

# Neutrino Paradigm and LHC

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# Is Nature Left-Right Symmetric?

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# Symmetries and Particles

Standard Model of all interactions

(but gravity\*)

based on symmetries: local gauge

\* gravity negligible:

38 orders of magnitude weaker than em

# Why does gravity matter?

Why does matter gravitate?

• sun -  $10^{50}$  particles

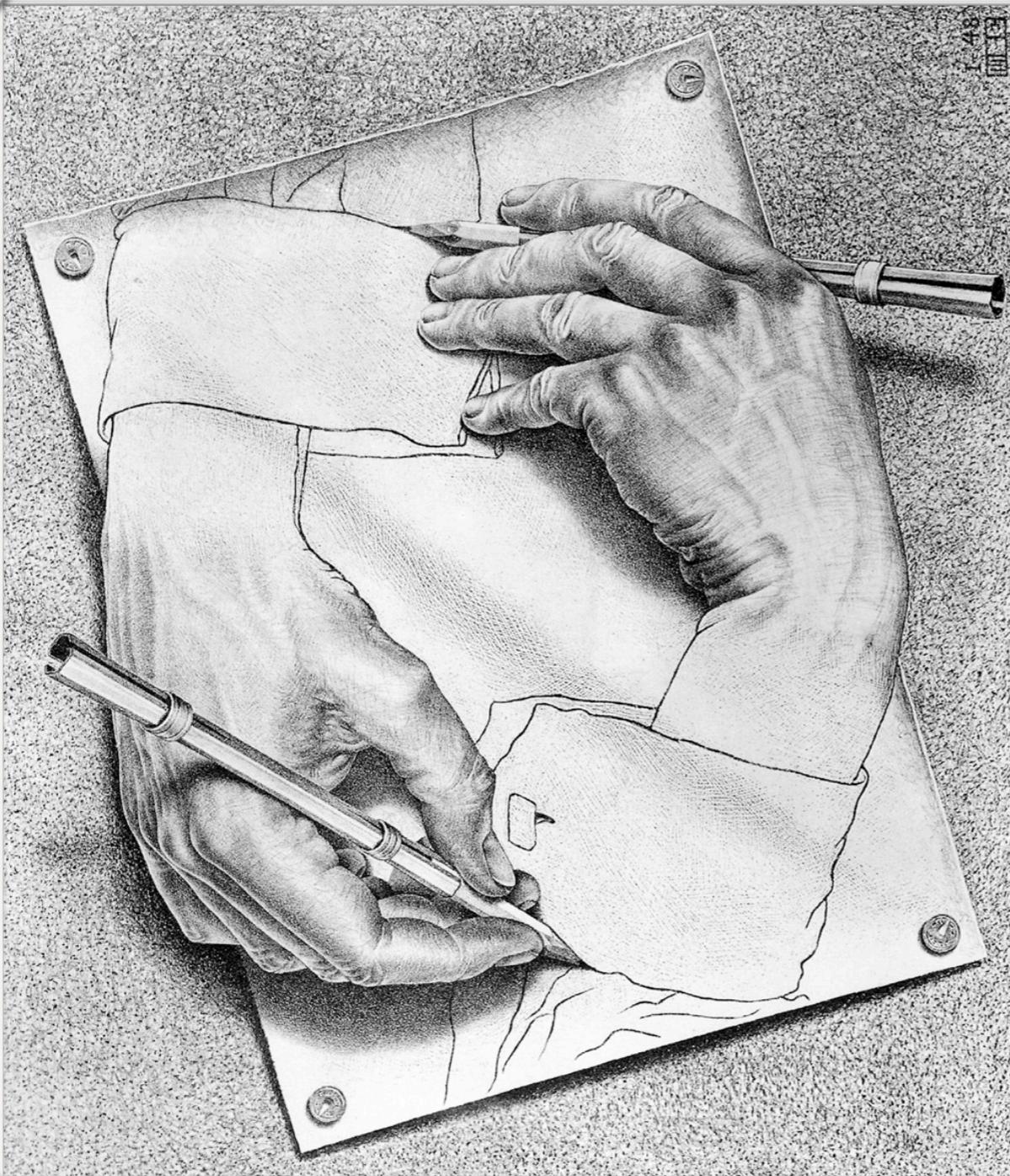
zero charge

# Theme 1

Parity:

left - right symmetry

images in the mirror

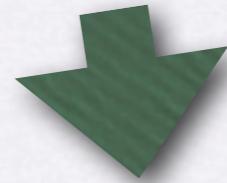
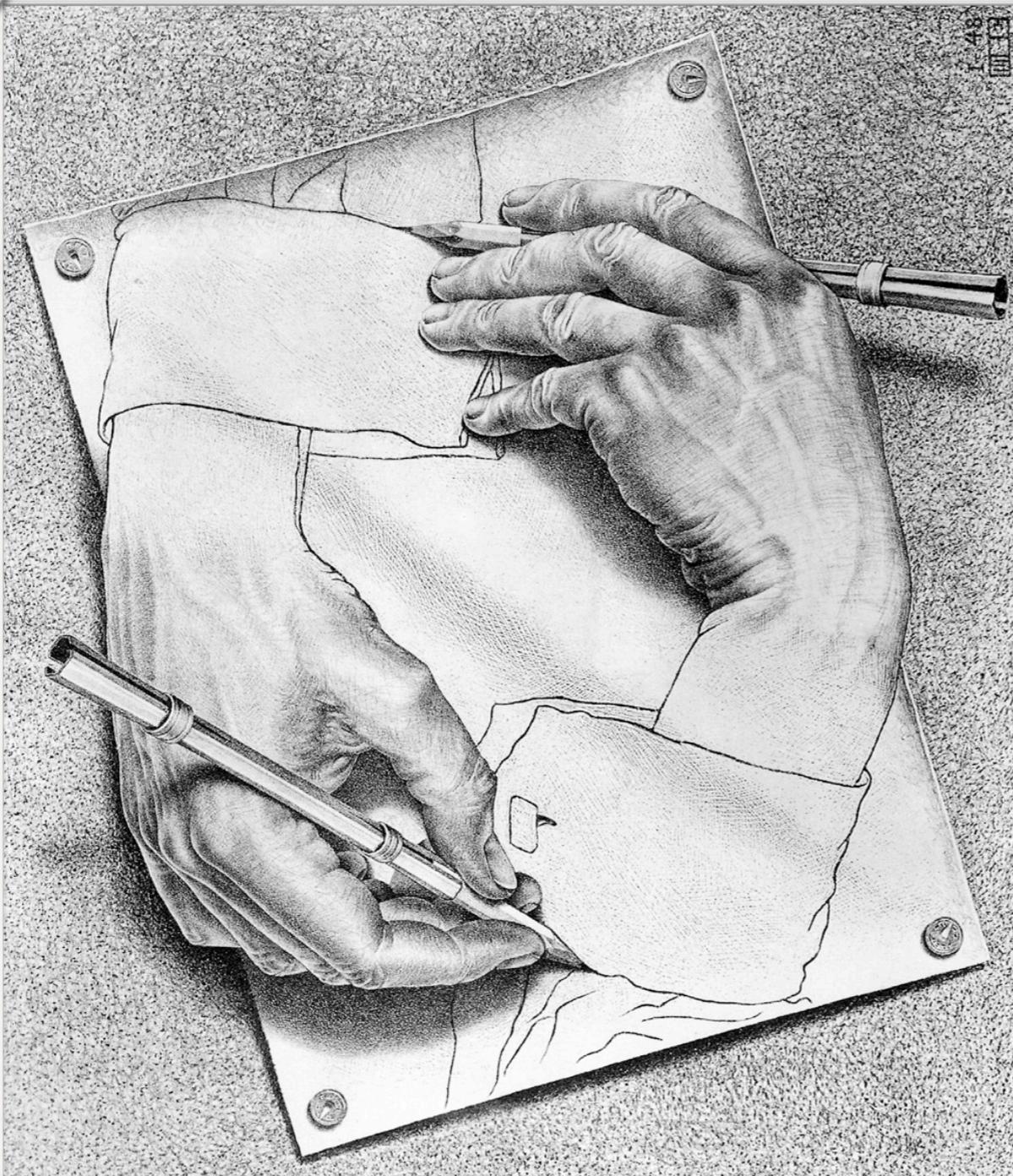


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Large Hadron Collider

- elementary particles - mass, charge, spin



angular momentum at rest

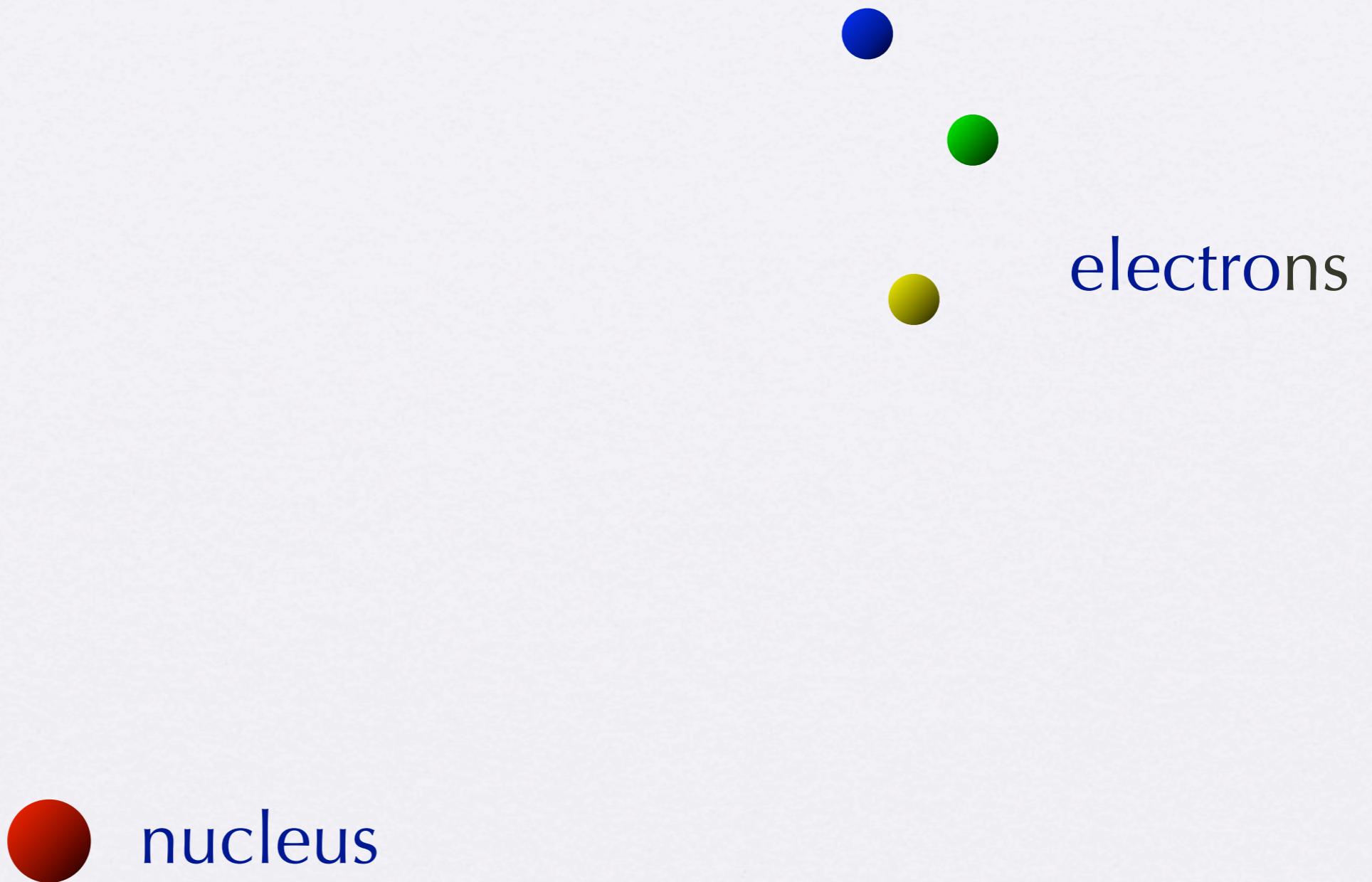
particles keep spinning

- Quantum Mechanics:

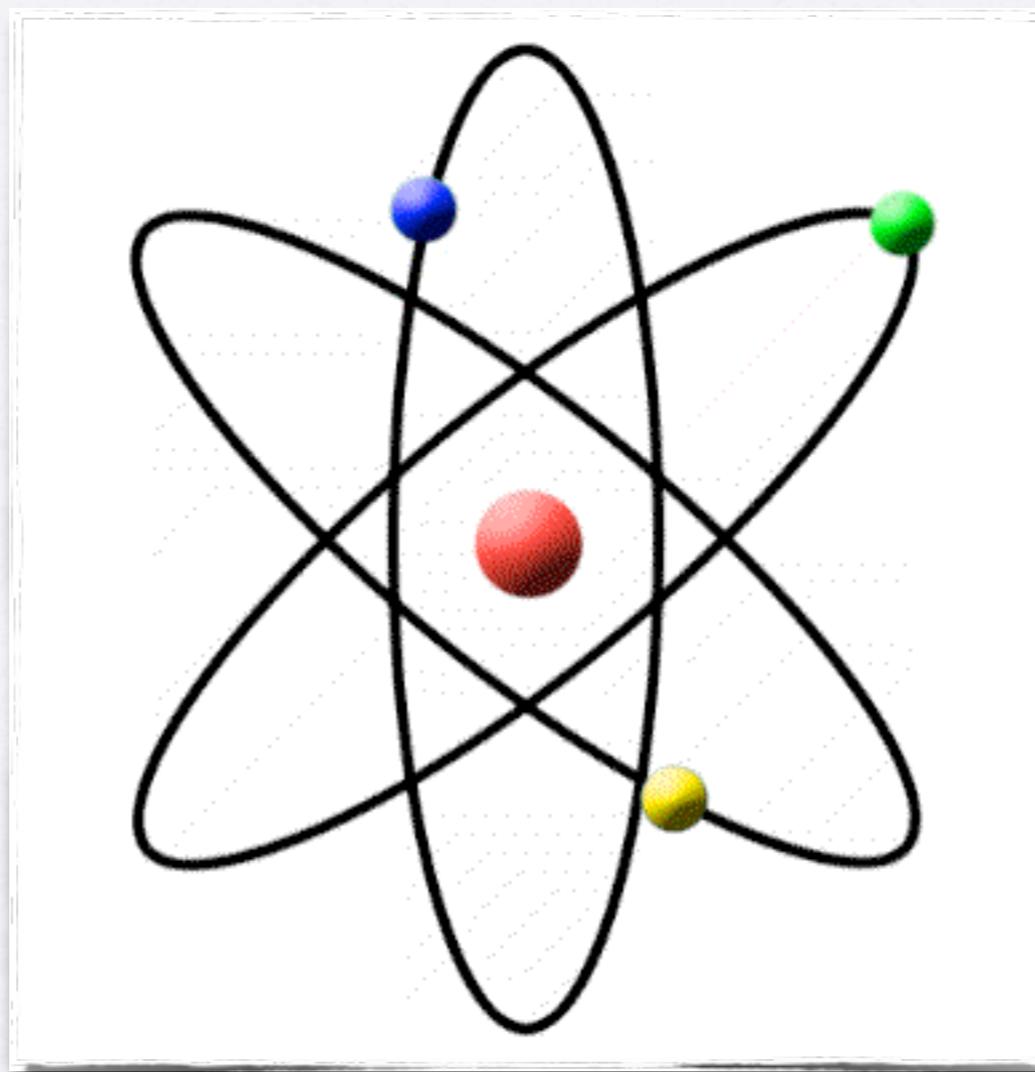
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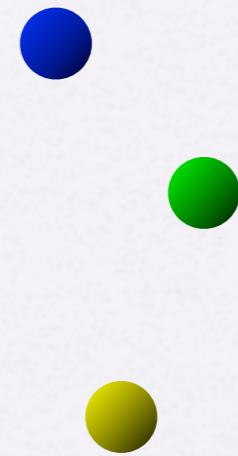
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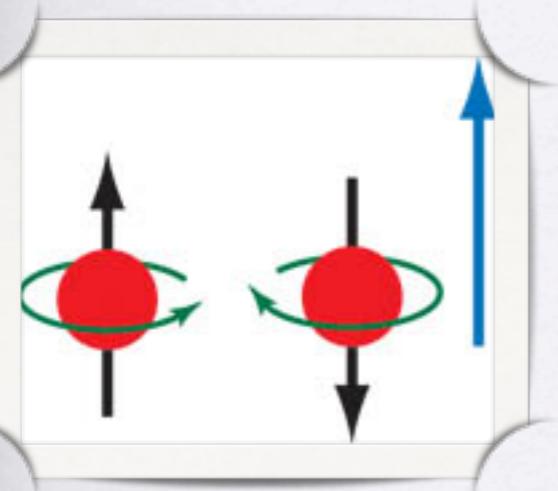
● nucleus



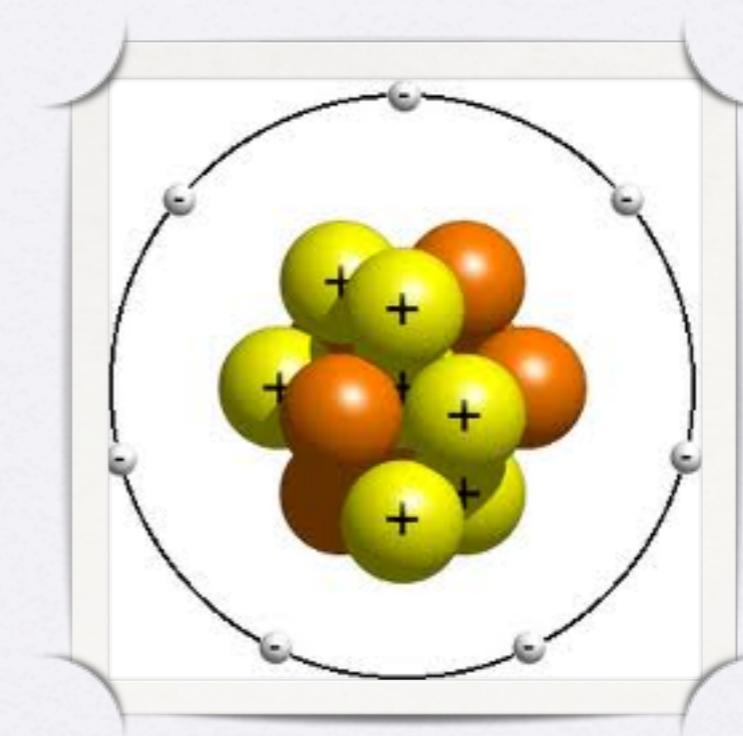
electrons

# Nucleus = protons and neutrons

electron (e), proton (p), neutron (n)



$s = 1/2$   
(fermions)



$$m_p \simeq m_n \simeq 1 \text{ GeV} \simeq 10^{-24} gr$$

$$m_e \simeq 10^{-3} m_p$$

relativistic equation:  $s=1/2$

Dirac '28

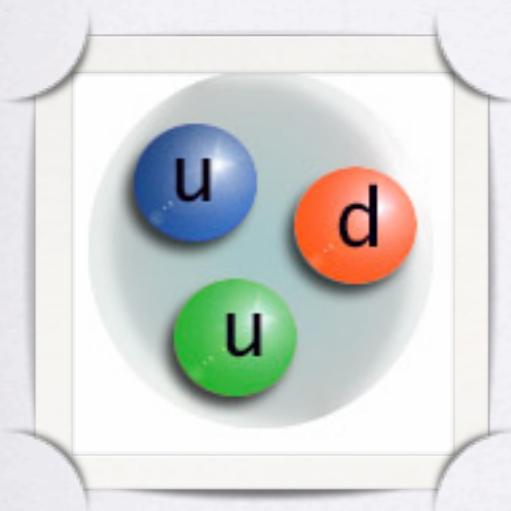
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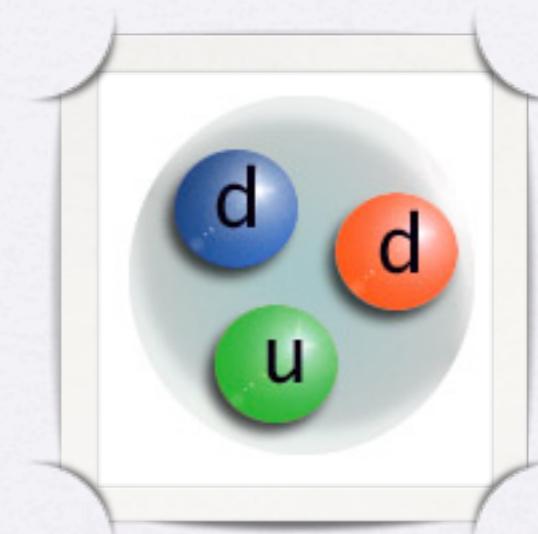
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Zweig '64

proton



neutron



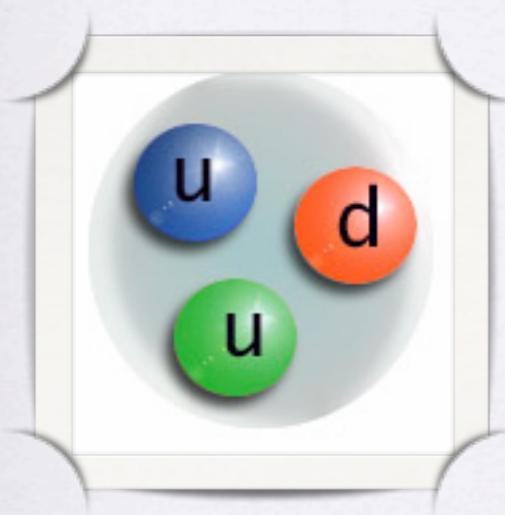
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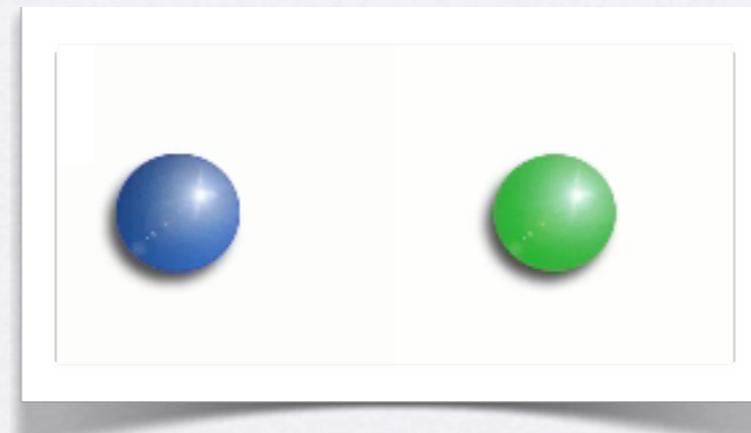
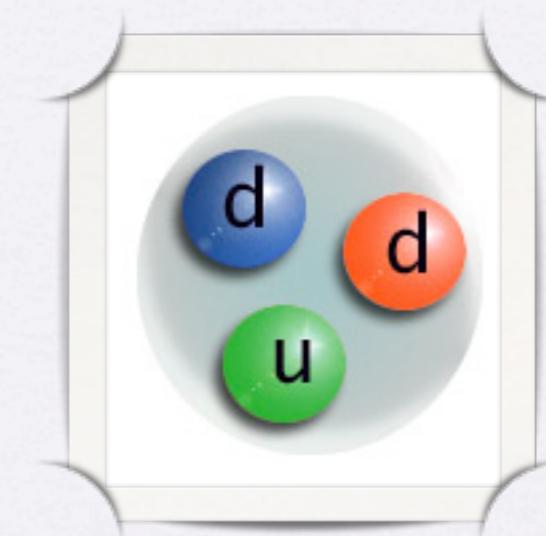
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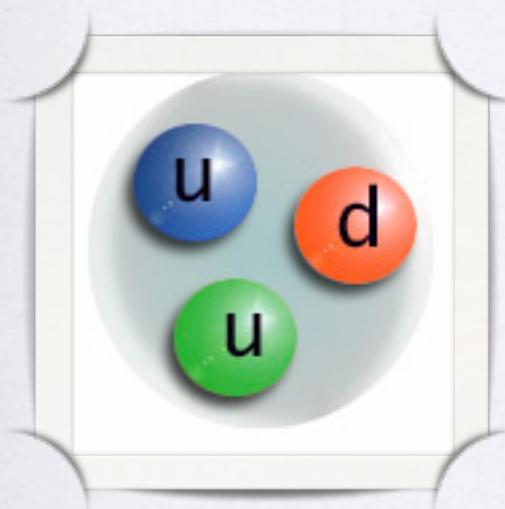
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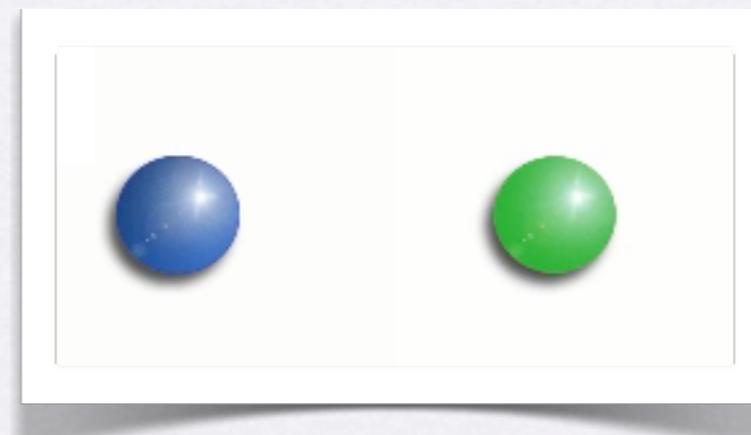
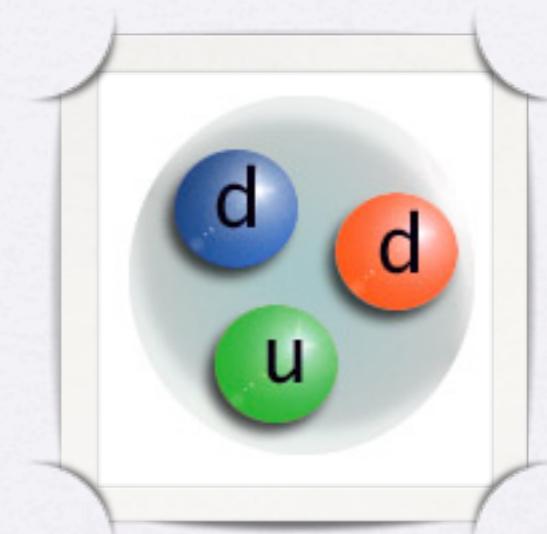
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Gell-Mann '64

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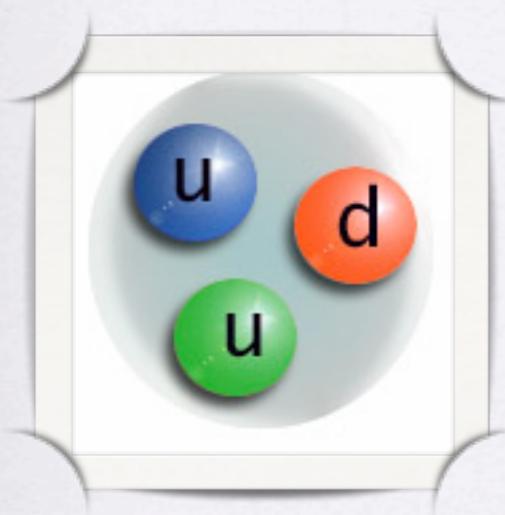
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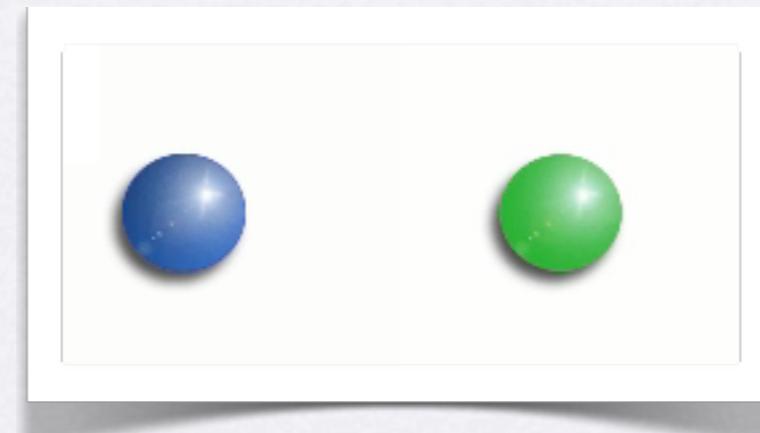
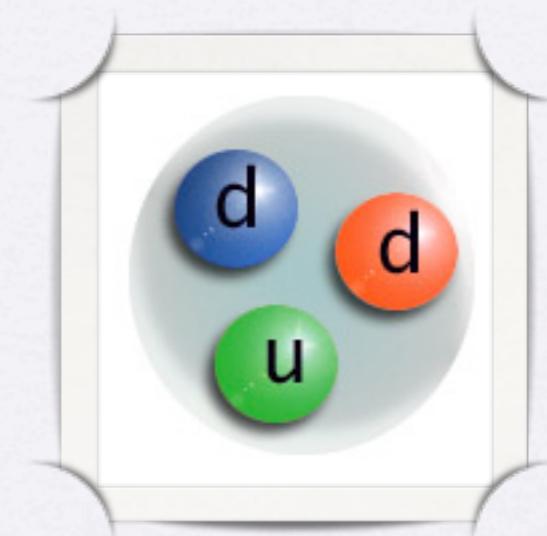
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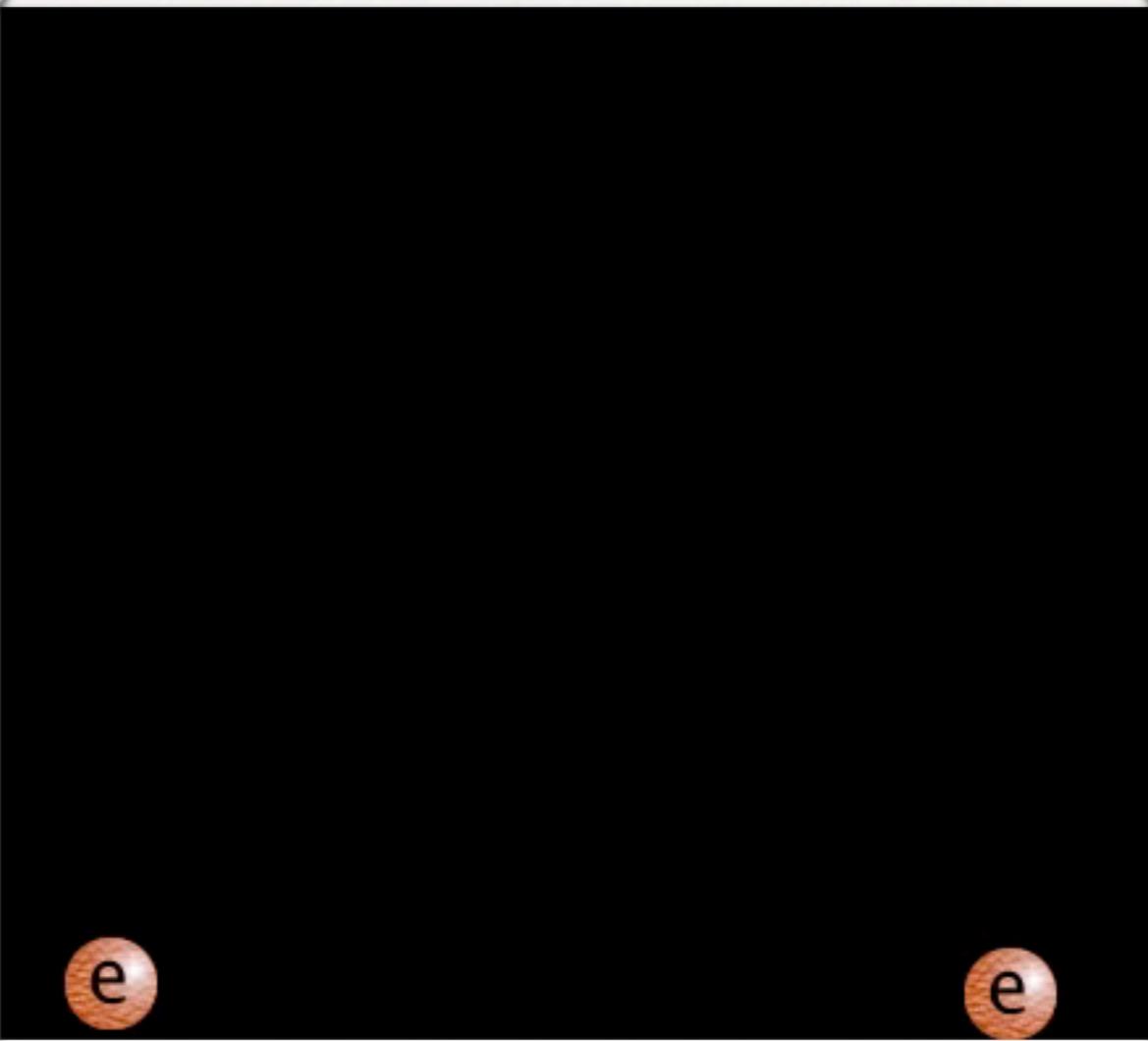


our hero:

neutrino

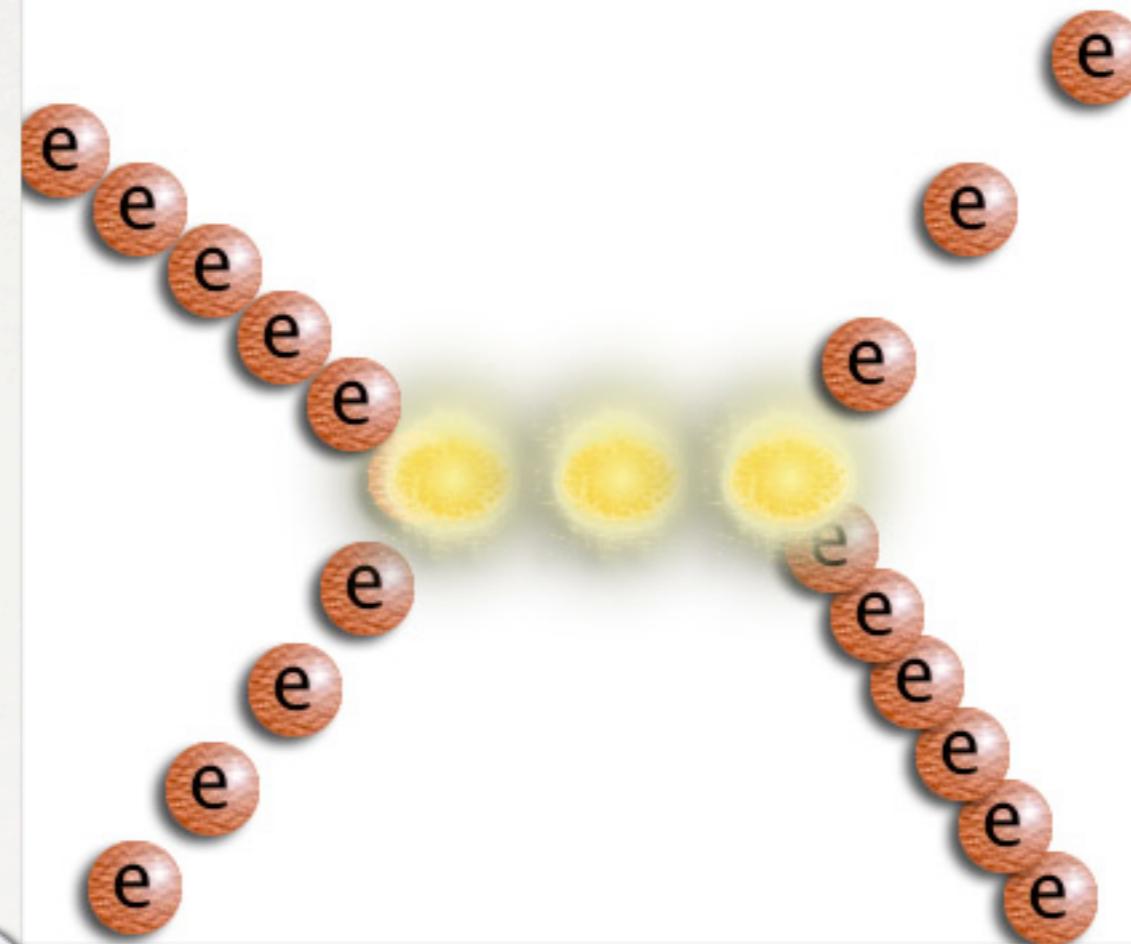
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photon =  
messenger of em



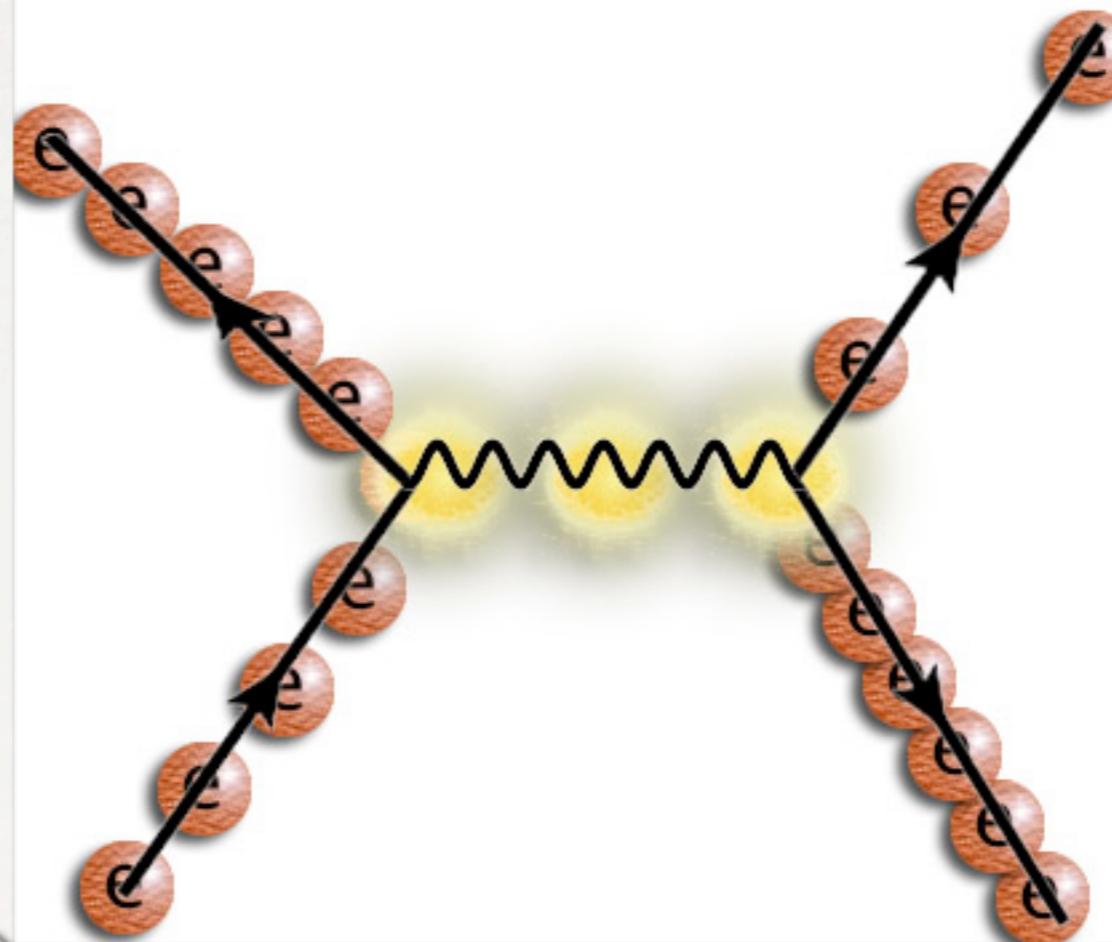
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Feynman '48



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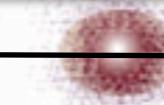


# messengers of forces:

feeble

$s=1$

central

Force	Mediator	$Q_{em}$	Spin	Mass
Gravitational	 graviton	0	2	0
Electro-magnetic	 photon	0	1	0
Strong	 gluons	0	1	0
Weak	  	+1 -1 0	1 1 1	80 GeV 80 GeV 91 GeV

$$m_p \simeq GeV$$



- bombshell: anti-particles

Dirac '31

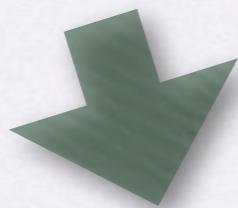
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Chao '29

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Anderson '32

Segre', Chamberlain '55



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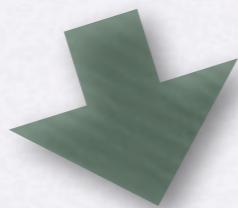
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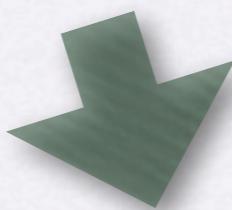
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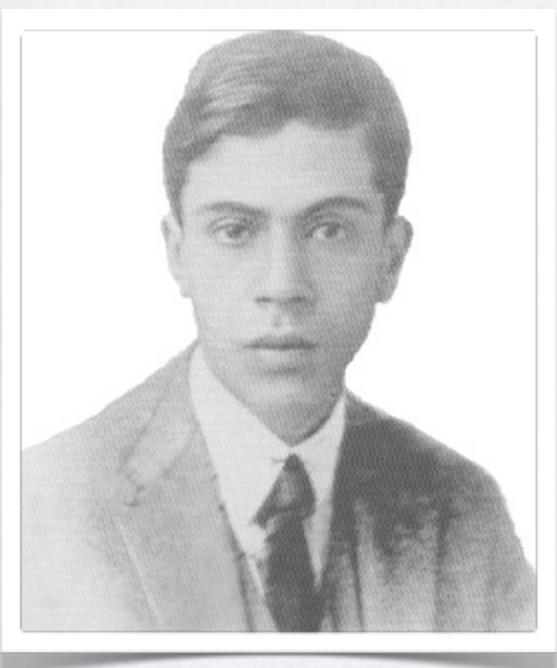
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says Majorana

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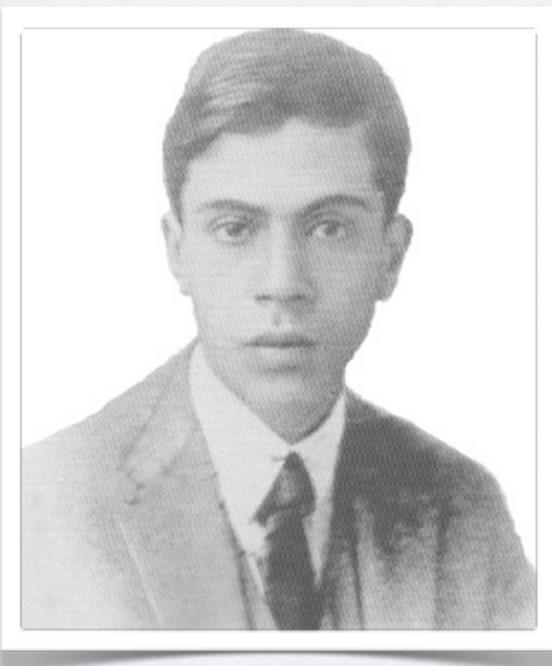
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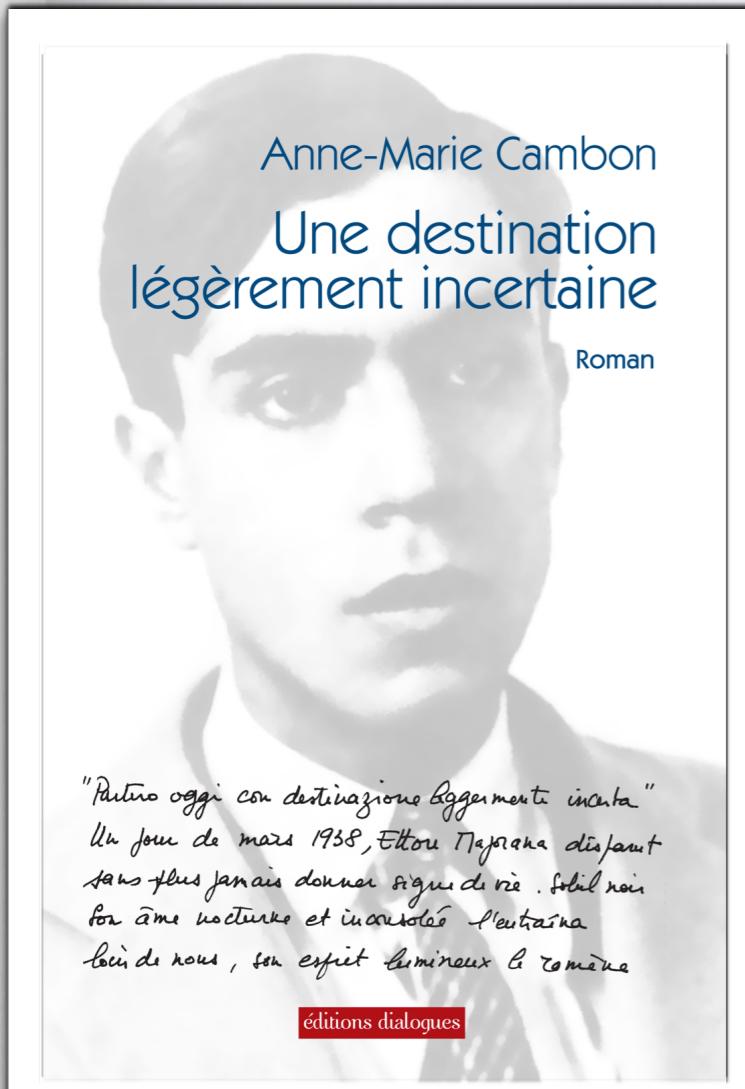
Ettore Majorana

March 26

1938

took a boat from Palermo to Napoli -  
never seen afterwards

only 32



"A slightly uncertain destination"

beautiful novel,  
physics remarkably correct

Who saw him?

## *Chi l'ha visto?*



necci, Viale Regina Margherita 66 -  
Roma.

Ettore Majorana, ordinario di fisica teorica all'Università di Napoli, è misteriosamente scomparso dagli ultimi di marzo. Di anni 31, alto metri 1,70, snello, con capelli neri, occhi scuri, una lunga cicatrice sul dorso di una mano. Chi ne sapesse qualcosa è pregato di scrivere al R. P. E. Maria-

**Ettore Majorana** - Questo annuncio della famiglia Majorana apparve sulla «Domenica del Corriere» del 17 luglio 1938.

Fermi:  
there are various types of scientists

Second, third rank - do their best, but do not go far.  
First rank, make great discoveries, fundamental for the  
development of science.

And then, there are geniuses, like Galileo and Newton.  
Ettore Majorana was one of them;  
unfortunately he lacked common sense.

# Theme 2

The creation of electrons out of “nothing”

- Neutrino-less double beta decay

Racah '37 Furry '38

- LHC -  $p p$  collisions can create electrons

Keung, GS '83

- neutrinos: why so special?
- The most aloof particles



A probe of new physics

# Discovering neutrinos

beta decay  $n \rightarrow p + e + \bar{\nu}$

Pauli '30

conservation of energy



a new neutral particle:

neutrino (small neutron)

Fermi '32

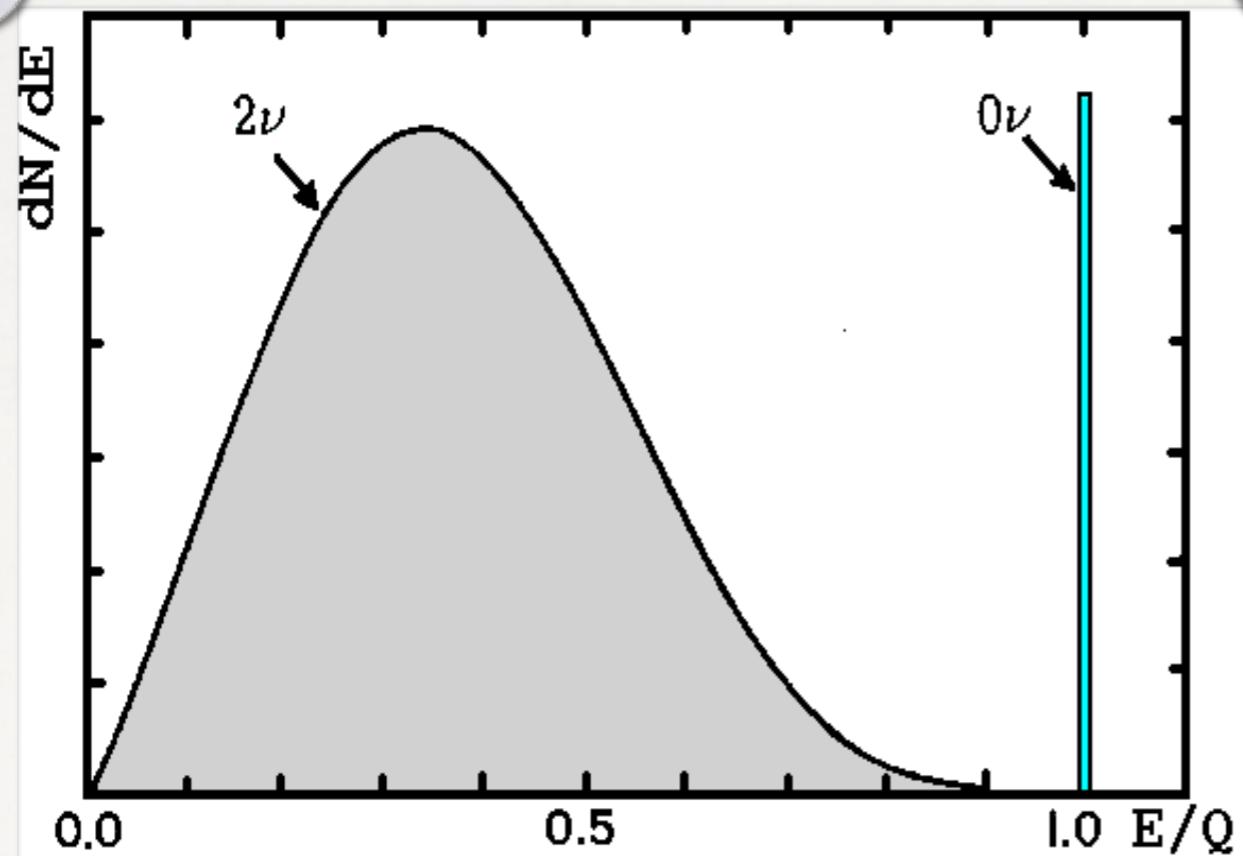
'brother' of electron

leptons (light)

$n \rightarrow p + e$



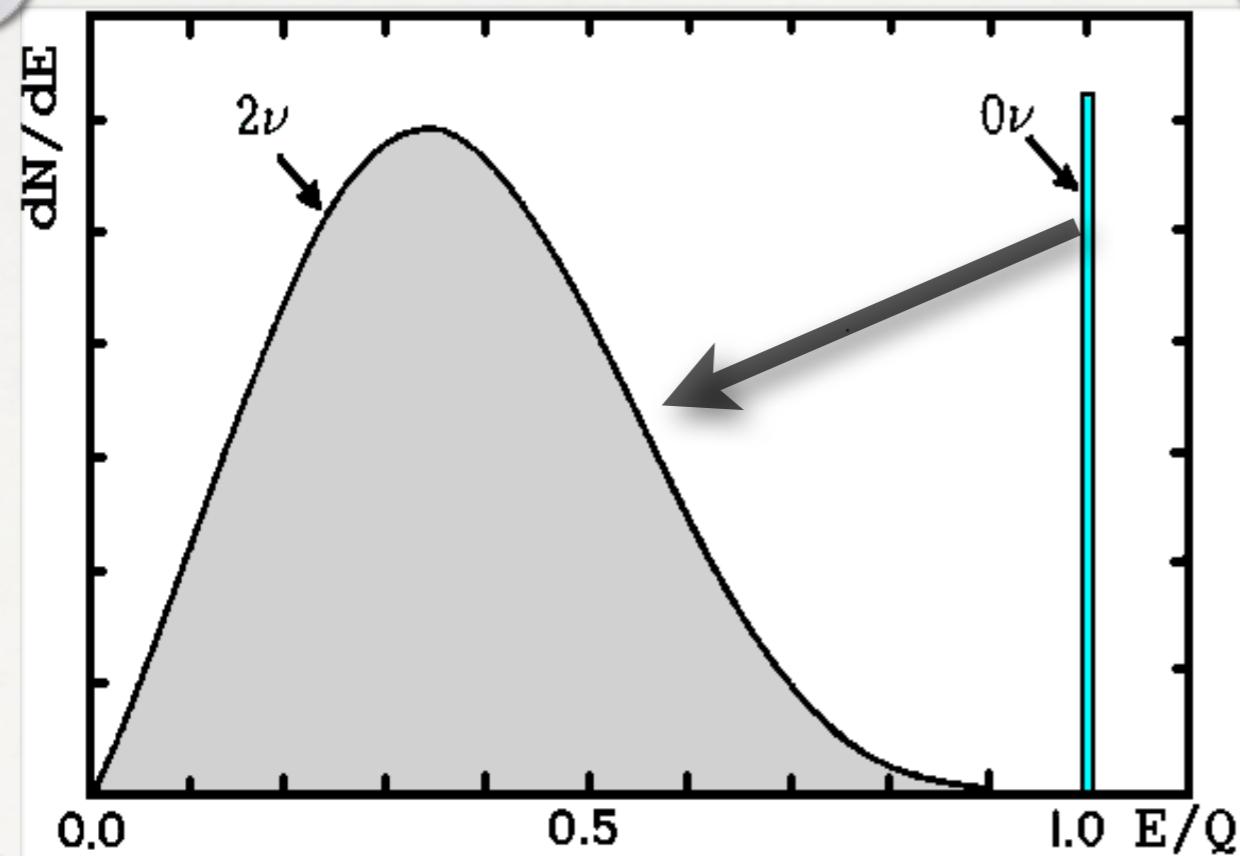
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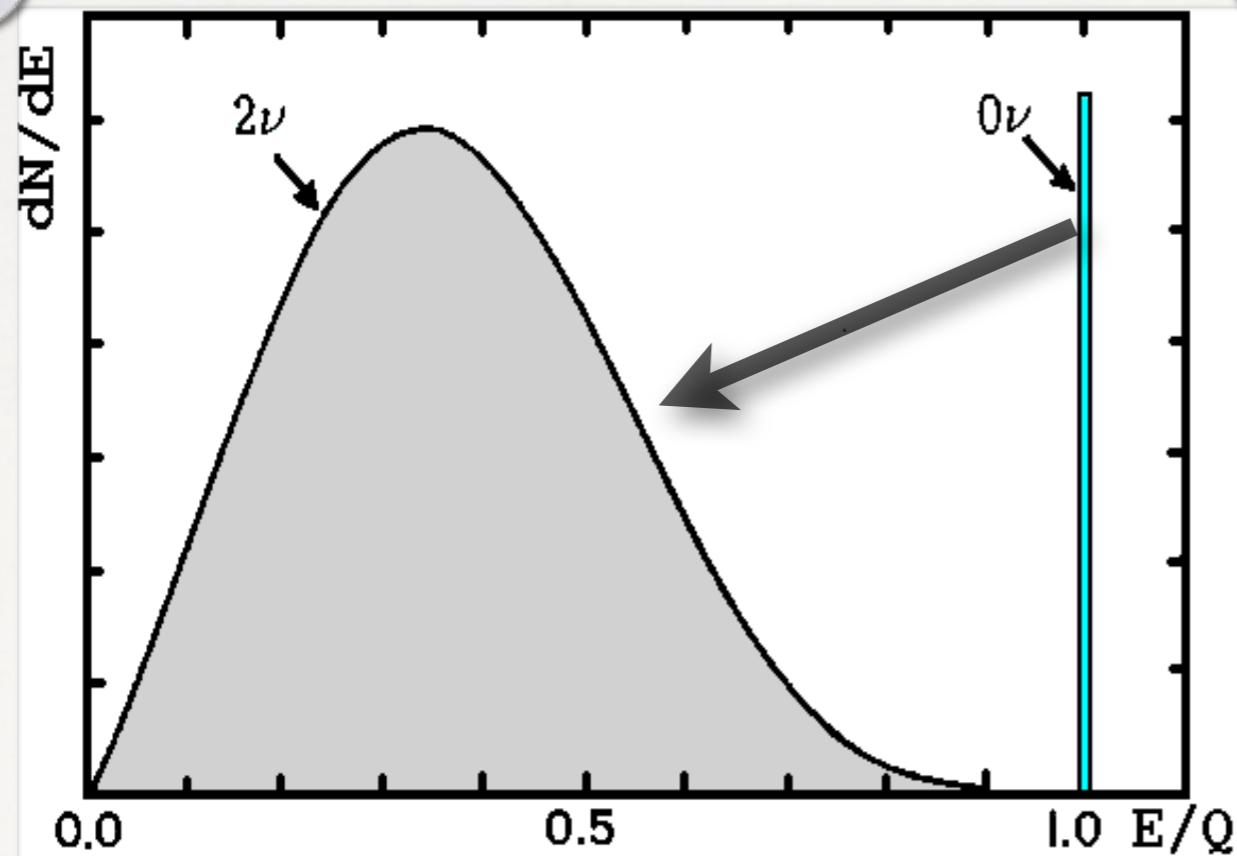
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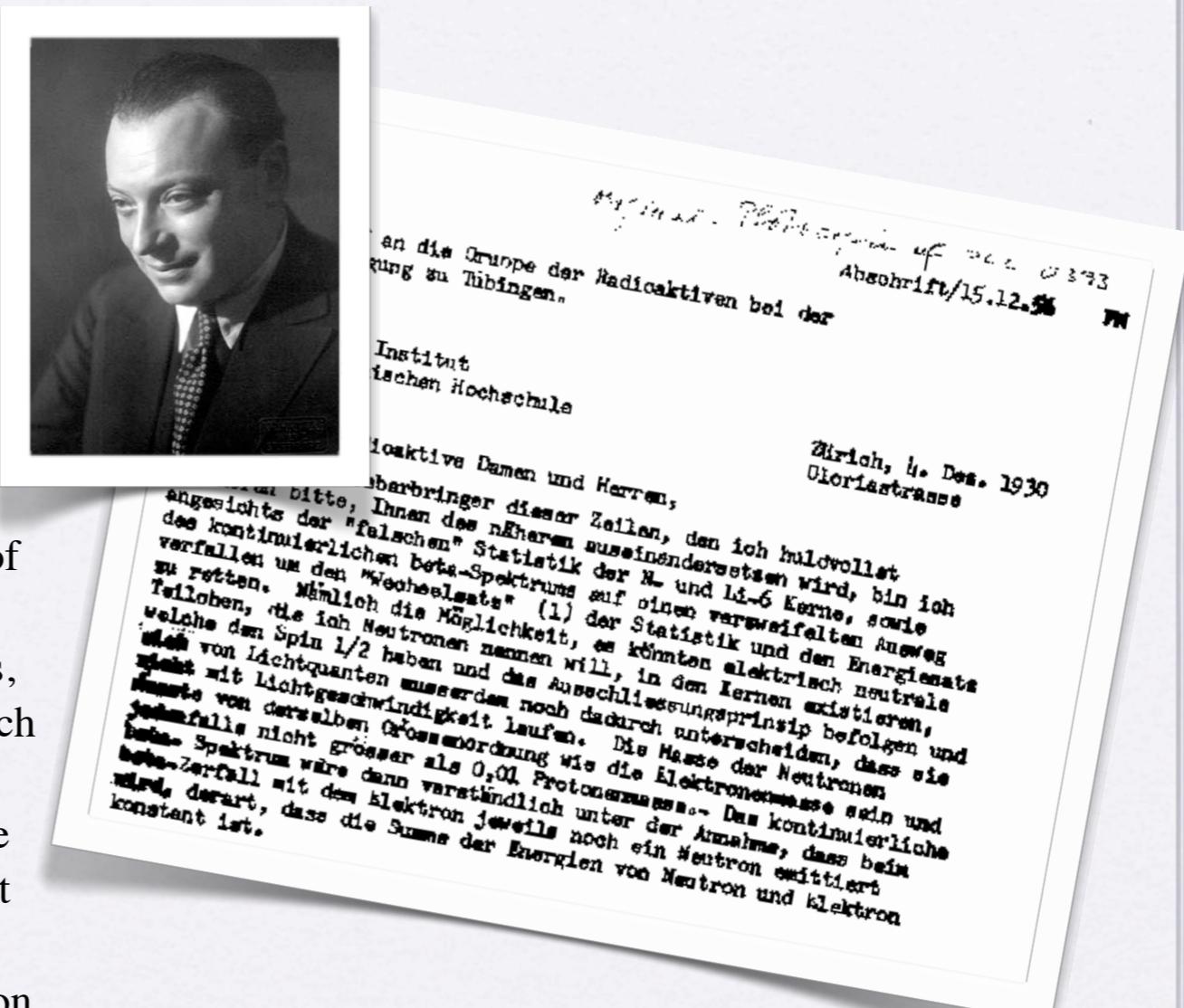
Continuous spectrum

*Dear Radioactive Ladies and Gentlemen,*

As the bearer of these lines, to whom I graciously ask you to listen, will explain to you in more detail, how because of the "wrong" statistics of the N and Li<sup>6</sup> nuclei and the continuous beta spectrum, I have hit upon a **desperate** remedy to save the "exchange theorem" of statistics and the law of conservation of energy. Namely, the possibility that there could exist in the nuclei electrically neutral particles, that I wish to call neutrons, which have spin 1/2 and obey the exclusion principle and which further differ from light quanta in that they do not travel with the velocity of light. The mass of the neutrons should be of the same order of magnitude as the electron mass and in any event not larger than 0.01 proton masses. The continuous beta spectrum would then become understandable by the assumption that in beta decay a neutron is emitted in addition to the electron such that the sum of the energies of the neutron and the electron is constant...

I agree that my remedy could seem incredible because one should have seen those neutrons very earlier if they really exist. But only the one who dare can win and the difficult situation, due to the continuous structure of the beta spectrum, is lighted by a remark of my honoured predecessor, Mr Debye, who told me recently in Bruxelles: "**Oh, It's well better not to think to this at all, like new taxes**". From now on, every solution to the issue must be discussed. Thus, dear radioactive people, look and judge. Unfortunately, I cannot appear in Tübingen personally since **I am indispensable here in Zurich because of a ball on the night of 6/7 December**. With my best regards to you, and also to Mr Back.

Your humble servant  
. W. Pauli



- how to see it?



□ mean free path  $\simeq 10^{20}$  cm

Fermi '34

70 million times distance earth-sun

helps understand John Updike

*NEUTRINOS, they are very small.  
They have no charge and have no mass  
And do not interact at all.  
The earth is just a silly ball  
To them, through which they simply pass,  
Like dustmaids down a drafty hall  
Or photons through a sheet of glass.  
They snub the most exquisite gas,  
Ignore the most substantial wall,  
Cold shoulder steel and sounding brass,  
Insult the stallion in his stall,  
And scorning barriers of class,  
Infiltrate you and me! Like tall  
and painless guillotines, they fall  
Down through our heads into the grass.  
At night, they enter at Nepal  
and pierce the lover and his lass  
From underneath the bed-you call  
It wonderful; I call it crass.*

## Cosmic Gall

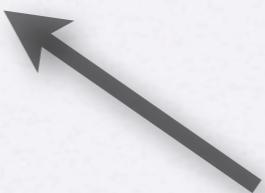
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# Savannah River reactor

Cowan and Reines '56



large flux of neutrinos

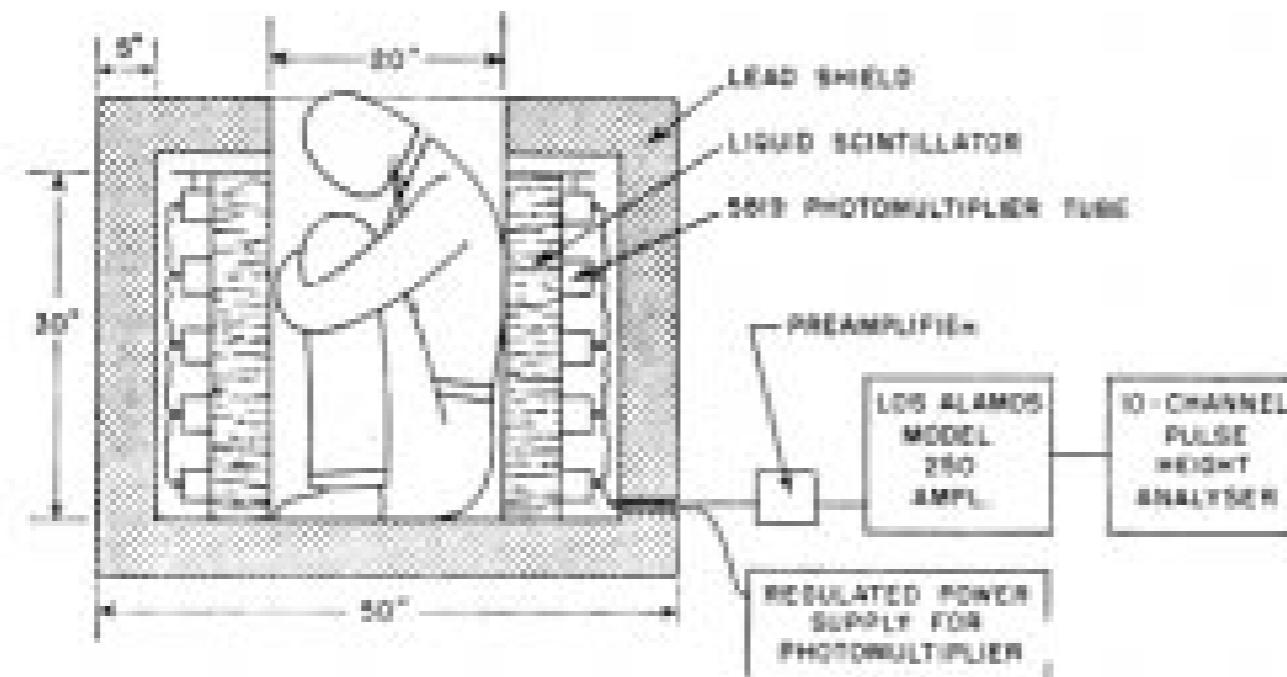
detector : water (protons)

$$\Phi = 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

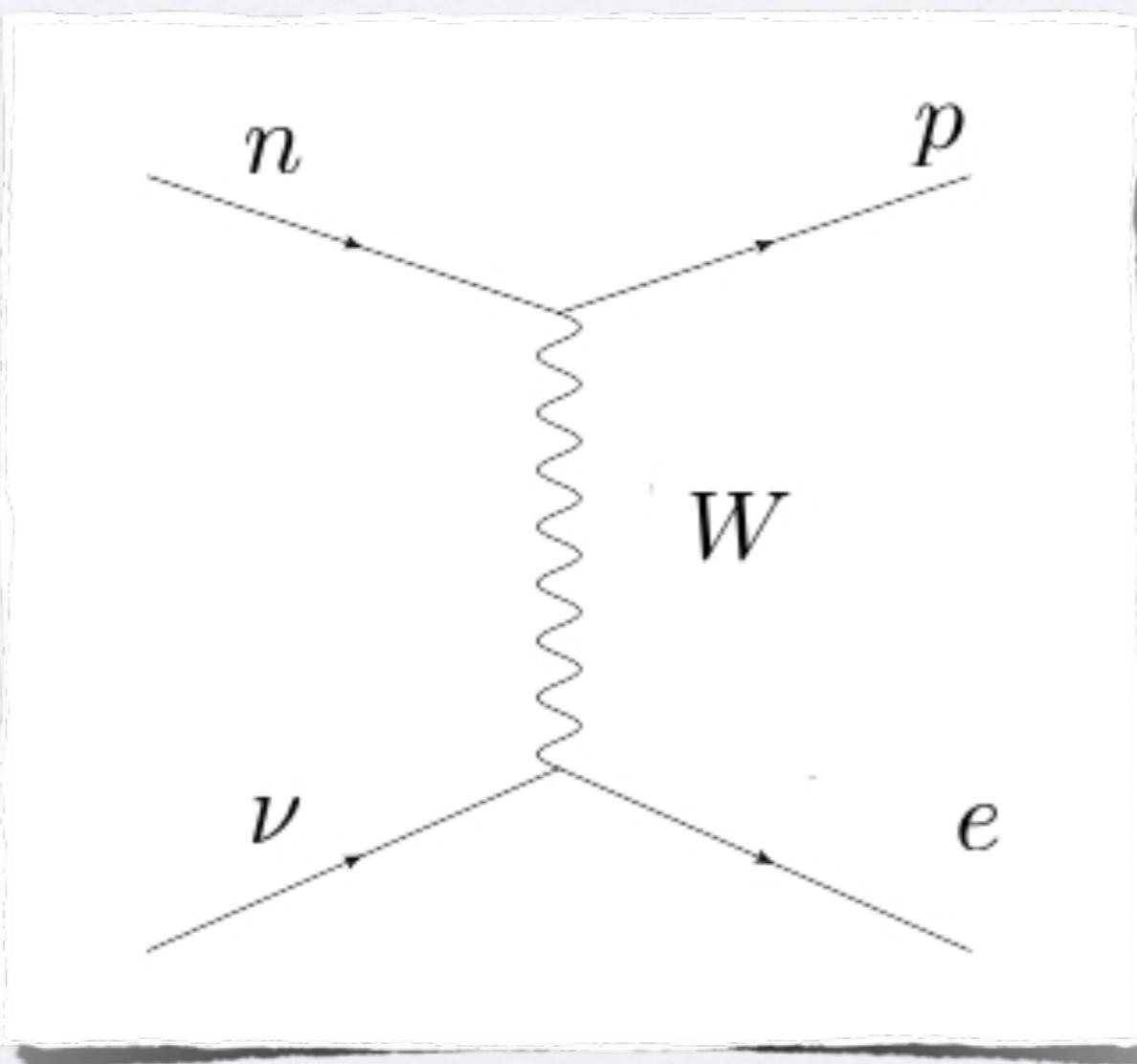
(ten thousand billions)

good old days

8 people



# Beta decay : messenger W boson



$$n \rightarrow p + e + \bar{\nu}$$

**W boson:** the shiny (hairy) guy

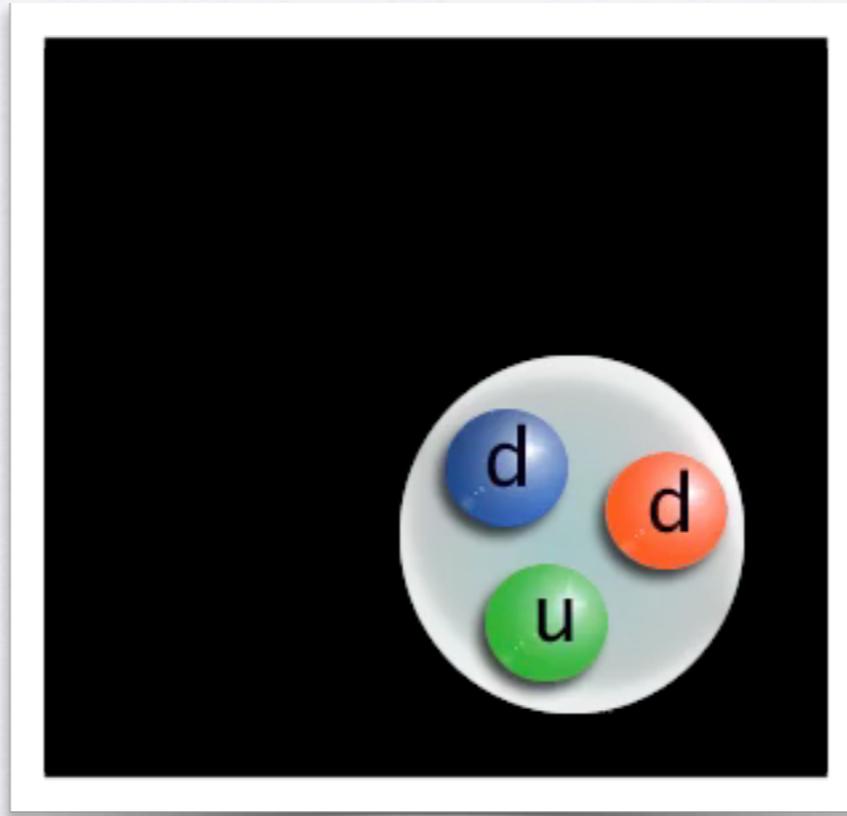
$$d \rightarrow u + e + \bar{\nu}$$



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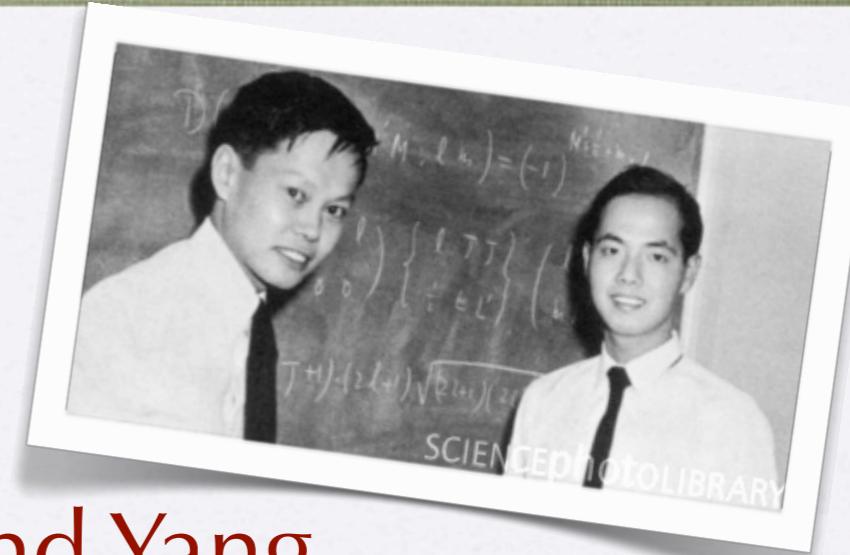
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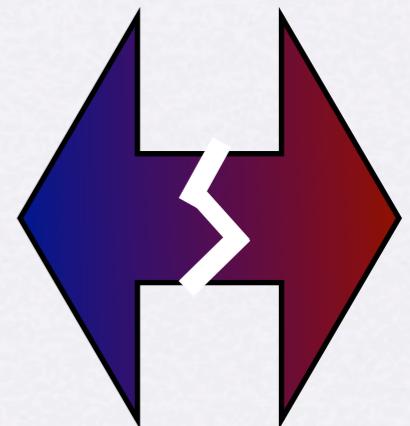


- 1956: bombshell of Lee and Yang

parity violation in weak interaction

- only left particles in beta decay

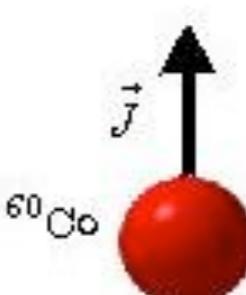
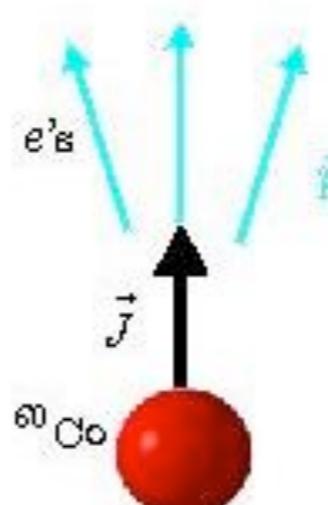
L-R symmetry broken



# Discovery of P violation

good old days

5 people

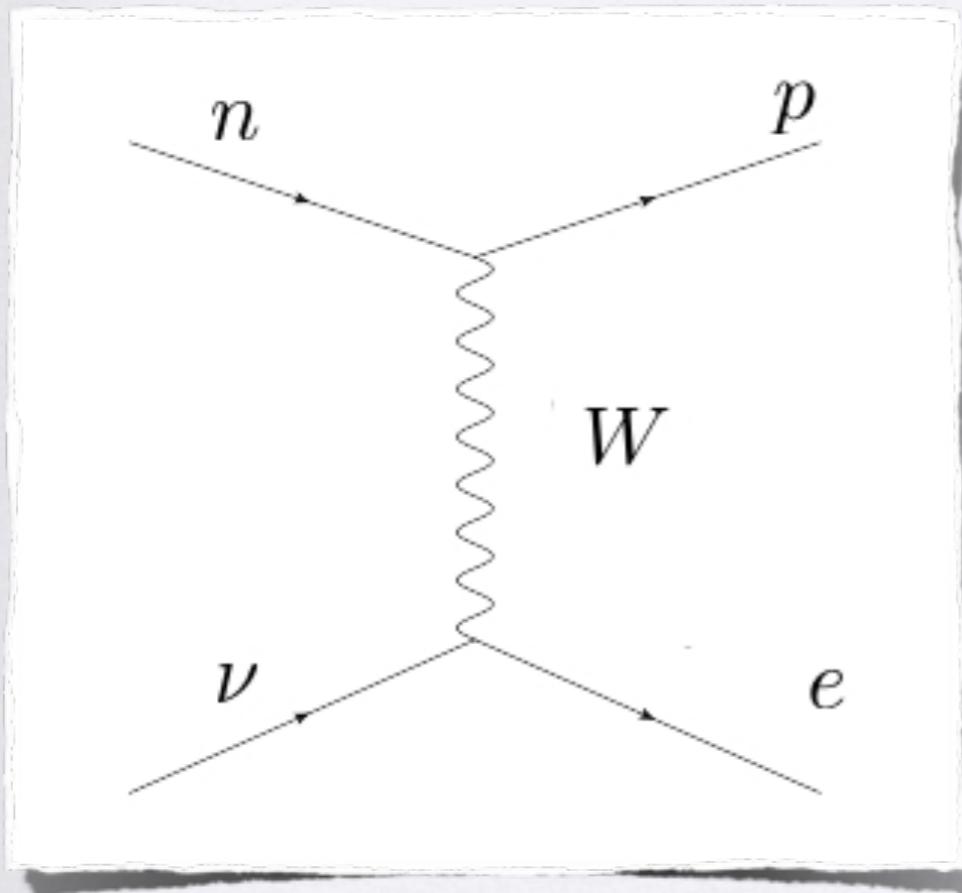
Experiment	Parity Inversion
	 $\begin{pmatrix} \vec{r} & \rightarrow -\vec{r} \\ \vec{p} & \rightarrow -\vec{p} \\ J & \rightarrow J \end{pmatrix}$
Observed	Not Observed

Violates Parity Conservation



C.S. Wu  
'56

## beta decay : messenger $W$ boson



Parity violation



only left particles  
interact with  $W$

confirmed when  
discovered

# Discovering W bosons

SPS: Super Proton Synchrotron

7 km circumference

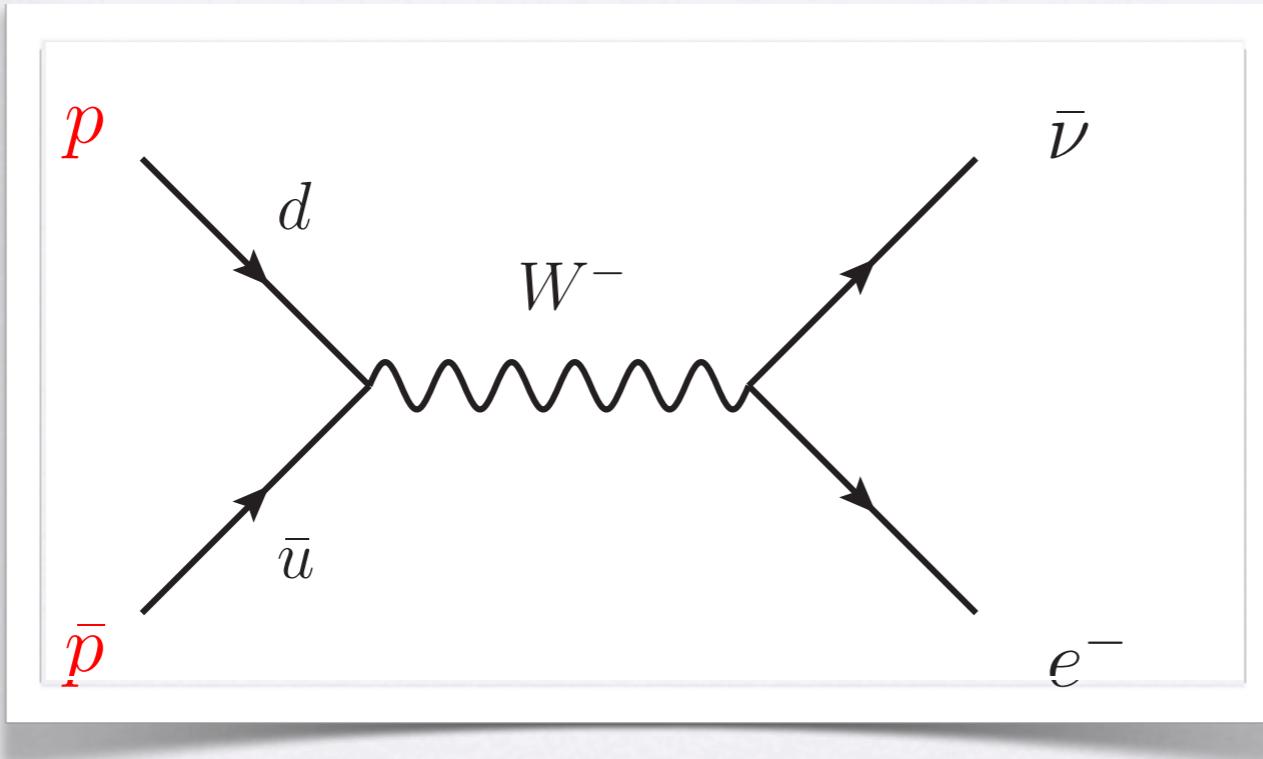
modern times

137 people



'81-'84

C. Rubbia



$$M_W \simeq 80 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_p \simeq \text{GeV}$$

# LEP experiment

modern times

'89 - '00

- 1500 people
- 4 detectors: ALEPH, LEP 3, OPAL, DELPHI
- 27 km circumference

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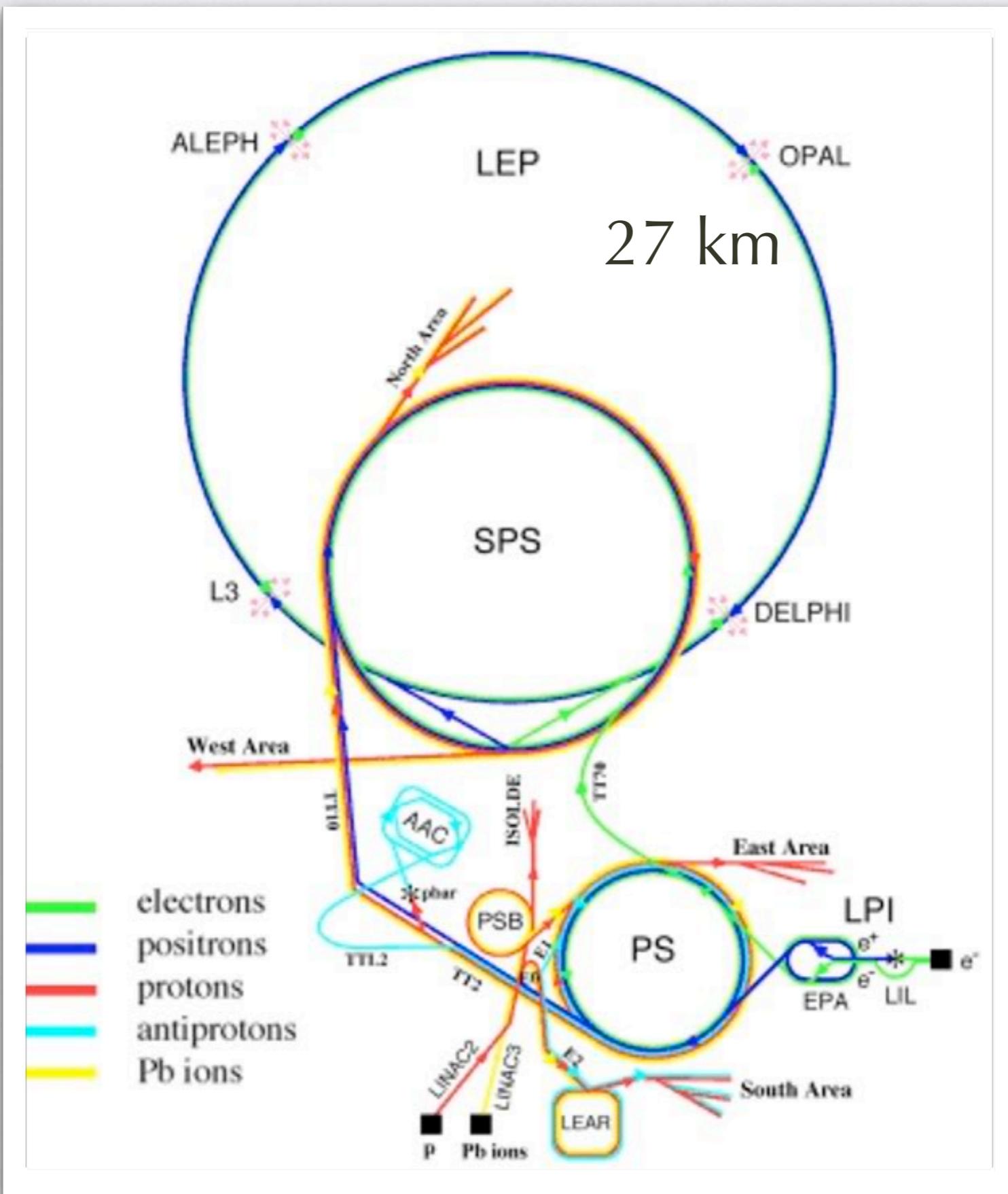


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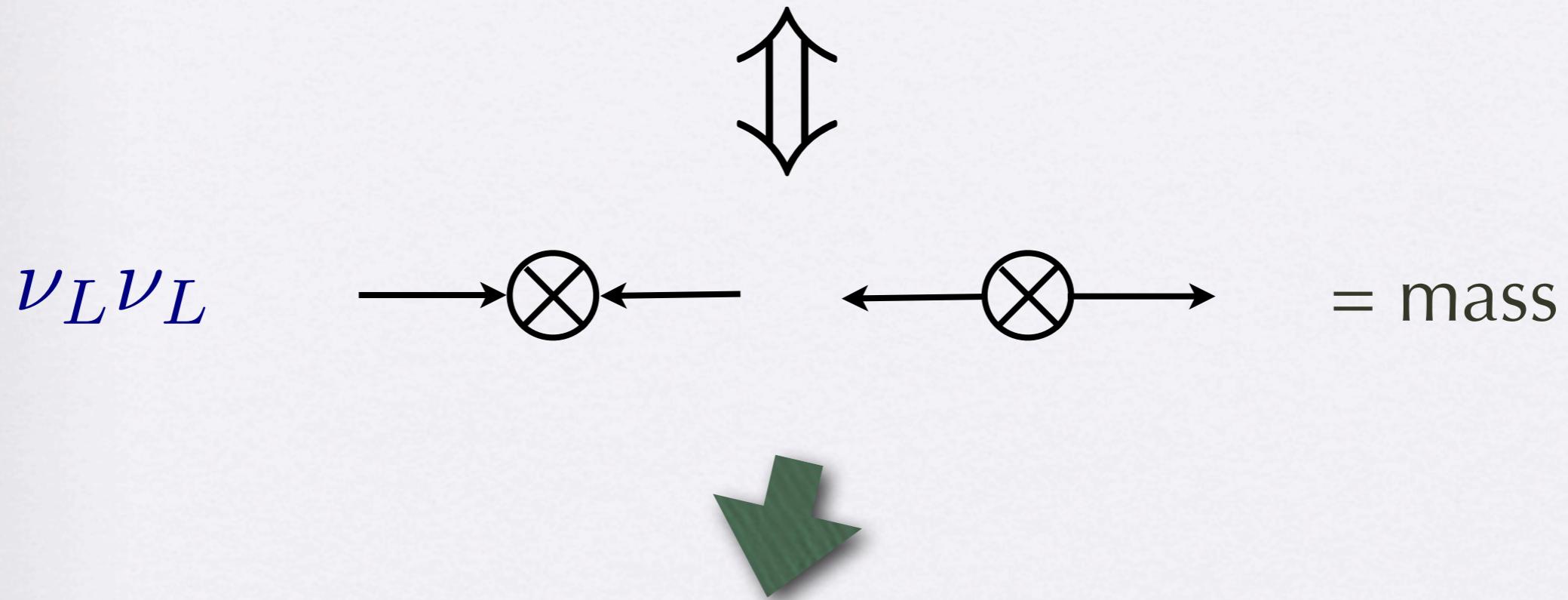
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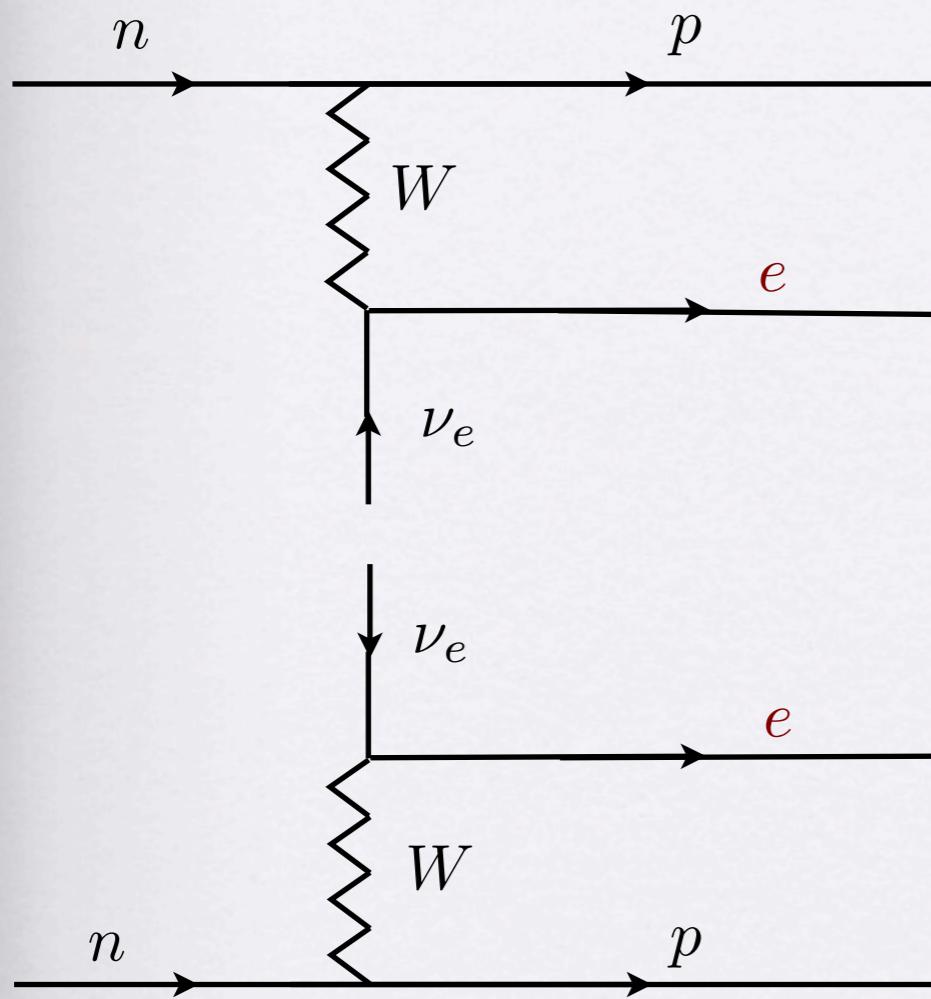
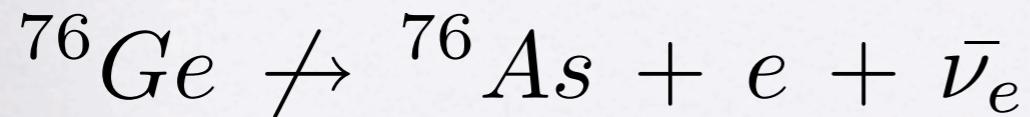
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neutrino = anti neutrino

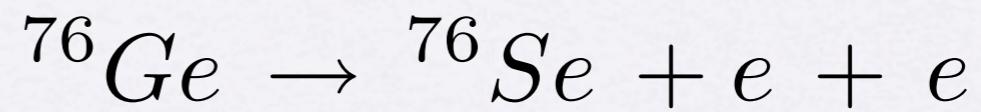
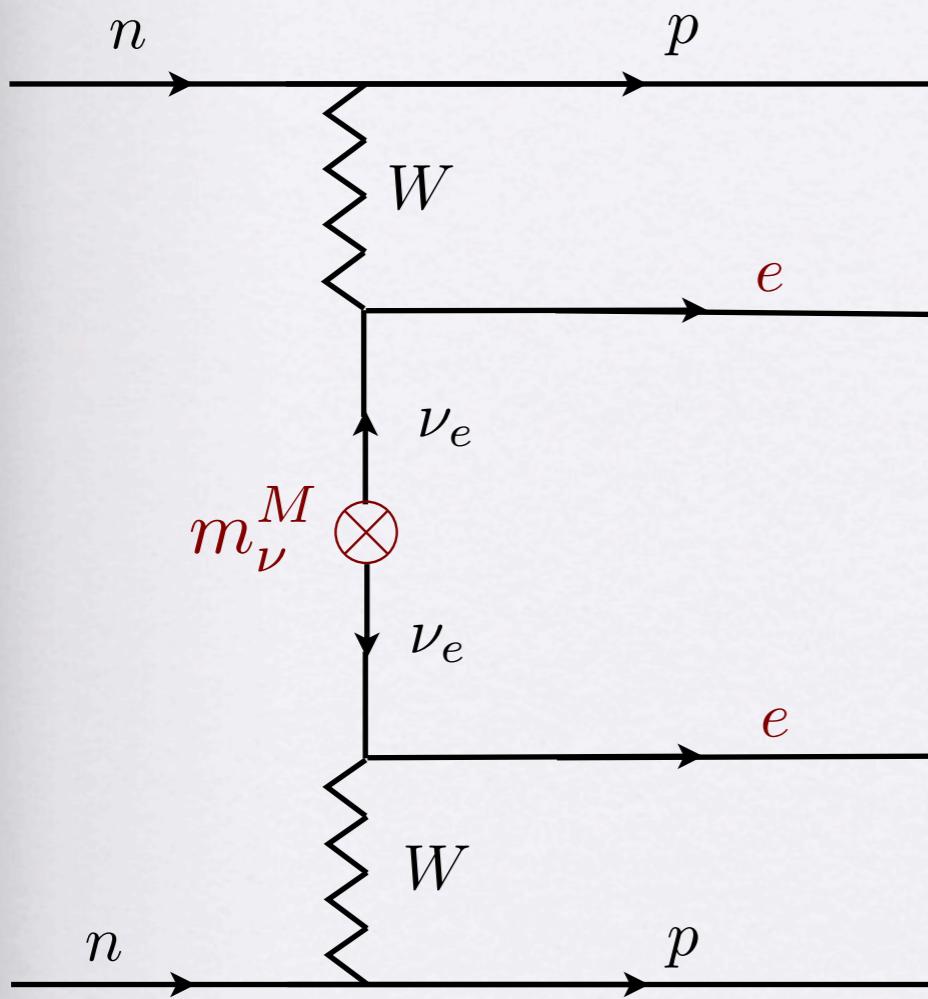
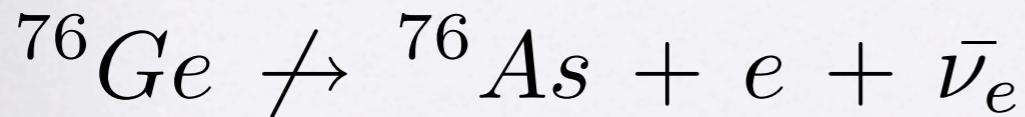


create electrons out of  
'nothing'

# Double-beta decay



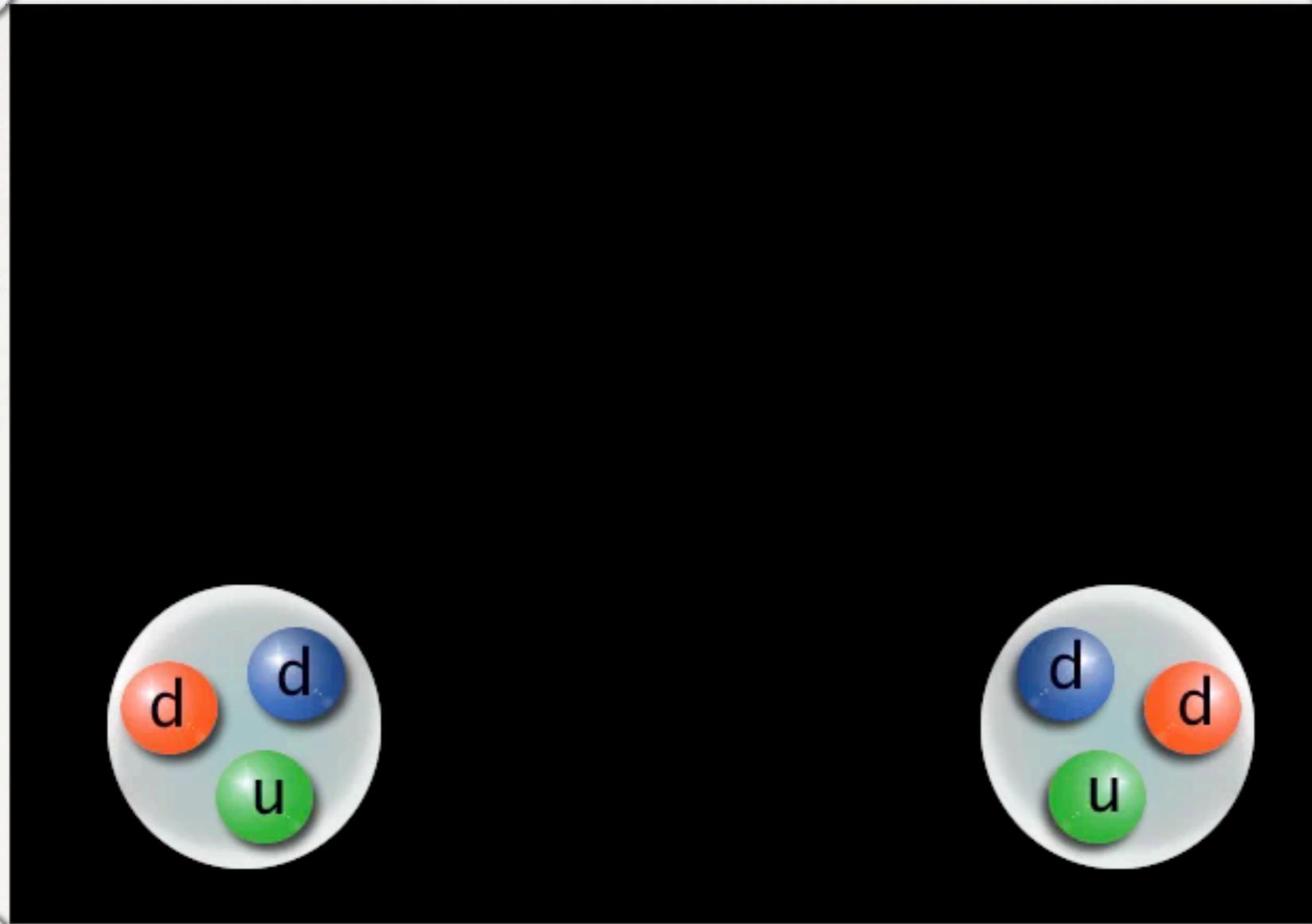
# Double-beta decay



only if neutrino massive

# Neutrino-less double beta decay

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GERDA experiment

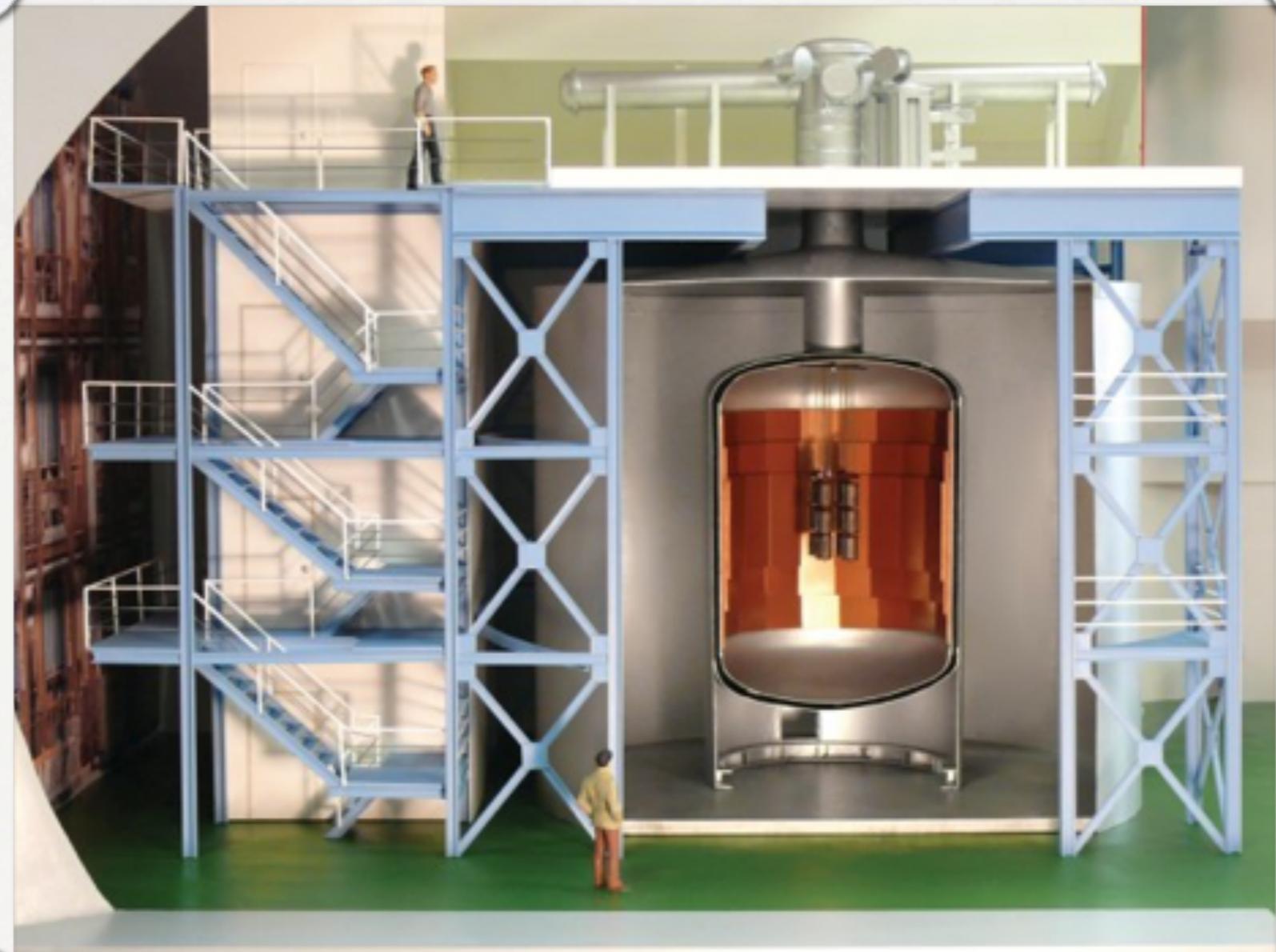
GERmanium Detector Array

Gran Sasso Laboratory

expect:  
a few years

modern times

about 100 people



future is here



# Standard Model

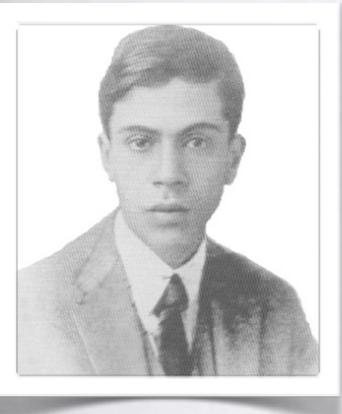
$$SU(2)_L \times U(1)$$

Glashow Weinberg Salam '61-67

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$e_R$       no  $\nu_R$

L-R asymmetry



$$\nu_L \nu_L$$

forbidden by symmetry

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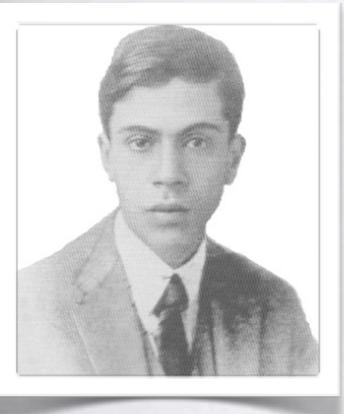
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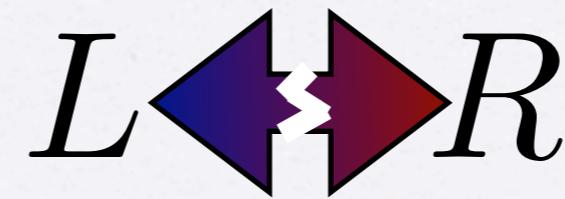
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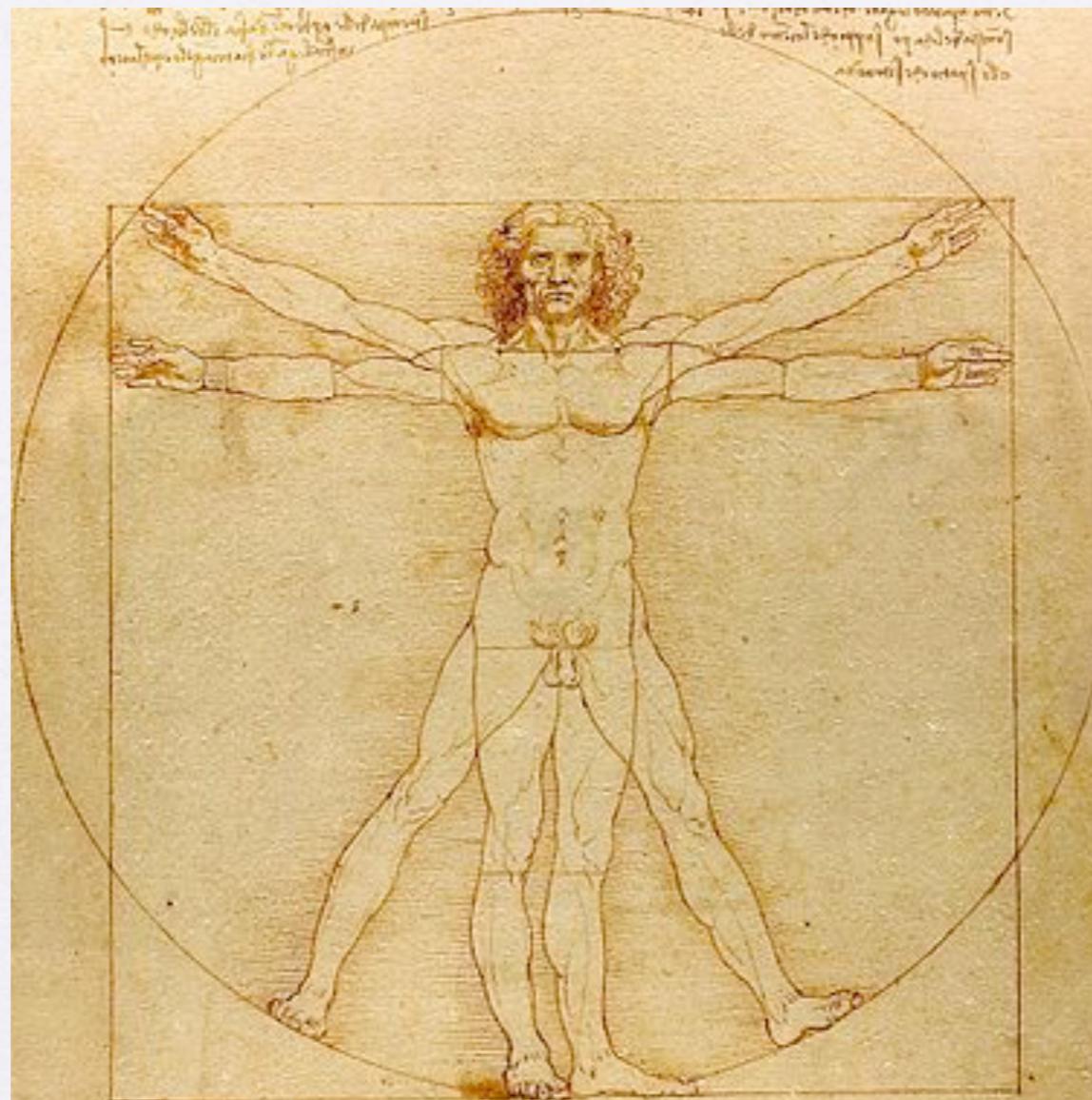


no neutrino mass

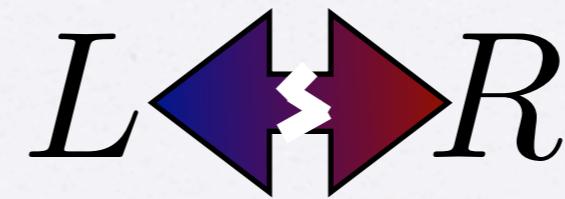
- Why parity :



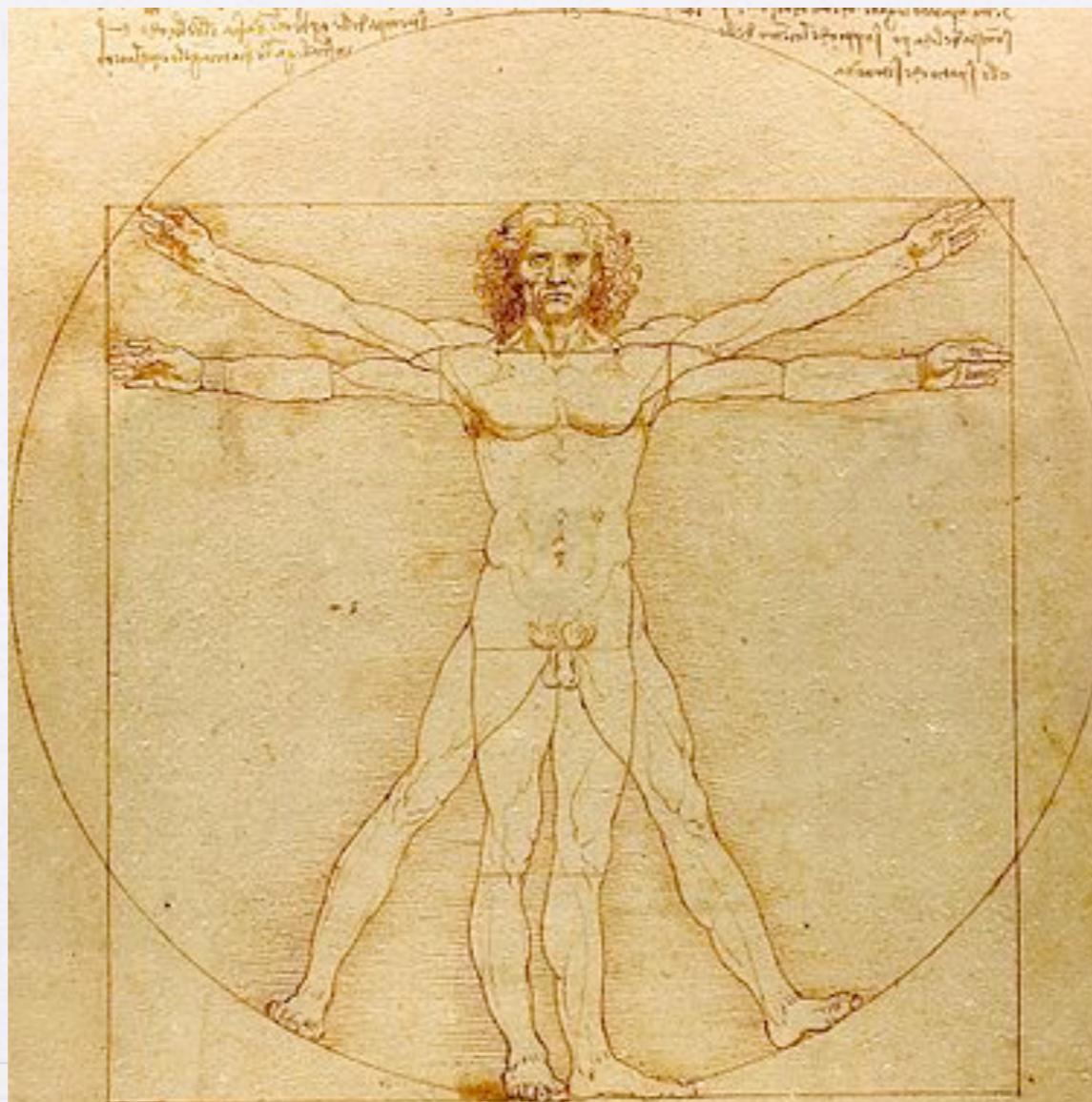
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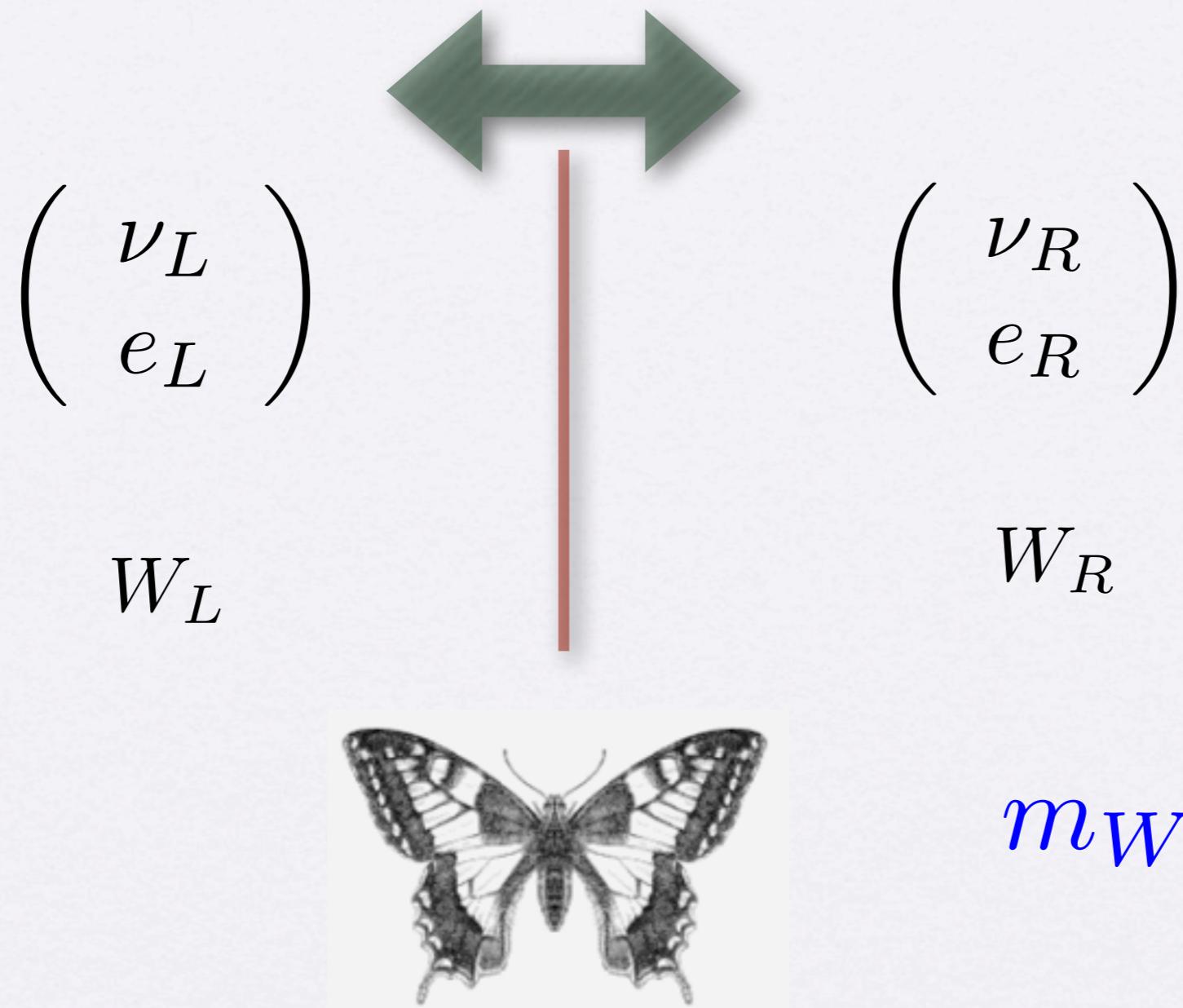


broken ?



God may be left-handed, but not an invalid

# L-R symmetry



$E \gg m_{W_R}$

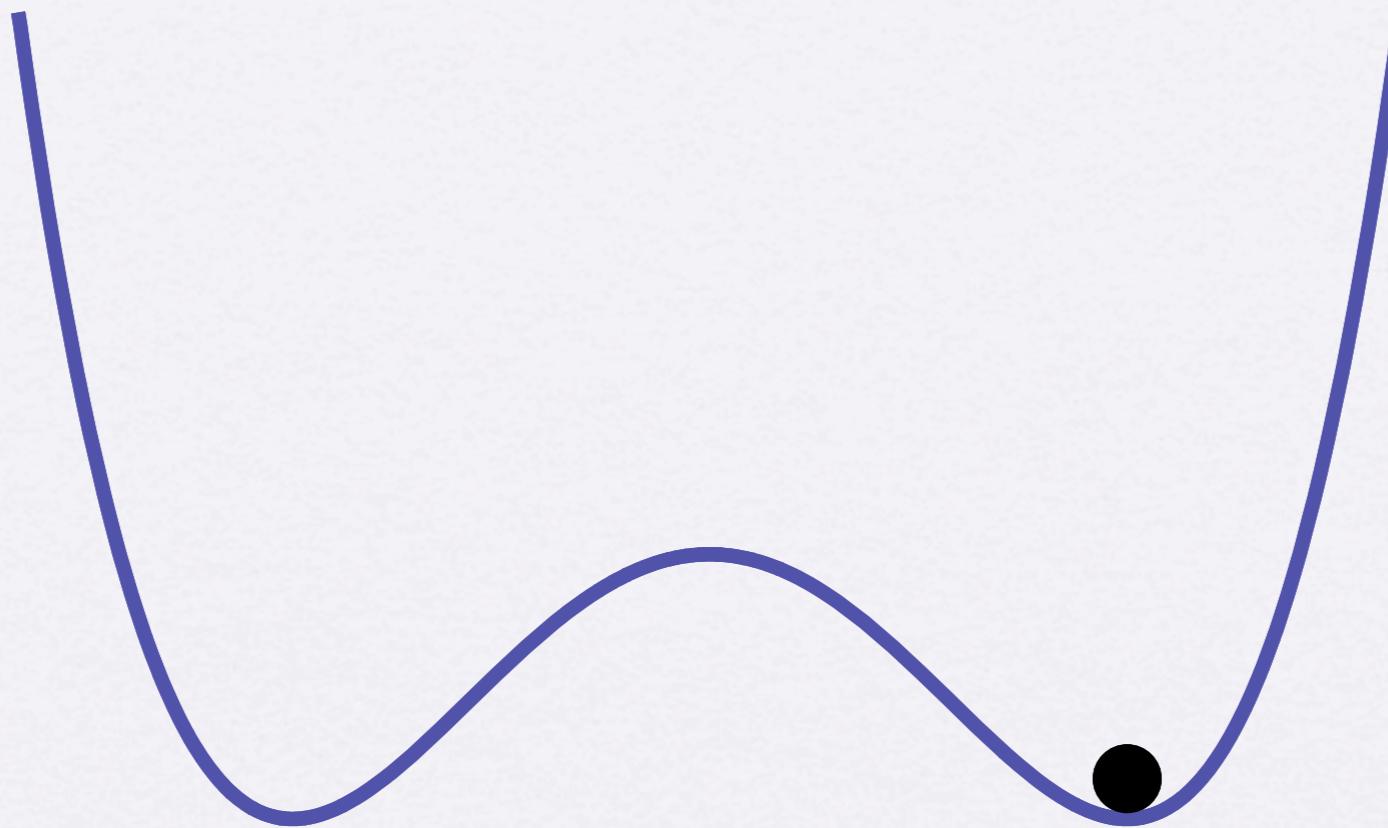
parity restored?

$$m_{W_R} \gg m_{W_L}$$

Pati Salam '74

Mohapatra GS '75

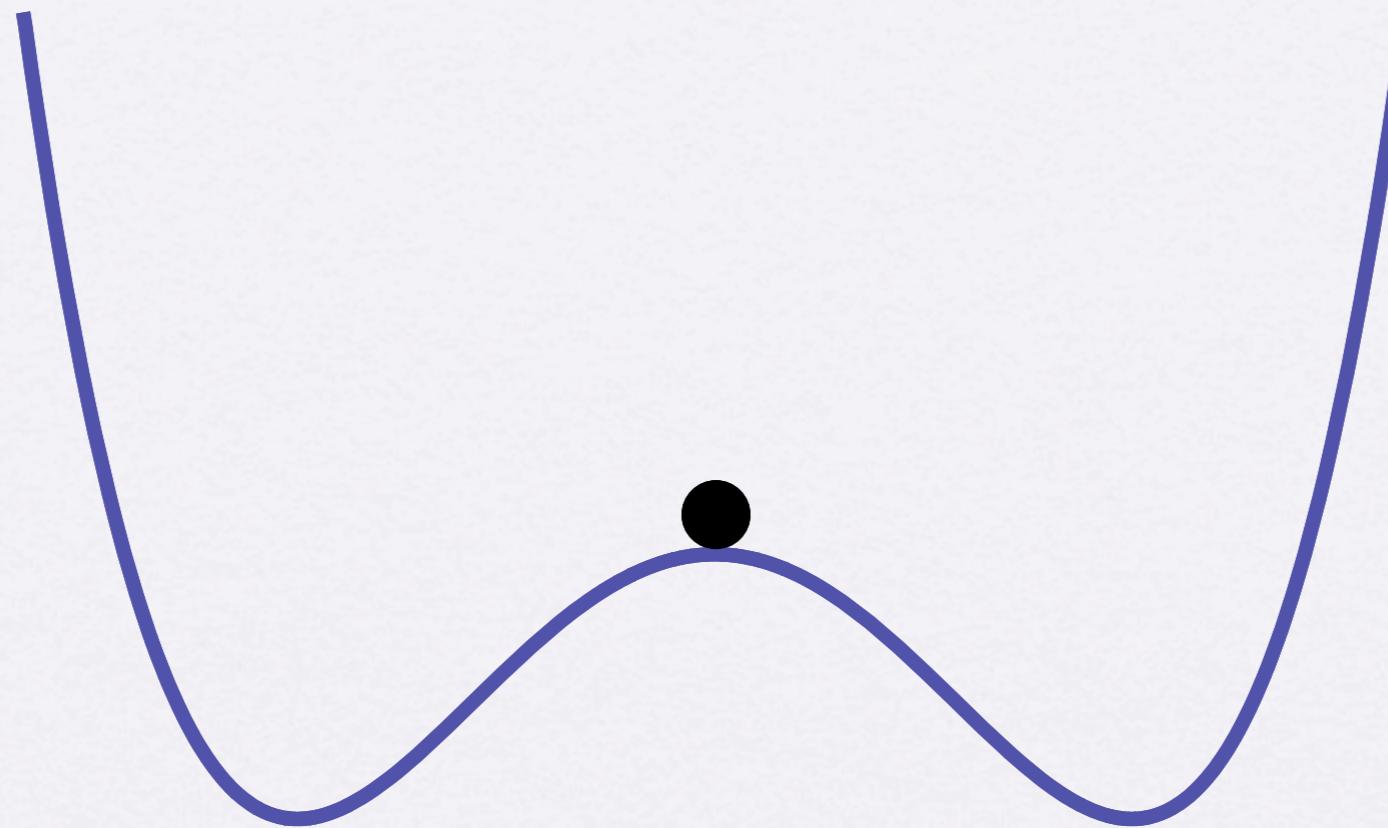
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Spontaneous

GS '75

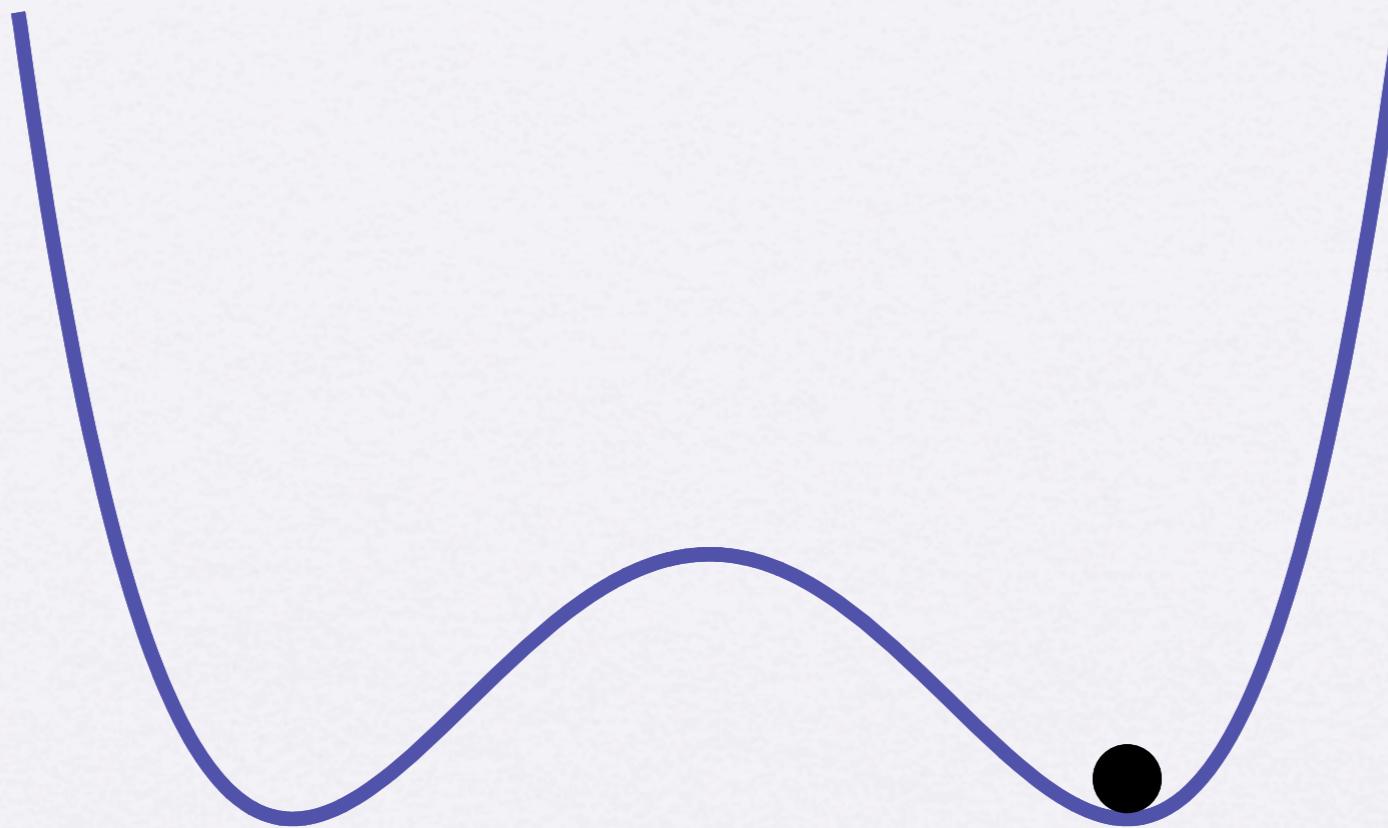
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# Neutrino: Majorana mass



seesaw

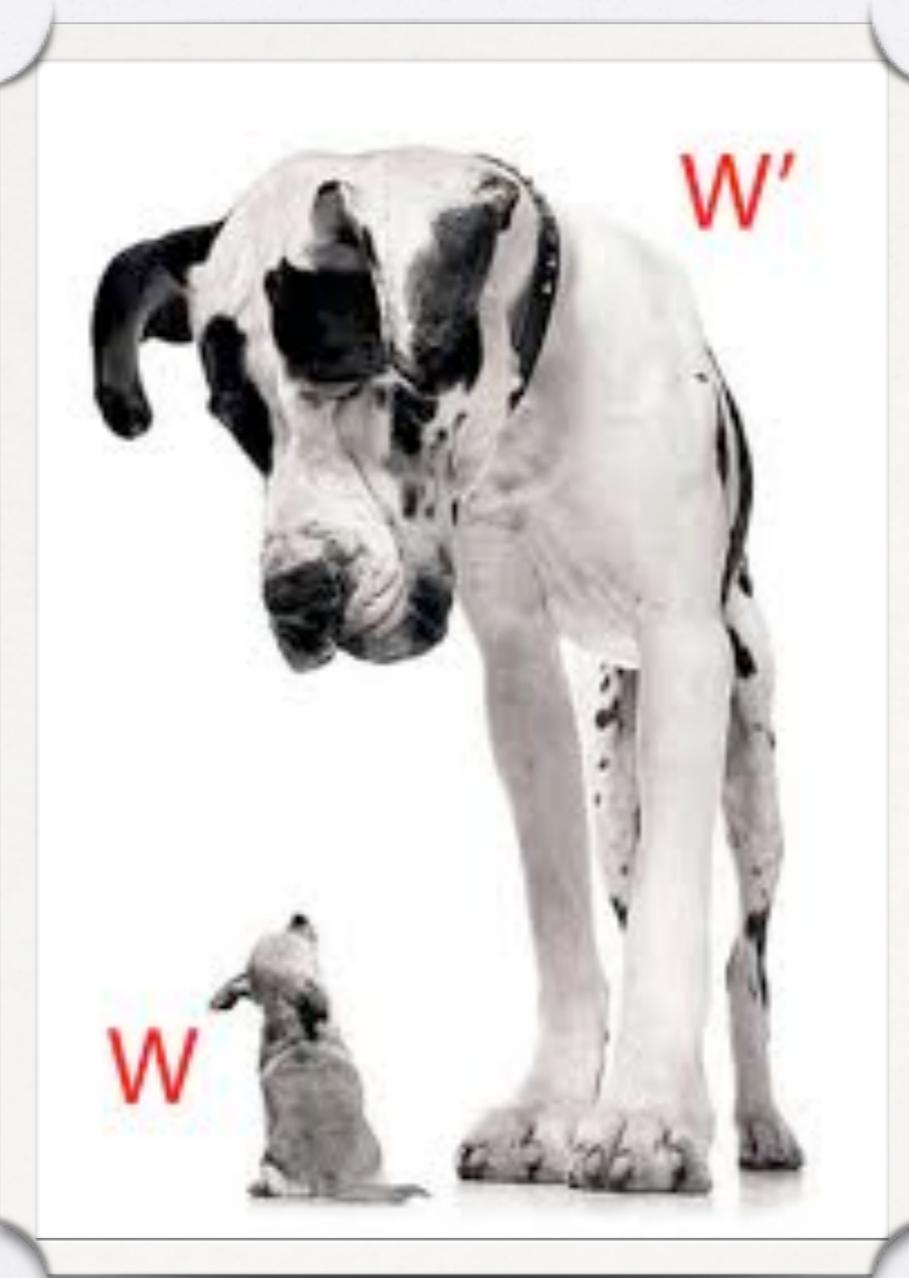
Minkowski '77

Mohapatra, GS '79

$$M_{W_R} \simeq 3000 - 5000 \text{ GeV}$$

$$m_p \simeq \text{GeV}$$

Maiezza, Nemevsek, Nesti, GS '2010

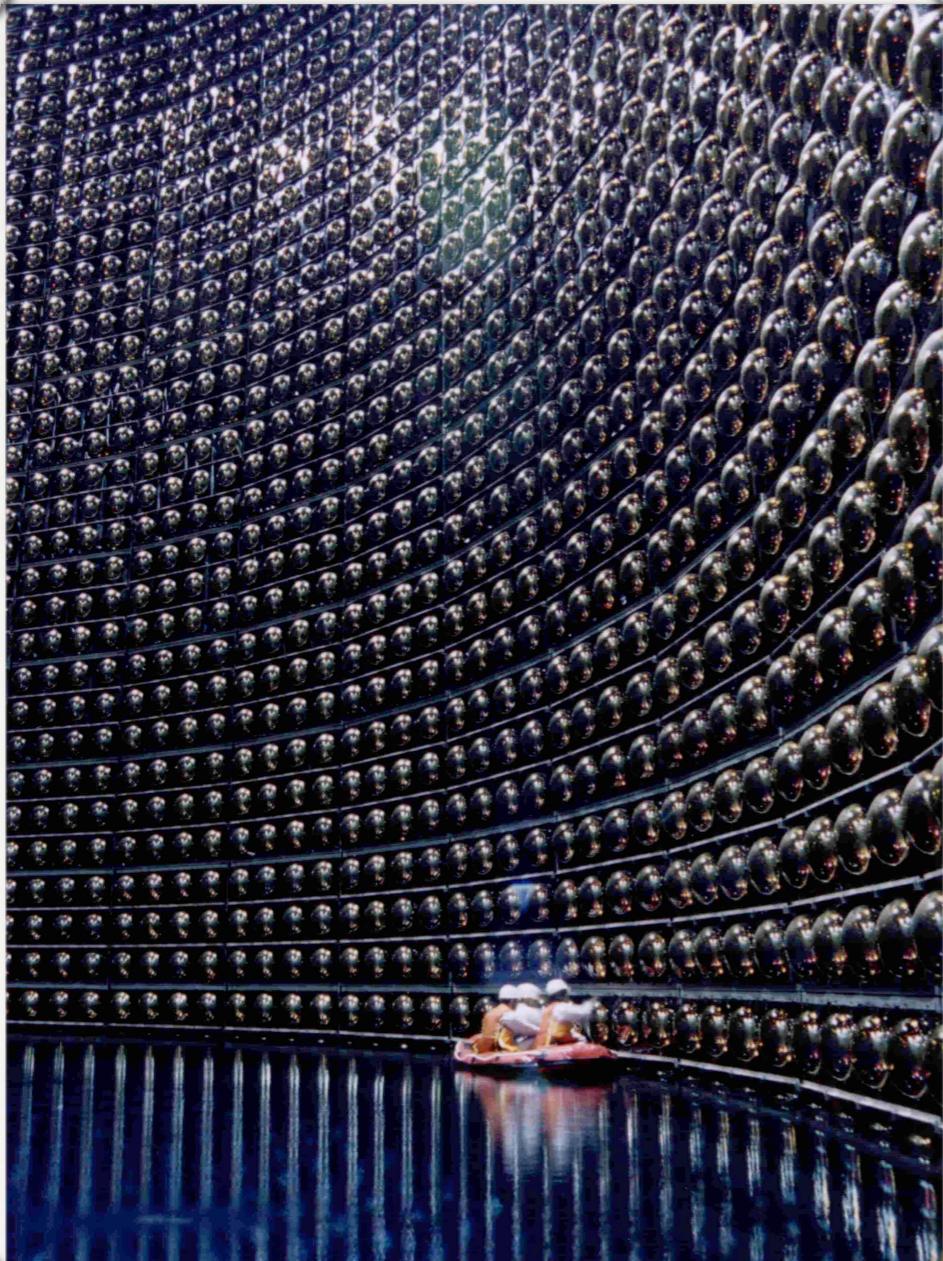


$W_R$  = big dog

# Atmospheric neutrinos

Super Kamiokande '98

modern times



neutrino mass

$$m_\nu \gtrsim 10^{-1} \text{ eV}$$

$$(m_p \simeq 10^9 \text{ eV})$$

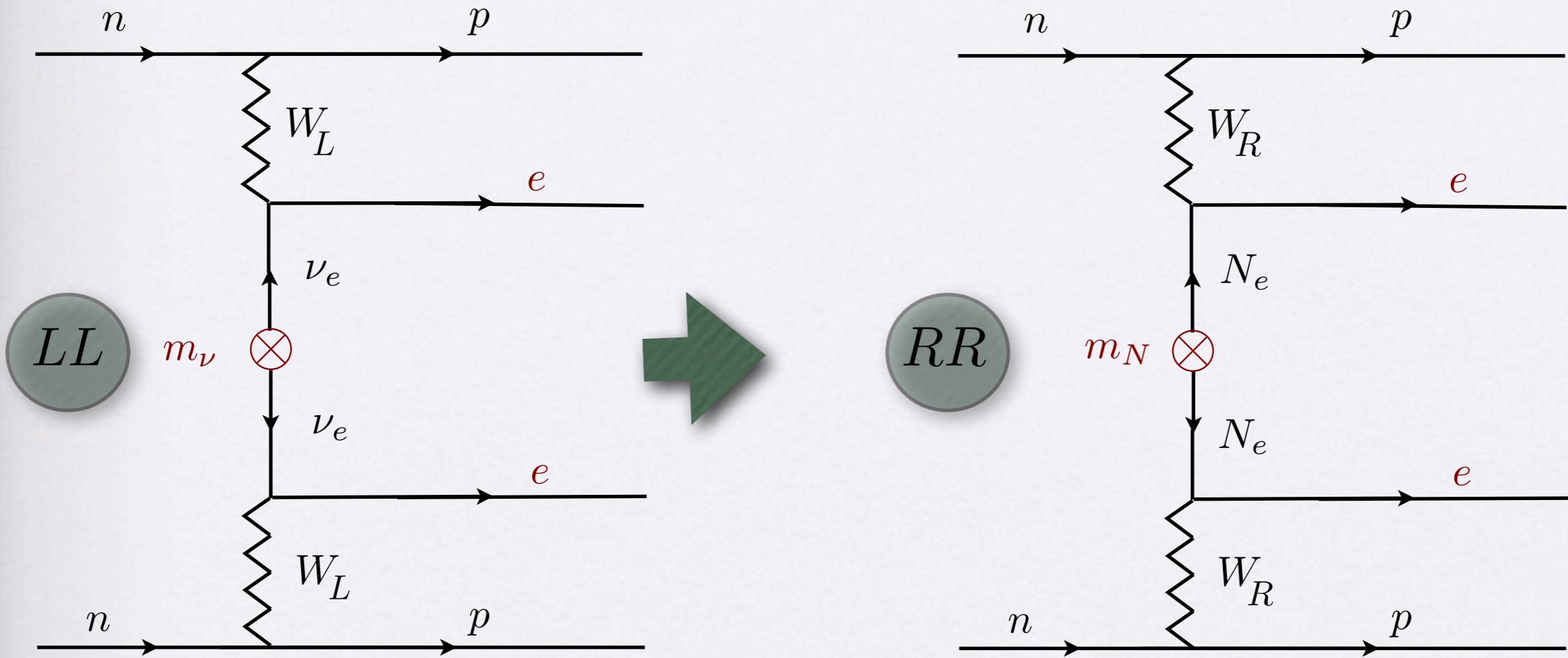
$$\text{flux } \Phi = 0.1 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$



needs huge detectors

# New source for $0\nu2\beta$

Mohapatra, GS '81

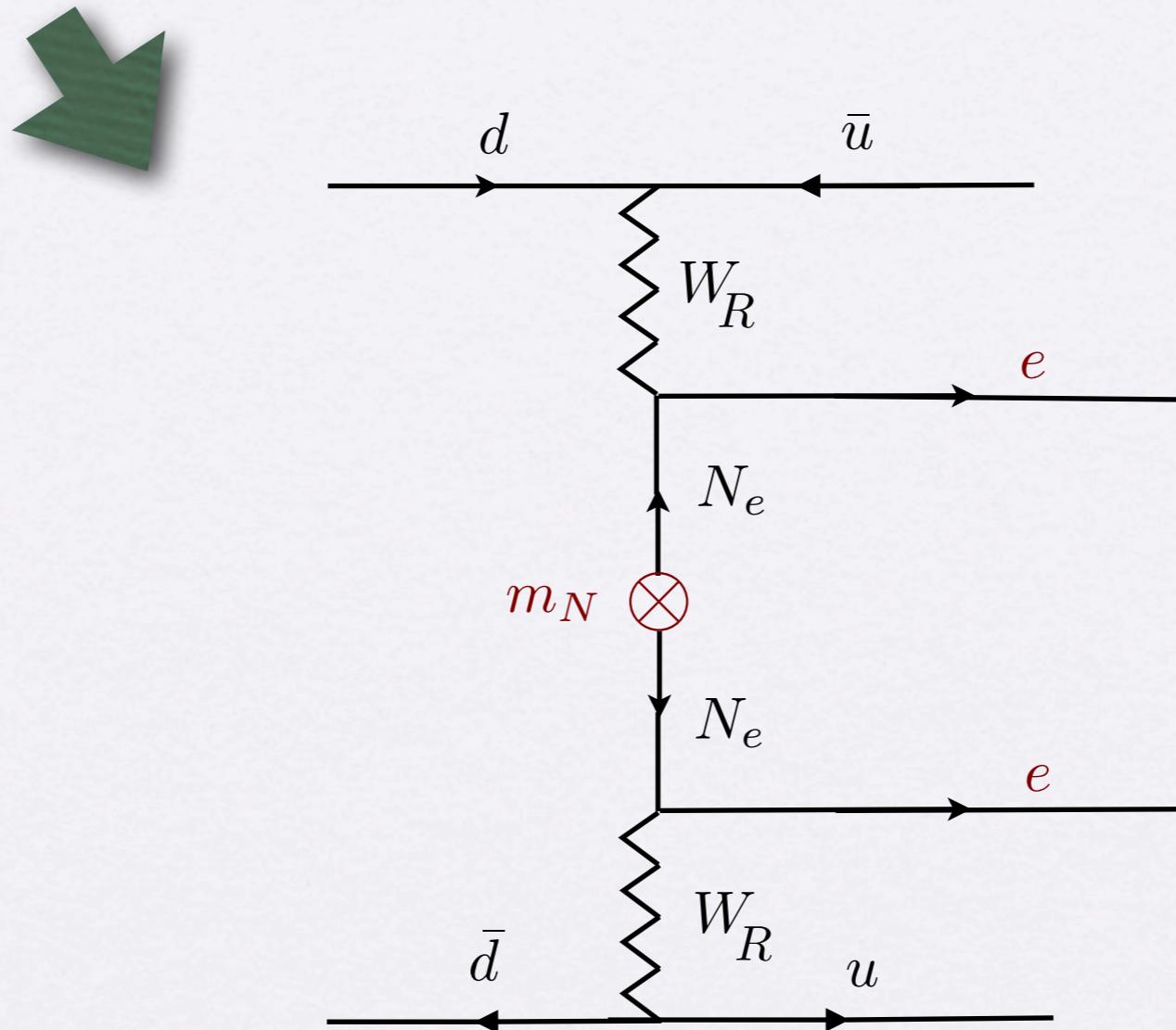


$N = \text{RH neutrino}$

Tello, Nemevsek, Nesti, GS, Vissani '11

Nemevsek, Nesti, GS, Tello '11

$W_R$ @TeV = 1000 GeV

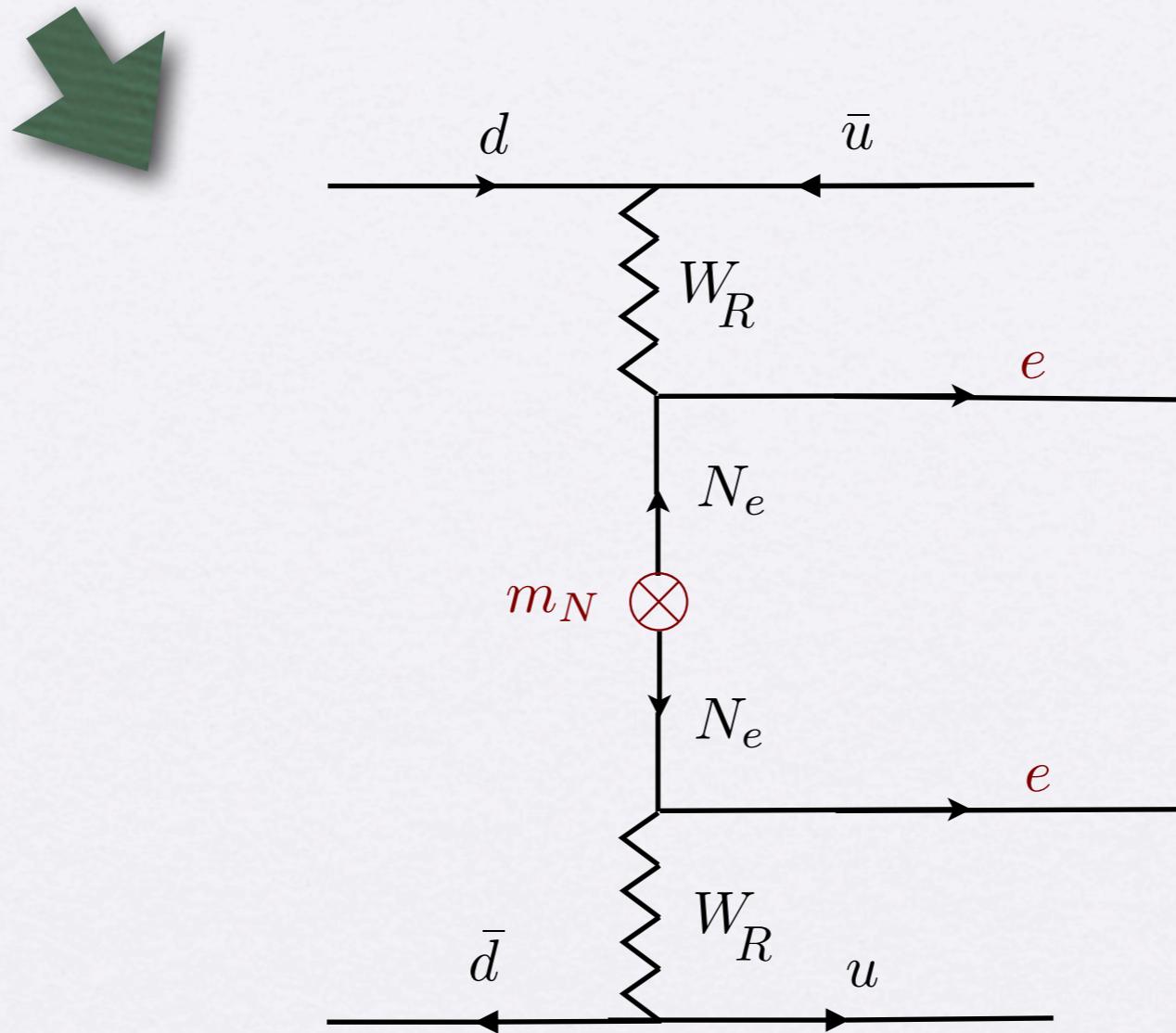


$m_p \simeq GeV$

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Nemevsek, Nesti, GS, Tello '11

$W_R$ @ TeV = 1000 GeV

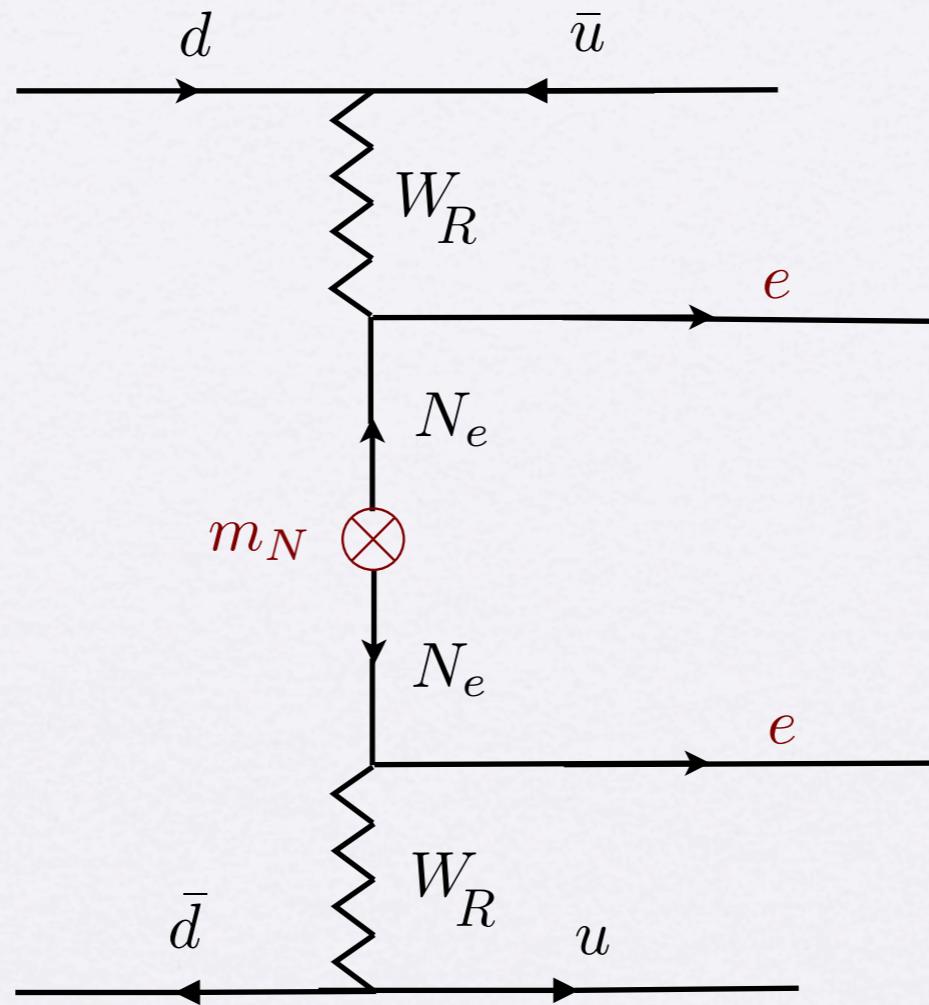


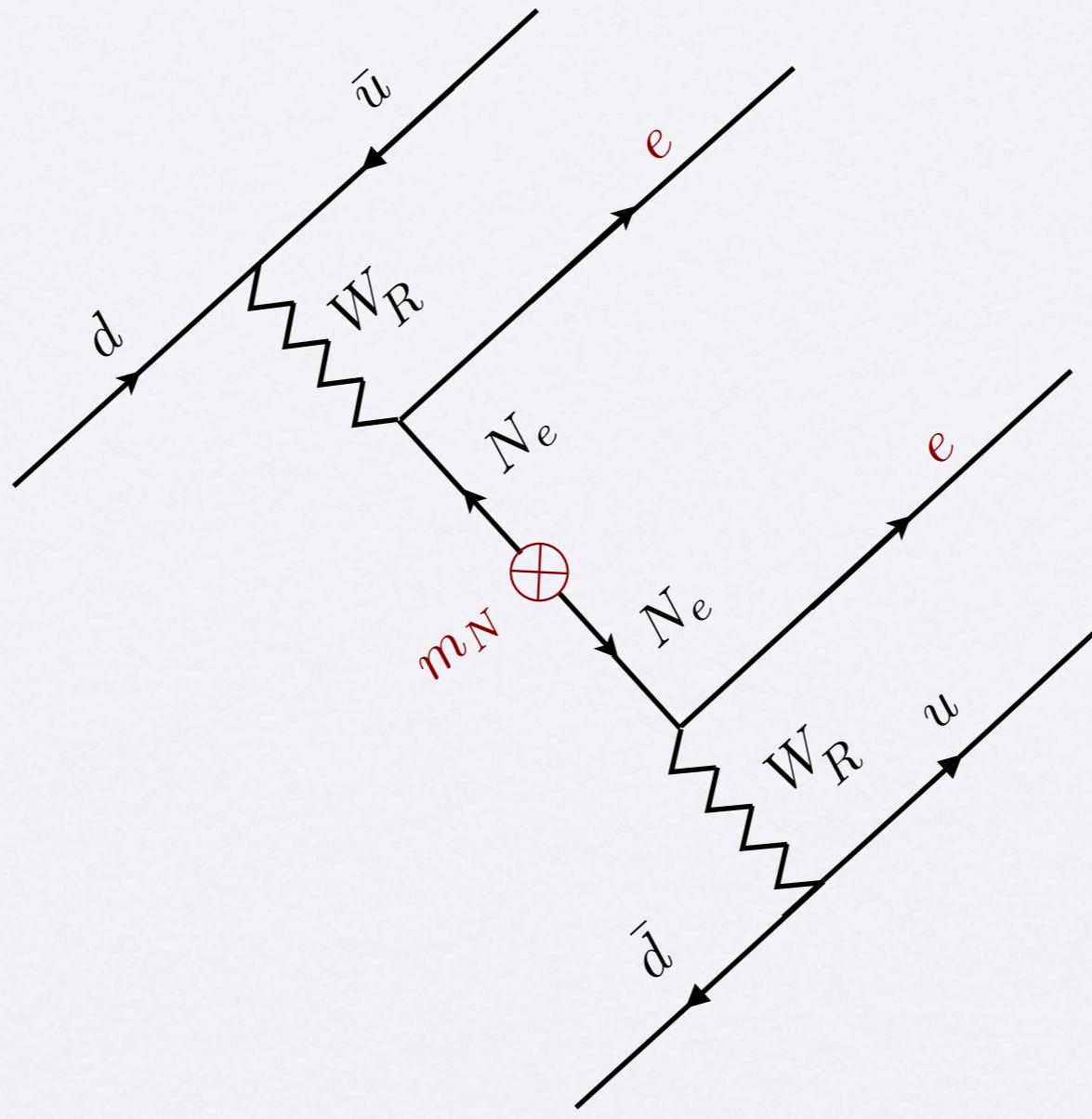
connection with LHC?

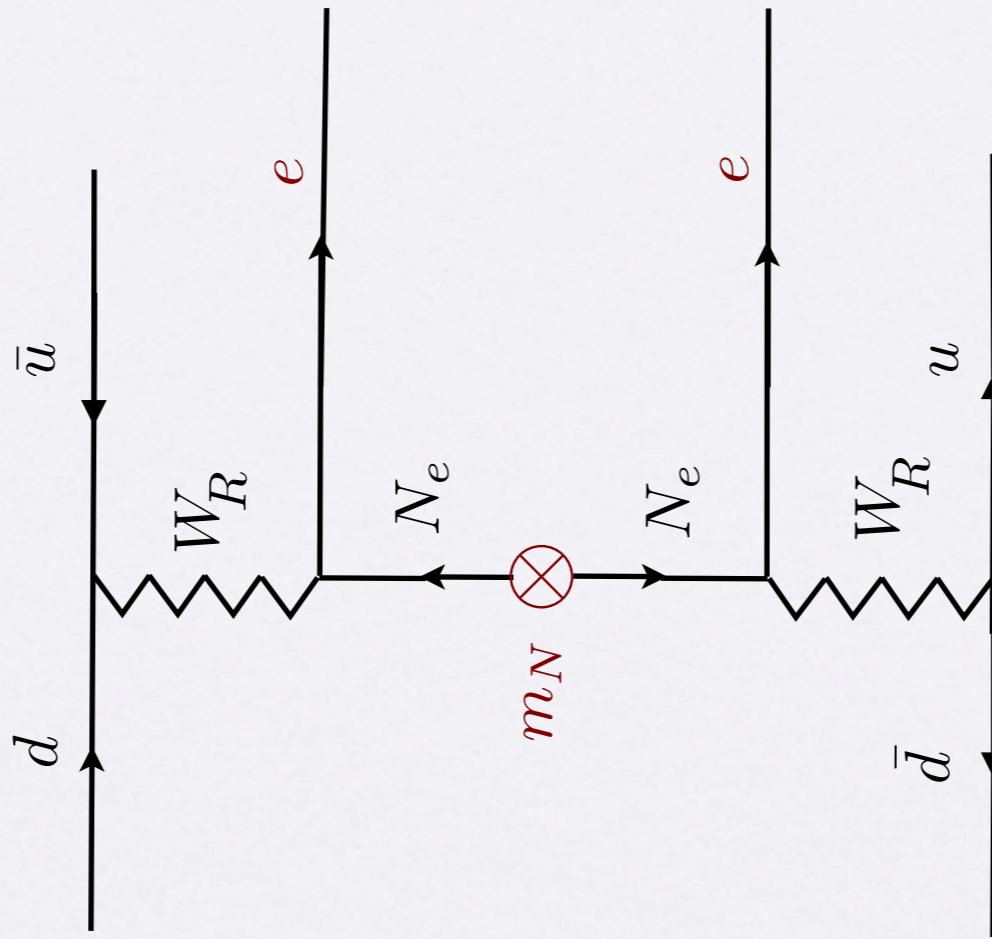
$m_p \simeq GeV$

# rotation in a plane

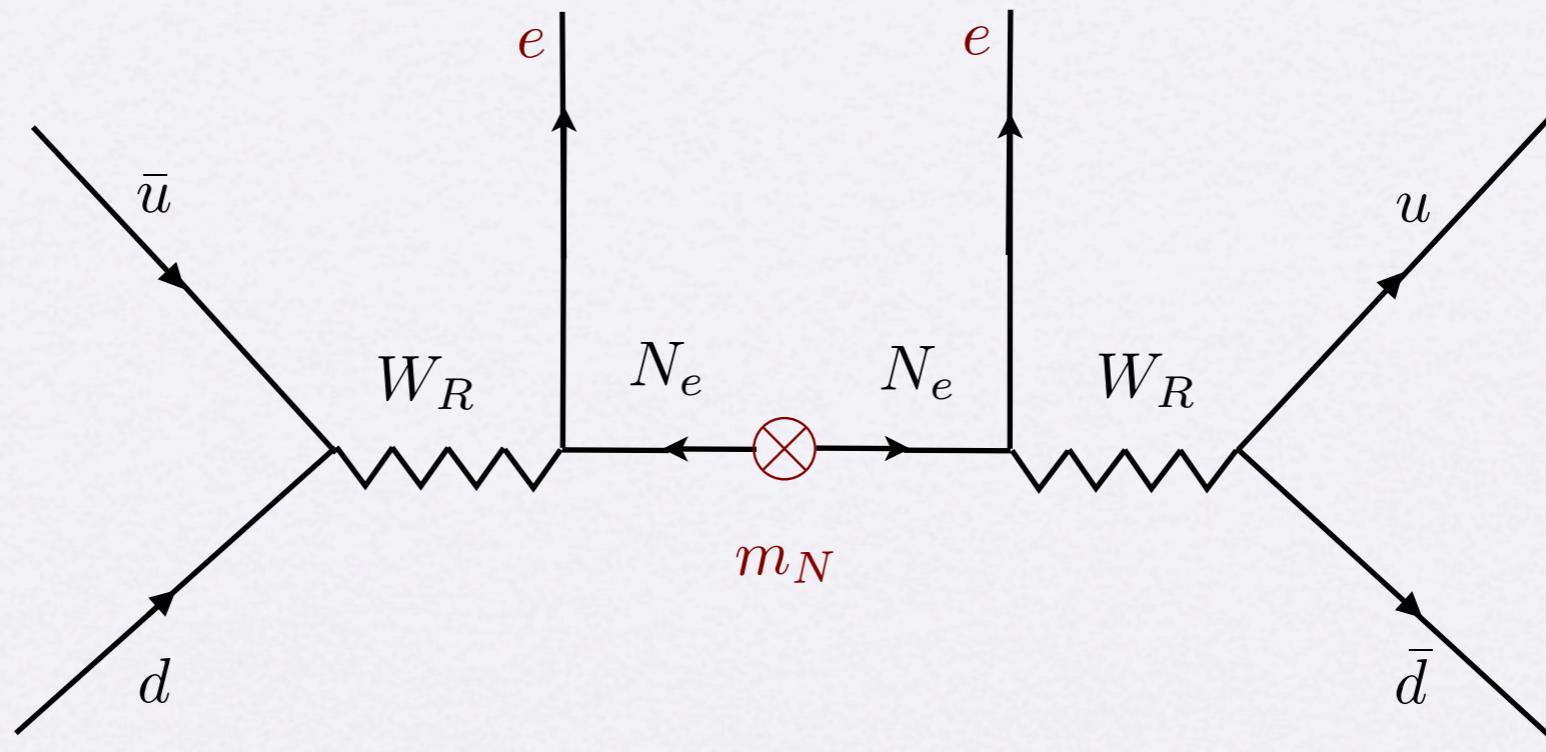
Keung, G.S. '83





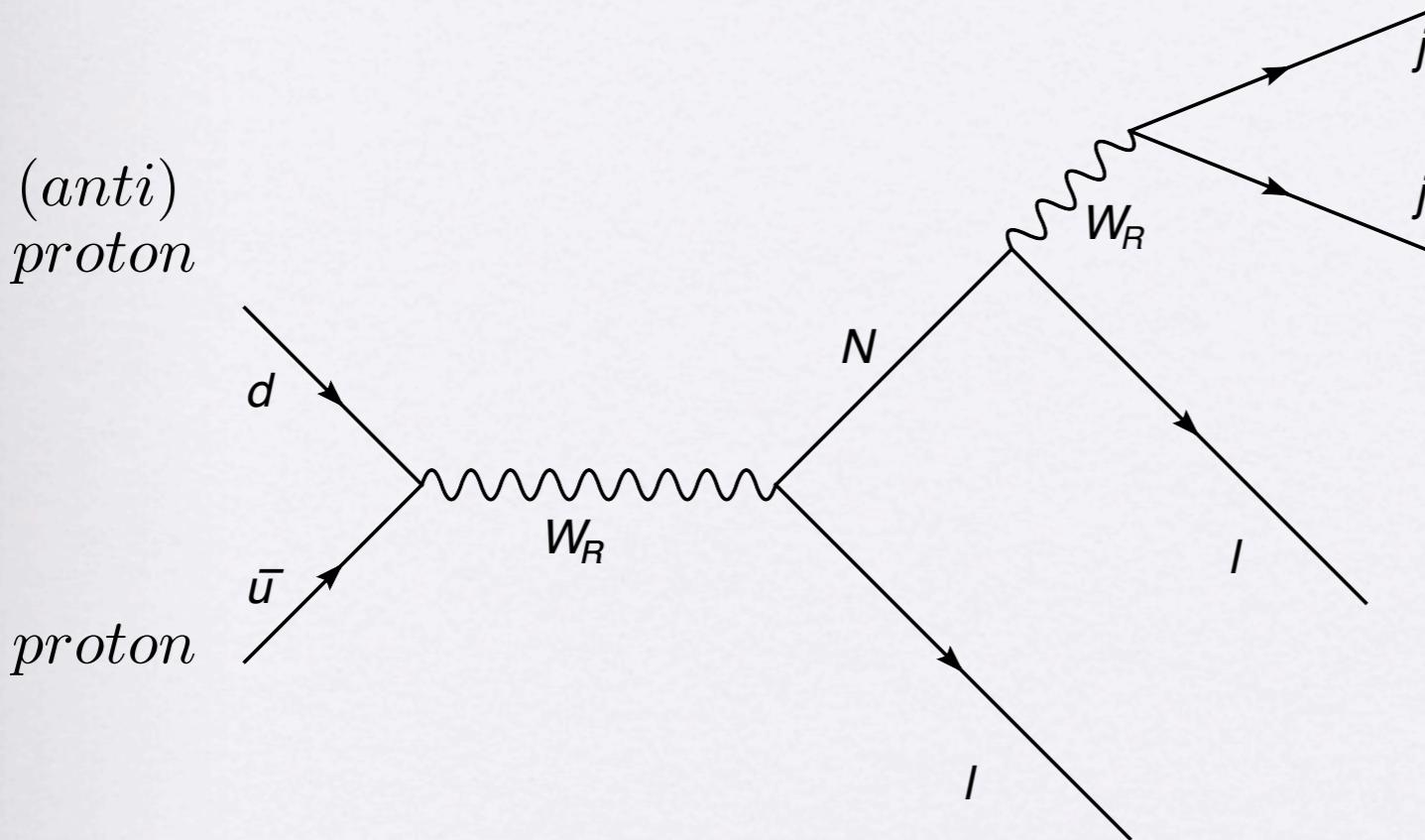


# Production @ colliders



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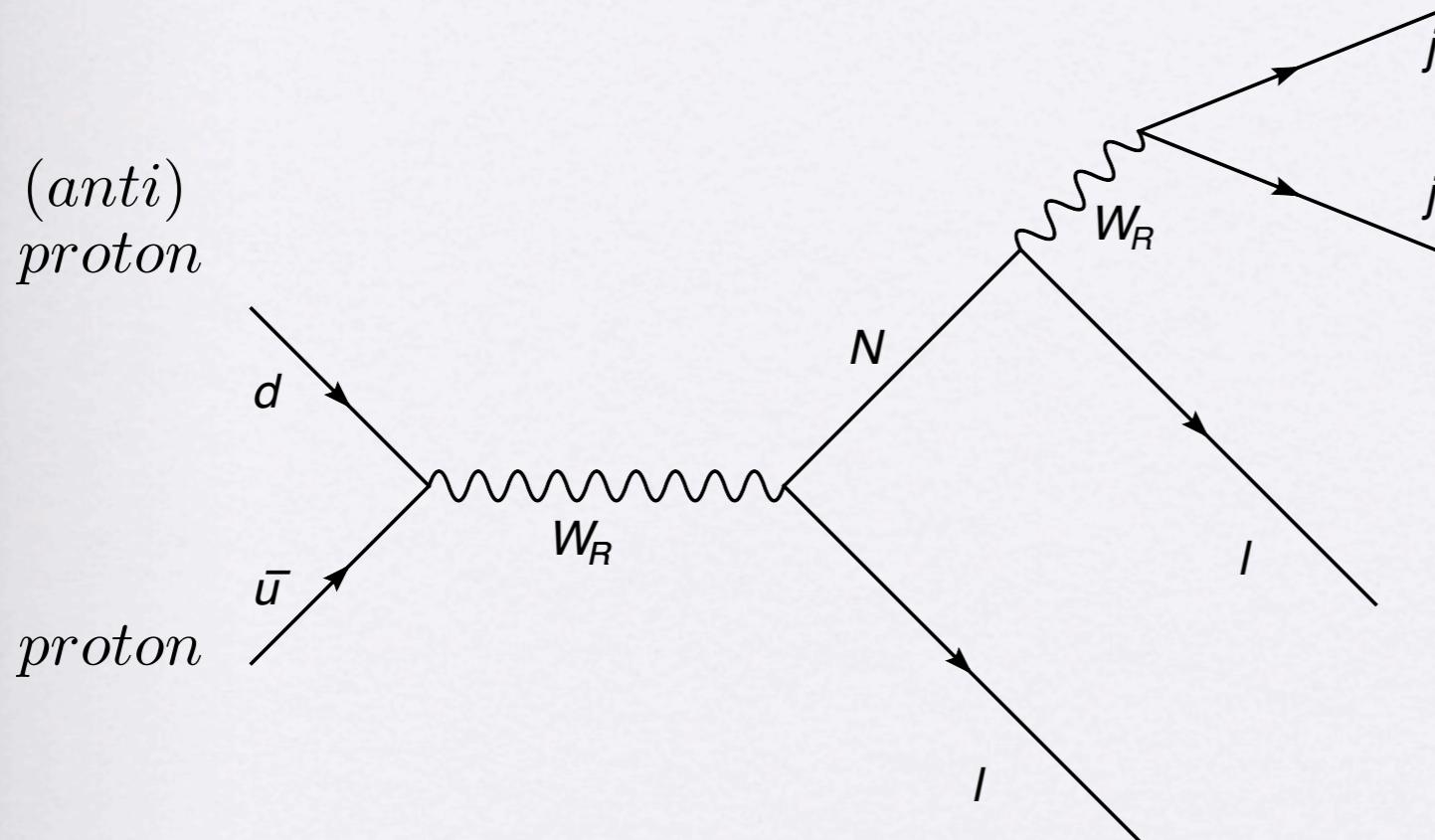
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- Parity restoration
- Lepton Number Violation: same sign leptons

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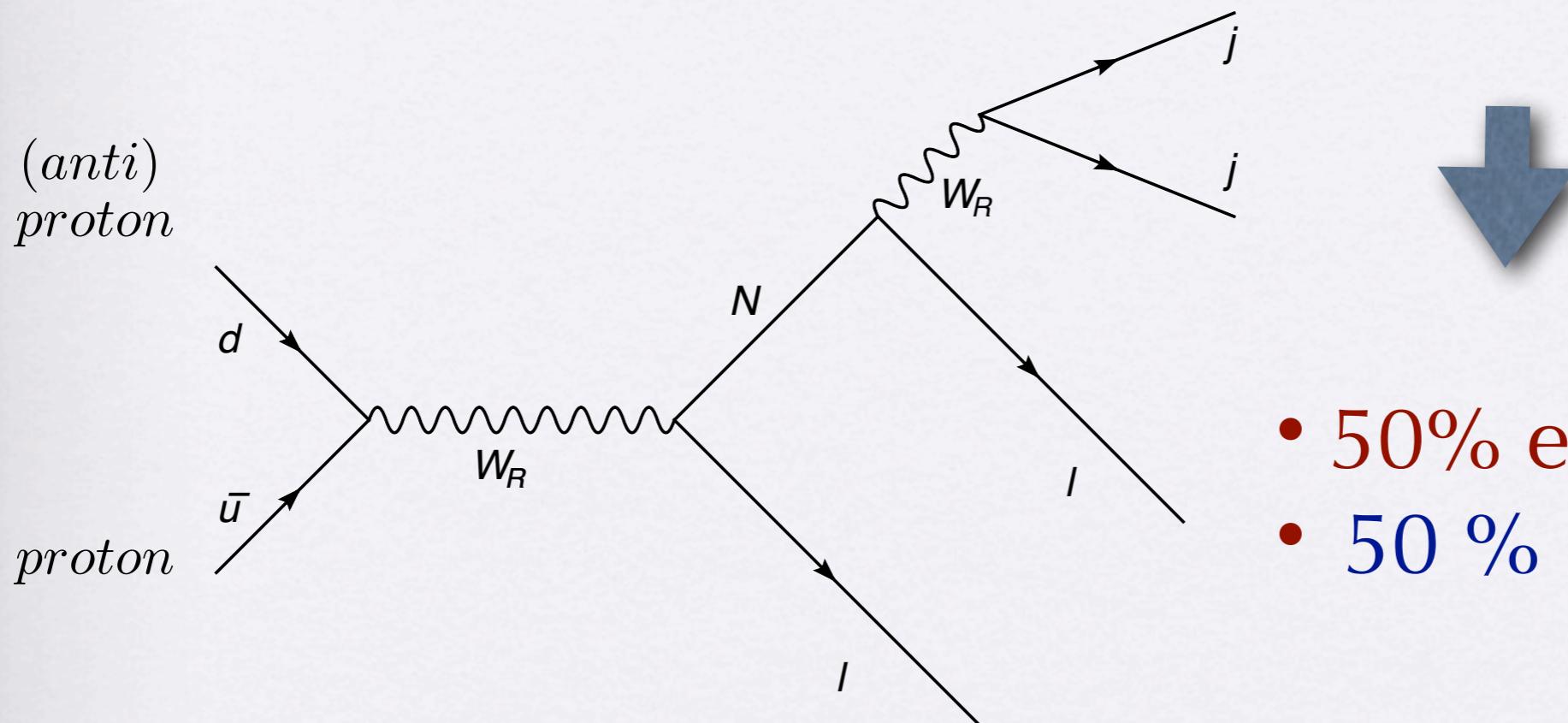
- direct probe of Majorana nature:



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# Production @ colliders

- direct probe of Majorana nature:



- Parity restoration
- Lepton Number Violation: same sign leptons
- 50% electrons -
- 50 % positrons

# Large Hadron Collider

CERN

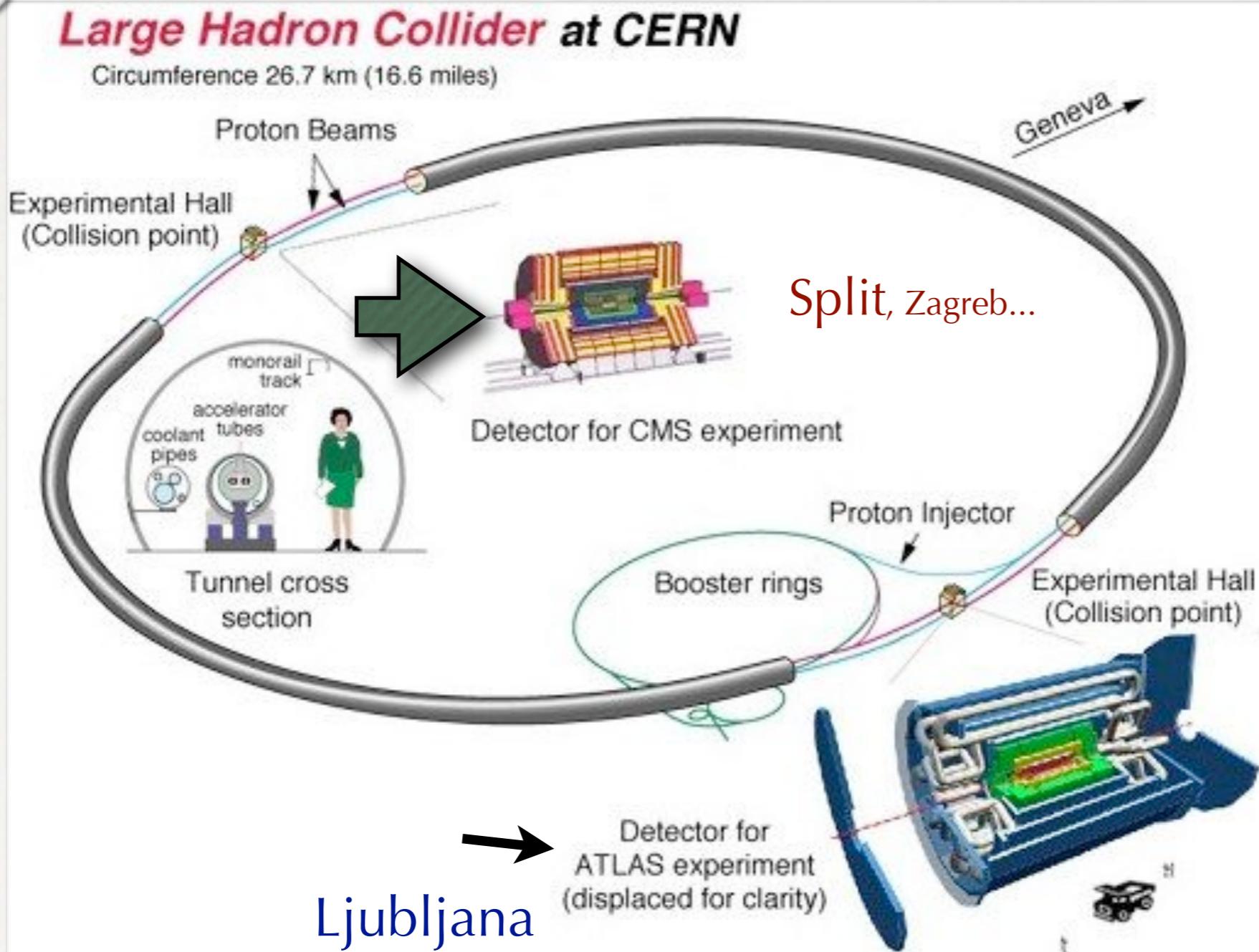
modern times

- 27 km
- up to 175 m deep



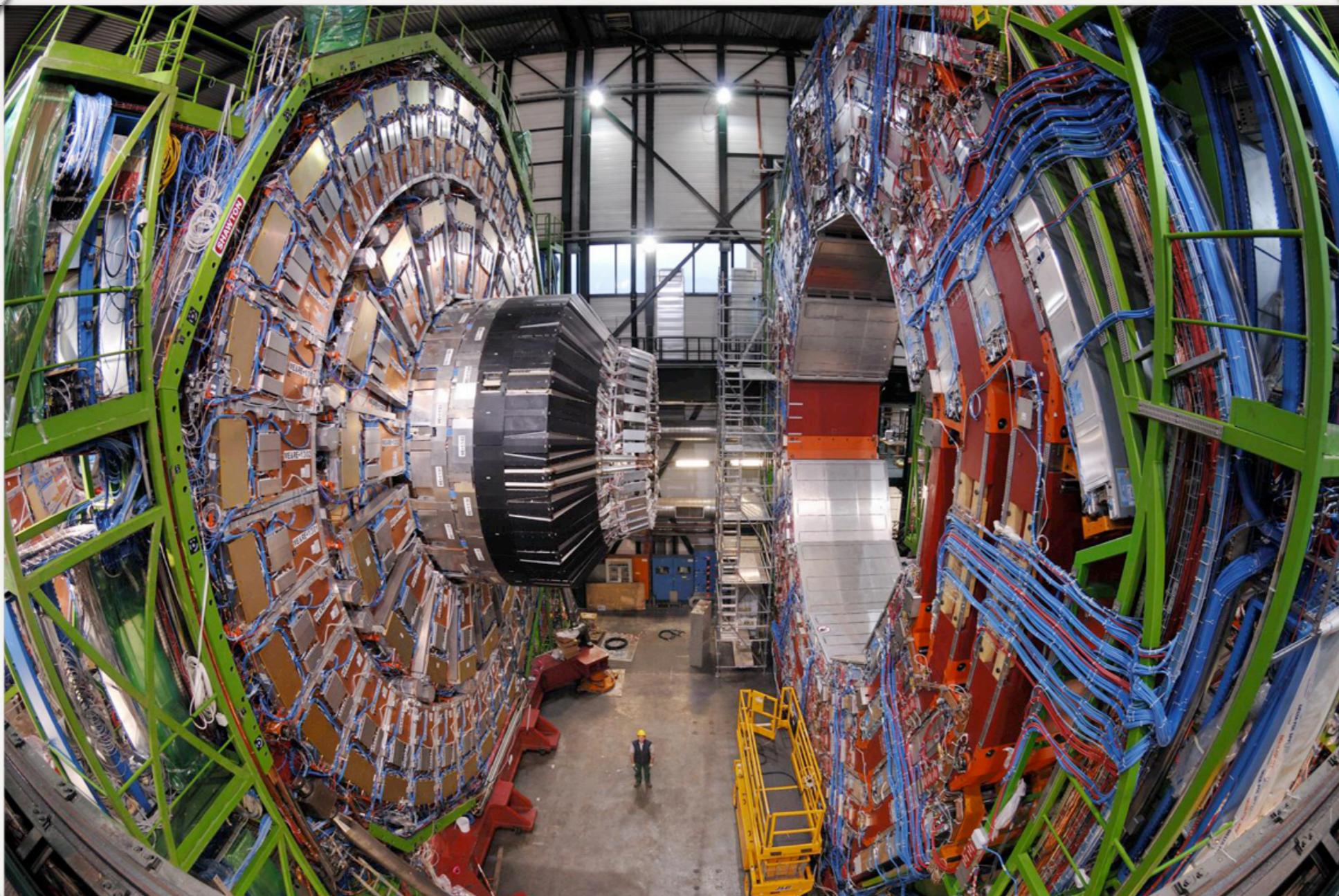
# proton - proton scattering

E=7000  
GeV



will double  
in 2014

modern times: 3600 people



CMS detector

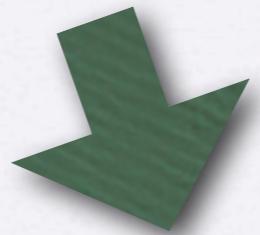
Compact Muon Solenoid

both CMS and ATLAS: dedicated search for  $W_R$

- becoming reality as we speak, after three decades of waiting
- first data already here and more to come this year
- a number of papers, limit  $\sim 2500$  GeV: closing up on theory

stay tuned

# Large Hadron Collider



- can probe the origin of neutrino mass
- can resolve the mystery of L-R symmetry  
in nature

Hvala





anti-particles

not around us :

particle + anti-particle



annihilate