

Standard Model & Beyond: The lessons, puzzles & the way forward

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The Standard Model: Triumph in science!

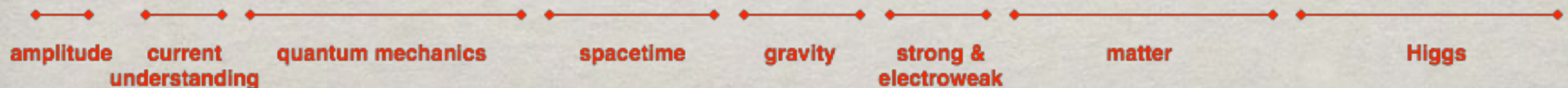
With the Higgs discovery,
completion of the SM:

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

→ 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)?

The Standard Model in the making: 温故知新

Lesson 1: “UV completion”

- QED is UV complete, but doesn't go beyond $O(\text{GeV})$
e.g. $(g-2)_e$ versus $(g-2)_\mu$

- 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 $O(M_{PL})$?

→ UV completion needs NOT to be a completion!
***i.e.* Go for BSM!**

Lesson 2: EFT

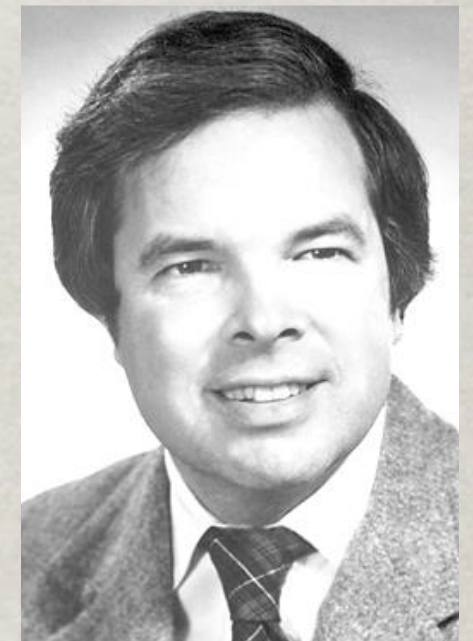
“The present educated view of the standard model, and of general relativity, is again that these are the leading terms in effective field theories.”

S. Weinberg, hep-th/9702027

“We are all Wilsonians now.”

- J. Preskill, Quantum Frontier (2013)

In terms of a new physical scale Λ ,
below which the theory is valid:



$$\mathcal{L} = \sum c_i \Lambda^n \mathcal{O}_n = \underbrace{c_0 \Lambda^4 + c_2 \Lambda^2 \mathcal{O}_{\text{dim } 2} + c_3 \Lambda \mathcal{O}_{\text{dim } 3}}_{\text{(relevant operators)}} + \underbrace{c_4 \mathcal{O}_{\text{dim } 4}}_{\text{(marginal operators)}} + \underbrace{\frac{c_6}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{O}_{\text{dim } 6} + \dots}_{\text{(irrelevant operators)}}$$

The 1st (most) “relevant operator”: $c_0 \Lambda^4$

Known physics scales and the observation:

$$(M_{\text{PL}}/\Lambda_{\text{cosm}})^4 \sim 10^{120} ! \quad (\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}/\Lambda_{\text{cosm}})^4 \sim 10^{44} !$$

Wilsonian argument failed (badly)!

“... I do not understand (quantum) gravity” --- William Bardeen

The 2nd “relevant operator”: the Higgs boson mass

$$V = -\mu^2 |\phi|^2 + \lambda |\phi|^4$$

$$c_2 \Lambda^2 \sim m_h^2 : \quad \lambda v^2 \sim \mu^2 \sim (100 \text{ GeV})^2 \sim (10^{-16} M_{\text{Planck}})^2$$

“... scalar particles are the only kind of free particles whose mass term does not break either an internal or a gauge symmetry.” Ken Wilson, 1970

→ We are only in command with
“marginal & irrelevant operators”!
Think outside of the box ...

Lesson 3: Unification

- Newtonian universal gravitation unified the terrestrial & celestial forces & motion
- Maxwell equations unified the electricity & magnetism
- Dirac eq. unified Schrodinger eq. & Special rel.
→ electron + positron
- The SM unifies the electromagnetism (γ) & weak force (W^{\pm}, Z^0) to “electroweak”
→ New vacuum structure

→ “Unification” reveals deep principles!

Lesson 4: Symmetry principles

- 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**

**\rightarrow Symmetry governs dynamics;
Symmetry breaking specifies the Nature!**

- We have LEARNED A LOT about Nature!
- We have ACCOMPLISHED A LOT in the SM making!
- We have been lucky to have WITNESSED the history, and CONTRIBUTED to it!

Still, there are many **PUZZLES** to contemplate on;
and **PROBLEMS** that need a solution!

Problem 1: Neutrinos ARE massive

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/Majorana ν 's?
- Portal to dark sector?

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

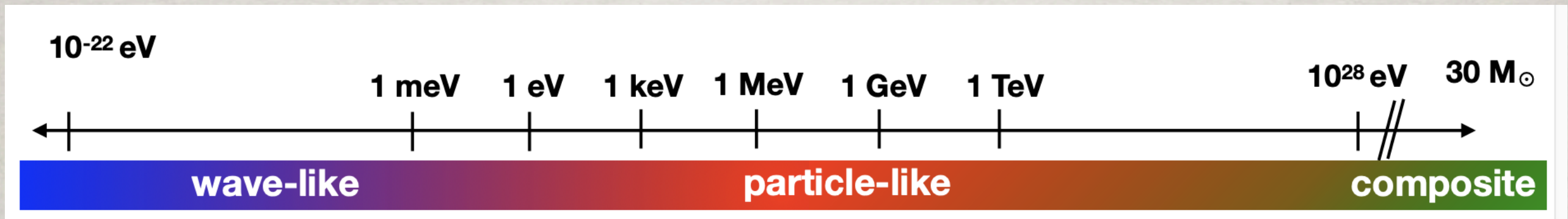
Great playground for theory & experimentation.

→ **Determine the masses & their generation mechanism!**

Problem 2: Dark Matter exists

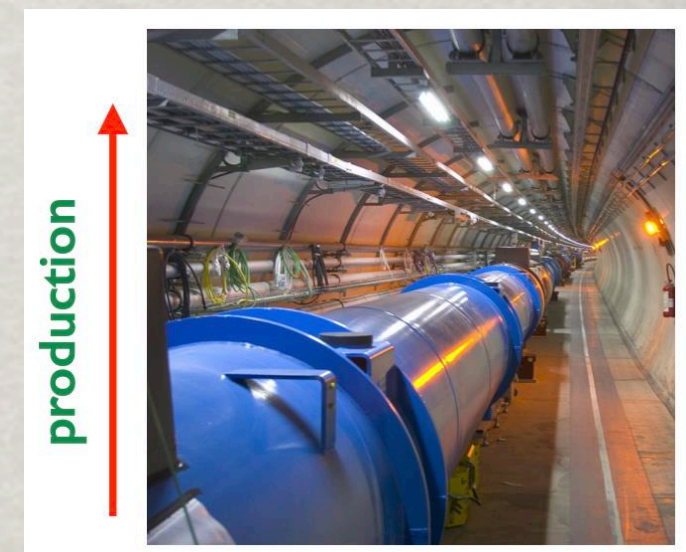
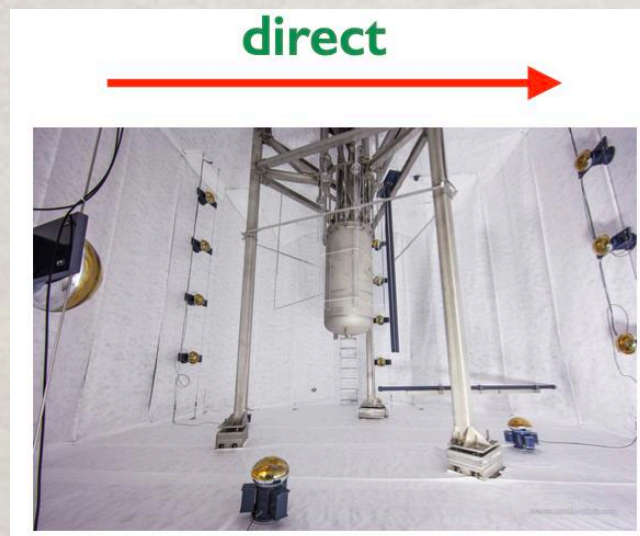
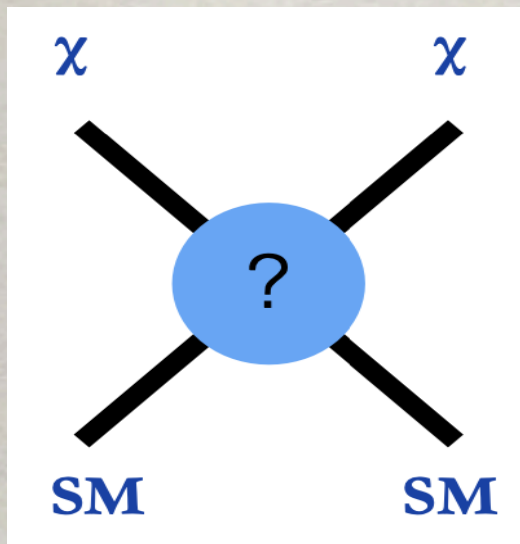
Mounting evidences for DM, thus BSM

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!

→ Possible next breakthrough: WIMPs, ALPs ...

Problem 3: Baryogenesis & CPv

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)

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

Stochastic gravitational waves ...

Puzzles (not “problems”) that may not find a solution

- Mass hierarchy: “Naturalness”?
why $M_H \ll M_{PL}$ (Large hierarchy)
and $M_H \ll \Lambda_{NP}$ (Little hierarchy)
- New dynamics: “Composite”?
- Extended symmetry: SUSY?
- Unified forces: GUTs?
- Flavors: “minimal flavor violation”?
Flavor-mixing pattern; mass hierarchy;
Strong CP phase ...
- Extra dimensions / Quantum gravity?
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The Way forward: global context

- **Europe**

European Strategy Process:

2020 Update of European Strategy for Particle Physics

HL-LHC; Fcc-ee, Fcc-hh; R&D in accl., detec, theo.

(Feb. 2, 2024: CERN Council midterm review on Fcc project)

- **Asia**

- Japan: 2017 JAHEP/KEK Roadmap:

SuperKEKB; J-PARC; Hyper-K; ILC ...

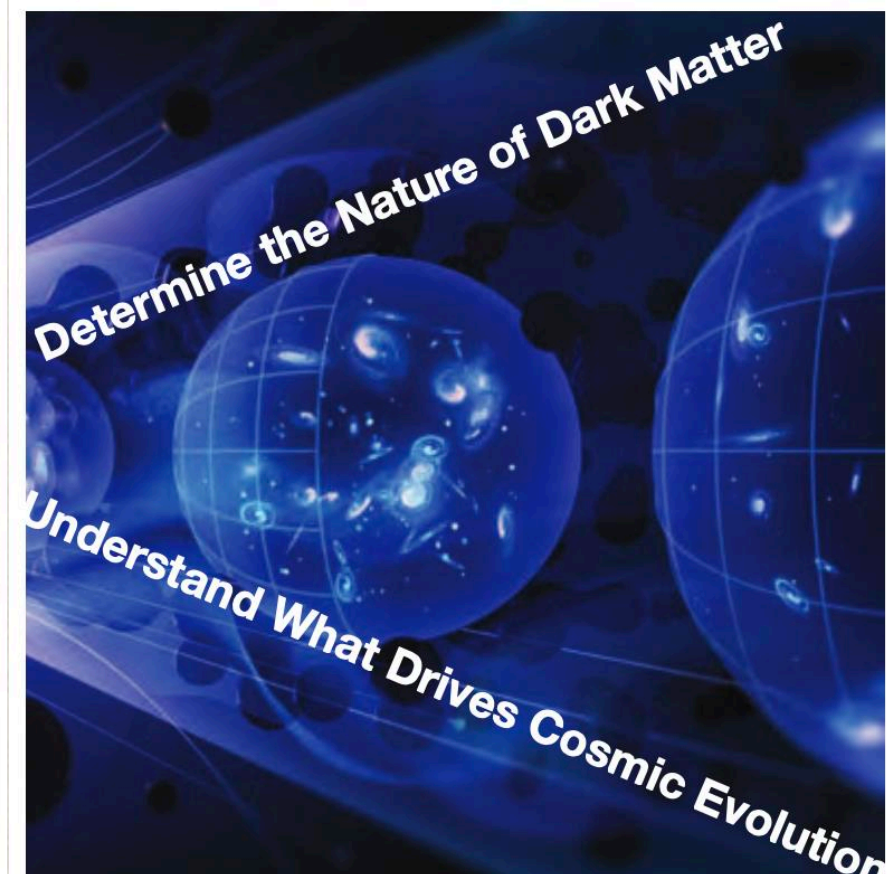
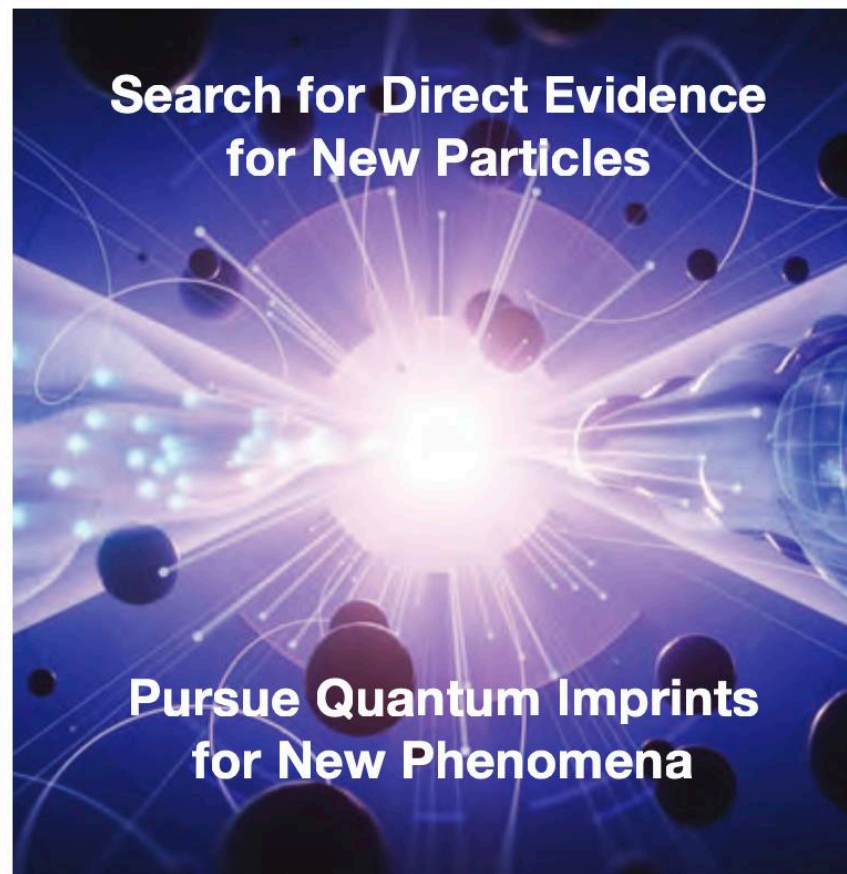
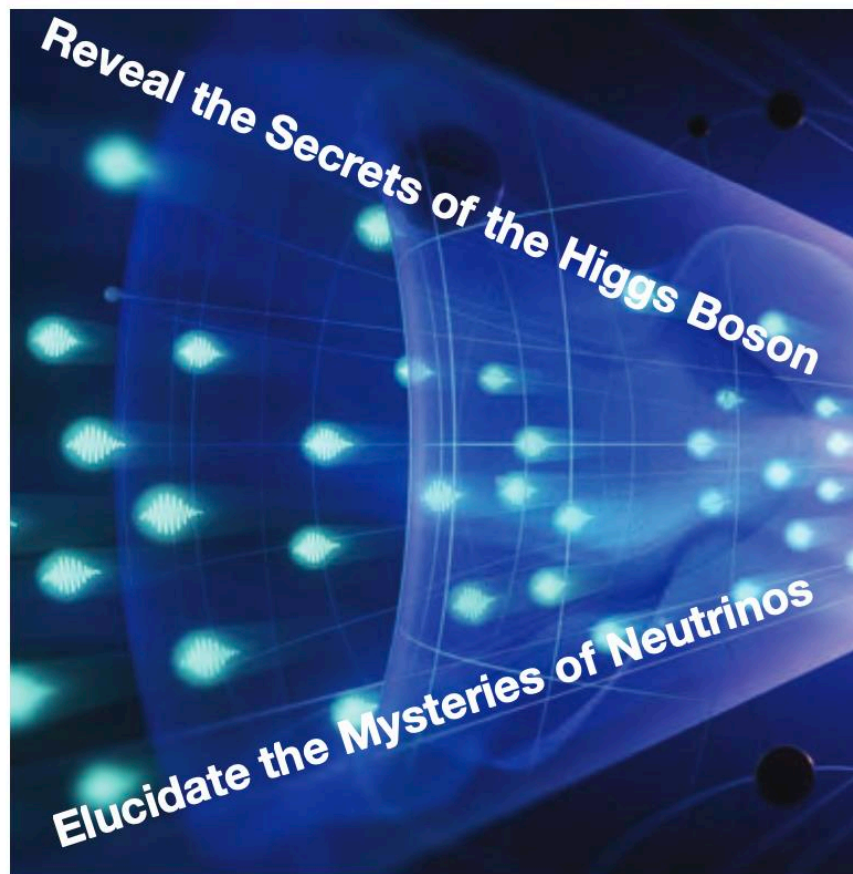
- China: BEPC-II; JUNO; PandaX; LHAASO; AliCPT, CEPC/SppC ...

- **United States**

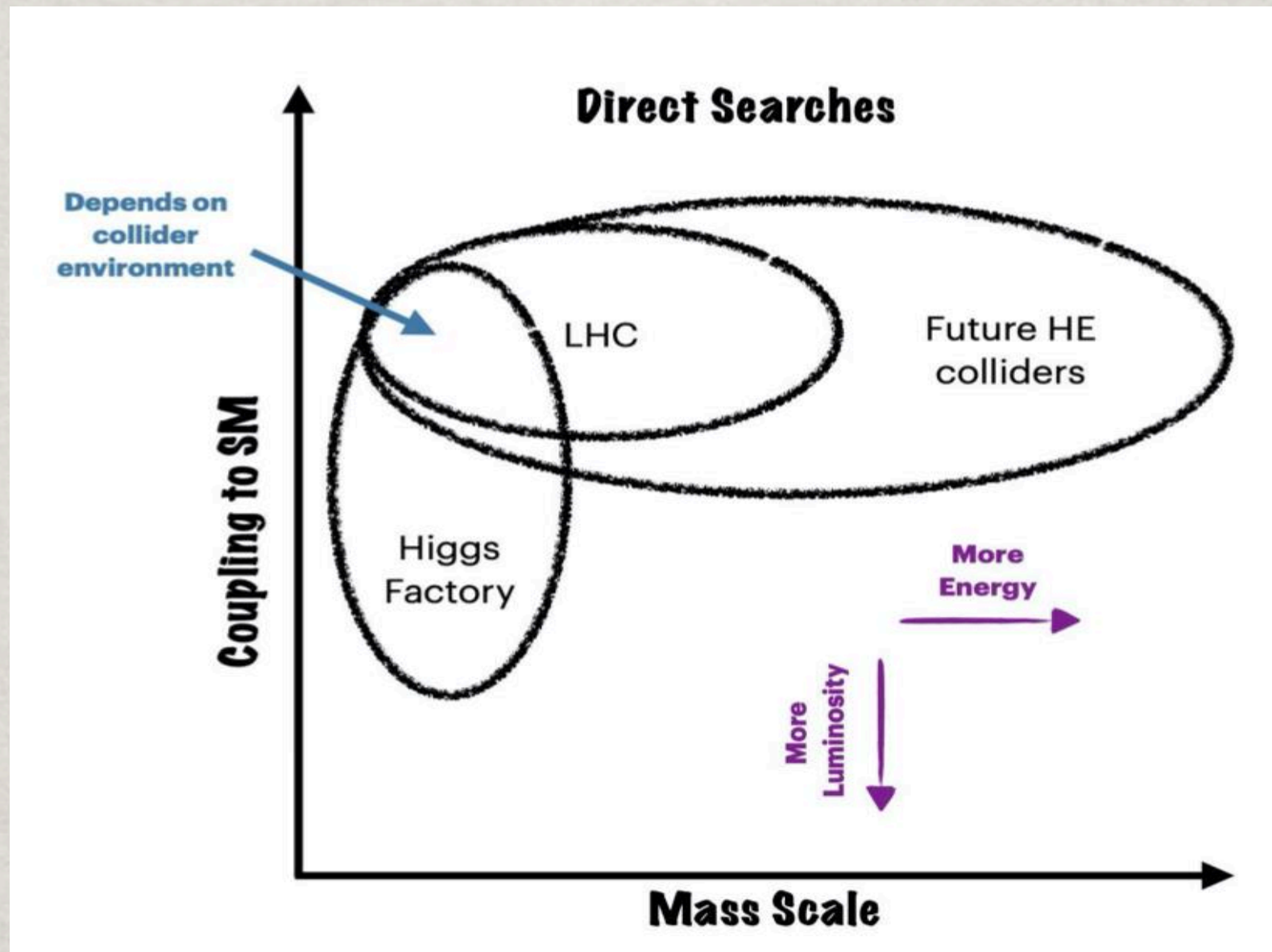
- NAS Decadal survey on Astronomy & Astrophysics (2021)
- NAS Decadal survey on Elementary Particle Physics (2023)
- Snowmass 2021 for a decadal study: two year work
- P5 (Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel) final report

Explore the Quantum Universe

<https://www.usparticlephysics.org/2023-p5-report/>



The Energy Frontier Vision:



The energy frontier believes that it is essential to complete the HL-LHC program, to support construction of a Higgs factory, and to ensure the long-term viability of the field by developing a multi-TeV energy frontier facility such as a Muon Collider or a hadron collider.

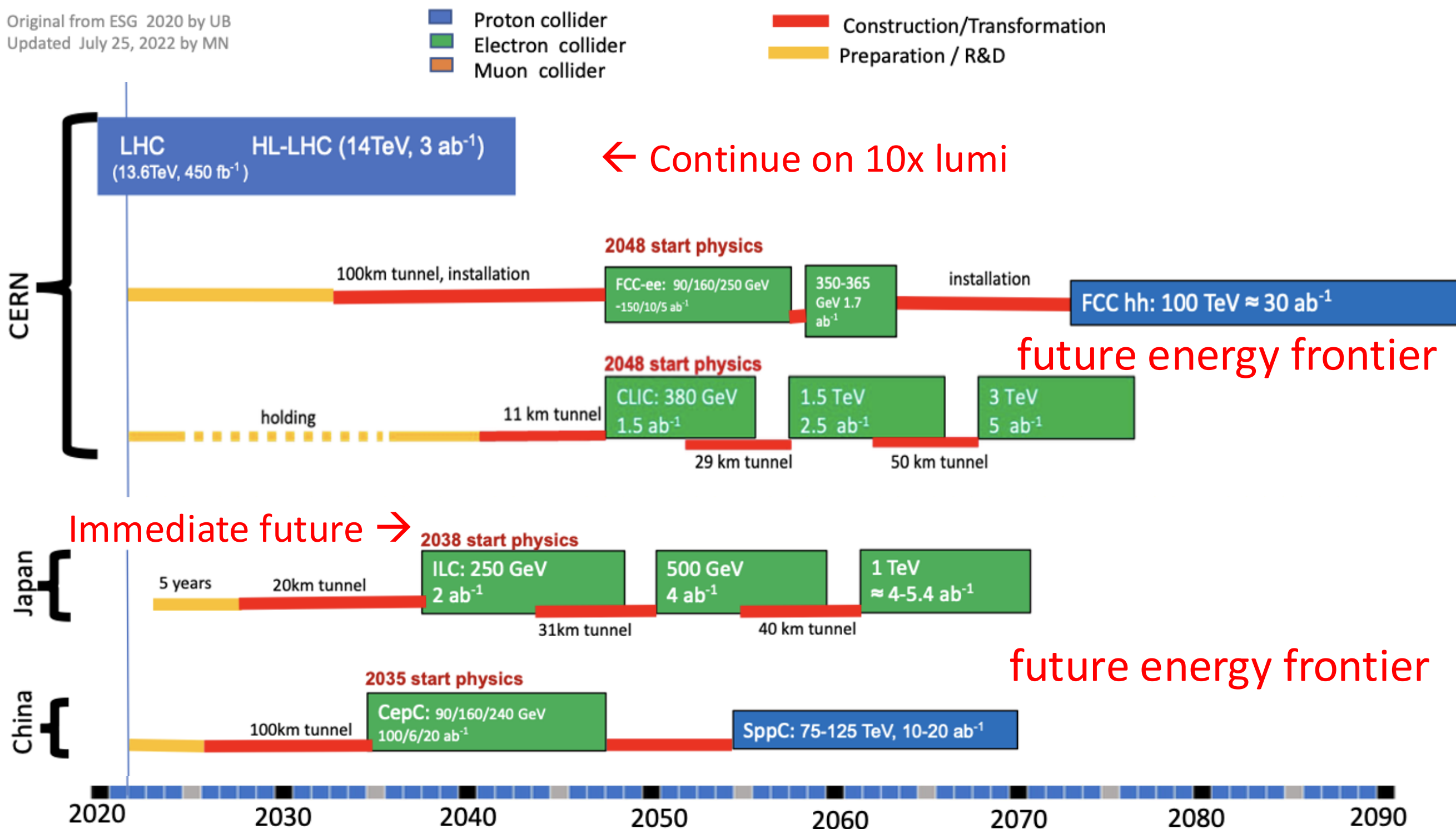


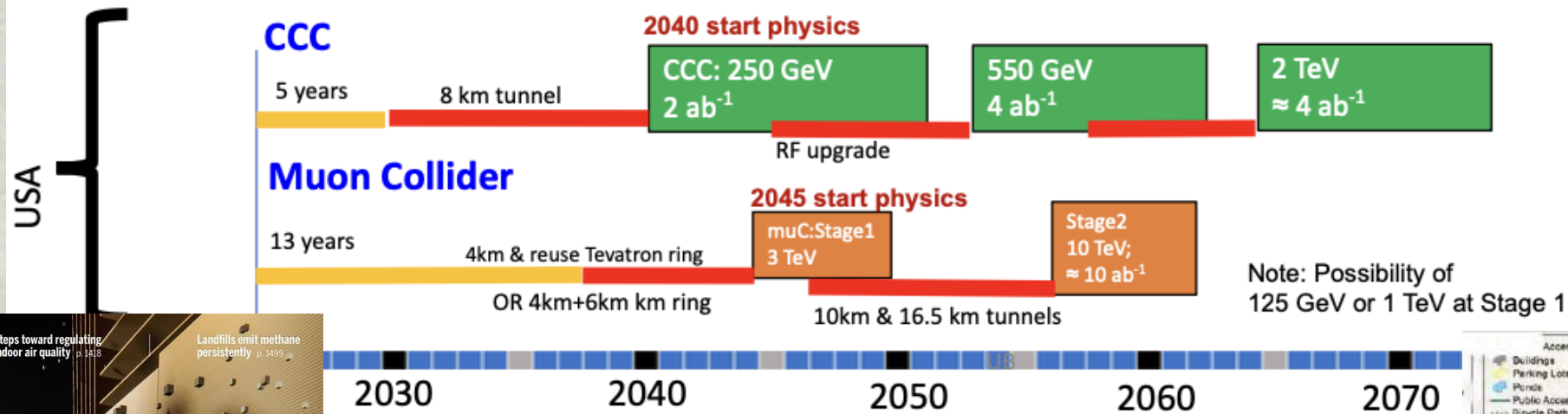
Figure 6-40. Projected timelines for R&D, construction, and physics operations for some of the leading proposed future collider options.

The US EF community proposes to develop plans to site an e^+e^- collider in the US. A Muon Collider remains a highly appealing option for the US, and is complementary to a Higgs factory. For example, some options which are considered as attractive opportunities for building a domestic EF collider program are:

- A US-sited linear e^+e^- (ILC/CCC) Collider
- Hosting a 10 TeV range Muon Collider
- Exploring other e^+e^- collider options to fully utilize the Fermilab site

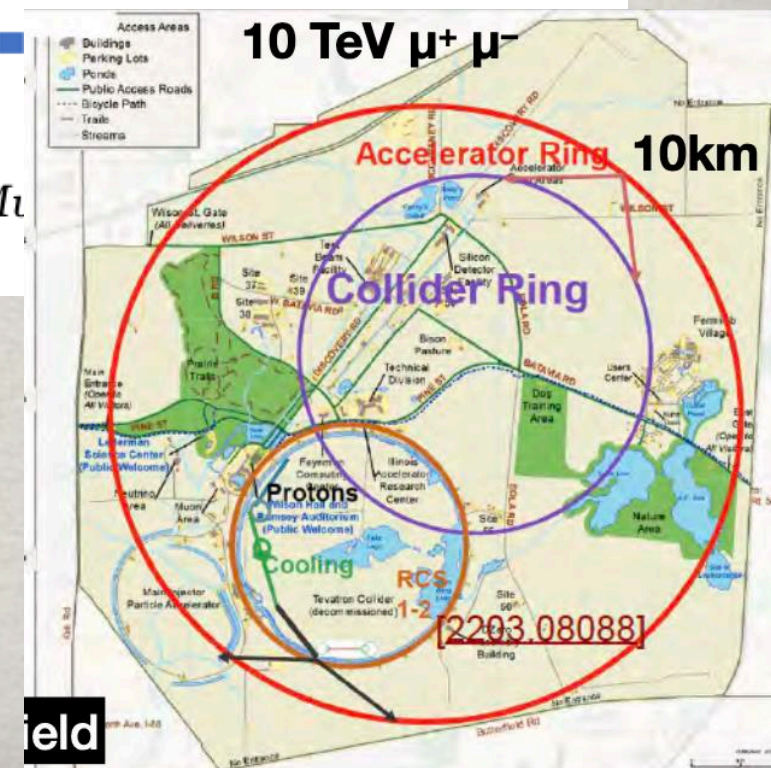


Proposals emerging from Snowmass 2021 for a US based collider



Approximate timelines for proposals for ILC/CCC and Muon Collider for a US based collider option.

The “Muon Shot”

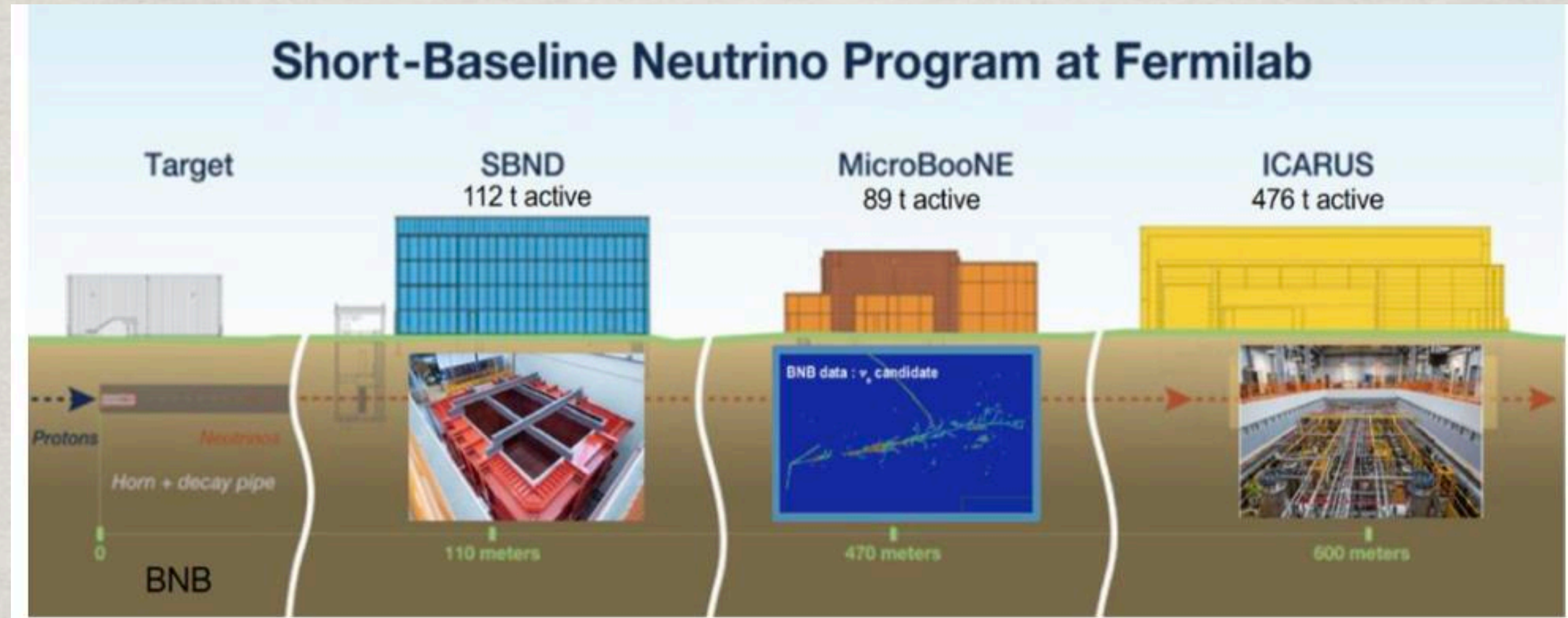


Most wanted coupling: hhh

collider	Indirect- h	hh	combined
HL-LHC [78]	100-200%	50%	50%
ILC ₂₅₀ /C ³ -250 [51] [52]	49%	—	49%
ILC ₅₀₀ /C ³ -550 [51] [52]	38%	20%	20%
CLIC ₃₈₀ [54]	50%	—	50%
CLIC ₁₅₀₀ [54]	49%	36%	29%
CLIC ₃₀₀₀ [54]	49%	<u>9%</u>	<u>9%</u>
FCC-ee [55]	33%	—	33%
FCC-ee (4 IPs) [55]	24%	—	24%
FCC-hh [79]	-	<u>3.4-7.8%</u>	<u>3.4-7.8%</u>
μ (3 TeV) [64]	-	15-30%	15-30%
μ (10 TeV) [64]	-	<u>4%</u>	<u>4%</u>

Conclusive test for the Higgs potential & EWPT

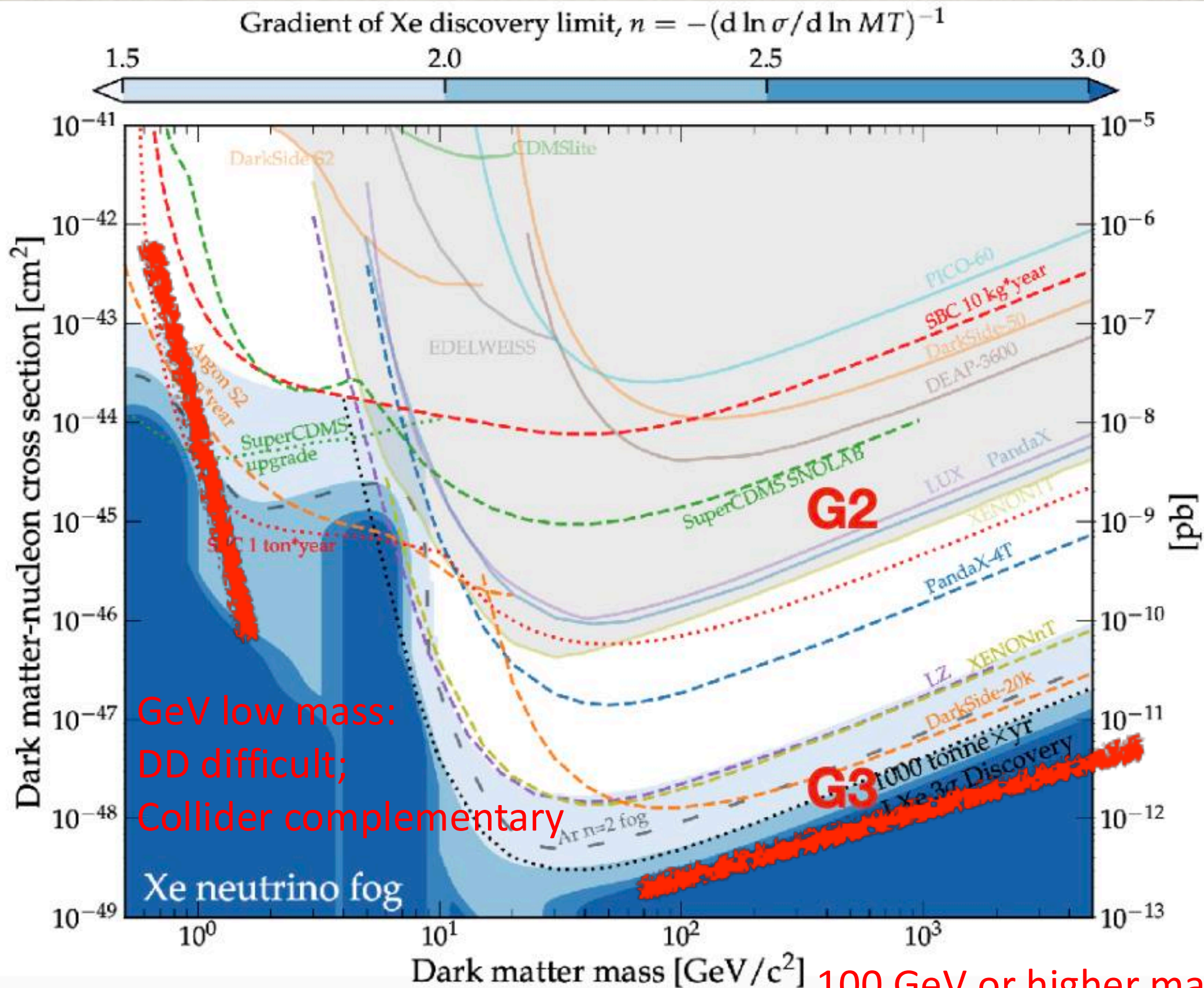
On-going & Upcoming neutrino Experiments



Future LBNE:

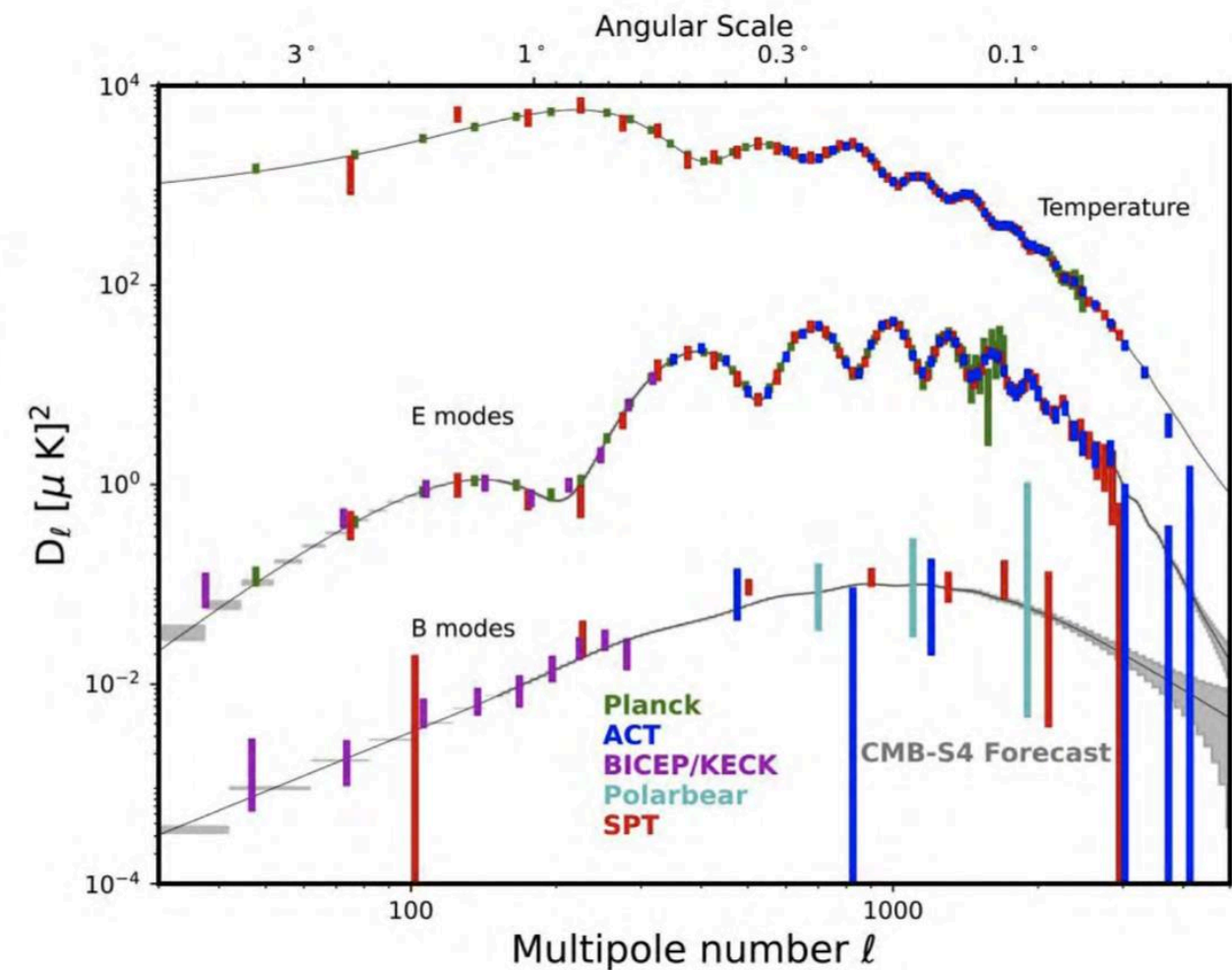
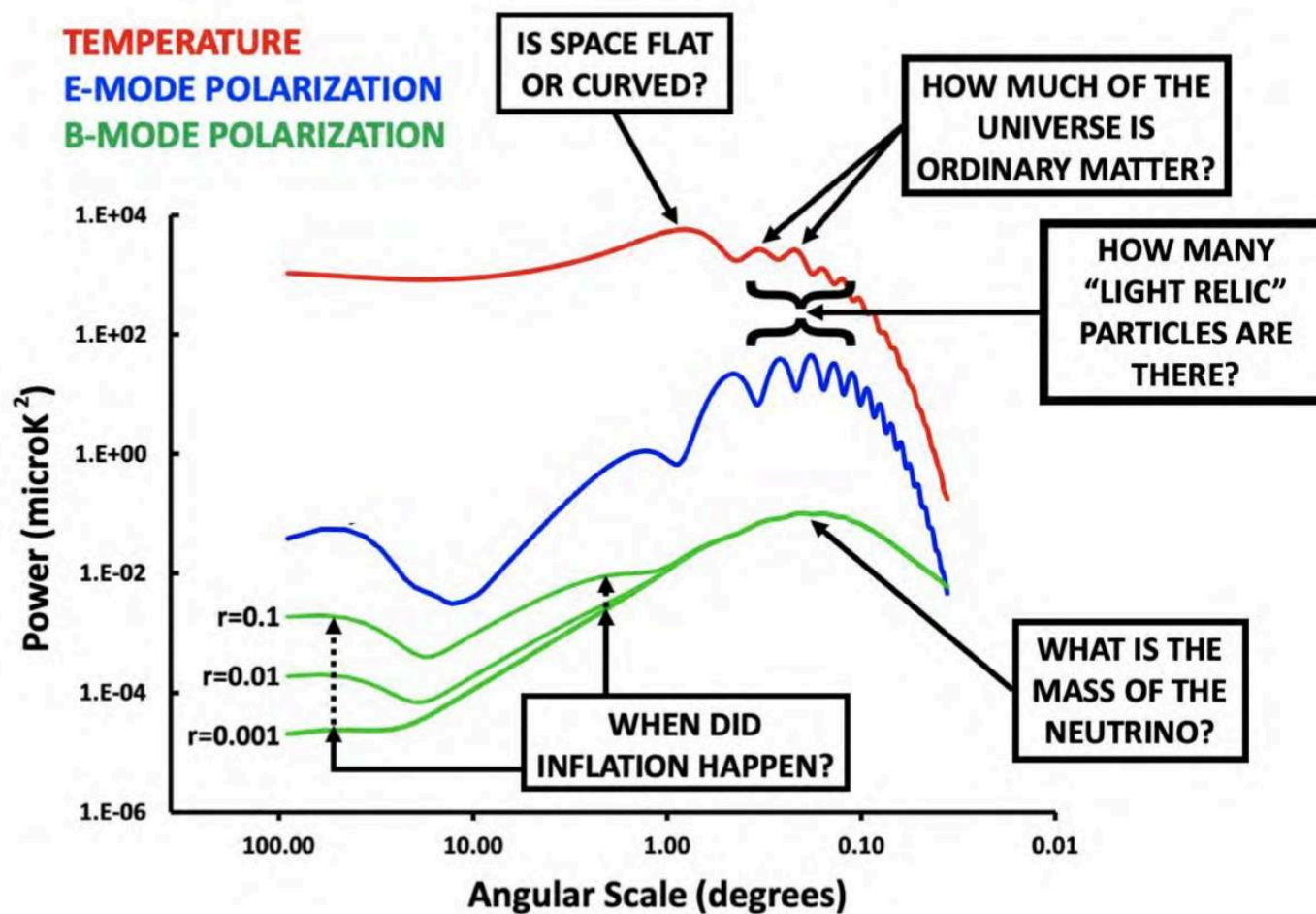
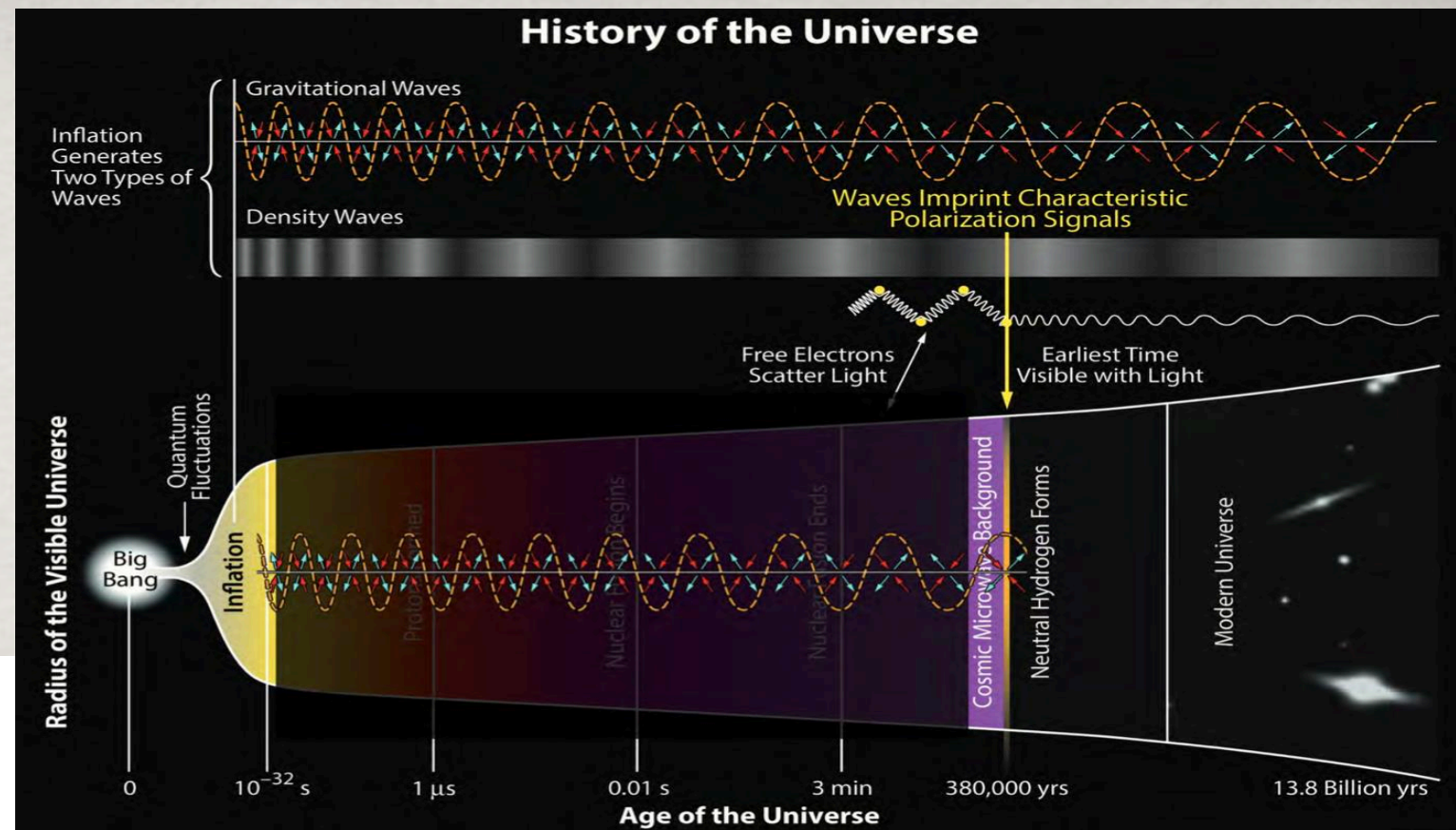
Exp.	Time	Mass ordering	CP phases	Precision Meas.
JUNO (20 kt)	2024	3-4 σ 6 y	—	$\sin^2\theta_{12}$ (0.5%), Δm_{21}^2 (0.3%), Δm_{31}^2 (0.2%), 6 y
HyperK (260 kt)	2027	3-5 σ 10 y	5σ (60%) 10 y	$\Delta m_{32}^2 \sim 0.6\%$, $\sin^2\theta_{23} \sim 1.6\%$ *, 10 y
DUNE (17 kt*4)	2030	>5 σ 1-3 y	5 σ (50%) 10 y	$\Delta m_{32}^2 \sim 0.4\%$, $\sin^2\theta_{23} \sim 1.1\%$ *, 15 y

G2 to G3 DM Direct Detection



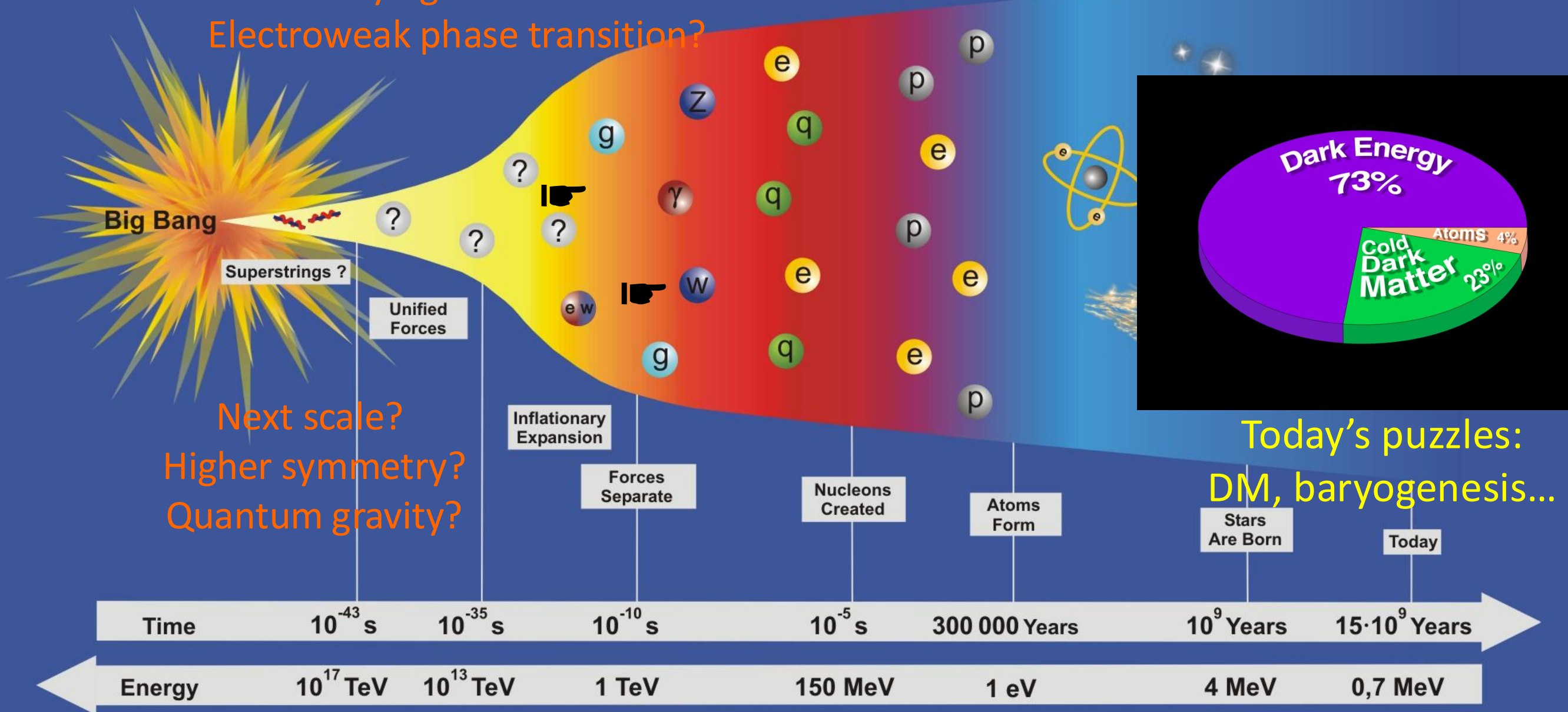
Particle physics & early universe cosmology

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A Grand Picture: SM & BSM

Particle mass generation ✓
Underlying mechanism?
Electroweak phase transition?



exciting journey ahead!

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!