

Quarks, Partons, and Quantum Chromodynamics

Lecture 5

Quarks model of hadrons

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Additive quark model of hadrons

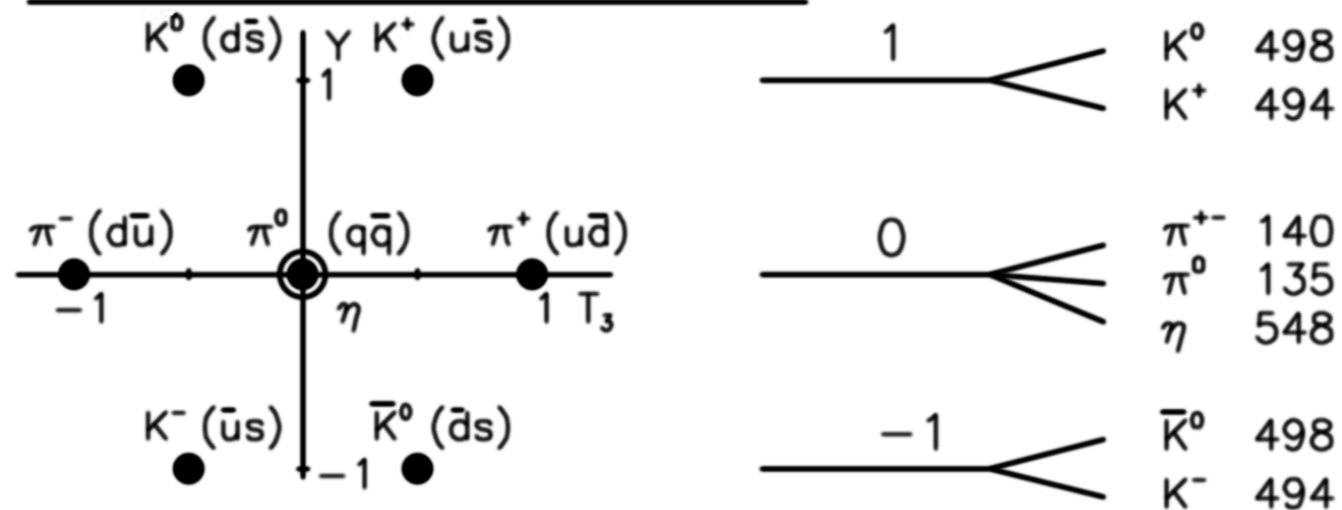
- success with hadron magnetic moments

p	n	Λ	Σ^+	Σ^-	Ξ^0	Ξ^-	Ω
2.793	-1.913	-0.613 ± 0.004	2.458 ± 0.010	-1.160 ± 0.025	-1.25 ± 0.014	-0.651 ± 0.003	-2.02 ± 0.05
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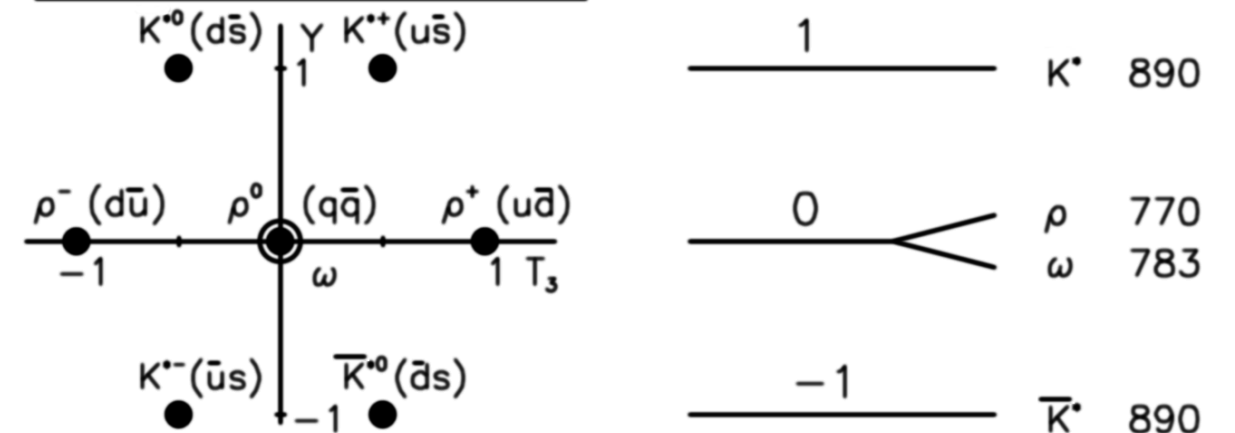
$\Rightarrow$ constituent quark masses: $m_u = 338$ MeV, $m_d = 338$ MeV, $m_s = 510$ MeV

- What about hadron masses?
- simple additive model too cruel in particular for mesons

octet of pseudoscalar mesons



octet of vector mesons



- quark spins must play some role

Hadron masses

- let's try model with spin-spin interaction (Halsen & Martin)

analogy with hyperfine structure of hydrogen lines:

$$\Delta E_{\text{hf}} = \frac{2\pi\alpha}{3} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_p \cdot \vec{\sigma}_e}{m_p m_e} |\psi_e(0)|^2$$

- **meson masses:**
$$m(q_1 \bar{q}_2) = m_{q_1} + m_{\bar{q}_2} + a \langle \psi_{\text{meson}} | \frac{\vec{\sigma}_{q_1} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{\bar{q}_2}}{m_{q_1} m_{\bar{q}_2}} | \psi_{\text{meson}} \rangle$$

- **baryon masses:**
$$m_B(q_1 q_2 q_3) = m_{q_1} + m_{q_2} + m_{q_3} + a' \langle \psi_B | \sum_{i < j}^{1,2,3} \frac{\vec{\sigma}_{q_i} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{q_j}}{m_{q_i} m_{q_j}} | \psi_B \rangle$$

- we can evaluate the scalar products of Pauli matrices directly
(see the last part of exercise 4.3 - Baryon masses)
- or do it in a clever way using quadratic Casimir operators

Casimir operators (exercise 3.14)

- quadratic, or higher order, forms constructed out of Lie algebra of generators X_i , which commute with all its elements
- the simplest form is quadratic Casimir operator, for orthogonal generators X_i

$$C = \sum_1^n X_i X_i, \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n : [C, X_i] = 0.$$

Schur's Lemma: Casimir operator is for irreducible representation a multiple of unit matrix $\mathbb{1}$

- in SU(2): $C = J_1^2 + J_2^2 + J_3^2$ is square of total orbital momentum $C(\mathcal{D}(j)) = j(j+1)\mathbb{1}$

$$J_{\text{tot}}^2 = (\vec{J}_{(1)} + \vec{J}_{(2)})^2 = \vec{J}_{(1)}^2 + \vec{J}_{(2)}^2 + 2\vec{J}_{(1)} \cdot \vec{J}_{(2)}$$

- as $J_i = \sigma_i/2$:

$$\vec{\sigma}_{(1)} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{(2)} = 4 \vec{J}_{(1)} \cdot \vec{J}_{(2)} = 2(C_{\text{tot}} - C_{(1)} - C_{(2)})$$

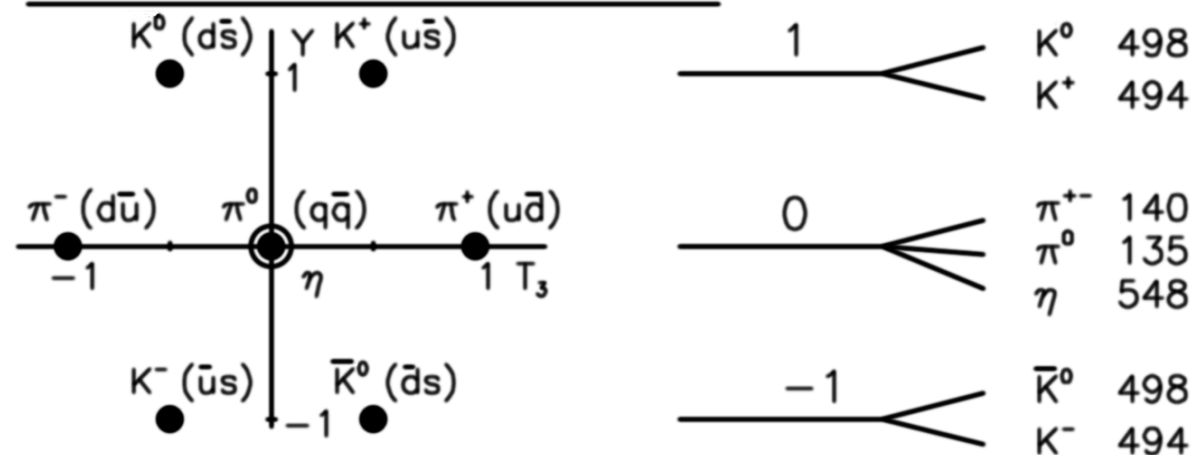
$$\sum_{i < j}^{1,2,3} \vec{\sigma}_{(i)} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{(j)} = 4 \sum_{i < j}^{1,2,3} \vec{J}_{(i)} \cdot \vec{J}_{(j)} = 2(C_{\text{tot}} - C_{(1)} - C_{(2)} - C_{(3)})$$

- SU(3) for $\mathcal{D}(q_3, q_{\bar{3}})$: $C(q_3, q_{\bar{3}}) = \frac{1}{3} (q_3^2 + q_3 q_{\bar{3}} + q_{\bar{3}}^2) + (q_3 + q_{\bar{3}})$

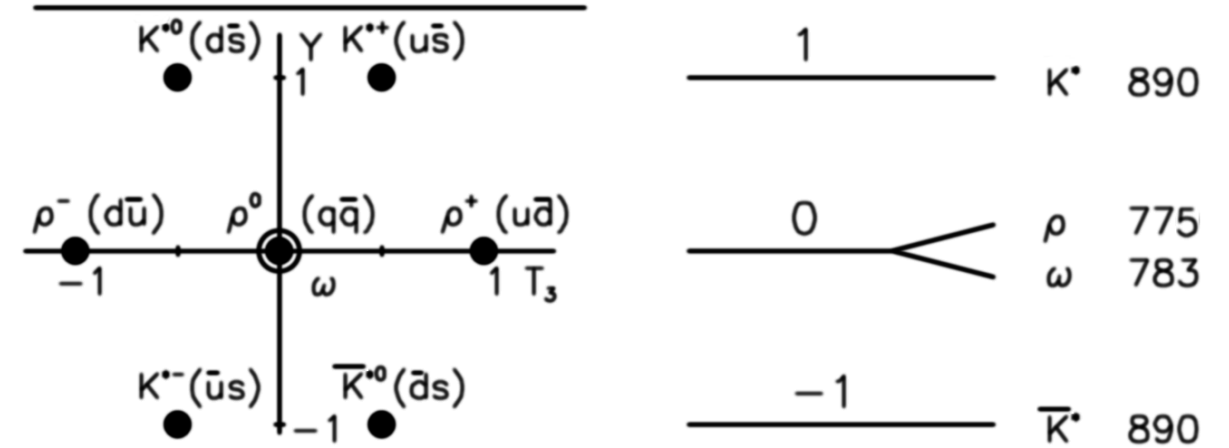
- SU(N): $C_F(N) = \frac{N^2-1}{2N}$, $C_A(N) = N$ (exercise 3.16)

Meson masses

octet of pseudoscalar mesons



octet of vector mesons



- π mass:
$$m_\pi = 2m_u + \frac{a}{m_u^2} 2 \left(0 \cdot 1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \right) = 2m_u - 3A$$

 $m_u = m_d$ A $J_\pi = 0$ $J_u = 1/2$

$$m_u = \frac{3m_\rho + m_\pi}{8} \approx 306 \text{ MeV}$$

$$A = \frac{m_\rho - m_\pi}{4} \approx 159 \text{ MeV}$$

$$a \approx 0.015 \text{ GeV}^3$$

- ρ mass:
$$m_\rho = 2m_u + \frac{a}{m_u^2} 2 \left(1 \cdot 2 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \right) = 2m_u + A$$

 $J_\rho = 1$

- Kaon masses: $m_K = m_u + m_s - 3A \frac{m_u}{m_s}, \quad m_{K^*} = m_u + m_s + A \frac{m_u}{m_s} \Rightarrow m_{K^*} - m_K = \frac{m_u}{m_s} (m_\rho - m_\pi)$

- difference suppressed by m_u/m_s : $m_s \approx 496 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow m_K = 508 \text{ MeV}, m_{K^*} = 900 \text{ MeV}$

- works for baryons as well (exercise 4.3): $m_u = 362 \text{ MeV}, m_s = 539 \text{ MeV}, A' = 49 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow a' = 0.0064 \text{ GeV}^3$

Color

- Why are hadrons colorless and why we don't observe free quarks (confinement)?

Nambu 1965 - quarks are confined in hadrons due to new fundamental force

"mediated by an octet of gauge fields A_μ^i coupled to infinitesimal $SU(3)$ generators (currents) λ_i of the triplets with strength g " **QCD!**

- we don't observe free quarks because they are very (infinitely) heavy, due to new force dynamics (concept of running mass and coupling in QFT) - $M_q \rightarrow \infty$

$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = \bar{\psi} \lambda_i \gamma_\mu \psi A_\mu^i \Rightarrow \text{(in analogy with spin-spin interaction) potential } V_{ij} = v(\vec{r}_{ij}) \vec{T}_{(i)} \cdot \vec{T}_{(j)}$$

- binding energy of hadron made out of n quarks

$$V(n) \sim \langle n | \sum_{\text{pairs}} V_{ij} | n \rangle \sim \langle n | \sum_{i < j} \vec{T}_{(i)} \cdot \vec{T}_{(j)} | n \rangle \sim \langle n | \vec{T}_{\text{tot}}^2 - \vec{T}_{(1)}^2 - \dots - \vec{T}_{(n)}^2 | n \rangle \sim C_{\text{tot}} - nC_F$$

- hadron mass: $M(n) = nM_q + k(C - nC_F) = kC + n(M_q - kC_F)$
- the only chance to produce small hadron mass is to compensate large M_q with large k ($k \sim M_q/C_F$)
- $M(n) \sim \frac{C}{C_F} M_q \Rightarrow$ small hadron masses only for $C = 0$, which is the case of **color singlet** only

$$C(q_3, q_{\bar{3}}) = \frac{1}{3} (q_3^2 + q_3 q_{\bar{3}} + q_{\bar{3}}^2) + (q_3 + q_{\bar{3}}) \quad C(0, 0) = 0 \quad C_F = C(1, 0) = C(0, 1) = \frac{4}{3}$$

Color

- we find singlets in: $3 \otimes \bar{3} = 8 \oplus 1$ ($q\bar{q}$ - mesons), $3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 = 10 \oplus 8 \oplus 8 \oplus 1$ (qqq - baryons)
- or in: $3 \otimes \bar{3} \otimes 3 \otimes \bar{3}$ ($q\bar{q}q\bar{q}$ - tetraquarks), $3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 \otimes \bar{3}$ ($qqqq\bar{q}$ - pentaquarks)
 - $Z(4430)^+ c\bar{c}d\bar{u}$ state (Belle 2007, LHCb 2014), $P_c(4380)^+ c\bar{c}uud$ state (LHCb 2015)
- or in: $8 \otimes 8$ (gg - Pomeron), $8 \otimes 8 \otimes 8$ (ggg - Odderon), $8 \otimes 8 \otimes \dots \otimes 8$ (glueballs) (exercise 6.5)
 - BESIII announced in 2025 a discovery of glueball candidate X(2370)
- but **not** in: $3 \otimes 3 = 6 \oplus \bar{3}$ (no qq states), $3 \otimes 3 \otimes \bar{3}$, $3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3 \otimes 3$, (exercise 3.10)
- binding energy between color and anti-color in meson

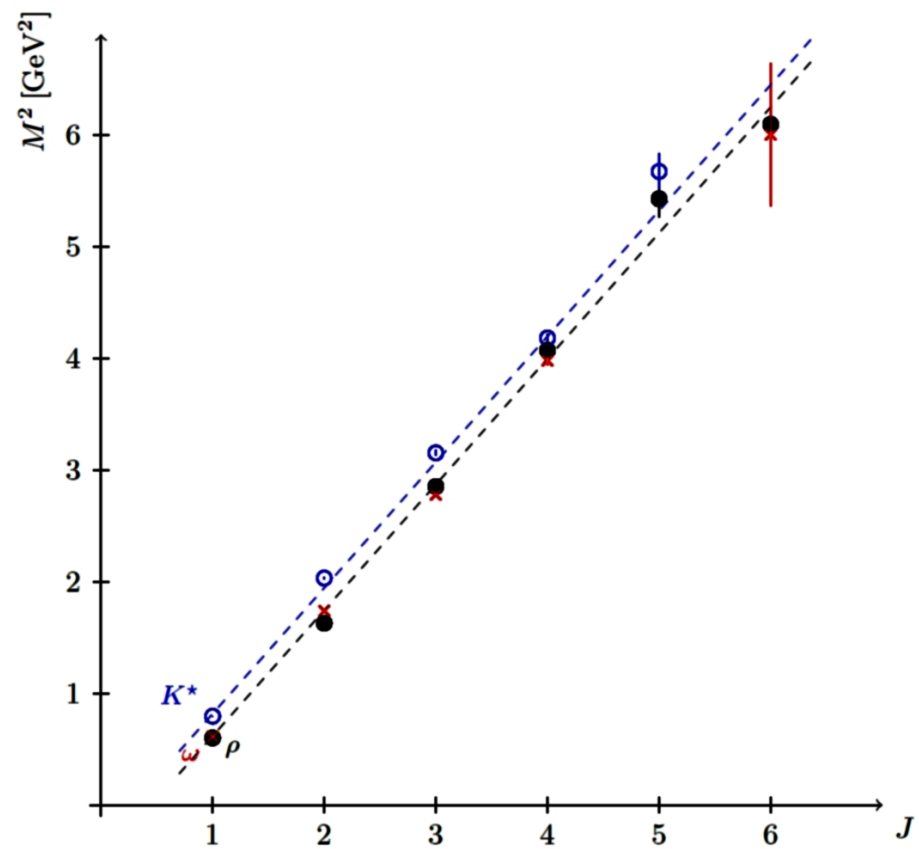
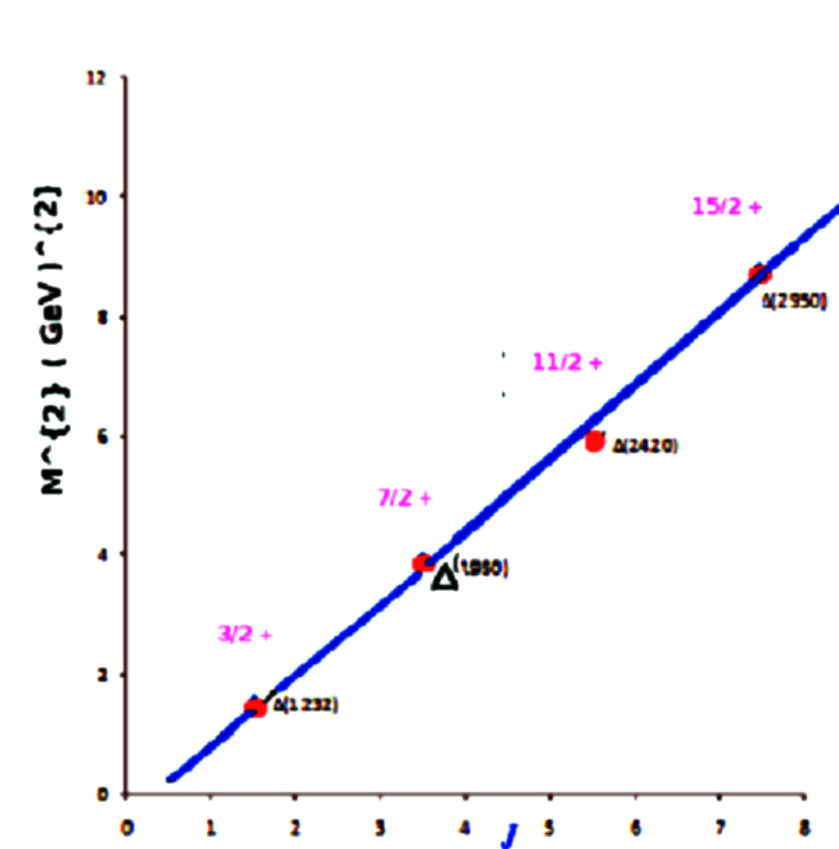
$$V_{q\bar{q}}^{meson} \sim 0 - 2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{8}{3}$$

- two colors in baryon can be either in 6 or $\bar{3}$
- cannot be in 6, as $6 \otimes 3 = 10 \oplus 8$ has no singlet

$$V_{qq}^{baryon} \sim \frac{4}{3} - 2 \cdot \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

- Nambu models explains why $\alpha \sim 2\alpha'$

Hadron spin and masses and string theory



$$M^2 \sim J \quad (\text{Regge trajectory})$$

Answer to "Why?" led to **string theory**

Inelastic (non-relat.) solid body

$$E_k = \frac{1}{2} L \omega, \quad L = I \omega \Rightarrow E \sim L^2$$

Elastic (non-relat.) solid body

- maximal orbital speed $\omega_{\max}$ at which the body stretches to infinity ($l \rightarrow \infty$)

for $\omega \rightarrow \omega_{\max}$:

$$L \rightarrow \infty, \quad E \sim L \omega_{\max} \Rightarrow E \sim L$$

Rotating relat. elastic string - maximal orbital speed at which the edge moves with c : $\omega_{\max} = 2/l$

- string rest density $\varrho(2x/l)$, near $\omega_{\max} = 2/l$: $\varrho(\xi = \omega_{\max} x)$

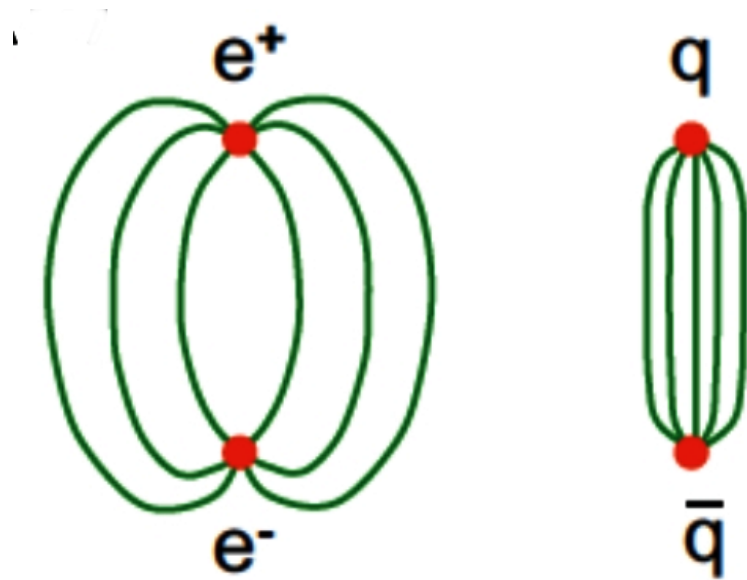
$$M = E = \int_{-l/2}^{l/2} dx \frac{\varrho(\omega_{\max} x)}{\sqrt{1 - (\omega_{\max} x)^2}} = \frac{2}{\omega_{\max}} \int_0^1 d\xi \frac{\varrho(\xi)}{\sqrt{1 - \xi^2}} \sim l, \quad L = \int_{-l/2}^{l/2} dx \frac{\varrho(\omega_{\max} x) x^2 \omega_{\max}}{\sqrt{1 - (\omega_{\max} x)^2}} = \frac{2}{\omega_{\max}^2} \int_0^1 d\xi \frac{\varrho(\xi) \xi^2}{\sqrt{1 - \xi^2}} \sim l^2$$

- linear increase of energy with string length and $M^2 \sim L$
- relativistic rotating disc: $M^{3/2} \sim L$, sphere $M^{4/3} \sim L$ (exercise 4.7)

L. Susskind - Lecture 1 on String Theory and M-Theory

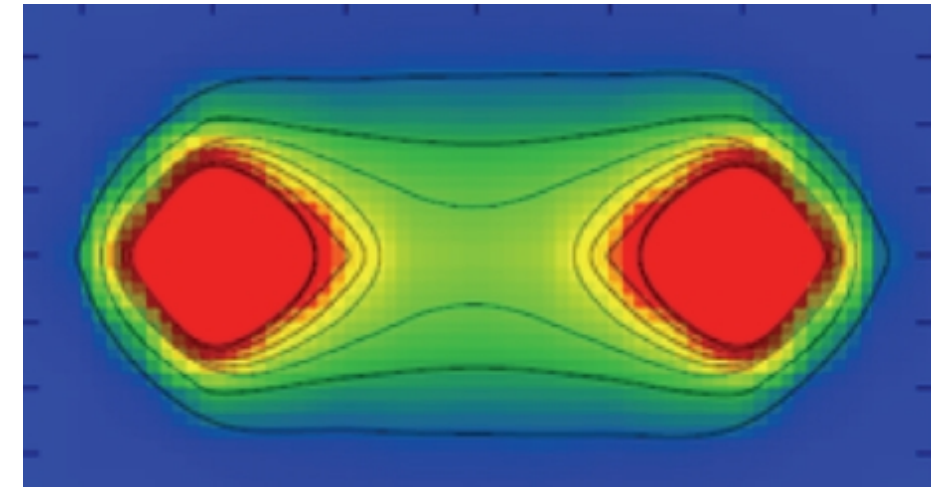
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Color string



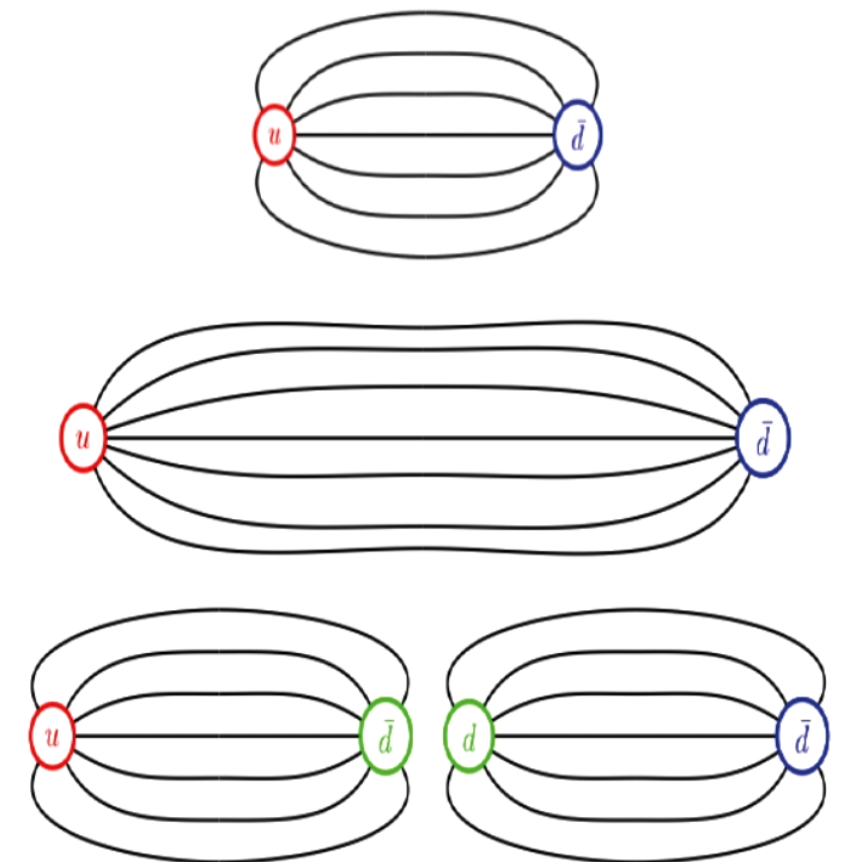
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gluon field

Meson in Lattice QCD

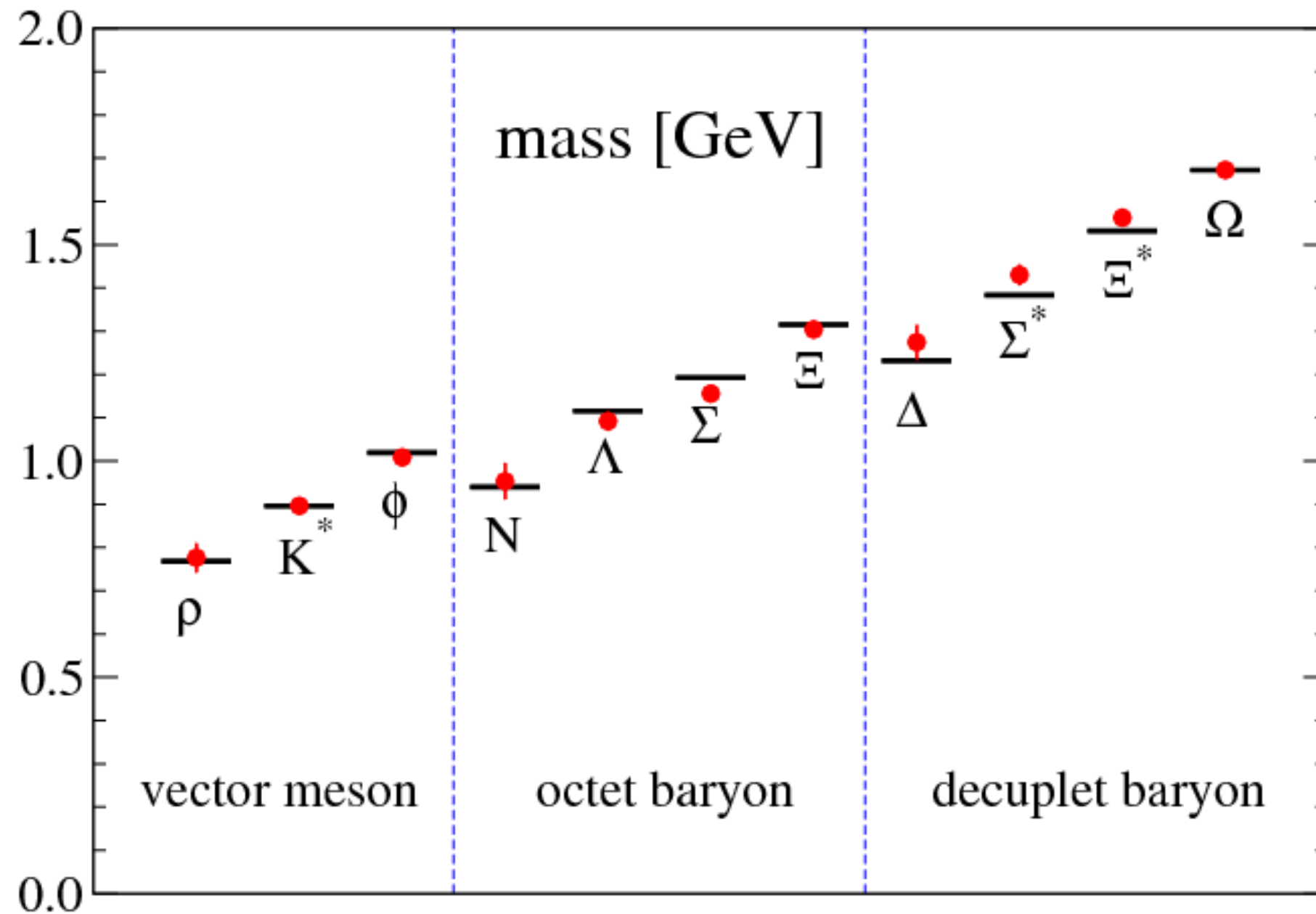


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- in electrostatics - field spreads over entire space
- in QCD - gluon field concentrates into narrow tube
- energy between two colors increases linearly with distance
- at some point, it is favorable to generate color anti-color pair from vacuum and break the string



Hadron masses in lattice QCD



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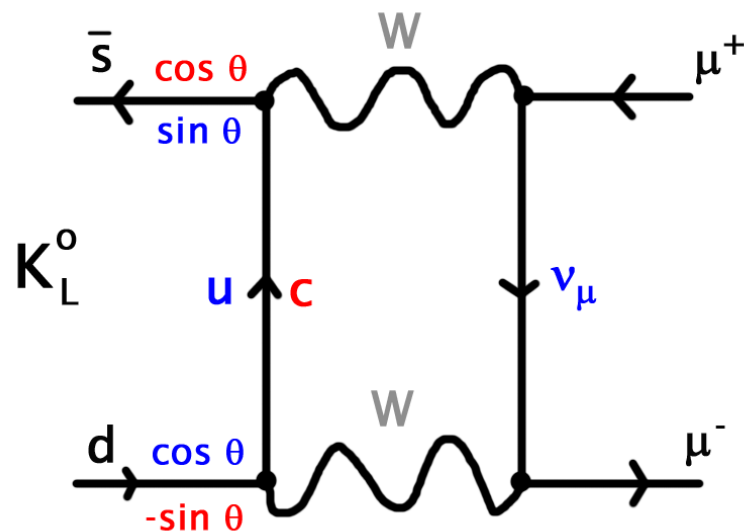
Input: masses of π , K and Ω (they determine current quark masses)

Charm

- speculations about 4th quark, shortly after Zweig and Gell-Mann quark model (Björken, Glashow 1964)
 - symmetry between quarks and leptons - discovery of ν_μ in 1962 (Lederman, Schwartz, Steinberger - NP 1982)
- GIM mechanism** (Glashow-Iliopoulos-Maiani 1970) - 4th quark provided elegant solution of **FCNC**

$$K^+ \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^- \quad (\text{Br} = 0.048), \quad K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ e^+ e^- \quad (\text{Br} = 2.7 \cdot 10^{-7})$$

- another example of FCNC - rare decay $K_L^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ($\text{Br} \approx 7 \cdot 10^{-9}$)



- 3-quarks weak current $J_\mu = \bar{u} \gamma_\mu (1 + \gamma_5) (d \cos \theta + s \sin \theta)$ leads to $\text{Br} \approx 10^{-4}$
- 4-quarks weak current $J_\mu = U \gamma_\mu (1 + \gamma_5) C D$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ c \end{pmatrix} \quad D = \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \end{pmatrix} \quad C = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

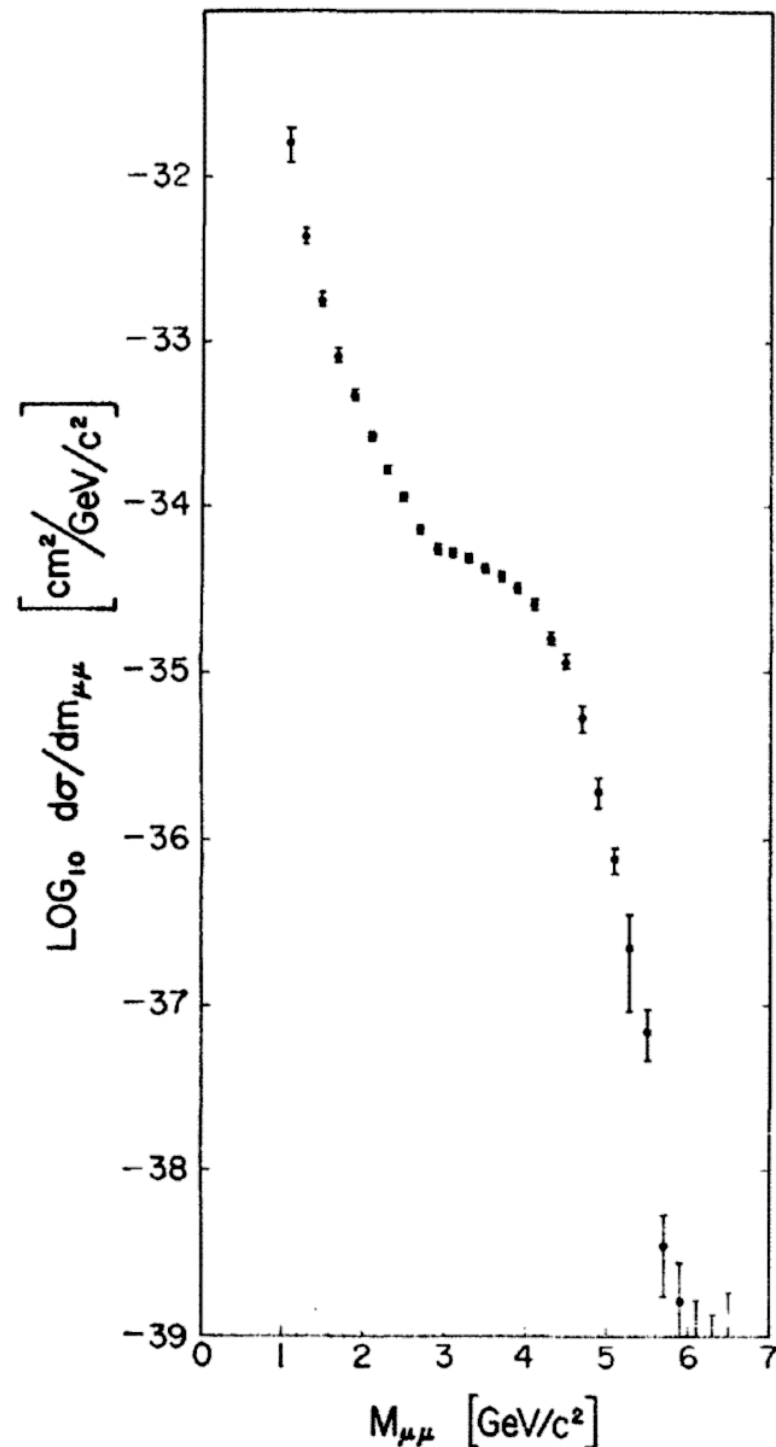
- same but opposite contribution for c quark (if masses are neglected)

$$\text{Br} \approx \frac{m_c^2 - m_u^2}{m_W^2} 10^{-4} \approx \frac{m_c^2}{m_W^2} 10^{-4} \Rightarrow m_c \approx 0.01 m_W \approx 0.8 \text{ GeV}$$

Historically, first estimates of m_c even before the discovery of c

- cancelation of **EW axial anomalies** requires symmetry between leptons and quarks

Prolog to discovery of c quark



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Lederman in Brookhaven (1970)

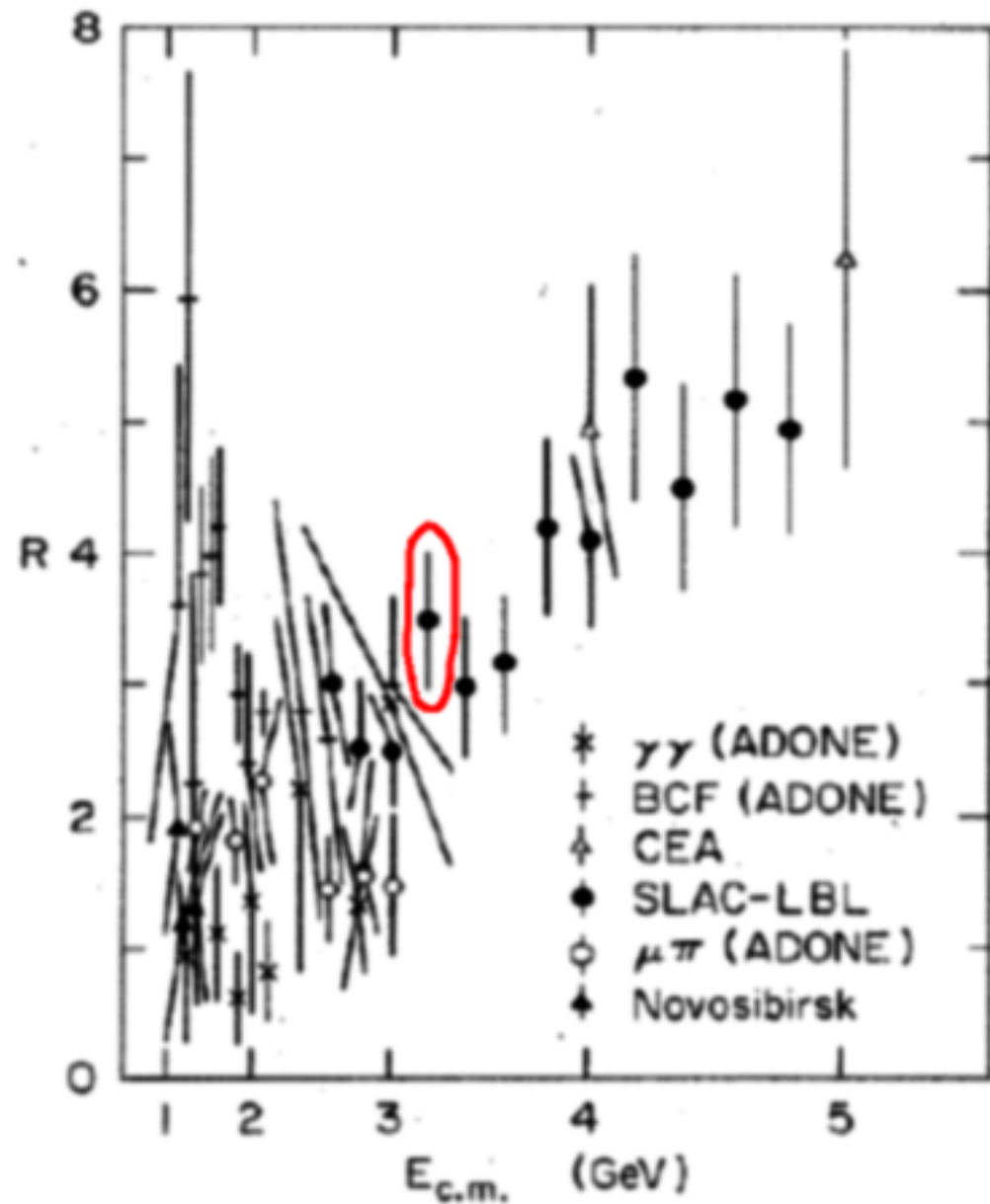
- 30 GeV proton beam on heavy target $p + U \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^- + X$
 - practically only muons could leave the target
 - bad energy and invariant mass resolution
- experiment was looking for “heavy fotons”
 - $c\bar{c}$ is such state (!)
 - wide resonances expected
 - this is exactly what was observed
- however

Muon pairs in the mass range $1 < m_{\mu\mu} < 6.7 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ have been observed in collisions of high-energy protons with uranium nuclei. At an incident energy of 29 GeV, the cross section varies smoothly as $d\sigma/dm_{\mu\mu} \approx 10^{-32}/m_{\mu\mu}^5 \text{ cm}^2 (\text{GeV}/c)^{-2}$ and exhibits no resonant structure. The total cross section increases by a factor of 5 as the proton energy rises from 22 to 29.5 GeV.

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- Lederman missed the oportunity for the second Nobel Prize

$e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$, summer 1974



$$R = \frac{e^+e^- \rightarrow \text{hadrons}}{e^+e^- \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-}$$

- in parton model (also LO QCD)

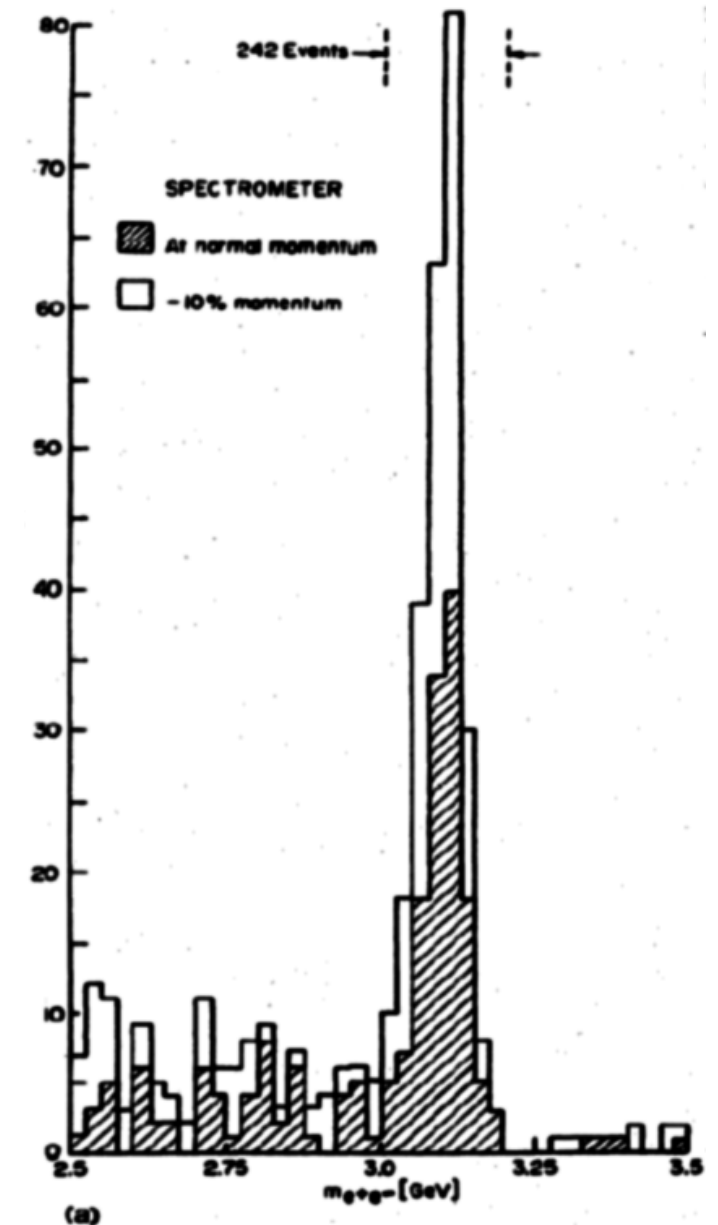
$$R = N_c \sum_i^{k\text{quarks}} e_i^2$$

- For 3 quarks (u,d,s): $R=2$
- For 4 quarks (u,d,s,c): $R=10/3$
- No obvious resonance

Ting - discovery of J (Brookhaven)

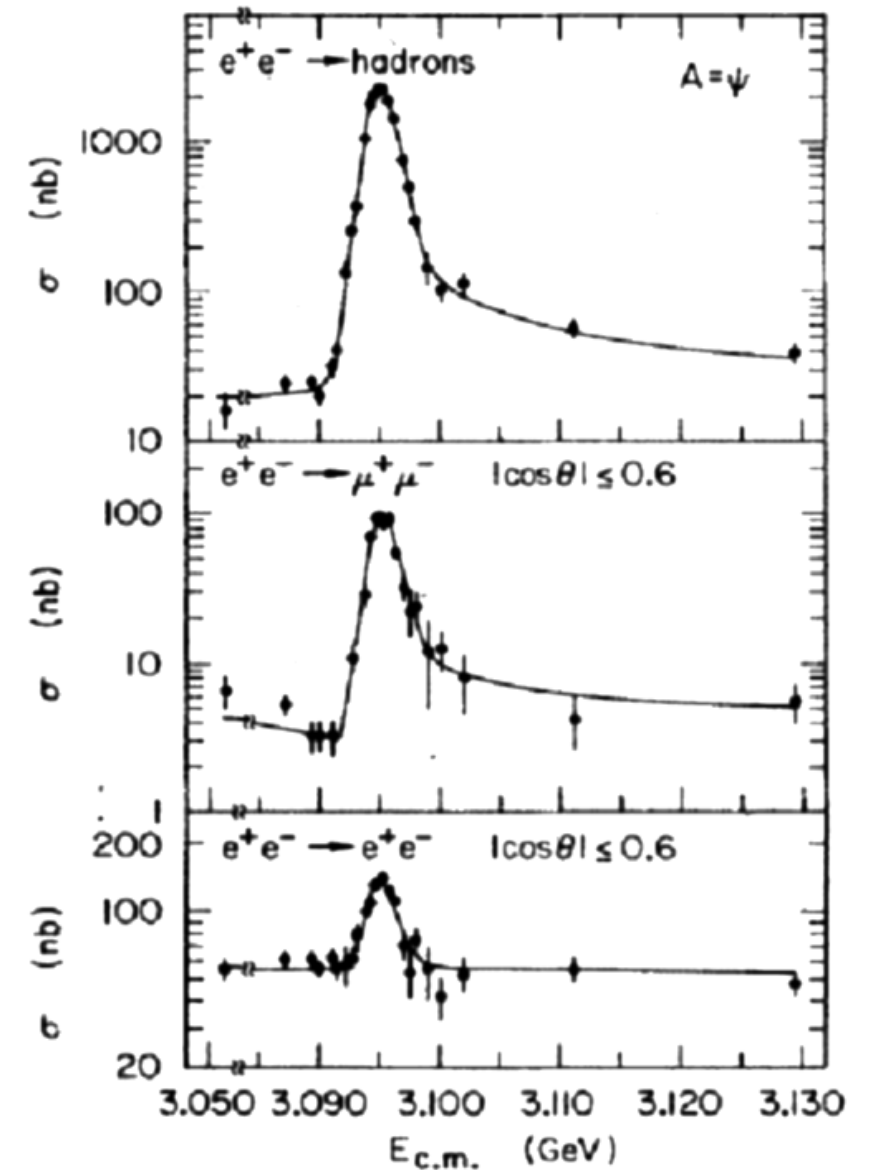
$$p + Be \rightarrow e^+e^- + X$$

- magnetic 2-arm spectrometer with excellent resolution (5 MeV)
 - electron identification with Čerenkov detector
 - search for resonances in lepton pair invariant mass
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- **August 1974:** Glashow visits Ting in Brookhaven to convince him to look for c quark in pairs of strange kaons and pions, **NOT IN e^+e^-**
 - **September 2:** Rhoades notices a cumulation of events at 3.1 GeV mass (didn't tell Ting)
 - **early October** - restart of experiment after accelerator shutdown
 - resonance starts to be obvious but no announcement
 - Ting wants an independent check
 - **early November:** Ting knows that the resonance is new particle, probably $c\bar{c}$ state
 - still no publication, Ting wants to discover the whole family of c hadrons
 - Ting under pressure from collaborators as the particle could be discovered meanwhile at SLAC in e^+e^- collisions

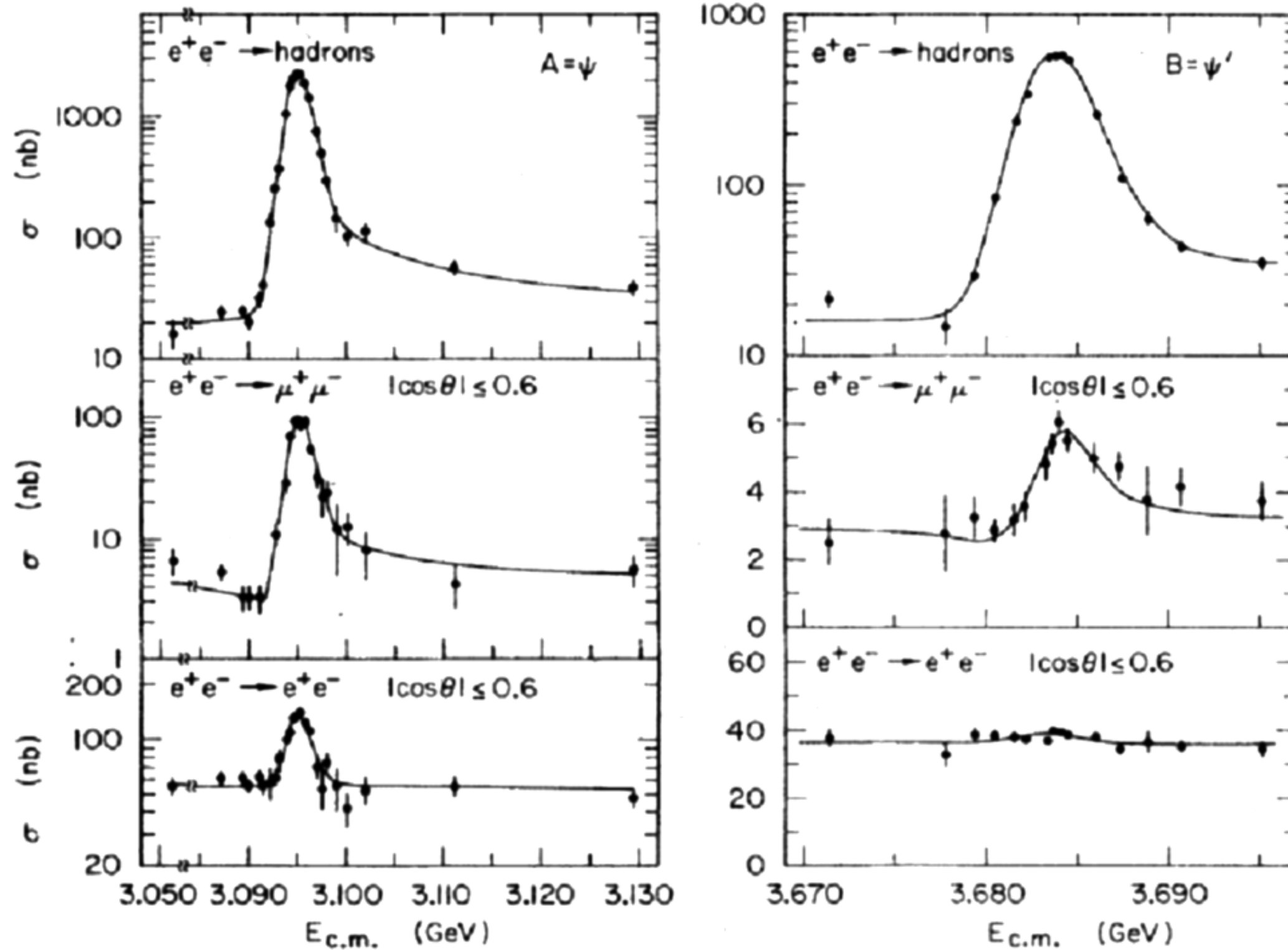


Richter - discovery of Ψ (SLAC)

- **November 4, 1974** - Richter back at SLAC
 - his team refers about small cross section increase at $\sqrt{s} \sim 3.1$ GeV
 - proposal to reconfigure SPEAR from 5 GeV back to this energy
- **Nov 8** - Goldhaber convinces Richter to tune SPEAR back to 3.1 GeV (he showed an increased production of K mesons in the same run)
- **Nov 9** - hadron event rate: 1 per min. ($3\times$ above normal)
- **Nov 10** - $7\times$ increase in rates at 3.11 GeV; Goldhaber starts to write discovery paper; an hour later the team is reporting increase of $70\times$ at 3.094 GeV; the peak was found at 3.095 GeV (rate $100\times$)
- **Nov 10** - Ting flights to meeting at SLAC; at deep night from Sunday to Monday he got a message in the hotel from colleagues at Brookhaven about the discovery at SLAC (TWA did not passed down the message
 - they considered a message at 1:00 AM as a joke)
 - Ting writes during the night a discovery paper
- **Nov 11** - Ting meets with Richter in the morning - they report to each other about their discoveries
- 1976 - **Nobel Prize** for Ting and Richter *"for their pioneering work in the discovery of a heavy elementary particle of a new kind."*



SPEAR, Richter



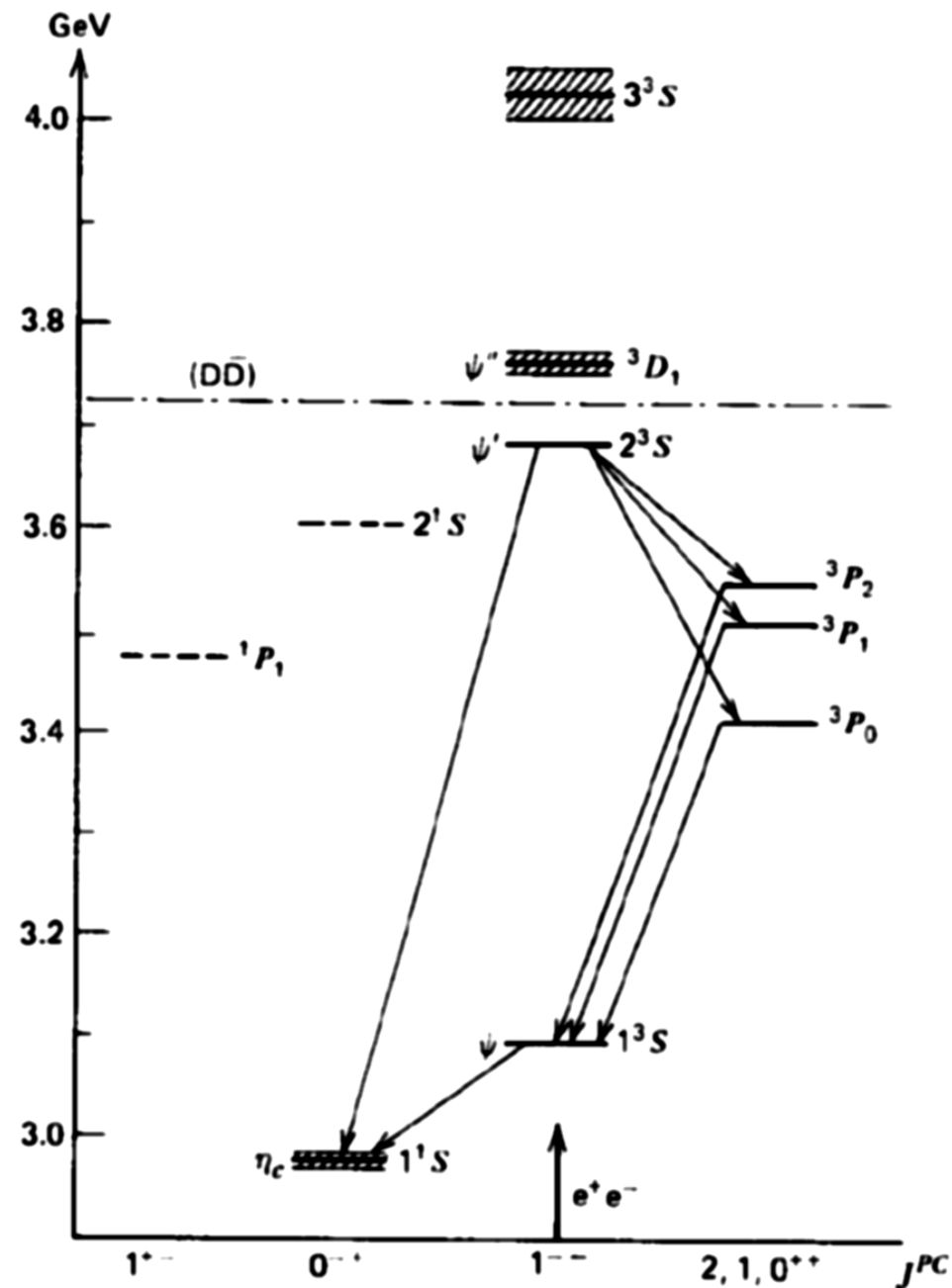
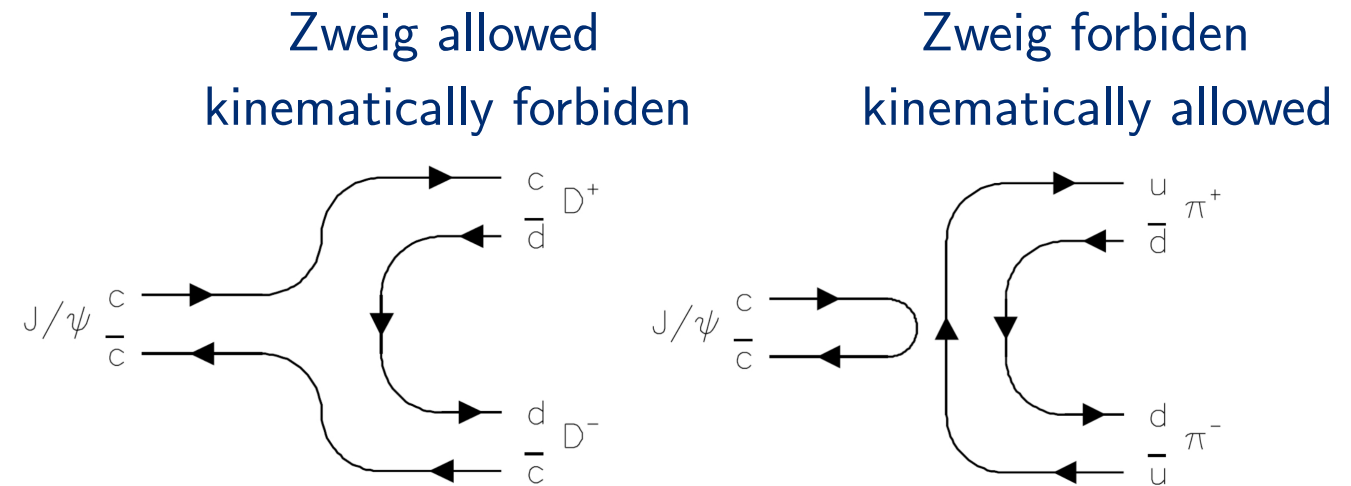


Fig. 2.13 The observed charmonium spectrum. The

- mass $m_{J/\Psi} = 3.16$ GeV
- very narrow, $\Gamma = 88$ keV



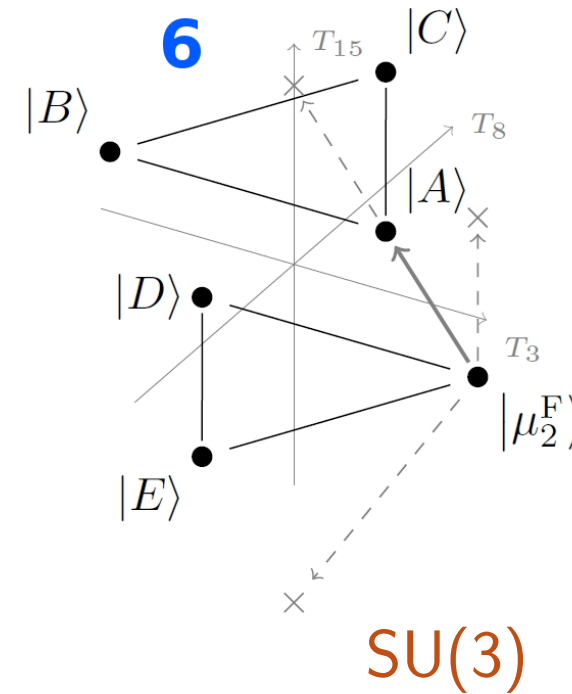
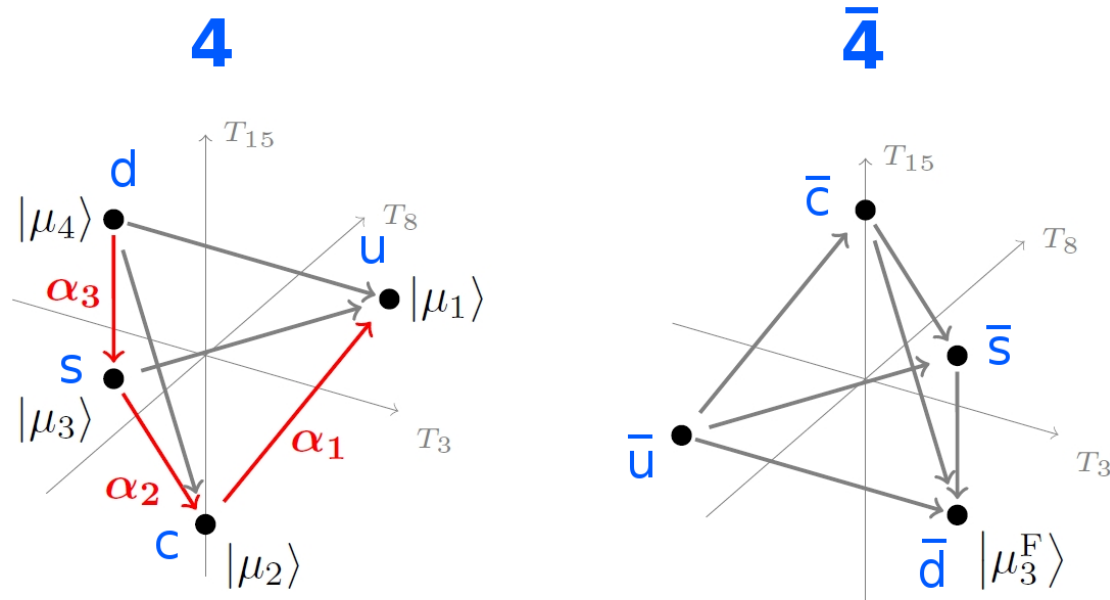
$$m_{D^+} = 1.86 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow 2m_D > m_{J/\Psi}$$

- c quark quite heavy $m_c \approx 1.6$ GeV
- $\Rightarrow$ charmonium spectrum ($c\bar{c}$ bound states) can be calculated in non-relativistic QM
- effective potential that leads to observed spectrum

$$V_{\text{eff}}(r) = -\frac{4\alpha}{3r} + kr$$

Classification of charm mesons - SU(4)

- SU(4) - 15 generators, rank 3 $\Rightarrow$ 3 simple roots and 3 fundamental representations (ex. 3.15)

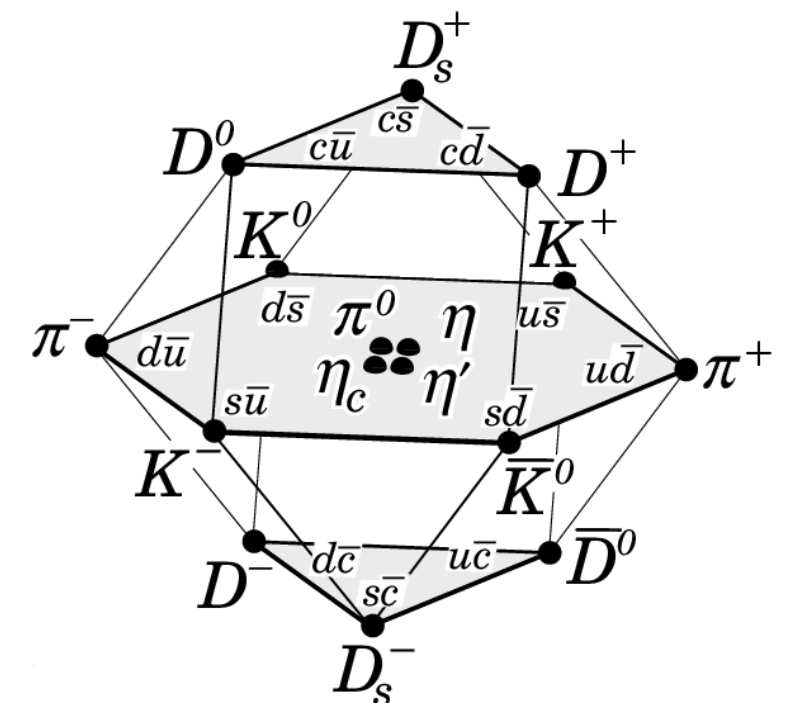


- mesons $4 \otimes \bar{4} = 15 \oplus 1$

ex. 3.16: for $SU(N)$, $N \otimes \bar{N} = A \oplus 1$

pseudoscalar multiplet $\rightarrow$

$SU(3)$
 $\bar{3}$
 $8 \oplus 1$
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Baryon $SU(4)$ multiplets

$$4 \otimes 4 \otimes 4 = 20_s \oplus 20_{m,s} \oplus 20_{m,a} \oplus 4_a$$

- spin 1/2 baryons wave function

$$20_{m,s} \otimes 2_{m,s} + 20_{m,a} \otimes 2_{m,a}$$

- spin $3/2$ baryons wave functions

$$20_s \otimes 4_s$$

- contains only symmetric $SU(3)$ multiplets

Ξ_{cc}^+ discovered by LHCb in 2026
with mass of about 3620 MeV

 $SU(3) : 3$
$$6 \oplus \bar{3}$$

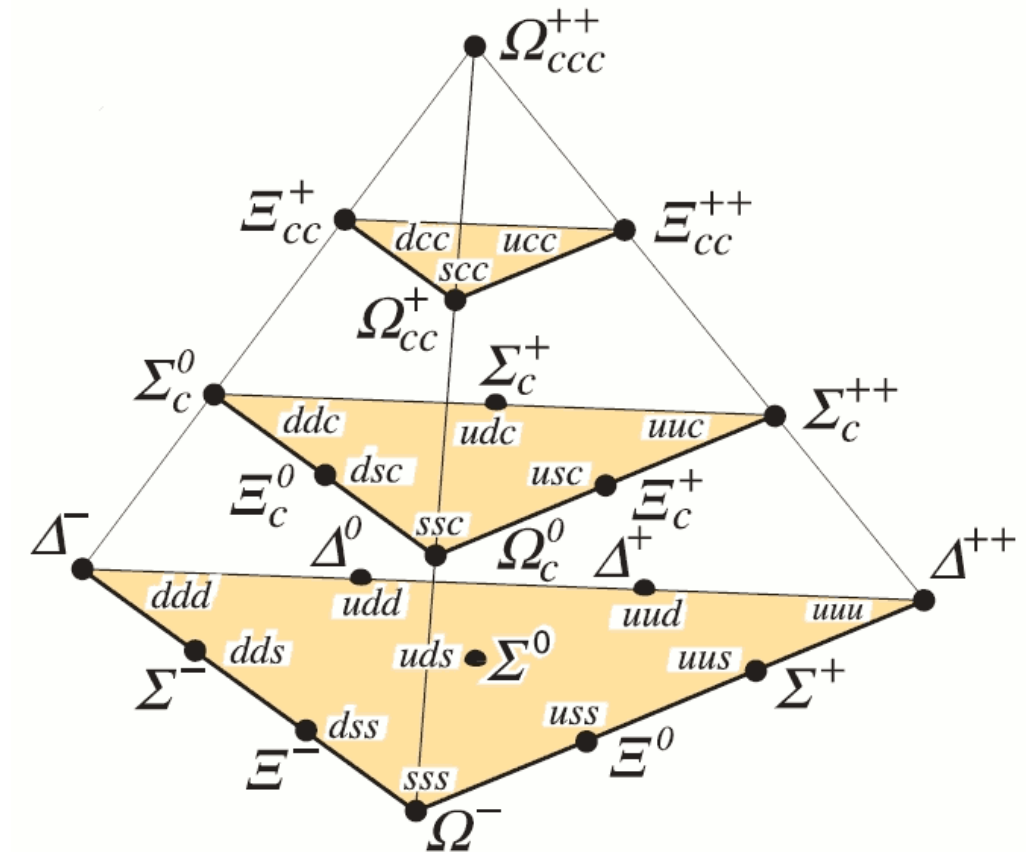
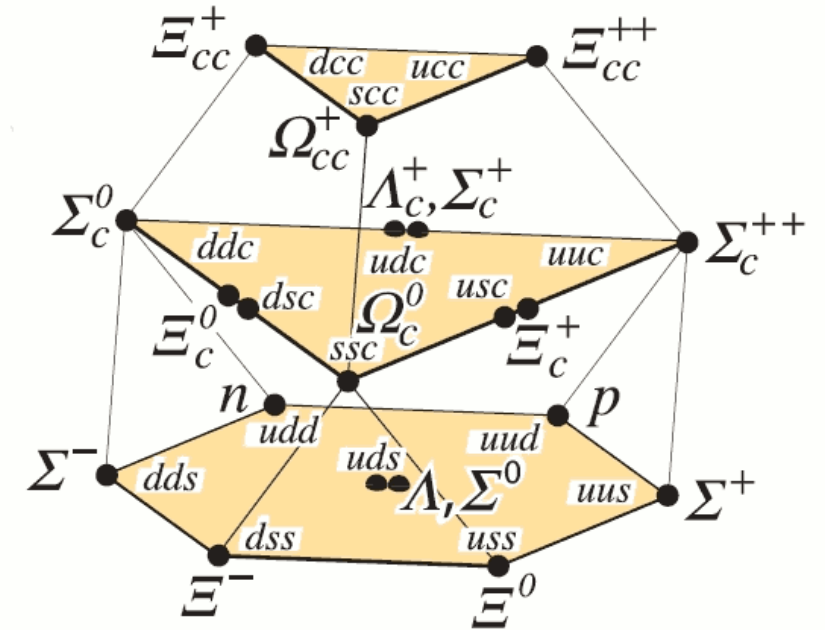
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b quark

- History repeats
 - τ lepton discovered in 1975 in SLAC (Perl - BN in 1995)
 - implied and existence of two more (3rd generation) quarks (**bottom** and **top**)
(ν_τ was discovered in 2000 by DONUT in Fermilab as the last fundamental fermion)
- Discovery of b quark
 - Leon Lederman - 1977 in Fermilab (400 GeV proton beams)
$$p + B \rightarrow e^+e^- + X \quad \text{or} \quad p + B \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^- + X$$
 - magnetic spectrometer with resolution $\sigma \sim 2\%$ (still much worse than Ting)

Υ discovery - Fermilab (Lederman)

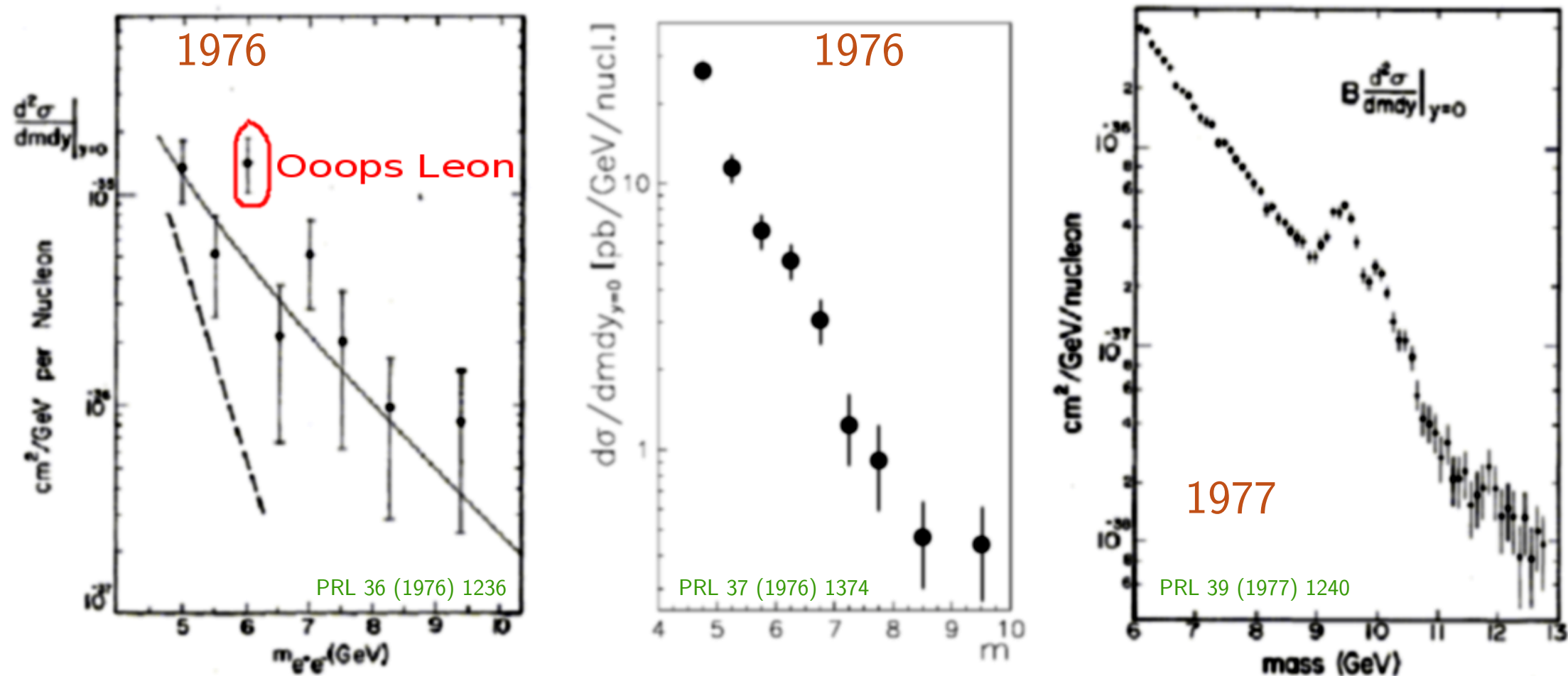


Figure 4.8: Twists and turns of the discovery of the bottom quark. Evidence of “a new resonance at 6 GeV” [81] observed in the distribution of invariant mass of e^+e^- pairs (left), but shortly afterwards ruled out by the data [82] on $\mu^+\mu^-$ pairs (middle), and replaced by the observation of the dimuon resonances at 9.44 and 10.06 GeV in [84] (right).

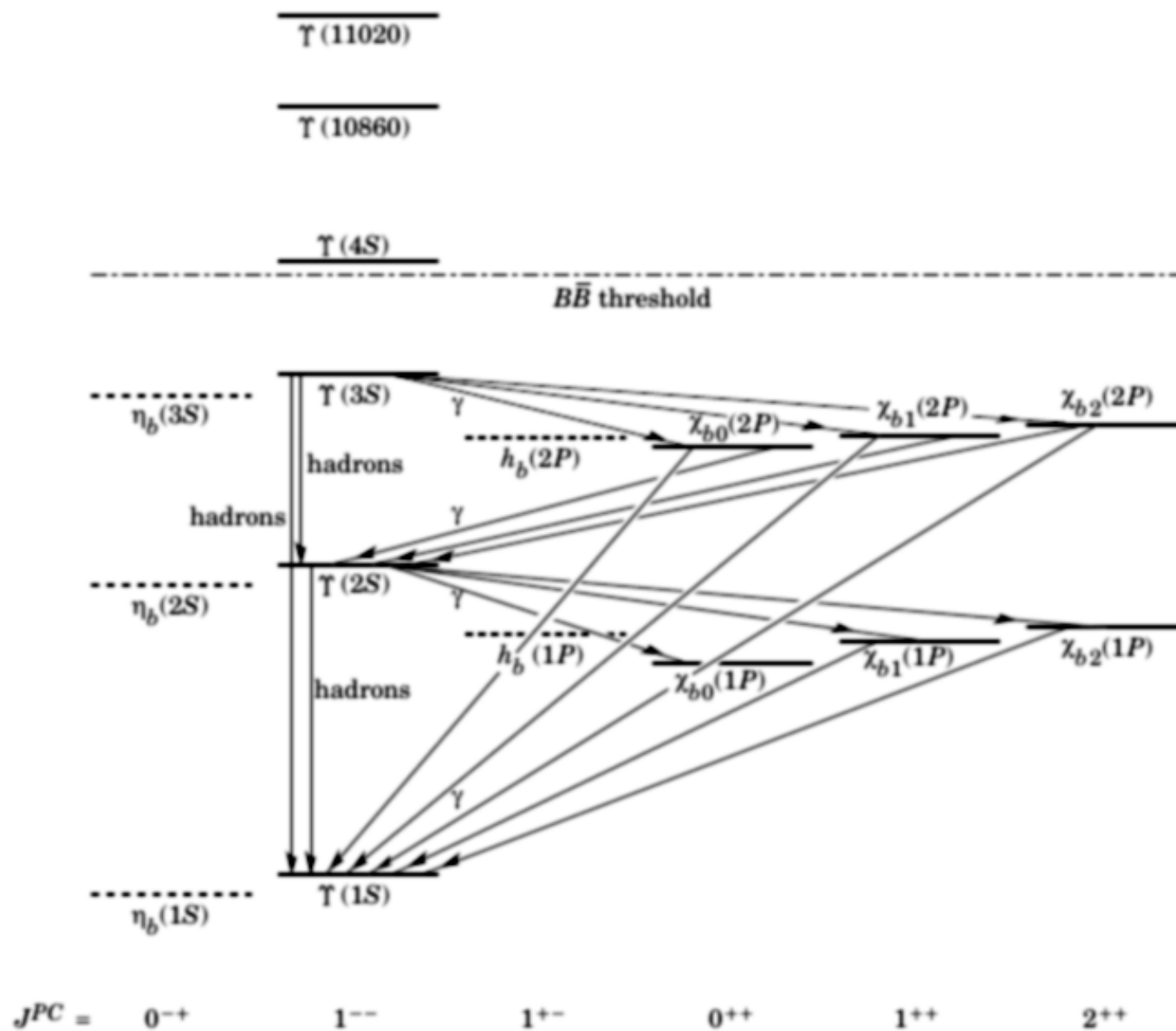
We report preliminary results on the production of electron-positron pairs in the mass range 2.5 to 20 GeV in 400-GeV p -Be interactions. 27 high-mass events are observed in the mass range 5.5–10.0 GeV corresponding to $\sigma = (1.2 \pm 0.5) \times 10^{-35}$ cm² per nucleon. Clustering of 12 of these events between 5.8 and 6.2 GeV suggests that the data contain a new resonance at 6 GeV.

PRL 36 (1976) 1236

We report results on the production of muon pairs in the mass range 2.5 to 20 GeV in 400-GeV proton-nucleus collisions. A total of 159 events are observed in the mass range 5.5 to 11 GeV with a cross section which is in agreement with the previous observation of a high-mass dielectron continuum signal in this interval. Details on the production dynamics and comparisons with parton-model predictions are presented. Within limitations of resolution and continuum uncertainty, the dimuon mass spectrum provides no evidence for fine structure above 5 GeV.

PRL 37 (1976) 1374

$b\bar{b}$ spectroscopy - bottomonium states



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- three states below $B\bar{B}$ threshold

$\Upsilon(1S) : m \approx 9.46 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma \approx 54 \text{ keV}$

$\Upsilon(2S) : m \approx 10.02 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma \approx 32 \text{ keV}$

$\Upsilon(3S) : m \approx 10.36 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma \approx 20 \text{ keV}$

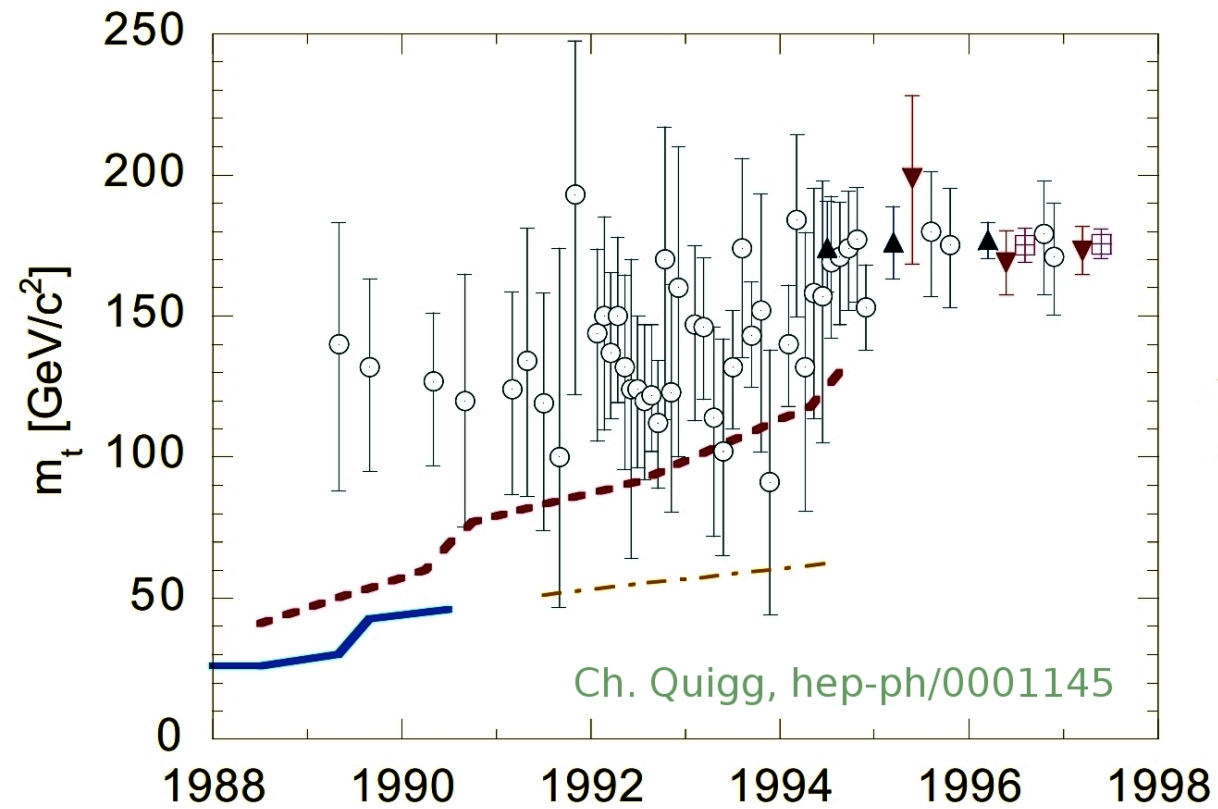
- one state just above $B\bar{B}$ threshold

$\Upsilon(4S) : m \approx 10.58 \text{ GeV}, \Gamma \approx 21 \text{ MeV}$

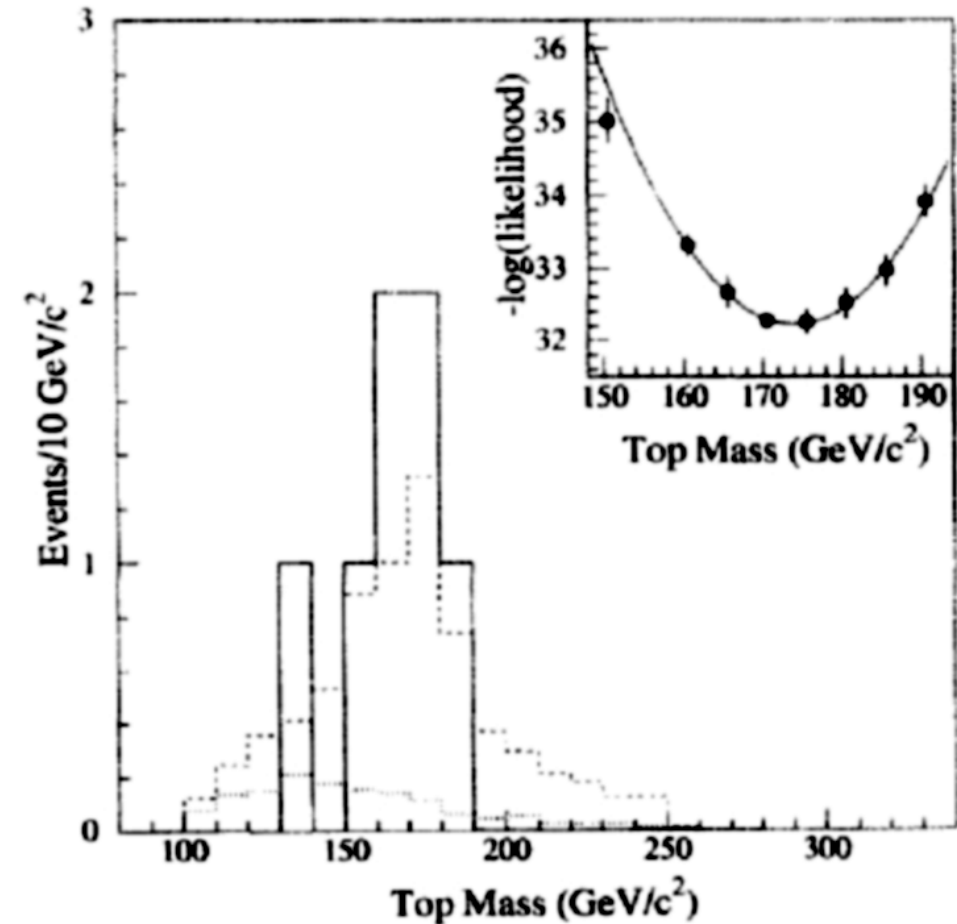
- b quark mass: $m_b \approx 5 \text{ GeV}$

- non-relativistic approximation (description with effective potential) works even better than in case of charmonia

Top quark discovery



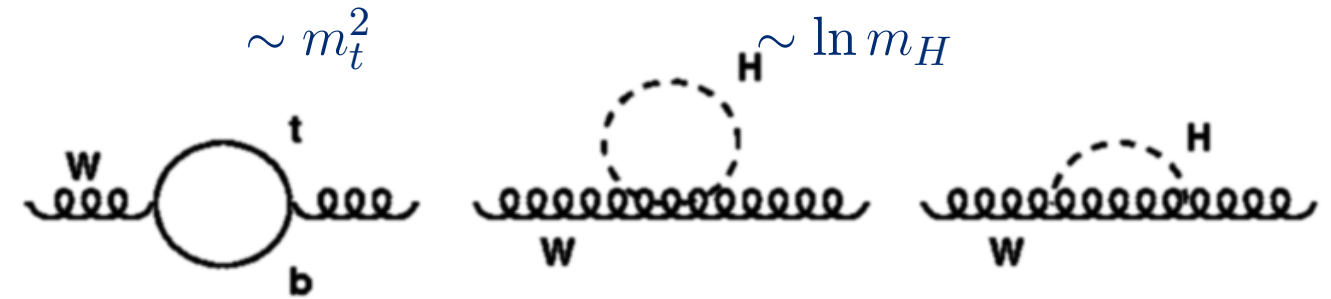
- indirect estimates from LEP
- for example Z decay width is, thanks to radiation corrections, sensitive to top quark mass



- Tevatron 1994 (CDF and DØ experiments)

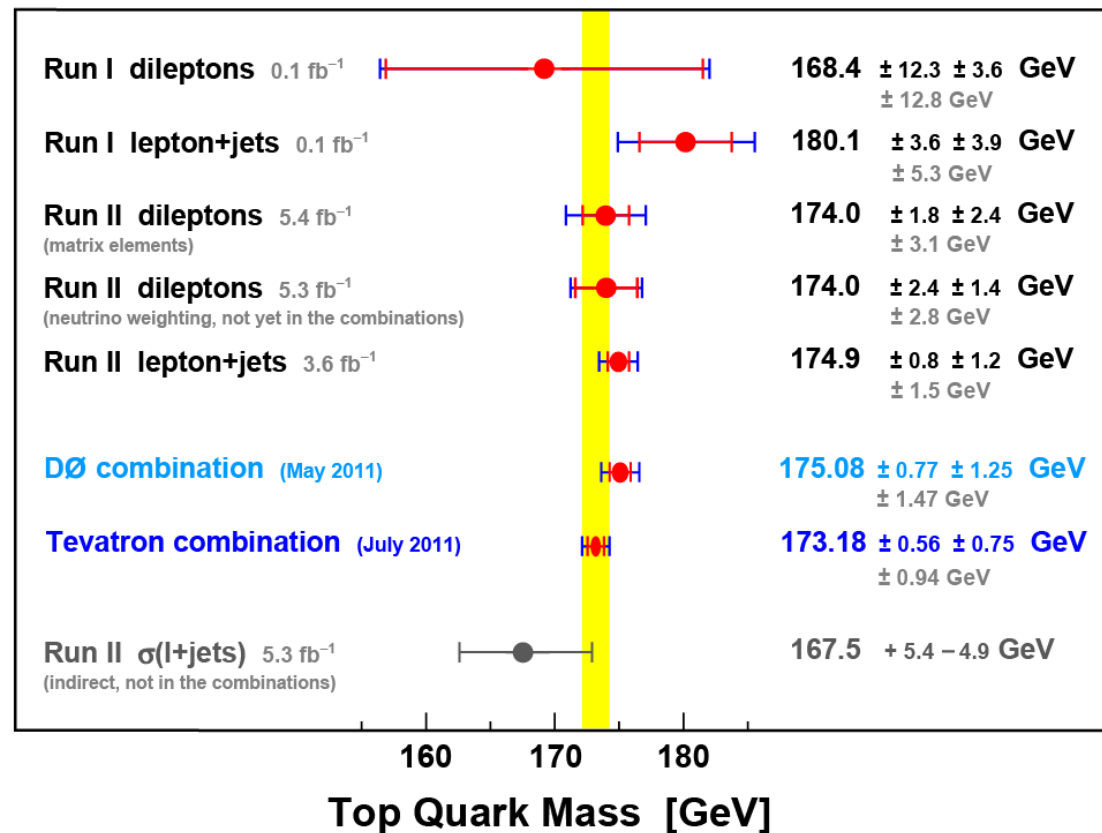
Top quark mass

Correction to m_W

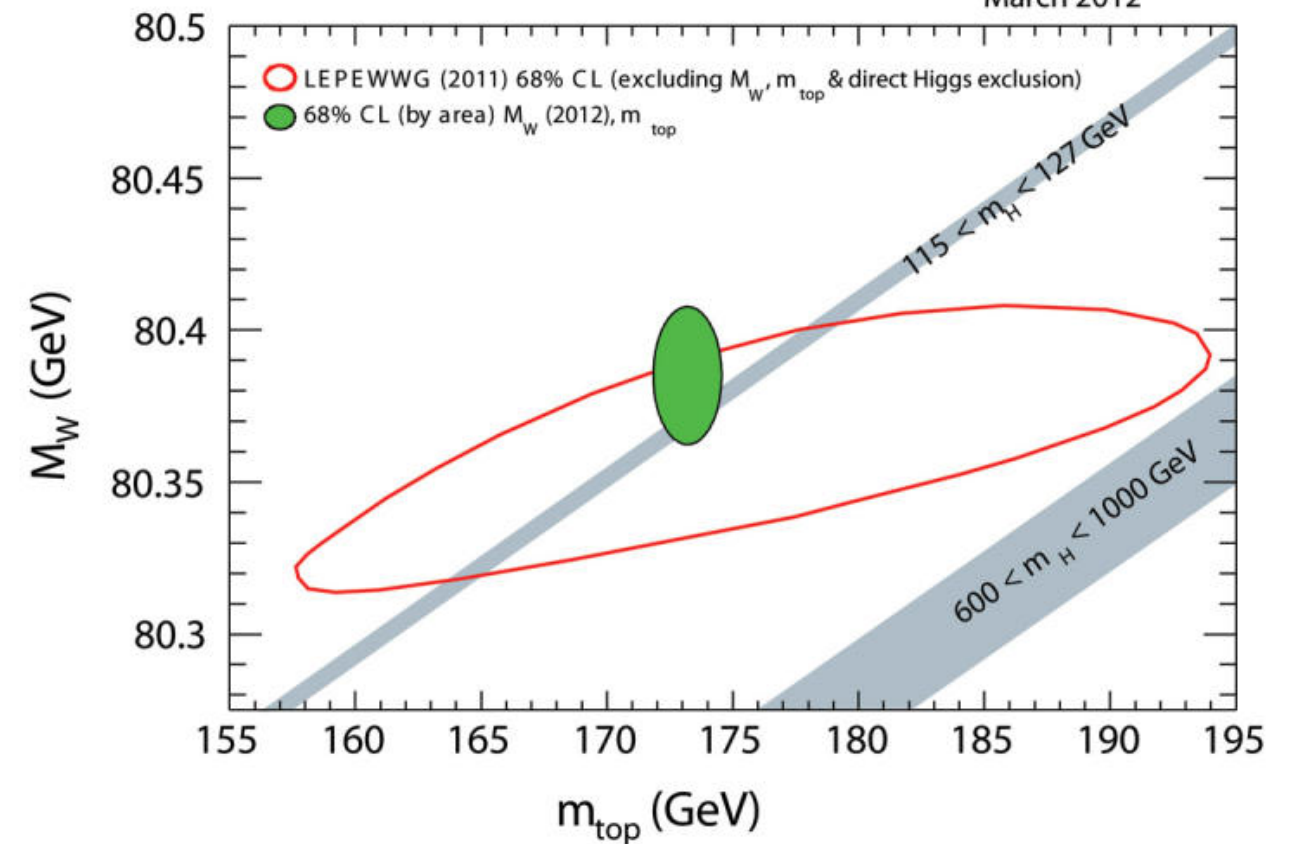


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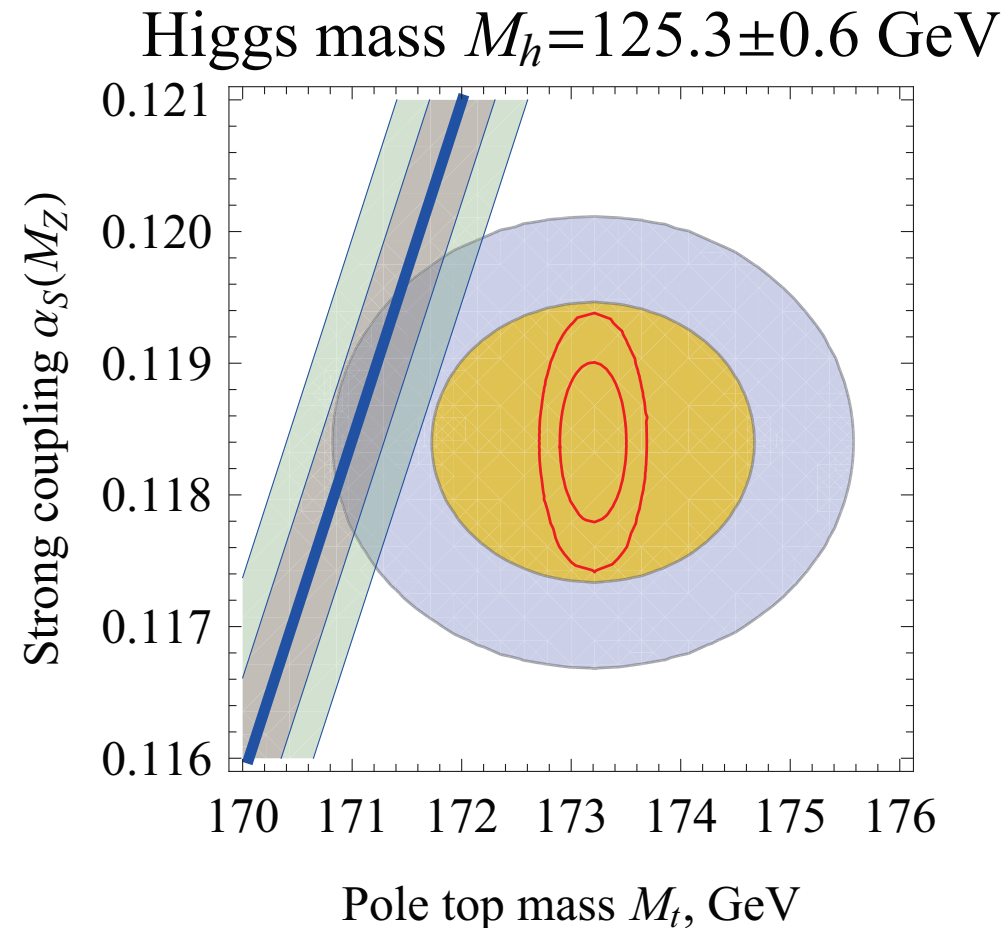
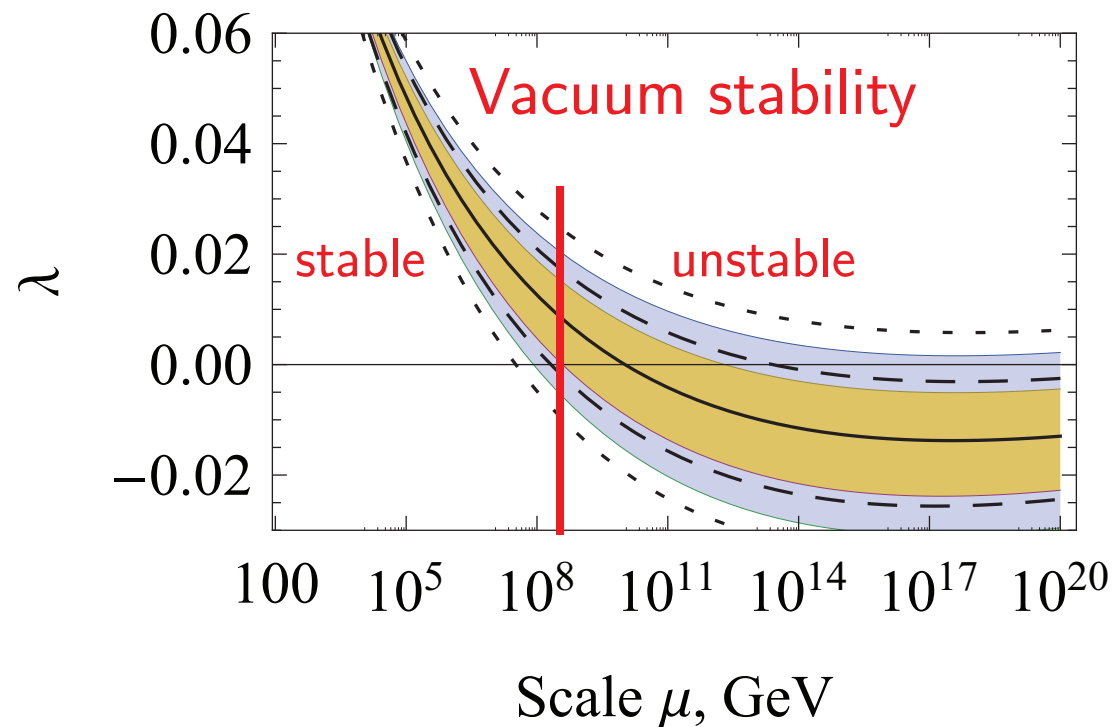


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We do not know which possibility is realised!

Higgs mass $M_h = 125.3 \pm 0.6$ GeV



errors in y_t : theory + experiment

Tevatron: $M_t = 173.2 \pm 0.51 \pm 0.71$ GeV $V(\Phi) = -\mu^2(\Phi^\dagger\Phi) + \lambda(\Phi^\dagger\Phi)^2$

ATLAS and CMS: $M_t = 173.4 \pm 0.4 \pm 0.9$ GeV

$\alpha_s = 0.1184 \pm 0.0007$

For reading and for exercises

- Chapter 4 from J. Chyla's scripts
- Exercises
 - ex. 3.14 (Casimir operators)
 - ex. 3.17 (invariance of Lagrangian)
 - ex. 4.1 and 4.2 (baryon magnetic moments)
 - ex. 4.3 (baryon masses)
 - ex. 4.4 (application of isospin)
 - ex. 4.5 (Decay modes of ϕ - application of Zweig rule)
 - ex. 4.6 (application of quark model on radiative decays)
- Extra exercises for further study
 - ex. 3.13 (general SU(3) multiplets)
 - ex. 3.15 and 3.16 (SU(4) and SU(N))
 - ex. 4.7 (rotating string)
 - ex. 6.5 (glueballs)