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Goals

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¿ Subatomic Particles ? ¿ Forces ? ¿ Spin ? ¿ Baryons & Mesons & Hadrons ?



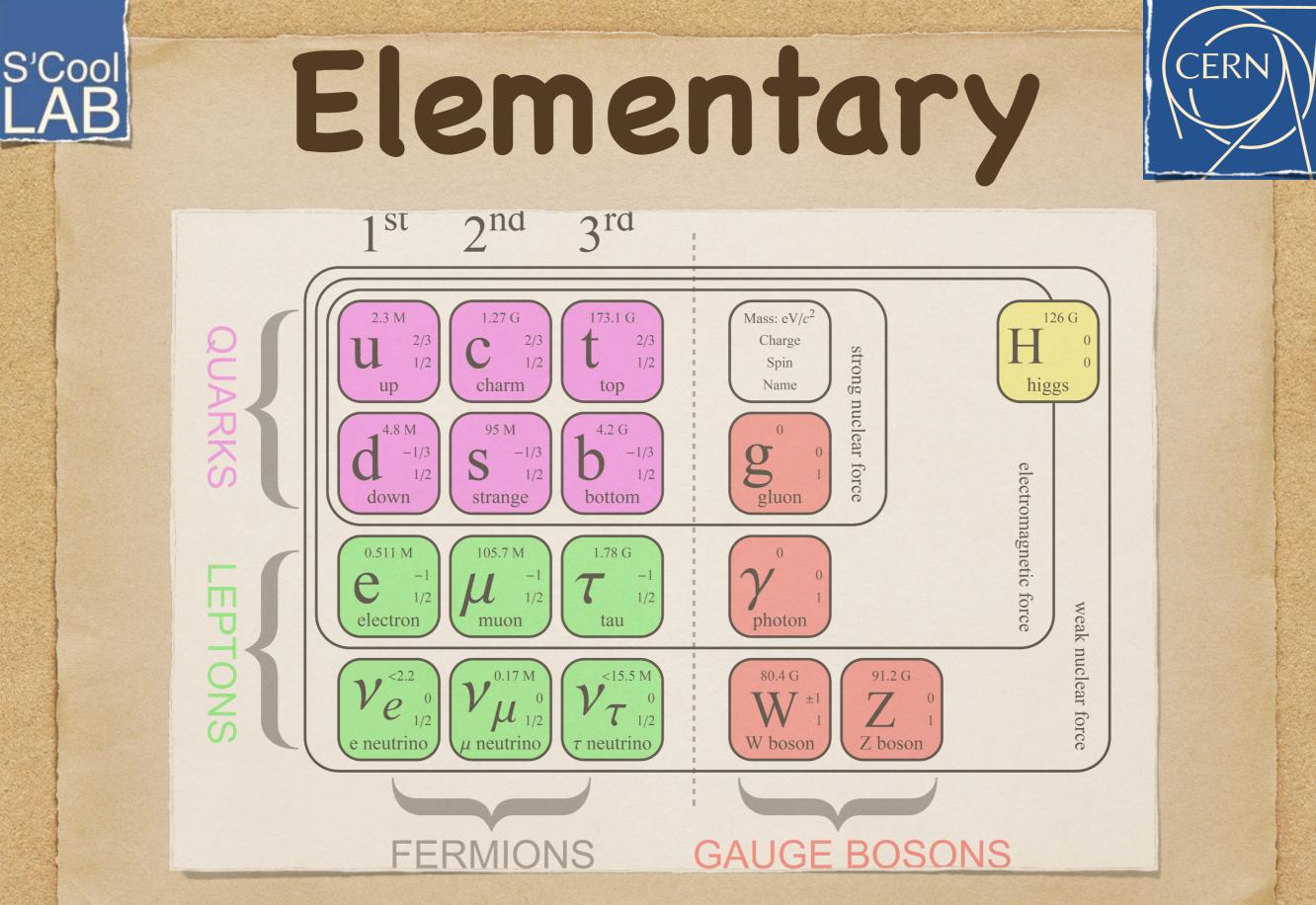
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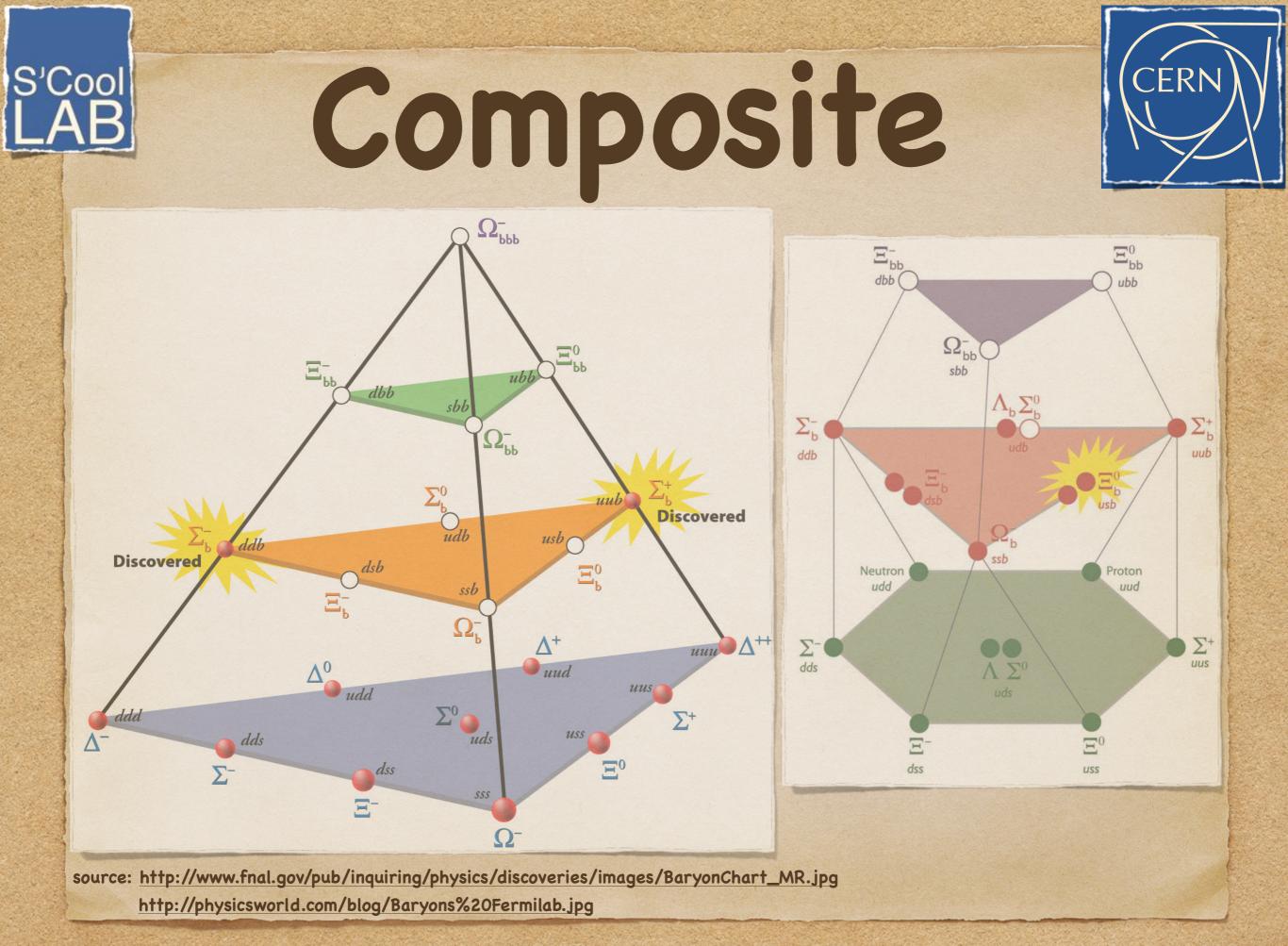
Stood Subatomic Particles



- Hundreds of subatomic particles exist, and new ones keep on being discovered (with the latest one being the Ξ_{cc}^{t+} , found at LHCb).
- An important distinction exists between elementary particles (that are indivisible) and composite particles (that are built from other particles, i.e. quarks).



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AB Elementary Particles

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what is spin ?? • Difference lies in spin, but..

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Wikipedia:

"In quantum mechanics and particle physics, spin is an intrinsic form of angular momentum carried by elementary particles, composite particles (hadrons), and atomic nuclei.

In some ways, spin is like a vector quantity; it has a definite magnitude, and it has a 'direction' (but quantisation makes this 'direction' different from the direction of an ordinary vector).

All elementary particles of a given kind have the same magnitude of spin angular momentum, which is indicated by assigning the particle a spin quantum number."







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- Spin is a vector, however, due to uncertainty in quantum mechanics, we cannot know all three components S_x, S_y, and S_z at the same time
- But we can know the length S and the z-component S_z simultaneously
- But spin is a quantum vector, which puts some restrictions on its possible values, as they are quantised (which means values go in steps)..

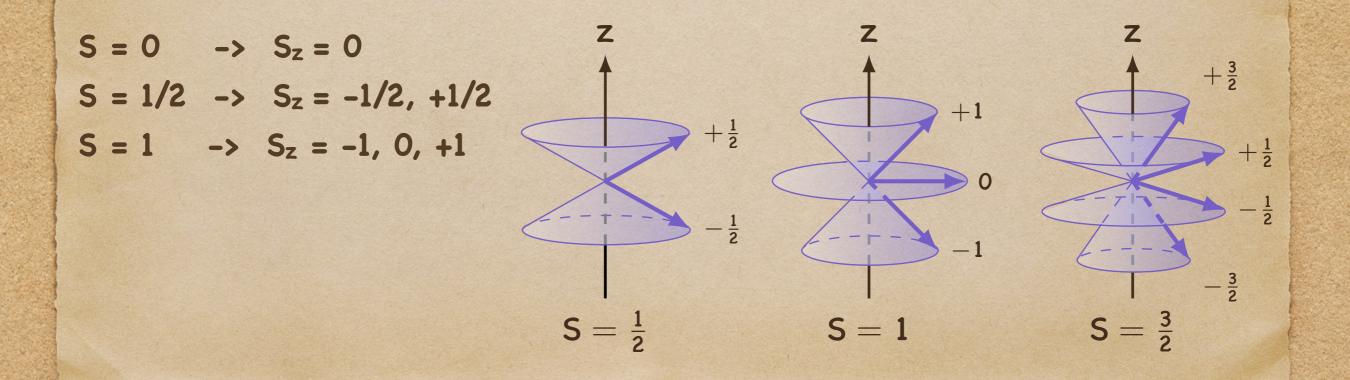
Spin



The length needs to be a positive multiple of 1/2, so
 S = 0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, ...

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S_z can be anything between -S, -S+1, ..., S-1, S
 This means that spin states come in multiplets.









Typical example is the electron: it has spin 1/2, which means it has two possible states:

 -1/2 or +1/2
 also known as 'up' or 'down'

Now back to elementary particles..

• Three types:

- Fermions: matter particles => spin 1/2
- Bosons: force carriers
- Higgs: special guy => spin 0
- => spin 1/2 => spin 1 -> spin 0

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• Two types of matter particles:

 Leptons: electrons, muons, taus, and neutrinos
 Quarks: don't exist alone, but combine to form hadrons (composite particles)

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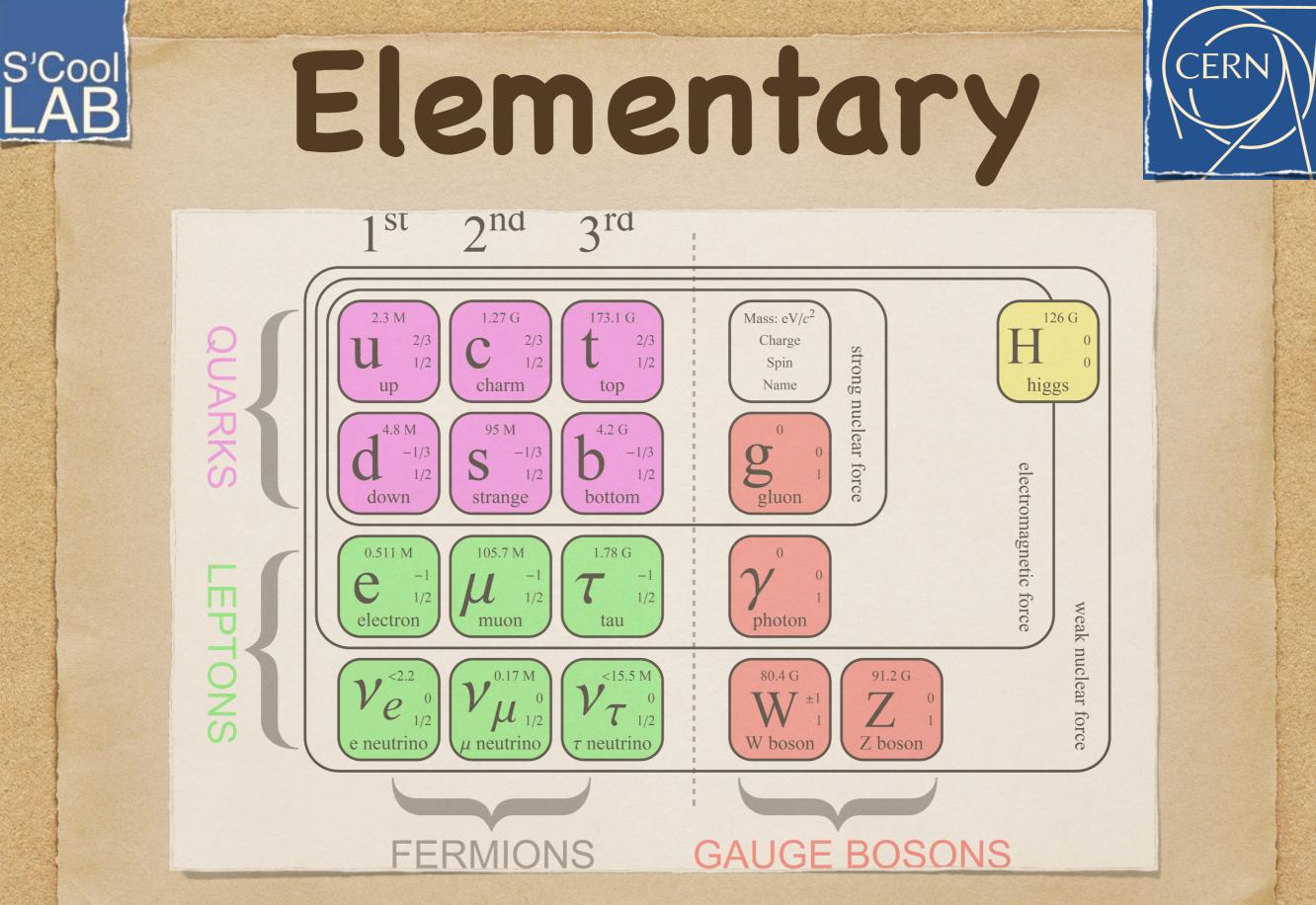
Particle Properties



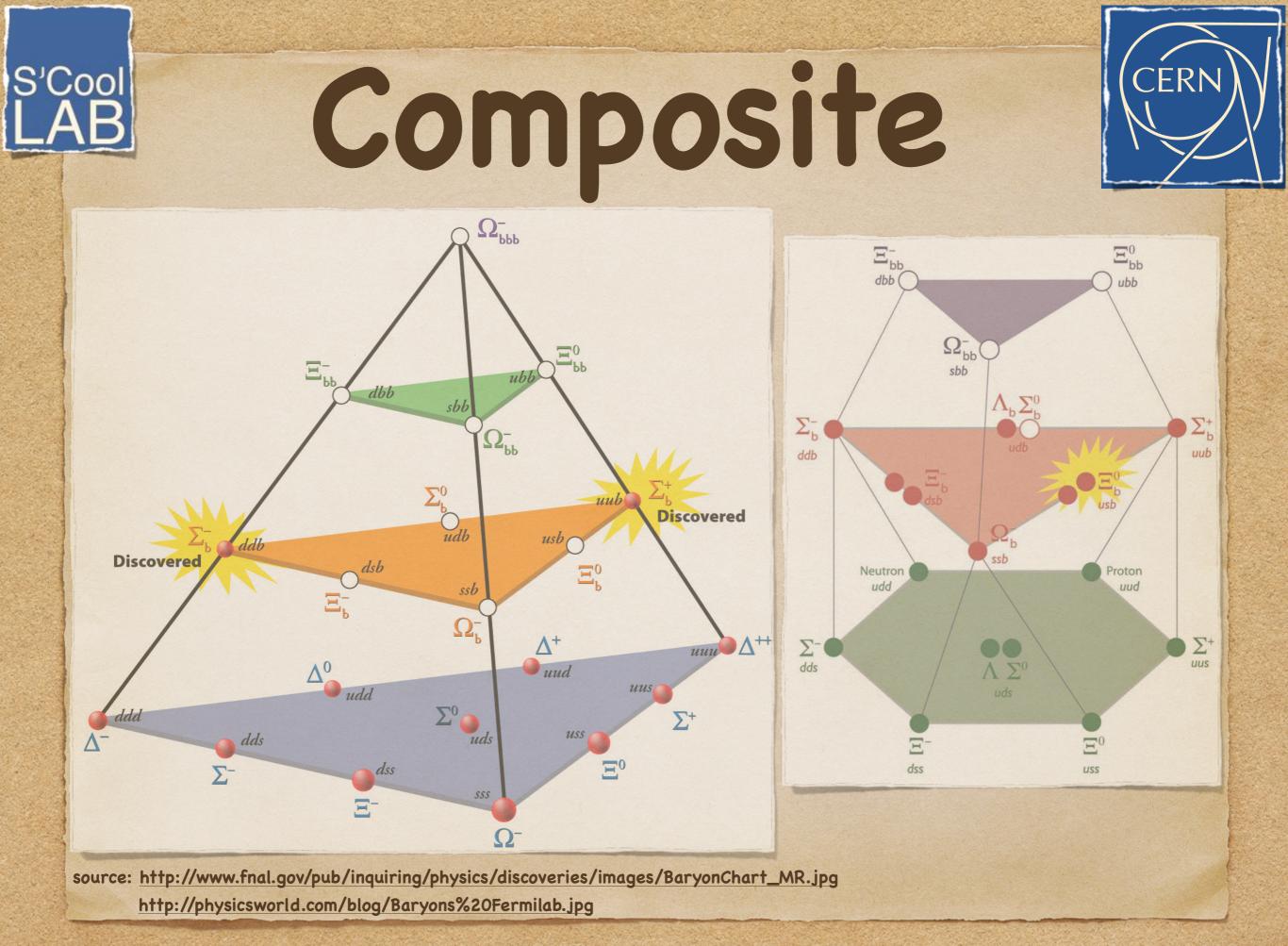
- Every force comes with an associated charge. If a certain particle does not have this charge, it will not interact with this force.
 - Electromagnetic charge
 - Weak hypercharge

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- Colour (strong force)
- Fermions come in 3 families, the difference between the families being the mass.



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Composite Particles



- Are called hadrons and are built from quarks. There are two types:
 Baryons: built from three quarks
 Mesons: built from a quark and an antiquark
 Quarks have fractional charge, but resulting
 - hadrons need to have integer charge.

u c t charge +2/3 d s b charge -1/3

Baryons



Simplest baryons are built from u and d quarks:

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- Proton: uud (charge = 2/3 + 2/3 1/3 = +1)
- Neutron: udd (charge = 2/3 1/3 1/3 = 0)
- Anti-baryons are built from antiquarks:
 Antiproton: ūūd (charge = -2/3 -2/3 +1/3 = -1)
 Antineutron: ūdd (charge = -2/3 +1/3 +1/3 = 0)
- What about spin? Proton and neutron have spin 1/2, but each quark as well... 1/2+1/2+1/2 ≠ 1/2 ?
 spin = vector => vector sum !



Summing Spins



- Spin is a vector, so should be summed as one.
 Vectors are not just summed by adding their lengths, because the angle between them matters
- The largest possible result is when both spin vectors are parallel (|S_{tot}|= |S₁| + |S₂|), while the smallest possible result is when both are antiparallel (|S_{tot}| = |S₁| |S₂|).



Summing Spins



 As a quantum vector, not all values are possible for the length of the resulting vector, again only in steps: Stot = S1-S2, S1-S2+1, ..., S1+S2-1, S1+S2

• Examples:

1/2 + 1 = 1/2 or 3/23/2 + 2 = 1/2 or 3/2 or 5/2 or 7/2

And the case of 3 quarks:
 1/2+1/2+1/2 = (1/2+1/2) + 1/2 = (0 or 1) + 1/2
 = 1/2 or 3/2



Baryons



- So, using only u and d quarks, we can make a proton (uud) or a neutron (udd), but also two other particles which have the same quarks but different spin:
 - Δ^+ : uud but spin 3/2
 - Δ^0 : udd but spin 3/2

• We can even make two more combinations:

- Δ^{++} : uuu (spin 3/2)
- Δ^- : ddd (spin 3/2)

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Baryons



- The other quarks are way heavier than u and d: m_s = 20 m_d = 40 m_u, m_c = 250 m_d = 500 m_u which means that the resulting baryons will be much heavier as well
- Before quarks were discovered, only hadrons built from u, d, and s quarks were found. Some were acting `normal', like a proton, but some were acting `strange' (because - we know now - they contain an s quark). They were given a Strangeness

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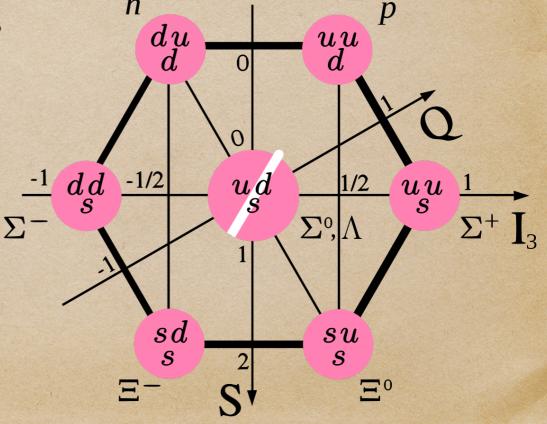
Baryons



 We know today that a hadron with Strangeness -1 contains exactly one s quark (similarly, Strangeness -2 implies two s quarks etc).

 The simplest spin 1/2 baryons can be organised in an octet, called "The eightfold way"

Strangeness O: n, p
 Strangeness -1: Σ, Λ
 Strangeness -2: Ξ

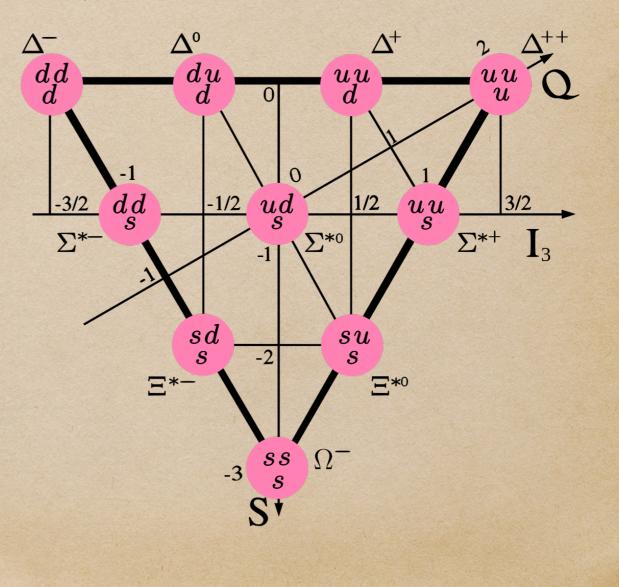


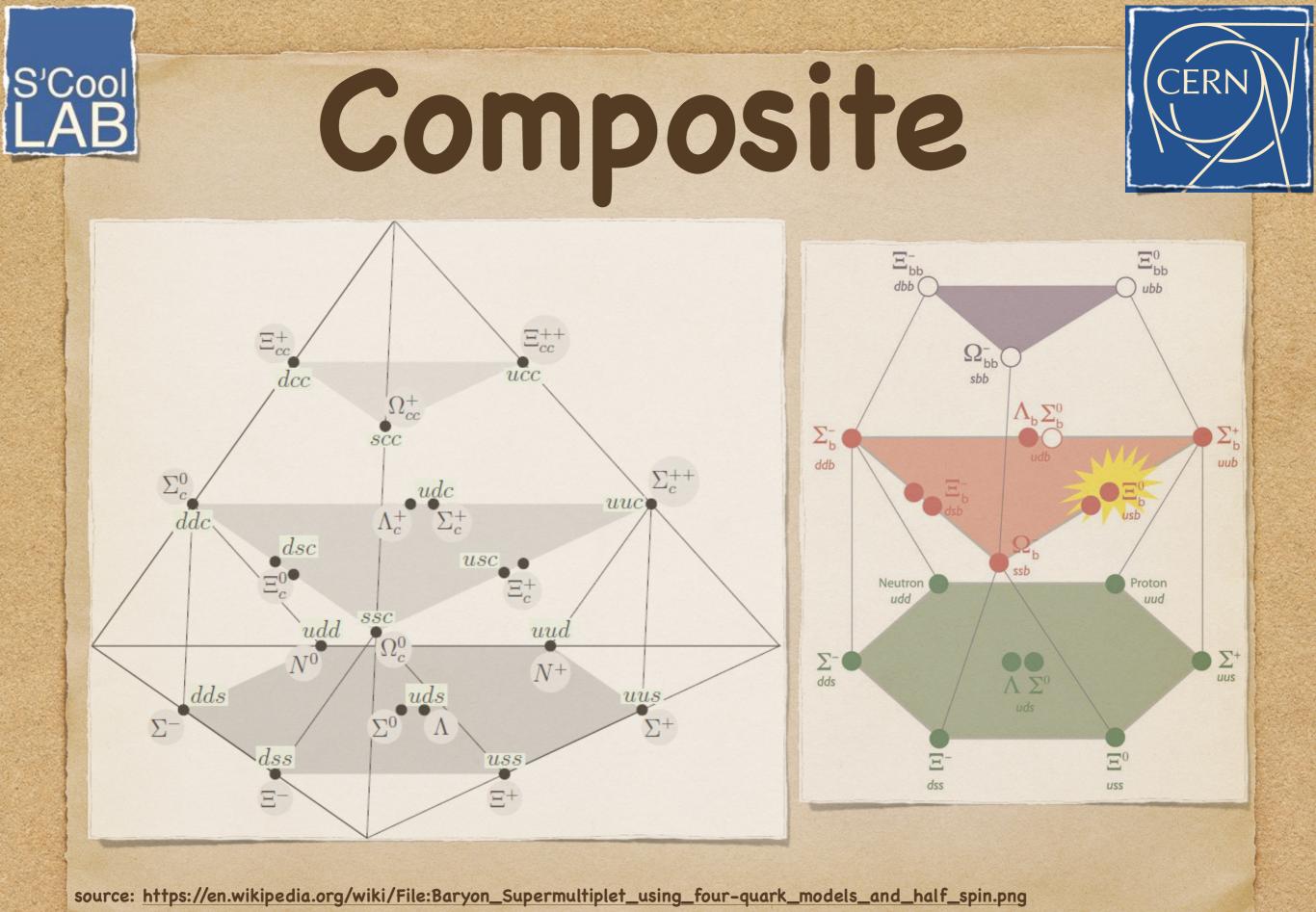
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Baryons



- Similarly, the simplest spin 3/2 baryons can be organised in a decuplet
- Strangeness O: Δ
 Strangeness -1: Σ*
 Strangeness -2: Ξ*
 Strangeness -3: Ω





http://physicsworld.com/blog/Baryons%20Fermilab.jpg

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Mesons



- Mesons are built from a quark and an antiquark, and hence lighter dan baryons.
- As they are built from two quarks, their spin is
 1/2 + 1/2 = 0 or 1.
- They are classified similarly to baryons, in function of their Strangeness.



Mesons



- The simplest spin 0 mesons can be organised in a nonet, originally called "The eightfold way" as well (because η' wasn't found yet)
- *S* = +1 K⁰ K^+ Strangeness +1: K Strangeness O: n, y, y Strangeness -1: K π^0 η S = 0 π^{+} π η' S = -1 $\overline{\mathrm{K}}^{0}$ K Q = -Q = 00 = +1

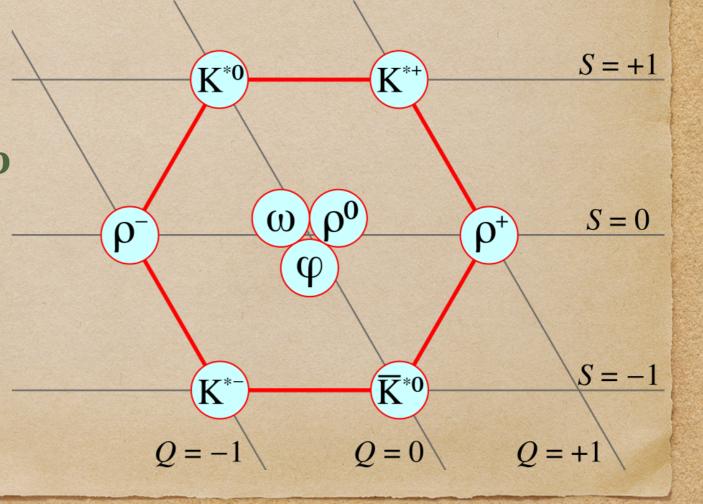






 And the simplest spin 1 mesons can be organised in another nonet

Strangeness +1: K*
 Strangeness Ο: ρ, ω, φ
 Strangeness -1: K*



Summary



- Subatomic particles can be elementary or composite
 - Elementary particles can be fermions or bosons
 - Fermions are matter, and are divided in leptons and quarks
 - Bosons exchange forces

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- Composite particles (hadrons) can be baryons or mesons
 - Baryons are made from 3 quarks and are generally heavy
 - Mesons are made from a quark and an antiquark and are lighter

Exercises



- Can a gluon interact with a photon?
- Can a gluon interact With a W⁺?

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- Can a photon interact with itself? Why (not)?
- What is the only elementary boson that can interact with neutrinos without changing them?
- Can we have a meson with charge ++?
- What is the quark content of:
 - Λ^0 (baryon, strangeness -1)
 - D⁺ (meson, strangeness 1, charmness 1)
 - Ω^- (baryon, strangeness -3)
 - Ett (baryon, charmness 2)