

Particle Physics Experiments

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HEP Detectors and their Technologies

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Overview

💣 Introduction and Concepts

💣 Properties of Particles

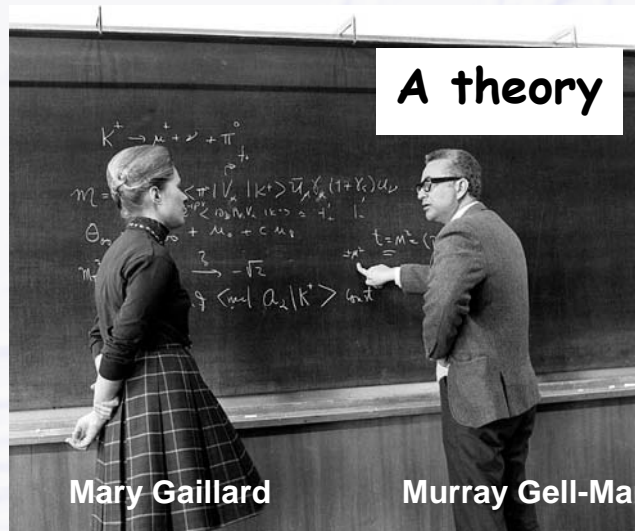
- Which are measurable? How?

💣 Particle Interactions

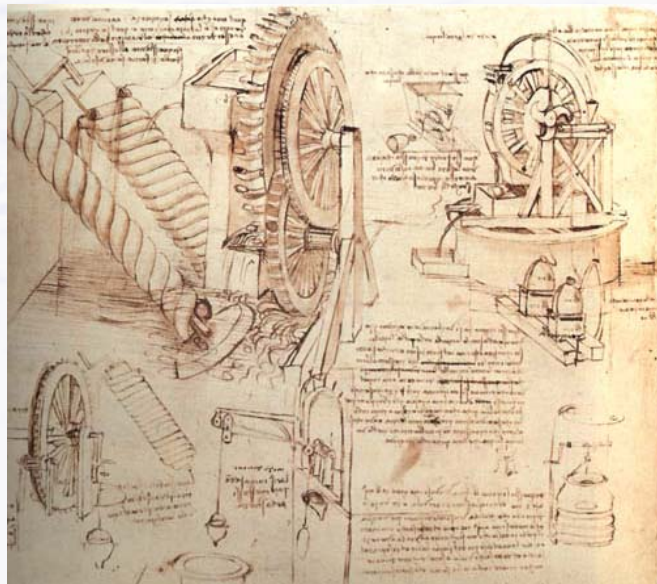
💣 Particle Detectors in HEP

- Tracking Detectors
- Energy Measurement
- Particle Identification
- Infrastructure
- Existing Particle Detectors

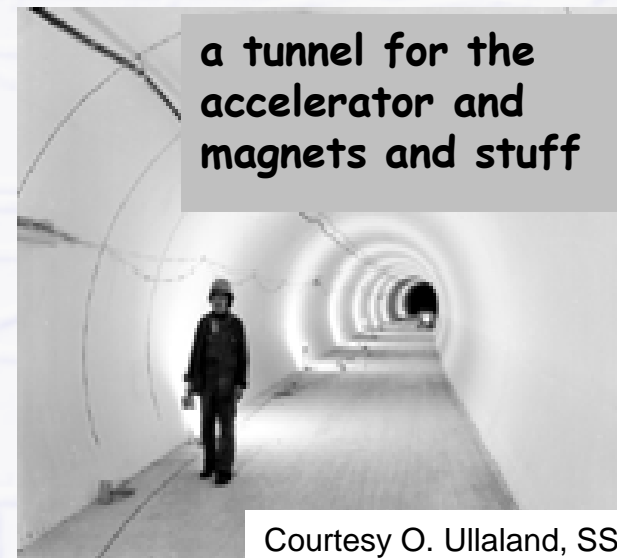
For a HEP Experiment one needs...



a cafeteria



Clear and
easy to
understand
drawings



a tunnel for the
accelerator and
magnets and stuff

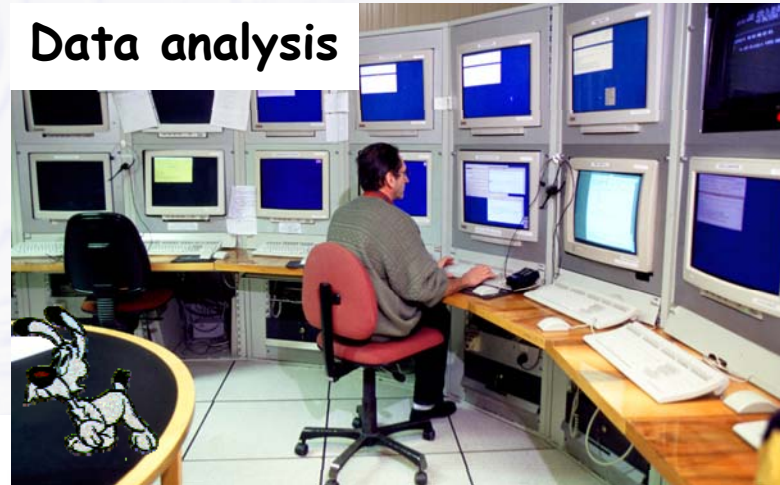
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... and also ...

An experiment



Data analysis



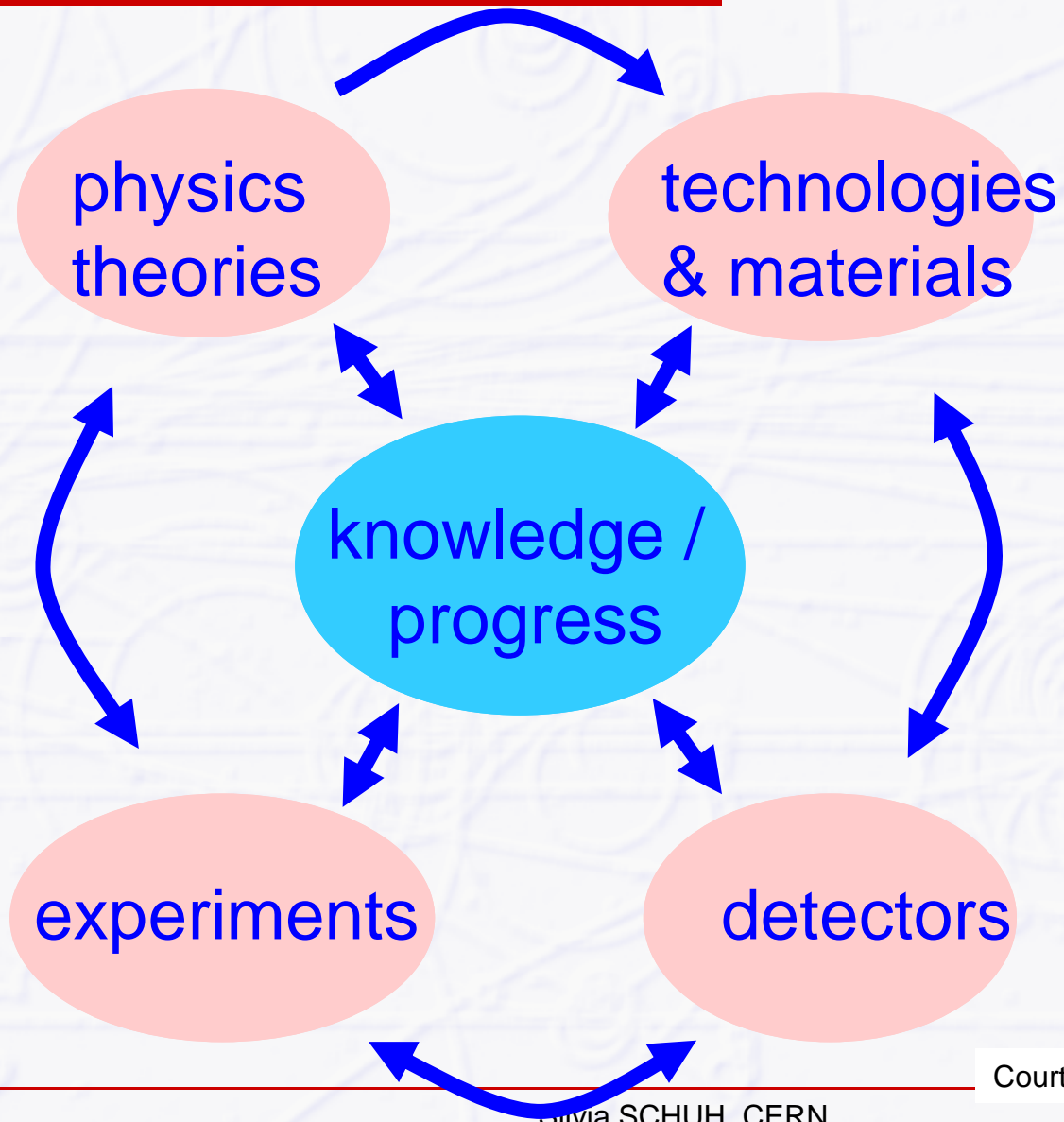
BUT:



**We will just concentrate on
the detectors**

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Progress Cycle



Useful units & relations

$$p = \begin{pmatrix} E \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m_0^2 c^4$$

energy E :

momentum p :

mass m_0 :

measured in eV

measured in eV/c

measured in eV/c²

$$\beta = \frac{v}{c} \quad (0 \leq \beta < 1) \quad \gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta^2}} \quad (1 \leq \gamma < \infty)$$

$$E = m_0 \gamma c^2 \quad p = m_0 \gamma \beta c \quad \beta = \frac{pc}{E}$$



1 eV is a small energy:

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$m_{\text{bee}} = 1 \text{ g} = 5.8 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ eV}/c^2$$

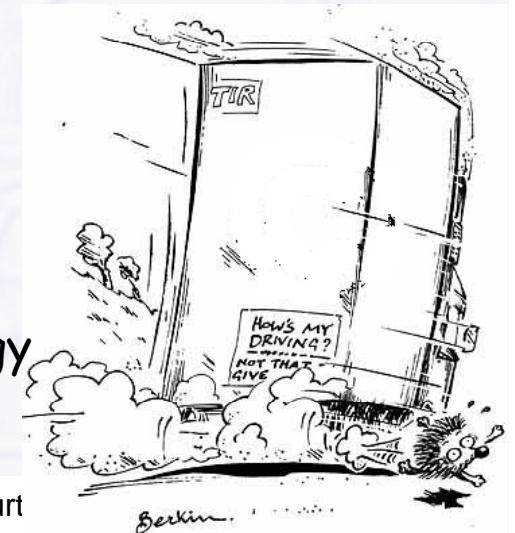
$$v_{\text{bee}} = 1 \text{ m/s} \rightarrow E_{\text{bee}} = 10^{-3} \text{ J} = 6.25 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ eV}$$

$$E_{\text{LHC}} = 14 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ eV}$$

However, LHC has total stored beam energy

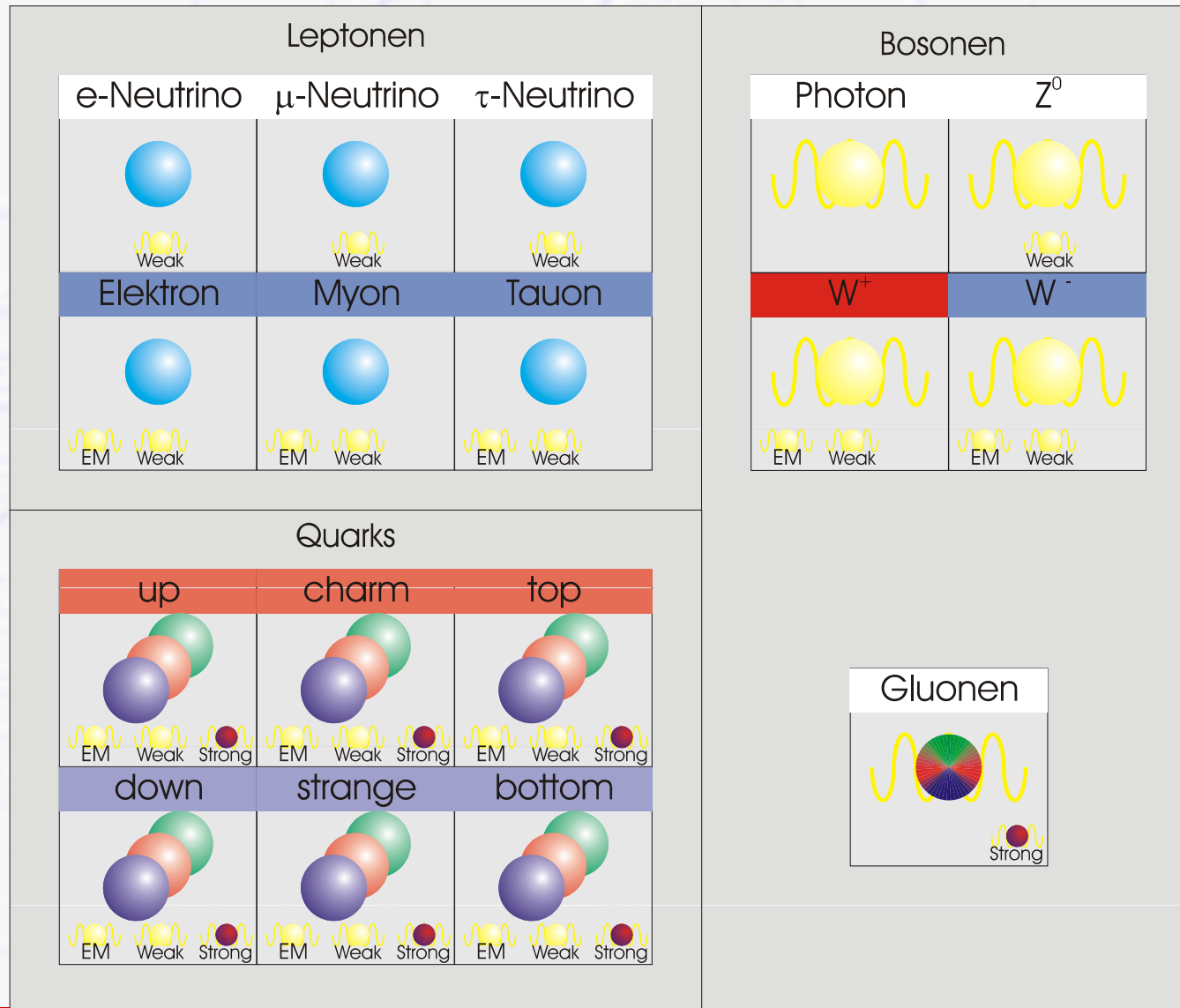
$$10^{14} \text{ protons} \times 14 \cdot 10^{12} \text{ eV} \cong 10^8 \text{ J}$$

or, one 100t truck at 100 km/h

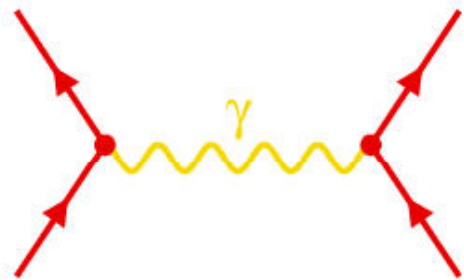
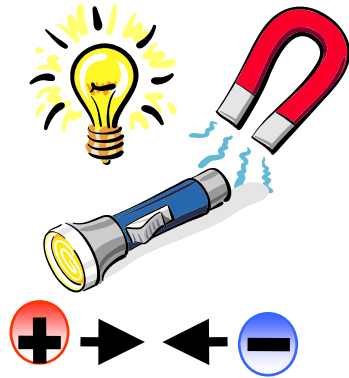


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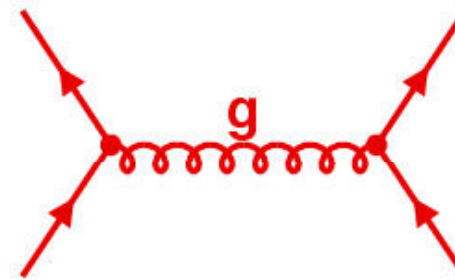
Elementary Particles



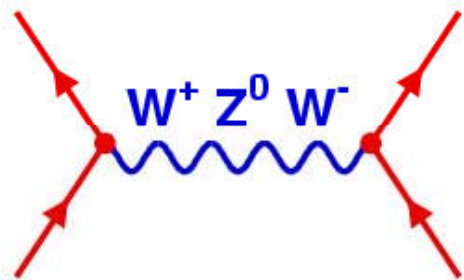
Fundamental Forces



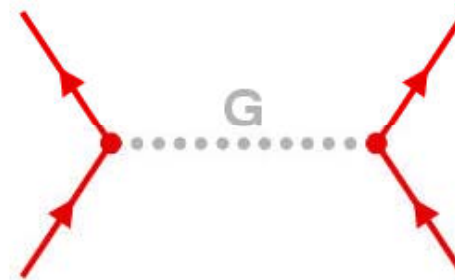
Electromagnetic force



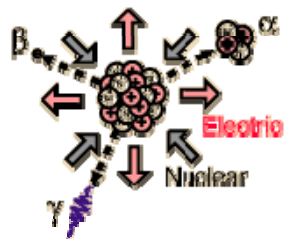
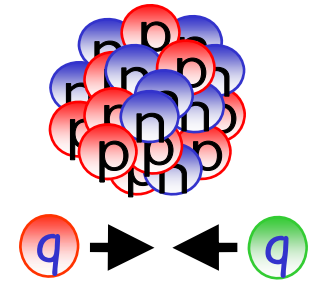
Strong force



Weak force



Gravitation

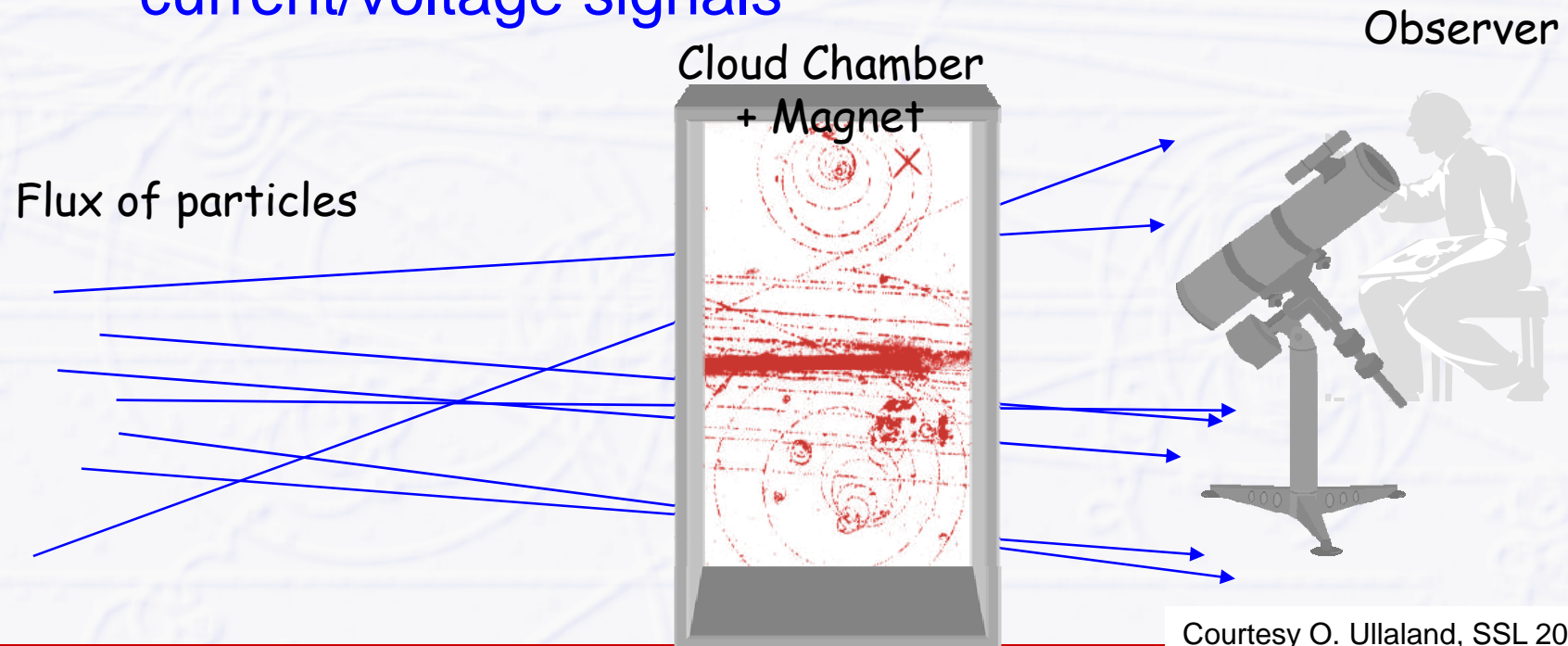


**weakest 'force':
in microcosm
insignificant**



Particle Detection

- 💣 Particles cannot be seen/measured “directly”
 - Measurement occurs via interaction with matter ⊕ magnetic fields
 - Observation → Conversion into optical images or current/voltage signals



Studying Interactions

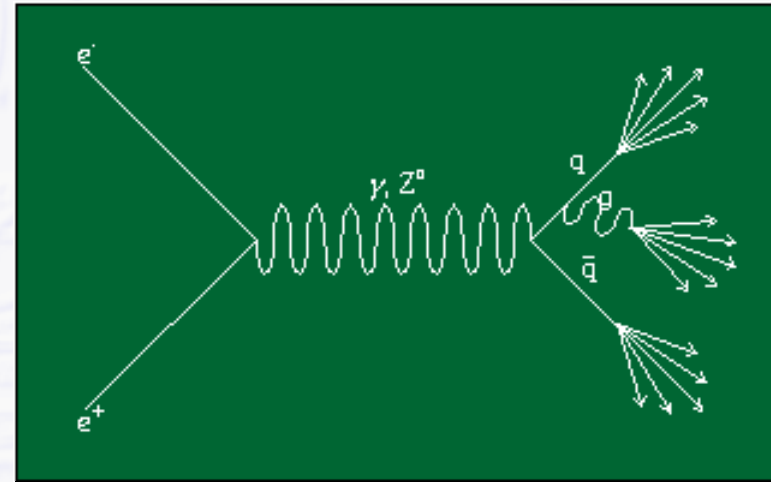
💣 via scattering

💣 via annihilation

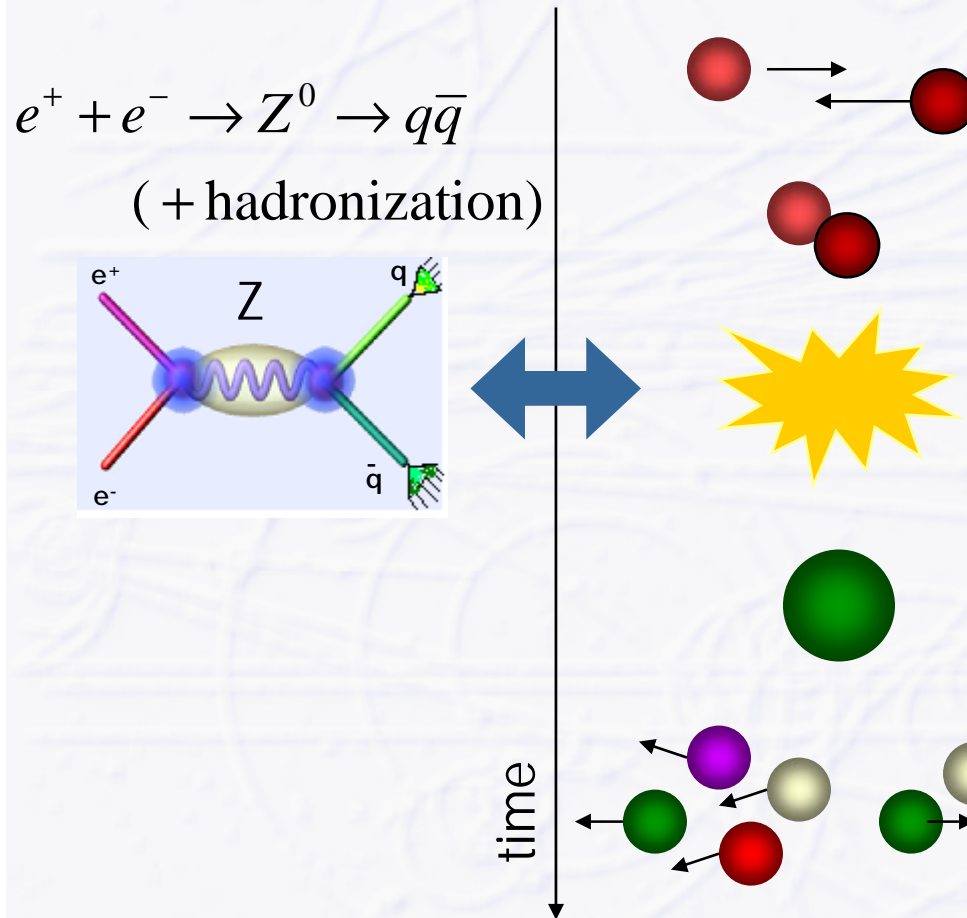
💣 via the production of new particles

💣 all interactions are produced in

- Colliding Beam Experiments or
- Fixed Target Experiments



Colliding particles - an artists view



💣 Usually we can only 'see' the **end products** of the reaction, but not the reaction itself.

💣 In order to reconstruct the reaction mechanism and the properties of the involved particles, we want the **maximum information** about the end products !

Courtesy C. Joram, SSL 2003

Ideal Detectors?

- 💣 In an ideal detector, one could record 100% of any interaction, capture and measure perfectly all properties of all emerging particles, and by this reconstruct the complete event.
- 💣 This would give us the power to compare the interaction directly to theoretical predictions without most uncertainties.
- 💣 NB: (In)Efficiency
 - not all particles are detected, some leave the detector without any trace (neutrinos), some escape through not sensitive detector areas (holes, cracks for e.g. water cooling and gas pipes, cables, electronics, mechanics)

Particle Properties

💣 Which properties does a particle have?

- energy
- momentum
- charge
- ~~➤ mass~~
- life time
- ~~➤ spin~~
- decay modes

💣 And which of those are measurable?

Particle Properties

$$p = \left. \begin{pmatrix} E \\ p_1 \\ p_2 \\ p_3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \begin{pmatrix} E \\ p \end{pmatrix}$$

💣 Which properties can we derive?

➤ Mass

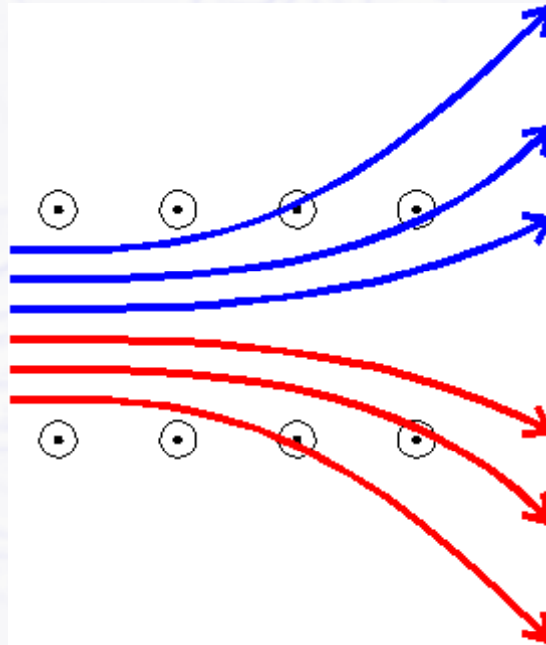
$$E^2 = m^2 \cdot c^4 + p^2 c^2 \Rightarrow m = \frac{\sqrt{E^2 - p^2 c^2}}{c^2}$$

➤ Spin

▪ A bit more abstract from angular distributions

Particle Properties

💣 charge



💣 lifetime

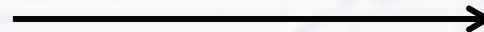
Interaction point



Decay point

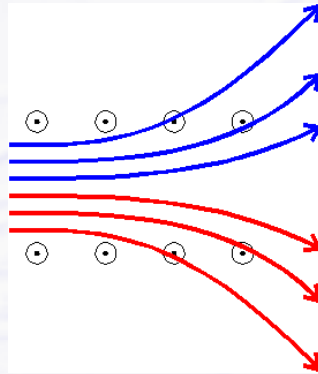


Distance



Measuring Particle Properties

💣 momentum



$$F = q \cdot v \cdot B = m \cdot \frac{v^2}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow q \cdot B \cdot R = m \cdot v = |p|$$

💣 velocity

- time of flight
- RICH

💣 energy

- calorimeter

Which particles can be detected?

💣 Charged Particles

$$e^+, e^-, p, \pi^\pm, \mu^\pm$$

💣 Neutral Particles

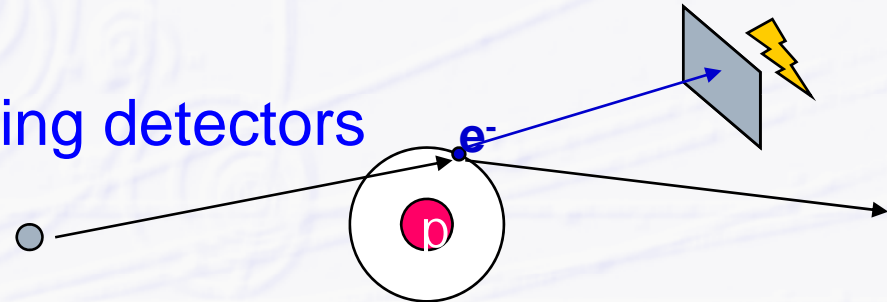
$$\gamma, n, \pi^0, \nu$$

- 💣 Different particle types interact very differently with the detector material.

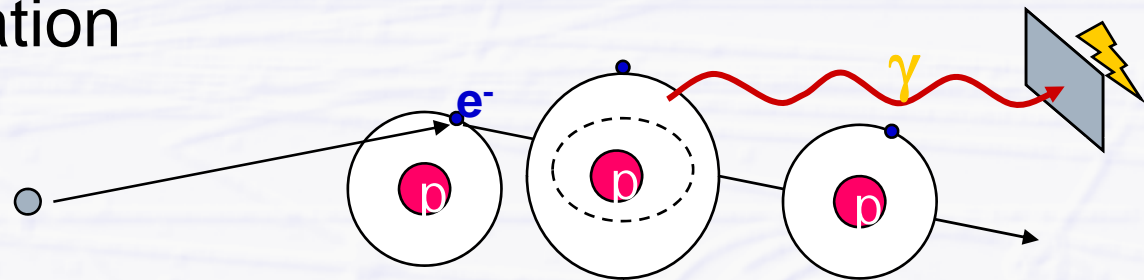
Particle Interactions - charged particles

💣 Ionization

- Basic mechanism in tracking detectors



💣 Excitation/Scintillation



💣 (Multiple) elastic scattering w/ atoms of detector material

- Unwanted, changes initial direction

💣 Photon radiation

- Bremsstrahlung (accelerated charge radiates photons),
Cherenkov light (faster than light in medium), Transition radiation

Particle Interactions - photons

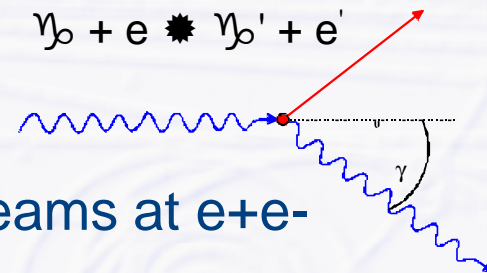
💣 Photo effect

- photo detectors: knock-out electrons on photo cathodes (vacuum and gas) or at semi conductors (surface)
 - Photo Multiplier Tubes (PMT), photo diodes



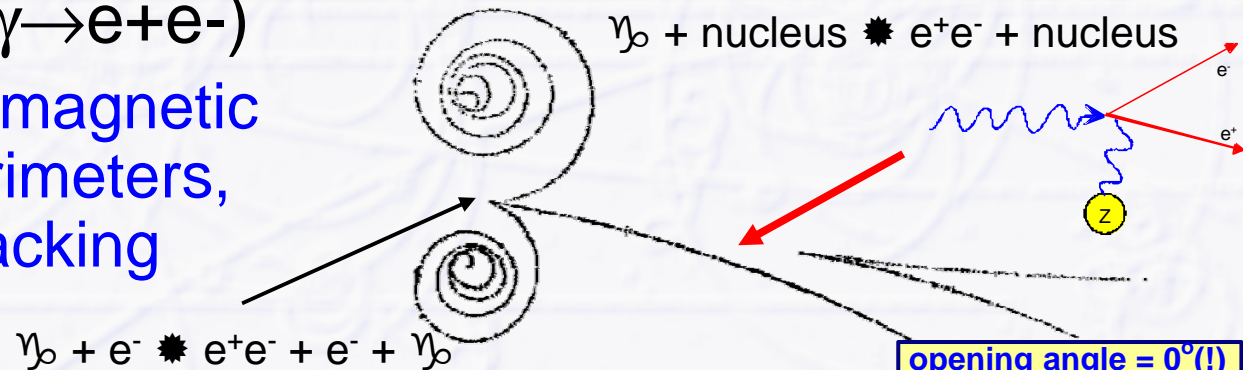
💣 Compton scattering (e-γ scattering)

- not used for particle detection
 - used for polarization measurement of beams at e+e- machines



💣 Pair production (γ→e+e-)

- initiates electromagnetic shower in calorimeters, unwanted in tracking detectors

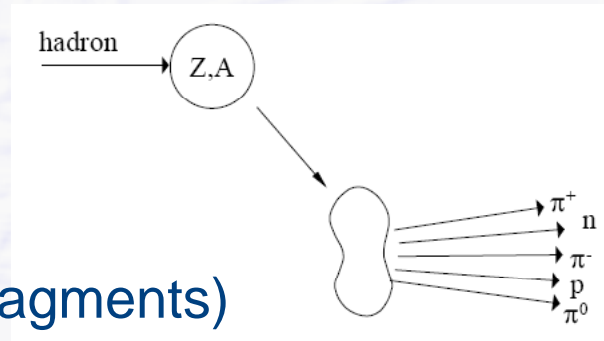


opening angle = 0°(!)

Particle Interactions - other

💣 Hadronic Particles

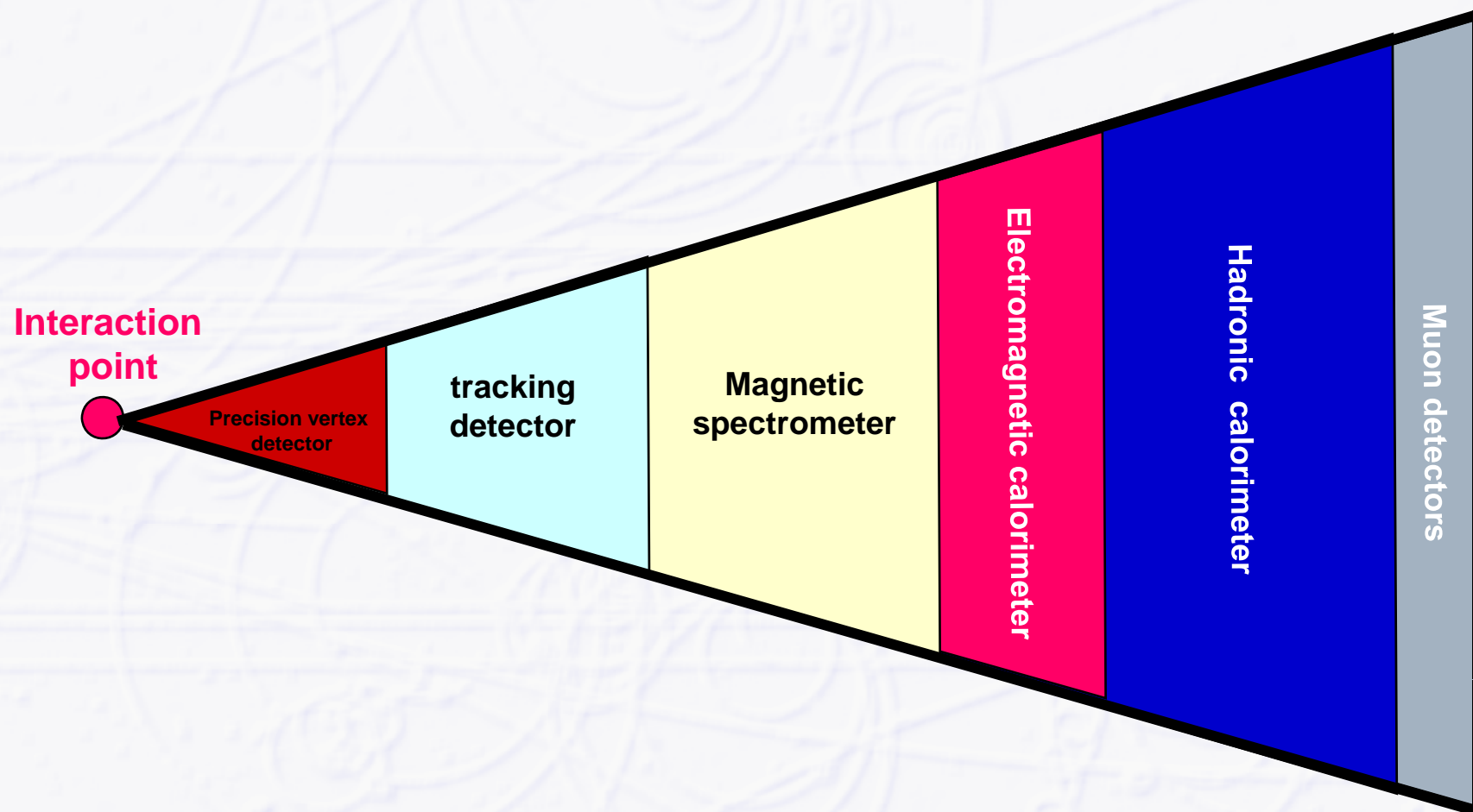
- Strong Force – Inelastic nuclear interaction
 - Charged and uncharged hadrons (p , K , π , n ...)
 - Result: nuclear fragments (really measured are charged fragments)



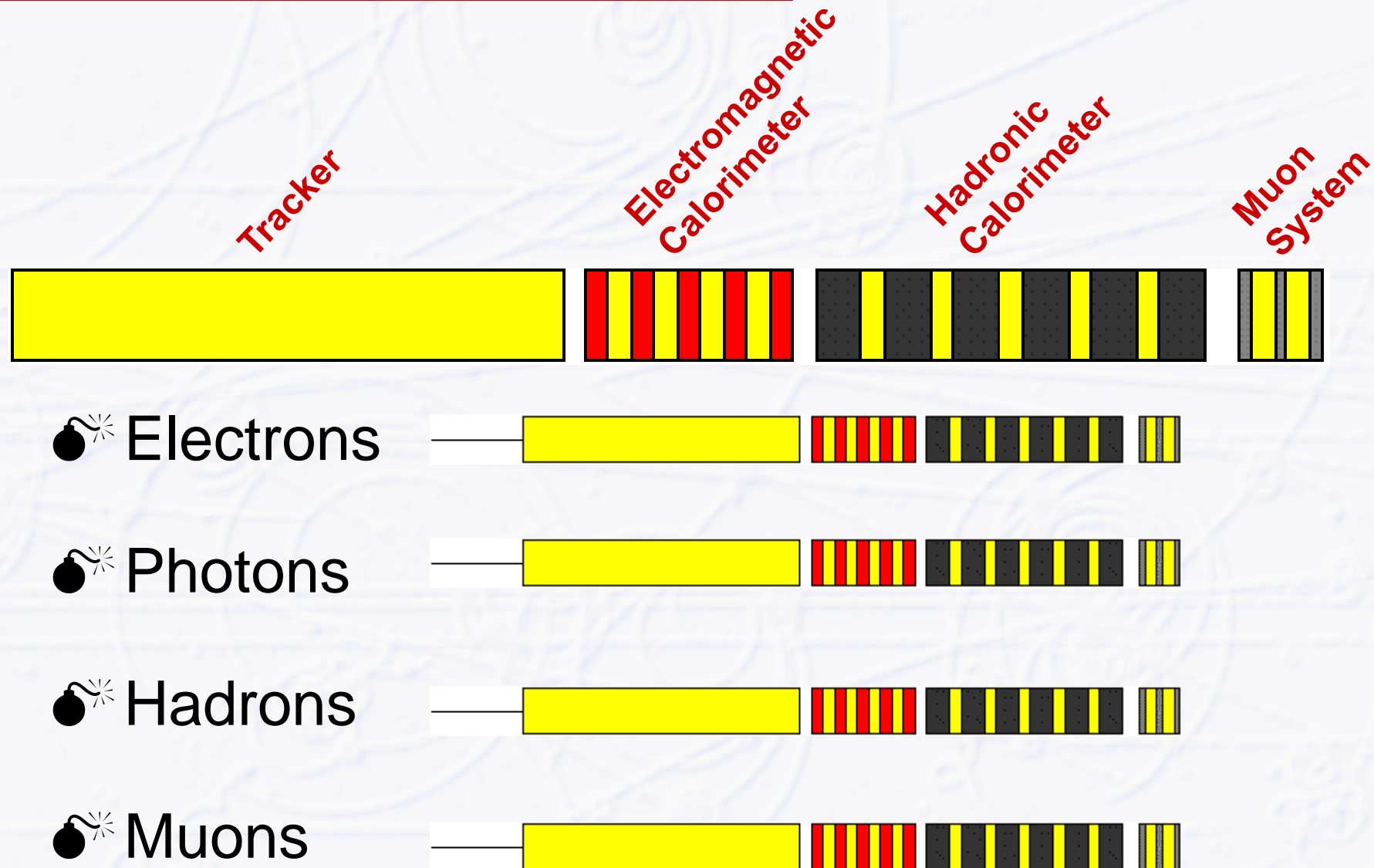
💣 Neutrinos

- „No“ interaction in particle detectors at accelerators
- Signature: Missing Energy

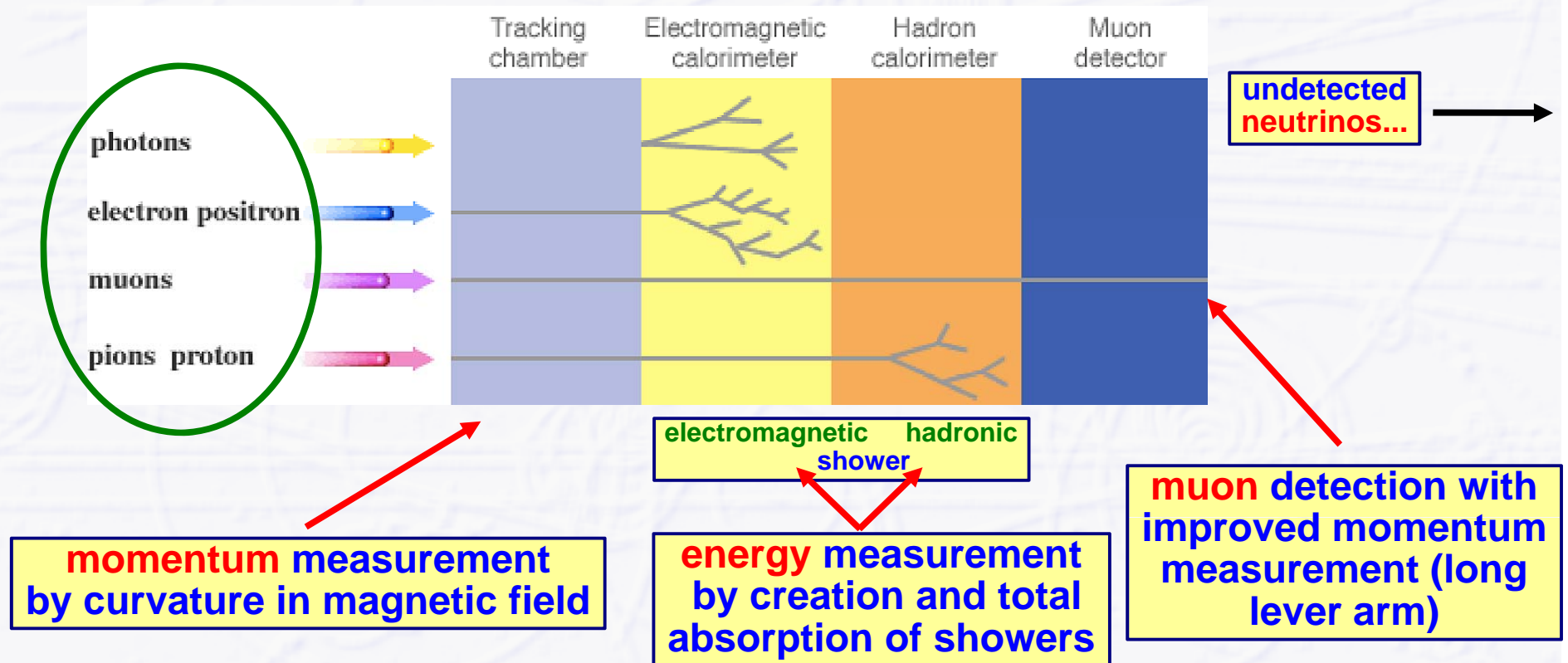
A Typical Detector Concept



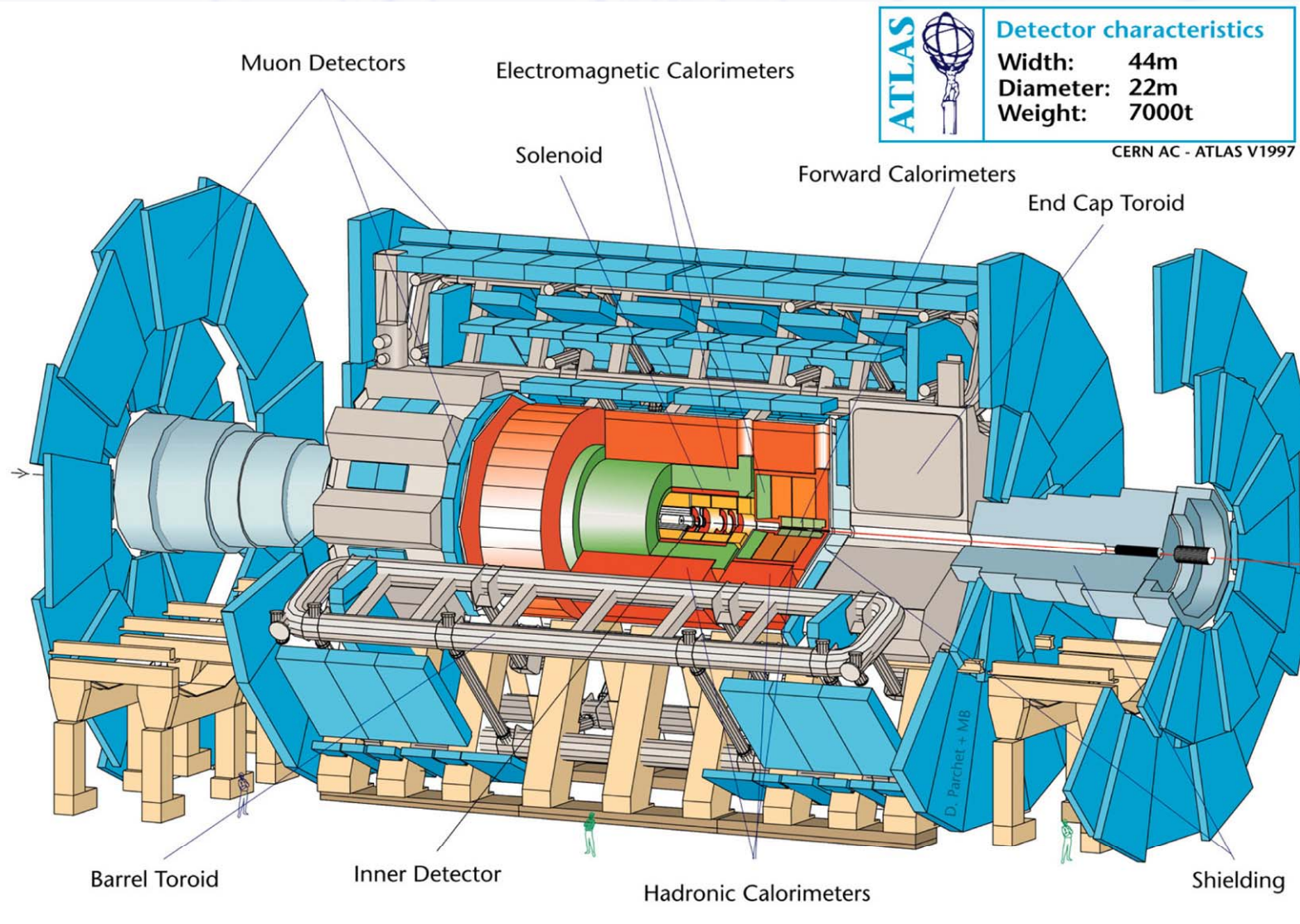
Passage of Particles - Ingredients



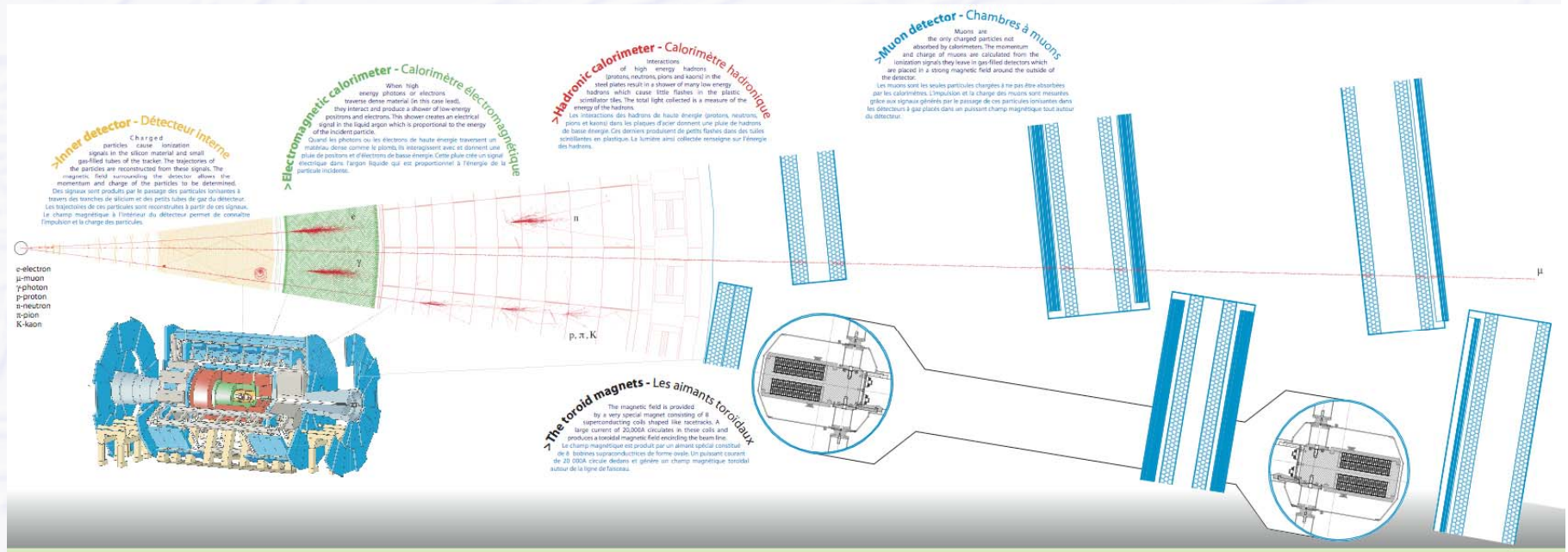
Passage of particles - summary



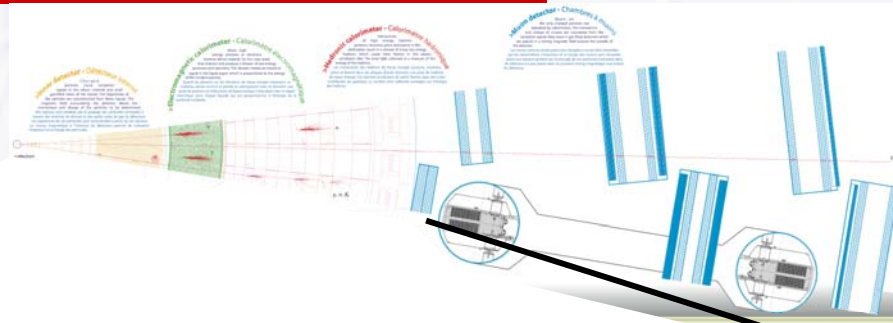
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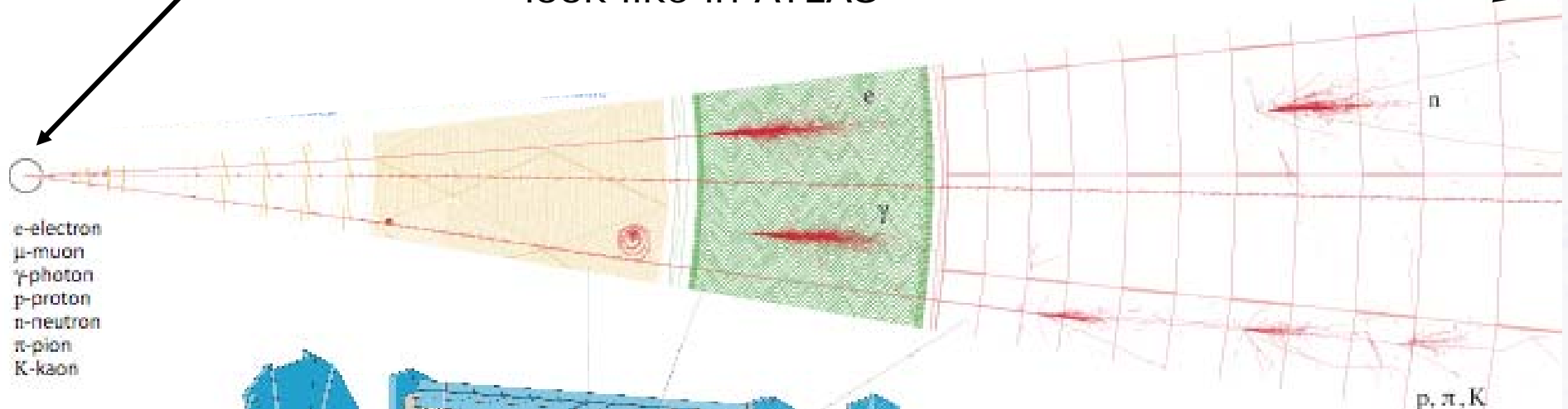
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Magnified how real (single) particles
look like in ATLAS



End of Day 1
