

BEYOND THE STANDARD MODEL: THE THEORIES & THEIR PRACTICE

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THE STANDARD MODEL:

Triumph in science!

With the Higgs discovery, completion of the SM:

Talks by David Kaplan,
Luca Silvestrini,
Margarete Muhlleitner,
Kun Liu,

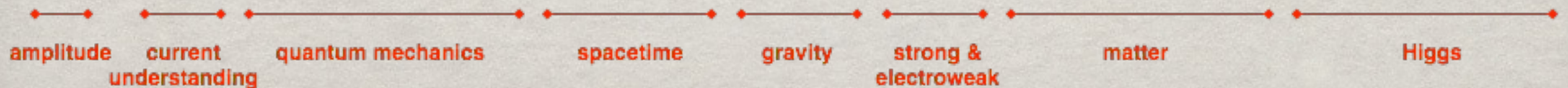
- A relativistic & quantum-mechanical
- Perturbative & unitary
- Renormalizable & ultra-violet (UV) complete

Biagio Di Micco ...

→ potentially valid up to an exponentially high scale,
perhaps to the Planck scale!

All known physics

$$W = \int_{k < \Lambda} [\mathcal{D}g \dots] \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{\hbar} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[\frac{1}{16\pi G} R - \frac{1}{4} F^2 + \bar{\psi} i \not{D} \psi - \lambda \phi \bar{\psi} \psi + |D\phi|^2 - V(\phi) \right] \right\}$$



An eminent physicist remarked:

“... most of the grand underlying principles have been firmly established. The future truths of physical science are to be looked for in the sixth place of decimals. ”

--- Albert Michelson (1894)


Michelson–Morley experiment (1887):

“the moving-off point for the theoretical aspects of the second scientific revolution”

Will History repeat itself (soon)?

LESSONS -- 温故知新

from the SM in the making:

1. “UV completion” as a guide
has NOT served us well ... 

- QED is UV complete, but doesn't go beyond $O(\text{GeV})$
e.g. $(g-2)_e$ versus $(g-2)_\mu$ Talks by Aida El-Khadra,
Hogan Nguyen
- QCD is UV complete, could be dynamically
extrapolated to an exponentially high scale Q

$$\alpha_s(Q^2) \approx 1/\ln(Q^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2) \Rightarrow \Lambda_{QCD} \approx Q \exp(-1/2\alpha_s)$$

But new physics comes in at $v \sim 250 \text{ GeV}$

- The SM with the Higgs IS UV complete,
but what confidence do we have to extrapolate it to $O(M_{\text{PL}})$?

→ Go for BSM!

LESSONS

from the SM in the making:

2. “Naturalness” guides the intuition,
BUT facing the challenge ... 😞

- In chemistry/AMO, m_e sets the scale, naturally :

$$a_{Bohr} = 1/\alpha m_e \sim 0.05 \text{ nm}, \quad E_{atom} \sim \alpha^2 m_e \sim 30 \text{ eV}$$

- Weak decay sets the scale: $1/\sqrt{G_F} \sim v \sim 250 \text{ GeV}$
→ the gauge boson mass, naturally:

$$M_W = \frac{1}{2} g v \approx 80 \text{ GeV}, \quad \Delta M_W^2 \sim M_W^2 \ln(\Lambda/M_W)$$

- But the Higgs mass fails our intuition,
in the Wilsonian sense:

$$m_H = \sqrt{2} \mu = (2\lambda)^{1/2} v = 125 \text{ GeV} \quad \delta m_H^2 \propto -\frac{k^2}{4\pi^2} \Lambda^2$$

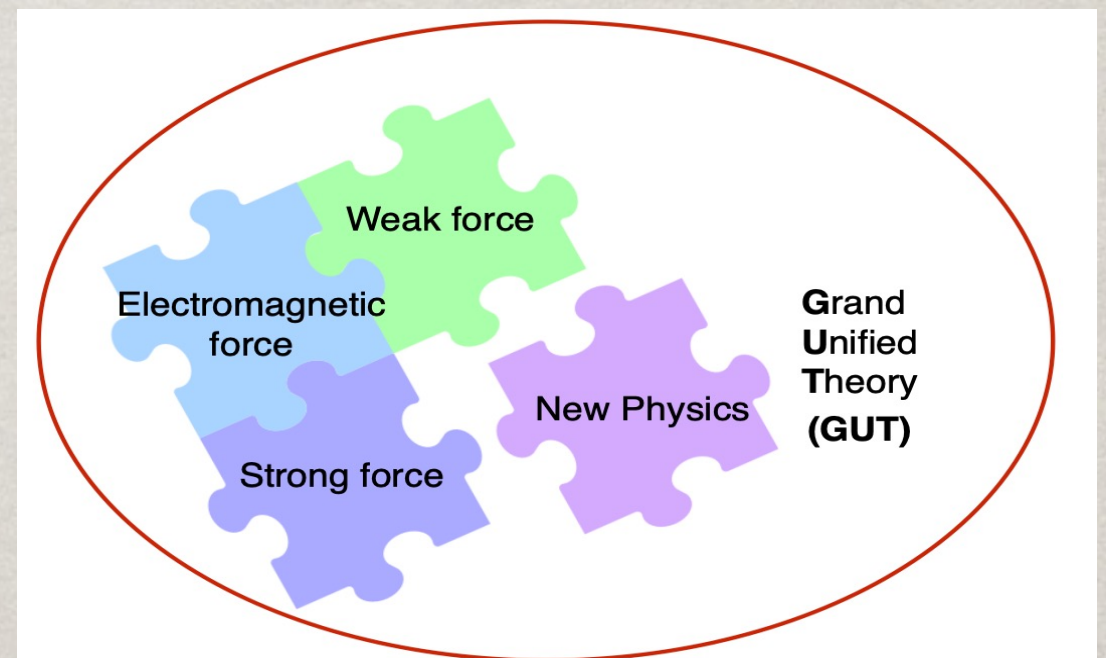
What is Λ ? $\Lambda \sim 4\pi v$, or M_{SUSY} , or M_{PL} ?

LESSONS

from the SM to beyond:

3. “Unification” reveals deep principles

- Newtonian universal gravitation unified the terrestrial & celestial forces & motion 👍
- Maxwell equations unified the electricity & magnetism
- The SM unifies the electromagnetism (γ) & weak force (W^\pm, Z^0) to “electroweak”
- “Grand unification”?



Gauge symmetry unification:

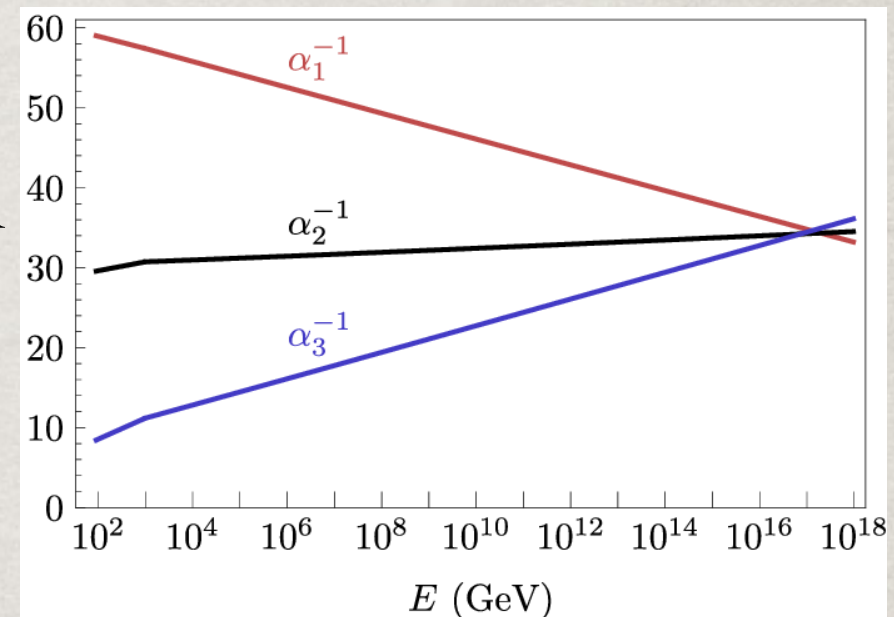
$$G_{GUT} \supset G_{SM} = SU(3)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$$

$$G_{GUT} = SU(5); SO(10)$$

$$SU(4)_c \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes SU(2)_R$$

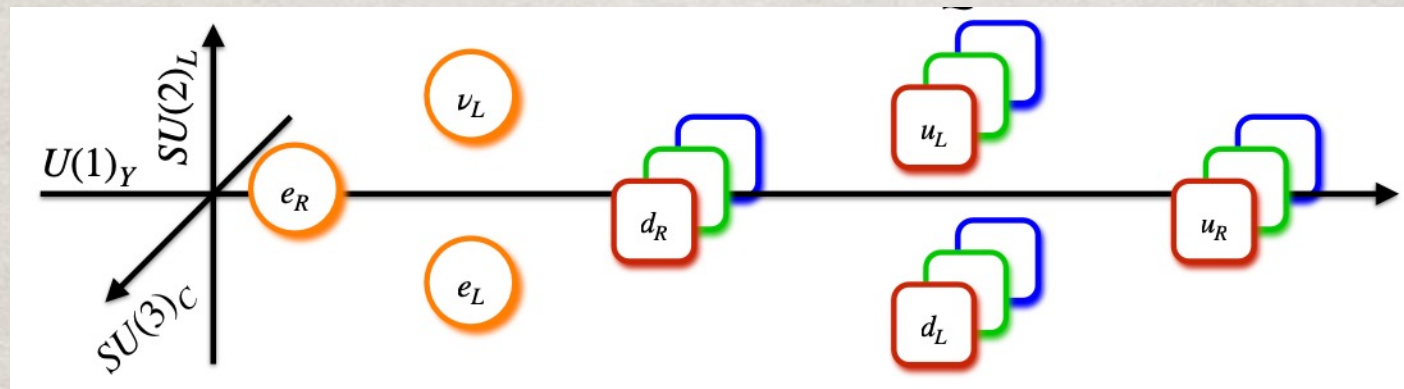
Coupling constant unification:

$$\text{at } M_{GUT}: g_1 \approx g_2 \approx g_3$$

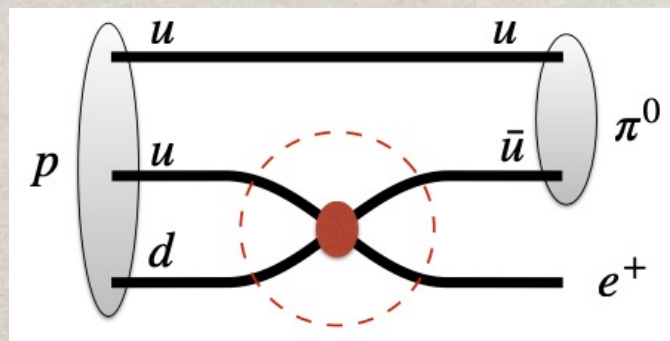


Particle content unification:

Quarks \leftrightarrow leptons in the same multiplets



Observationally: the proton decay or $n - \bar{n}$ oscillation



$$\tau_p \propto M_{GUT}^4 / m_p^5$$

$$\tau_{exp} > 1.67 \times 10^{34} \text{ years (SuperK)}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_{GUT} > 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$

LESSONS

from the SM to beyond:

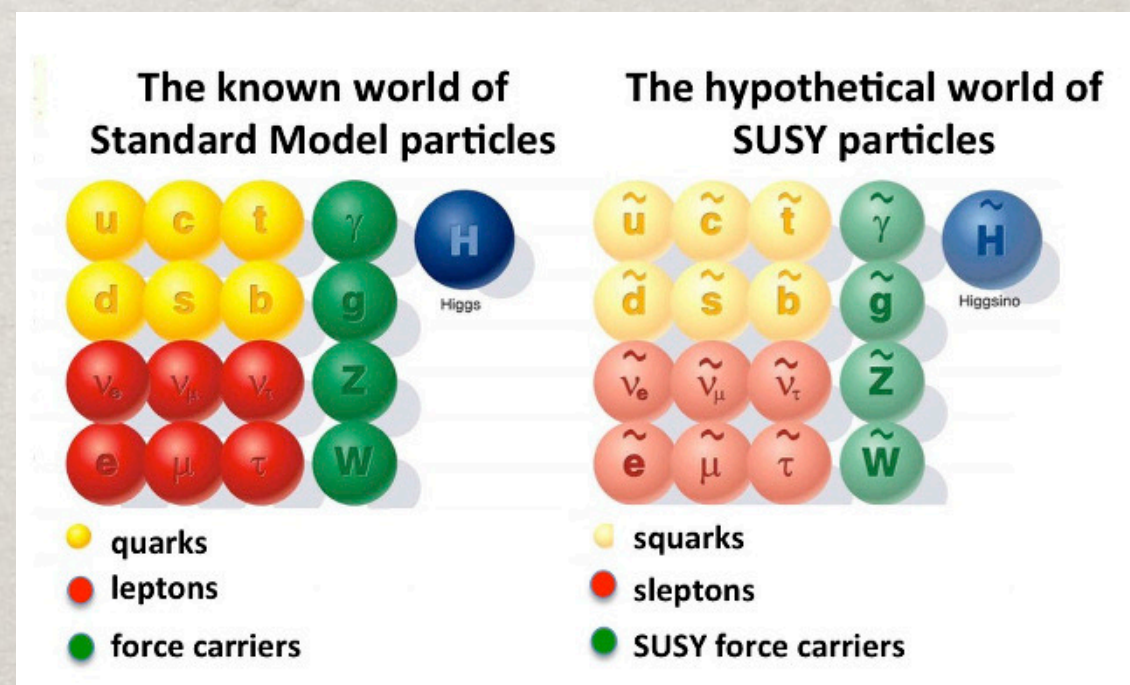
4. “Symmetry” governs dynamics

- Time translation \rightarrow energy conservation
- Spatial translation \rightarrow momentum conservation
- 3D rotation \rightarrow angular momentum conservation
- Poincare invariance \rightarrow mass & spin of states
- “higher symmetry” of space-time & S-matrix
Supersymmetry? **Bosons \leftrightarrow Fermions**



Observationally:
hopefully near the EW
scale $O(100 \text{ GeV})$

Talk by Margarete Muhlleitner



Supersymmetry in theory:

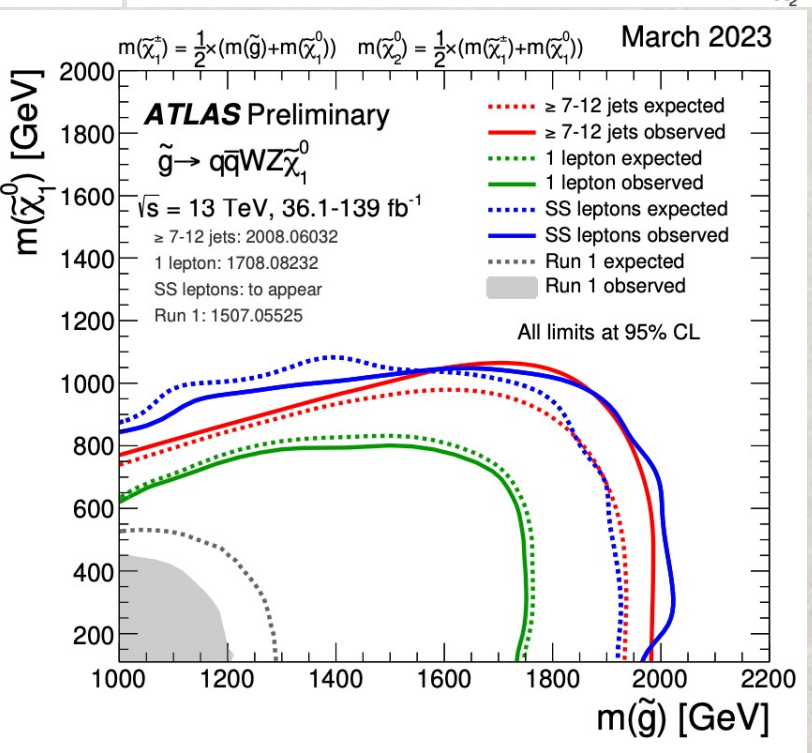
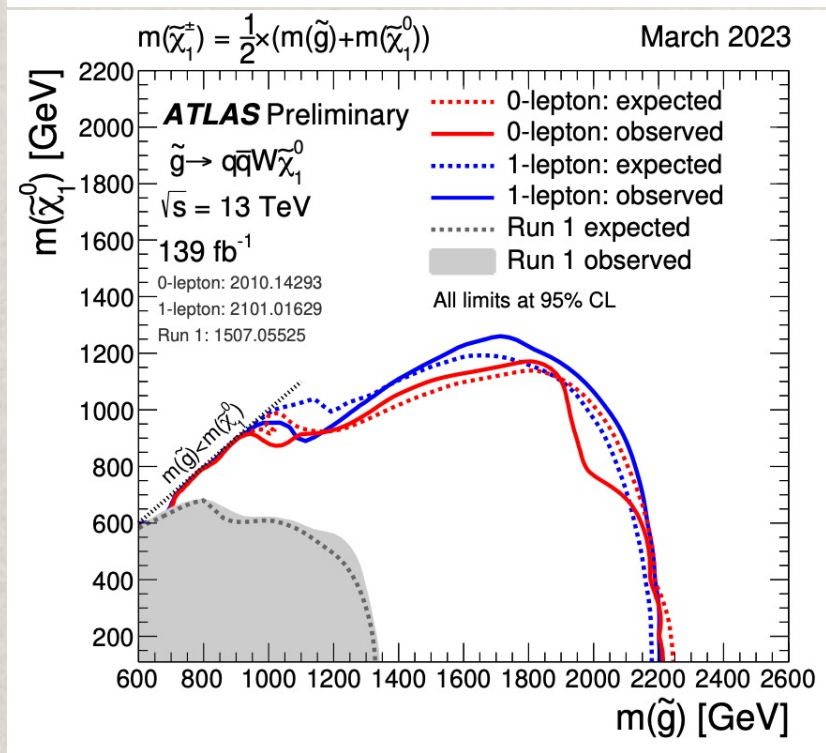
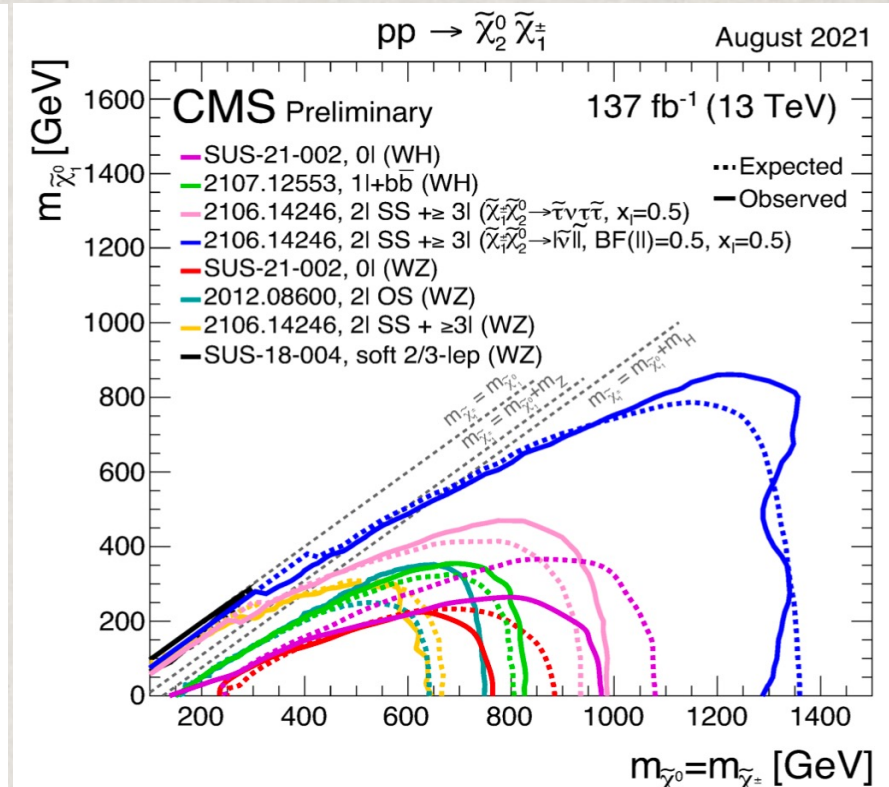
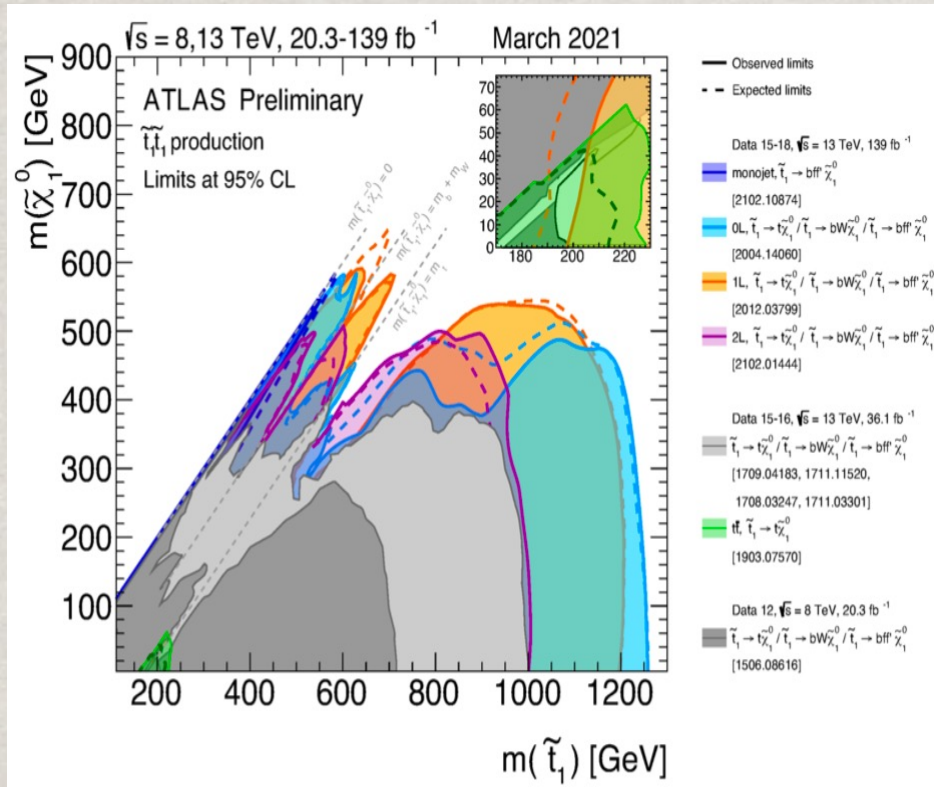
- SUSY unification
- Super-gravity
- Super-string/M theory
- Swampland

Supersymmetry in practice:

- Understanding Higgs scalars
- Predicting cold DM
- Baryogenesis & proton decay
- Neutrino mass & flavor physics
- Early universe cosmology

→ (arguably) most attractive theory for BSM

SUSY in the Search @ LHC



Talks by C. Herwig,
Stefano Passaggio,
Evan Carlson

...

Stringent mass bounds > 1 – 2 TeV!

The search continues at colliders as well as precision physics.

5. Dynamical scale generation is natural!

QCD inspired strong interacting theory:

Dynamical scale (“Technicolor”) can be generated by “dimensional transmutation”:

$$\Lambda_{TC} \approx \Lambda \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\alpha_{TC}}\right) \approx 4\pi v.$$

Observationally:

New dynamics not far from $O(1 \text{ TeV})$

Higgs composite \rightarrow couplings, form factors?
and “partners”: $T^\pm, \rho^{\pm,0}, \Pi^{\pm,0} \dots$

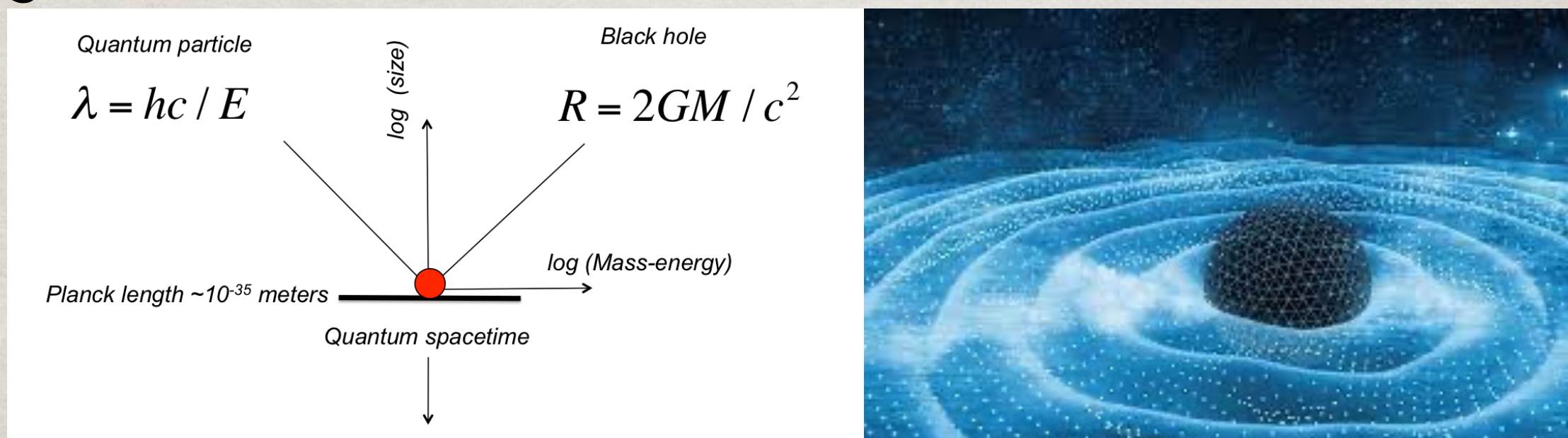
Collider searches actively on-going ...

The absence of the signal signifies
the “Little hierarchy”

6. The marriage of Relativity & Quantum mechanics is the ultimate destiny 🙌

When approaching the Planck scale, the world is necessarily relativistic & Quantum-mechanical.

$$l_p = \sqrt{\frac{G\hbar}{c^3}} = 1.616 \times 10^{-35} \text{ meters}$$



We do not have a unitary, renormalizable formulation ...
Perhaps string theory? but how to test?

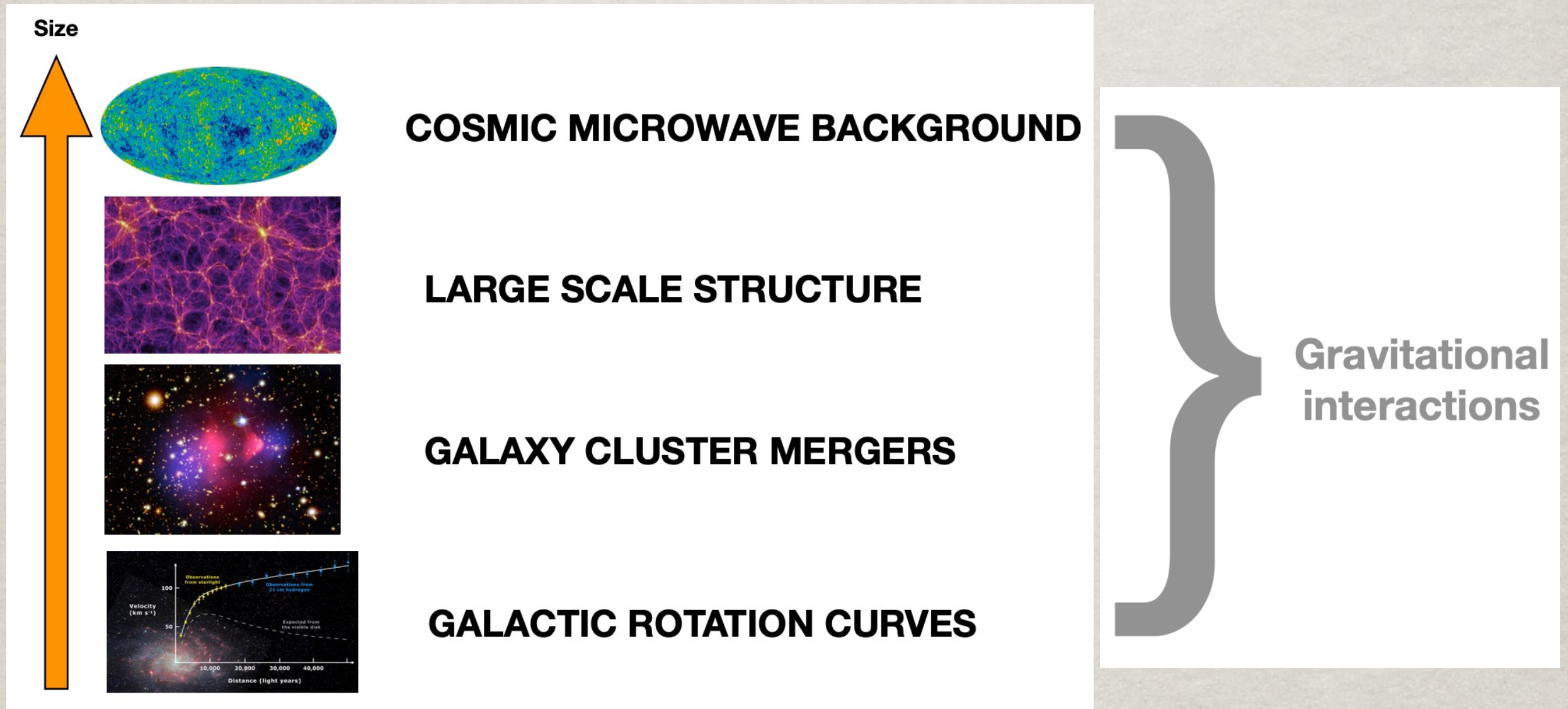
Talk by David Kaplan,
John Kovac

In practice,
primordial GW & BH observation may shed light on.

PROBLEMS WITH SM

that need a BSM solution

1. The Dark Matter exists



Talks by Fei Gao, Celine Boehm, Andrew Long ...

It's most likely particle physics origin, but BSM:

No good candidate for CDM in SM

Source: Fermilab media

Quarks



Forces

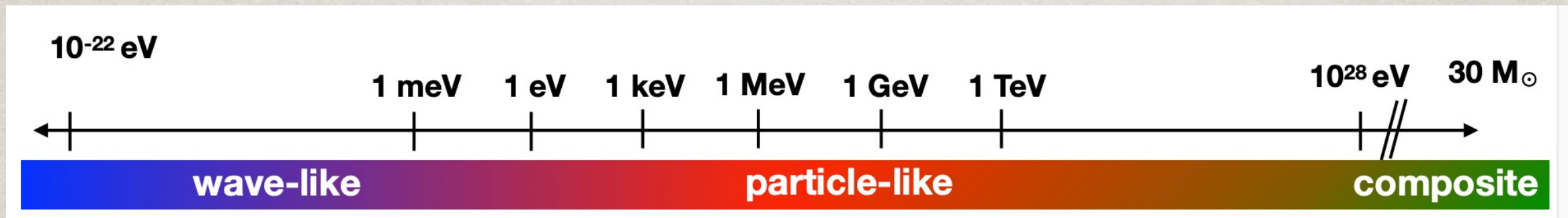


Leptons

CDM requirements

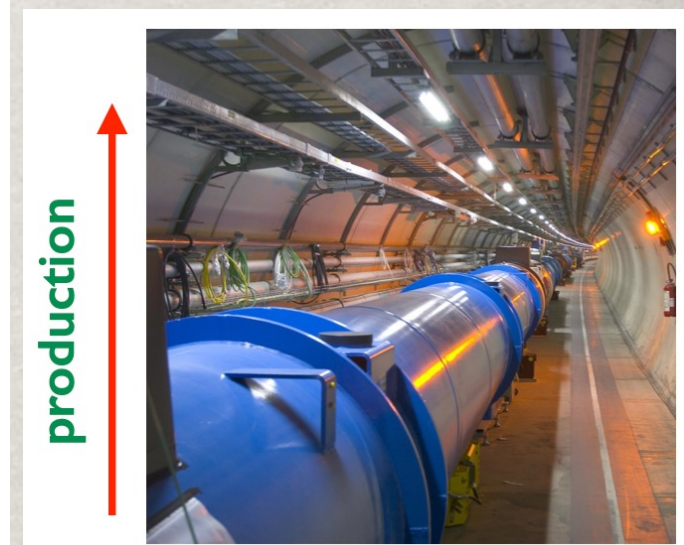
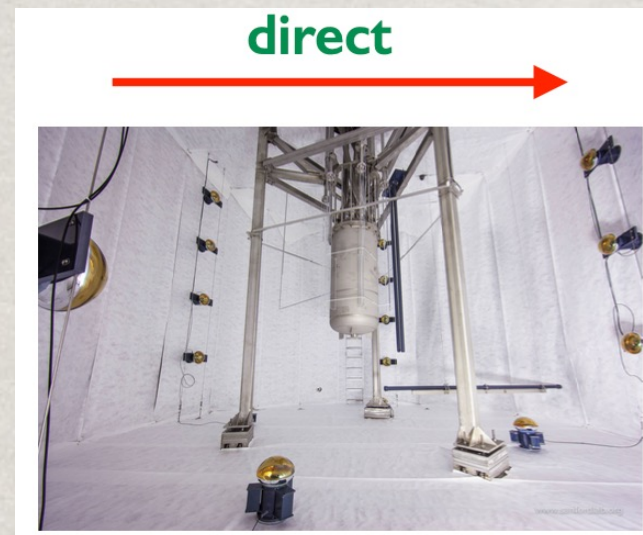
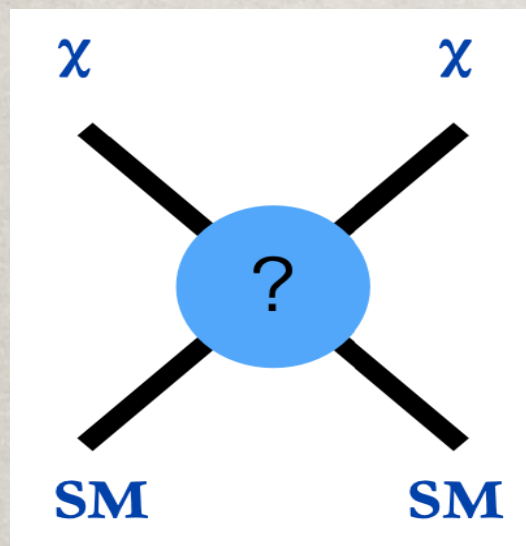
- Stable
- Non-baryonic
- Neutral
- Cold (massive)
- Correct density
- Gravitational interacting

Dark Matter in theory: “embarrassment of riches”



axions, dark photons ... sterile ν 's WIMPs WIMPzillas PBH?

Dark Matter in practice:



Much more recent activities in light DM detection!

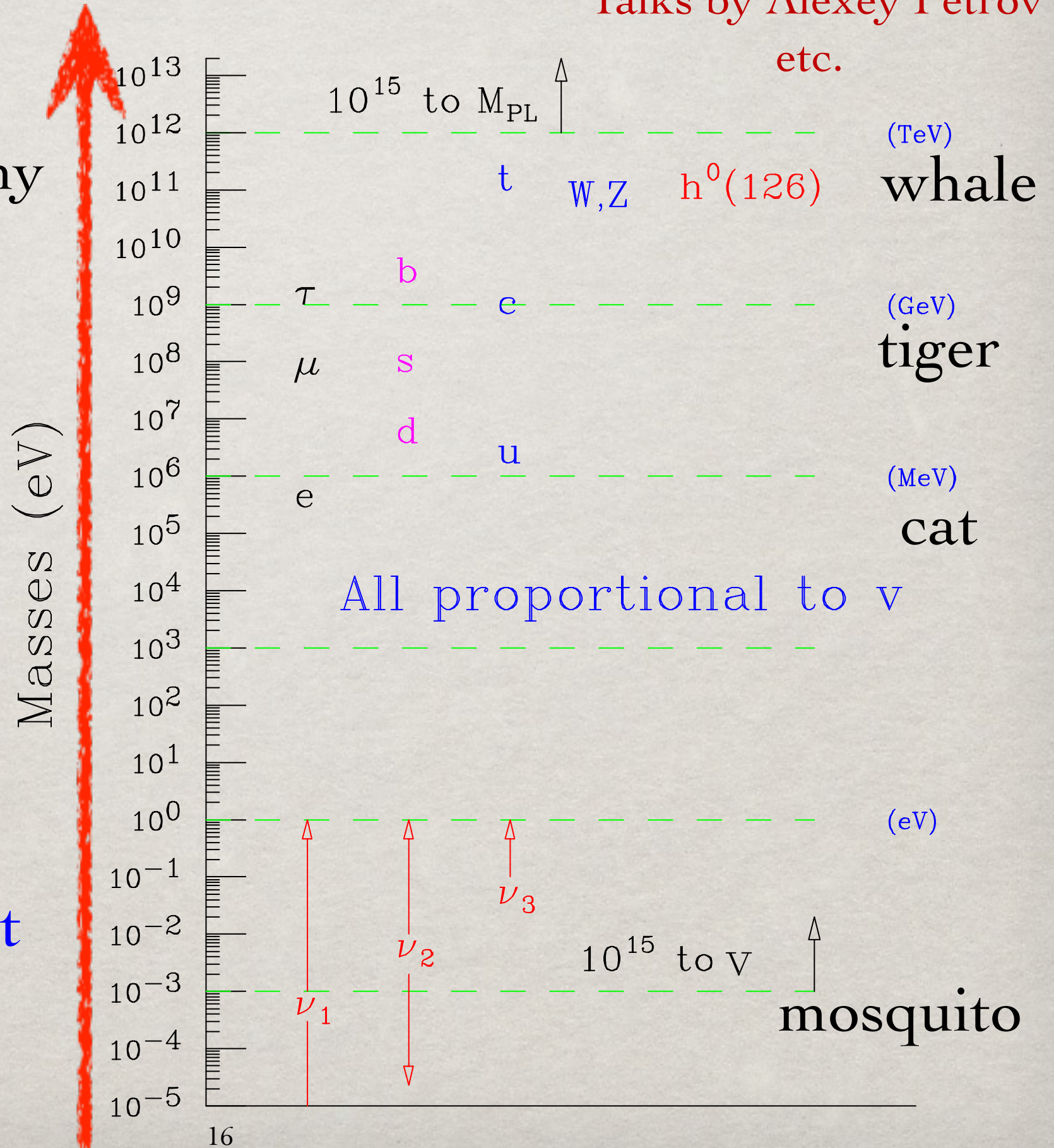
- DM-electron scattering in noble liquids, semi-conductor, organic molecules
 - DM-nuclear scattering through Migdal scattering & bremsstrahlung
 - Light DM absorption: axion-like particles (LLP), dark photons
 - DM scattering off collective modes in molecules & crystals (phonons, plasmons, magnons)
- Talks by R. Laha, Nhan Tran, F. Scutti, M. Citron

2. The “Flavor Puzzle”

Talks by Alexey Petrov
etc.

- Particle mass hierarchy
- Patterns of quark, neutrino mixings
- Tiny neutrino masses!
- New CP-violation sources?

Higgs Yukawa couplings as the pivot for all !



Flavor physics in theory: a serious challenge!

BSM: **much harder** to accommodate!

- Generate multiple mass scales
- Avoid FCNC
- Avoid Excessive CP violation
- Why the flavor mixing aligned with the SM Yukawa form?
→ Minimal Flavor Violation (MFV)



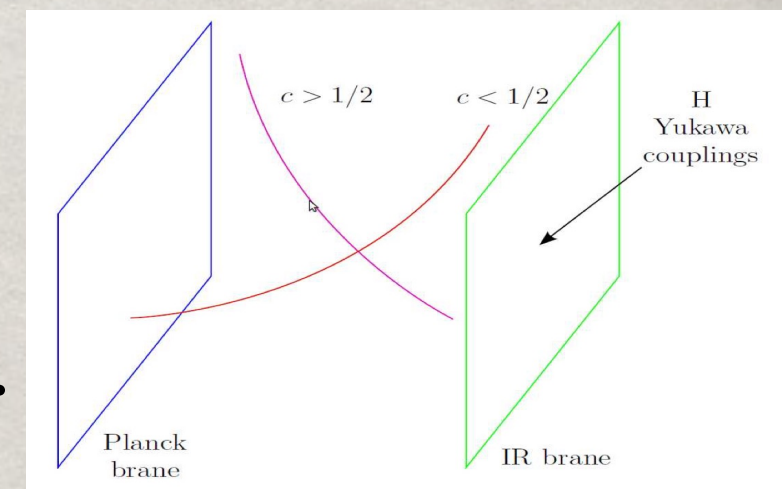
- **Horizontal flavor symmetry:** Froggatt-Nielson mechanism

$$(Y_u)_{ij} \sim \left(\frac{\langle\phi\rangle}{M}\right)^{[q_i]-[u_j]}, \quad (Y_d)_{ij} \sim \left(\frac{\langle\phi\rangle}{M}\right)^{[q_i]-[d_j]}$$

- **Warped extra-dimension:** Couplings determined by the overlap with the EW brane.
- **Radiative generation** of m_f :

light generation masses loop suppressed $\sim 1/16\pi^2 \sim 10^{-2}$.

Vibrant field in experimental explorations!



3. Neutrino Masses

ν 's: the most elusive/least known particle in the SM:

- How many species: $3 \nu_L$'s + N_R ?
- Absolute mass scale: $m_\nu \sim y_\nu v < 1 \text{ eV}$?

or a new physics scale via “see-saw”: $m_\nu \sim \kappa \frac{\langle H^0 \rangle^2}{M}$

- Flavor oscillations & CP violation?
- Mixing with sterile ν 's?
- Portal to dark sector?

Studying neutrino physics has been rewarding:
6+ Nobel Prizes related to ν 's!

Great playground for theory & experimentation!

Talks by Joachim Kopp,
Son Cao, Mikhail Danilov

SM \rightarrow ν SM: the seesaw spirit

The leading SM gauge invariant operator is at dim-5:*

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} (y_\nu LH)(y_\nu LH) + h.c. \Rightarrow \frac{y_\nu^2 v^2}{\Lambda} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R^c.$$

*S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. Lett. 1566 (1979)



- Theoretical: $\Lambda \rightarrow$ new scale / particles, implies an underlying (UV) theory!
 - \rightarrow There are three possibilities @ tree-level:
 - Type I: New fermion singlets $N \otimes (L H)_S$
 - Type II: New scalar triplet $\Phi \otimes (L L)_T$
 - Type III: New fermion triplets $T \otimes (L H)_T$
 - Observational: Talks by Mikhail Danilov, Ruben Saakyan
 $\Delta L=2 \rightarrow$ Majorana mass (Majorana neutrinos)
 - \rightarrow much activity on-going:
 $0\nu 2\beta$ decay, meson decays, collider searches ...

4. Baryon # & CP Asymmetry

The observed baryon dominance \rightarrow BSM

Sakharov conditions:

- Baryon # violation (EW sphalerons)
- C & CP violation (BSM)
- Out of equilibrium (1st order PT, BSM)



Many BSM theories to accommodate

- Affleck-Dine mechanism (primordial universe)
- Lepto-genesis ($\Delta B = \Delta L$ via sphalerons)
- EW baryogenesis (1st order PT, BSM)

Morrissey & Ramsey-Musolf,
arXiv:1206.2942

Observationally,

$\Delta B \neq 0 \rightarrow$ proton decay, $n - \bar{n}$ oscillation

$\Delta L \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Majorana neutrinos

Plus extra Higgs bosons to search for

SUMMARY

The Standard Model: A triumph in science!

Lessons from SM in the making, on

UV completion? Naturalness?

Unification; Higher symmetry;

Strong dynamics; Quantum Gravity

Problems that need a BSM solution

Dark matter; Neutrino mass;

Baryon asymmetry & CP violation

Challenging model-building &

exciting experimental programs ahead!