

Introduction to Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD)

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Lecture One

The plan for my four lectures

□ The Goal:

To understand the strong interaction dynamics in terms of
Quantum Chromo-dynamics (QCD), and
to prepare you for upcoming lectures in this school

□ The Plan (approximately):

From the discovery of hadrons to models, and to theory of QCD

Fundamentals of QCD,

How to probe quarks/gluons without being able to see them?

Factorization, Evolution, and Elementary hard processes

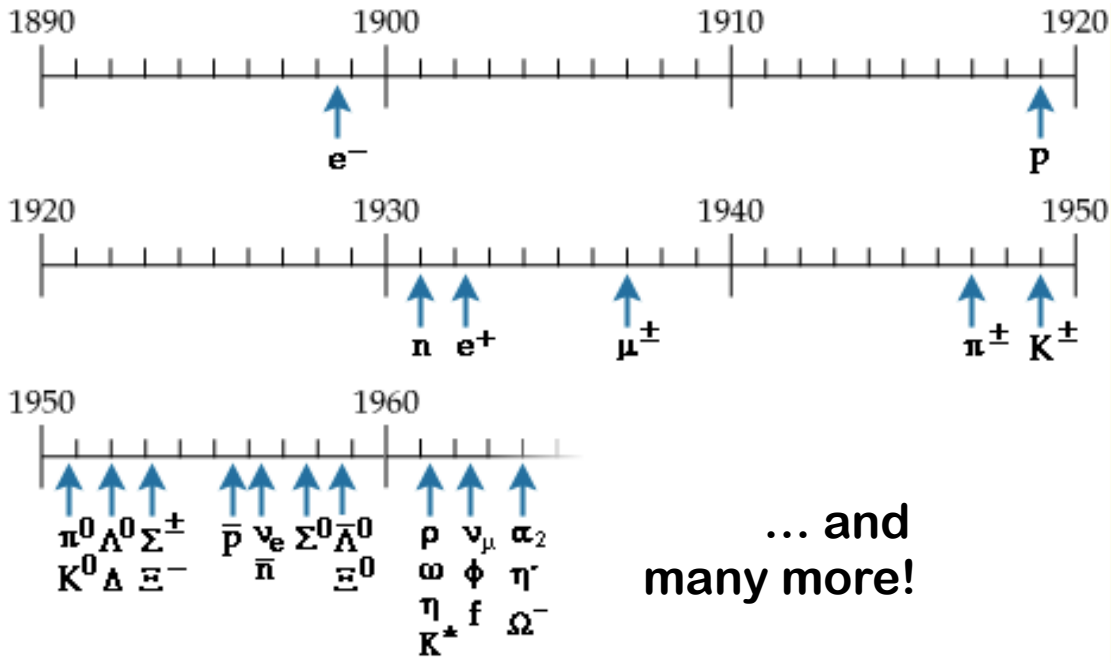
Hadron properties (mass, spin, ...) and structures in QCD

Uniqueness of lepton-hadron scattering

From JLab12 to the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)

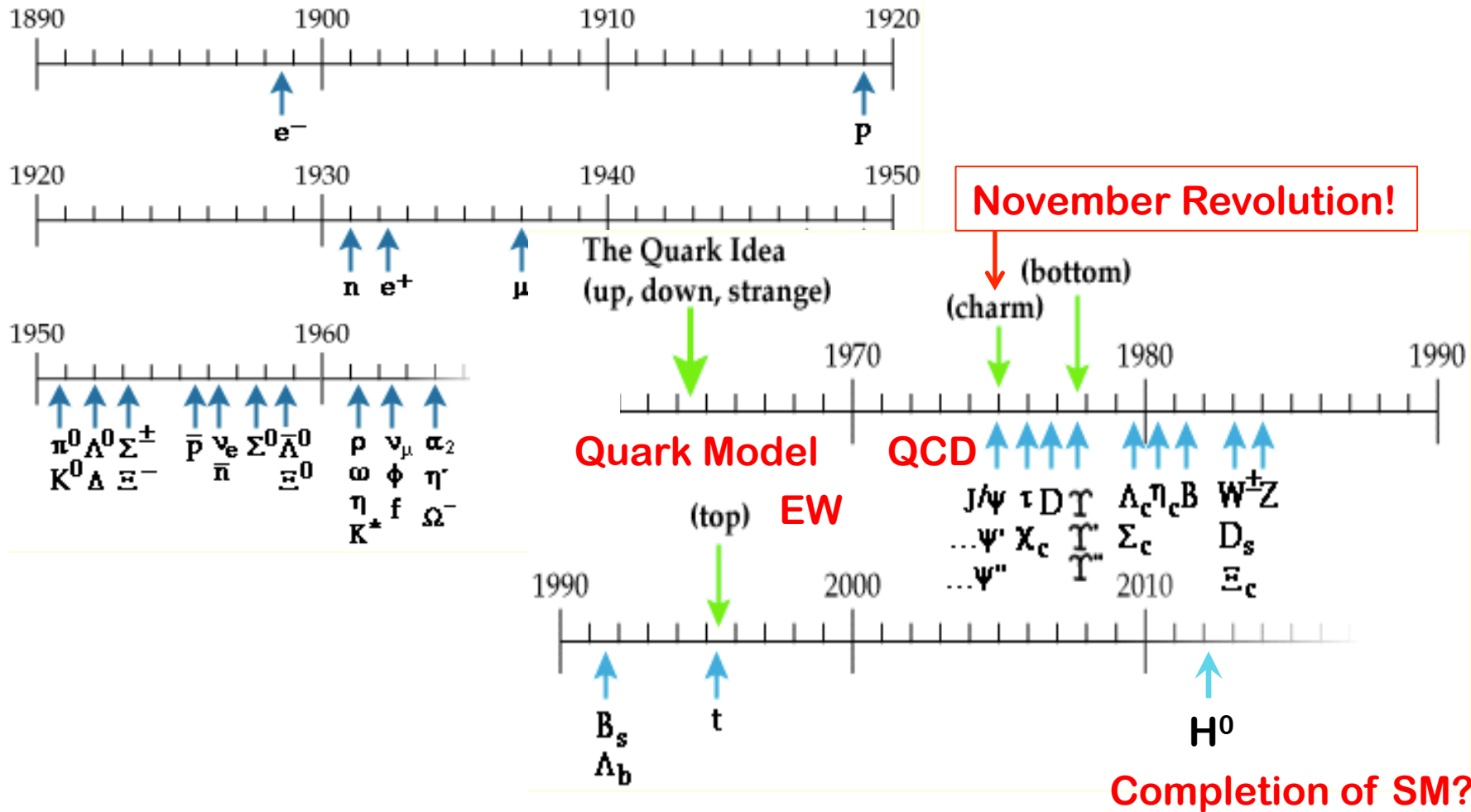
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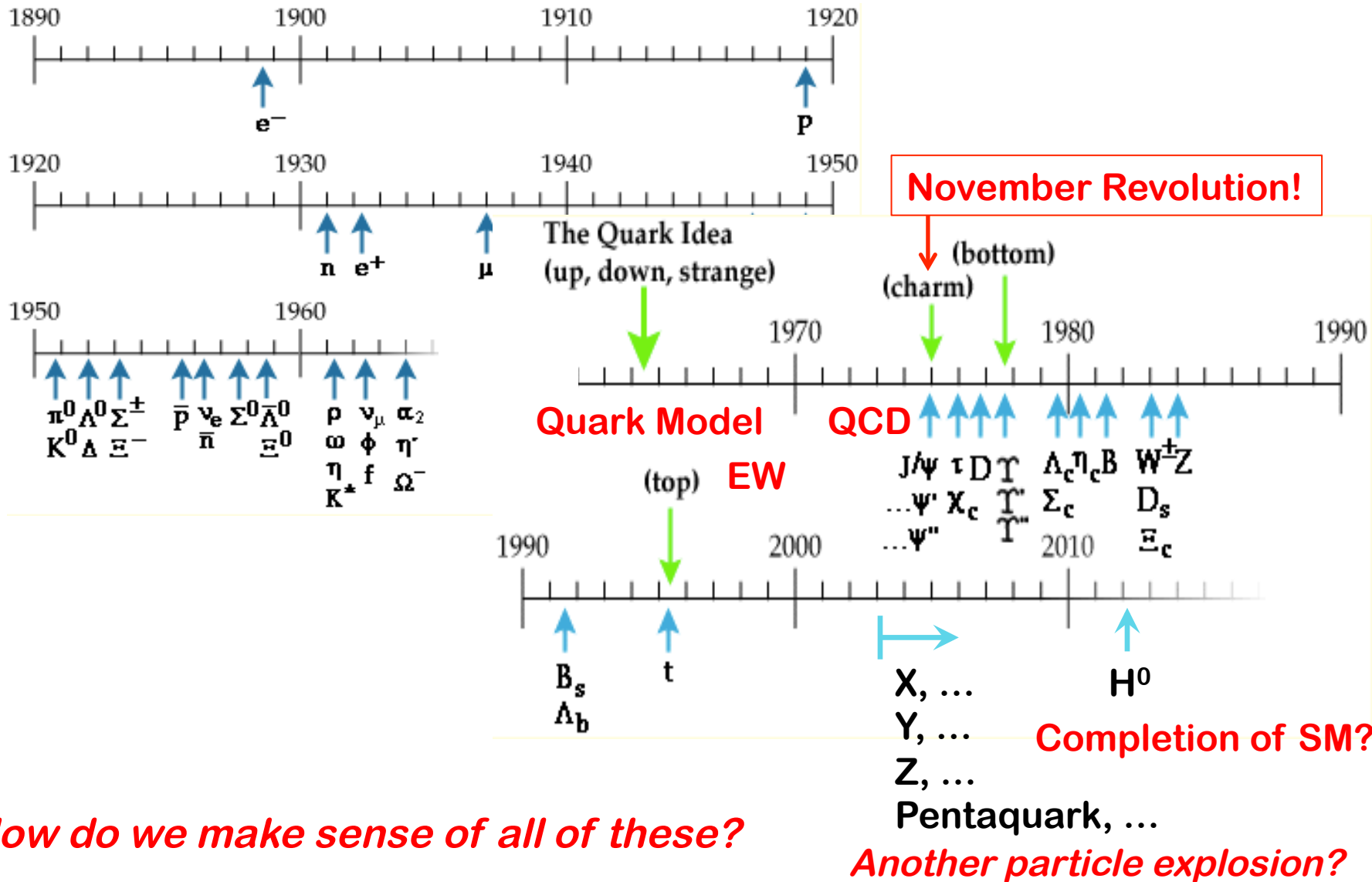
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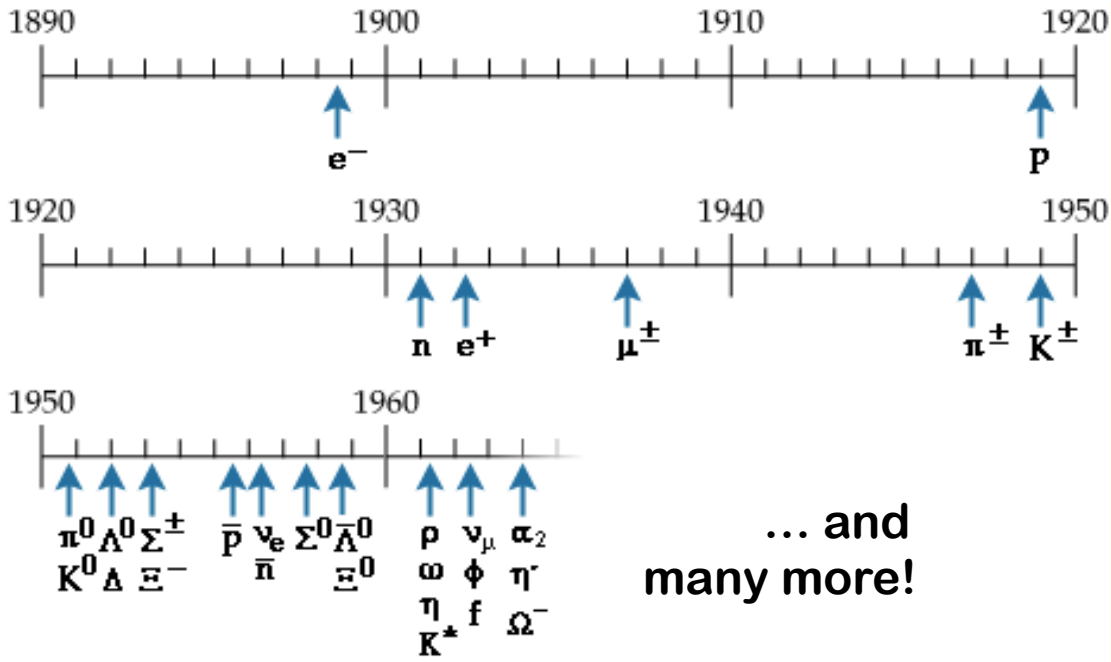
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□ Nucleons has internal structure!

1933: Proton's magnetic moment



Otto Stern

Nobel Prize 1943

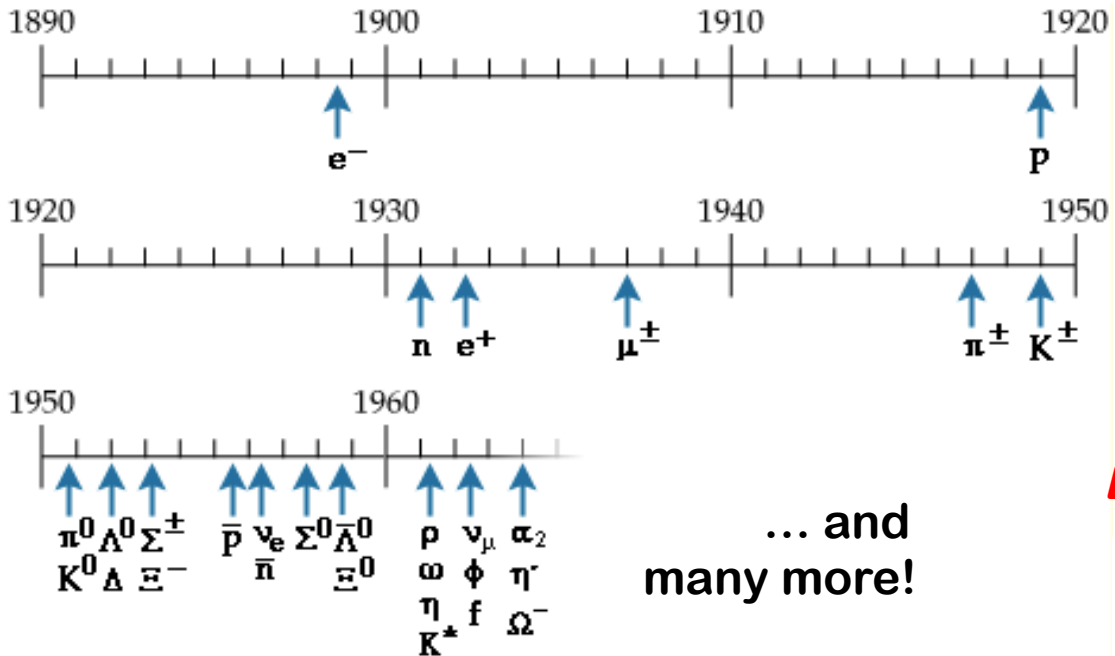
$$\mu_p = g_p \left(\frac{e\hbar}{2m_p} \right)$$

$$g_p = 2.792847356(23) \neq 2!$$

$$\mu_n = -1.913 \left(\frac{e\hbar}{2m_p} \right) \neq 0!$$

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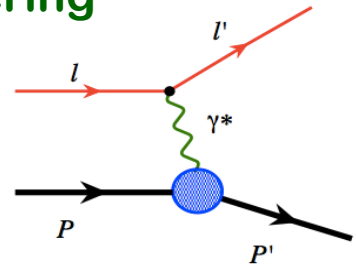


Nucleons has internal structure!

1960: Elastic e-p scattering

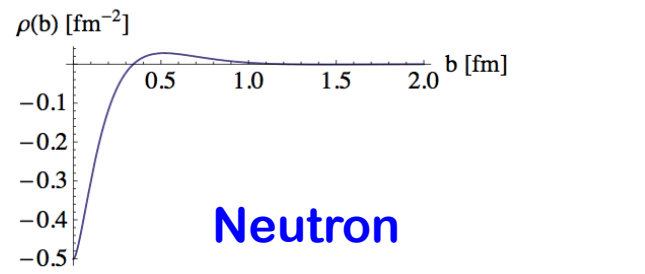
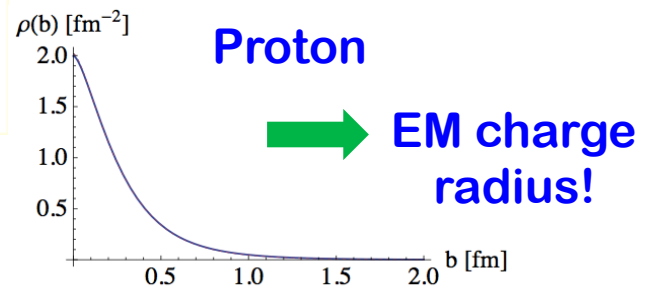


Robert Hofstadter
Nobel Prize 1961



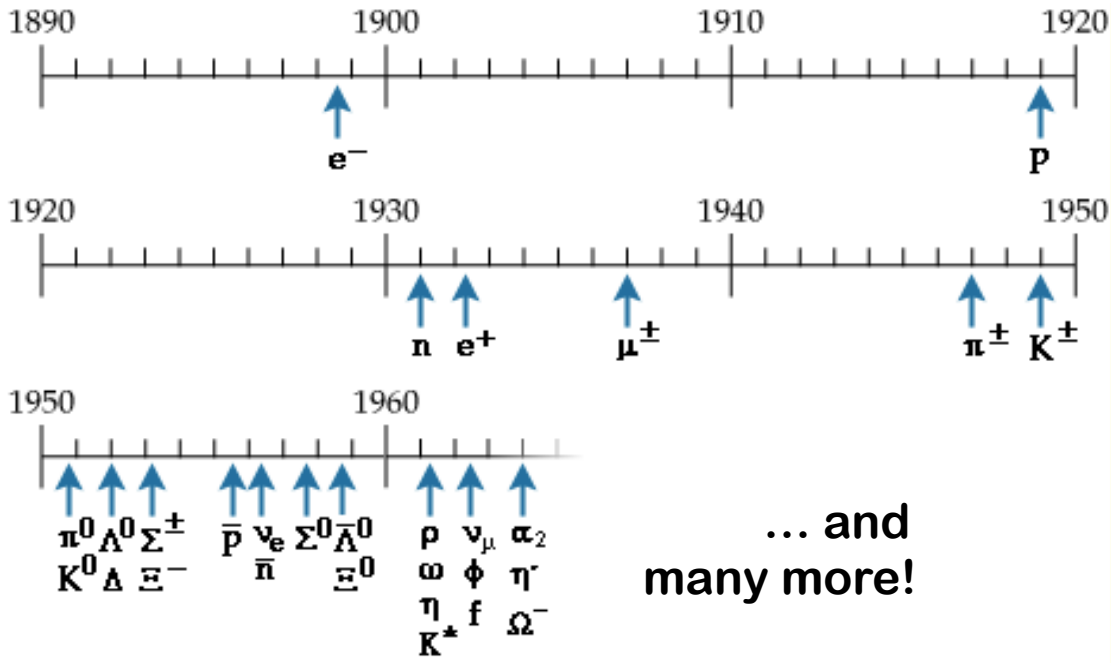
Form factors

Electric charge distribution



New particles, new ideas, and new theories

□ Early proliferation of new particles – “particle explosion”:



□ Nucleons are made of quarks!



Quark Model



Murray Gell-Mann

Nobel Prize, 1969

The naïve Quark Model

□ Flavor SU(3) – assumption:

Physical states for u, d, s , neglecting any mass difference, are represented by 3-eigenstates of the fund'l rep'n of flavor SU(3)

□ Generators for the fund'l rep'n of SU(3) – 3x3 matrices:

$$J_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{2} \quad \text{with } \lambda_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 8 \text{ Gell-Mann matrices}$$

□ Good quantum numbers to label the states:

$$J_3 = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad J_8 = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{simultaneously diagonalized}$$

$$\text{Isospin: } \hat{I}_3 \equiv J_3, \quad \text{Hypercharge: } \hat{Y} \equiv \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} J_8$$

□ Basis vectors – Eigenstates: $|I_3, Y\rangle$

$$v^1 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \iff u = \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \right\rangle \quad v^2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \iff d = \left| -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \right\rangle \quad v^3 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \iff s = \left| 0, -\frac{2}{3} \right\rangle$$

The naïve Quark Model

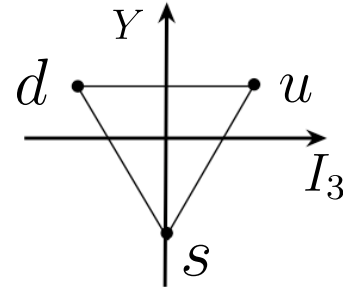
□ Quark states:

$$u = \left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \right\rangle \quad d = \left| -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \right\rangle \quad s = \left| 0, -\frac{2}{3} \right\rangle$$

Spin: $\frac{1}{2}$

Baryon #: $B = \frac{1}{3}$

Strangeness: $S = Y - B$ **Electric charge:** $Q \equiv I_3 + \frac{Y}{2}$



$$u \begin{cases} Q = 2/3 e \\ s = 1/2 \\ I_3 = 1 \\ Y = 1/3 \\ B = 1/3 \\ S = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$d \begin{cases} Q = -1/3 e \\ s = 1/2 \\ I_3 = -1 \\ Y = 1/3 \\ B = 1/3 \\ S = 0 \end{cases}$$

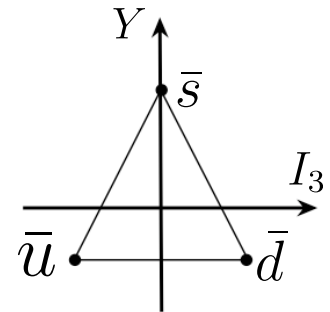
$$s \begin{cases} Q = -1/3 e \\ s = 1/2 \\ I_3 = 0 \\ Y = -2/3 \\ B = 1/3 \\ S = -1 \end{cases}$$

□ Antiquark states: $v_i \equiv \epsilon_{ijk} v^j v^k$

$$\hat{I}_3 v_1 = \epsilon_{123} [(\hat{I}_3 v^2) v^3 + v^2 (\hat{I}_3 v^3)] + \epsilon_{132} [(\hat{I}_3 v^3) v^2 + v^3 (\hat{I}_3 v^2)] = -\frac{1}{2} v_1$$

$$\hat{Y} v_1 = \epsilon_{123} [(\hat{Y} v^2) v^3 + v^2 (\hat{Y} v^3)] + \epsilon_{132} [(\hat{Y} v^3) v^2 + v^3 (\hat{Y} v^2)] = -\frac{1}{3} v_1$$

$$u \longrightarrow \bar{u} = \left| -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{3} \right\rangle$$



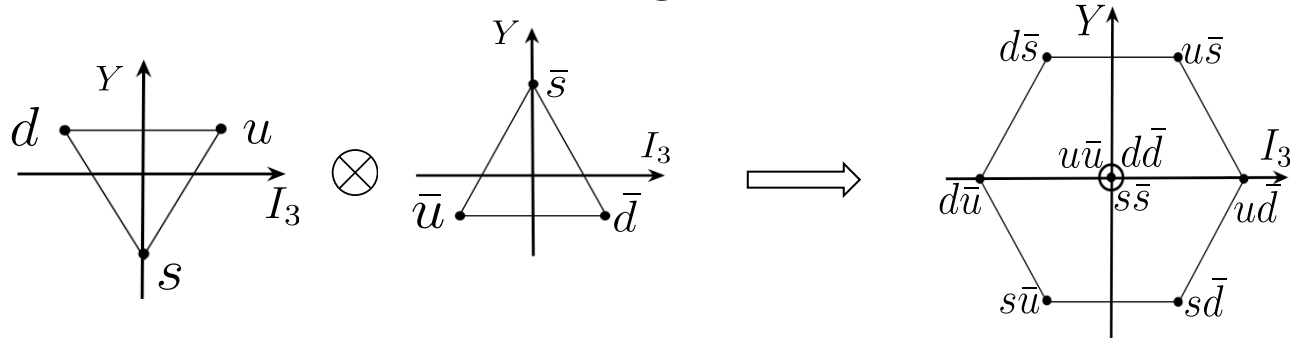
Mesons

Quark-antiquark $q\bar{q}$ flavor states: $B = 0$

□ Group theory says:

$$q(u, d, s) = \mathbf{3}, \quad \bar{q}(\bar{u}, \bar{d}, \bar{s}) = \bar{\mathbf{3}}, \quad \text{of flavor SU(3)}$$

$$\mathbf{3} \otimes \bar{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{1} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \mathbf{1 \text{ flavor singlet} + 8 \text{ flavor octet states}}$$



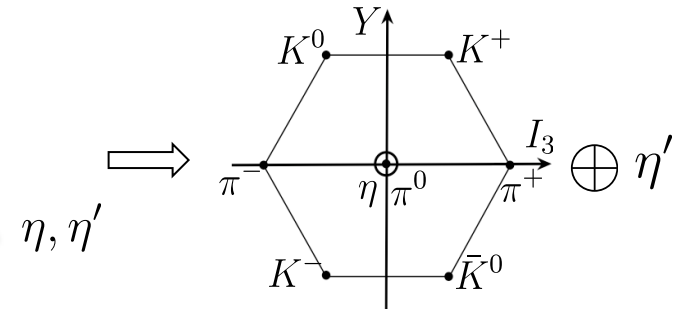
There are three states with $I_3 = 0, Y = 0$: $u\bar{u}, dd\bar{d}, s\bar{s}$

□ Physical meson states ($L=0, S=0$):

✧ Octet states: $A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(u\bar{u} - dd\bar{d}) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \pi^0$

$B = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(u\bar{u} + dd\bar{d} - 2s\bar{s}) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \eta_8$

✧ Singlet states: $C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(u\bar{u} + dd\bar{d} + s\bar{s}) \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \eta_1$



Quantum Numbers

□ Meson states:

$$J^{PC}$$

✧ Spin of $q\bar{q}$ pair:

$$\vec{S} = \vec{s}_q + \vec{s}_{\bar{q}} \rightarrow S = 0, 1$$

✧ Spin of mesons:

$$J = S + L$$

✧ Parity:

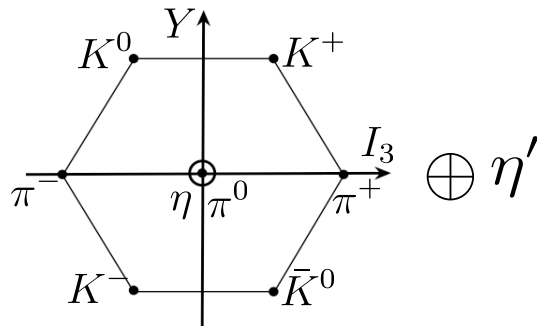
$$P = -(-1)^L$$

✧ Charge conjugation:

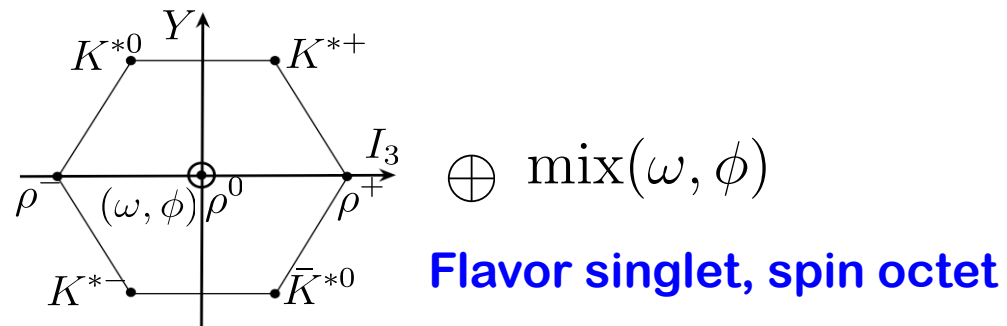
$$C = (-1)^{L+S}$$

□ L=0 states:

$$J^{PC} = 0^{-+} : (Y=S)$$



$$J^{PC} = 1^{--} : (Y=S)$$



□ Color:

No color was introduced!

Flavor octet, spin octet

Baryons

3 quark qqq states: $B = 1$

Group theory says:

✧ Flavor: $3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 = 10_S \oplus 8_{M_S} \oplus 8_{M_A} \oplus 1_A$

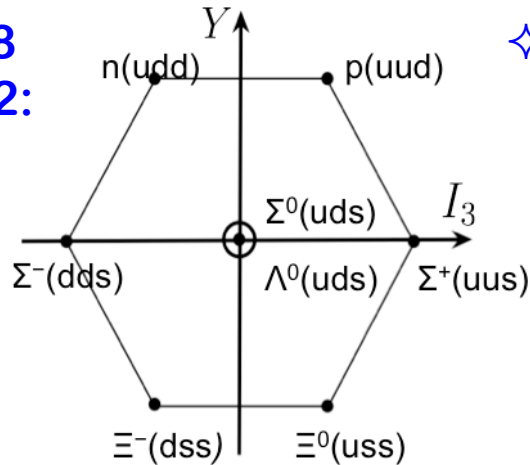
S: symmetric in all 3 q, M_S : symmetric in 1 and 2,

M_A : antisymmetric in 1 and 2, A: antisymmetric in all 3

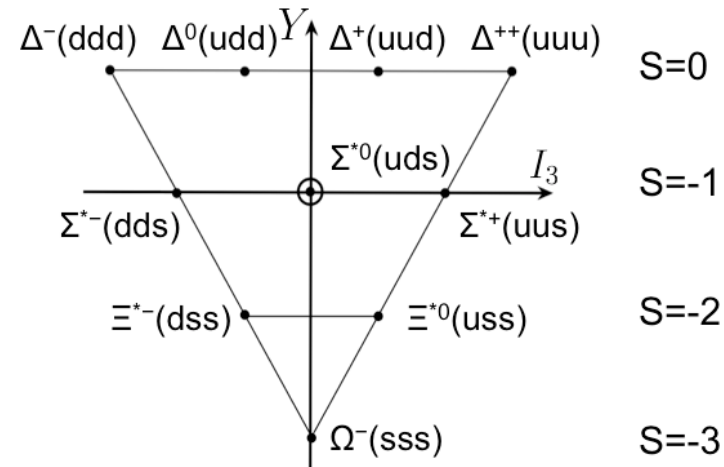
✧ Spin: $2 \otimes 2 \otimes 2 = 4_S \oplus 2_{M_s} \oplus 2_{M_A} \Rightarrow S = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$

Physical baryon states:

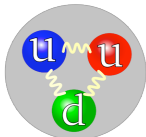
✧ Flavor-8
Spin-1/2:



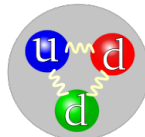
✧ Flavor-10
Spin-3/2:



Proton



Neutron



$\Delta^{++}(uuu), \dots$

Violation of Pauli exclusive principle



Need another quantum number - color!

Color

□ Minimum requirements:

- ✧ Quark needs to carry at least 3 different colors
- ✧ Color part of the 3-quarks' wave function needs to be antisymmetric

□ SU(3) color:

Recall: $3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 = 10_S \oplus 8_{MS} \oplus 8_{MA} \oplus 1_A$

$\longrightarrow c(\text{Red, Green, Blue})$

$$\psi_{\text{Color}}(c_1, c_2, c_3) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}[\text{RGB-GRB} + \text{RBG-BRG} + \text{GBR-BGR}]$$

**Antisymmetric
color singlet state:**

□ Baryon wave function:

$$\Psi(q_1, q_2, q_3) = \psi_{\text{Space}}(x_1, x_2, x_3) \otimes \psi_{\text{Flavor}}(f_1, f_2, f_3) \otimes \psi_{\text{Spin}}(s_1, s_2, s_3) \otimes \psi_{\text{Color}}(c_1, c_2, c_3)$$

Antisymmetric

Symmetric

Symmetric

Symmetric

Antisymmetric

A complete example: Proton

□ Wave function – the state:

$$|p \uparrow\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{18}} [uud(\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow + \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow - 2\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow) + udu(\uparrow\uparrow\downarrow + \downarrow\uparrow\uparrow - 2\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow) + duu(\uparrow\downarrow\uparrow + \uparrow\uparrow\downarrow - 2\downarrow\uparrow\uparrow)]$$

□ Normalization:

$$\langle p \uparrow | p \uparrow \rangle = \frac{1}{18} [(1 + 1 + (-2)^2) + (1 + 1 + (-2)^2) + (1 + 1 + (-2)^2)] = 1$$

□ Charge:

$$\hat{Q} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \hat{Q}_i$$

$$\langle p \uparrow | \hat{Q} | p \uparrow \rangle = \frac{1}{18} [(\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3})(1 + 1 + (-2)^2) + (\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3})(1 + 1 + (-2)^2) + (-\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3})(1 + 1 + (-2)^2)] = 1$$

□ Spin:

$$\hat{S} = \sum_{i=1}^3 \hat{S}_i$$

$$\langle p \uparrow | \hat{S} | p \uparrow \rangle = \frac{1}{18} \{ [(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) + (-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) + 4(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2})] + [\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 4\frac{1}{2}] + [\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 4\frac{1}{2}] \} = \frac{1}{2}$$

□ Magnetic moment:

$$\mu_p = \langle p \uparrow | \sum_{i=1}^3 \hat{\mu}_i (\hat{\sigma}_3)_i | p \uparrow \rangle = \frac{1}{3} [4\mu_u - \mu_d]$$

$$\mu_n = \frac{1}{3} [4\mu_d - \mu_u]$$

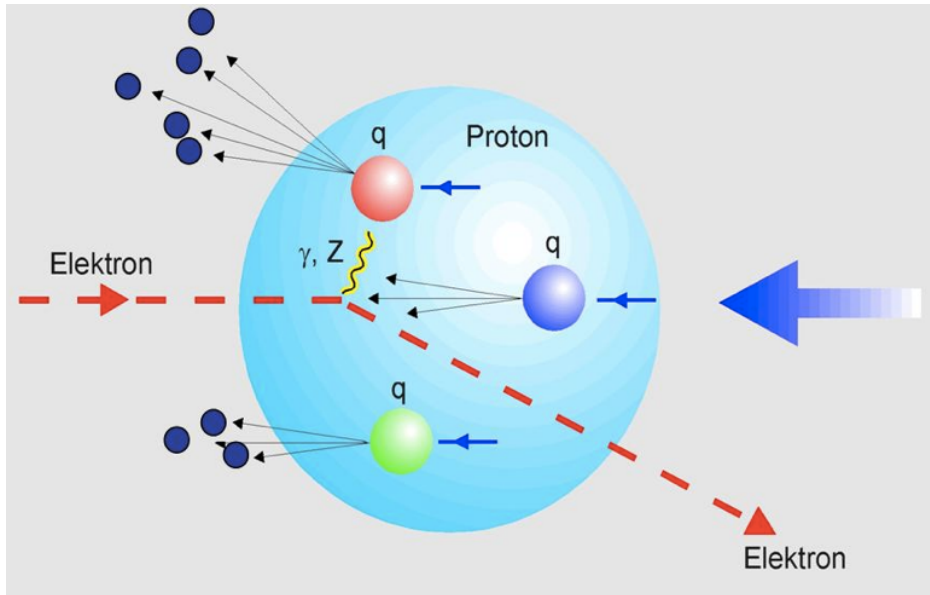
$$\frac{\mu_u}{\mu_d} \approx \frac{2/3}{-1/3} = -2$$

$$\rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\mu_p} \right)_{\text{QM}} = -\frac{2}{3} \\ \left(\frac{\mu_n}{\mu_p} \right)_{\text{Exp}} = -0.68497945(58) \end{array} \right.$$

How to “see” substructure of a nucleon?

□ Modern Rutherford experiment – Deep Inelastic Scattering:

SLAC 1968: $e(p) + h(P) \rightarrow e'(p') + X$



✧ Localized probe:

$$Q^2 = -(p - p')^2 \gg 1 \text{ fm}^{-2}$$

➔ $\frac{1}{Q} \ll 1 \text{ fm}$

✧ Two variables:

$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2(\theta/2)$$

$$x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2m_N \nu}$$

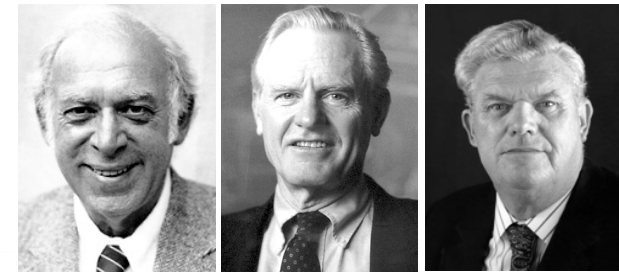
$$\nu = E - E'$$

➔ Discovery of spin $\frac{1}{2}$ quarks, and partonic structure!

What holds the quarks together?

➔ The birth of QCD (1973)

– Quark Model + Yang-Mill gauge theory



Nobel Prize, 1990

Quantum Chromo-dynamics (QCD)

= A quantum field theory of quarks and gluons =

□ Fields:

$$\psi_i^f(x)$$

Quark fields: spin-1/2 Dirac fermion (like electron)

Color triplet: $i = 1, 2, 3 = N_c$

Flavor: $f = u, d, s, c, b, t$

$$A_{\mu,a}(x)$$

Gluon fields: spin-1 vector field (like photon)

Color octet: $a = 1, 2, \dots, 8 = N_c^2 - 1$

□ QCD Lagrangian density:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{QCD}(\psi, A) = & \sum_f \bar{\psi}_i^f [(i\partial_\mu \delta_{ij} - gA_{\mu,a}(t_a)_{ij})\gamma^\mu - m_f \delta_{ij}] \psi_j^f \\ & - \frac{1}{4} [\partial_\mu A_{\nu,a} - \partial_\nu A_{\mu,a} - gC_{abc}A_{\mu,b}A_{\nu,c}]^2 \\ & + \text{gauge fixing} + \text{ghost terms} \end{aligned}$$

□ QED – force to hold atoms together:

$$\mathcal{L}_{QED}(\phi, A) = \sum_f \bar{\psi}^f [(i\partial_\mu - eA_\mu)\gamma^\mu - m_f] \psi^f - \frac{1}{4} [\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu]^2$$

QCD is much richer in dynamics than QED

Gluons are dark, but, interact with themselves, NO free quarks and gluons

Gauge property of QCD

□ Gauge Invariance:

$$\psi_i(x) \rightarrow \psi'_j(x) = U(x)_{ji} \psi_i(x)$$

$$A_\mu(x) \rightarrow A'_\mu(x) = U(x) A_\mu(x) U^{-1}(x) + \frac{i}{g} [\partial_\mu U(x)] U^{-1}(x)$$

where $A_\mu(x)_{ij} \equiv A_{\mu,a}(x) (t_a)_{ij}$

$$U(x)_{ij} = \left[e^{i \alpha_a(x) t_a} \right]_{ij} \quad \text{Unitary} \quad [\det=1, \text{SU}(3)]$$

□ Color matrices:

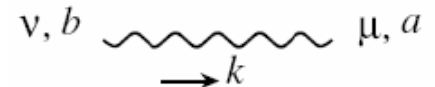
$$[t_a, t_b] = i C_{abc} t_c$$

Generators for the fundamental representation of SU3 color

□ Gauge Fixing:

$$\mathcal{L}_{gauge} = -\frac{\lambda}{2} (\partial_\mu A_a^\mu) (\partial_\nu A_a^\nu)$$

Allow us to define the gauge field propagator:



$$G_{\mu\nu}(k)_{ab} = \frac{\delta_{ab}}{k^2} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \right]$$

with $\lambda = 1$ the Feynman gauge

Ghost in QCD

□ Ghost:

Ghost

$$\mathcal{L}_{ghost} = (\partial_\mu \bar{\eta}_a(x)) (\partial^\mu \eta_a(x) - g C_{abc} A_b^\mu(x) \eta_c(x))$$

so that the optical theorem (hence the unitarity) can be respected

$$2 \operatorname{Im} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} \\ \dots + \text{Diagram 4} \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \sum \left| \text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} + \text{Diagram 3} \right|^2$$

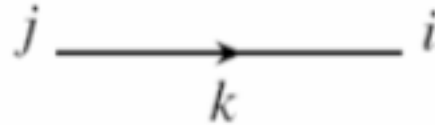
Sum over all physical polarizations

Fail without the ghost loop

Feynman rules in QCD

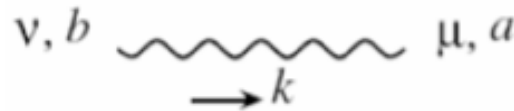
□ Propagators:

Quark:



$$\frac{i}{\gamma \cdot k - m} \delta_{ij}$$

Gluon:



$$\frac{i\delta_{ab}}{k^2} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu k_\nu}{k^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) \right]$$

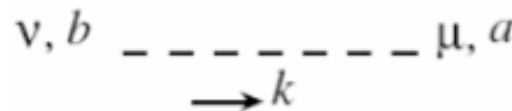
for a covariant gauge

$$\frac{i\delta_{ab}}{k^2} \left[-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{k_\mu n_\nu + n_\mu k_\nu}{k \cdot n} \right]$$

for a light-cone gauge

$$n \cdot A(x) = 0 \quad \text{with} \quad n^2 = 0$$

Ghost::

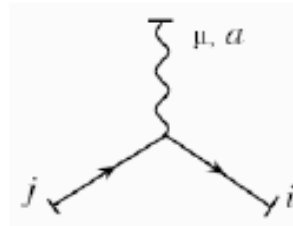


$$\frac{i\delta_{ab}}{k^2}$$

Feynman rules in QCD

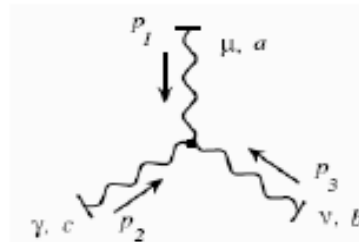
□ Interactions:

$$-g\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu A_{\mu,a}t_a\psi$$



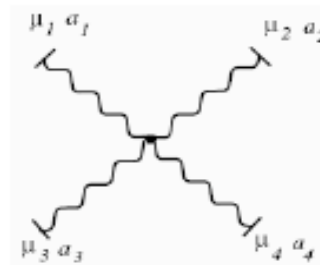
$$-ig(t_a)_{ij}\gamma_\mu$$

$$\frac{1}{2}gC_{abc}(\partial_\mu A_{\nu,a} - \partial_\nu A_{\mu,a})A_b^\mu A_c^\nu$$



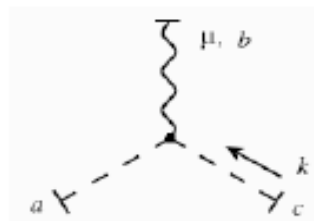
$$-gC_{abc} [g_{\mu\nu}(p_1 - p_2)\gamma + g_{\nu\gamma}(p_2 - p_3)_\mu + g_{\gamma\mu}(p_3 - p_1)_\nu]$$

$$-\frac{g^2}{4}C_{abc}C_{ab'c'} * A_b^\mu A_c^\nu A_{\mu,b'} A_{\nu,c'}$$



$$-ig^2 [C_{ca_1a_2}C_{ca_3a_4} * (g_{\mu_1\mu_3}g_{\mu_2\mu_4} - g_{\mu_1\mu_4}g_{\mu_2\mu_3}) + \dots]$$

$$\partial_\mu \bar{\eta}_a (gC_{abc}A_b^\mu) \eta_c$$



$$gC_{abc}k_\mu$$

Renormalization, why need?

□ Scattering amplitude:

$$= \int \langle PS \rangle_I \left(\frac{1}{E_i - E_I} + \dots \right) + \dots \Rightarrow \infty$$

UV divergence: result of a “sum” over states of high masses

Uncertainty principle: High mass states = “Local” interactions

No experiment has an infinite resolution!

Physics of renormalization

- UV divergence due to “high mass” states, not observed

The diagram shows a loop diagram with a wavy line and a shaded vertex, with an arrow pointing to Q^2 . This is equal to the difference between the same loop diagram and a tree-level diagram with a shaded vertex and a wavy line, plus another tree-level diagram with a shaded vertex and a wavy line. The tree-level diagrams have a vertical arrow pointing to $1/\mu$.

“Low mass” state

“High mass” states

- Combine the “high mass” states with LO

LO: $= g(\mu)$ ← Renormalized coupling

The LO equation shows a loop diagram with a wavy line and a shaded vertex, with an arrow pointing to Q^2 , plus a tree-level diagram with a shaded vertex and a wavy line, with a vertical arrow pointing to $1/\mu$. This is equal to $g(\mu)$. A red arrow points from the text “Renormalized coupling” to $g(\mu)$.

NLO: + ... No UV divergence!

The NLO equation shows a loop diagram with a wavy line and a shaded vertex, with an arrow pointing to Q^2 , minus a tree-level diagram with a shaded vertex and a wavy line, with a vertical arrow pointing to $1/\mu$. This is followed by a plus sign and an ellipsis. A red box contains the text “No UV divergence!” with an arrow pointing to the ellipsis.

- Renormalization = re-parameterization of the expansion parameter in perturbation theory

Renormalization Group

- Physical quantity should not depend on renormalization scale μ \longrightarrow renormalization group equation:

$$\mu^2 \frac{d}{d\mu^2} \sigma_{\text{Phy}} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, g(\mu), \mu \right) = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \sigma_{\text{Phy}}(Q^2) = \sum_n \hat{\sigma}^{(n)}(Q^2, \mu^2) \left(\frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{2\pi} \right)^n$$

- Running coupling constant:

$$\mu \frac{\partial g(\mu)}{\partial \mu} = \beta(g) \quad \alpha_s(\mu) = \frac{g^2(\mu)}{4\pi}$$

- QCD β function:

$$\beta(g) = \mu \frac{\partial g(\mu)}{\partial \mu} = +g^3 \frac{\beta_1}{16\pi^2} + \mathcal{O}(g^5) \quad \beta_1 = -\frac{11}{3}N_c + \frac{4}{3}\frac{n_f}{2} < 0 \quad \text{for } n_f \leq 6$$

- QCD running coupling constant:

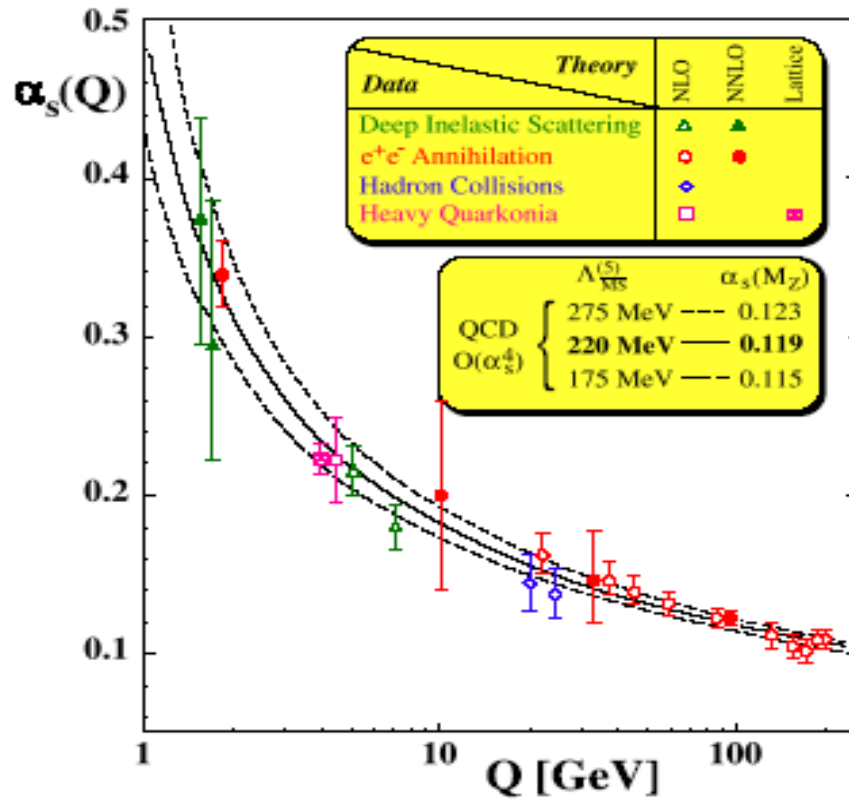
$$\alpha_s(\mu_2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_1)}{1 - \frac{\beta_1}{4\pi} \alpha_s(\mu_1) \ln \left(\frac{\mu_2^2}{\mu_1^2} \right)} \Rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \mu_2 \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{for } \beta_1 < 0$$

Asymptotic freedom!

QCD Asymptotic Freedom

Interaction strength:

$$\alpha_s(\mu_2) = \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_1)}{1 - \frac{\beta_1}{4\pi} \alpha_s(\mu_1) \ln\left(\frac{\mu_2^2}{\mu_1^2}\right)} \equiv \frac{4\pi}{-\beta_1 \ln\left(\frac{\mu_2^2}{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}\right)}$$



μ_2 and μ_1 not independent

Asymptotic Freedom \Leftrightarrow antiscreening

$$\text{QCD: } \frac{\partial \alpha_s(Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \beta(\alpha_s) < 0$$

Compare

$$\text{QED: } \frac{\partial \alpha_{EM}(Q^2)}{\partial \ln Q^2} = \beta(\alpha_{EM}) > 0$$

D.Gross, F.Willczek, Phys.Rev.Lett 30, (1973)
H.Politzer, Phys.Rev.Lett. 30, (1973)

→ Discovery of QCD
Asymptotic Freedom

→ Collider phenomenology
- Controllable perturbative QCD calculations



Nobel Prize, 2004

Effective Quark Mass

- **Running quark mass:**

$$m(\mu_2) = m(\mu_1) \exp \left[- \int_{\mu_1}^{\mu_2} \frac{d\lambda}{\lambda} [1 + \gamma_m(g(\lambda))] \right]$$

Quark mass depend on the renormalization scale!

- **QCD running quark mass:**

$$m(\mu_2) \Rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \mu_2 \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{since } \gamma_m(g(\lambda)) > 0$$

- **Choice of renormalization scale:**

$$\mu \sim Q \quad \text{for small logarithms in the perturbative coefficients}$$

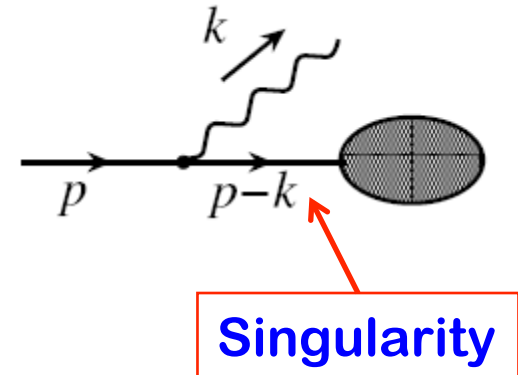
- **Light quark mass:** $m_f(\mu) \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$ for $f = u, d$, even s

**QCD perturbation theory ($Q \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$)
is effectively a massless theory**

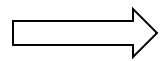
Infrared and collinear divergences

□ Consider a general diagram:

$p^2 = 0, \quad k^2 = 0$ for a massless theory

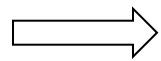


✧ $k^\mu \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow (p - k)^2 \rightarrow p^2 = 0$



Infrared (IR) divergence

✧ $k^\mu \parallel p^\mu \Rightarrow k^\mu = \lambda p^\mu \quad \text{with } 0 < \lambda < 1$
 $\Rightarrow (p - k)^2 \rightarrow (1 - \lambda)^2 p^2 = 0$



Collinear (CO) divergence

IR and CO divergences are generic problems of a massless perturbation theory

Infrared Safety

□ Infrared safety:

$$\sigma_{\text{Phy}} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2), \frac{m^2(\mu^2)}{\mu^2} \right) \Rightarrow \hat{\sigma} \left(\frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \alpha_s(\mu^2) \right) + \mathcal{O} \left[\left(\frac{m^2(\mu^2)}{\mu^2} \right)^\kappa \right]$$

Infrared safe = $\kappa > 0$

**Asymptotic freedom is useful
only for
quantities that are infrared safe**

Foundation of QCD perturbation theory

□ Renormalization

- QCD is renormalizable

Nobel Prize, 1999
't Hooft, Veltman

□ Asymptotic freedom

- weaker interaction at a shorter distance

Nobel Prize, 2004
Gross, Politzer, Welczek

□ Infrared safety and factorization

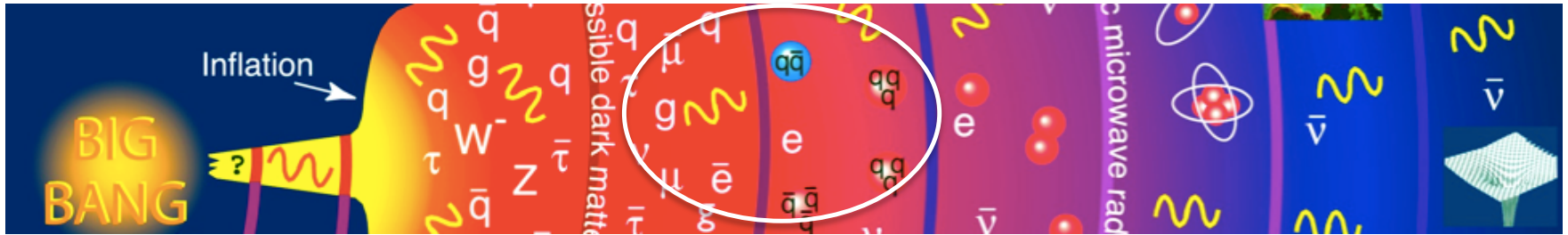
- calculable short distance dynamics
- pQCD factorization – connect the partons to physical cross sections

J. J. Sakurai Prize, 2003
Mueller, Sterman

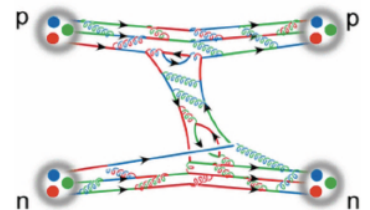
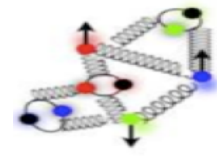
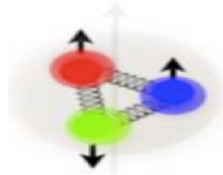
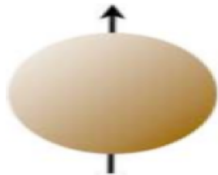
Look for infrared safe and factorizable observables!

QCD is everywhere in our universe

- What is the role of QCD in the evolution of the universe?



- How hadrons are emerged from quarks and gluons?
- How does QCD make up the properties of hadrons?
Their mass, spin, magnetic moment, ...
- What is the QCD landscape of nucleon and nuclei?



- How do the nuclear force arise from QCD?
- ...

Backup slides

From Lagrangian to Physical Observables

- ❑ Theorists: Lagrangian = “complete” theory
- ❑ Experimentalists: Cross Section \longrightarrow Observables
- ❑ A road map – from Lagrangian to Cross Section:

