

A night sky with the Milky Way galaxy visible, silhouetted against a dark background. The text is overlaid on the sky.

THE MYSTERIOUS UNIVERSE

Exploring Our World
With Particle Accelerators

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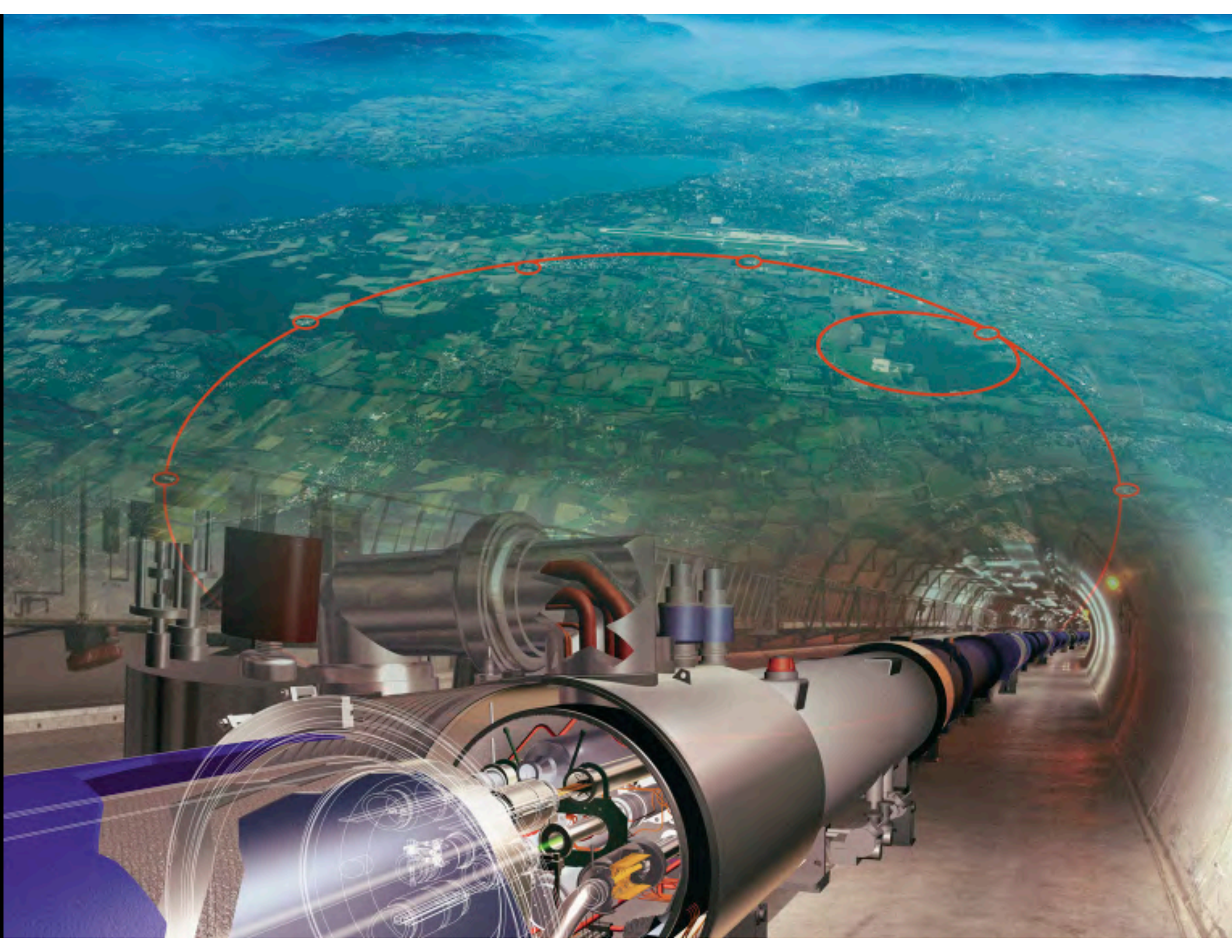
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Large Hadron Collider



17 mile ring circumference

300 feet underground

1600 SuperC magnets @ 8.3 Tesla

Temp= 2 K

10,000 MegaJoules stored energy

600,000,000 collisions per second

at 14,000,000,000,000 eVolts

Large Hadron Collider



**Proton beam stores 700 MegaJoules
equiv. to 747 energy on take-off
enough to melt 1/2 ton copper**

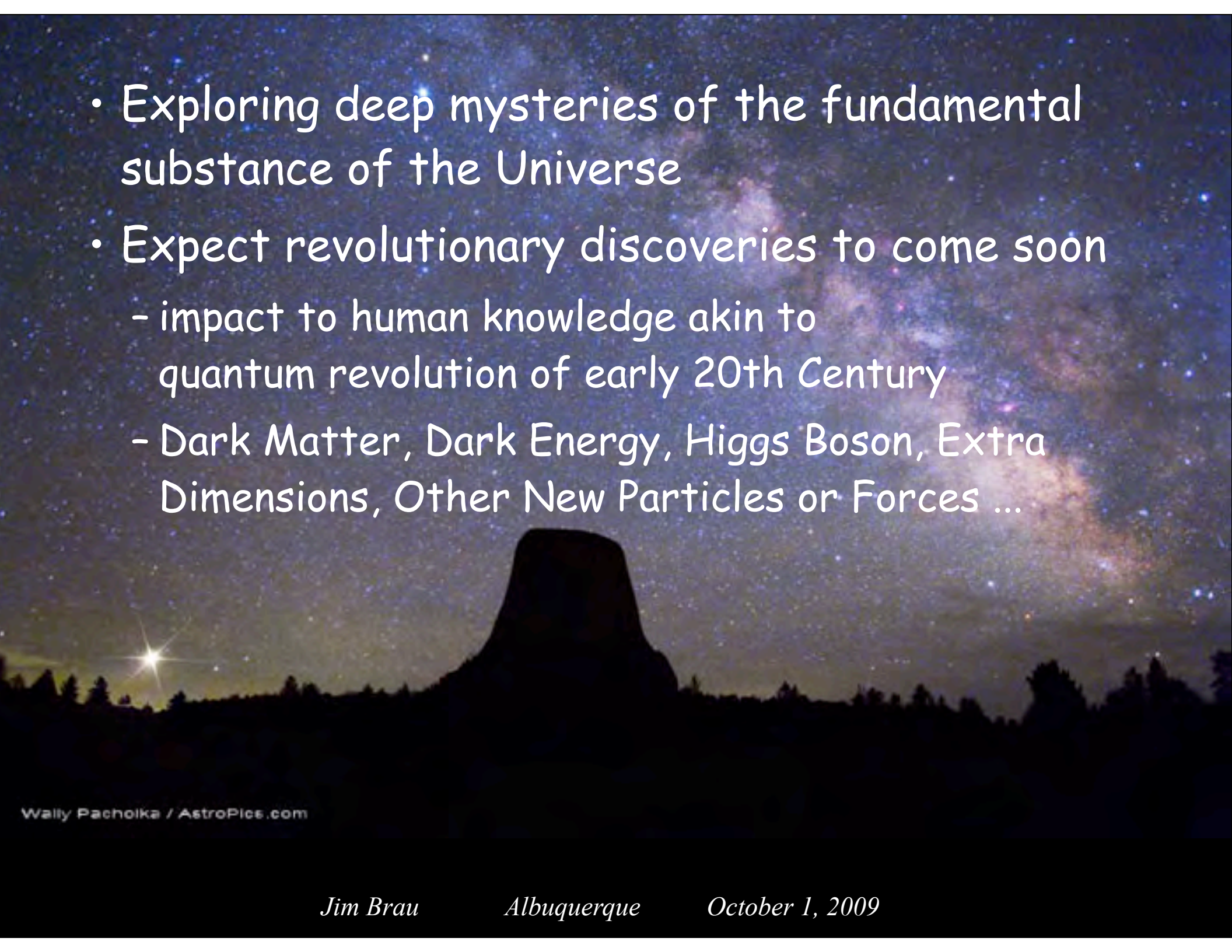


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- Exploring deep mysteries of the fundamental substance of the Universe
 - Expect revolutionary discoveries to come soon
 - impact to human knowledge akin to quantum revolution of early 20th Century
 - Dark Matter, Dark Energy, Higgs Boson, Extra Dimensions, Other New Particles or Forces ...

Galileo Galilei

1609



<http://physics-animations.com>

image from Science 16 January 2009

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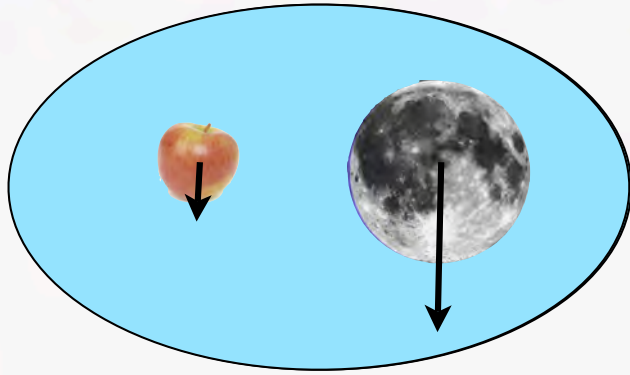


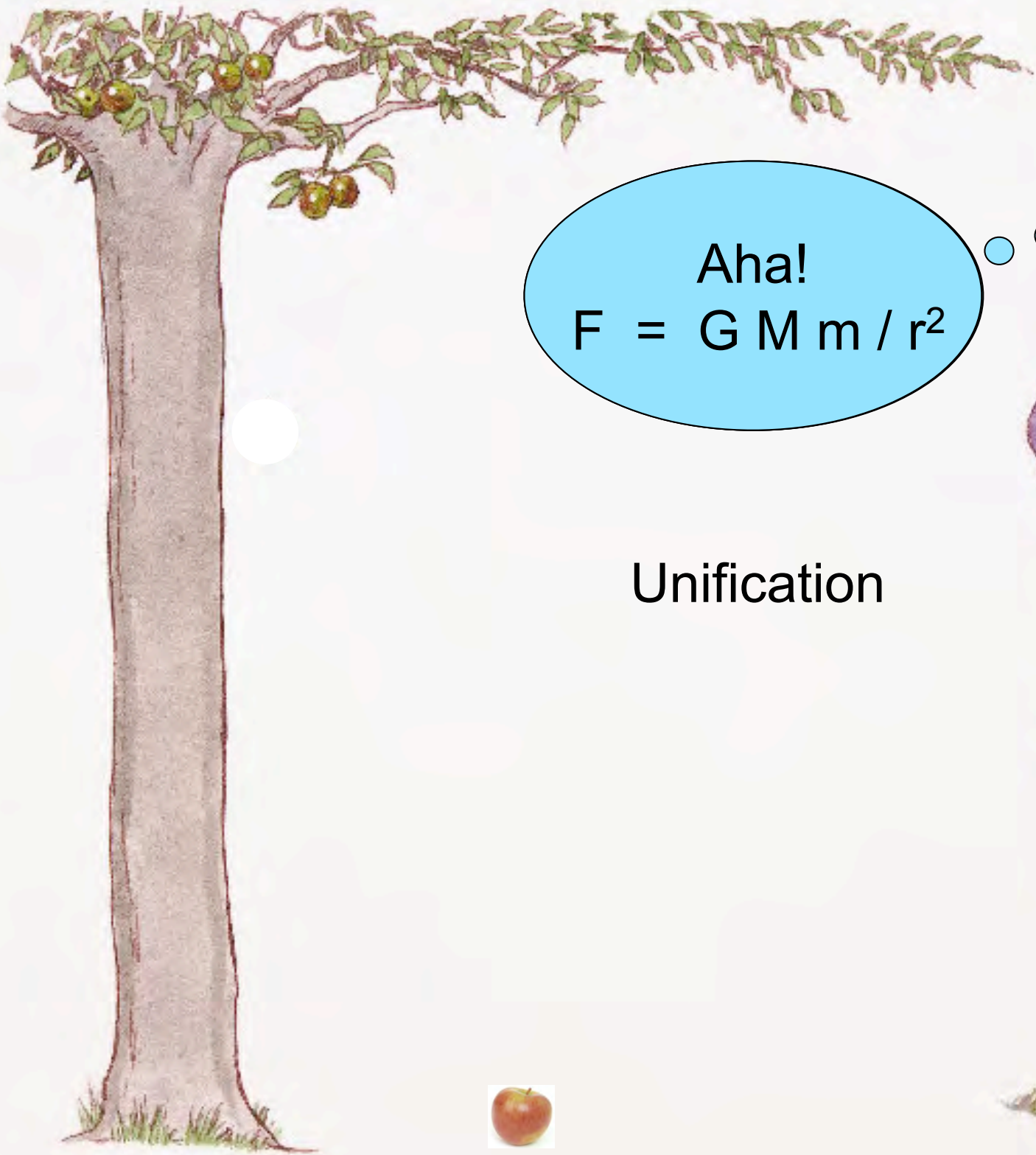
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Aha!
$$F = G M m / r^2$$



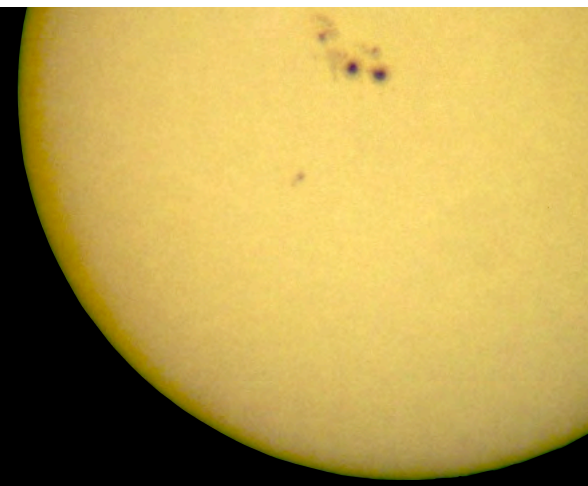
Unification



A bright sun is visible in the upper left quadrant of the image, shining through a clear blue sky. The sun is partially obscured by a large, fluffy white cloud that extends from the top center towards the right. Other smaller white clouds are scattered throughout the sky, particularly on the right side. The overall scene is a clear, bright day.

What is the Sun's source of energy

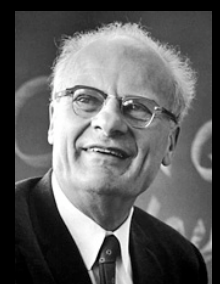
Solar Energy



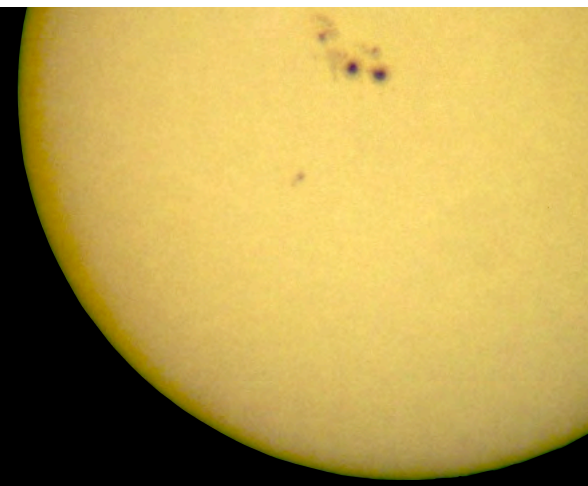
- What is the Sun's source of energy?
 - 19th Century - Chemical reactions? (burning)
 - Predicted solar lifetime too short - only 20,000 years
 - Evidence on Earth for much longer duration

- 20th Century

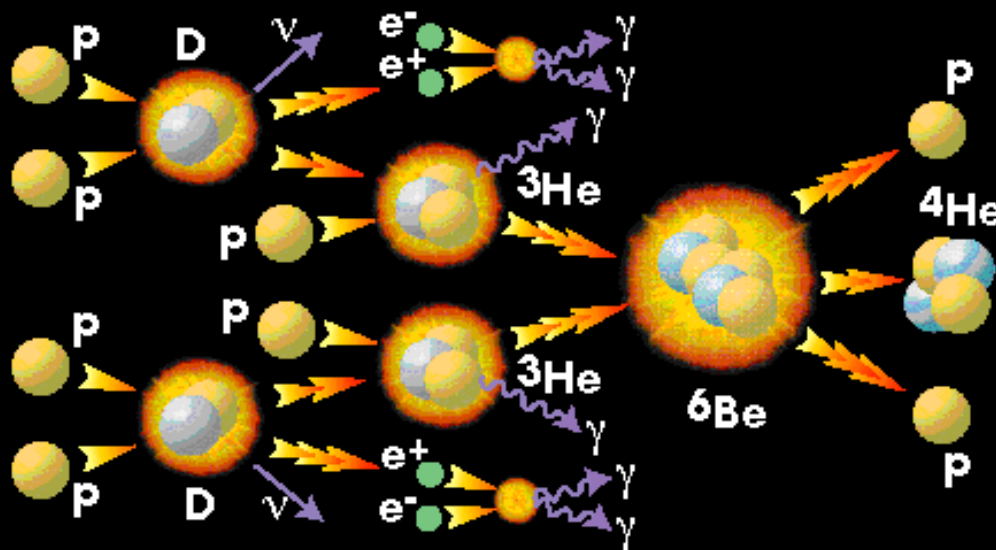
- Einstein's relativity $E=mc^2$
- discovery of atomic nucleus and nuclear reactions



Solar Energy

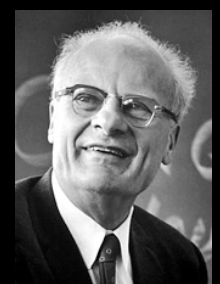


- What is the Sun's source of energy?



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Enough energy
for the Sun to shine
for ten billion years



Relativity

- When a man sits with a pretty girl for an hour, it seems like a minute.
- But let him sit on a hot stove for a minute—and it's longer than any hour.
- That's relativity.

A. Einstein

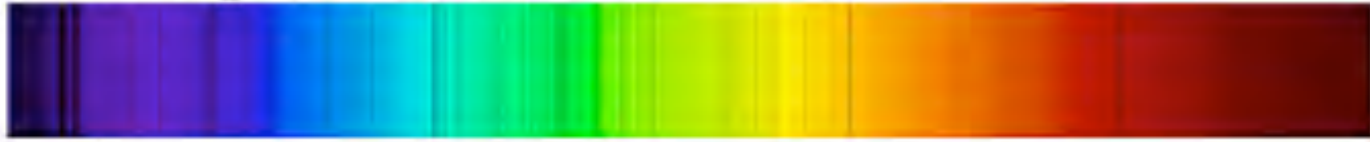




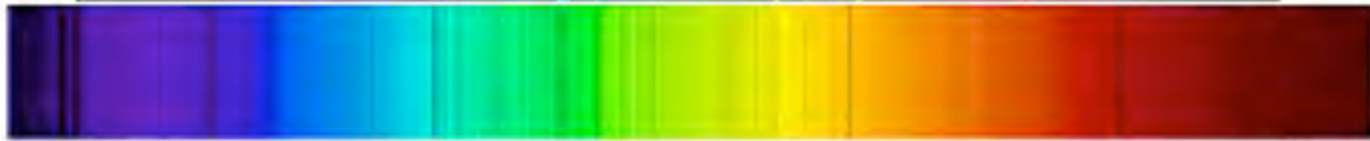
Solar Spectrum



Solar Spectrum



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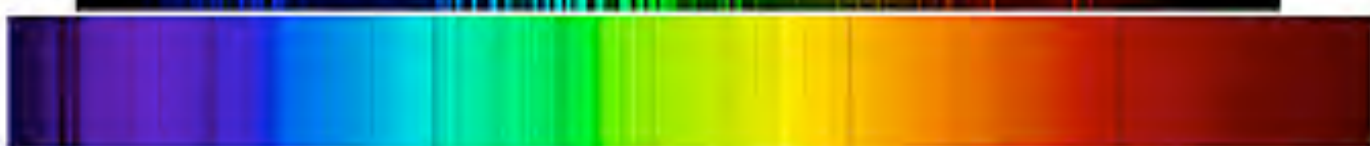
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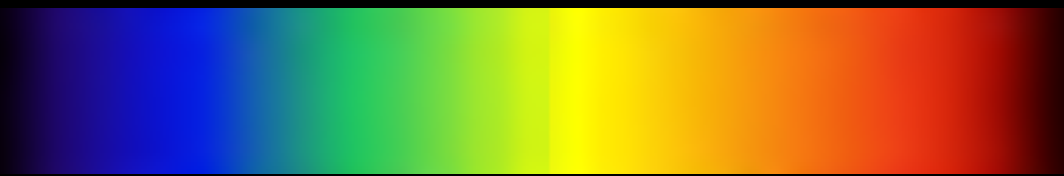
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Quasi-stellar Radio Sources (Quasars)



Quasars

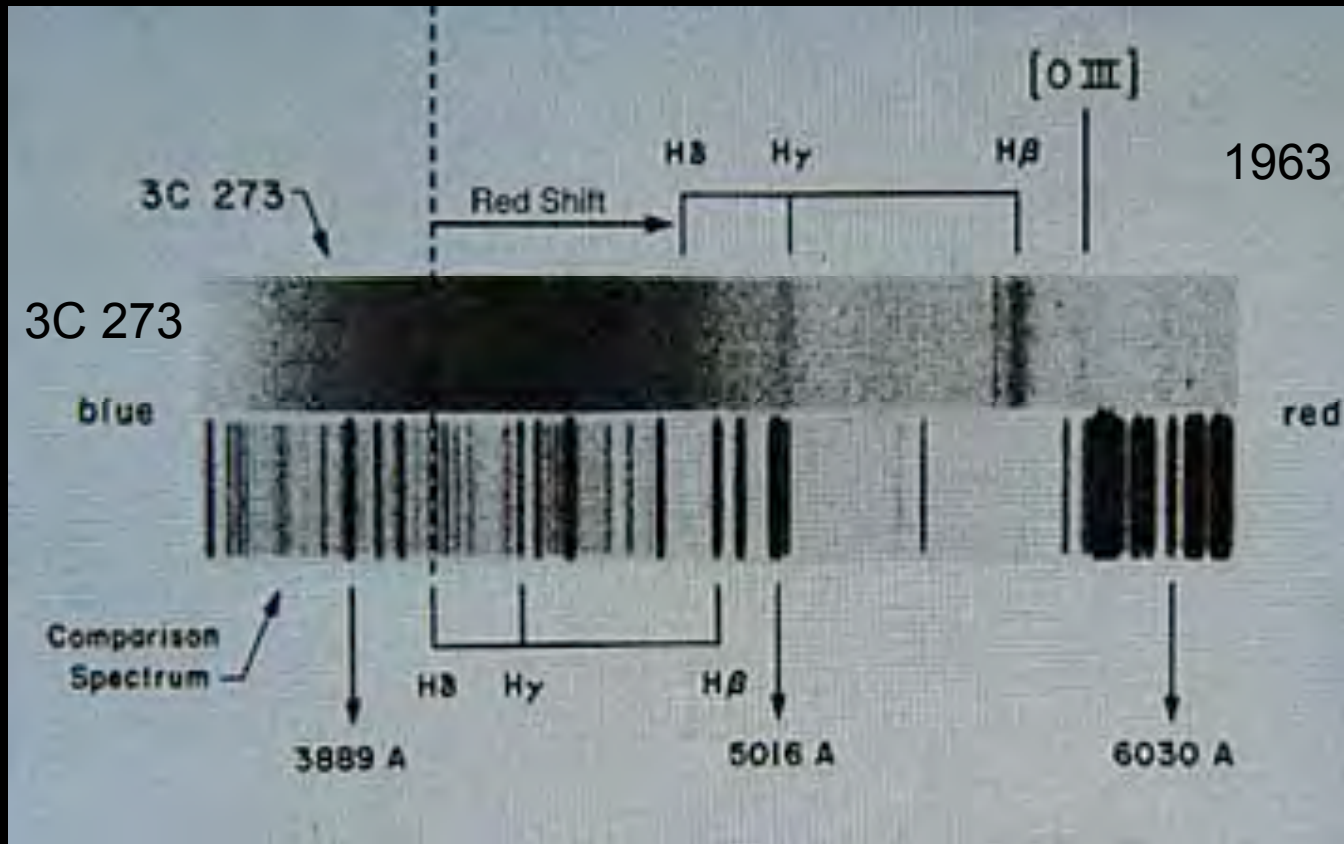
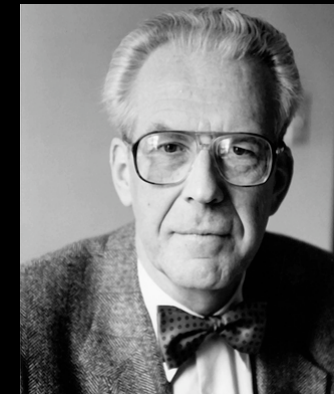


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Quasars

Brightest Objects
in the Universe

- Distant, Active Young Galaxies



Speed of recession
44,000 km/sec
15% speed of light!

Distance
2.4 billion light yrs

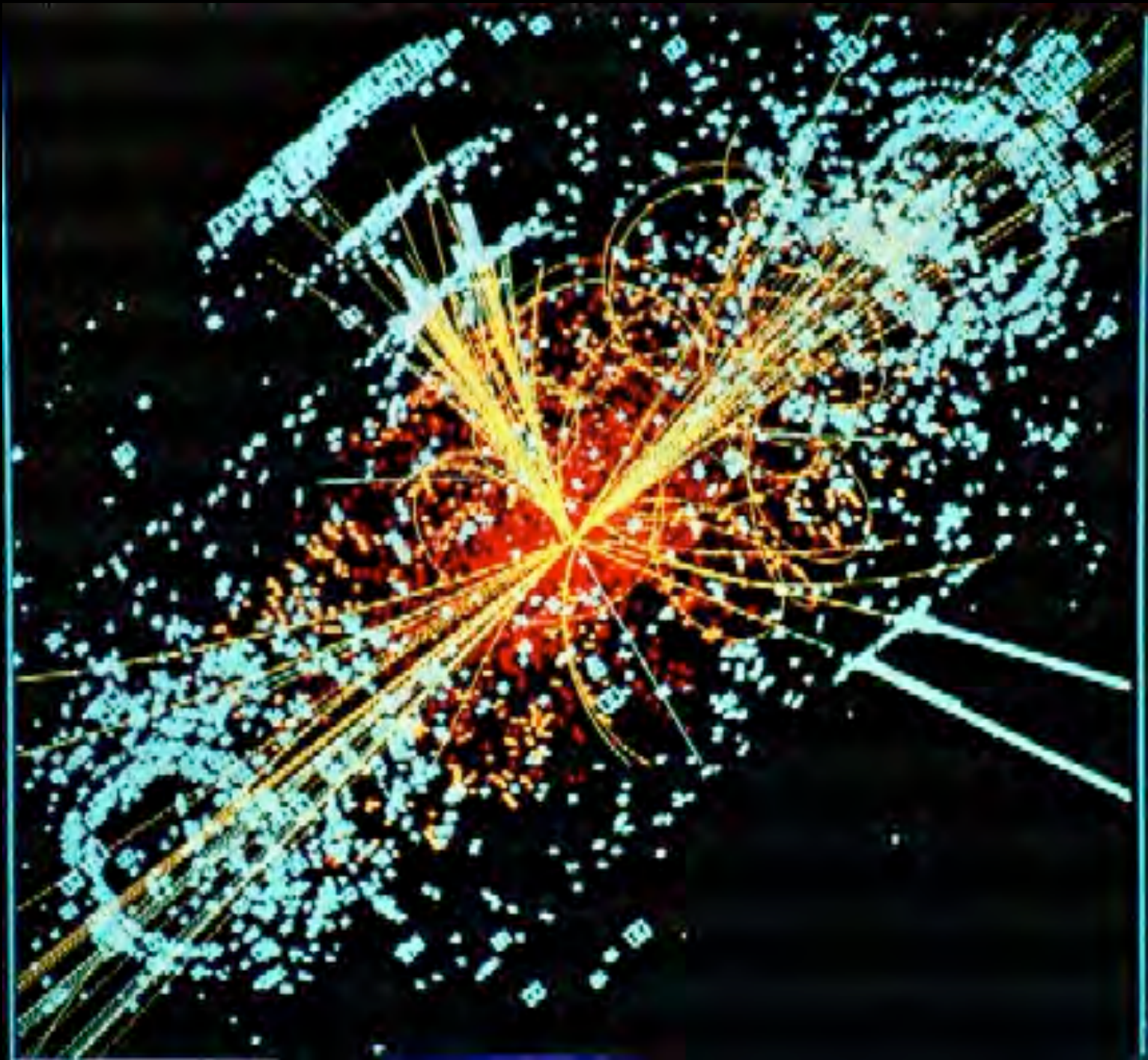


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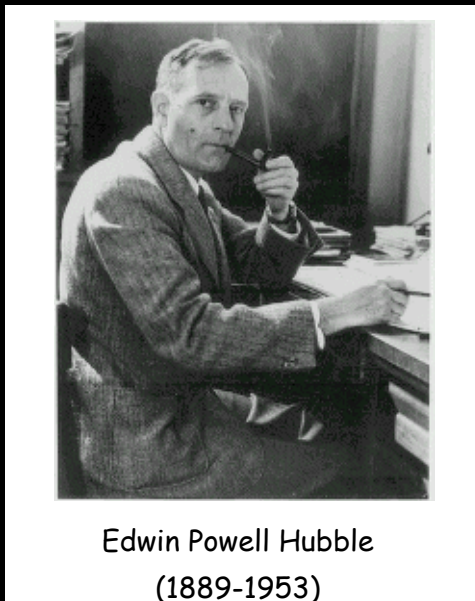
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1929 - Hubble Discovered Universe is Expanding



1929

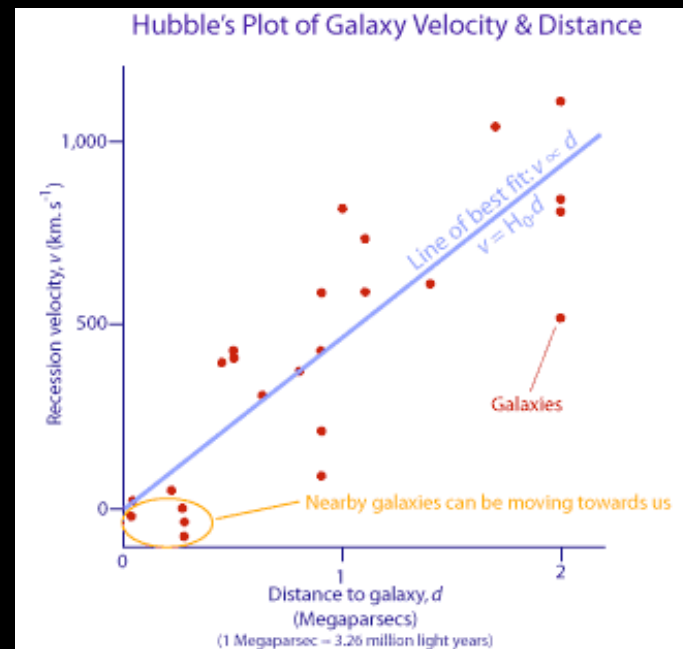
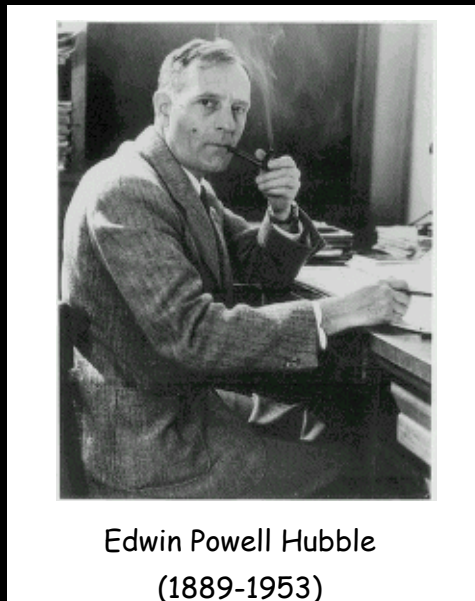


Edwin Powell Hubble
(1889-1953)

1929 - Hubble Discovered Universe is Expanding



First evidence that Universe began with a Big Bang



1929



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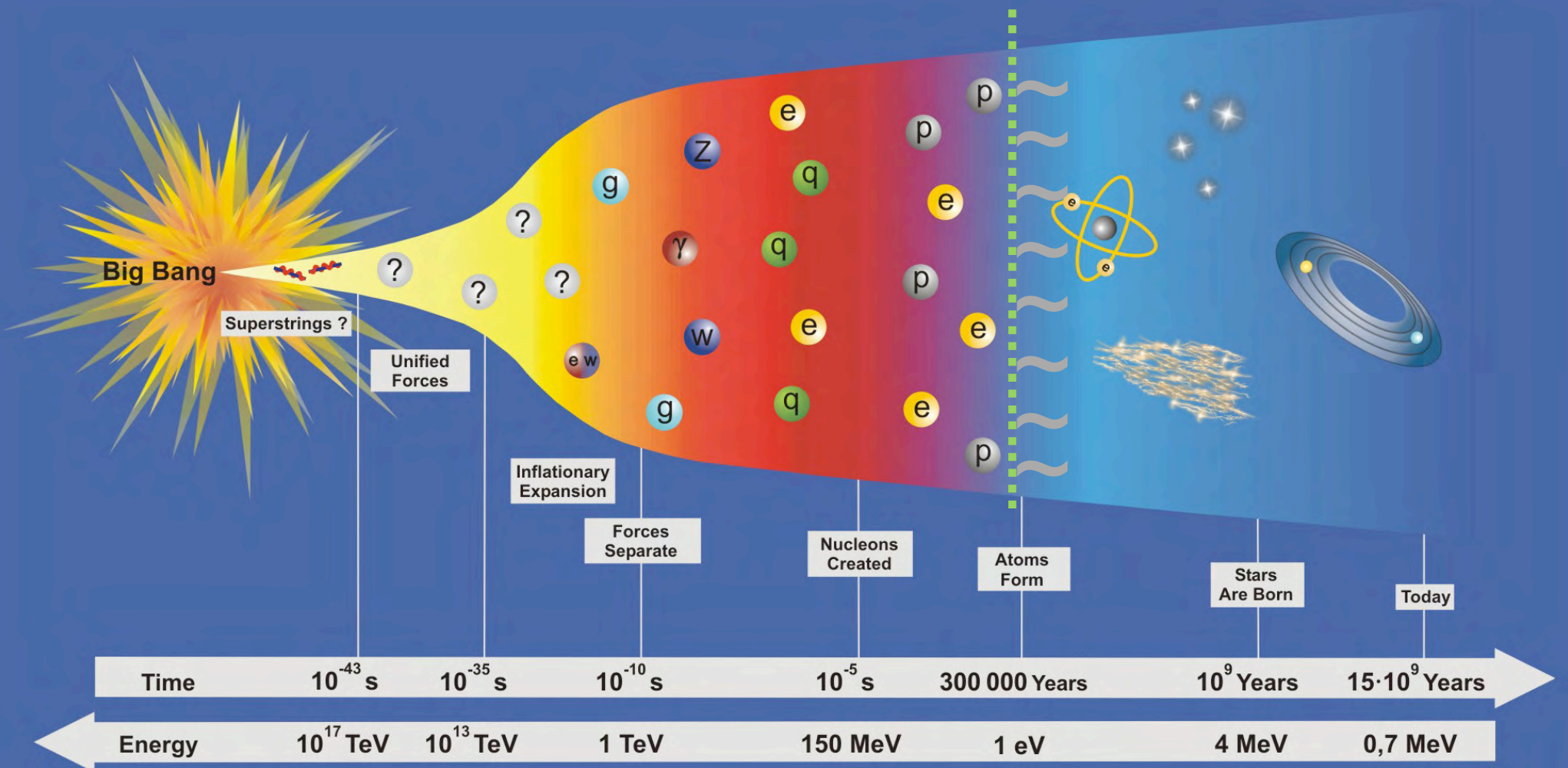


Universe's Glow
in Microwaves
discovered in 1965

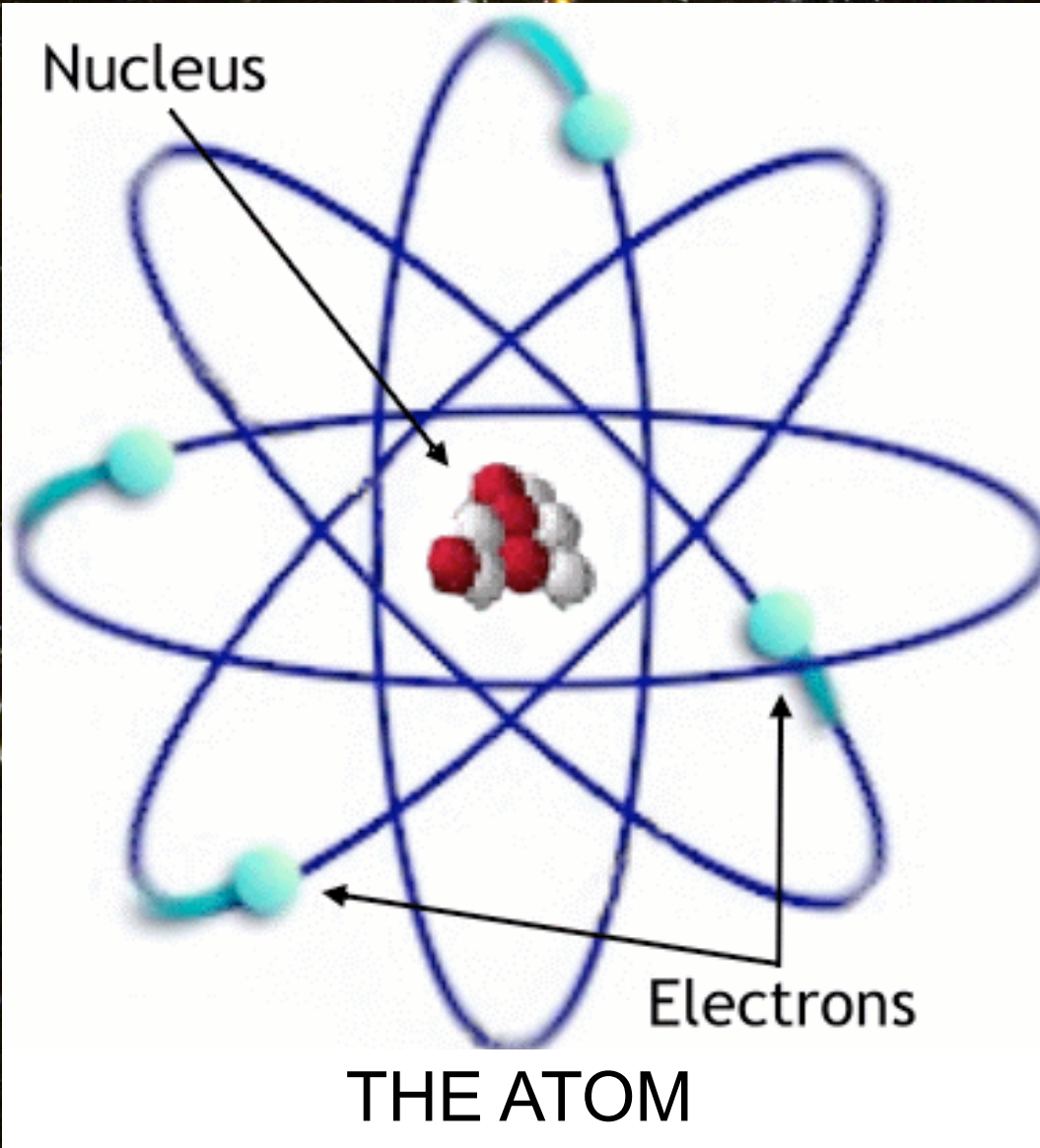
*predicted following
Hubble's discovery*

*confirmed early
universe of Big Bang*

Big Bang



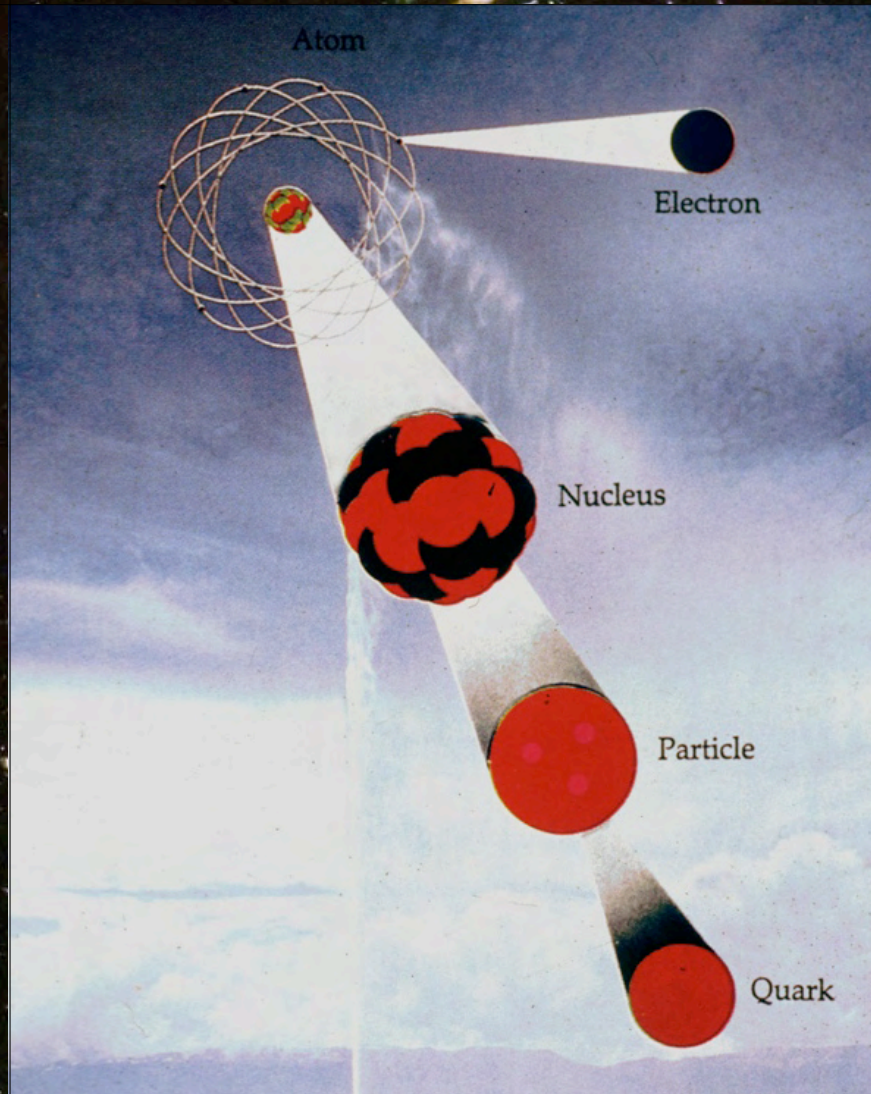
The Universe is Made of Particles



- Investigating the particles reveals the fundamental structure of the Universe and matter within it

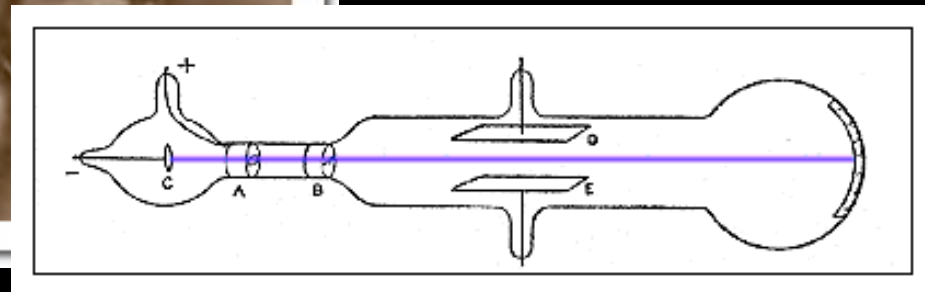
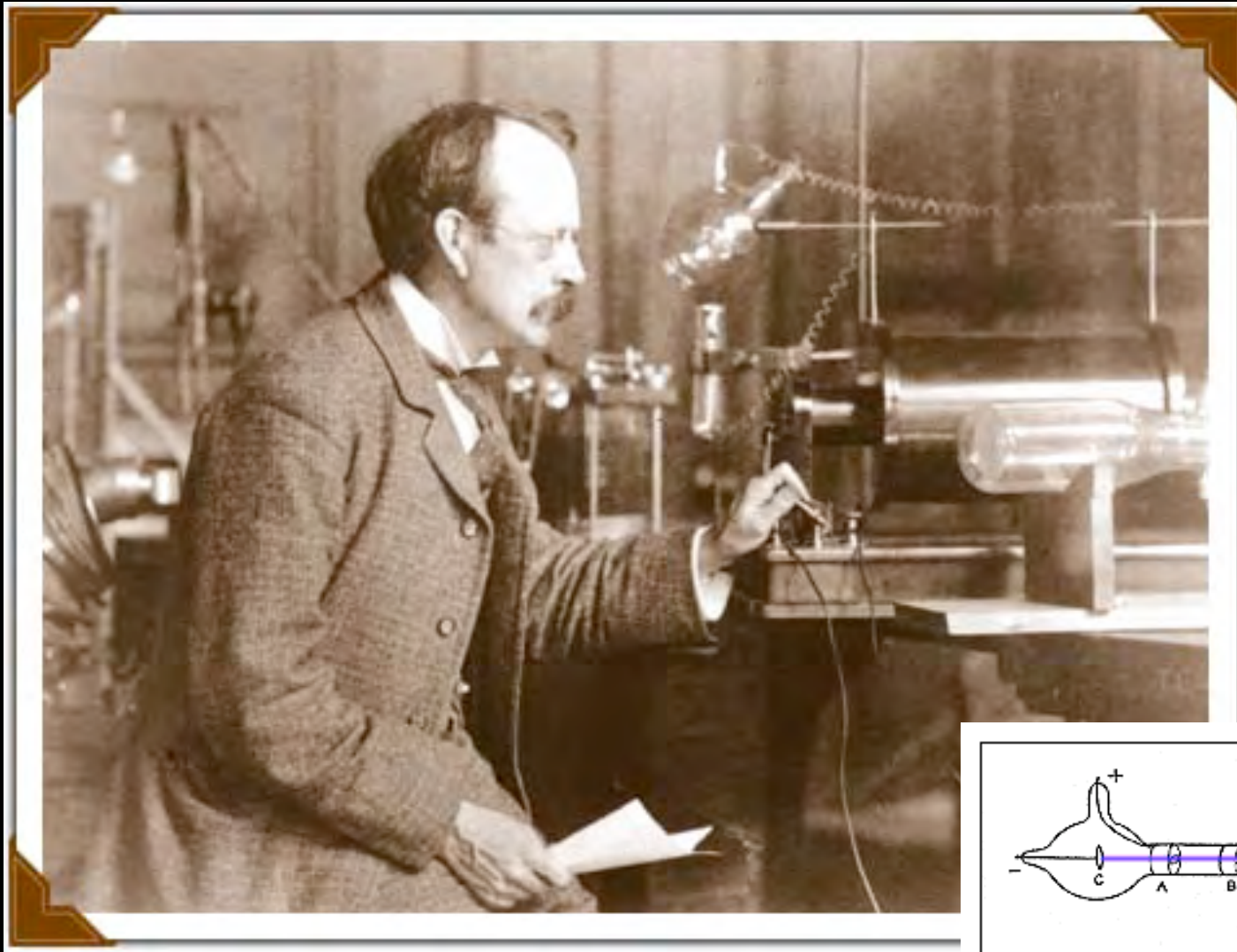
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1897 - J.J. Thomson Electron



Credit: American Institute of Physics

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J.J. Thomson, On 1897 Discovery

Speaking in 1934

Could anything at first sight seem more impractical than a body which is so small that its mass is an insignificant fraction of the mass of an atom of hydrogen? -- which itself is so small that a crowd of these atoms equal in number to the population of the whole world would be too small to have been detected by any means then known to science.



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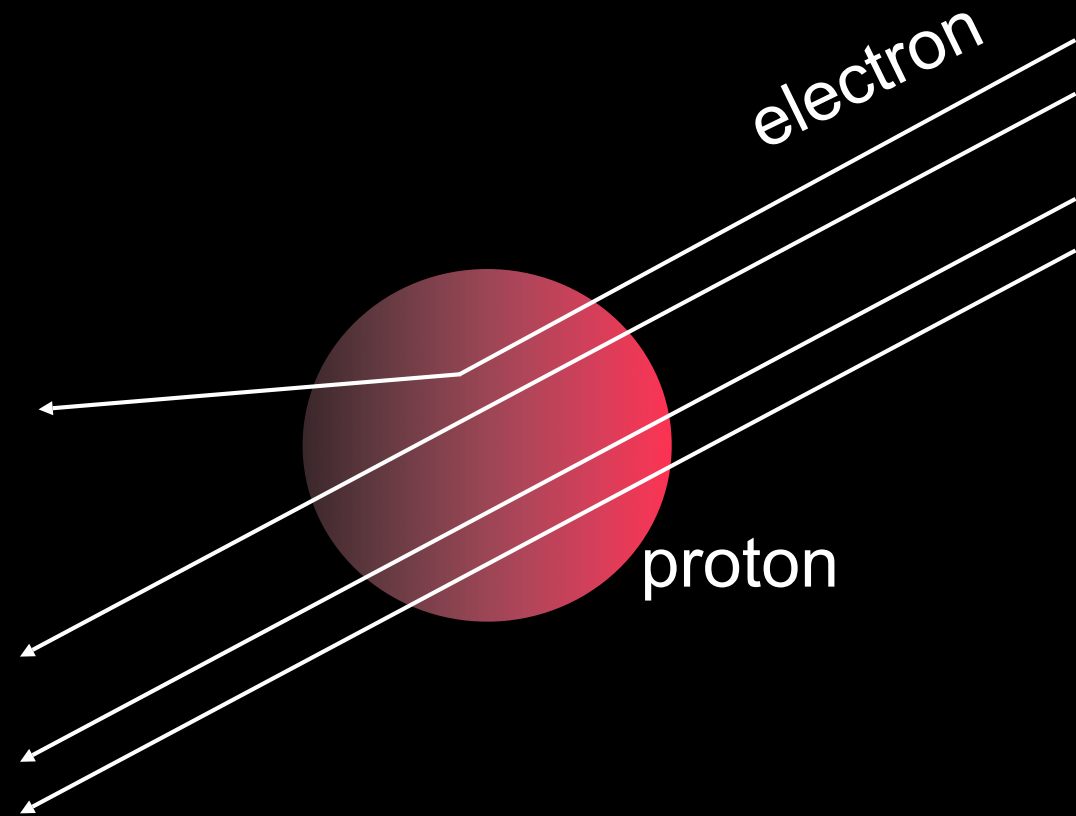
20th Century Particle Physics Laboratories

electron linear accelerator
at Stanford (SLAC)

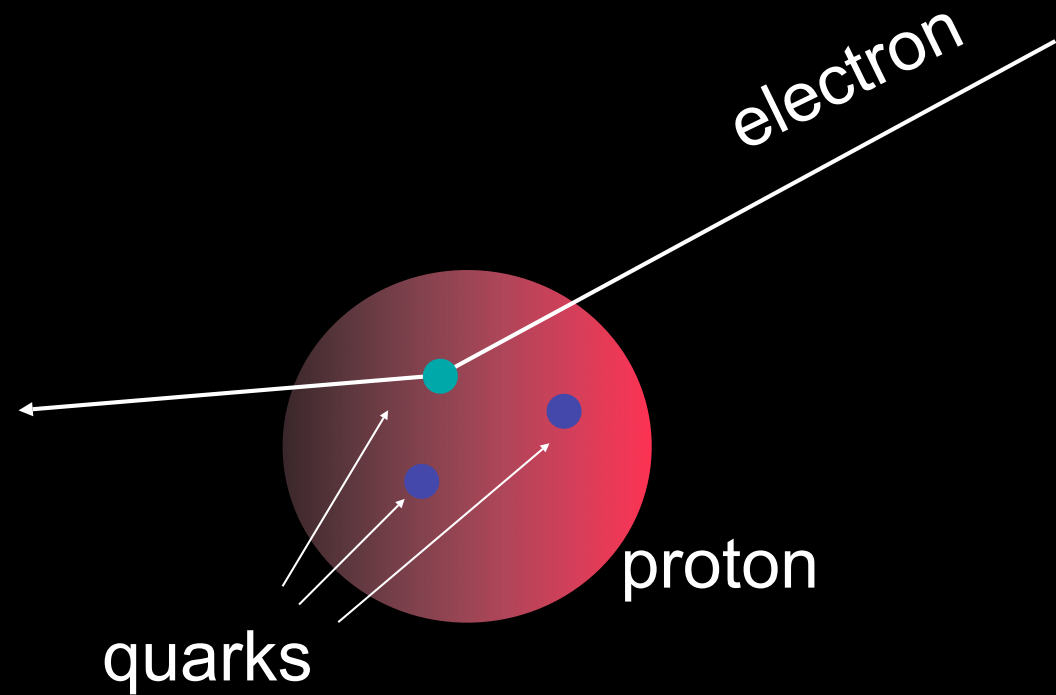
proton synchrotron
at Fermilab (near Chicago)



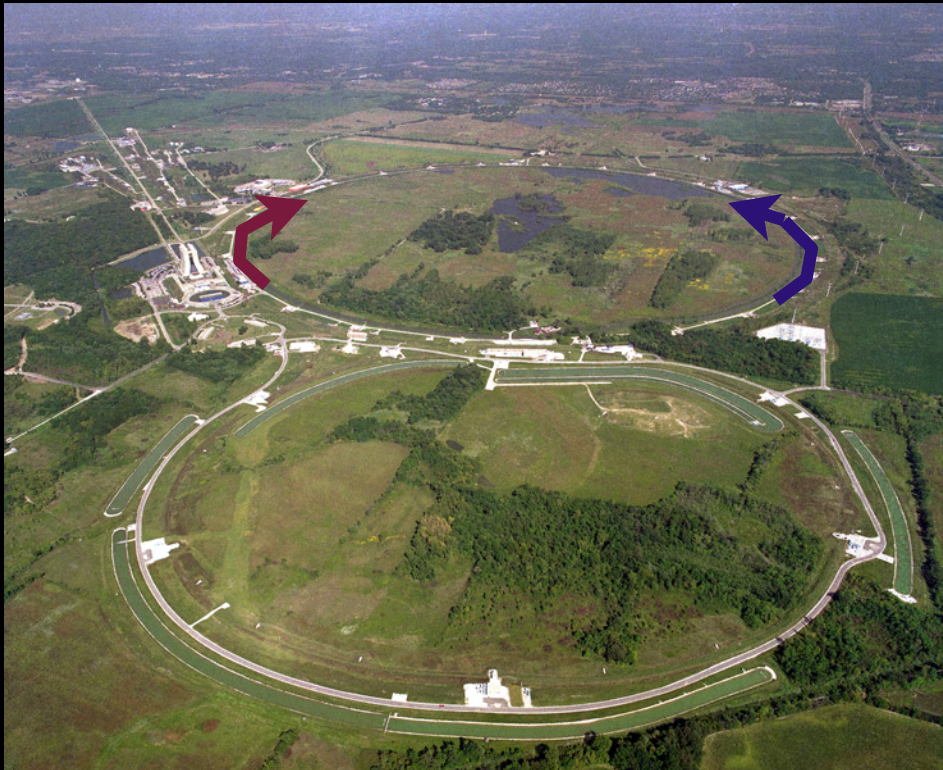
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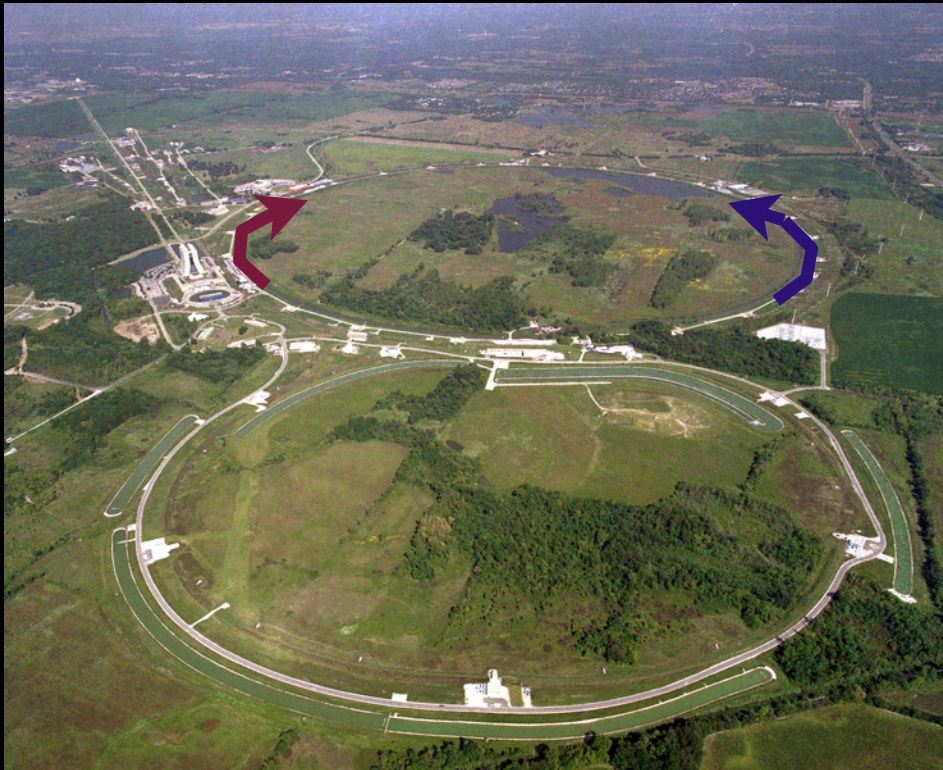


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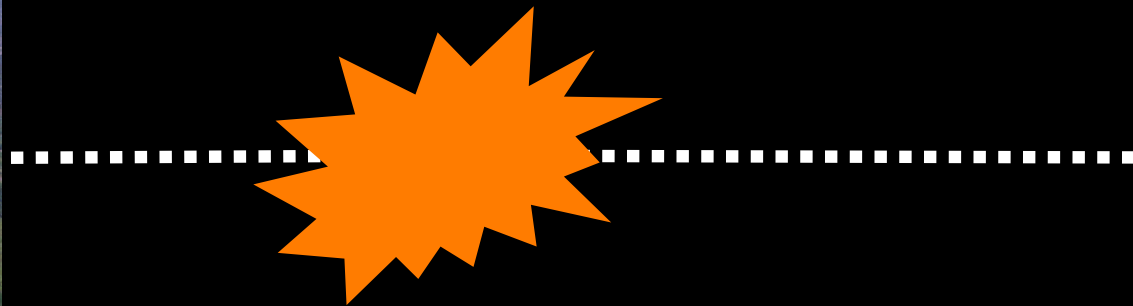
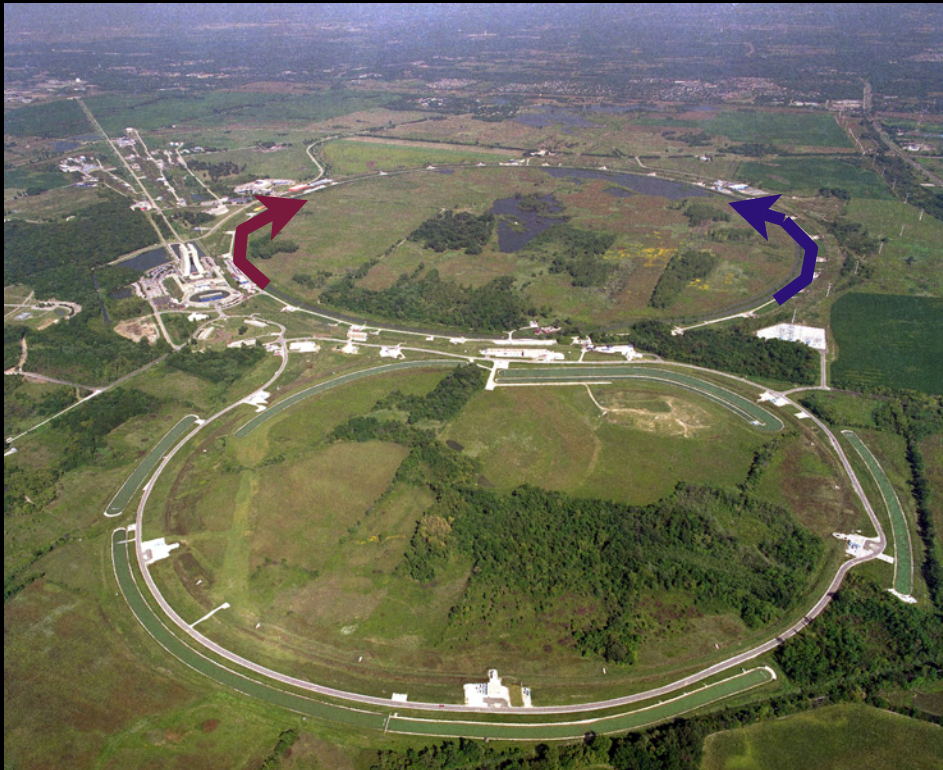


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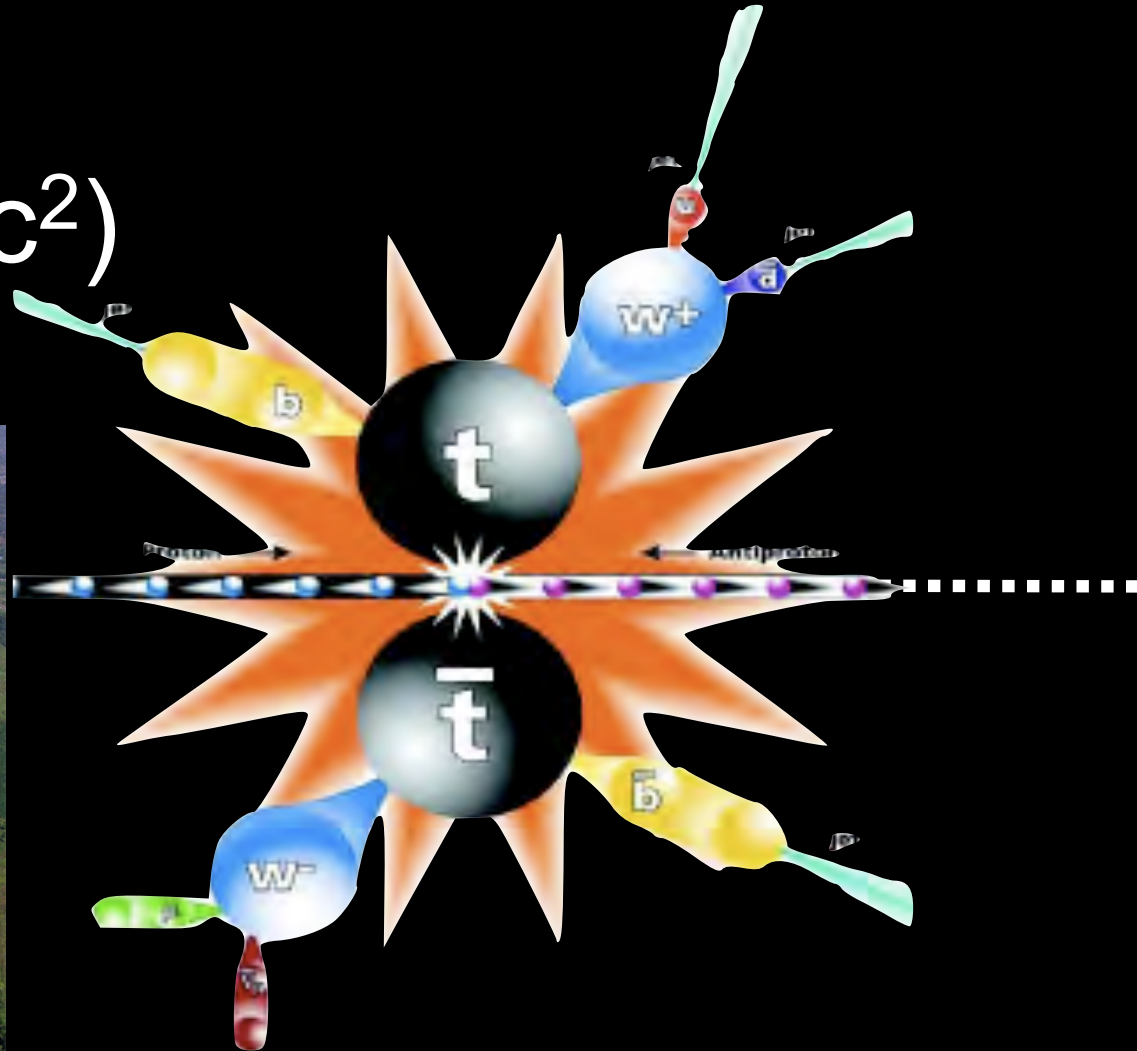
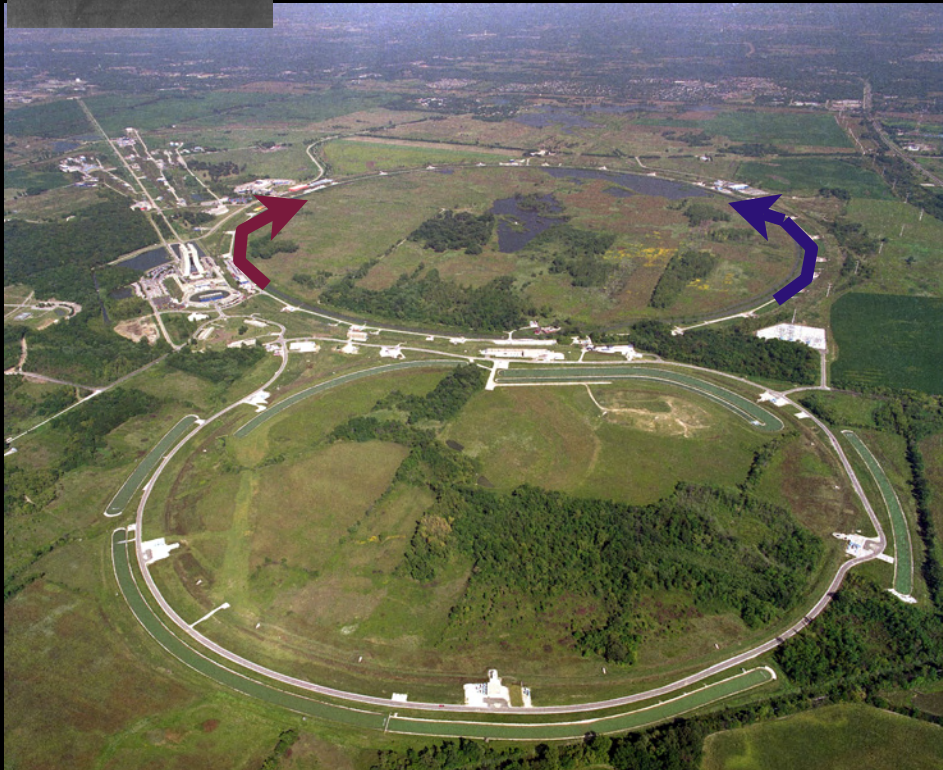
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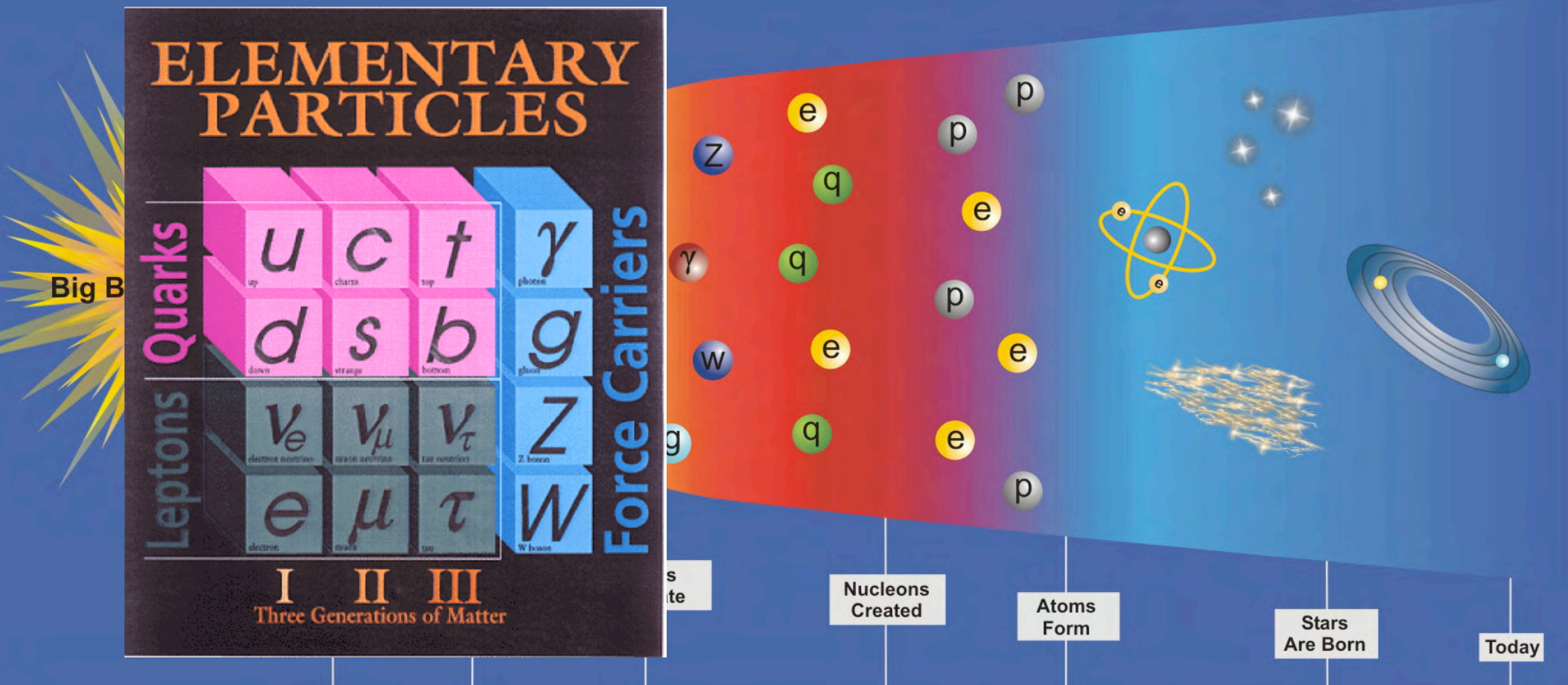
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Creation of massive matter ($E=mc^2$)

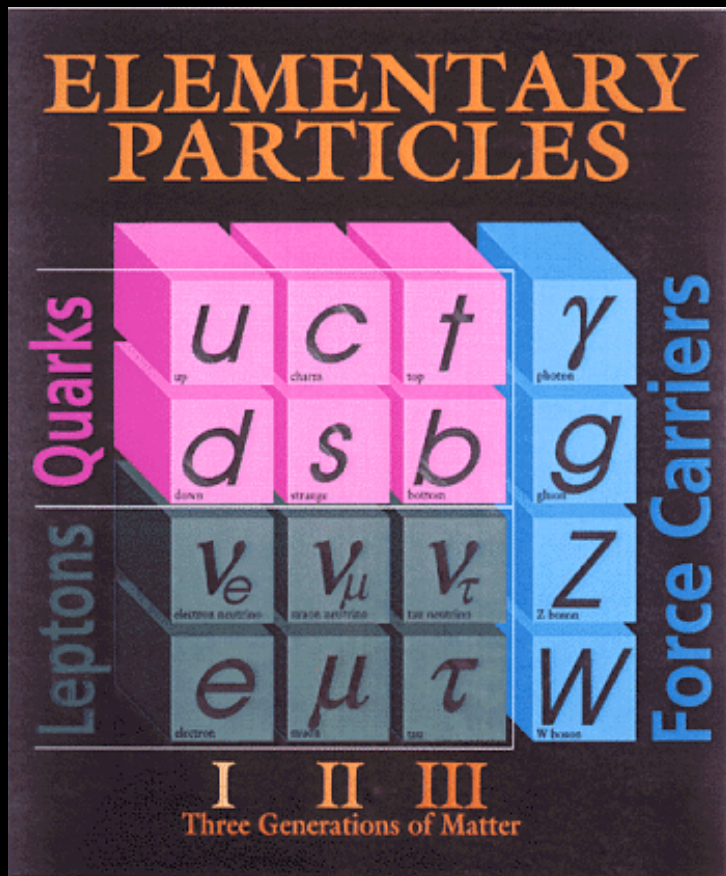


Particles



Particles and Forces

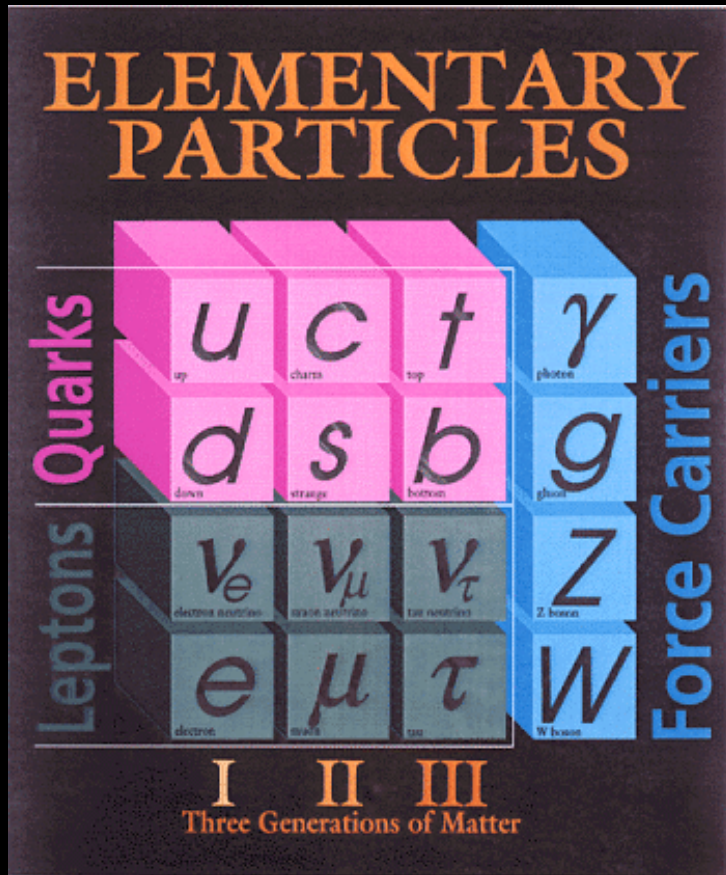
“interactions”



Particles and Forces

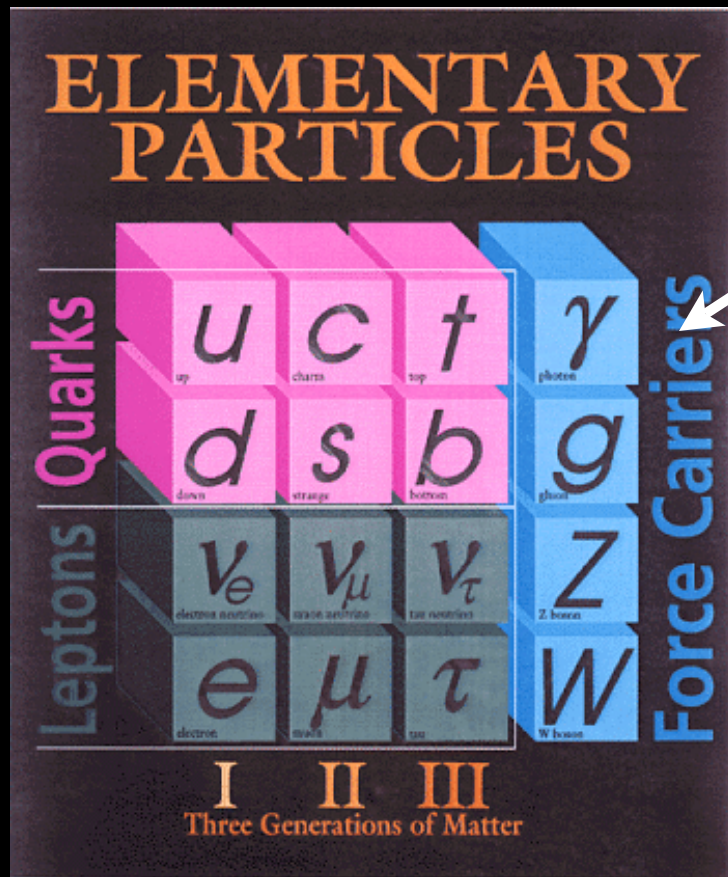
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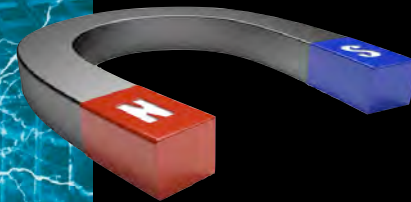
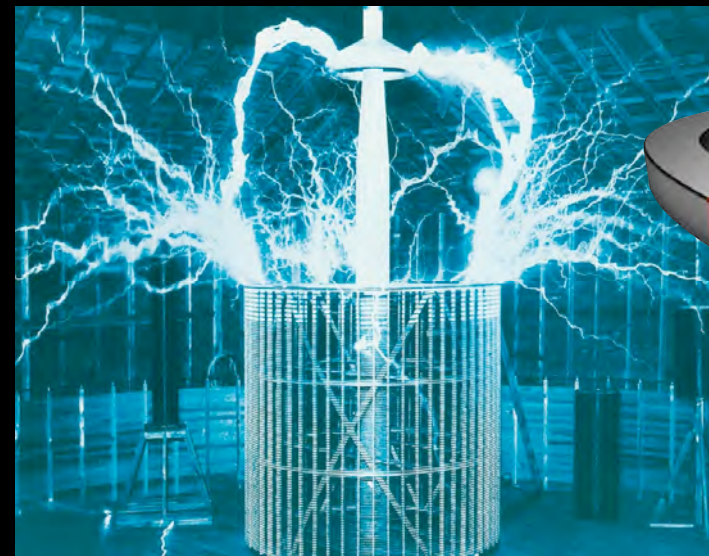


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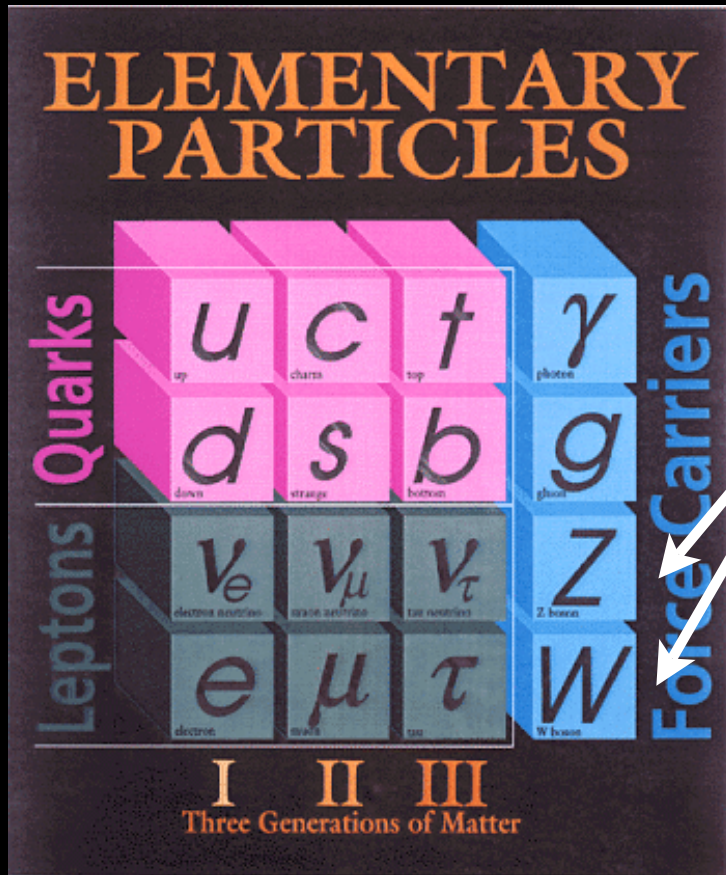


- Gravity - weakest
- Electromagnetism



Particles and Forces

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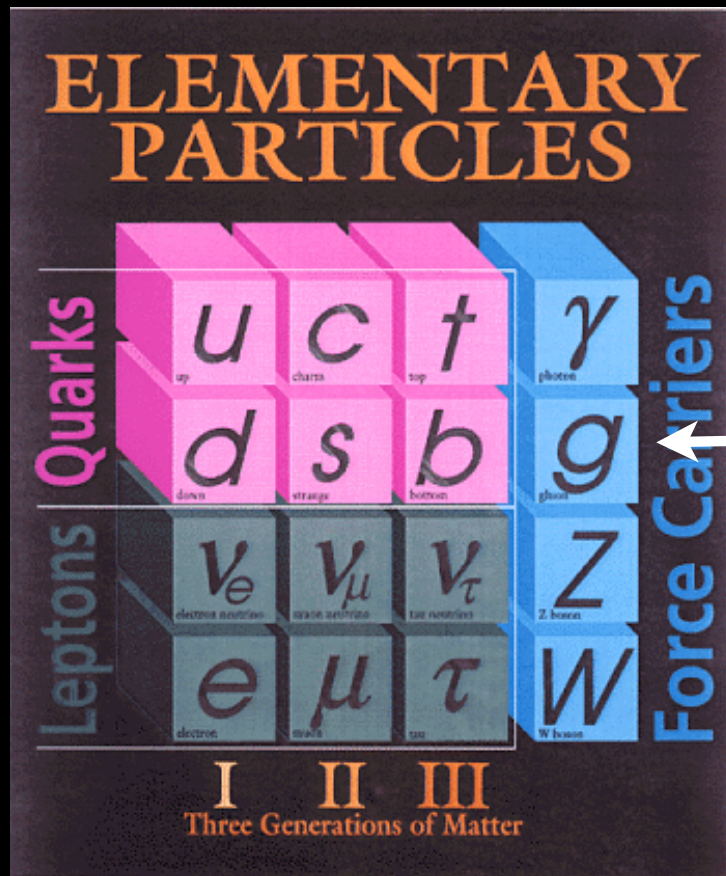


- Gravity - weakest
- Electromagnetism
- Weak Nuclear



Particles and Forces

“interactions”



- Gravity - weakest
- Electromagnetism
- Weak Nuclear
- Strong Nuclear



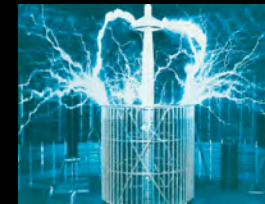
Forces

“interactions”

Are Forces Related?

1850

- Gravity
- Electricity
- Magnetism



Forces

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Are Forces Related?

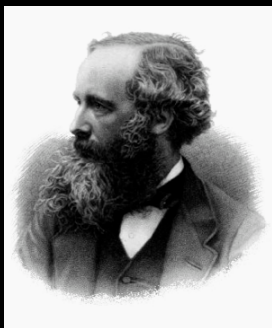
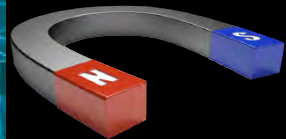
1864

Unified theory

- Electromagnetism
- Light (photons)



- Gravity
- Electricity
- Magnetism



Forces

“interactions”

Are Forces Related?

2000

- Gravity
- Electromagnetism
- Weak Nuclear
- Strong Nuclear

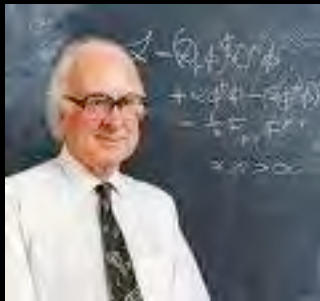


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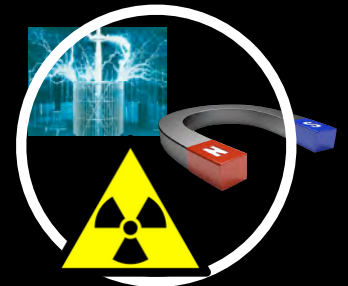
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Are Forces Related?

Next Advance Expected
- discovery of
the Higgs Boson
at accelerators



- 2000
- Gravity
- Electroweak
- Strong Nuclear



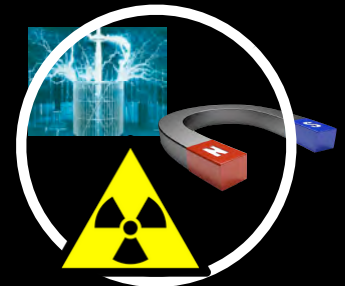
Forces

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Are Forces Related?

Are all forces related?
New particles would be
involved in any unification

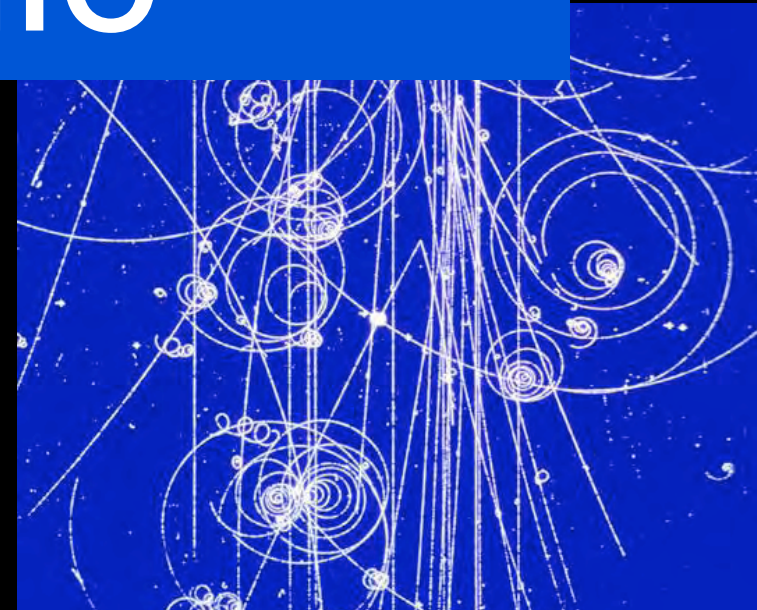
- 2000
- Gravity
 - Electroweak
 - Strong Nuclear



What is Matter?



all Atomic

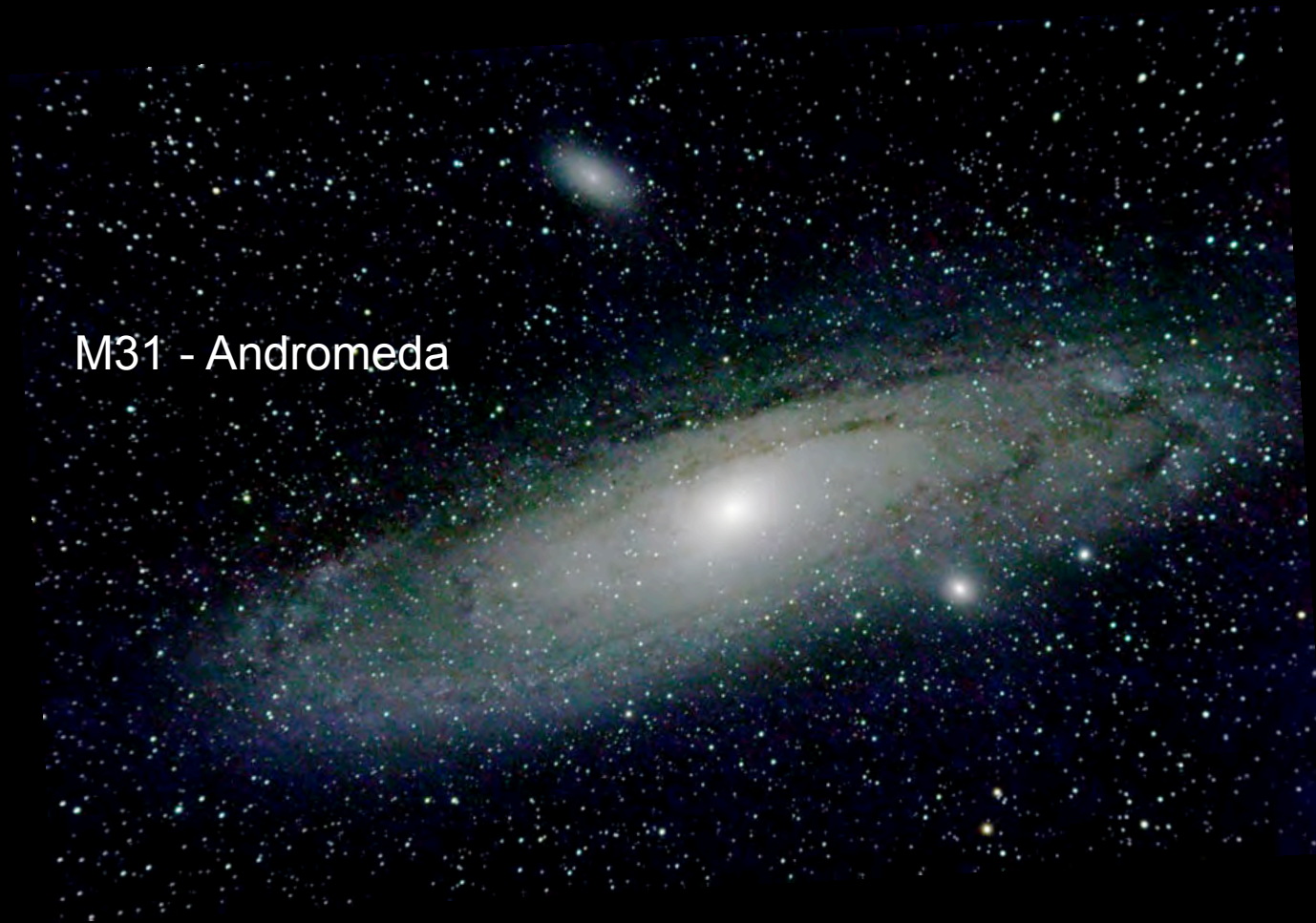


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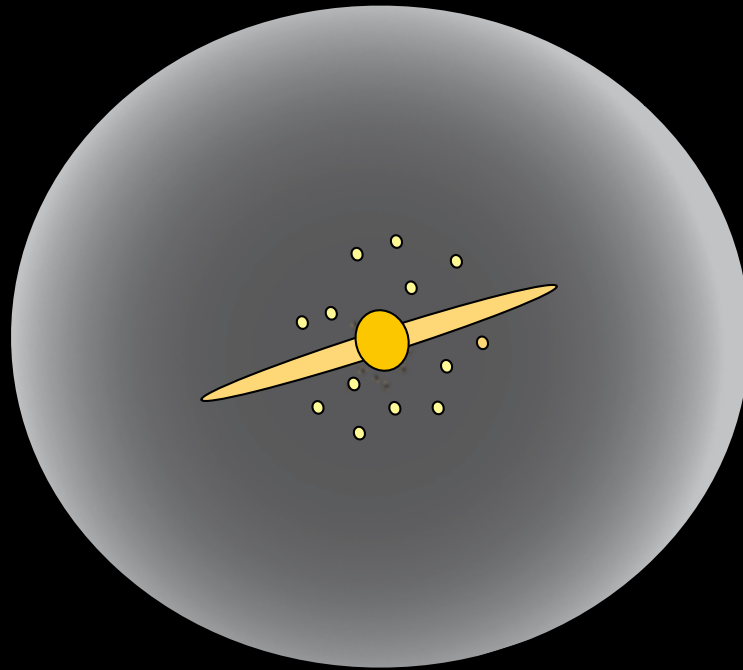
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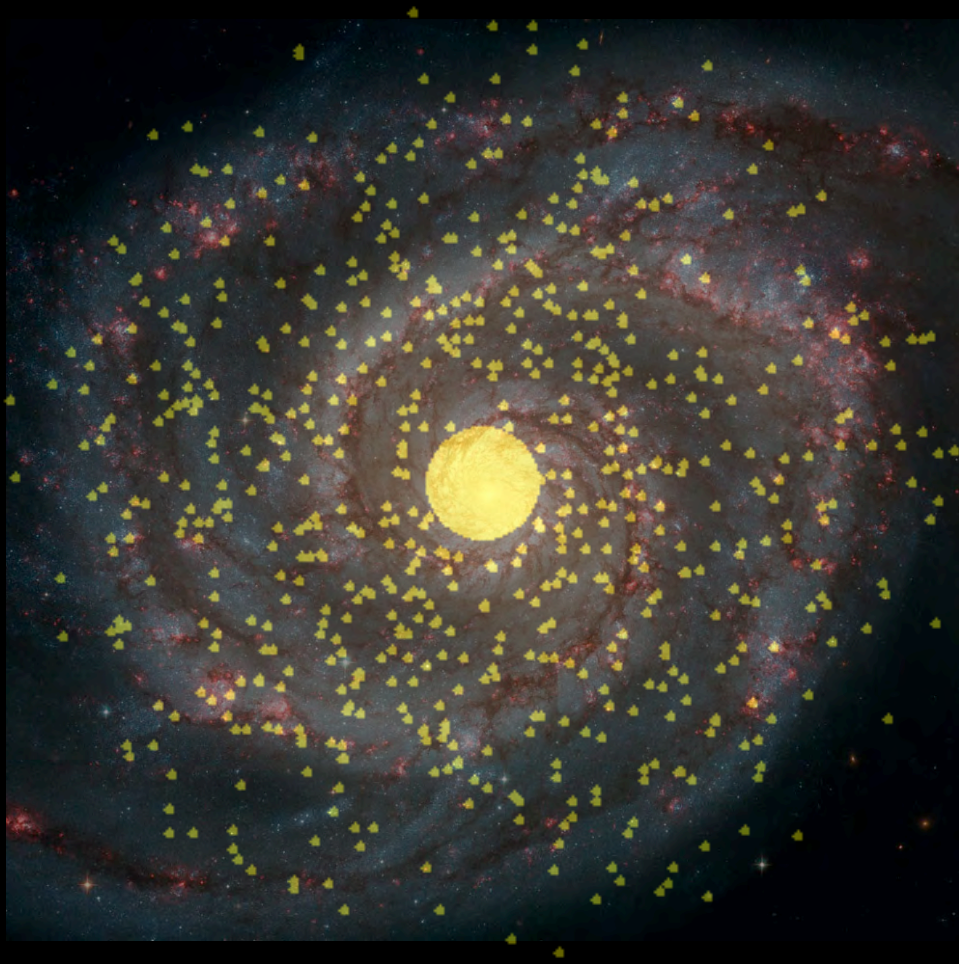
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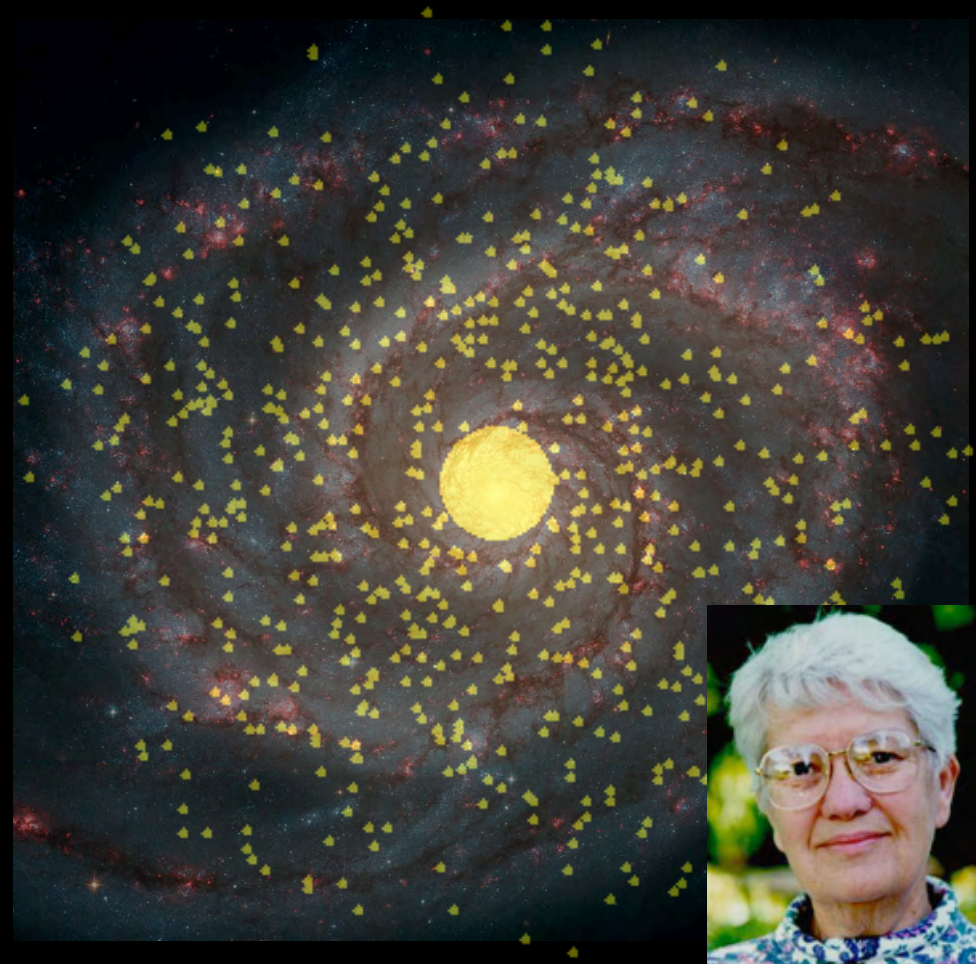


How we know dark halos surround galaxies?



Expected-
based on stellar mass

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Observed-
reveals invisible (“dark”) mass

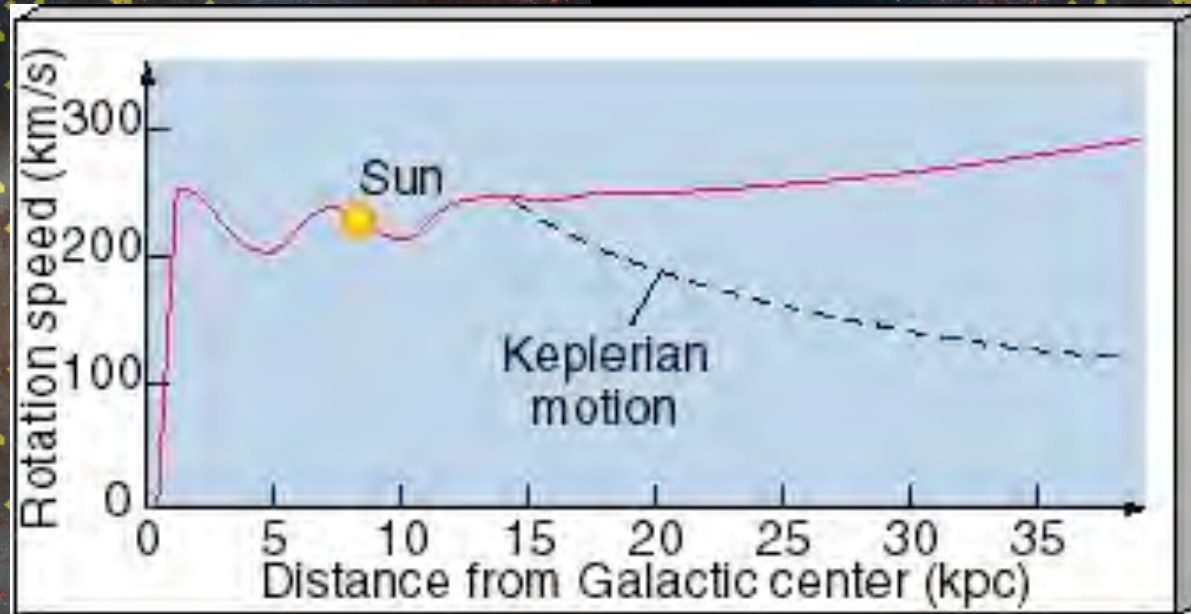


Vera Rubin
1950s

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Early Dark Matter Evidence



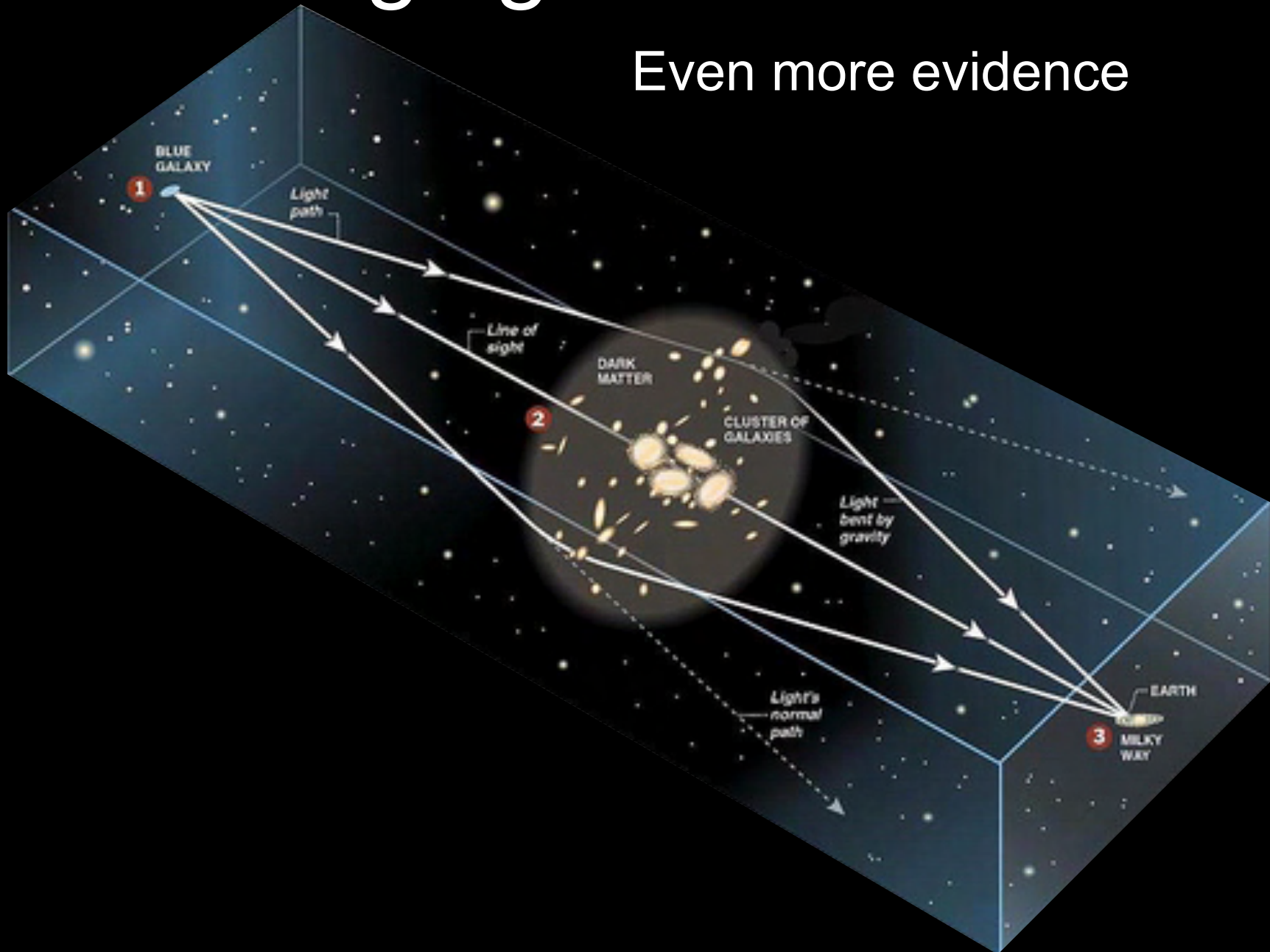
- 1930s motions of clusters of galaxies cannot be understood – Fritz Zwicky



Coma
Cluster

Imaging Dark Matter

Even more evidence



Imaging Dark Matter



We now know there is
much more Dark Matter
than Atomic Matter
in the Universe

Einstein Rings

Hubble Data analyzed by Yale astrophysicists

What is Dark Matter ?

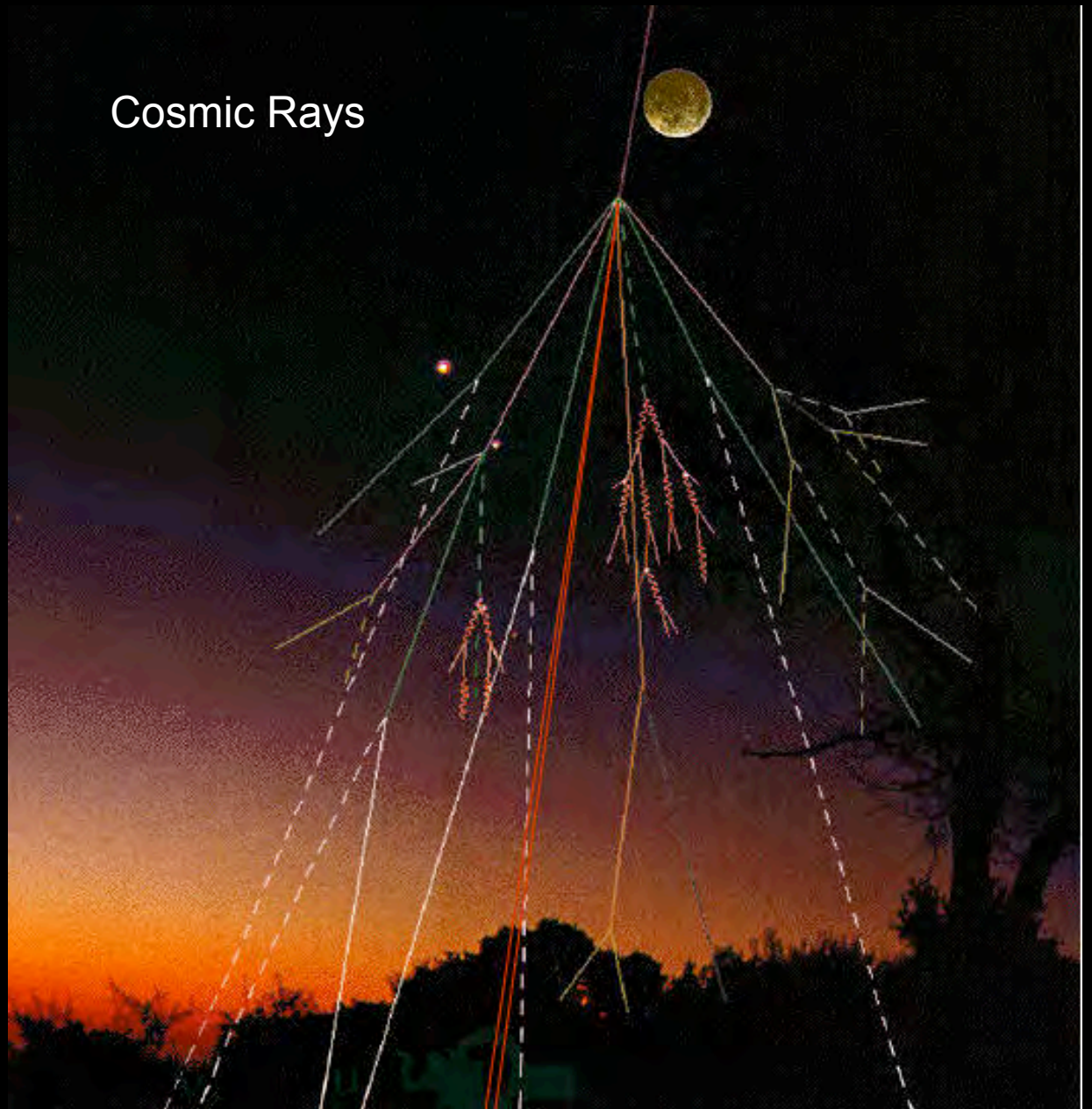
- Perhaps a new form of elementary particle?
- Can we learn from history of physics?

1932



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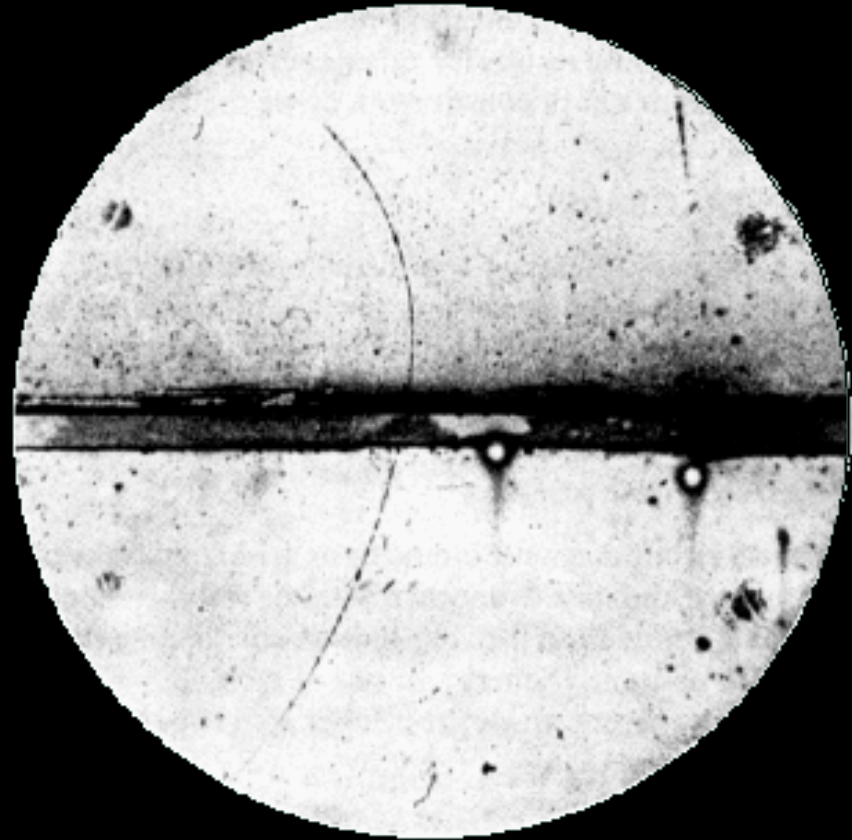
Cosmic Rays



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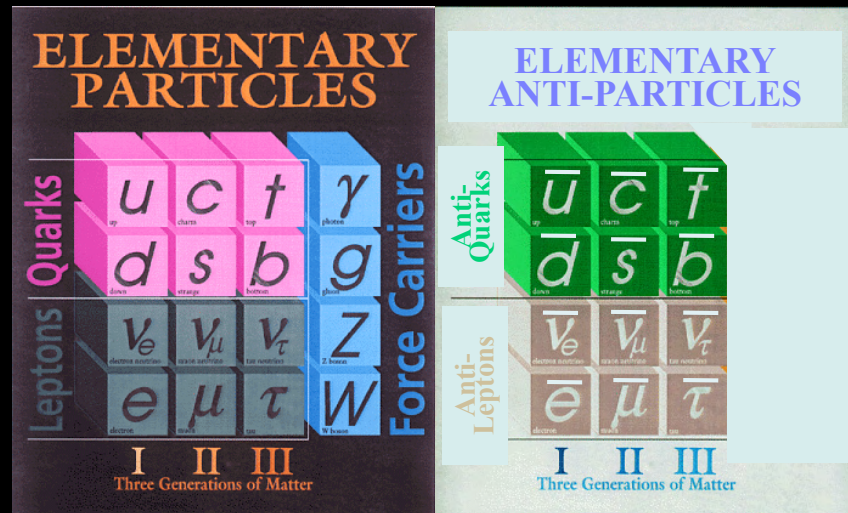
1932 - Discovery of Anti-Matter



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Anti-particle for every known particle

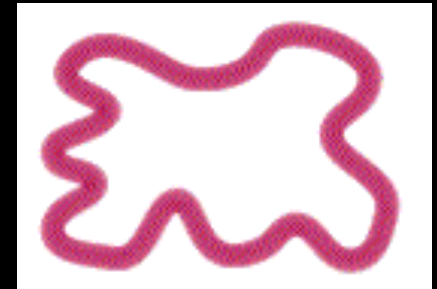
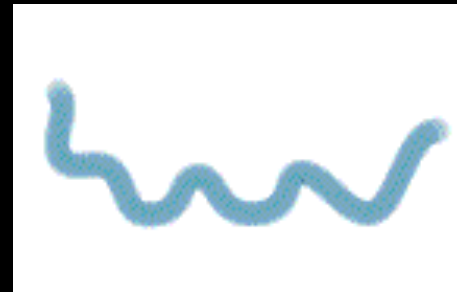


Candidate Theory Explains Dark Matter

SuperString Theory



- Unifies all particles and all forces
 - gravity with quantum mechanics
- Fundamental particles are represented as vibrations on string



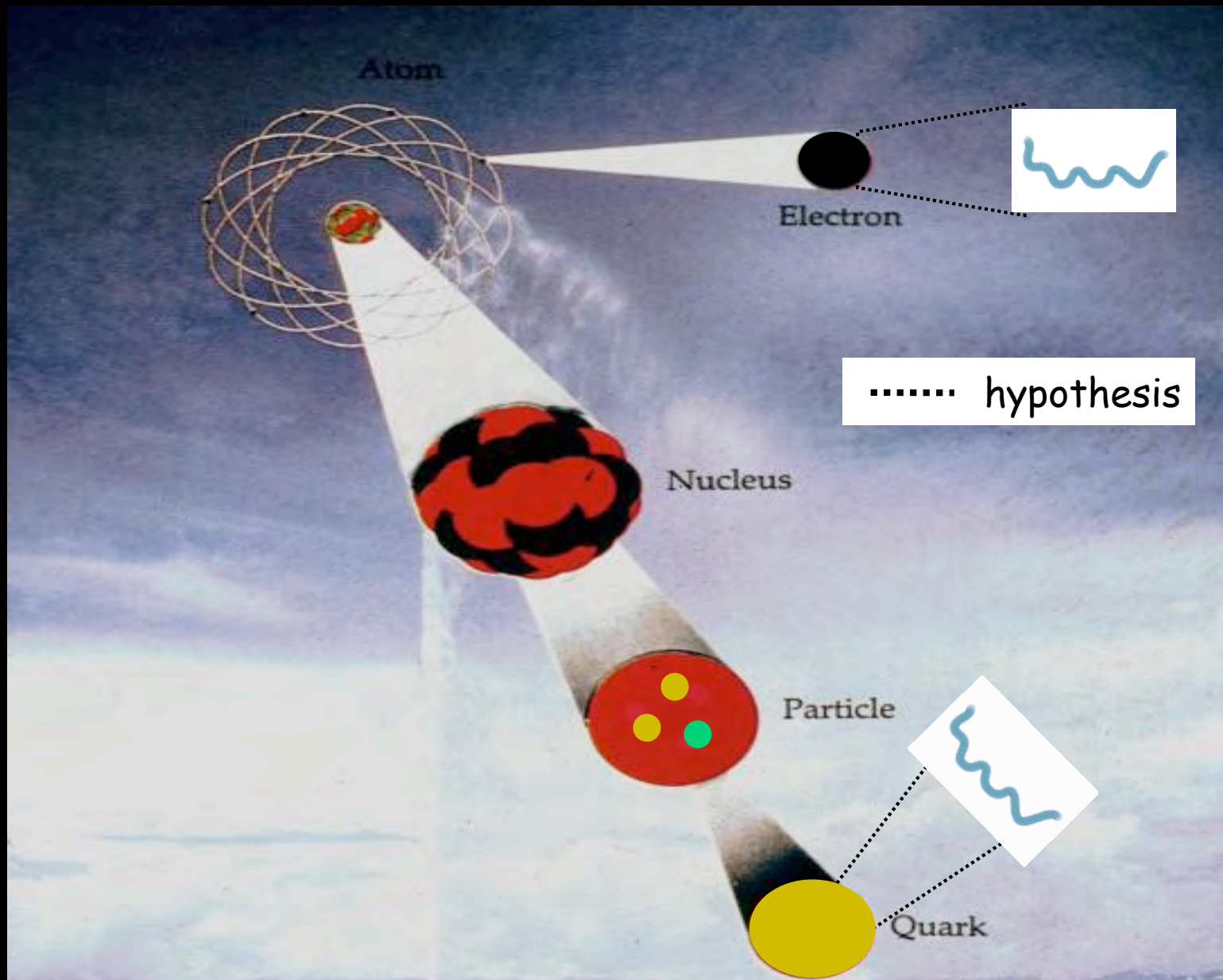
- Strings are miniscule

- Atom is 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 x bigger
Dimension of String = 10^{-25} atomic size = 10^{-35} meters

- Requires another set of matching particles

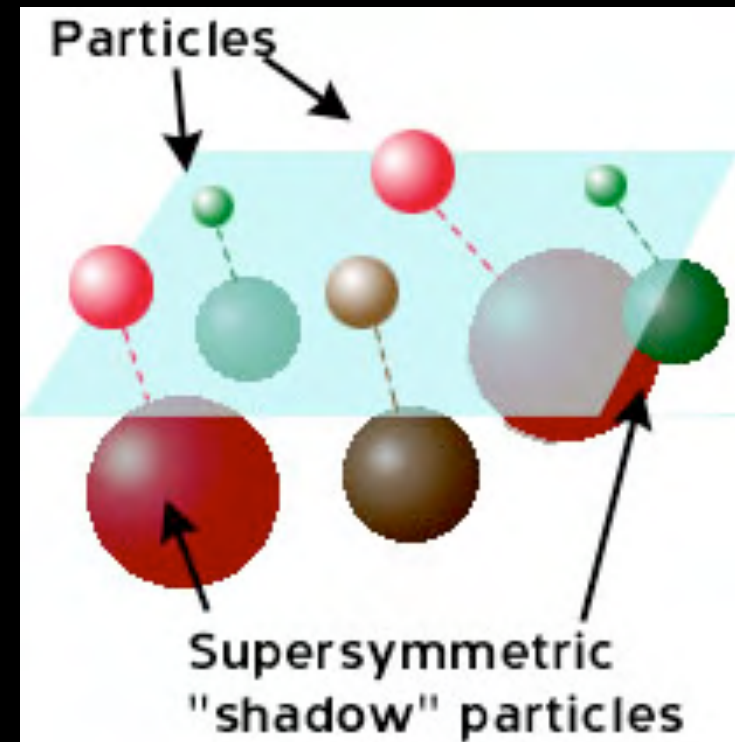
- the super-partners of ordinary particles

The Structure of Matter

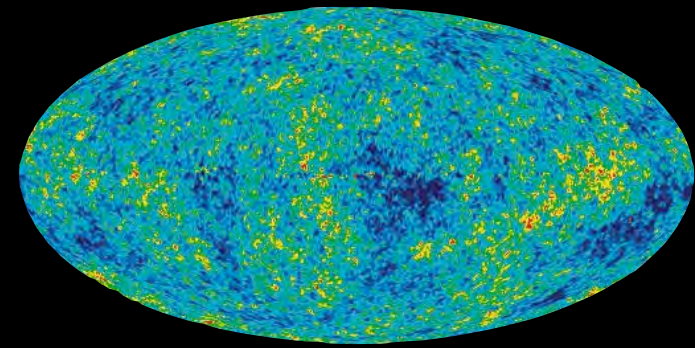


Supersymmetry, Strings, and Dark Matter

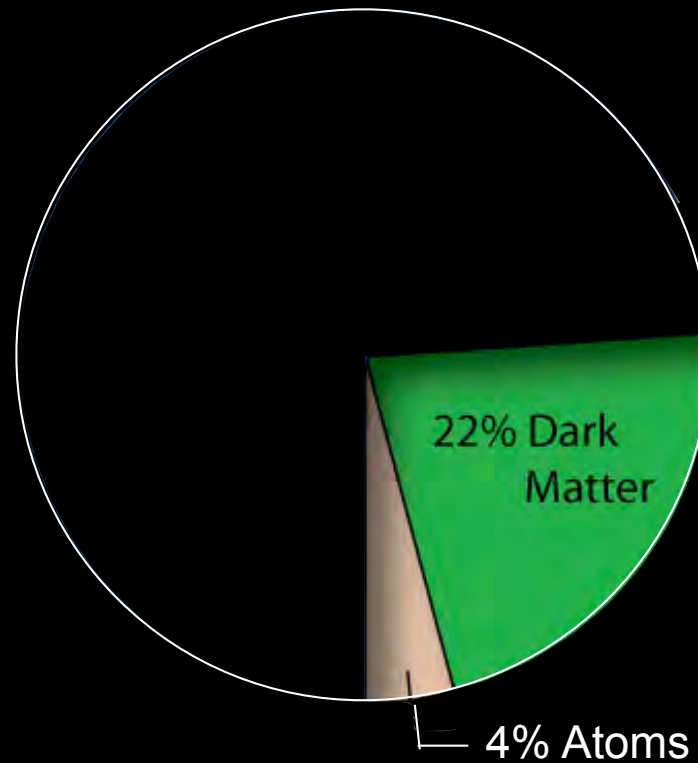
- History repeats?
- Just as with anti-matter,
New particles are predicted
- The supersymmetric particles
have just the properties
expected of Dark Matter



The Matter Crisis



- not enough matter (atomic or dark matter) to “make-up” known stuff of the Universe



Measuring Expansion of Universe

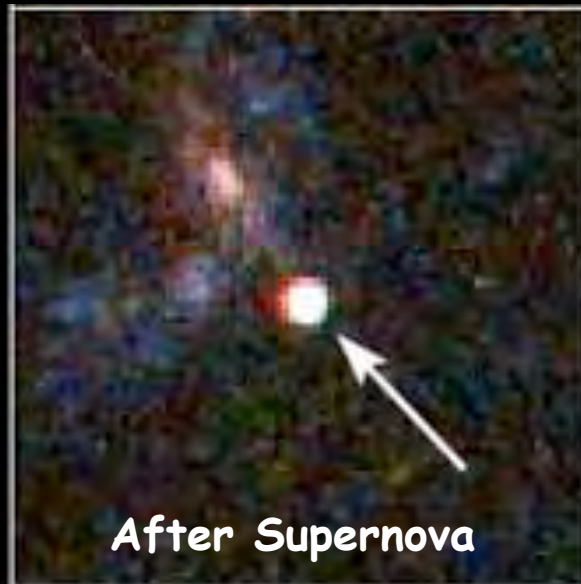
Distant Supernovae



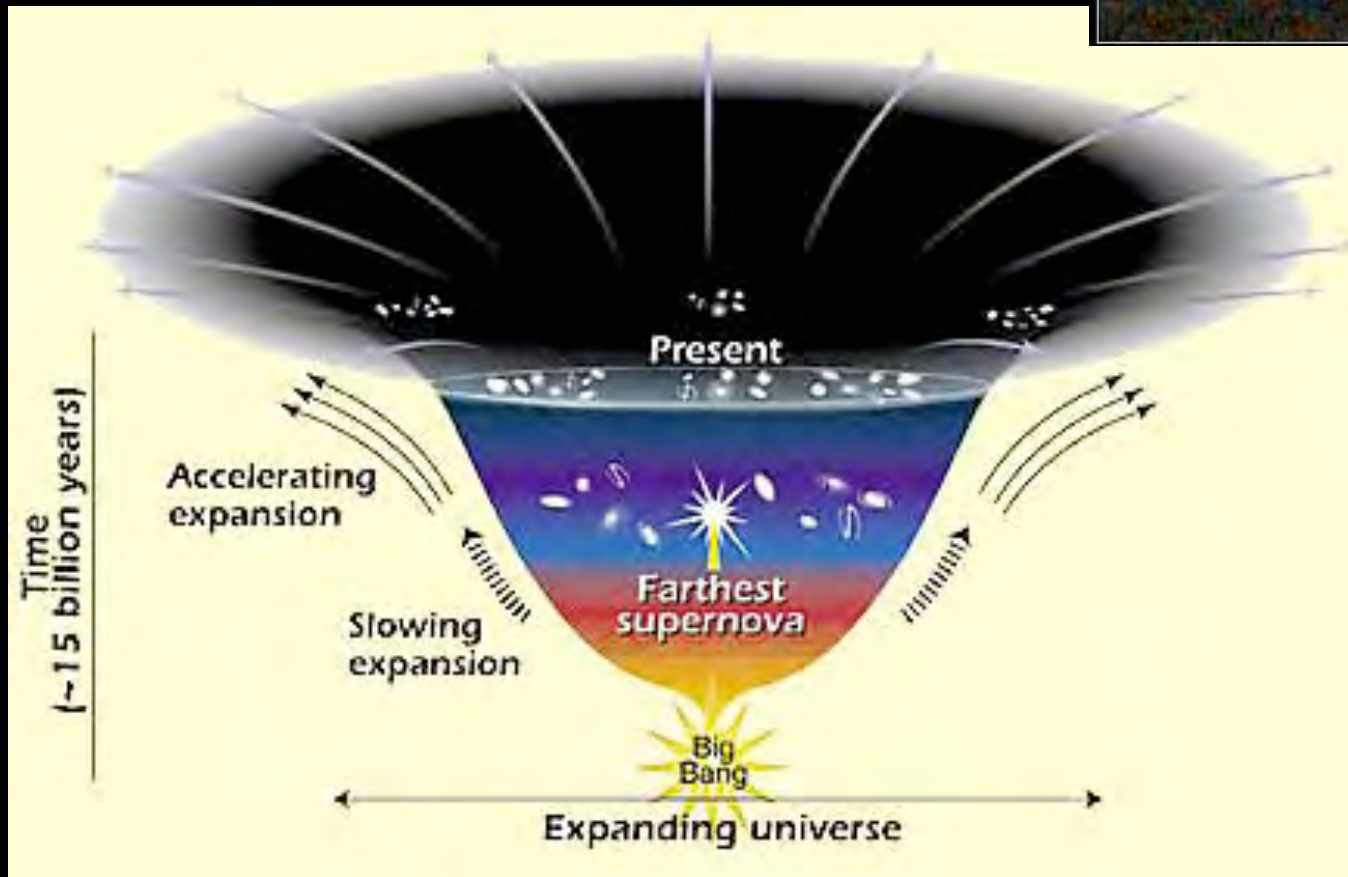
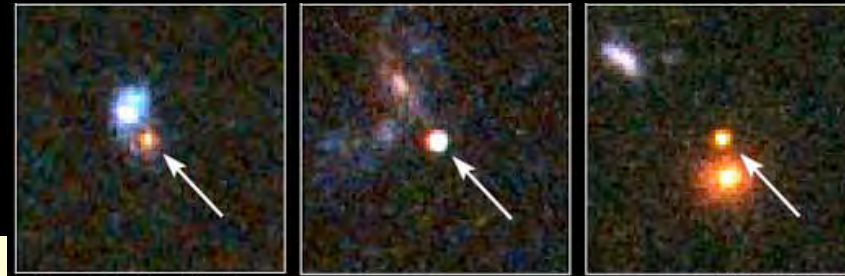
Hubble Space Telescope - ACS



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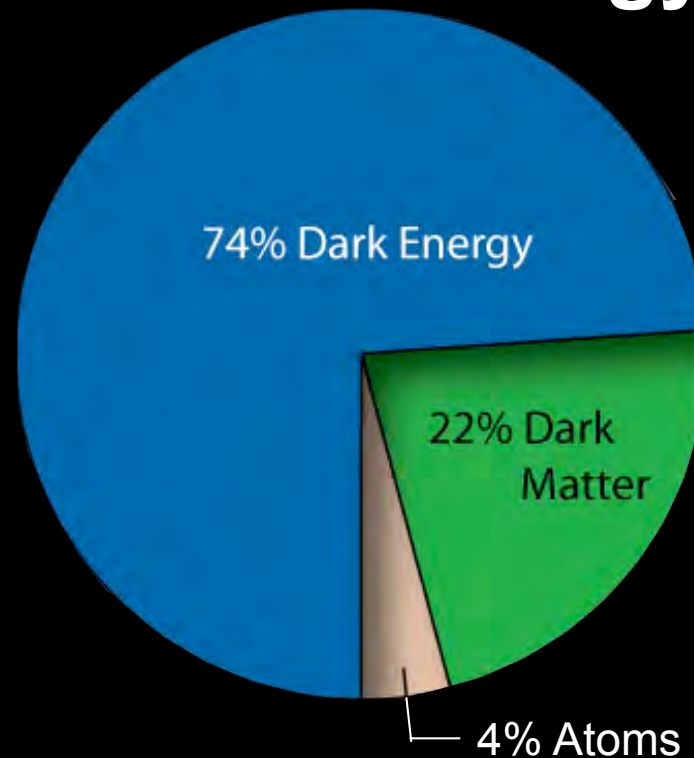


Expansion of
the Universe
is
Accelerating

Driven by
Dark Energy

Acceleration Component called “Dark Energy”

- Solves “Matter” Crisis
- The dominant “stuff” of the universe is **dark matter** and **dark energy**

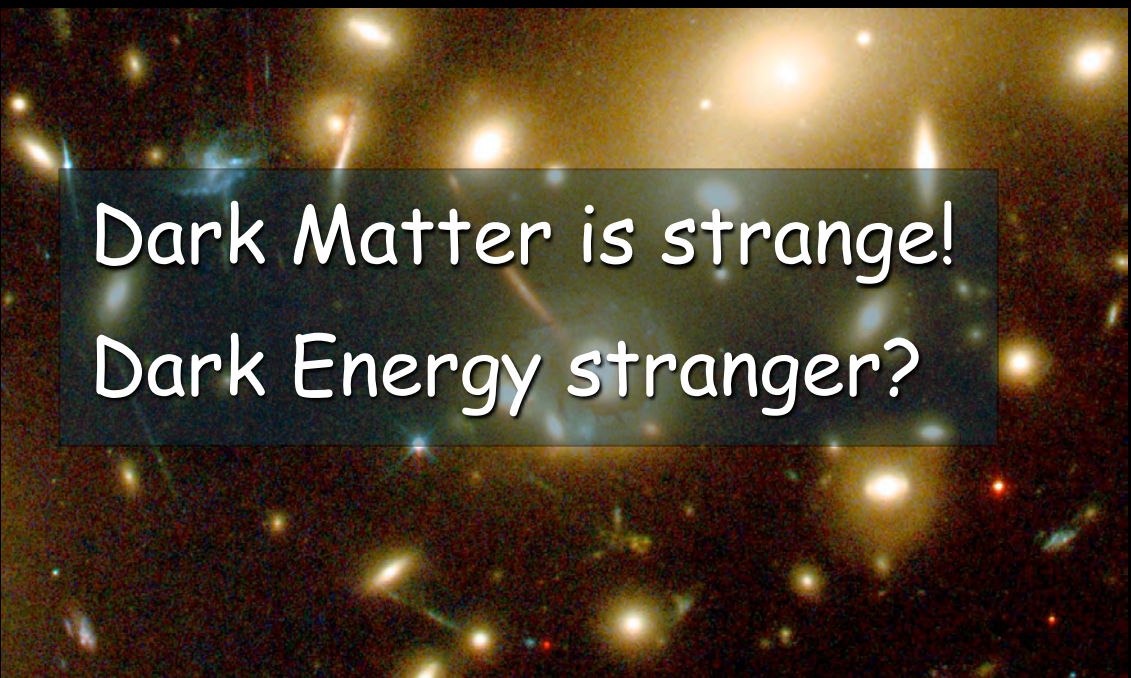


The Dark Side Controls the Universe



Dark Matter HOLDS IT TOGETHER

Dark Energy DETERMINES ITS DESTINY



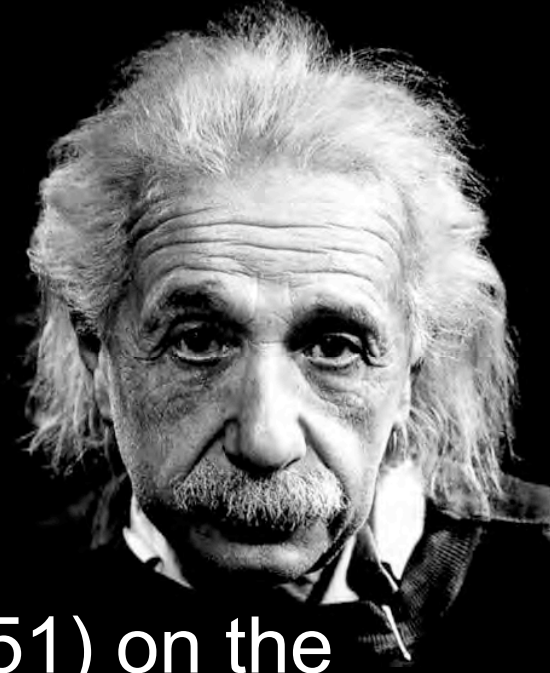
Dark Matter is strange!
Dark Energy stranger?

What is Dark Energy?

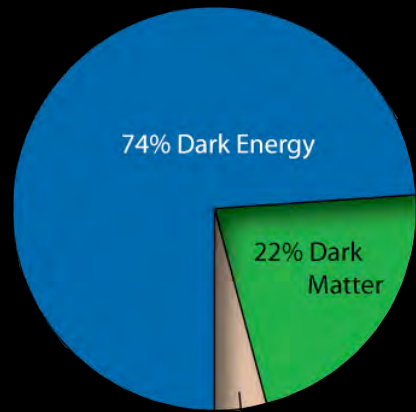
- No one knows yet
 - but we have some hints
- Cautioned by Einstein's comment (1951) on the understanding of the photon:

All these fifty years of conscious brooding have brought me no nearer to the answer to the question "what is the light quanta."

Nowadays every rascal thinks he knows, but he is mistaken.

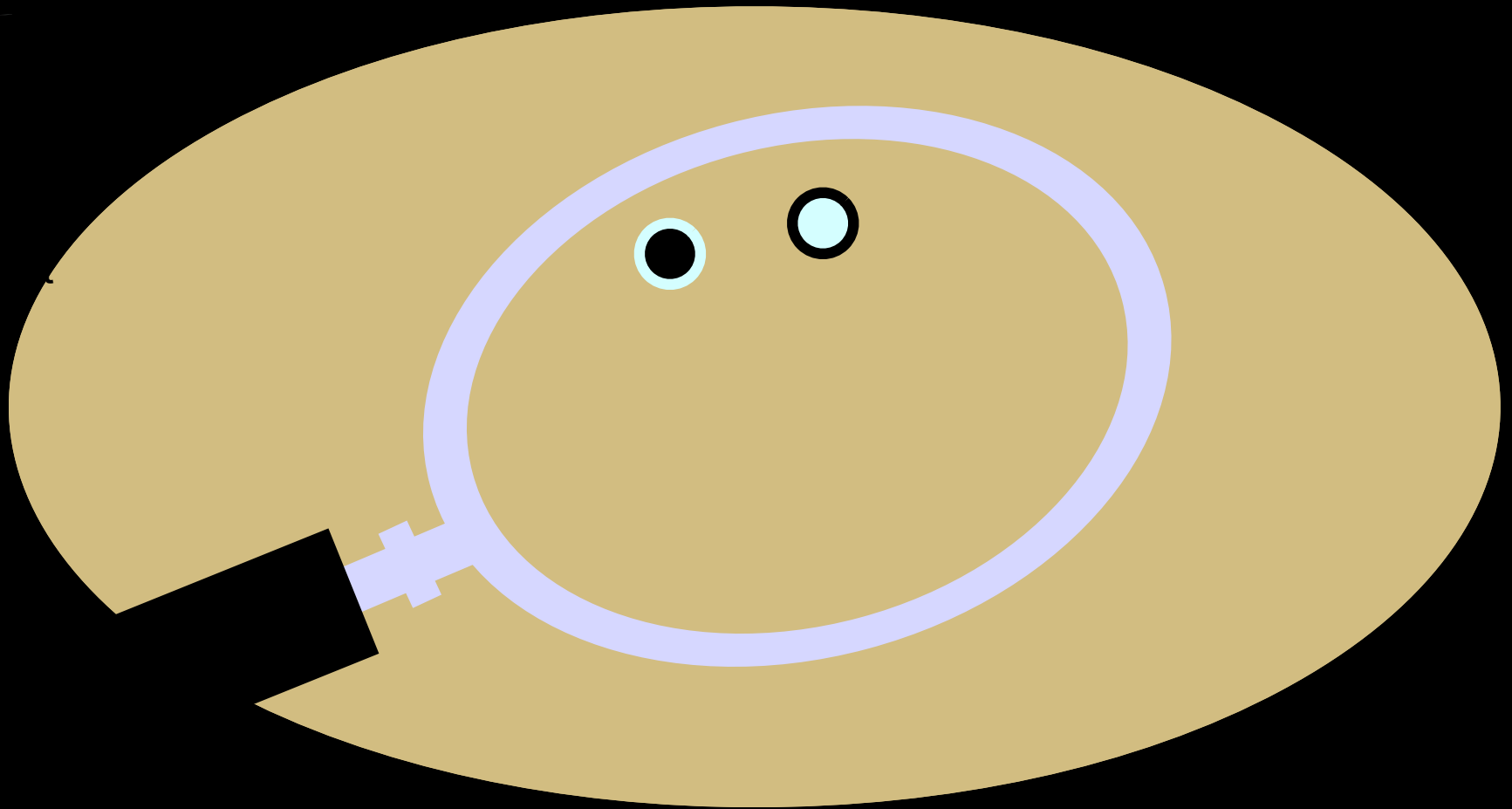
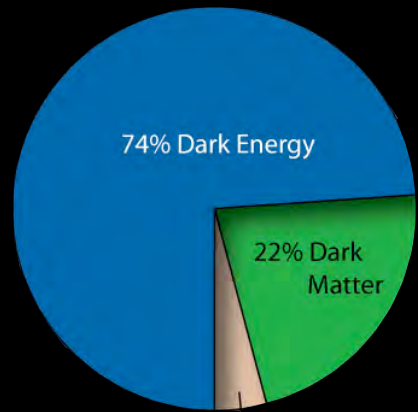


Quantum Nature of Nothing is Something



Empty Space
"Vacuum"

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Calculating Dark Energy

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- Does the calculation agree with measurement?

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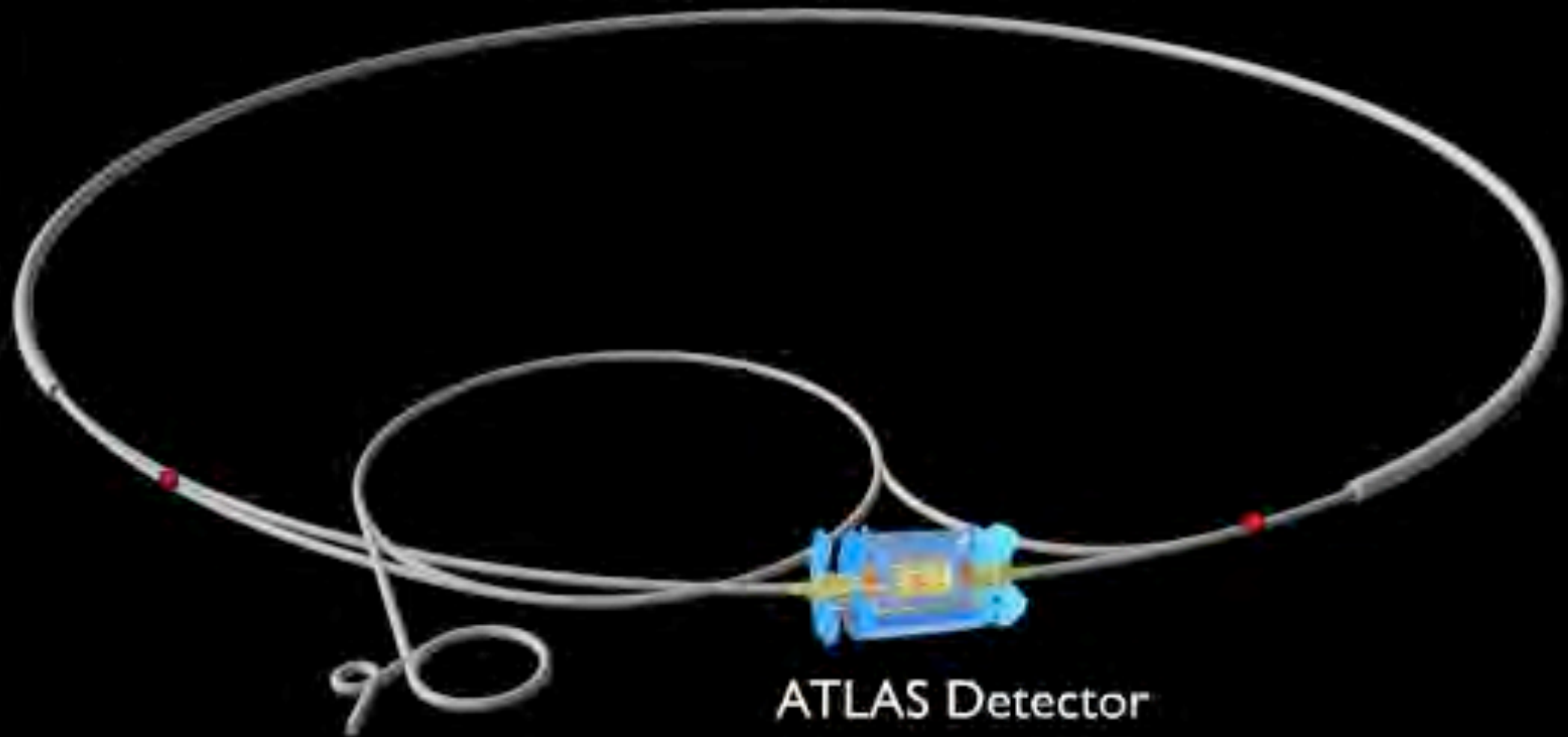
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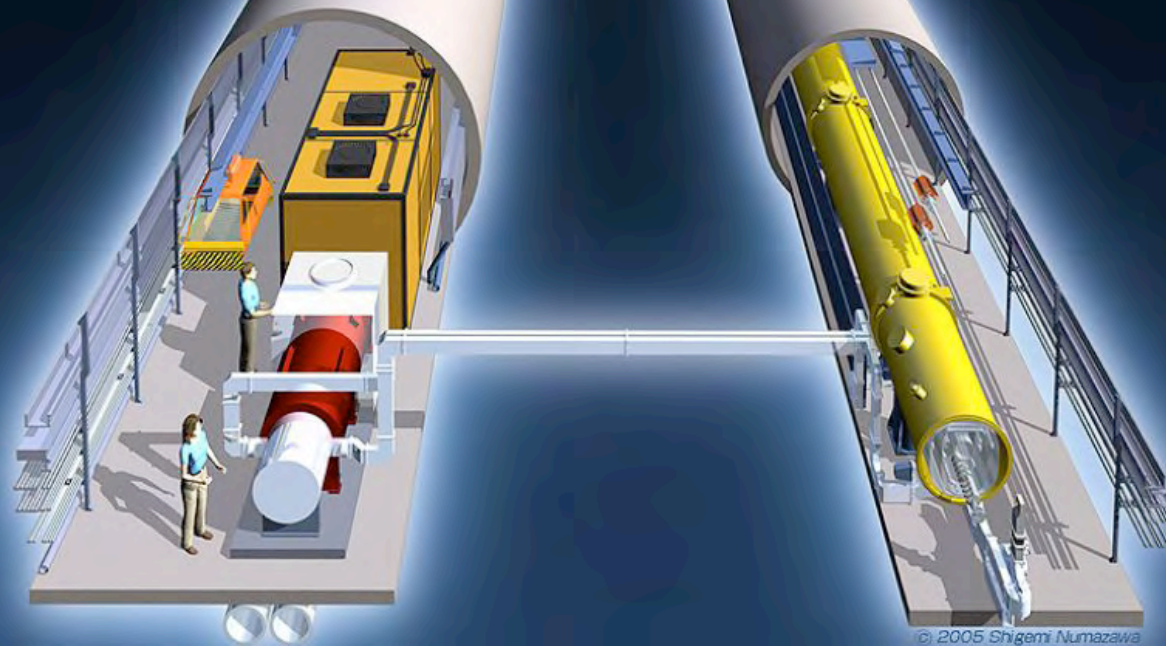


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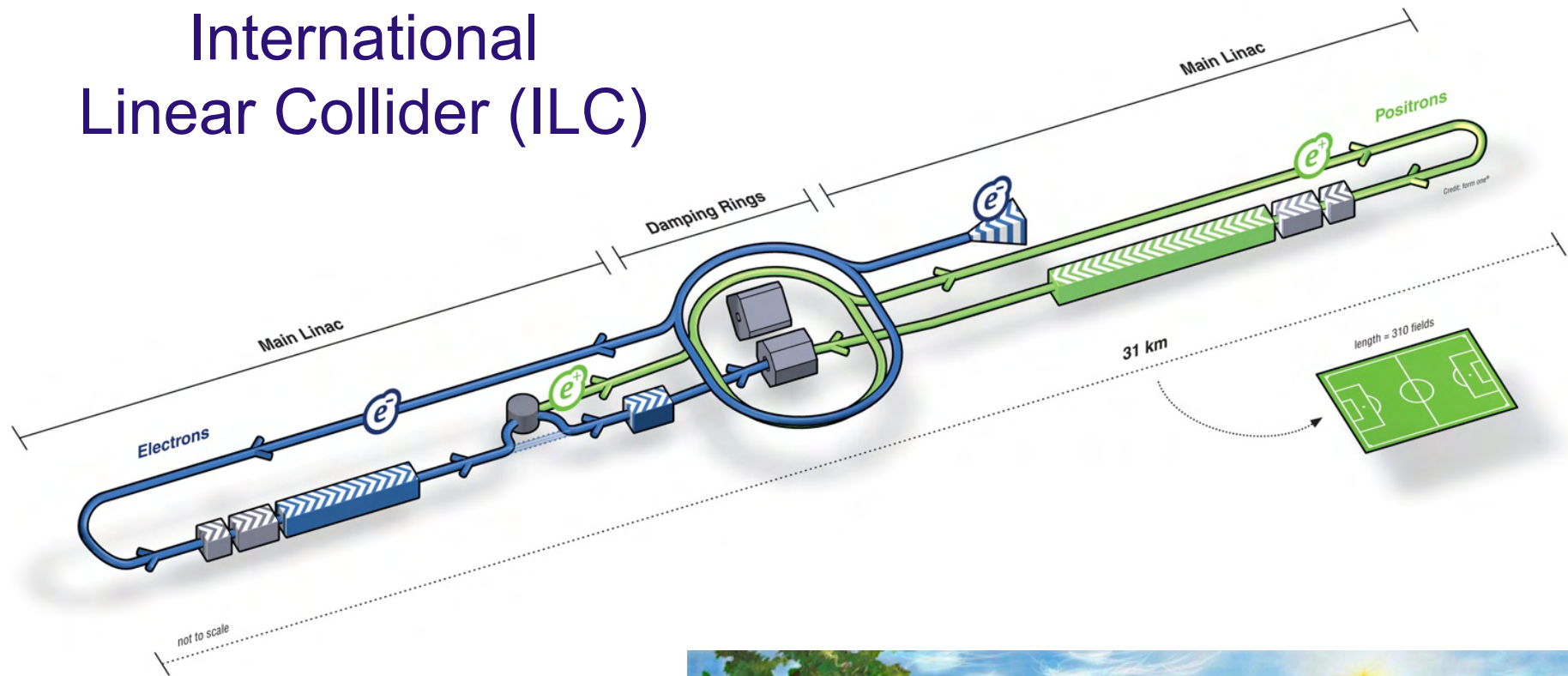
Will search
for Dark Matter,
Higgs Bosons,
other New Particles
and Forces

Linear Collider

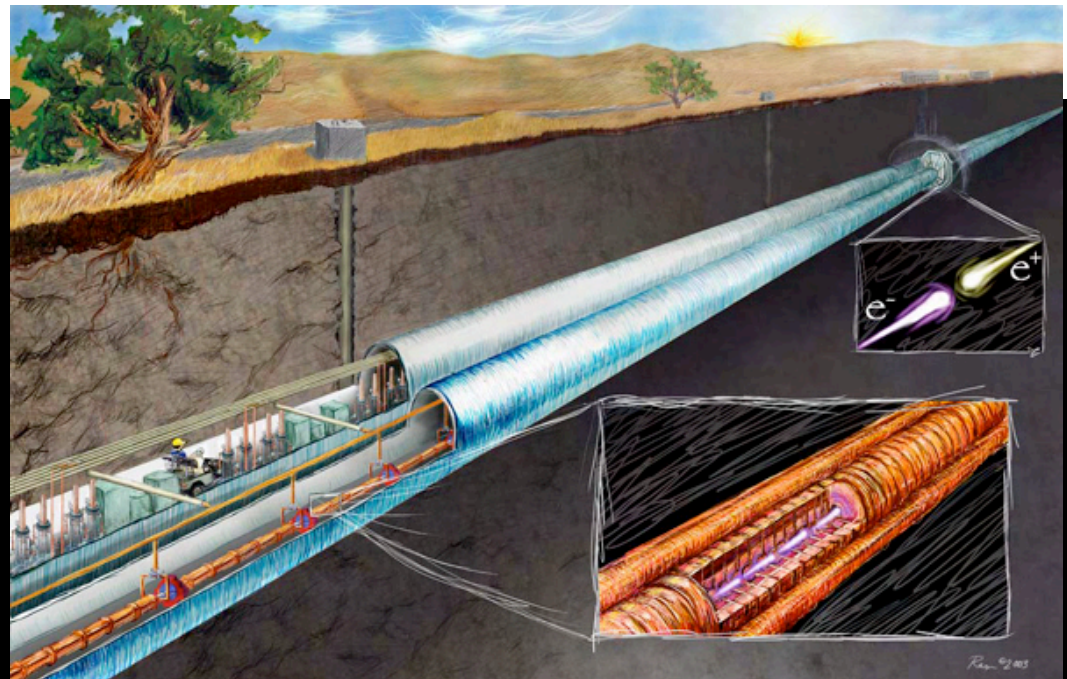
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International Linear Collider (ILC)



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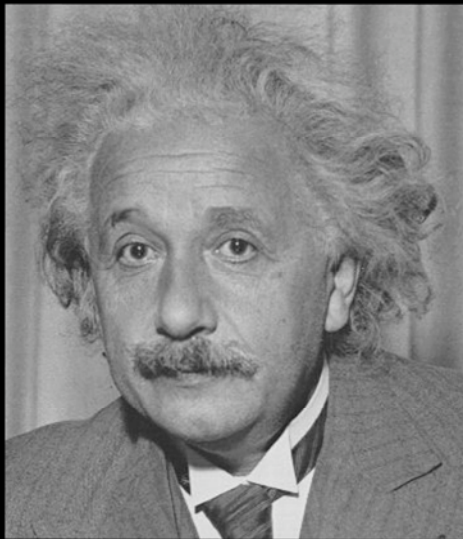
Scientific Goals of the LHC and the ILC

- Dark Matter particles
- Higgs Boson
 - responsible for mass of fundamental particles
 - responsible for weak nuclear and electromagnetic force differences
- Hidden extra dimensions of space
- New forces
- New fundamental particles

Particle Accelerators and the Universe

- Big Bang occurred 13.7 billion years ago
 - expanding Universe, cosmic fireball, other observables
- Universe expanded and cooled; fundamental particles condensed into structures
- Accelerators have revealed fundamental particles and their interactions
- Dark Matter dominates mass of the Universe
 - controlled early evolution, continues impact today
- Dark Matter discovery could come from next accelerator experiments
 - Large Hadron Collider (LHC), International Linear Collider (ILC)

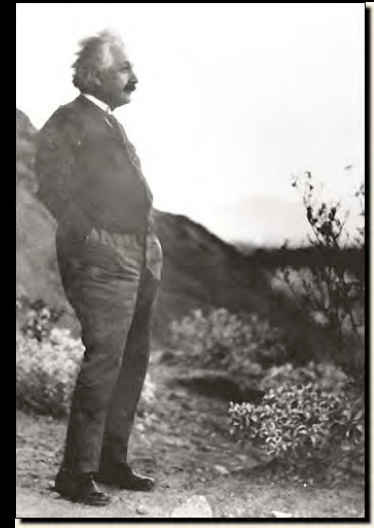
*One thing I have
learned in a long life:
that all our science,
measured against
reality, is primitive
and childlike
—and yet it is the
most precious thing
we have.*



Jim Brau

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The most beautiful
experience we can
have is the
mysterious.

It is the fundamental
emotion which
stands at the
cradle of true art
and true science.

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