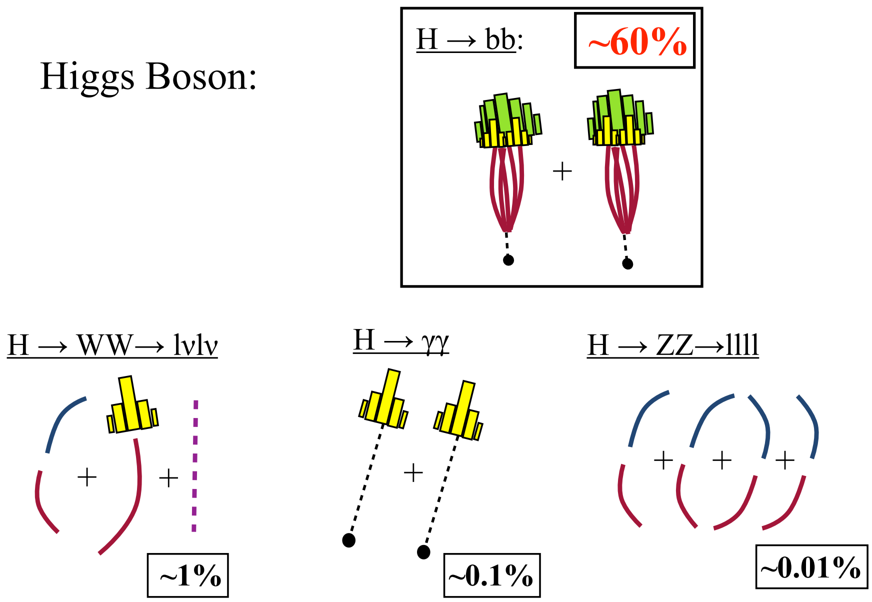
Lecture 25

Higgs Boson:



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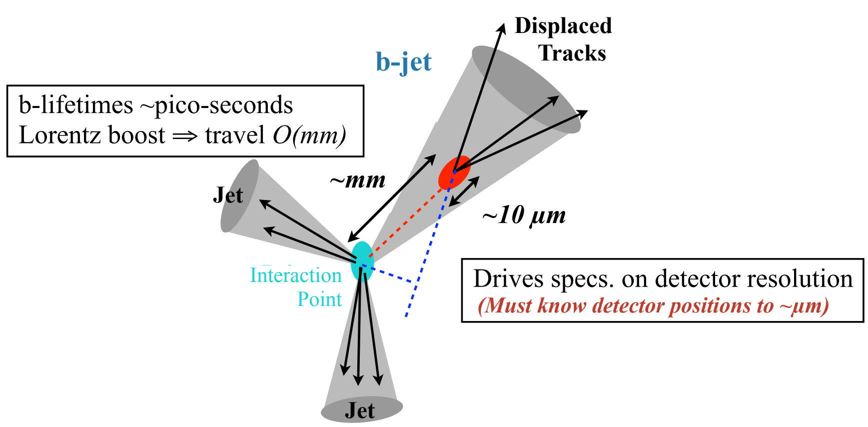
b-jet Identification *(b-Tagging)*

Critical as b-jet ubiquitous in higgs final states.



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Triggering

- LHC provides orders of magnitude more collisions than we can save to disk.
  - Can only keep 1 out of 40,000 events / Discarded data lost forever
- Interesting physics is incredibly rare:
  ~1 Higgs per billion events / ~1 Di-Higgs per trillion events

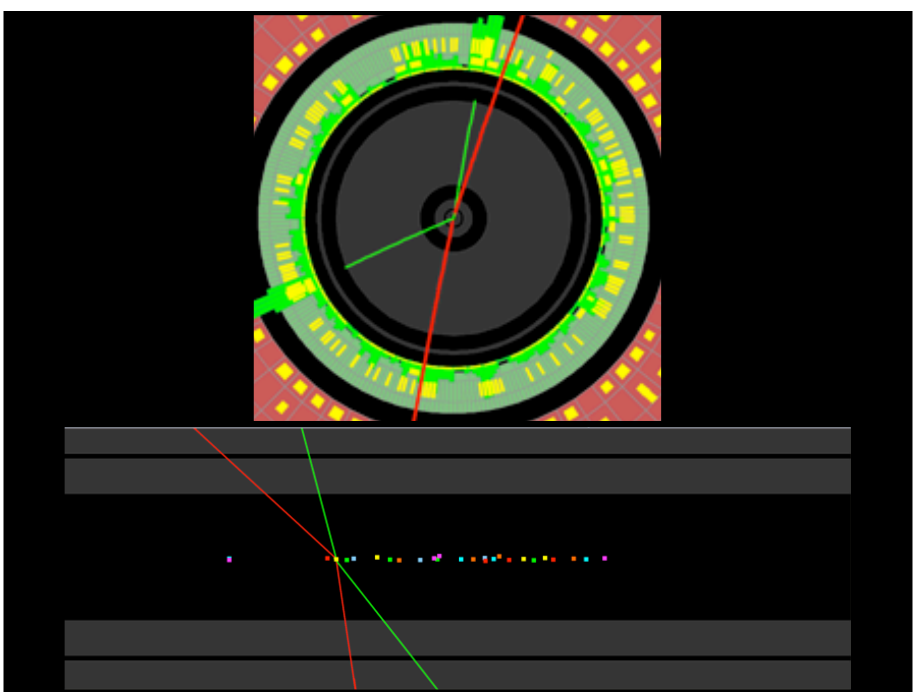
Triggering: Process of selecting which collisions to save for further analysis.

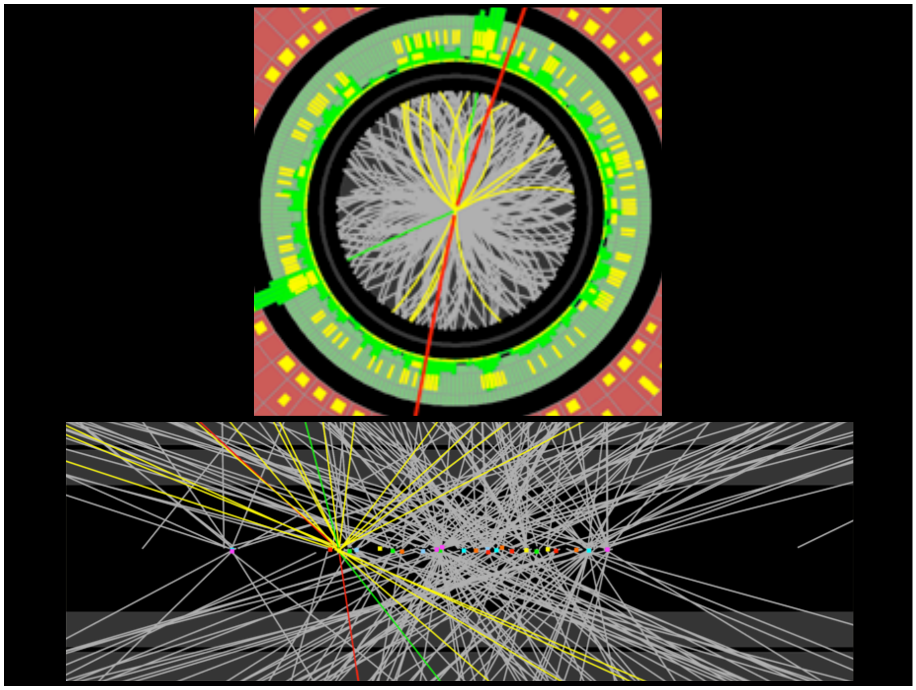
Triggering at the LHC:

- Custom Electronics + Commodity CPU
- Fast processing of images (micro-seconds / seconds)
- Events rate from 40 MHz → 1kHz.
- Data rate from 80 TBs **(!)** → 2 GB/s

To collect data faster, each event has multiple proton collisions.

Significantly complicates analysis of events





Vacuum Fluctuations

QM+Spaceetime ⇒ Anti-particles ⇒ Vacuum is interesting place.

Because of QM, need to put in Energy to probe smaller distances.

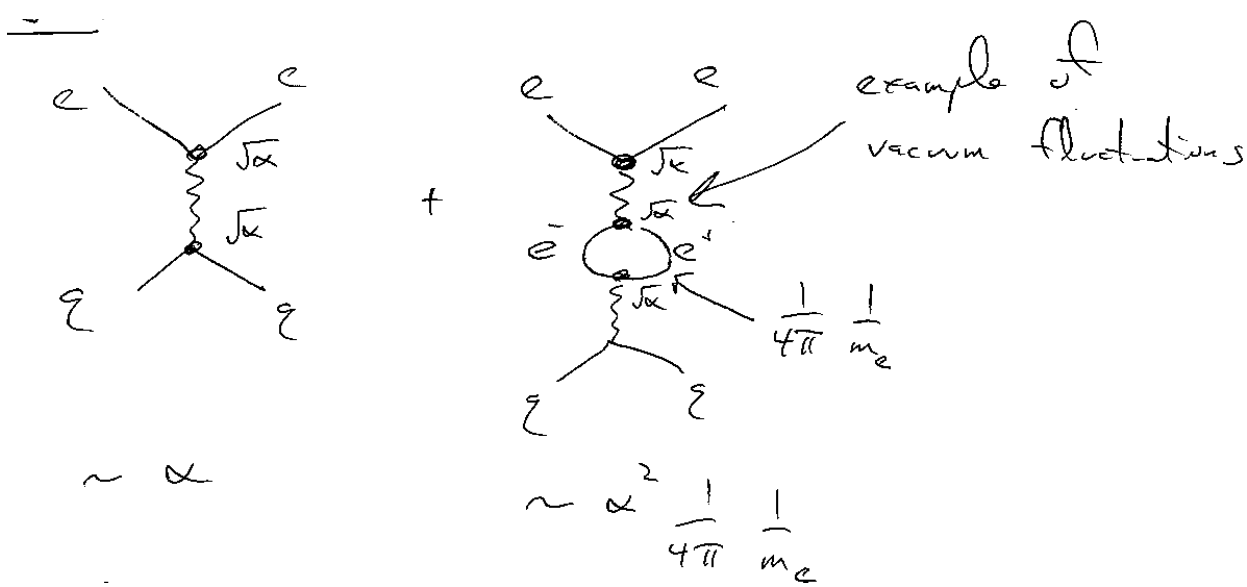
$$E \cdot t \sim E \cdot x \sim 1 \Rightarrow \text{Small distances} \Rightarrow \text{large E}$$

If $E >> 2m_2$ nothing stops you from making e^+e^- pairs.

So operationally, should think of the vacuum as filled of particle-anti-particle pairs constantly coming in and out of existance:

No meaningful sense in which the vacuum is empty.

Example 1



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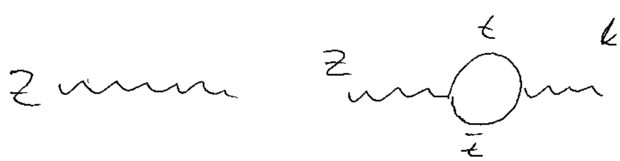
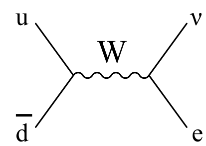


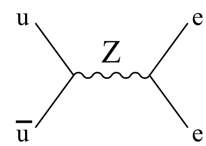
Diagram gives a correction to the mass of the Z-boson from the top quark

History of Prediction and Discovery

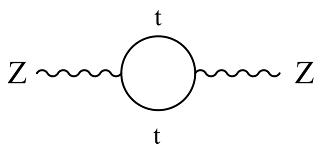
Late 60s: Standard Model takes modern form. Predicts W/Z bosons

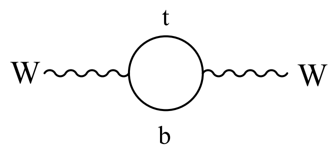
1983: W/Z discovered at CERN



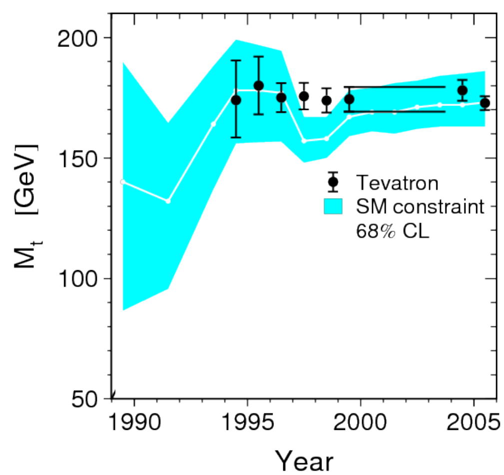


Early 90s: W/Z used to predict top mass

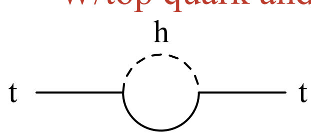


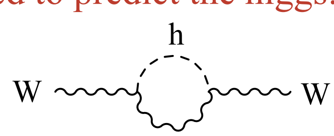


1995: top quark discovered at Fermilab

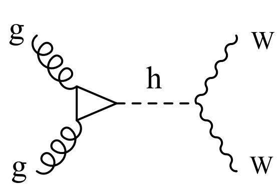


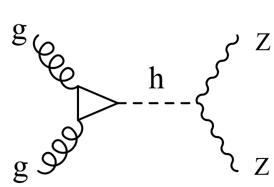
2000s: W/top quark and used to predict the higgs: **50 < mH < 150 GeV** (95%)

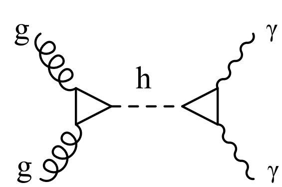




2012: Higgs discovered at CERN: **mH = 125 GeV**







These “Quantum Corrections” (Vacuum fluctuations) have observable physical consequences.

Predicted the mass of the top quark and higgs boson before it was discovered.

Forces all expressed in common language.

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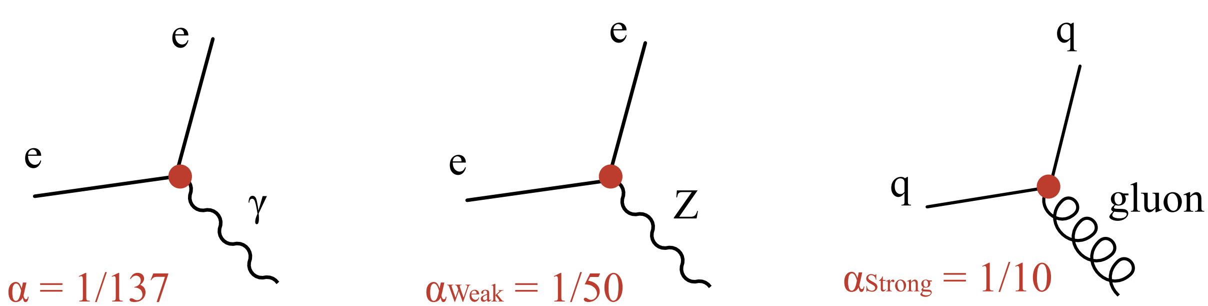


Forces look very different to us… **is a long distance illusion!**

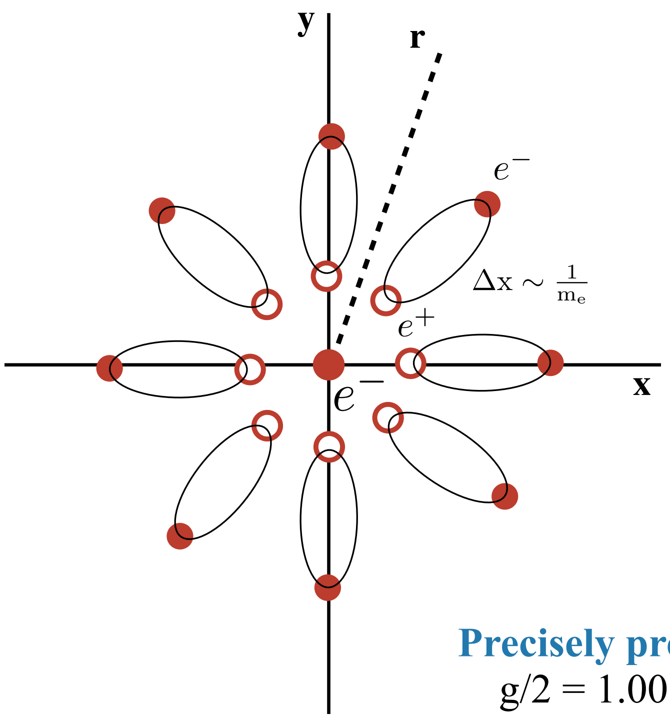
This is the real reason we build colliders! See basic underlying symmetry.

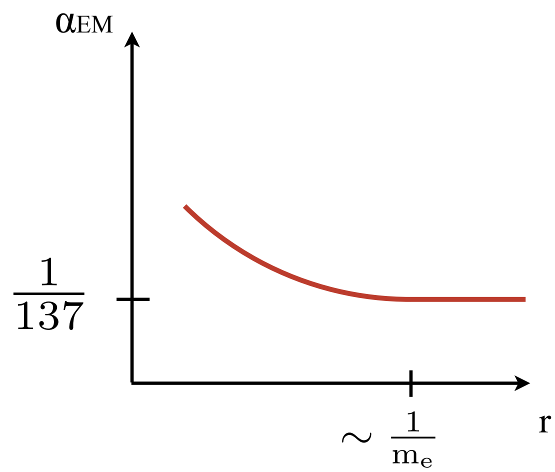
We already talked about this for the weak interaction. (m_W and $m_Z >> 0$ cuts of the range of the force)

Now lets look at why the strong interaction looks so different...

Imagine you wanted to measure the EM strength vs distance.

EM Strength w/Distance



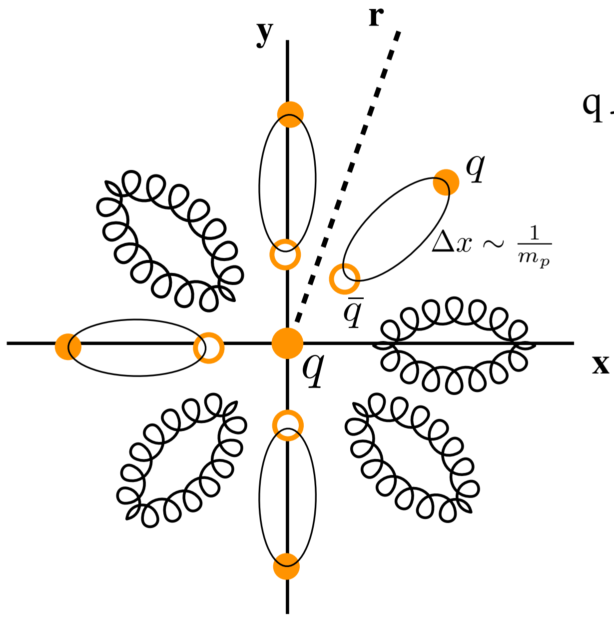


Precisely predict magnetic properties
g/2 = 1.0011596521809(8),
(Agree to better than one part in a trillion.)

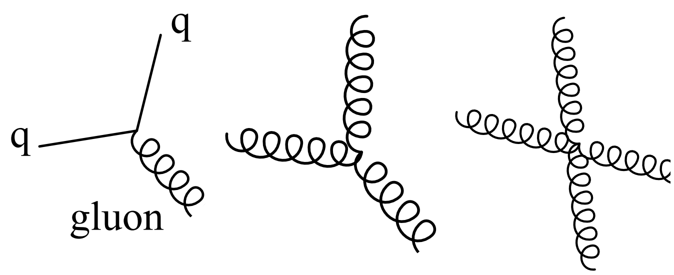
α increases because you are “seeing” more of the bare electron charge.

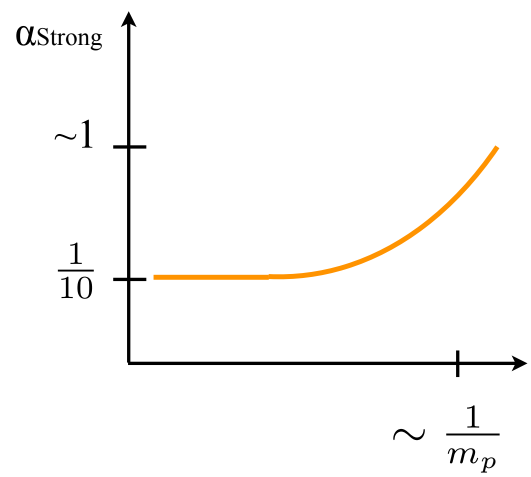
Same game with the Strong Interaction

Strong Interaction w/Distance



Unlike photons, gluons can self interact.

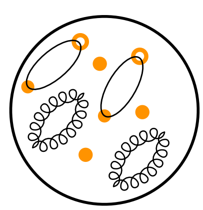




Increase is an "accident" depends on the number of colors, the number of quarks and gauge group.

Interaction become very strong ~1/mp

Proton:



B/c force grows with distance:
- Cant pull them out of the proton
- q and gluons "confined "

Sets the size of protons (neutrons)