Hunting for Quarks and Gluons

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- What we know about the sub-atomic world and its forces - background.
- We're about to learn more at the upgraded Jefferson Lab (JLab) - physics motivation.
- How we measure things - technical details.
- Summary and Conclusions.

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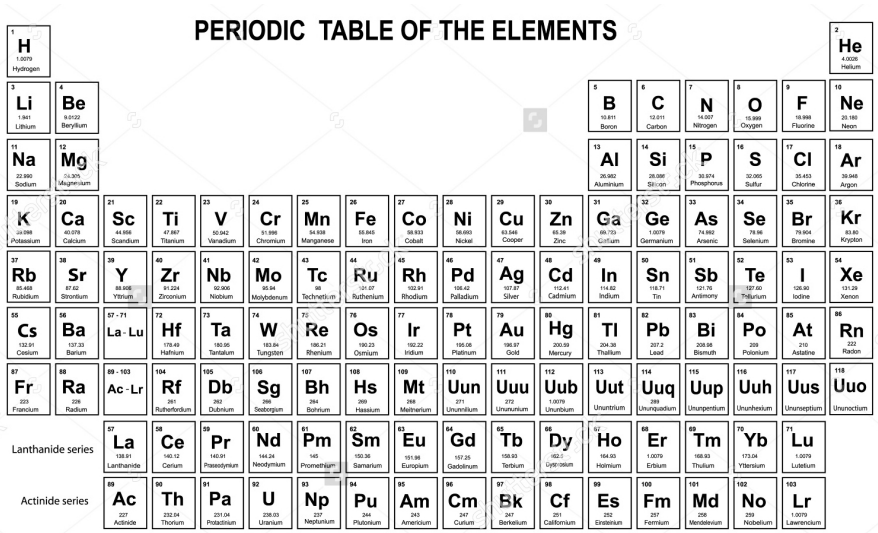

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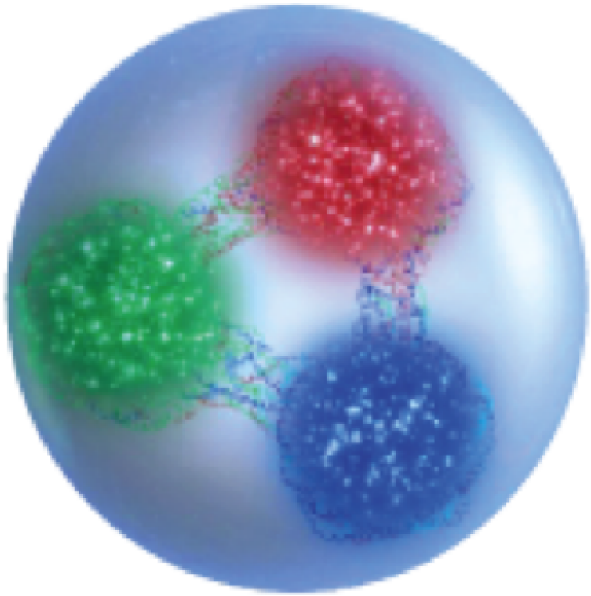

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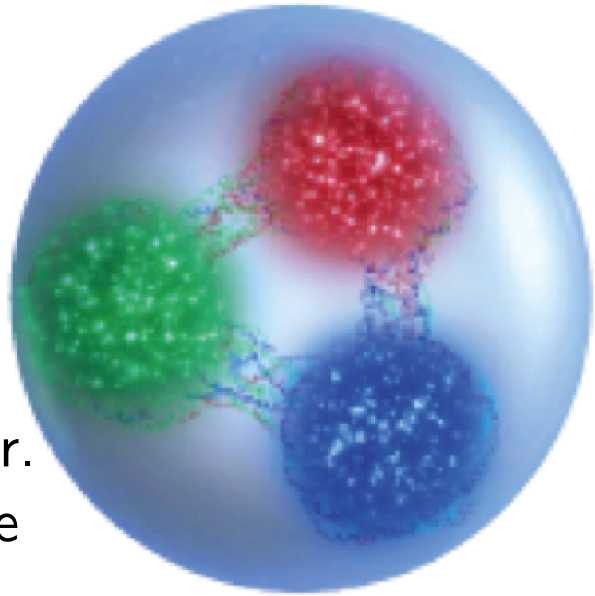

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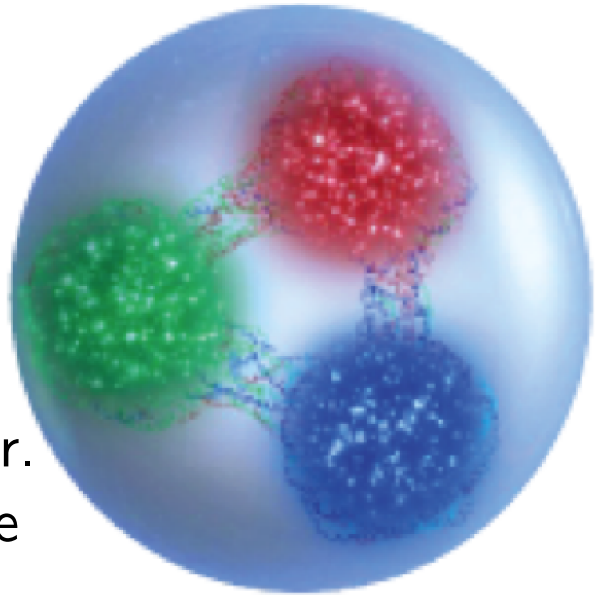

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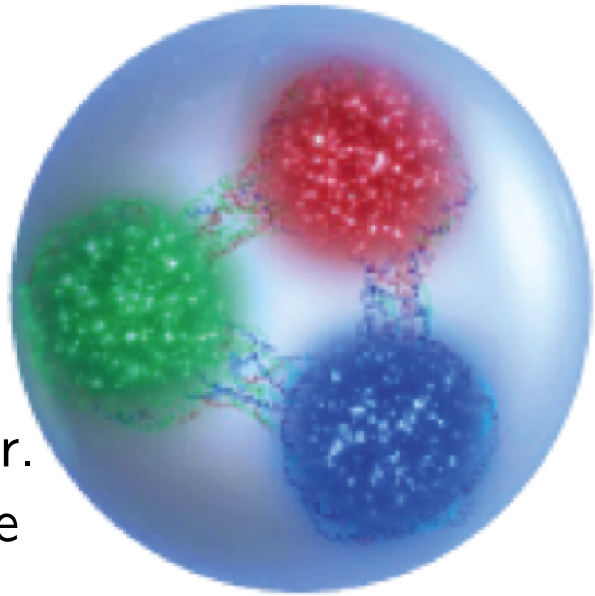

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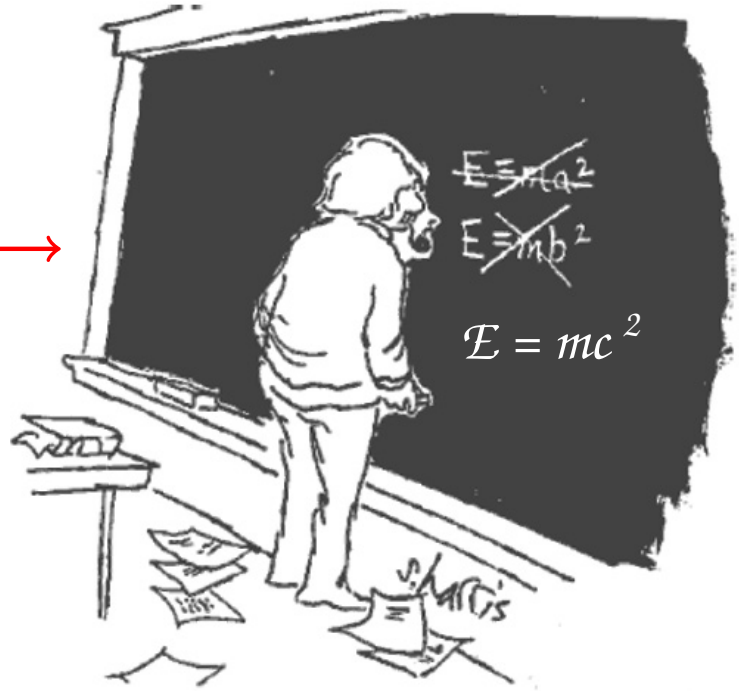

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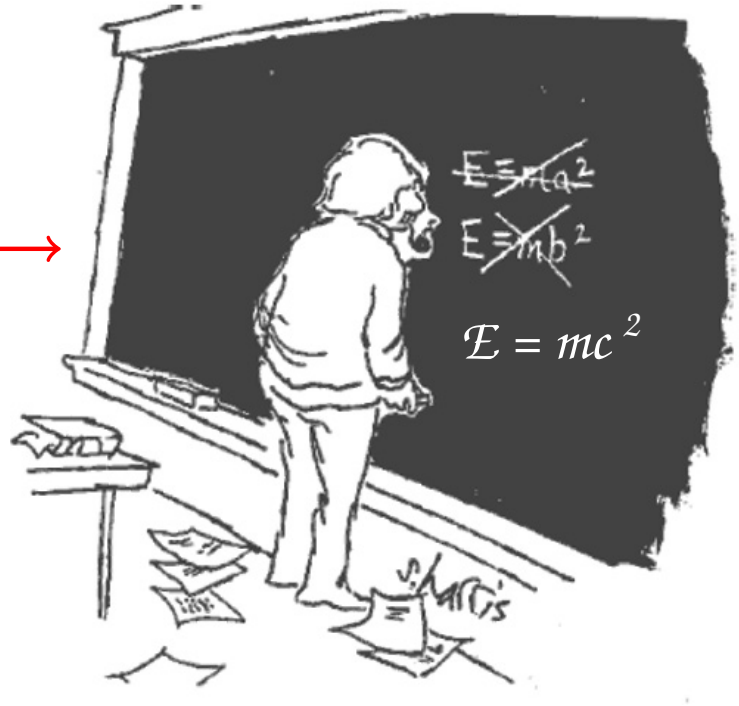

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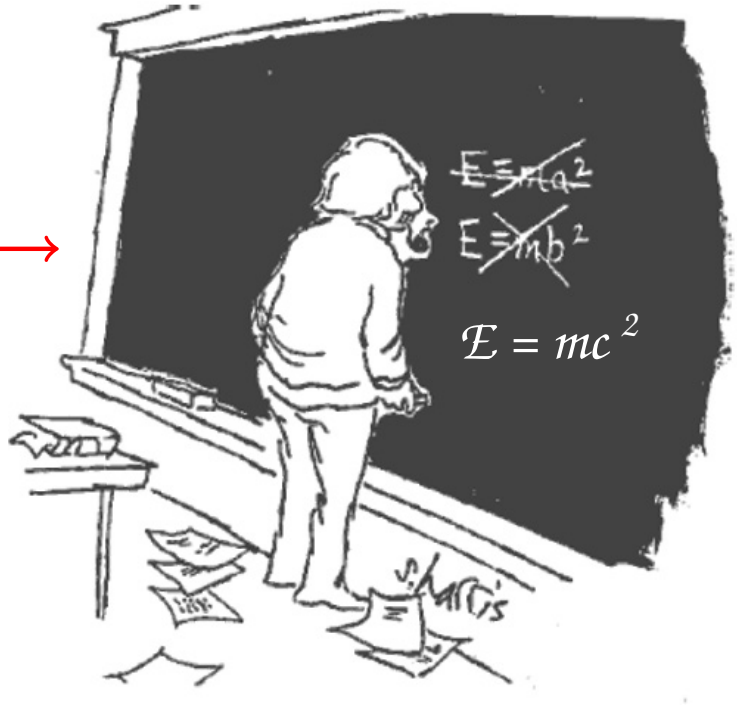

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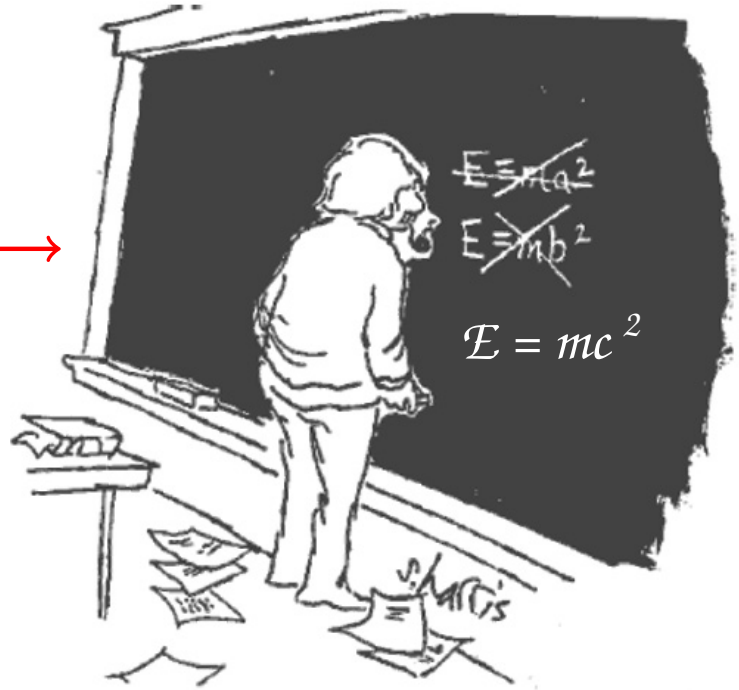

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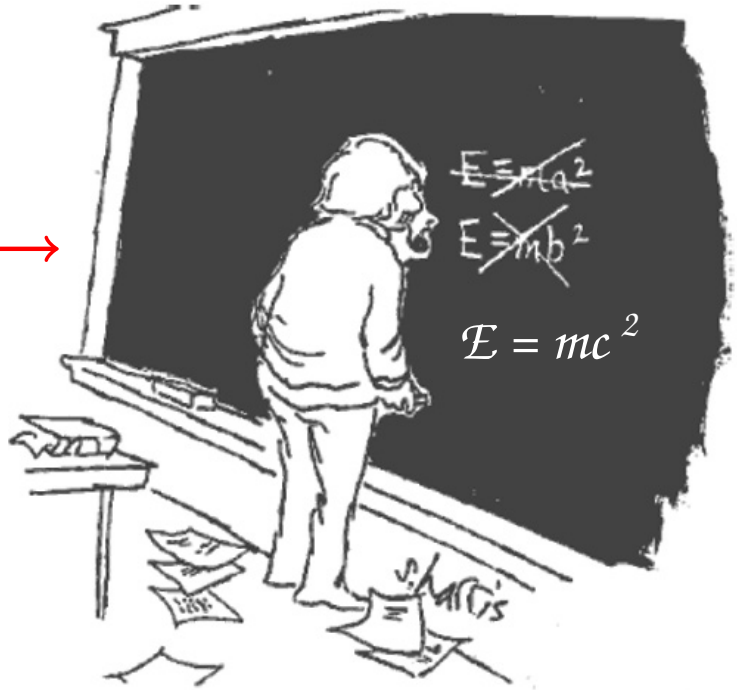

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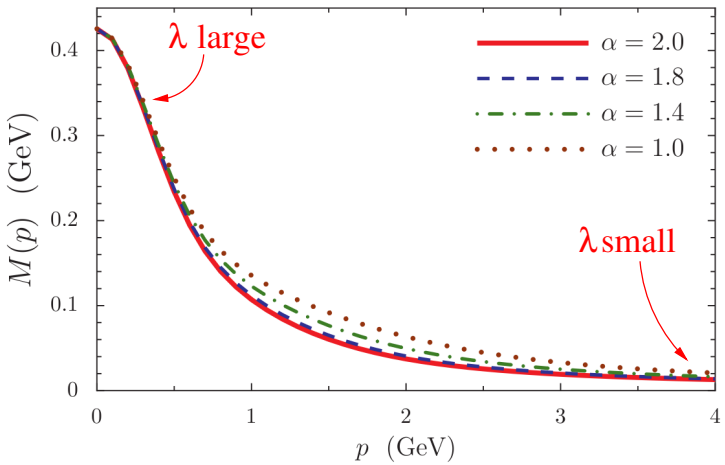

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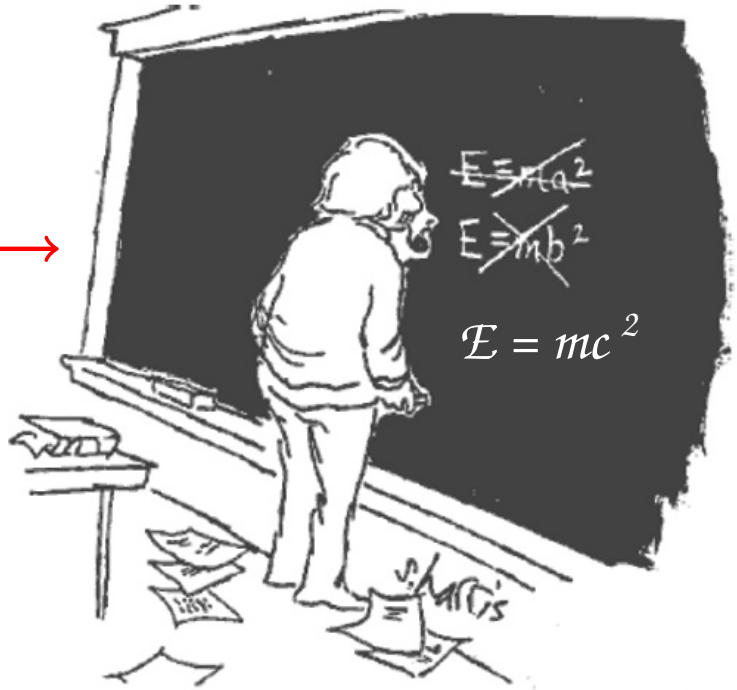

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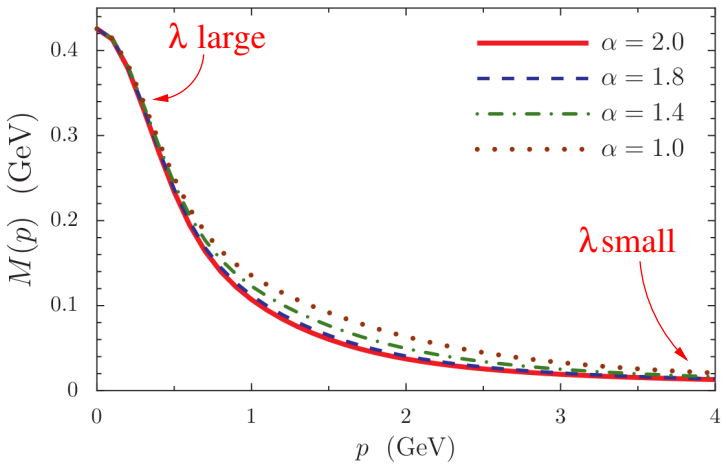

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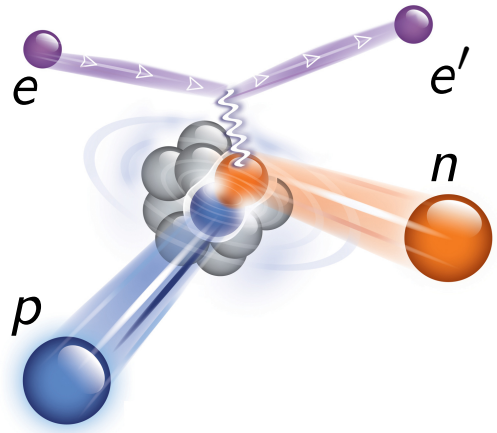

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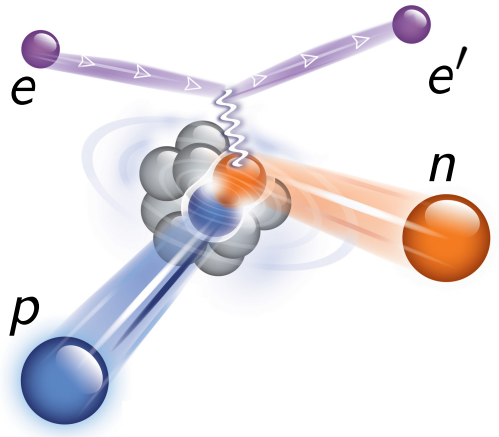

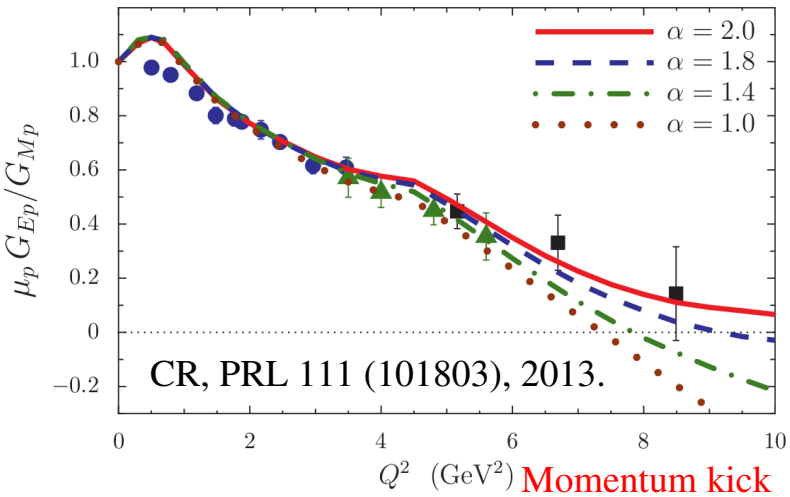

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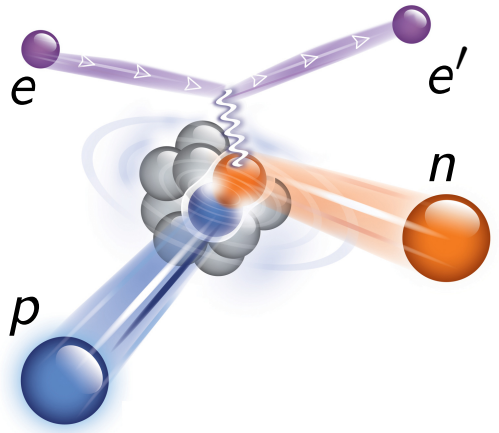

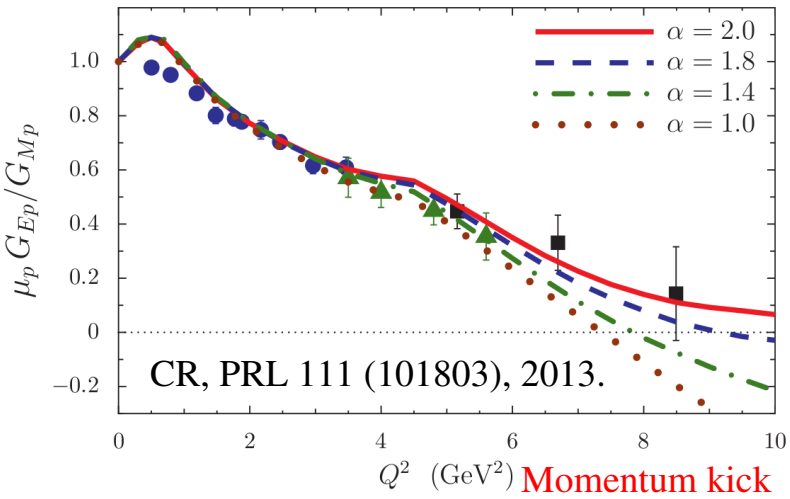

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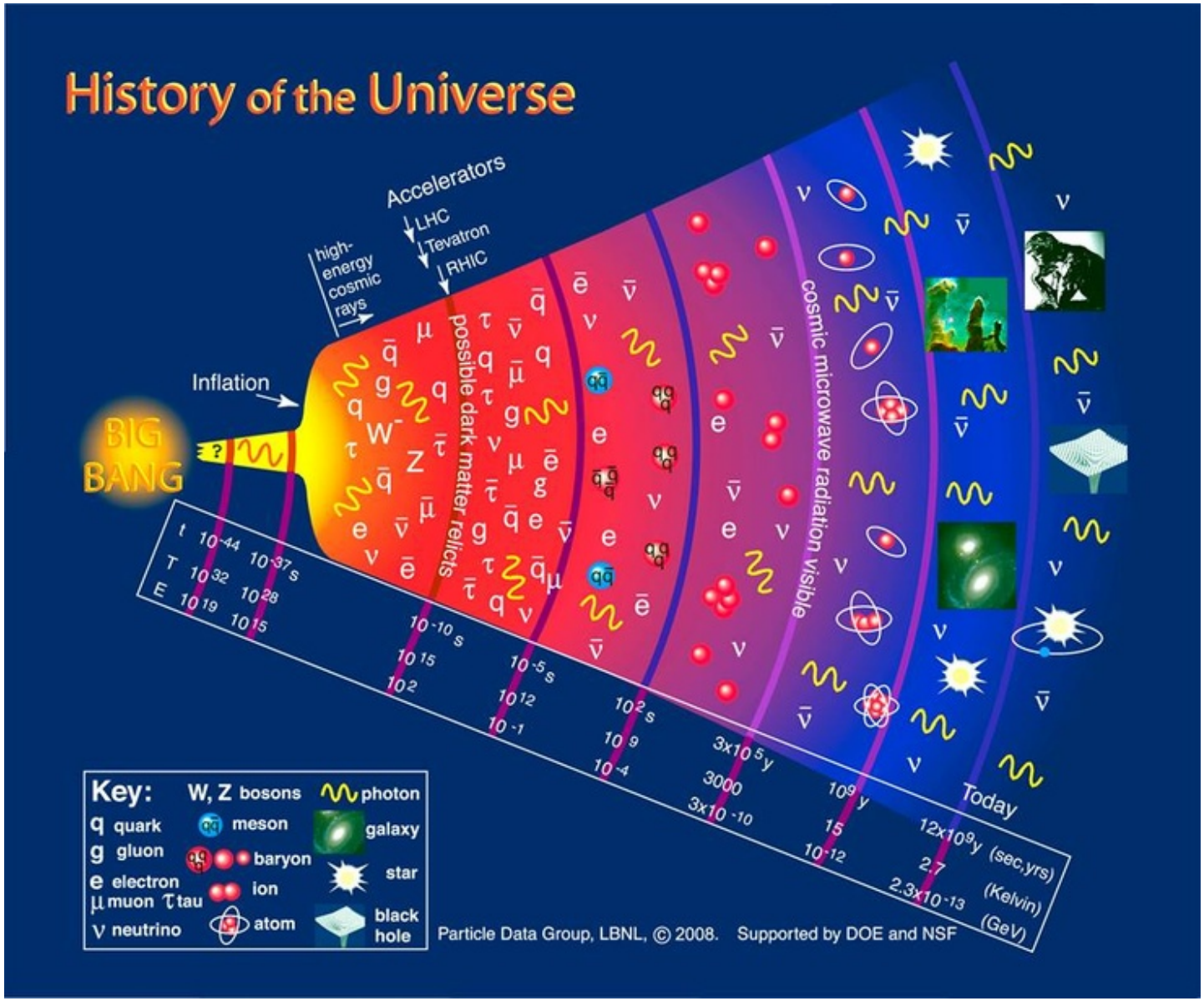

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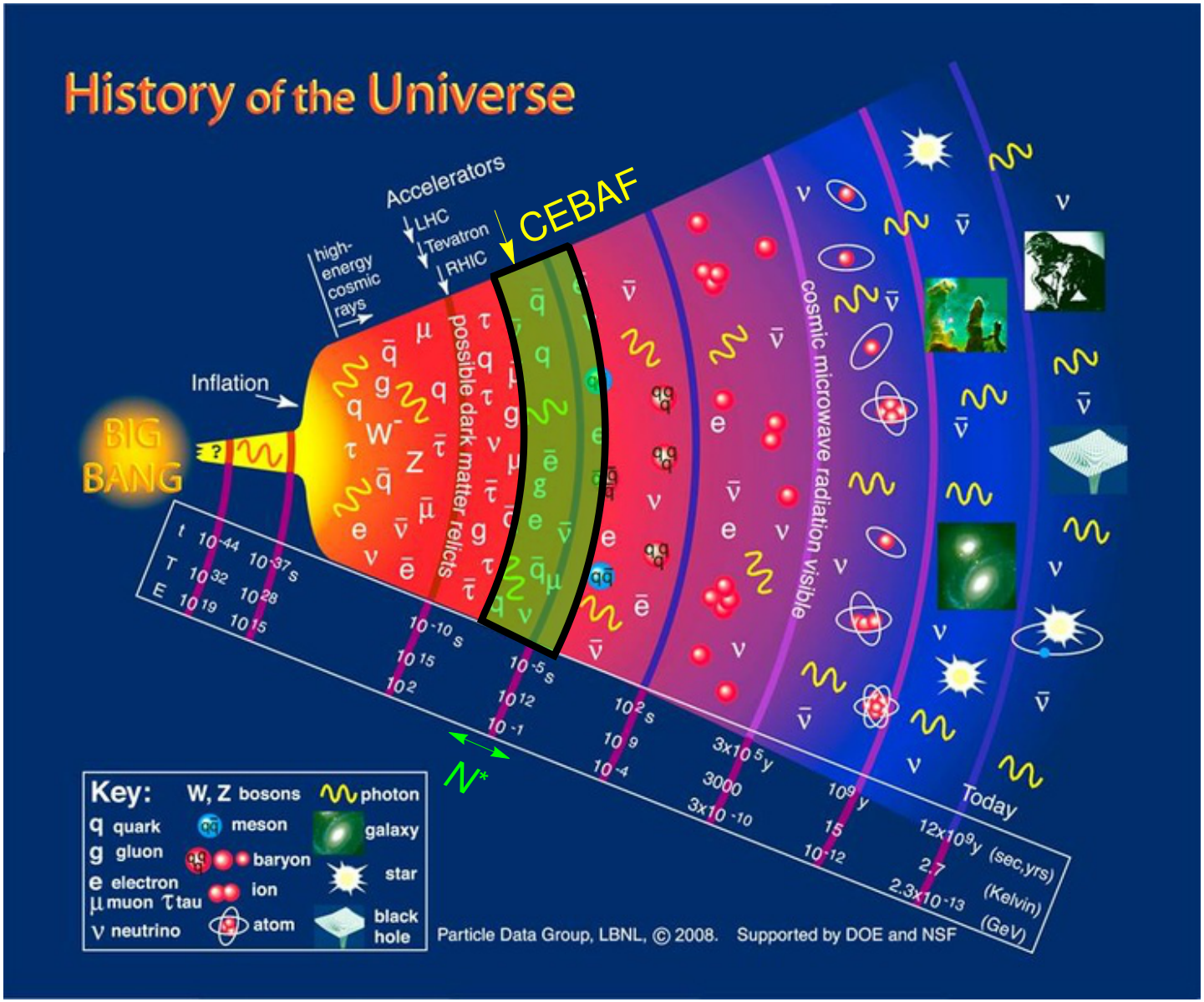

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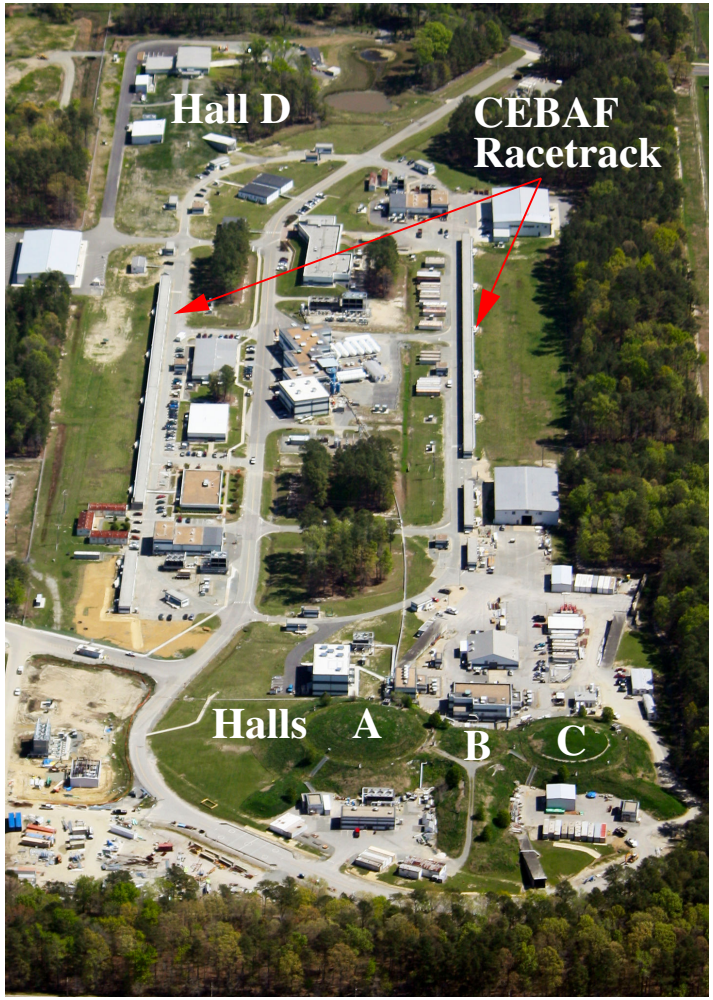

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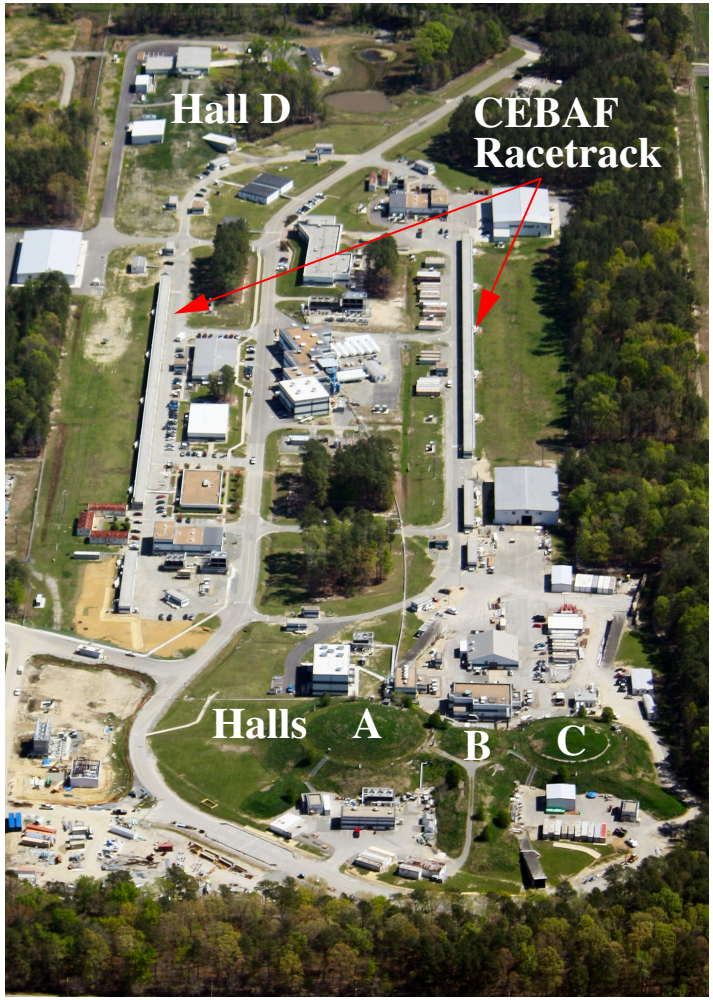

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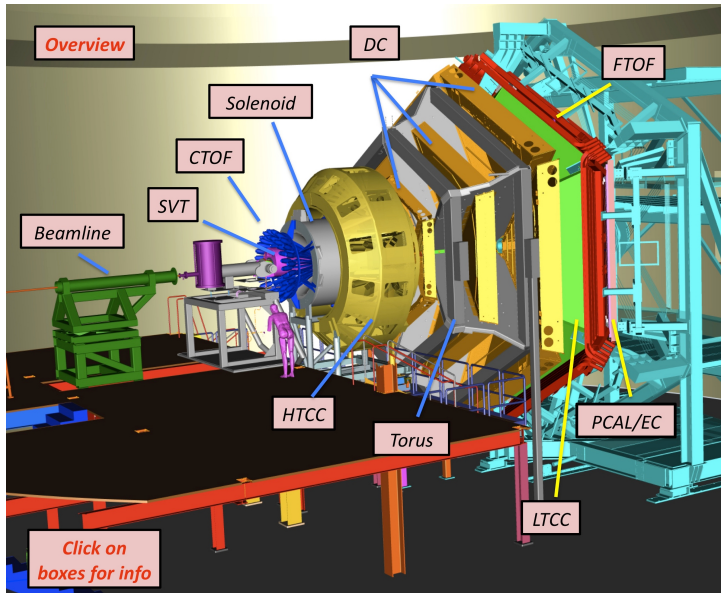

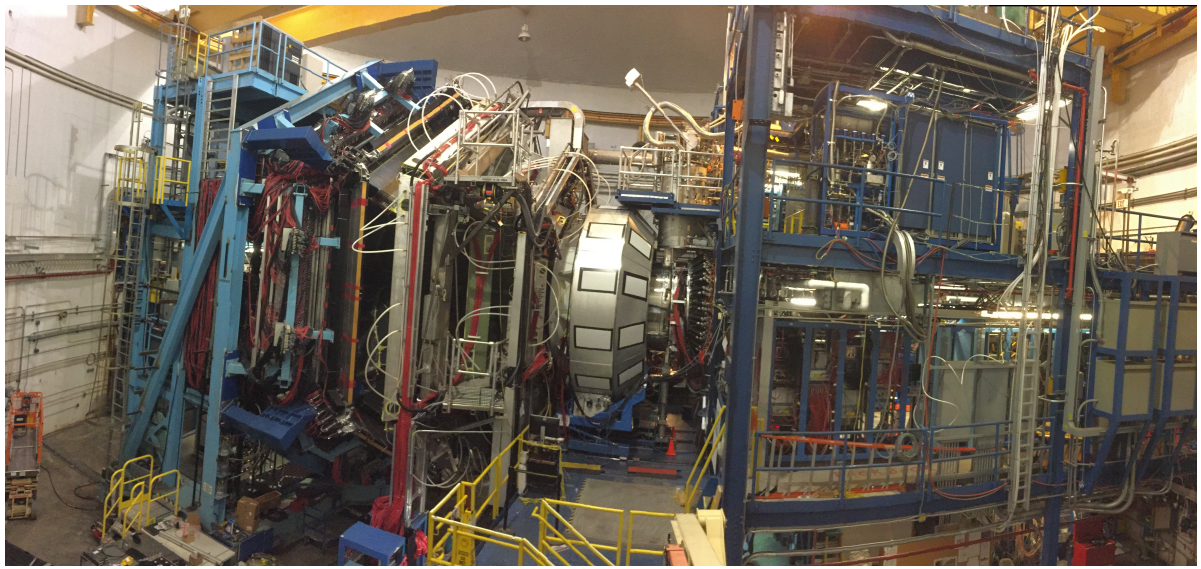

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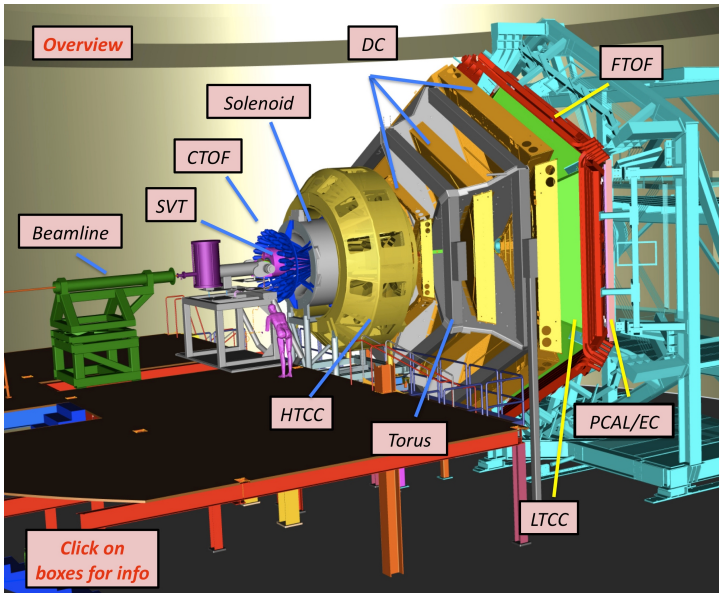

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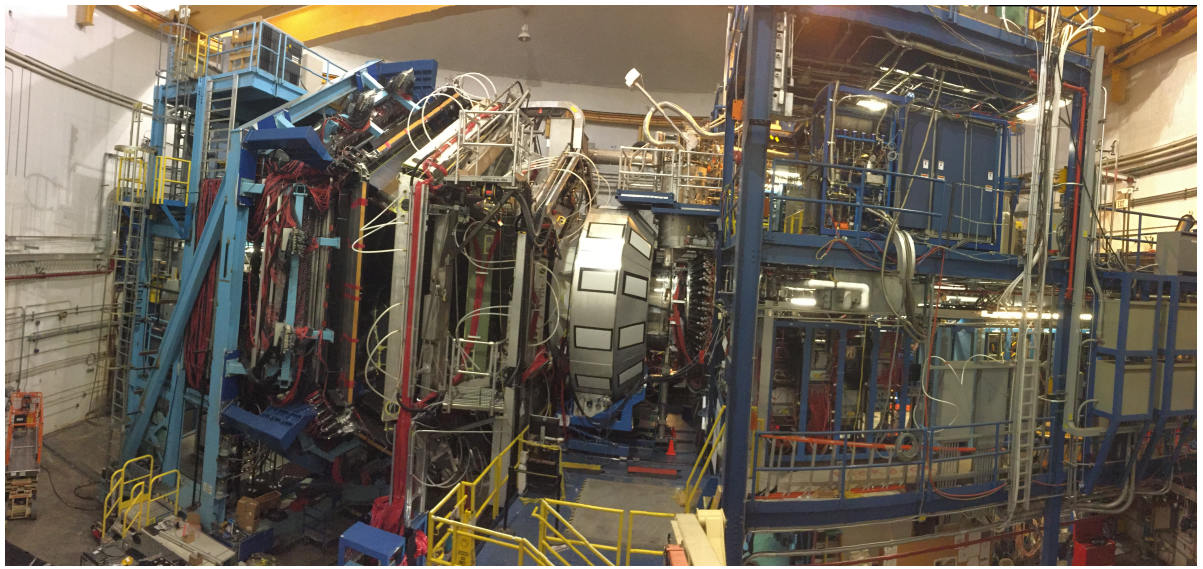

Some of the Nuclear Physics at the University of Richmond

- The usual suspects: Keegan Sherman, Omair Alam, Alexander Balsamo, David Brakman, Peter Davies, old gray-haired guy.
- Software is important! We are writing code for:
  - methods to align the 33,792 elements of the silicon vertex tracker to within $40 - 50\ \mu m$.
  - extracting the magnetic form factor G_M^n from the $eD \to e'p(n)$ and $eD \to e'n(p)$ reactions.
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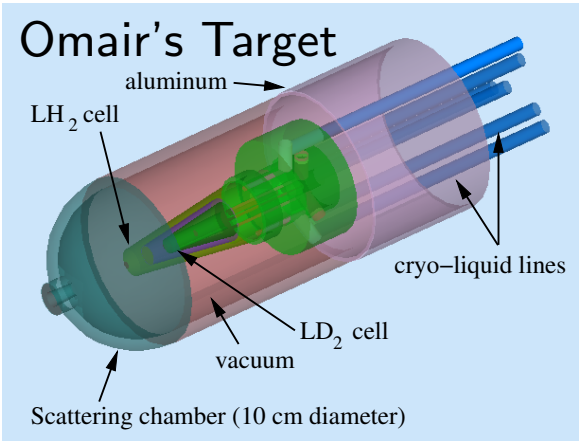

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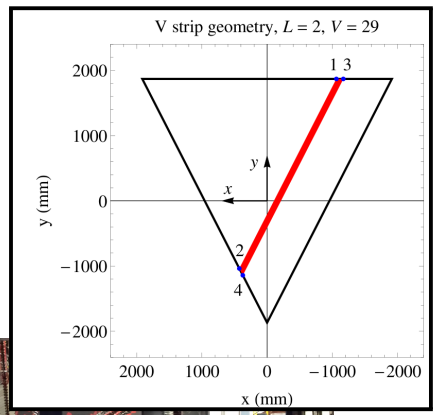

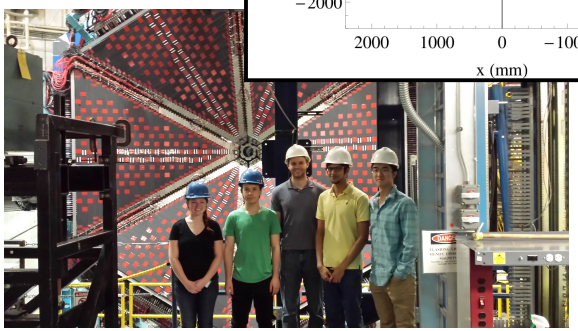

Summary and Conclusions

- JLab is at the frontier of our understanding of the basic properties of matter including most of the known mass.
- First measurement of the nucleon mass curve?
- CLAS12 is a large, complex particle detector about to see first beam.
- Our group is preparing feverishly to understand the deluge of data that is coming - first beams in April!

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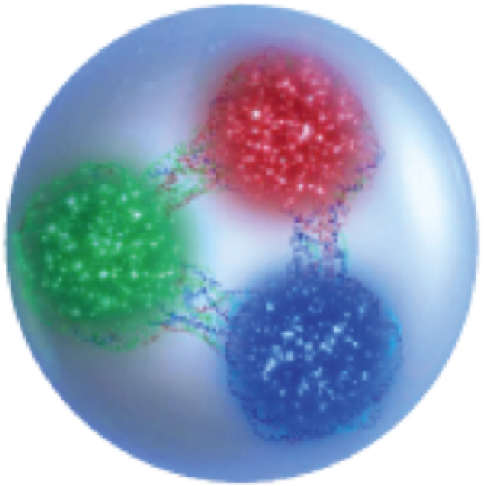

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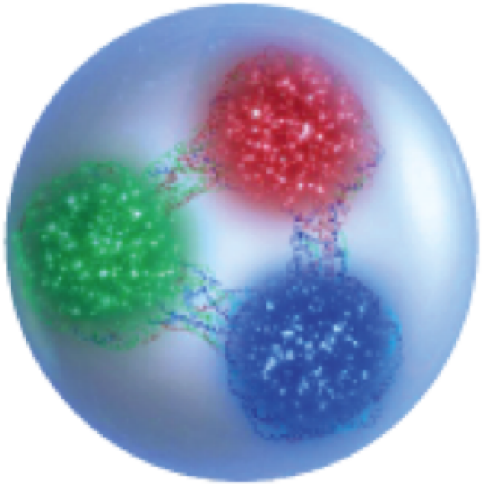

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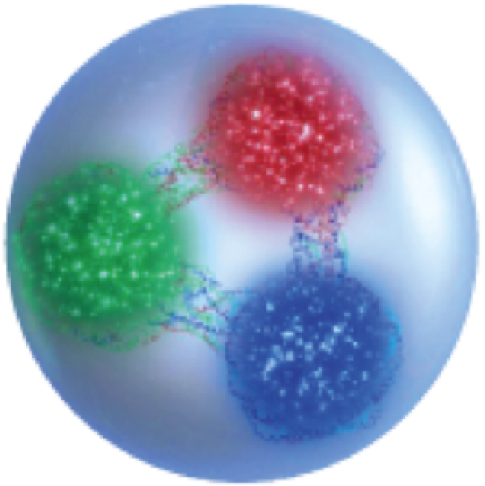

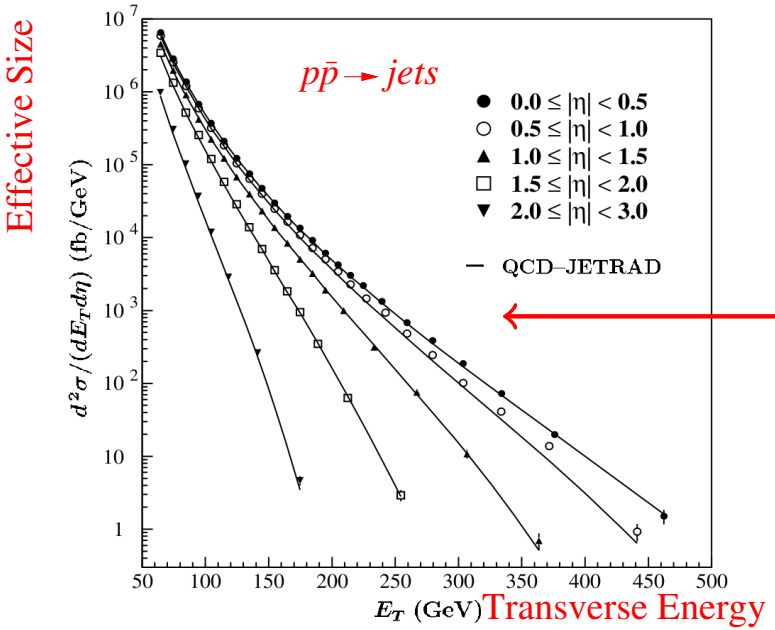

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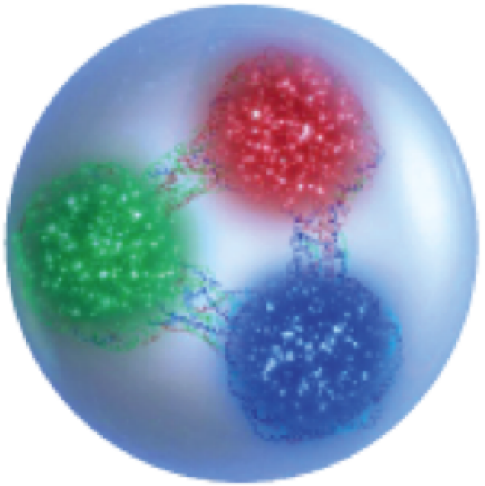

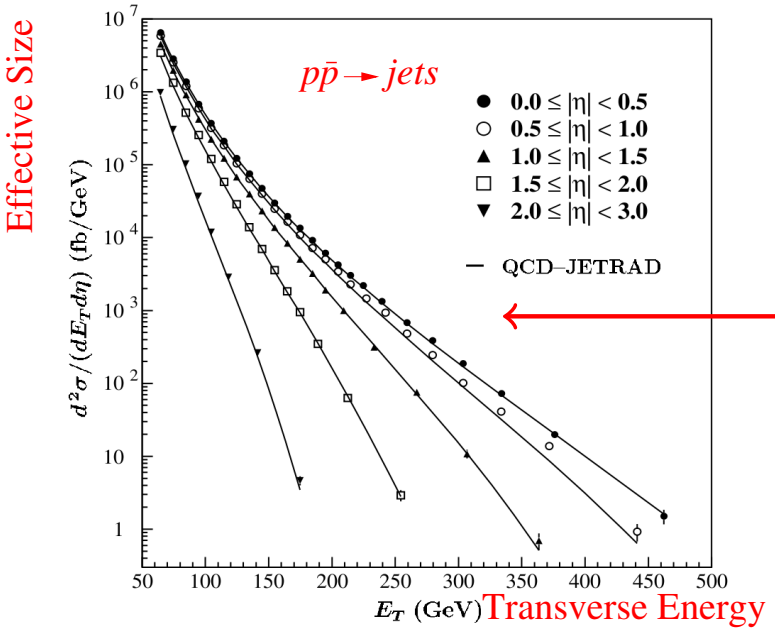

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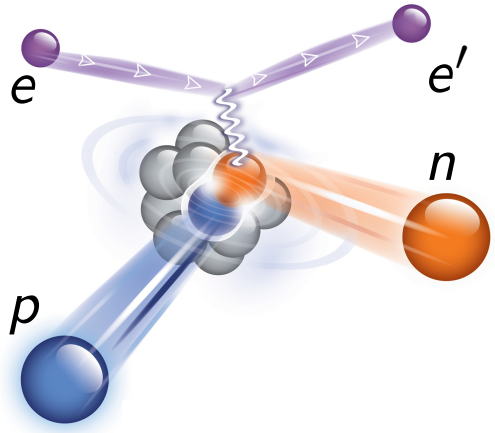

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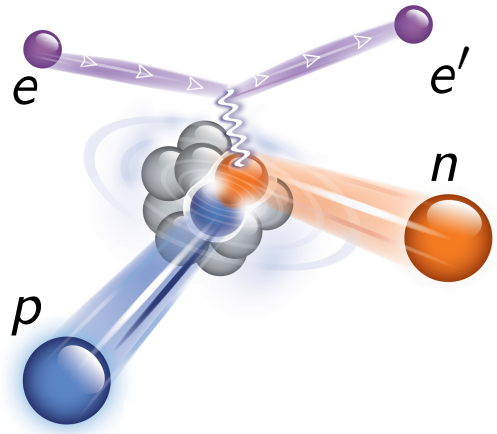

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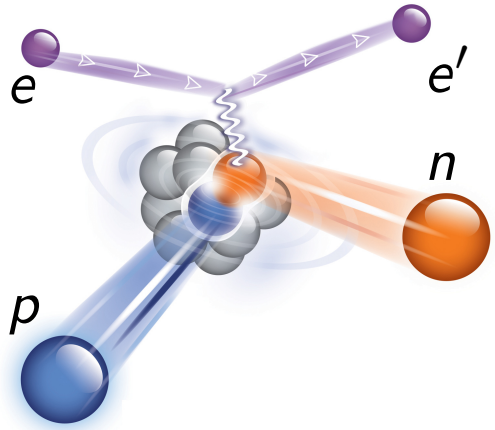

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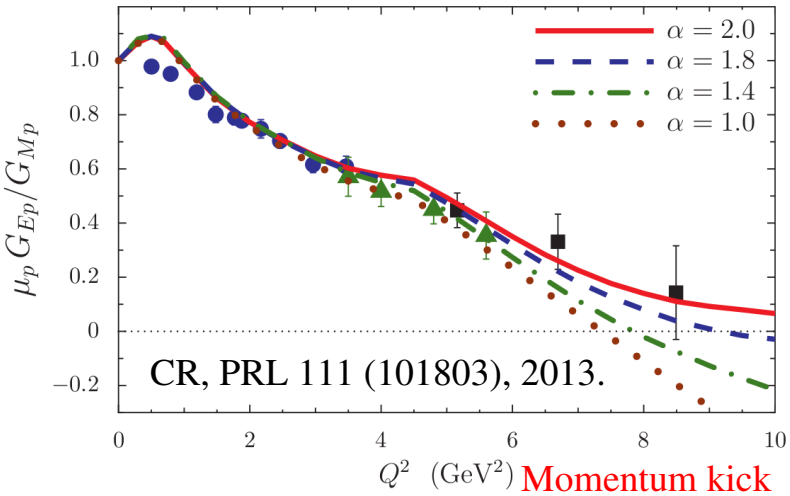

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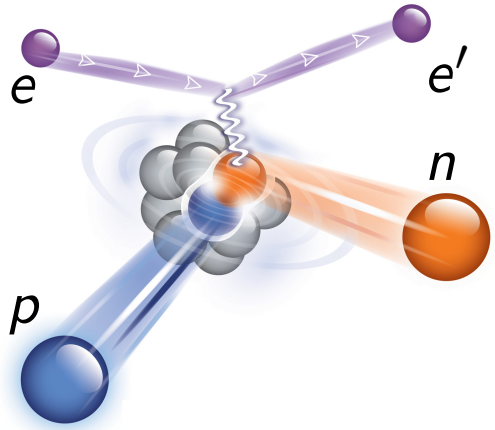

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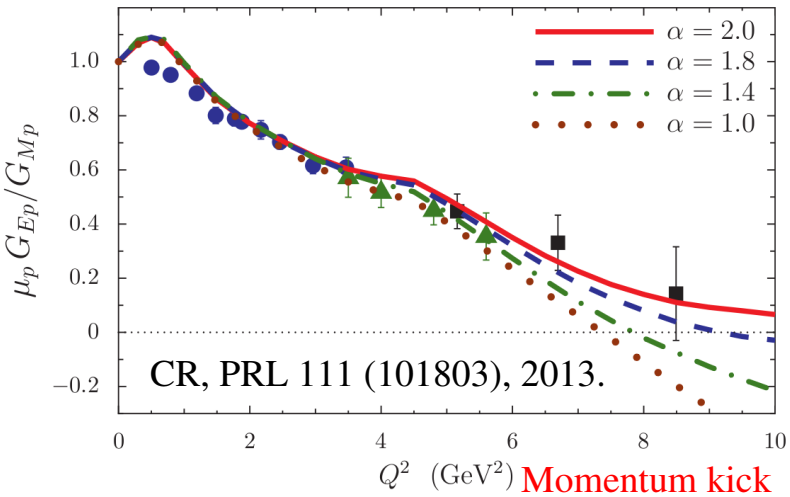

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