



Particles, Strings and Cosmology 2025

# Introduction

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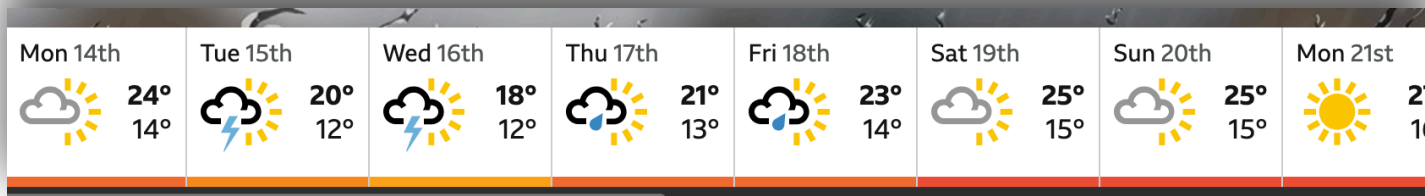
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# Welcome!

We hope you arrived well in Hamburg !



And that you are not disappointed about the summer weather





# The school and who we are

This is the 5th edition of this school, this time organized by myself and Henriette Ullmann

Lecturers:



Katharina Behr



Elisabetta Gallo



Gregor Kasieczka



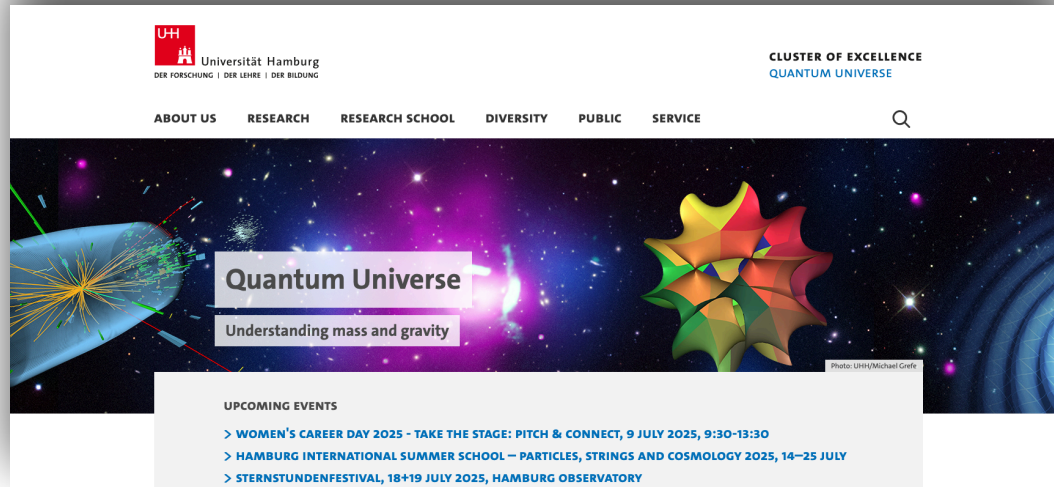
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About 300 researchers at the University of Hamburg and DESY, our goal:

“understanding of mass and gravity at the interface between quantum physics and cosmology”

# Program at a glance

Sign each day to get the final  
school certificate

Lectures start sharp at the time in the Timetable (e.g. 9:00 in the morning), not 15 minutes later

Fridays it will be in SR IV, ML ex.  
in HS6 I, otherwise always here

Group Picture: Tuesday 22/July,  
just before lunch at 12:30

Wifi: eduroam and Science  
Hotspot available

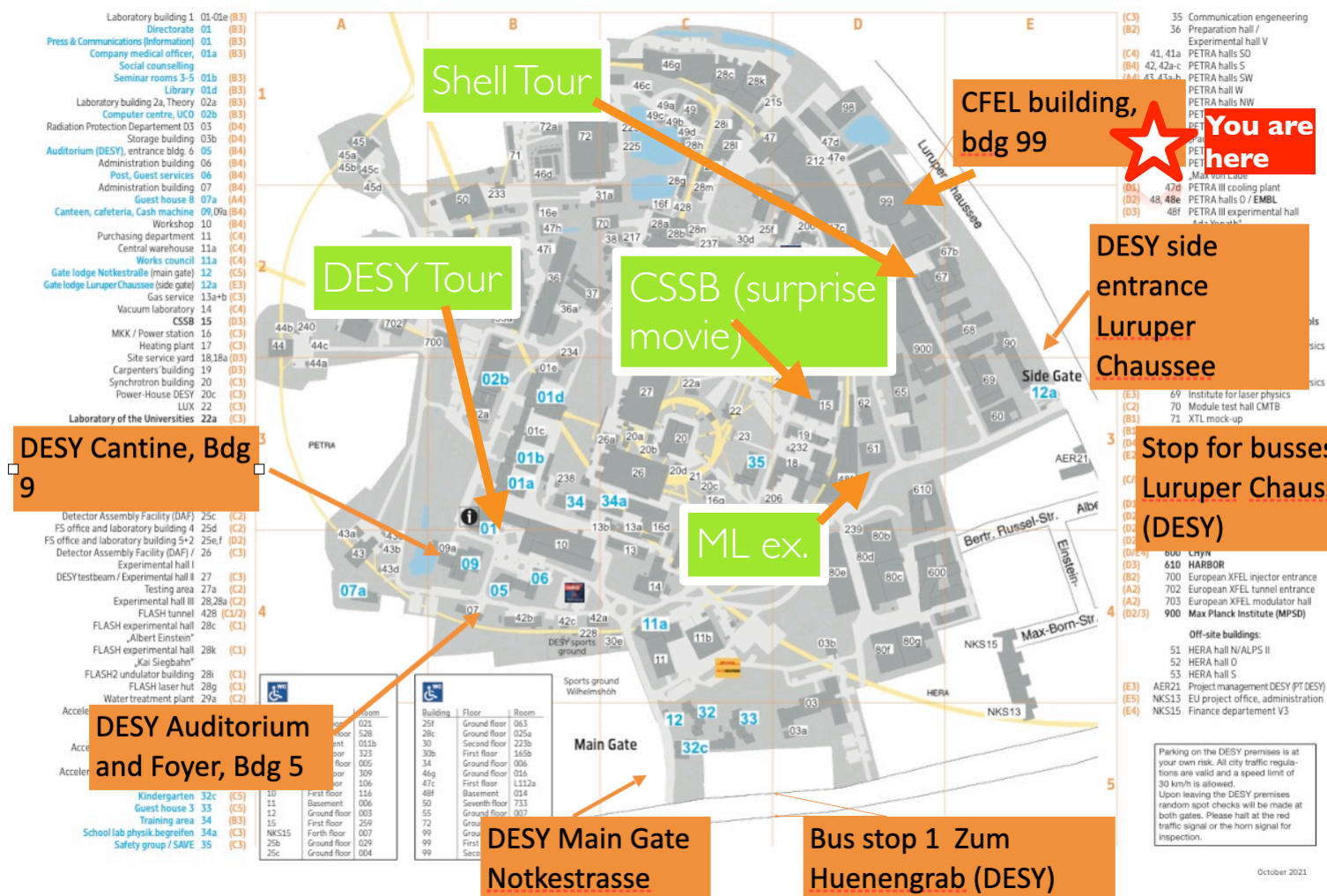
For the DESY Tour:

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Timetable: <https://indico.desy.de/event/48195/timetable/#all>

14-18 July 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 hours	Particles	Particles	Higgs	Higgs	Beyond SM
2 hours	Particles	Higgs	Machine Learning	Machine Learning	Beyond SM
Exercises 2h	Particles	Particles	Machine Learning	Machine Learning	Beyond SM
Particles (30h)					
Extra	Reception			Walking Tour in Hamburg	Surprise movie
	Poster session tbc				
	Meet the QU professor				
21-25 July 2025	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2h	Strings	Strings	Cosmology	Cosmology	Cosmology
2h	Strings	Strings	Cosmology	Cosmology	Cosmology
Exercises 2h	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises	Exercises
Strings (12 hours)					
Cosmology (18h)					
Extra	DESY Tour	SHELL Tour	Surprise movie		Dinner

# DESY map





# Social program



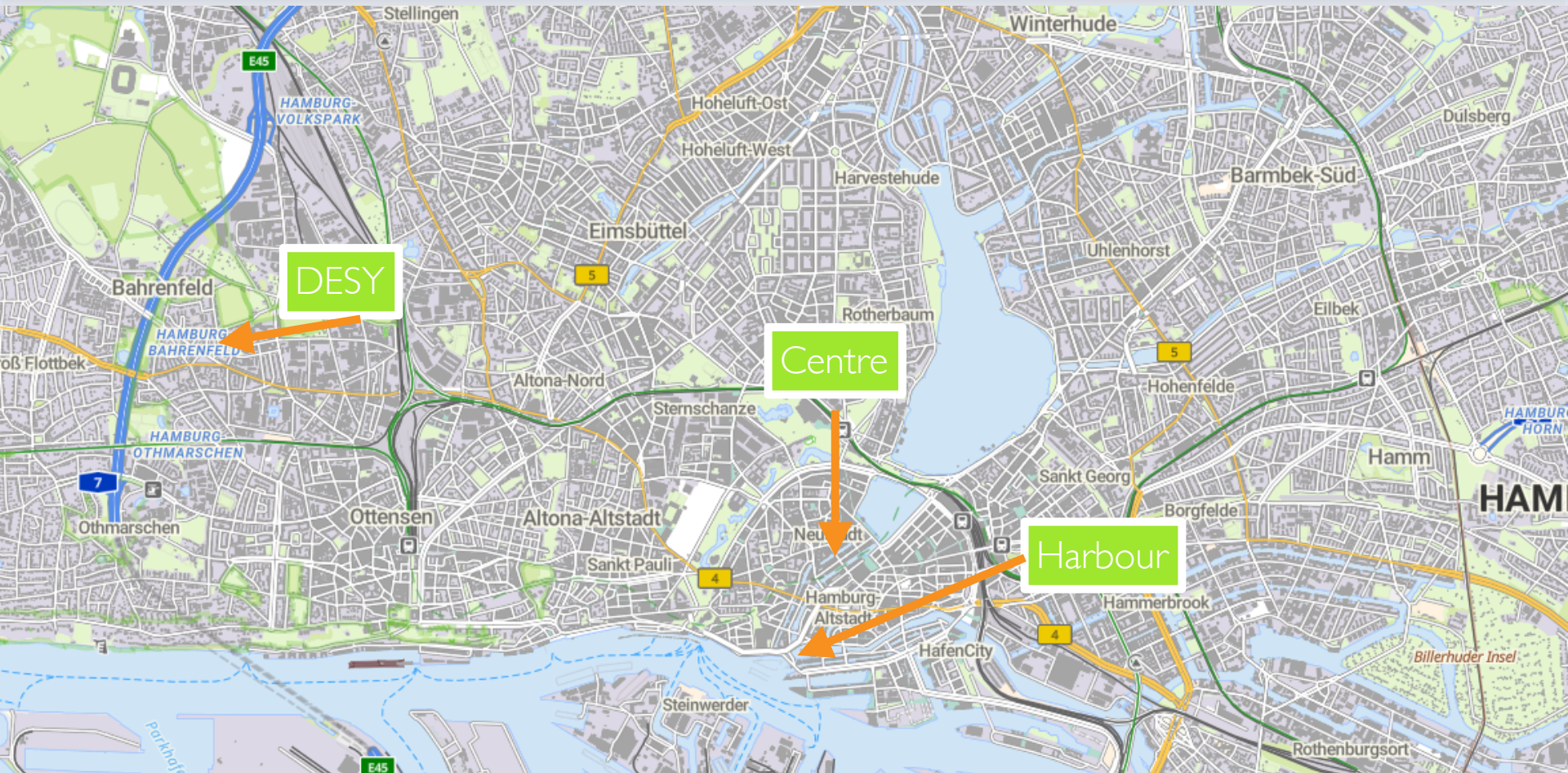
A particular walking Tour in Hamburg Thursday this week. We will take the bus number 2 all together



Farewell dinner the last day: a menu to choose your main dish will be made available before

The weekend is free, but we are happy to give you tips

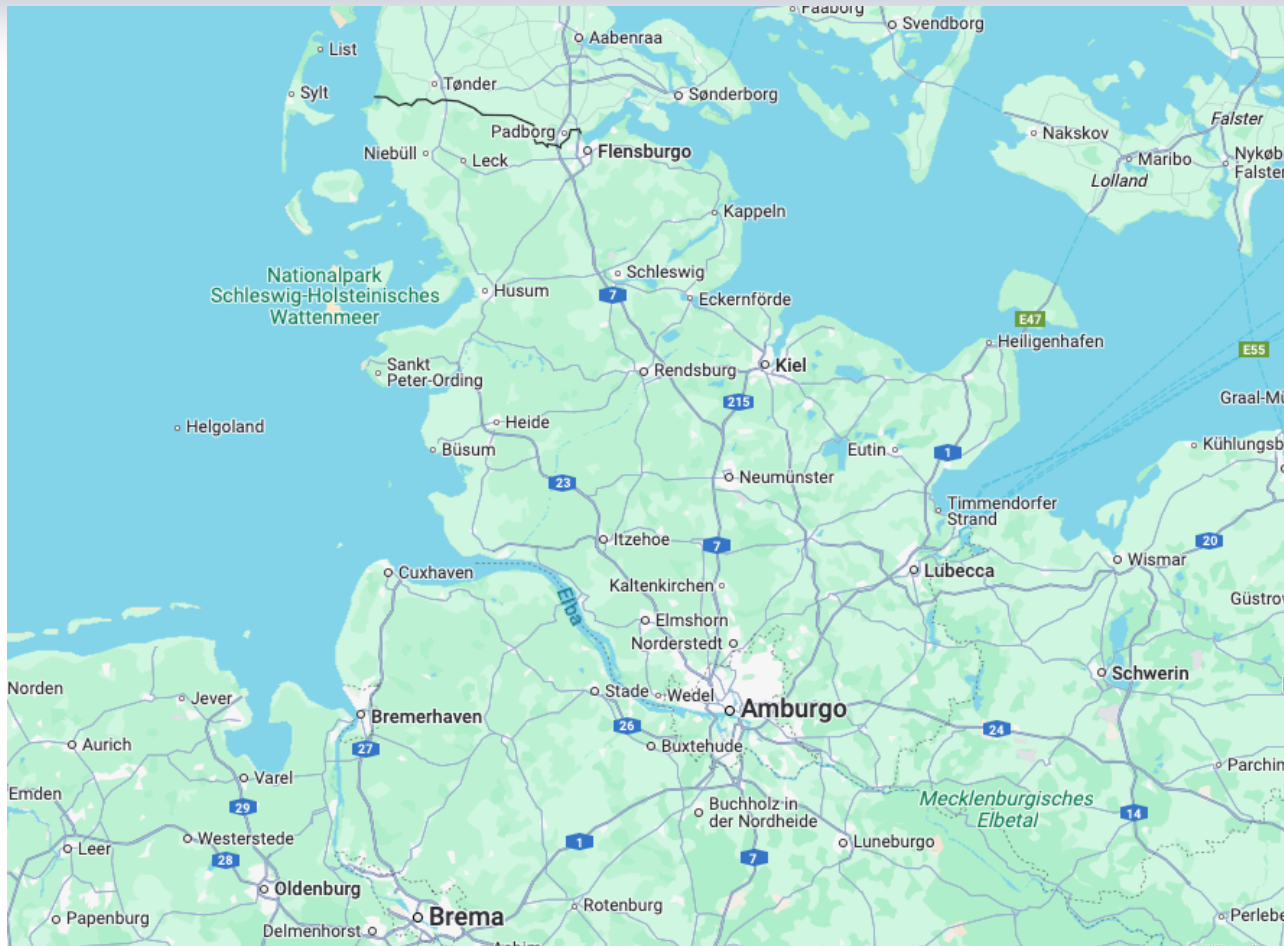
# Hamburg die schönste Stadt der Welt



Recommended: Boat Tour in the Harbour, Elbphilharmonie Plaza, Miniaturwunderland (book before!), Michael Kirche, Kunsthalle, sailing or paddling on the AussenAlster, dinner at Sternschanze or Altona, walk in Planten und Blomen, drink in Ottensen/Strandperle, Dom in St Pauli/ Karolinenviertel, StadtPark, Fischmarkt Sunday morning early (use [hvv.de](https://www.hvv.de) for public transports)



# Around Hamburg, for the weekend



Recommended: Luebeck, Timmendorfer Strand, Schwerin, Lueneburg, Bremen, Husum, Sankt Peter Ording, Sylt. All reachable in a day trip via regional trains (Sylt may be more expensive)  
Use <https://www.deutschebahn.com/de> to buy the ticket



Enjoy the school and Hamburg!

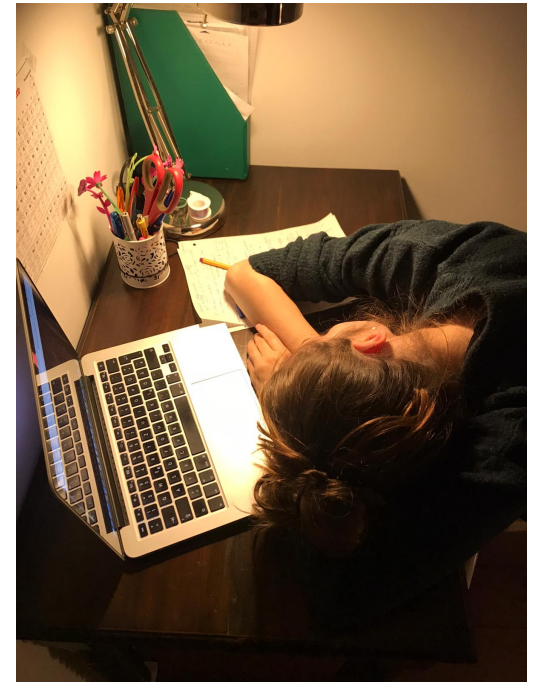




# Have you studied particle physics already?

- A) yes, I followed few courses already
- B) I have just limited knowledge
- C) I have no knowledge
- D) Do not like to say

I will use polls for asking few questions and wake you up  
Download the letters <https://indico.desy.de/event/48195/contributions/182888/attachments/97995/135384/Letters.pdf>



# Units

Note: I will use natural units most of the times and eV as energy unit:

$$1 \text{ eV} = 1,60218 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Joule}$$

Quantity	Natural units	Translation	SI units	Remark
Energy $E$	MeV, GeV, TeV		MeV, GeV, TeV	e.g. LHC: 14 TeV
Momentum $p$	MeV	$\cdot \frac{1}{c}$	$\frac{\text{MeV}}{c}$	
Mass $M$	MeV	$\cdot \frac{1}{c^2}$	$\frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}$	$E = mc^2$
Time $t$	$\text{MeV}^{-1}$	$\cdot \hbar$	s	$\Delta E \cdot \Delta t \gtrsim \hbar$ $1 \text{ MeV}^{-1} = 6.5 \cdot 10^{-22} \text{ s}$
Length $l$	$\text{MeV}^{-1}$	$\cdot \hbar c$	m	$1 \text{ MeV}^{-1} = 200 \text{ fm}$ $1 \text{ GeV}^{-1} = 0.2 \text{ fm}$
Velocity $\beta$	1	$\cdot c$	$\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$	$\beta = \frac{v}{c} \leq 1$
Angular momentum $\vec{L}$	1	$\cdot \hbar$	J s	

# This first lecture

- An historical introduction on particle physics and the Standard Model

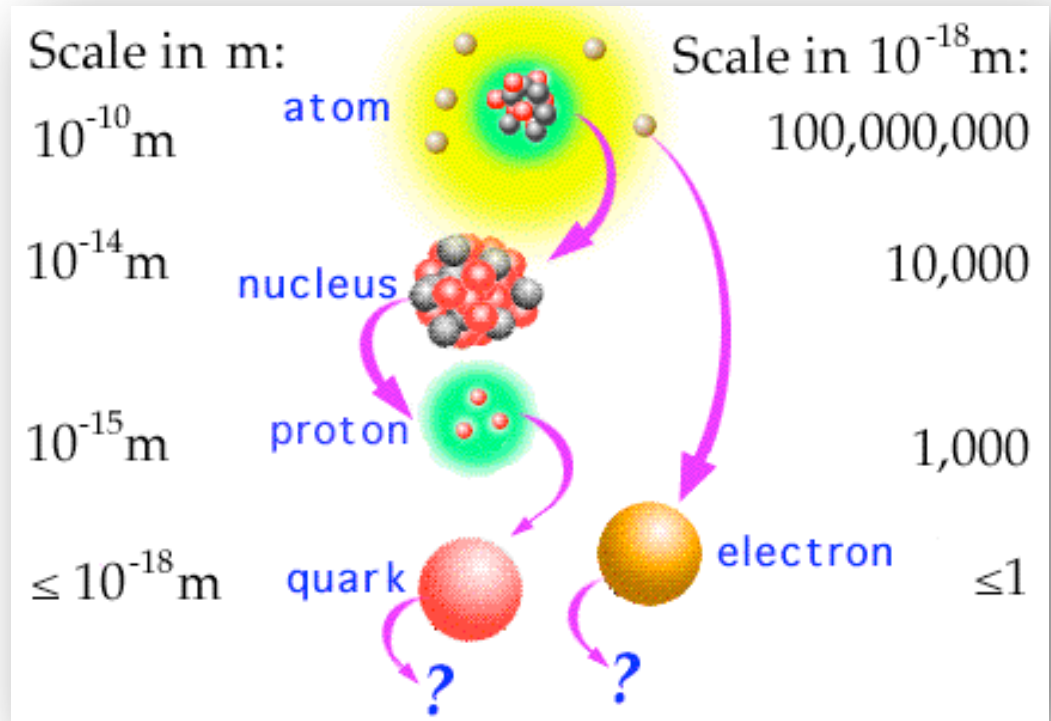
Question to you for discussion will be in yellow boxes

Feel free to interrupt and ask questions at any point!

# Elementary particles



Democritus  
(From Wikipedia)



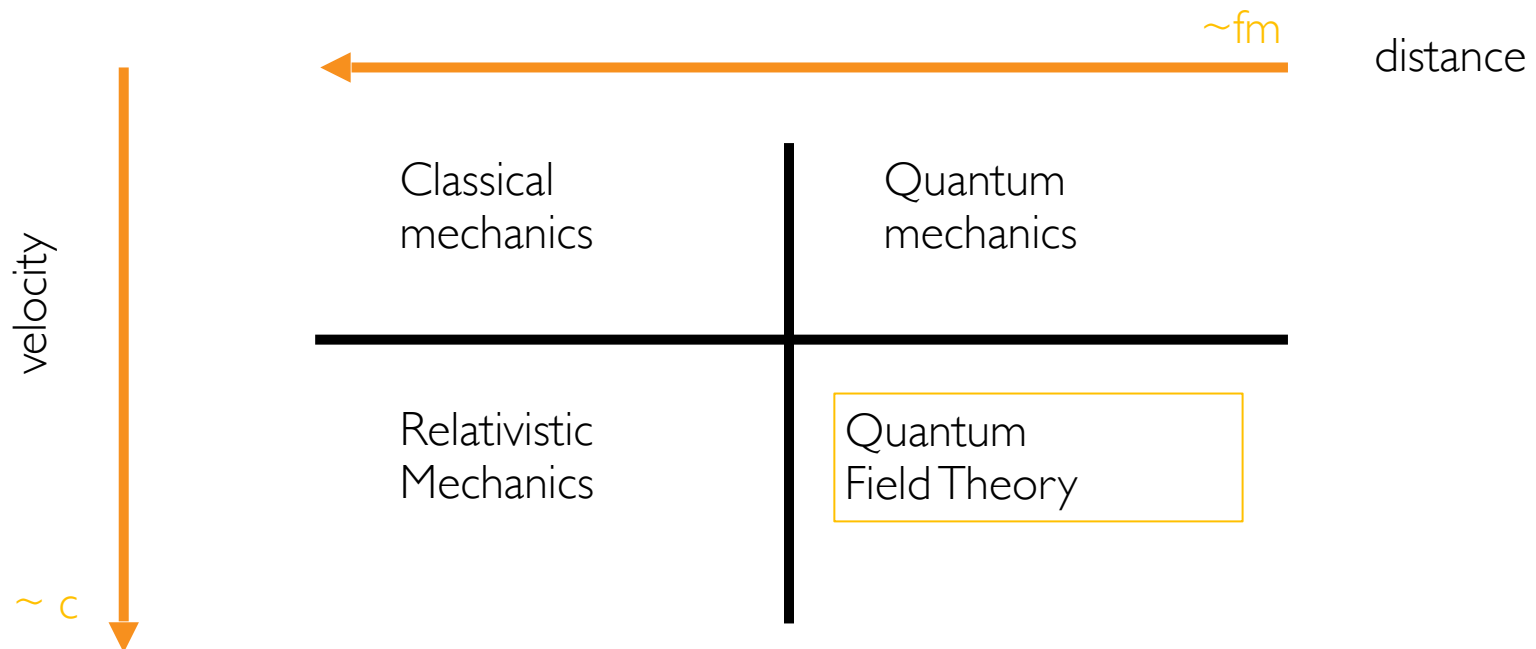
Today we have a quantum field theory describing elementary particles and their interactions, very well verified, which is the “Standard Model” (SM)



# Quantum Field Theory

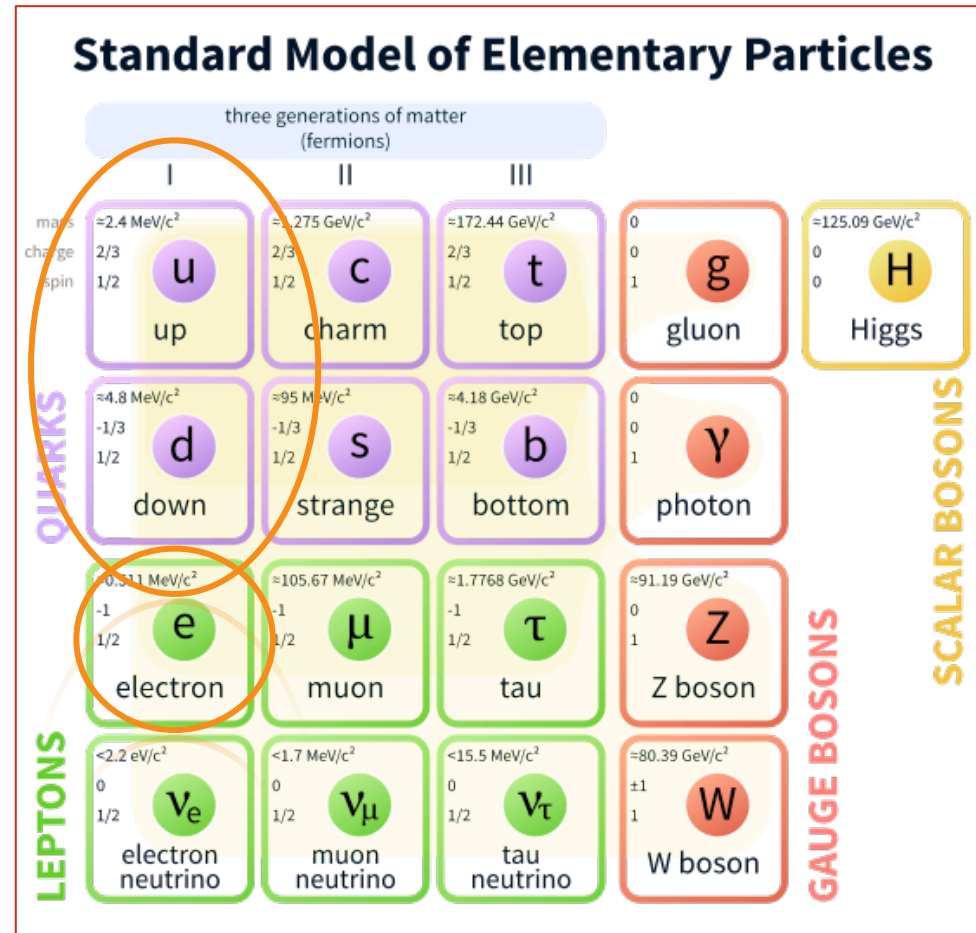
Small distances  $< \text{fm}$  ( $10^{-15} \text{ m}$ )

Relativistic kinematics  $\beta = \frac{v}{c} \sim 1$



# The SM of elementary particles

- Matter is composed of 3 generations of leptons and quarks (and relative anti-particles) which are fermions (spin 1/2)
- Forces are mediated by gauge bosons (spin 1)
- The scalar Higgs boson (spin 0) is responsible of the mechanism that generates mass. It was discovered at the LHC in 2012 and its mass is already known with a precision of  $\sim 1$  per mille.

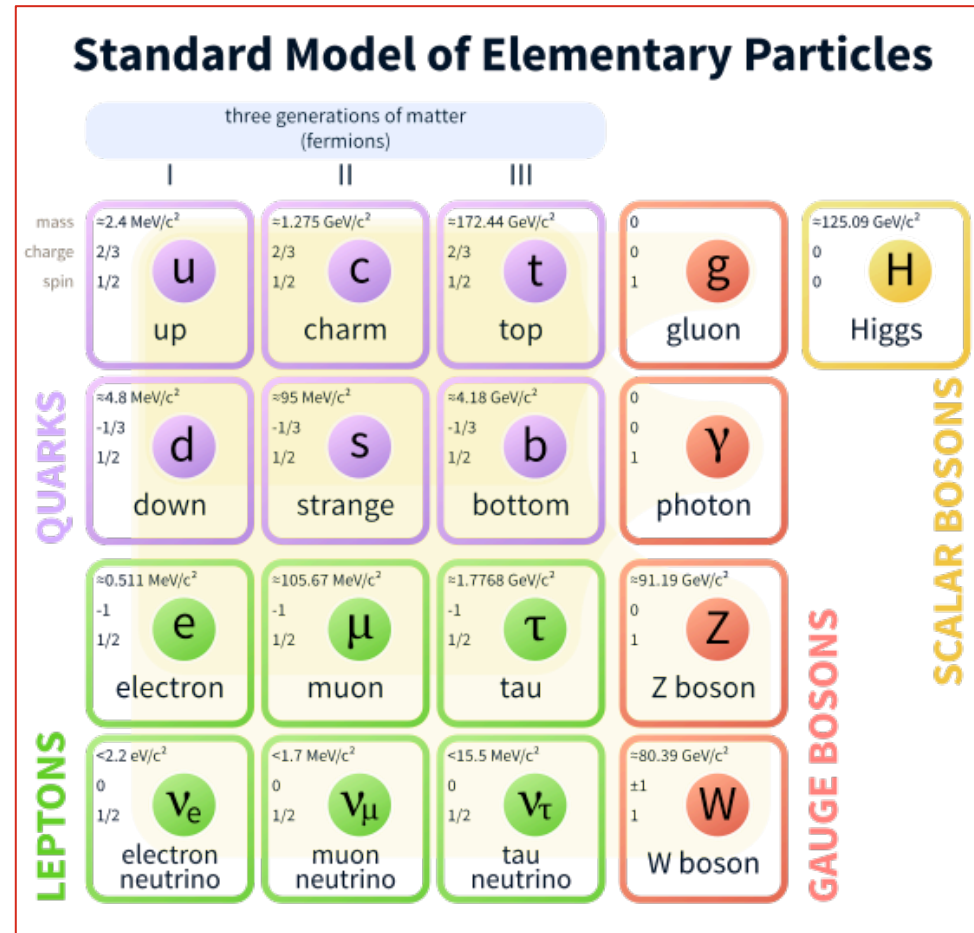


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# The SM of elementary particles

A success history in the last century, however still many questions:

- Why 3 generations, why so different masses?
- Why asymmetry matter-antimatter?
- Ordinary matter is only 5% of the energy content in the Universe, origin of dark matter and dark energy?
- Hierarchy problem
- Origin of neutrino mass?
- Gravitation is not included in the SM



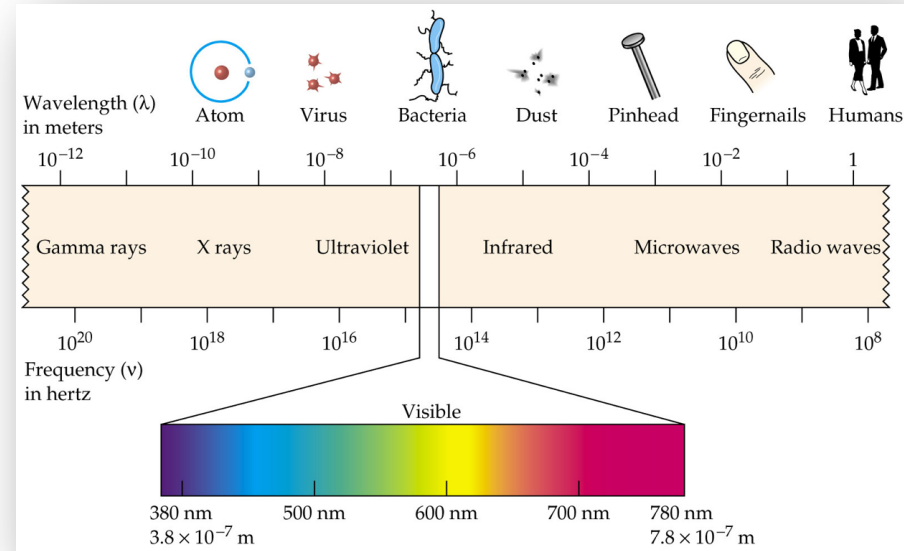
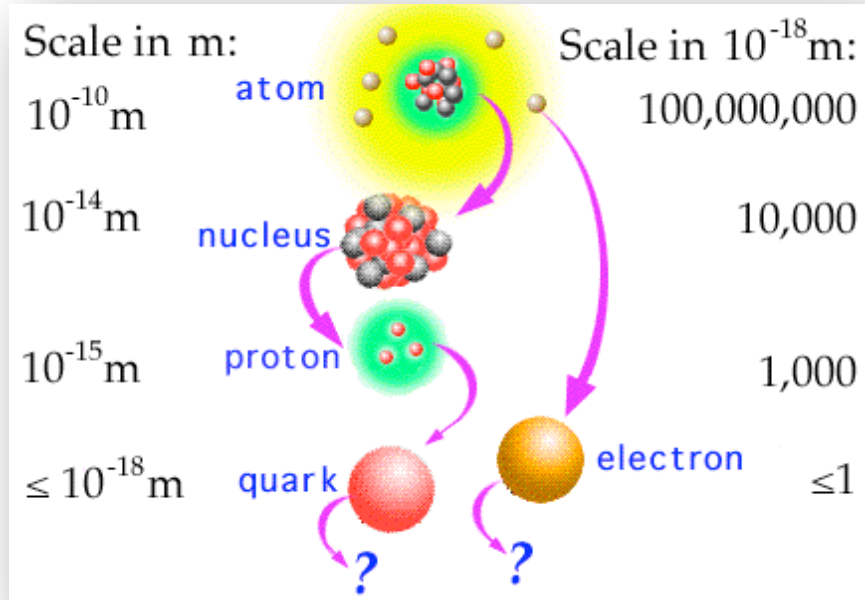
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# Why 3 generations?

- A) There is no reason of only 3 generations
- B) There are 3 colours for quarks
- C) There is experimental evidence from the  $Z$  width measurement
- D) I did not understand the question



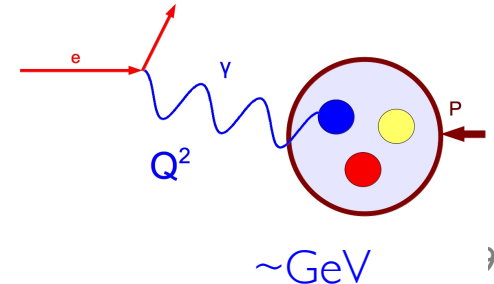
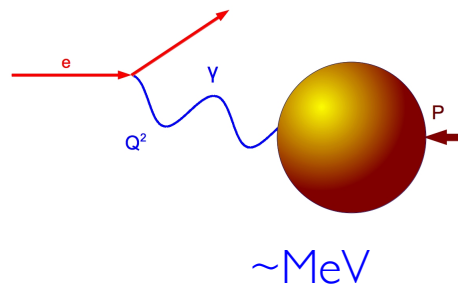
# Scales in the SM



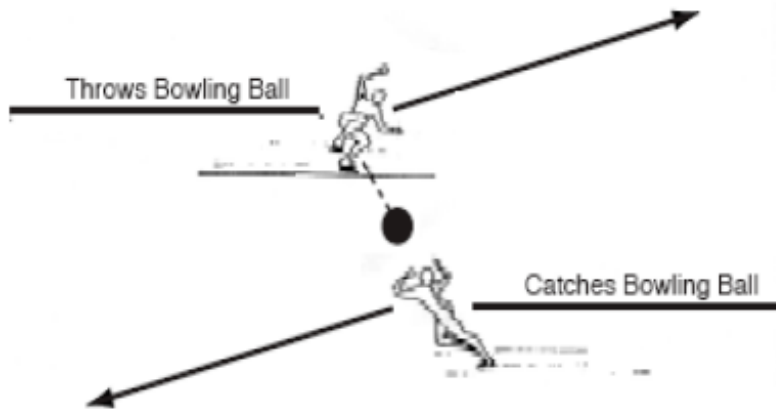
$$d \sim hc/Q \sim 197 \text{ MeV fermi}/Q$$

To see distances of the order of  $10^{-18}$  m, values of  $Q$  around  $\sim 100$  GeV are needed  $\rightarrow$  particle accelerators (or cosmic rays)

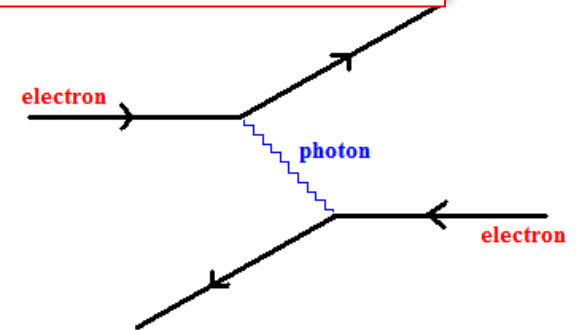
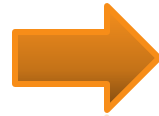
Now: LHC,  $\sqrt{s} = 7\text{-}8$  TeV, 13 TeV from 2015, 13.6 TeV from 2022.



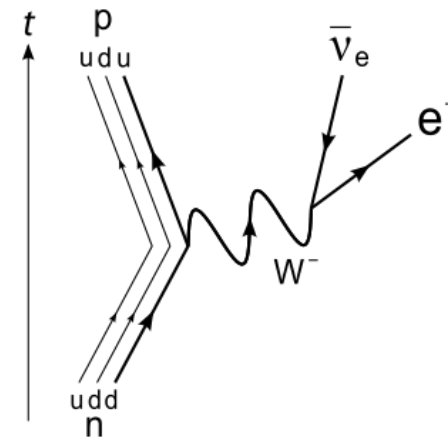
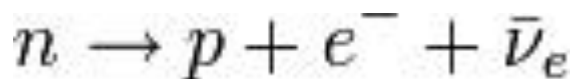
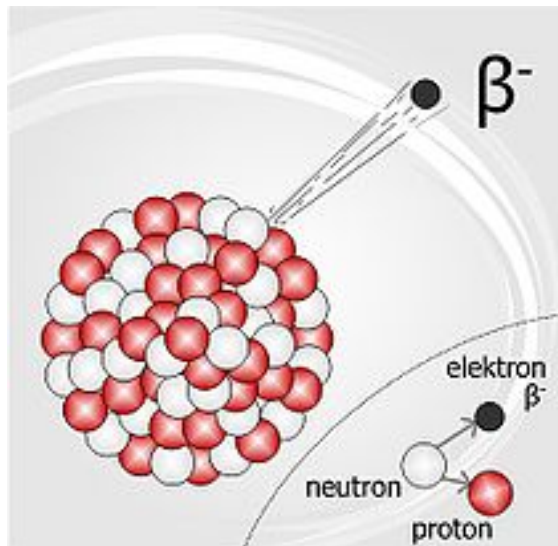
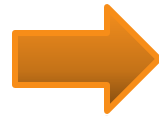
# Interactions



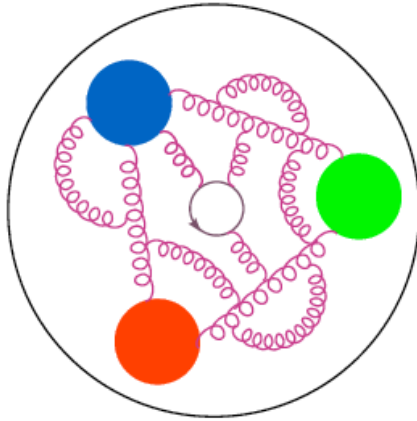
Electromagnetic interaction,  
mediated by the photon



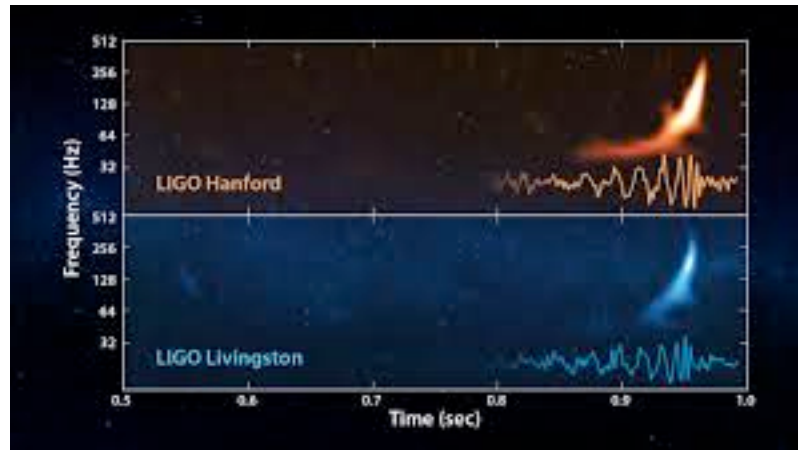
Weak interaction,  
mediated by W,Z



# Interactions



Strong interaction,  
Mediated by the gluon  $g$



Gravitation

What is this picture?

Force	strong	e.m.	weak	Grav.
relative strength	0.1-1	$\sim 1/137$	$\sim 10^{-5}$	$10^{-39}$

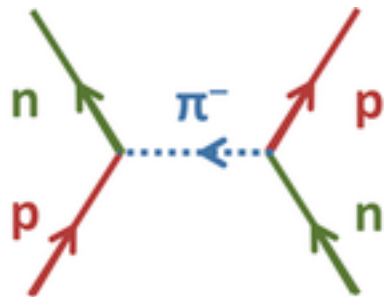
# Particle Physics in the 30's

## Life was simple in the 30's:

- atoms were composed of electrons and nuclei (protons and neutrons).
- Yukawa postulated a „strong“ interaction between proton and neutron mediated by a „meson“.
- From the short range of the interaction he calculated a mass of the meson  $\sim 300X$  the mass of the electron.
- In 1937 effectively two groups observed in cosmic rays a particle matching that mass.
- In 1947 Powell discovered the pion and clarified that there were two particles with similar mass, the **muon** – weakly interacting („Who Ordered that?“ - Rabi)– and the **pion**



Isidor Rabi



Yukawa interaction



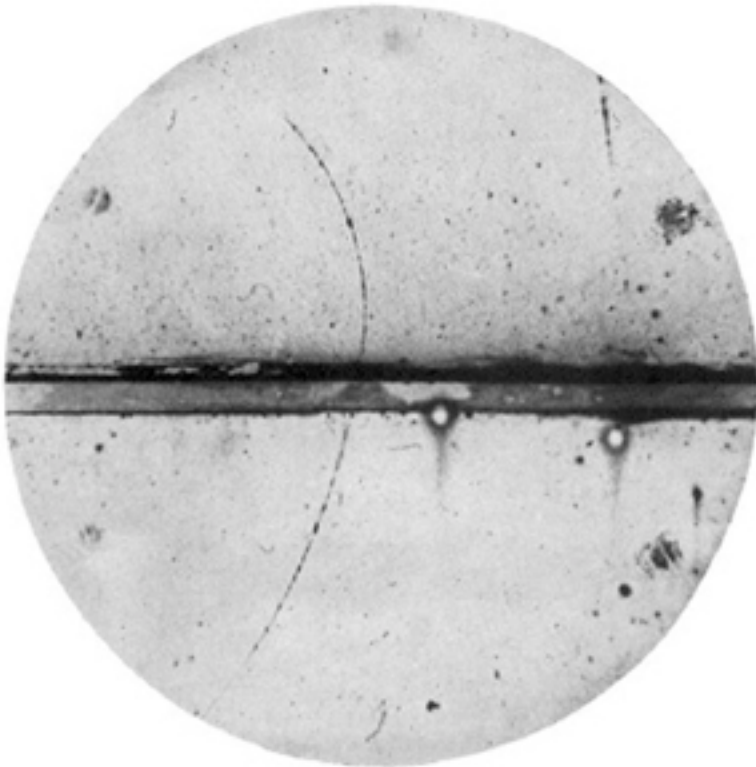
Earlier picture from Powell,  $\pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$  decay

# Antimatter (1932)

Discovery of the positron (i.e. antielectron) by Anderson in 1932.

Supported Dirac's equation which admitted positive and negative energy solutions.

$$E = +/- \sqrt{(p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4)}$$



- Antiparticles have the same mass as particles and opposite charge and quantum numbers
- Dominance of matter over antimatter is one of the main questions to answer (i.e. LHCb or B-factories experiments)

How did Anderson established that it was a positive charged particle with the electron mass?

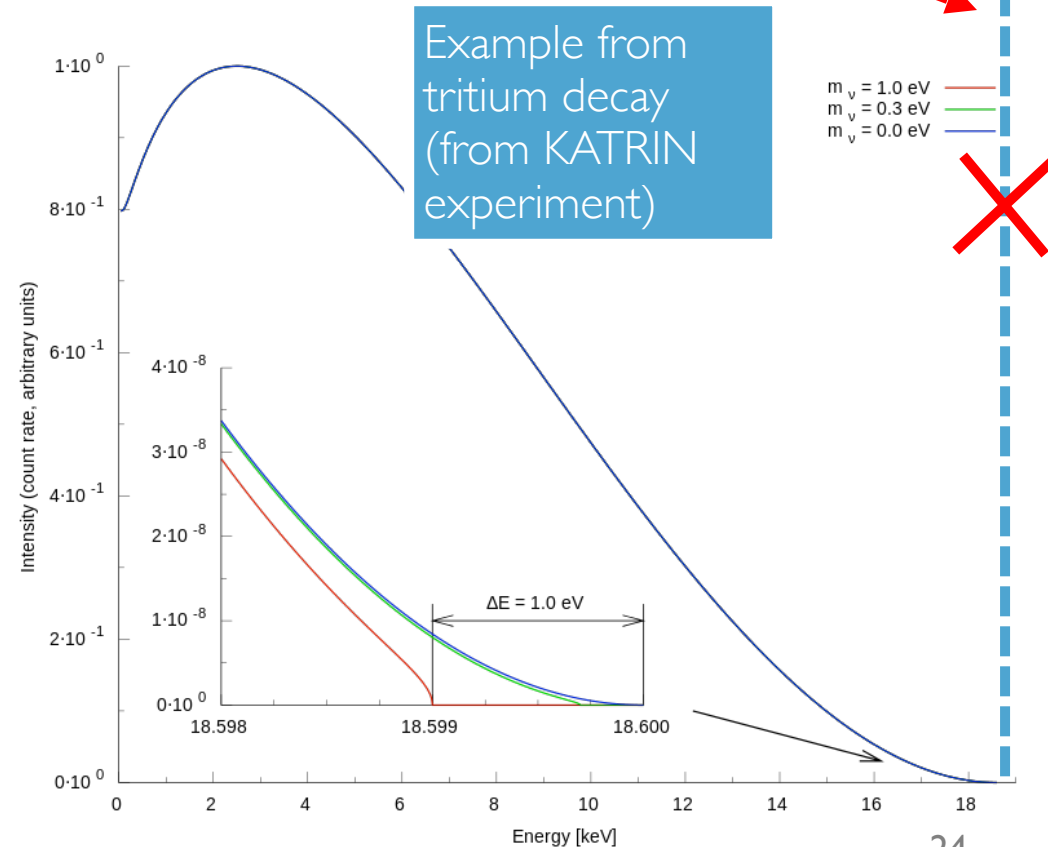
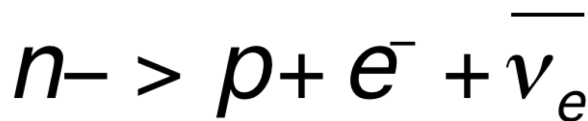
# Neutrinos (~1930)

Problem observed in  $\beta$  decays of radioactive nuclei,  $A \rightarrow B + e^-$

If A is at rest, the two decay particles B and electron are back-to-back and the electron should be monochromatic

$$E = \left( \frac{m_A^2 - m_B^2 + m_e^2}{2m_A} \right) c^2$$

However a continuous spectrum was observed and Pauli postulated the existence of a neutral weakly interacting particle (called later **neutrino** by Fermi)





# Neutrino's discovery



Wolfgang Pauli  
was professor in  
Hamburg  
(Photo: Wikipedia)

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Offener Brief an die Gruppe der Radioaktiven bei der  
Gesellschaft-Tagung in Rätigen.

Abchrift

Physikalisches Institut  
der Stg. Technischen Hochschule  
Gürich

Zürich, 11. Dez. 1930  
Gloriastrasse

Liebe Radioaktive Damen und Herren,

Wie der Überbringer dieser Zeilen, den ich herzlichst  
umhören bitte, Ihnen des näheren auseinanderzusetzen wird, bin ich  
angelegentlich der "falschen" Statistik der  $\beta$ - und  $\beta$ -Kerne, sowie  
des kontinuierlichen  $\beta$ -Spektrums auf einen verwinkelten Ausweg  
verfallen um den "Wechselkurs" (1) der Statistik und den Energiezust  
zu retten. Nämlich die Möglichkeit, es könnten elektrisch neutrale  
Teilchen, die ich Neutronen nennen will, in den Kernen existieren,  
welche den Spin  $1/2$  haben und das Anschlussprinzip befolgen und  
sich von Lichtquanten ausserdem noch dadurch unterscheiden, dass sie  
sich mit Lichtgeschwindigkeit laufen. Die Masse der Neutronen  
dürfte von derselben Grössenordnung wie die Elektronenmasse sein und  
jedemfalls nicht grösser als  $0,01$  Protonenmasse. Das kontinuierliche  
 $\beta$ -Spektrum wäre dann verständlich unter der Annahme, dass beim  
Zerfall mit den Elektronen jeweils noch ein Neutron emittiert  
wird, d.h. dass die Summe der Energien von Neutron und Elektron  
konstant ist.

Man handelt es sich weiter darum, welche Kräfte auf die  
Neutronen wirken. Das wahrscheinlichste Modell für das Neutron scheint  
mir aus wellenmechanischen Gründen (näheres weiss der Überbringer  
dieser Zeilen) dieses zu sein, dass das ruhende Neutron ein  
magnetischer Dipol von einem gewissen Moment ist. Die Experimente  
verleihen wohl, dass die ionisierende Wirkung eines solchen Neutrons  
nicht grösser sein kann, als die eines  $\gamma$ -Strahls und darf dann  
wohl nicht grösser sein als  $10^{-13}$  cm.

Ich treue mich verläufig aber nicht, etwas über diese Idee  
zu publizieren und wende mich erst vertrauensvoll an Sie, liebe  
Radioaktive, mit der Frage, wie es um den experimentellen Nachweis  
eines solchen Neutrons stünde, wenn dieses ein äusserliches oder ein  
inneres grösseres Durchdringungsvermögen besitzen würde, wie ein  
 $\gamma$ -Strahl.

Ich gebe zu, dass mein Ausweg vielleicht von vornherein  
wenig wahrscheinlich erscheinen wird, weil man die Neutronen, wenn  
sie existieren, wohl schon längst gesehen hätte. Aber nur wer wagt,  
kennt und der Ernst der Situation beim kontinuierlichen  $\beta$ -Spektrum  
wird durch einen Ausweg seines verarbeiteten Vorgängers im Amt,  
Herrn Debye, beleuchtet, der mir kürzlich in Basel gesagt hat:  
"O, darum soll man es besten gar nicht denken, sowie es die neuen  
Stoern." Darum soll man jeden Weg zur Rettung ernstlich diskutieren.  
Also, liebe Radioaktive, prüfet, und ich hoffe eines in der Nacht  
persönlich in Zürich erscheinenden Falles hier ausdrücklich  
bitte. Mit vielen Grüssen an Sie, sowie an Herrn Pauli, Herz  
unterzeichnet dieser

ges. W. Pauli

Friederick REINES and Clyde COWAN  
Box 1663, LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico  
Thanks for message. Everything comes to  
him who knows how to wait.

Pauli

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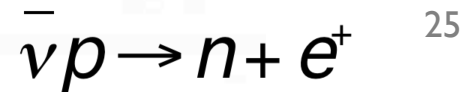
PROFESSOR W. PAULI

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WE ARE HAPPY TO INFORM YOU THAT WE HAVE DEFINITELY DETECTED  
NEUTRINOS FROM FISSION FRAGMENTS BY OBSERVING INVERSE BETA DECAY  
OF PROTONS OBSERVED CROSS SECTION AGREES WELL WITH EXPECTED SIX  
TIMES TEN TO NINETY FORTY FOUR SQUARE CENTIMETERS  
FREDERICK REINES AND CLYDE COWAN  
BOX 1663 LOS ALAMOS NEW MEXICO

26 years later in the  
inverse beta decay

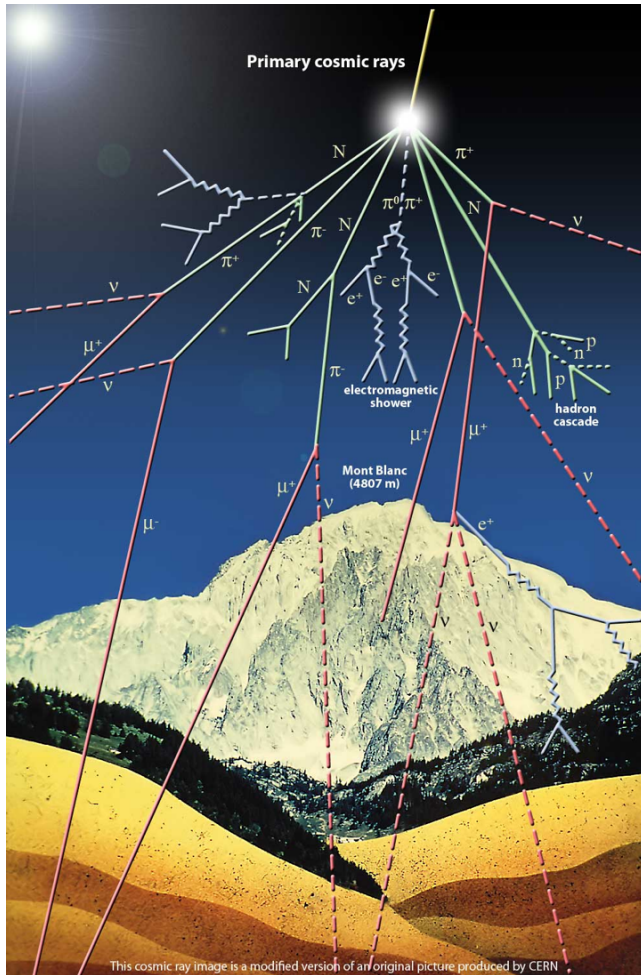
Why did it take so long?



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# Particle accelerators

# Cosmic rays



# Accelerators

SLAC, 1967,  
Linac  
2 miles long

ADA (Frascati,  
first  $e^+ e^-$   
collider)



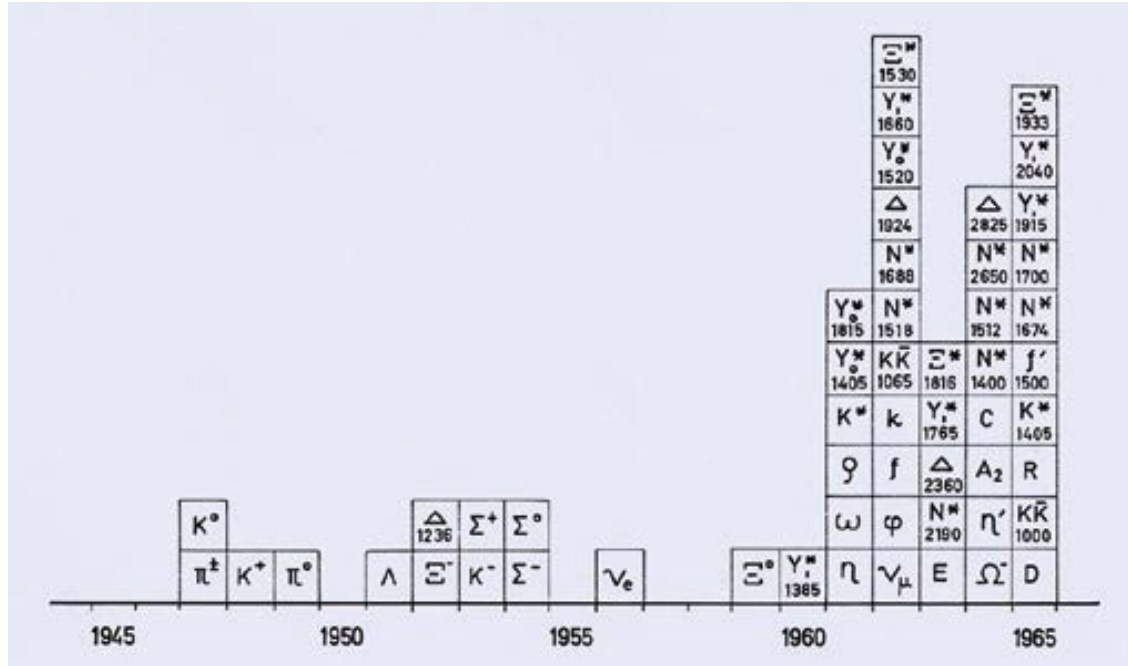


# A “zoo” of particles

In the '60 there was a “zoo” of  $\sim 100$  particle (and anti-particles) discovered at accelerators or cosmic rays.

Somehow particle physics was not attractive and elegant anymore.

The intuition and geniality of few people (i.e. see Gell-Mann together with Feynman in the photo) helped putting “order”.



# Strange particles

Some of these particles were denominated „strange“.

In 1947, in cosmic rays, a new neutral particle, heavier than the pion, was discovered:

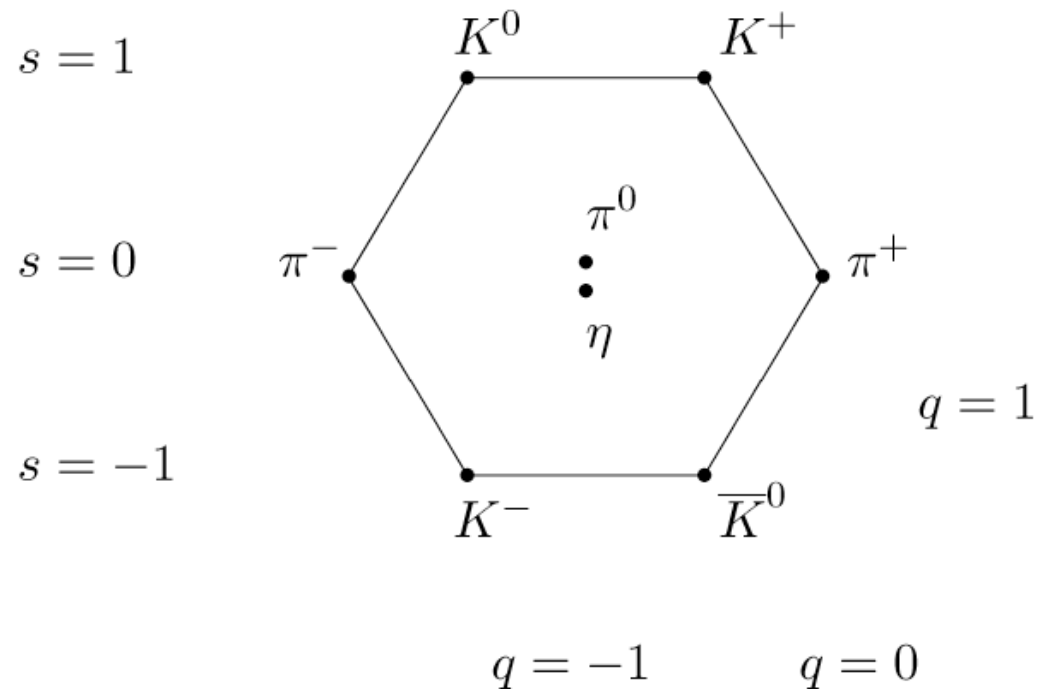
$$K^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^-$$

- And in the following years many more particles were discovered in cosmic rays or at accelerators:  $\rho$ ,  $\phi$ ,  $\omega$ , ...,  $\Lambda$ ,  $\Sigma$ , ...
- Some of these new particles, like the  $\Lambda$ , were produced in a timescale of  $10^{-23}$  sec, typical of the strong interaction, but decayed slowly in  $p + \pi$ , with typical lifetime of  $10^{-10}$  sec („weak“ interaction). Gell-Mann and Nishijima assigned a new quantum number, the strangeness, conserved in strong but not in weak interactions.

# The Eightfold Way

In 1961 Gell-Mann introduced a classification of mesons and baryons, to put order in the jungle of particles, according to charge and strangeness

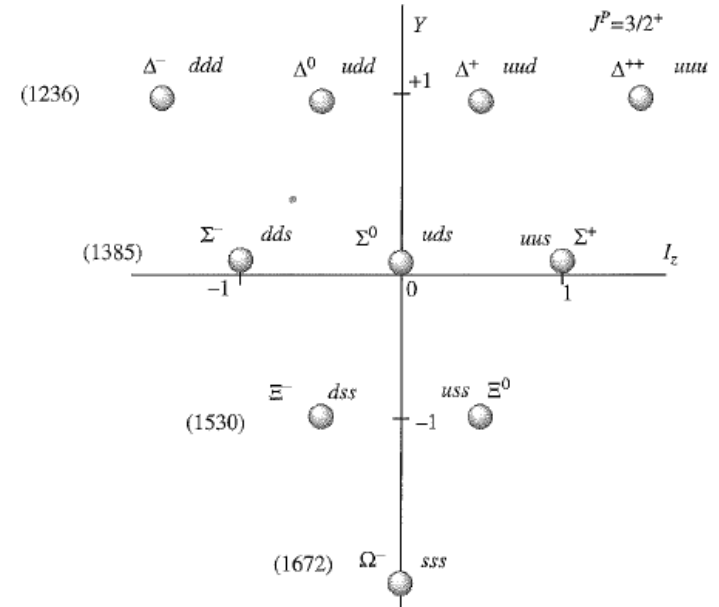
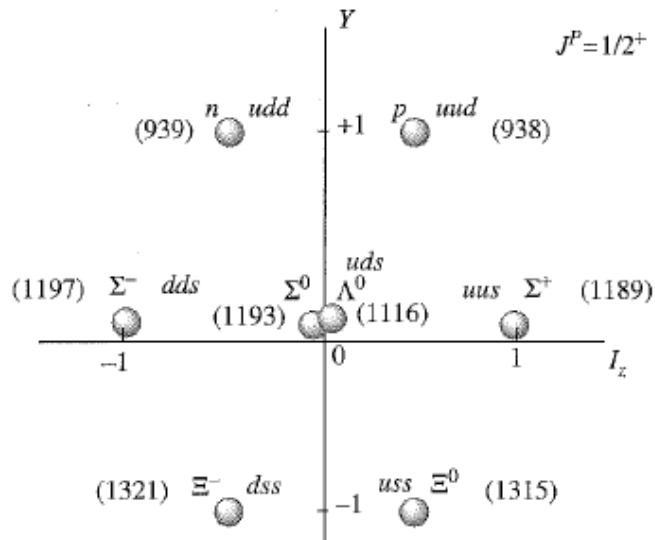
The Eightfold way is the basis of the quark model (Gell-Mann and Zweig 1964)



mesons

# The Eightfold Way

baryons



Gell-Mann predicted the  $\Omega$  state ( $sss$ ) which was effectively found later in 1964.

What is special about the  $\Delta^{++}$  and  $\Omega$  particles?

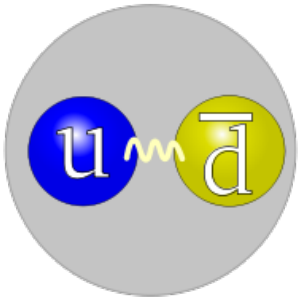


# The quark model

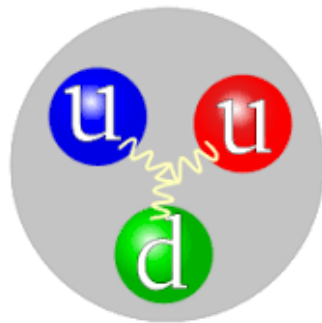
Hadrons are composite particles of quarks:

- up of charge  $2/3$  and d,s of charge  $-1/3$
- mesons are quark-antiquark states
- baryons are 3-quark states
- Quarks have an additional quantum number (the color), mesons and hadrons are colorless

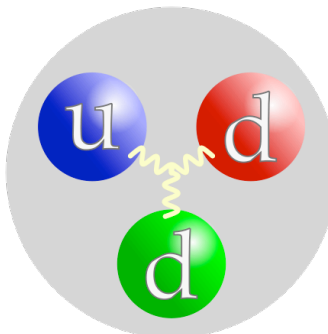
*"Three quarks for Muster Mark!"  
(Finnegans Wake by James Joyce)*



pion



proton



neutron



antiproton

The proton is the lightest baryon and is stable. Which quantum number is conserved in baryon decays?

# The quark model

The meson nonet

$q\bar{q}$	$Q$	$S$	Meson
$u\bar{u}$	0	0	$\pi^0$
$u\bar{d}$	1	0	$\pi^+$
$d\bar{u}$	-1	0	$\pi^-$
$d\bar{d}$	0	0	$\eta$
$u\bar{s}$	1	1	$K^+$
$d\bar{s}$	0	1	$K^0$
$s\bar{u}$	-1	-1	$K^-$
$s\bar{d}$	0	-1	$\bar{K}^0$
$s\bar{s}$	0	0	??

The baryon decuplet

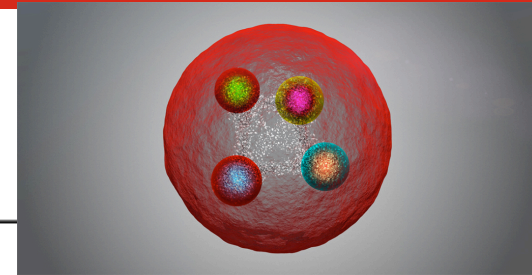
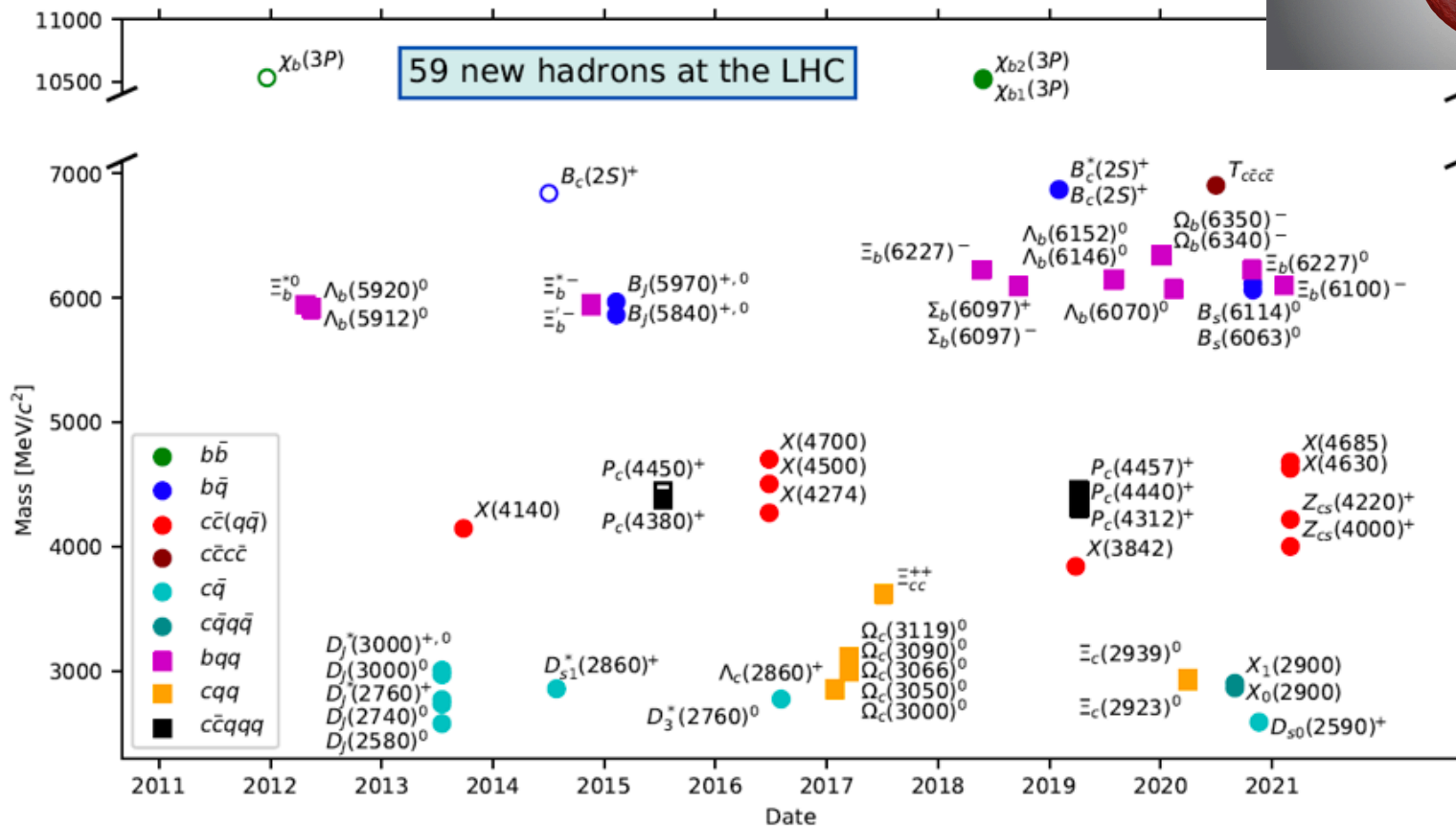
$qqq$	$Q$	$S$	Baryon
$uuu$	2	0	$\Delta^{++}$
$uud$	1	0	$\Delta^+$
$udd$	0	0	$\Delta^0$
$ddd$	-1	0	$\Delta^-$
$uus$	1	-1	$\Sigma^{*+}$
$uds$	0	-1	$\Sigma^{*0}$
$dus$	-1	-1	$\Sigma^{*-}$
$uss$	0	-2	$\Xi^{*0}$
$dss$	-1	-2	$\Xi^{*-}$
$sss$	-1	-3	$\Omega^-$

See QCD lectures for confirmation of the quark parton model

# Are there bound states of 4 or 5 quarks?

- A) No, only 2 or 3 quark bound states exist
- B) Recently 4 or even 5 quarks states have been observed
- C) No, but bound states of leptons have been observed
- D) I did not understand the question, can you explain better

# Recently discovered particles



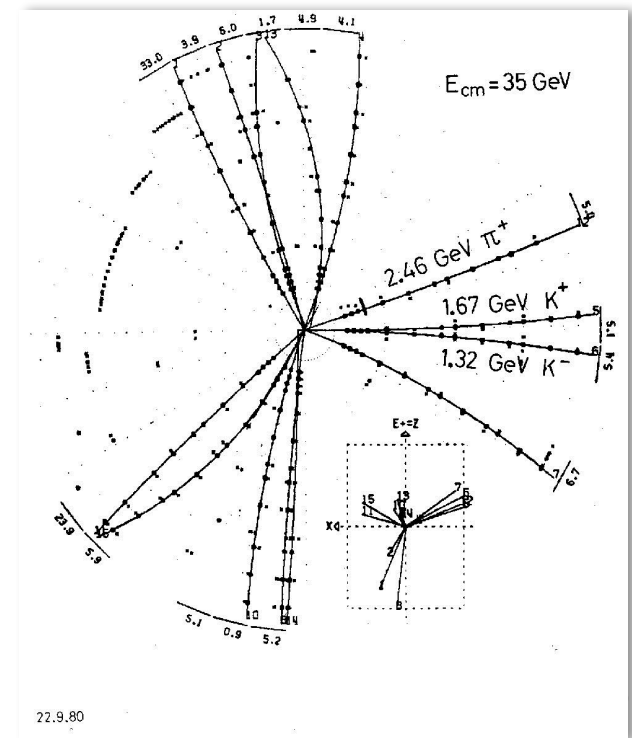
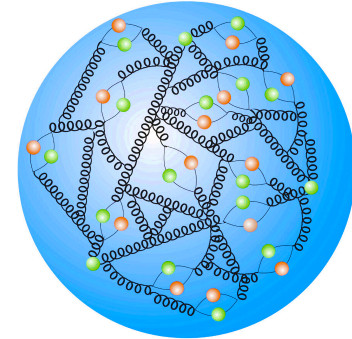


# The quark model

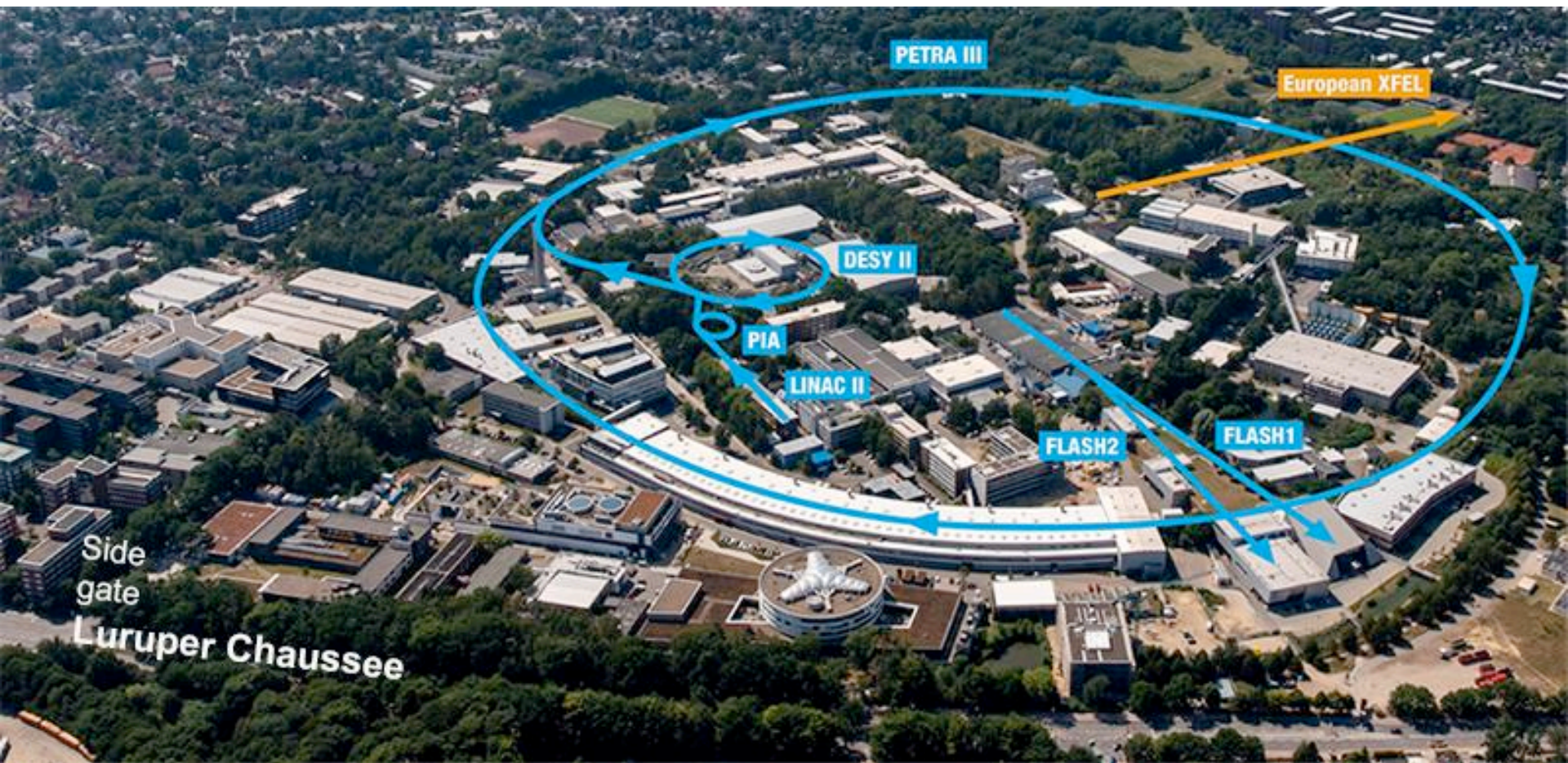
Took a lot of time to be confirmed as quarks had not been observed “free”.

## Few important results in the "70s":

- Discovery of bound states with “heavy” quarks, like the  $J/\psi$
- Deep inelastic scattering experiments, i.e. ep scattering and study of the proton structure, how is a proton made? Can the theory describe this behavior?
- Development of **Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)**, the theory of strong interactions.
- Discovery of 3-jet events at PETRA/DESY.



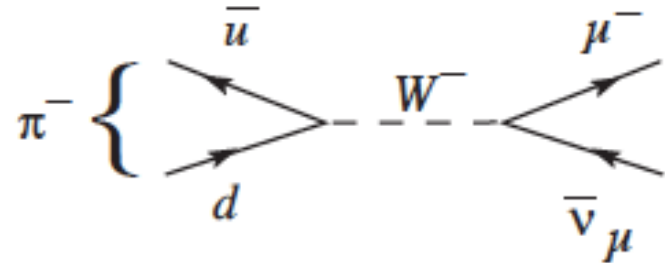
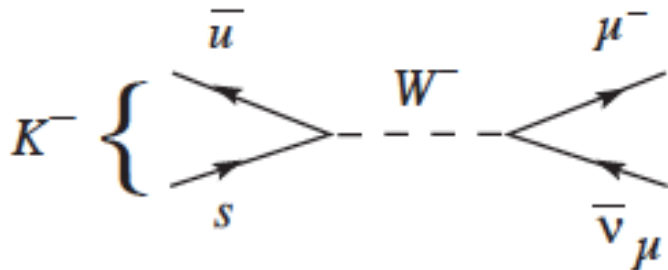
# (The DESY campus)



# Cabibbo angle (1963)

- Measuring the decay rates of  $\pi(ud) \rightarrow \mu\nu$  (without change of strangeness  $\Delta S=0$ ) and  $K(us) \rightarrow \mu\nu$  (with  $\Delta S=1$ ) it was found that they were different.
- Was weak interaction not universal, dependent on the quark flavour?

**Cabibbo hypothesis:** Let's suppose a weak eigenstates of quarks  $d'$  as a combination of the mass eigenstates  $d, s$ , with mixing given by an angle  $\theta_C$



$$|d'\rangle = \cos \theta_c |d\rangle + \sin \theta_c |s\rangle$$

Then the

Transitions  $d \rightarrow u \sim g_W^2 \cos^2(\theta_C)$

Transitions  $s \rightarrow u \sim g_W^2 \sin^2(\theta_C)$

Experimentally this angle was found to be 13 degrees

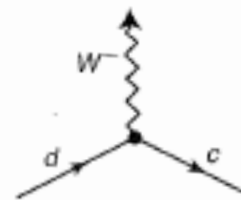
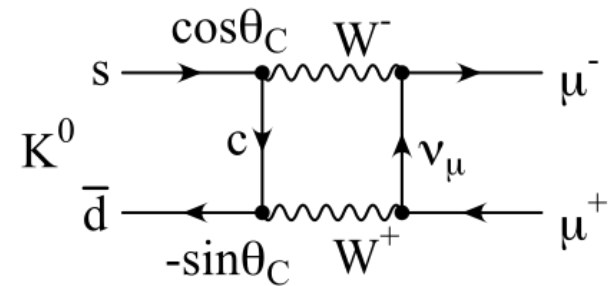
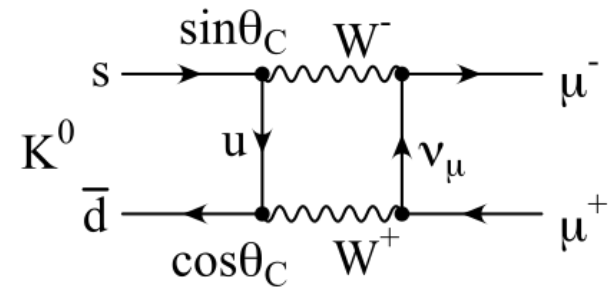


# GIM mechanism (1974)

- The Cabibbo angle was explaining very well decays with  $\Delta S=0$  or  $\Delta S=1$ . But there was still a problem, the very low BR of  $K^0$  mesons in two muons.
- Glashow, Iliopoulos and Maiani** introduced a 4th quark, to explain it, the second diagram almost cancels the first one

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d' = d \cos \vartheta_c + s \sin \vartheta_c \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s' = -d \sin \vartheta_c + s \cos \vartheta_c \end{pmatrix}$$

In summary, the W does not couple directly to d,s, but to the rotated weak (isospin) eigenstates  $d'$ ,  $s'$



$$\frac{-ig_w}{2\sqrt{2}} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) (-\sin \theta_c)$$



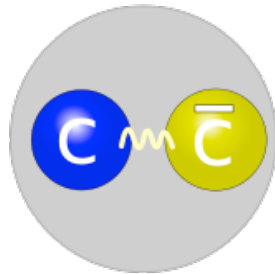
$$\frac{-ig_w}{2\sqrt{2}} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) \cos \theta_c$$

What happens for 3 quarks? Is there an analogy in the lepton sector?



# The J/Psi particle

The success of the Cabibbo+GIM mechanism culminated with the discovery of **charm**, i.e. the J/Psi during the November 1974 revolution



**J/ψ(1S)**

$$J^{G(J^{PC})} = 0^{--}(1^{--})$$

Mass  $m = 3096.900 \pm 0.006$  MeV

Full width  $\Gamma = 92.9 \pm 2.8$  keV ( $S = 1.1$ )

$\Gamma_{ee} = 5.53 \pm 0.10$  keV

$\Gamma_{ee} < 5.4$  eV, CL = 90%

## J/ψ(1S) DECAY MODES

	Fraction ( $\Gamma_i/\Gamma$ )	Scale factor/ Confidence level	$p$ (MeV/c)
hadrons	(87.7 $\pm$ 0.5) %	—	—
virtual $\gamma \rightarrow$ hadrons	(13.50 $\pm$ 0.30) %	—	—
$ggg$	(64.1 $\pm$ 1.0) %	—	—
$\gamma gg$	( 8.8 $\pm$ 1.1) %	—	—
$e^+e^-$	( 5.971 $\pm$ 0.032) %	1548	—
$e^+e^- \gamma$	[a] ( 8.8 $\pm$ 1.4) $\times 10^{-3}$	1548	—
$\mu^+\mu^-$	( 5.961 $\pm$ 0.033) %	1545	—

[HTTP://PDG.LBL.GOV](http://pdg.lbl.gov)

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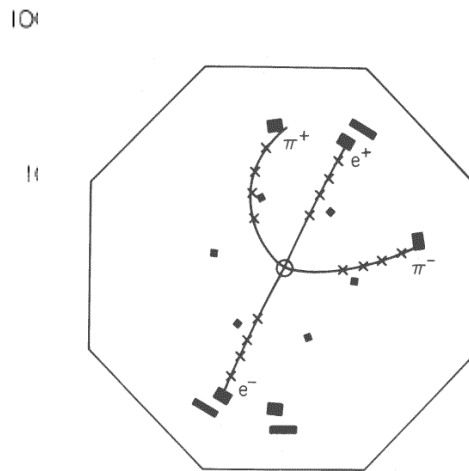
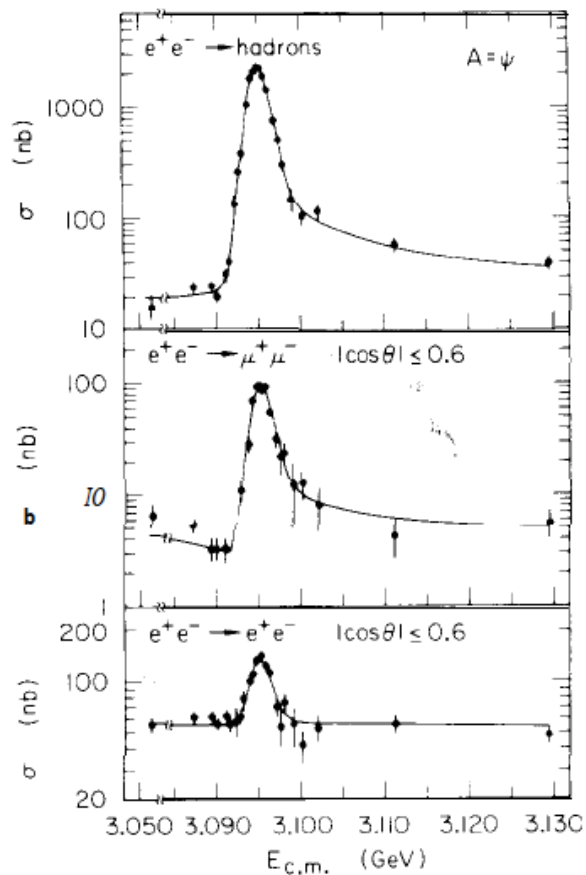
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The discovery of the J/Psi was a big success for the quark model

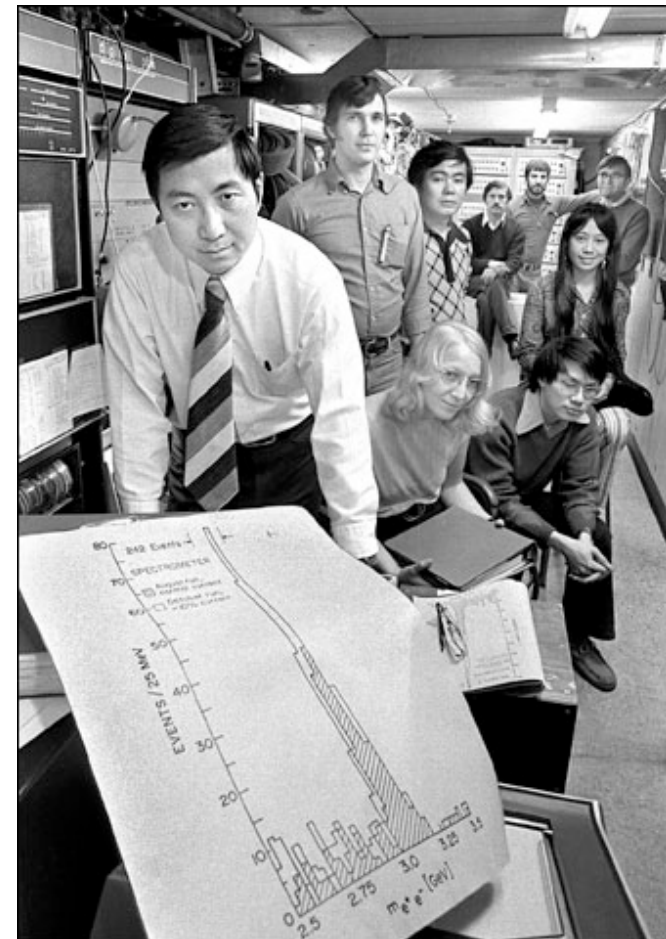
# Discovery of the J/Psi (1974)

Richter et al. Observation of a resonance around 3 GeV in scanning the energy in  $e^+e^-$  collisions at SPEAR (SLAC)



Ten days later at SLAC they discovered the next excited state, the  $\Psi'$  (November revolution)  
The J/Psi discovery established the quark model

Ting et al. at the same time in fixed target at BNL, he called it J



# Charmonium



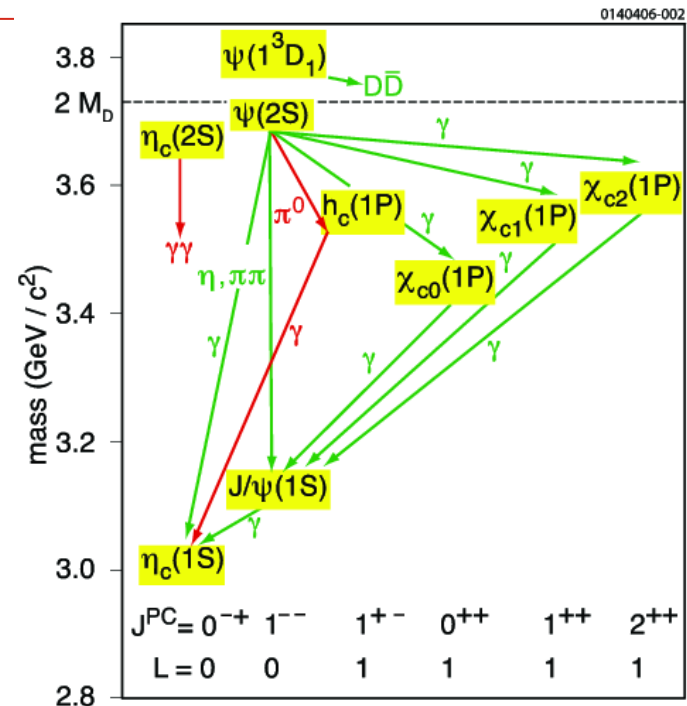
- The  $J/\psi$  a bound state of quark-antiquark,  $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$
- A testbed for the strong interaction: charm is heavy, spectrum of excited states similar to positronium bound state - but with binding force at the  $\sim \text{MeV}$  scale (positronium at the eV scale)
- First states are narrow ( $\Gamma(J/\psi) = 86 \text{ KeV}$ ).  $\psi(3770)$  is the first state that can decay in D mesons, so large width- weak decay

$$V(r) = -\frac{4}{3} \frac{\alpha_s}{r} + F_0 r$$

Short range  
potential with  
colour factor

Speculative  
potential  
describing  
confinement

What is confinement? (More in the QCD lectures)



# Discovery of the 3rd generation

$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$$

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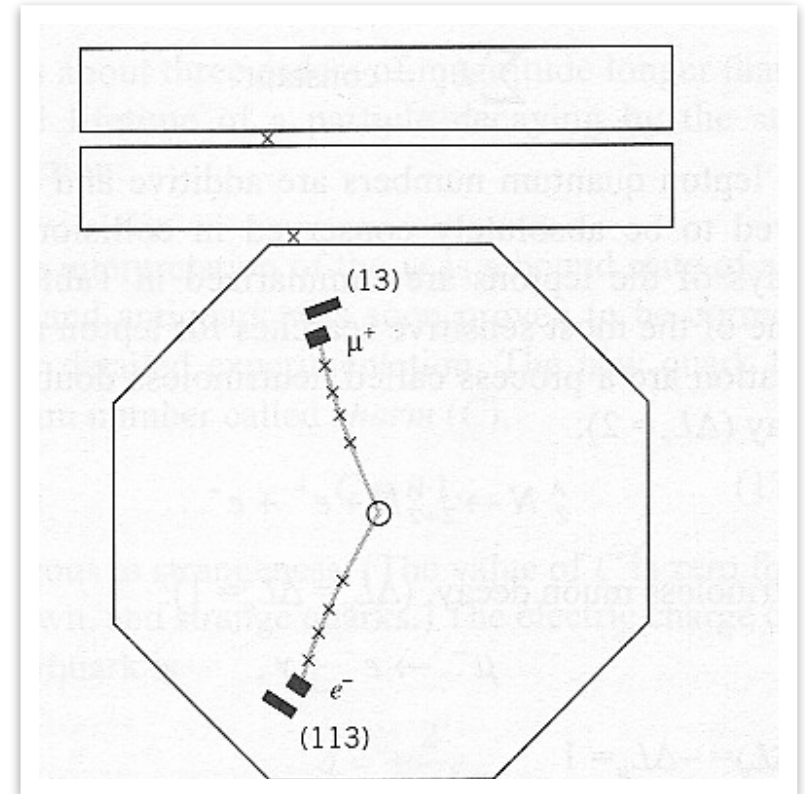
$e^- \bar{\nu}_e \nu_\tau$

$\mu^+ \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\tau$

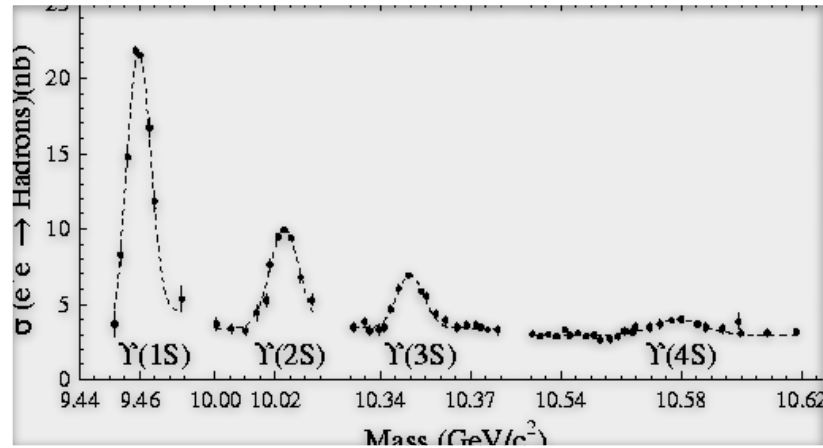
Discovery of the Tau lepton (1975)

In acoplanar electron-muon  
candidates

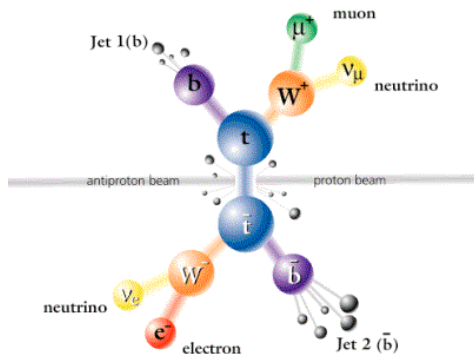
Which quantum numbers are involved?



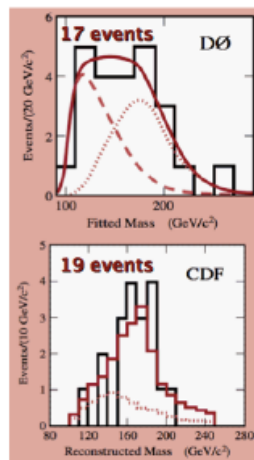
# Discovery of the 3rd generation



Discovery of the 5th quark with the observation of the Upsilon ( $b\bar{b}$ ) resonance (1977)



36 events



Discovery of the top quarks at the Tevatron (1995)

Why is the top special?

Is there a toponium?



# Summary of particles

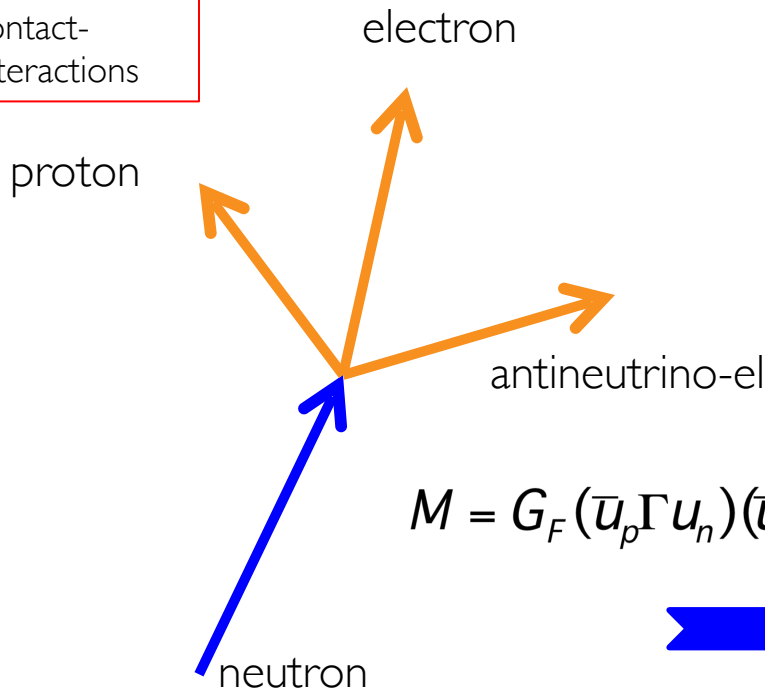
## Standard Model of Elementary Particles

three generations of matter (fermions)					
	I	II	III		
mass	$\approx 2.4 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 172.44 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 125.09 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$2/3$	$2/3$	$2/3$	0	0
spin	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1	0
QUARKS	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> Higgs
	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ <b>d</b> down	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ <b>s</b> strange	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $-1/3$ $1/2$ <b>b</b> bottom	0 0 1 <b>γ</b> photon	
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LEPTONS	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$ 0 $1/2$ <b>ν<sub>e</sub></b> electron neutrino	$< 1.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0 $1/2$ <b>ν<sub>μ</sub></b> muon neutrino	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ 0 $1/2$ <b>ν<sub>τ</sub></b> tau neutrino	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ $\pm 1$ 1 <b>W</b> W boson	
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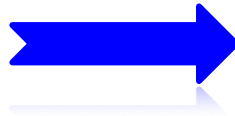
# Weak interactions

The first theory of beta decay is from **Fermi** (1933), a contact interaction with coupling  $G_F^2$ , which was describing the decay well at low energy. However the theory would fail at higher energy, predicting a cross section rising infinitely to high  $\sqrt{s}$  -> a theory with an intermediate vector boson was proposed

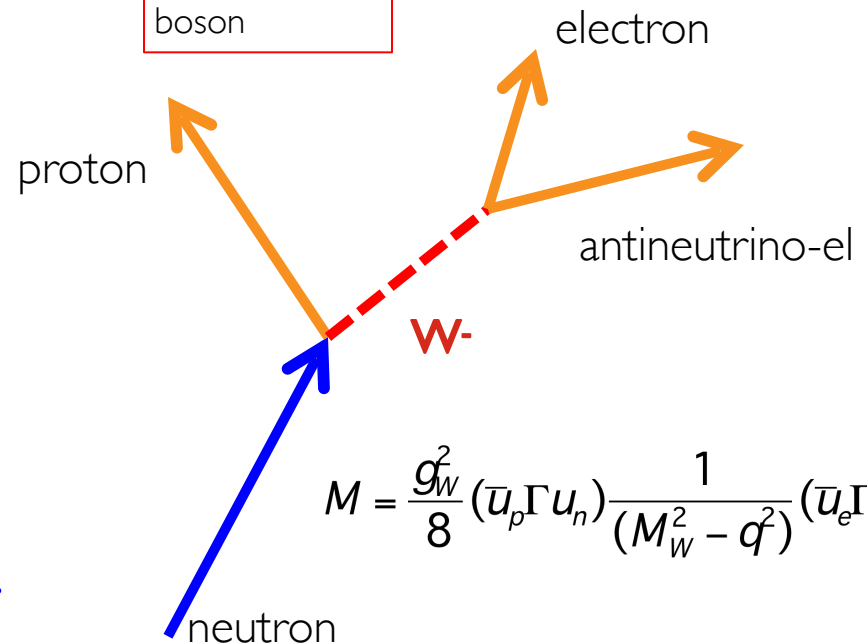
Fermi's 4  
contact-  
interactions



$$M = G_F (\bar{u}_p \Gamma u_n) (\bar{u}_e \Gamma u_\nu)$$

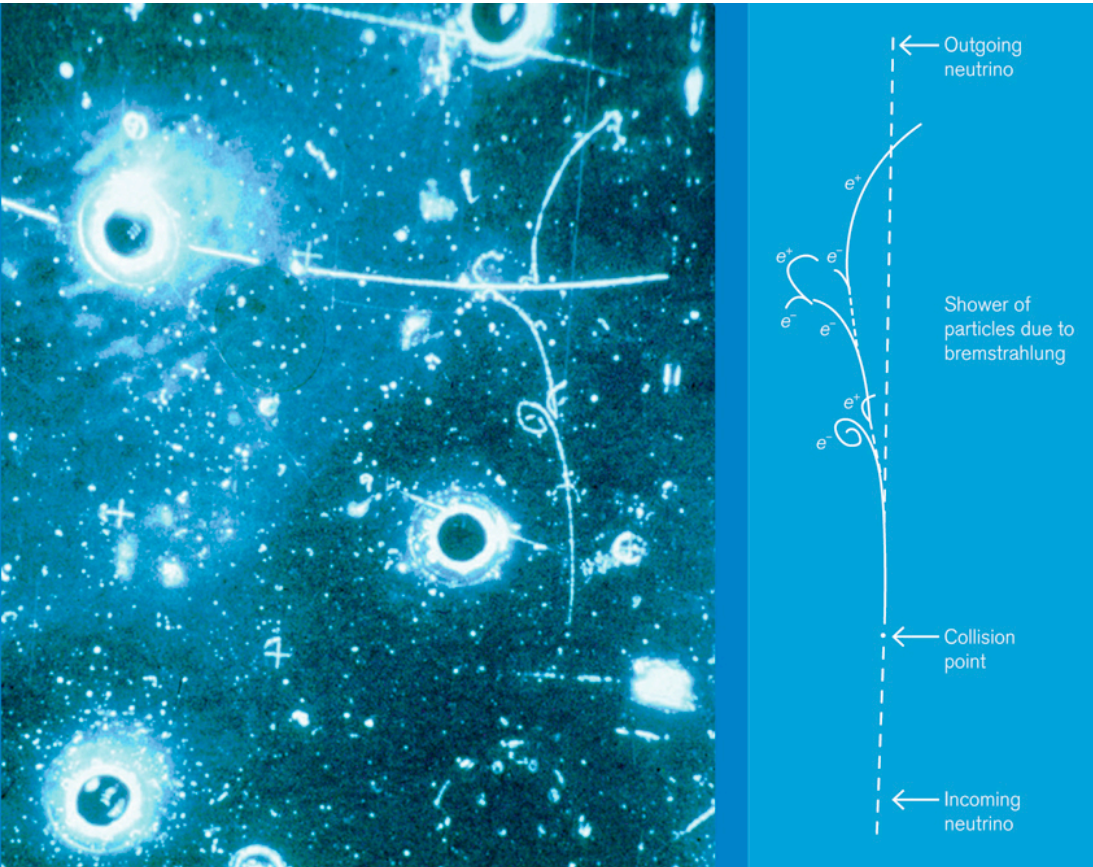


Weak  
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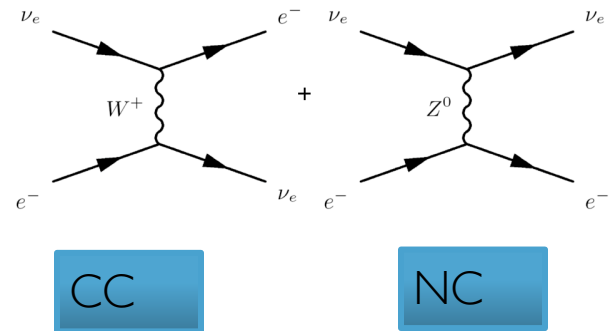
$$M = \frac{g_W^2}{8} (\bar{u}_p \Gamma u_n) \frac{1}{(M_W^2 - q^2)} (\bar{u}_e \Gamma u_\nu)$$

# Discovery of neutral currents



Gargamelle bubble chamber, 1973  
A very large heavy liquid (freon) chamber, 4m long, in  
2T B field

- First milestone in weak interactions



# Discovery of W and Z (1983)

PHYSICS LETTERS

24 February 1983

EVENTS WITHOUT JETS

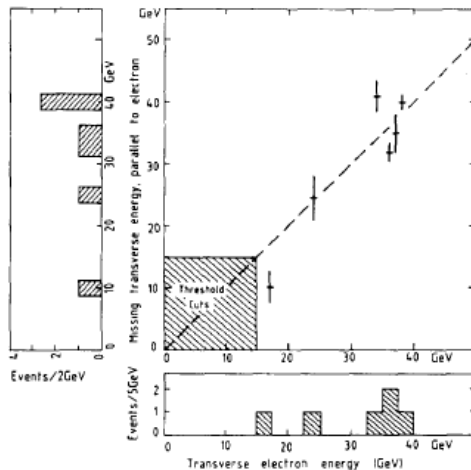
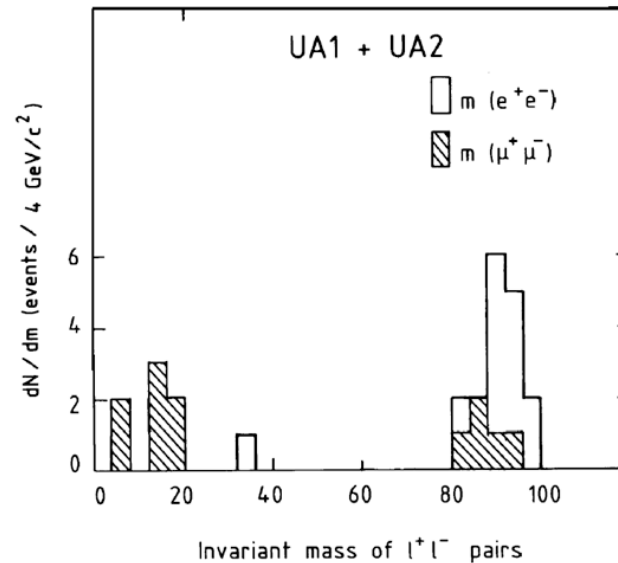


Fig. 8. The missing transverse energy component parallel to the electron, plotted versus the transverse electron energy for the final six electron events without jets (5 gondolas, 1 bouchon). All the events in the gondolas appear well above the threshold cuts used in the searches.



Second milestone  
in weak  
interaction

UA1+UA2 at  
CERN



# Intermediate bosons

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	0	0	0	$\pm 1$	
	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1	
	<b>ν<sub>e</sub></b> electron neutrino	<b>ν<sub>μ</sub></b> muon neutrino	<b>ν<sub>τ</sub></b> tau neutrino	<b>W</b> W boson	
					GAUGE BOSONS
					SCALAR BOSONS

But no mechanism to generate W, Z mass in the SM theory



# Mass

## BROKEN SYMMETRY AND THE MASS OF GAUGE VECTOR MESONS\*

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It is of interest to inquire whether gauge vector mesons acquire mass through interaction<sup>1</sup>; by a gauge vector meson we mean a Yang-Mills field<sup>2</sup> associated with the extension of a Lie group from global to local symmetry. The importance of this problem resides in the possibility that strong-interaction physics originates from massive gauge fields related to a system of conserved currents.<sup>3</sup> In this note, we shall show that in certain cases vector mesons do indeed acquire mass when the vacuum is degenerate with respect to a compact Lie group.

Theories with degenerate vacuum (broken symmetry) have been the subject of intensive study since their inception by Nambu.<sup>4-6</sup> A

those vector mesons which are coupled to currents that "rotate" the original vacuum are the ones which acquire mass [see Eq. (6)].

We shall then examine a particular model based on chirality invariance which may have a more fundamental significance. Here we begin with a chirality-invariant Lagrangian and introduce both vector and pseudovector gauge fields, thereby guaranteeing invariance under both local phase and local  $\gamma_5$ -phase transformations. In this model the gauge fields themselves may break the  $\gamma_5$  invariance leading to a mass for the original Fermi field. We shall show in this case that the pseudovector field acquires mass.

In the last paragraph we sketch a simple argument which renders these results reason-

In a recent note<sup>1</sup> it was shown that the Goldstone theorem,<sup>2</sup> that Lorentz-covariant field theories in which spontaneous breakdown of symmetry under an internal Lie group occurs contain zero-mass particles, fails if and only if the conserved currents associated with the internal group are coupled to gauge fields. The purpose of the present note is to report that, as a consequence of this coupling, the spin-one quanta of some of the gauge fields acquire mass; the longitudinal degrees of freedom of these particles (which would be absent if their mass were zero) go over into the Goldstone bosons when the coupling tends to zero. This phenomenon is just the relativistic analog of the plasmon phenomenon to which Anderson<sup>3</sup> has drawn attention: that the scalar zero-mass excitations of a superconducting neutral Fermi gas become longitudinal plasmon modes of finite mass when the gas is charged.

## BROKEN SYMMETRIES AND THE MASSES OF GAUGE BOSONS

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about the "vacuum" solution  $\varphi_1(x) = 0$ ,  $\varphi_2(x) = \varphi_0$ :

$$\partial^\mu \{ \partial_\mu (\Delta \varphi_1) - e \varphi_0 A_\mu \} = 0, \quad (2a)$$

$$\{ \partial^2 - 4 \varphi_0^2 V''(\varphi_0^2) \} (\Delta \varphi_2) = 0, \quad (2b)$$

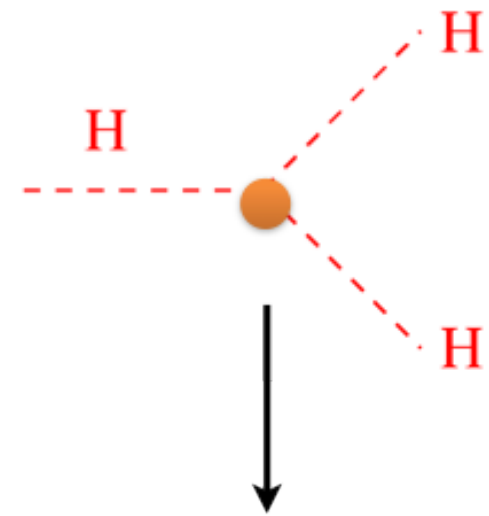
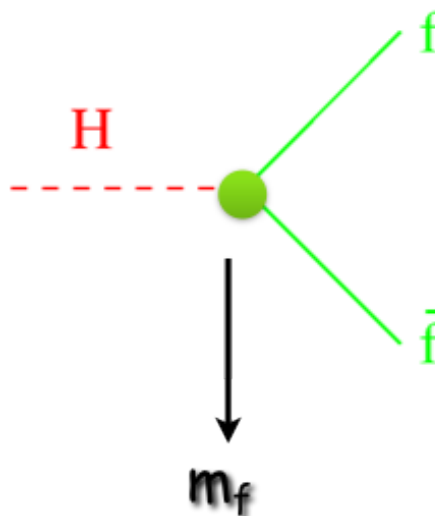
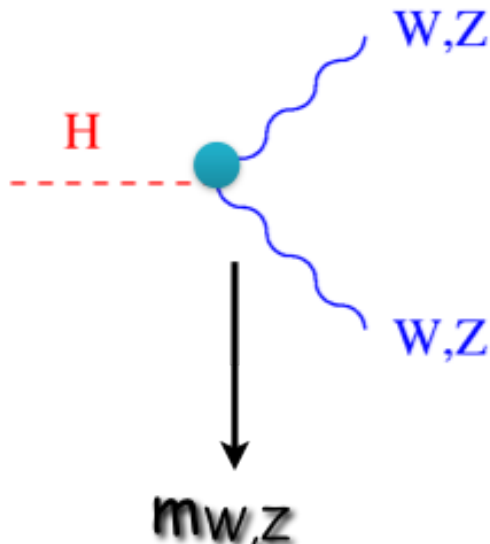
$$\partial_\nu F^{\mu\nu} = e \varphi_0 \{ \partial^\mu (\Delta \varphi_1) - e \varphi_0 A_\mu \}. \quad (2c)$$

Equation (2b) describes waves whose quanta have (bare) mass  $2\varphi_0 [V''(\varphi_0^2)]^{1/2}$ ; Eqs. (2a) and (2c) may be transformed, by the introduction of new variables

$$\begin{aligned} B_\mu &= A_\mu - (e \varphi_0)^{-1} \partial_\mu (\Delta \varphi_1), \\ G_{\mu\nu} &= \partial_\mu B_\nu - \partial_\nu B_\mu = F_{\mu\nu}, \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

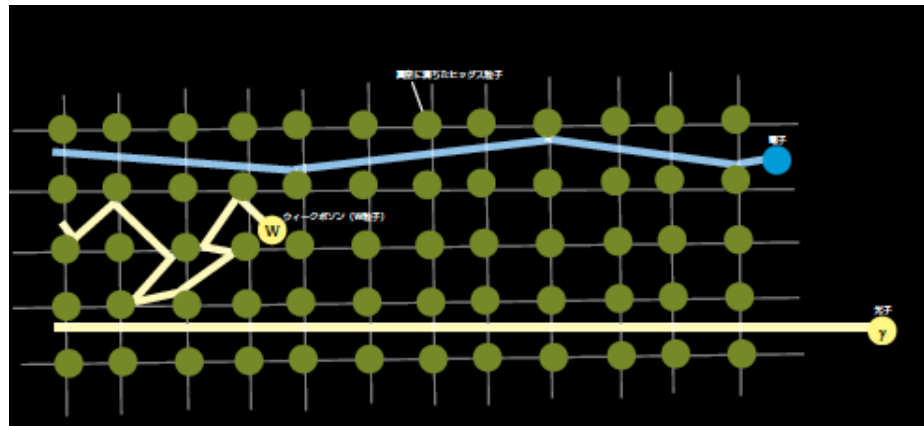
into the form

$$\partial_\mu R^\mu = 0, \quad \partial_\nu G^{\mu\nu} + e^2 \varphi_0^2 R^\mu = 0. \quad (4)$$



# Mass

We are immersed in a field, the Higgs field, of which the H boson is the excitation, and gives mass to all particle, (electron, quarks, ....we would not exist without the H boson). Short film at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVMQ3\\_somZc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QVMQ3_somZc)



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# How the Higgs affects us

Particle whose mass is set by the interaction with the Higgs field	Role of the particle masses	Impact on everyday life	Has the Higgs-particle interaction been experimentally confirmed?
Up quark ( $m_{\text{up}} \sim 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ) Down quark ( $m_{\text{down}} \sim 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ )	Affects the mass of the proton and neutron	Differences in quark masses ( $m_{\text{up}} < m_{\text{down}}$ ) contribute to protons (made of two up and one down quarks) being lighter than neutrons (made of one up and two down quarks).  As a result, protons are stable, as required for the existence of hydrogen.	No
Electron	Atomic radius $\propto 1/m_e$	A different value of the electron mass would modify the energy levels and chemical reactions of all known elements.	No
W boson	Radioactive beta decay rate $\propto 1/m_W^4$	Many radioactive decays, and the fusion reactions that power the sun, involve the W boson. The W mass affects the rate of all of these reactions.	Yes

More in the lectures of Katharina Behr

# 4th July 2012 and 2022 at CERN



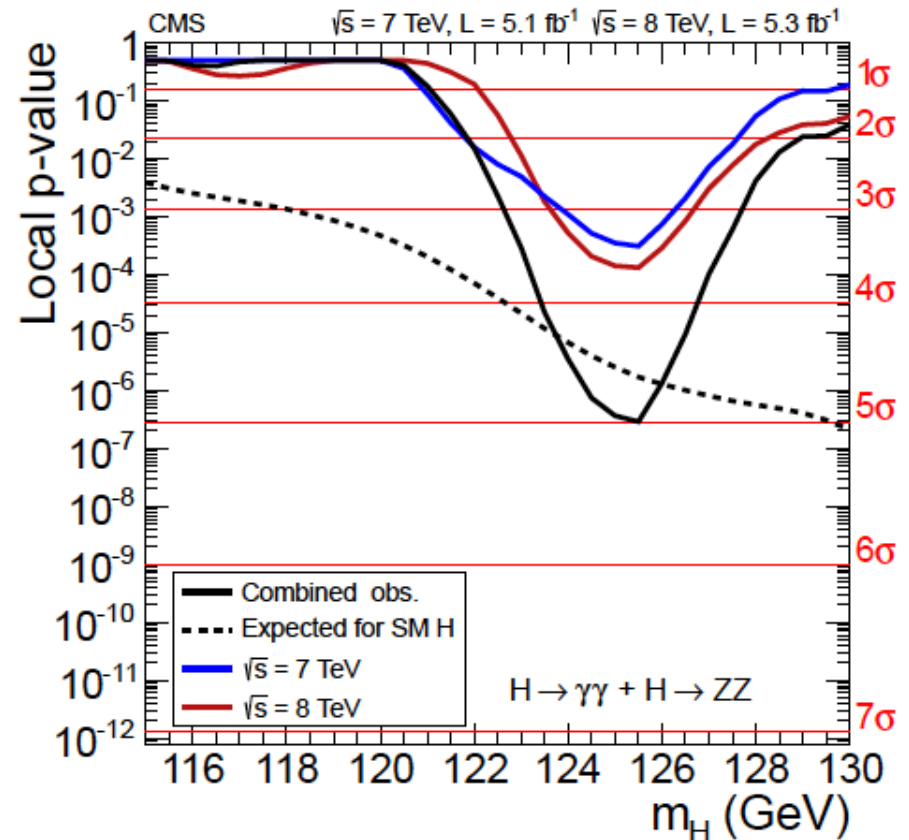
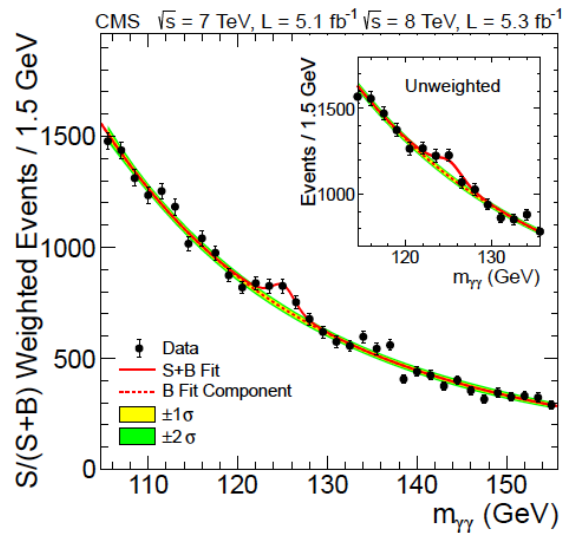
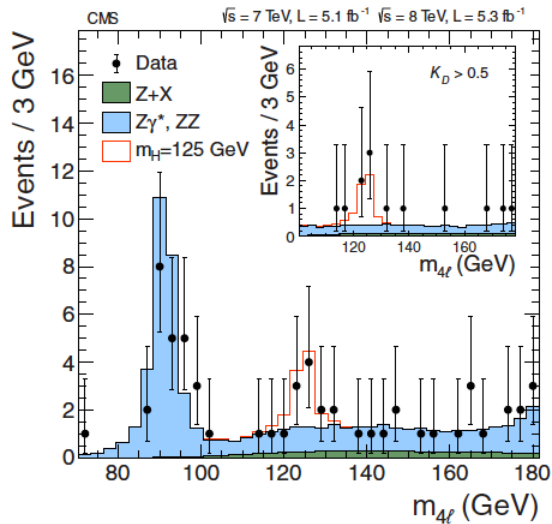
2012, Announcement of the Higgs discovery by ATLAS and CMS

ATLAS 10 years paper  
CMS 10 years paper  
Theory 10 years paper (I advice this!)

10 years later Auditorium still full



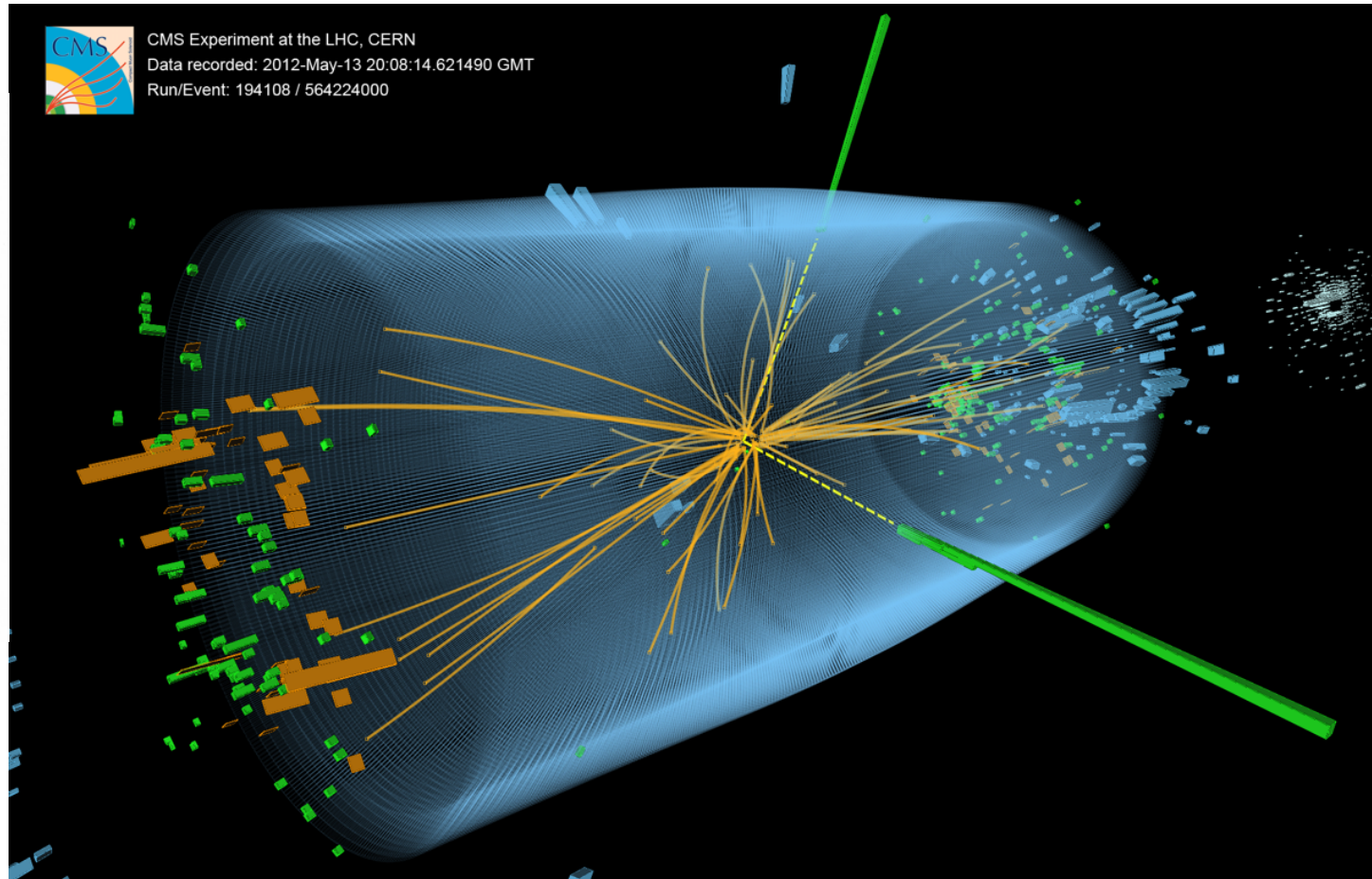
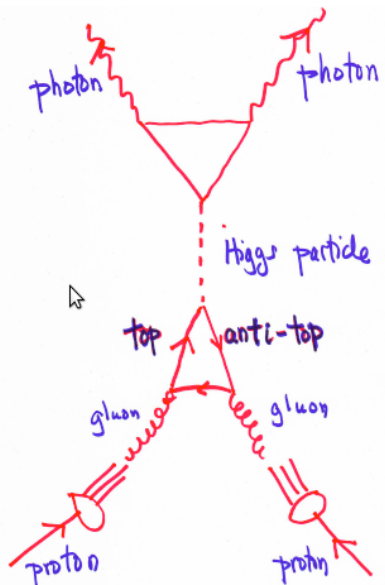
# A new boson at $m_H \sim 125$ GeV



p-value, probability to have  $\geq N$  events as those effectively observed, under the hypothesis of no signal.



# a Higgs $\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ event



# 2013 Nobel prize



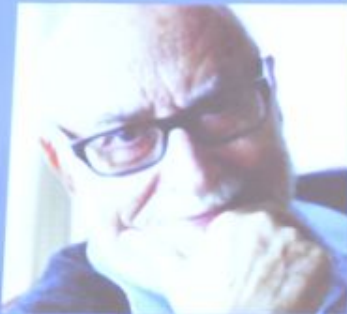
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## The Nobel Prize in Physics 2013



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**François Englert**  
Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium



**Peter W. Higgs**  
University of Edinburgh, UK

*"För den teoretiska upptäckten av en mekanism som bidrar till förståelsen av massans ursprung hos subatomära partiklar, och som nyligen, genom upptäckten av den förutsagda fundamentala partikeln, bekräftats av ATLAS- och CMS-experimenten vid CERN:s accelerator LHC."*

*"For the theoretical discovery of a mechanism that contributes to our understanding of the origin of mass of subatomic particles, and which recently was confirmed through the discovery of the predicted fundamental particle, by the ATLAS and CMS experiments at CERN's Large Hadron Collider."*

# The SM Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \\ & + i \bar{\psi} \not{D} \psi \\ & + \sum_i \sum_j Y_{ij} \bar{\psi}_i \phi \psi_j + \text{h.c.} \\ & + |D_\mu \phi|^2 - V(\phi)\end{aligned}$$



Gauge sector (80s-90s)



Interaction of gauge fields with fermions (80s-90s)



Higgs field interaction with fermions (observed 2017-2018 ~ 10% precision)



Higgs potential (not yet measured!)



Gauge-Higgs interaction (observed 2012 ~ 5-8% precision)



# Particle physics in the Universe

