Building the future together

Open questions in fundamental physics and our main future facilities to address them

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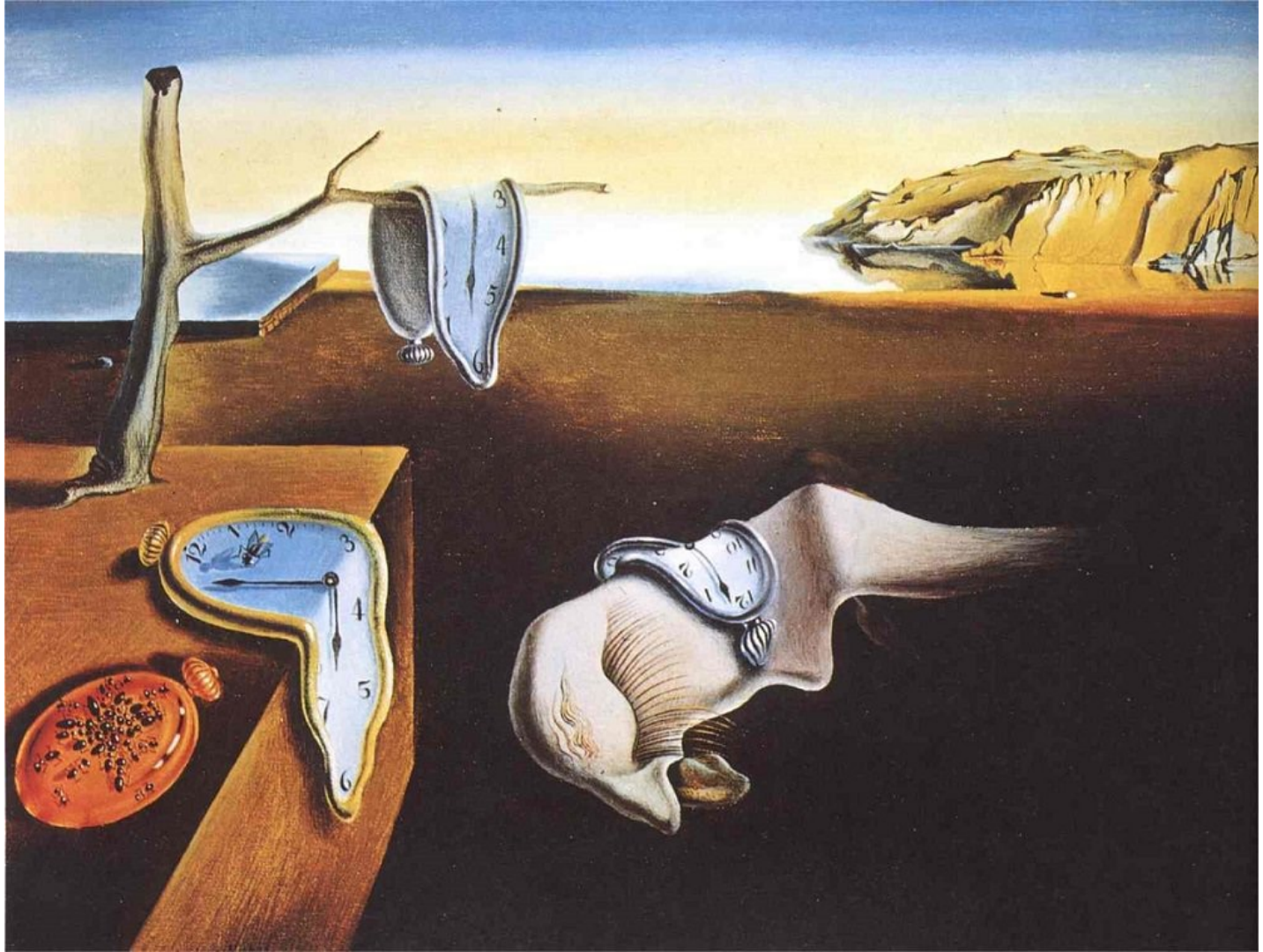

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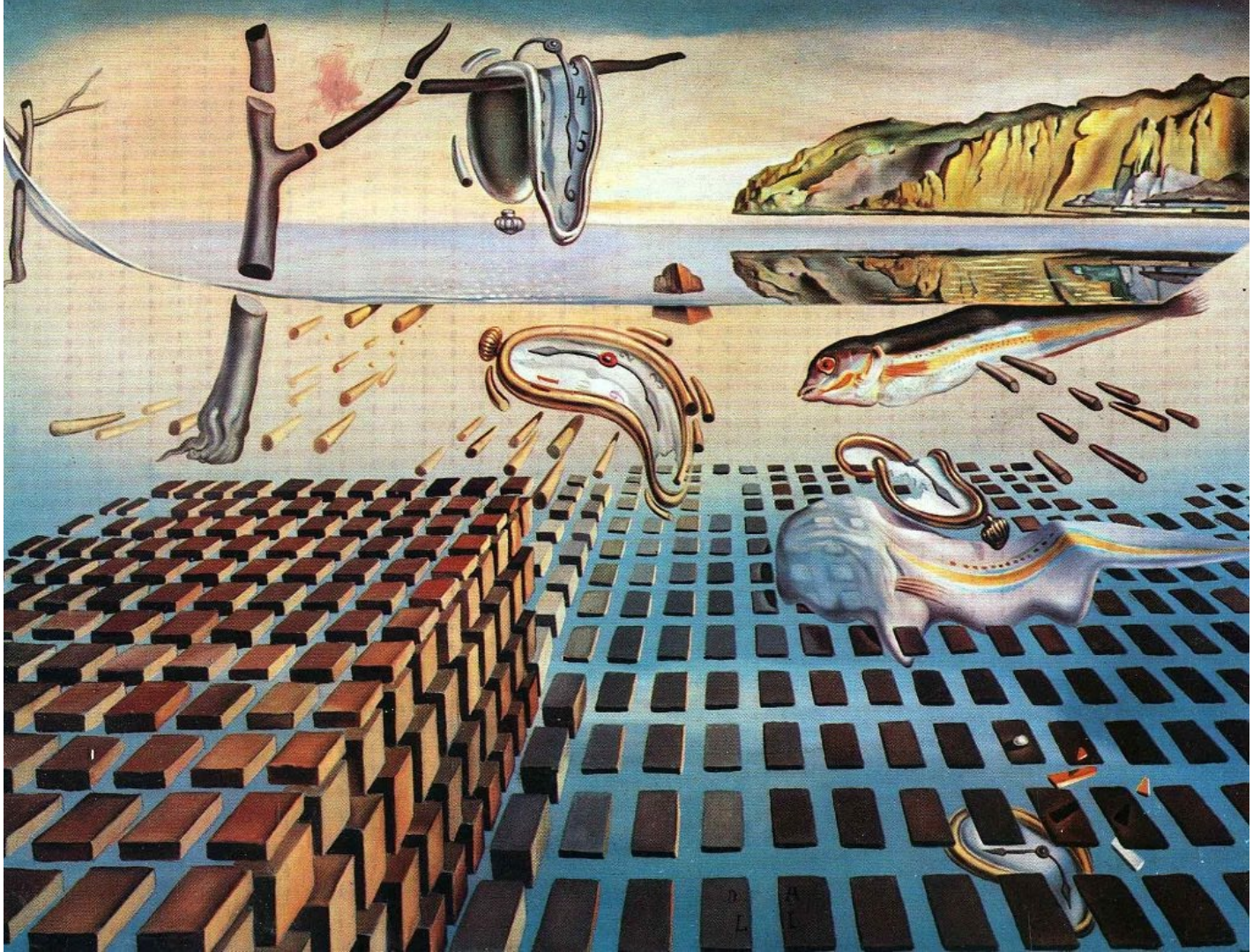

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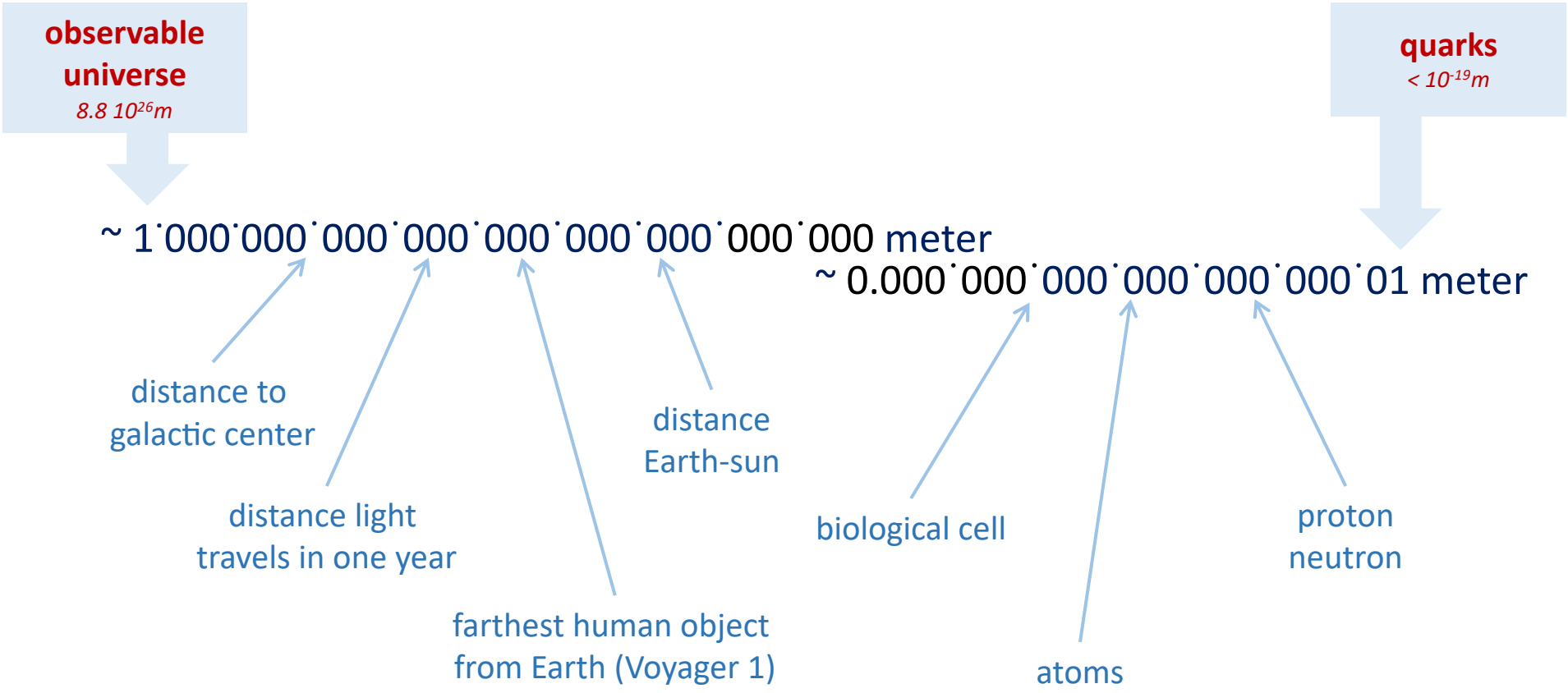
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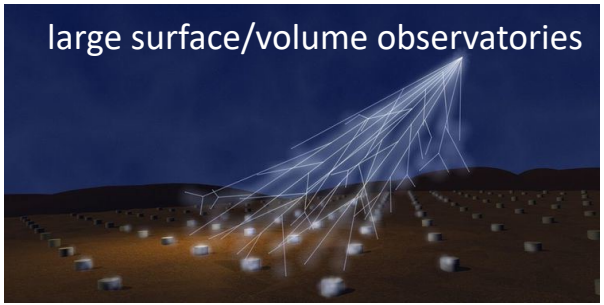

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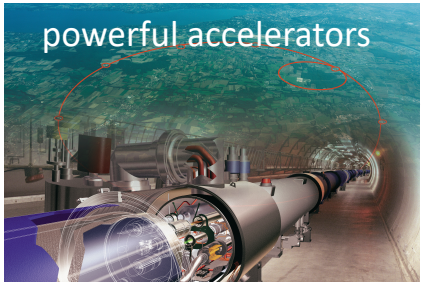

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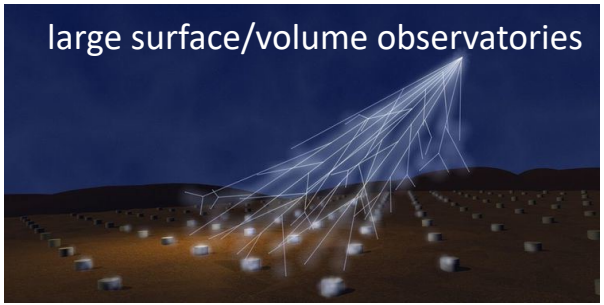

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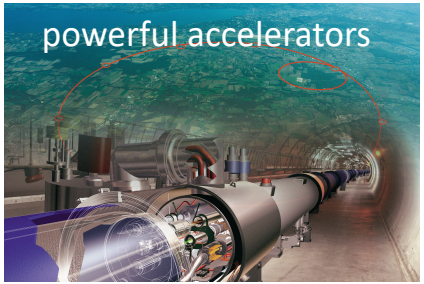

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lifetime star
10^{13}-10^{16} s

duration supernova & GRB
0.1-100 s

lifetime proton
> $3\ 10^{41}$ s

lifetime kaon ($K^{\pm}$)
$1.2\ 10^{-8}$ s

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Basic Principles

FROM INTUITION

e.g. the locality principle:
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e.g. the causality principle:
a future state depends only on the present state

e.g. the invariance principle:
space-time is homogeneous

FROM LONG-STANDING OBSERVATIONS

the wave-particle duality principle
the quantisation principle
the cosmological principle
the constant speed of light principle
the uncertainty principle
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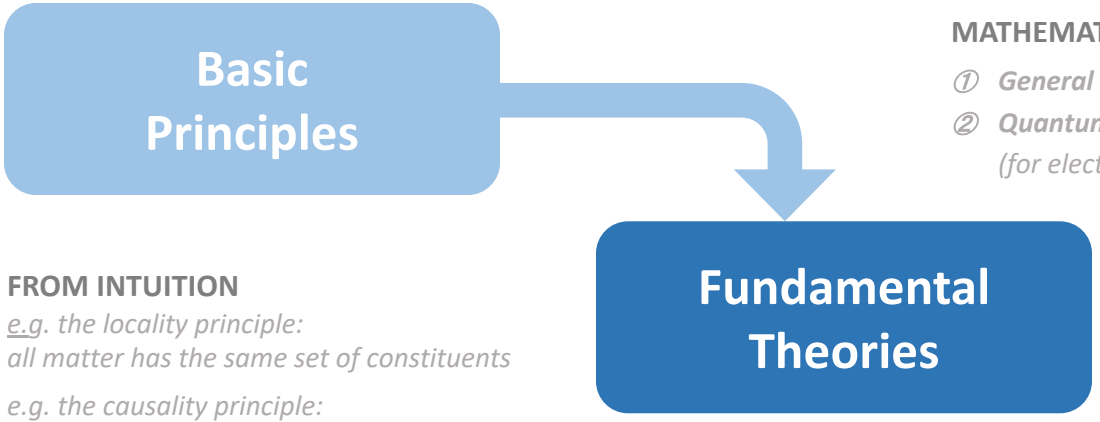

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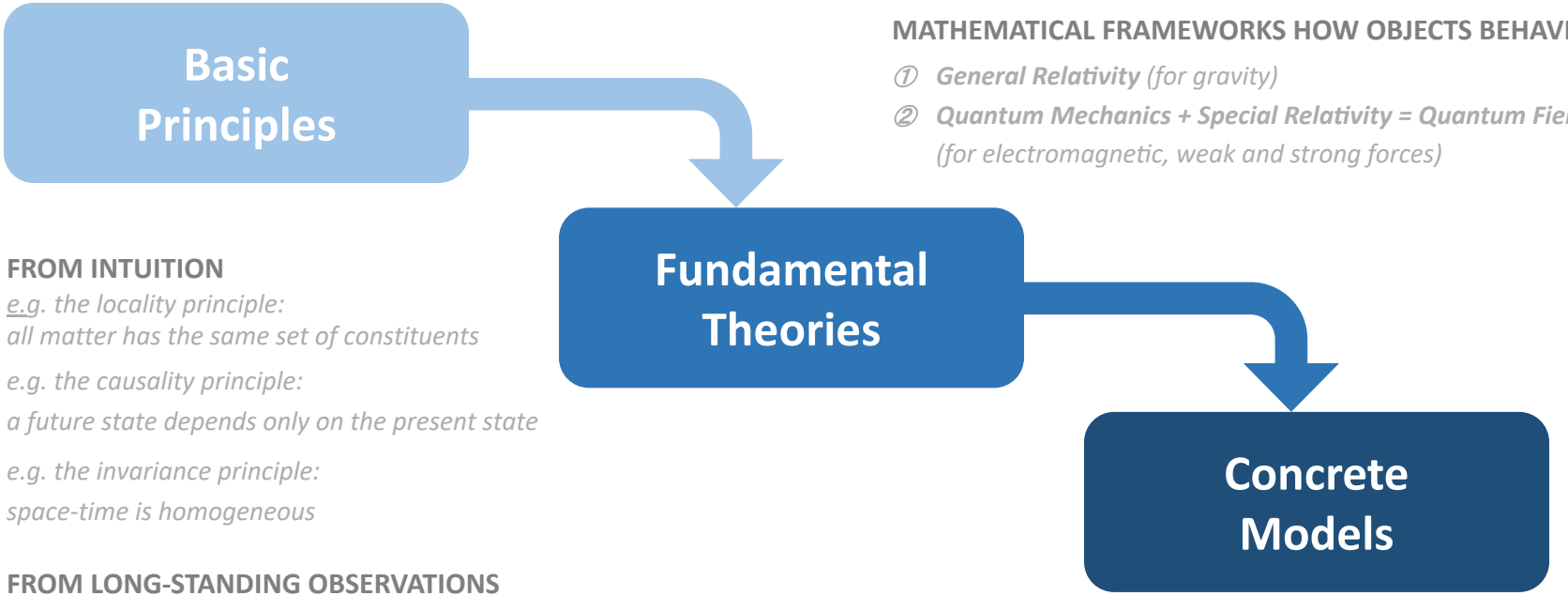

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APPLY MATHEMATICAL FRAMEWORKS ON OBJECTS

① *General Relativity* → ***Standard Model of Cosmology***

② *Quantum Field Theory* → ***Standard Model of Particle Physics***

need to be valid into even the tiniest cracks of space and time and for all energies or masses of the objects… even at the extremes

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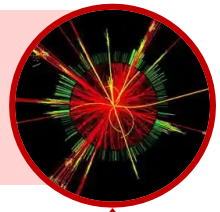
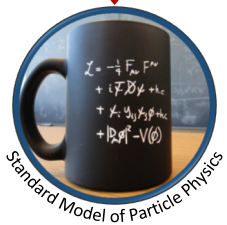
observations how small objects behave in our laboratories





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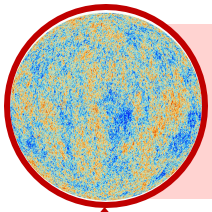

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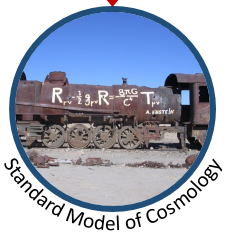

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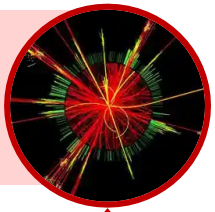

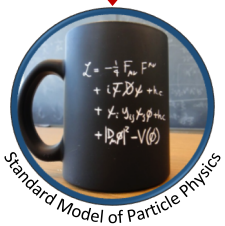

Einstein's field equations of gravity from which the Friedmann equations are derived to model the evolution of the universe

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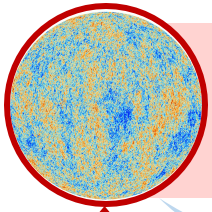
building blocks of life on the human scale



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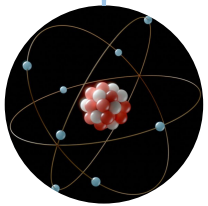
e.g. creation of chemical elements



e.g. nuclei built from quarks and gluons

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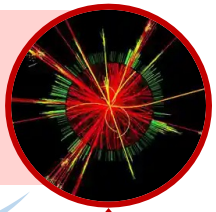

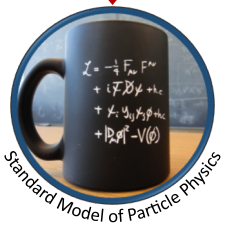

A century of scientific revolutions

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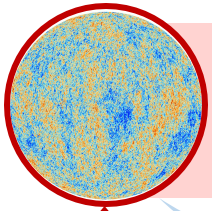

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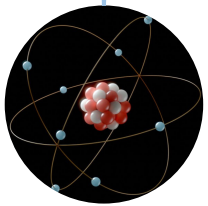

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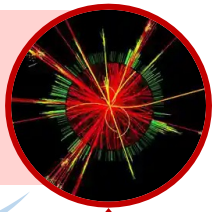

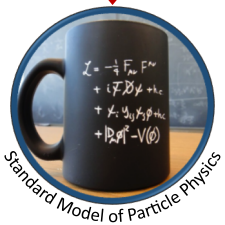

communication
satellites
GPS

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World Wide Web
touchscreens

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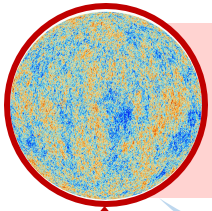

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production of particles and radiation
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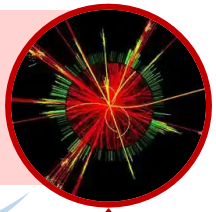

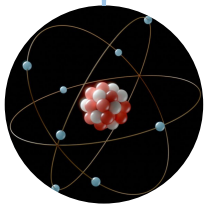

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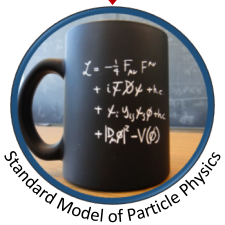
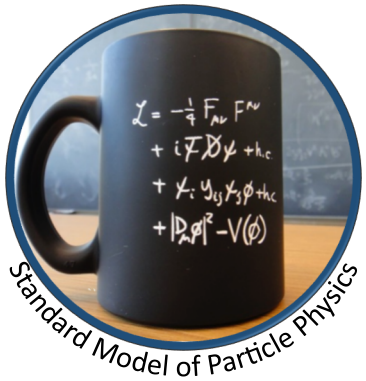


Standard Model of Particle Physics

"Scientific curiosity which ends up in your pocket"

Rolf Heuer (previous Director General of CERN)

The quest for understanding physics



“Problems and Mysteries”

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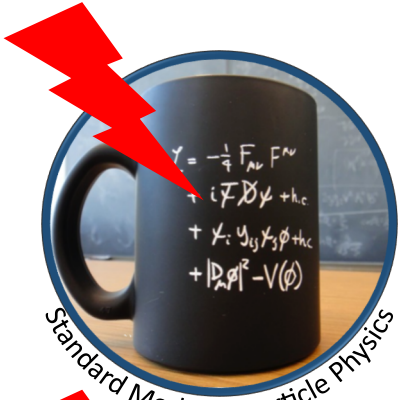

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Observations of new physics phenomena and/or deviations from the Standard Models are expected to unlock concrete ways to address these puzzling unknowns

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in the lab

rarer processes

different
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higher energetic phenomena
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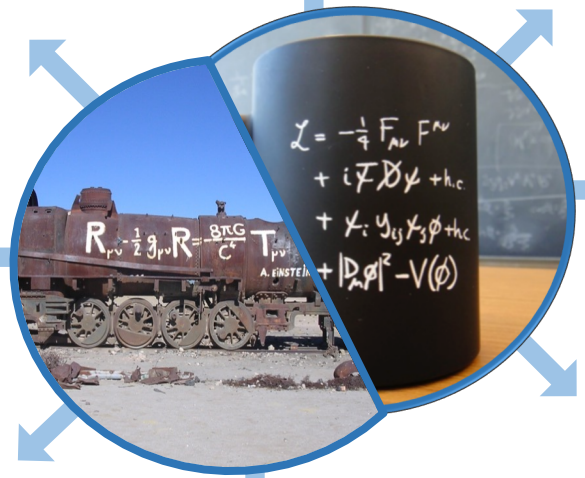
higher precision

earlier universe



RF cavities, high-field magnets, plasma wakefield acceleration

higher energy interactions
in the lab

squeezed-light sources to deal with quantum noise in gravitational-wave detectors

earlier universe

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solid-state devices with fast read-out electronics

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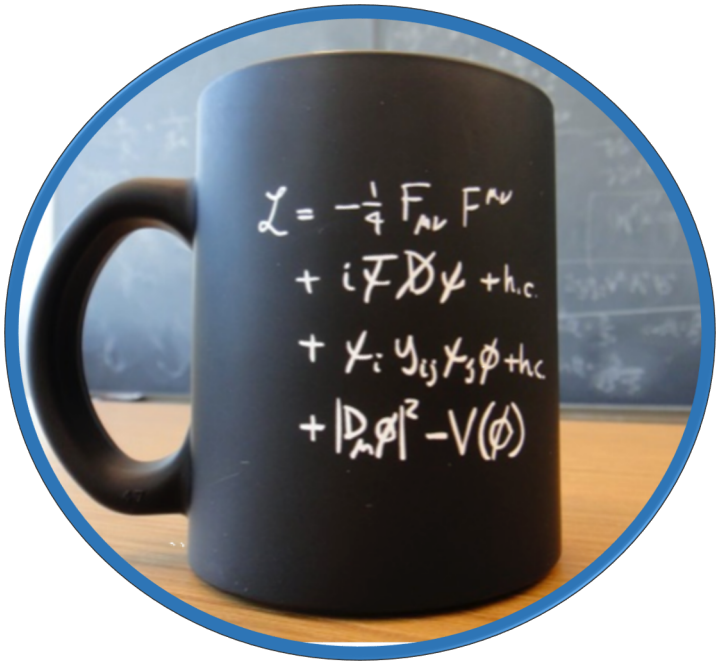
computing and software challenge for Multi-Exabyte Data Infrastructures

Extending our models with new phenomena

(assuming our basic principles and theoretical frameworks hold)



connection

(coupling strength)

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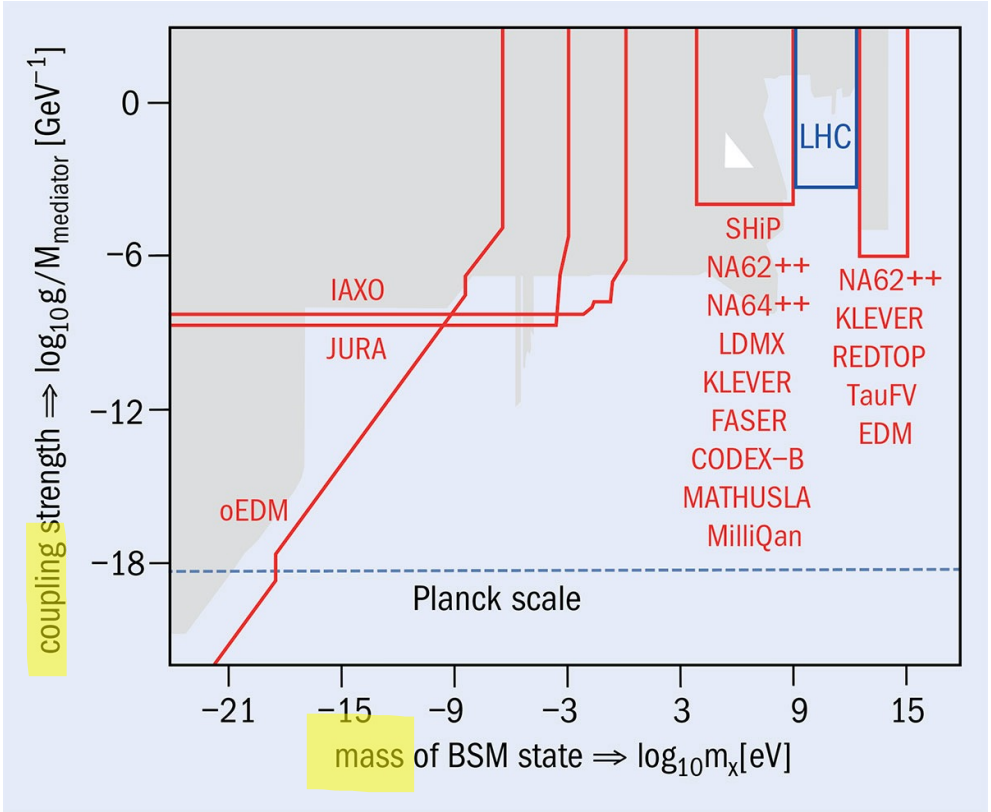
Requires a coherent portfolio of complementary experiments to cover the whole parameter space where new physics can be hiding



Most recent European Strategies

the large …

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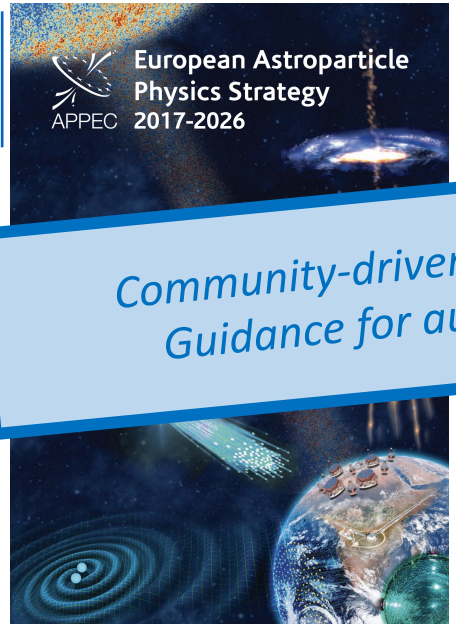

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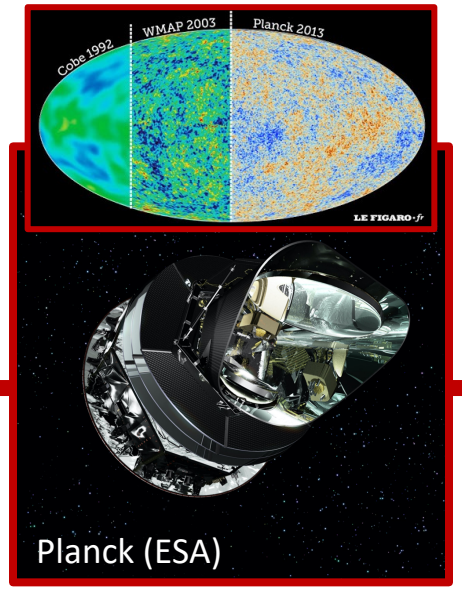
our eyes on the sky

The cosmic frontier: Cosmic Microwave Background precision physics

Previous flagship
impressive science



completed

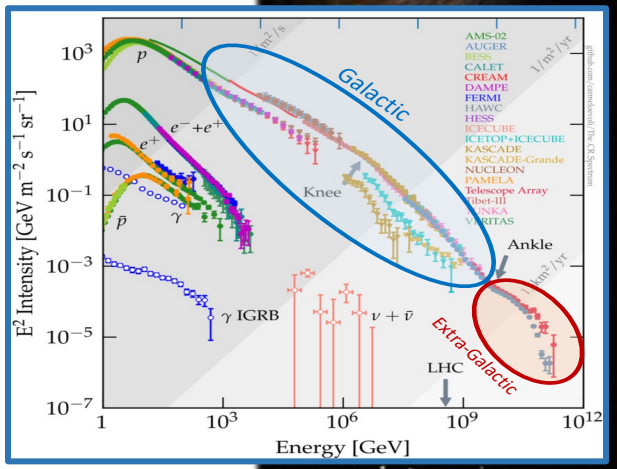
Next generation "Dark Universe" flagship
>30 M spectroscopic redshifts with 0.001 accuracy up to z ~2
to measure the acceleration of the universe

Properties of dark energy, dark matter and gravity

ESA: European Space Agency

A variety of very high-energy particles from our universe

cosmic particles



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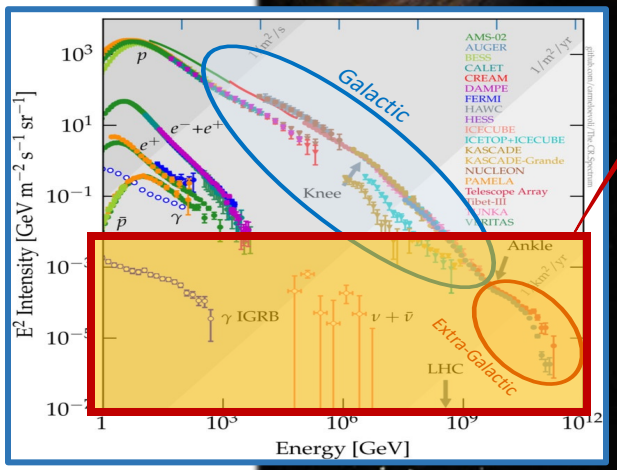
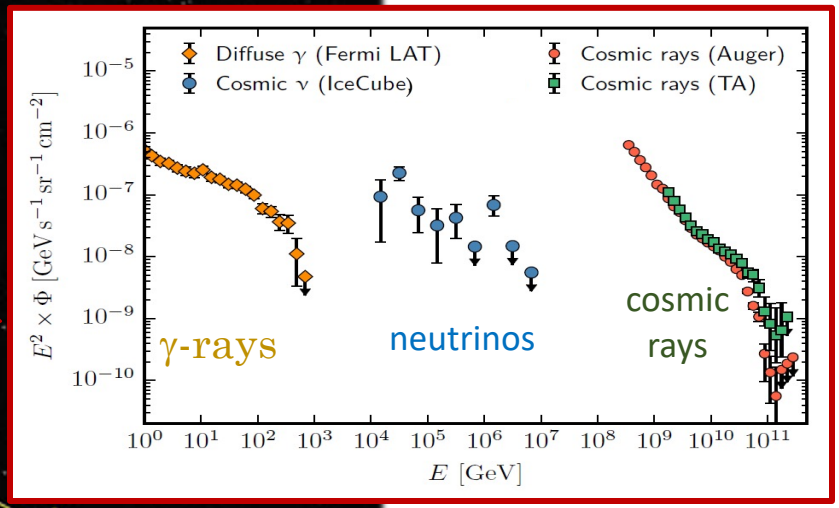


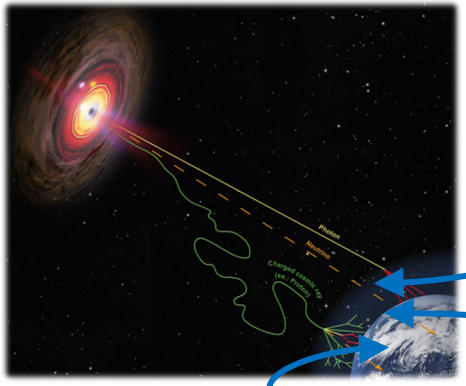


Similar cosmic energy density:
would they have a common origin?

into the global Multi-Messenger Realm for Astronomy to discover the sources

Major Cosmic Particle Facilities in Europe

advance our major participation outside Europe: Pierre Auger Observatory, IceCube(-Gen2), …



observatory in orbit

AMS-2

anti-matter in cosmic rays

data taking

observatory below surface

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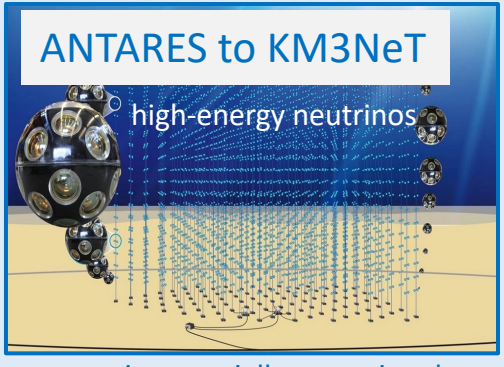
high-energy neutrinos



construction, partially operational

BAIKAL-GVD

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observatory on the surface

H.E.S.S./MAGIC/VERITAS to CTA

high-energy gamma-rays

construction, start observations >2023

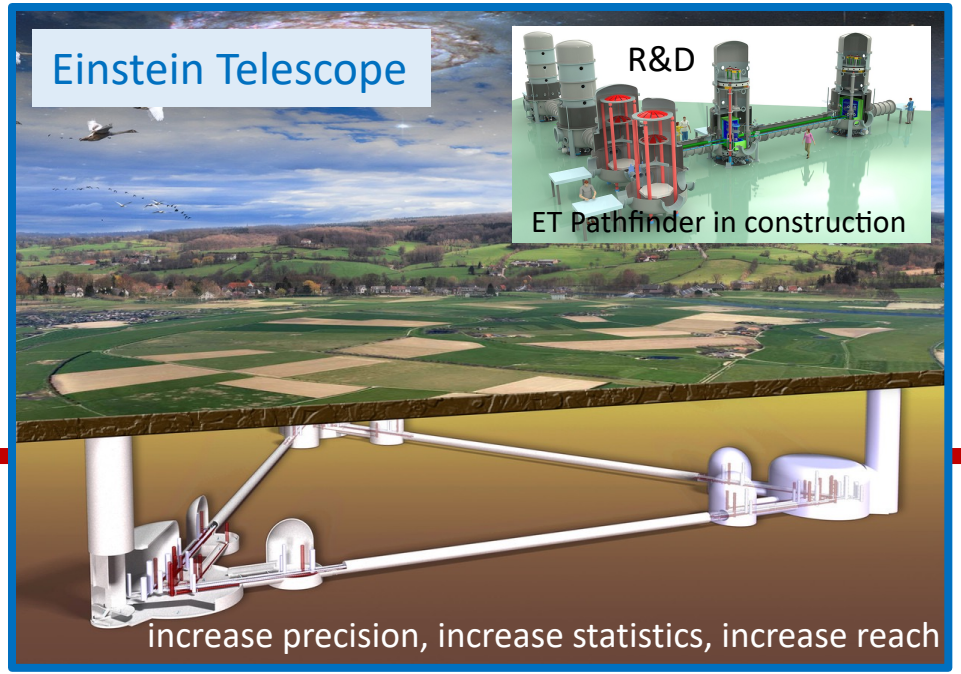
Gravitational Wave Facilities in Europe

Current flagships

Advanced & Plus upgrades up to 2035

3rd generation interferometer, beyond 2035

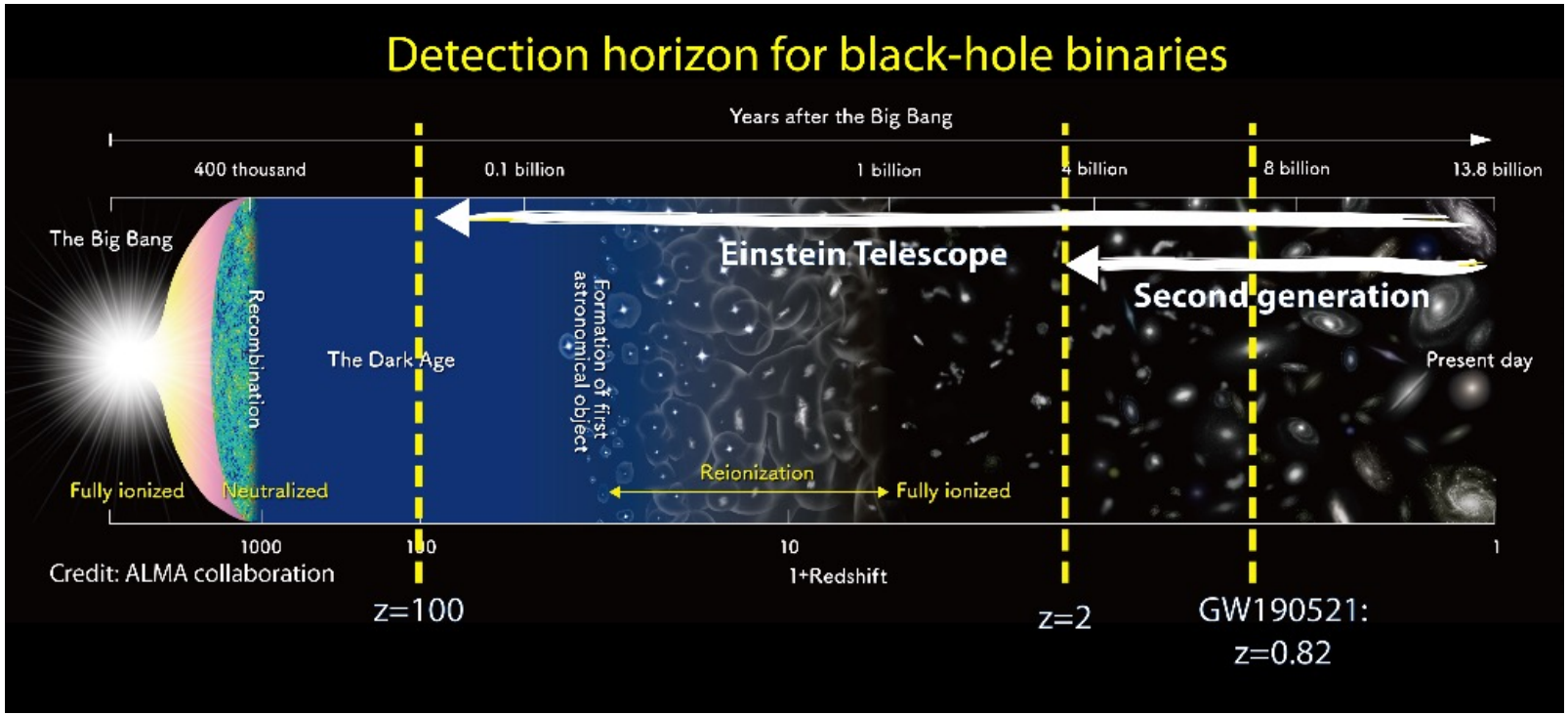
underground – triangle (10km arms) – cryogenic



on the ESFRI Roadmap (EU) *(European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures)*

complementary: LISA (ESA) to be launched around 2037

Gravitational Wave with the Einstein Telescope



Will our basic principles and theoretical frameworks hold throughout the cosmic history?

our eyes on the invisible

Major underground Facilities – shielding the visible

image courtesy of Susana Cebrián, "Science goes underground"

Major underground Facilities in Europe – Dark Matter

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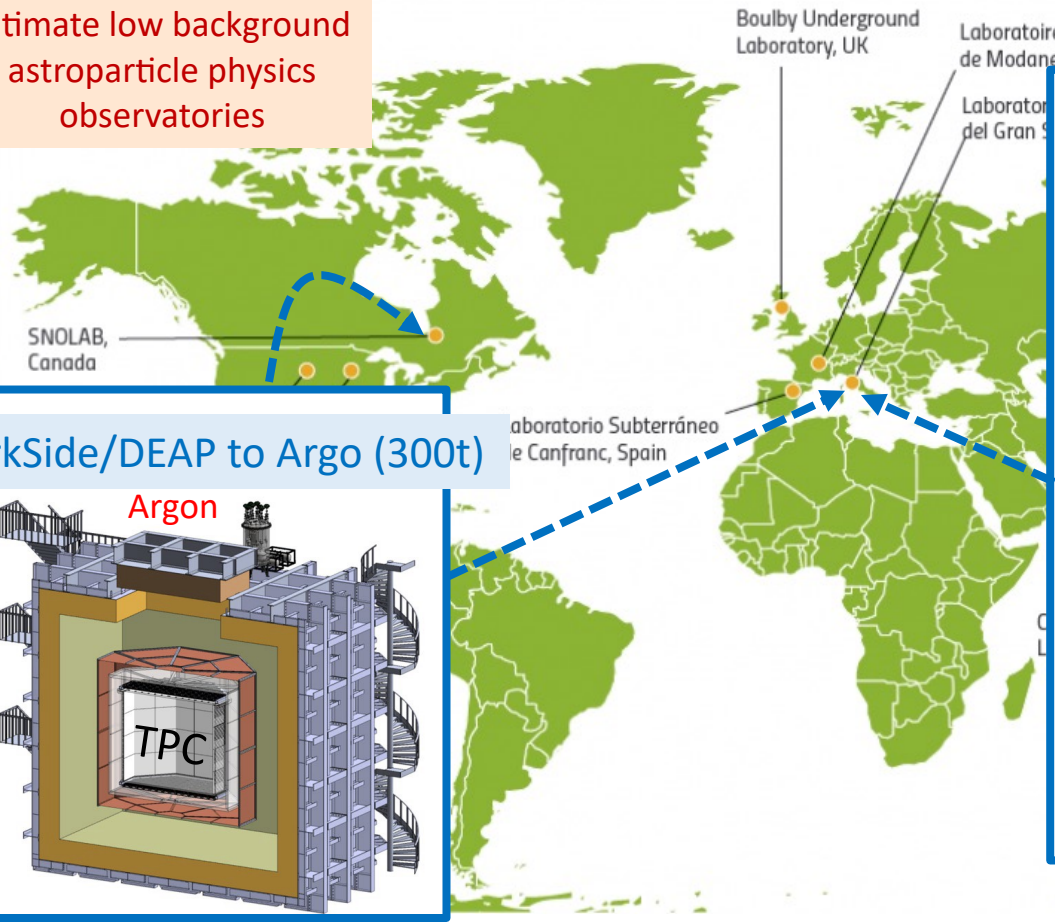

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proposal

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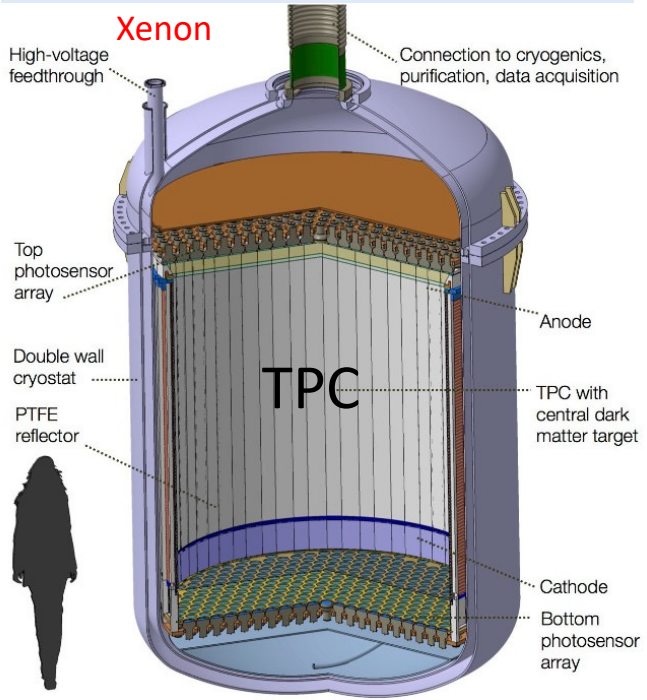

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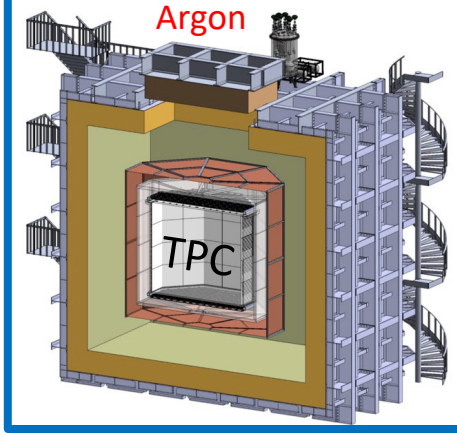

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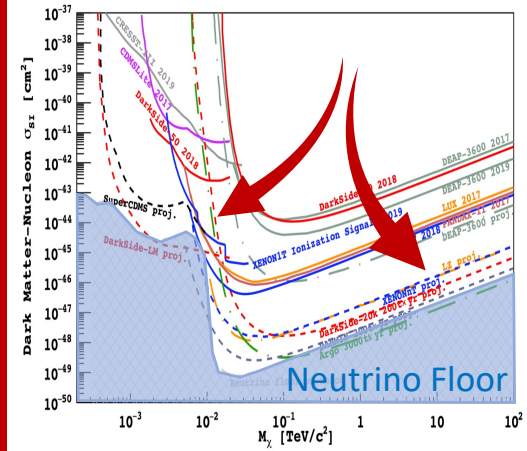

reaching the "neutrino floor"
where the neutrino backgrounds dominate

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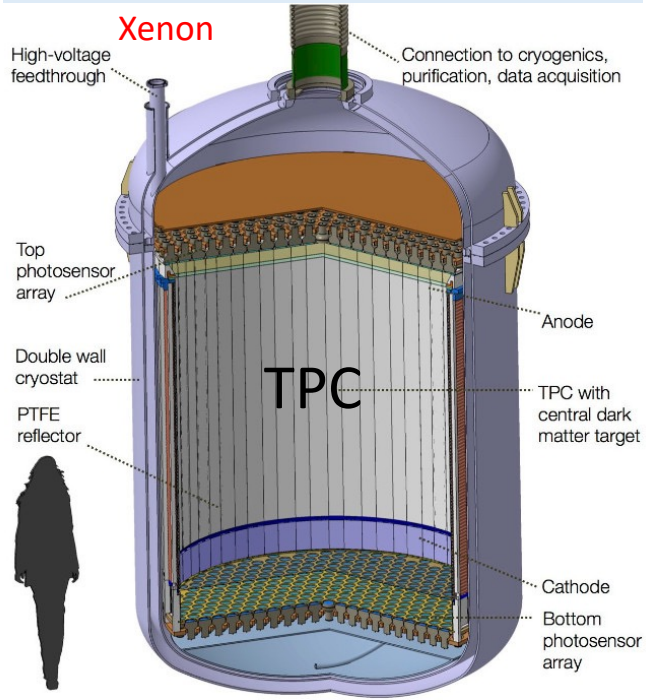

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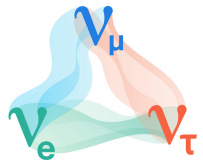
Neutrino sector extends the Standard Model

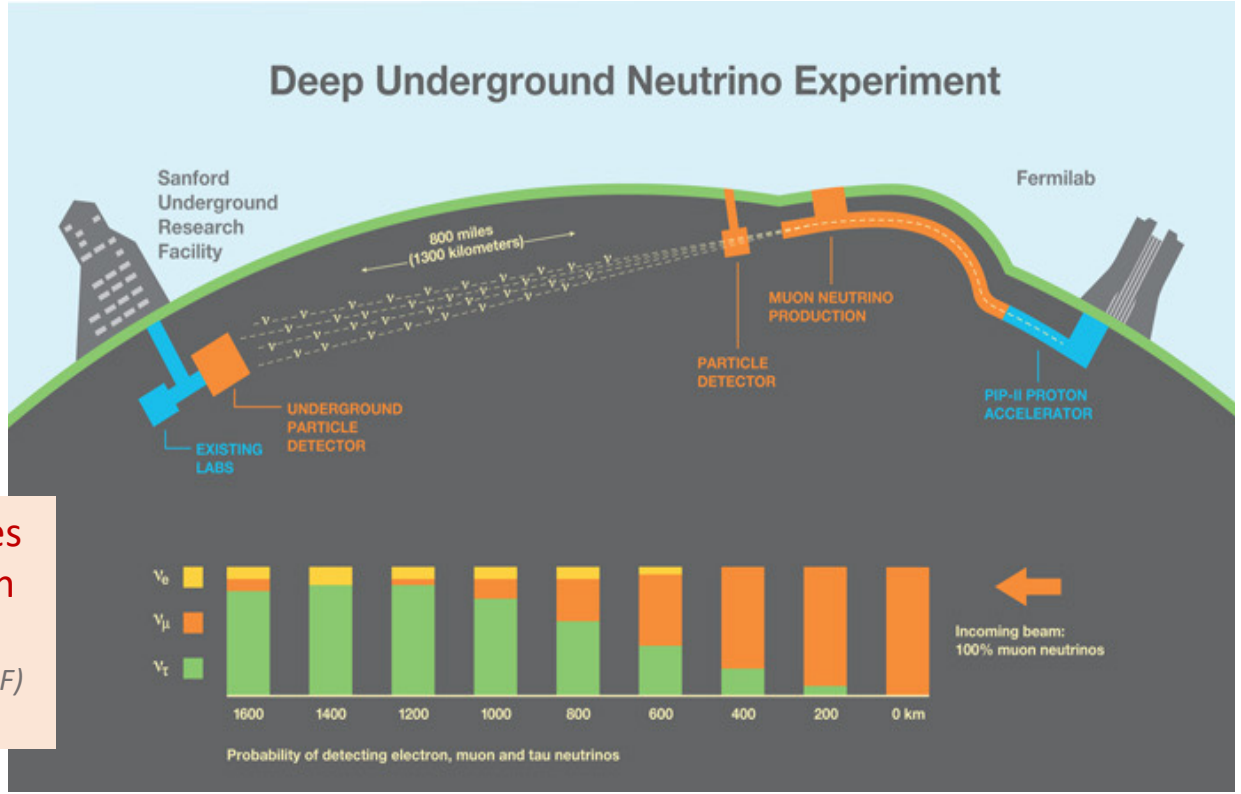
Because neutrinos oscillate, they have mass… but how to extend the Standard Model?



- *Is a neutrino its own anti-particle?*
- *Is there CP violation in the leptonic sector?*
- *What is the absolute mass scale?*
- *How does the neutrino mass spectrum look like?*

Measure the oscillation probabilities of neutrinos and antineutrinos with ultimate precision

e.g. at the Long-Baseline Neutrino Facility (LBNF) with the DUNE experiment

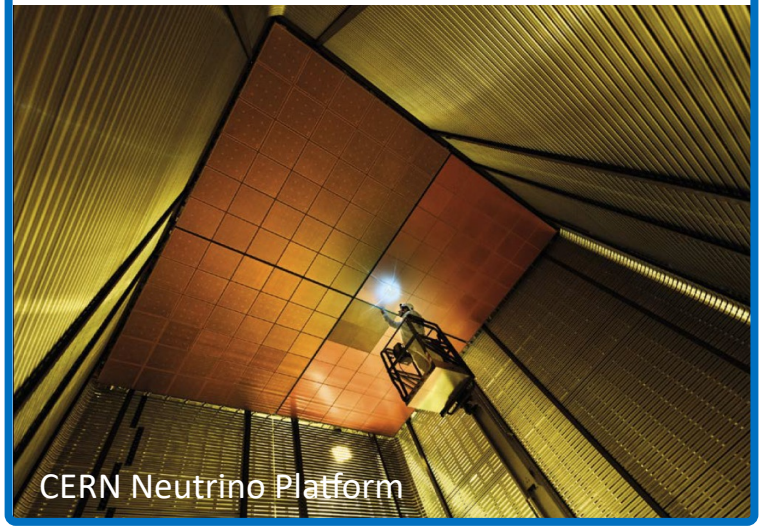


Neutrino beams in Japan and in the US

CERN's Neutrino Platform in LBNF & DUNE (US), and in T2K (Japan)

DUNE @ LBNF

Prototype dual-phase Liquid-Argon TPC



BabyMIND @ T2K (near detector)

Prototype for Magnetised Iron Neutrino Detector

Within the next decade, we will know much more how to develop the neutrino sector to extend the Standard Model

our eyes on direct discoveries

Today's Flagship: from LHC to HL-LHC

Current flagship (27km)

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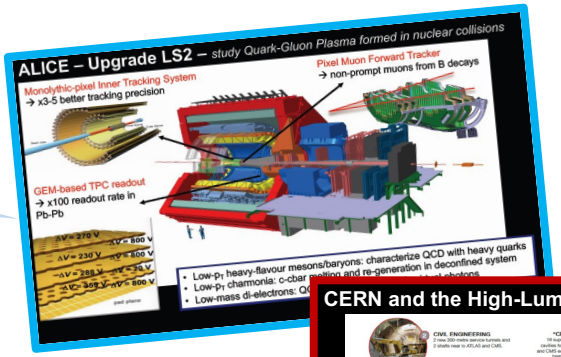

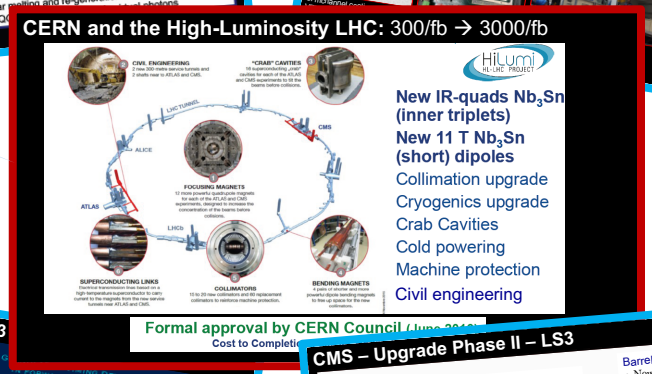

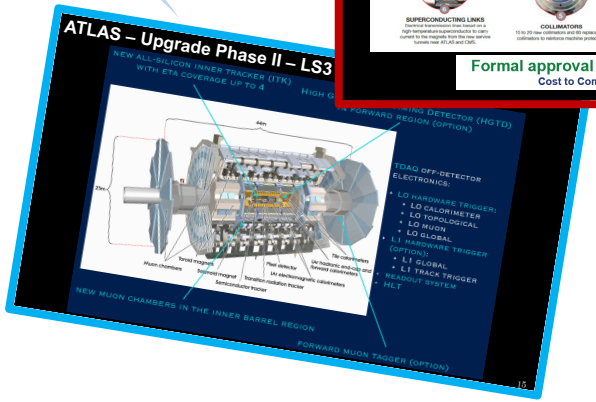

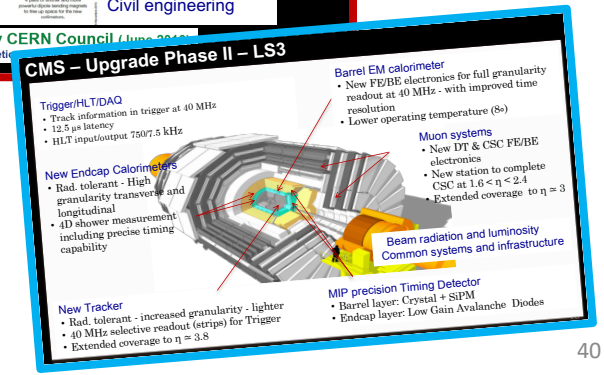

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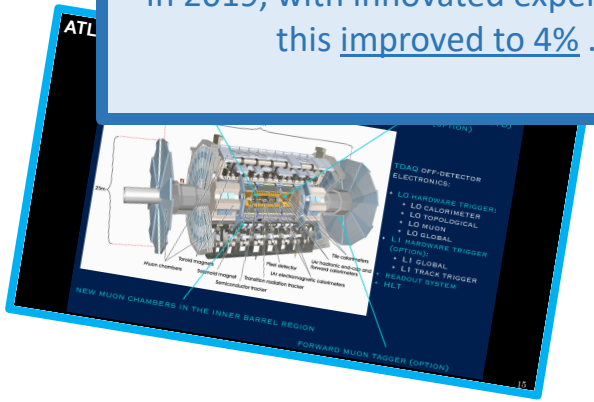
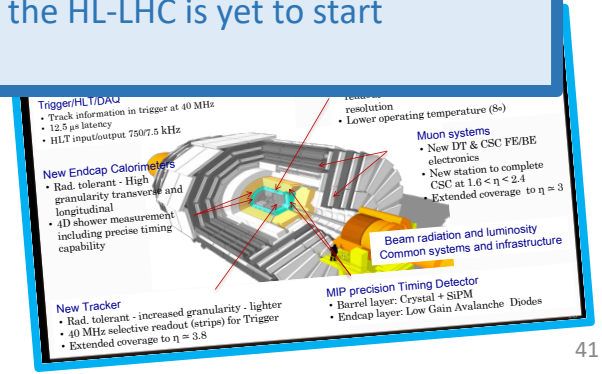
Talented researchers make the difference

In 2013, the expected precision on the top quark to Higgs coupling reachable with the HL-LHC programme was estimated 7-10%

In 2019, with innovated experimental and theoretical techniques this improved to 4% ... the HL-LHC is yet to start





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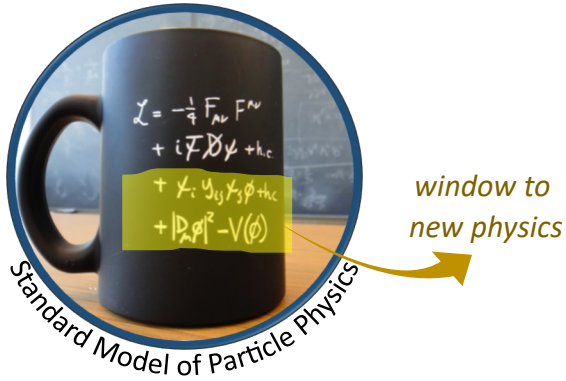

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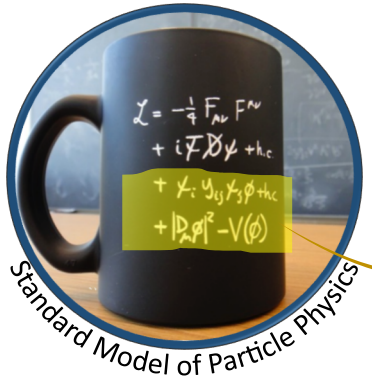
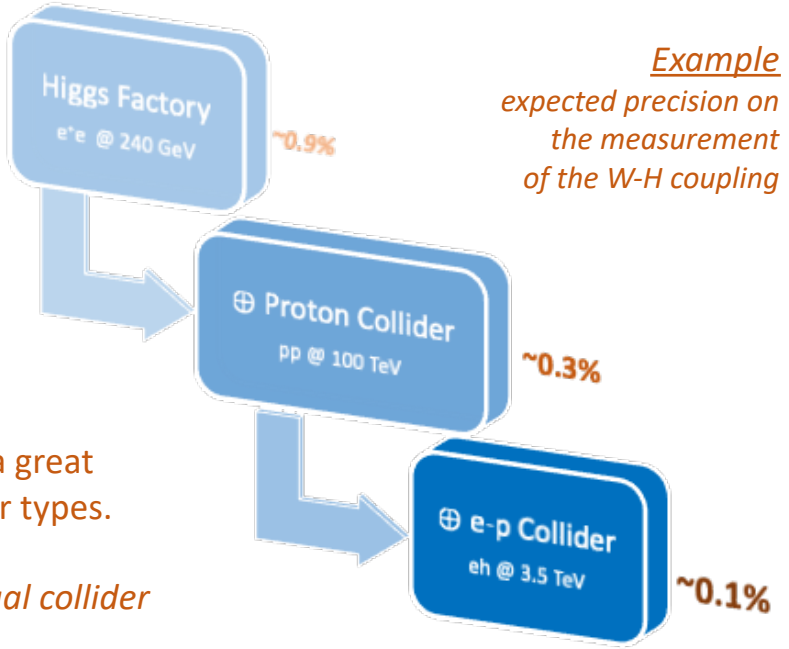


window to new physics



Example
expected precision on the measurement of the W-H coupling

In the search for answers to open questions, we discovered a great complementarity among the science reach of different collider types.

the combined precision is much better than that of each individual collider

We need a coherent program allowing for a variety of future colliders

Future flagship at the energy & precision frontier

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ep-option with HL-LHC: LHeC

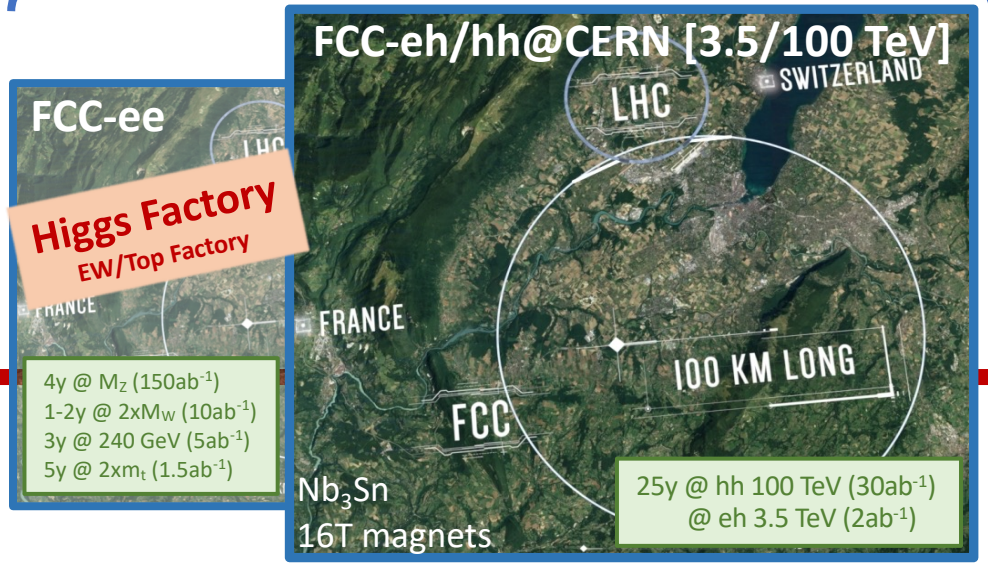
10y @ 1.2 TeV (1ab^{-1})

updated CDR 2007.14491

Future Circular Collider (FCC)

big sister future ambition (100km), beyond 2040

attractive combination of precision & energy frontier



numbers assume 2 IPs for each collider (only one for FCC-eh)

by around 2026, verify if it is feasible to plan for success (techn. & adm. & financially & global governance)

potential alternatives pursued @ CERN: CLIC & muon collider

our eyes on the structure of things

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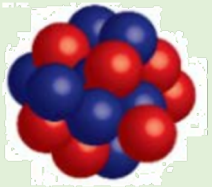

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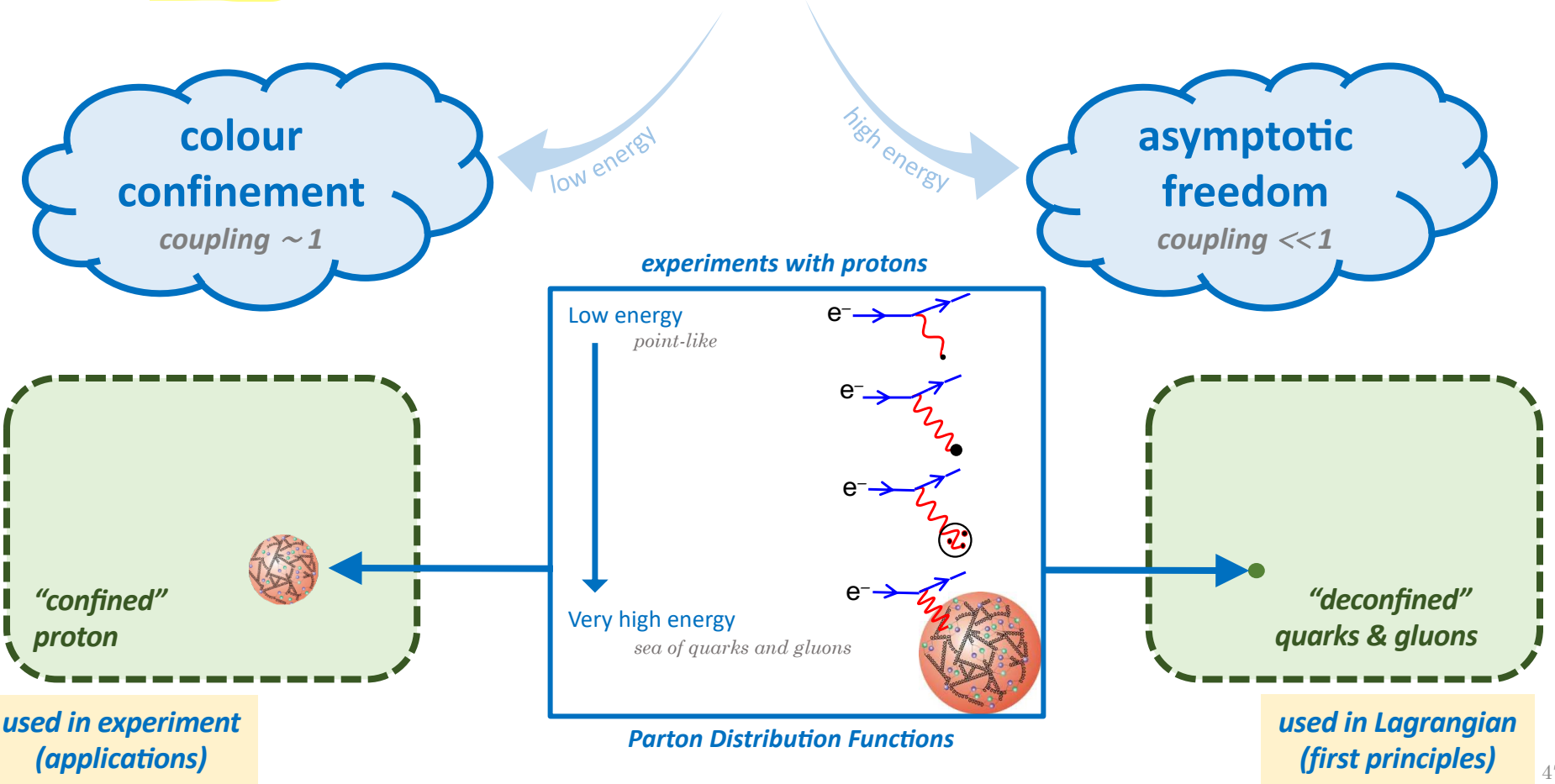

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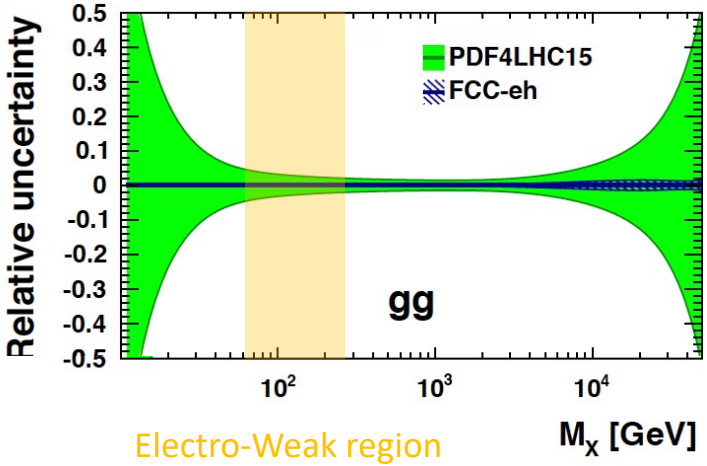

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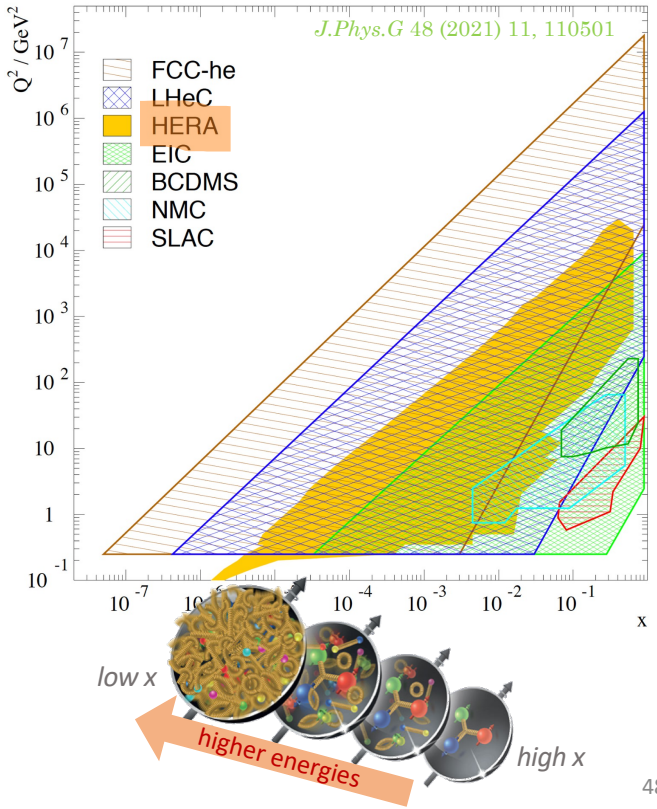

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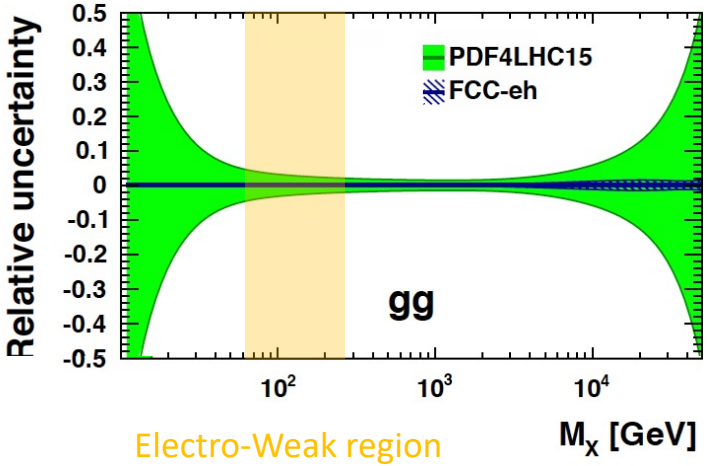

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with FCC-eh

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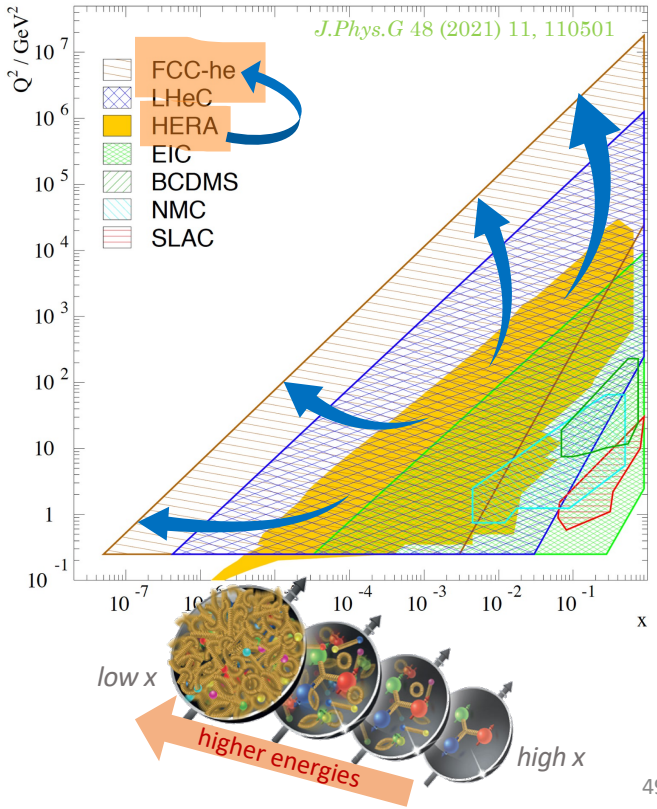
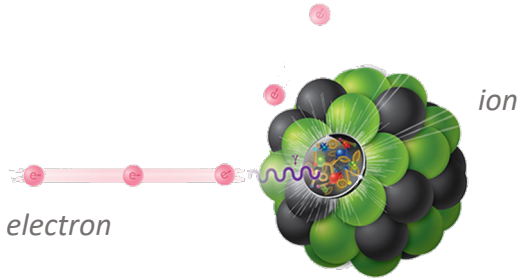


Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

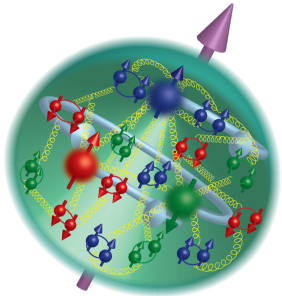
World's 1st polarized e-p/light-ion & 1st eA collider

User Group >1000 members: http://eicug.org

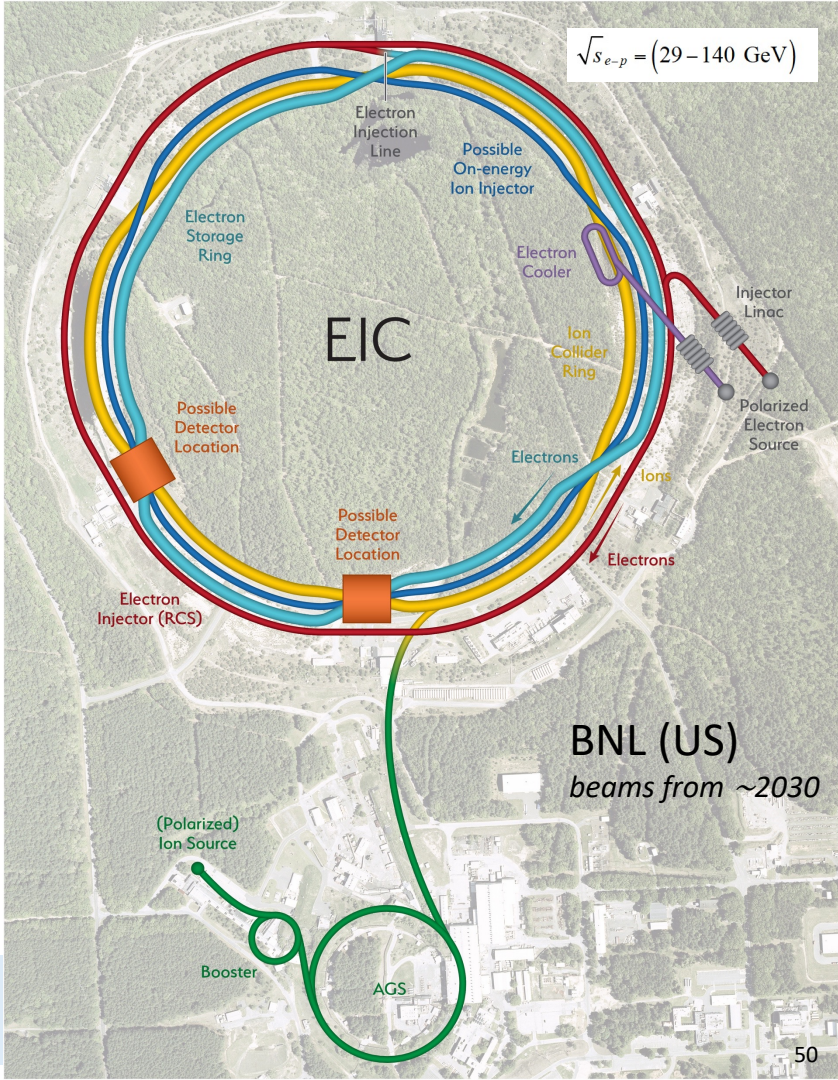


How do the properties of protons and neutrons arise from its constituents?

Towards a 3D partonic image of the proton



Many other running and emerging low-energy scattering facilities are key to understand the structure of hadrons



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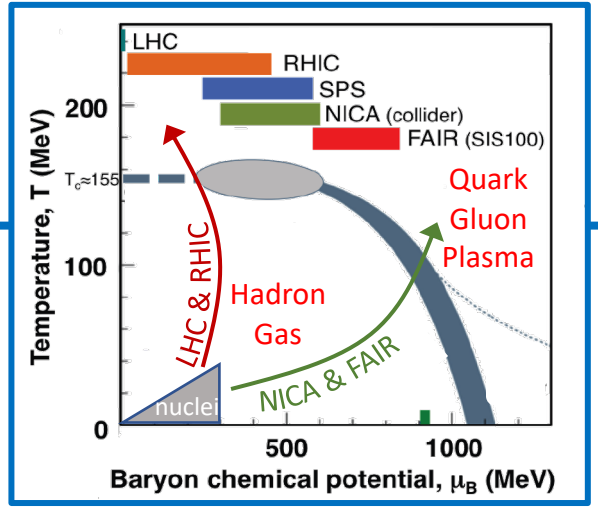

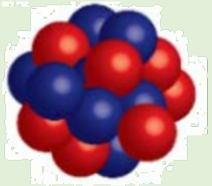

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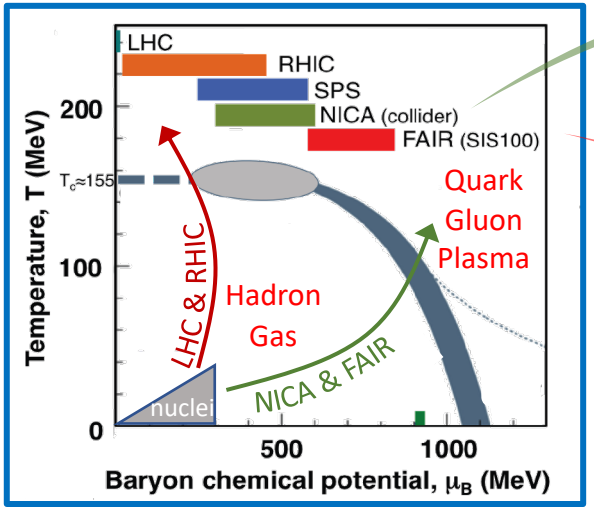

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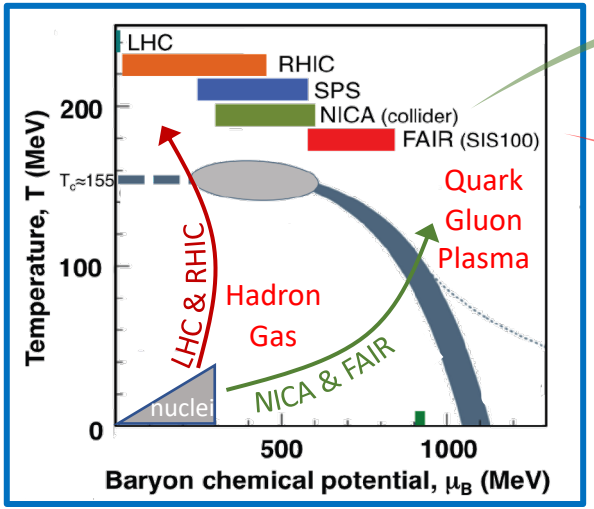

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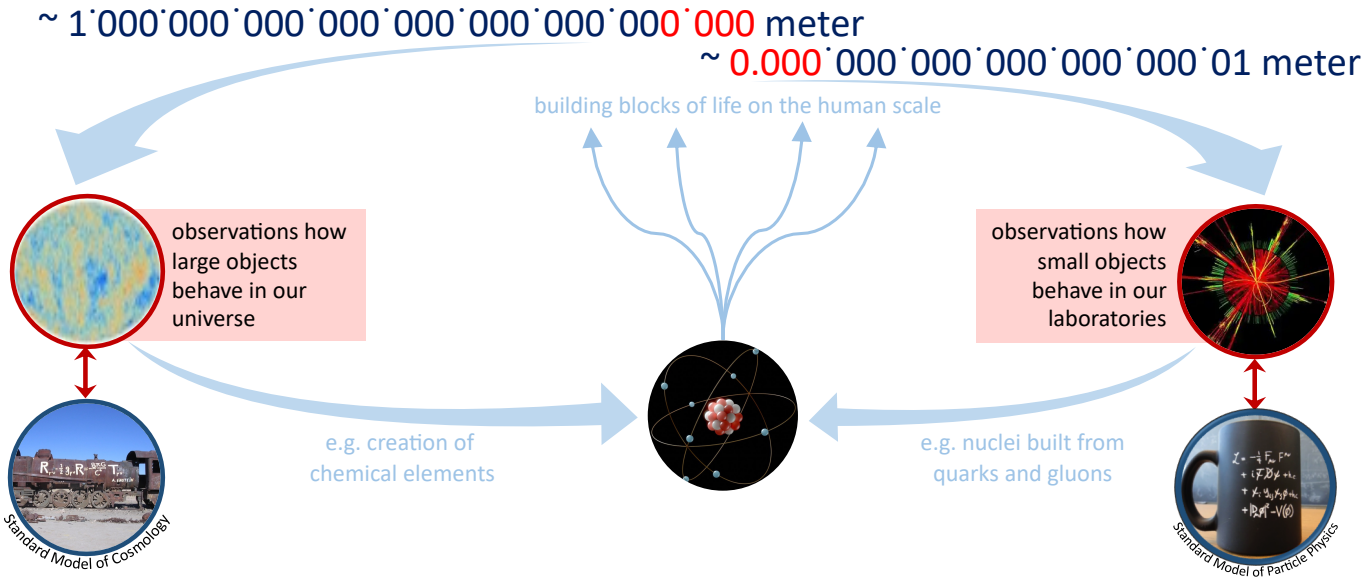
- how matter and complexity emerge
- evolution of our Universe
- origin of the chemical elements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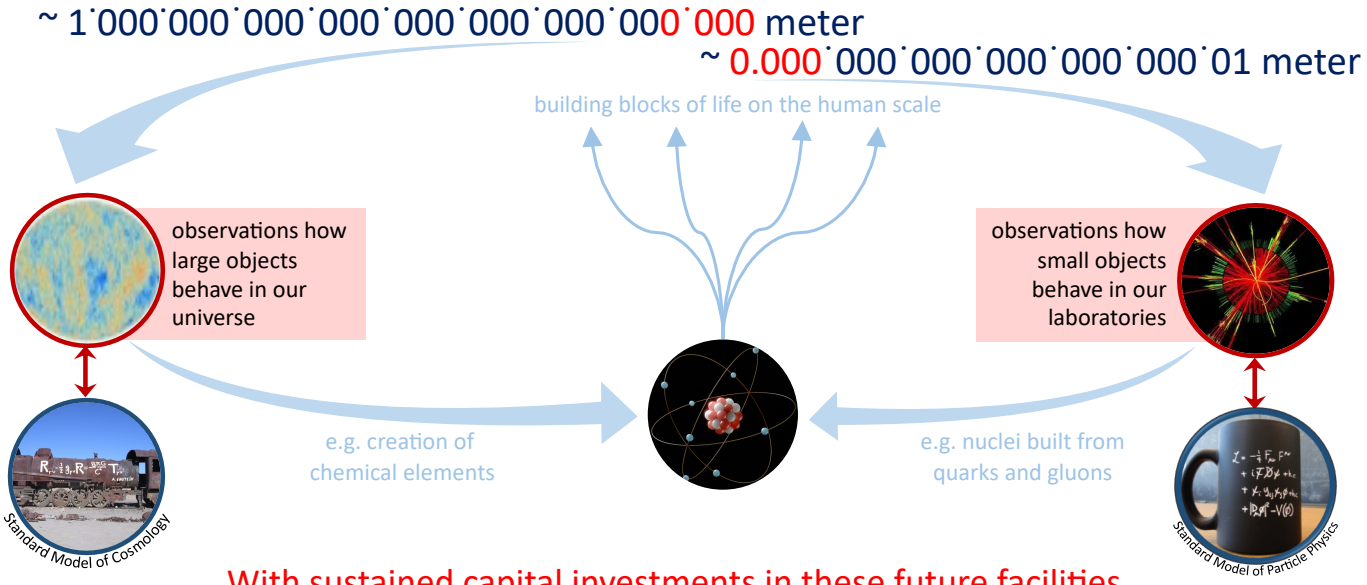
building blocks of life on the human scale
observations how large objects behave in our universe
observations how small objects behave in our laboratories
e.g. creation of chemical elements
e.g. nuclei built from quarks and gluons
Standard Model of Cosmology
Standard Model of Particle Physics

Building the future together



With sustained capital investments in these future facilities,
we know that we must discover new physics phenomena to add to our standard models.
… if not, we might have to revisit our theoretical frameworks and/or our basic principles.

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Thank you for your attention!

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