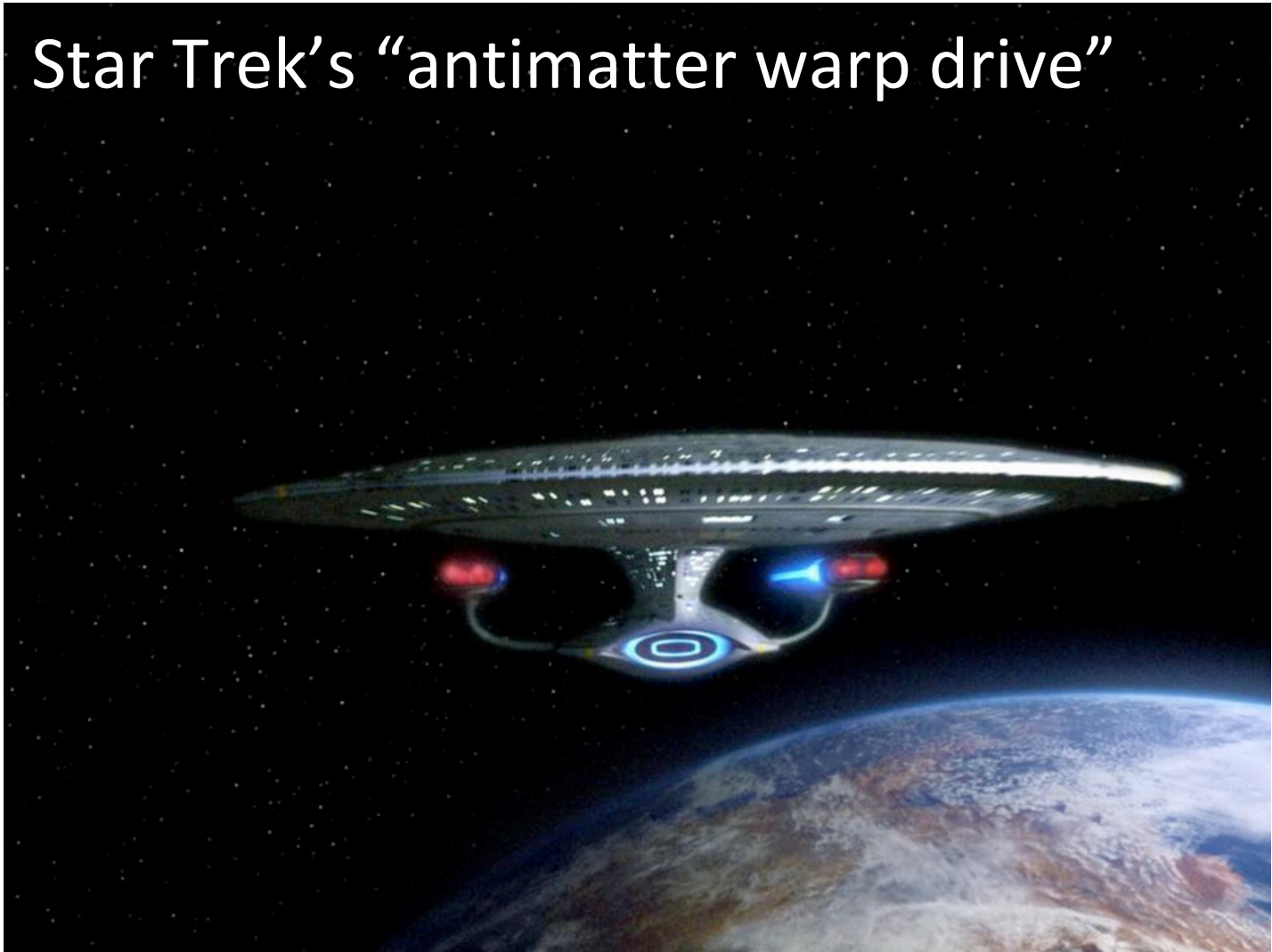
**Feynman diagram**  
 for  $e^-$ - $e^-$   
 collision

Cross sections,  
 decay rates  
 proportional  
 to  $|V_{fi}|^2$

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# Antimatter

Star Trek's "antimatter warp drive"





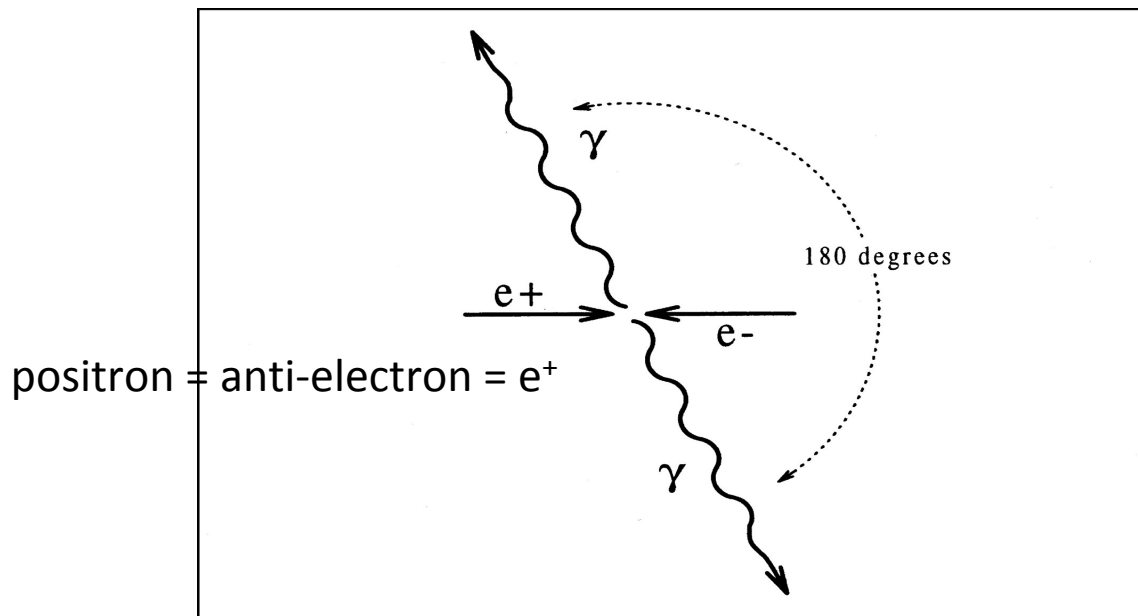
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positron = anti-electron =  $e^+$

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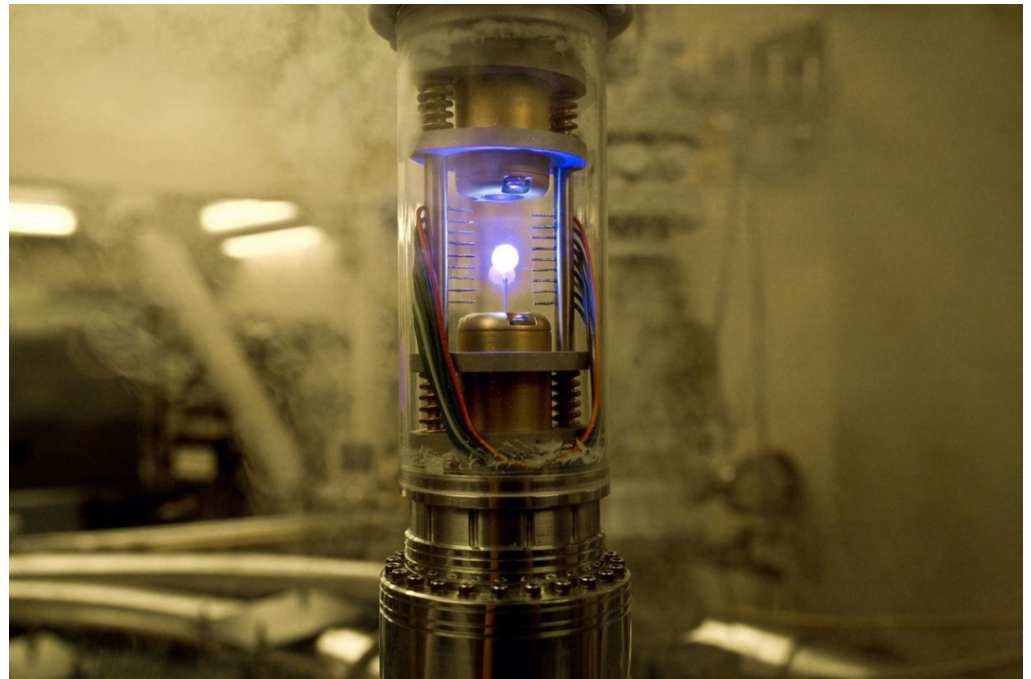
## ANGELS AND DEMONS Antimatter bomb

Exercise:

1) how many kilotons for a  
bomb of 0.5 g of antimatter?

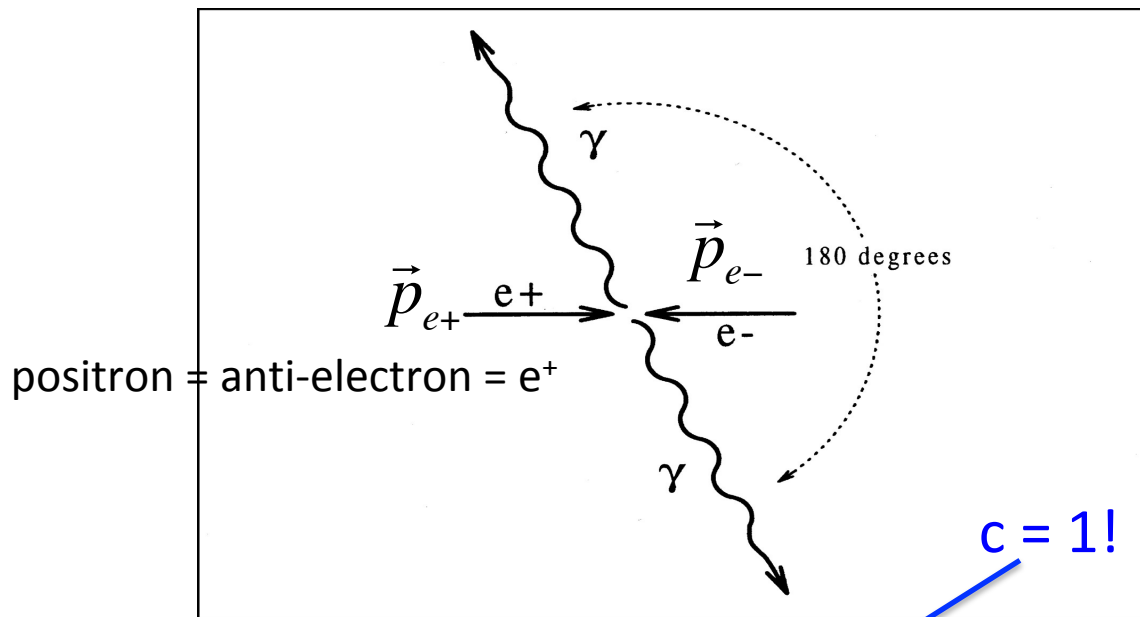
(1 kiloton =  $4.2 \times 10^{12}$  J)

2) which cost? (1 kWh = 0.1 €)



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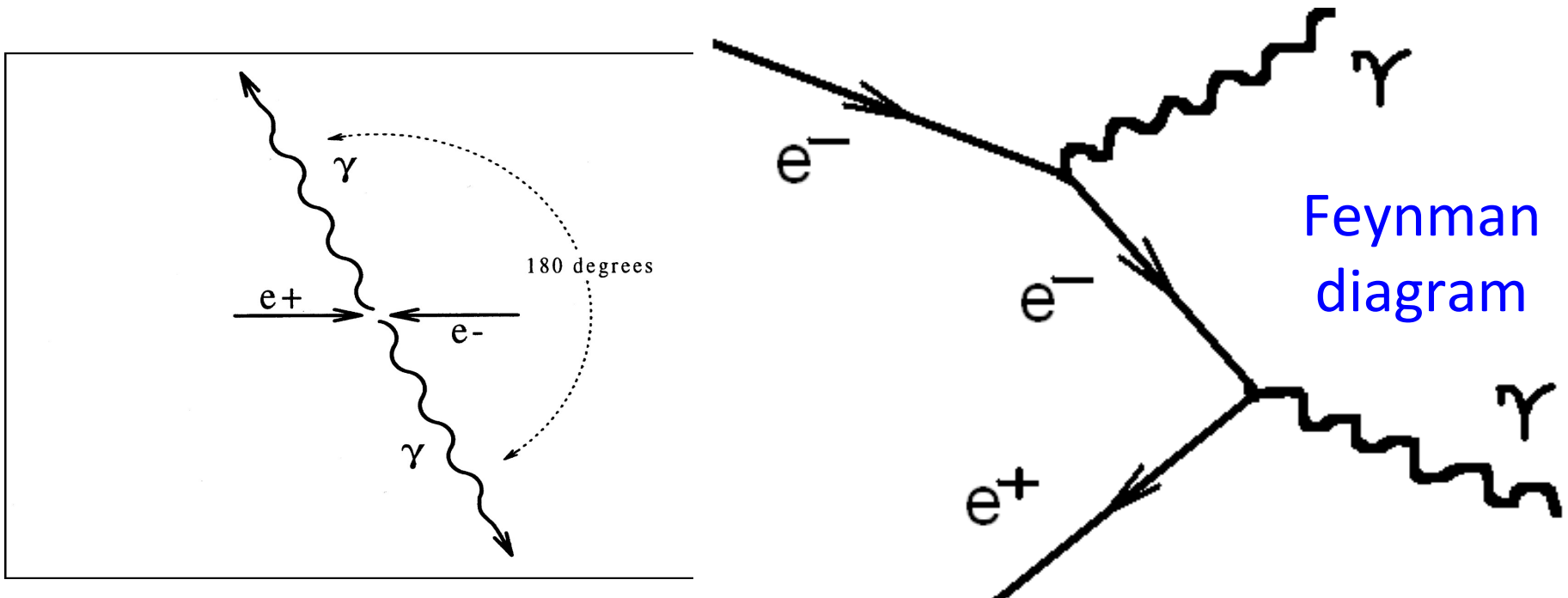


where  $m$  is “relativistic invariant mass” of system (= centre-of-mass energy):

$$m_{e^+e^-}^2 = (E_{e^+} + E_{e^-})^2 - (\vec{p}_{e^+} + \vec{p}_{e^-})^2 \equiv (p_{e^+}^\mu + p_{e^-}^\mu)^2 = (E_{e^+}^* + E_{e^-}^*)^2$$

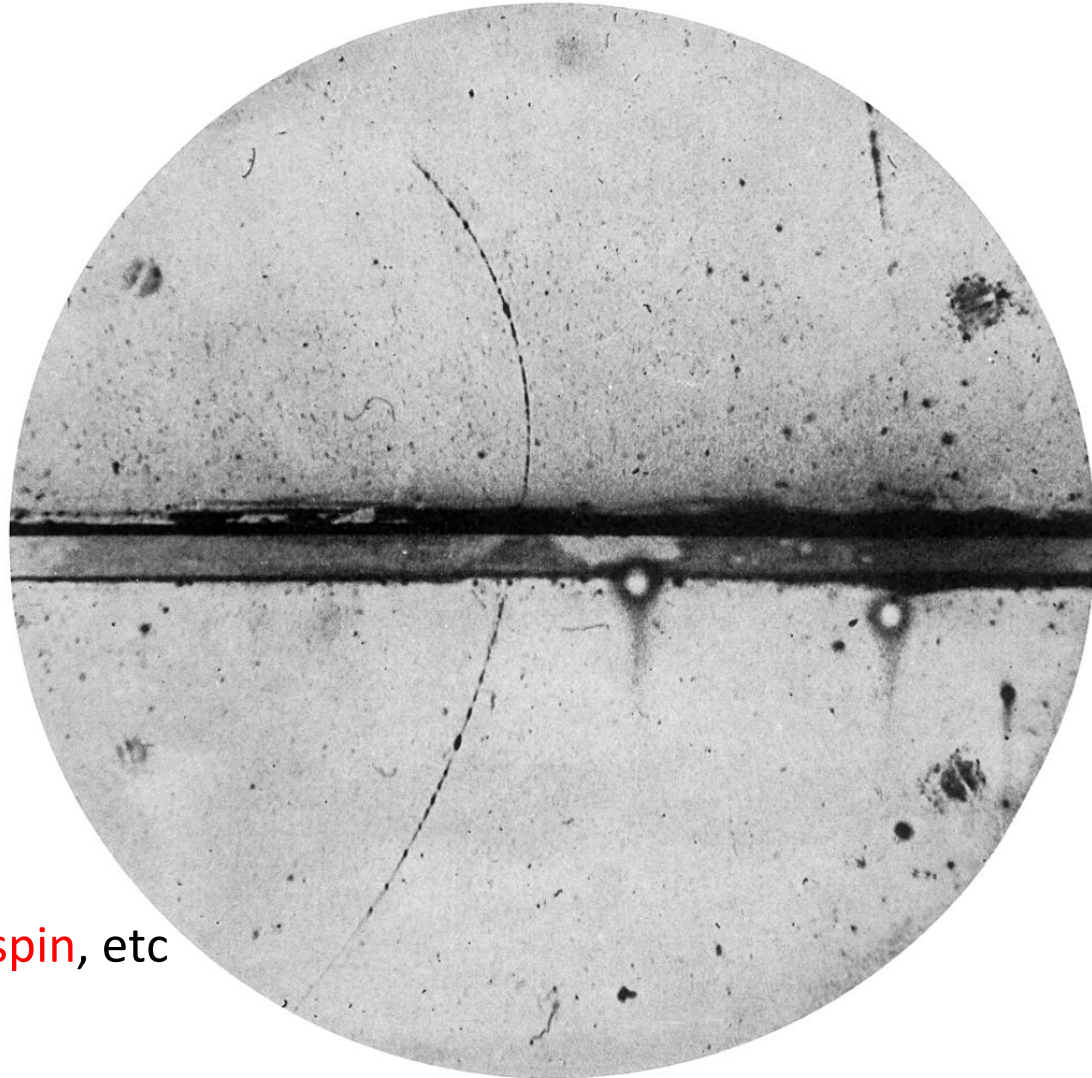
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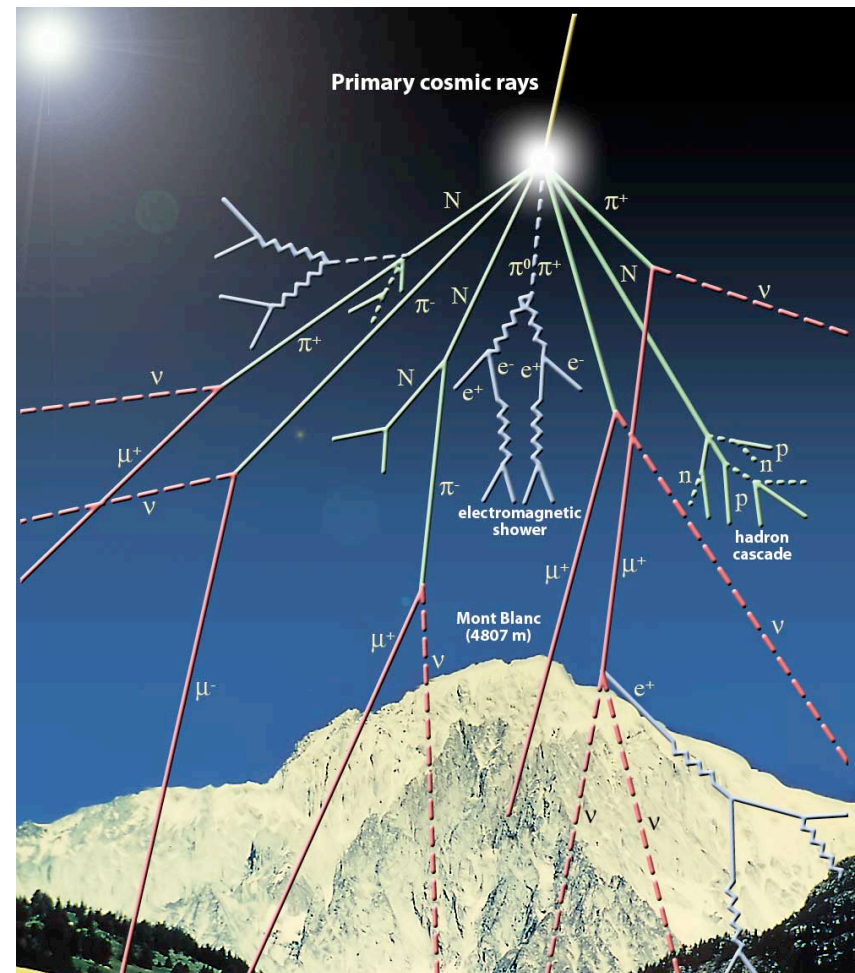
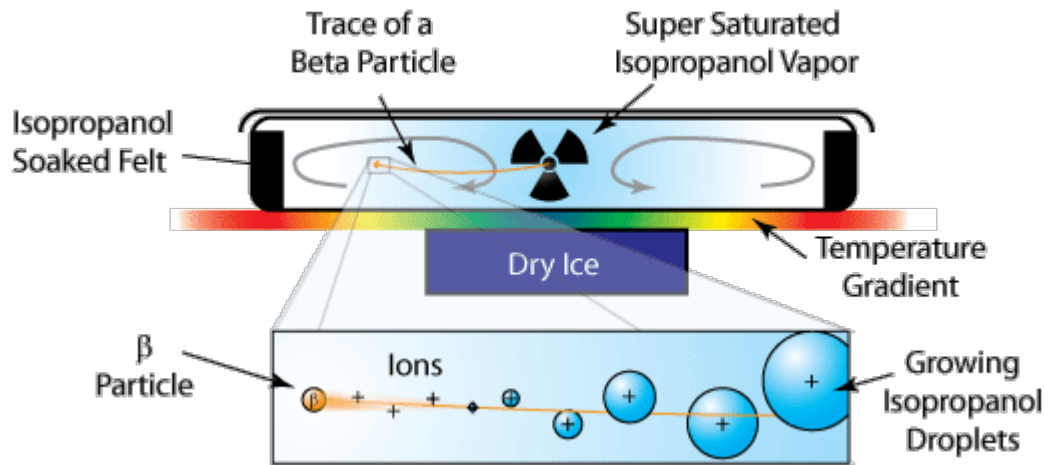
# Antiparticles: the positron

- 1932, Anderson: picture of cloud chamber in magnetic field
  - Track crosses lead plate, loses energy, going upwards
  - Positive charge (curvature), mass  $< 20 m_e$
- ... A POSITIVE ELECTRON!
- Actually predicted by Dirac's equation (Oppenheimer 1930)!
  - Antiparticle has same mass, spin, etc but opposite charge



# Cosmic rays

- Particles from outer space constantly in collision with upper atmosphere
- Source of exotic (unstable) particles from early times (pre WWII)
- Cloud chambers (or Wilson chambers): supersaturated vapor, passage of charged particles slightly ionizes medium, condensation occurs track
- Photographic emulsions also used



# More cosmic rays: the muon

1936 Neddermeyer, Anderson:

- unit charge particle, spin  $1/2$
- heavier than electron, lighter than proton → penetrating tracks
- like electrons, does not induce nuclear reactions
- unstable but long-lived ( $10^{-6}$  s)

Just like electron but heavy and unstable

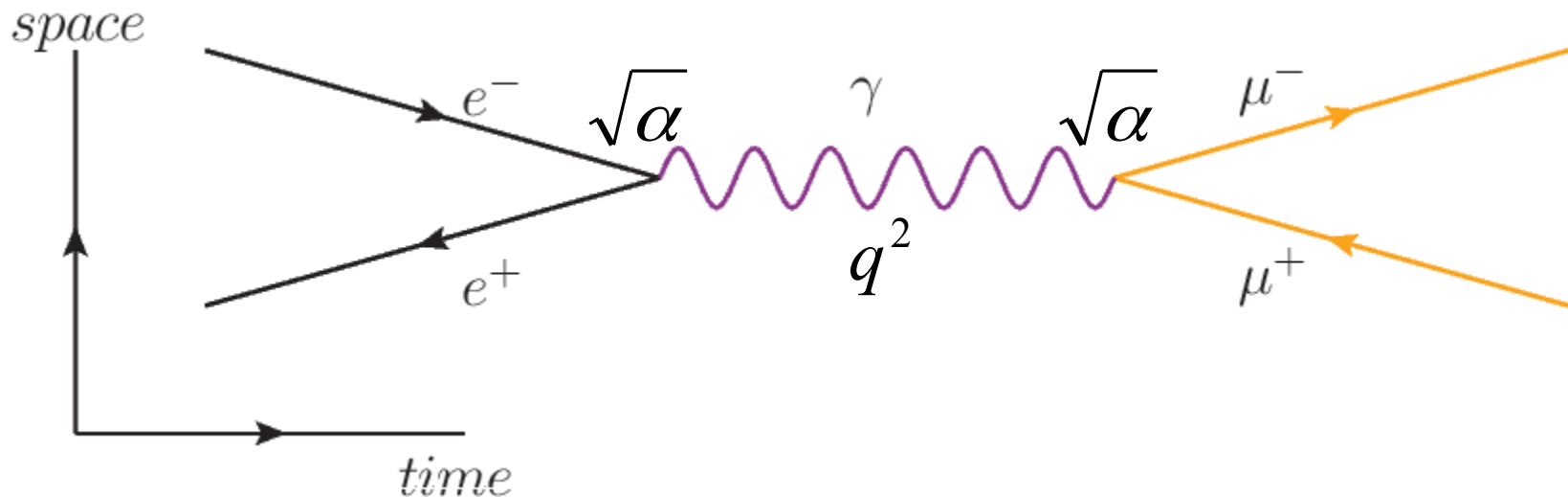
“Who ordered that?” (I.I. Rabi)





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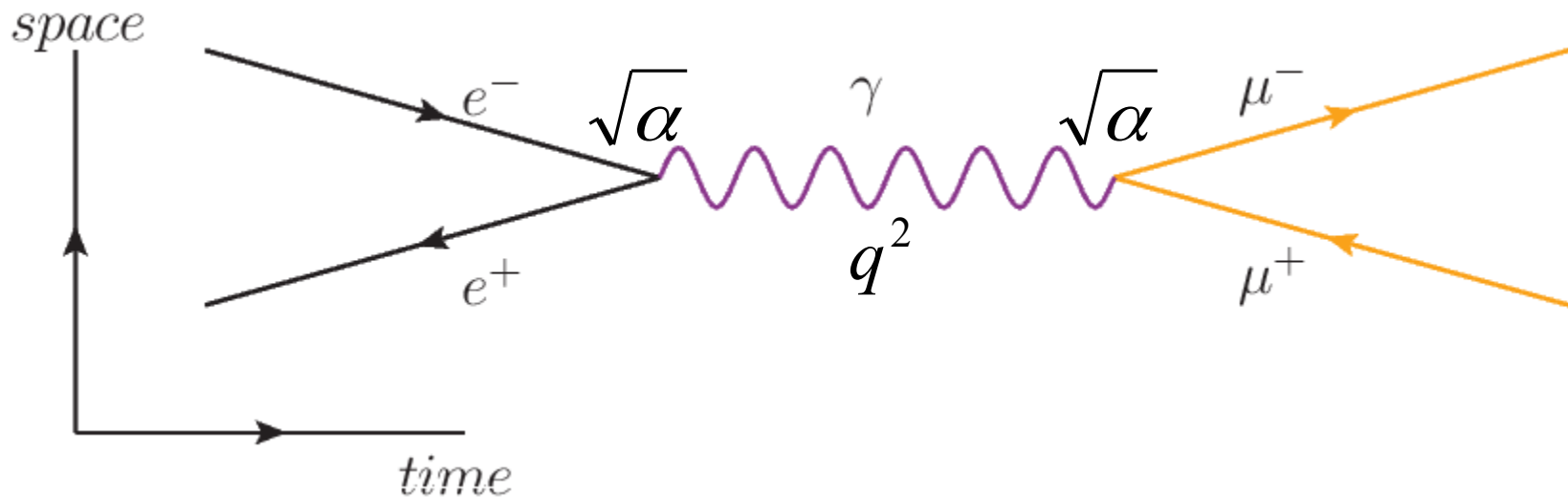
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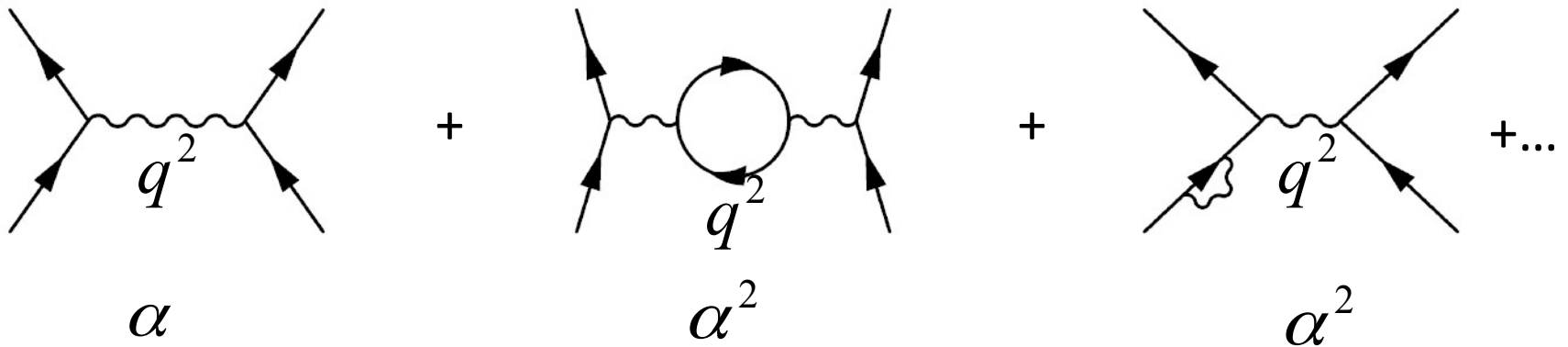
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# Quantum ElectroDynamics (QED)

- Many higher order diagrams possible for  $\mu^+ \mu^-$  production:



- Feynman diagrams part of a perturbation series in powers of coupling constant  $\alpha$

All this, and much more, described by Quantum ElectroDynamics (QED),  
a consistent Quantum Field Theory

(Tomonaga (1946), Schwinger (1948) and Feynman (1948) based on Dirac 1928)

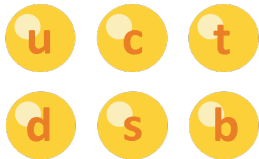
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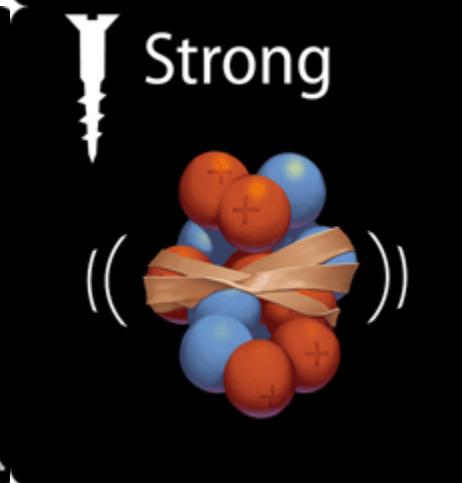
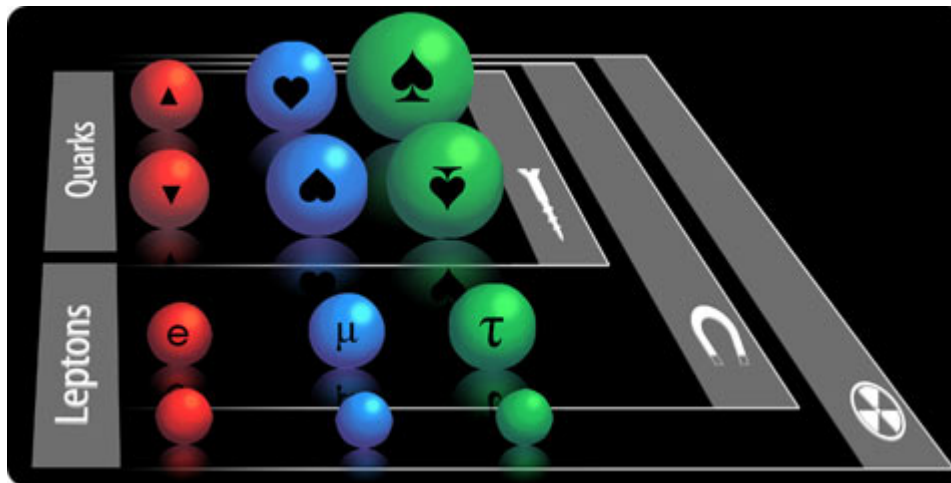
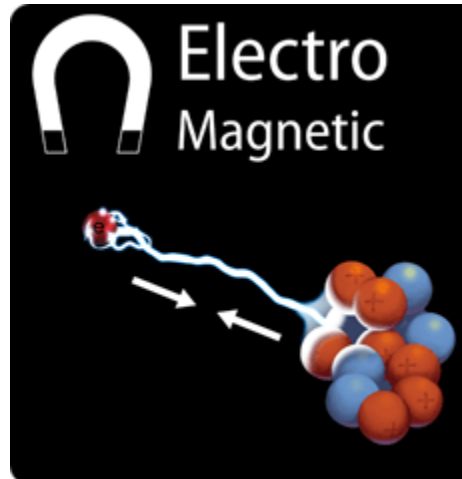
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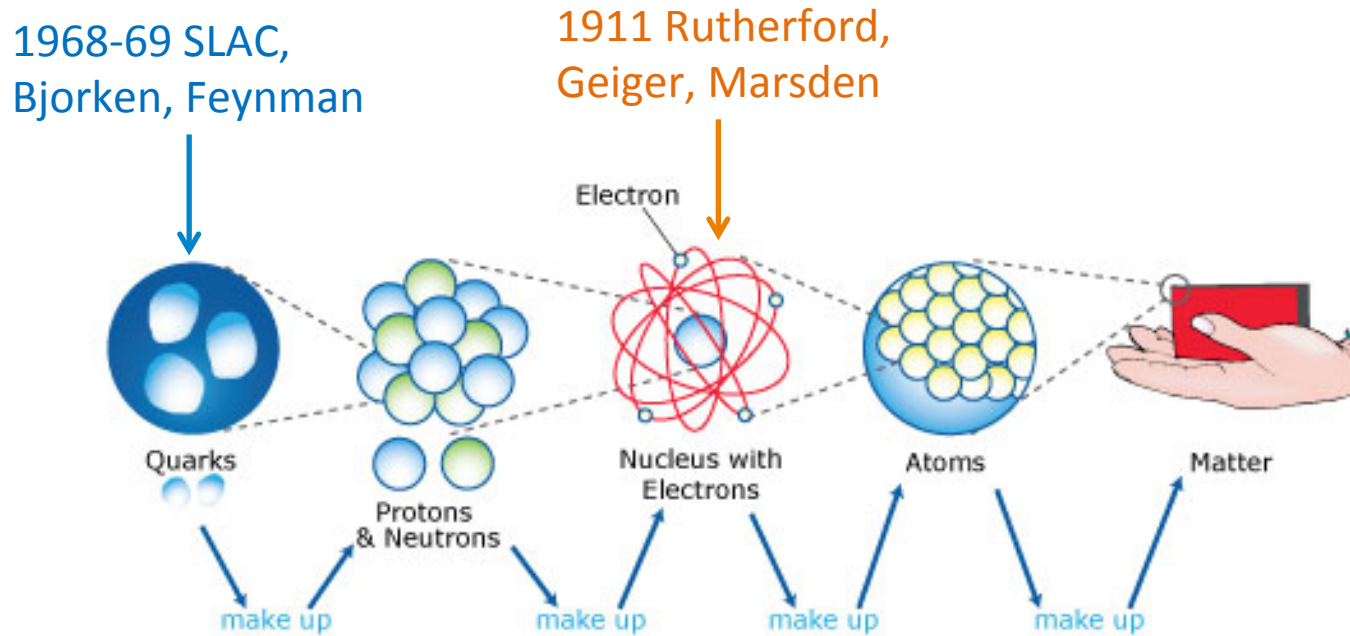
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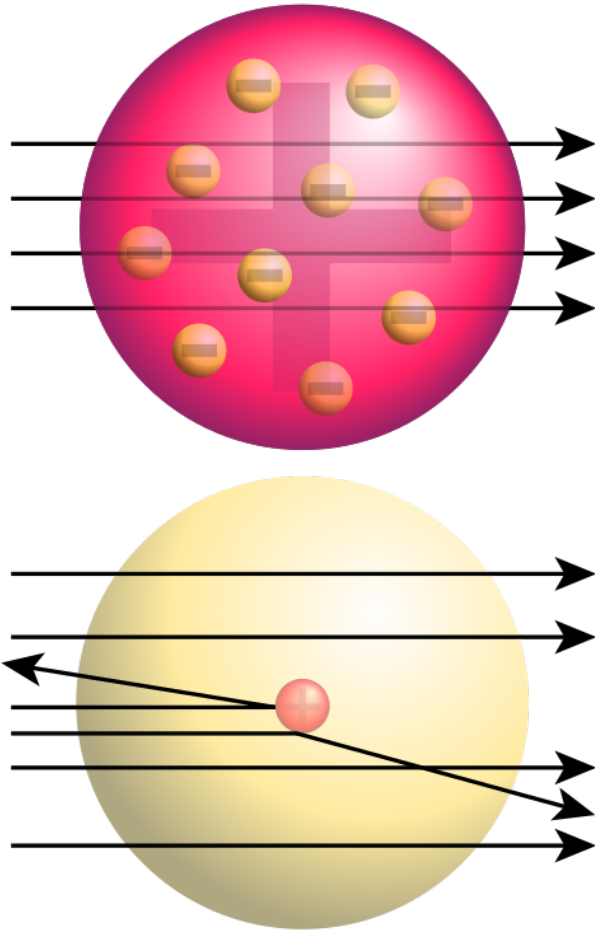


# A VERY brief history of particles

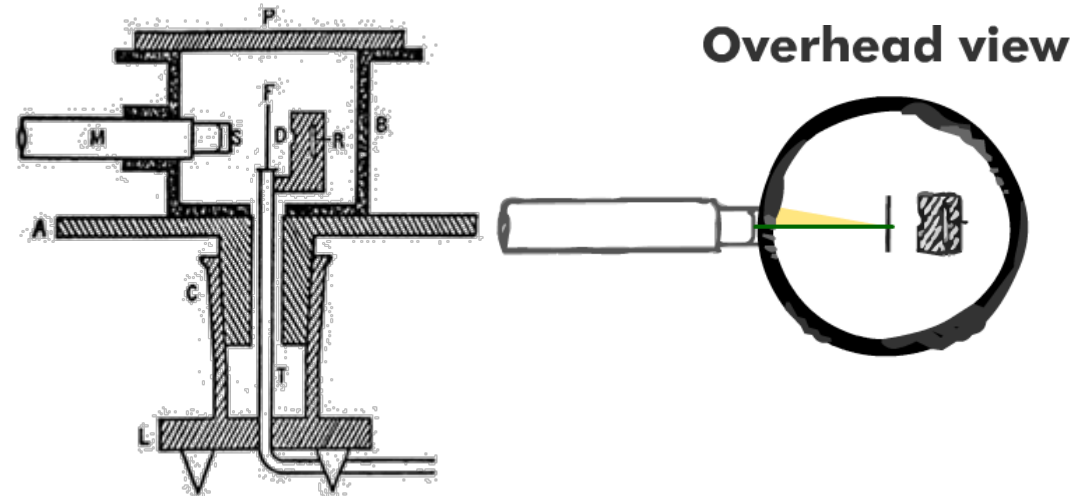


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# The nucleus: Rutherford scattering



- 1906, J.J. Thomson: plum pudding model of the atom
- Rutherford set to test it by firing  $\alpha$  particles into a thin foil

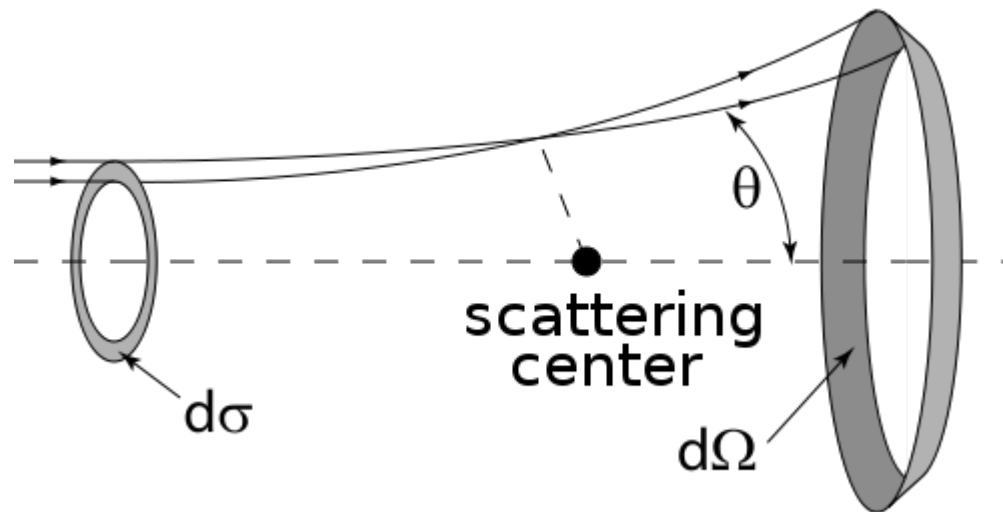


- 1909, Geiger & Marsden:  $\sim 1/8000$  alpha particles bounce off!
- 1911, Rutherford: nucleus small within atom, surrounded by  $e^-$  cloud

$$E_{\alpha}^{kin} = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q_{bullet} Q_{target}}{R_{target}} \Rightarrow R_{target} \approx 10^{-14} m \ll 10^{-10} m \approx R_{atom}$$

# The nucleus: Rutherford scattering

- Notion of **Cross Section**  $d\sigma/d\Omega$  : particles crossing **transverse area**  $d\sigma$  are **scattered into** a **solid angle**  $d\Omega$  at an **angle**  $\theta$  with the beam direction
- Can find out about force between target and bullet by looking at xsection, e.g. stronger forces  $\rightarrow$  bigger xsections; range of force  $\leftrightarrow$  dependence on  $\theta$



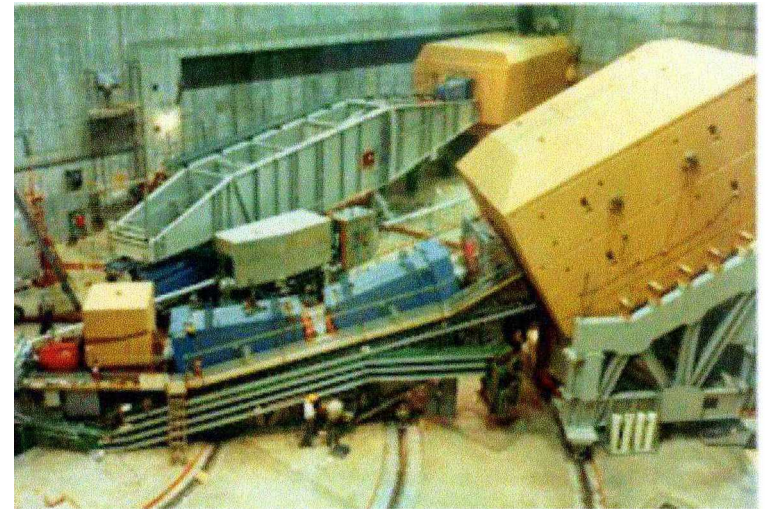
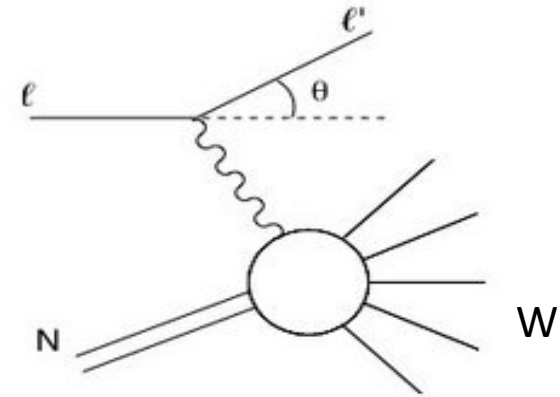
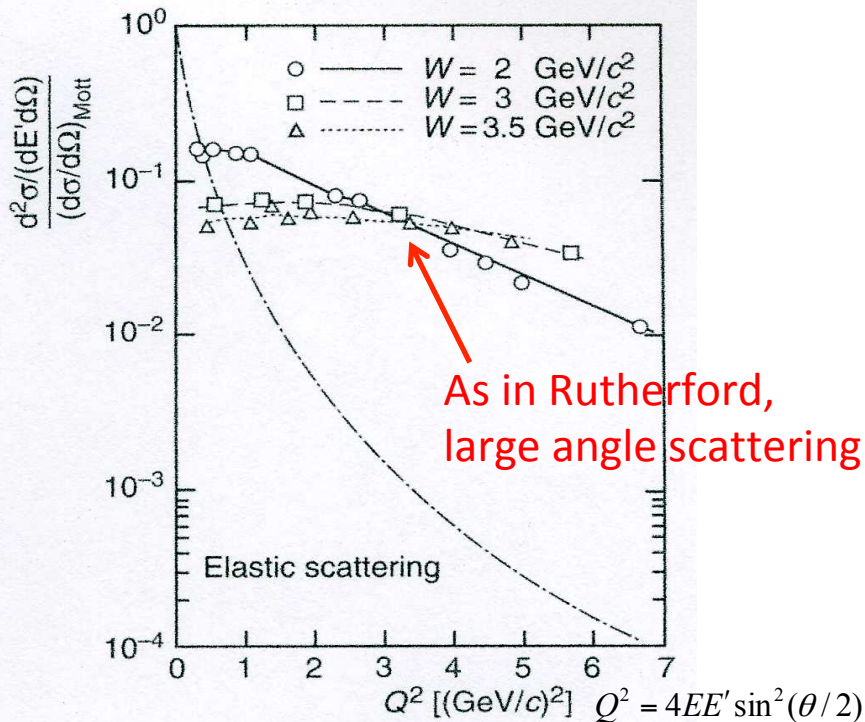
- Ex, scattering of spinless charged particles off a spinless charged target (Rutherford):

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{Z_1 Z_2 e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 E_{kin}} \frac{1}{\sin^4(\theta/2)}$$

# Back to history: protons are composite

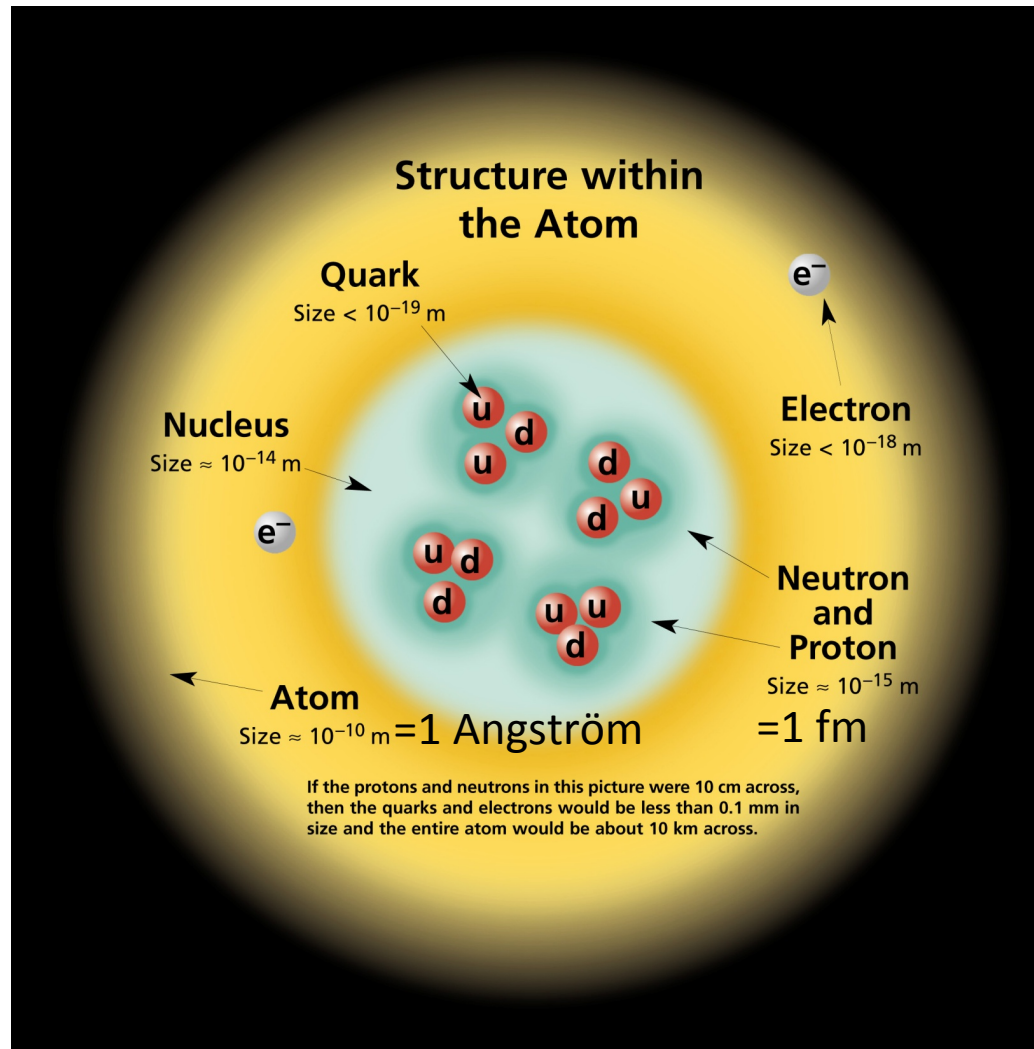
- Post WWII: accelerator era
- 1968 SLAC: shoot  $e^-$  to proton target
- High energies:  $\lambda_{\text{electron}} \ll R_{\text{proton}}$

$$pc = hc / \lambda_{\text{electron}} \gg 1 \text{ GeV}$$



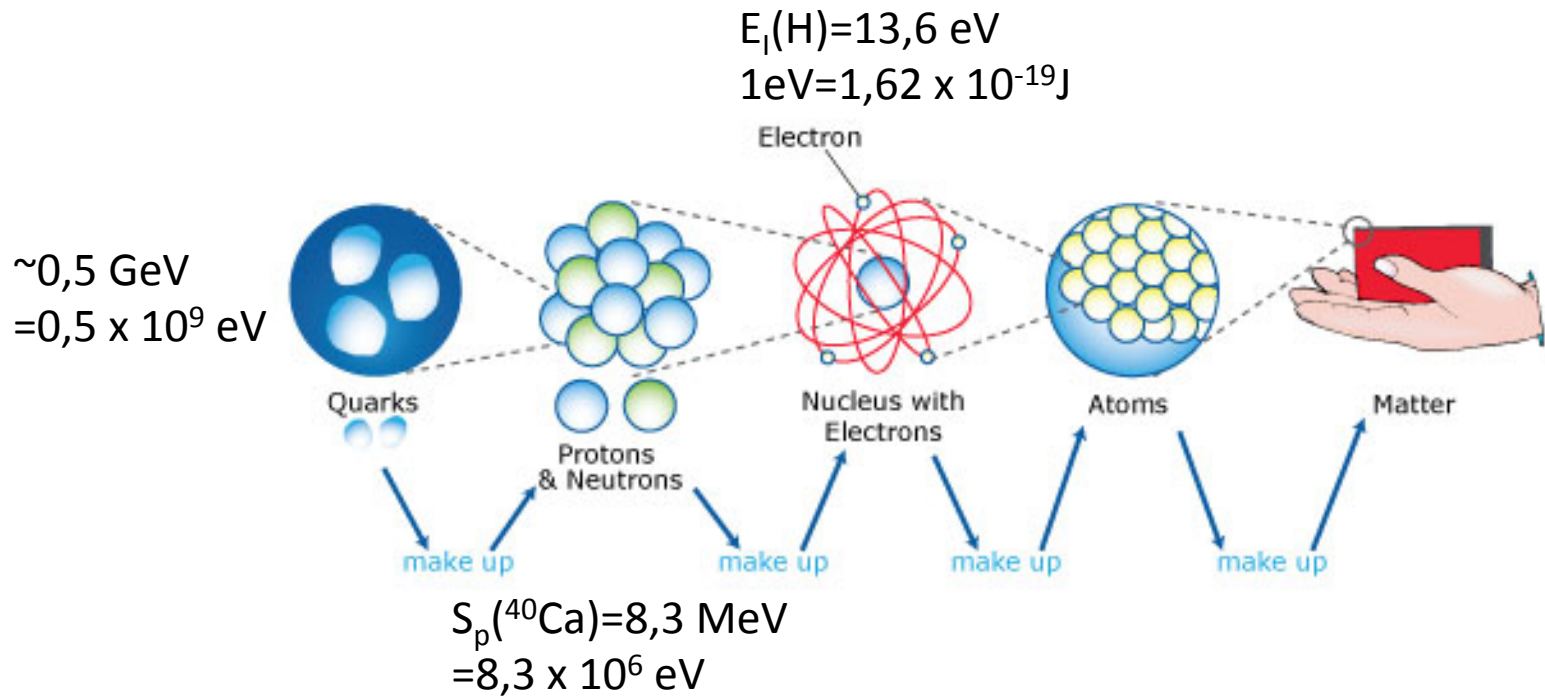


# Protons are composite



Nucleons  
composed of  
3 point-like  
particles:  
quarks

# Orders of magnitude, units



Masses in energy units ( $E=mc^2$  !)

e.g.  $m(\text{proton}) = 938 \text{ MeV}$ ,  $m(\text{electron}) = 0,511 \text{ MeV}$

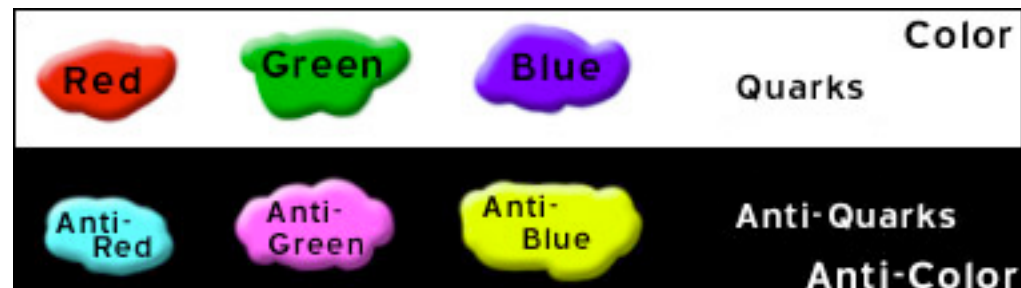
# Quarks and the Strong Force

- Strong force like EM but with *three* different types of charge instead of just one
- Let's call them **red**, **green**, **blue**, just for fun... \* "Positive" charge is then **red** whereas "negative" is **anti-red** (cyan, in this analogy).
- This kind of charge called "color"
  - ➔ theory called Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)
- Call "quark" a particle with color charge. Leptons don't have color.

EM



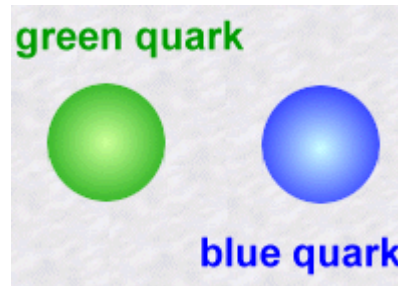
Strong Force



\* Particles with color not responsible for colours of light!

# Quantum ChromoDynamics (QCD)

- Charges repel(attract) if same(different), e.g. **red** and **red** repel, **red** and **anti-red** attract, **red** and **blue** attract.
- Force carriers are called gluons
- Gluons must carry color charge → far-reaching consequences, very different from QED!

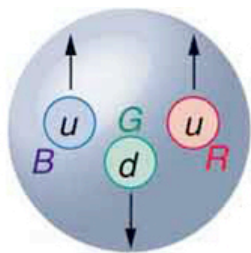


- Consequences:
  - Very short range force
  - Force gets stronger when quarks pulled apart
  - Only see color-neutral free particles in Nature (quark confinement)

# Quarks make up hadrons

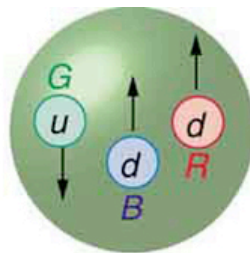
- Can get color-neutrality (neither excess nor defect) with following combinations:
  - color+anti-color
  - red+green+blue since anti-red=cyan=green+blue
- So the quarks arrangements found in Nature are:
  - quark+antiquark' (meson)
  - quark+quark'+quark'' or 3 antiquarks (baryon)

} Hadrons



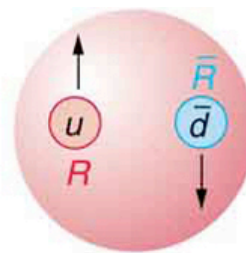
Proton

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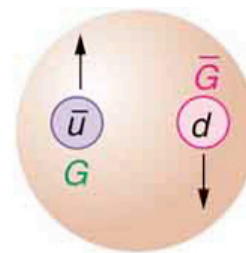
Neutron

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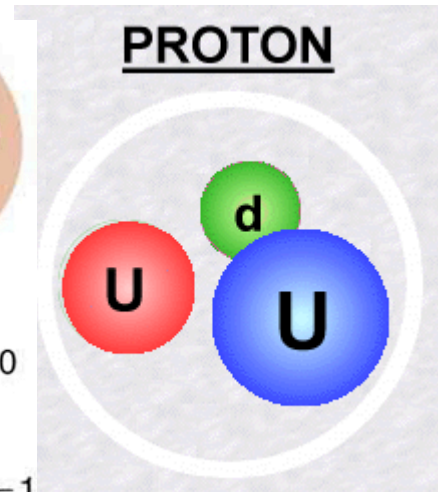
$\pi^+$

$$+\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$



$\pi^-$

$$+\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$



PROTON

Spin

Charge

$$+\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 1$$

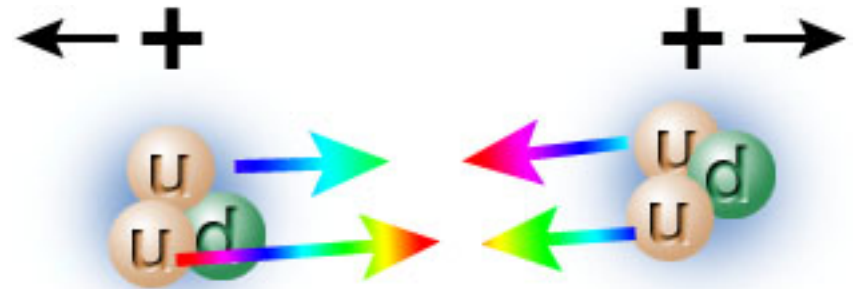
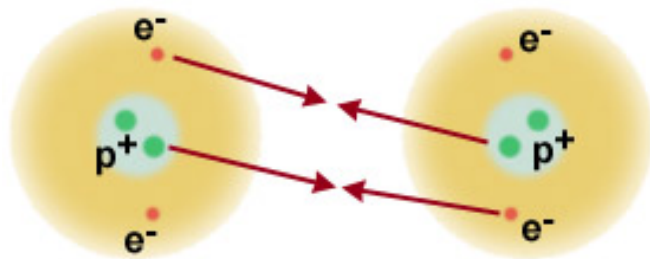
$$+\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = 0$$

$$+\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3} = +1$$

$$-\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = -1$$

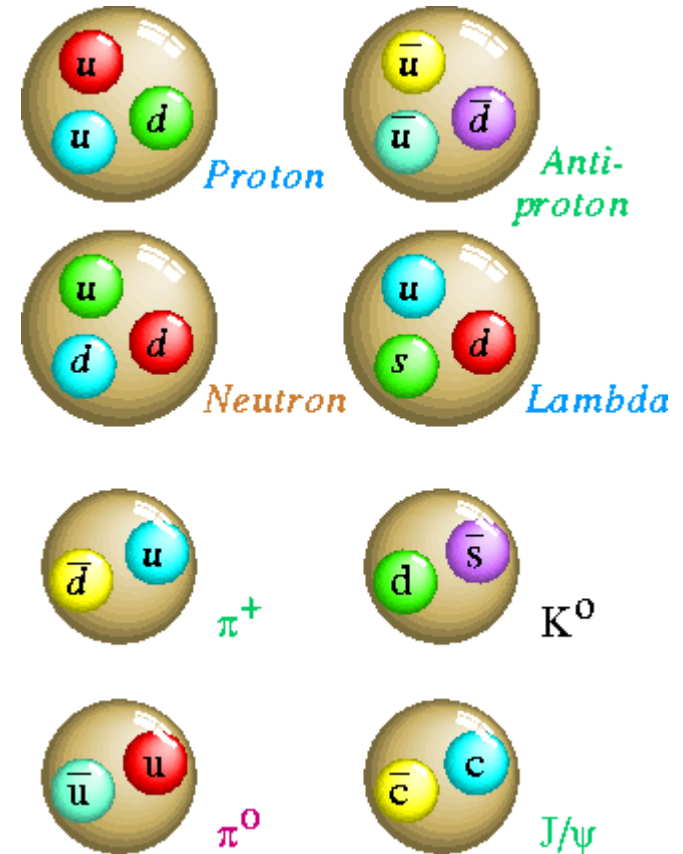
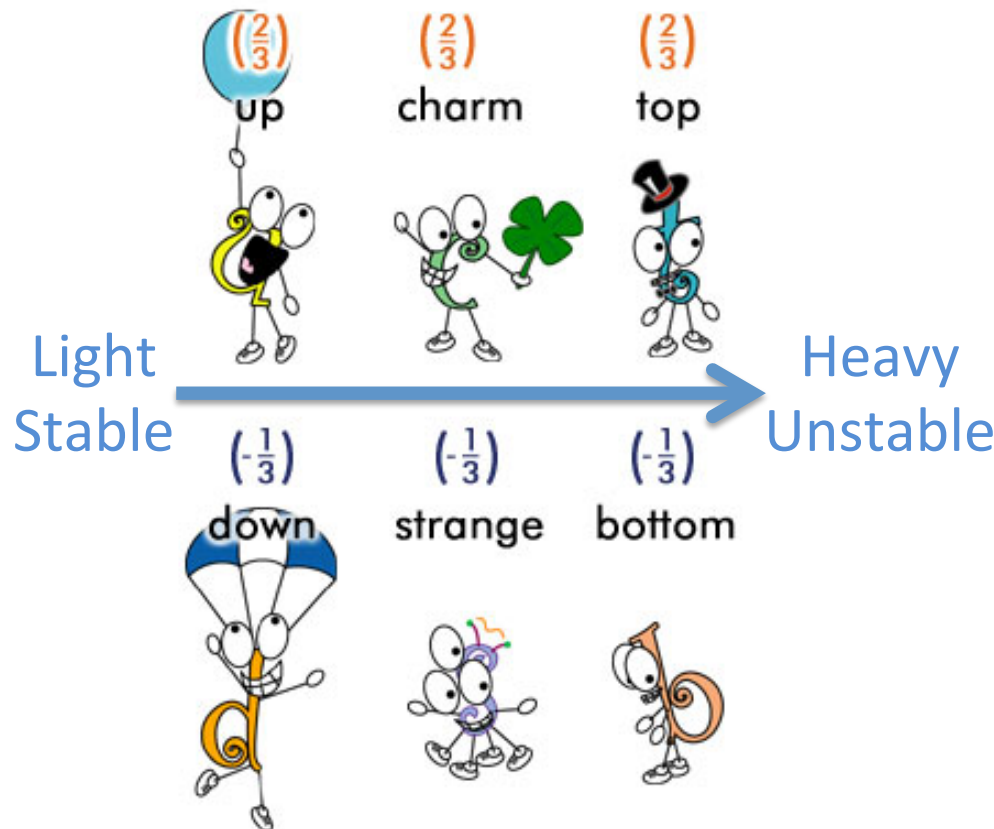
# QCD $\rightarrow$ Strong nuclear force

- Protons and neutrons bound in nucleus by residual force between quarks, same as atoms in molecules



# How many different quarks?

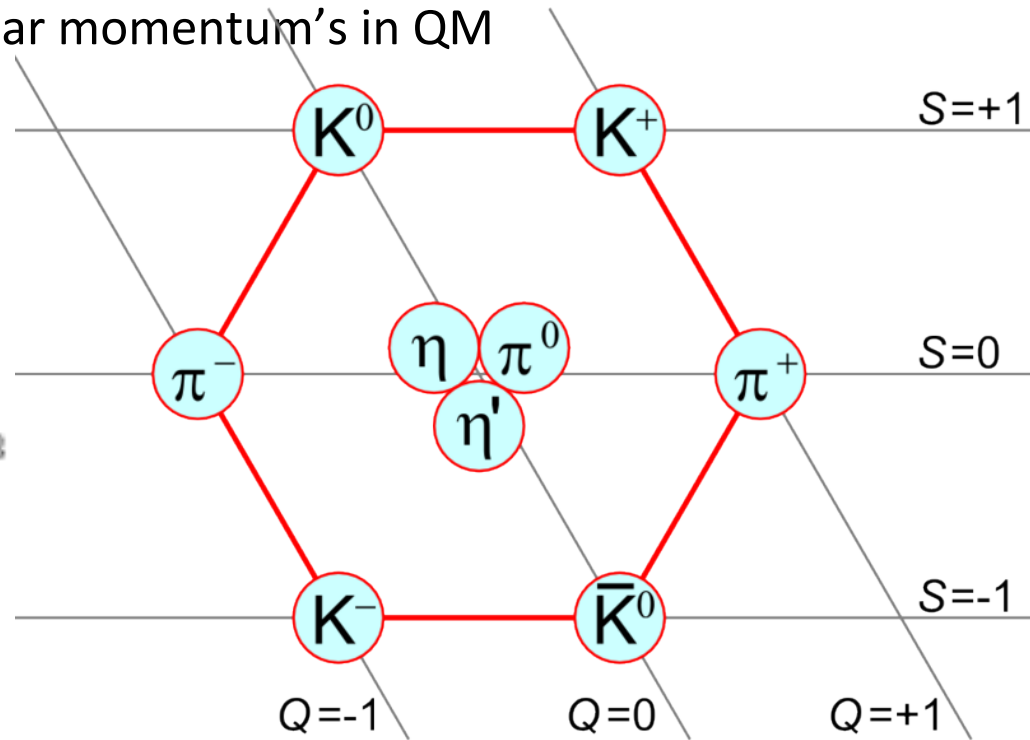
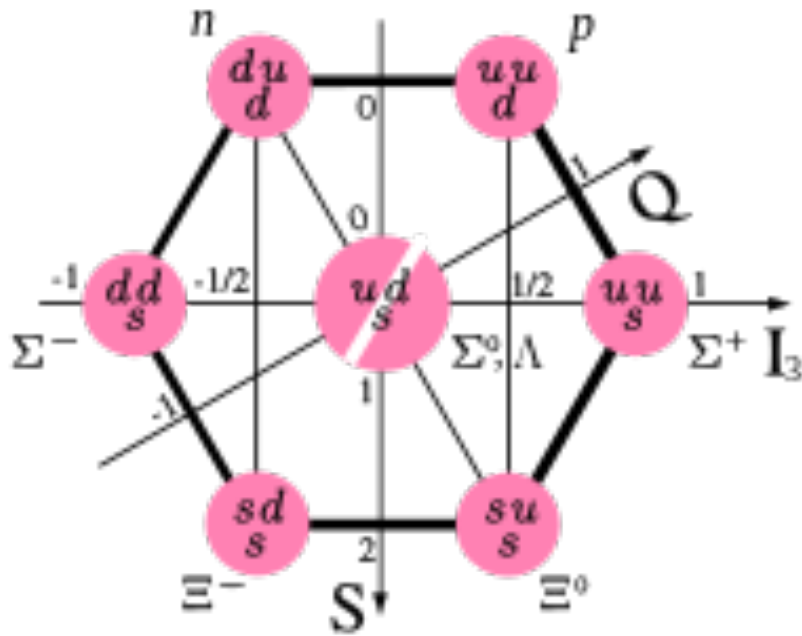
- Experimentally find 6 quarks (*flavours*), 3 up-type and 3 down-type quarks
- All equal for QCD, except different masses



- A few important mesons: pions, kaons (s quark), D (c quark), B(b quark)

# Symmetries

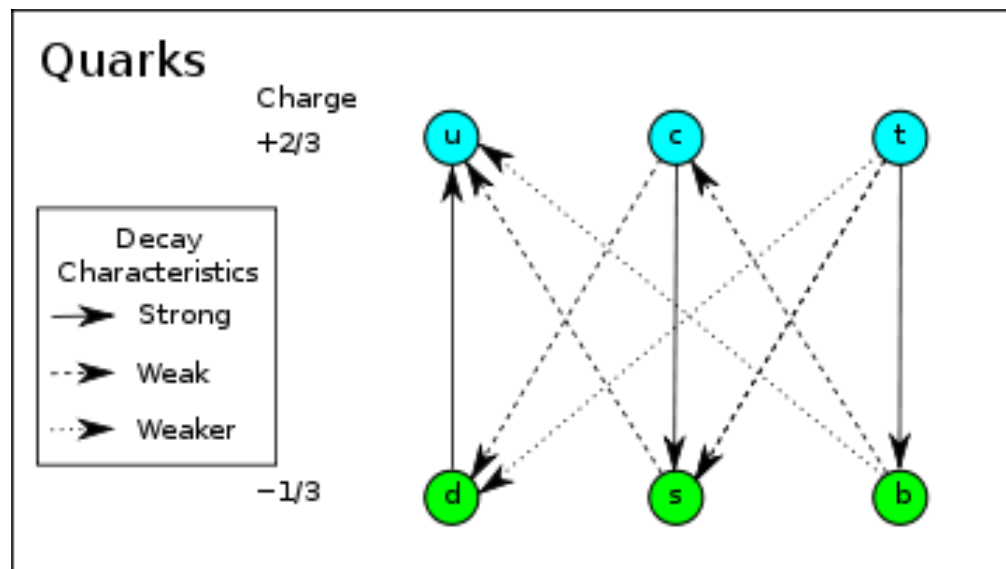
- Classification and description of hadrons thanks to symmetries (group theory)
- Formalism looks a lot like angular momentum's in QM





# Heavy flavours

- Heavy quarks unstable... How? Up to now, always creating/annihilating pairs of particle-antiparticle of same type
- *Weak force:*  
*induces decays of unstable elementary particles*



# The Standard Model: elementary particles and their interactions

**Fermions**  
matter particles

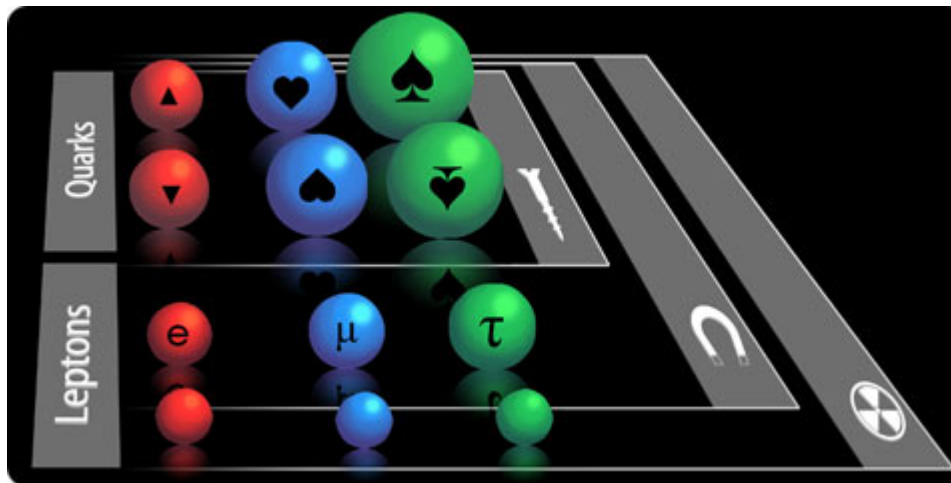
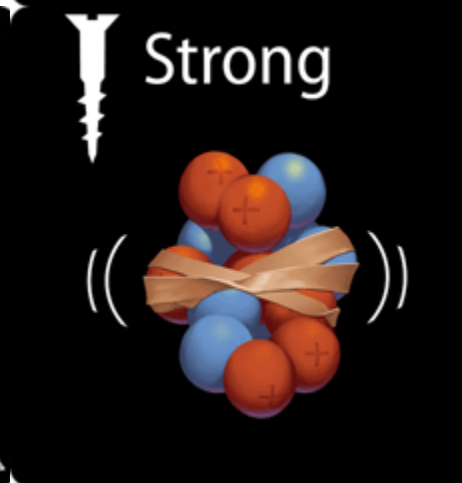
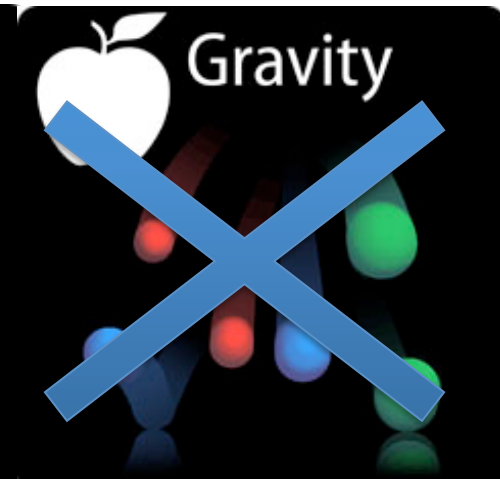
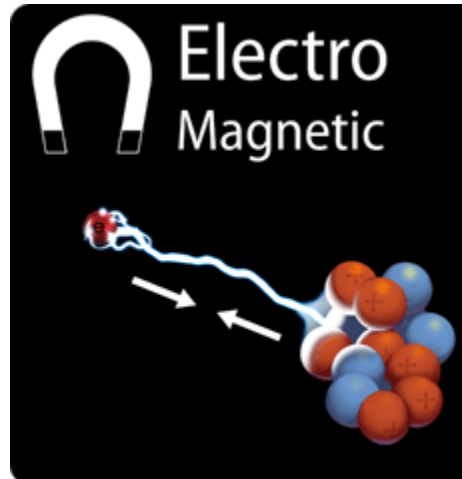
**Gauge bosons**  
force carriers

**Higgs boson**  
origin of mass

Quarks

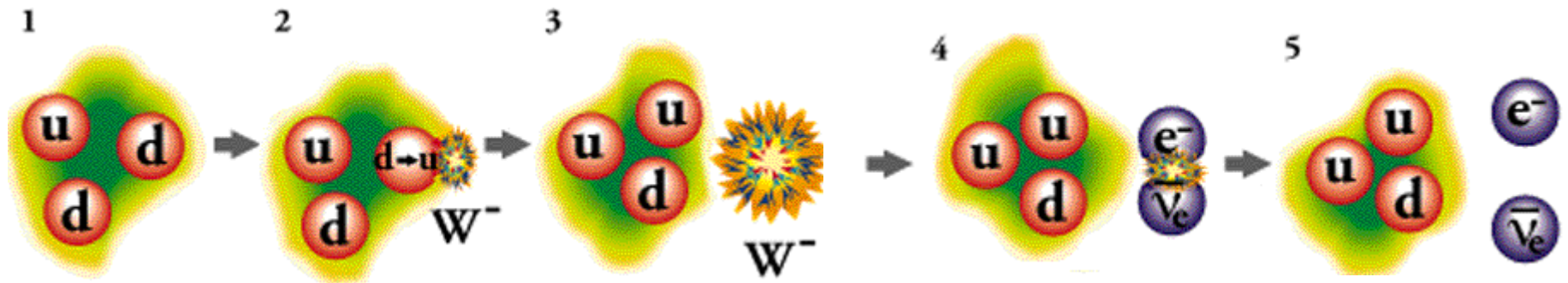


Leptons

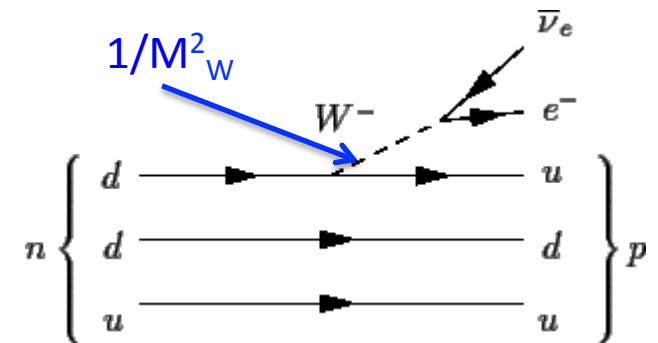


# Weak Force

- Neutron beta decay:  $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$

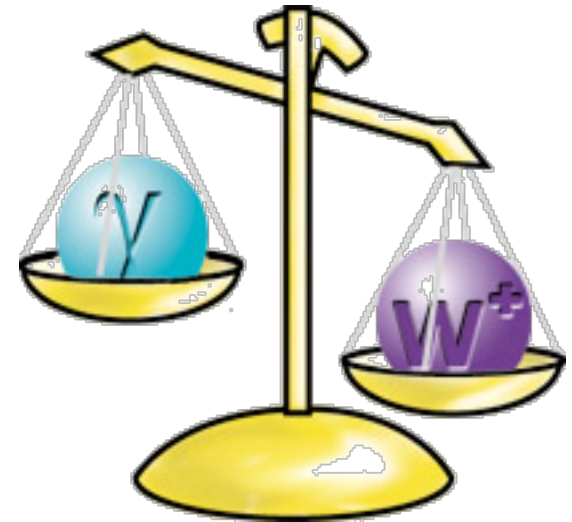


- Weak force responsible for decays of unstable elementary particles
- Mediated by  $Z^0$  and  $W^\pm$  bosons
- Contrary to photons and gluons,  $Z^0$  and  $W^\pm$  have non-zero masses
- Propagators proportional to  $1/M_Z^2$ ,  $1/M_W^2$   
 ➔ Weak Force very weak!



# Why are Z and W so heavy?

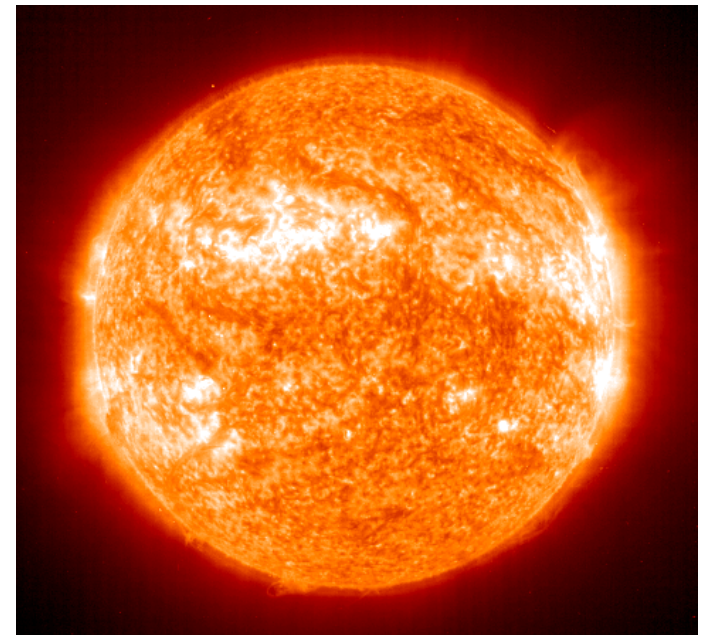
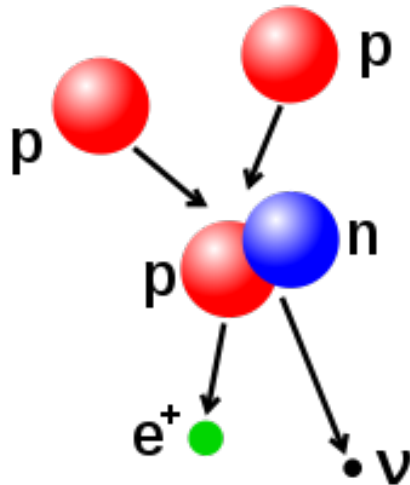
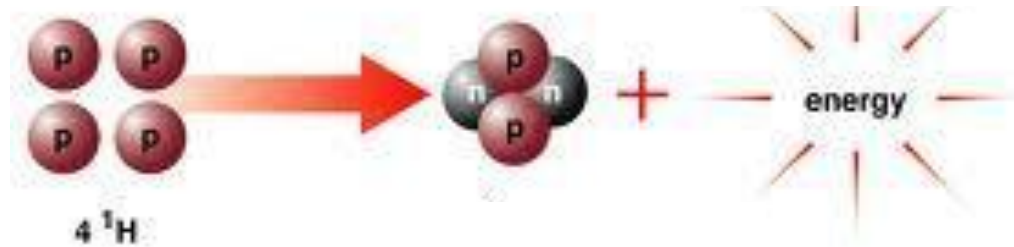
- Z and W are 100 and 85 times heavier than proton
- But photons and gluons massless!



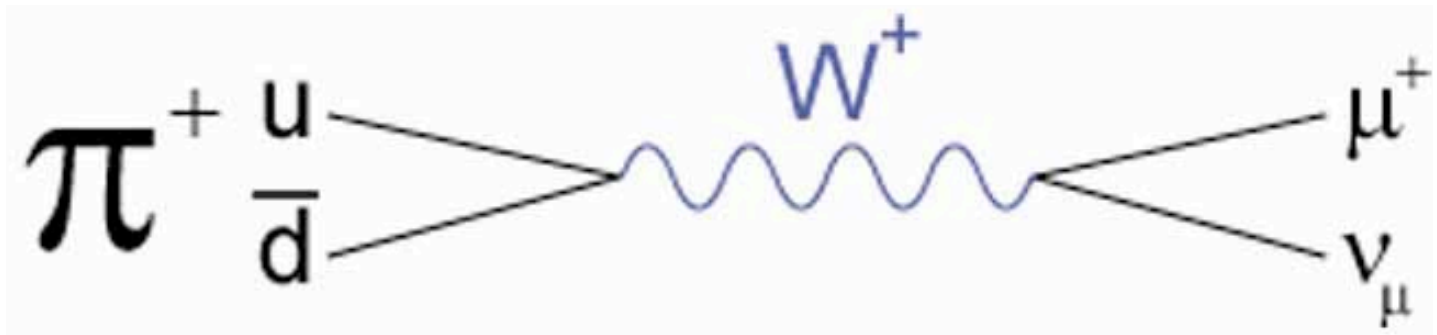
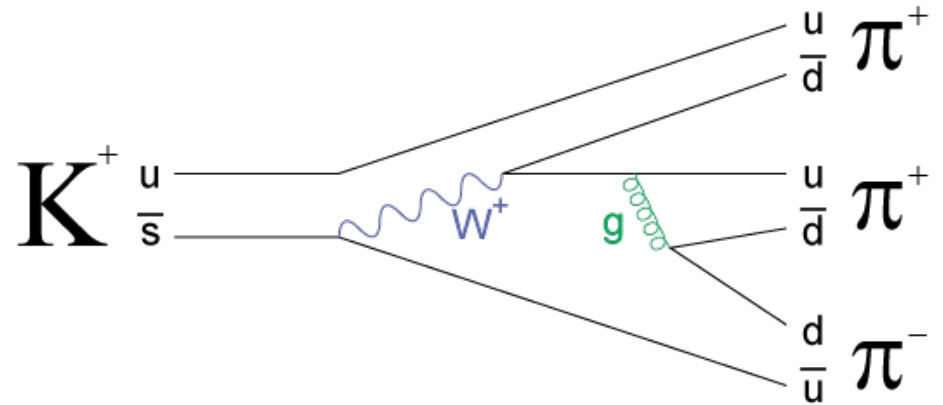
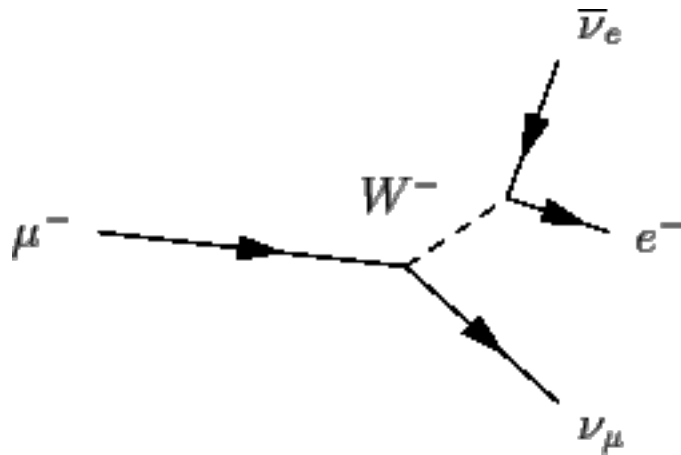
- It's the Higgs boson's fault!

# Weak Force

- Governs rate of energy production in the sun (inverse beta decay a step in fusion process)



# Weak Force: other examples



Pion decay: important way of making neutrinos

# Neutrinos?

- Nearly zero masses (but not quite!)
- No electric charge, no color charge, **only** interact through **Z** et **Ws**
- So very hard to study...
- Electron also light and without color → leptons
- Plenty of open questions...

# Three families or generations

- 3 times the u, d quark couple, except heavier and less stable
- Same story about leptons:  
muon is just an unstable, heavy electron
- Columns of table are called *generations*
- Why more than one? Why three?

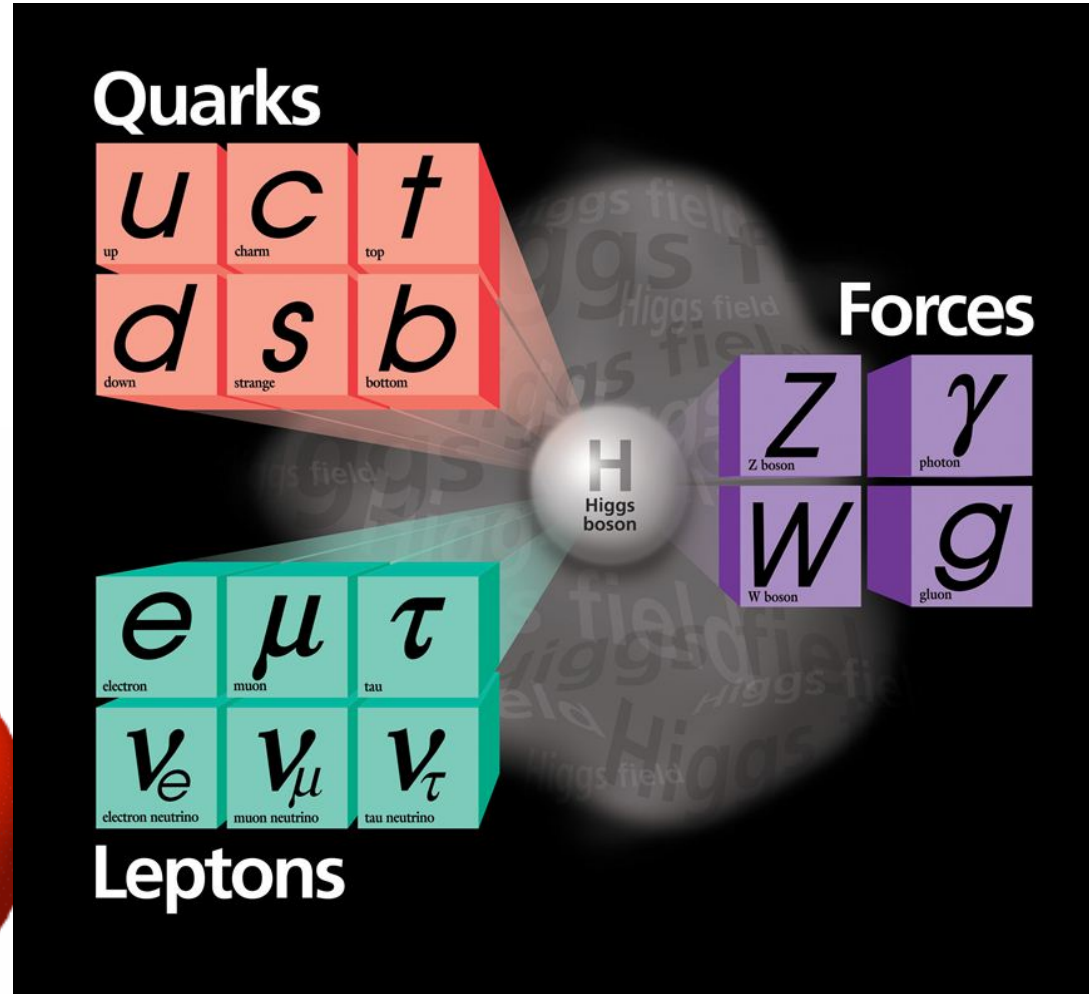
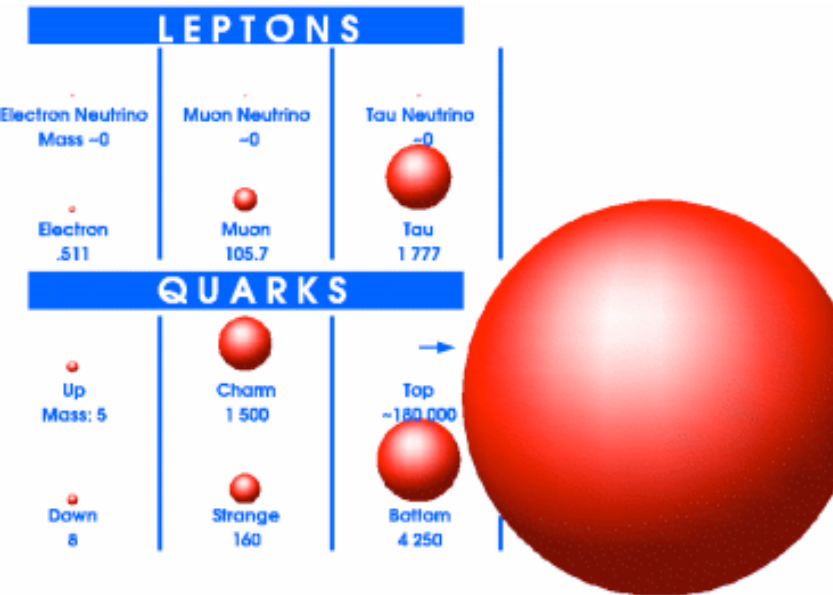
Quarks	$u$ up	$c$ charm	$t$ top
	$d$ down	$s$ strange	$b$ bottom
Leptons	$\nu_e$ e- Neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ $\mu$ - Neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ $\tau$ - Neutrino
	$e$ electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau
	I	II	III

The Generations of Matter



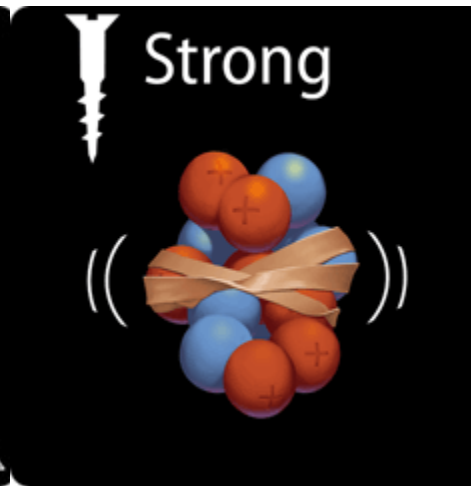
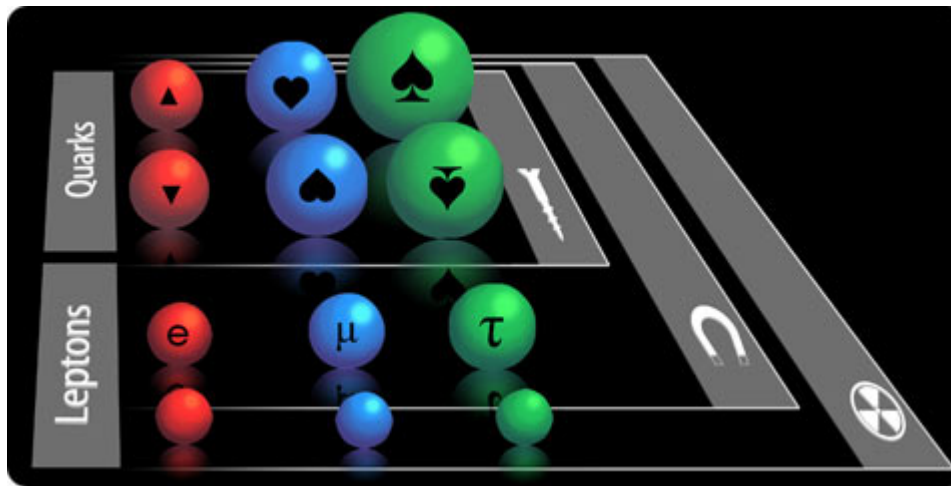
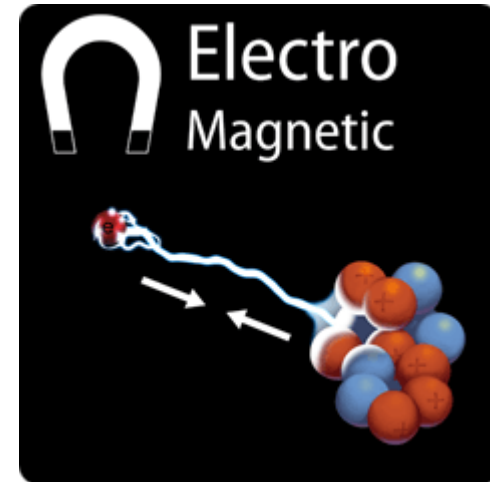
# The Standard Model

- Are they all elementary?
- Are there any more?
- Why 3 generations?
- Why this mass pattern?



# Summary

- Much learnt; plenty of open questions!
- Electromagnetism,  $\gamma$ : all particles except  $\nu$ 's
- Strong force, gluon: only quarks
- Weak force,  $W^\pm$  et  $Z$ : all particles





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Questions?

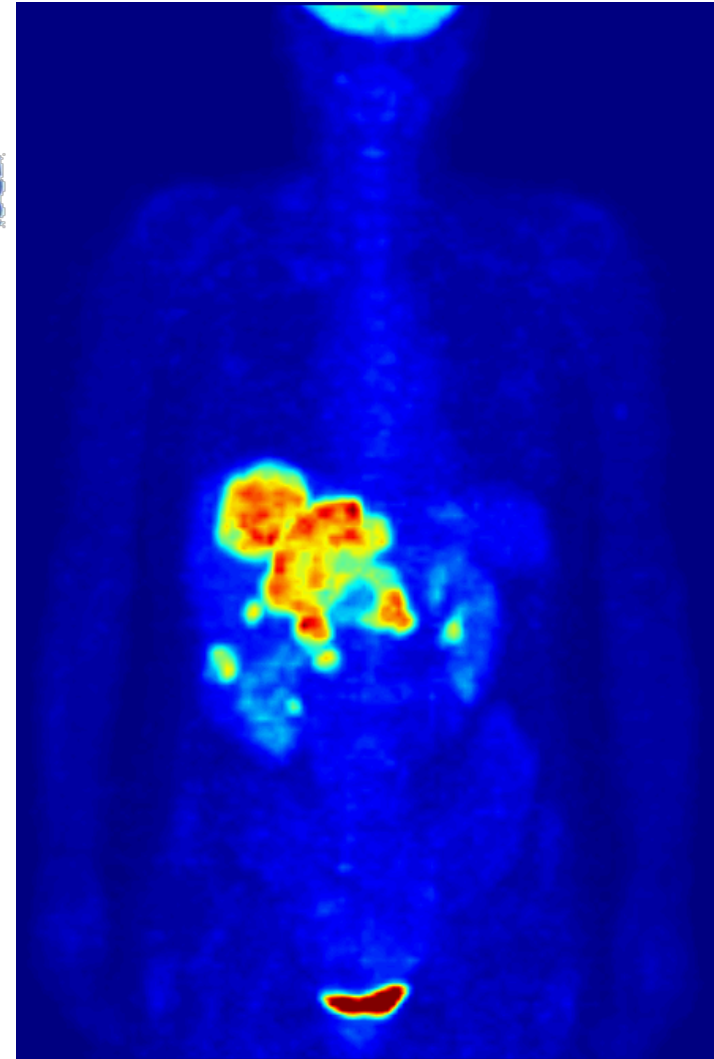
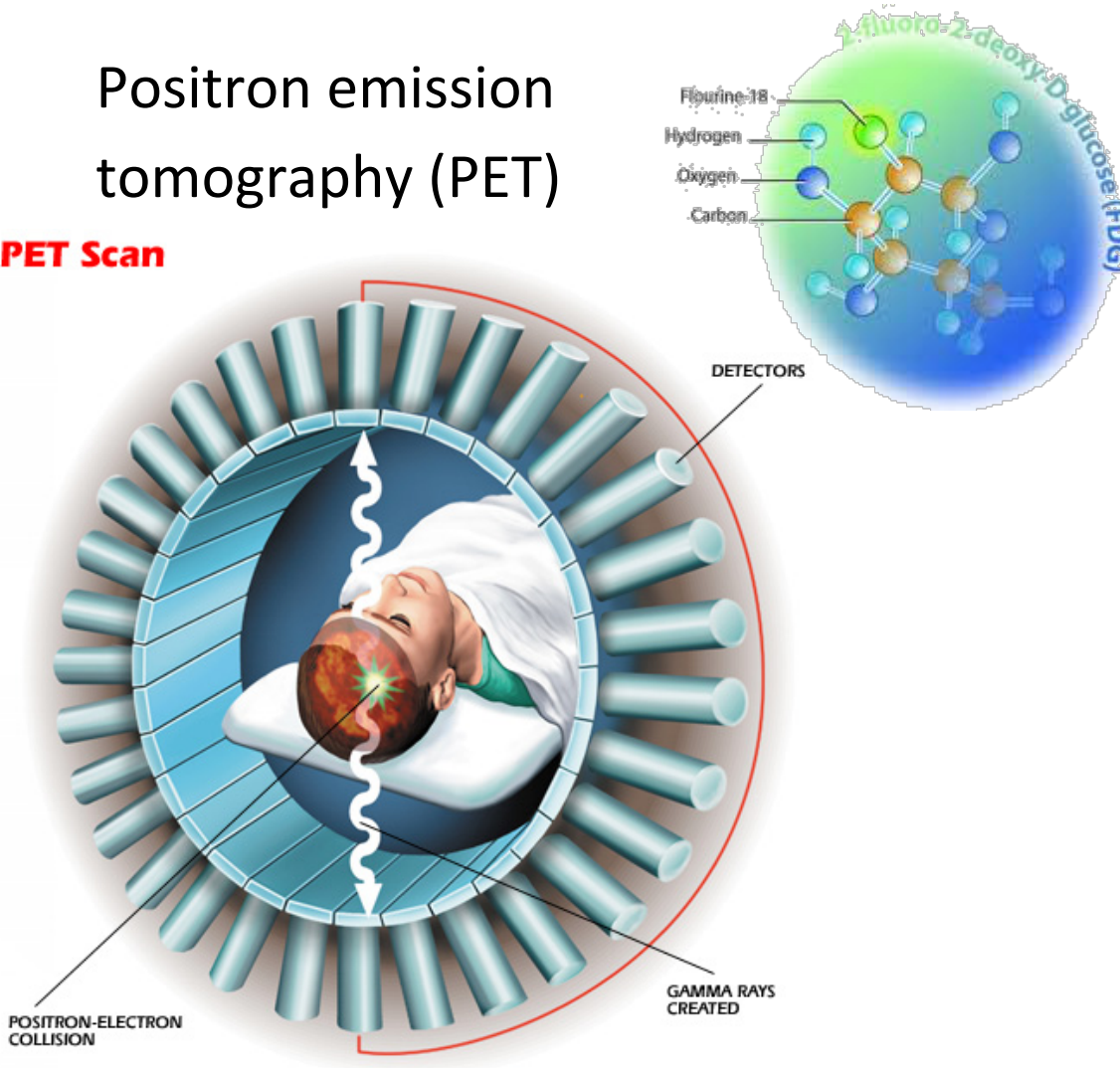
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# Applications

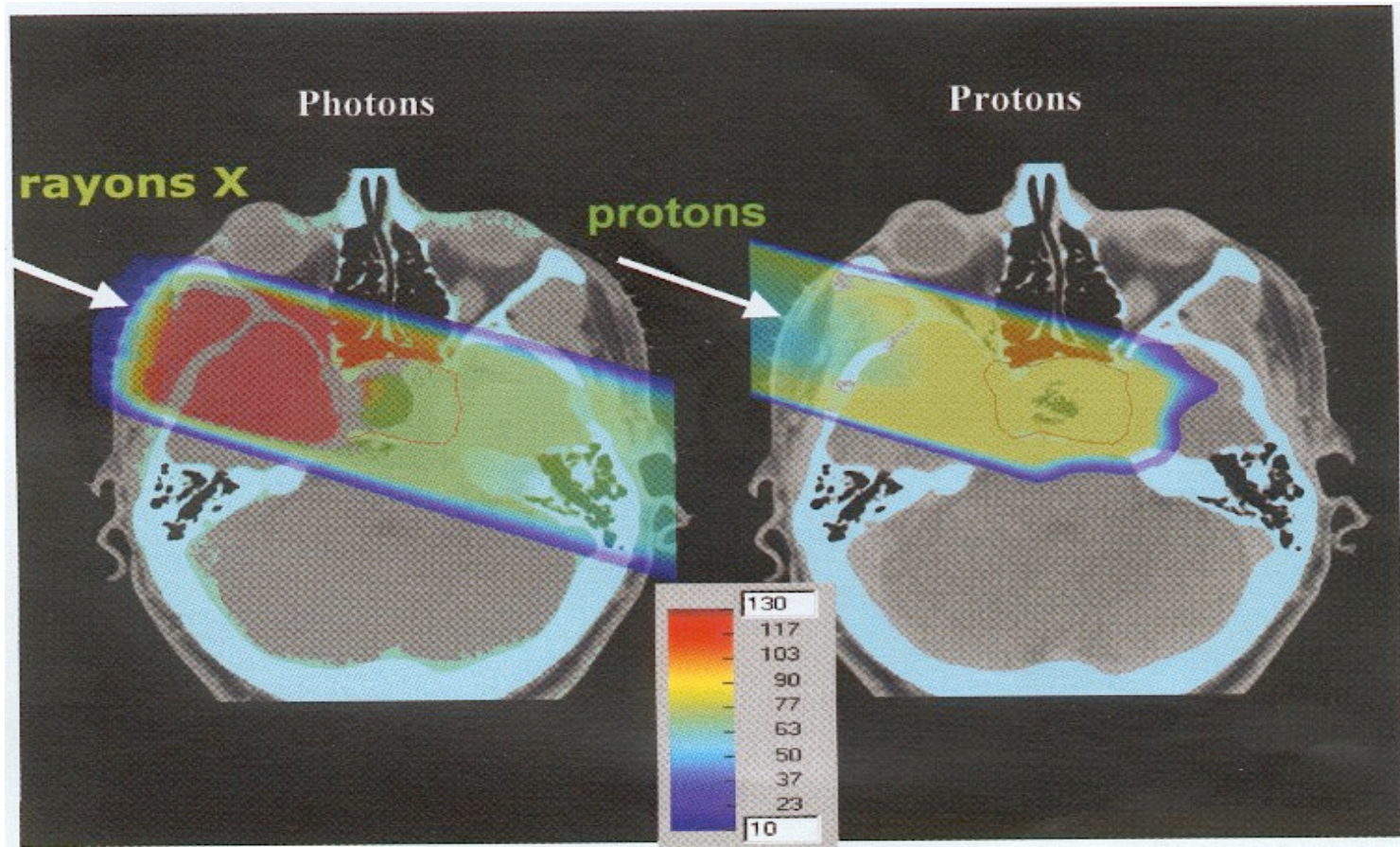
Positron emission tomography (PET)

**PET Scan**



# Applications

- Radiothérapie



# Applications

- Le World Wide Web a été inventé au CERN ! (1990)
- La grille de calcul

