The Coming Revolutions in Particle Physics

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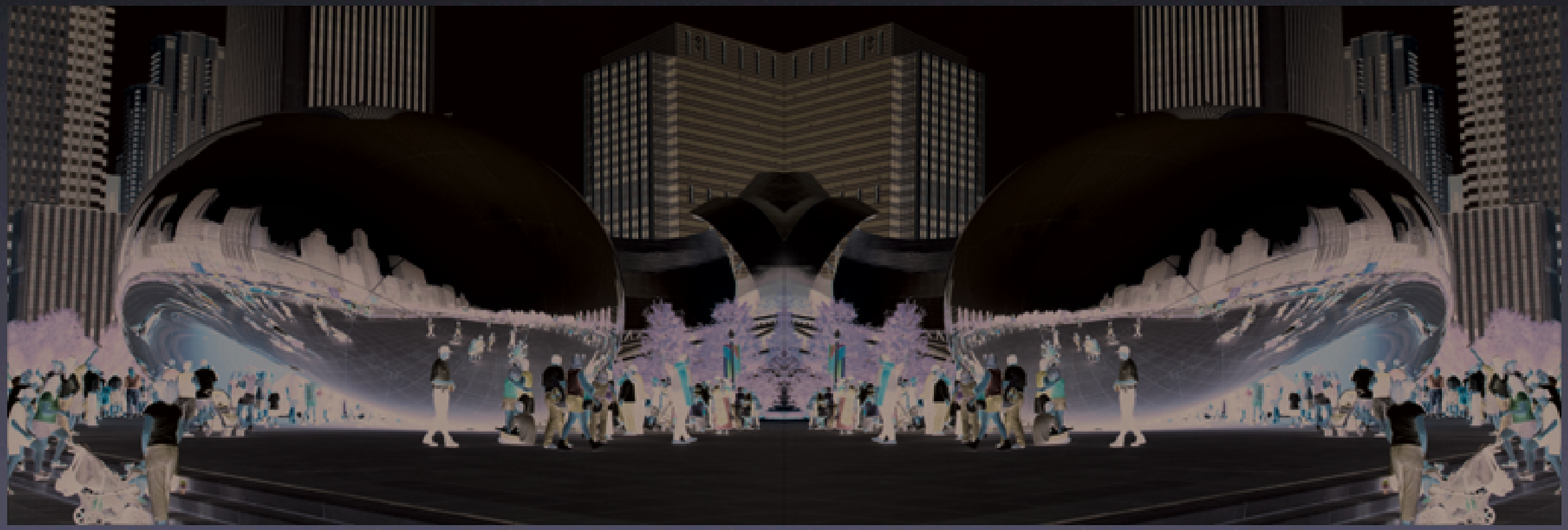

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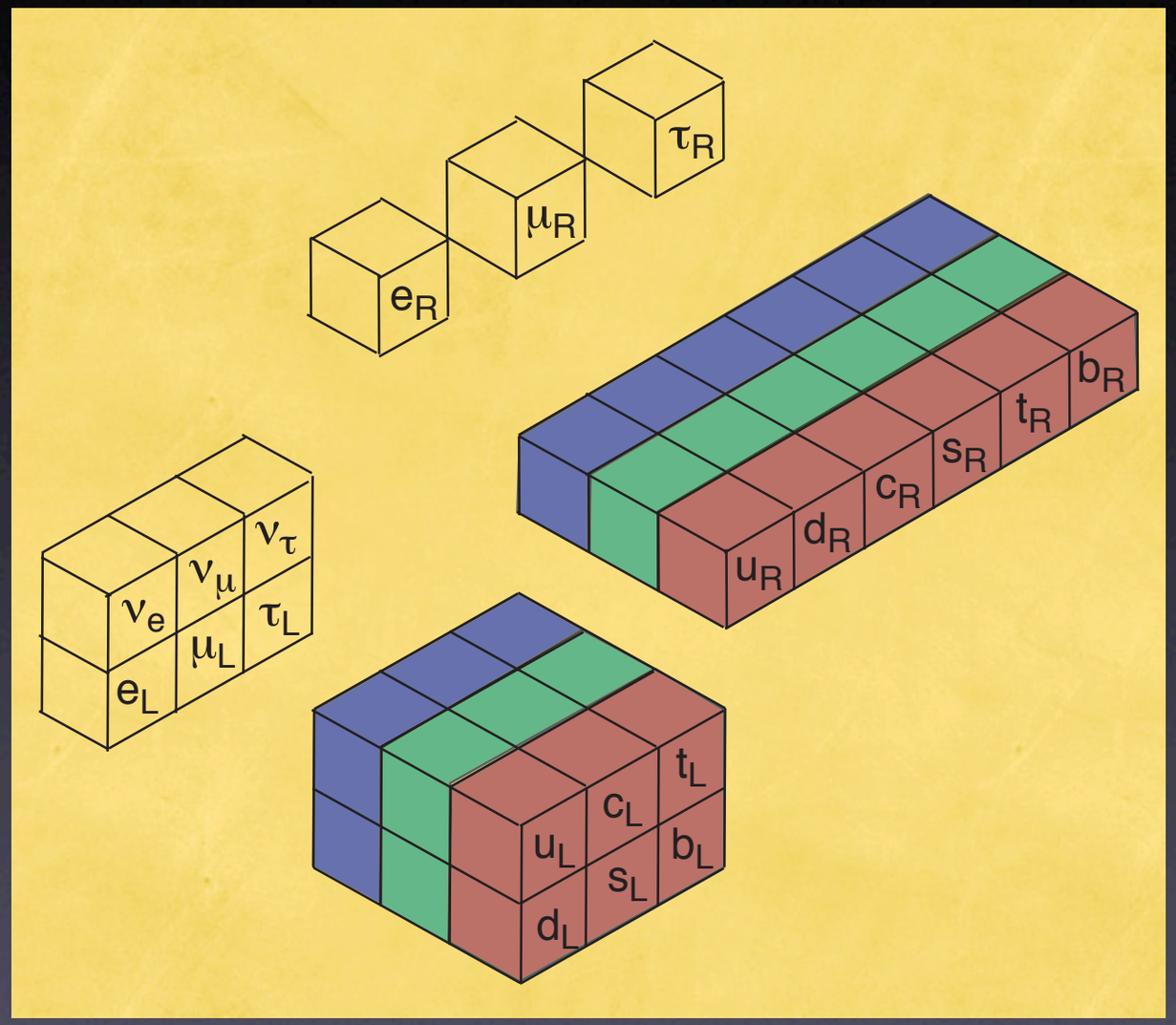

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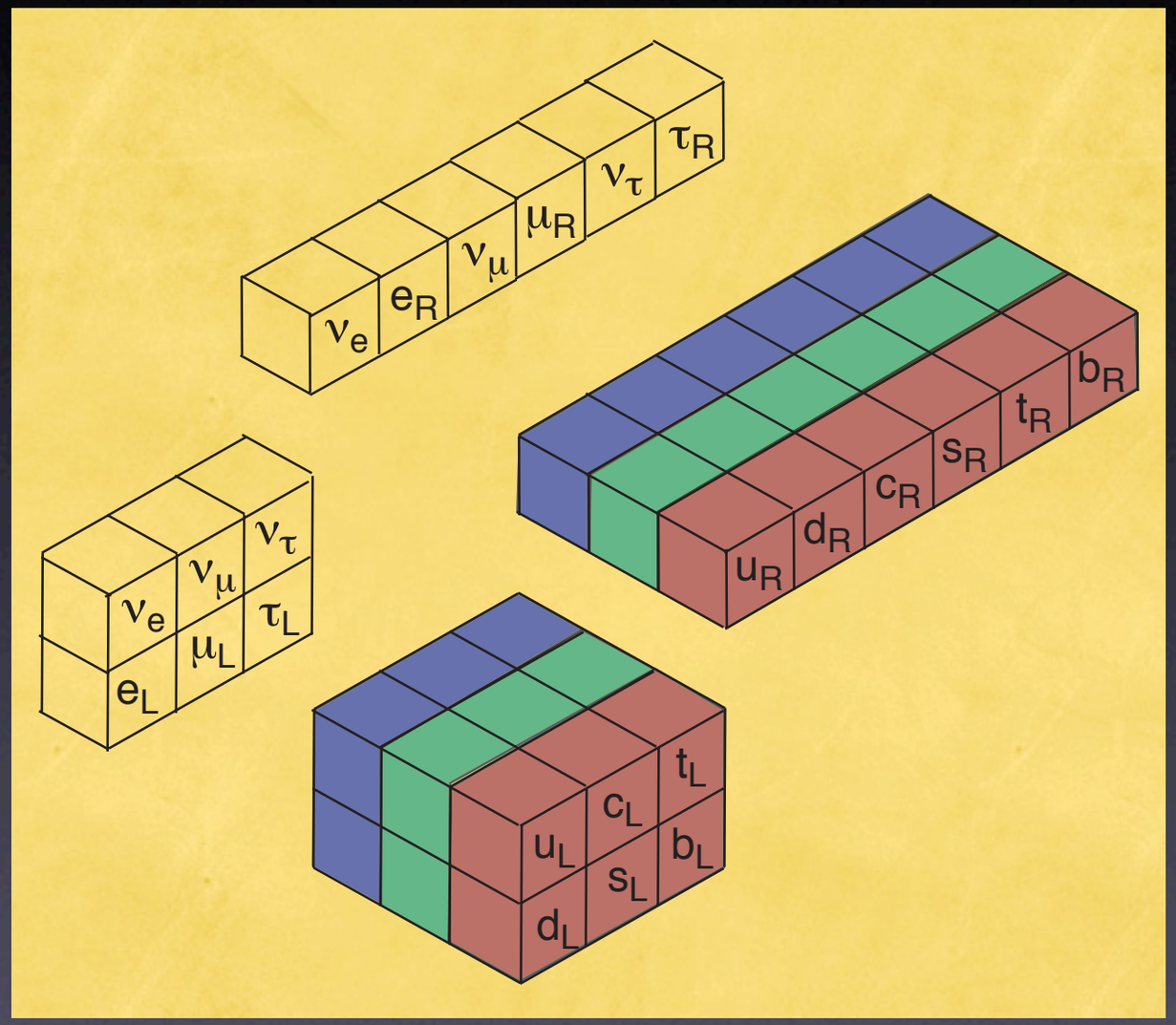

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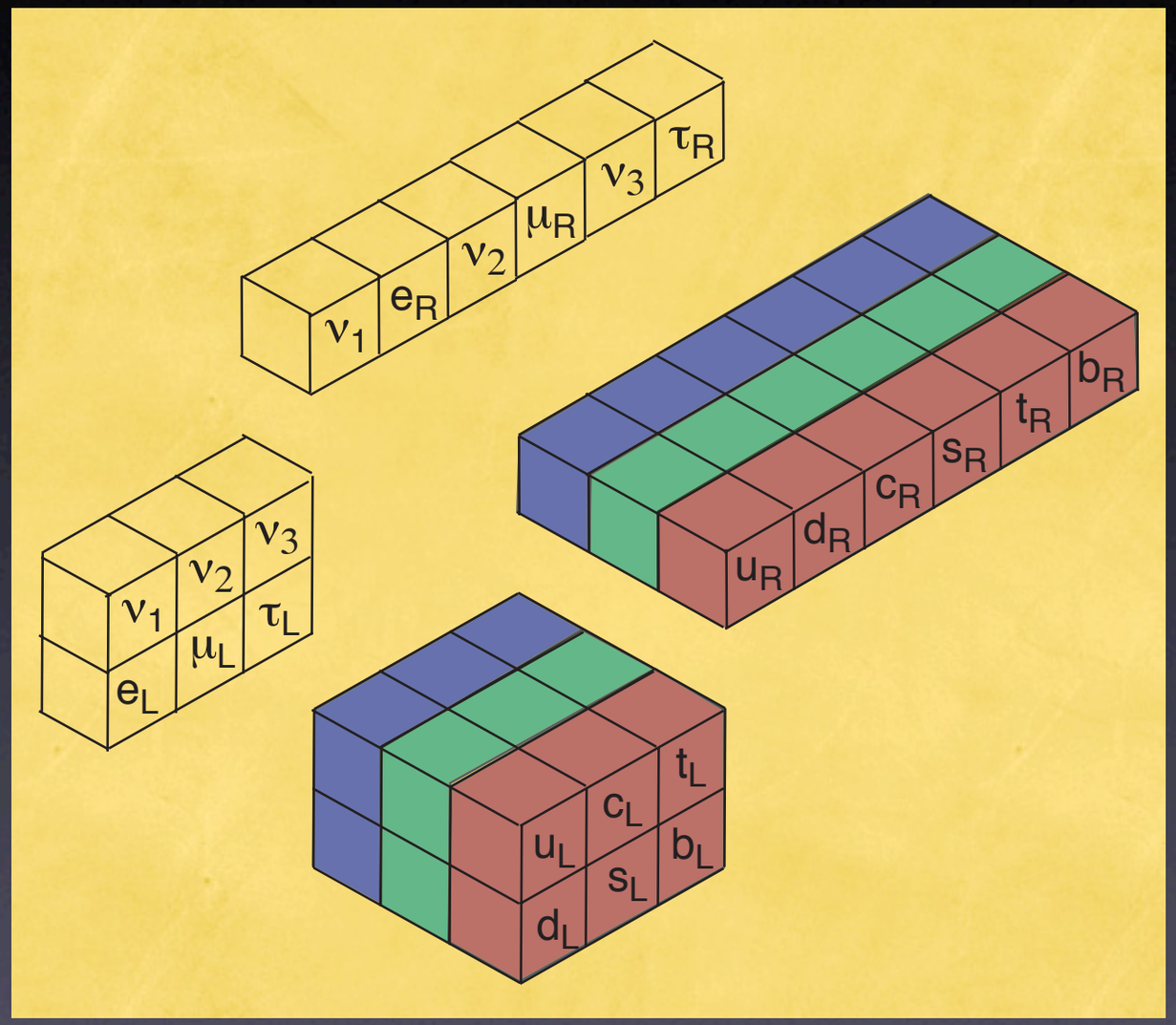

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The World's Most Powerful Microscopes

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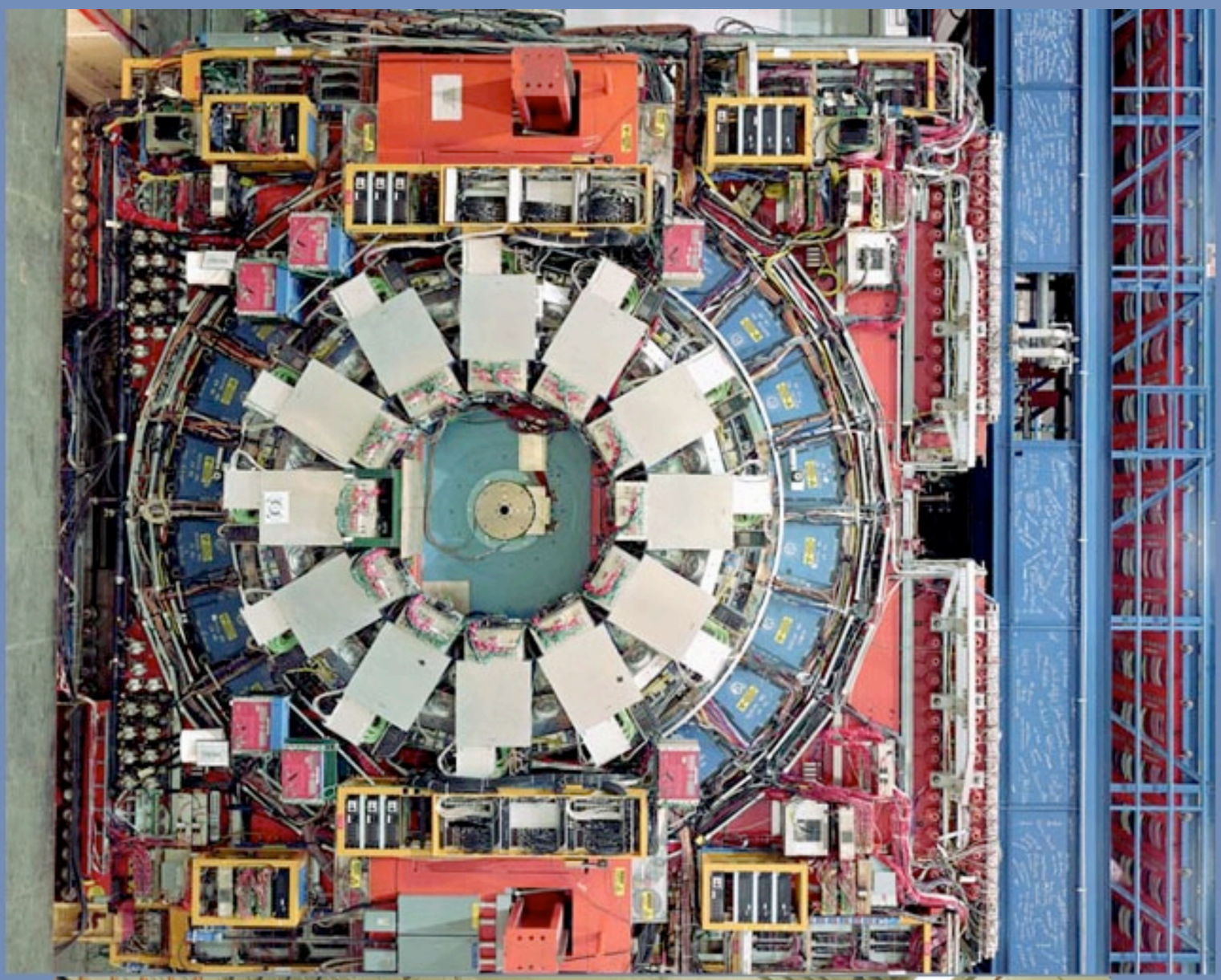
Fermilab's Tevatron Collider & Detectors

900-GeV protons: $c - 586$ km/h
980-GeV protons: $c - 495$ km/h
Improvement: 91 km/h!

Protons, antiprotons pass my window 45 000 times / second

...working toward $20 \times$ increase in luminosity
$\Rightarrow 10^7$ collisions / second

CERN's Large Hadron Collider, 7-TeV protons: $c - 10$ km/h



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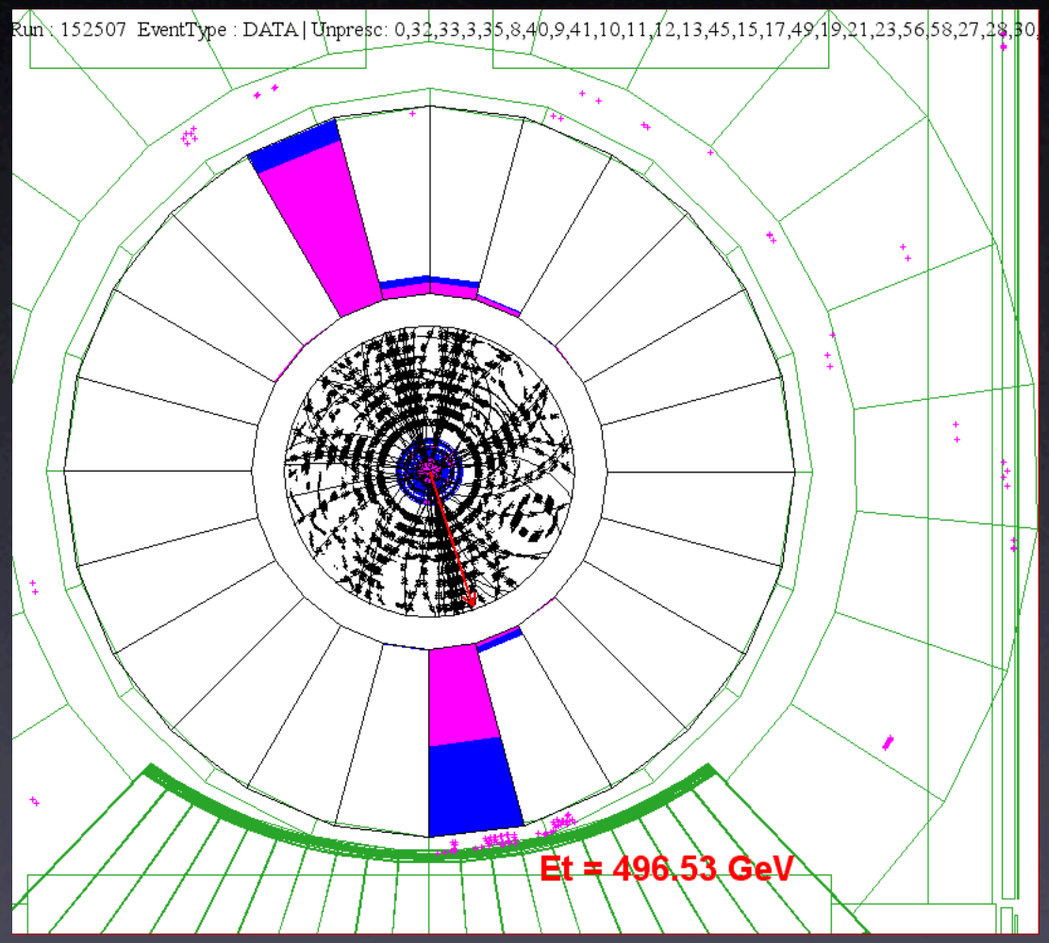

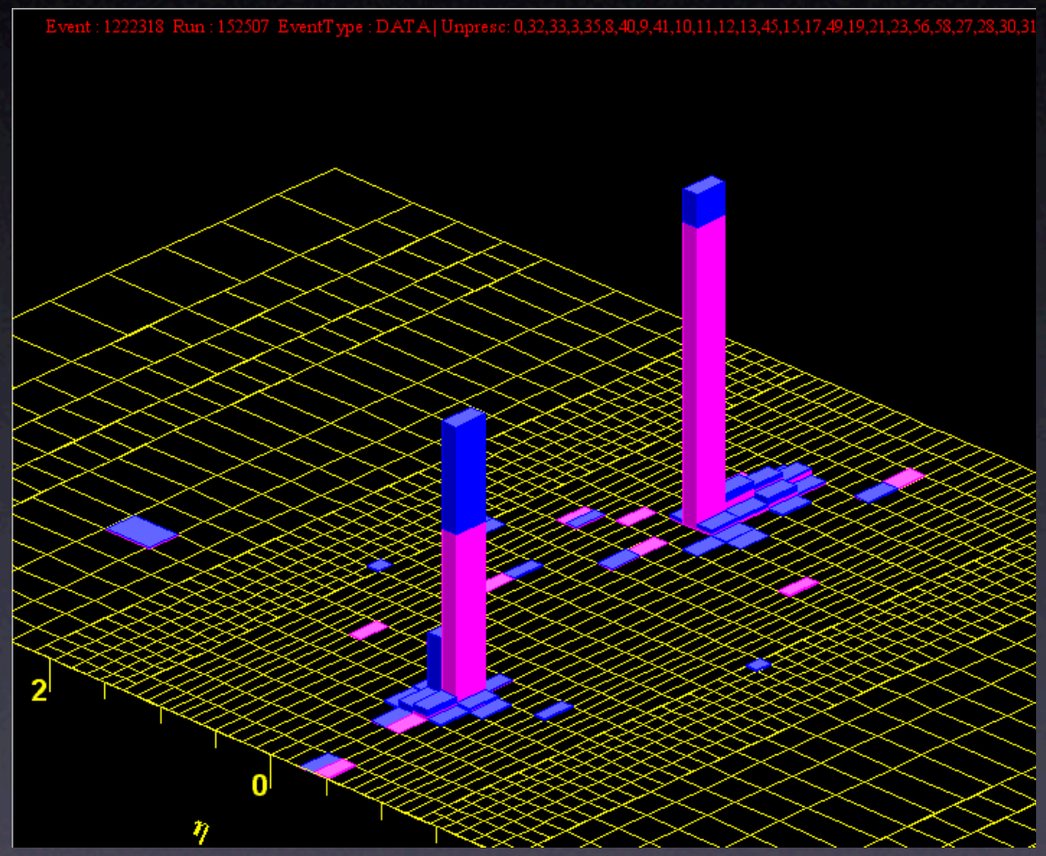

CDF dijet event ($\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV): $E_T = 1.364$ TeV $\boxed{q\bar{q} \to \text{jet} + \text{jet}}$

Gauge symmetry (group-theory structure) tested in

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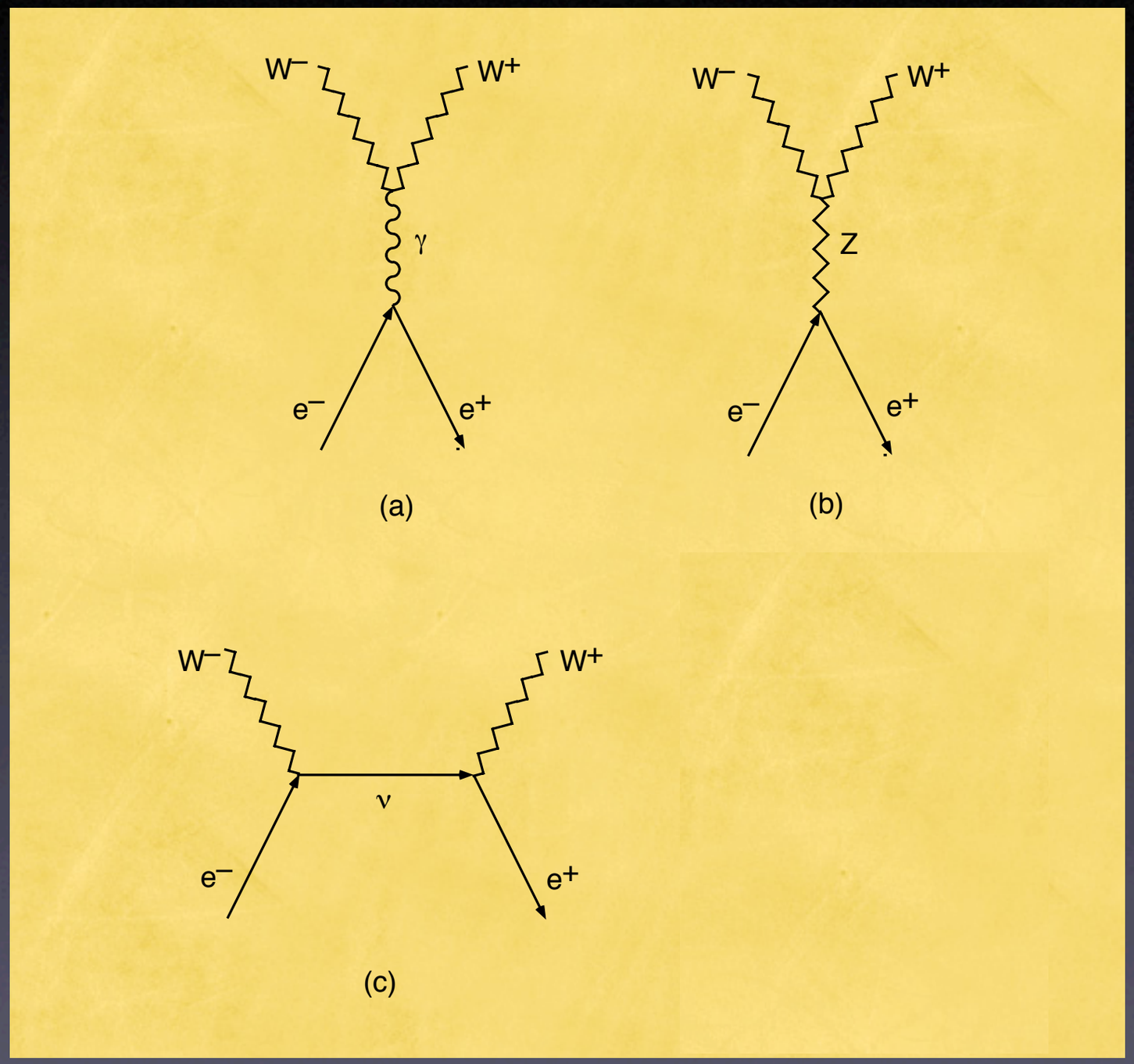

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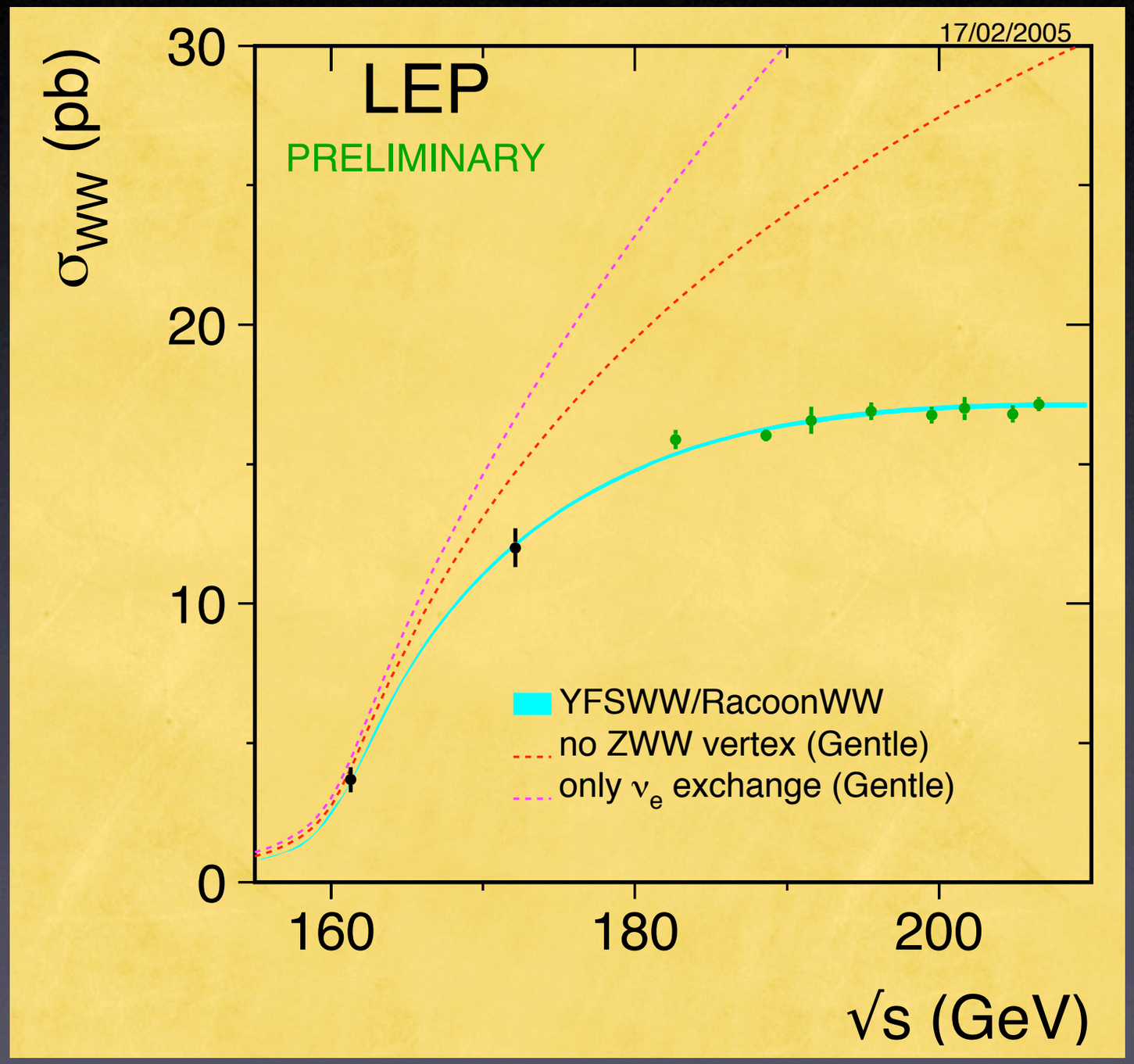

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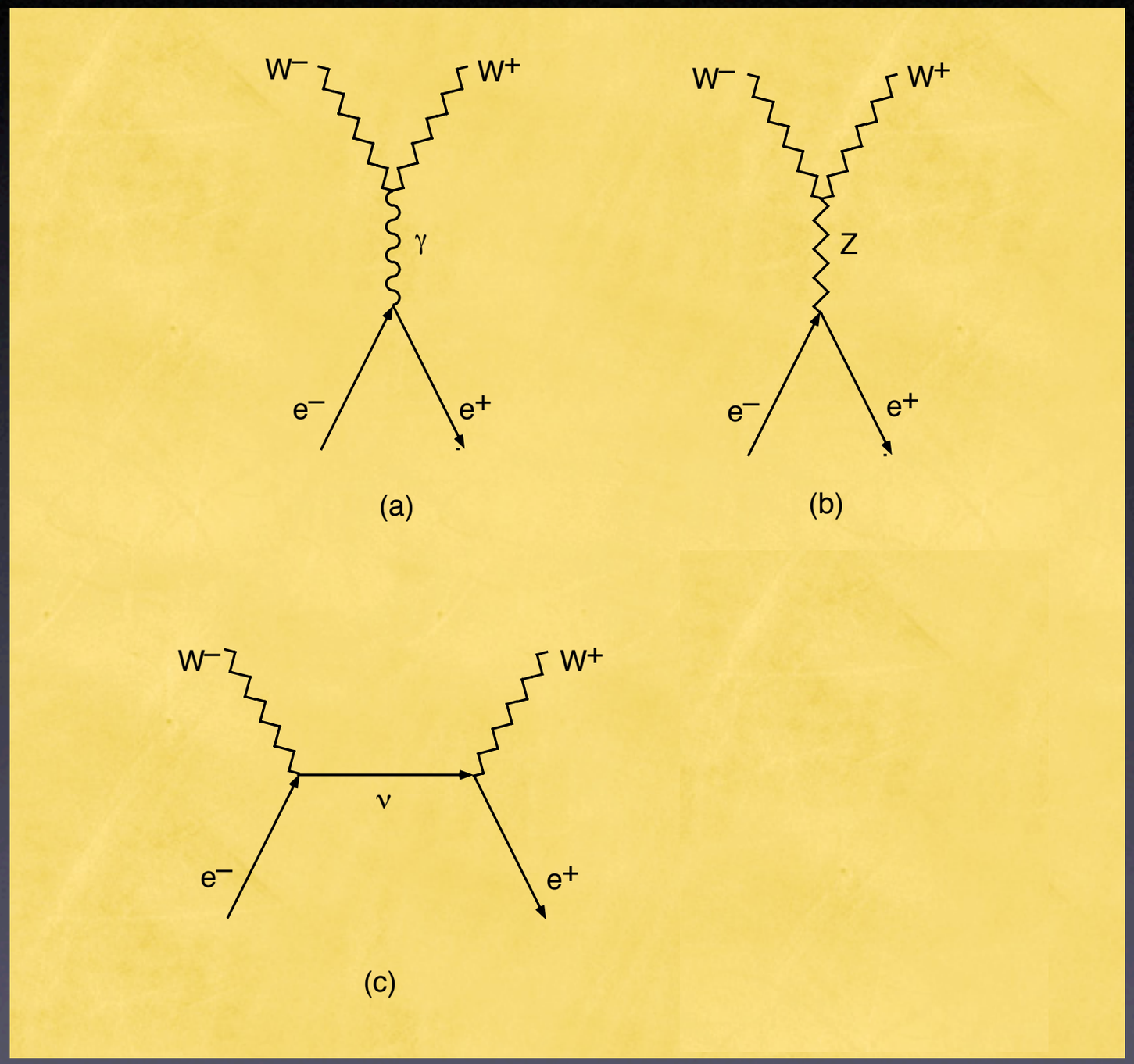


The importance of the 1-TeV scale

▷ Conditional *upper bound* on M_H from Unitarity in EW theory

Compute amplitudes $\mathcal{M}$ for gauge boson scattering at high energies, make a partial-wave decomposition

$$\mathcal{M}(s,t) = 16\pi \sum_J (2J+1) a_J(s) P_J(\cos\theta)$$

Most channels decouple: pw amplitudes small at all energies (except very near particle poles, or at exponentially large energies) for any M_H.

Four interesting channels:

$$\boxed{W_L^+ W_L^- \quad Z_L^0 Z_L^0/\sqrt{2} \quad HH/\sqrt{2} \quad HZ_L^0}$$

L: longitudinal, $1/\sqrt{2}$ for identical particles

In HE limit, s-wave amplitudes $\propto G_F M_H^2 \propto s^0$

$$\lim_{s \gg M_H^2} (a_0) \to \frac{-G_F M_H^2}{4\pi\sqrt{2}} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/\sqrt{8} & 1/\sqrt{8} & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{8} & 3/4 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{8} & 1/4 & 3/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Require largest eigenvalue respect pw unitarity: $|a_0| \leq 1$

$$\boxed{M_H \leq \left(\frac{8\pi\sqrt{2}}{3G_F}\right)^{1/2} = 1 \text{ TeV}/c^2}$$

condition for perturbative unitarity

Convenient to calculate using *Goldstone-boson equivalence theorem*, which reduces dynamics of longitudinally polarized gauge bosons to scalar field theory with interactions given by $\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -\lambda v h(2w^+w^- + z^2 + h^2) - (\lambda/4)(2w^+w^- + z^2 + h^2)^2$, with $1/v^2 = G_F\sqrt{2}$ and $\lambda = G_F M_H^2/\sqrt{2}$.

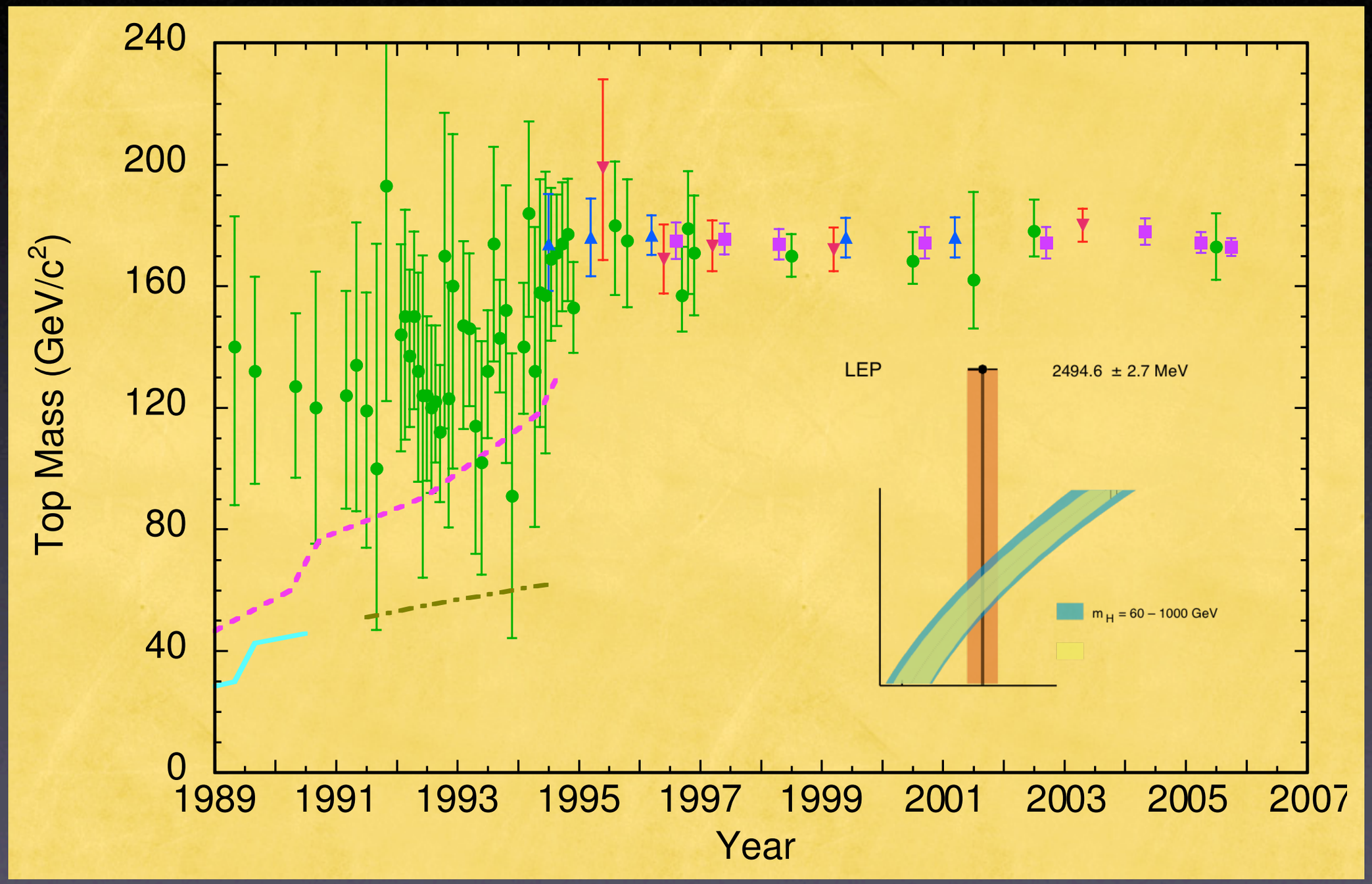
- ▷ If the bound is respected
  - ⋆ weak interactions remain weak at all energies
  - ⋆ perturbation theory is everywhere reliable
- ▷ If the bound is violated
  - ⋆ perturbation theory breaks down
  - ⋆ weak interactions among $W^{\pm}$, Z, H become strong on the 1-TeV scale

$\Rightarrow$ features of *strong* interactions at GeV energies will characterize *electroweak* gauge boson interactions at TeV energies

New phenomena in electroweak interactions at energies not much larger than 1 TeV $\Rightarrow$ Explore the 1-TeV scale!

Precision Measurements Test the Theory …

… and determine unknown parameters



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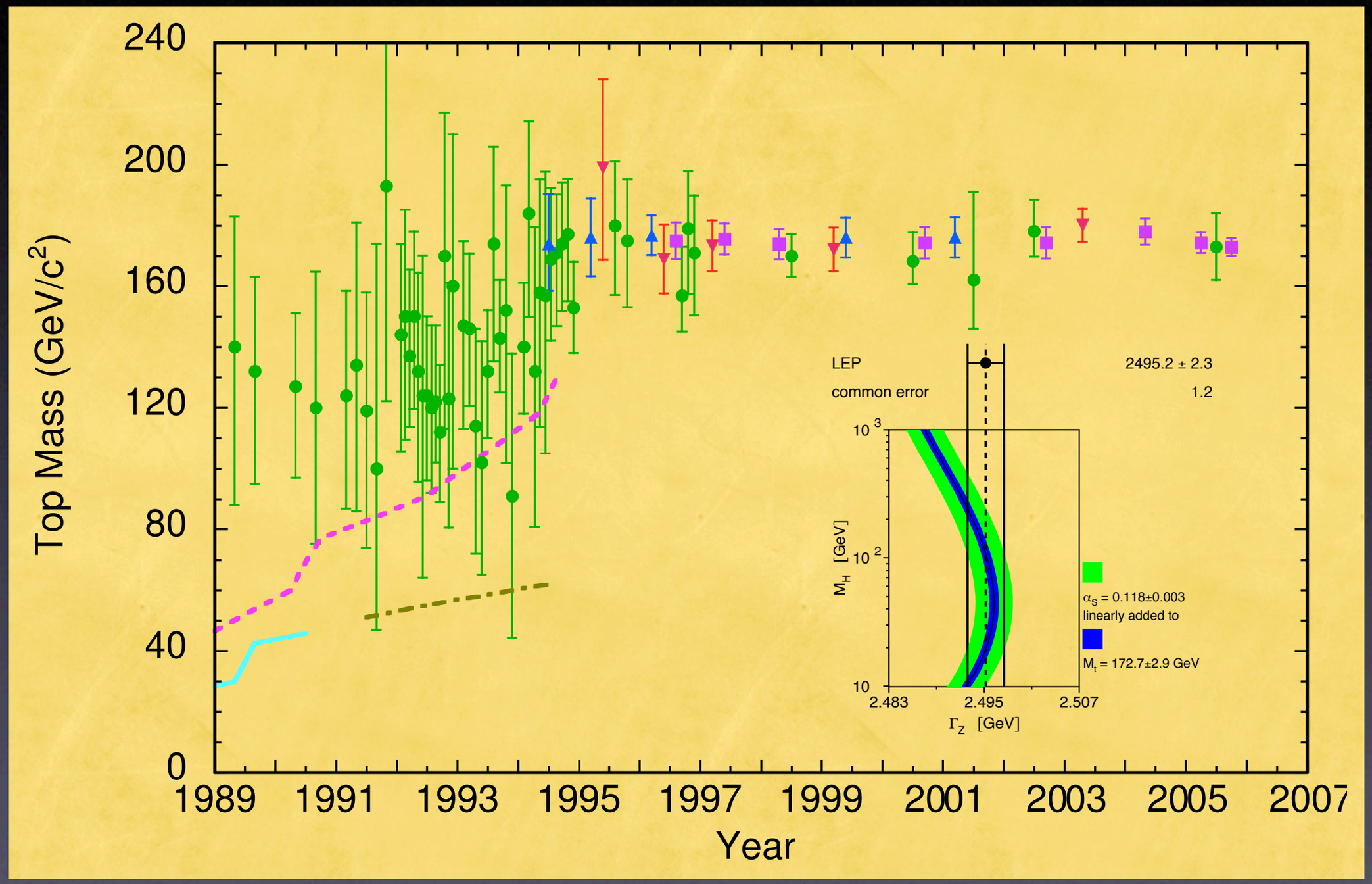

Revolution:

Understanding the Everyday

- Why are there atoms?
- Why chemistry?
- Why stable structures?

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Understanding the Everyday

- Why are there atoms?
- Why chemistry?
- Why stable structures?
- What makes life possible?

Imagine a world without a Higgs mechanism

If electroweak symmetry were not hidden . . .

▷ Quarks and leptons would remain massless

▷ QCD would confine them into color-singlet hadrons

▷ *Nucleon mass would be little changed,*

▷ QCD breaks EW symmetry, gives ($1/2500\times$observed) masses to W, Z, so weak-isospin force doesn't confine

▷ Proton outweighs neutron: rapid β-decay $\Rightarrow$ lightest nucleus is one neutron; no hydrogen atom

▷ (?) some light elements in BBN, but ∞ Bohr radius

▷ No atoms (as we know them) means no chemistry, no stable composite structures like solids, liquids we know

. . . the character of the physical world would be profoundly changed

Searching for the mechanism of electoweak symmetry breaking, we seek to understand

why the world is the way it is.

This is one of the deepest questions humans have ever pursued, and

it is coming within the reach of particle physics.

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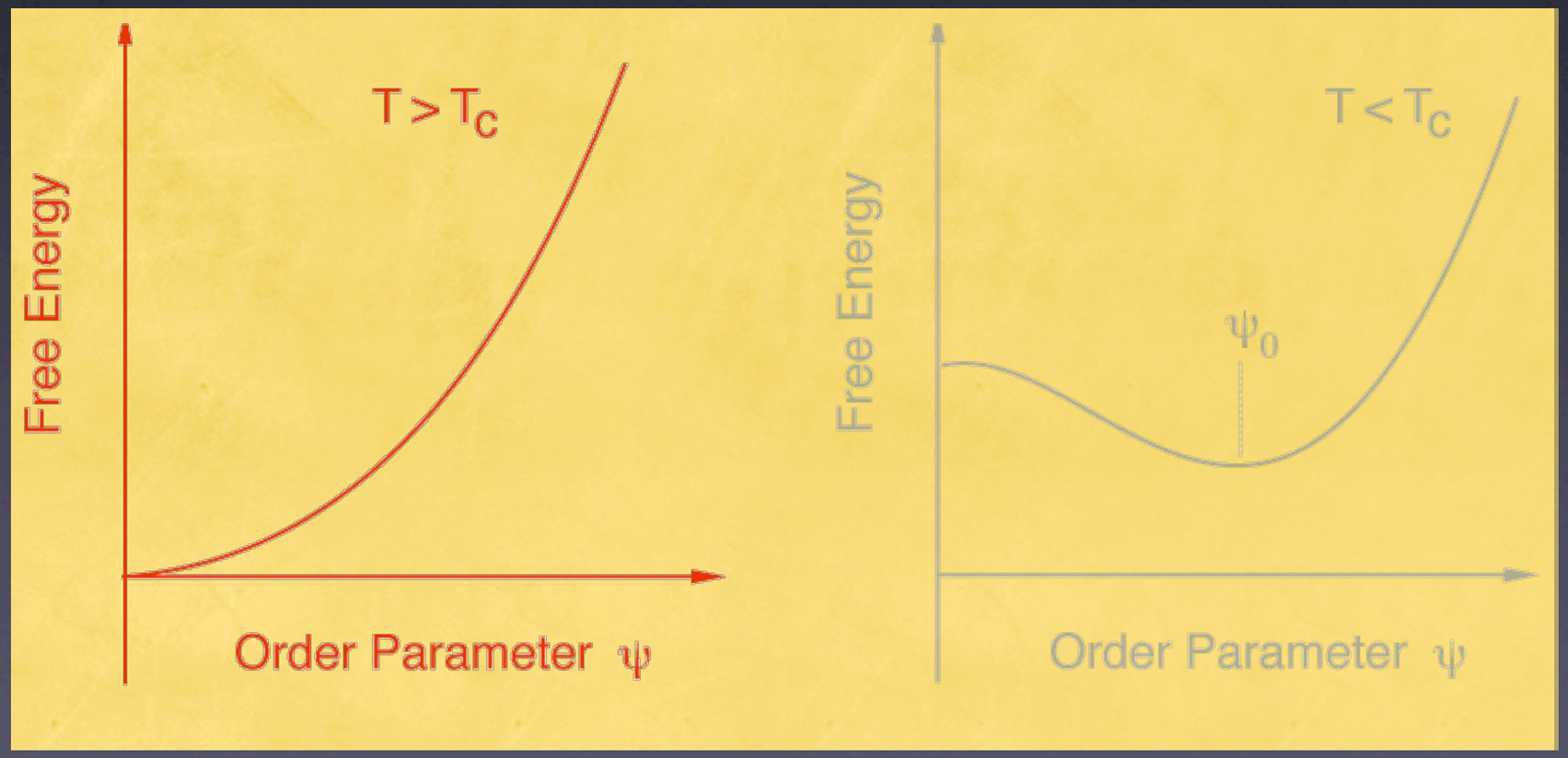

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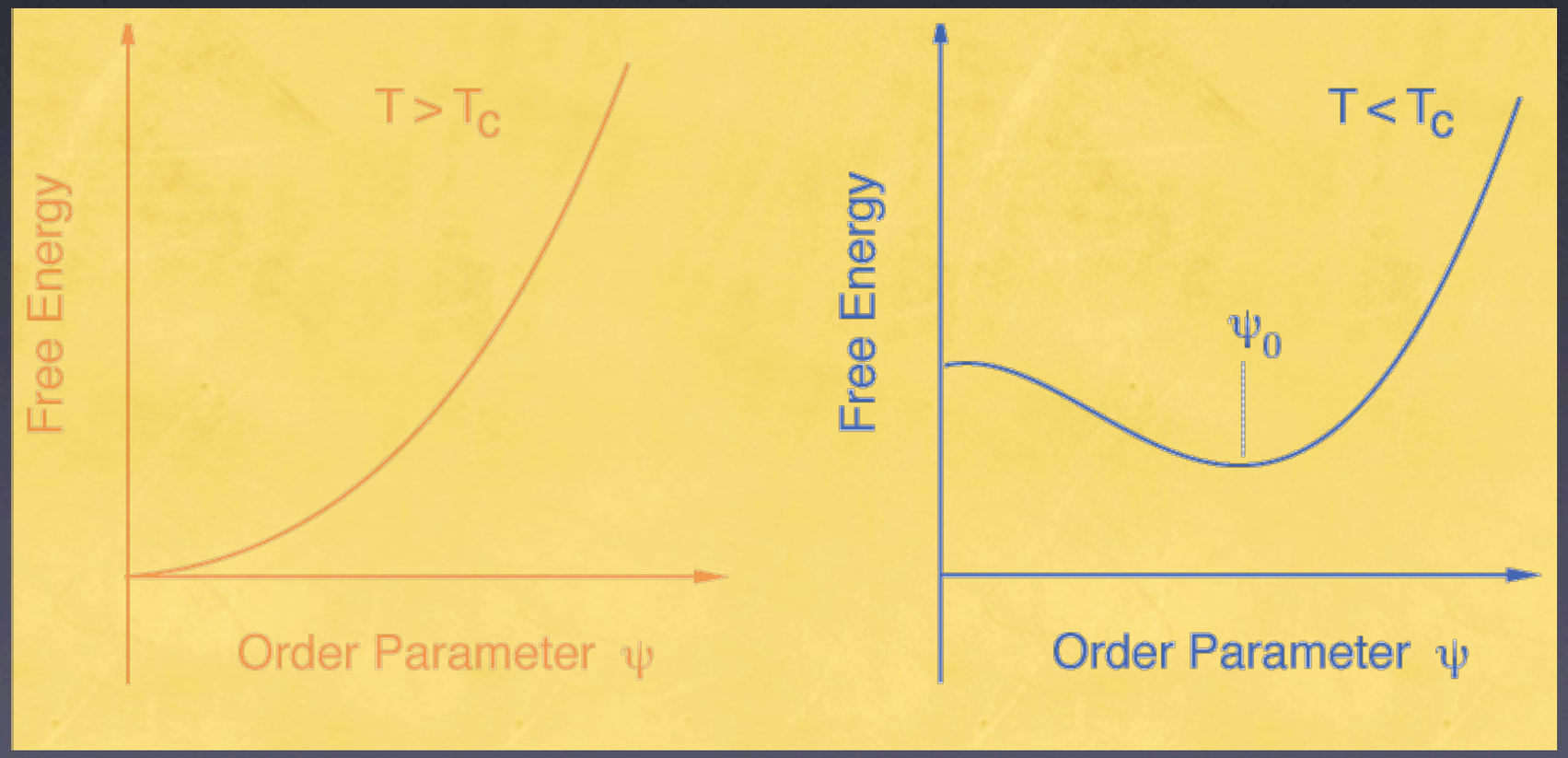


What is the nature of the mysterious new force that hides electroweak symmetry?

- ✳ 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

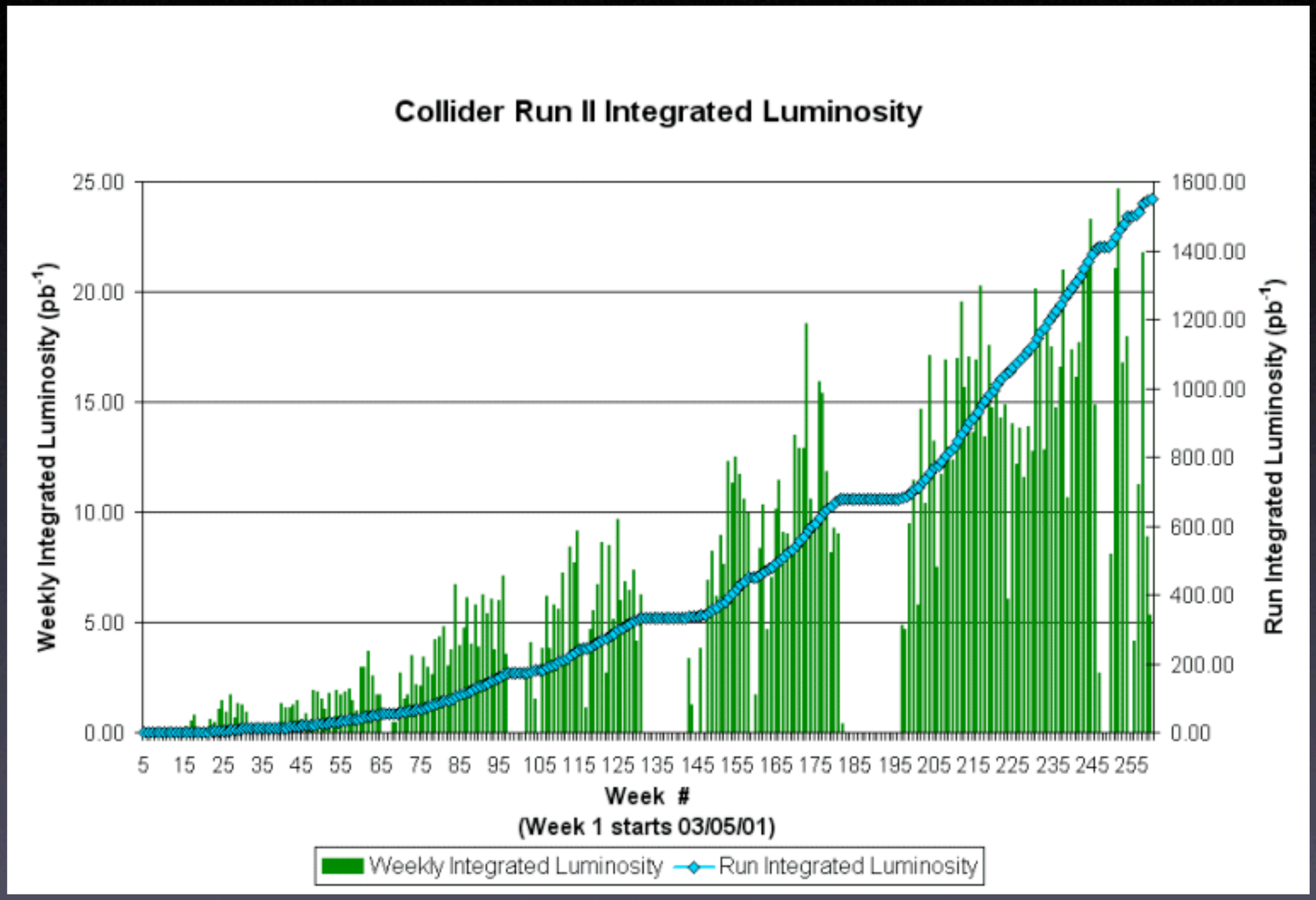
Which path has Nature taken?

Essential step toward understanding the new force that shapes our world:

Find the Higgs boson and explore its properties.

- ✳ Is it there? How many?
- ✳ Verify $J^{PC} = 0^{++}$
- ✳ Does *H* generate mass for gauge bosons and for fermions?
- ✳ How does *H* interact with itself?

Finding the Higgs boson starts a new adventure!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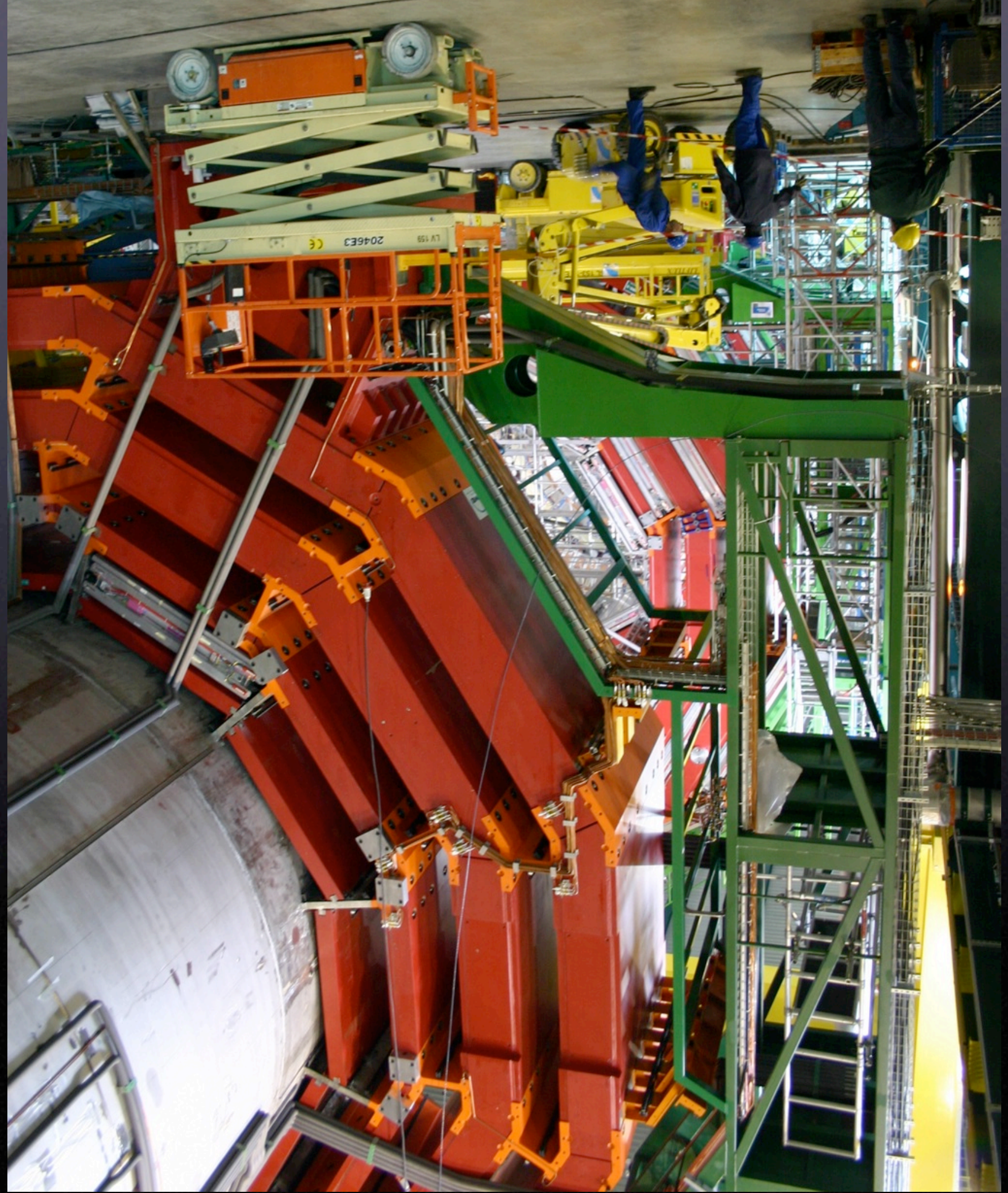
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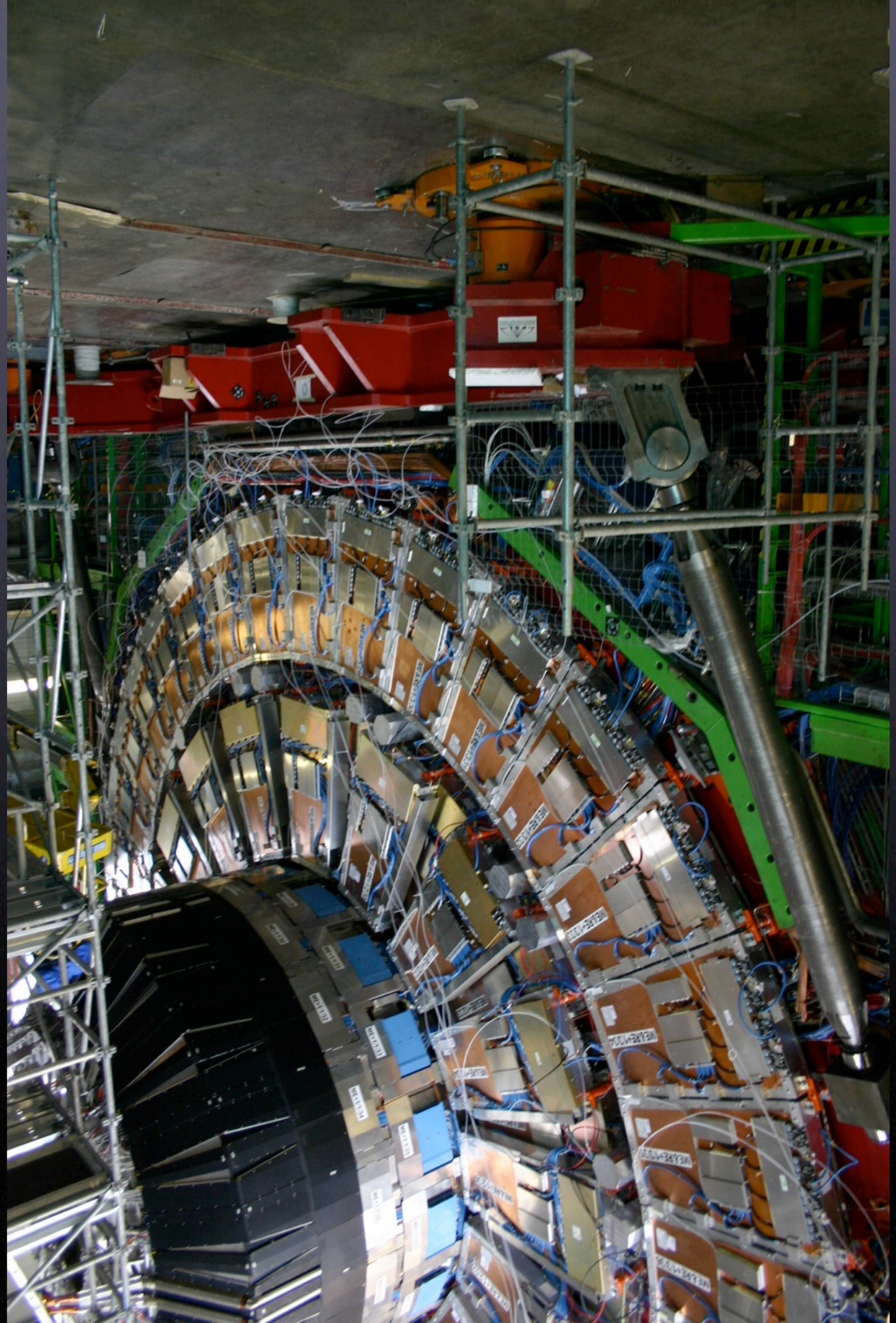

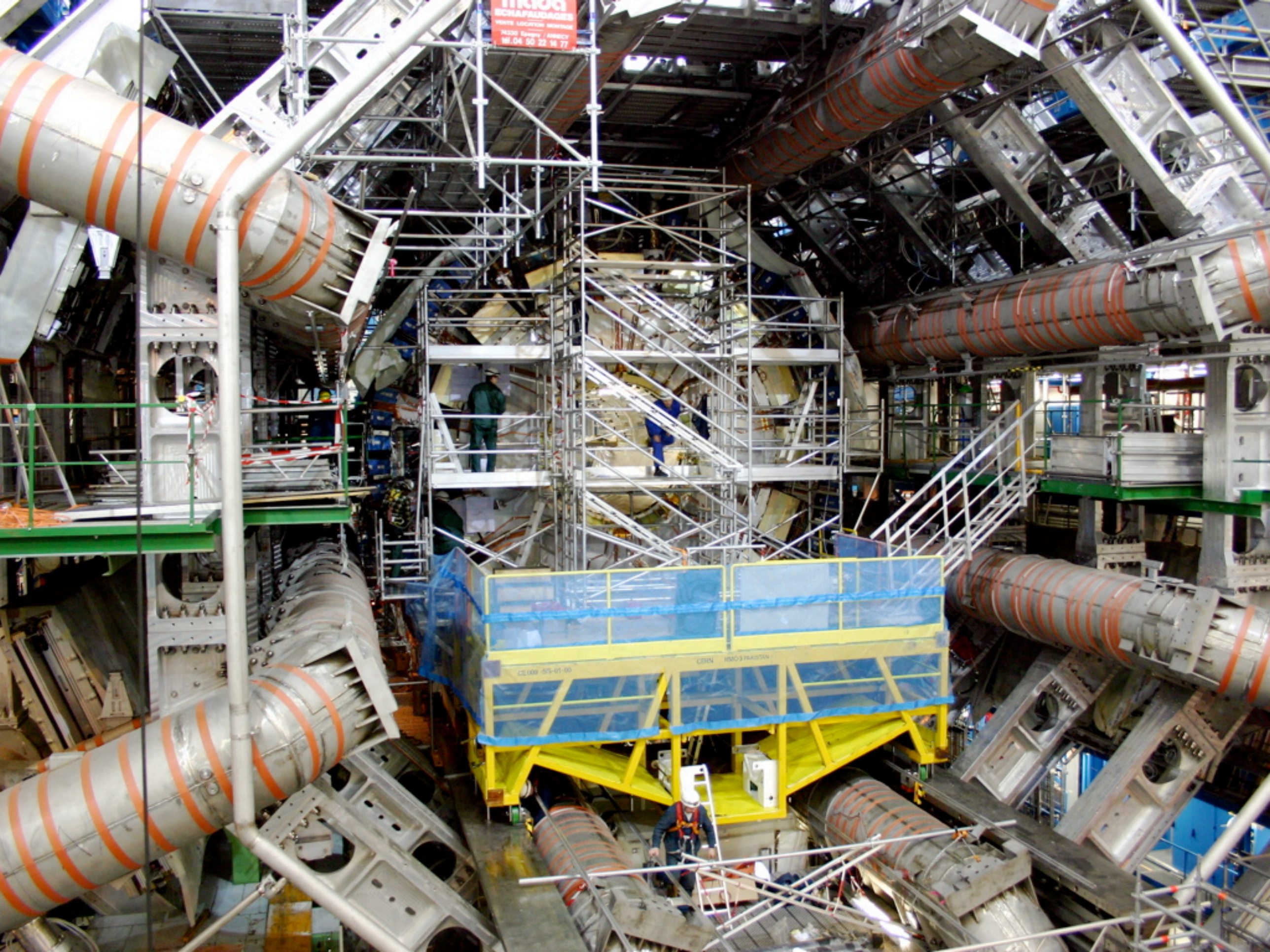
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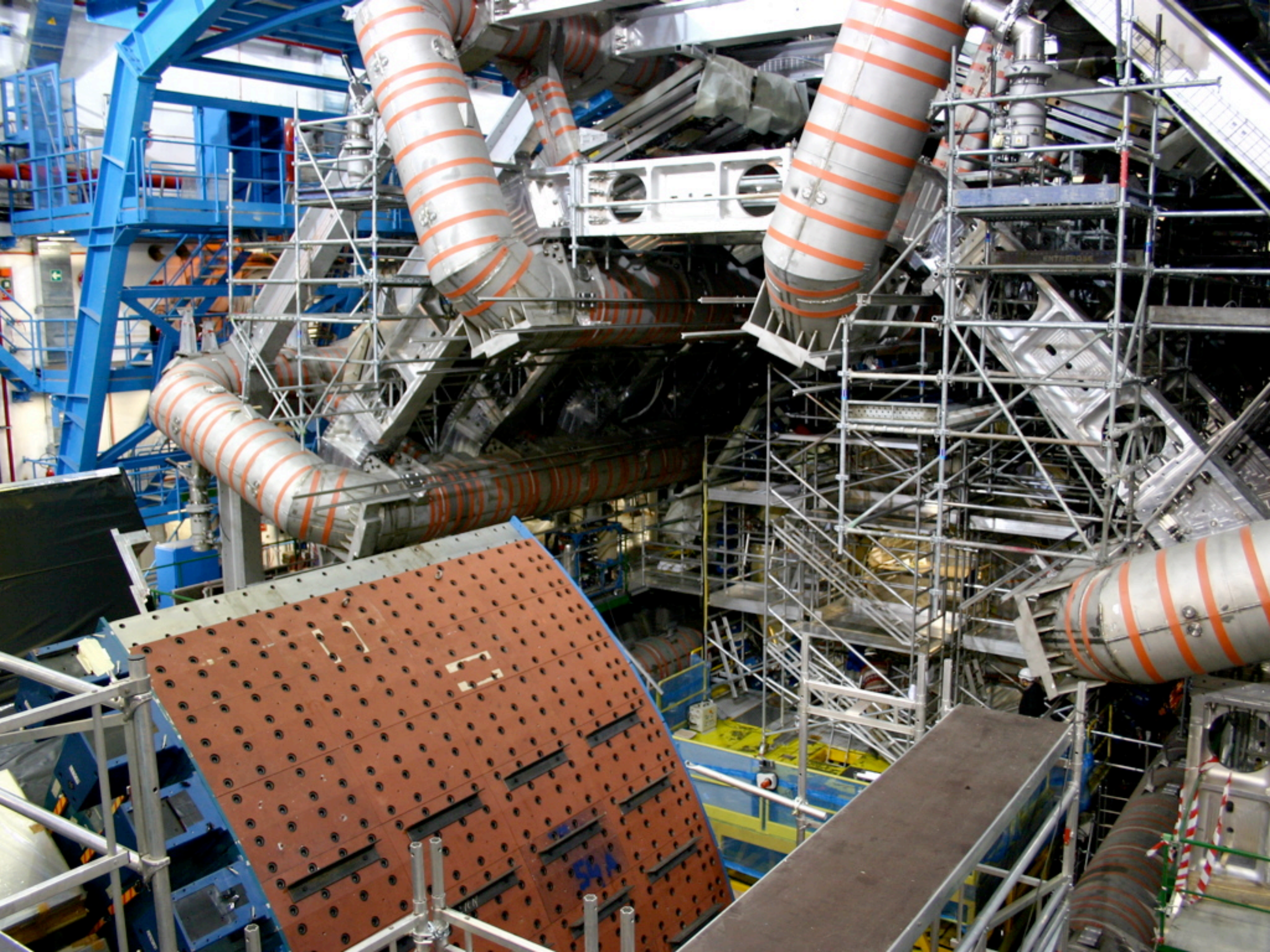

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Revolution:

The Meaning of Identity

Varieties of matter

- ▷ What sets masses and mixings of quarks and leptons?
- ▷ What is $\mathcal{CP}$ violation trying to tell us?
- ▷ Neutrino oscillations give us another take, might hold a key to the matter excess in the Universe.

$\boxed{\text{All fermion masses and mixings mean new physics}}$

- ▷ Will new kinds of matter help us to see the pattern?

Parameters of the Standard Model

3	coupling parameters $\alpha_s, \alpha_{\text{em}}, \sin^2\theta_W$
2	parameters of the Higgs potential
1	vacuum phase (QCD)
6	quark masses
3	quark mixing angles
1	CP-violating phase
3	charged-lepton masses
3	neutrino masses
3	leptonic mixing angles
1	leptonic CP-violating phase (+ Majorana ...)
26^+	arbitrary parameters

Flavor physics may be where we see, or diagnose, the break in the SM.

count not improved by strong, weak, EM unification

Many extensions to EW theory entail dark matter candidates

Supersymmetry is highly developed, has several important consequences:

- ✳ Predicts that Higgs field condenses, breaking EW symmetry, if top is heavy
- ✳ Predicts a light Higgs mass
- ✳ Predicts cosmological cold dark matter
- ✳ In a unified theory, explains the values of standard-model coupling constants

Revolution:

The Meaning of Identity

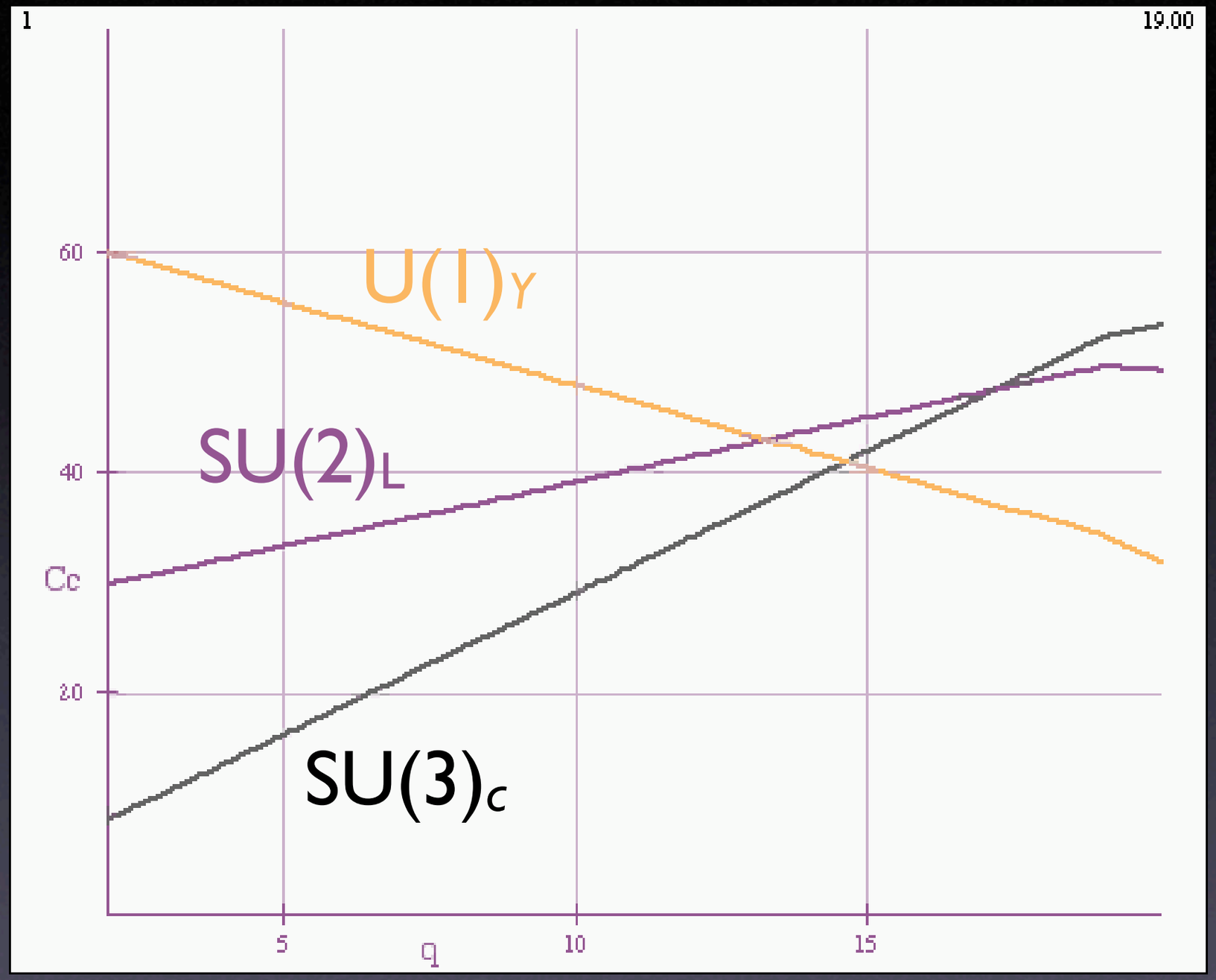
What makes
a top quark a top quark,
an electron an electron,
and a neutrino a neutrino?

A Revolution in the Making …

Revolution:

The Unity of Quarks & Leptons

- ▷ What do quarks and leptons have in common?
- ▷ Why are atoms so remarkably neutral?
- ▷ Which quarks go with which leptons?
- ▷ Quark-lepton extended family $\rightsquigarrow$ proton decay:
SUSY estimates of proton lifetime $\sim 5 \times 10^{34}$ y
- ▷ Unified theories $\rightsquigarrow$ coupling constant unification
- ▷ Rational fermion mass pattern at high energy?
(Masses run, too)



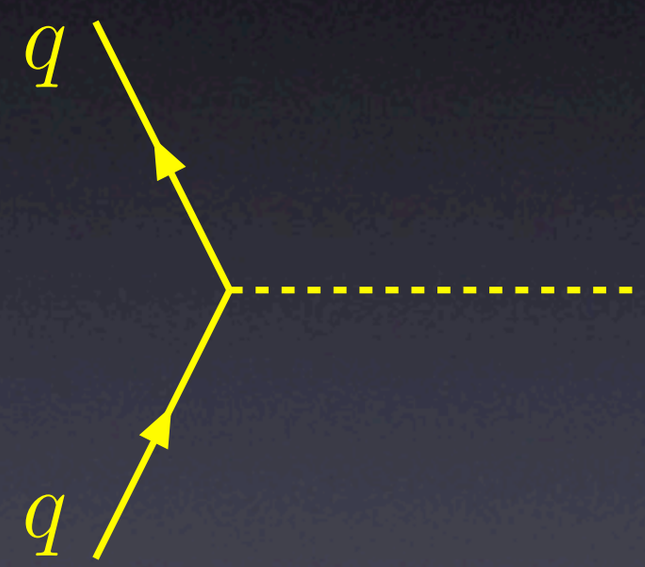
$1/\alpha$

$$\log_{10}\left(\frac{E}{1\ \mathrm{GeV}}\right)$$

Gravity rejoins particle physics.

Natural to neglect gravity in particle physics

$$G_{\text{Newton}} \textit{ small} \iff M_{\text{Planck}} = \left(\frac{\hbar c}{G_{\text{Newton}}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \approx 1.22 \times 10^{19} \text{ GeV } \textit{large}$$



$$\sim \frac{E}{M_{\text{Planck}}}$$

Estimate $B(K \to \pi G) \sim \left(\frac{M_K}{M_{\text{Planck}}}\right)^2 \sim 10^{-38}$

But gravity is not always negligible ...

Higgs potential $V(\varphi^\dagger\varphi) = \mu^2(\varphi^\dagger\varphi) + |\lambda|(\varphi^\dagger\varphi)^2$

At the minimum,

$$V(\langle\varphi^\dagger\varphi\rangle_0) = \frac{\mu^2 v^2}{4} = -\frac{|\lambda| v^4}{4} < 0.$$

Identify $M_H^2 = -2\mu^2$

vacuum energy density $\varrho_H \equiv \frac{M_H^2 v^2}{8} \quad \rightsquigarrow \Lambda$

$$R_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2} R g_{\mu\nu} = \frac{8\pi G_{\text{Newton}}}{c^4} T_{\mu\nu} + \Lambda g_{\mu\nu} \quad \Lambda = \frac{8\pi G_{\text{Newton}}}{c^4} \varrho_{\text{vac}}$$

Observed vacuum energy density $\varrho_{\text{vac}} \leq 10^{-46}$ GeV^4

≈ 10 MeV$/\ell$ or 10^{-29} g cm^{-3}

But $M_H \geq 114$ GeV $\Rightarrow$

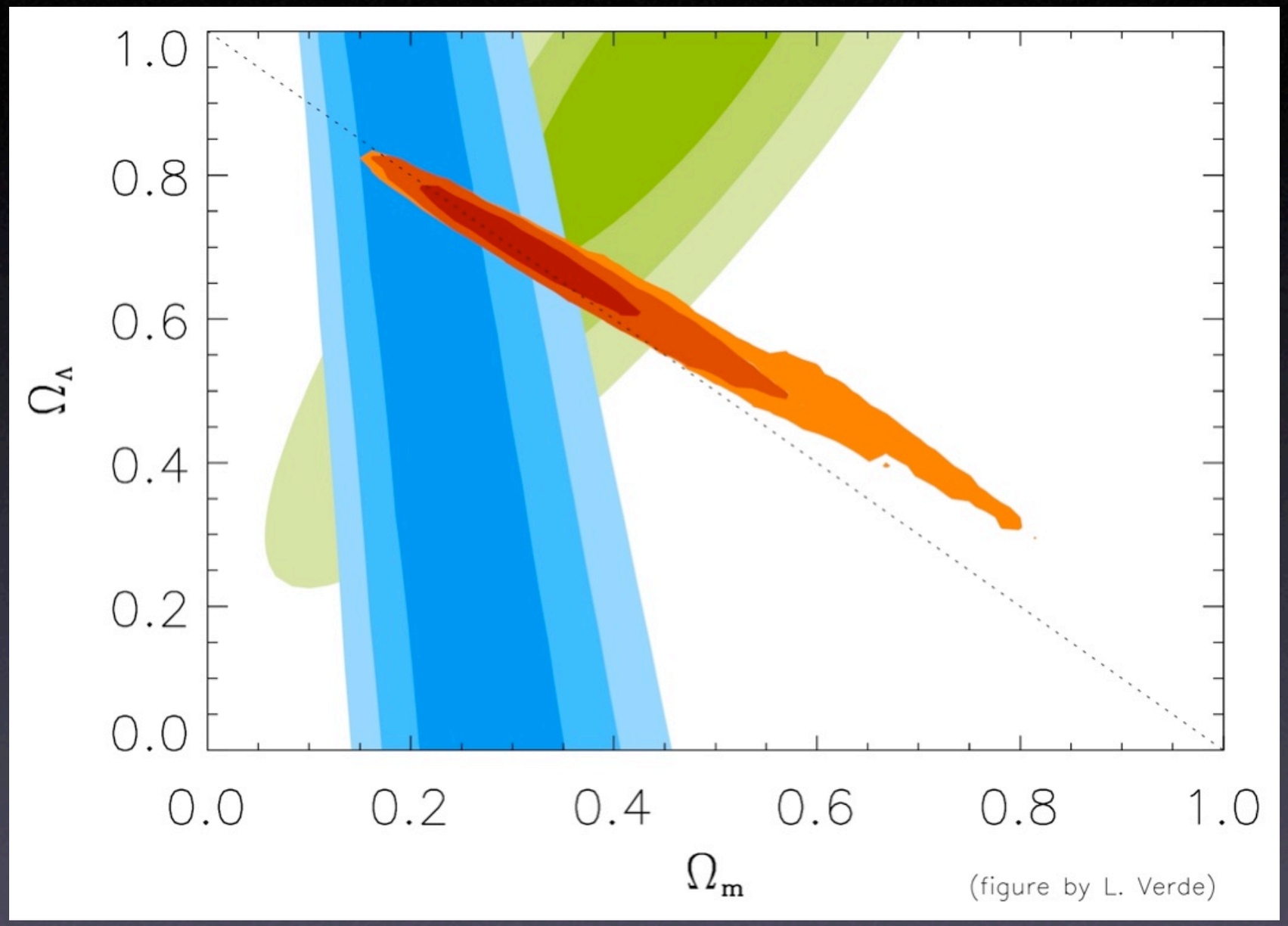
$\varrho_H \geq 10^8$ GeV^4

Mismatch by 54 orders of magnitude

A chronic dull headache for thirty years …

Why is empty space so nearly massless?

Evidence that vacuum energy is present …



recasts old problem, gives us properties to measure

How to separate EW, higher scales?

Traditional: change electroweak theory to understand why M_H, electroweak scale $\ll M_{\text{Planck}}$

To resolve hierarchy problem: extend standard model

$SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$

composite Higgs boson

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supersymmetry

…

Newer approach: ask why gravity is so weak, why $M_{\text{Planck}} \gg$ electroweak scale

Revolution:

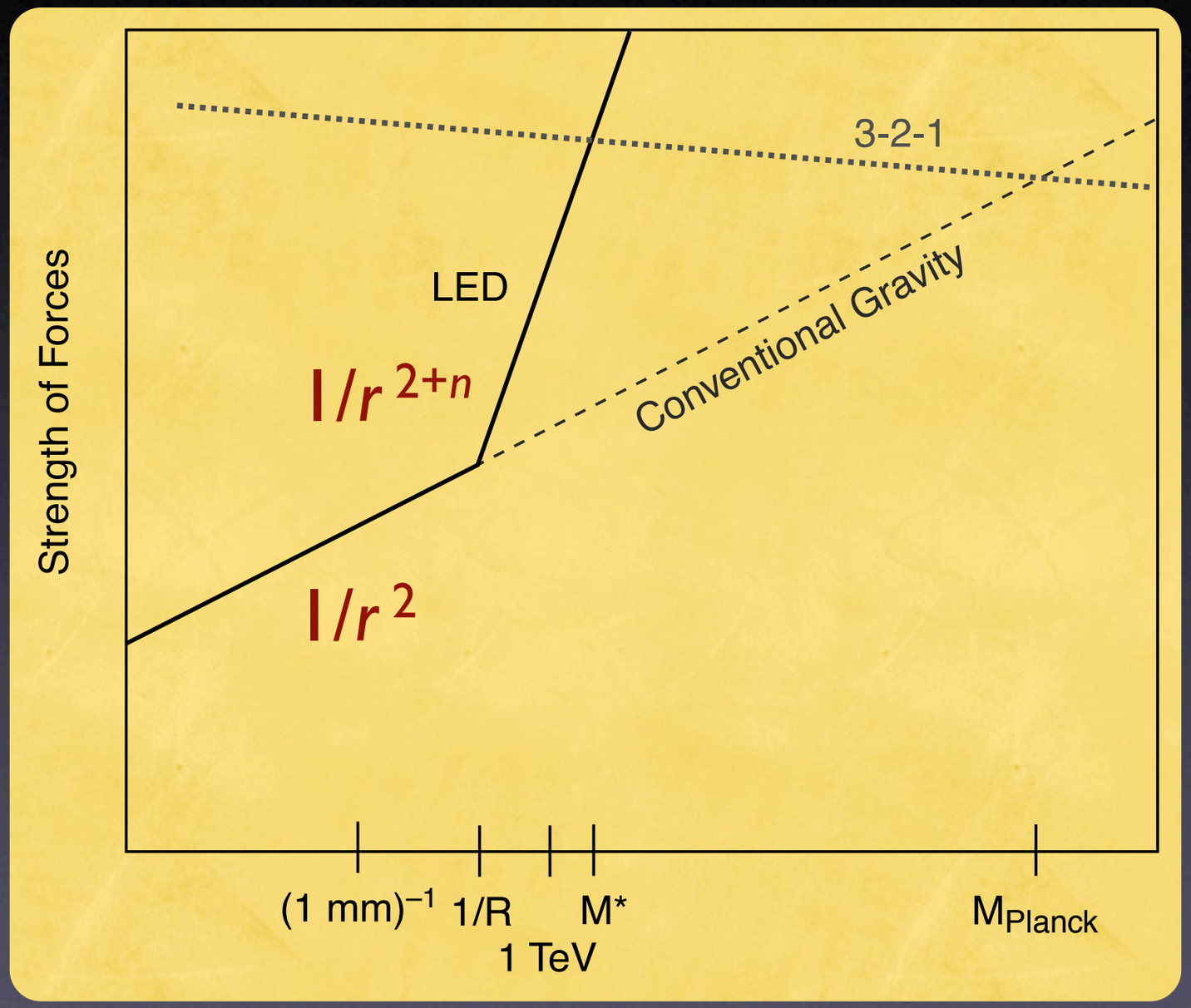
A New Conception of Spacetime

- Could there be more space dimensions than we have perceived?
  - What is their size? Their shape?
  - How do they influence the world?
  - How can we map them?

string theory needs 9 or 10

Suppose at scale R … gravity propagates in $4+n$ dimensions

Gauss law: $G_N \sim M^{*-n-2}\ R^{-n}$ M^* : gravity's true scale



M_{Planck} would be a mirage!

$M_P^2 = M_*^{n+2} \bar{R}^n$
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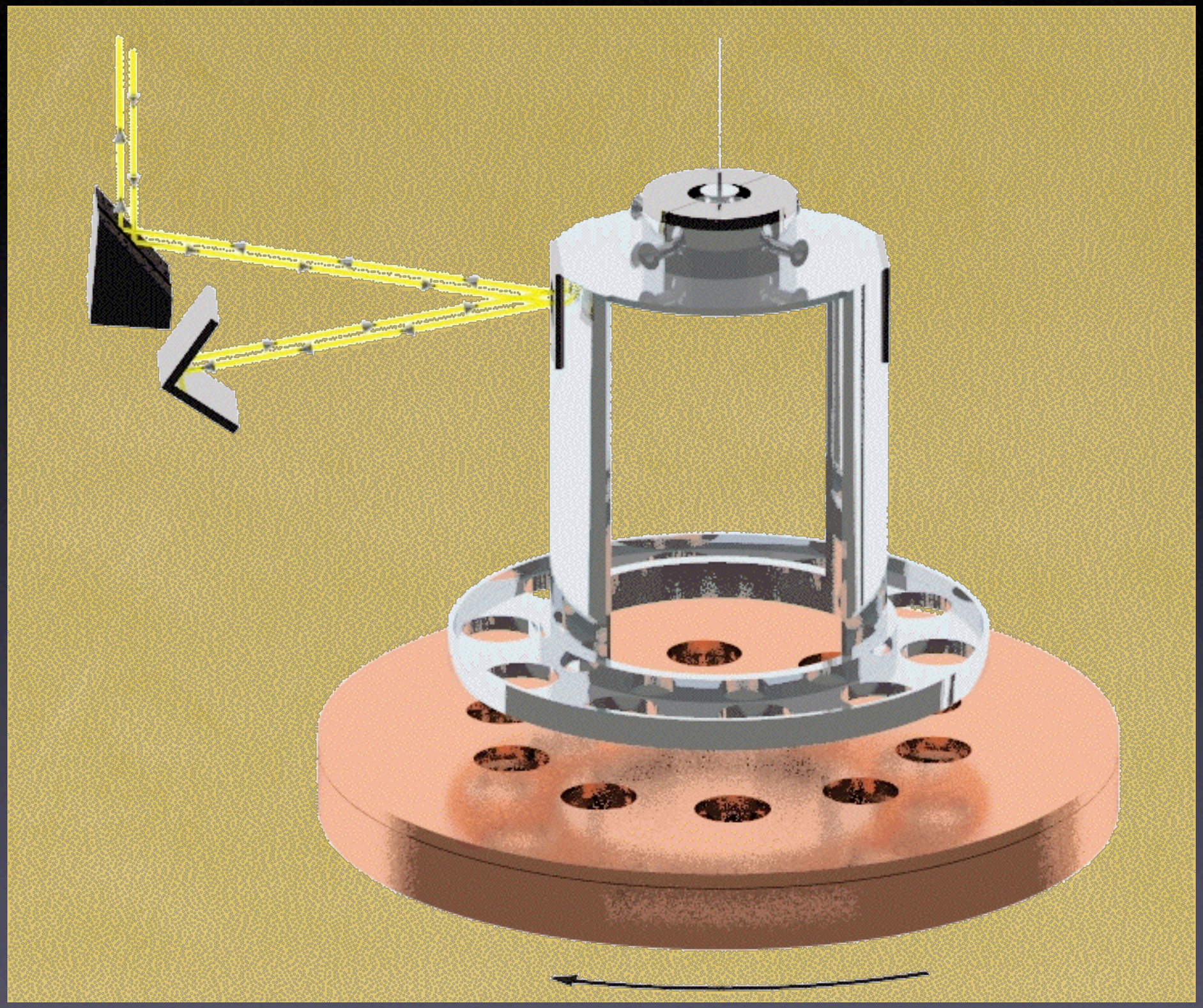

Gravity follows Newtonian force law down to $\lesssim$ 1 mm

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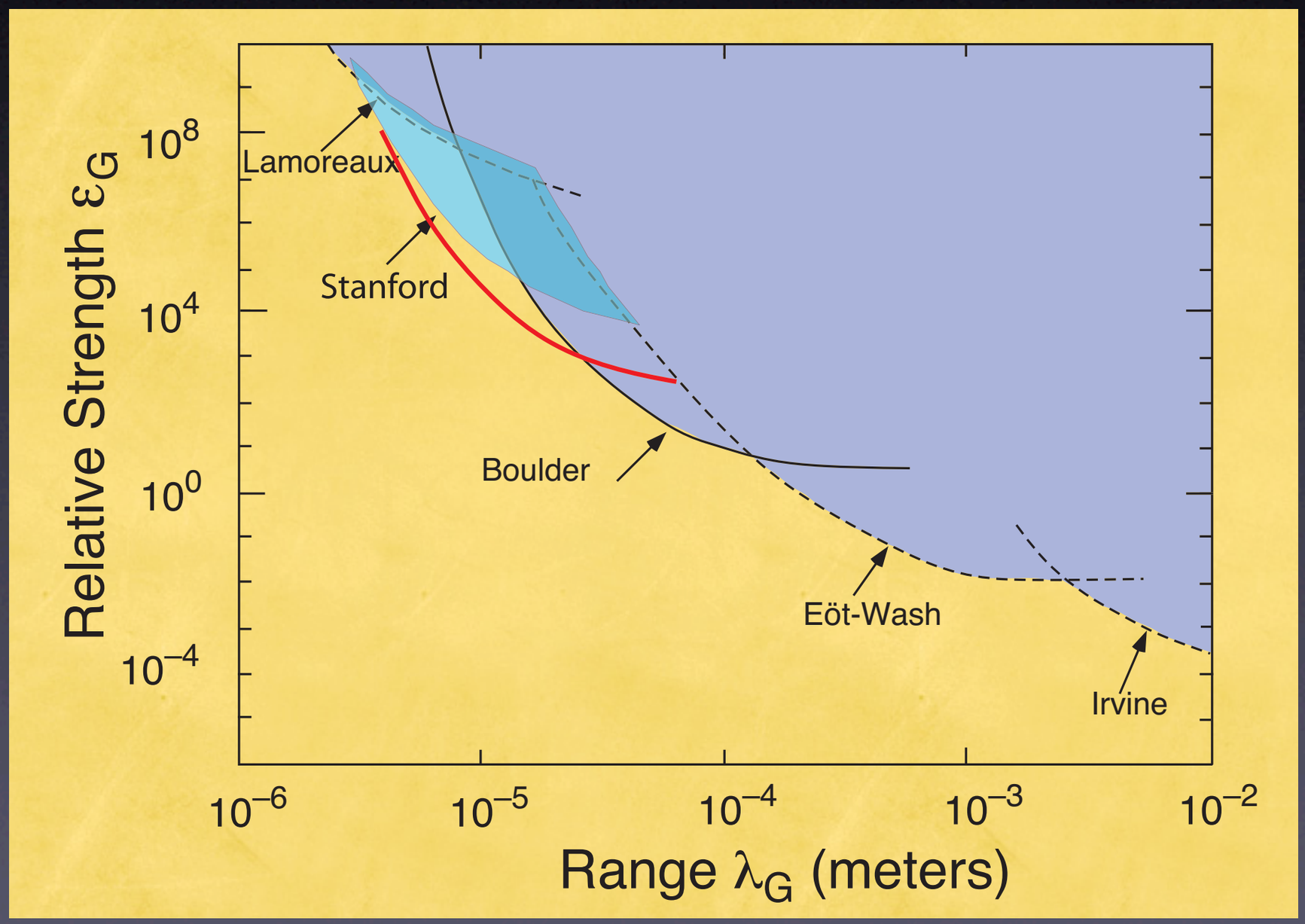

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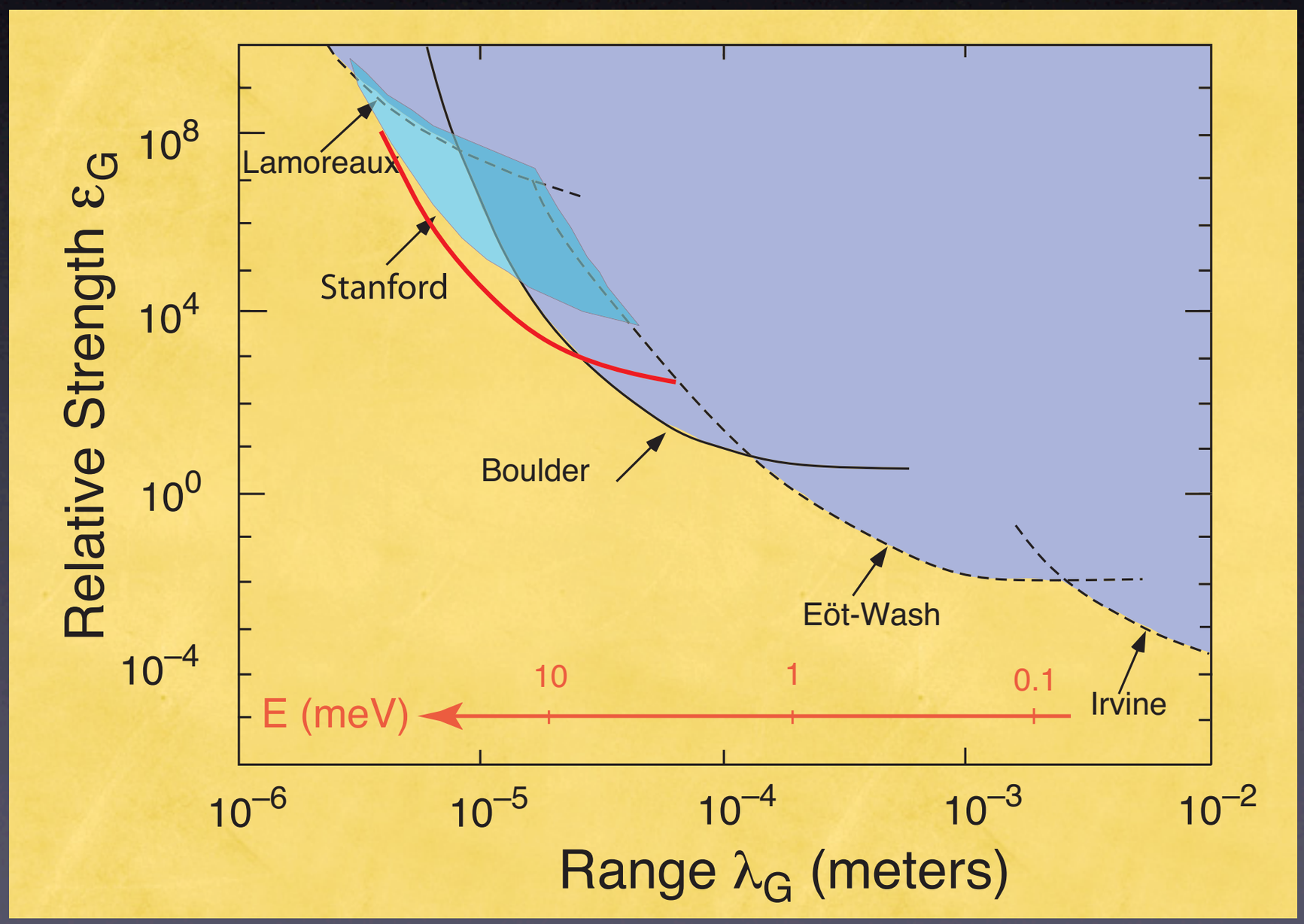
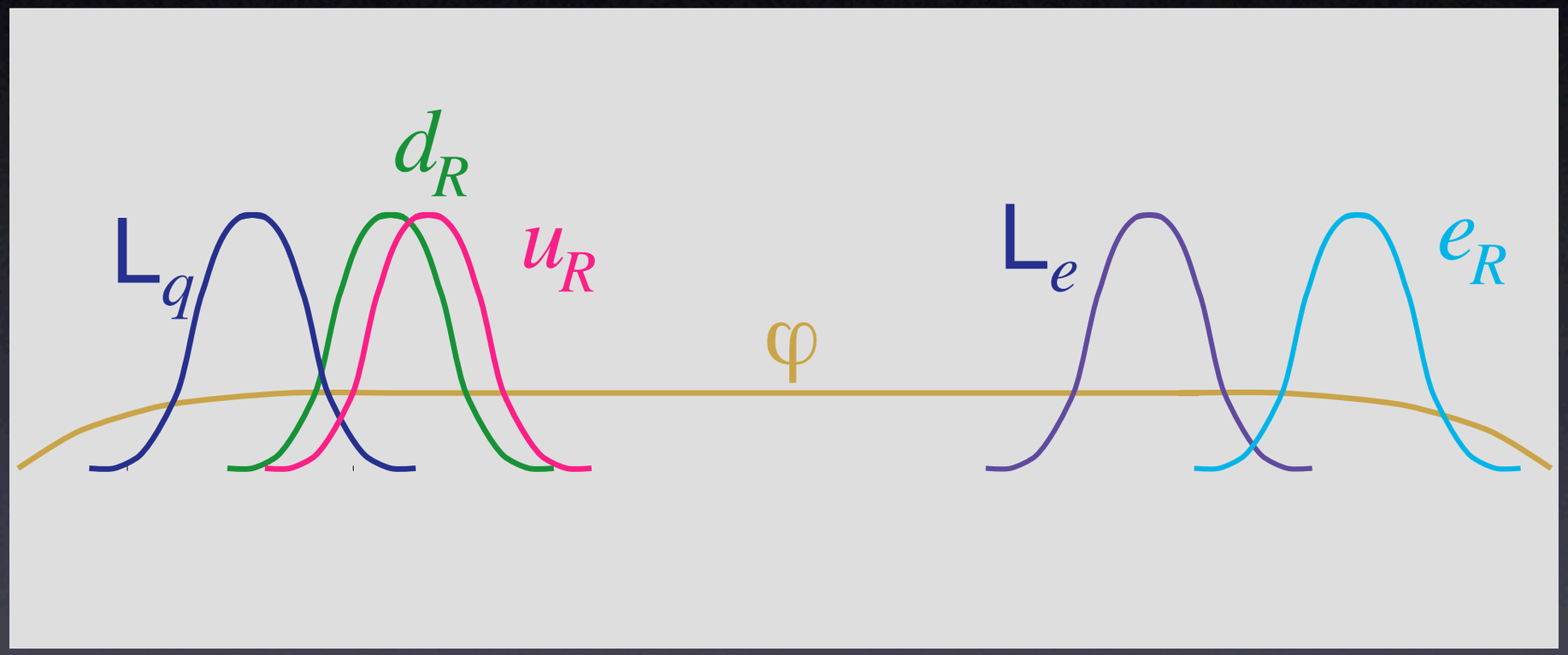


Might extra dimensions explain the range of fermion masses?



fermions ride separate tracks in 5th dimension

small offsets in x_5 ⇒ exponential mass ratios

Other extradimensional delights …

(provided gravity is intrinsically strong)

- Graviton emission ($E_{missing}$ signatures) or graviton exchange (angular distributions)
- Resonances spaced at TeV intervals
- If extra dimensions are 1/TeV-scale, tiny black holes: collider hedgehogs, spectacular cosmic-ray showers

Reminders that we haven't seen (or imagined) everything yet

A Decade of Discovery Ahead

- ▷ Higgs search and study; EWSB / 1-TeV scale
- ▷ CP violation (B); Rare decays (K, D, ...)
- ▷ Neutrino oscillations
- ▷ Top as a tool
- ▷ New phases of matter; hadronic physics
- ▷ Exploration!
  Extra dimensions / new dynamics / SUSY / new forces & constituents
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A Decade of Discovery Ahead

- ▷ Higgs search and study; EWSB / 1-TeV scale [$p^{\pm}p$ colliders; e^+e^- LC]
- ▷ CP violation (B); Rare decays (K, D, ...) [e^+e^-, $p^{\pm}p$, fixed-target]
- ▷ Neutrino oscillations [$\nu_{\odot}$, ν_{atm}, reactors, ν beams]
- ▷ Top as a tool [$p^{\pm}p$ colliders; e^+e^- LC]
- ▷ New phases of matter; hadronic physics [heavy ions, ep, fixed-target]
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- ▷ Proton decay [underground]
- ▷ Composition of the universe [SN Ia, CMB, LSS, underground, colliders]