

# Experimental Foundation of the Standard Model

# Standard Model

For us, in this course, Particle physics = Standard Model (SM)

The Standard Model is (one of) the major intellectual achievements of the humankind.

It represents the synthesis of all knowledge we have about the fundamental building blocks of nature and their interactions: i.e. what the stuff is made of and how it works.

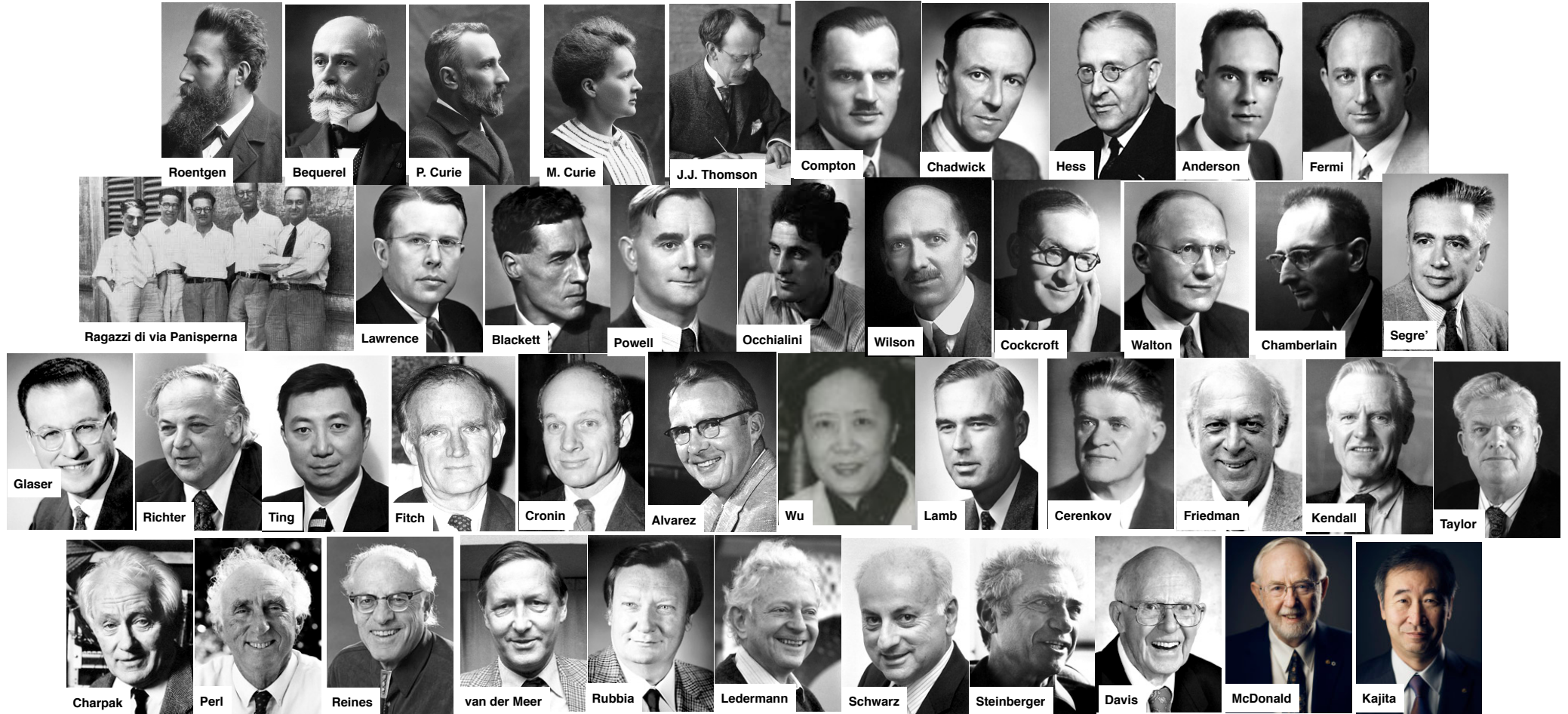
It doesn't mean that it is the final word on our knowledge about the universe !  
Understanding the SM allows to better understand why we look for BSM and what we measure in HEP. There's still a lot left for you to do !

The SM is the combined outcome of the work carried out over the past century by a very large number of people, both experimentalists and theorists.



# Experimental physicist

Experimental physicist invent, build, operate and analyse the data of detectors.  
Most of what we will cover in this course comes from these people:



your  
photo  
here

# Before we start

We want to give a modern view on the foundations of particle physics.

The course will not follow an historical trajectory, still if we look at the material we will discuss we practically place the beginning of our course around the '60s

The history of particle physics is fascinating and we encourage all students to read about it! But this course aims at giving the students working tools to understand the pillars of the SM.

*(Keep in mind that the history of the SM is not a pathway of successful great ideas.*

*Textbooks typically don't show the many false starts, blind alleys and mistakes.)*

*“The history of an idea is an accident. The only real test in physics is the experiment and the history is fundamentally irrelevant”*

*R.P.Feynman*

Today is going to be the only “semi-historical lecture” of the course.

It's just a view of the landscape.

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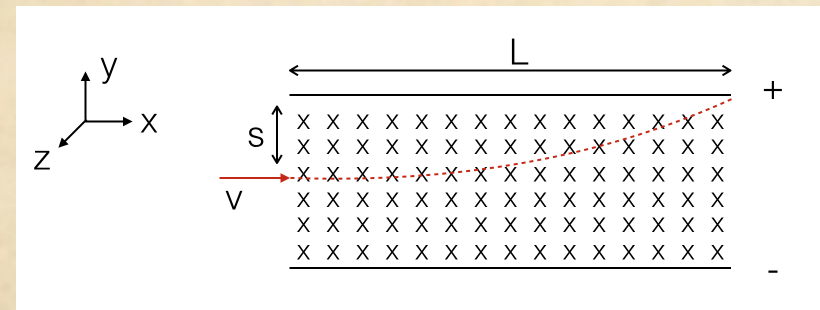
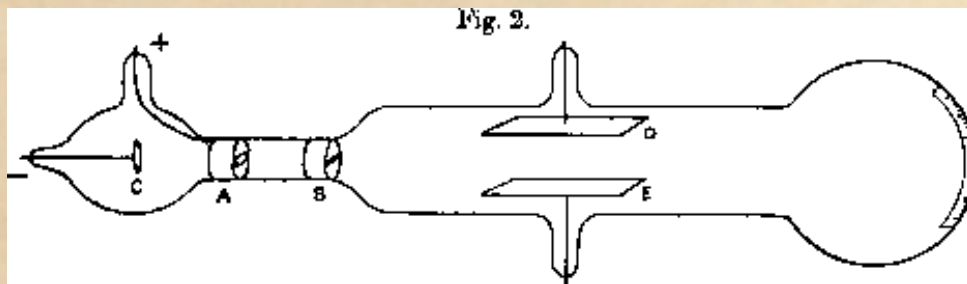
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Q: How did he do that ?

# Electron discovery



The idea is to compensate the deflection caused by the magnetic field with an electric field

Balancing the forces you get:

$$\frac{e}{m} = \frac{2sE}{L^2 B^2} = 1.7588 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ Ckg}$$

From macroscopic quantities you get the charge to mass ratio of the electron

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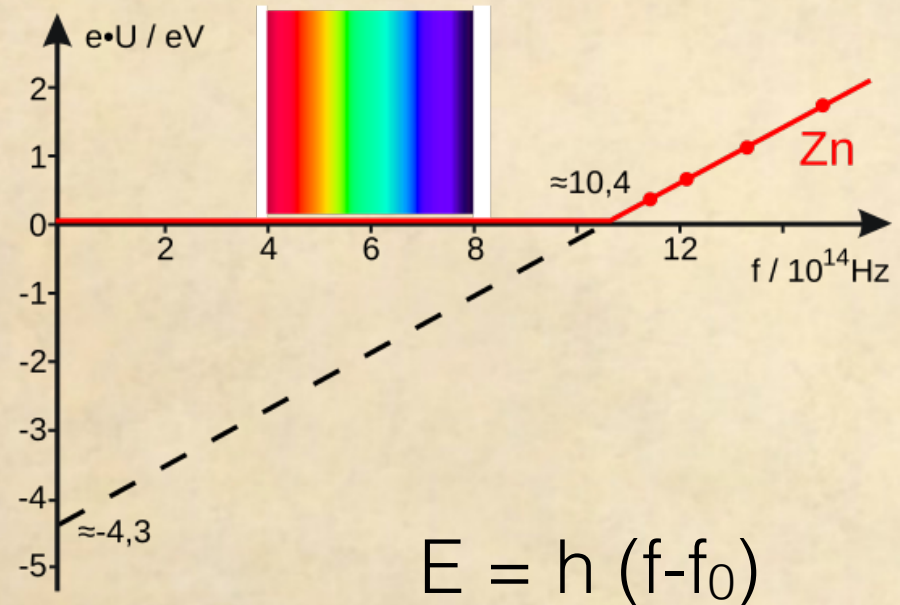
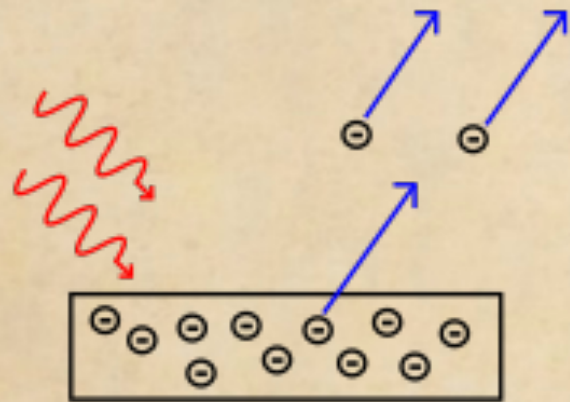
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Q: what was his reasoning ?



# Photoelectric effect



It's a threshold effect in frequency (i.e. energy)  
The main point is that the emission is instantaneous !

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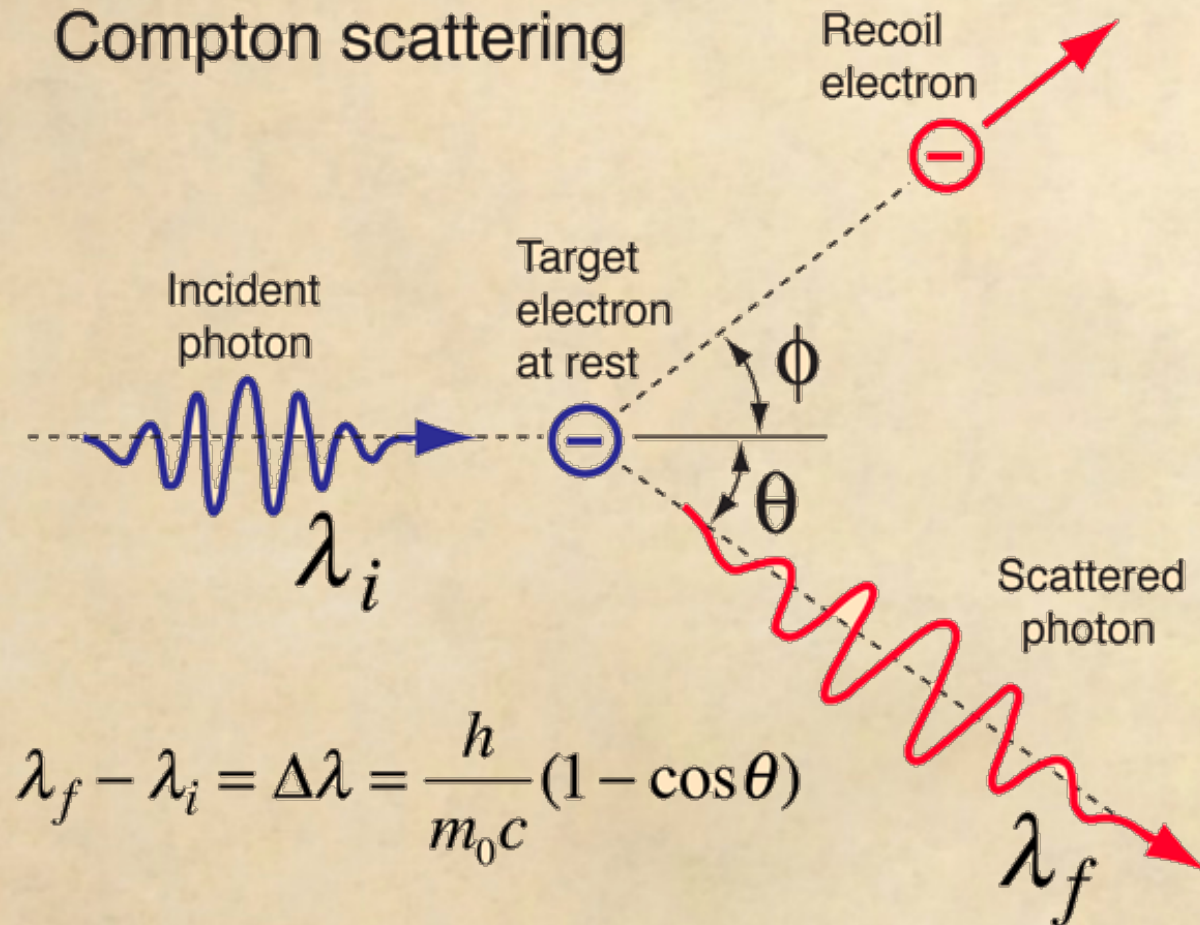
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Q: why is this considered to be the experimental confirmation of the photon hypothesis ?

# Compton scattering



<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/quantum/compton.html>

Photons and electrons behave as particles and follow Planck and relativistic kinematics.



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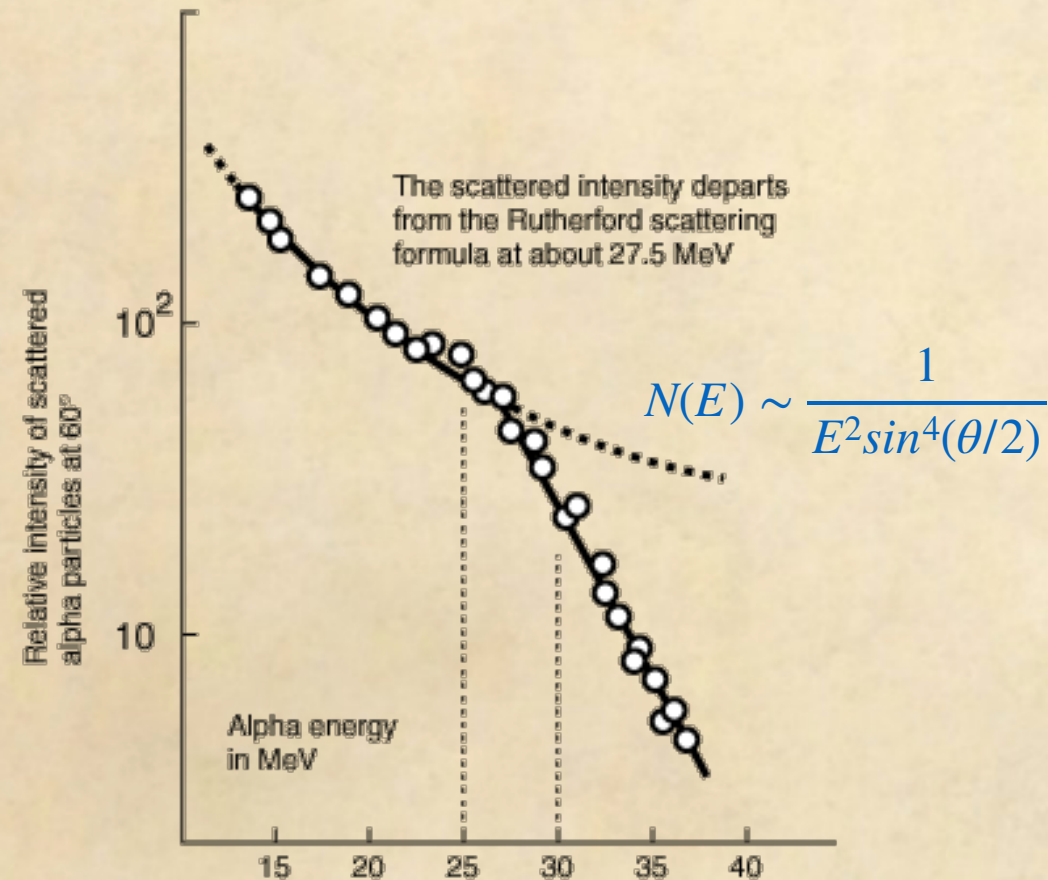
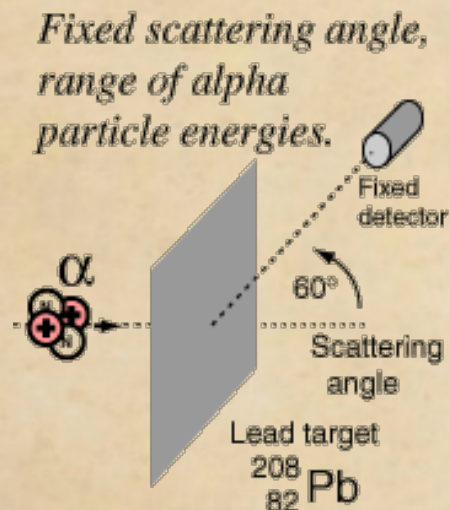
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Q: Why the Thomson model is not compatible with Rutherford observations ?

# Rutherford-Geiger-Mardsen

The probability to backscatter due to multiple scattering is negligibly small.



First measurement of the proton radius ~7 fm

"It was quite the most incredible event that has ever happened to me in my life. It was almost as incredible as if you fired a 15-inch shell at a piece of tissue paper and it came back and hit you."

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Q: What was the understanding of the nucleus composition at this point ?

# Moseley X-rays

The order of the elements in the periodic table roughly agrees with the atomic numbers, but there are swaps:

$$Z = 27 \quad \text{Co} = 58.9$$

$$Z = 28 \quad \text{Ni} = 58.7$$

Today we understand the nucleus as composed by Z-protons and N number of neutrons (isotopes):  $A = Z+N$

Until Moseley's work, "atomic number" was merely an element's place in the periodic table, and was not known to be associated with any measurable physical quantity. The relation between Z and the X-ray lines he found is:

$$\sqrt{f} = k_1 \cdot (Z - k_2)$$

f = frequency of the X-ray emitted line

$k_1, k_2$  = spectroscopic constants (K, L, etc... lines)

It's the "proton discovery"

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moseley%27s\\_law](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moseley%27s_law)



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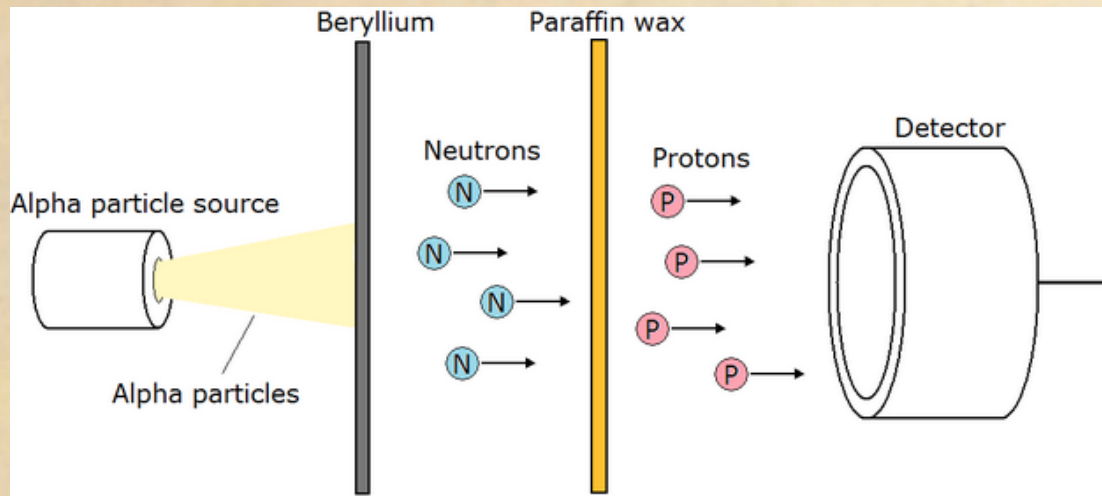
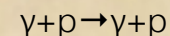


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In 1932 a new, very penetrating, neutral radiation ( $\gamma$ ) was discovered bombarding a thin beryllium sheet with  $\alpha$  particles:



$\gamma$  was initially thought to be high energy photons. Irene Curie and Frederic Joliot studied the scattering of the  $\gamma$  radiation onto a paraffin target. Paraffin is a wax containing a mixture of hydrocarbon molecules having between twenty and forty carbon atoms and about two times more H atoms; it is a cheap way to get a source of protons. They observed the reaction:



and measured a mean proton energy of 5.7 MeV. Chadwick proved that the neutral  $\gamma$  radiation could not possibly be high energy photons. By using simple energy momentum conservation a massless photon should have had an energy of  $\sim 50$  MeV.

Much too high for the available energies of the alpha particles.

The new radiation was due to a neutral massive particle: the neutron

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*The modern view of the atom is complete. ...the rest is chemistry*

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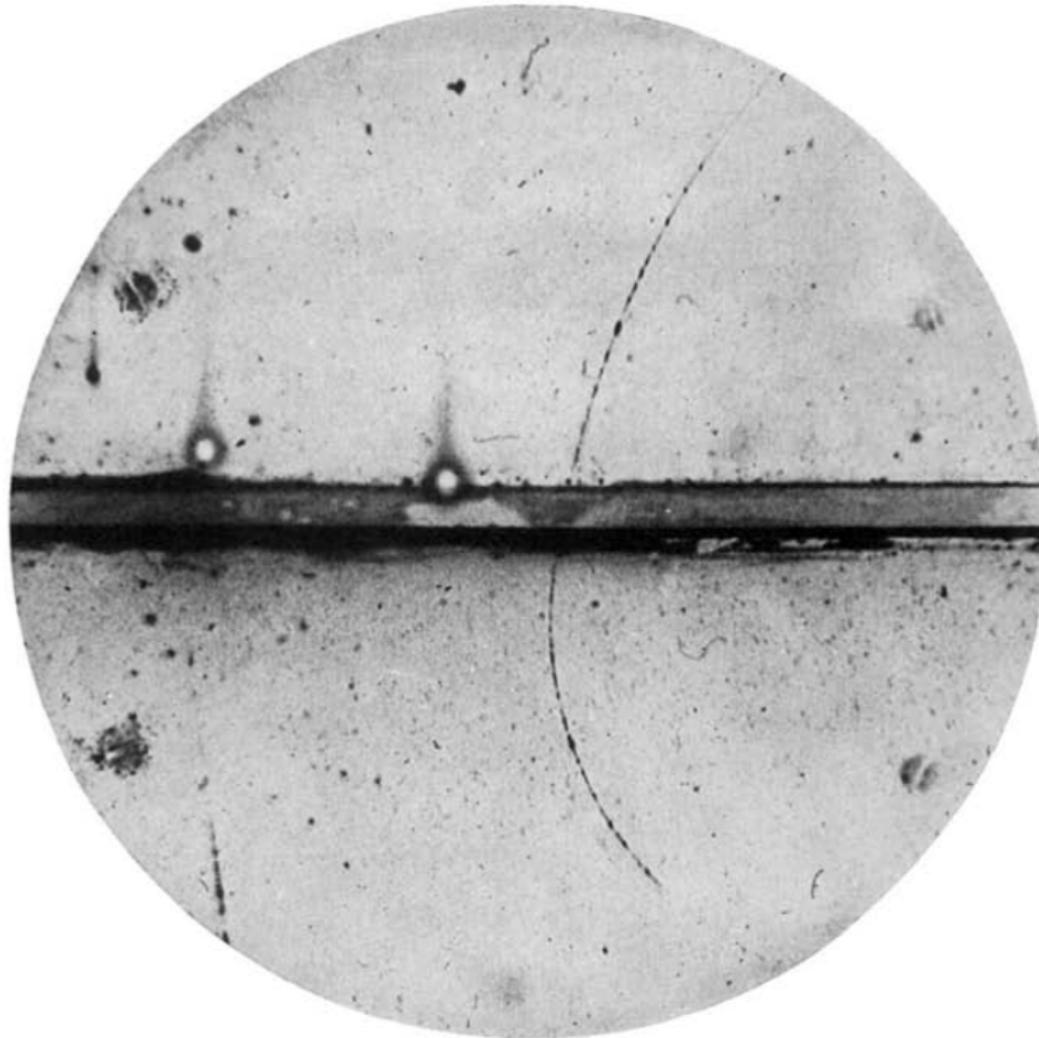
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# Positron discovery with a cloud chamber



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All the ingredients of QED are there:  $e^+$   $e^-$  photon ( $\gamma$ )

Basic processes can be calculated with Dirac's theory:

$e^-e^- \rightarrow e^-e^-$ ,       $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$ ,       $\gamma e \rightarrow \gamma e$

QED: (Stueckelberg) Feynman, Schwinger, Tomonaga

1947 Lamb shift

(g-2) spin precession measurements electron and muon

1955 Segré, Chamberlain: antiproton discovery

g-2 (April, 2021) <https://news.fnal.gov/2021/04/first-results-from-fermilabs-muon-g-2-experiment-strengthen-evidence-of-new-physics/>

# Antiproton

Doubts on antiprotons existence:

proton magnetic moment is different from Dirac predictions (now we know it's not elementary)  
...moreover where are the anti-galaxies ?

Bevatron energy 6.5 GeV chosen to observe  $p \bar{p} \rightarrow p p p \bar{p}$

1955 Segre', Chamberlain, Ypsilantis, Wiegand

challenge control  $\pi^-$  bkg: done with TOF with scintillators (+ Cerenkov PID )

Roma group (Amaldi) added an emulsion stack after a copper absorber to check the  $\bar{p}$  annihilation energy released



proton synchrotron @ LBNL

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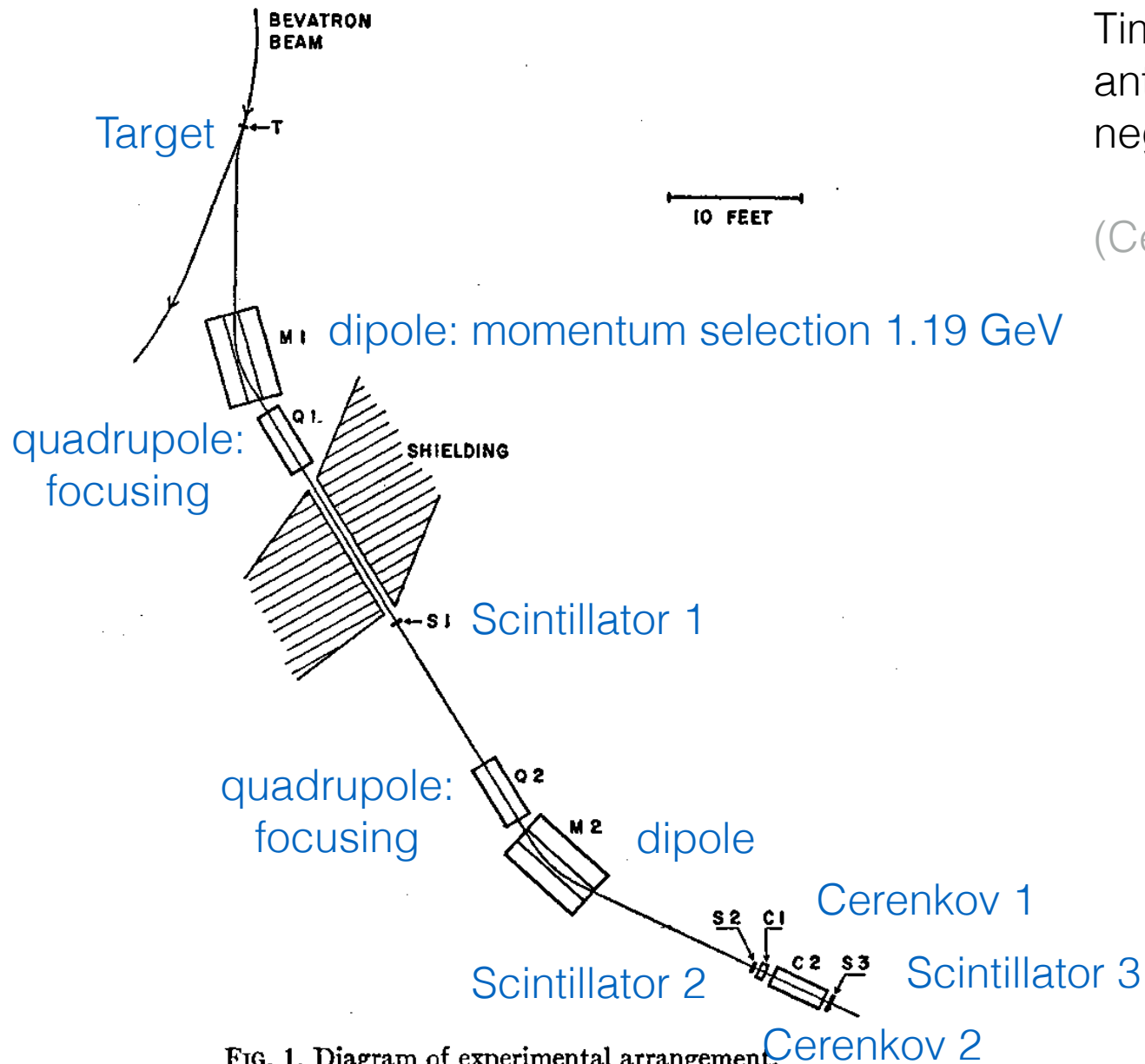
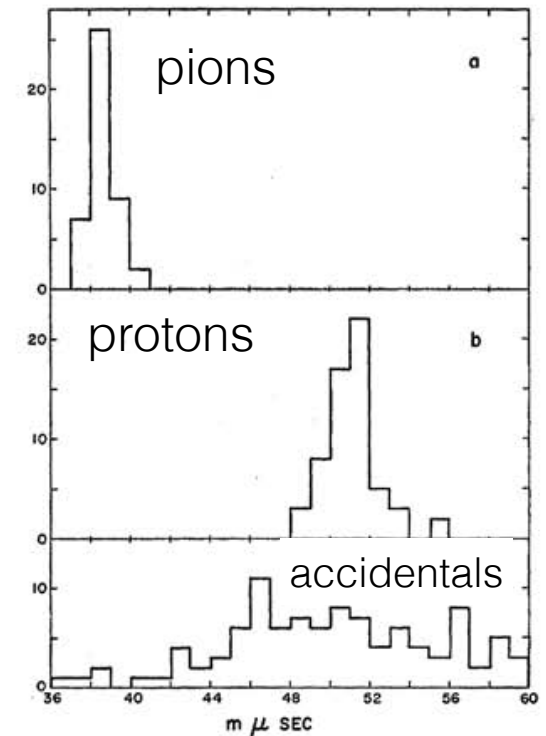


FIG. 1. Diagram of experimental arrangement.  
For details see Table I.

Time-of-flight between S1 and S2  
antiproton  $\sim 51$  ns  
negative pion  $\sim 40$  ns

(Cerenkov counters for xcheck)







# Antiproton

Mass of the anti-proton verified with emulsions

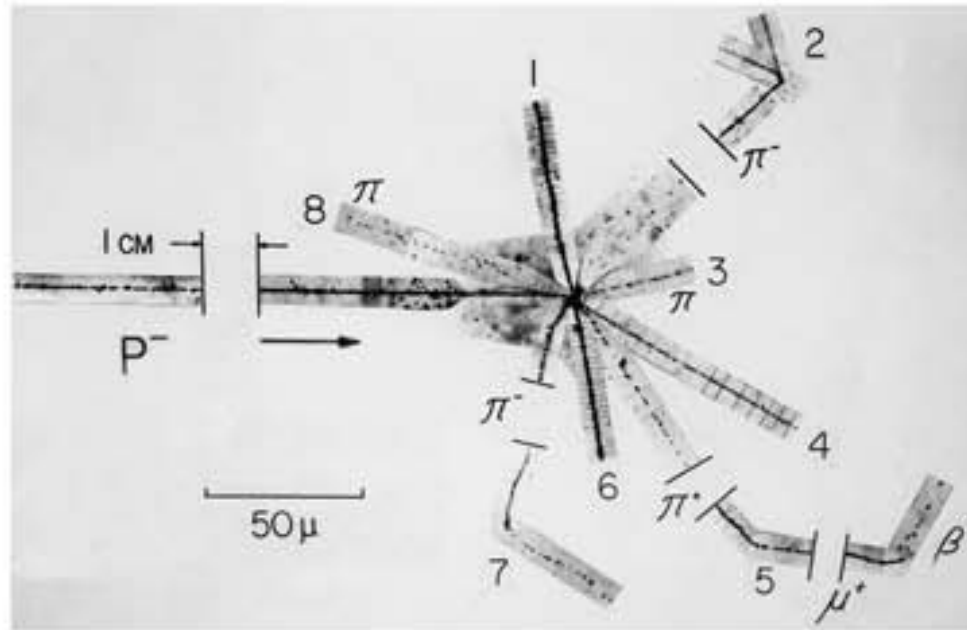


FIG. 2. Reproduction of the  $P^-$  star. The description of the prongs is given in Table II. The star was observed by A. G. Ekspong and the photomicrograph was made by D. H. Kouns.

TABLE II. Measurements and data on the eight prongs of the  $P^-$  star shown in Fig. 2.

Track number	Range mm	Number of plates traversed	Dip angle	Projected angle	$p\beta$ Mev/c	Ionization g/g <sub>0</sub>	Identity	$E_{kin}$ Mev	Total energy Mev
1	0.59	2	-56.5°	103°			$p(?)$	10	18
2	27.9	11	+6.5°	61.5°			$\pi^-$	43	183
3	> 50	81	-73.5°	14.5°	250±45	1.10±0.04	$\pi(?)$	174±40	314±40
4	> 14.2	16	+53°	318.5°			$p(?)$	70±5	78±5
5	6.2	3	+4°	305.5°			$\pi^+$	30±6	170±6
6	9.5	15	-63.5°	281°			$T(?)$	82	98
7	18.6	30	-83.5°	255°			$\pi^-$	34	174
8	> 22.3	16	+33°	163°	190±30	~1	$\pi(?)$	125±25	265±25
								Total visible energy*	1300±50 Mev
								For momentum balance:	≥ 100 Mev
								Total energy release:	≥ 1400±50 Mev

# QFT - QED

Quantum Field Theory is the framework in which the Standard Model is built.

We will not develop, not do any calculation in QFT in this class, but we will use some results

QFT is more than a relativistic formulation of quantum mechanics.

The **fundamental objects are the fields**.

All particles of the same type are IDENTICAL  $\rightarrow$  Particles are excitations of the fields.

Every type of particle comes from its own field (electron field, muon field, etc...) and also forces are understood as interactions of fields (the e.m. field  $\rightarrow$  photon, etc...)

QFT  $\supset$  GAUGE theories  $\supset$  SM

Gauge theories are a particular kind of QFT (automatically renormalizable -Veltman, 't Hooft) where the symmetries of the theory dictate the structure of the interactions. (we will see later in the course a simple example)

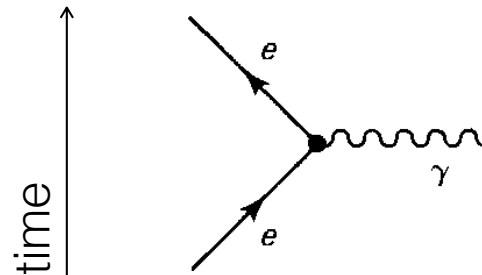
# QFT - QED

Here we use Feynman diagrams in a qualitative way just to introduce in a pictorial way how particles interact; no need to worry about their mathematical meaning yet.

Let's use QED to see what they are, later we'll see Strong and Weak interactions.

(Just keep in mind they are powerful tools to compute observables from QFT. We will give an idea on how to use Feynman diagrams later in the course. For the derivation of Feynman's rules → see QFT-1)

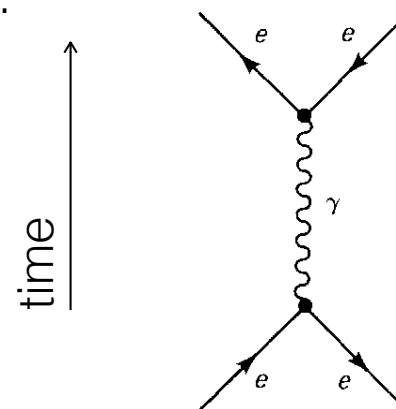
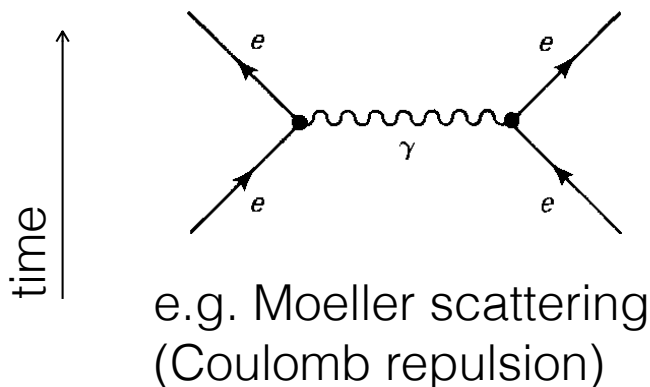
All electromagnetic phenomena can be described by this elementary process:



In QFT slang this is called a vertex

Physical processes are described using vertices as building blocks.

Photons are the mediators of the e.m. field.



Particles going back in time are interpreted as anti-particles



# QFT - QED

Q: can picture the Feynman diagram corresponding to ?

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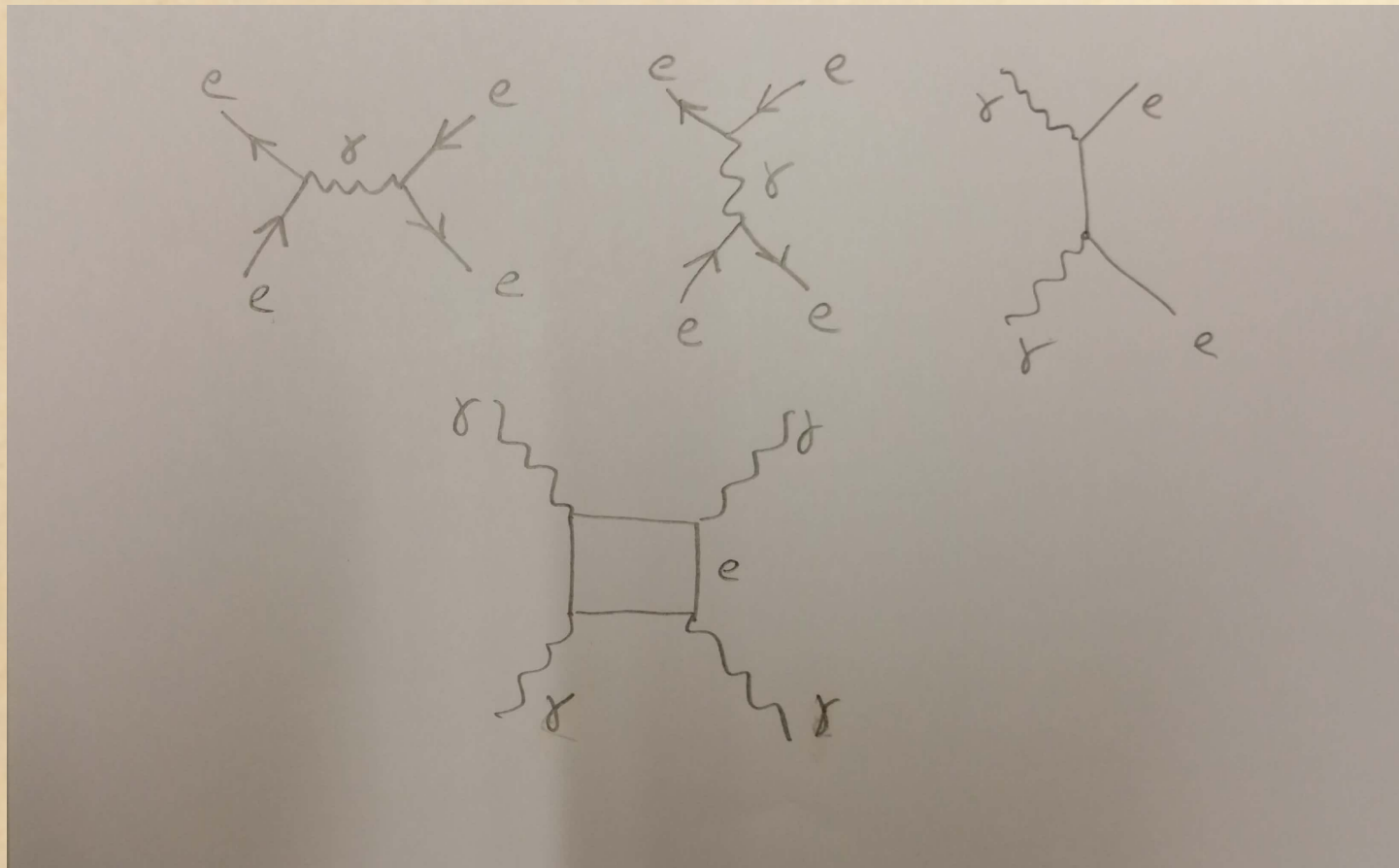
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A typical computation with Feynman diagrams proceeds as follow:

- Draw all possible diagrams with the external lines corresponding to the process. The internal lines are not observable ! they are called virtual particles (we'll see later what virtual means)
- Apply Feynman rules and compute the desired observable (e.g. cross section):
  - transform the diagrams in actual QFT expressions
  - sum the amplitudes from all diagrams

$$\sigma = \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} + \text{Diagram 4} + \text{Diagram 5} + \dots \end{array} \right|^2$$

(this series is a perturbative expansion).

Each vertex enters the expression with a factor  $\alpha=1/137$  (the fine structure constant), so diagrams with more and more vertices will contribute less and less.

QED is the most numerically precise theory we have !

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 $n \rightarrow p e^- \text{ neutrino}$

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2 body decays gives mono-energy particles

$\geq 3$  body decays gives a continuum spectrum

Bohr proposed that the energy was not conserved at microscopic scale

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Anderson Neddermeyer, while measuring the energy loss by cosmic radiation, found a particle heavier than the electron but much lighter than a proton which didn't ionize much (i.e. more penetrating)

Today we call it "muon" ( $\mu$ ) and it's the first elementary unstable particle discovered.

It's appearance was initially very confusing. It was thought to be Yukawa meson, carrier of the strong force.

1940 Tomonaga-Araki: predict that negative/positive mesons have different behaviours in matter.

Negative: form tight bound state, capture by the nucleus because it's the carrier of the nuclear force. Positive come to rest in matter and decay.

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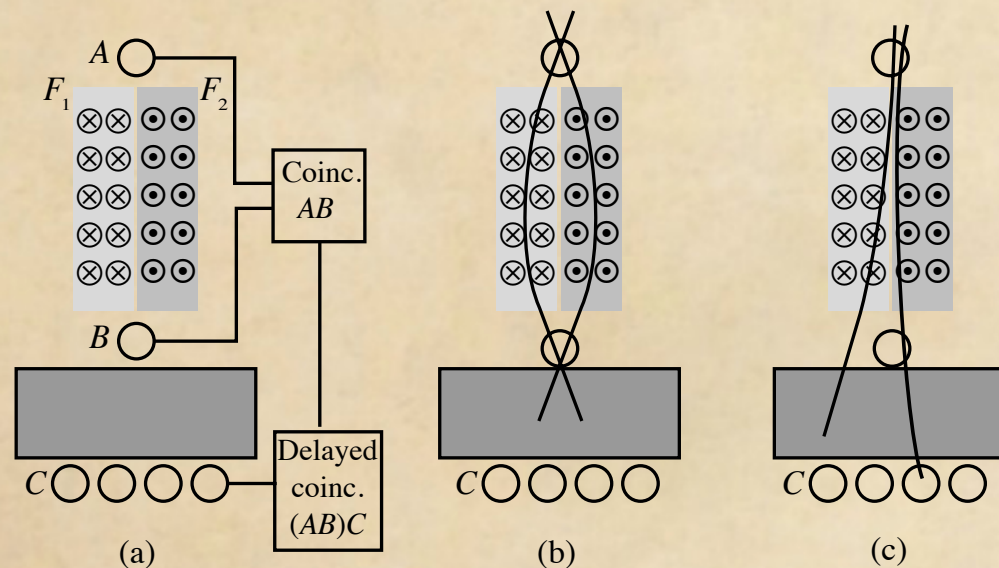
Q: how would you set up an experiment to check that the muon is not the carrier of the strong interaction?

# Conversi Pancini Piccioni

If the mesotron carries the strong force it should interact immediately with nuclei

The experiment aimed at investigating whether the absorption of positive and negative particles in a material was the same or different. Actually, a negative particle can be captured by a nucleus and, if it is the quantum of nuclear forces, quickly interacts with it rather than decaying. In contrast, a positive particle is repelled by a nucleus and will decay as in vacuum.

The two iron blocks,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  in the upper part of Fig. 2.1, are magnetised in opposite directions normal to the drawing and are used to focus the particles of one sign or, inverting their positions, the other. The 'trigger logic' of the experiment is the following. The Geiger counters A and B, above and below the magnetised blocks, must discharge at the same instant ('fast' coincidence); one of the C counters under the absorber must fire not immediately but later, after a delay  $Dt$  in the range  $1 \text{ us} < Dt < 4.5 \text{ us}$  ('delayed' coincidence). This logic guarantees the following: first that the energy of the particle is large enough to cross the blocks and small enough to stop in the absorber; second that, in this energy range and with the chosen geometry, only particles of one sign can hit both A and B; and finally that the particle decays in a time compatible with the lifetime value of Rossi and Nereson.



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(a) setup; (b) shows the trajectory of two particles of the 'right' sign in the right energy range, which discharges A and B but not C; Fig. 2.1(c) shows two particles of the 'wrong' sign. Neither of them gives a trigger signal because one discharges A and not B, the other discharges both but also C. In a first experiment in 1945, the authors used an iron absorber. The result was that the positive particles decay as in vacuum, the negative particles do not decay, exactly as expected.



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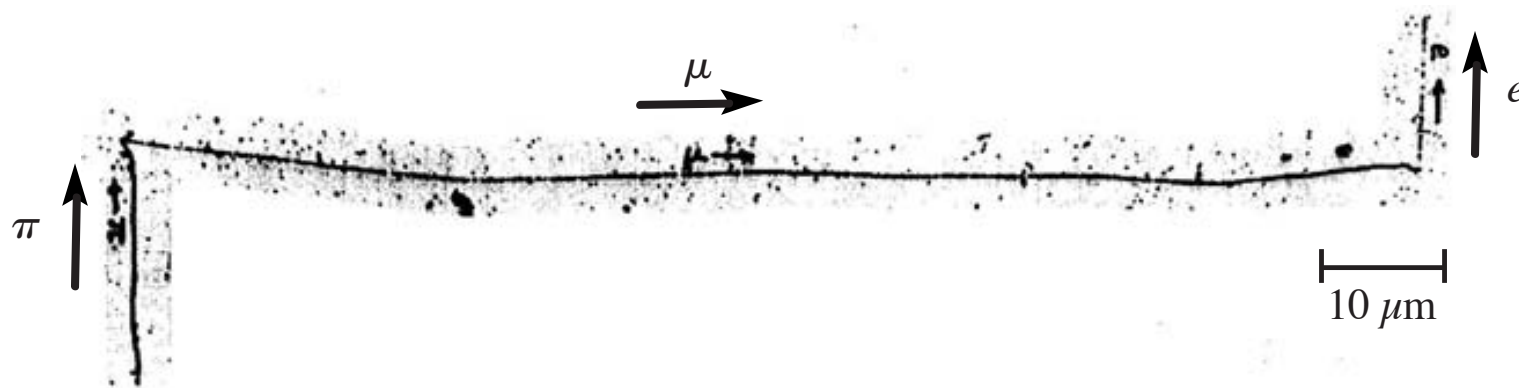
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Q: what are the kinks due to?

They signal the presence of at least one invisible particle: the neutrino

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By measuring the energy spectrum of the charged particles.  
If mono-energetic 1 if spectrum more than 1

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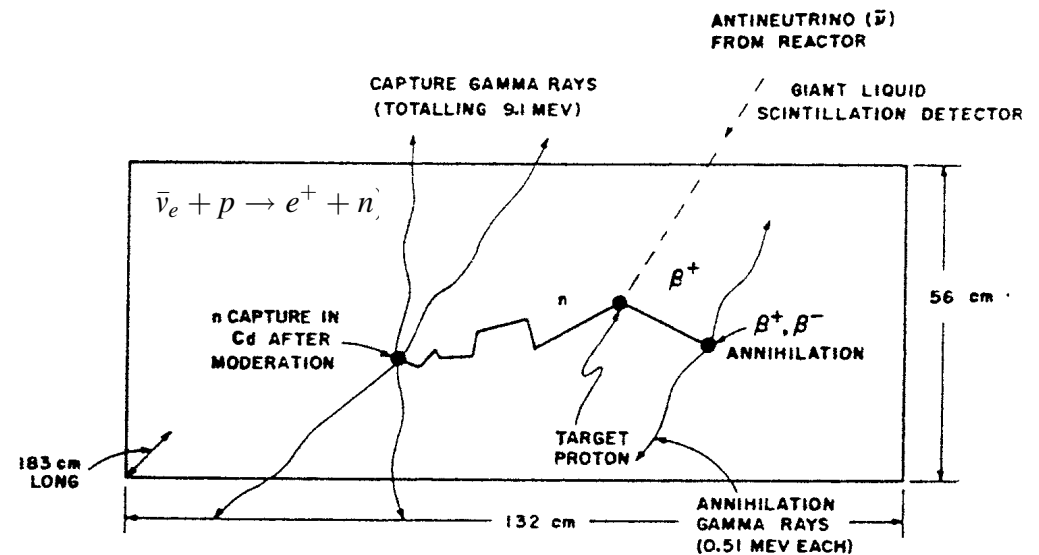
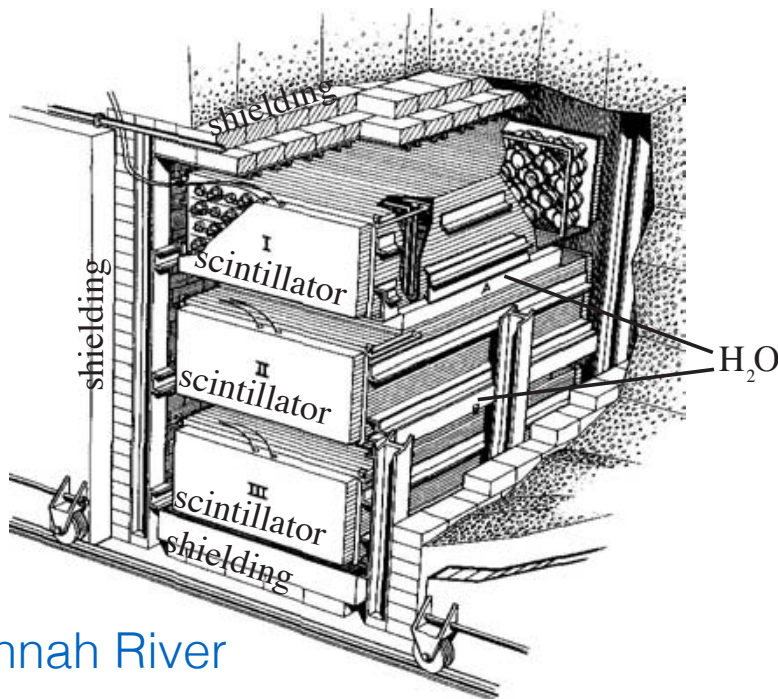


Figure 6.3. A schematic diagram of the experiment of Reines and Cowan in which antineutrinos from a nuclear reactor were detected. The dashed line entering from above indicates the antineutrino. The antineutrino transmutes a proton into a neutron and a positron. The annihilation of the positron produces two prompt gamma rays, which are detected by the scintillator. The neutron is slowed in the scintillator and eventually captured by cadmium, which then also emits delayed gamma rays. The combination of the prompt and delayed gamma rays is the signature of the antineutrino interaction (Ref. 6.7).

Savannah River

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Q: Are there different families of neutrino ?

How would you distinguish an electron-neutrino from a muon-antineutrino ?

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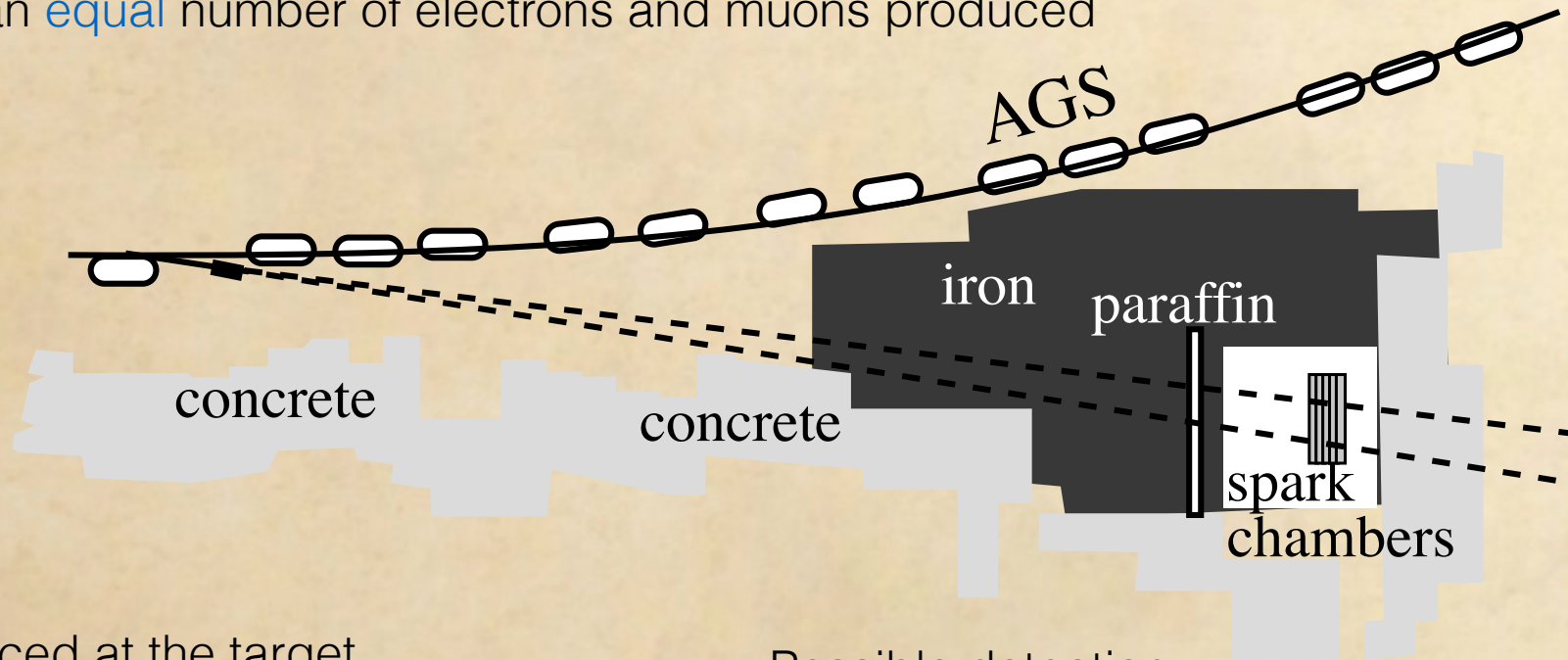
$\bar{\nu}$  n  $\rightarrow$  p e- does not occur

# Muon neutrino

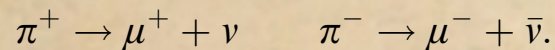
Q: Are there different families of neutrino ?

How would you distinguish an electron-neutrino from a muon-antineutrino ?

If neutrinos are of one “flavour” when I shoot them on a target I should see an **equal** number of electrons and muons produced



Produced at the target



Possible detection



Only muons seen, no electrons



# Spark chambers



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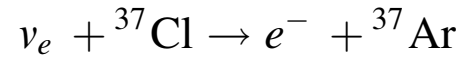
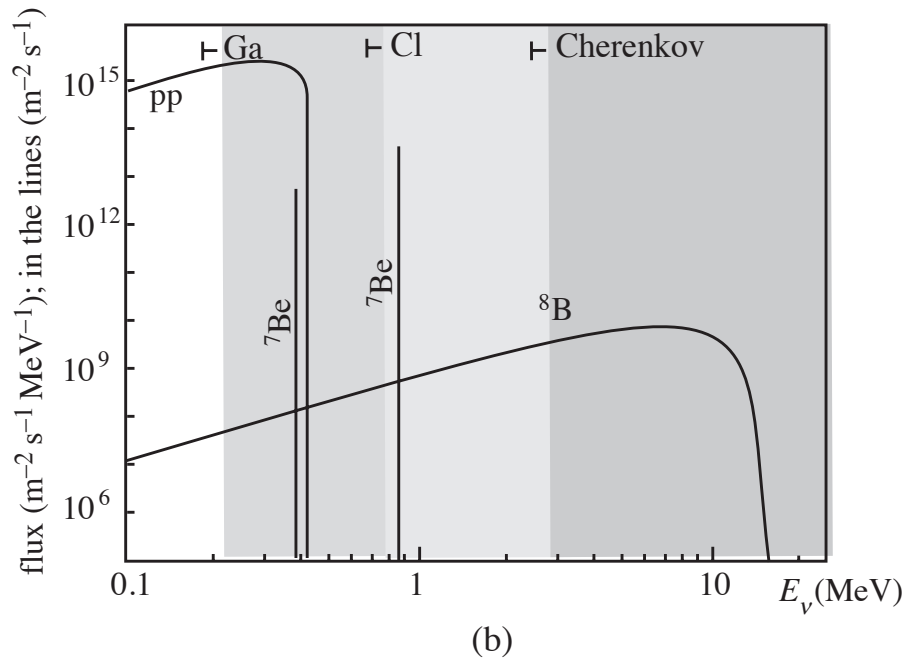
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R. Davis used 615 t of perchloroethylene ( $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_4$ ) as the target detector medium, in which about one Ar nucleus per day was expected.

The experiment took place deep underground in the Homestake mine in South Dakota at 1600 m depth

$$\text{Rate}(\text{Cl}; \text{exp}) = 2.56 \pm 0.16 \pm 0.16 \text{ SNU}$$

$$\text{Rate}(\text{Cl}, \text{SSM}) = 8.1 \pm 1.3 \text{ SNU}$$

~1/3 of the flux is missing

SSM = Solar Standard Model (Bahcall)

Solar Neutrino Units (1 SNU = one capture per  $10^{36}$  atoms per second)

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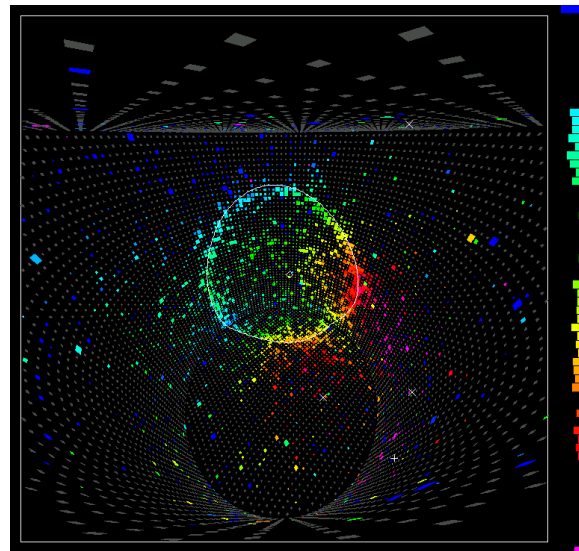
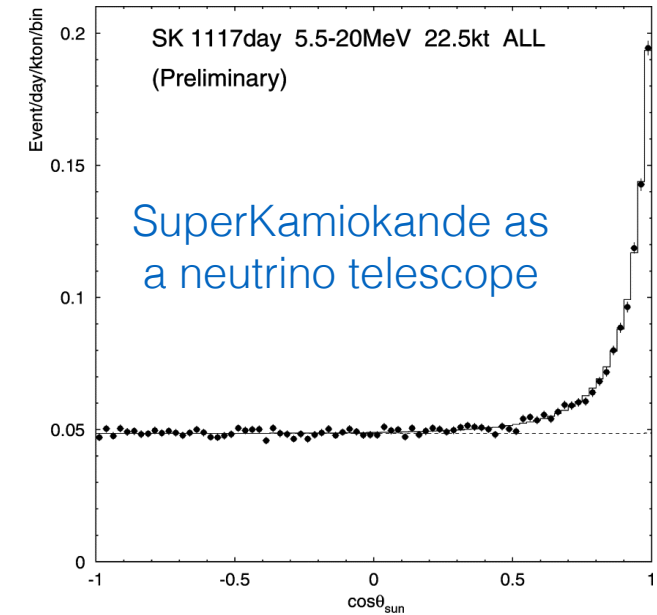
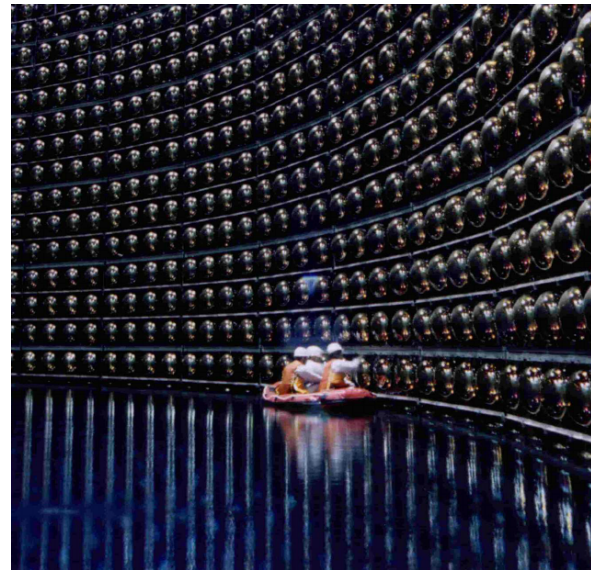
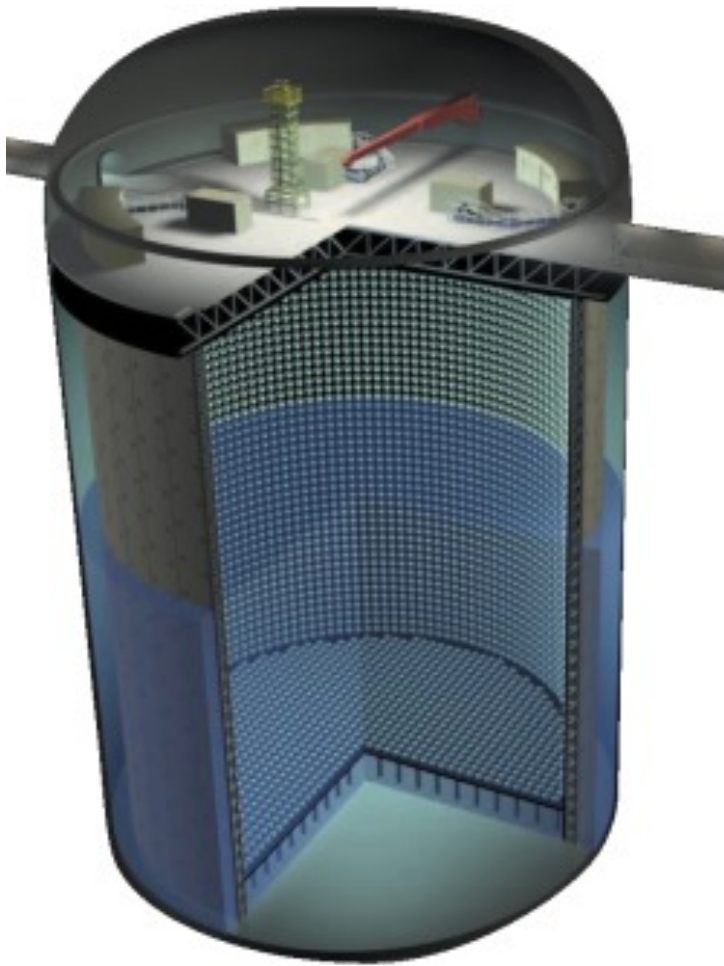
2000:  $\nu_\tau$  “discovery”: DONUT collaboration

1999-2006: SNO total flux  $\nu_e \nu_\mu \nu_\tau$

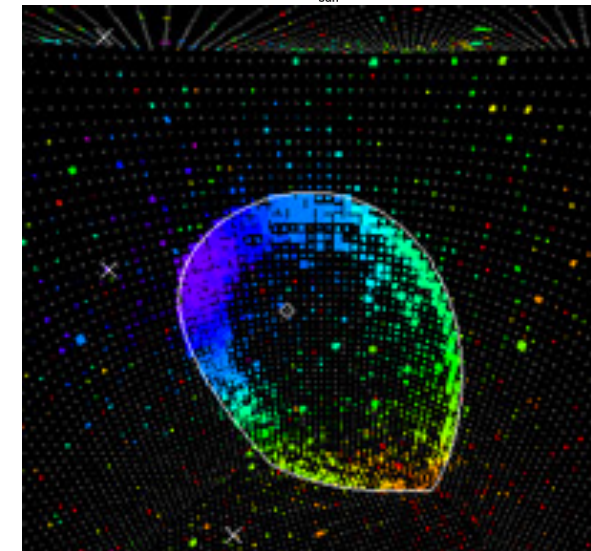
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# Neutrino oscillations



electron neutrino event



muon neutrino event

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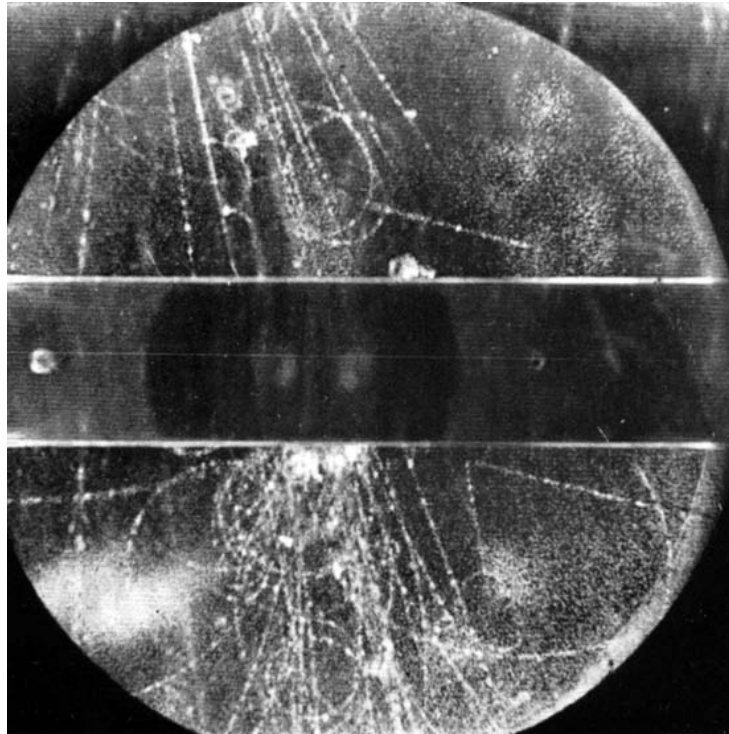
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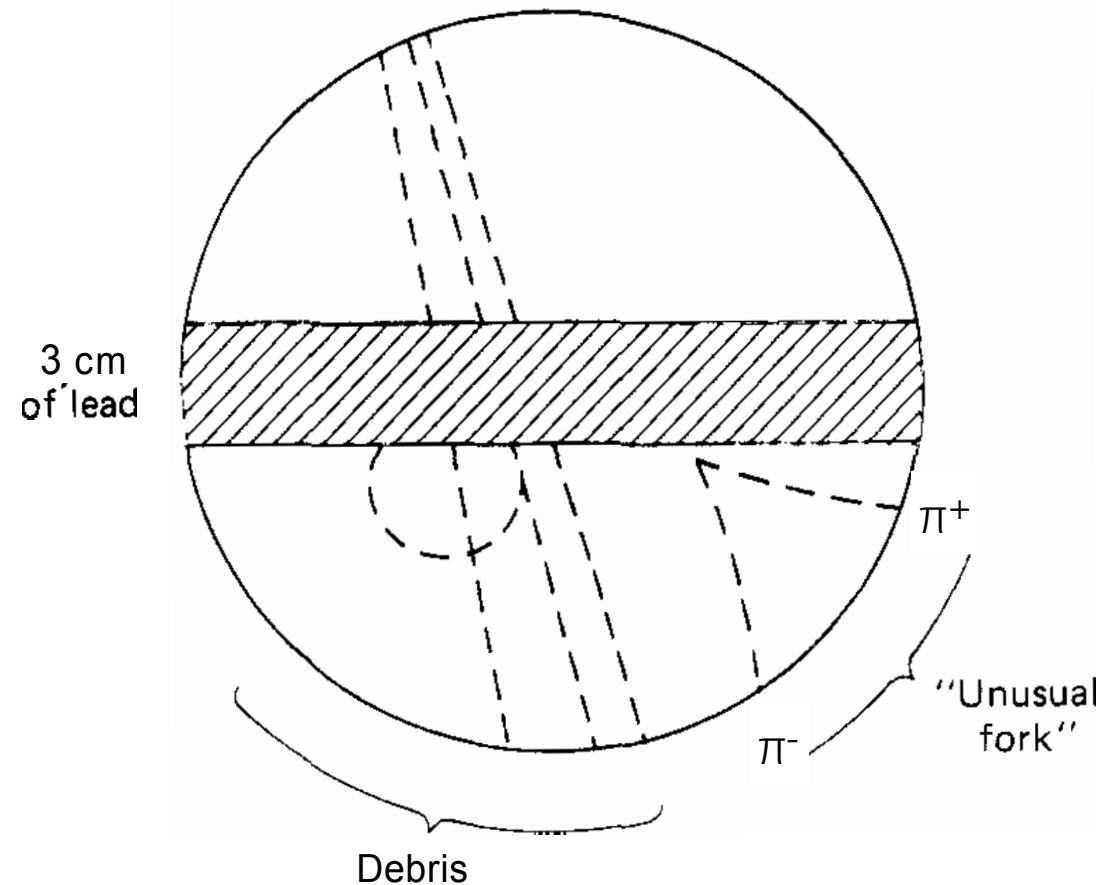
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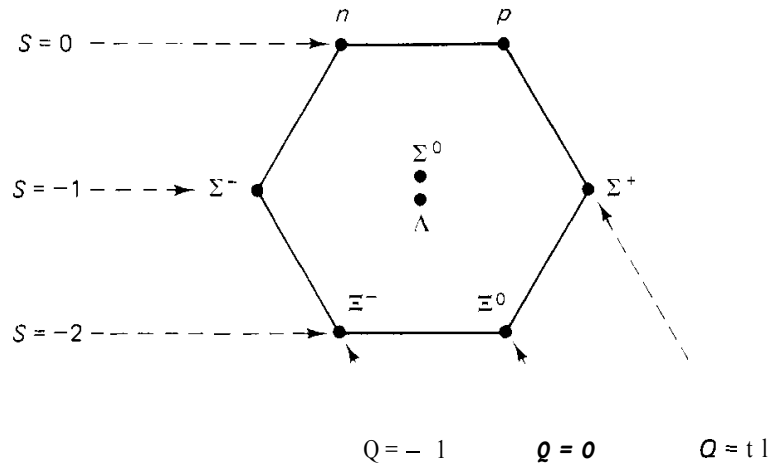
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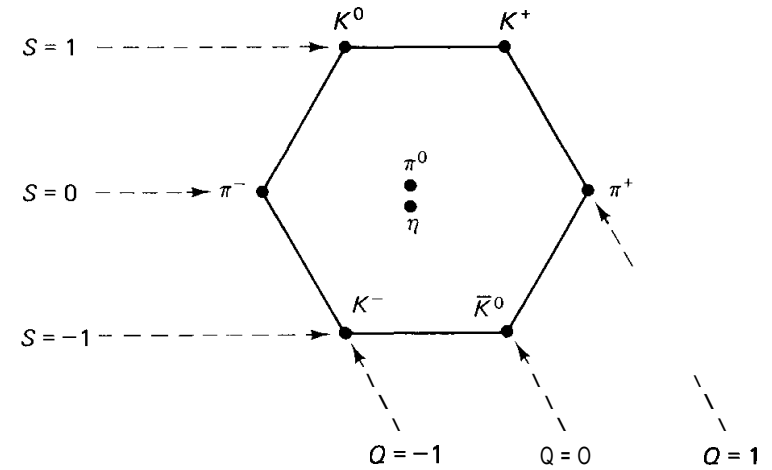
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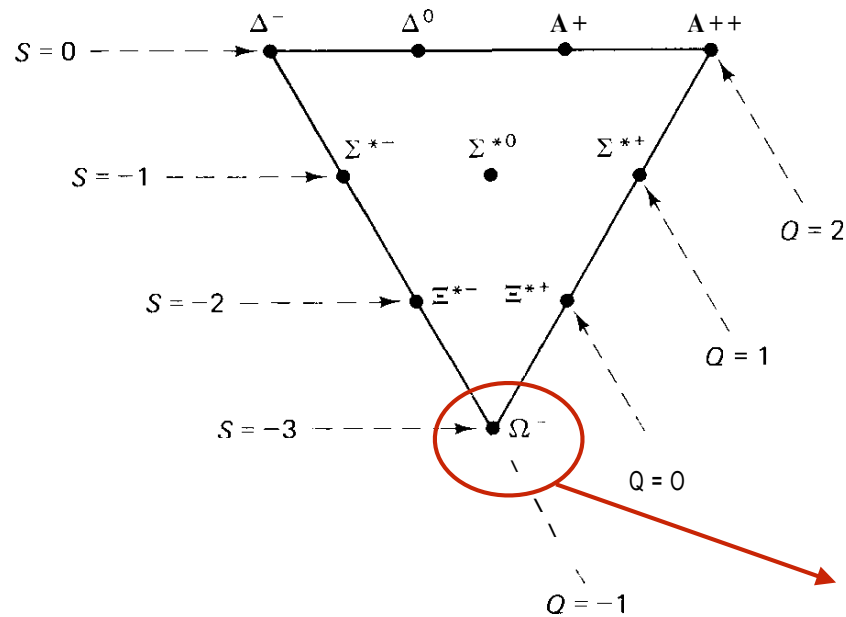
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The Baryon Octet



The Meson Octet



The Baryon Decuplet

Horizon

"Strangeness Minus Three" (1964)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGeW6Nc6IMQ>

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— — — “Beginning of modern particle physics” — — — (...again totally arbitrary definition)

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- every meson is composed of a quark and an anti-quark

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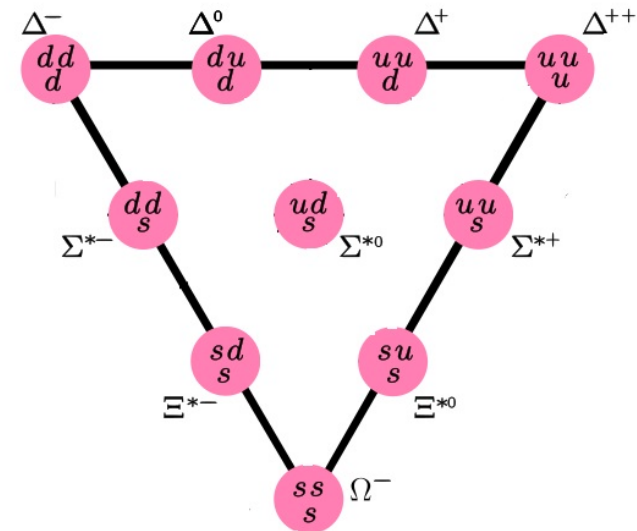
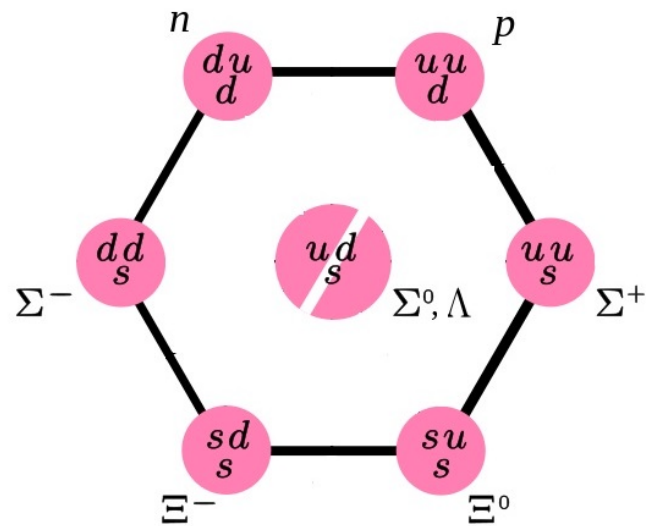
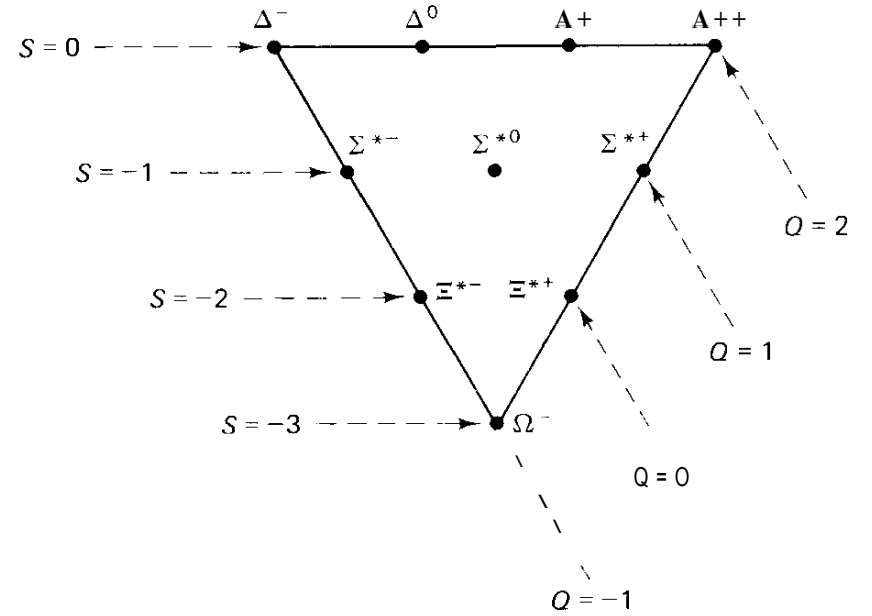
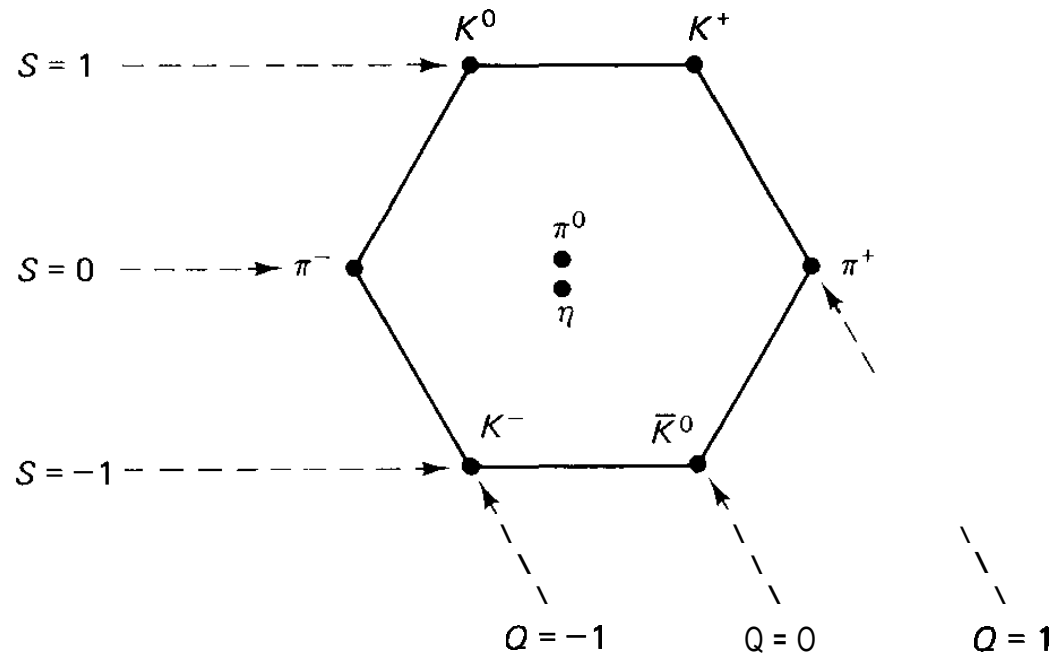
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Eight-fold way emerges naturally from the quark model

Different energy states as different particles (H-atom, energy splits o(eV) mass o(GeV))



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They are charged —> from the bending of a track in a magnetic field



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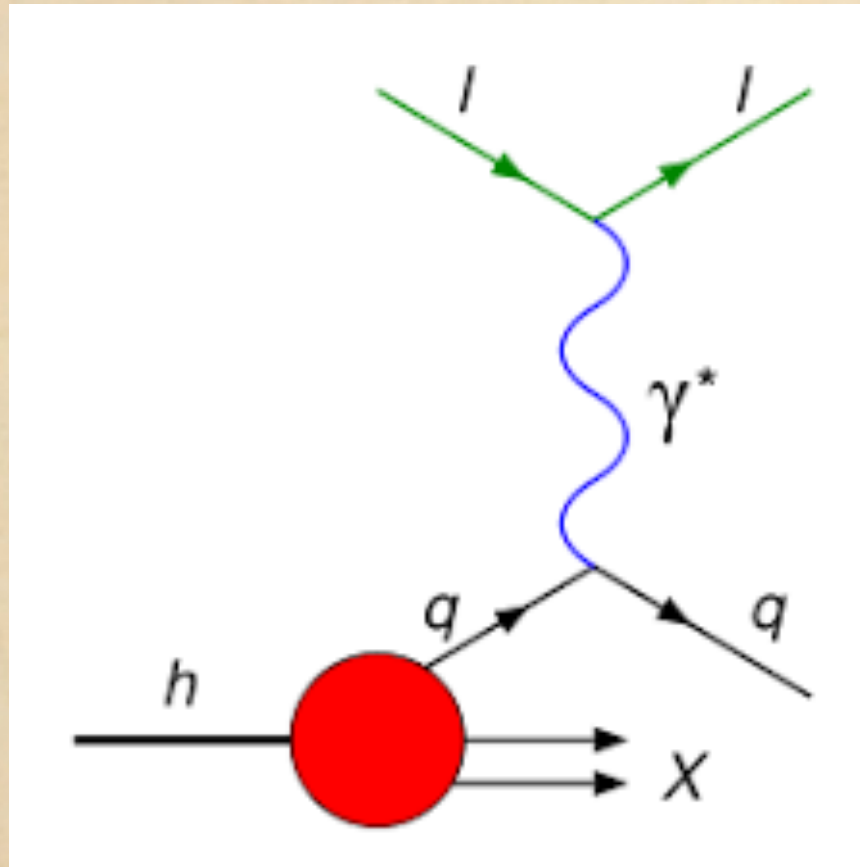
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# Deep Inelastic Scattering

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“High energy Rutherford experiment” firing an elementary probe to what you want to test as composite



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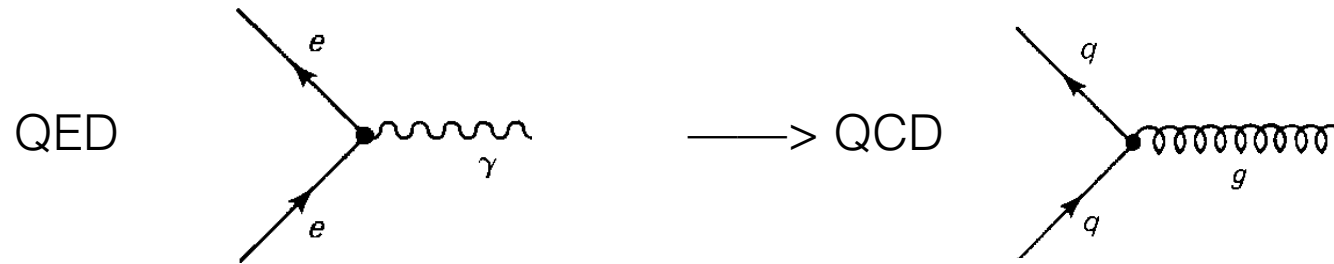
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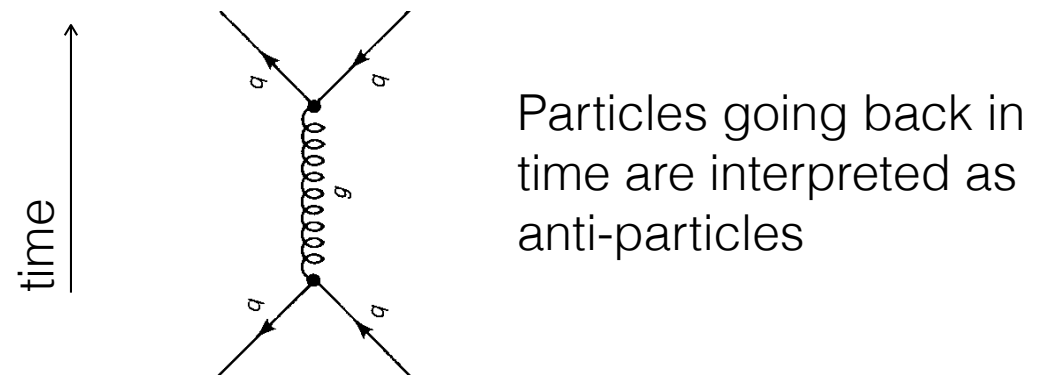
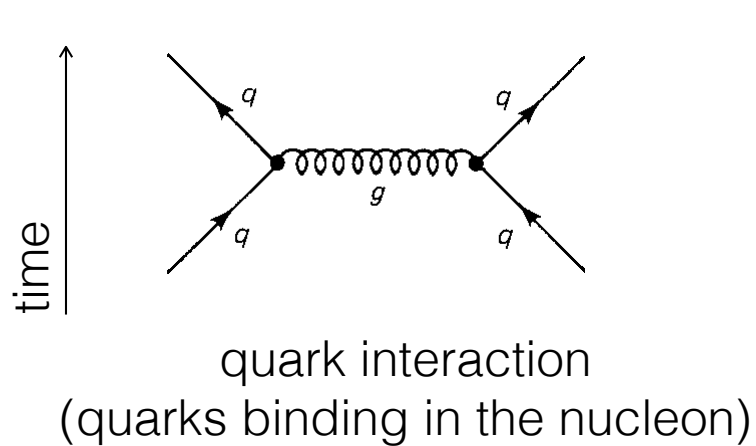
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Quantum Chromo Dynamics (QCD) is a QFT which describes the strong interactions.



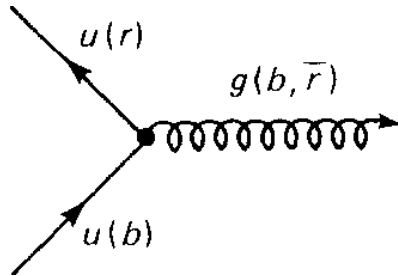
As in QED physical processes are described using vertices as building blocks.



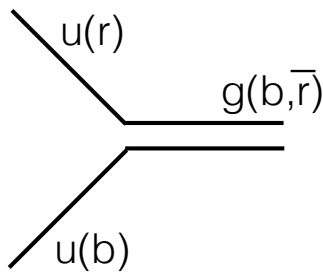


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Big difference: gluons have the same color-charge as quarks, photons are electrically-neutral!  
(gluons are neutral wrt electric charge          photons are neutral wrt to color)

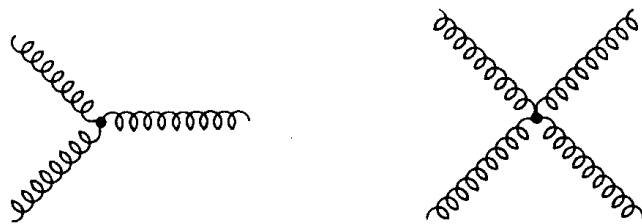


color is conserved at the vertex,  
so the color-charged gluon has to have two colors !



A better notation to keep track of color

Carrying charge opens a wealth of new phenomena:



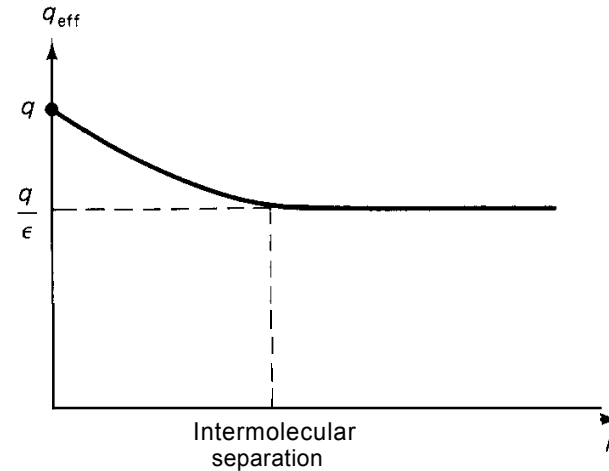
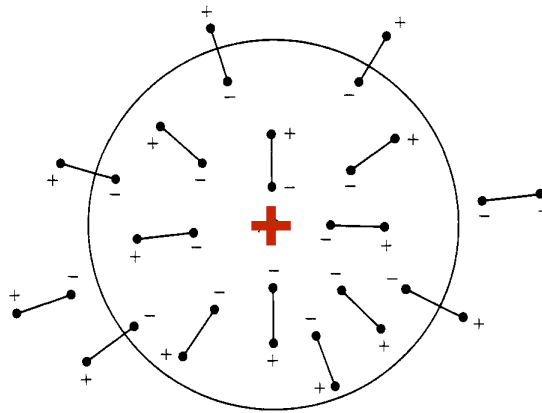
gluons interact among themselves  
(photons don't)

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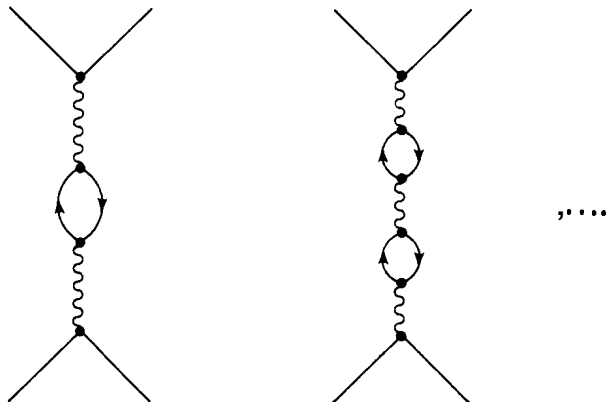
QED perturbation theory works because  $\alpha$  is small (1/137) in QCD  $\alpha_s > 1$

But fortunately *coupling constants are not constants!*

Running coupling constants: analogous to the dielectric polarization



A similar phenomenon happens in QED, where is the vacuum that gets polarized



The virtual electrons gets attracted the virtual positrons repelled.

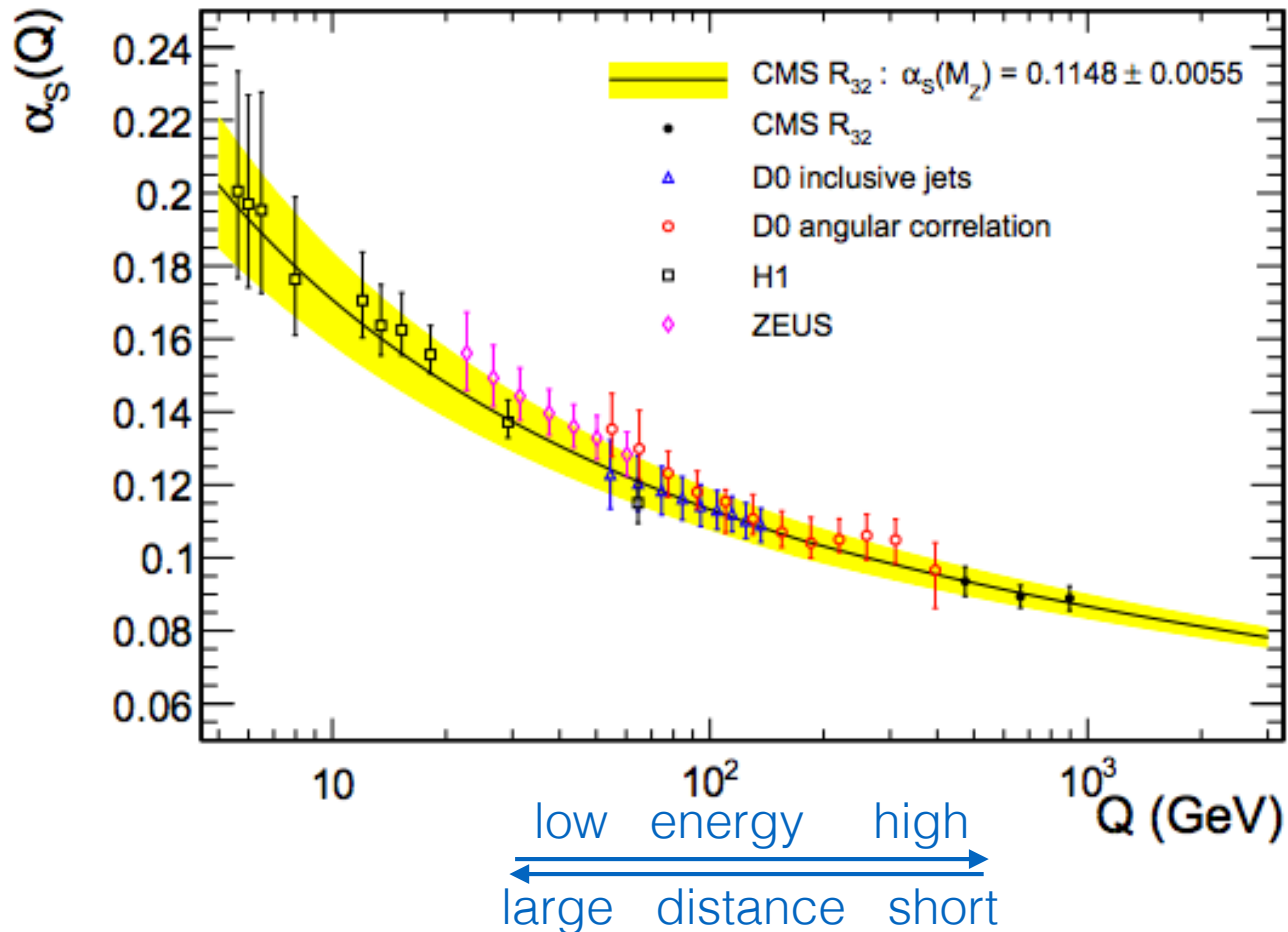
So if you measure the electron charge at smaller and smaller distances (higher and higher energies you'll see it growing)

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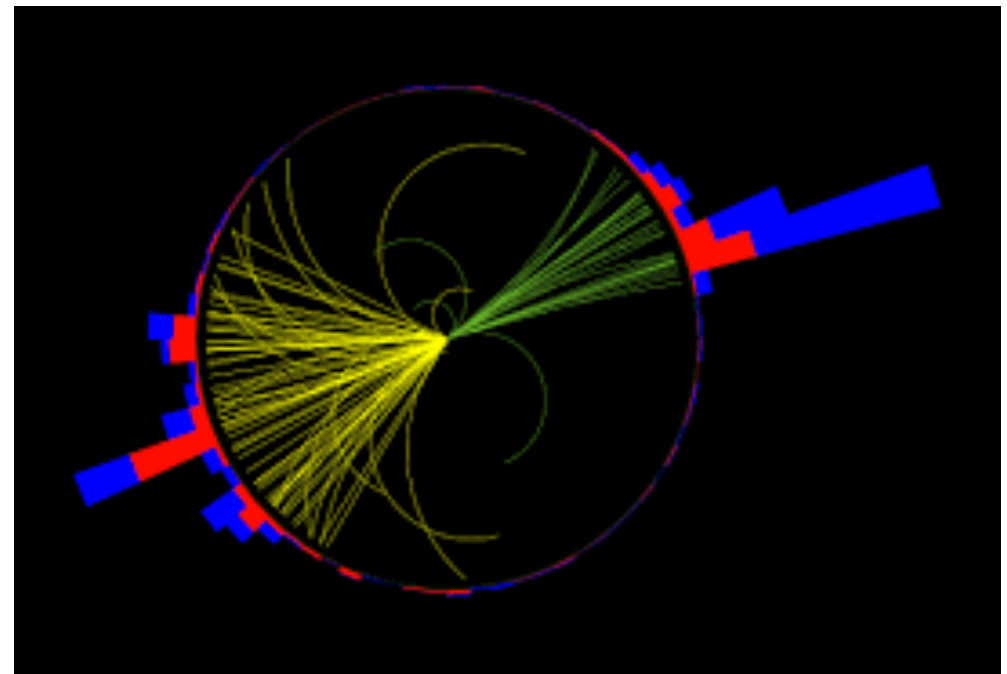
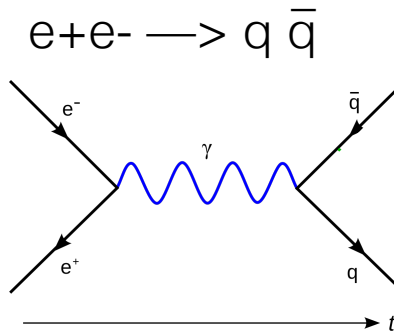
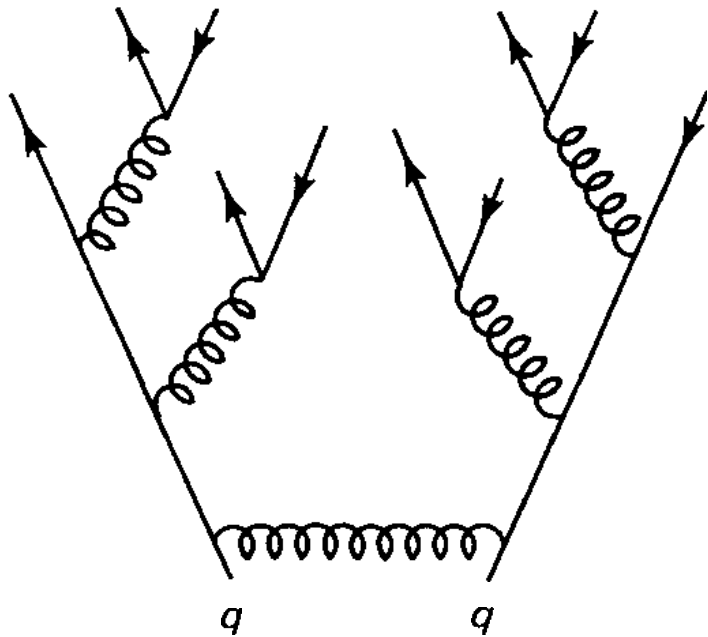
- qqq vertex (as in QED) —> observed charge increase
- ggg / gggg vertices (not in QED) —> observed charge decrease

In QCD, the contributions the ggg / gggg wins and you observe a charge that decreases with smaller distances

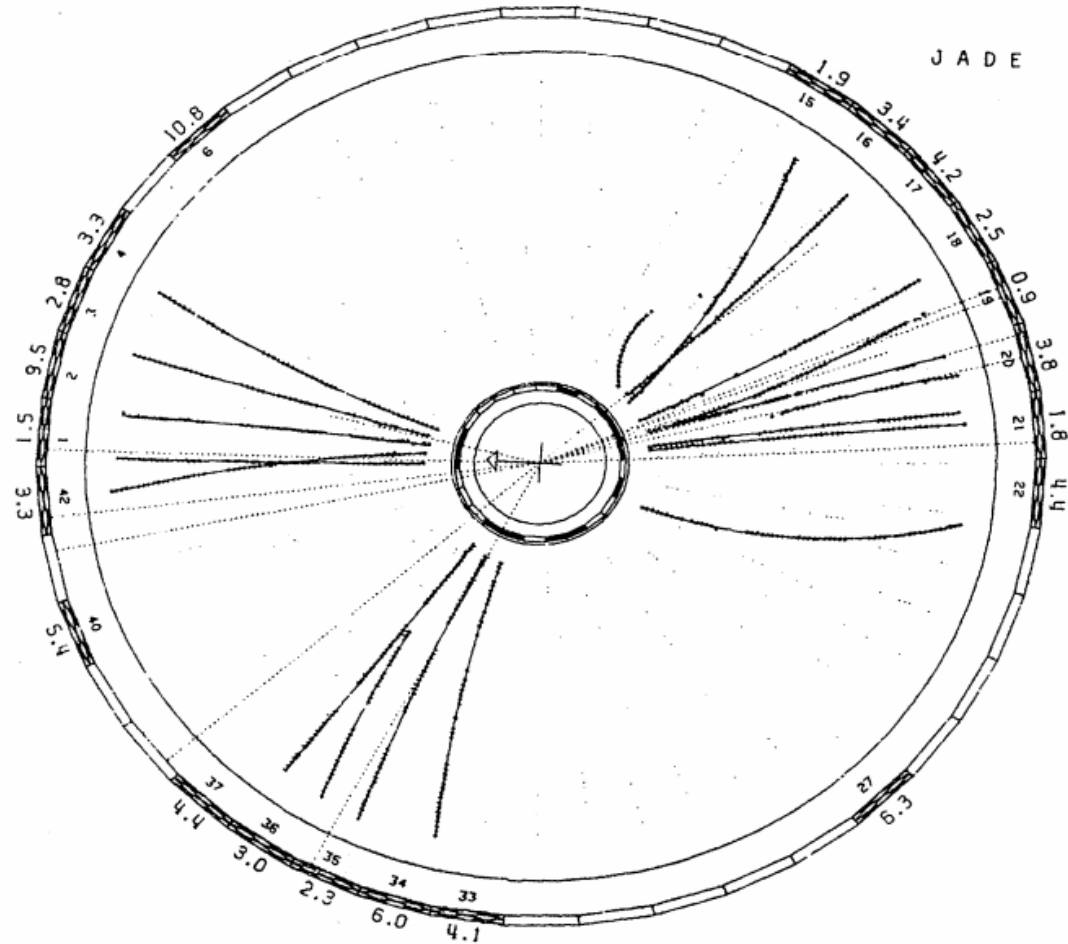
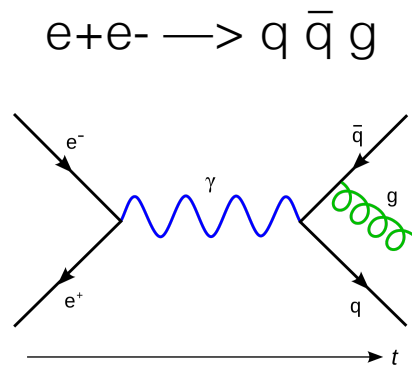


# Jets

When produced, quarks will fly apart but they are not free !  
the strong interaction between them is so great that new quarks-antiquarks pairs are created  
Hadronization —> no coloured particle in the final state



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Jade @ PETRA  
Positron Electron Tandem Ring Accelerator - Desy



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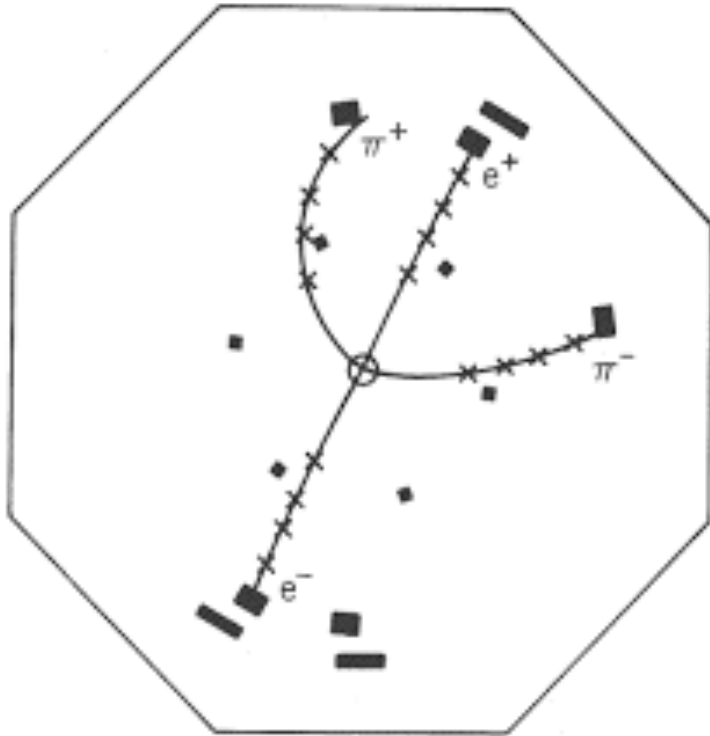
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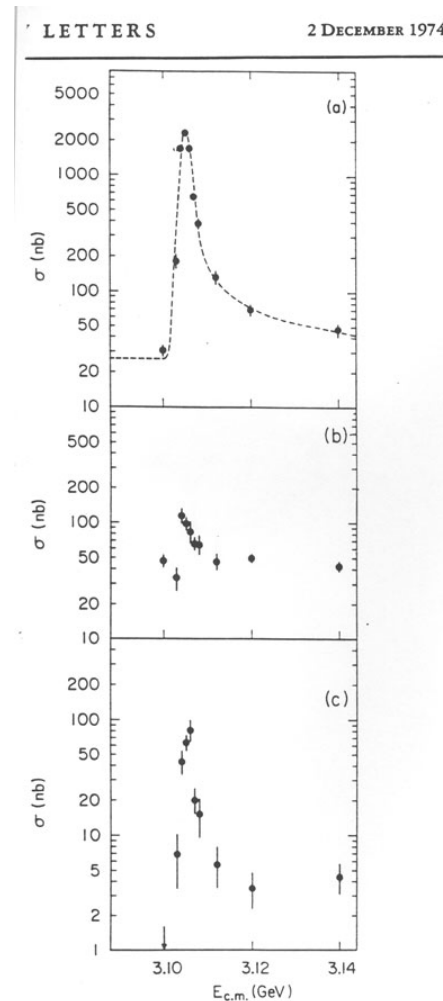


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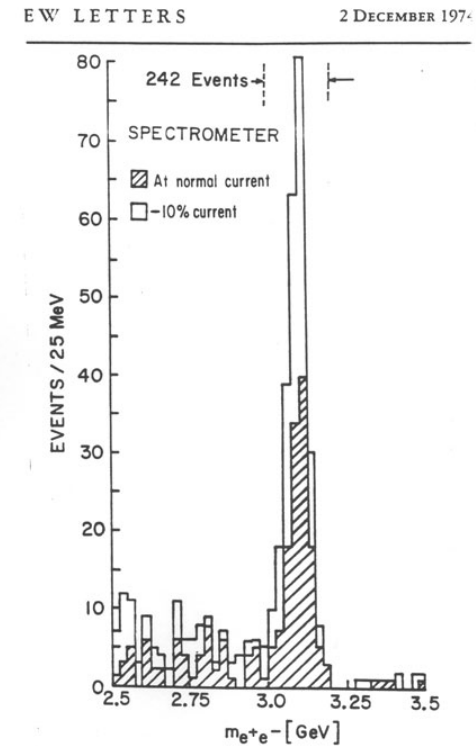
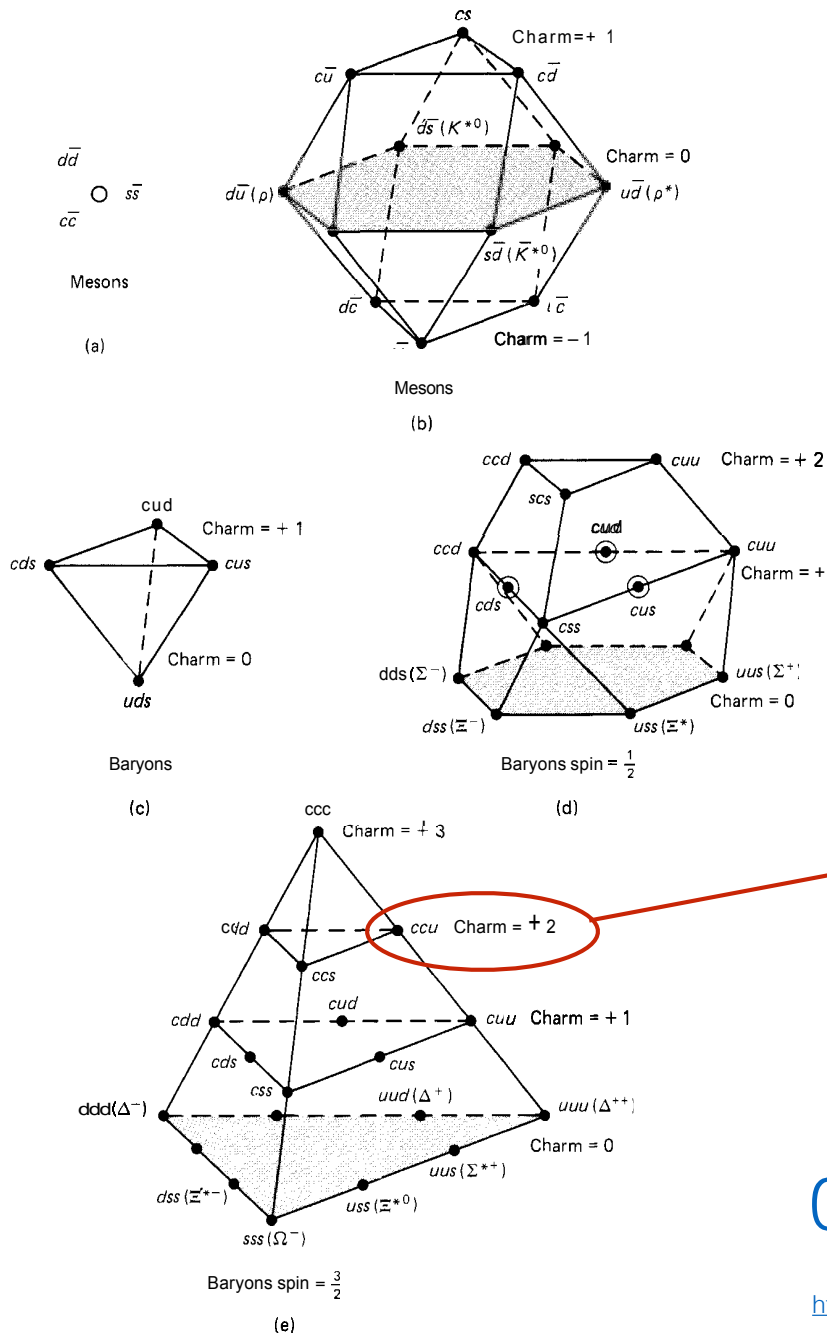


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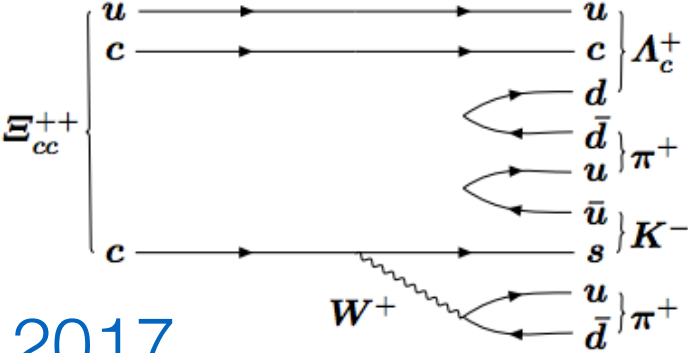
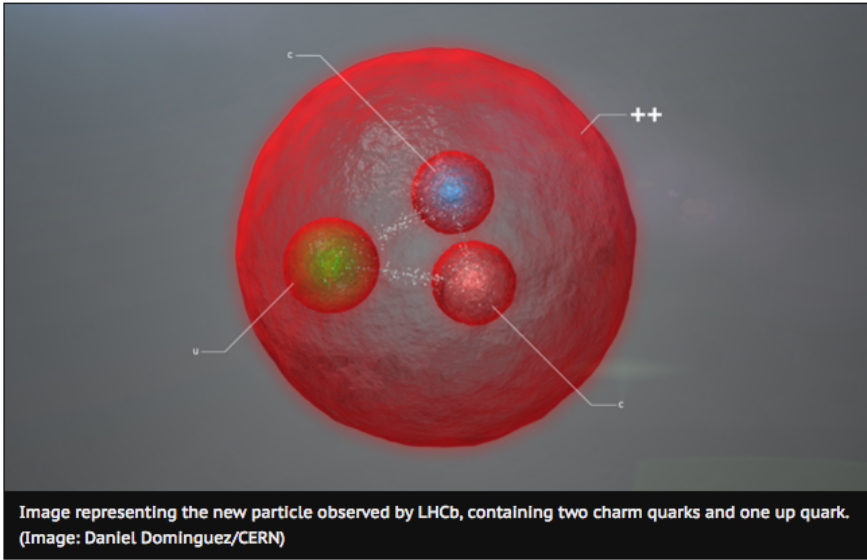
The explanation that won about the origin of the J/psi is the one of the quark model !

The J/psi is very long lived  $10^{-20}$  seconds (typically hadrons decay in  $10^{-23}$  seconds)  
The decay proceeds through the weak interaction.

# Multiplets with four quarks (udcs)



LHCb announces a charming new particle



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1977 Ypsilon b-bbar: first particle of the quark third generation

1981 Lambda\_b (udb)

1983 Bd (b-antid)

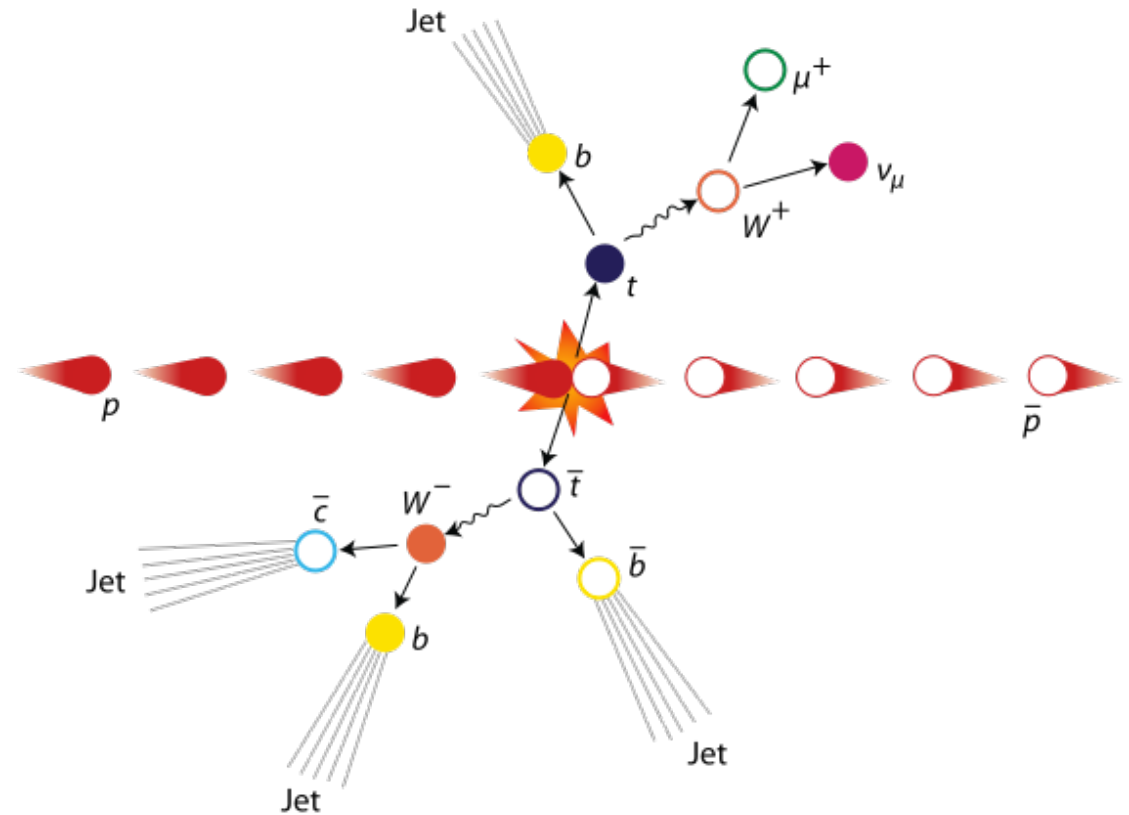
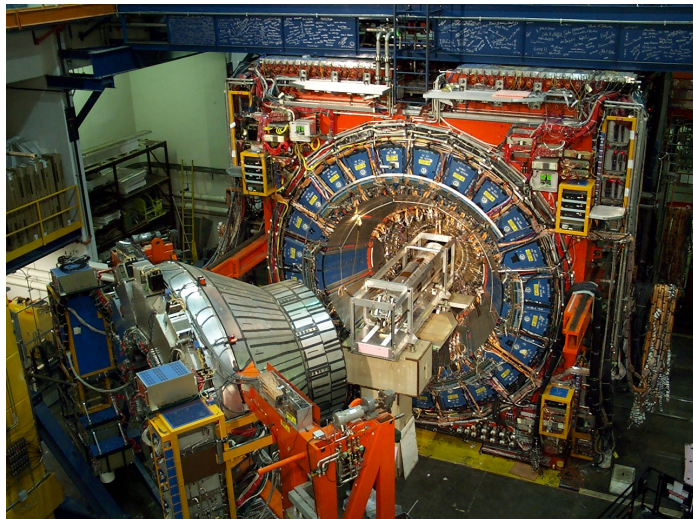
1994 top-quark discovery at TeVatron

**u c t**  $q = 2/3$

**d s b**  $q = -1/3$

# Top discovery

Discovered at Fermilab



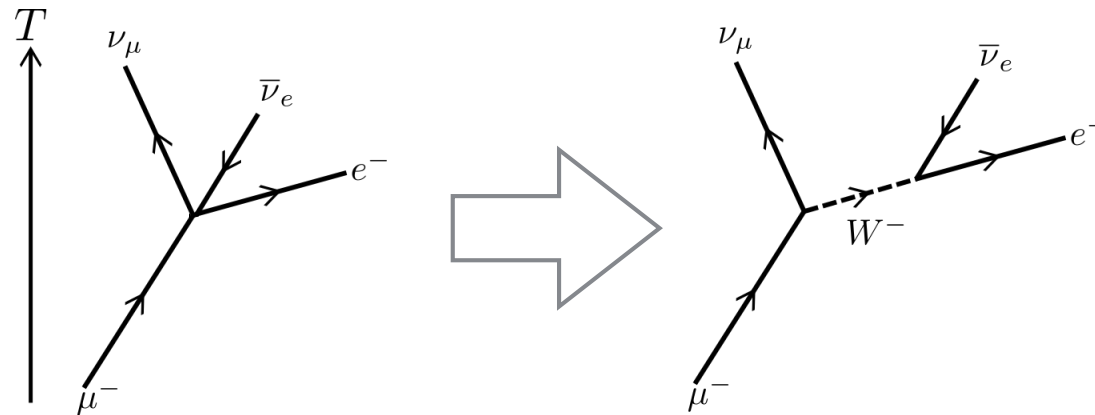
Top decays before “hadronizing”

# GWS + Higgs

Fermi Theory of beta decay: contact interaction

Weak force has a very short range (i.e. easy to approximate by a contact interaction).

But at high energy (when you start probing short distances) Fermi theory fails

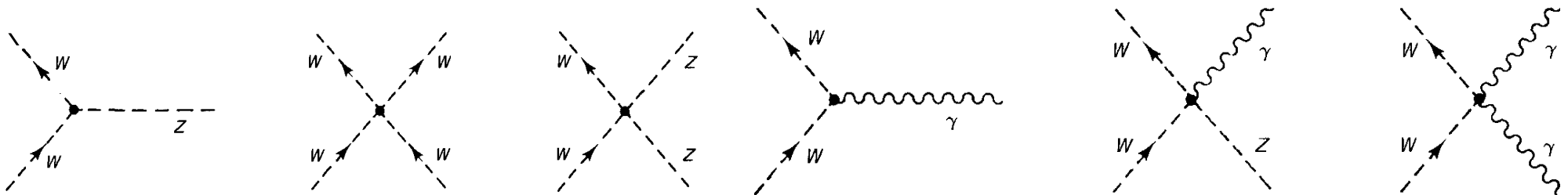


Steven Weinberg <https://home.cern/news/obituary/cern/steven-weinberg-1933-2021>

Glashow (1961) - Higgs (1964) - Weinberg (1967) - Salam (1968)

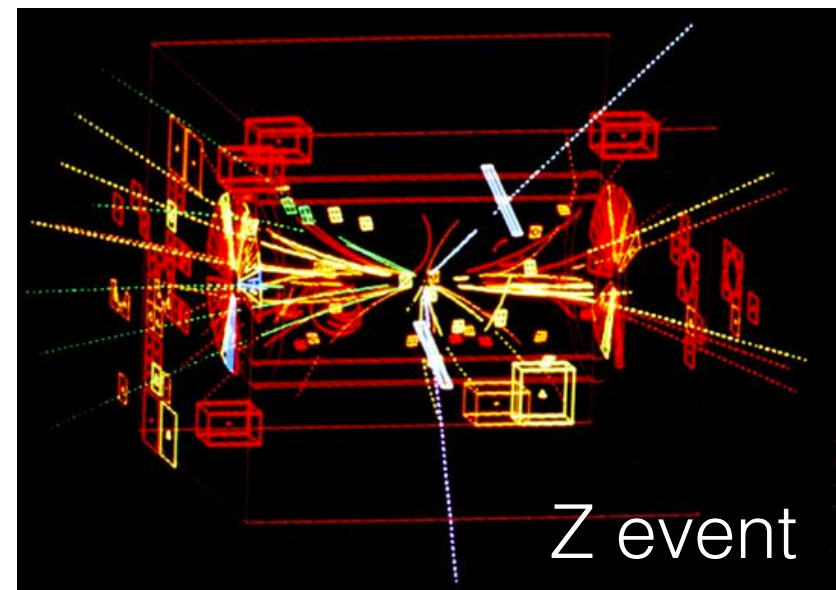
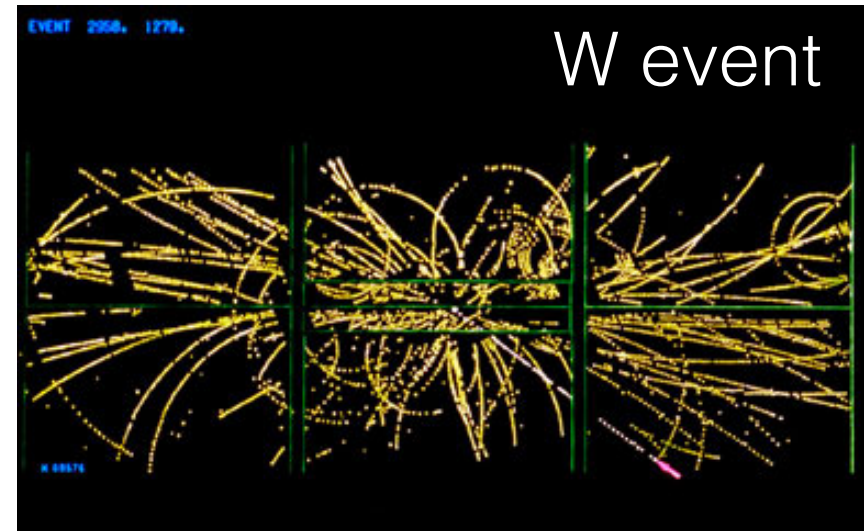
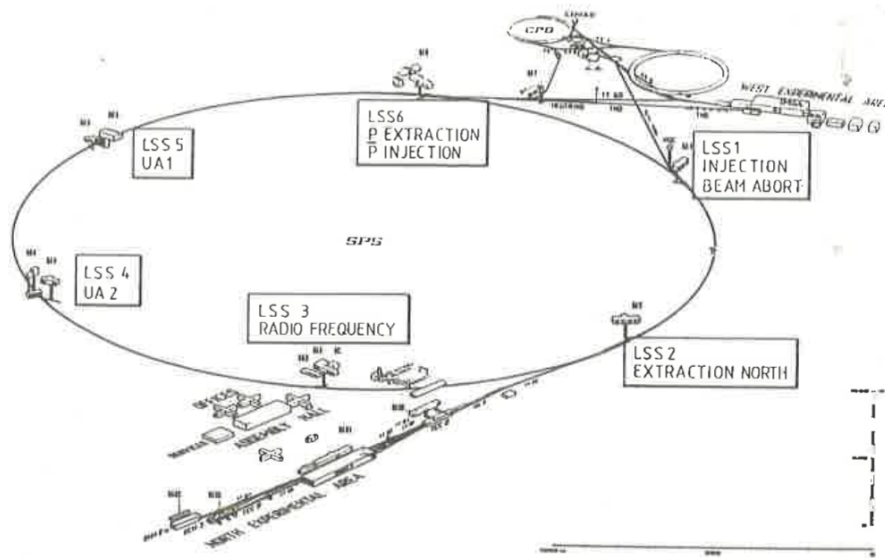
Electromagnetism and Weak interactions are unified —> EW part of the SM

Photon-Z-W mass pattern from Higgs mechanism (spontaneous EW symmetry breaking)



1983 Rubbia, Van der Meer: discovery W/Z at the predicted mass

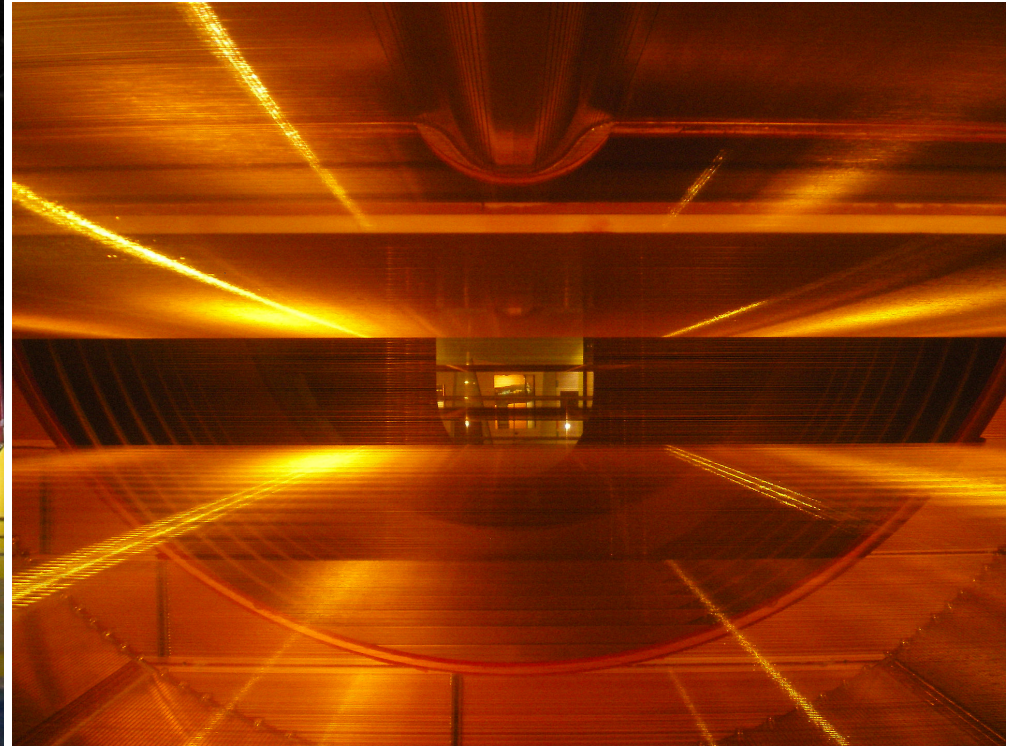
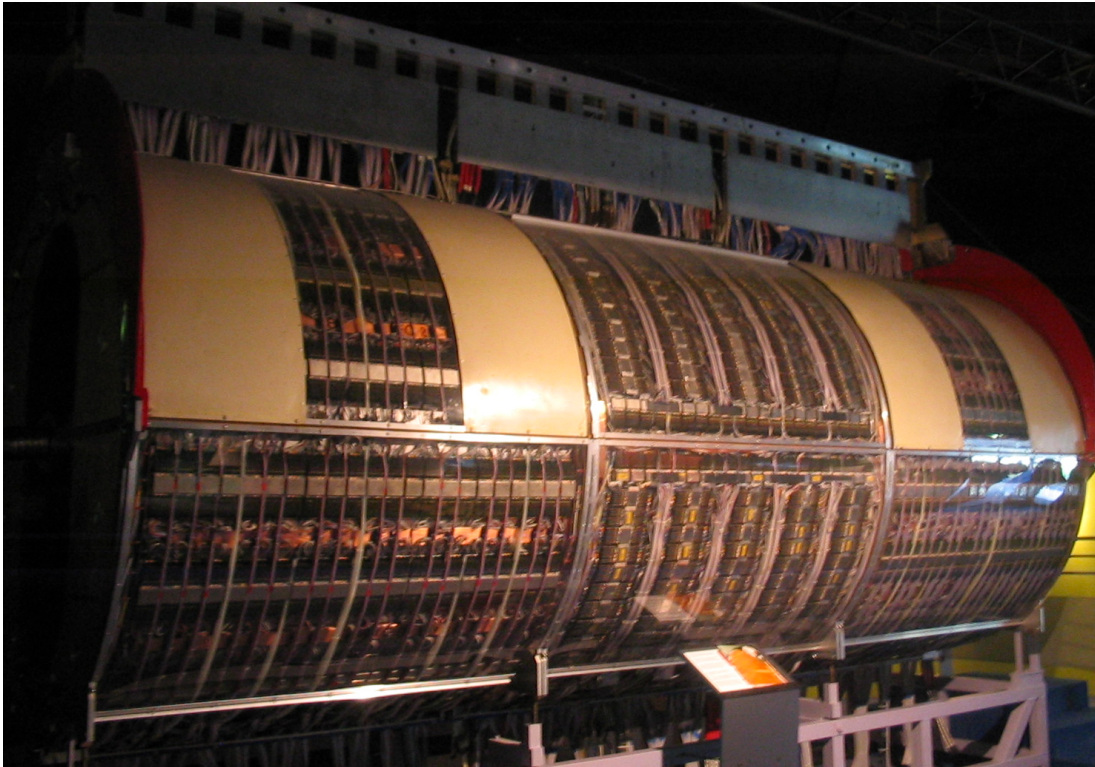
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## Drift chamber



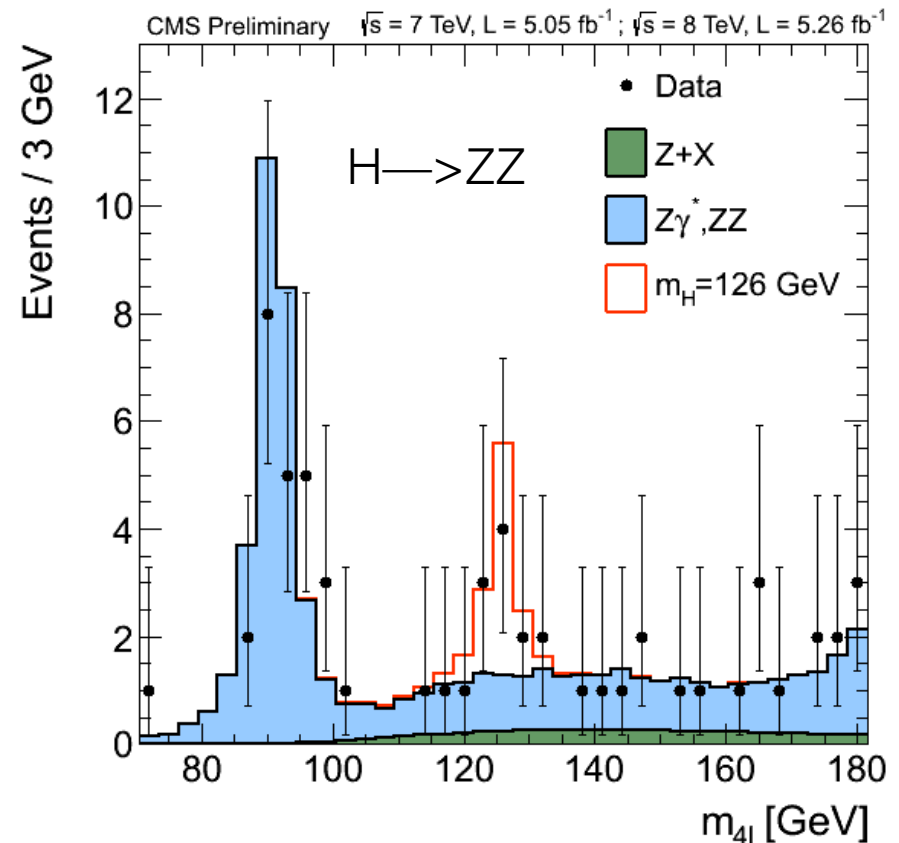
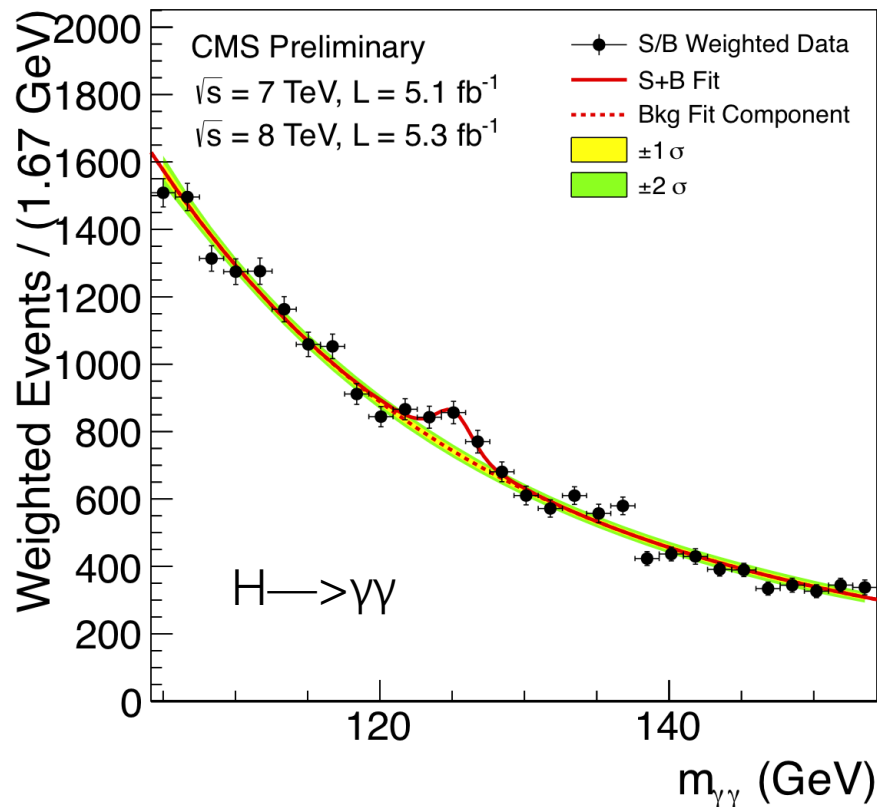


# Higgs boson

The Higgs field is responsible for the spontaneous EW symmetry breaking (the underlying lagrangian has a symmetry but the solutions do not) which allows  $W^{+-}$  and  $Z$  bosons to acquire a mass and the photon to remain massless

Everything was fitting perfectly the GSW model, but for  $\sim 40$  years there was no sign of the Higgs boson.

2012 Discovery of the Higgs boson by ATLAS and CMS

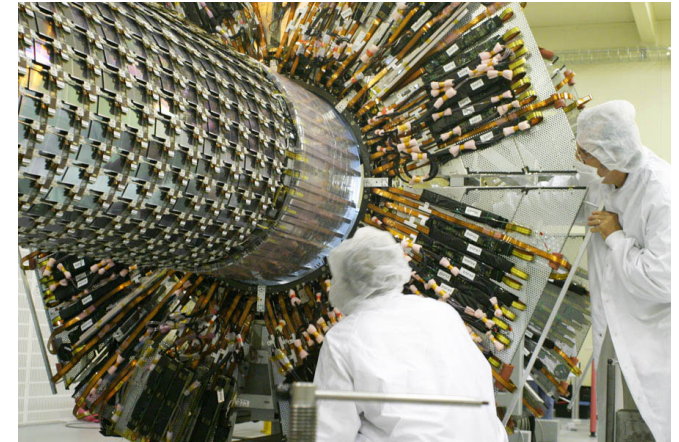
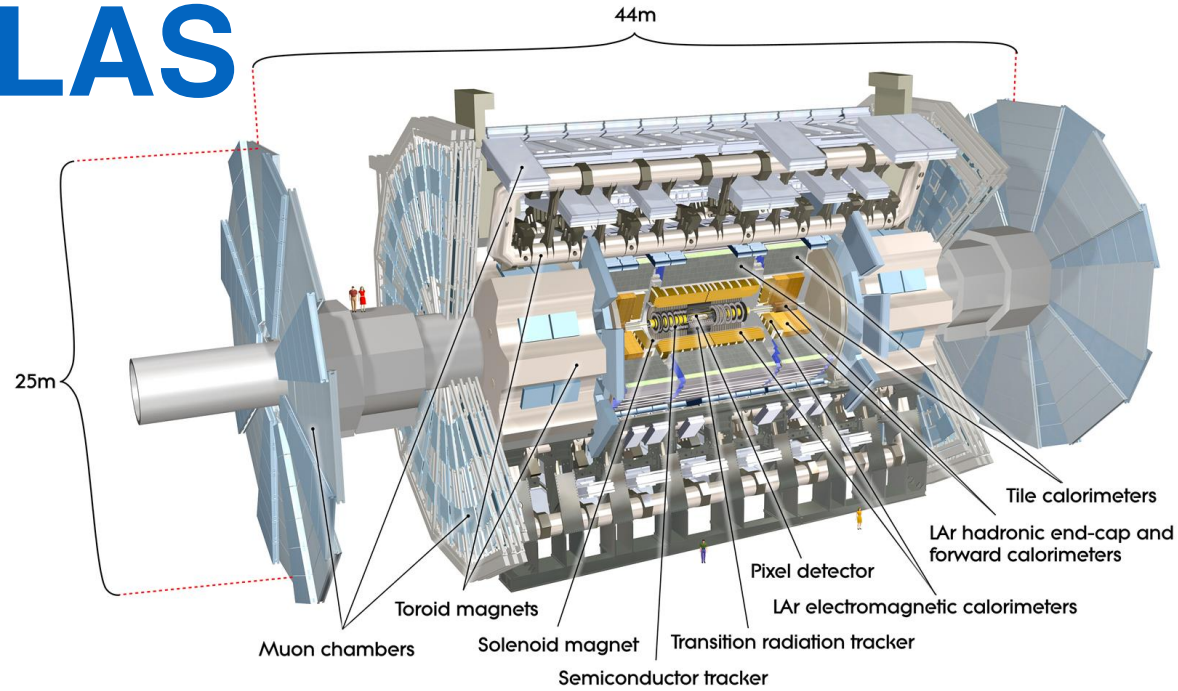


# LHC

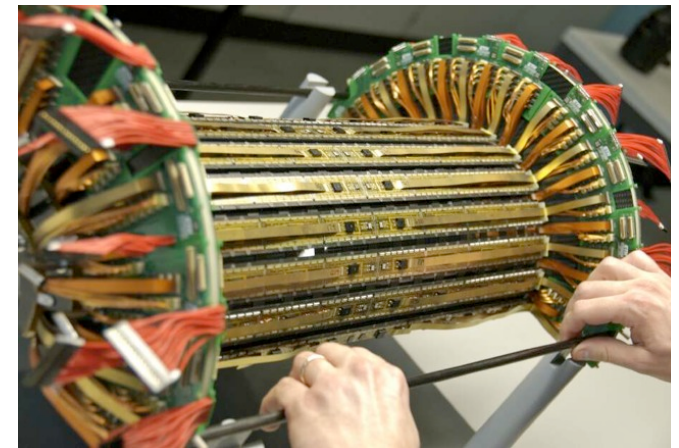
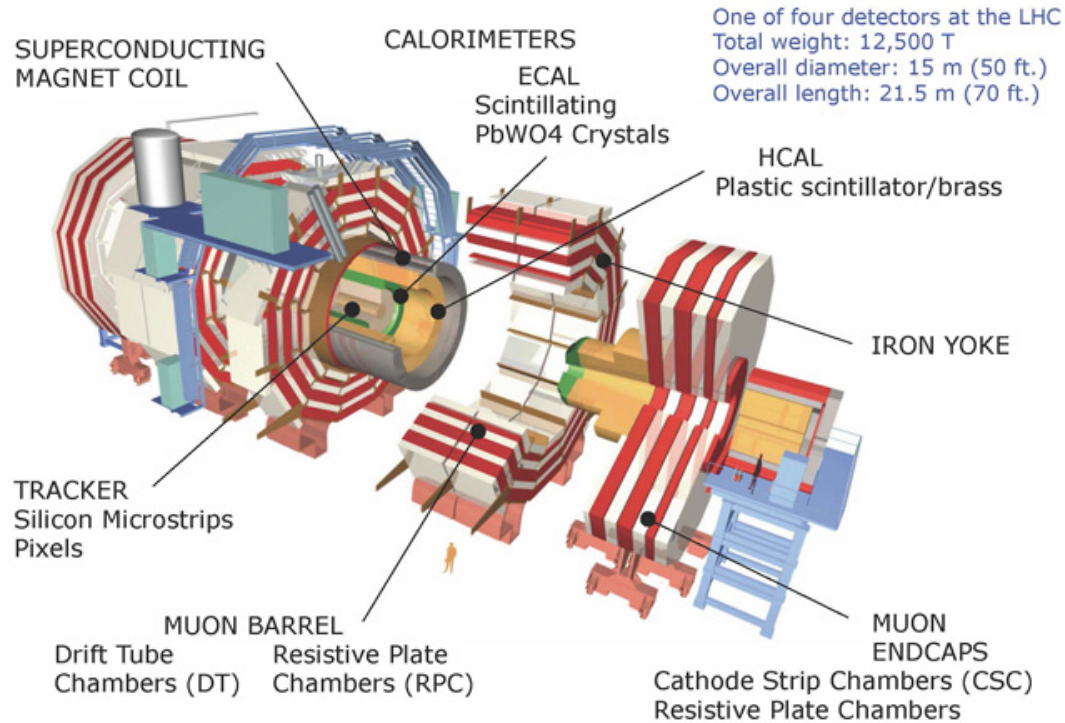




# ATLAS



# CMS



# Weak interaction

Both leptons and quarks experience weak interactions

Q: what forces/interactions feel leptons, neutrino, quarks ?

# Weak interaction

Q: what are the charges of the leptons, neutrino, quarks ?

Charged leptons (e, mu, tau): electric, weak

Neutrinos: weak only

quarks: electric, color, weak

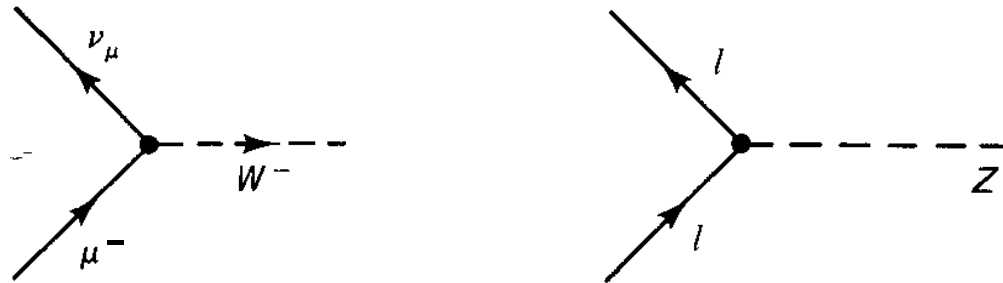
(...and gravitational force)



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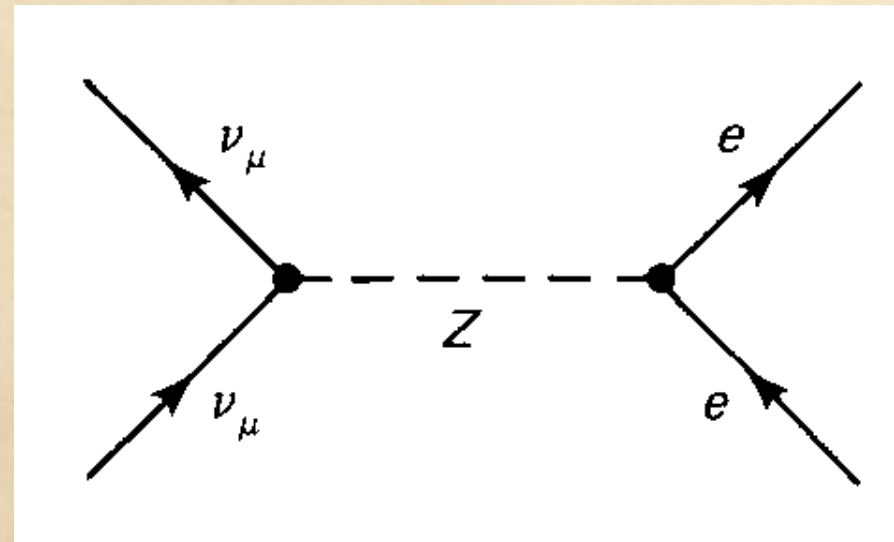
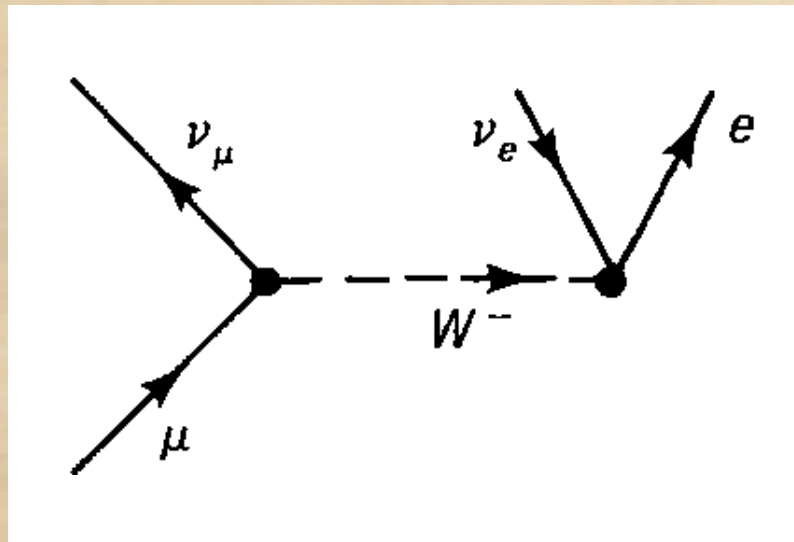
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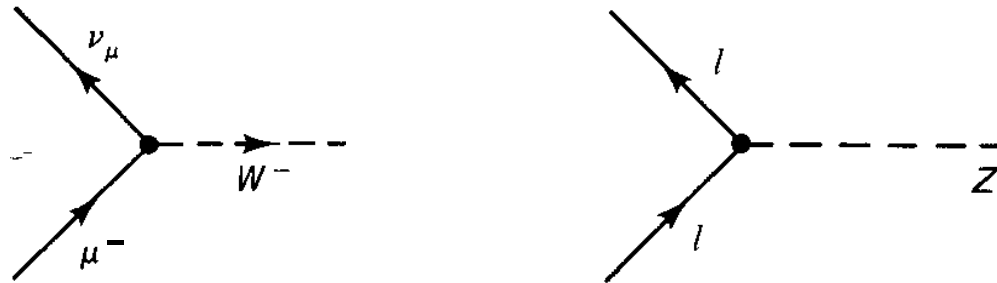
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W-vertex “idea was there from the beginning” (beta decay)

1968 Z-vertex in GWS model

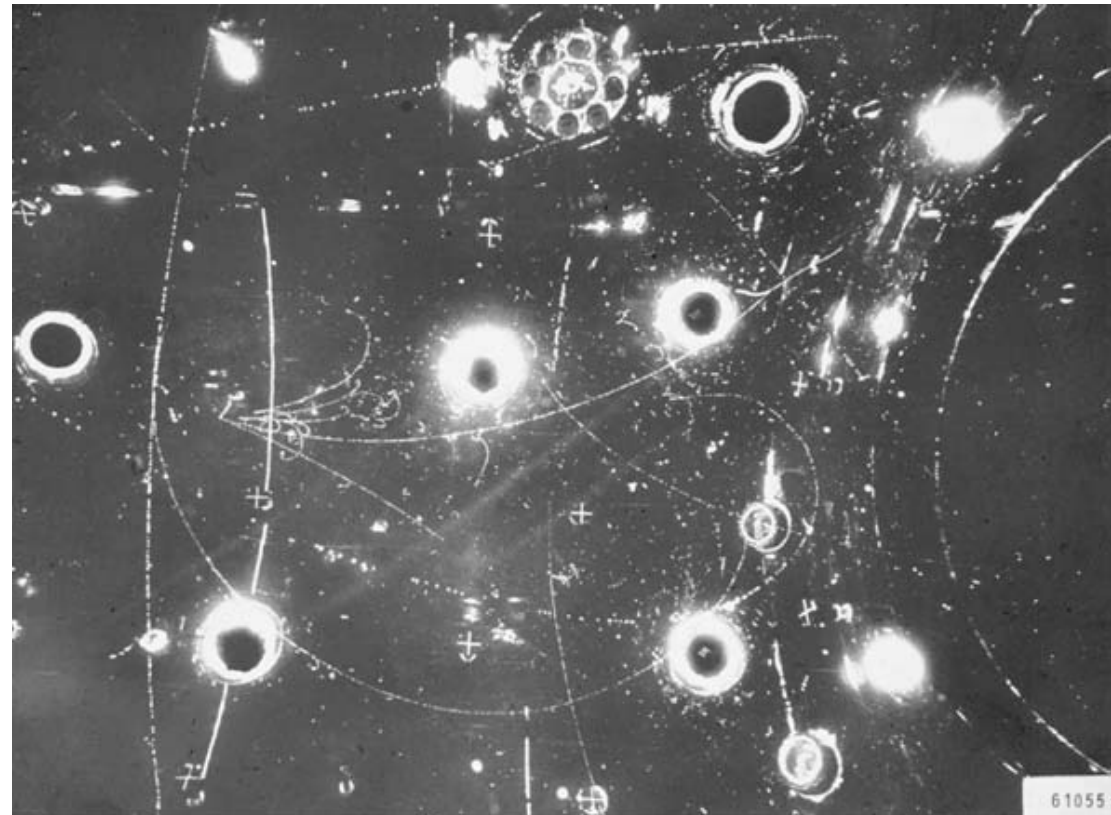
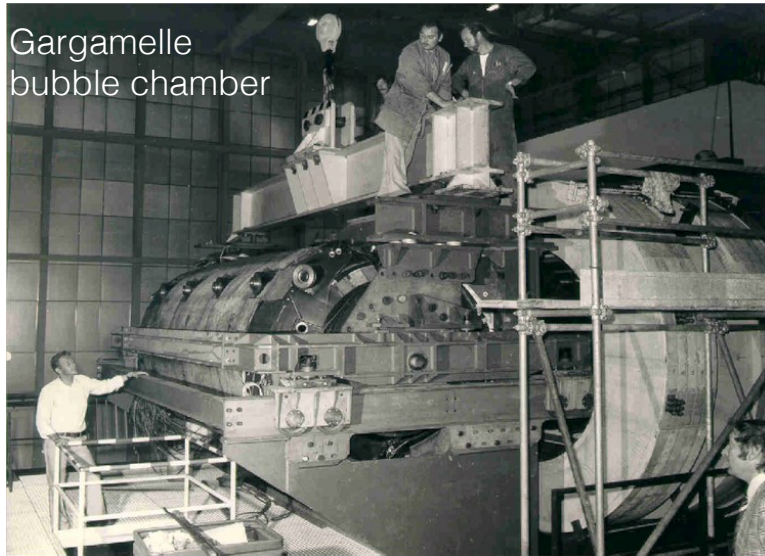
1973 Gargamelle: neutral currents at CERN

main difficulty large backgrounds from electromagnetic effects (photons and neutron backgrounds) DESY (Tasso) showed the Z-contribution through asymmetries, but only nu-scattering, where em =interaction is off offers a clear signature)

# Weak interaction

Neutral currents: A perfect experimental discovery

<http://cerncourier.com/cws/article/cern/54388>

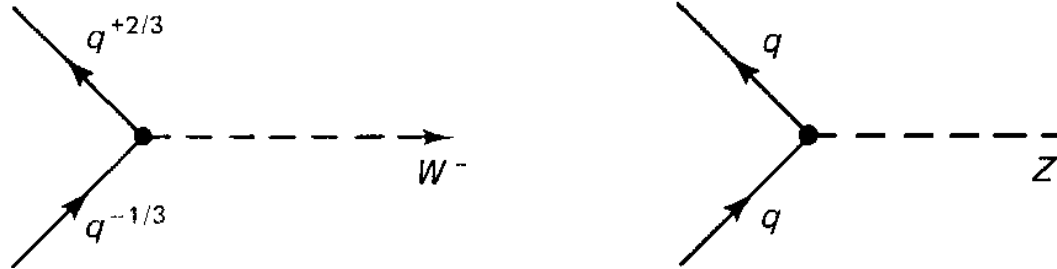


$$\nu_{\mu} + N \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} + \text{hadrons.}$$

No muons in the final state ! (see Bettini Sec 7.10)

# Weak interaction

Quarks: the basic vertices are

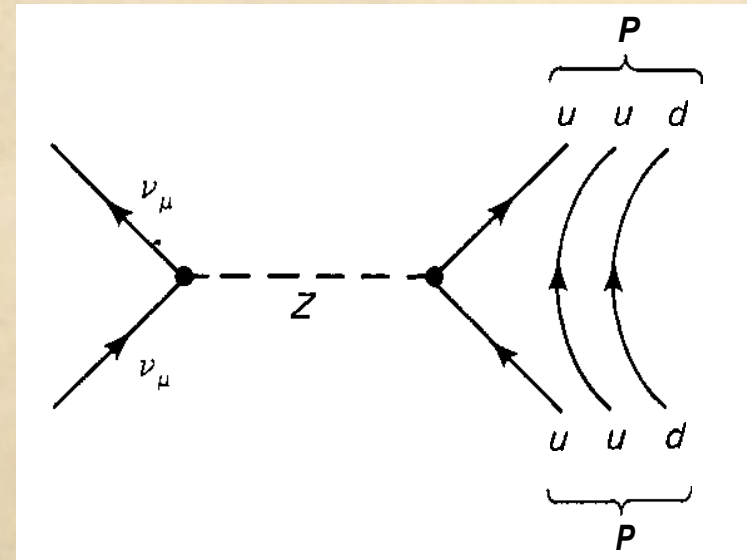
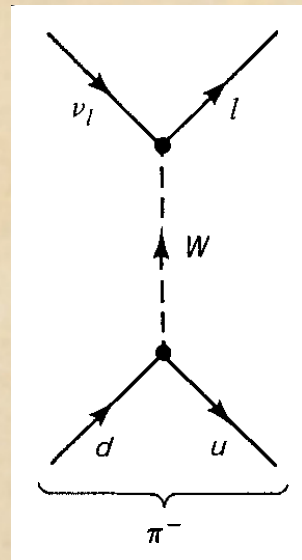
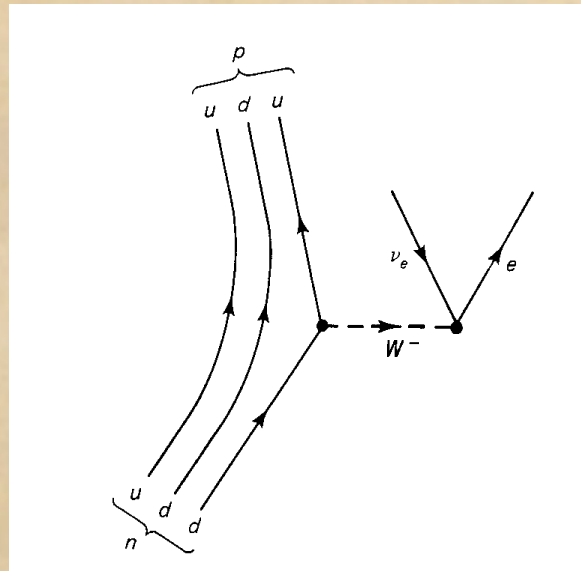


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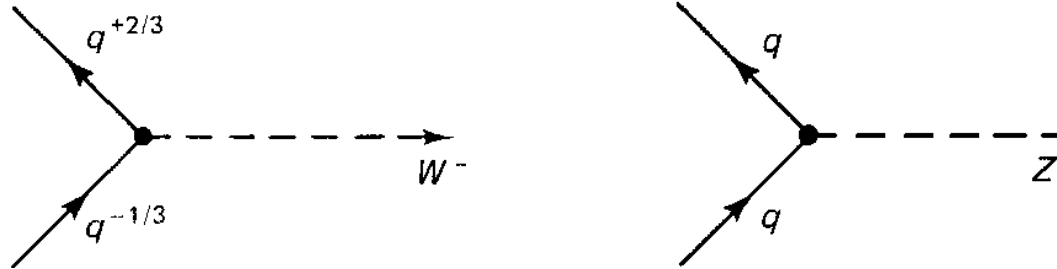
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But there is much more !

The weak interactions does not respect quarks generations

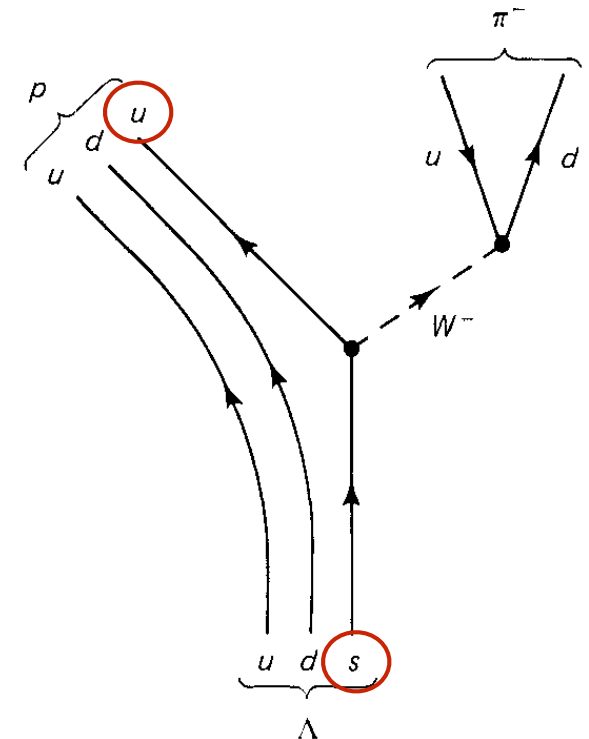
1963 Cabibbo angle

1970 GIM mechanism

1973 CKM matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b' \end{pmatrix}$$

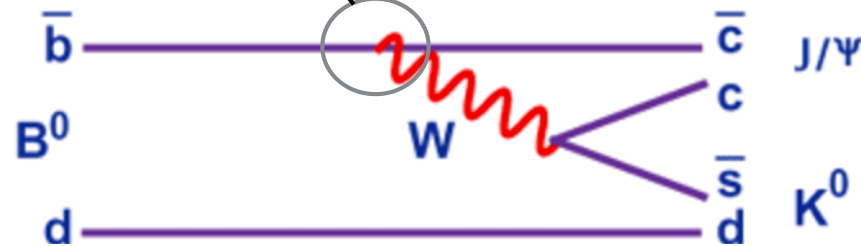
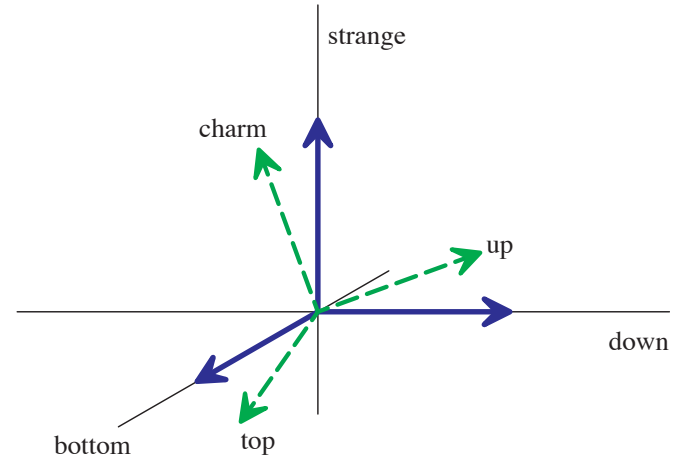
quark flavours "are mixed"



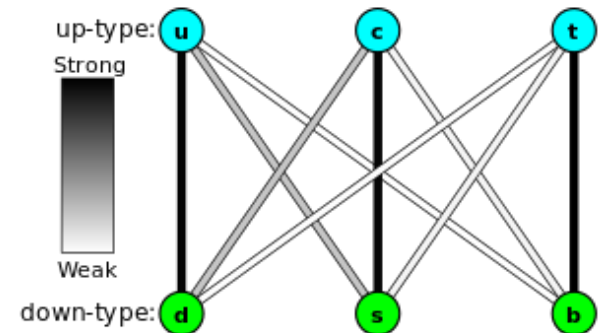
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CKM matrix



$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.97427 \pm 0.00014 & 0.22536 \pm 0.00061 & 0.00355 \pm 0.00015 \\ 0.22522 \pm 0.00061 & 0.97343 \pm 0.00015 & 0.0414 \pm 0.0012 \\ 0.00886^{+0.00033}_{-0.00032} & 0.0405^{+0.0011}_{-0.0012} & 0.99914 \pm 0.00005 \end{pmatrix}$$



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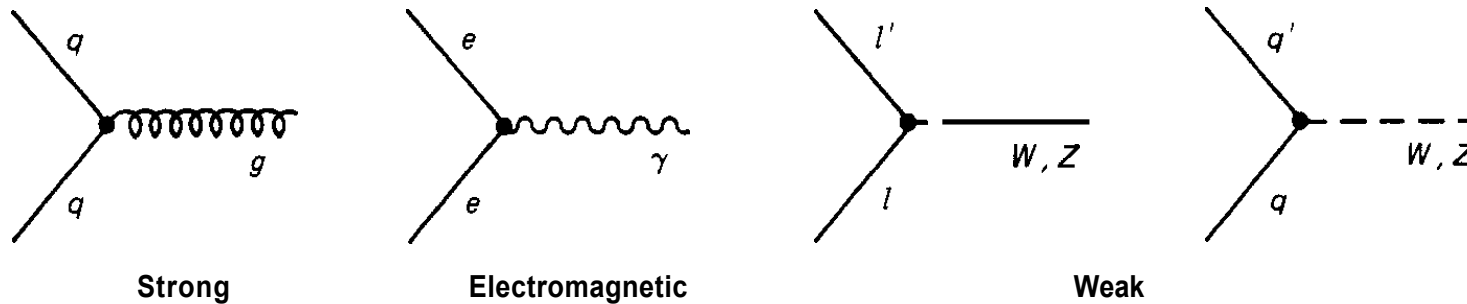
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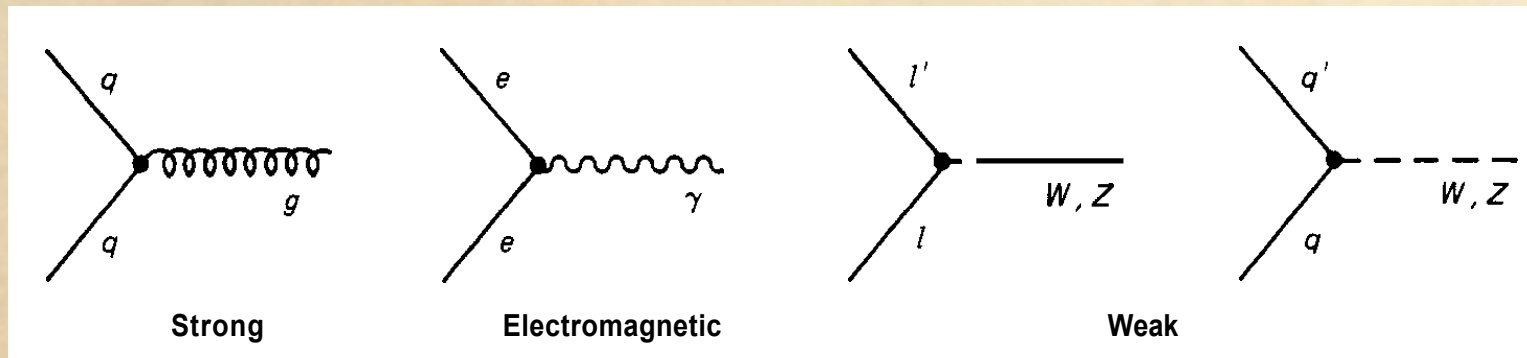
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Color

Baryon number (quarks count  $+1/3$ , anti-quarks count  $-1/3$ )

Lepton number (but neutrino mixing)



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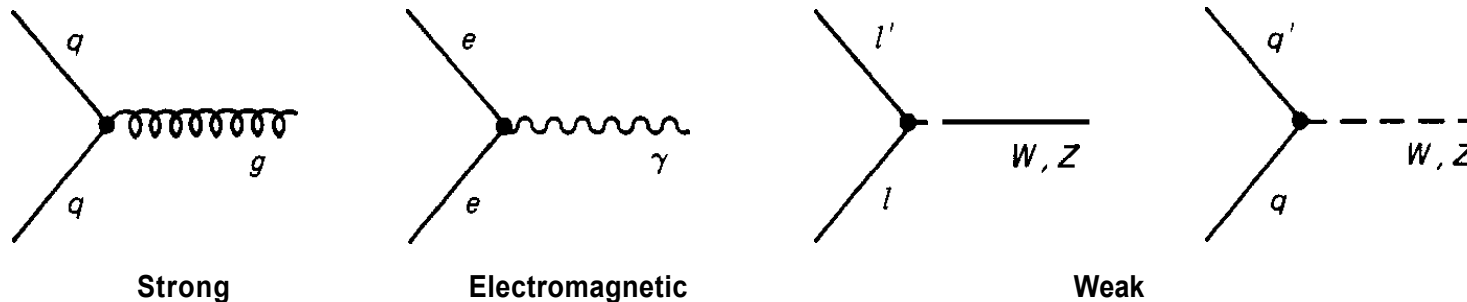
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Kinematics

no lighter lepton

no lighter baryon

no lighter anti-baryon

lepton flavour violation

# Summary

