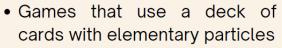
A game for which a deck of elementary particles can be used:

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INTERACTIONS OF ELEMENTARY PARTICLES

Introduction







Rules correlate with the elementary particle interactions for each of the four fundamental forces

Players must take turns placing one card of their choice (from the cards they hold in their hands) on the central card, while naming the interaction according to the following rules!

GAME BEGINS



- The game is intended for 2 to 4 players
- Firstly, players need to choose one card
- That card must represent a particle
- The remaining 65 cards should be thoroughly shuffled and then placed in a circle around the central card facing downwards







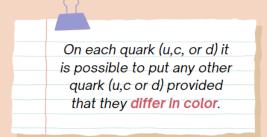
- Then, each player draws 4 cards from the circle.
- After that, the game begins!

PLACING PARTICLES ON THE CENTRAL CARD

Strong interaction

- Due to the short range of this force, it is assumed that only quarks within the same baryon can interact strongly
- During this interaction, there is an exchange of color between them, while maintaining the overall color neutrality of the baryon.

As a result, the following moves are allowed:



(The fact that quarks placed on the given quark must be different color reflects color exchange in a baryon!)

Weak interaction

Particles that can interact:



 As a result, the following moves are allowed:



Electromagnetic interaction

- The fundamental property
 of this force is that only two
 electrically charged
 particles can interact with it.
- As a result, the following moves are allowed:

Any electrically charged particle (u, s, or d quark of any color, electron or muon) can be placed on any other electrically charged particle!

Gravitational interaction

- Through this interaction, all massive particles can interact with each other.
- However, this interaction between elementary particles is extremely weak (due to their small masses)

Only once during the game (but not when the player has only one card left, and all the cards from the central circle have been taken), the player can take advantage of the opportunity for "gravitational interaction" and place any particle card on the central one.

 This situation can be very intriguing as it may change the course of the game and give a significant advantage to the player who utilizes it at the right moment.



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PLACING ANTIPARTICLES ON THE CENTRAL CARD

Cards representing antiparticles can be placed on the central card only if they truly represent the antiparticle of the central card!

- In that situation, the player must say "Annihilation"!
- By doing that, the player can (in the same move) place any other card on the table
- That intentionally changes the course of the game
- → useful & strategic move



ADDITIONAL RULES AND GAME ENDING



- In order to make the game even more interesting and dynamic, additional rules have been designed.
- This way, players can gain an extra advantage, but also deepen their knowledge of interactions of elementary particles, and even learn about neutrino oscillations!





- Game is over when all cards from the central pile have been taken, and one of the players has run out of all cards representing particles
- That player is the winner, and the other players are ranked according to the number of cards representing particles they have left

Conclusion

For whom is the game intended?





What to do after playing?
Questions and topics for
further discussions and learning







