

my presentation, considerations on neutrinos, two celebrations and more

an important birthday for astroparticle physics;
theoretical physics at the Gran Sasso National Lab;
Majorana ideas on neutrinos; GSSI's 10th anniversary

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**today's
birthday**

a (neutron) star was born

Astronomers Shelton & Duhalde saw SN1987A

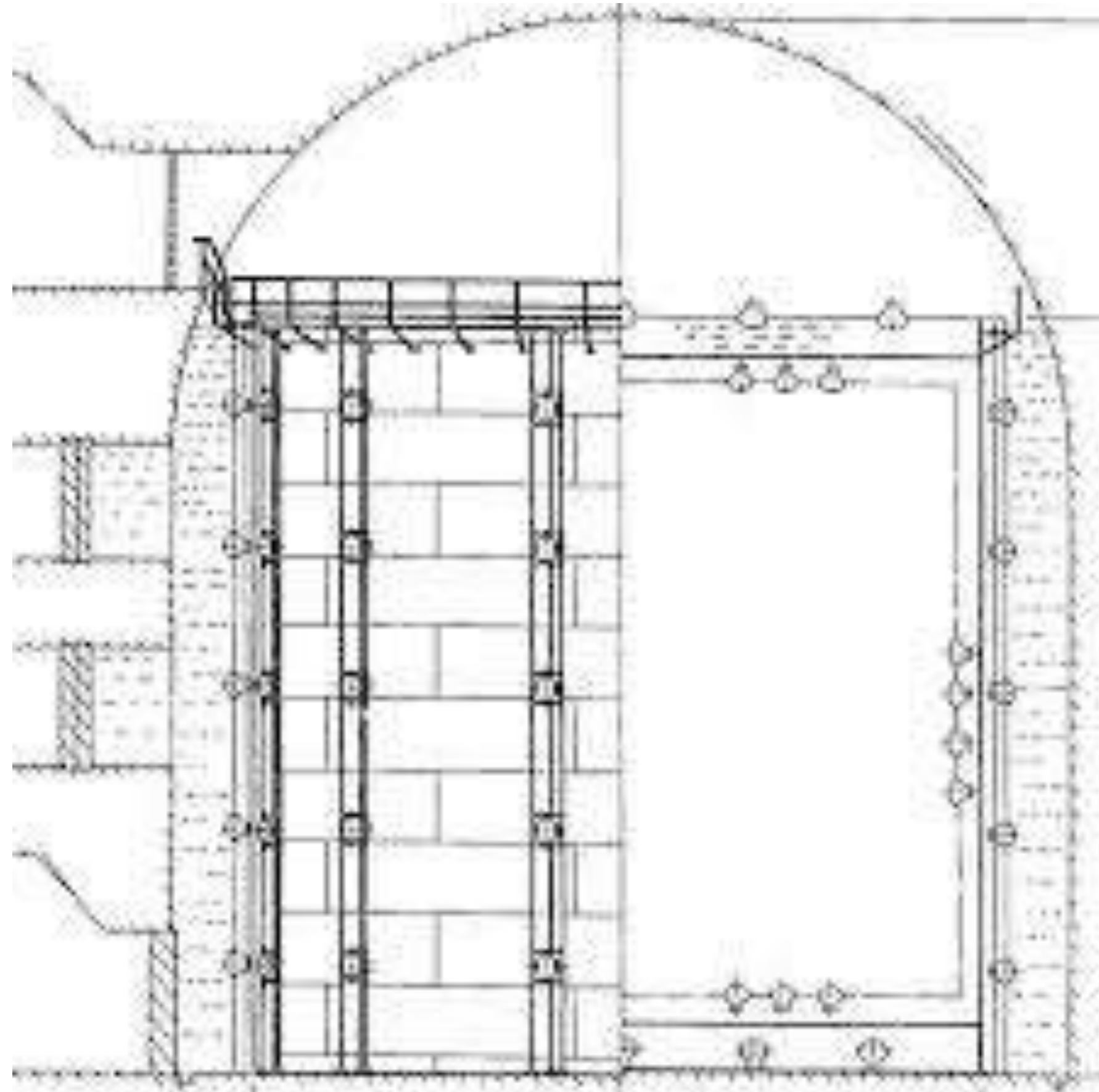
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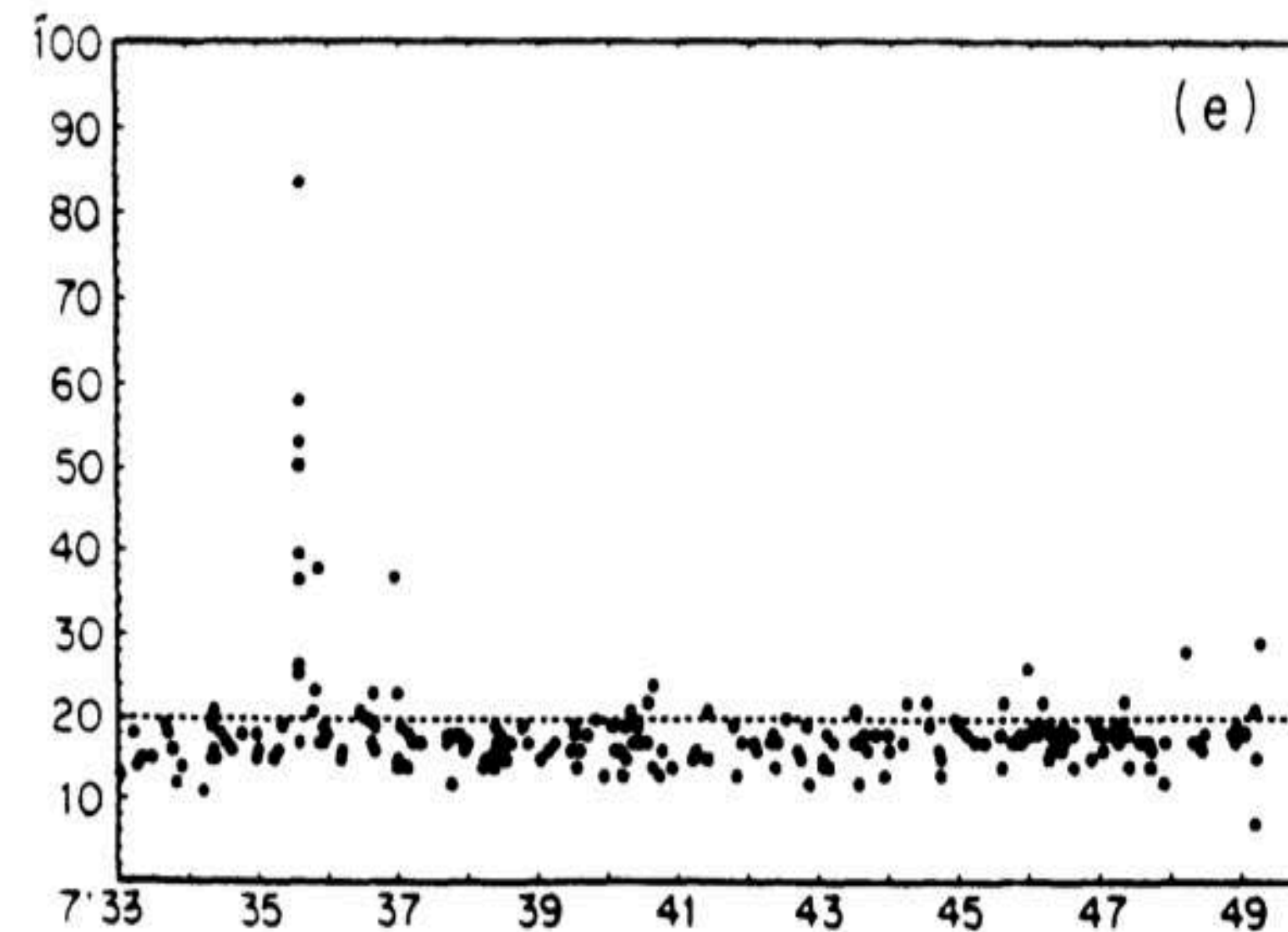
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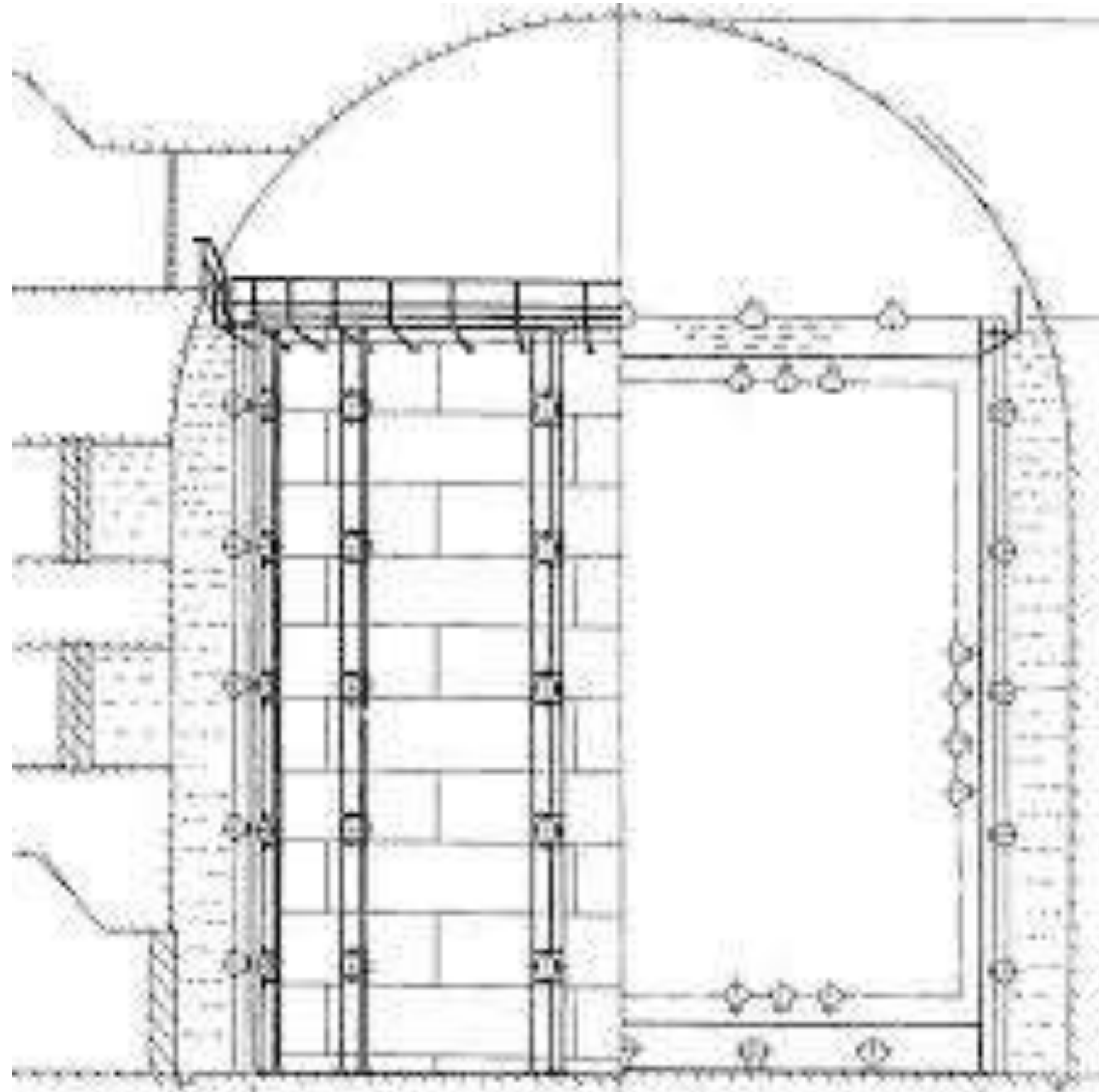
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Part 4-5 days
 A 香西 (天文台) not peaked yet
 B 0222... UT (2月22日) 0.1 pc ok
 12等の青色の天体。1 arcsec 以内にある。
 C 爆発は 0222 に始ると。
 (~15 Mo?)
 K. Sat
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 t₀ = 2/23 @ 18:00 eastern time 2/24 01:00 UT.
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 short holiday
 24 B
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 7:30 ~ 2:00
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Translations:
 A. Kohsei (National Astronomical Observatory of Japan)
 B. Until February 23, there was a magnitude 12 blue star
 visible within 1 arcsecond of the supernova's position.
 C. This means the explosion is after February 22.
 D. February 26 5:00 am power failure

theory at LNGS

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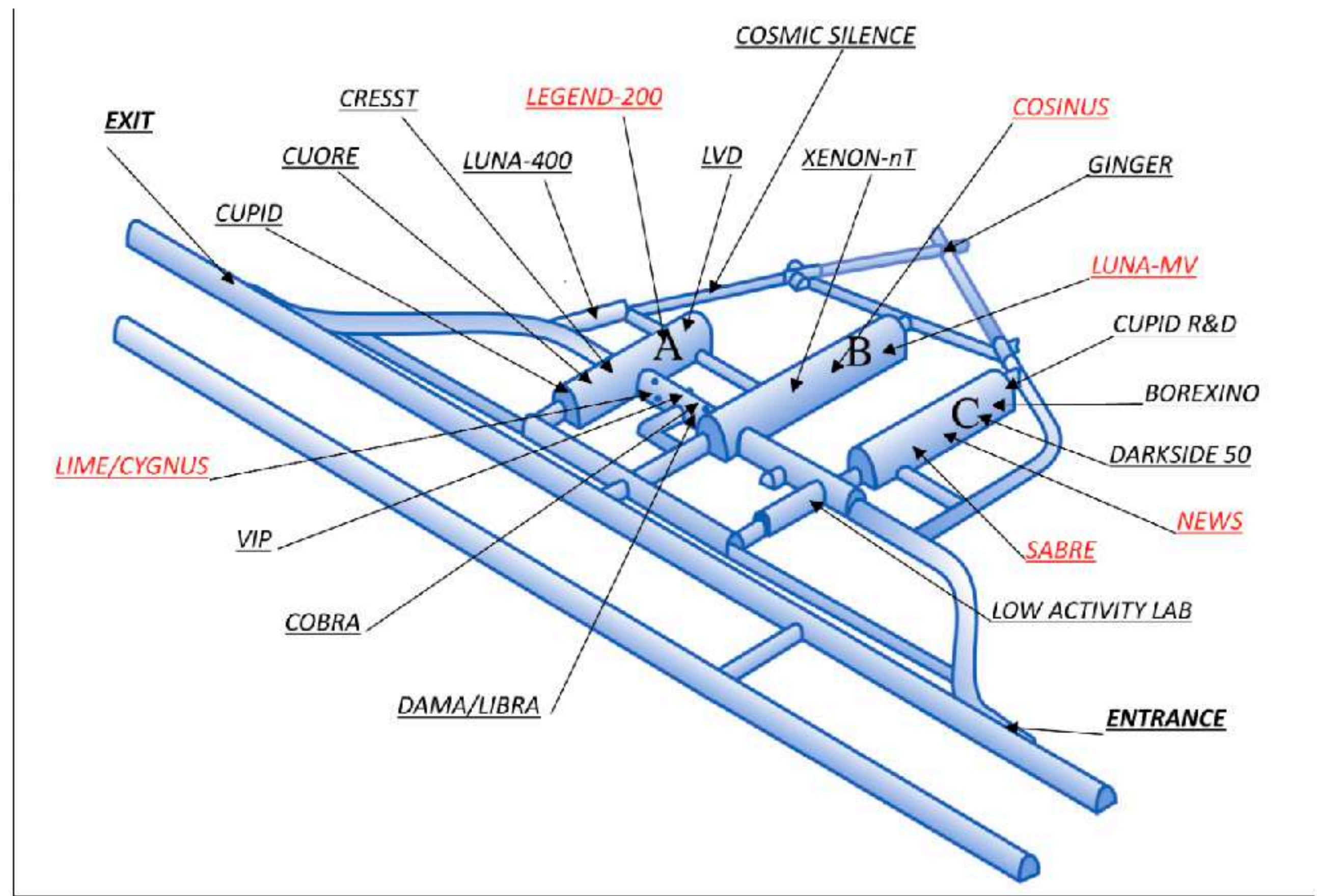
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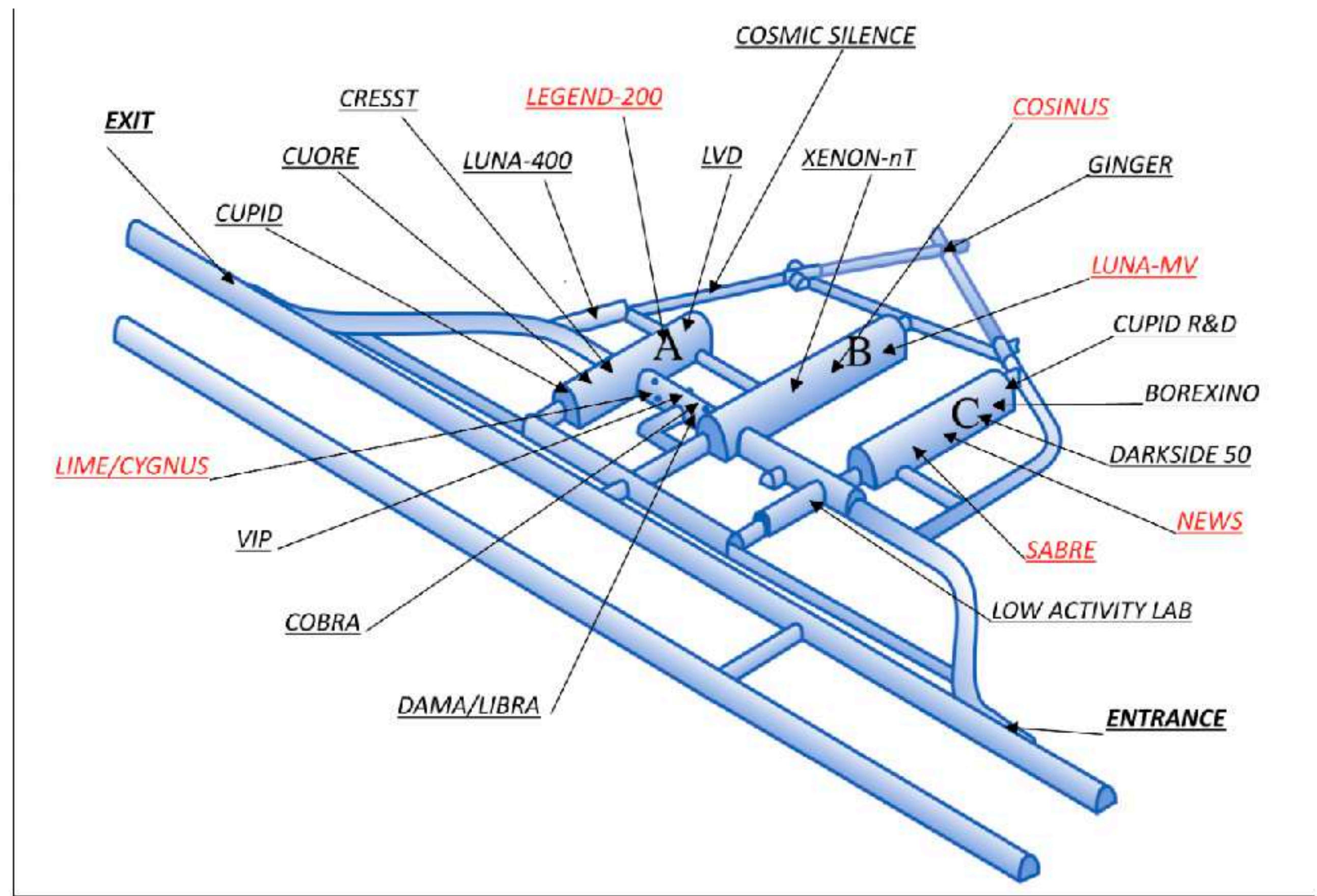
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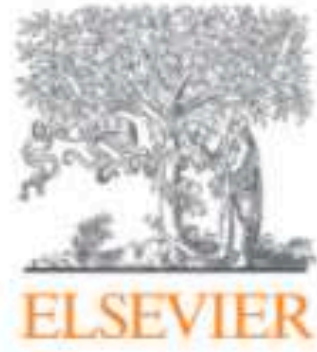
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my favourite research topic is
neutrinos



On the rate of core collapse supernovae in the milky way

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- We discuss the consistency of the results and point out the critical aspects in this inference.



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NEUTRINOS IN PHYSICS AND ASTROPHYSICS

This book covers the field of neutrino physics and astrophysics, providing an up-to-date presentation of the different research topics on the frontier of the field. It starts with a historical description to understand how the different aspects of our knowledge about the neutrinos evolved up to the present state. The main required elements of the Standard Model of electroweak interactions are introduced, and the different neutrino interactions and detection techniques are presented. We introduce the various ways to give neutrinos a mass and the phenomenon of neutrino oscillations which provides the main evidence for non-vanishing neutrino masses. We then consider the neutrinos produced in the Sun, what we have learned from them, and how they can also be useful to study our star. The geoneutrinos produced by the radioactivity in the Earth are discussed and the status of their detection is presented. We survey the neutrino production in the supernova explosions at the end of the life of very massive stars, what has been observed in SN1987A, and what could be learned from a future supernova or from the observation of the diffuse supernova neutrino background. We describe in detail the neutrino production by cosmic rays interacting in the atmosphere, the evidence for their flavor oscillations, and the oscillograms to describe their flavor change in terrestrial matter. The different mechanisms of production of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos and the observations achieved with the IceCube detector are presented, also discussing their flavor content by means of the flavor triangle. We then examine the cosmological neutrino background, its impact on Big Bang nucleosynthesis and on the CMB observations, with the associated bound on their masses and effective number. Finally, we review the basics of the leptogenesis scenarios, which provide an attractive explanation for the observed baryon asymmetry of the Universe.

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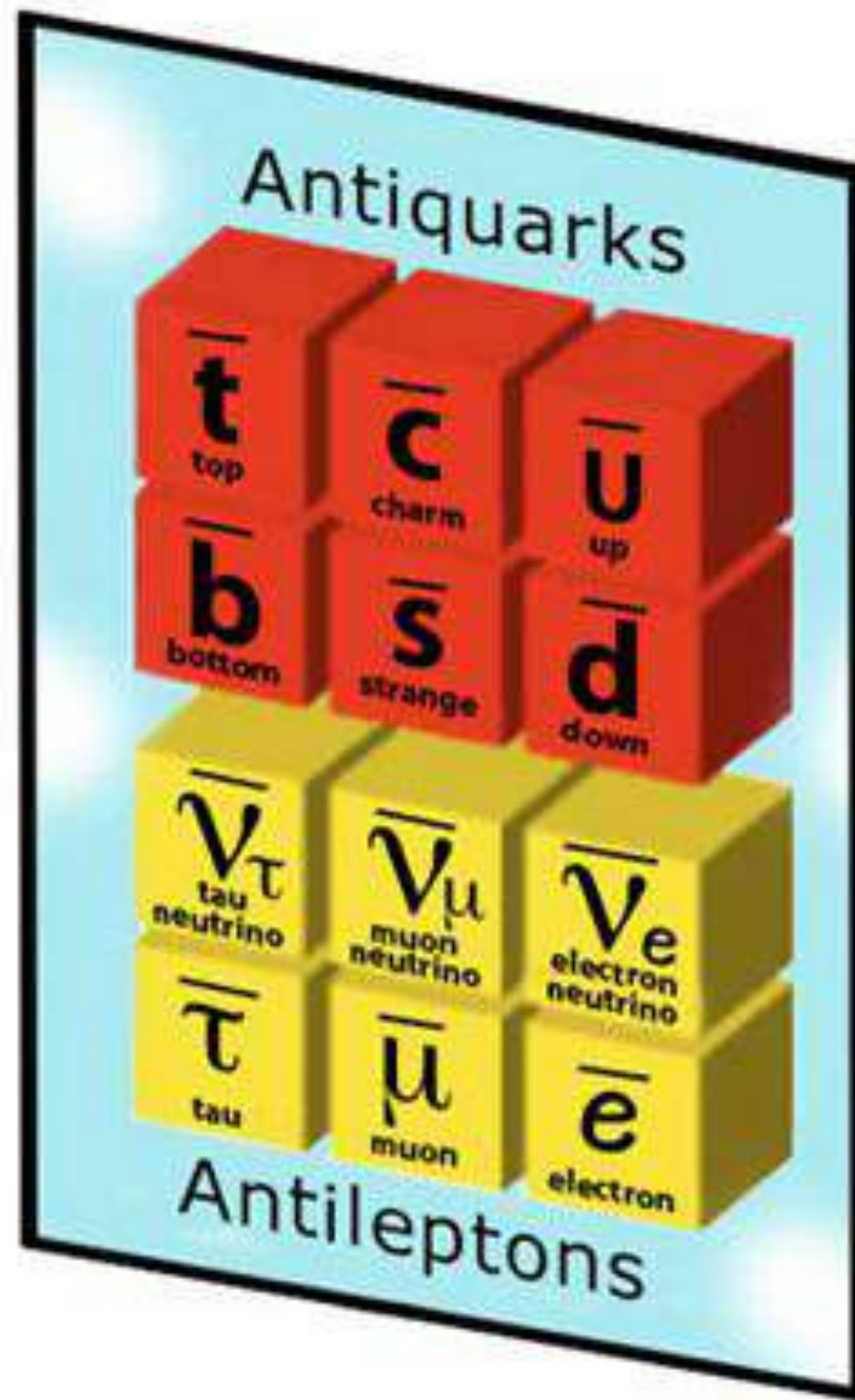
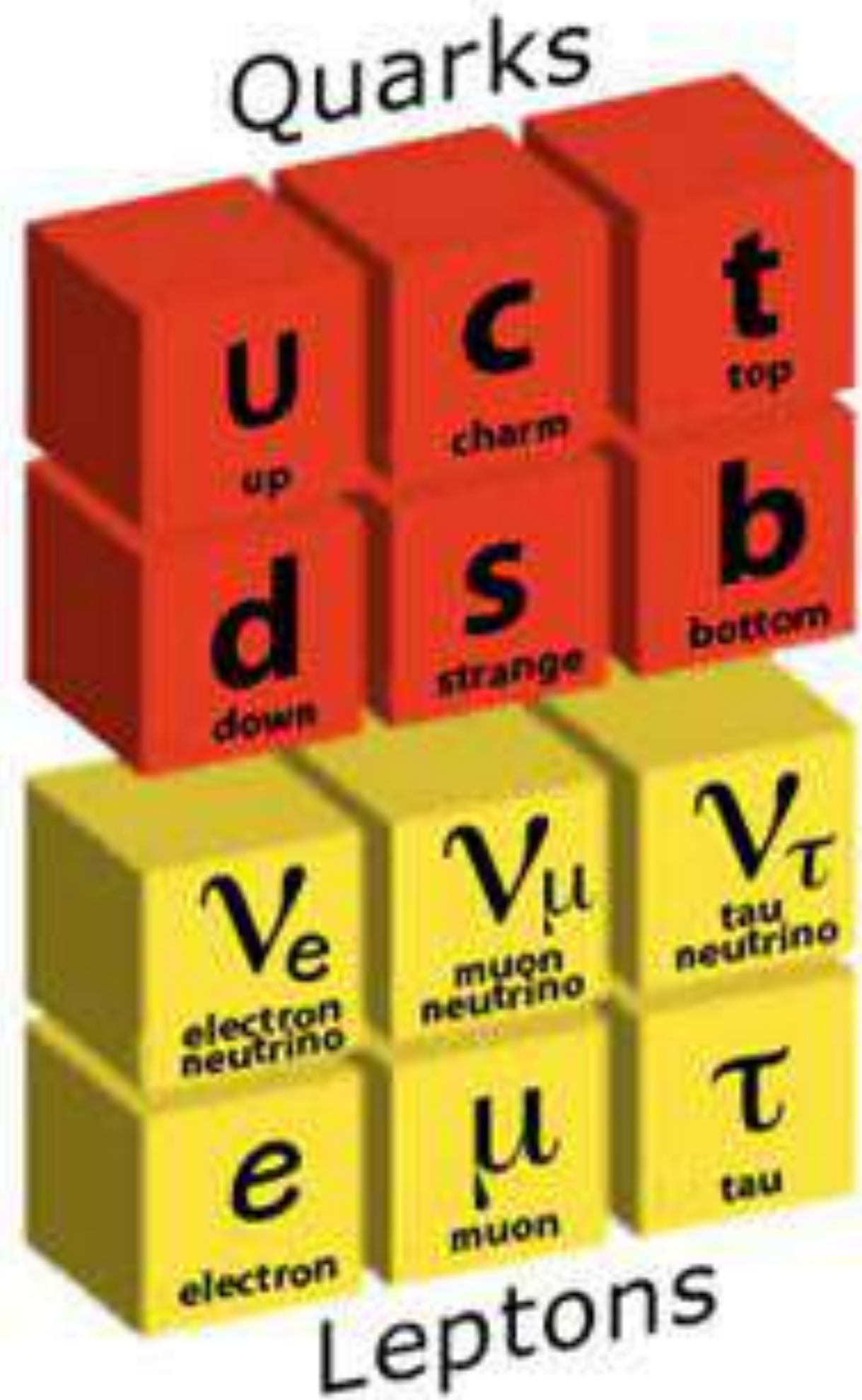
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**but today I'd like to focus on
neutrinos in particle physics, and more specifically of:**

**Majorana ideas
on neutrinos**



Matter and antimatter particles
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This picture conveys a huge amount of info, evoking the concepts of:

- * *particles/antiparticles*
- * *quarks/leptons*
- * *family replication*

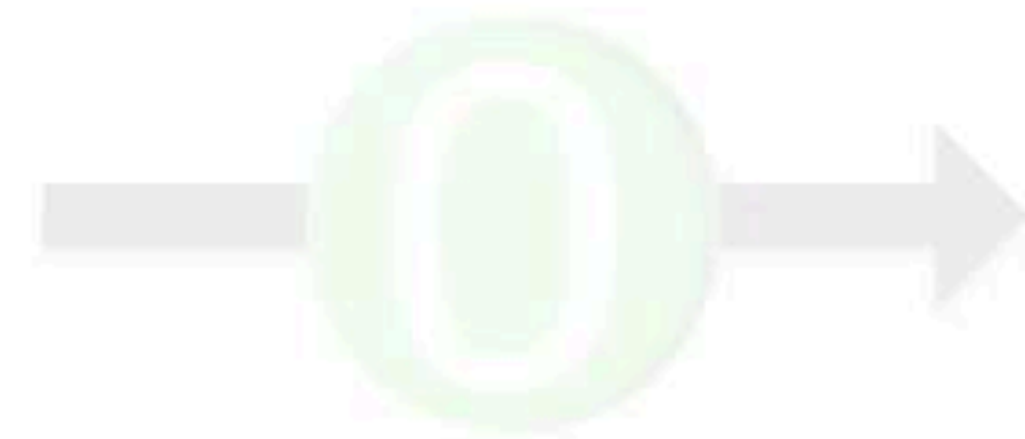
But it raises a question:

what tells neutrinos from antineutrinos as they are both chargeless?



neutrinos and antineutrinos distinguished by their helicities





and in their rest frame? they could be indistinguishable...





Majorana theory: they're **matter & **antimatter** at once**



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What Is Matter According to Particle Physics, and Why Try to Observe Its Creation in a Lab?

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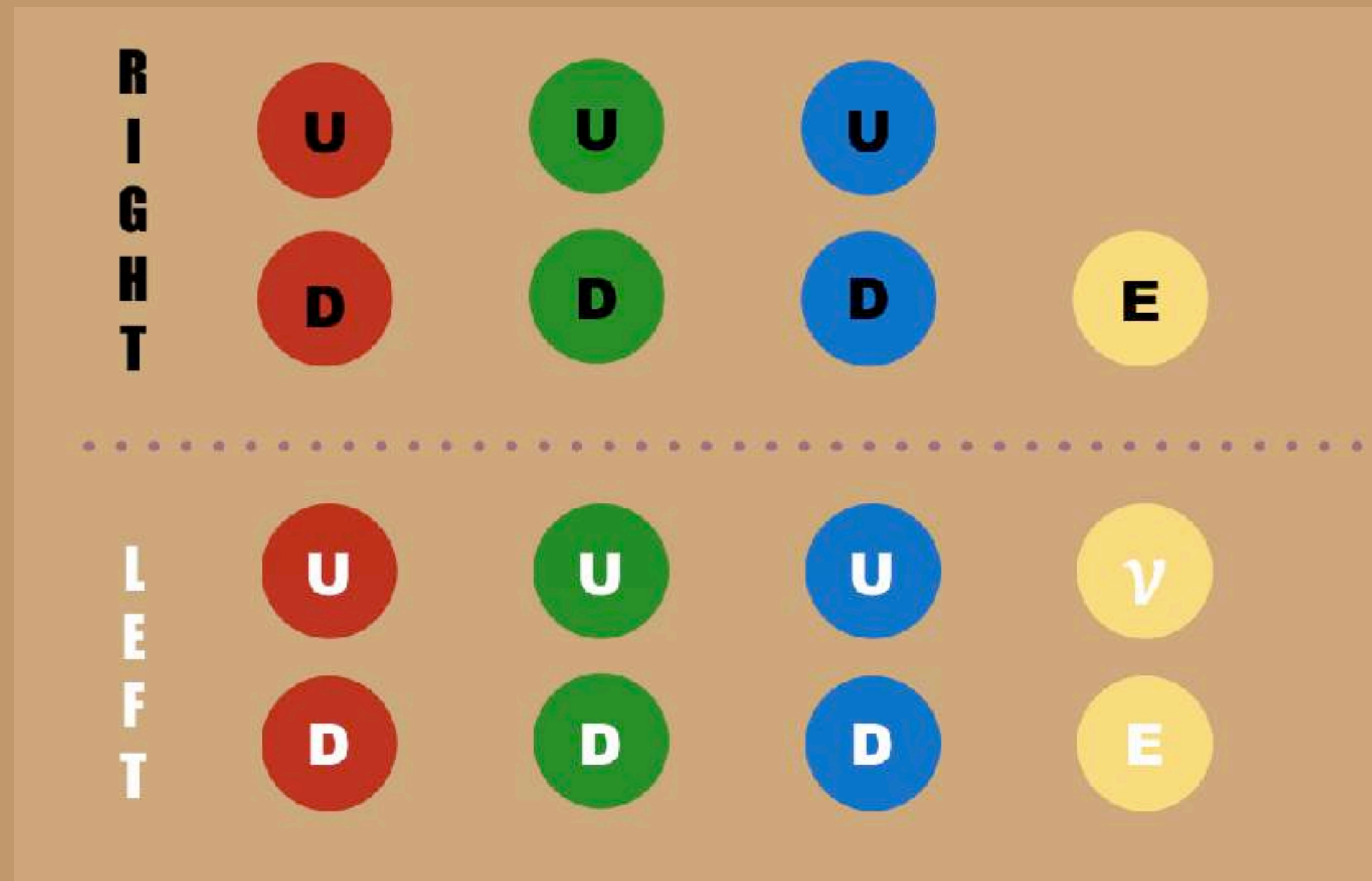
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WHAT IS "MATTER" MADE OF?

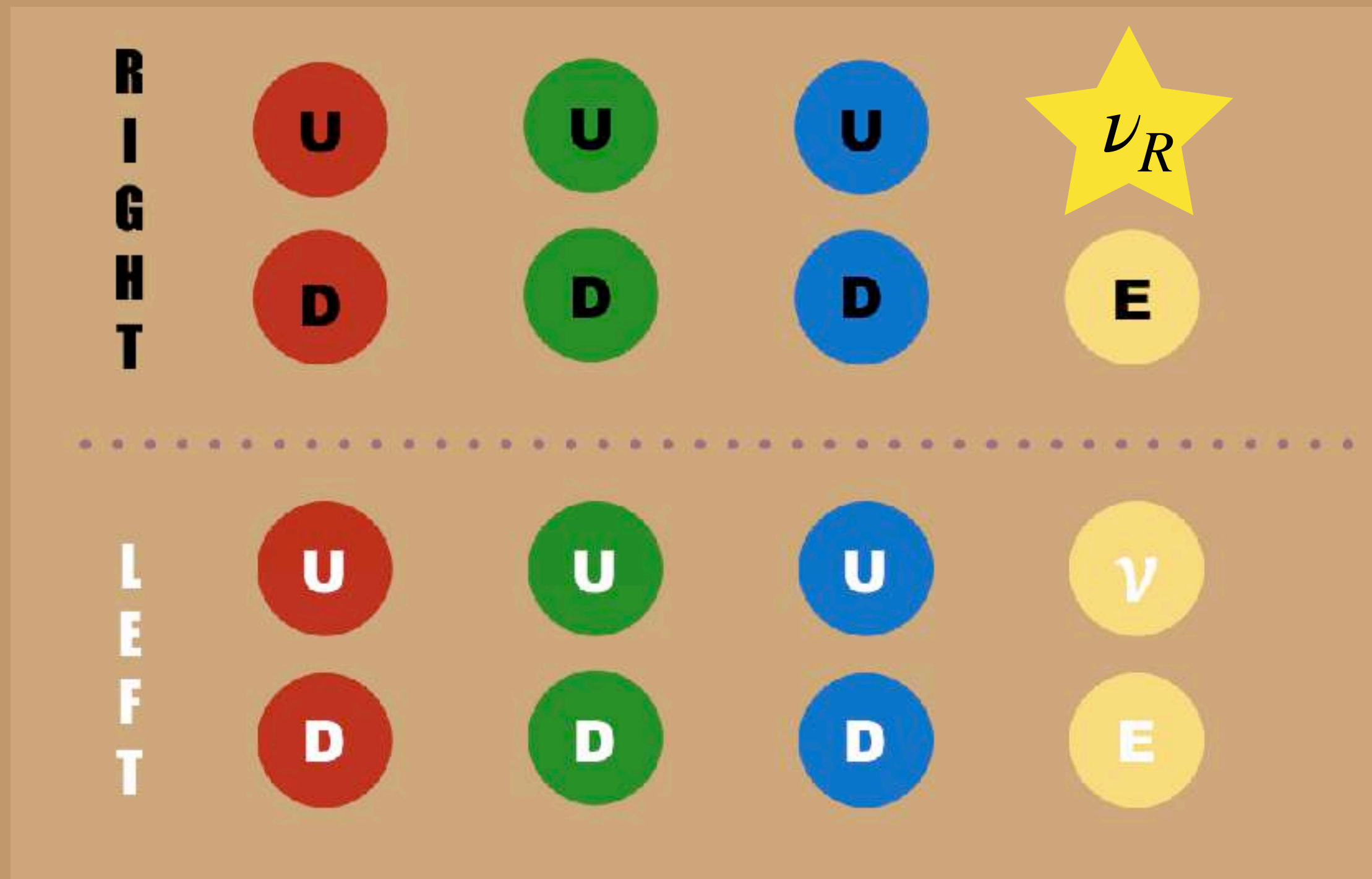
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$p, n, e, \nu_e, \mu \dots$	$B, L_e, L_\mu \dots, ""$	[1961] 1968	[Standard Model] Quarks
Quarks & Leptons	$B-L, L_e-L_\mu \dots, ""$	[1962] 2010	[Leptonic Mixing] Appearance Experiments
Quark-Leptons	$B-L, ""$	[1937] ?	[Majorana' Mass] $2n \rightarrow 2p + 2e$
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heavy neutrinos

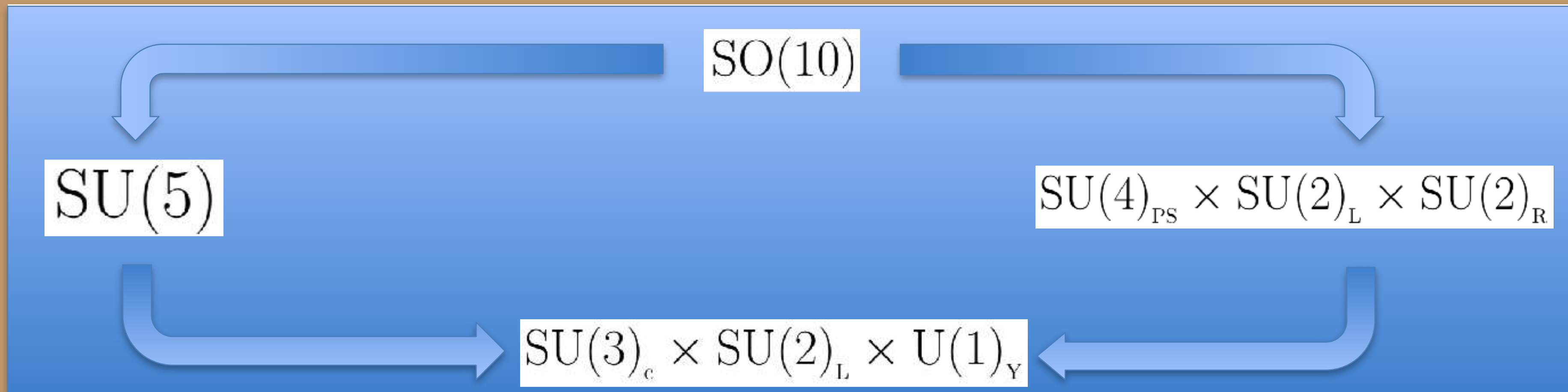
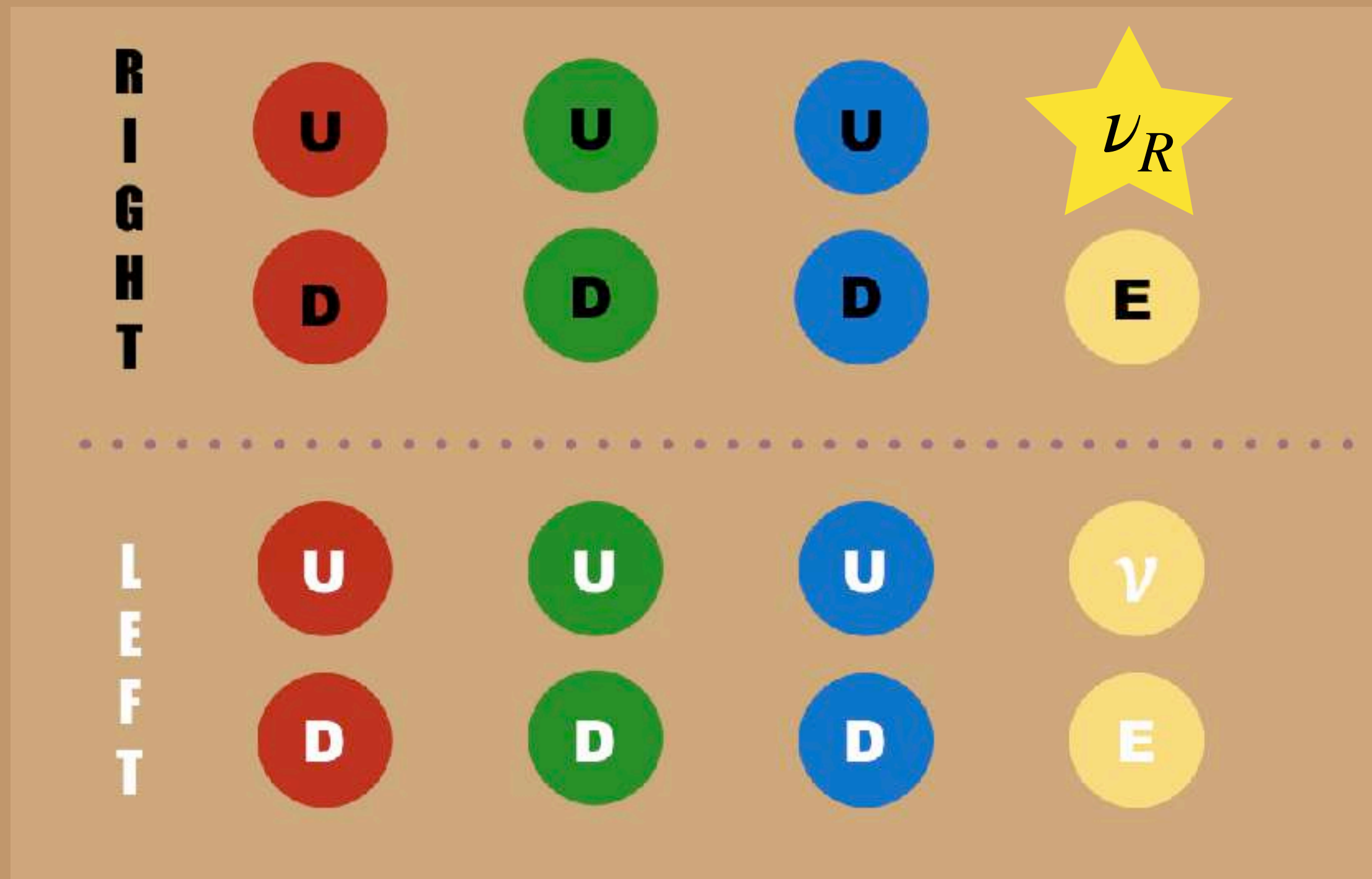


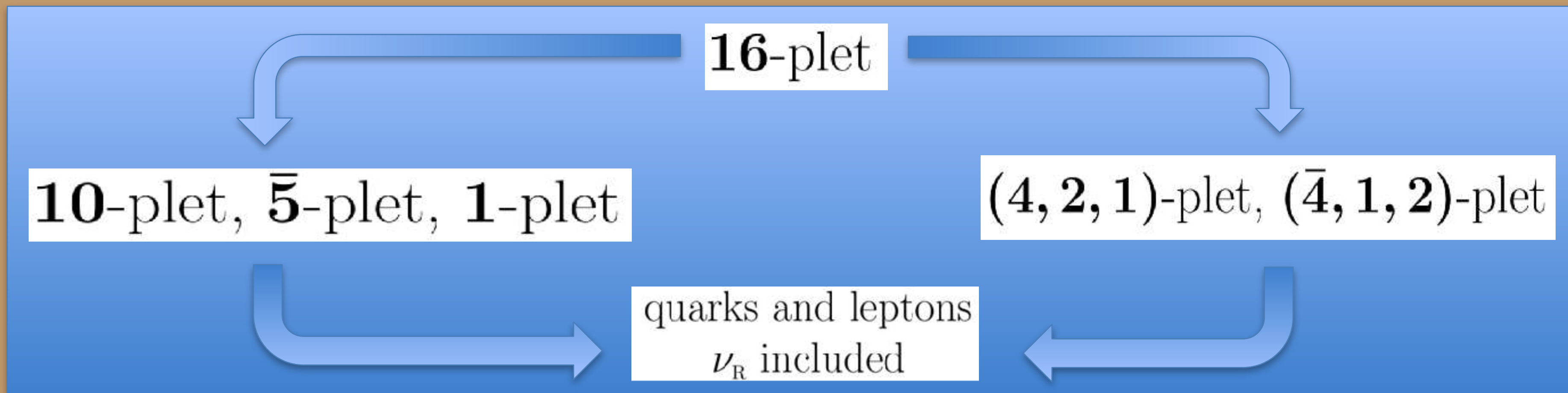
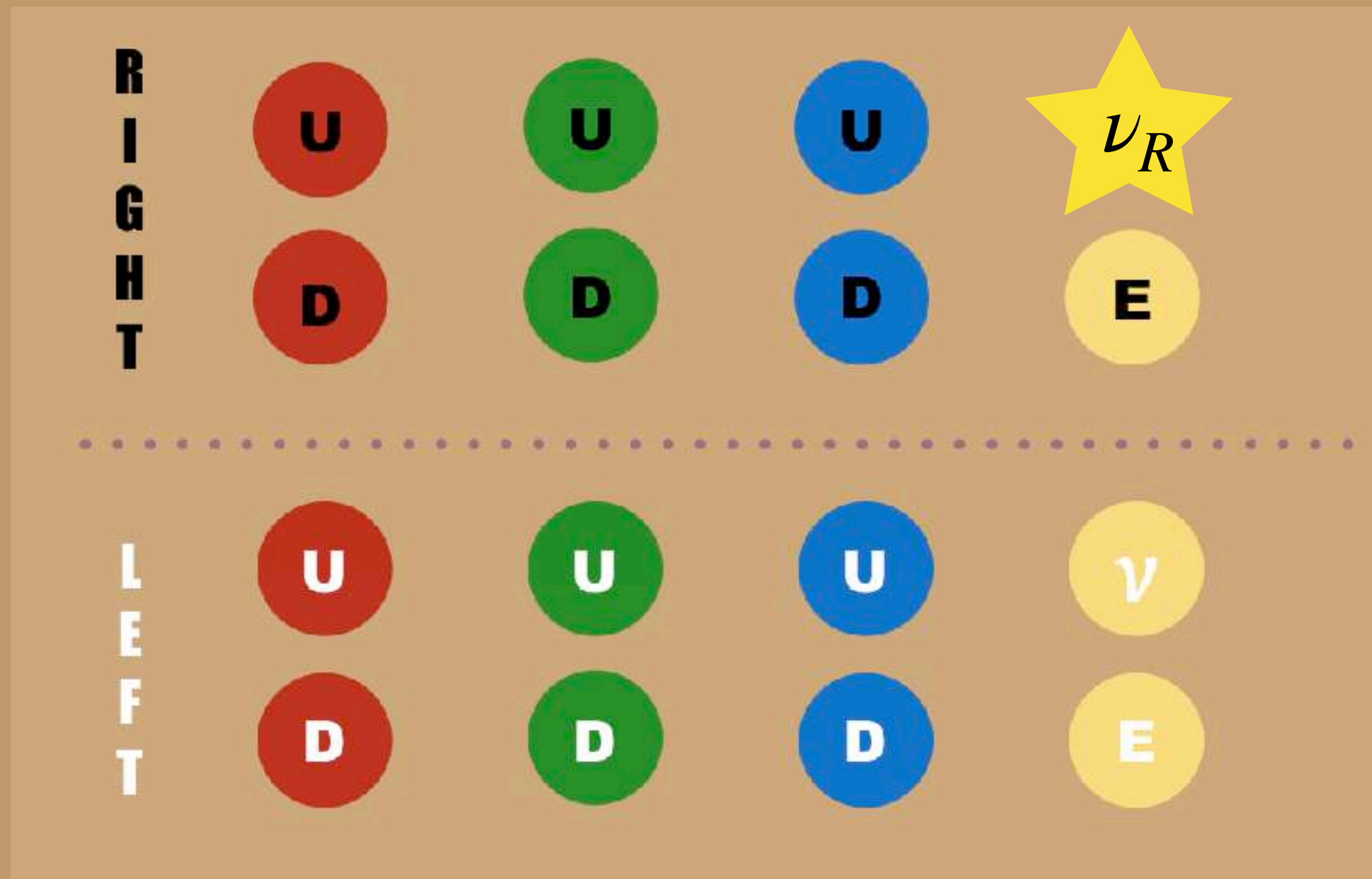
this diagram depicts more accurately which are the particles of the standard model in each family

this new representation highlights a significant asymmetry concerning neutrinos



$SU(2)_L$ acts on $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$ while $SU(2)_R$ acts on $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_R \\ e_R \end{pmatrix}$





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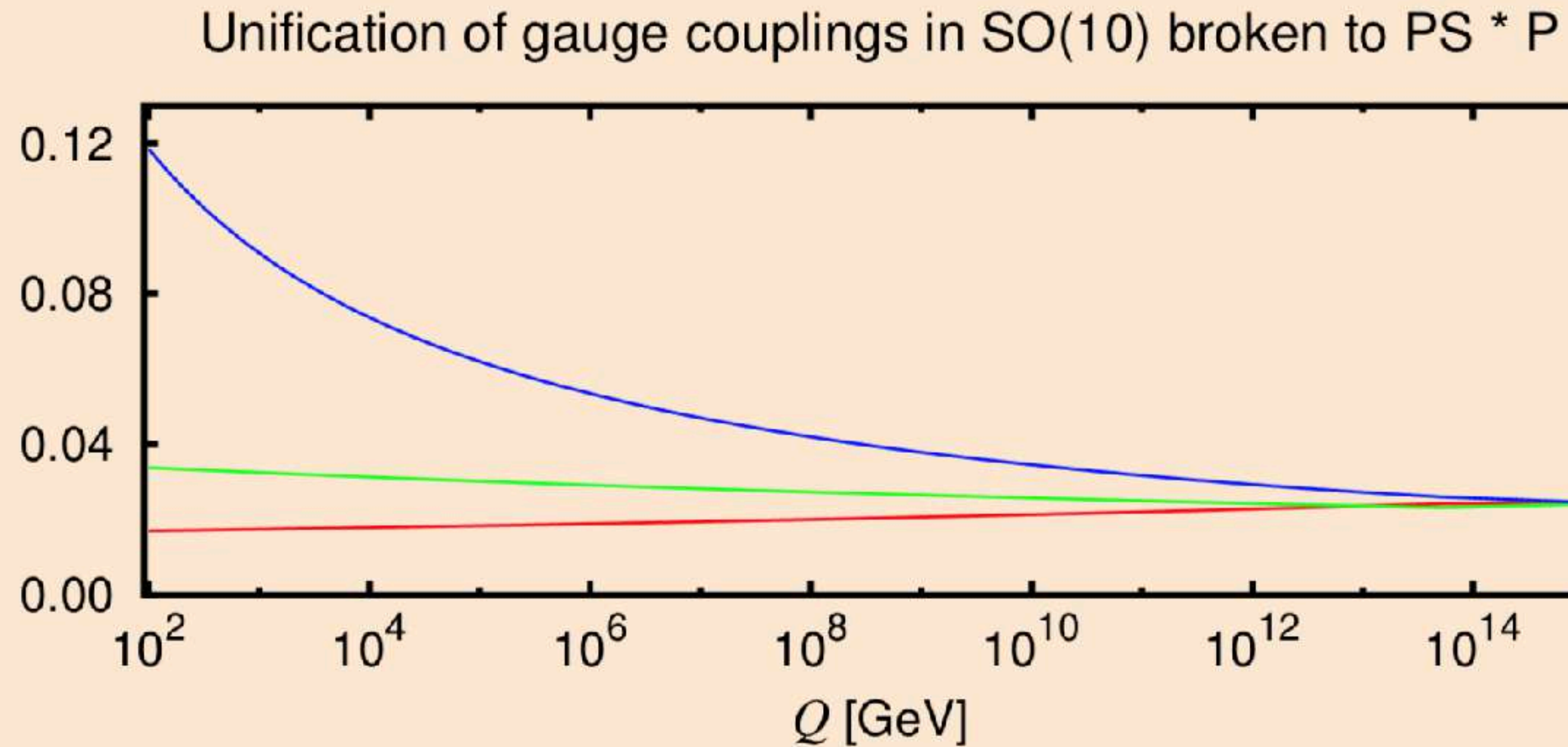


Figure 2: Evolution of the gauge coupling constants in a GUT model with intermediate scale. Here, $M_{\text{interm.}} \approx 5 \times 10^{13}$ GeV.

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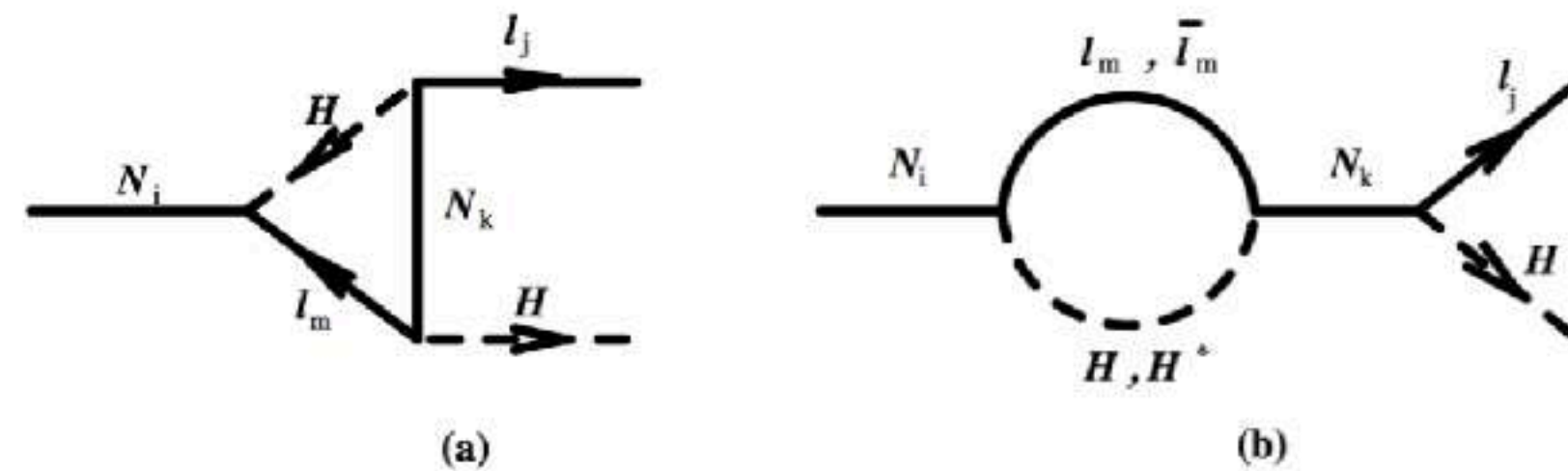


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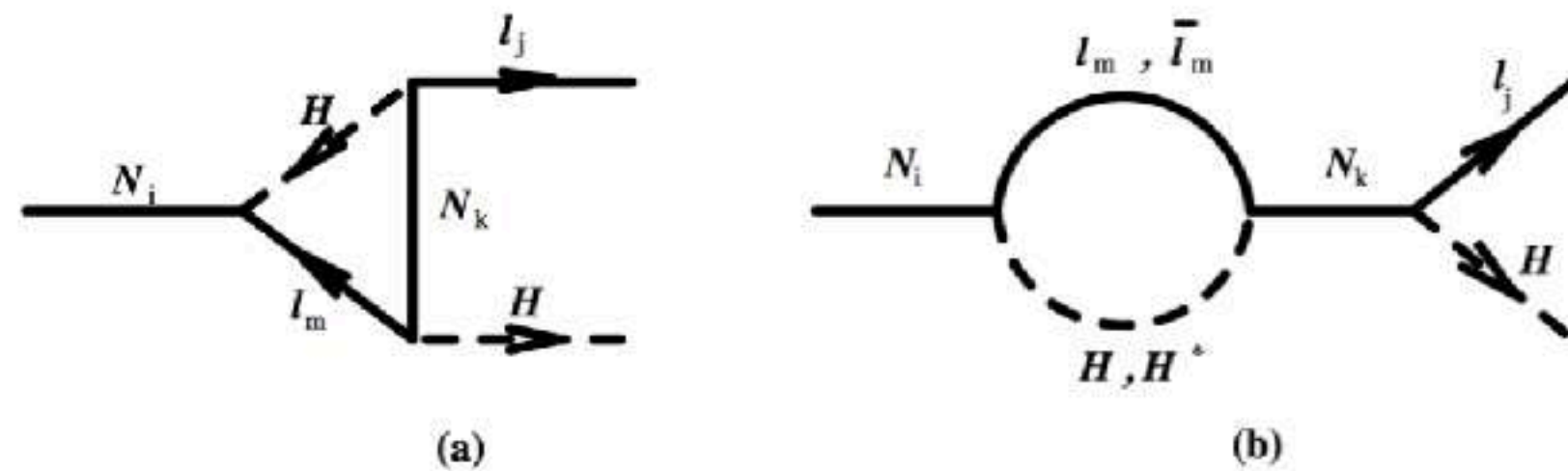
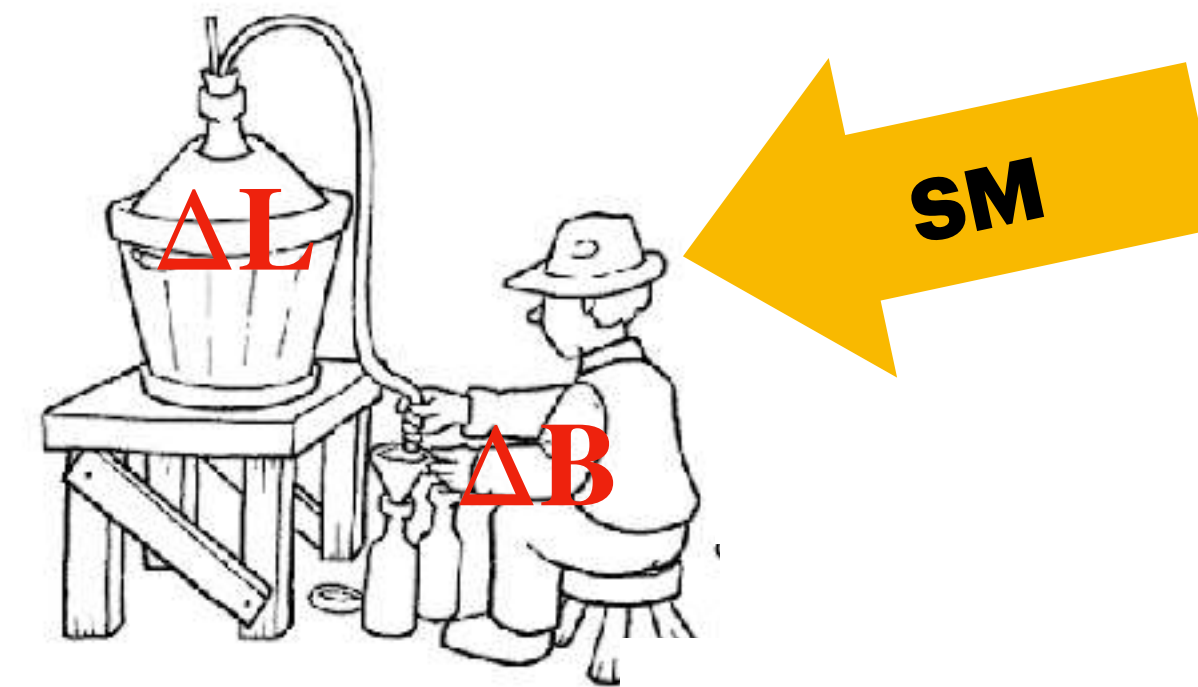


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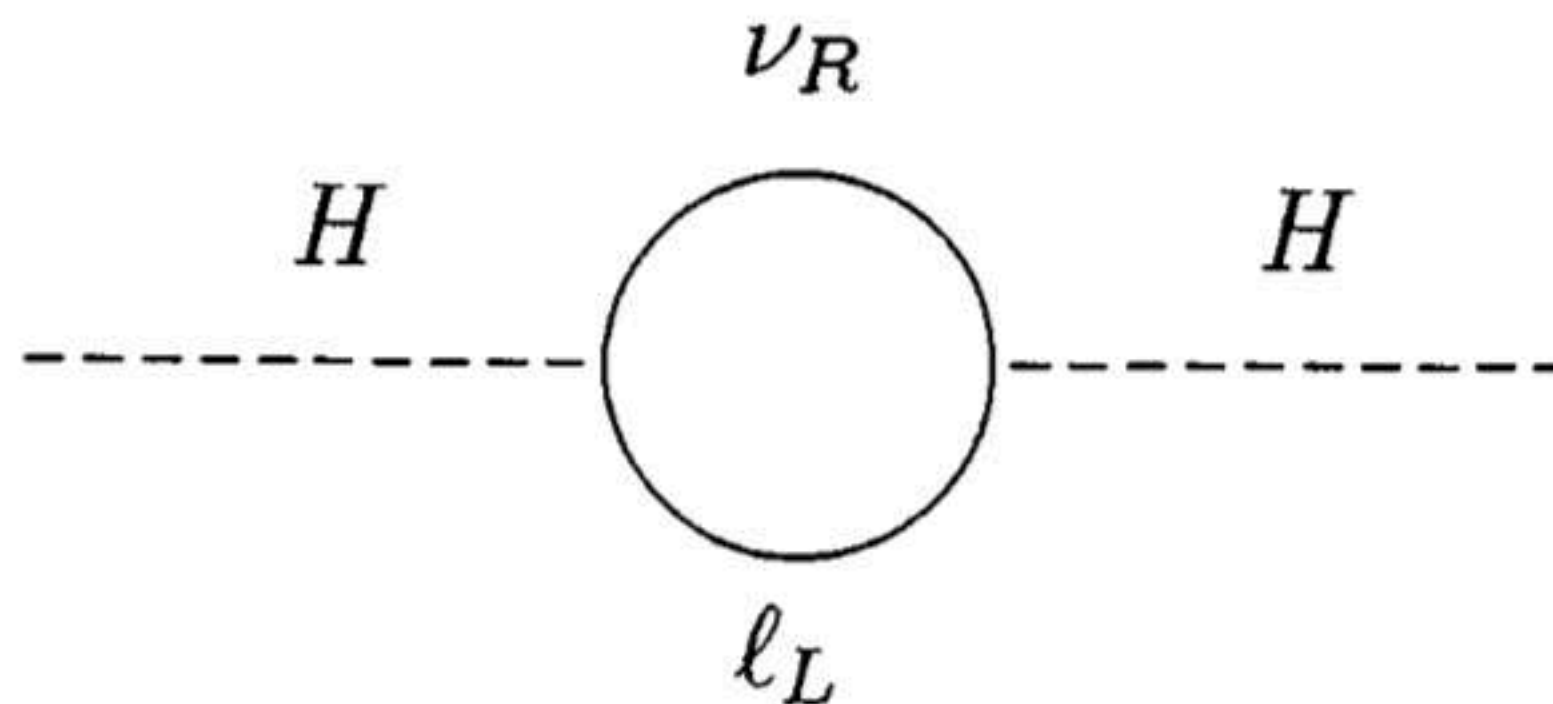


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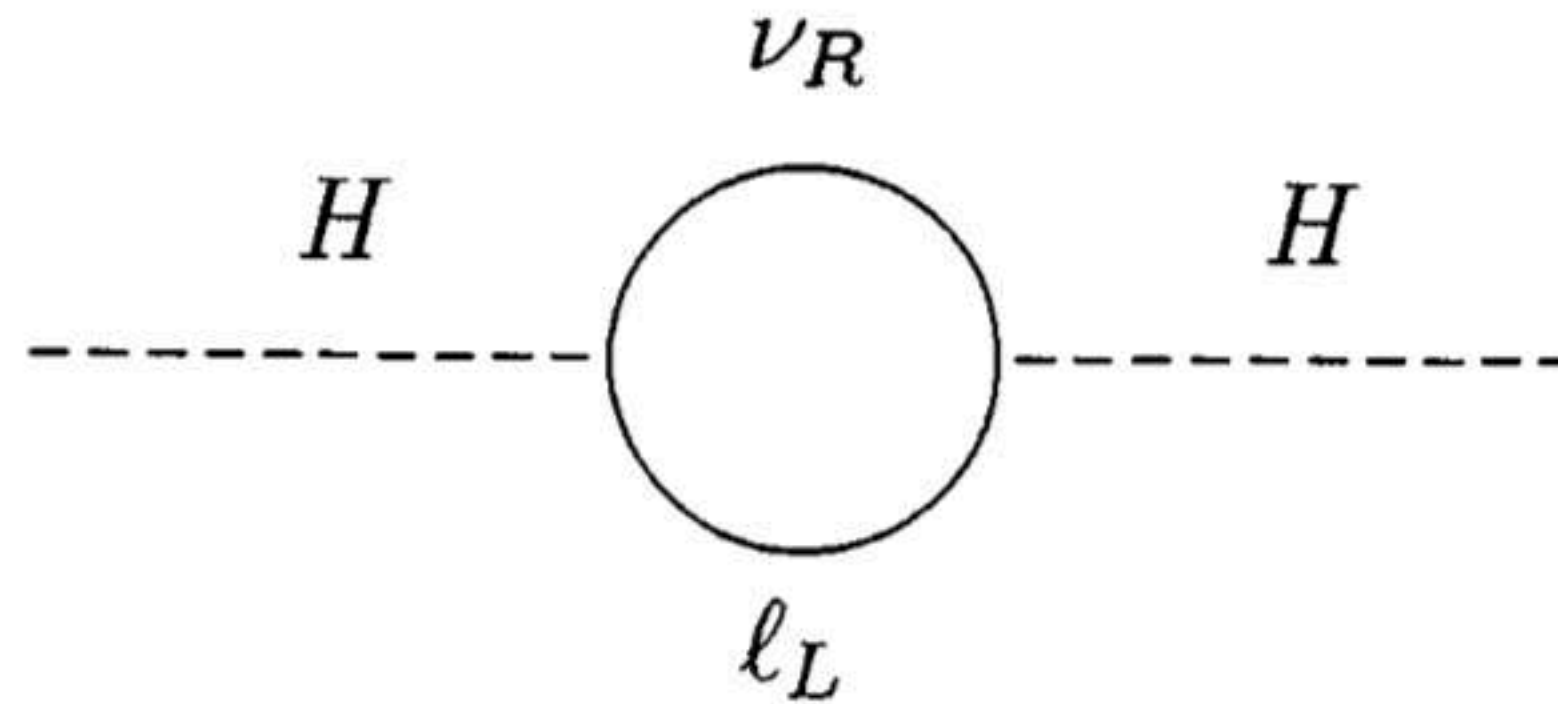

















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what about the cosmological constant?

**observable
manifestations**

the SM as an effective theory

$$\delta\mathcal{L} \ni \frac{(\ell H)^2}{M_a} + \frac{(qqq\ell)}{M_b^2} + \frac{(ddd\bar{\ell}H)}{M_c^3} + \frac{(\ell qd\bar{d})^2}{M_d^5} + \frac{(udd)^2}{M_e^5} + \dots$$

	\mathcal{L} mass	$p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+$	$n \rightarrow K^+ + e^-$	electron creation	$n - \bar{n}$ oscillation
L					
B					
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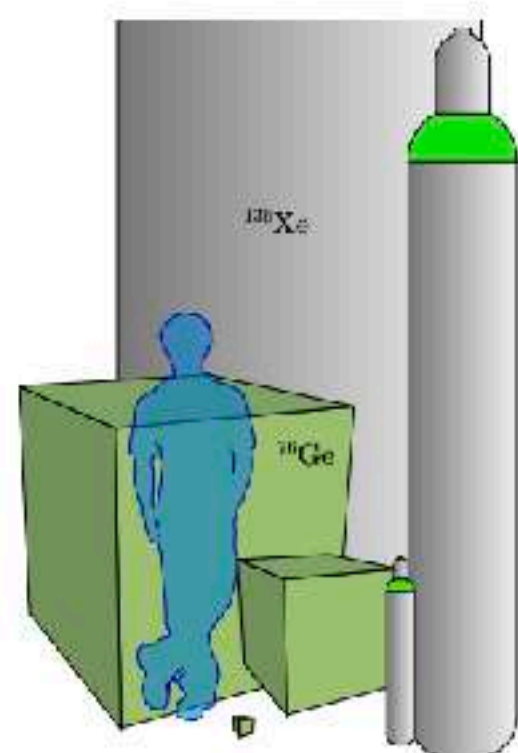
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FIG. 18. Masses corresponding to present, mega and ultimate exposures, assuming zero background condition and 5 years of data acquisition. The cubes represent the amount of ^{76}Ge , the (150 bar) bottles the one of ^{136}Xe . The smallest masses depict the present exposure, while the biggest bottle is out of scale.

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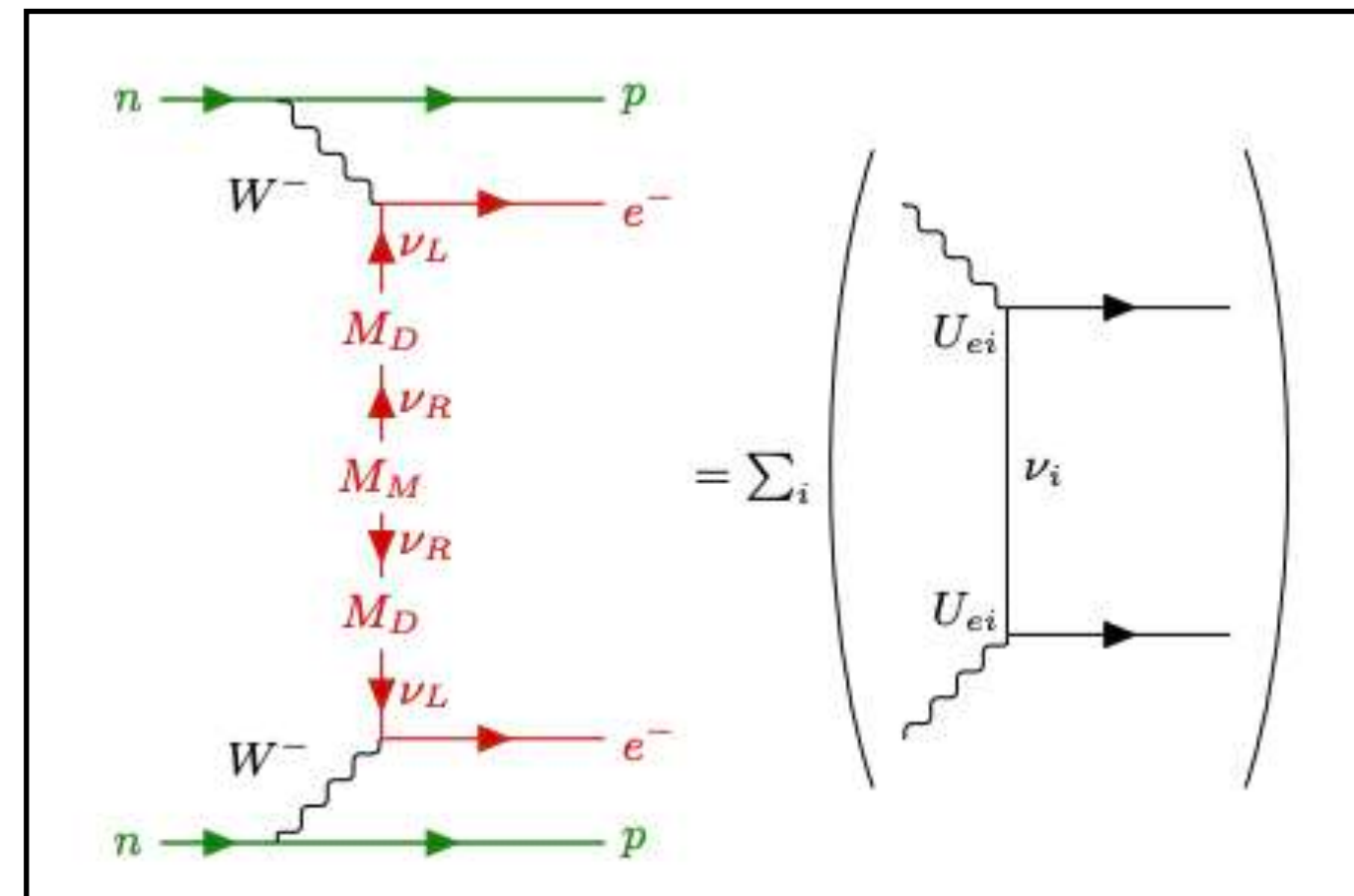
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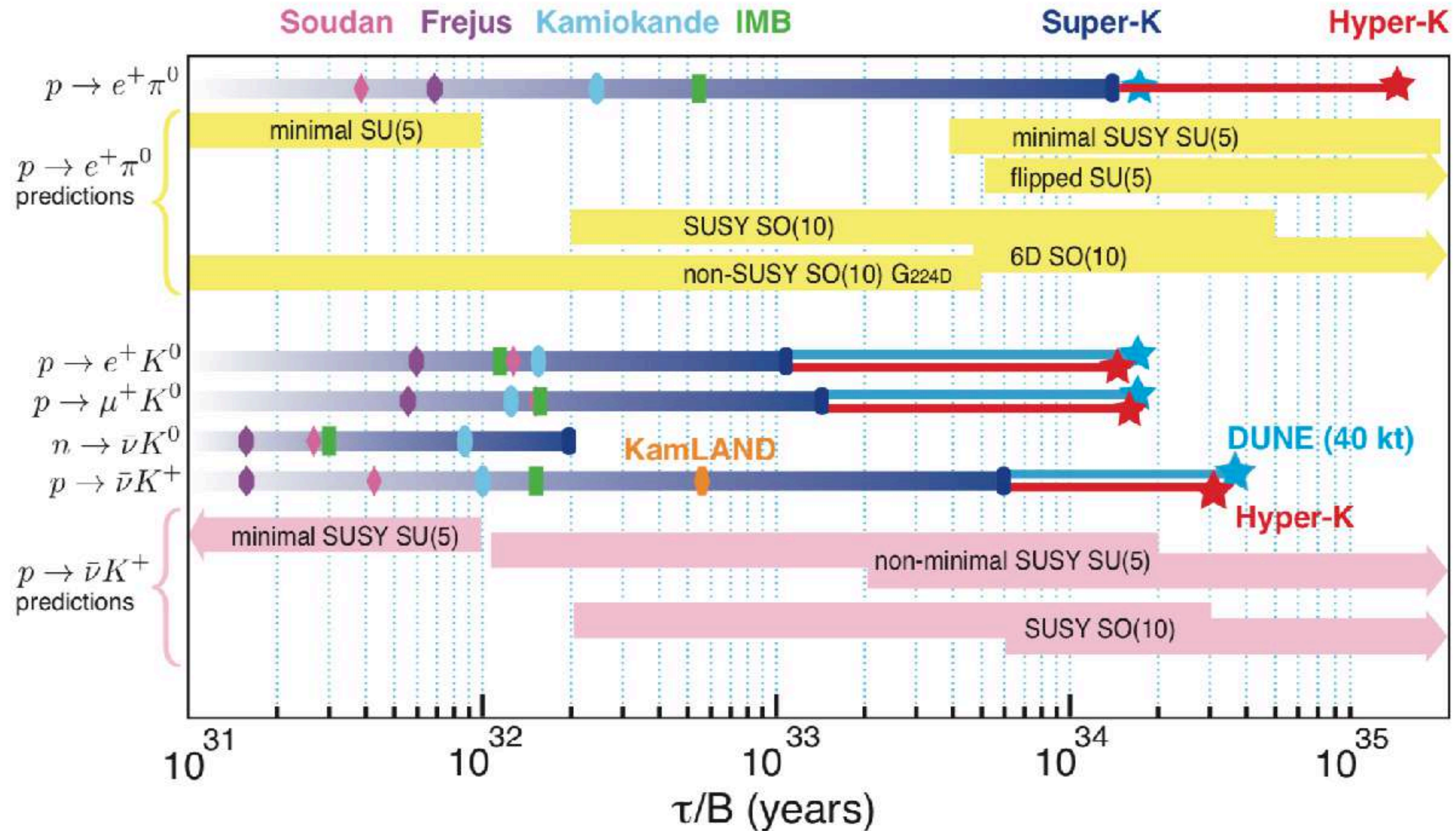
I. INTRODUCTION

In all physical processes observed so far the creation or destruction of matter is compensated by that of antimatter. However, our universe contains an abundance of matter, a fact to which we owe our very existence. In various theories the balance of matter and antimatter can be broken, accounting for this asymmetry of our universe. At present, the most promising avenues for the detection in the laboratory of processes that alter the abundance of matter are proton decay, altering the number of baryons, and electron creation, altering the number of leptons.

The quest to observe electron creation is being pursued vigorously in the form of searches for a nuclear decay where the atomic number Z increases by two units while the nucleon number A remains constant: $(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z + 2) + 2e$. This is commonly known as “neutrinoless $\beta\beta$ decay” ($0\nu\beta\beta$ decay). Here, the creation of electrons can be enabled by the “transmutation” of neutrinos into antineutrinos, which is only possible if the neutrino has a peculiar type of mass, named after Majorana. Thus the matter-antimatter imbalance and neutrino masses could have a common origin.

A symmetry between neutrinos and antineutrinos was postulated by Majorana and further discussed by Racah in 1937. This led Furry to propose the existence of $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay in 1939, building on Goepfert Mayer’s ideas on $\beta\beta$ transitions. Pioneering searches for $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay started in the 40s using time-coincidence counting techniques or visual detection of tracks in cloud chambers and photographic emulsions. Since then, experiments have

... JUNO, DUNE, HYPER-KAMIOKANDE



**a 10 year
anniversary**

my anniversary as a coordinator

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L'Aquila, 4 Settembre 2017

Al Dr. Francesco Vissani
Sede e LNGS

Oggetto: Coordinamento dell'Area Fisica e del Dottorato in Astroparticle Physics del GSSI

Caro Francesco,

con la presente faccio seguito alla lettera del 29 Novembre 2012 (Prot.4/2012), nella quale cui ti chiedevo di ricoprire il ruolo di Coordinatore del Dottorato in Astroparticle Physics, accanto a quello dell'Area Fisica, per quattro anni (termine poi esteso senza formalità per un ulteriore anno).

In virtù della eccellente riuscita del tuo lavoro in questi anni, ti chiedo di continuare a ricoprire questi importanti ruoli anche per l'a.a. 2017/2018.

Cordialmente,

Eugenio

**more anniversary:
1st publications
at the GSSI**

Using Low-Energy Neutrinos from Pion Decay at Rest to Probe the Proton Strangeness

Giulia Pagliaroli (Gran Sasso), Carolina Lujan-Peschard (Gran Sasso and Guanajuato U.), Manimala Mitra (Gran Sasso), Francesco Vissani (Gran Sasso and GSSI, Aquila) (Oct, 2012)

Published in: *Phys.Rev.Lett.* 111 (2013) 2, 022001 • e-Print: [1210.4225](#) [hep-ph]

Dark Matter Searches

F. Arneodo (Gran Sasso and GSSI, Aquila) (Jan, 2013)

Contribution to: [PIC 2012](#), 275-286 • e-Print: [1301.0441](#) [astro-ph.IM]

Counting muons to probe the neutrino mass spectrum

Carolina Lujan-Peschard (Gran Sasso), Giulia Pagliaroli (Gran Sasso and Guanajuato U.), Francesco Vissani (Gran Sasso and GSSI, Aquila) (Jan, 2013)

Published in: *Eur.Phys.J.C* 73 (2013) 2439 • e-Print: [1301.4577](#) [hep-ph]

A millimole of muons for a Higgs Factory?

Carlo Rubbia (GSSI, Aquila) (Mar, 2013)

Contribution to: [Neutel 2013](#)

Probing Cosmic Rays in Nearby Giant Molecular Clouds with the Fermi Large Area Telescope

Rui-zhi Yang (Heidelberg, Max Planck Inst. and Purple Mountain Observ.), Emma de Oña Wilhelmi (Heidelberg, Max Planck Inst. and ICE, Bellaterra), Felix Aharonian (Heidelberg, Max Planck Inst. and Dublin Inst. and GSSI, Aquila) (Mar 29, 2013)

Published in: *Astron.Astrophys.* 566 (2014) A142 • e-Print: [1303.7323](#) [astro-ph.HE]

Prospects for observing and localizing gravitational-wave transients with Advanced LIGO, Advanced Virgo and KAGRA

KAGRA and LIGO Scientific and Virgo and VIRGO Collaborations • B.P. Abbott (LIGO Lab., Caltech) et al. (Apr 2, 2013)

Published in: *Living Rev.Rel.* 23 (2020) 1, 3, *Living Rev.Rel.* 21 (2018) 1, 3 • e-Print: [1304.0670](#) [gr-qc]

Sterile neutrinos: the necessity for a 5 sigma definitive clarification

Carlo Rubbia (GSSI, Aquila and CERN), Alberto Guglielmi (INFN, Padua), Francesco Pietropaolo (INFN, Padua), Paola Sala (INFN, Milan) (Apr 7, 2013)

e-Print: [1304.2047](#) [hep-ph]

The Dark Matter halo of the Milky Way, AD 2013

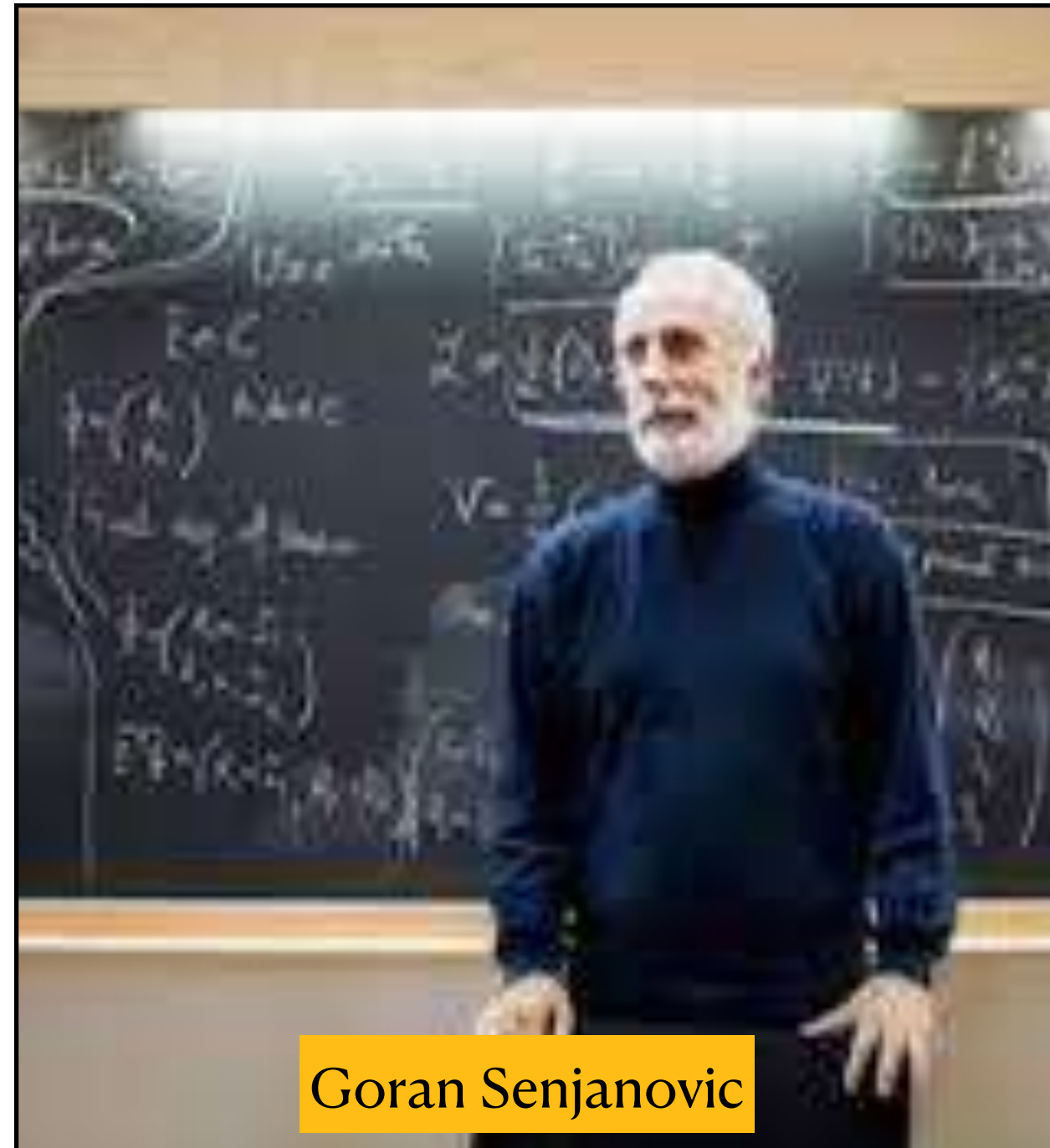
Fabrizio Nesti (GSSI, Aquila), Paolo Salucci (SISSA, Trieste) (Apr 18, 2013)

Published in: *JCAP* 07 (2013) 016 • e-Print: [1304.5127](#) [astro-ph.GA]

again anniversary: GSSI begins (2013-2014)

FIRST TRIMESTER

Introduction to Nuclear Physics	<i>Fiorini</i>
Nuclear Astrophysics	<i>Marcucci</i>
Standard Model and Extension	<i>Senjanović</i>
Neutrino Physics – Experiments	<i>Calaprice</i>
Neutrino Physics – Theory	<i>Vissani</i>
Statistics	<i>Caldwell</i>
Neutrons and Backgrounds in Underground Labs	<i>Kudryatsev</i>
Dark Matter in Astronomy and Astrophysics	<i>Salucci</i>
Aspects of Symmetry	<i>Iachello</i>
Dark Matter Theory	<i>Ullio</i>
Dark Matter Search with Scintillators	<i>Bernabei</i>
Montecarlo Methods	<i>Pandola</i>
Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay	<i>Cremonesi</i>
Dark Matter Search with Cryogenic Liquids	<i>Aprile</i>



Goran Senjanovic

SECOND TRIMESTER

Basics of Particle Detectors	<i>Petrera</i>
Modern Detectors	<i>Ragazzi</i>
Interactions of Hadrons at High Energy	<i>Battistoni</i>
Non-Thermal Processes in Astrophysics	<i>Tavani</i>
Physics and Astrophysics of Cosmic Rays	<i>Blasi</i>
Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays	<i>Berezinsky</i>
High Energy Gamma Rays	<i>Aharonian</i>
High Energy Cosmic Neutrinos	<i>Lipari</i>
General Relativity	<i>Capozziello</i>
Gravity Waves Theory – a Primer	<i>Schutz</i>
Gravity Waves Theory – Astrophysical Sources	<i>Ferrari</i>
Gravity Waves Detection – Experiments	<i>Fafone</i>
Gravity Waves Detection – Data Analysis	<i>Katsavounidis</i>
Cosmology	<i>Matarrese</i>

super anniversary



Visiting Professors



ADRIANI Oscar



AHARONIAN Felix



APRILE Elena



ARNEODO
Francesco



BATTISTONI
Giuseppe



BERNABEI Rita



BONVICINI
Walter



CALAPRICE Frank



CALDWELL Allen



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CIMATTI Andrea



CREMONESI
Oliviero



CRISTALLO Sergio



DE ANGELIS



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DRAGO Marco



SALAMIDA
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TAVANI Marco



ULLIO Piero



FAFONE Viviana



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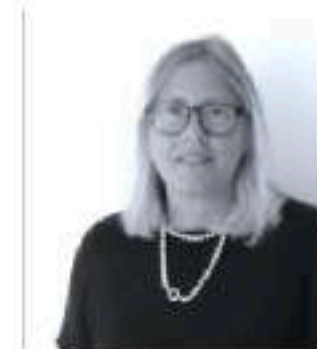
MARCUCCI Elisa



MATARRESE
Sabino



MESSINA Marcello



MONTARULI
Teresa



PANDOLA Luciano



PREVITALI Ezio



RAGAZZI Stefano



WEBER William
Joseph

In this situation, I hope you can understand, if not excuse, my **curiosity**.

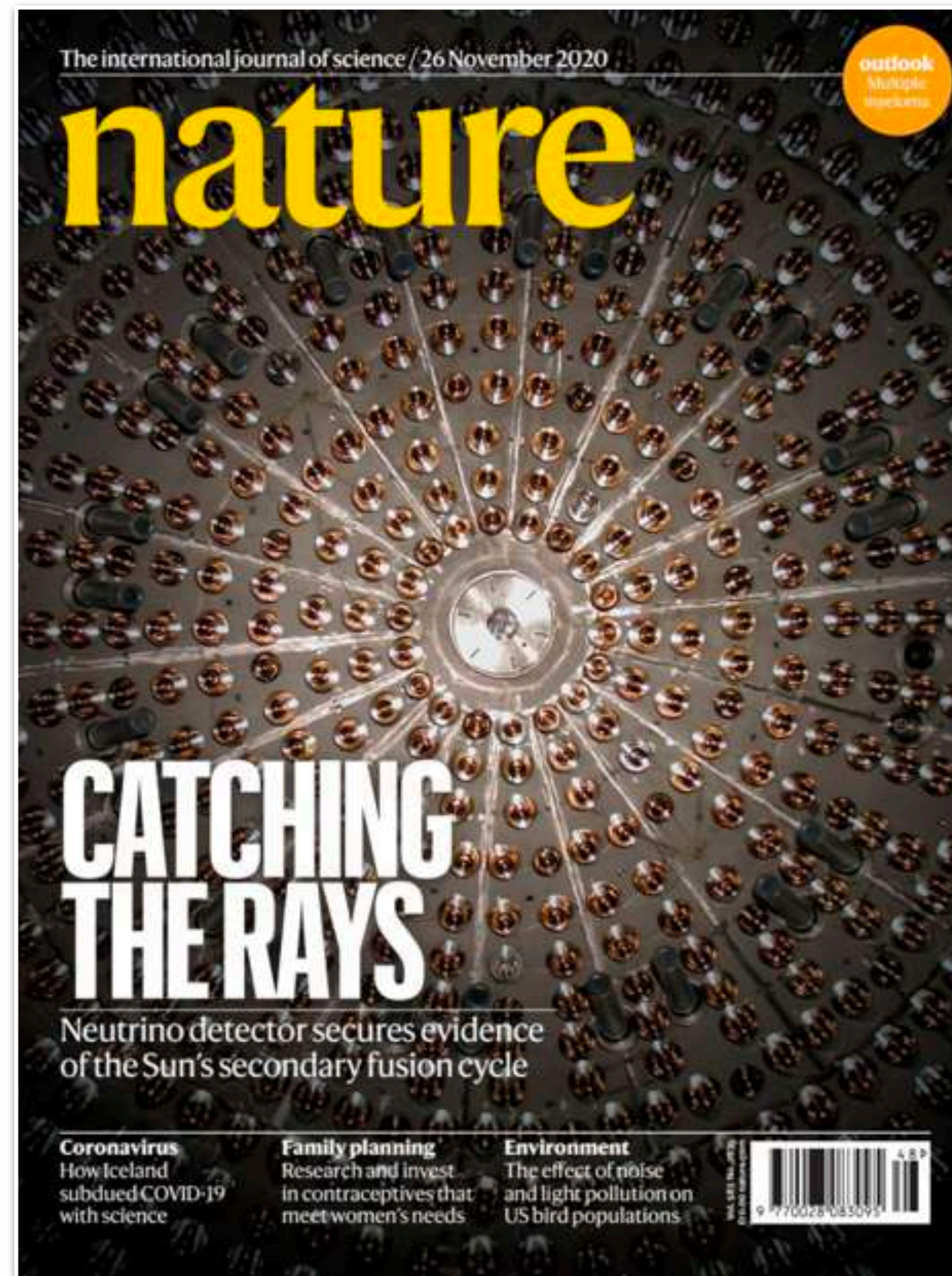
Why was my photo removed from the list of visiting professors? Is it the choice of one person or is it an expression of a shared policy?

Apart from that, I am **happy and honoured** to have served as a coordinator at GSSI and I am **grateful** to my colleagues who invited me today.

PhD is a great thing: my congrats and best wishes to all of you!



Simone Marcocci



Ilia Drachnev



Xuefeng Ding



Daniele Guffanti

Thanks!