

Elementary particles hidden in the motifs of the carpet. The figure alludes to the cosmological evolution in seconds after big bang. From inside out: Hot early Universe with the Higgs and Z and W bosons--> After electroweak symmetry breaking phase with free quarks +bubbles containing mesons such as pions and Kaons → The phase with only neutrinos and photons.

The carpet is hand-woven circa 1980 in Tabriz, Iran by an unknown artist. These motifs are called “mahi.”

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