

# Recent Progress in Particle Phenomenology

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# Self introduction

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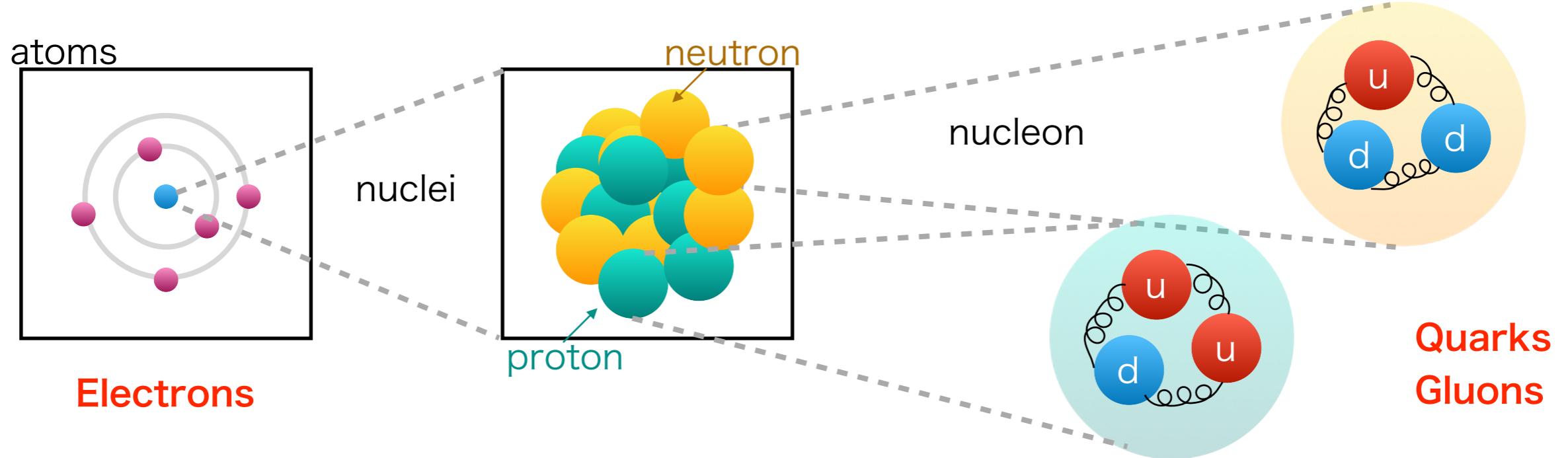


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# What is Particle Physics?

## Elementary (fundamental) Particles (基本粒子)



Elementary particles are not composed of other particles

electron, neutrino, quark, photon, and gluon ...

High Energy Physics (HEP: 高能物理)

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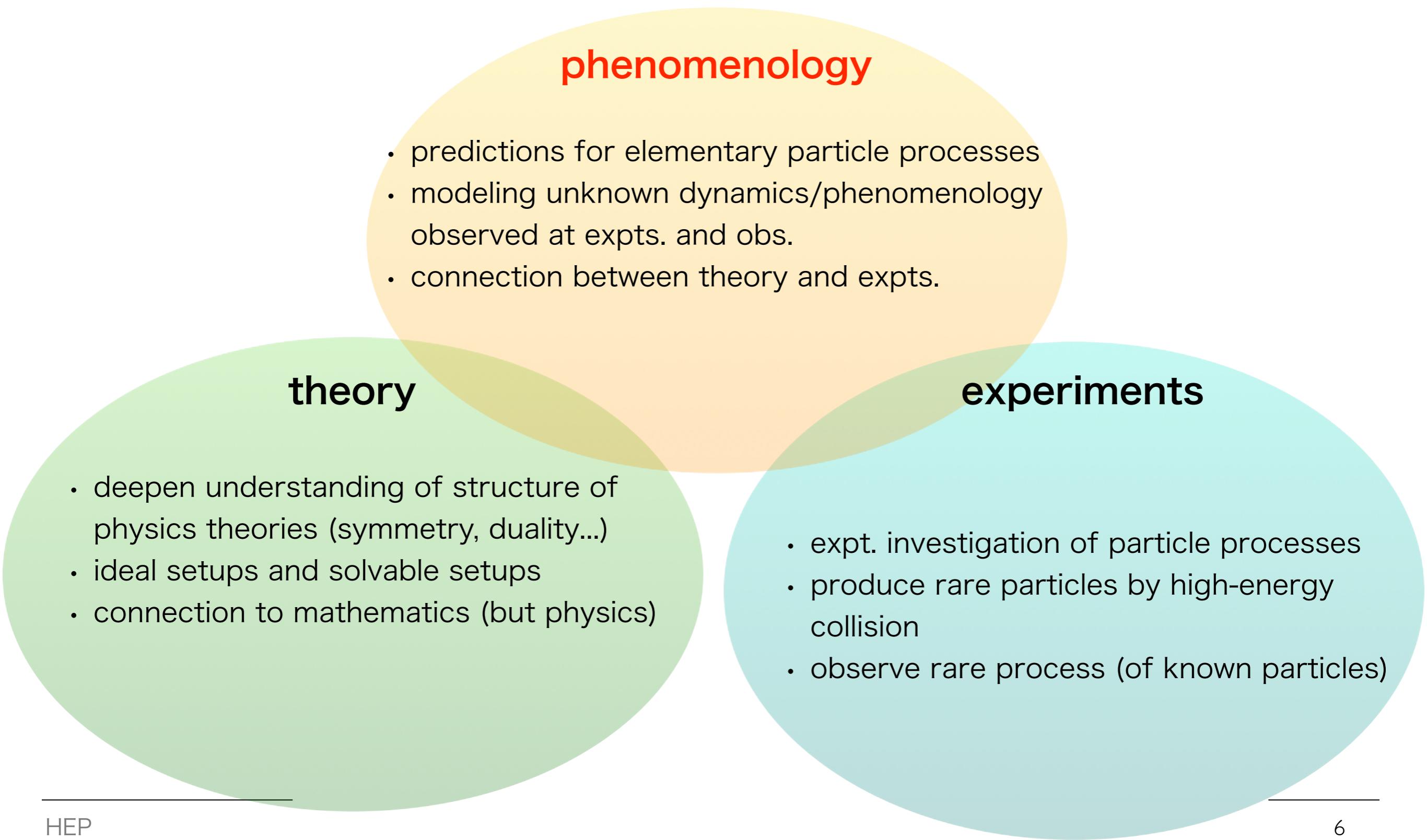
## Several categories in HEP community

### HEP-theory

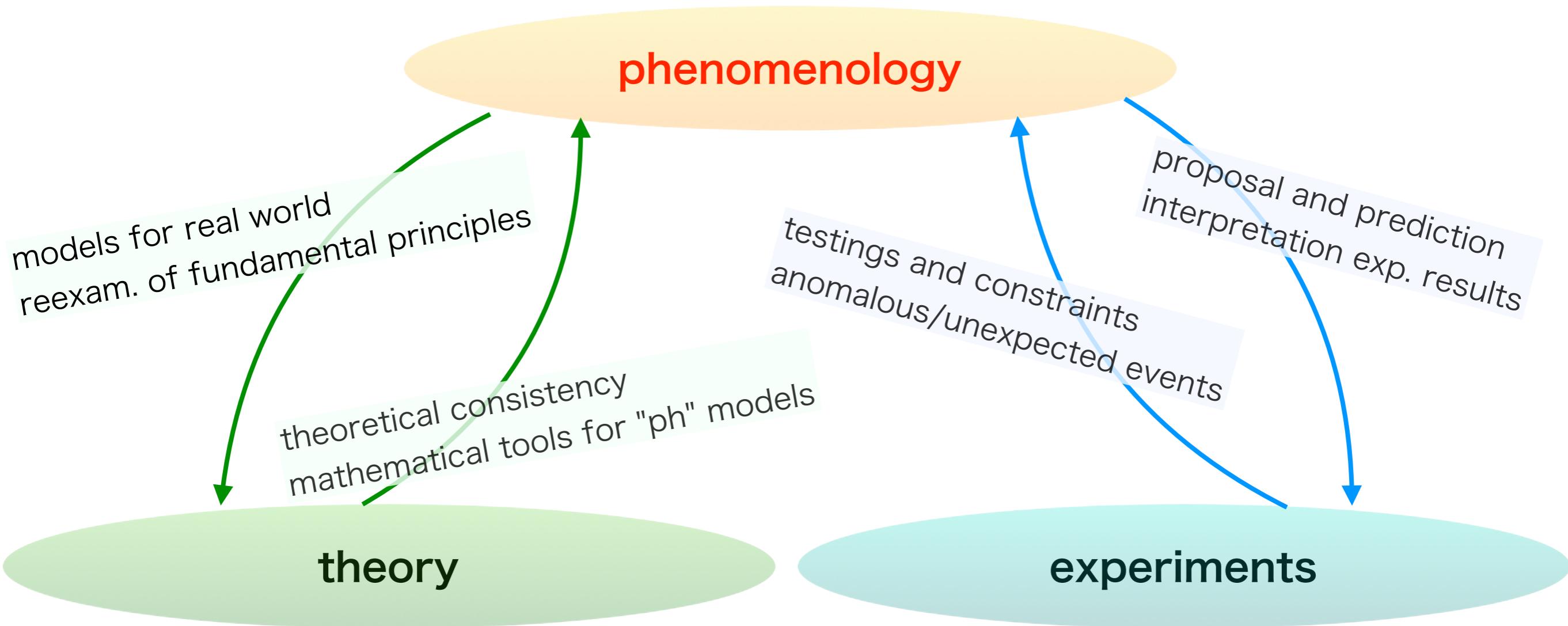
### HEP-phenomenology ← today's topic

### HEP-experiment

# High-Energy Physics



# Position of High-Energy Phenomenology



# **History of Particle Physics and the Standard Model**



# History of Particle Physics

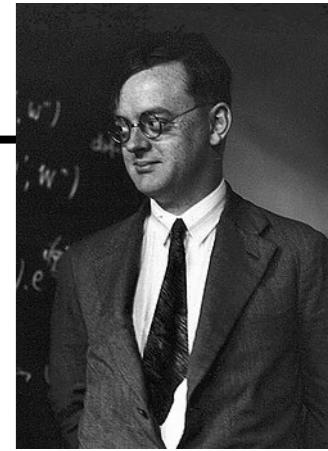
1900 - early 1920's: old quantum mechanics



W.Heisenberg



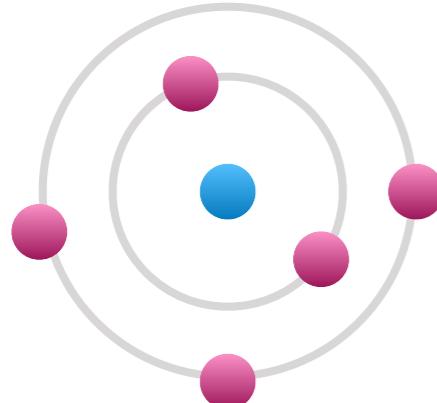
M.Born



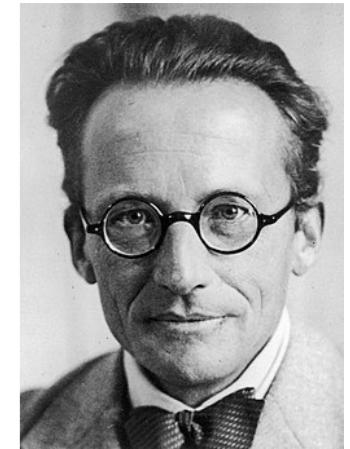
P.Jordan

1925: Birth of Quantum Mechanics (QM: 量子力学)

- Matrix mechanics ([W. Heisenberg](#), [M. Born](#), [P. Jordan](#))
- Schrödinger equation ([E. Schrödinger](#))



**100 YEARS OF QUANTUM  
IS JUST THE BEGINNING**



E.Schrödinger

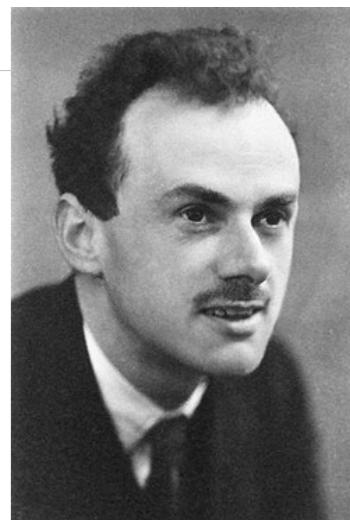
To understand Atomic Physics

typical size of atoms  $\sim 10^{-8}$  cm = 1 Å

Any entities in the Universe has  
particle-like behavior and wave-like behavior

## 1927: Relativistic QM

- Dirac equation ([P. Dirac](#))  
first attempt to combine  
special relativity (狭义相对论) + QM



P. Dirac

- \* describes interactions between electrons ("spin-1/2")  
and light (photon) ("spin-1")
- \* predicts "anti-particle (反粒子)" of electron = positron

## Birth of Quantum Field Theory (QFT: 量子场论)

combo of Classical field theory + QM (+ special relativity)

- \* deals with many-body processes (e.g. production/decay)
- \* found difficulties (e.g. infinities in some calculations)

1950's: Several developments in QFT  
important progress in particle physics



### - Renormalization (重整化)

treatment of infinities in QFT

J. Schwinger (1948), S. Tomonaga (1948)

J. Schwinger

S. Tomonaga

R. Feynman

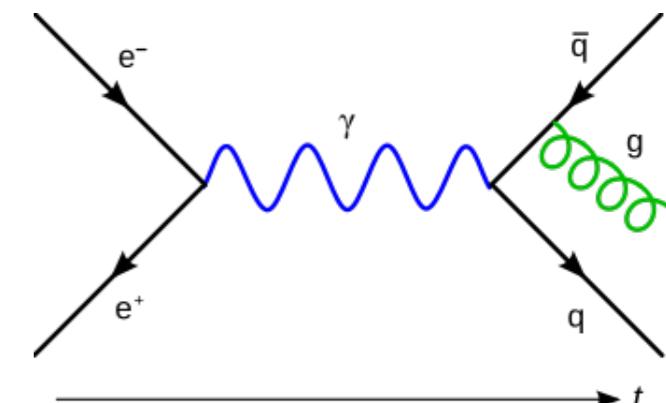
### - Feynman Diagram (1948)

pictorial representation of mathematical computation

### - Yang-Mills theory

basic of fundamental forces

C. N. Yang and R. Mills (1954)



# History of Standard Model

Early in 20th century

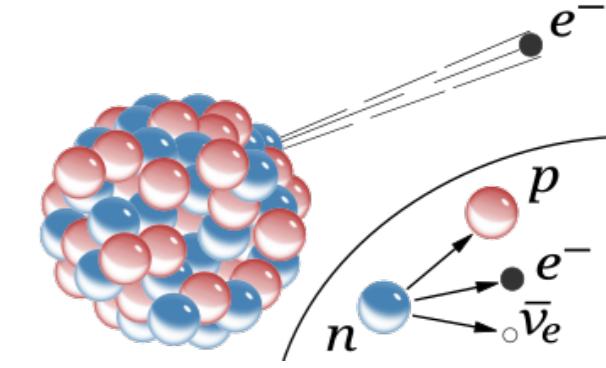
$\beta$ -decay of nucleus (原子核): weak interaction

violation of energy conservation?

-> 1933: E. Fermi proposed **Fermi theory** (introduced "neutrino")



E. Fermi



force carriers

massless photon (electromagnetic force/long-range )

massive pion (**Yukawa theory**: strong nuclear short-range force)

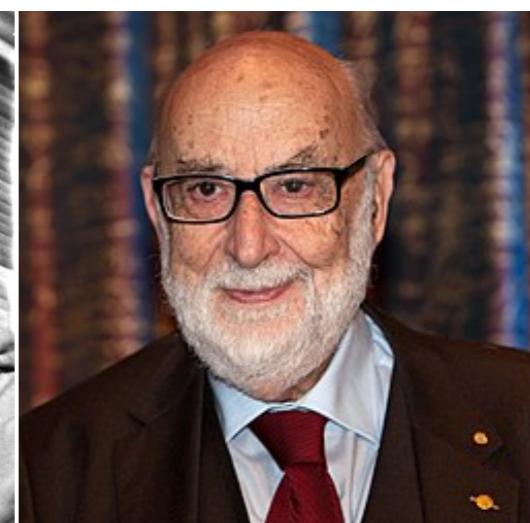
what is for weak? photon-like (spin-1) but short-range

- **Higgs Mechanism** (1964)

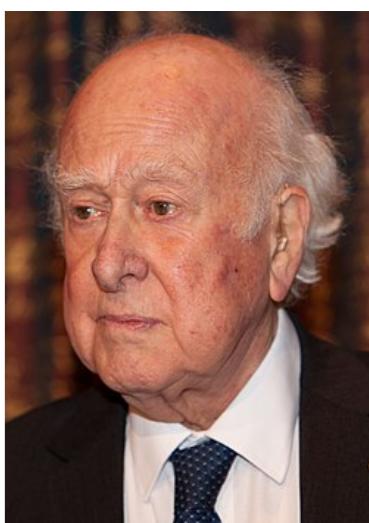
A way to make  
photon-like particle massive



R. Brout



F. Englert



P. Higgs

## Unification of electroweak theory



S. Glashow



S. Weinberg



A. Salam

electromagnetism + weak theory

[S.Glashow](#) (1961), [S.Weinberg](#) (1967), [A.Salam](#) (1968)

-> discovery of force carrier particles (**W, Z bosons**) at CERN (1983)

-> discovery of **Higgs particle** (origin of mass) at CERN (2012)

Success of electroweak theory

What about nucleons?



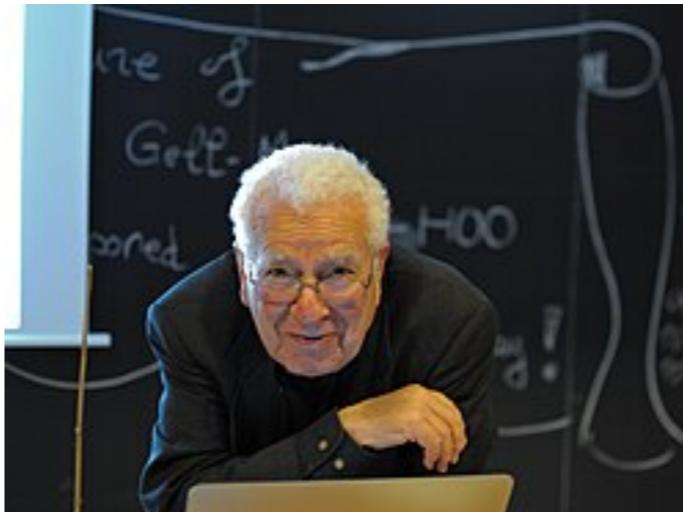
"Particle Zoo" ("subnuclear zoo" by R. Oppenheimer)  
many particles (= "hadrons")  
have been found at accelerators since 1950s

## Quark Model

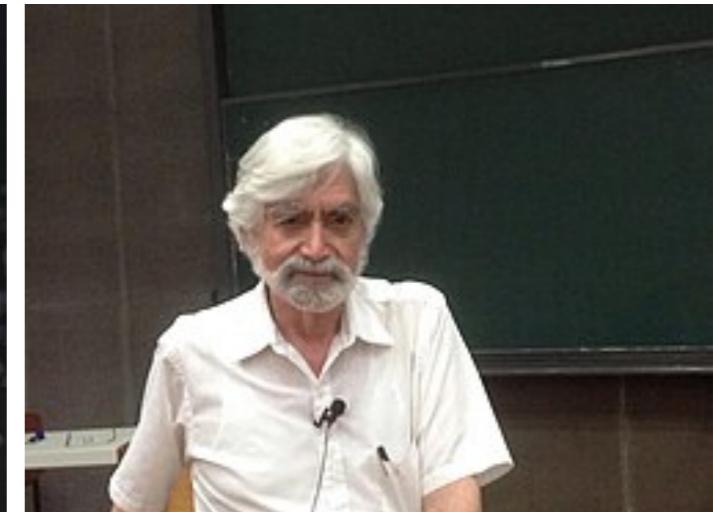
M. Gell-Mann, G Zweig (1964)

systematic treatments of  
"particle zoo"

"hadrons" have an inner structure  
and consist of "quarks" and "gluons"



M. Gell-Mann

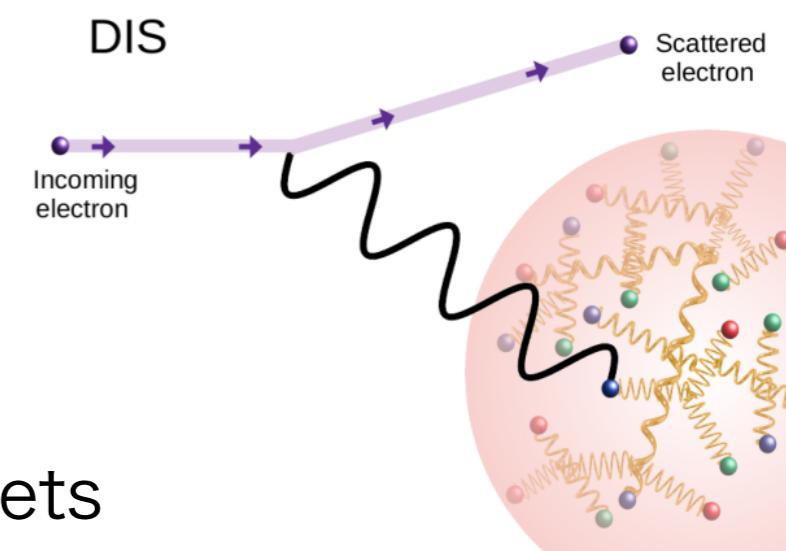


G. Zweig

## Deep inelastic scattering

Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC)  
found the inner structure of proton (1969)

"gluon" is found in PETRA (1979):  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \bar{q}qg \rightarrow 3 \text{ jets}$



# How many quarks?

Discovery of an exotic decay process (1964)

J.H.Christenson, J.W.Cronin, V.L.Fitch and R.Turle

$K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  requires a symmetry (charge-parity: CP) violation



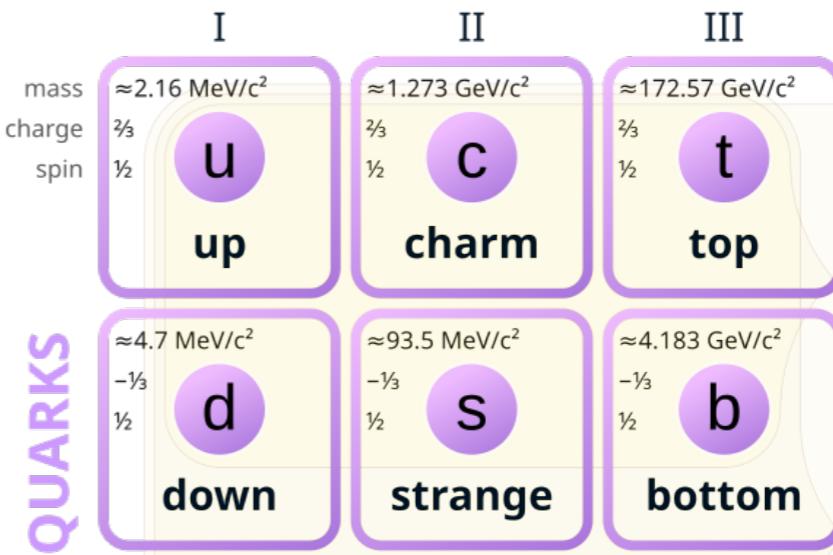
M. Kobayashi and T. Maskawa (1973)

To explain  $K_L \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$  decay,

M. Kobayashi

T. Maskawa

at least **six kinds of quarks** are required in the quark model

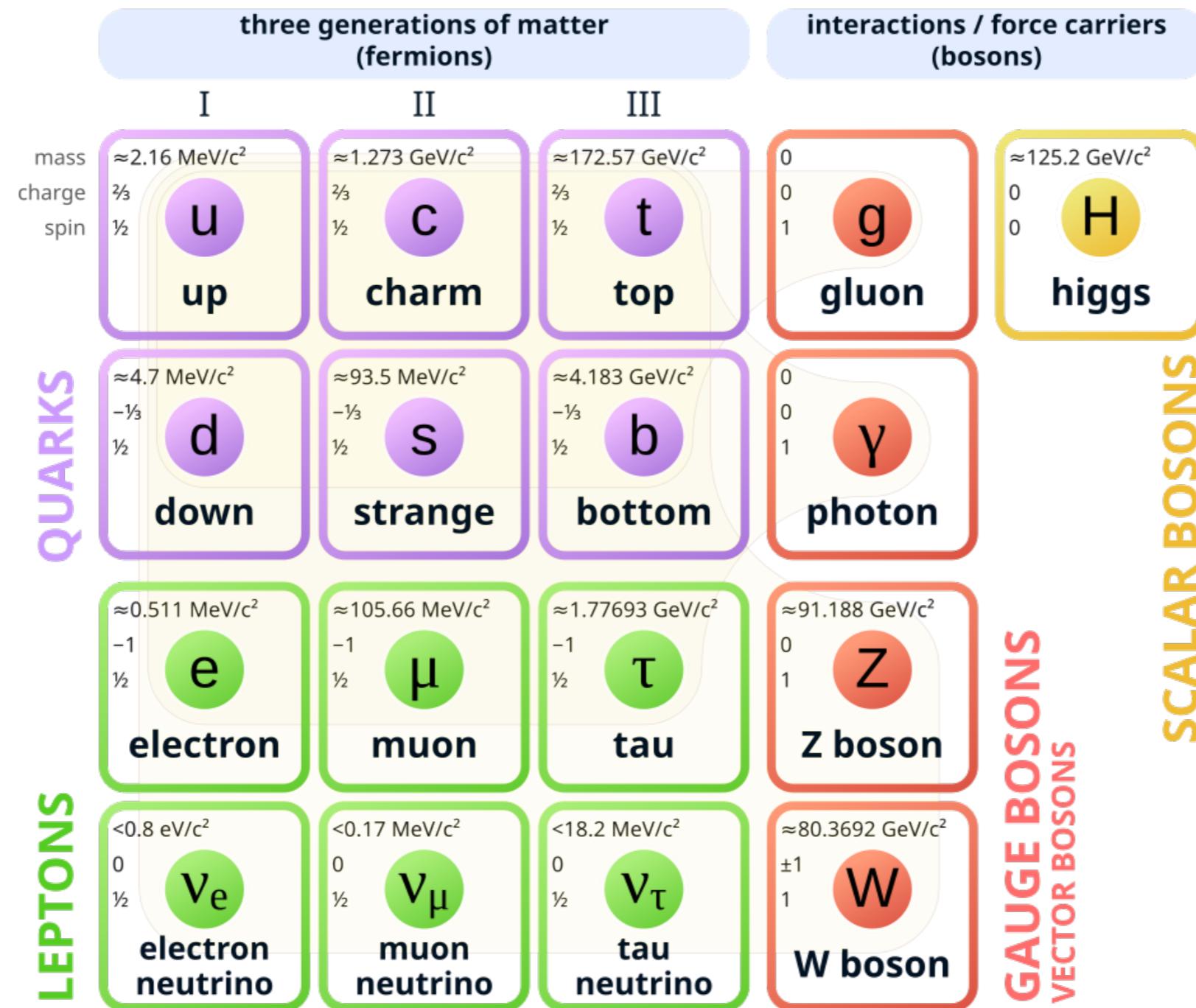


# Standard Model

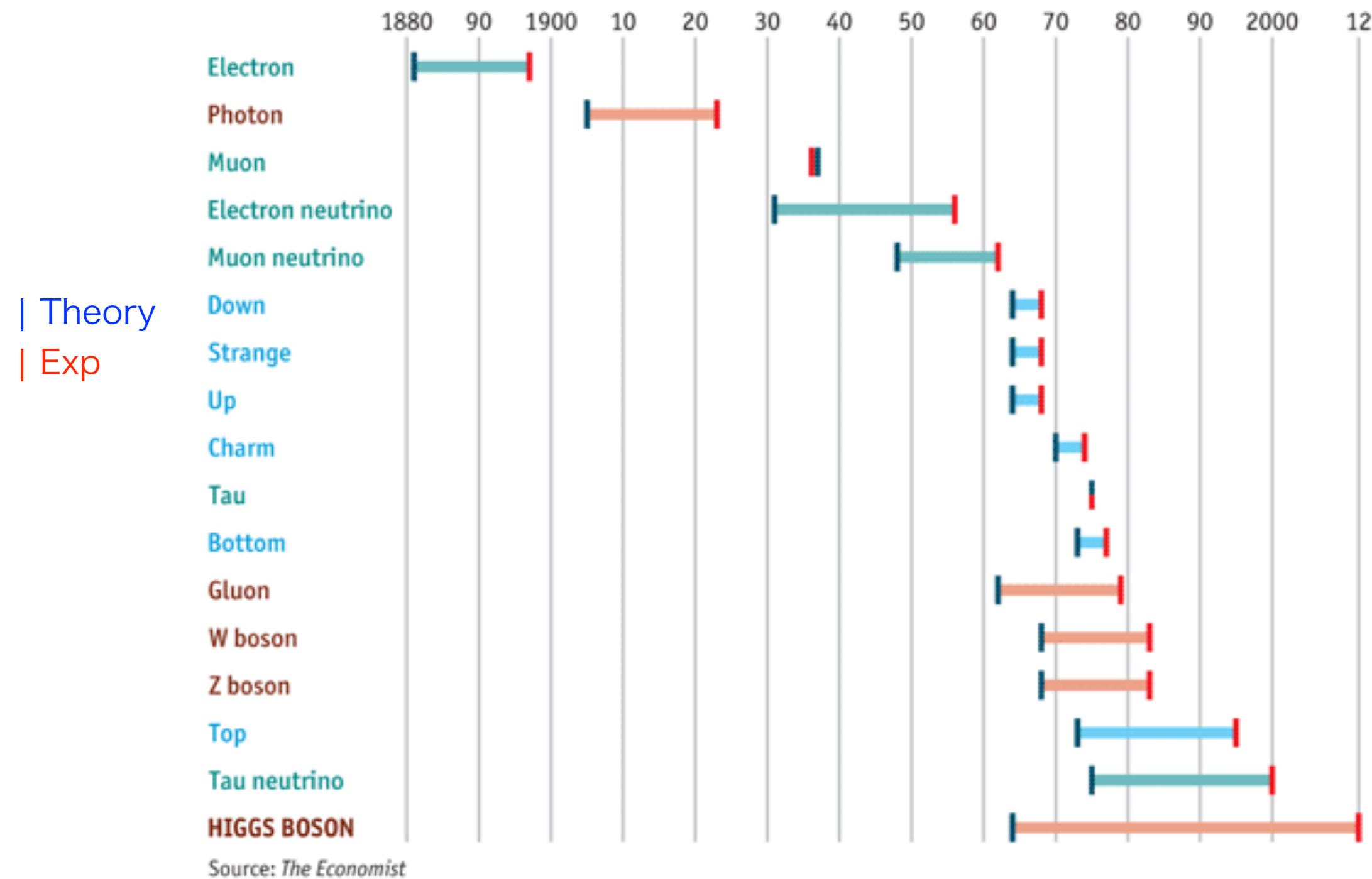


# Standard Model (SM)

## Standard Model of Particle Physics



# Time-scale of theoretical prediction/experimental discovery



# Quarks

family/generation			
	1st	2nd	3rd
mass	$\approx 2.16 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.273 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 172.57 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
QUARKS	u up	c charm	t top
	d down	s strange	b bottom

Special relativity (A. Einstein)

$$E = mc^2 \quad \text{mass} = E/c^2$$

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

= electron moved through 1V potential

- spin 1/2
- compose of hadrons (nucleons, pion, ..)
  - confined inside hadrons
  - we can't see quarks themselves
- feels "strong interaction" via gluons
- six quarks discovered, so far
- heavy quarks decay into lighter quarks via "weak interaction"
- have "fractional" electromagnetic charge  
c.f.  $q_{\text{proton}} = +1$ ,  $q_{\text{neutron}} = 0$

# Leptons

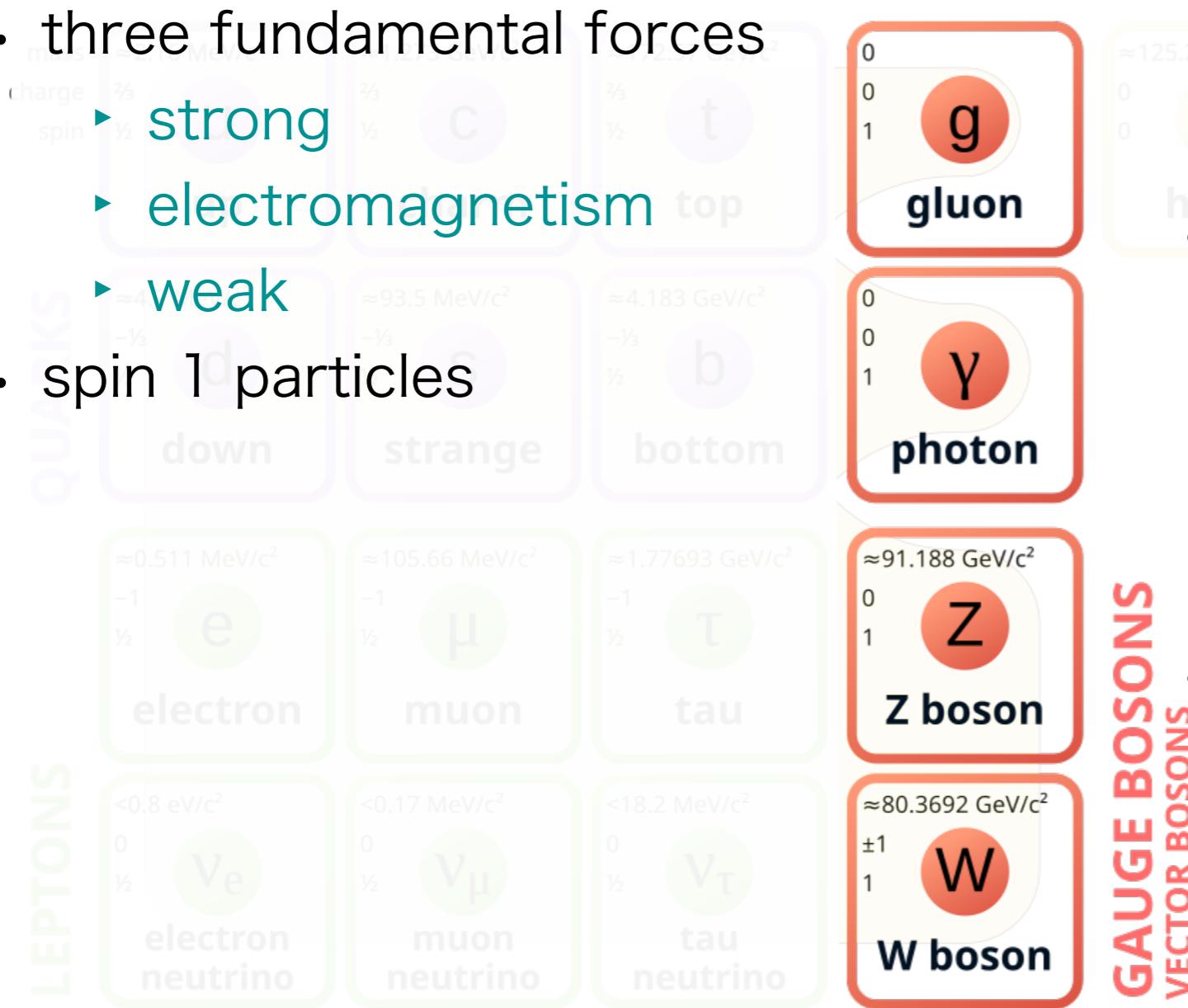
LEPTONS	QUARKS			GAUGE BOSONS		
	u	c	t	d	s	b
	mass $\approx 2.16 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	mass $\approx 1.273 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	mass $\approx 172.57 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	mass $\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	mass $\approx 93.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	mass $\approx 4.183 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
	charge $\frac{2}{3}$	charge $\frac{2}{3}$	charge $\frac{2}{3}$	charge $-\frac{1}{3}$	charge $-\frac{1}{3}$	charge $-\frac{1}{3}$
	spin $\frac{1}{2}$	spin $\frac{1}{2}$	spin $\frac{1}{2}$	spin $\frac{1}{2}$	spin $\frac{1}{2}$	spin $\frac{1}{2}$
	up	charm	top	down	strange	bottom
	e	$\mu$	$\tau$	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$
	electron	muon	tau	electron neutrino	muon neutrino	tau neutrino

- spin 1/2

- discovered as it is (as elementary particle)
- not feels "strong interaction"
- six leptons discovered, so far
- have "integer" electromagnetic charge
  - ◆ "neutrino" = neutral + very light (-ino)
  - ◆ charged leptons

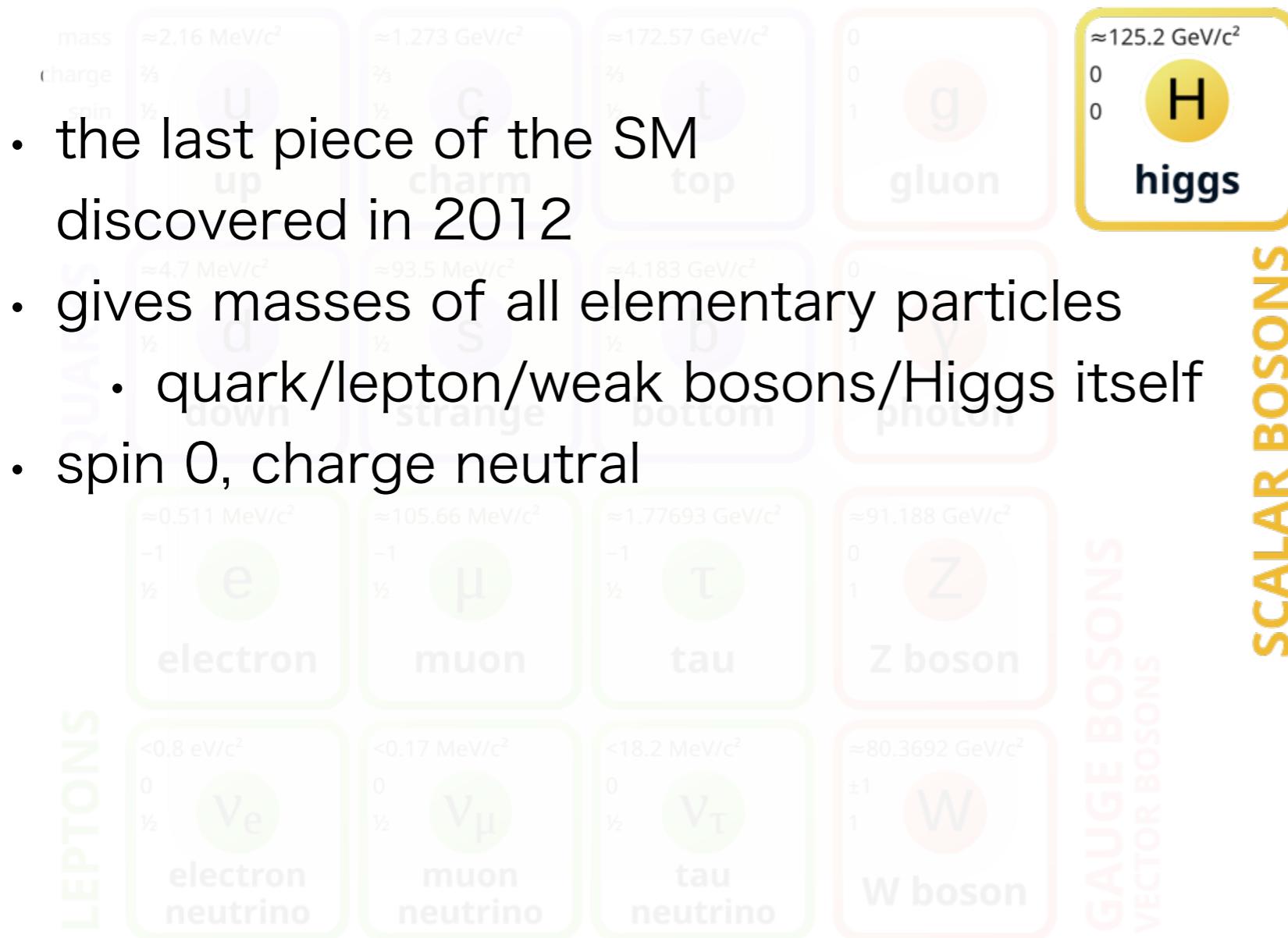
# Gauge bosons (force carriers)

- three fundamental forces
  - ▶ **strong**
  - ▶ **electromagnetism**
  - ▶ **weak**
- spin 1 particles

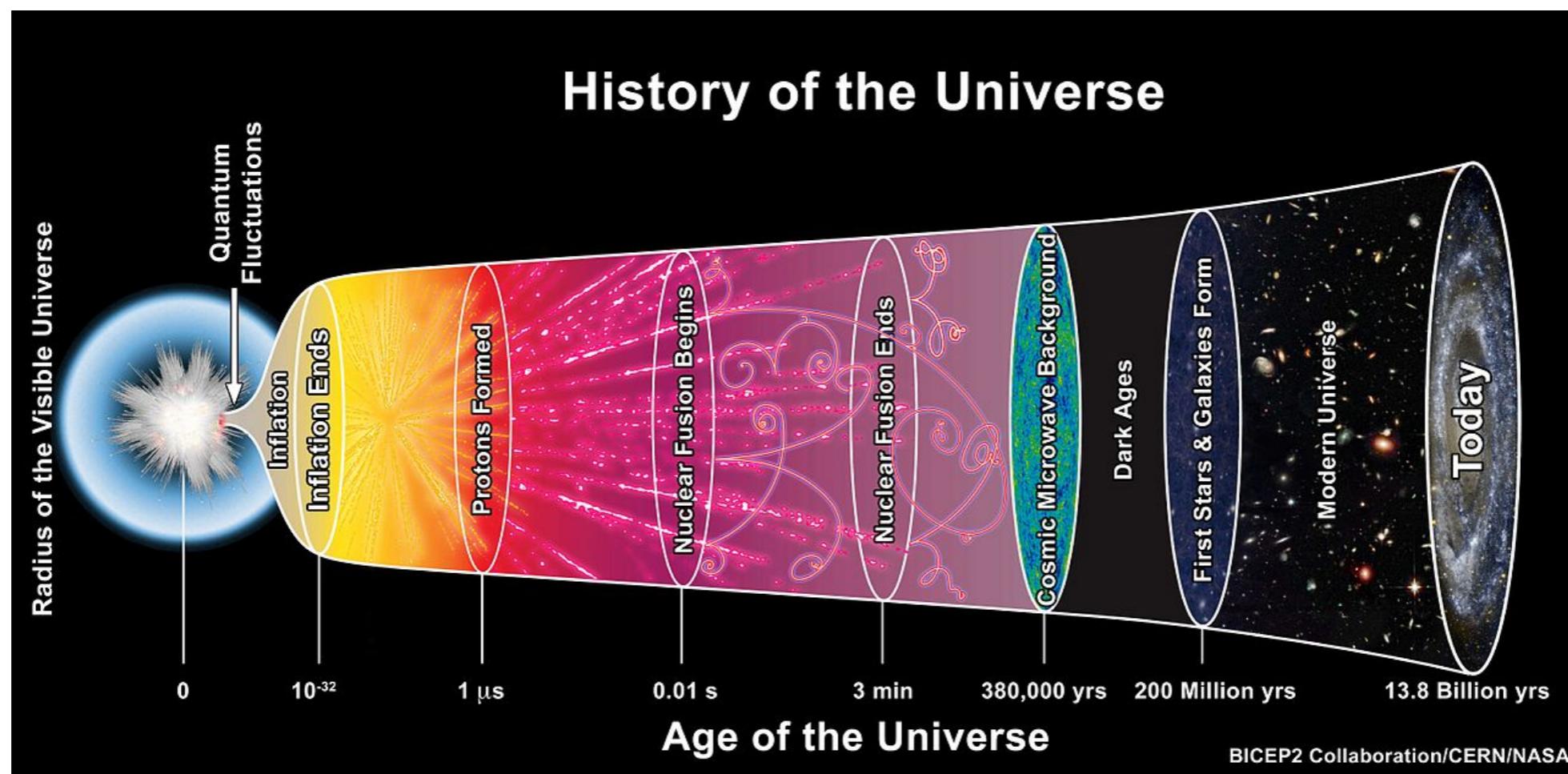


- **gluon (strong)**
  - we can't see isolated gluons as with quarks
- **photon (EM)**
  - known as "light" (X-ray,  $\gamma$ -ray)
  - long-range force
- **weak bosons (weak)**
  - massive particle
  - short-range force
  - charged "W", neutral "Z"

# Higgs Particle



# Standard (Big-Bang) Cosmology



SM of particle physics + standard cosmology (dark energy + dark matter)  
agrees with cosmological observations

# Beyonds of Standard Model



# Beyonds

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## Misteries in SM

there remain questions/problems in the SM

- Number of parameters (19 in the SM)
- Neutrino is massless particle in the SM (but, neutrino masses are observed)
- No candidate of Dark Matter in the SM / What is dark energy?
- Baryon asymmetry generation
- "Flavor" structure of the SM
  
- dynamics of quark -> hadron formation  
(confinement and mass gap/Millennium puzzle by Clay Mathematics Institute)
- Hierarchy problem from Higgs particle
- Consistent quantum gravity
  
- etc... Models beyond the SM (BSM) have been pursued

# Number of Parameters

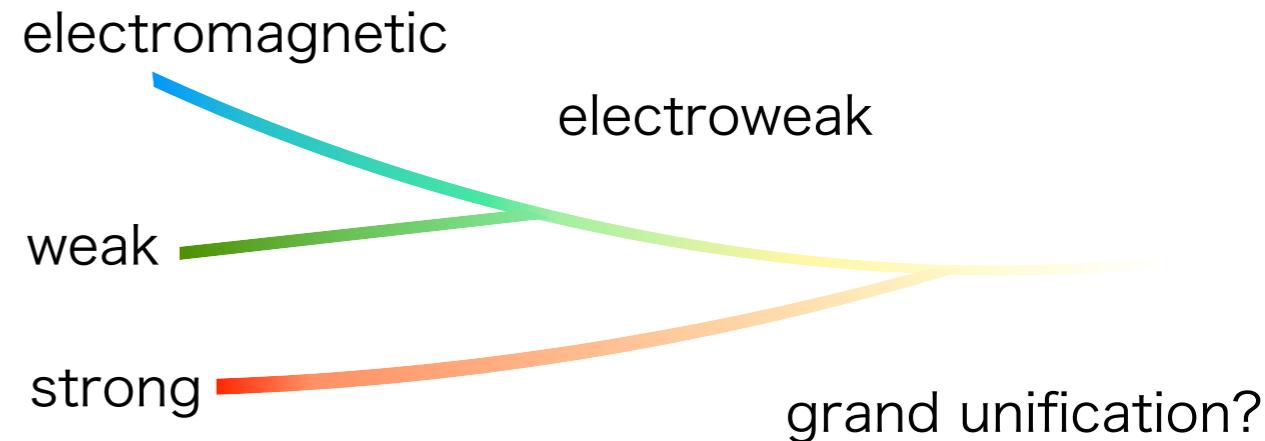
Standard Model "Lagrangian" (a fundamental quantity)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = \sum_G & \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(F_G^{\mu\nu} F_{G\mu\nu}) - \theta_G \frac{g_G^2}{32\pi^2} \text{tr}(\widetilde{F}_G^{\mu\nu} F_{G\mu\nu}) \right] \\ & + \sum_f \bar{f} D f - \sum_{f,f'} (Y_f \phi \bar{f}_L f'_R + \text{h.c.}) + |D_\mu \phi|^2 + \mu^2 |\phi|^2 - \frac{\lambda}{4} |\phi|^4\end{aligned}$$

contains 19 parameters

Q: How many parameters are fundamental?

Several attempts



unification of matters/forces

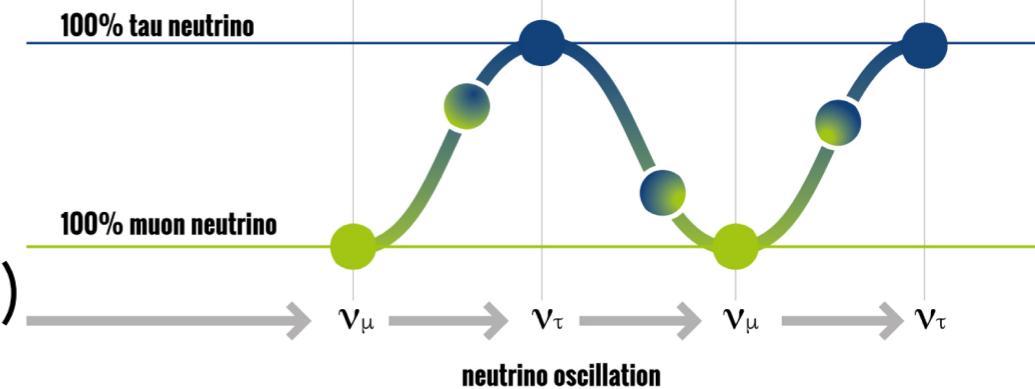
"Grand Unification" by H.Georgi and S.Glashow (1974)

proton is no longer stable: simple models are excluded by (Super-)Kamiokande

# Neutrino Masses

Neutrinos are massless particles in the SM

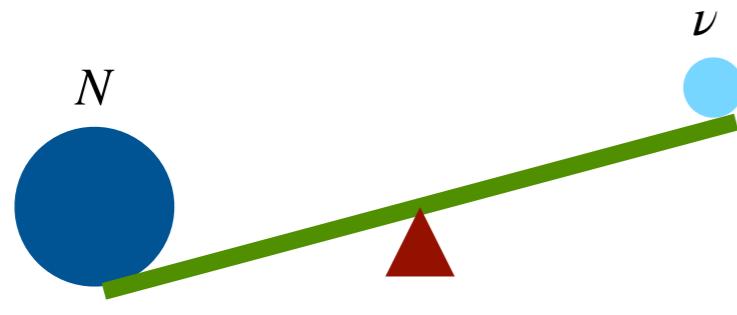
neutrino oscillation during flight (if massive)



This is the established fact that the SM is not a sufficient model  
> need to be extended

Many models have been proposed:

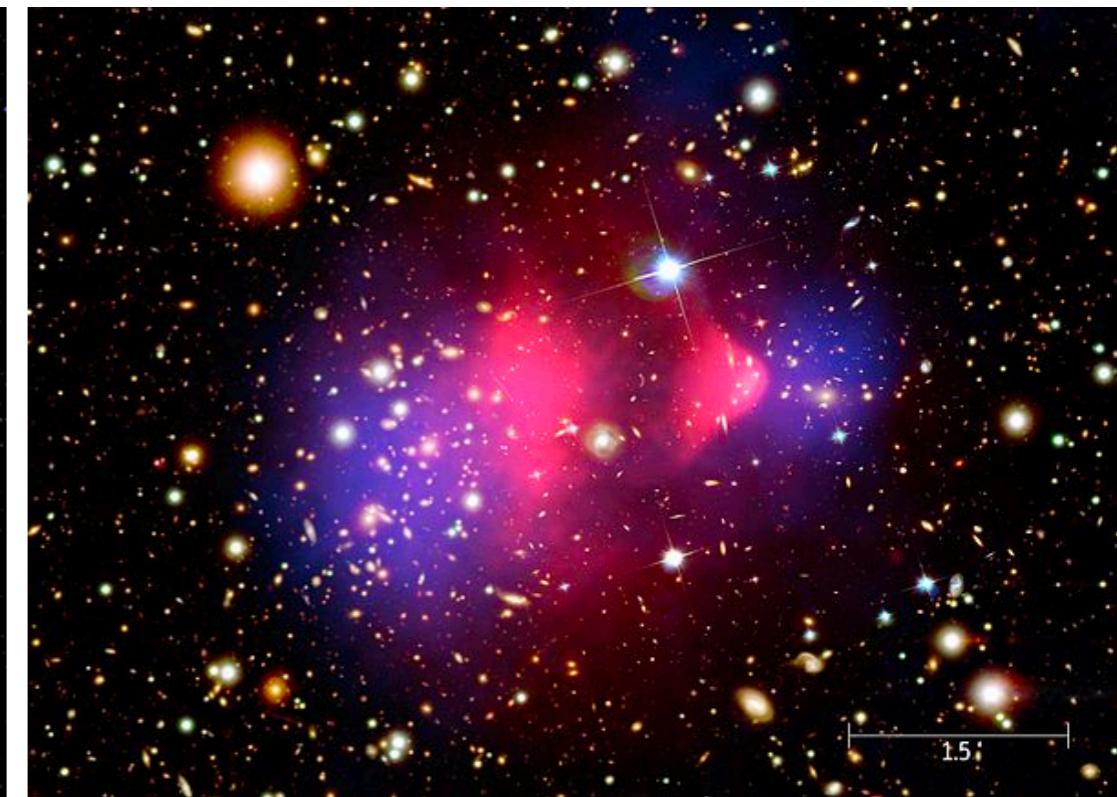
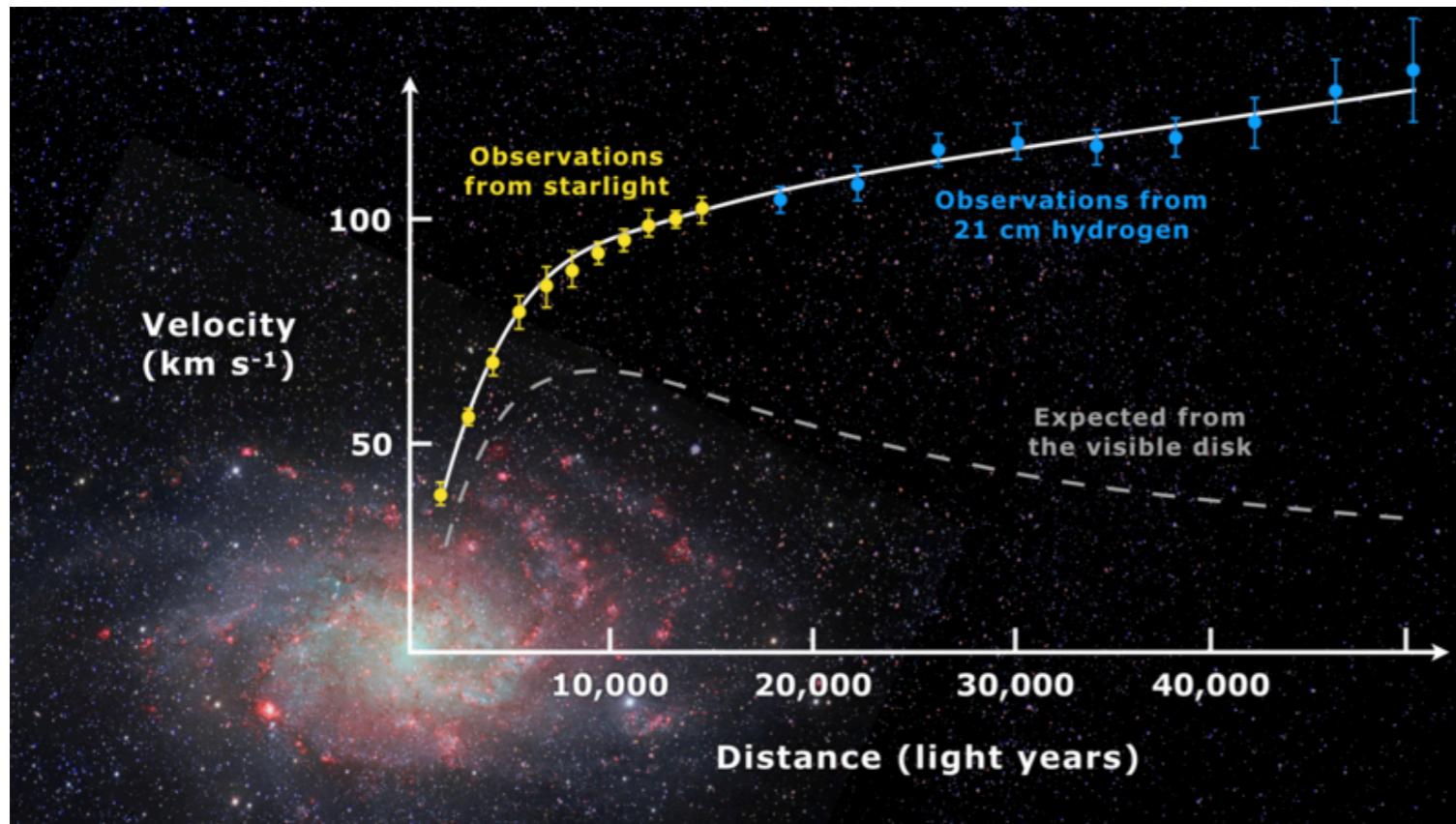
basic idea "seesaw mechanism" by T.Yanagida (1979)



Neutrino gets massive  
via mixing with heavy new particles

# Dark Matter

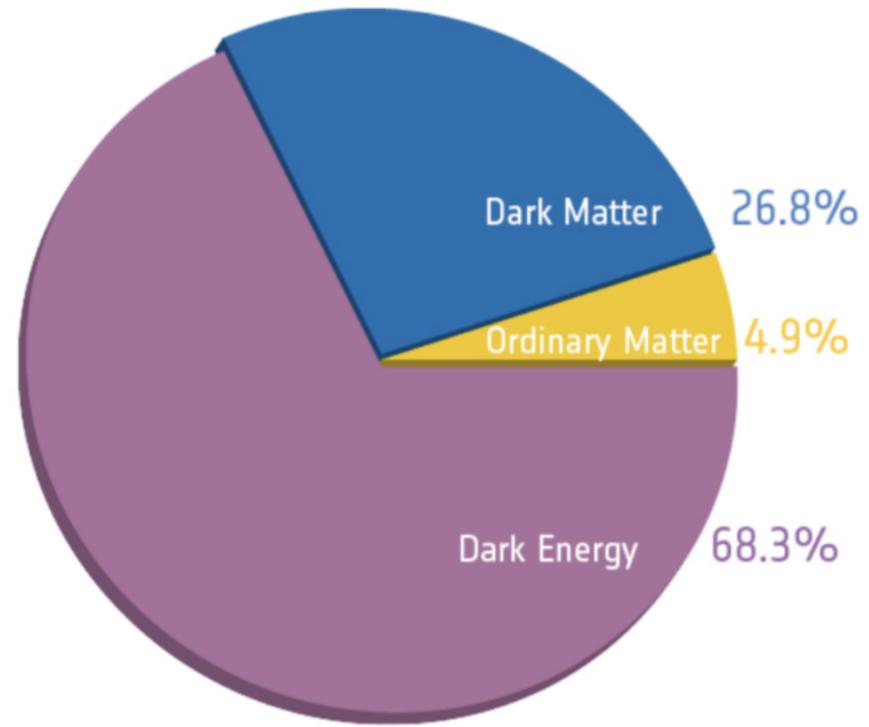
Galactic Rotation curve (Newton dynamics)



Red: X-ray (Matter)  
Blue: Gravitational Source

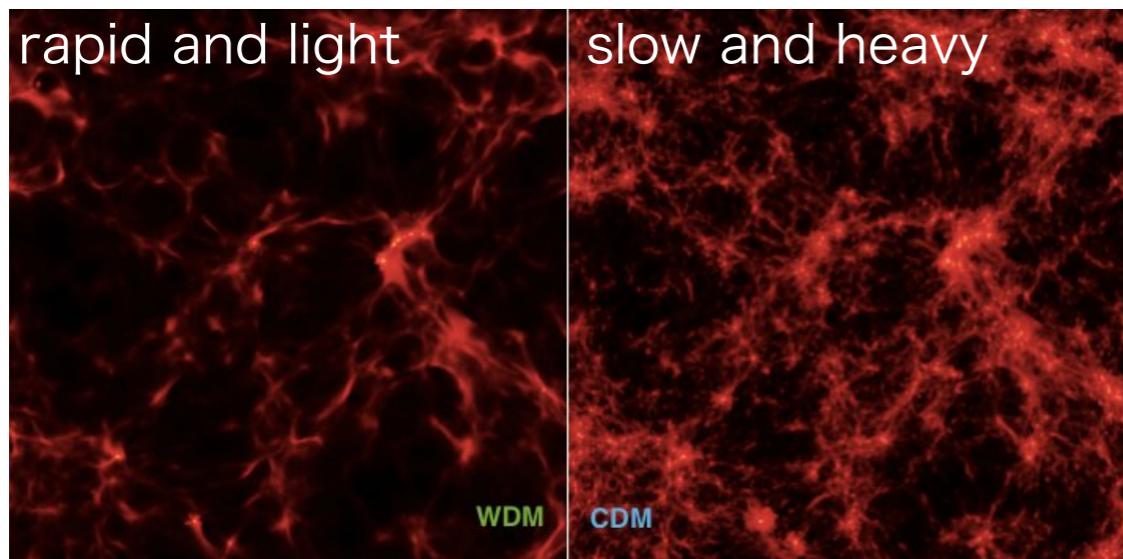
These observations can be explained by "Dark Matter (DM)"

# What we know about Dark Matter



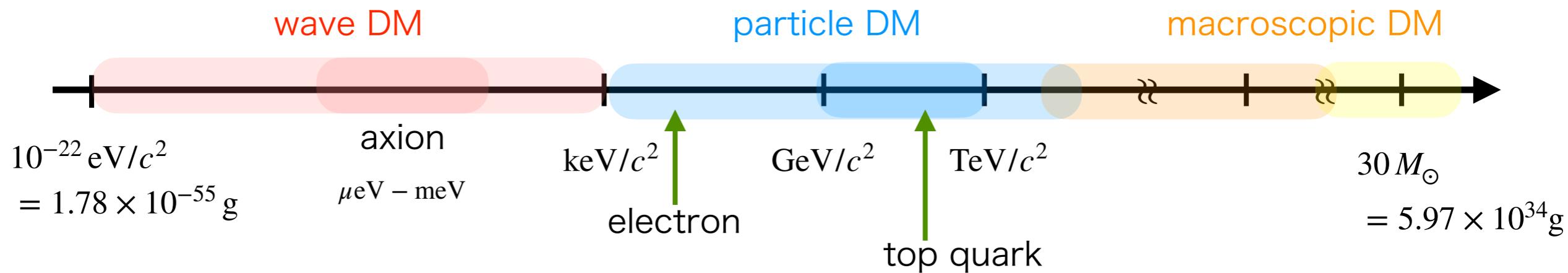
Energy density of the University  
Matter : Dark Matter : Dark Energy  
 $= 5 : 25 : 70$

- Stable
- Invisible/less interactive with others  
(Electromagnetic Neutral)
- As a Gravitational Source  
(= very slow and seed of galaxies)
- No candidate in SM  
(= definite evidence for BSM)



# Dark Matter Candidates

DM mass range is very broad



**wave dark matter**: de Broglie wavelength  $\lambda = h/mv$  is large

"quantum" wave behaves as dark matter:  $\lambda \simeq 1 \text{ kpc} \left( \frac{10^{-22} \text{ eV}/c^2}{m} \right)$

**particle dark matter**: destroys the structure of the Universe if too light ( $mc^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ keV}$ )

not produced in the Universe if too heavy (also unitarity bound  $mc^2 \lesssim 10^2 \text{ TeV}$ )

**macroscopic dark matter**: compact objects/astronomical objects

- non-trivial objects in QFT, such as Q-ball and Quark Nuggets
- primordial black holes, massive compact halo objects (MACHOs)

# Interactions of Dark Matter

DM is found only through gravitational interaction

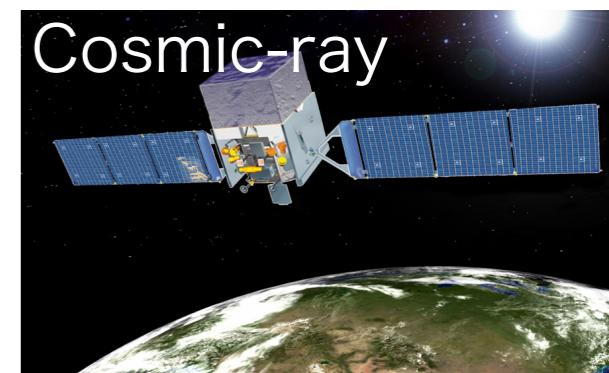
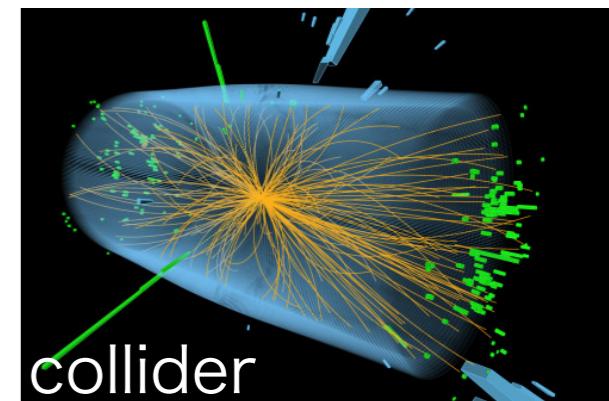
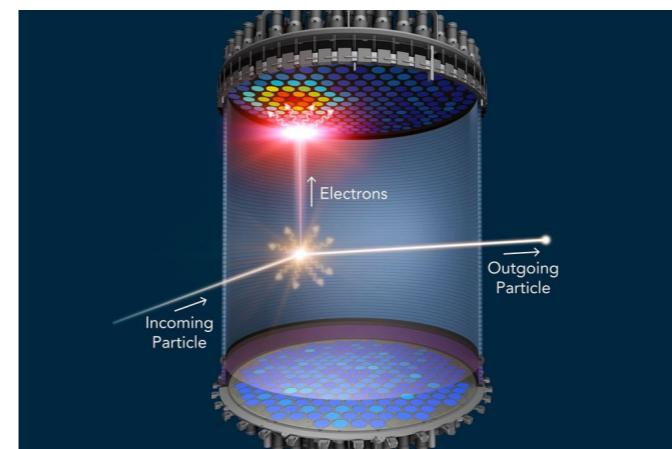
DM production in the Universe (DM-SM interactions?)

Many scenarios for production proposed  
thermal DM (WIMP, SIMP, ...)  
non-thermal DM (such as decay, ...)  
Asymmetric DM  
so on

have been tested in various ways

DM Self-interactions?

DM-nucleus scattering



- 👍 Large-scale structure (galaxy scale larger than  $1 \text{ Mpc} = 3 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}$ ): gravity
- 🤔 Small-scale structure (under debates) -> Hints for DM self-interaction

# Dark Energy

observational fact

**"accelerating expansion of the Universe"**



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matter: gravitational collapse

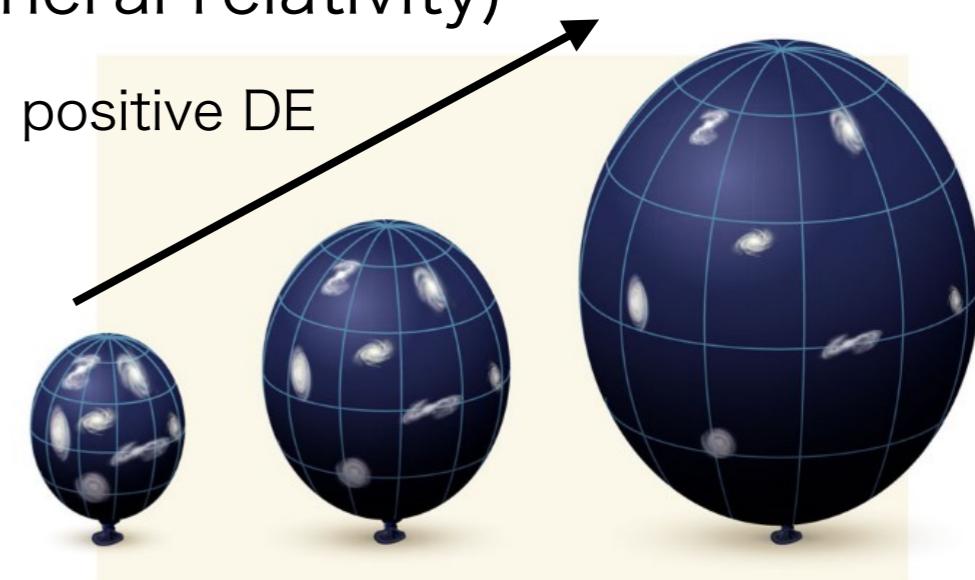
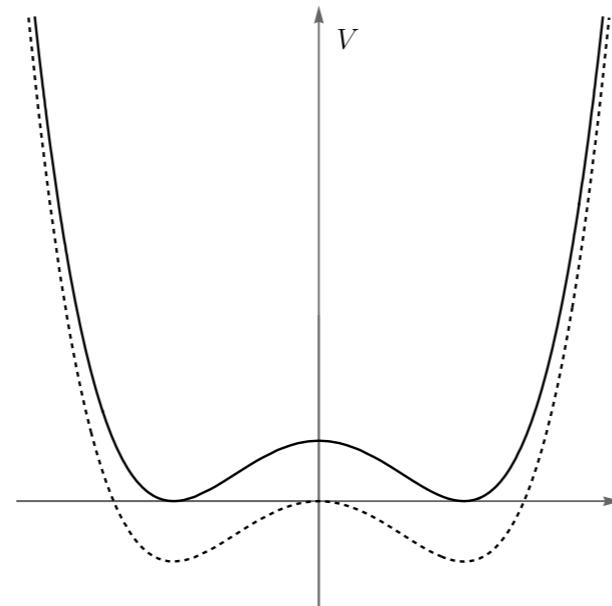
dark energy: anti-gravitational effect (expansion)

vacuum energy behaves as dark energy (general relativity)

in quantum field theory:

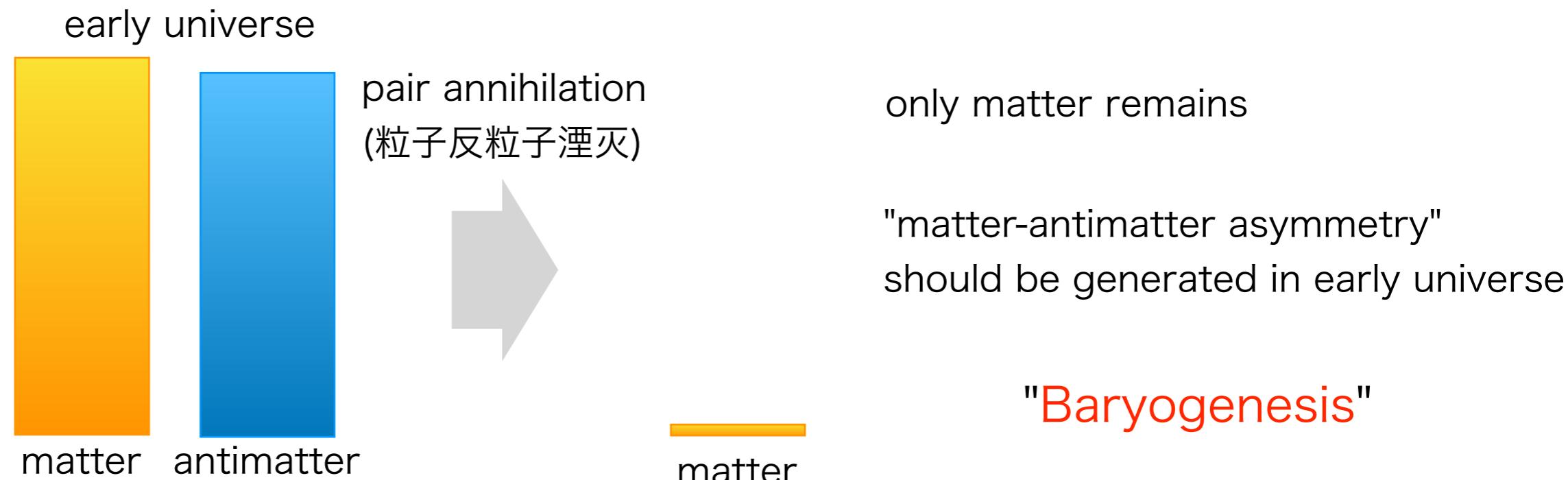
potential height from vacuum only meaningful

-> beyond QFT?



# Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe

no astrophysical objects made of "antimatter" are observed



Many models have been proposed:

- GUT Baryogenesis
- Electroweak Baryogenesis
- Spontaneous Baryogenesis
- Affleck-Dine Baryogenesis
- B-Mesogenesis

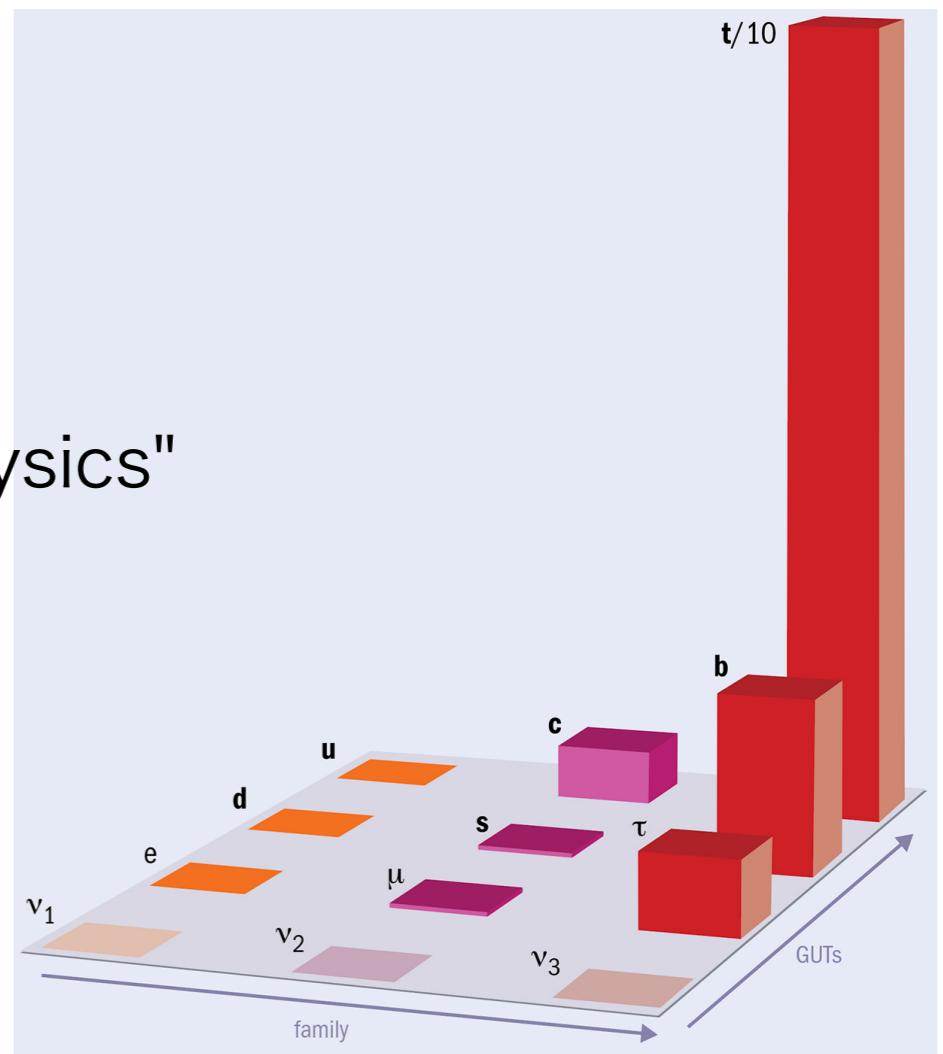
- (non-)thermal Leptogenesis
- Resonant Leptogenesis
- Leptogenesis via neutrino oscillation
- etc...

# "Flavor" of Matters

"Flavor": species of matter particles

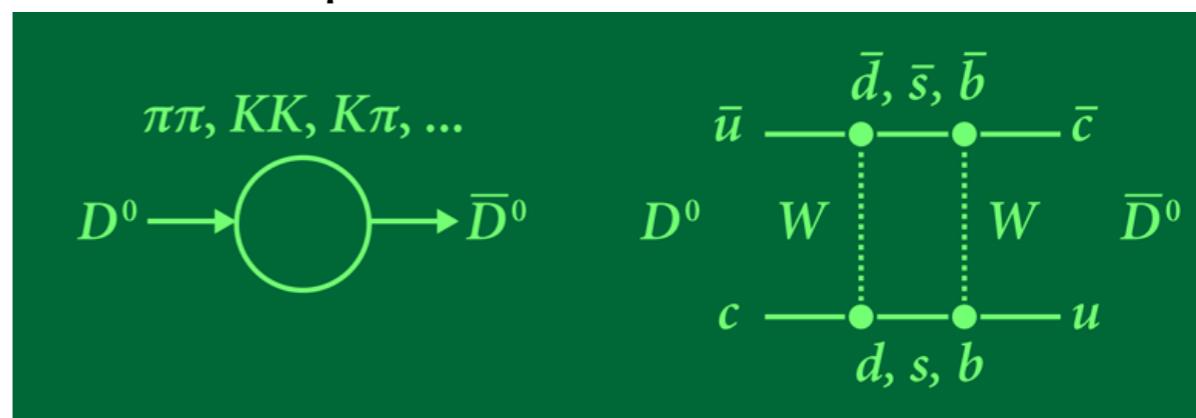
Hints of BSM may be hidden in "flavor physics"

- Why three "families"?
- Mass hierarchy (why is top q too heavy?)
- quark-lepton structures are quite different
- methodology
  - "quark" picture  -> t quarks
  - "hadron" picture  -> u,d,s quarks
  - dedicated (complicated) analysis -> c, b quarks



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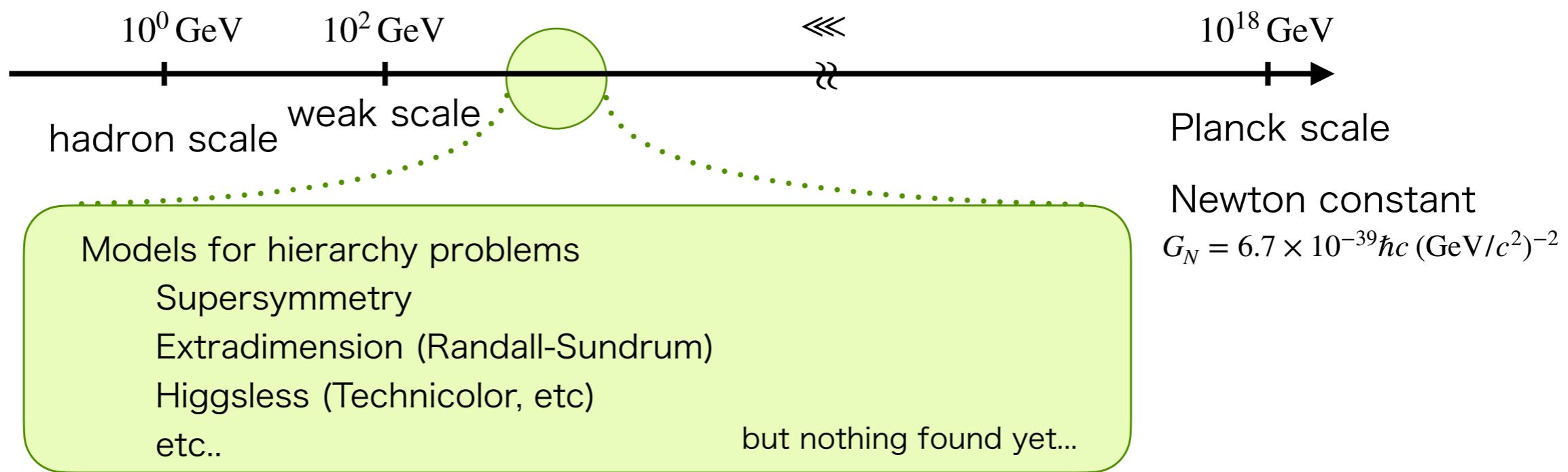
Flavor



# Theoretical aspects

- **Hierarchy problem** of Higgs particle

Why is weak scale so smaller than Planck scale?



- Only gravity is not quantized in the SM

consistent quantum gravity (beyond Planck scale): string theory?

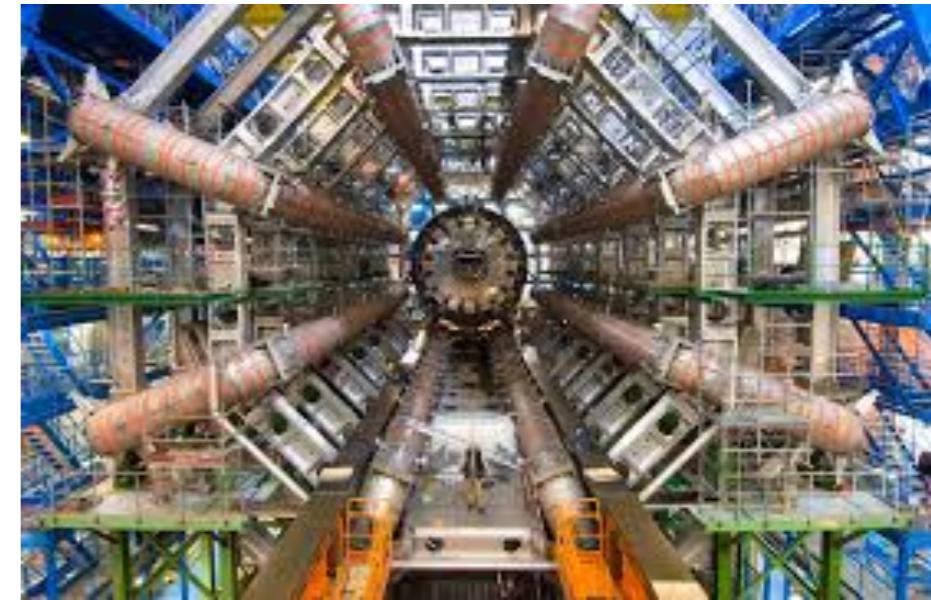
# Recent Days

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Despite great efforts of expts....

New signature not found so far

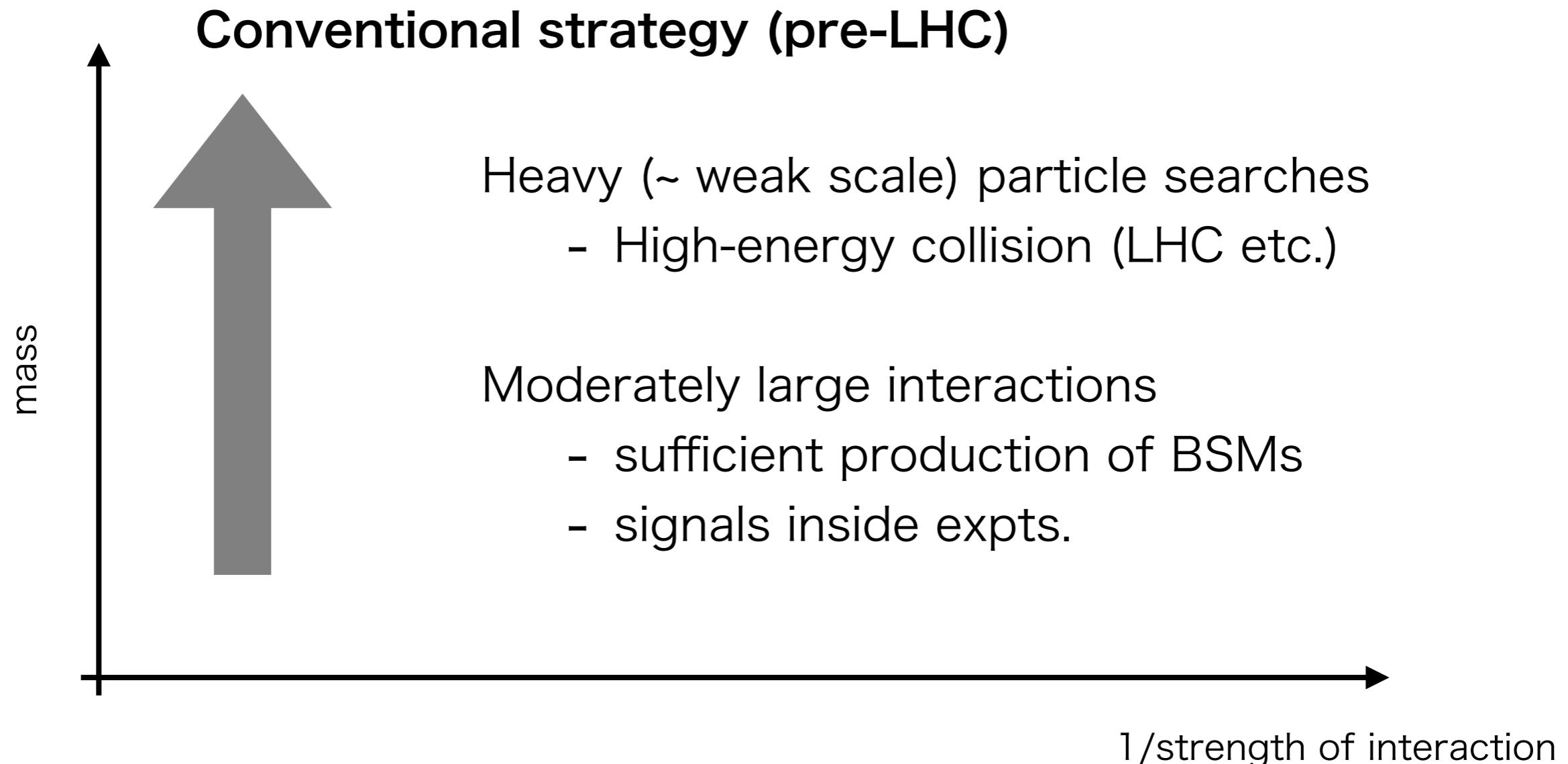
But, we also know the missing pieces of SM



Large Hadron Collider (LHC) @ CERN

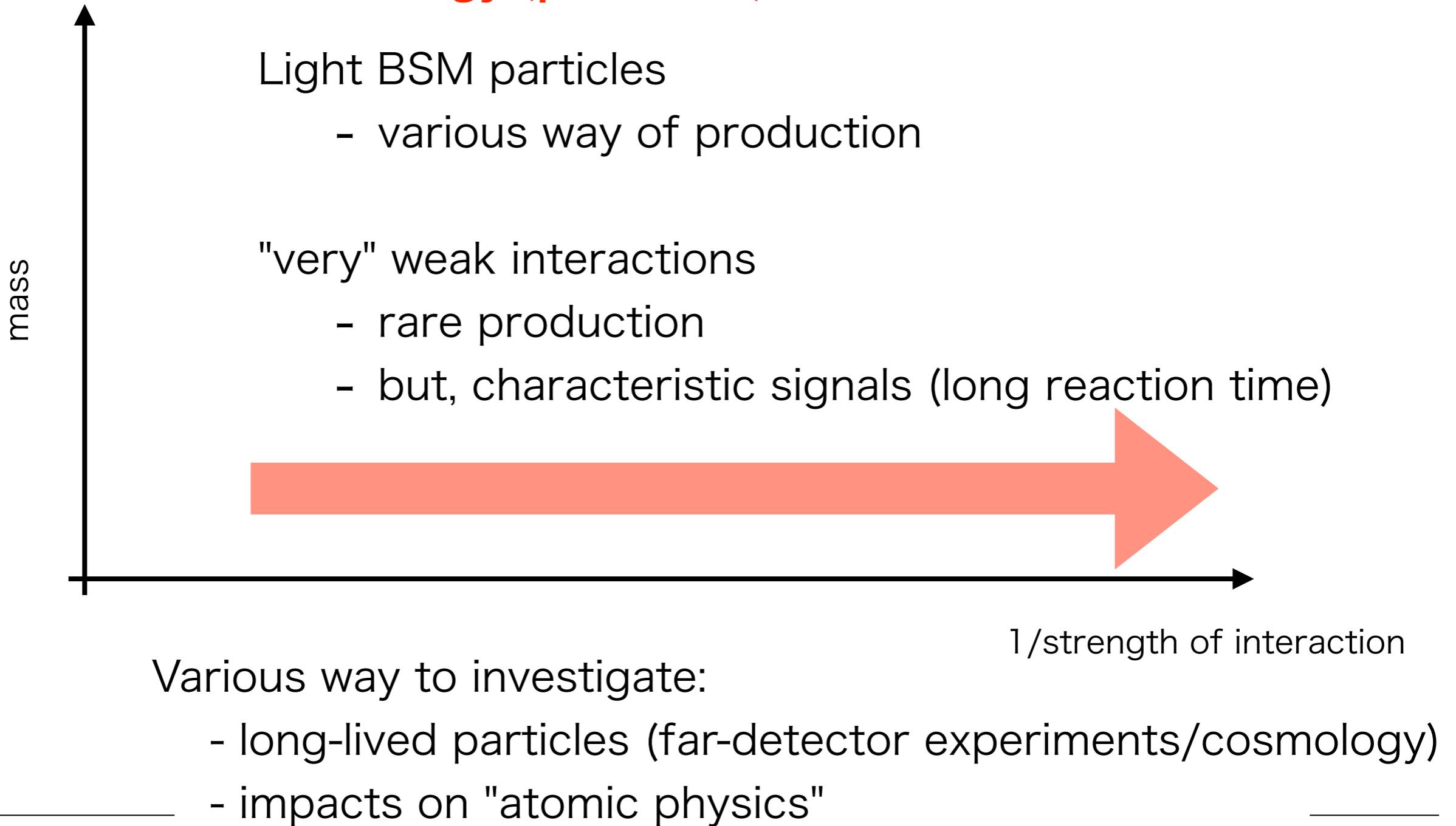
- Misunderstanding of mysteries in the SM?
- Wrong search strategies?
- any other else?

# Alternative Particle Model "Dark Sector"

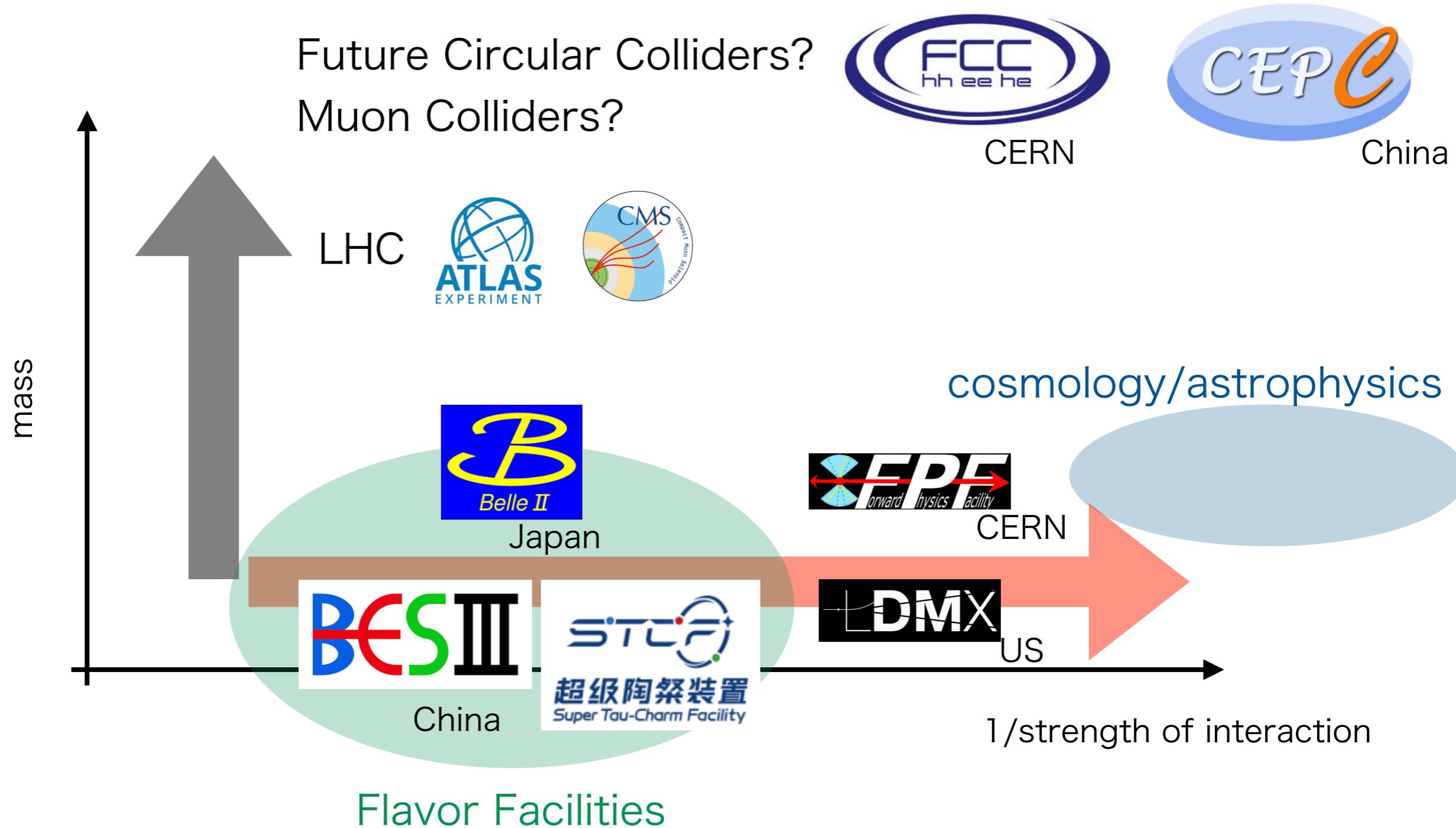


# Alternative Particle Model "Dark Sector"

## A new strategy (post-LHC)



# Alternative Particle Model "Dark Sector"



# Take-home Messages

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- Particle Phenomenology:
  - investigates nature of elementary particles based on experimental data
  - understanding "theory" and "experiment" is important
- There are many unsolved problems
  - Dark Matter, Dark Energy, Neutrino Mass, Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe .....
- We must have something beyond the Standard Model, but not found yet.

# Our Group

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