Theoretical Perspectives

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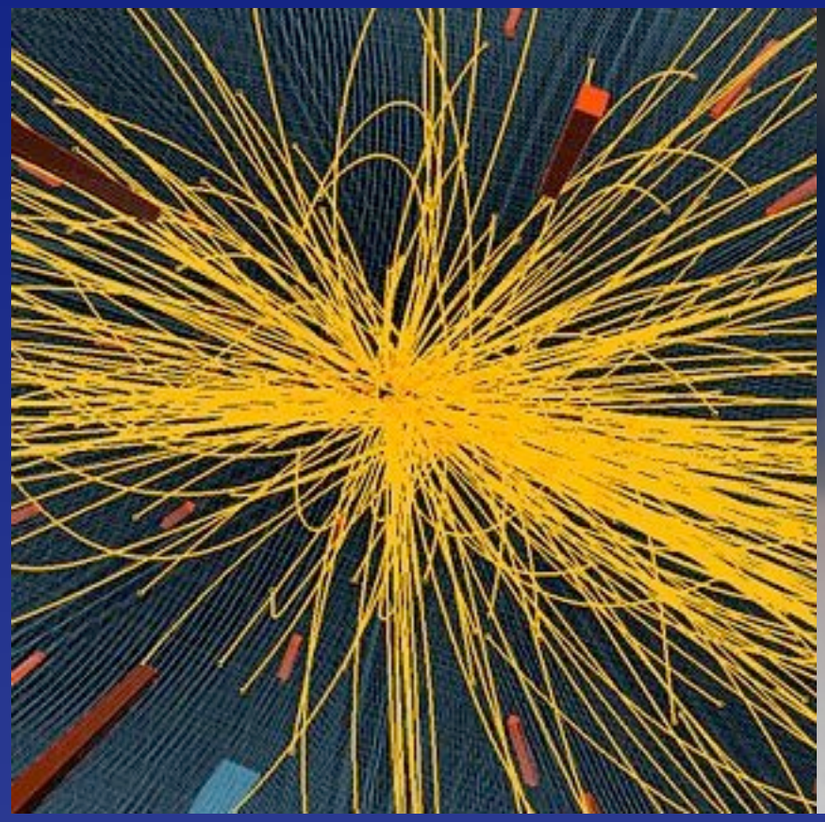

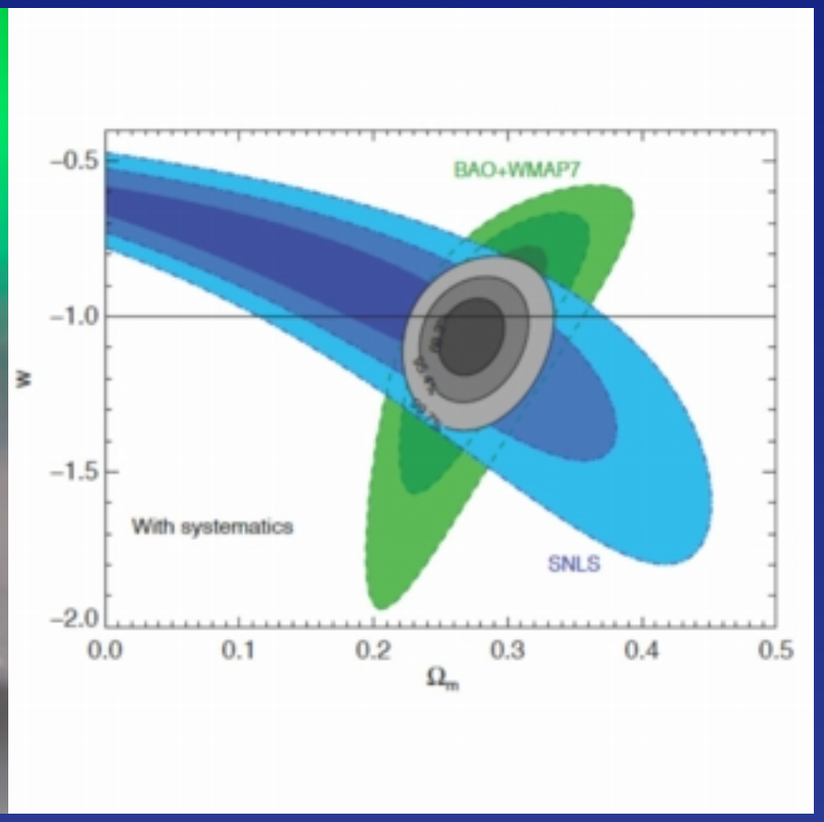

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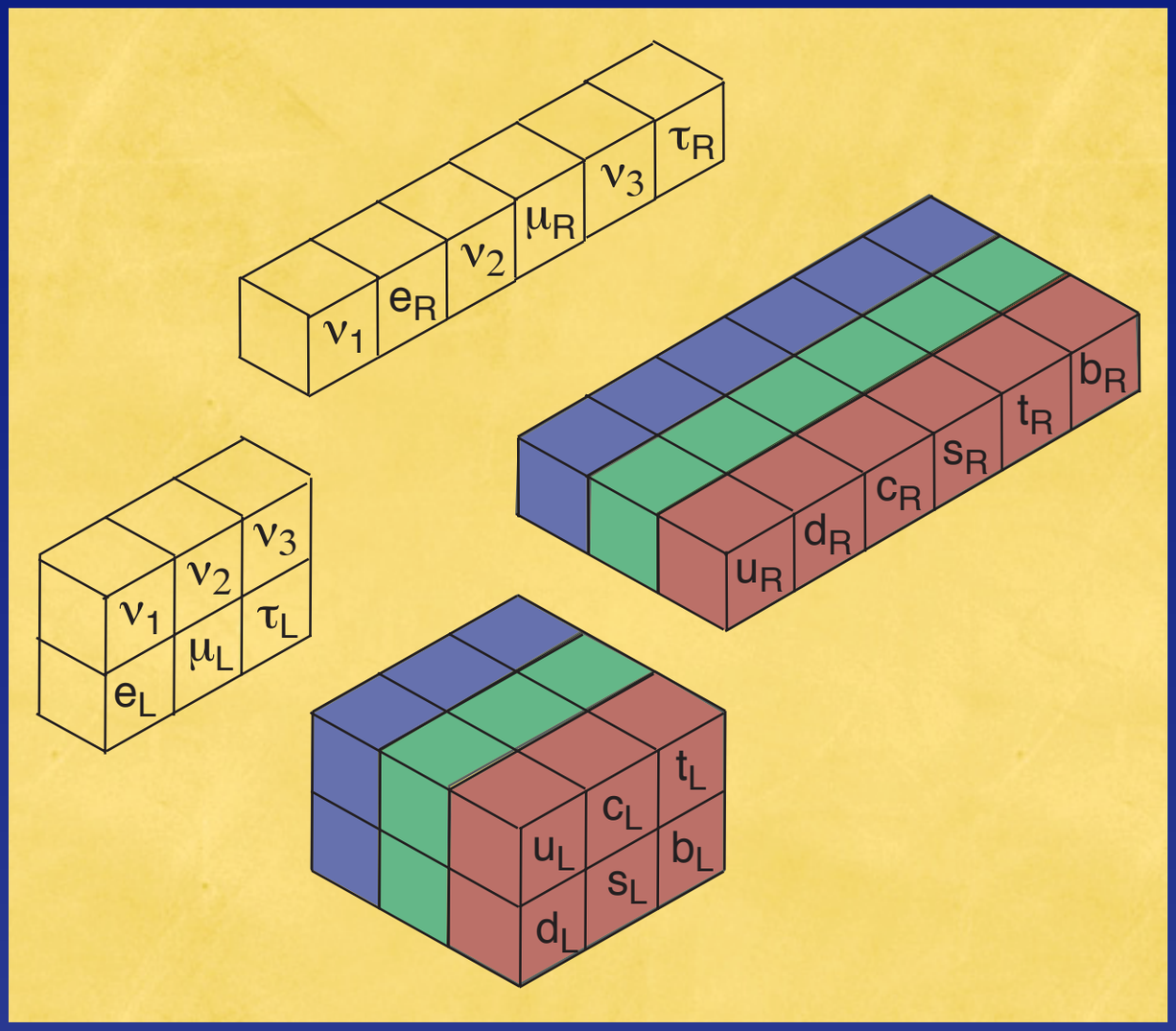
Two New Laws of Nature +

Pointlike ($r \leq 10^{-18}$ m) *quarks* and *leptons*



Interactions: $\mathsf{SU}(3)_\mathsf{c} \otimes \mathsf{SU}(2)_\mathsf{L} \otimes \mathsf{U}(1)_\mathsf{Y}$ gauge symmetries

Highly idealized

Many tensions,
puzzles,
outstanding questions

Lots of new ideas

Beautiful experiments:
mature / new / dreams

Quantum Chromodynamics

Asymptotically free theory

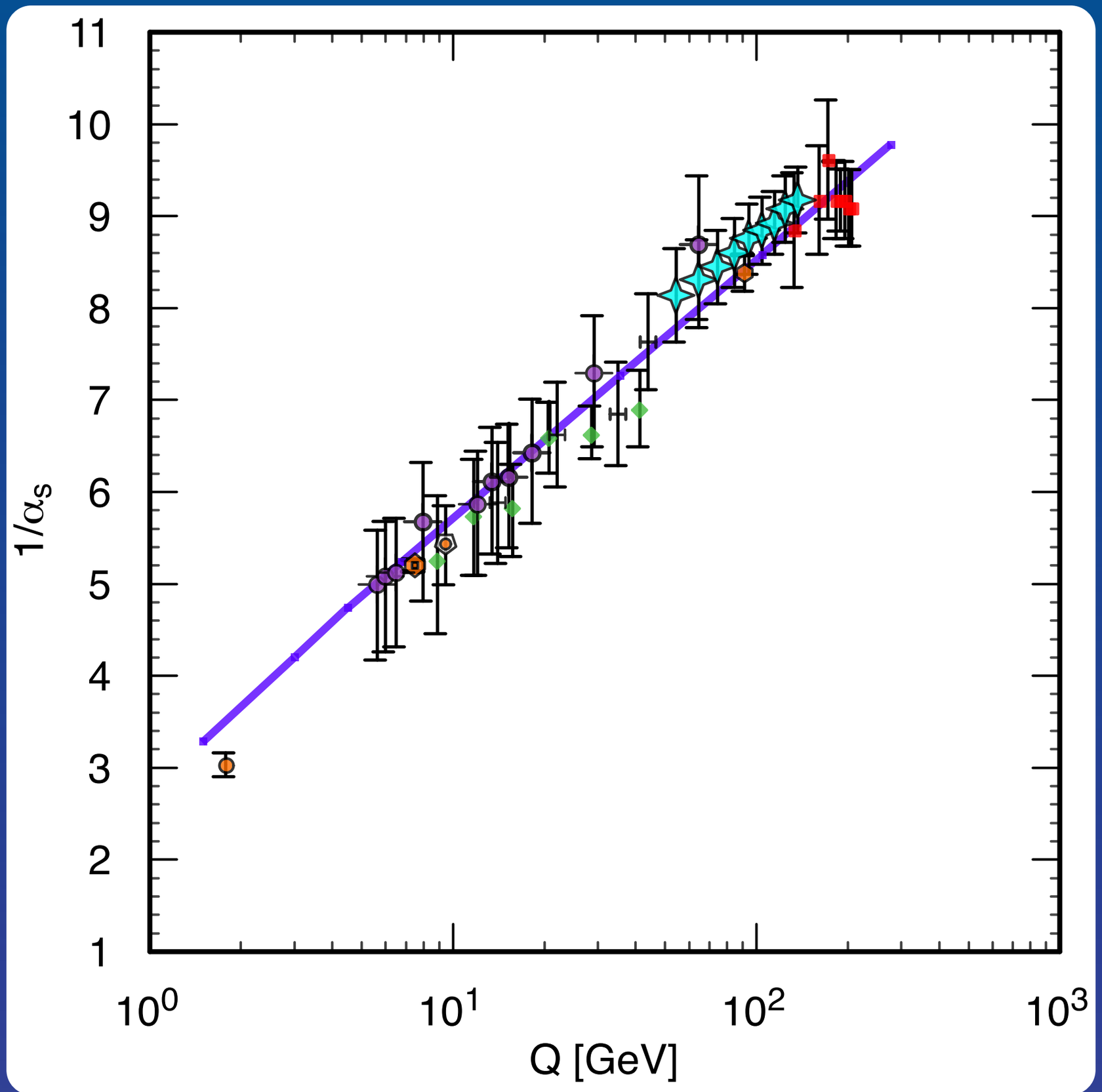
Many successes in perturbation theory to 1 TeV

Growing understanding: nonperturbative regime

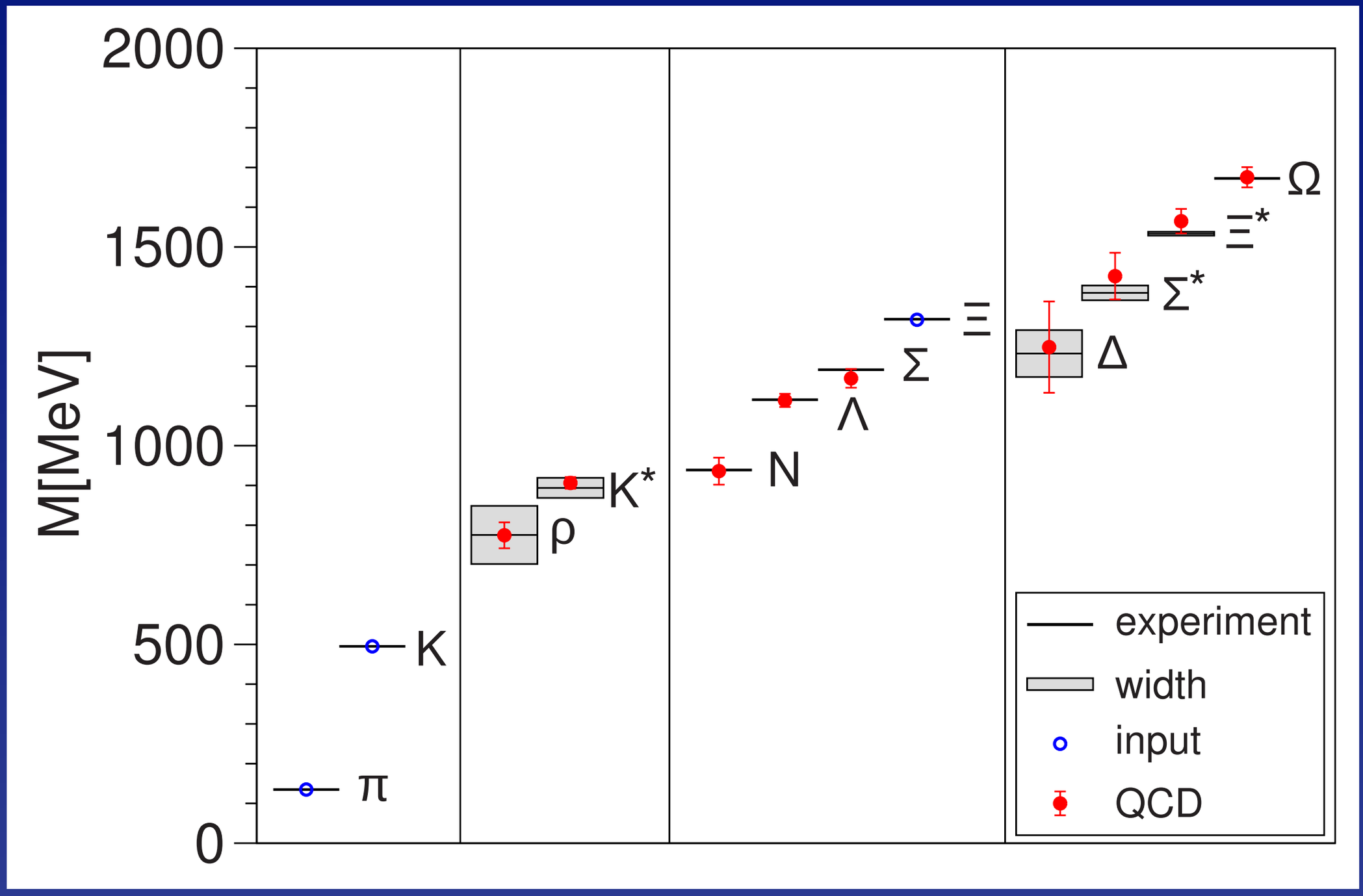
Quarks & gluons confined: evidence, no proof

No structural defects, but *strong CP problem*

Evolution of the strong coupling "constant"



Light hadron spectrum with dynamical fermions



How Might QCD Crack?

(Breakdown of factorization)
Free quarks / unconfined color
New kinds of colored matter
Quark compositeness
Larger color symmetry containing QCD

Electroweak Theory

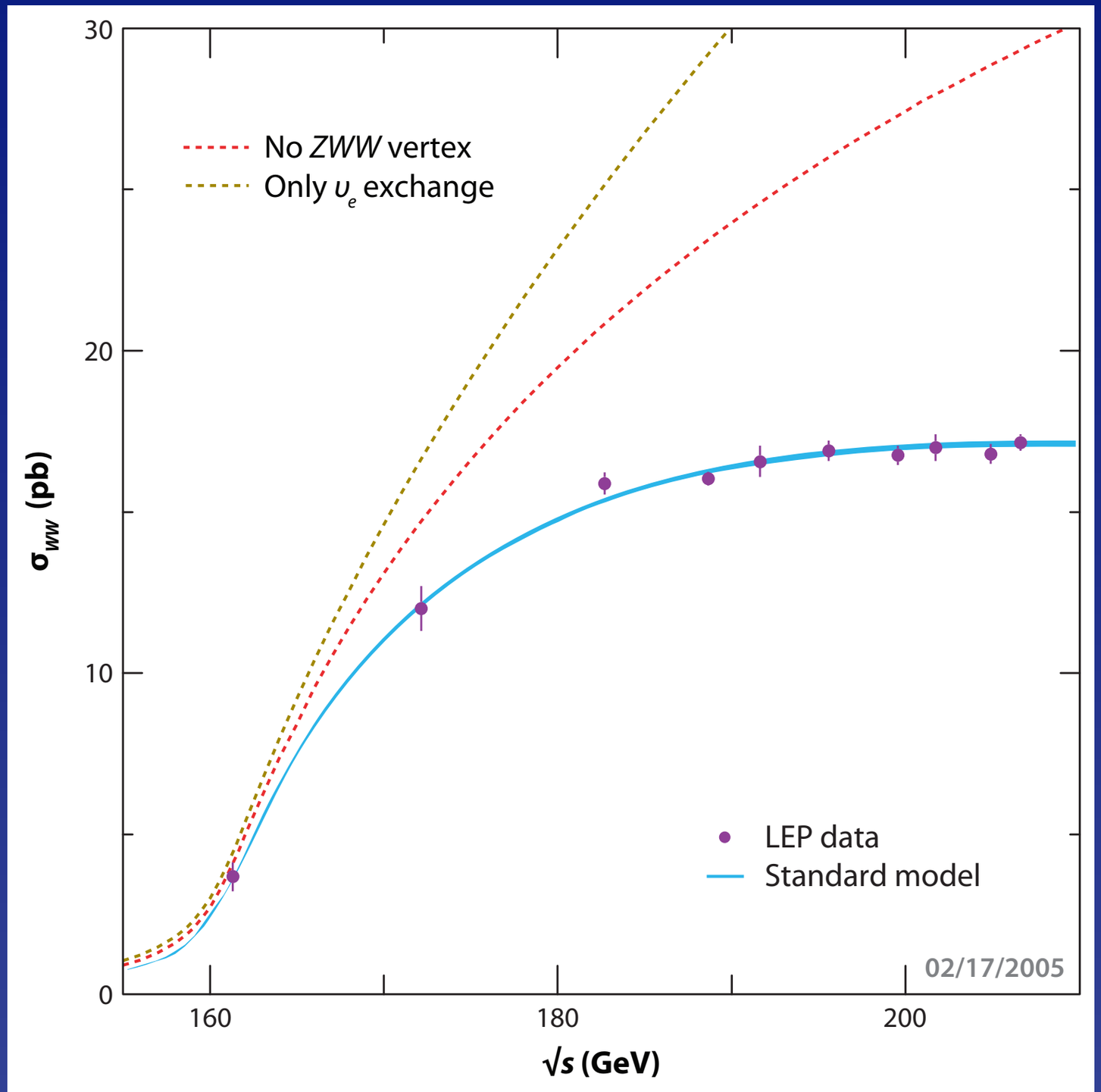
To good approximation …
3-generation V–A
GIM suppresses FCNC
CKM quark-mixing matrix describes CPV

Gauge symmetry validated in $e^+e^- \rightarrow W^+W^-$

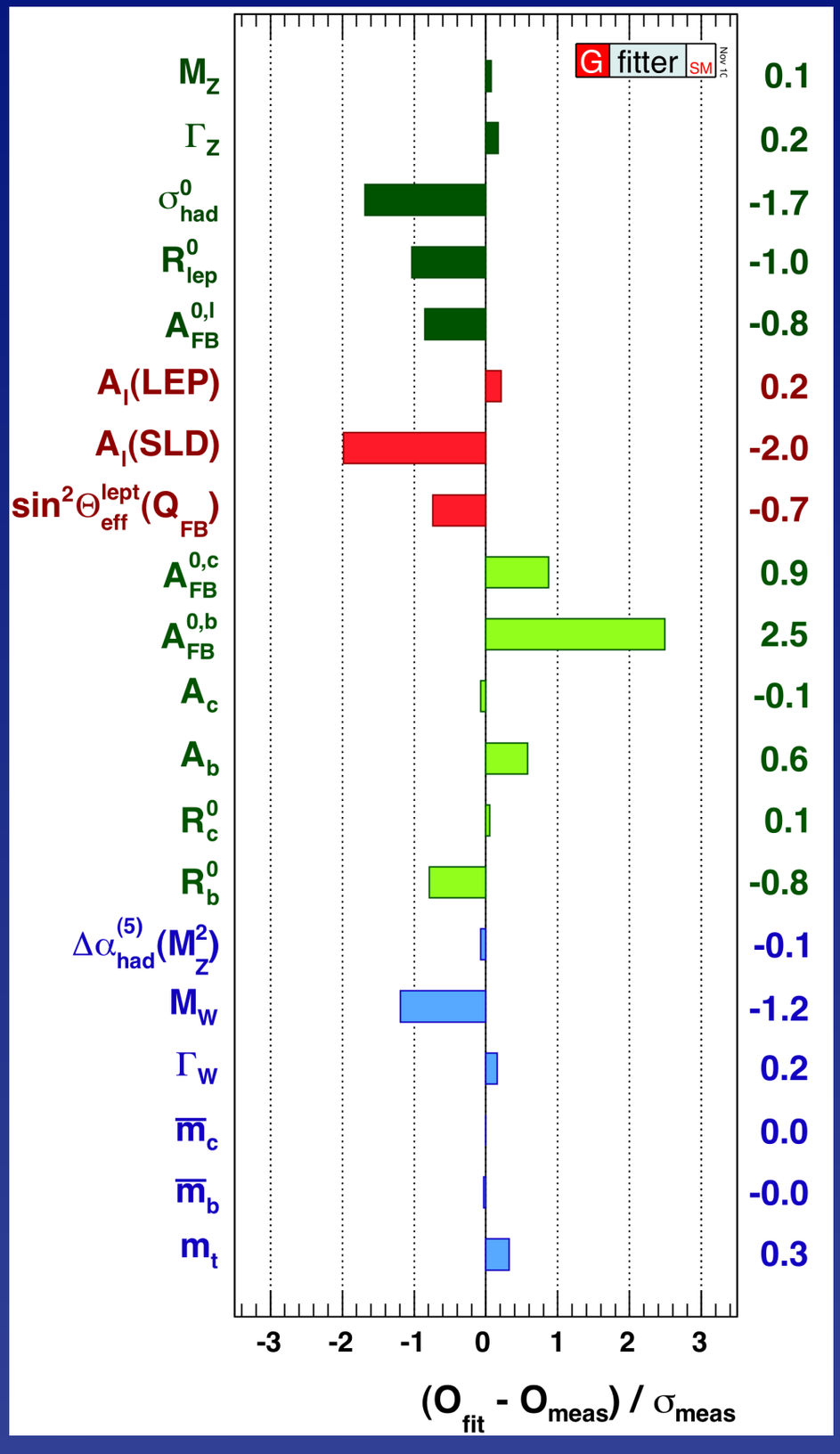
Tested as quantum field theory at per-mille level

Gauge symmetry (group-theory structure) tested in

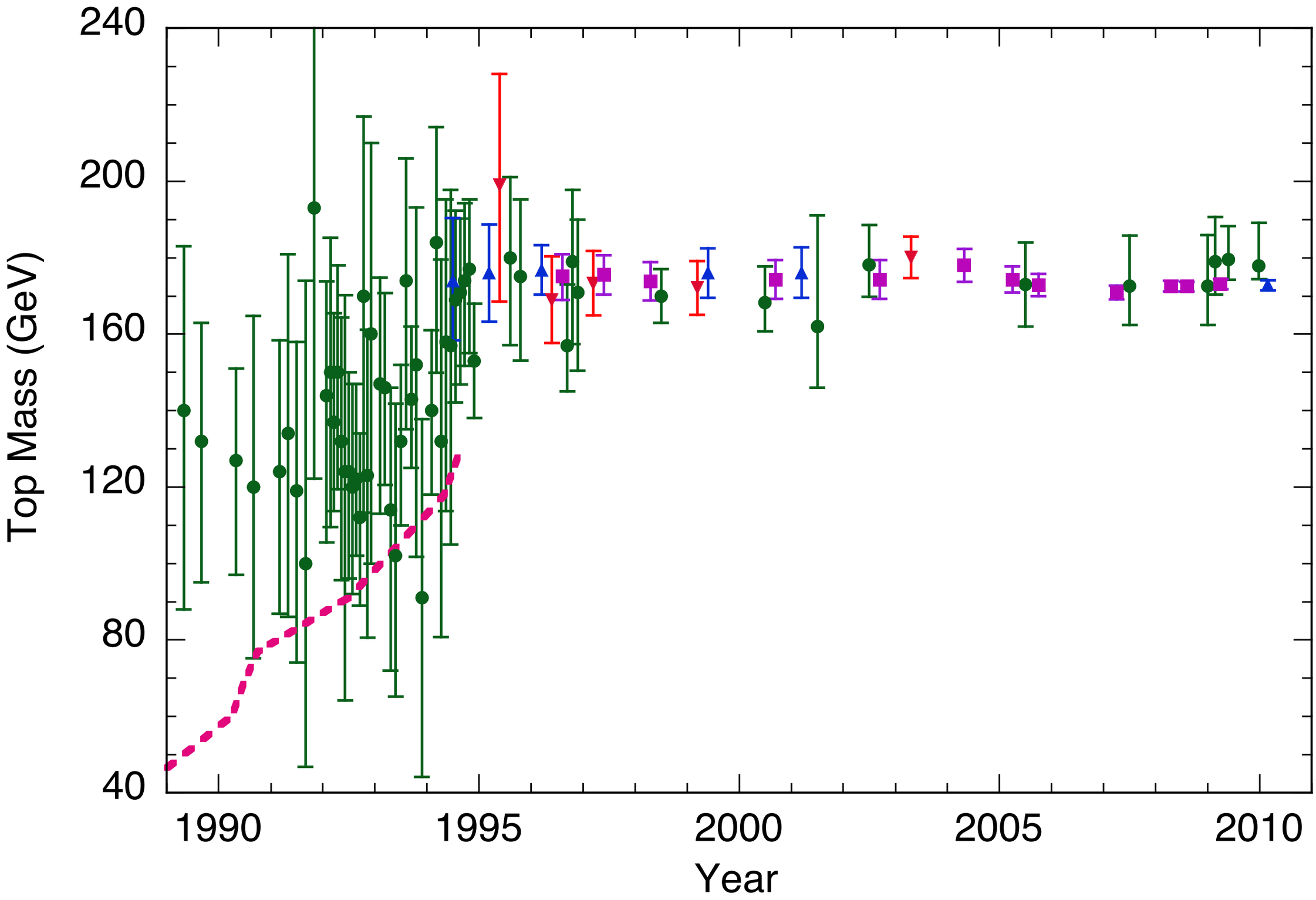
$$e^+e^- \longrightarrow W^+W^-$$



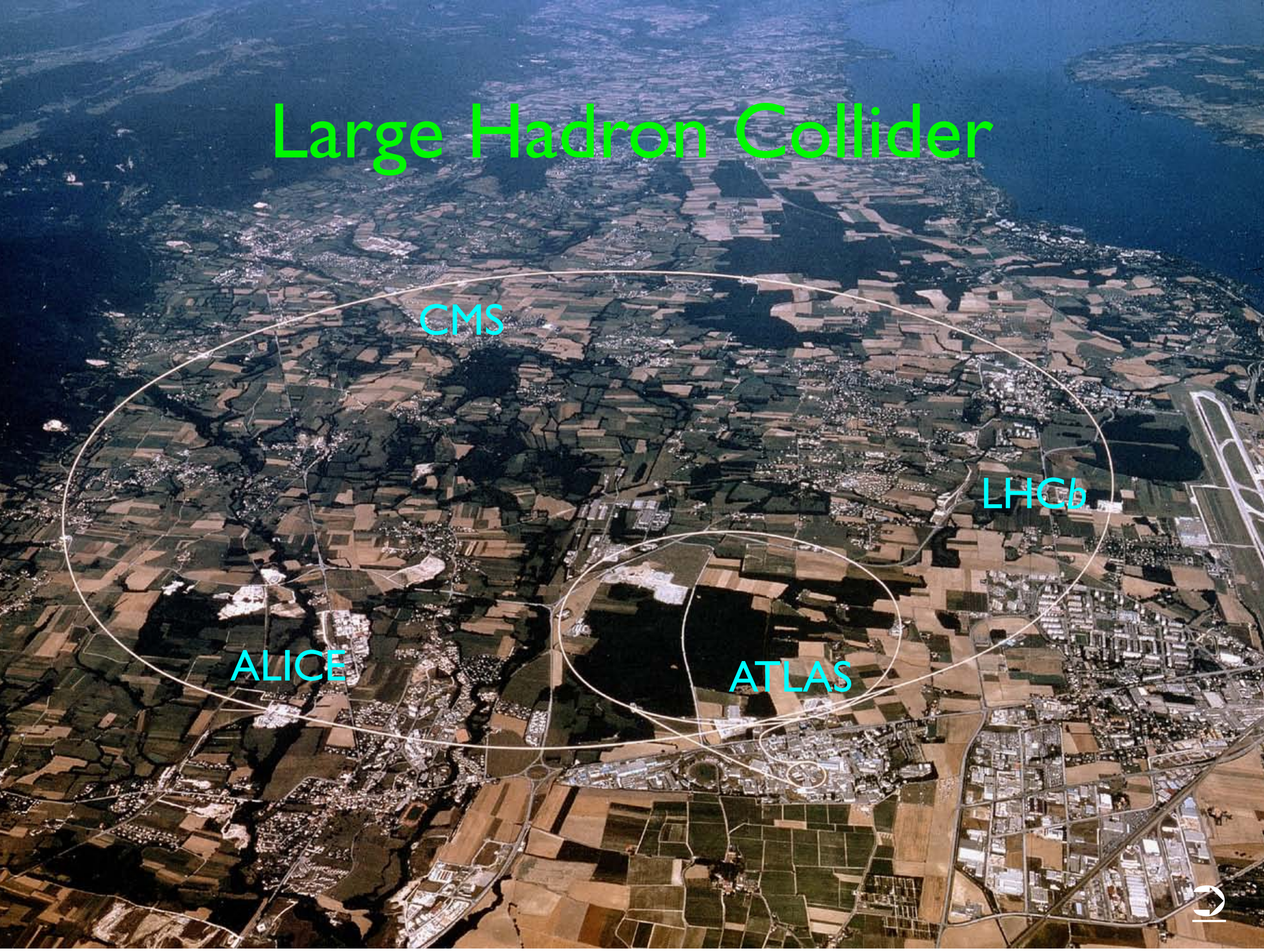
Electroweak Theory Survives Many Tests

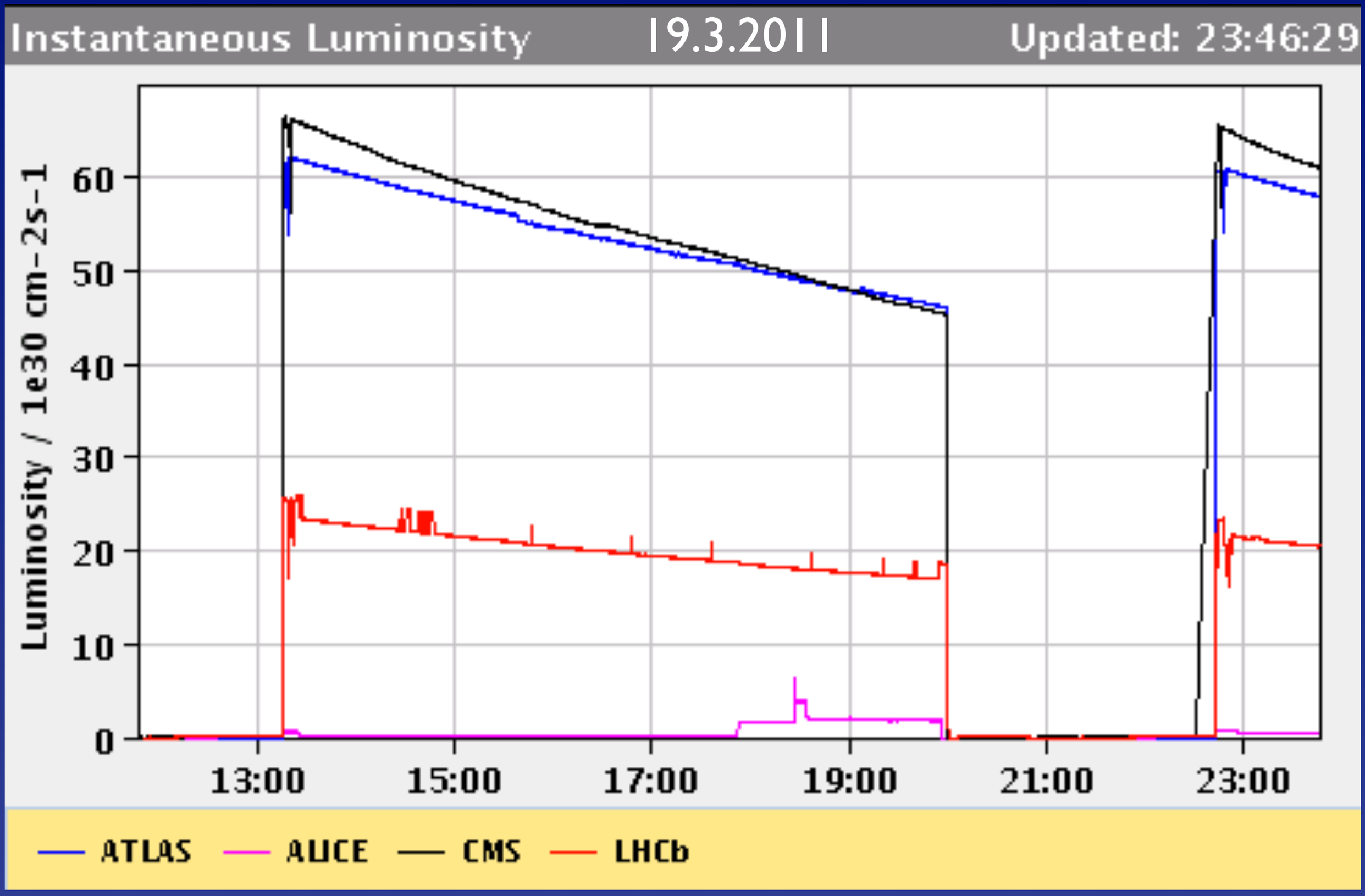


Electroweak Theory Anticipates Discoveries



Large Hadron Collider

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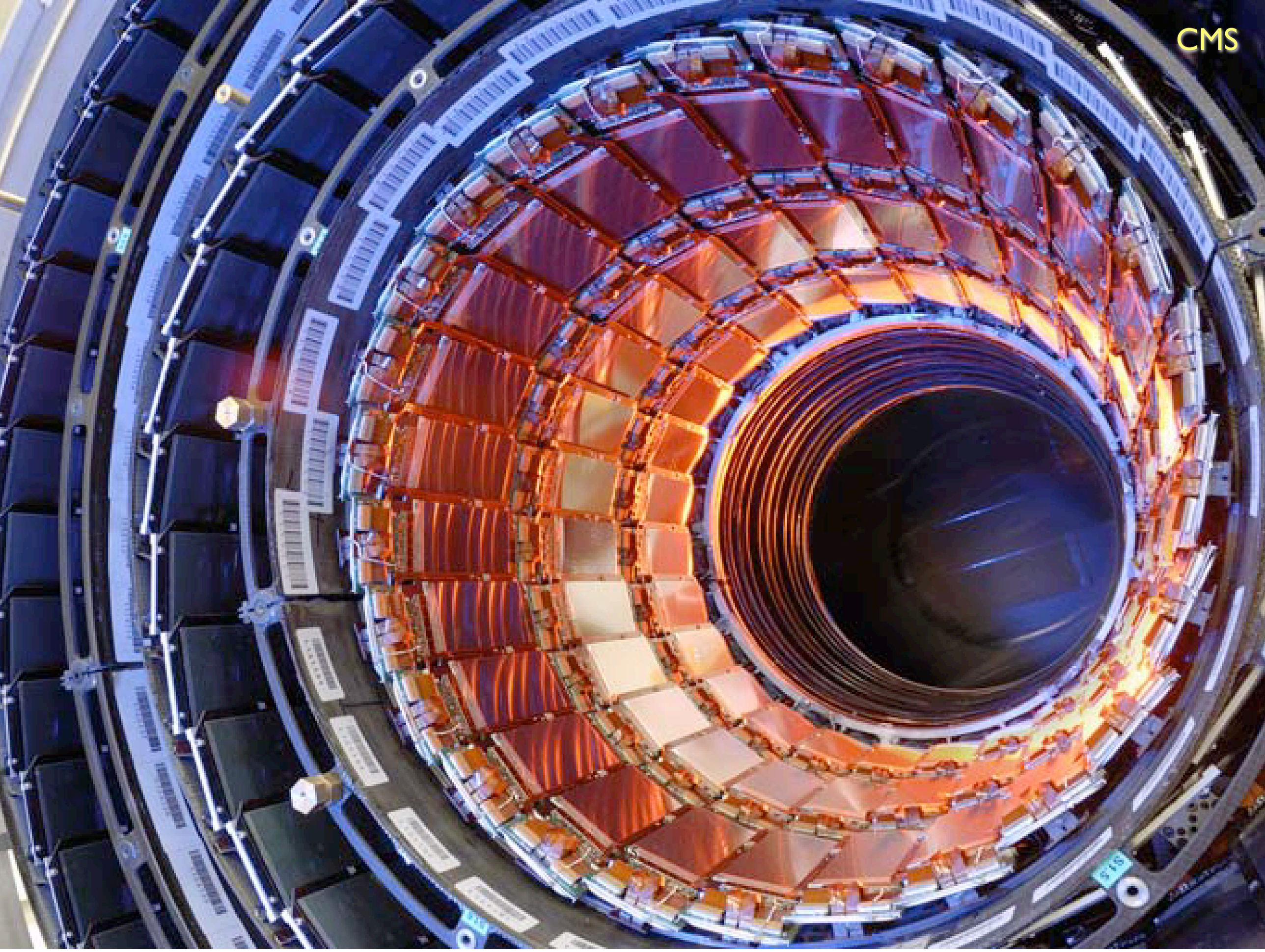
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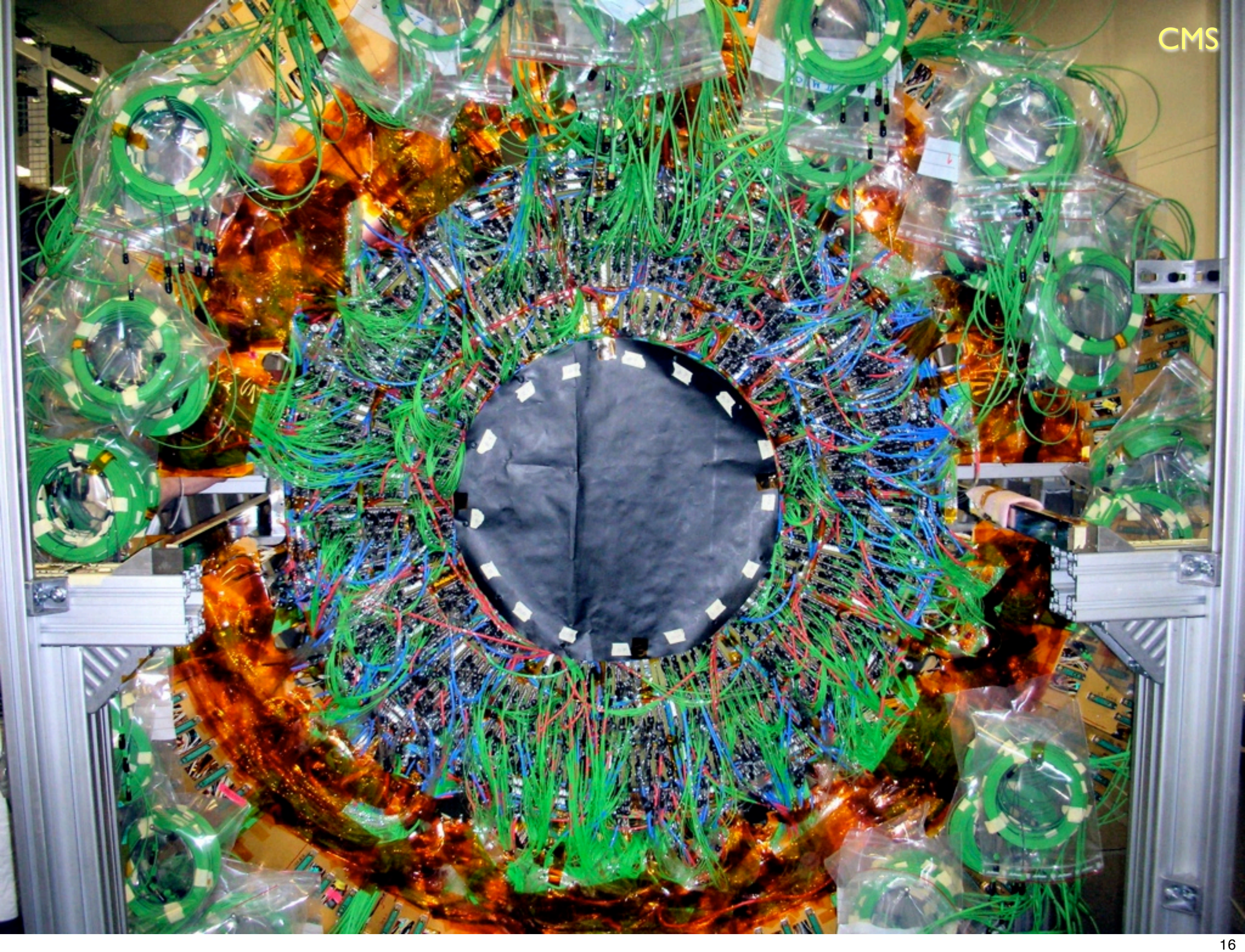
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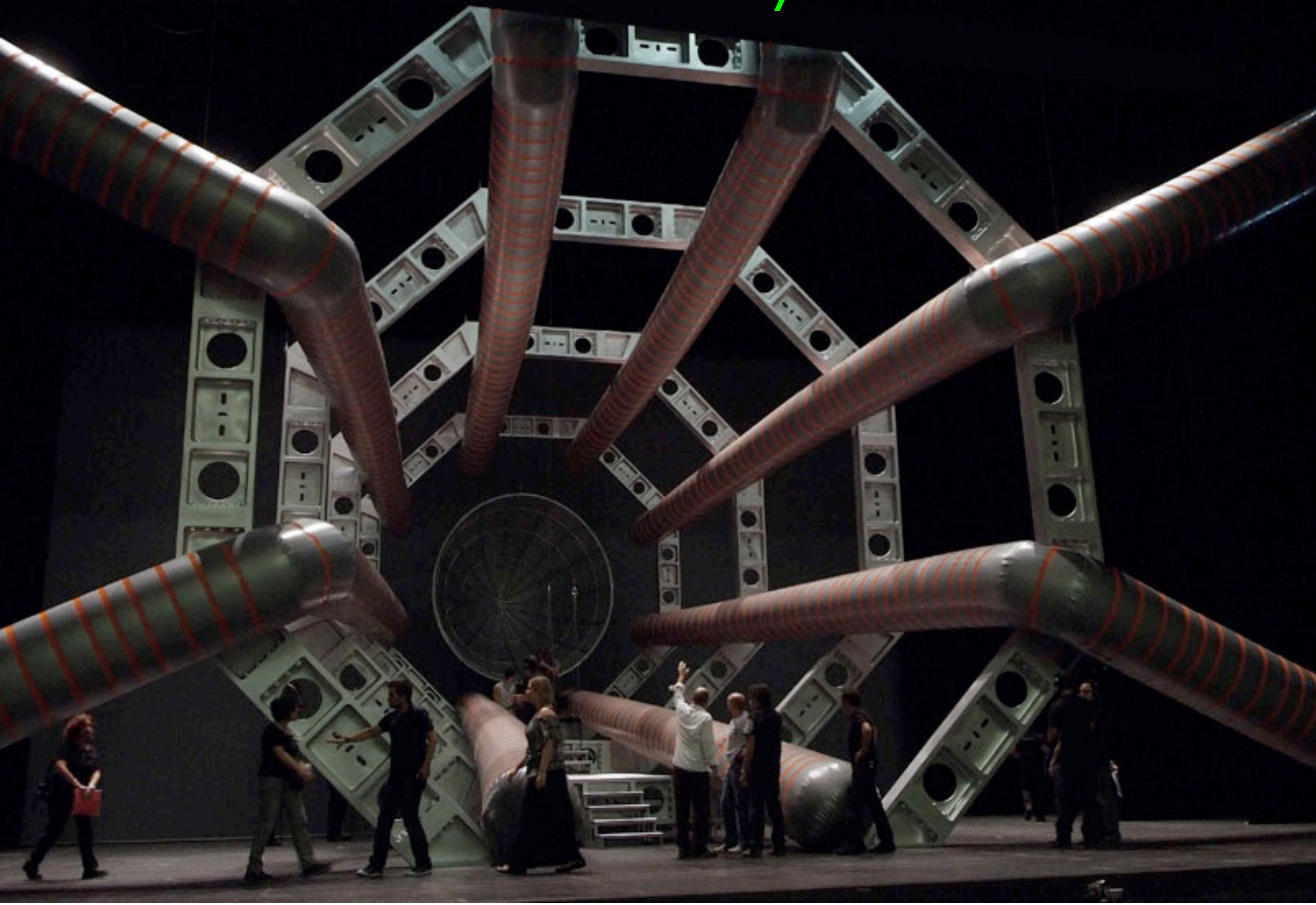
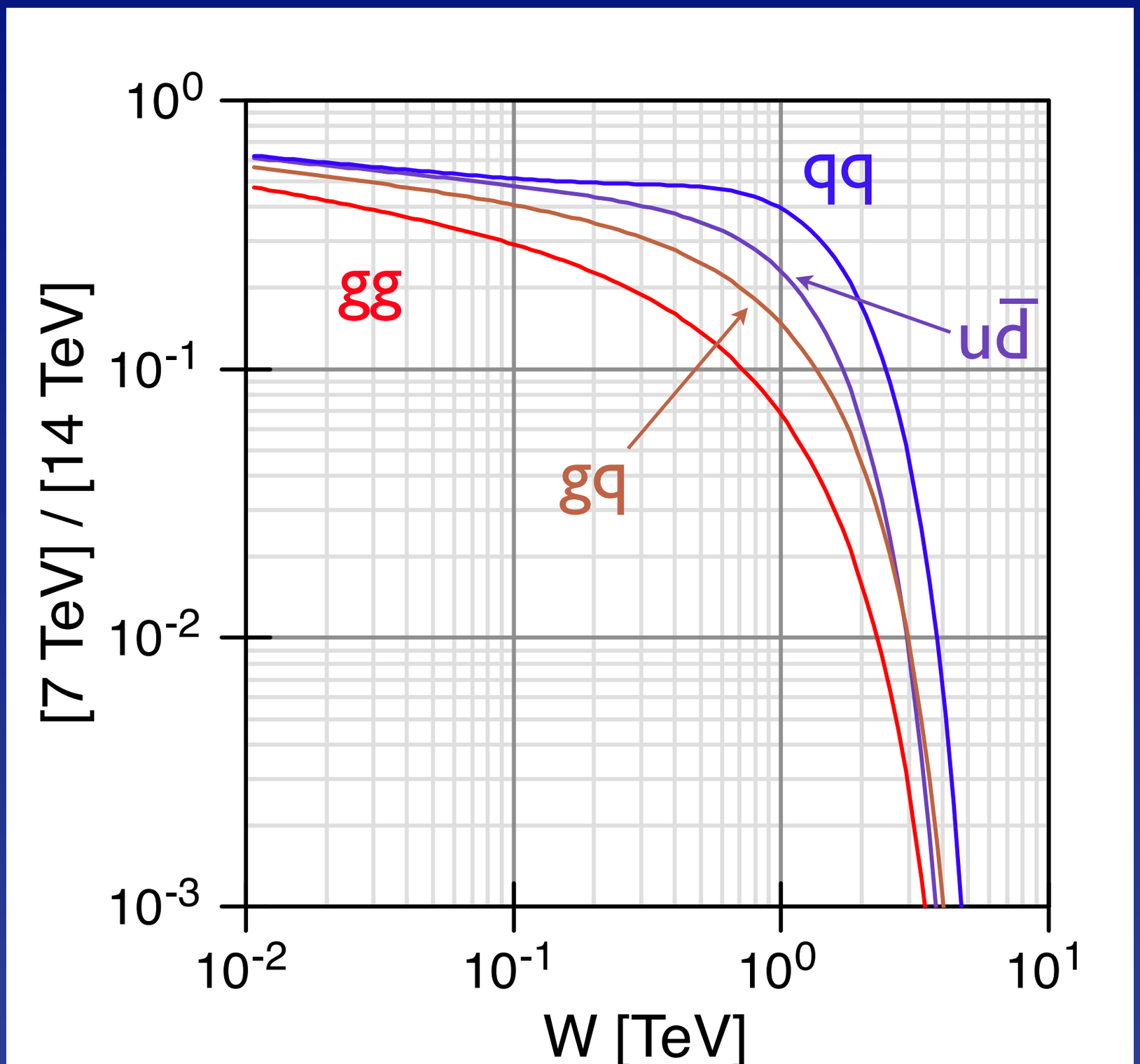


Wonderful progress …
… but miles to go:

Beam energy x 2
Luminosity x 100

Ratios of Parton Luminosities

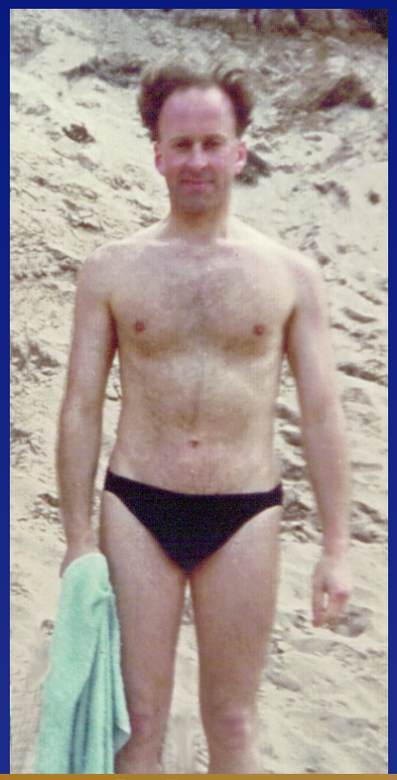


An unknown agent hides electroweak symmetry

- A force of a new character, based on interactions of an elementary scalar
- A new gauge force, perhaps acting on undiscovered constituents
- A residual force that emerges from strong dynamics among electroweak gauge bosons
- An echo of extra spacetime dimensions

Spontaneous Breaking of Gauge Symmetry (1964)

Higgs (then)



Kibble Guralnik Hagen Englert Brout

The Importance of the 1-TeV Scale

EW theory does not predict Higgs-boson mass

Thought experiment: *conditional upper bound*

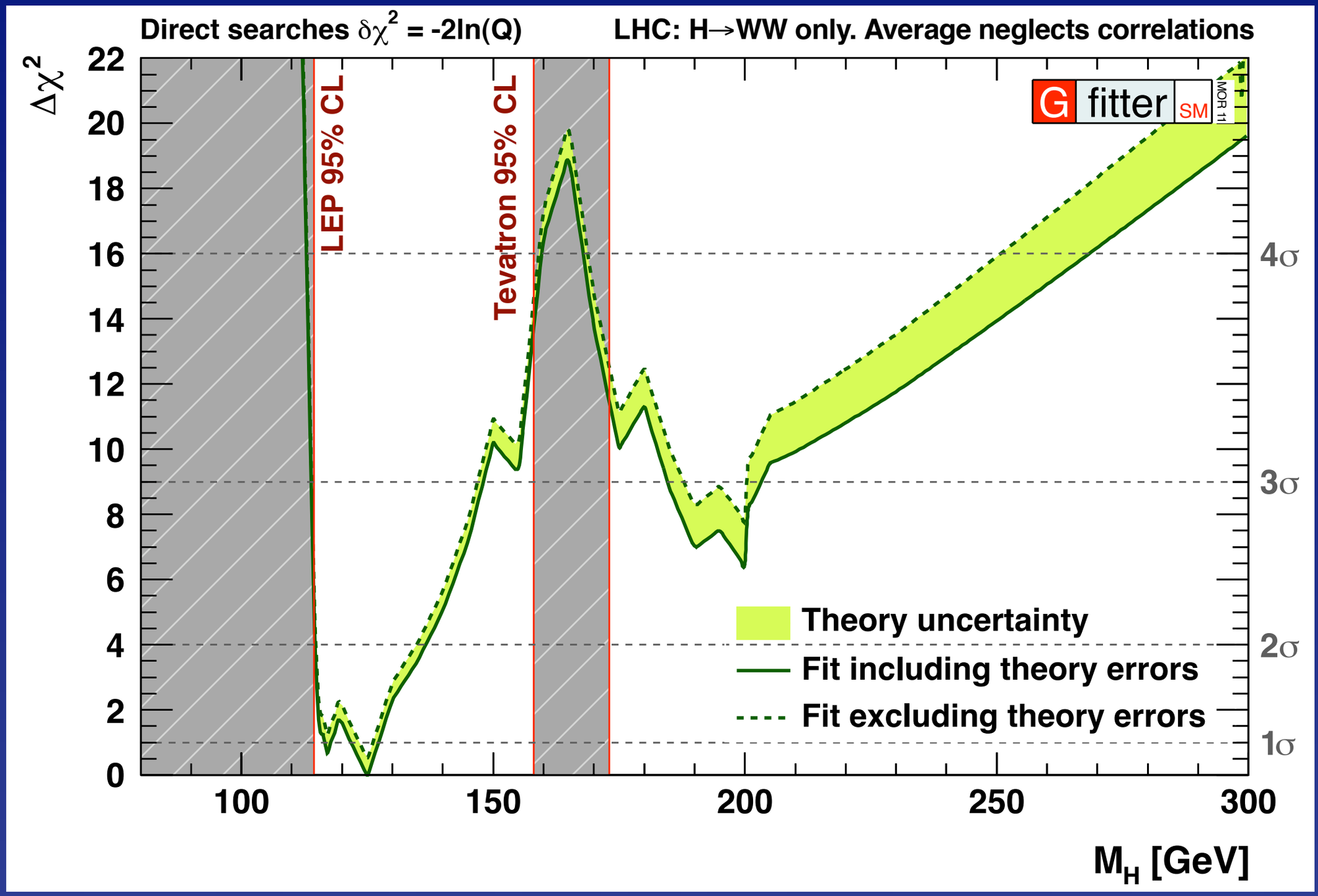
W^+W^-, ZZ, HH, HZ satisfy s-wave unitarity,

provided $M_H \leq (8\pi\sqrt{2}/3G_F)^{1/2} \approx 1$ TeV

- If bound is respected, perturbation theory is "everywhere" reliable
- If not, weak interactions among $W^{\pm}$, Z, H become strong on 1-TeV scale

New phenomena are to be found around 1 TeV

Where the SM Higgs Boson Is Not



BSM: Heavy Higgs allowed, even natural

Challenge: Electroweak Symmetry Breaking

"Higgs boson" couples as expected to *W, Z*

No evidence yet for Higgs-fermion couplings

Spontaneous or Dynamical Symmetry Breaking?
Perturbative or Nonperturbative Dynamics?

The veil that limits our view of other questions
Many questions seem related,
and perhaps related to EWSB

Why will it matter?

Imagine a world without a symmetry-breaking (Higgs) mechanism at the electroweak scale

Without a Higgs mechanism …

Electron and quarks would have no mass

QCD would confine quarks into protons, etc.

Nucleon mass little changed

Surprise: QCD would hide EW symmetry,

give tiny masses to W, Z

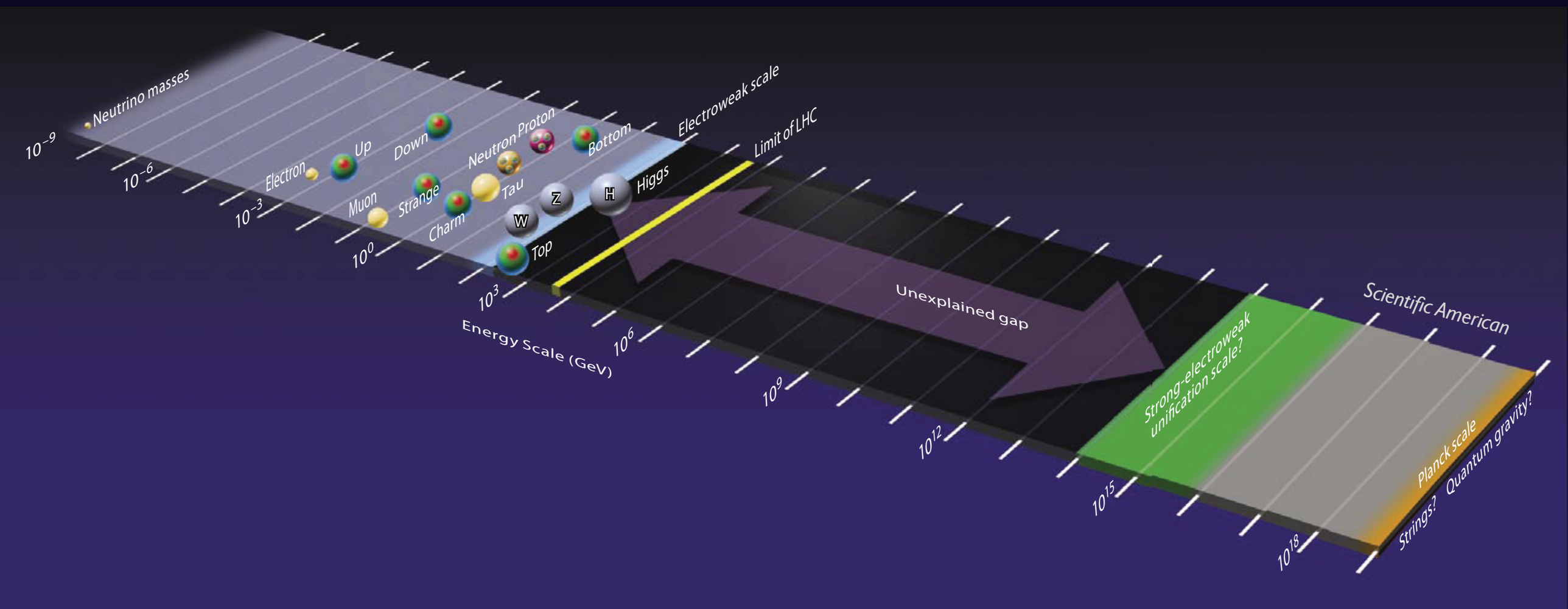
Massless electron: atoms lose integrity

No atoms means no chemistry, no stable composite structures like liquids, solids, …

arXiv:0901.3958

Does M_H < 1 TeV make sense?

The peril of quantum corrections



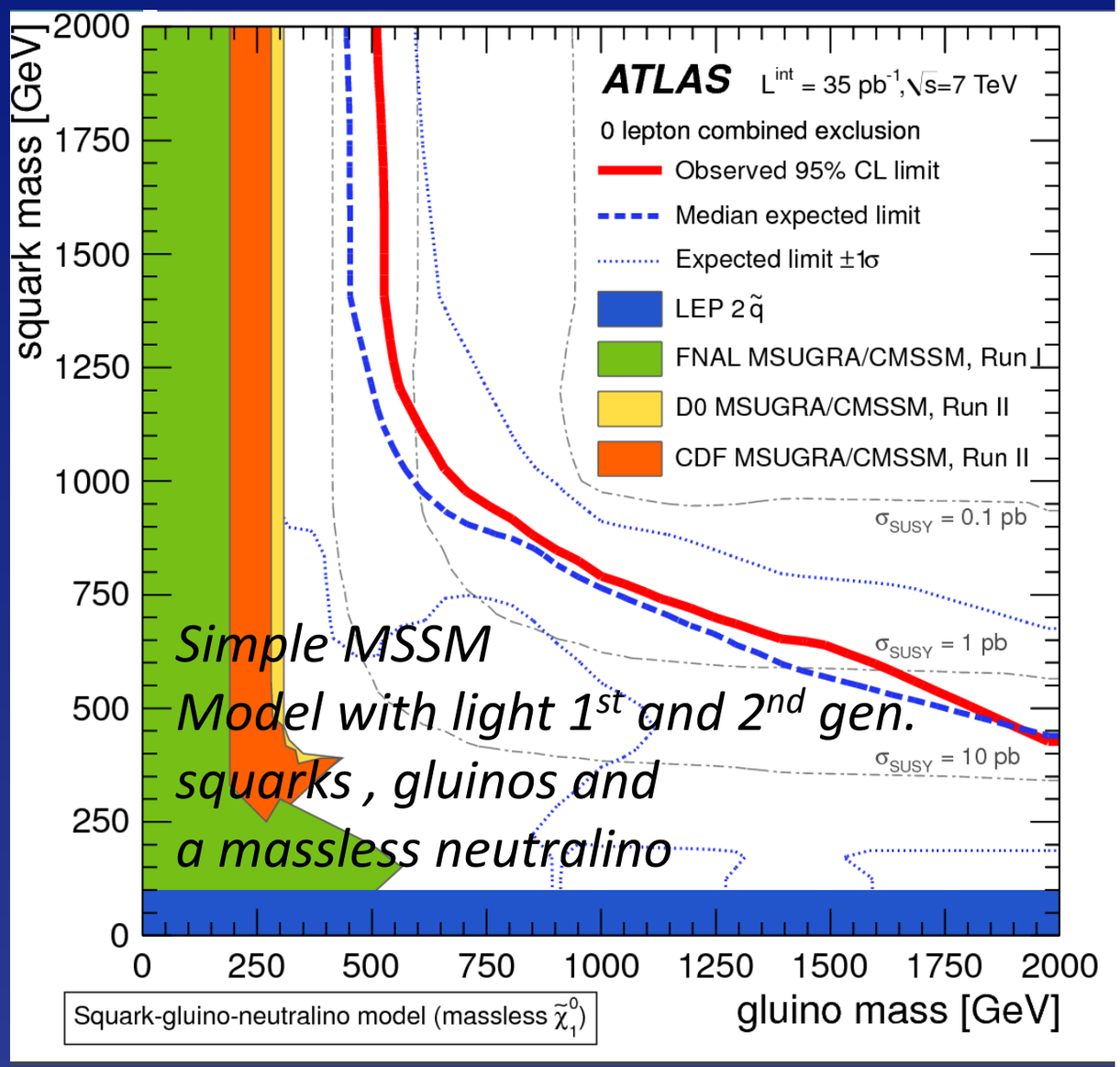
Puzzle #1: Expect New Physics on TeV scale
to stabilize Higgs mass, solve hierarchy problem,
but no sign of FCNC

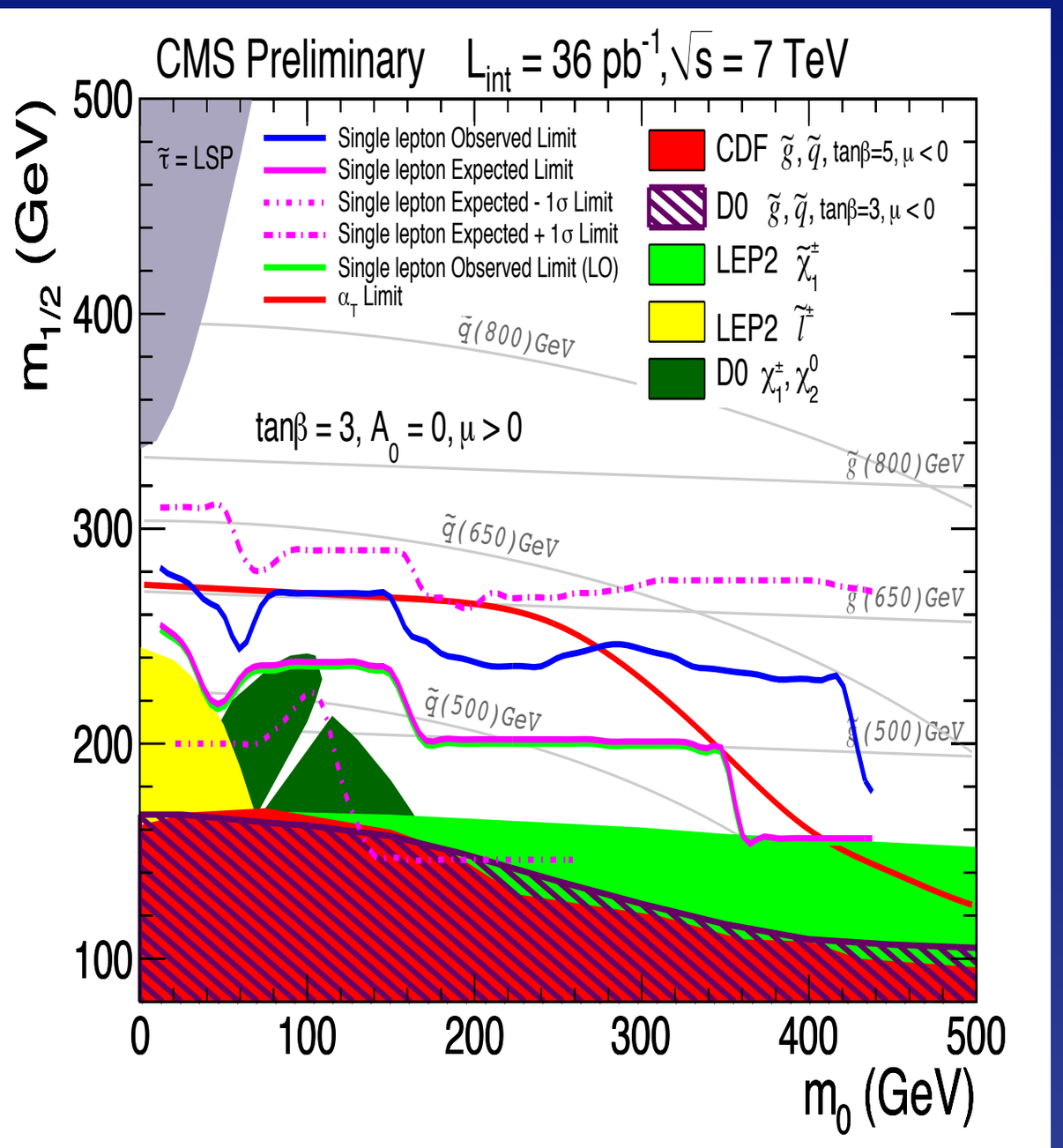
Minimal flavor violation a name, not yet an answer

Great interest in searches for
forbidden or suppressed processes

Puzzle #2: Expect New Physics on TeV scale
to stabilize Higgs mass, solve hierarchy problem,
but no quantitative failures of EW theory

Supersymmetry is hiding very effectively





… and nothing else has turned up in early running

Several persistent tensions in flavor sector

New physics in B mixing?

4th generation?
Supersymmetry?
Extra dimensions?
… ?

"It is a part of probability that many improbable things will happen."
— George Eliot (after Aristotle), *Daniel Deronda*

$|V_{ub}|$ comparisons

Latest combined fit to data,lattice $B \to \pi \ell \nu$ $(2.95 \pm 0.31) \times 10^{-3}$

Inclusive, PDG2010 average: $b \to u \ell \nu$ $(4.37 \pm 0.39) \times 10^{-3}$

$\Big\} 2.7\sigma$

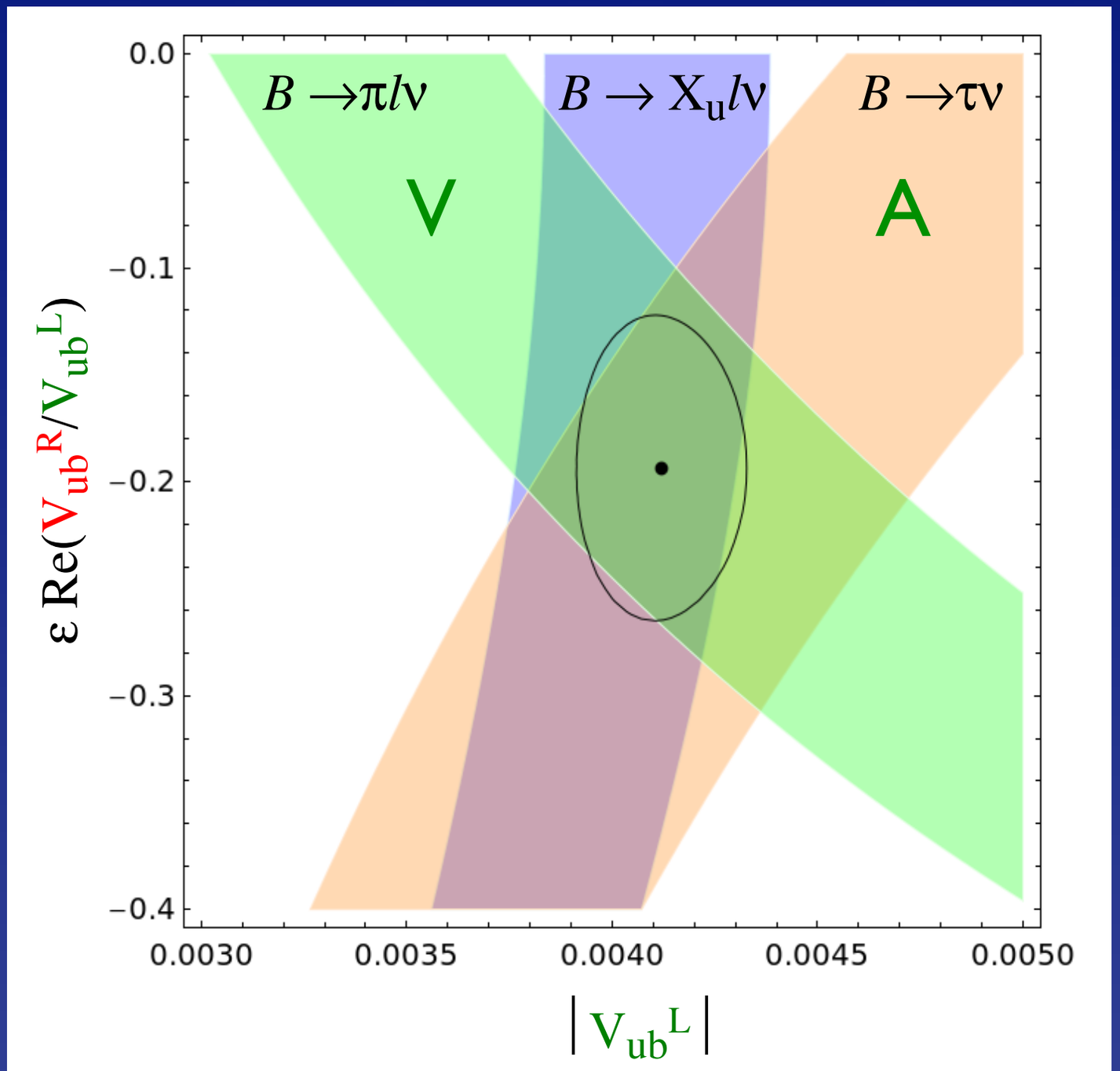
Difference is a problem and perhaps should be identified as an unattributed uncertainty

- work of multiple experiments, multiple theoretical groups.
- exclusive result relies on non-perturbative normalization input
- inclusive result uses m_b, non-perturbative extrapolations and perturbative corrections

Predictions from CKM fits:

UTFit	**3.48±0.16**	**(ICHEP 2008)**
CKMFitter	**$3.51 \pm {}^{0.15}_{0.16}$**	**(Beauty 2009)**

Resolution by RH current?



Buras/Gemmler/Isidori 1007.1993

Tevatron puzzles:

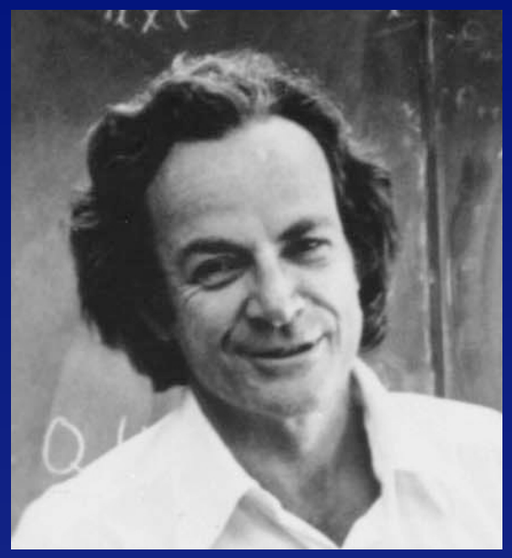
DØ Dimuon Charge Asymmetry
CDF top-pair FB Asymmetry

Andy Weiler asked,

Can we have a sensible
flavor sector without an (elementary) Higgs?

Perhaps we should also ask,

Can we have a sensible
flavor sector *with* an elementary Higgs?



Why does the muon weigh?

gauge symmetry allows

$$\zeta_e \left[(\overline{e_{\mathsf{L}}} \Phi) e_{\mathsf{R}} + \overline{e_{\mathsf{R}}} (\Phi^\dagger e_{\mathsf{L}}) \right] \rightsquigarrow m_e = \zeta_e v/\sqrt{2}$$

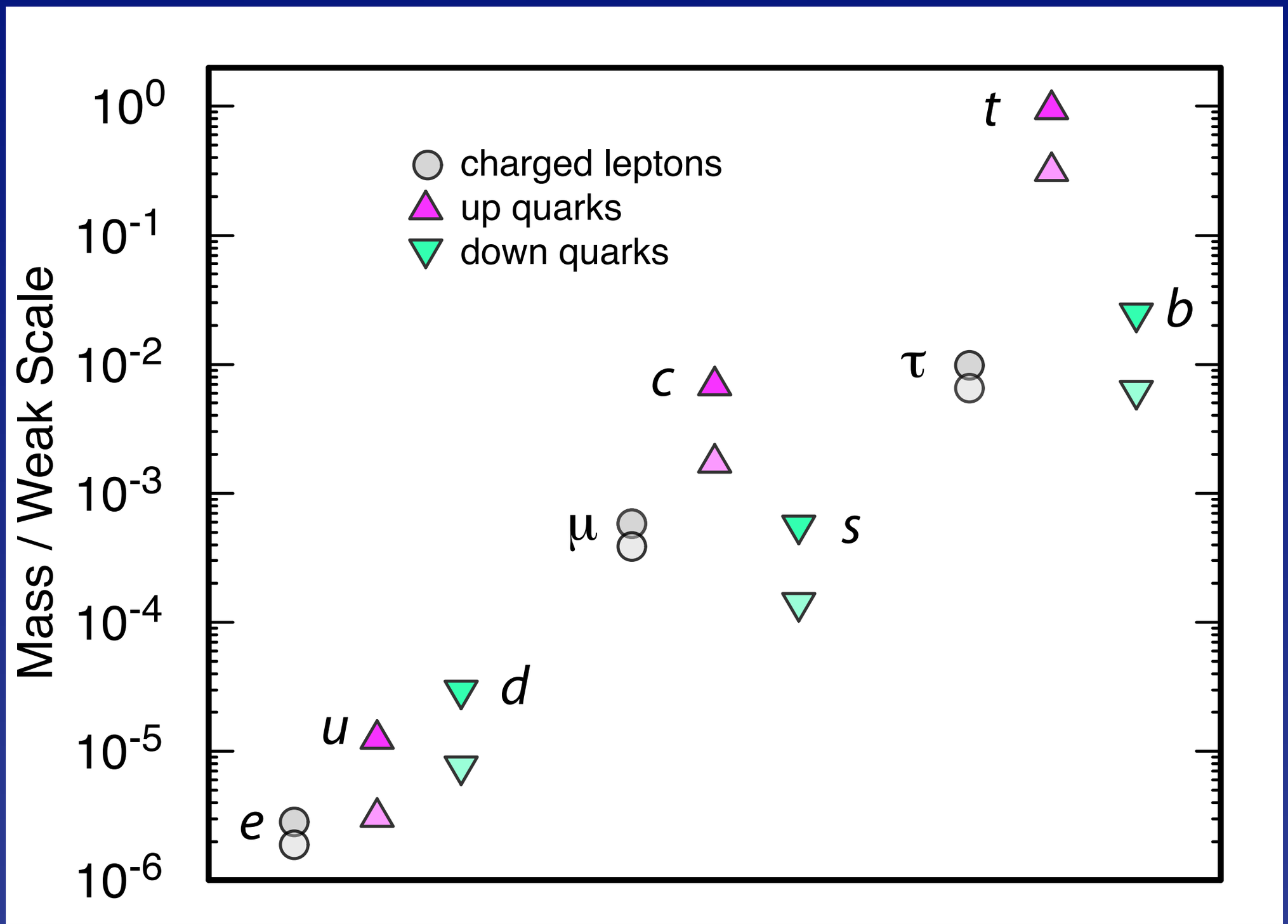
after SSB

What does the muon weigh?

ζ_e : picked to give right mass, not predicted

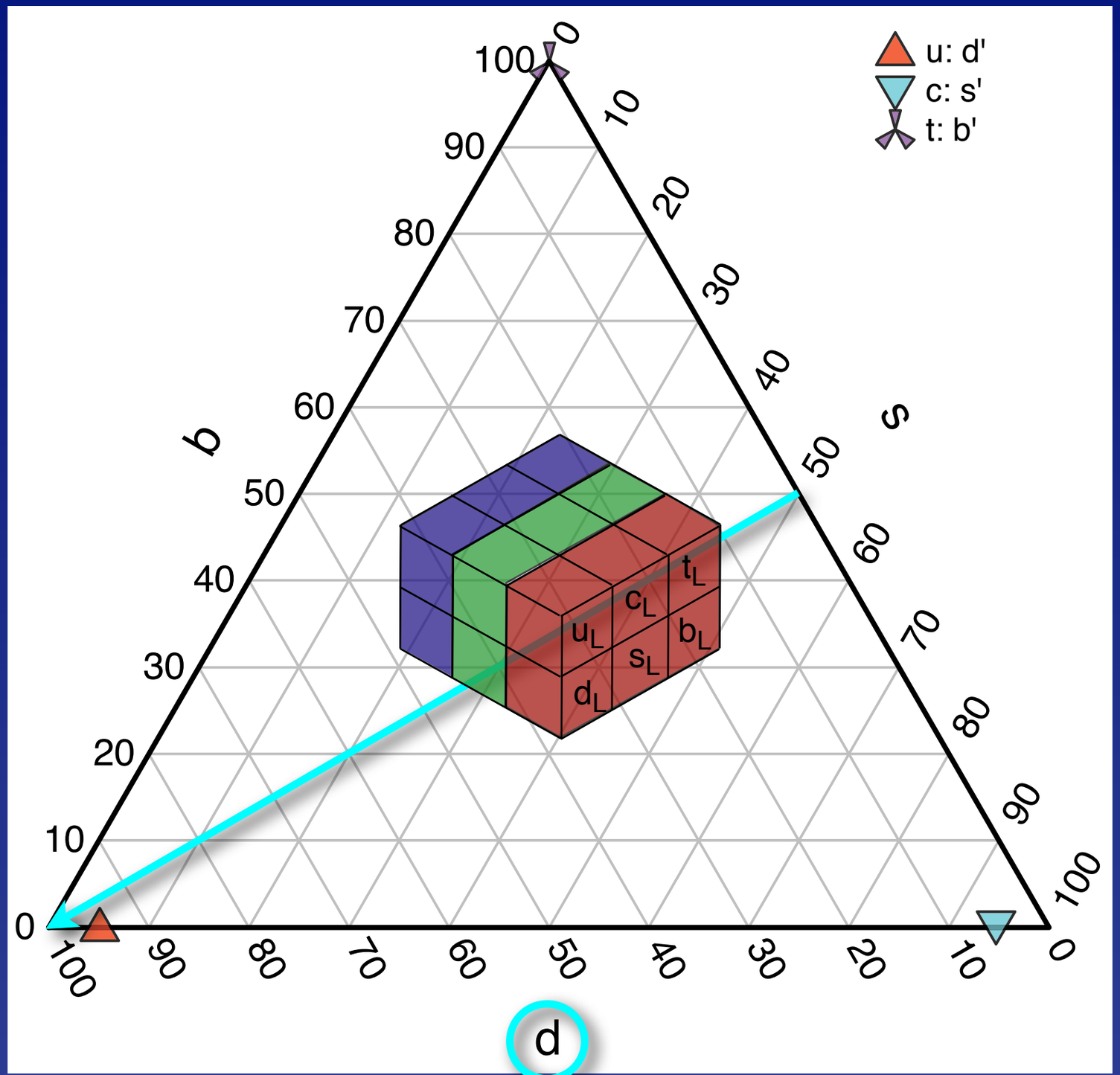
fermion mass implies physics beyond the standard model

Fermion Masses



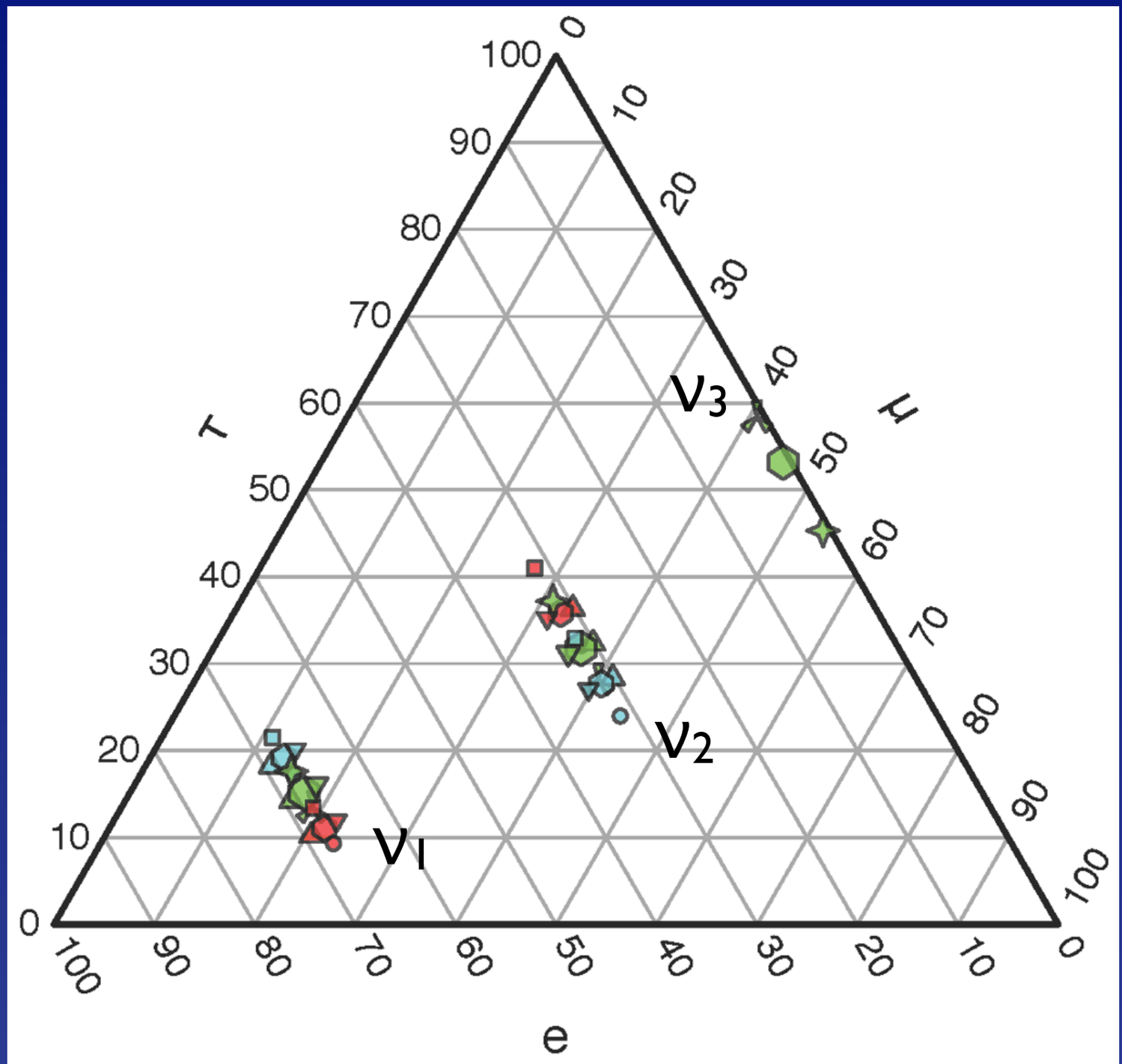
Running mass $m(m)$ … $m(U)$

Quark family patterns: *generations*



Veltman: Higgs boson knows something we don't know!

Neutrino family patterns



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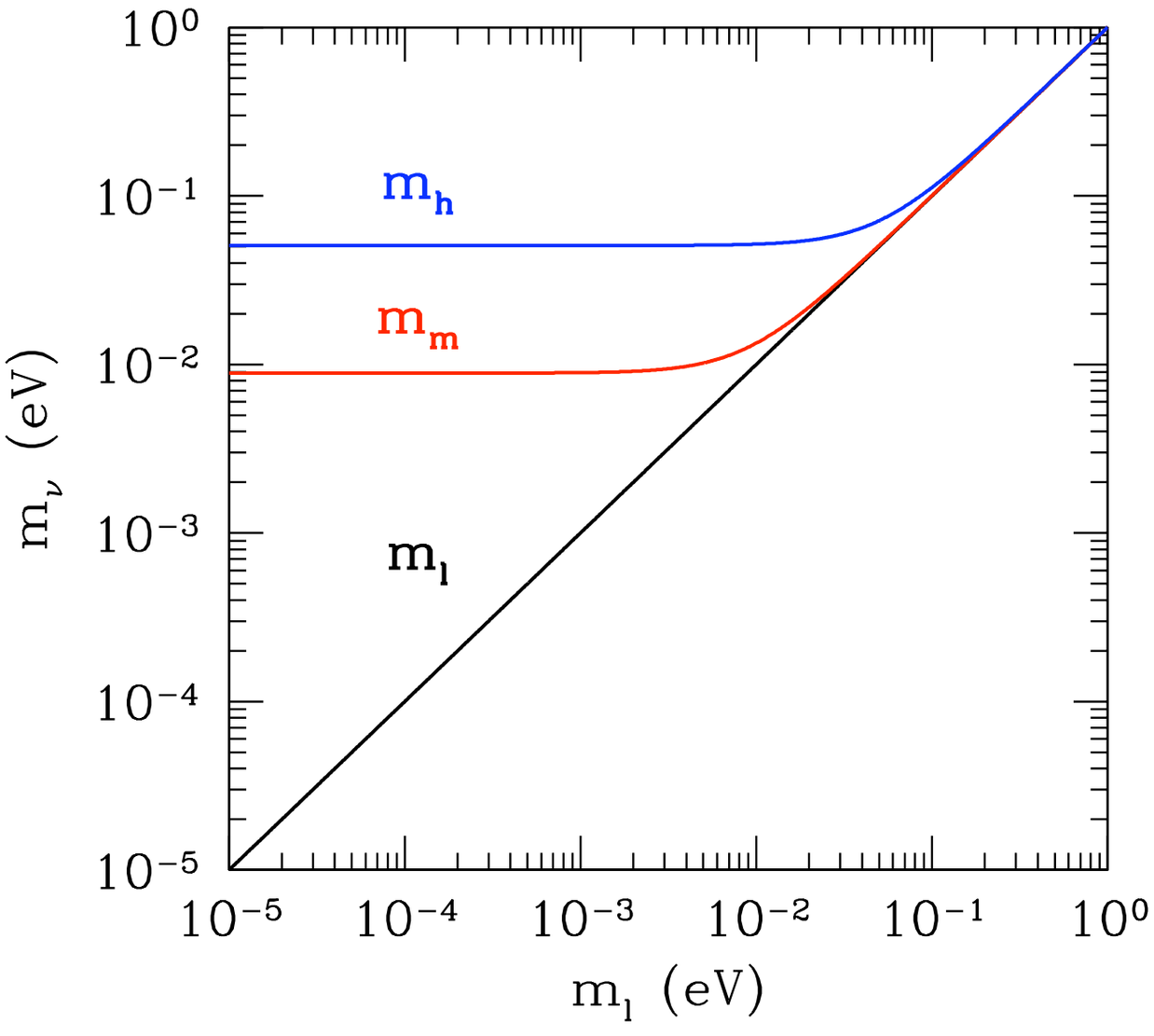
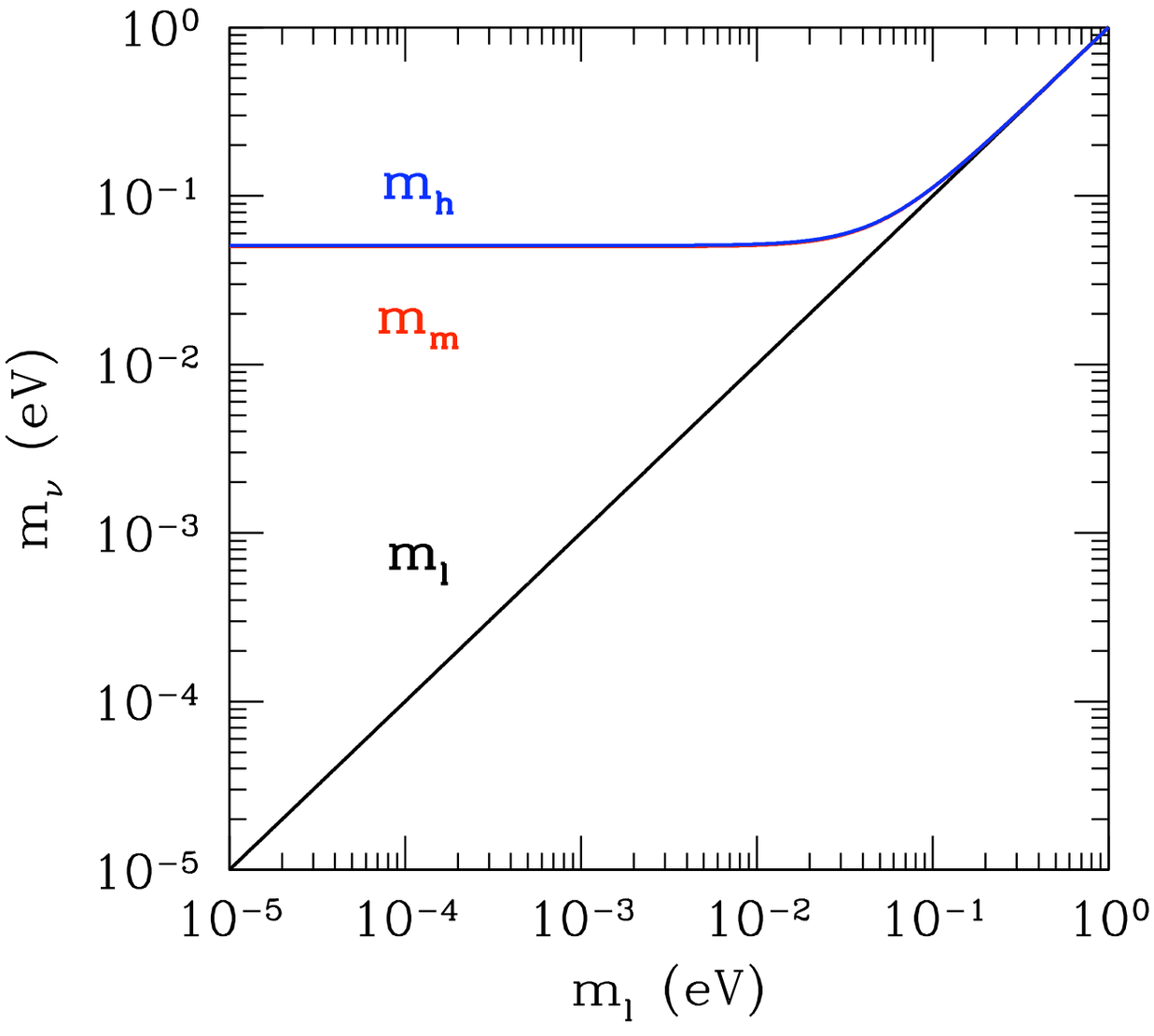




Will the fermion masses and mixings reveal symmetries or dynamics or principles?

What is CP violation trying to tell us?

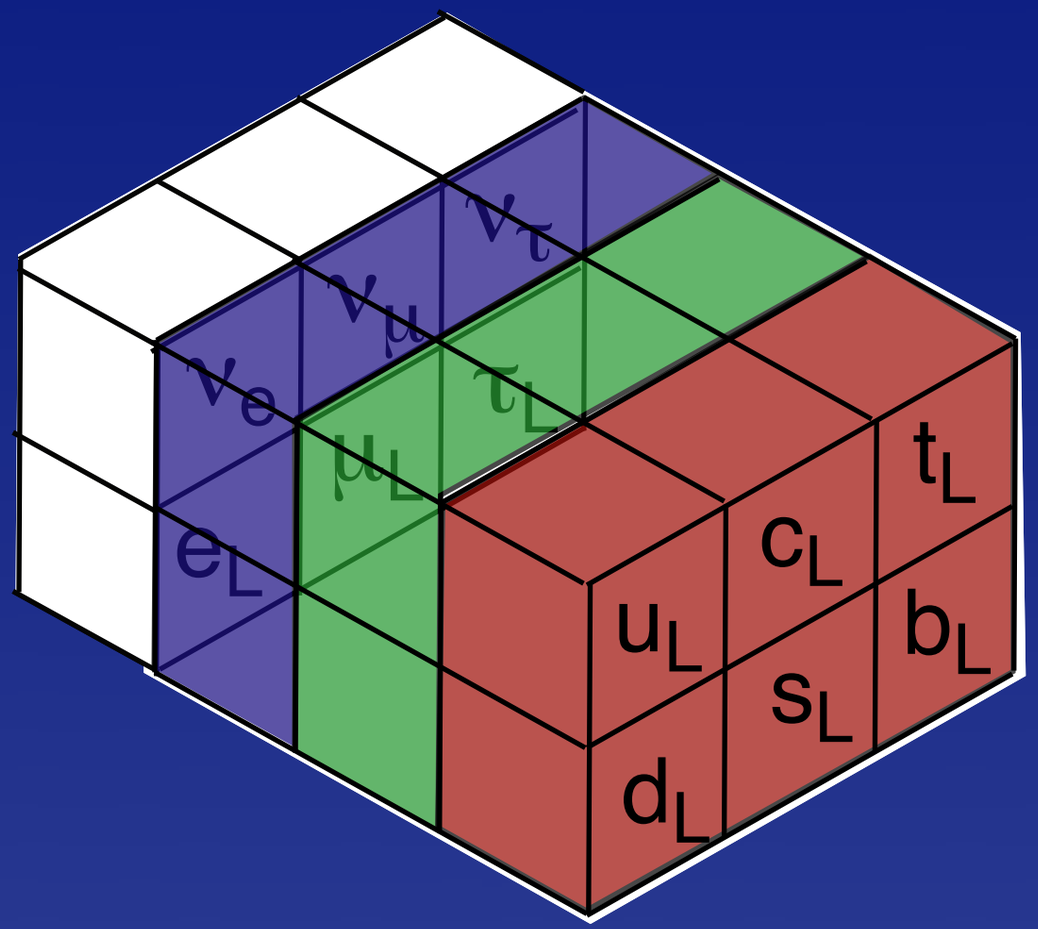
Some questions now seem to us the wrong questions:
Kepler's obsession – Why six planets in those orbits?

Landscape interpretation as environmental parameters

Might still hope to find equivalent of Kepler's Laws!

A Unified Theory?

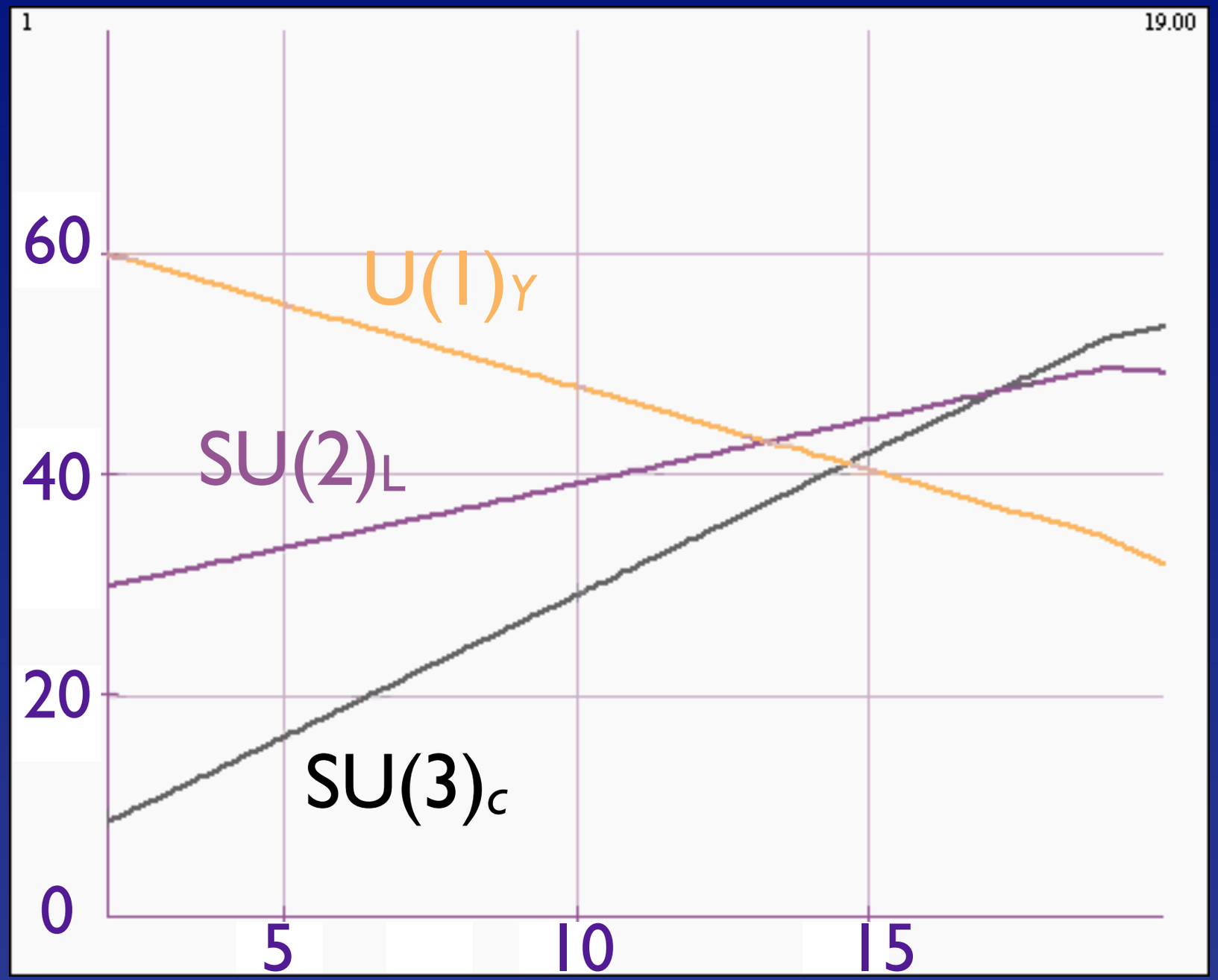
Why are atoms so remarkably neutral?



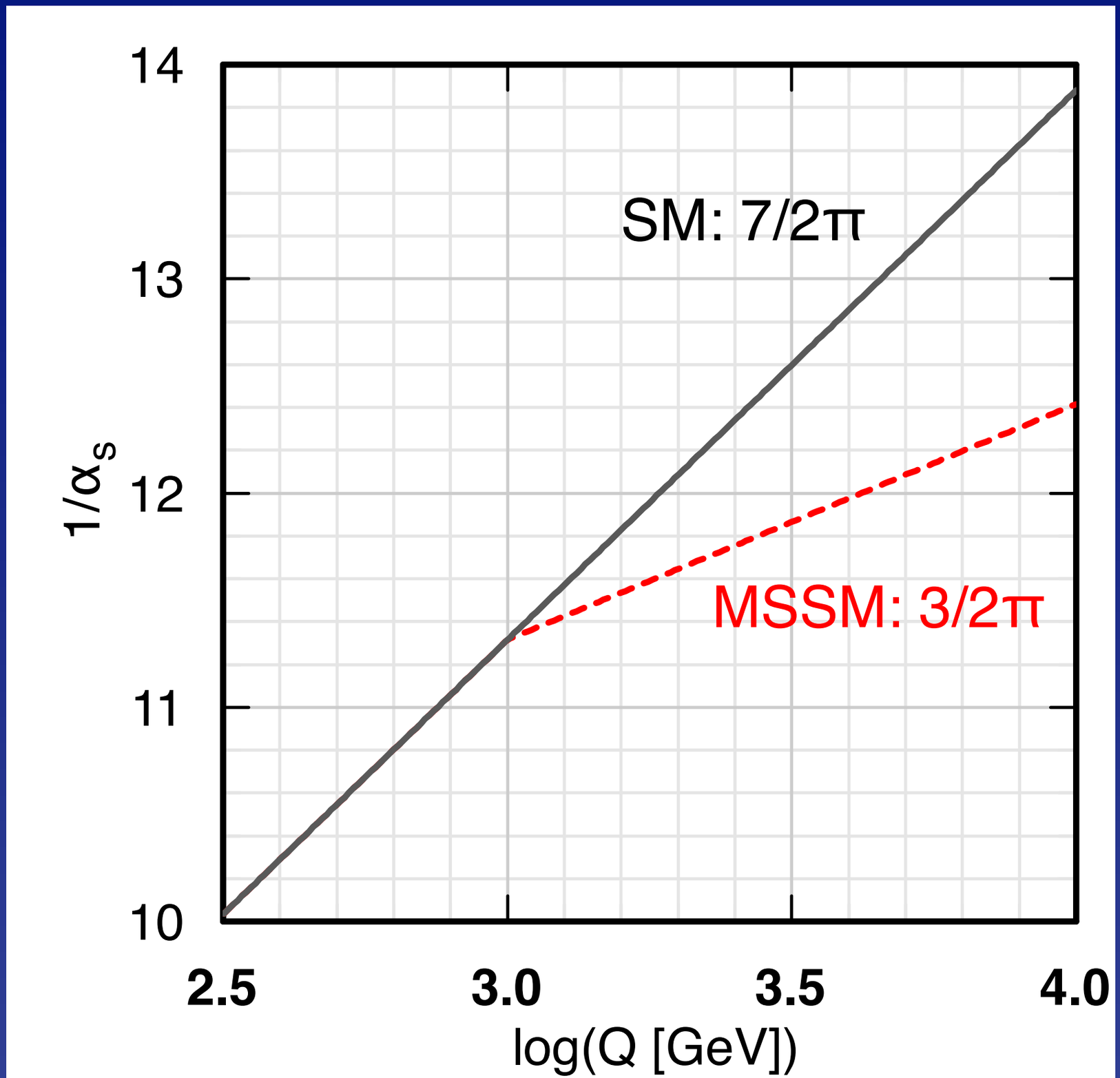
Coupling constant unification?

Extended quark–lepton families:
proton decay!

Unification of Forces?



Might LHC see the change in evolution?



An electroweak challenge:

Why is empty space so nearly massless?

Gravitational ep interaction $\approx 10^{-41}$ EM

But gravity is not always negligible …

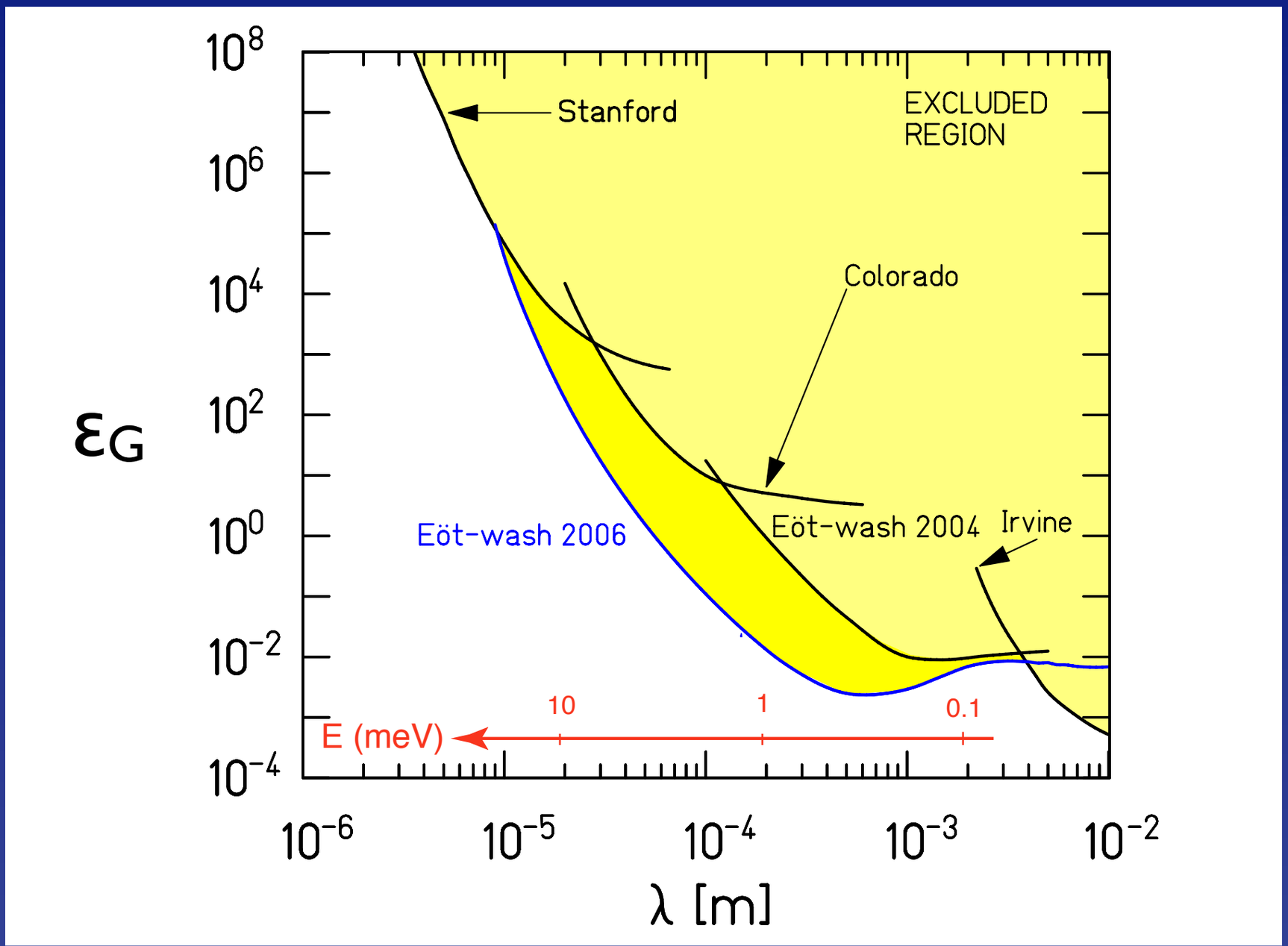
Higgs field contributes uniform vacuum energy density

$$\varrho_H \equiv \frac{M_H^2 v^2}{8} \geq 10^8 \text{ GeV}^4 \quad \approx 10^{28} \text{ g/liter}$$

$$\text{Critical density } \varrho_c \equiv \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G_{\text{Newton}}} \lesssim 10^{-26} \text{ g/liter}$$

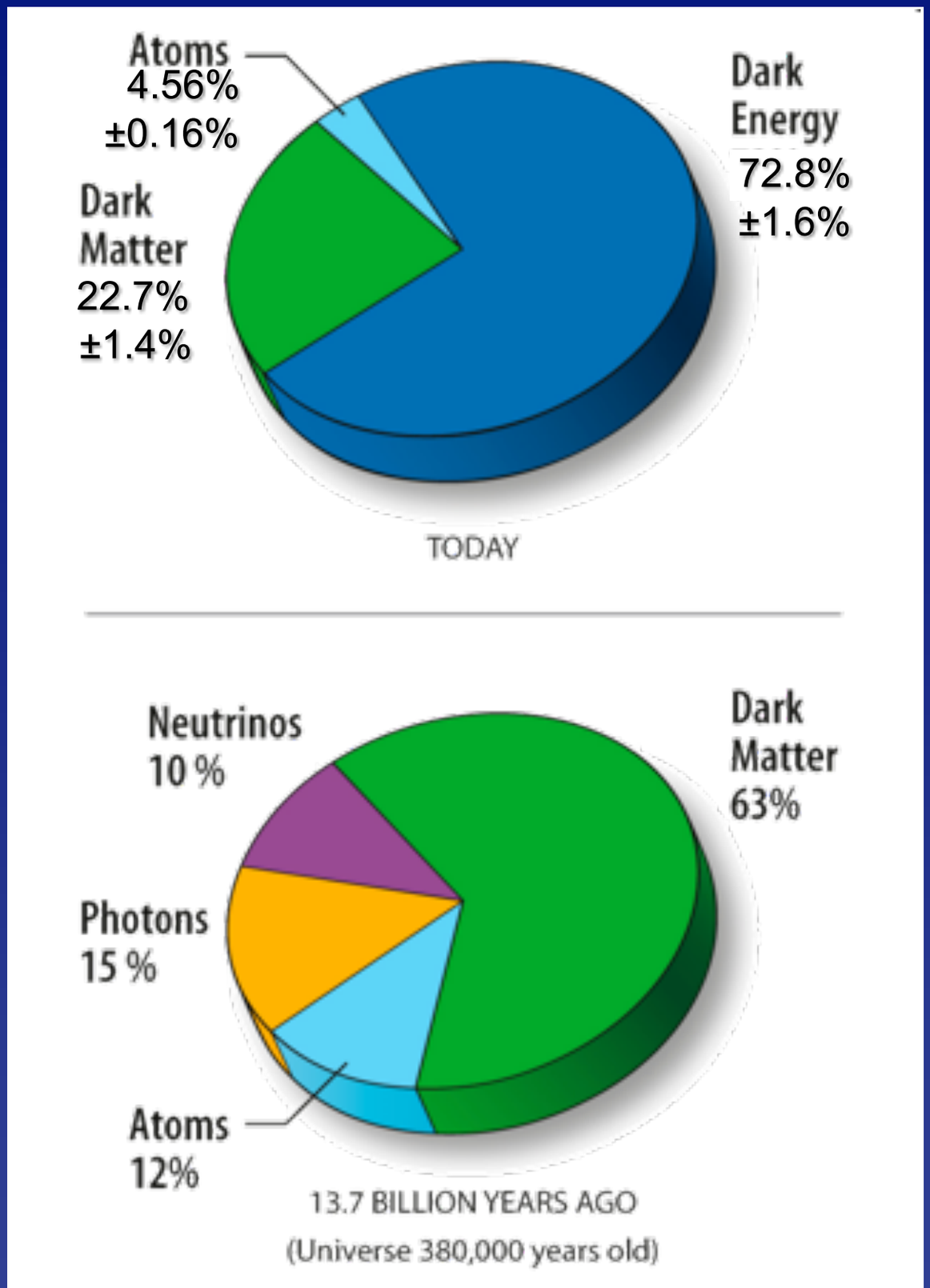
Gravity follows Newtonian force law down to ≲ 1 mm

$$V(r) = -\int dr_1 \int dr_2 \frac{G_{\text{Newton}}\rho(r_1)\rho(r_2)}{r_{12}} \left[1 + \varepsilon_{\text{G}} \exp(-r_{12}/\lambda_{\text{G}})\right]$$



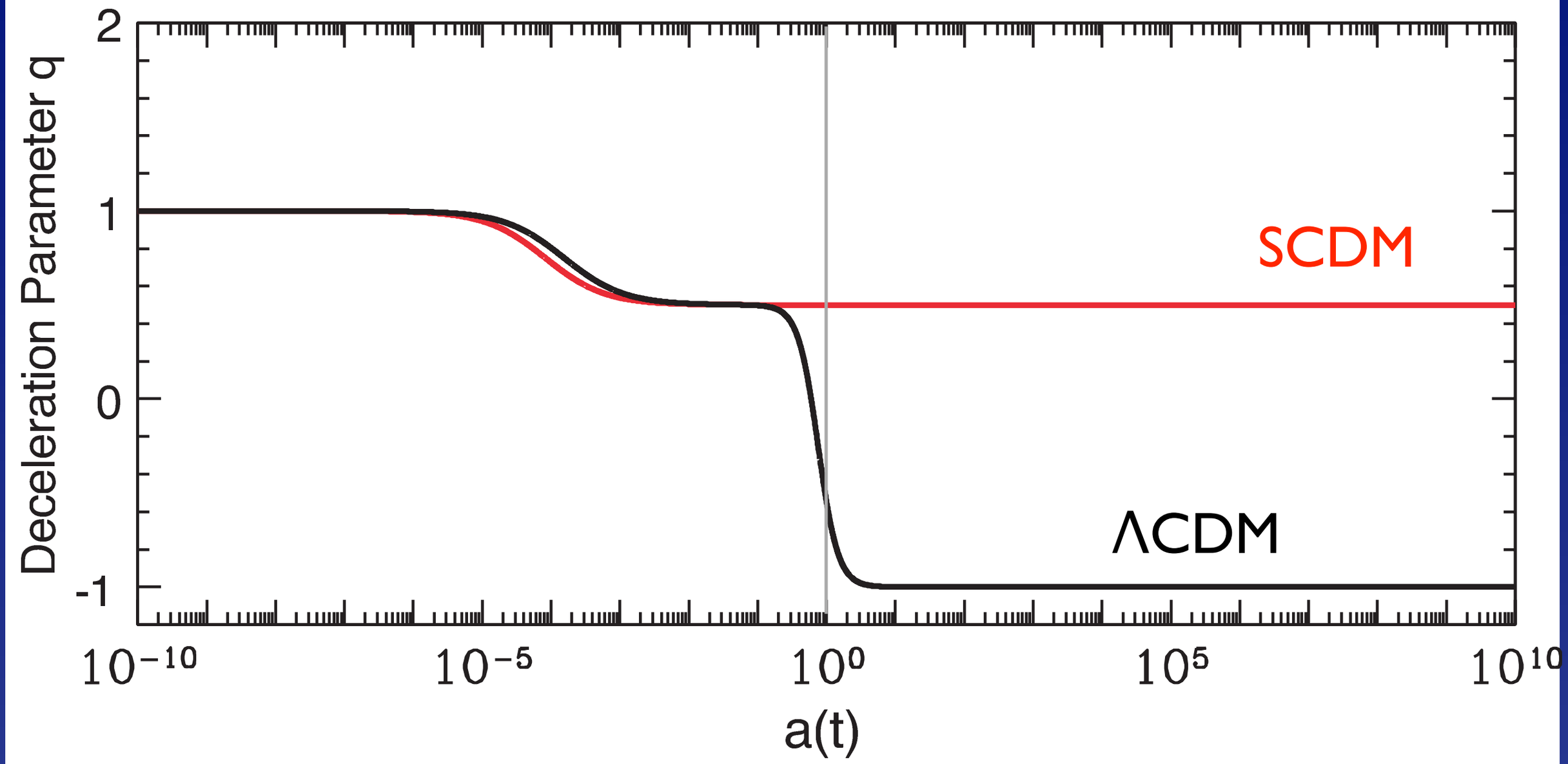
Composition Now and Then (WMAP)

$\Omega \approx 1$



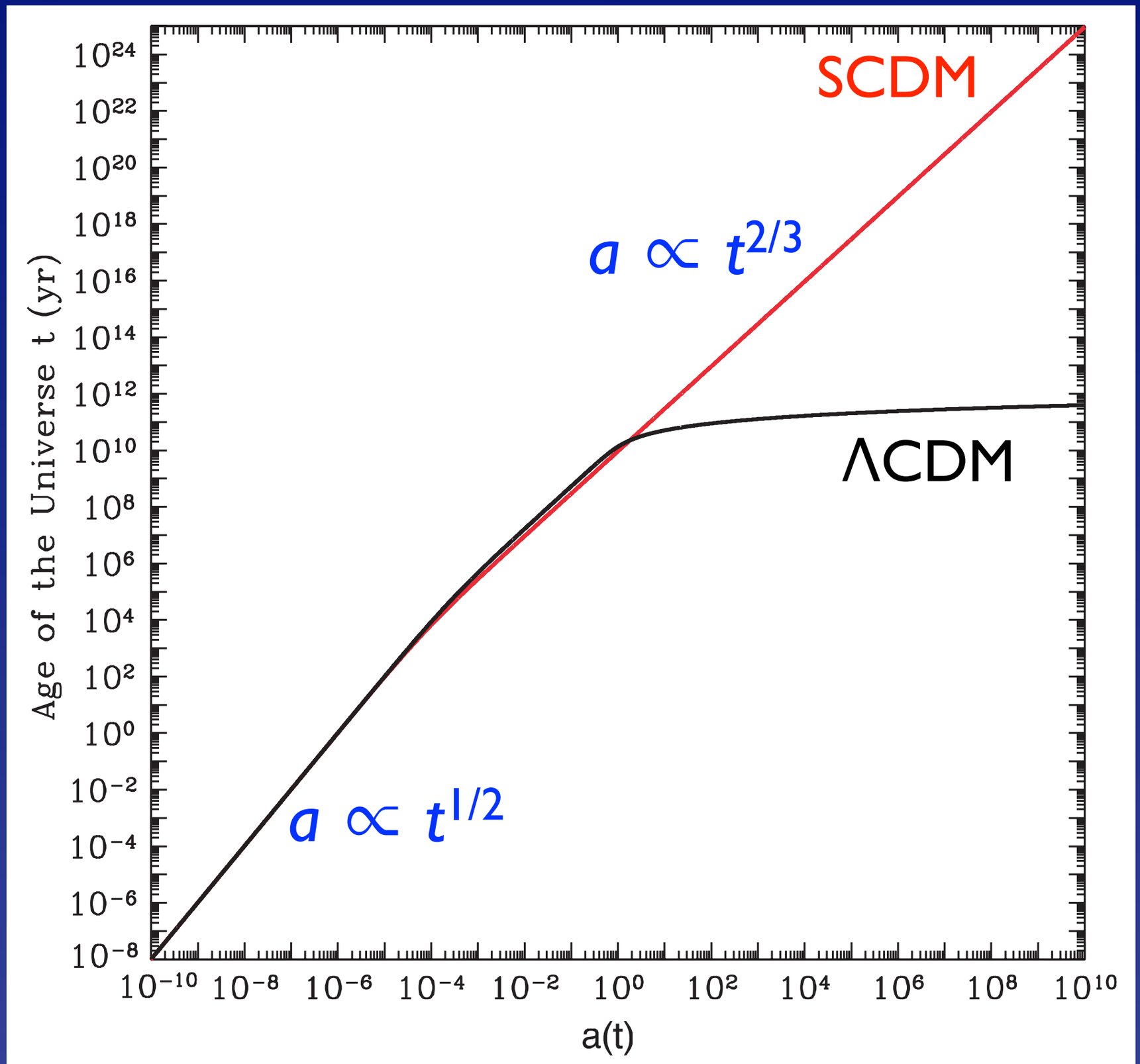
ΛCDM

Accelerating expansion has remarkable implications



$$q \equiv -\frac{1}{H^2}\frac{\ddot{R}}{R} = \frac{\Lambda}{3H^2} - \frac{4\pi G_{\rm N}}{3H^2}(\rho + 3p)$$

Accelerating expansion has remarkable implications



Perhaps not everything we know is true?

An invitation in my email:

Recently, ΛWDM (Warm Dark Matter) emerged impressively over ΛCDM (Cold Dark Matter) whose small-galactic-scale (and even larger scale) problems are ever-increasing …

ΛWDM solves naturally the problems of ΛCDM and agrees with the observations at small as well as large and cosmological scales.

Issues for the Future (Now!)

1. What is the agent of EWSB? Is there a Higgs boson? Might there be several?
2. Is the Higgs boson elementary or composite? How does it interact with itself? What triggers EWSB?
3. Does the Higgs boson give mass to fermions, or only to the weak bosons? What sets the masses and mixings of the quarks and leptons? *(How) is fermion mass related to the electroweak scale?*
4. Are there new flavor symmetries that give insights into fermion masses and mixings?
5. What stabilizes the Higgs-boson mass below 1 TeV?

Issues for the Future (Now!)

6. Do the different CC behaviors of LH, RH fermions reflect a fundamental asymmetry in nature's laws?
7. What will be the next symmetry we recognize? Are there additional heavy gauge bosons? Is nature supersymmetric? Is EW theory contained in a GUT?
8. Are all flavor-changing interactions governed by the standard-model Yukawa couplings? Does "minimal flavor violation" hold? If so, why?
9. Are there additional sequential quark & lepton generations? Or new exotic (vector-like) fermions?
10. What resolves the strong CP problem?

Issues for the Future (Now!)

11. What are the dark matters? Any flavor structure?
12. Is EWSB an emergent phenomenon connected with strong dynamics? How would that alter our conception of unified theories of the strong, weak, and electromagnetic interactions?
13. Is EWSB related to gravity through extra spacetime dimensions?
14. What resolves the vacuum energy problem?
15. (When we understand the origin of EWSB), what lessons does EWSB hold for unified theories? … for inflation? … for dark energy?

Issues for the Future (Now!)

16. What explains the baryon asymmetry of the universe? Are there new (CC) CP-violating phases?
17. Are there new flavor-preserving phases? What would observation, or more stringent limits, on electric-dipole moments imply for BSM theories?
18. (How) are quark-flavor dynamics and lepton-flavor dynamics related (beyond the gauge interactions)?
19. At what scale are the neutrino masses set? Do they speak to the TeV scale, unification scale, Planck scale, …?

20. How are we prisoners of conventional thinking?

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