

# PHYS 6610: Graduate Nuclear and Particle Physics I

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## I. Tools

### 1. Introduction

*Or: What NOVA Covered*

**See pdf: Handout Conventions, Essentials, Scattering**

References: [HM1; HG 1; cursorily HG 5; PRSZ 1]

# (a) Biased Remarks on Nuclear and Particle History

Many excellent accounts – see e.g. [Per, App. B]

1894 Henri Becquerel ruins a photographic plate by leaving uranium salt on top of it.

1898 Pierre and Marie Curie isolate the first radioactive elements and coin the term **radioactivity**.

1909 Ernest Rutherford, Hans Geiger and Ernest Marsden: Atoms mostly empty, with small, heavy core.

1930 Wolfgang Pauli makes up the neutrino to save energy: “Dear Radioactive Ladies and Gentlemen”.

1932 James Chadwick discovers the neutron, Carl David Anderson finds Dirac’s positron (first antiparticle, first (?) lost-and-found): Theorists move from just explaining to predicting.

1938 Otto Hahn and Fritz Strassmann split the nucleus but need their exiled collaborator Lise Meitner and her nephew Otto Fritsch to explain to them what they did. The latter do not get The Prize.

1945 Three nuclear fission bombs change the world.

1947 Powell et al. find Yukawa’s pion (nucleon-nucleon force particle).

1960’s Quip that the Nobel Prize should be awarded to the Physicist who does *not* discover a particle.

1961/2 Murray Gell-Mann, Yuvrai Ne’eman and others tame the particle zoo: flavours.

1964 Reading too much Joyce, Murray Gell-Mann and George Zweig hypothesize and baptise “quarks”.

1967/70 Stephen Weinberg, Abdus Salam and Sheldon Glashow unify electromagnetic and weak theory.

1973 Murray Gell-Mann, Harald Fritsch and Heiri Leutwyler formulate QCD.

1970’s Gerard ‘t Hooft and many others: The Standard Model can be used to calculate & explain Nature.

1990 Stephen Weinberg suggests to describe Nuclear Physics as Effective Field Theory of QCD.

2012 CERN finds a boson right where Peter Higgs, Tom Kibble and François Englert left it.

# Invitations to Stockholm: Physics above 1 MeV

41 of 112 years saw prizes to Nuclear and Particle Physics – mostly Physics, few Chemistry.

1903	Radioactivity (C)	Becquerel, P&M Curie	1960	Bubble chamber	Glaser	1995	Neutrino discovery, $\tau$ lepton	
1908	Nucleus (C)	Rutherford	1961	Proton form factor	Hofstadter			Perl, Reines
1911	Ra, Po (C)	M Curie	1963	Nuclear shell structure	Wigner, Goeppert-Mayer, Jensen	1999	Renormalisability	't Hooft, Veltman
1927	Cloud chamber	CRT Wilson	1965	QED	Feynman, Schwinger, Tomonaga	2002	Cosmic neutrinos	Davis, Koshiba, Giacconi
1935	Neutron	Chadwick	1967	Stellar nucleosynthesis	Bethe	2004	Asymptotic freedom	Gross, Politzer, Wilczek
1935	Transmutation (C)	Joliot, Joliot-Curie	1968	Nucleon resonances (exp)	Alvarez	2008	Spontaneous symmetry breaking, CKM	Kobayashi, Maskawa, Nambu
1936	Cosmic rays, positron	Hess, CD Anderson	1969	Classify particle zoo (th)	Gell-Mann	2013	Higgs mechanism (th)	Englert, Higgs
1938	Transmutation by neutrons	Fermi	1975	Collective motion in nuclei	A Bohr, Mottelson, Rainwater	2015	Neutrino oscillation	Kajita, McDonald
1939	Cyclotron	Lawrence	1976	$J/\Psi$ meson	Richter, Ting			
1944	Fission (C)	Hahn	1979	Electroweak unification	Glashow, Salam, Weinberg			
1948	More cloud chamber	Blackett	1980	CP-violation (exp)	Cronin, Fitch			
1949	Pion as Nuclear Force (th)	Yukawa	1982	Renormalisation group	KG Wilson			
1950	Pion (discovery)	Powell	1983	Nucleosynthesis	Chandrasekhar, Fowler			
1951	Transmutation by accelerators (C)	Cockcroft, Walton	1984	W, Z bosons	Rubbia, van der Meer			
1952	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance	Bloch, Purcell	1988	Neutrino beam, $\nu_\mu$	Lederman, Schwartz, Steinberger			
1957	Parity violation (th)	Lee, Yang	1990	Deep inelastic scattering	Friedman, Kendall, Taylor			
1958	Čerenkov radiation	Čerenkov, Frank, Tamm	1992	Multiwire proportional chamber	Charpak			
1959	Antiproton	Segrè, Chamberlain						



**Future (safe bets):**

Higgs (exp), DIS (th), lattice-QCD, EFT, ?

# Nuclear/Particle Priorities Encoded in Long-Range Plans

The steering tools on which the US Department of Energy (DOE), the US National Science Foundation (NSF) and their European counterparts base their funding priorities.



US NSAC:  
Nuclear Science Advisory Committee  
Long Range Plan 2015 (link)

EU NuPECC:  
Nuclear Physics European Collaboration Committee  
Long Range Plan 2017 (link)

# Handout: Conventions and Bare Essentials for HW and Beyond

You will find much of what we will do today here (link).

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## Nuclear Physics: Conventions

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The **Natural System of Units** is particularly popular in Nuclear and High-Energy Physics since as many fundamental constants as possible have as simple a value as possible (see [MM]).

Set the speed of light and Planck's quantum to be  $h = h = 1$ . This expresses velocities in units of  $c$ , and actions and angular momentum in units of  $h$ . Then, only one fundamental unit remains, namely either an energy- or a length-scale. Time-scales have the same units as length-scales. We also set Boltzmann's constant  $k_B = 1$ , so energy and temperature have the same units. Now one only memorises a handful of numbers. [Setting Newton's gravitational constant  $G_N = 1$  eliminates any dimensionful unit – only String Theorists do that.]

**Electrodynamics Units: The Rationalised Heaviside-Lorentz system** will be used throughout. Formally, it can be obtained from the SI system by setting the dielectric constant and permeability of the vacuum to  $\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{4\pi} = 1$ . The system is uniquely determined by any two of the fundamental equations which contain  $\vec{E}$  and a combination of  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$ . More on systems, units and dimensions e.g. in [MM].

Charges  $Q = Ze$  are measured in units  $Z$  of the elementary charge  $e > 0$ ; electron charge  $-e < 0$ .

Lagrangian:  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{class}} = -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} \Rightarrow$  Maxwell's equations:  $\partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu$   
Lorentz force:  $\vec{F}_L = Ze[e\vec{E} + \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B}]$ ; Coulomb's law:  $\Phi(r) = \frac{Ze}{4\pi r}$

“**Restoring**” SI units from “natural units”: Multiply by  $c^h h^p k_B^q e^d$  and determine the exponents such that the proper SI unit remains, using [c]: [ms<sup>-1</sup>]; [h]: [kg m<sup>2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>]; [k<sub>B</sub>]: [m<sup>2</sup> kg s<sup>-2</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>]; and [e]: [CV<sup>-1</sup> m<sup>-1</sup>] = [C<sup>2</sup> s m<sup>-2</sup> kg<sup>-1</sup>]. Example:  $E = m \Rightarrow E = m c^2 h^0 k_B^0 e^0$ , and you have to convert kg m<sup>2</sup>/s<sup>2</sup> into kg, i.e. add two powers of m/s, so that  $\alpha = 2, \beta = \gamma = \delta = 0$ .

**Conventions Relativity:** Einstein Summation Convention: “East-coast” metric (+ – – –):

$$\eta^{\pm\pm} = A_\mu A^\mu := (A^0)^2 - \vec{A}^2. \text{ Velocity } \vec{B}, \text{ Lorentz factor } \gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}.$$

**Conventions QFT:** “Bjorken/Drell”; [HM, PS] – close to [HH], but fermion norms different:

$$\text{Quantised complex scalar: } \Phi(x) = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2E_k}} [a(\vec{k}) e^{-ikx} + b^\dagger(\vec{k}) e^{i\bar{k}x}] \text{ with } E_k = k^2 = +\sqrt{\vec{k}^2 + m^2}$$

Minimal substitution in QED:  $D^\mu = \partial^\mu + iZeA^\mu$ ; in non-Abelian gauge theories (QCD, ...):  $D^\mu = \partial^\mu - igA^\mu$ .  
 $\gamma^5 = \gamma^0\gamma^1\gamma^2\gamma^3 = \gamma_5$ ;  $2mP_\pm := \sum_{s=\pm} u_s(p)\bar{u}_s(p) = \not{p} + m$ ,  $-2mP_\pm := \sum_{s=\pm} v_s(p)\bar{v}_s(p) = \not{p} - m \Rightarrow P_+ + P_- = 1$

Elastic cross section (our convention) in cm:  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma}{64\pi^2 s} |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2$ ; lab,  $m = 0$ :  $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2 M^2} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right)^2 |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2$

Decay of particle with mass  $M$  (cm, our convention):  $\Gamma[A \rightarrow B(\vec{p}) + C] = \frac{|\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2}{8\pi M^2} \int d\Omega |\overline{\mathcal{M}}|^2$

More cross section formulae & conventions in “Summary Electron Scattering Cross Sections” below.

## Nuclear Physics: Some Oft-Overlooked Bare Essentials

**Know these by heart!** Physicists spend a lot of time solving complicated problems, so we want to start with an idea of the result. We have ideas when we are hiking, cycling, in the shower, etc., and usually not on our desk. We discuss them with colleagues on the blackboard, and we cannot waste their and our time with looking stuff up. Therefore, we need to be able to do calculations without computers, books or calculators, i.e. in our head or with a piece of scrap paper and a dull pencil.

Here a list of numbers most commonly used for estimates, back-of-the-envelope calculations, etc. of the Nuclear Physics tool-chest. You need them for that purpose but they are often overlooked. You should know the following by heart when woken up at night. The list is not exhaustive, not meant to be relevant and may not be useful. Your mileage may vary. It's better to know too much than not enough. You should check these values, how they come about, and their limitations. Trivialities are not included, like most “Essentials” from Mathematical Methods [MM] (dimensional estimates, guessimates, Natural System of Units). If you know more things worth remembering, let me know!

This is the list of often-overlooked numbers, not of the minimum necessary – the minimum is much larger (including names, spins, charges, masses of all fundamental particles, etc.).

Please turn over.

$\approx$ : number rounded for easier memorising – it suffices to know the first significant figure.

$\cong$ ,  $\approx$ : correspondences are correct only in the natural system of units.

Quantity	Value
speed of light in vacuum	$c := 2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1} (\text{def}!) \approx 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$
energy electron gains when accelerated by 1 V	1 electron Volt (eV) $\approx 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ Joule = $1 \frac{e}{ C }$ J
conversion factor	1 J $\approx 6 \times 10^{18}$ eV
typ. subatomic length-scale (proton/neutron size)	1 fermi (femtometre, fm) = $10^{-15}$ m
conversion factor energy – length	$hc \cong 1 \text{ eV} \cdot 197.327 \dots \text{ MeV fm} \approx 200 \text{ MeV fm}$
$\Rightarrow$ conversion factor distance – time (nat. units)	1 fm = $1 \frac{\text{fm}}{c} \approx \frac{1}{3} \times 10^{-23}$ s
(time for light to travel a typical distance-scale)	
conversion factor elmag., fine-structure constant	$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi}$ [nat., rat. HL] = $\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 h^2 c^2}$ [SI] $\approx \frac{1}{137}$ (no units!)
cl. strength at atomic/nuclear/hadronic scales	1 eV $\approx 11\,600$ Kelvin, 300 K $\approx \frac{1}{40}$ eV
conversion factor energy – temperature: $E = k_B T$	
“classical” electron radius	$r_e = \frac{\alpha}{m_e c^2} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi m_e c^2}$ [nat., rat. HL] $\approx 3$ fm

Masses conversion factor: atomic unit  $1u = \frac{\text{mass } {}^4\text{He atom}}{12} = \frac{12}{12} \times \frac{12 \text{ g}}{6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}} \approx \frac{1}{6} \times 10^{-23} \text{ kg}$

electron	$m_e \approx 511$ keV	muon	$m_\mu \approx 110$ MeV $\approx 200$ me
nucleon	$M_N \approx 940$ MeV $\approx 1800$ meV $\approx 1$ GeV $\approx 1$ u	neutron	$M_n \approx 940$ MeV $\Rightarrow$ p-n mass difference 1.3 MeV $\approx 3$ me
proton	$M_p \approx 938$ MeV	kaon	$m_K \approx 500$ MeV
	$m_\pi \approx 140$ MeV $\approx \frac{1}{7} M_N$	$\rho$ , $\omega$ mesons	$m_\rho \approx m_\omega \approx 800$ MeV
Higgs boson	$M_H \approx 125$ GeV	W boson	$M_W \approx 80$ GeV
		Z boson	$M_Z \approx 90$ GeV

**Scattering nuclear cross-section unit:** 1 barn  $b = 100 \text{ fm}^2 = (10 \text{ fm})^2 = 10^{-28} \text{ m}^2 \approx \frac{1}{400} \text{ MeV}^{-2}$

“geometric” scattering:  $\sigma_{\text{geometric}} = 4\pi a^2$ .

Interpretation: (1) class. point particle on sphere, radius  $a$ , any energy; (2) QM zero-energy, scatt. length  $a$ .

Hierarchy of Scales	typ. energy	typ. momentum	typ. size/distance
nuclear structure	binding: 8MeV per nucleon	100 keV...1MeV	10fm ( $\sim 2300$ Å size)
few-nucleon	binding: deuteron: 2.224MeV ${}^4\text{He}$ : 24MeV	$m_\pi \approx 140$ MeV	$\frac{1}{m_\pi} \approx 1.5$ fm (Yukawa)
hadronic	$M_N, M_p \approx 1$ GeV	1GeV (relativistic)	$\frac{1}{M_N} \approx 0.2$ fm
particle	100GeV Z, W masses	100GeV (relativistic)	$\frac{1}{100\text{GeV}} \approx 2 \times 10^{-3}$ fm

**Interaction Scales** very rough – factors of 100 up or down are common

	strong (NN int.)	strong (qq int.)	emag	weak (nuclear)	weak (hadronic)
range	$\frac{1}{m_\pi} \approx 1.4$ fm	$\frac{1}{1 \text{ GeV}} \approx 0.2$ fm	$\infty$	$\frac{M_N}{M_W} \approx 0.01$ fm	
life time $\tau$	$10^{-22}$ s	$10^{-23}$ s	$10^{-20}$ s	$10^{-10}$ s	$10^{-9}$ s
decay width $\Gamma$	200 MeV	1 MeV	$< eV$	$< eV$	
cross section $\sigma$	barn (NN0.1MeV: 70b)	mb	$\mu\text{b}$	$10^{-12}$ b = 1 pb	100 pb

**Miscellaneous** neutron lifetime:  $\tau_n \approx 880$  s hadron size  $R \approx 0.7$  fm hadronisation scale  $1 \text{ GeV} \cong 0.2$  fm  
Weinberg mixing angle  $\sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.22 \approx 1 - \frac{M_W^2}{M_Z^2}$  Fermi constant  $G_F \approx \frac{\sqrt{2}g^2}{8M_W^2} \approx 1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$

Running coupling constants:  $\alpha(1 \text{ MeV}) = \frac{1}{137}$ ;  $\alpha(M_Z) = \frac{1}{128}$   $\alpha_s(2m_b \approx 10 \text{ GeV}) \approx 0.2$ ;  $\alpha_s(M_Z) \approx 0.118$

## (b) Units & Conventions

– **Relativity:** Einstein  $\Sigma$ um Convention; metric (+ ---):  $A^2 \equiv A^\mu A_\mu := (A^0)^2 - \vec{A}^2$   
 velocity  $\beta$ , Lorentz factor  $\gamma = (1 - \beta^2)^{-1/2}$

– **Natural System of Units:**  $\hbar = c = k_B = 1 \implies$  velocity in units of  $c$ .

[MM 1]

Resolution at given momentum: Uncertainty Relation  $\Delta p \Delta x \geq \hbar = 1 \implies$  only *one* base unit

$$1 = \hbar c = 197.327 \text{MeVfm} \quad 11,605 \text{K} = 1 \text{eV}$$

Set base-unit to match Nuclear/Particle scales:

typ. length scale:	$1 \text{fm} := 1 \text{fermi} := 1 \text{femtometre} = 1 \times 10^{-15} \text{m}$	$\approx$ N size
typ. time scale:	$\frac{1 \text{fm}}{c} \approx \frac{1}{3} \times 10^{-23} \text{s}$	time for light to traverse N
typ. energy & momentum:	$1 \text{GeV} = 1000 \text{MeV} = 10^9 \text{eV}$	$\approx$ N mass
typ. nuclear cross section:	$1 \text{b} := 1 \text{barn} := 1 \times 10^{-28} \text{m}^2 = (10 \text{fm})^2 \approx \frac{1}{400 \text{MeV}^2}$	

“**geometric**” scatter: class. point particle on hard sphere (any energy)/QM zero-energy scatt. length:

$$\sigma_{\text{geom}} = 4\pi a^2 = 1 \text{b} = (10 \text{fm})^2 \implies a \approx 3 \text{fm} \text{ typ. heavy nucleus size (lead, Uranium) } \checkmark$$

# More Units

- **Electrodynamics:** Rationalised Heaviside-Lorentz units, electron charge  $-e < 0$

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{1}{\mu_0 c^2} := 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{elmag}} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Maxwell} \\ \partial_\mu F^{\mu\nu} = j^\nu \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Lorentz} \\ \vec{F}_L = Ze[\vec{E} + \vec{\beta} \times \vec{B}] \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Coulomb} \\ \Phi(r) = \frac{Ze}{4\pi r} \end{array}$$

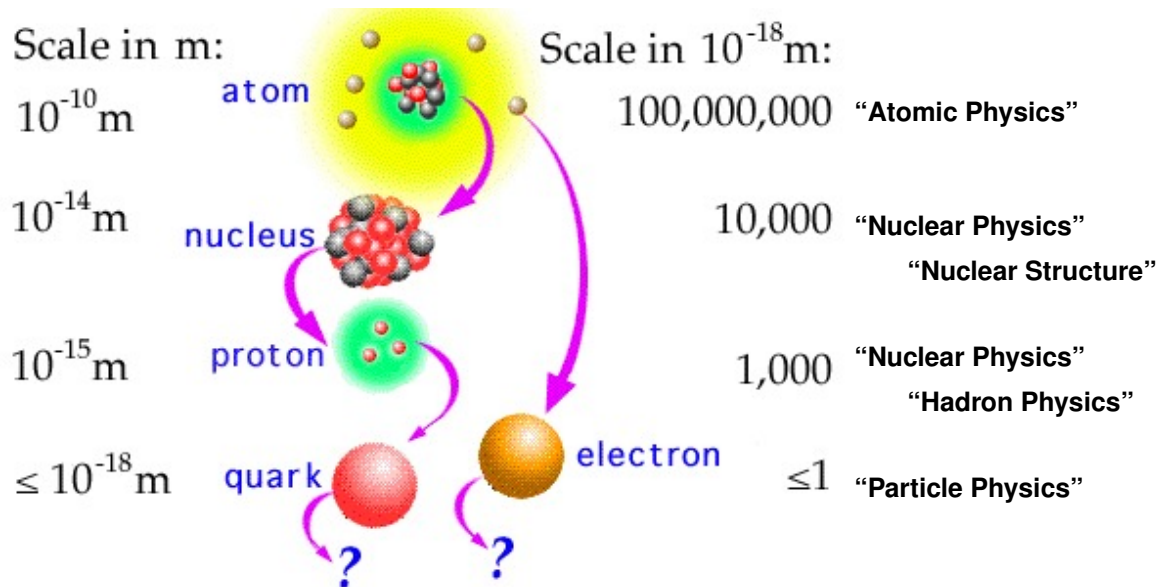
$$\text{fine structure constant } \alpha := \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c} = \frac{e^2}{4\pi} = \frac{1}{137} \Rightarrow e \approx 0.30 \text{ dimension-less}$$

- **QFT conventions:** “Björken/Drell”: [HM] – close to Haberzettl (fermion norms different)
- **Restoring SI Units:** Throw in  $\hbar^\alpha c^\beta k_B^\gamma \epsilon_0^\delta$  until SI units match:  $E = mc^\alpha \hbar^\beta k_B^\gamma \epsilon_0^\delta \Rightarrow \alpha = 2$ .
- **Convenient mass conversion factor:**

$$1 \text{ u (atomic unit)} = \frac{\text{mass of } ^{12}\text{C atom}}{12} = \frac{1}{12} \times \frac{12 \text{ g}}{6.022 \times 10^{23} (\text{Avogadro})} \approx \frac{1}{6} \times 10^{-23} \text{ g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{nucleon mass} \approx 1 \text{ GeV} \approx \frac{1}{12} \text{ } ^{12}\text{C mass} \approx \frac{1}{6} \times 10^{-23} \text{ g}$$

# Length Scales



**Elementary? Strings? Preons?**



# (c) Hierarchy of Scales

	typ. energy	typ. momentum	typ. size
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**Difference "Low" – "High" Energy Physics Is Time-Dependent!**

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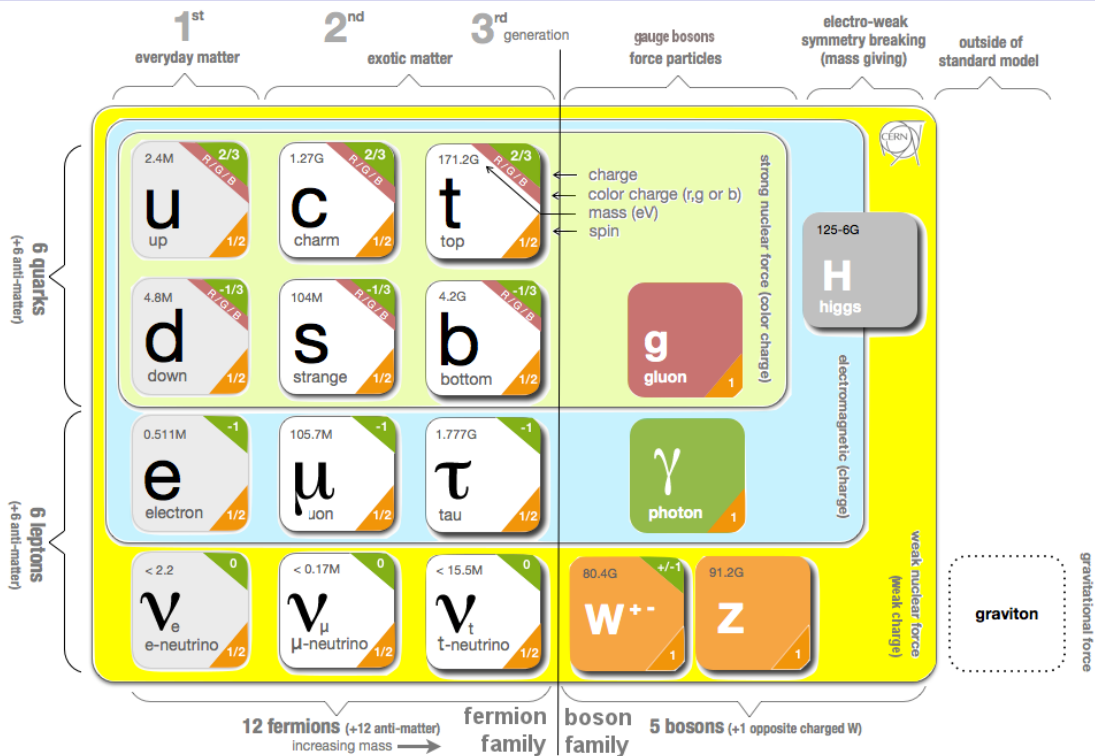
## Bremsstrahlung in High Energy Nucleon-Nucleon Collisions

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(Received March 22, 1949)

Formulas for the differential cross sections for the continuous  $\gamma$ -emission accompanying proton-neutron, proton-proton, neutron-neutron collisions have been derived. Numerical results are given for an incident nucleonic energy of 250 Mev.

# (d) The Standard Model



**Lepton Quark Universality Hypothesis: Leptons Quarks couple with same form & strengths.**

# Standard Model mass hierarchy not understood

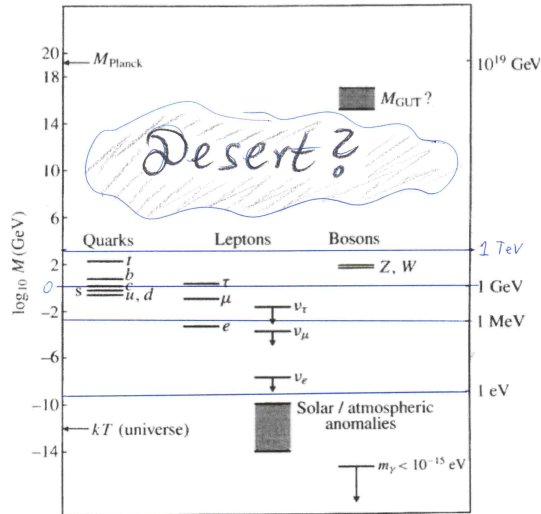
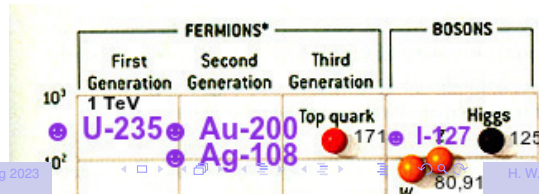


Fig. 1.7. The mass spectrum of leptons and quarks. The values shown for neutrinos are upper limits from direct measurements, and the solar and atmospheric neutrino anomalies (see Chapter 9) suggest even smaller masses. Other important mass scales are also shown: the Fermi or electroweak scale at 100 GeV, typified by the  $W^\pm$  and  $Z^0$  boson masses; the Planck mass scale, of order  $10^{19}$  GeV, at which gravitational interactions are expected to become strong (see Chapter 2); and the value,  $kT \simeq 1$  meV, of the cosmic microwave radiation ( $T = 2.7$  K) in the universe today.



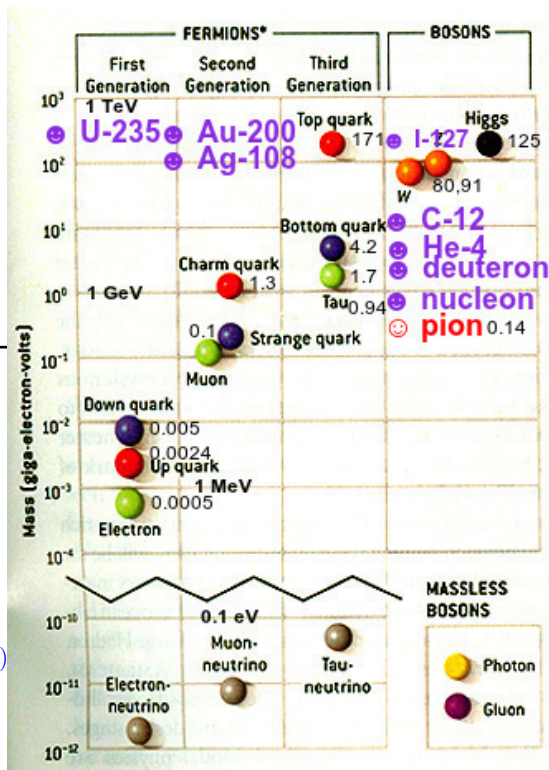
# Some Important Particles, Their Masses and Contents

## Fermions

electron ( $J^P = \frac{1}{2}^+$ )	$m_e \approx 511\text{keV}$	
muon ( $\frac{1}{2}^+$ )	$m_\mu \approx 110\text{MeV} \approx 200 m_e$	
nucleon ( $\frac{1}{2}^+$ )	$M_N \approx 940\text{MeV}$	
	$\approx 1800 m_e \approx 1\text{GeV} \approx 1 u$	
proton ( $\frac{1}{2}^+$ )	$M_p \approx 938\text{MeV} \approx 6\pi^5 m_e$	( <i>uud</i> )
neutron ( $\frac{1}{2}^+$ )	$M_n \approx 940\text{MeV}$	( <i>udd</i> )
	$\Rightarrow$ p-n mass difference $1.3\text{MeV} \approx 3m_e$	

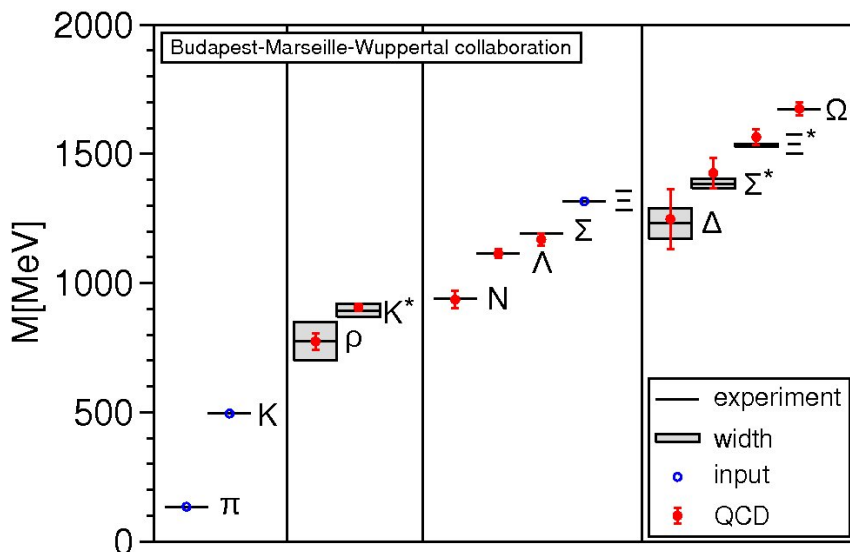
## Bosons/Mesons

pion ( $0^-$ )	$m_\pi \approx 140\text{MeV}$	$\pi^+(u\bar{d})$
	$\approx \frac{1}{7} M_N$	$\pi^-(\bar{u}d)$
		$\pi^0(u\bar{u}, d\bar{d})$
		$K^+(u\bar{s})$
kaon ( $0^-$ )	$m_K \approx 500\text{MeV}$	$K^-(\bar{u}s)$
		$K^0(d\bar{s}, \bar{d}s)$
$\rho^{0,\pm}, \omega^0$ ( $1^-$ )	$m_\rho \approx m_\omega \approx 800\text{MeV}$	( $\bar{u}d, u\bar{d}, \bar{u}u, \bar{d}d$ )
Higgs ( $0^+$ )	$M_H \approx 125\text{GeV}$	
W boson ( $1^-$ )	$M_W \approx 80\text{GeV}$	
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# (e) Results of the Standard Model

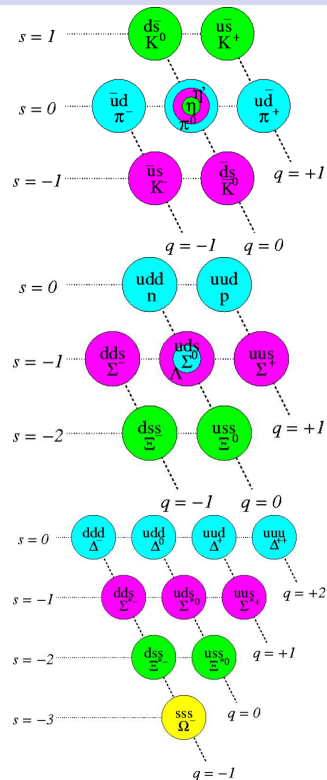
## Results of the Standard Model: Hadron Zoo



Valence Quarks determine charge,...

Mesons: Valence Quark-Antiquark

Baryons: 3 Valence Quarks

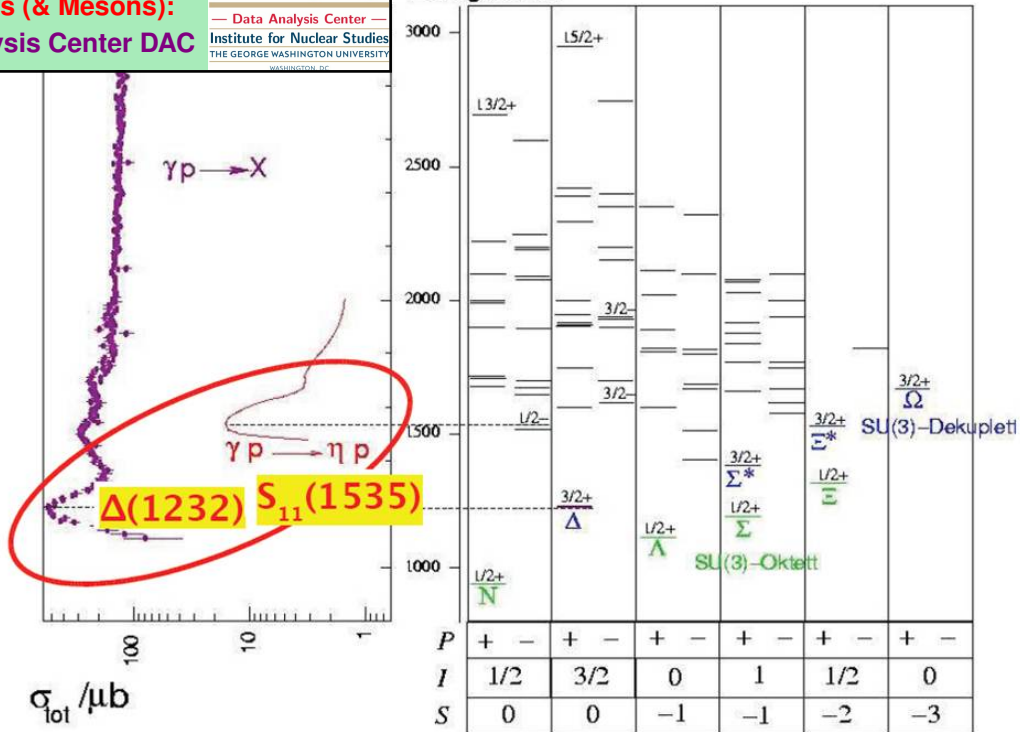


# Results of the Standard Model: Baryon Resonances

QCD Partial Wave Analysis  
for Baryons (& Mesons):  
GW Data Analysis Center DAC



Energie/MeV



Ba Ca

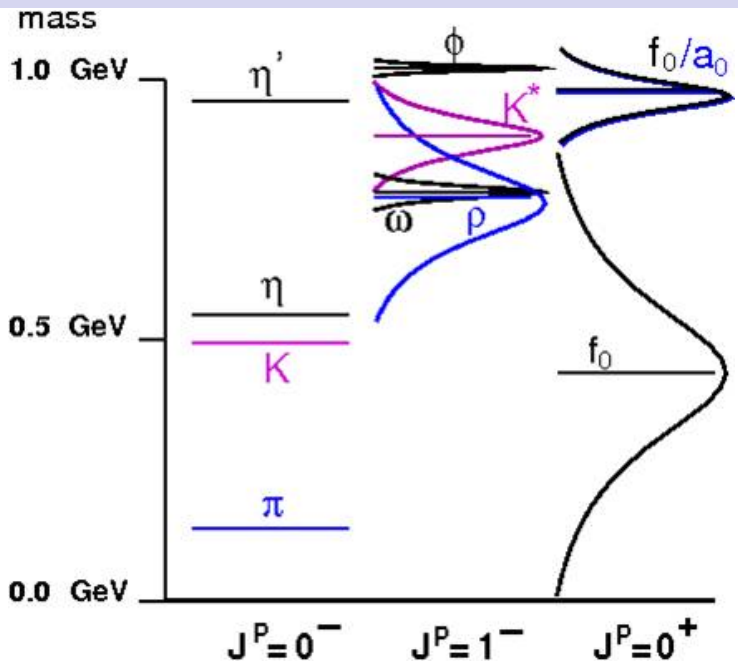
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$\sigma_{tot} / \mu\text{b}$

nucleon

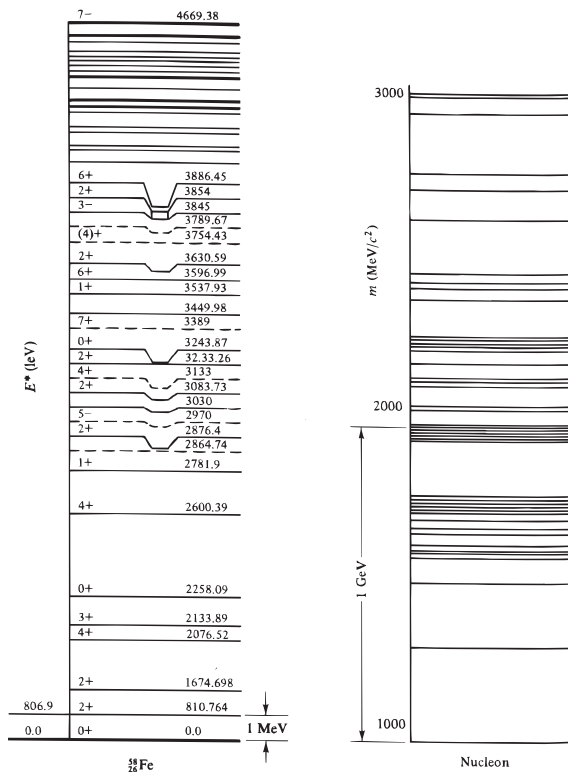
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# Results of the Standard Model: Meson Resonances



Vacuum Excitation Spectrum of the Standard Model

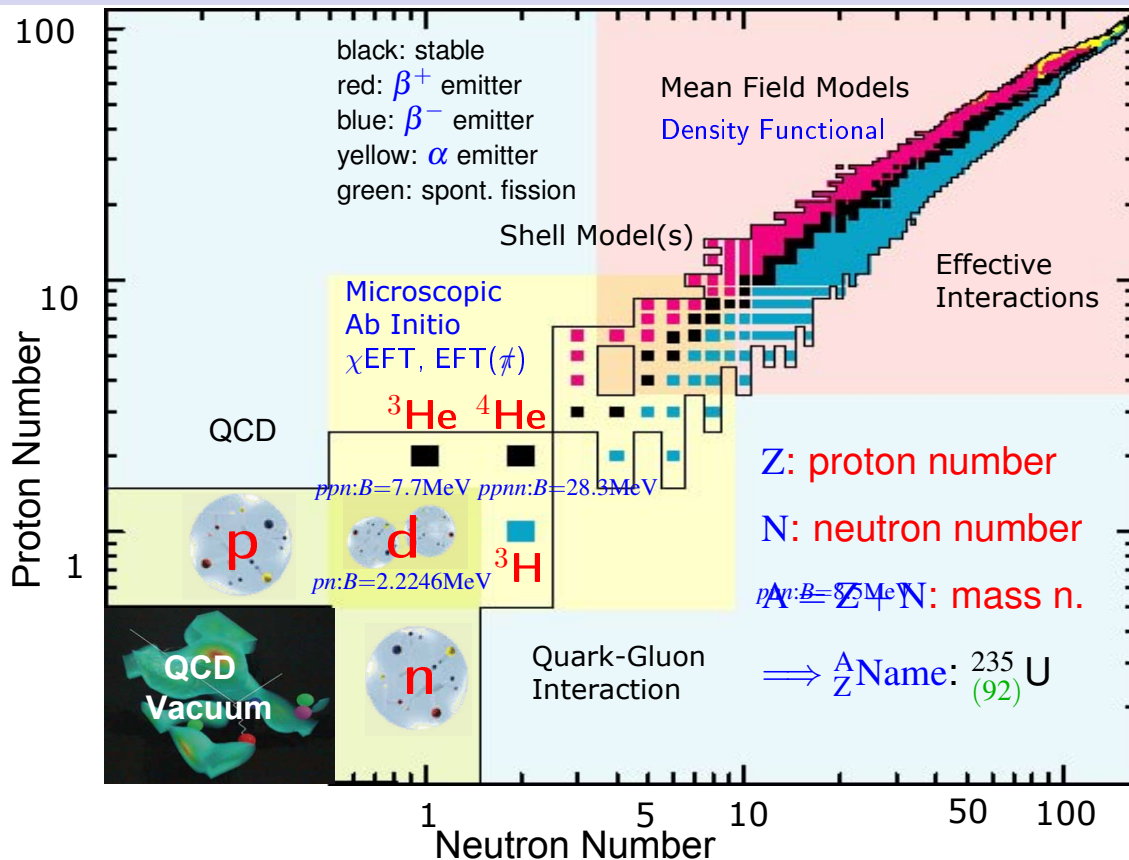
# NucleAR Excitation Spectrum: Not Like H-Atom!



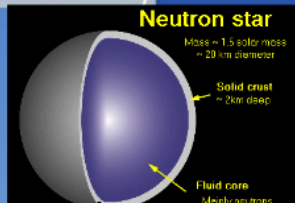
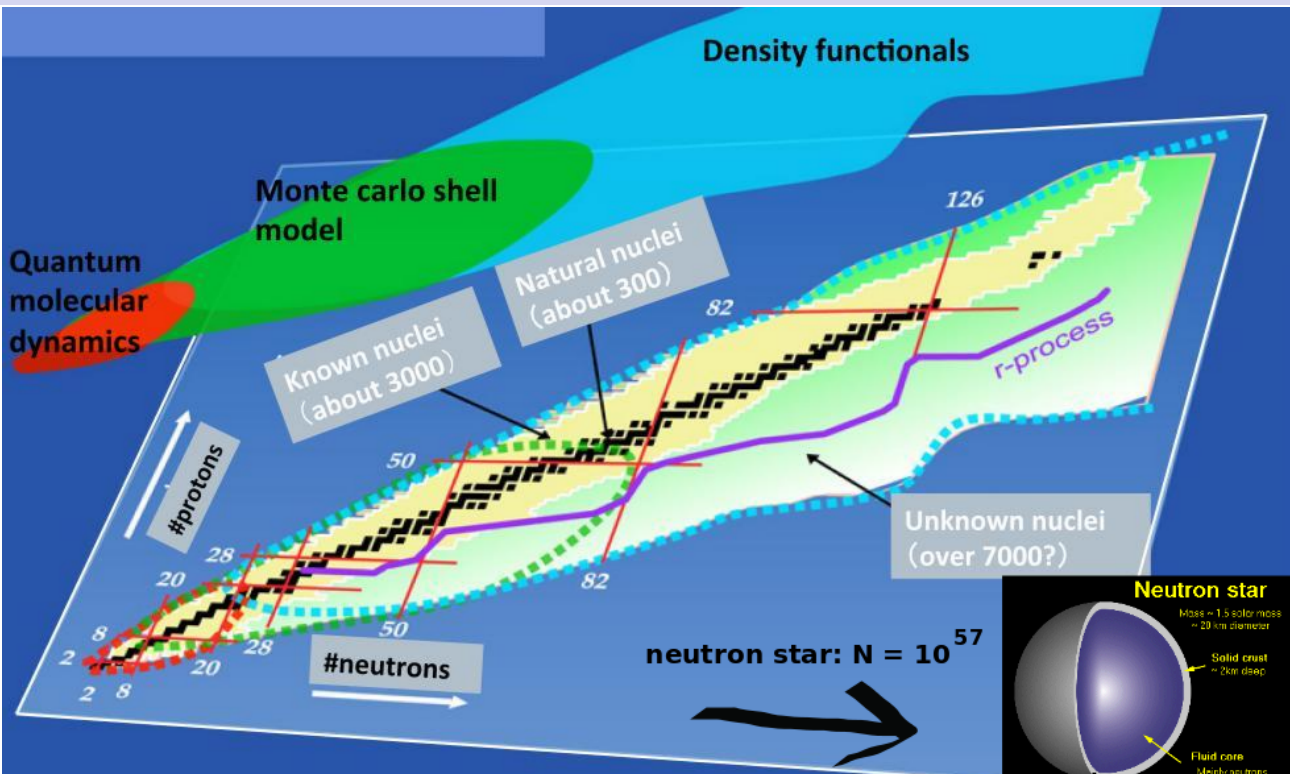
[HG fig. 5.37]



# Results of the Standard Model: Nuclear Landscape

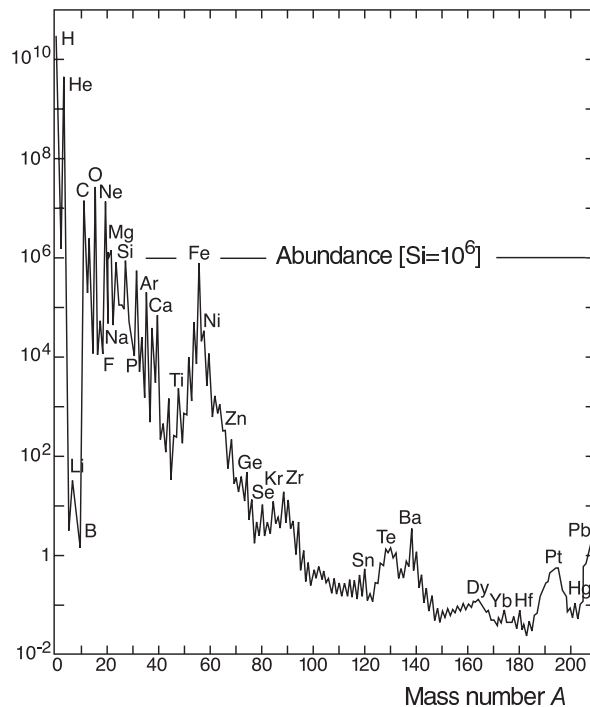


Know  $< 3000$  nuclei ( $< 300$  stable) –  $> 7000$  unknown



need to account for gravity!

# Explain Abundances of the Solar System!

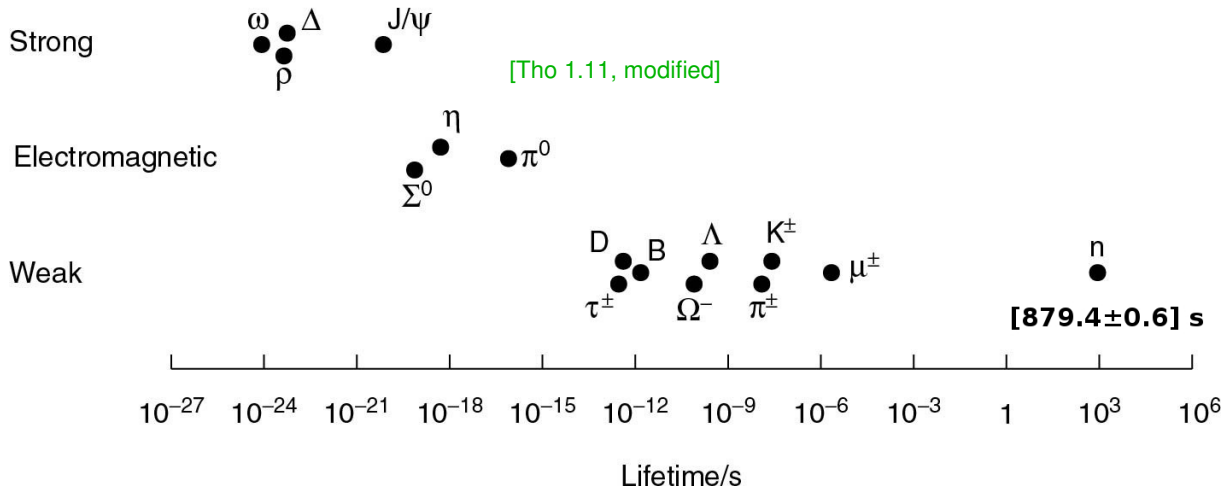


**Fig. 2.2.** Abundance of the elements in the solar system as a function of their mass number  $A$ , normalised to the abundance of silicon ( $= 10^6$ ).

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# (f) Interactions: Patterns Emerging

## Typical decay scales

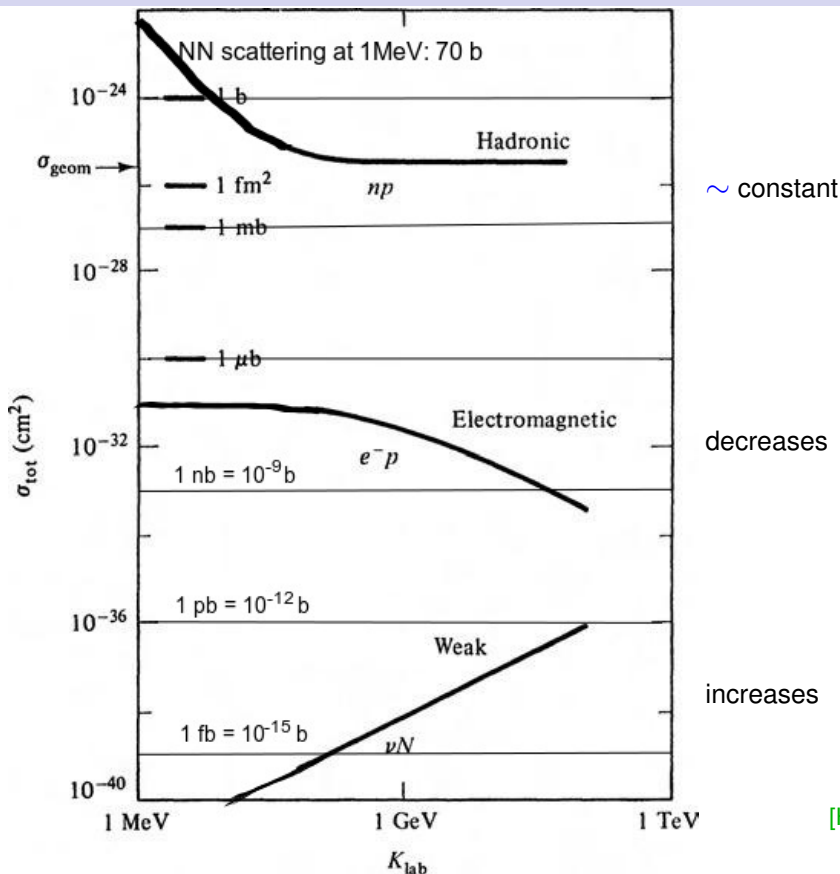


Minimum decay time for particle of size  $R$ :  $\tau \geq \frac{R}{c}$ : time to traverse object (“transmit signal to break up”).

$$\Rightarrow \tau_{\text{hadron}} \gtrsim \frac{1 \text{ fm} = 10^{-15} \text{ m}}{c \approx 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}} \approx 10^{-24} \text{ s for “typical strong decay”}.$$

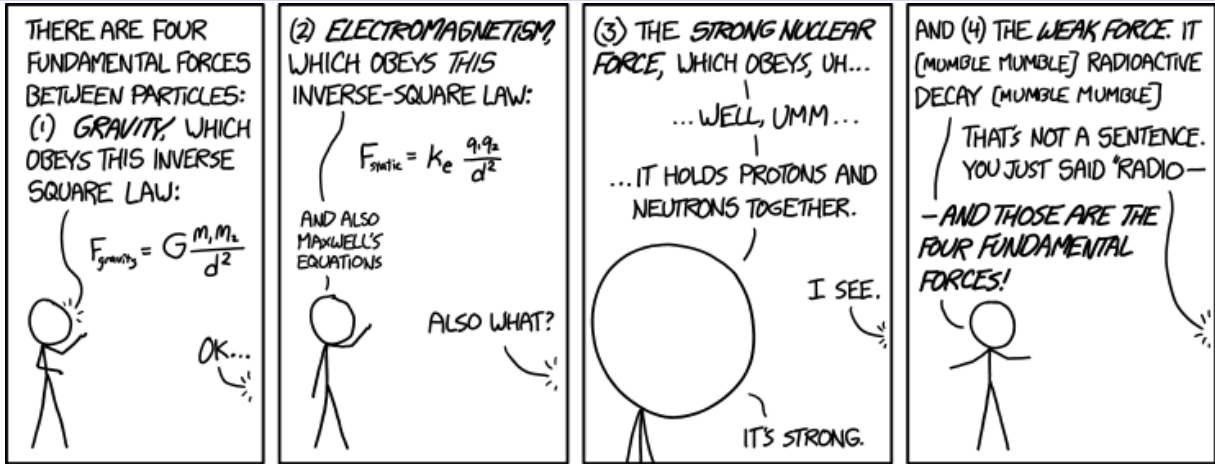
**Nuclei show much more spread:  $10^{-22}$  s to  $10^{10}$  years – still depends on interaction.**

# Typical hadron cross sections

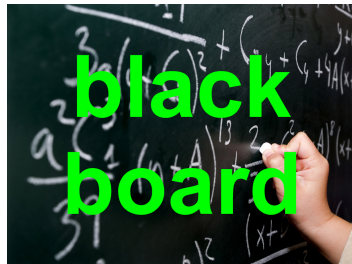


[HG 14.2 modified]

# (g) Interactions: Overview



[xkcd 20 Feb 2015]



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# (h) The Known Unknowns: It's There, But What Is It?

**Standard Model**

Quarks		Bosons		Leptons	
u up	d down	$\gamma$ photon	g gluon	$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	e electron
c charm	s strange	W W boson	Z Z boson	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\mu$ muon
t top	b bottom	H Higgs boson		$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	$\tau$ tau

**Unknowns**

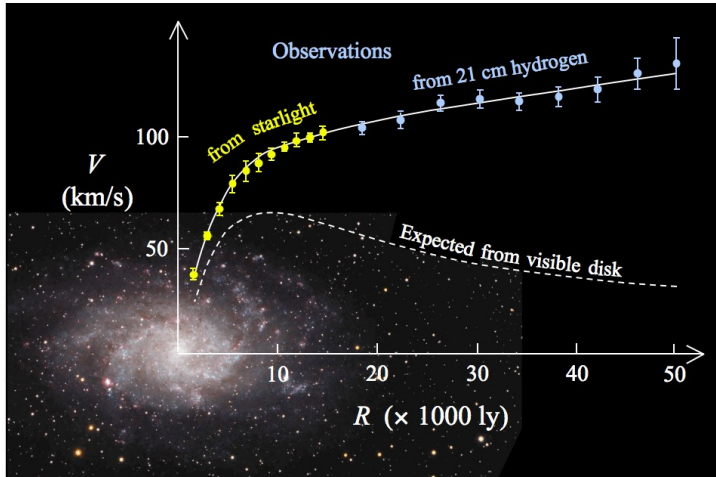
The puzzle pieces represent the following unknowns:

- Dark Matter
- Extra Dimensions
- Supersymmetry
- Dark Energy
- Unknown
- Neutrino Mysteries
- Inflation
- Dynamical EW Symmetry Breaking
- W' & Z' Bosons
- CP Violation
- Grand Unified Theories
- Cosmic Rays
- Compositeness

Particle Data Group

**Evidence:** Velocity distribution of stars around galactic centres not explained by stars + gas

⇒ “dark halo” of non-luminous/non-absorbing matter: **no interaction via electromagnetism.**



[wikipedia: Galaxy rotation curve]

**More Evidence:** Stronger in galactic clusters/superclusters; Cosmic Microwave Background Anisotropy

**Preferred Candidates:** “Cold Dark Matter CDM”: nonrelativistic (heavy!)

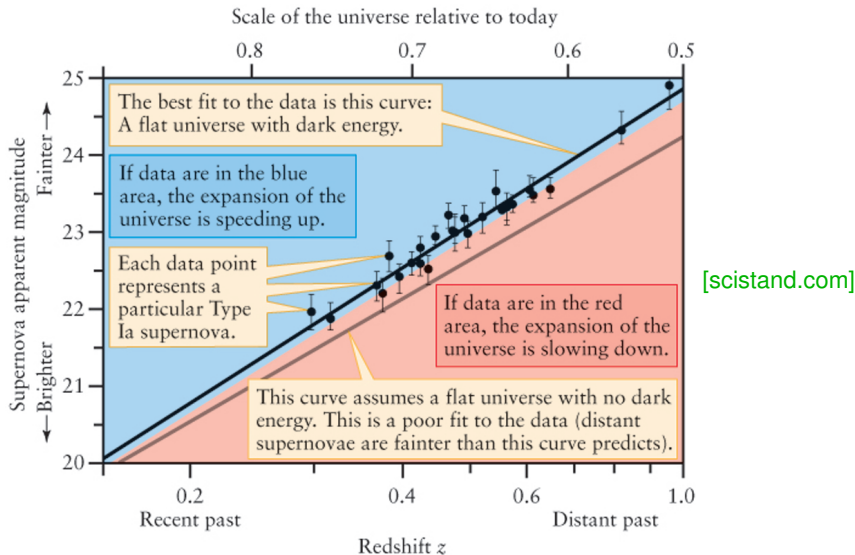
Some is baryonic (primordial black holes? Massive Compact Halo Objects **MACHOs**?);

$\approx 80\%$  non-hadronic: Weakly Interacting Massive Particles **WIMPs** (axions, SUSY, heavy neutrino, ...)



**Evidence:** Redshift of type-Ia supernovae in Einstein-Friedman-Robertson-Walker universe:

Unknown long-range repulsive force counters gravity's pull. [Perlmutter/Schmidt/Riess 1998, Nobel 2011]



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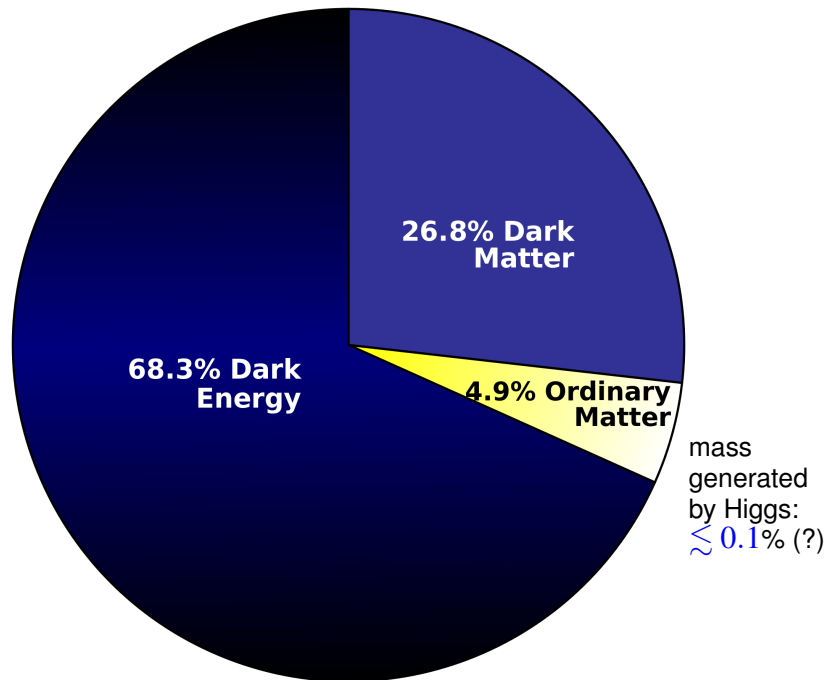
**Preferred Candidates:** Modified gravity at very large distance scales?;

Cosmological constant  $\Lambda$  (positive vacuum energy  $\Rightarrow$  negative pressure)?

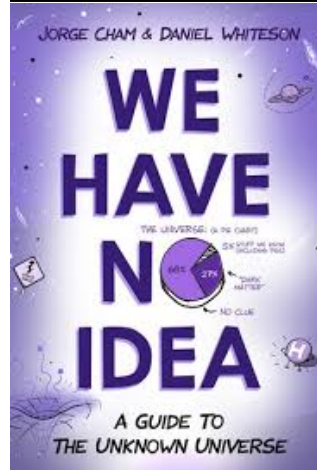
**Dark matter + dark energy  $\Rightarrow \Lambda$ CDM scenario**

# Matter content of the universe

We do not understand the composition of 95% of the universe.



[wikipedia: Dark energy]



## TIME Science

PHYSICS

### Was Einstein Wrong? A Faster-than-Light Neutrino Could Be Saying Yes

By MICHAEL D. LEMONICK Friday, Sept. 23, 2011

SUPERLUMINAL NEUTRINOS

# Loose Cable May Unravel Faster-Than-Light Result

Anomalous data suggesting that neutrinos can travel faster than light **probably resulted from a faulty connection in a GPS timing system**, physicists from the OPERA collaboration revealed last week. Scientists who

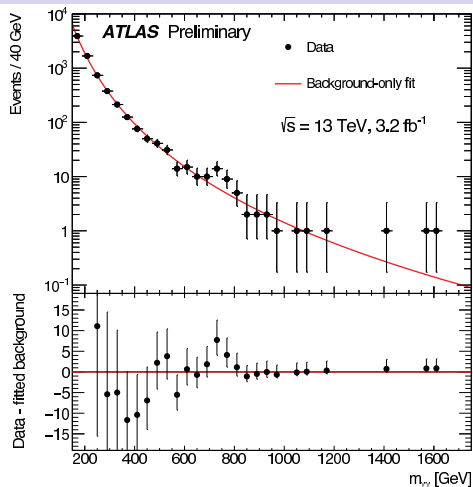
the coaxial fiber cable was plugged into a socket attached to a card inside the experiment's master-clock computer. The card converts the light pulses into electronic signals. Any loose connection was supposed to stop

[Science 335 (2 Mar 2012) 1027]



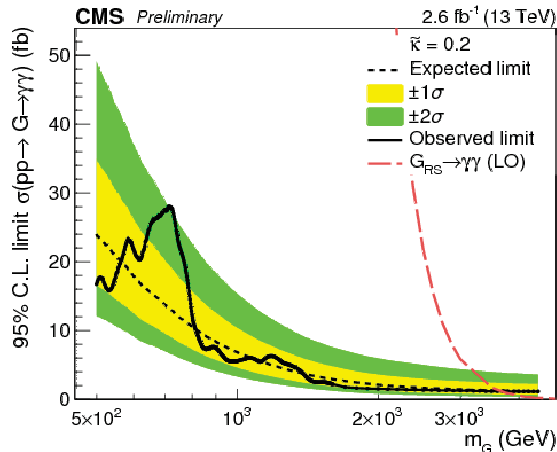
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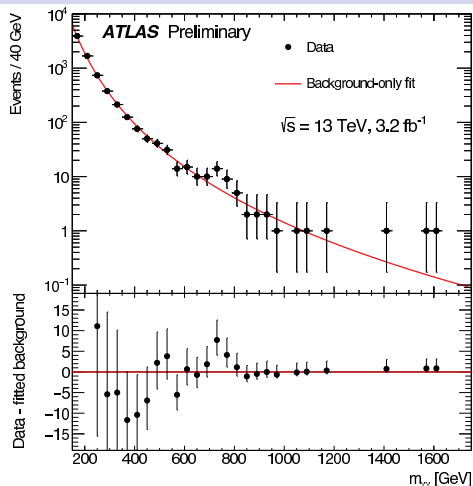


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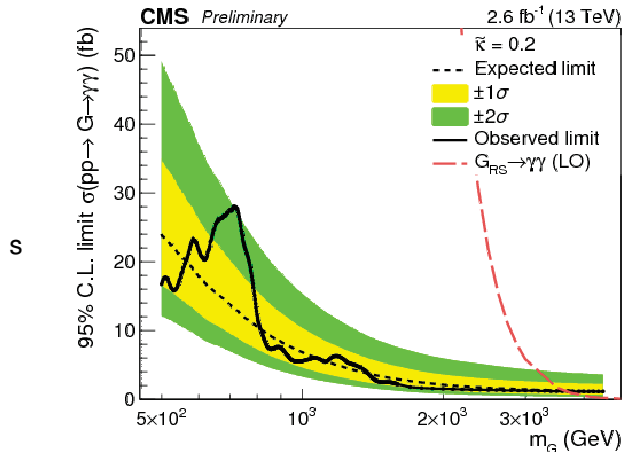
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**Wikipedia Jan 2018: Analysis of a larger sample of data, collected by ATLAS and CMS in the first half 2016, indicates that the excess seen in 2015 was a *statistical fluctuation*.**

# Next: 2. Particle Sources

*Familiarise yourself with: [HG 2, 19.5; PDG 30, 31, 38]*