



Collaboration in a Global Setting

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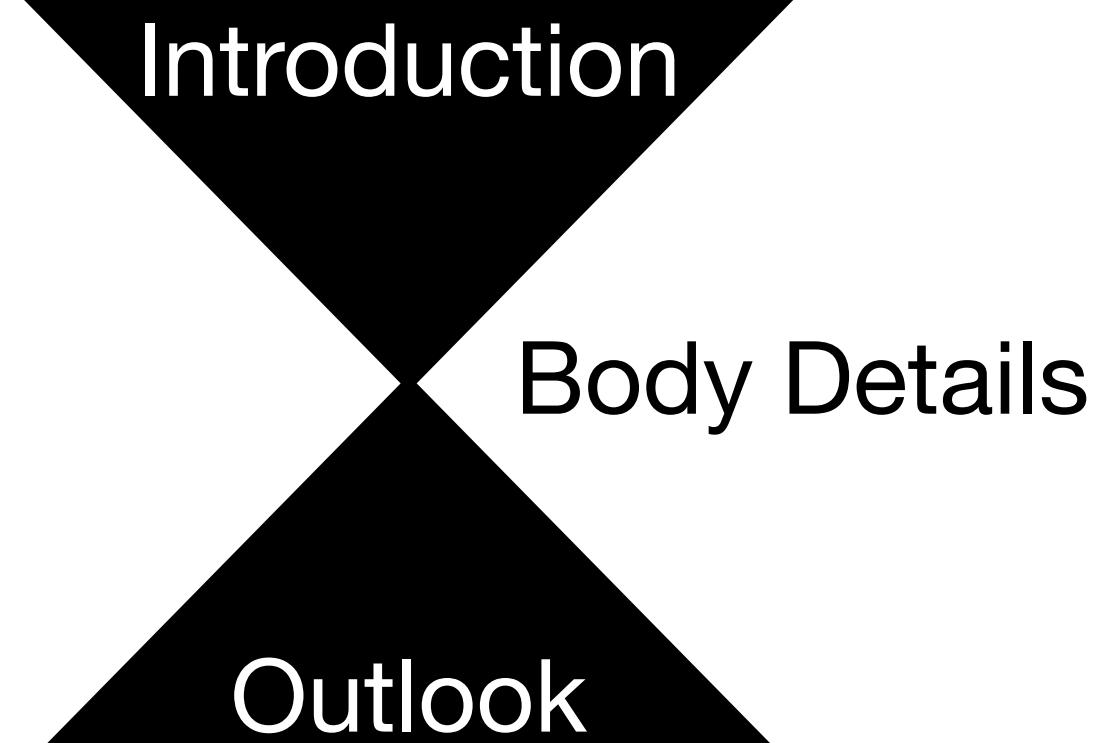
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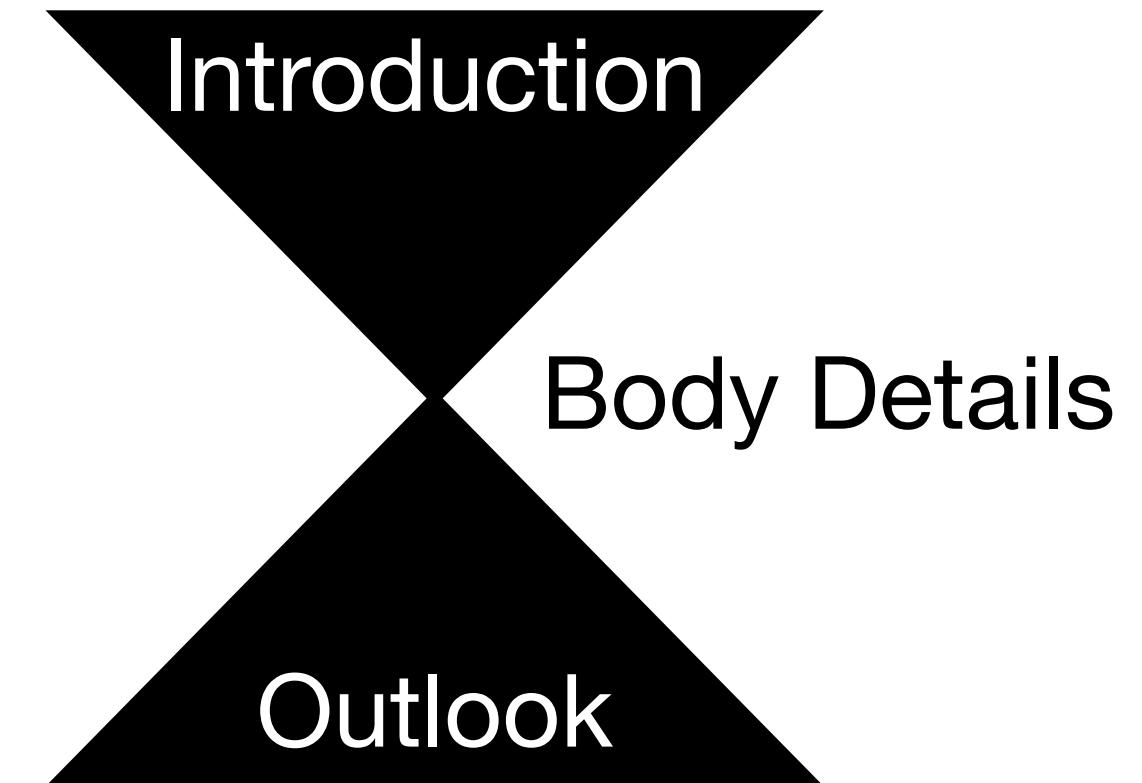
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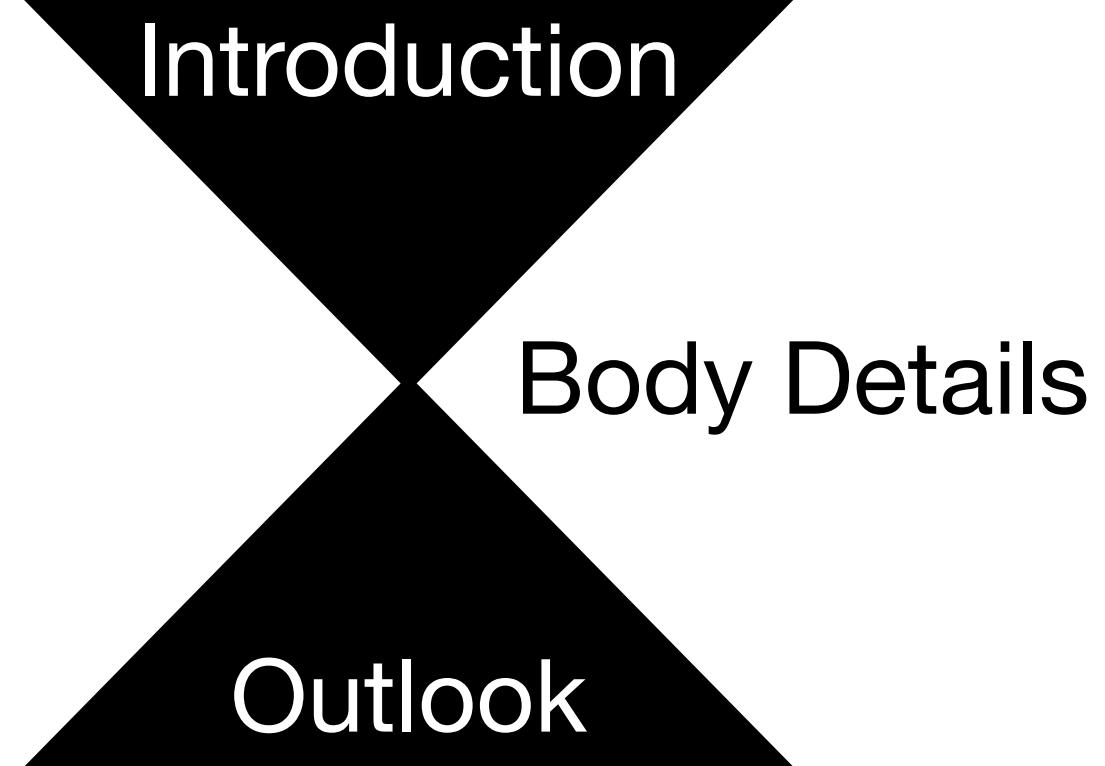
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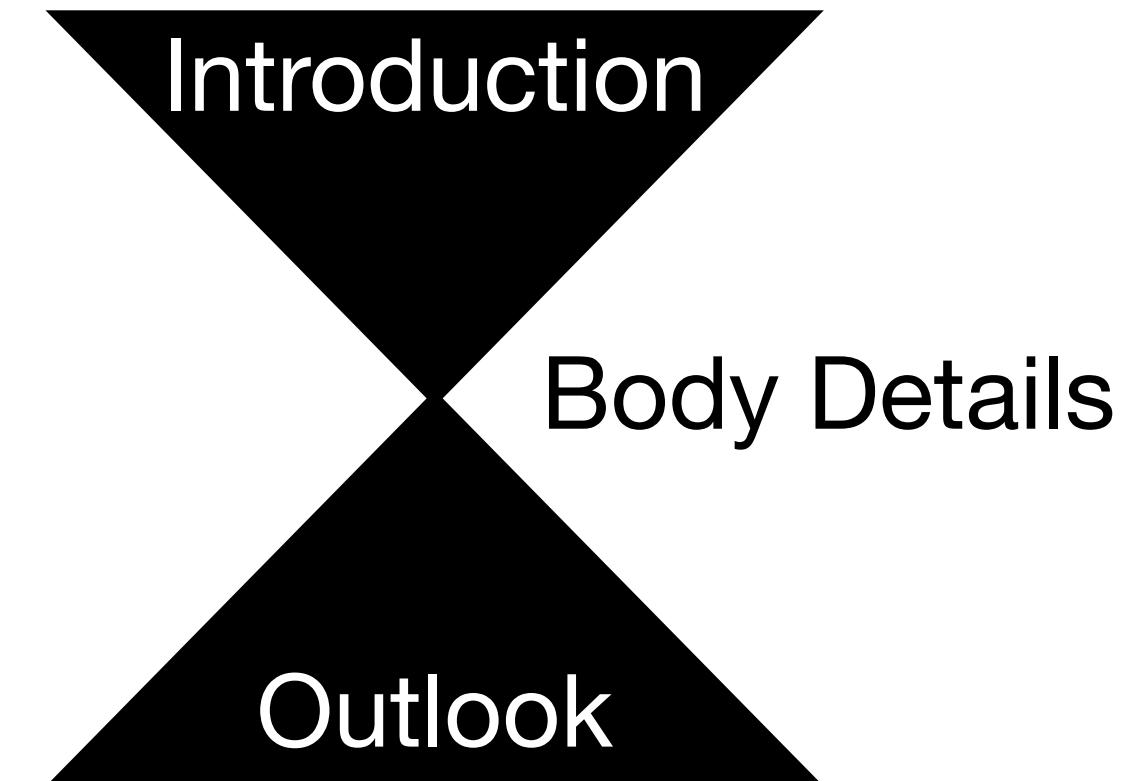
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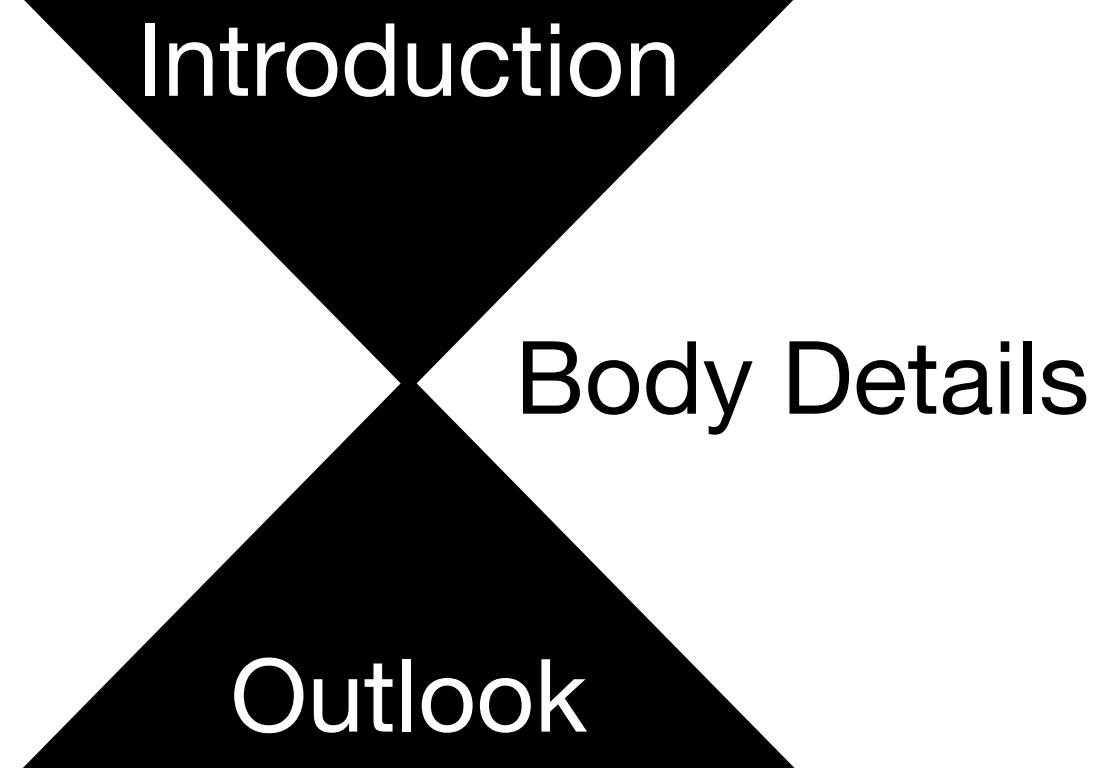
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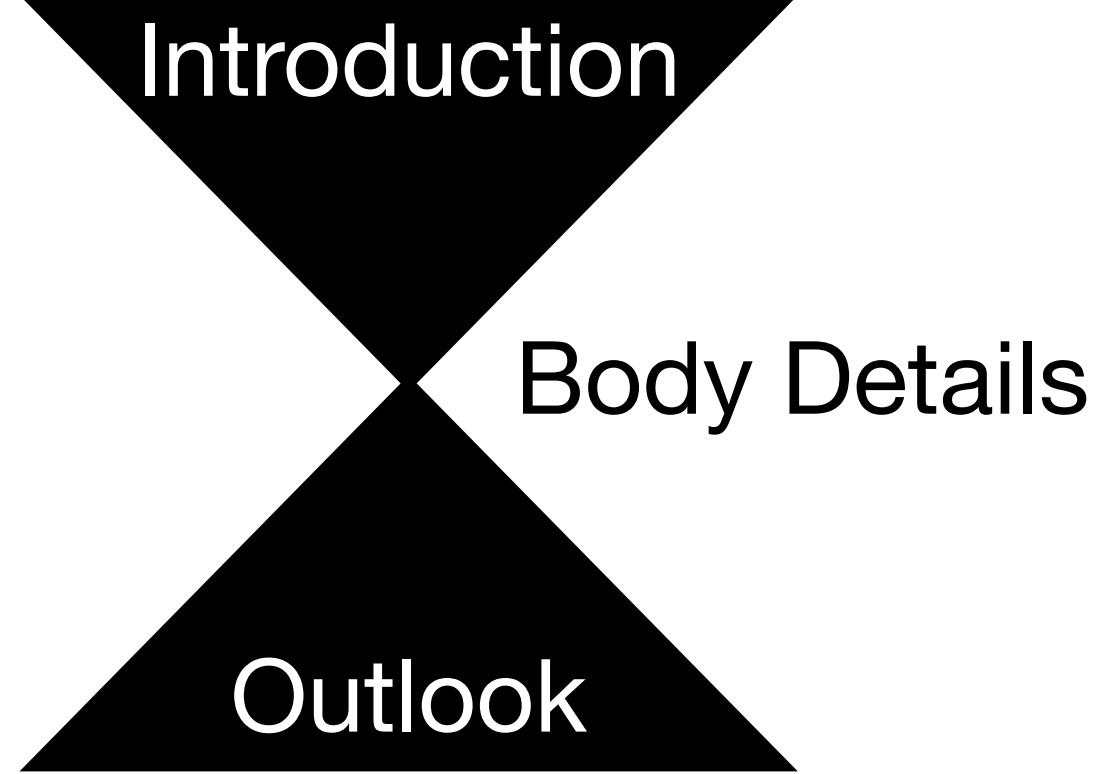
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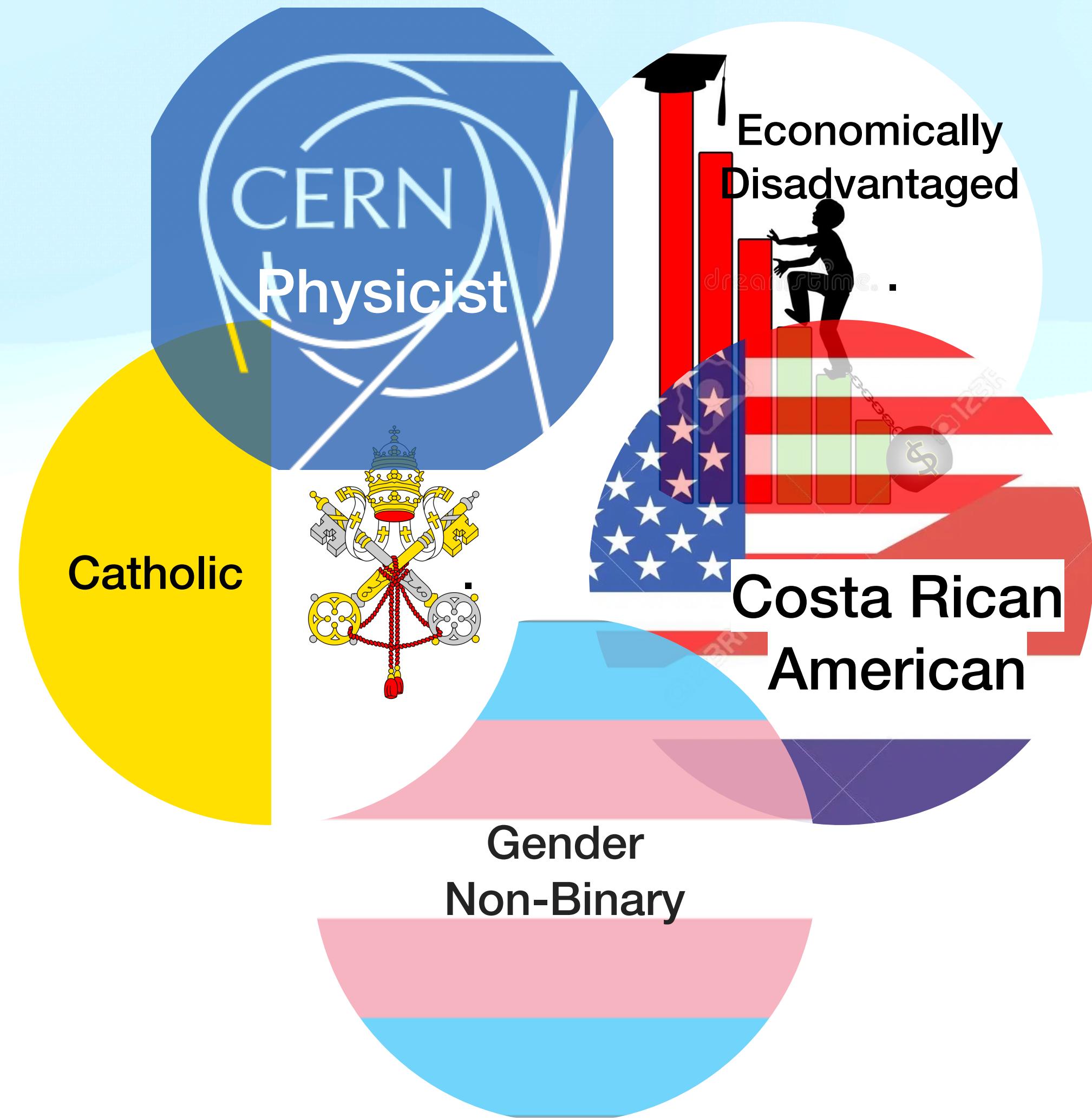
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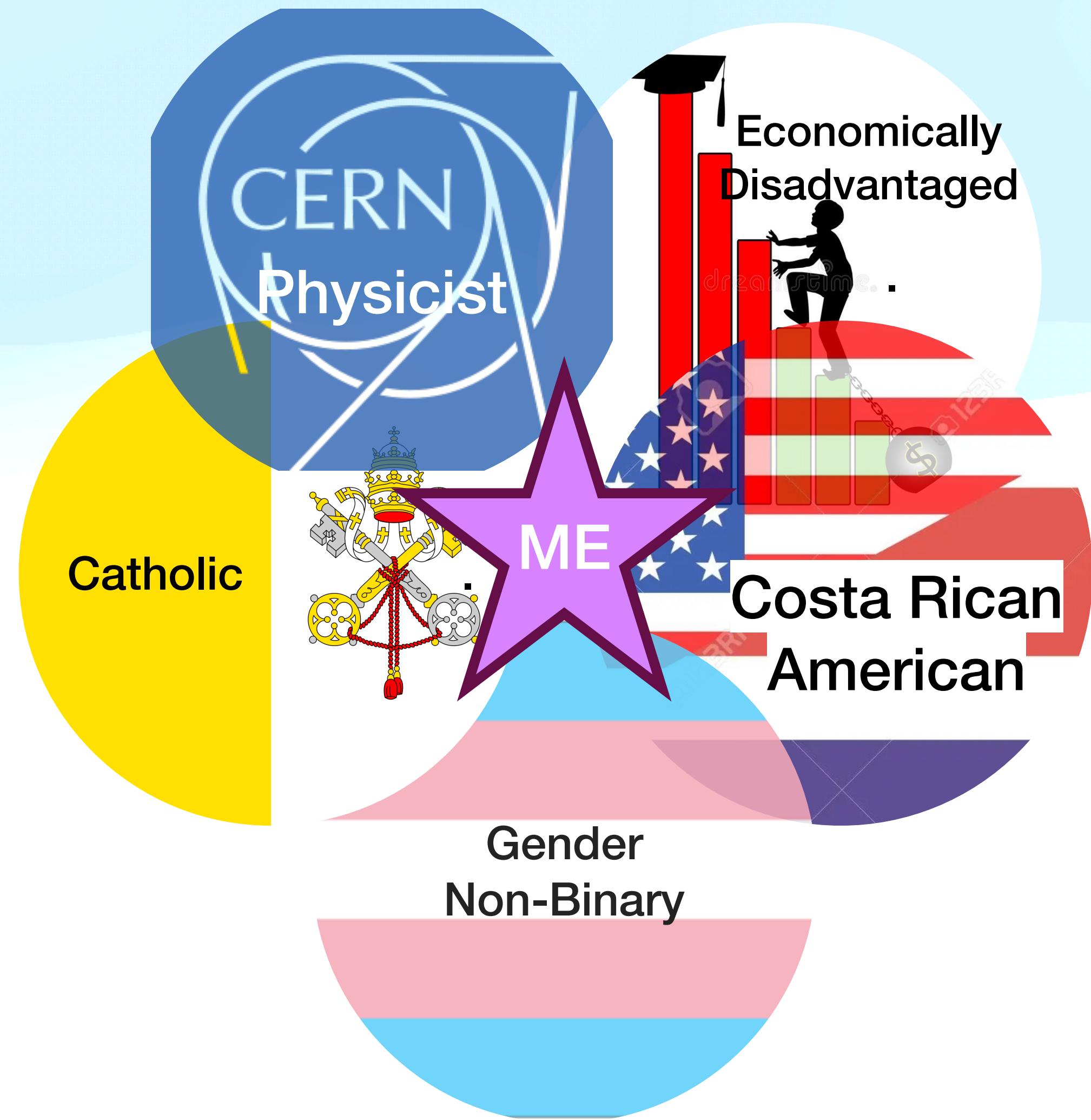
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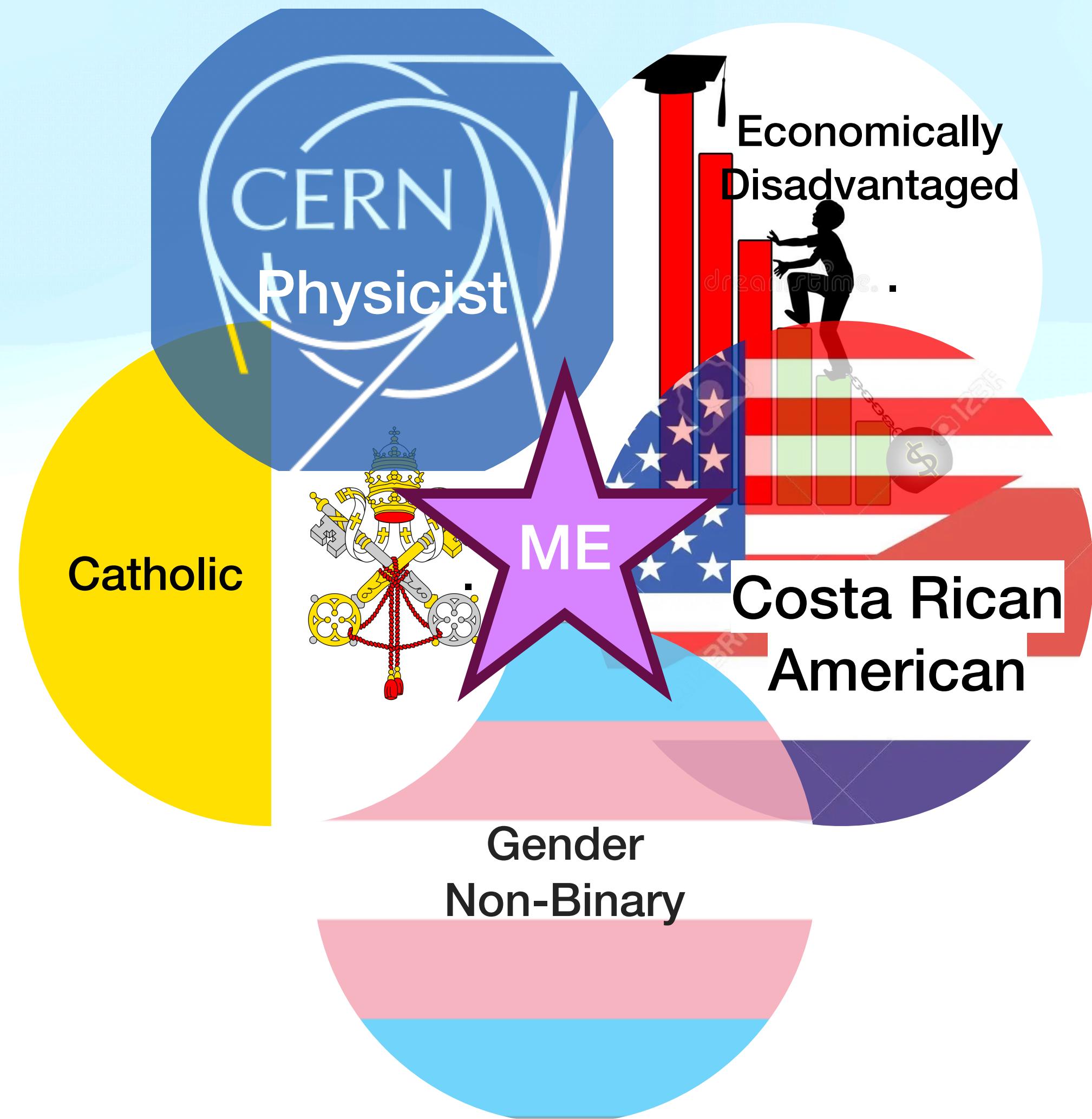
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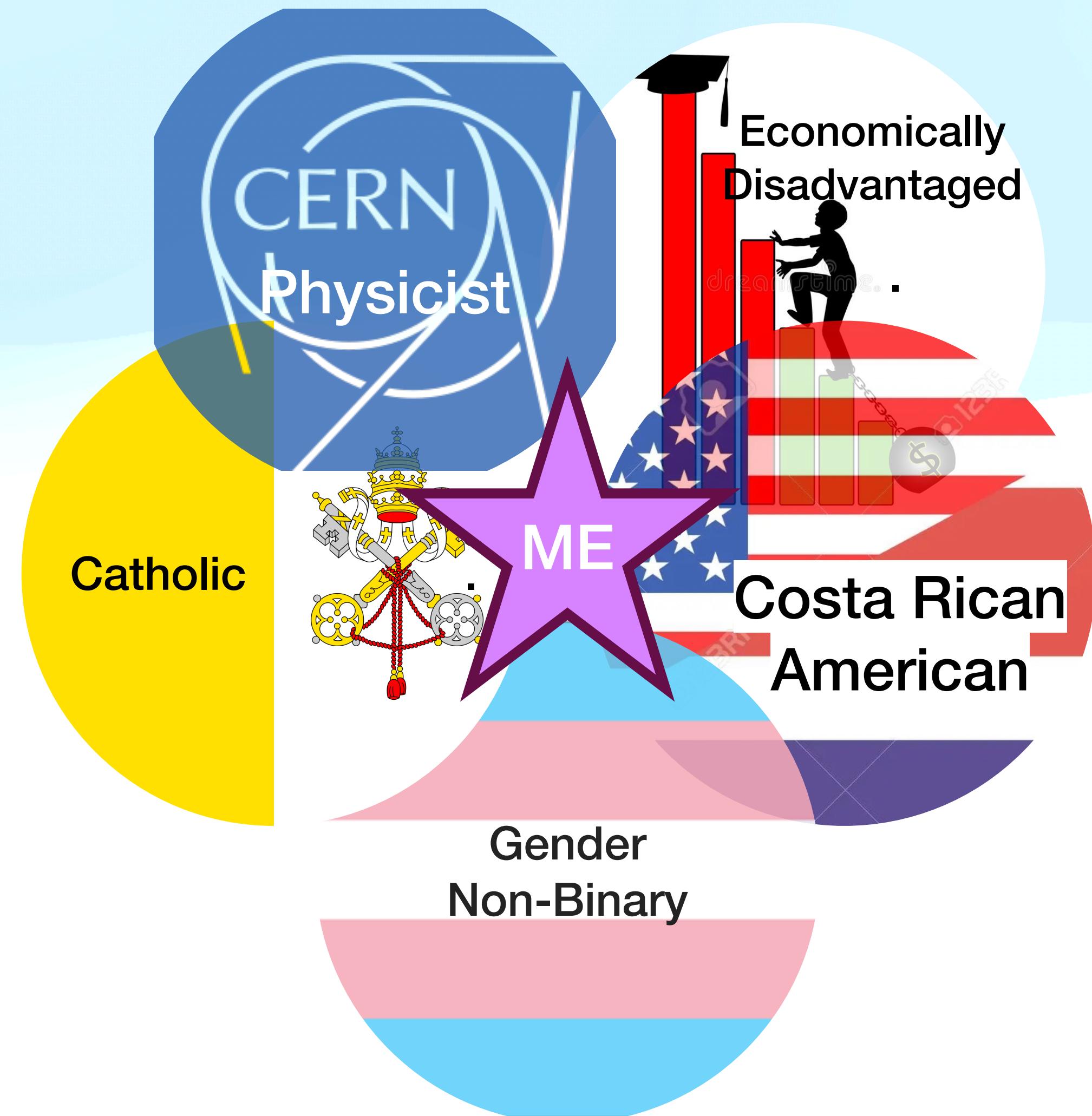
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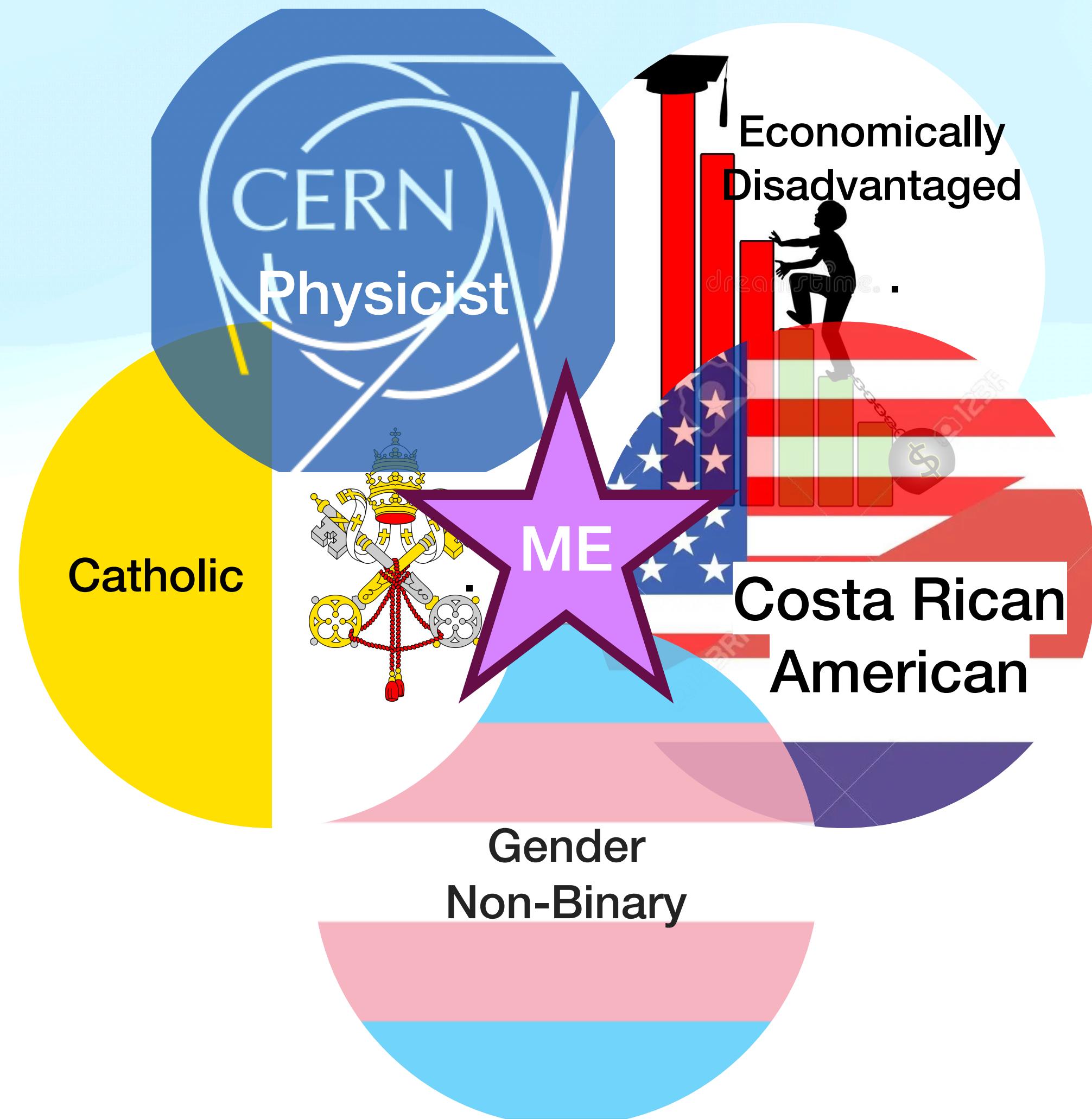
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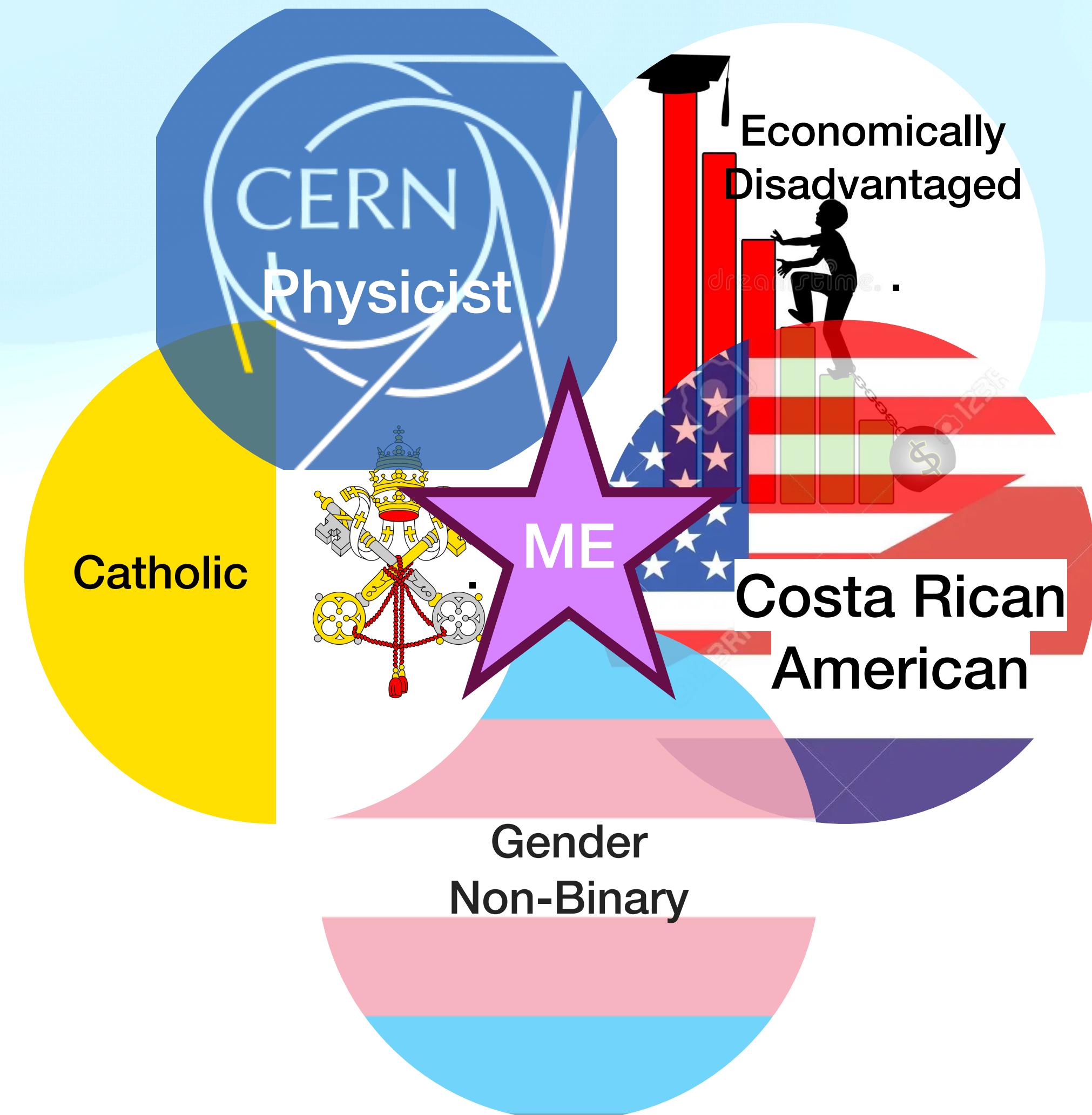
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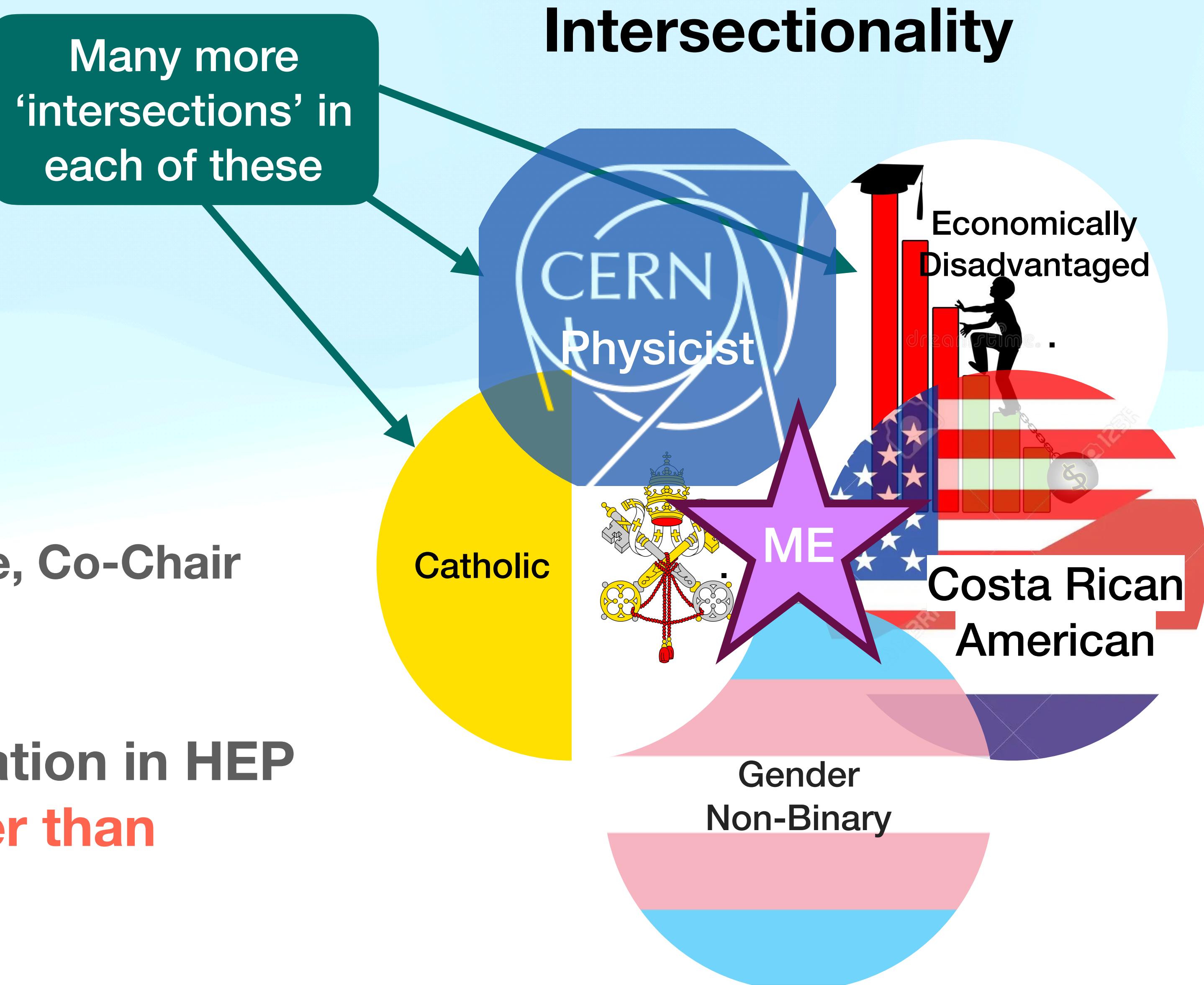
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Better Practices

Use non-exclusionary gender-neutral language

~~He/She~~ → They

Speaking other languages often due of diverse team but can be exclusionary

Be compassionate, give reasonable benefit of doubt

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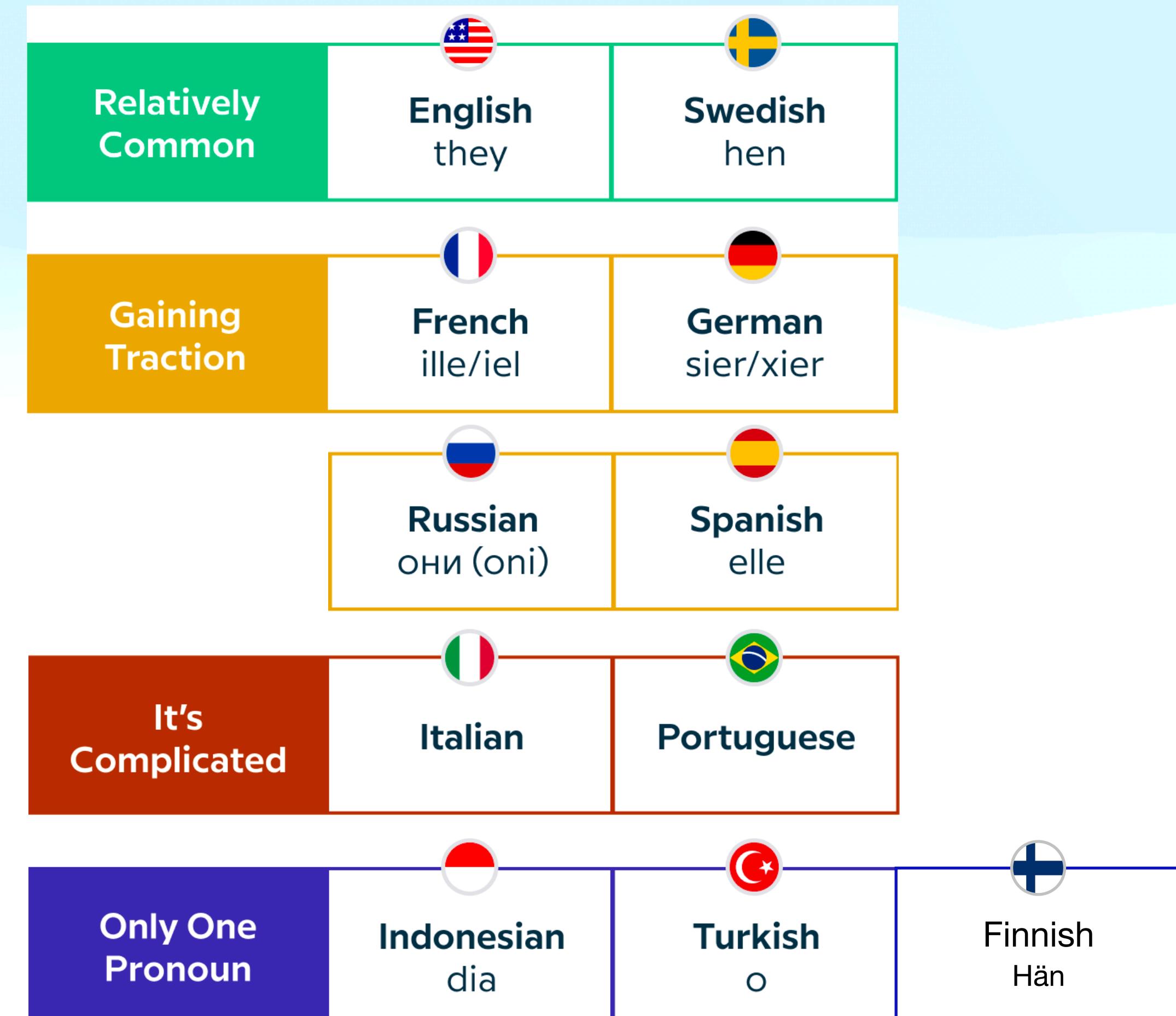
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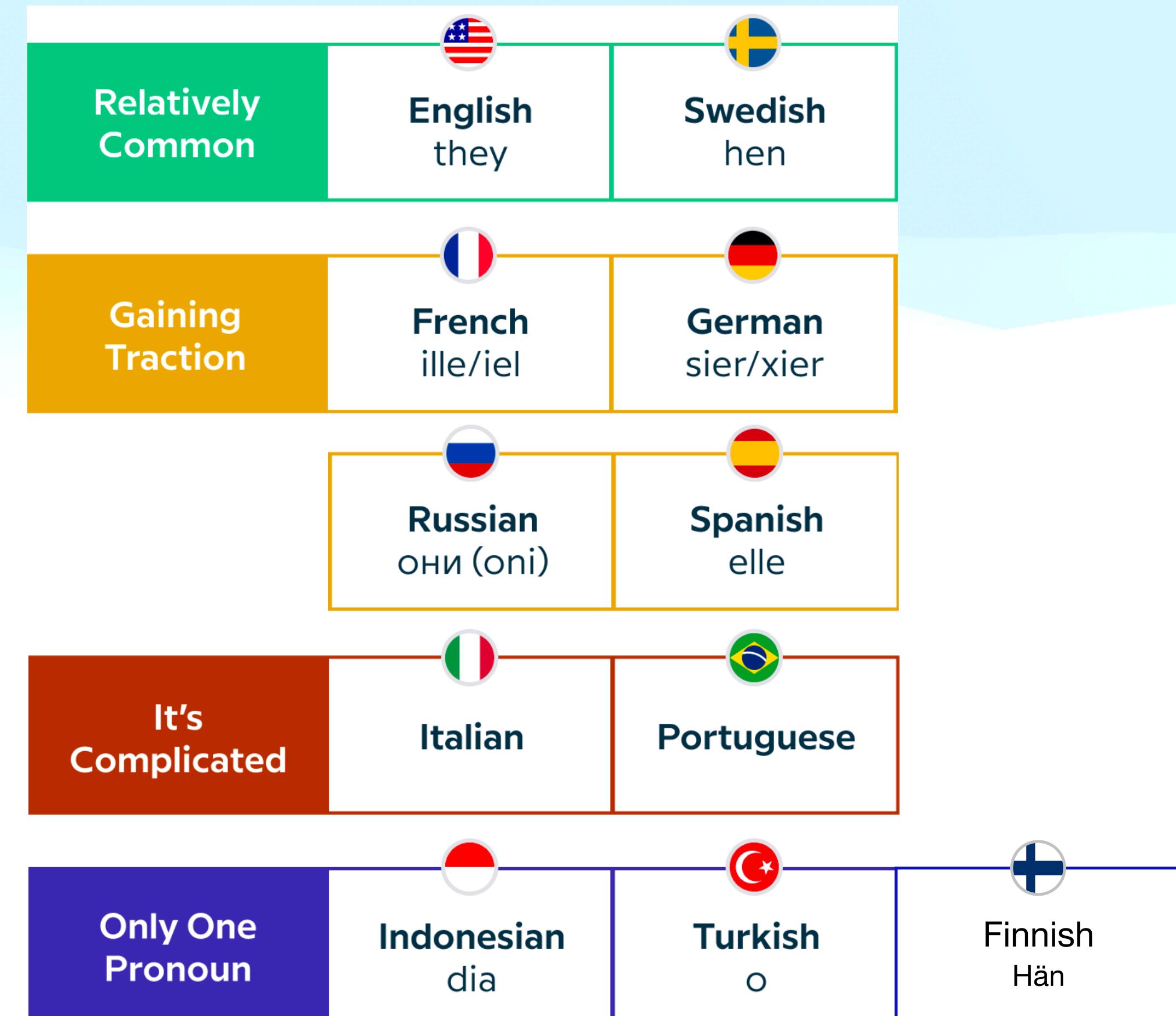
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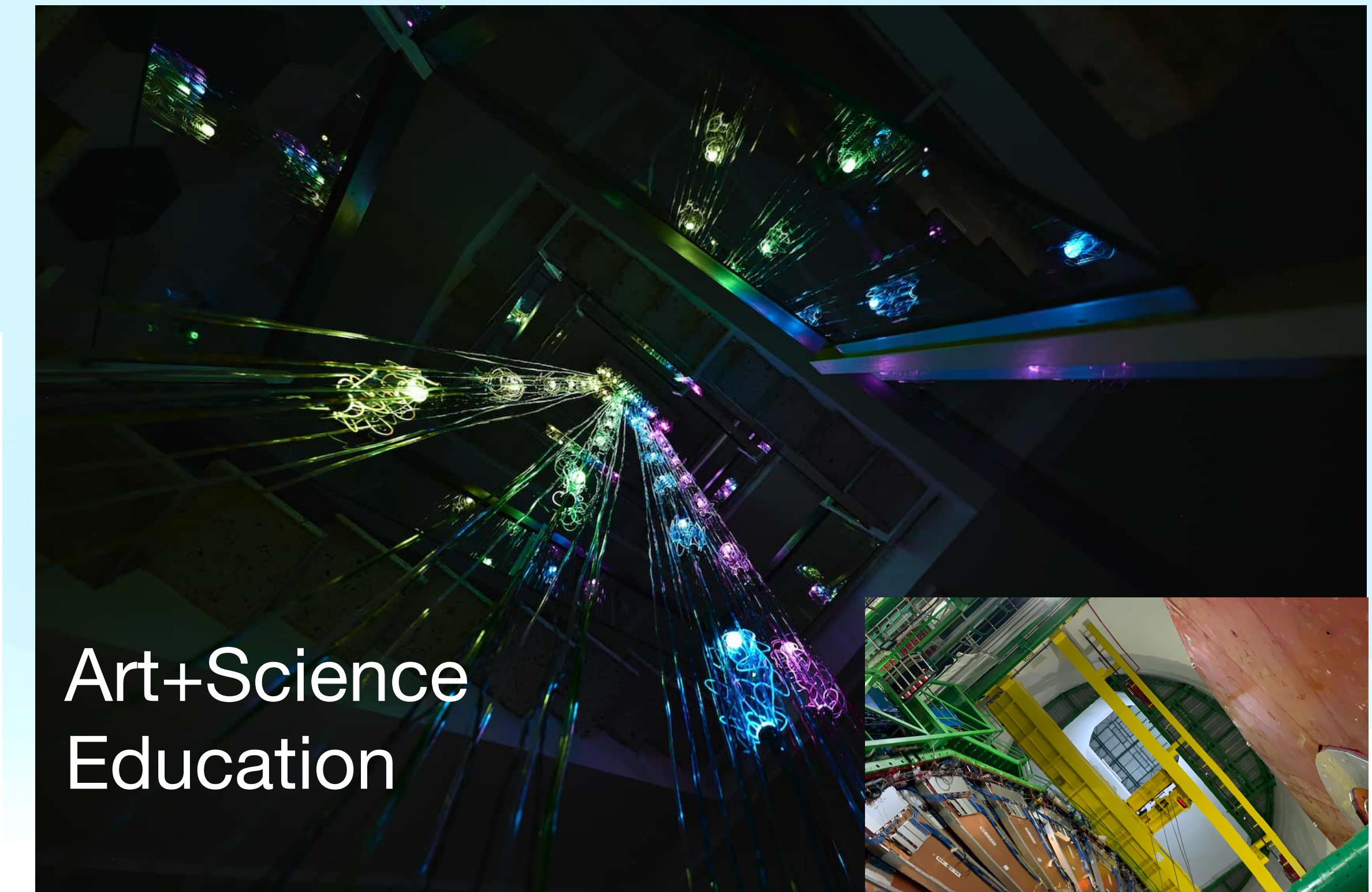
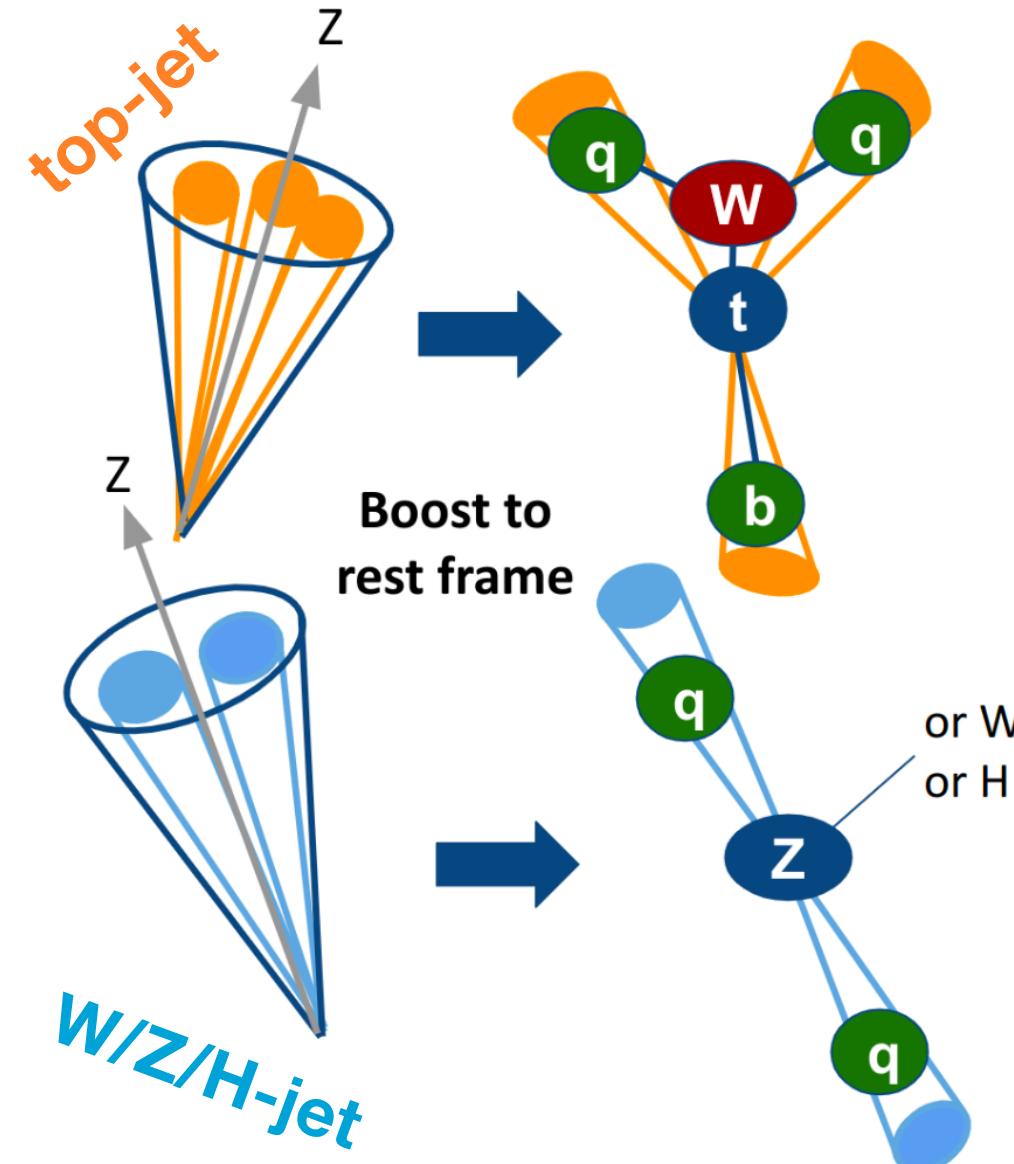
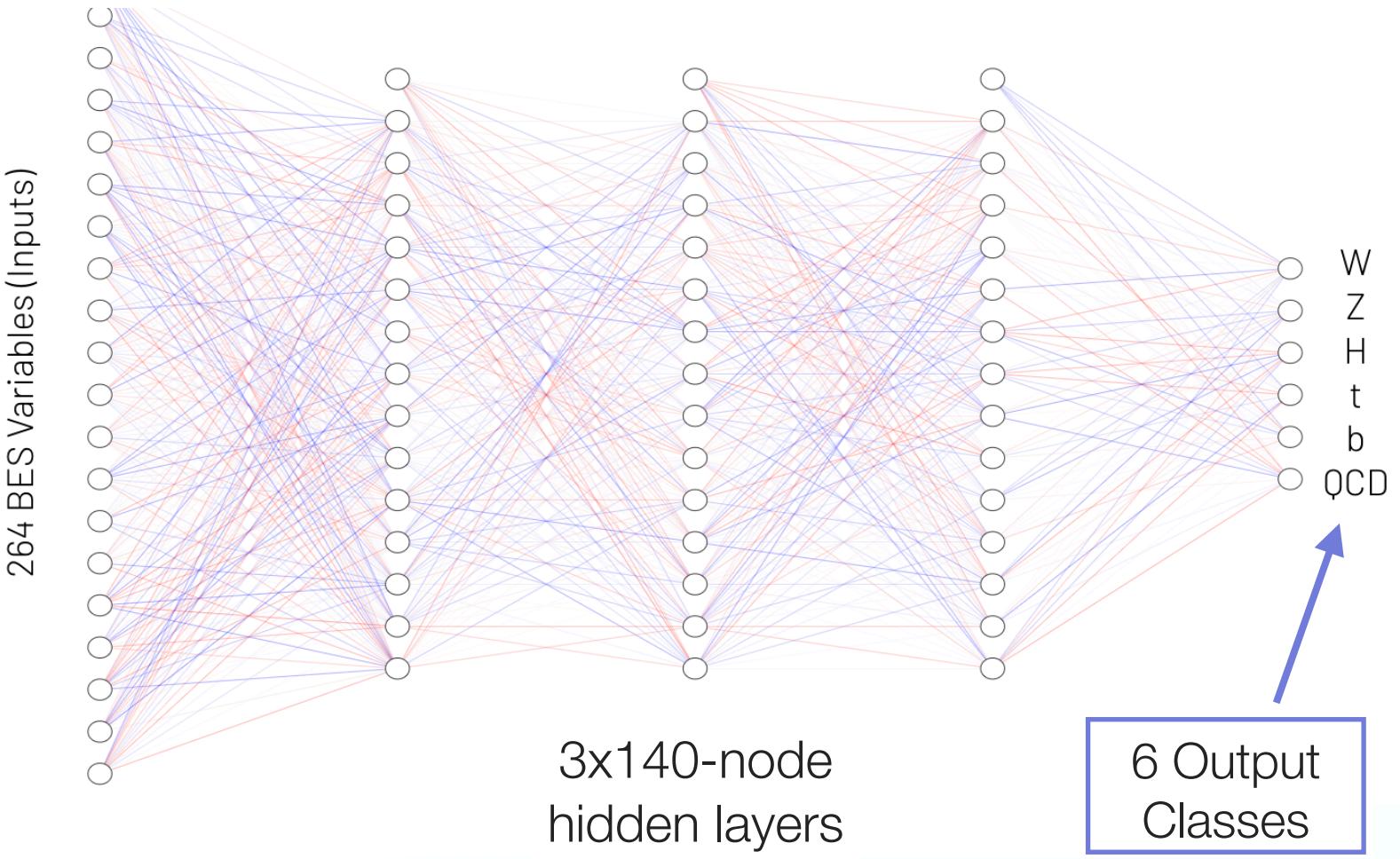
Attainable Wish:

Respecting names+pronouns should be explicit in Codes of Conduct

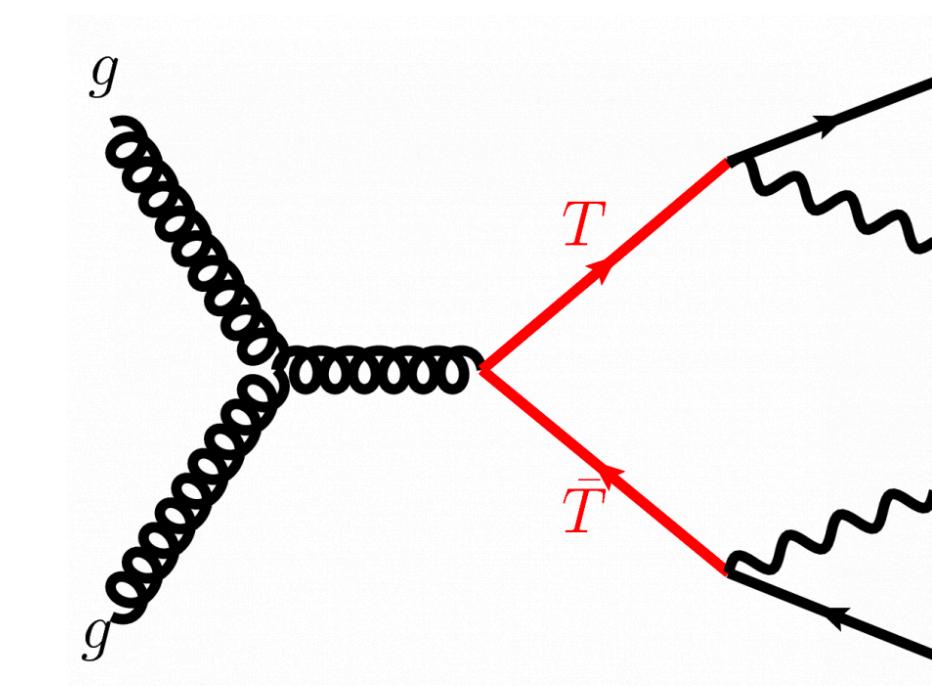
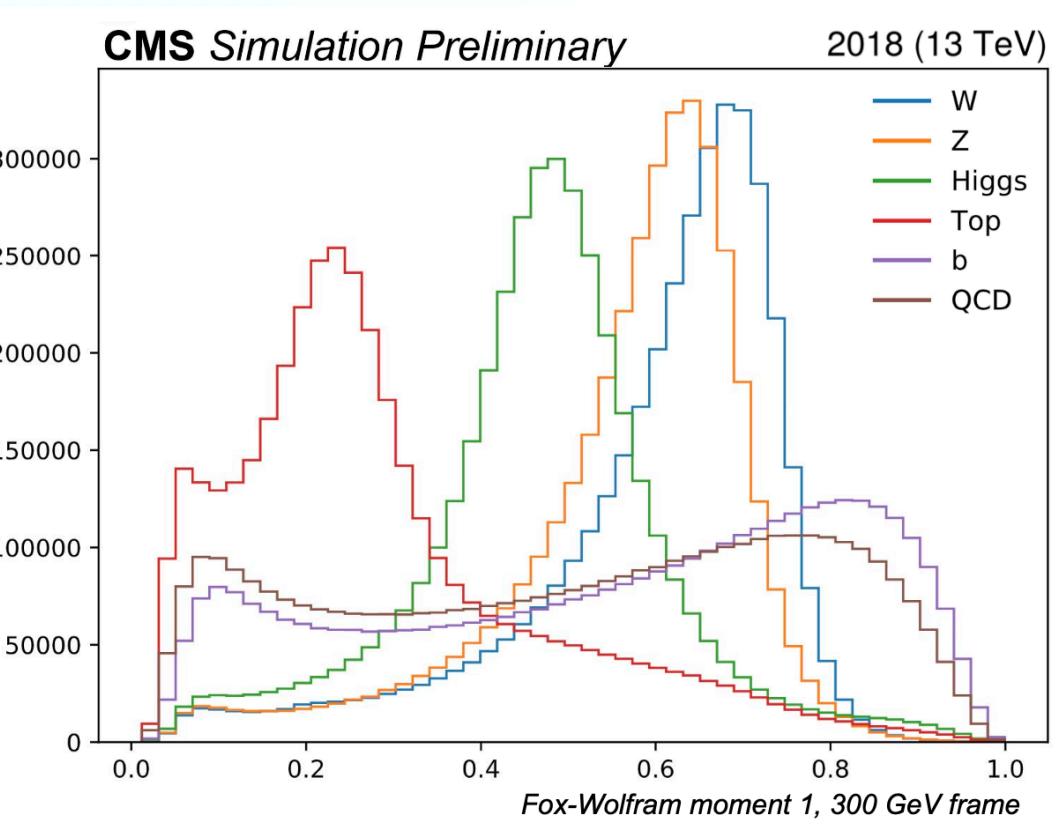
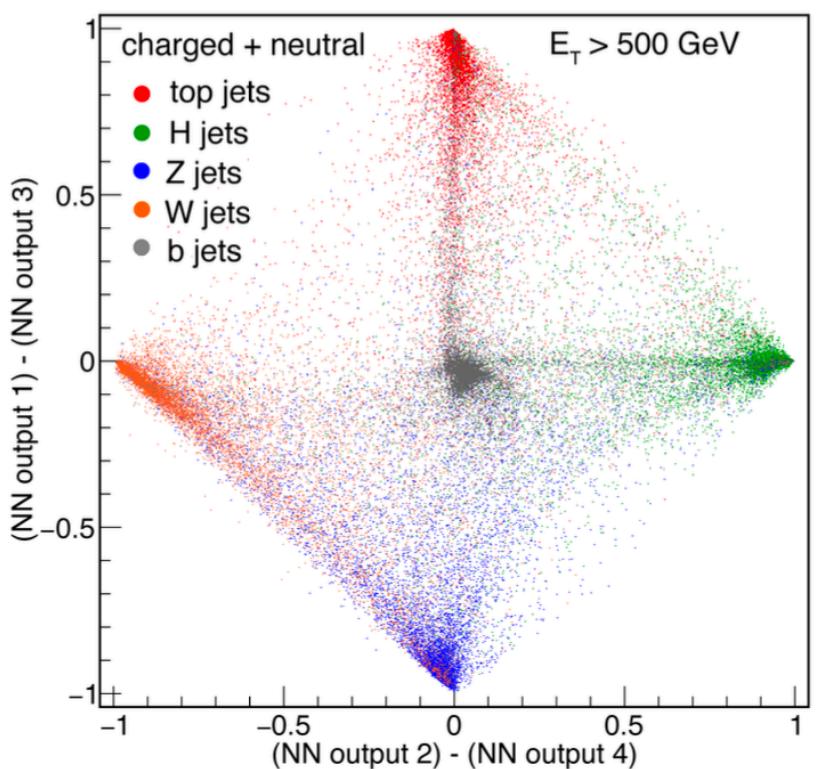


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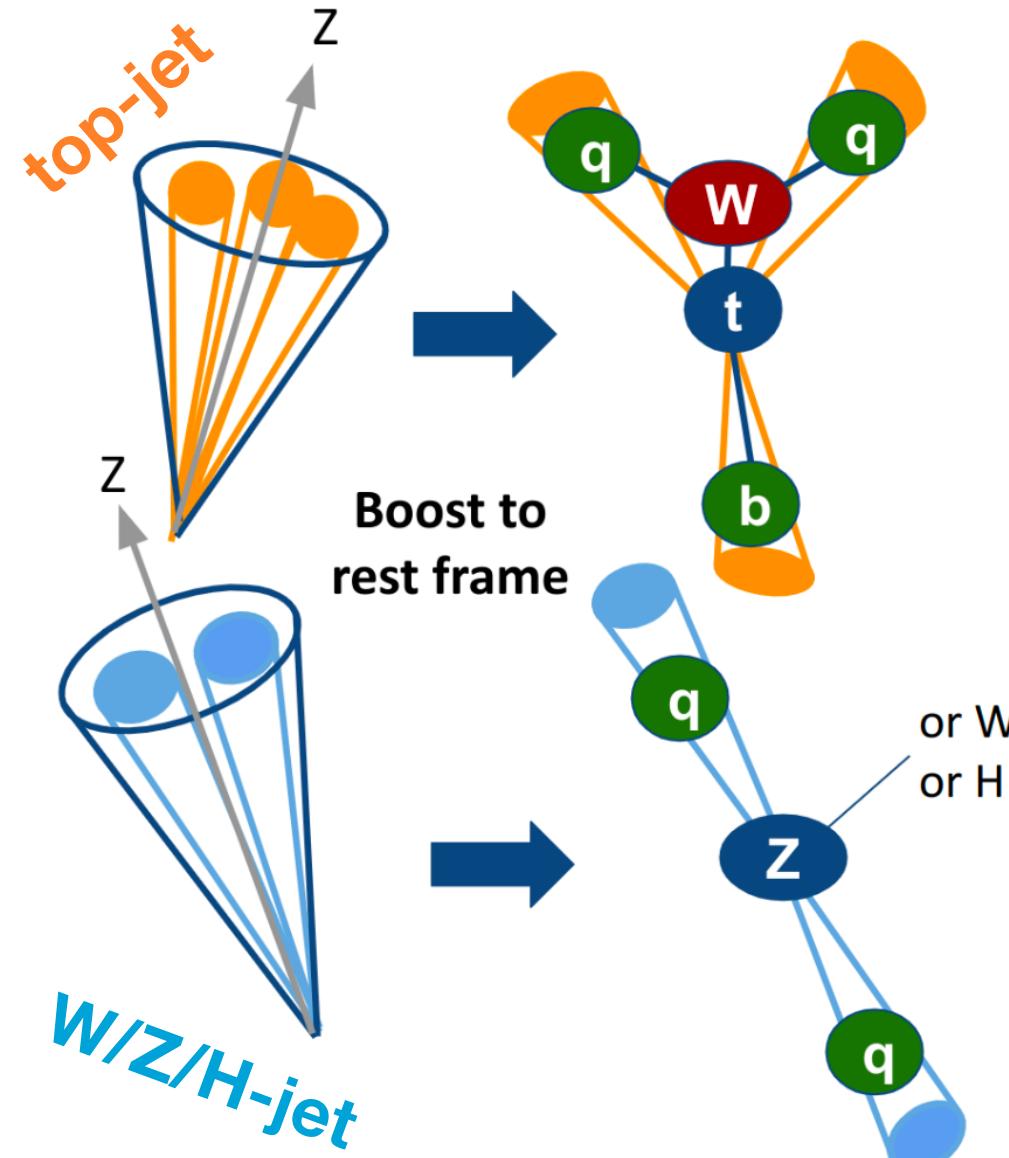
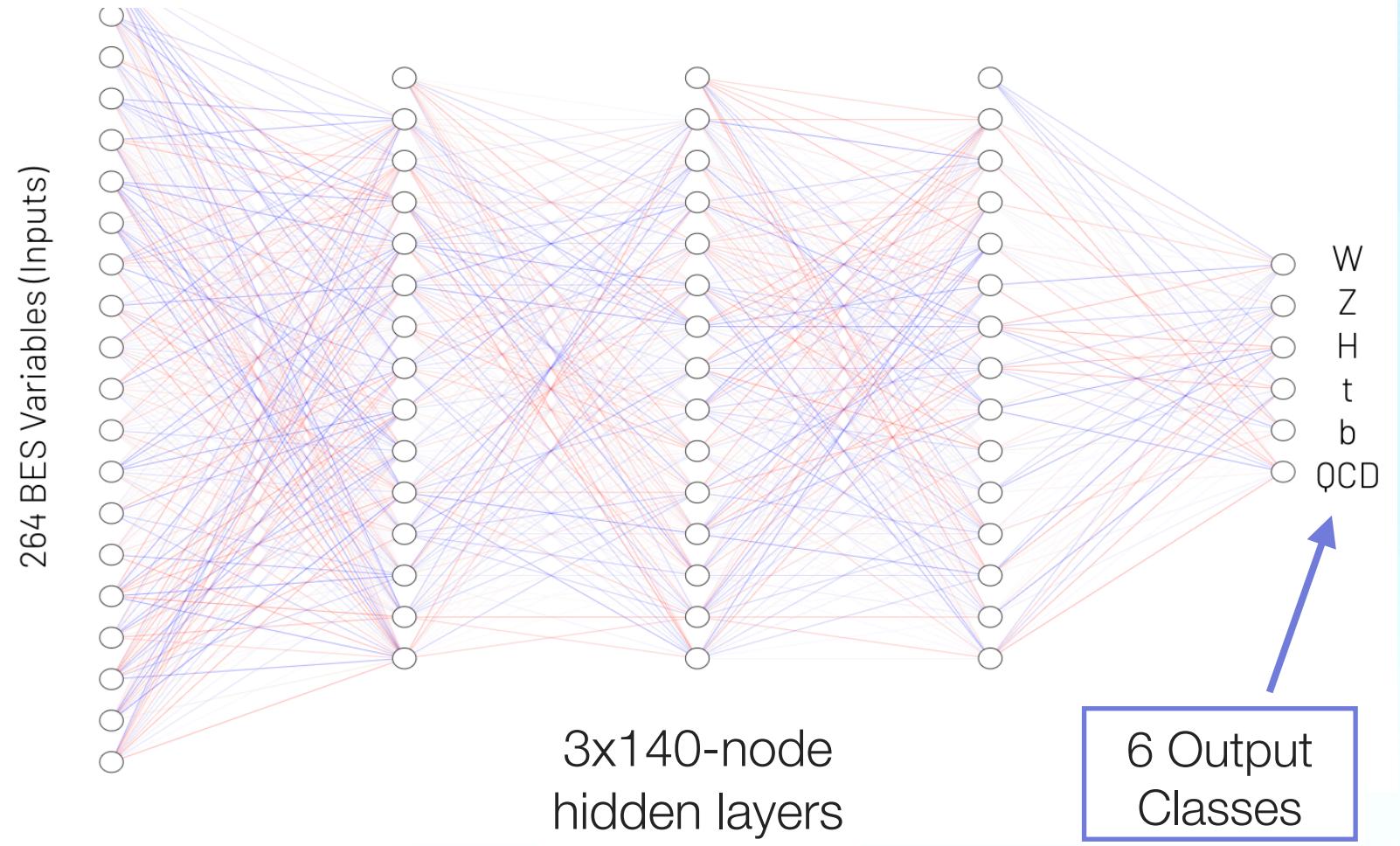


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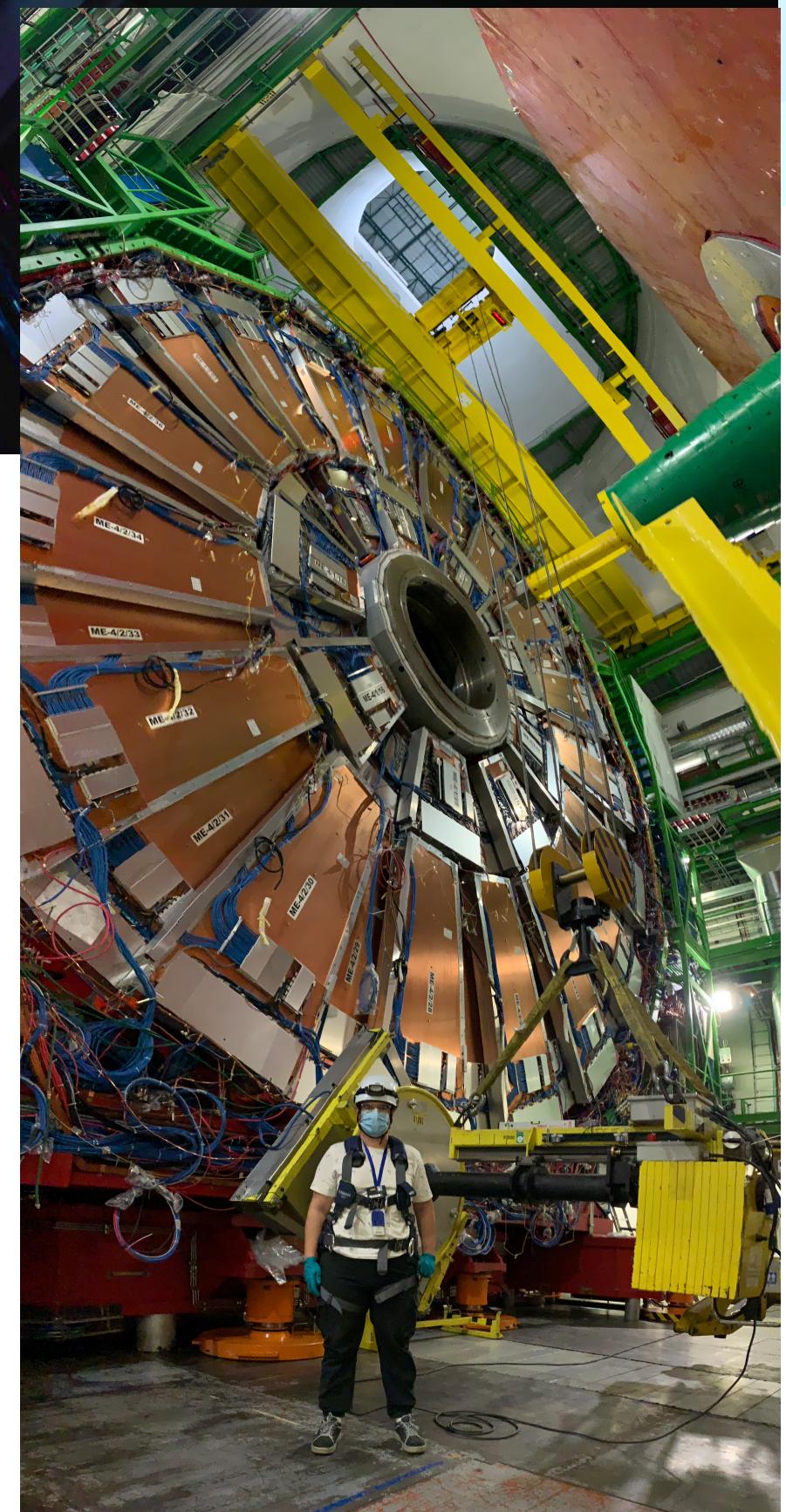
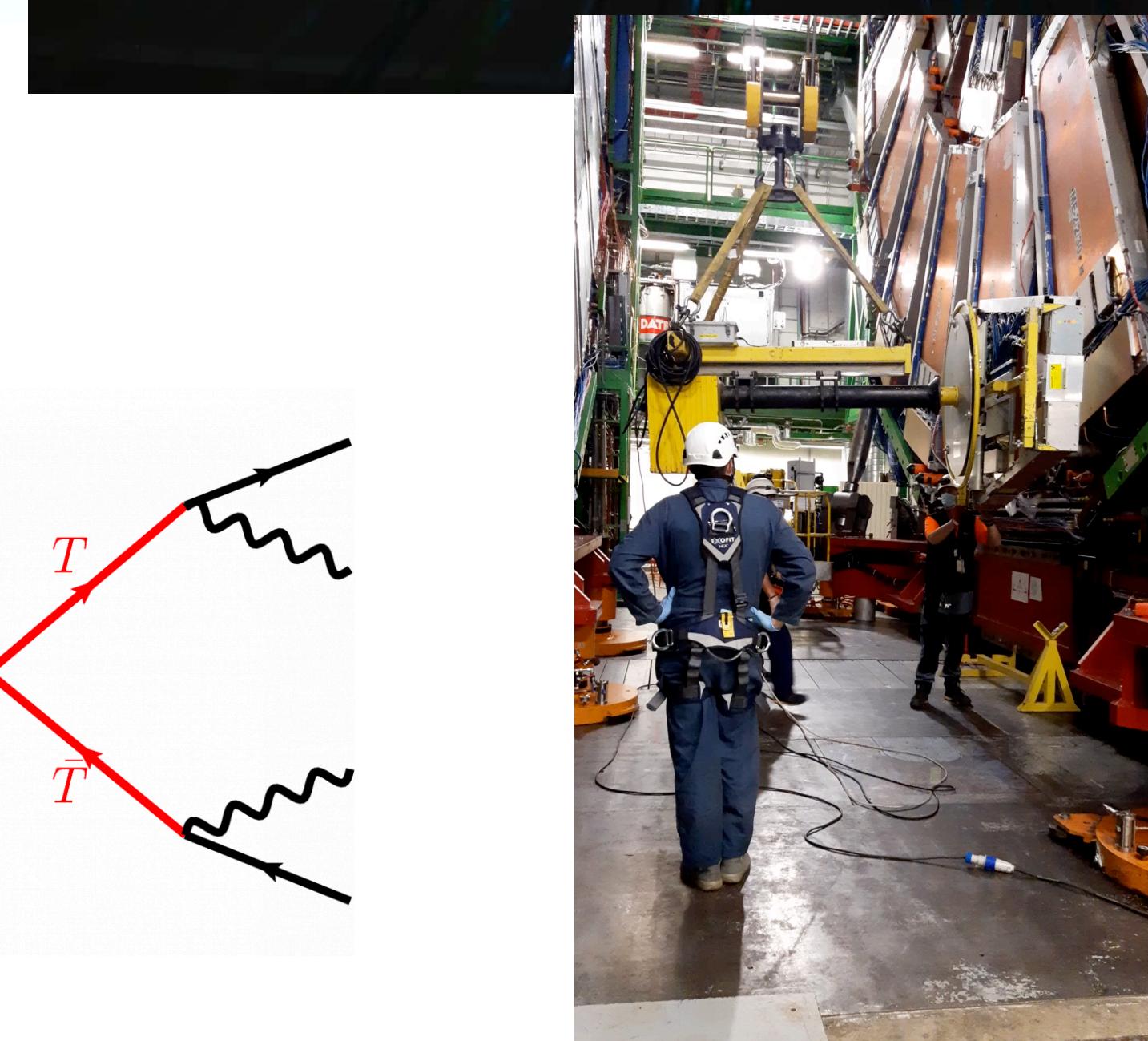


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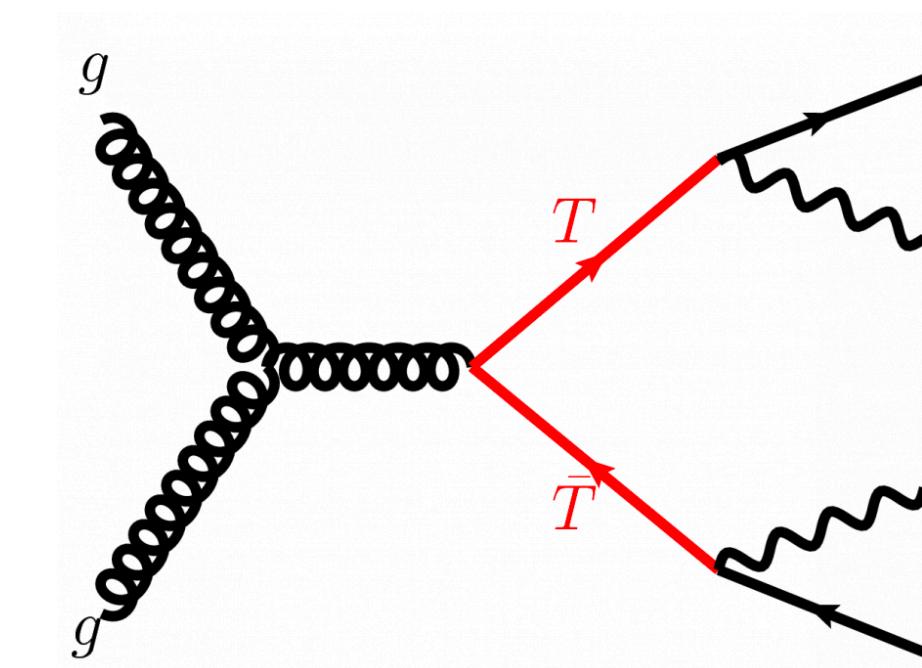
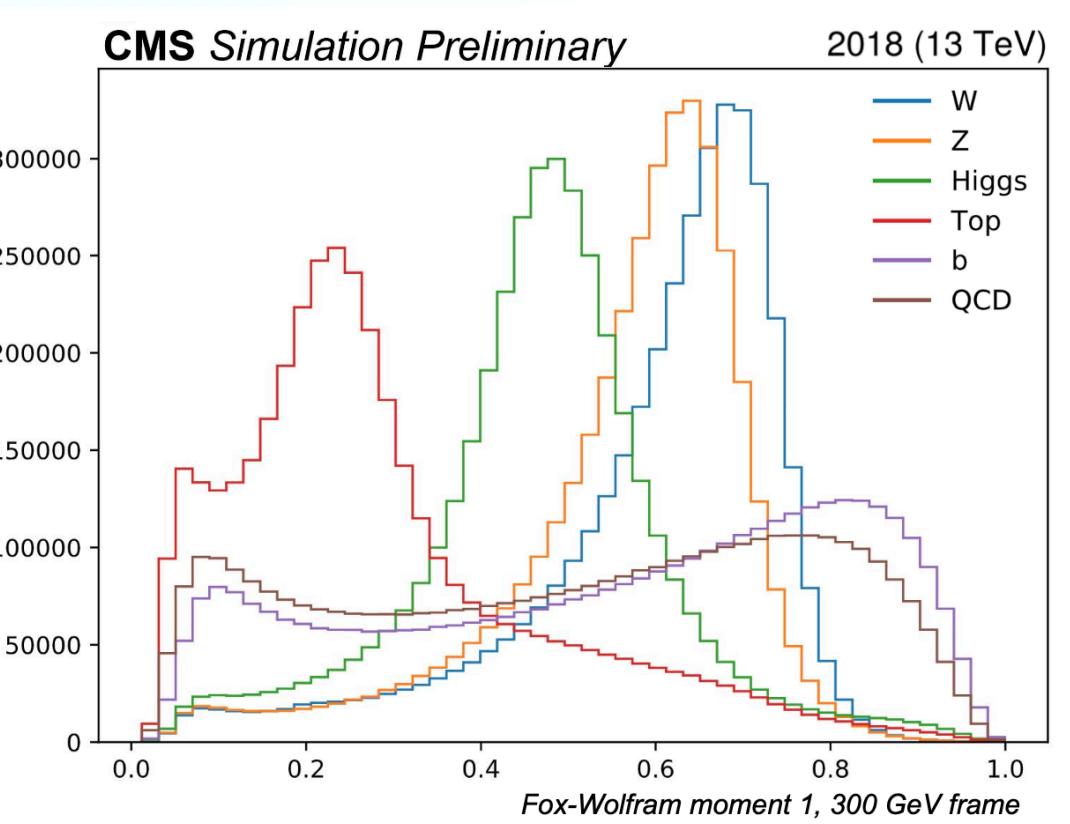
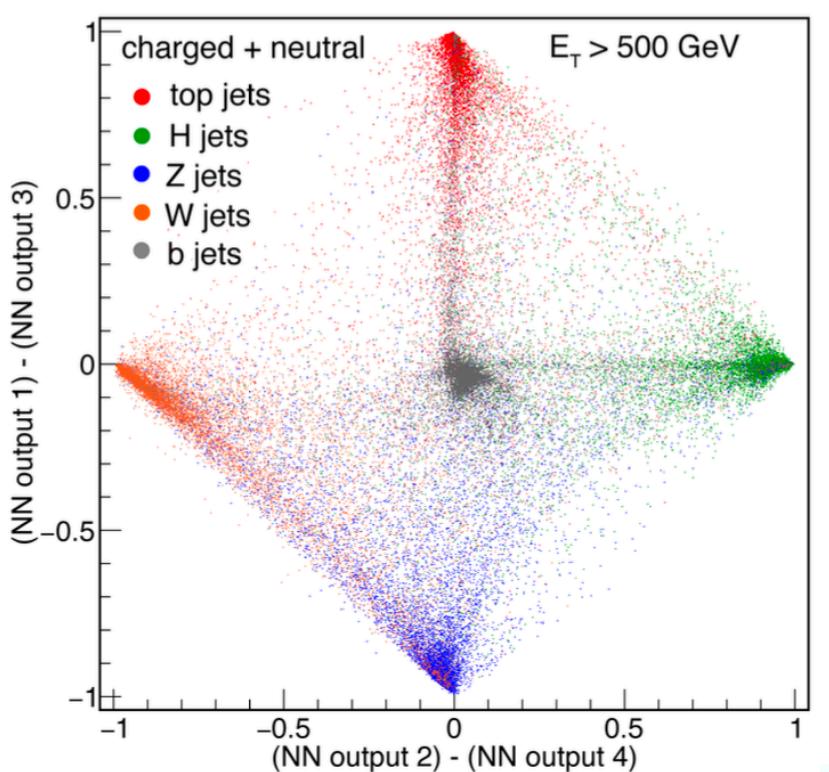
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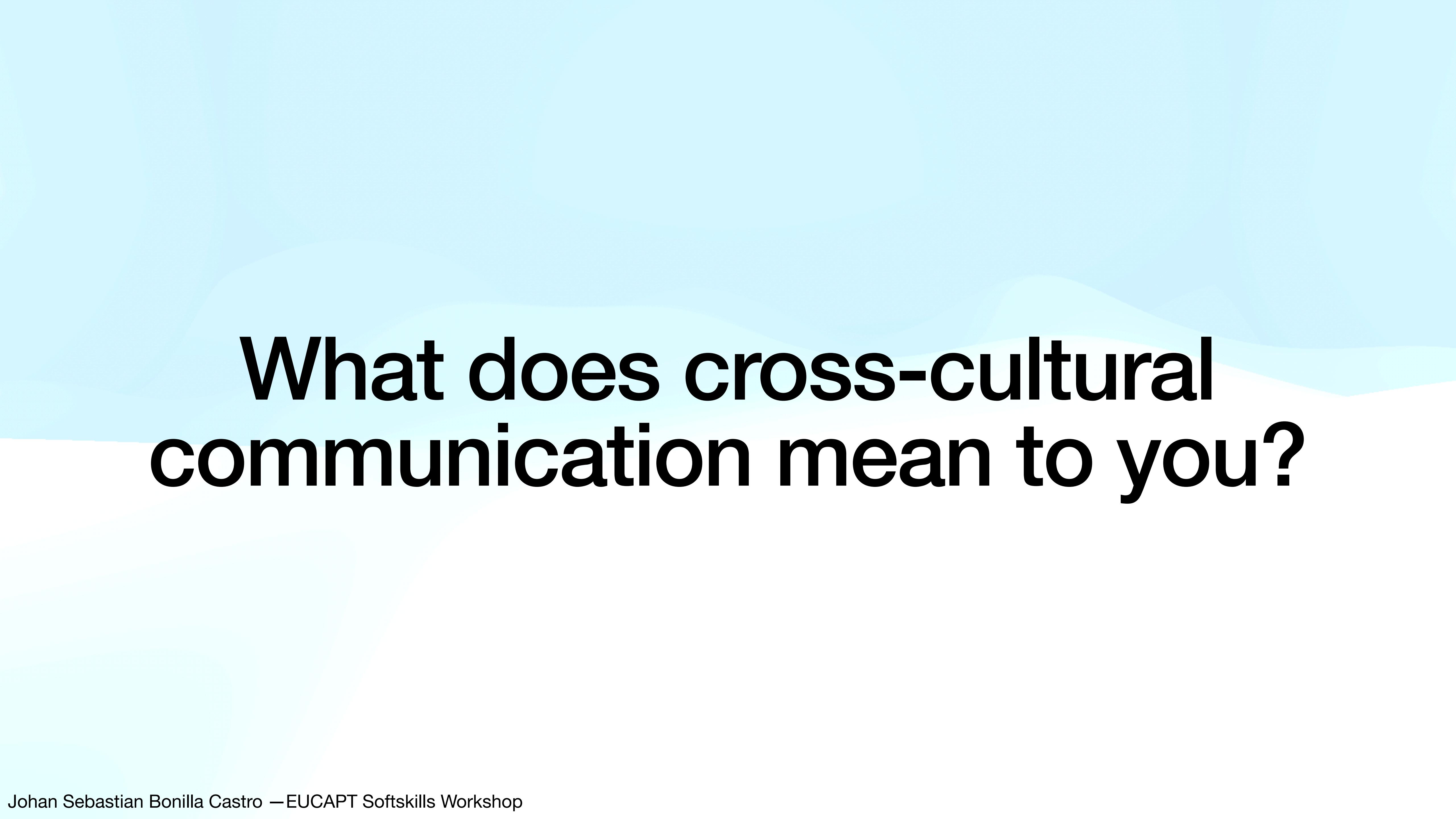


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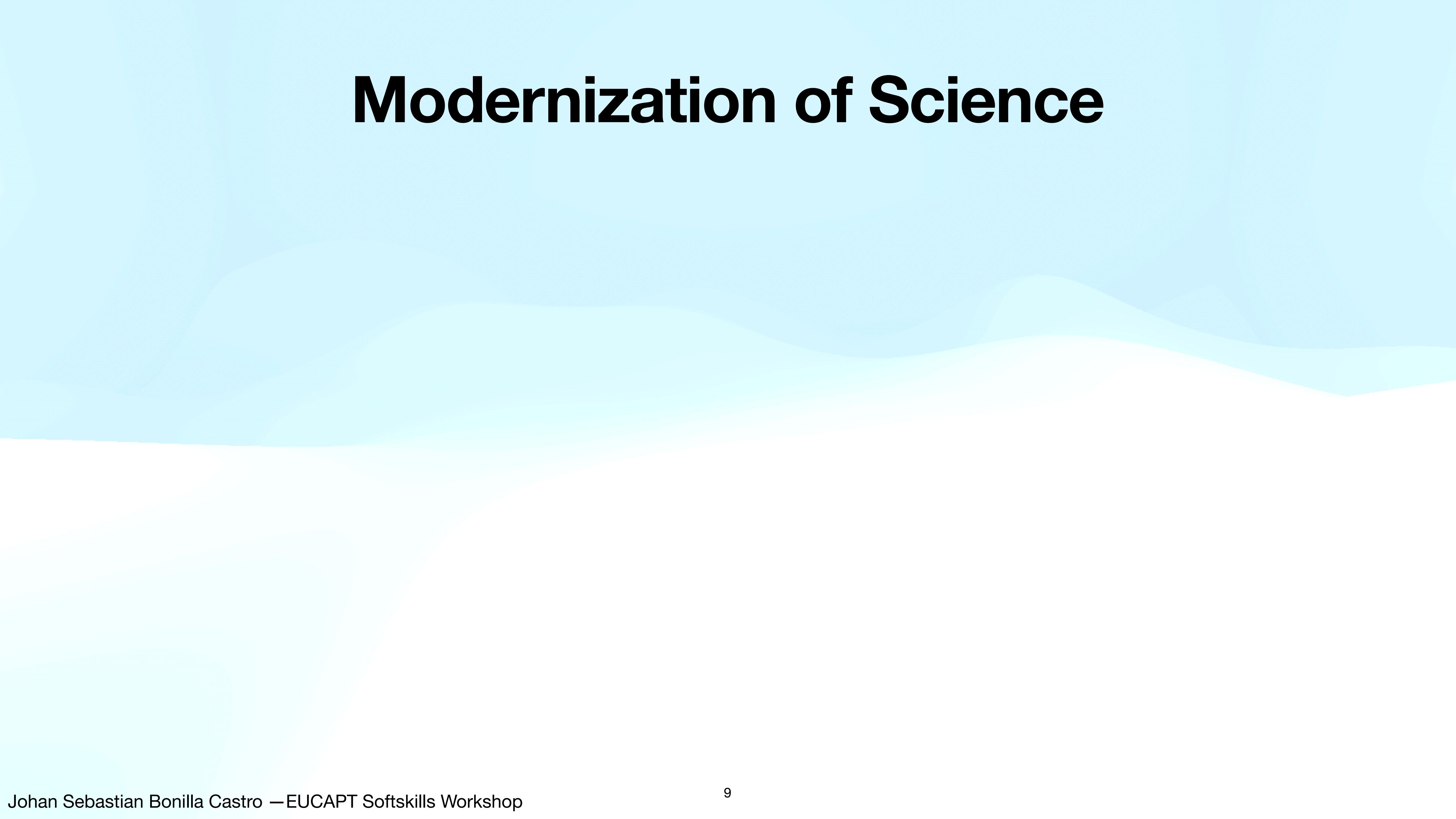
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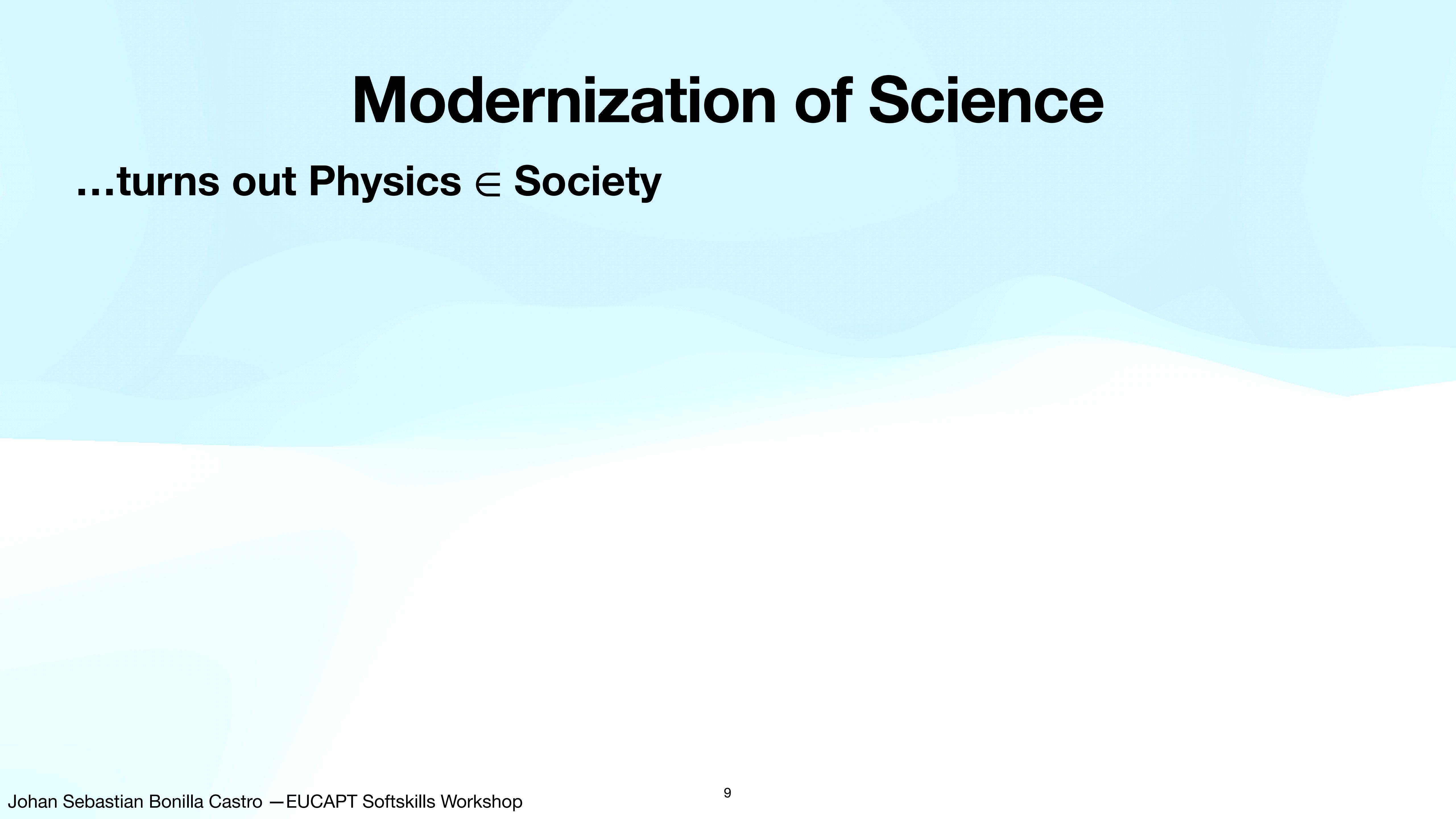
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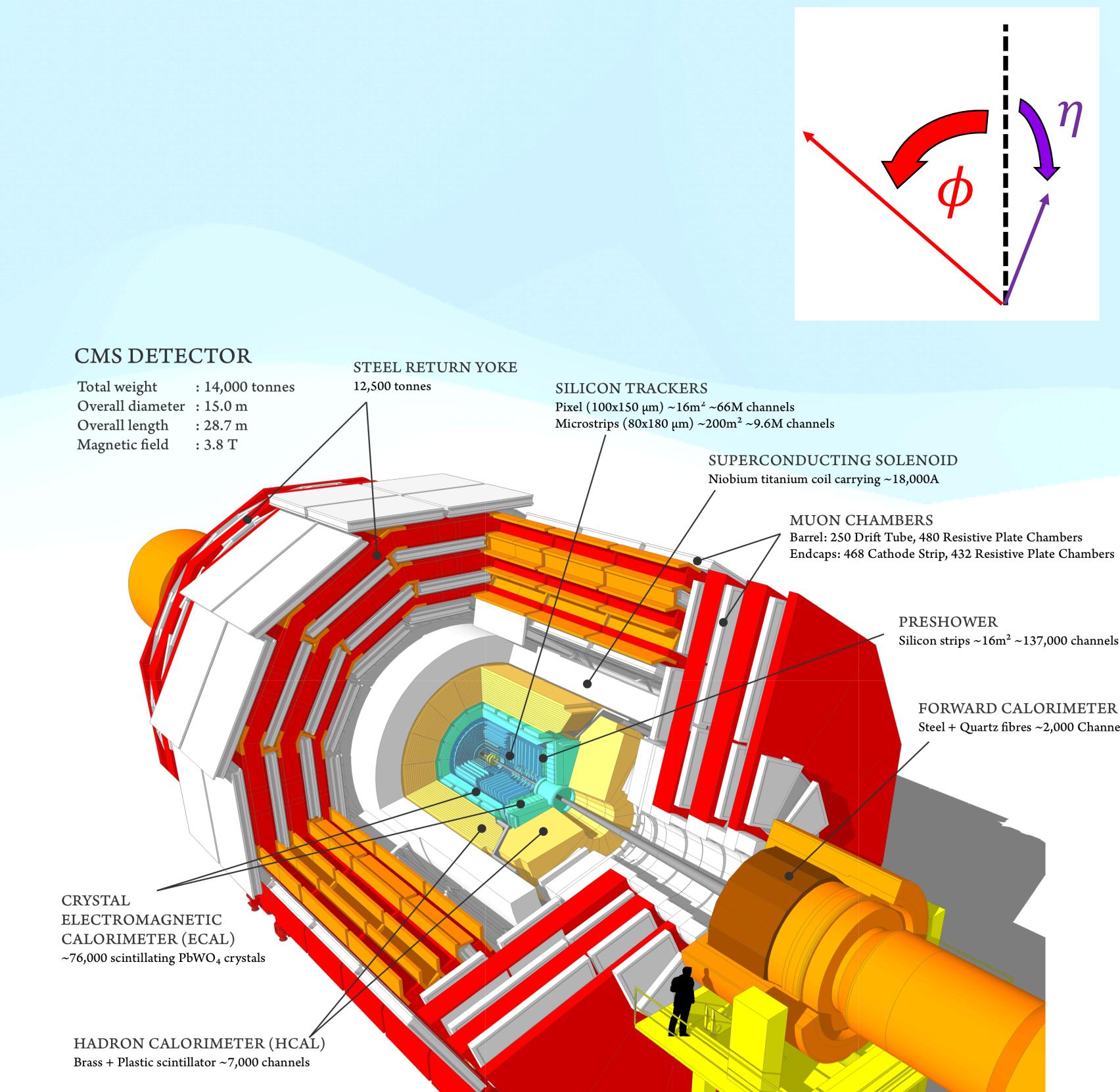
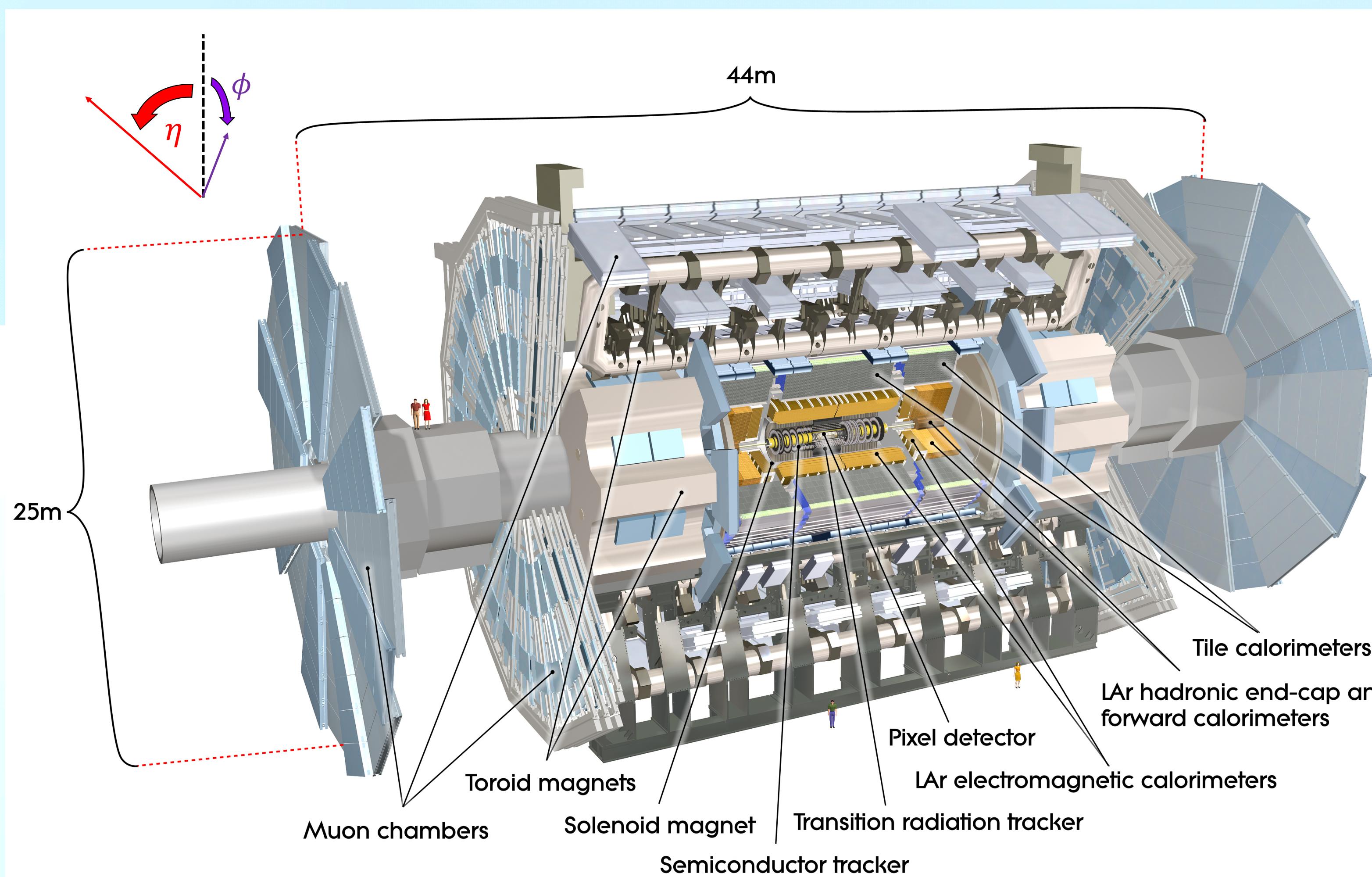
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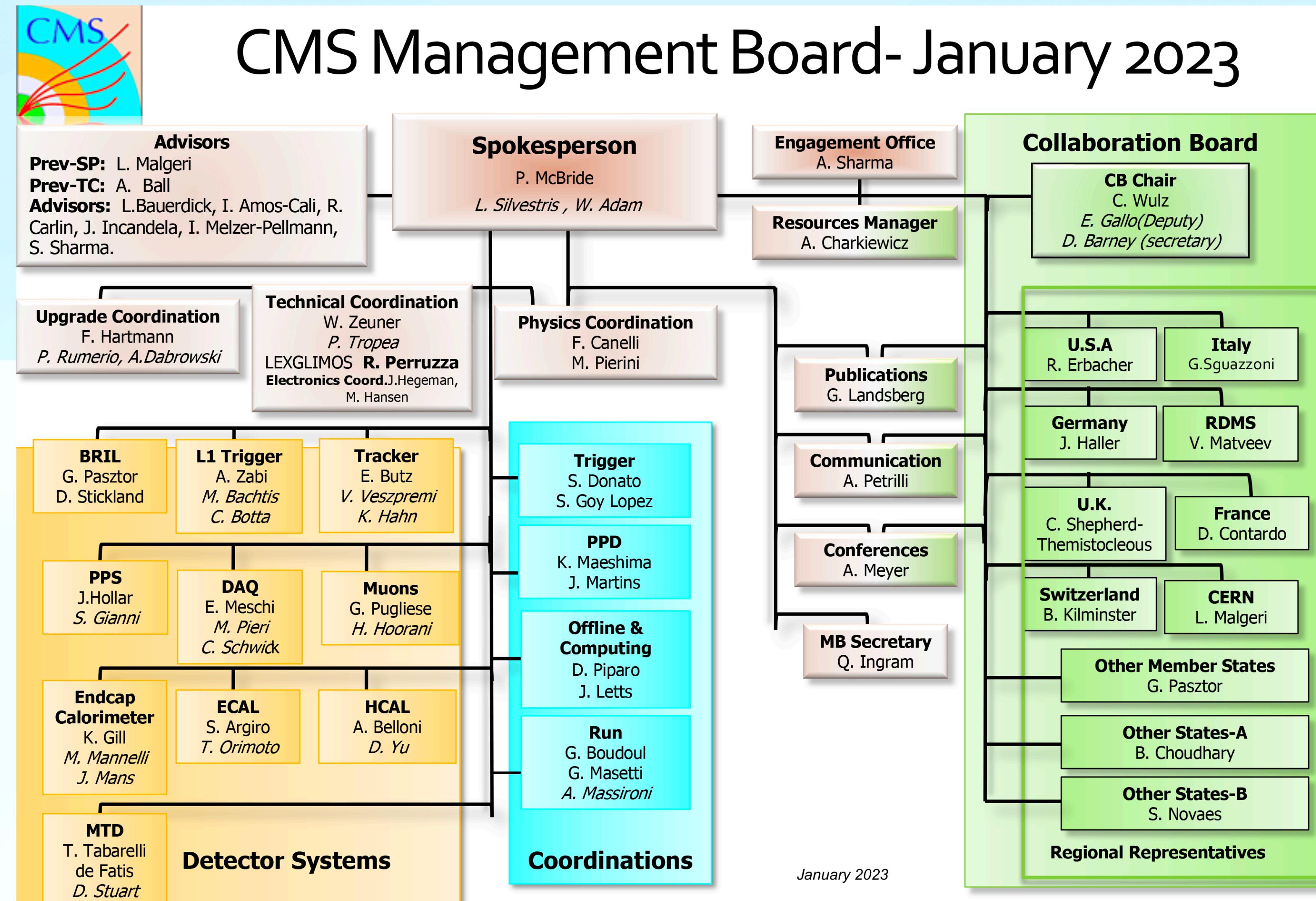
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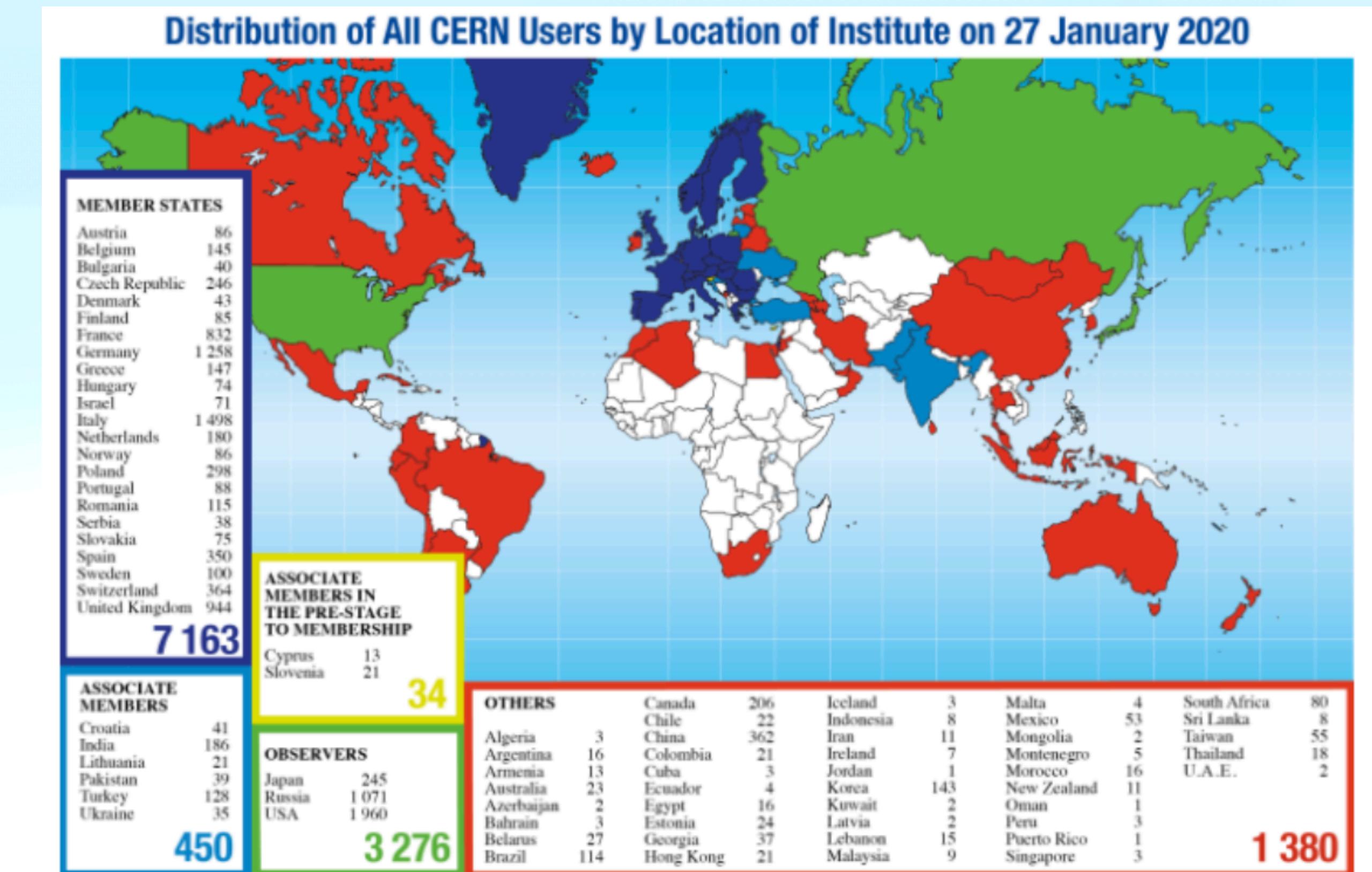


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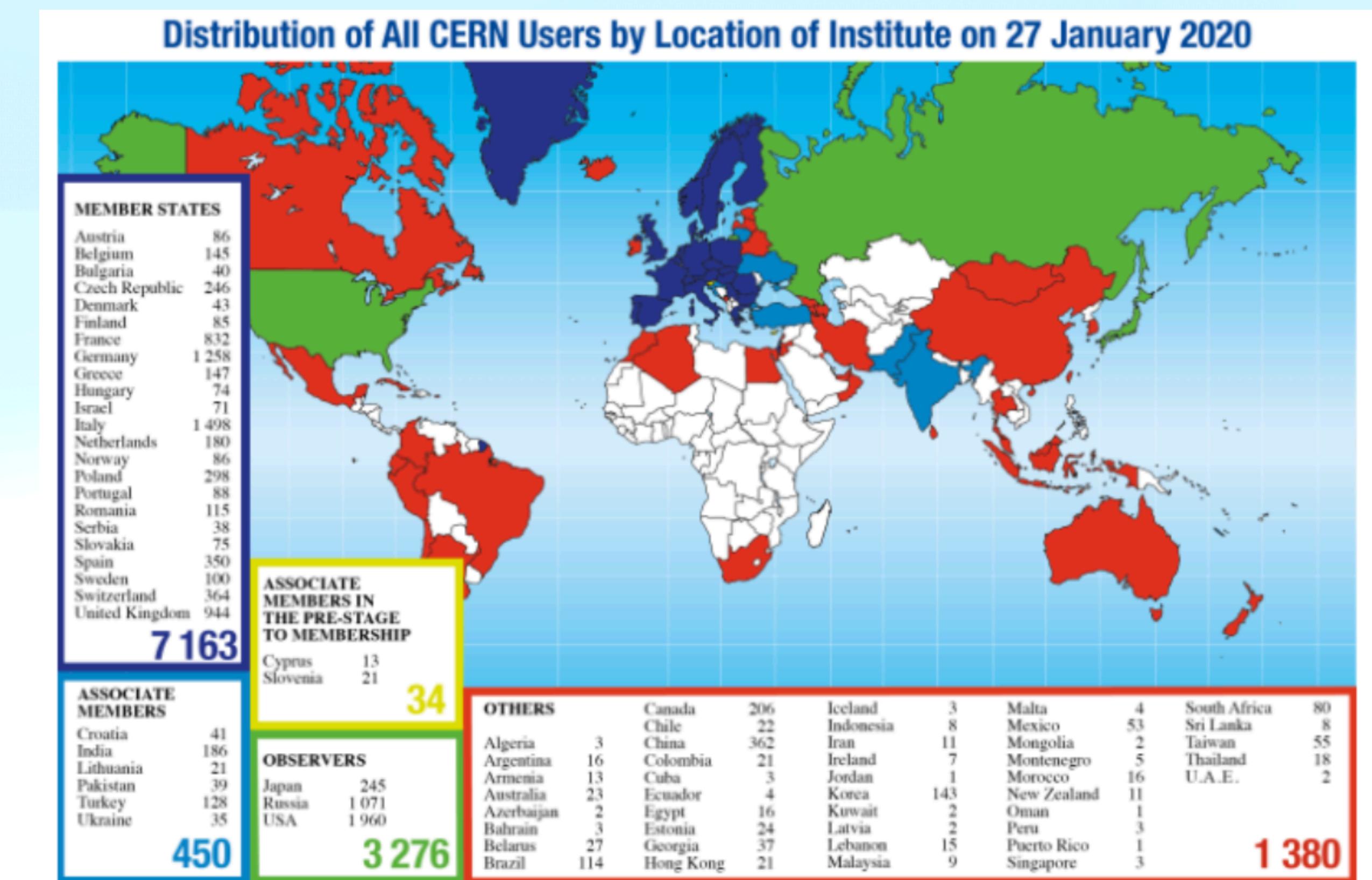


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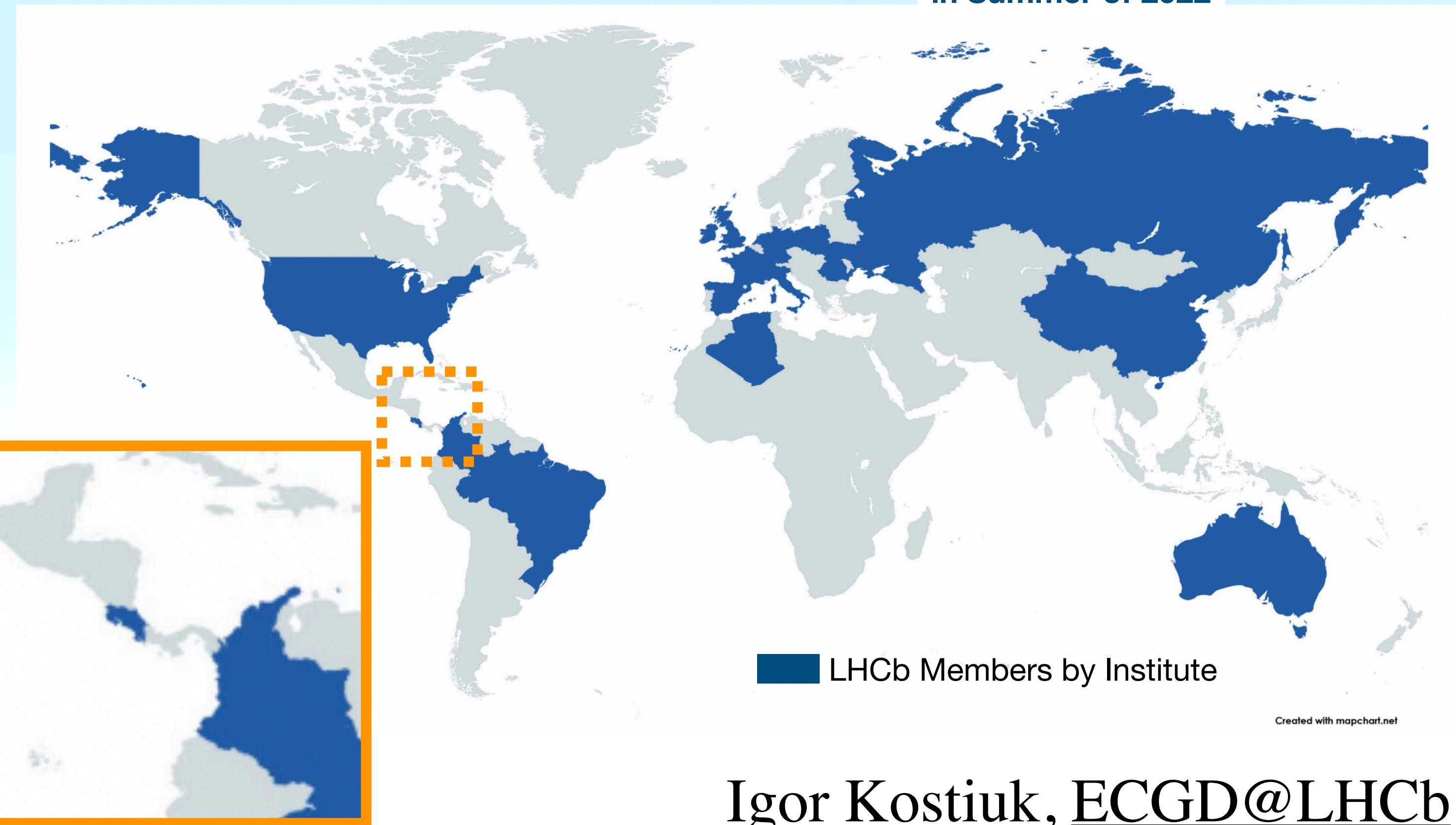
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- Match-making process crucial for success
- Required creation of new support mechanisms w/ CERN



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Fluidic Data

In a Nutshell

- Data (Fluid)
 - Linked in real-time through monitoring data from IT
 - Fluid-air ratio and flow rate symbolizes data throughput
- Particles (Pods/Flowers)
 - Pods: Detector interactions
 - Flowers: Reconstruction
 - Details correspond to differing observables (mass, charge, etc.)

Goal: Mitigate language barriers in science communication, while providing a more natural/fluid perspective on data.
=> **Responsibility of learning on the visitor**





What qualities are important in a leader?

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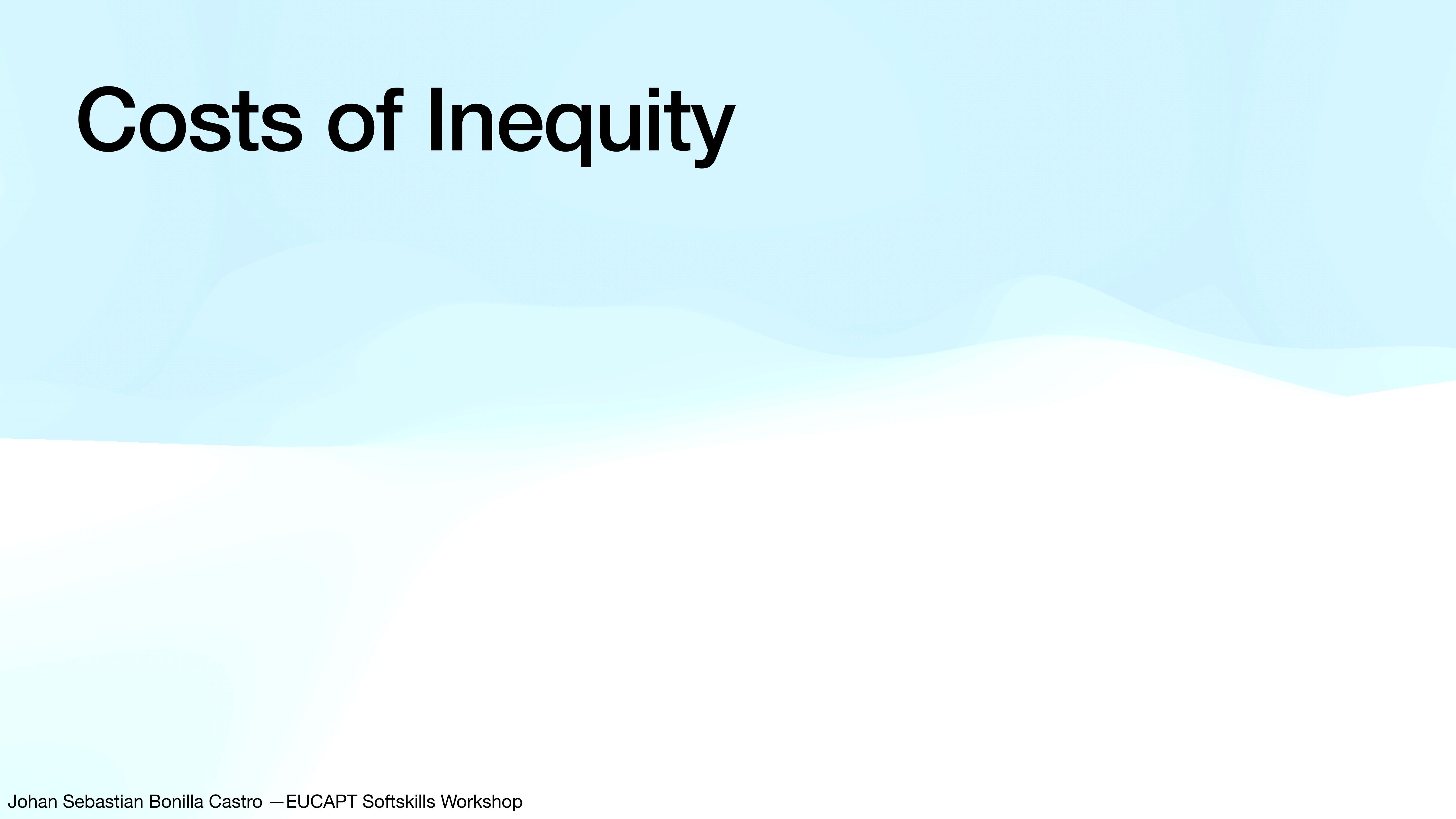
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In Search of Excellence and Equity in Physics
[arXiv:2203.10393 \[physics.soc-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.10393)

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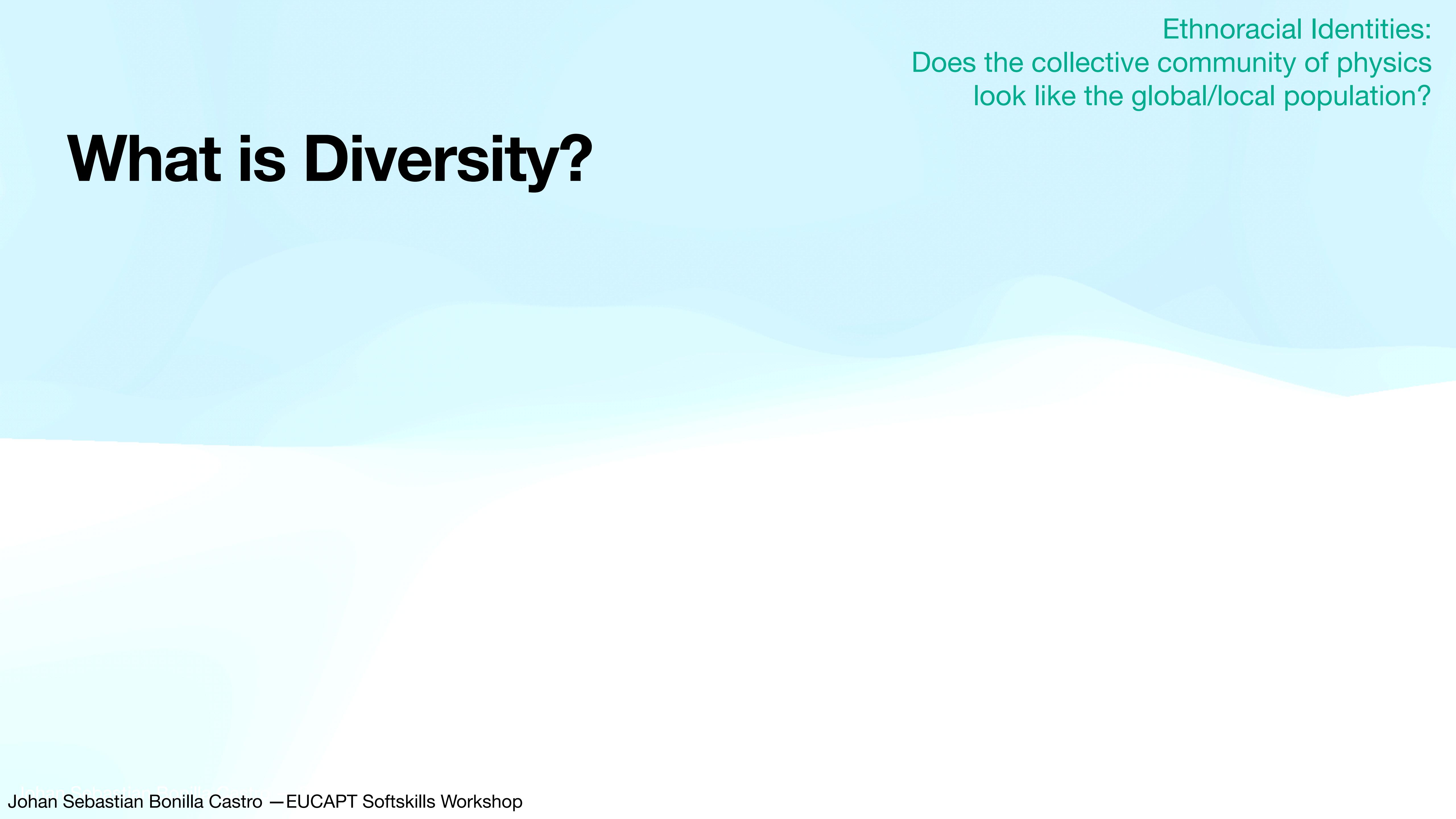


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Let's Talk Equity

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The assumption is that **everyone benefits from the same supports**. This is equal treatment.

Equity



Everyone gets the supports they need (this is the concept of "affirmative action"), thus producing equity.

Universal Design



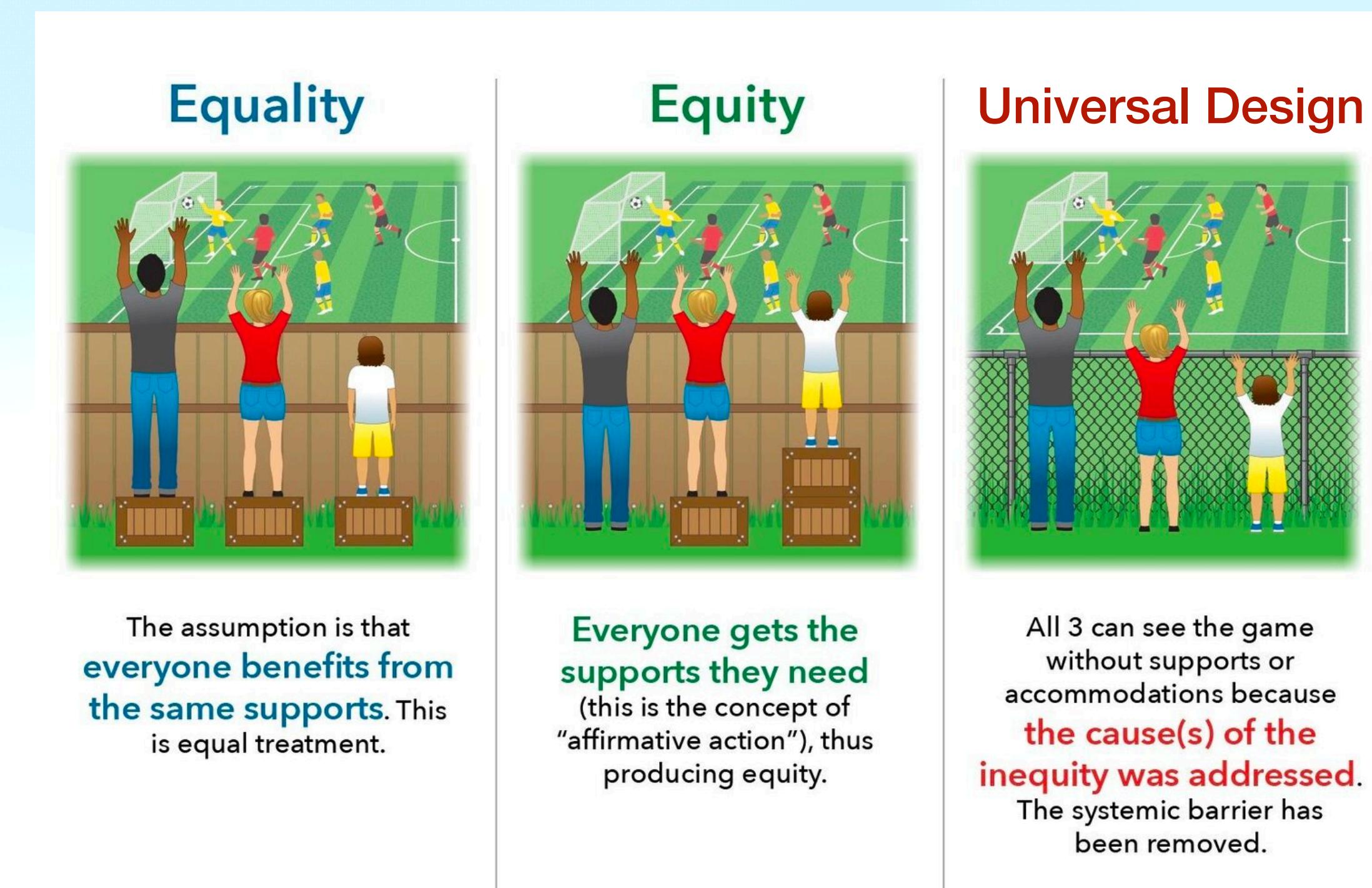
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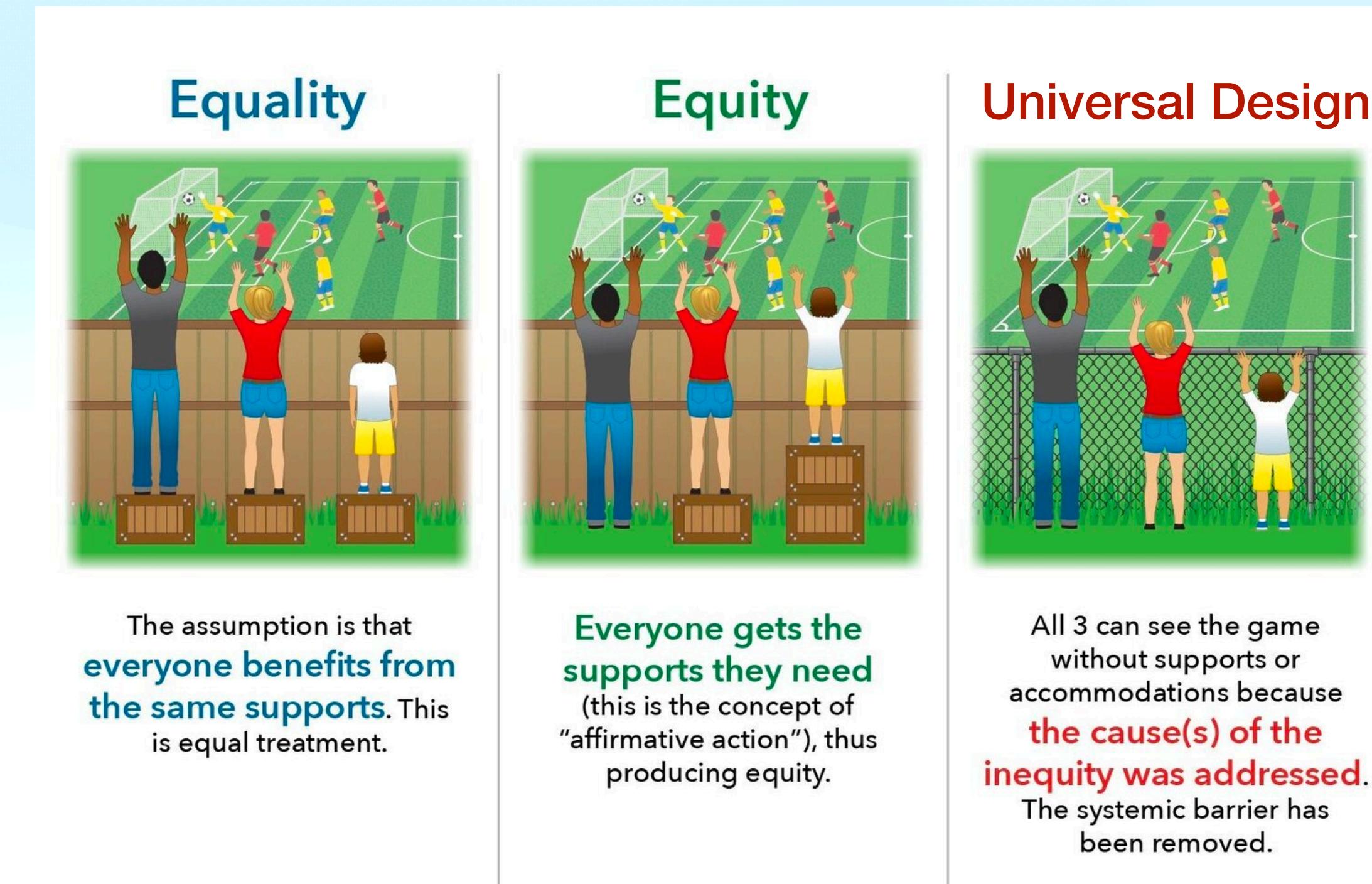
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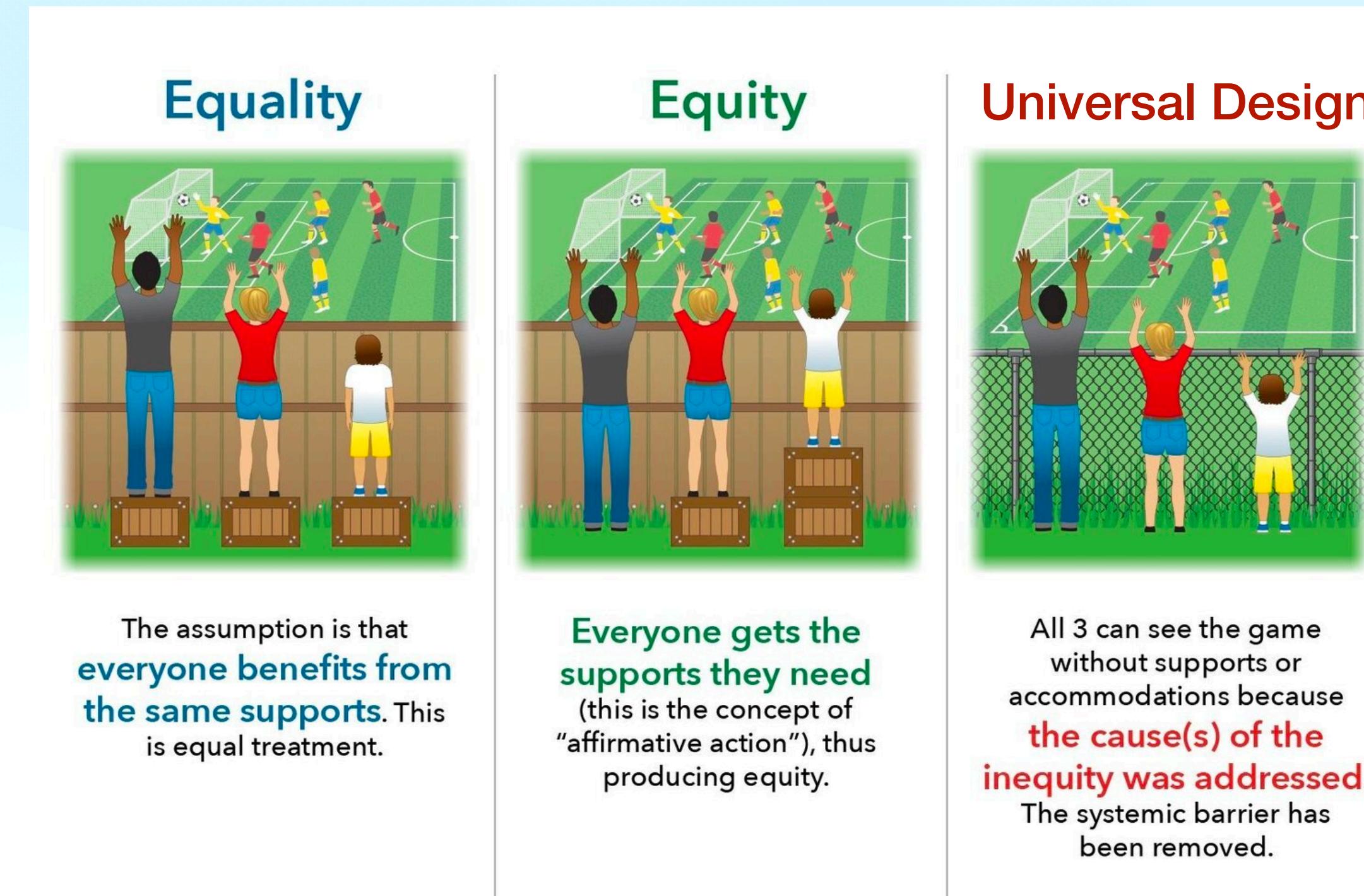
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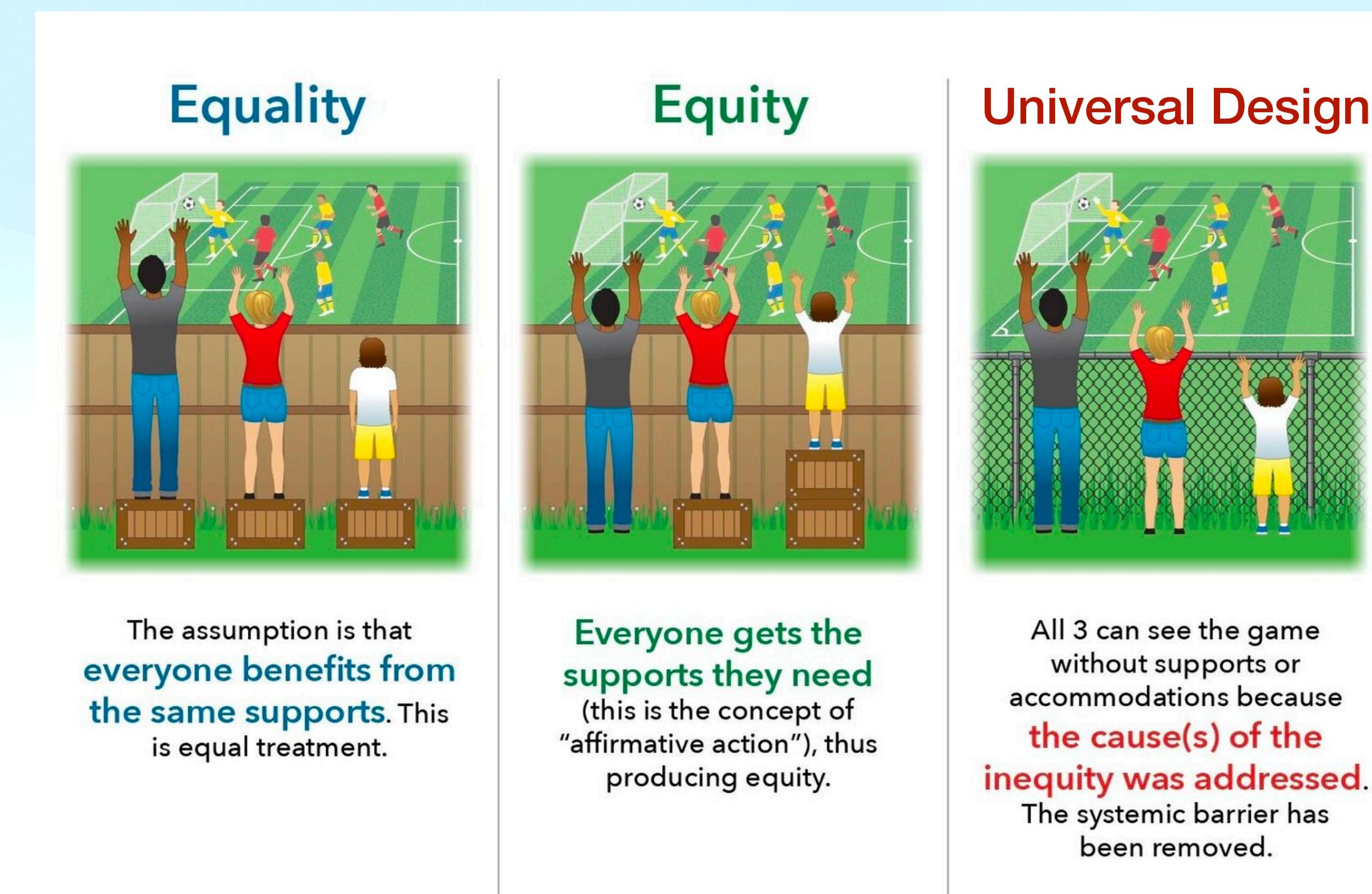
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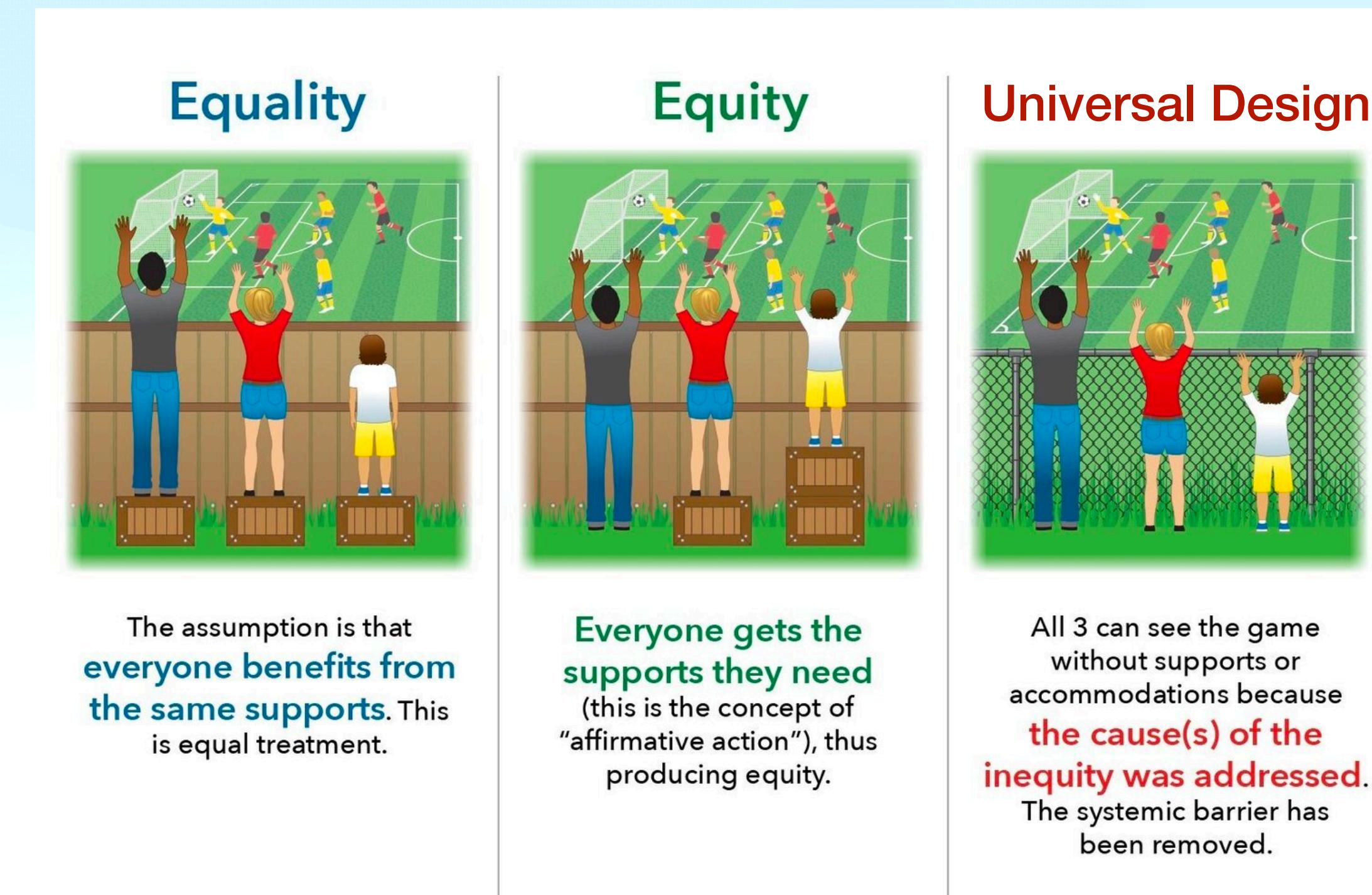
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5-minute Exercise

Listening through someone's message

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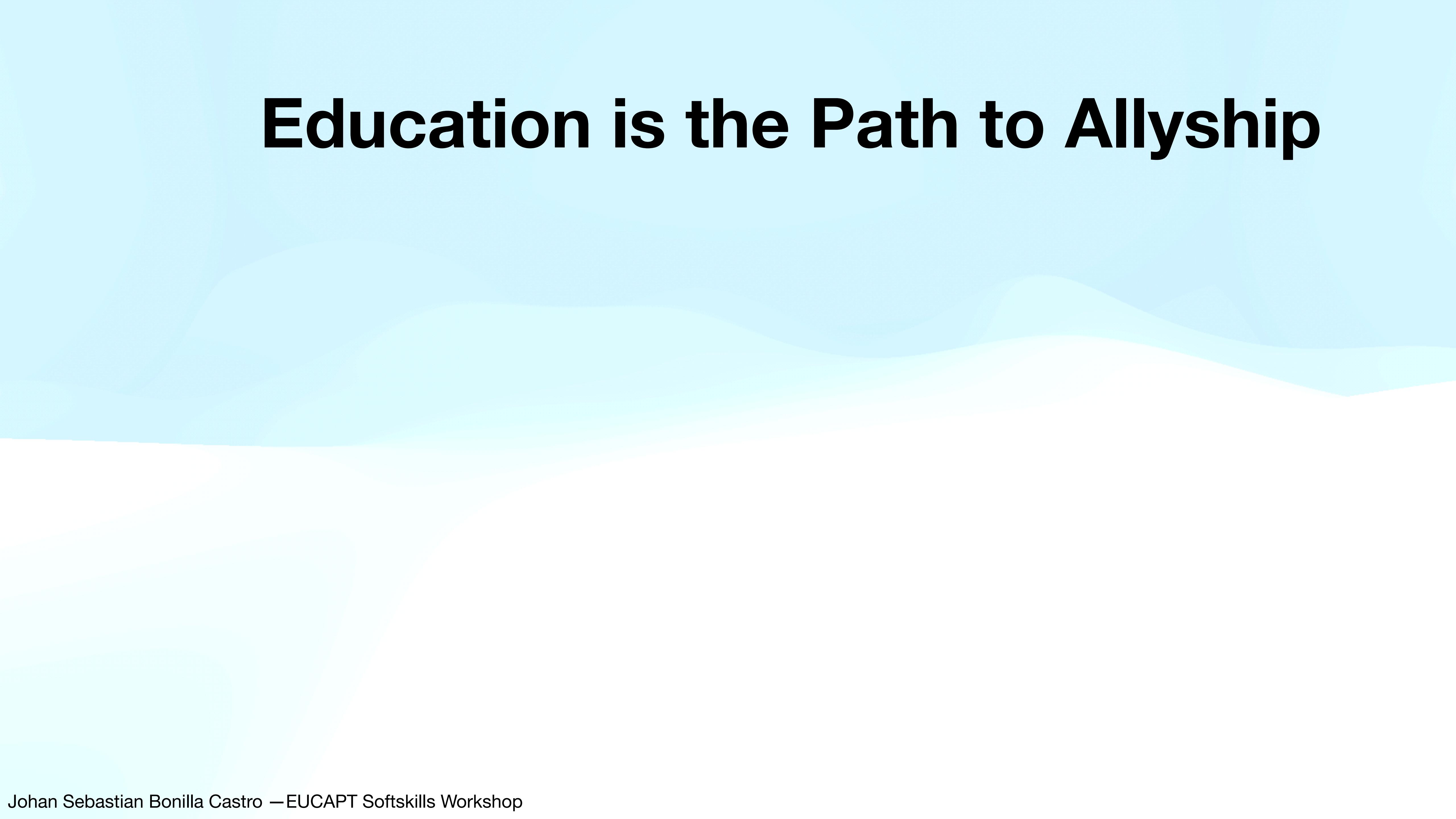
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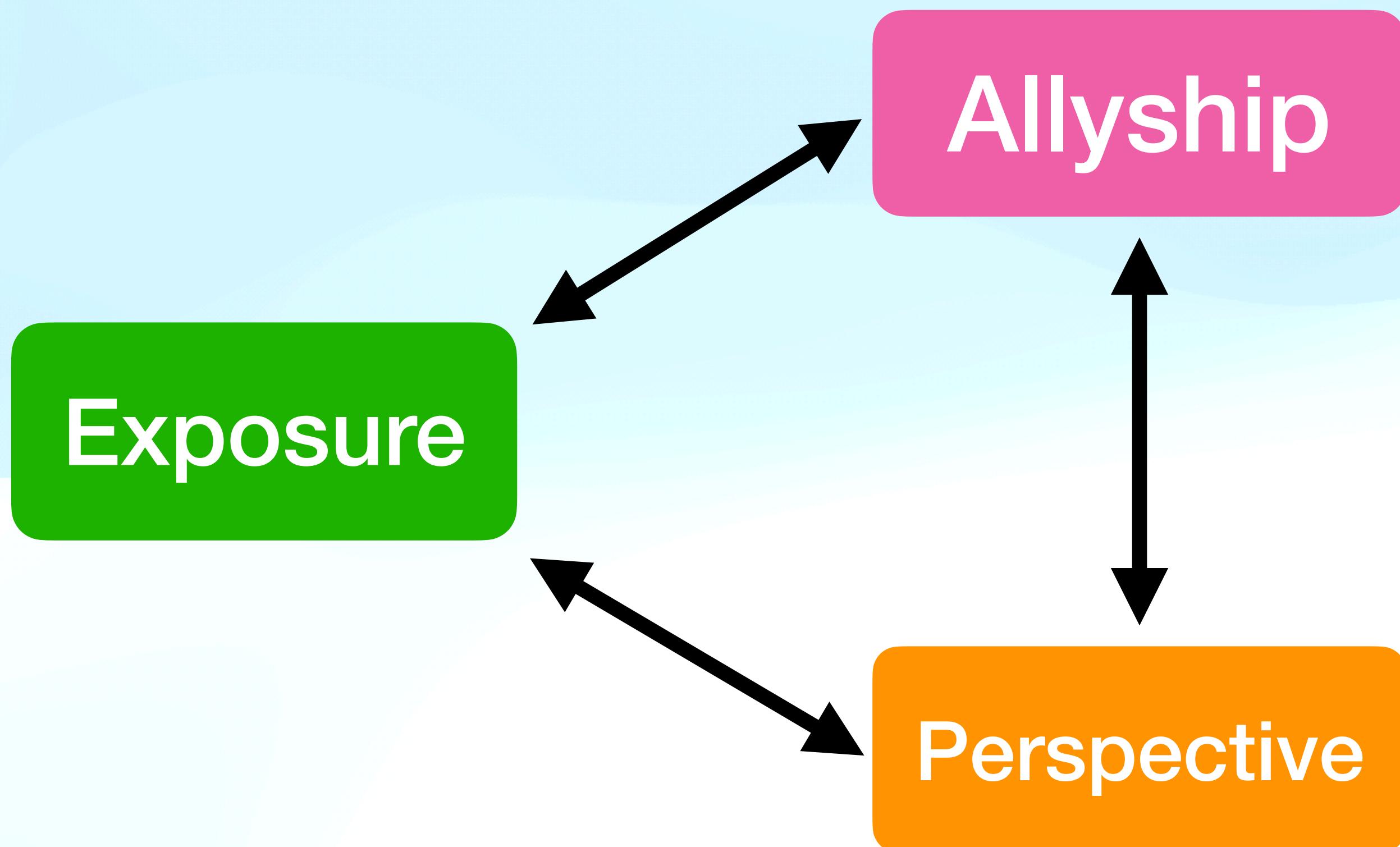
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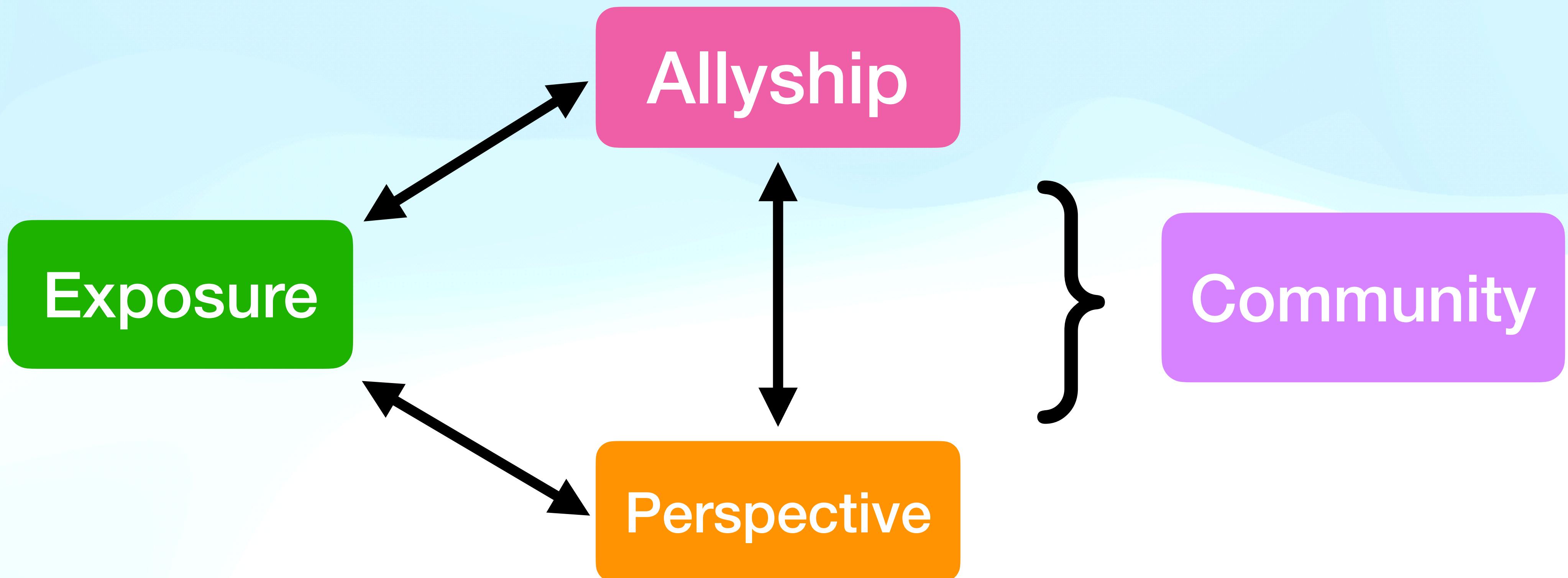
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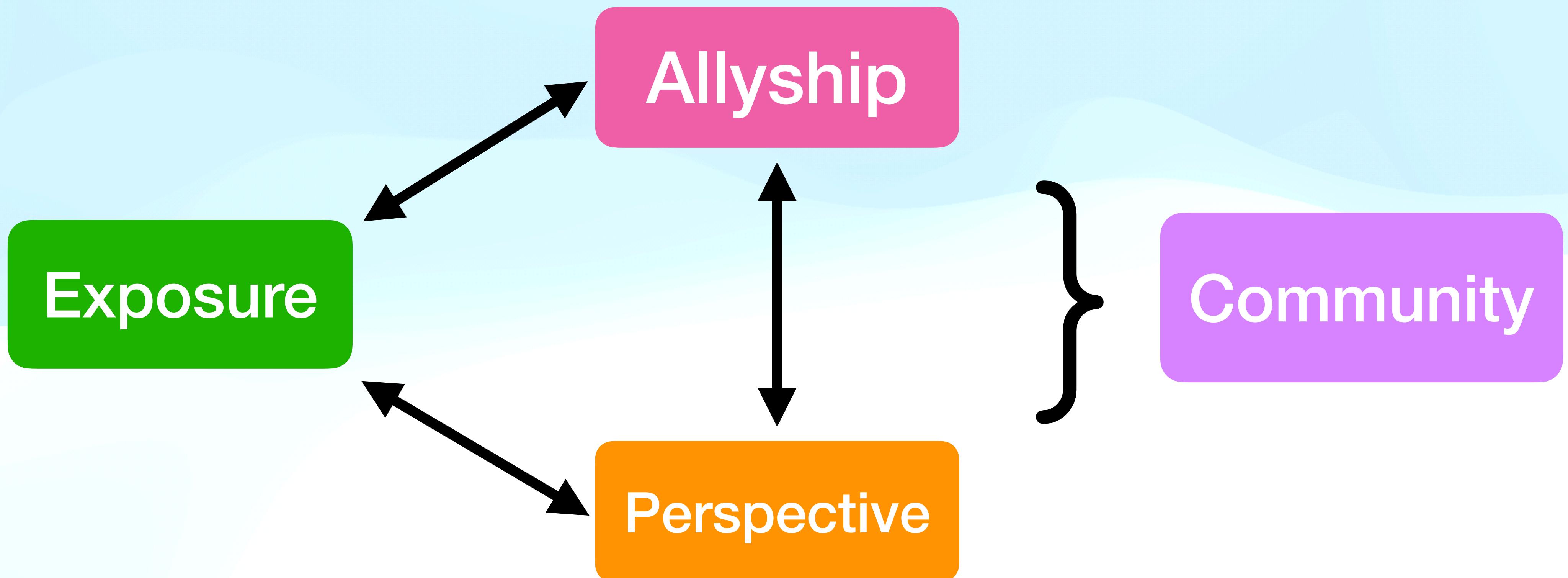
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Be humble, be compassionate

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What can we do about it?

- Past: **Validate** colleagues' experiences, personal and inherited
- Present: Listen, support/champion, and **be humble**
- Future: **Actively Prioritize** DEI skills and deficiencies
 - Recommendations in each CP, Topical Group and Frontier reports

What qualities are important in a physicist?

*Compare to what
you answered before*

“I’ll leave you with this take-home:
‘Diverse perspectives yield the best science’ is a true statement,
but it’s one that **commodifies the lived experience of marginalized**
people by reducing them to their contributions to productivity.
It’s a capitalistic framework that shirks the basic truth that cultivating
a field where the norm is respecting the humanity and validity of all
people is the right thing to do for no reason other than it is right.
If this is not enough of a justification for you, you are the problem.”

#BlackInAstro Experiences: KeShawn Ivory
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Thank You