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Introducción:

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# Física de Ions pesados ultra relativísticos

Conexões:

Física das Partículas Elementares (Altas Energias) +  
Física Nuclear

Ions Pesados: núcleos atômicos pesados

Ultra Relativísticos: energia cinética dos núcleos  $\gg$  energia de repouso (??)

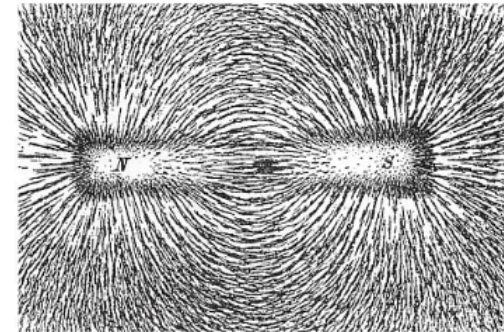
Física das partículas em Altas energias:

partículas (leptons  
quarks  
hadrons) + suas interações  
↓  
descritas por princípios básicos

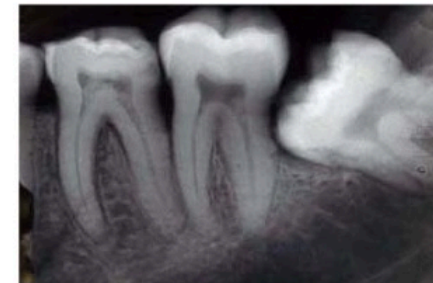
Física nuclear:

núcleos (extensos,  
objetos complexos) + interação  
descritas por modelos  
efetivos

- **Maxwell and electromagnetism: the concept of a field; charges generate fields which (can) permeate all of space... Other “charges” feel this field – and thus they feel a force.**



- **The incredible discovery: the E/B fields can exist alone – they propagate in waves in the vacuum! Thus are radio, TV and cell-phones made possible.**

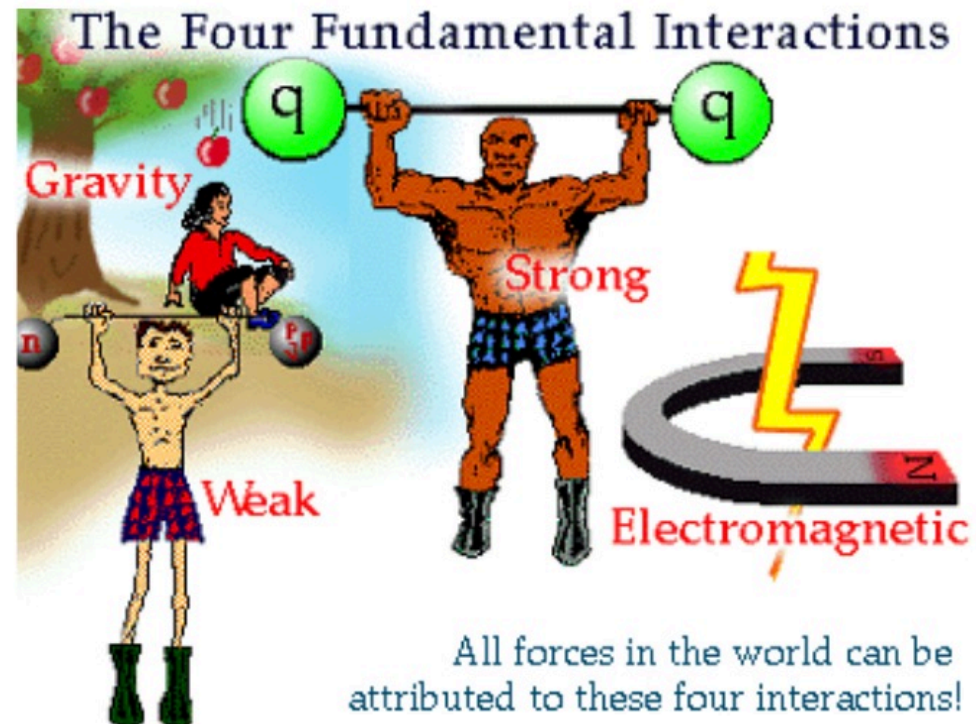




## 20<sup>th</sup> century: two more forces at work

- **But nuclei are held together – against the electrostatic repulsion.** So there is yet another type of force! And it must be very, very strong.
- **And nuclei break up! Radioactivity! Neutrons become protons.** So there is yet another type of force! And it is very, very weak.

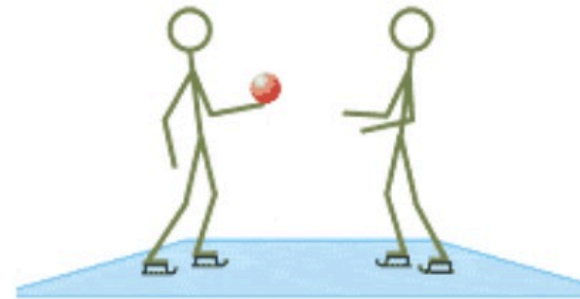
There are, in total **FOUR** different forces in nature



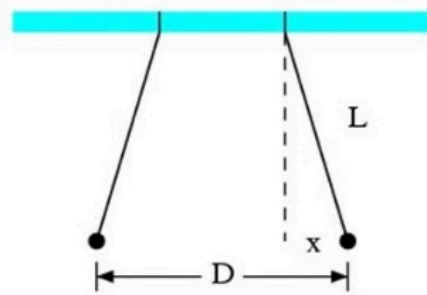
# Quantum Field Theory

**Relativity Theory + Quantum mechanics:  
a new picture of what is a “force”**

$$L_{\text{int}} = -q\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}A_{\mu}\psi$$



**FORCE IS THE EXCHANGE OF PARTICLES!**

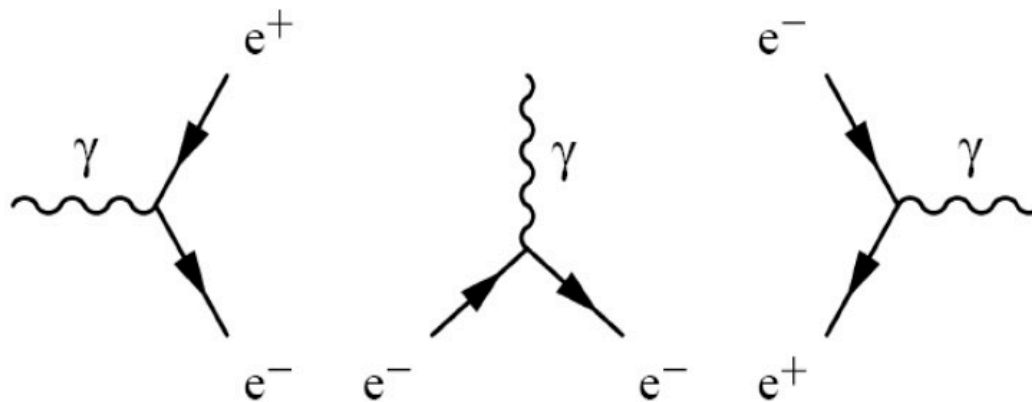


# Quantum Electrodynamics (III)

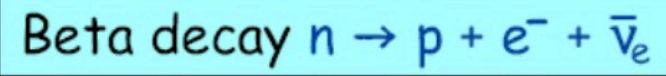
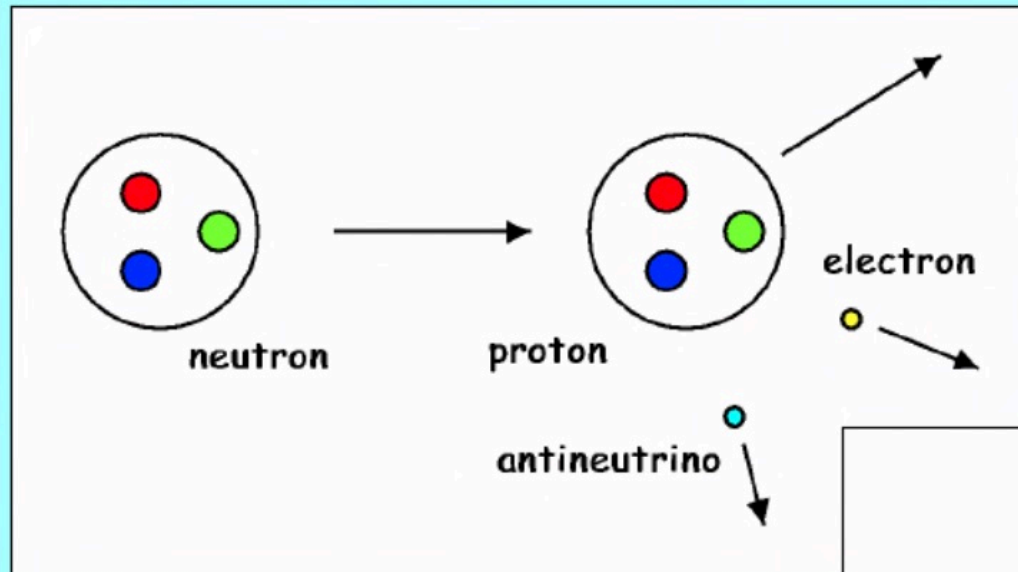
- **The interaction:**

$$L_{\text{int}} = -q\bar{\psi}\gamma^{\mu}A_{\mu}\psi$$

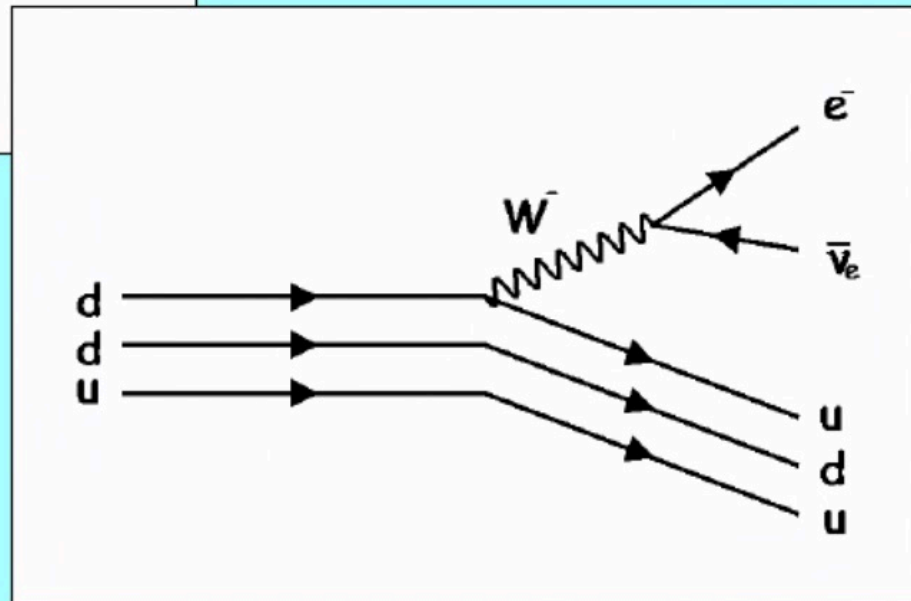
- **And the quantum excitation of the A field will be particles (photons!)**



# Weak interaction



*Mediated by charged  
 $W$  exchange*

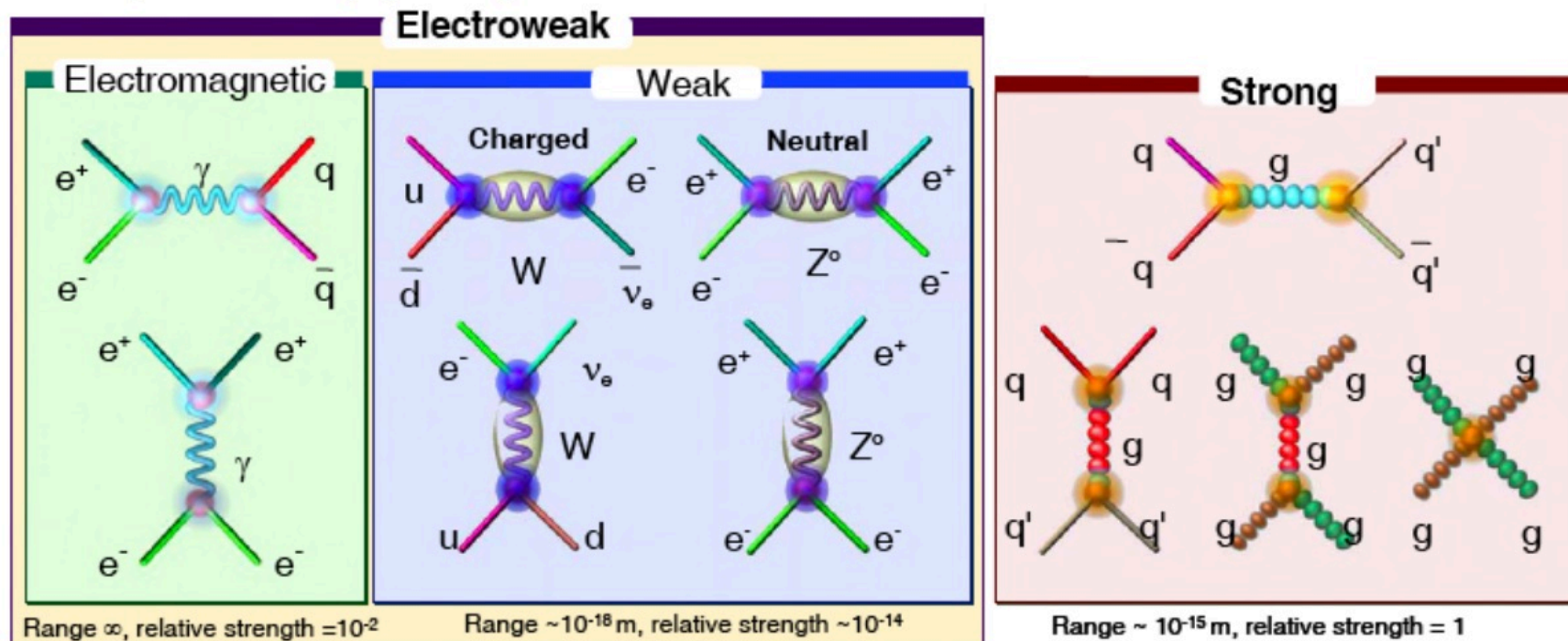




# Standard Model of Particle Physics

## Quantum Field theory:

- Matter particles (spin-1/2) interact via the exchange of force particles (spin-1)



- Forces:** interactions, so need (a) charge(s). Which should be conserved. Which implies some new symmetry...
- Standard Model:** internal symmetry ( $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ )

**Invariance of the world under phase changes in  $SU(2) \otimes U(1)$  results in four bosons,  $W^\pm, Z, \gamma$**

**Thus the unification of  
Electromagnetism and the Weak interaction  
into  
the “Electroweak”**

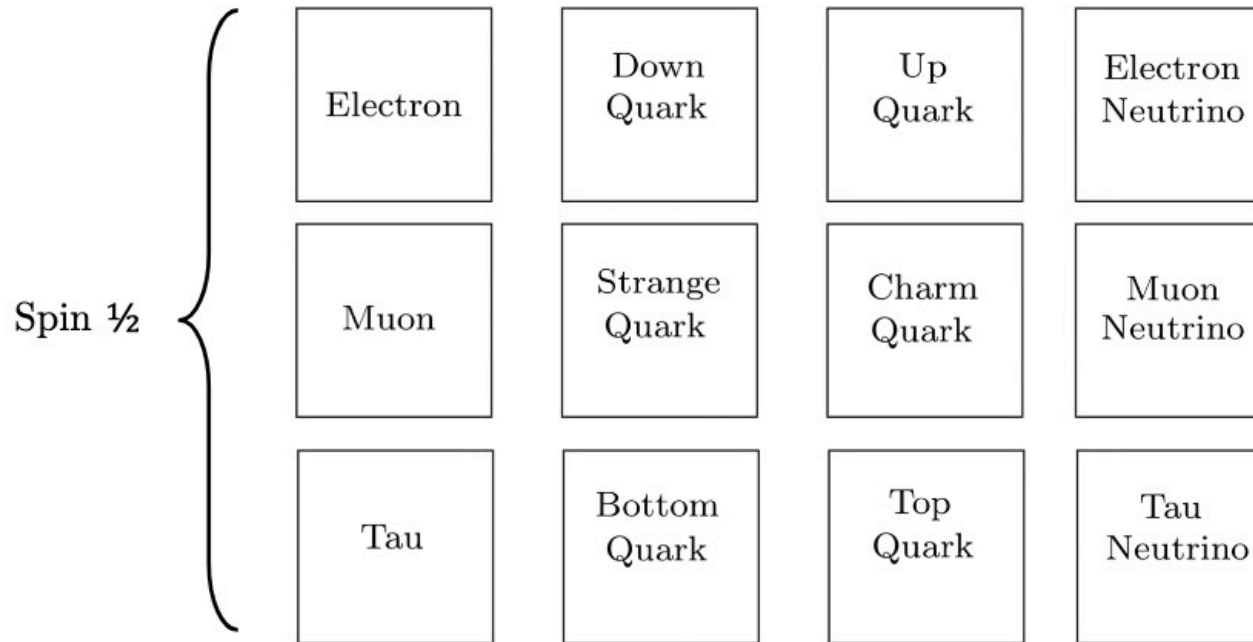
**Except that it gets a basic issue wrong.**

**Because the range of the weak force is  
very small.**

**Which means the carrier must be massive.  
Very massive!**

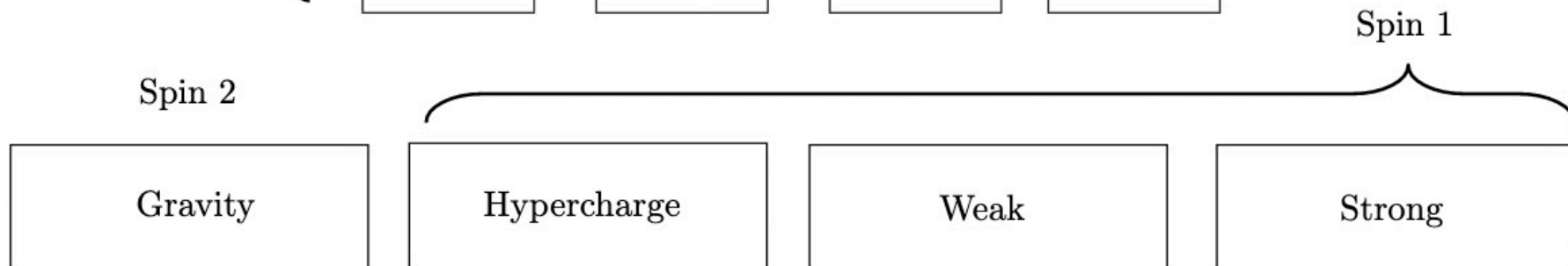


# Intrinsic Angular Momentum = Spin

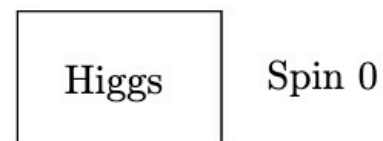


These are fermions.

The Pauli exclusion principle applies to fermions.

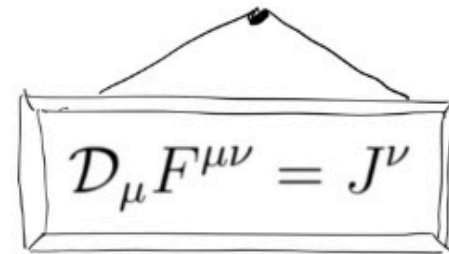


These are all (gauge) bosons



- 1 x 1 matrix  $\Rightarrow$  Electromagnetism
  - 2 x 2 matrix  $\Rightarrow$  Weak force
  - 3 x 3 matrix  $\Rightarrow$  Strong force
- or U(1) x SU(2) x SU(3)

These fields are governed by the Yang-Mills equations


$$\mathcal{D}_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = J^\nu$$

# The Strong Force (or QCD)

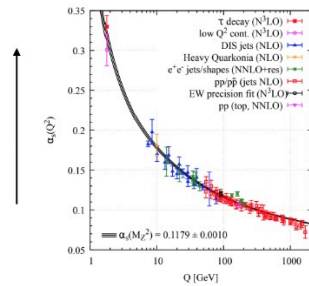
No	Yes	Yes	No
Electron 1	Down Quark 9	Up Quark 4	Electron Neutrino $\sim 10^{-6}$
Muon 207	Strange Quark 186	Charm Quark 2495	Muon Neutrino $\sim 10^{-6}$
Tau 3483	Bottom Quark 8180	Top Quark 340,000	Tau Neutrino $\sim 10^{-6}$

Each quark comes in three *colours*, which we take to be red, green and blue.

(Note: a better counting is that each generation contains  $1+3+3+1=8$  particles.)

# Why is the Strong Force Strong?

strong coupling constant



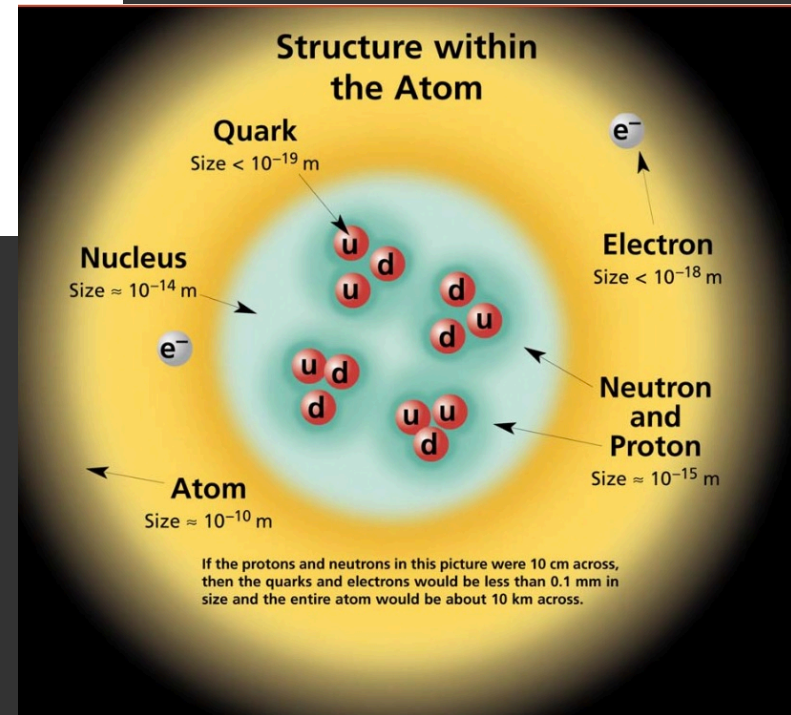
energy = 1/distance

At high energy, say  $E=100$  GeV, we have  $\alpha_s \approx 0.1$ . But the strong force gets stronger as we go to larger distances. (Asymptotic freedom.)

Taken naively,  $\alpha_s \rightarrow \infty$  at the energy scale:

$$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \approx 200 \text{ MeV}$$

This corresponds to a distance scale  $R_{\text{QCD}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}} \approx 5 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$



# Confinement

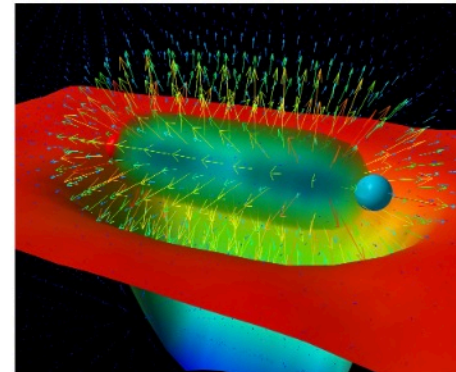
At short distances,  $F(r) \sim \frac{\alpha_s}{r^2}$  but at long distances  $F(r)$  becomes constant.

In terms of the potential energy,  $V(r) \sim -\frac{\alpha_s}{r}$  at short distances, but at long distances

$$V(r) \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2 r$$

This is *confinement*. We don't see isolated quarks.

Also, the force carrying field is not massless. The gluons stick together to form glueballs, with mass around  $m_{\text{gluon}} \approx \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ . This is the “mass gap” problem.

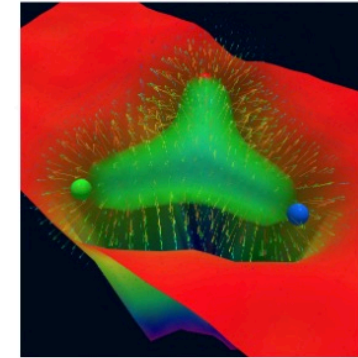


# Hadrons (Stuff Made of Quarks)

- Baryons: three quarks. For example

$$n (ddu) \quad m_n \approx 939.57 \text{ MeV}$$

$$p (uud) \quad m_p \approx 938.28 \text{ MeV}$$



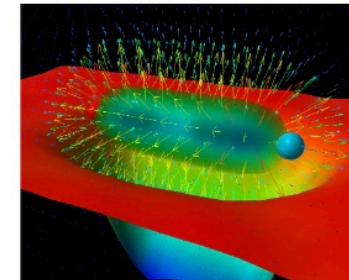
A puzzle:  $m_{\text{down}} = 5 \text{ MeV}$  and  $m_{\text{up}} = 2 \text{ MeV}$ . Where does the mass come from?

- Mesons: quark-anti-quark pair. For example, pions

$$\pi^+ (\bar{d}u) \quad m \approx 139 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\pi^0 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d) \quad m \approx 135 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\pi^- (\bar{u}d) \quad m \approx 139 \text{ MeV}$$



Note: Pions have spin 0 and so should be thought of as “force carrying” particles! So ...



(\*)  $\rightarrow$  análise propriedades de matéria hadrônica / nuclear "quente" em termos das interações fundamentais

$\Rightarrow$  comprovações e testes de novas fases de matéria hadrônica, identificação de transições de fase, reconstrução do diagrama de fase de matéria fortemente interagente em termos de parâmetros de termodinâmica como a temperatura e o potencial químico bariônico

Importante papel do avanço de novos aceleradores em operações p/ usar íons pesados desde anos 1970

\* Baixas energias  $\Rightarrow$  núcleos intactos ou se desintegram em fragmentos nucleares menores

\* Altas energias  $\Rightarrow$  graus de liberdade aumentam  $\Rightarrow$  limites para produção de partículas são alcançados por  $p$  ions e  $K$  ions (hadrons)

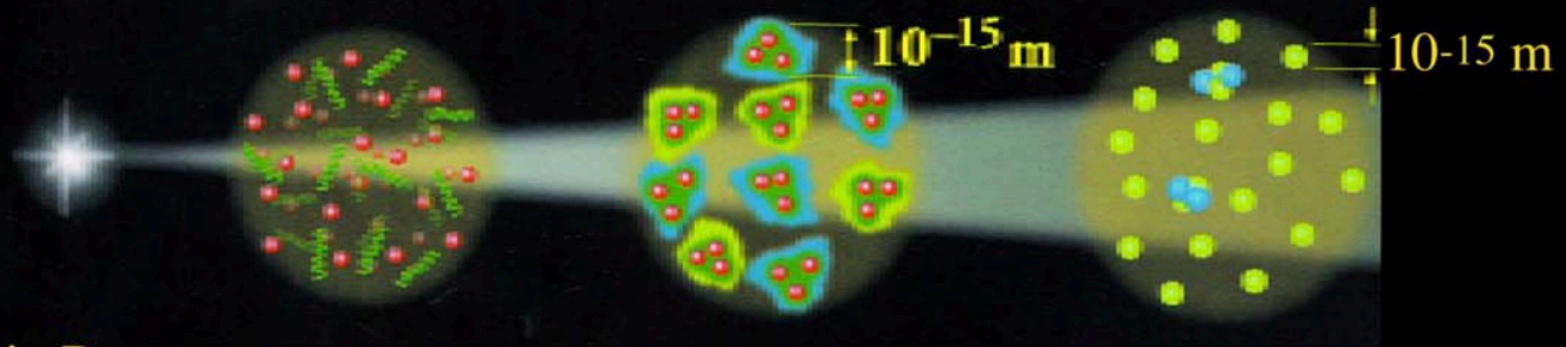
\* Muito altas energias: graus de liberdade param dos hadrons  $p$  / quarks e gluons  $\Rightarrow$  plasma de quarks e gluons é formado.

## Plasma de Quarks e Glúons :

- Matéria que permeou nosso universo nos primeiros 20  $\mu$ s de sua existência com temperatura  $T > 2 \times 10^{12}$  K
- quarks não confinados em objetos (sintetizados de cor) chamados hadrons

Principais objetivos de pesquisa de ions pesados é entender as propriedades da matéria que interage fortemente (quarks, glúons e hadrons)

# History of the Universe

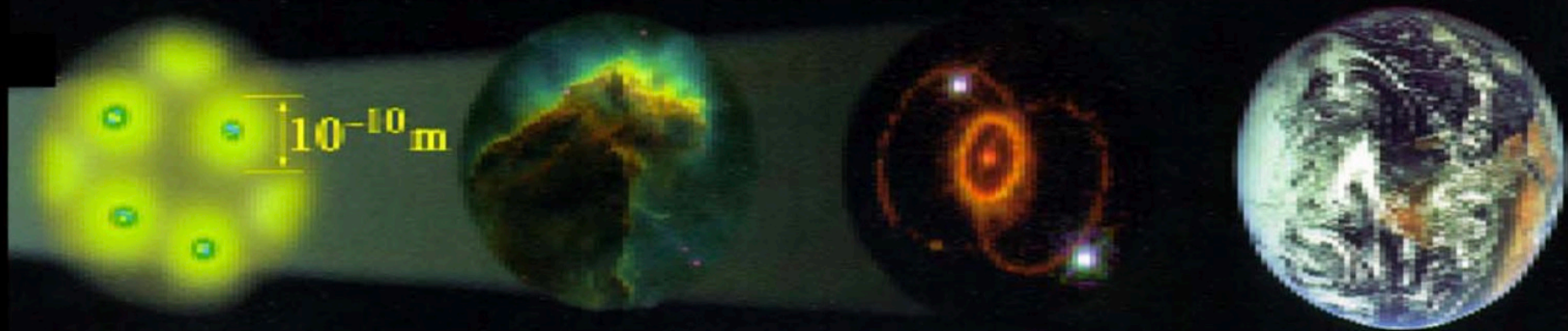


Big Bang

Quark-Gluon  
Plasma  
 $10^{13}$ K,  $10^{-6}$ s

Protons &  
Neutrons  
 $10^{12}$ K,  $10^{-4}$ s

Low-mass  
Nuclei  
 $10^9$ K, 3 min



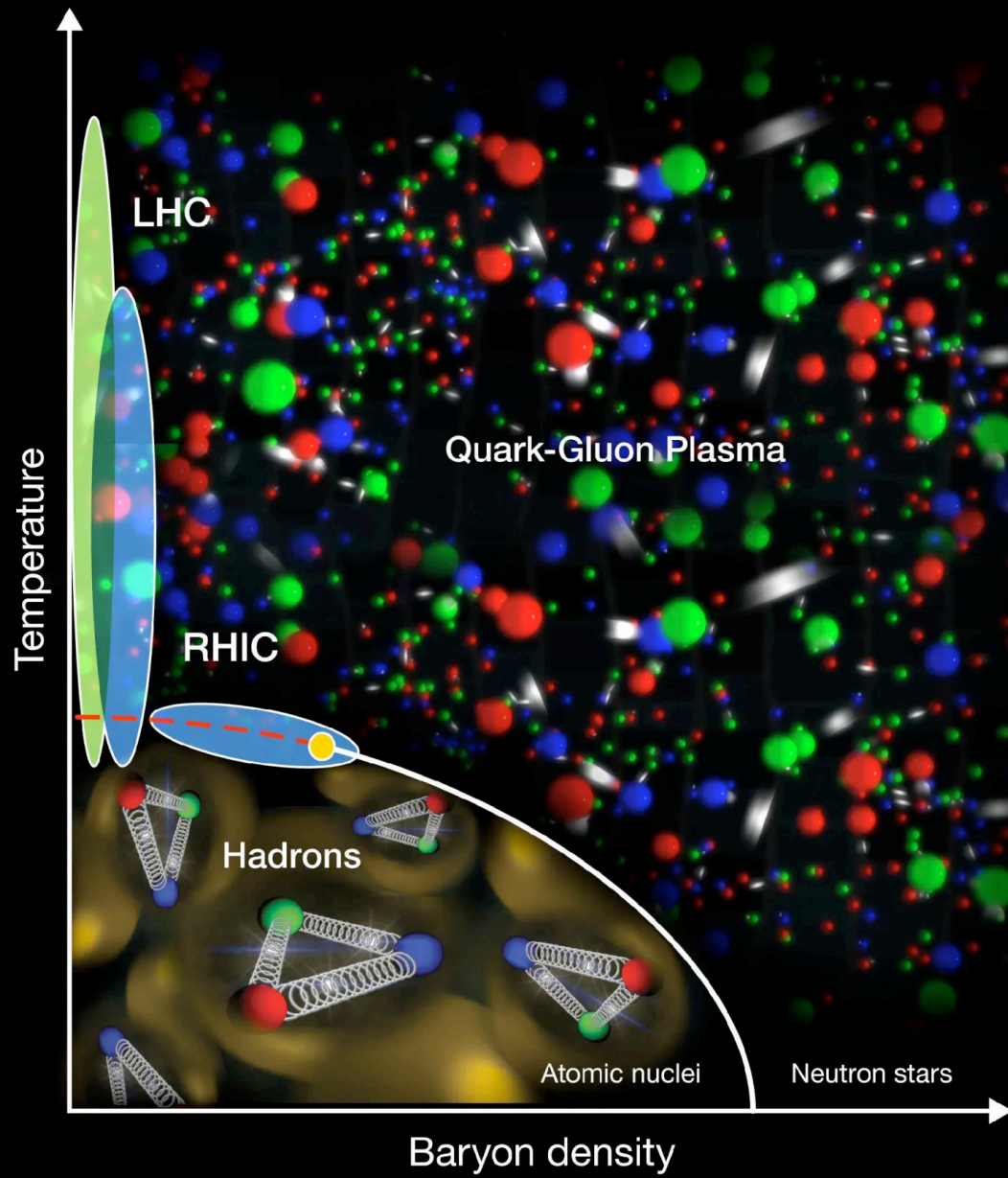
Neutral  
Atoms  
 $4000$ K,  $10^5$ y

Star  
Formation  
 $10^9$ y

Heavy  
Elements  
 $>10^9$ y

Today

Source: Nuclear Science  
Wall Chart

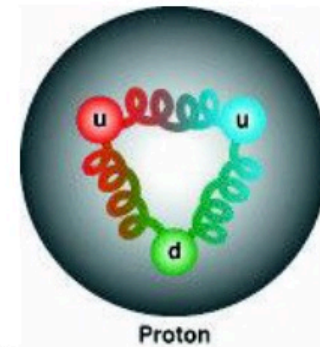




# What is Quark-Gluon Plasma?

At room temperature, quarks and gluons are always confined inside **colorless** objects (**hadrons**):

protons, neutrons, pions, .....

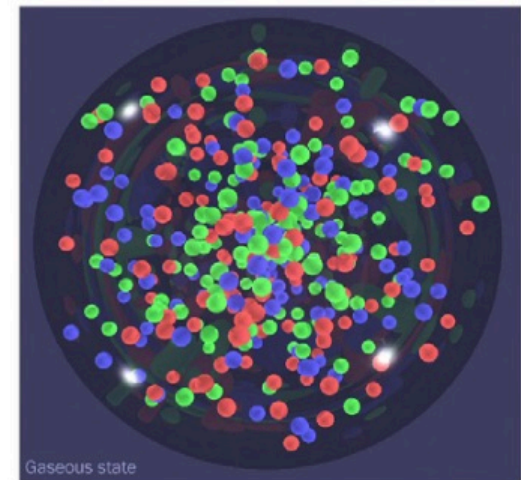


Very high temperature (asymptotic freedom):

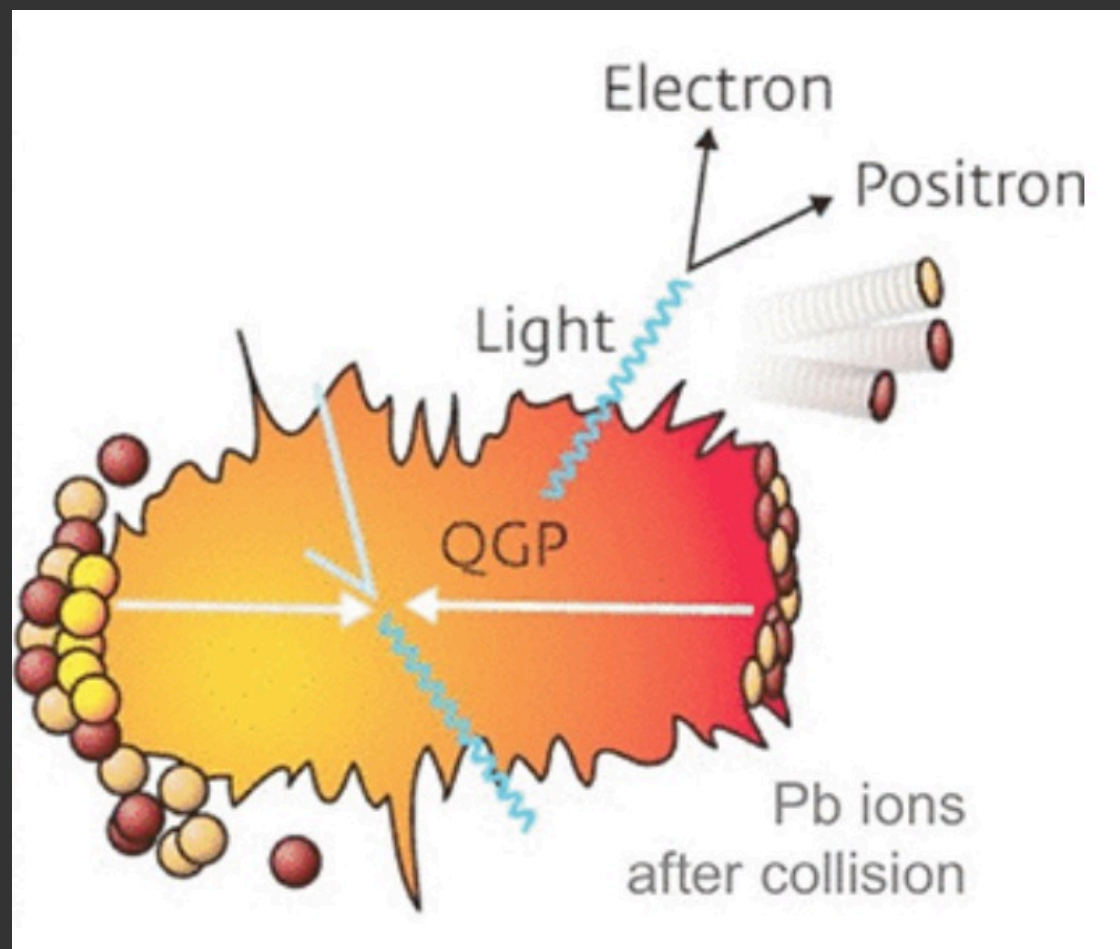
- Interactions become weak
- quarks and gluons **deconfined**
- **Quark-gluon plasma (QGP)**

Infinitely high temperature:

QGP may behave like an **ideal gas**.







Sobre o programa de férias do CERN p/ estudantes:

- visão geral sobre o que fazemos no CERN
- não restrito à Física de Partículas:  
tem aulas sobre aceleradores, detetores,  
aplicações em medicina feixes, estatística,  
Física Nuclear, ferramentas (Madgraph, ROOT)  
Eletrônica (DAQ, Trigger etc), Astronomia,  
Cosmologia, etc.

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