



# Beyond the Standard Model

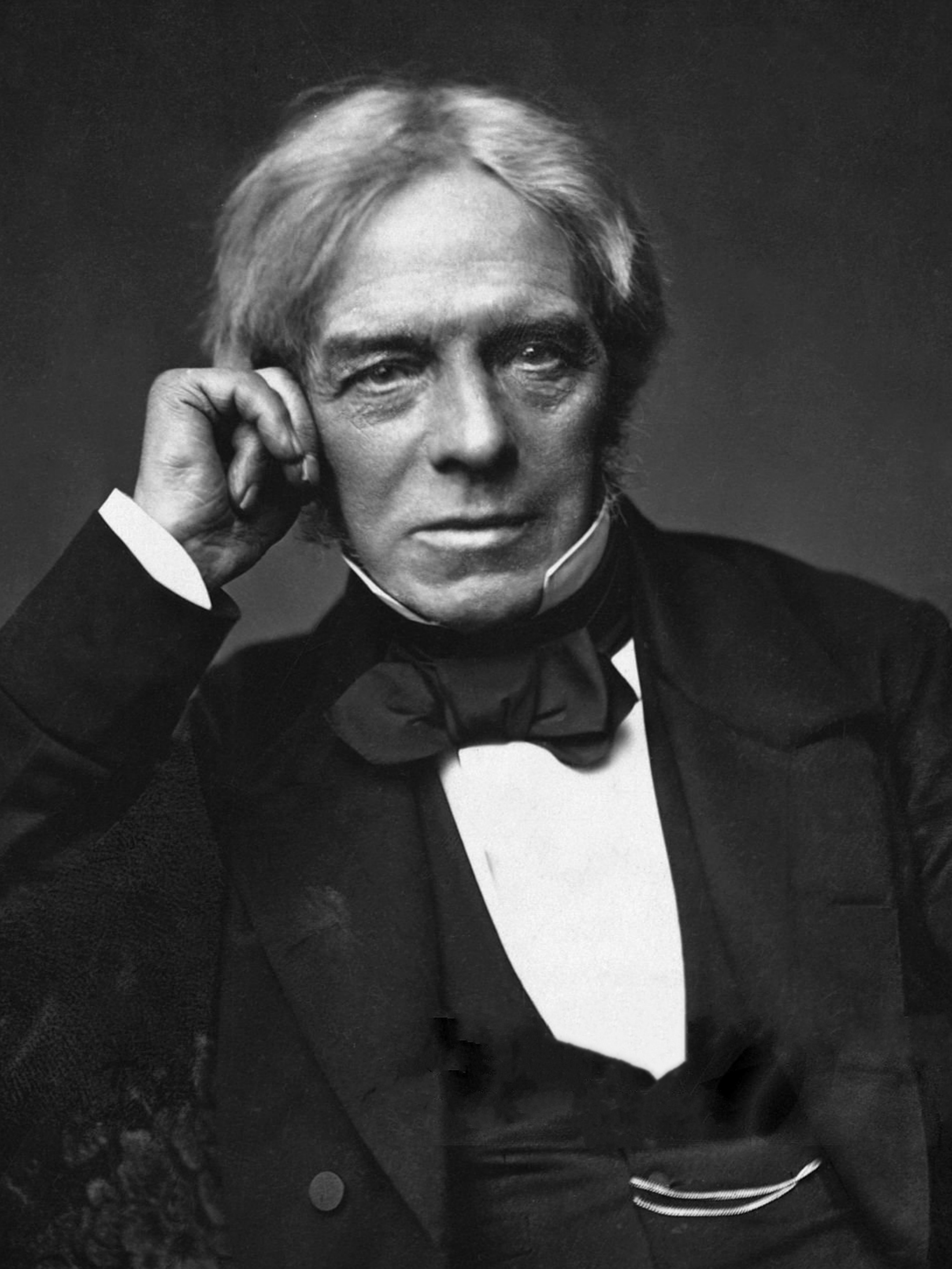


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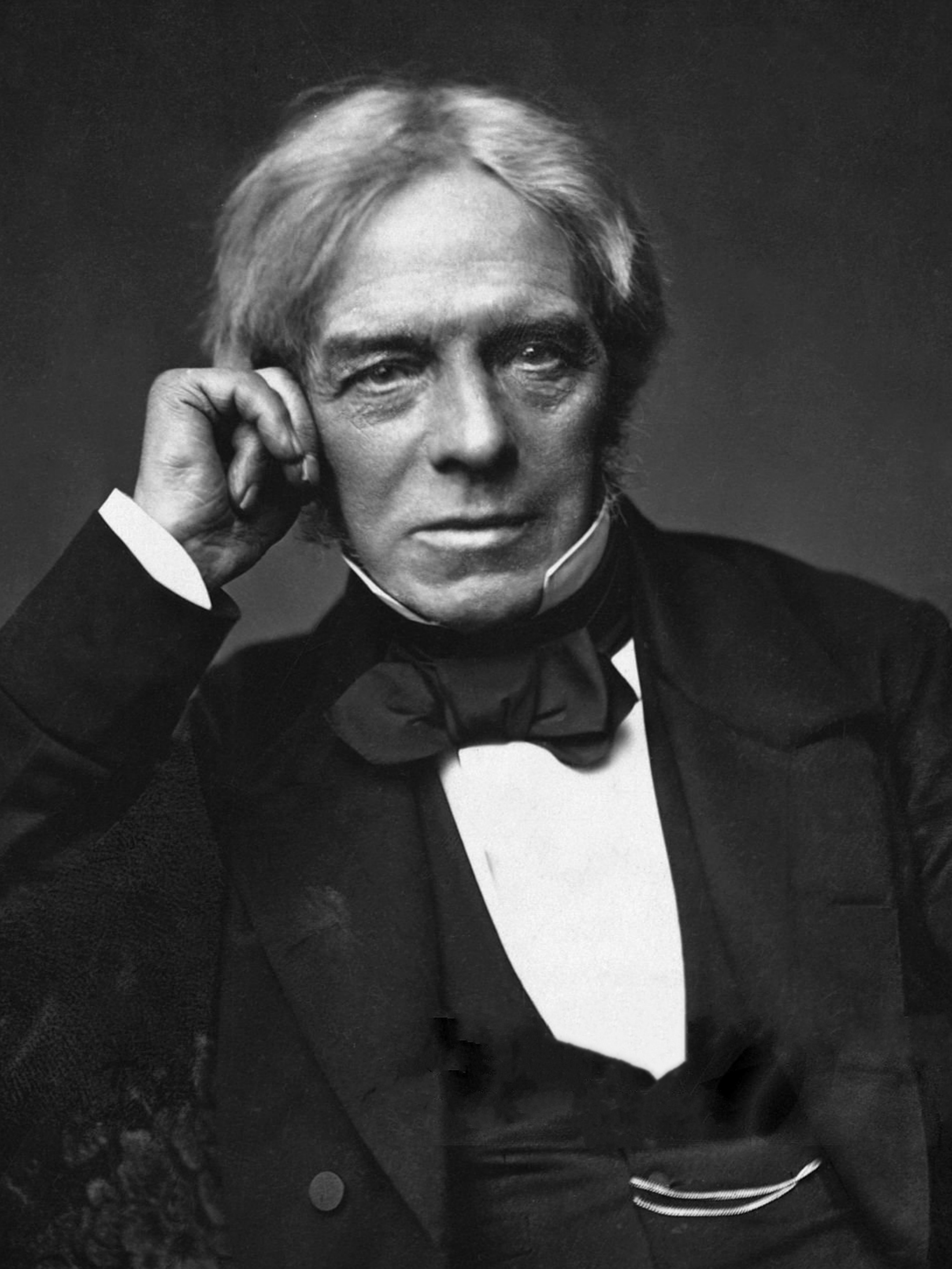
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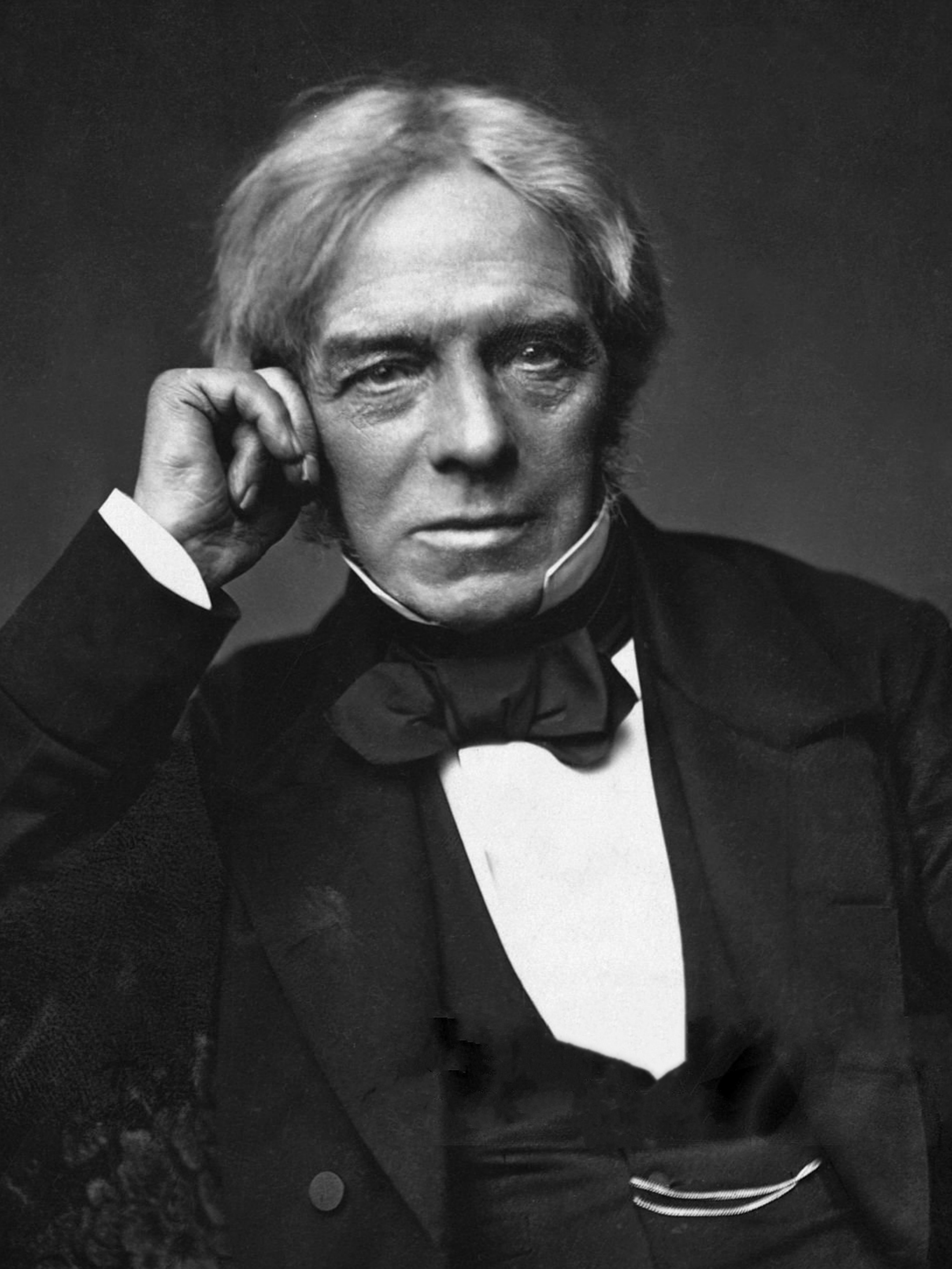
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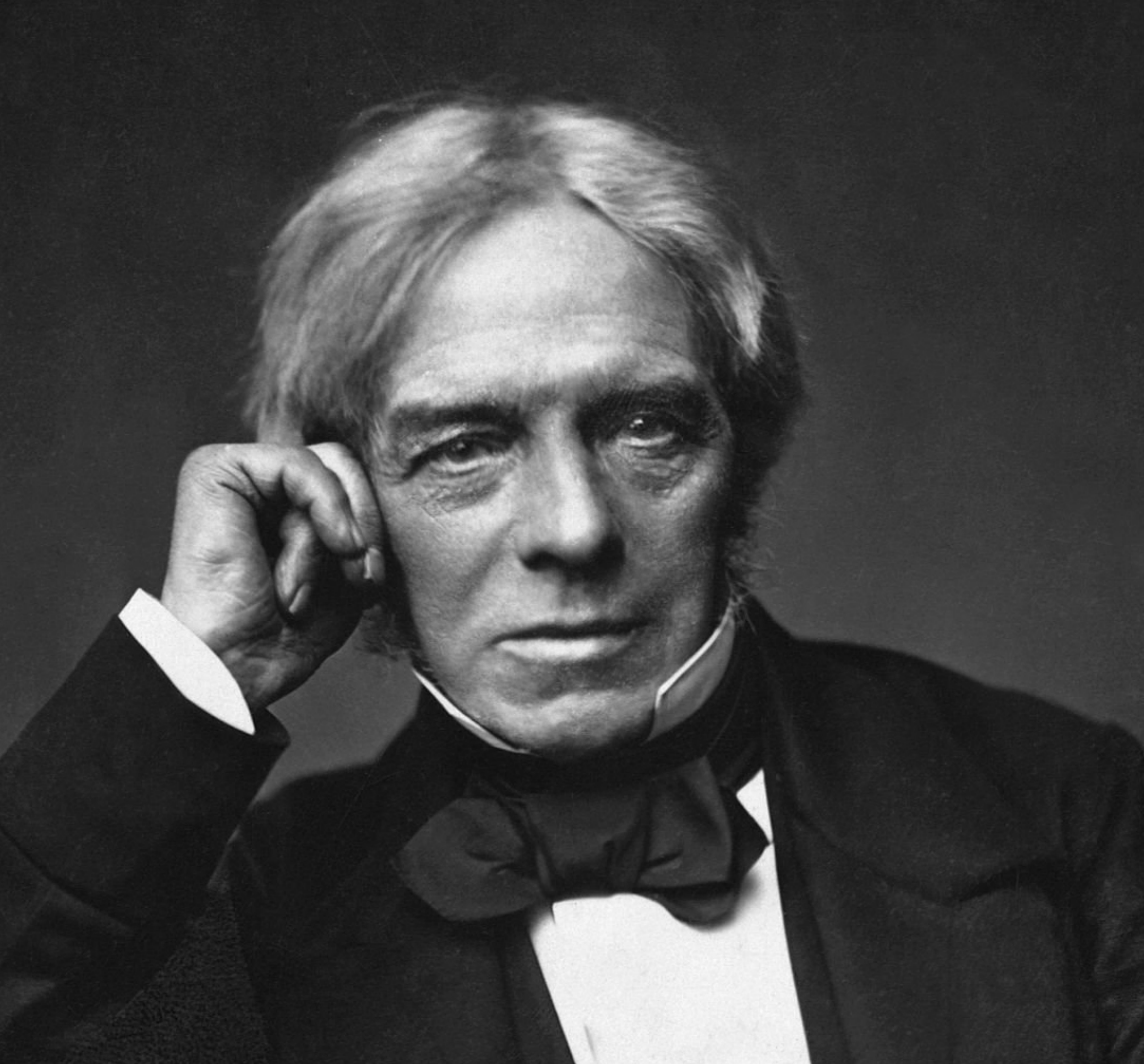
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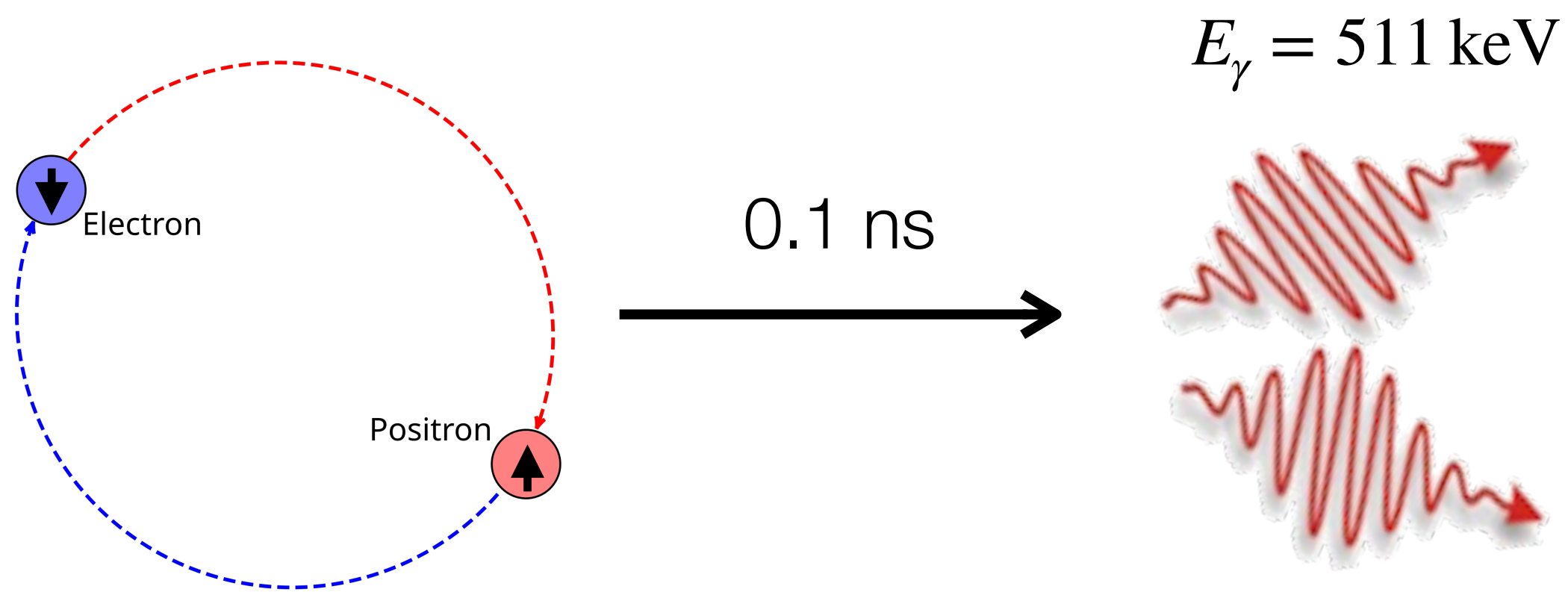


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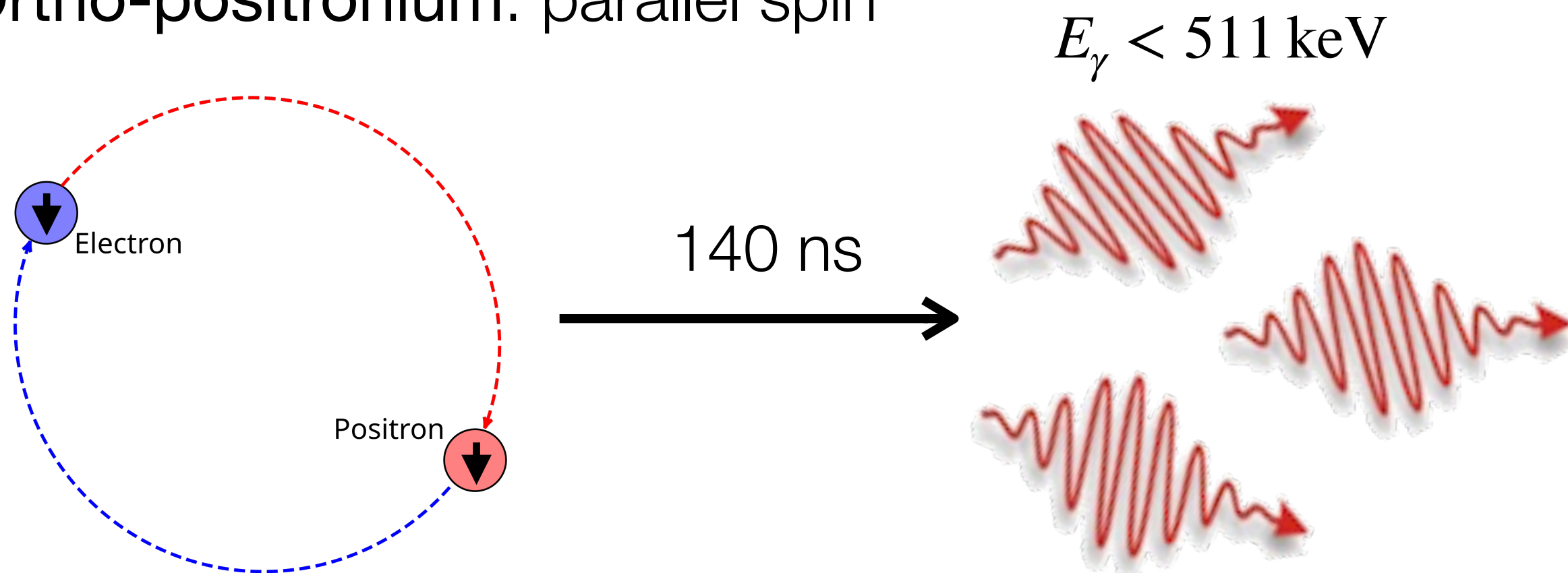
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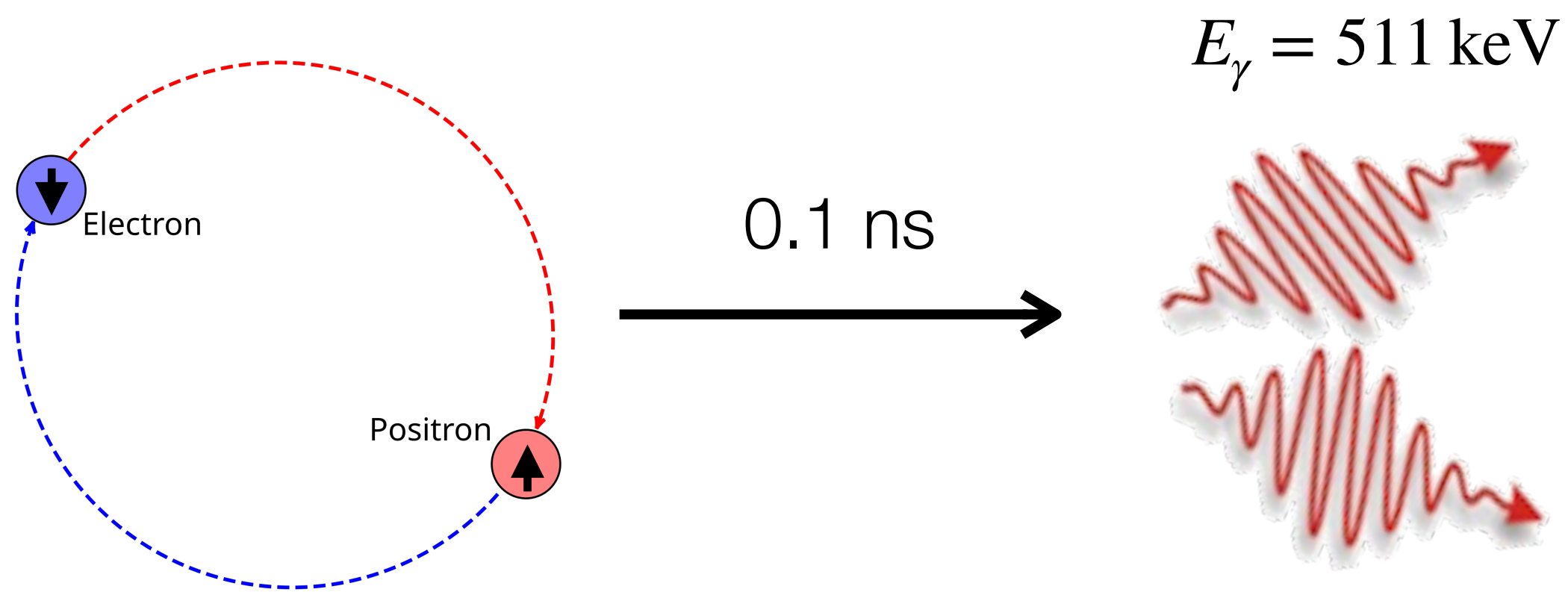


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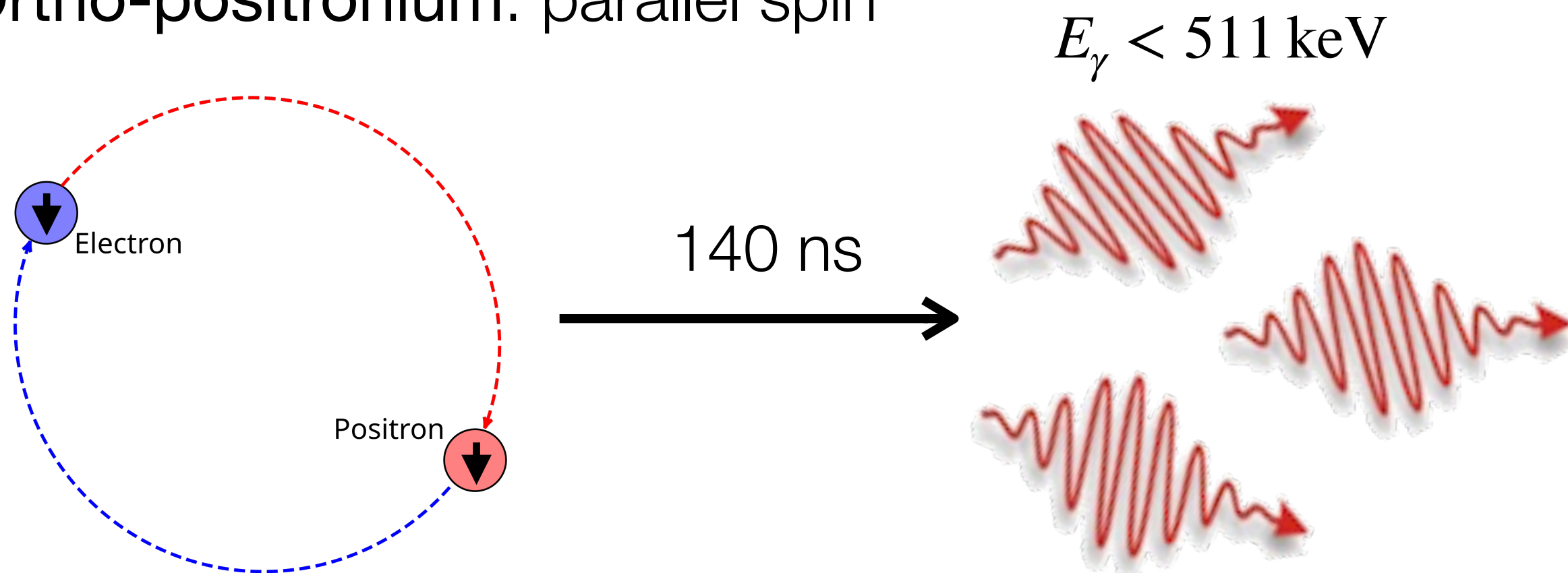
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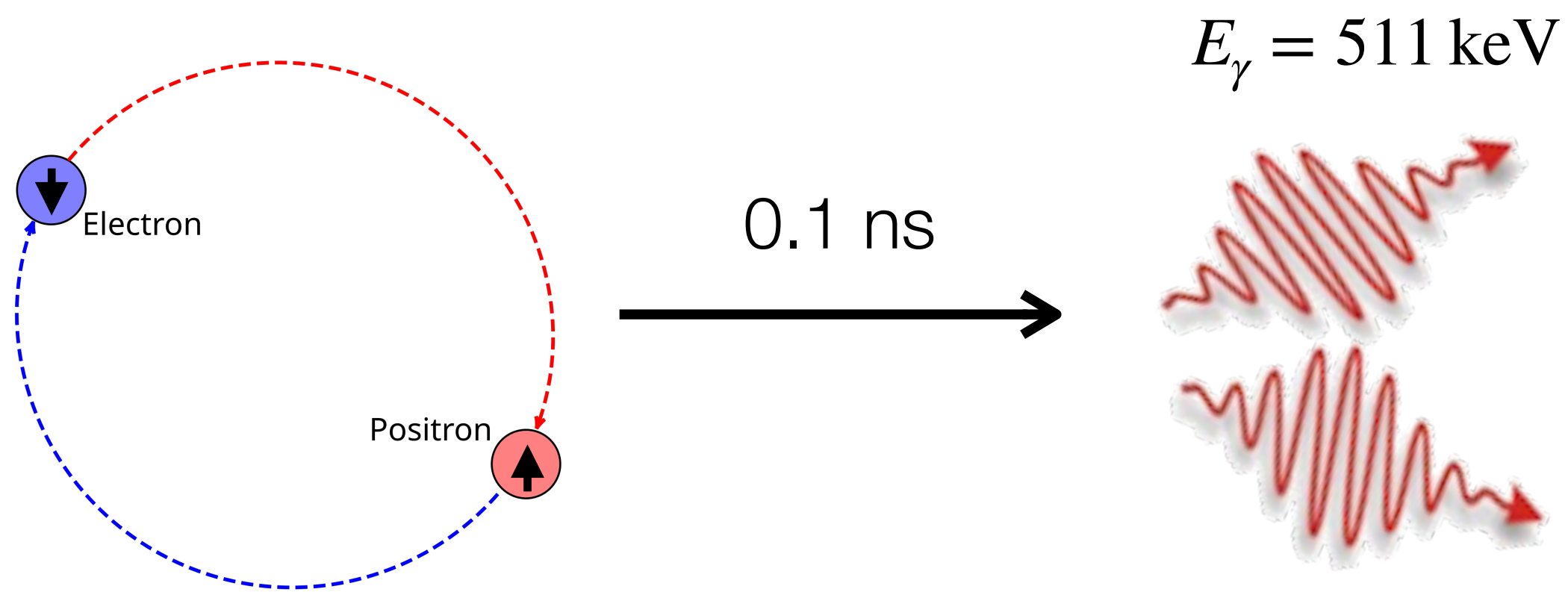


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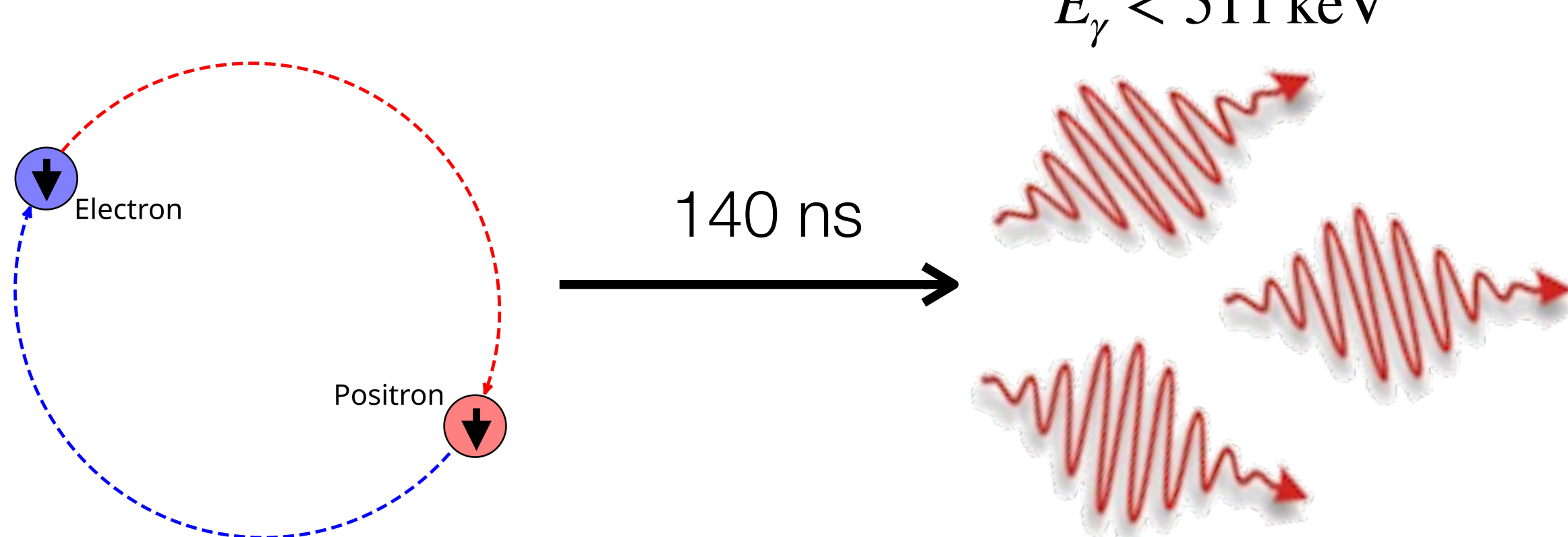
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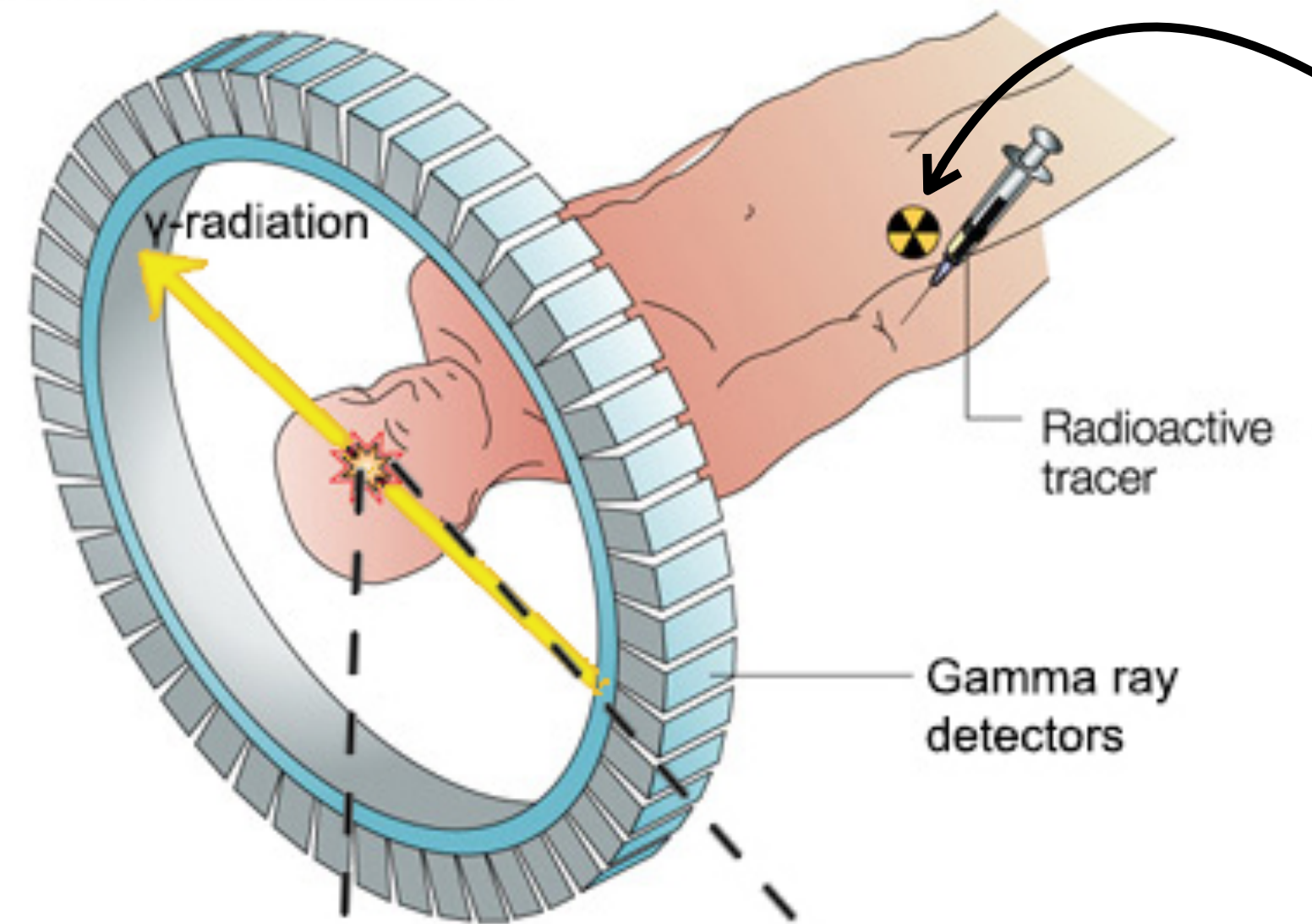
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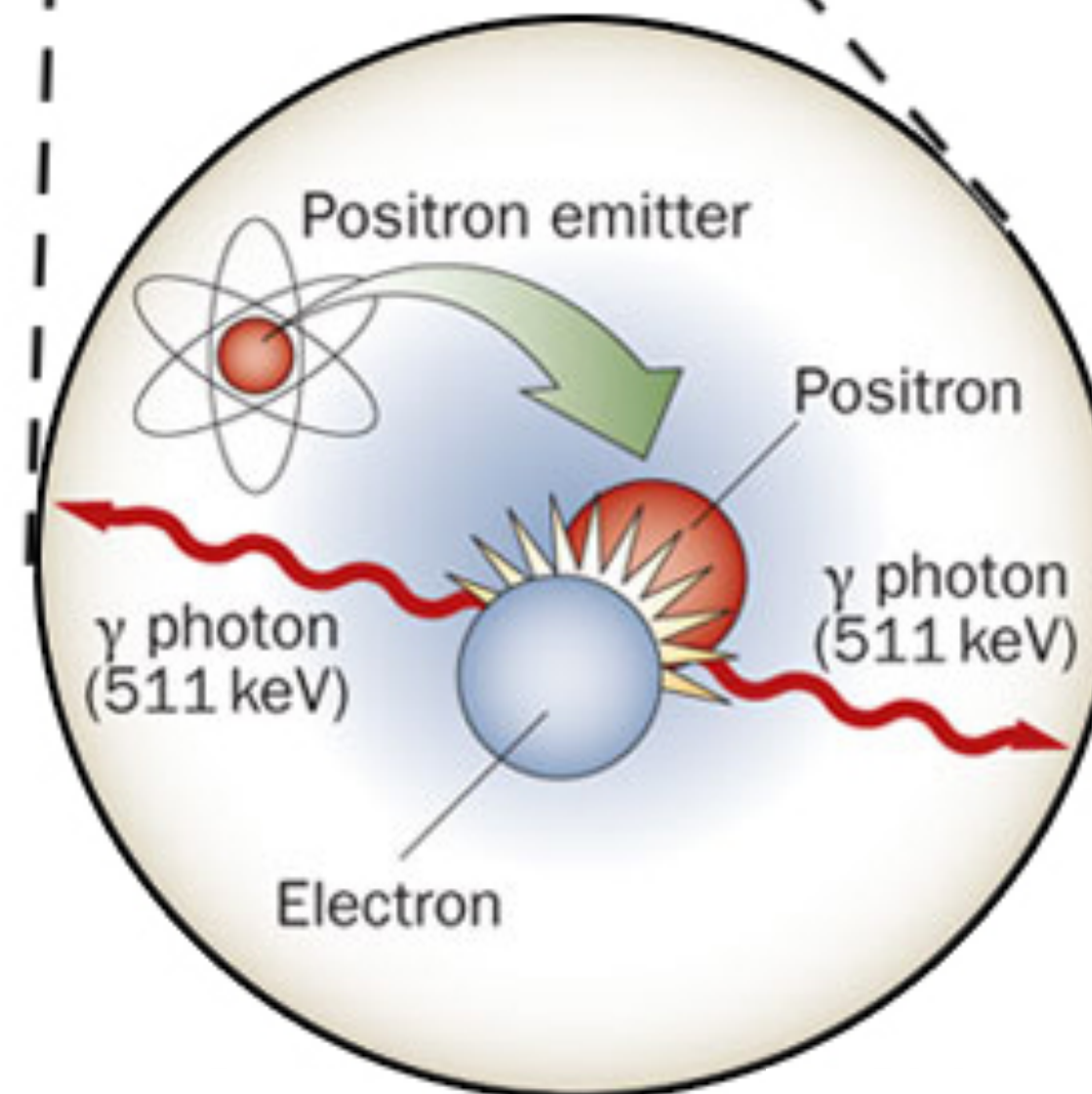




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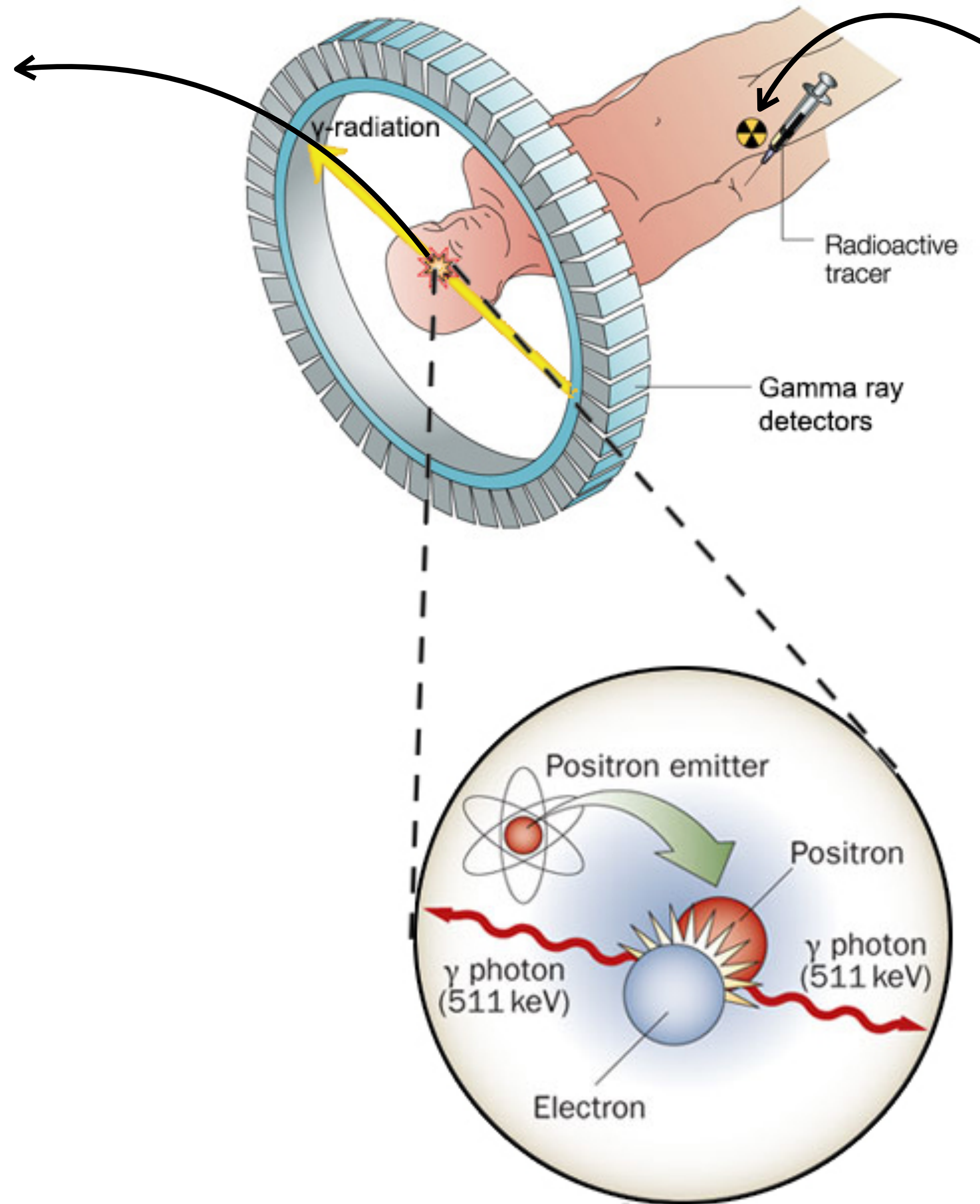




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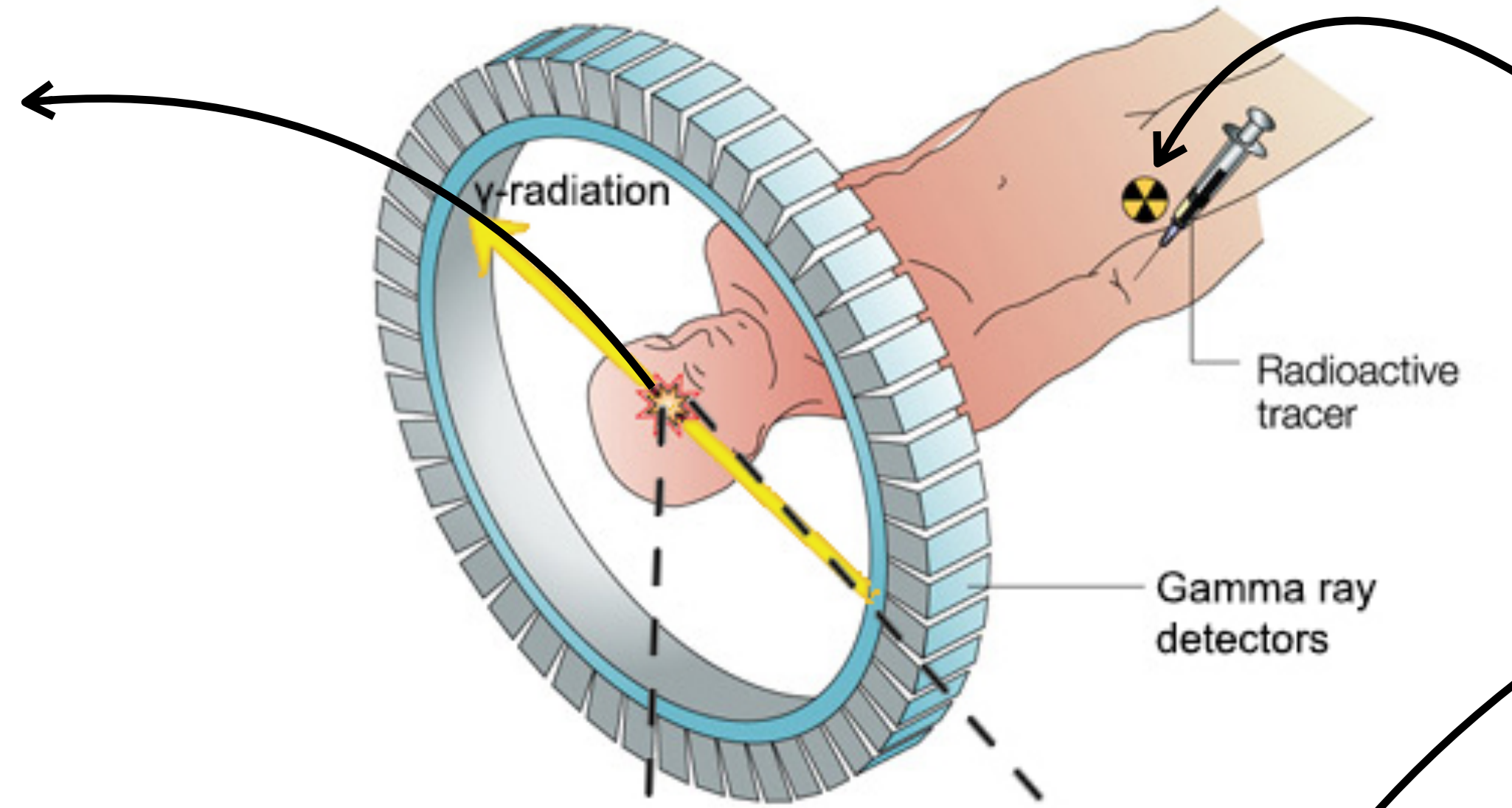
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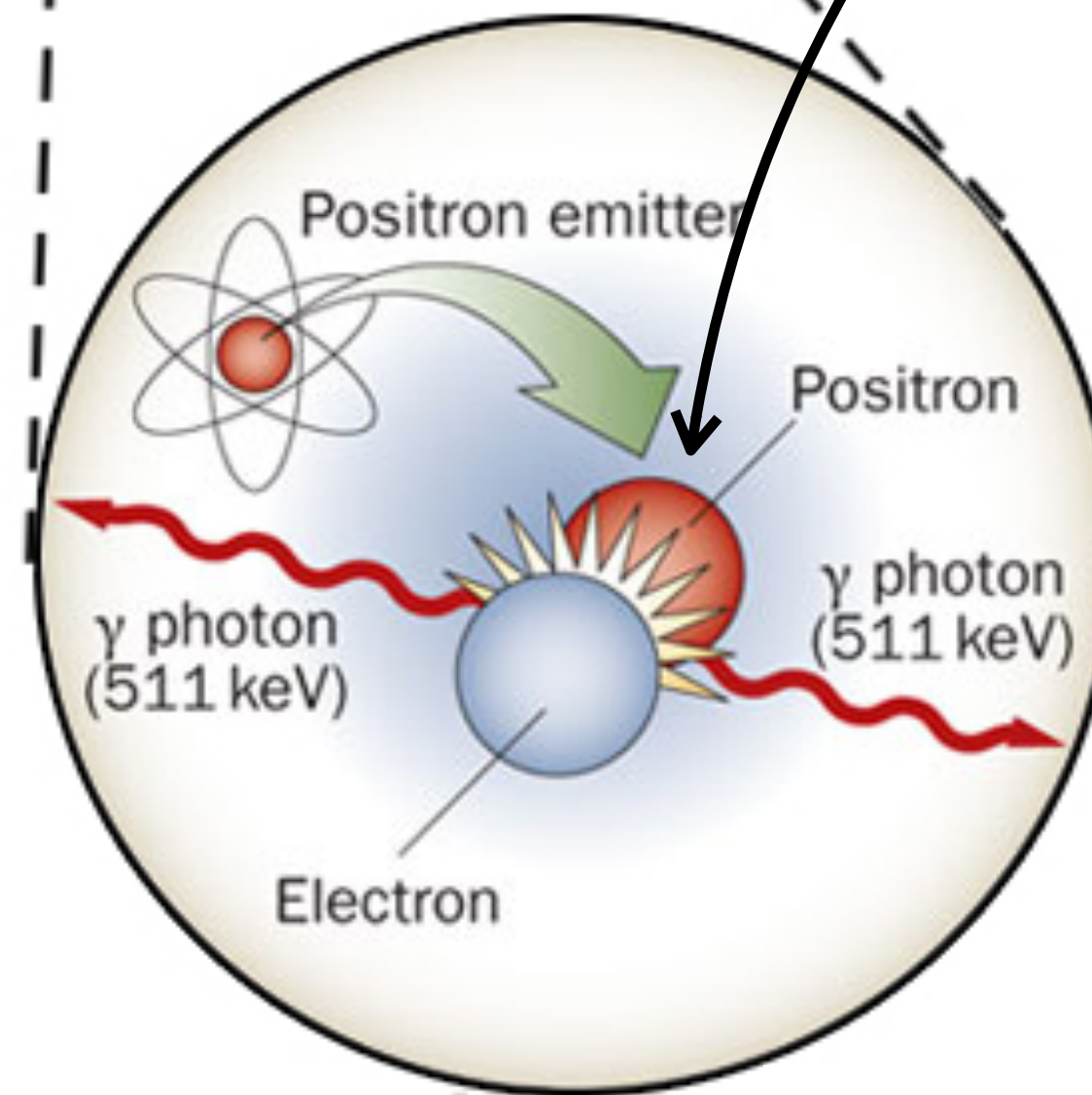
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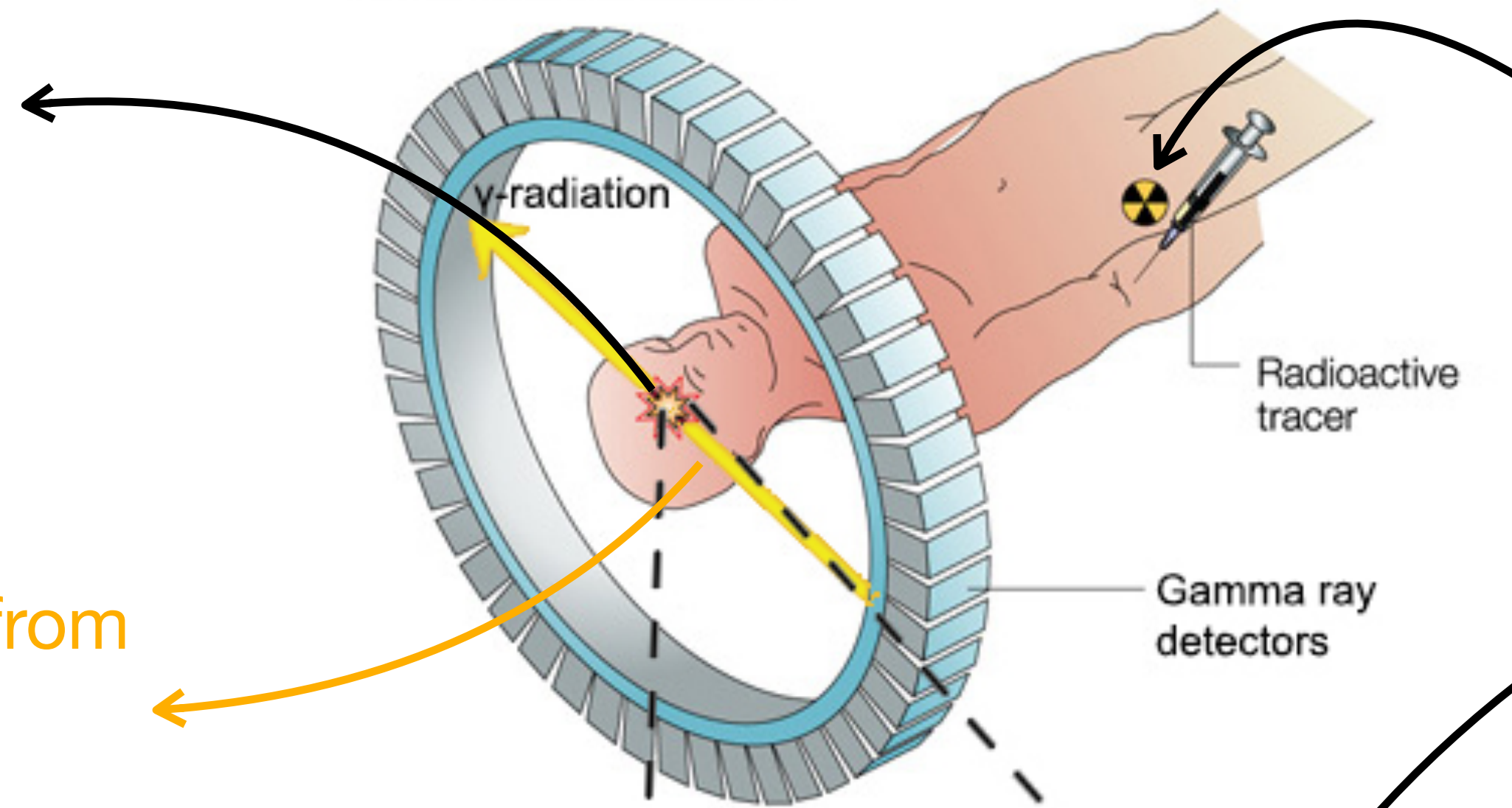




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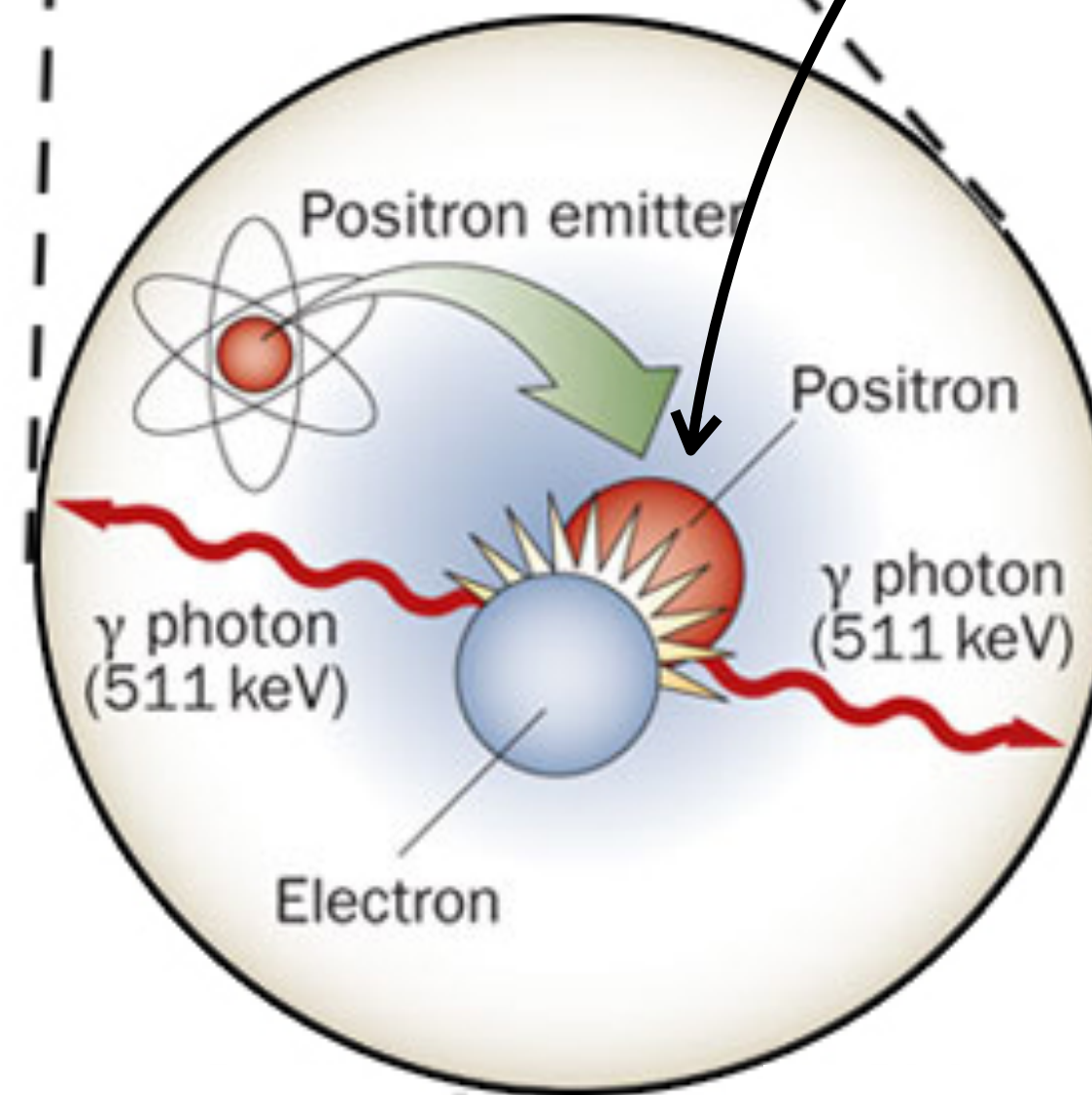
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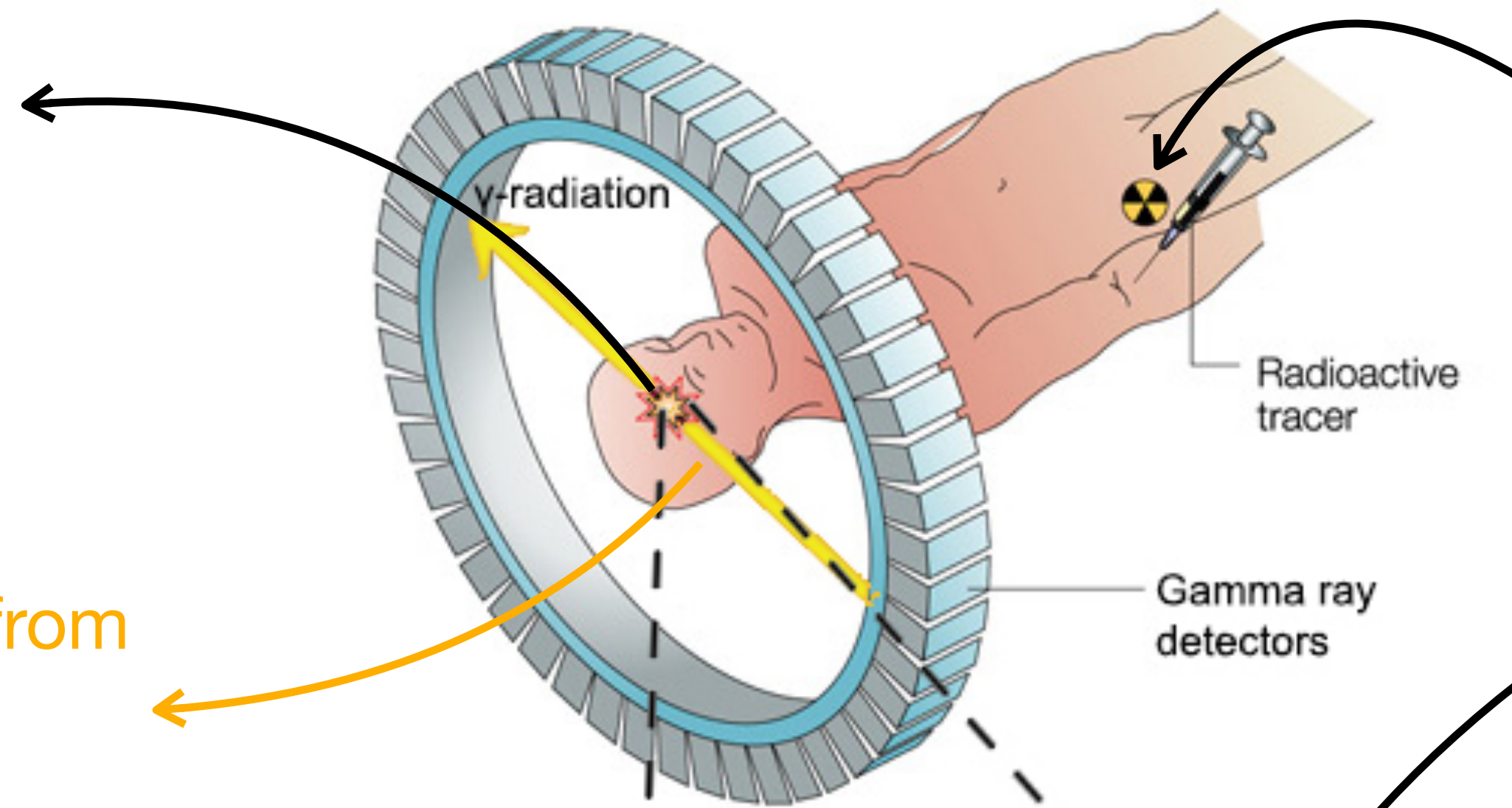
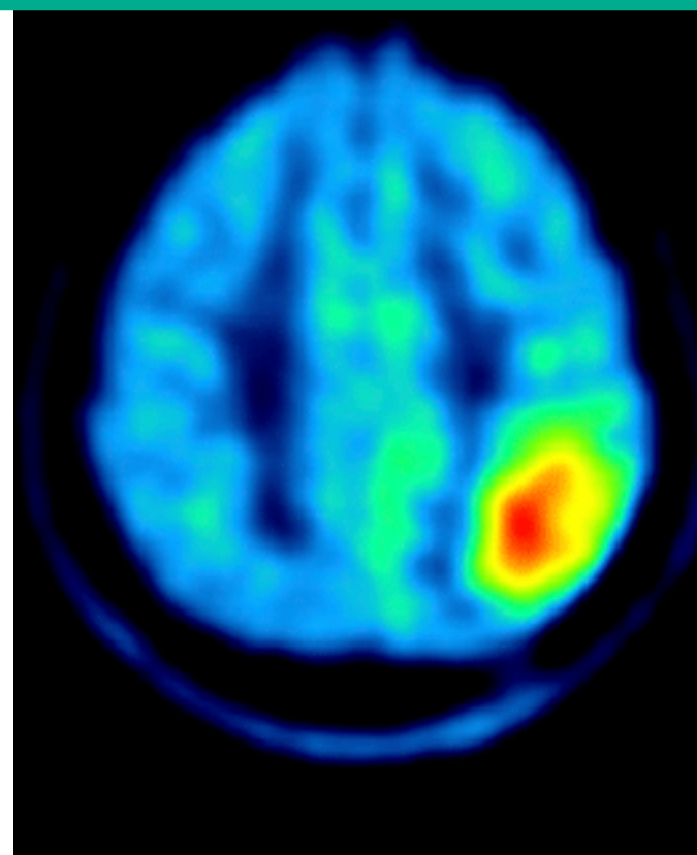


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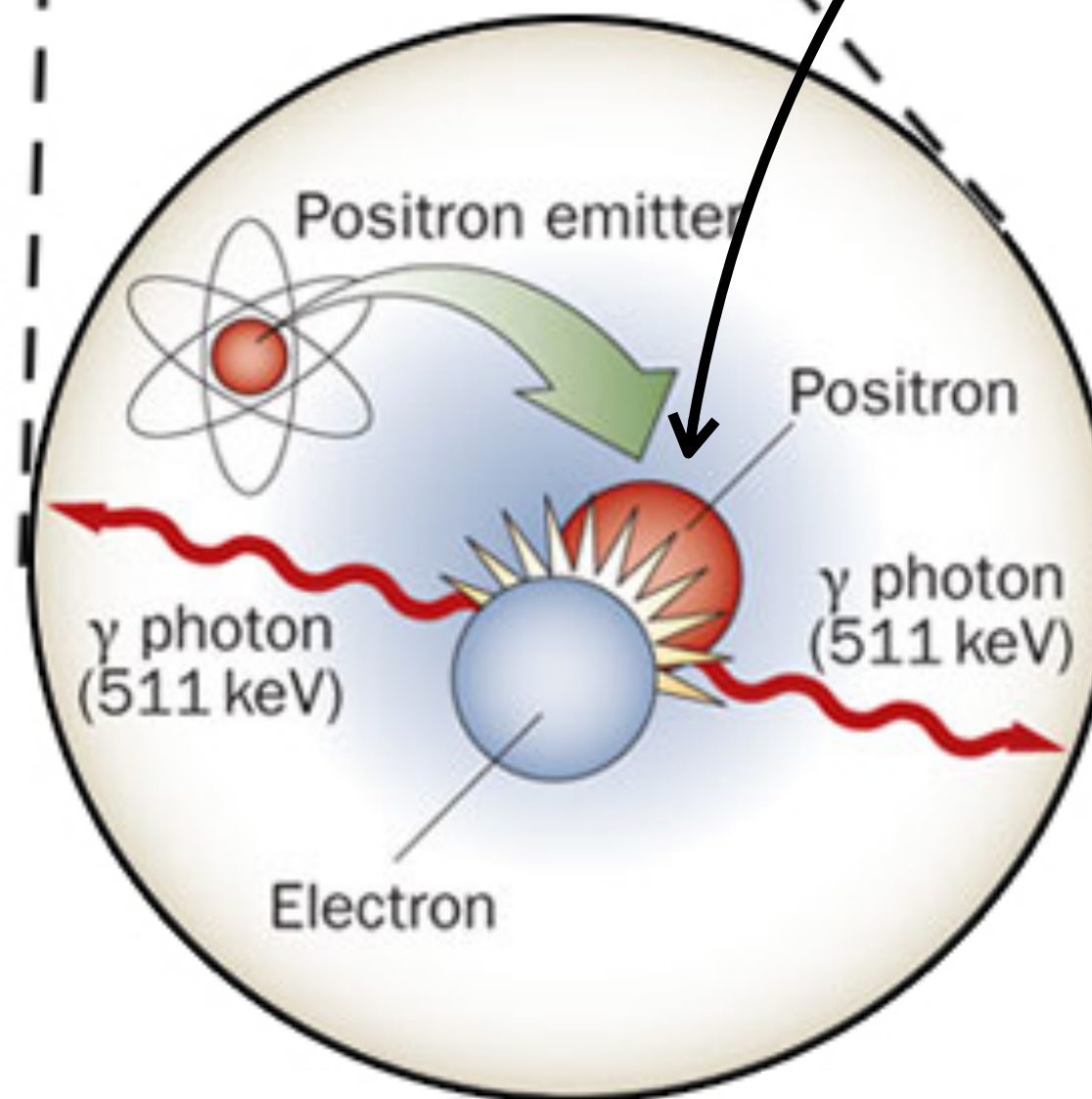
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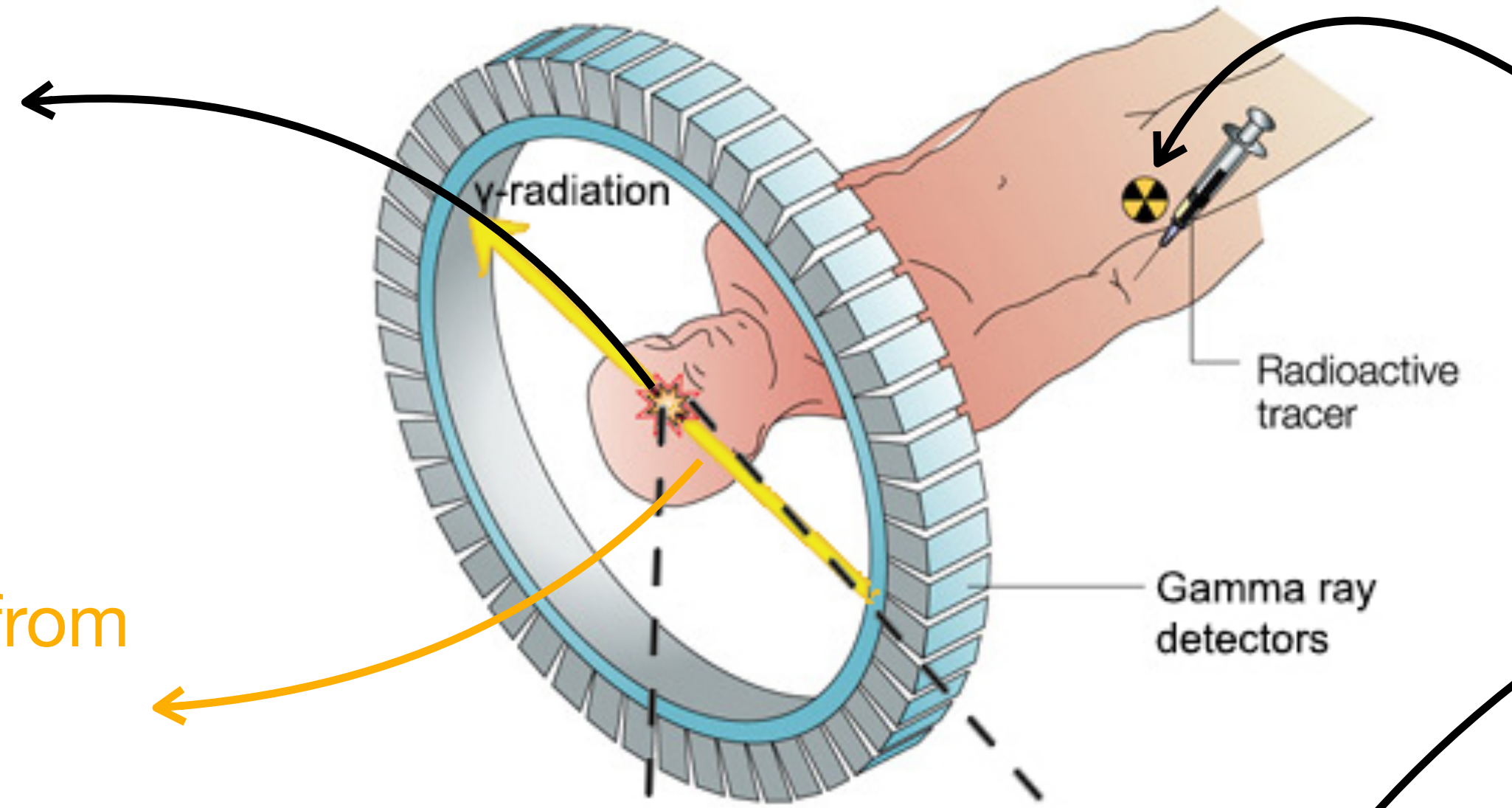
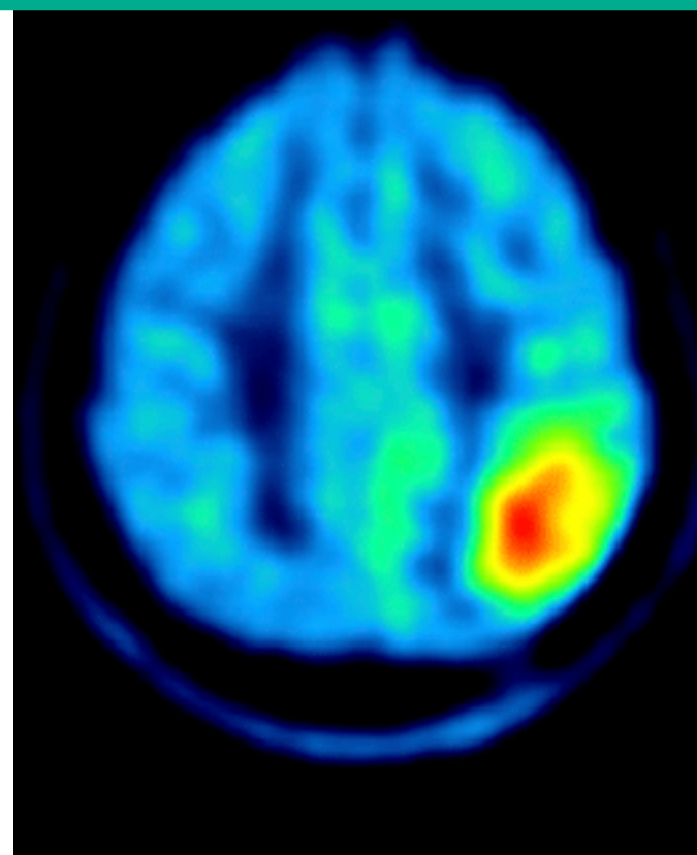


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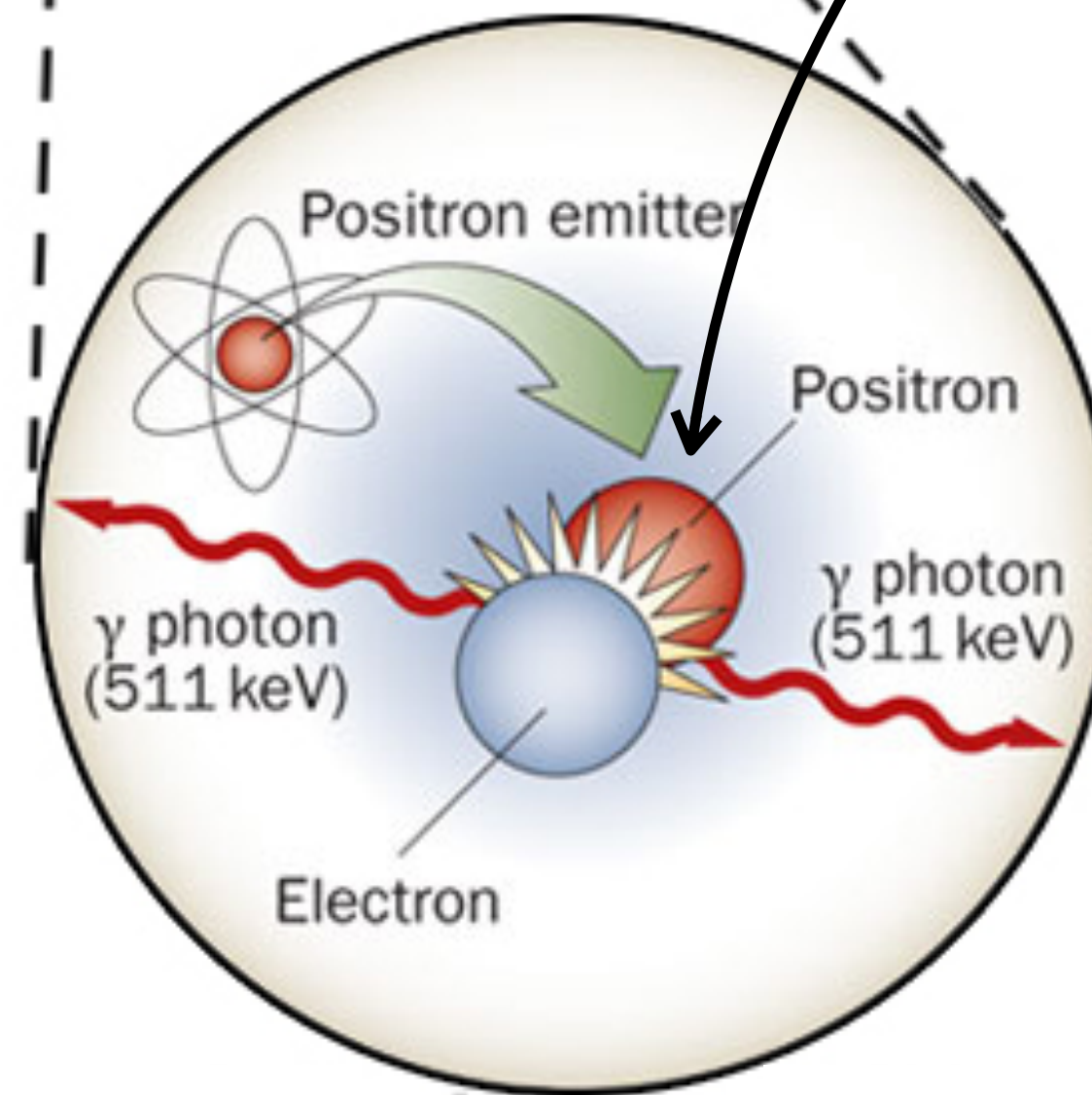
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**THE FUTURE**

New PET scans could use Positronium, more information as Positronium production rate depends on environment!





Do we need to go Beyond  
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Our experience of reality is tied to what we can access  
and how we perceive it

→ our description of reality is limited by definition

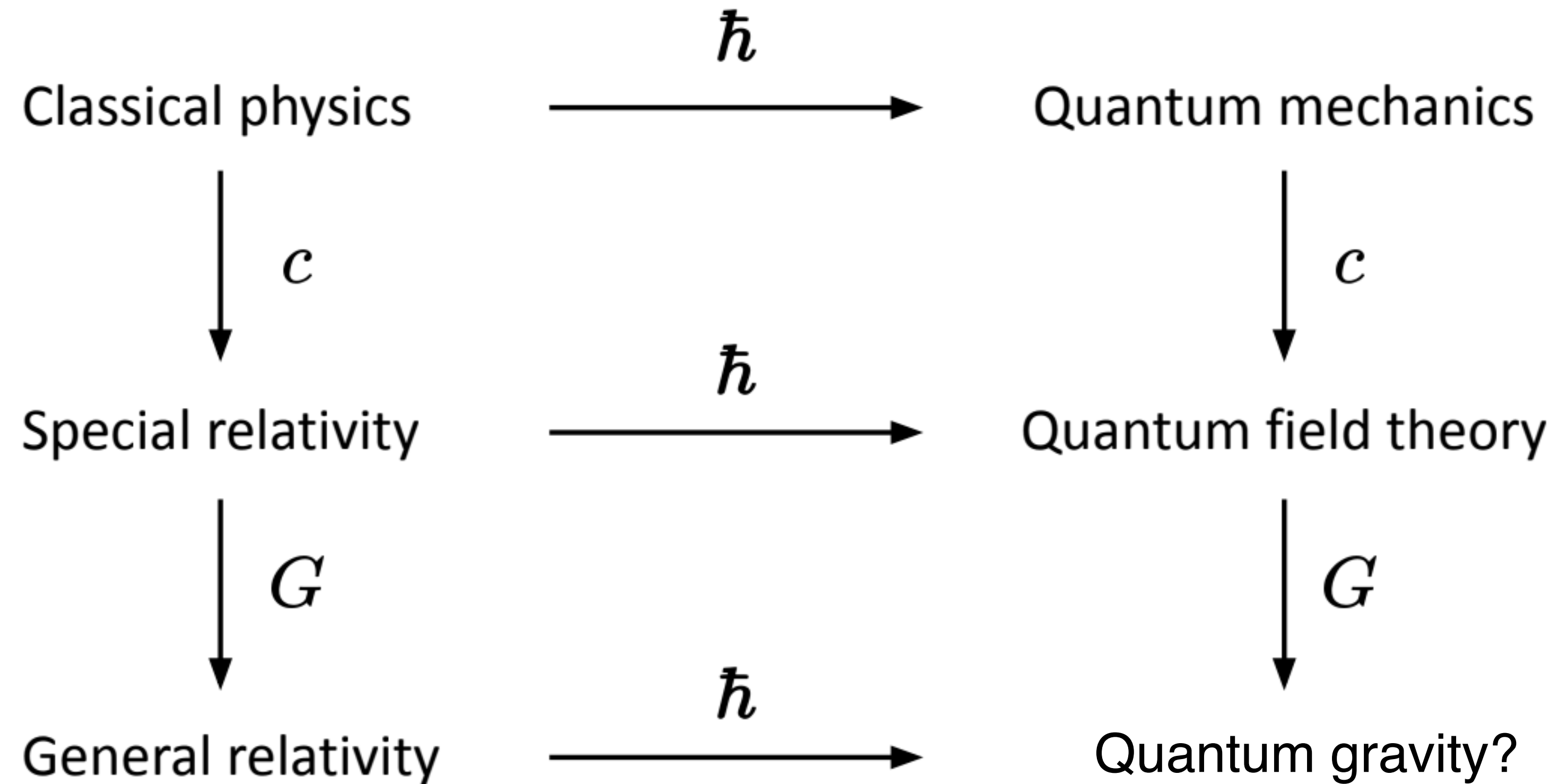




# Plato's prisoner in modern physics:

## A revised Bronstein Cube

A model is accurate ( $\neq$  true) at a given scale

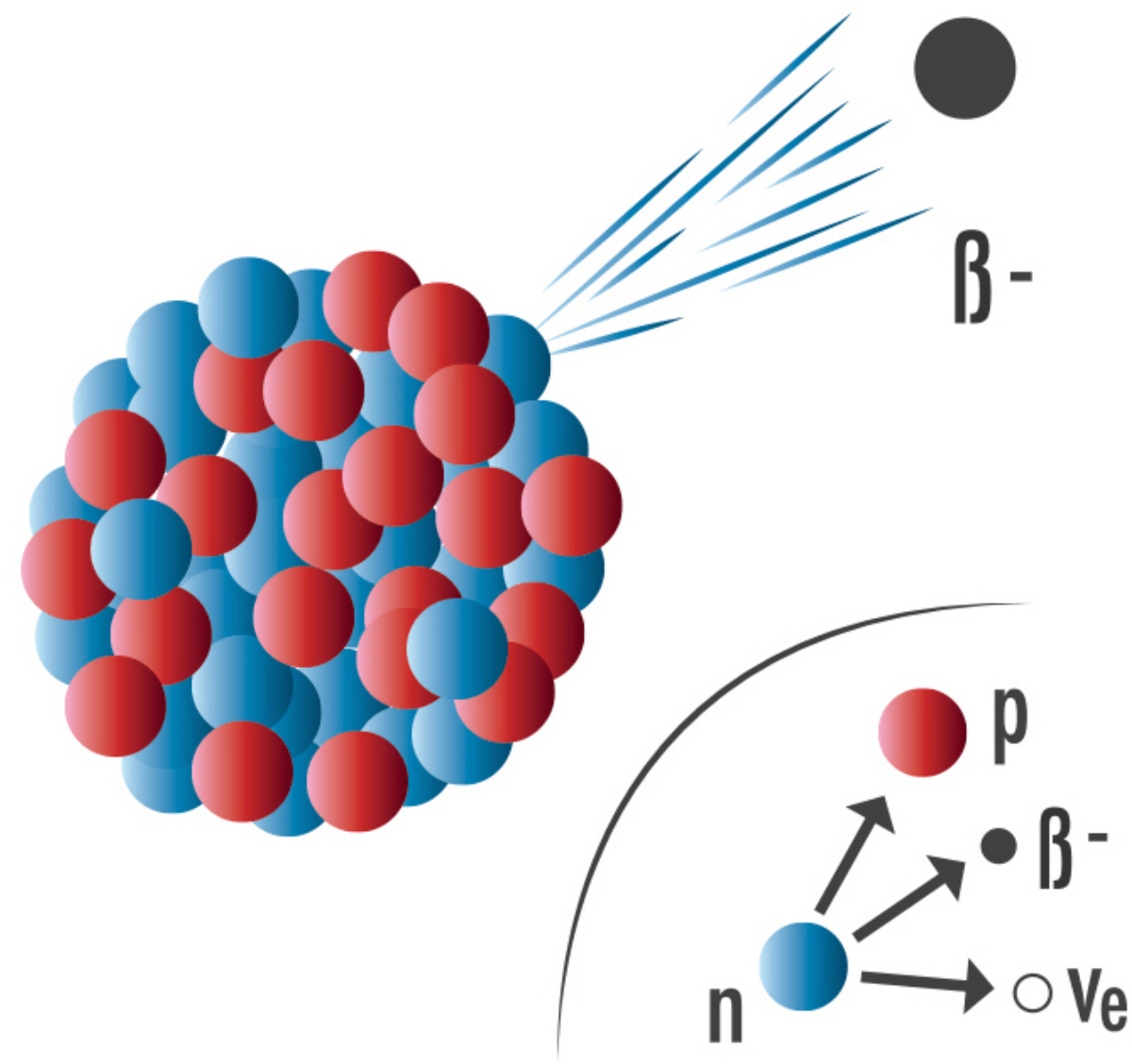




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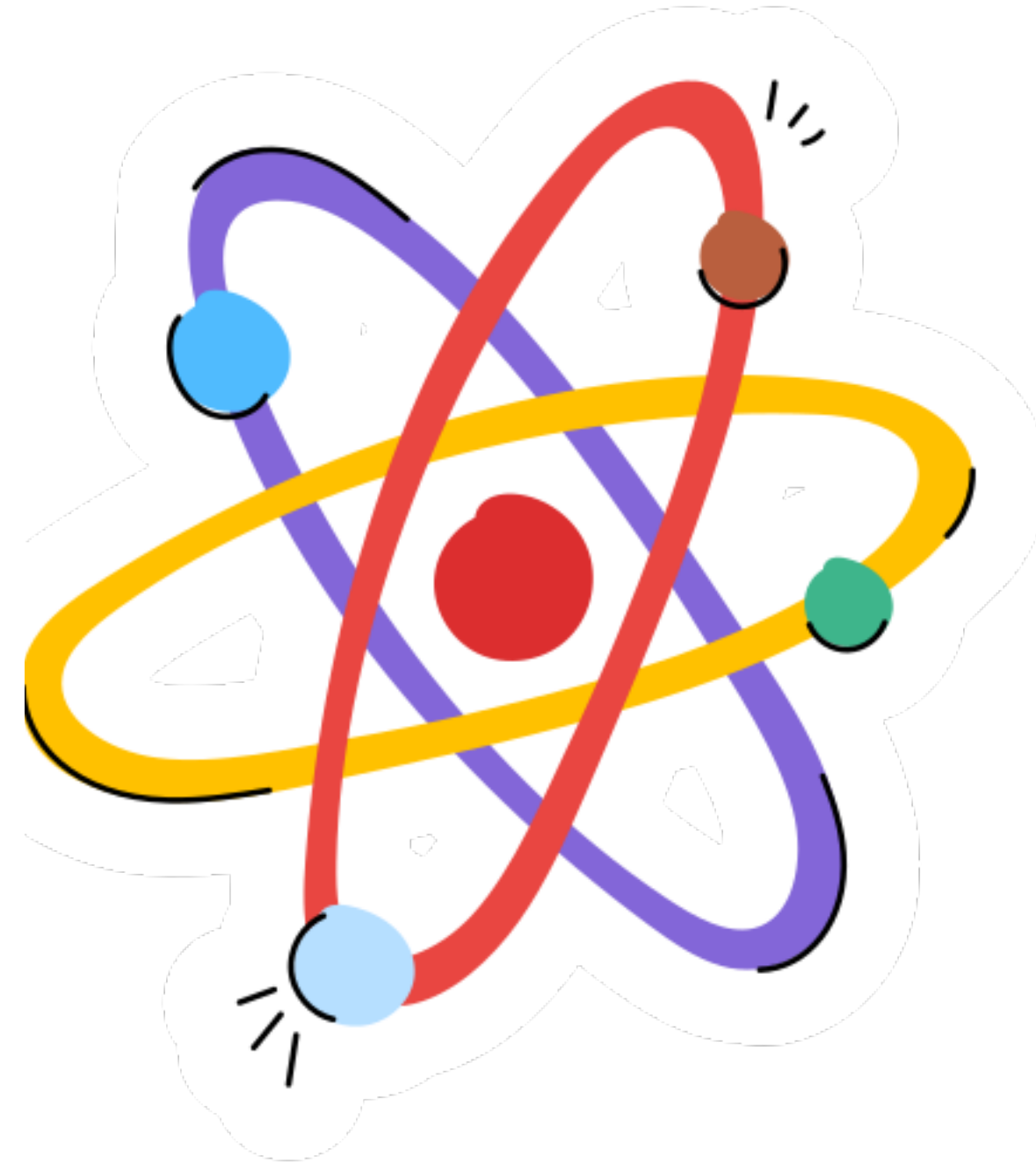
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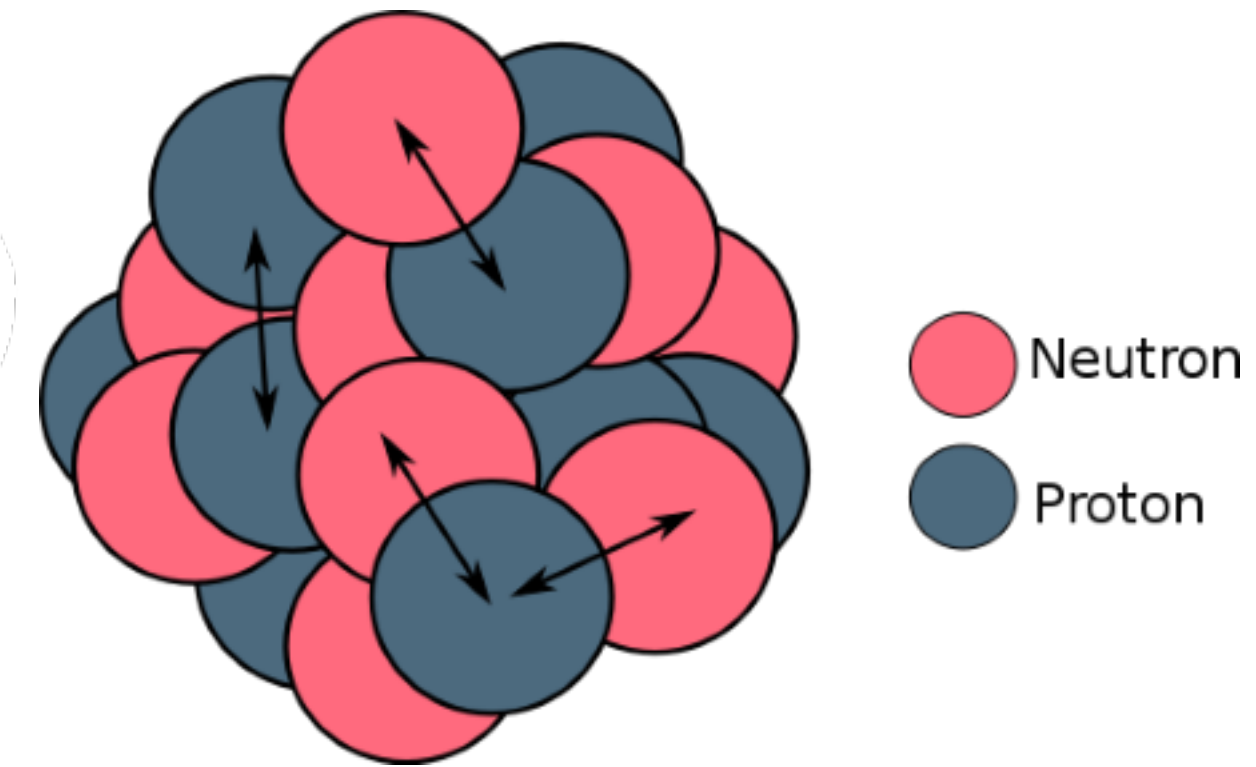
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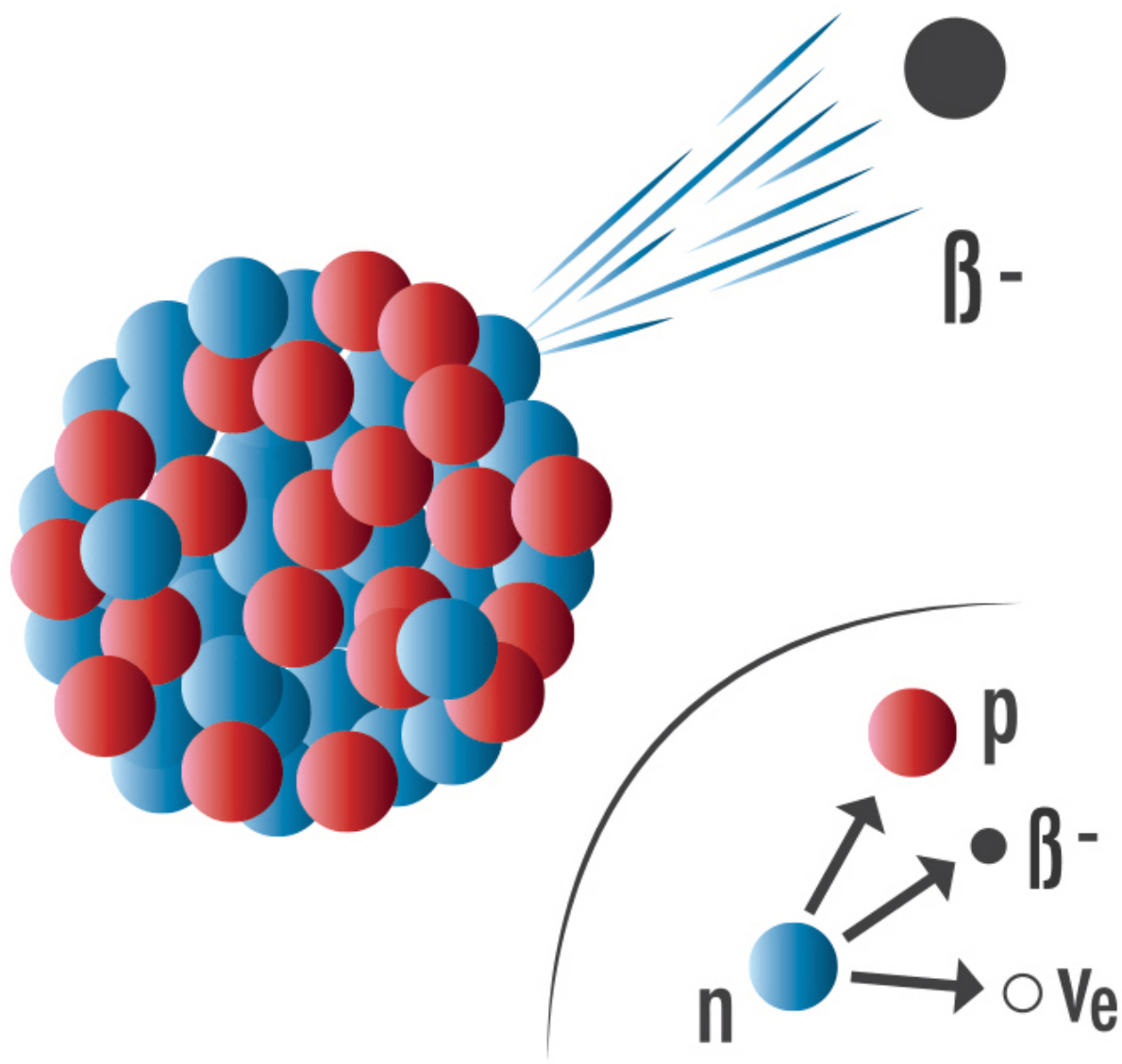




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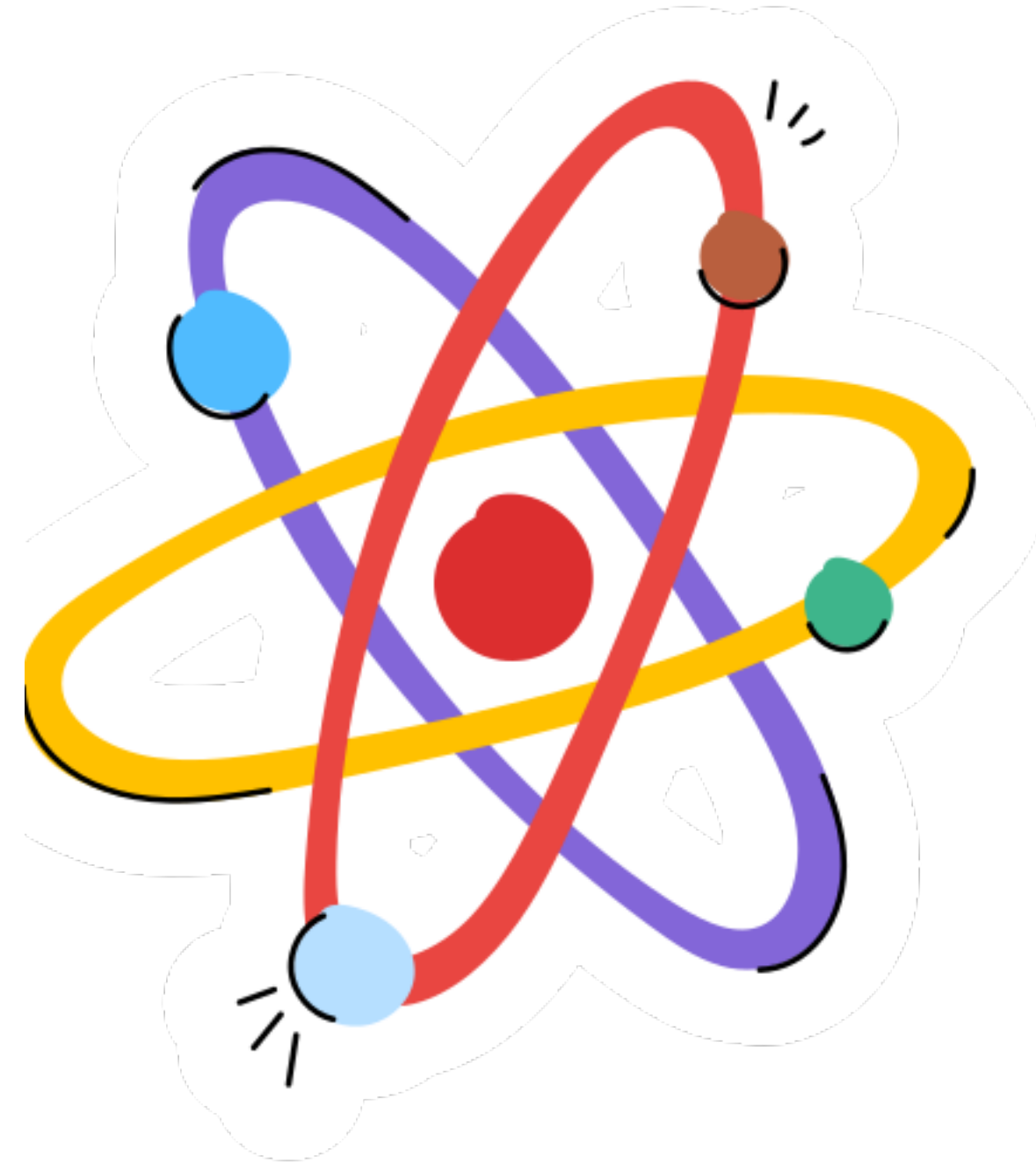
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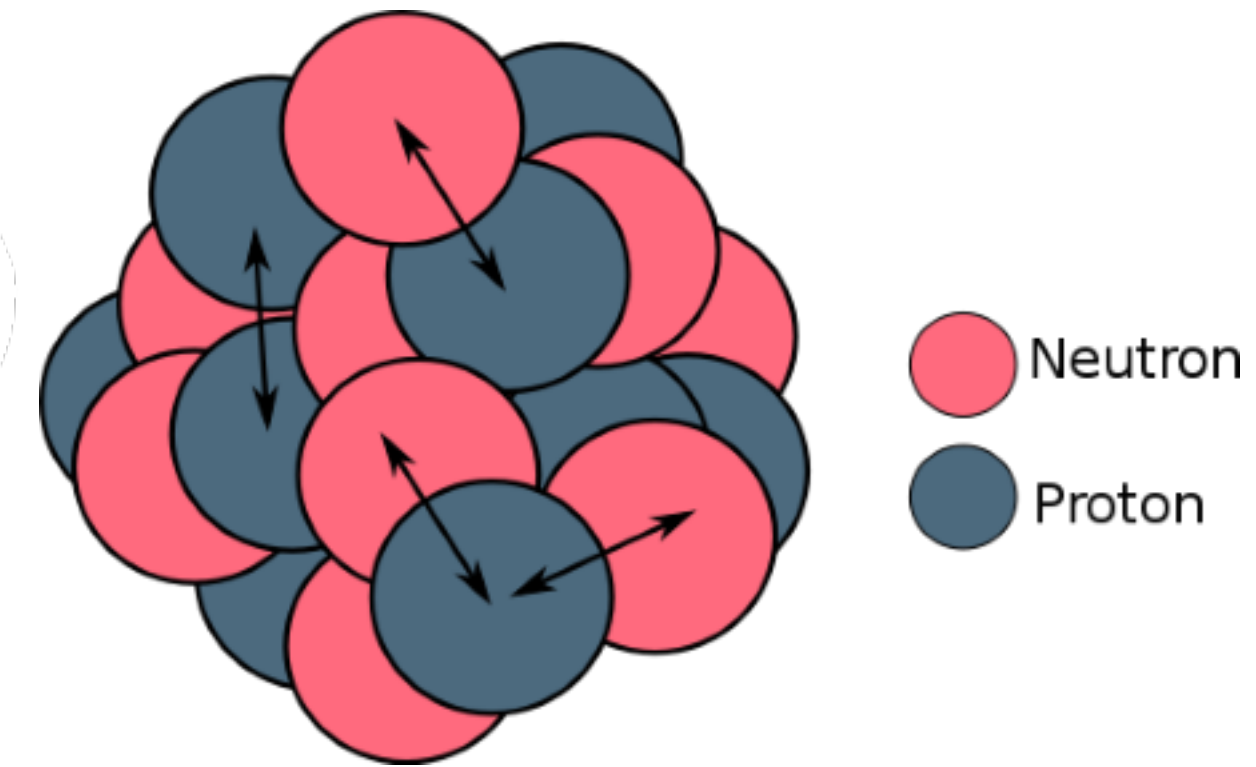
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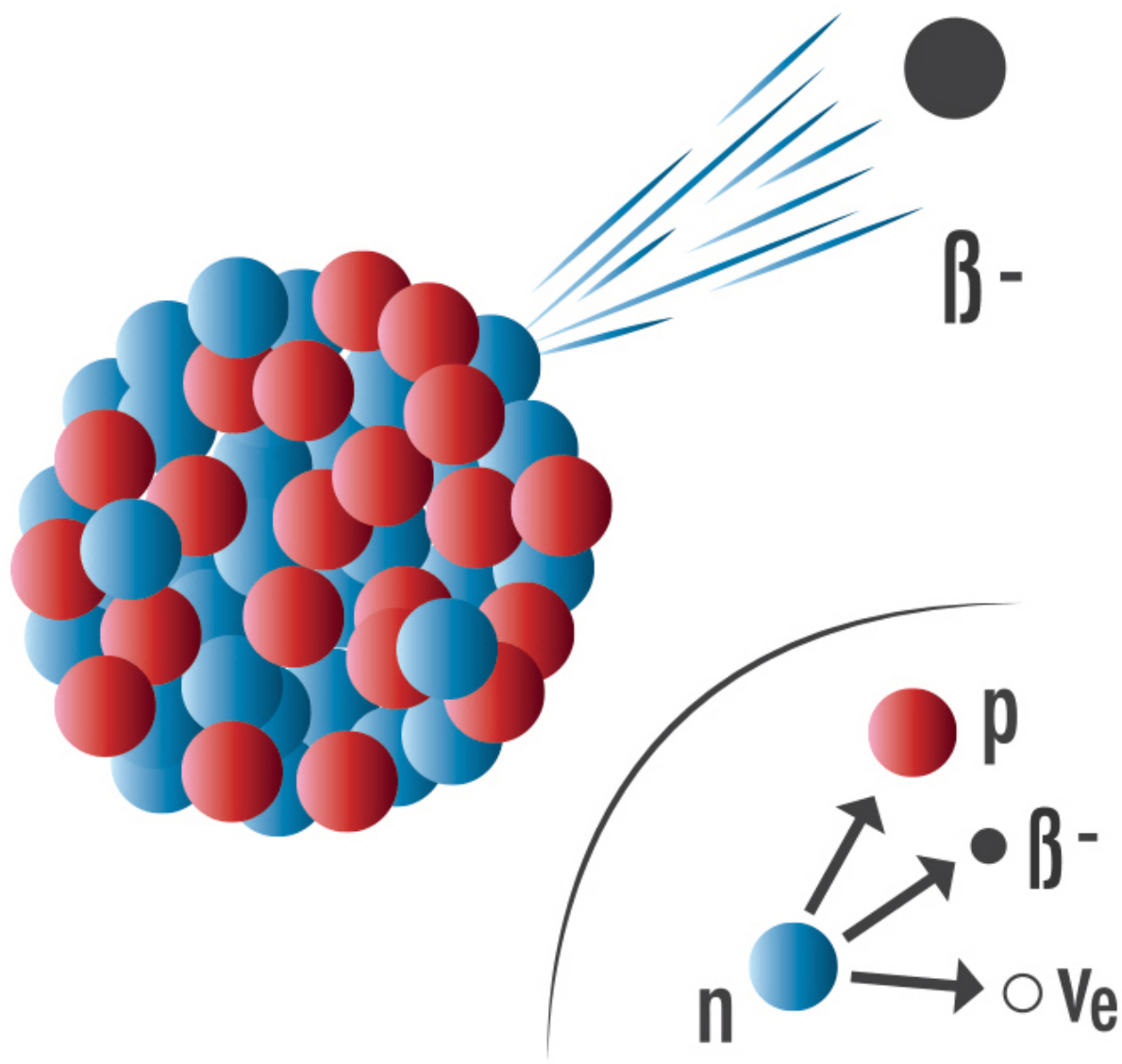




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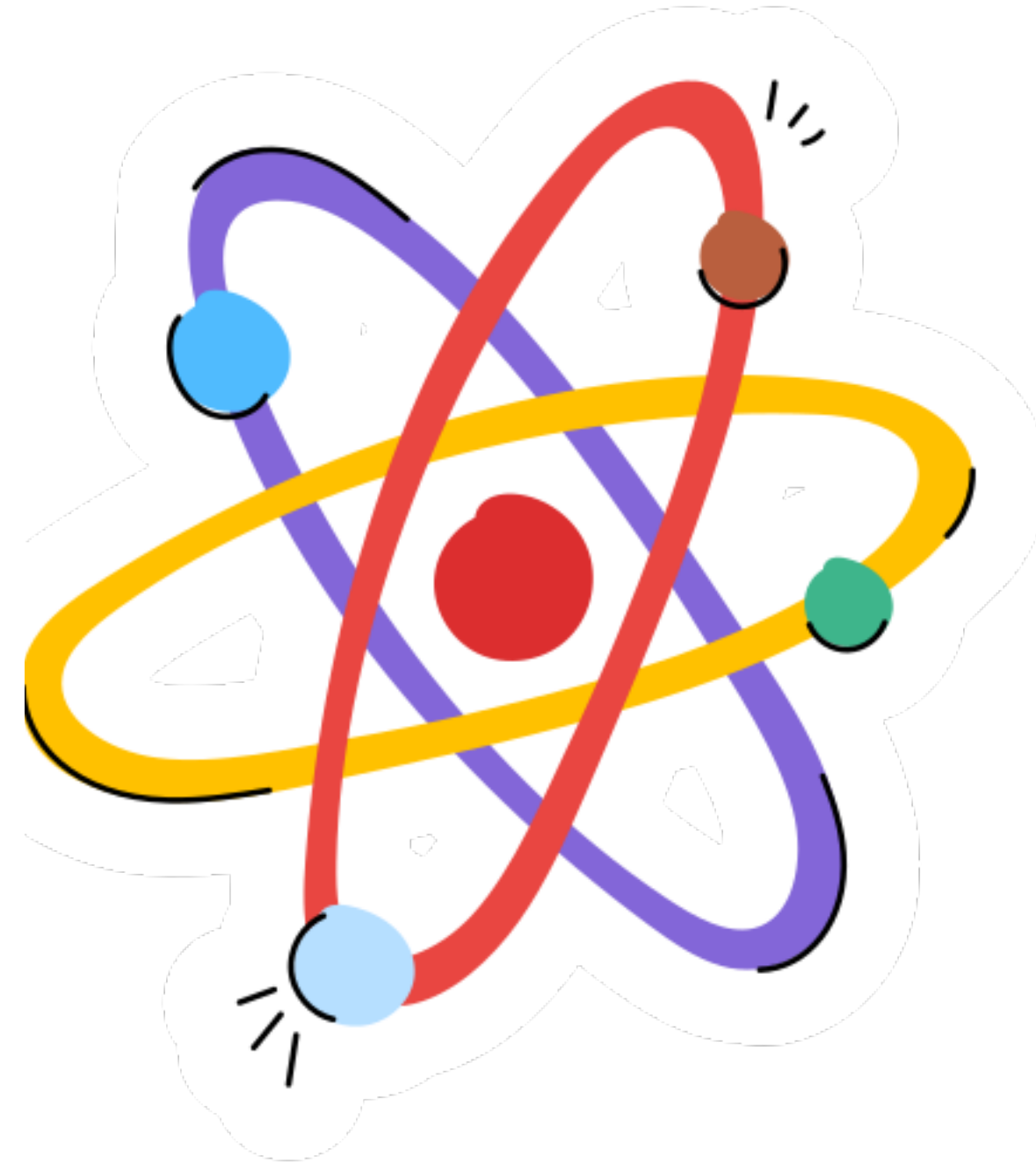
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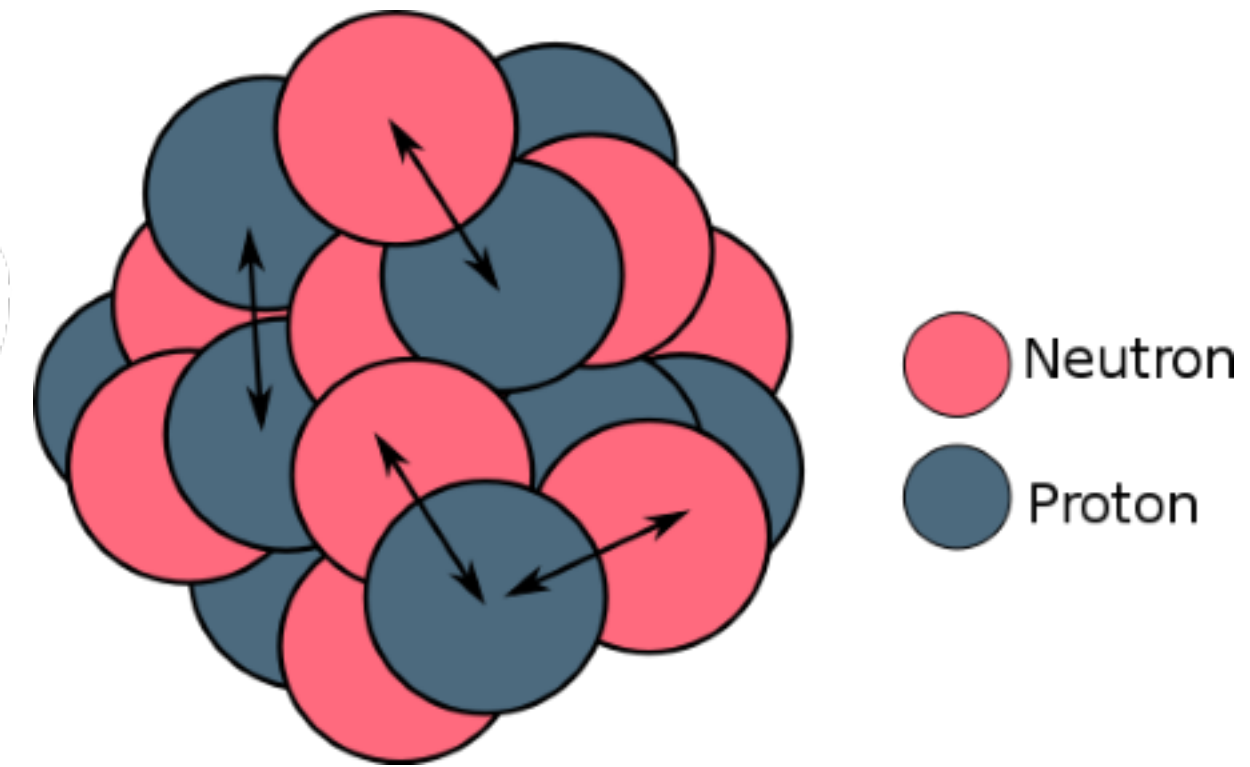
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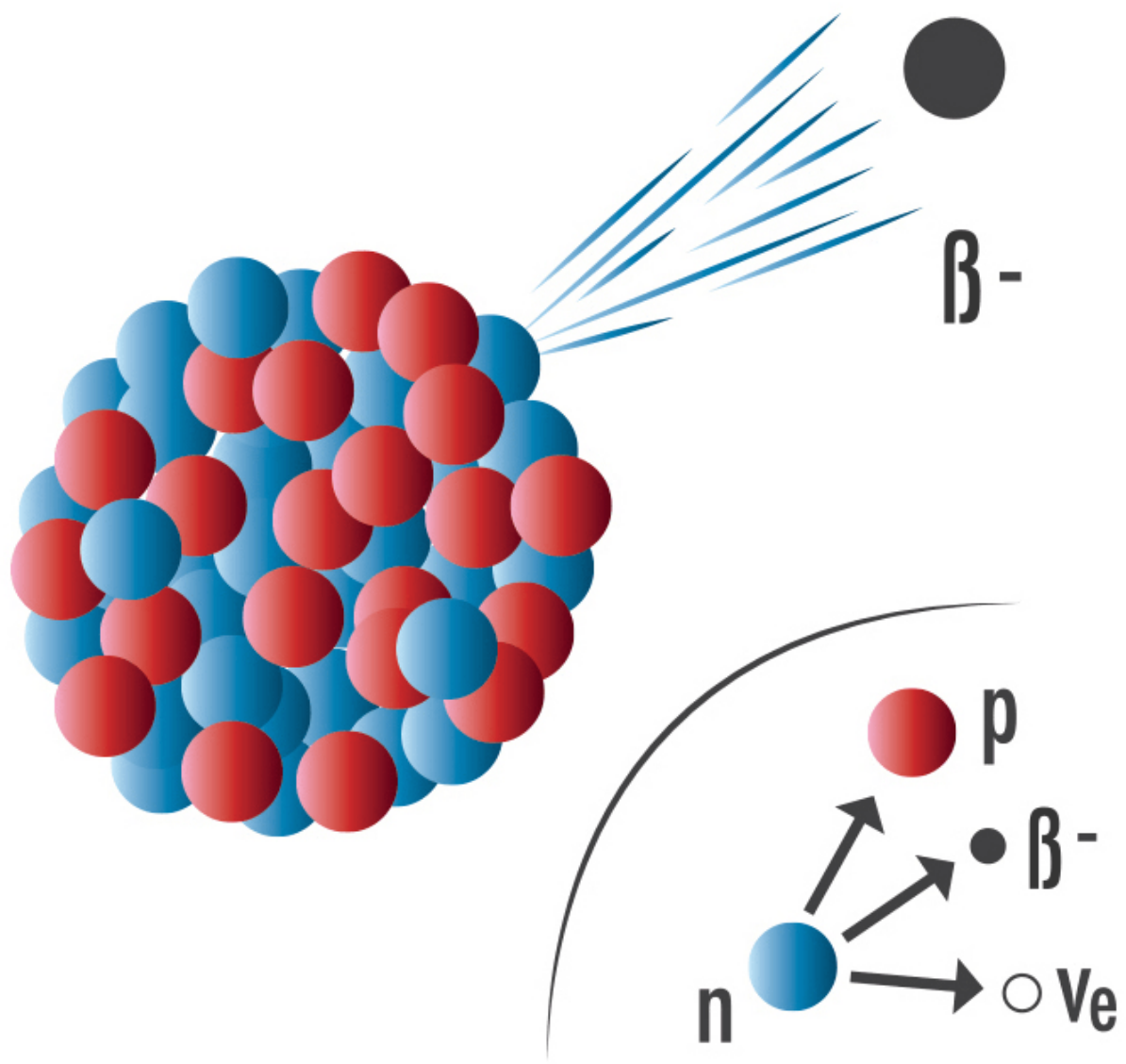




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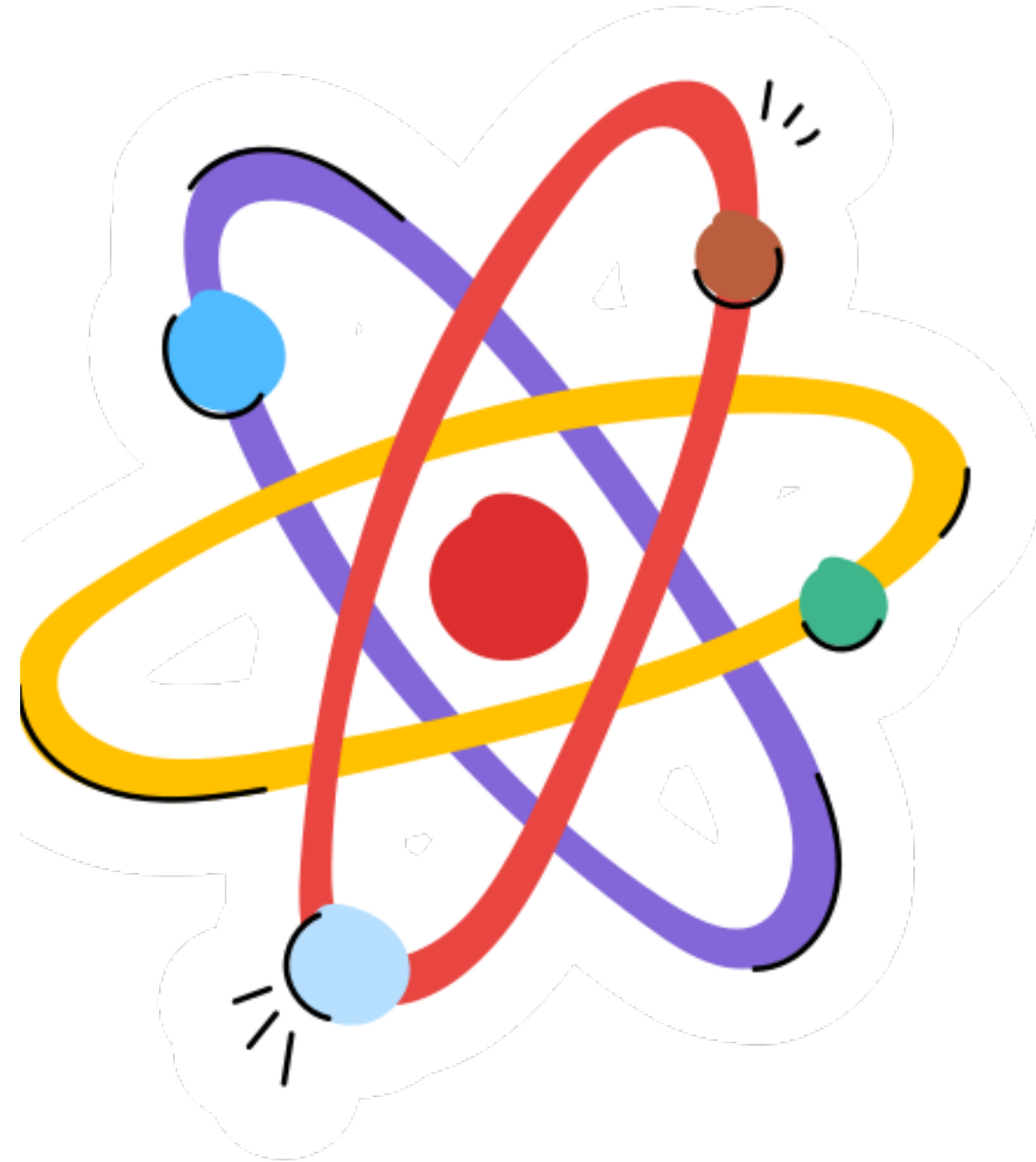
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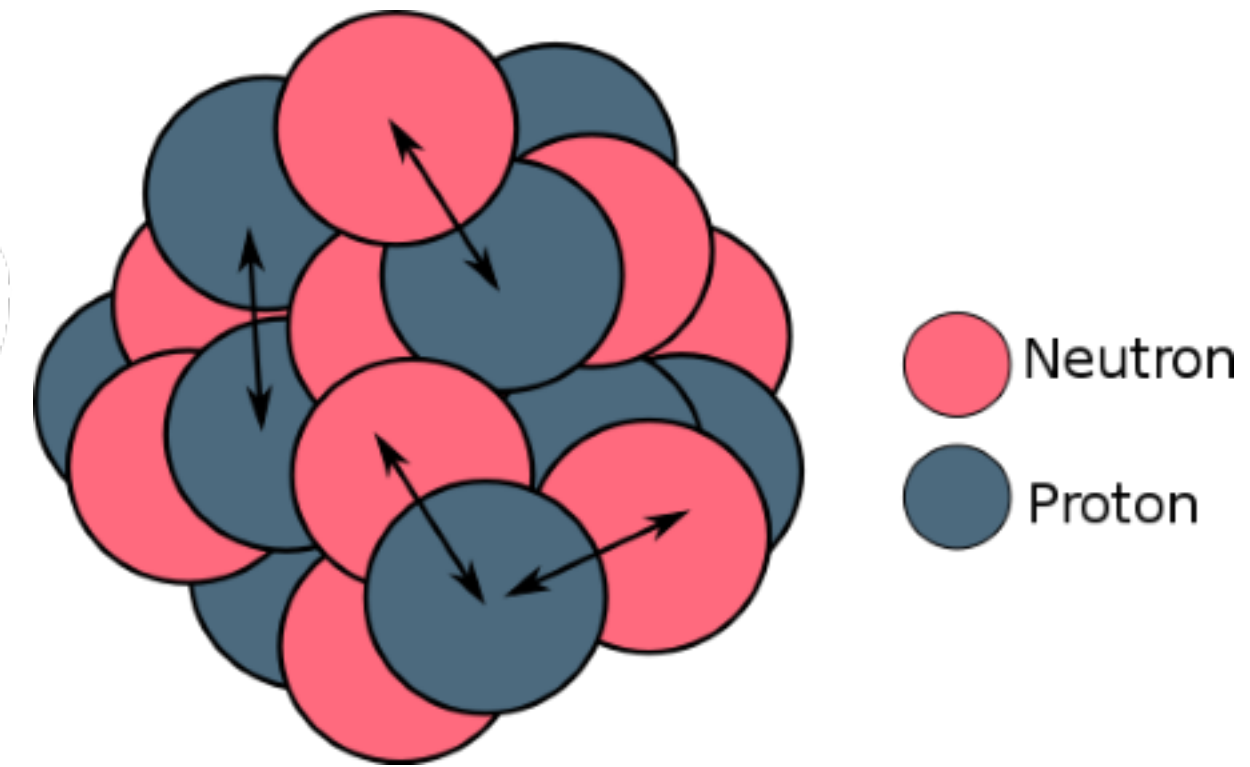
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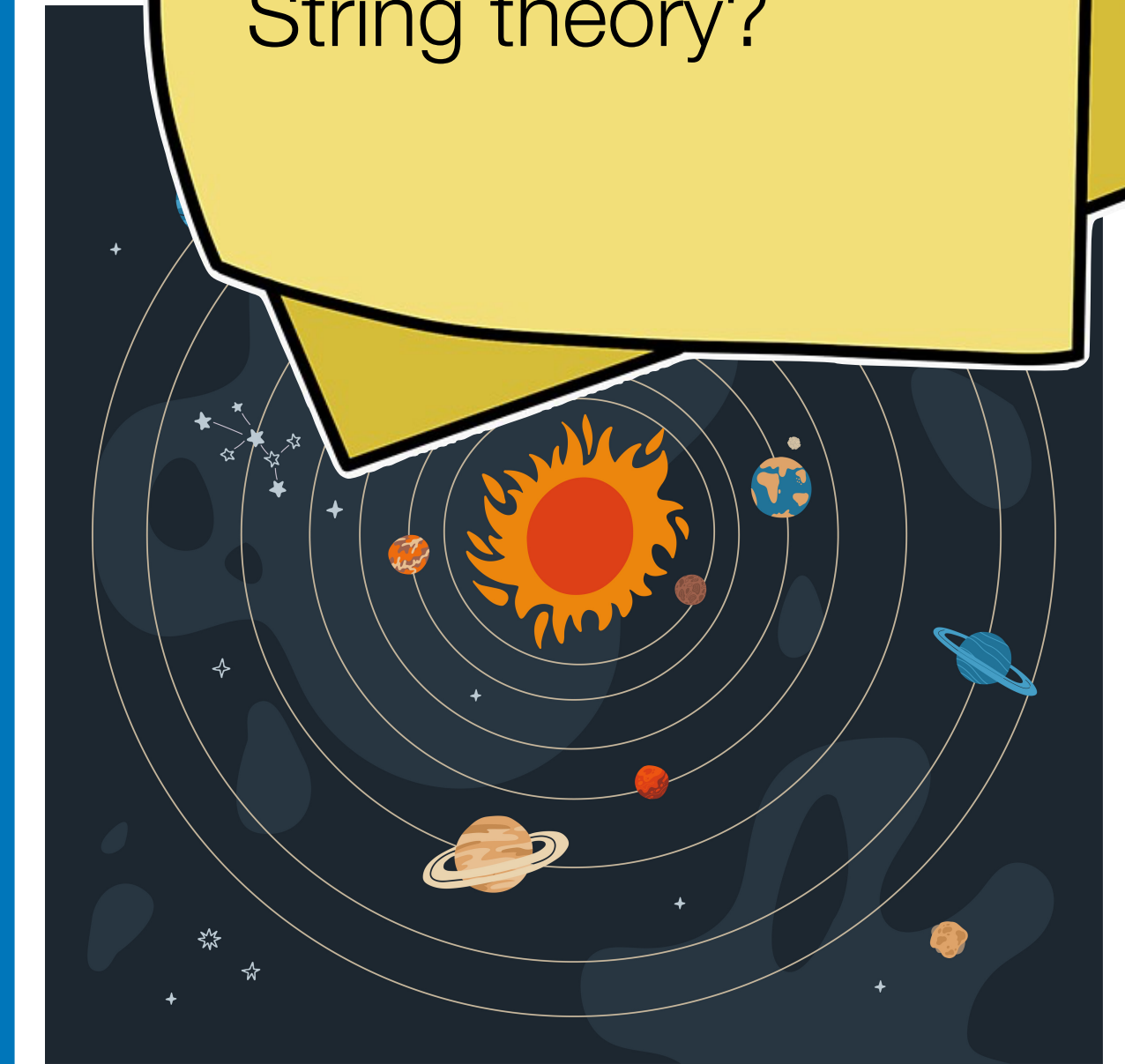
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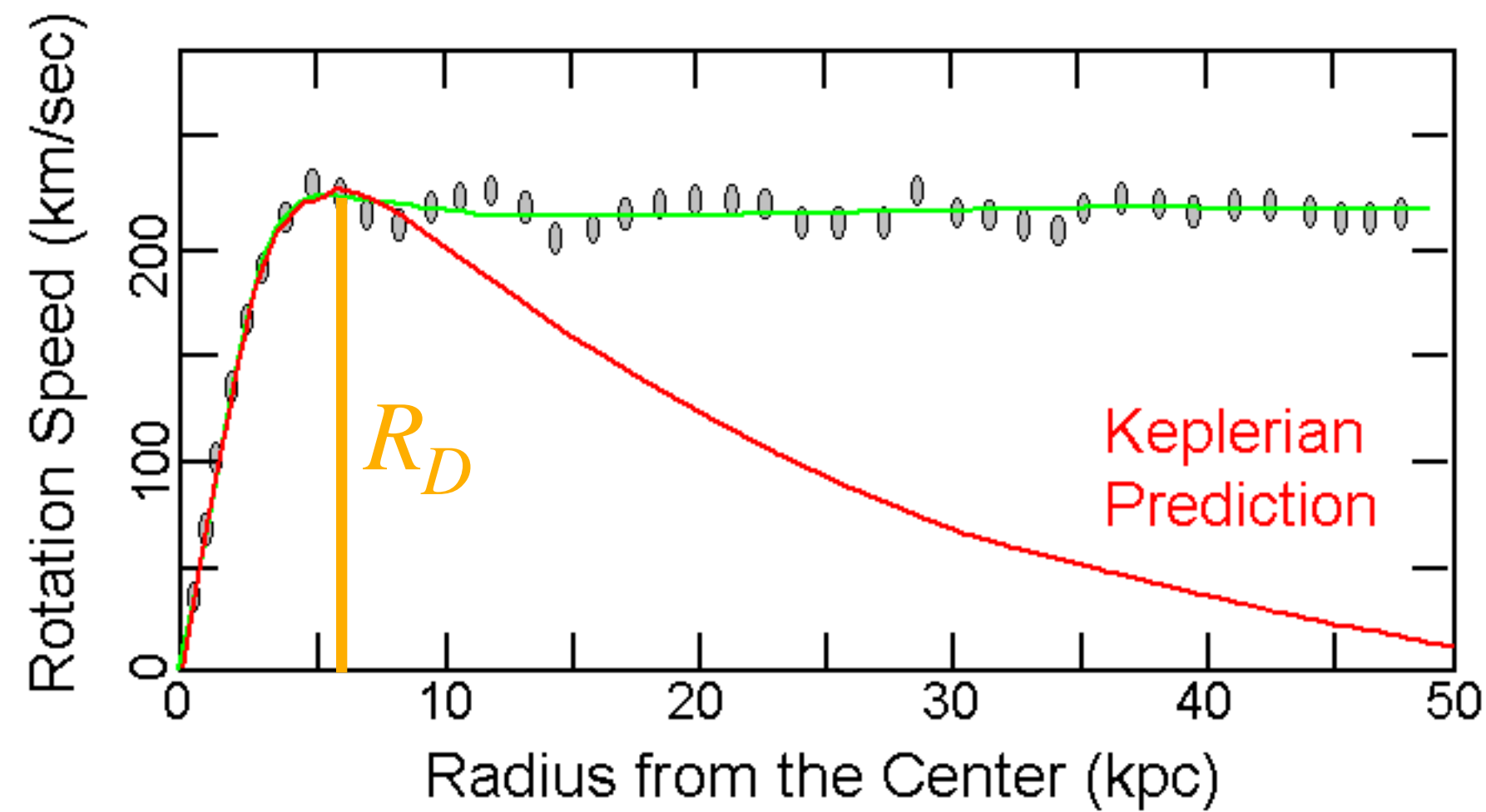




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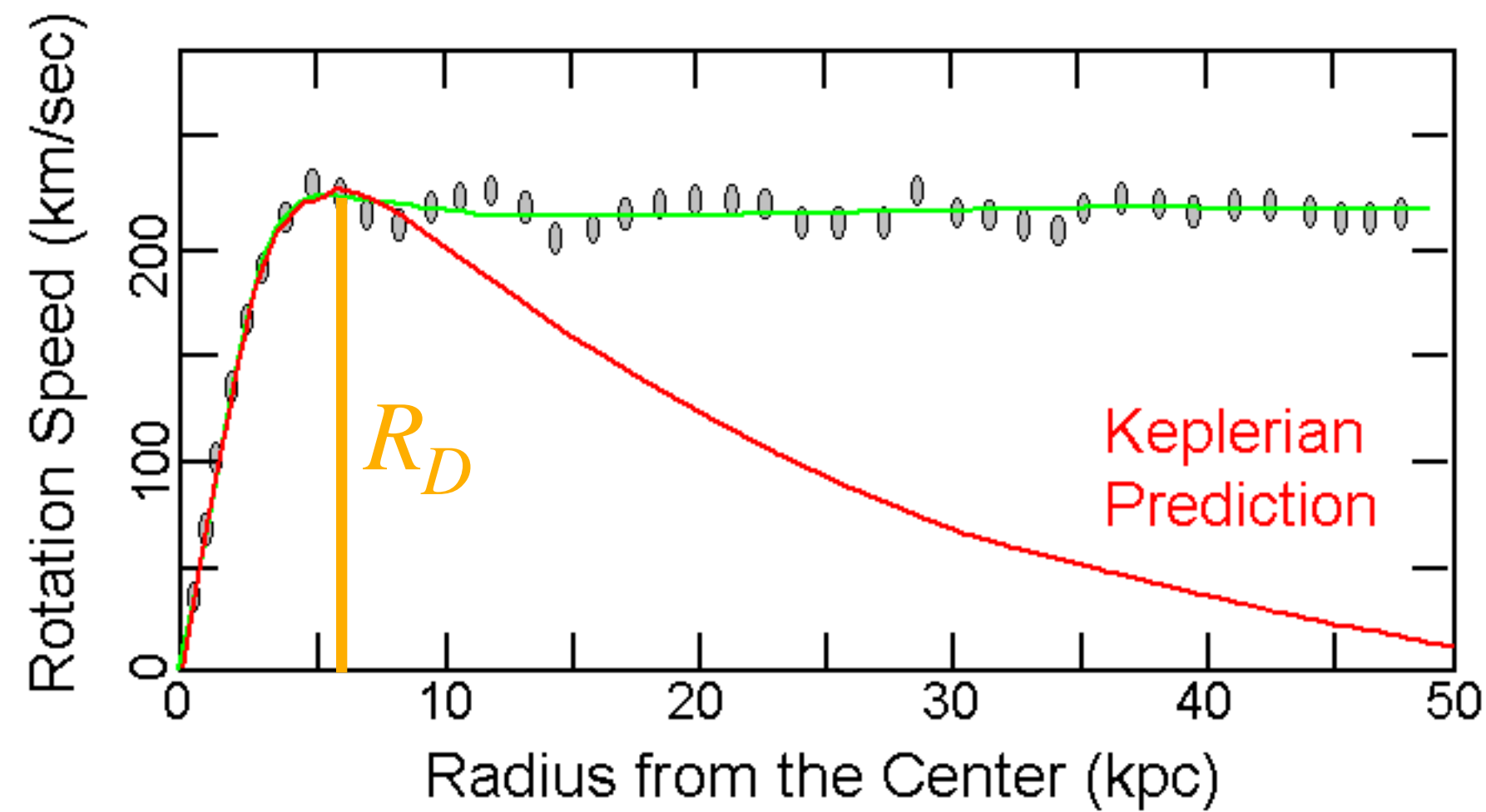




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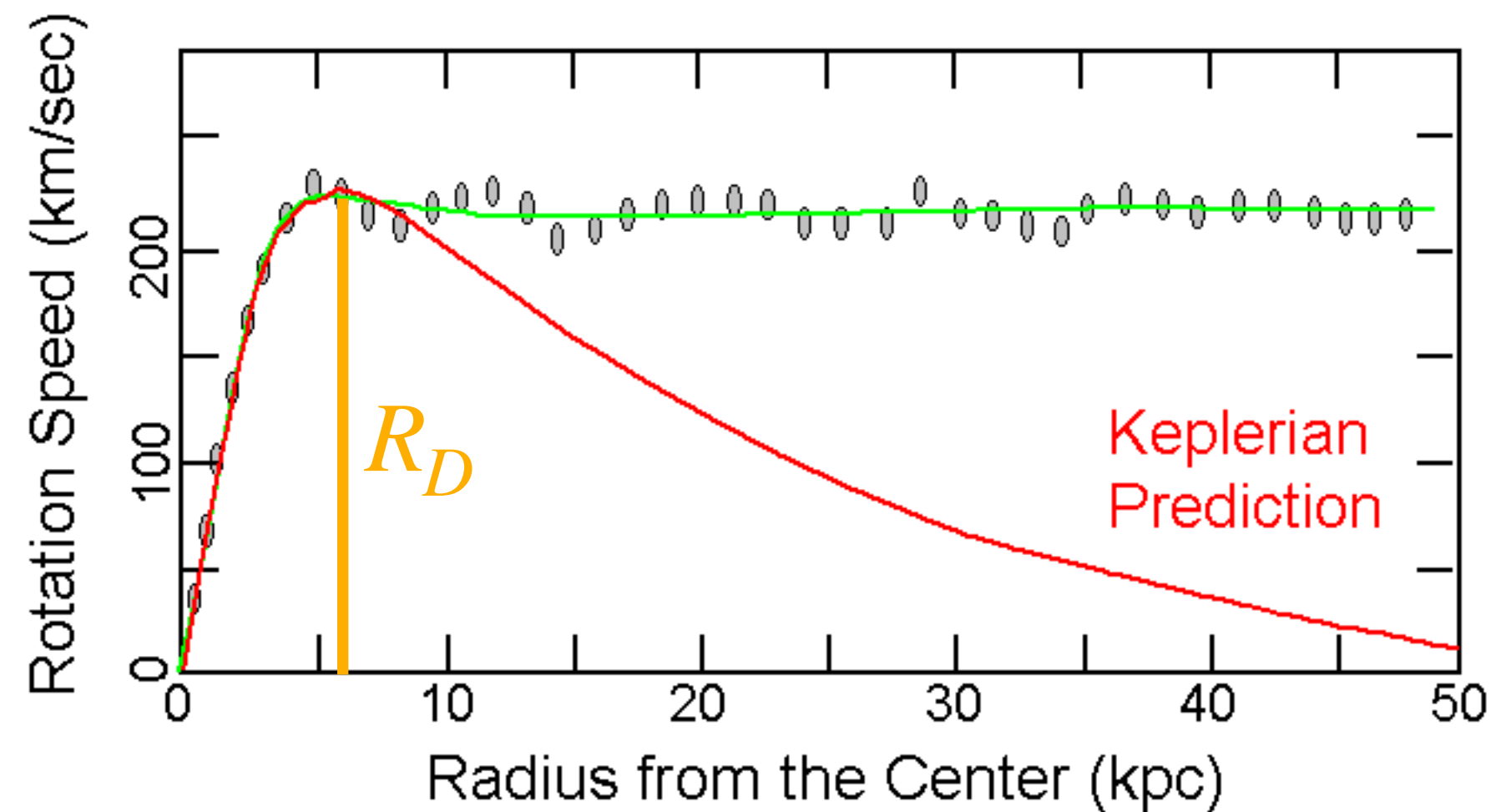




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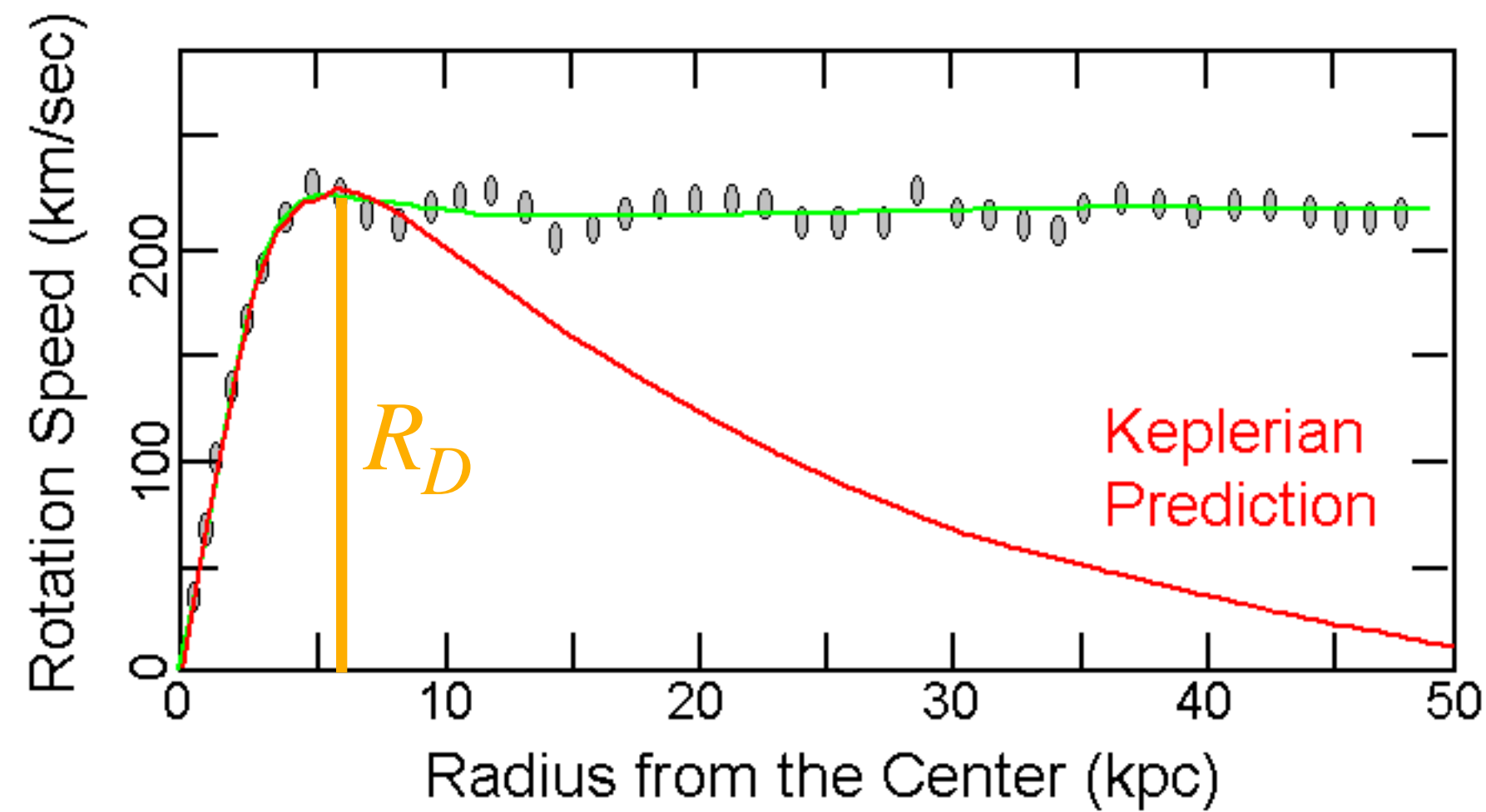




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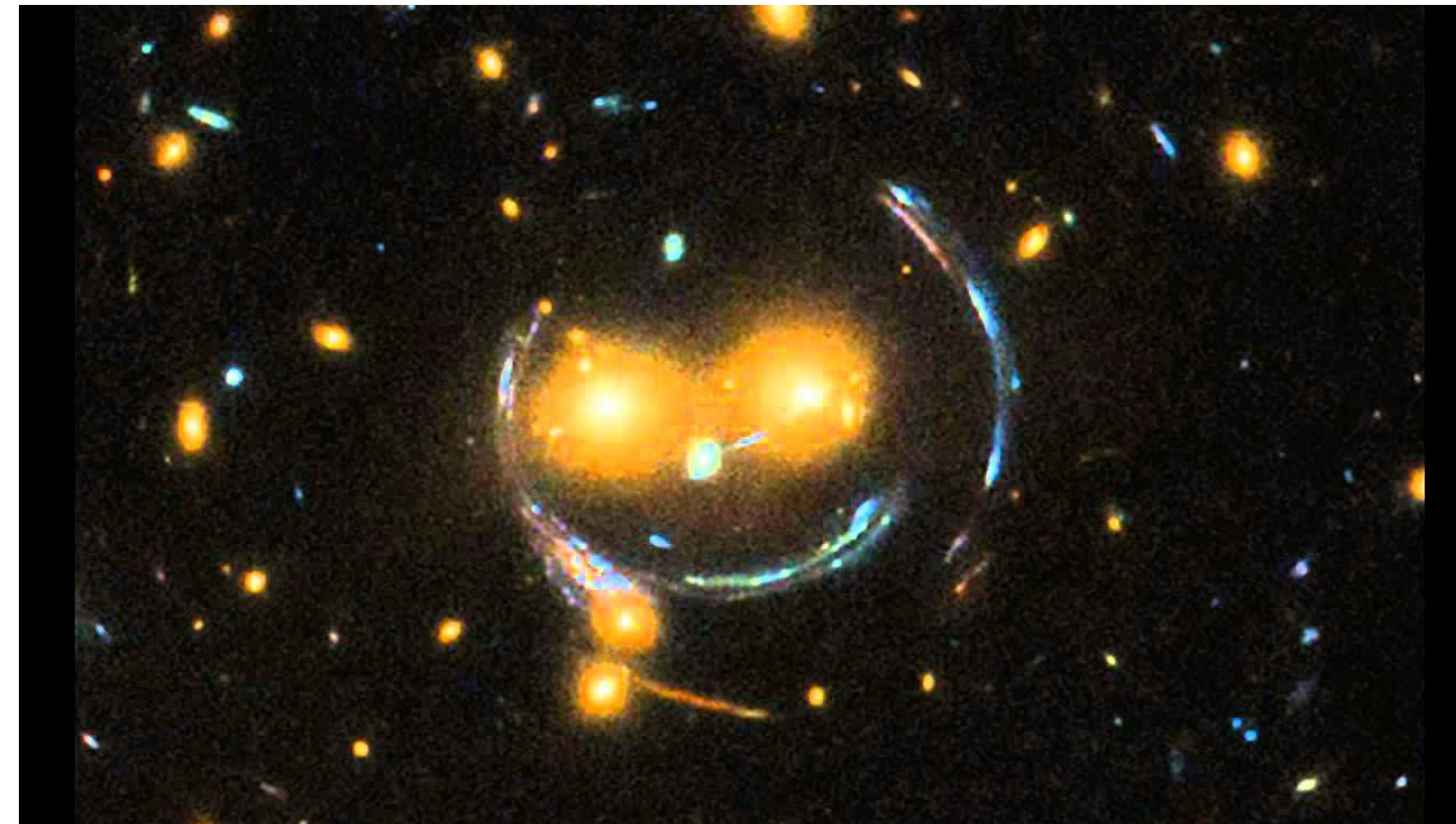
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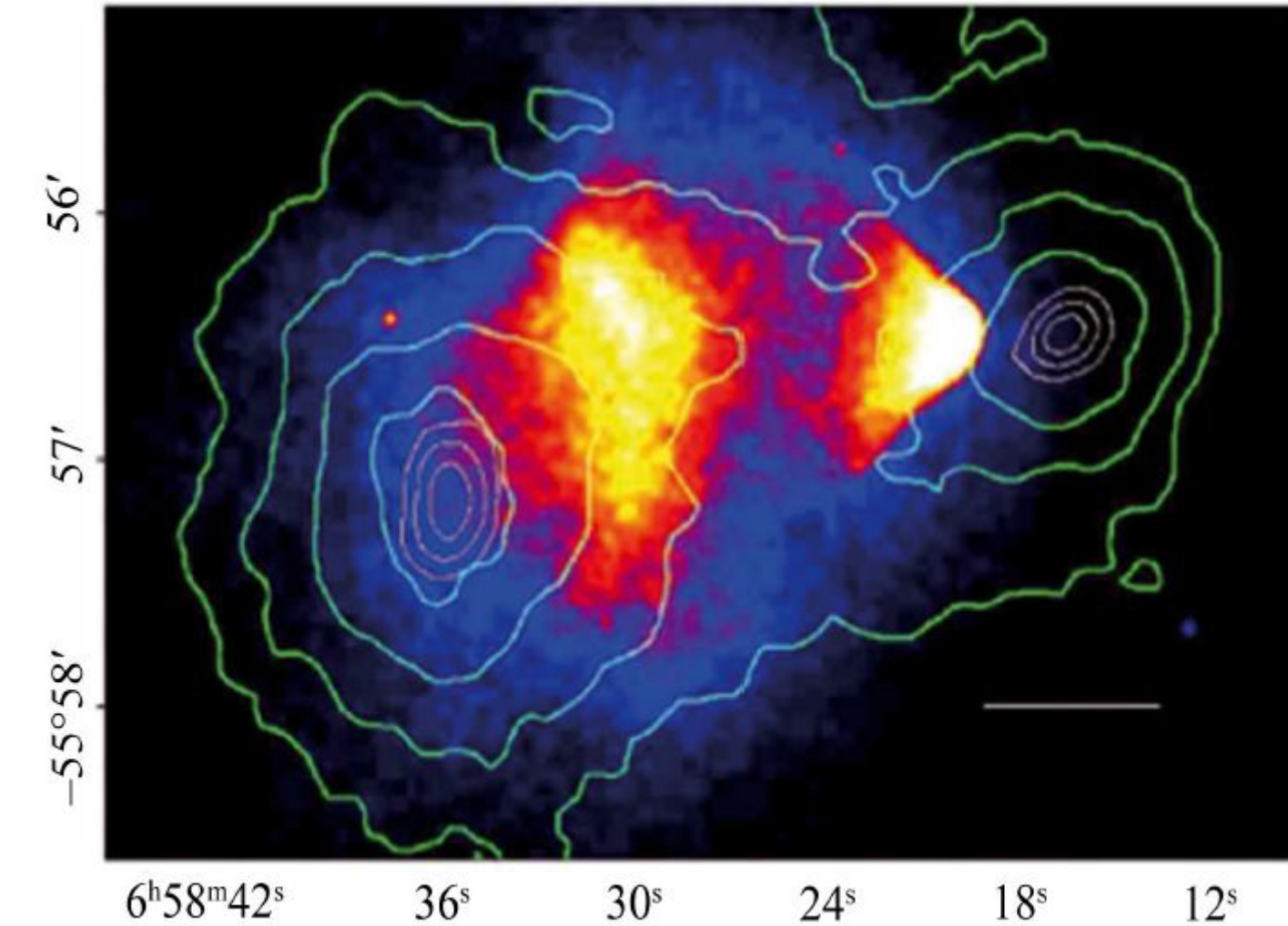
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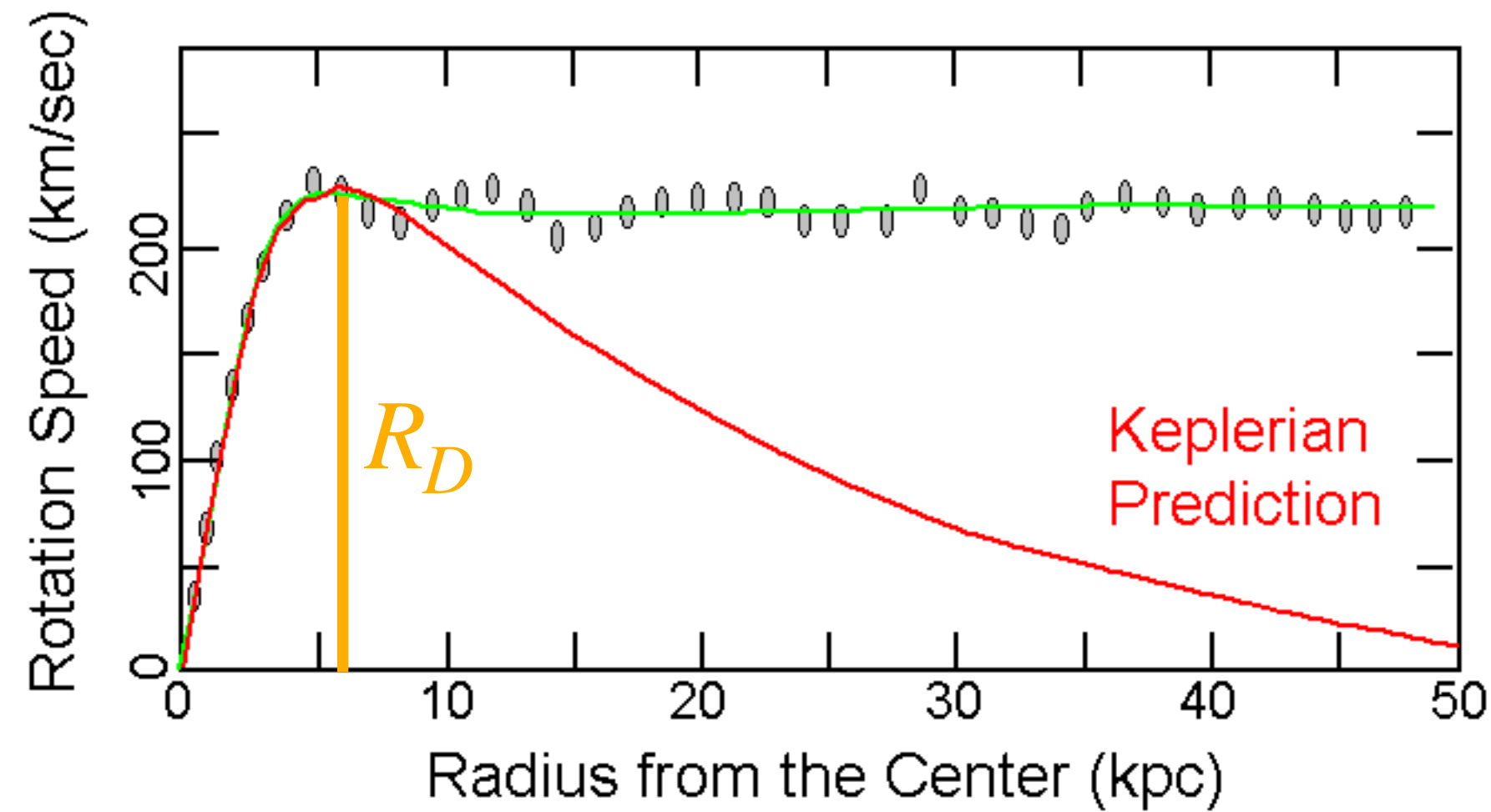




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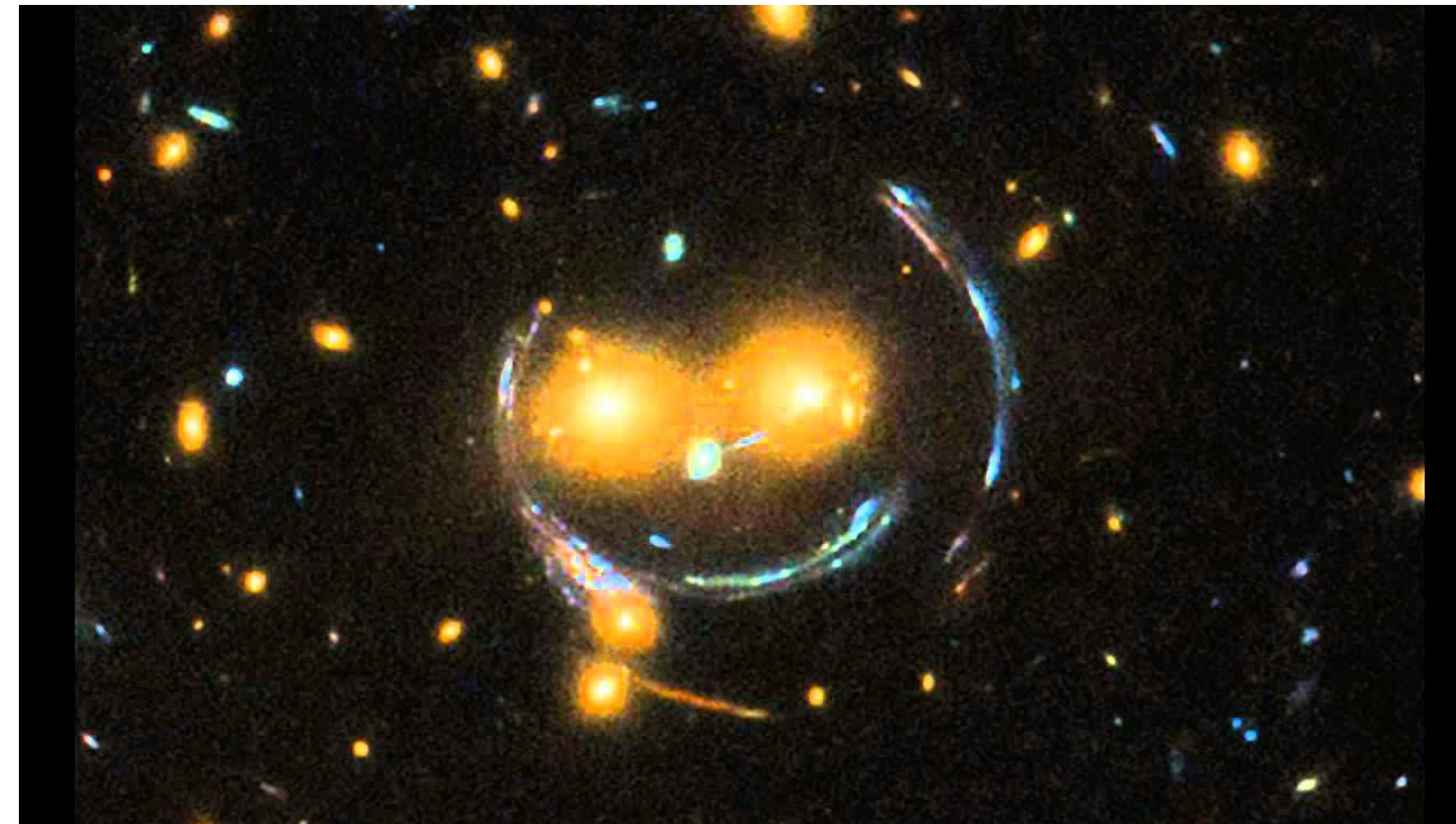
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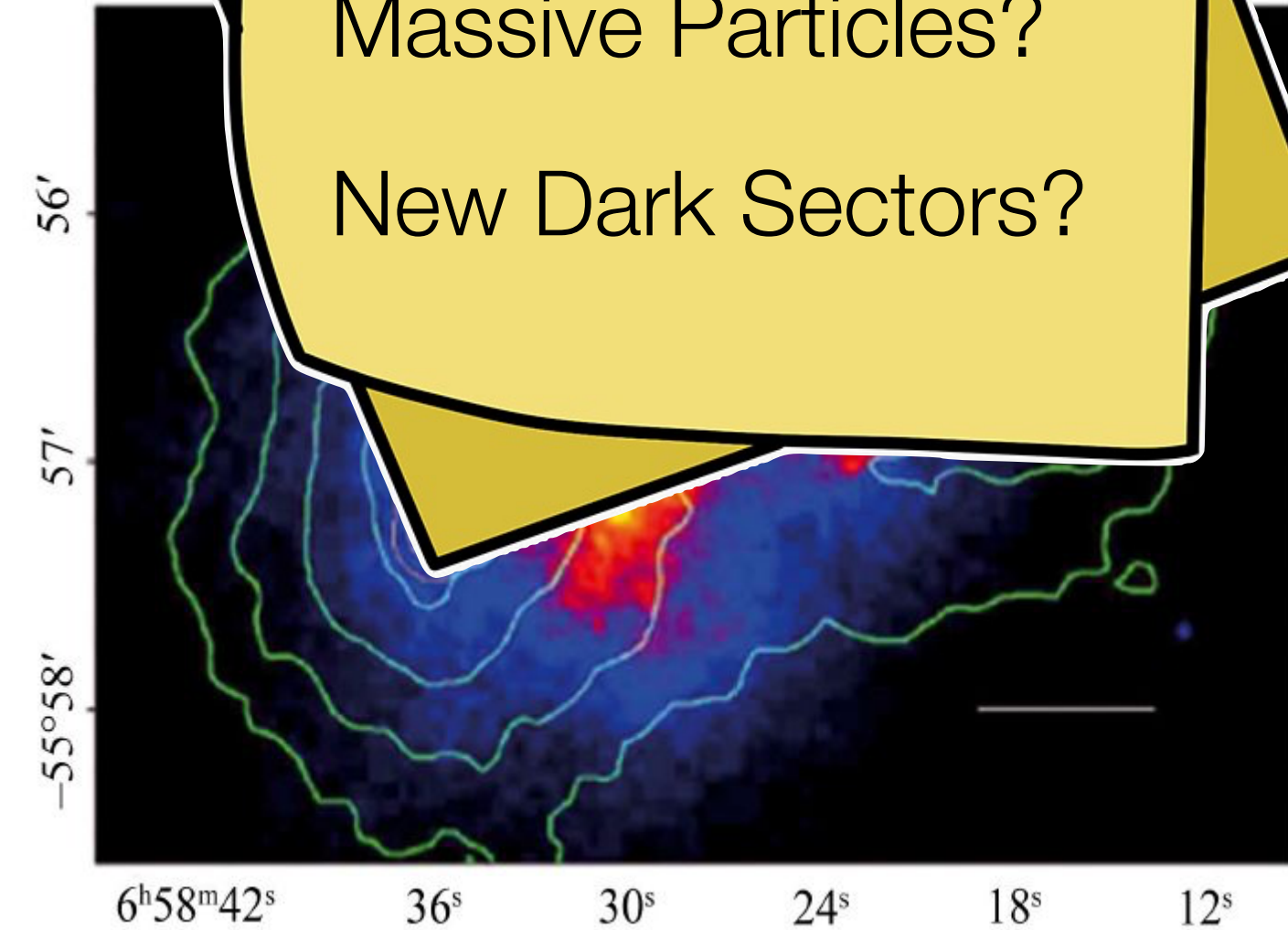
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- Weakly Interactive Massive Particles?
- New Dark Sectors?



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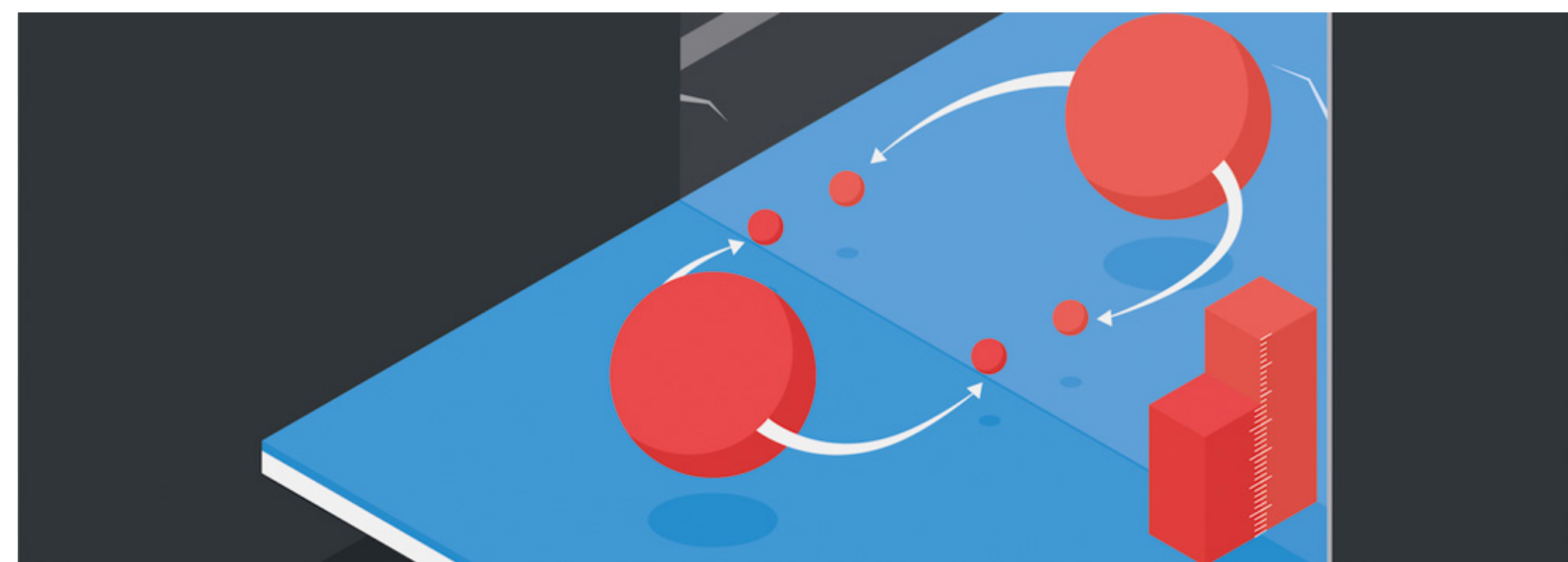




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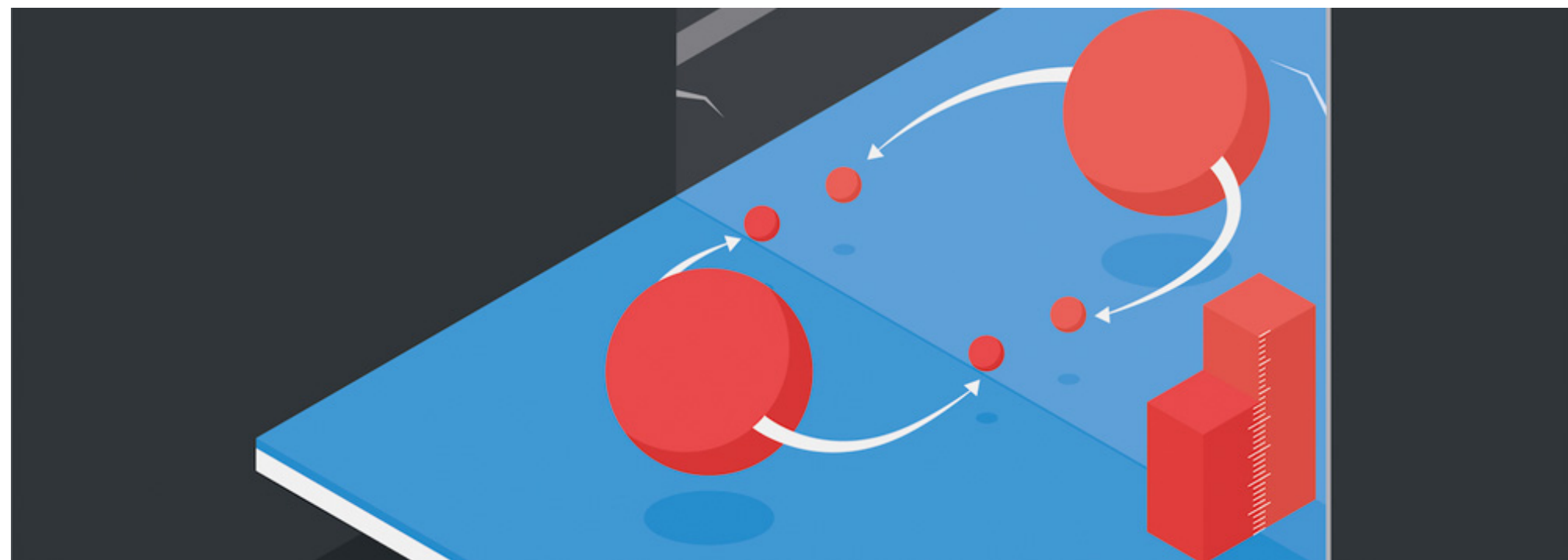




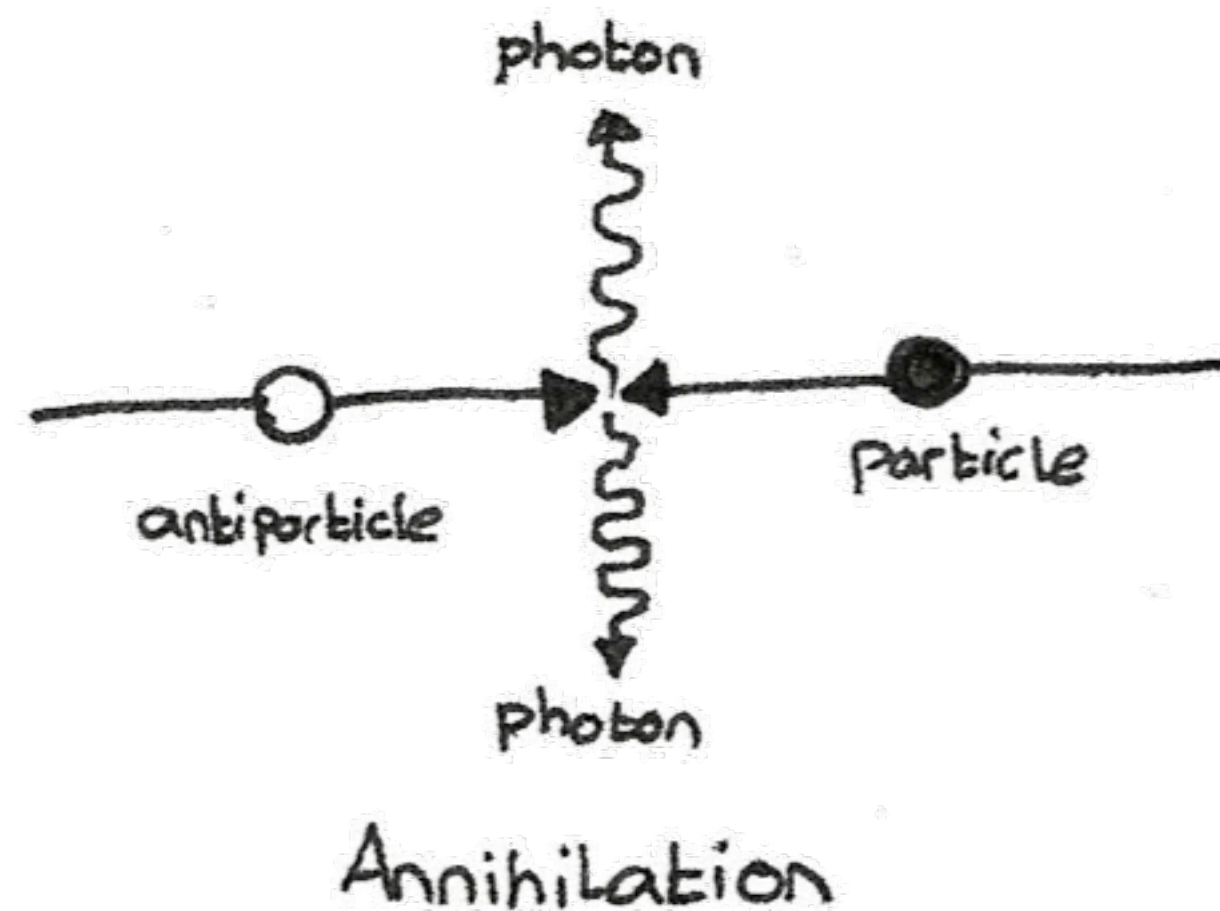
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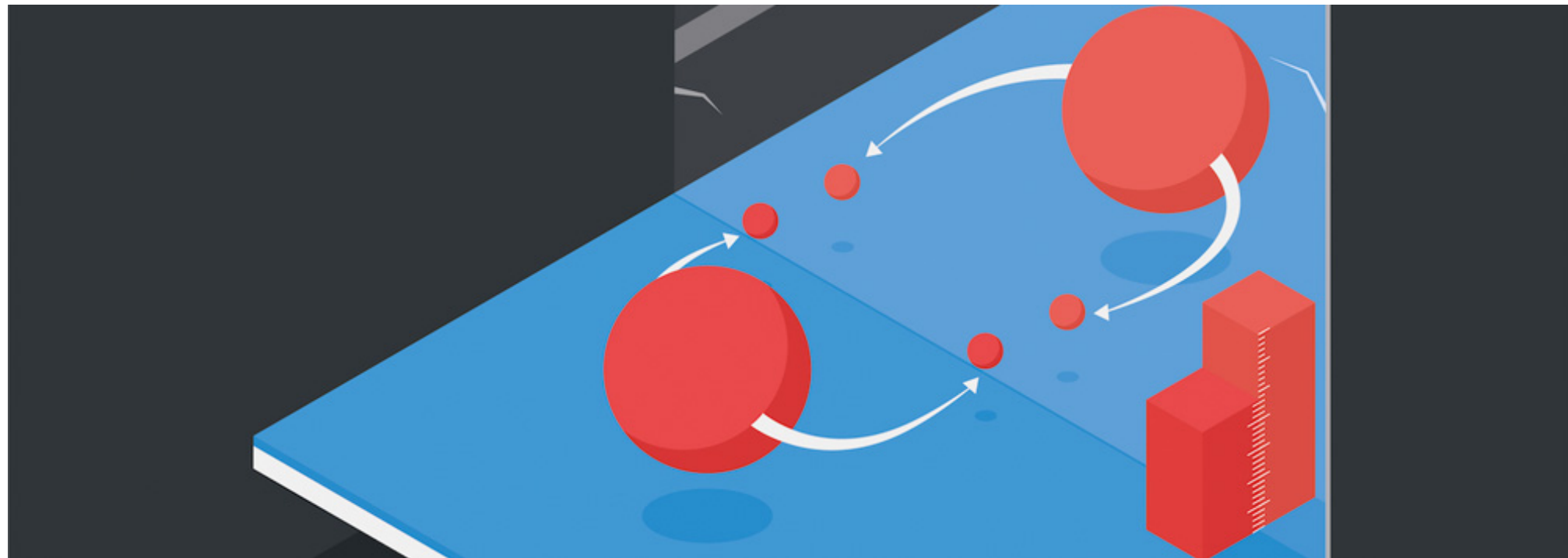


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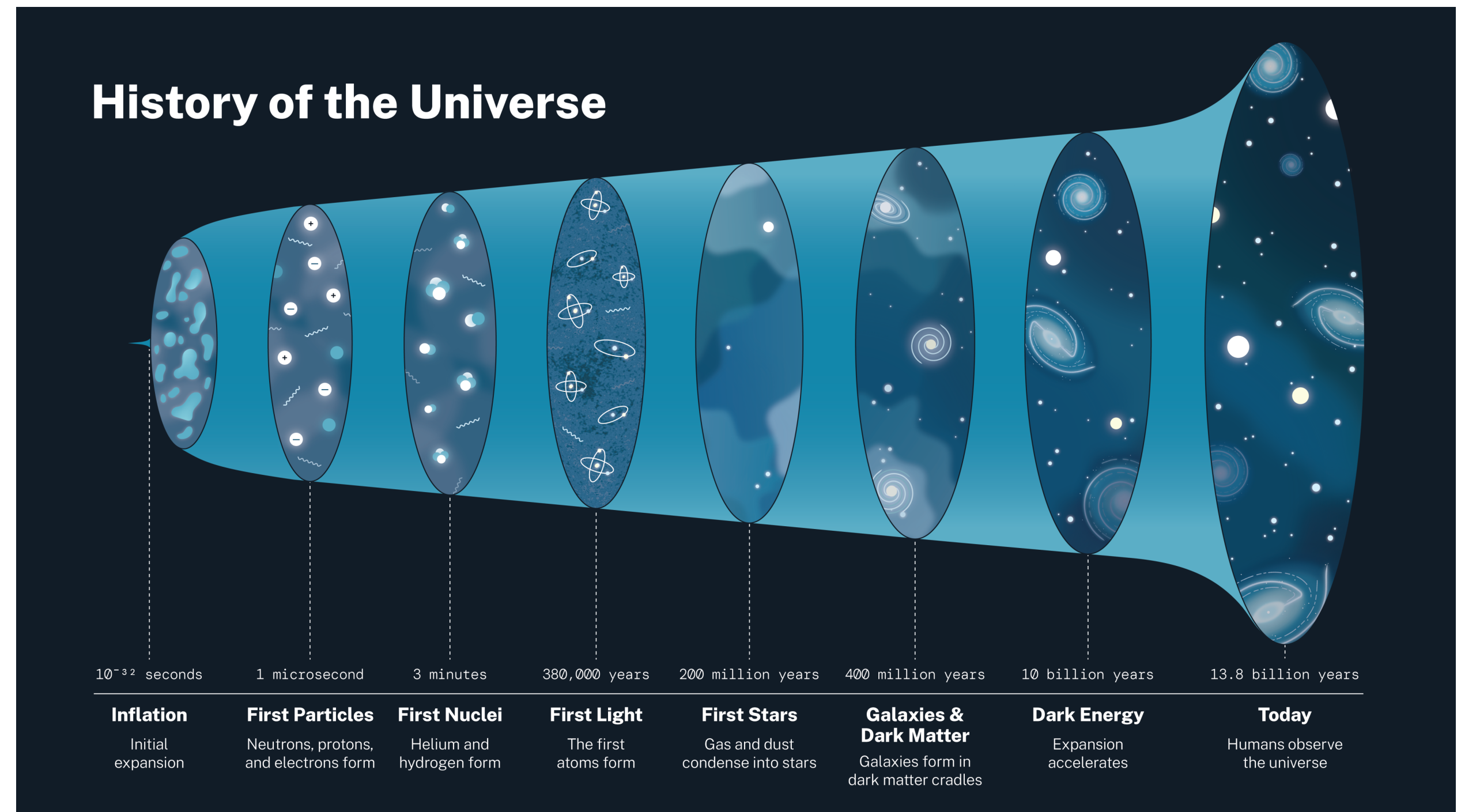
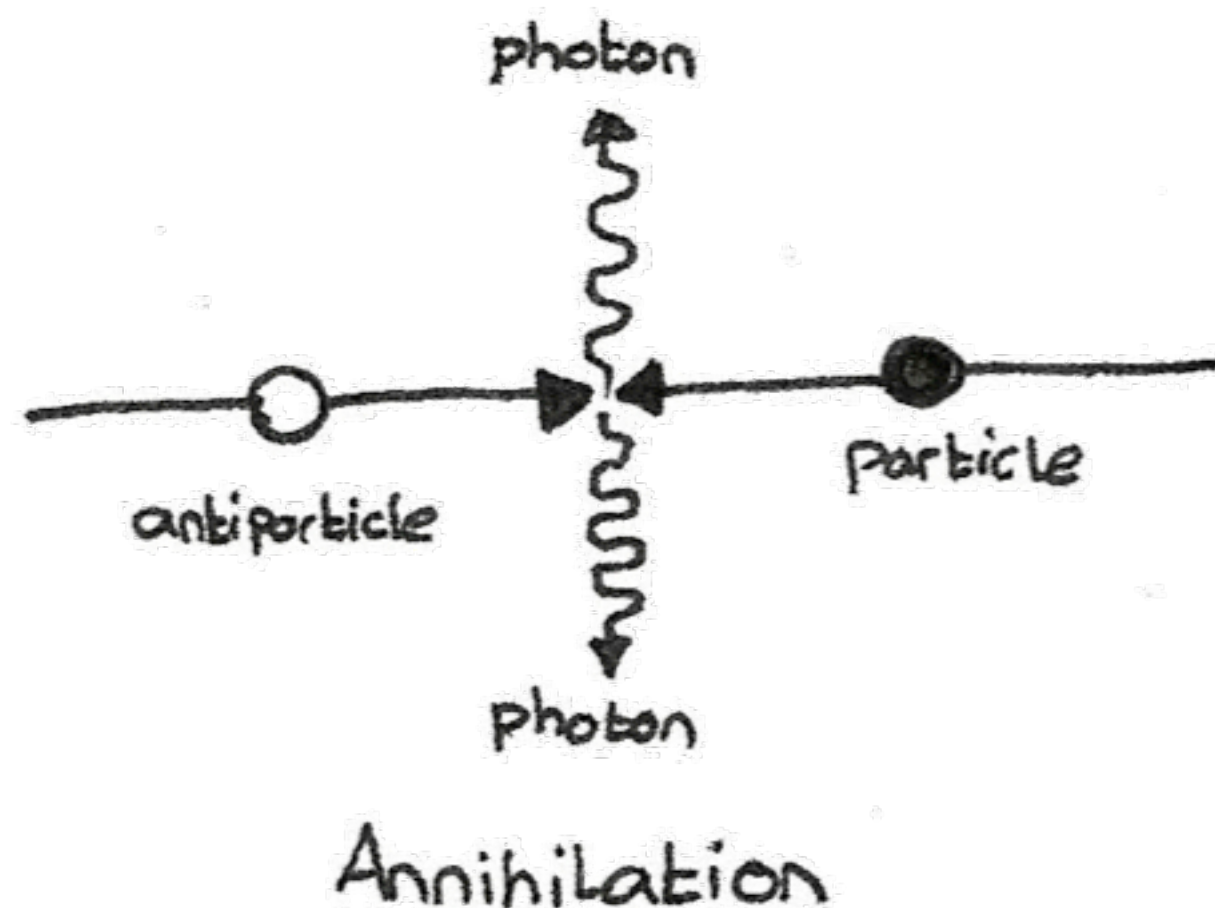
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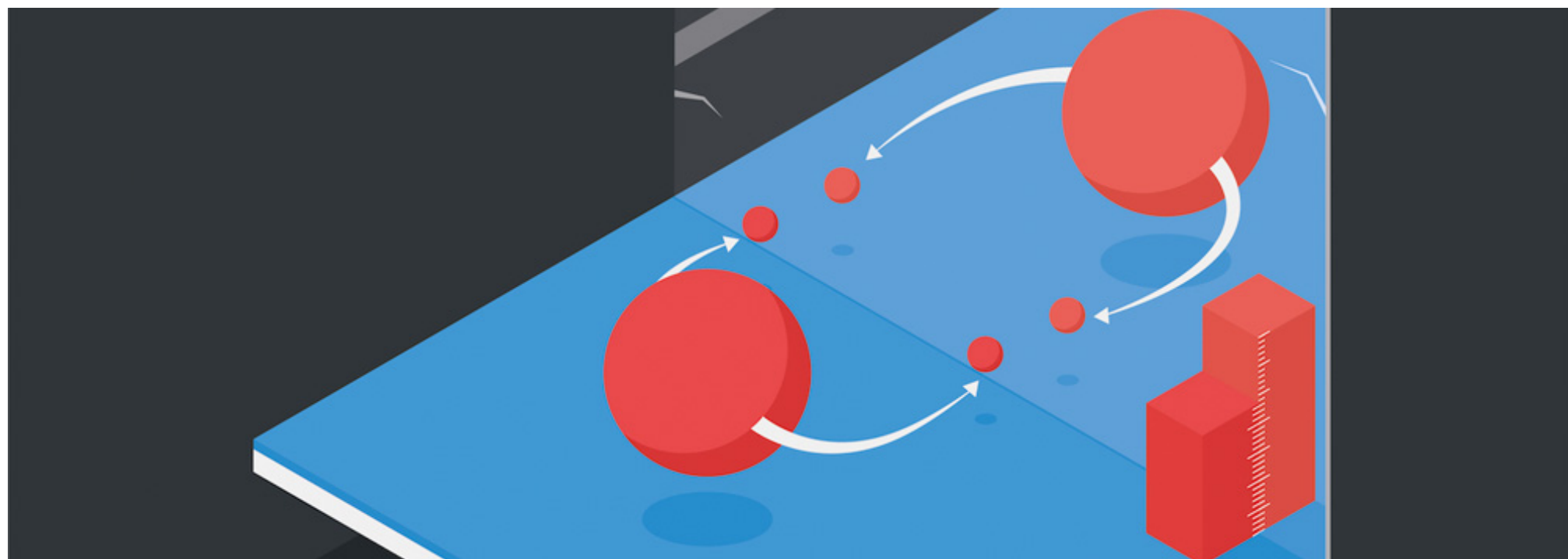




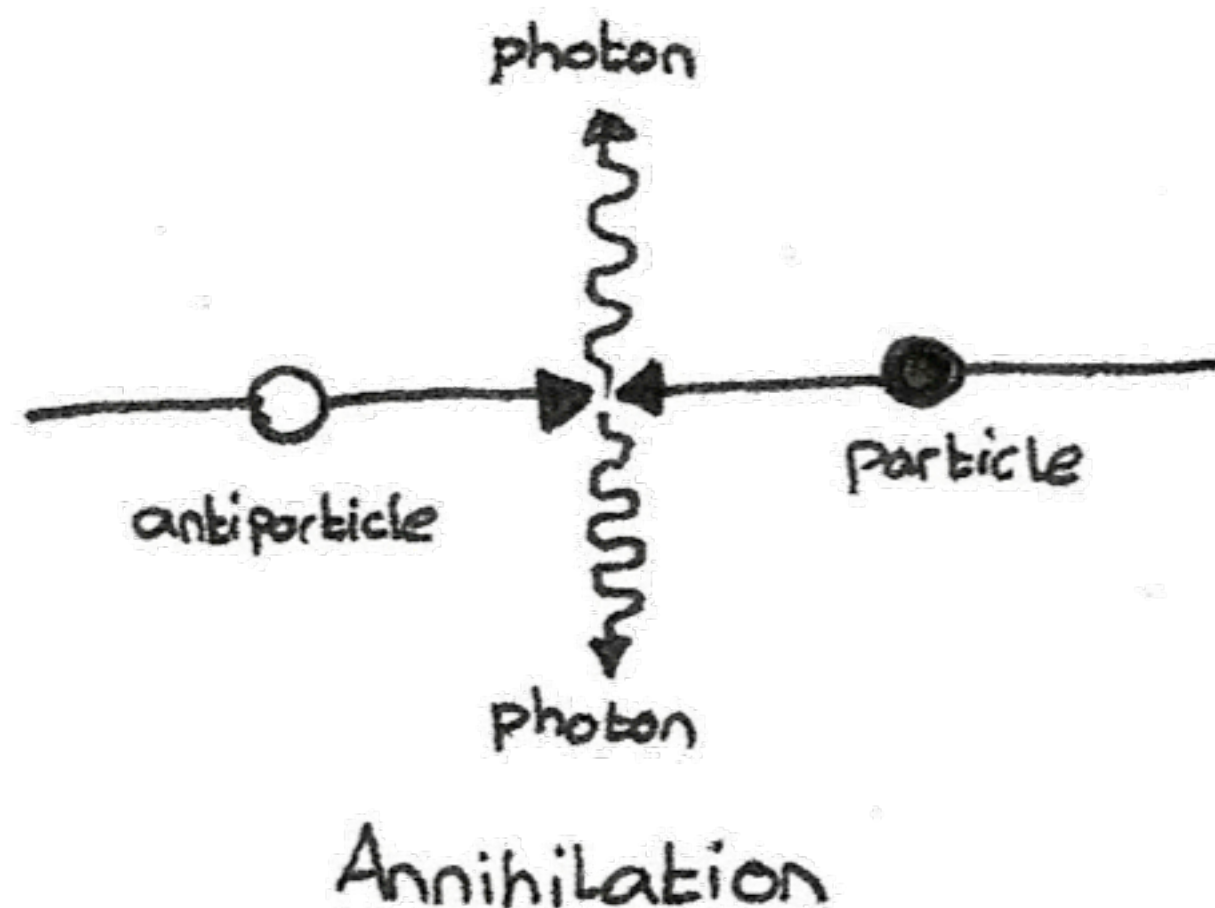
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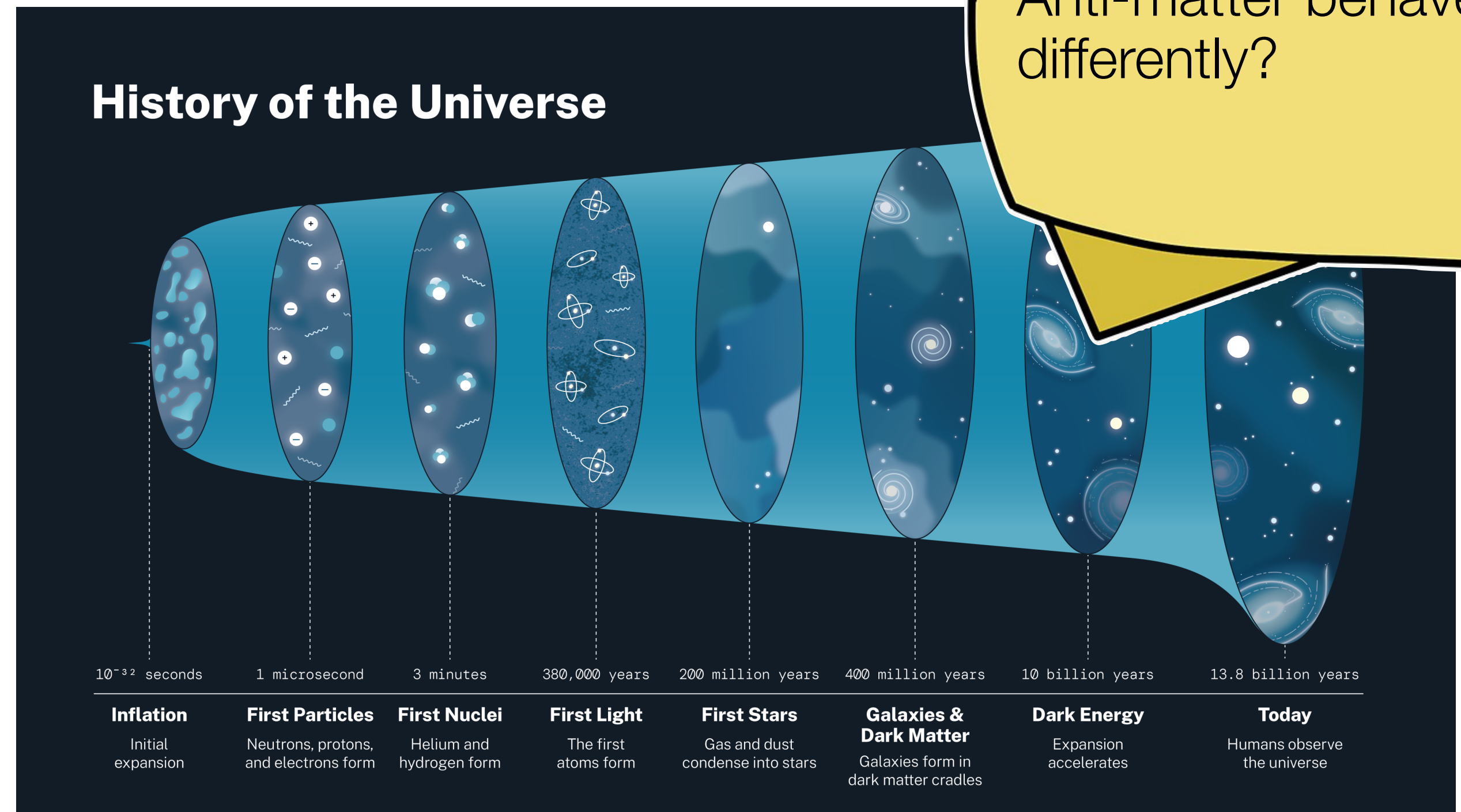
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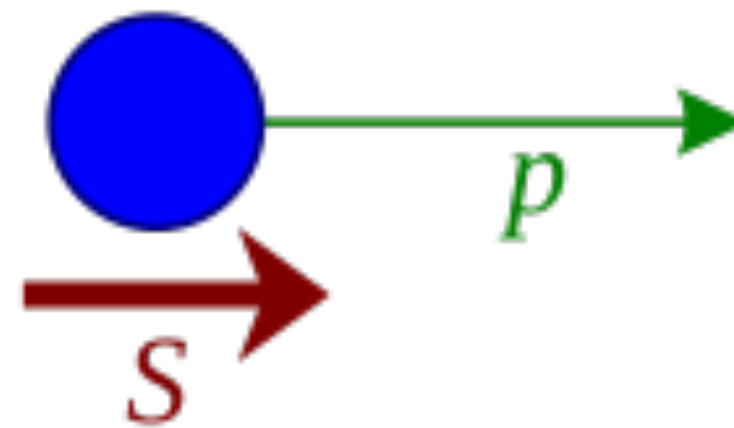
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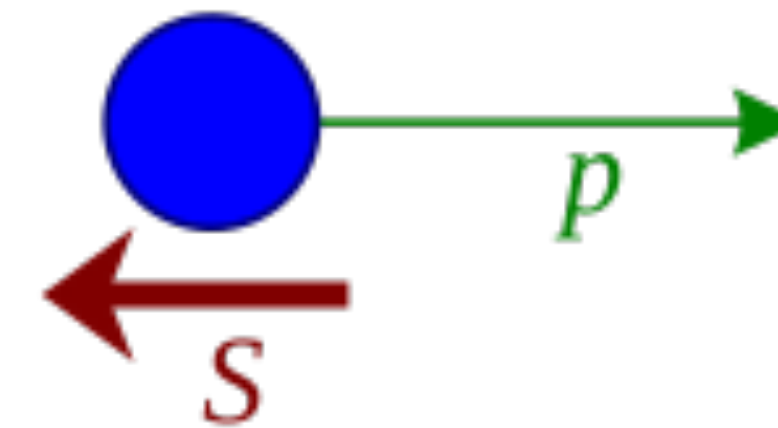
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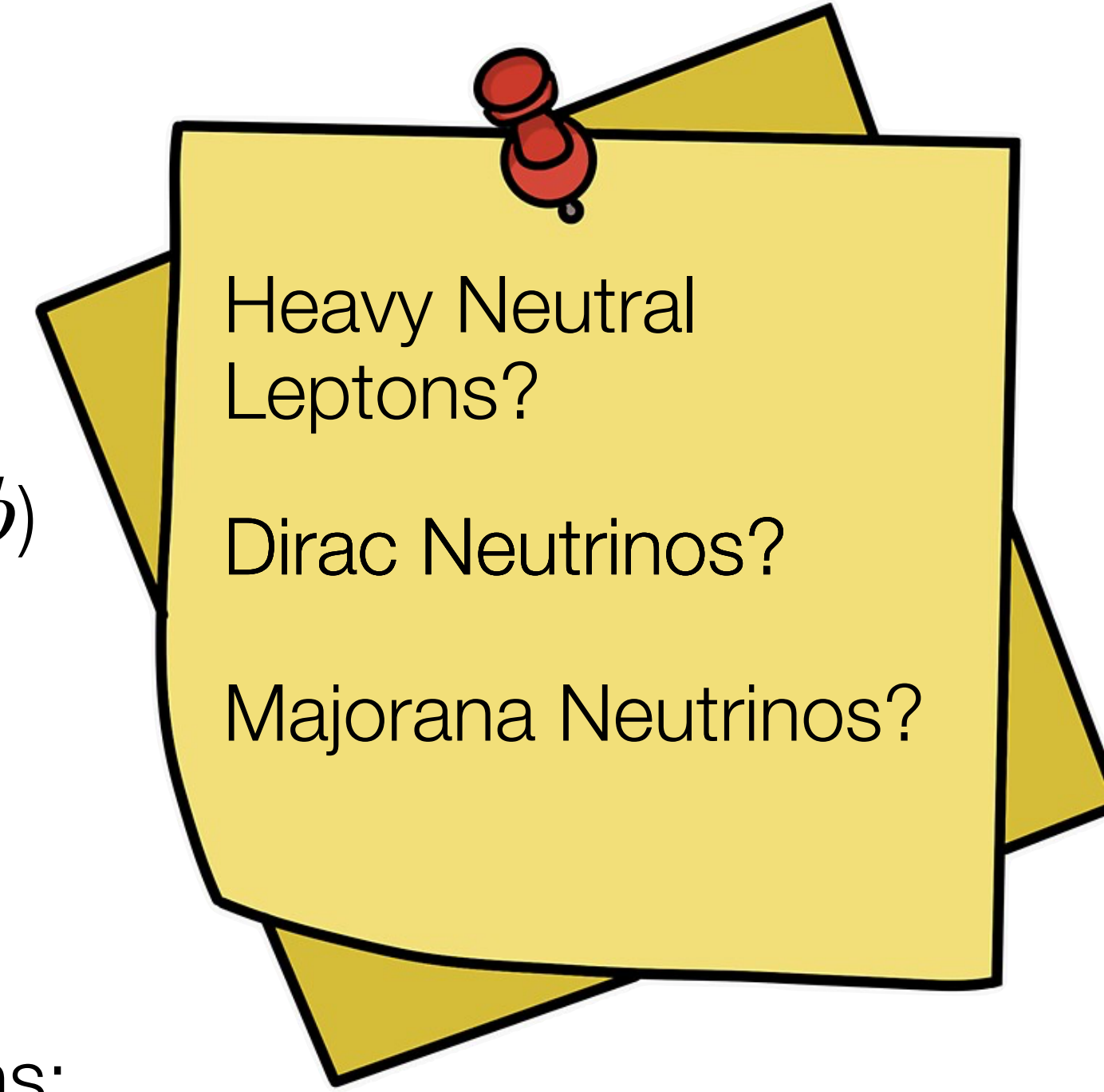


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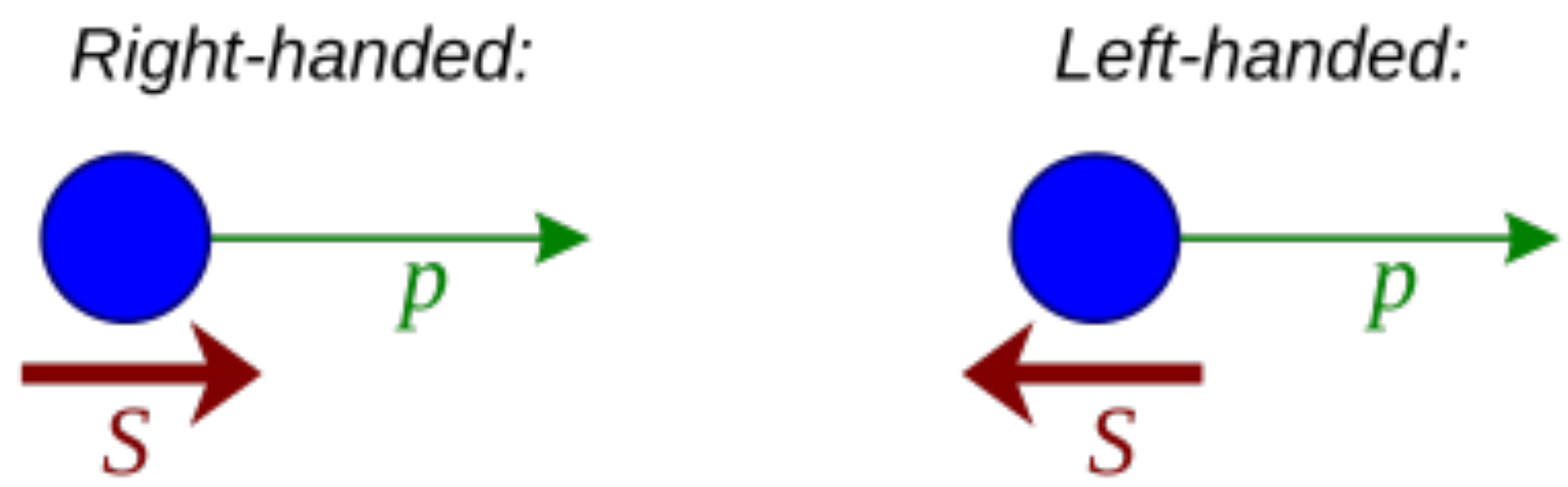


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Higgs mass extremely small → some specific mathematics (cancellations) happening → fine-tuning or naturalness problem

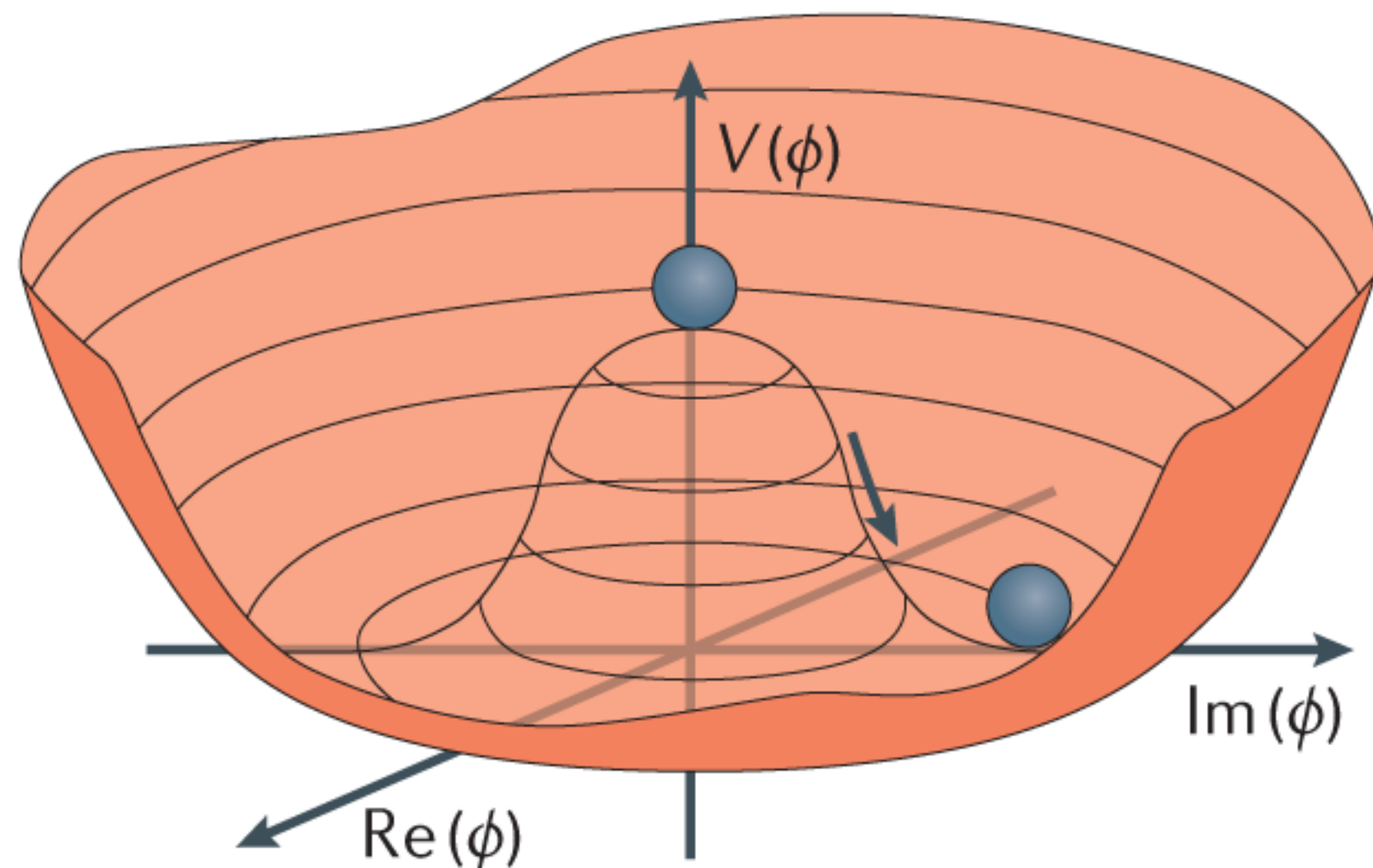


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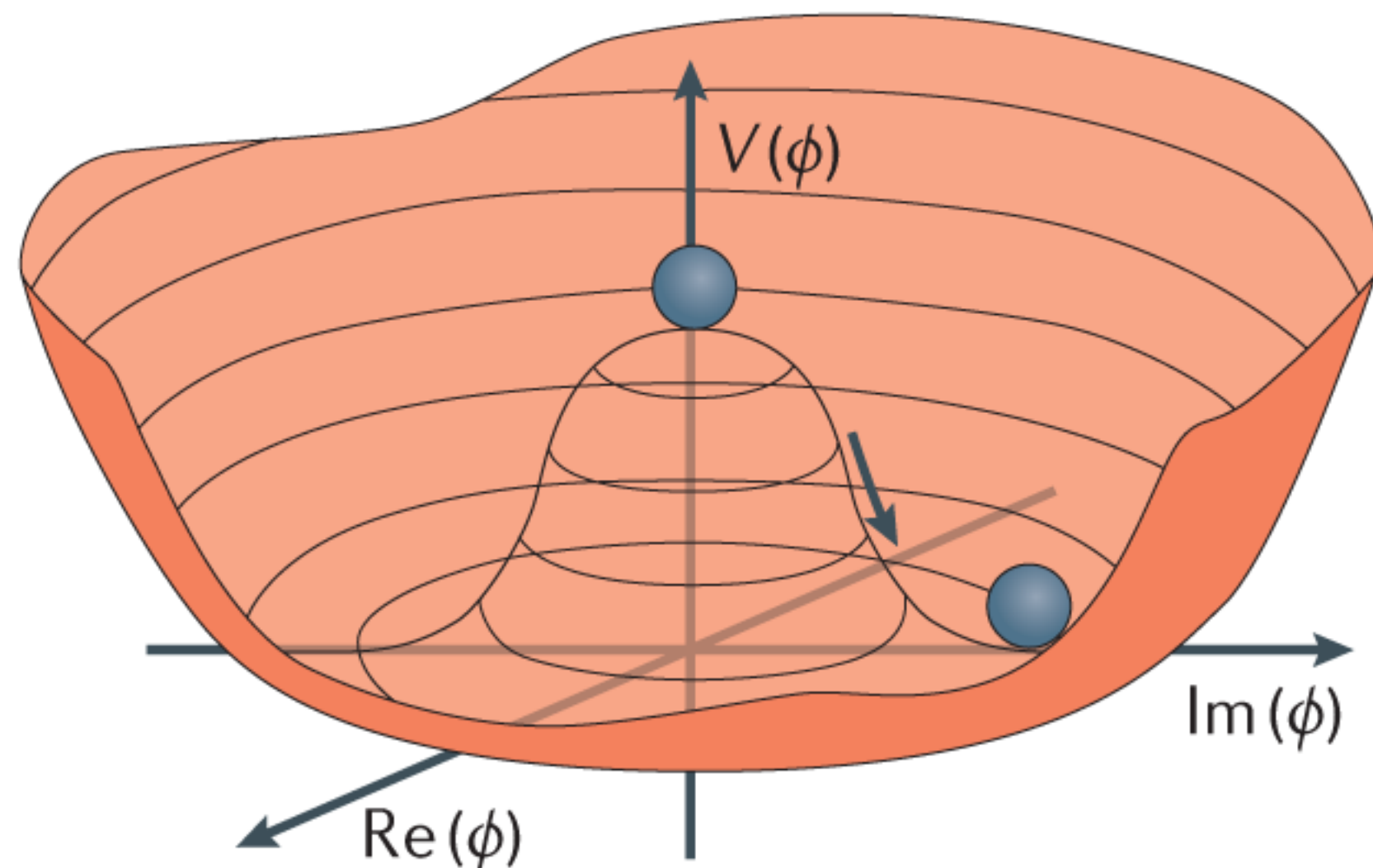


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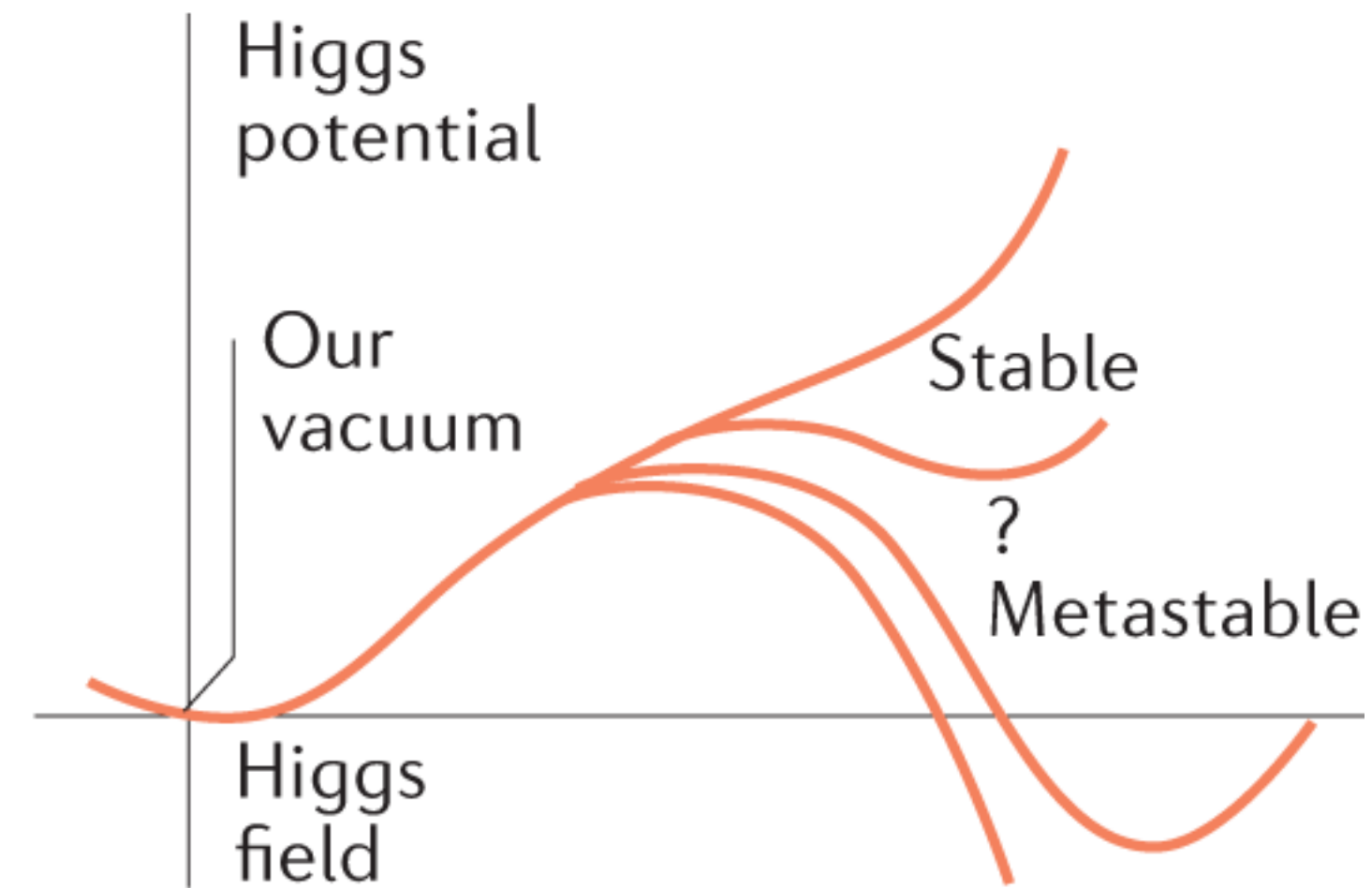
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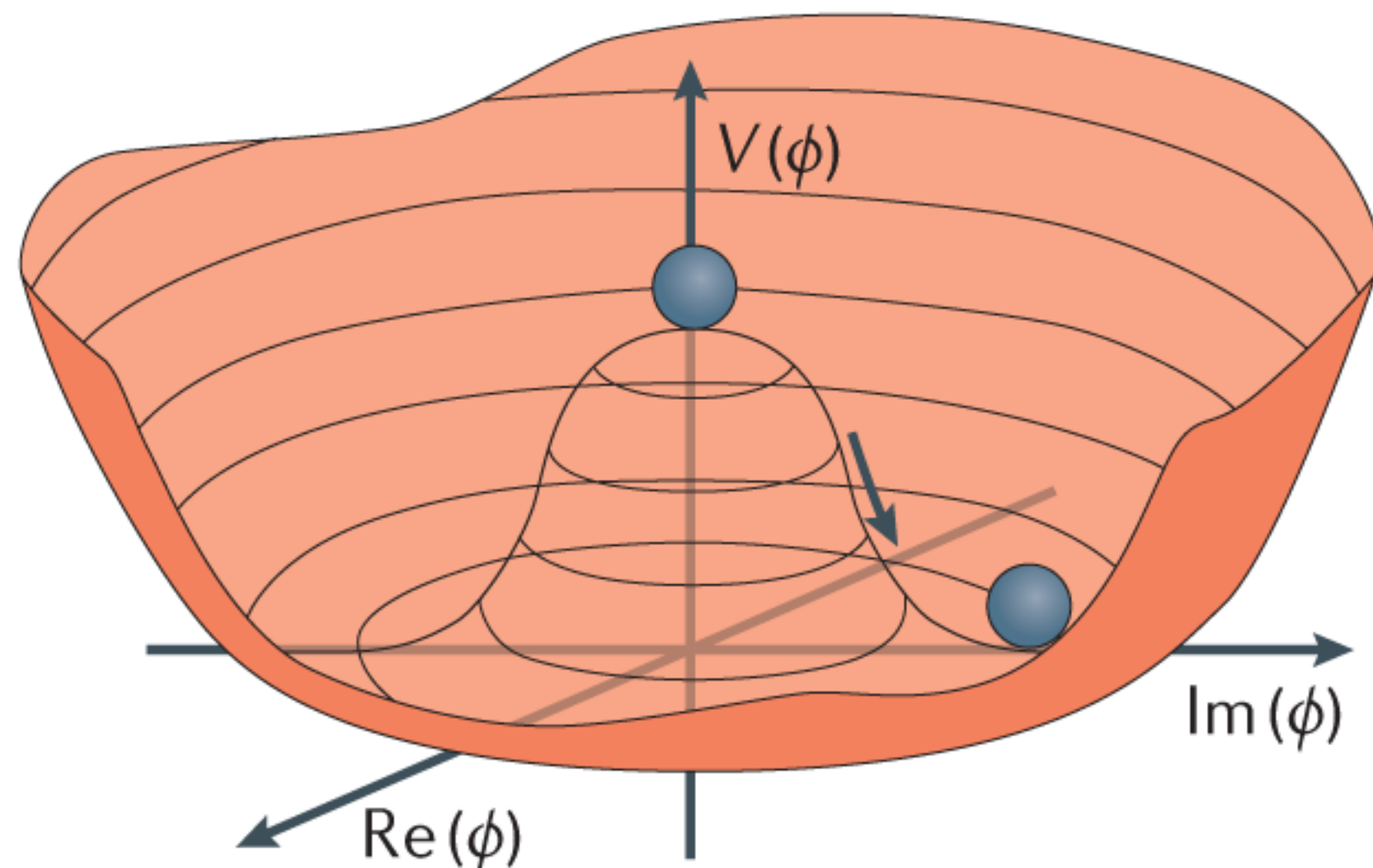


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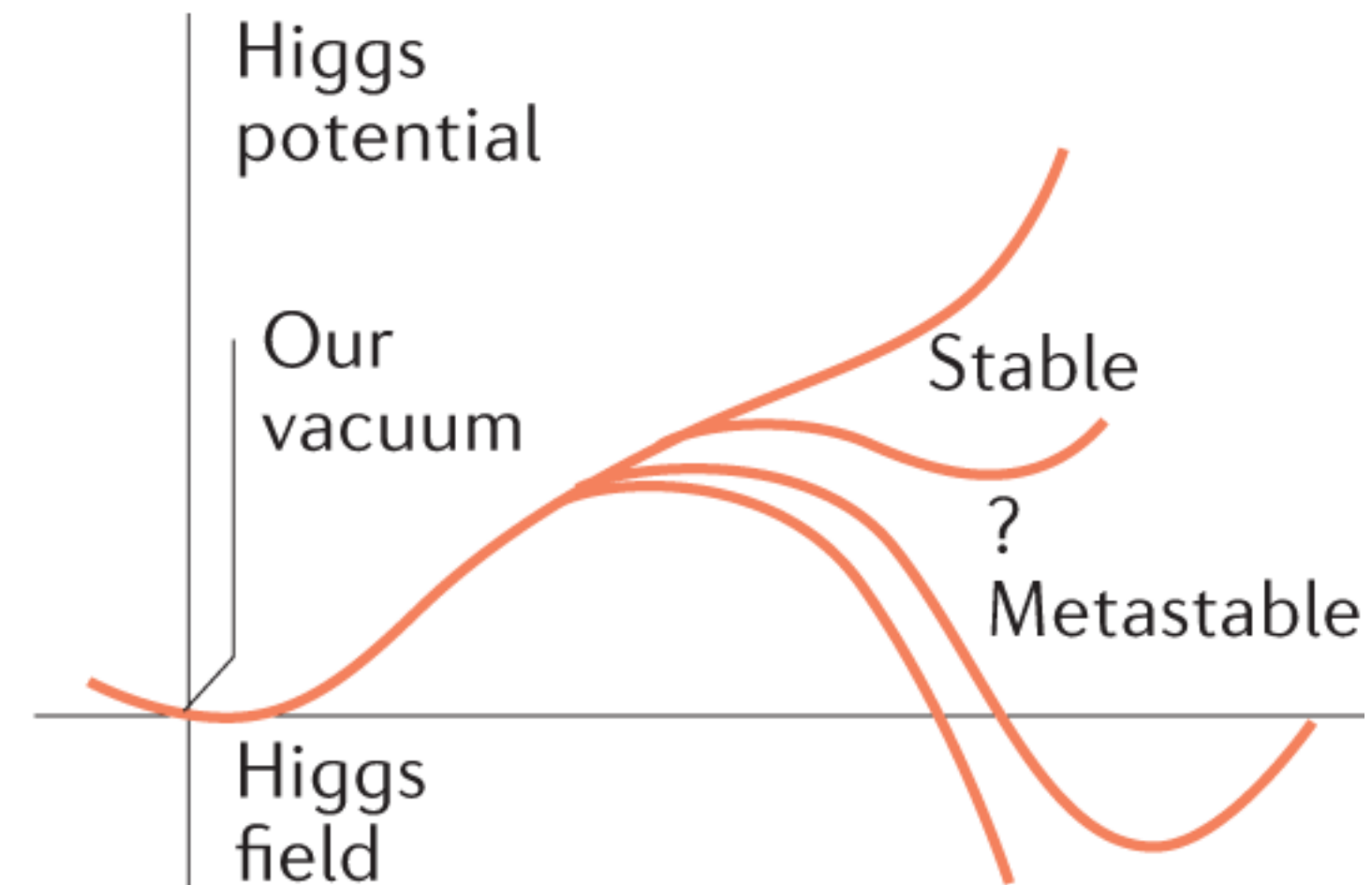
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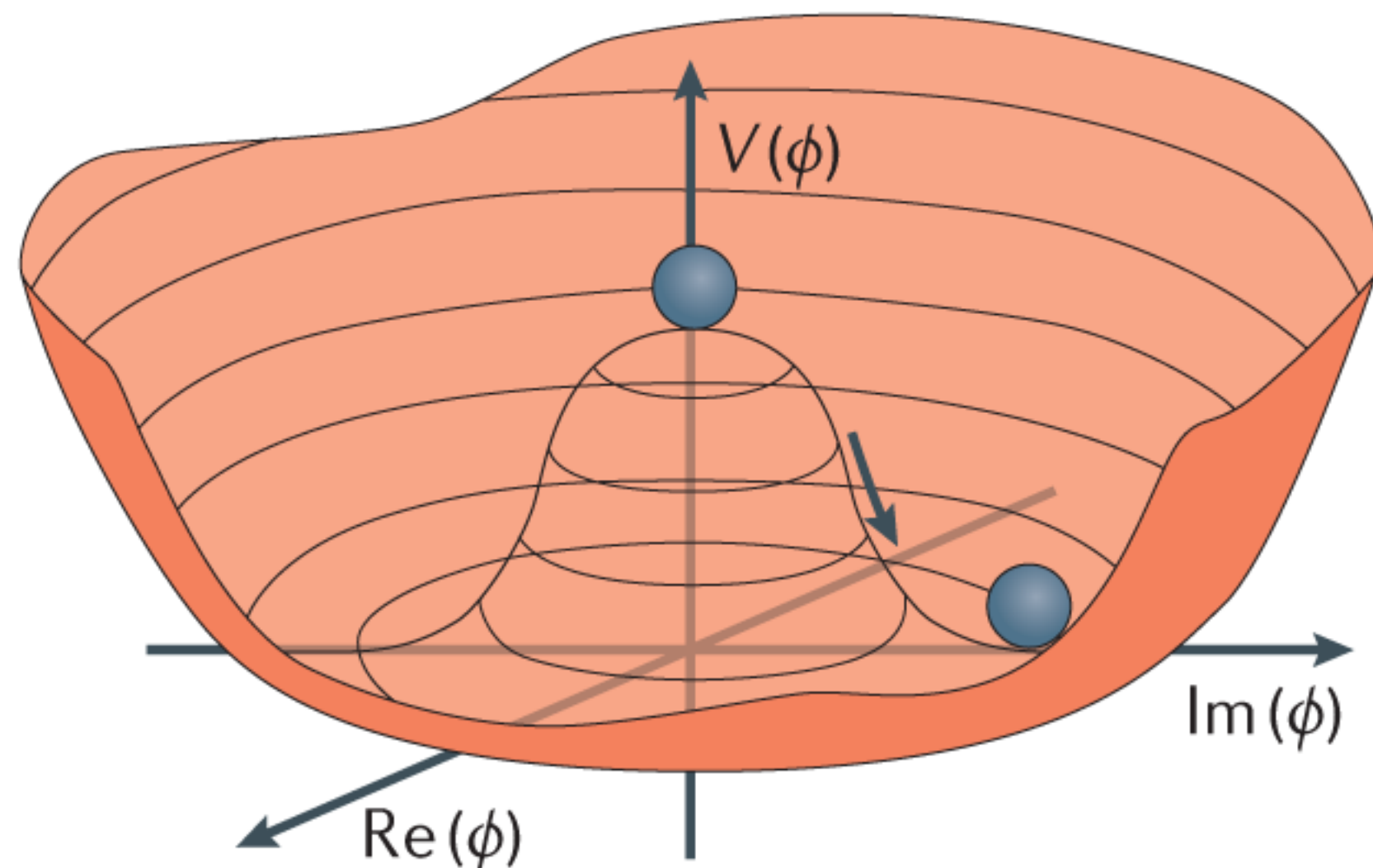
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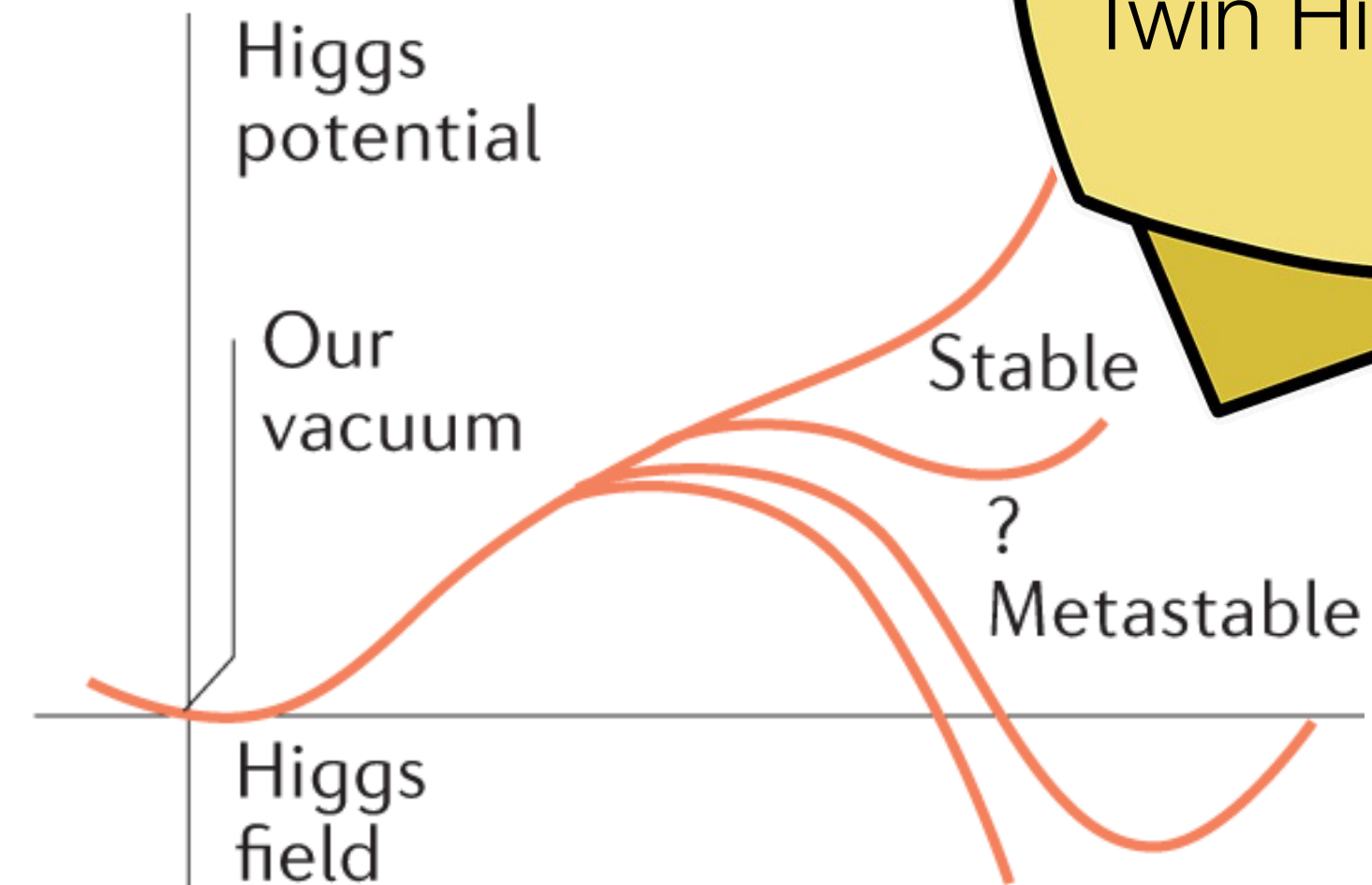
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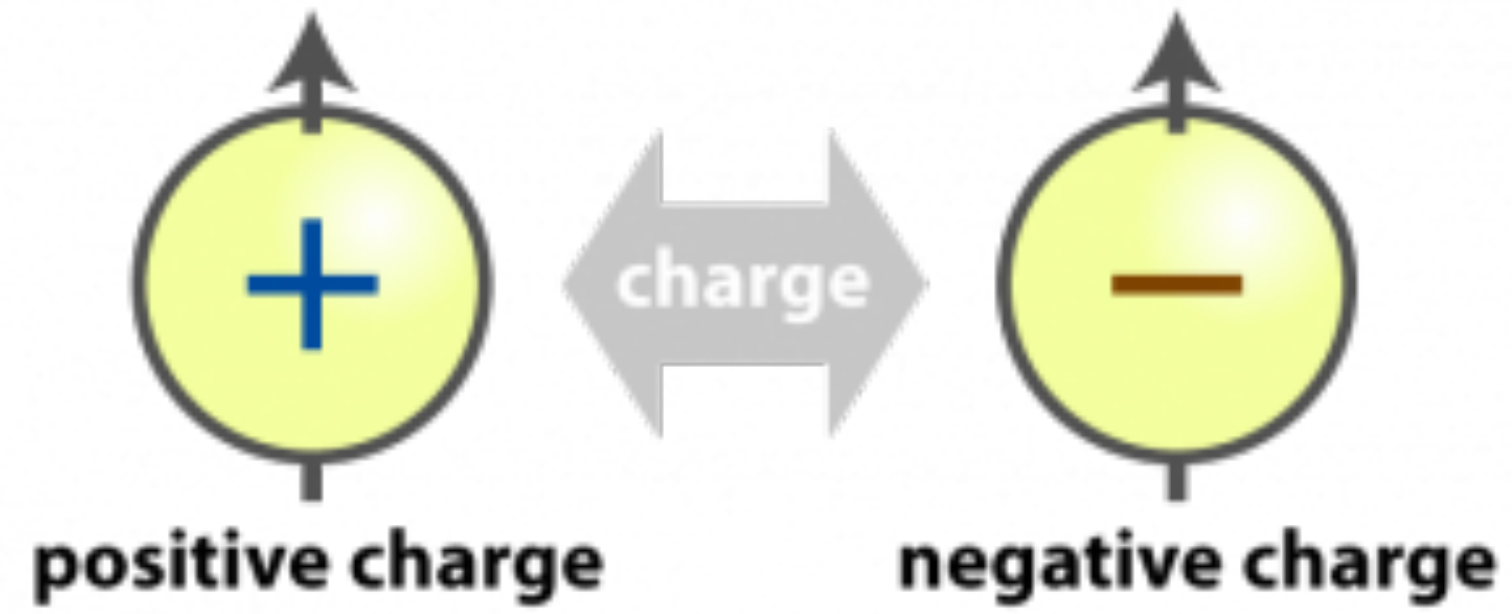
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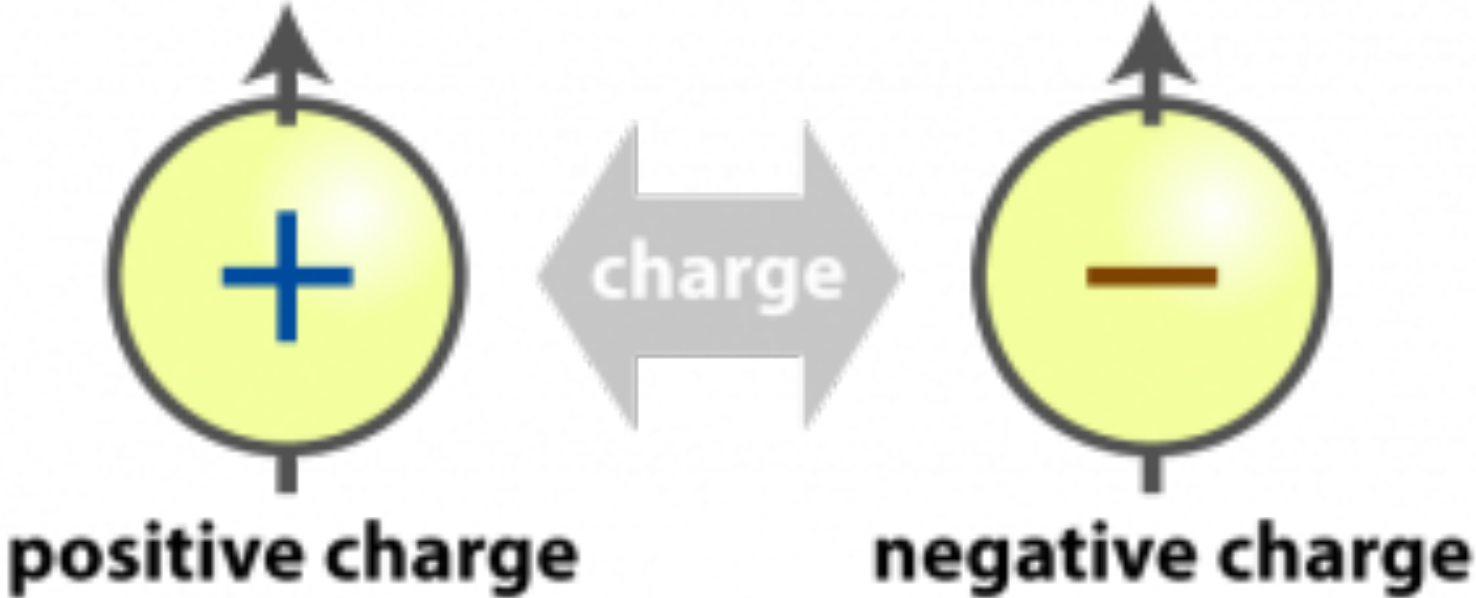
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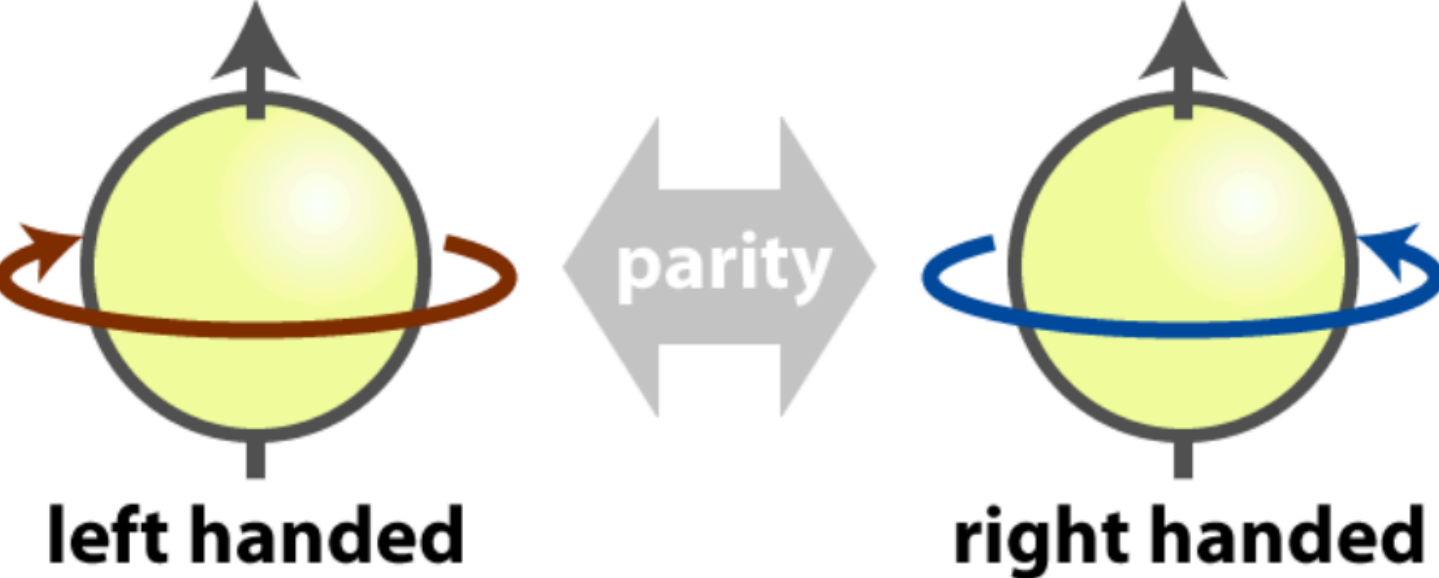


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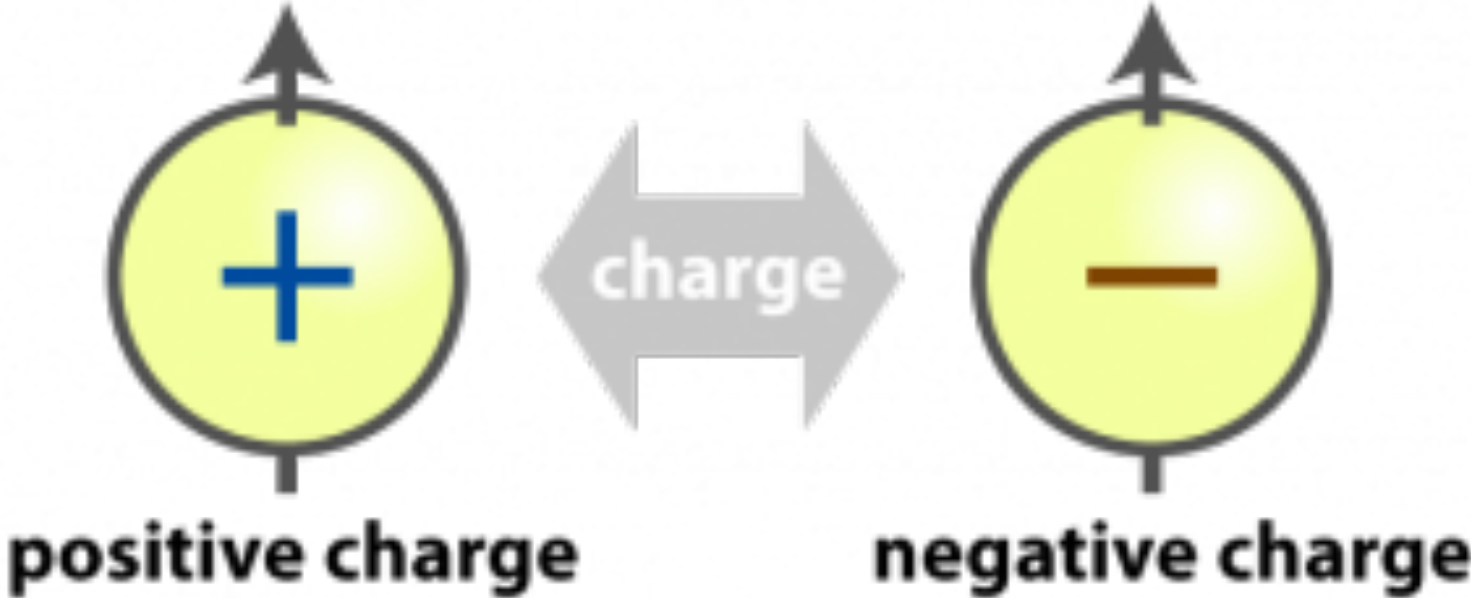


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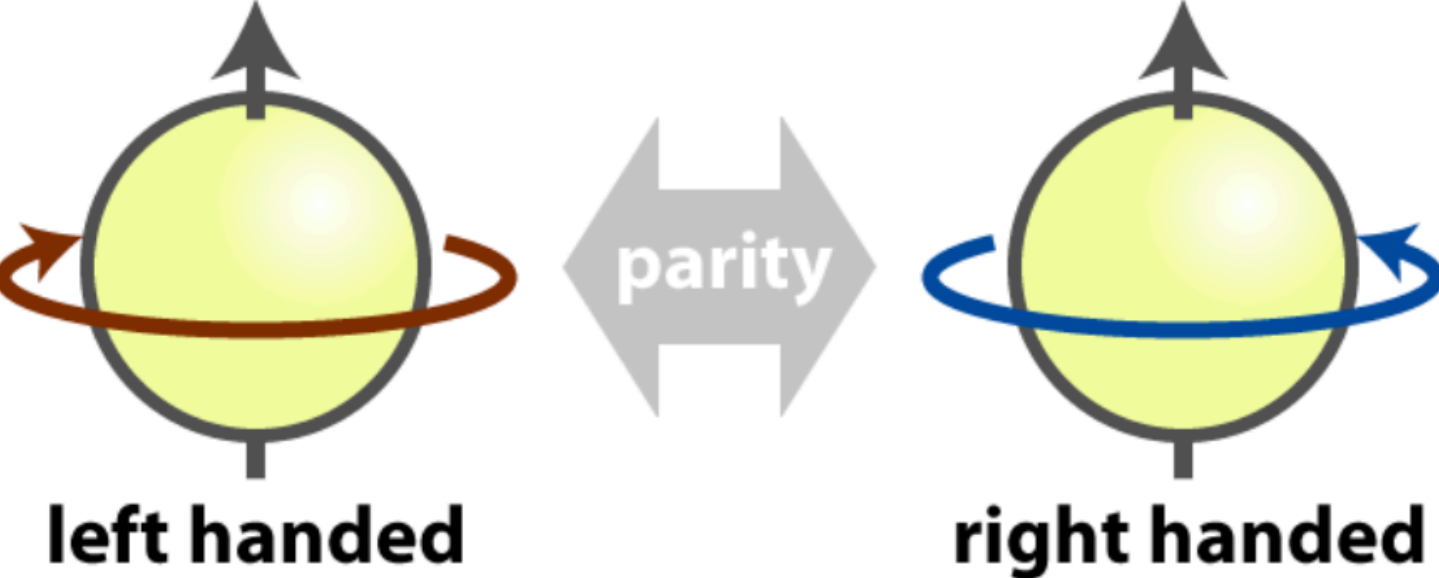


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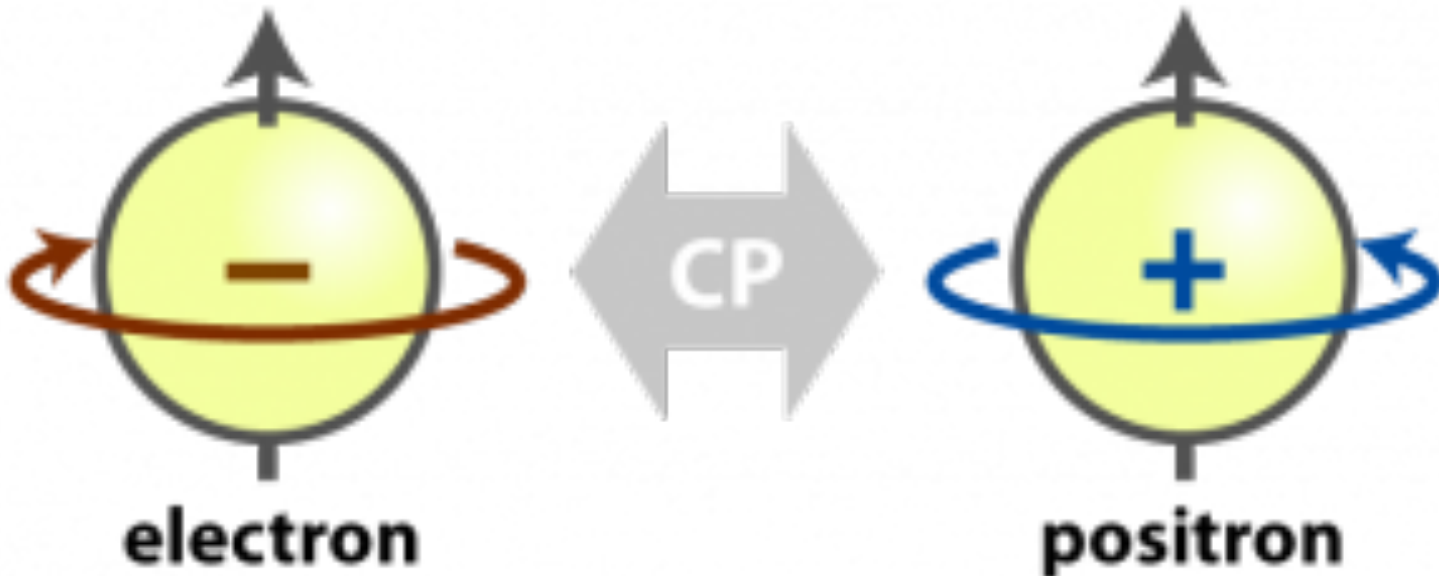
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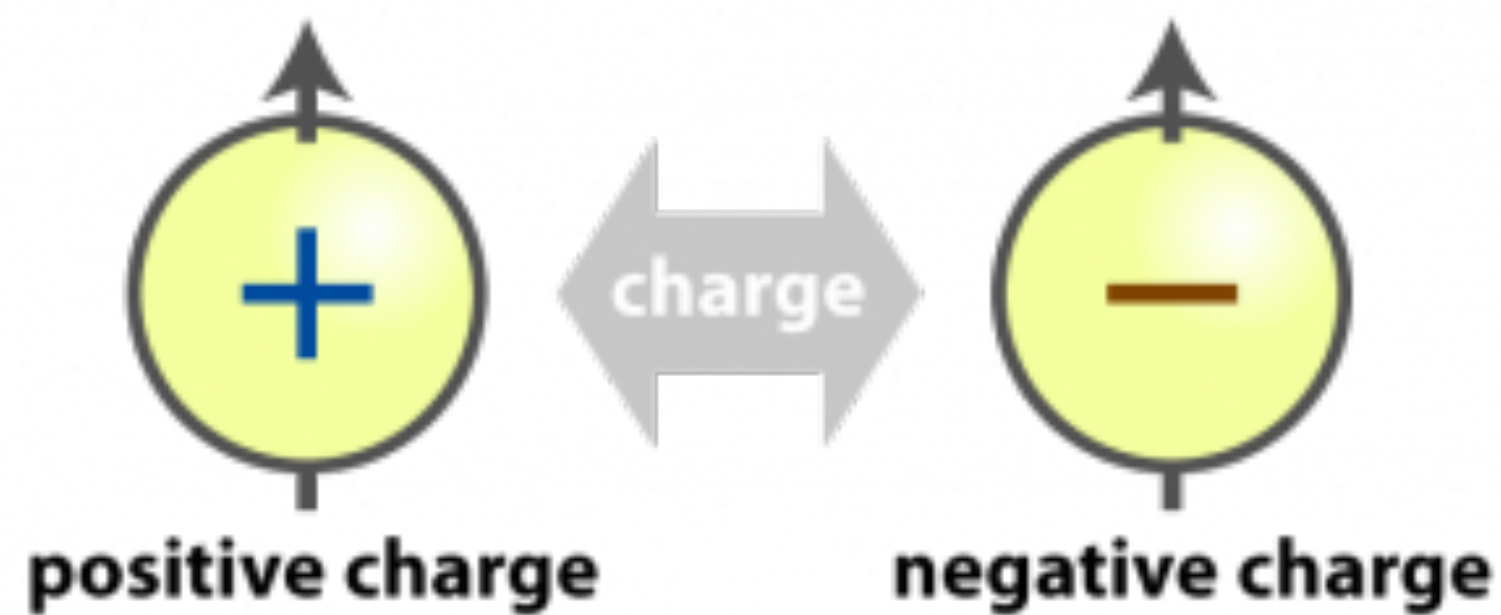
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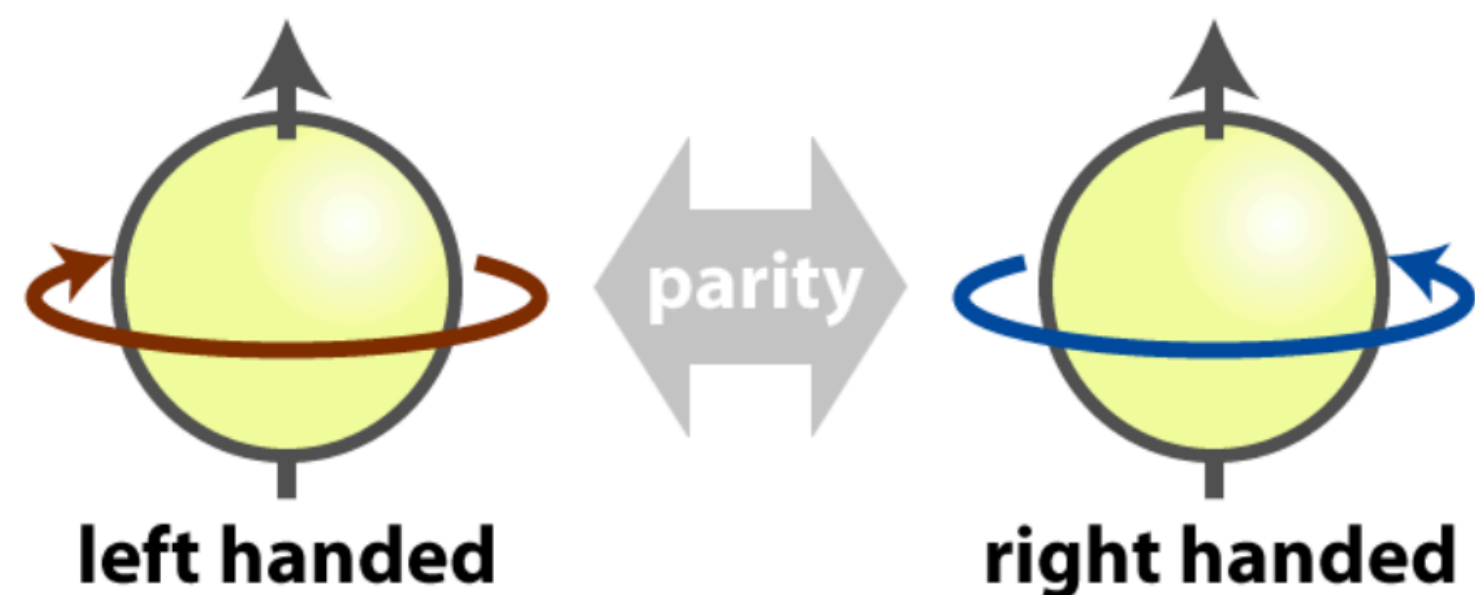


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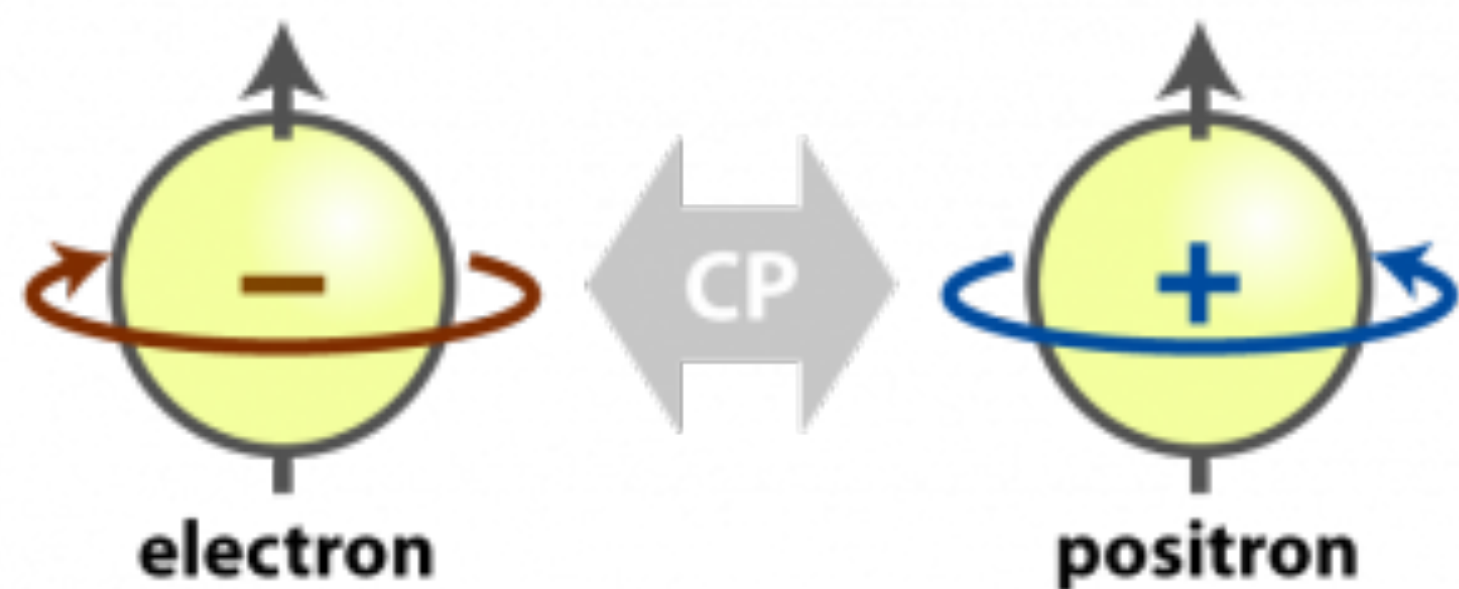
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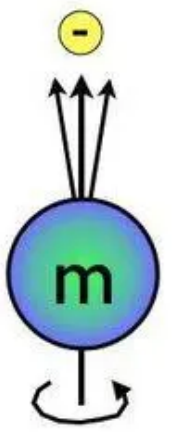
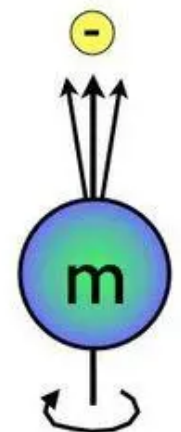
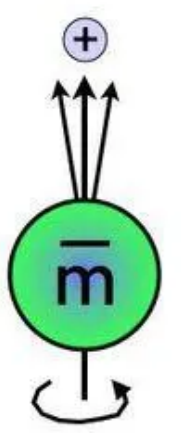
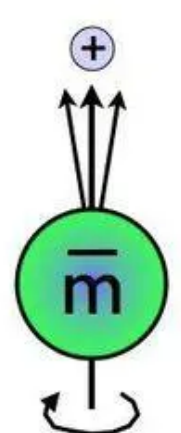
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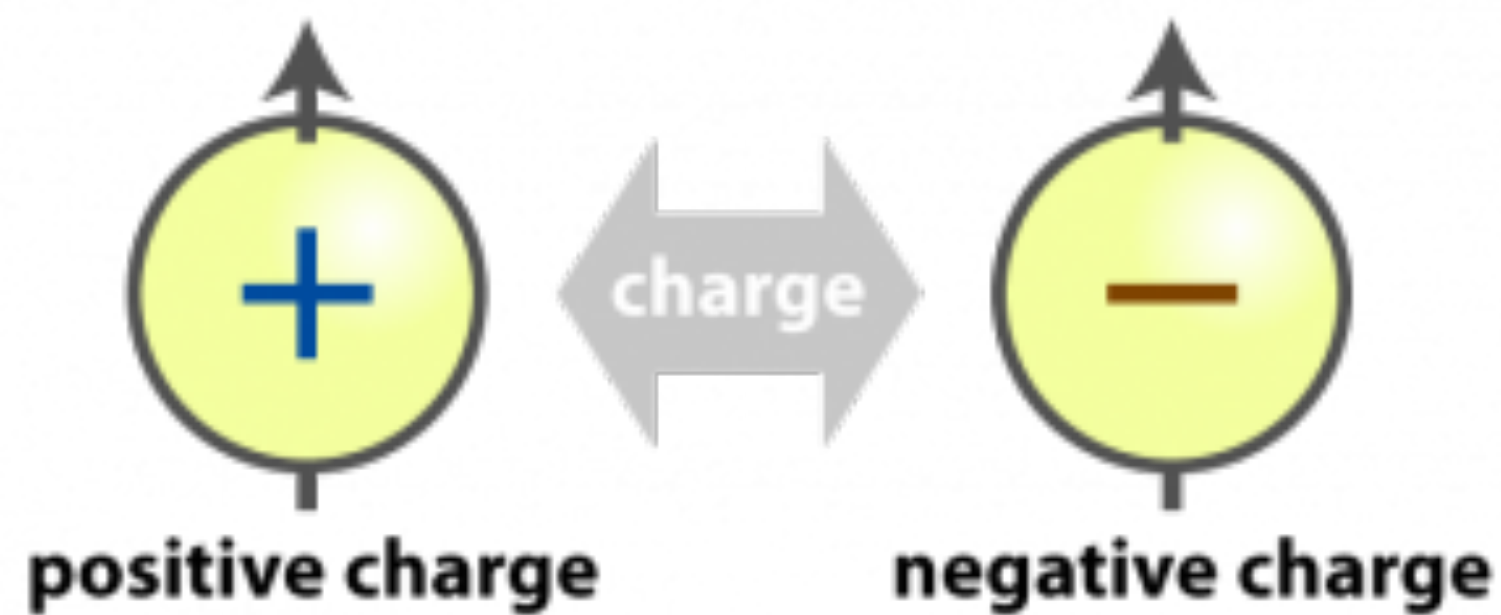
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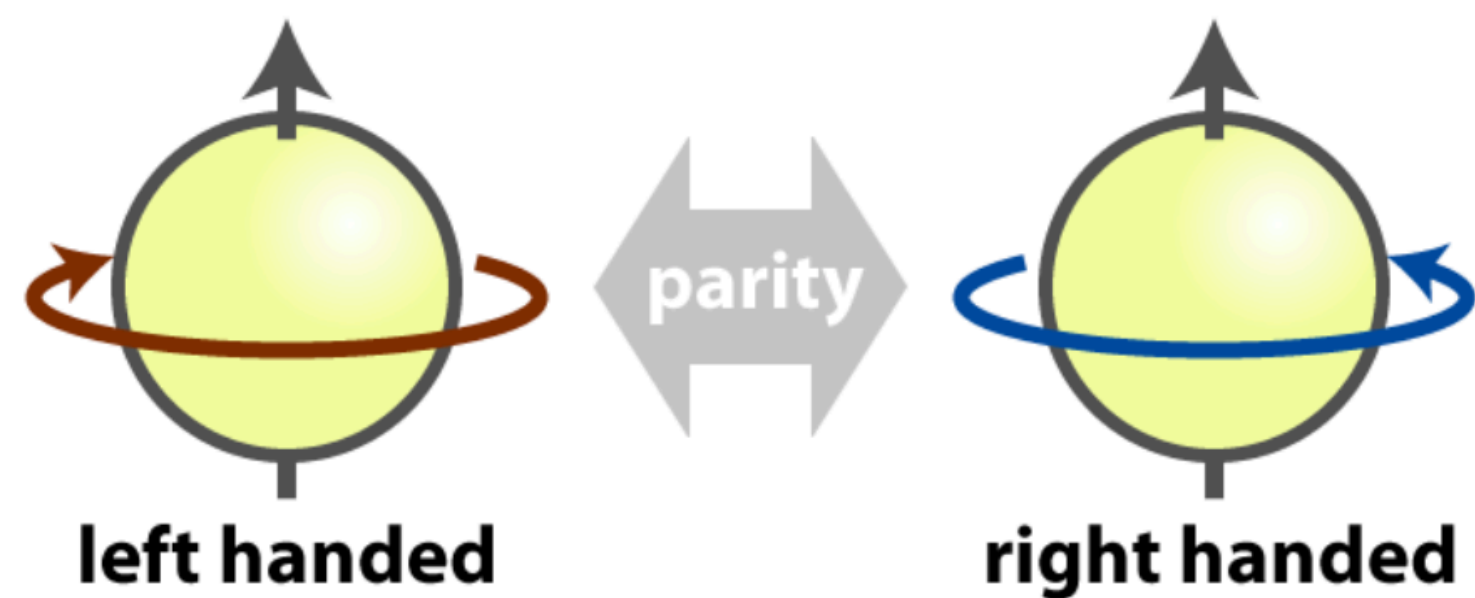
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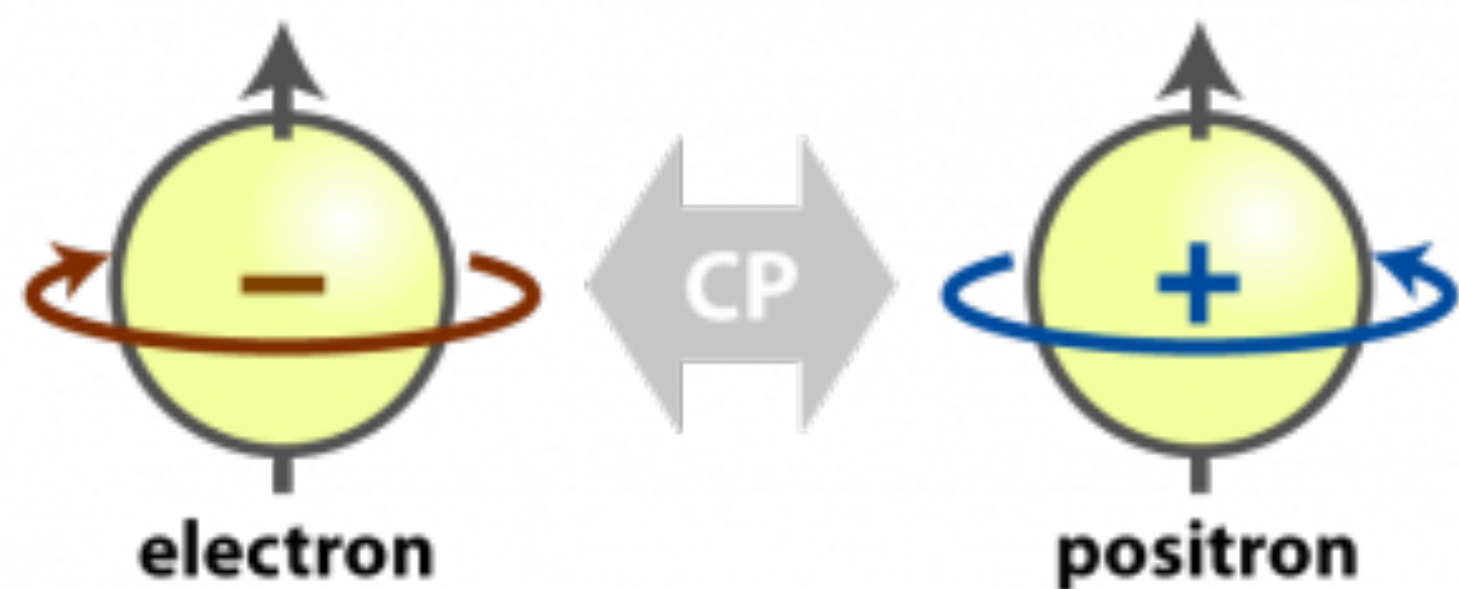
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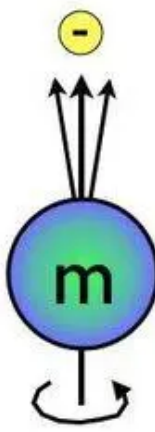
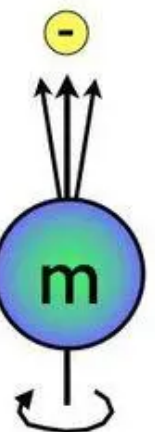
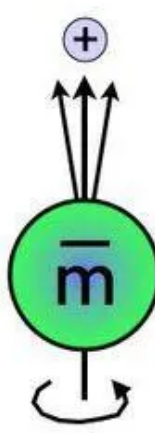
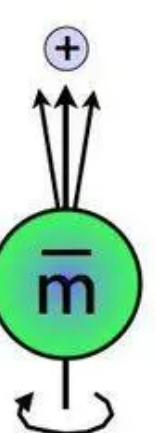
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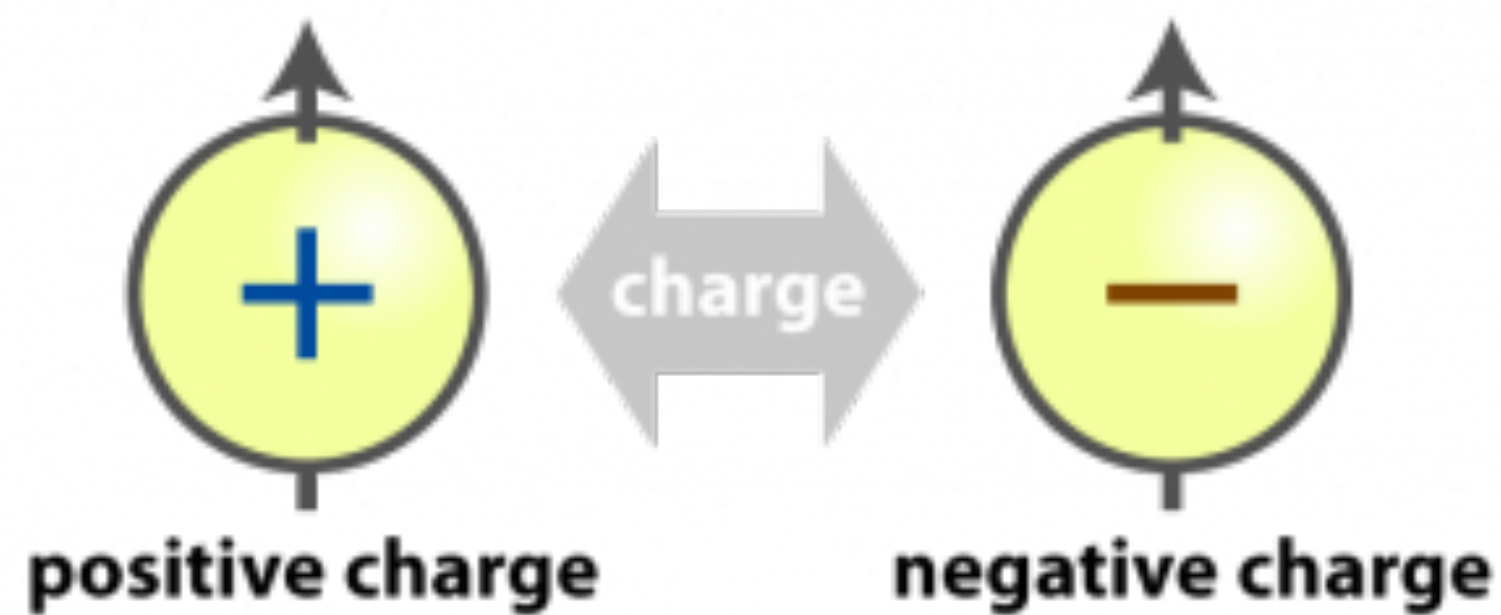
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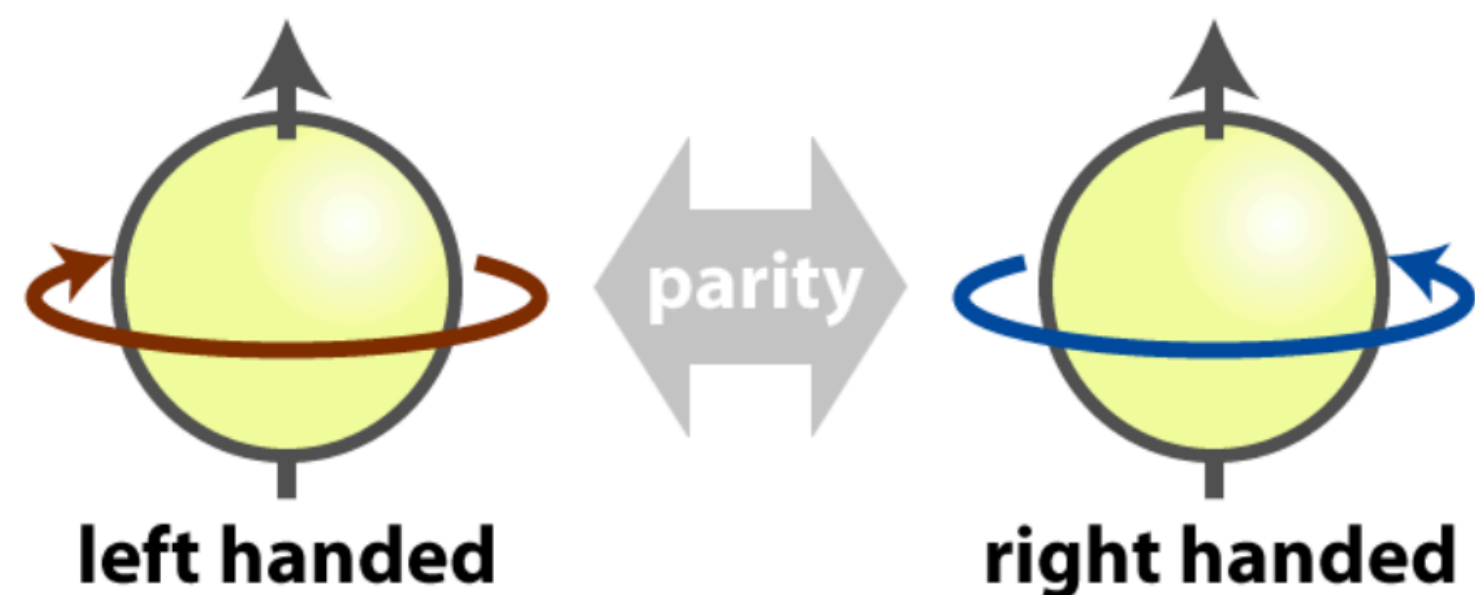


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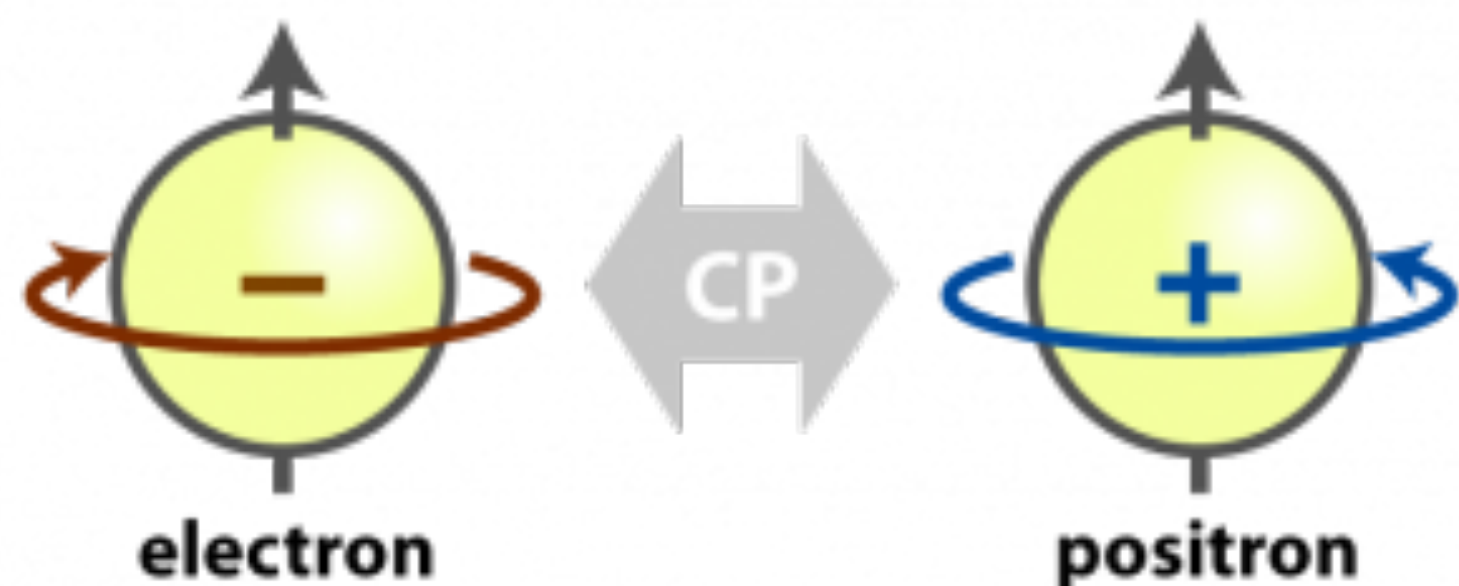
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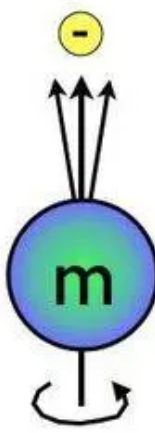
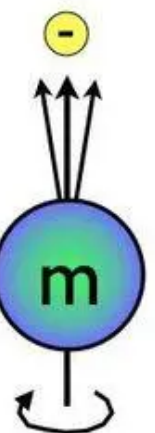
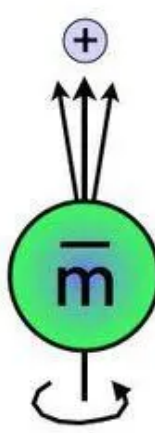
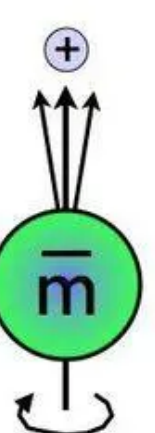
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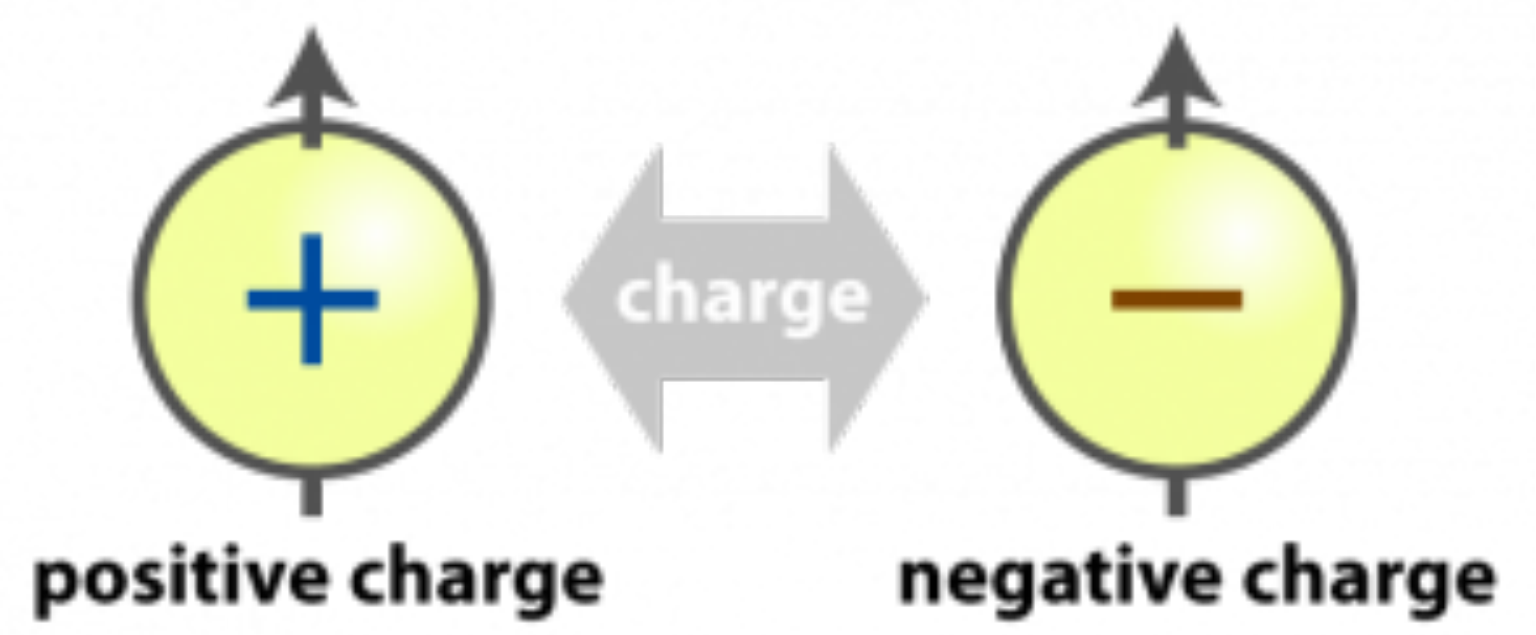




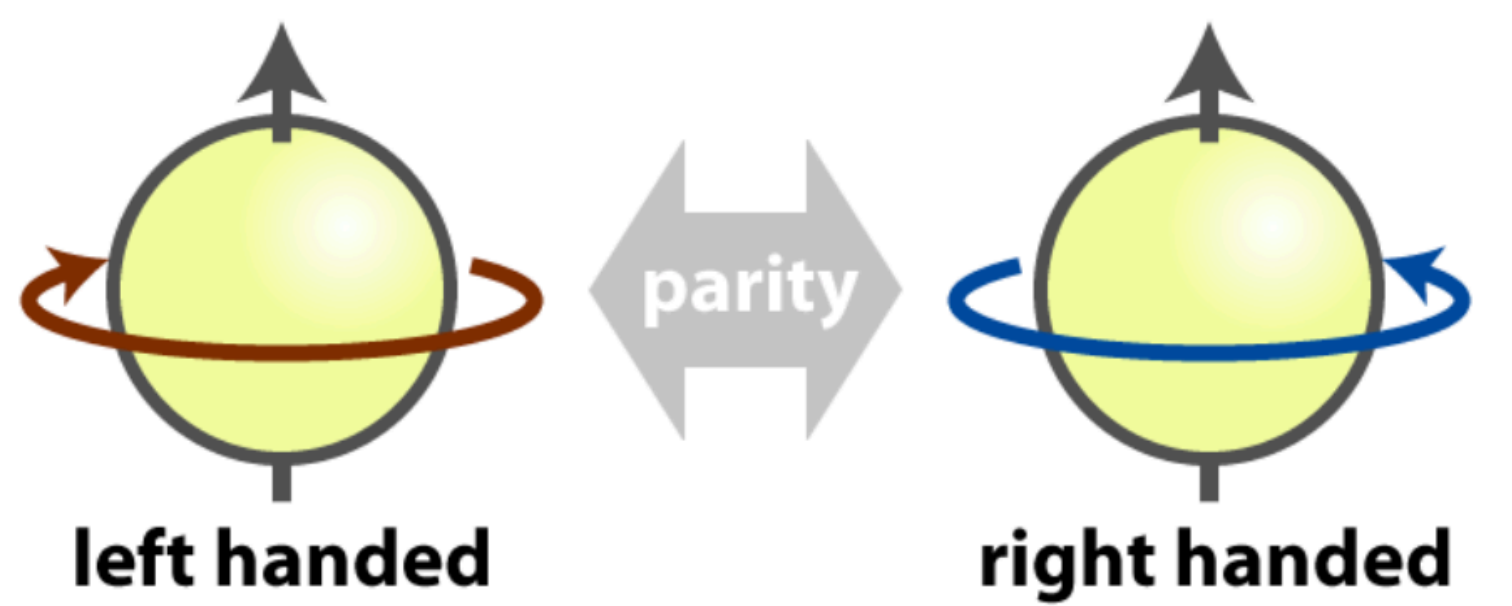
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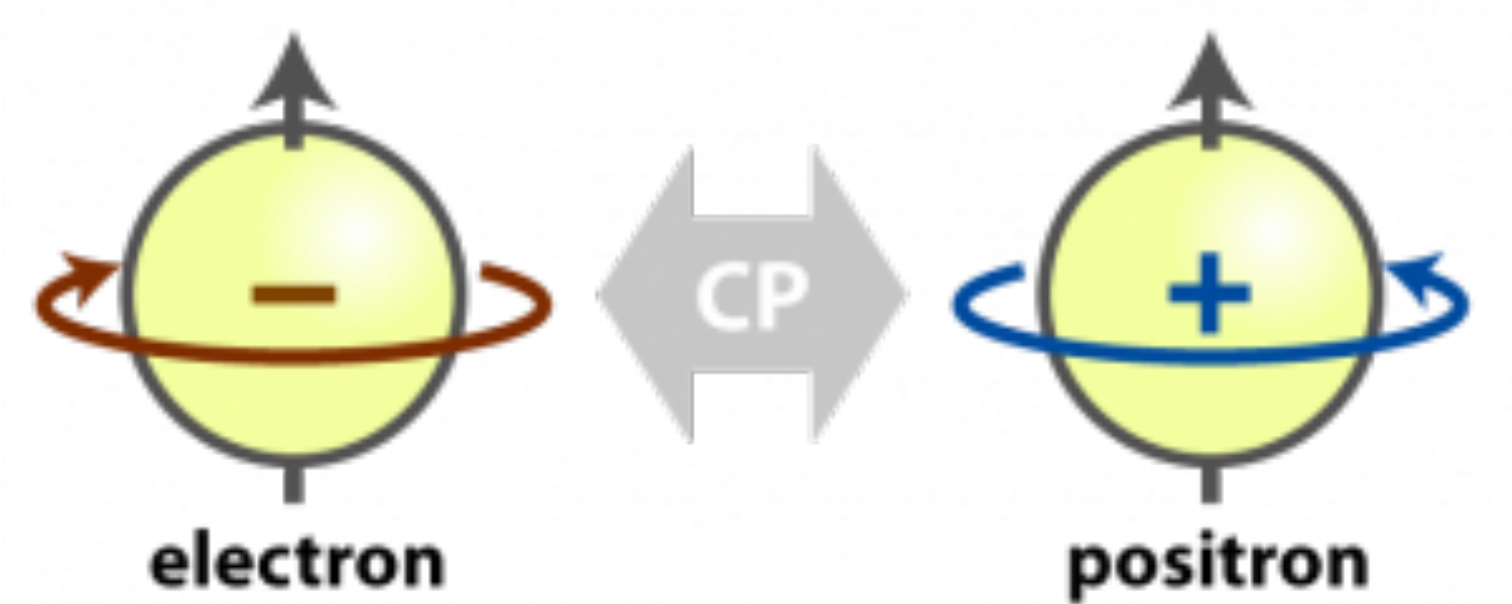
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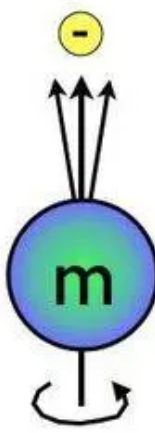
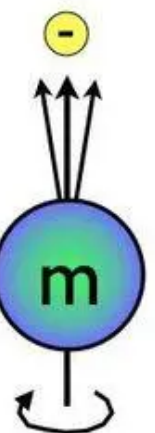
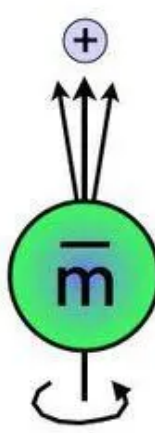
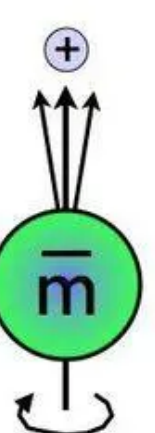


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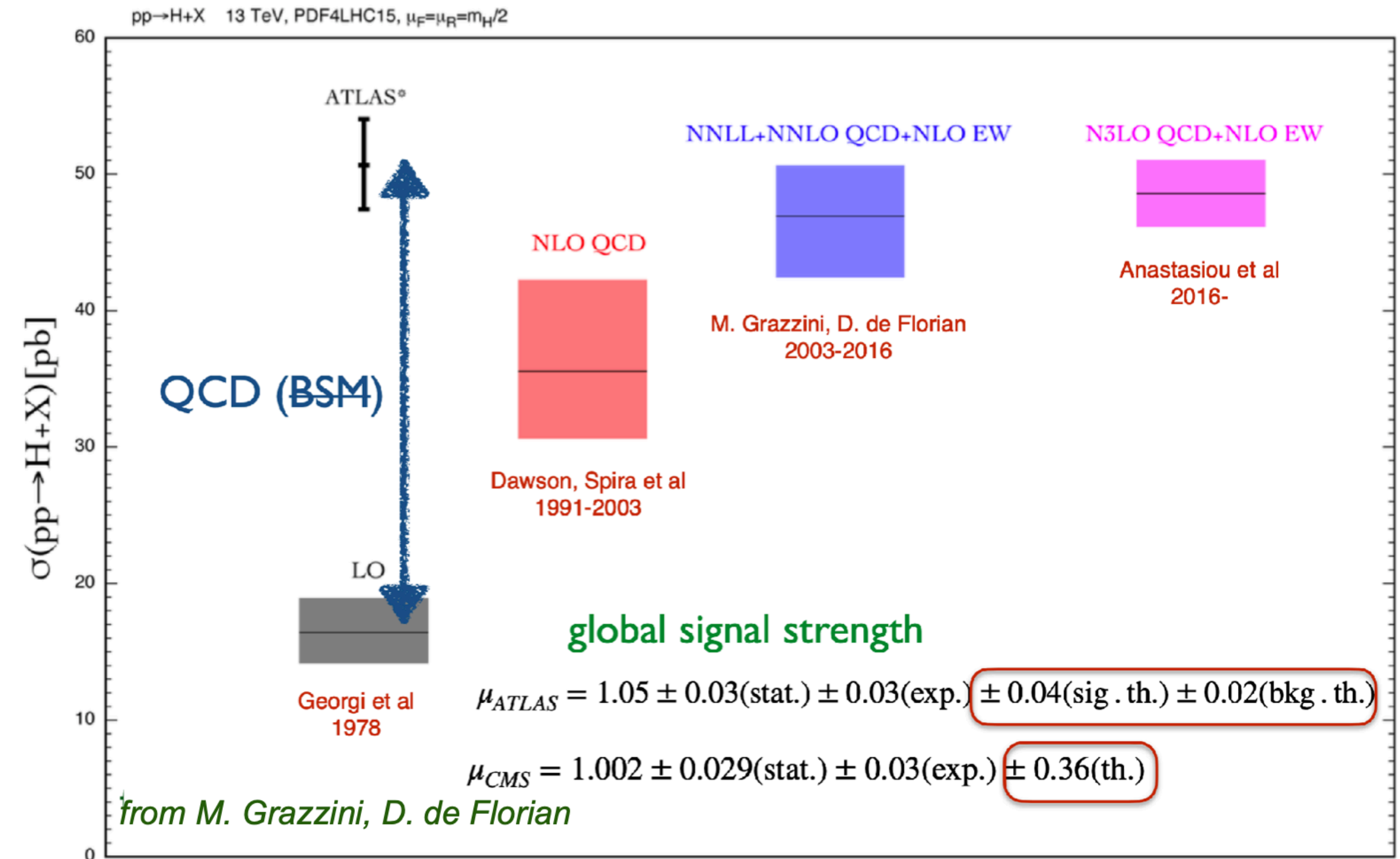
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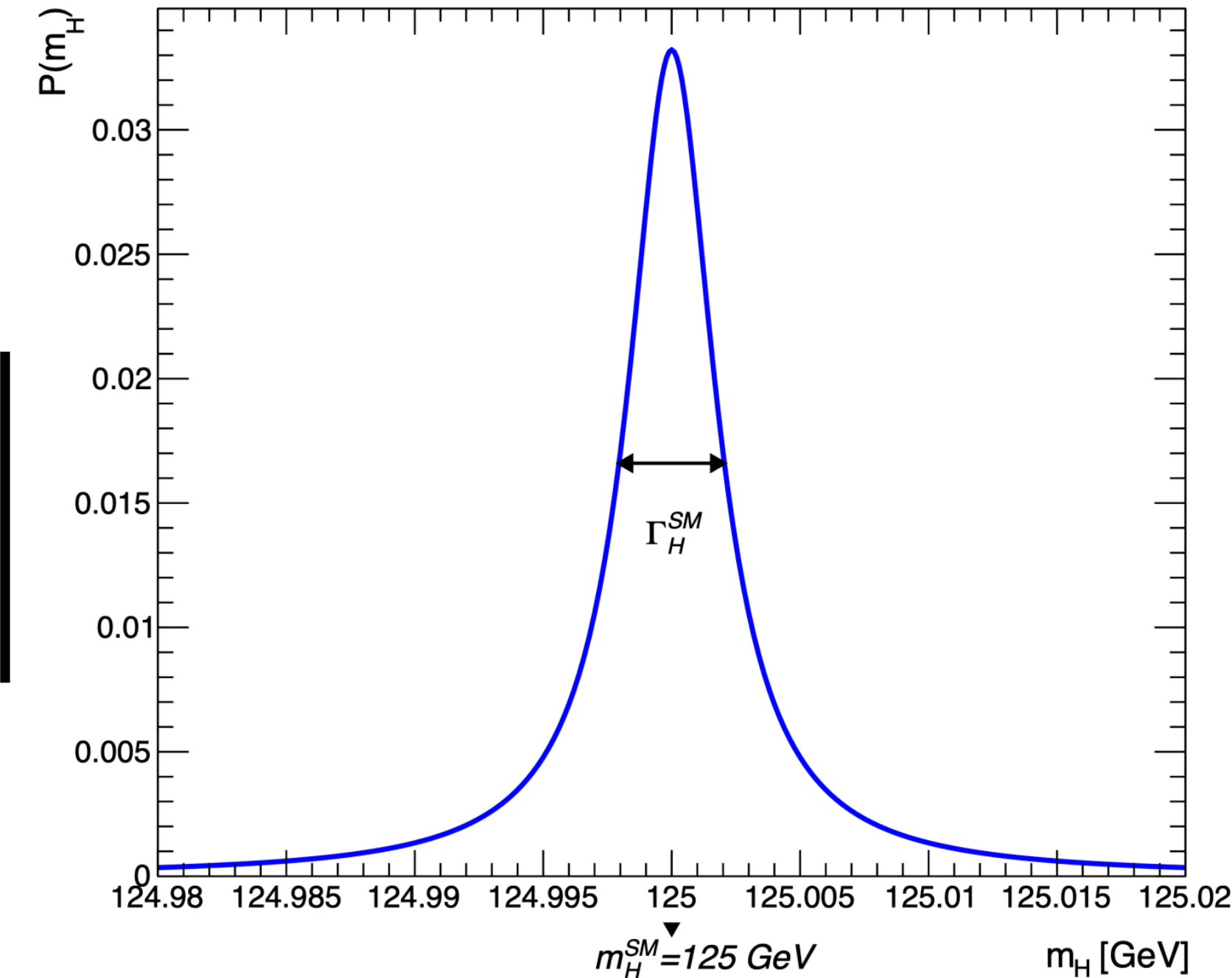
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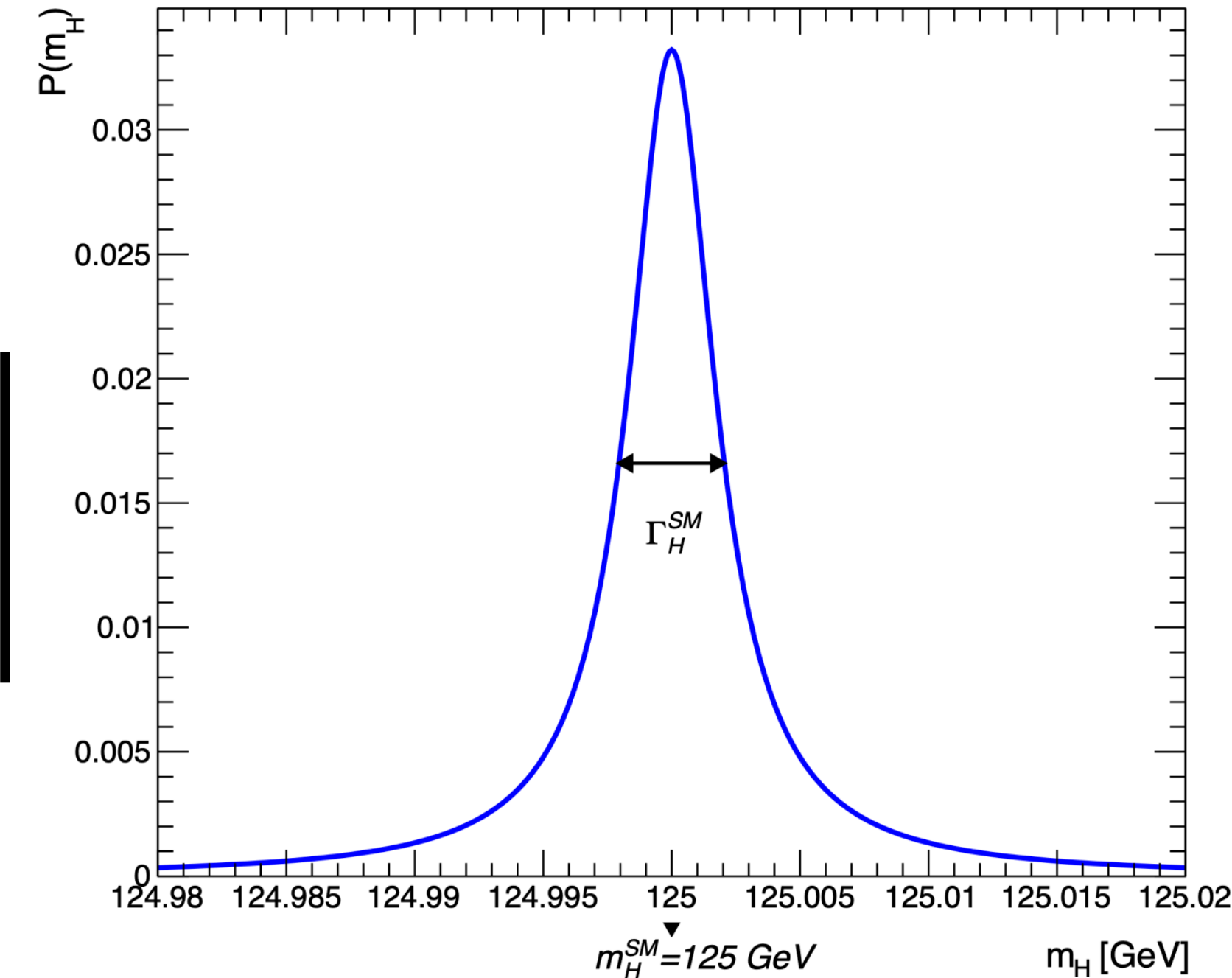
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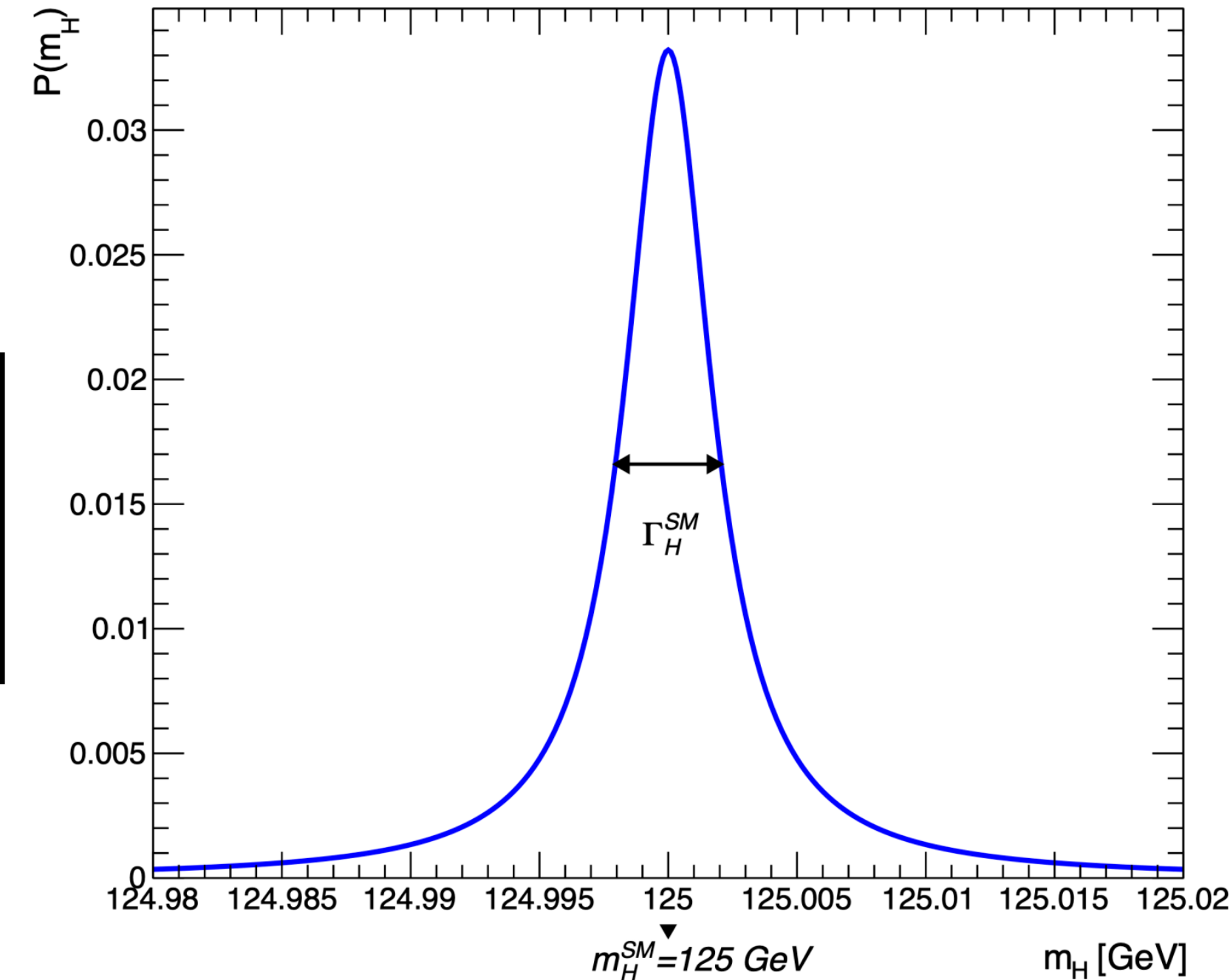
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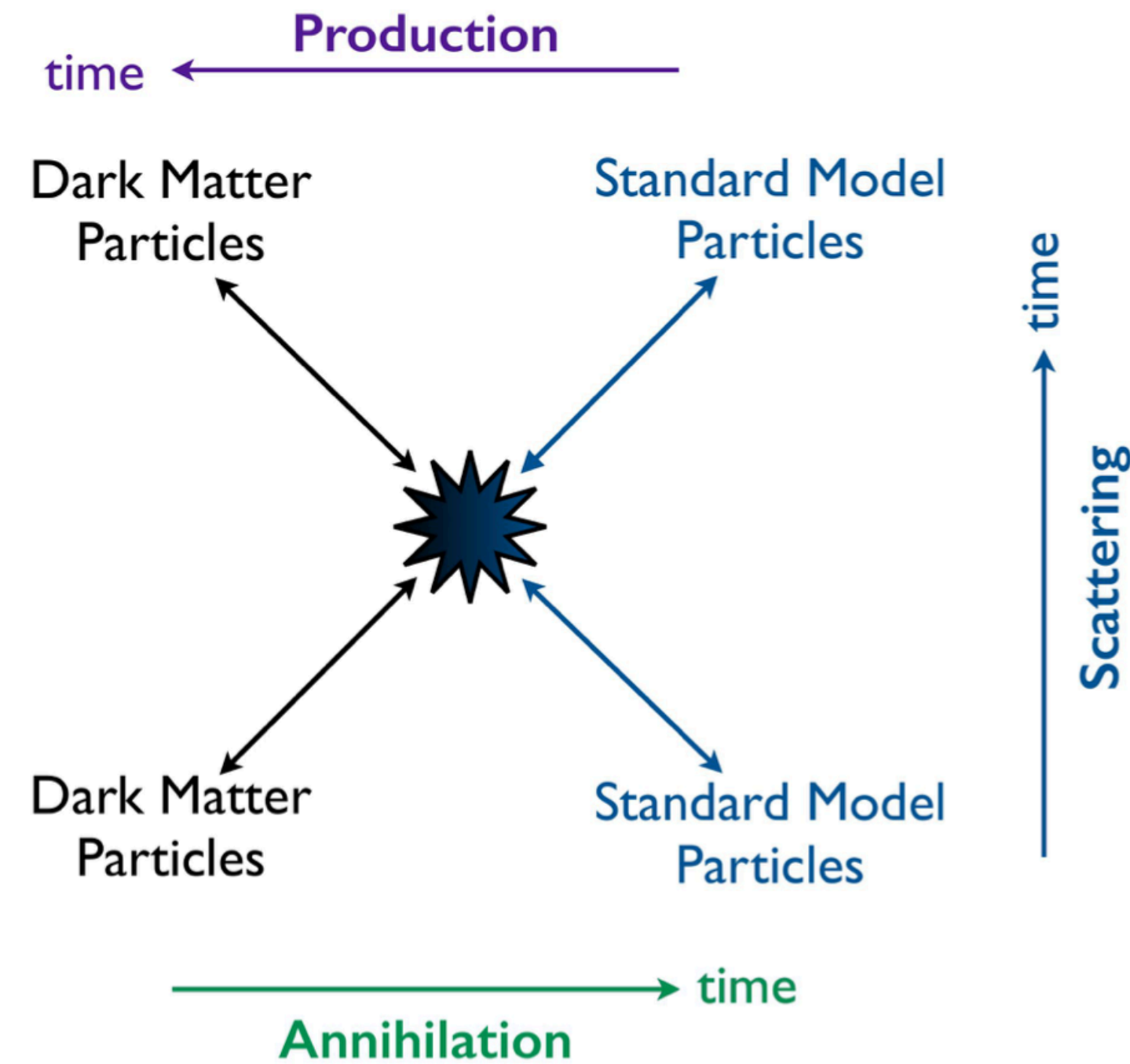
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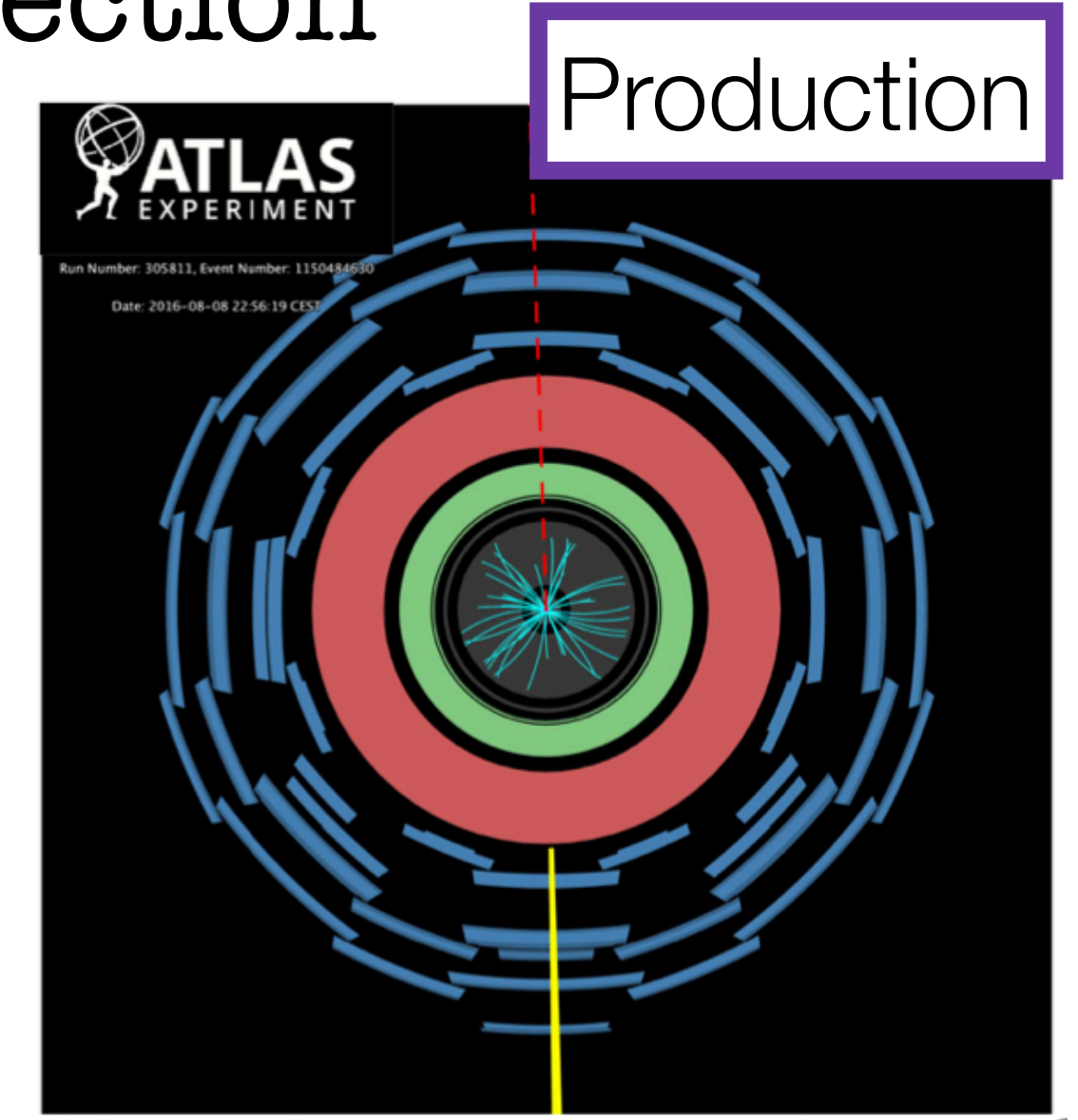
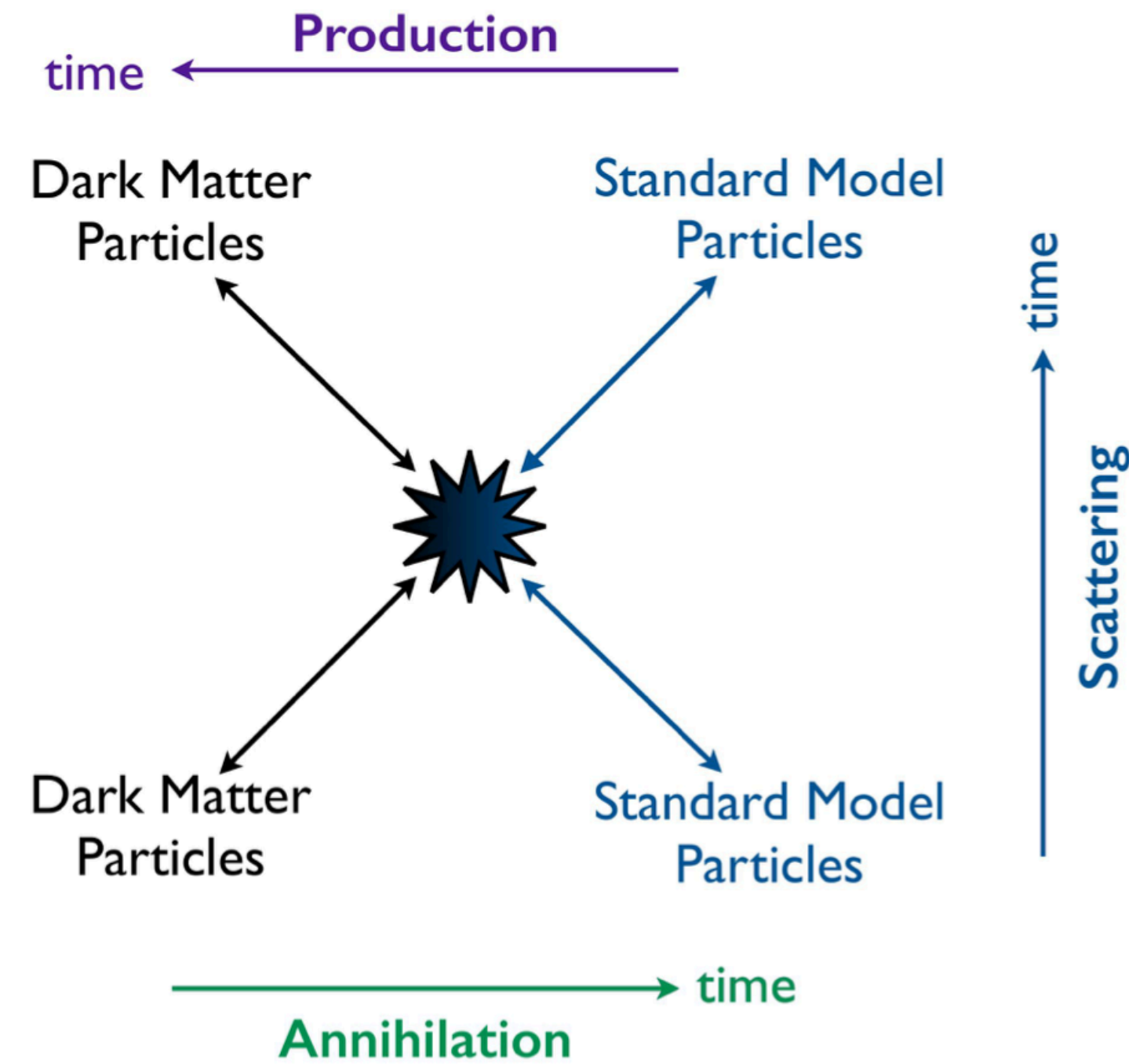
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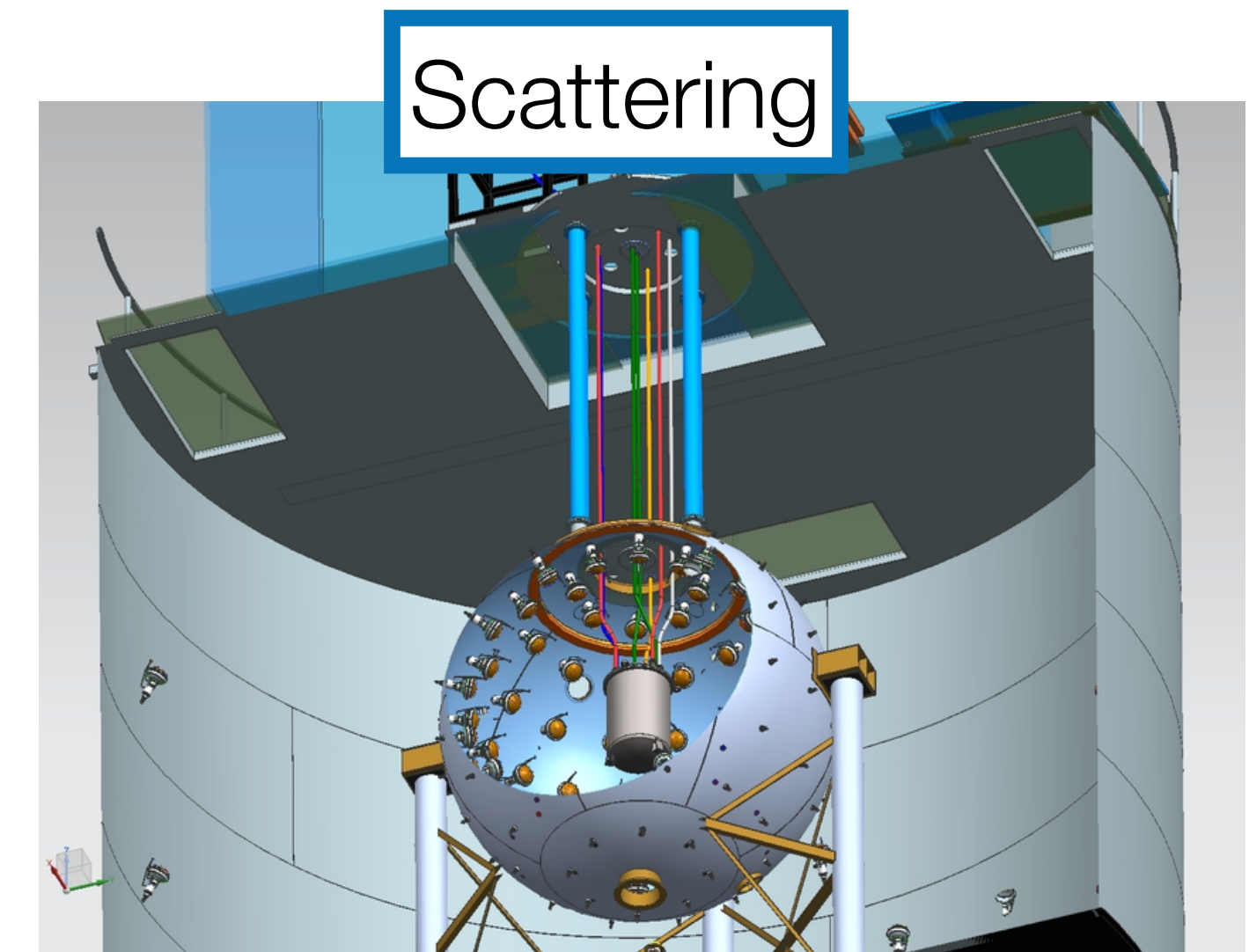
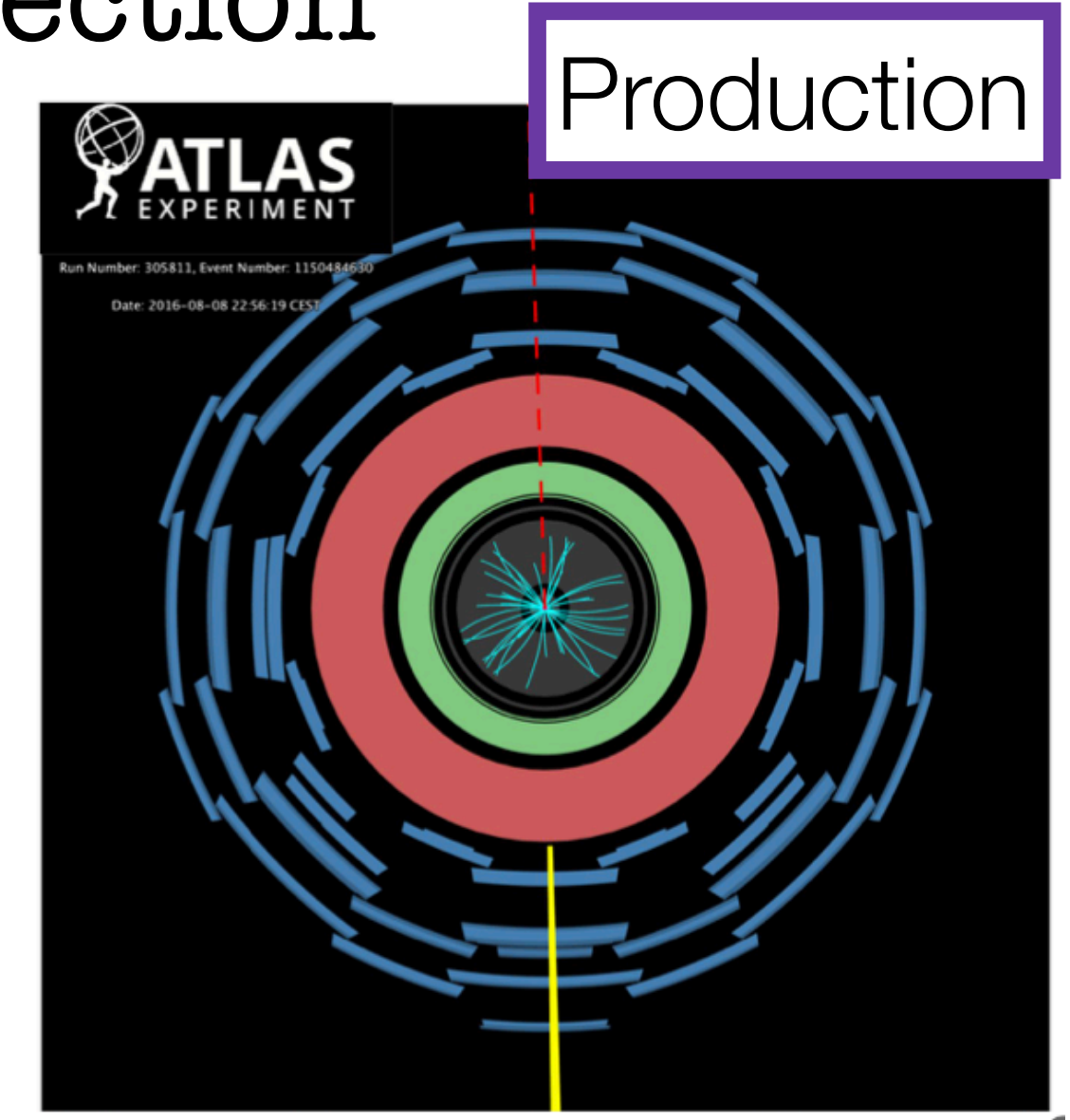
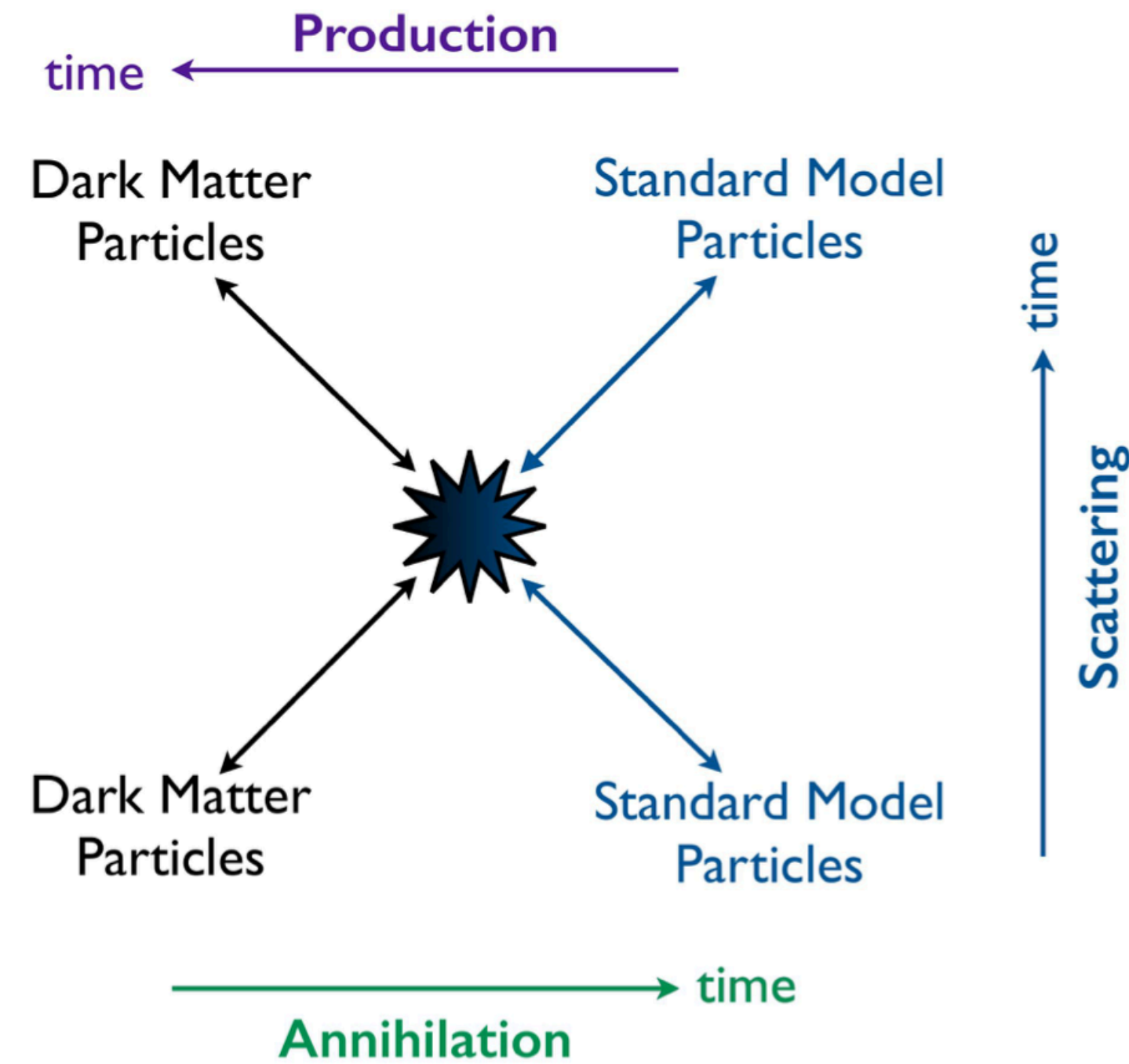
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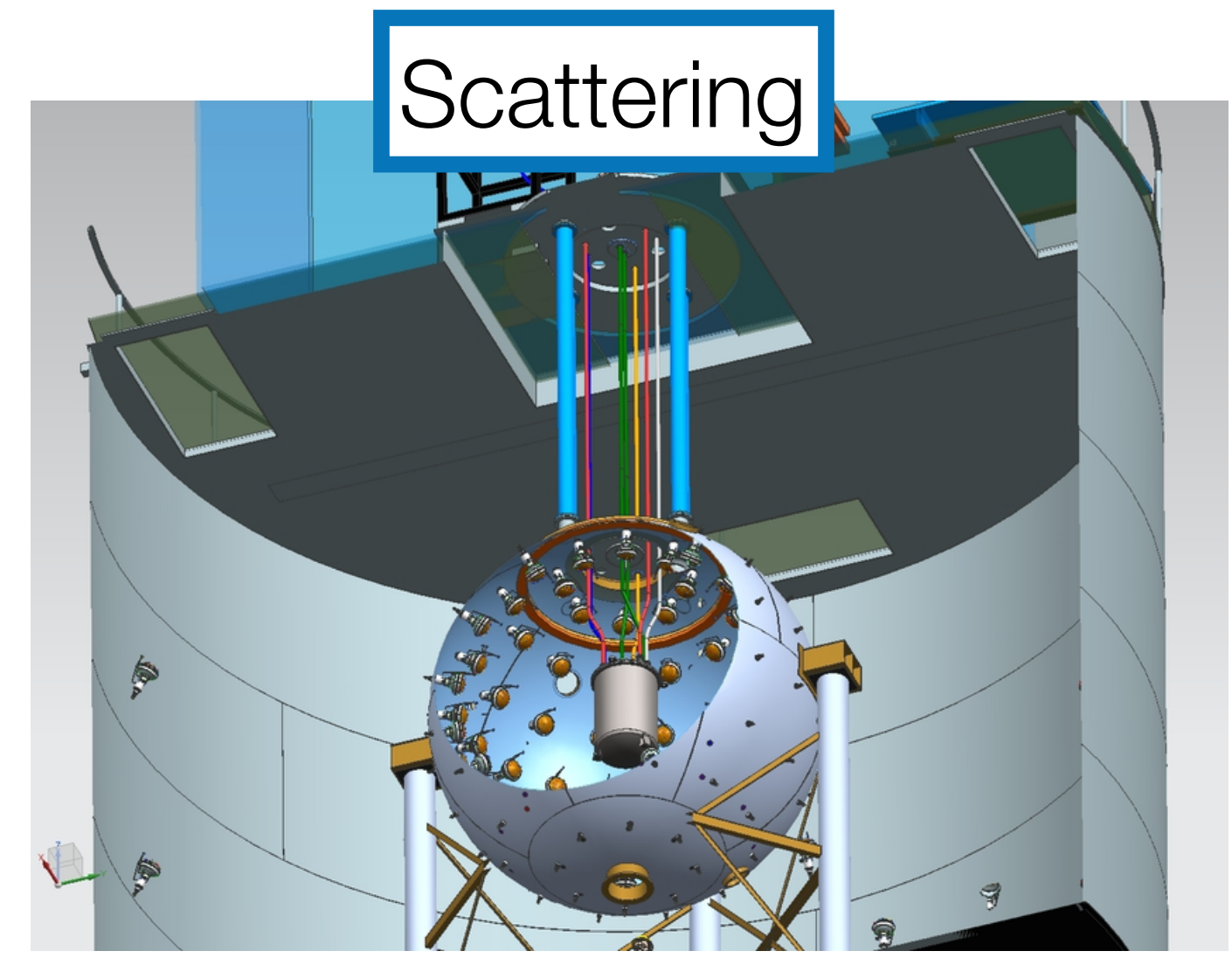
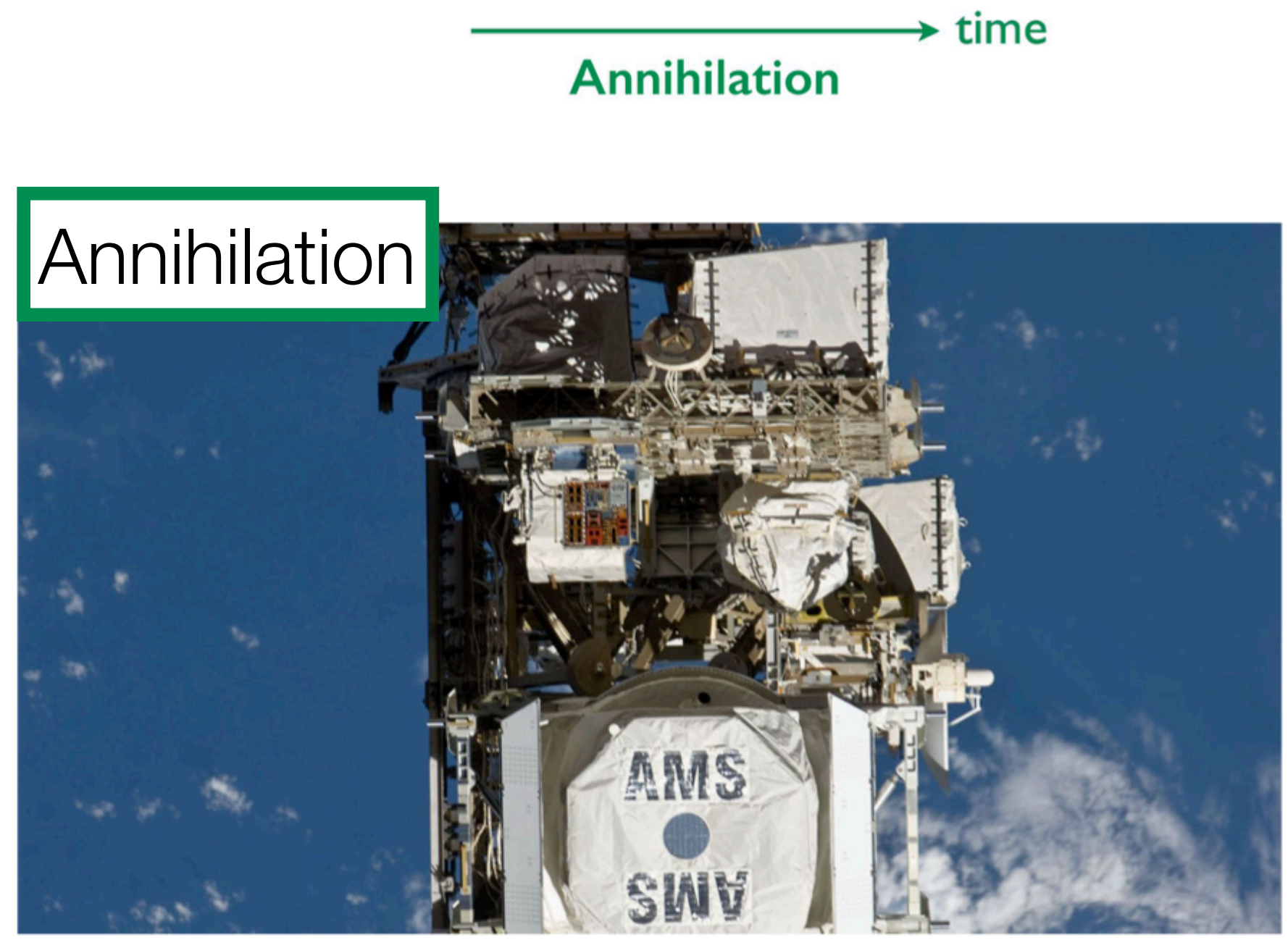
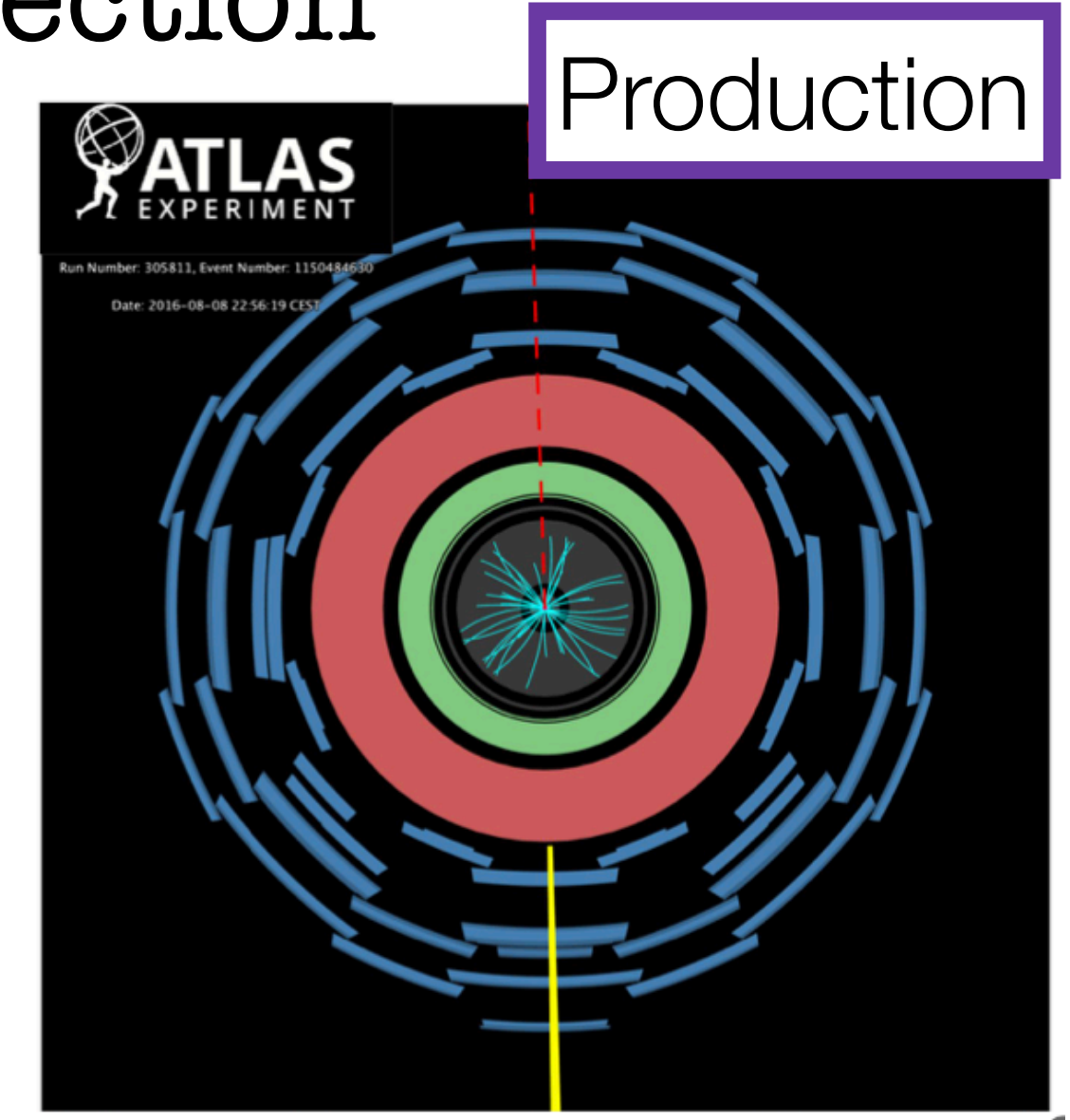
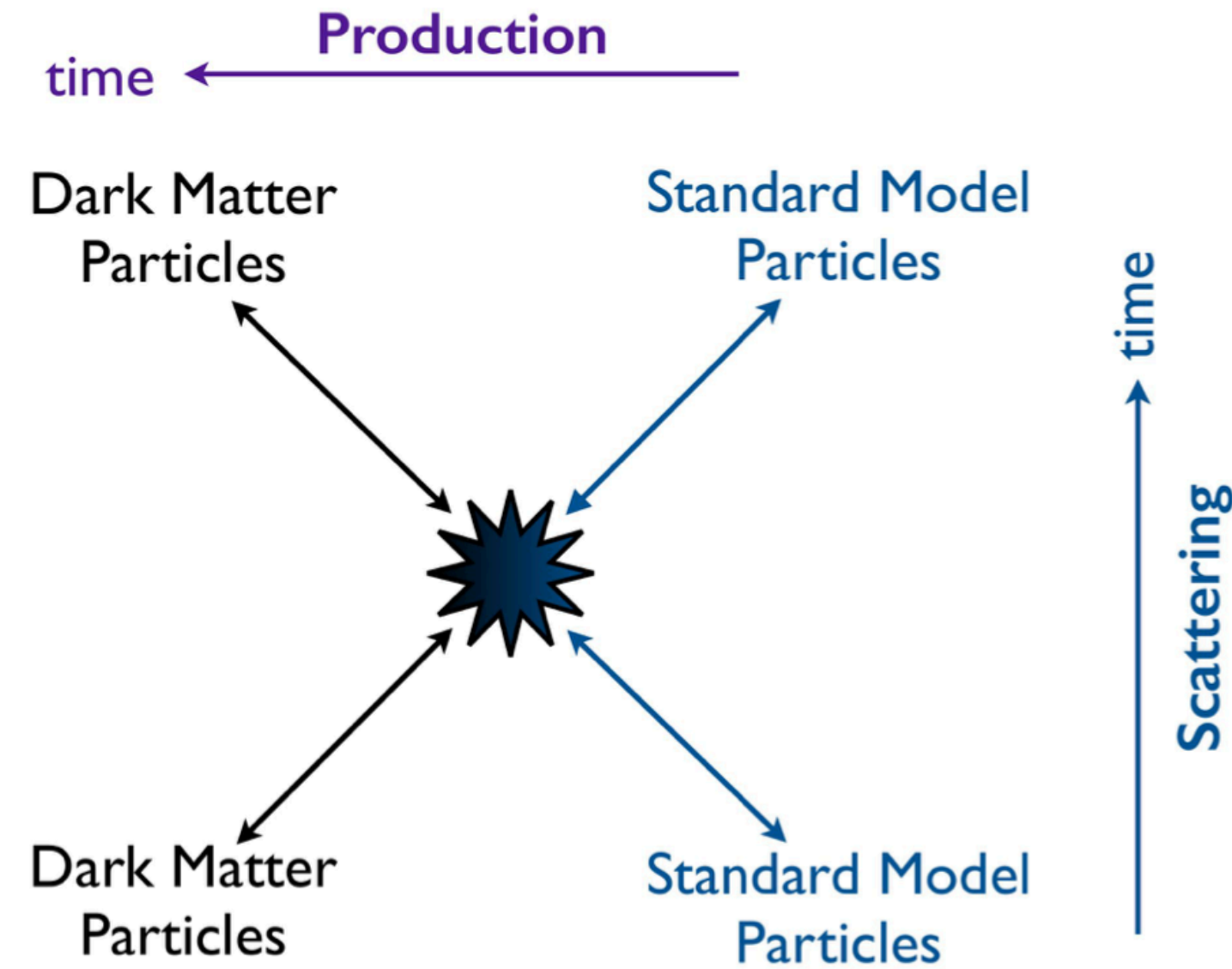
From gravitational effects

→ DM can be a particle with:

- Lifetime ~ Universe age
- Neutral under all SM forces
- Very small self-interaction

Can be observed via:

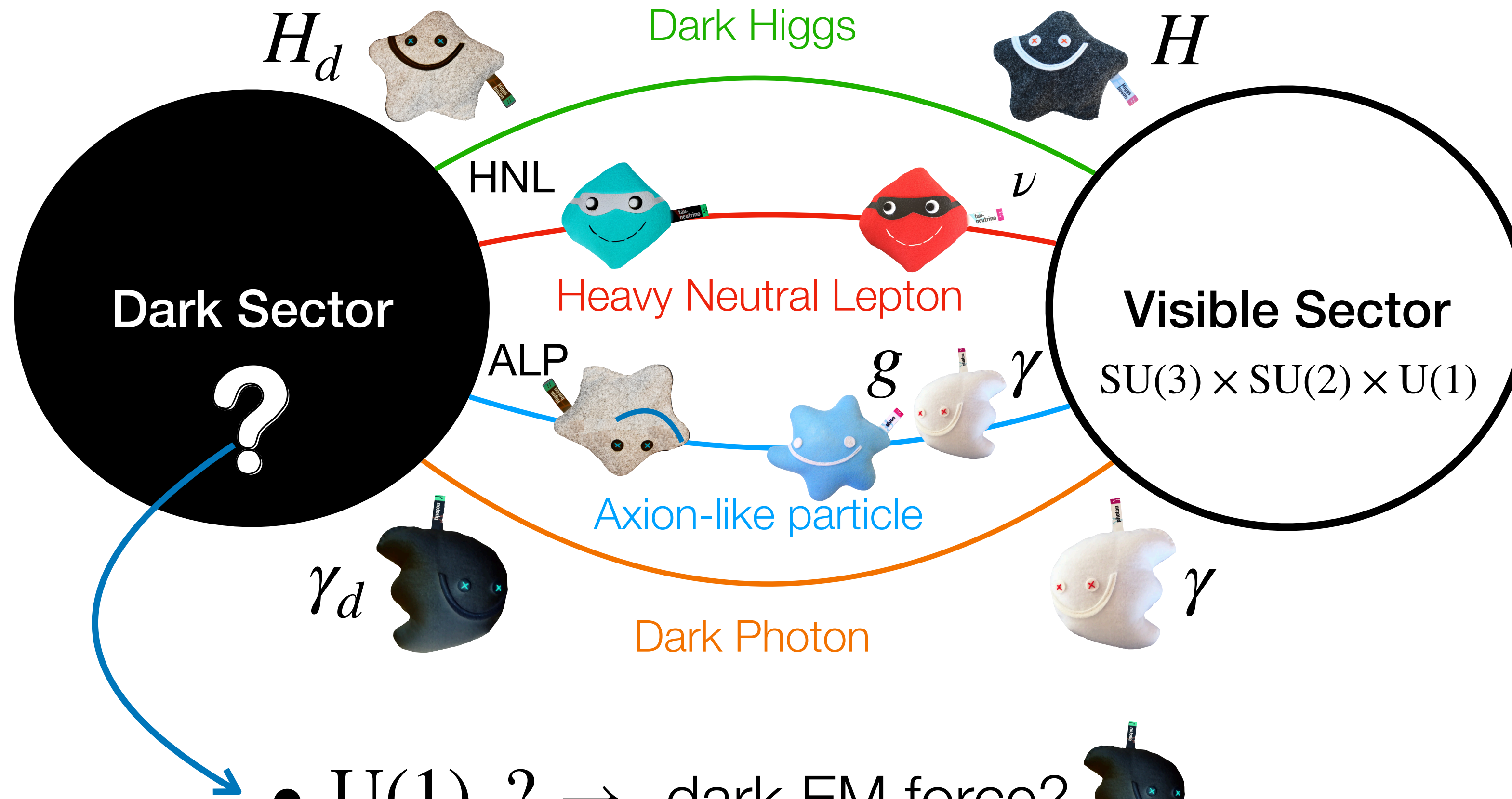
- Scattering
- Production
- Annihilation





# New Physics searches: Dark Sectors

Dark matter is one of the many particles present in so-called Dark Sector



Portal particles have very wide range of masses and lifetimes  
 $\Rightarrow$  very different signatures in the detector!

•  $U(1)_d$ ?  $\rightarrow$  dark EM force?

•  $SU(3)_d$ ?  $\rightarrow$  dark strong force?





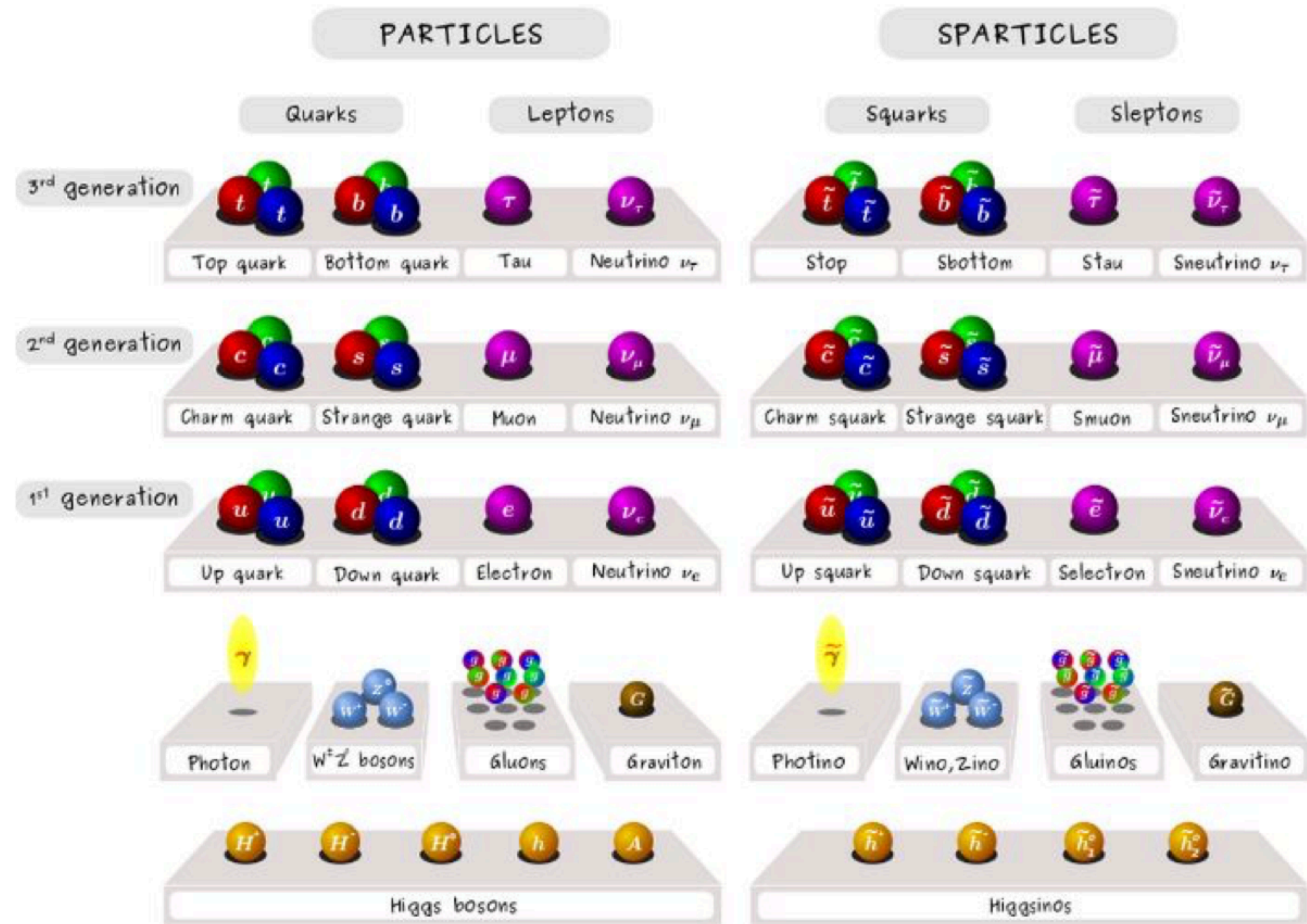
# New Physics searches: SUSY

From Higgs naturalness and hierarchy problem

→ SuperSymmetry!

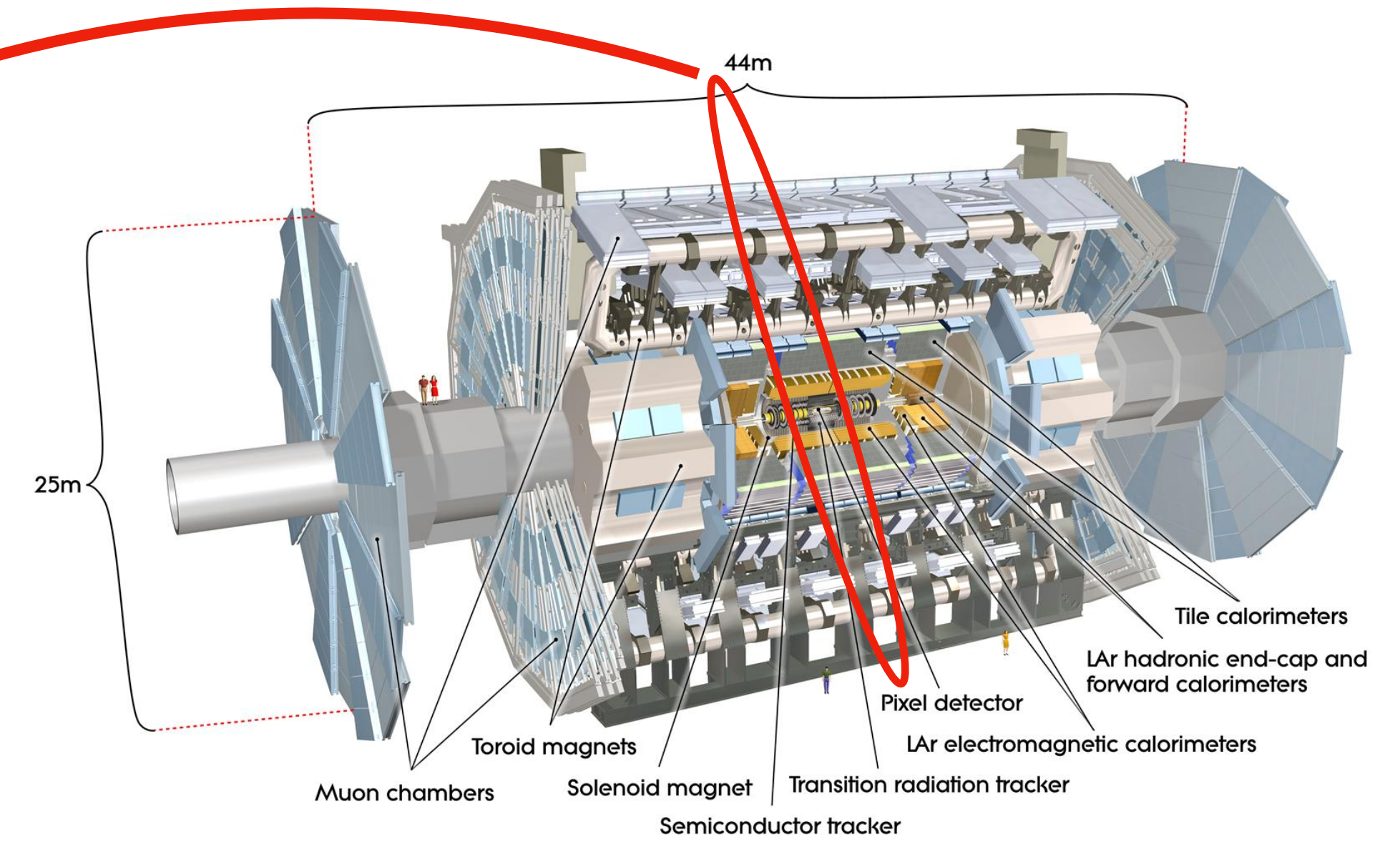
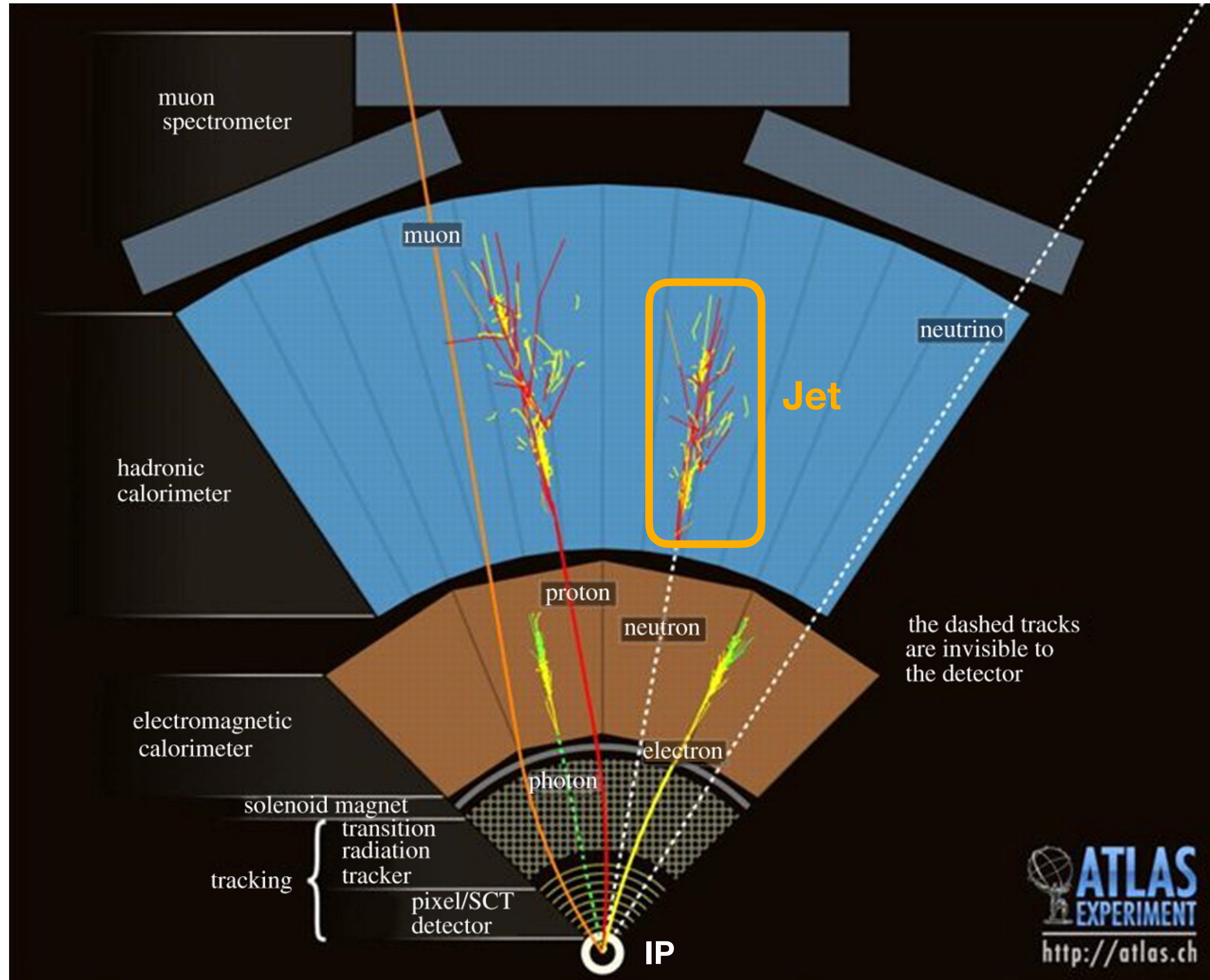
Each particle has its own s-particle, completely equivalent but opposite under SuperSymmetry.

Very wide range of masses and lifetimes ⇒ very different signatures in the detector!





# The ATLAS detector



	ID	ECAL	HCAL	MS
$p$	✓	✓	✓	✗
$n$	✗	✓	✓	✗
$e^-$	✓	✓	✗	✗
$\gamma$	✗	✓	✗	✗
$\mu^-$	✓	✓	✗	✓





# New Physics at LHC

New Physics events may have very different signatures in the detector wrt standard events!

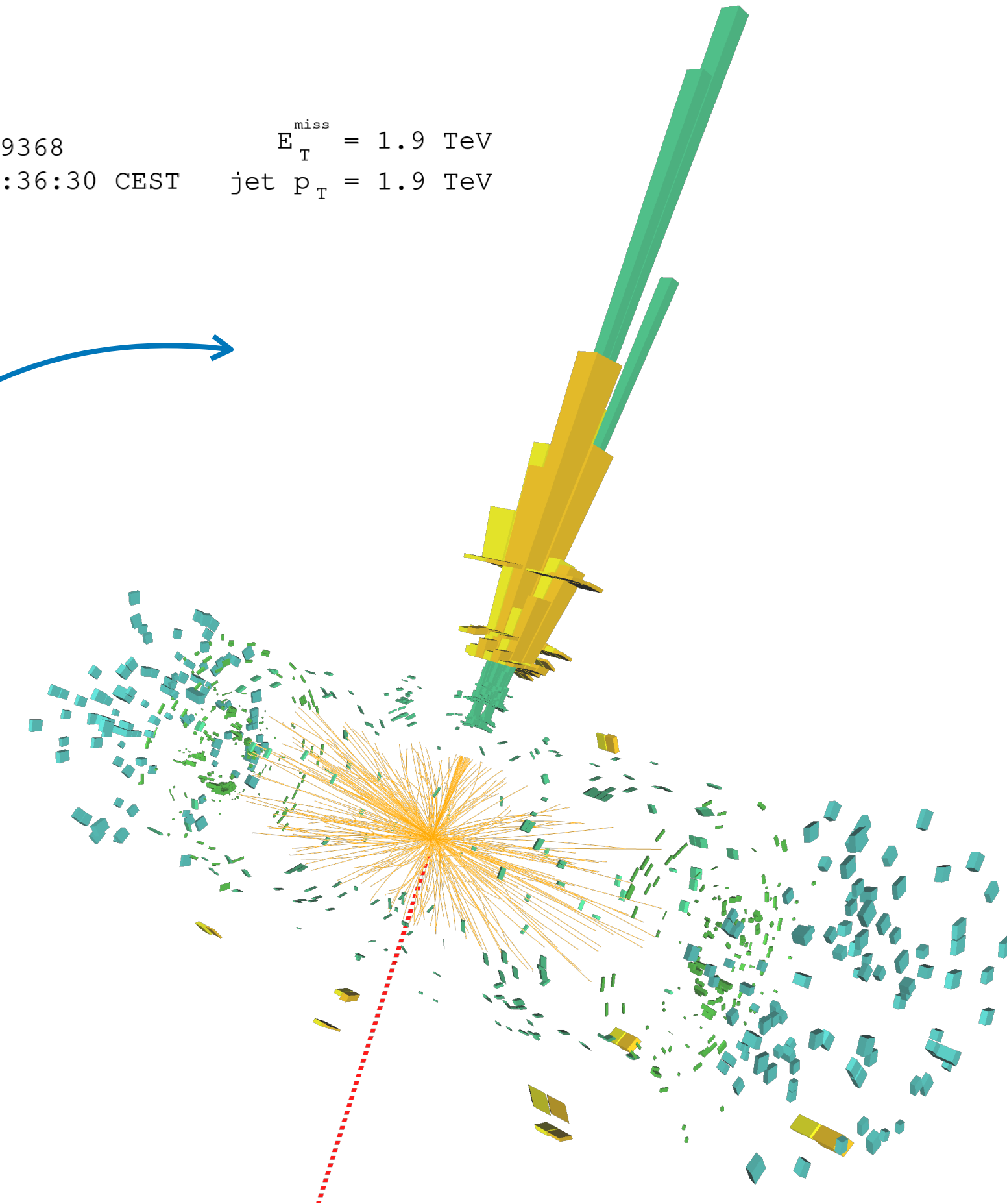
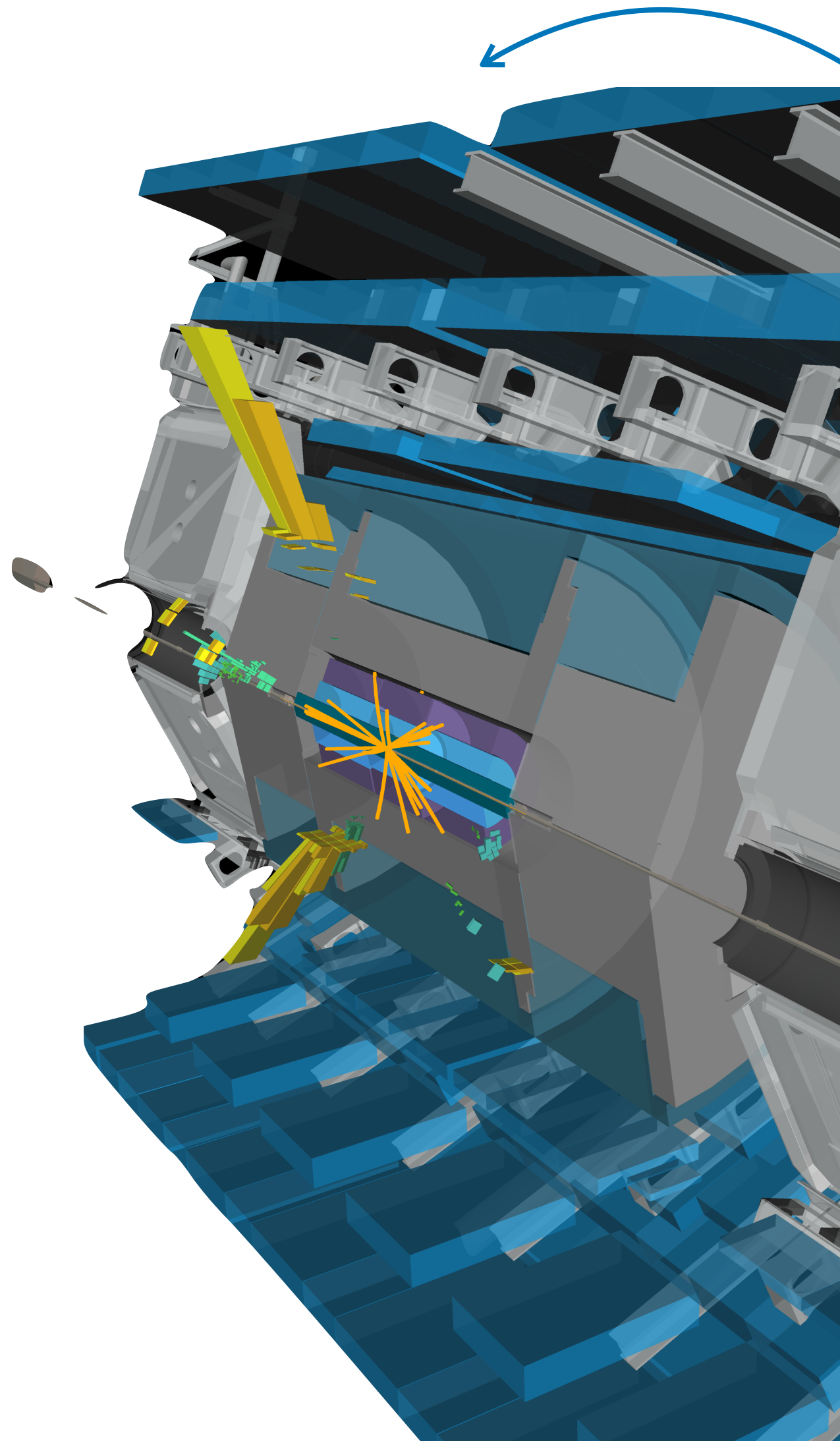
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0:36:30 CEST  $E_T^{\text{miss}} = 1.9 \text{ TeV}$   
jet  $p_T = 1.9 \text{ TeV}$

Long-Lived signatures:

Particles “appears” at a certain point in the detector (here displaced jets)

Missing energy signatures:

Very long-lived or non-interactive BSM Particles are not detected → apparent missing energy!



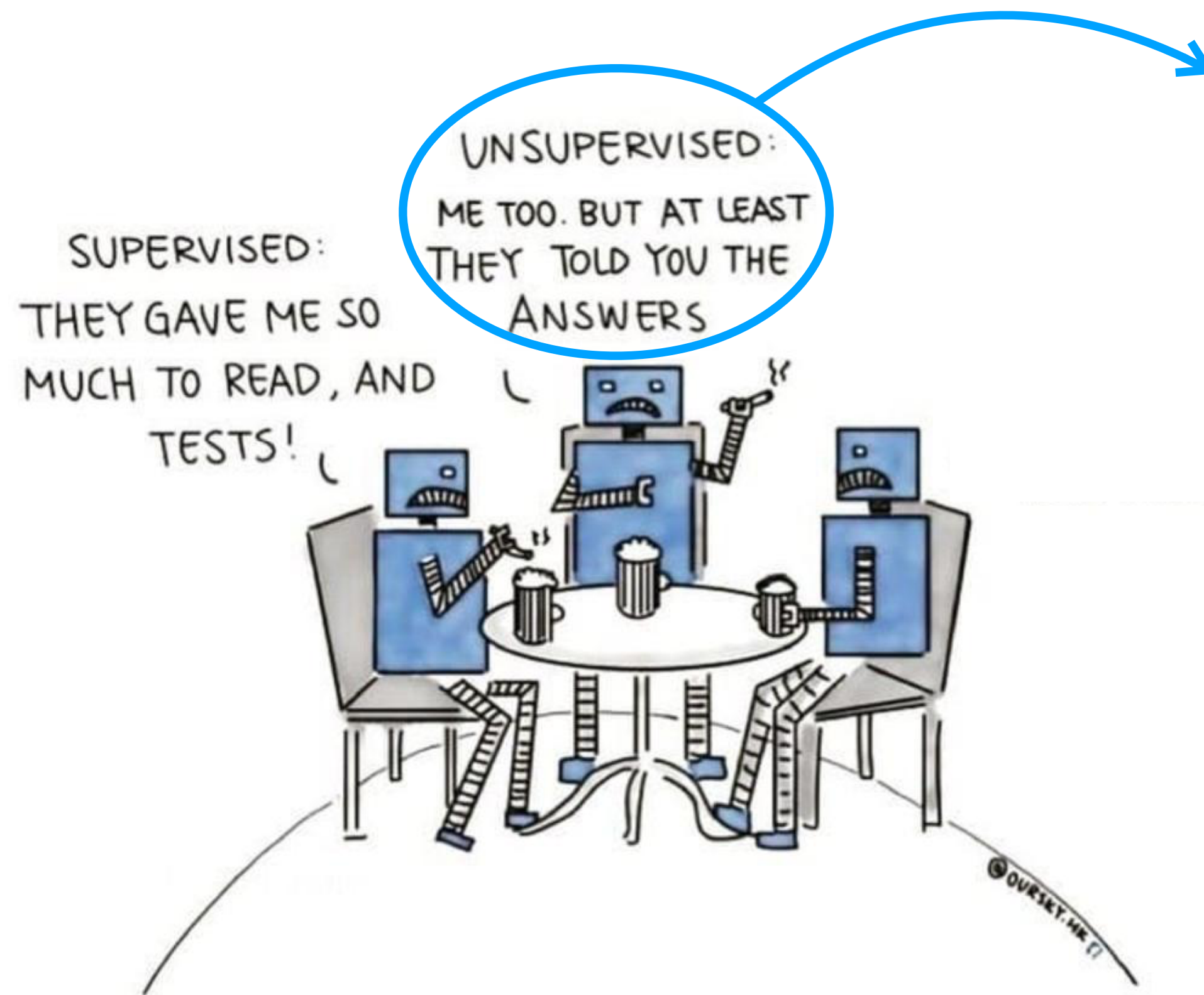


# Machine Learning for new Physics: Anomaly detection

Is one model more motivated than the other? Can we do better? Yes, with Machine Learning!

Anomaly detection:

ML trained on standard events, **non-standard** ones are reconstructed as anomalous!





# The future

We are run in the third successful data-taking of LHC

Soon we will have a new run with improved detector and much more data to be analysed for many years

Probably new accelerator (FCC) will grant unprecedented energies!

A lot of things yet to be understood

⇒ it's your turn!

