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## *The Large Hadron Collider, and New Avenues in Elementary Particle Physics*

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# CERN

European  
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Nuclear  
Research

# LHC

Large  
Hadron  
Collider



This machine  
MICROSCOPE



is the strongest  
in the world



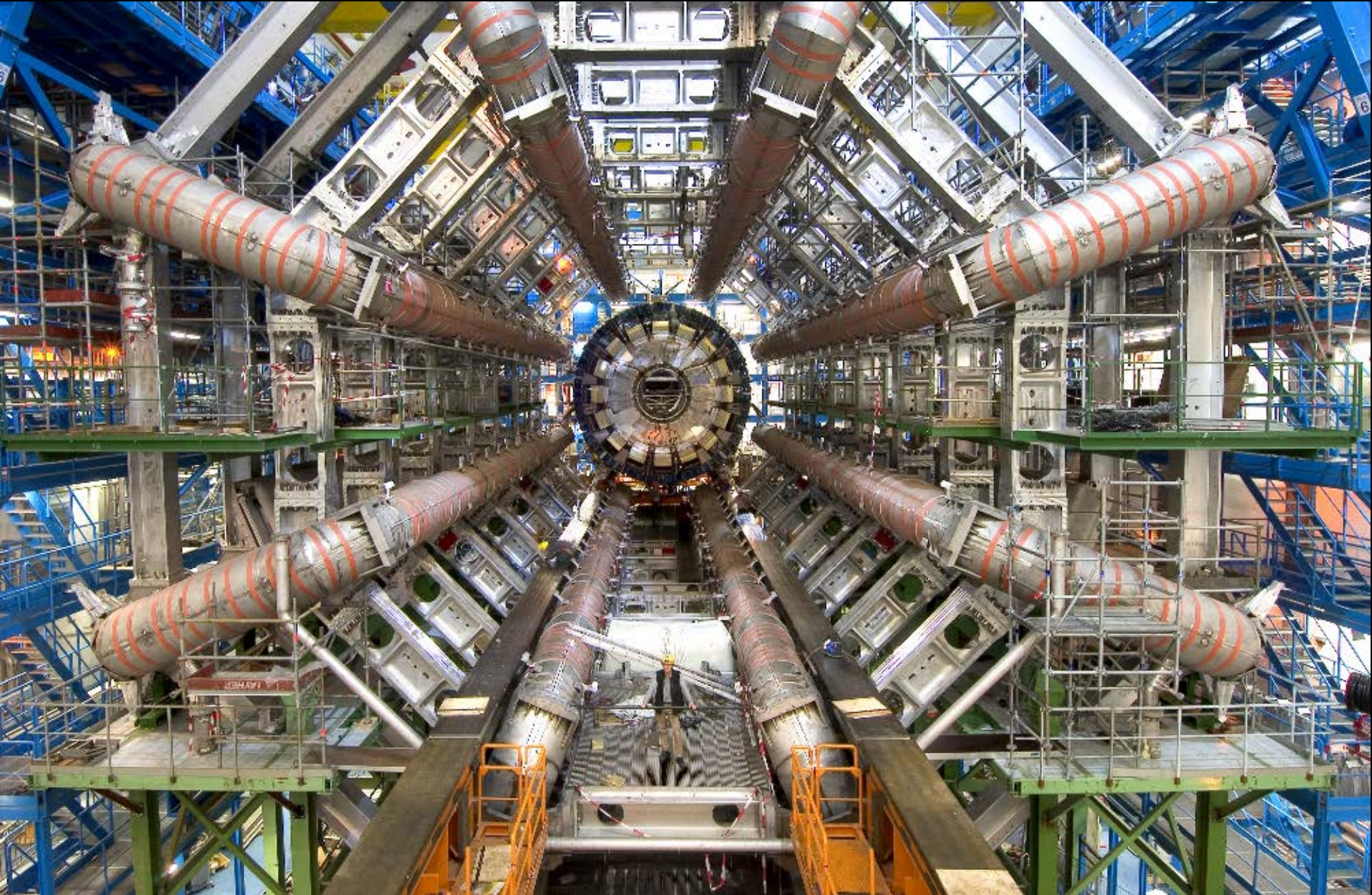
Large Hadron Collider, Geneva: 7 + 7 TeV collisions

$p + p$





# The Atlas Detector





- The accelerator has nearly 10,000 superconducting magnets; main dipoles weigh 35 tons, 15 meters long.
- The magnets are cooled by 130 tons of helium held at 1.9 and 4.2 K
- The accelerator contains about 15,000 MegaJoules of magnetic energy
- 1200 tons of Nb-Ti superconducting cables were used to wind the magnets
- There is a 0.01% variation in field quality among the 1232 main dipole magnets

One of the first assignments for this machine:

“Find the *Higgs* particle”

Why do we want such a particle?

What does it have to do with the masses of the other particles?

Why is it called “God Particle” ?

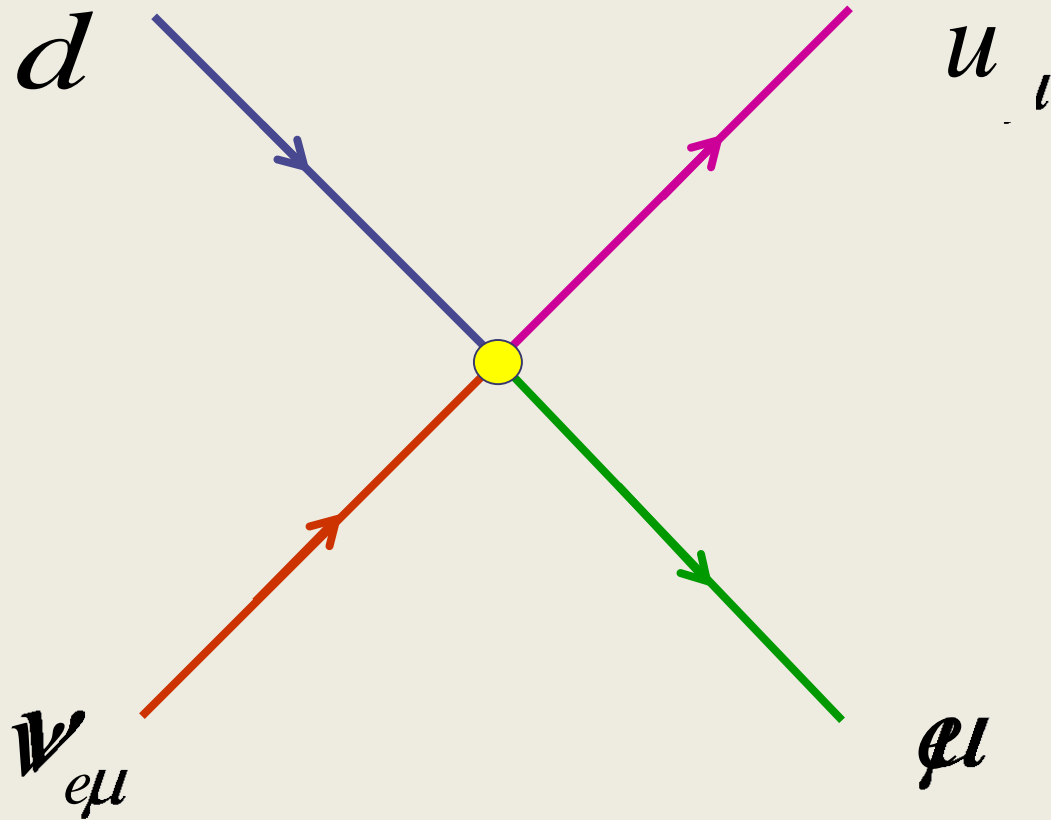
The story is more complicated  
– and much more interesting ! – than the religious story

The Higgs particle is a product of *theory* !

*A brief history*

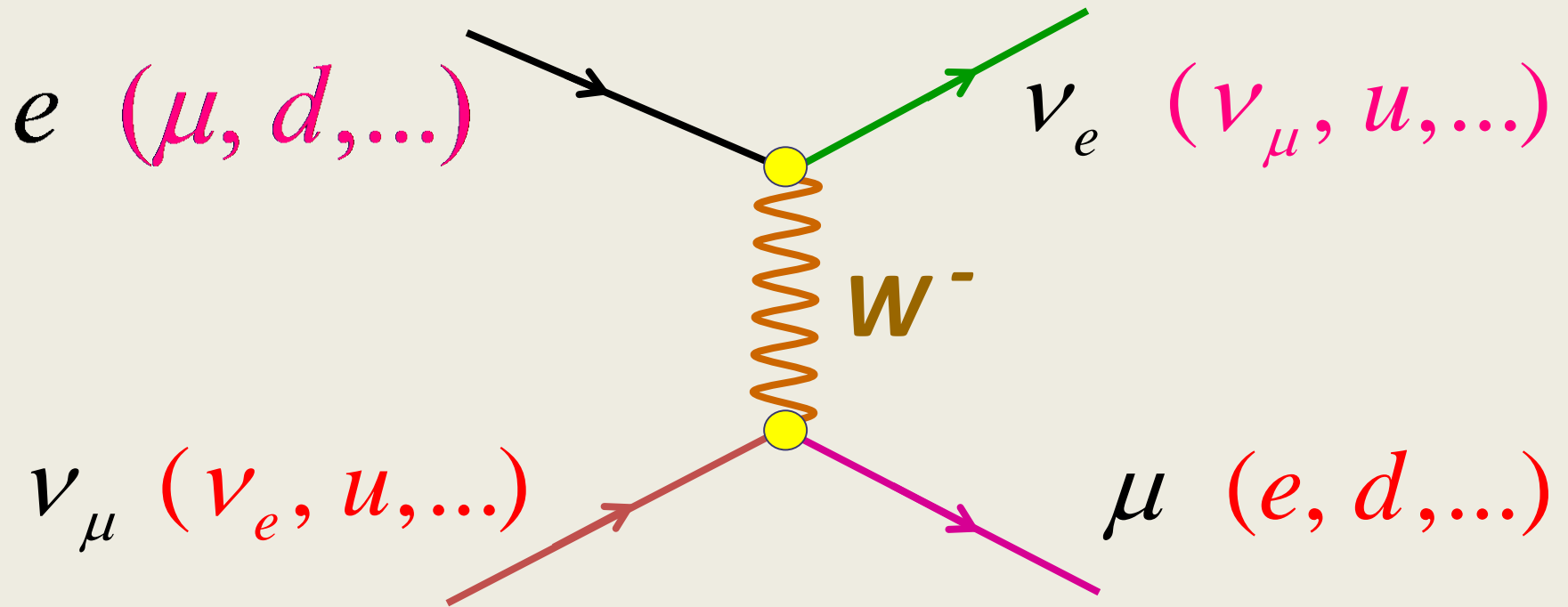
# The Weak Force

the fundamental FERMION interaction:

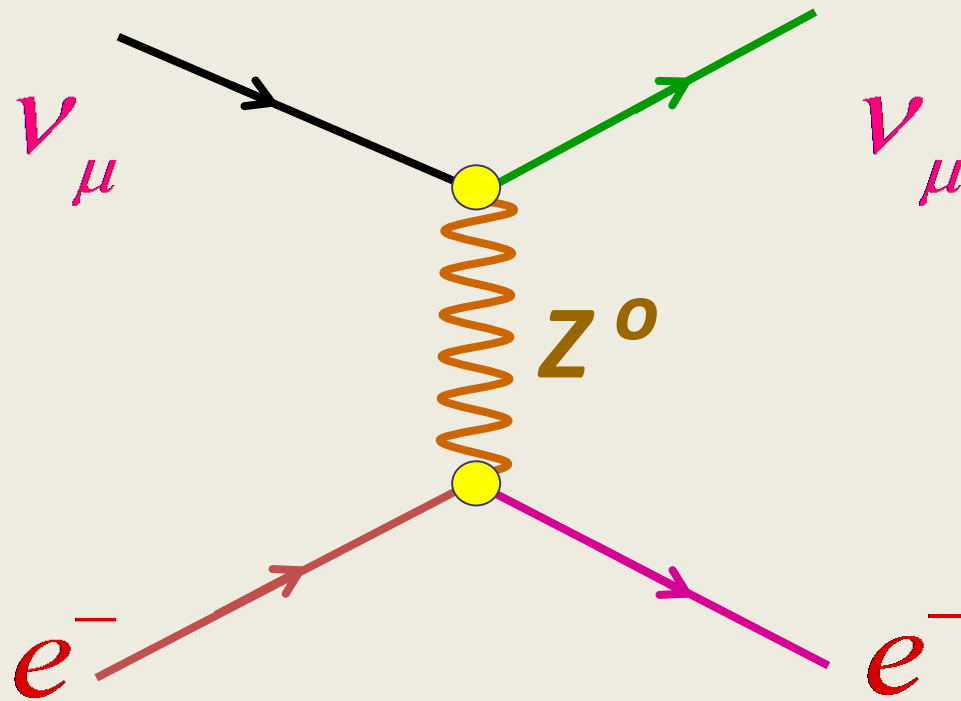




# The INTERMEDIATE VECTOR BOSON



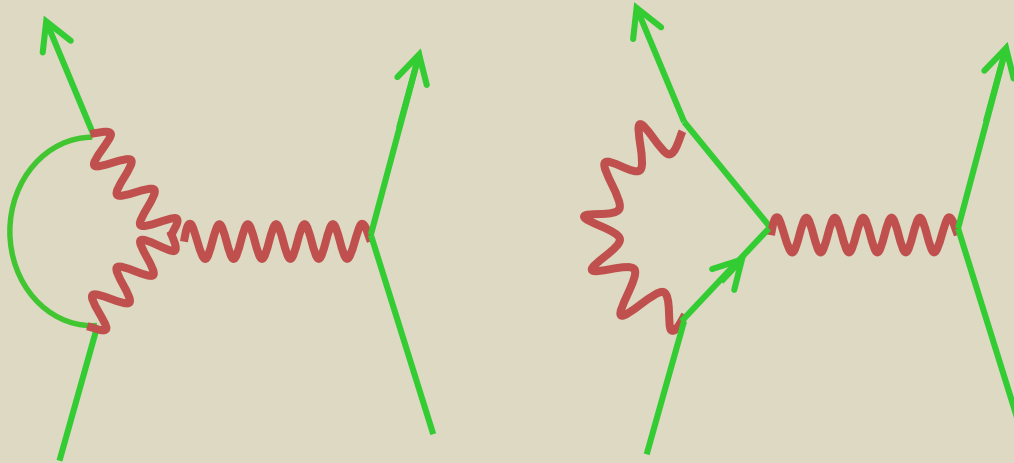
# The NEUTRAL COMPONENT





1968: attempts to calculate more subtle effects failed.

The theory was not yet right ...



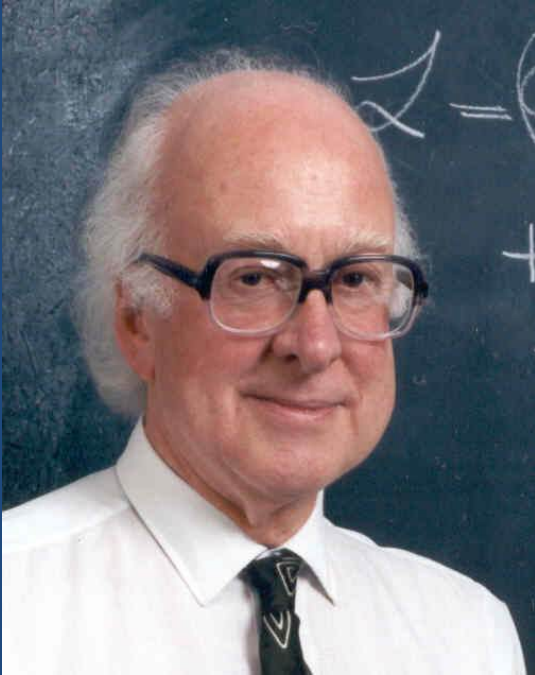
M. Veltman

These interactions seemed to be infinitely strong!

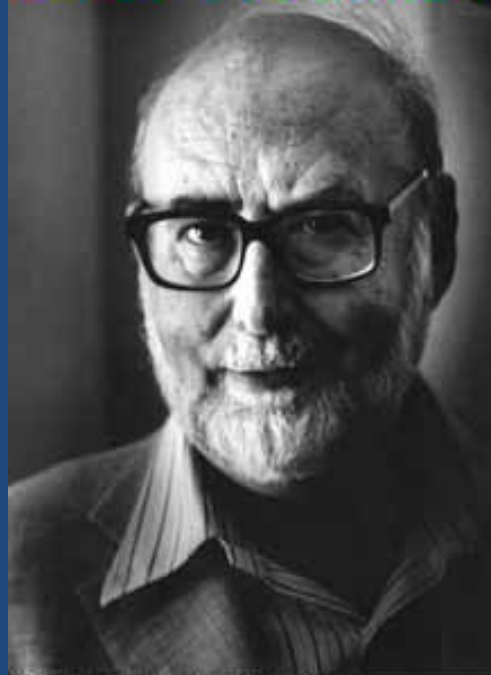
To do it right, more was needed. We had to understand how to accommodate for particles with **mass**, and how to break the *Left – right symmetry*



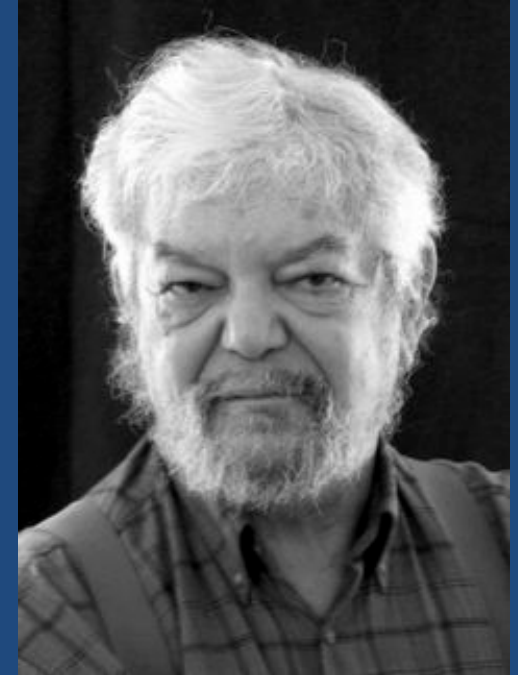




Peter Higgs



Fr. Englert



Robert Brout

proposed *Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking*

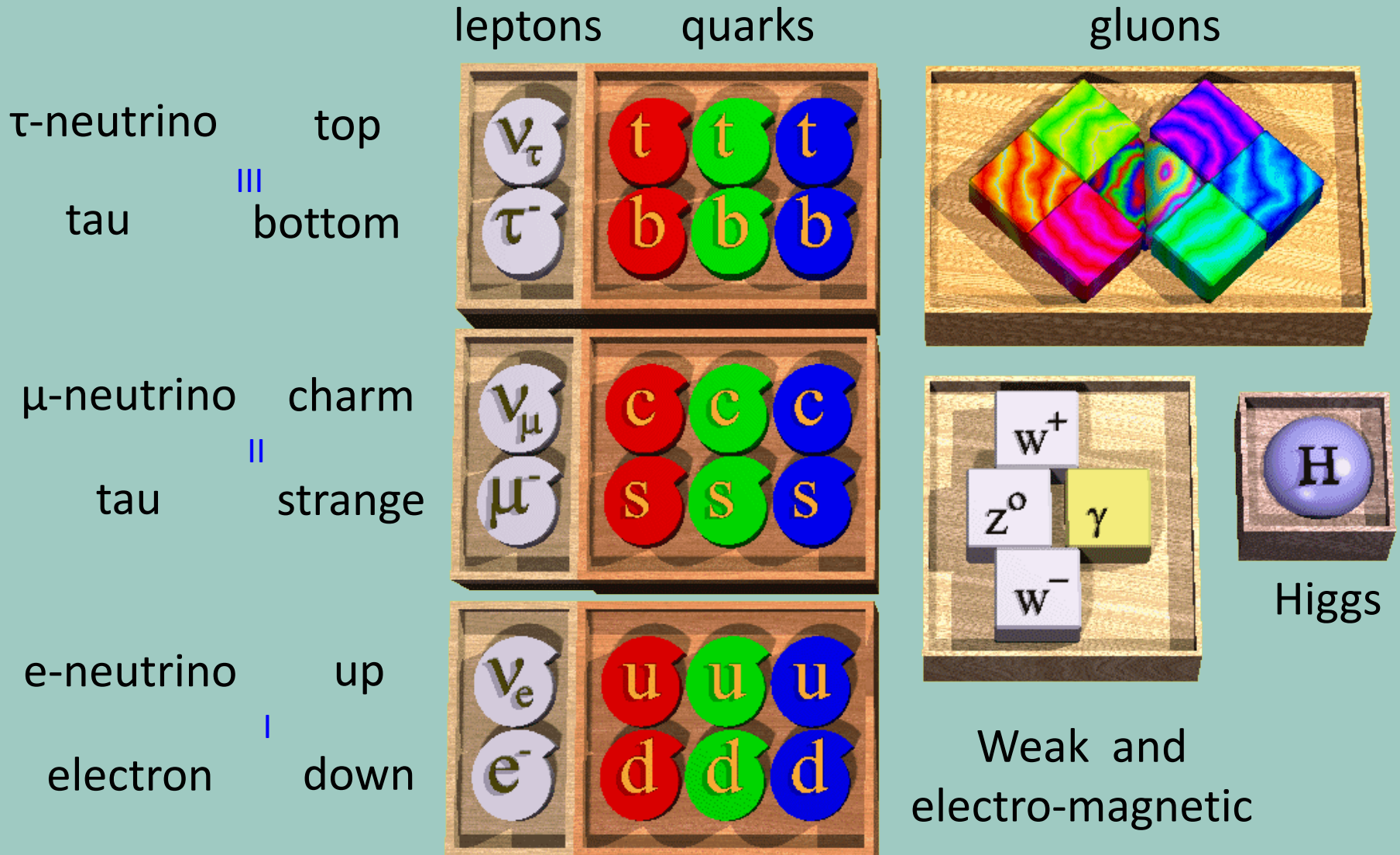
Complete symmetry  $\rightarrow$  particles without mass

Spontaneous symmetry breaking gives mass.

The “vacuum” is saturated with ‘Higgs particles’ ....

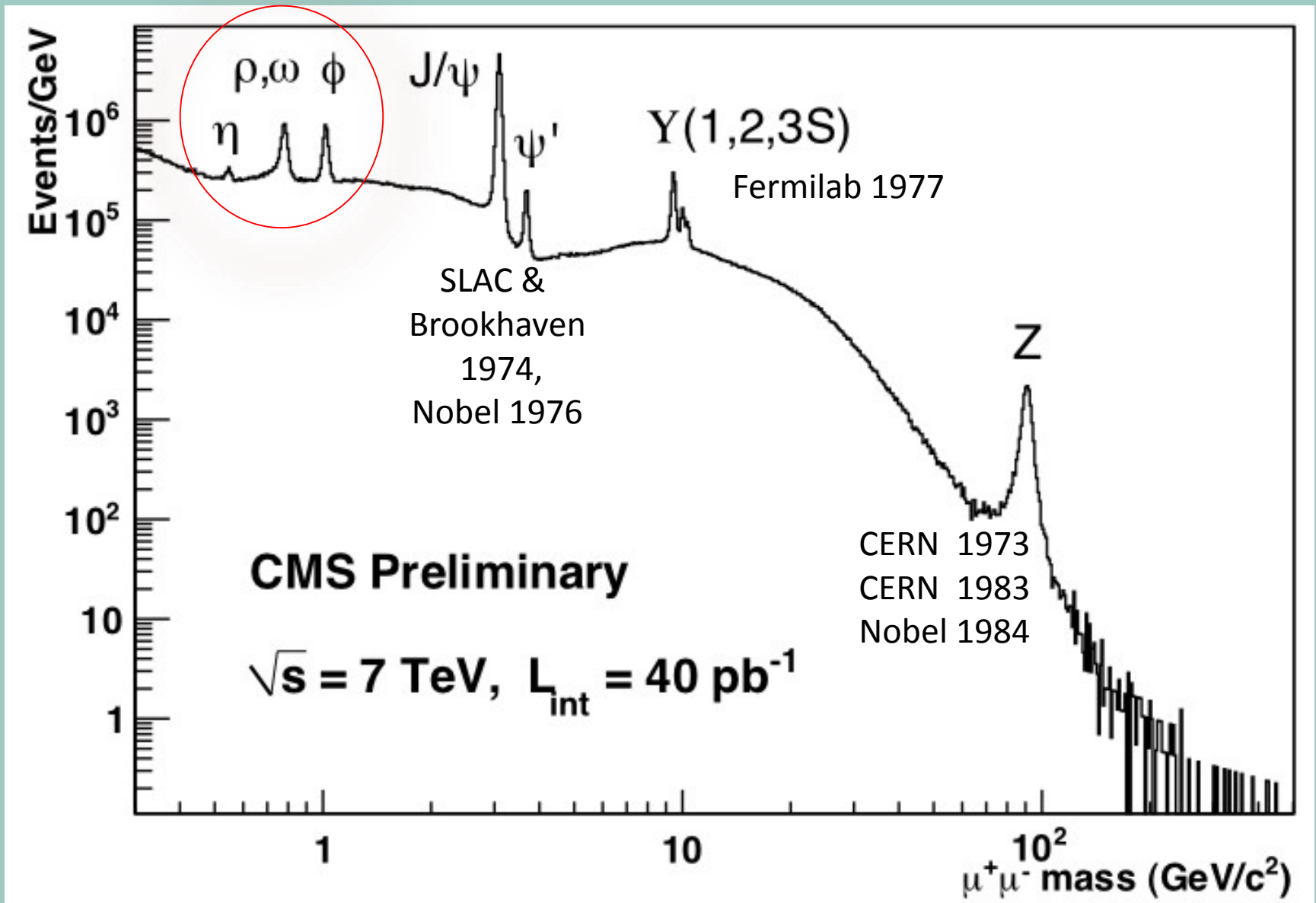
But they must also appear as *detectable* particles ...

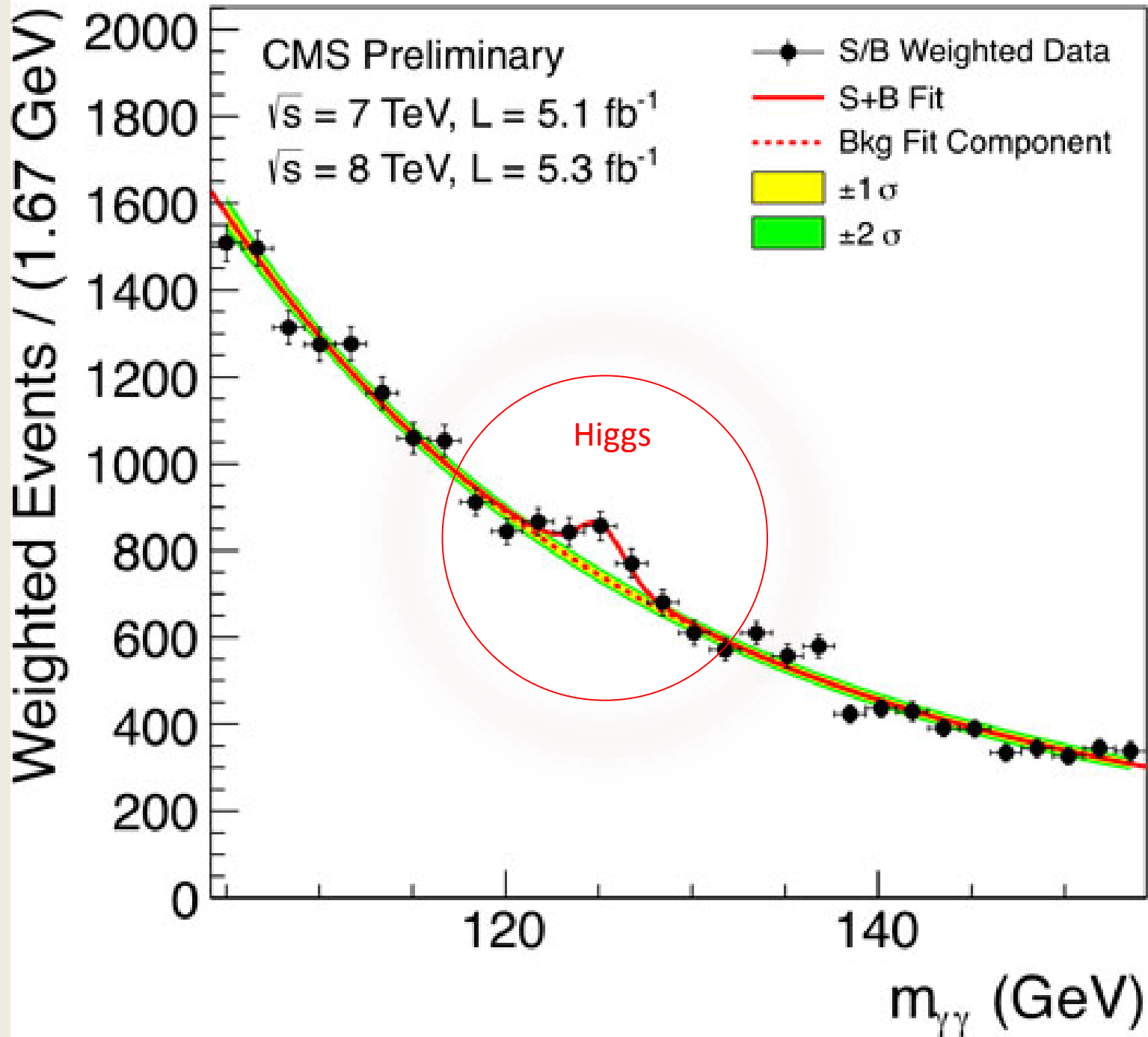
# The Standard Model



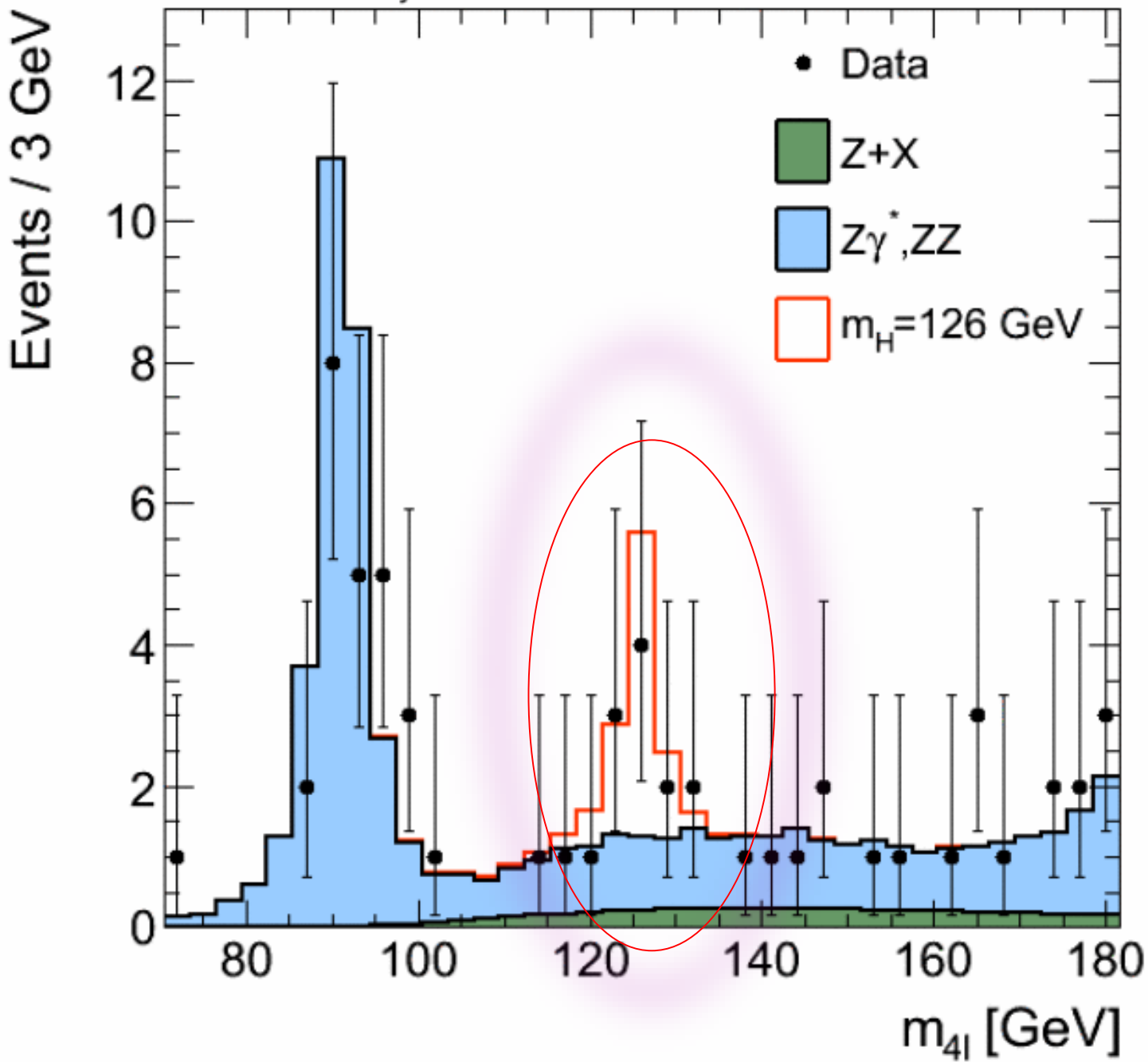


LHC (2012) reproduces past history of discoveries:











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July 4 2012 Higgs discovery

Planck length :  $10^{-35}$  m

TODAY's  
dream

Planck Energy

Black holes ?

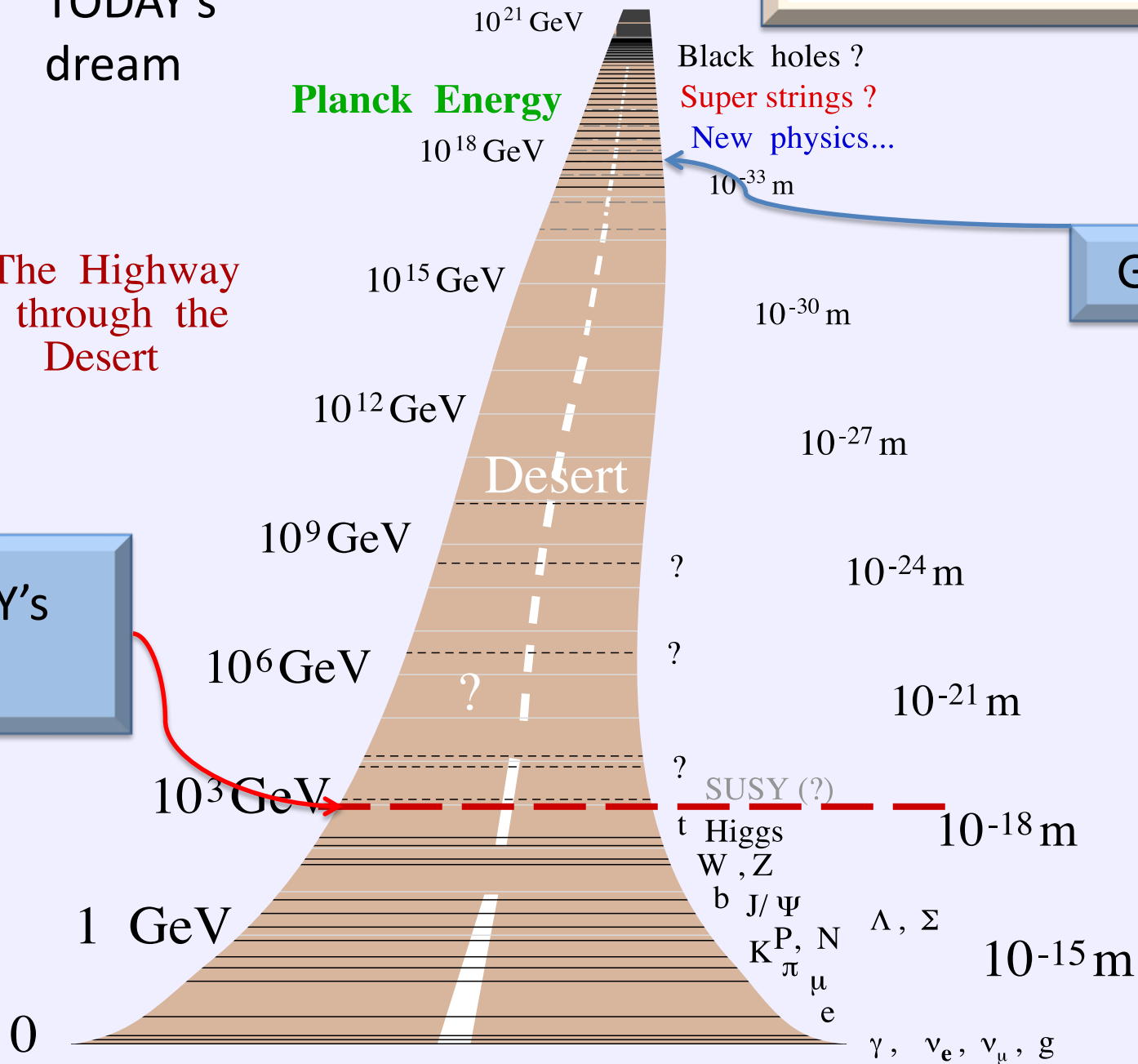
Super strings ?

New physics...

The Highway  
through the  
Desert

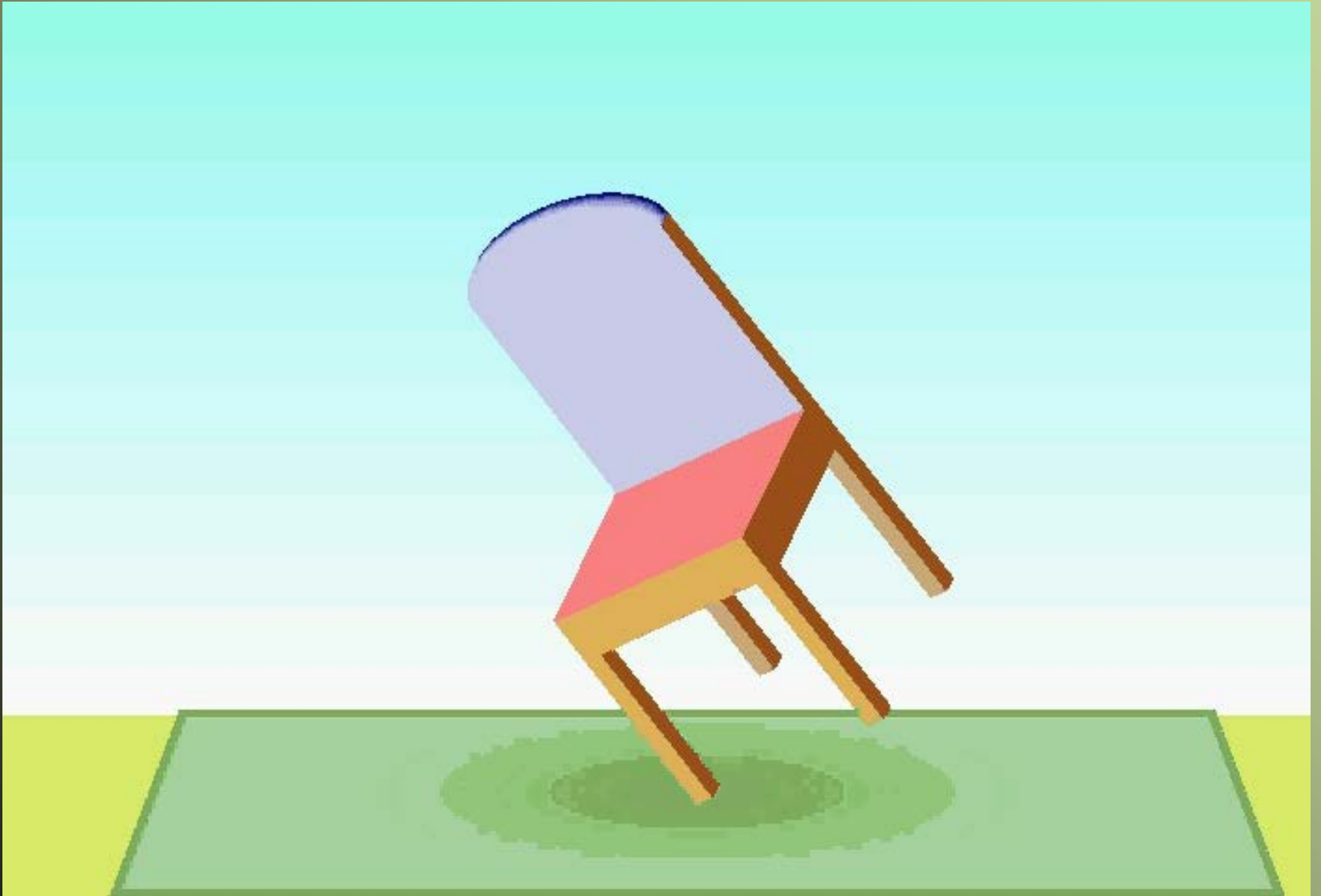
GUTs

TODAY's  
limit

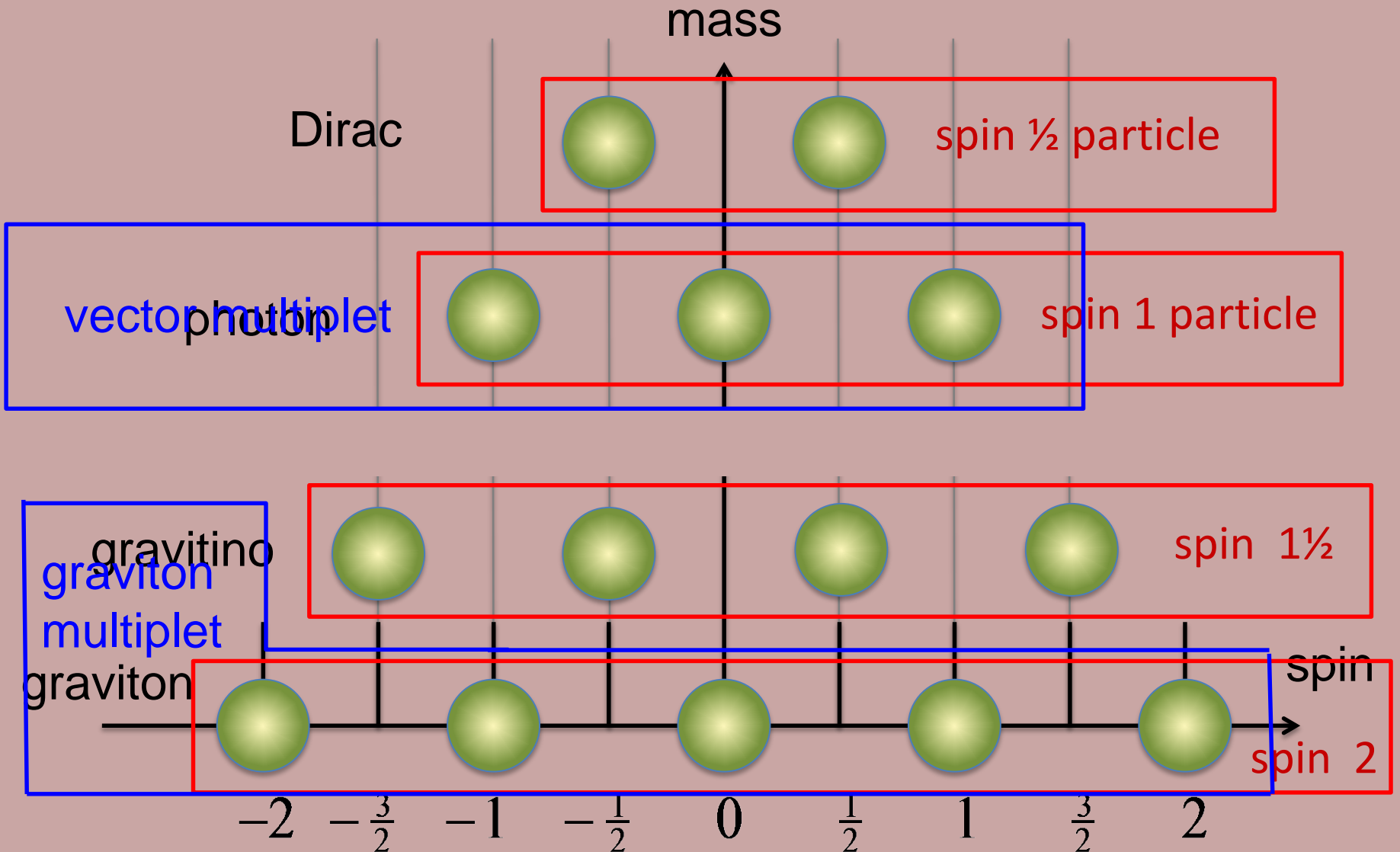




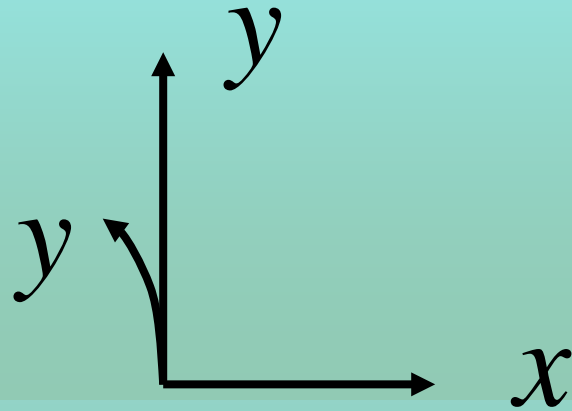
When applied to the smallest particles,  
the Standard Model becomes **unnatural**



**Supersymmetry:** an entirely new view on space and time would be the biggest modification since Einstein 1916



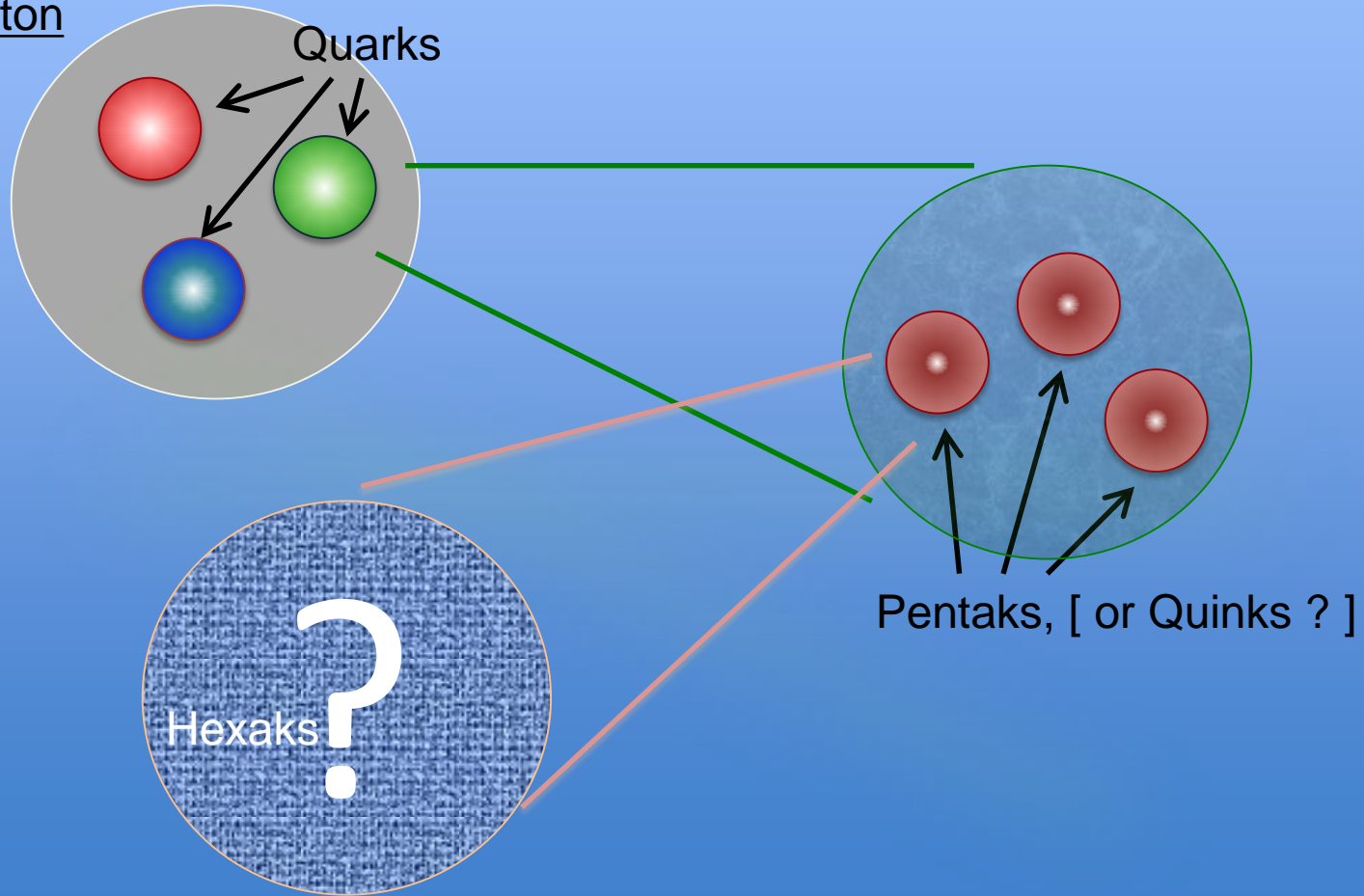
# Extra Dimensions





# “New smaller bulding blocks ?    Compositeness ?

Proton



## Problems with the compositeness idea:

Quarks and leptons are *light*, but their constituents must be *very pointlike* (invisible below a TeV).

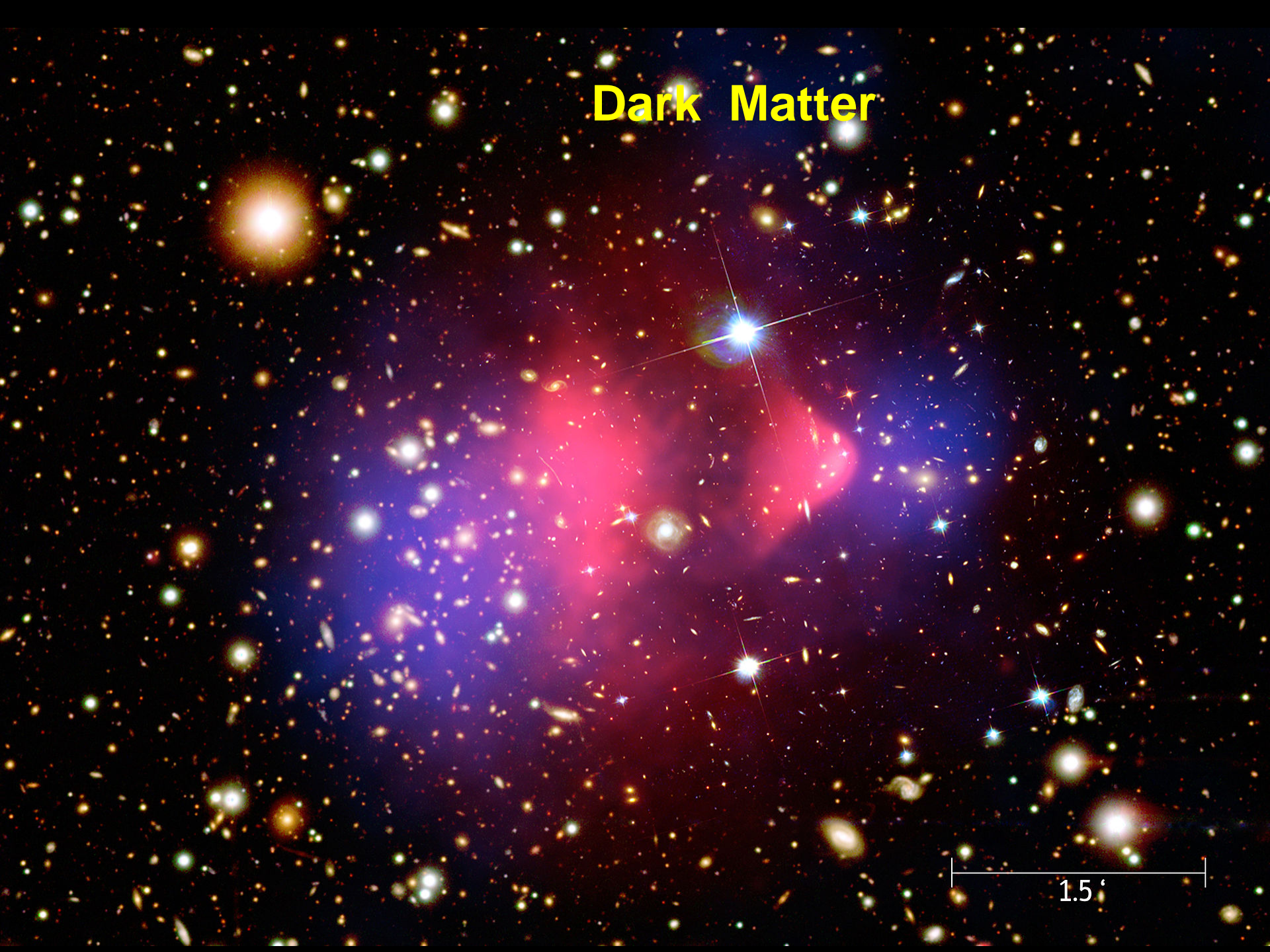
Compare: pions are light, yet quarks are pointlike  
Pions are *protected* by the conservation of  
the chiral current (PCAC)

We need such a protection mechanism for the quarks and the leptons.

These are complicated mathematical conditions for the pentaks; no realistic solutions found.

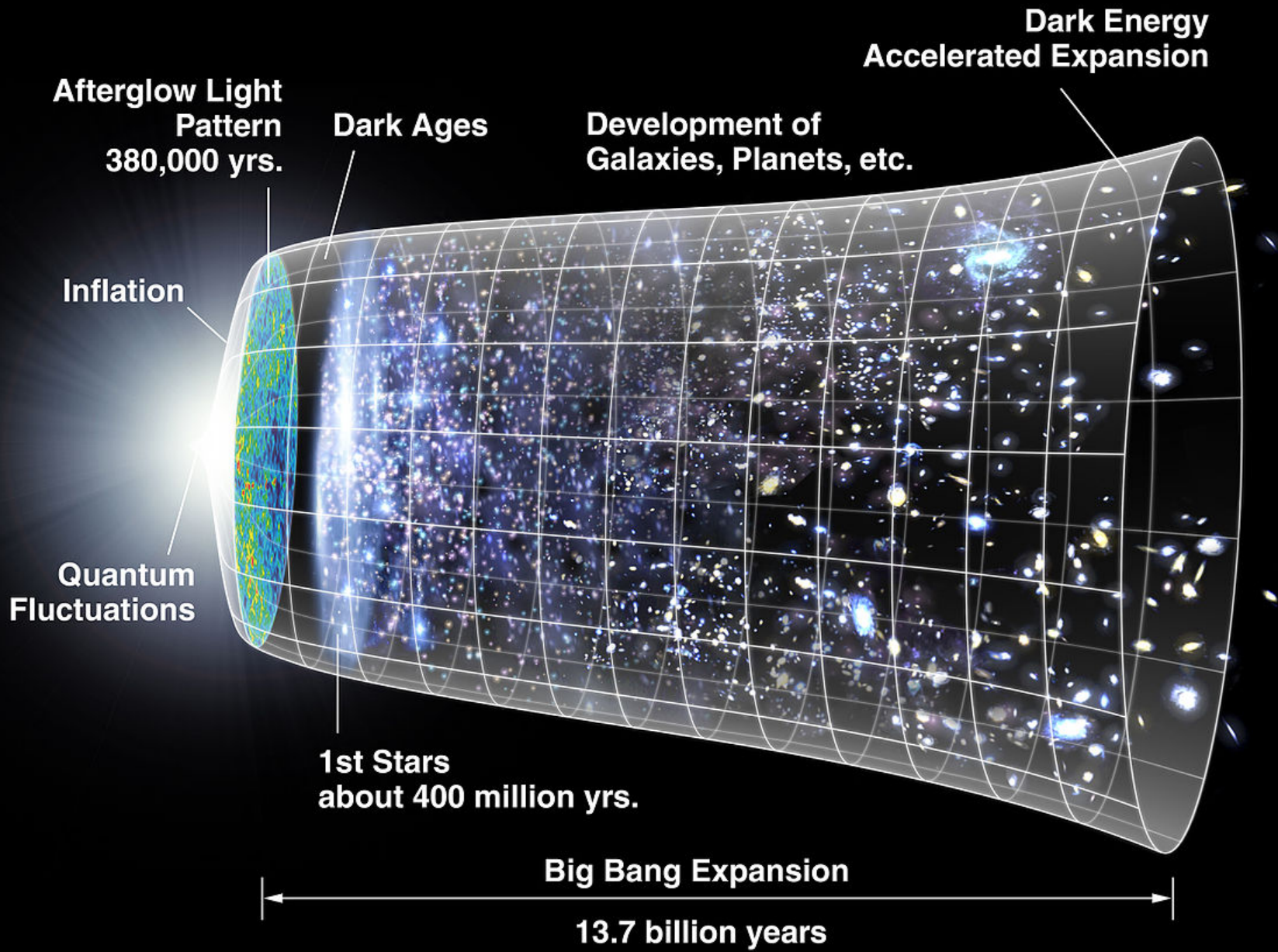
***Theory does not work well mathematically***

# Dark Matter



1.5'

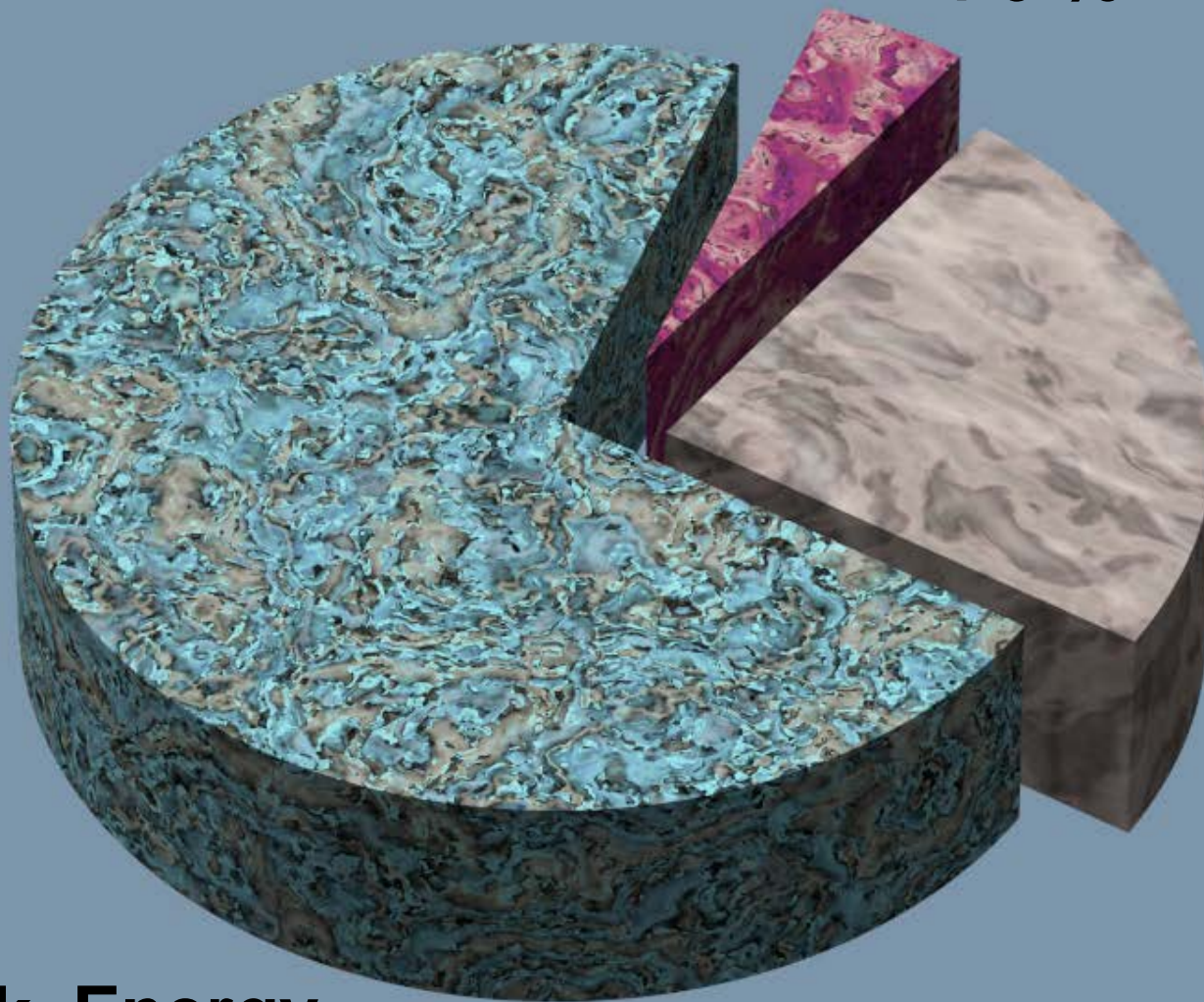




**Visible Matter**  
4.6 %

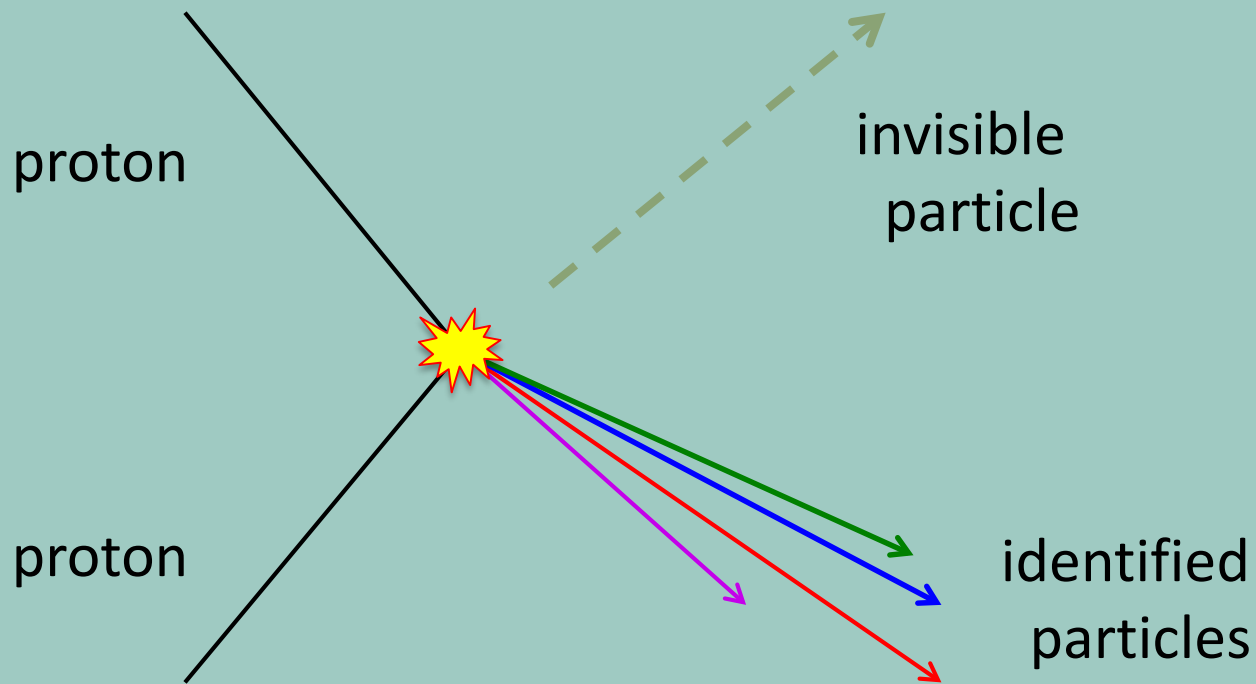
**Dark Matter**  
24 %

**Dark Energy**  
71.4 %

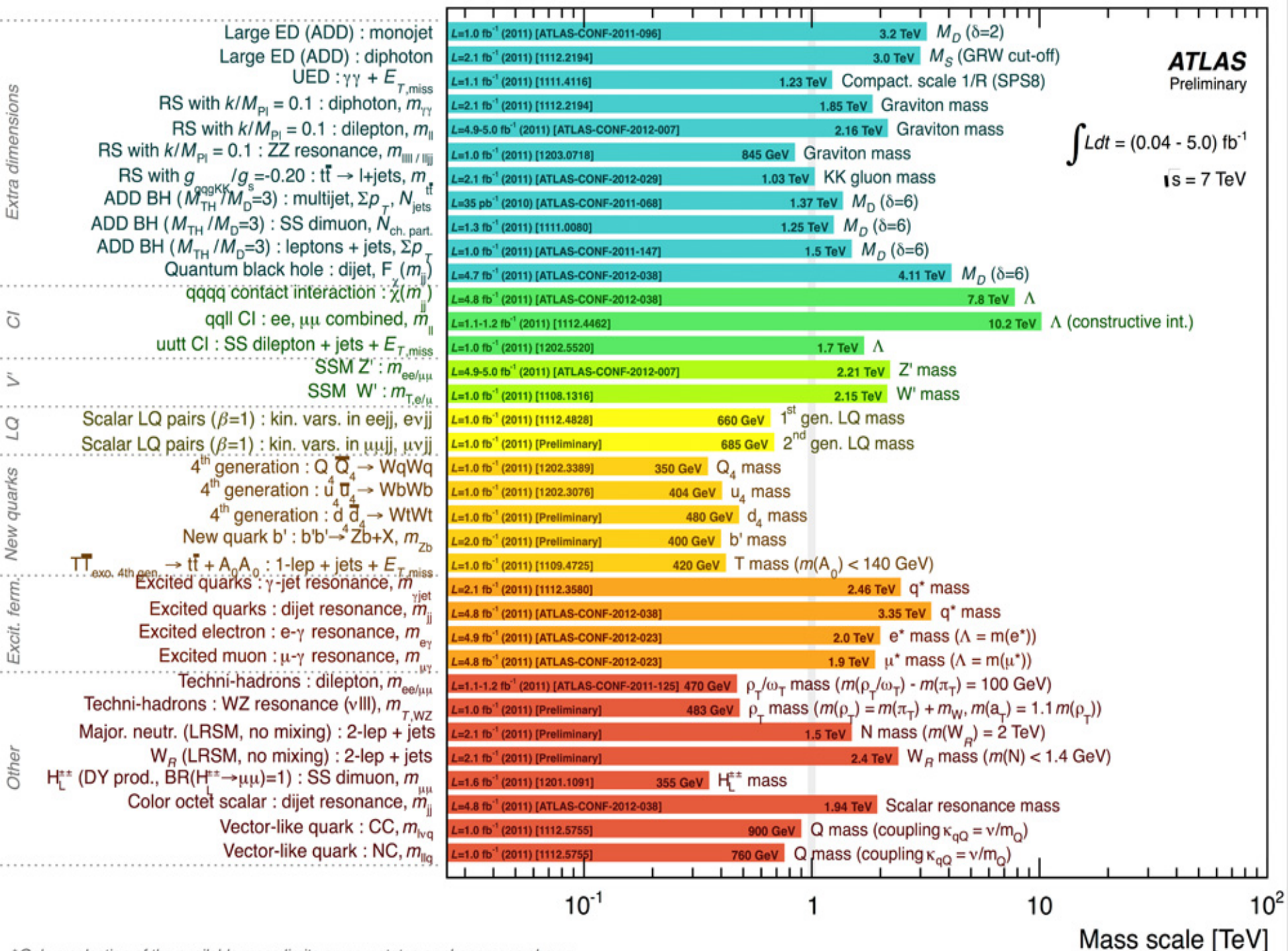


What are these dark matter particles?

Perhaps LHC will show interactions with  
“missing mass/energy”

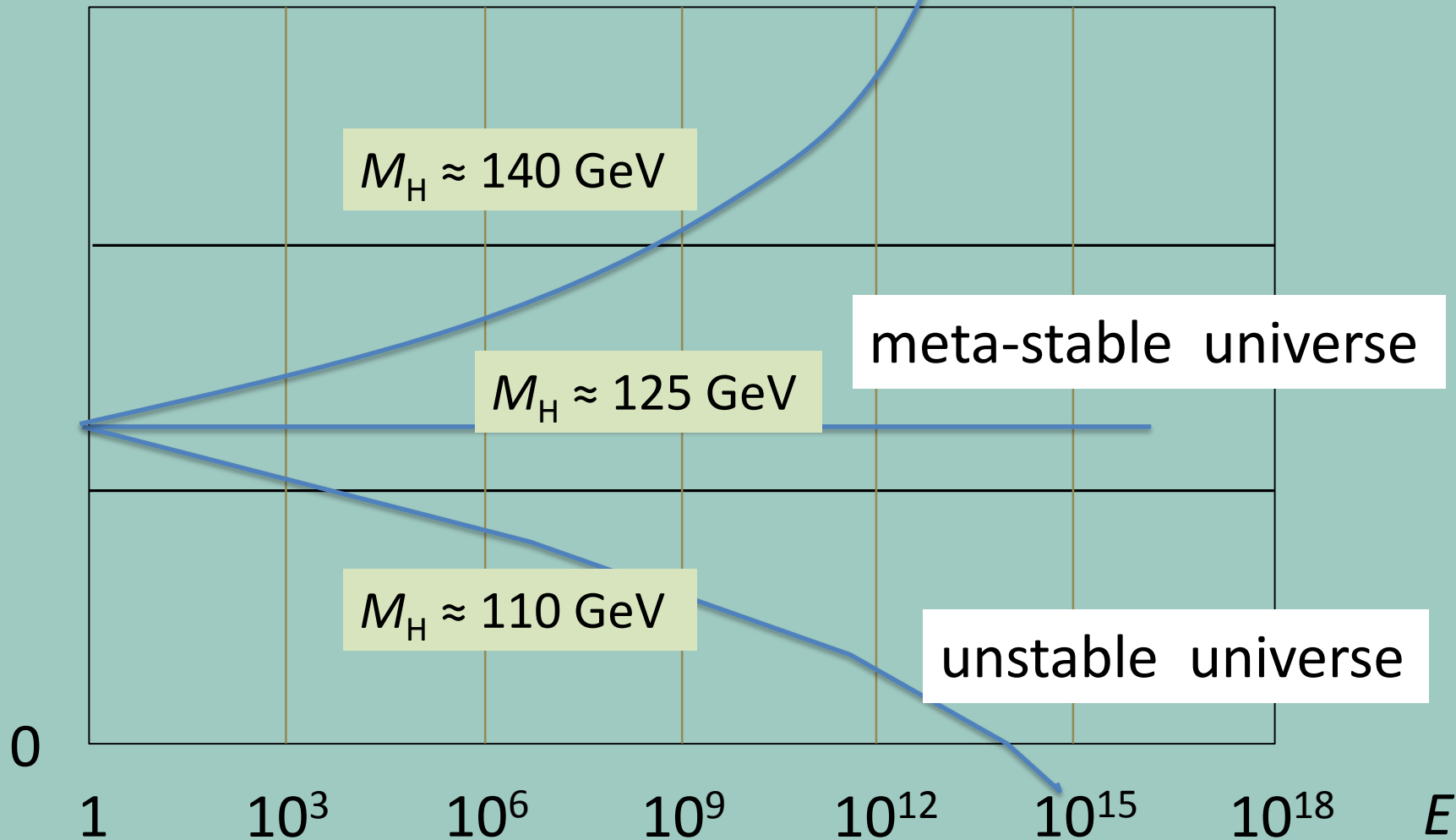






# The Higgs field self-coupling

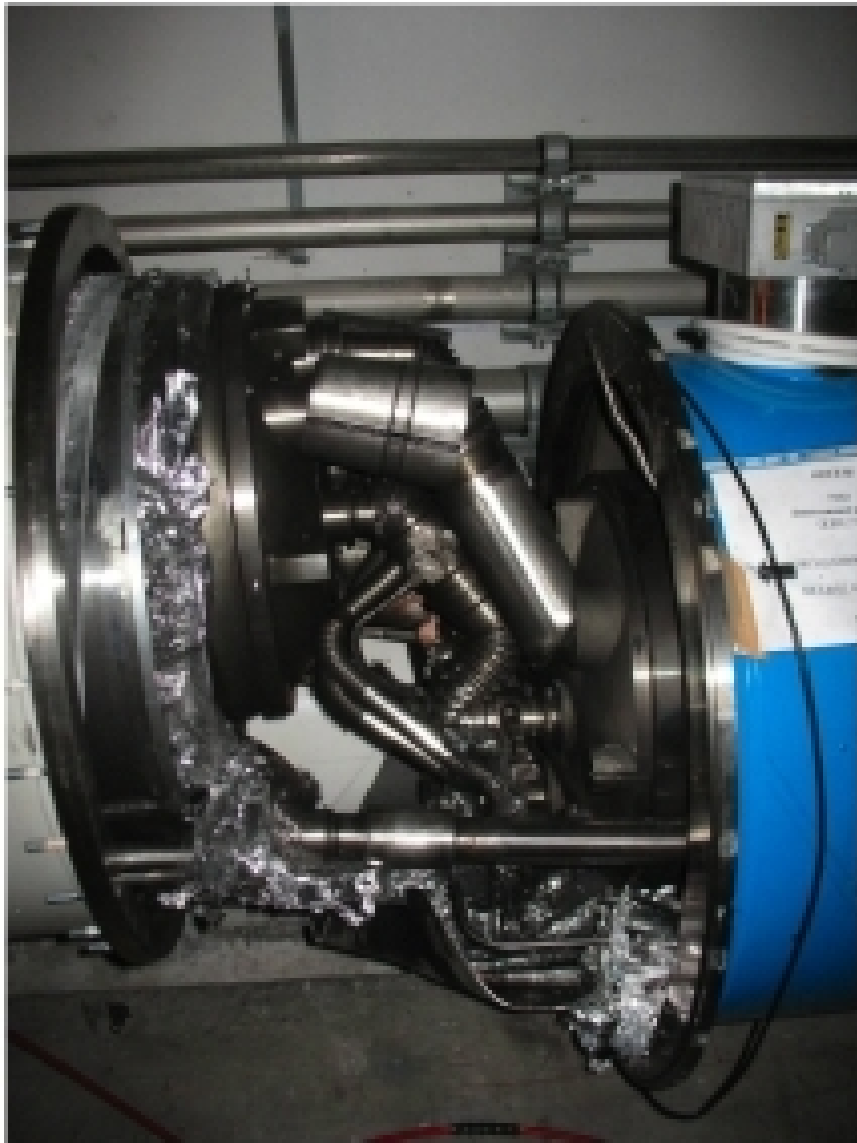
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This may already be the sign of  
“new physics” from the LHC ...



**THE END**



Sept. 19, 2008



