# Developing learning material for Feynman diagrams

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# The use of Feynman diagrams

#### **Particle physics**

Abbreviations for mathematical terms

Visualizations for back-of-theenvelope calculations

### **Educational tool?**

Charge conservation

Interaction particles

#### **Popular science**

**Images of particle processes** 

"Stories" of what happens in a particle process





**Learning materials** 

https://view.genial.ly/643e682c10b529001846619c/l earning-experience-didactic-unit-alpacarticle-physics





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# **Learning material**

Text and graphics in the form of Feynman diagrams

Few illustrative pictures as guiding elements ("guiding alpaca")

#### **Comprehension questions**

- Check diagrams for charge conservations
- Find mistakes
- Find a diagram to a process description







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## **Sneak Peek into eye tracking data**



Even when students answered wrong, they spent most time on the correct answer option

→ More in-depth analysis is needed about which gaze patterns hint toward (un)productive examination of diagrams





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### **Discussion & Outlook**

- Next analysis steps
  - Analyze students' free text answers to comprehension questions  $\rightarrow$  Which conceptual difficulties do they exhibit?
  - Analyze eye tracking data •  $\rightarrow$  Which gaze patterns are (un)productive?
- **Current learning material** 
  - Improve graphical explanations using cues
  - Improve explanations ۰
  - Implementing third and fourth stage of learning goals •
- **Discussion Questions**

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- Your thoughts about possible learning goals achievable with Feynman diagrams?
- How would you explain interaction particles?



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#### **Learning Material**



**Questions, comments, remarks:** 

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