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# An Innovative Introduction into Hadron Physics: The LHCb Quark-Puzzle

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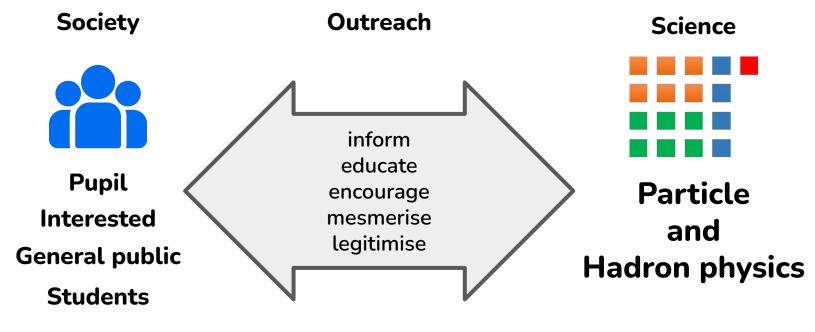


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**Methods** 



3d printable puzzle

Visualisation

Education

**Self-initiated** 

playful discovery of properties and symmetries of quarks, hadrons and the strong force

teacher-centered instruction

VS.

inquiry learning approach



#### Concept

## teacher-centered instruction

vs. inquiry learning approach



Interest & memorisation

Passive listening
Leds to overload and boredom

Active (independent) work
Inductive thinking
Constructing a mental model & meaning
Autonomy
Self-efficacy



### Shape | Concepts to be taught



"divide a symmetrical body into three symmetrical parts, so that the combination two of these parts are symmetrical again"

#### **Physics**

- six quark flavours
- six quark anti-flavours
- three colours
- three anti-colours
- colour neutral mesons
- colour neutral baryons and anti-baryons
- top-quarks do not form hadrons

#### **Formalities**

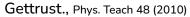
- vivid visualisation, best: 3-dimensional
- symmetrical and basic shape
- closed

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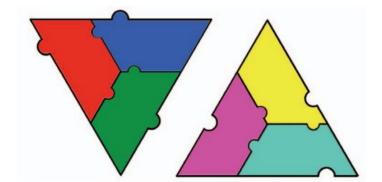
### **Other Solutions**

Currently available at CERN Science Gateway





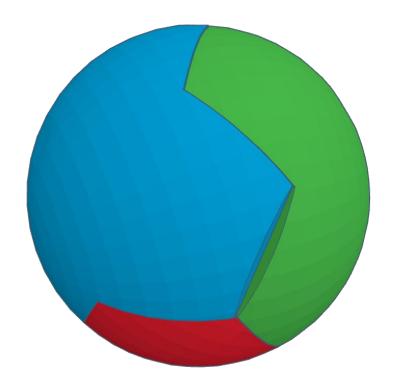






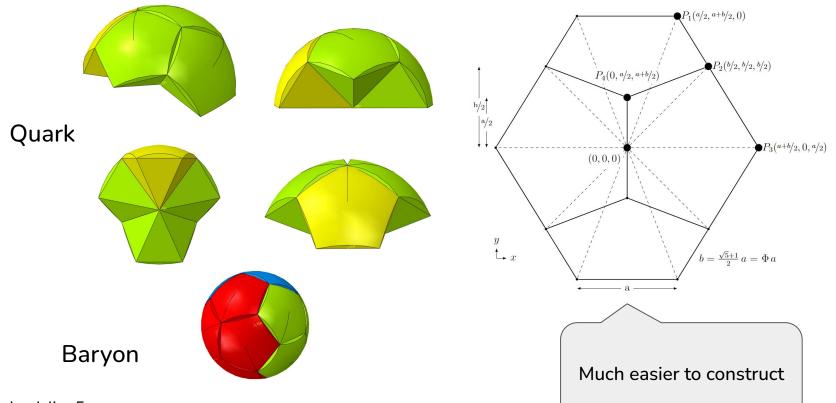


#### Solution: Dodecahedron



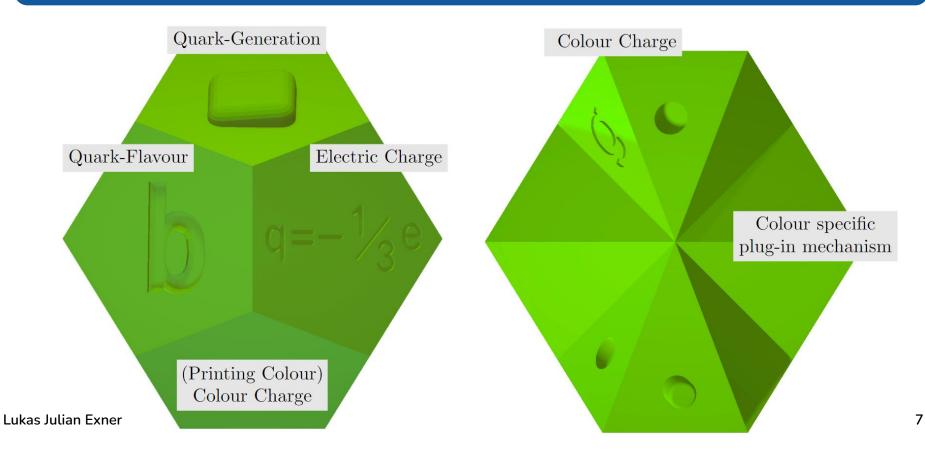


## Solution: Dodecahedron as illustration of SU(3)



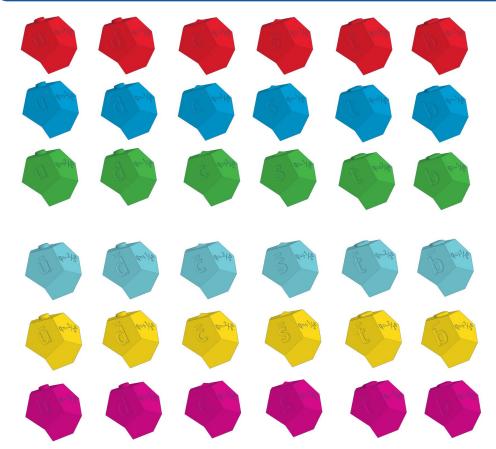


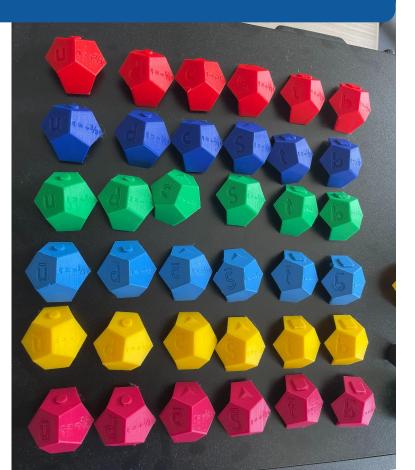
### LHCb Quark Puzzle Piece





## All LHCb Quark Puzzle Pieces

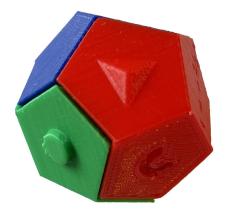






## Hadrons

**Baryons** 

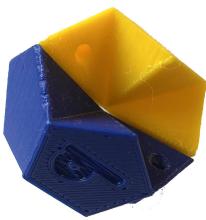


**Anti-baryons** 

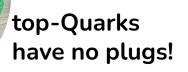


Mesons

(3 in total)

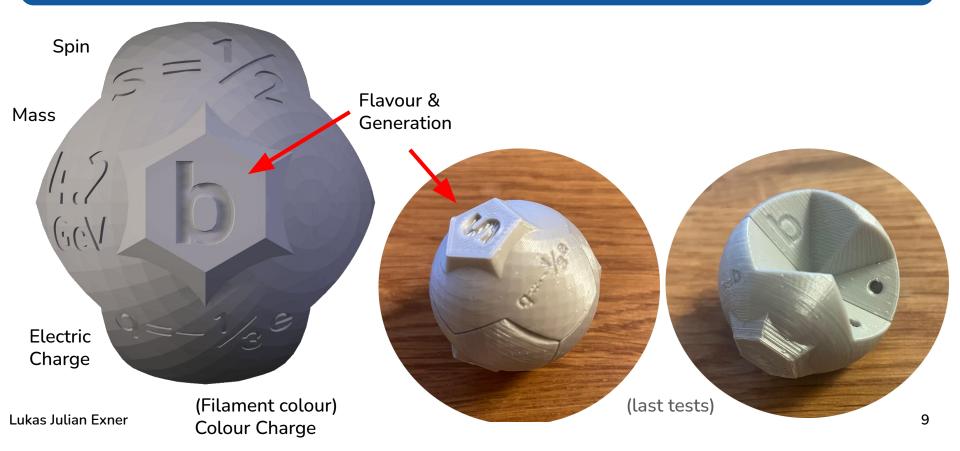


Only colour-neutral hadrons can be built!





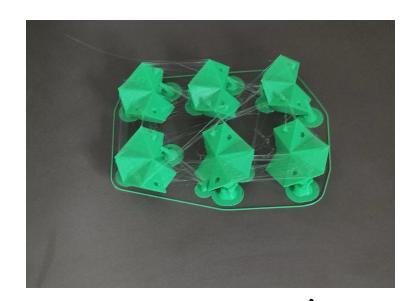
## Second Version (in Development)





## Development









## **Usage in Outreach and Teaching**

University

School

Outreach

Quark-Puzzle part of LHCb Masterclass

little prior knowledge

Do the LHCb Quark Puzzle
Let hypotheses be formulated

Talk about physics e.g. introduce vocabulary

#### Build up specialised knowledge

- Decays
- Interactions
- Masses
- Colour
- ...

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#### Pupil's reactions at Masterclasses

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Das möchte ich unbedingt noch loswerden...



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Version 1

github.com/lexner/Quark-Puzzle thingiverse.com/thing:6150640 NTW: uni-bonn.sciebo.de/s/HlaWb8pqcPxXftJ



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sciebo (NTW-Version)



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Version 2

Coming next weeks

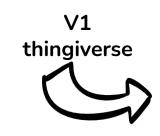
Paper

Coming soon

Tetra, penta and hexaquarks

already plans







#### Try the LHCb Quark Puzzle now!

- α of V1 is here
- Last tests of V2 are here

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