



# Collaboration in a Global Setting

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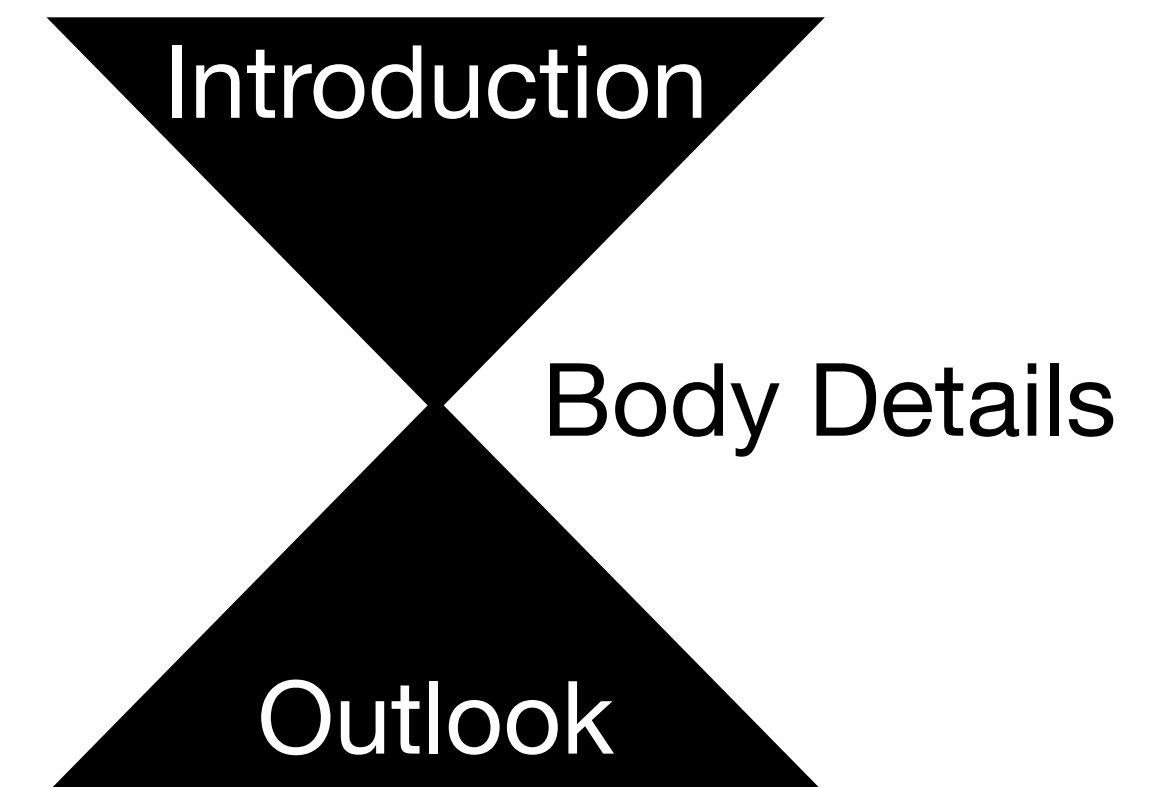


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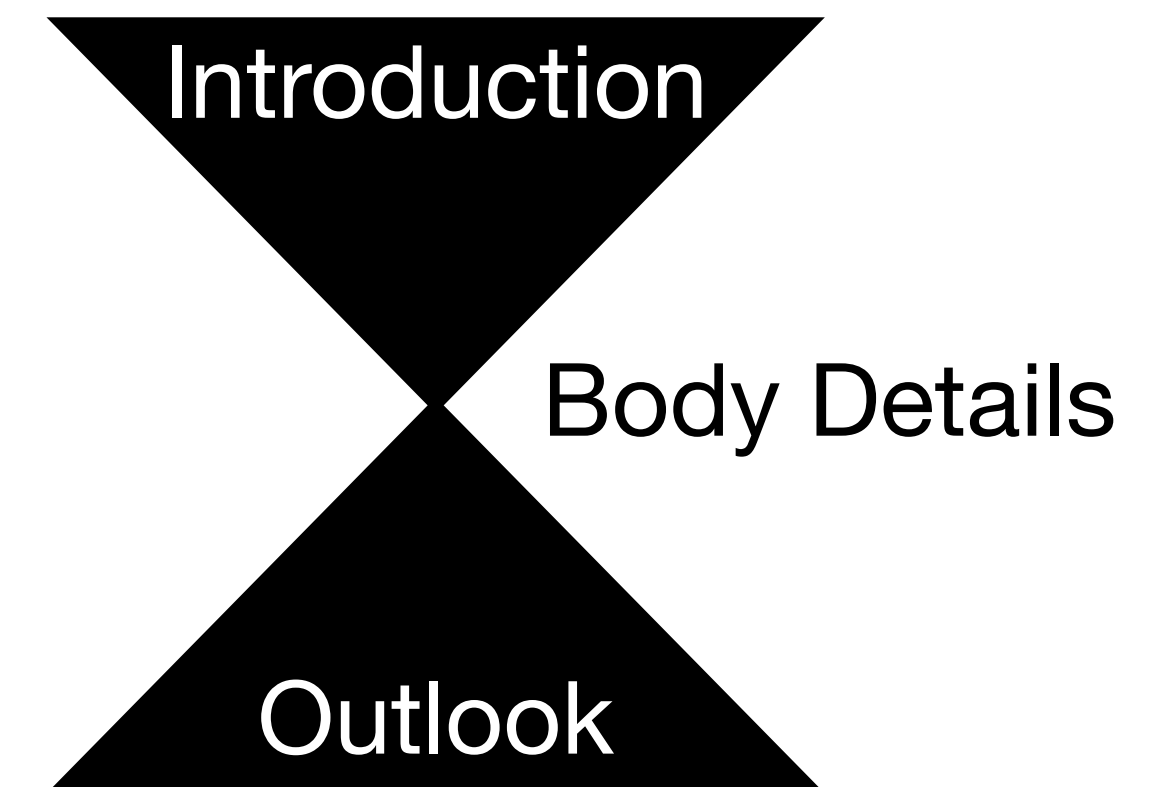


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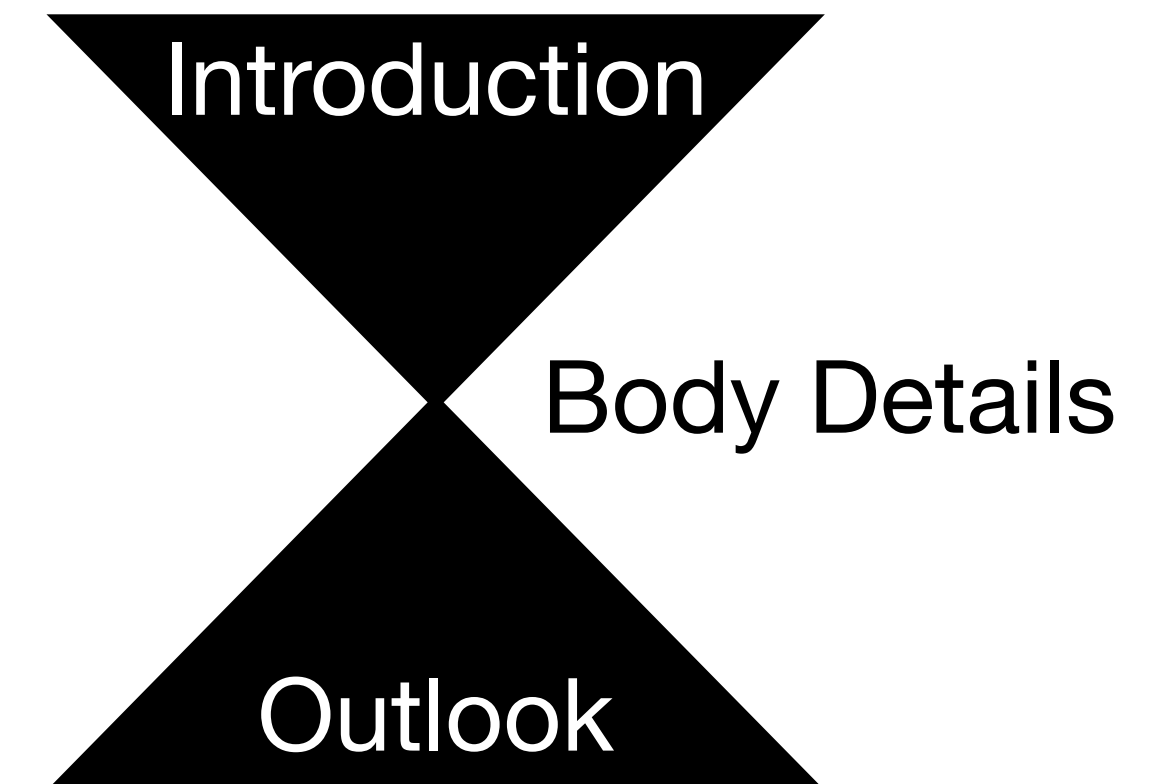




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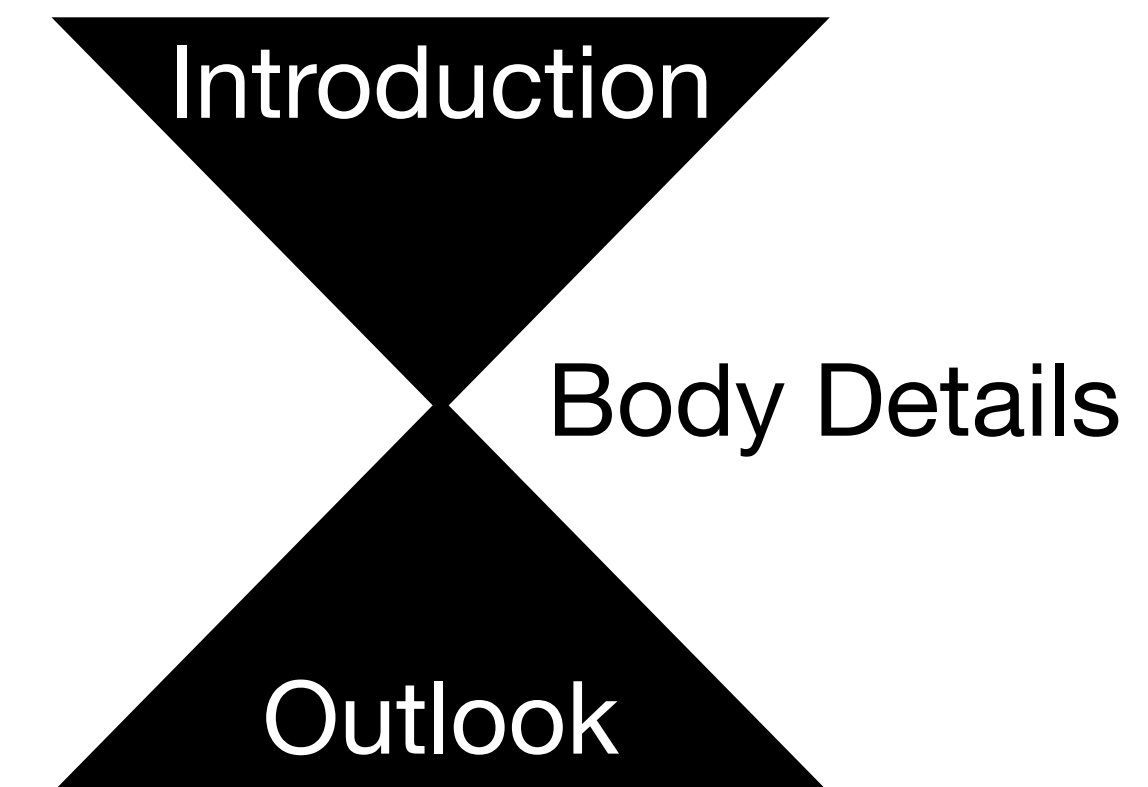
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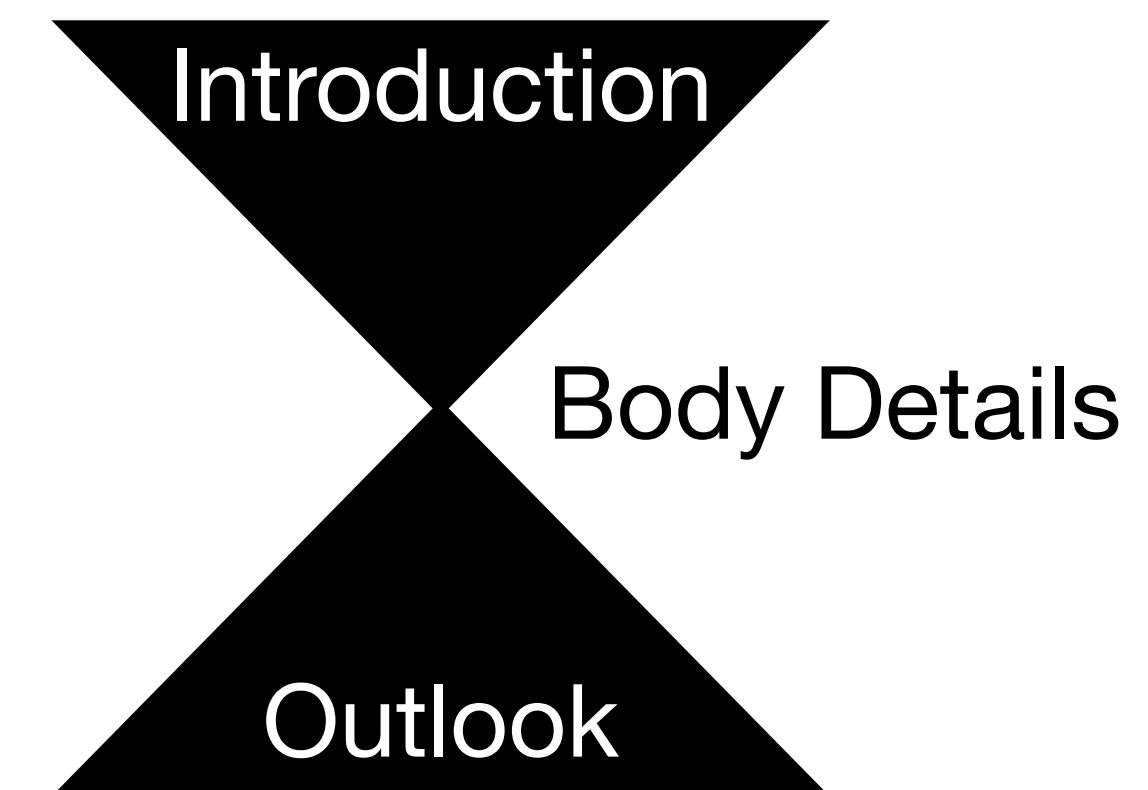




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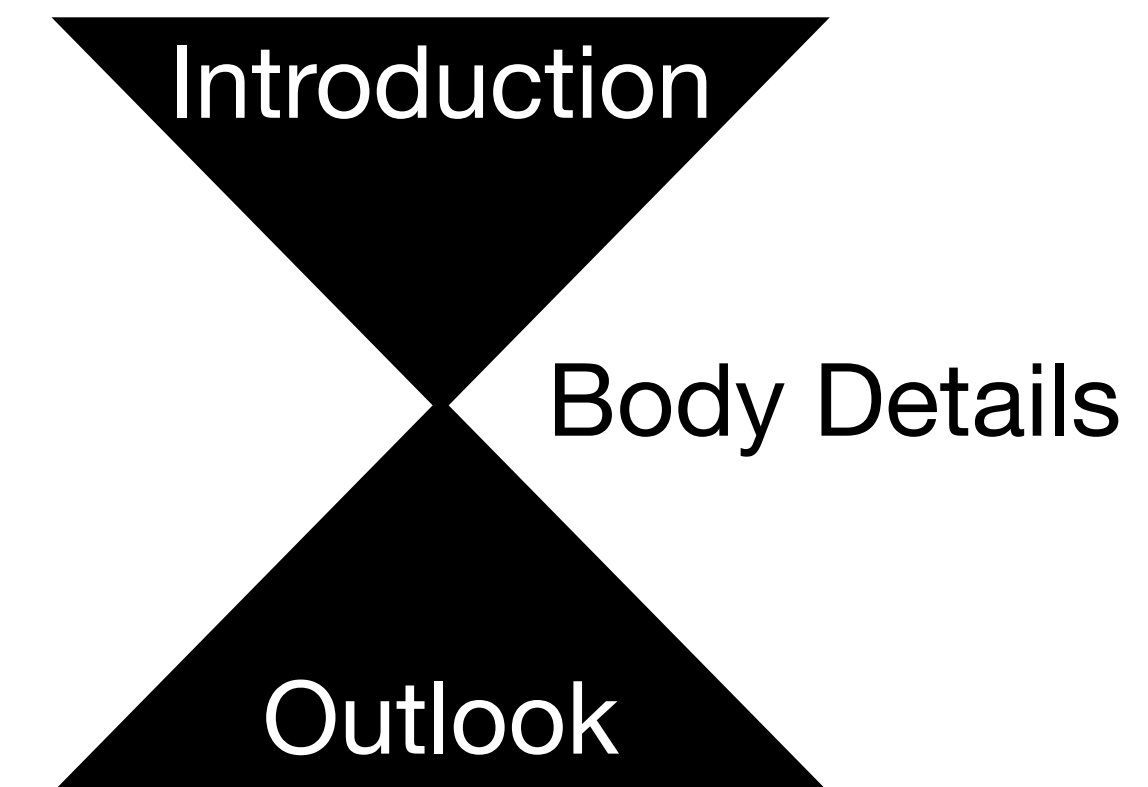
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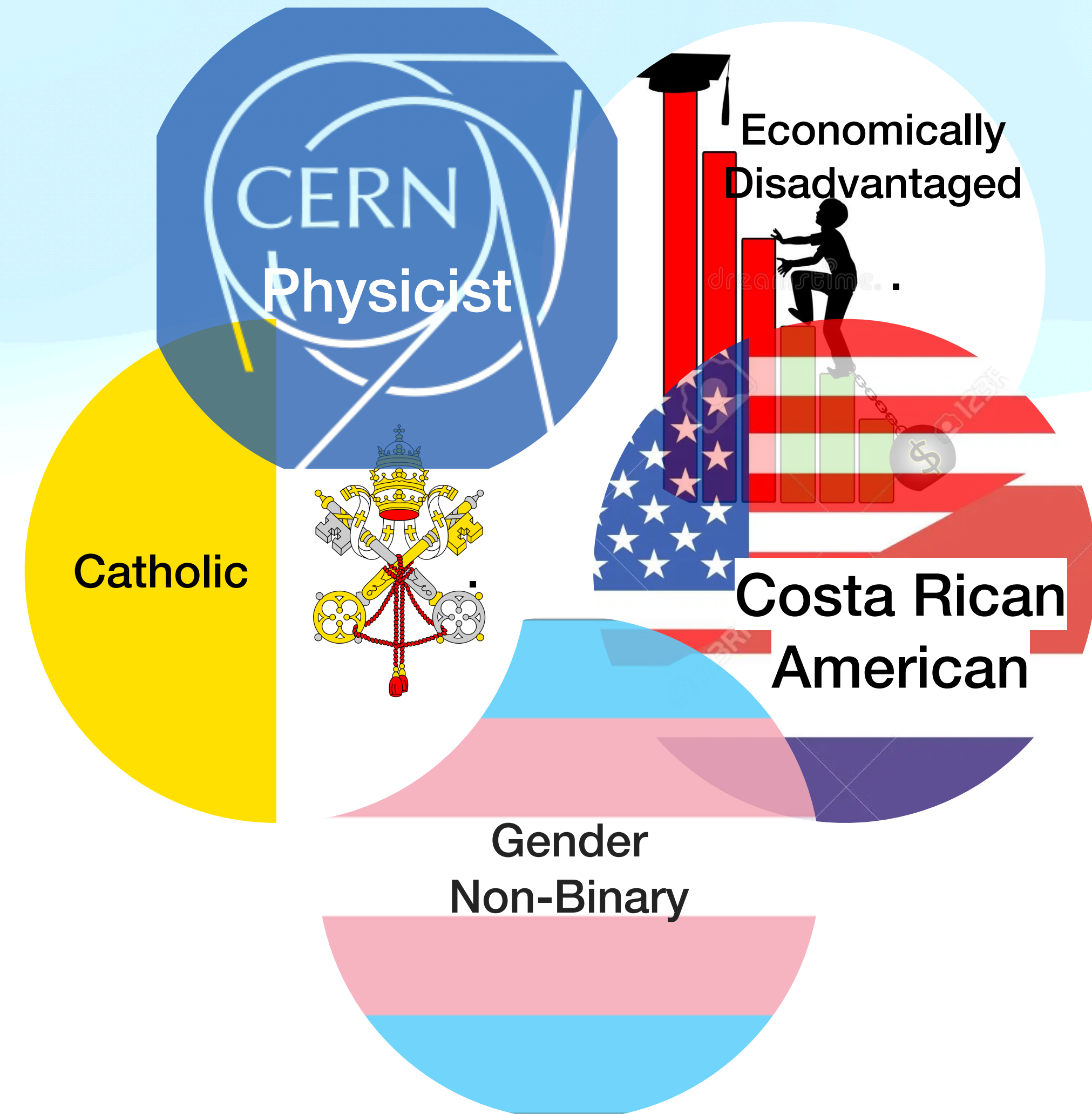


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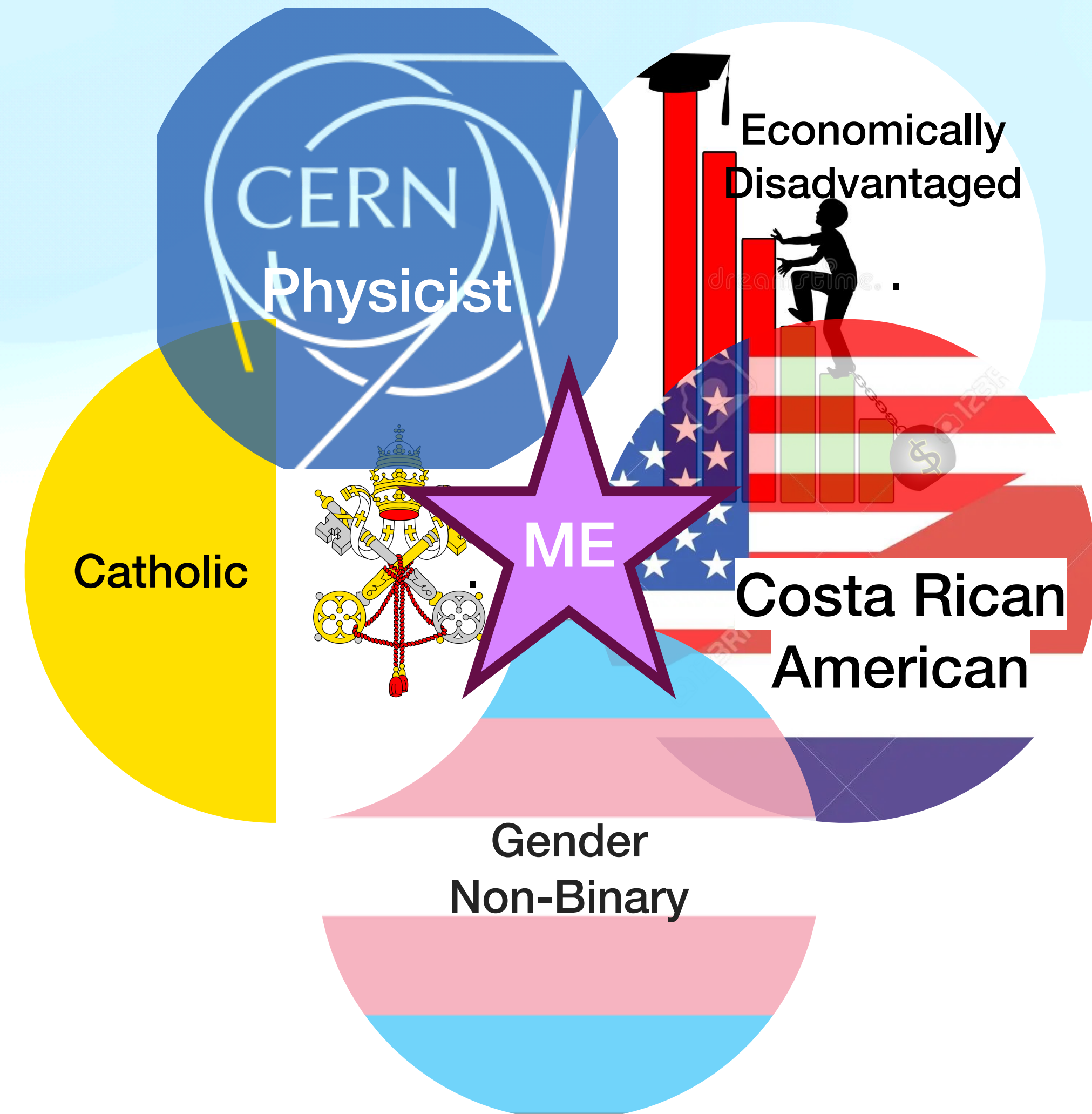
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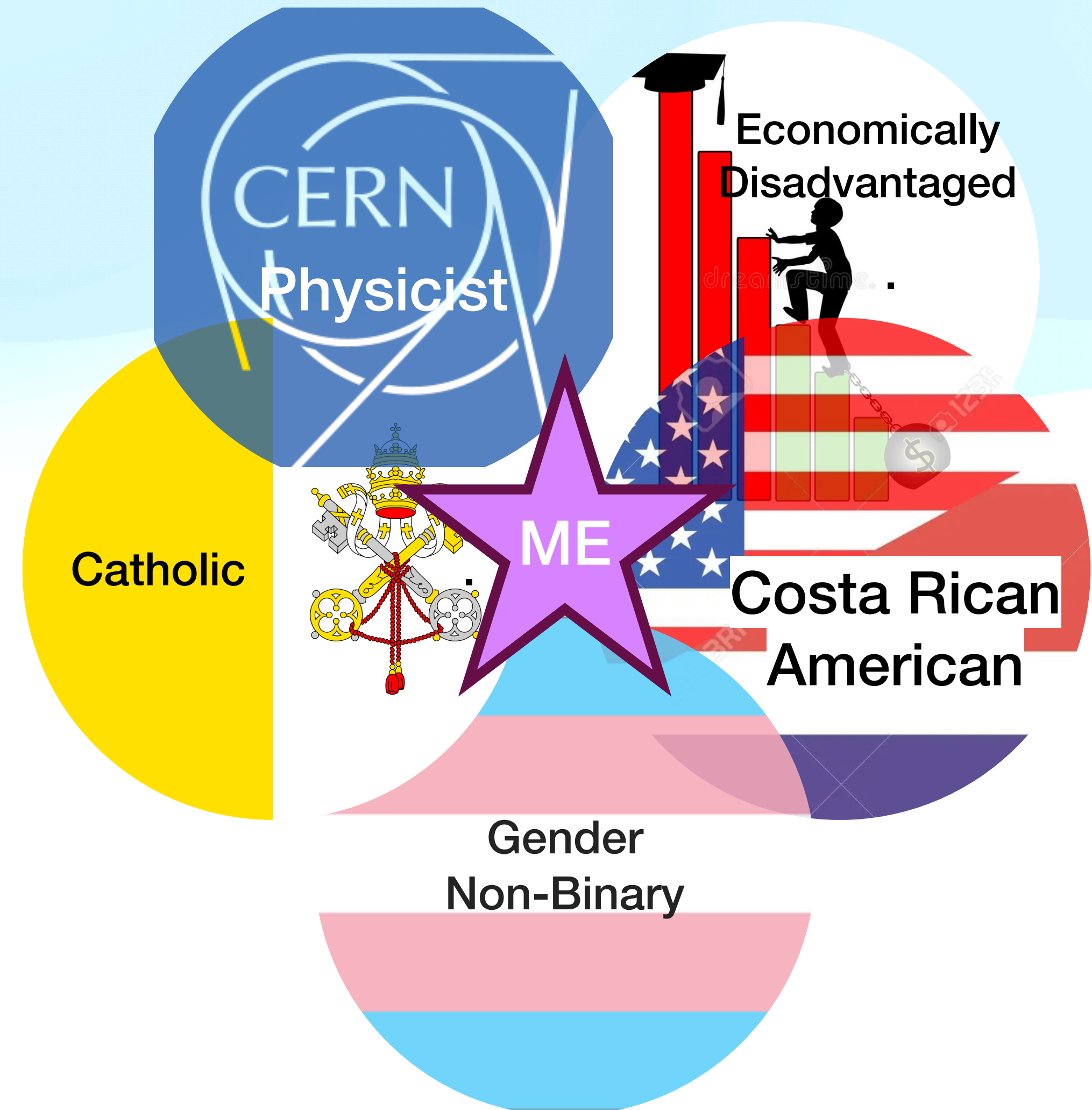
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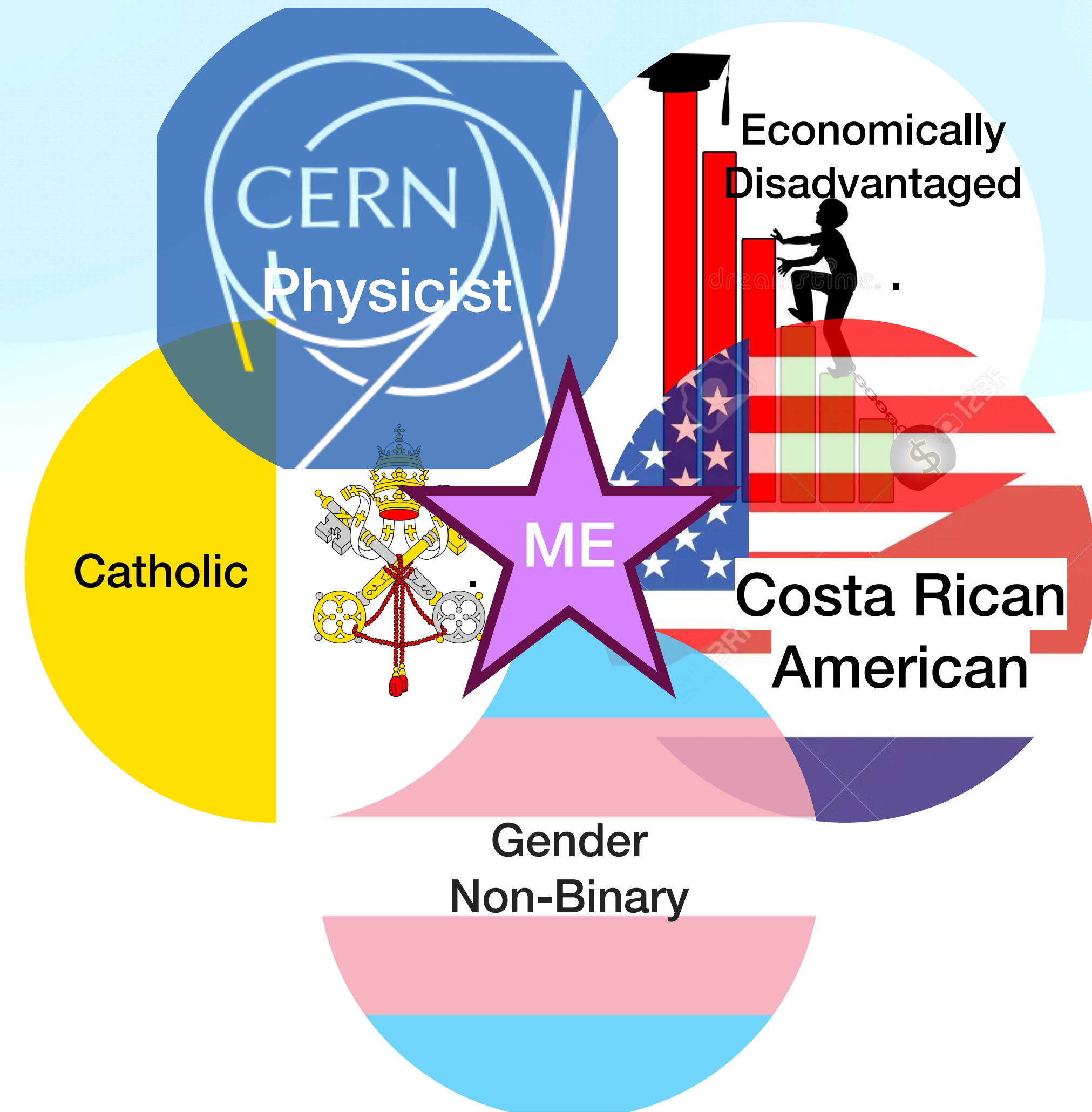
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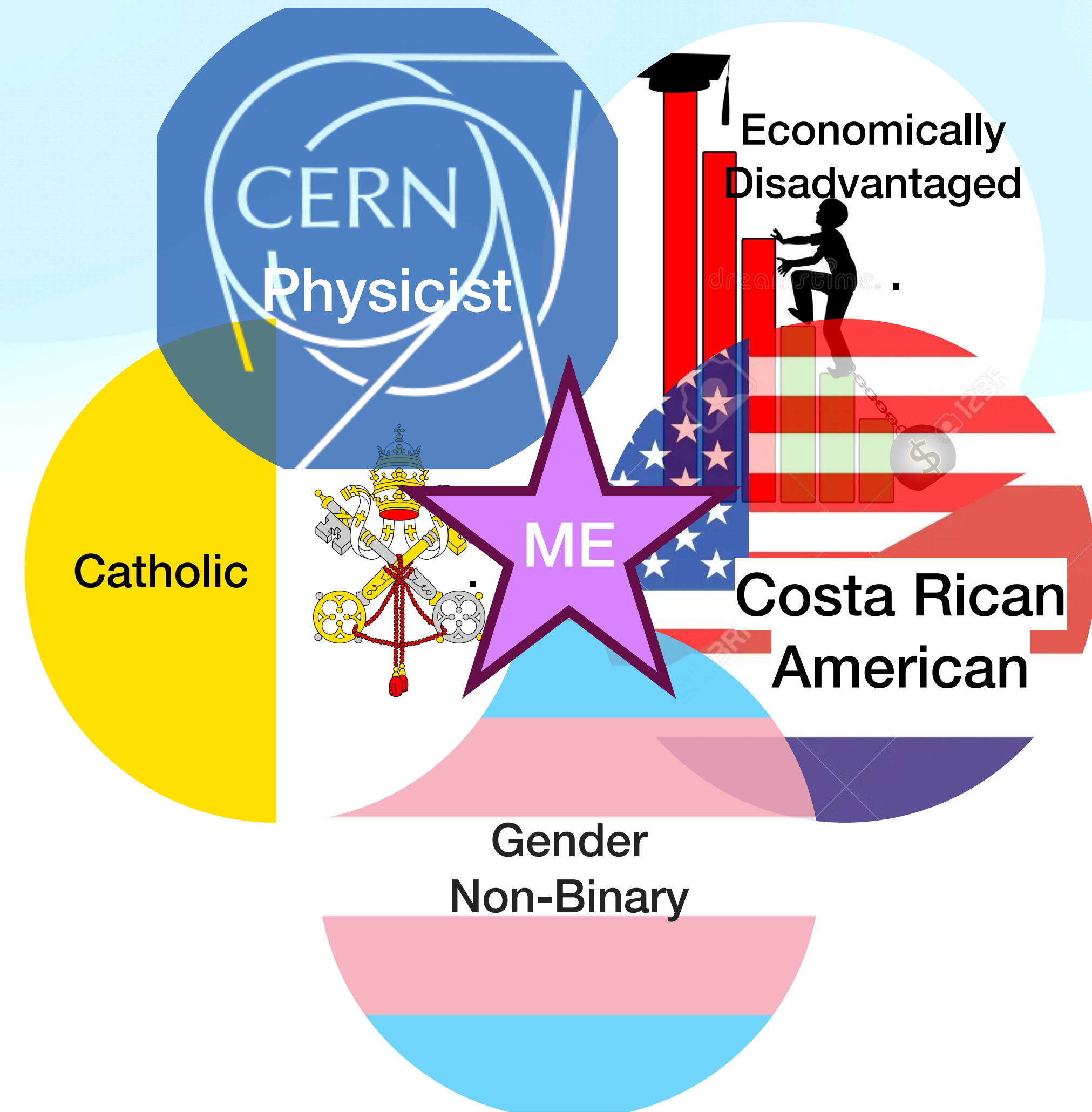
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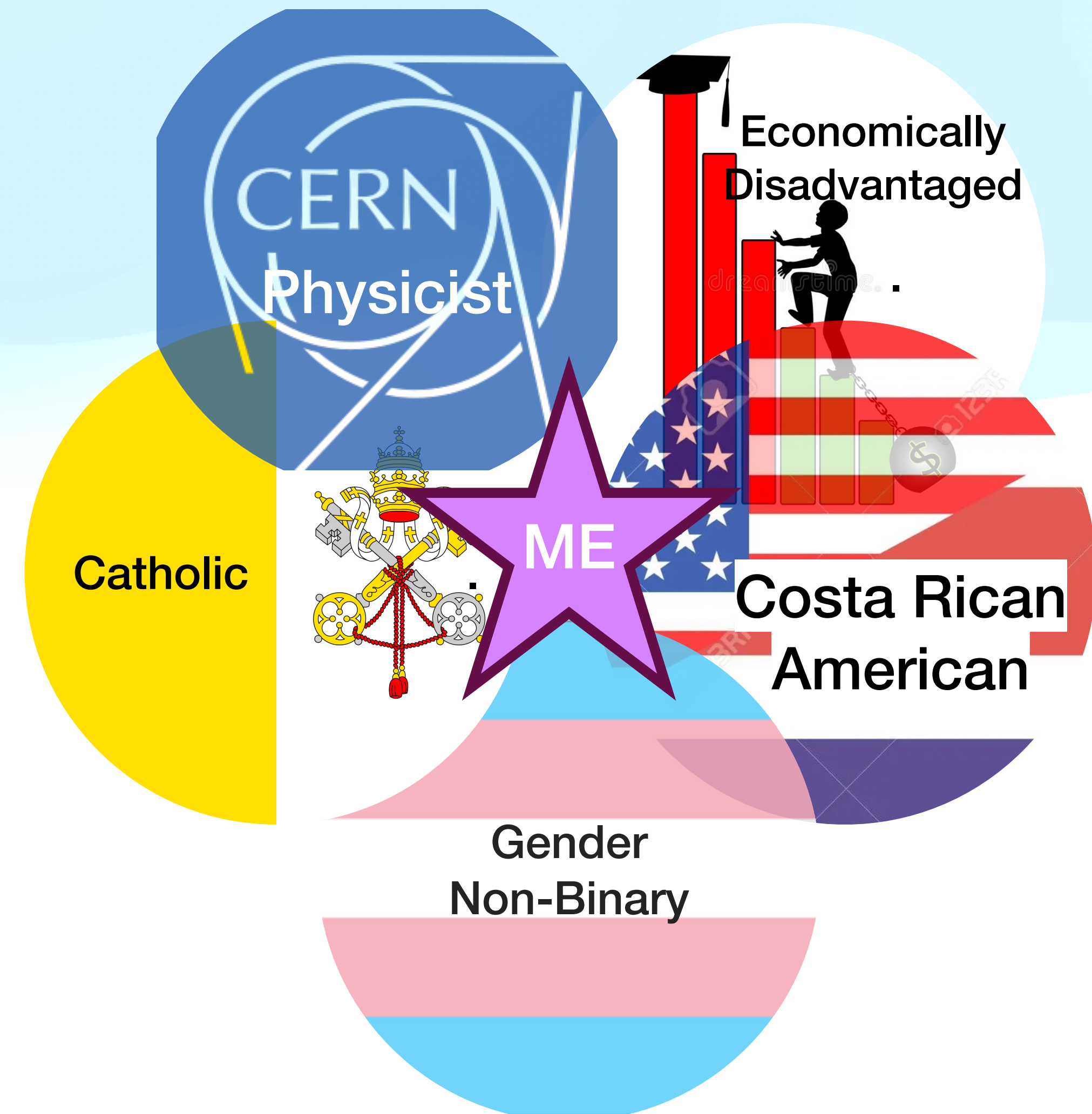
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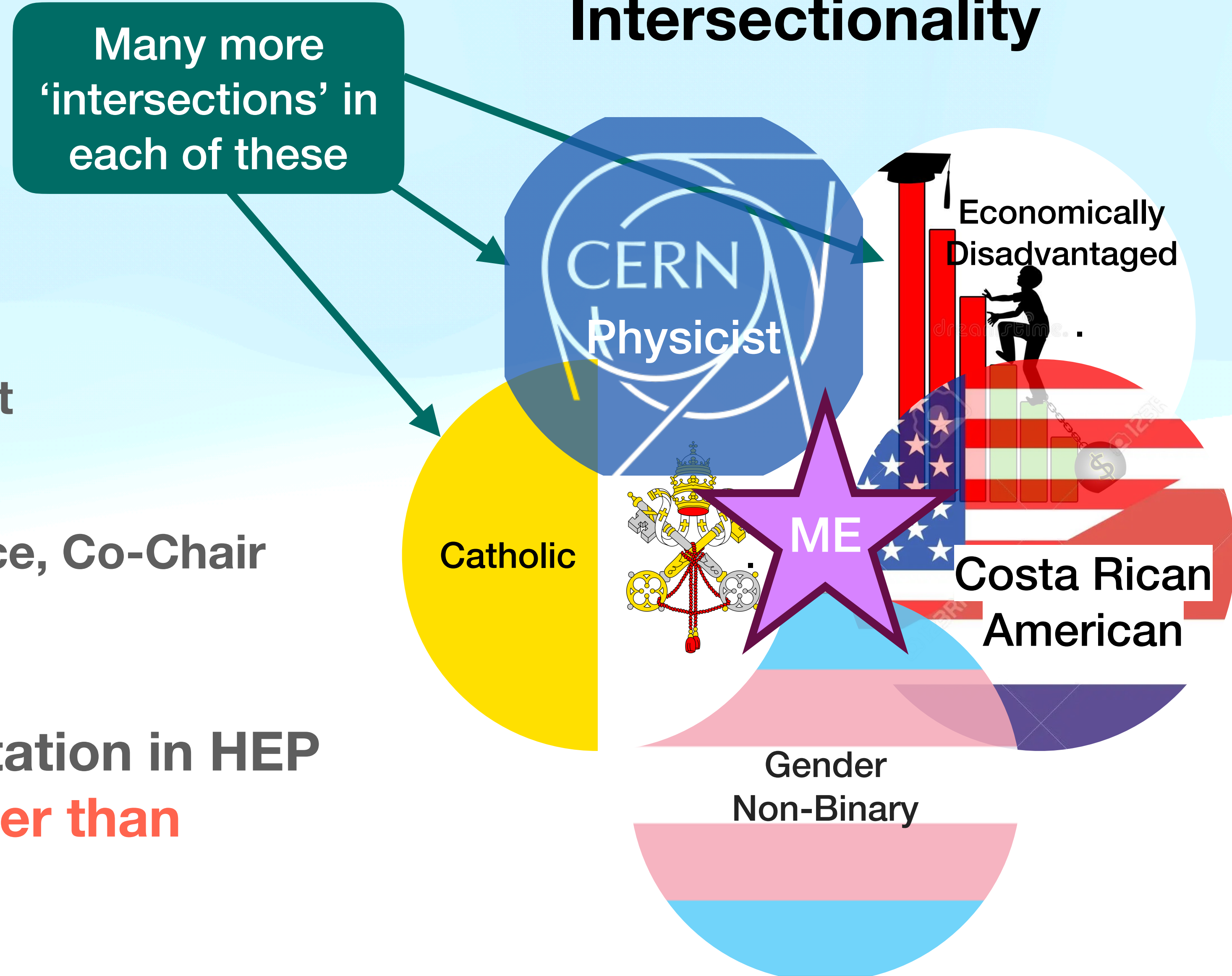
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## Better Practices

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~~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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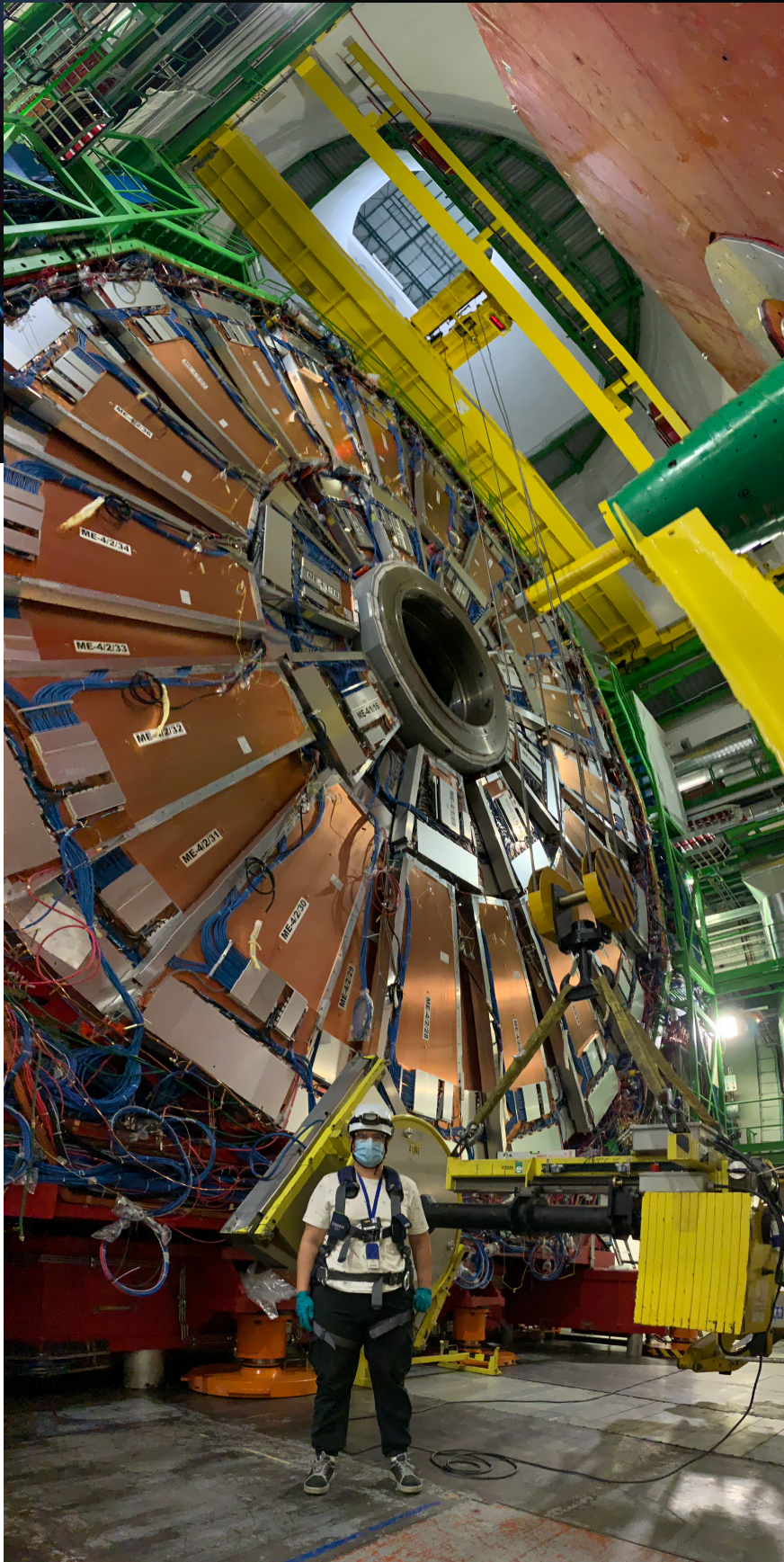
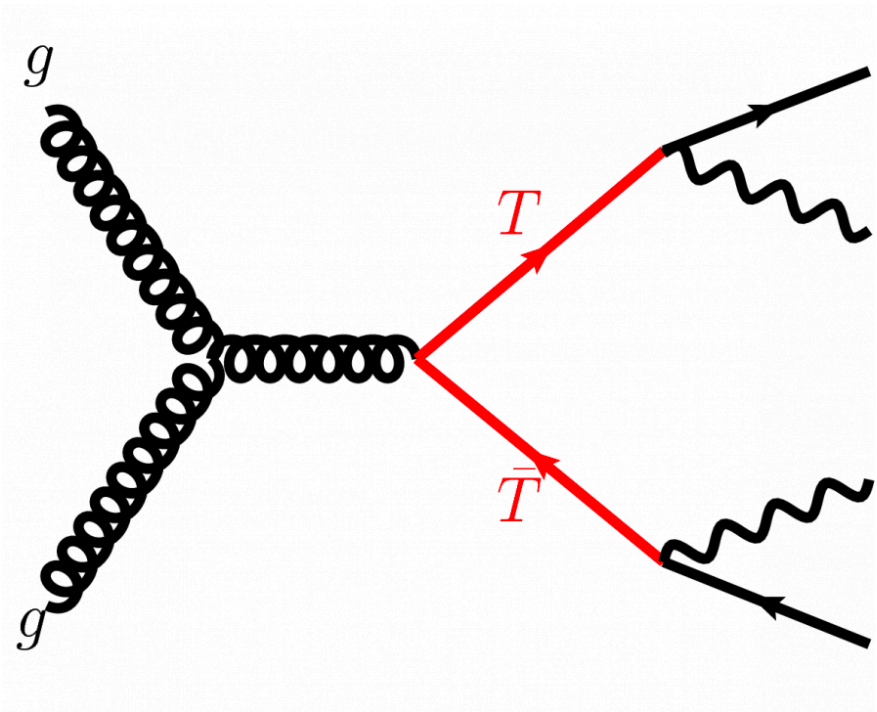
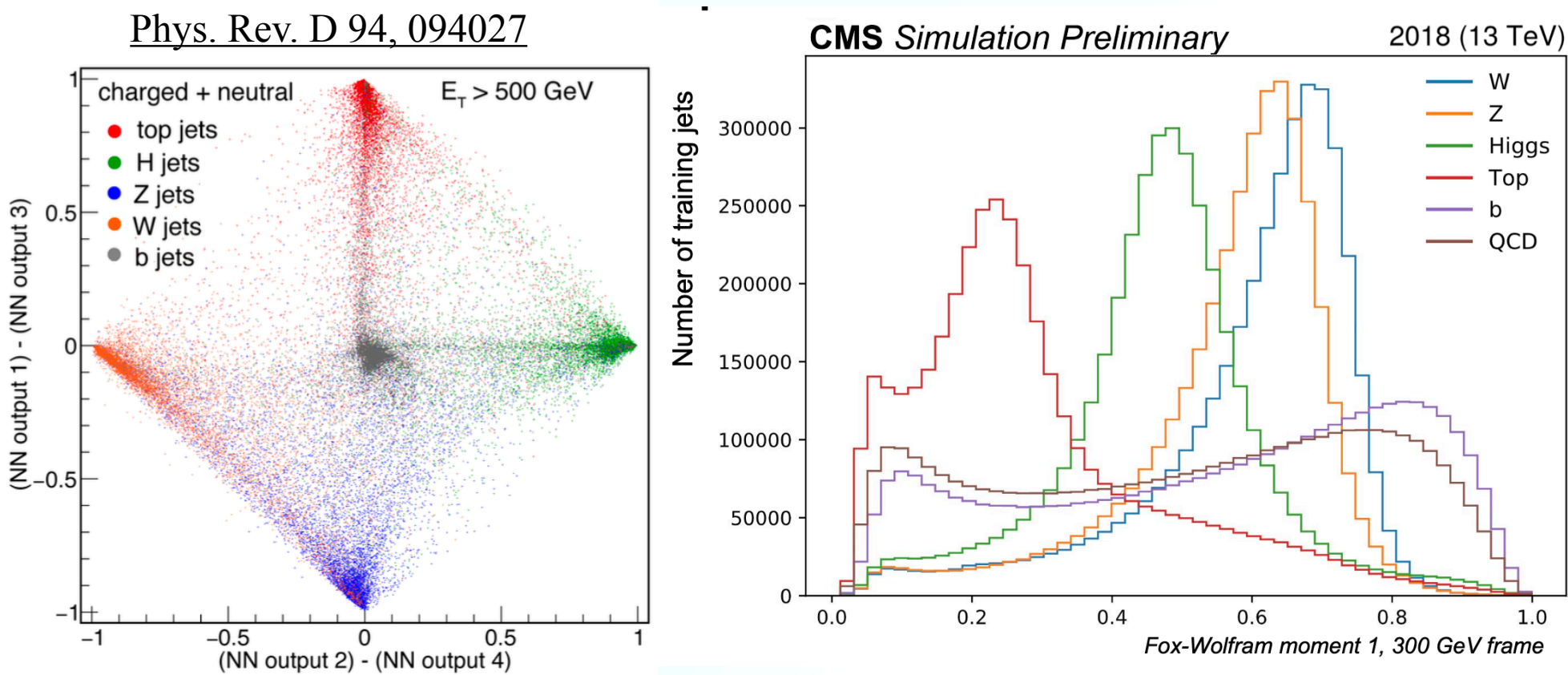
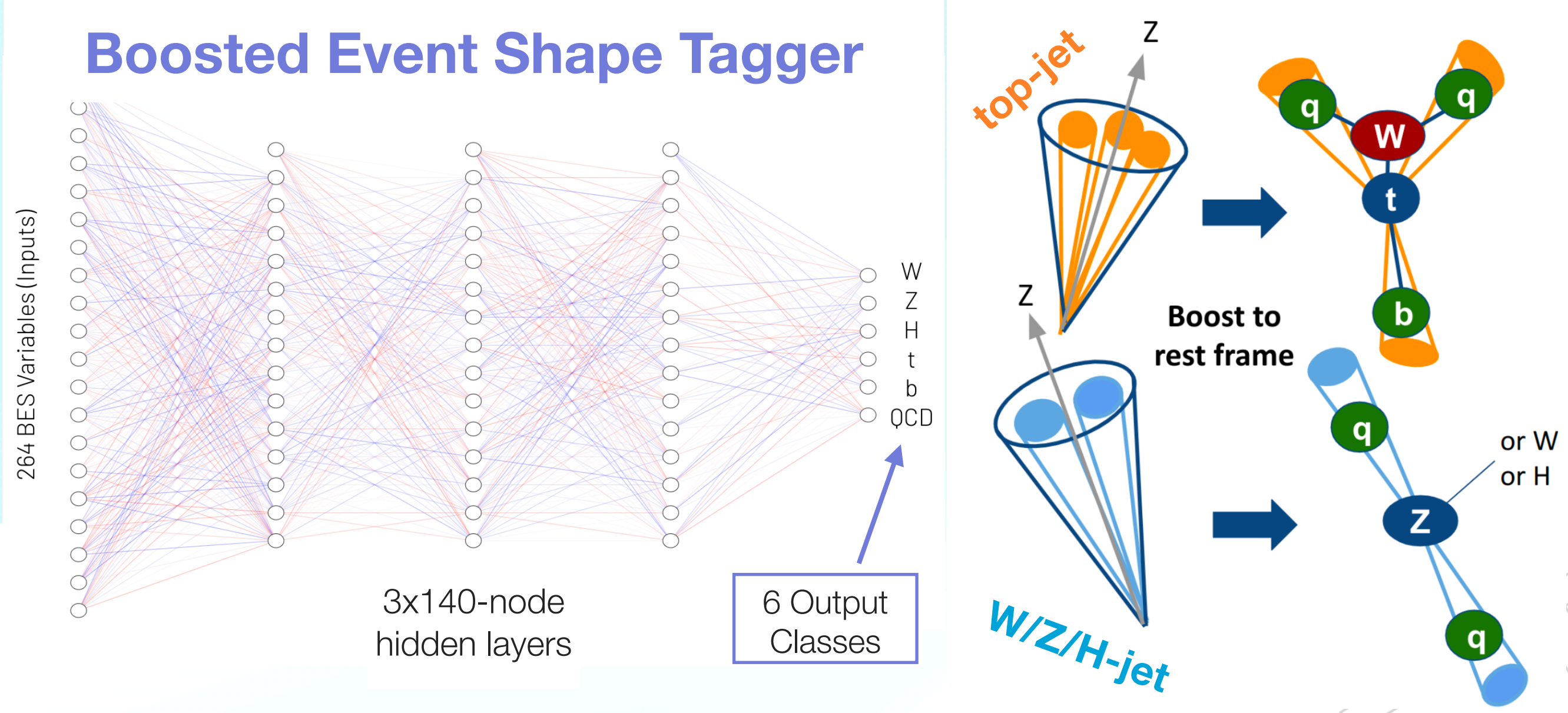
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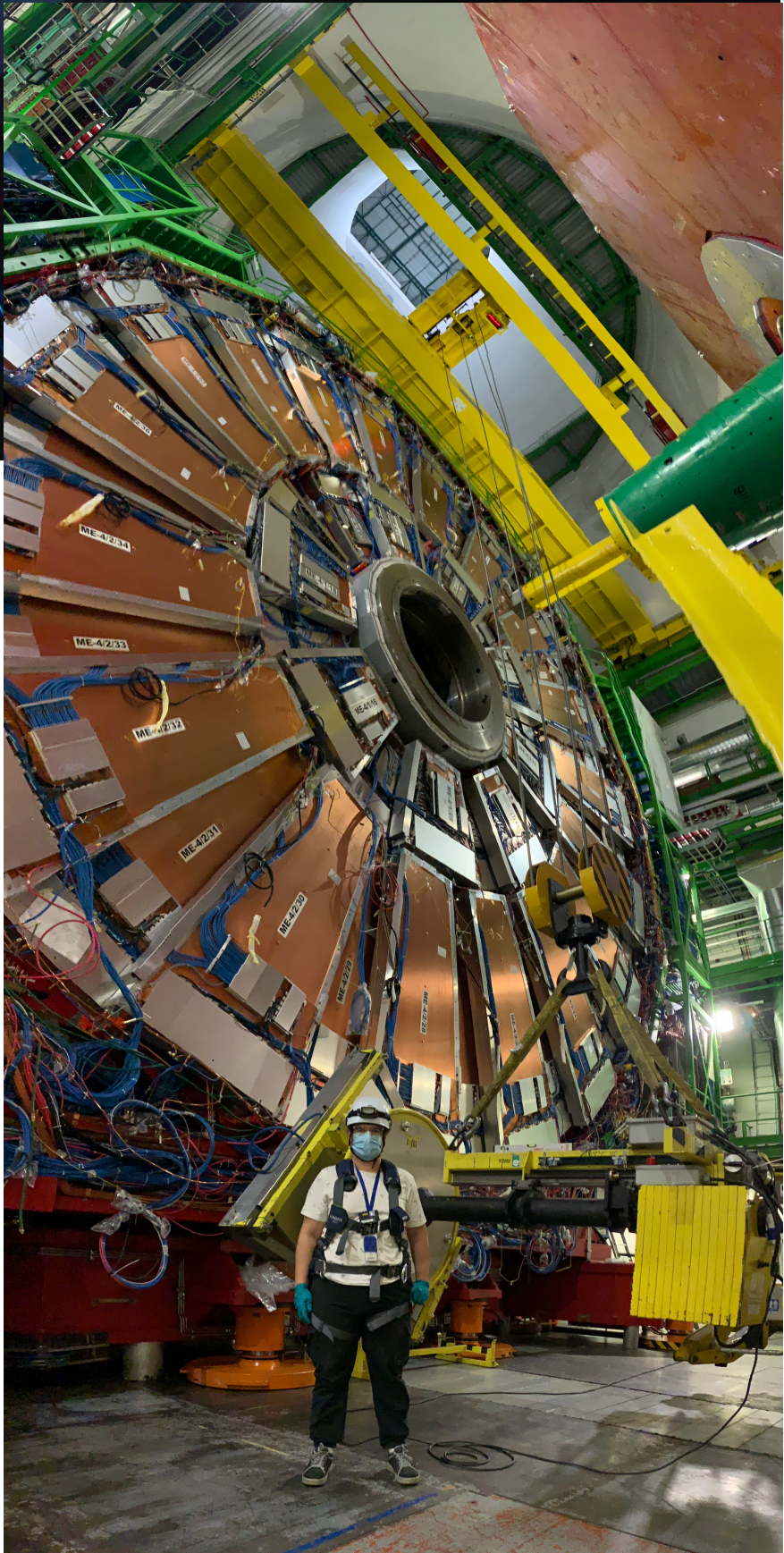
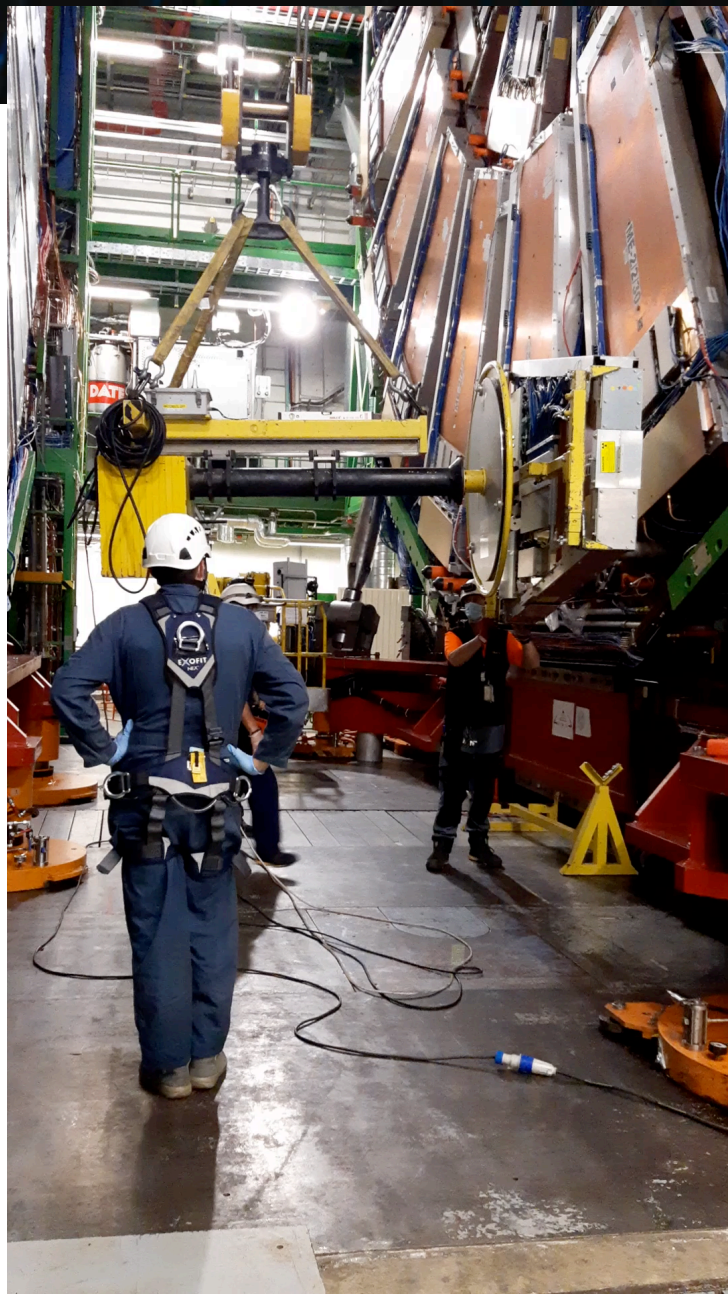
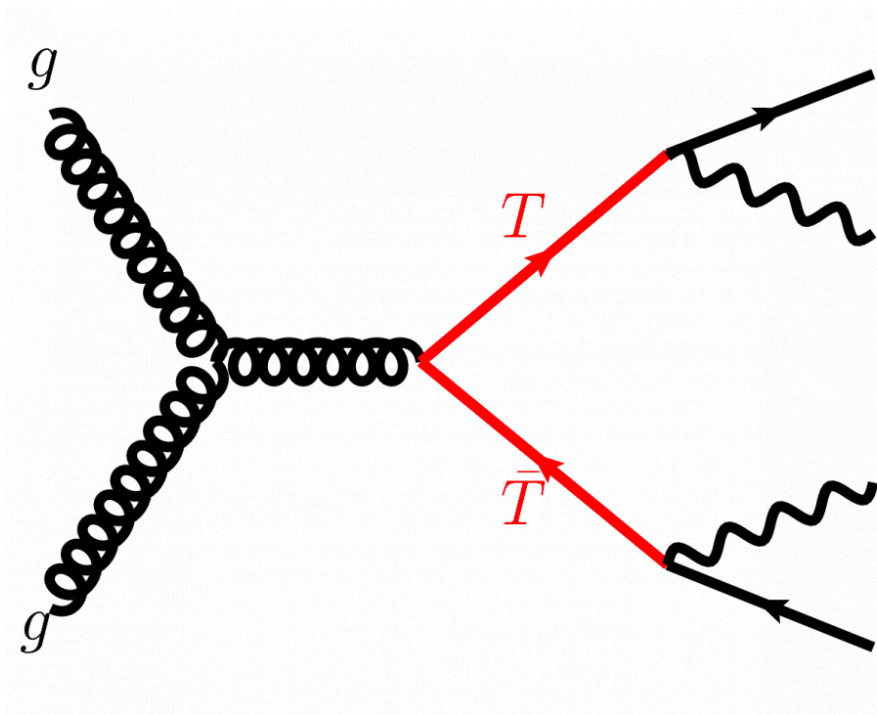
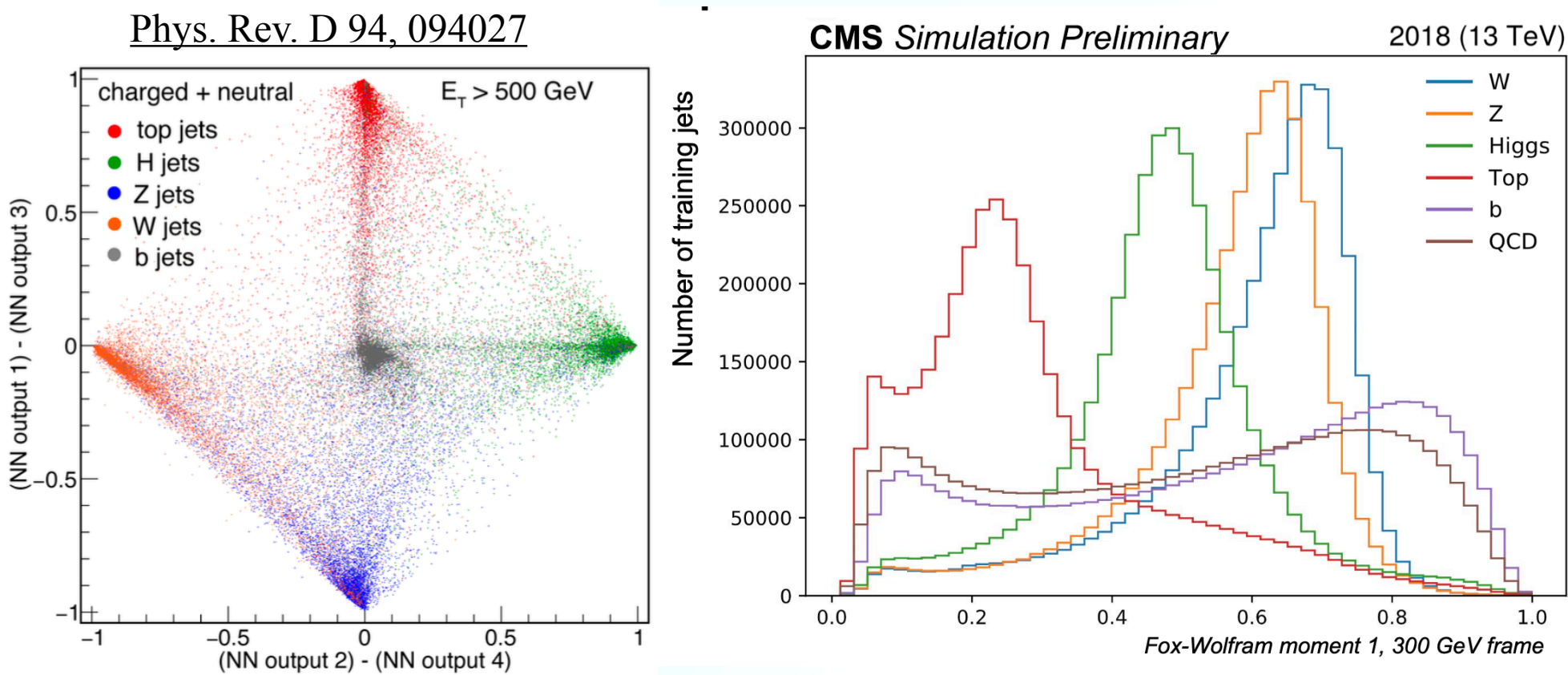
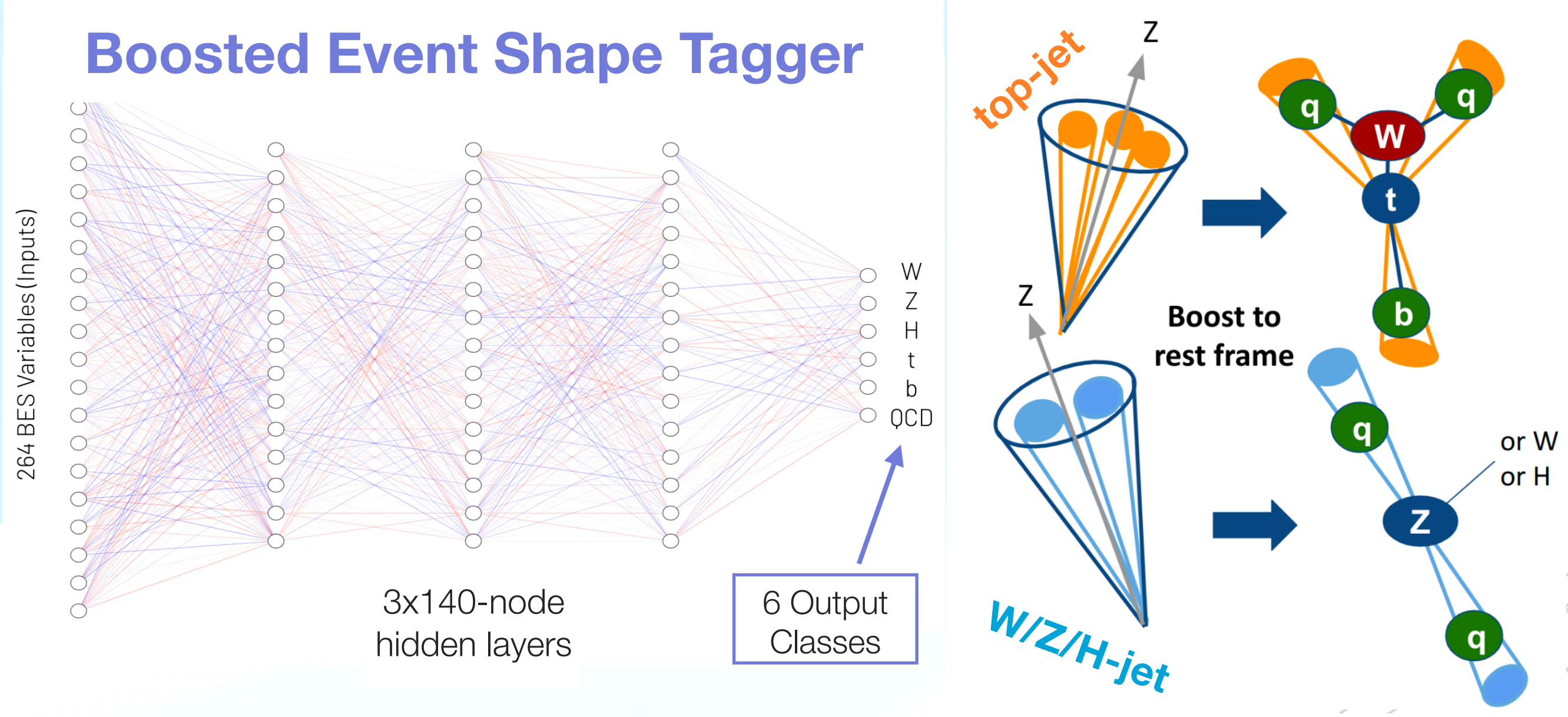


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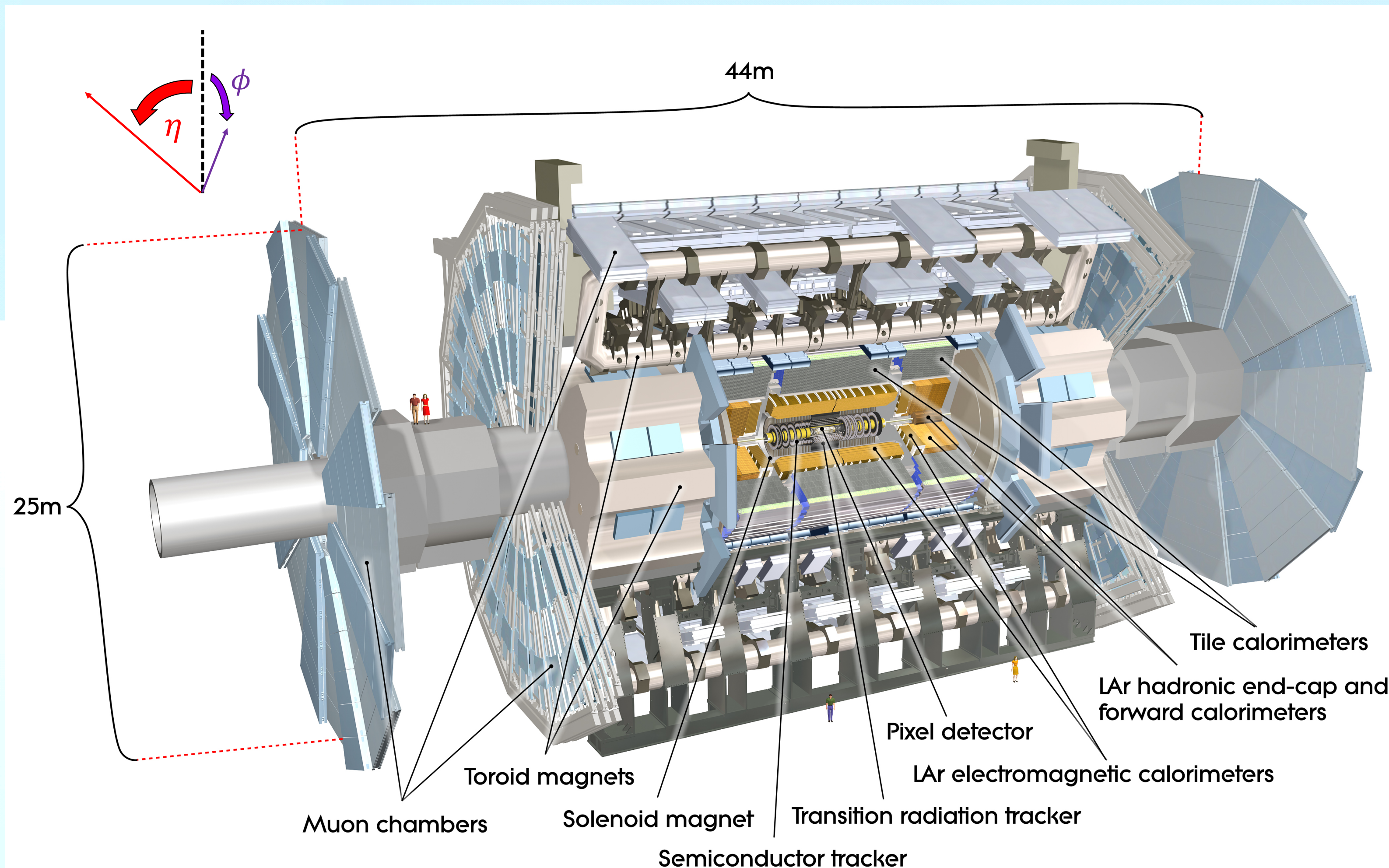
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- Crux: Physicists (humans)
  - > Compounding effects of globalization
  - > It is our responsibility to adapt for the benefit of all



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### CMS DETECTOR

Total weight : 14,000 tonnes  
Overall diameter : 15.0 m  
Overall length : 28.7 m  
Magnetic field : 3.8 T

STEEL RETURN YOKE  
12,500 tonnes

SILICON TRACKERS  
Pixel (100x150  $\mu\text{m}$ )  $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 66\text{M}$  channels  
Microstrips (80x180  $\mu\text{m}$ )  $\sim 200\text{m}^2 \sim 9.6\text{M}$  channels

SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID  
Niobium titanium coil carrying  $\sim 18,000\text{A}$

MUON CHAMBERS  
Barrel: 250 Drift Tube, 480 Resistive Plate Chambers  
Endcaps: 468 Cathode Strip, 432 Resistive Plate Chambers

PRESHOWER  
Silicon strips  $\sim 16\text{m}^2 \sim 137,000$  channels

FORWARD CALORIMETER  
Steel + Quartz fibres  $\sim 2,000$  Channels

CRYSTAL  
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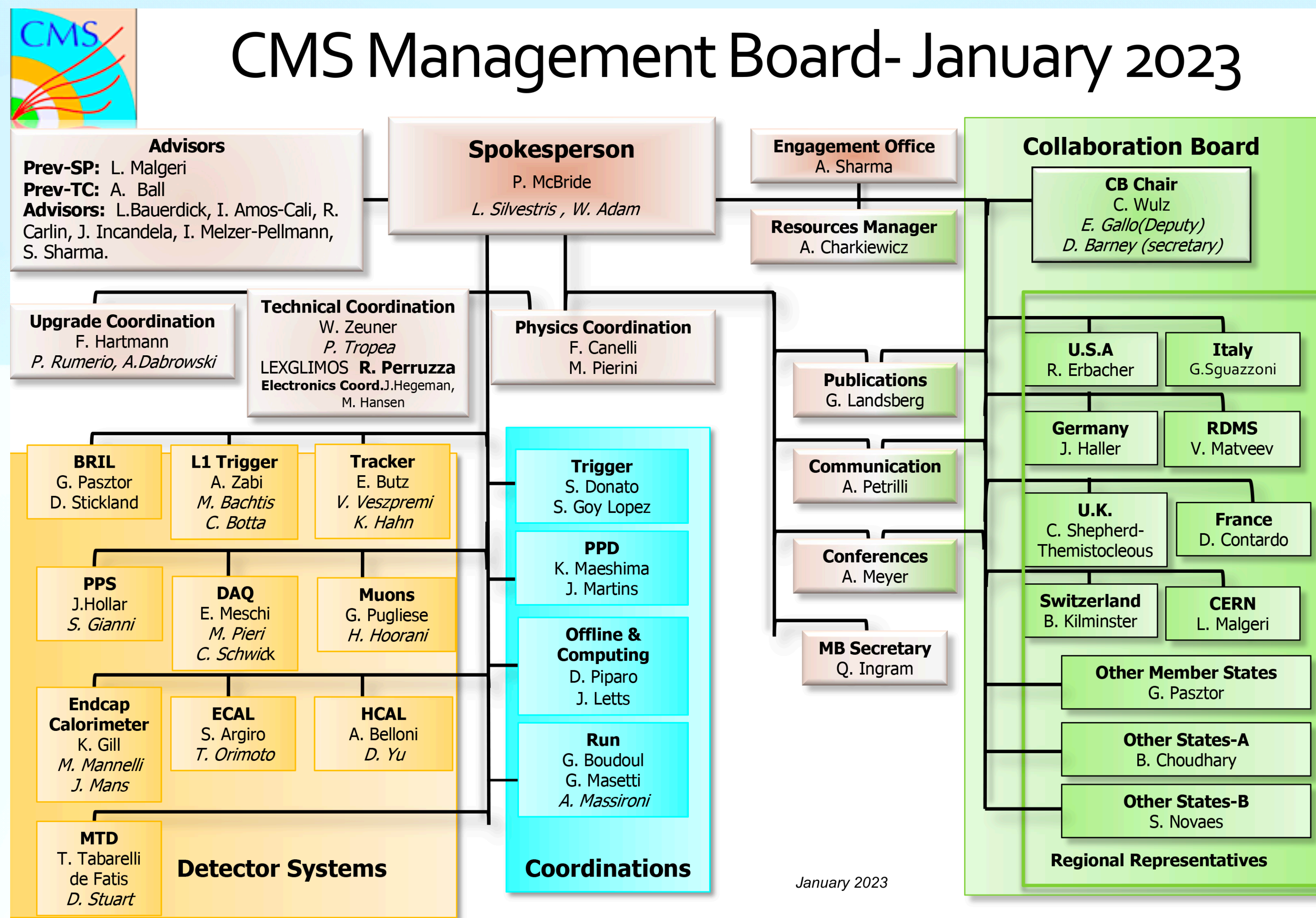
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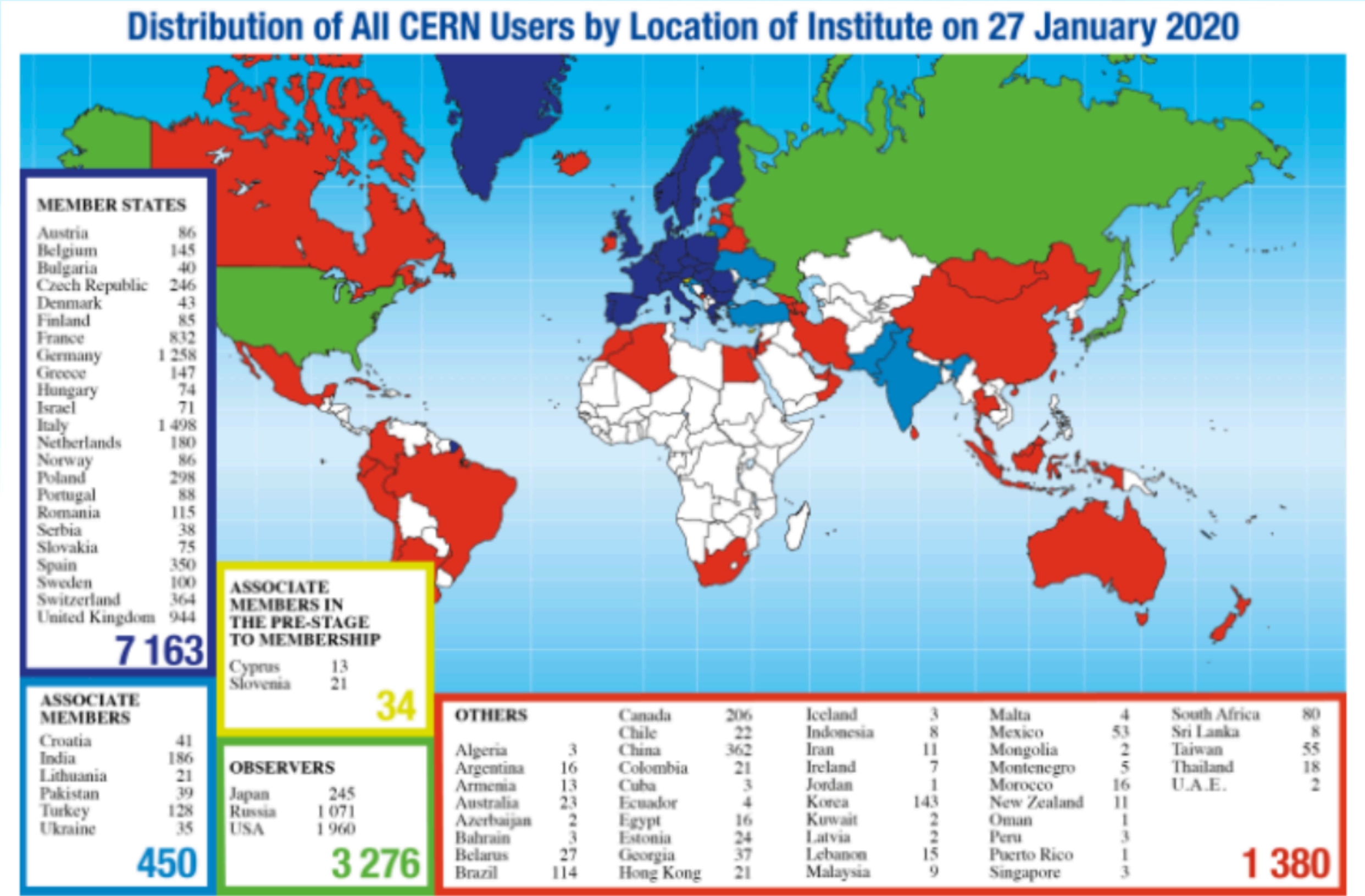


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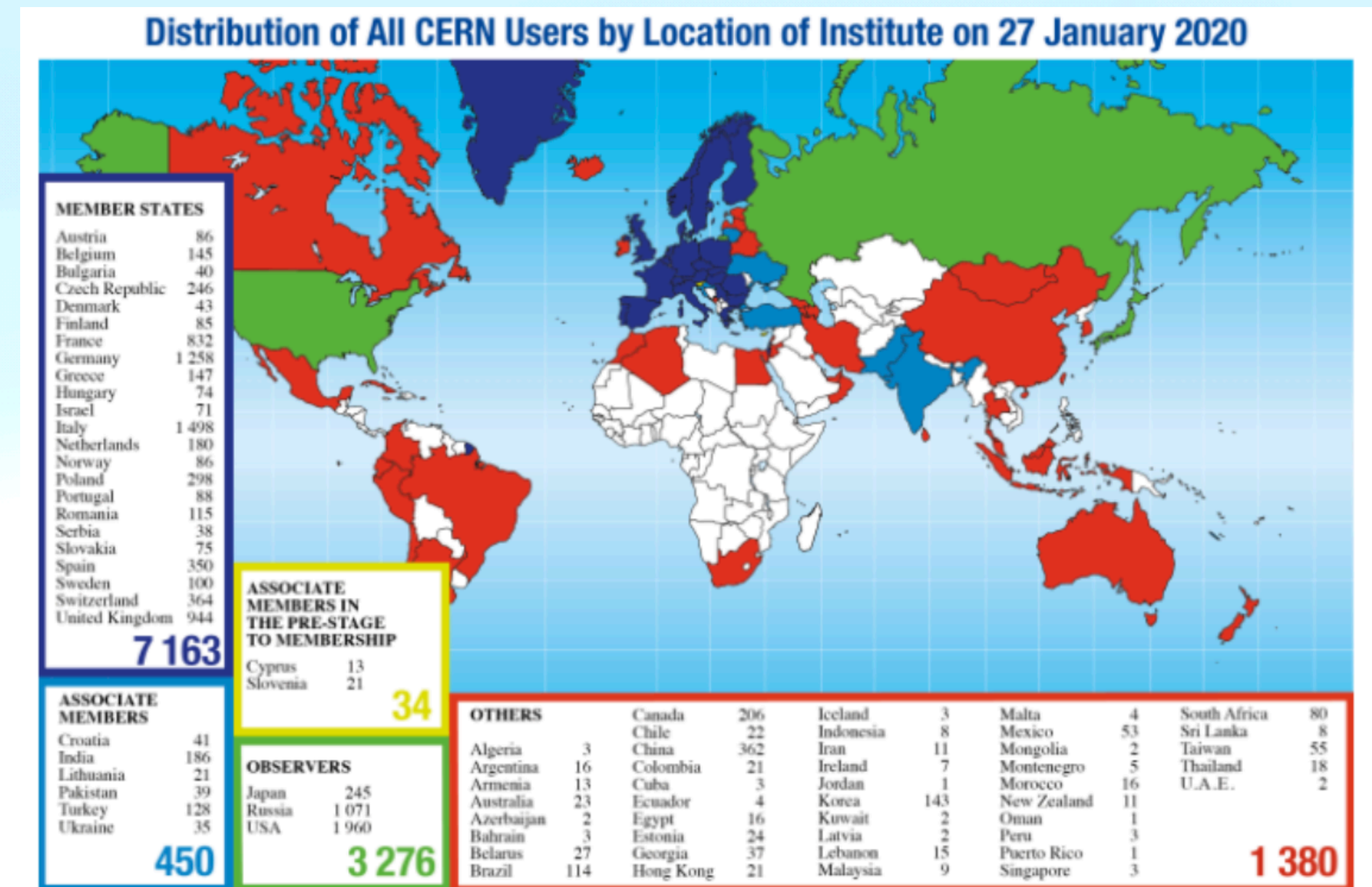


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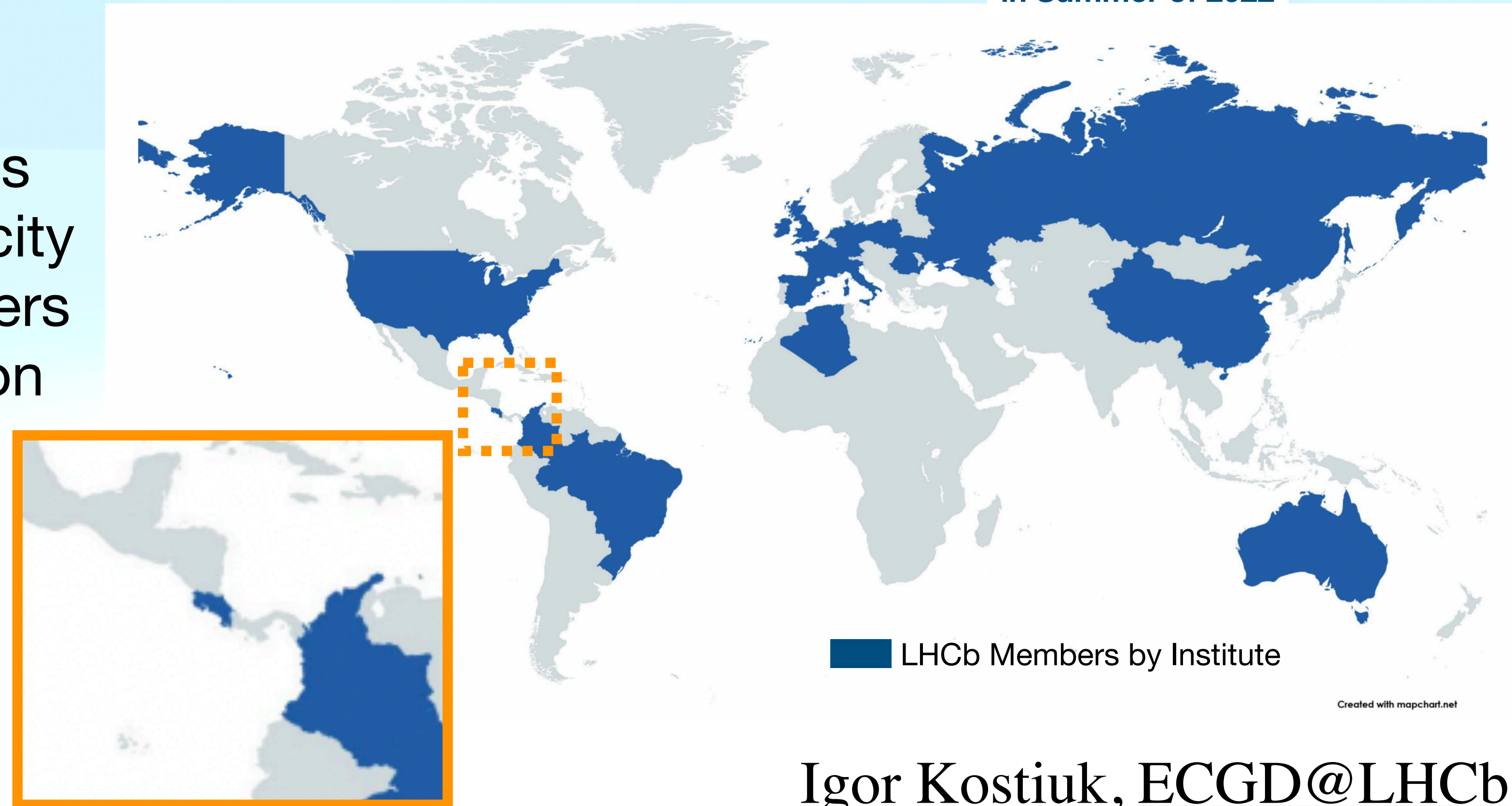
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# Fluidic Data

## 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**





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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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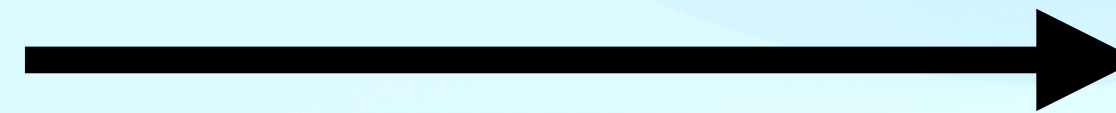
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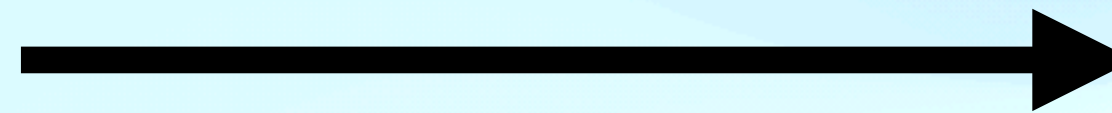
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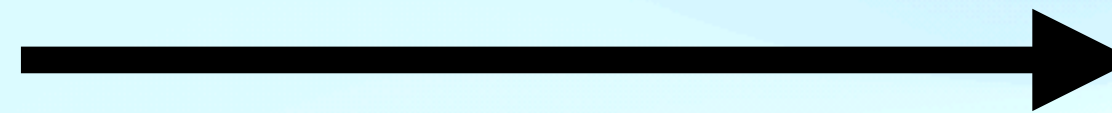
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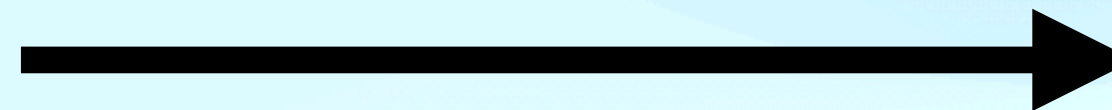
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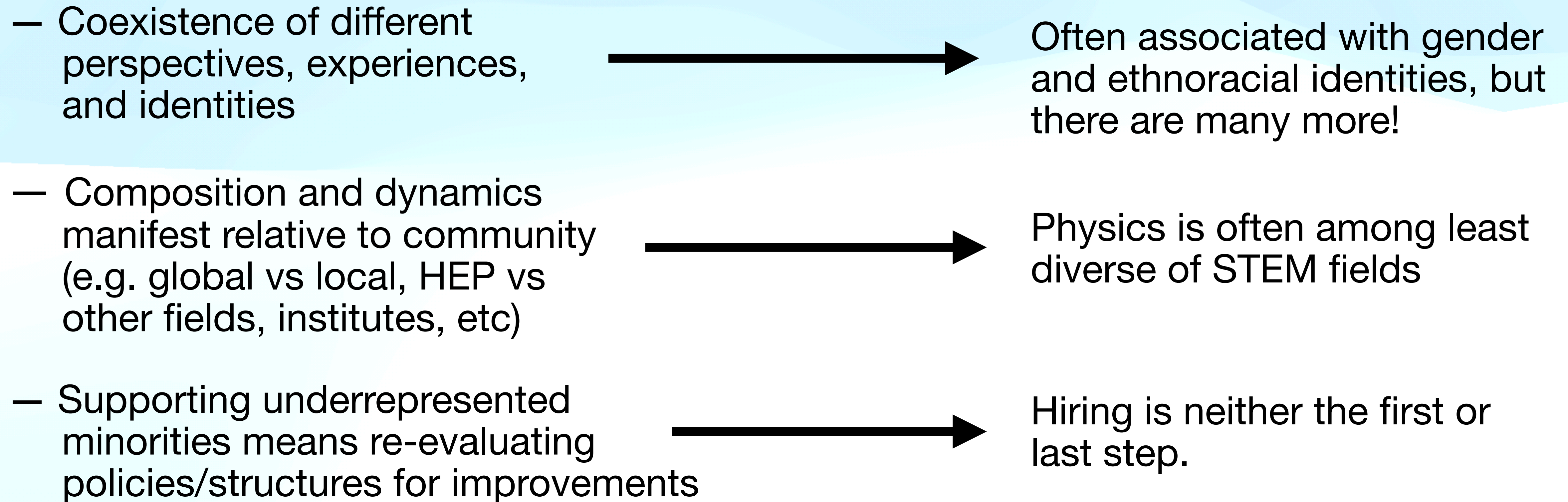


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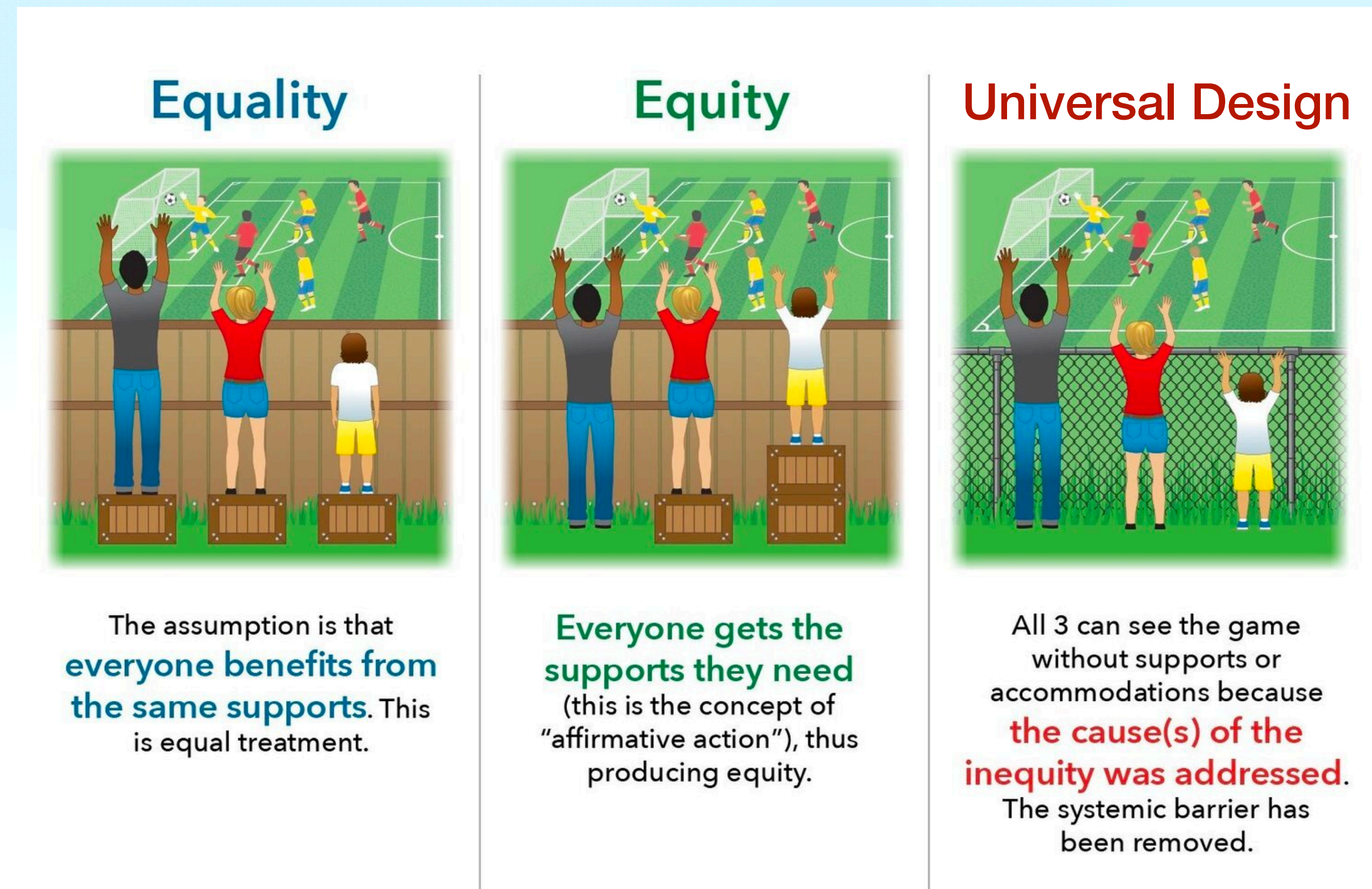
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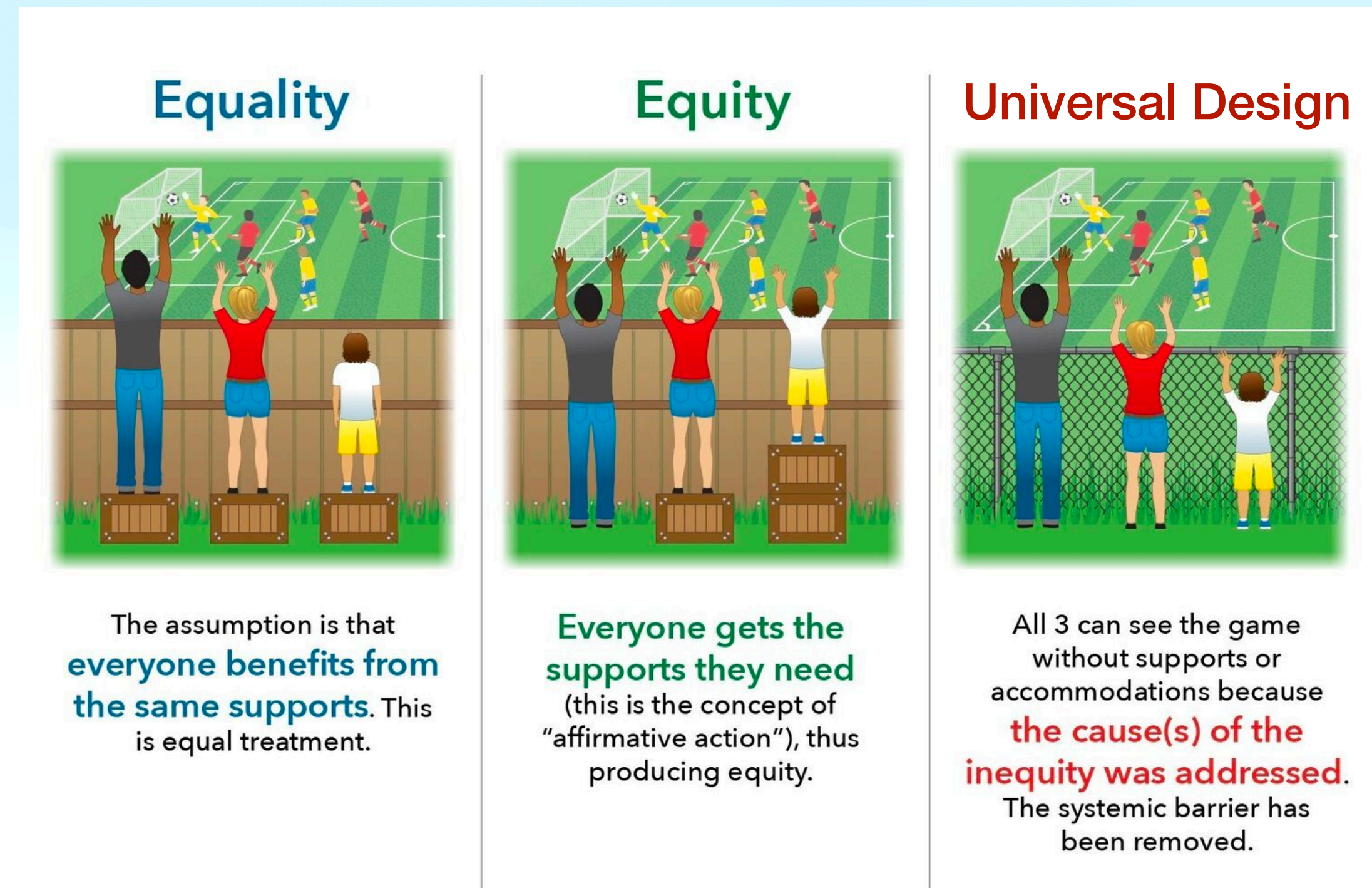


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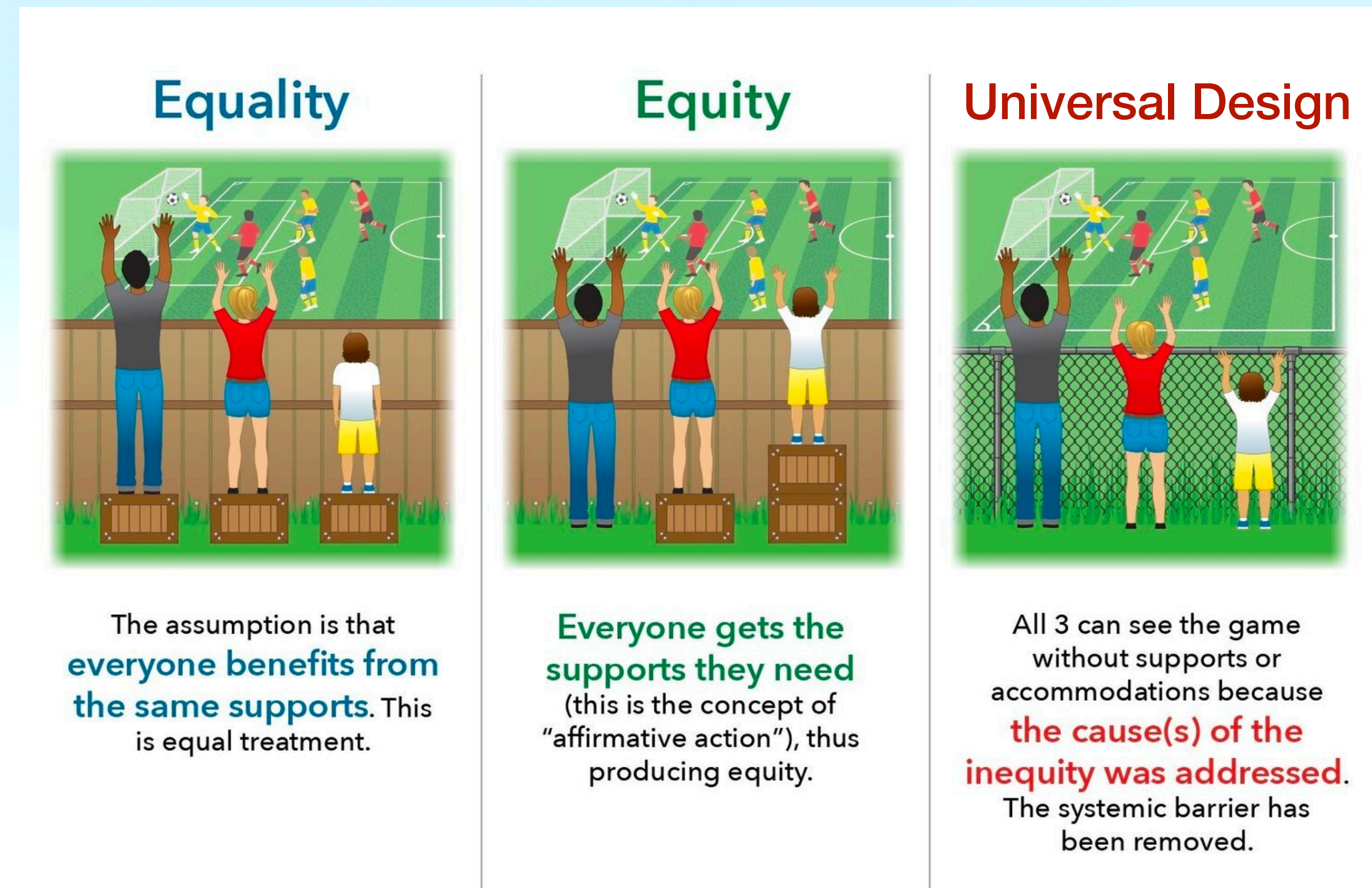
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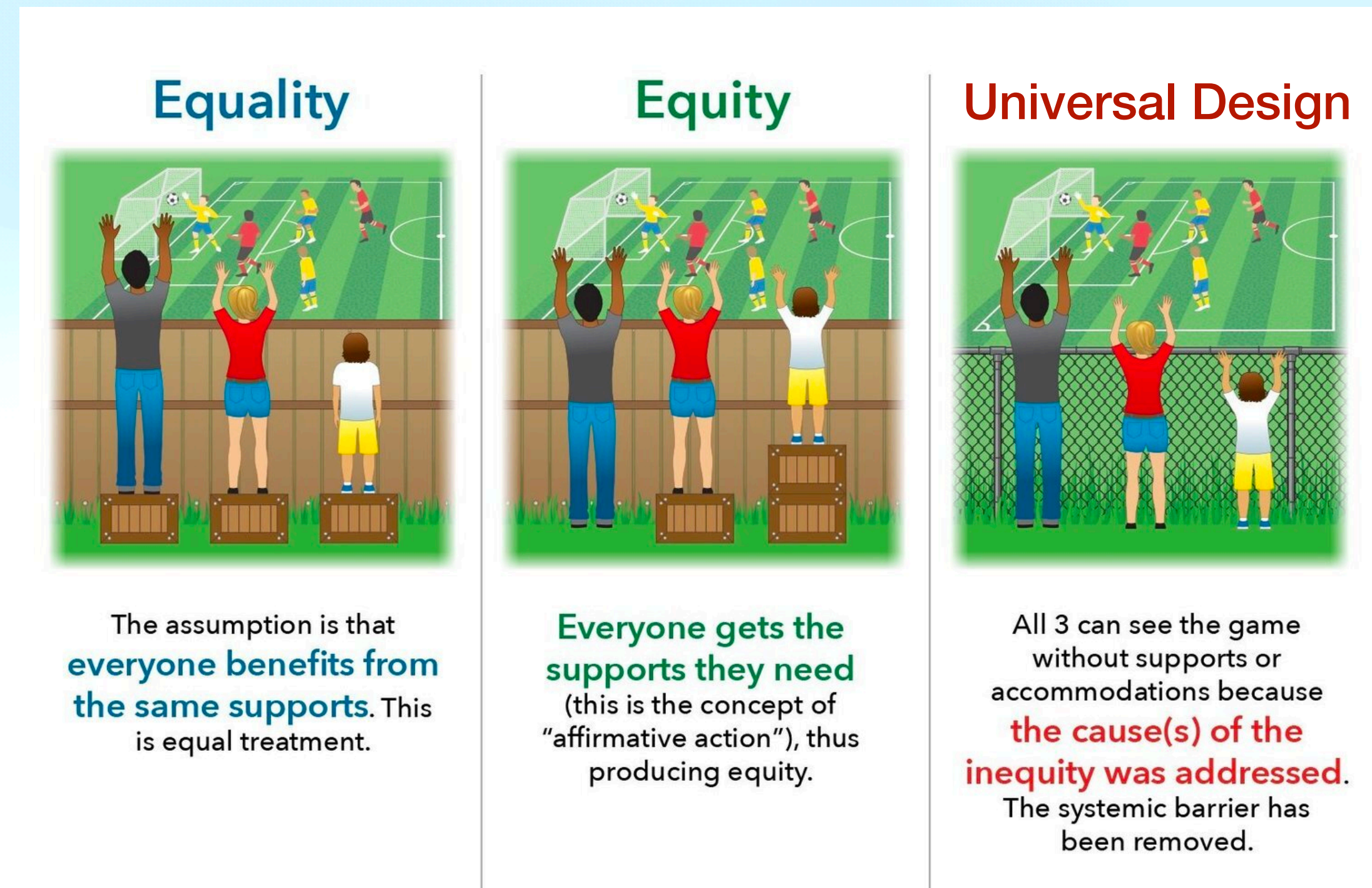
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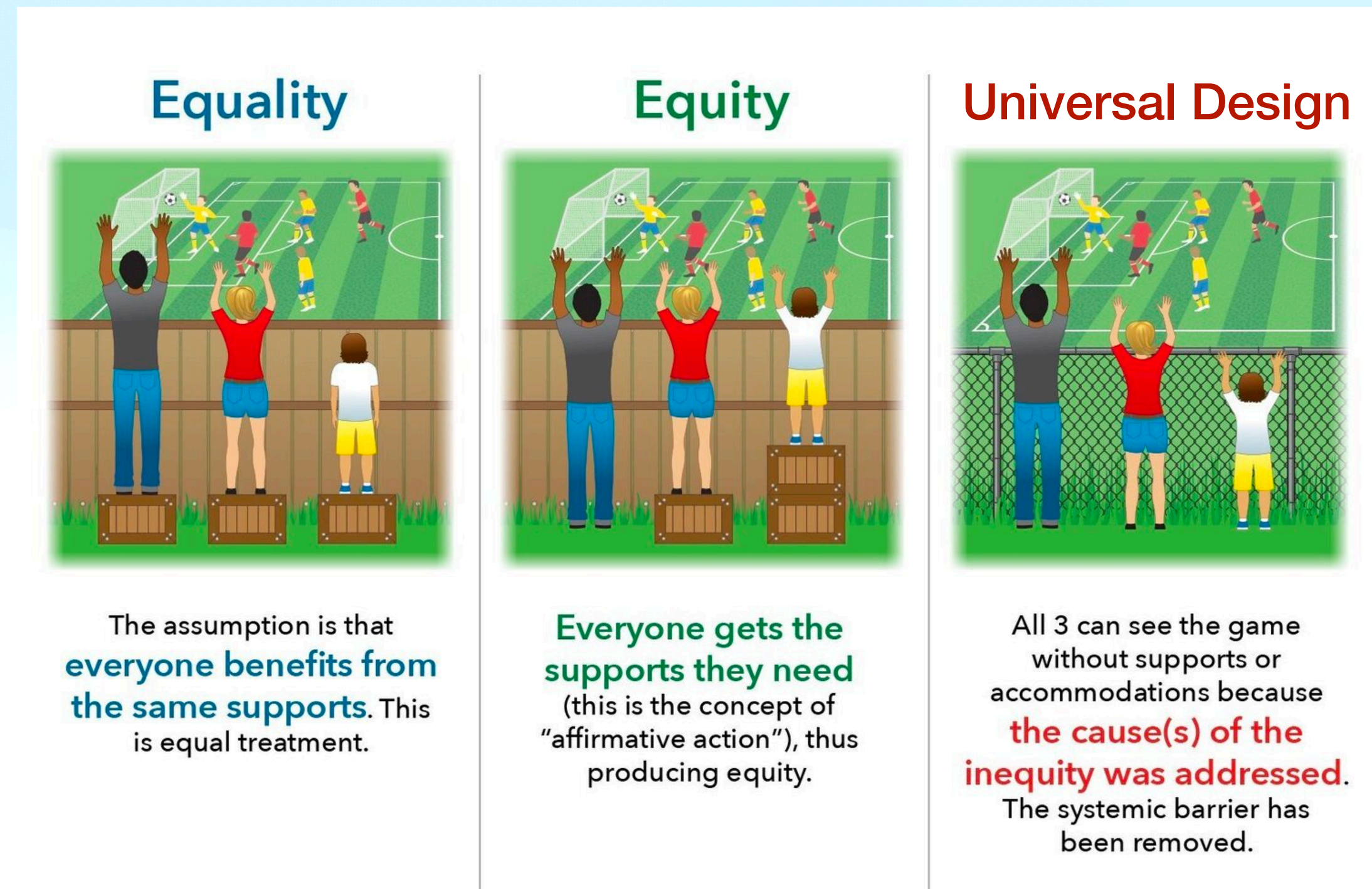
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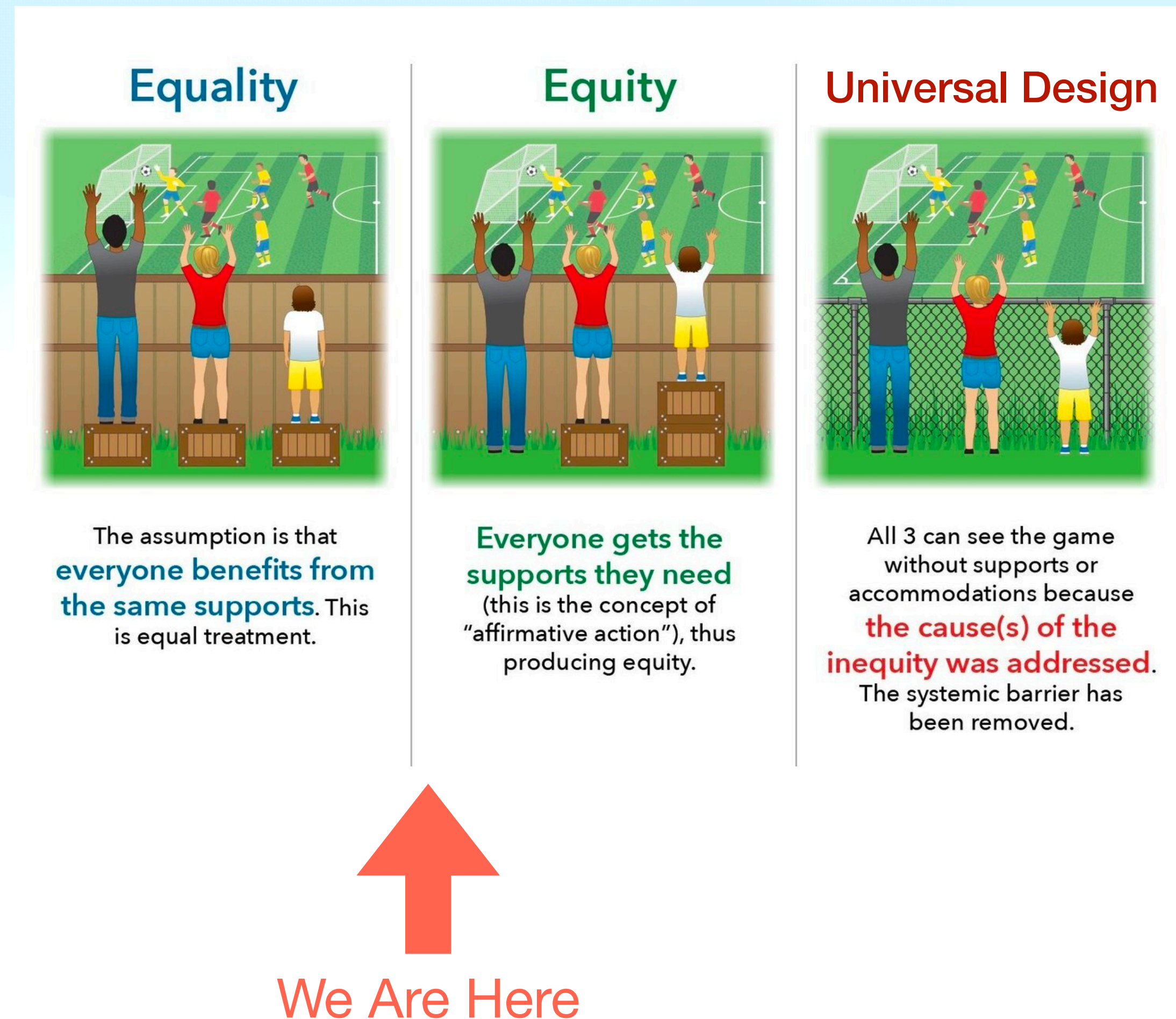
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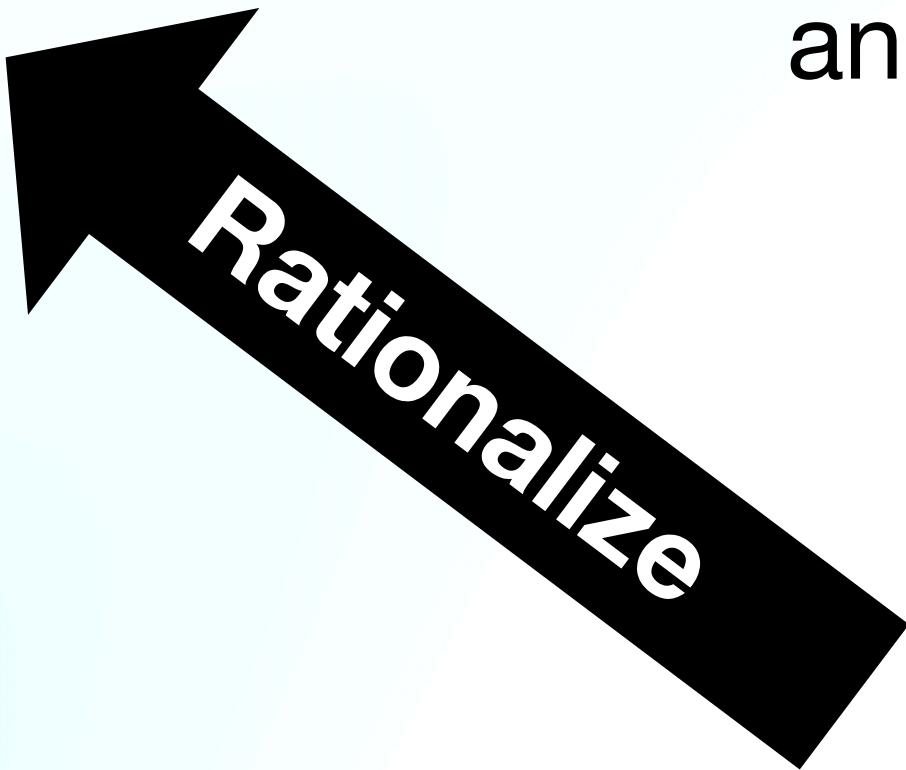
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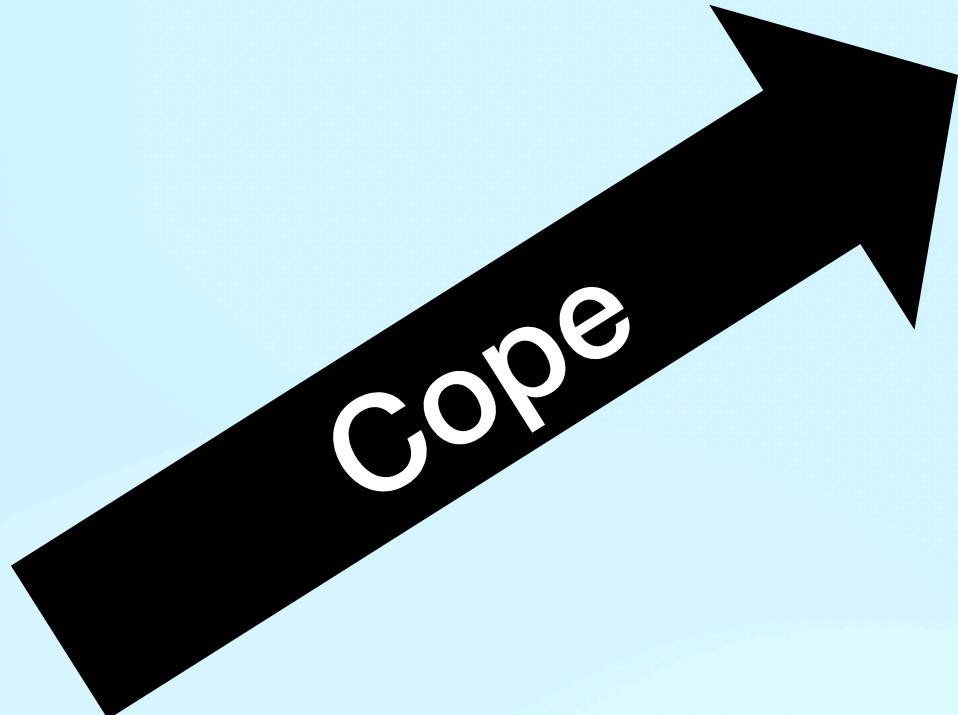
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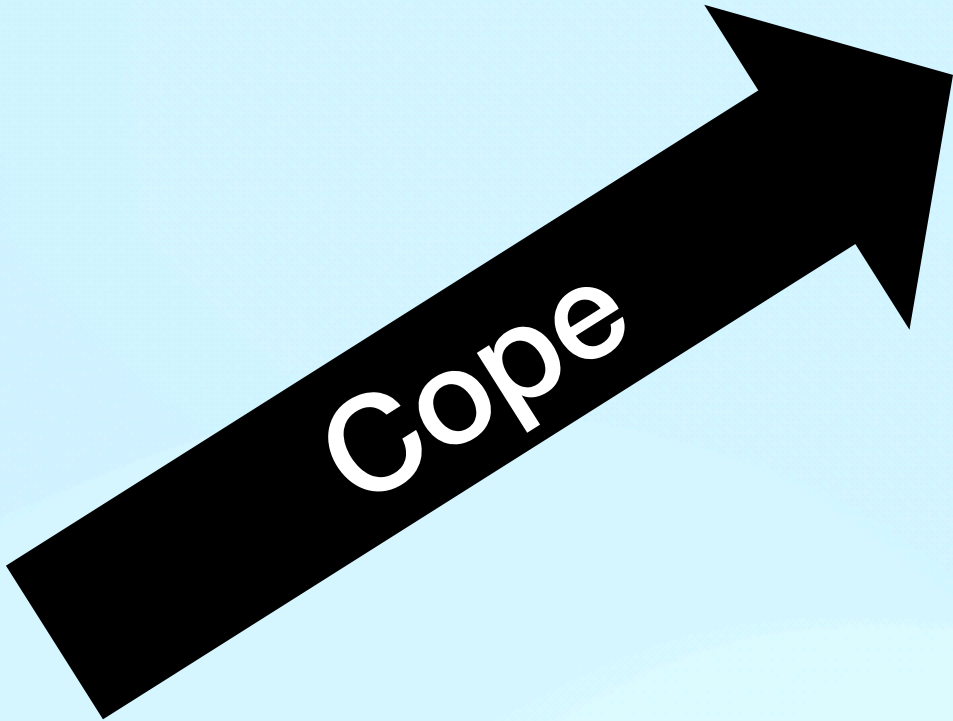
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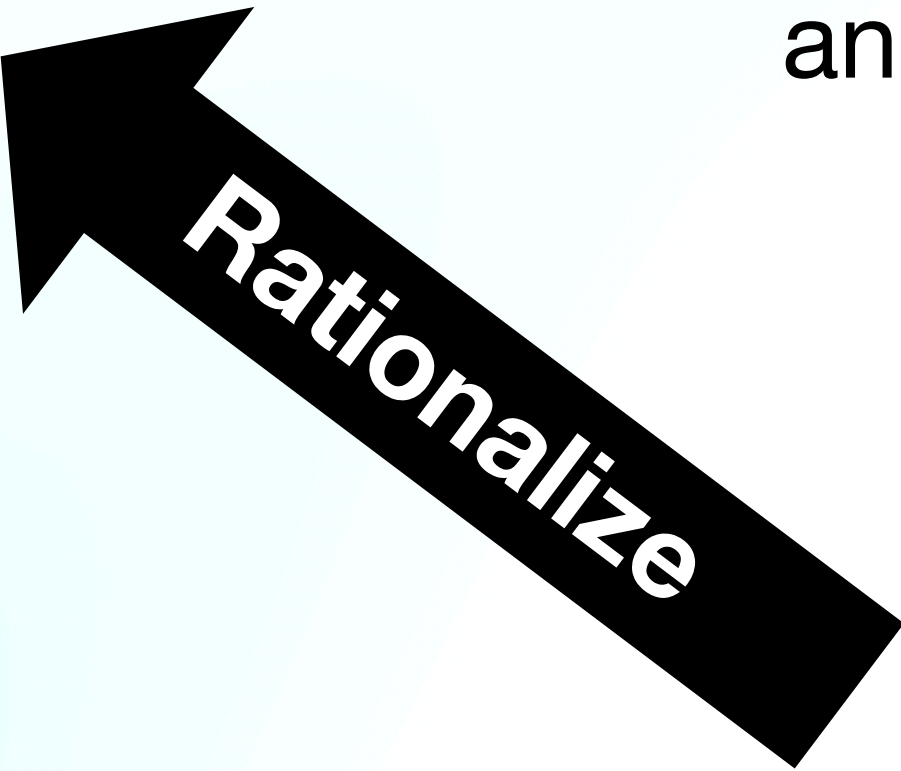


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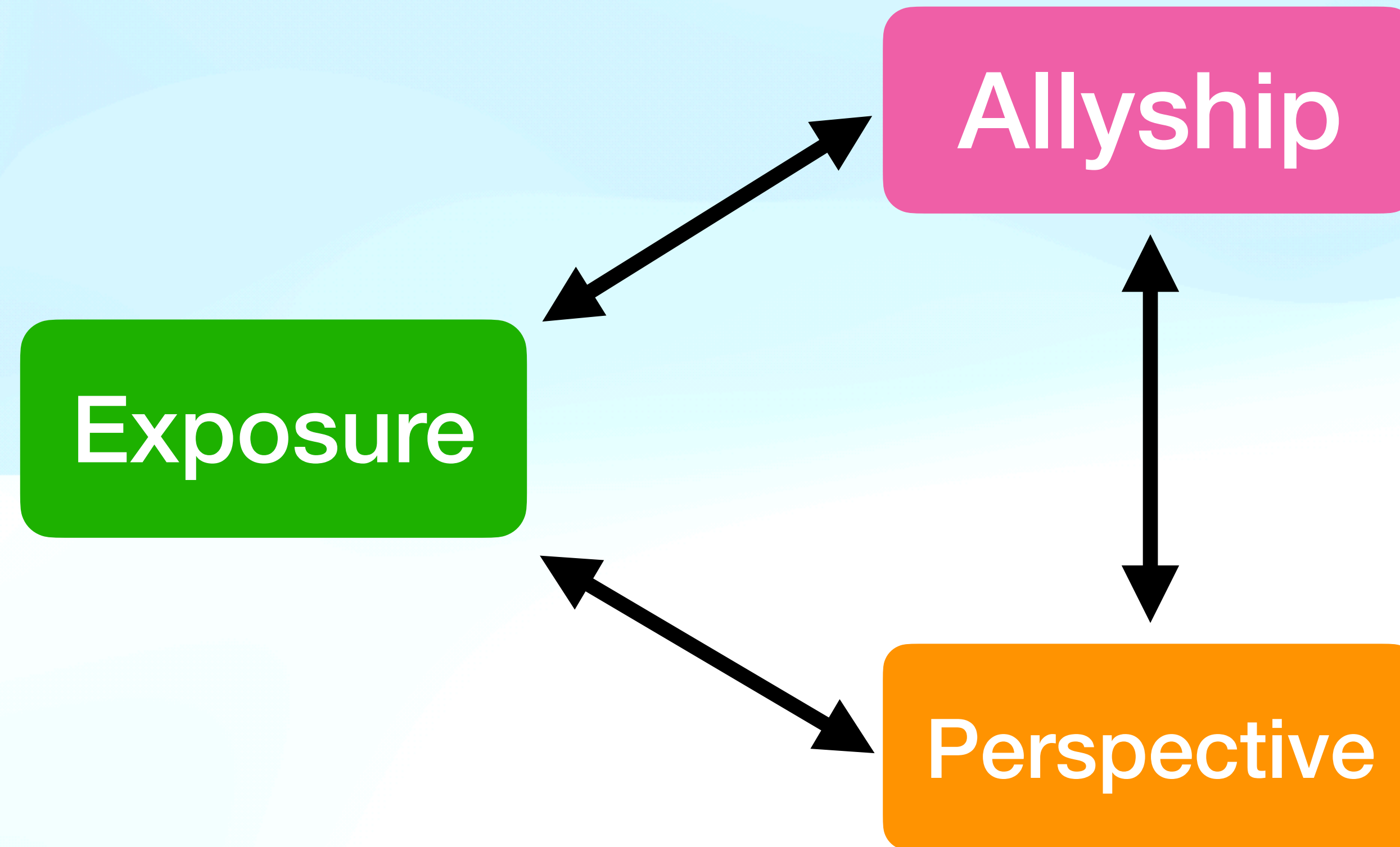
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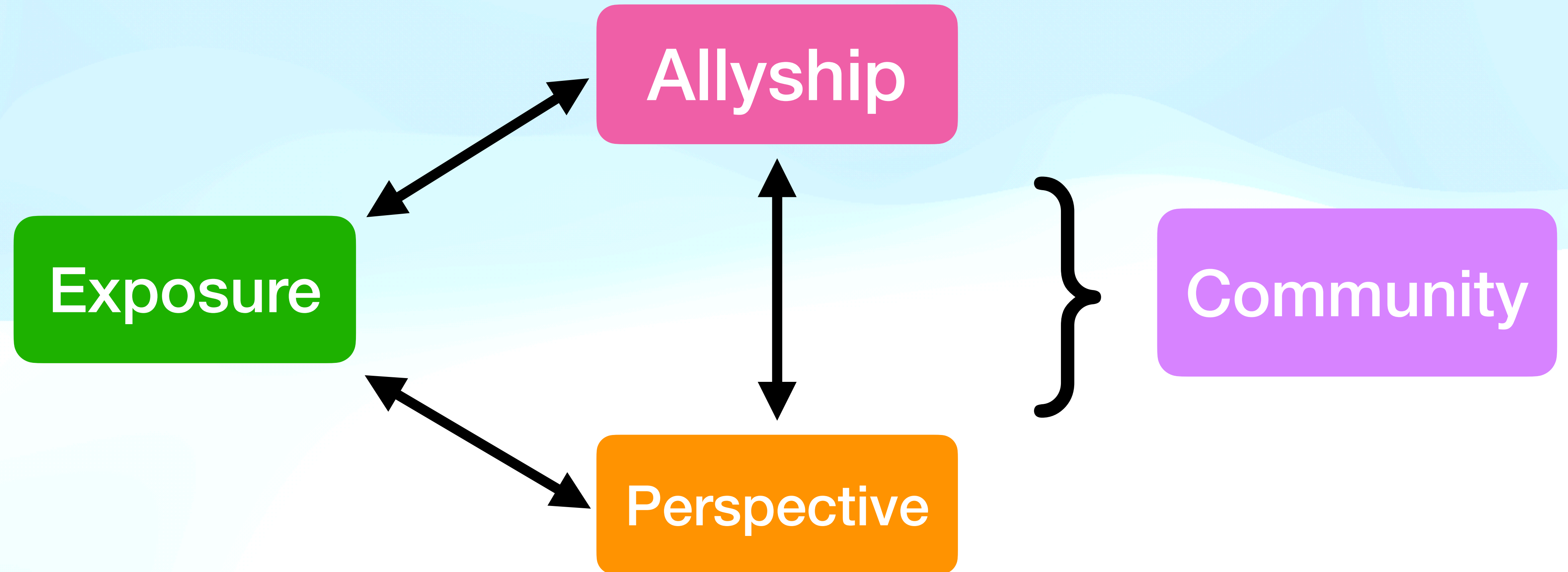


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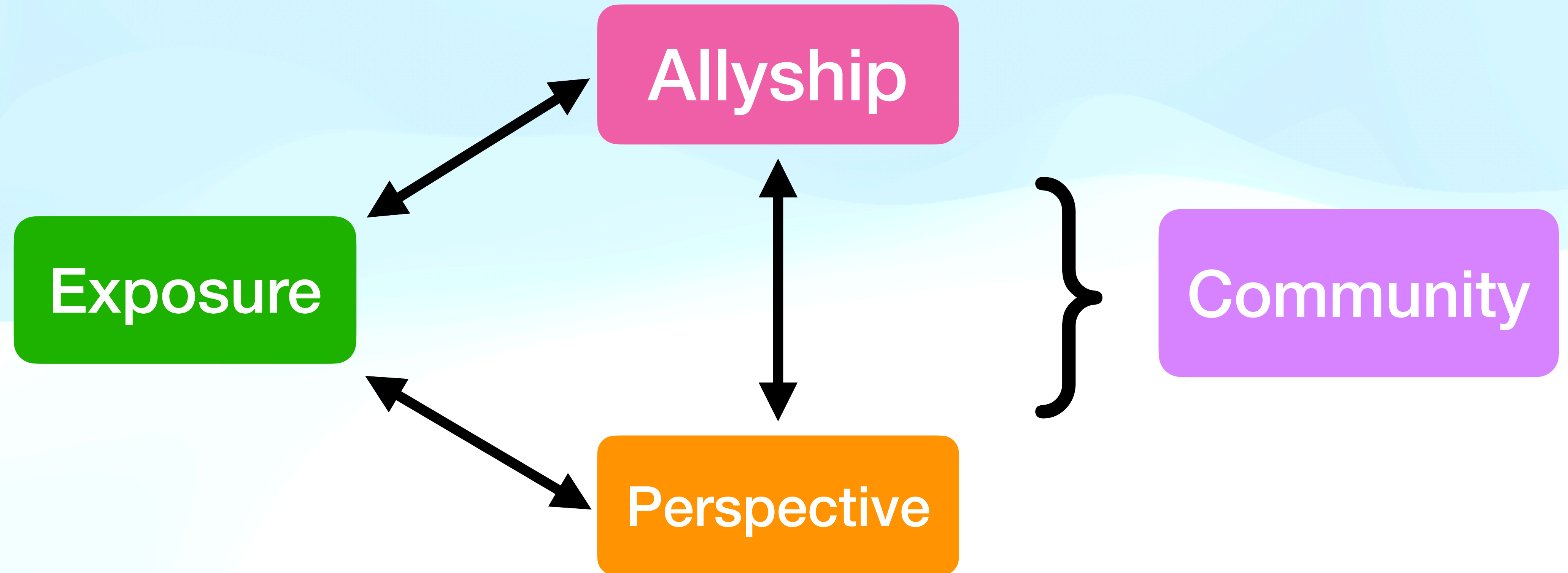


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Recommendations in each CP, Topical Group and Frontier reports



# What qualities are important in a physicist?

**Compare to what  
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# Thank You