

# Flavour Physics

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1. Elementary constituents & fundamental interactions
2. Flavour-changing phenomena
3. Meson mixing & CP violation

1 IA

1	1.0079
H	Hydrogen

2 IIA

3	6.941
Li	Lithium

Be

Beryllium

18 VIIIA

2	4.0025
He	Helium

1

11	22.990
Na	Magnesium

Mg

Magnesium

2

19	39.098
K	Potassium

Ca

Calcium

3

20	40.078
Sc	Scandium

Ti

Titanium

4

21	44.956
Ti	Titanium

Cr

Chromium

5

22	47.867
V	Vanadium

Mn

Manganese

6

23	50.942
Cr	Iron

Fe

Cobalt

7

24	51.996
Mn	Nickel

Co

Nickel

25	54.938
Fe	Copper

Cu

Zinc

26	55.845
Fe	Zinc

Zn

Gallium

27	58.933
Co	Rhodium

Rh

Rhodium

28	58.693
Ni	Palladium

Pd

Palladium

29	63.546
Cu	Silver

Ag

Silver

30	65.39
Zn	Cadmium

Cd

Cadmium

31	69.723
Ga	Germanium

Ge

Germanium

32	72.64
As	Arsenic

Sb

Antimony

33	74.922
Te	Tellurium

Te

Tellurium

34	78.96
Br	Bromine

Br

Bromine

35	79.904
Kr	Krypton

Kr

Krypton

36	83.8
Xe	Xenon

Xe

Xenon

37	85.468
Rb	Rubidium

Sr

Strontium

38	87.62
Y	Yttrium

Y

Yttrium

39	88.906
La-Lu	Laanthide

Nb

Niobium

40	91.224
Sc	Scandium

Mo

Molybdenum

41	92.906
Tc	Technetium

Tc

Technetium

42	95.94
Ru	Ruthenium

Ru

Ruthenium

43	96
Rh	Rhodium

Rh

Rhodium

44	101.07
Pt	Palladium

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Palladium

45	102.91
Pd	Ptarmidium

Pd

Ptarmidium

46	106.42
Ag	Silver

Ag

Silver

47	107.87
Ga	Gallium

Ga

Gallium

48	112.41
In	Indium

In

Indium

49	114.82
Sn	Tin

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Tin

50	118.71
Sb	Antimony

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Antimony

51	121.76
Te	Tellurium

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Tellurium

52	127.6
I	Iodine

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Iodine

53	126.9
Xe	Xenon

Xe

Xenon

54	131.29
Rn	Radon

Rn

Radon

55	132.91
Cs	Caesium

Cs

Caesium

56	137.33
Ba	Barium

Ba

Barium

57	138.91
La	Lanthanum

La

Lanthanum

58	140.12
Ce	Cerium

Ce

Cerium

59	140.91
Pr	Praseodymium

Pr

Praseodymium

60	144.24
Nd	Neodymium

Nd

Neodymium

61	145
Pm	Promethium

Pm

Promethium

62	150.36
Sm	Samarium

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Samarium

63	151.96
Eu	Europium

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Europium

64	157.25
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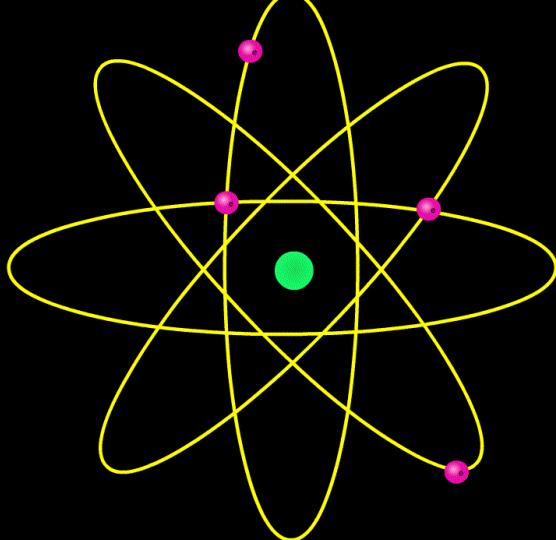
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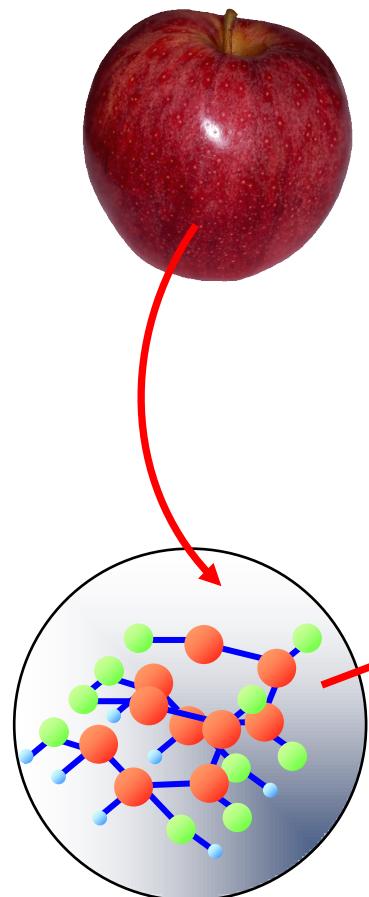
- [Blue square] Alkali Metal
- [Light Blue square] Alkaline Earth Metal
- [Purple square] Metal
- [Orange square] Metalloid
- [Green square] Non-metal
- [Light Green square] Halogen
- [Yellow-green square] Noble Gas
- [Pink square] Lanthanide/Actinide

Z	mass
<b>Symbol</b>	Name

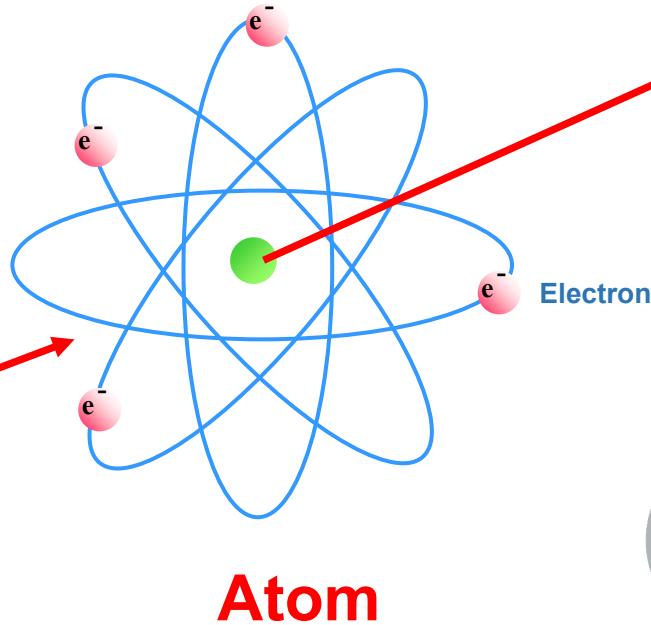
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<b>La</b>	Cerium	<b>Pr</b>	Praseodymium	<b>Nd</b>	Neodymium	<b>Pm</b>	Promethium	<b>Sm</b>	Samarium	<b>Eu</b>	Europium	<b>Gd</b>	Gadolinium	
Lanthanum	Cerium	Praseodymium	Neodymium	Promethium	Samarium	Europium	Gadolinium							
89	227	90	232.04	91	231.04	92	238.03	93	237	94	244	95	243	96
<b>Ac</b>	Thorium	<b>Pa</b>	Protactinium	<b>U</b>	Uranium	<b>Np</b>	Neptunium	<b>Pu</b>	Plutonium	<b>Am</b>	Americium	<b>Cf</b>	Curium	
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# E.M. interaction





Matter

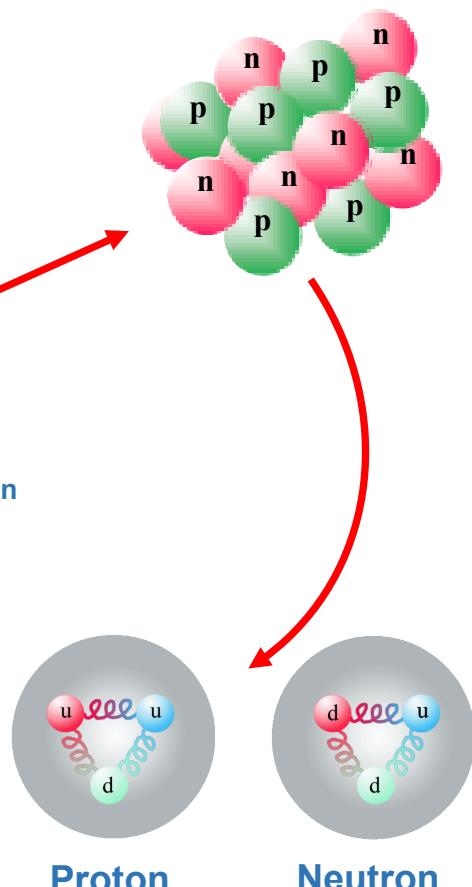


Electron

Atom

Molecules

Nucleus



Proton

Neutron

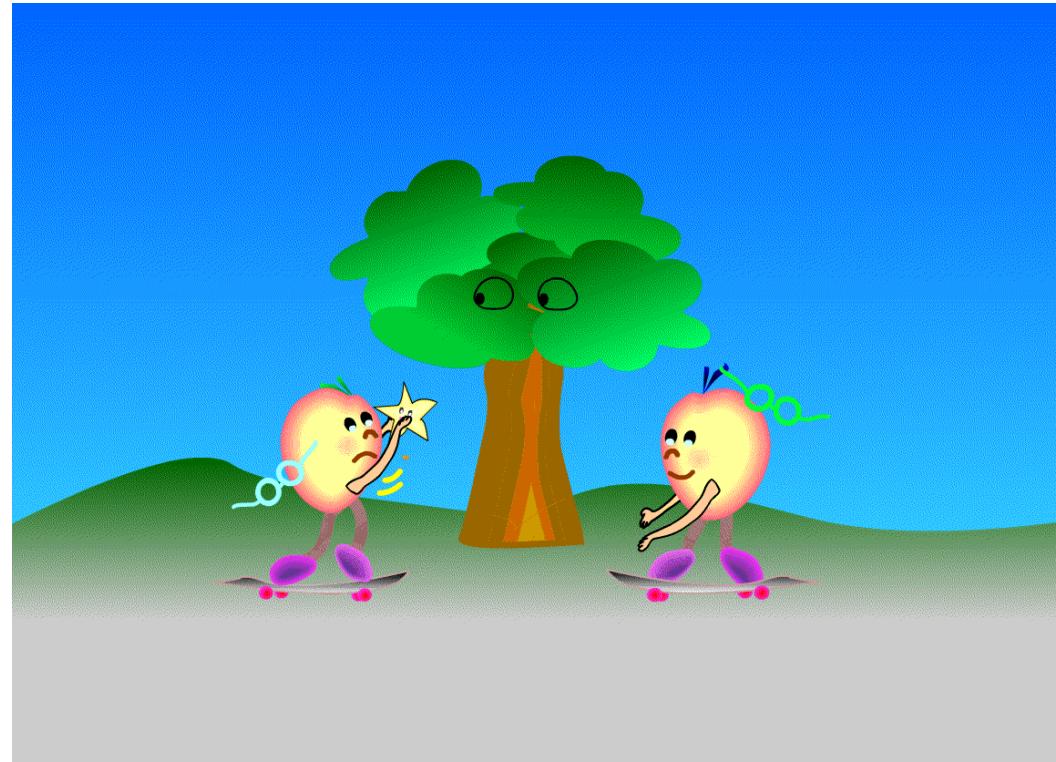
Quarks

$$Q_u = +\frac{2}{3} \quad , \quad Q_d = -\frac{1}{3}$$

# Fundamental Interactions

Type	Intensity	Intermediate Particle	Physical System
Strong	$\approx 1$	Gluons ( $m = 0$ )	Atomic Nucleus
Electromagnetic	$\approx 10^{-3}$	Photon ( $m = 0$ )	Atom
Weak	$\approx 10^{-5}$	$W^\pm, Z$ ( $M \neq 0$ )	Radioactivity $\beta$
Gravitation	$\approx 10^{-38}$	Graviton ?	Massive Bodies

The exchange  
of particles  
generates the  
interaction



# RADIOACTIVITY

( $\beta$  decay)



$$Q_{\nu_e} = Q_{\bar{\nu}_e} = 0$$

$$m_{\nu_e} = m_{\bar{\nu}_e} \approx 0$$

$\nu_e \equiv$  Neutrino ;  $\bar{\nu}_e \equiv$  Anti-Neutrino

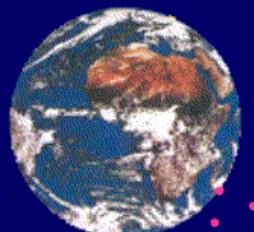


Weak Interaction

$$W^\pm, Z^0$$

$$M_W \sim M_Z \approx 100 m_p$$

$\nu_e$



# NEUTRINOS



ν<sub>e</sub>

- Interact very weakly
- Very abundant in the Universe
- Each second your body is crossed by

~  $10^{14}$   $\nu_e$  coming from the Sun



$$p \ p \rightarrow d \ e^+ \nu_e \ , \ ...$$

# NEUTRINOS

Each second your body is crossed by

$\sim 10^{14} \nu_e$  coming from the Sun

$p p \rightarrow d e^+ \nu_e , \dots$



They also come from below!

$\nu_e$



# Matter (Fermions , $J = \frac{1}{2}$ )

## Quarks

$Q = 2/3$



up (u)

$Q = -1/3$



down (d)

## Leptons

$Q = 0$



neutrino  $e$  ( $\nu_e$ )

$Q = -1$



electron (e)

# Forces

## Bosons

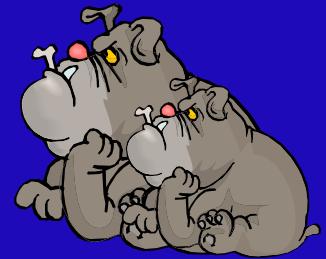
$J = 1$



photon

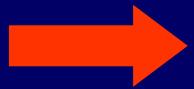


gluons



$Z^0$     $W^\pm$

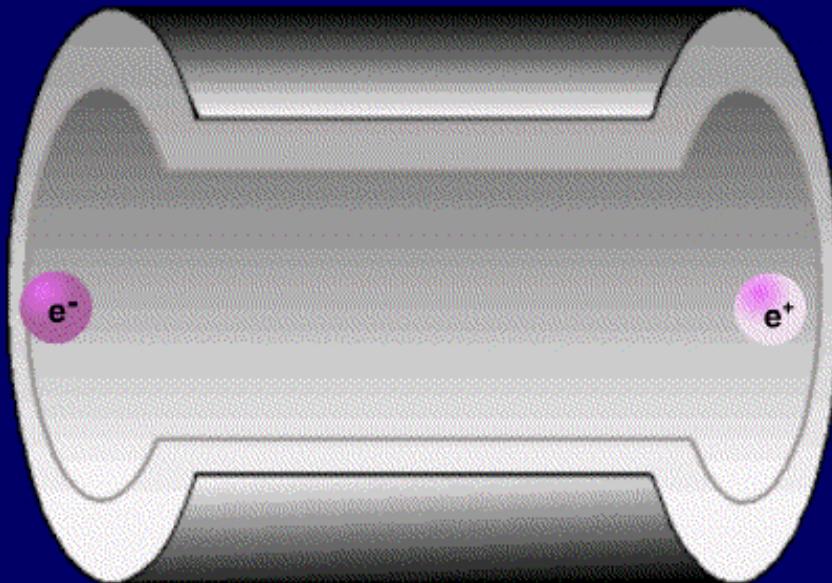
Quantum Mechanics + Relativity



Antiparticles

(Dirac)

# ANTIMATTER

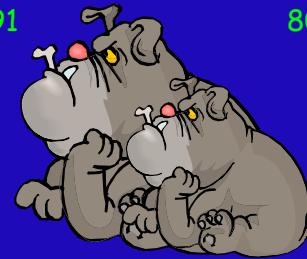


$u$	$d$	$\nu_e$	$e^-$
$\bar{u}$	$\bar{d}$	$\bar{\nu}_e$	$e^+$

$$E = m c^2$$

# Matter (Fermions , $J = \frac{1}{2}$ )

# Forces

Quarks		Leptons		Bosons
$Q = 2/3$	$Q = -1/3$	$Q = 0$	$Q = -1$	
0.003 	0.005 	< 0.000002 	0.0005 	0  J = 1 Photon
1.3 	0.1 	< 0.000002 	0.105 	0  gluons
173 	4.2 	< 0.000002 	1.777 	91  80 $Z^0$ $W^\pm$
top ( $t$ ) 	beauty ( $b$ ) 	neutrino $\tau$ ( $\nu_\tau$ ) 	tau ( $\tau$ ) 	125  J = 0 Higgs $m_h$

# STANDARD MODEL

Quantum Mechanics ( $\hbar$ ) + Special Relativity ( $c$ )



## Quantum Field Theory

- **Quantum Electrodynamics (QED)**

Electricity + Magnetism + Light:  $\gamma$

- **Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)**

Strong interaction: 8 Gluons

- **Electroweak Theory  $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$**

QED + Weak Interaction:  $\gamma, Z, W^\pm$



# Quantum Mechanics Wave Equations ( $\hbar=c=1$ )

- Non Relativistic:

$$E = i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} ; \quad \vec{p} = -i \vec{\nabla}$$

$$E = \frac{\vec{p}^2}{2m} \quad \longrightarrow$$

Schrödinger equation

$$i \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \Psi = -\frac{\vec{\nabla}^2}{2m} \Psi$$

- Relativistic:

$$p^\mu \equiv (E, \vec{p}) = i \partial^\mu = i g^{\mu\nu} \frac{\partial}{\partial x^\nu}$$

$$E^2 = \vec{p}^2 + m^2 \quad \longrightarrow$$

Klein-Gordon equation

$$\square \equiv \partial^\mu \partial_\mu = g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \partial_\nu = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \vec{\nabla}^2$$

$$(\square + m^2) \phi = 0$$

- Spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ :

$$(i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi = 0$$

Dirac equation

$$-(i \gamma^\nu \partial_\nu + m) [(i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi] = 0 \equiv (\square + m^2) \psi$$

$$\{\gamma^\mu, \gamma^\nu\} = 2g^{\mu\nu}$$

Spin matrices  $(D=4)$

# Dirac Algebra

$$\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu + \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu = 2g^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\gamma^0 = \begin{pmatrix} I_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -I_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad ; \quad \vec{\gamma} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \vec{\sigma} \\ -\vec{\sigma} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sigma^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad \sigma^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad \sigma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \left\{ \sigma^i, \sigma^j \right\} = 2\delta^{ij} ; \quad [\sigma^i, \sigma^j] = 2i\varepsilon^{ijk}\sigma^k$$

$$\psi = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi \\ \chi \end{pmatrix} \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \text{Particle} \\ \text{Antiparticle} \end{array} \right\} \quad \text{Spinors}$$

**Chirality Projectors:**

$$P_R \equiv \frac{1+\gamma_5}{2} ; \quad P_L \equiv \frac{1-\gamma_5}{2}$$

$$\gamma_5 \equiv i\gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I_2 \\ I_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad (\gamma_5)^2 = I_4$$

$$\psi = (P_R + P_L)\psi \equiv \psi_R + \psi_L$$

Chirality ( $\sim$  helicity) components

# Lagrangian Formalism

$$S = \int d^4x \mathcal{L}(\phi, \partial_\mu \phi)$$

$$\delta S = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \phi} - \partial^\mu \left( \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial (\partial^\mu \phi)} \right) = 0$$

Eq. Motion

**Klein-Gordon:** (spin 0)

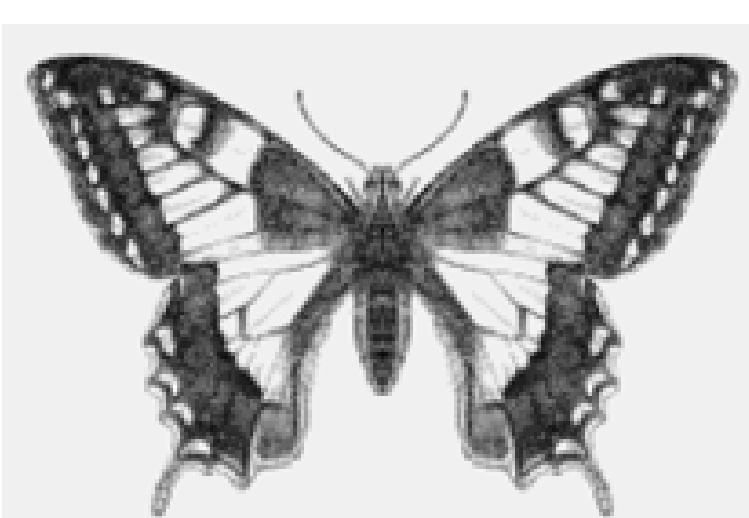
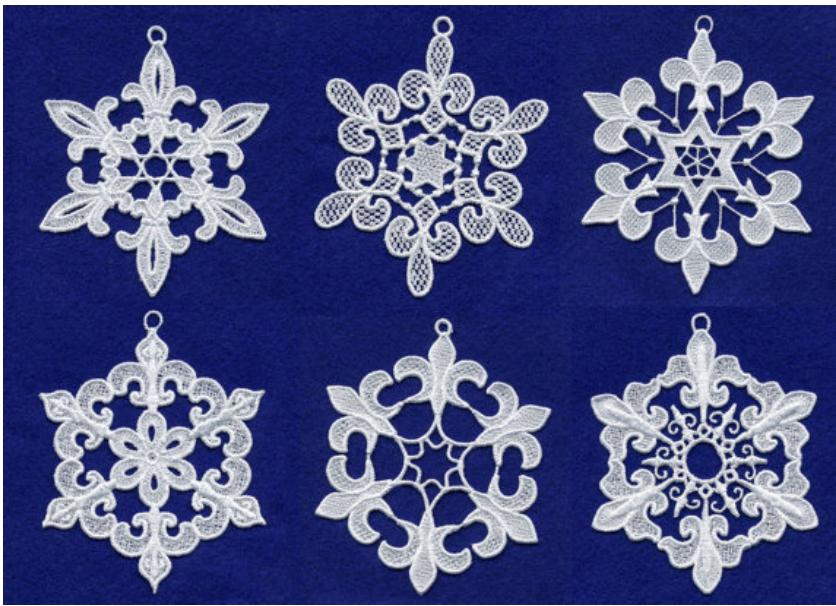
$$\mathcal{L} = \partial^\mu \phi^* \partial_\mu \phi - m^2 \phi^* \phi \quad \rightarrow \quad (\square + m^2) \phi = 0$$

**Dirac:** (spin  $\frac{1}{2}$ )

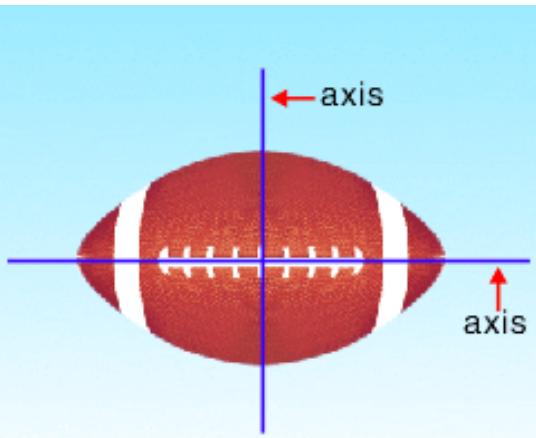
$$\bar{\psi} \equiv \psi^\dagger \gamma^0$$

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi \quad \rightarrow \quad (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi = 0$$

**Fields create, annihilate and propagate (anti)particles**



# SYMMETRIES



**Free Dirac Fermion:**

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi$$

**Phase Invariance:**

$$\psi \rightarrow \psi' = e^{iQ\theta} \psi \quad ; \quad \bar{\psi} \rightarrow \bar{\psi}' = e^{-iQ\theta} \bar{\psi}$$

Absolute phases are not observable in Quantum Mechanics

**GAUGE PRINCIPLE:**  $\theta = \theta(x)$

**Phase Invariance should hold LOCALLY**

**BUT**

$$\partial_\mu \psi \rightarrow e^{iQ\theta} (\partial_\mu + i Q \partial_\mu \theta) \psi$$

**SOLUTION:** Covariant Derivative

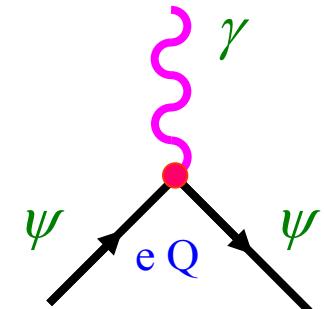
$$D_\mu \psi \equiv (\partial_\mu + i e Q A_\mu) \psi \rightarrow e^{iQ\theta} D_\mu \psi$$

**One needs a spin-1 (gauge) field  $A_\mu$  satisfying**

$$A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu - \frac{1}{e} \partial_\mu \theta$$

# Quantum Electrodynamics (QED)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} &= \bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu D_\mu - m) \psi \\ &= \bar{\psi} (i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m) \psi - e Q A_\mu (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi)\end{aligned}$$



**Kinetic term:**

$$F^{\mu\nu} \equiv \partial^\mu A^\nu - \partial^\nu A^\mu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_K = -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$



$$\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = e Q (\bar{\psi} \gamma^\nu \psi) \equiv J^\nu$$

**Maxwell**

**Mass term:**

$$[\exp: m_\gamma < 1 \times 10^{-18} \text{ eV}]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2} m_\gamma^2 A^\mu A_\mu$$

**Not Gauge Invariant**



$$m_\gamma = 0$$

**Gauge Symmetry**



**QED Dynamics**



# GAUGE THEORIES

The symmetries determine the interactions

(locally in each space-time point)

- **Electrodynamics:** 1 parameter  $\alpha \equiv \frac{e^2}{4\pi}$  (interaction strength)

Phase symmetry  $\rightarrow$  QED  $\rightarrow$  Maxwell Eqs.

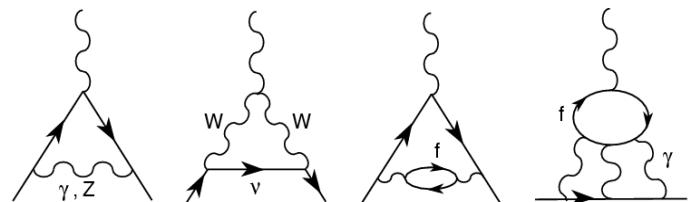
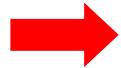


## Anomalous Magnetic Moment

$$\mu_l \equiv g_l \frac{e}{2m_l}$$

$$a_l \equiv \frac{1}{2} (g_l - 2)$$

$$\alpha_{\text{Rb2020}}^{-1} = 137.035\,999\,206\ (11)$$



$$a_e^{\text{th}} = 0.001\,159\,652\,180\,252\ (95)$$
$$a_e^{\text{exp}} = 0.001\,159\,652\,180\,91\ (26)$$

- **Electroweak Theory:** 2 parameters  $\alpha, \theta_W$
- **Quantum Chromodynamics:** 1 parameter  $\alpha_s$

# Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

Free Quarks:  $N_c = 3$  colours

$$\mathcal{L} = \bar{\mathbf{q}} [i\gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m] \mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{q} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} q \\ q \\ q \end{pmatrix}$$

$SU(3)_c$  Colour Symmetry:

$$[\lambda^a, \lambda^b] = 2i f^{abc} \lambda^c$$

$$\mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{q} = \exp \left\{ i \frac{\lambda^a}{2} \theta_a \right\} \mathbf{q}$$

Gauge Principle:

Local Symmetry

$$\theta_a = \theta_a(x)$$

$$\mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{q} \equiv (\mathbf{I}_3 \partial^\mu + i g_s \mathbf{G}^\mu) \mathbf{q} \rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{q}$$

$$\mathbf{D}^\mu \rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D}^\mu \mathbf{U}^\dagger$$

$$\mathbf{G}^\mu \rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{G}^\mu \mathbf{U}^\dagger + \frac{i}{g_s} (\partial^\mu \mathbf{U}) \mathbf{U}^\dagger$$

$$[\mathbf{G}^\mu]_{\alpha\beta} \equiv \frac{1}{2} (\lambda^a)_{\alpha\beta} G_a^\mu(x)$$

8 Gluon Fields

## Kinetic Term:

$$\mathbf{G}^{\mu\nu} \equiv -\frac{i}{g_s} [\mathbf{D}^\mu, \mathbf{D}^\nu] = \partial^\mu \mathbf{G}^\nu - \partial^\nu \mathbf{G}^\mu + i g_s [\mathbf{G}^\mu, \mathbf{G}^\nu] \rightarrow \mathbf{U} \mathbf{G}^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{U}^\dagger$$

$$\mathbf{G}^{\mu\nu} \equiv \frac{\lambda^a}{2} G_a^{\mu\nu} ; \quad G_a^{\mu\nu} = \partial^\mu G_a^\nu - \partial^\nu G_a^\mu - g_s f^{abc} G_b^\mu G_c^\nu$$

$$\mathcal{L}_K = -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (\mathbf{G}^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu}) = -\frac{1}{4} G_a^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

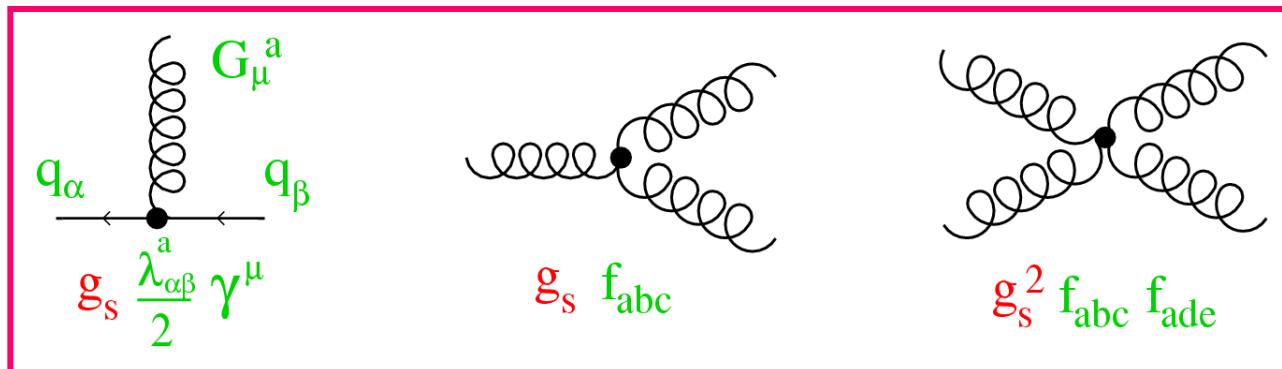
## Mass Term:

$$\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2} m_G^2 G_a^\mu G_\mu^a$$

Not Gauge Invariant  $\longrightarrow$   $m_G = 0$

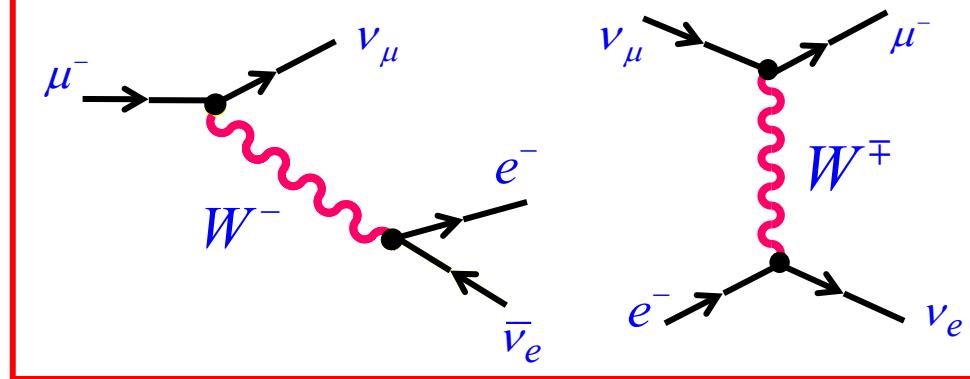
**Massless Gluons**

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{L}_{\text{QCD}} &= -\frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (\mathbf{G}^{\mu\nu} \mathbf{G}_{\mu\nu}) + \bar{\mathbf{q}} [i \gamma^\mu \mathbf{D}_\mu - m_q] \mathbf{q} \\
&= -\frac{1}{4} \left( \partial^\mu G_a^\nu - \partial^\nu G_a^\mu \right) \left( \partial_\mu G_\nu^a - \partial_\nu G_\mu^a \right) + \sum_q \bar{q}_\alpha [i \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu - m_q] q_\alpha \\
&- \frac{1}{2} \sum_q g_s [\bar{q}_\alpha (\lambda^a)_{\alpha\beta} \gamma^\mu q_\beta] G_\mu^a \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} g_s f_{abc} (\partial_\mu G_\nu^a - \partial_\nu G_\mu^a) G_b^\mu G_c^\nu - \frac{1}{4} g_s^2 f_{abc} f_{ade} G_b^\mu G_c^\nu G_\mu^d G_\nu^e
\end{aligned}$$

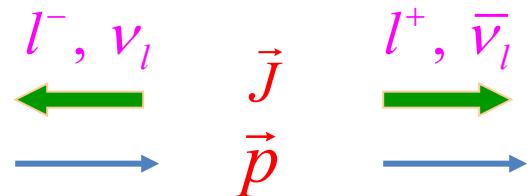


- **Gluon Self – interactions:**  $\mathbf{G}^3$  ,  $\mathbf{G}^4$
- **Universal Coupling**  $\mathbf{g}_s$  **(No Colour Charges)**

# Experimental Facts on Weak Transitions



- Left-handed leptons (Right-handed antileptons)



- Doublet partners:  $l_L^- \Leftrightarrow (\nu_l)_L$  ,  $d_L \Leftrightarrow u_L$

$$\nu_\mu X \rightarrow \mu^- X' \quad ; \quad \nu_\mu X \not\rightarrow e^- X' \quad ; \quad d \rightarrow u e^- \bar{\nu}_e \quad ; \quad u \rightarrow d e^+ \nu_e$$

- Three families:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_e & u \\ e^- & d' \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \begin{bmatrix} \nu_\mu & c \\ \mu^- & s' \end{bmatrix} \quad , \quad \begin{bmatrix} \nu_\tau & t \\ \tau^- & b' \end{bmatrix}$$

**Family Structure**

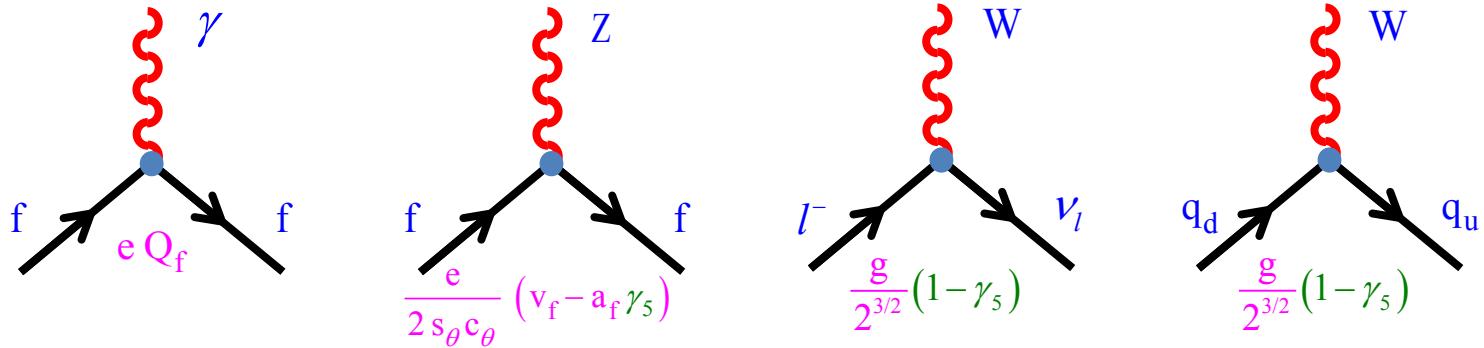
$$\begin{bmatrix} \nu_l & q_u \\ l^- & q_d \end{bmatrix} \equiv \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} \nu_l \\ l^- \end{bmatrix}_L, (\nu_l)_R, l_R^- \right) ; \left\{ \left( \begin{bmatrix} q_u \\ q_d \end{bmatrix}_L, (q_u)_R, (q_d)_R \right) \right\} \right\}$$

# $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ Electroweak Gauge Theory

3 + 1 gauge bosons:  $W^\pm, Z, \gamma$  ; 2 gauge couplings:  $g, g'$

## Fermion

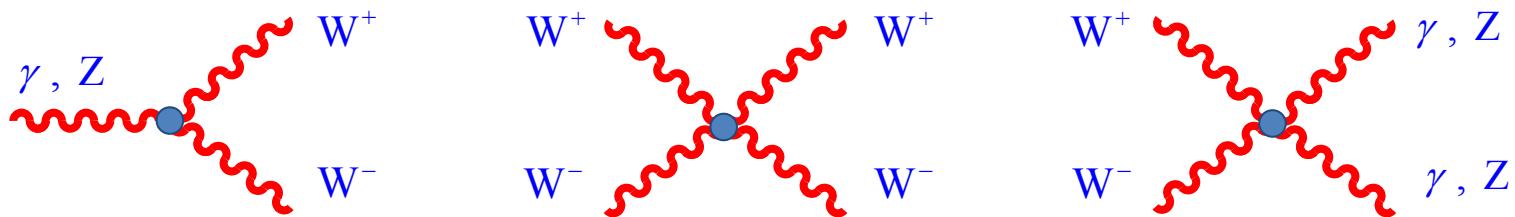
### Interactions



$$g \sin \theta_W = g' \cos \theta_W = e , \quad v_f = T_3^f = \pm \frac{1}{2} , \quad a_f = T_3^f (1 - 4 |Q_f| \sin^2 \theta_W)$$

## Gauge

### Self- Interactions



# PROBLEM WITH MASSES

The same symmetry that determines the interactions  
requires all elementary particles to be massless

$$\mathcal{L}_{m_f} \equiv -m_f \bar{f} f = -m_f (\bar{f}_L f_R + \bar{f}_R f_L) \quad \text{Not gauge invariant} \quad \rightarrow \quad m_f = 0$$



$$\begin{aligned} m_\gamma &= m_G = 0 \\ M_W &= 80.38 \text{ GeV} \\ M_Z &= 91.19 \text{ GeV} \\ m_t &= 173 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

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Mass is the only difference among  
the 3 families of quarks and leptons

# PROBLEM WITH MASSES

- If  $M_W = M_Z = 0$  the weak force would not be suppressed  
Stars (Sun) would consume much faster their nuclear fuel

**The Universe would be different**

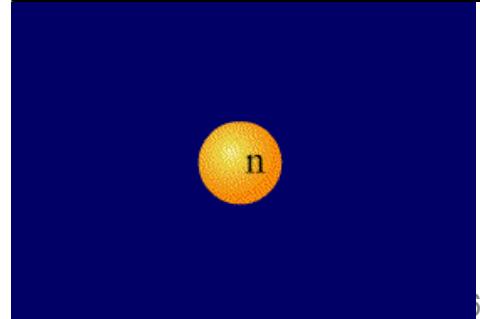
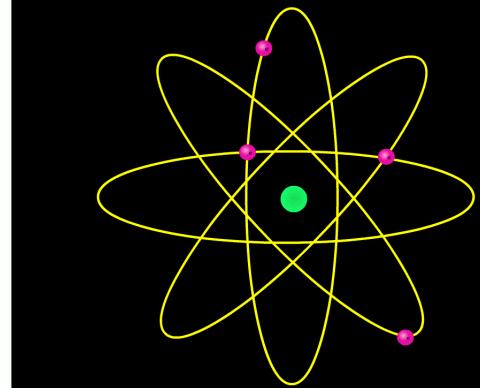
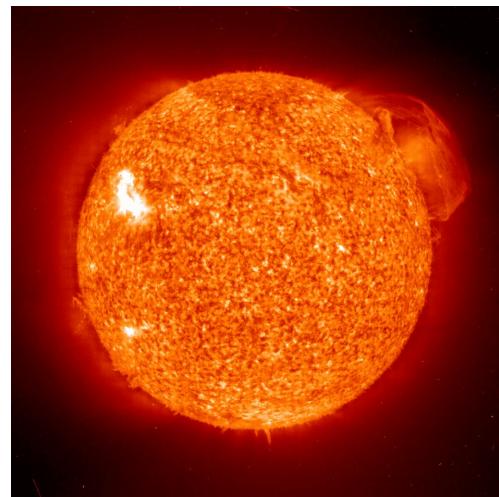
- Massless electrons would travel at the speed of light

**Atoms would not exist**

- If  $m_u > m_d$  protons would decay

**Many atomic nuclei would not be stable**

**Masses cannot be added by hand: the quantum theory becomes ill-defined when gauge symmetry is broken**





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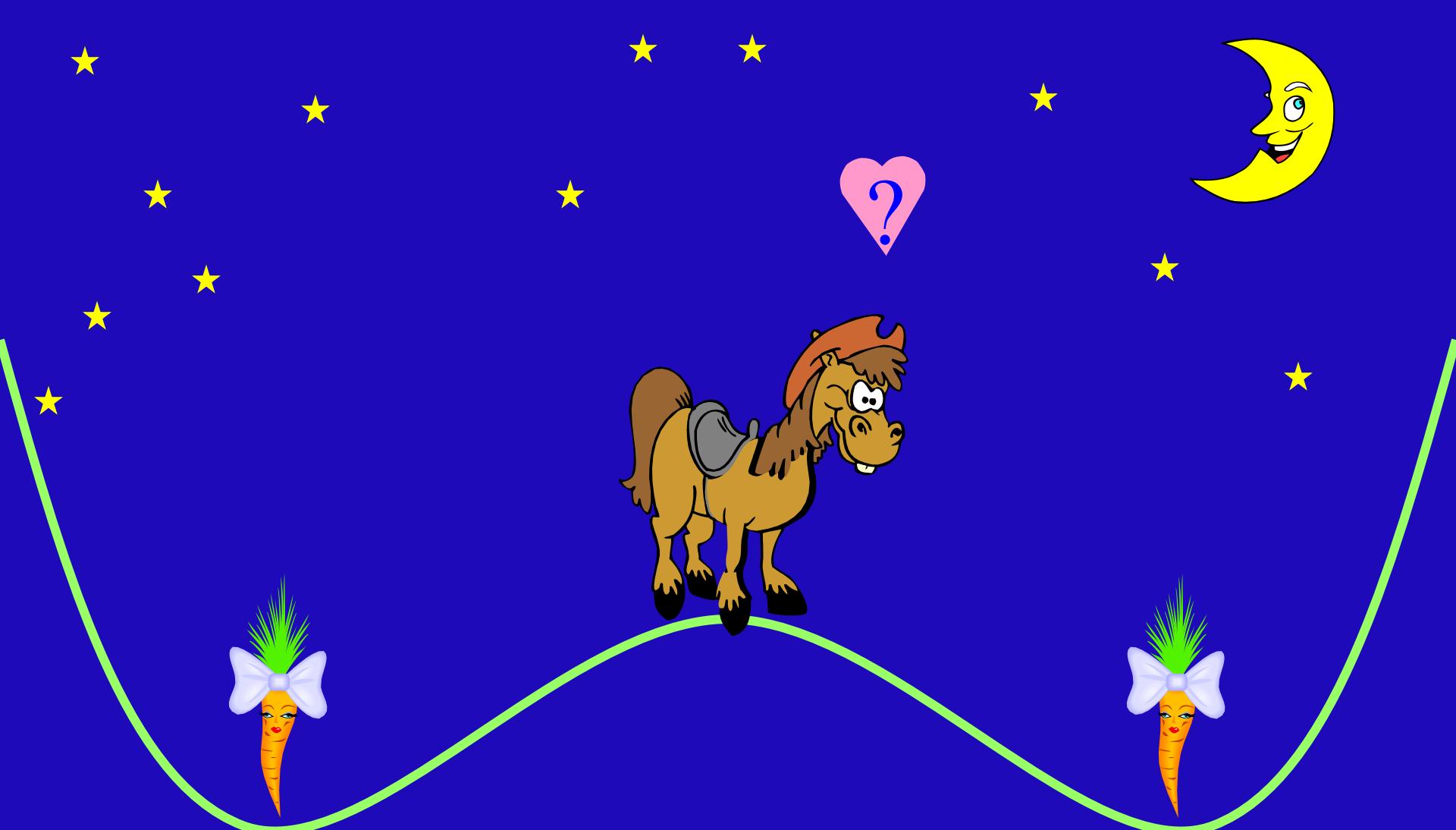
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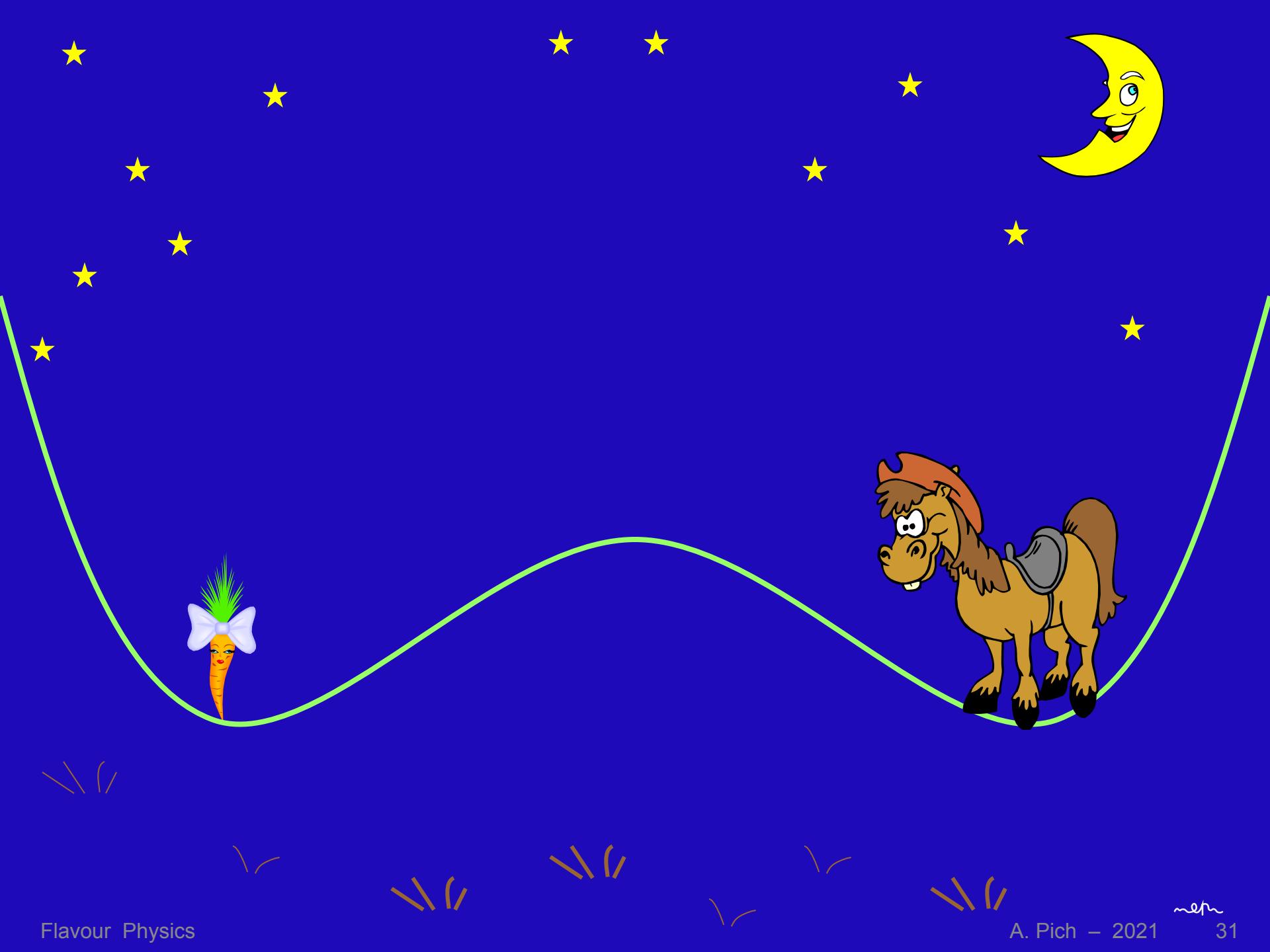


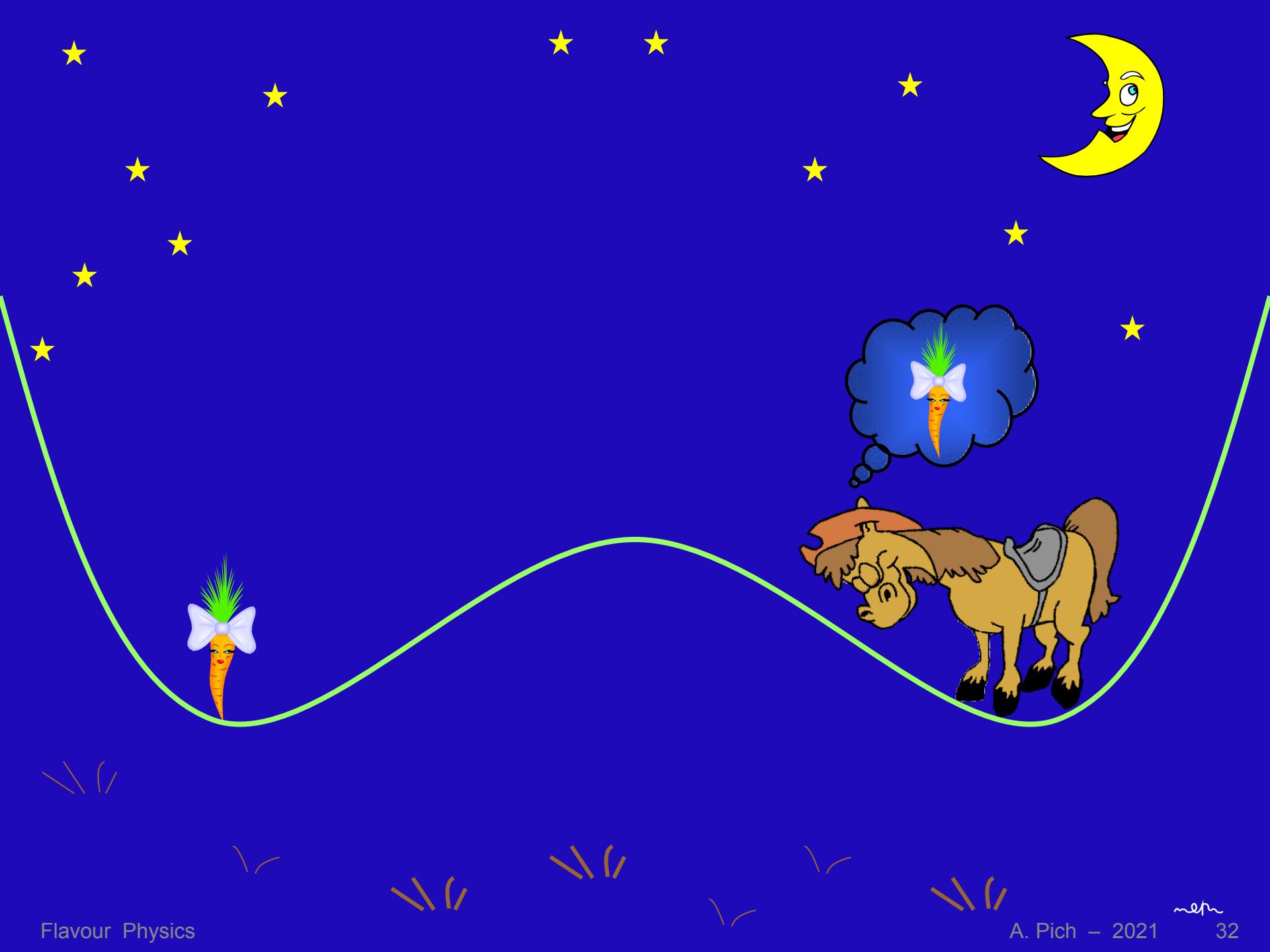
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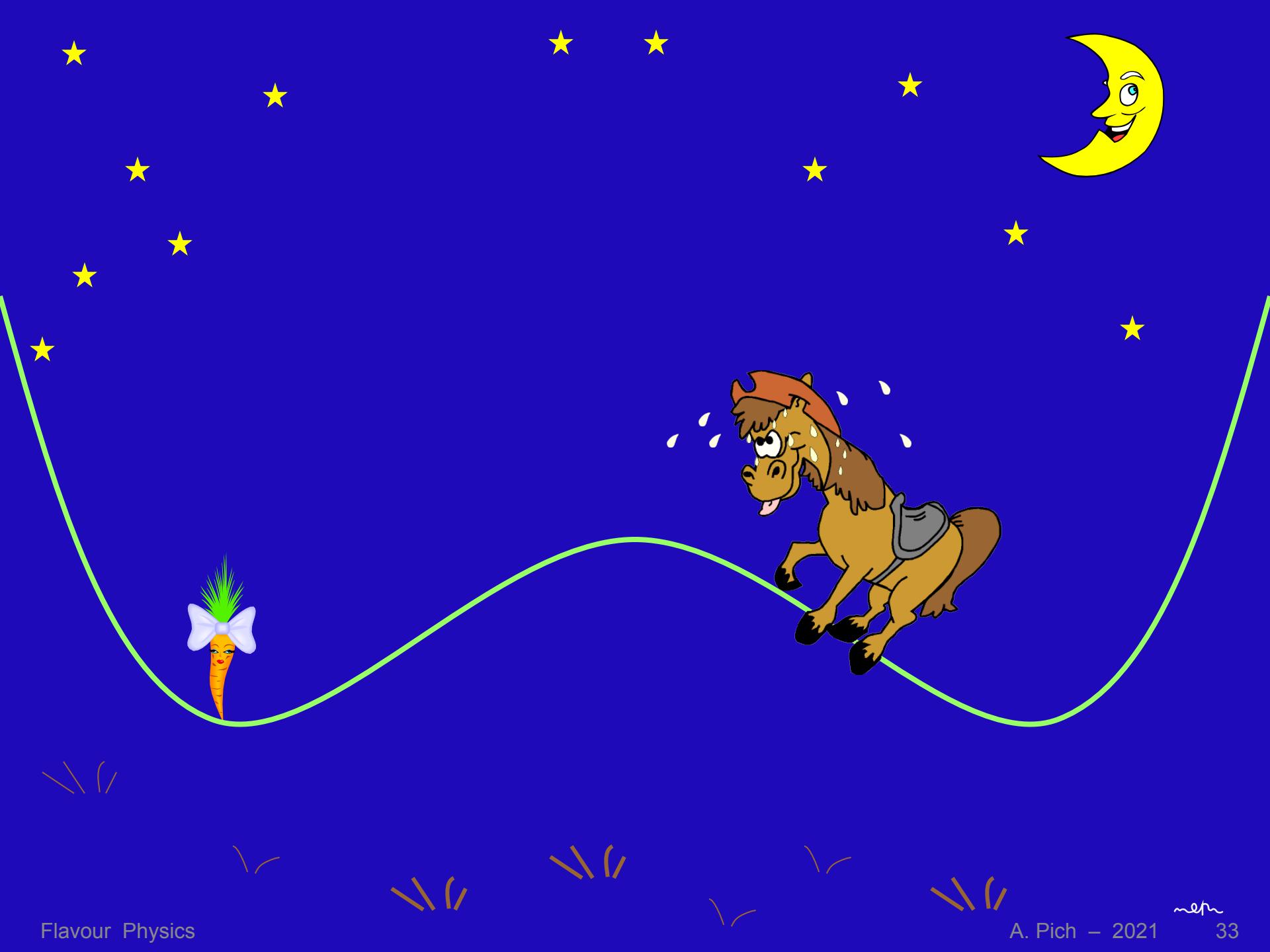
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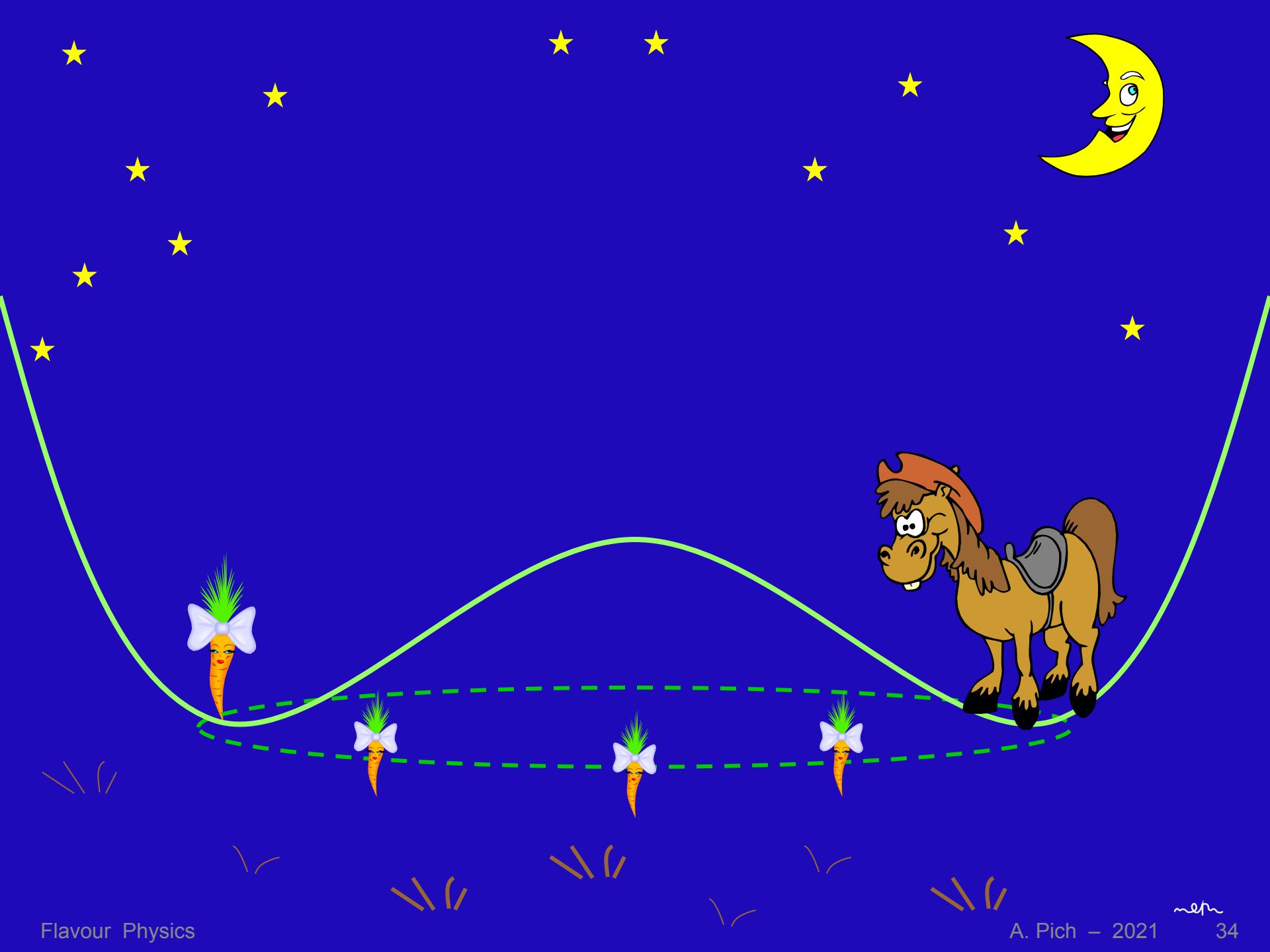












Nobel Prize 2008



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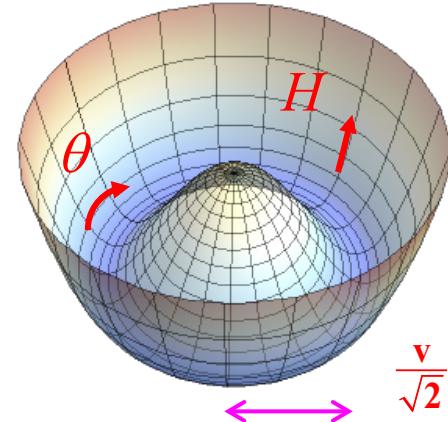
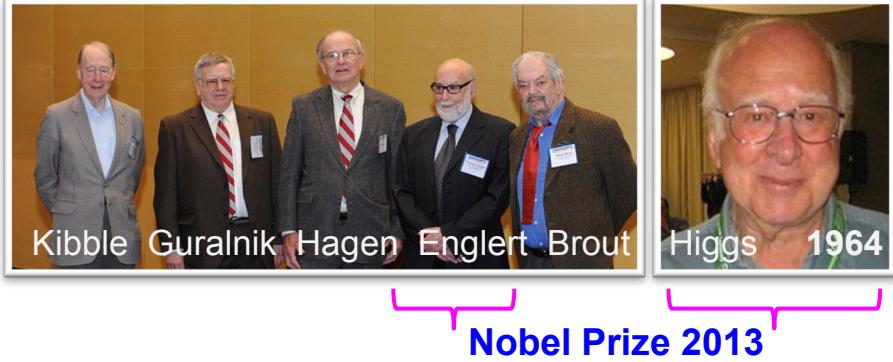


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# Higgs Mechanism

$$V(\phi) = -\mu^2 \phi^\dagger \phi + \lambda (\phi^\dagger \phi)^2 , \quad v \equiv \sqrt{\mu^2 / \lambda}$$



- **Scalar field (without spin) coupled to the gauge field**
- **$\theta(x)$  + Gauge Field = Massive Gauge Field**
- **$H(x)$  = Higgs Field**

$$\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\theta(x)} [v + H(x)]$$

Standard Theory  $SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$ :

$$M_Z \cos \theta_W = M_W = \frac{1}{2} v g$$

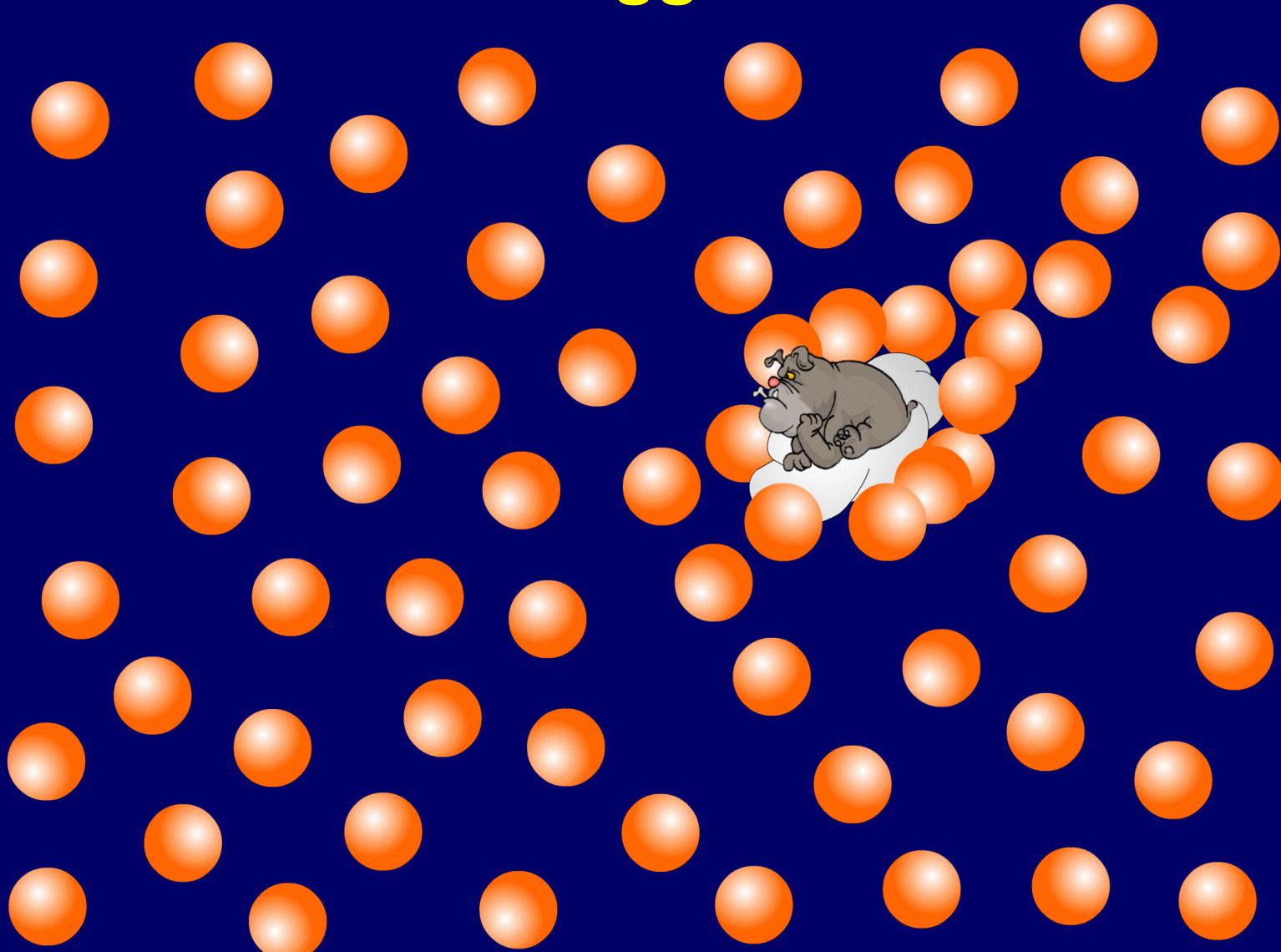
$$v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$



S.L. Glashow

Nobel Prize 1979

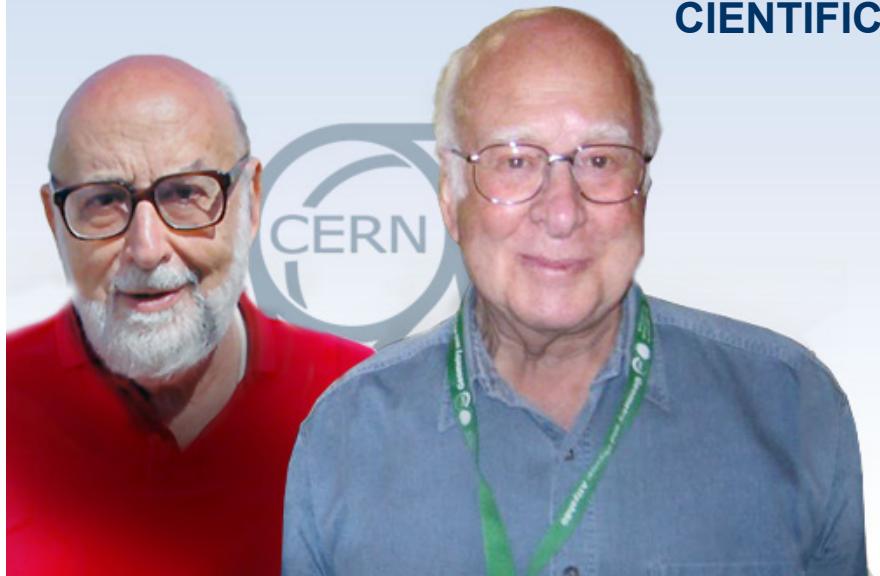
# Masses generated through the interaction with the Higgs field



# The discovery of the Higgs Boson



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**The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013:** François Englert, Peter Higgs

"for the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider"

# A Higgs field indeed

Interaction proportional to mass

