

# Fundamental Symmetries

**Lecture 1: Introduction to fundamental symmetries**

**Lecture 2: Nuclei, atoms, and molecules**

**Lecture 3: Time-reversal violation (CP). Dark matter searches  
Nuclear matter**



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Lluís Domènech i Montaner (1908)

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# Open Questions

How did visible matter come into being and how does it evolve?

What is the origin of the elements in the universe?

How does subatomic matter organize itself and what phenomena emerge?

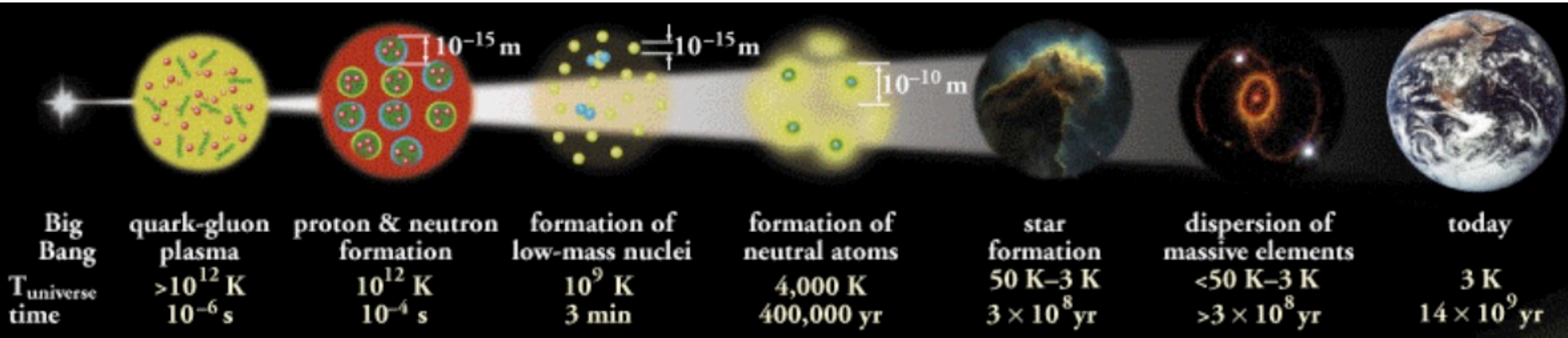
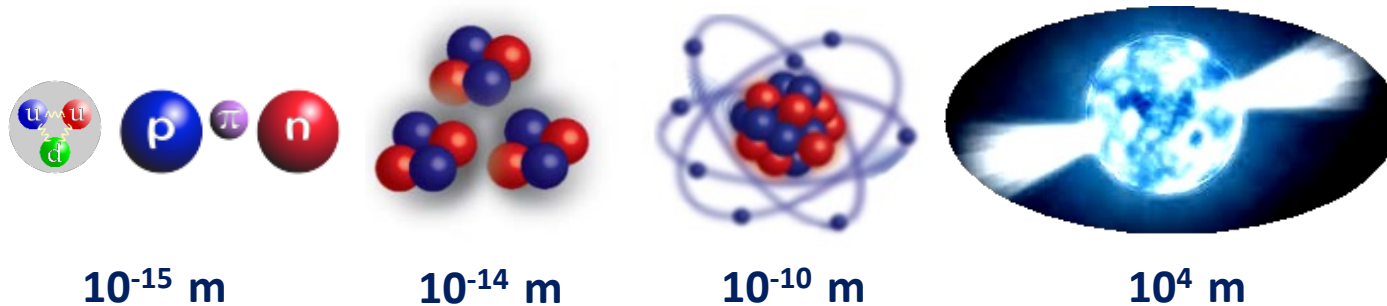


Figure: [www.lbl.gov/abc/wallchart/](http://www.lbl.gov/abc/wallchart/)

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# Fundamental Particles and Interactions

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles

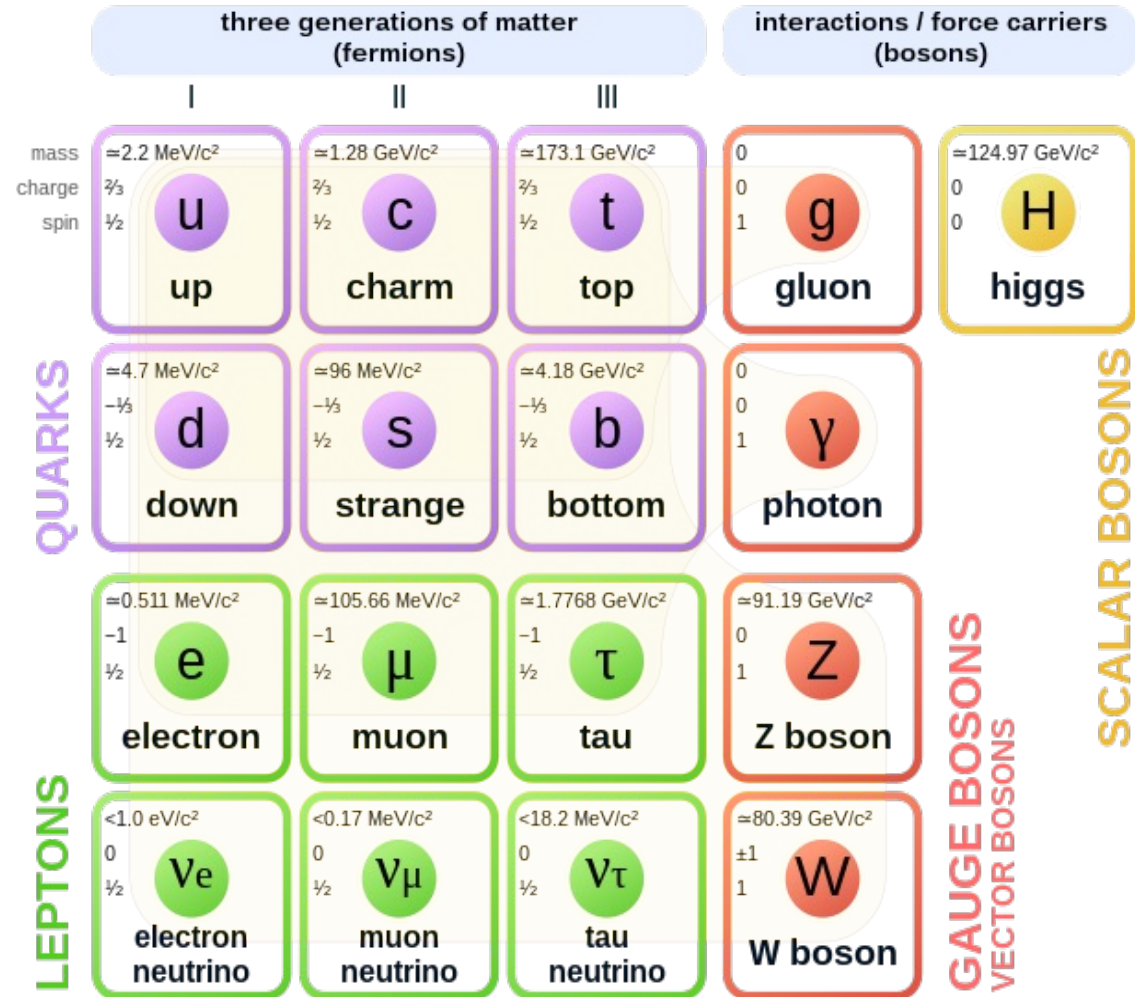
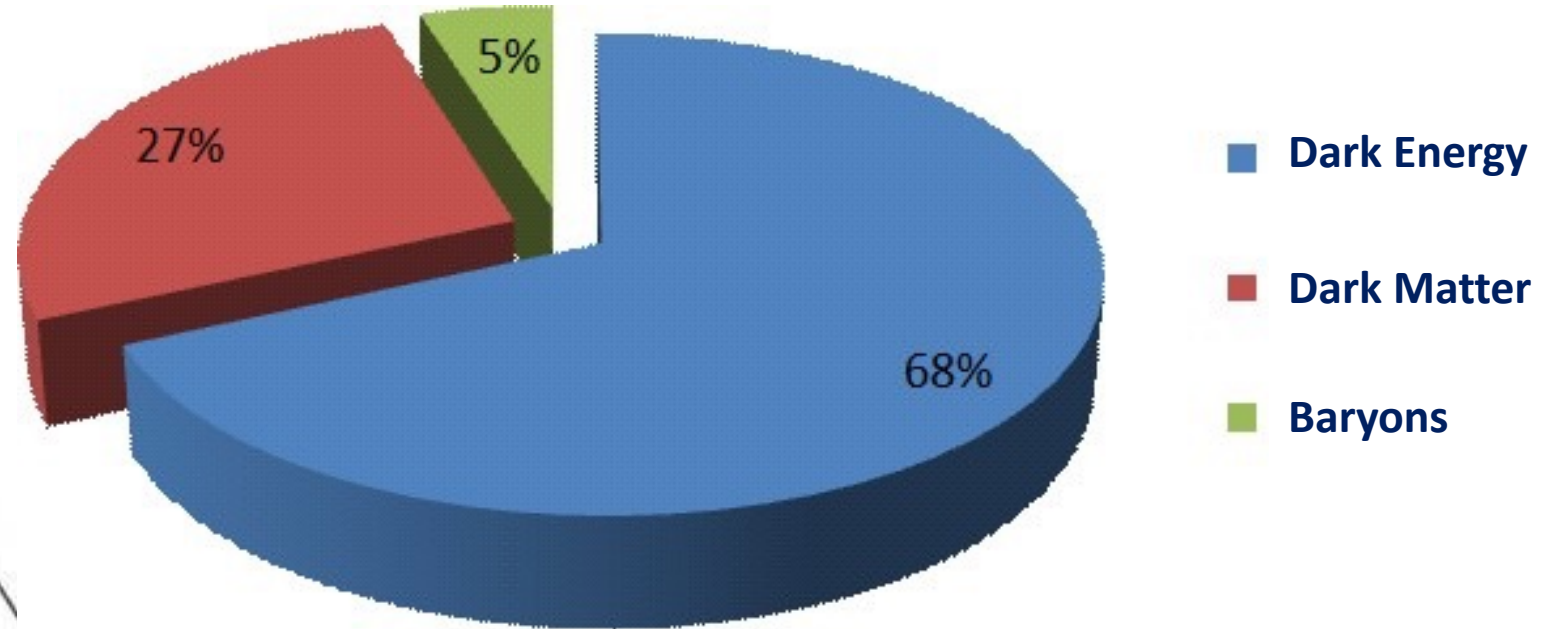
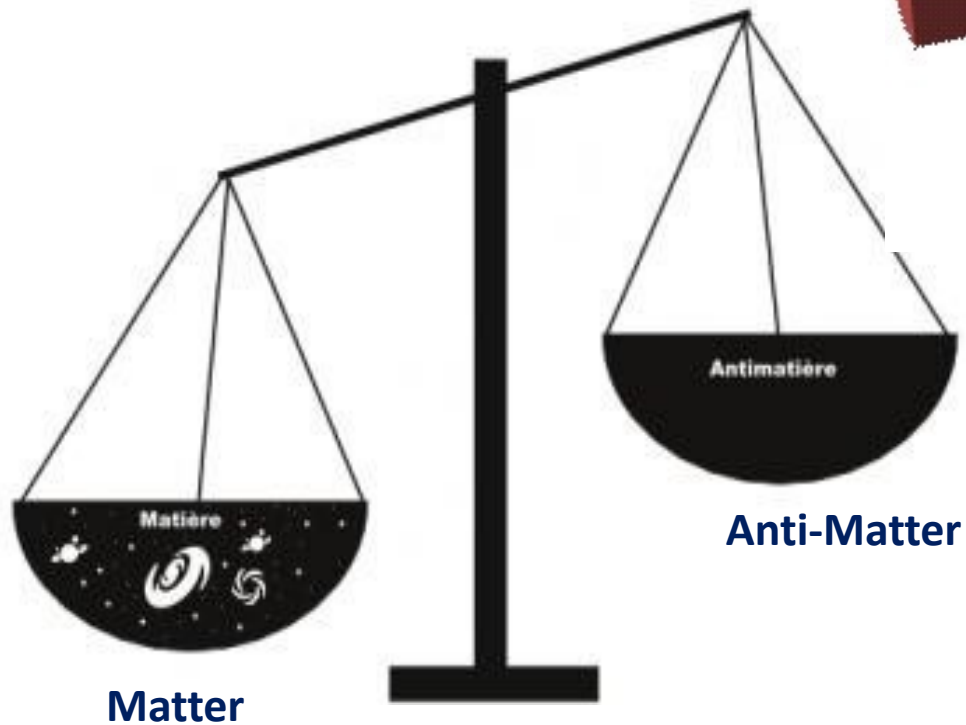


Figure: Wikipedia

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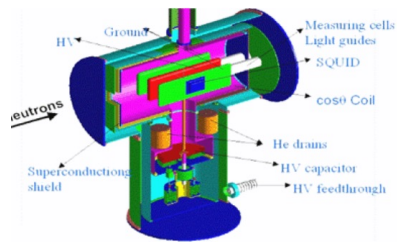
- What is the origin of the matter-antimatter asymmetry of the Universe?  
CP- $\rightarrow$ T Violation
- EW symmetry breaking
- Are there new particle and forces?
- Is there physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM)?
- Neutrino properties
- What are the properties of nuclear matter?
- ....

# Warning!

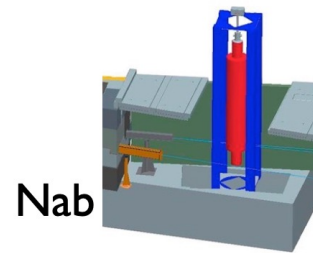
This lecture: Focused on atomic and molecular experiments!

There are many other ongoing efforts:

- *Neutrino physics*
- *Beta decay*
- *Colliders*
- *EDMs*
- *Electron scattering*
- *neutrons*
- *Muons*
- *Pions and Photons*



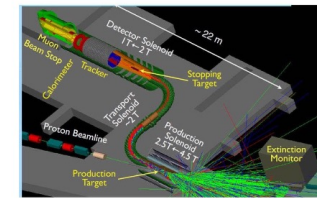
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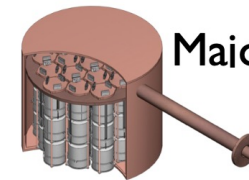
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# Suggested Material

Previous NNPSS lectures:

- 2019: Fundamental Symmetries and Weak Interaction through Parity Violation  
Juliette Mammei
- 2018: Neutrons and Fundamental Symmetries  
Susan Gardner, Chen-Yu Liu
- 2017: Fundamental Symmetries  
David Hertzog
- 2016: Fundamental Symmetries  
Vincenzo Cirigliano
- 2015: Fundamental Symmetries and Neutrinos  
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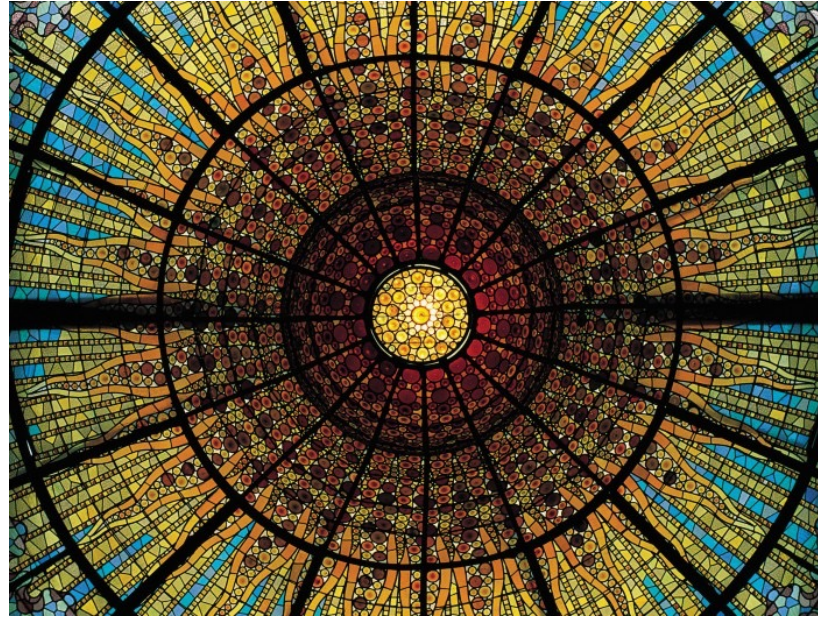
# Outline

- **Symmetries in Nature**
  - > Conservation laws and symmetries
  - > “Fundamental” symmetries
- **Precision tests**
  - > Atoms and molecules for nuclear science
- **Searches for symmetry violations**
  - > Experimental tests
  - > BSM searches

# Symmetries in Nature



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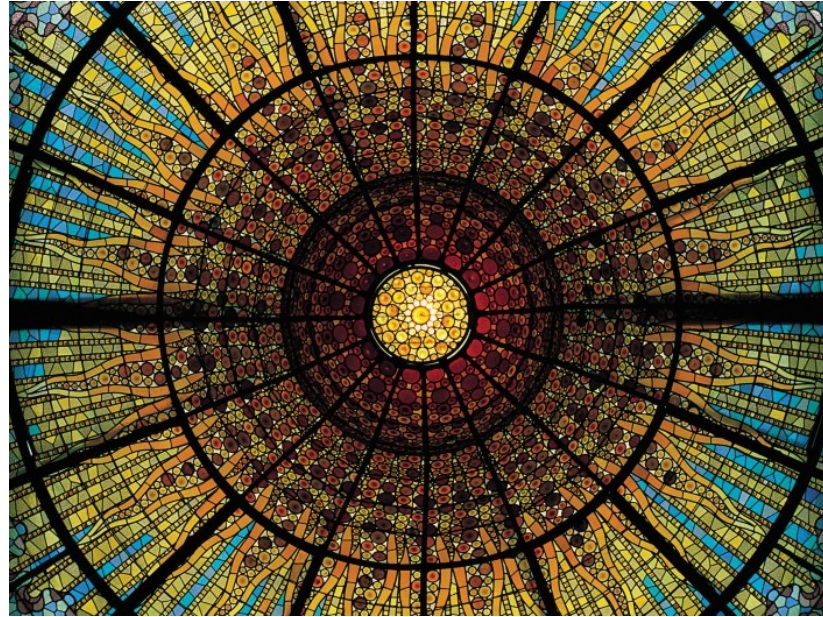
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**Why do we care?**

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- **Parity (P)**

-> If a process is permitted by the laws of physics, its mirror image is also permitted

- **Charge conjugation (C)**

-> The laws of physics do not change if particles are replaced by antiparticles.

- **Time reversal (T)**

-> The laws of physics are the same whether time is running forward or backward

## Why are these symmetries useful?

# Symmetries and Conservation Laws



**Emmy Noether (1882-1935)**

**Conservation laws imply symmetries:**

- **Energy -> Time invariance**
- **Linear momentum -> Translation invariance**
- **Angular momentum -> Rotational invariance**



# Baryon Asymmetry

Sakharov (1967): Conditions to achieve matter-antimatter asymmetry via baryogenesis:

- C and CP-violation
- B violation
- Deviation from thermal equilibrium

Matter-antimatter asymmetry

$$\xi = \frac{n_B - n_{\bar{B}}}{n_\gamma} \approx \frac{n_B}{n_\gamma} \approx \mathbf{10^{-11}}$$

# Symmetry Operations

$$\mathbf{r} \quad \xrightarrow{P}$$

$$\mathbf{p} = -i\hbar\nabla \quad \xrightarrow{P}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \quad \xrightarrow{P}$$

$$\mathbf{E} = -\nabla\varphi - \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial \mathbf{A}}{\partial t} \quad \xrightarrow{P}$$

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$$\mathbf{S} \quad \xrightarrow{P}$$

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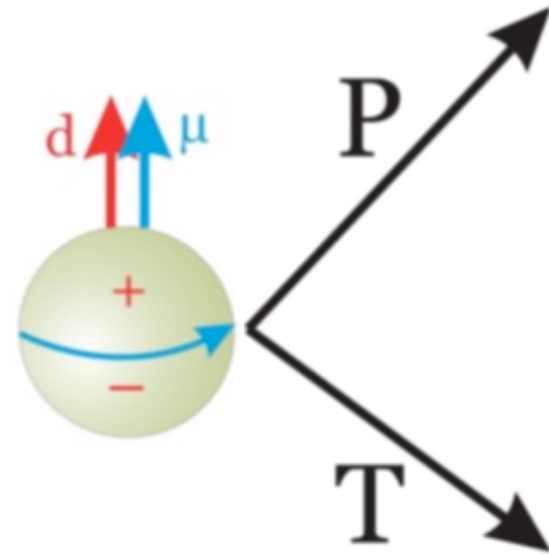
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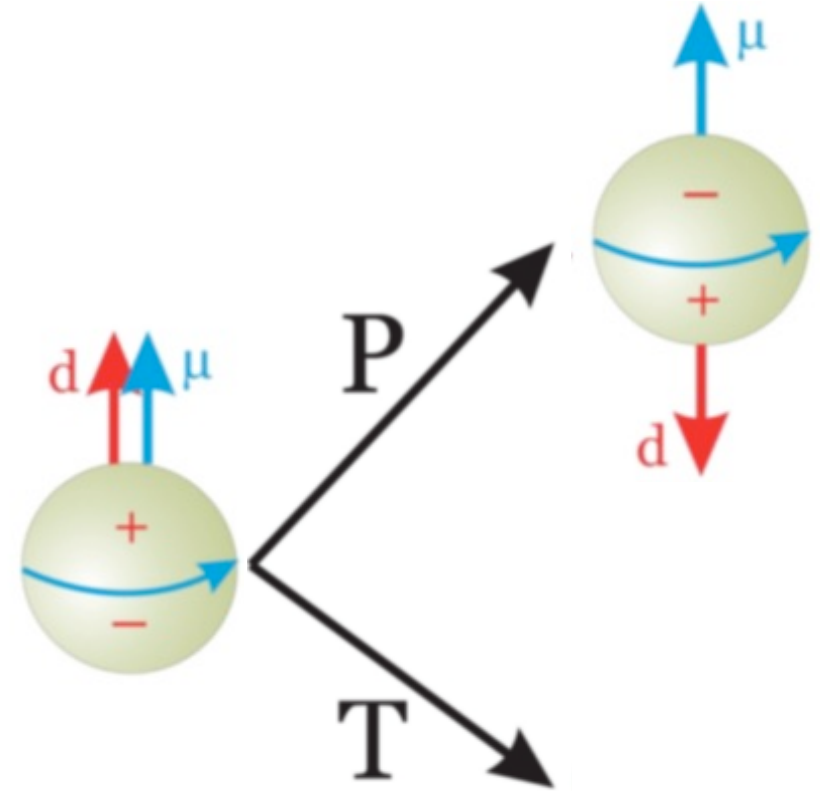
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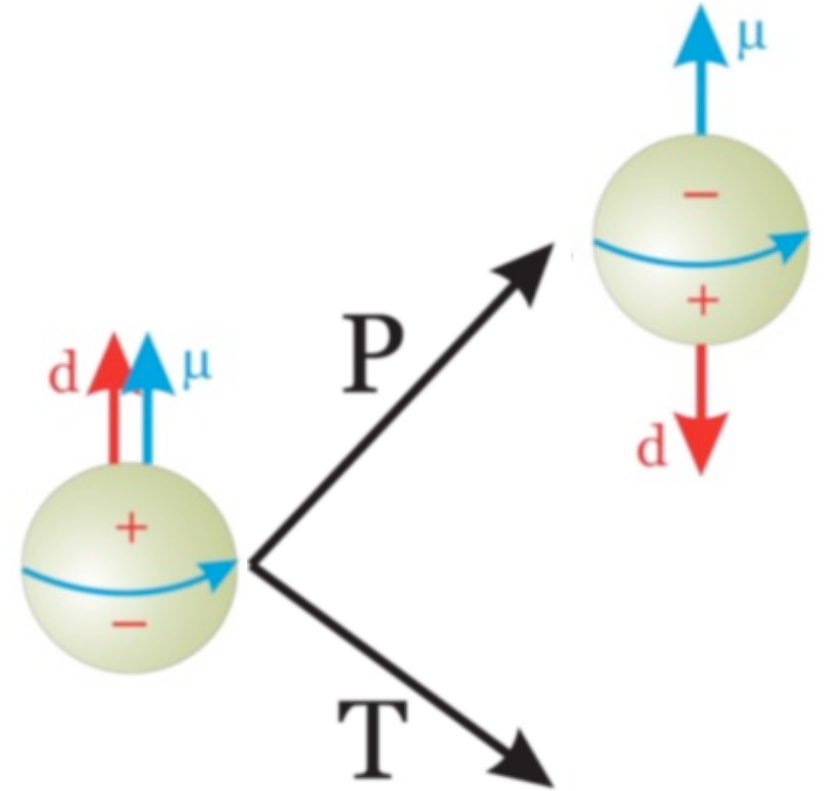
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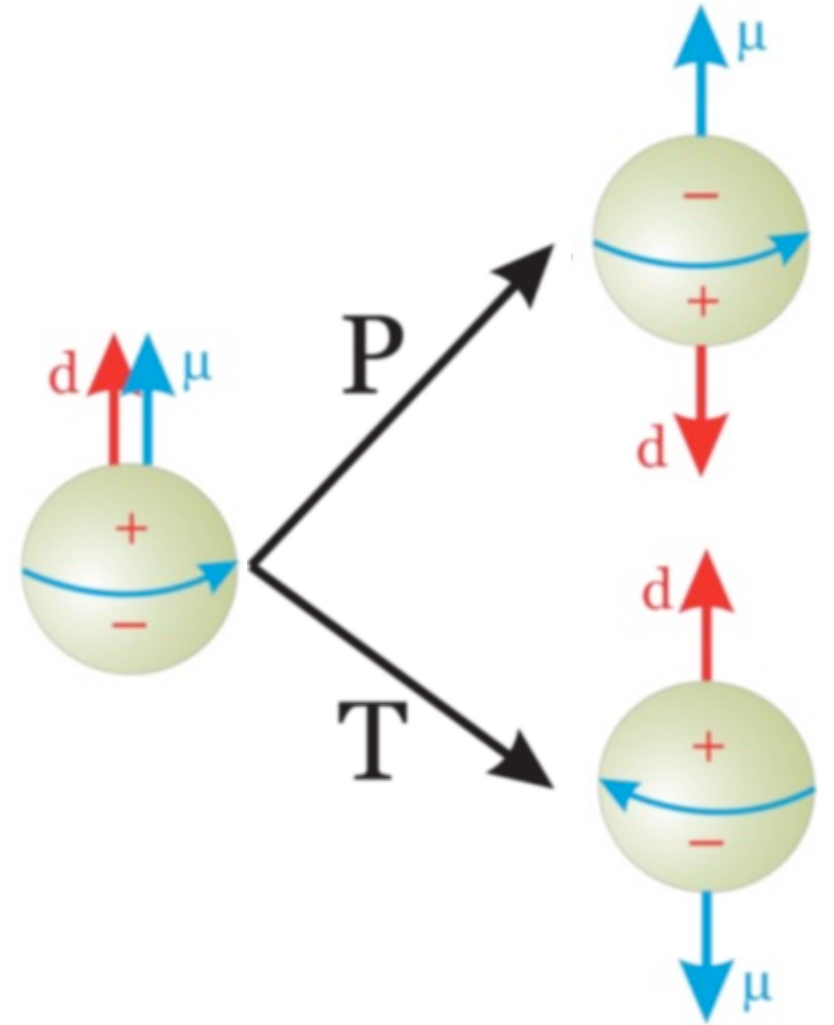
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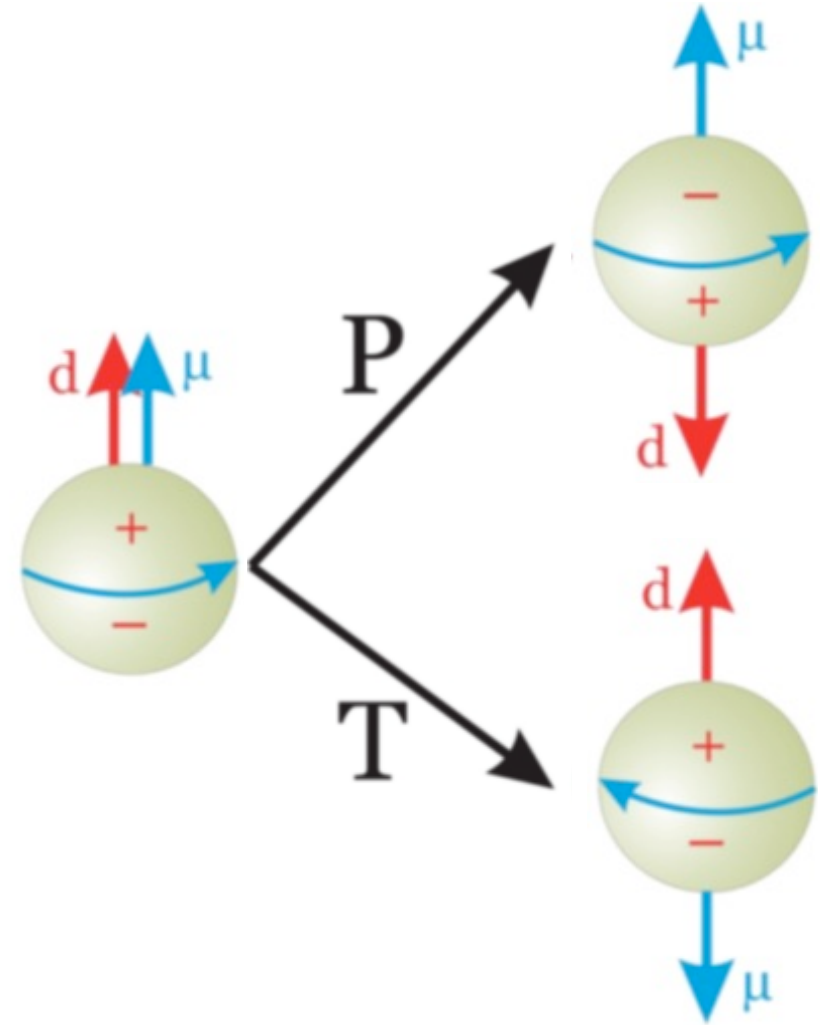
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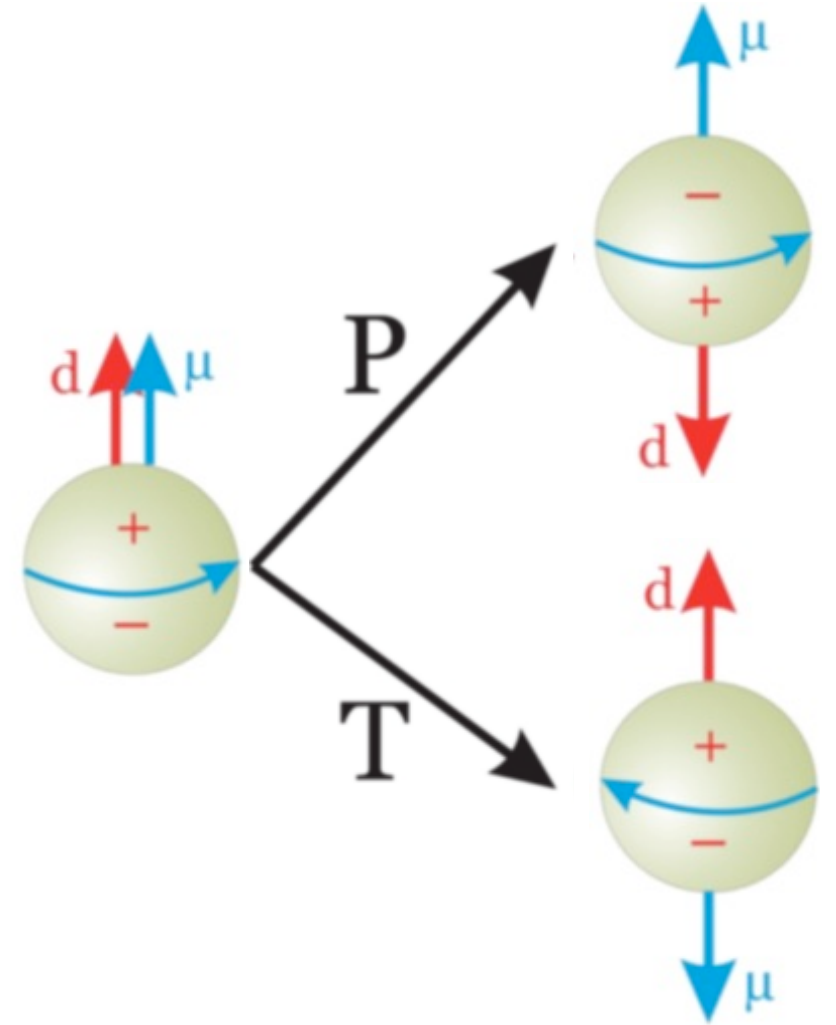
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Observation of a non-zero value of an EDM requires PT violation (CP) violation!

# EDM experiments

	Result	95% u.l.
Paramagnetic systems		
Xe <sup>m</sup>	$d_A = (0.7 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-22}$	$3.1 \times 10^{-22} \quad e \text{ cm}$
Cs	$d_A = (-1.8 \pm 6.9) \times 10^{-24}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-23} \quad e \text{ cm}$
	$d_e = (-1.5 \pm 5.7) \times 10^{-26}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-25} \quad e \text{ cm}$
	$C_S = (2.5 \pm 9.8) \times 10^{-6}$	$2 \times 10^{-5}$
	$Q_m = (3 \pm 13) \times 10^{-8}$	$2.6 \times 10^{-7} \quad \mu_N R_{Cs}$
Tl	$d_A = (-4.0 \pm 4.3) \times 10^{-25}$	$1.1 \times 10^{-24} \quad e \text{ cm}$
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Diamagnetic systems		
<sup>199</sup> Hg	$d_A = (2.2 \pm 3.1) \times 10^{-30}$	$7.4 \times 10^{-30} \quad e \text{ cm}$
<sup>129</sup> Xe	$d_A = (0.7 \pm 3.3) \times 10^{-27}$	$6.6 \times 10^{-27} \quad e \text{ cm}$
<sup>225</sup> Ra	$d_A = (4 \pm 6) \times 10^{-24}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-23} \quad e \text{ cm}$
TlF	$d = (-1.7 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-23}$	$6.5 \times 10^{-23} \quad e \text{ cm}$
n	$d_n = (-0.21 \pm 1.82) \times 10^{-26}$	$3.6 \times 10^{-26} \quad e \text{ cm}$
Particle systems		
$\mu$	$d_\mu = (0.0 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-19}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-19} \quad e \text{ cm}$
$\tau$	$Re(d_\tau) = (1.15 \pm 1.70) \times 10^{-17}$	$3.9 \times 10^{-17} \quad e \text{ cm}$
$\Lambda$	$d_\Lambda = (-3.0 \pm 7.4) \times 10^{-17}$	$1.6 \times 10^{-16} \quad e \text{ cm}$

# Parity Violation

# A bit of history

- 1928 [R. T. Cox](#), G. C. McIlwraith, and B. Kurrelmeyer, reported parity violation in [weak decays](#), but were ignored.
- In 1929 [Hermann Weyl](#) explored the existence of a two-component massless particle of spin one-half. The idea was rejected by Pauli, because it implied parity violation

[Wu Nishina Memorial Lecture (1983)]

- 1956: Theory [Tsung-Dao Lee](#) and [Chen Ning Yang](#)  
Theoretical suggestion of parity-violation for the weak interaction
- 1956: Feynman and Gell-Mann V-A theory
- **1956: Chien Shiung Wu: Experimental evidence of parity violation**

## ***Beauty of broken symmetries!***

- ***1956: End of the romanticism in physics!***

# The Hunchback of Notre-Dame

Victor Hugo (1831)

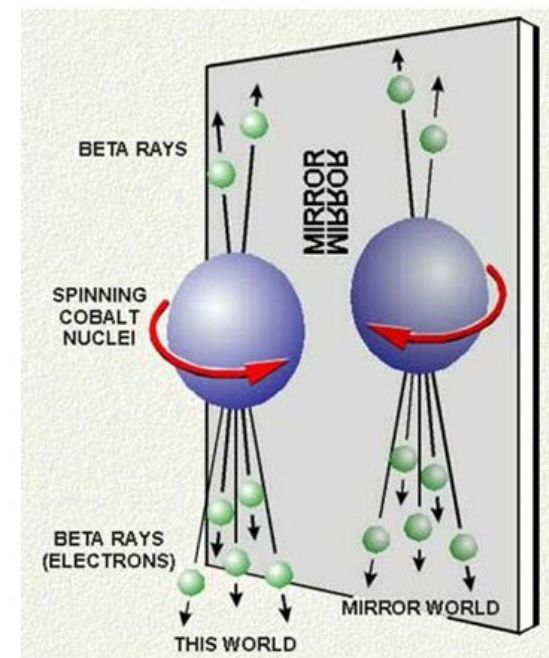
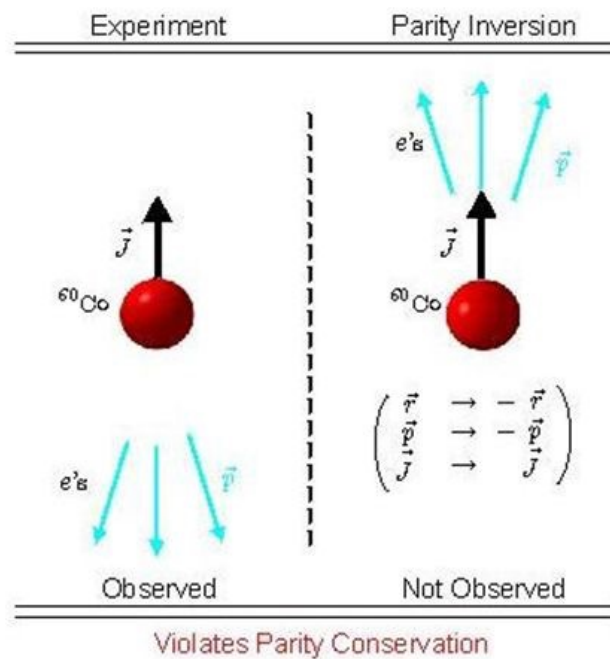
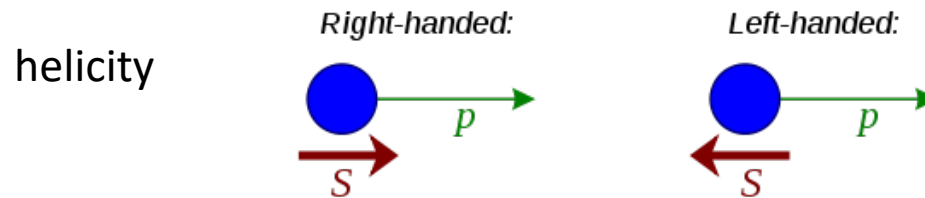
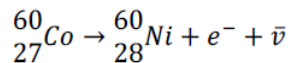
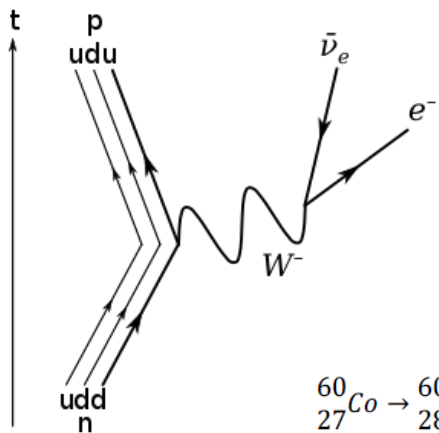
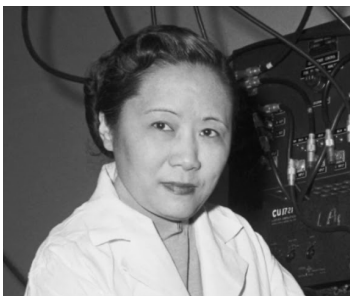


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# Parity Violation in the Weak Interaction

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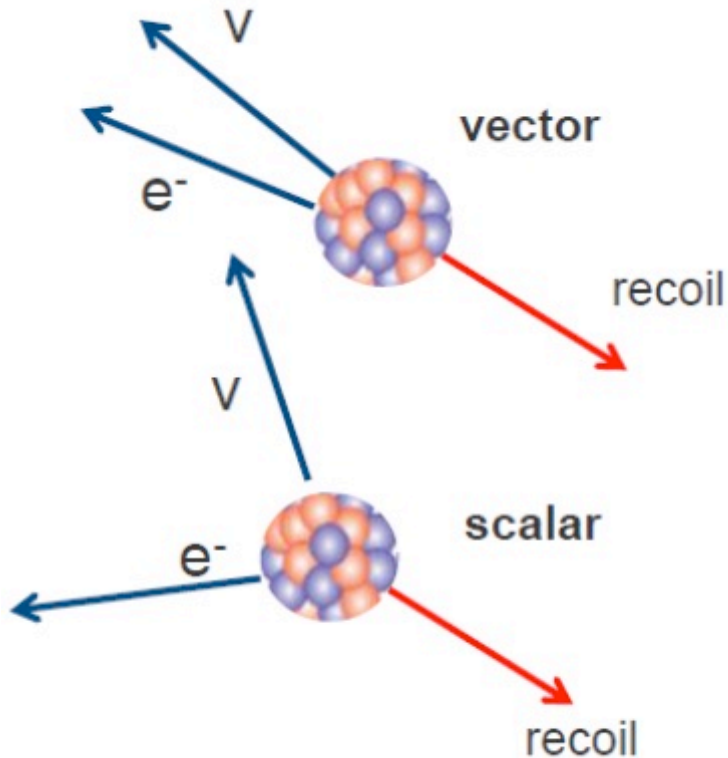
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# Beta Decay -> V-A theory

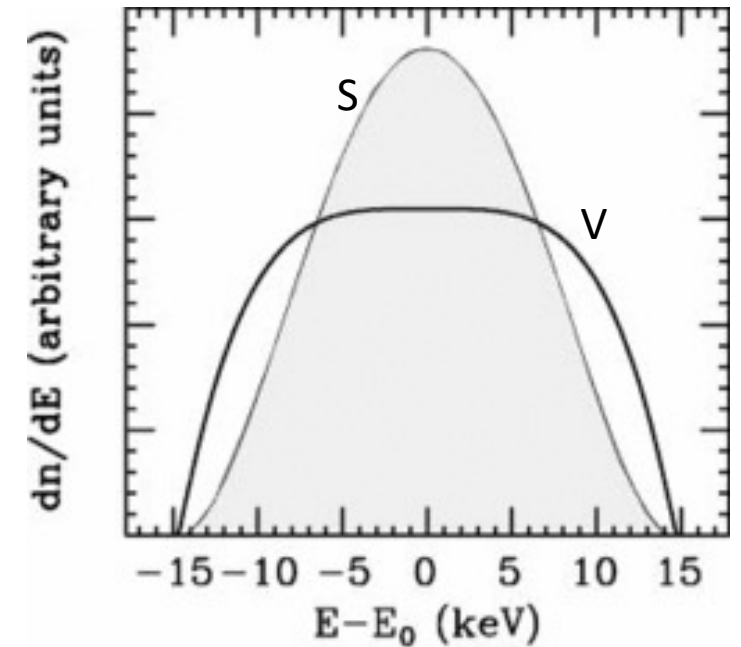
$$H_{\beta} = \underbrace{H_{\text{Vector}} + H_{\text{Axial}}}_{\text{Standard Model}} + \underbrace{H_{\text{Scalar}} + H_{\text{Tensor}}}_{\text{Non-SM}}$$



Standard Model

Non-SM

Shapes of the  $\beta$  delayed proton group

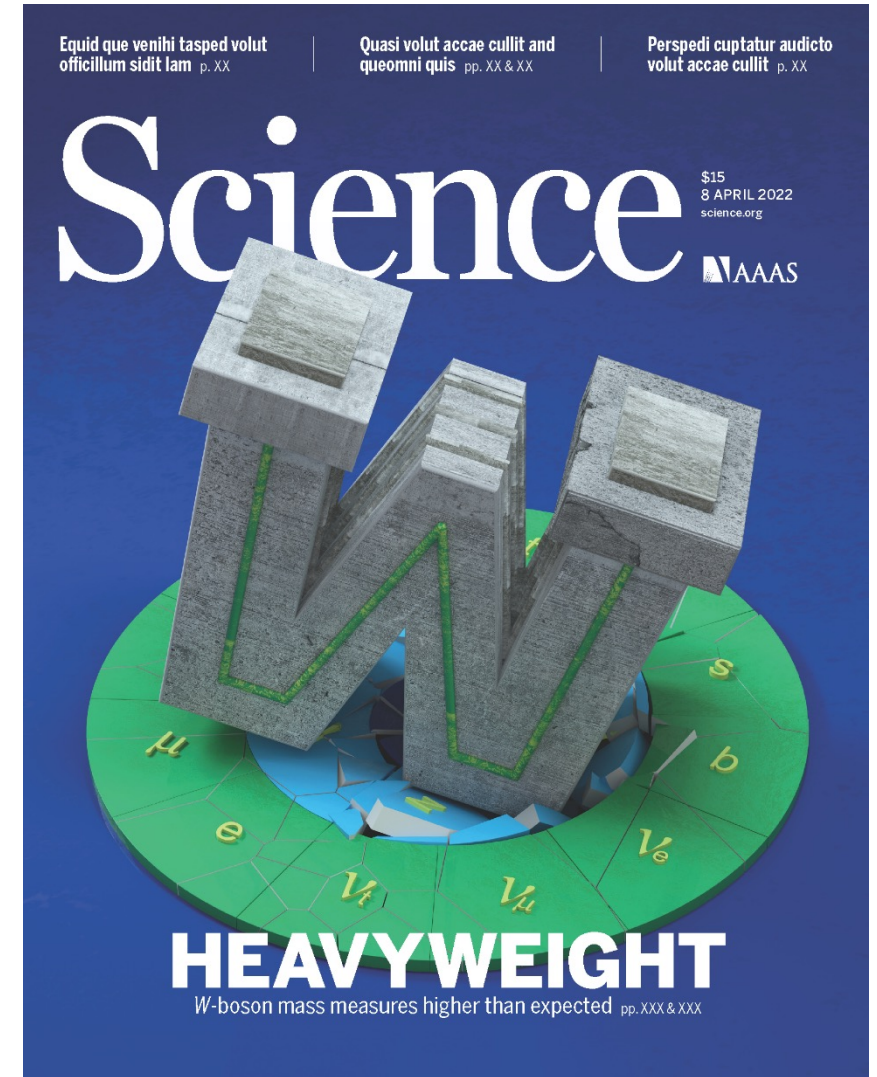
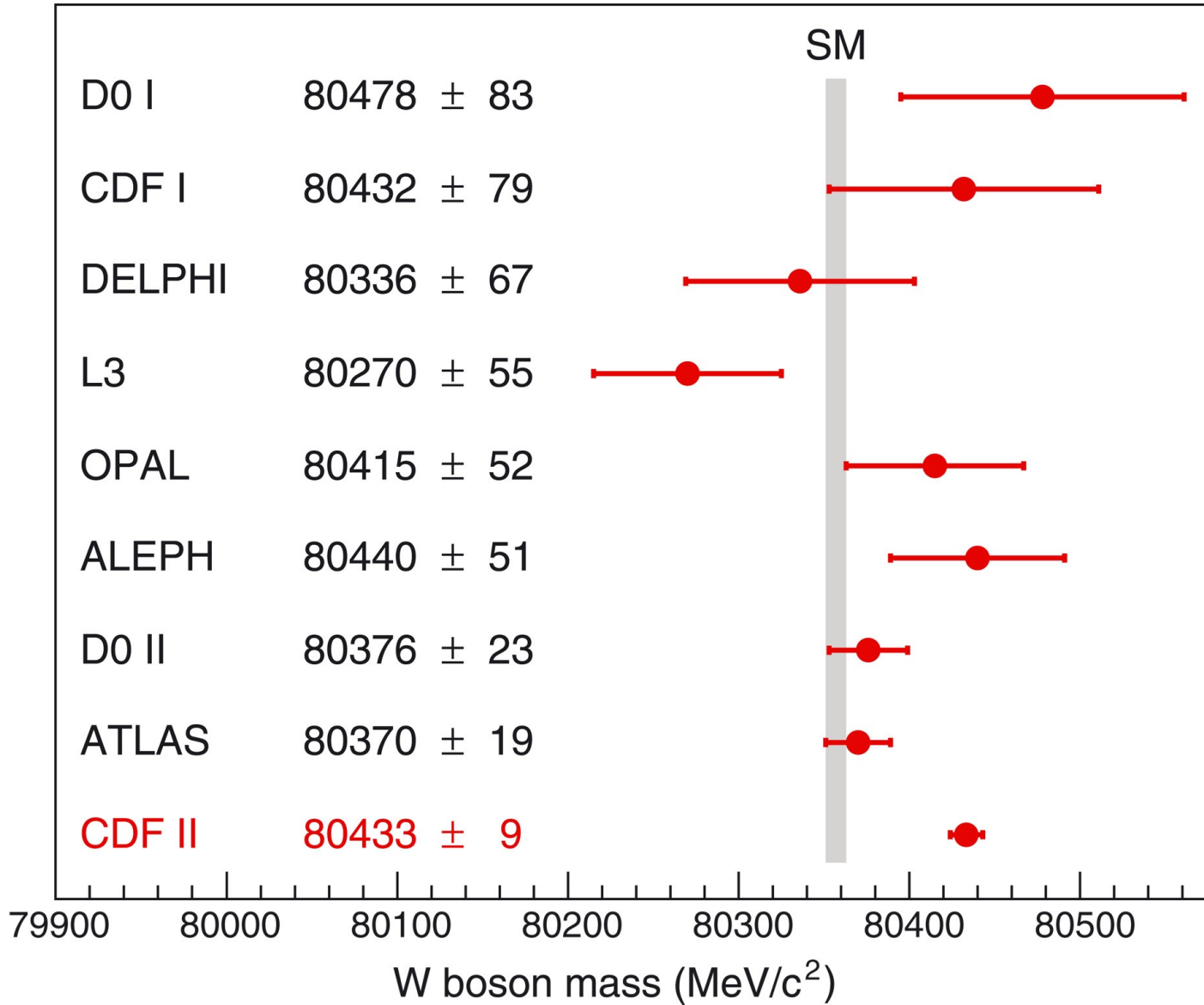


*“One should be prepared for further surprises with beta decay”*

**Niels Bohr, 1933**

*“One should be prepared for further surprises with **the weak interaction**”*

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# Electroweak Symmetry Breaking

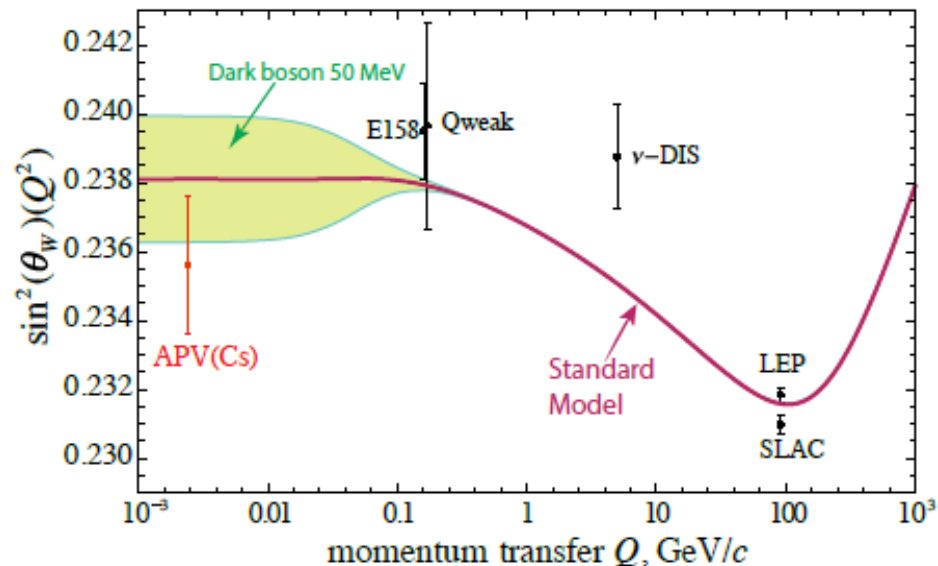
- S Glashow, A Salam, S Weinberg  
1979 Nobel Prize “Unification of the weak and electromagnetic interaction”

**Weinberg angle** -> parameterizes the mixing between the two neutral currents

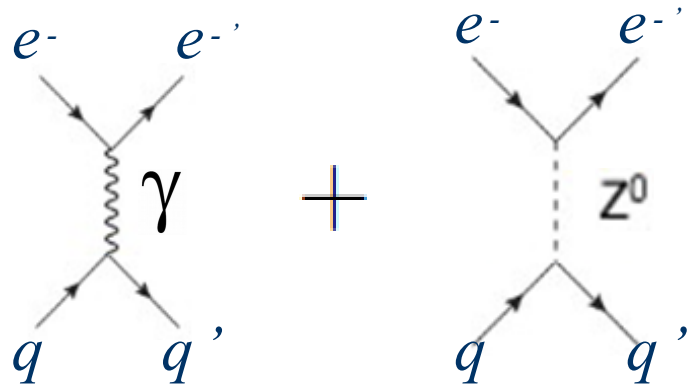
Angle by which spontaneous symmetry breaking rotates the original  $W_0$  and  $B_0$  vector boson plane, producing as a result the  $Z_0$  boson, and the photon.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma \\ Z^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_W & \sin \theta_W \\ -\sin \theta_W & \cos \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B^0 \\ W^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_Z = \frac{m_W}{\cos \theta_W}$$



# Parity-Violating Electron (PVE) Scattering



$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{PV}^{NC} &= -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ g_A^e (\bar{e} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 e) \cdot \sum_q g_V^q (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q) + g_V^e (\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e) \cdot \sum_q g_A^q (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q) \right] \\ &= -\frac{G_F}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[ \sum_q C_{1q} (\bar{e} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 e) \cdot (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu q) + \sum_q C_{2q} (\bar{e} \gamma_\mu e) \cdot (\bar{q} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 q) \right] \end{aligned}$$

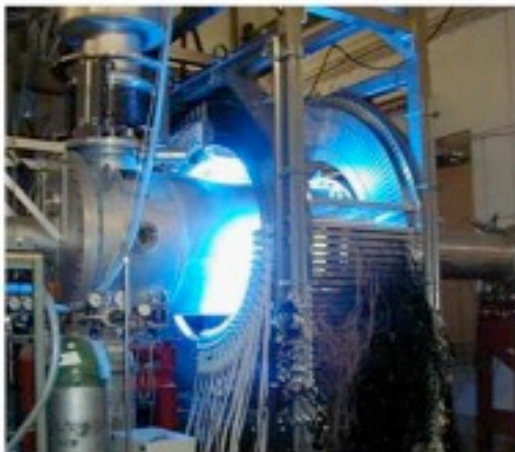
Particle	Electric charge	Weak vector charge	Weak axial charge
u	$+\frac{2}{3}$	$-2C_{1u} = +1 - \frac{8}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \approx +\frac{1}{3}$	$-2C_{2u} = -1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0$
d	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-2C_{1d} = -1 + \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \approx -\frac{2}{3}$	$-2C_{2d} = +1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0$
p(uud)	+1	$Q_W^p = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0$	
n(udd)	0	$Q_W^n = -1$	
e	-1	$Q_W^e = -2g_A^e g_V^e = -1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0$	

$$\sin^2 \theta_W \approx \frac{1}{4}$$

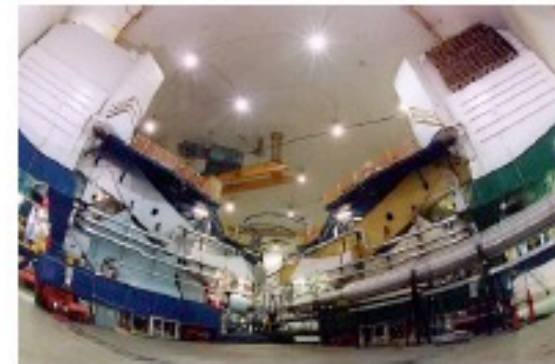
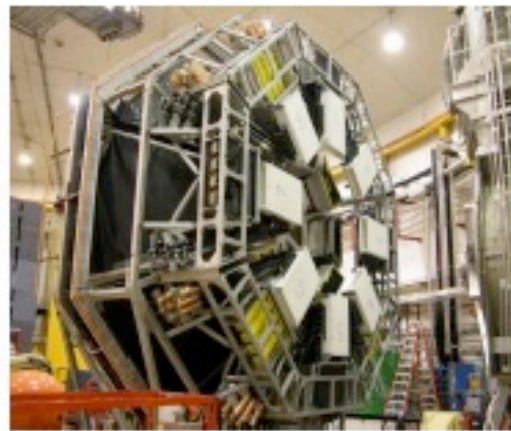
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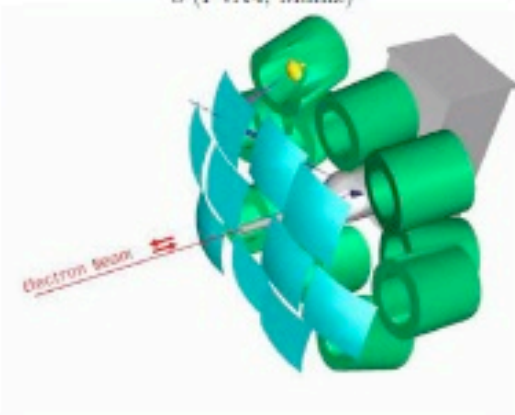
Moller and Out Detectors  
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a (E158, SLAC)



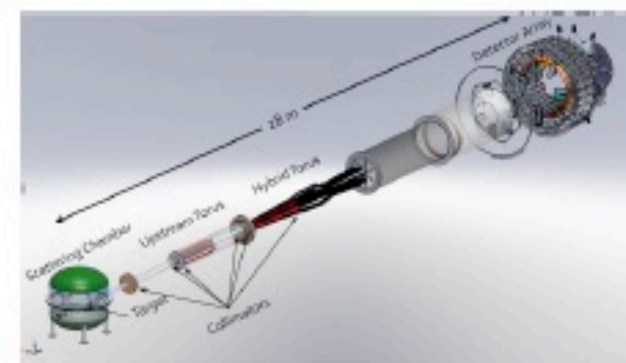
b (PVA4, Mainz)



c (HAPPEX, JLab)



d (SAMPLE, MIT-Bates)



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# Fundamental Particles and Interactions

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles

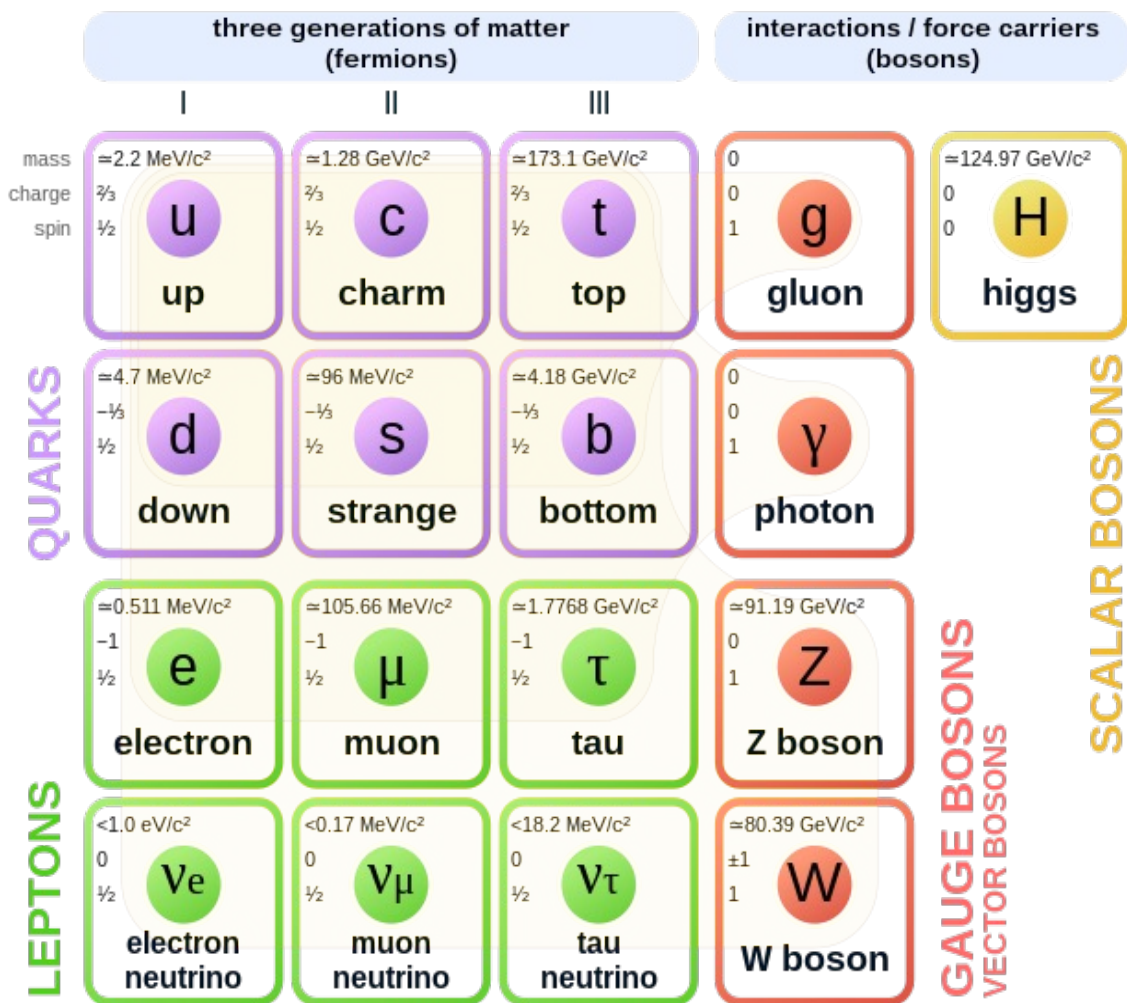


Figure: Wikipedia

## Interactions

Interaction	Field quantum	Range (m)	Relative strength	Typical cross section (m <sup>2</sup> )	Typical time scale (s)
Strong	Gluon	$10^{-15}$	1	$10^{-30}$	$10^{-23}$
Weak	$W^\pm, Z^0$	$10^{-18}$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-44}$	$10^{-8}$
Electromagnetic	Photon	$\infty$	$\alpha = \frac{1}{137}$	$10^{-33}$	$10^{-20}$
Gravity	Graviton	$\infty$	$10^{-38}$	-	-

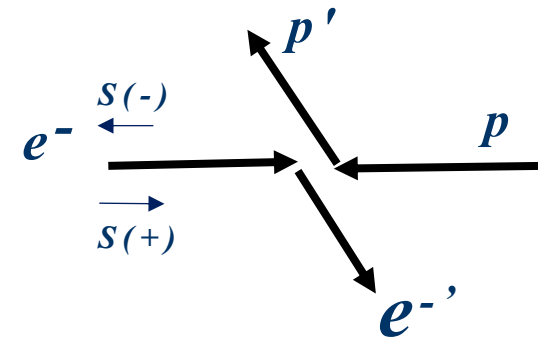
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1 fm =  $10^{-15}$  m

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Helicity



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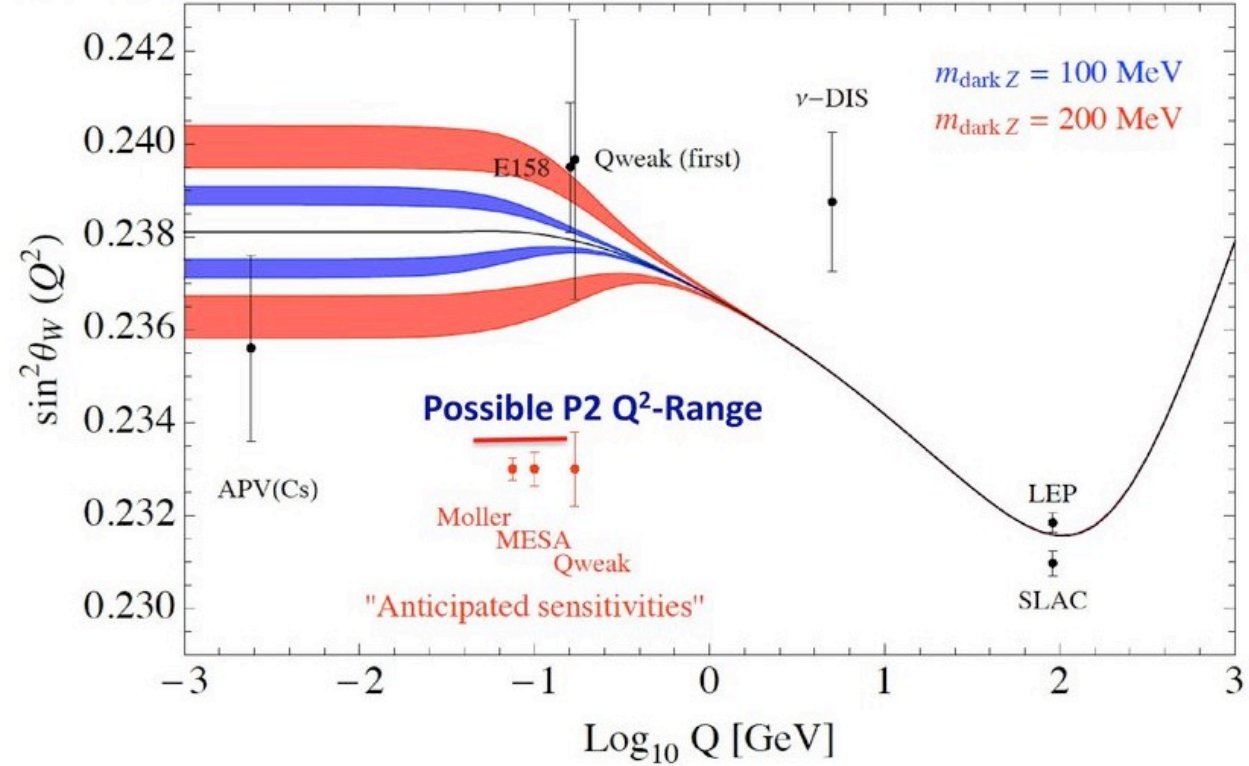
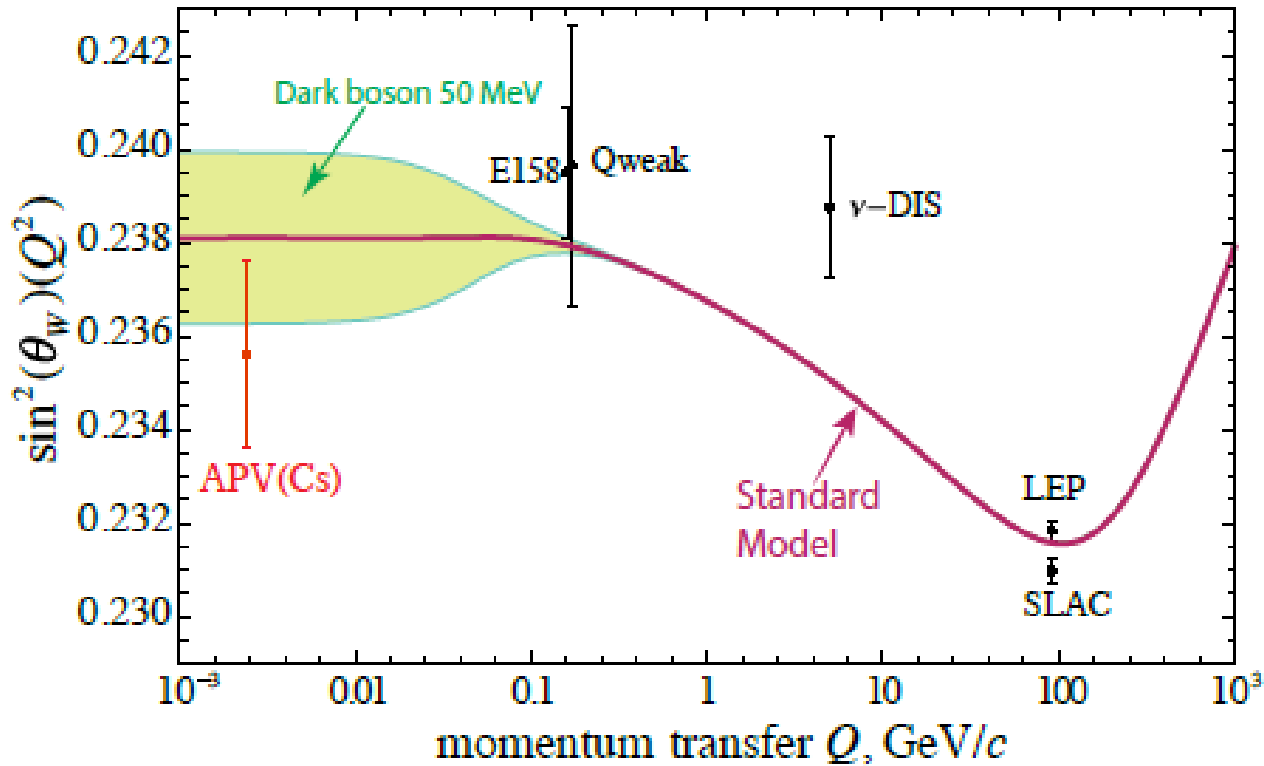
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Running of  $\sin^2(\theta_w)$



# Summary

- Symmetries have played a central role in the development of physics
- Particular interest on the study of
  - Parity
  - Charge conjugation
  - Time reversal
- Broken symmetries provide compelling guidance to find new physics beyond the Standard Model.