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# Fundamental Symmetries (Theory)

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# Low energy probes of physics beyond the Standard Model (I)

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# Goal of these lectures

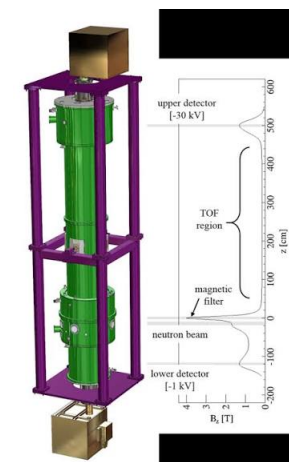
Provide a theoretical introduction to the 'BSM frontier' of nuclear science

Search for new phenomena beyond the Standard Model through **precision tests** or the study of **rare processes** at low energy

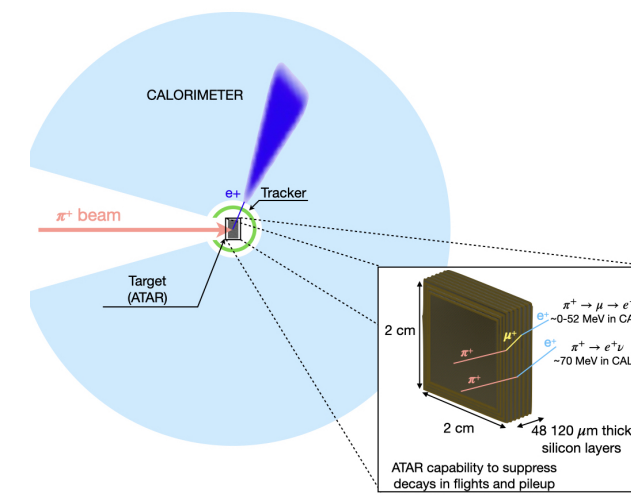
Through a variety of probes: leptons, mesons, nucleons, nuclei, atoms, molecules, ...



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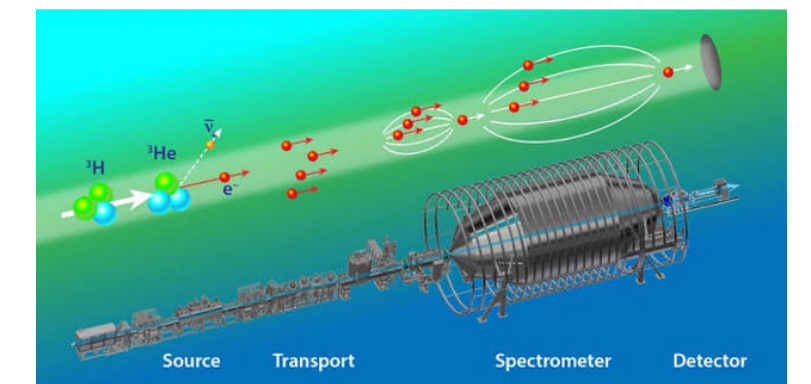
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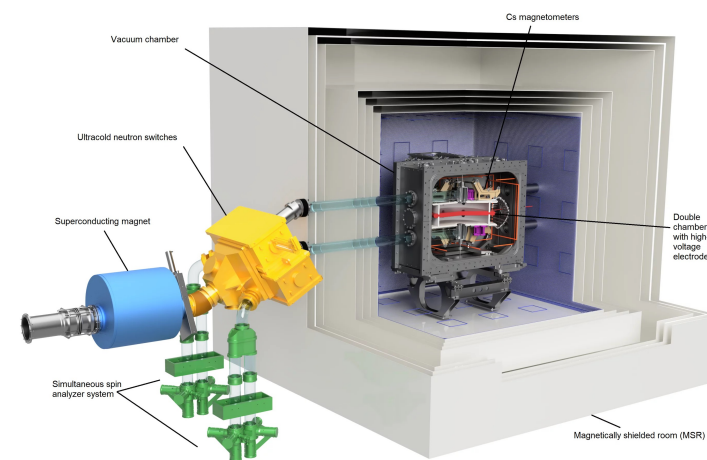
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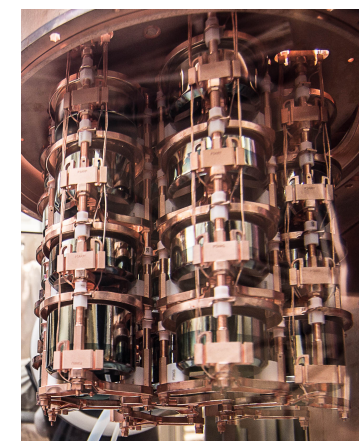
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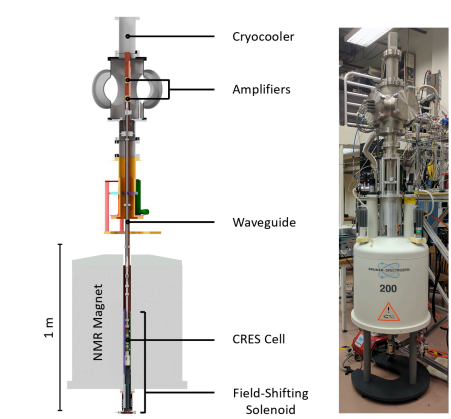
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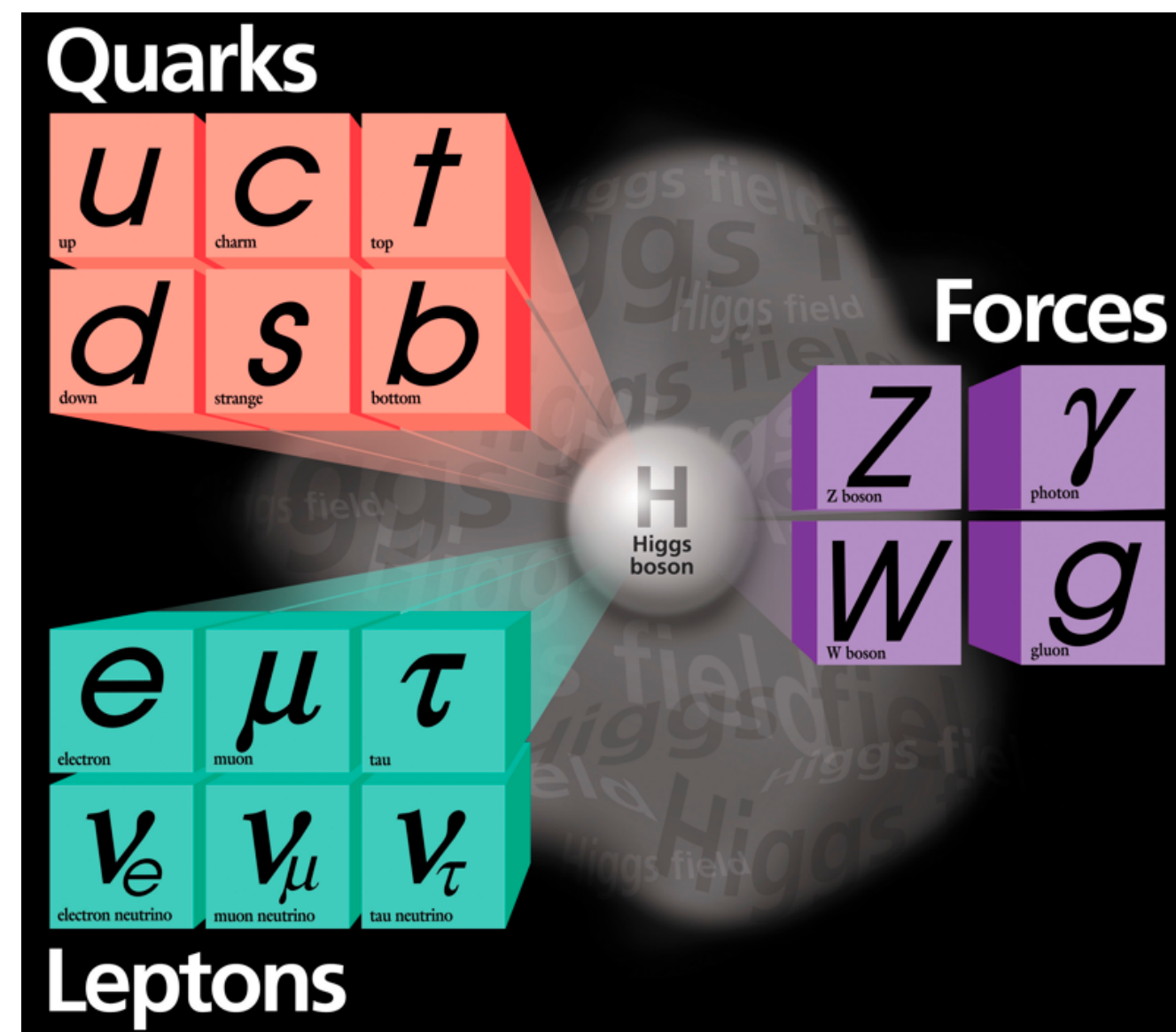
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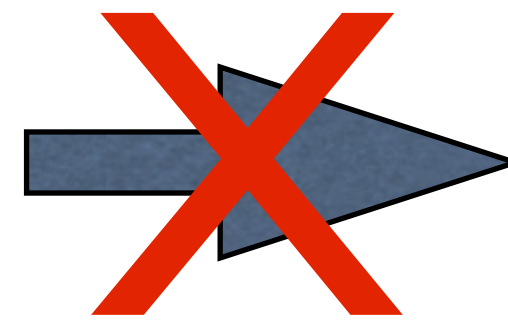
# New physics: why?

The Standard Model encodes our knowledge of nature's building blocks and interactions (up to gravity)

but it's at best incomplete ...



Credit: Fermilab



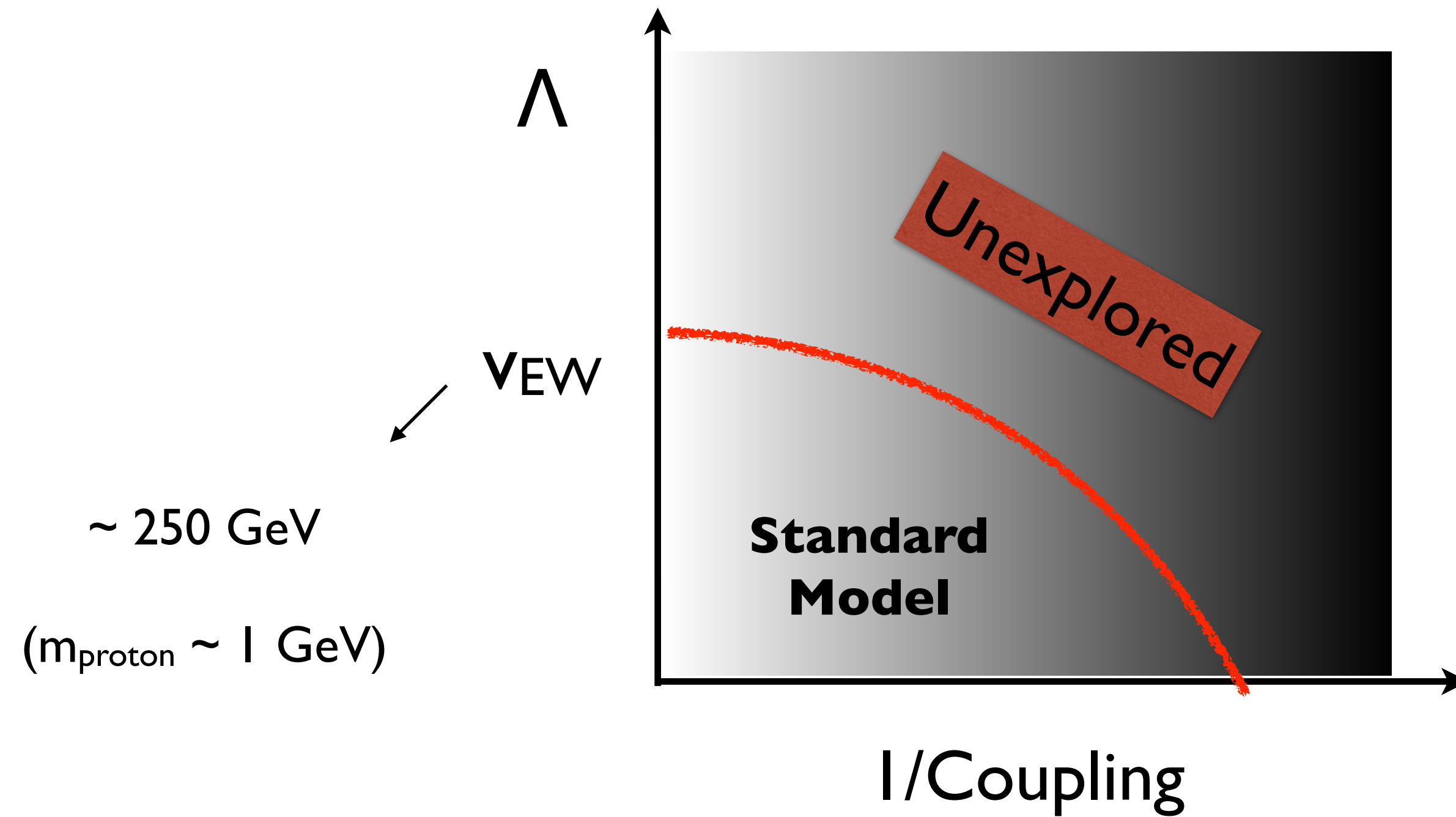
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No Neutrino Mass, no Baryon Asymmetry, no Dark Matter, no Dark Energy  
Origin of families, Strong CP problem, Unification,...

Addressing these shortcomings & puzzles requires new physics

# New physics: where?

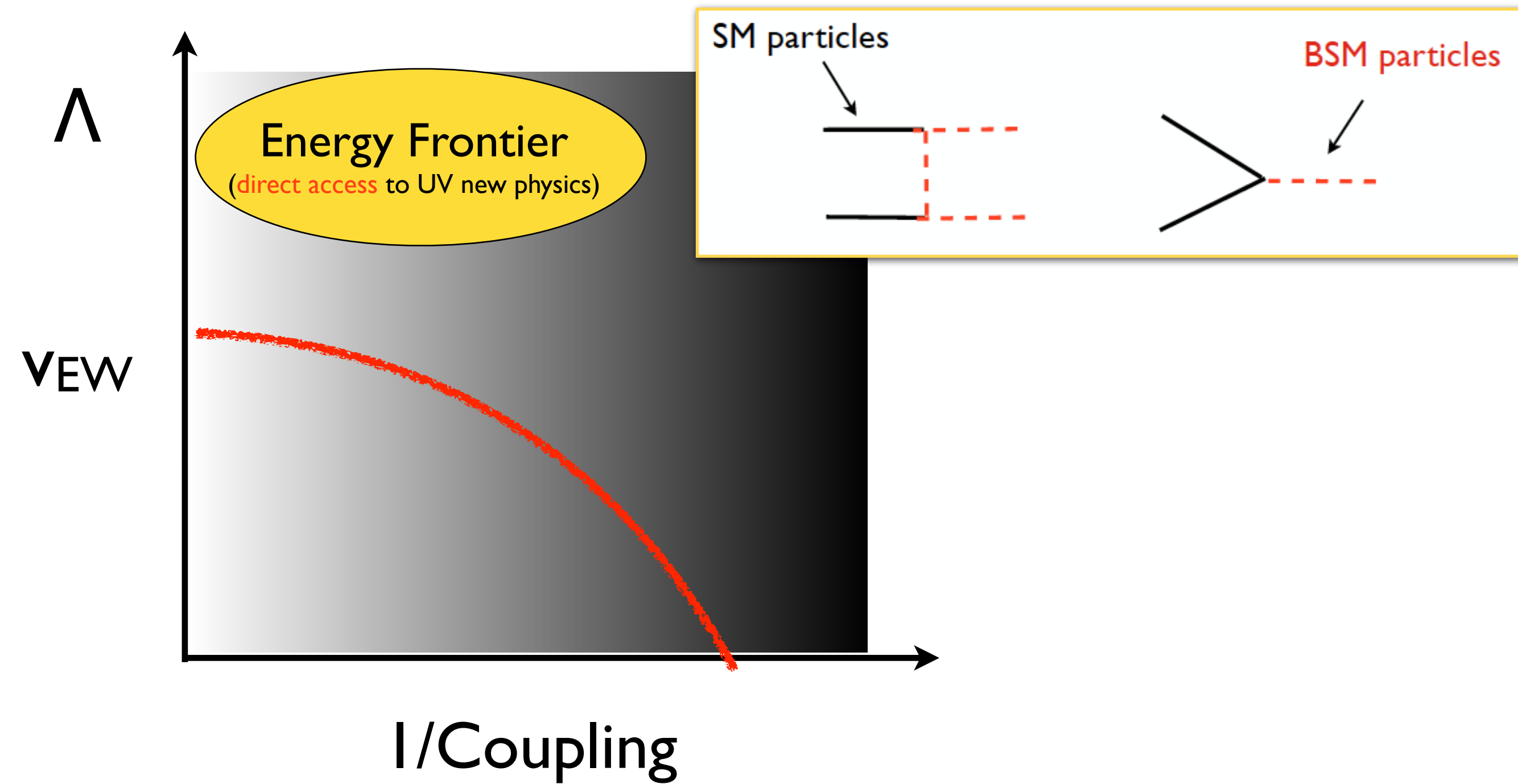
- Where is the new physics? Is it Heavy? Is it Light & weakly coupled?



# New physics: how?

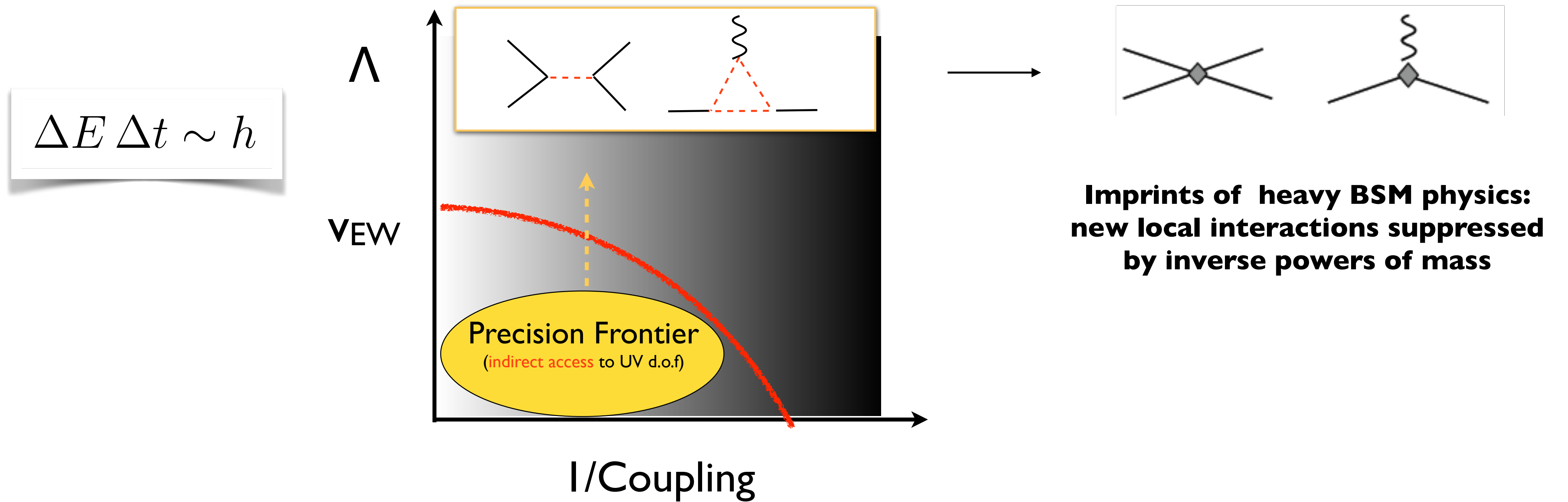
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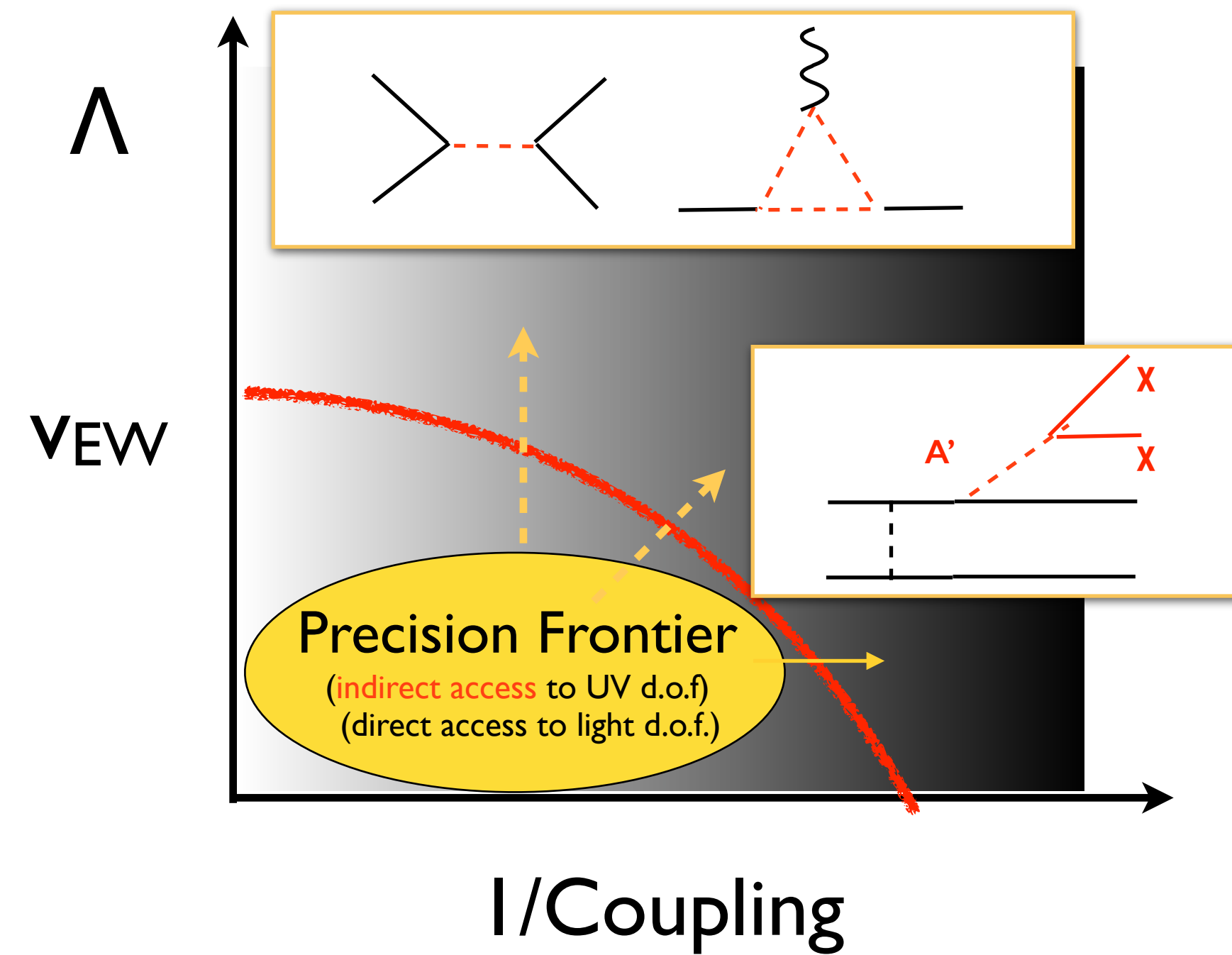
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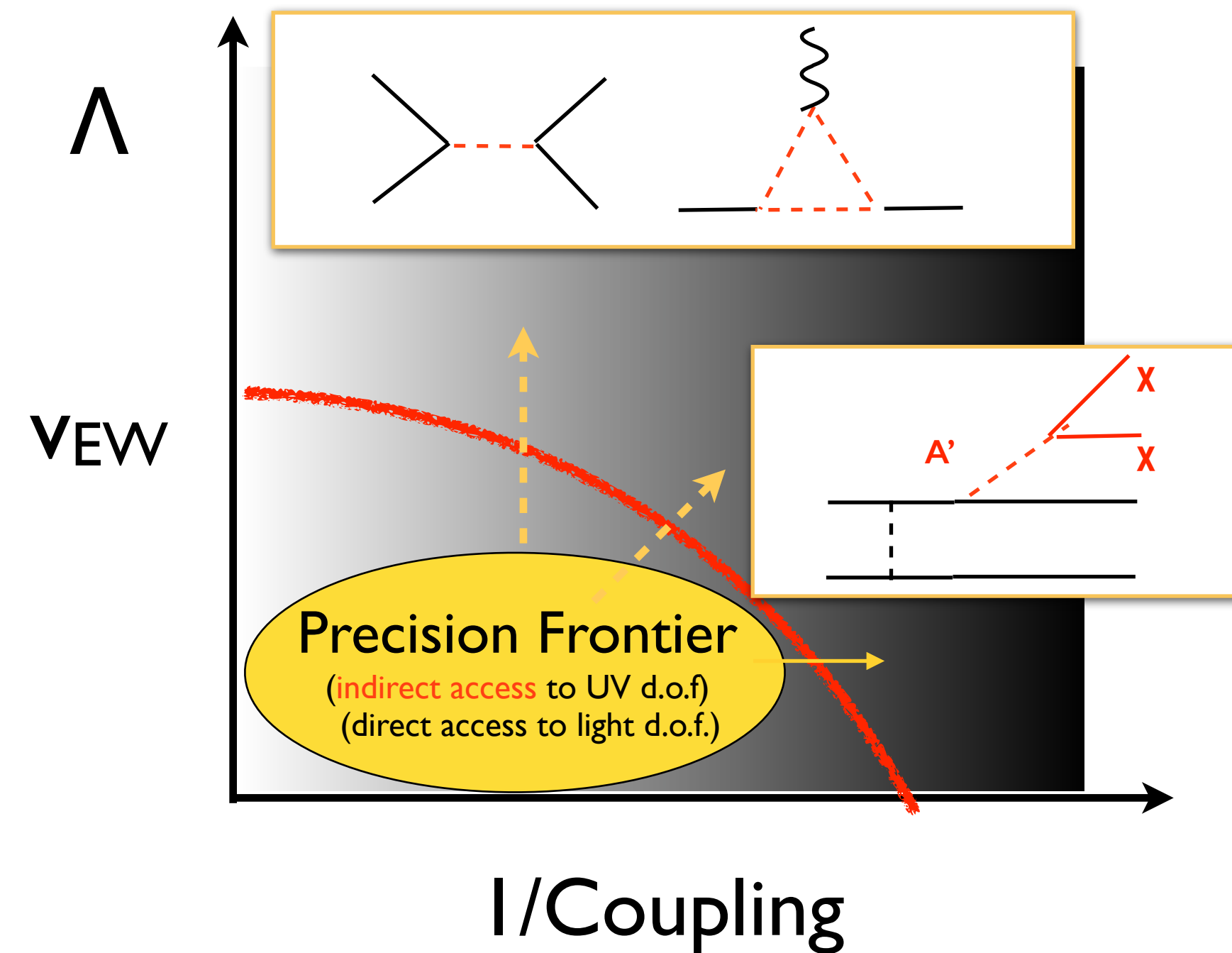
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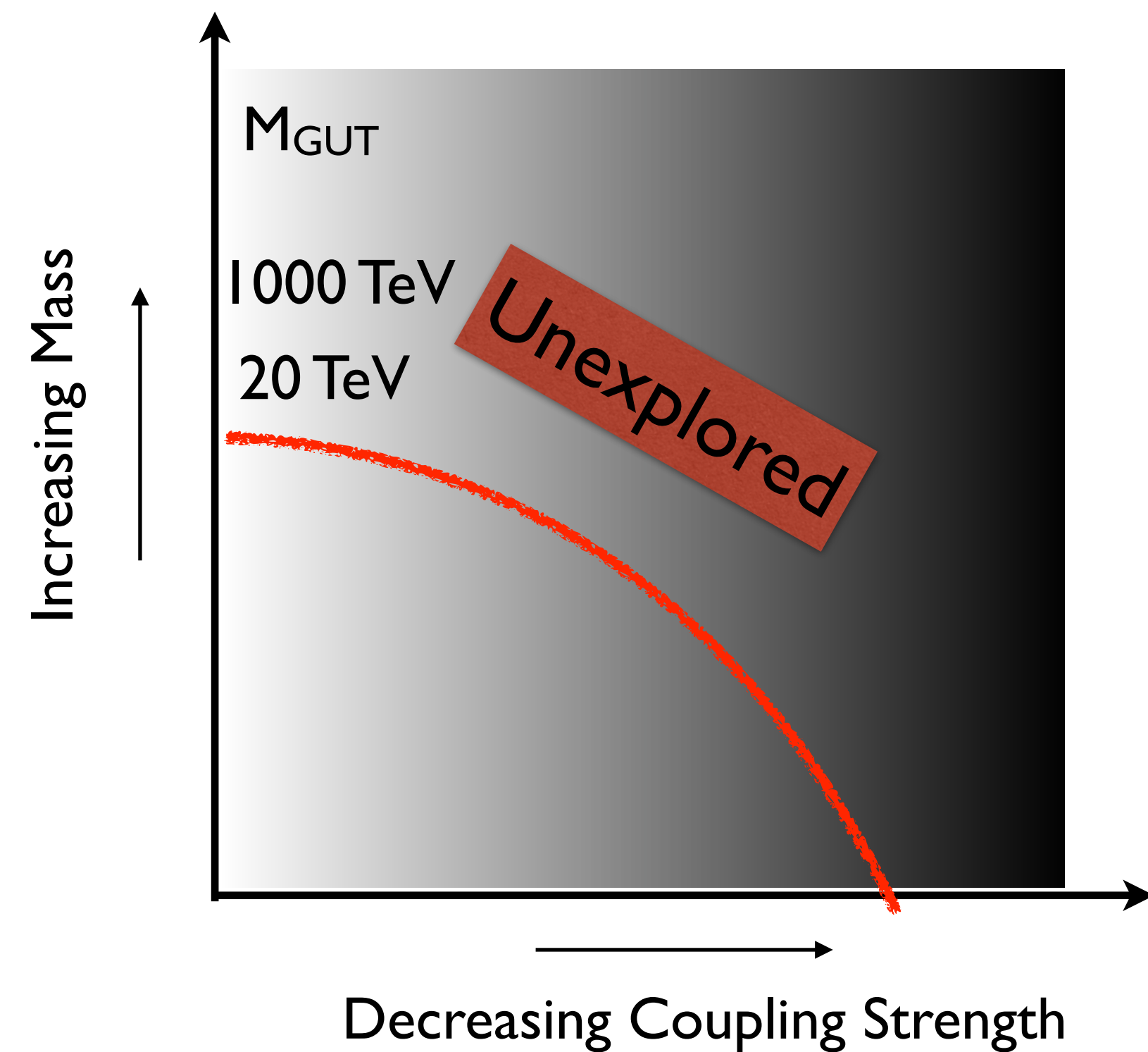


- Both frontiers needed to probe the **particle content & symmetries of  $\mathcal{L}_{BSM}$**  and **address the open questions**

The Precision Frontier cuts across AMO, HEP & NP

# Three classes of low-E & nuclear probes

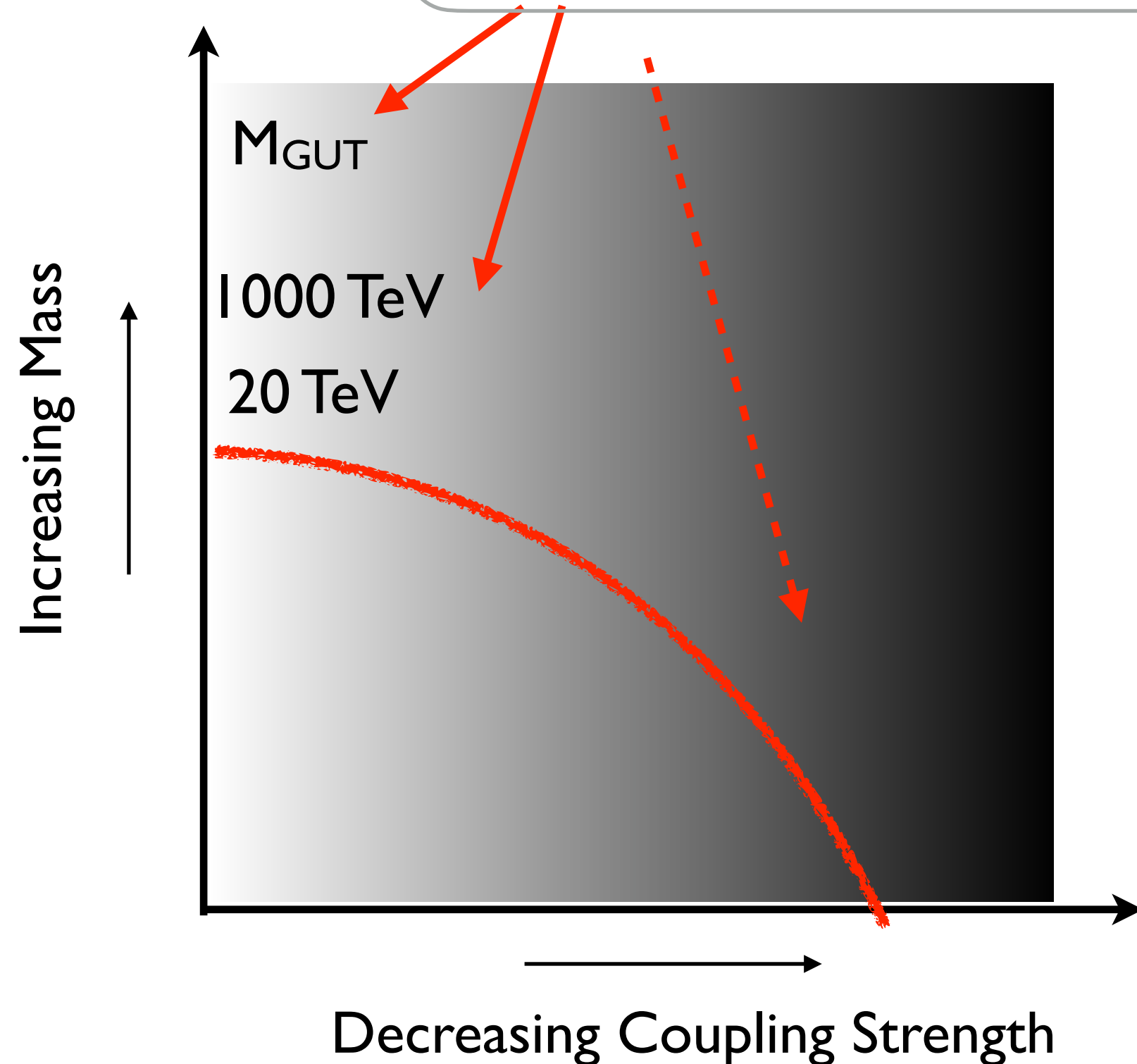
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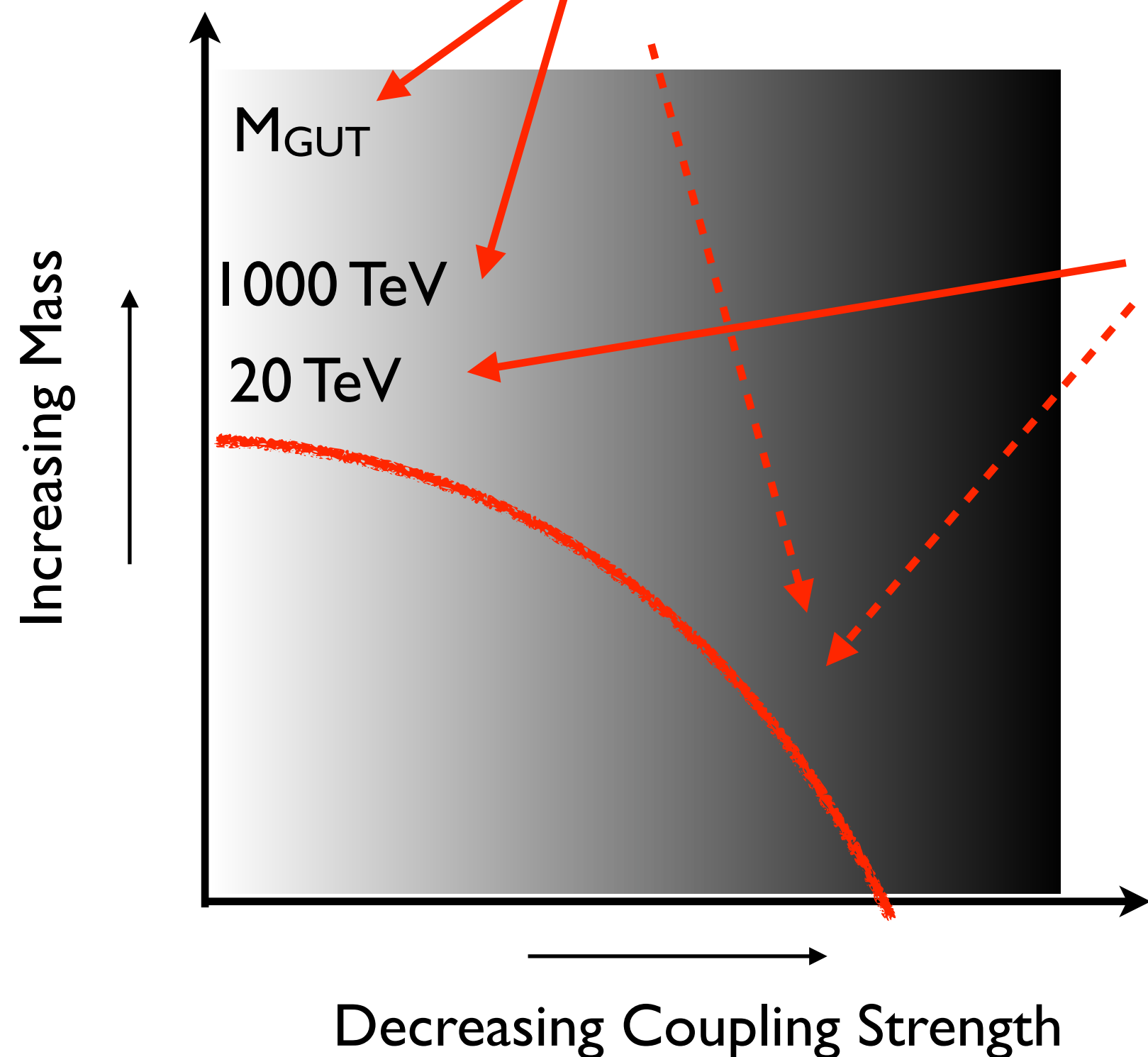
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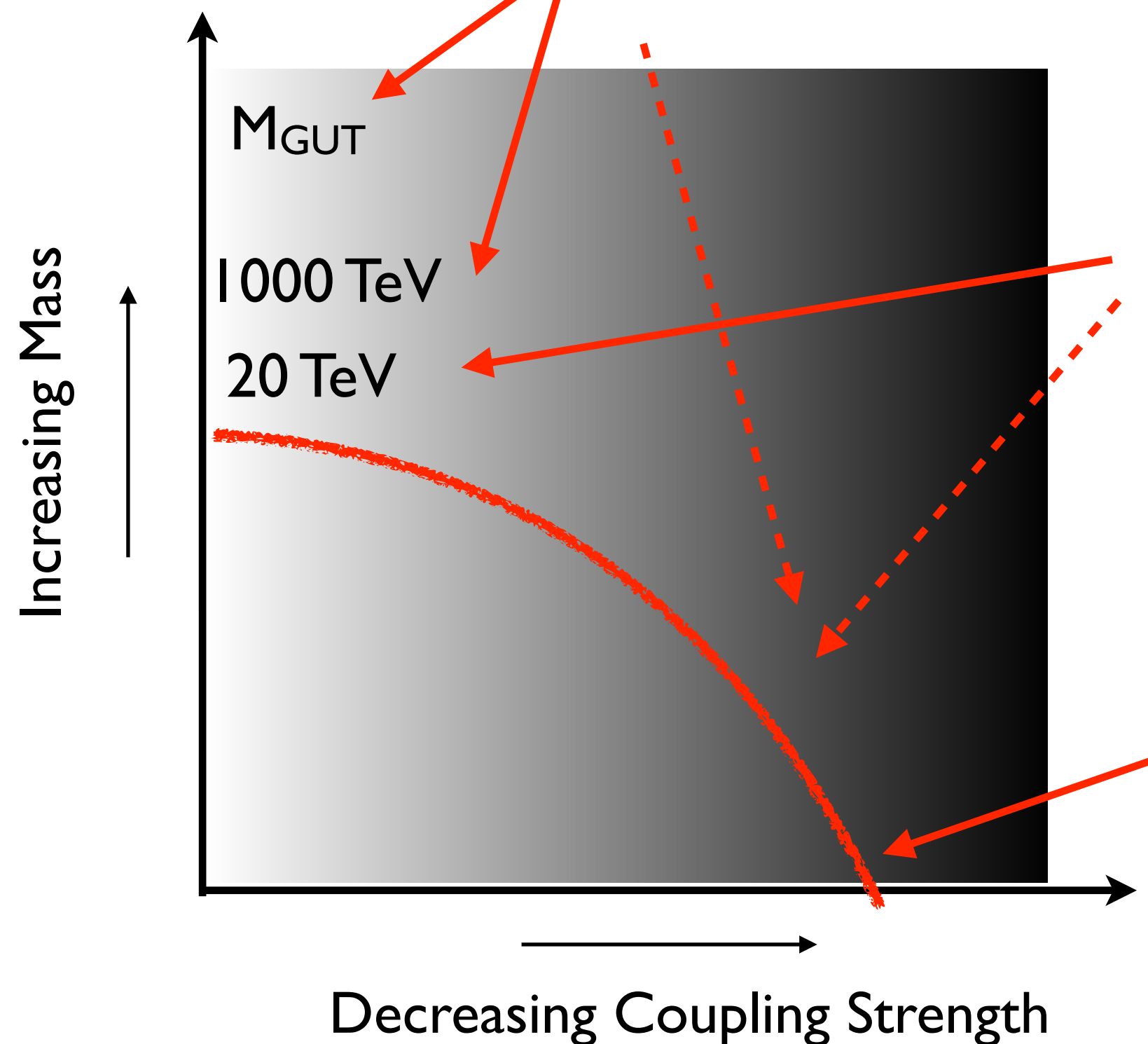


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3. Searches / characterization of **light and weakly coupled particles**: active  $V$ 's, sterile  $V$ 's, dark sector particles and mediators, axions,  
...  
Neutrino properties, dark matter & dark sectors

# Impact of low-energy probes

- **Discovery potential**
  - Explore physics that is otherwise difficult / impossible to access: **high mass scale; symmetry breaking; ultralight particles**
  - A single deviation from SM expectation → new physics!
- **Diagnosing power when combining multiple probes**
  - $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay, absolute  $\nu$  mass measurements,  $\nu$  oscillations, LFV ( $\mu \rightarrow e$ ,  $e \rightarrow \tau$ , ...)  
→ origin of neutrino mass
  - Multiple EDM searches → underlying sources of CP violation
  - Low-E precision tests (+ collider) → identify possible new force mediators
- **Connection to open questions**

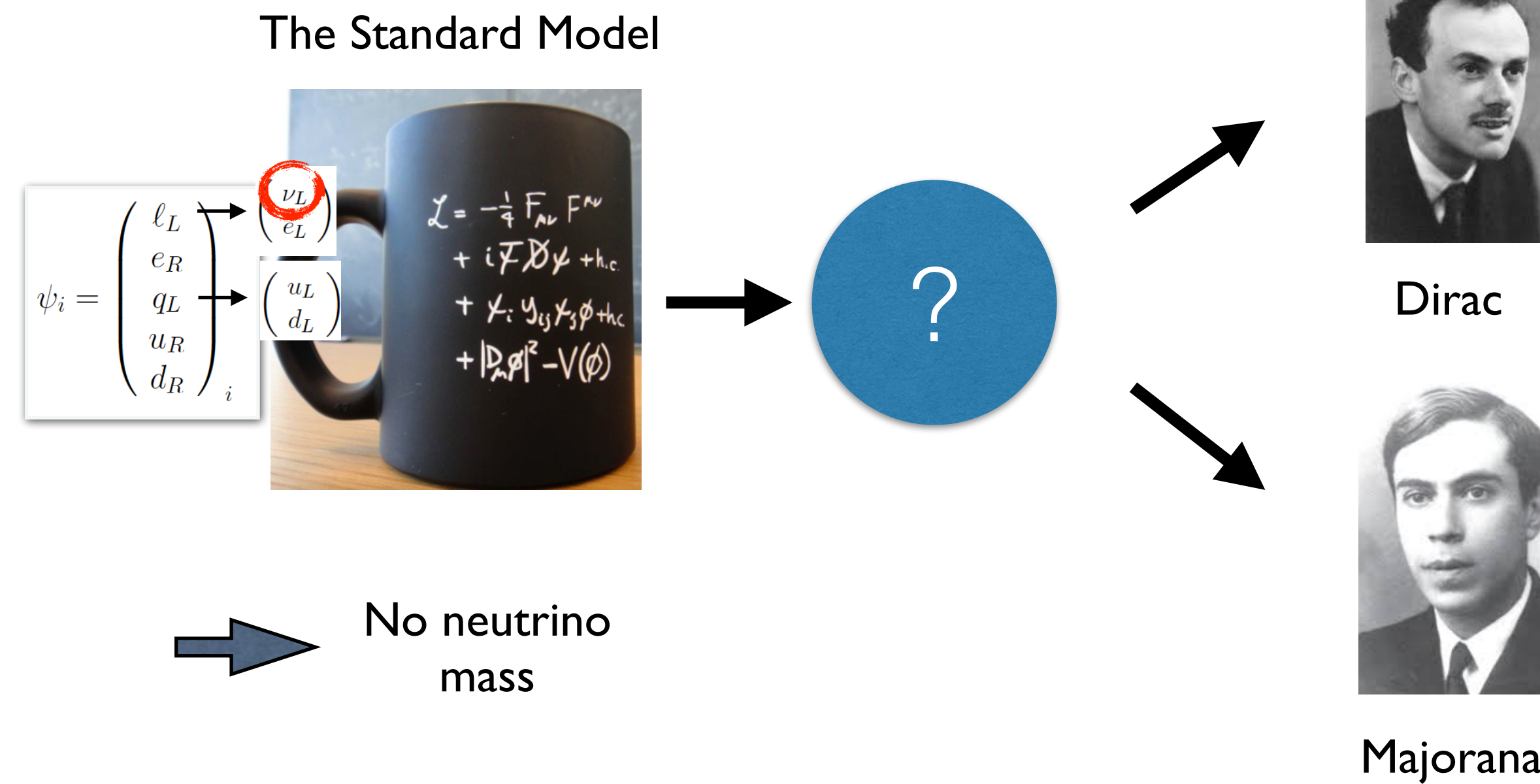
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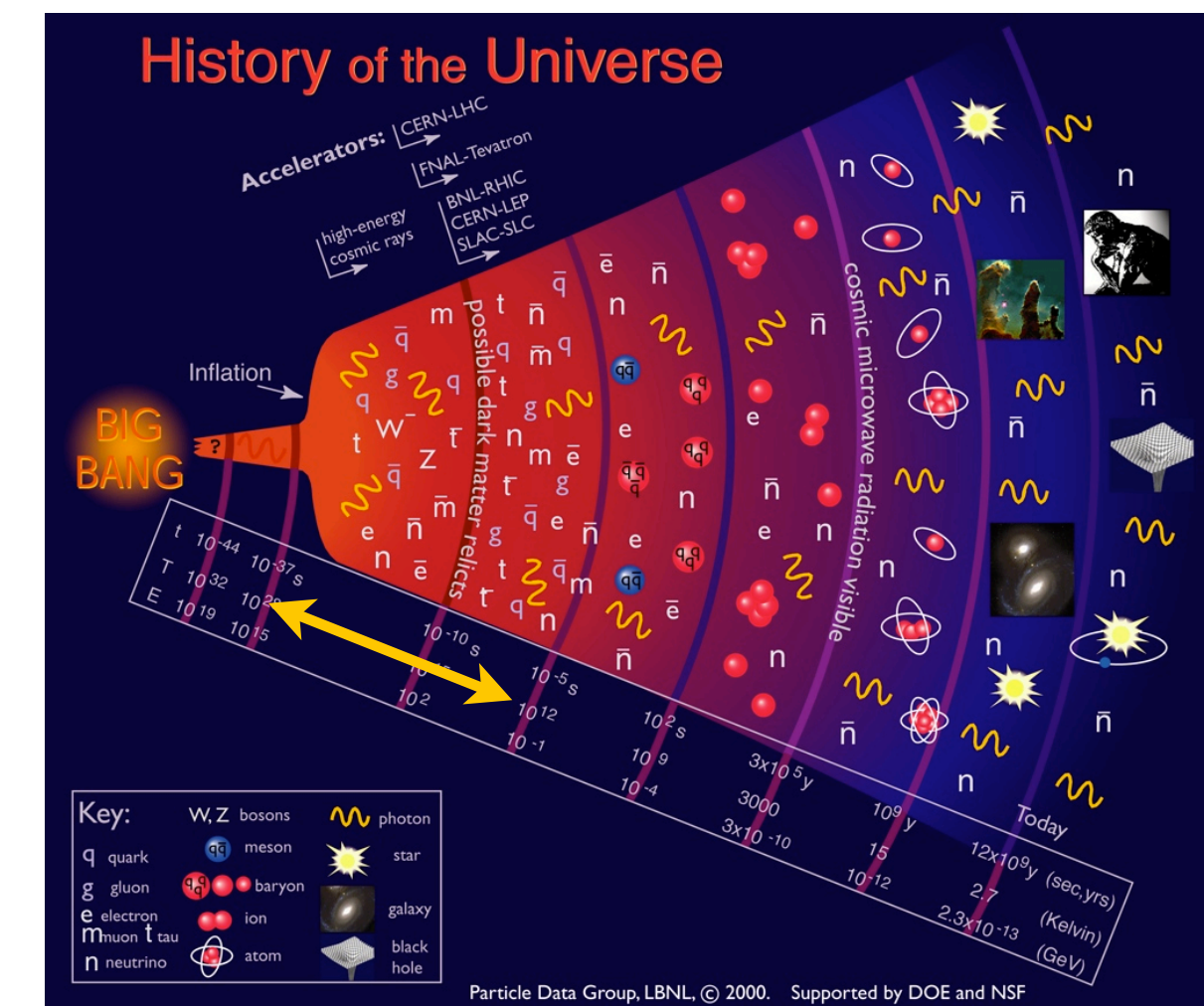
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Baryon asymmetry  
(violation of B, L, CP)

Baryogenesis requires (Sakharov)

- B (L) violation
- C and CP violation
- Departure from equilibrium

Baryogenesis does not work in  
the Standard Model

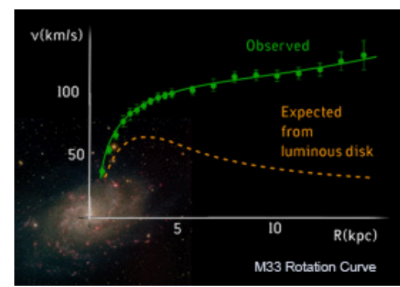


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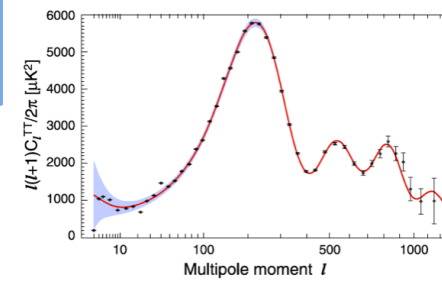
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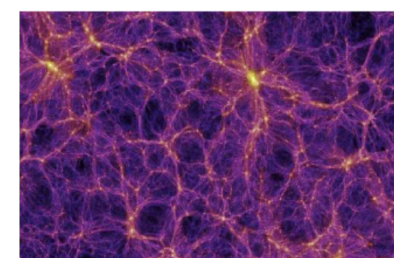
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gravitational lensing + X-ray obs



CMB anisotropy



structure formation

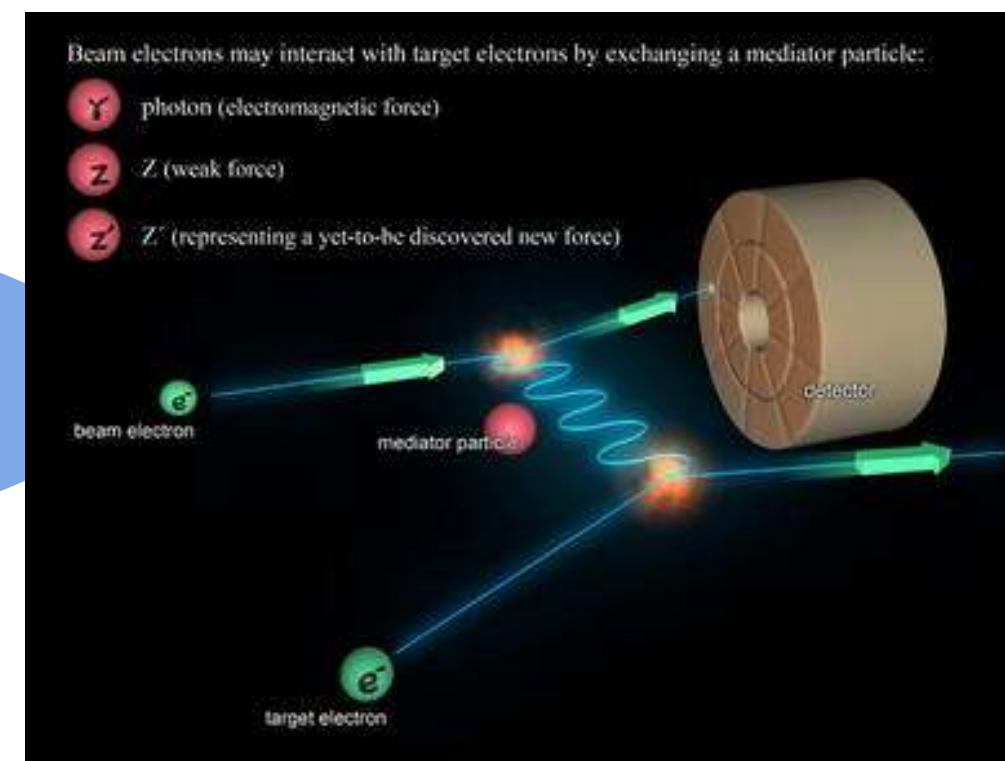
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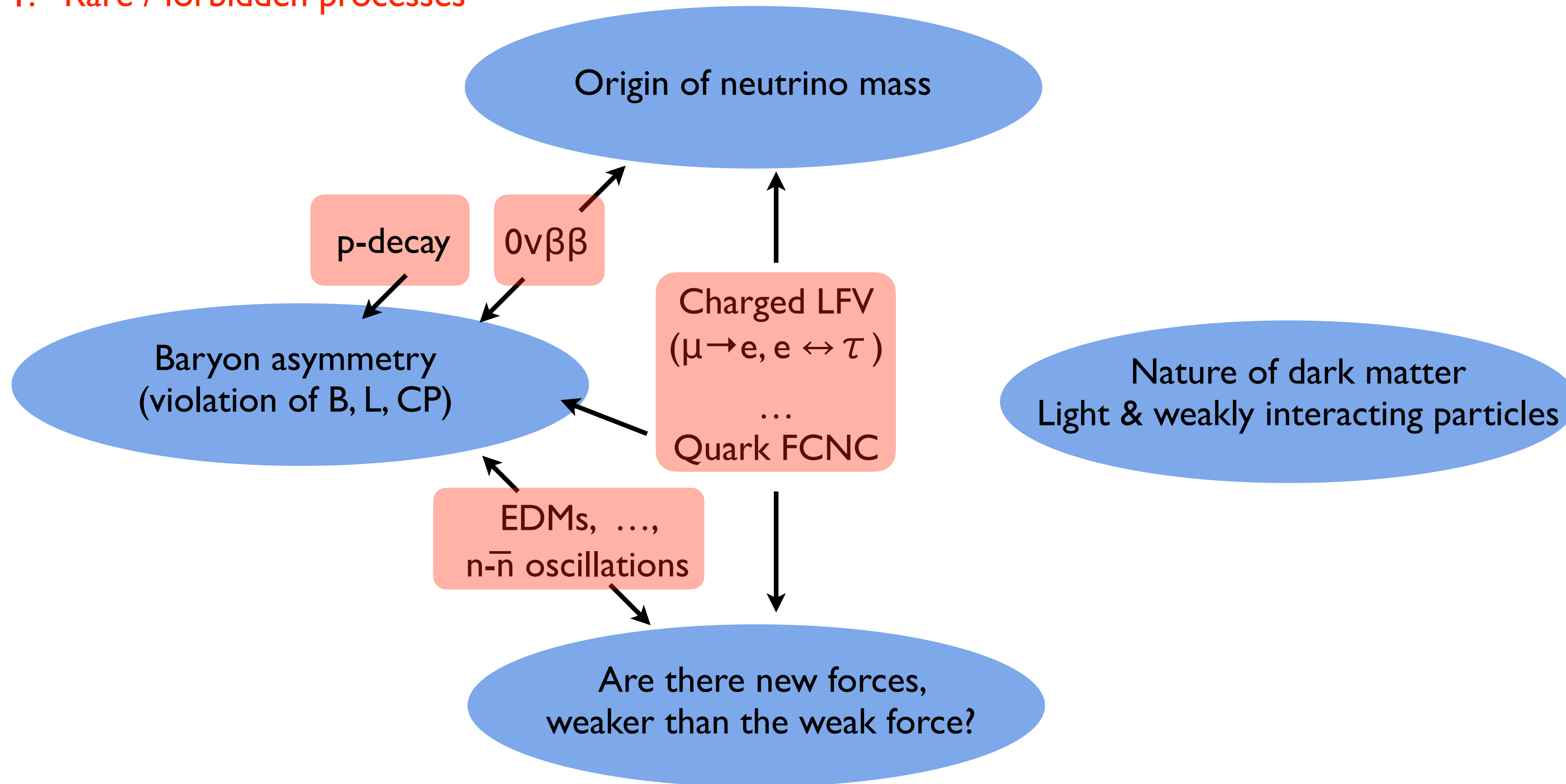
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Are there new forces,  
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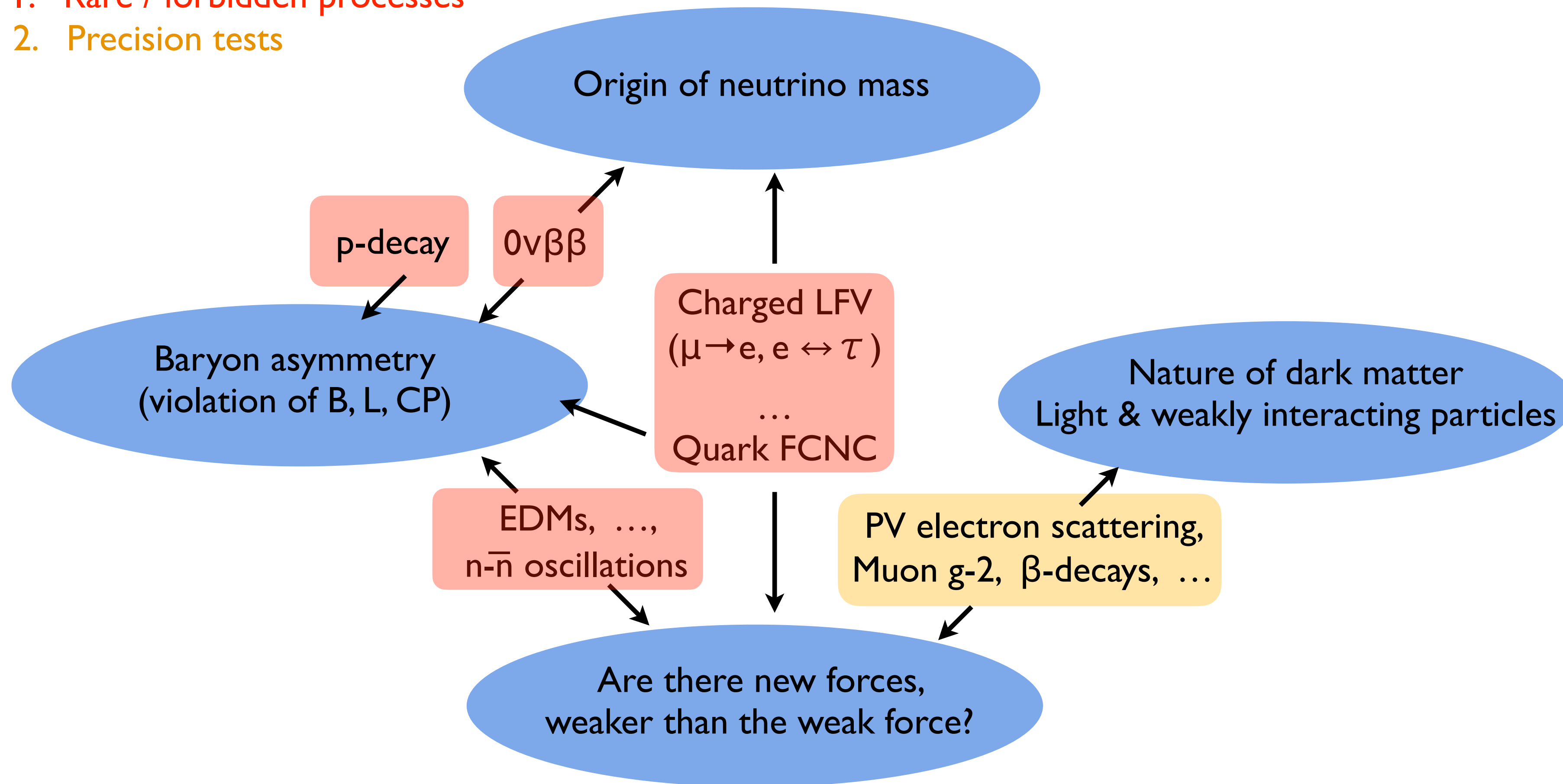
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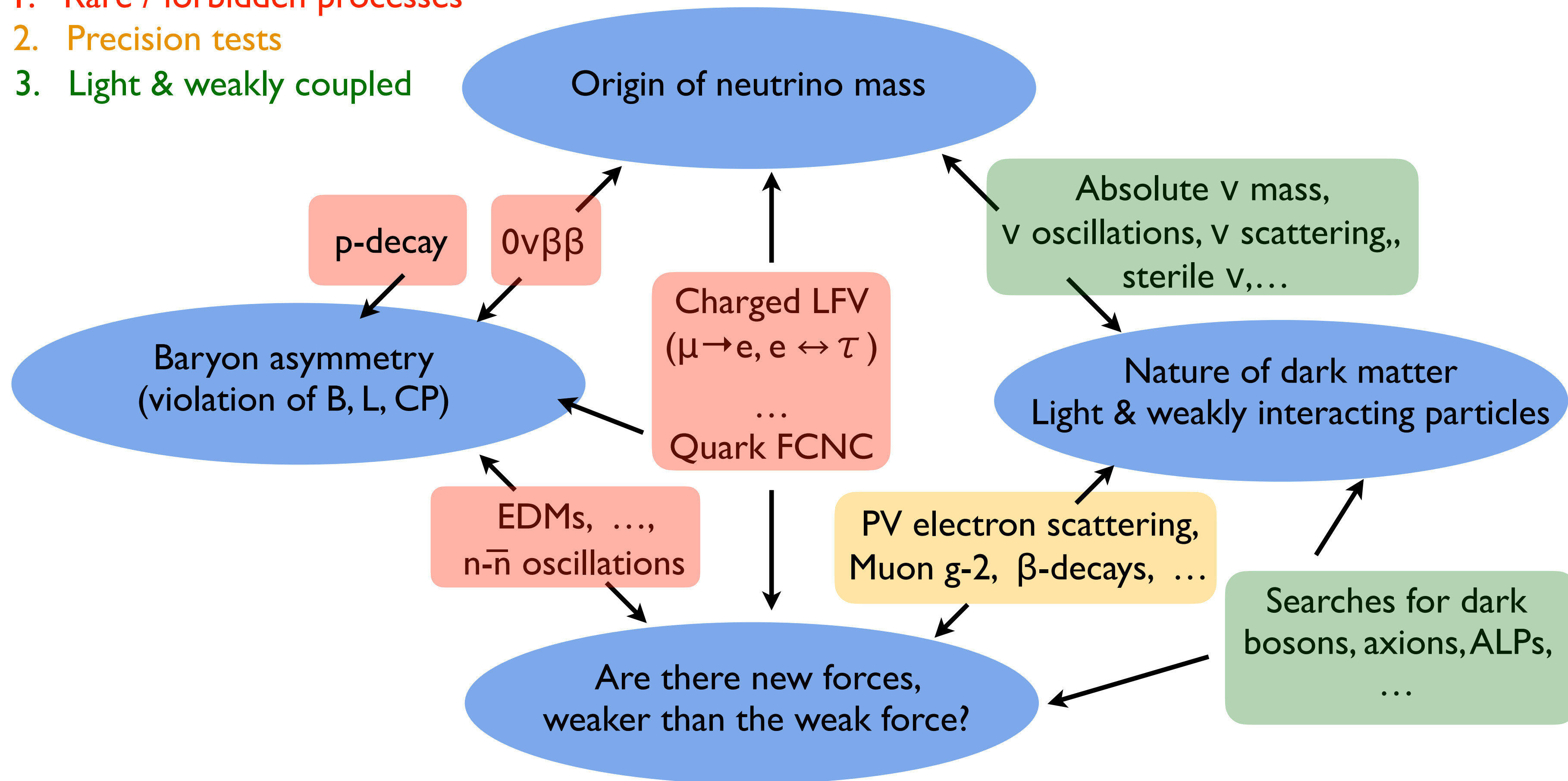
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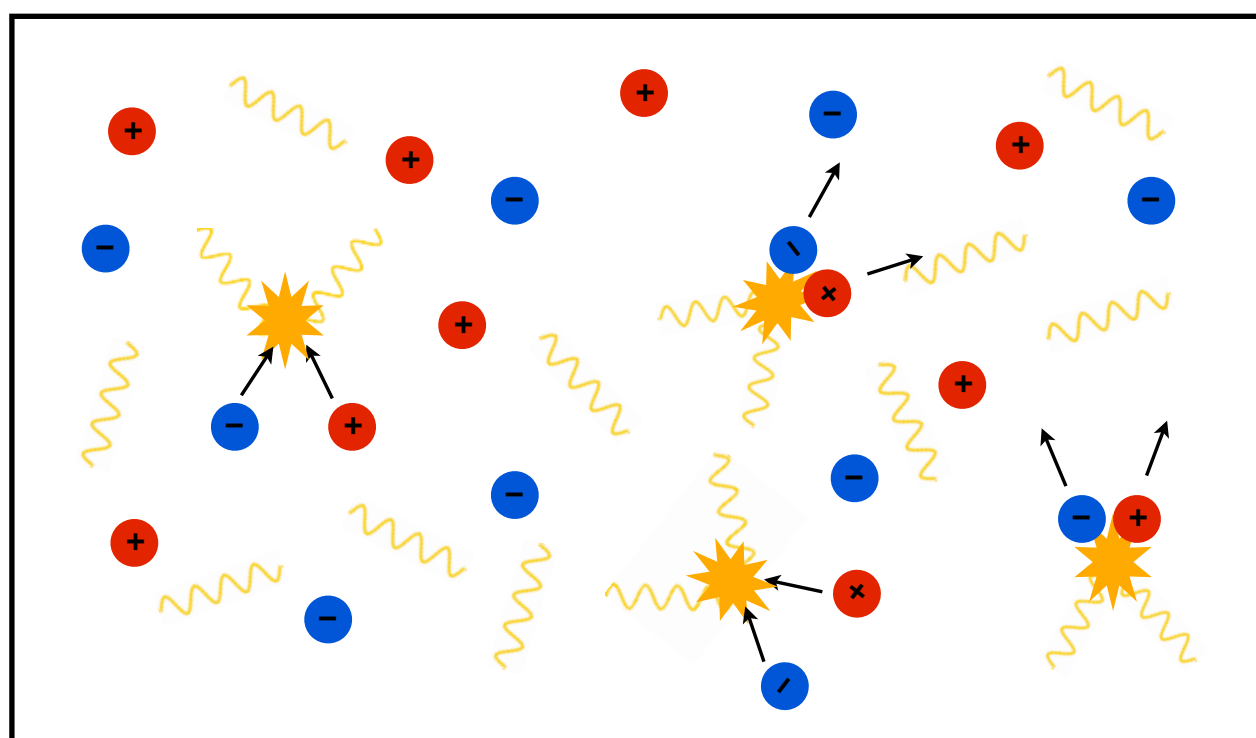
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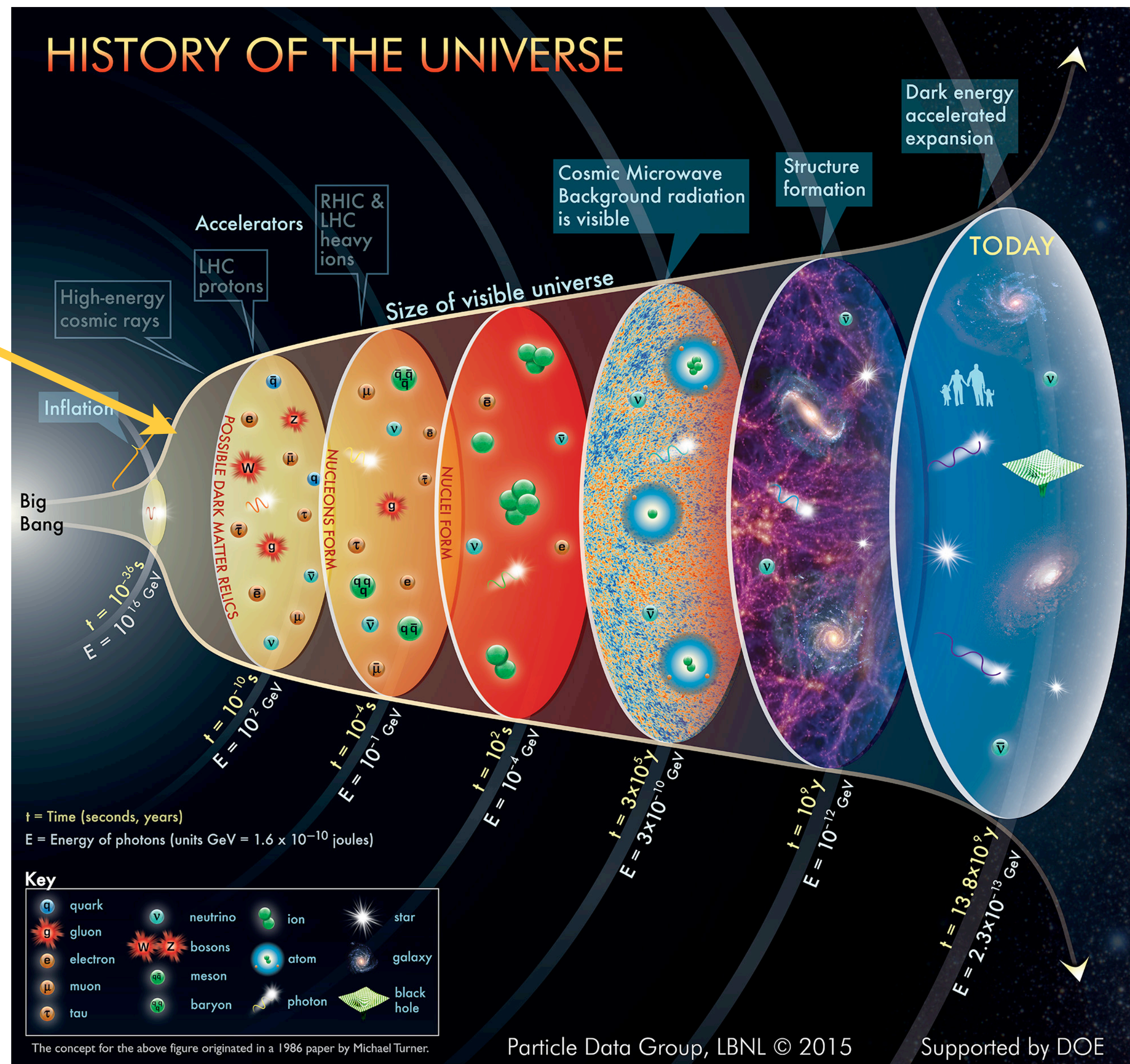
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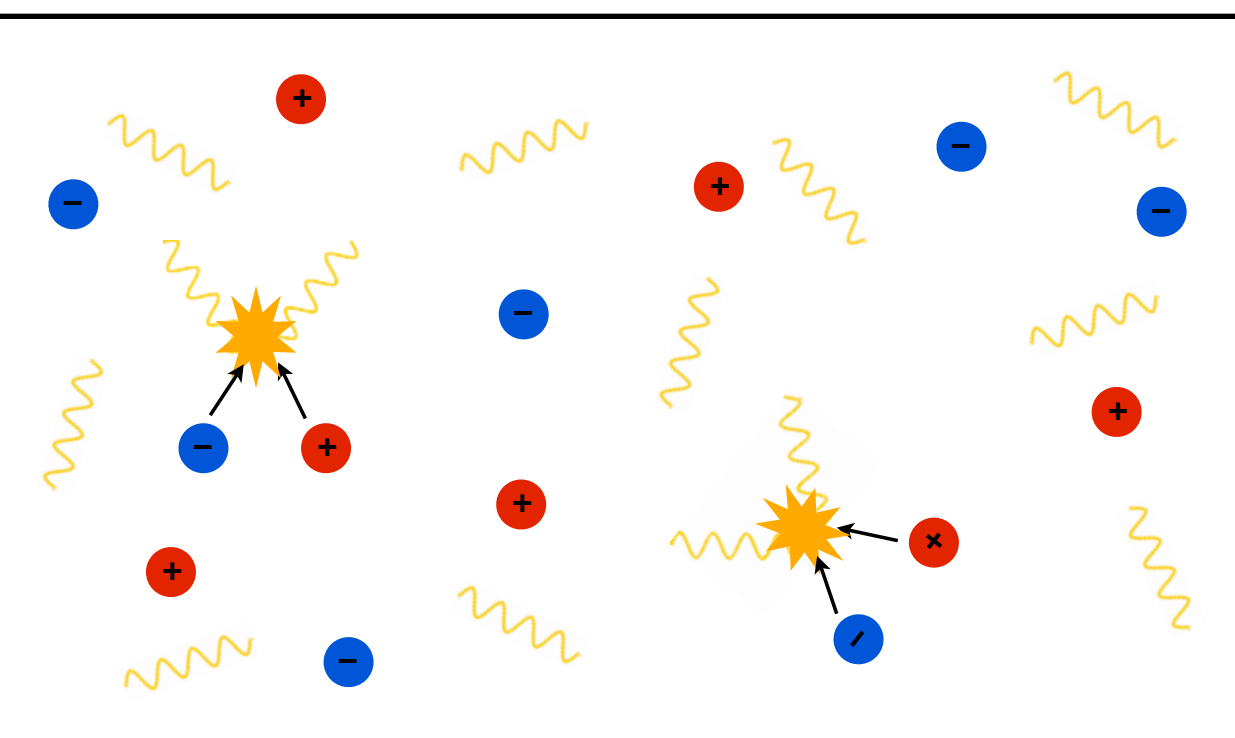
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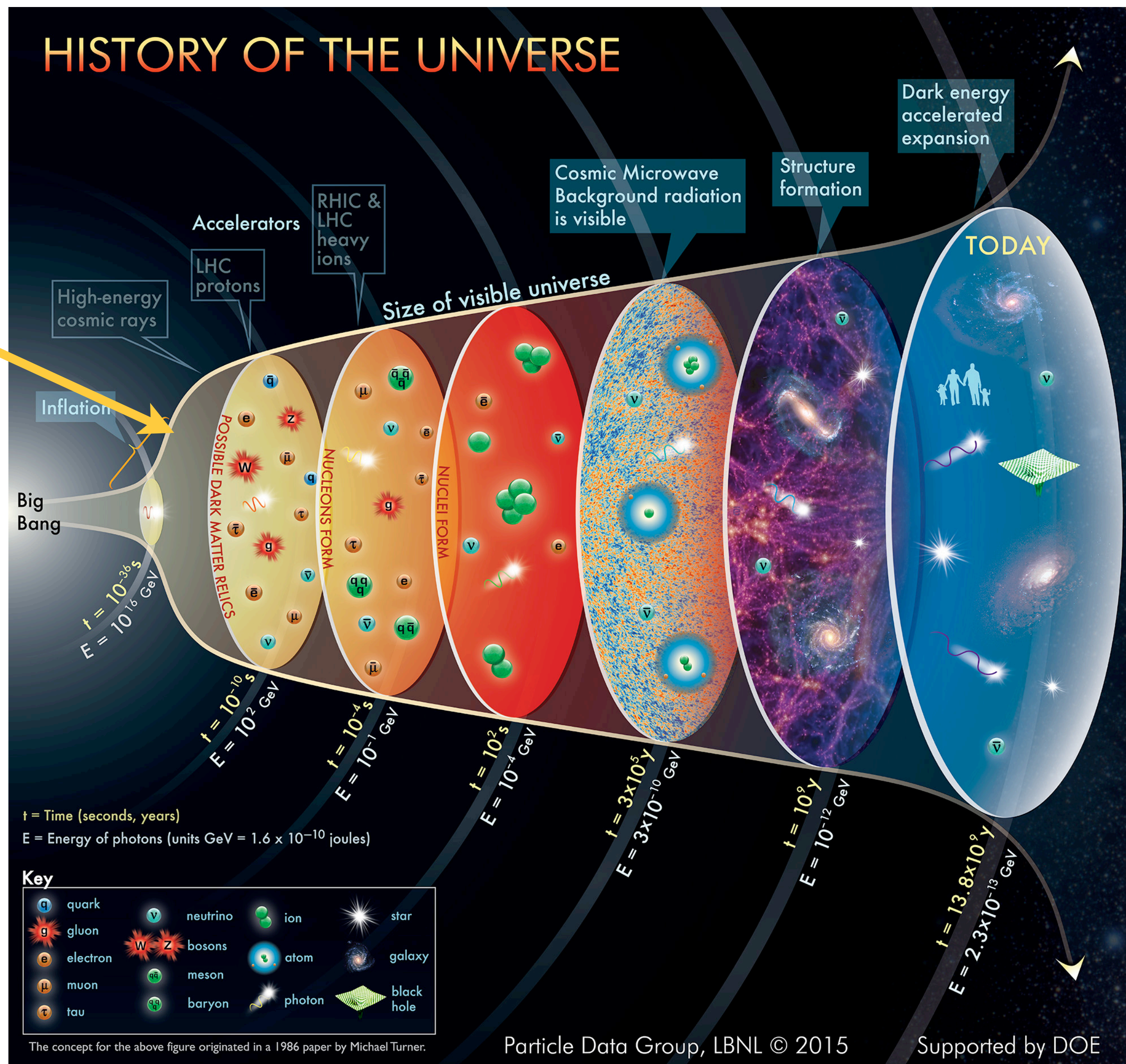
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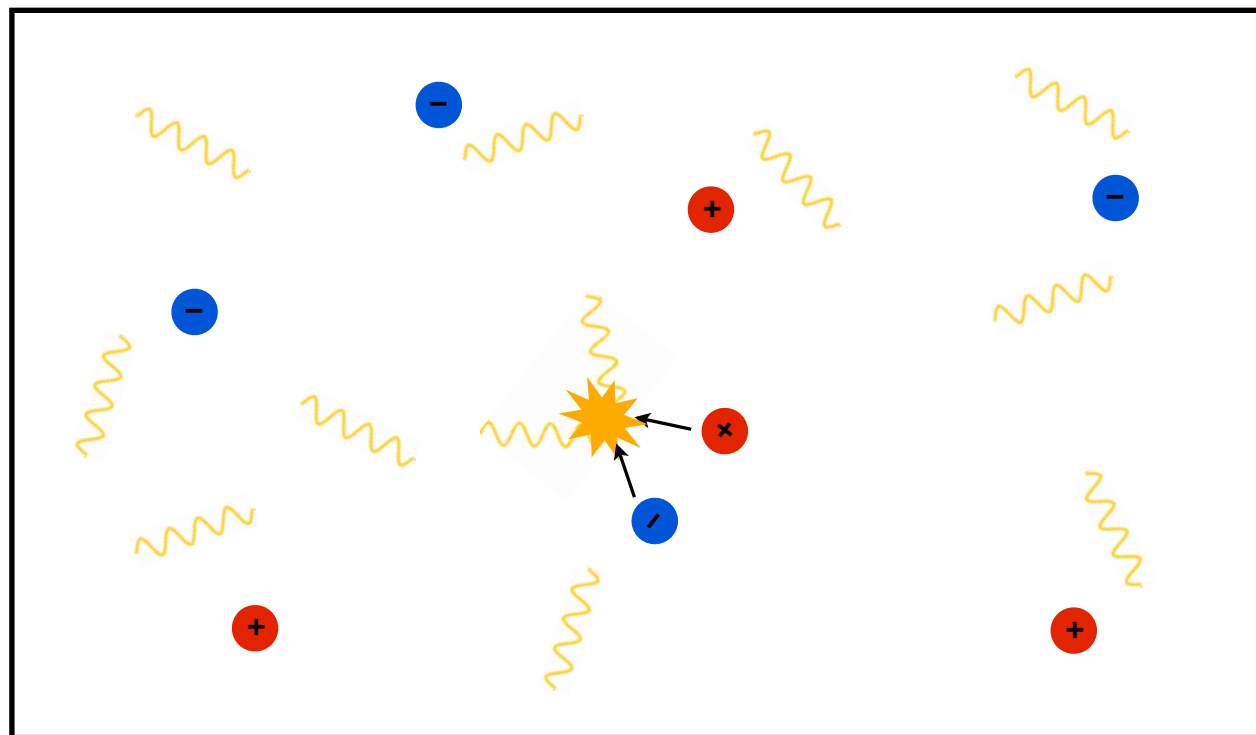
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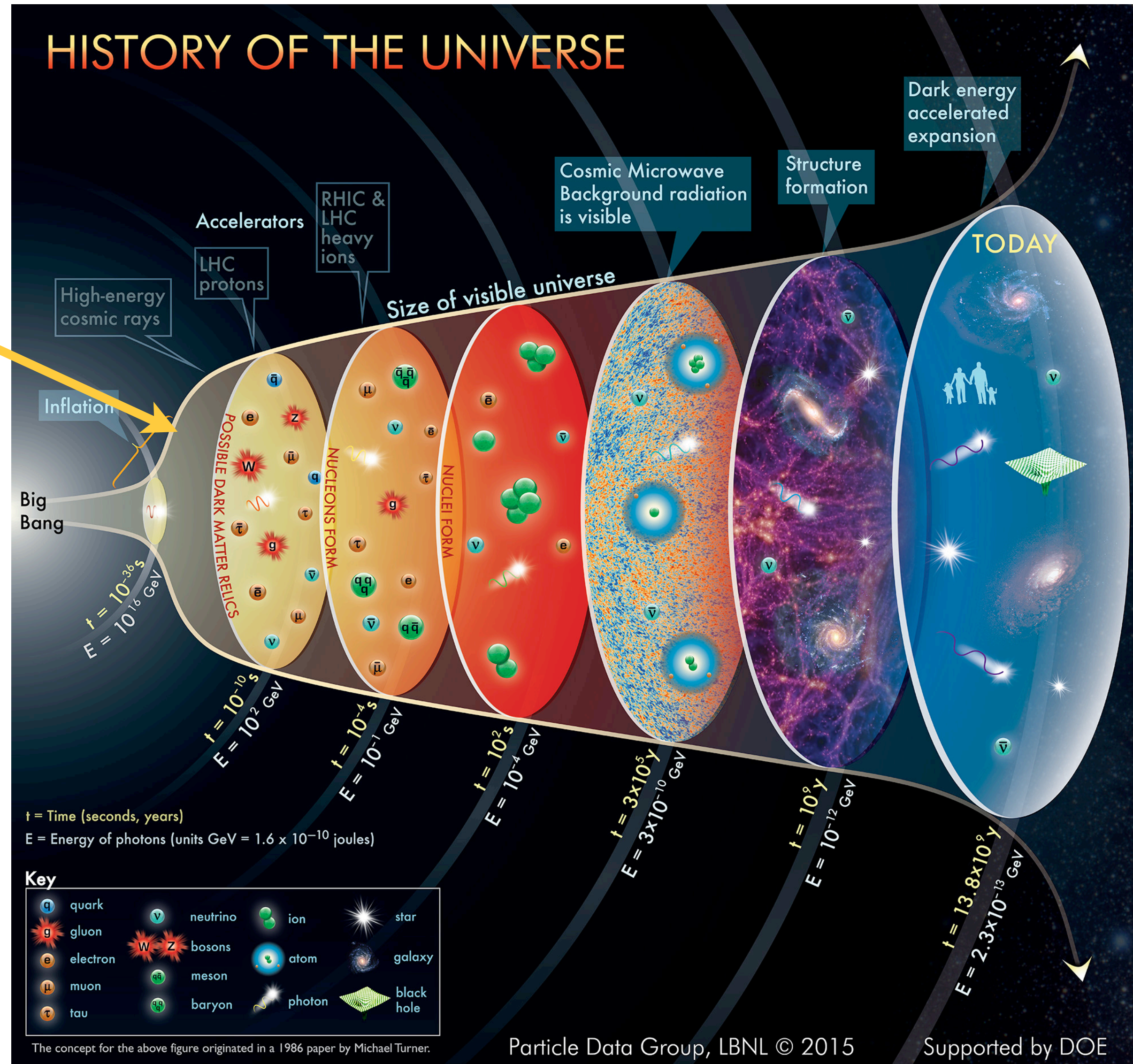
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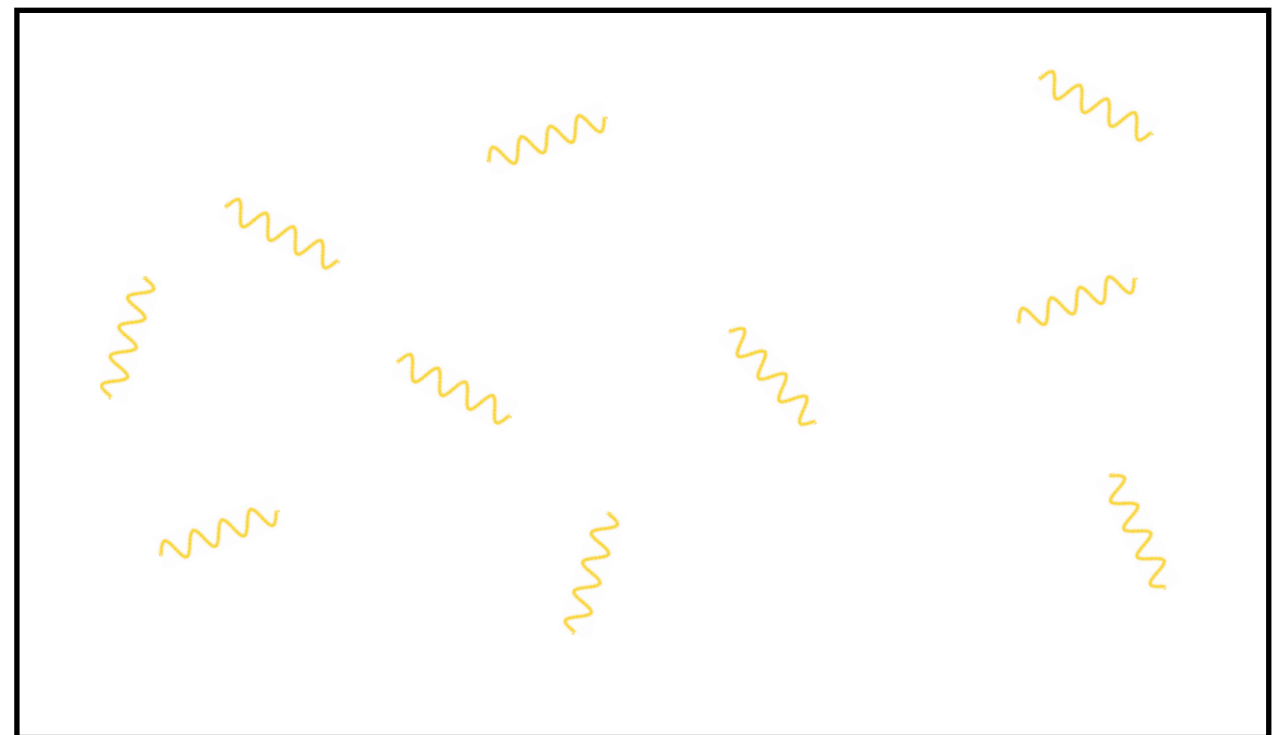
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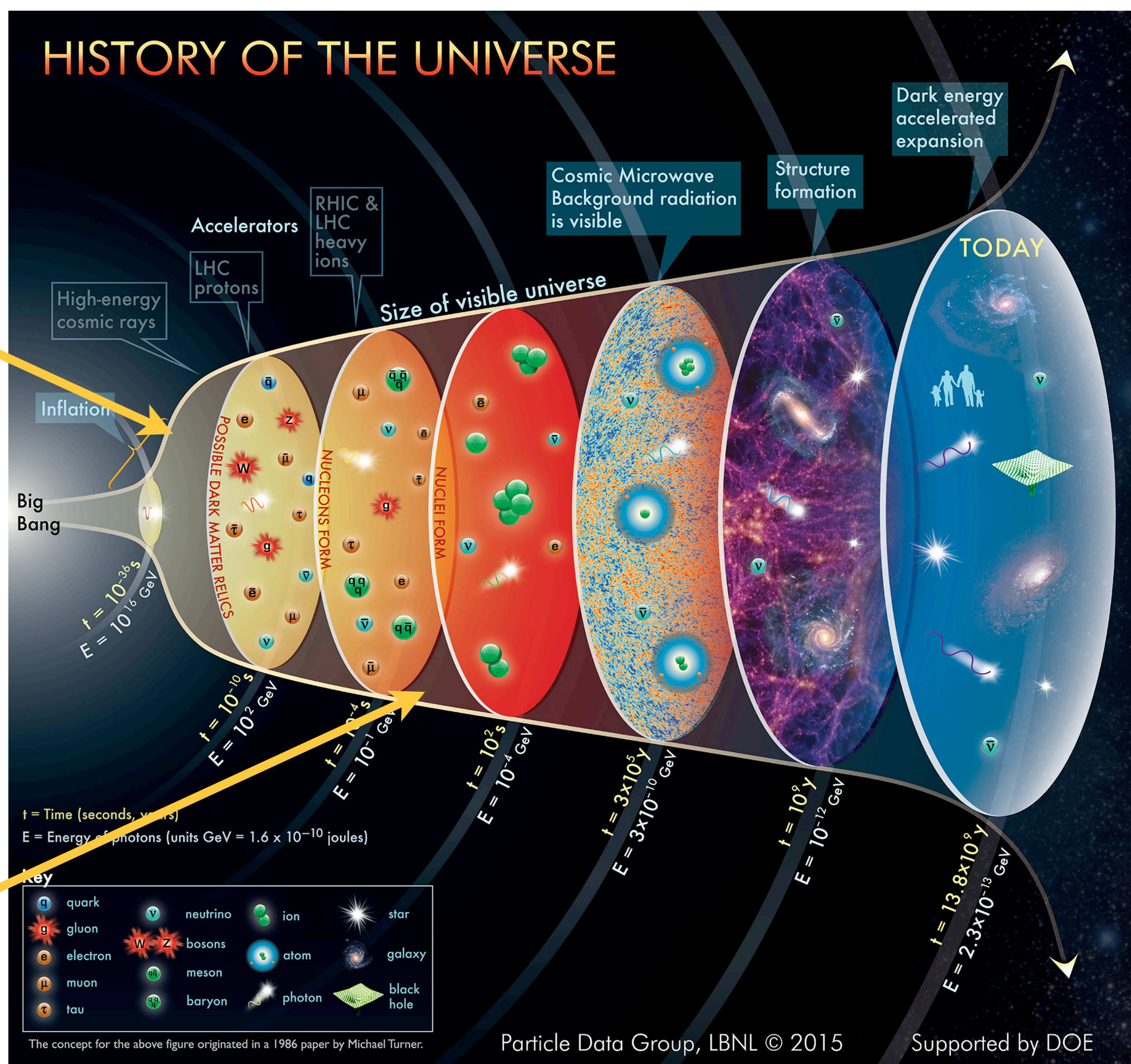
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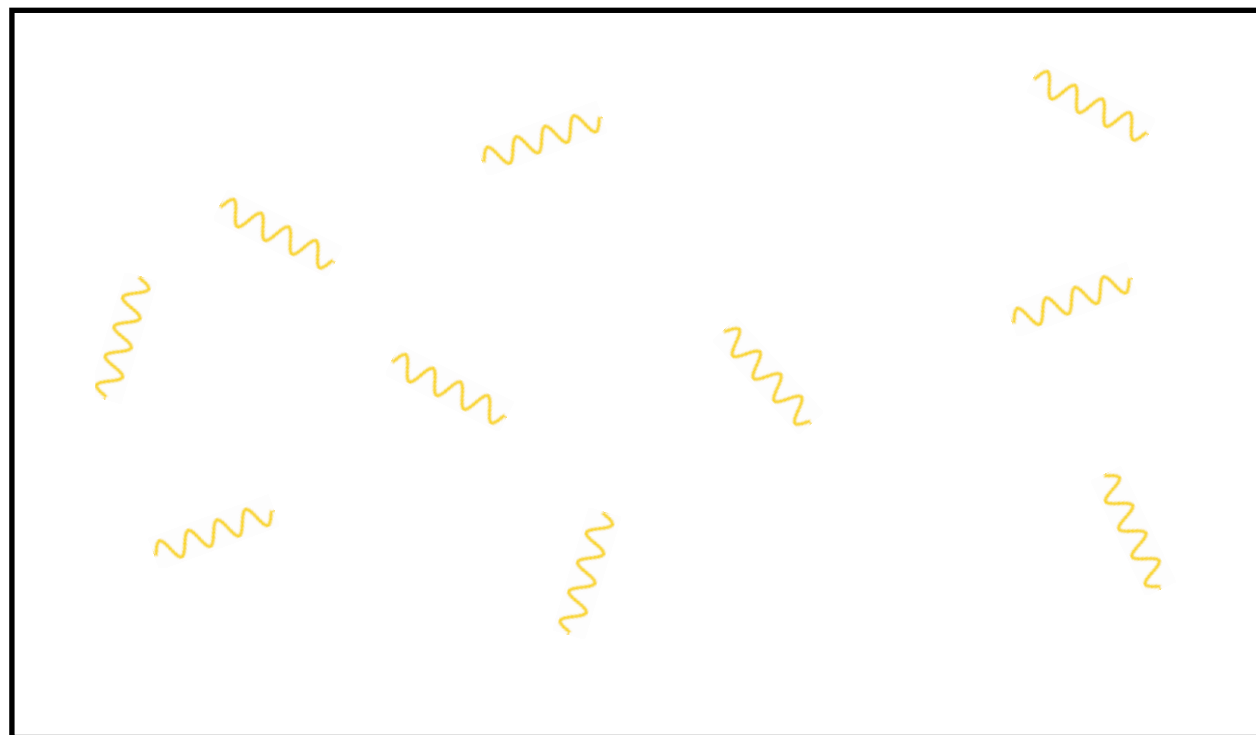
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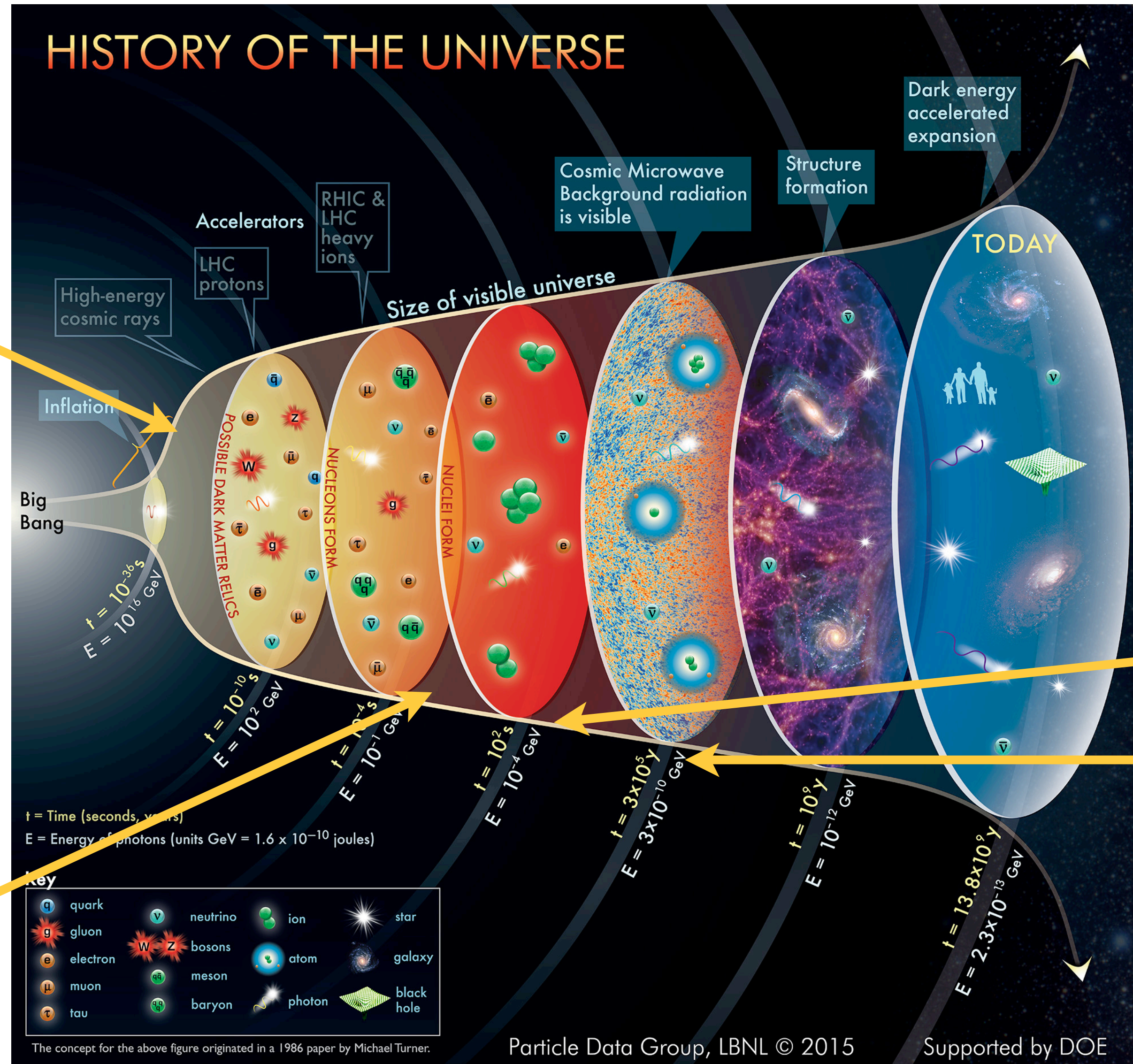
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But cosmological observations require a non-zero matter-antimatter asymmetry!

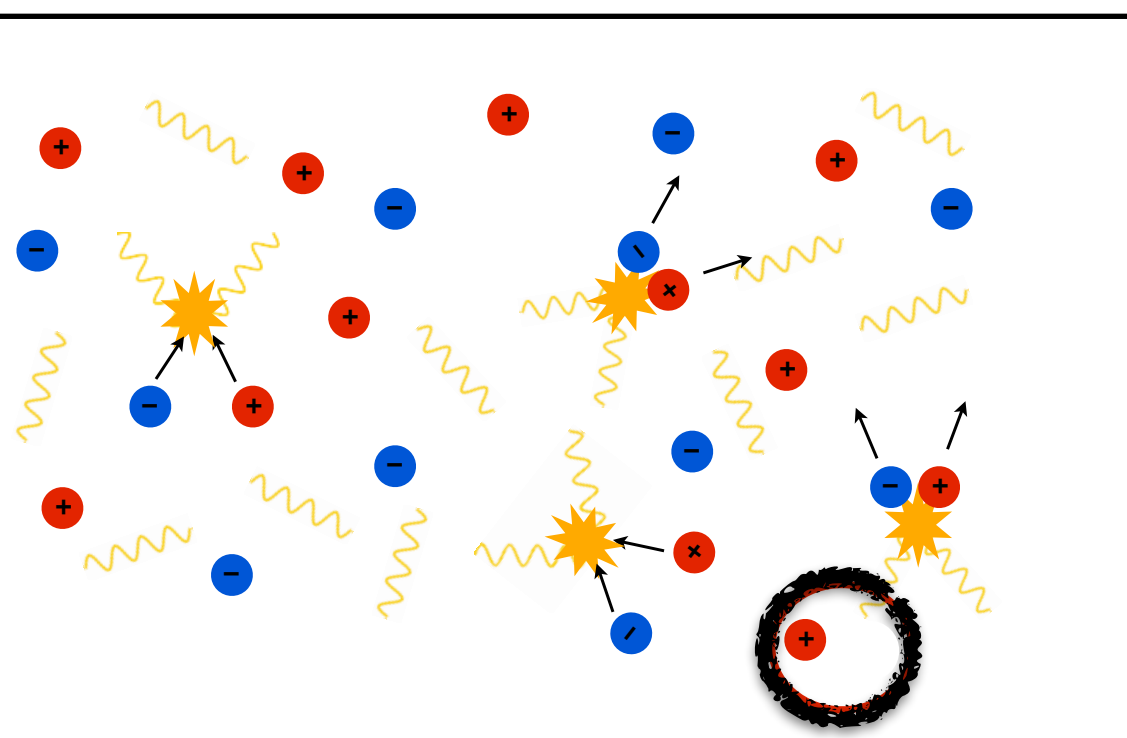
$$\eta \equiv (n_B - n_{\bar{B}})/n_\gamma$$

Big Bang Nucleosynthesis ( $t \sim 3 \text{ min}$ ) and the Cosmic Microwave Background ( $t \sim 300,000 \text{ yr}$ ) point to  $\eta \sim 6 \times 10^{-10}$

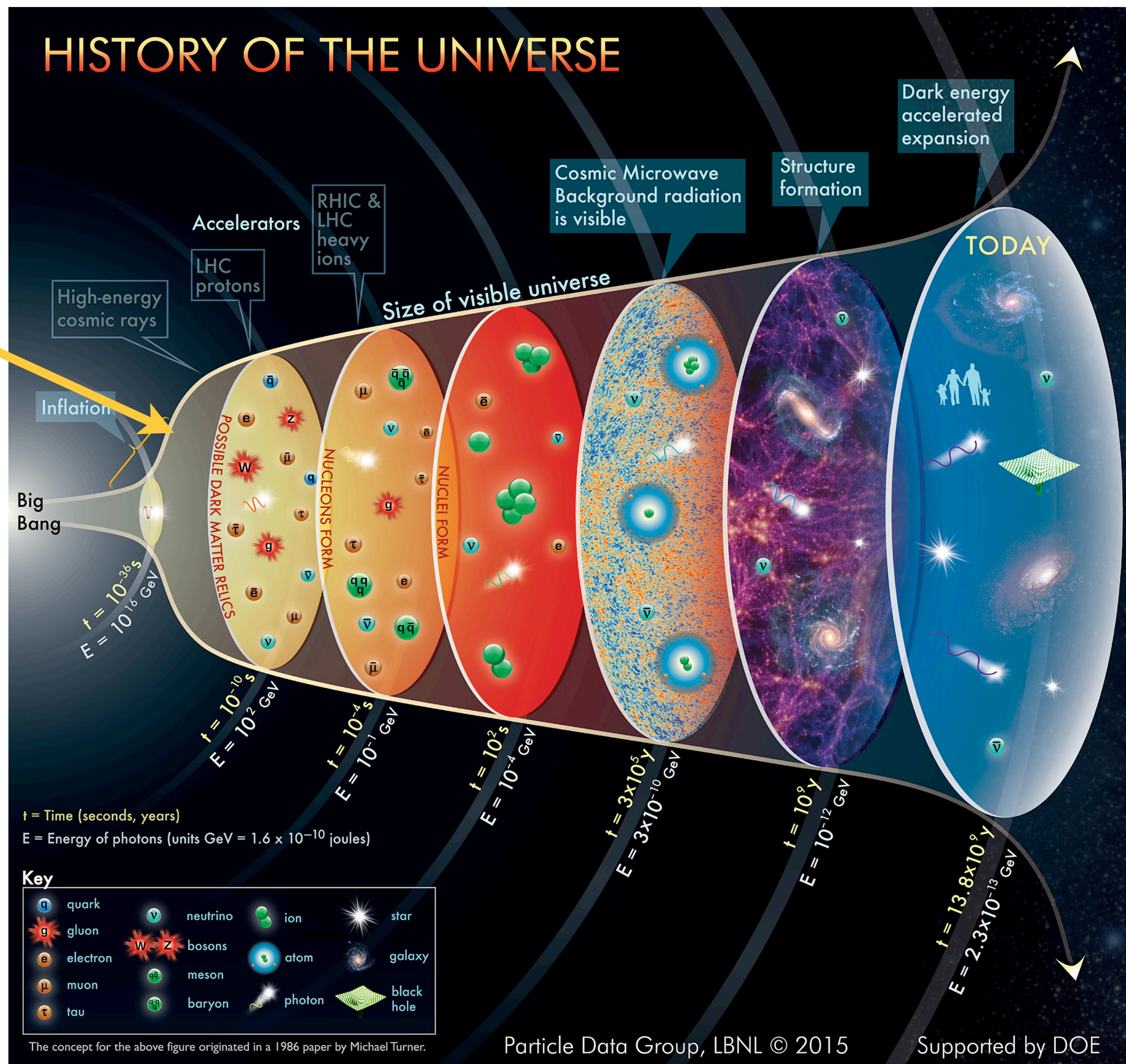
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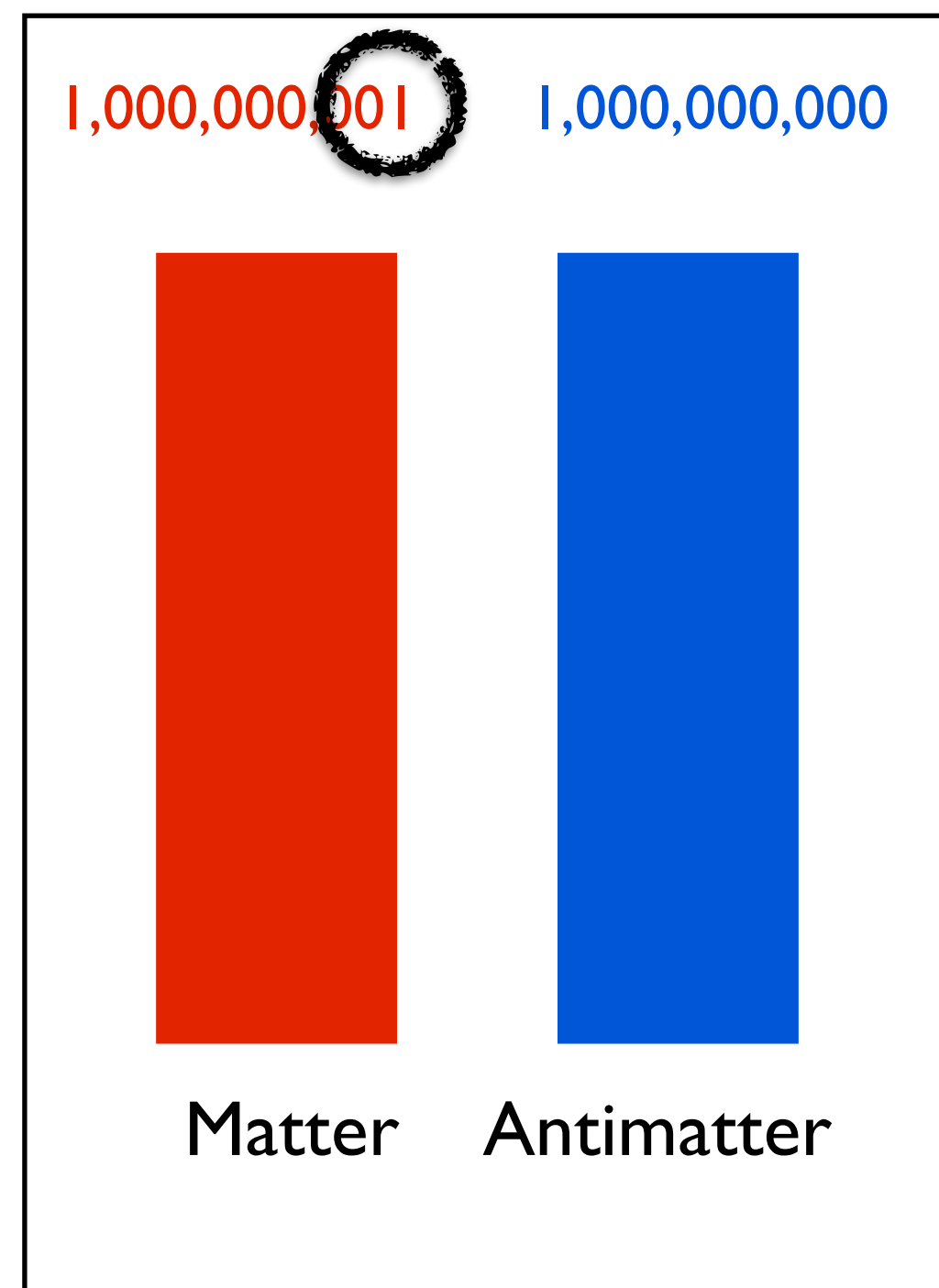
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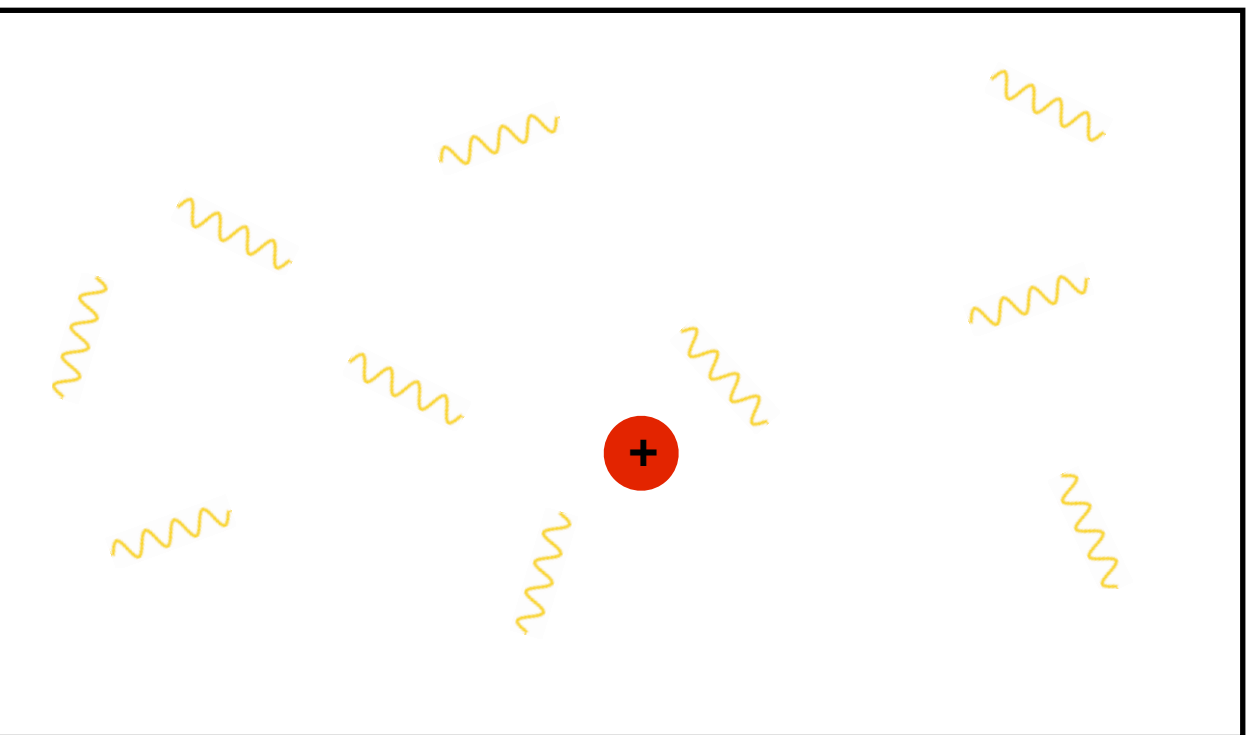


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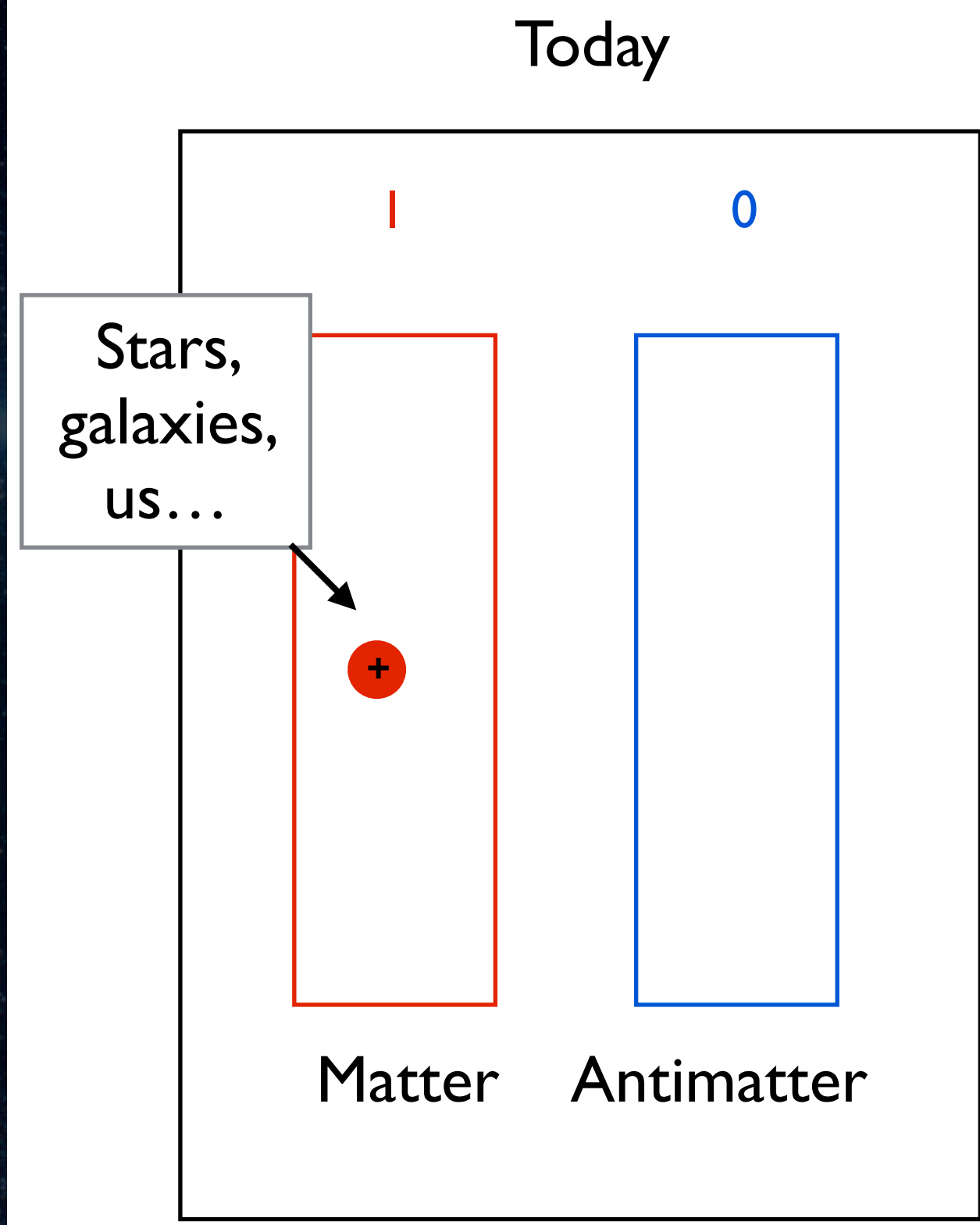
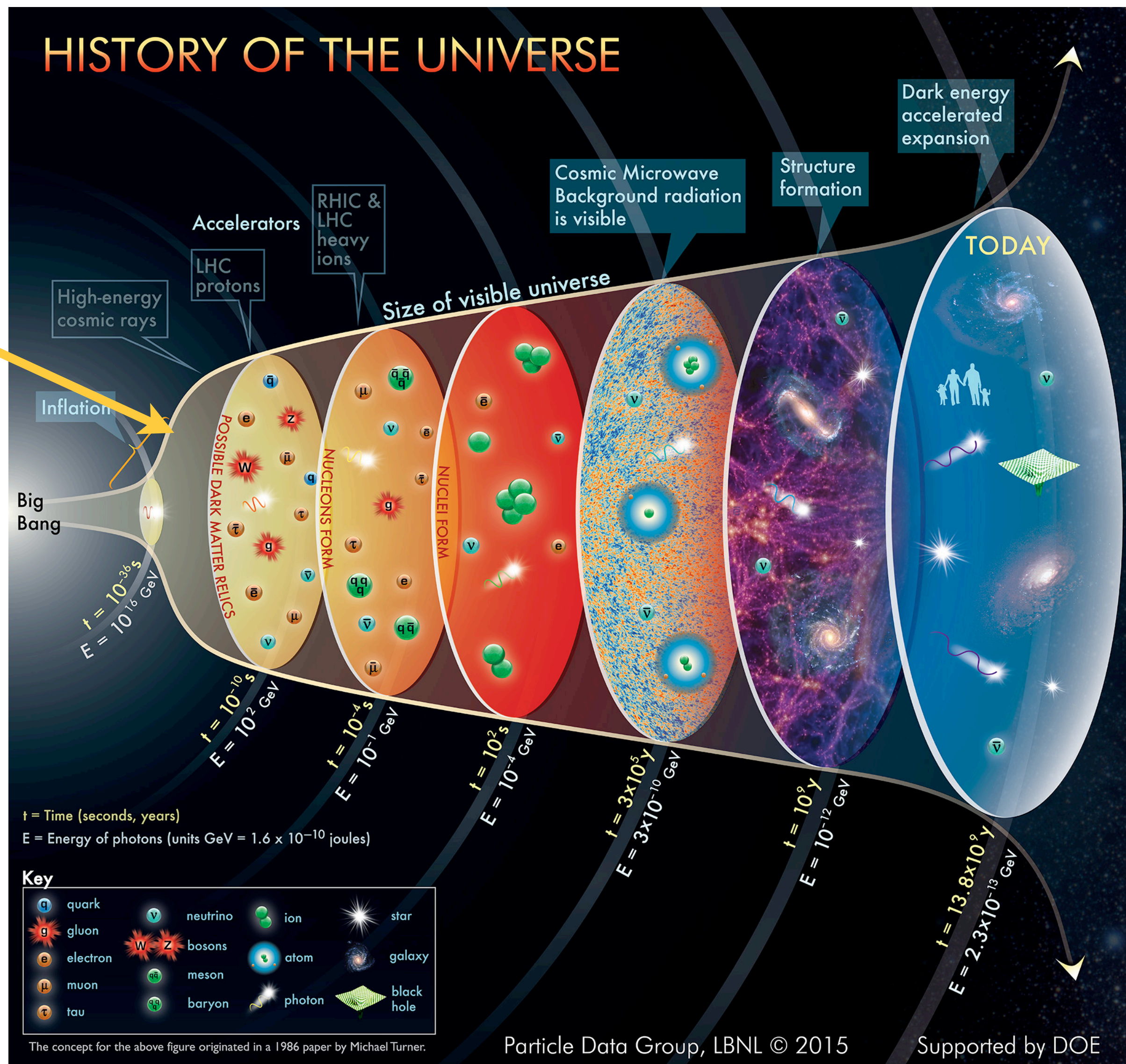
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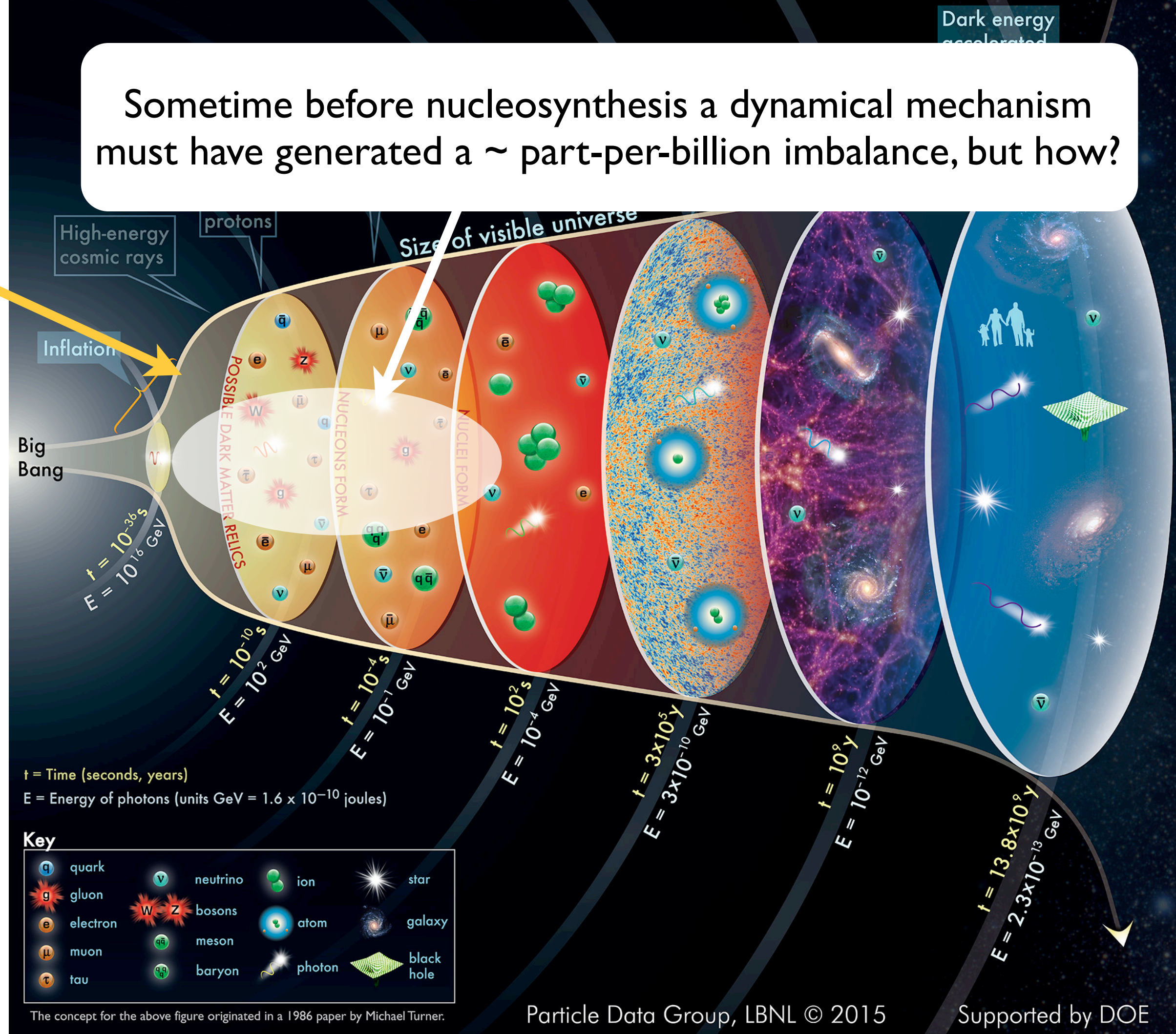


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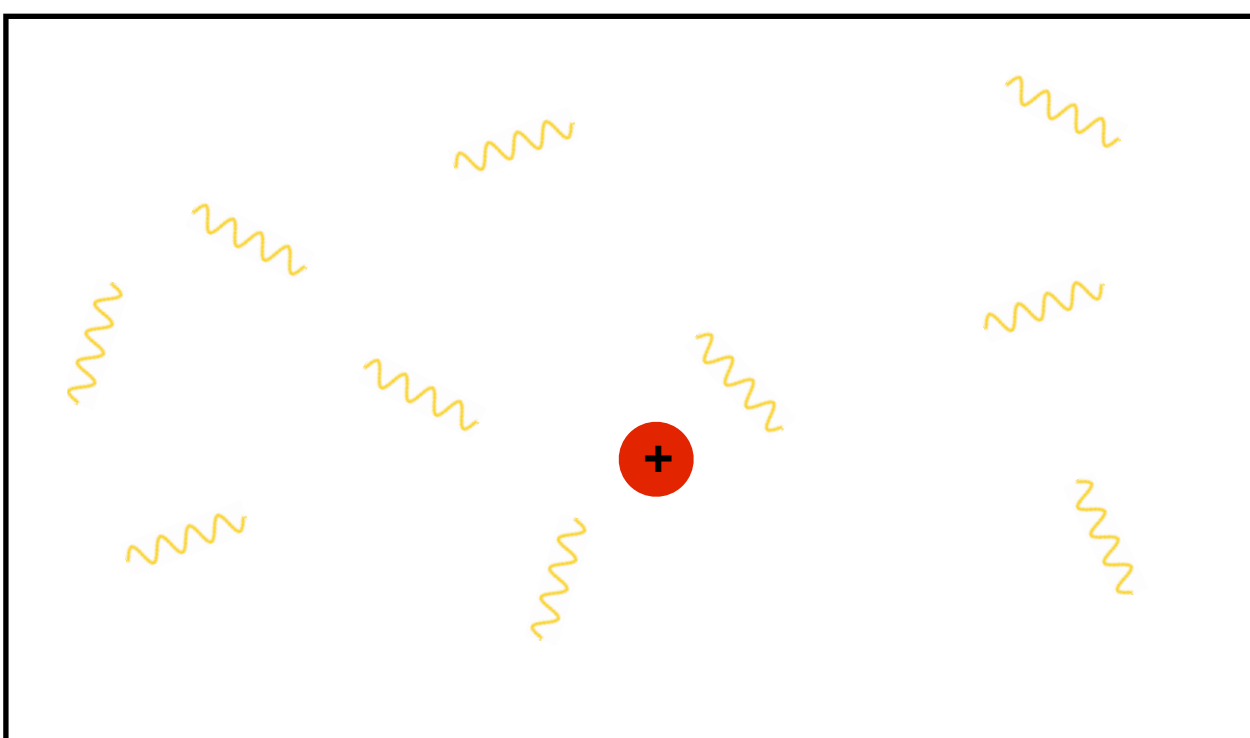
## HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE

Sometime before nucleosynthesis a dynamical mechanism must have generated a  $\sim$  part-per-billion imbalance, but how?



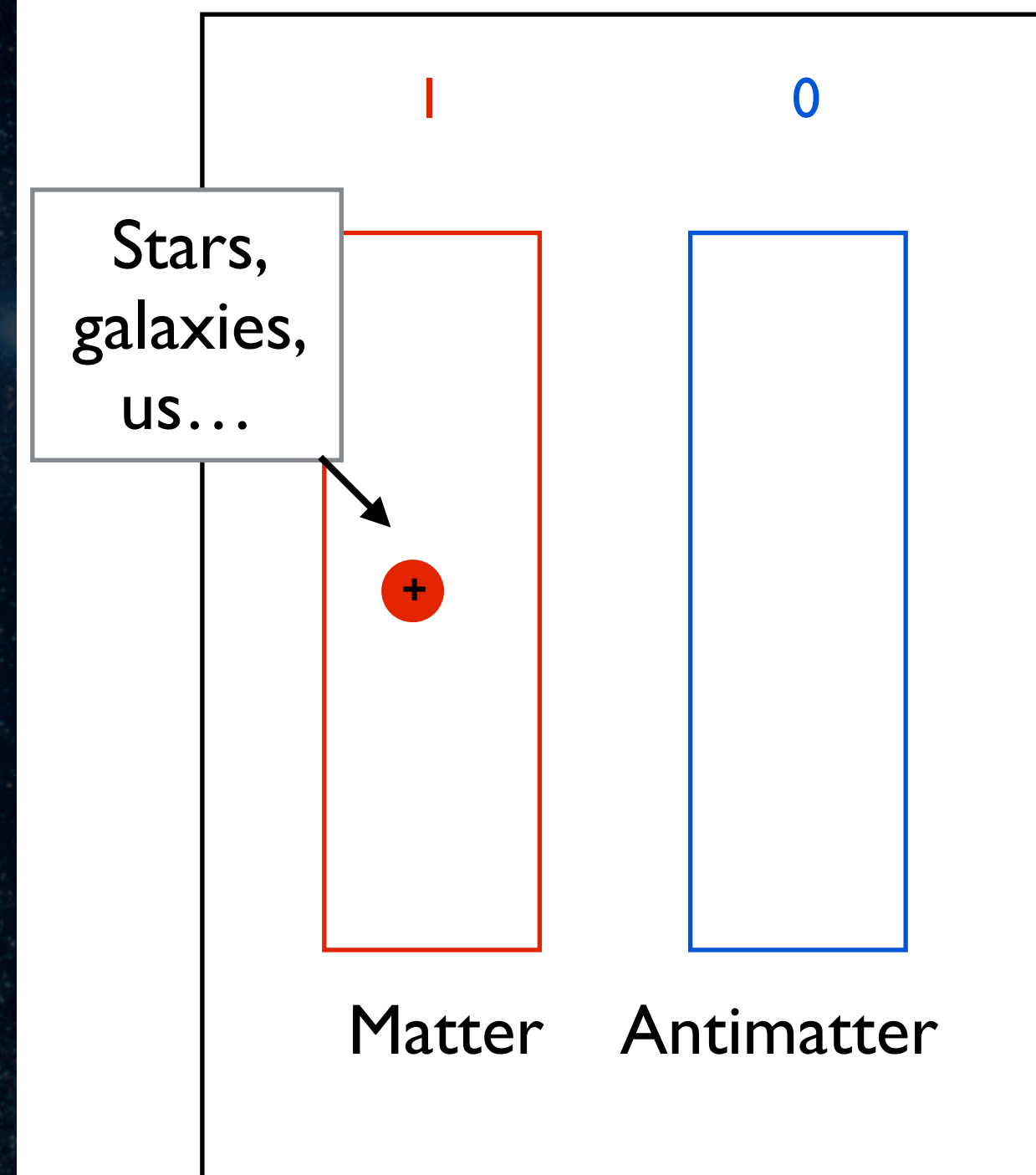
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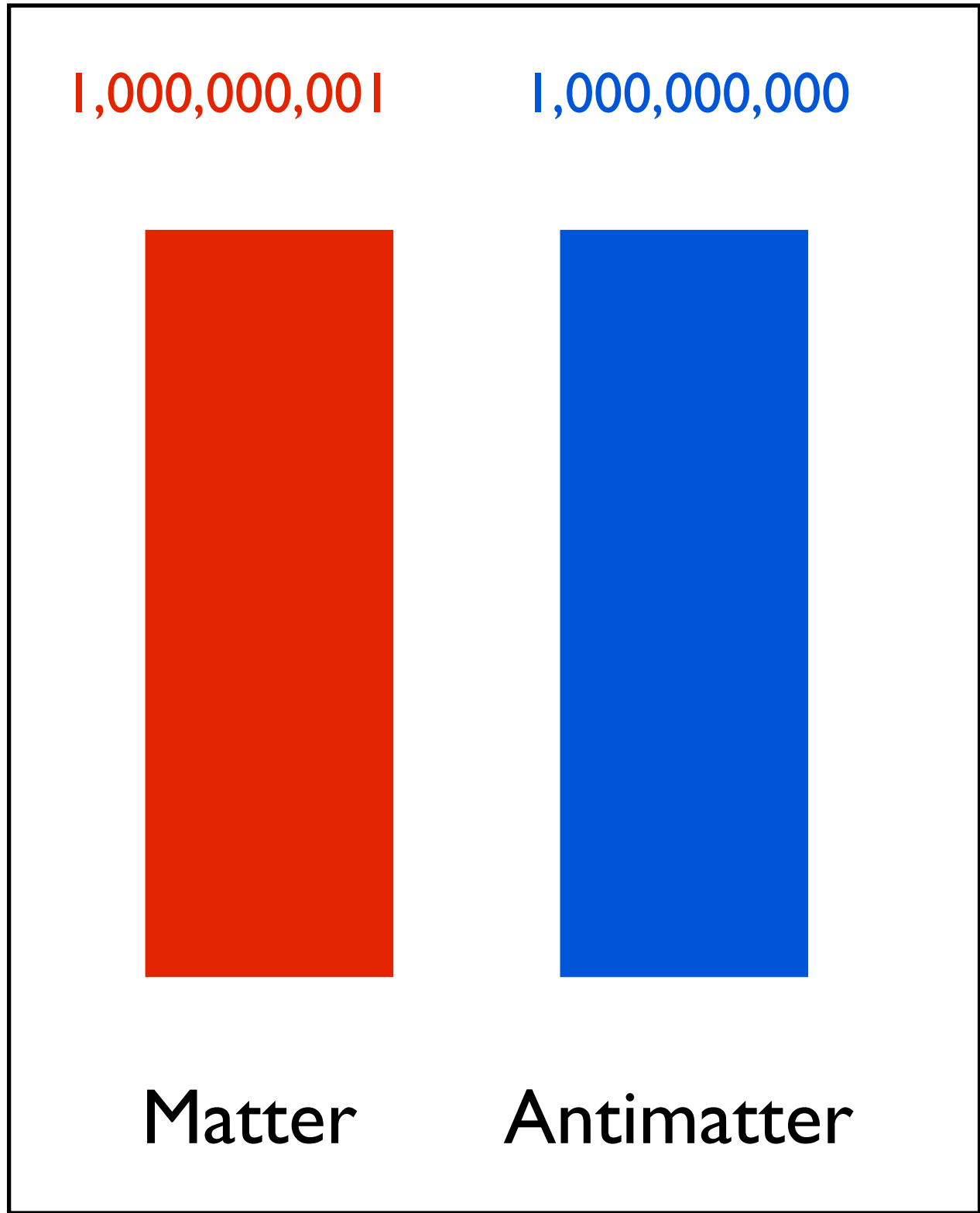


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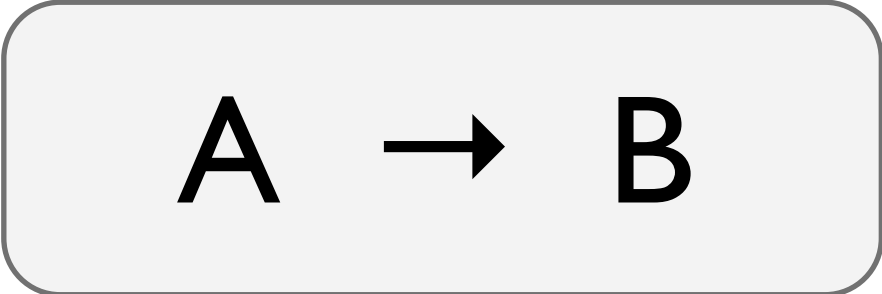


Andrei Sakharov, 1967



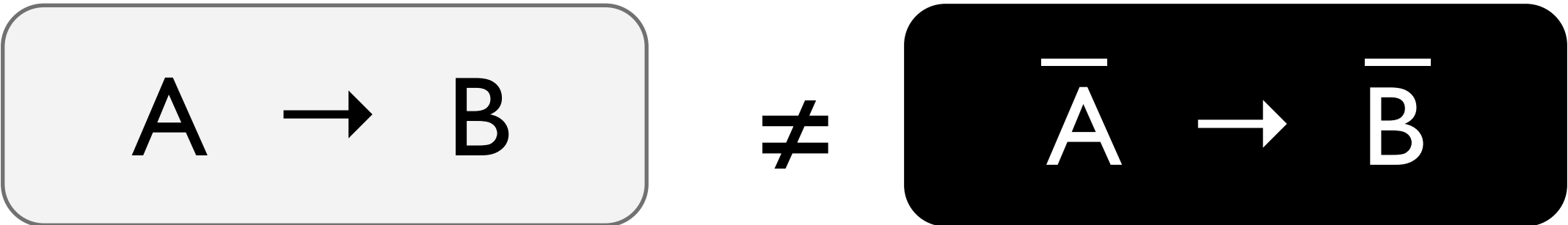
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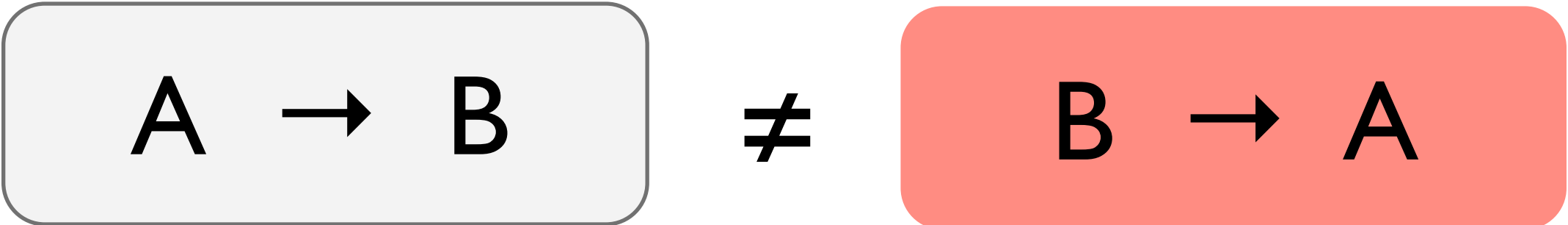


*# of baryons – # of anti-baryons is different in A and B*

#2. “Asymmetrically” (faster than corresponding antimatter-creating process) [ $\mathcal{C}$ ,  $\mathcal{CP}$ ]



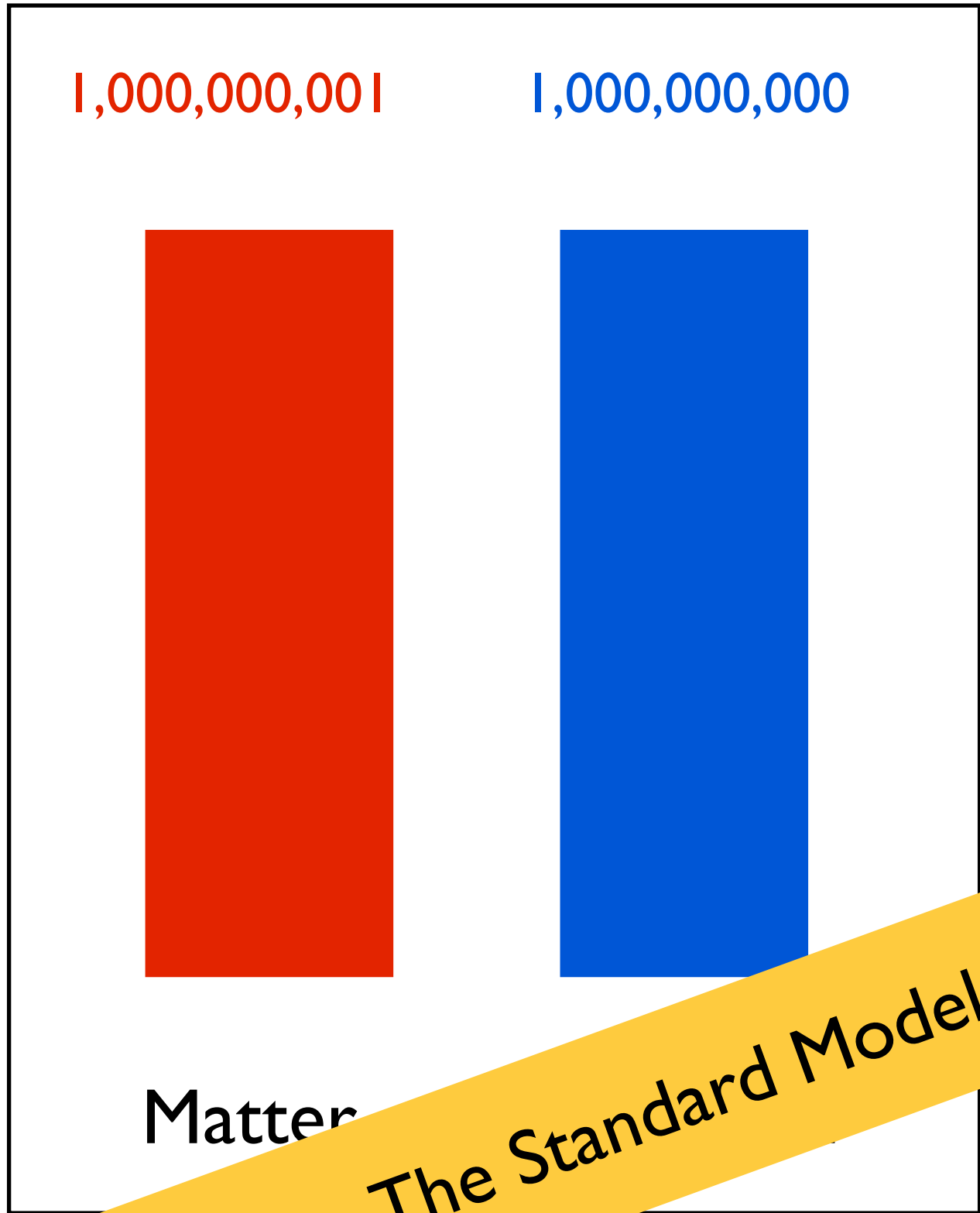
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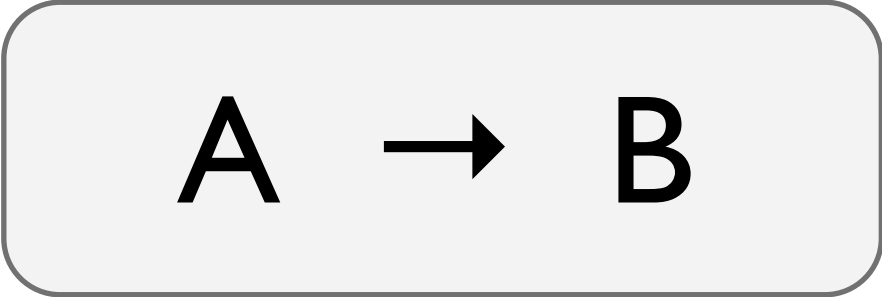


Andrei Sakharov 1928-1987

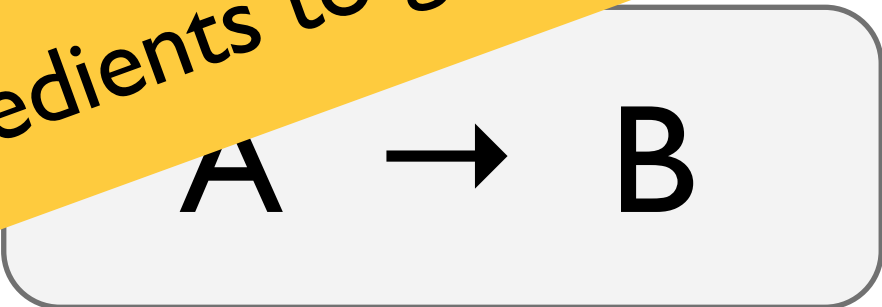


The Standard Model doesn't have all the ingredients to generate the asymmetry: need new physics!

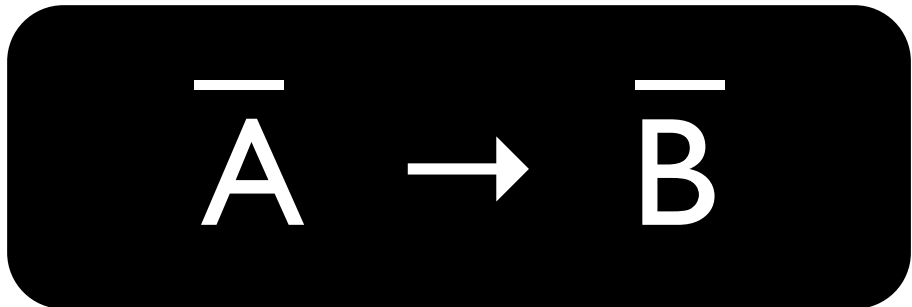
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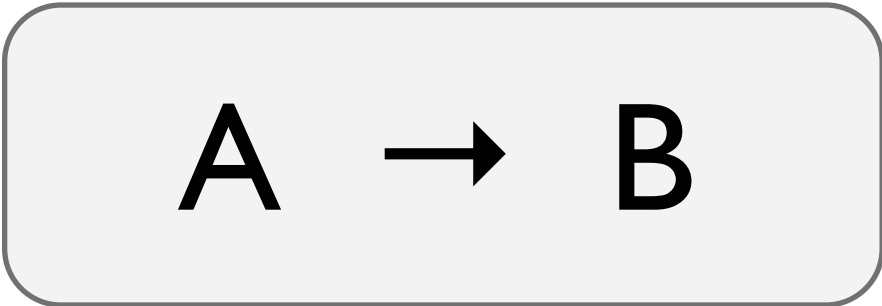
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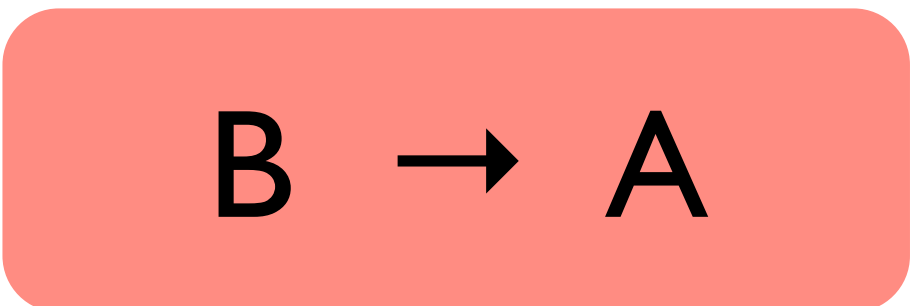
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# of baryons minus # of antibaryons

M. Murayama

How does the precision  
frontier work?  
(Theory perspective)

# Probing UV ('heavy') new physics

- Key point: particles of mass  $M$  affect physics at  $E \ll M$  by inducing
  - a shift in coupling constants of known interactions
  - **new local interactions** suppressed by powers of  $E/M$ , consistent with the underlying symmetries

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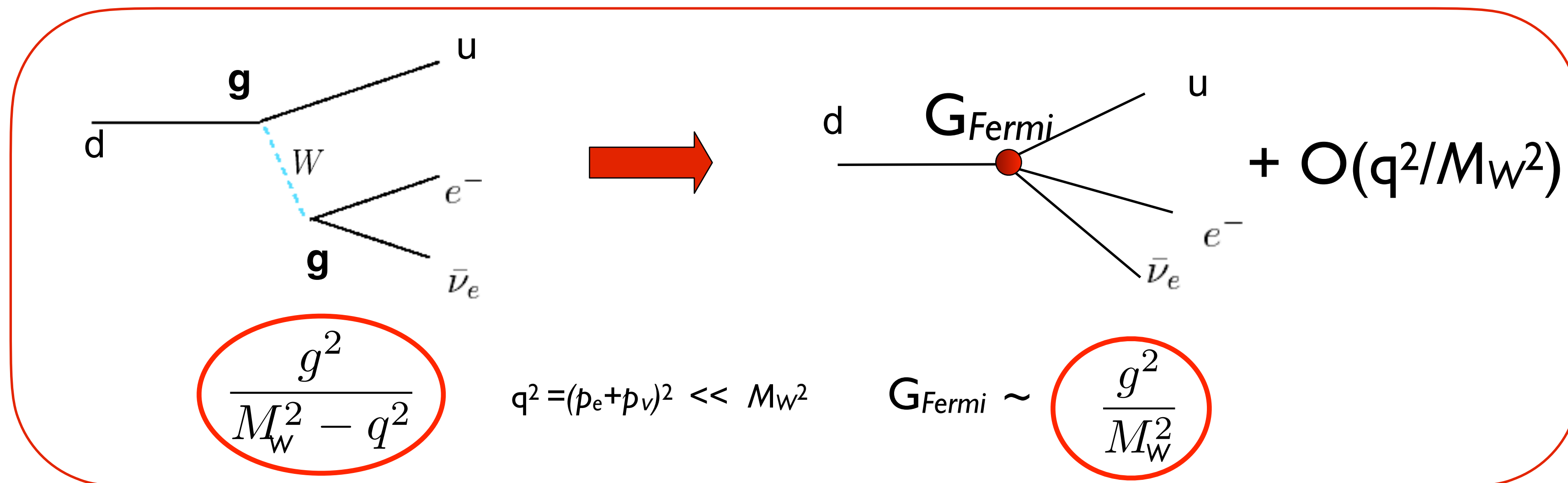
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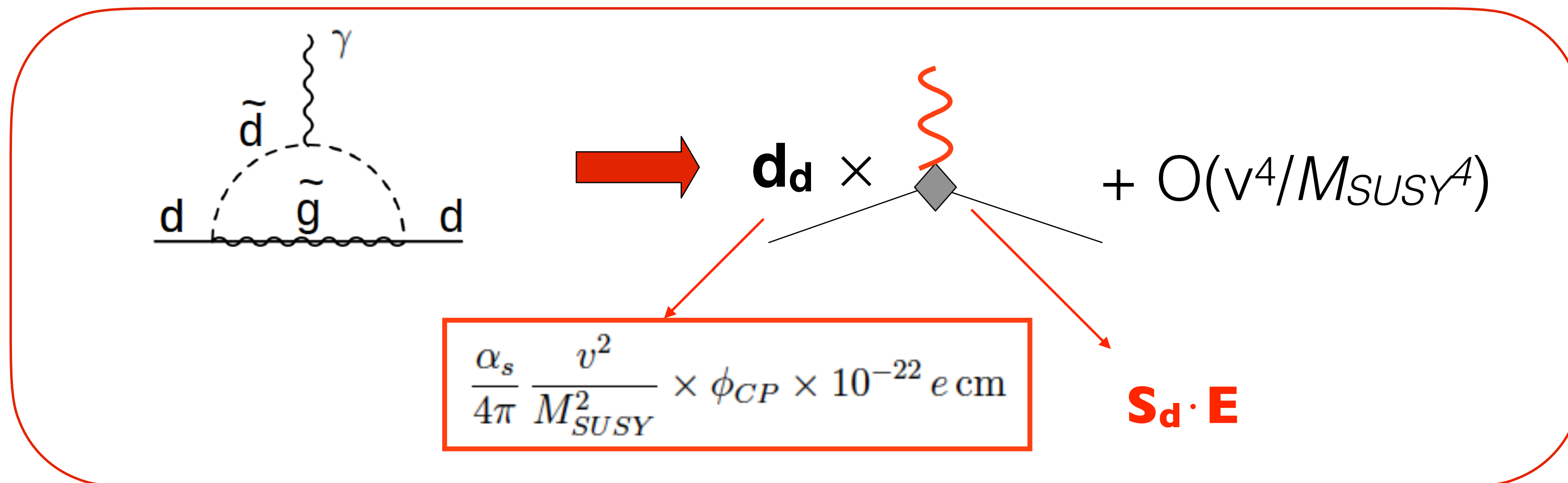


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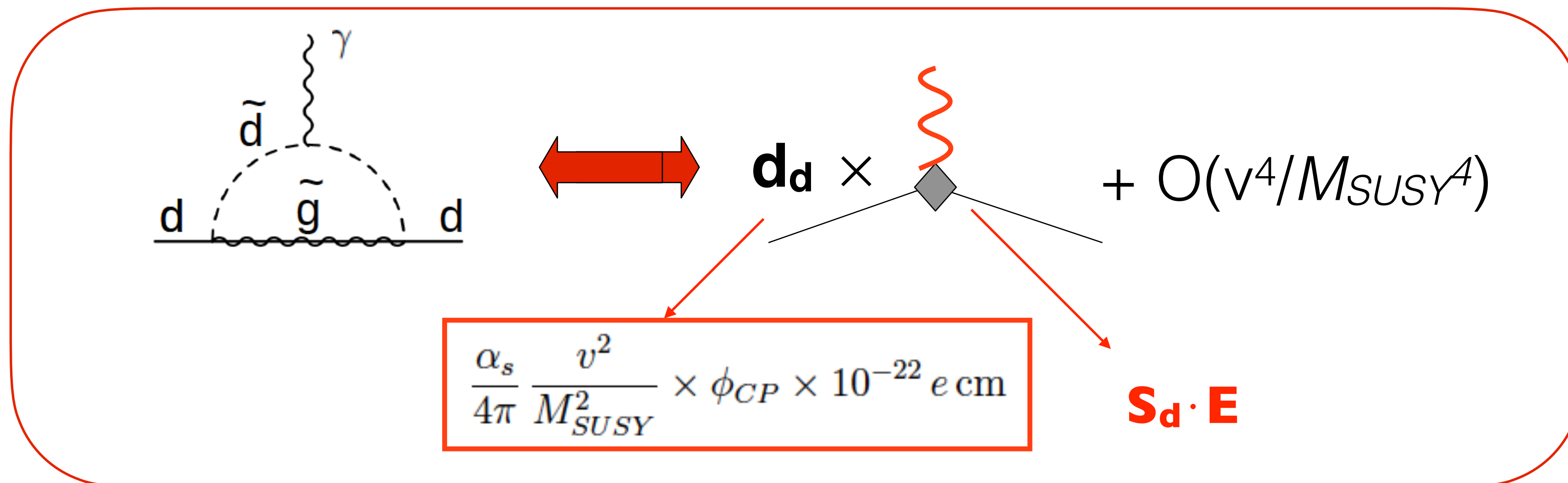


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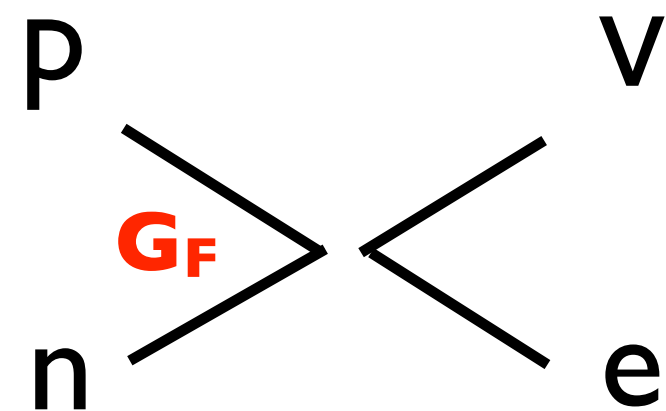
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But one can take a “bottom-up” approach, too, in order to infer properties of underlying new physics.  
(This is the SMEFT approach)

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Fermi's theory of beta decays ( $n \rightarrow p e \bar{\nu}_e$ ):

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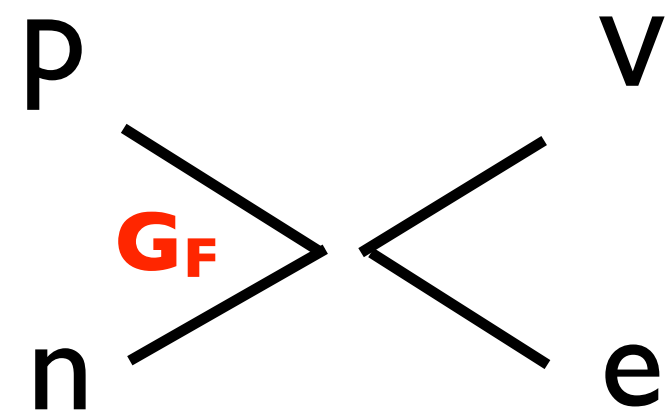
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Understand dimensions of Fermi constant:

- Work out mass dimension of fields:
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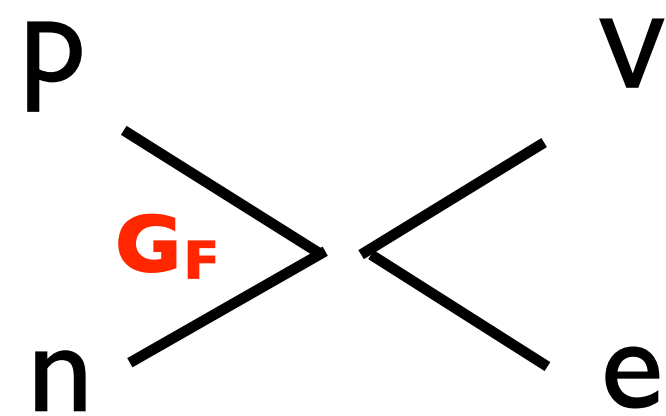
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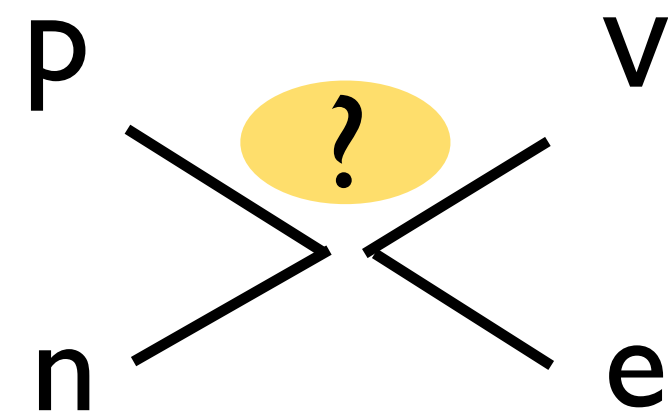
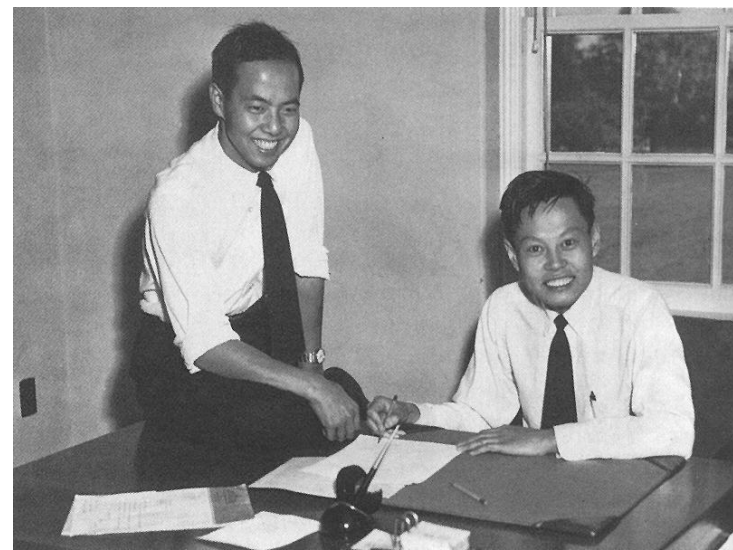
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Scale of weak interactions

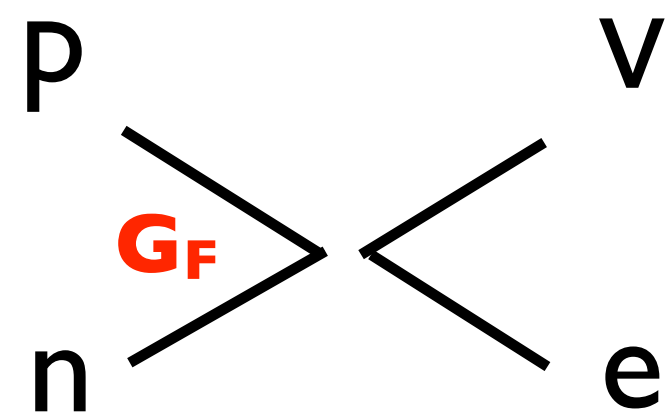
Operators of mass dimension 6  
(recall  $[\Psi] = m^{3/2}$ )  
that conserve electric charge

Dirac structures:

$$\Gamma_i = \begin{matrix} I & \gamma_5 & \gamma_\mu & \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 & \sigma_{\mu\nu} = i/2[\gamma_\mu, \gamma_\nu] \\ | & | & \backslash & \backslash & \backslash \\ S & P & V & A & T \end{matrix}$$

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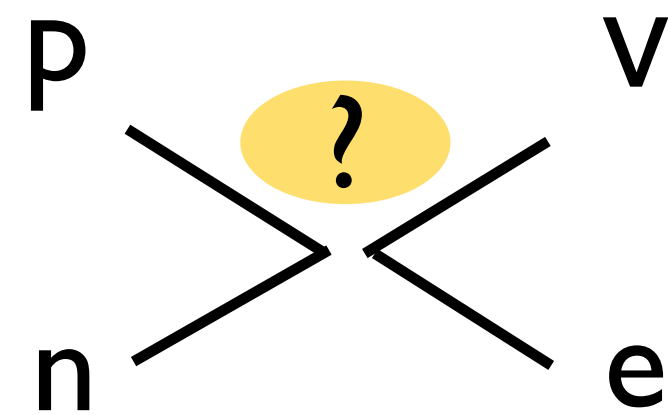
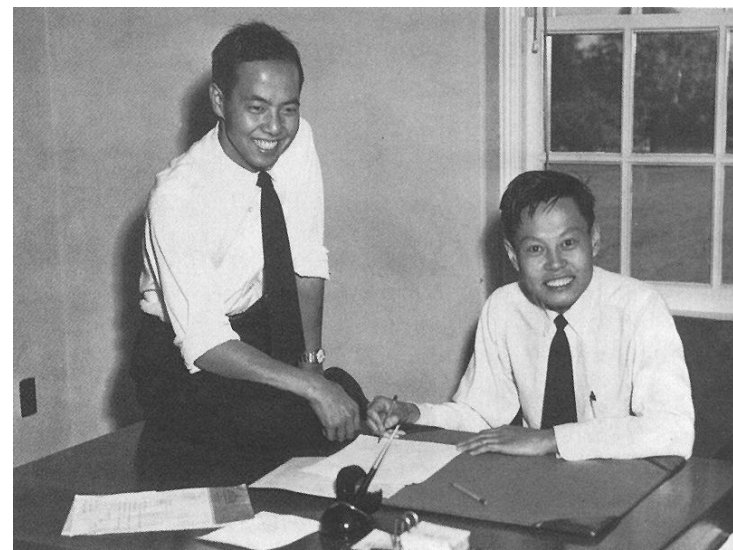
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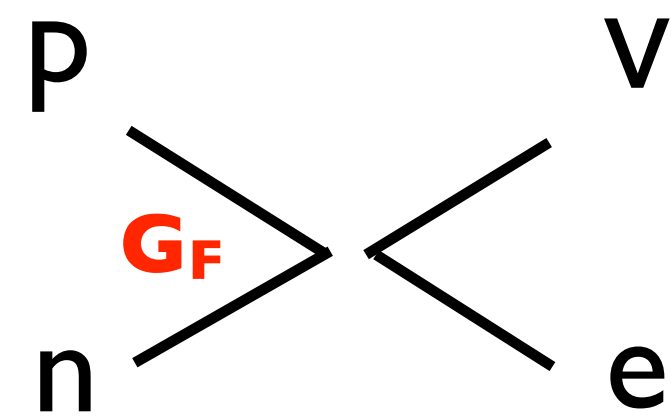
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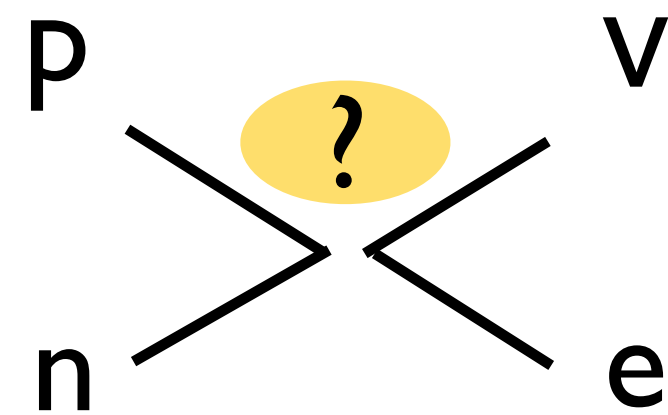
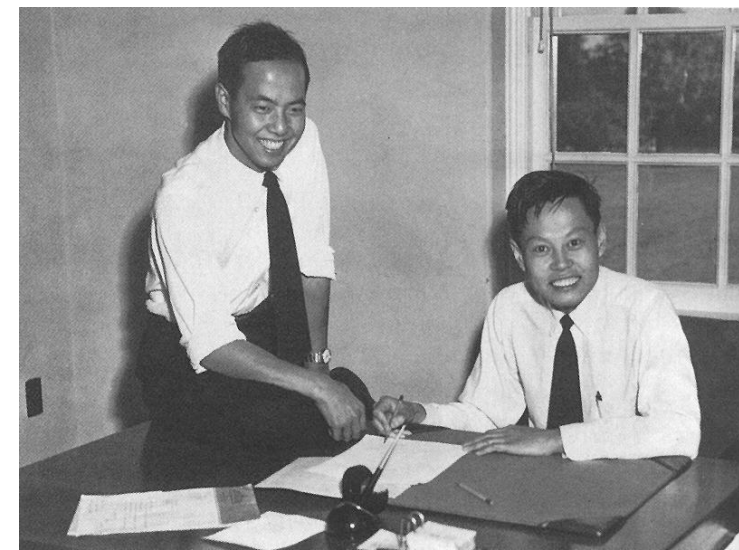
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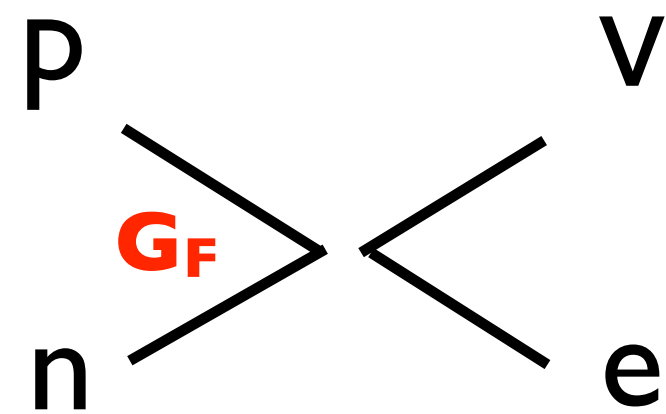
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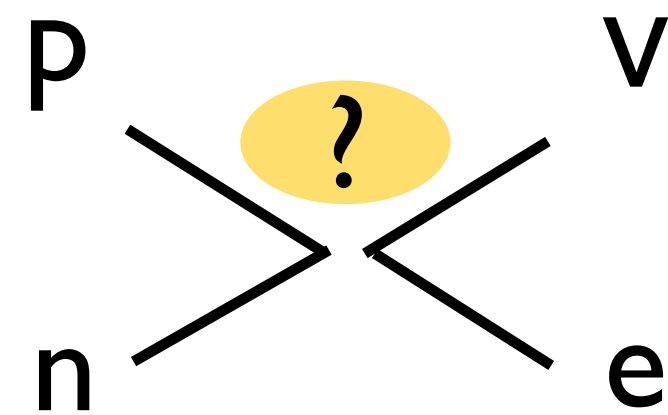
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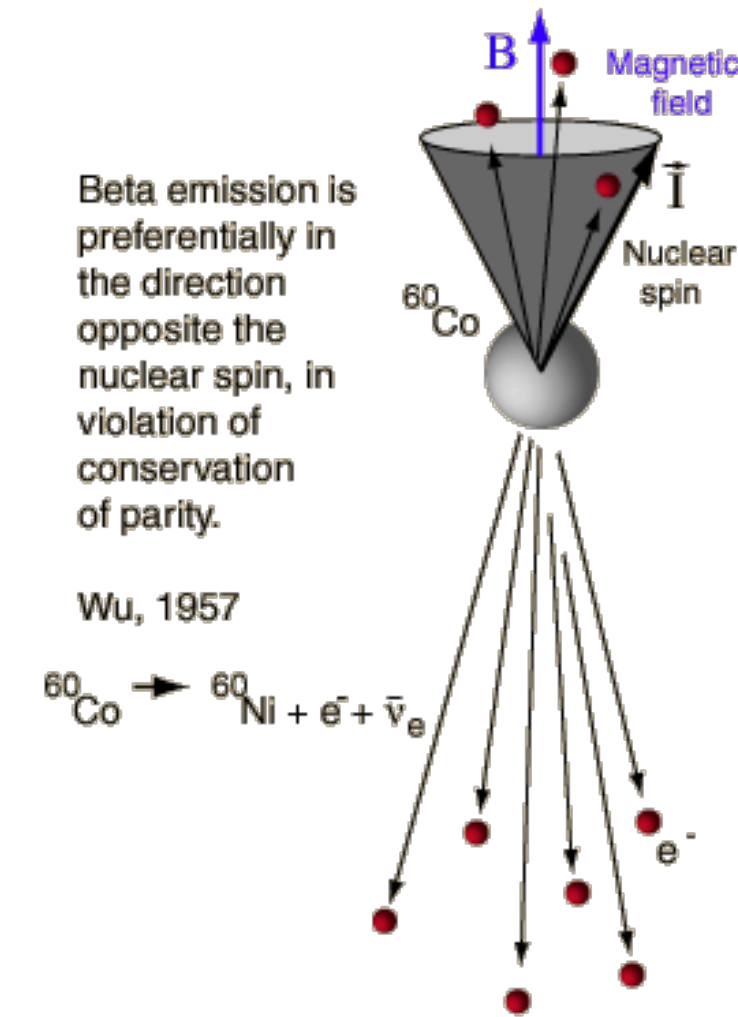
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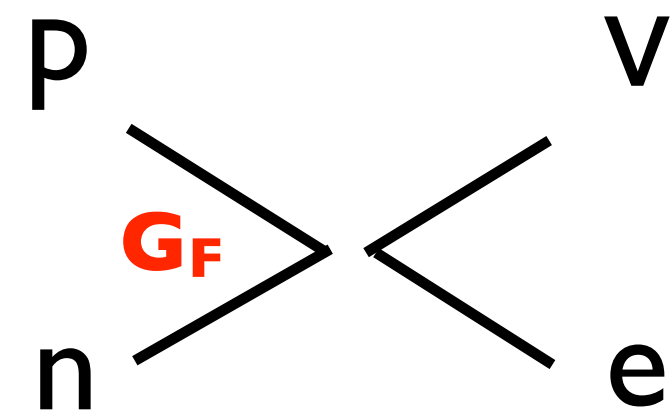
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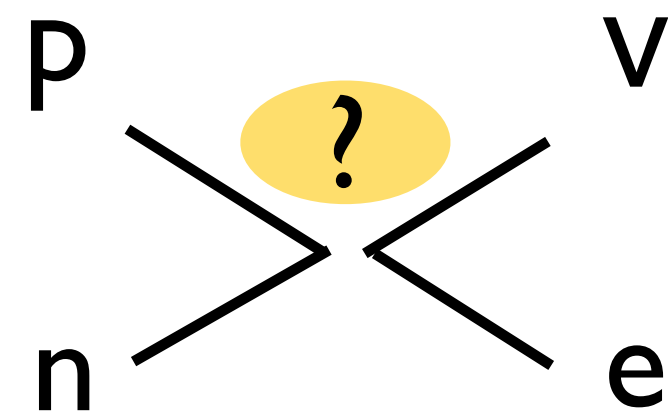
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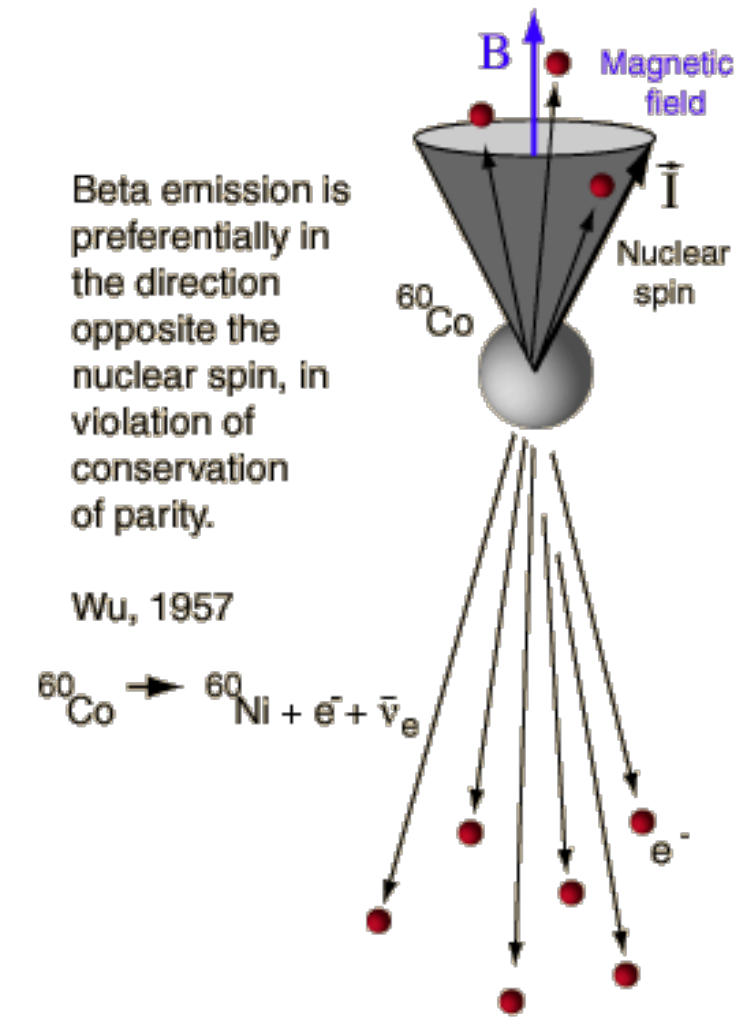


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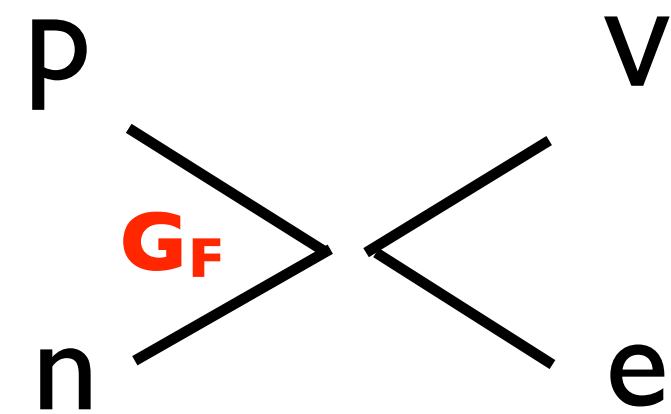
- Therefore

$$\langle h_e \rangle = \frac{\Gamma_+ - \Gamma_-}{\Gamma_+ + \Gamma_-} = A v_e / c = -v_e / c$$

Decay rate with electron spin parallel or antiparallel to the momentum

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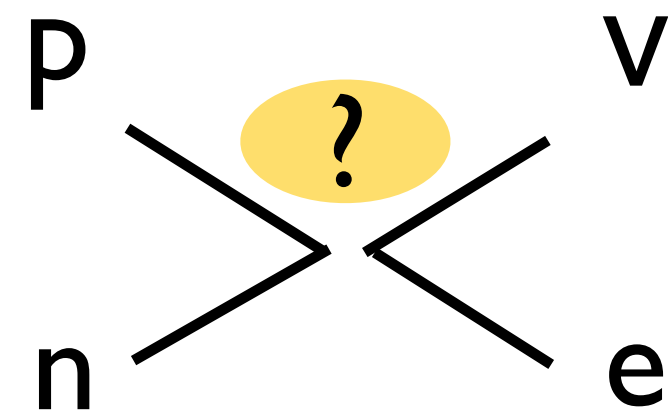
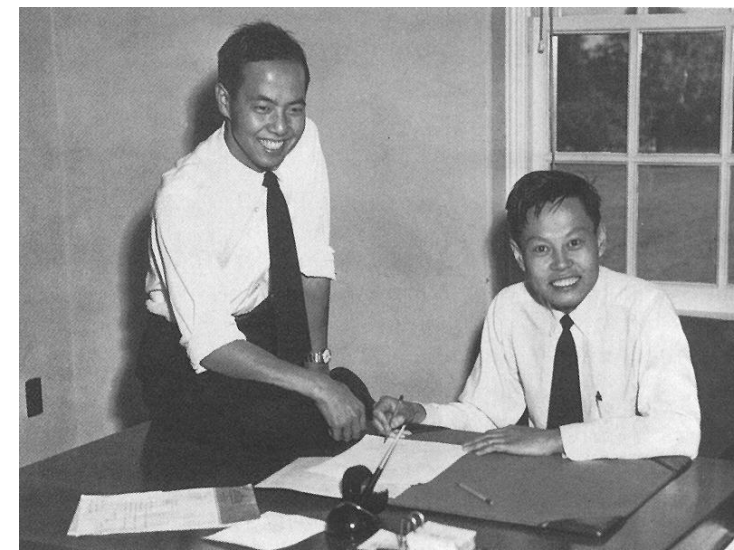
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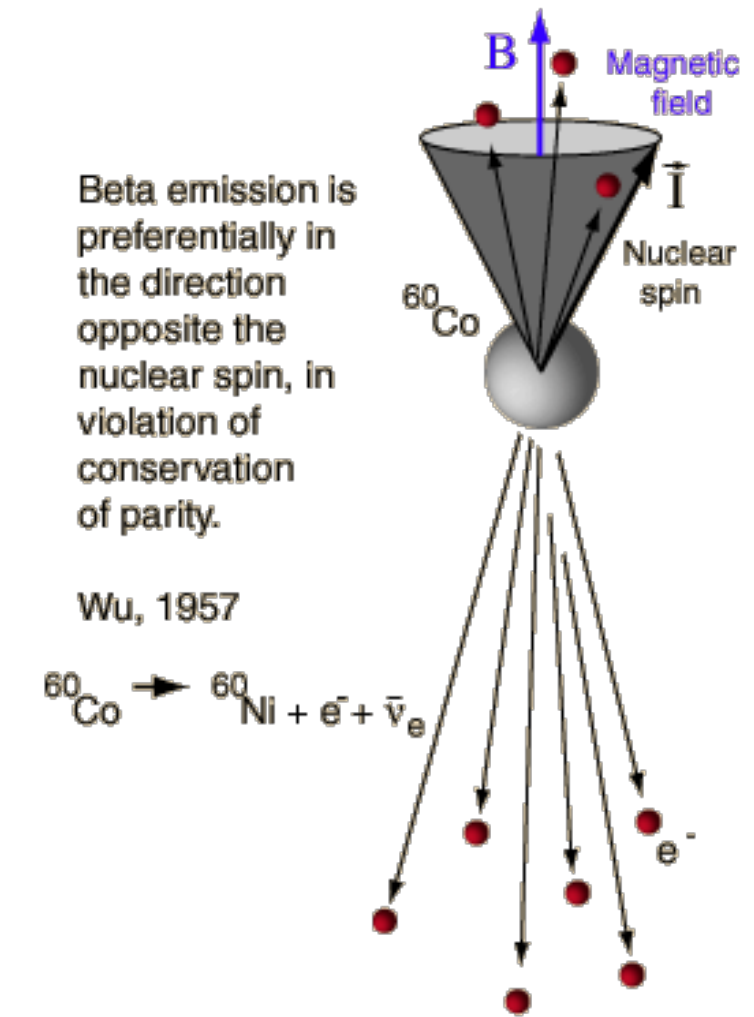
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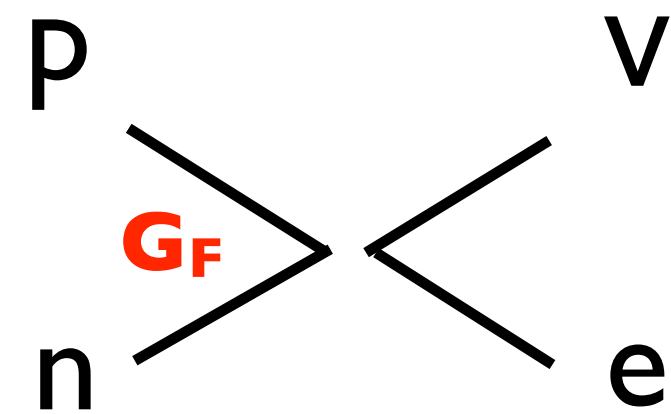
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P (and C) are maximally violated!

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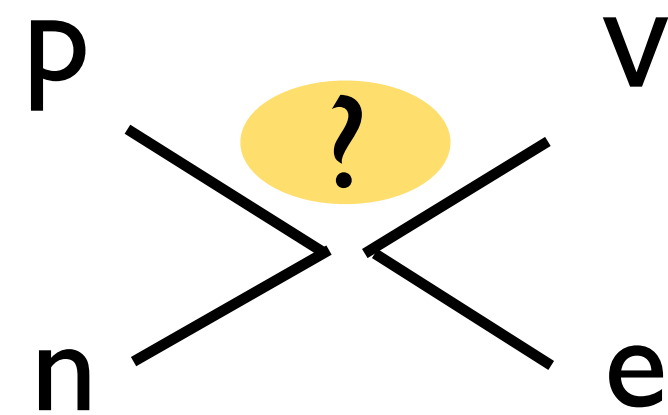
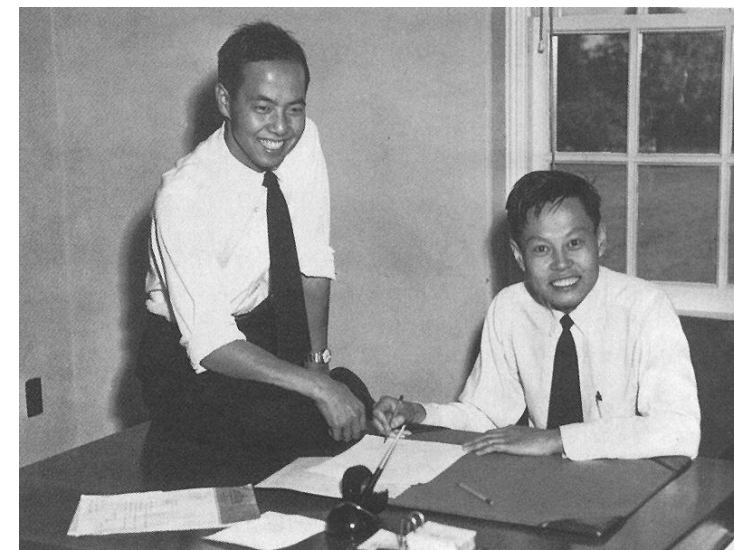
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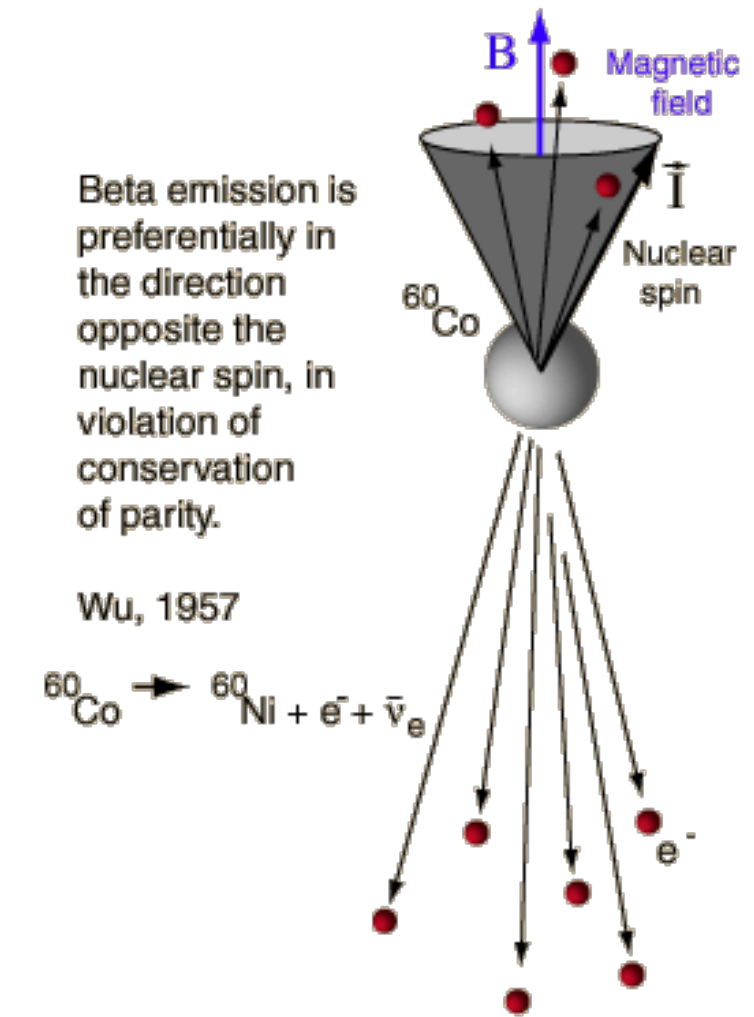
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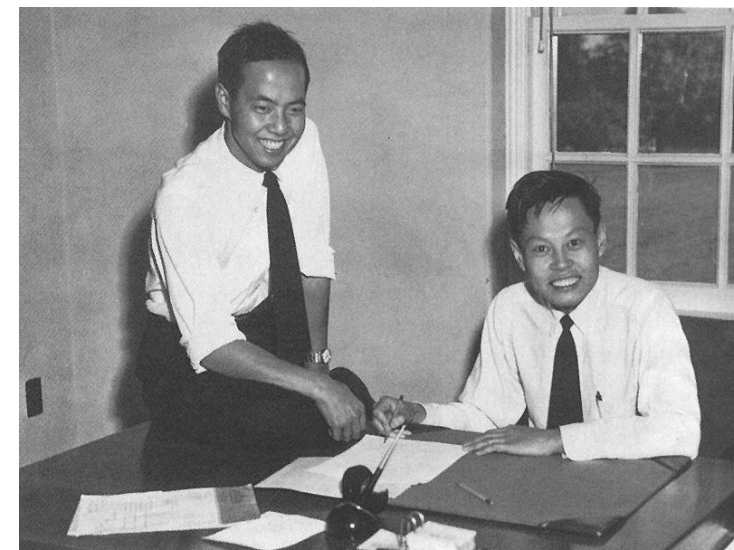
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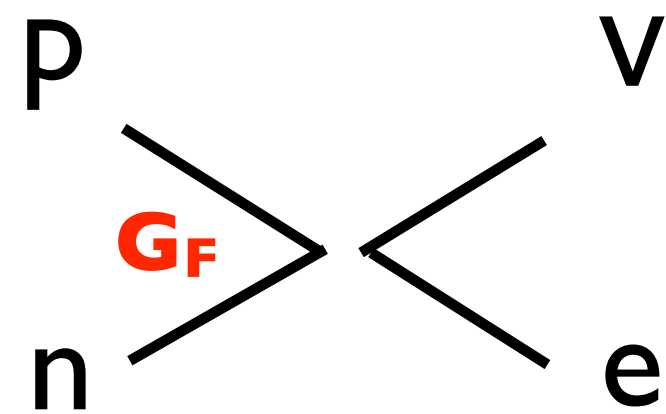


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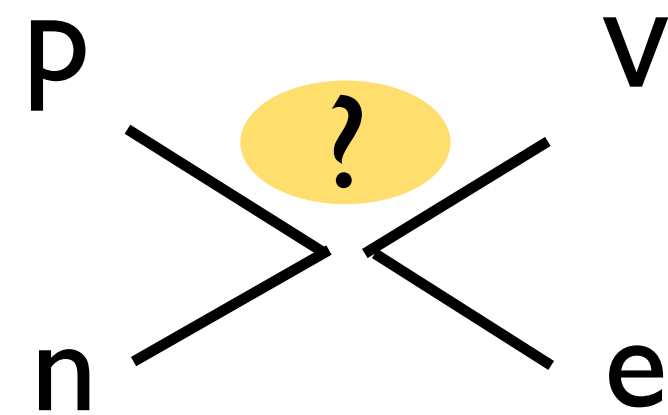


Differential decay distributions depend on structure of currents

Example; e-v correlation in Fermi  $\beta^+$  decay ( $a(V)=+1, a(S)=-1$ )



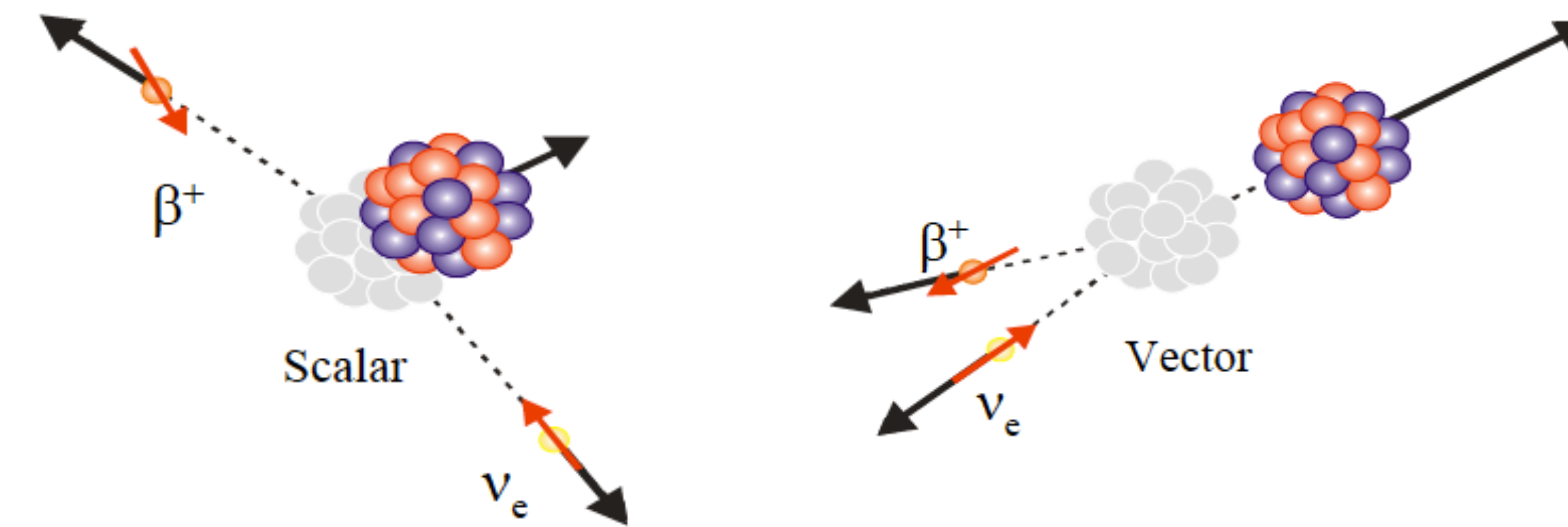
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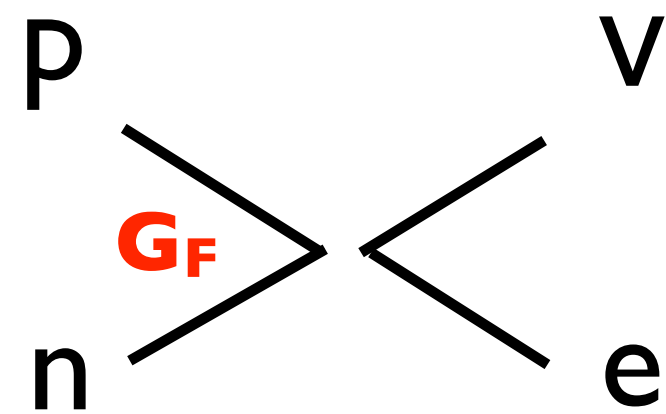
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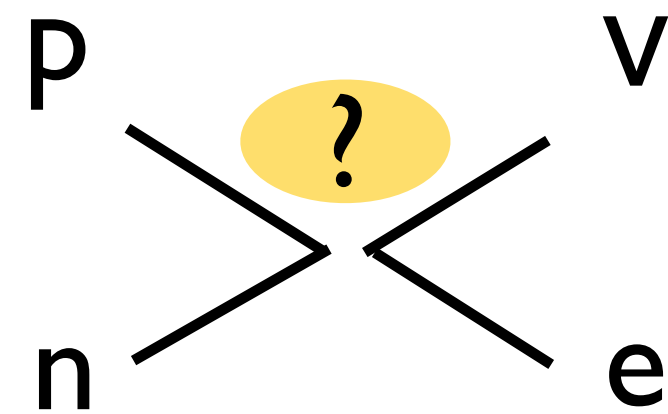
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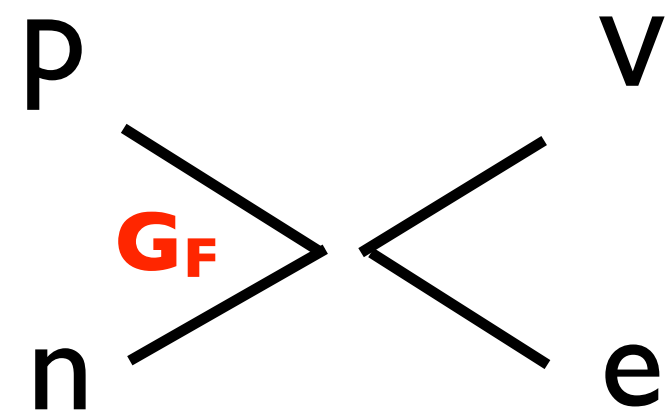
$$C_V = C'_V \quad C_A = C'_A$$

$$C_{S,P,T}/C_V, C'_{S,P,T}/C_V \leq \text{few } \%$$

- Weak decays probe scales of  $O(100 \text{ GeV}) \gg m_{n,p} !!$
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- Information on nature of underlying force mediators ( $\Lambda_{S,T} \geq \text{TeV}$ )

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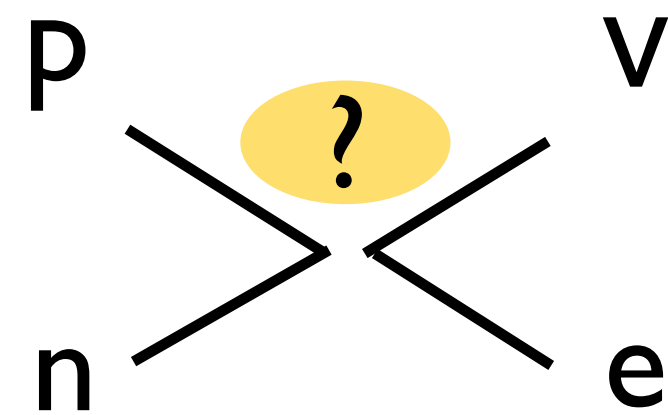
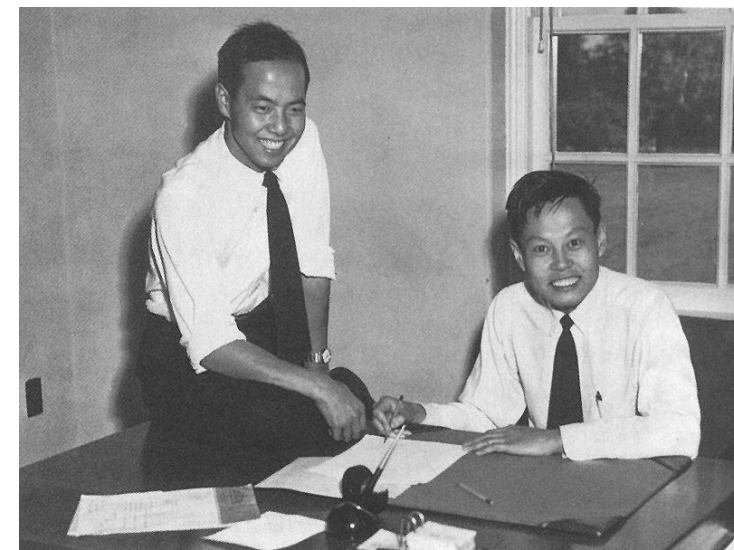
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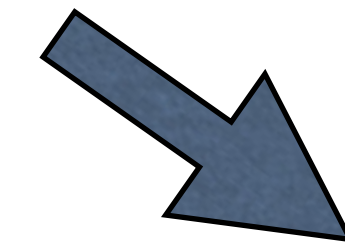


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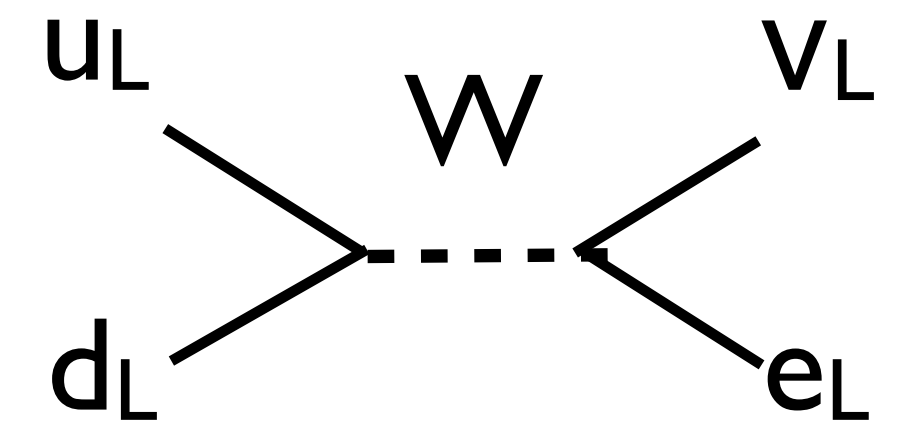
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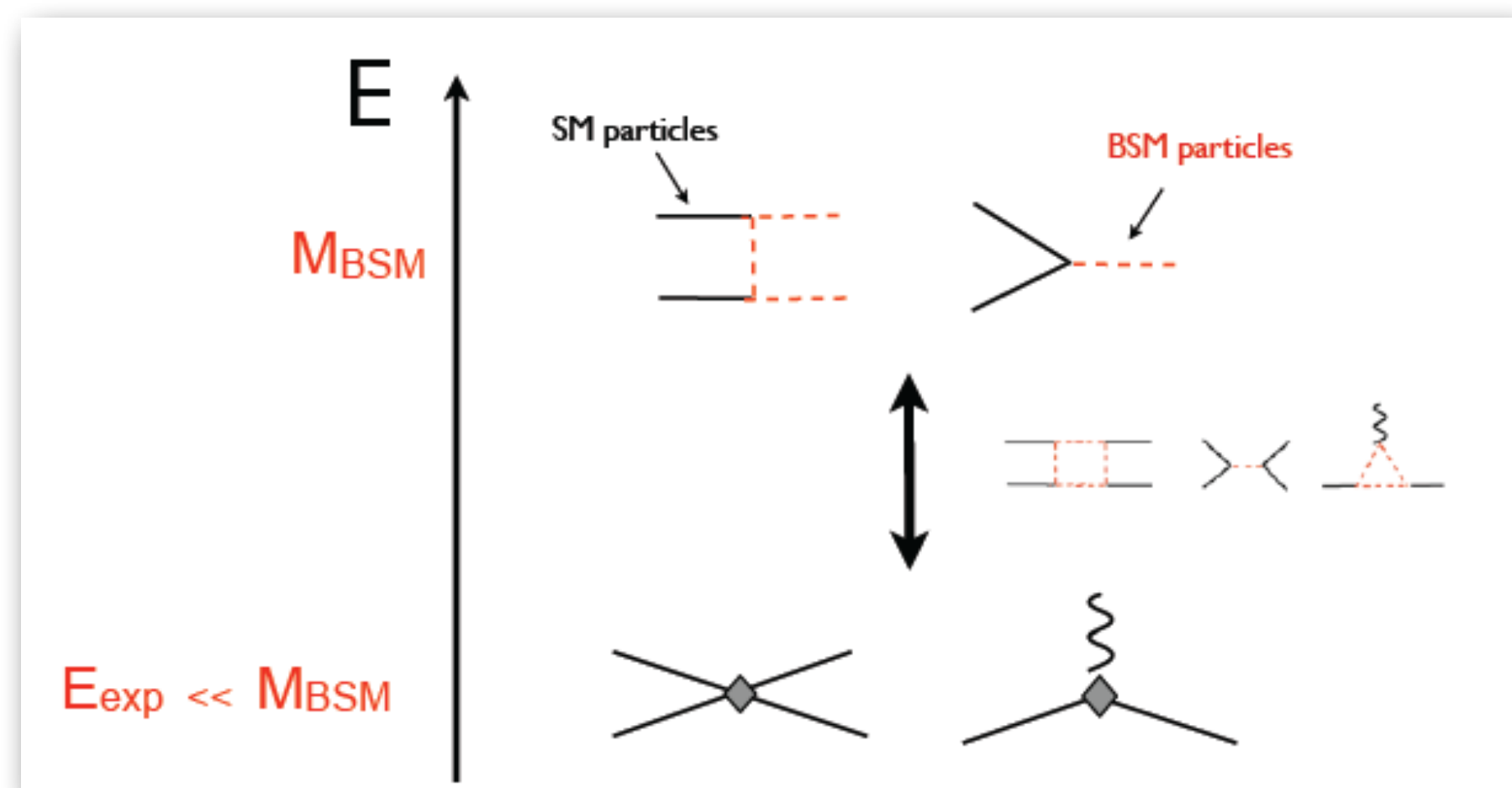
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- Identify the symmetries of the problem
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# The Standard Model and its symmetries

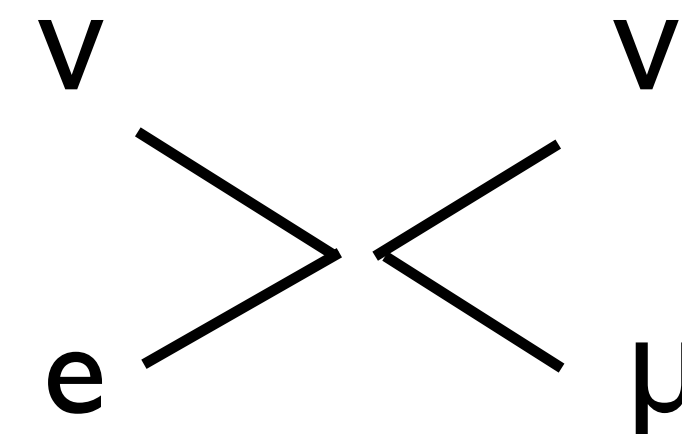
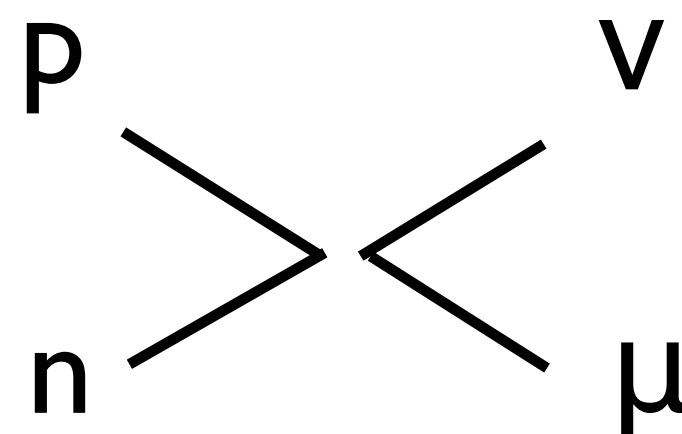
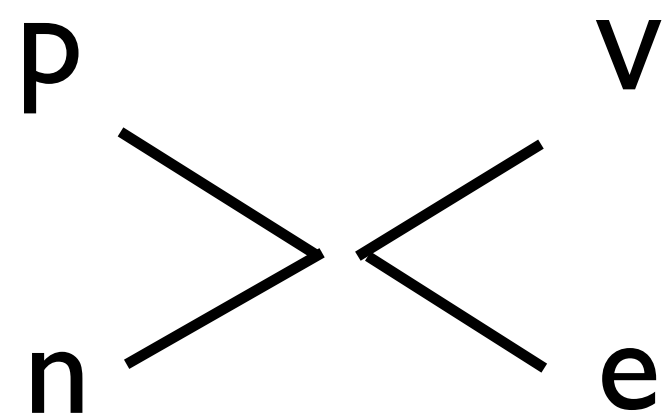
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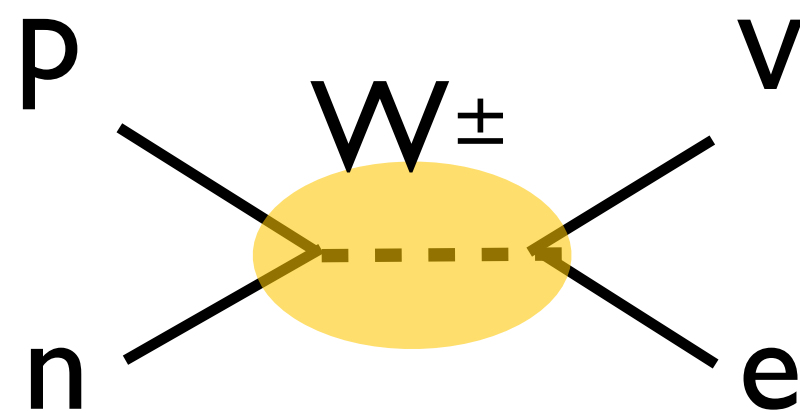
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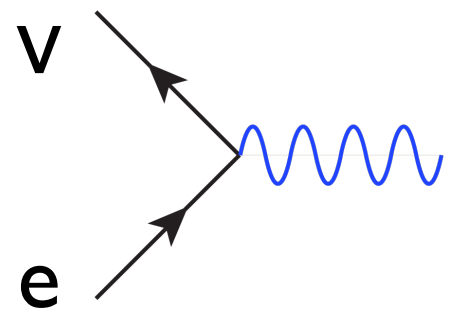
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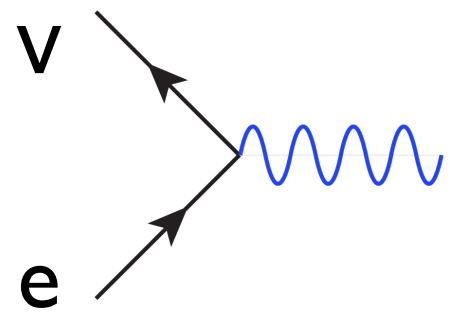
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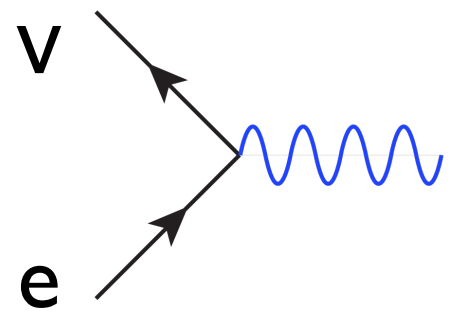
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# The Standard Model gauge group

(No time to review the fascinating story of the 'color' group of strong interactions)

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_w \times U(1)_Y$$

$$\psi'(x) = e^{ig_s \alpha_A(x) \frac{\lambda_A}{2}} \psi(x)$$

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**Fundamental representation  
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# Backup

# (Incomplete) List of acronyms

- ALPs: Axion-Like Particles
- BNV: Baryon Number Violation
- CC: (weak) charged current
- CP: Charge-Parity
- CPV: CP Violation
- EDM: Electric Dipole Moment
- EFT: Effective Field Theory
- FCNC: Flavor Changing Neutral Currents
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- UV: ultraviolet

# Non abelian gauge symmetry

- Recall U(1) (abelian) example

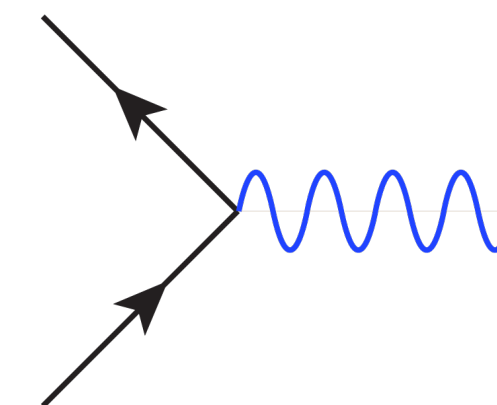
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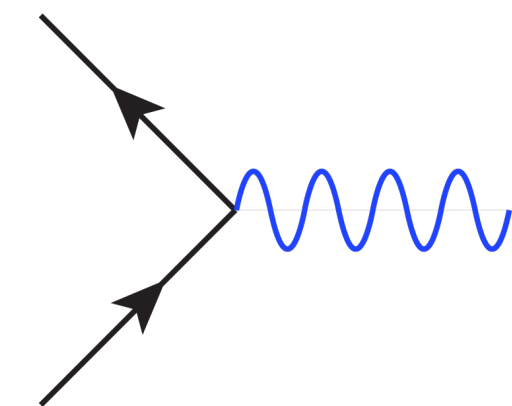
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