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THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO



World Premier International
Research Center Initiative

Overview of IPMU

数物連携宇宙研究機構概観

清华大学 二千八年九月十九日

IPMU INSTITUTE FOR THE PHYSICS AND
MATHEMATICS OF THE UNIVERSE

WPI

WPI Initiative



- World Premier International Research Center Initiative
- Cabinet → Science Council → MEXT → JSPS → Call for proposals March 2007

A banner with a blue sky background, a bright sun in the upper right, and stylized white and blue waves at the bottom. Two sharp, triangular shapes, one blue and one red, point upwards towards the sun. A red-bordered box in the upper left contains the text "WORLD PREMIER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER INITIATIVE" in blue, outlined letters.

WORLD PREMIER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER INITIATIVE

Solicitation

- “the centers should be *“globally visible research centers”* being able to attract top-level researchers from around the world”
- “To be “globally visible,” the research center will need to have a *physical concentration (or core) of researchers* of a certain scale, one that possesses a high research level”
- English is the official language

Funding

- Five centers, ~\$13M/year for 5+5 years
- possible extension for another 5 years
- main purpose: bring topnotch researchers to Japan
- allows for building infrastructure to attract them
- mandate: >200 staff members involved (including support & administrative staffs)
- mandate: >30% non-Japanese (researchers)

But no research money

- “To support the center’s operations and its research activities, **additional resources that match or exceed the amount of the project grant should be secured**. This may take such forms as competitive funding obtained by the center’s researchers, in-kind contributions and other forms of assistance by the host institution (including partial payment of salaries, provision of research space), and external donations.”

Five winners

- The WPI Research Center for Atom-Molecule-Materials (Tohoku)
- Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe - IPMU (Tokyo)
- Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences (Kyoto)
- Osaka University Immunology Frontier Research Center (Osaka)
- International Center for Materials Nanoarchitectonics (Natl Inst for Mat Sci)

World Premier International Research Center (WPI) Initiative Selected Projects

Serial number	Host institution	Title of research center project	Head of host institution	Chief center-project officer	Prospective center director	Partner institutions
03	Tohoku University	The WPI Research Center for Atom•Molecule•Materials	Akihisa INOUE (President)	Yoshinori YAMAMOTO (Professor, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University)	Yoshinori YAMAMOTO (Professor, Graduate School of Science, Tohoku University)	
05	The University of Tokyo	Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe	Hiroshi KOMIYAMA (President)	Yoichiro SUZUKI (Director and Professor, Institute for Cosmic Ray Research, The University of Tokyo)	Hitoshi MURAYAMA (MacAdams Professor of Physics, University of California at Berkeley, Faculty Senior Staff, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory)	Satellite activity centers will be established at Kamioka; the Astrophysical Sciences Department of Princeton University; IHES in France; the Physics and Mathematics Departments, and the YITP at Kyoto University. NAOJ, and KEK will be collaborating institutions.
13	Kyoto University	Institute for Integrated Cell-Material Sciences	Kazuo OIKE (President)	Norio NAKATSUJI (Director and Professor, Institute for Frontier Medical Sciences, Kyoto University)	Norio NAKATSUJI (Director and Professor, Institute for Frontier Medical Sciences, Kyoto University)	【Satellite Laboratory】Faculty of Applied Biological Sciences, Gifu University
17	Osaka University	Osaka University Immunology Frontier Research Center	Kiyokazu WASHIDA (President)	Shizuo AKIRA (Professor, Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University)	Shizuo AKIRA (Professor, Research Institute for Microbial Diseases, Osaka University)	RIKEN Research Center for Allergy and Immunology, National Institutes of Health, Harvard University, New York University, Stanford University, California Institute of Technology, University of California San Francisco
28	National Institute for Materials Science	International Center for Materials Nanoarchitectonics (MANA)	Teruo KISHI (President)	Masakazu AONO (Fellow, Coordinating Director of Key Nanotechnologies Field, and Managing Director of NanoSystem Functionality Center, National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS))	Masakazu AONO (Fellow, Coordinating Director of Key Nanotechnologies Field, and Managing Director of NanoSystem Functionality Center, National Institute for Materials Science (NIMS))	【Satellite】Univ. Tsukuba, Cambridge Univ., CNRS, Univ. California (UCLA), Georgia Inst. Tech 【Collaboration】Inst. Physics CAS (China), KAIST (Korea), Max Planck Inst., Charles Univ. (Czech), Univ. California (UCSB) etc

What We Proposed

Institute for the **Physics** and
Mathematics of the **Universe**
(IPMU)

The University of Tokyo

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includ. statistics

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Monte Carlo method

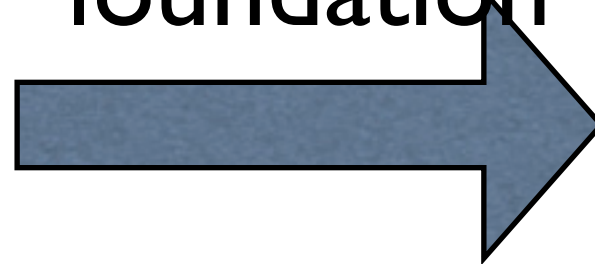
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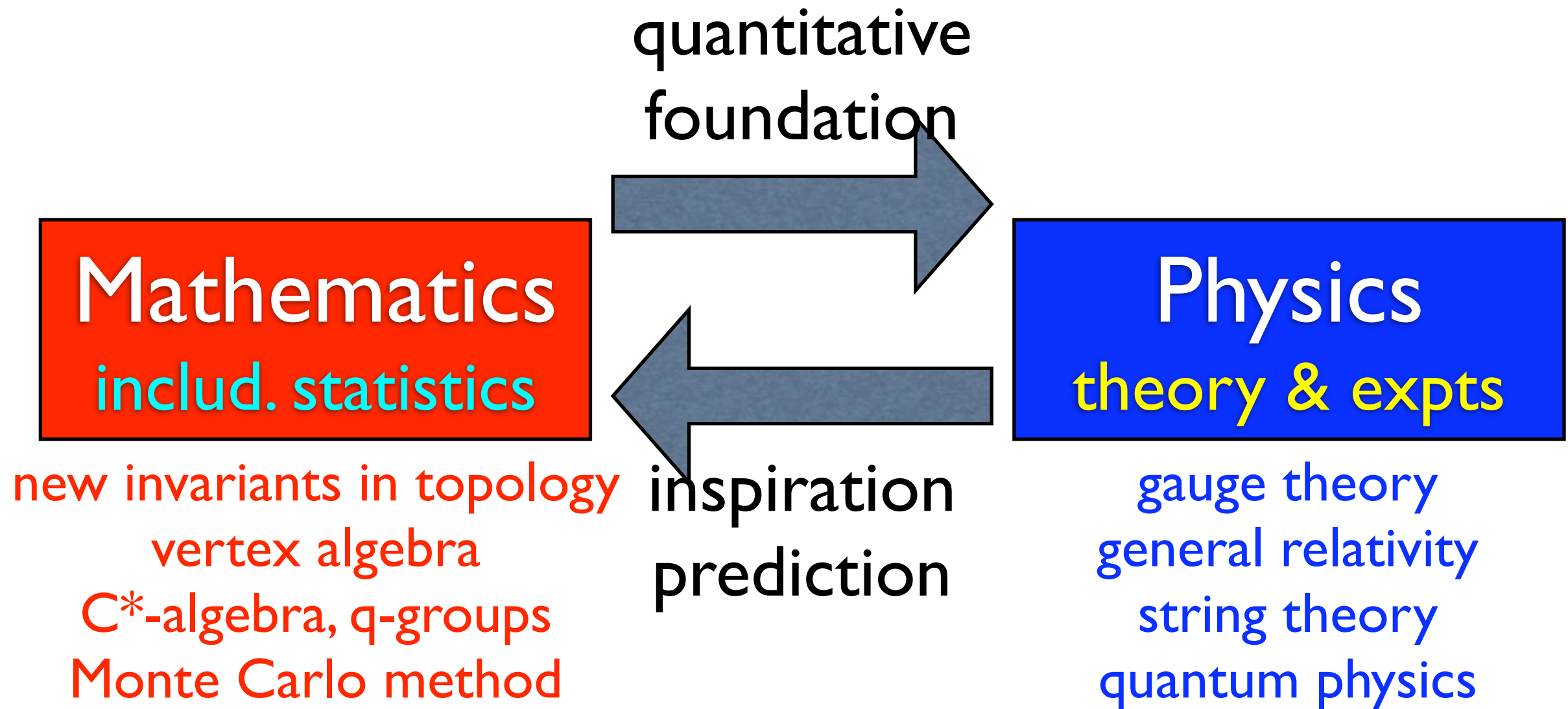
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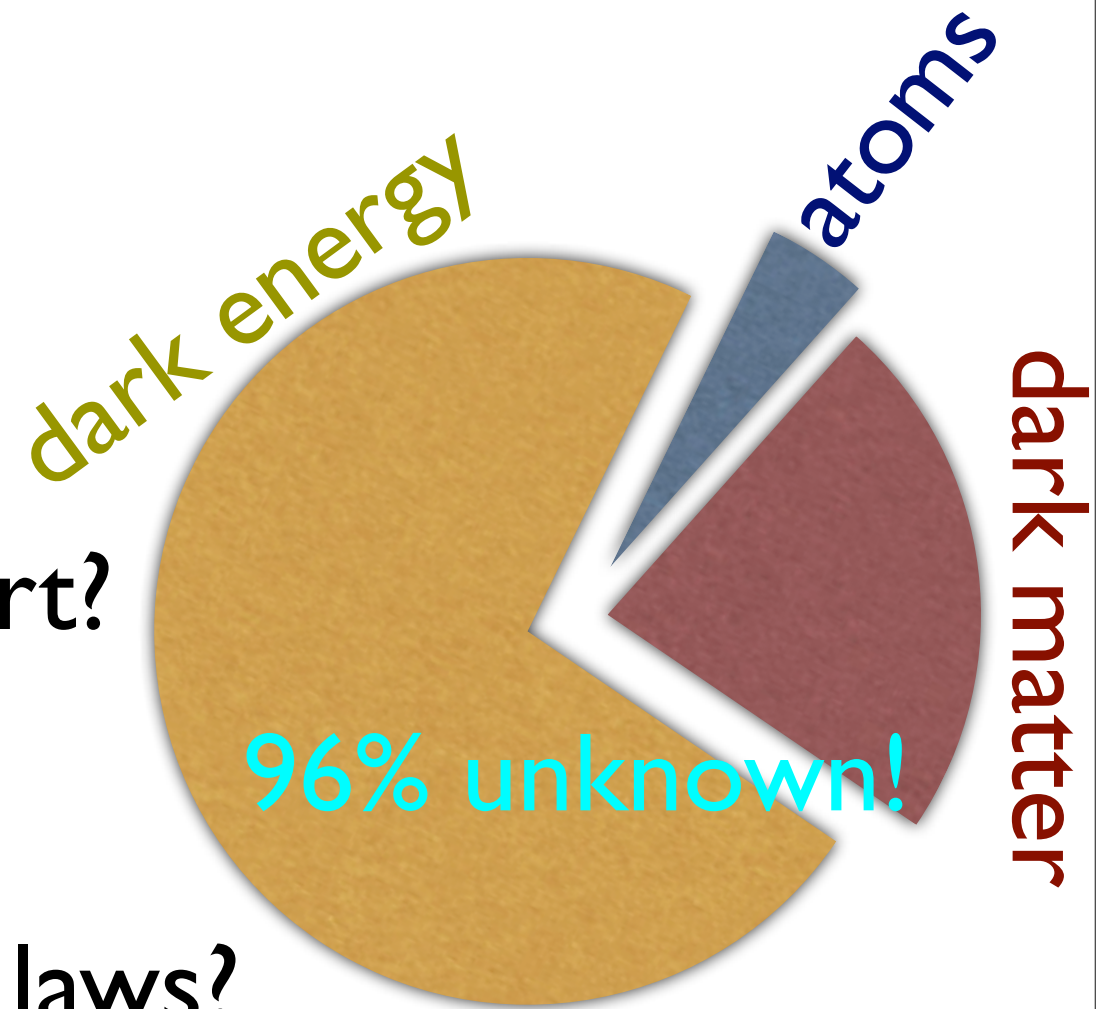
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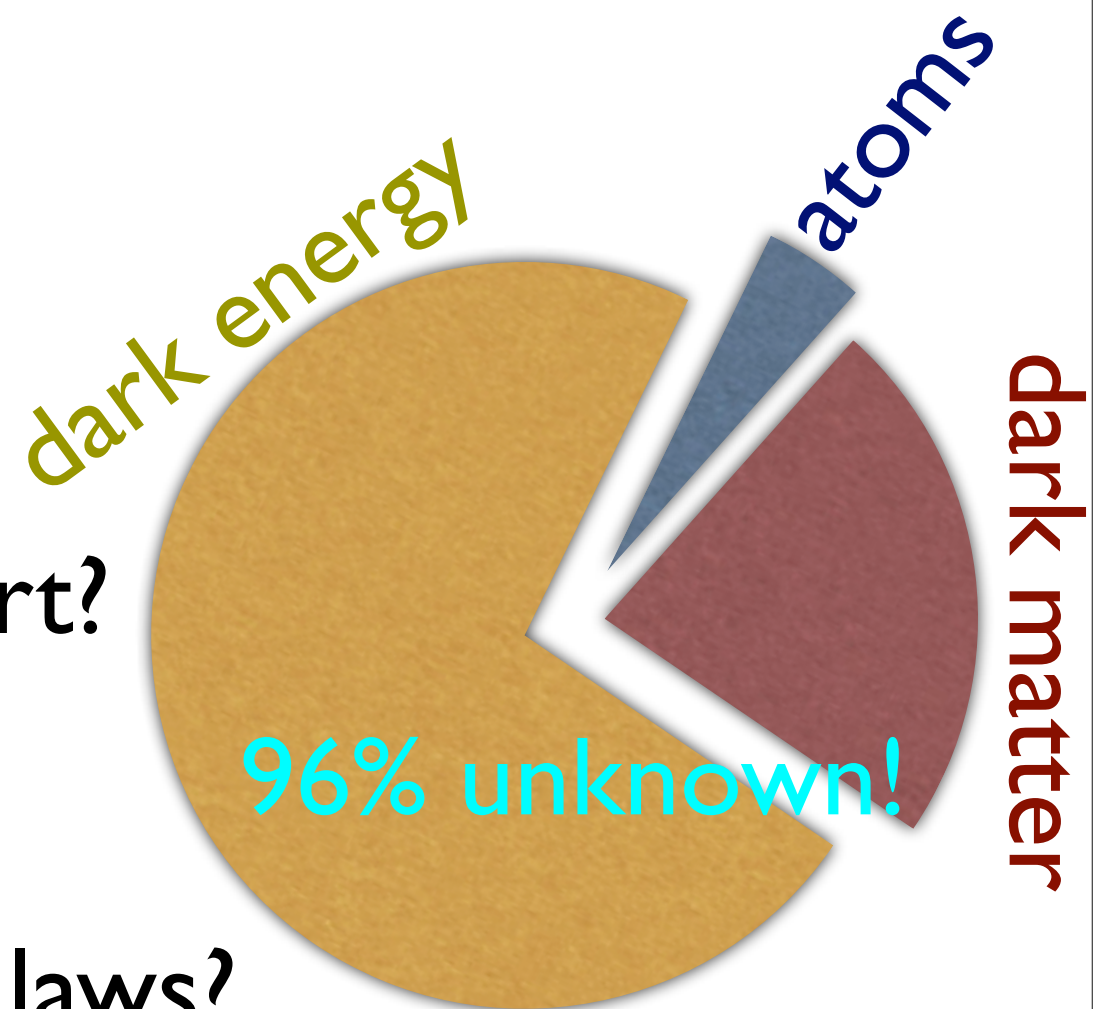
Nobel prizes in 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006

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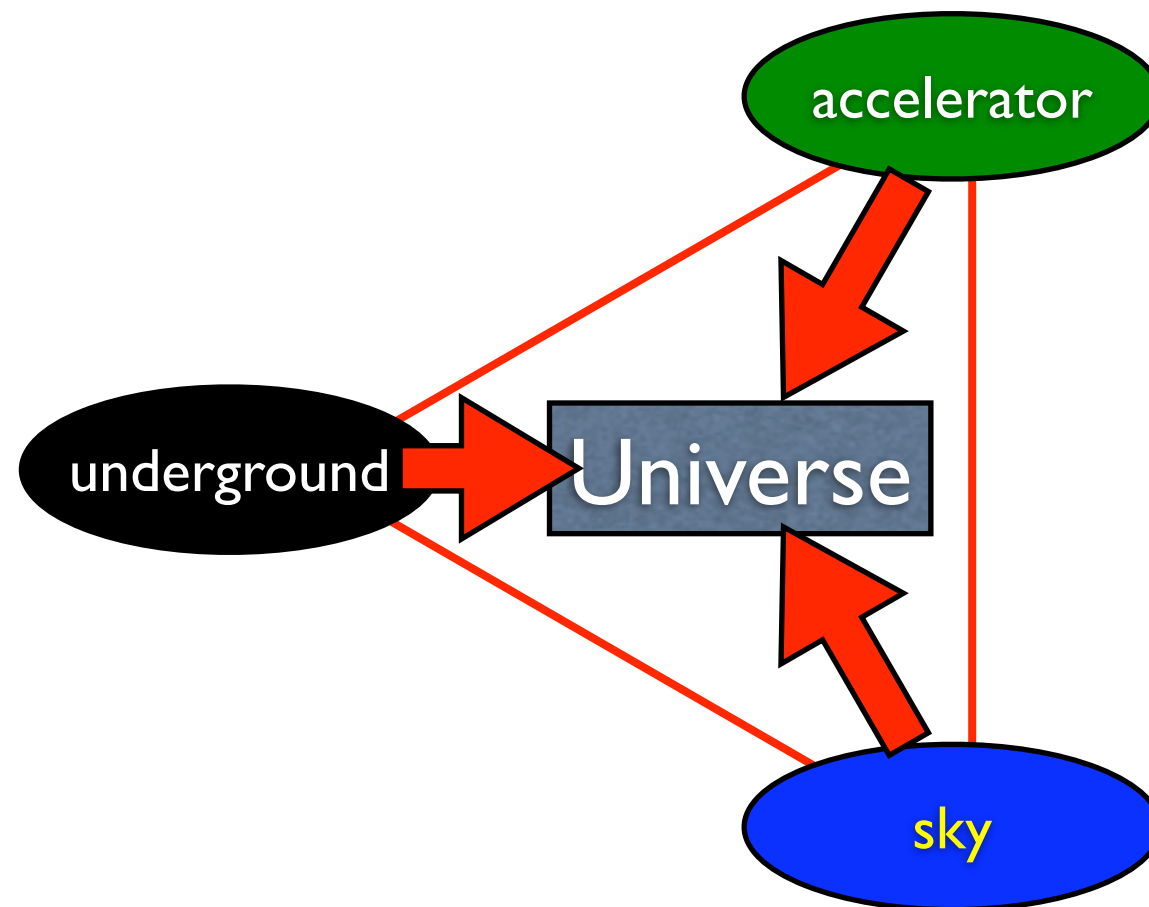
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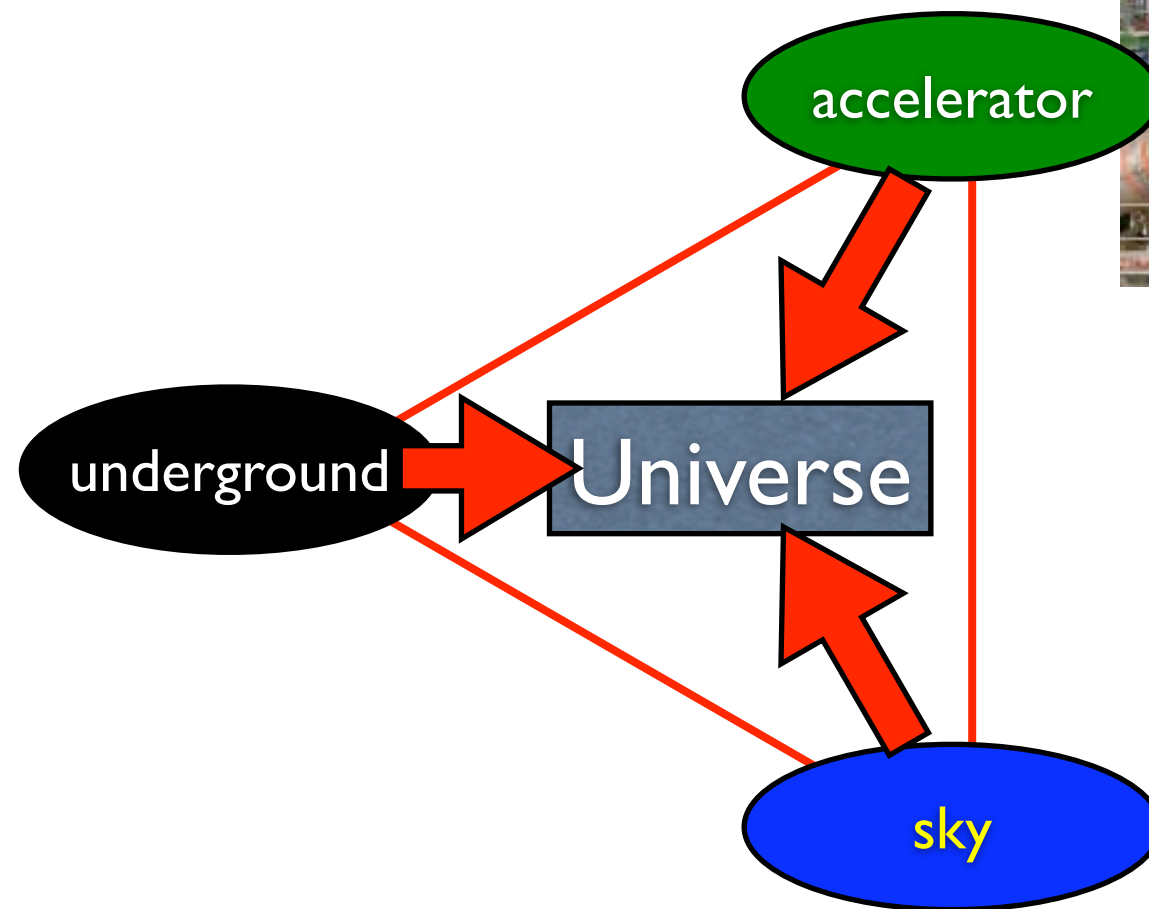
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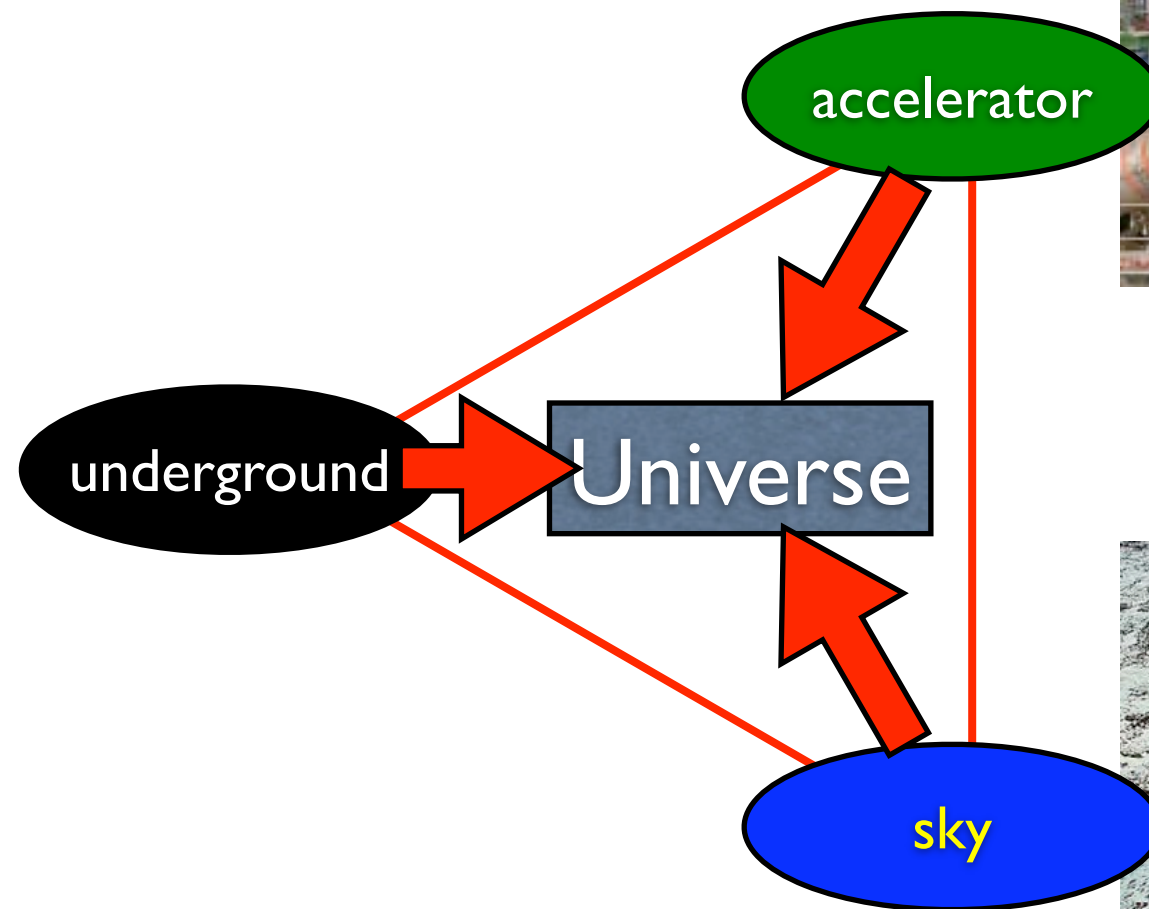


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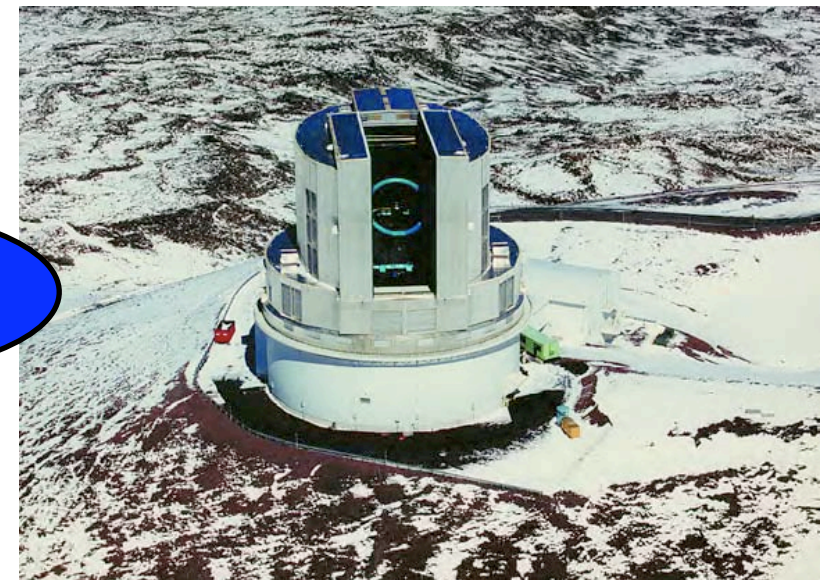


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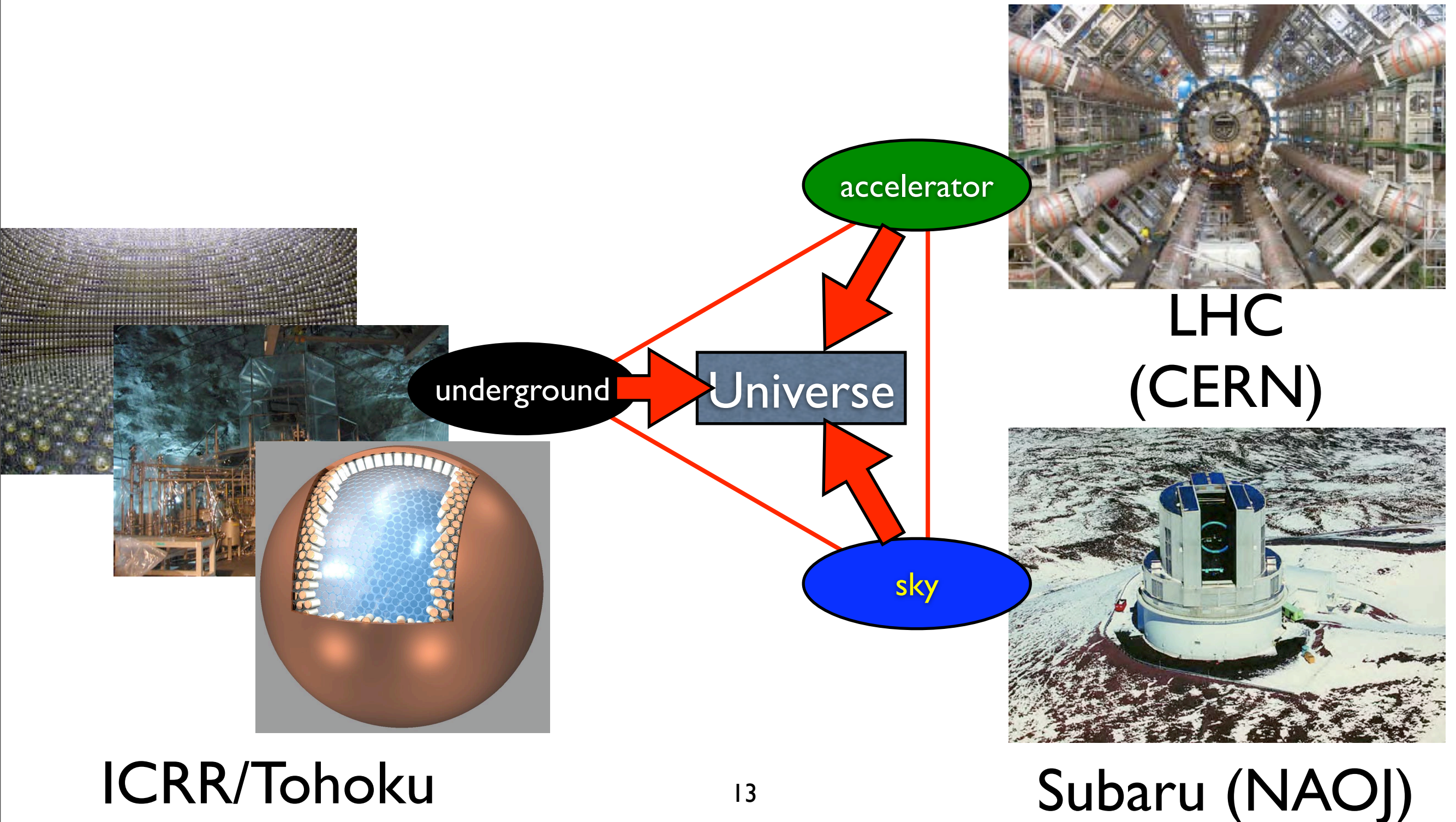


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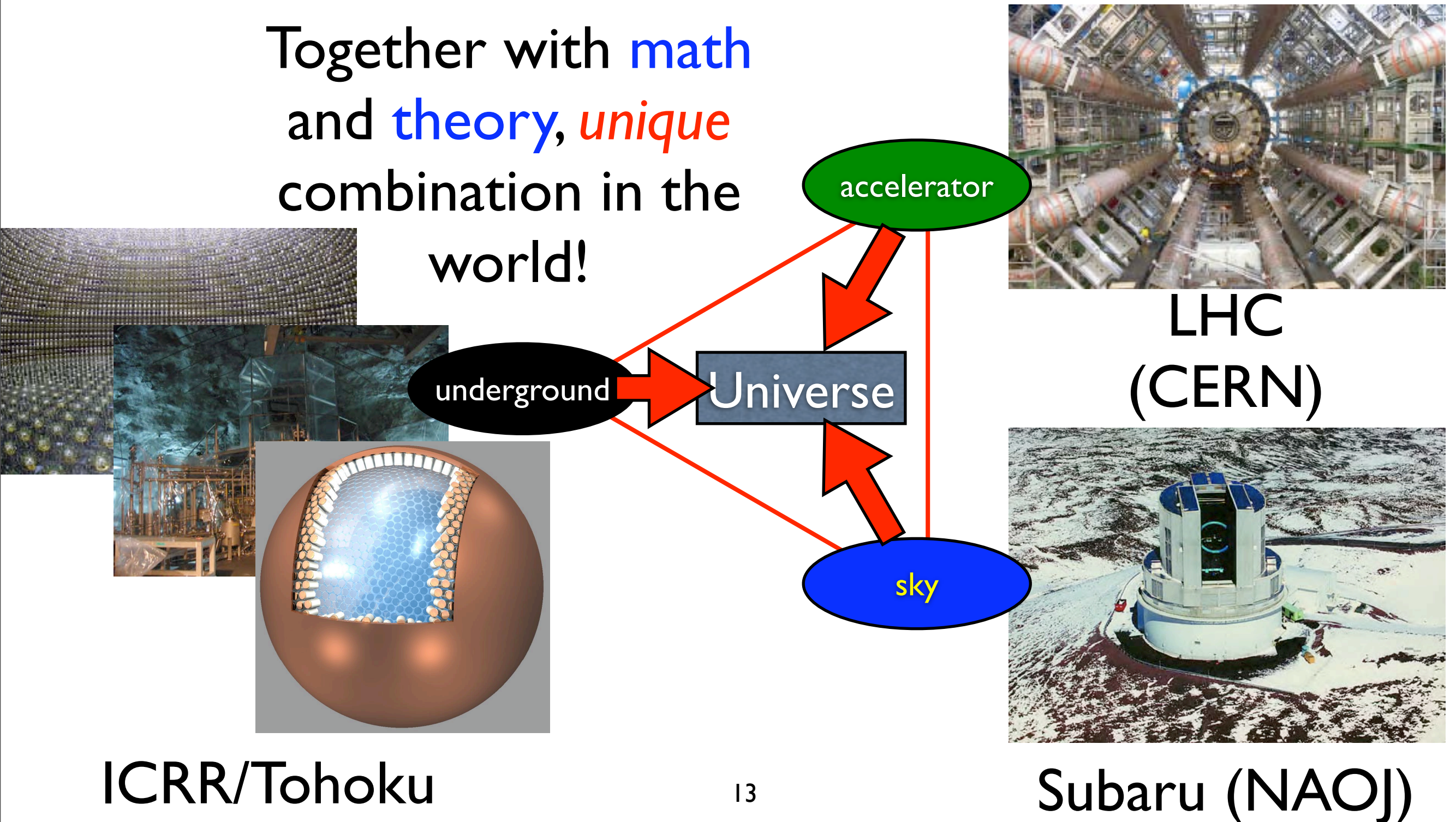
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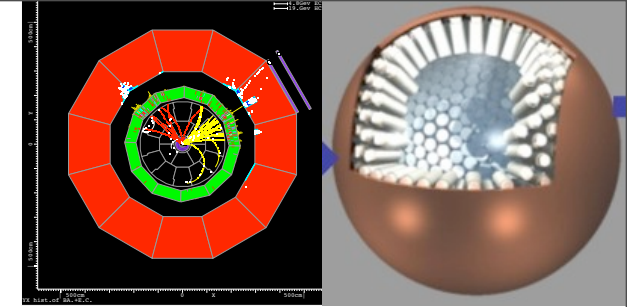
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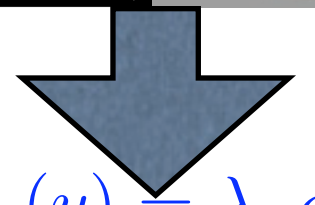
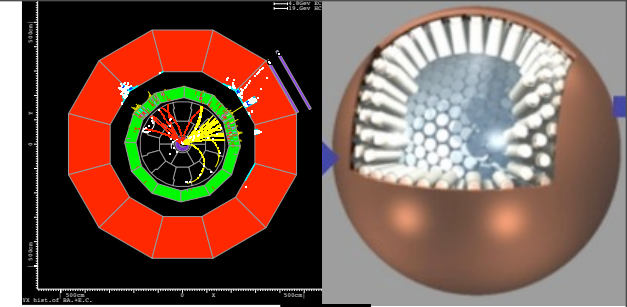
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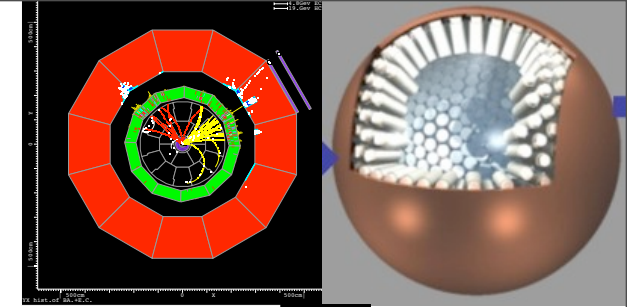
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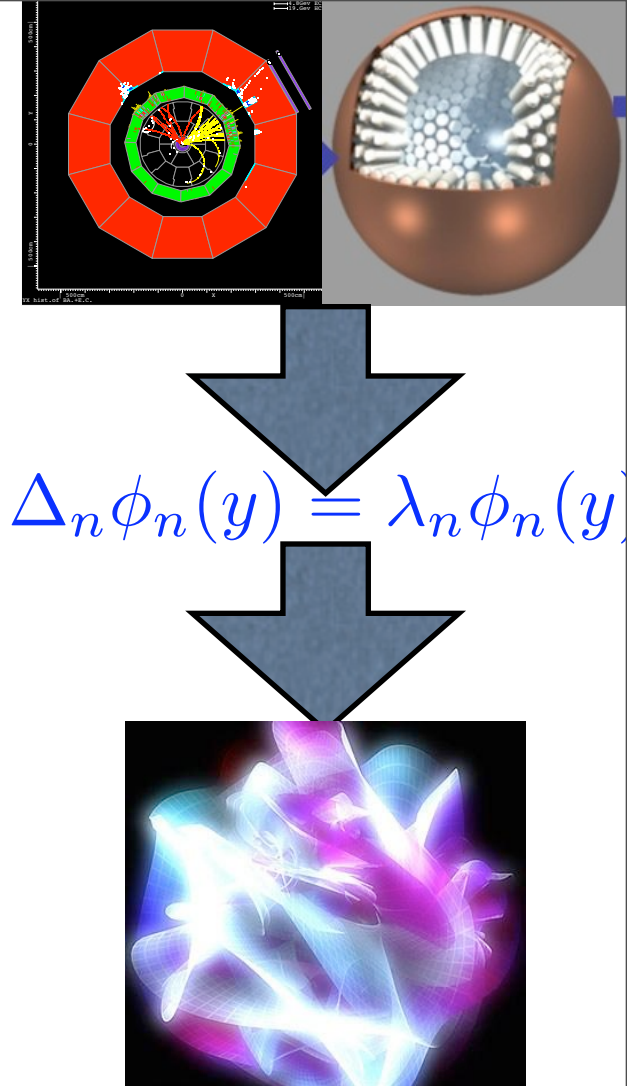
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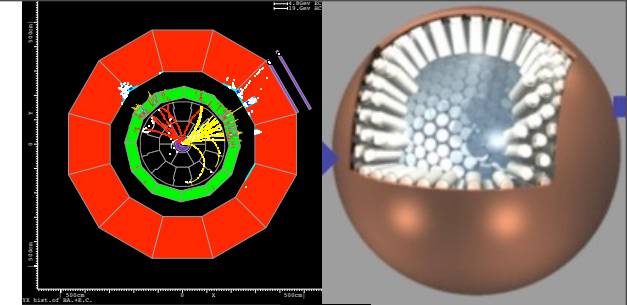


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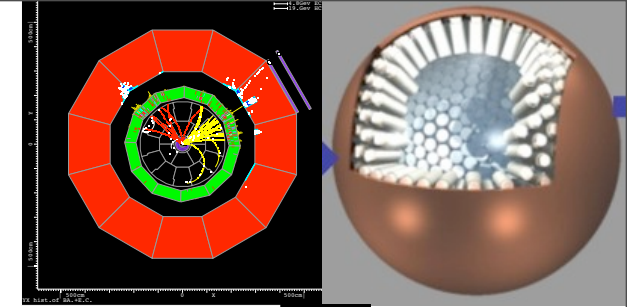
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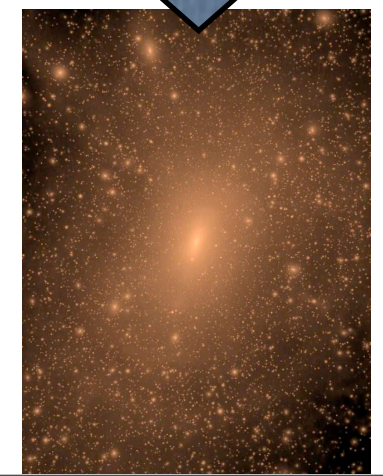
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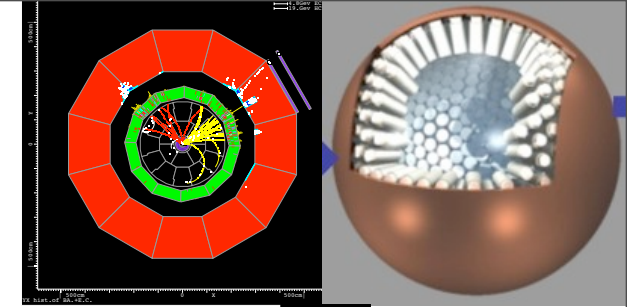


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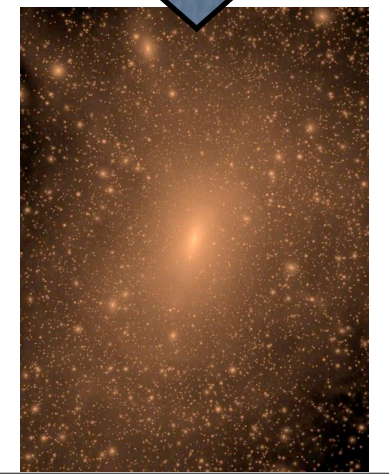
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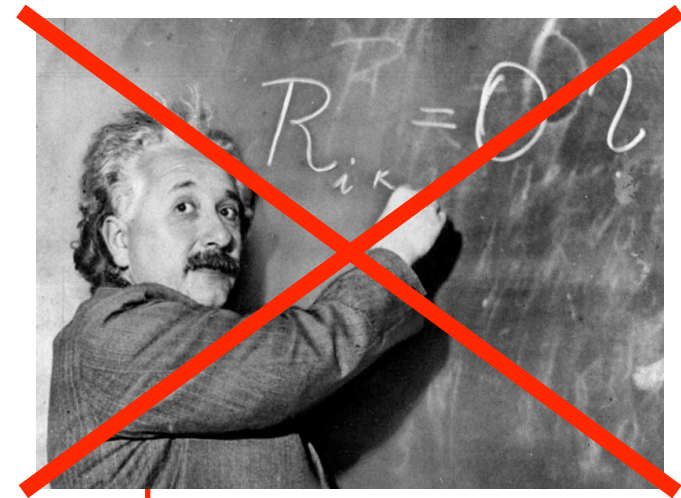
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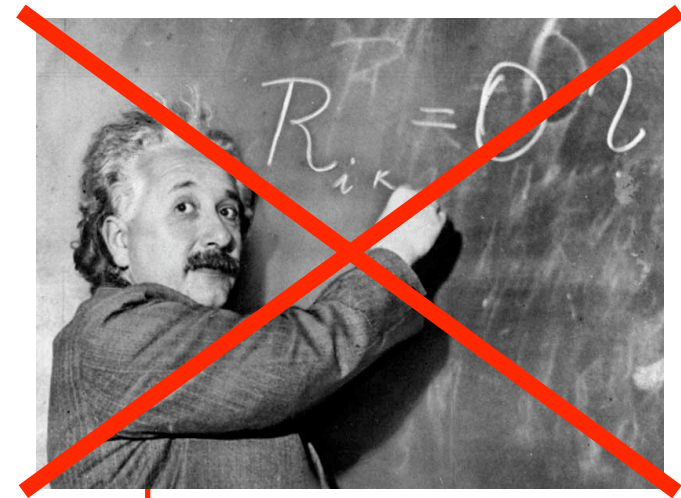


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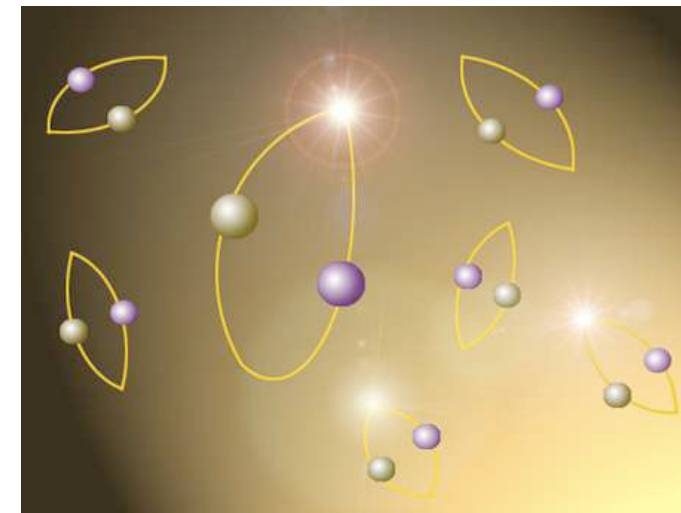
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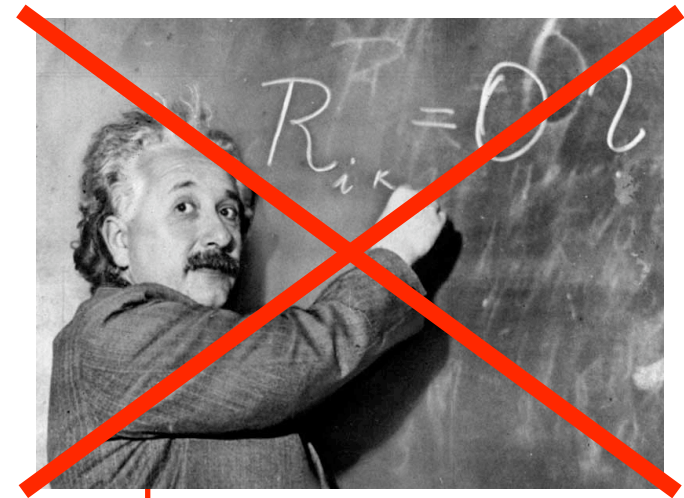
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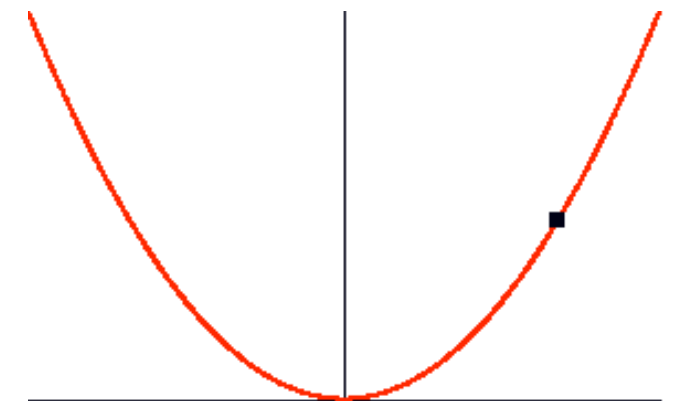
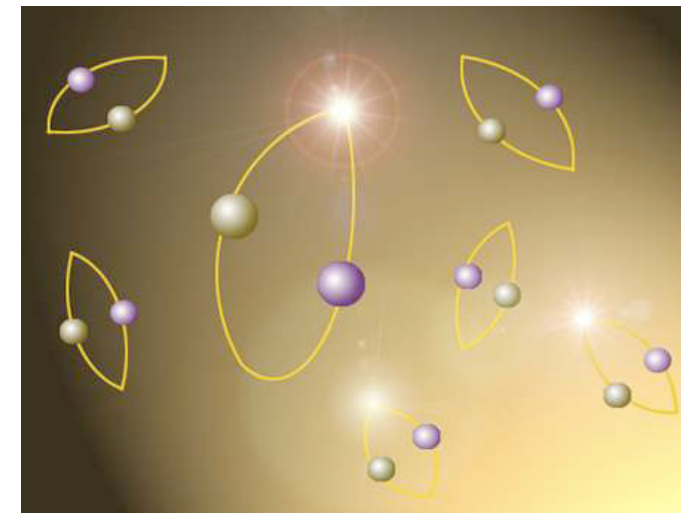
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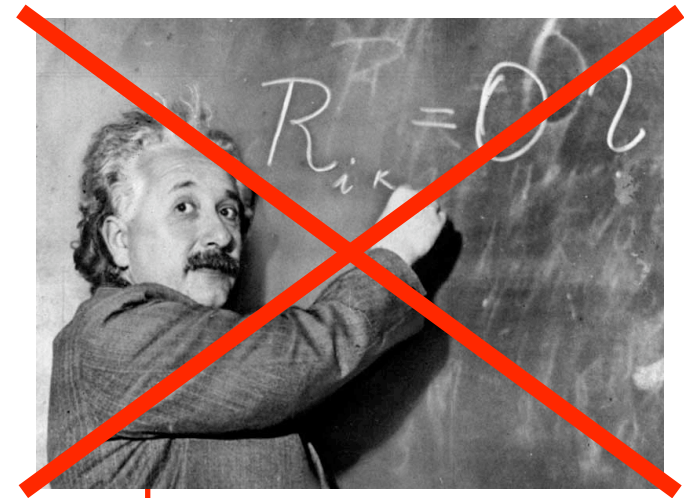
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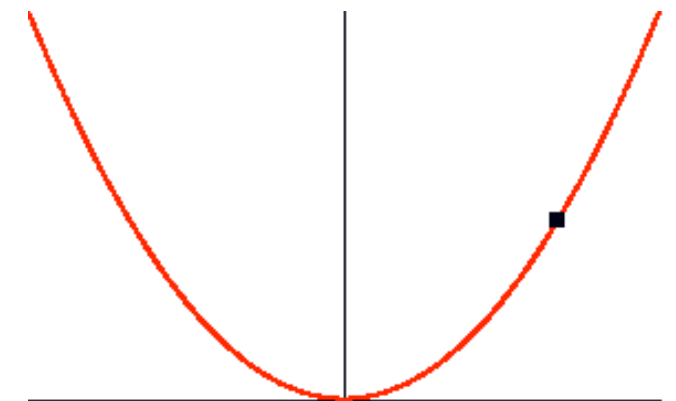
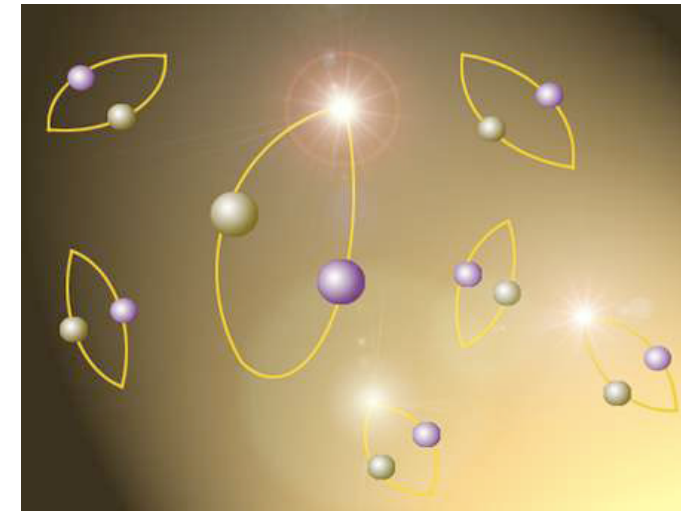
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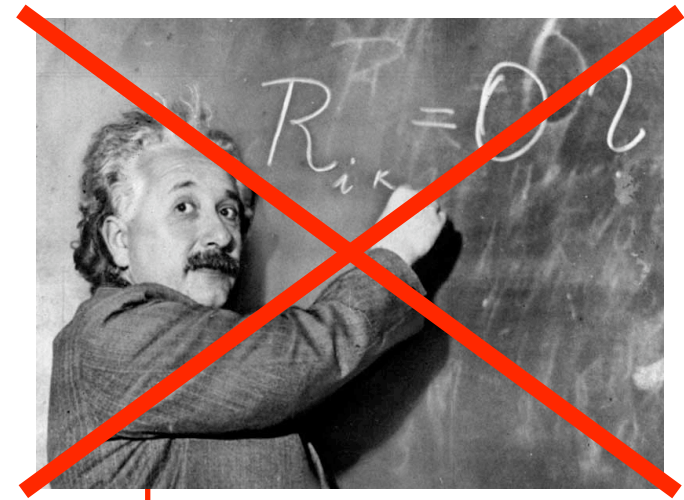
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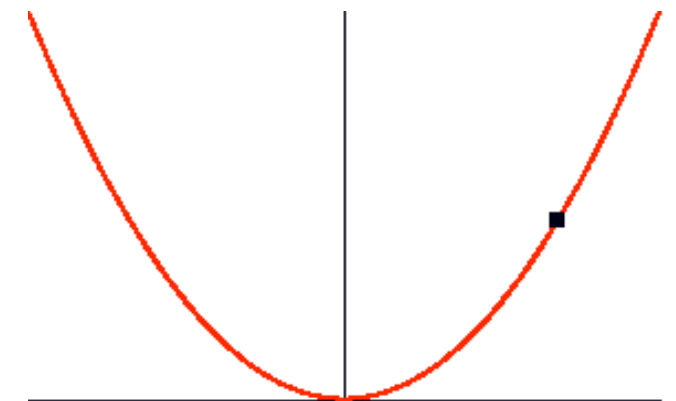
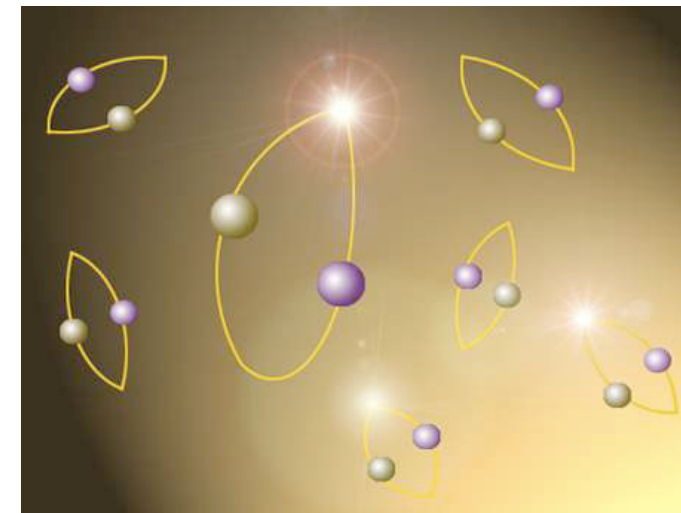
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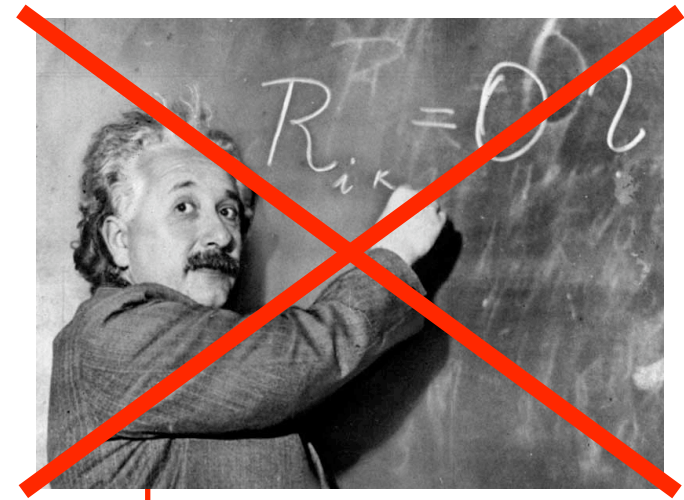
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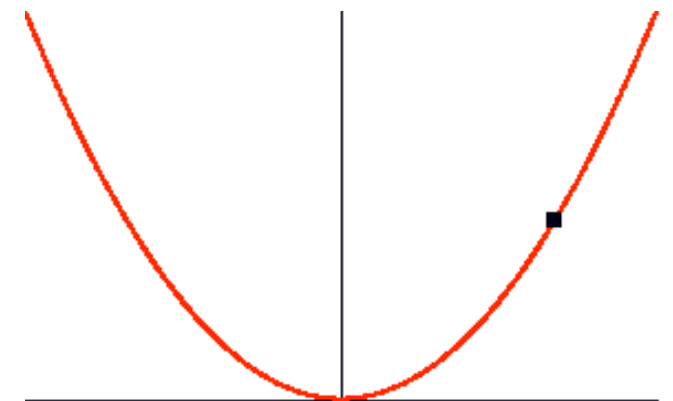
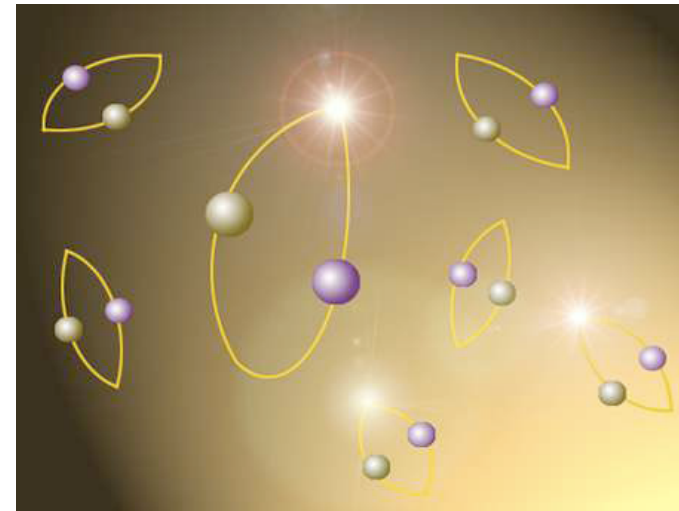
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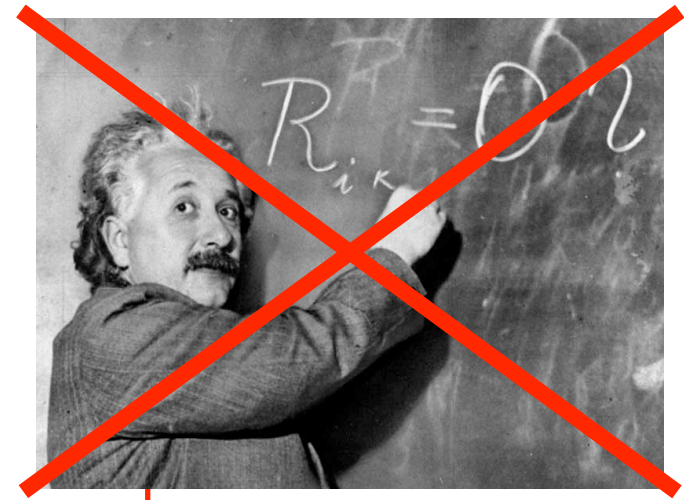
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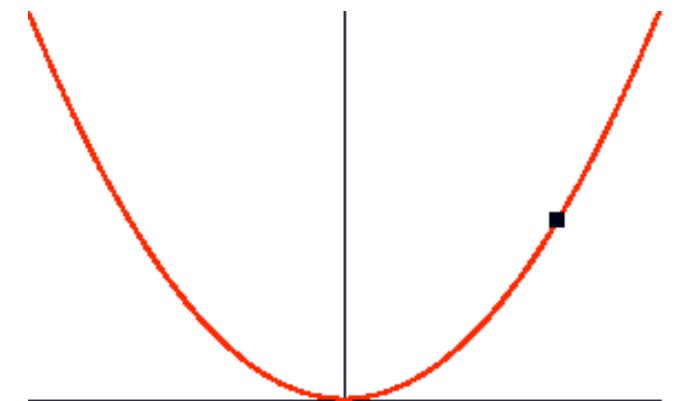
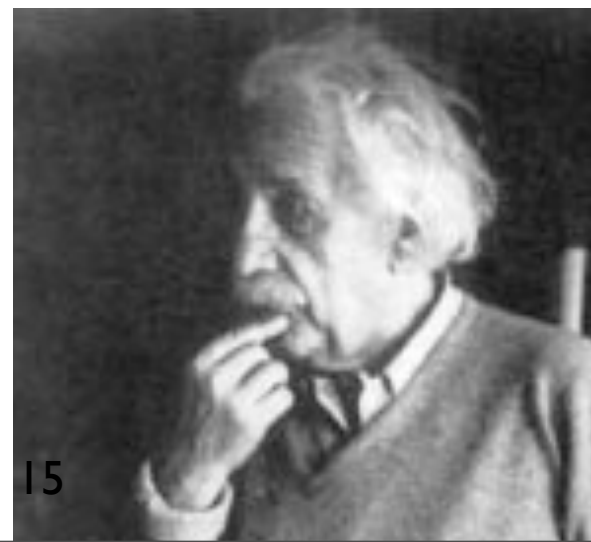
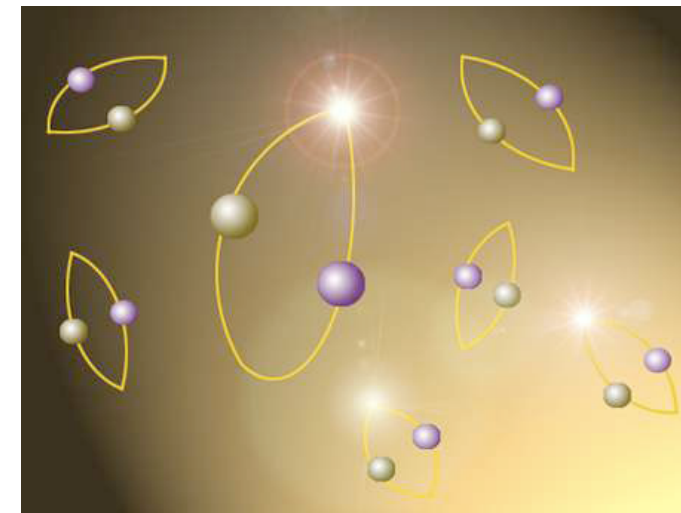
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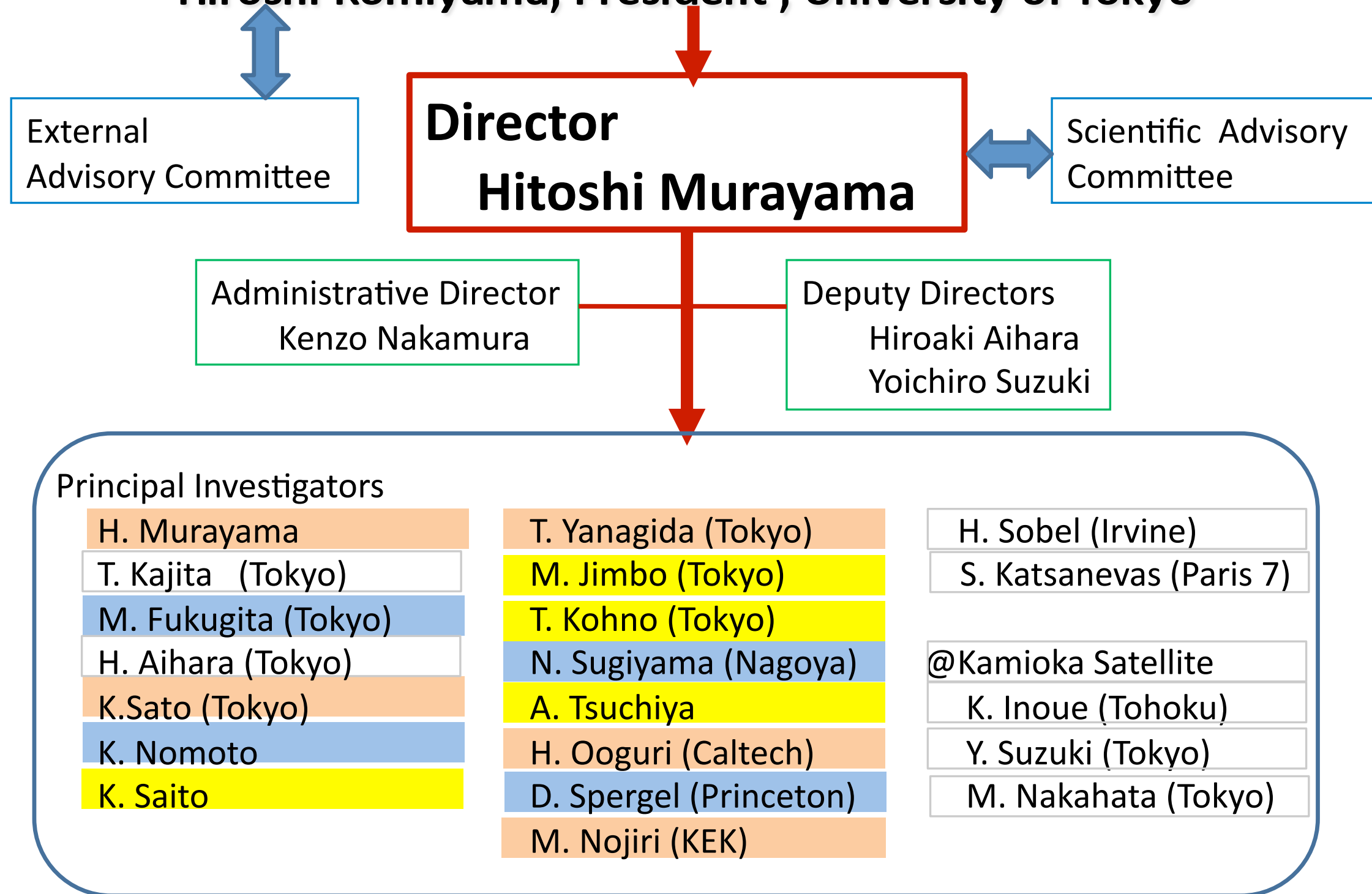
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IPMU Organization (as of Apr. 1, 2008)

Hiroshi Komiyama, President, University of Tokyo



Mathematician, Theoretical Physicists, Experimental Physicist, Astronomer



External
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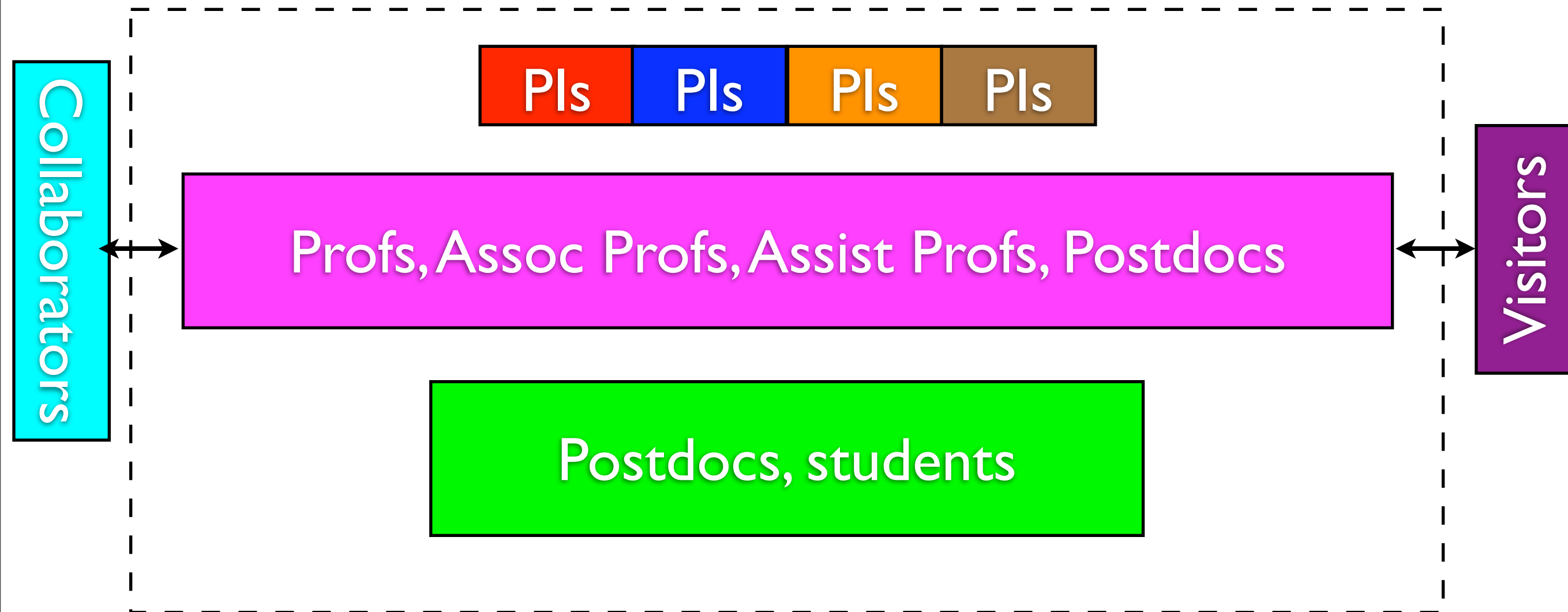
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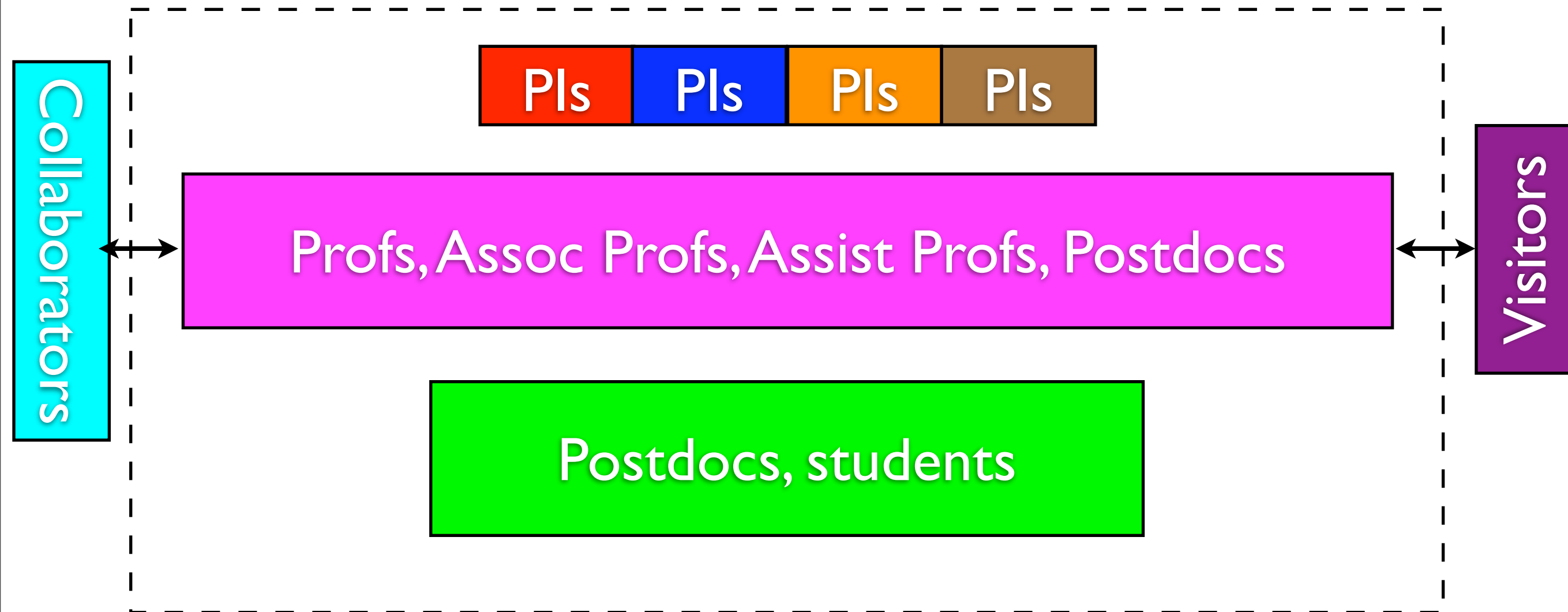
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Successful institutions worldwide employ this model
porous boundaries to make it visible

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New Buildings

- We rent space from General Sciences Building
- More people coming than initially thought
- Completely filled up!
- prefab building by April (partially), May, ~800 m²
- seminar room, admin room & library go to the basement, more offices on 6th floor
- new building design well underway
- occupancy by fall 2009

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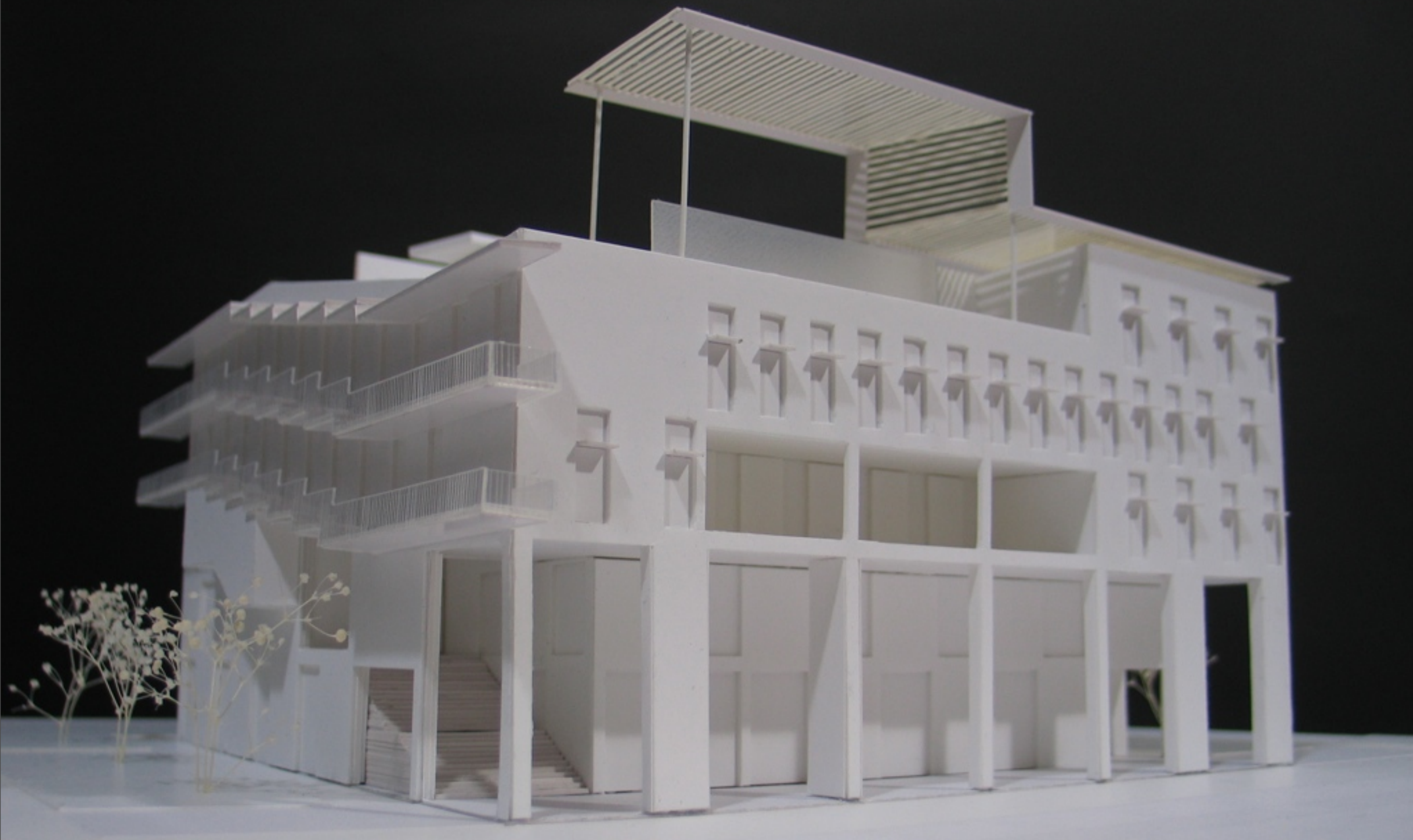
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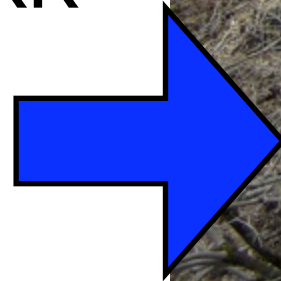


emphasis on large interaction area
“like a European town square” ~400 m²



IPMU Kamioka Satellite

- New prefab structure will be built in Mozumi village, Kamioka
- supports resident scientists working on SuperK, KamLAND, XMASS, R&D for future underground experiments
- enhance collaboration with RCNS (Tohoku) and ICRR (Tokyo)



IPMU laboratory

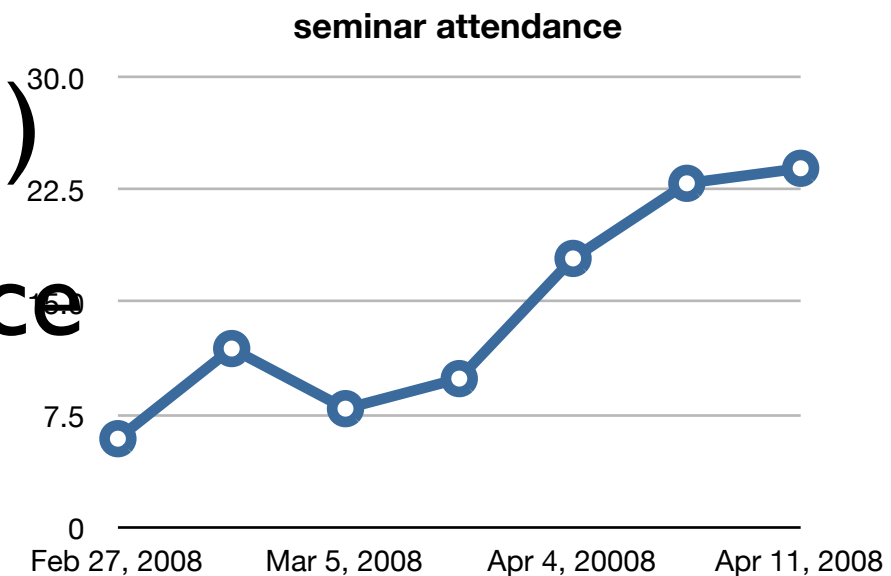
- Underground lab already built by IPMU
- frontier clean facility
- R&D for future experiments



Activities

(as of 9/19/2008)

- **84 lectures** (50 non-Japanese)
- **150 visitors** (110 from abroad)
- regular seminars draw audience from other institutions
- **nine international meetings**
- IPMU seminars in Komaba, joint workshops



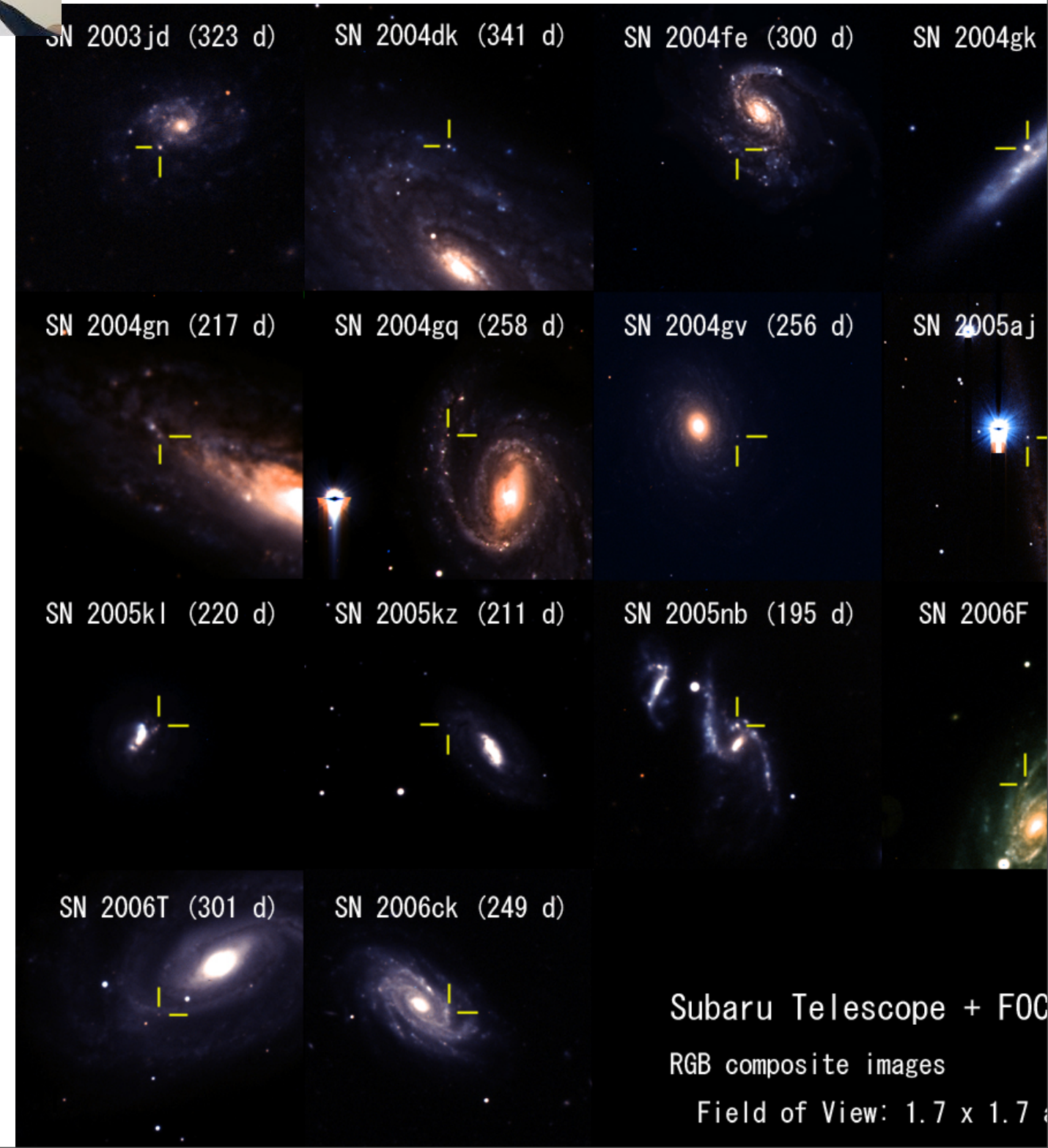
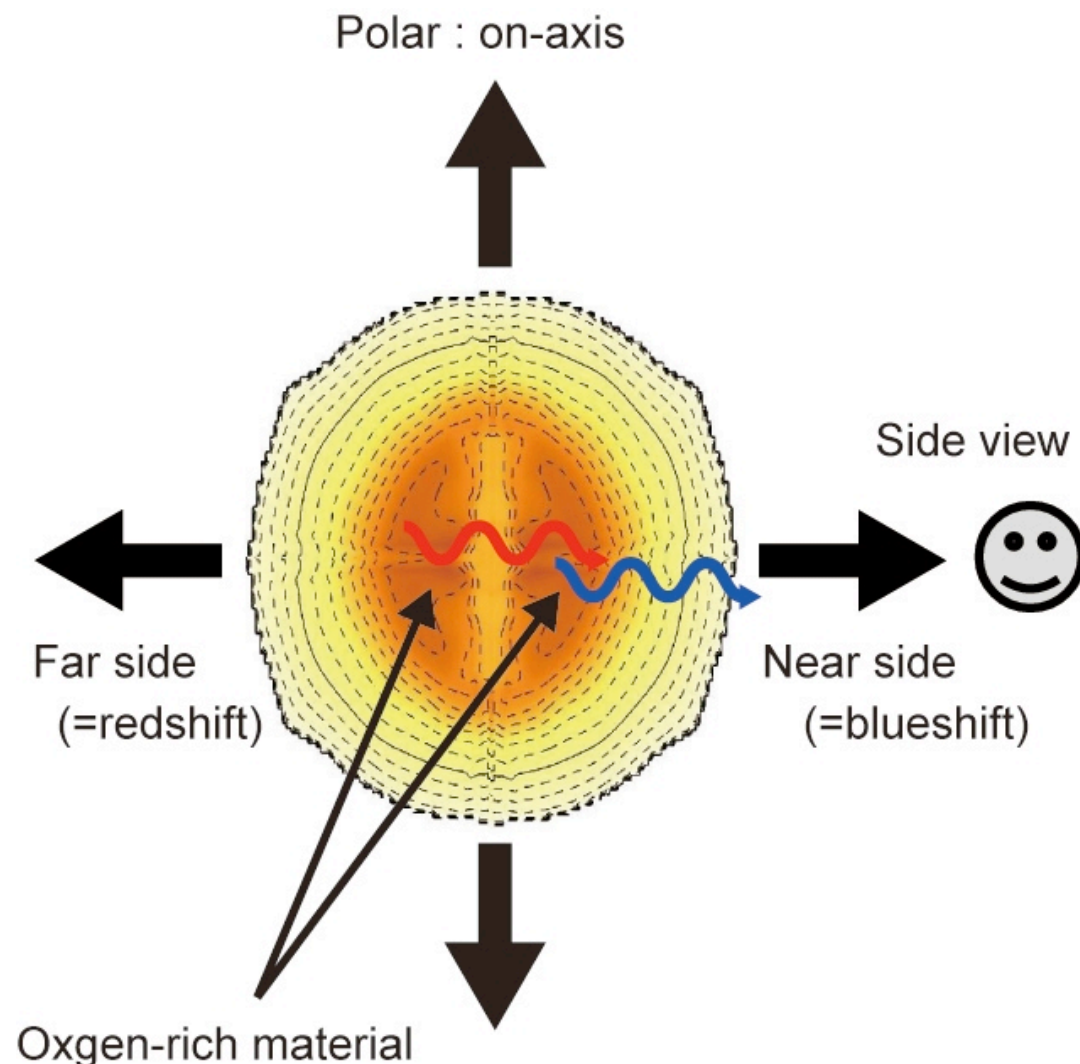


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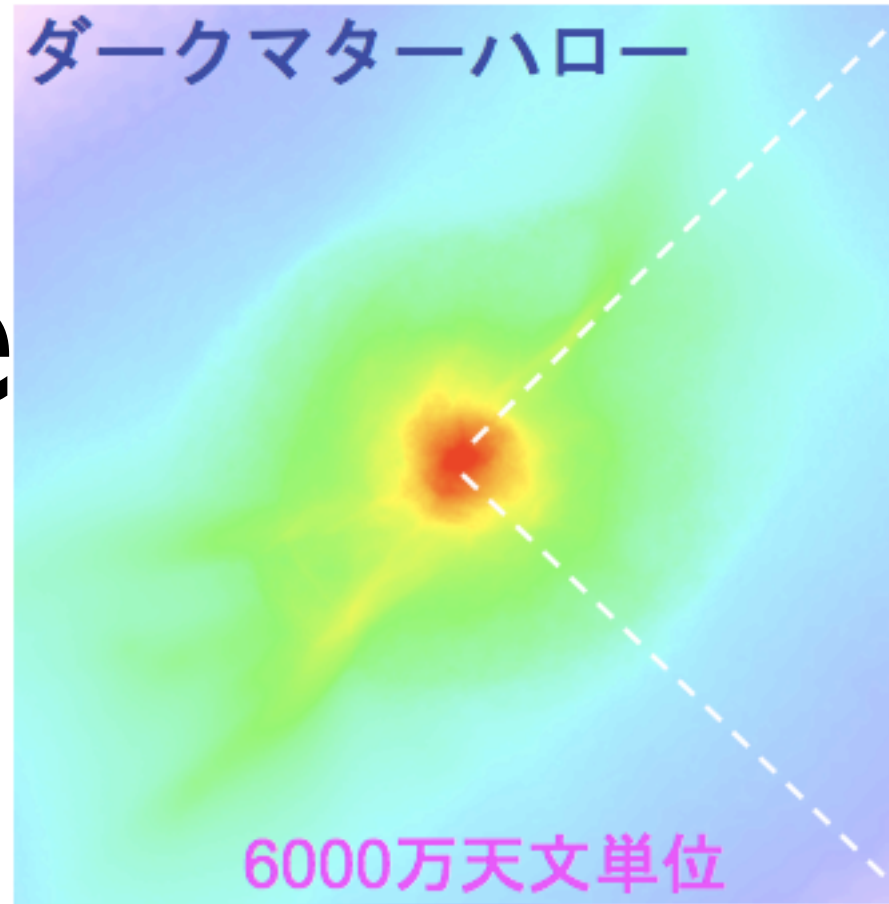


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- theory: supernovae do not explode if round
- observation: they are not round!

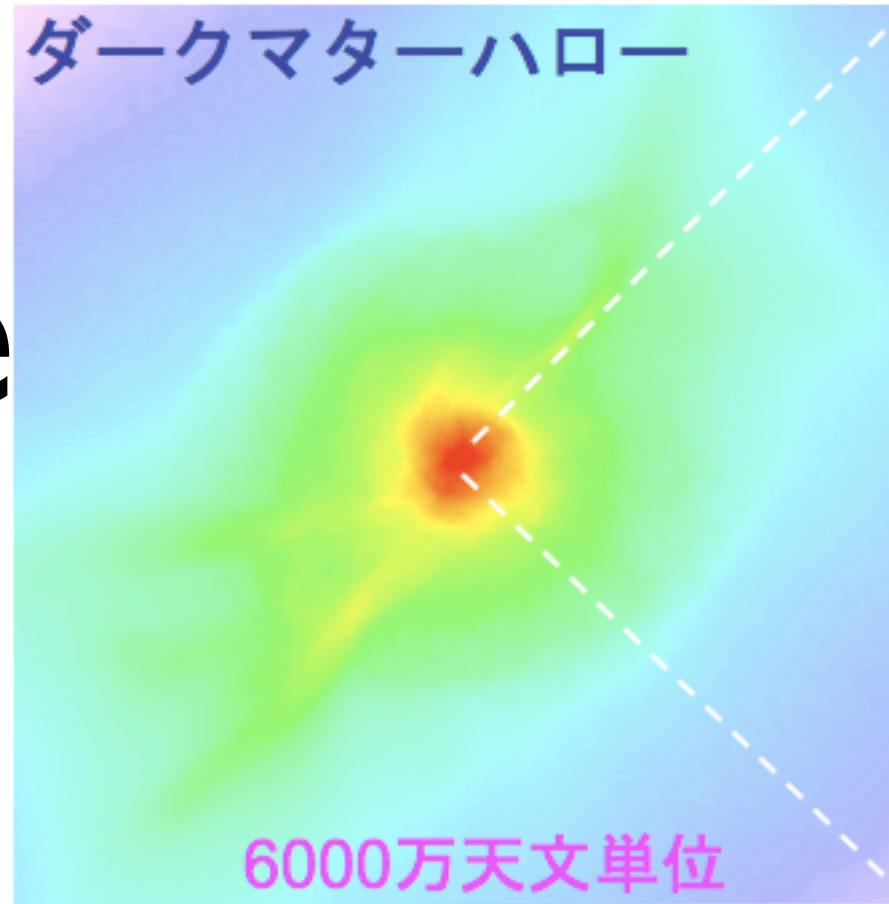


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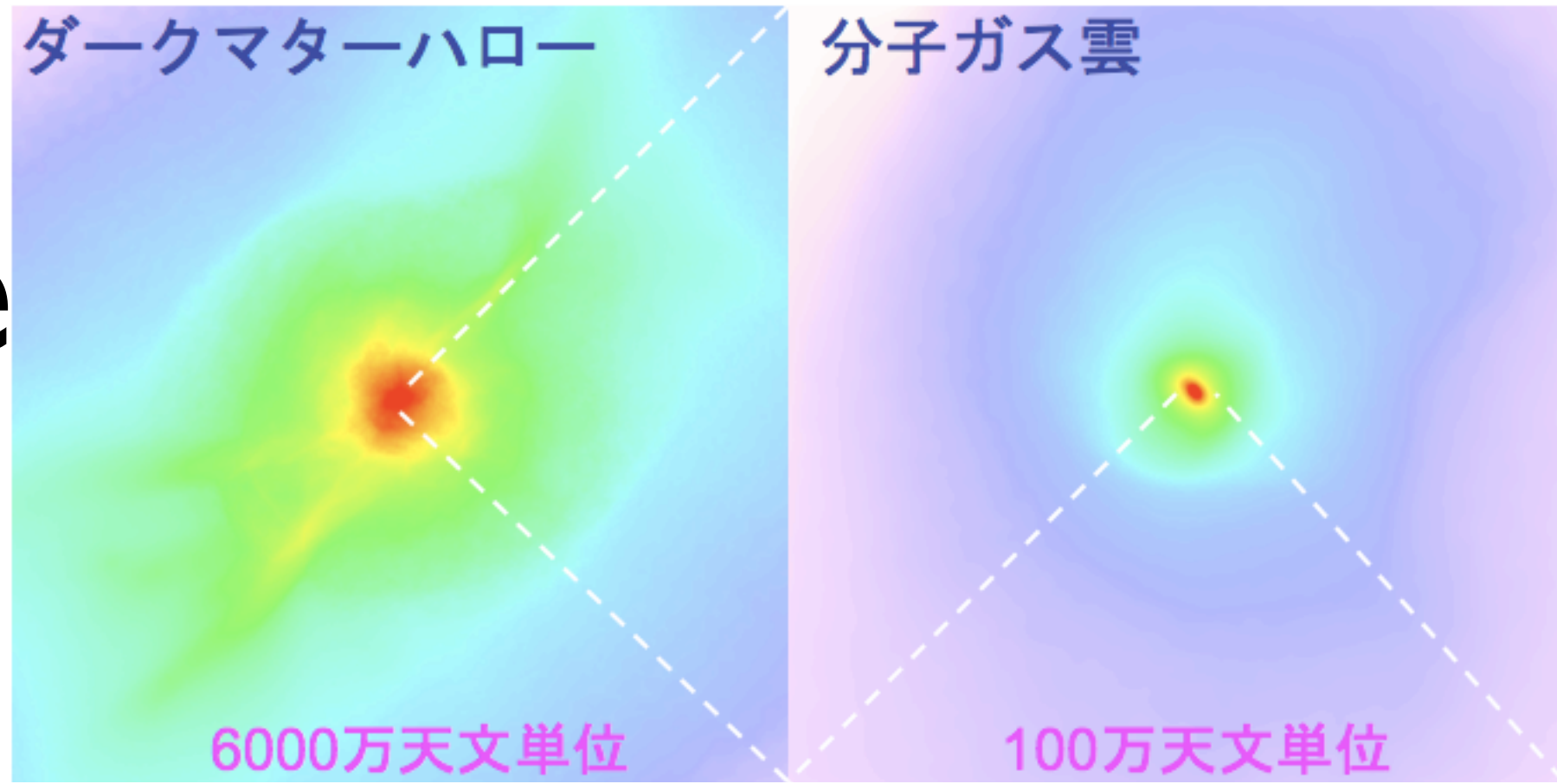
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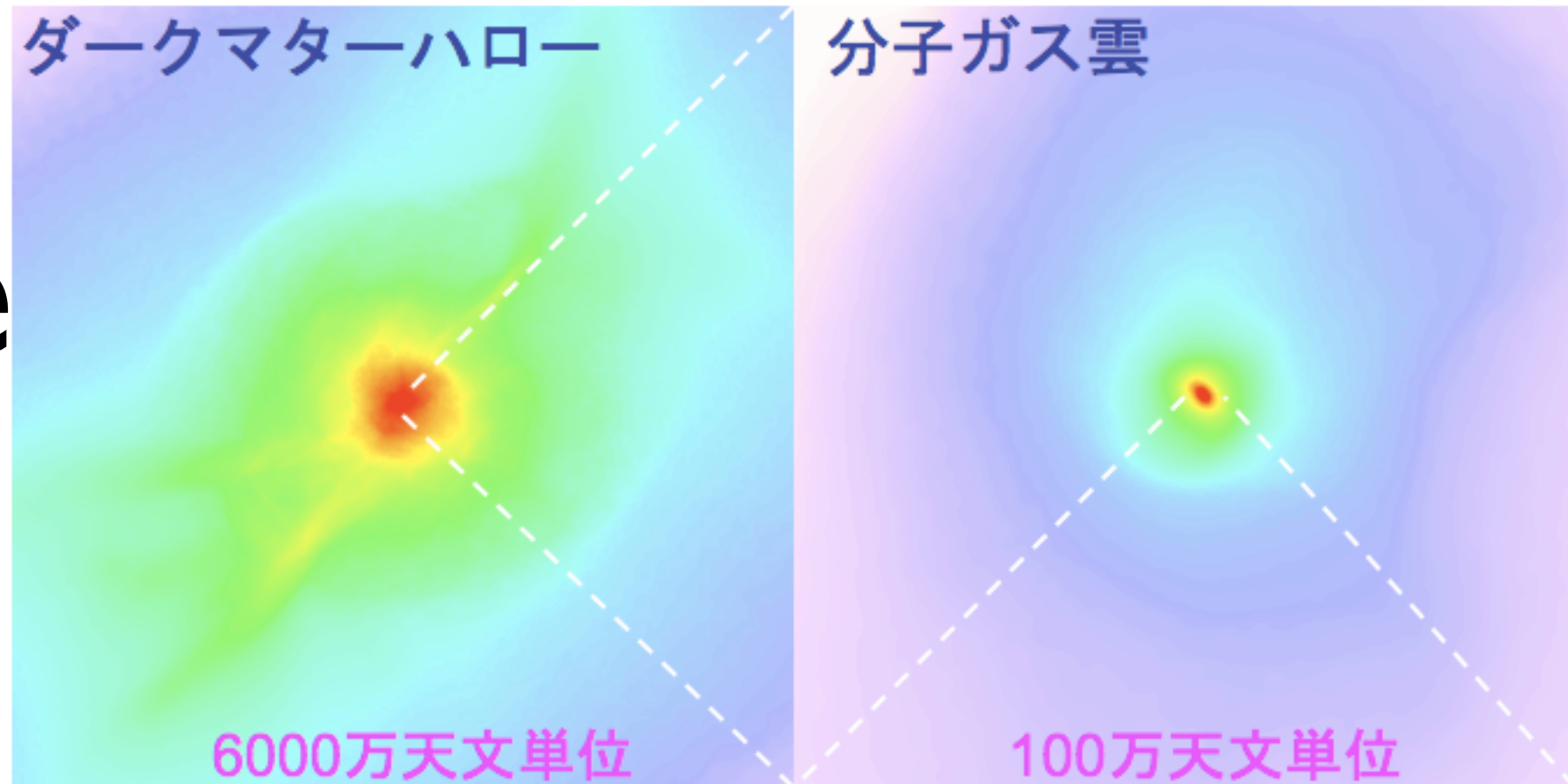
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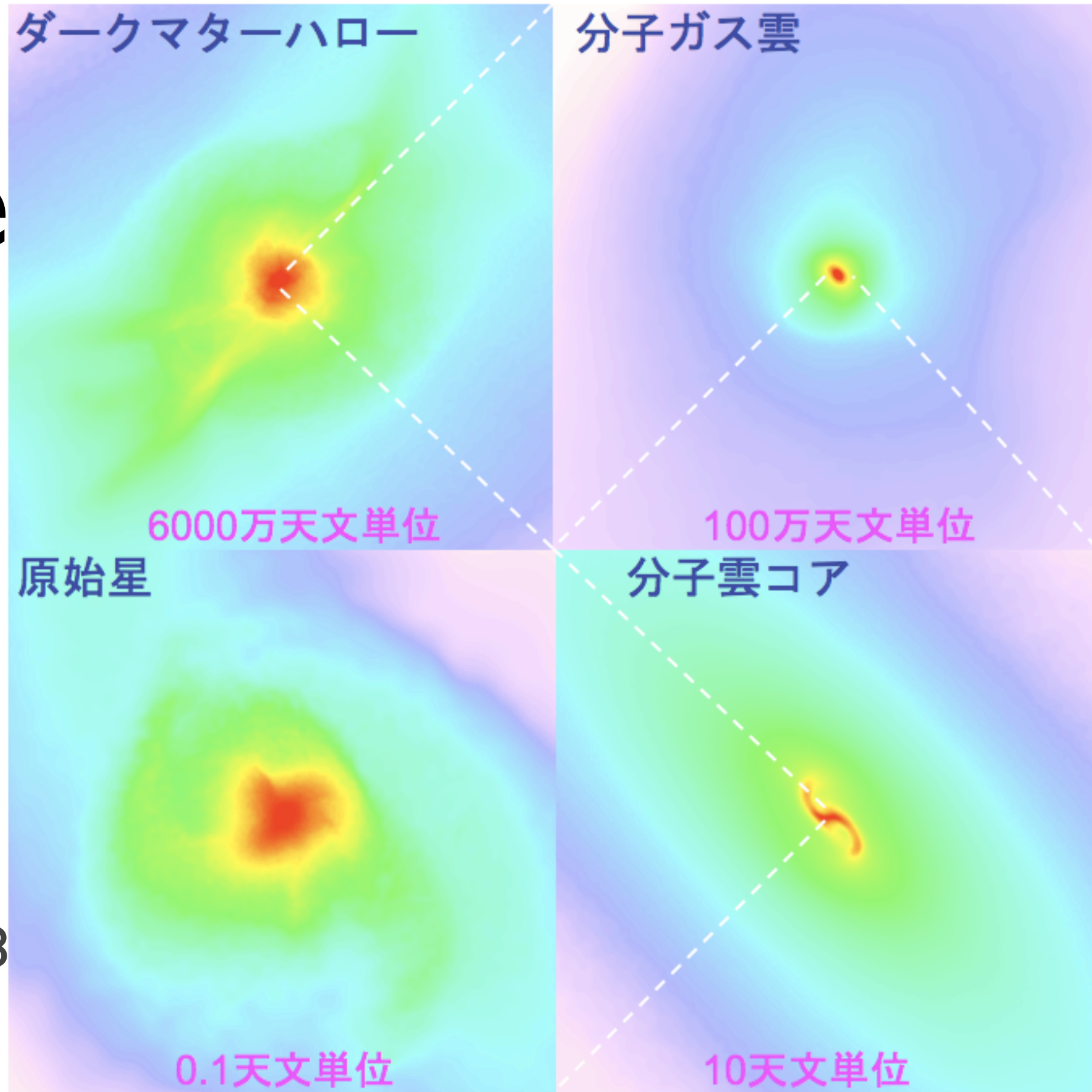
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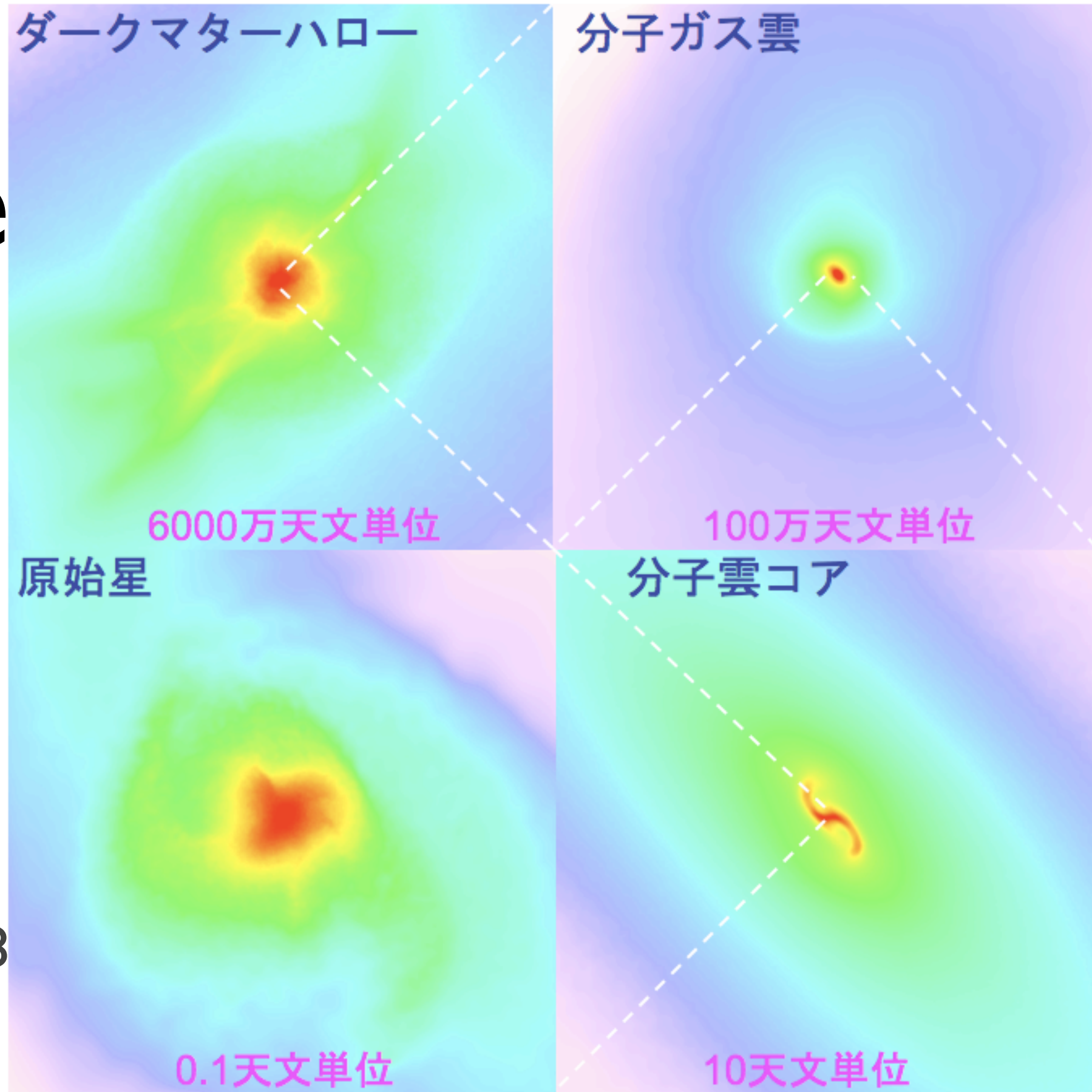
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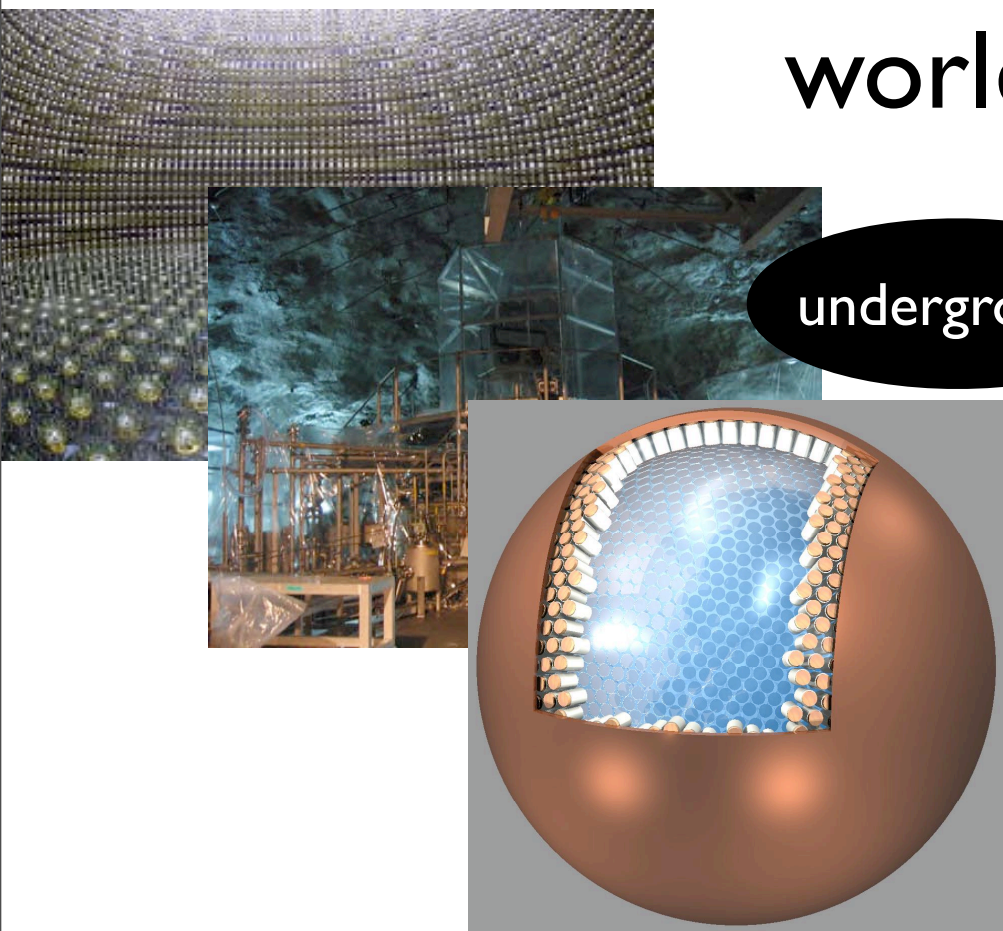


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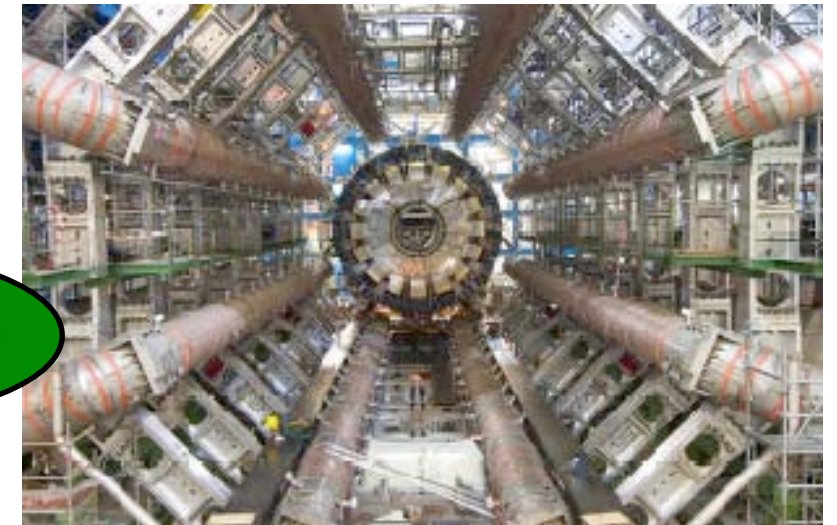
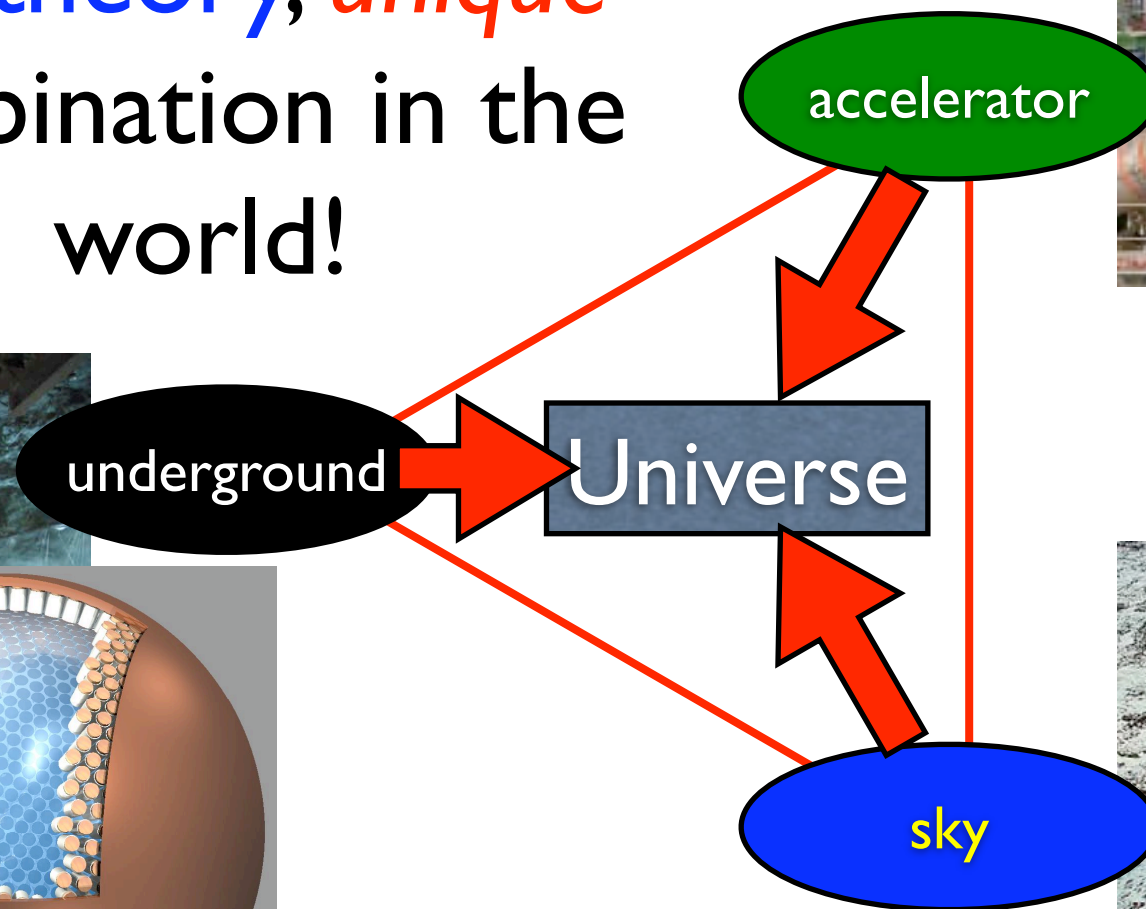


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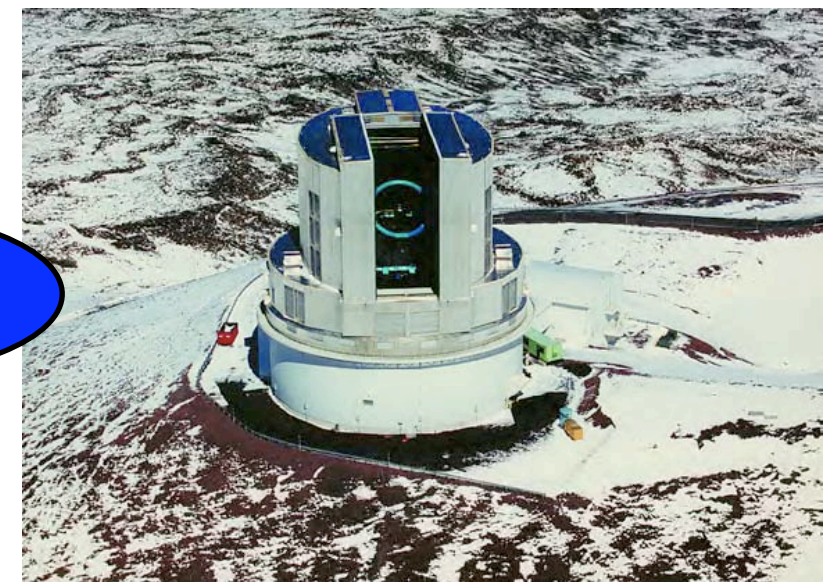
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ICRR/Tohoku



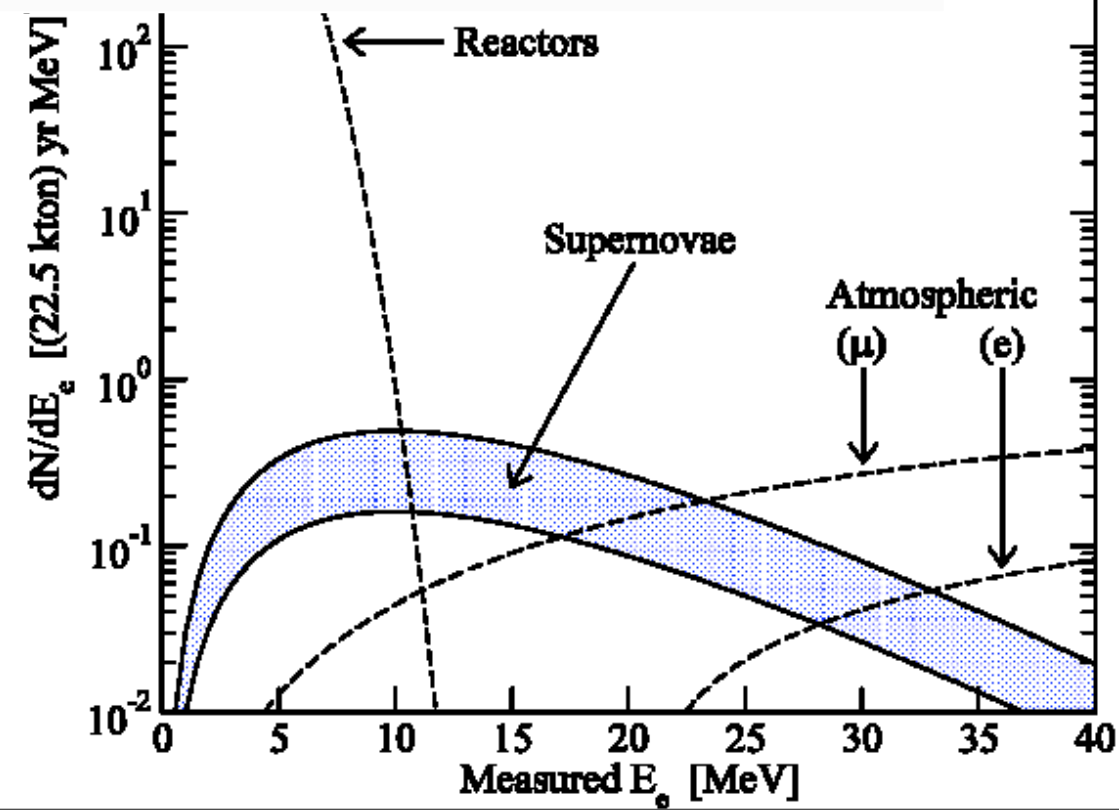
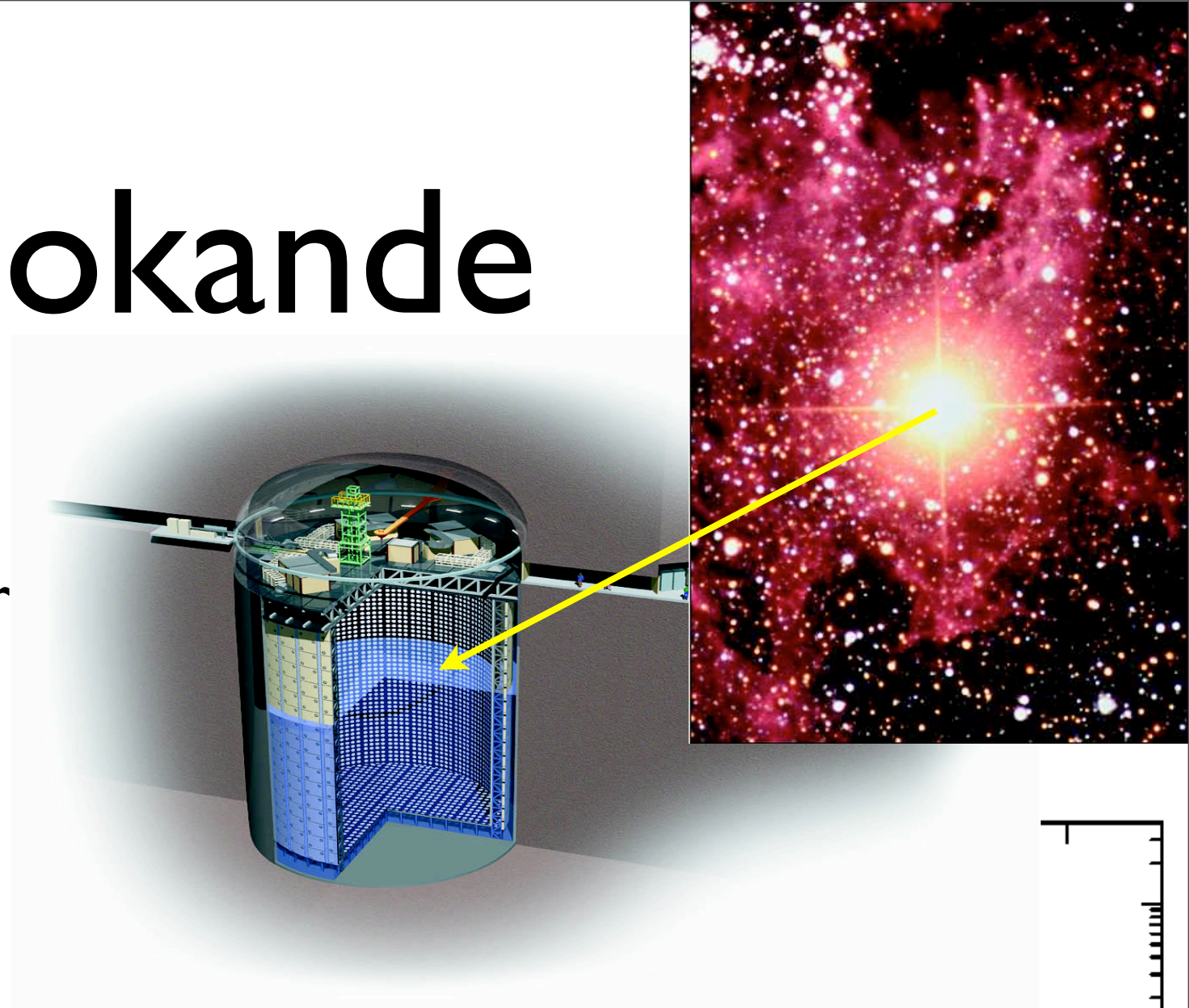
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Subaru (NAOJ)

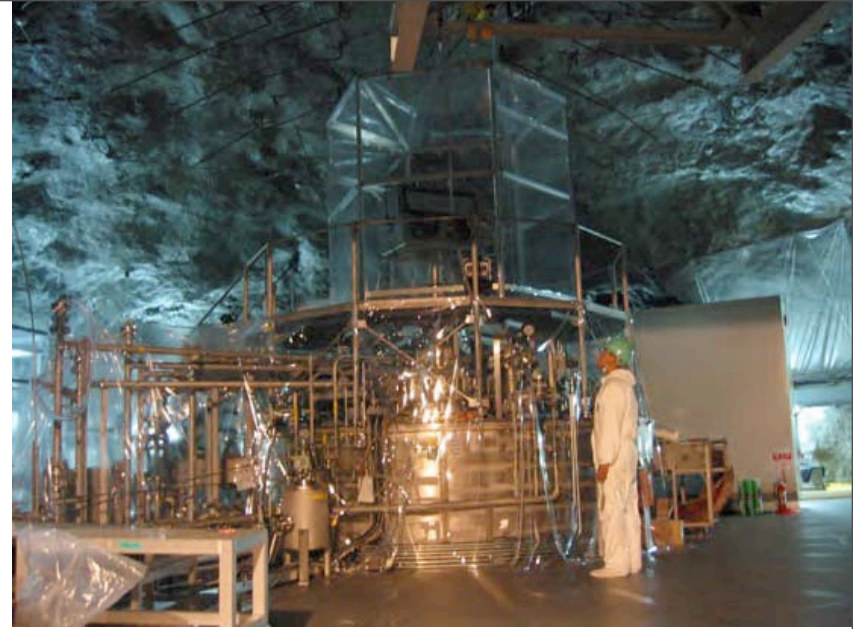
SuperKamiokande

- **Mark Vagins** from UC Irvine as a Full Professor
- initiate **new direction** in SuperK
- detect neutrinos from **past supernovae** in the universe
- dark energy using neutrinos?

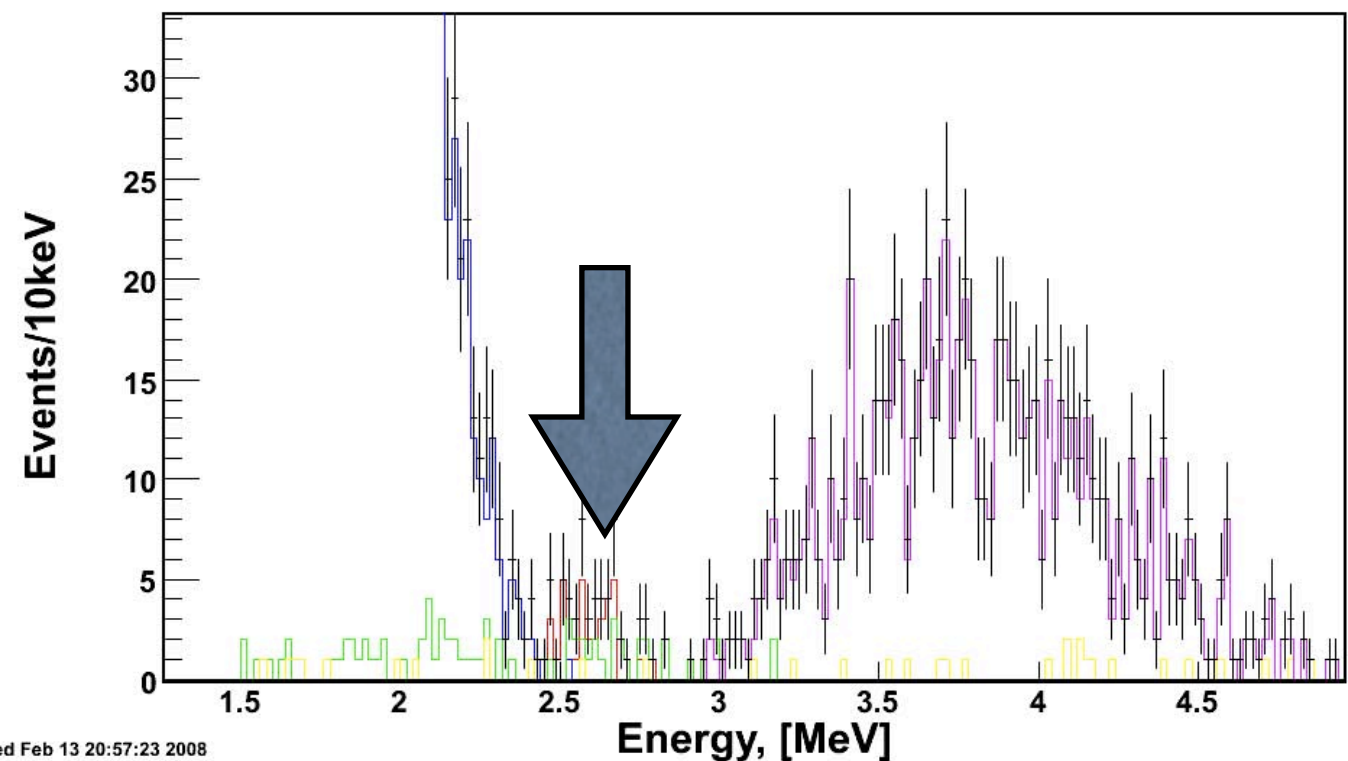
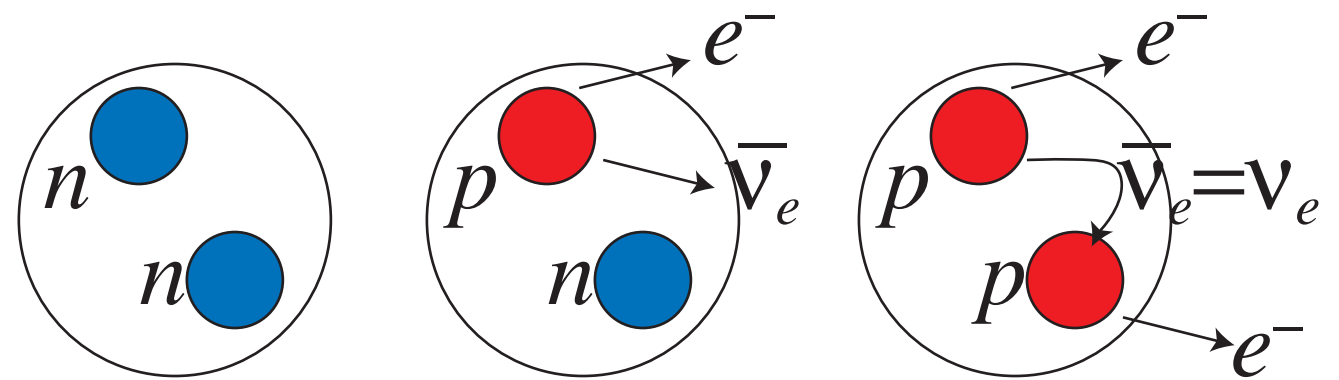




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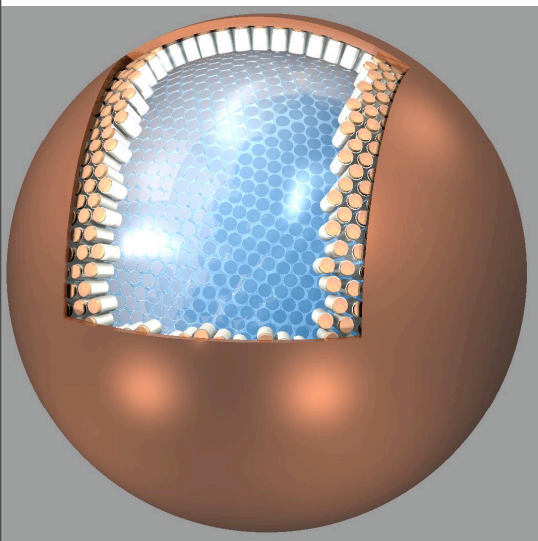


- Alexandre Kozlov as a distinguished postdoc
- convert KamLAND to a new kind of experiment
- Can anti-neutrinos turn into neutrinos?
- Why do we exist in our universe?

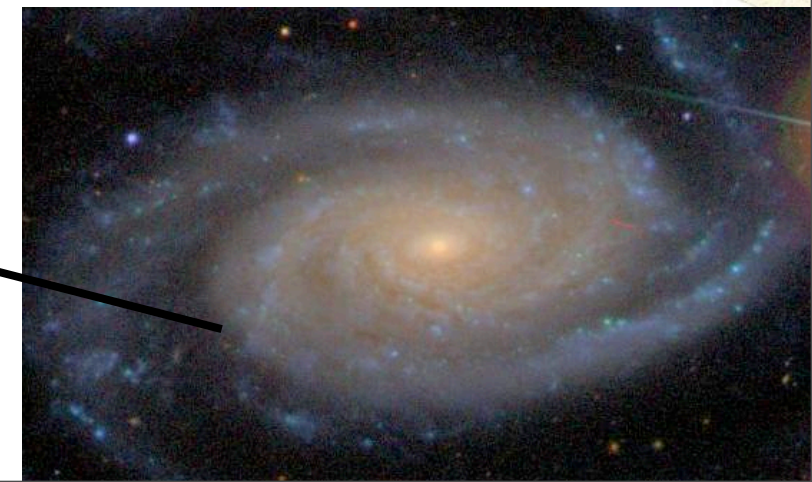
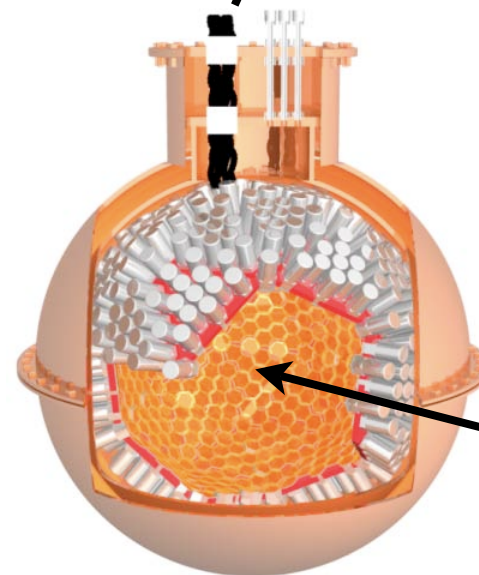
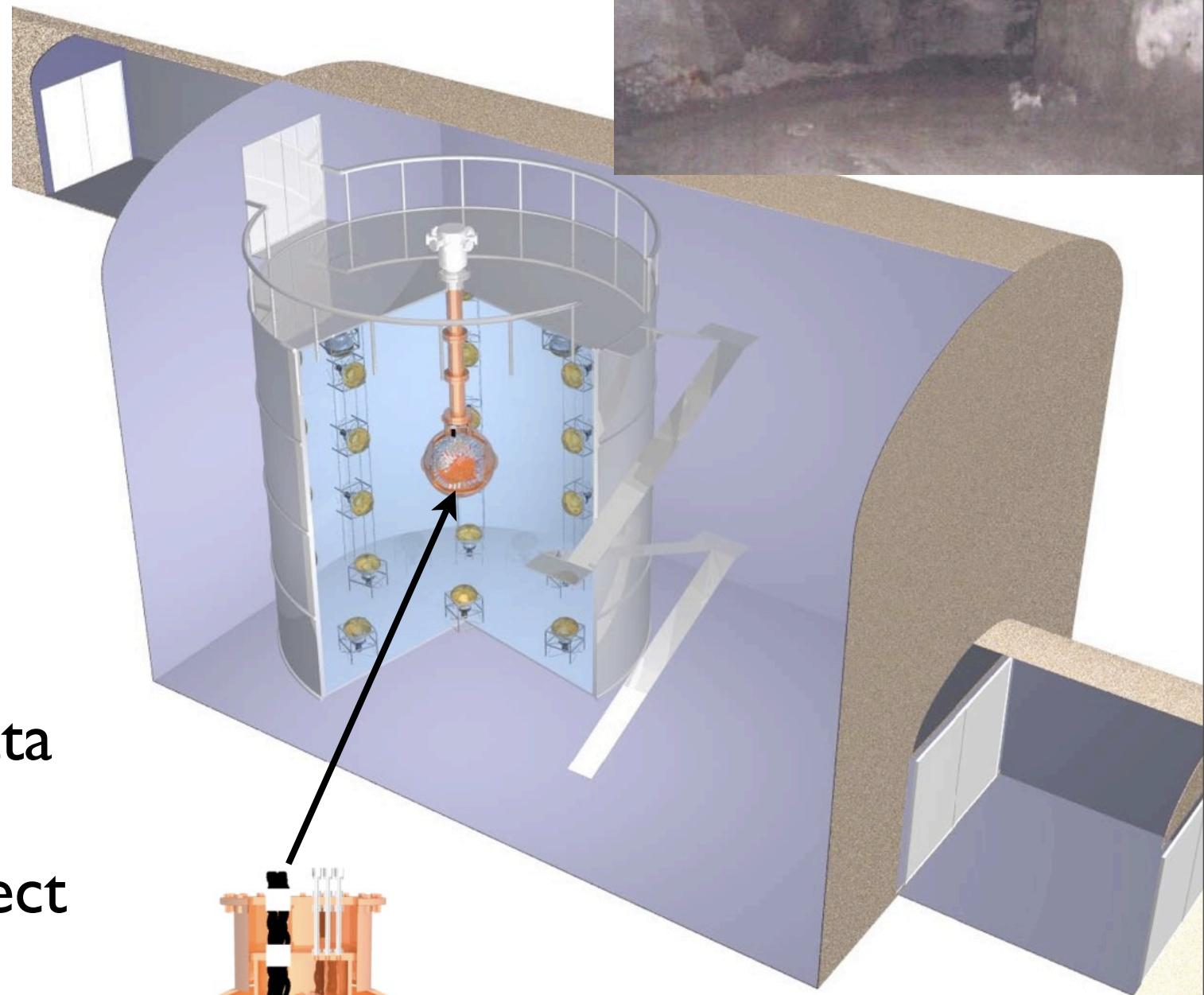


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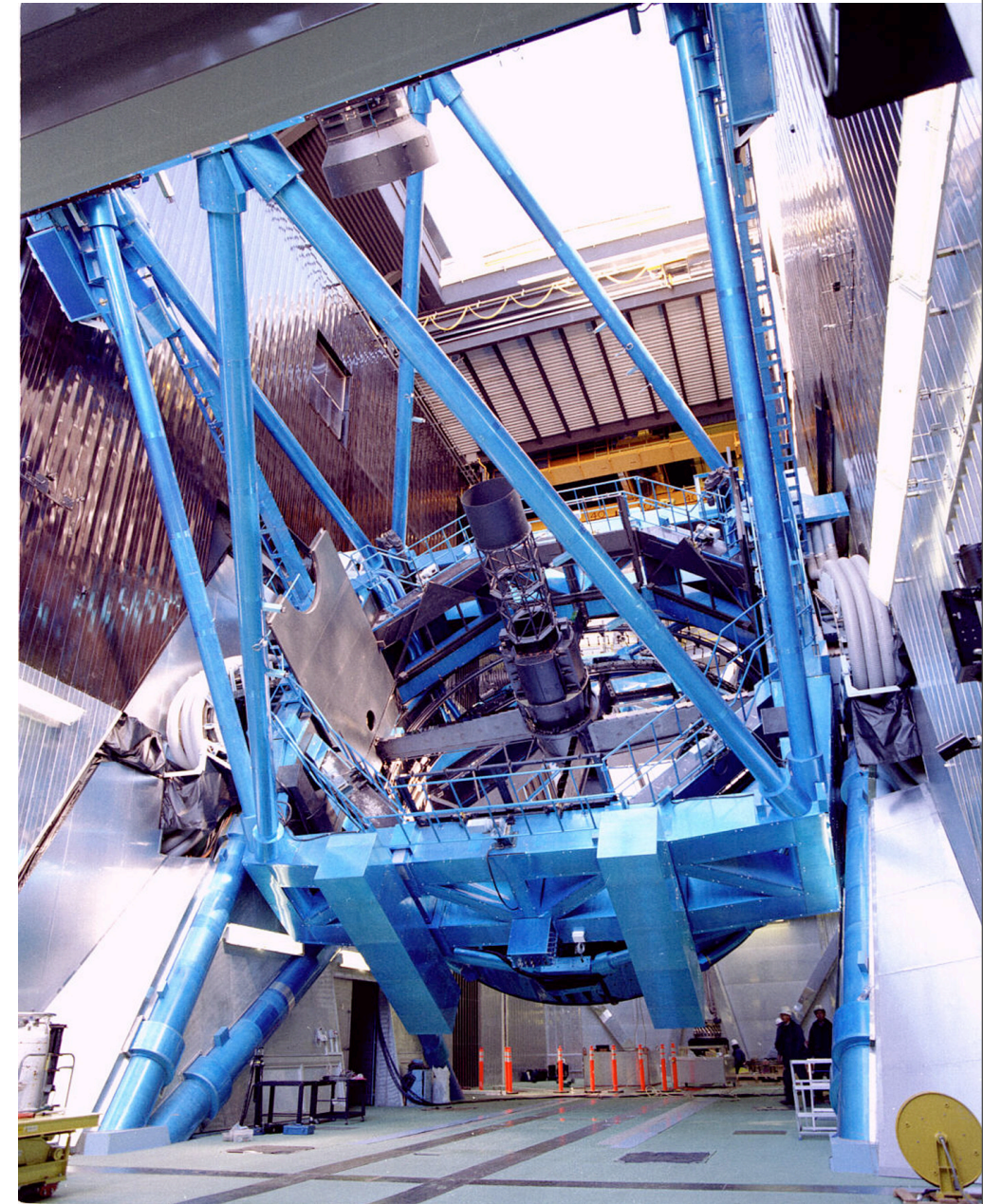


- Trying to **detect dark matter directly**
- 800kg liquid Xe
- PIs Suzuki and Nakahata and Assoc Prof. Kai Martens lead the project
- start data taking ~2010



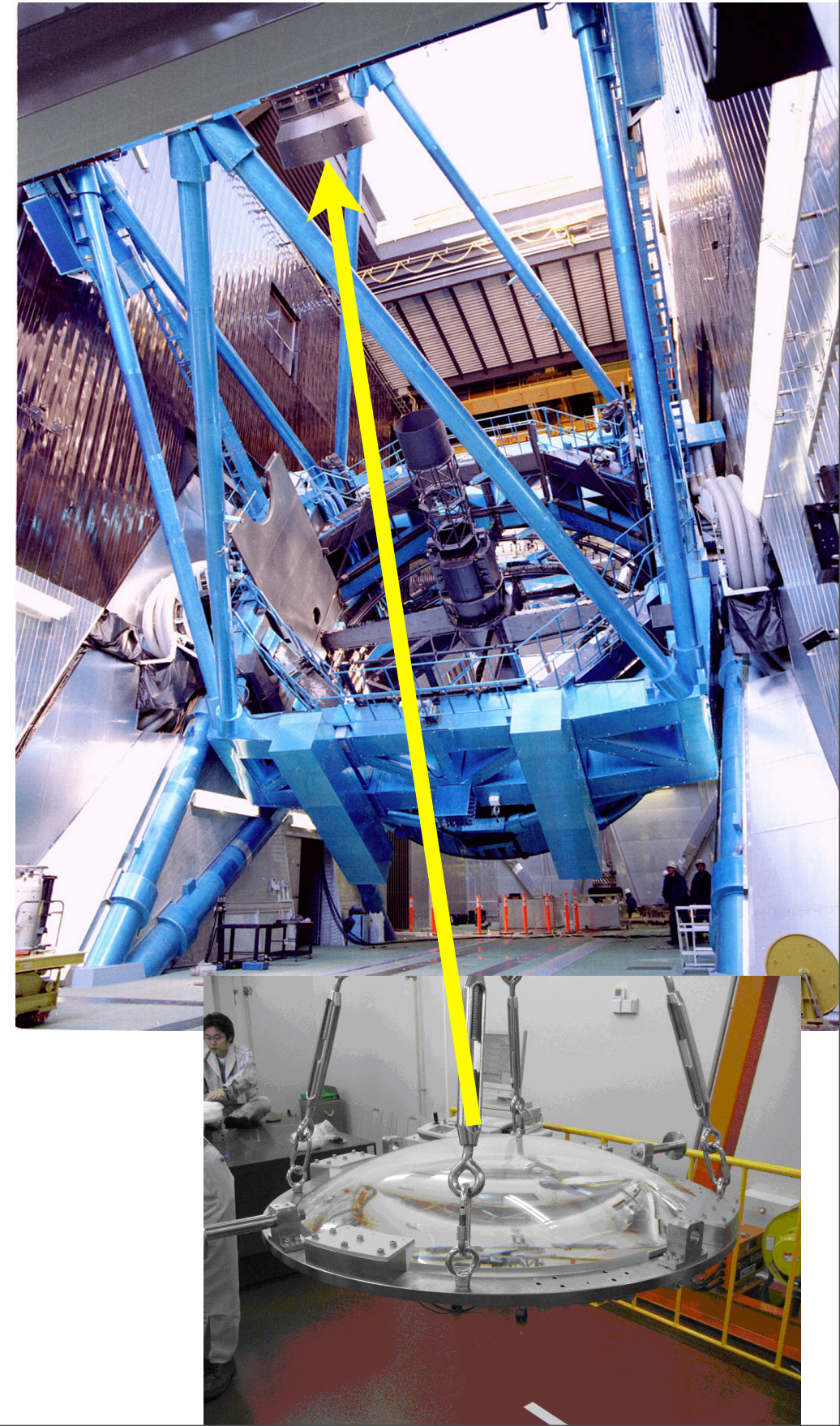
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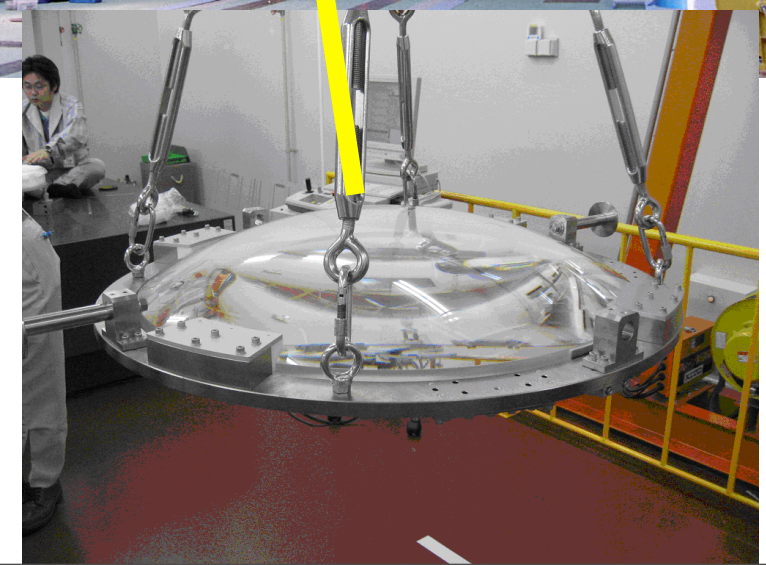
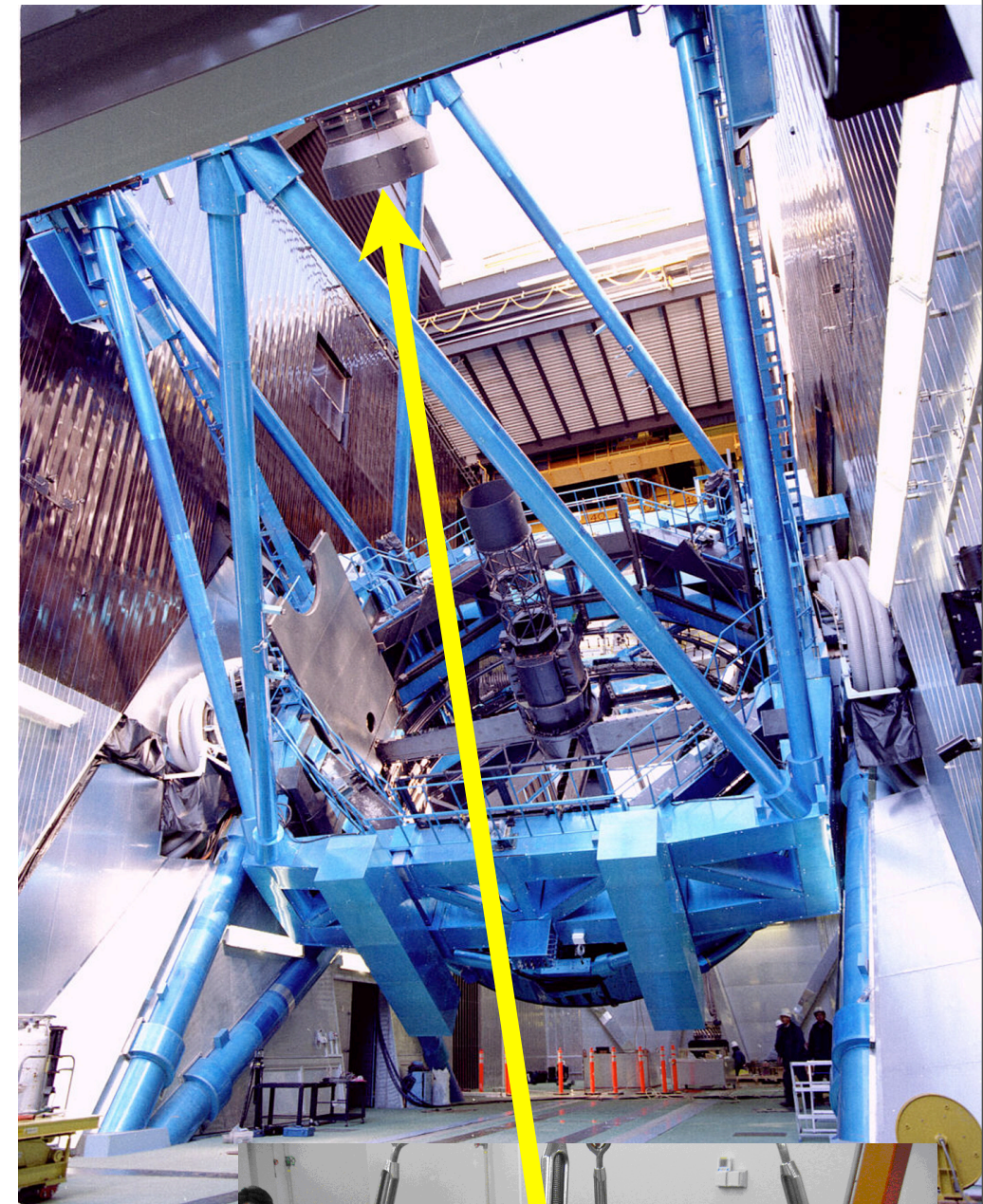
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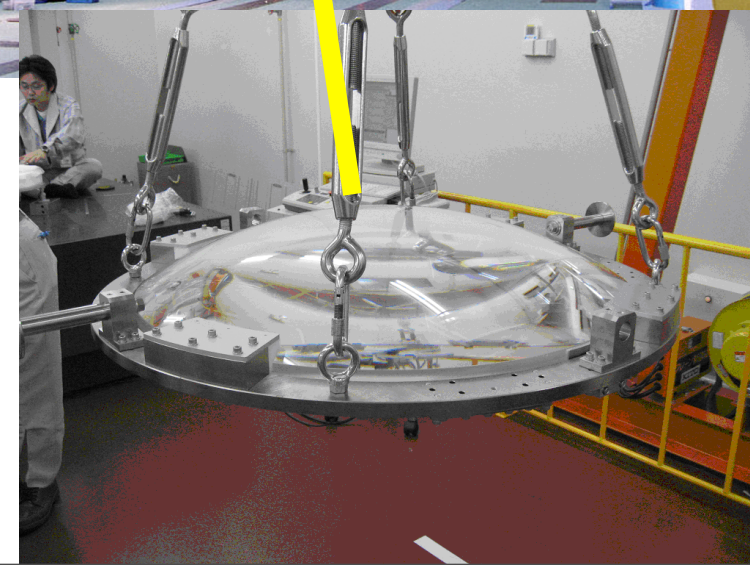
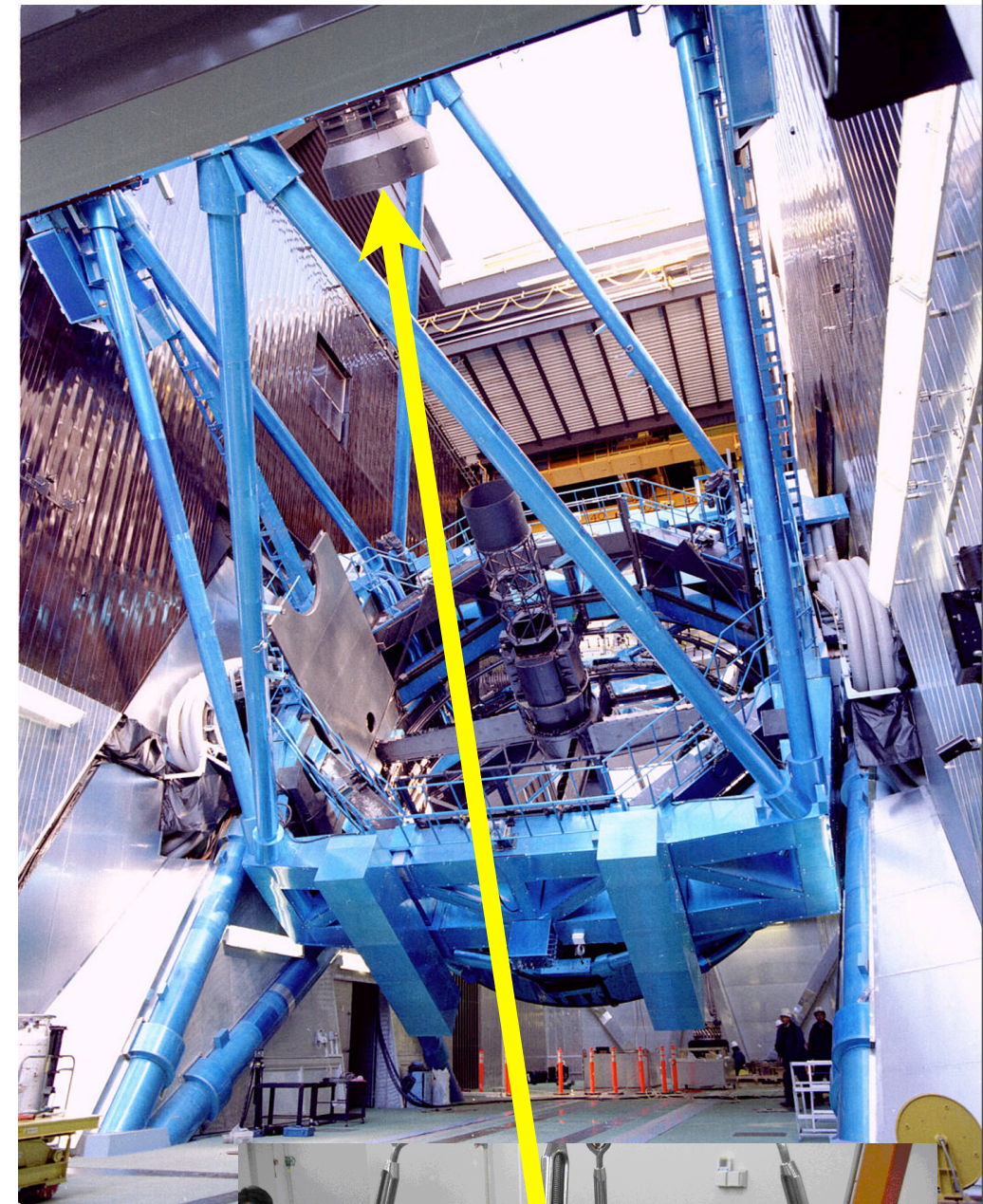
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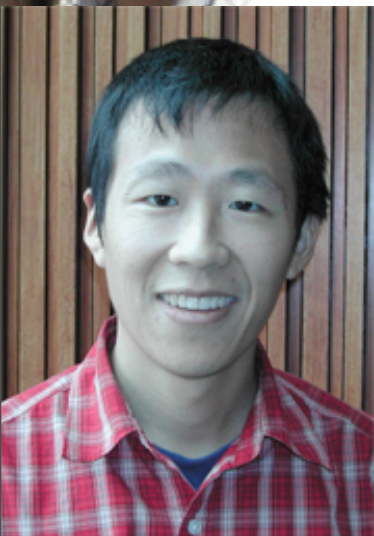




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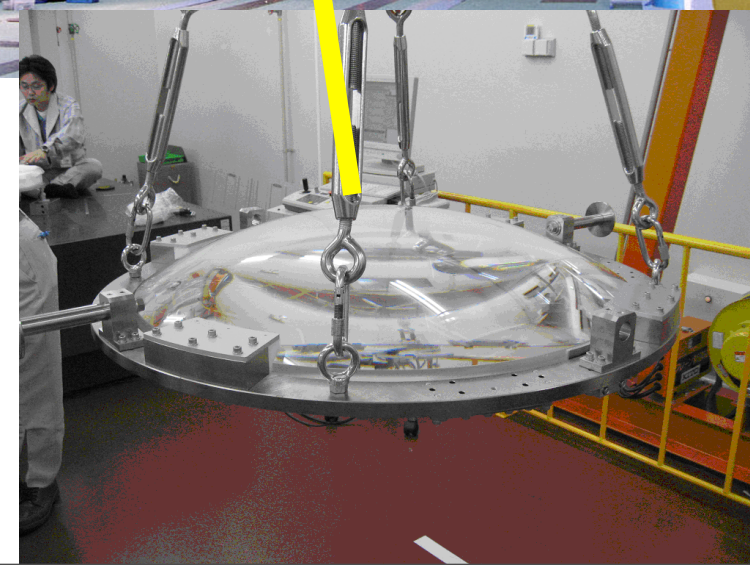
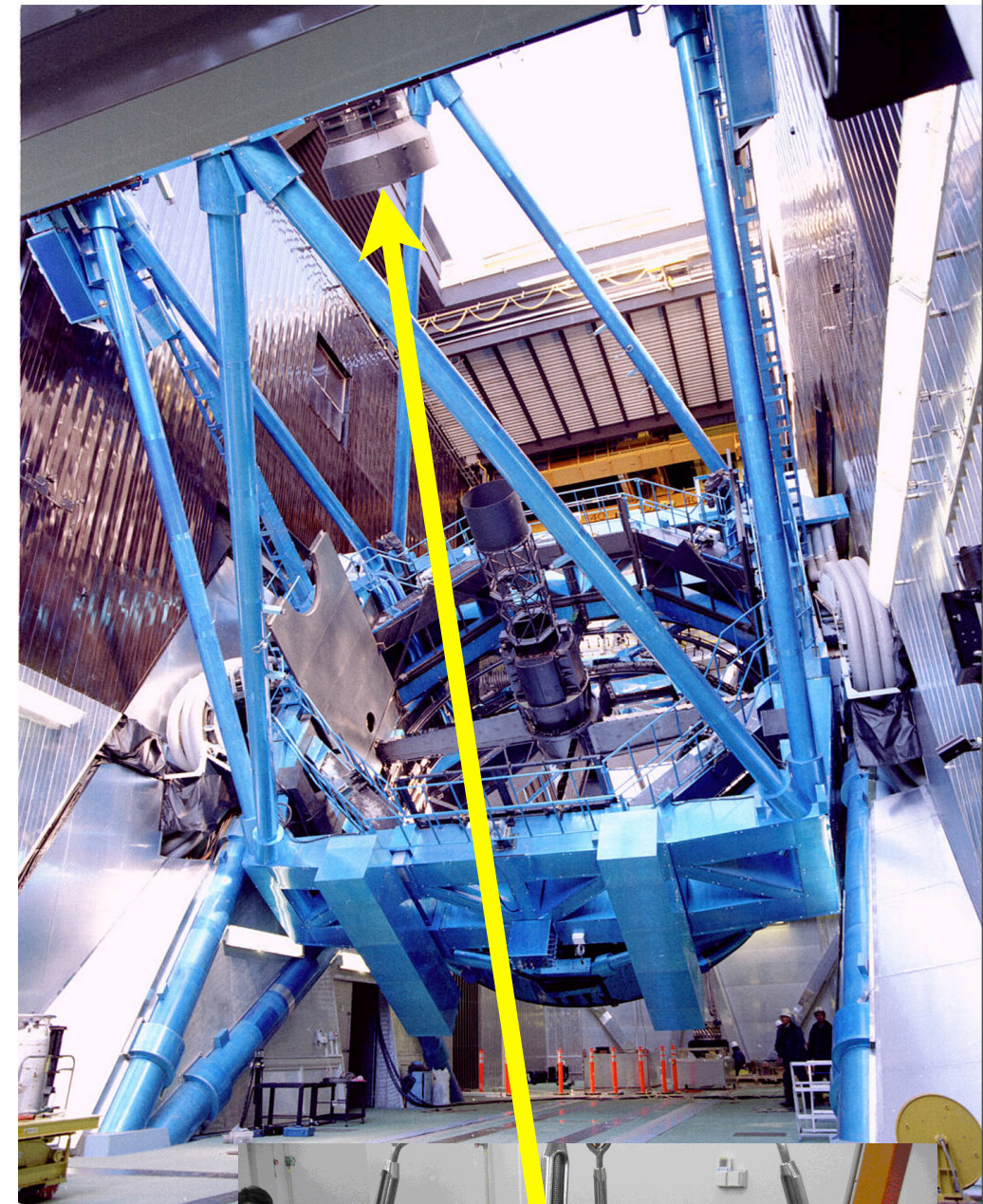




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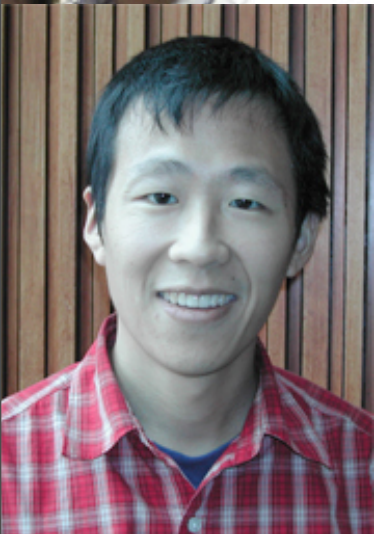
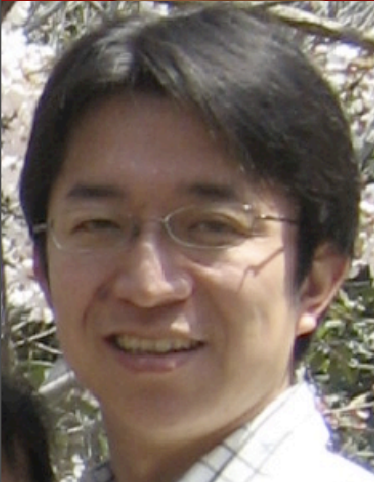
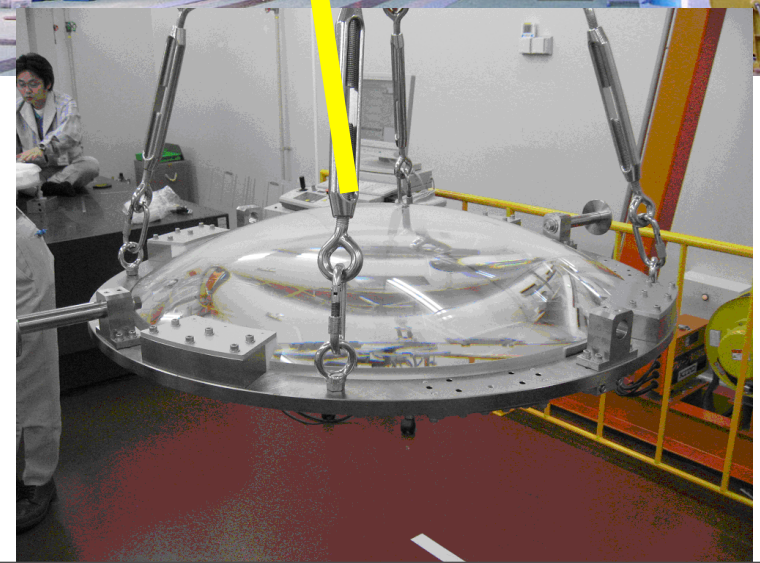
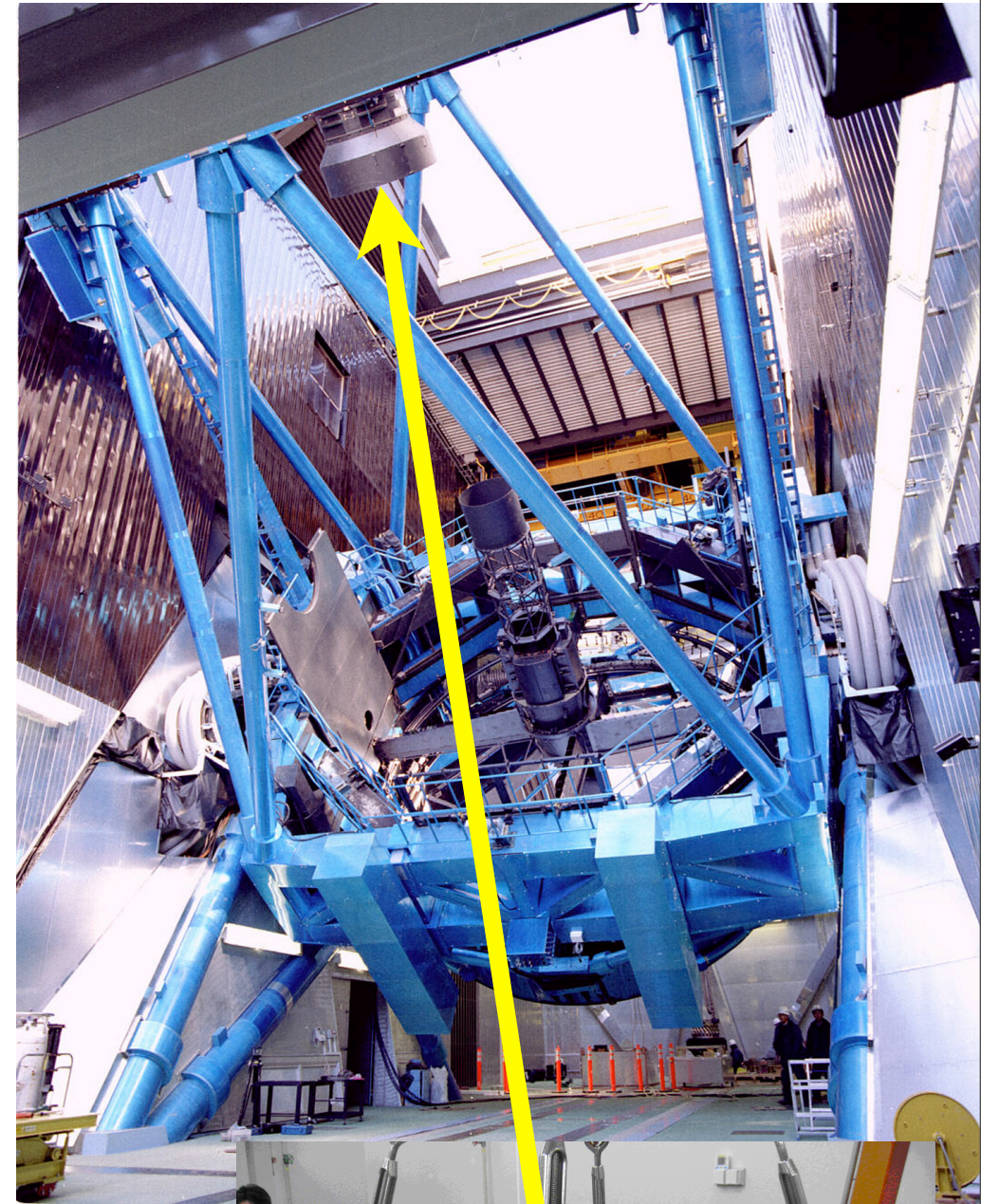


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SDSS-III

- **need data** ASAP to attract the best astrophysicists
- we also need to nurture observational cosmology in Japan
- Sloan Digital Sky Survey III
- Build **3D map of galaxies**
- constrain **properties of the dark energy**

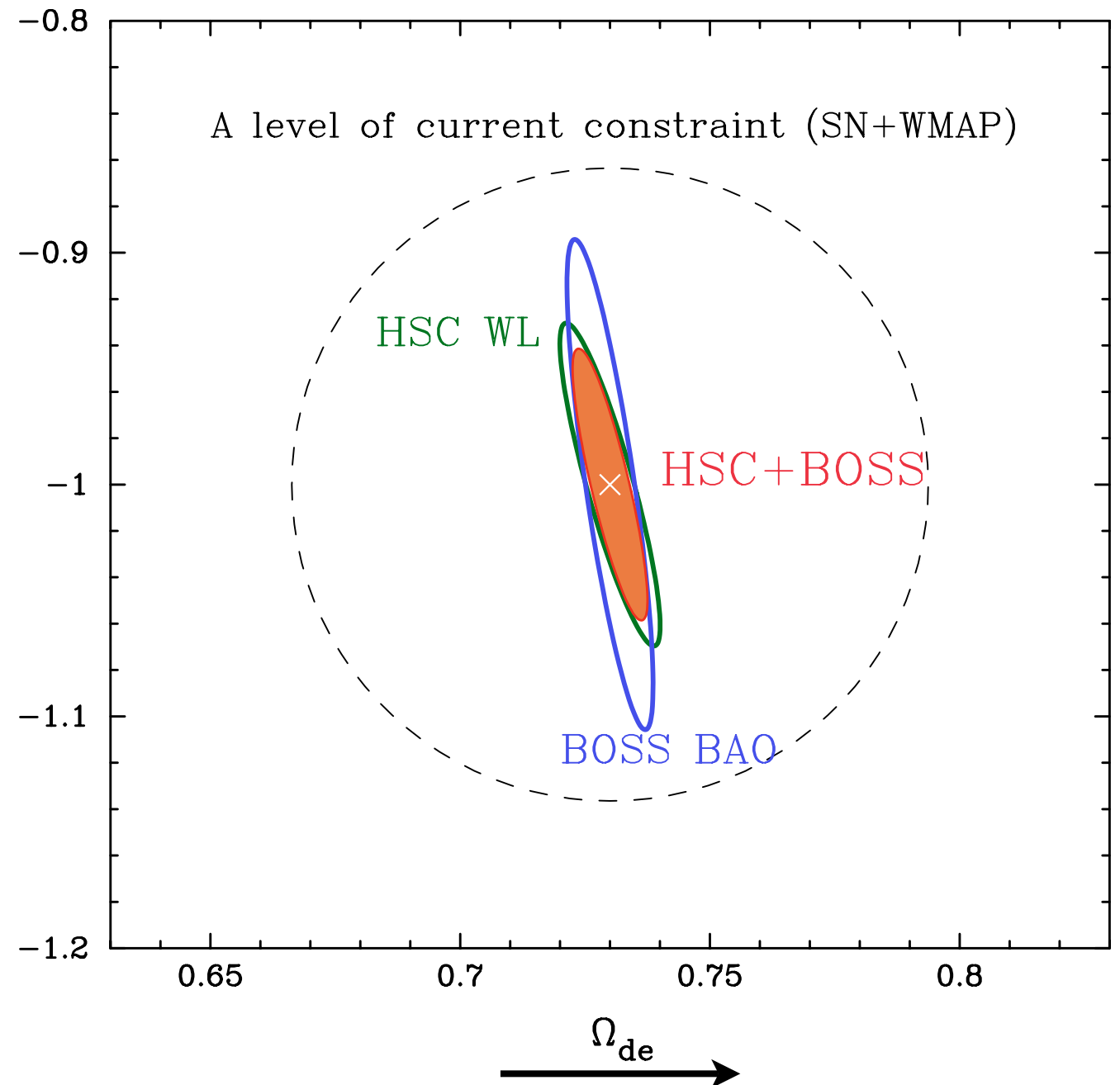
Takada, Yoshida, Fukugita, Spergel



Power of Combination

- SDSS and HSC with **very different systematics**
- give **confidence** to the result
- *How fast is dark energy creating energy?*
- *Is dark energy “alive”?*

How fast dark energy is increasing
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How much dark energy there is

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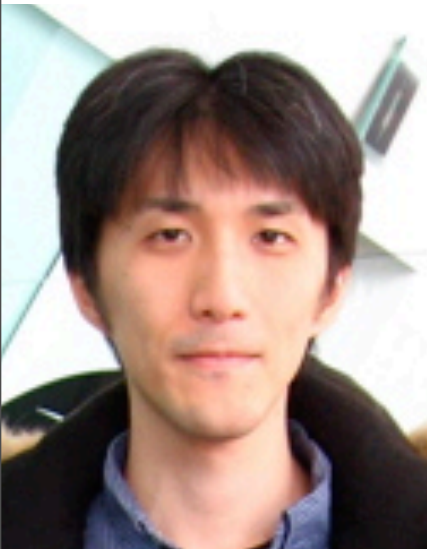
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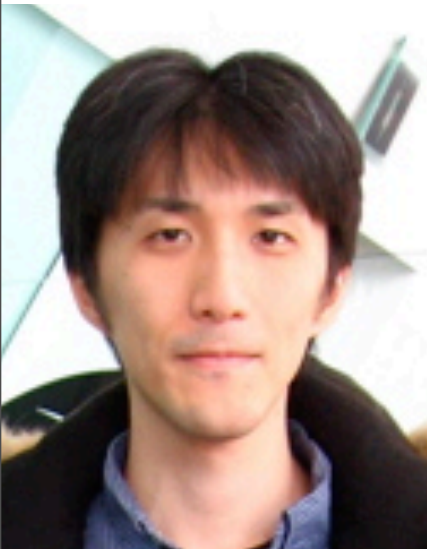
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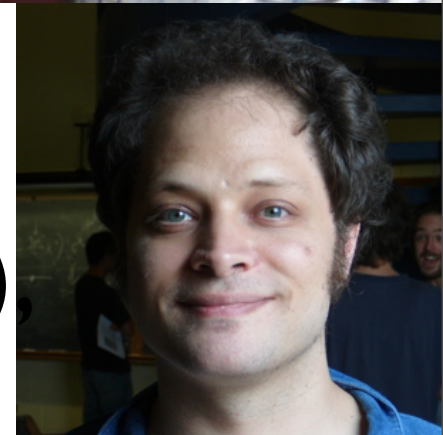
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Since Launch

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- AMS (American **Mathematical** Society)
Inaugural Eisenbud Prize
- Humboldt Research Award

Masahiro Takada (Assoc Prof)

- ASJ (Astronomical Society of Japan)
Young Astronomer Award

Naoki Yoshida (Assoc Prof)

- IUPAP (International Union of Pure and Applied Physics) Young Physicist's Award
- 117 media coverages** (67 newspaper articles
one national TV news (NHK) coverage



World-wide search

Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe at University of Tokyo was launched October 1, 2007, and intends to appoint approximately 20 people this round of hiring cycle. We have opening at all levels, 3-year postdocs, 5-year assistant professors with possible extension for 5 more years, and associate and full professors for 10 years. We have generous travel and research support to our staffs.

The goal of the institute is to discover the fundamental laws of nature and to understand the universe from the synergistic perspectives mathematics, statistics, theoretical and experimental physics, and astronomy. We are particularly interested in candidates with broad interests to interact with people from other subfields.

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The applications should include CV, research statement, publication list, and recommendation letters (at least three for postdocs and assistant professors, six for associate and full professors). They should be sent electronically to <http://ipmu.u-tokyo.ac.jp/applications/> The search is open until filled, but we will start reviewing the applications starting Dec 1.

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World-wide search

Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe at University of Tokyo was launched October 1, 2007, and intends to appoint approximately 20 people this round of hiring cycle. We have opening at all levels, 3-year postdocs, 5-year assistant professors with possible extension for 5 more years, and associate and full professors for 10 years. We have generous travel and research support to our staffs.

The goal of the institute is to discover the fundamental laws of nature and to understand the universe from the synergistic perspectives mathematics, statistics, theoretical and experimental physics, and astronomy. We are particularly interested in candidates with broad interests to interact with people from other subfields.

The initial focus of the Institute includes: all areas of mathematics that are relevant to our goal, including geometry, algebra, analysis, and statistics; string theory and mathematical physics; cosmology and astrophysics theory including cosmological inflation, stellar dynamics; observations on dark energy properties, galaxy surveys, cosmic microwave background; Water Cherenkov, organic liquid scintillator and Xenon experiments; ATLAS experiment at LHC, collider phenomenology, models of physics beyond the standard model, and particle cosmology. However candidates working on other related areas will also be considered.

The applications should include CV, research statement, publication list, and recommendation letters (at least three for postdocs and assistant professors, six for associate and full professors). They should be sent electronically to <http://ipmu.u-tokyo.ac.jp/applications/> The search is open until filled, but we will start reviewing the applications starting Dec 1.

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>600 applicants
>410 non-japanese

Postdocs

- Made 36 offers, 23 accepted (acceptance 60~70%@Princeton, Berkeley)
- Among 23, 19 non-Japanese, 5 women
- Coming from good Ph.D. institutions: Lyon, Southampton, Harvard, Wisconsin, Seoul, Paris, Princeton, Sussex, Chicago, etc

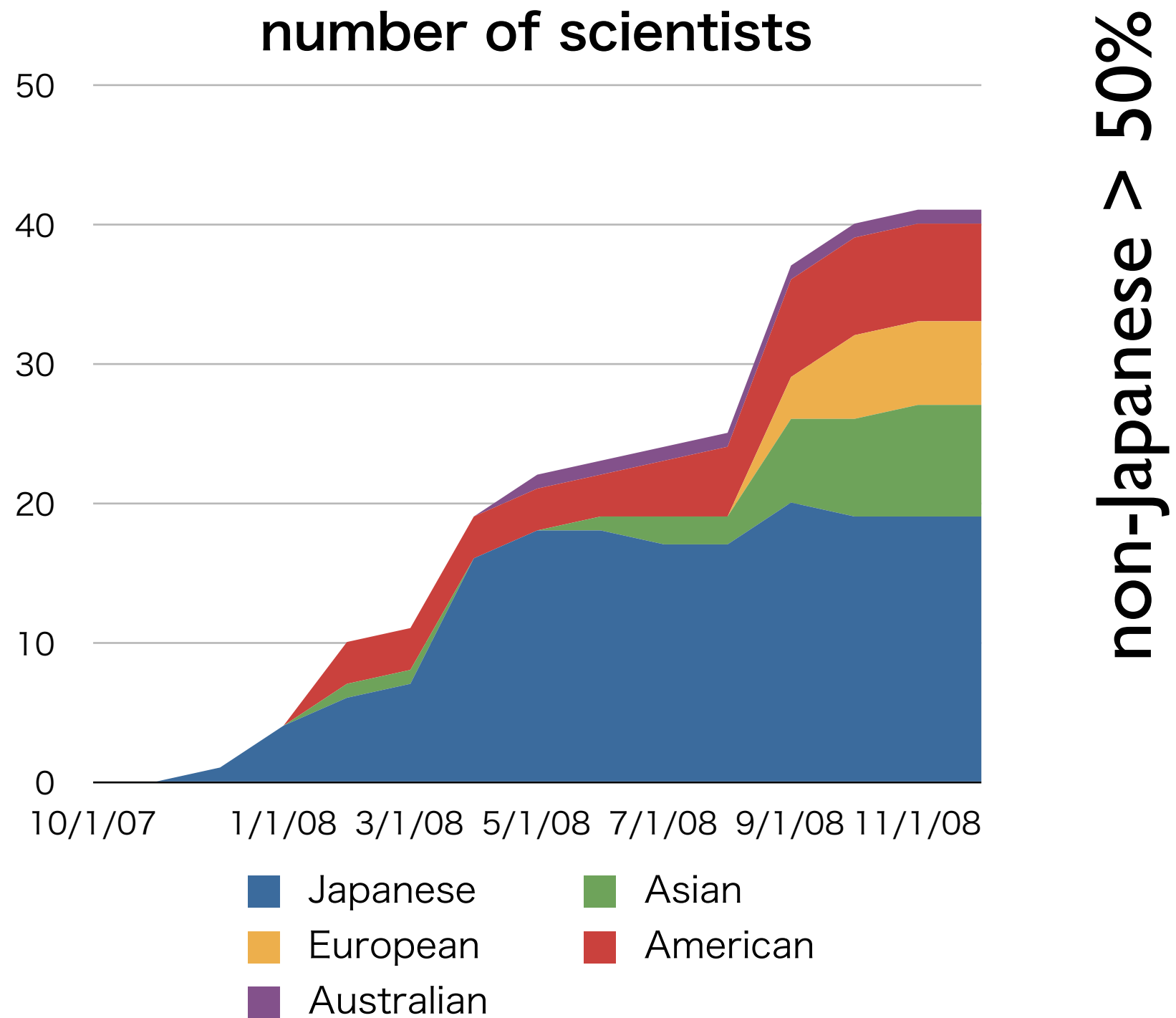
Creative ideas to make the offer attractive

- “shared” postdoc with Berkeley (Marina Cortes), Princeton, DESY, IHES, MPA, CERN
- “*a month a year out of Japan*” policy

We make it easy

- practical information about life in Japan at <http://www.ipmu.jp>
- help getting bank accounts, credit cards
- translators to meet real estate agents
- new intl guesthouse by April 2010
- free Japanese language classes
- merit-based competitive salaries

Full-Time Scientists



Reviews '08

“The Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe (IPMU), the University of Tokyo, has achieved remarkable visibility in a very short time. It has introduced innovative practices not seen elsewhere in Japan. Unlike the four other WPI programs, IPMU is on its way to developing into a global research institute of a type unprecedented in Japan. It is totally new, and truly global.”

They gave us \$0.5M this year!

Conclusions

- IPMU a new institution on basic research in **math**, **particle physics**, **astrophysics**
- **English** is the official language
- ~\$14M/year budget
- will have ~65 FTE, >35 non-Japanese
- with joint appointments and postdocs on grants, aims at **200 heads**
- will have workshops (~once a month), visitor program, postdoc exchanges
- **underground**, **sky**, **laboratory** & theory/math
- looking for collaborative opportunities!

Invitation

- Faculty members can visit
- Postdocs are encouraged to apply to our positions
- Chinese Academy of Sciences has a program to sent graduate students abroad. We particularly welcome students who have passed qualifying exam!