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# SYMMETRY, ANTIMATTER, AND SUPERSYMMETRY

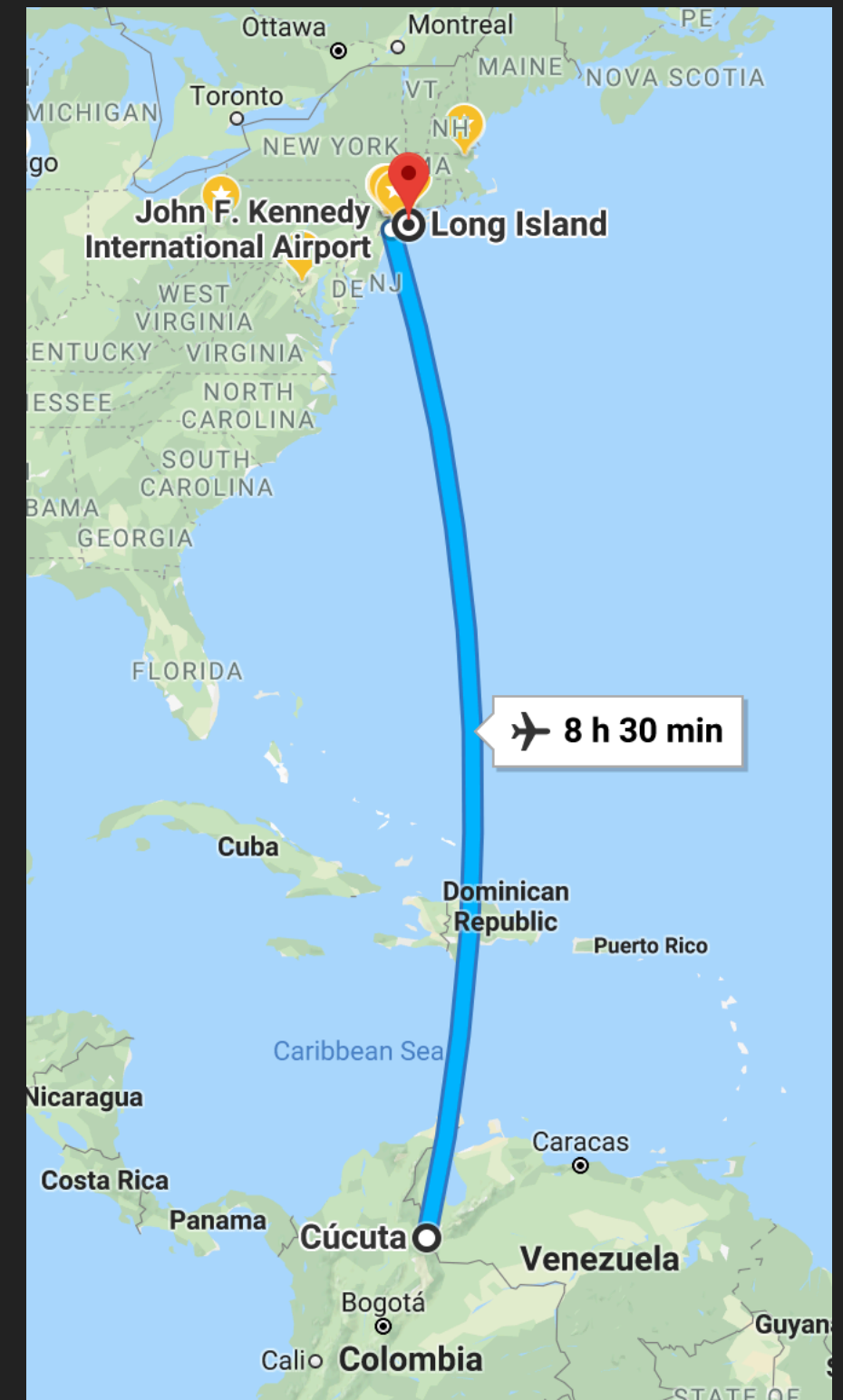


- ▶ Symmetry
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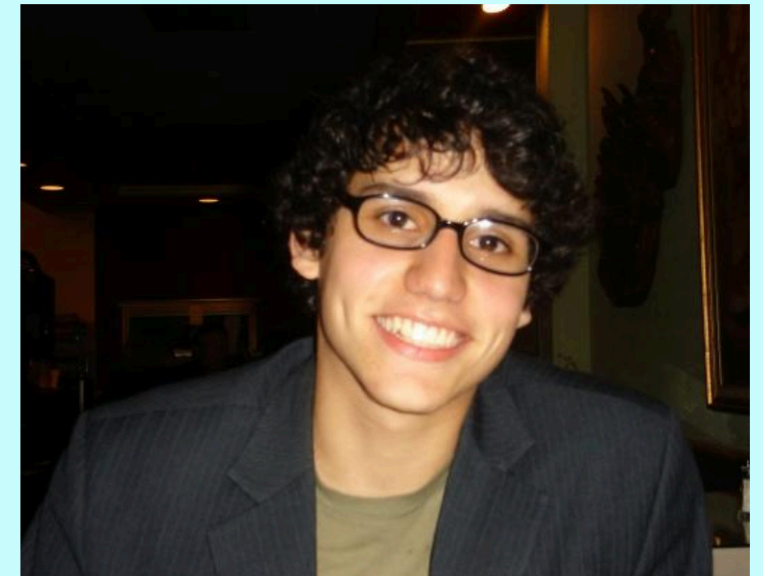
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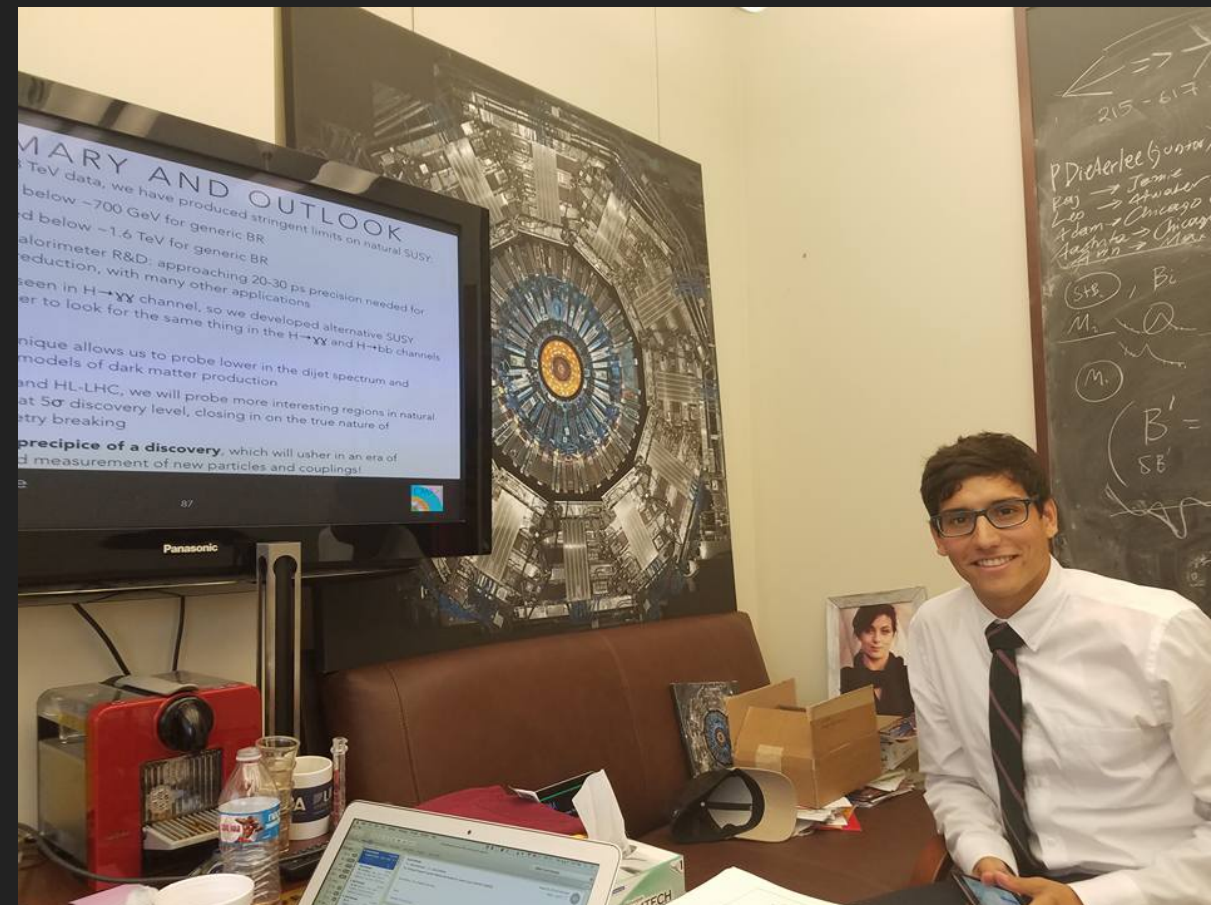
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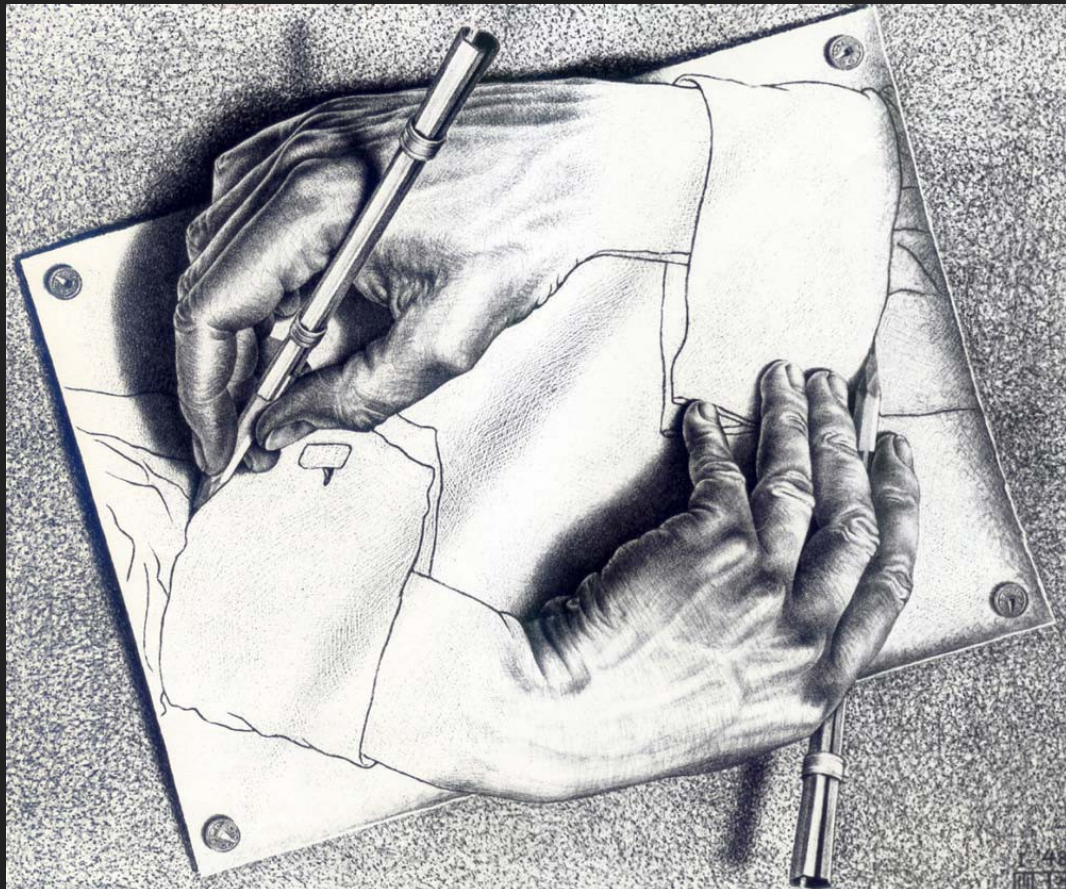
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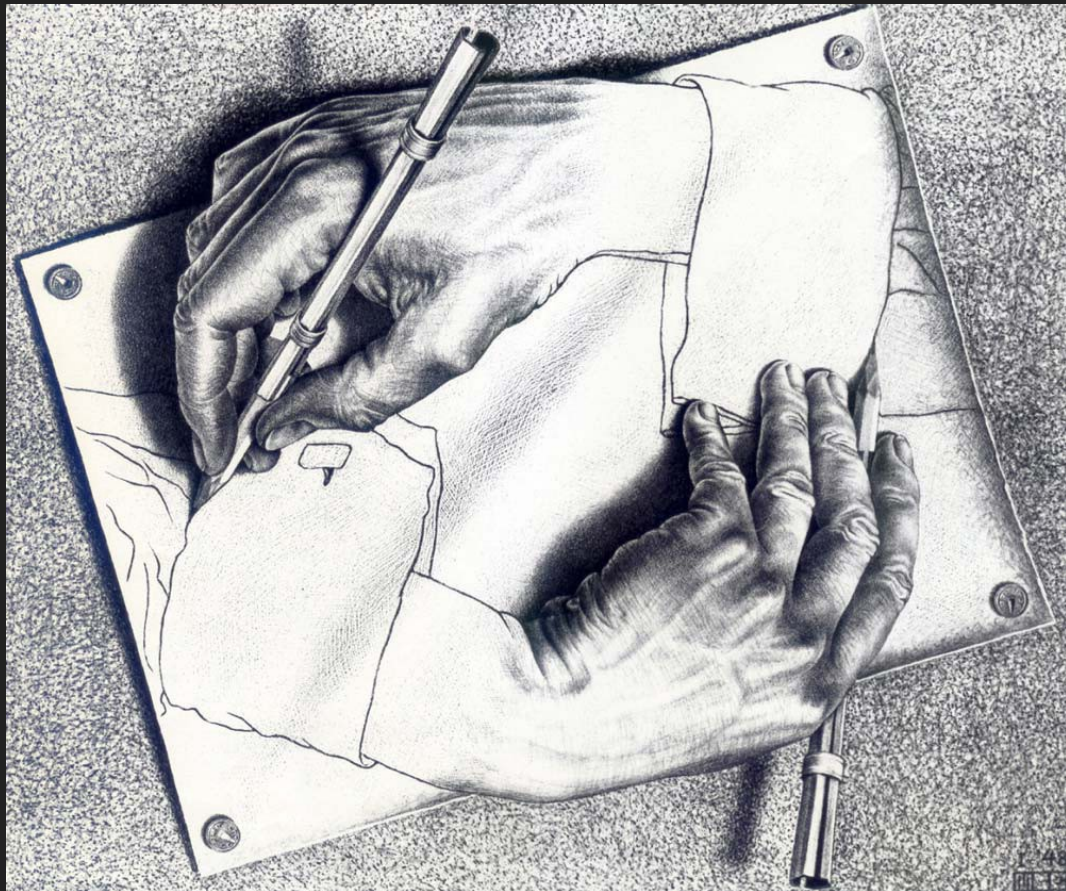




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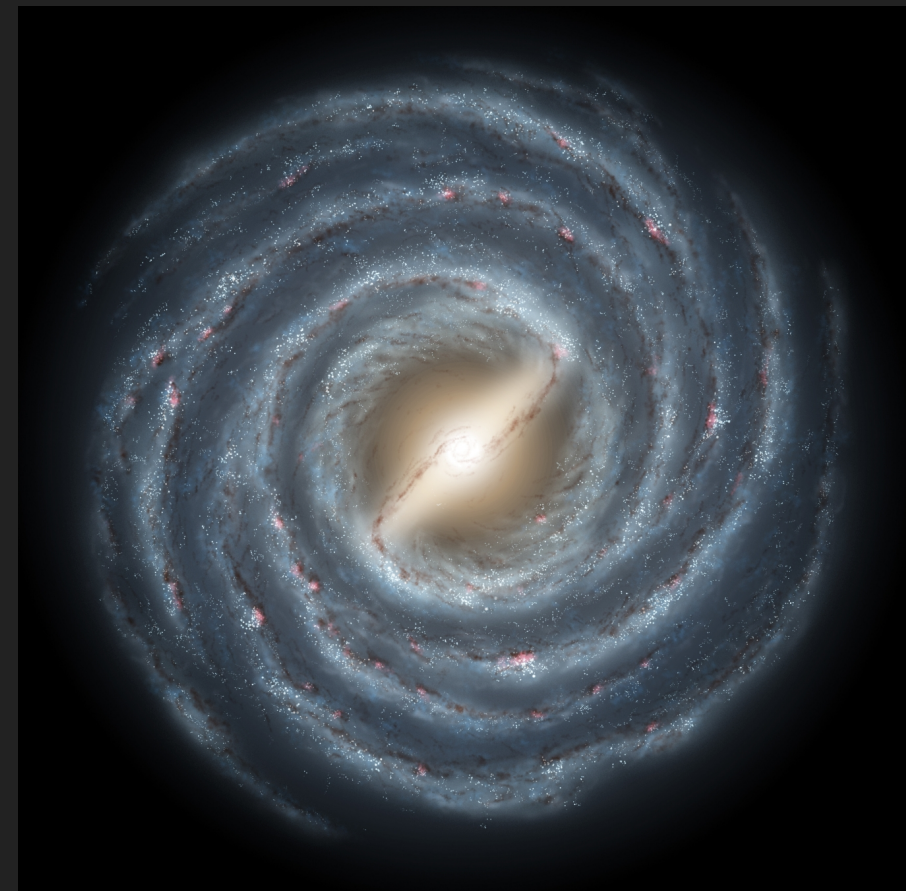
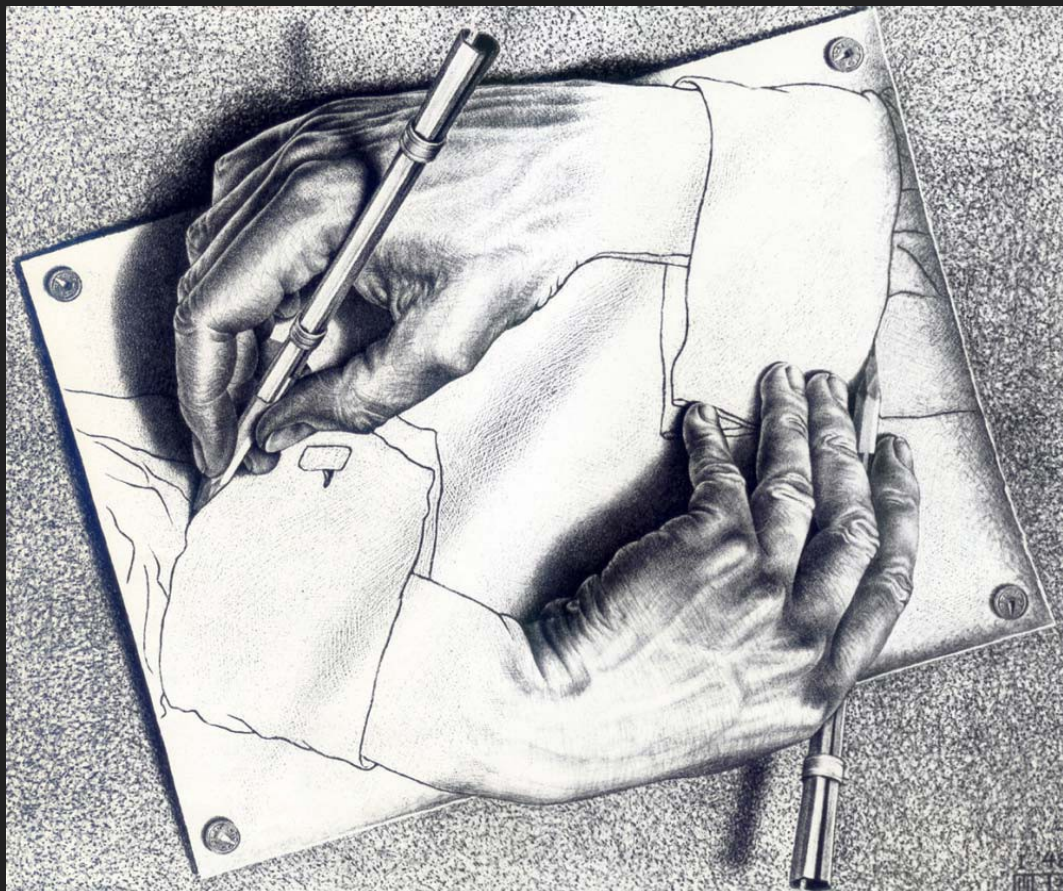




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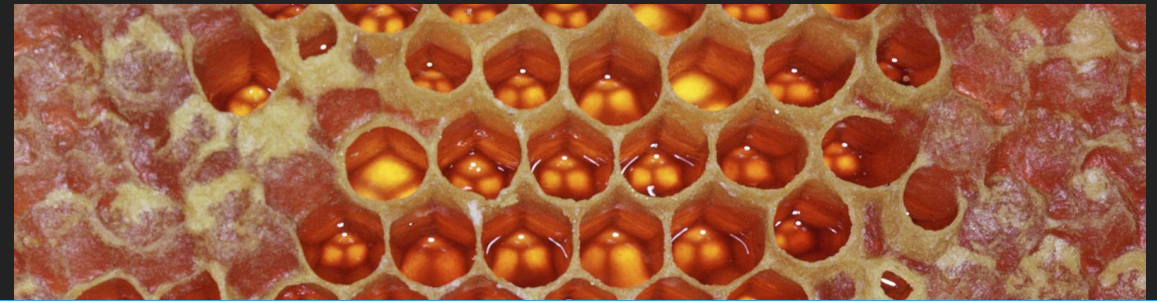




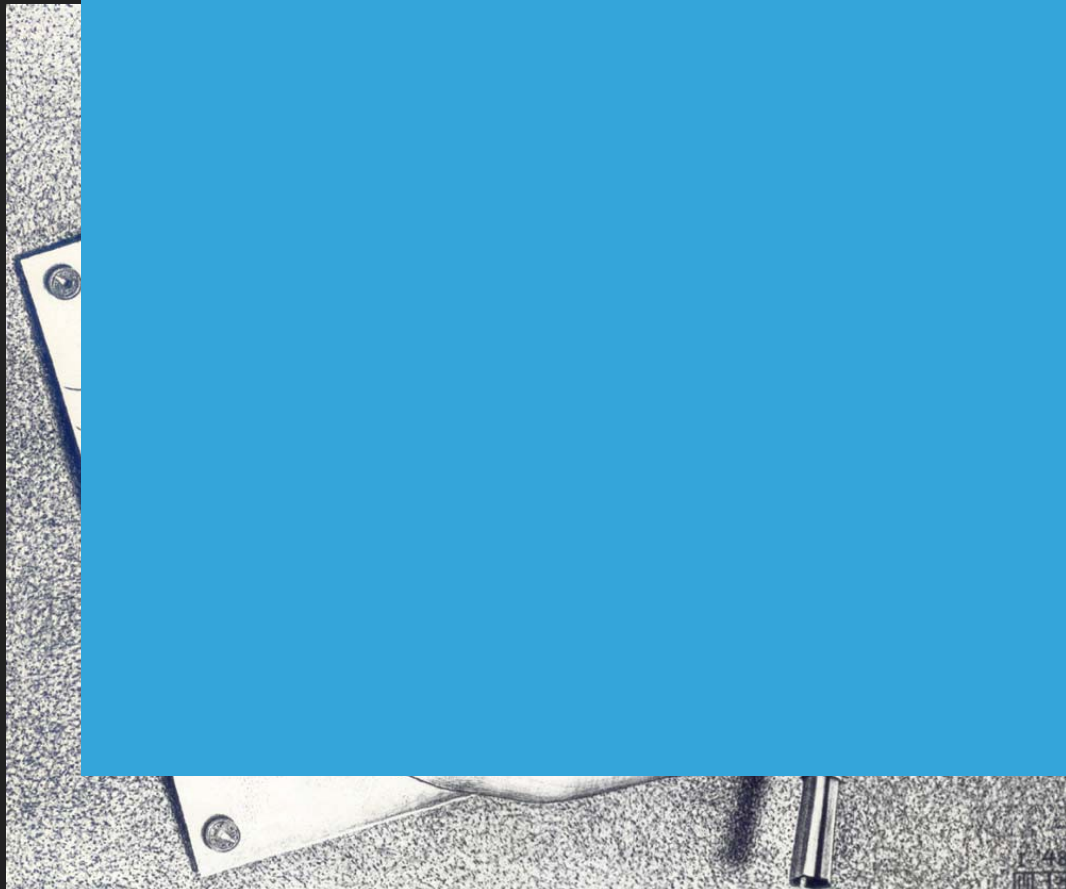
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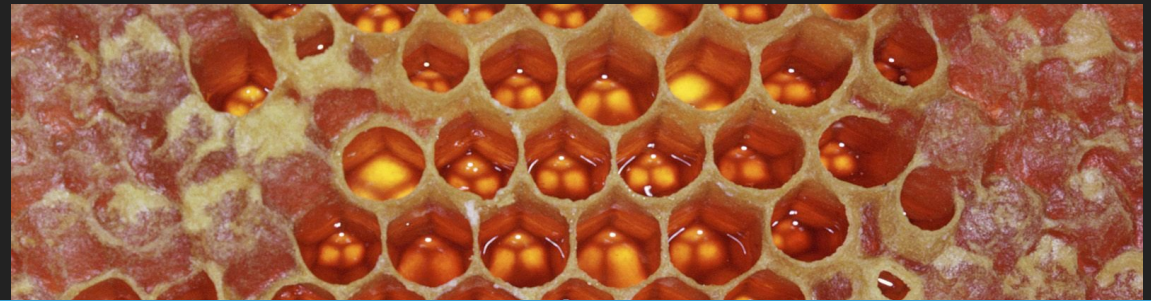
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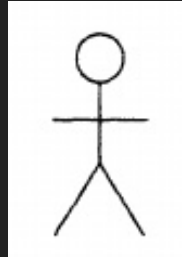




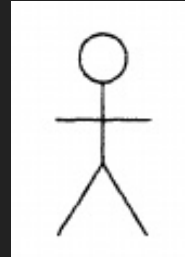
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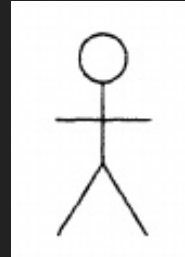
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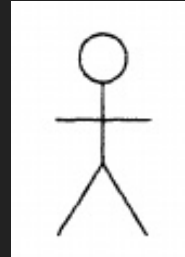


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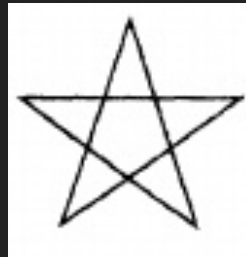
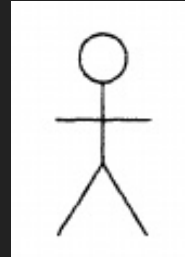




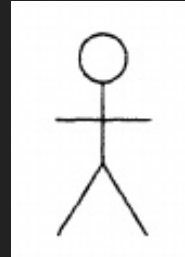
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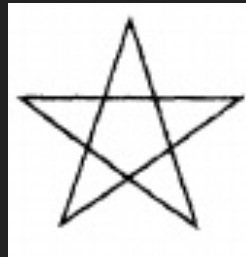
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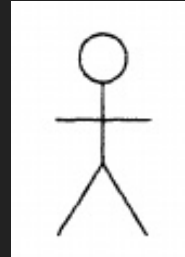


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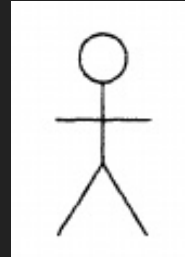
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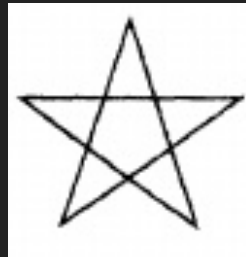
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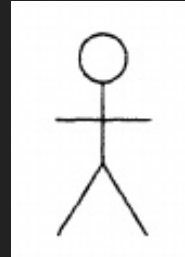
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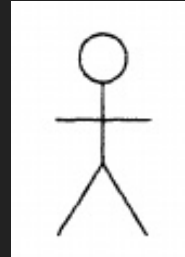


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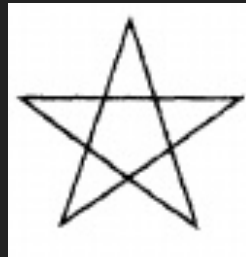




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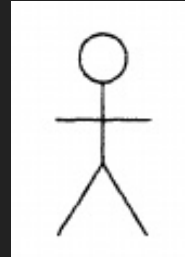
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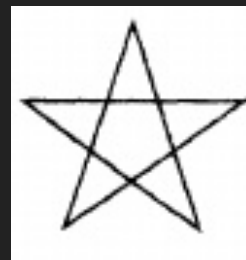
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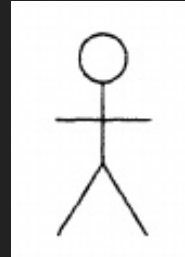
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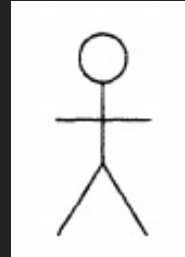
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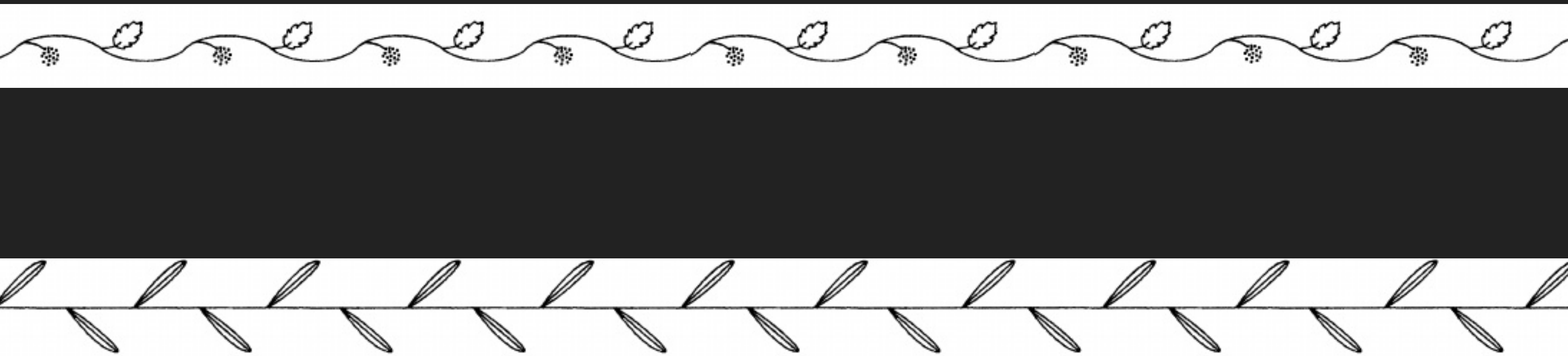
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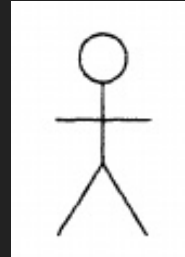


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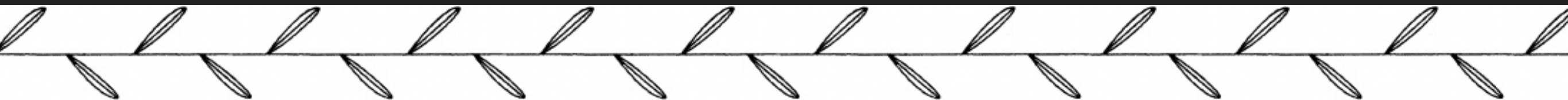
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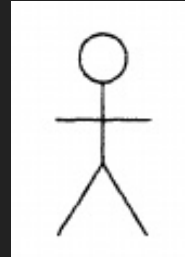
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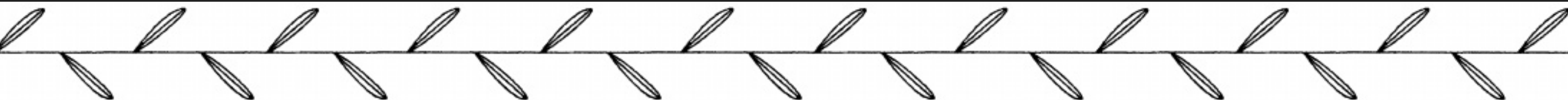
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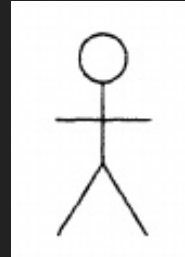
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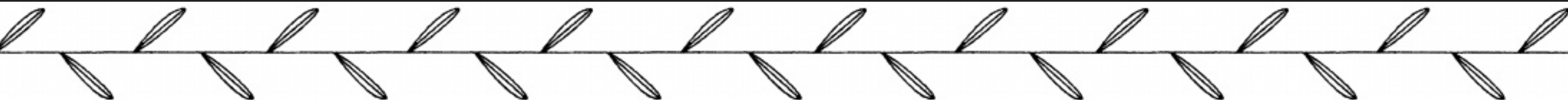
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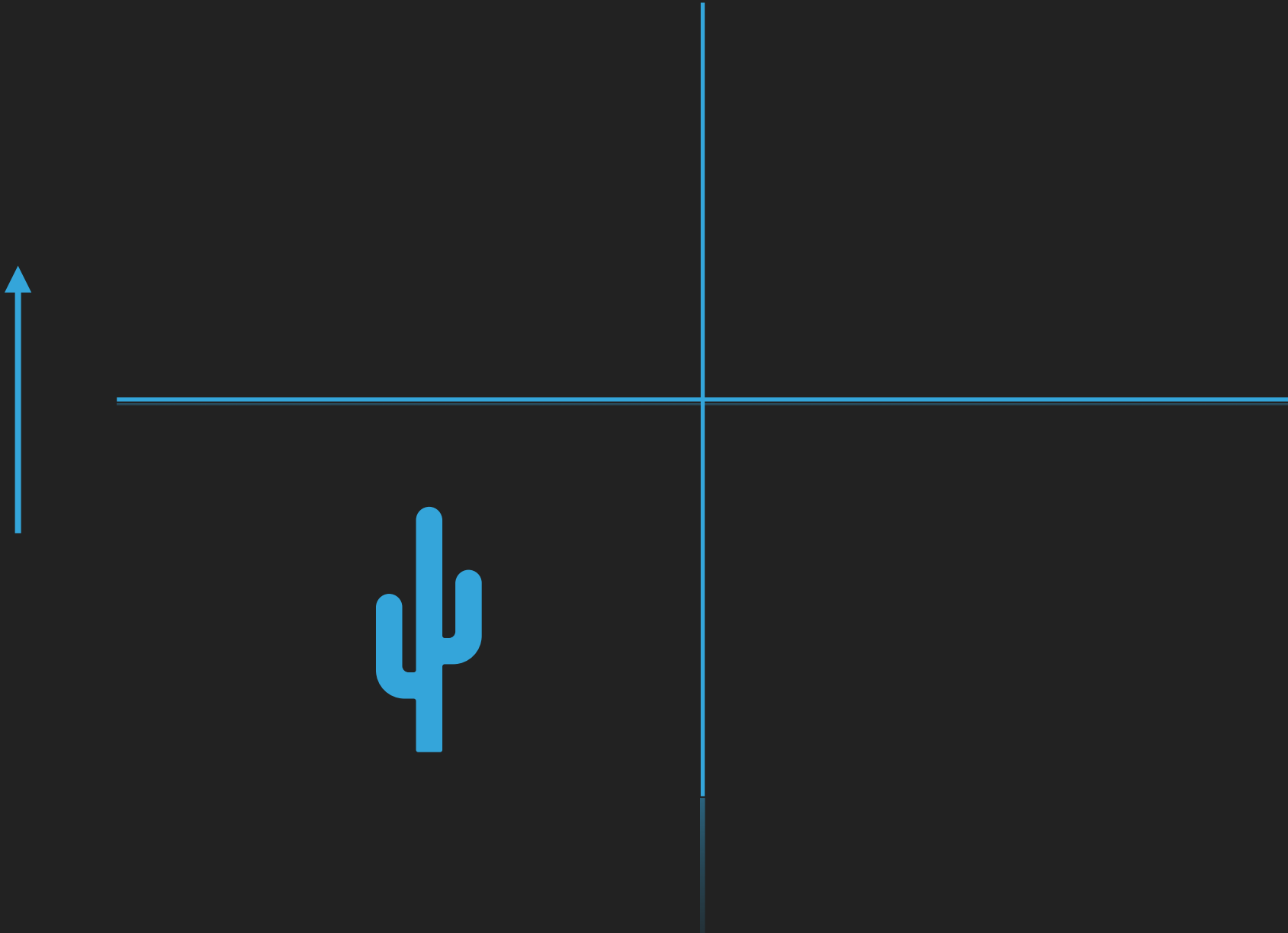
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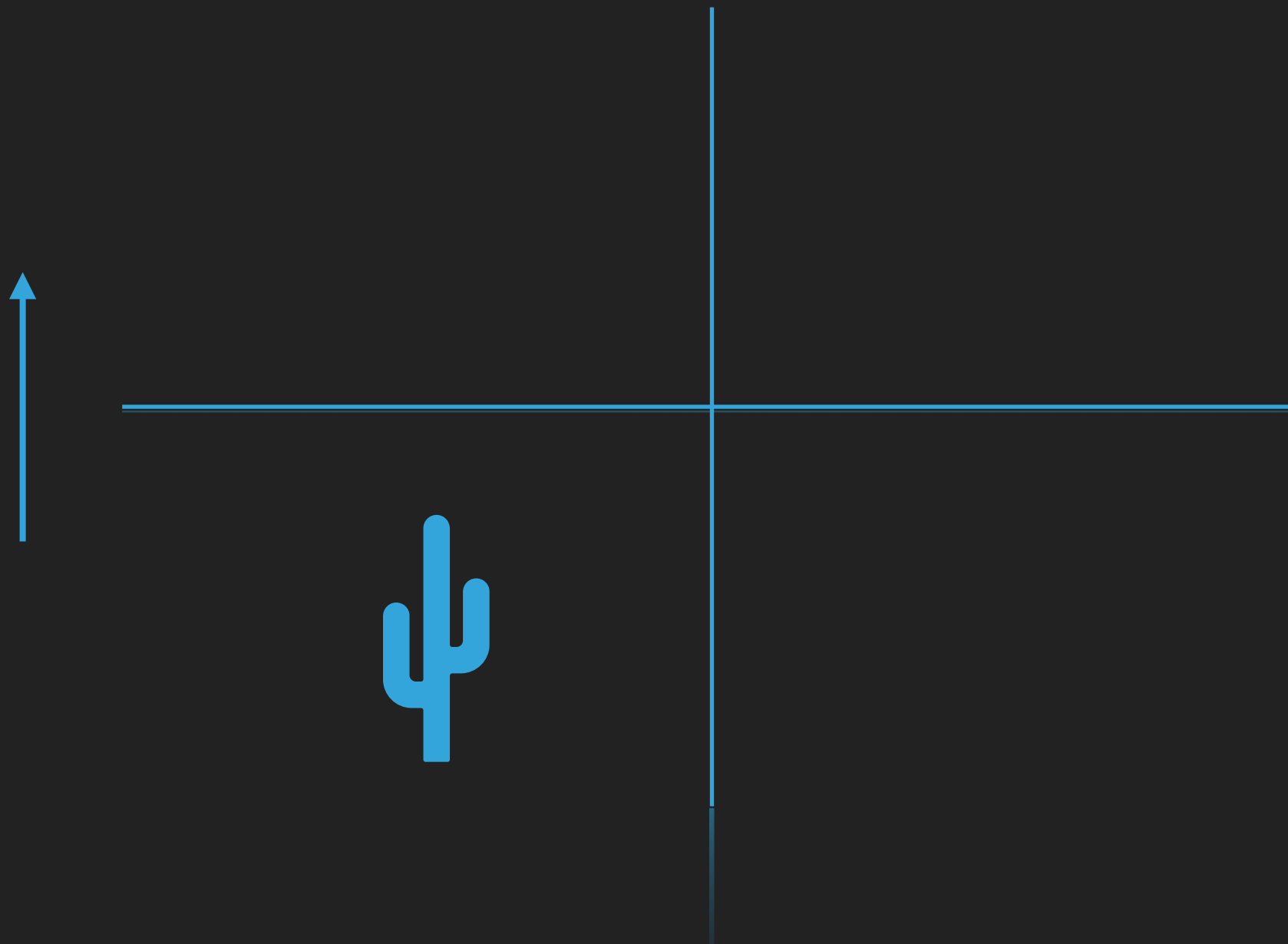
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	Rotation				
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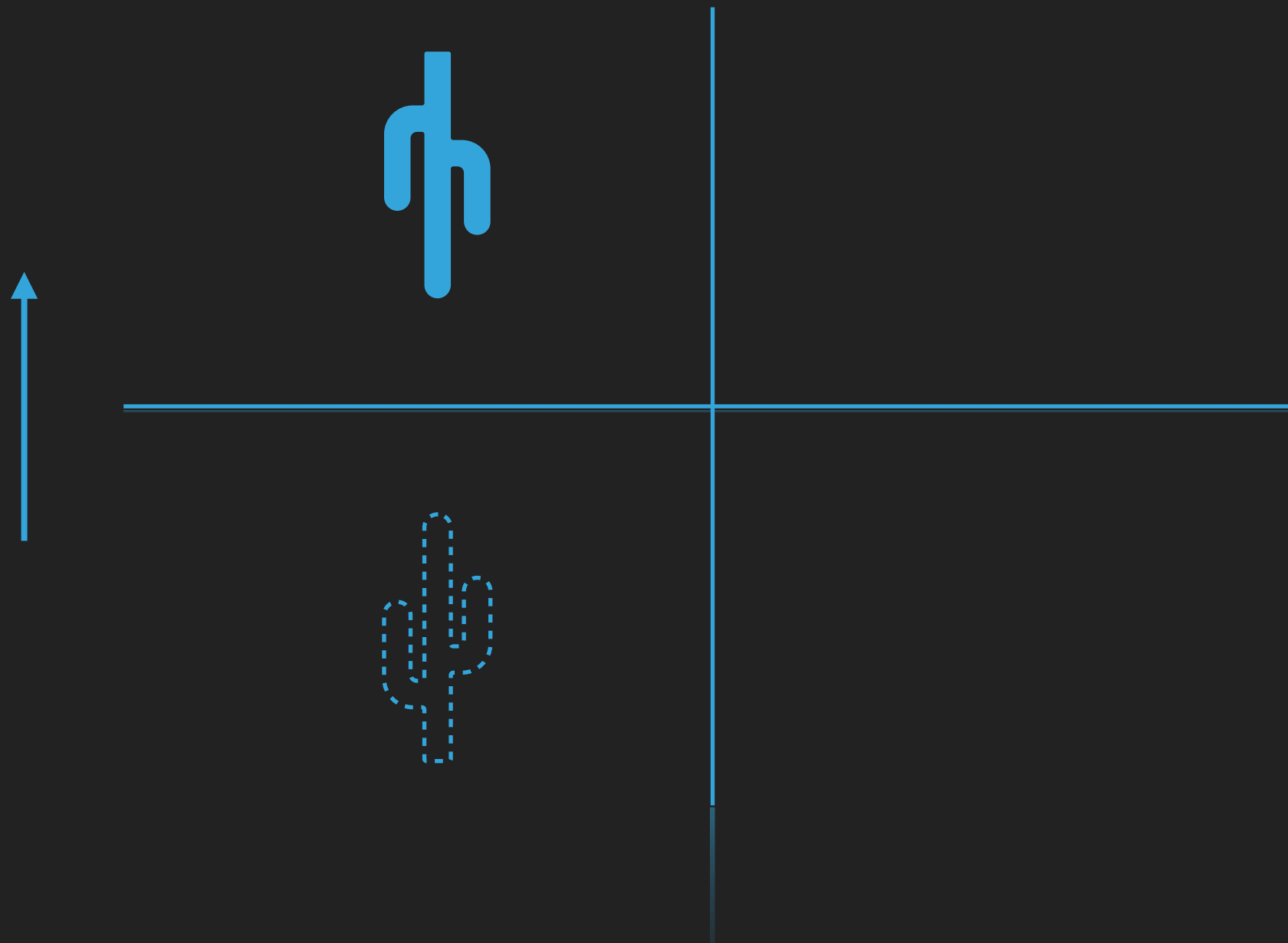




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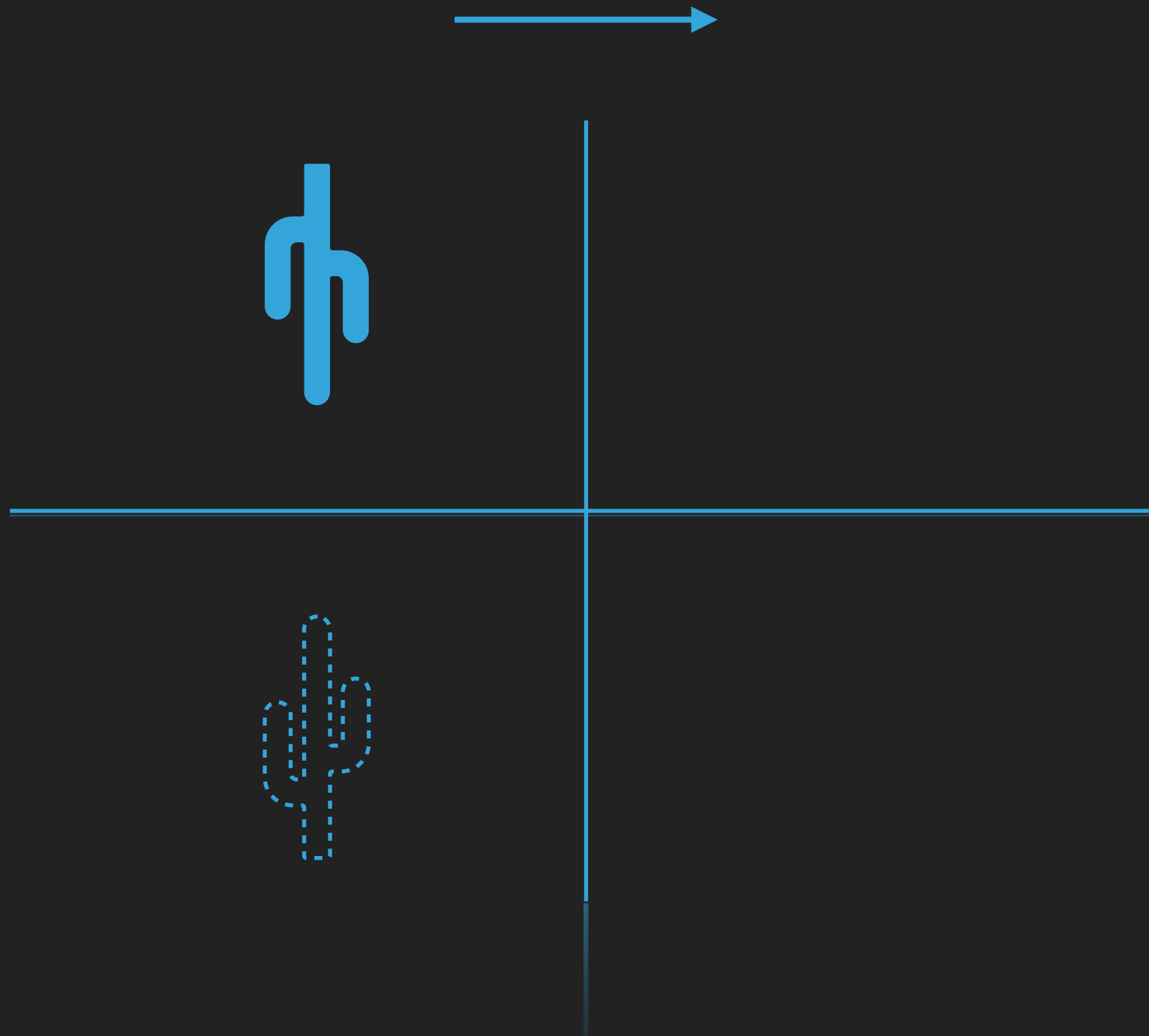
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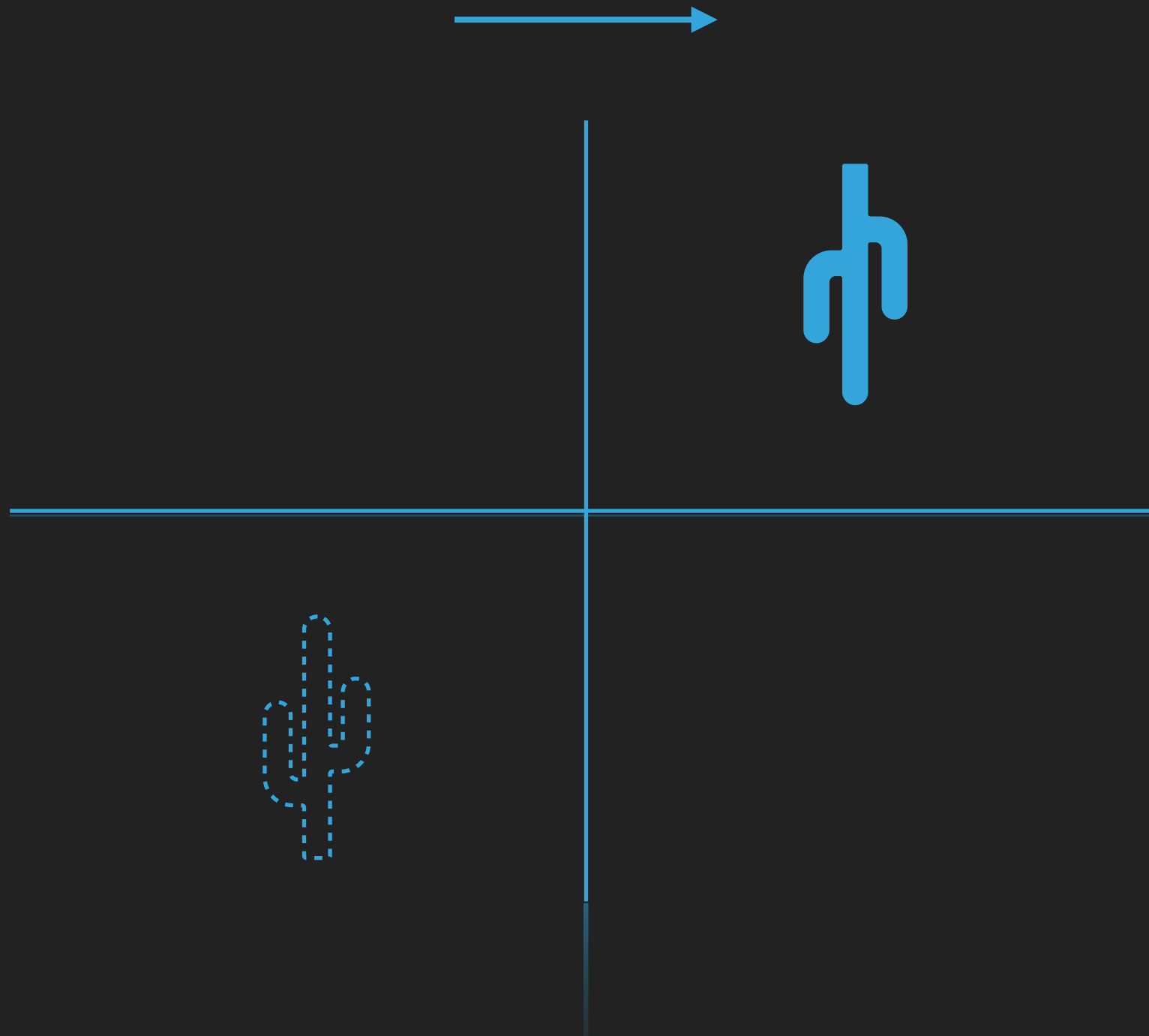
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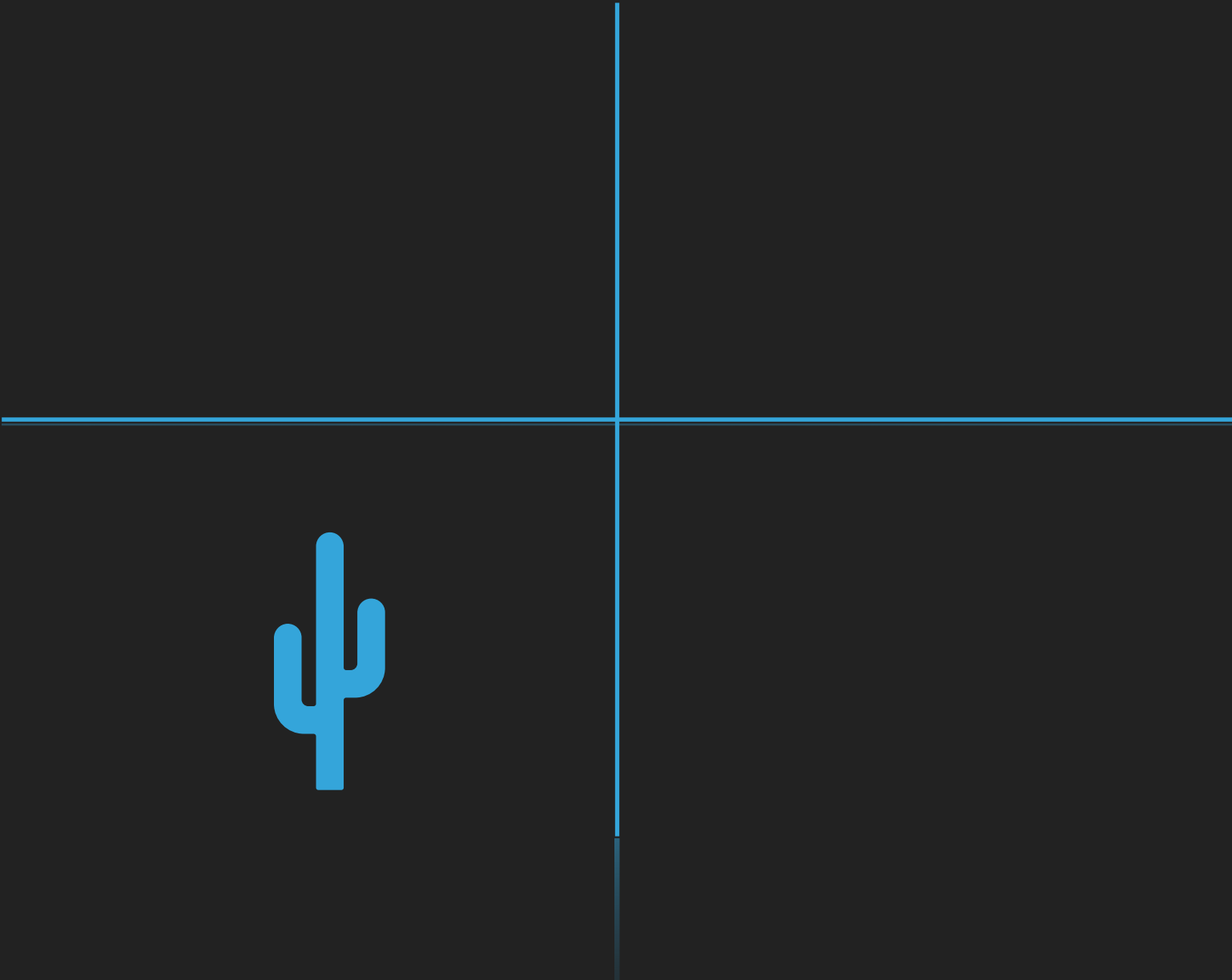


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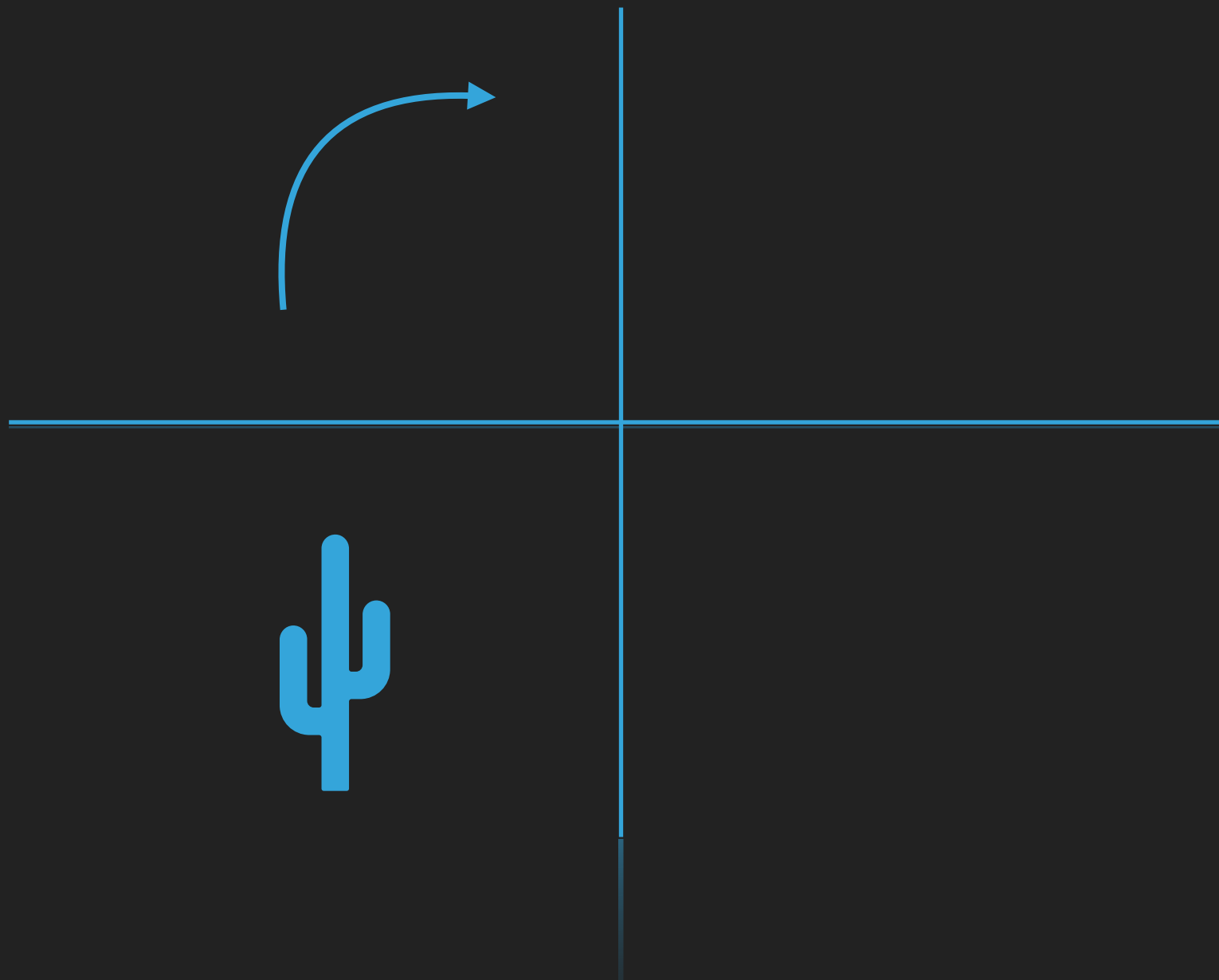




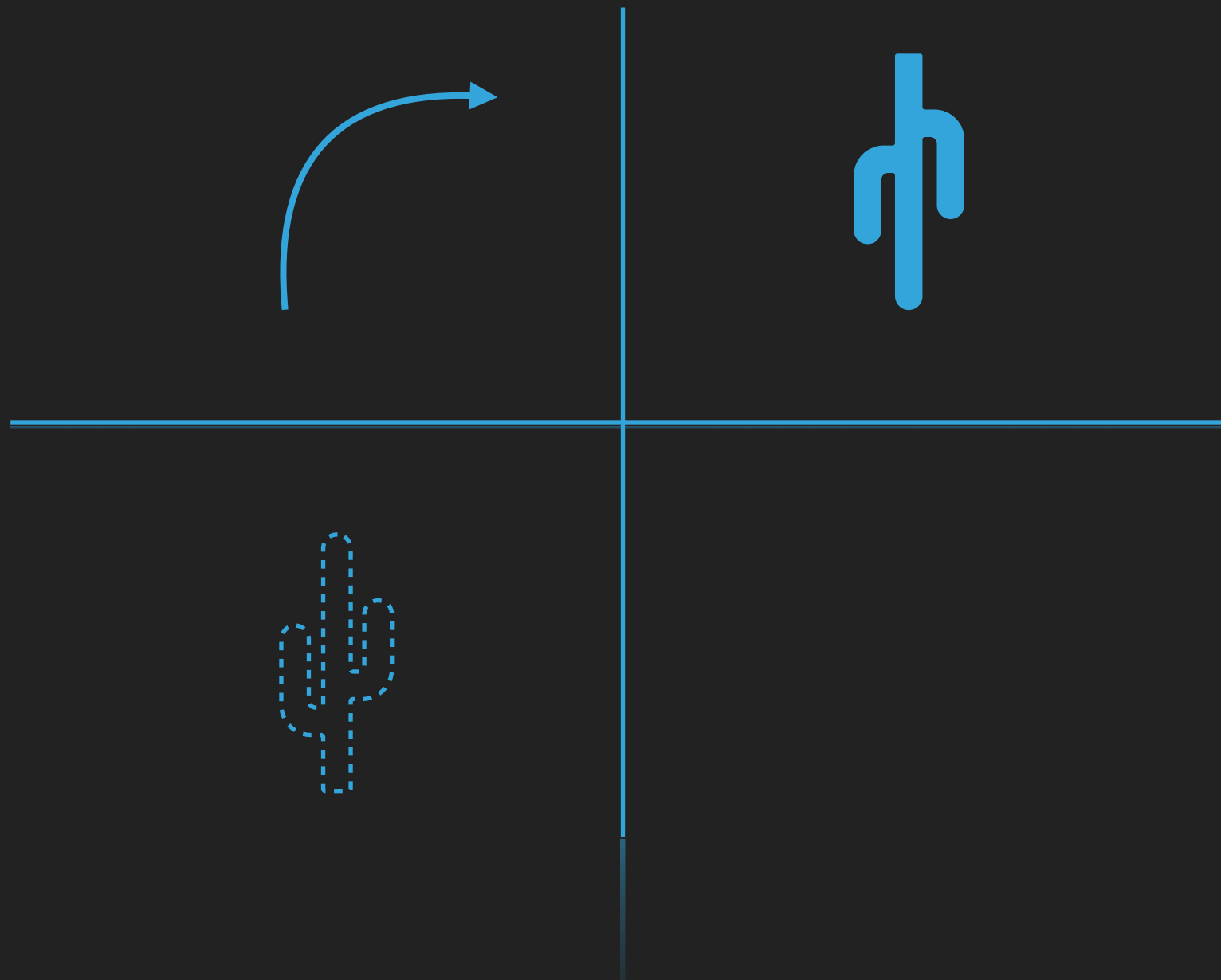
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- ▶ Symmetry is an important principle in physics
- ▶ In quantum field theory, certain symmetries in the theory give rise to the four fundamental forces\*
- ▶ Symmetries are also inextricably linked to some of most fundamental laws of physics: ***conservation laws***



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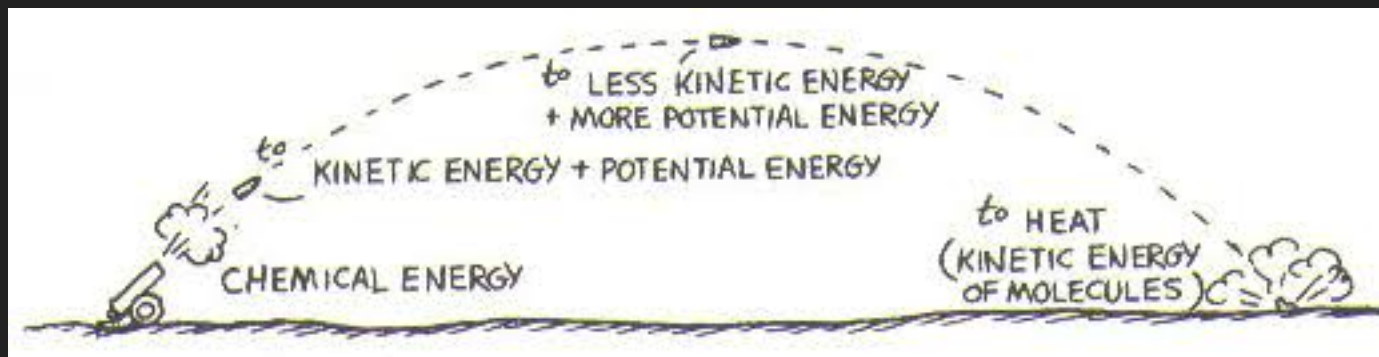
# SYMMETRY AND CONSERVATION LAWS



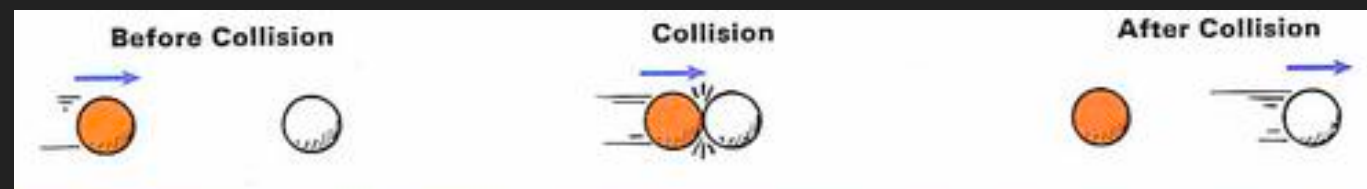
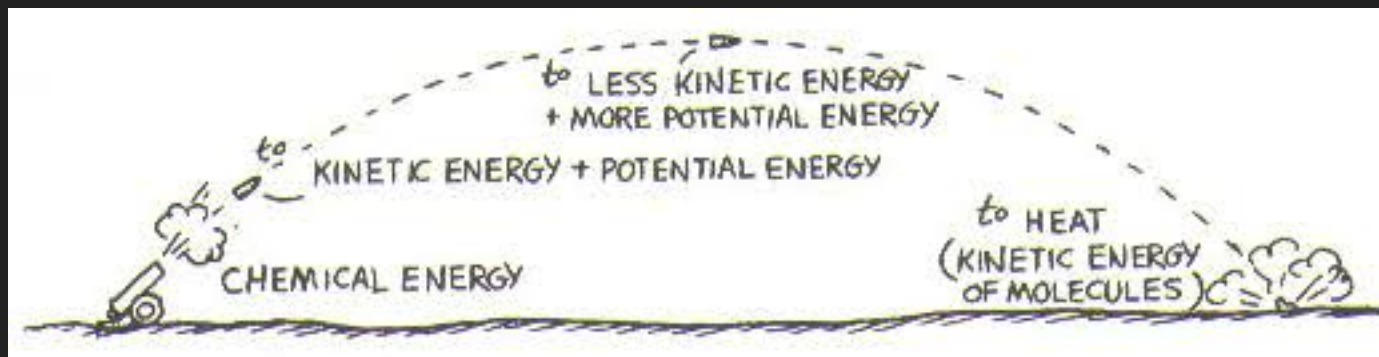


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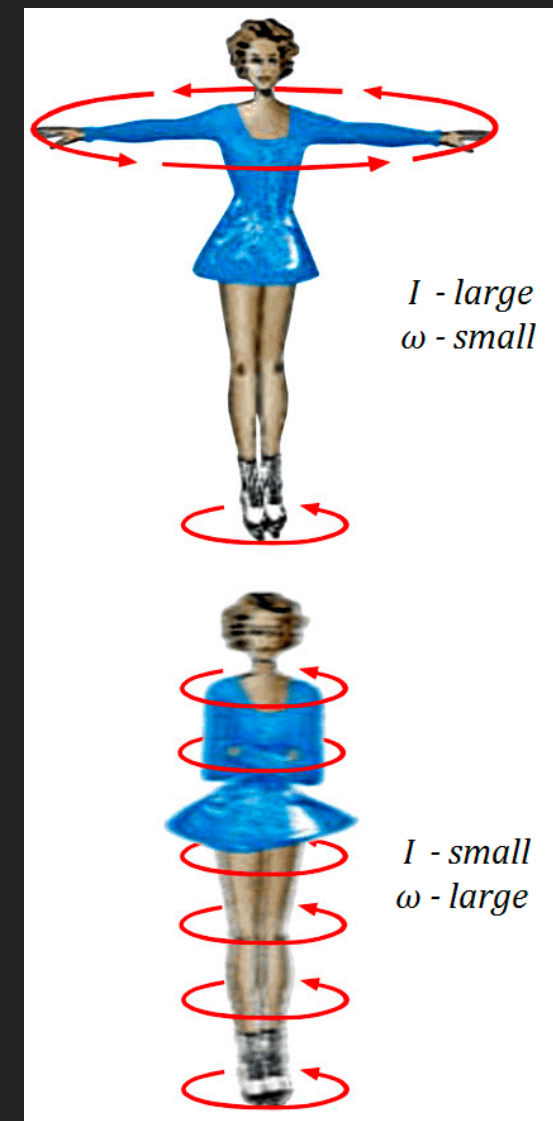
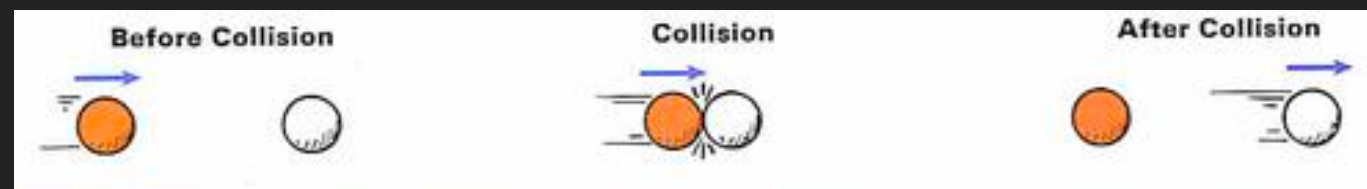
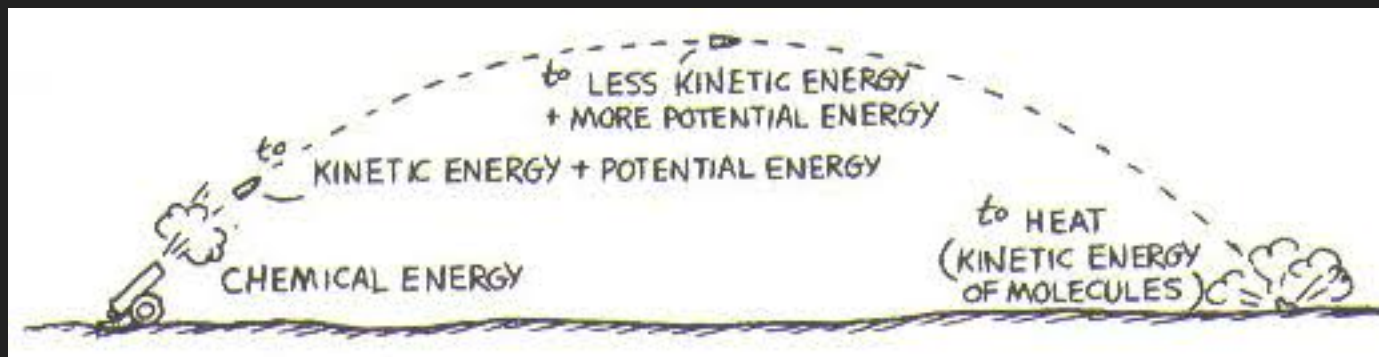
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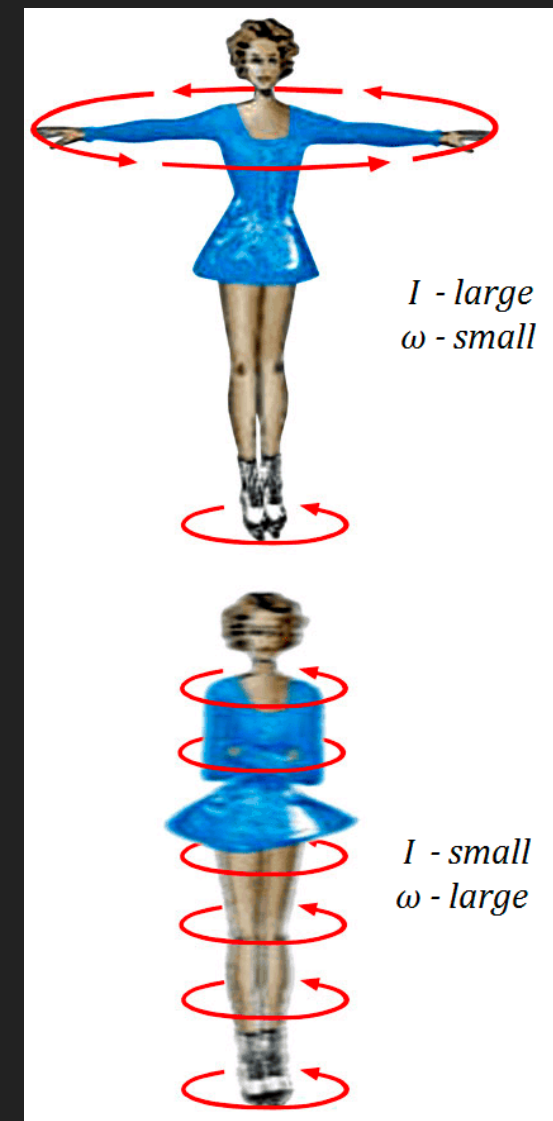
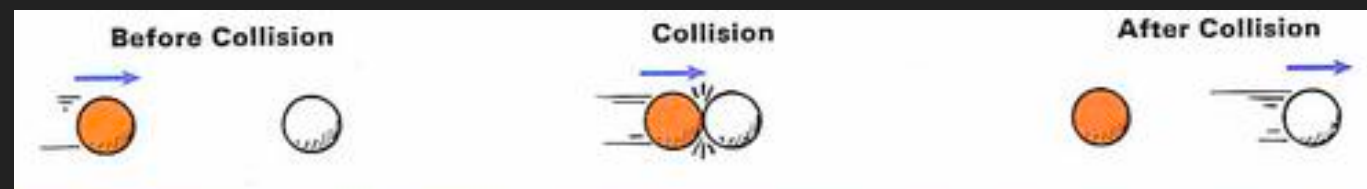
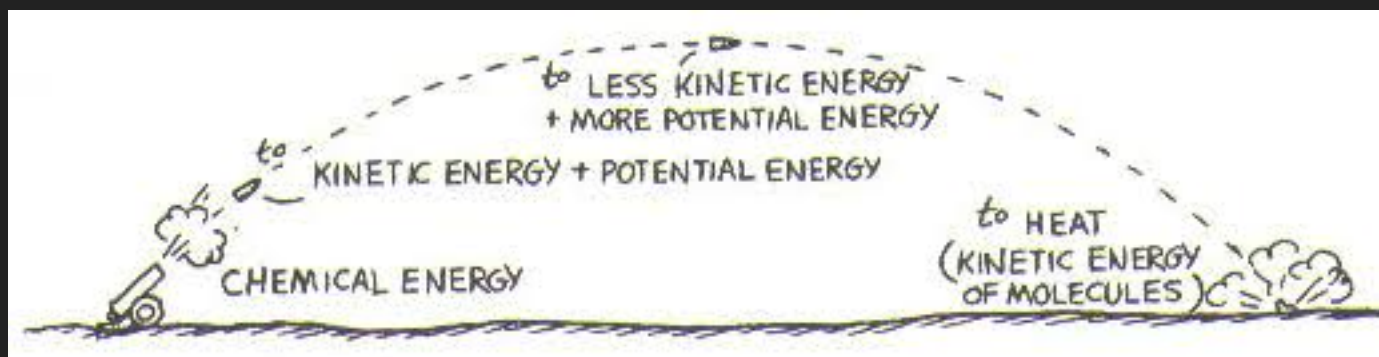


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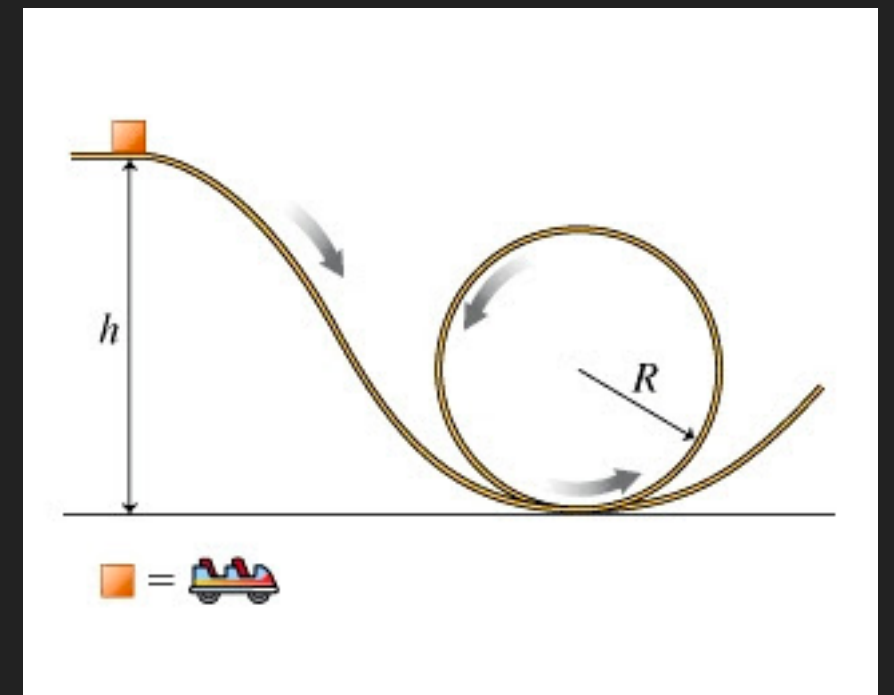
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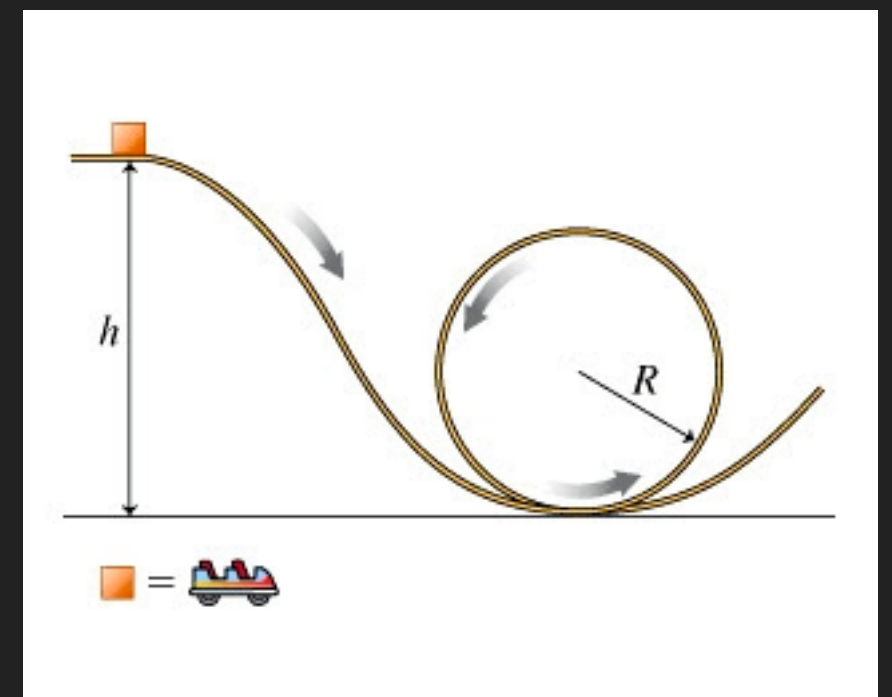
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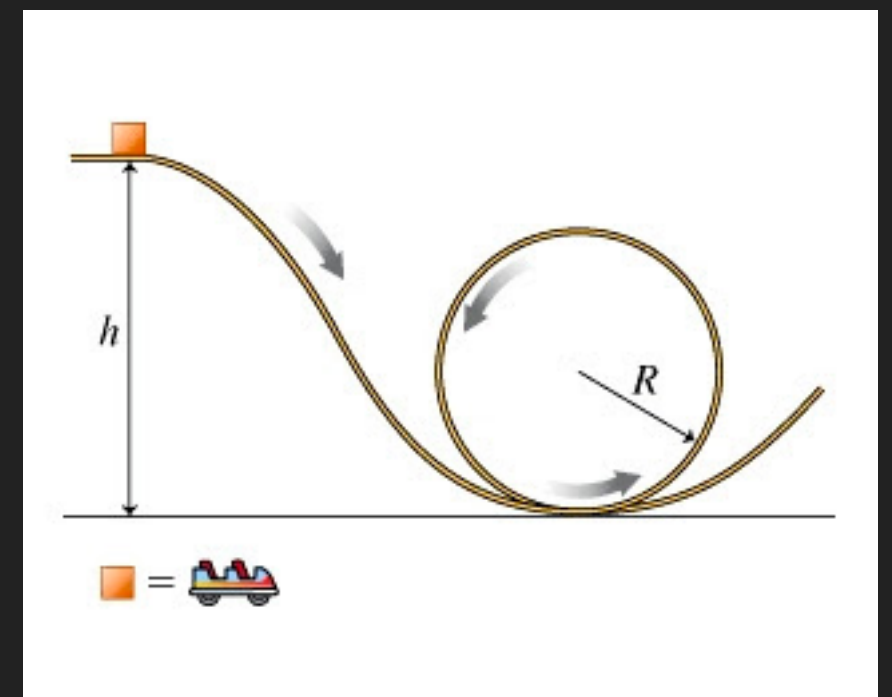
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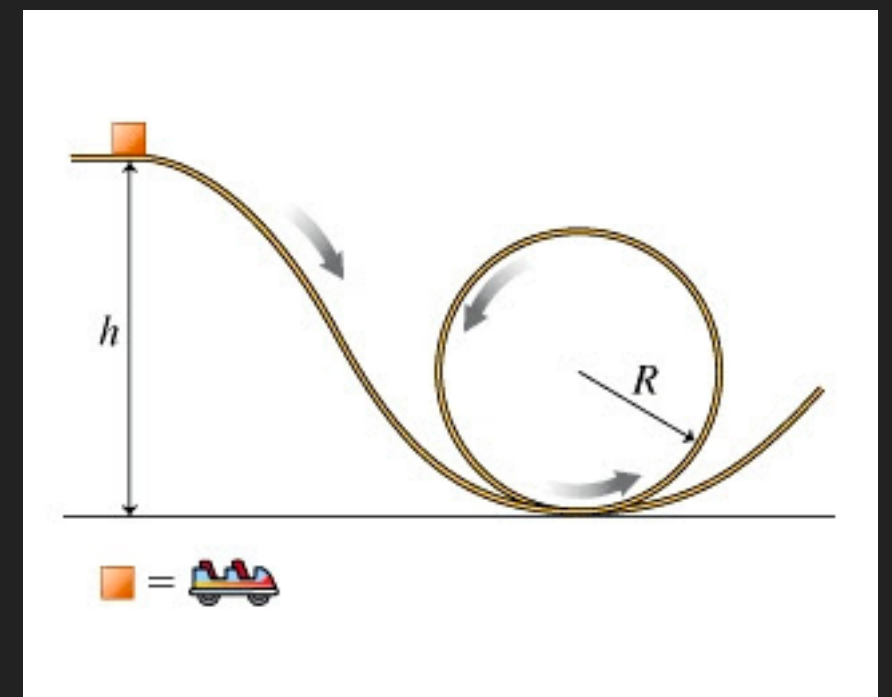
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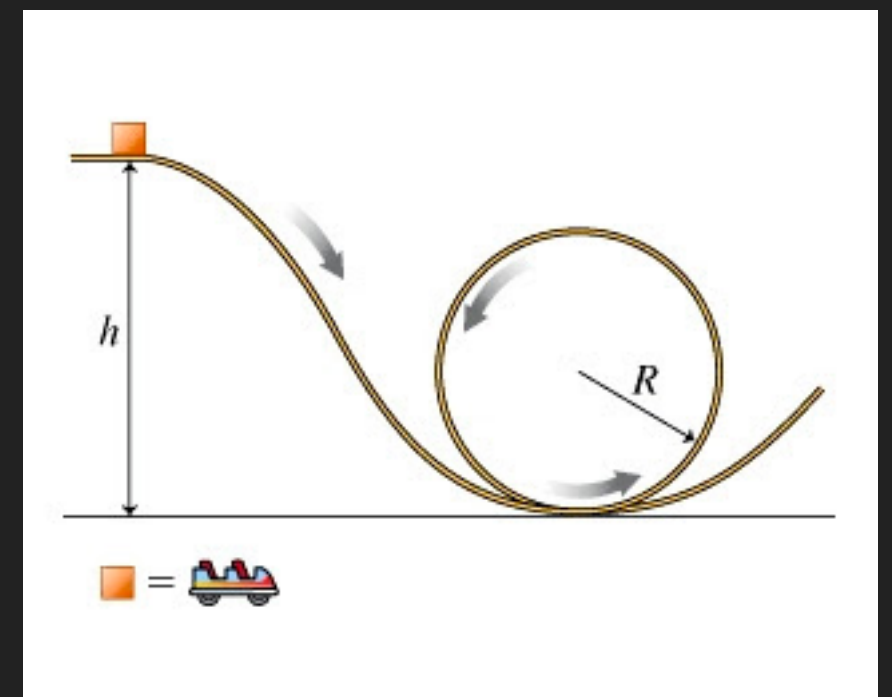
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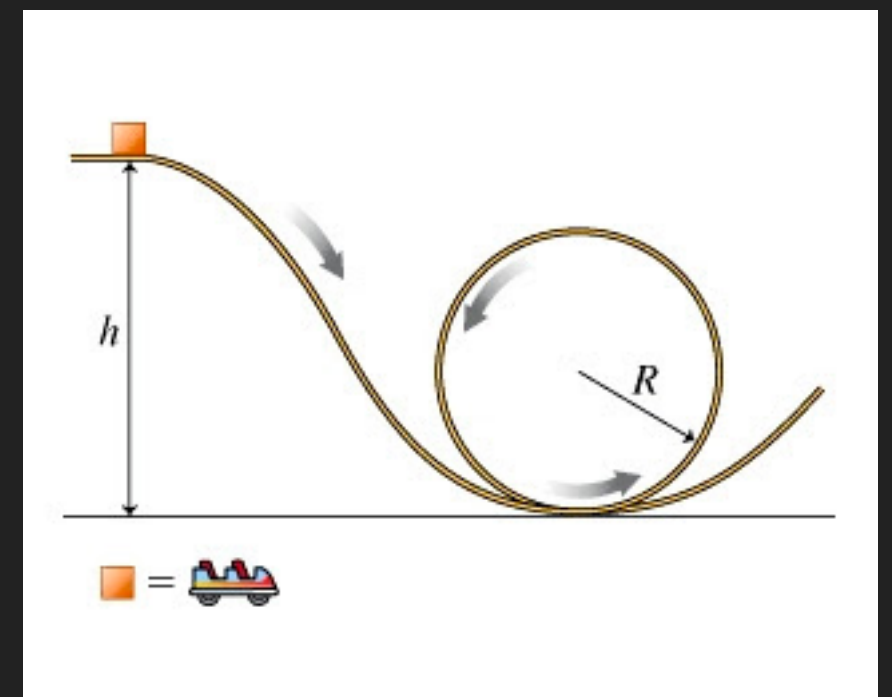
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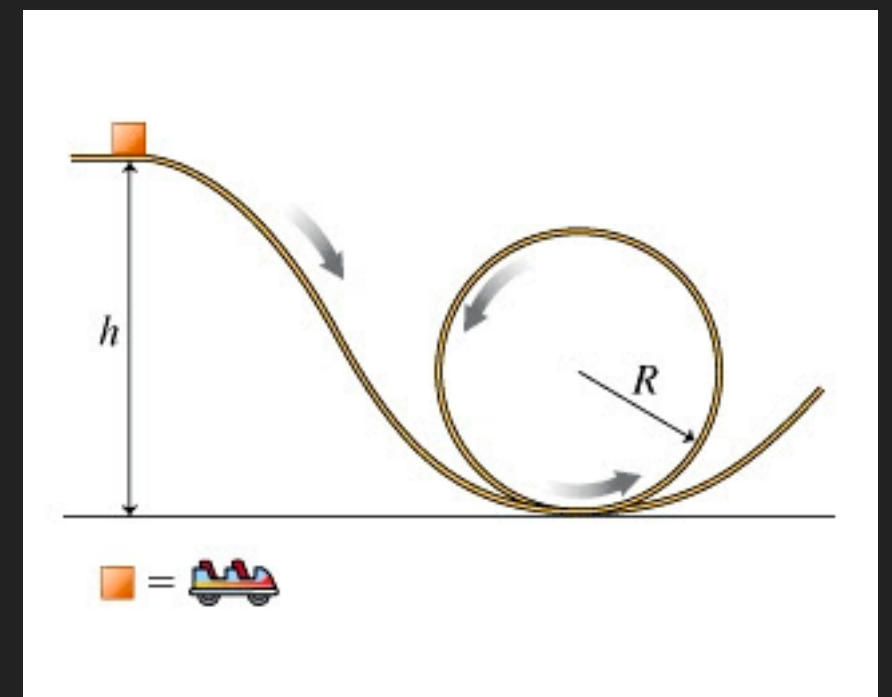
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Invariante Variationsprobleme.

(F. Klein zum fünfzigjährigen Doktorjubiläum.)

Von

**Emmy Noether** in Göttingen.

Vorgelegt von F. Klein in der Sitzung vom 26. Juli 1918<sup>1)</sup>.







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- ▶ 1933–1935: Bryn Mawr

## TO JOIN BRYN MAWR.

**Dr. Emmy Noether, Ousted by Nazis, Will Be on Faculty.**

*Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.*

BRYN MAWR, Pa., Oct. 3.—President Marion Edwards Park at the opening of Bryn Mawr College today announced that Bryn Mawr was to have in its faculty for two years Dr. Emmy Noether, formerly of the University of Göttingen. She was asked, with other members of the Göttingen faculty, to resign last Spring, under the Nazi regime.

The appointment of Dr. Noether was made possible by a gift from the Institute of International Education and the Rockefeller Foundation.

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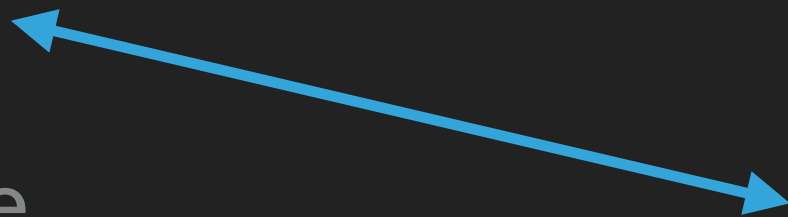
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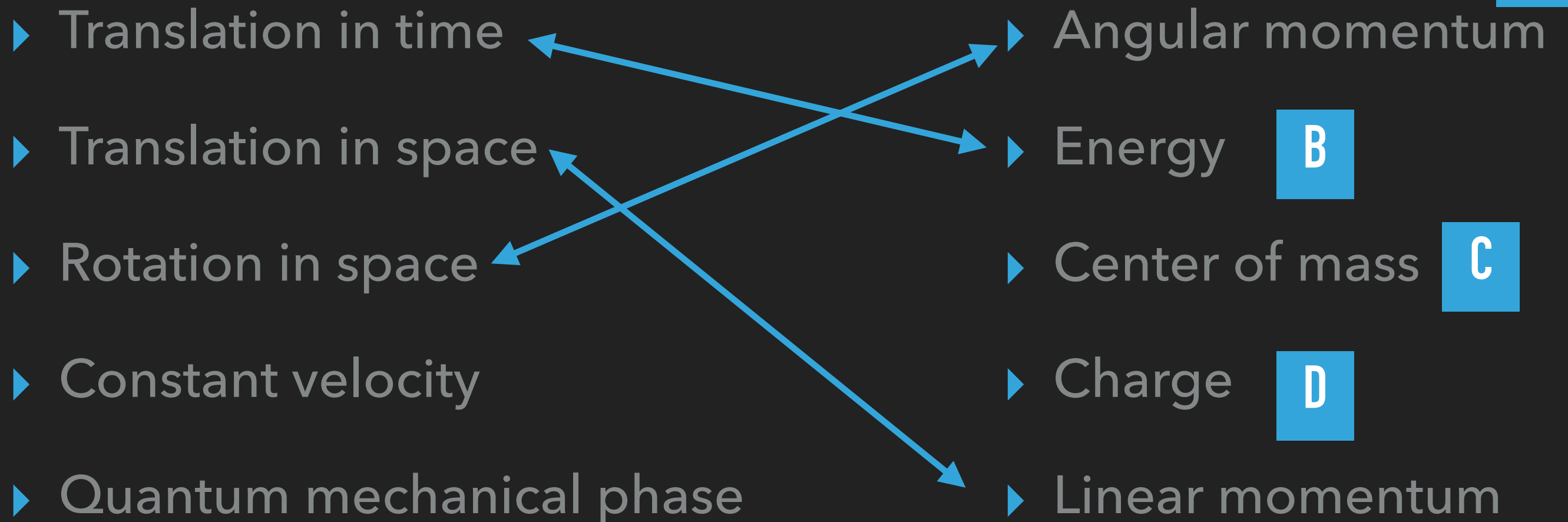
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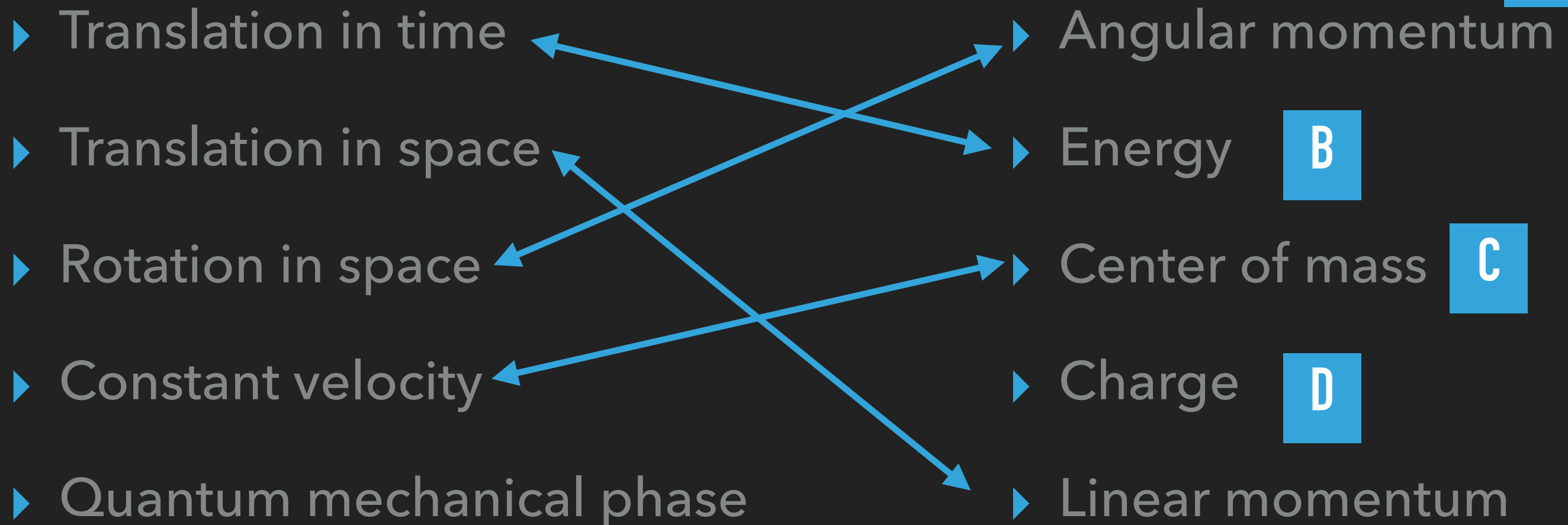
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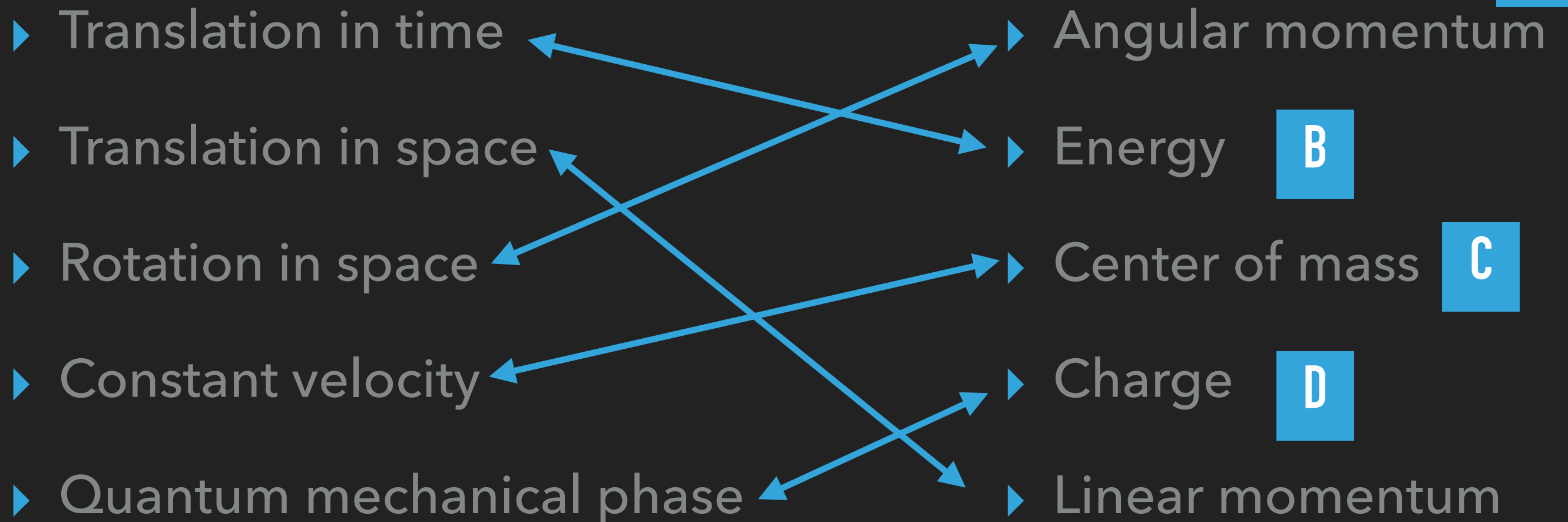
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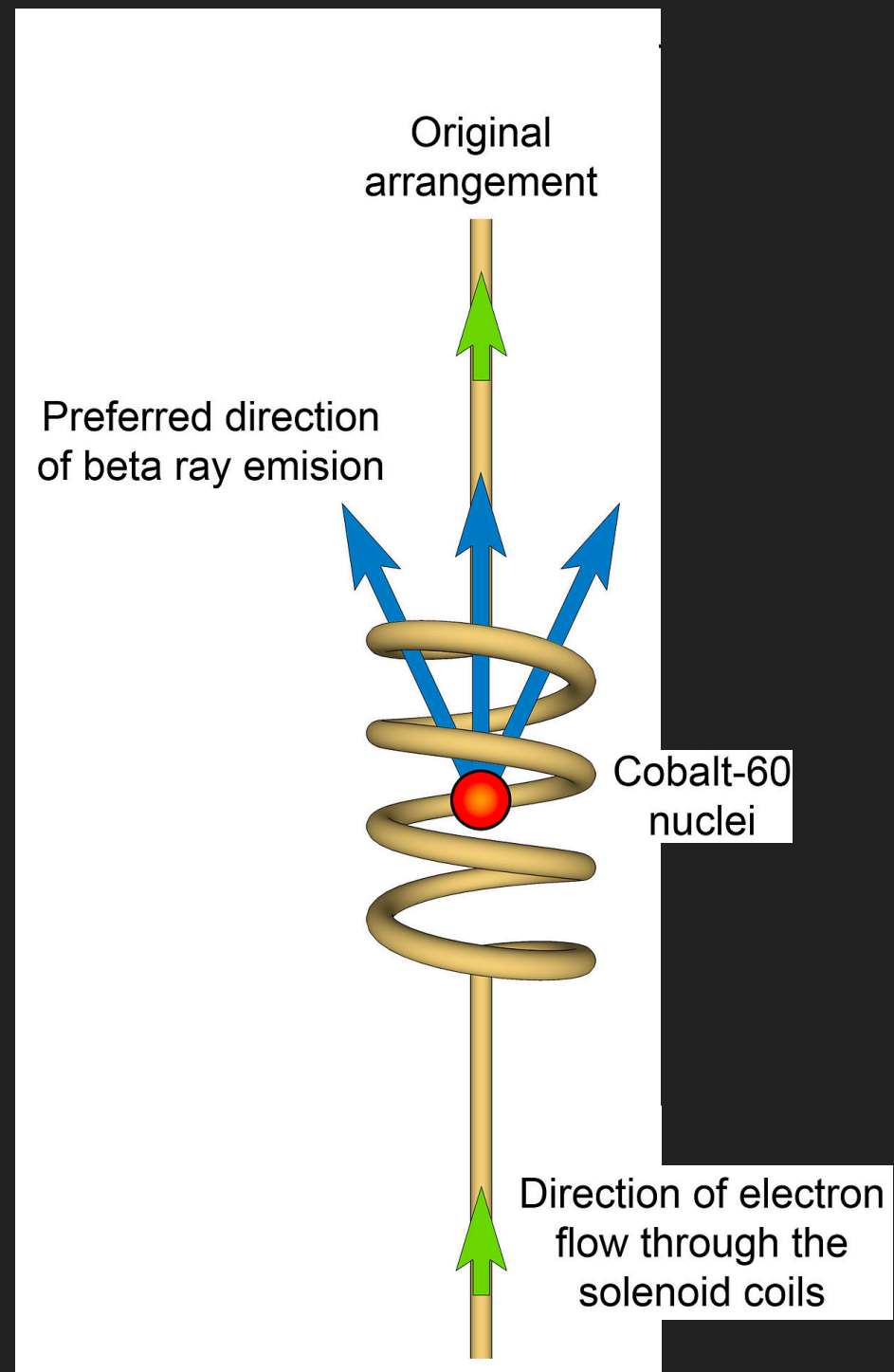
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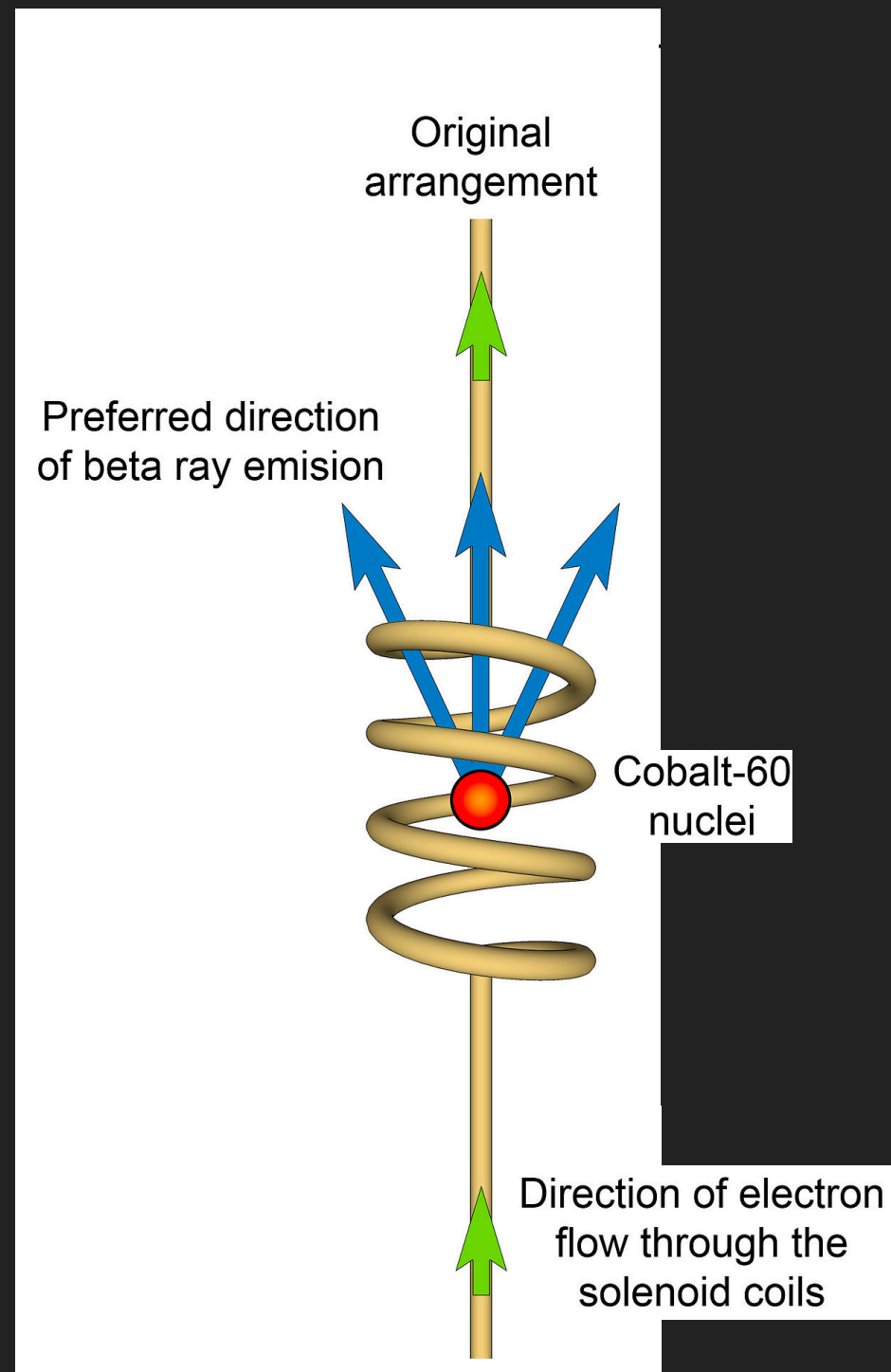
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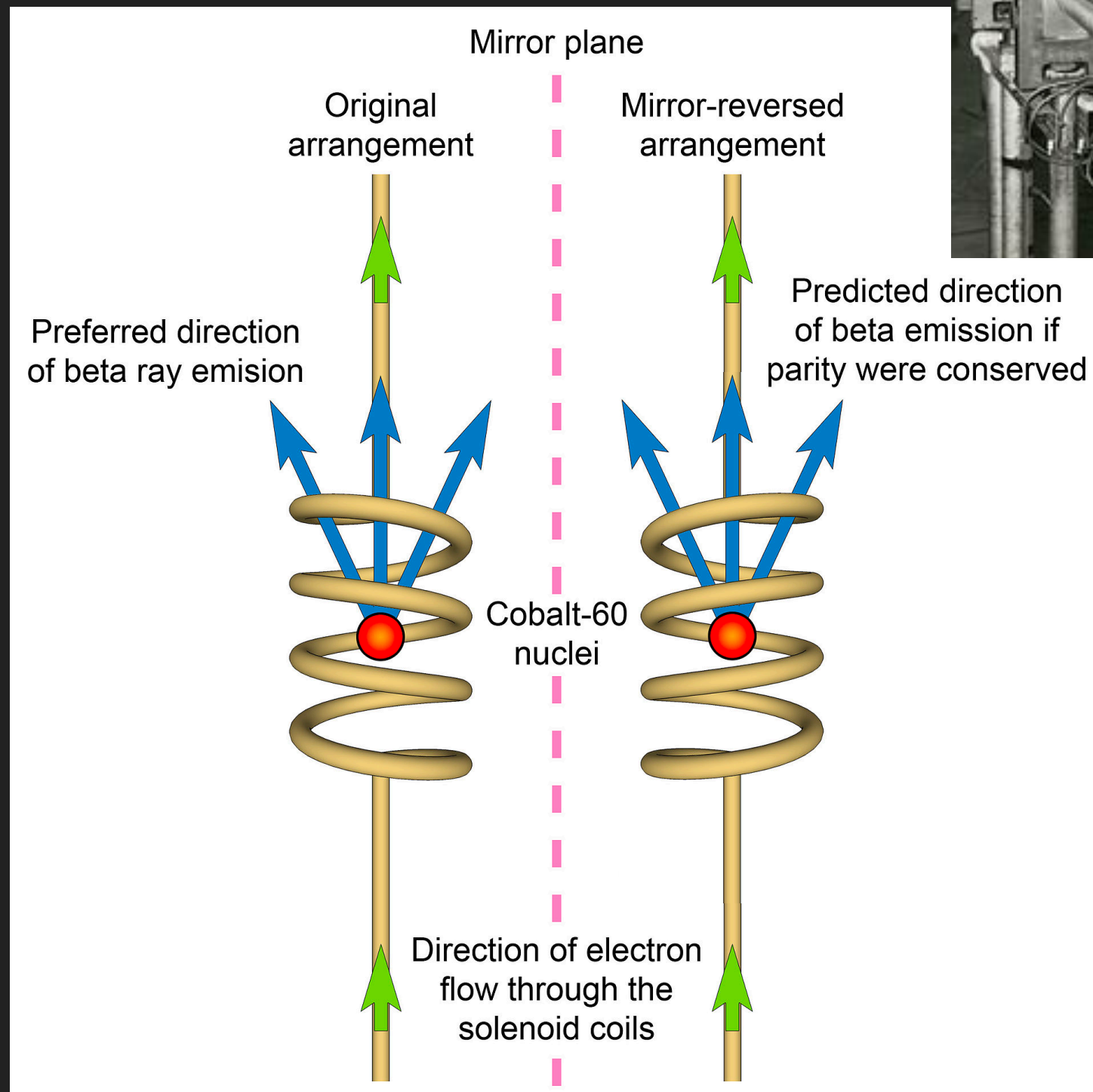
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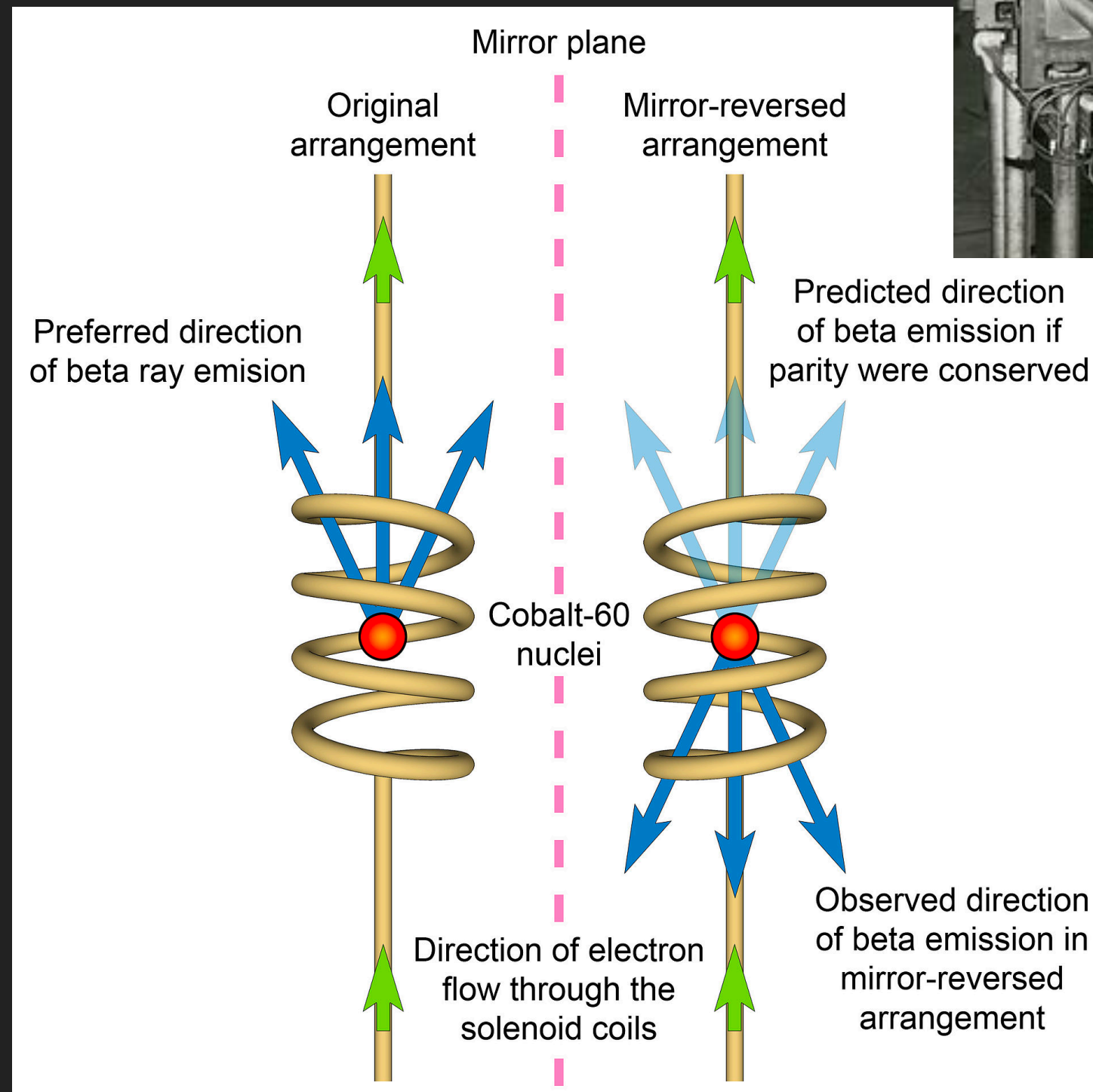
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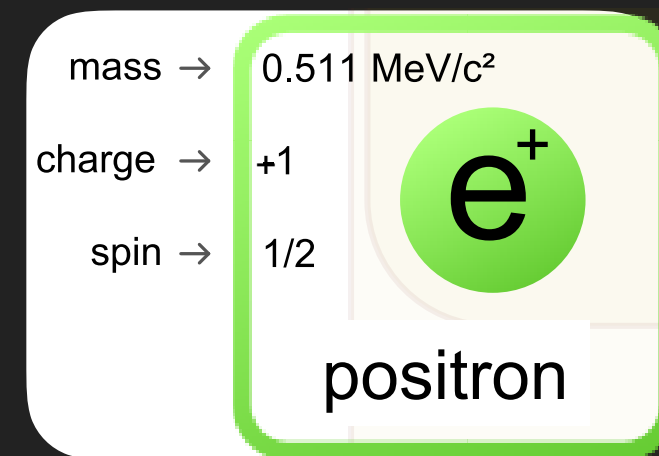
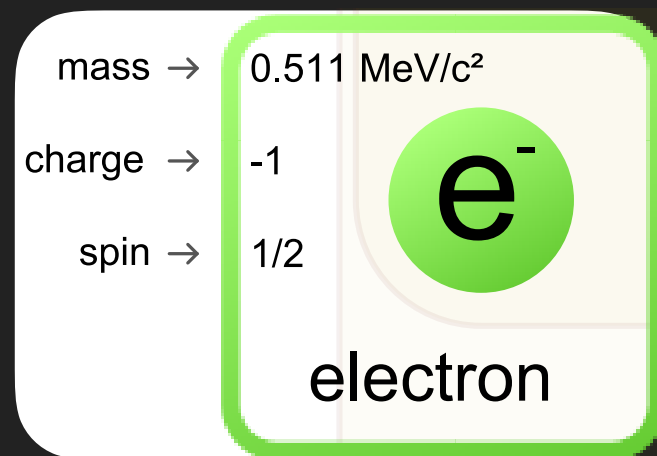
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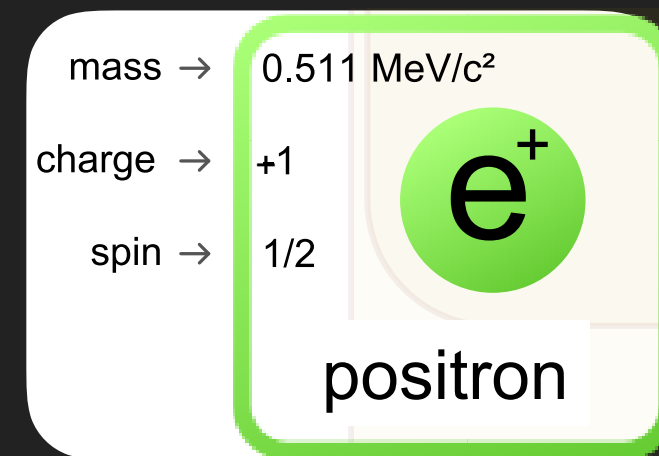
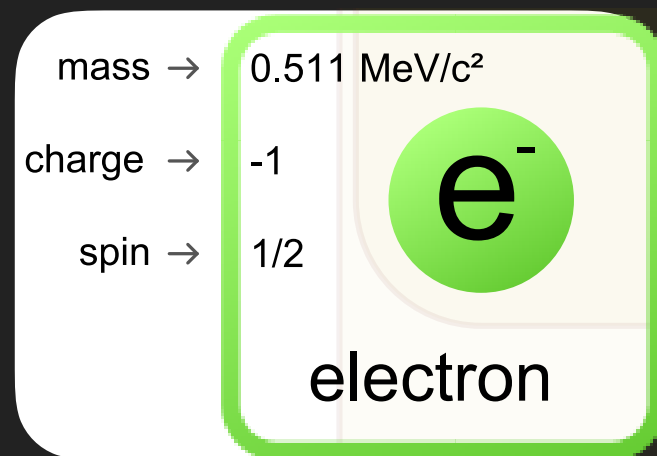
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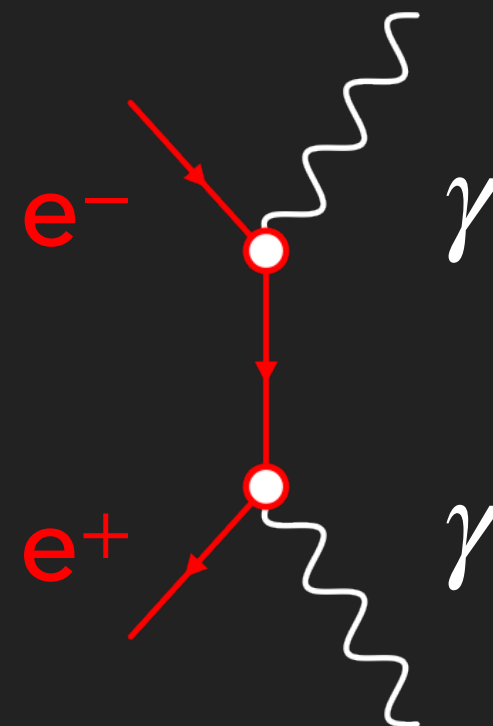
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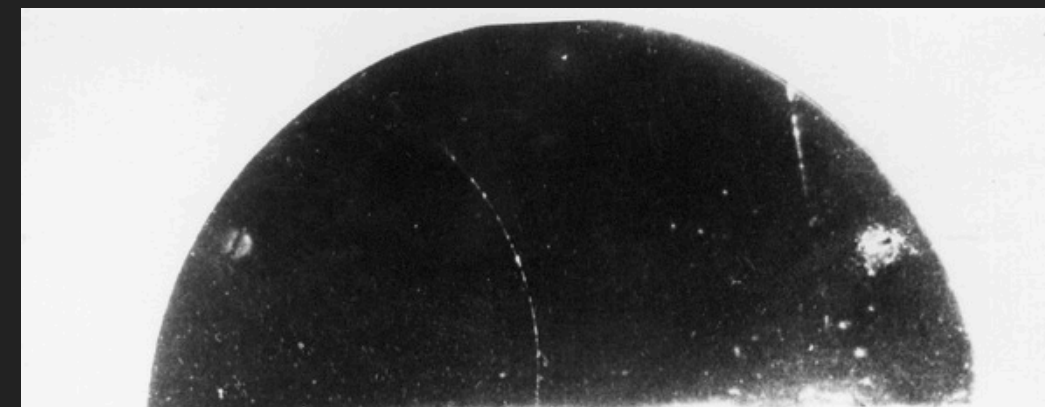


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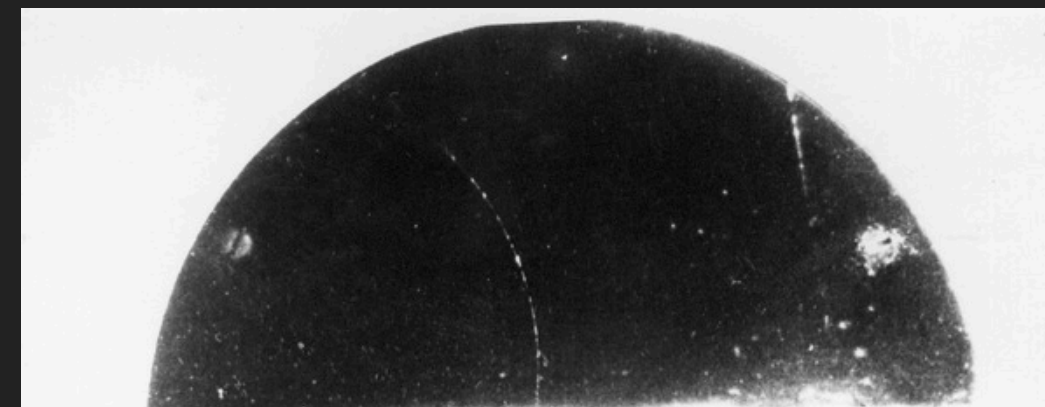
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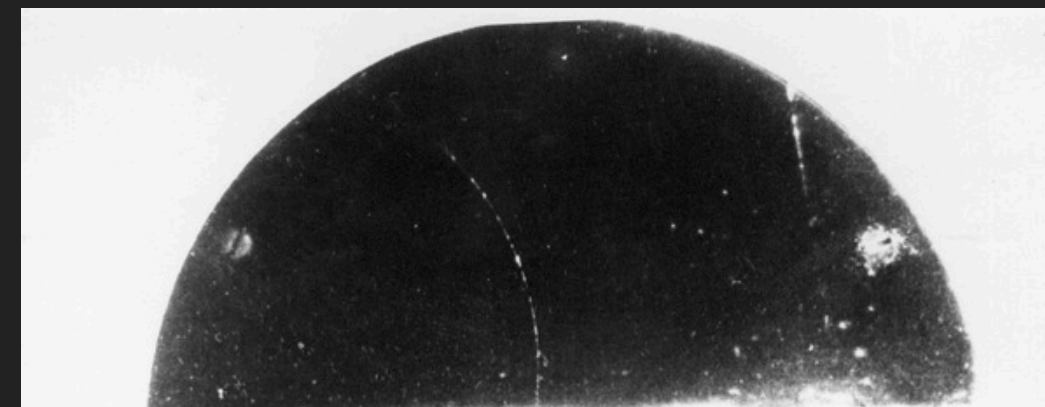
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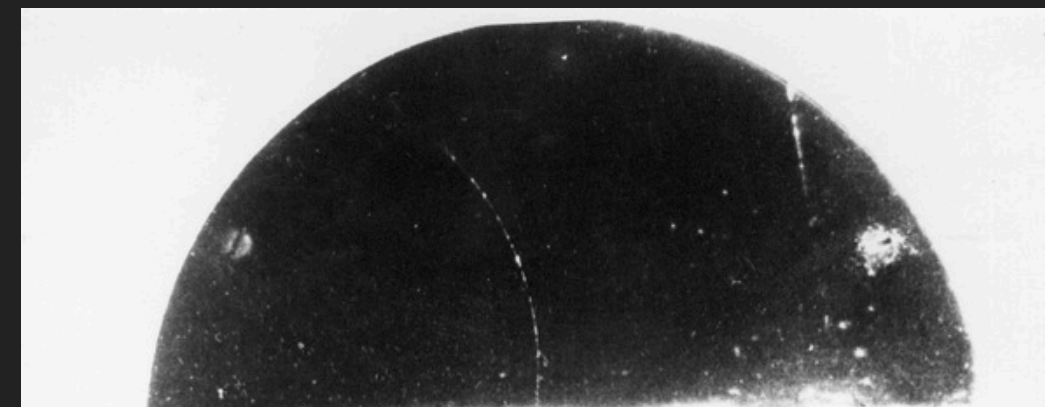




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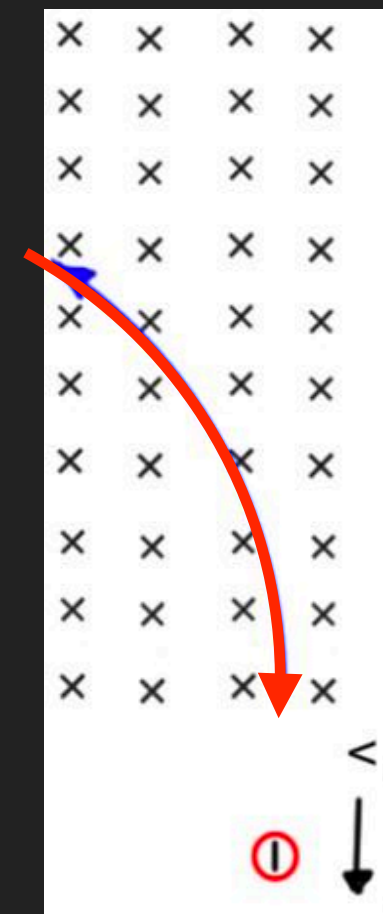
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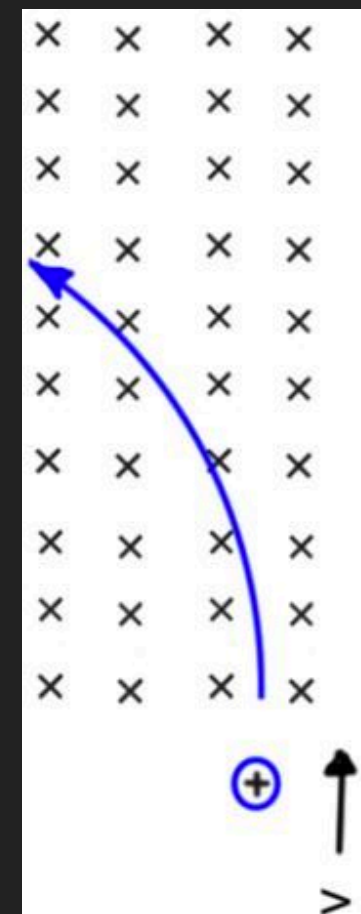
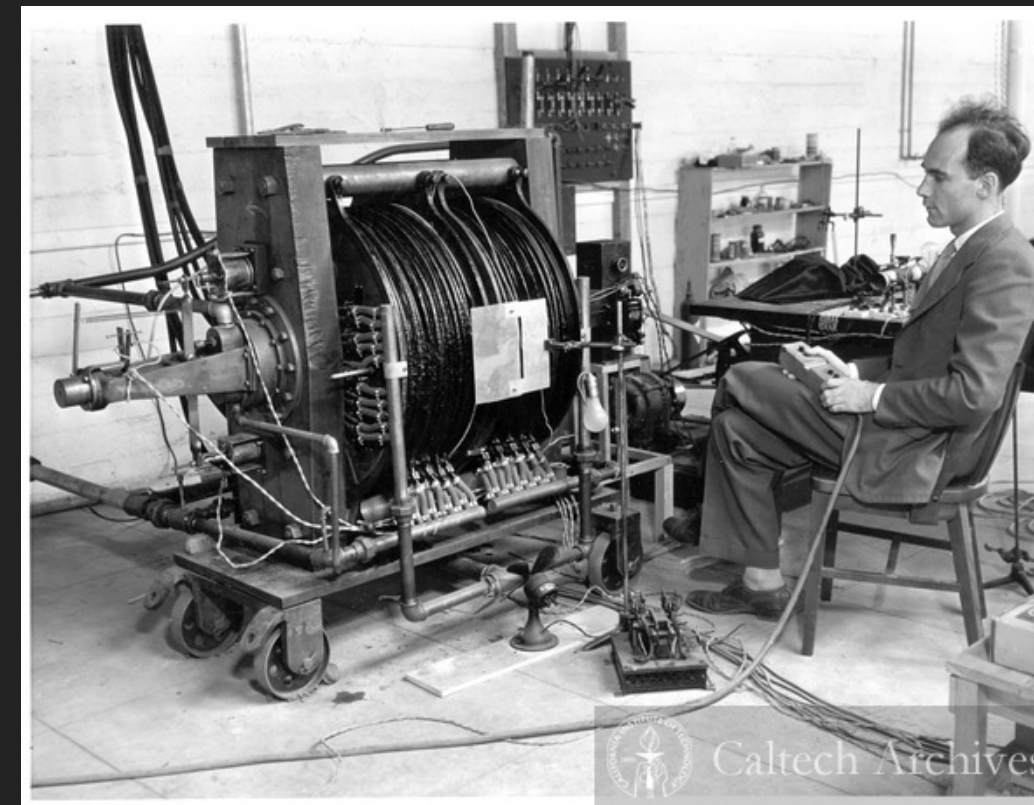




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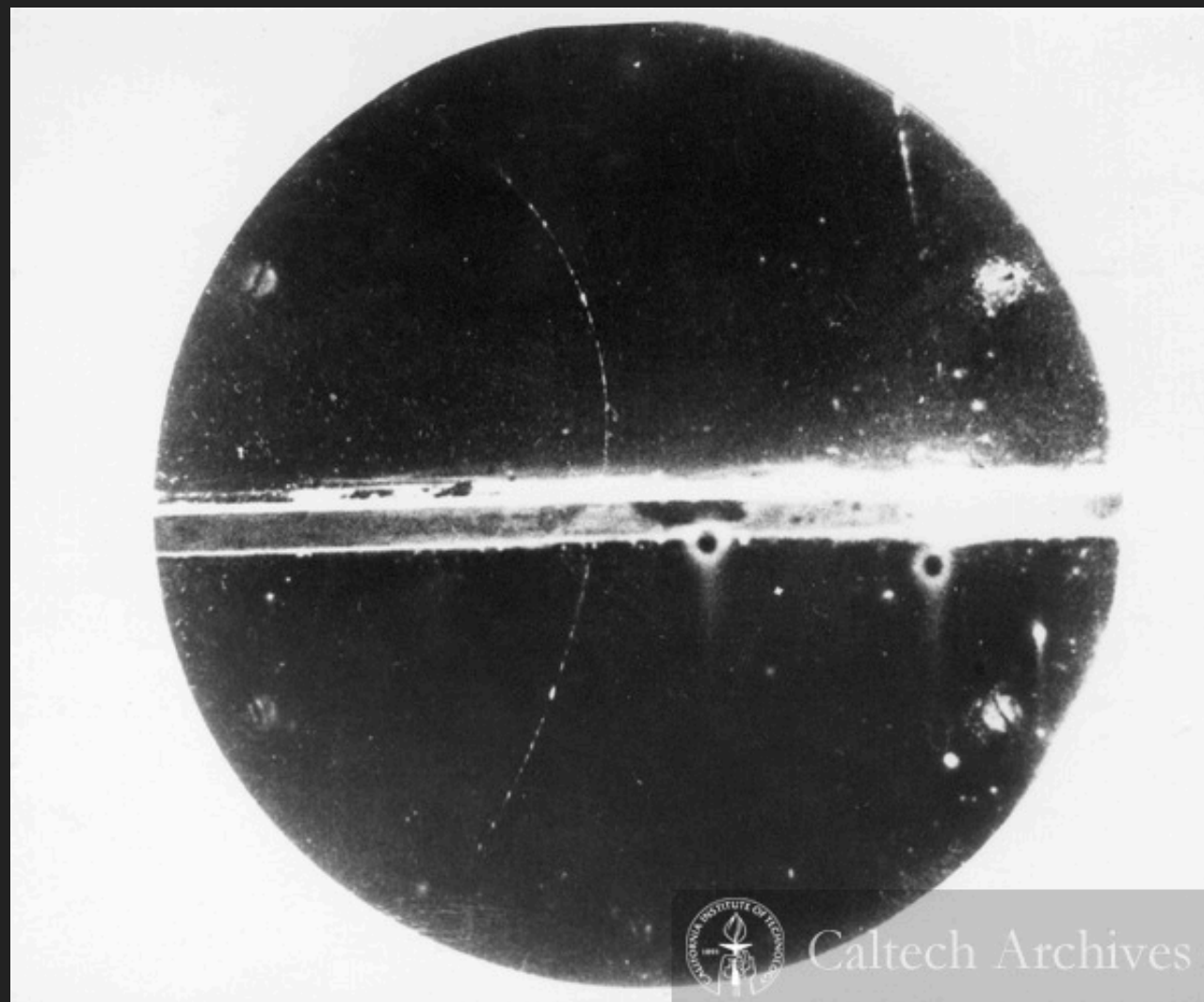
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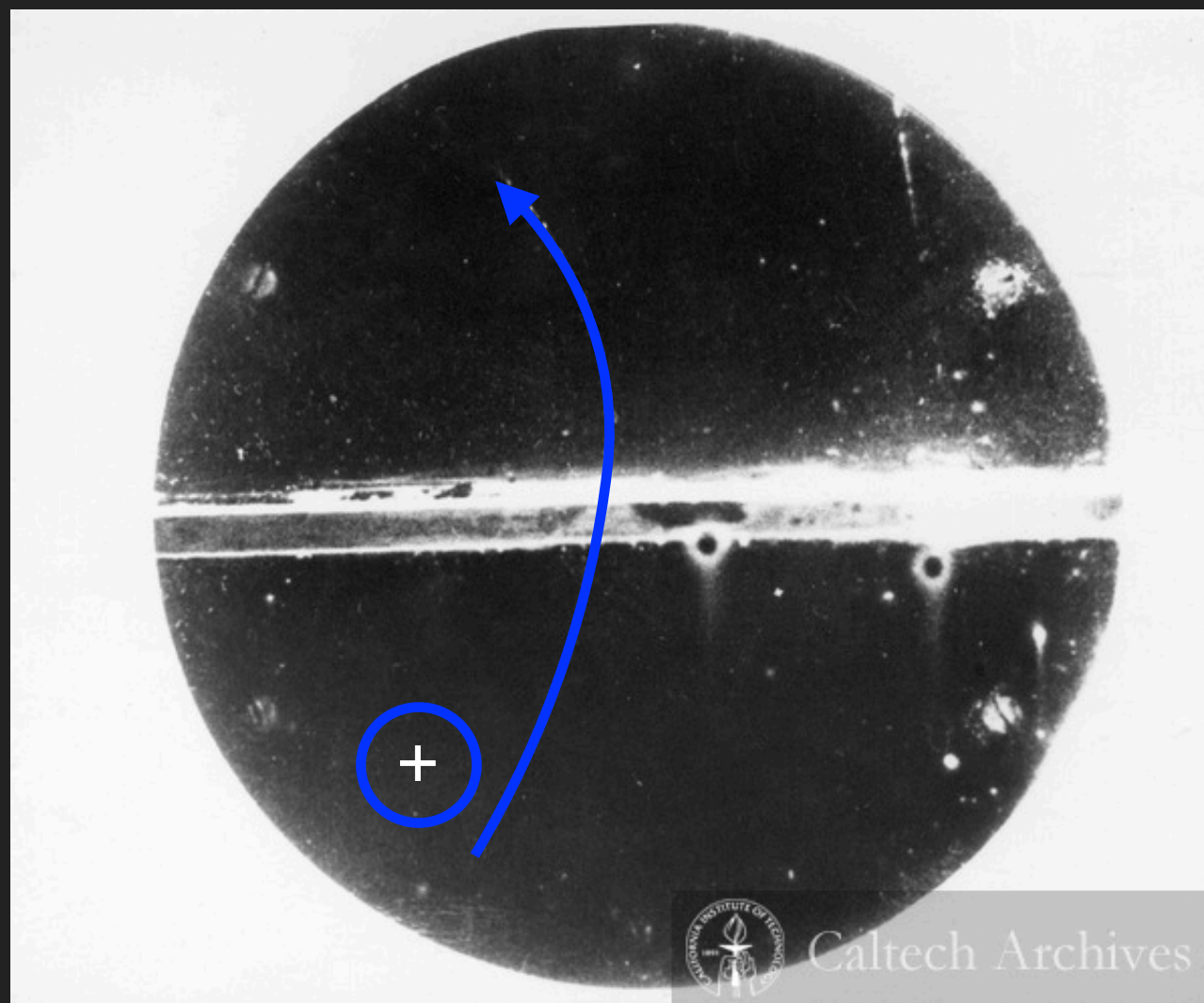




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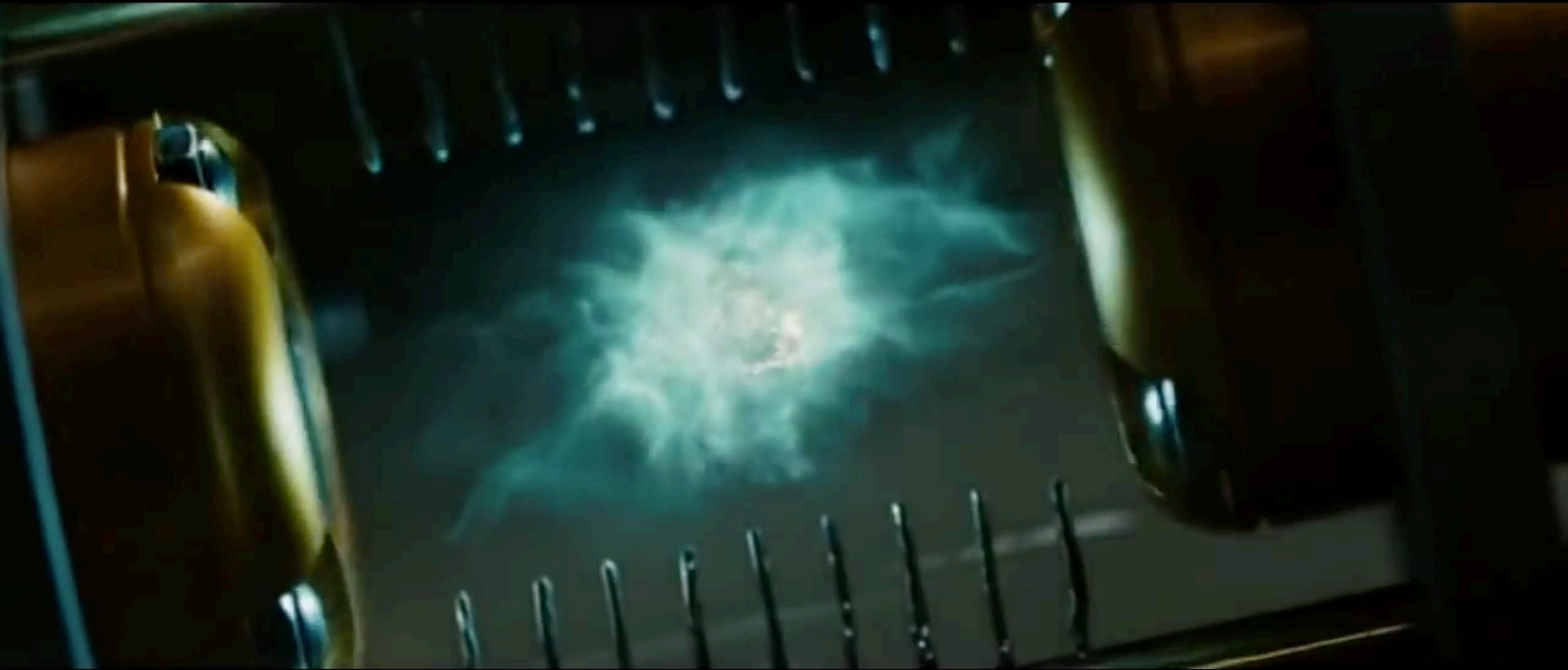


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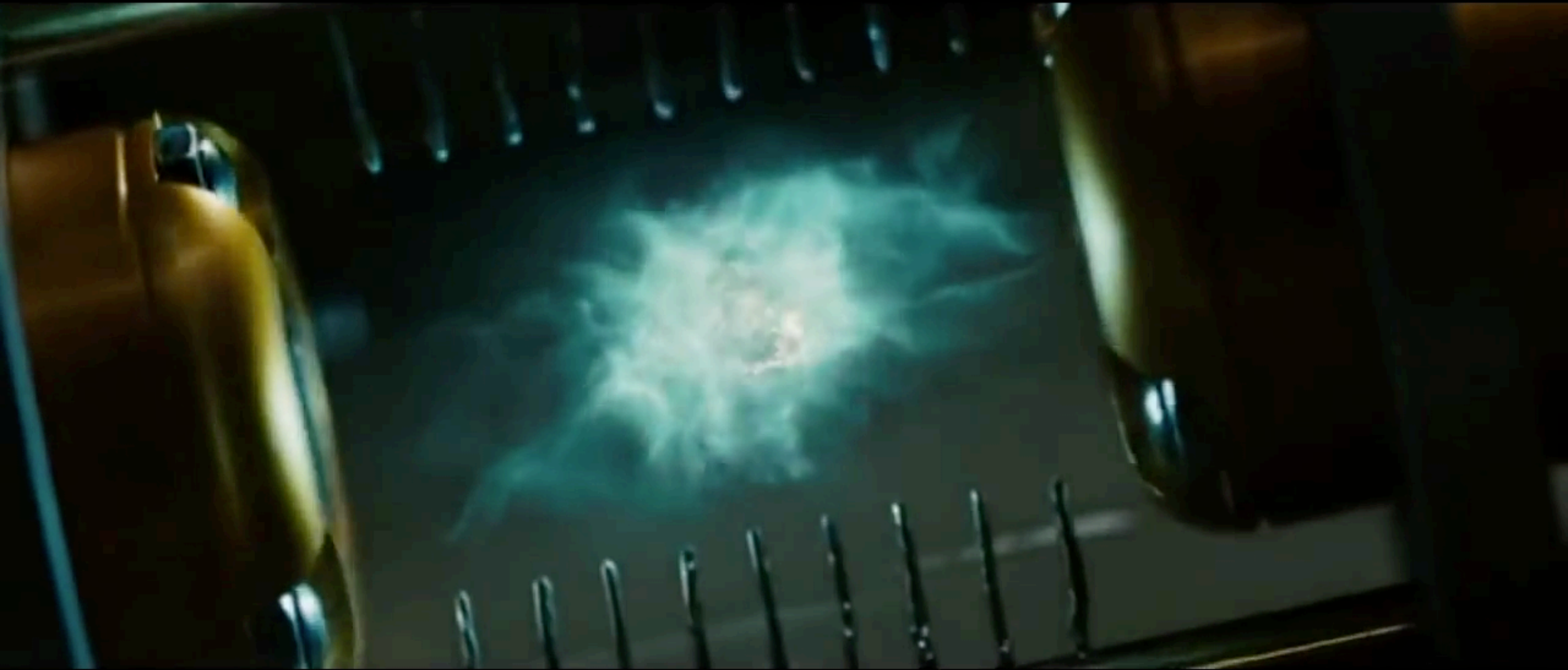
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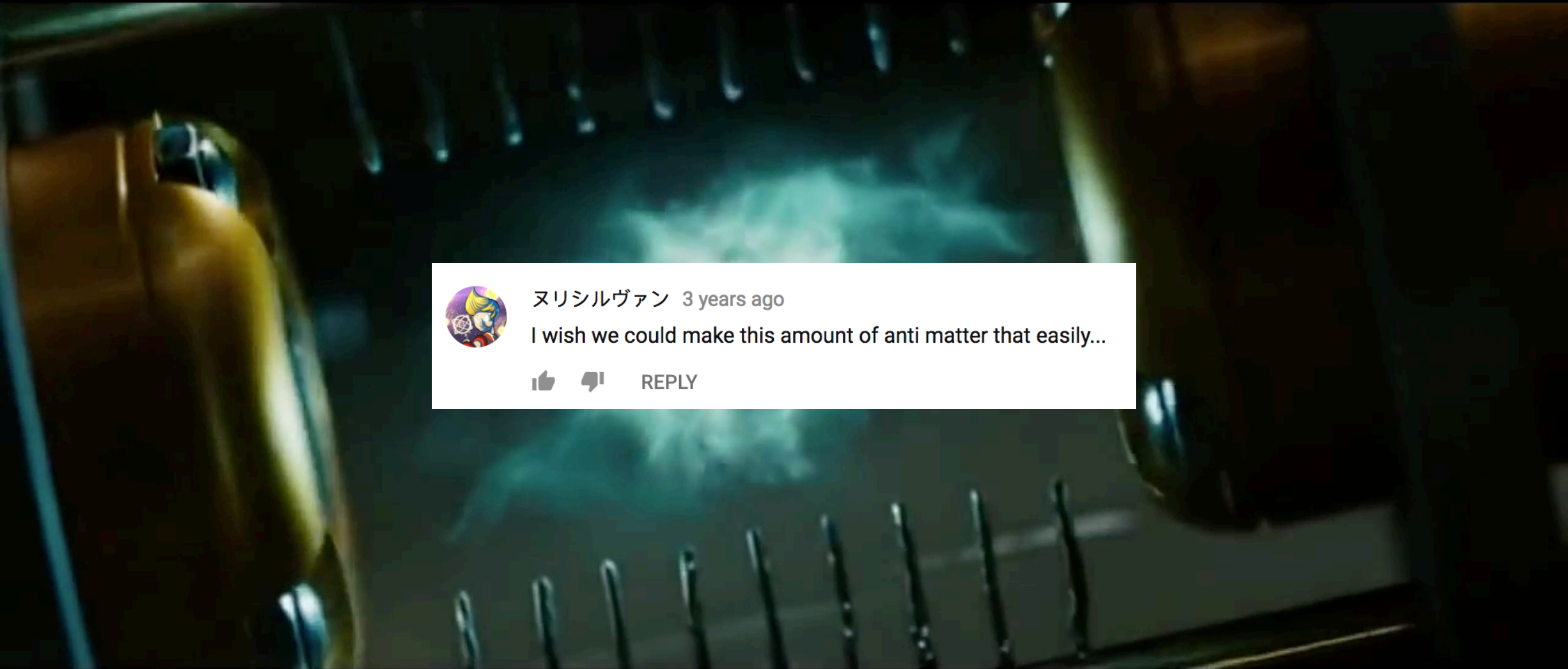


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REPLY

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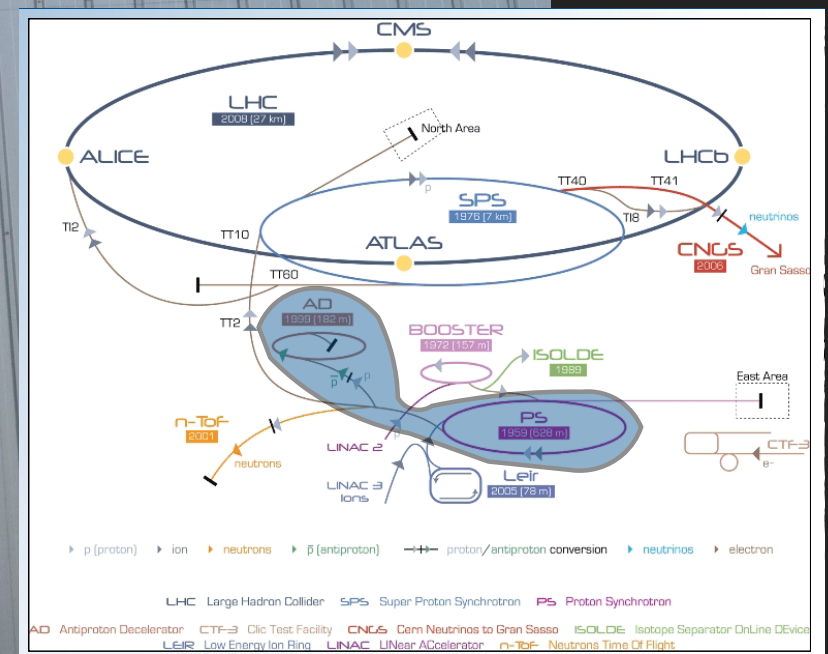
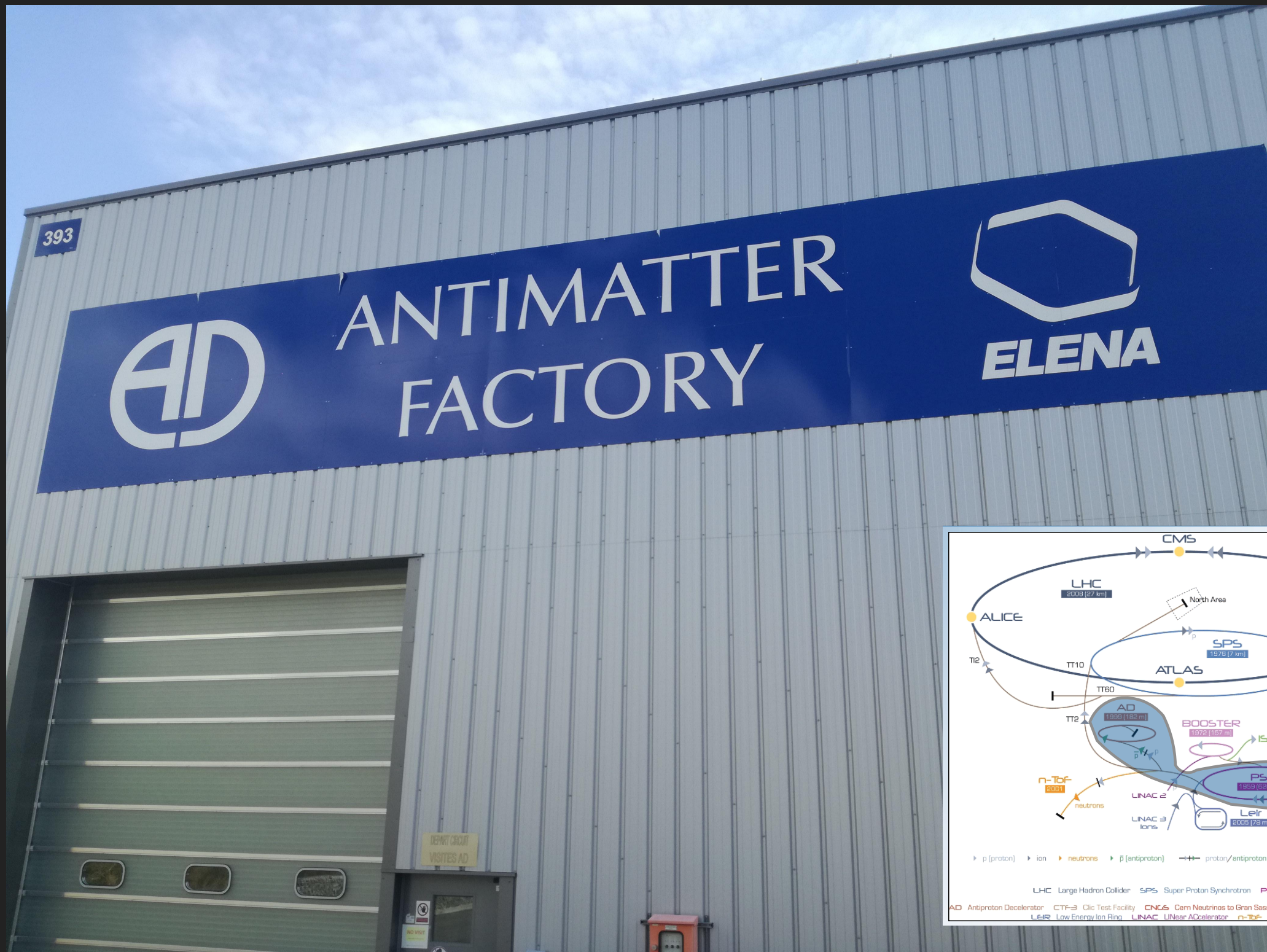
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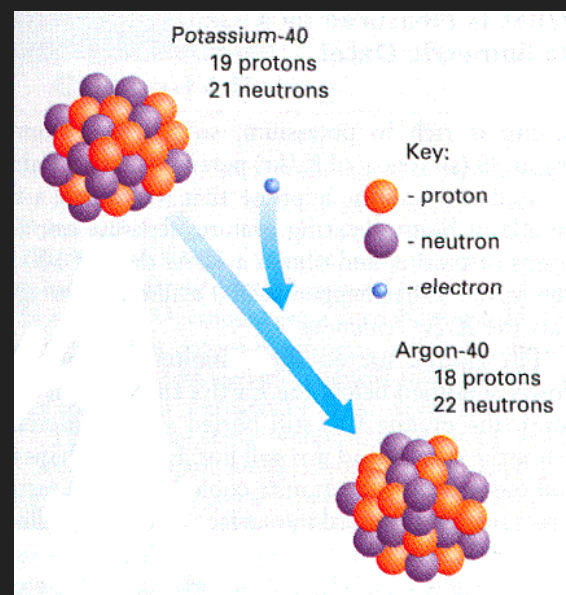
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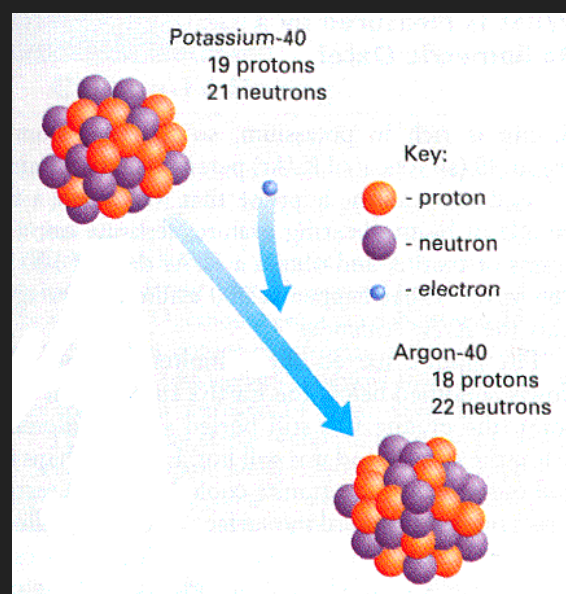
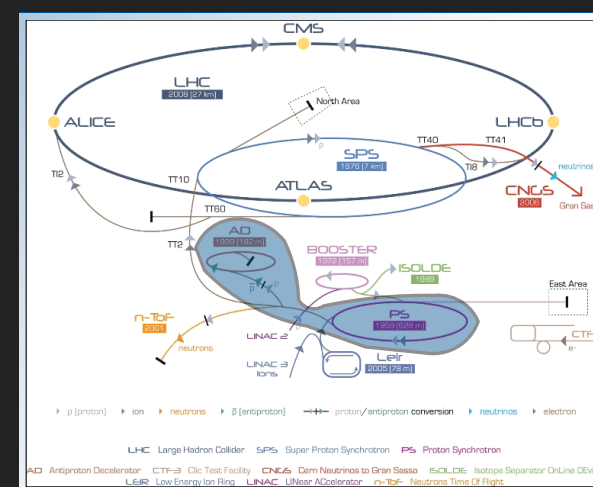
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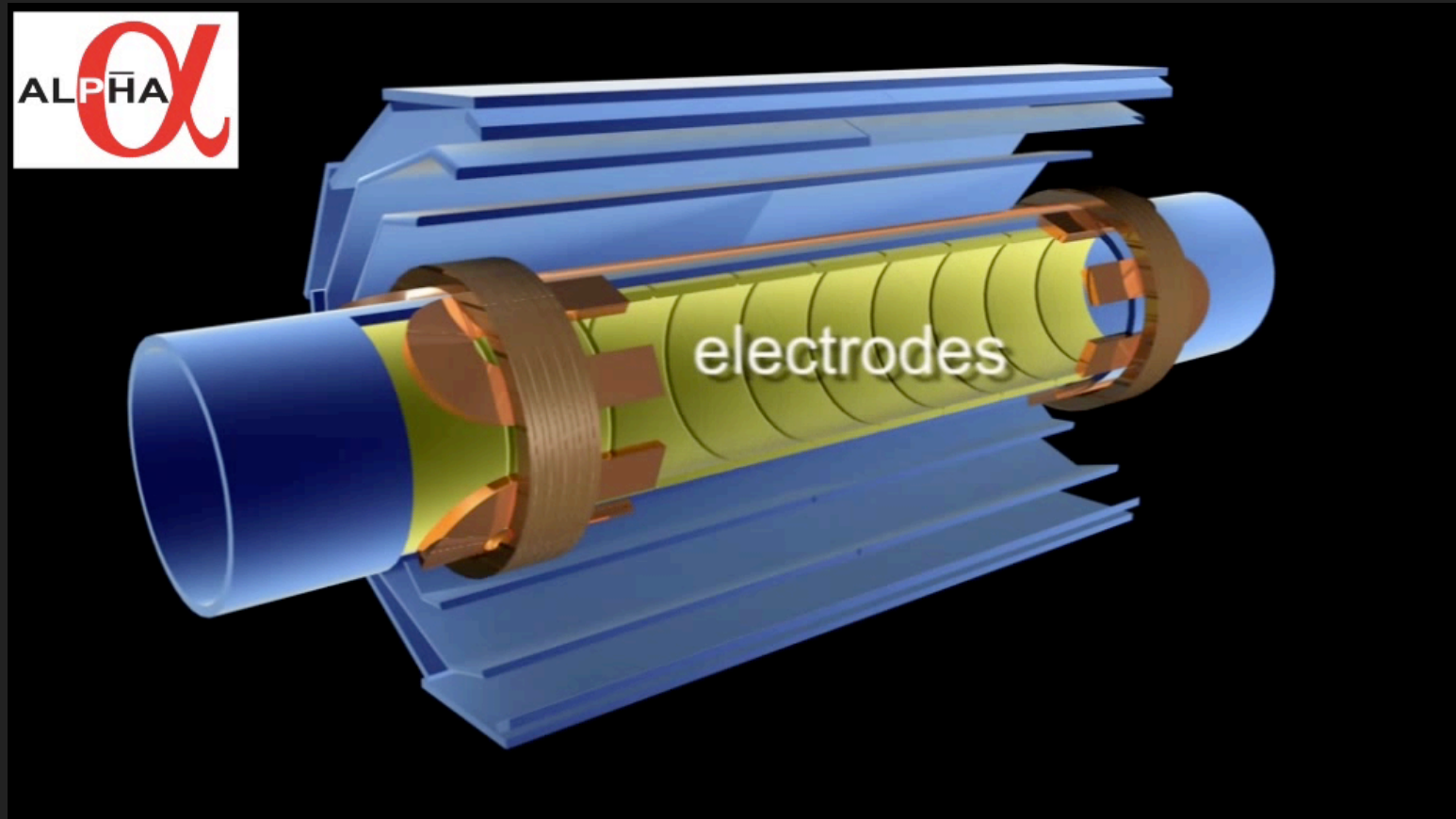
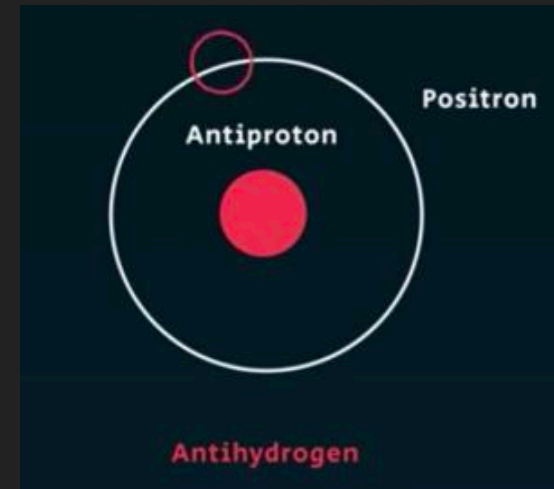
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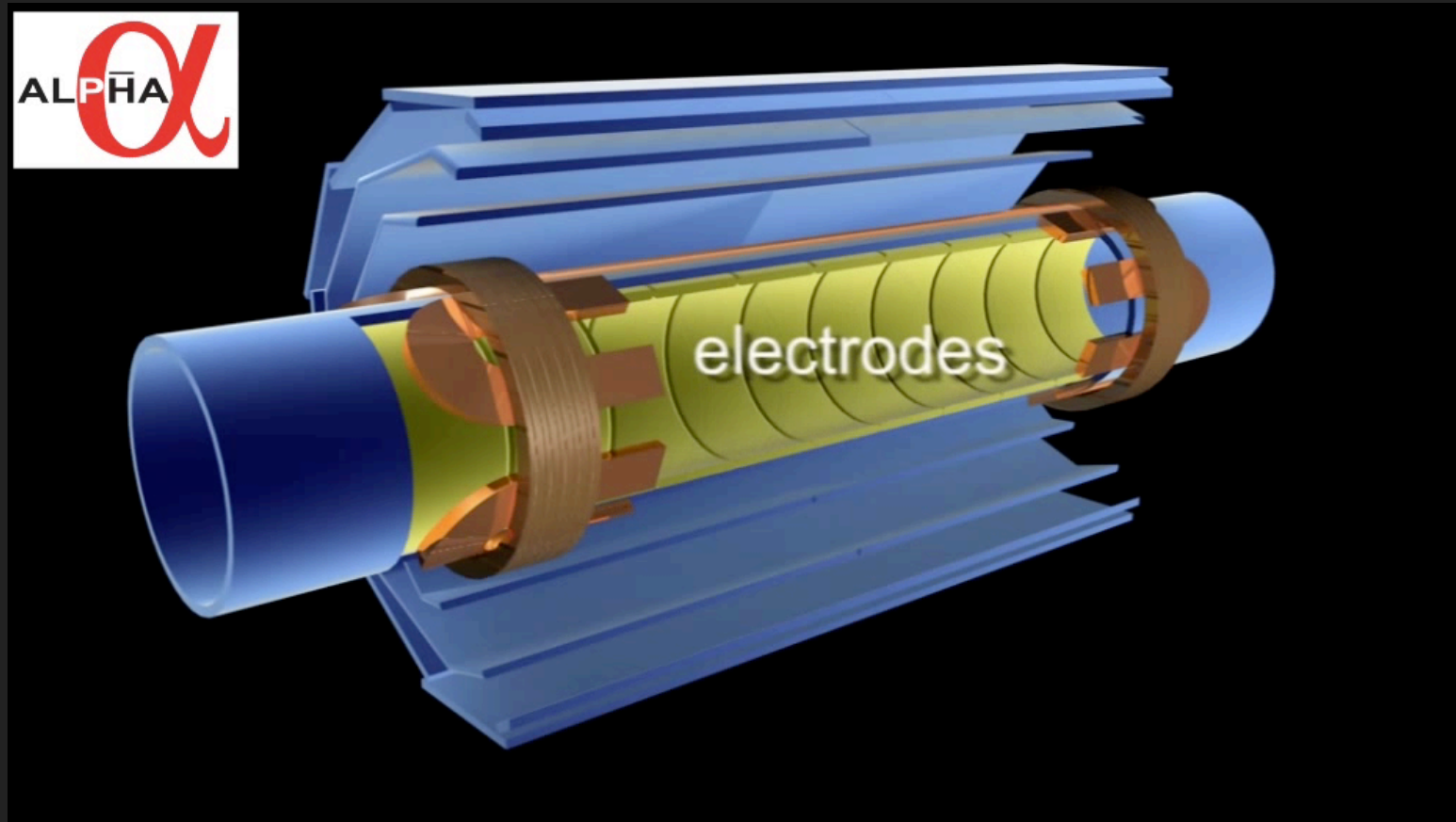
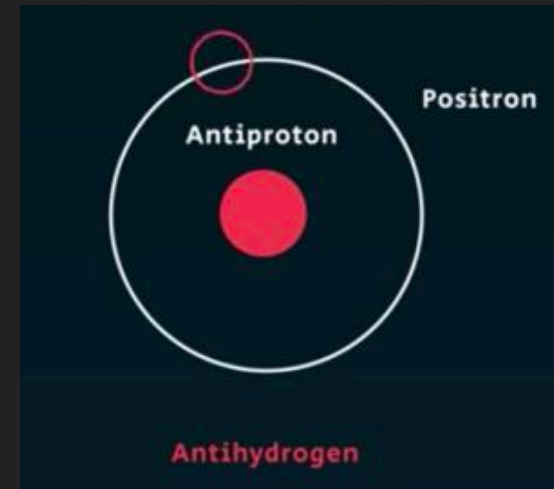


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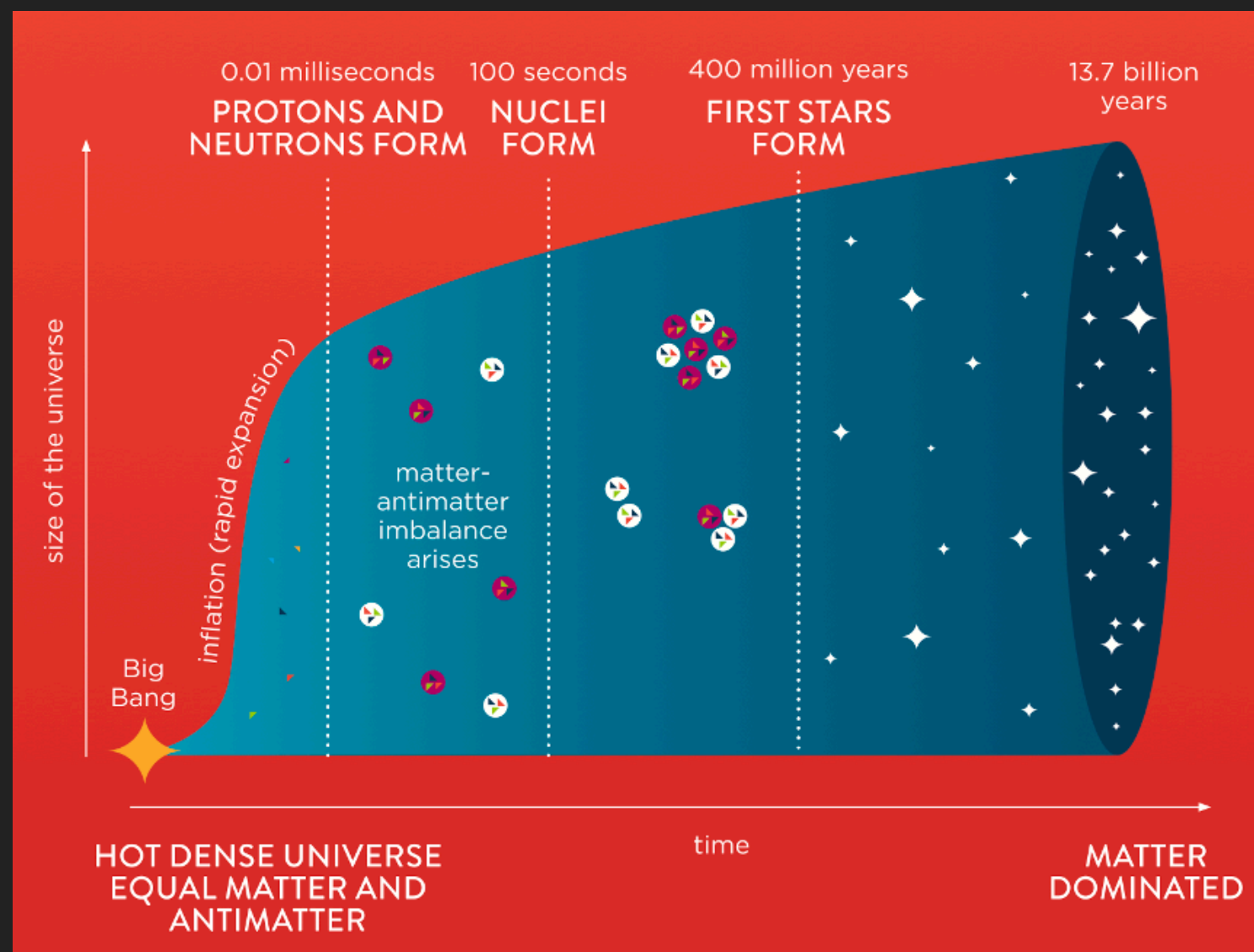
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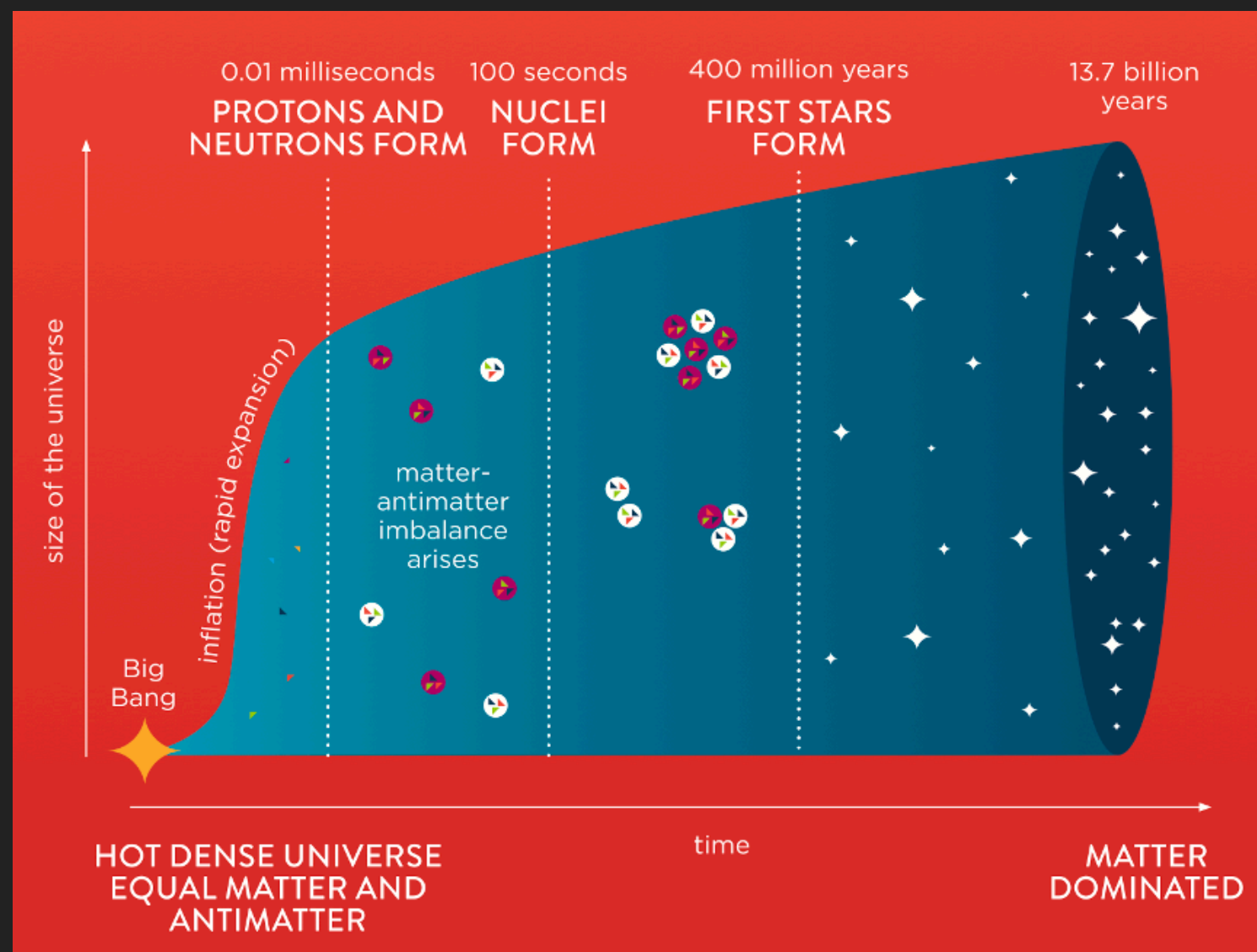




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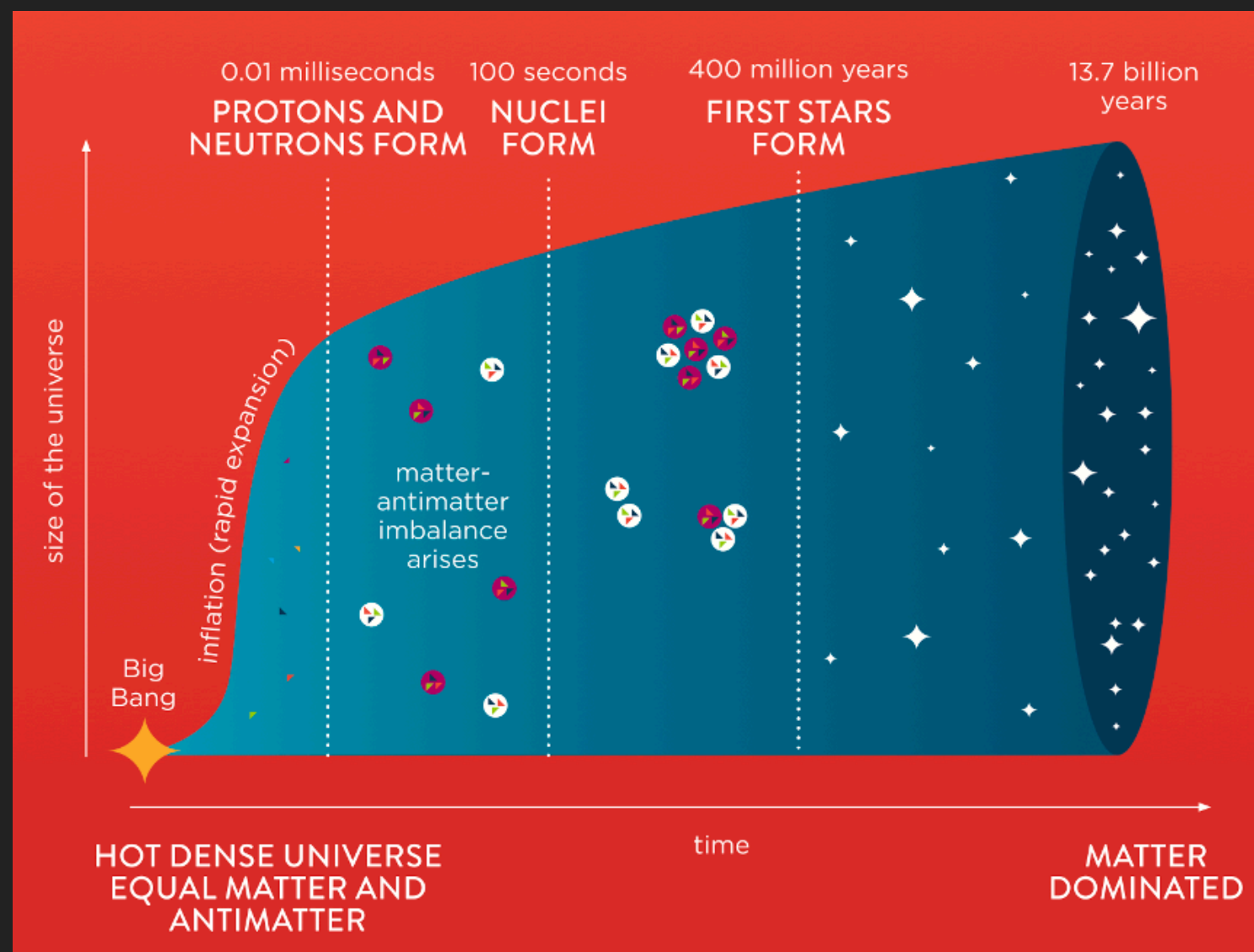


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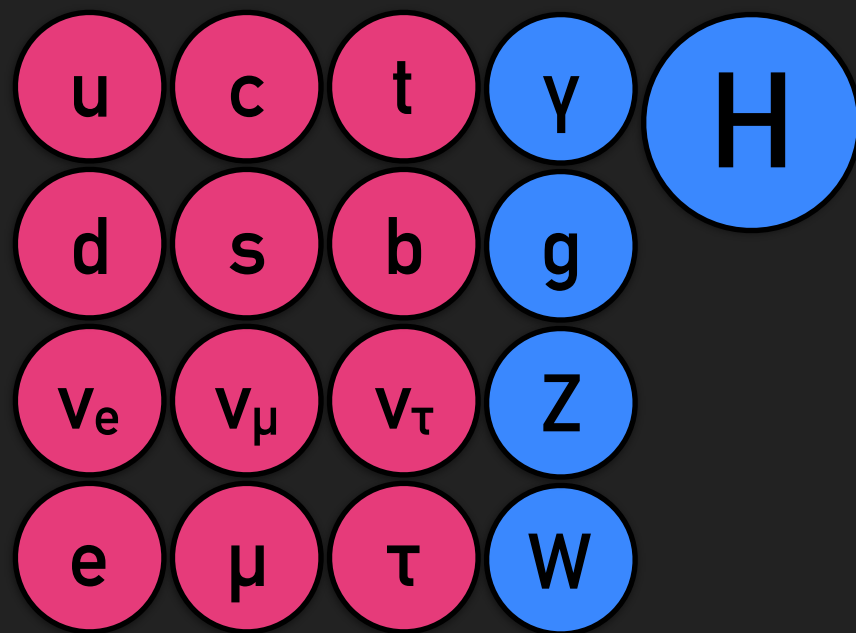
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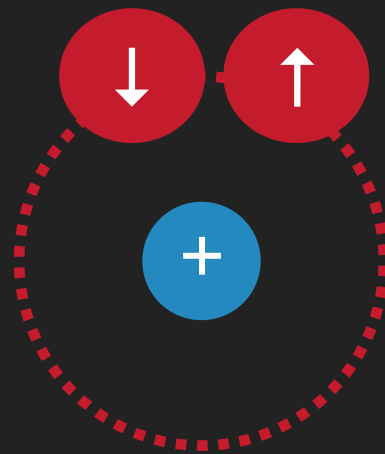
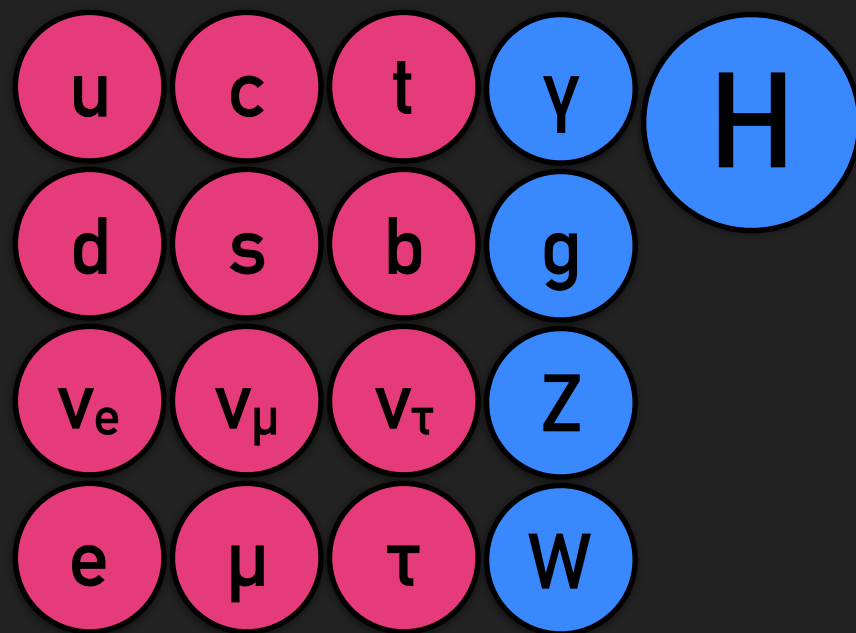
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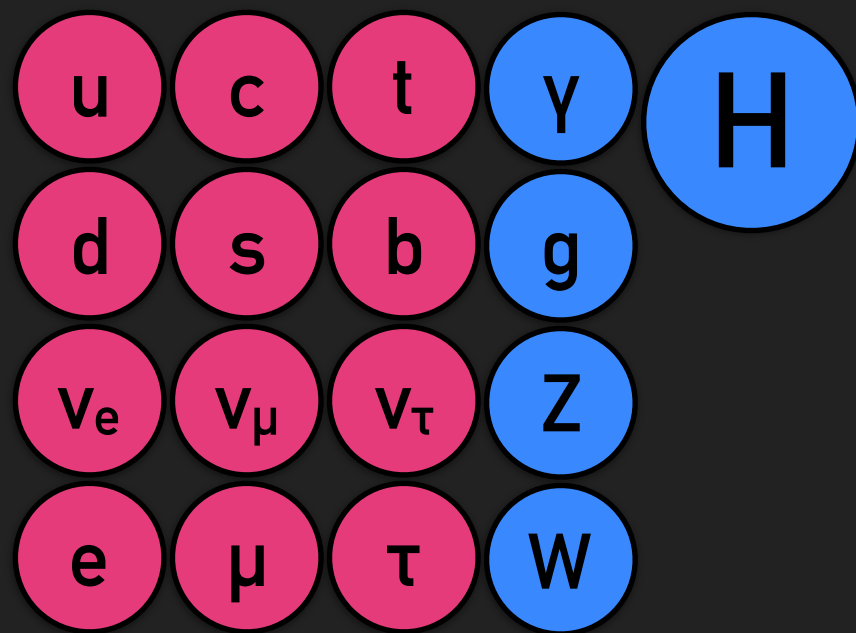
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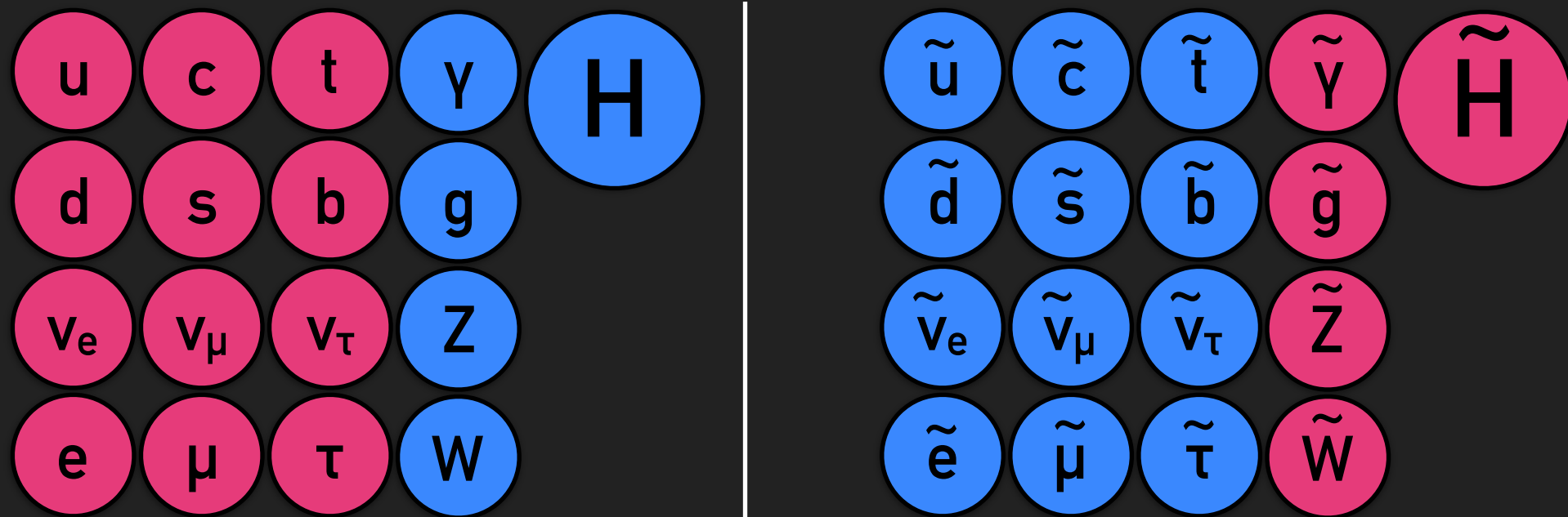
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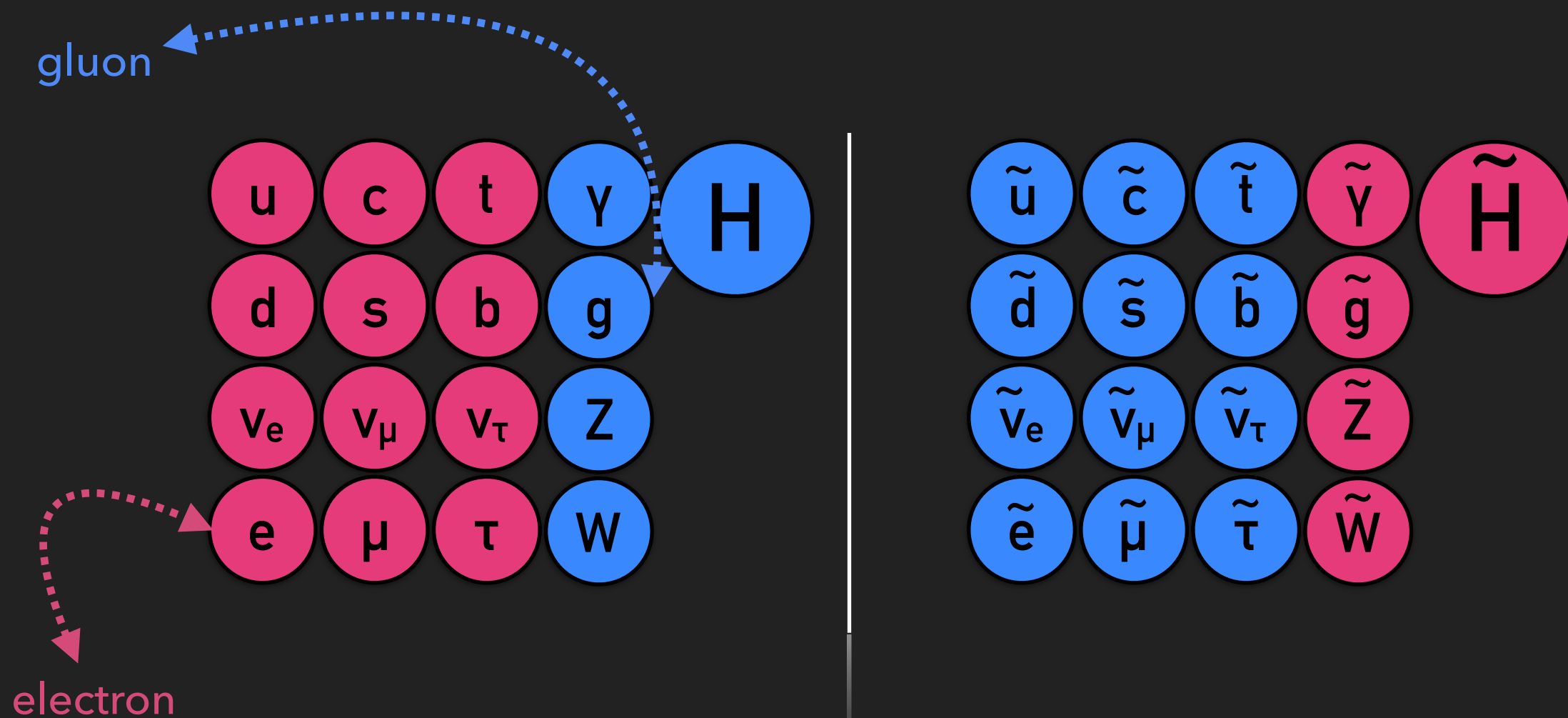
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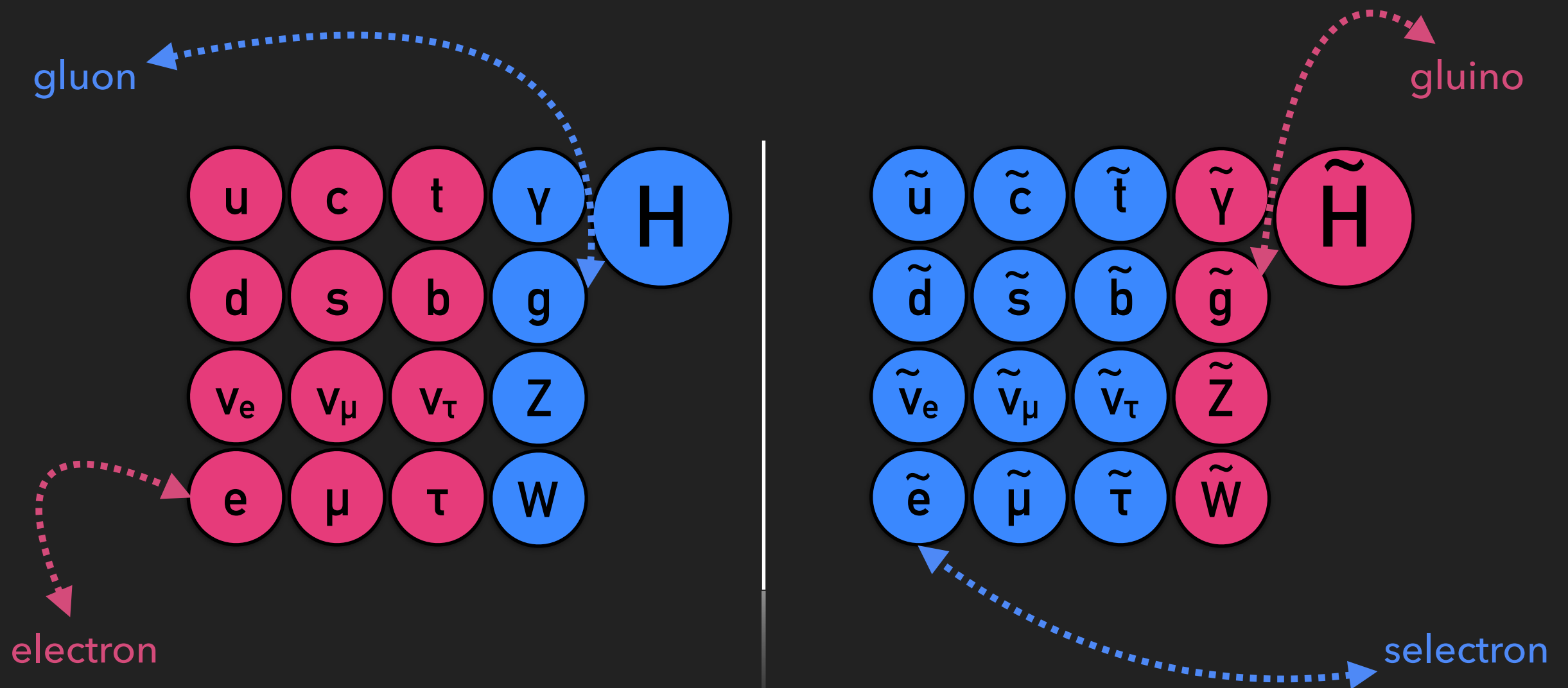
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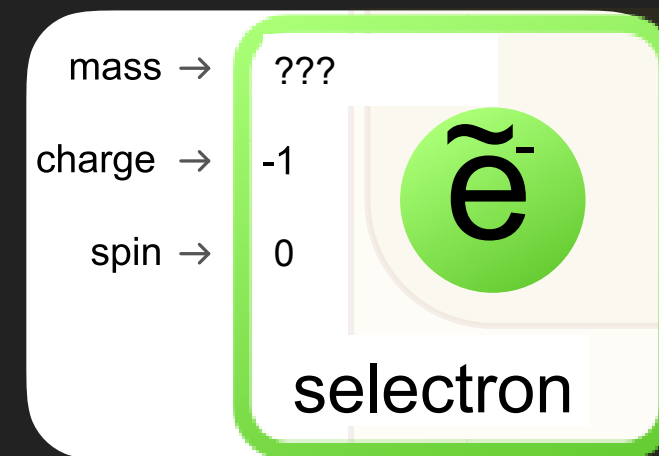
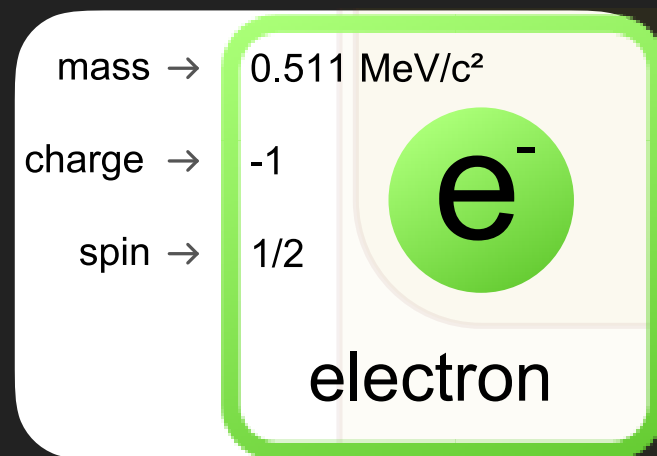
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mass →	0.511 MeV/c <sup>2</sup>
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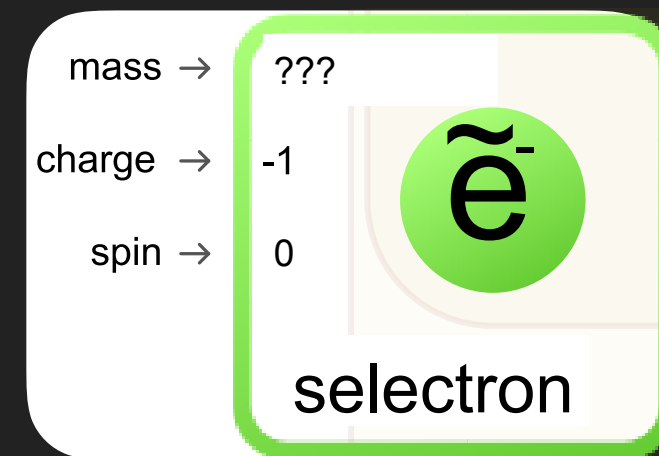
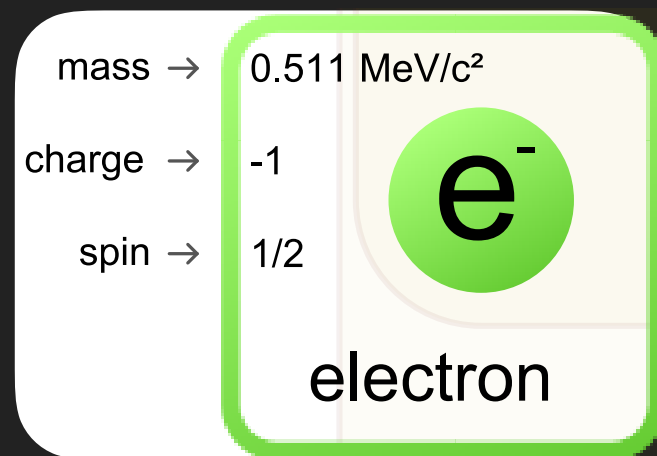
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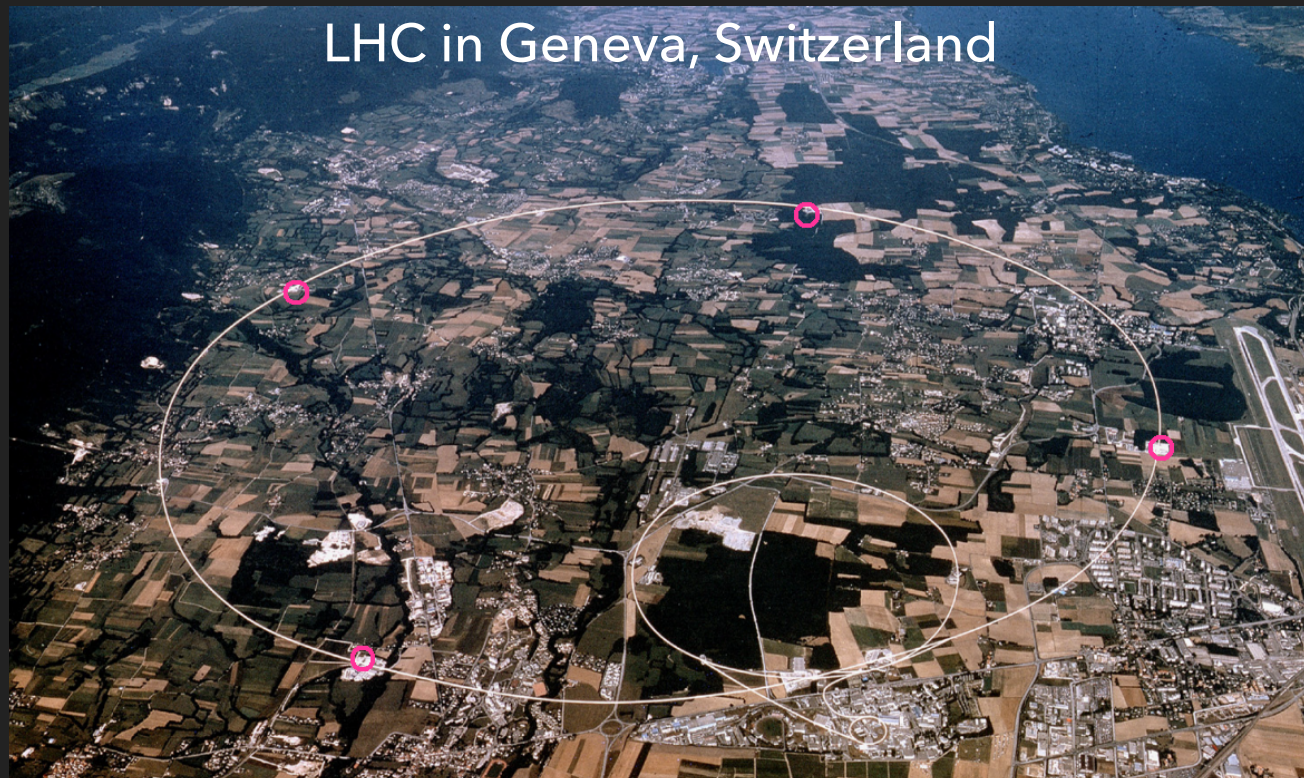
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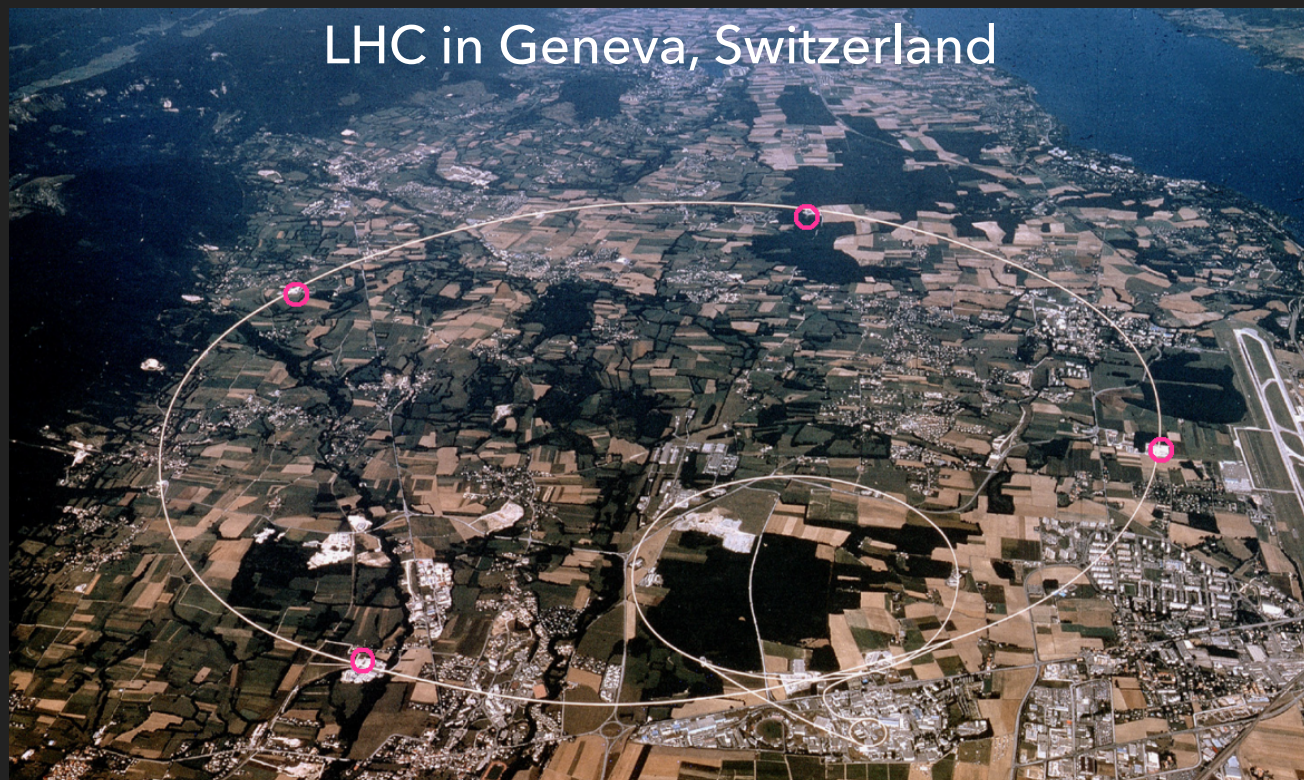
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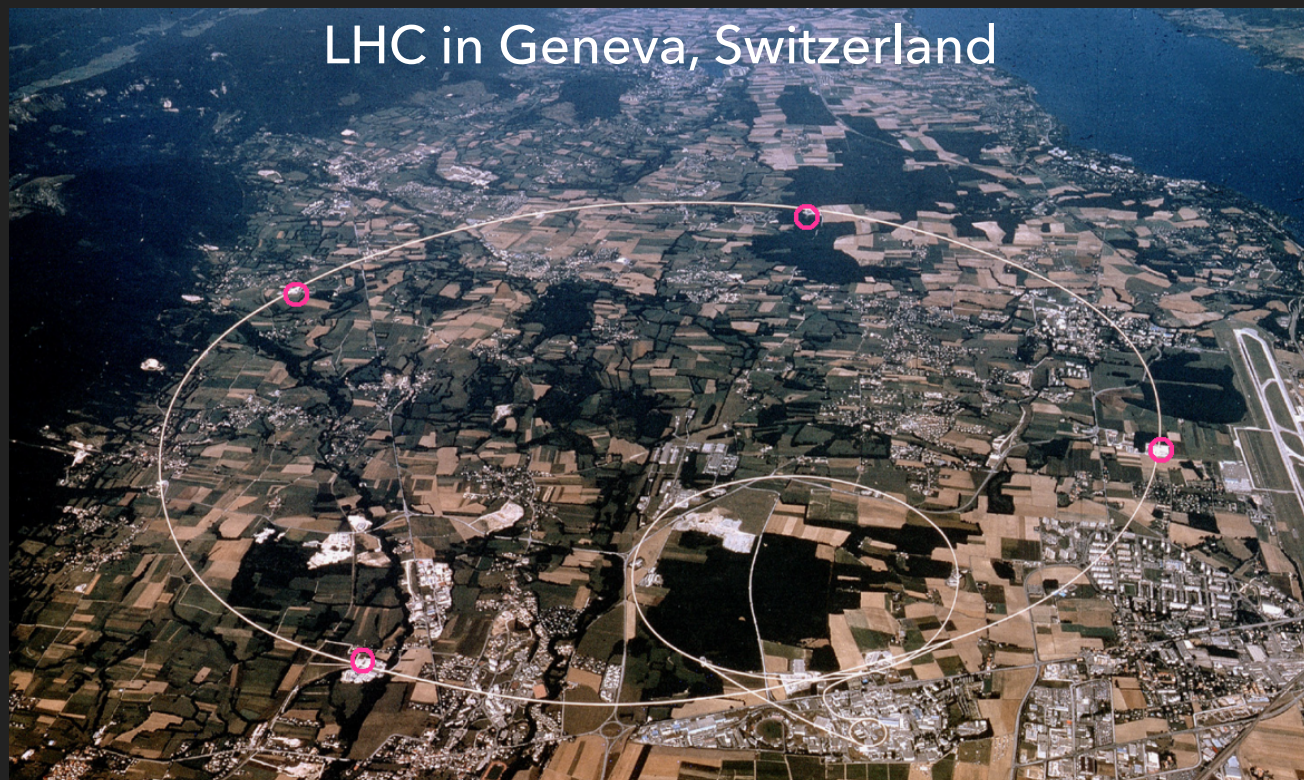






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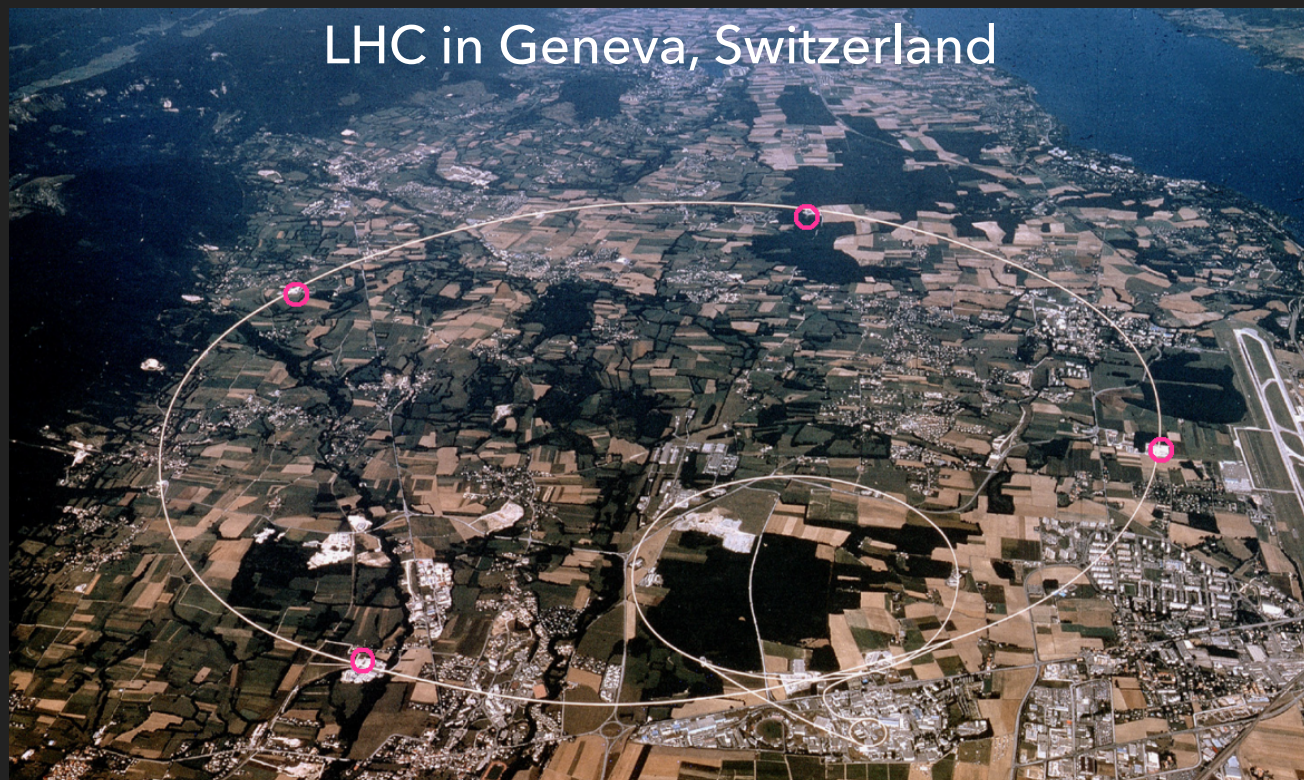
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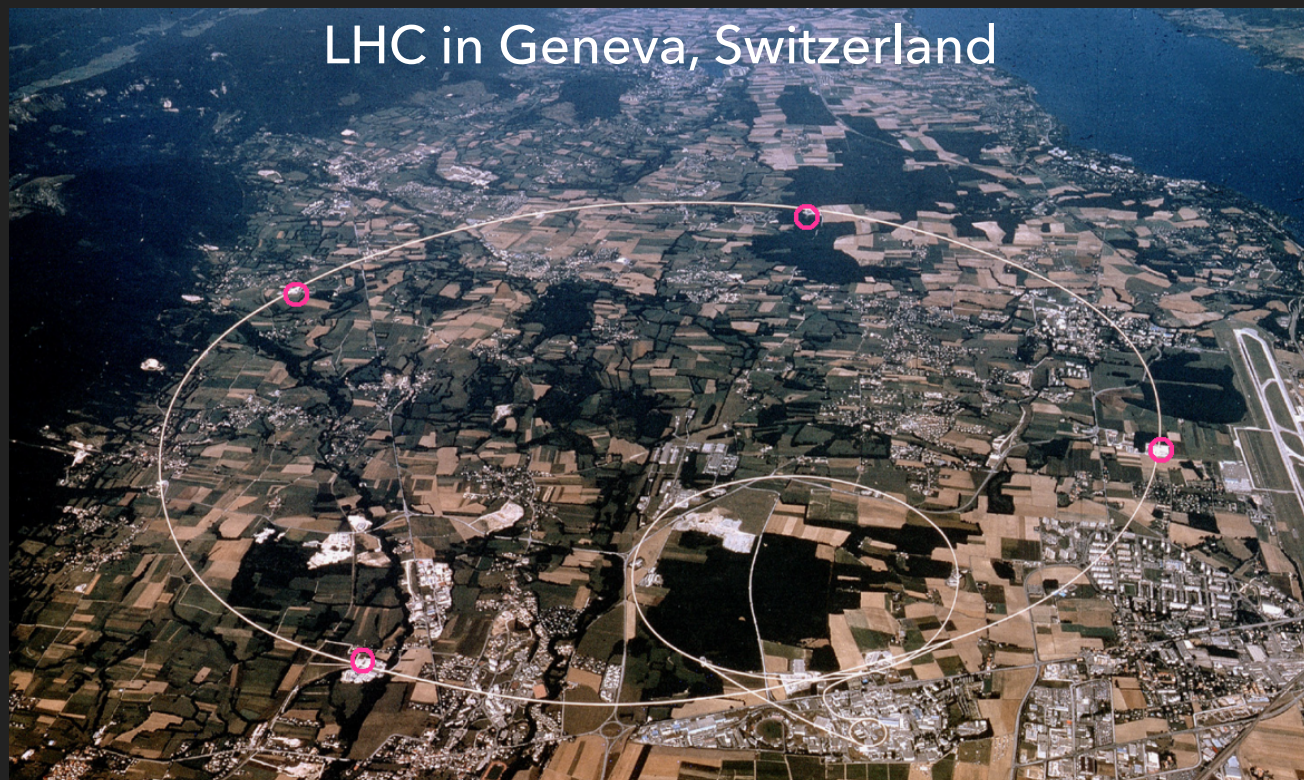
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