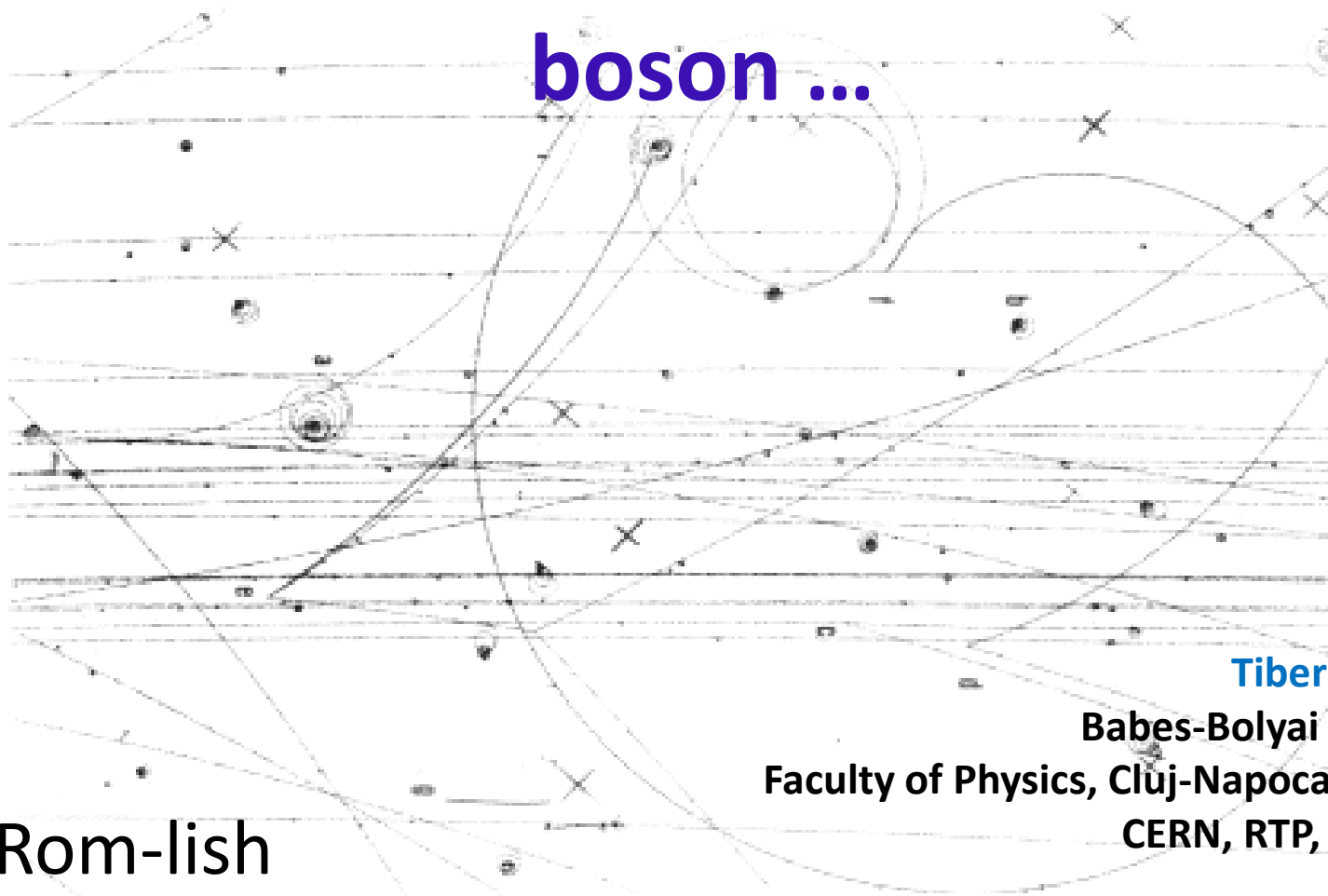




# The scientific journey to Higgs boson ...



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# CERN, LHC experiment, 4 July 2012, ATLAS and CMS discovery at $\sim 126\text{GeV}$ Higgs-like boson

## What is mass? ...



Francois  
Englert

Robert  
Brout



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# BROKEN SYMMETRIES, MASSLESS PARTICLES AND GAUGE FIELDS

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Received 27 July 1964

Recently a number of people have discussed the Goldstone theorem <sup>1,2)</sup>: that any solution of a Lorentz-invariant theory which violates an internal symmetry operation of that theory must contain a massless scalar particle. Klein and Lee <sup>3)</sup> showed that this theorem does not necessarily apply in non-relativistic theories and implied that their considerations would apply equally well to Lorentz-invariant field theories. Gilbert <sup>4)</sup>, how-

ever, gave a proof that the failure of the Goldstone theorem in the nonrelativistic case is of a type which cannot exist when Lorentz invariance is imposed on a theory. The purpose of this note is to show that Gilbert's argument fails for an important class of field theories, that in which the conserved currents are coupled to gauge fields.

Following the procedure used by Gilbert <sup>4)</sup>, let us consider a theory of two hermitian scalar fields

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

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(Received 26 June 1964)

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 characteristic feature of such theories is the

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-

1964 theory

...48 years

2012 exp





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Four fundamental forces

Electromagnetic force

Weak force

Electroweak force/field

Standard Model

Proton

Gauge theory

W and Z bosons

Higgs field

...

How many languages do you speak?



... But how did we get here?

- ✱ What are the fundamental constituents of the universe?
- ✱ What are we made of?
- ✱ How do they interact with each other?
- ✱ ...



# How to Judge What Physicists are Doing ?

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## Constituents

- Number: **economical**
- Properties: **few** and **simple**
- Point-like? (no structure)

## Theory

- Mathematically **consistent**
- **Explains** all observations
- Able to make **predictions**





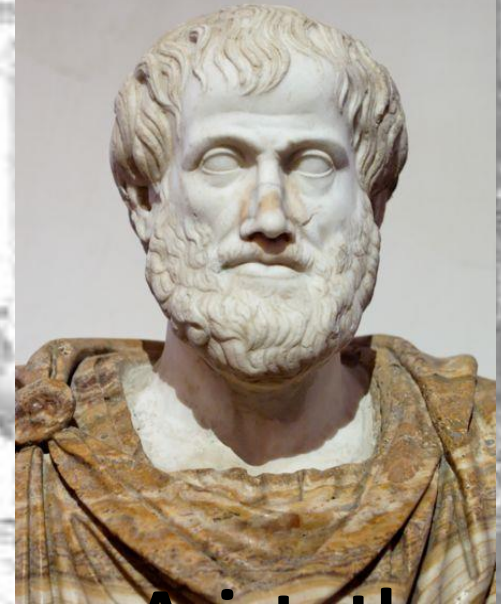
# Ancient Greece

All is  
mathematical  
form



**Plato**

I can figure  
out the universe  
by pure thought



**Aristotle**

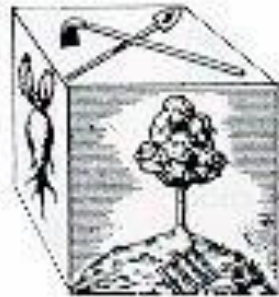


# Fundamental Physics

Circa 500 B.C.



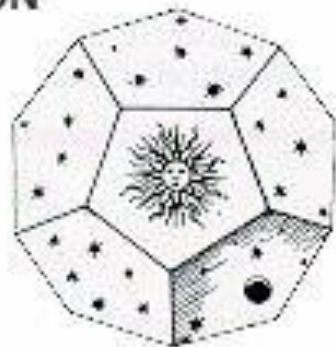
OCTAHEDRON  
*Air*



CUBE  
*Earth*



TETRAHEDRON  
*Fire*

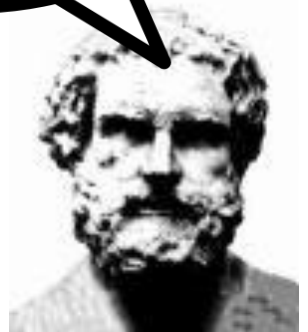


DODECAHEDRON  
*the Universe*



ICOSAHEDRON  
*Water*

PSST!  
The universe  
is made up  
of **atoms**



Democritus

The universe is built on  
the five Platonic solids



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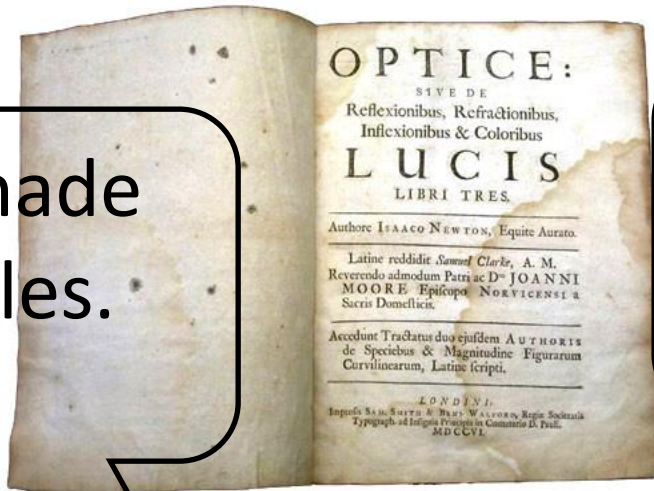
# The “Classical” Period

~1687 – ~1897





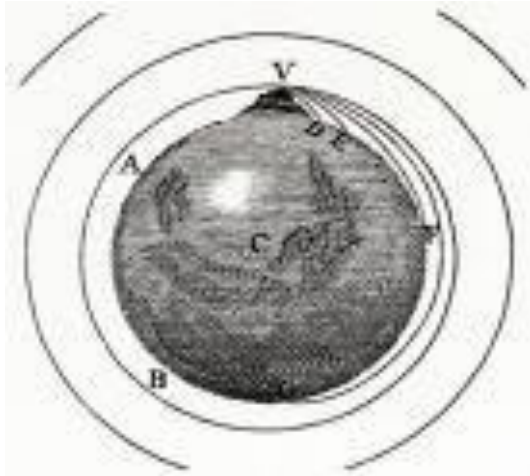
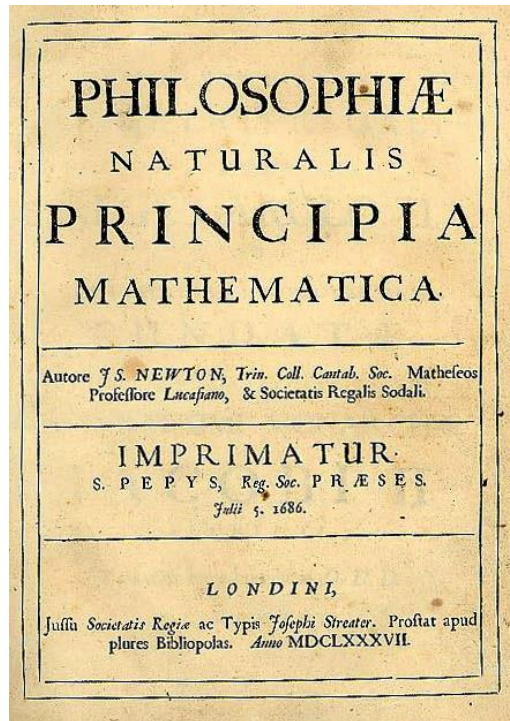
# Newton



But I have no idea what they are.

The world is made of point particles.

$$F_{NET} = ma$$





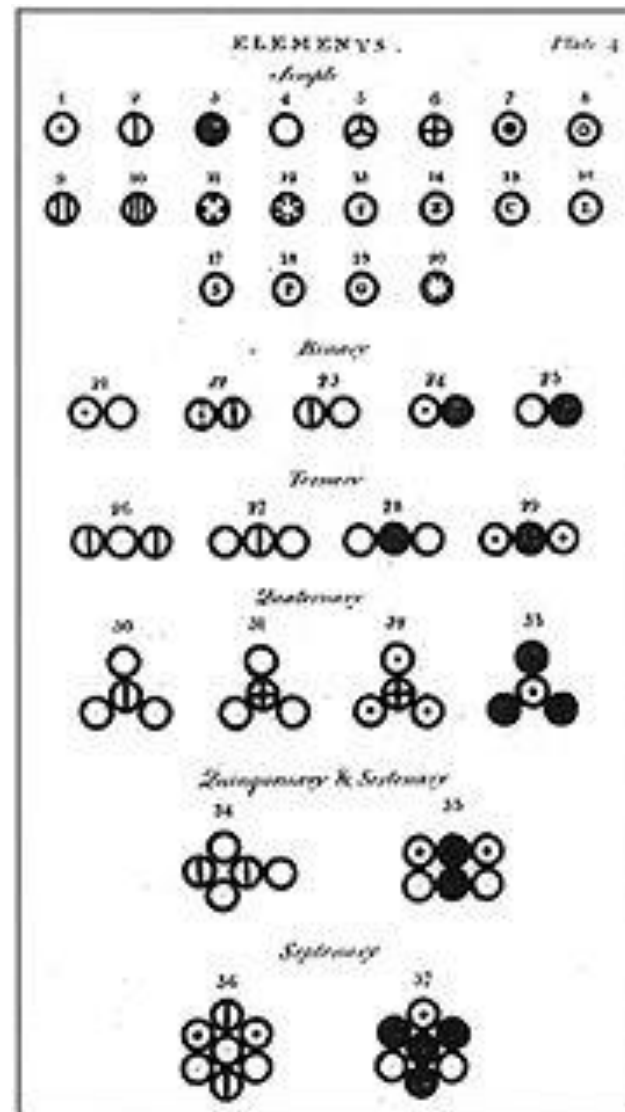
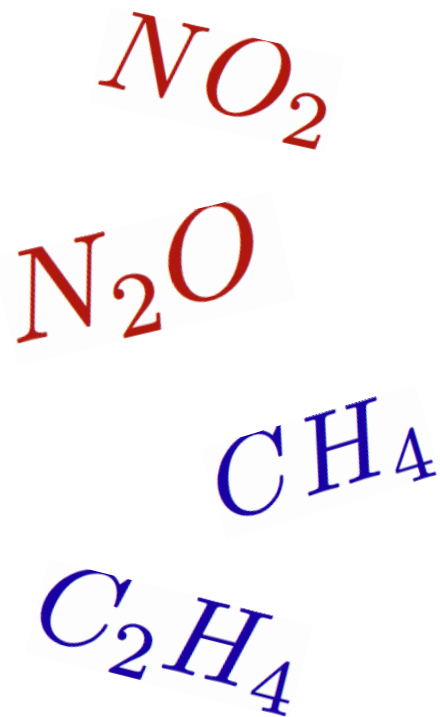
# Chemists Discover Evidence for Atoms

1802



John Dalton

- Gay-Lussac's Law
- Boyle's Law
- Charles's Law
- Law of Multiple Proportions





# World's First Particle Physicist

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1827



Robert Brown

-botanist (physicists experimentalist)

-discovered the “brownian” motion







# Periodic Table

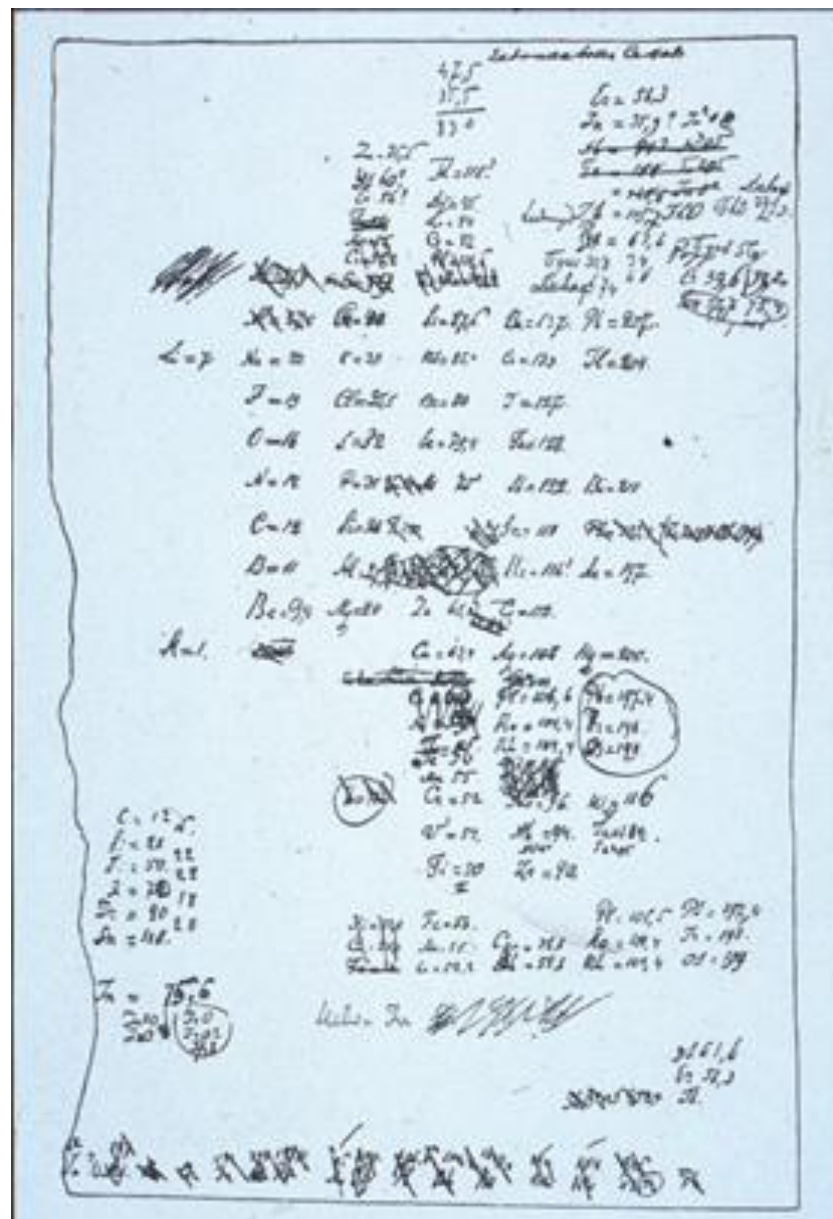
1869



Mendeleev

-a classification

scheme, ... with holes









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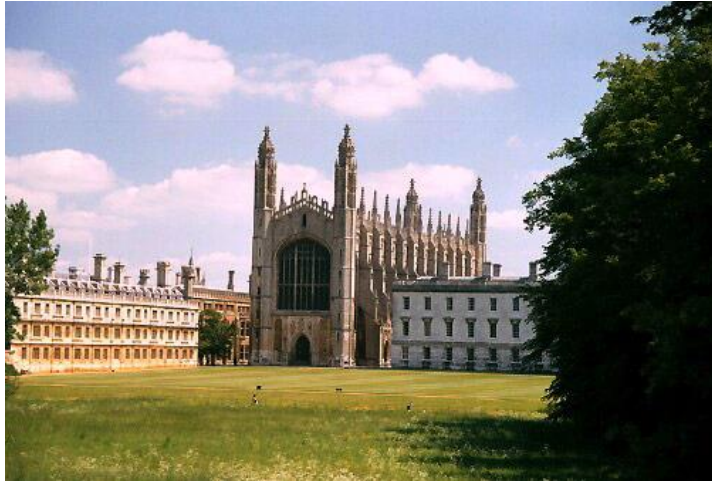
# The “Romantic” Period

~1897 – ~1932

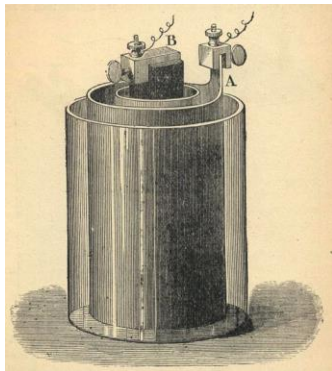


# The Cavendish laboratory

World's premier physics laboratory late 19th century



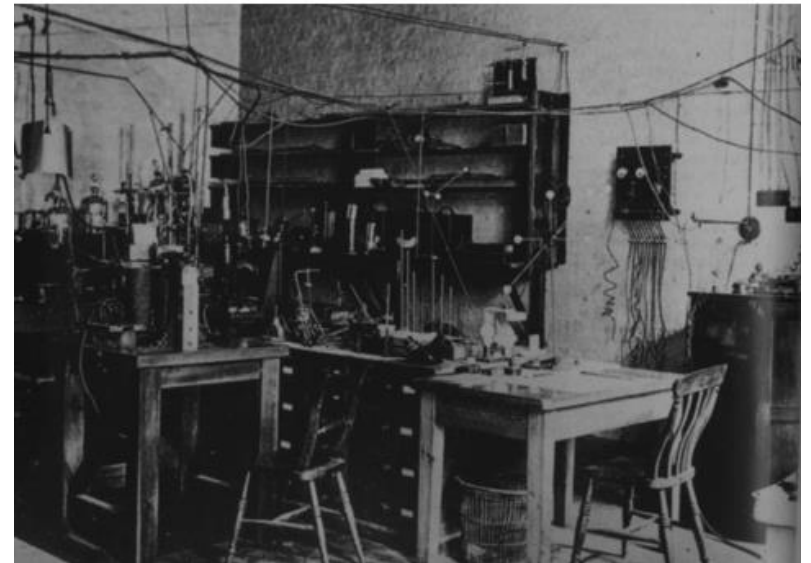
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Bunsen Cell



The Cavendish Lab

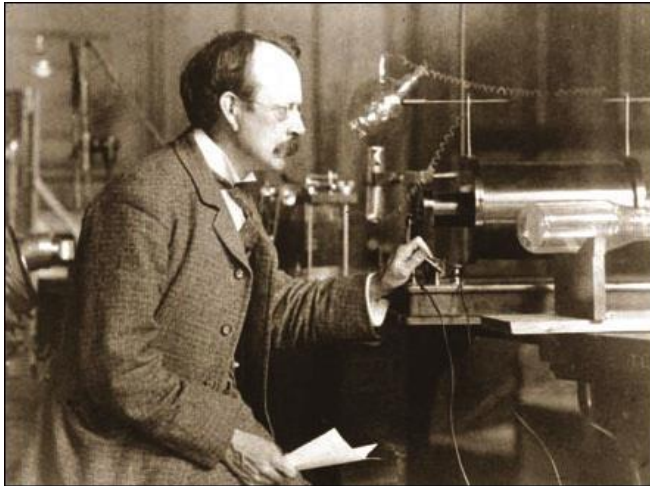


A Typical Lab



# Discovery of the Electron

1899

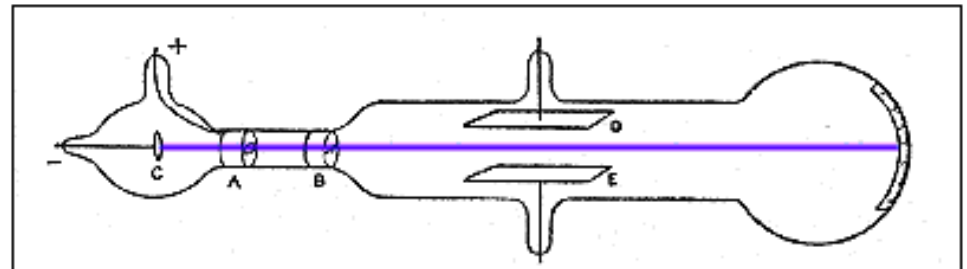


J. J. Thomson

A new particle,  
“corpuscule”



Thomson's CRT

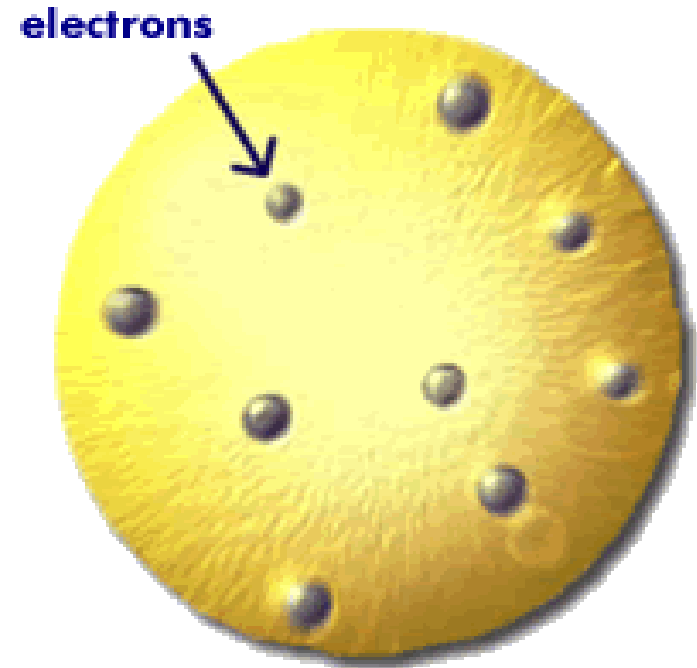
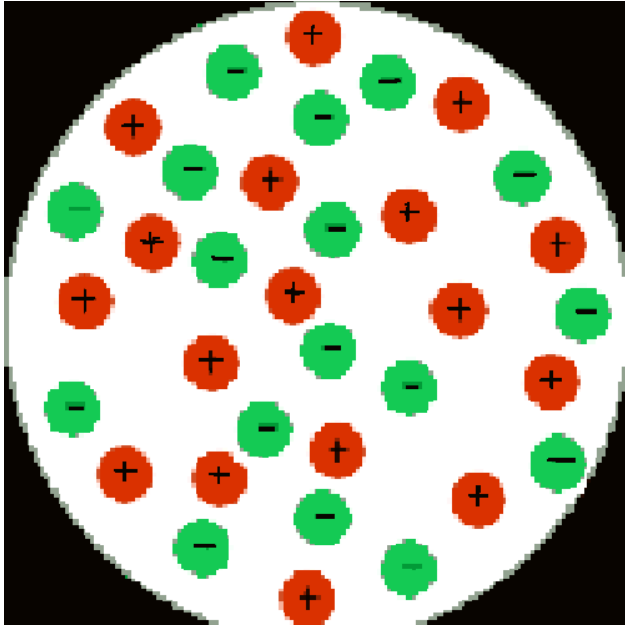


electrically charged !



# The “Plum Pudding” Model

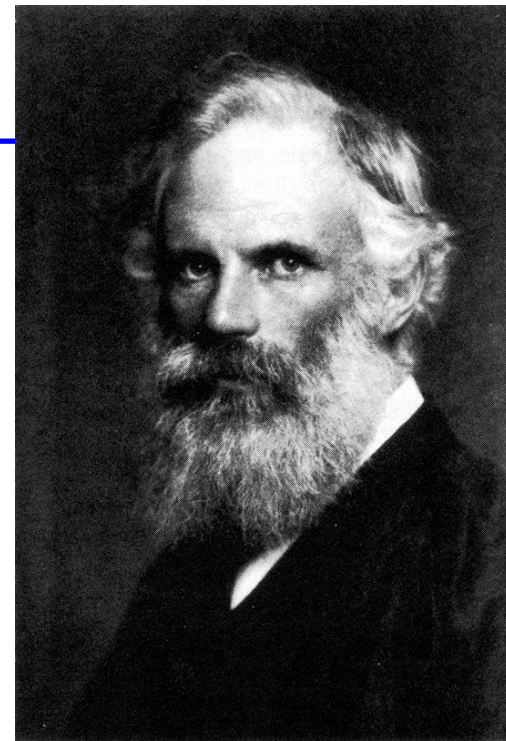
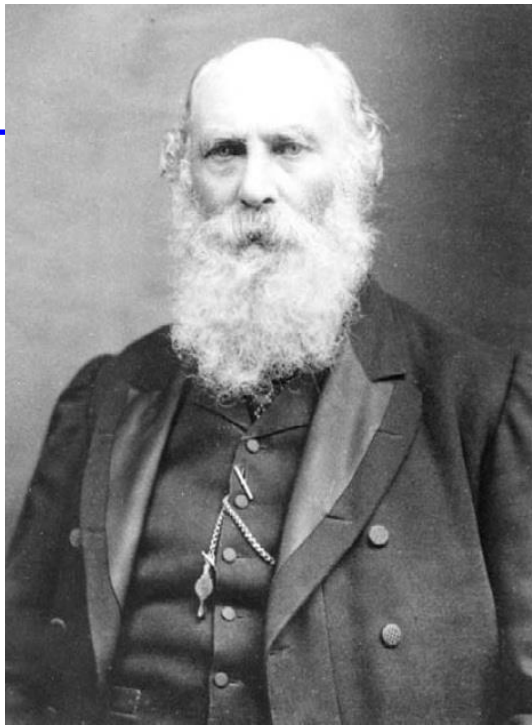
How to make a stable electrically neutral atom?



**sphere of positive charge**

Negatively charge  
electrons distributed  
like raisins in a  
positively charged “pudding”





The term "electron" coined in 1891 by George Johnstone Stoney to denote the unit of charge found in experiments that passed electrical current through chemicals; Irish physicist George Francis Fitzgerald who suggested in 1897 that the term be applied to Thomson's "corpuscles".





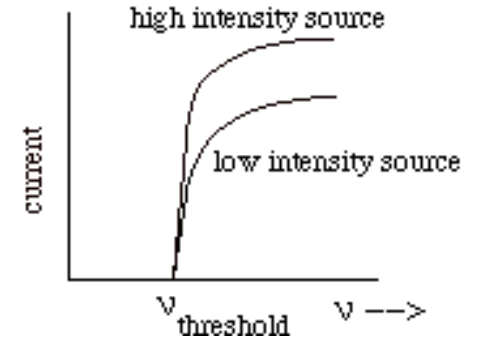
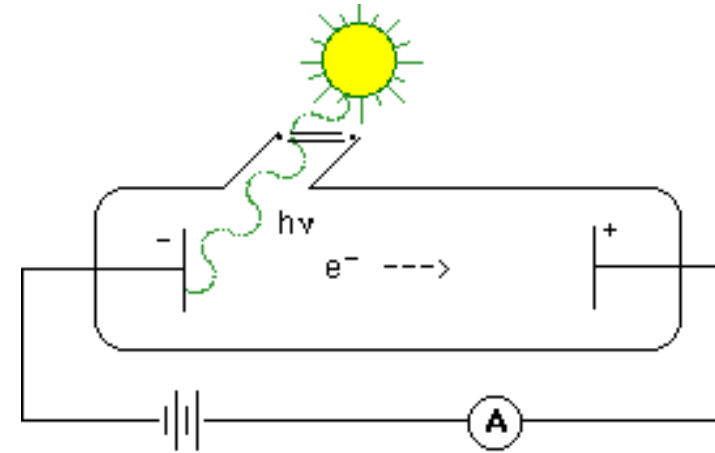
# The photoelectric effect

- 1887-Heinreich Hertz
- 1895-Wilhelm Roentgen
- 1899-J.J. Thompson
- 1901-Nikola Tesla
- 1902-Philipp von Lenard
- 1905-Albert Einstein

$$E = h\nu = W + \frac{1}{2} m_e v^2$$

**Photons** can knock electrons out of atoms

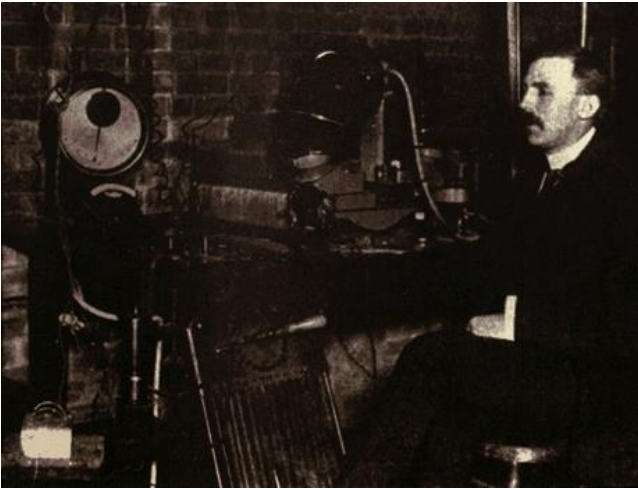
⇒ electrons are part of atoms





# Lord Ernst Rutherford

1910 World's first high energy physicist

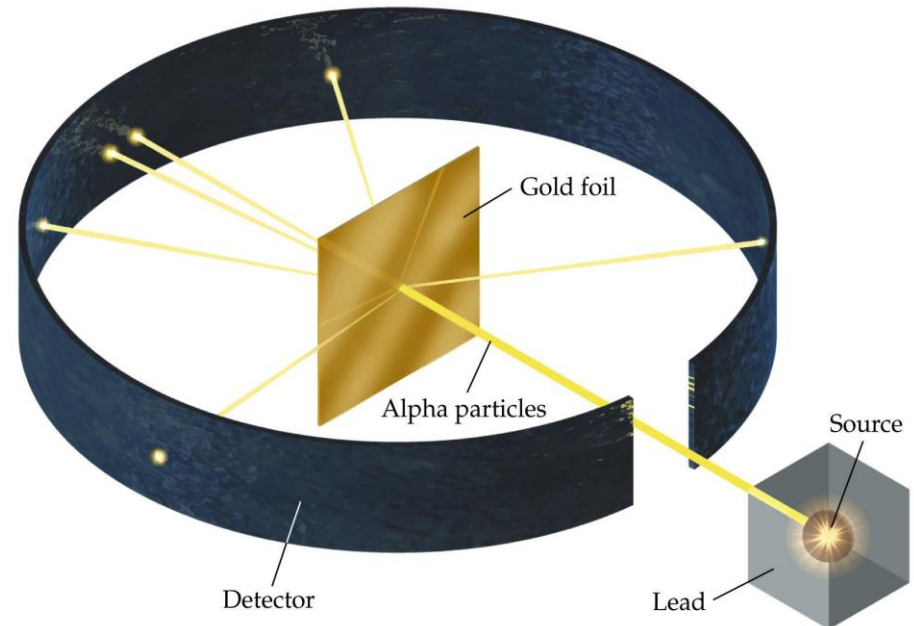


Ernest Rutherford

Use high energy (5 MeV) alpha particles from radium decay to study structure of the atom.

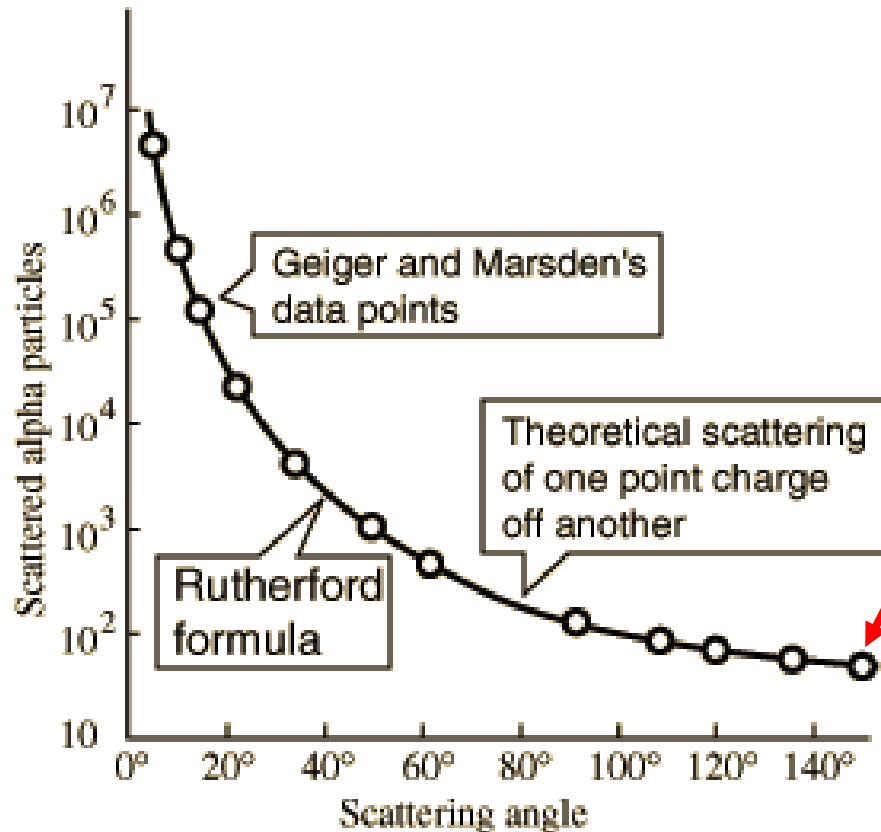
very light electrons should have no effect on the alpha's positive particle.

scattering of the alpha's will indicate structure of the "pudding"





# Rutherford Scattering... surprise!



some of the alpha's scattered at large angles

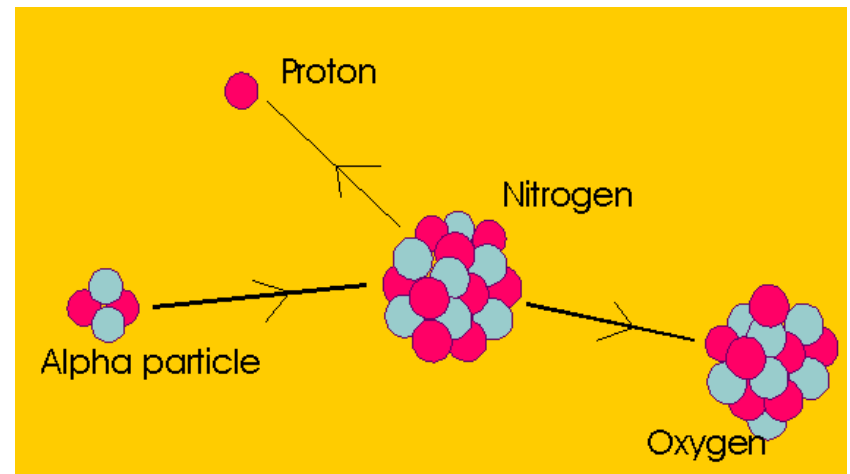
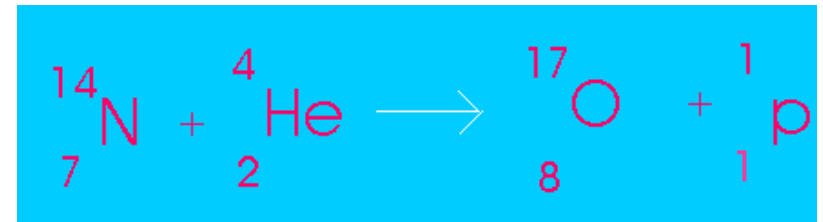
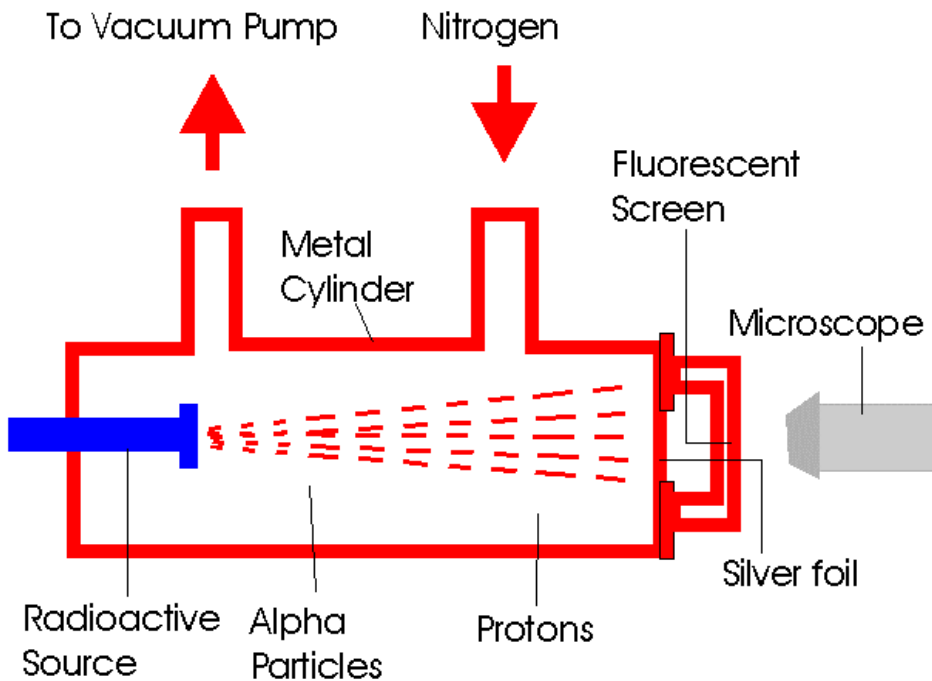
Data is described by **assuming** that alpha particle is scattered off a massive positive point charge.

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \theta} = \frac{\pi Z^2 z^2 \alpha^2 \hbar^2 c^2}{2E_k^2} \frac{1}{(1 - \cos \theta)^2}$$



# Discovery of proton

~1911, Lord Rutherford also discovers the nucleus of hydrogen (the proton,  $p^+$ , “first” in Greek) by bombarding alpha particles ( ${}^4_2\text{He}$ ) with Nitrogen gas







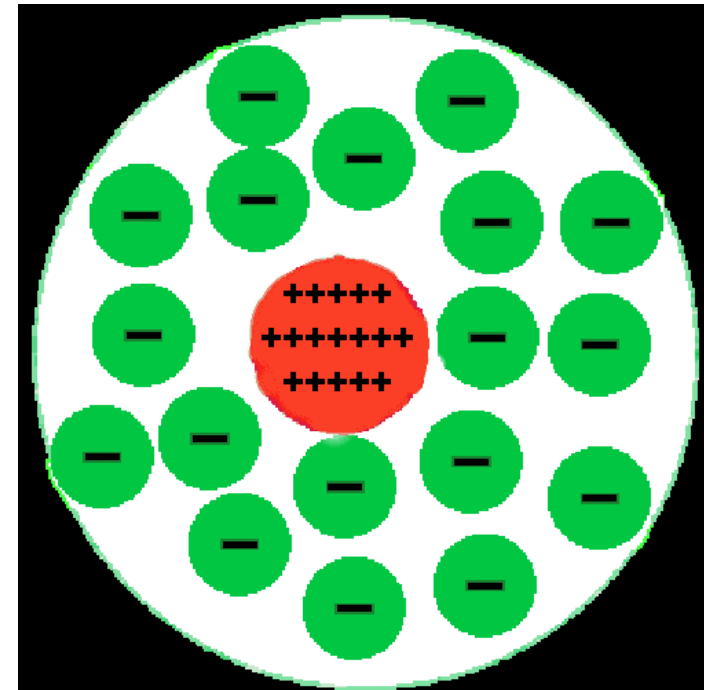
# More questions than answers ...

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-Scientists were puzzled by the missing mass as protons' mass did not add up to atom's;

-Rutherford predicts theoretically the presence of a neutral particle;

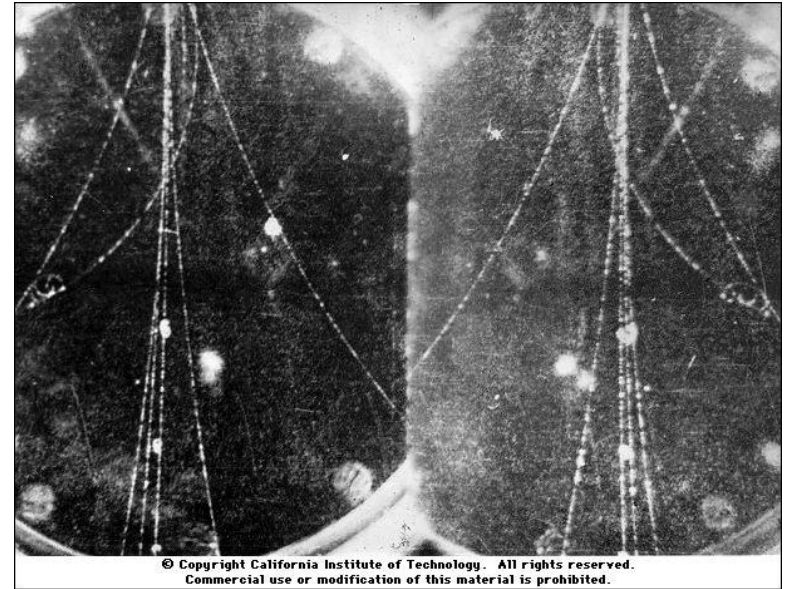
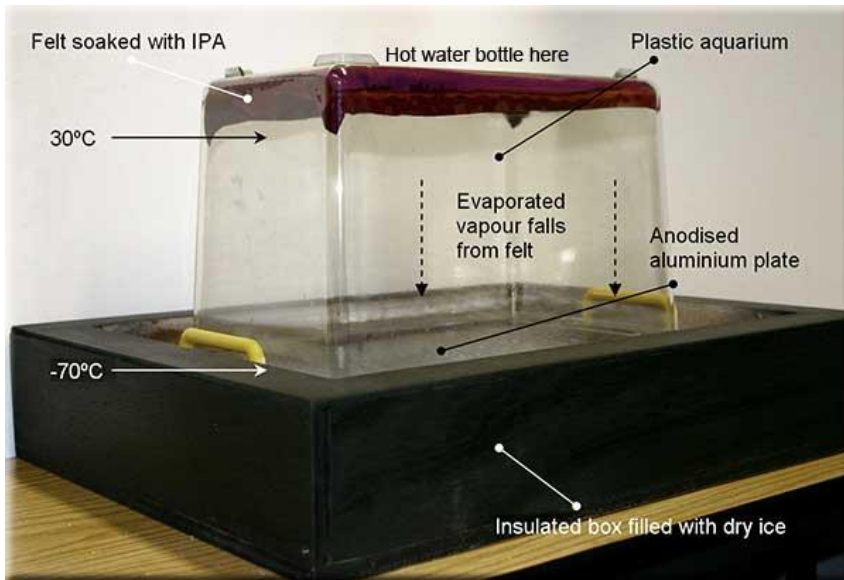
-Bothe-Becker, Joliot-Curie discovered highly penetrating rays (even thru lead) from Be radiation;



Rutherford's model



# Wilson's Cloud Chamber

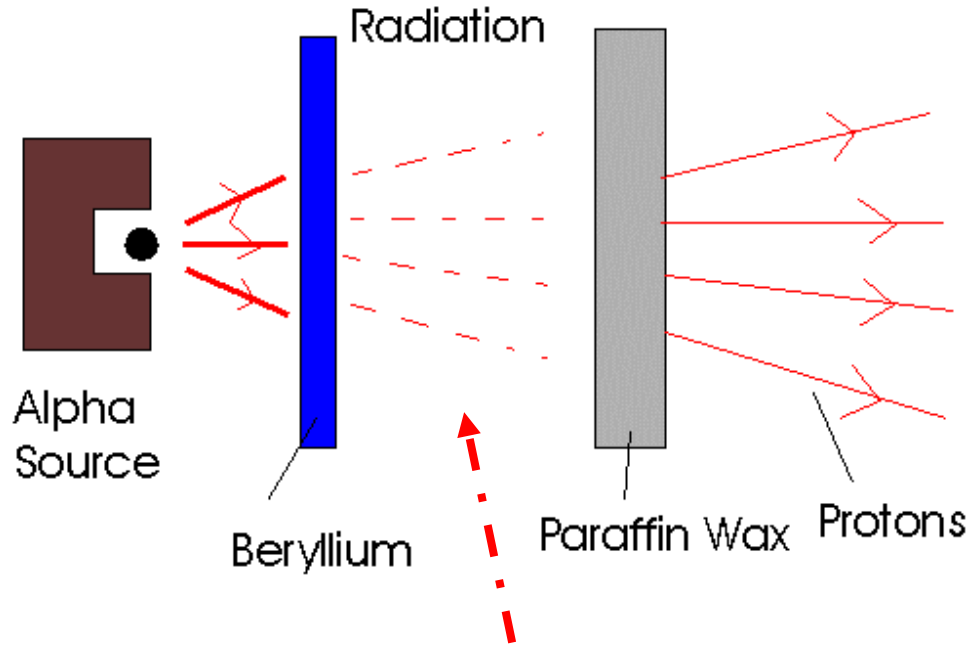


**When a charged particle passes through a supersaturated gas, a series of droplets marking the path of the particle condenses out of the vapor, as the particle ionizes atoms along the track. These tracks are momentarily visible, marking the path of the particle through the detector, taking photographs of any visible tracks.**

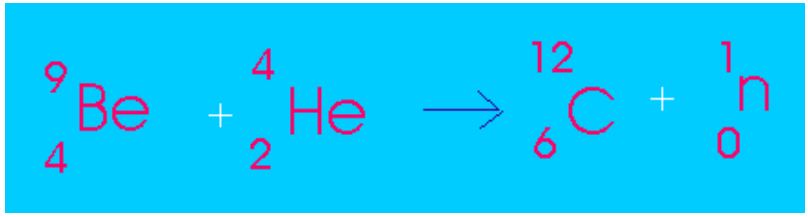
# Discovery of the neutron



James Chadwick



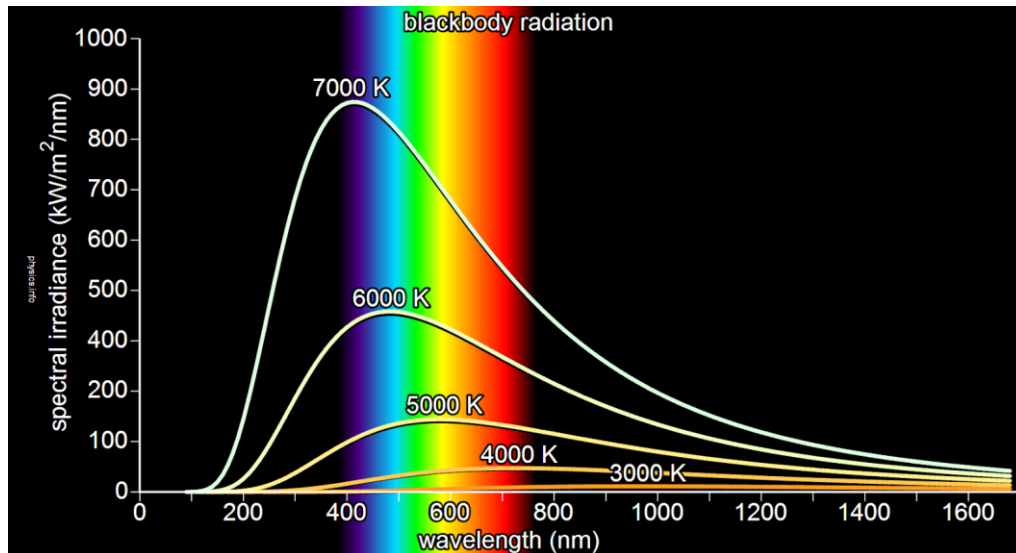
**Radiation of beryllium, immune to E and B fields (beam of neutrons)**



The basis for the word neutron is both "neutral" and the suffix "-on," which comes from the Greek word "ión" meaning "to go." The word ion first appeared in English in 1834, and neutron appeared in 1921.



# Stefan-Boltzmann, Wien and Max Planck - black body radiation-relation between an object's temperature and wavelength of radiation it emits



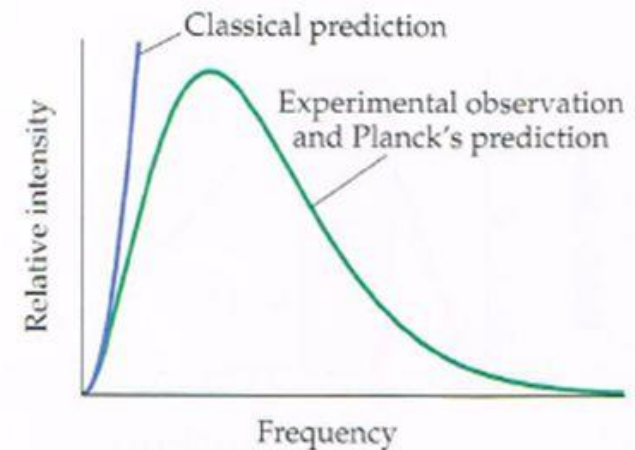




~1900s

# Planck's Quantum Hypothesis

- Attempts to explain blackbody radiation using classical physics failed miserably
  - At low temps. Prediction & exp match well
  - At high temps. Classical prediction explodes to infinity
  - Very different from experimental result
  - Referred to as the Ultraviolet Catastrophe

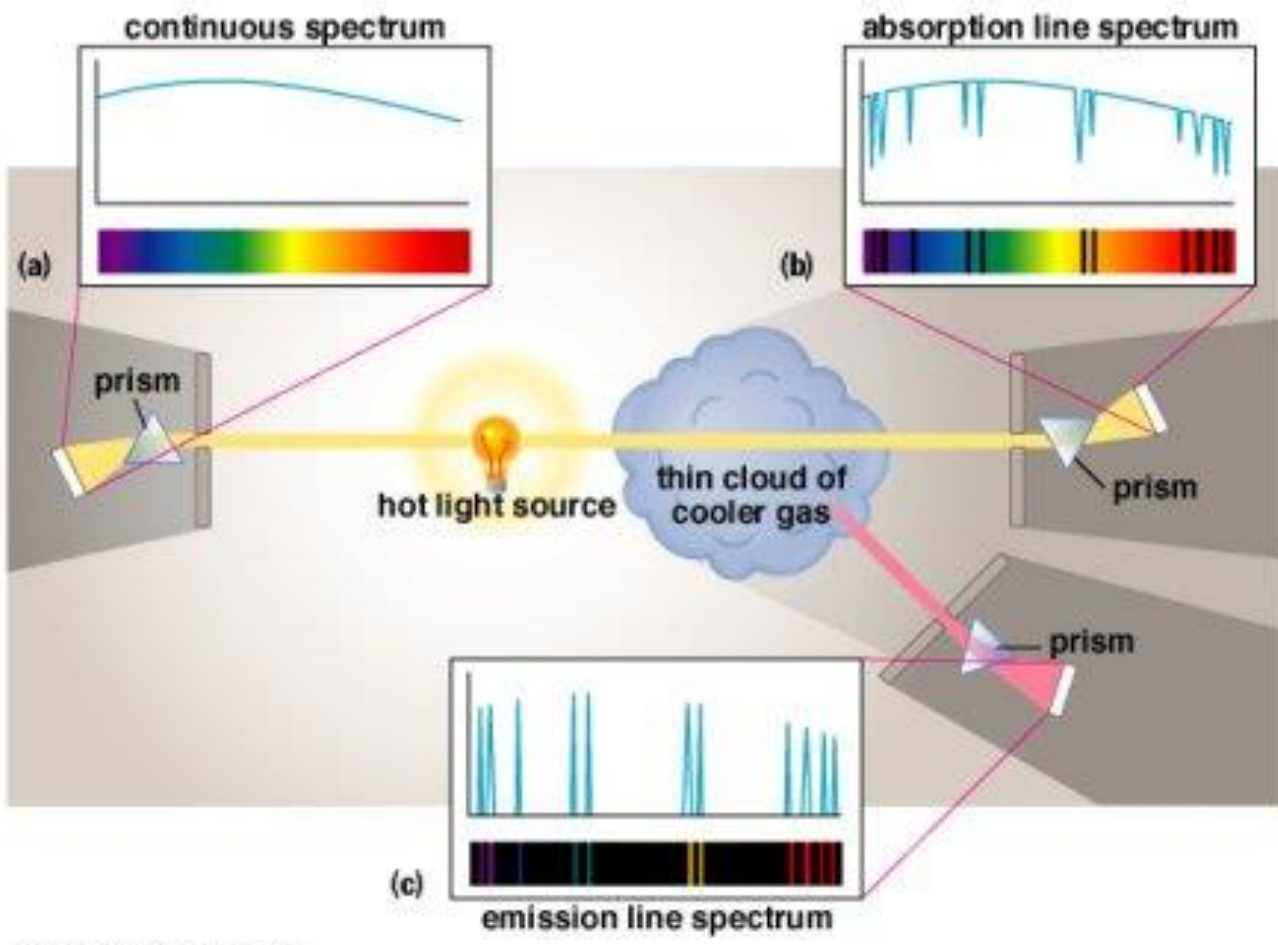


▲ **FIGURE 30-3 The ultraviolet catastrophe**

Classical physics predicts a blackbody radiation curve that rises without limit as the frequency increases. This outcome is referred to as the ultraviolet catastrophe. By assuming energy quantization, Planck was able to derive a curve in agreement with experimental results.



# Continuous, absorption and emission spectra (Fraunhofer, Kirchhoff ...) - spectroscopy.



# Matter waves

In 1924, de Broglie suggested that the matter particles will have associated waves known as de Broglie waves or matter waves

## de Broglie Wavelength

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p} \text{ (or) } p = \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

## de Broglie Wavelength in terms of KE

Consider a particle of mass  $m$  moving with a velocity  $v$

Kinetic Energy of the particle

$$E = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2m}m^2v^2 = \frac{p^2}{2m}$$

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} \Rightarrow p^2 = 2mE \Rightarrow p = \sqrt{2mE}$$



Louis de Broglie

de Broglie wavelength

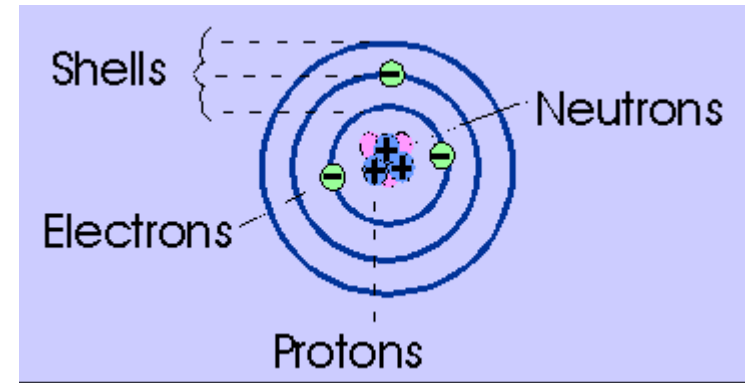
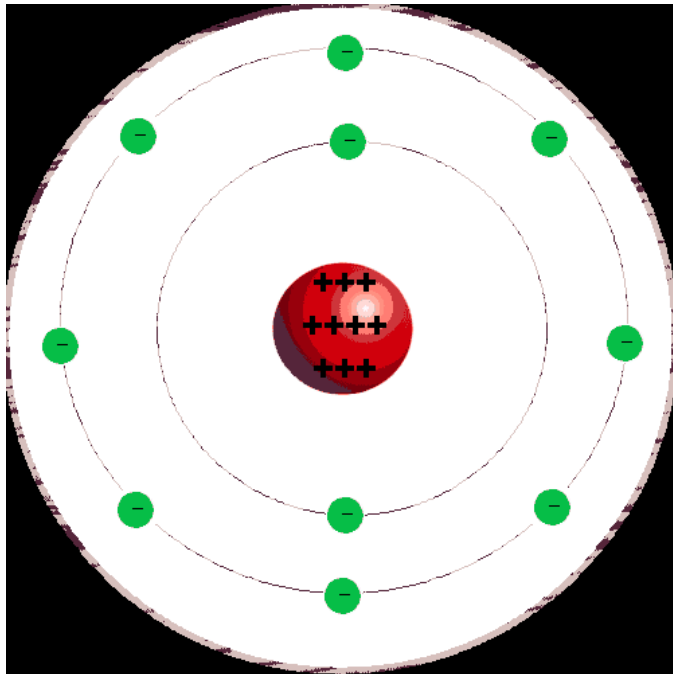
$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

de Broglie wavelength in terms of KE

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{\sqrt{2mE}}$$

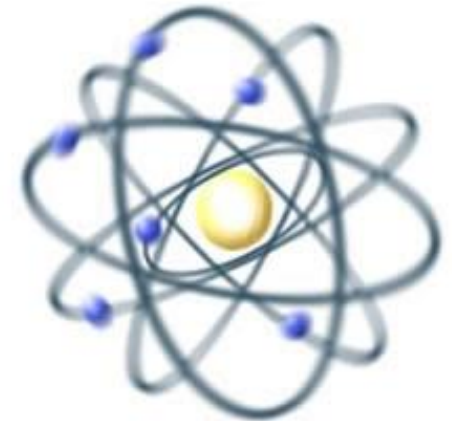


# Bohr's model of atom ~1913



Nearly all of the mass of the atom is concentrated in a very small positively charged nucleus.

How small is the nucleus?  
What holds it together?



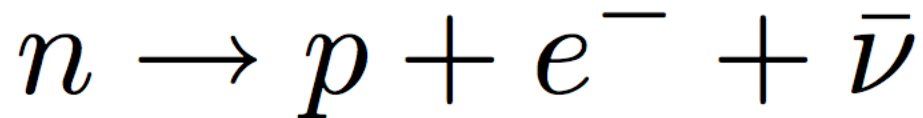




# The Neutrino

A free neutron decays to a proton and electron in about 15 minutes. From conservation of momentum and conservation of energy...

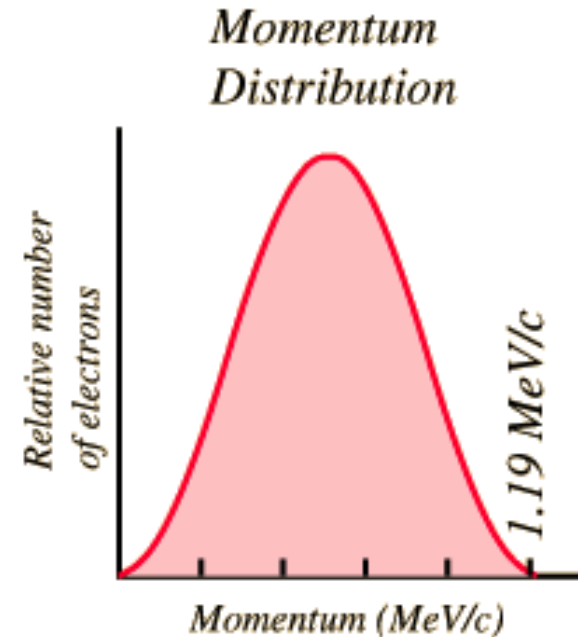
- not a 2-body decay
- must be a third unseen particle



**“ghost-like” particle**

Predicted theoretically in 1930 by Wolfgang Pauli.

Discovered in 1956 by Cowan and Reines.



# Fundamental Particles by ...

1932

neutrino

$\nu$

electron

$e^-$

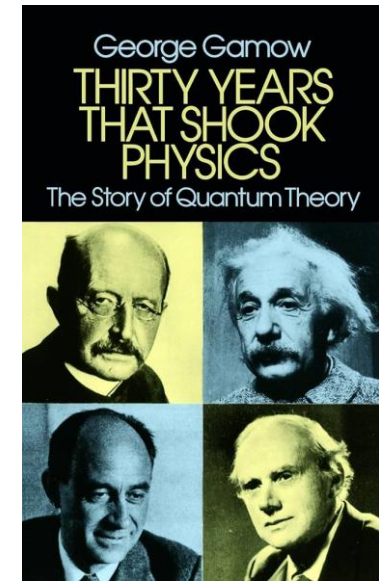
photon  $\gamma$

proton

$p$

neutron

$n$





# Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle

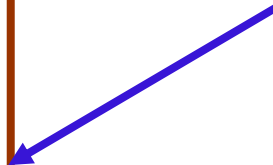
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precision of measurement



$$\Delta x \approx \frac{\hbar}{\Delta p}$$

momentum transferred



where  $\hbar \approx 6.32 \times 10^{-32}$  Js

Why we need large, expensive high energy accelerators?

If you want to probe something at small distances, you have to kick it hard!



# Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle

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$$\Delta E \Delta t \geq \frac{h}{2\pi}$$

The more accurately we know the energy, less accurately we know how long it possess that energy.

The energy can be known with perfection,  $\Delta E=0$ , only if measurement is made over a long period of time  $\Delta t=\infty$





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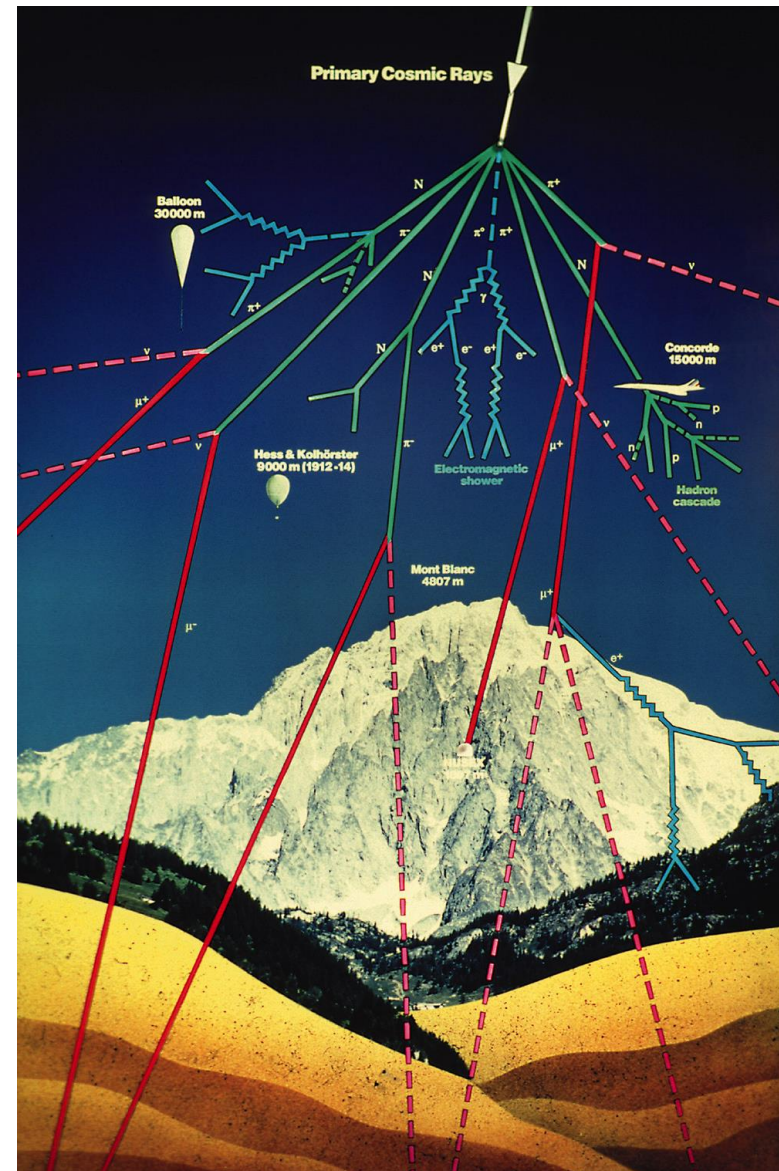
# The “Modern” Period

1932 – 1974

# Cosmic Rays-the cosmic accelerator



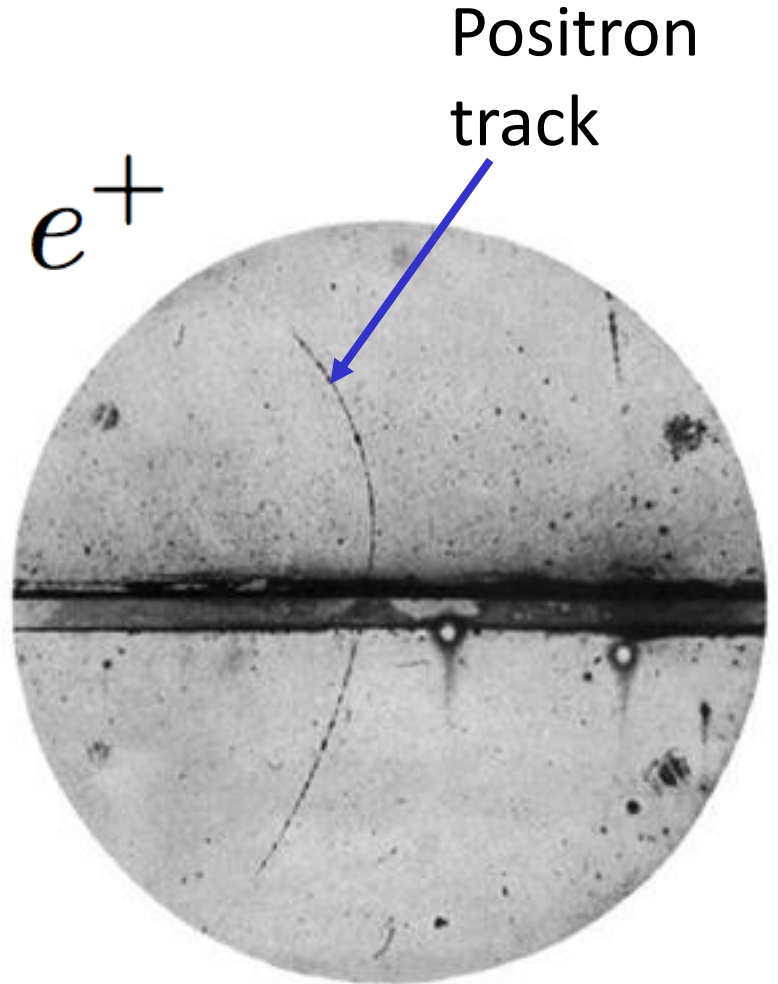
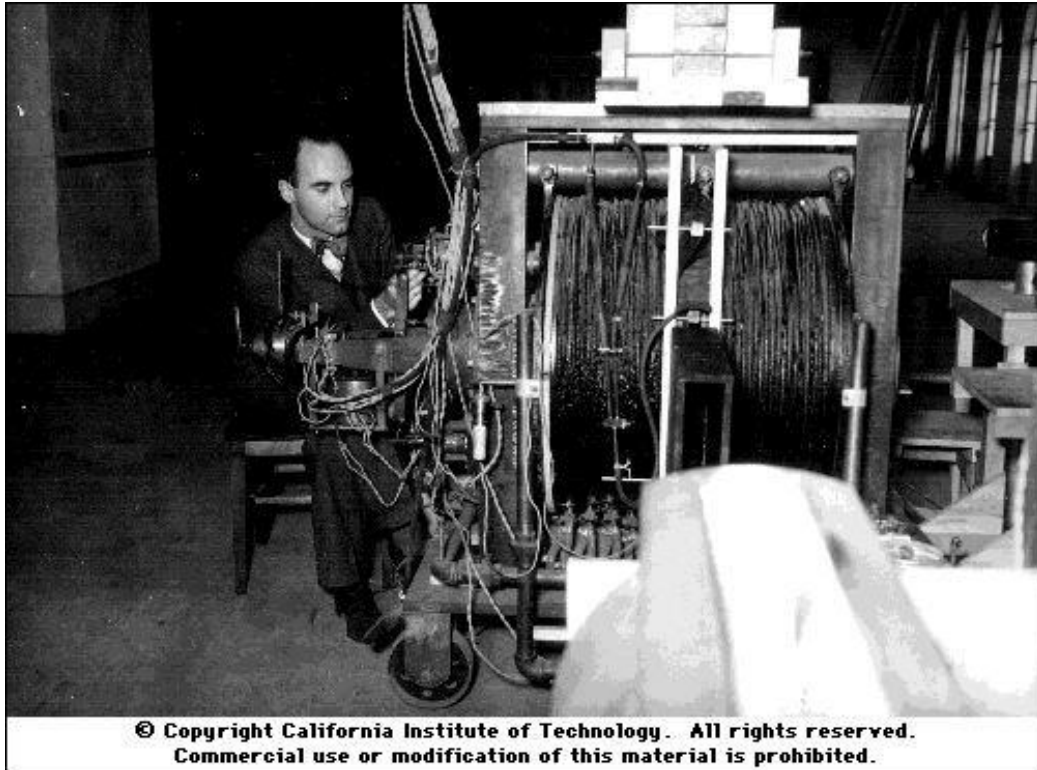
- Becquerel: ionization of air caused by radioactive elements underground;
- Victor Hess measures air ionization level in a balloon: “radiation of high energy enters from above”.
- much higher energies than available in the lab: higher energies could produce more massive particles.





# Antimatter

1932-Carl D. Anderson discovers the anti-electron, the **positrons**  
(same mass, but positive charge)





# Discovery of the Muon

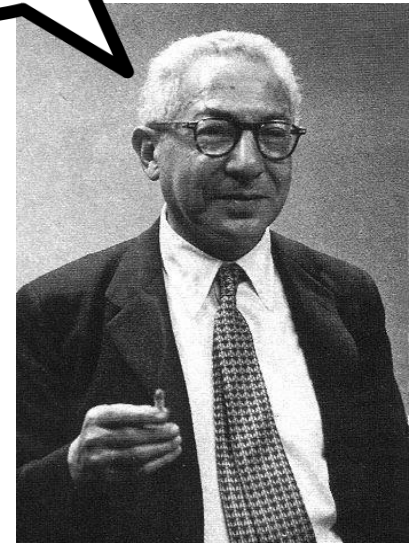
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1937-also Anderson discovered a heavy electron ( $105.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ ) - the **muon**

$\mu$

Who ordered that?

Same charge just like the electron, but about 200 times more massive.



Isaac Rabi

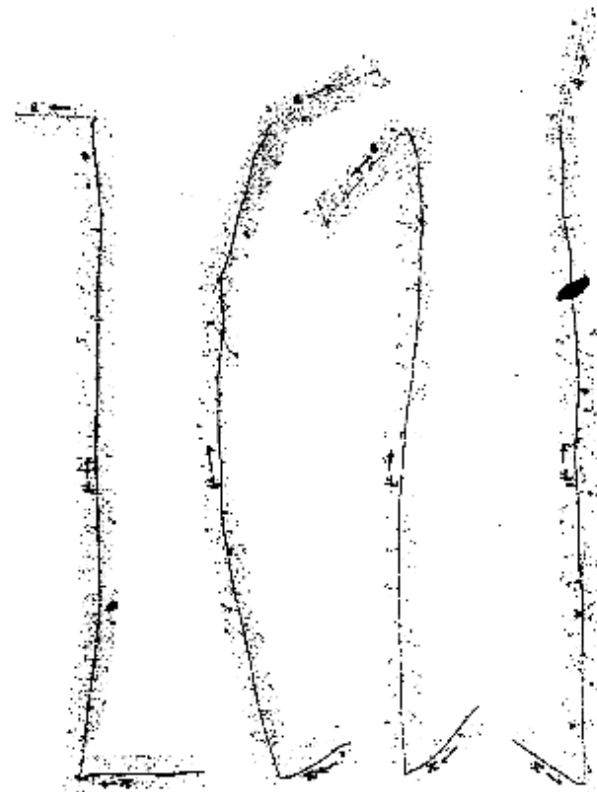
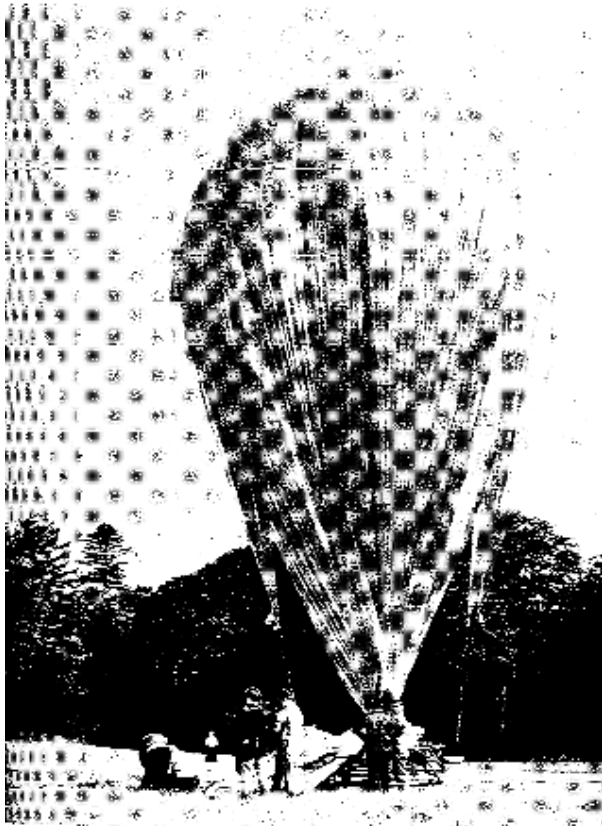




# Particles Discoveries

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1935, pions were theoretically predicted by Hideki Yukawa  
1947: **pions** were discovered using photographic emulsions at high altitudes





# 1952-The Bubble chamber

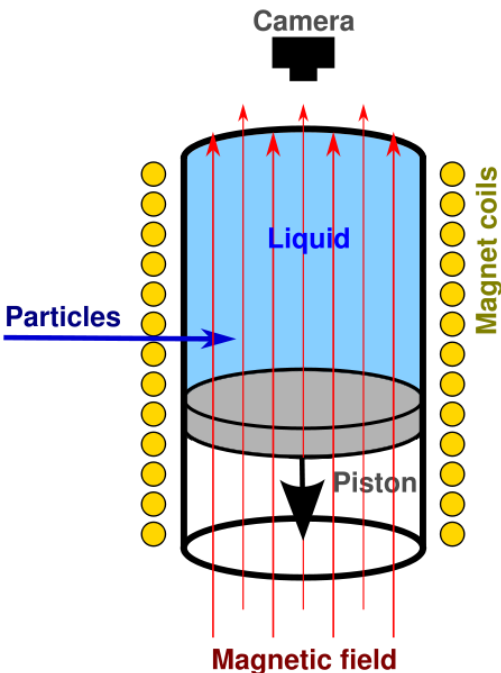


Donald Glaser

The bubble chamber is made by filling a large cylinder with liquid hydrogen heated to just below its boiling point. As particles enter the chamber, a piston suddenly decreases its pressure, and the liquid enters into a superheated phase. Charged particles create an ionization track, around which the liquid vaporizes, forming microscopic bubbles. Bubble density around a track is proportional to a particle's energy loss.

Bubbles grow in size as the chamber expands, until they are large enough to be seen or photographed. Several cameras are mounted around it, allowing a three-dimensional image of an event to be captured. Bubble chambers with resolutions down to a few  $\mu\text{m}$  have been operated.

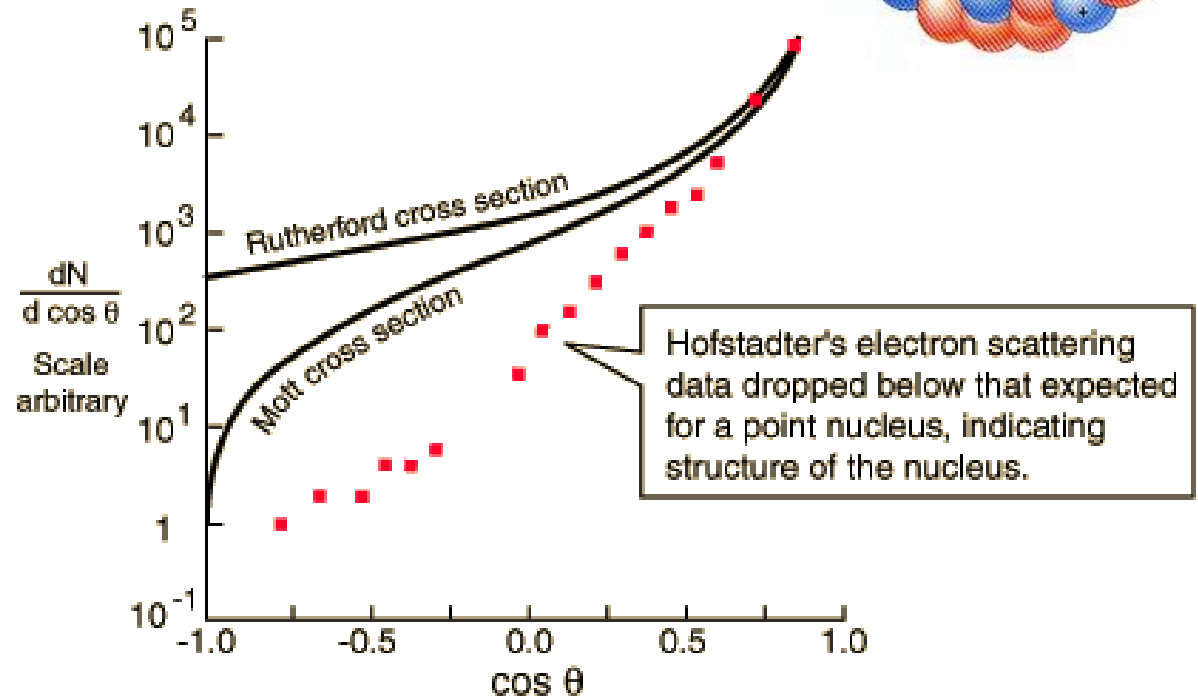
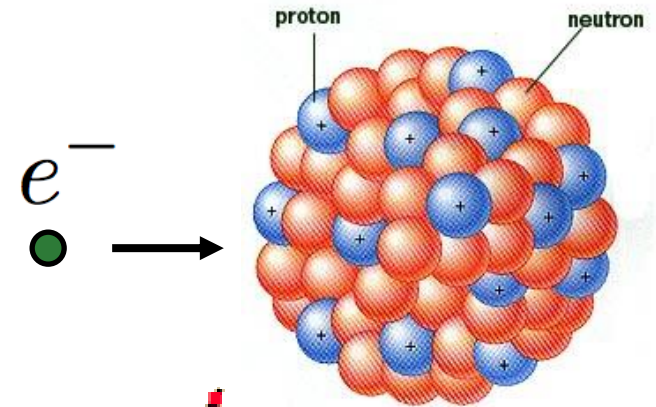
The whole chamber is subject to a constant magnetic field, which causes charged particles to travel in helical paths whose radius is determined by their [charge-to-mass ratios](#)..





# Structure of the Nucleus

1953 - Hofstadter scattered 125 MeV ( $10^6$  eV) electrons off of nuclei.

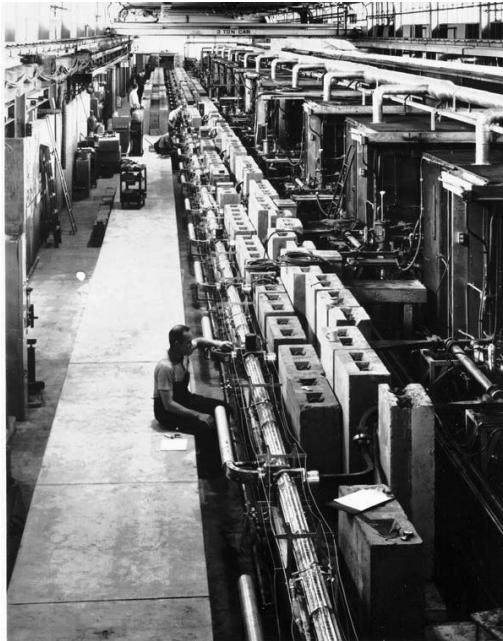
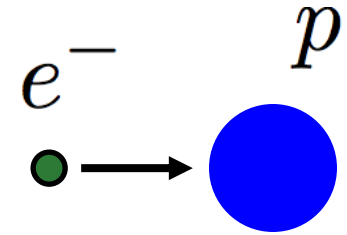


nuclear size:  $\sim 10^{-13}$  cm



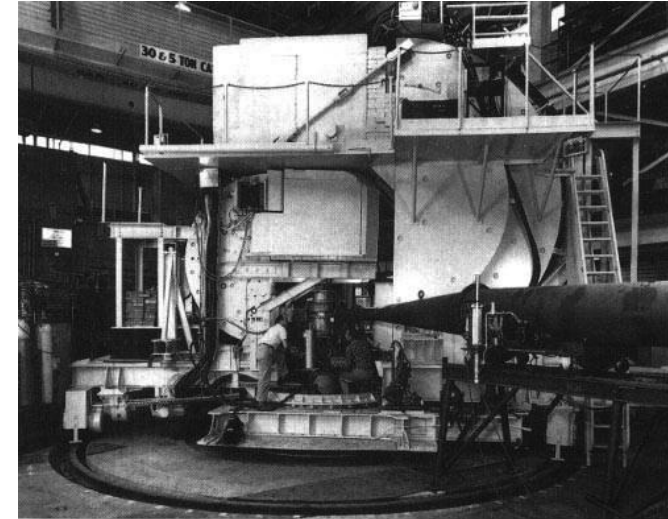
# Structure of the Proton

1956—Hofstadter scattered 550MeV electrons off of a proton.



$$W = qV = \frac{mv^2}{2} = KE$$

$$v = \sqrt{\frac{2qV}{m}}$$



Spectrometer

Electron Linear Acc at Stanford University (SLAC)

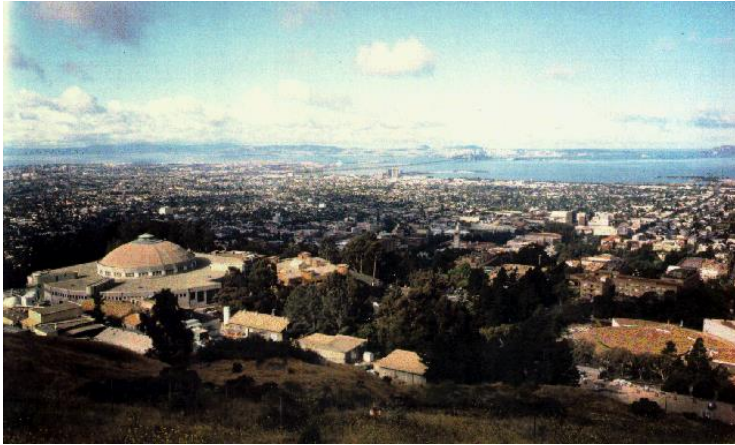
The proton has a size, it is not a point-like object.





# The Bevatron (1954-1993)

6 GeV proton synchrotron  
in the hills of Berkeley



Designed to discover  
the anti-proton

$$F_{\text{mag}} = F_{\text{centripetal}}$$

$$qvB = \frac{mv^2}{r}$$

$$r = \frac{mv}{qB}$$



# More particles – Particle Data Group

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<https://pdg.lbl.gov/index.html>

$\Delta$  (Delta) particle,

$\Sigma$  (Sigma) particle,

Kaon - Caltech,

Antiproton - Berkeley, Segre&Chamberlain

$\eta$  (Eta) particle,

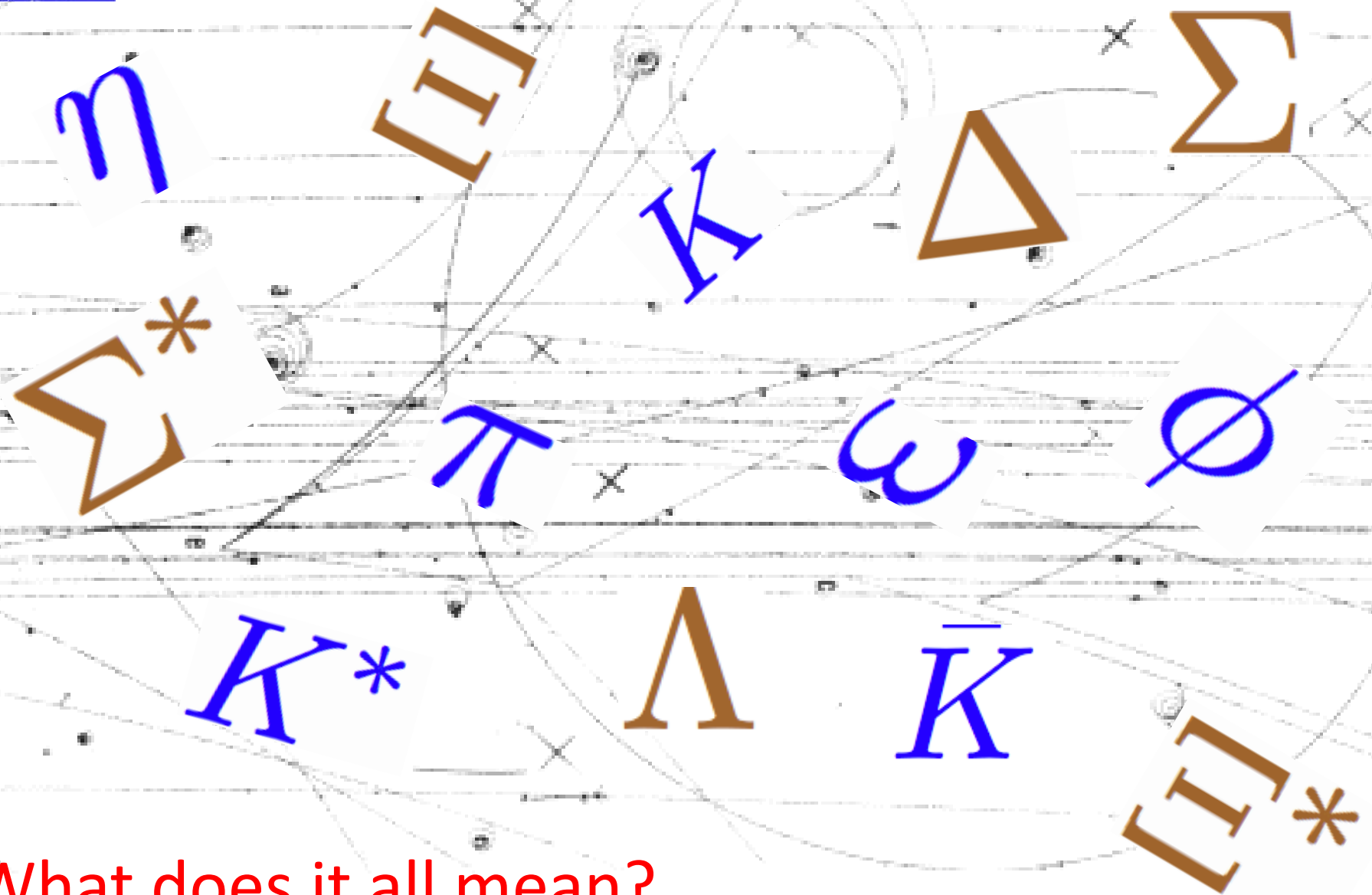
$\Xi$  (Xi) particle - Brookhaven

$\Lambda$  (Lambda) particle,

Tau particle - SLAC/LBL (Stanford and Berkeley)

...

# The Particle Zoo (1955-1965)



What does it all mean?



# A classification is needed

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NAMES, CONSERVATION LAWS, RULES

Classical: energy, mass, linear momentum, angular momentum

Q—electric charge (...,-1,0,+1,...)

S—strange number (...,-2,-1,0,+1,+2,...)

B-Baryon number (-1, 0, +1)

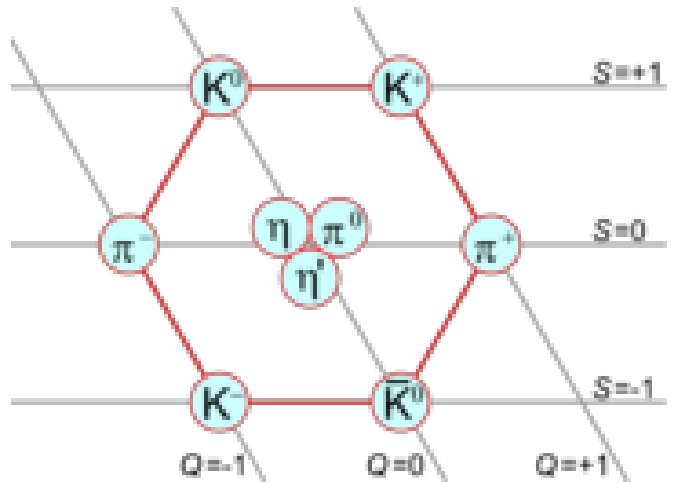
L-lepton number (-1, 0, +1)

Mesons (2 quarks), Baryons (3 quarks), Leptons,  
Bosons, ...

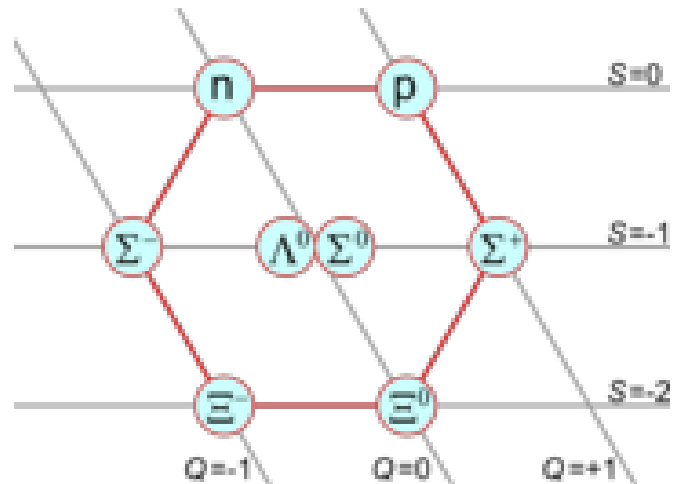




# Classification ... Again



meson octet

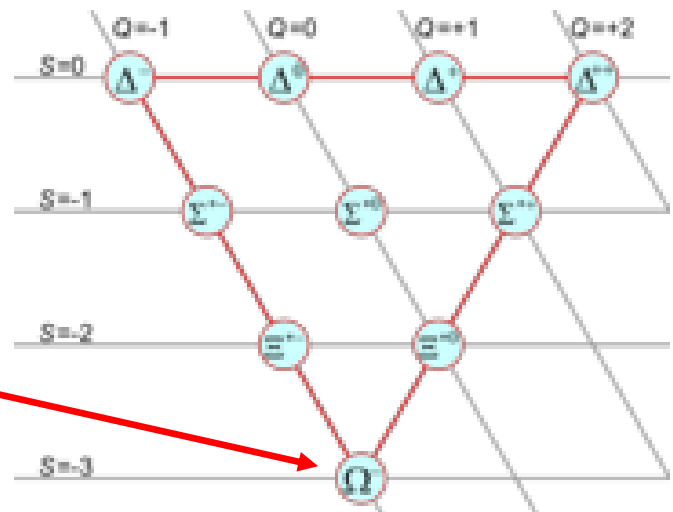


baryon octet

prediction:

$\Omega^-$

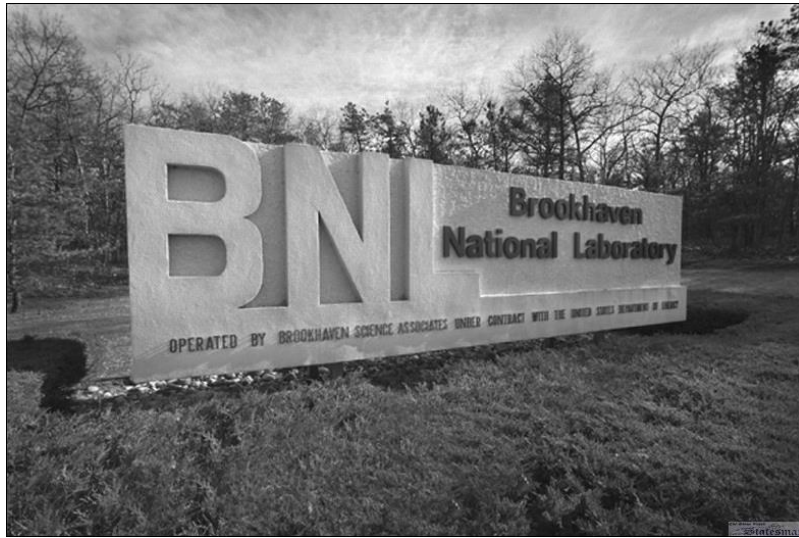
bound state of  
3 strange quarks



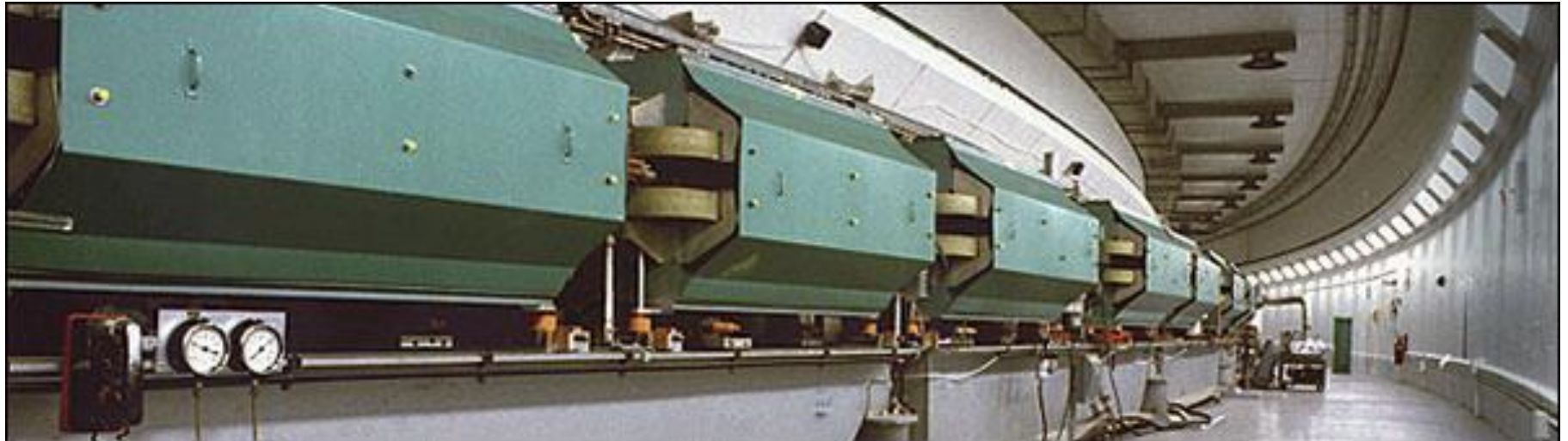
baryon decaplet



# Brookhaven National Lab (BNL), 1947



33 GeV proton synchrotron



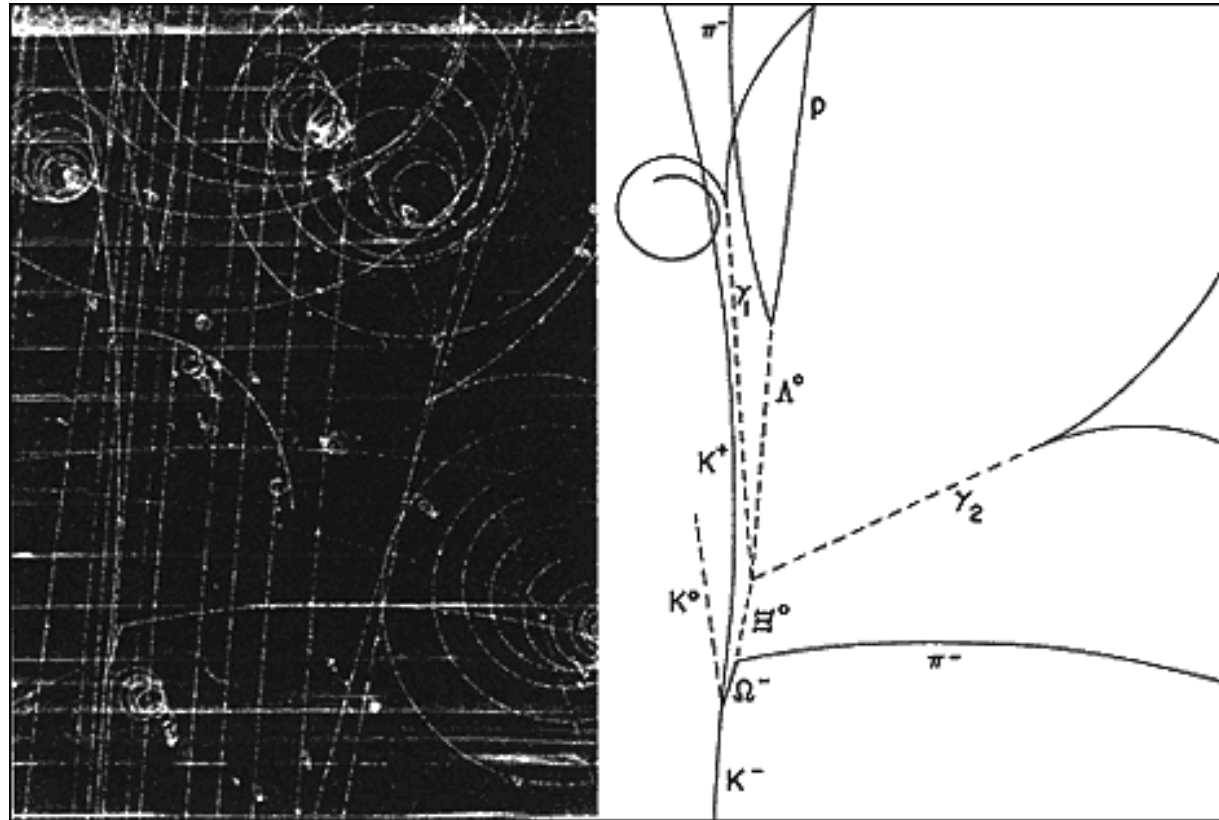


# Discovery of the Omega Minus

1964



Nick Samios

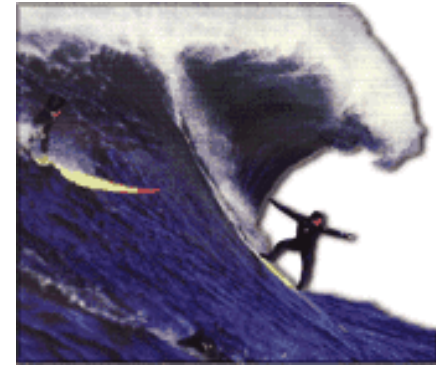


Who with who collision?

80-inch bubble chamber



# Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC), 1962



2-mile long linear accelerator

30 GeV  
electrons



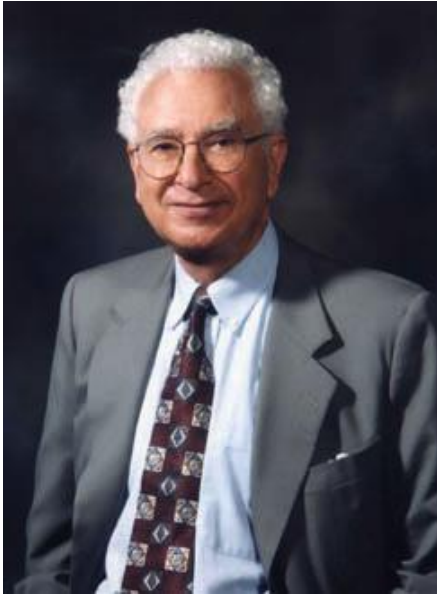




# Quarks and anti-quarks ???

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1964



Murray Gell-Mann

up

down

strange

mesons:

$q\bar{q}$

baryons:

$qqq$

How quarks were discovered?

Who with who collision?

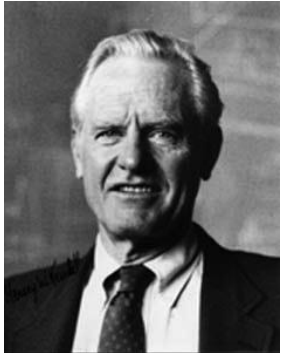
How quarks were named?



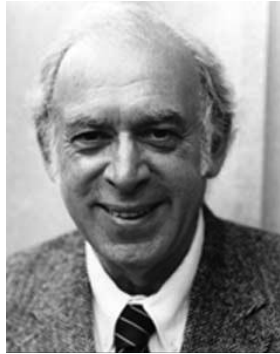
# Inside the Proton

1968

SLAC - MIT Group



Kendall



Friedman



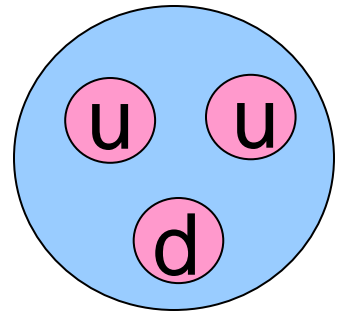
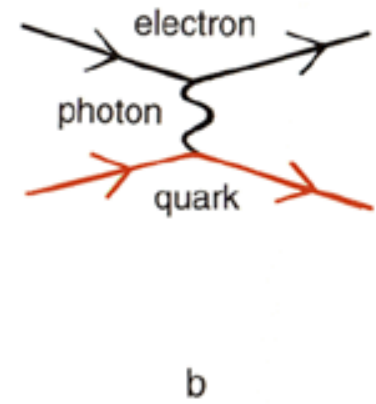
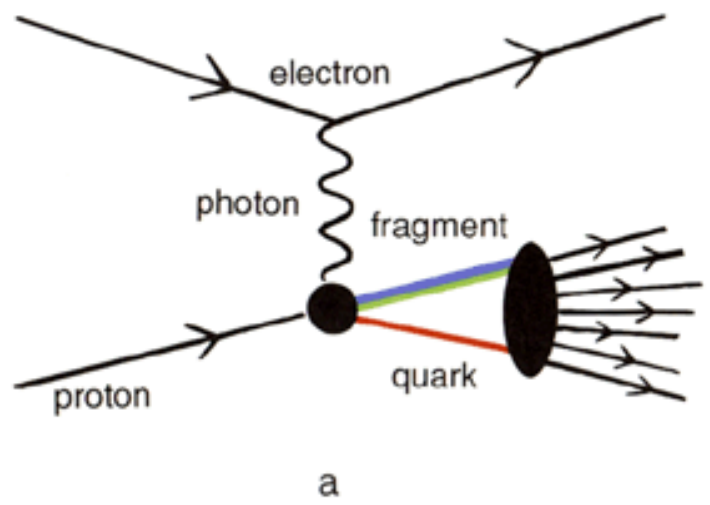
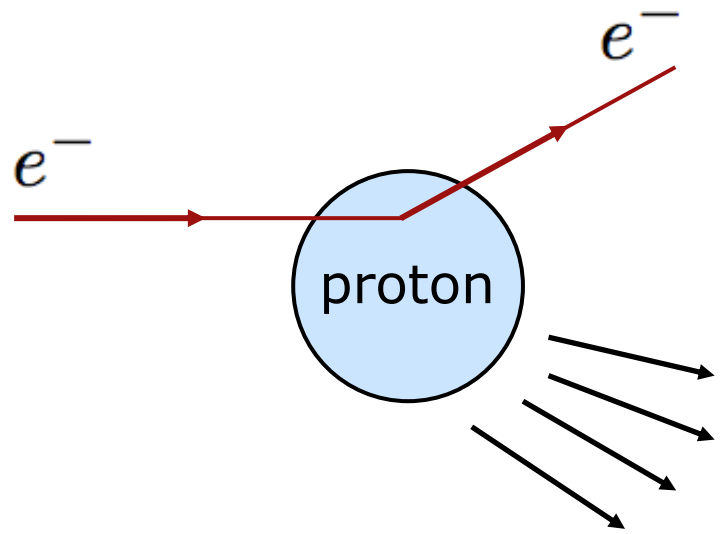
Taylor



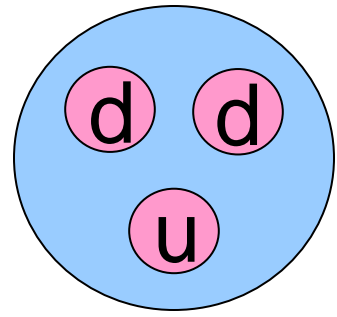
Rutherford scattering off of a  
point objects again  
-deep inelastic scattering



# Inside the Proton



proton



neutron



# Fundamental Particle Physics by ...

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1974

	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	gauge boson
leptons	$e^-$	$\mu^-$	
<hr/>			
quarks	$u$		
	$d$	$s$	

Compare with 1932 classification





# The Golden Period

1974 – 1982



# Discovery of a New Quark

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1974 SPEAR –  
Berkeley ?  
Stanford group ?  
Electron-positron collision at 3GeV  
J-psi meson

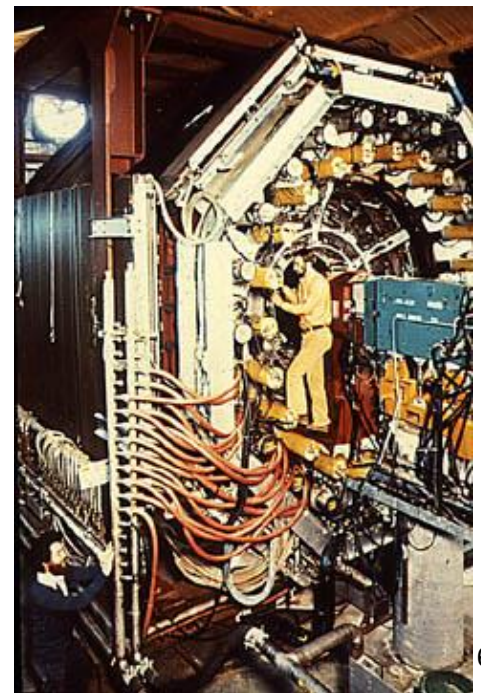
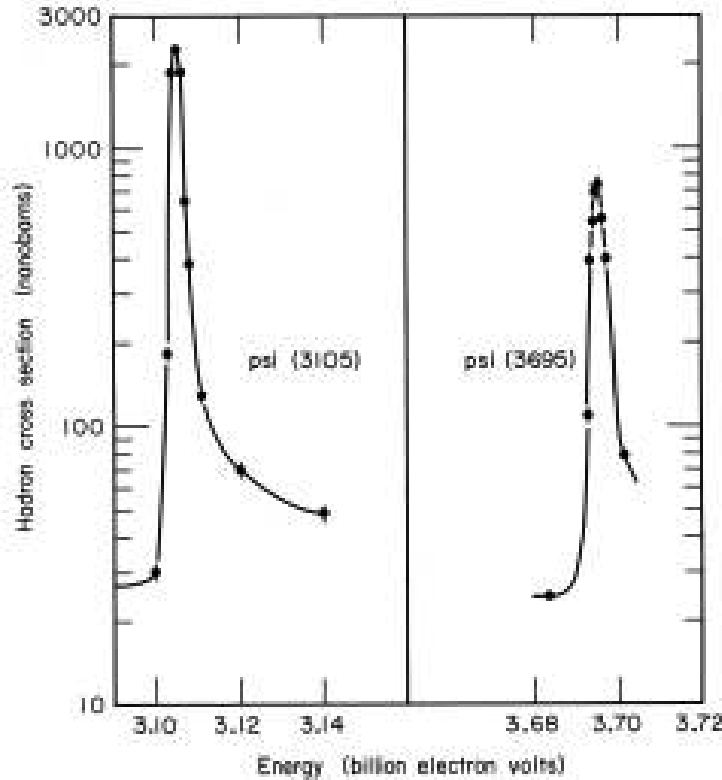
$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow J/\psi$$



# Discovery of a New Quark



Burt Richter  
@ Stanford



bound state of **charm** and **anti-charm** quarks.  
**Charmonium** !

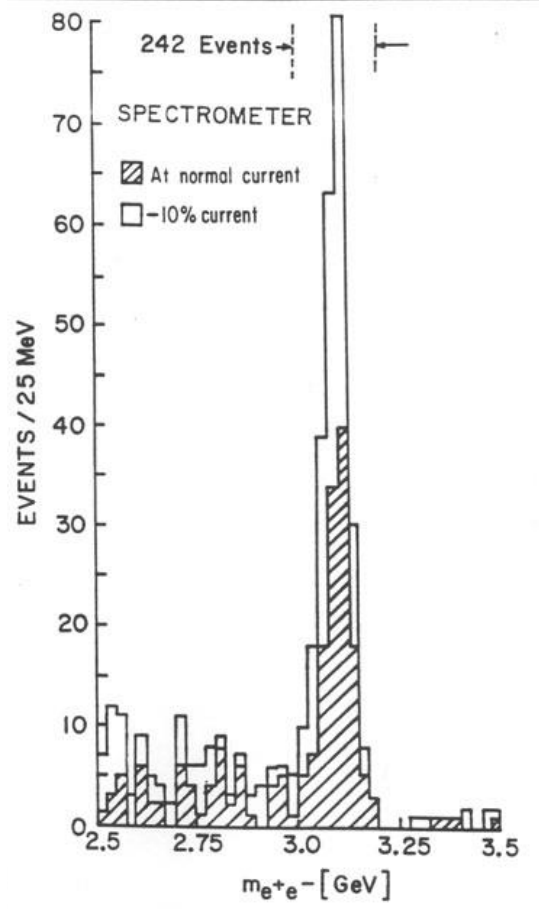
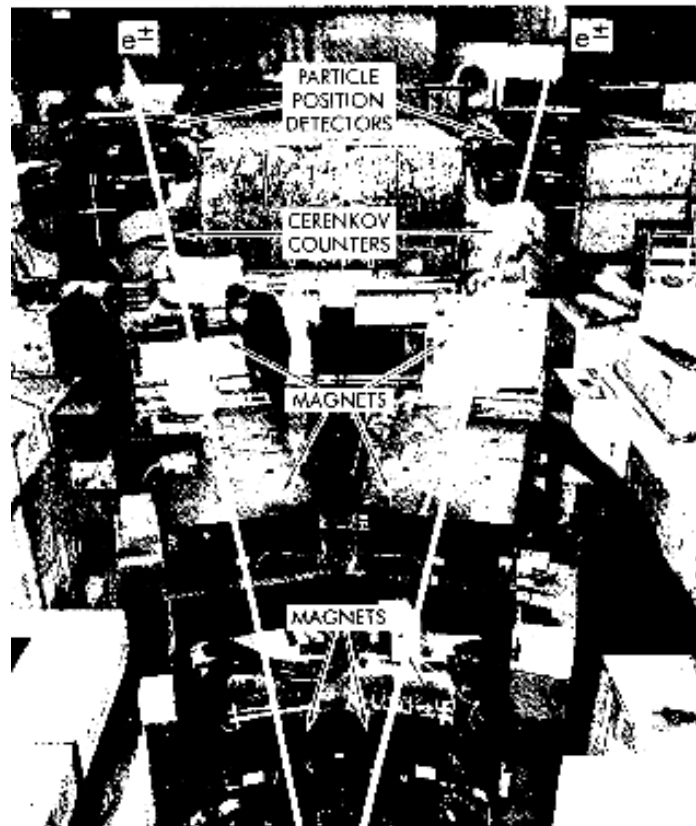
$$J/\psi$$



# Simultaneous Discovery



$$pp \rightarrow J/\psi + X$$



Sam Chao Ting  
@ Brookhaven

AGS-experiment  
Proton-proton  
Collision, at 33GeV

Double-arm spectrometer





# physics, US politics and money

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1990, Waxahachie, south of Dallas, Texas

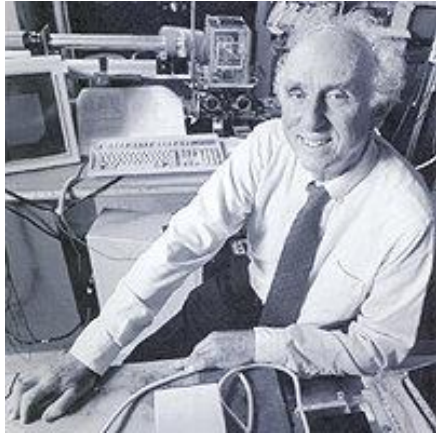
- Superconducting Super Collider (SSC), 87.1 km circumference, 20 TeV/proton x2
- Aprox 7 billion dollars
- cancelled in 1993





# Discovery of a New Heavy Electron

1975

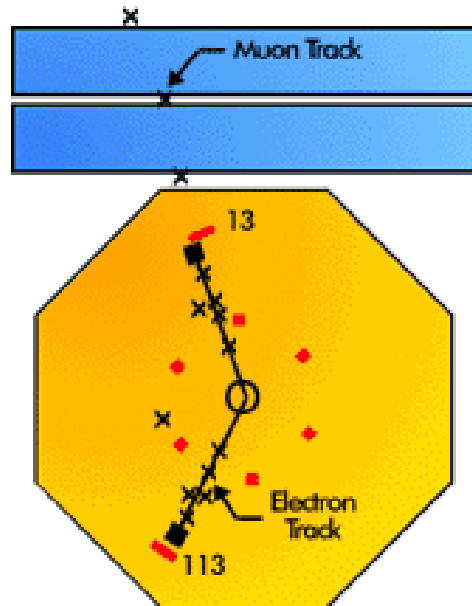
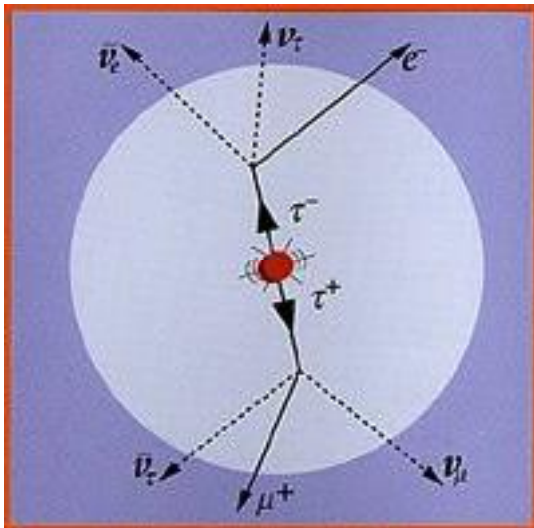


Martin Perl

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

$$\rightarrow \mu^+ e^- \nu_\tau \bar{\nu}_\tau \bar{\nu}_\mu \bar{\nu}_e$$

Electron-positron collision at ~3GeV



Tau lepton (just like electron except about 2000 times more massive.





# Fermilab

400 GeV Proton Synchrotron

2km (1.3mi) diameter ring



Robert  
Wilson





# Discovery of Another New Quark



Leon Lederman

1976

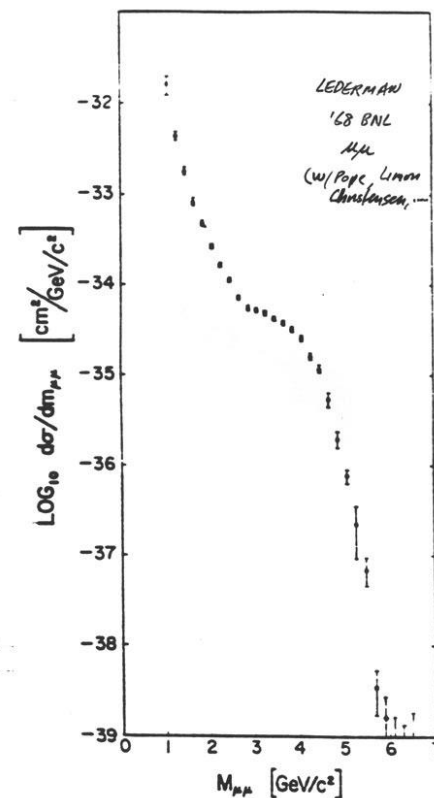
$\Upsilon$

bound state of **bottom**  
and **anti-bottom** quarks

$$pp \rightarrow \Upsilon + X$$

$$\Upsilon \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$

IN THE BEGINNING, .....



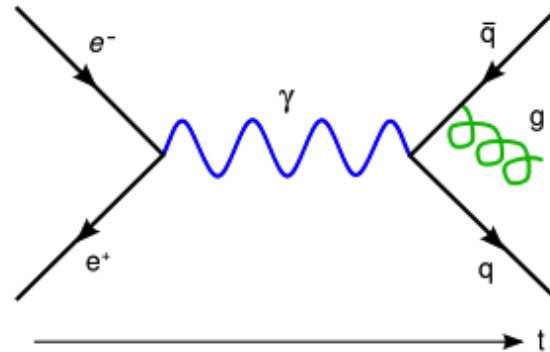
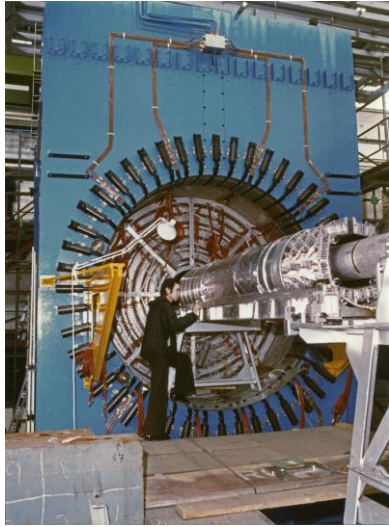




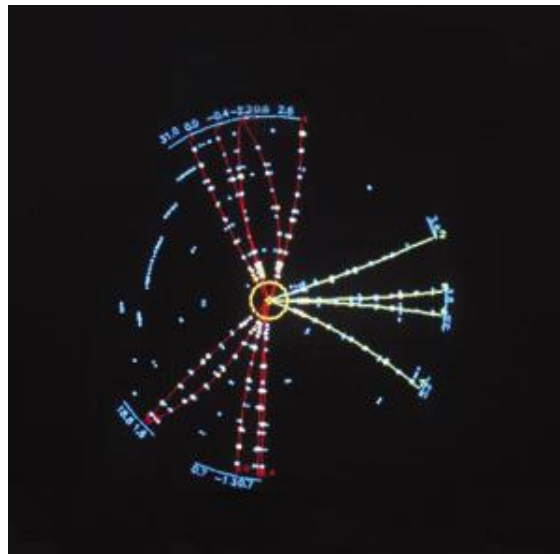
# Discovery of the Gluon

1979

30 GeV  $e^+e^-$  Collider

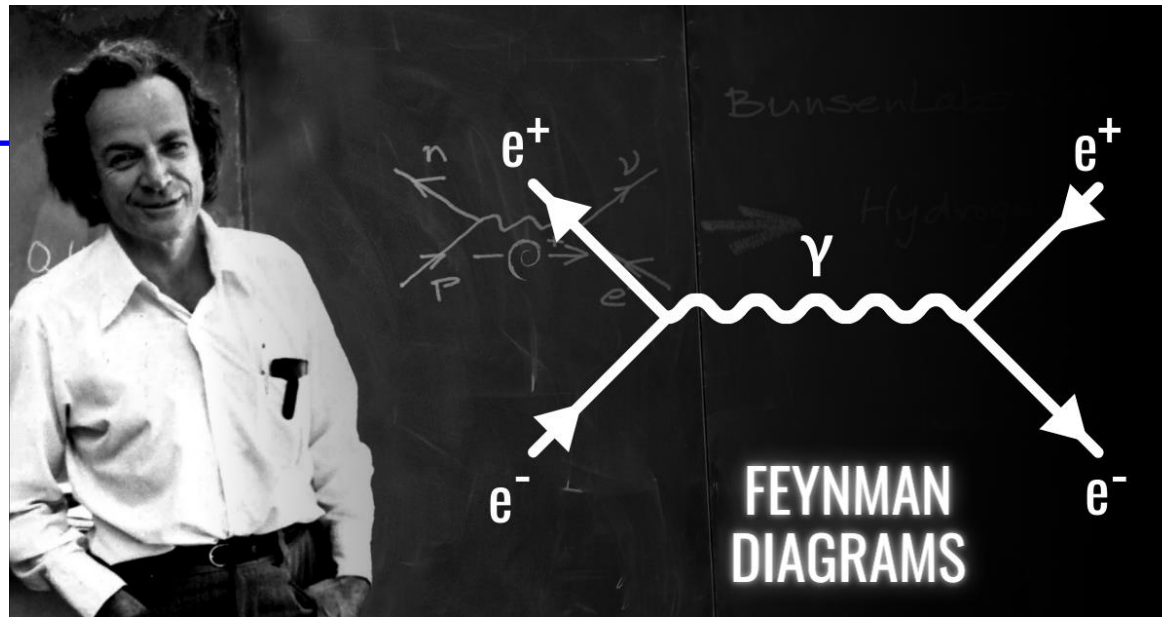


TASSO detector at DESY, PETRA-Positron Electron Tandem Ring Accelerator



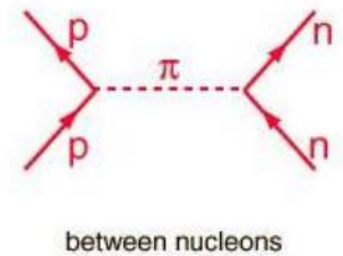
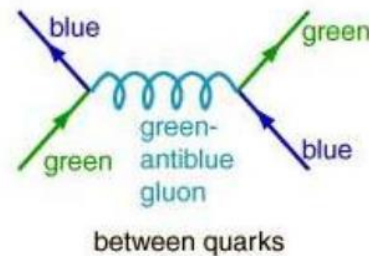
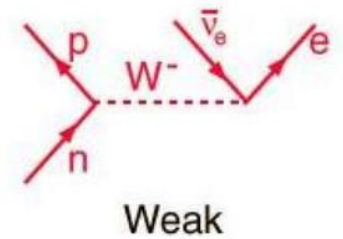
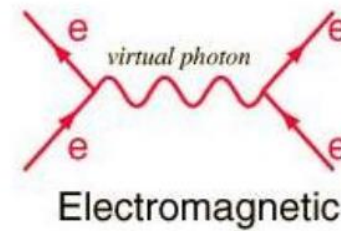
carrier of the strong force  
Quantum Chromo Dynamics

binds quarks together  
to make proton



Since 1948-a visual representation of particle interactions in quantum field theory.

-Squiggly, dotted, straight lines with arrows



Strong Interaction

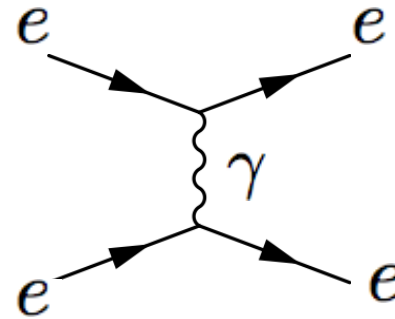


# The Standard Model

## Quantum Electrodynamics

charged particles interacting  
by photon exchange

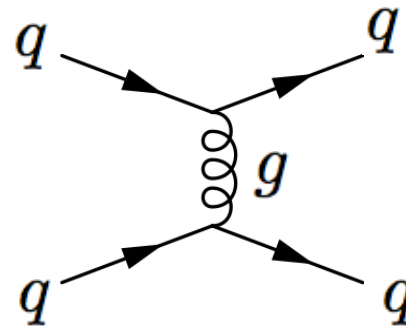
atomic physics



## Quantum Chromodynamics

quarks interacting  
by gluon exchange

binding of quarks



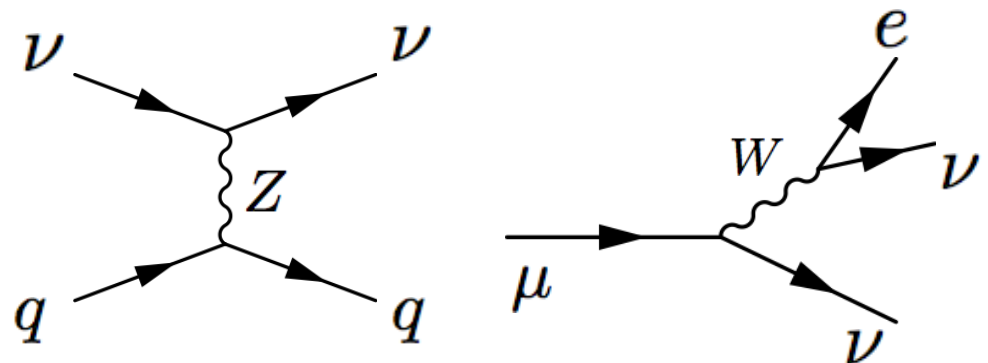
## Weak Force

particles interacting  
by W and Z exchange

heavy lepton decay

heavy quark decay

neutrino interactions







# CERN

Off to the French Alps

proton – antiproton  
collisions at 450 GeV





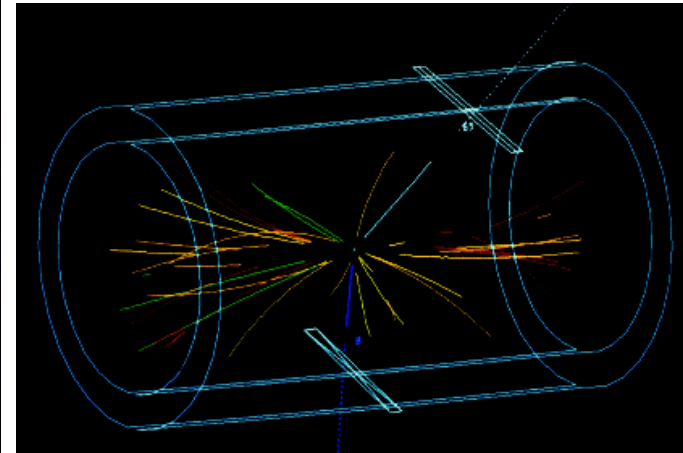
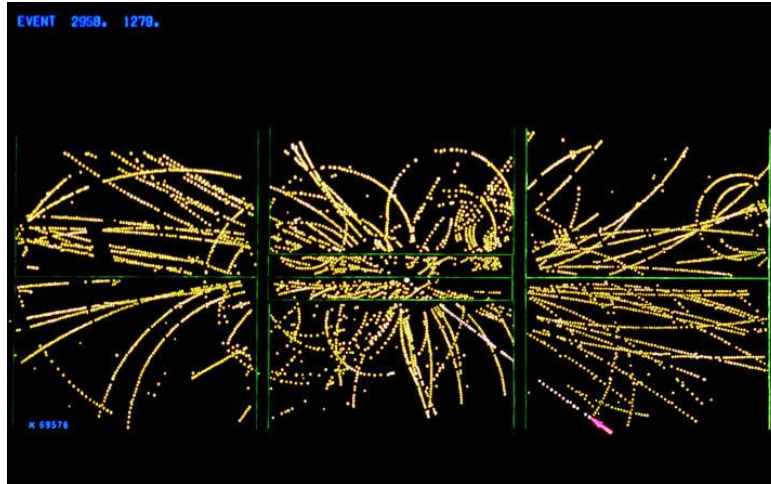


# Discovery of the W and Z bosons

1982



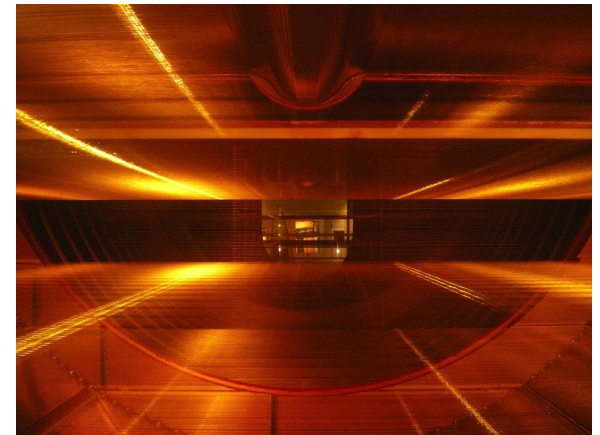
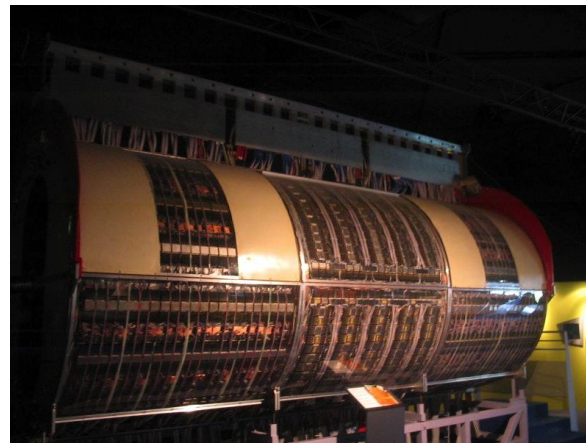
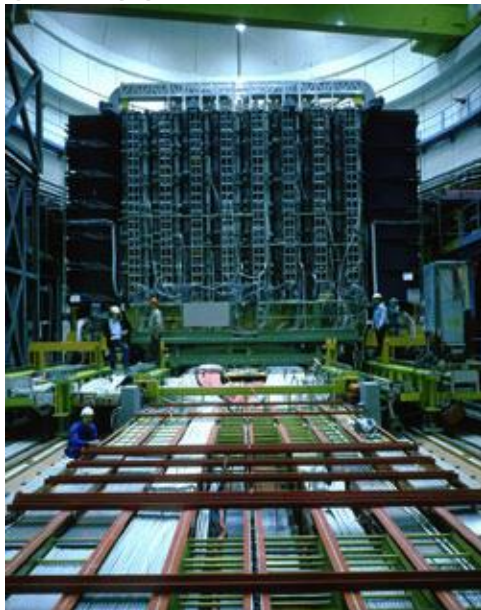
Rubbia and van der Meer



$$W \rightarrow e \nu$$

$$Z \rightarrow e^+ e^-$$

UA 1 Detector





# Fundamental Particle Physics

## 1982: The Standard Model

leptons	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	gauge bosons		
	$e^-$	$\mu^-$	$\tau^-$	$\gamma$	
quarks				$g$	
	$u$	$c$			
	$d$	$s$	$b$	$W^+$	$W^-$



# The Recent Period

## 1982 – 2012





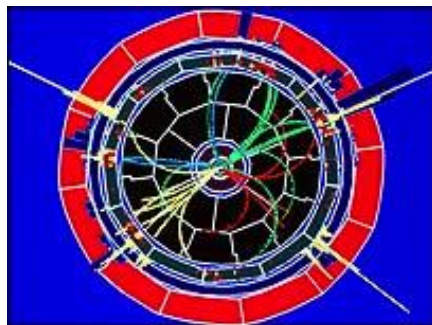
# Large Electron-Positron (LEP)

1989 - 2000

100 GeV electron - positron collisions at CERN



27 kilometer tunnel

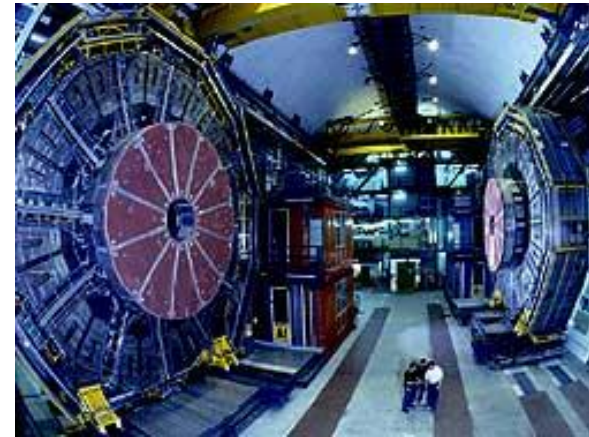




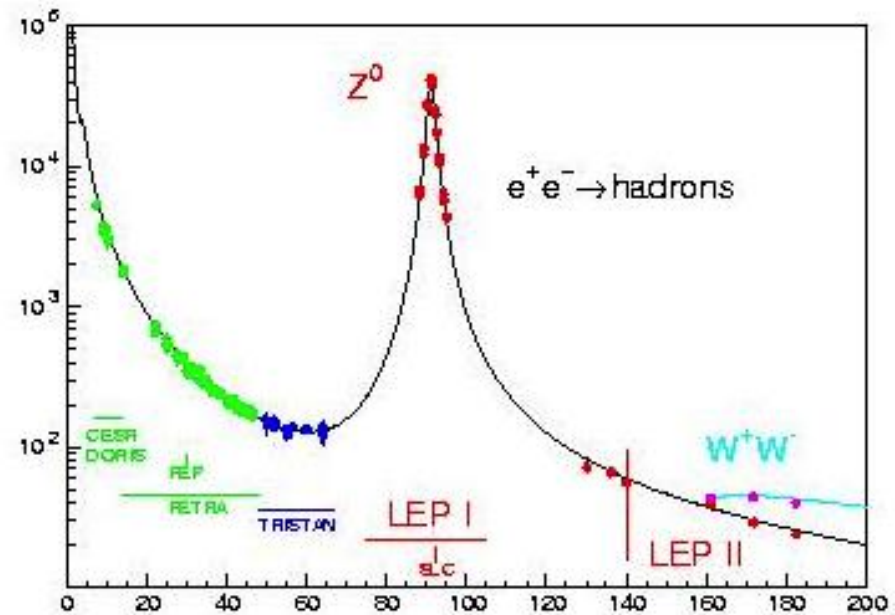
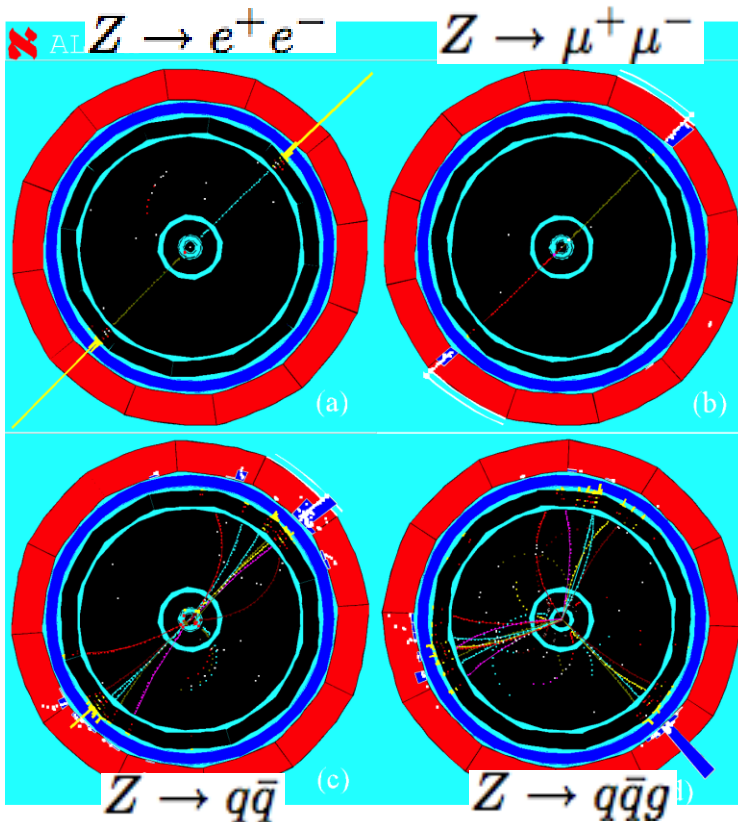


# Z Factory

Over 10 million  $Z$ 's produced and decays studied by four large detectors



Aleph Detector



# Precision Tests of Standard Model

- Standard Model tested to 0.1% level  
in agreement with all measurements  
down to  $10^{-16}$  cm

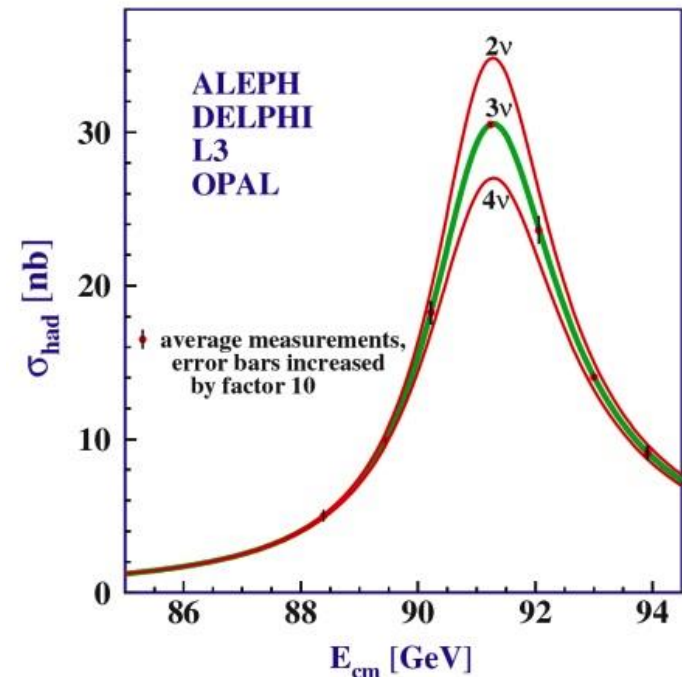
$$Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$$

- Only three light neutrinos

- Higgs still missing

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$$

$$m_H c^2 > 114 \text{ GeV}$$





# Discovery of the Top Quark

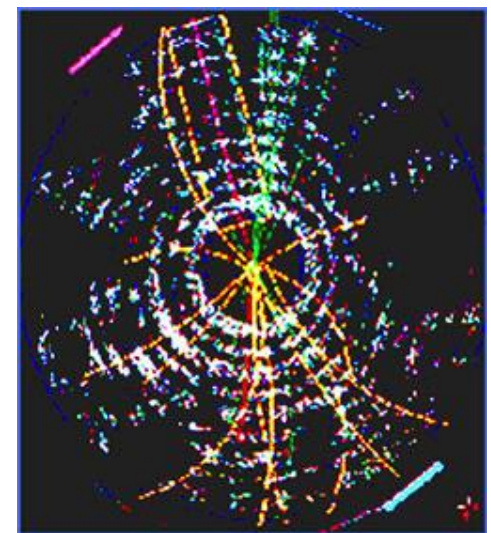
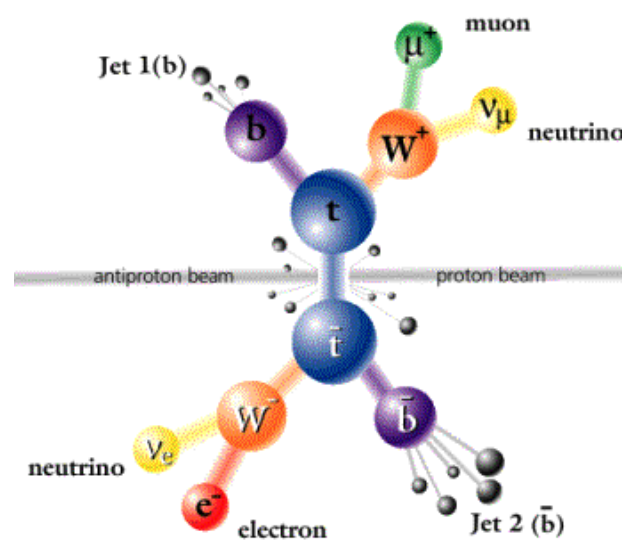
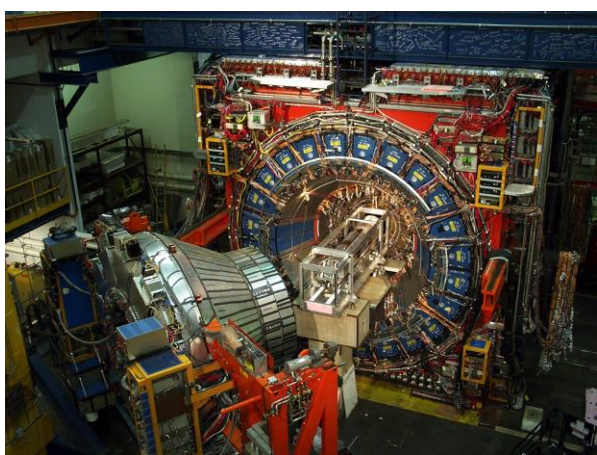
1995 2 TeV Proton - Antiproton collisions

Fermilab Tevatron Collider

Production top anti-top



D0 Collaboration



# Fundamental Particle Physics

2012

leptons

$\nu_e$   $\nu_\mu$   $\nu_\tau$   
 $e^-$   $\mu^-$   $\tau^-$

gauge bosons

$\gamma$   
 $g$

quarks

$u$   $c$   $t$   
 $d$   $s$   $b$

$W^+$   $W^-$   $Z^0$

Higgs



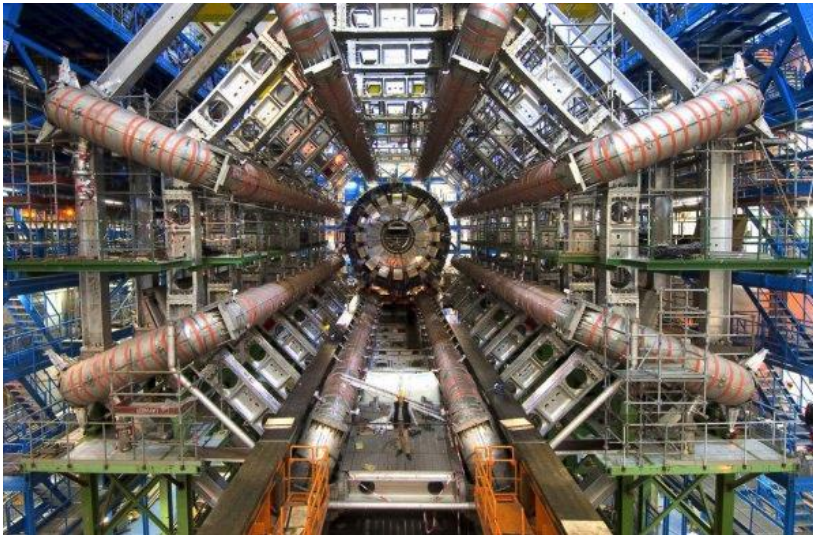


# The Large Hadron Collider

2012

14 TeV proton antiproton collisions in the LEP tunnel

probing matter at the  $10^{-17}$  cm scale



Atlas Detector



CMS Detector



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6 min

Large Hadron Collider - Animation Video

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

3 min

The Higgs field explained, Don Lincoln, TED-Ed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=joTKd5j3mzk>

7 min

The Higgs boson explained (CERN cafeteria)



# Summary

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Complete, consistent theory of fundamental physics

★ Fundamental constituents:

6 quarks and 6 leptons  
plus antiparticles

★ Three fundamental forces:

Electromagnetic

mediated by  
photons

Strong

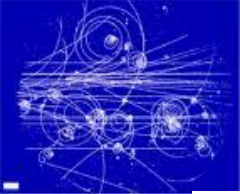
mediated by  
gluons

Weak

mediated by  
 $W^+$   $W^-$   $Z^0$

★ Agrees with all experiments to  $10^{-16}$  cm

★ Higgs particle



mass →	$\approx 2.3 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.275 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.07 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 126 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge →	2/3	2/3	2/3	0	0
spin →	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0
	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> Higgs boson
<b>QUARKS</b>	$\approx 4.8 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 95 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	
	-1/3	-1/3	-1/3	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b><math>\gamma</math></b> photon	
	$0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$105.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$1.777 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$91.2 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	-1	-1	-1	0	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	<b>e</b> electron	<b><math>\mu</math></b> muon	<b><math>\tau</math></b> tau	<b>Z</b> Z boson	
<b>LEPTONS</b>	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$80.4 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	0	0	0	$\pm 1$	
	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	
	<b><math>\nu_e</math></b> electron neutrino	<b><math>\nu_\mu</math></b> muon neutrino	<b><math>\nu_\tau</math></b> tau neutrino	<b>W</b> W boson	
				<b>GAUGE BOSONS</b>	





# As of now, 2024, this is it ...

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles

three generations of matter  
(elementary fermions)

three generations of antimatter  
(elementary antifermions)

interactions / force carriers  
(elementary bosons)

	I	II	III	I	II	III		
mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{2}{3}$	0	0
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0
	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b><math>\bar{u}</math></b> antiup	<b><math>\bar{c}</math></b> anticharm	<b><math>\bar{t}</math></b> antitop	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> higgs
QUARKS	$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	
	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b><math>\bar{d}</math></b> antidown	<b><math>\bar{s}</math></b> antistrange	<b><math>\bar{b}</math></b> antibottom	<b><math>\gamma</math></b> photon	
LEPTONS	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	-1	-1	-1	1	1	1	0	
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	
	<b>e</b> electron	<b><math>\mu</math></b> muon	<b><math>\tau</math></b> tau	<b><math>e^+</math></b> positron	<b><math>\bar{\mu}</math></b> antimuon	<b><math>\bar{\tau}</math></b> antitau	<b>Z</b> Z <sup>0</sup> boson	
	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 18.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 18.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-1
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
	<b><math>\nu_e</math></b> electron neutrino	<b><math>\nu_\mu</math></b> muon neutrino	<b><math>\nu_\tau</math></b> tau neutrino	<b><math>\bar{\nu}_e</math></b> electron antineutrino	<b><math>\bar{\nu}_\mu</math></b> muon antineutrino	<b><math>\bar{\nu}_\tau</math></b> tau antineutrino	<b><math>W^+</math></b> W <sup>+</sup> boson	<b><math>W^-</math></b> W <sup>-</sup> boson

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# Standard Model of FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLES AND INTERACTIONS

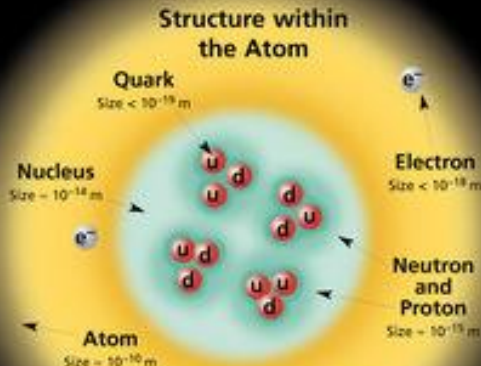
The Standard Model summarizes the current knowledge in Particle Physics. It is the quantum theory that includes the theory of strong interactions (quantum chromodynamics or QCD) and the unified theory of weak and electromagnetic interactions (electroweak). Gravity is included on this chart because it is one of the fundamental interactions even though not part of the "Standard Model."

## FERMIONS

matter constituents  
spin = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2, ...

Leptons spin = 1/2		
Flavor	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	<1×10 <sup>-8</sup>	0
e electron	0.000511	-1
$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	<0.0002	0
$\mu$ muon	0.106	-1
$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	<0.02	0
$\tau$ tau	1.7771	-1

Quarks spin = 1/2		
Flavor	Approx. Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
u up	0.003	2/3
d down	0.006	-1/3
c charm	1.3	2/3
s strange	0.1	-1/3
t top	175	2/3
b bottom	4.3	-1/3



If the protons and neutrons in this picture were 10 cm across, then the quarks and electrons would be less than 2.1 mm in size and the entire atom would be about 10 km across.

## BOSONS

force carriers  
spin = 0, 1, 2, ...

Unified Electroweak spin = 1		
Name	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
$\gamma$ photon	0	0
W <sup>-</sup>	80.4	-1
W <sup>+</sup>	80.4	+1
Z <sup>0</sup>	91.187	0

Strong (color) spin = 1		
Name	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
g gluon	0	0

**Color Charge**  
Each quark carries one of three types of "strong charge," also called "color charge." These charges have nothing to do with the colors of visible light. There are eight possible types of color charge for gluons. Just as electrically-charged particles interact by exchanging photons, in strong interactions color-charged particles interact by exchanging gluons. Leptons, photons, and W and Z bosons have no strong interactions and hence no color charge.

### Quarks Confined in Mesons and Baryons

One cannot isolate quarks and gluons; they are confined in color-neutral particles called **hadrons**. This confinement (binding) results from multiple exchanges of gluons among the color-charged constituents. As color-charged particles (quarks and gluons) move apart, the energy in the color-force field between them increases. This energy eventually is converted into additional quark-antiquark pairs (see figure below). The quarks and antiquarks then combine into hadrons; these are the particles seen to emerge. Two types of hadrons have been observed in nature: **mesons** (q $\bar{q}$ ) and **baryons** (qqq).

### Residual Strong Interaction

The strong binding of color-neutral protons and neutrons to form nuclei is due to residual strong interactions between their color-charged constituents. It is similar to the residual electrical interaction that binds electrically neutral atoms to form molecules. It can also be viewed as the exchange of mesons between the hadrons.

**Spin** is the intrinsic angular momentum of particles. Spin is given in units of  $\hbar$ , which is the quantum unit of angular momentum, where  $\hbar = h/2\pi = 6.58 \cdot 10^{-25}$  GeV s =  $1.05 \cdot 10^{-34}$  J s.

**Electric charges** are given in units of the proton's charge. In SI units the electric charge of the proton is  $1.60 \cdot 10^{-19}$  coulombs.

The **energy** unit of particle physics is the electronvolt (eV), the energy gained by one electron in crossing a potential difference of one volt. **Masses** are given in GeV/c<sup>2</sup> (remember  $E = mc^2$ ), where  $1 \text{ GeV} = 10^9 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \cdot 10^{-10}$  joule. The mass of the proton is  $0.938 \text{ GeV}/c^2 = 1.67 \cdot 10^{-27}$  kg.

## PROPERTIES OF THE INTERACTIONS

Baryons qqq and Antibaryons $\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}$					
Baryons are fermionic hadrons. There are about 120 types of baryons.					
Symbol	Name	Quark content	Electric charge	Mass, GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Spin
p	proton	uud	1	0.938	1/2
$\bar{p}$	anti-proton	$\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	-1	0.938	1/2
n	neutron	udd	0	0.940	1/2
$\Lambda$	lambda	uds	0	1.116	1/2
$\Omega^-$	omega	sss	-1	1.672	3/2

Property	Interaction	Strong			
		Gravitational	Weak (Electroweak)	Electromagnetic	Residual
Acts on:		Mass - Energy	Flavor	Electric Charge	Color Charge
Particles experiencing:		All	Quarks, Leptons	Electrically charged	Quarks, Gluons
Particles mediating:		Graviton (not yet observed)	W <sup>+</sup> W <sup>-</sup> Z <sup>0</sup>	$\gamma$	Gluons
Strength relative to electromag. for two u quarks at:	10 <sup>-18</sup> m	10 <sup>-41</sup>	0.8	1	25
	3·10 <sup>-17</sup> m	10 <sup>-41</sup>	10 <sup>-4</sup>	1	60
for two protons in nucleus		10 <sup>-36</sup>	10 <sup>-7</sup>	1	Not applicable to hadrons
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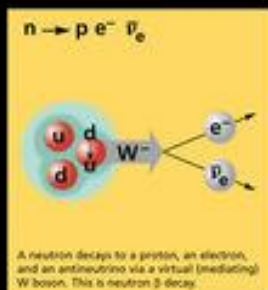
Mesons q $\bar{q}$					
Mesons are bosonic hadrons. There are about 140 types of mesons.					
Symbol	Name	Quark content	Electric charge	Mass, GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Spin
$\pi^+$	pion	u $\bar{d}$	+1	0.140	0
K <sup>-</sup>	kaon	s $\bar{u}$	-1	0.494	0
$\rho^+$	rho	u $\bar{d}$	+1	0.770	1
B <sup>0</sup>	B-zero	d $\bar{b}$	0	5.279	0
$\eta_c$	eta-c	c $\bar{c}$	0	2.980	0

### Matter and Antimatter

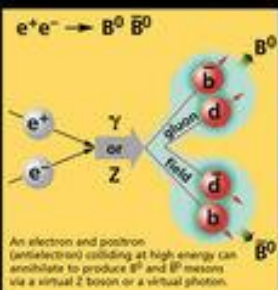
For every particle type there is a corresponding antiparticle type, denoted by a bar over the particle symbol (unless + or - charge is shown). Particle and antiparticle have identical mass and spin but opposite charges. Some electrically neutral bosons (e.g., Z<sup>0</sup>,  $\gamma$ , and  $\eta_c = c\bar{c}$ ), but not K<sup>0</sup> = d $\bar{s}$ ) are their own antiparticles.

### Figures

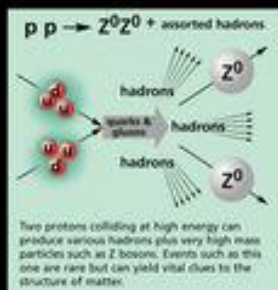
These diagrams are an artist's conception of physical processes. They are not exact and have no meaningful scale. Green shaded areas represent the cloud of gluons or the gluon field, and red lines the quark paths.



A neutron decays to a proton, an electron, and an antineutrino via a virtual (mediating) W boson. This is neutron  $\beta$  decay.



An electron and positron (antielectron) colliding at high energy can annihilate to produce B<sup>0</sup> and  $\bar{B}^0$  mesons via a virtual Z boson or a virtual photon.



Two protons colliding at high energy can produce various hadrons plus very high mass particles such as Z bosons. Events such as this one are rare but can yield vital clues to the structure of matter.

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Millikan oil-drop

Balmer, Brackett, ... spectral lines

Zeeman effect

Stark effect

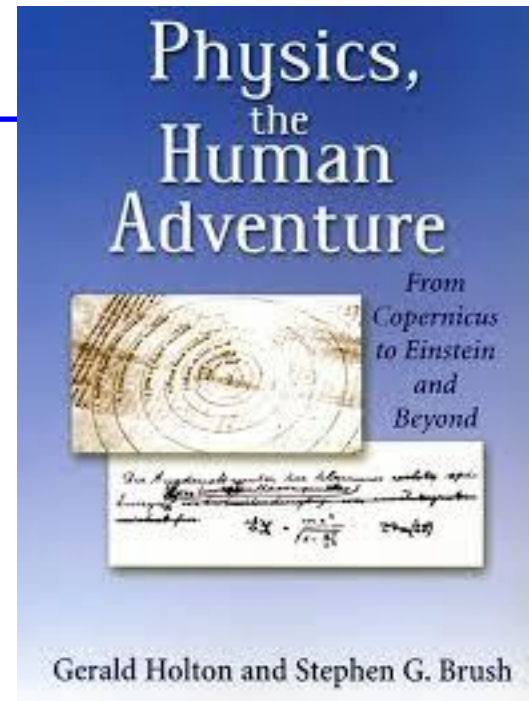
Compton effect

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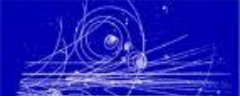
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FAMOUS ( MOST KNOW! ) MODERN PHYSICS EXPERIMENTS

year	Name of scientist(s)	Inquiry question, short description, sketch, how it works	Outcome/Conclusion
Late 19th to early 20th century	Planck, Einstein, Millikan, et al	(Photoelectric effect) emission of electrons or other free carriers when light is shone onto a material. Experimental Description- the filter passes light of certain wavelengths from the lamp. The light strikes the curved electrode and electrons are emitted. The adjustable voltage can be increased until the current stops	(Millikan and Fletcher's verification; their experimental verification of the photoelectric effect): The result, <u>from the aforementioned's experimental verification, was the charge being the whole number multiple of <math>1.529 \times 10^{-19}</math> C</u> which is presently accepted as $1.602 \times 10^{-19}$ C



# Quantum Theory and Particle Physics Timeline

## Theories, Predictions and Discoveries

- (1803) [Atom](#) John Dalton **Prediction**
- (1873) [Electromagnetism](#) James Clerk Maxwell **Theory**
- (1897) [Electron](#) J.J. Thomson **Discovery**
- (1898) [Proton](#) Wilhelm Wein **Discovery**
- (1899) [Alpha and Beta Rays](#) Ernest Rutherford, Frederick Soddy **Discovery**
- (1900) [Energy Quanta](#) Max Planck **Discovery** **Theory**
- (1905) [Photon](#) Albert Einstein **Prediction**
- (1909) [Double-Slit Experiment and the Wave Nature of Matter](#) Geoffrey I Taylor **Prediction**
- (1910) [Cosmic Radiation](#) Theodor Wulf **Discovery**
- (1910) [Charge on Electron](#) Robert Millikan **Discovery**
- (1911) [Structure of the Atom](#) Ernest Rutherford, Hans Geiger. Ernest Marsden **Discovery**
- (1912) [Cloud Chamber](#) Charles T R Wilson **Invention**
- (1913) [Model of the Atom](#) Neils Bohr **Theory**
- (1915) [Symmetry - Nöther's Theorem](#) Emmy Nöther **Theory**
- (1916) [Planck's Constant](#) Robert A. Millikan **Discovery**
- (1918) [Gauge Theory](#) Herman Weyl **Theory**
- (1922) [Quantum Spin](#) Otto Stern, Walther Gerlach **Discovery**
- (1923) [Photon](#) Arthur H Compton **Discovery**
- (1924) [Wave-Particle Duality](#) Louis de Broglie **Theory**
- (1924) [Boson](#) Satyendra Nath Bose **Prediction**
- (1925) [Particle Spin and Quantum States](#) Wolfgang Pauli **Prediction**
- (1925) [Intrinsic Spin](#) George Uhlenbeck, Sam Goudsmit **Prediction**
- (1925) [Pauli's Exclusion Principle](#) Wolfgang Pauli **Theory**
- (1925) [Matrix Mechanics](#) Werner Heisenberg **Theory**

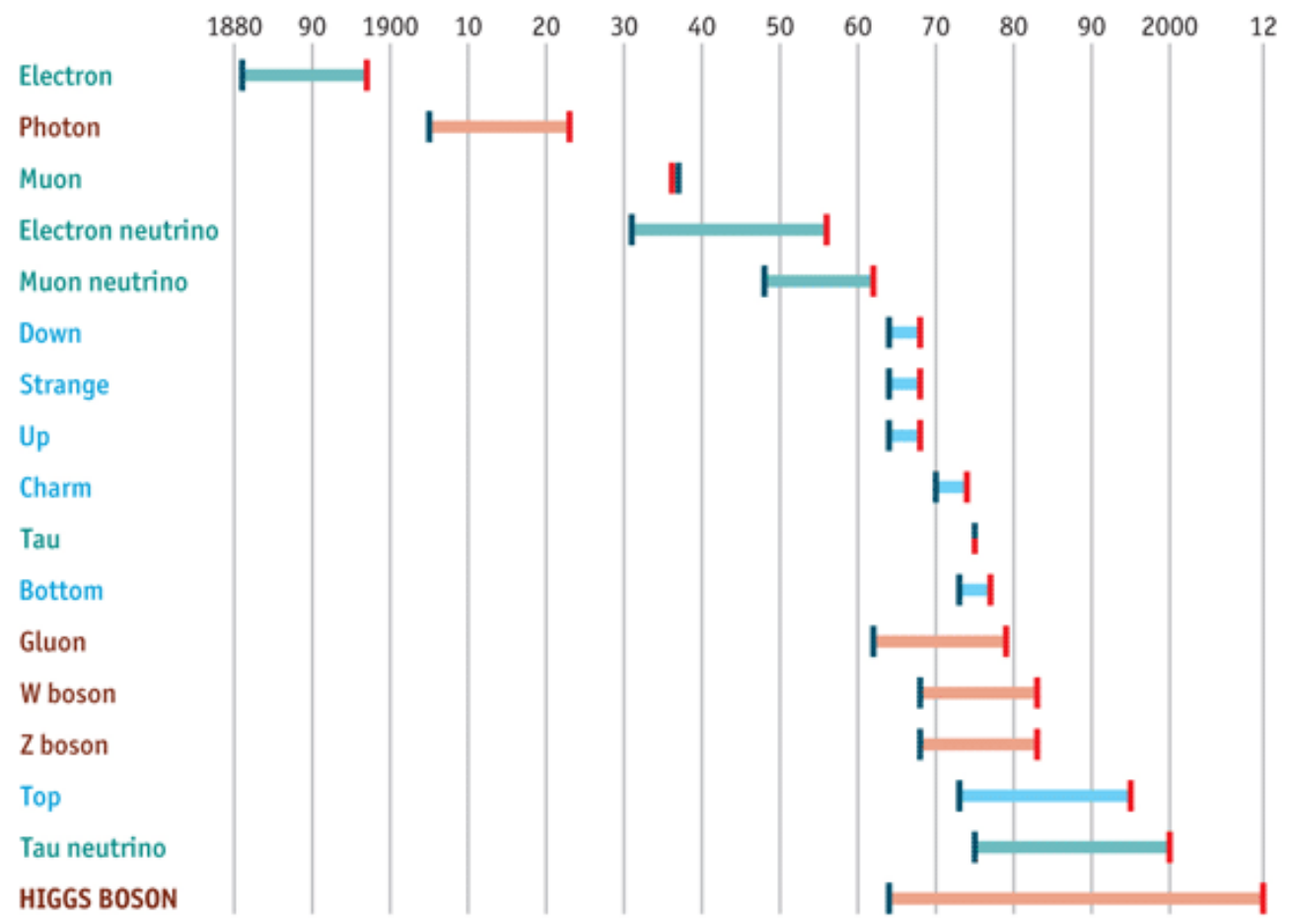


# The Standard Model of particle physics

Years from concept to discovery

Leptons  
Bosons  
Quarks

Theorised/explained  
Discovered



## Worth the wait

A timeline of the Standard Model of particle physics



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## Participating Institutes

### ROMANIA

#### Institutes

- Bucharest: Horia Hulubei National Institute of Physics and Nuclear Engineering (IFIN-HH)
- Bucharest: University of Bucharest
- Cluj-Napoca: Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Physics - UBB
- Măgurele: Institute of Space Science (ISS)
- Iasi: „Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi (Iasi UAIC)
- Suceava: Stefan cel Mare University of Suceava
- Timișoara: West University of Timișoara

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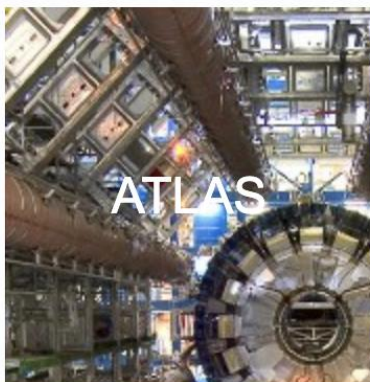
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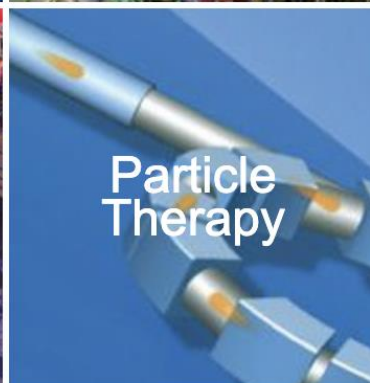
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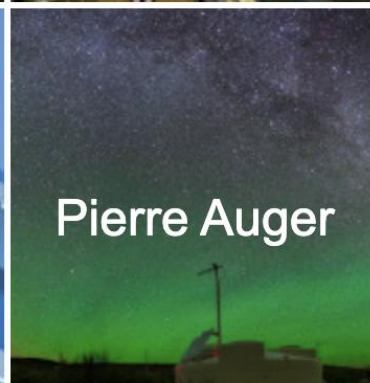
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