

Quarks, gluons and QCD at Jefferson Lab and beyond

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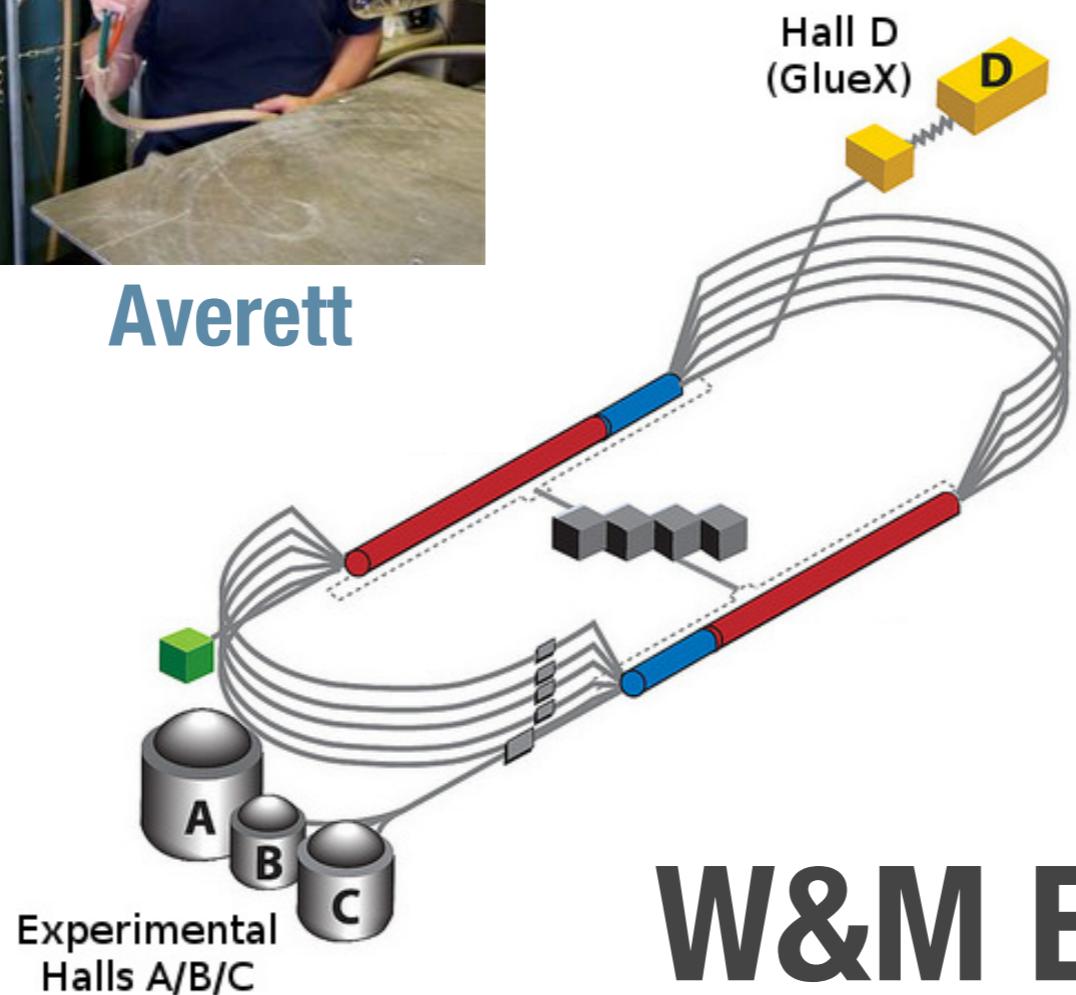


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Exploring the Nature of Matter



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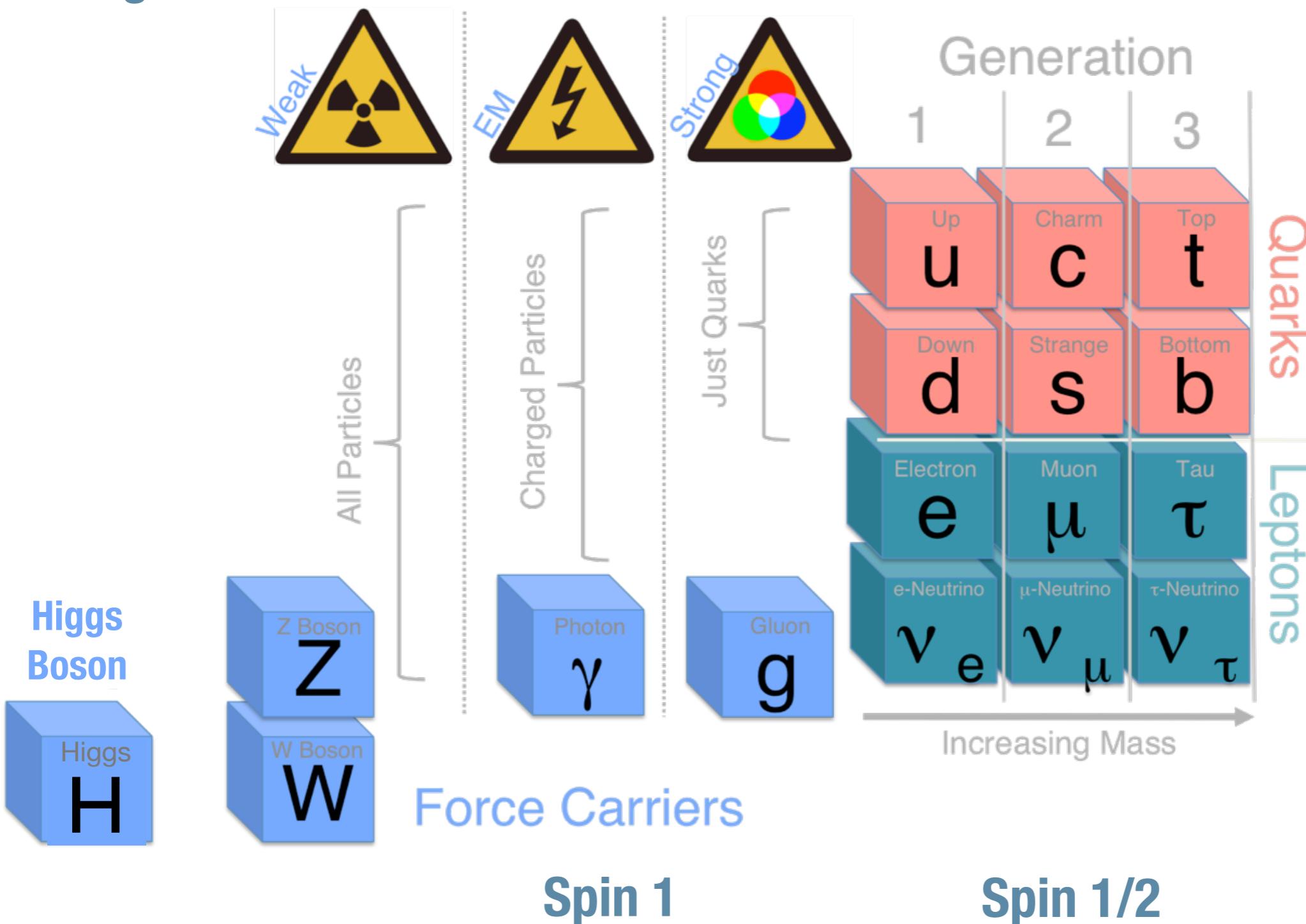
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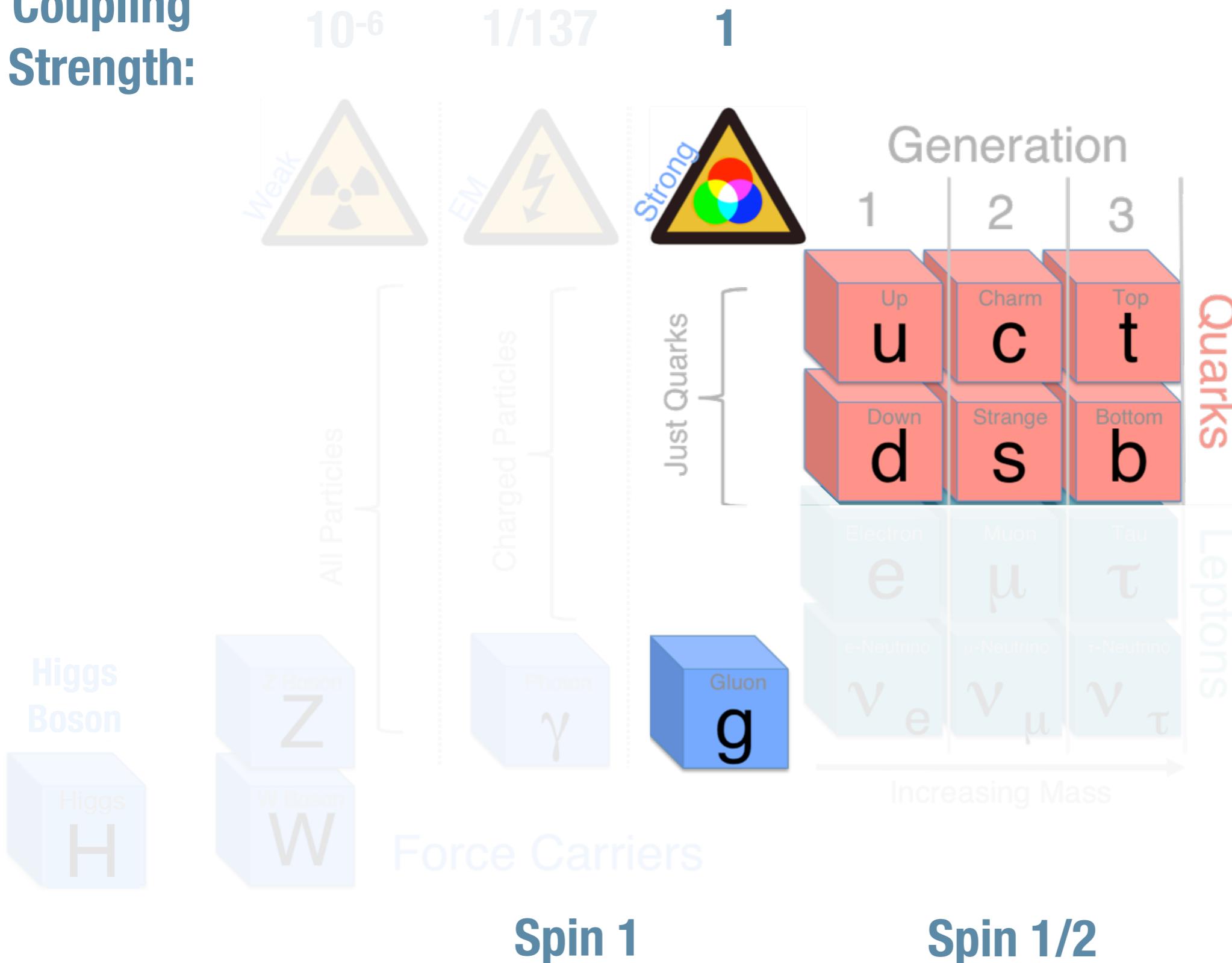
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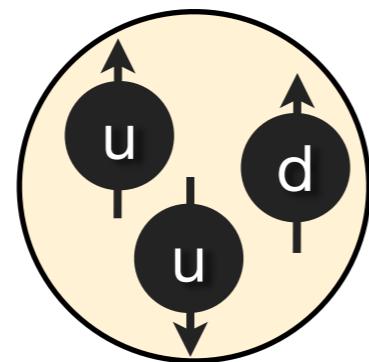


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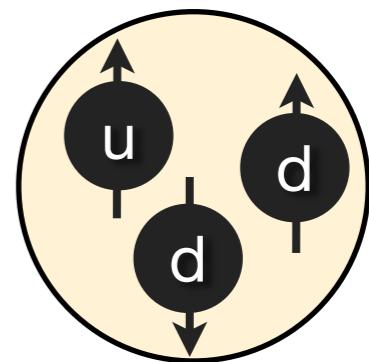
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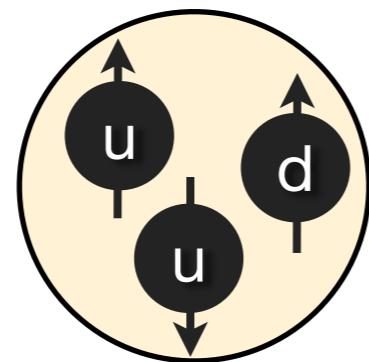


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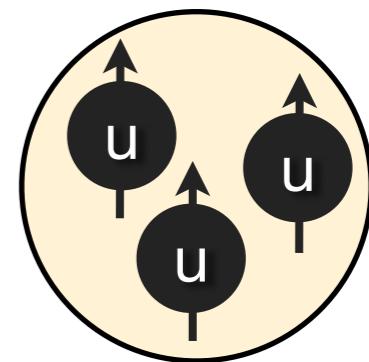
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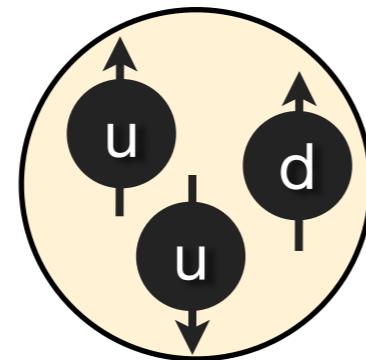


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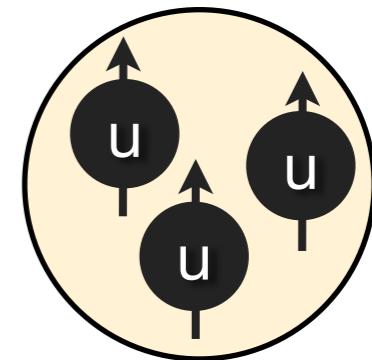
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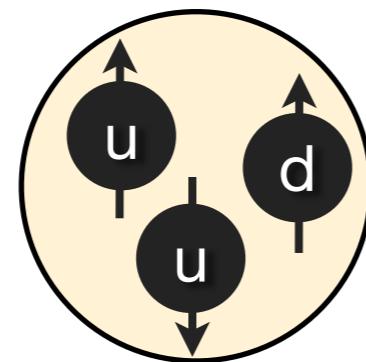
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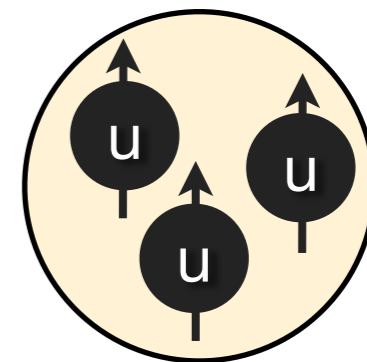
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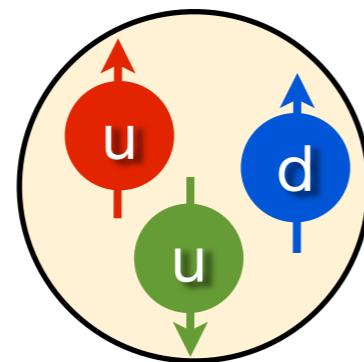
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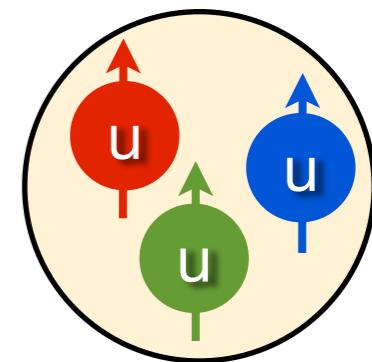
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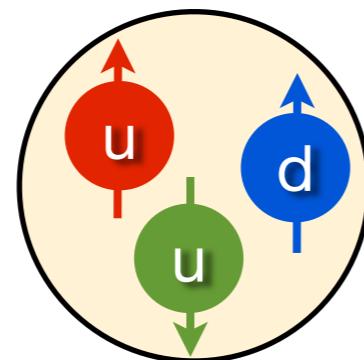
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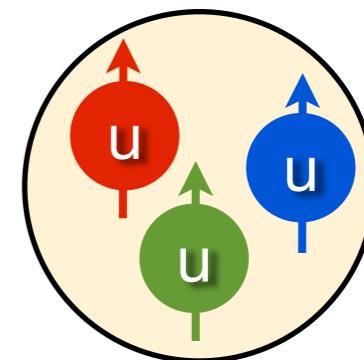
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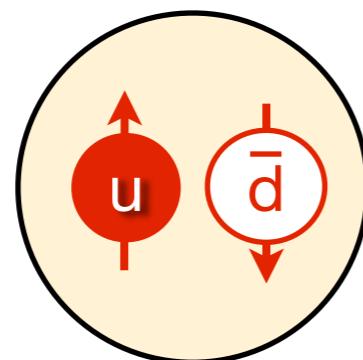


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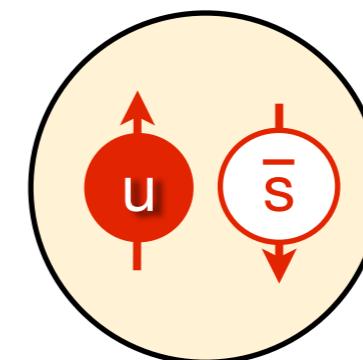
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- * Another flavor of “light” quarks: **strange**



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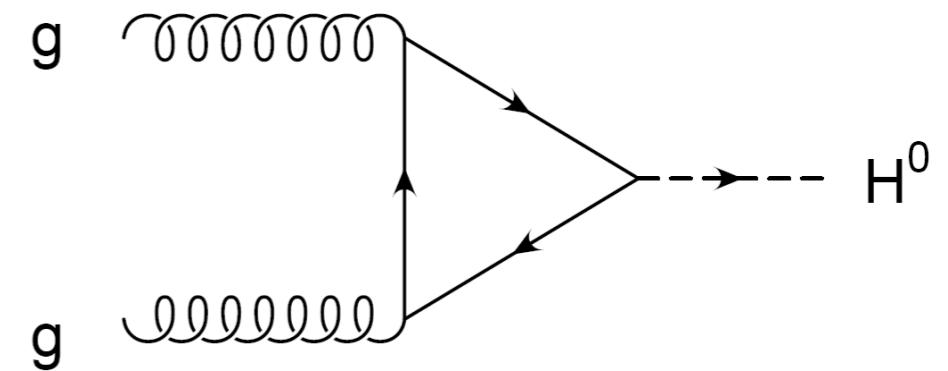


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Color interactions in QCD

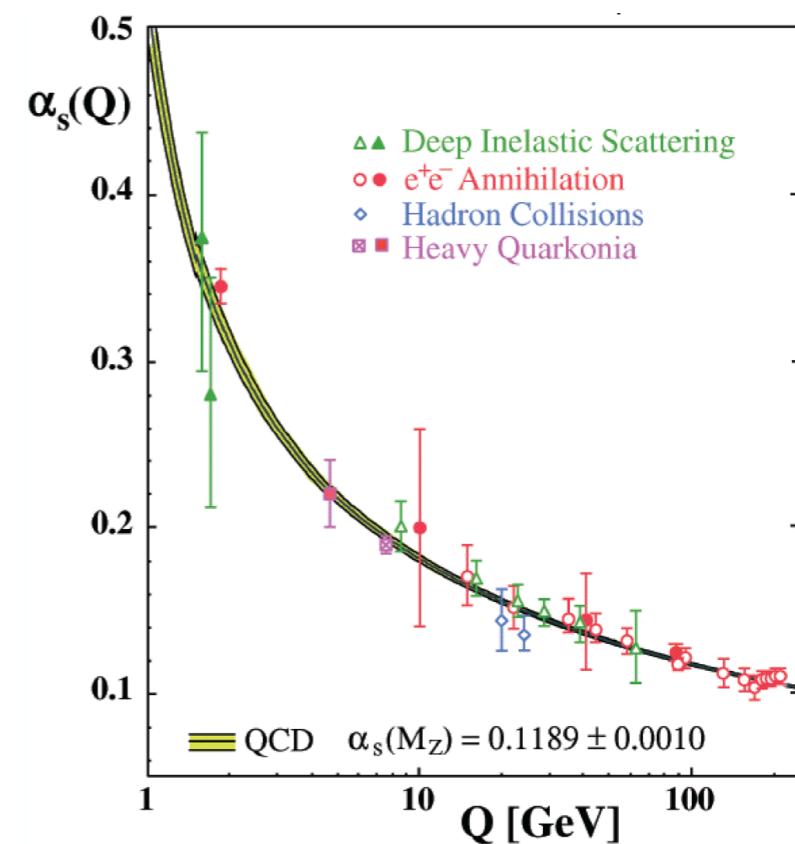
* High energy (short distance) limit

- * Interactions are weak: quarks are “asymptotically free”
- * QCD is calculable using perturbation theory, e.g. Higgs production at LHC

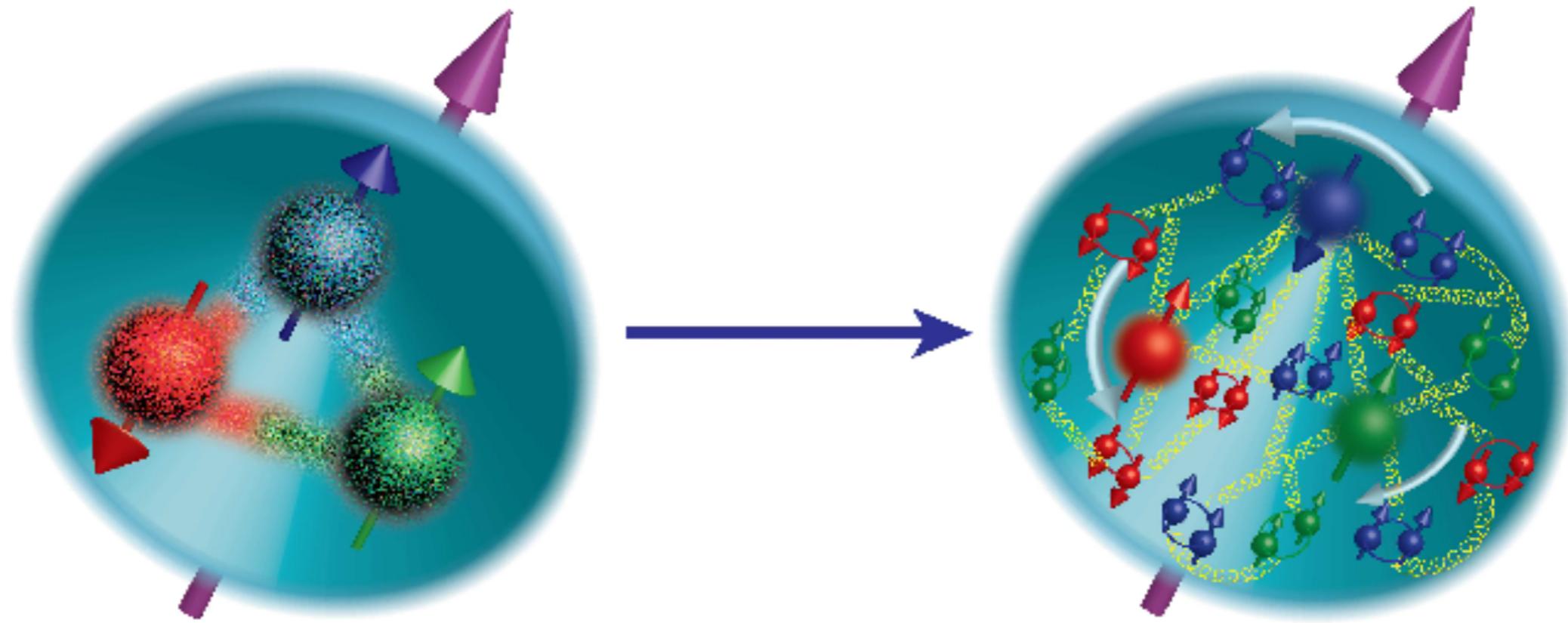


* Low energy (long distance) limit

- * Interactions are strong and increase with distance, so quarks are **confined**
- * QCD is **not** calculable perturbatively, but recent, dramatic progress in lattice QCD
- * Opportunity to study QCD in strongly coupled bound states, *i.e.* hadrons



Aside: what about nucleon structure?

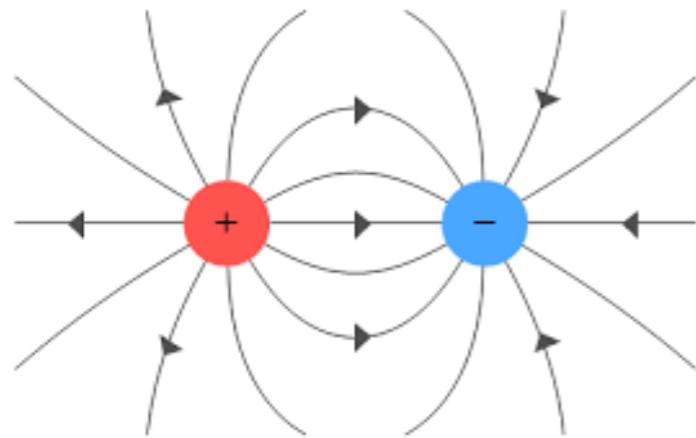


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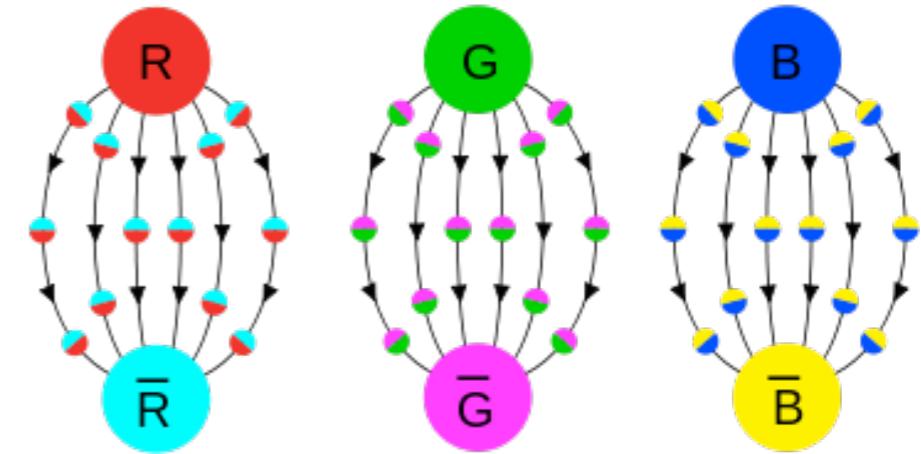
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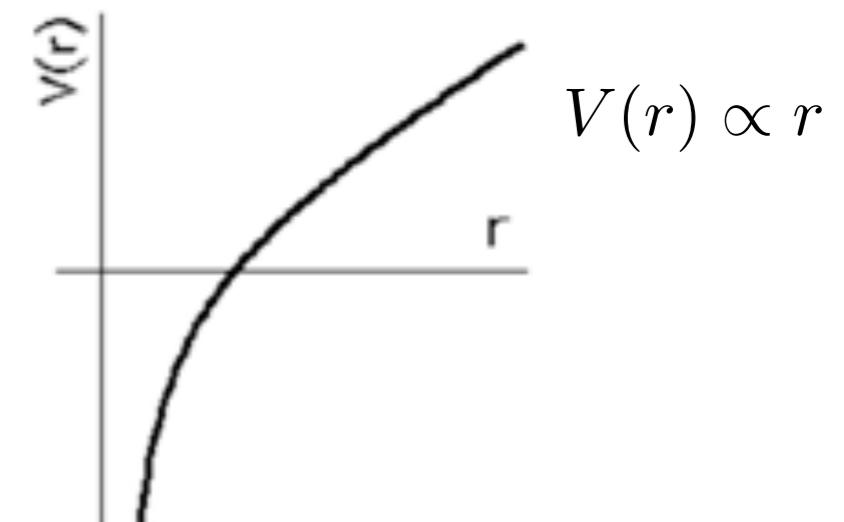
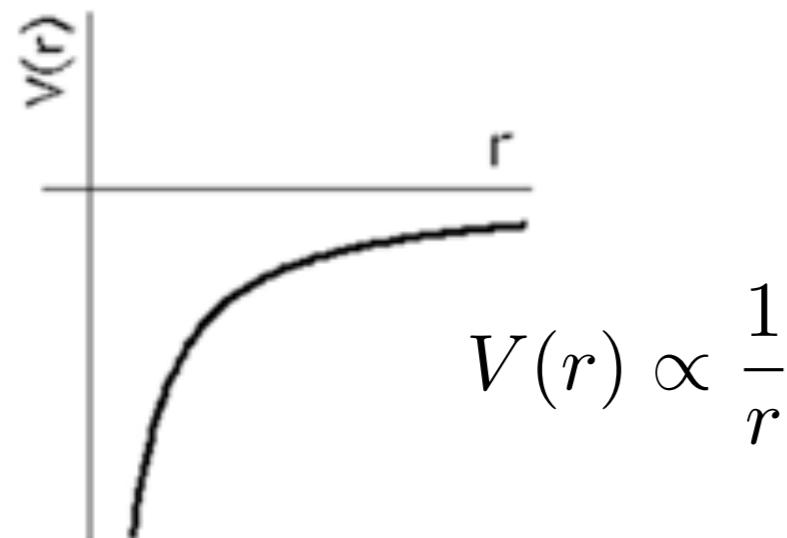


Photons (gluons) mediate forces between electric (color) charges

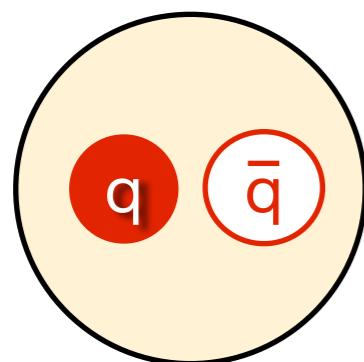
Strong nuclear force: QCD



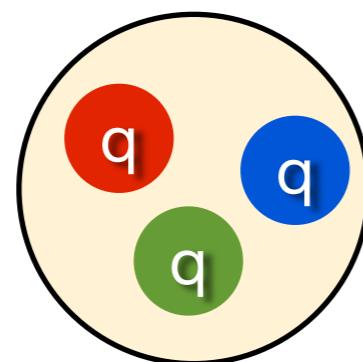
Gluon self-interaction produces a potential that grows \sim linearly with distance, not possible for photons



Confined states of quarks and gluons

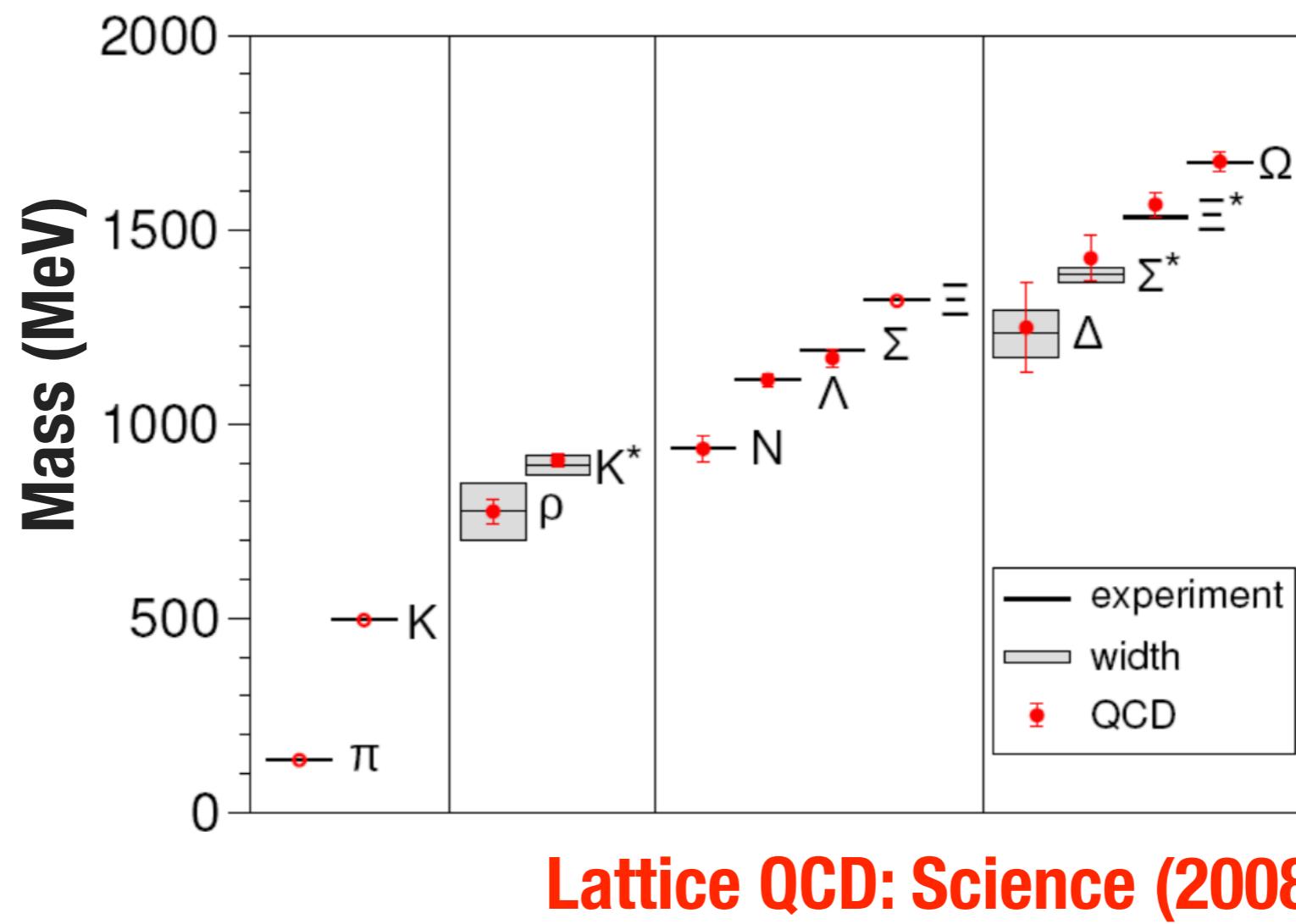


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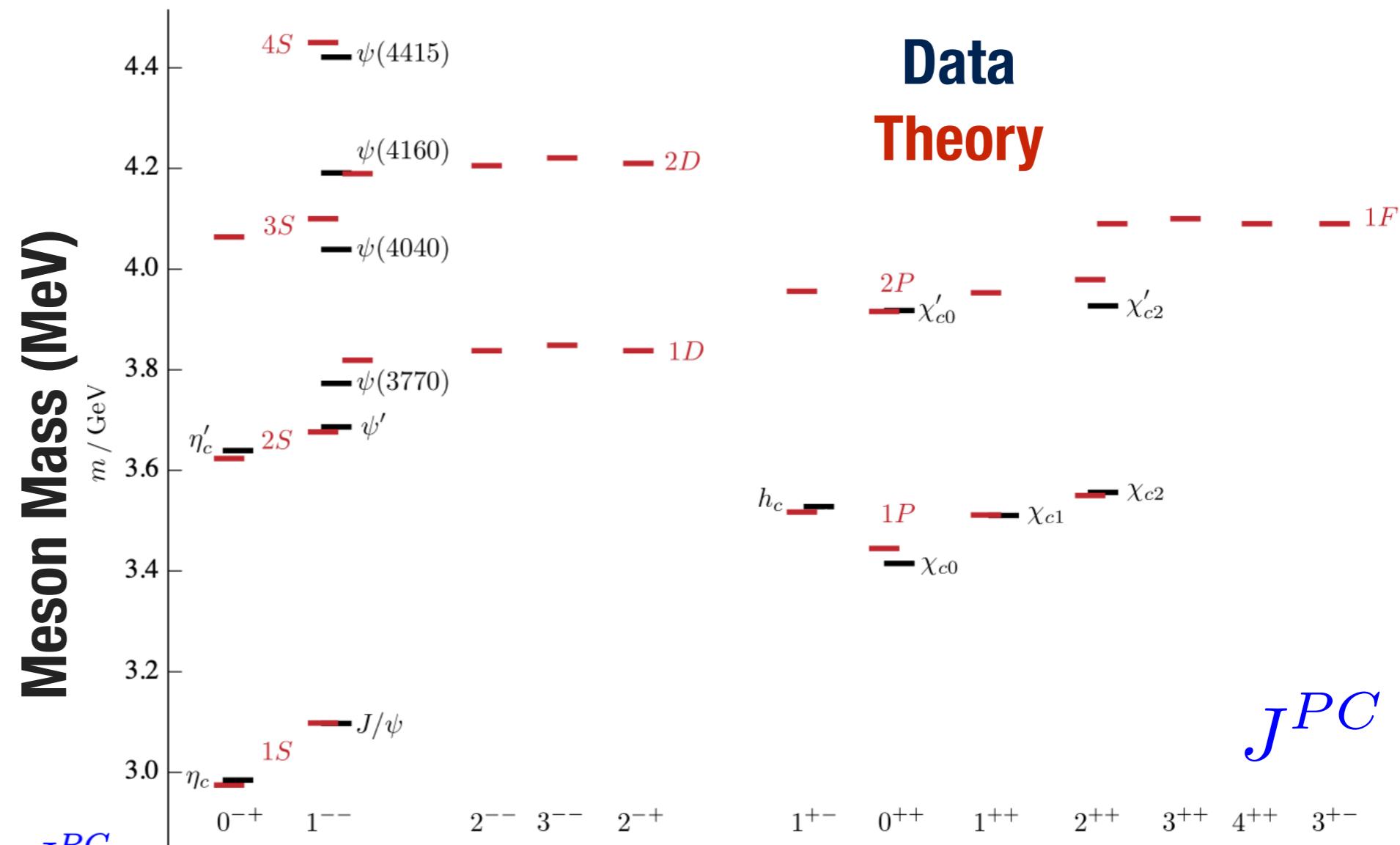
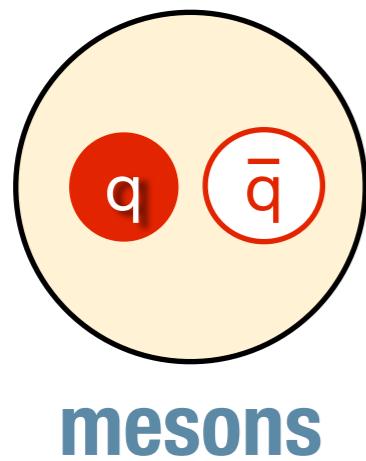
baryons

Observed mesons and baryons well described by 1st principles QCD



Lattice QCD: Science (2008)

Confined states of quarks and gluons



* Grouped by quantum numbers: J^{PC}

* Angular momentum: $\vec{J} = \vec{L} + \vec{S}$

* Parity: Invert spatial coordinates

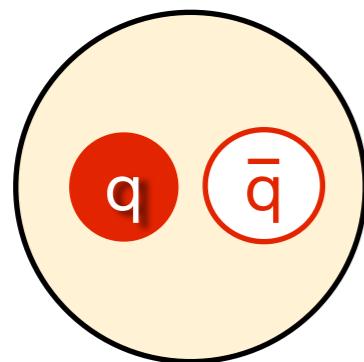
$$P = (-1)^{L+1}$$

* Charge conj.: particle \leftrightarrow antiparticle

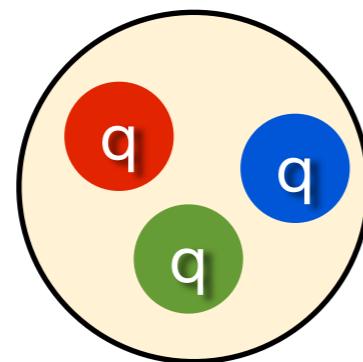
$$C = (-1)^{L+S}$$

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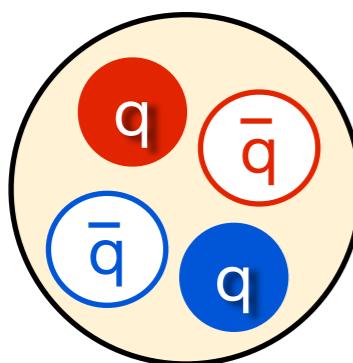
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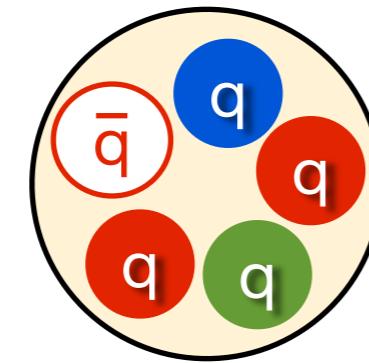
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A SCHEMATIC MODEL OF BARYONS AND MESONS *

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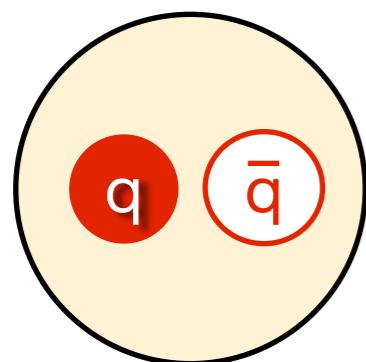
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... Baryons can now be constructed from quarks by using the combinations ($q q q$), ($q q q q \bar{q}$), etc., while mesons are made out of ($q \bar{q}$), ($q q \bar{q} \bar{q}$), etc. ...

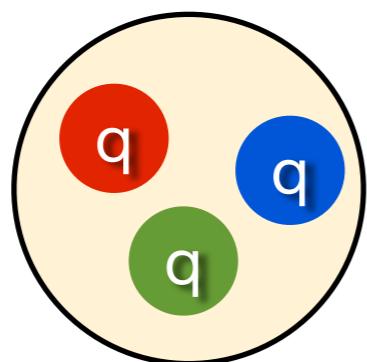
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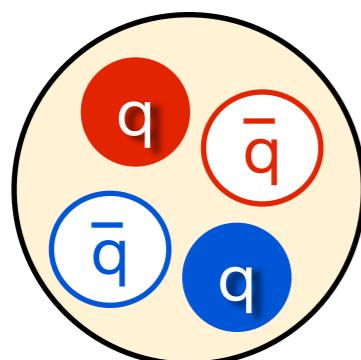
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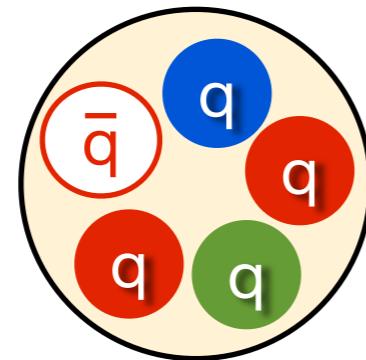
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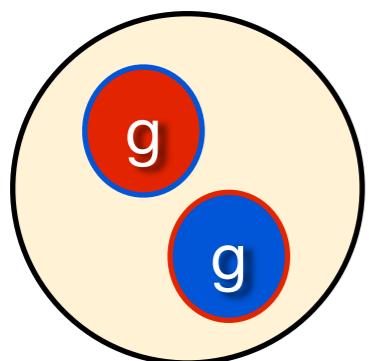
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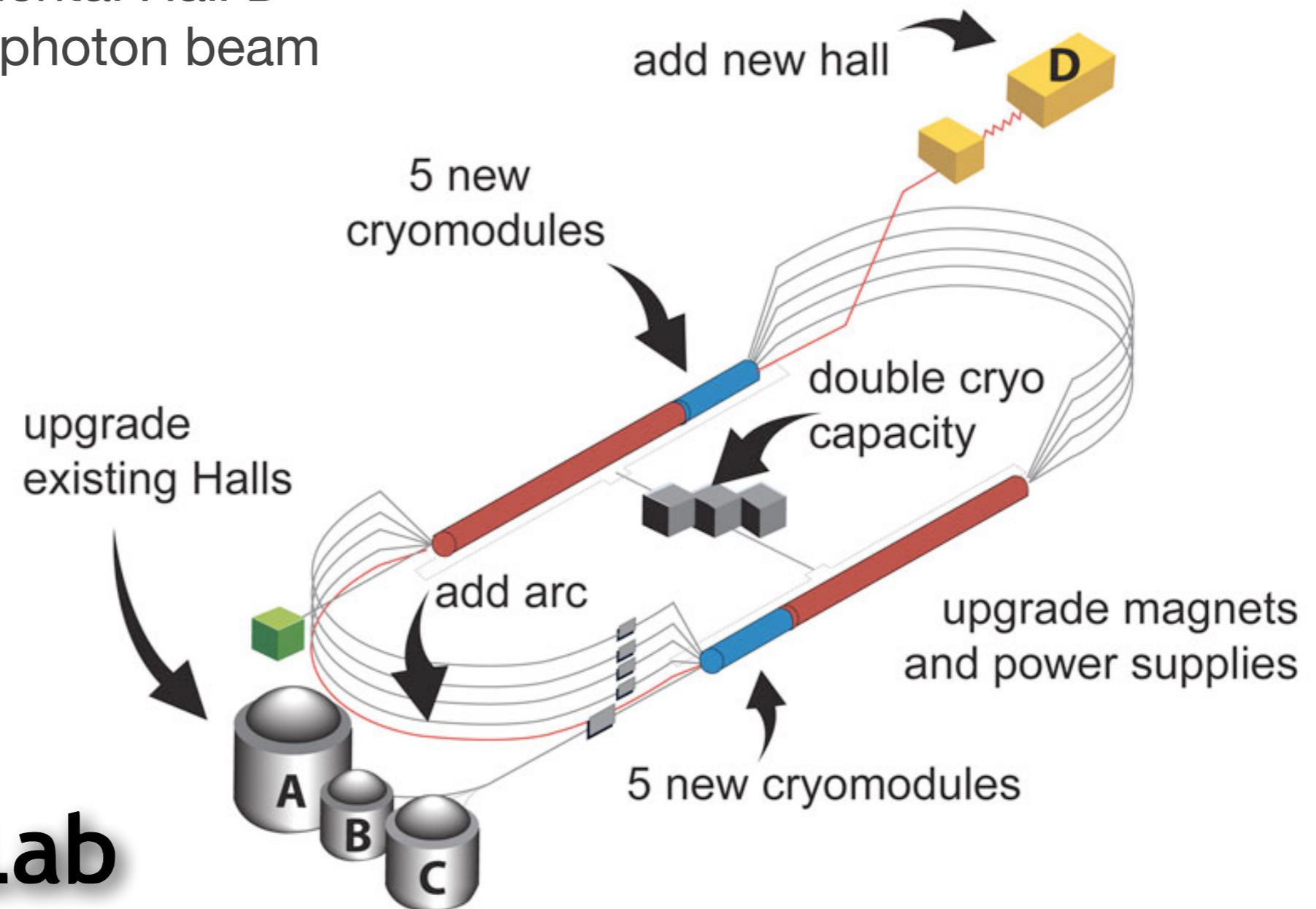
glueball

Do gluonic degrees of freedom manifest themselves in the bound states we observe in nature?

hybrid meson

Jefferson Lab

- * Upgrade maximum electron beam energy from 6 to 12 GeV
- * Add new experimental Hall D with a dedicated photon beam

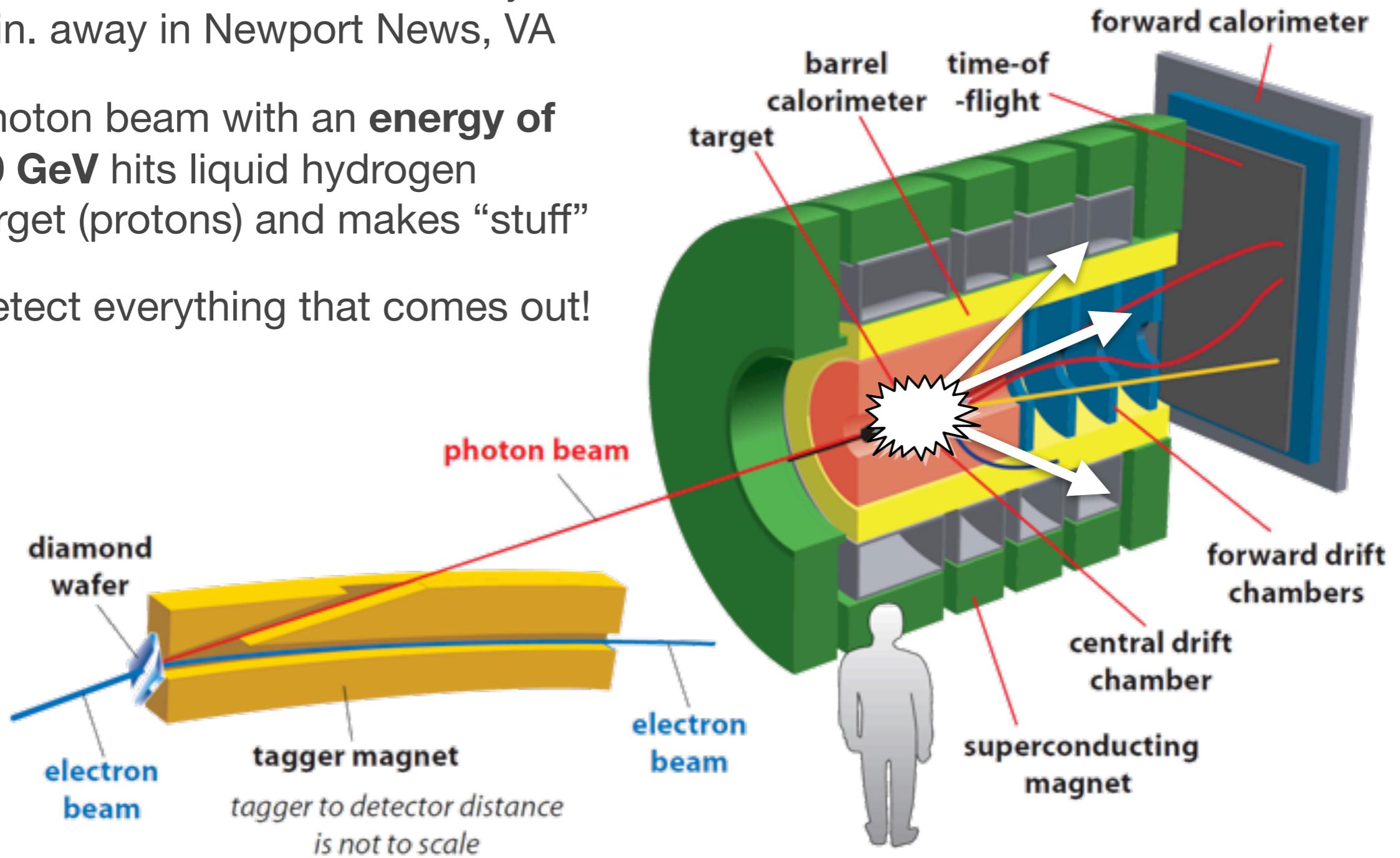


Jefferson Lab



Experiment

- * Located at Jefferson Lab, only 30 min. away in Newport News, VA
- * Photon beam with an **energy of 10 GeV** hits liquid hydrogen target (protons) and makes “stuff”
- * Detect everything that comes out!





Collaboration



**112 collaborators
25 institutions
9 countries**



GlueX Detector with
Prof. Curtis Meyer
GlueX Spokesperson
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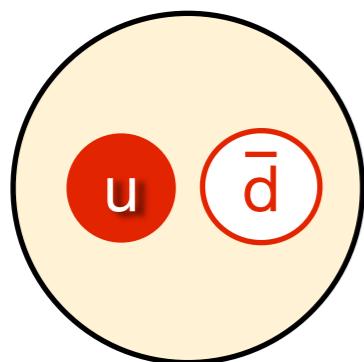


Construction (~5 years)



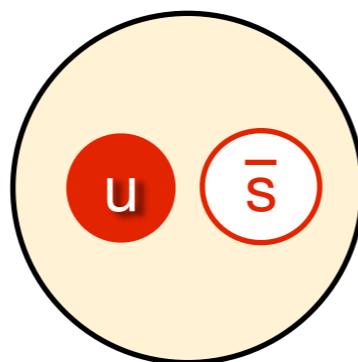
Identifying particles

- * How do you know which particle you detected?
 - * Measure electric charge
 - * Interaction with different kinds of materials
 - * Measure particle mass



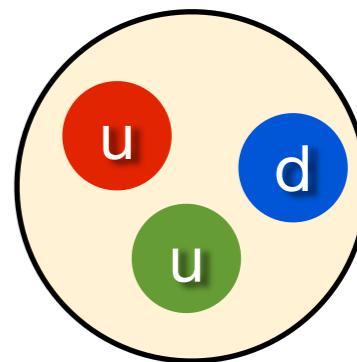
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$M_\pi \sim 140 \text{ MeV}$



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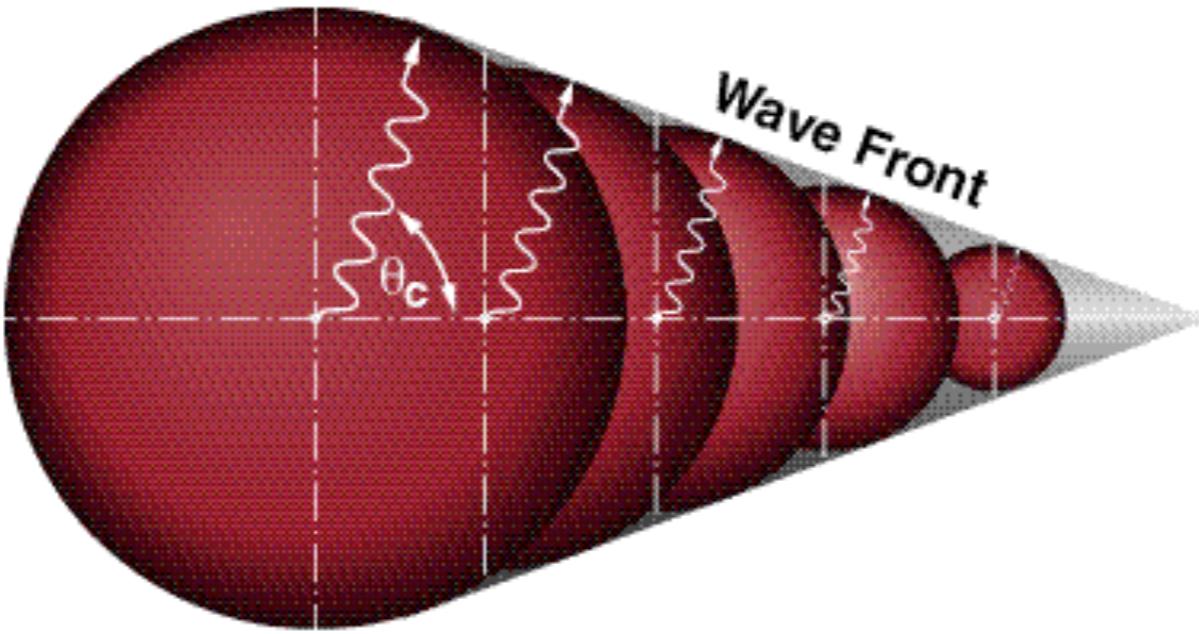
$M_K \sim 490 \text{ MeV}$



$$proton = |uud\rangle$$

$M_p \sim 940 \text{ MeV}$

Cherenkov radiation



Nuclear Reactor

- * Charged particles traveling faster than the speed of light in a medium emit Cherenkov light

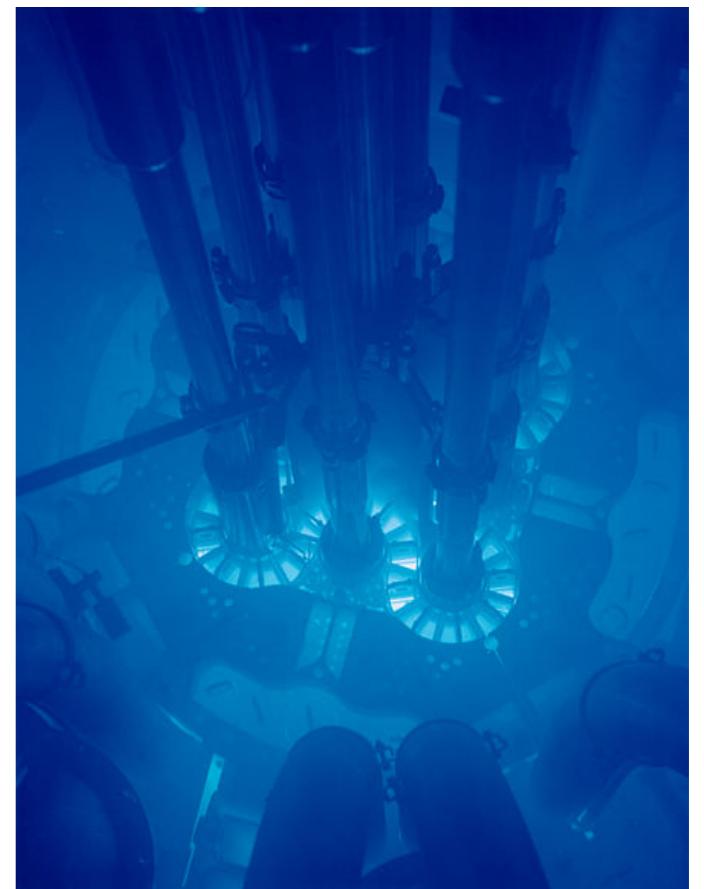
- * Wavelength dependence:

$$N_\gamma \sim \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

- * Cherenkov angle:

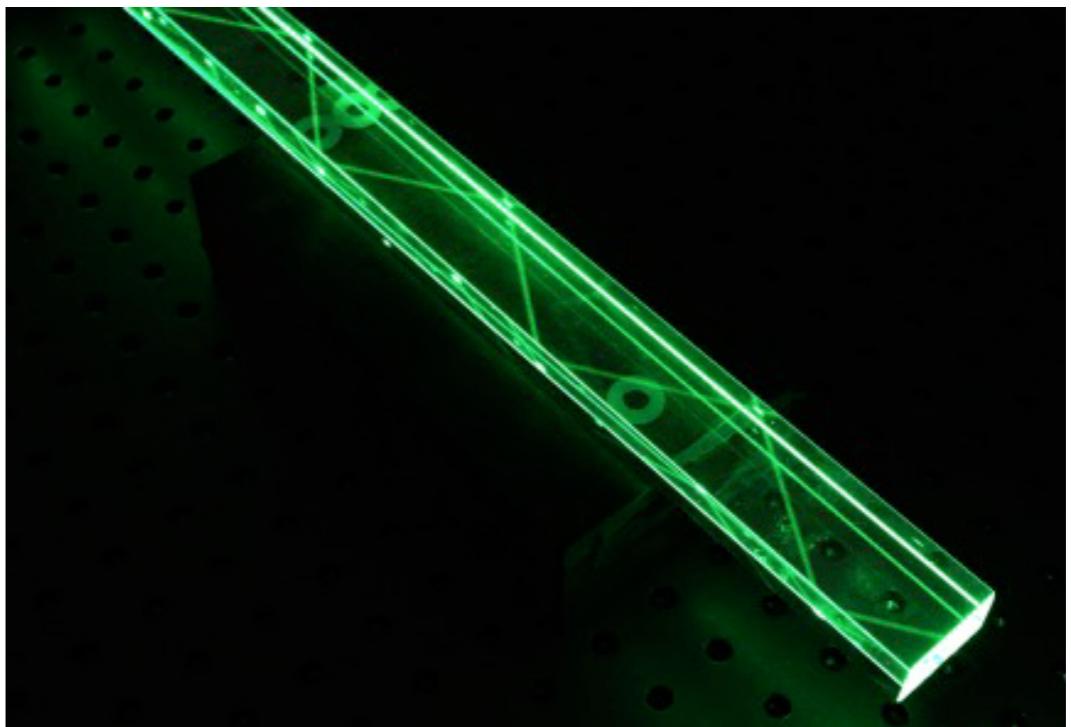
$$\cos\theta_c = \frac{1}{\beta n(\lambda)}$$

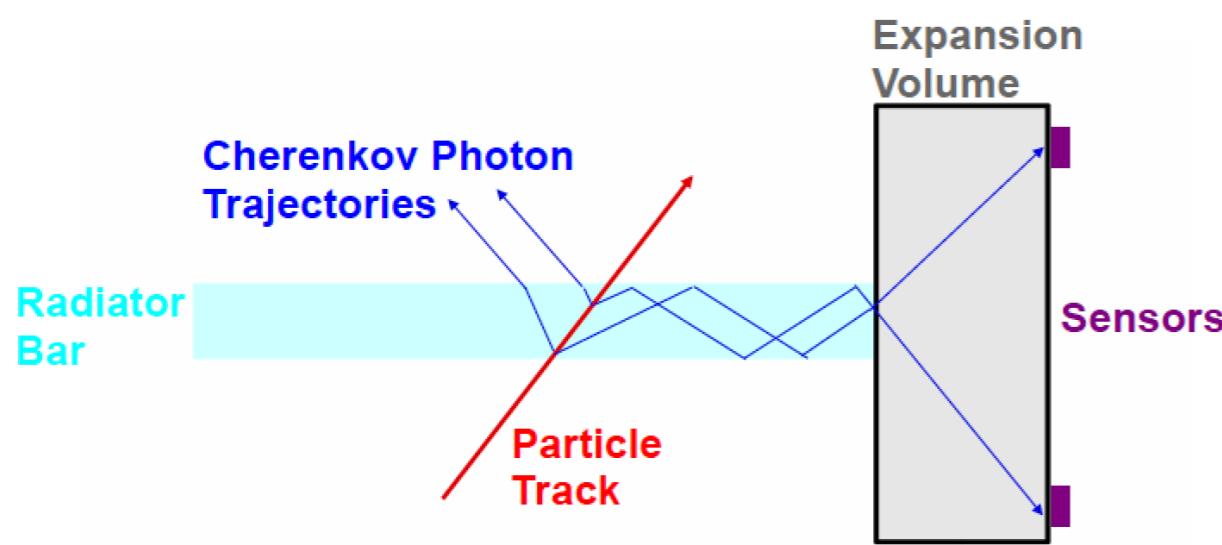
- * Determine $\beta = v/c$ with known index of refraction n , separate particles by difference in masses



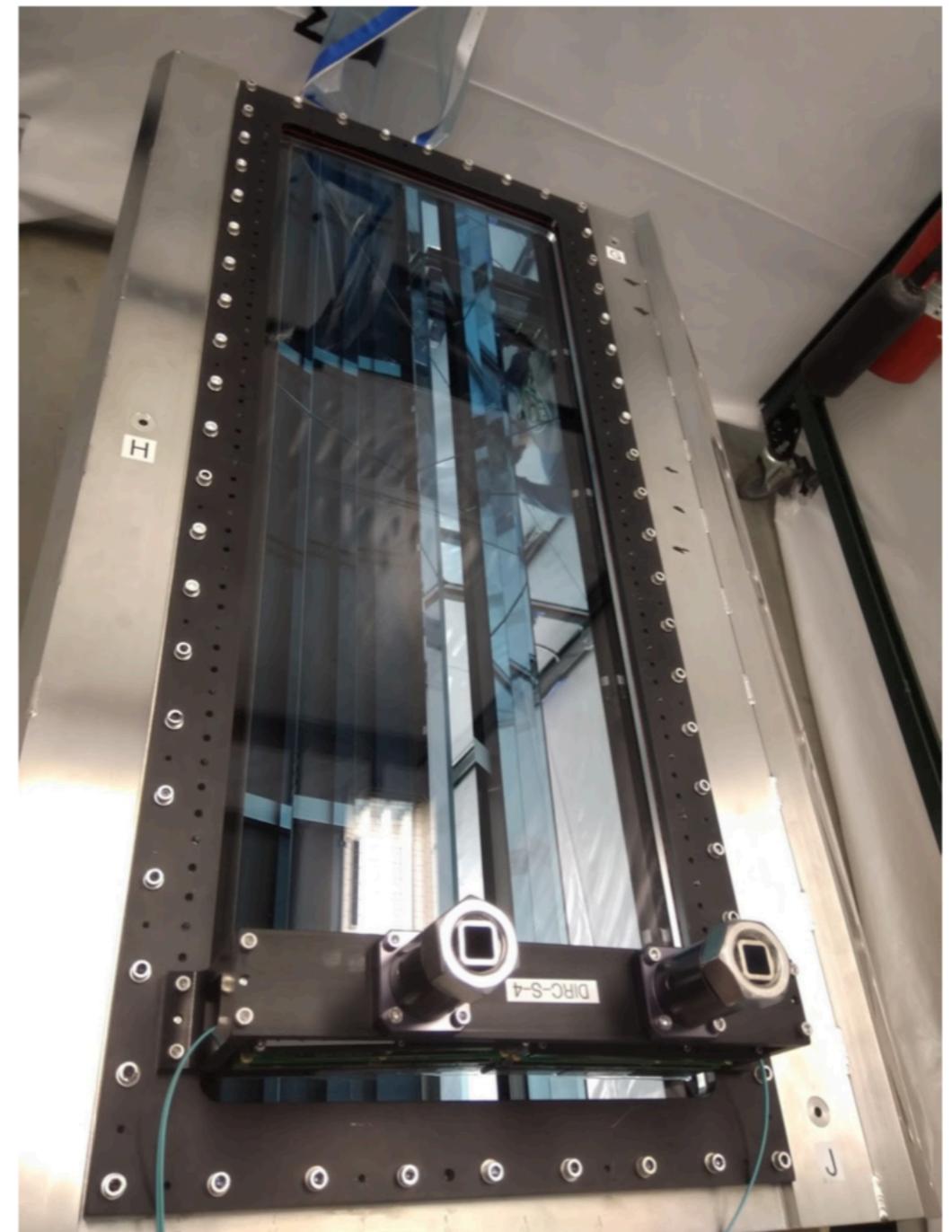
Cherenkov radiation: imaging

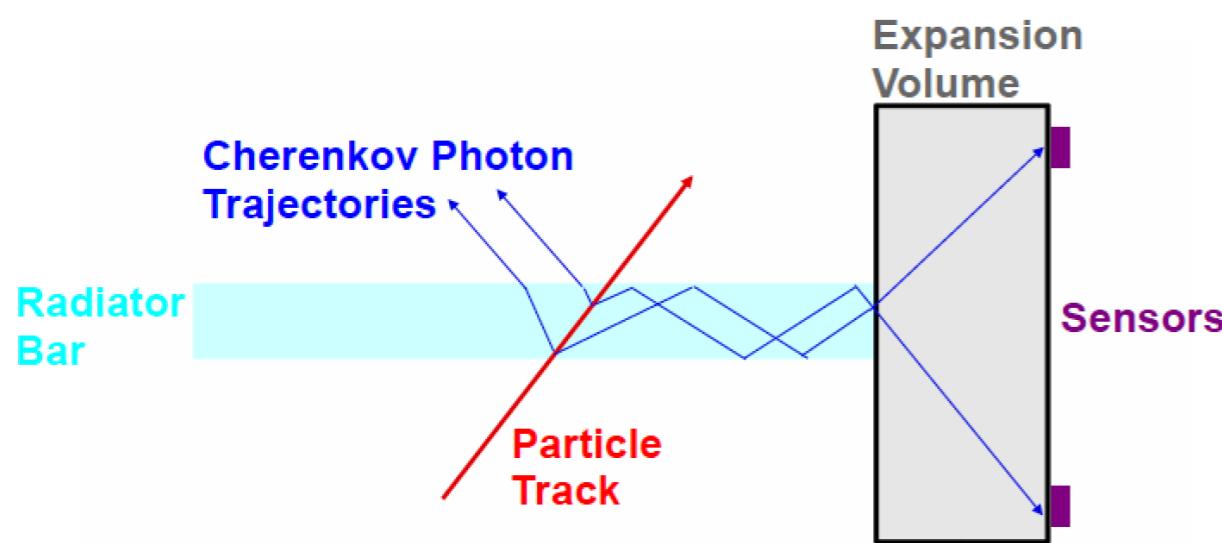
- * **DIRC:** Detection of Internally Reflected Cherenkov Light
- * Image single photons to measure Cherenkov angle
- * Need large array (~12,000) of photomultiplier tubes (PMTs)





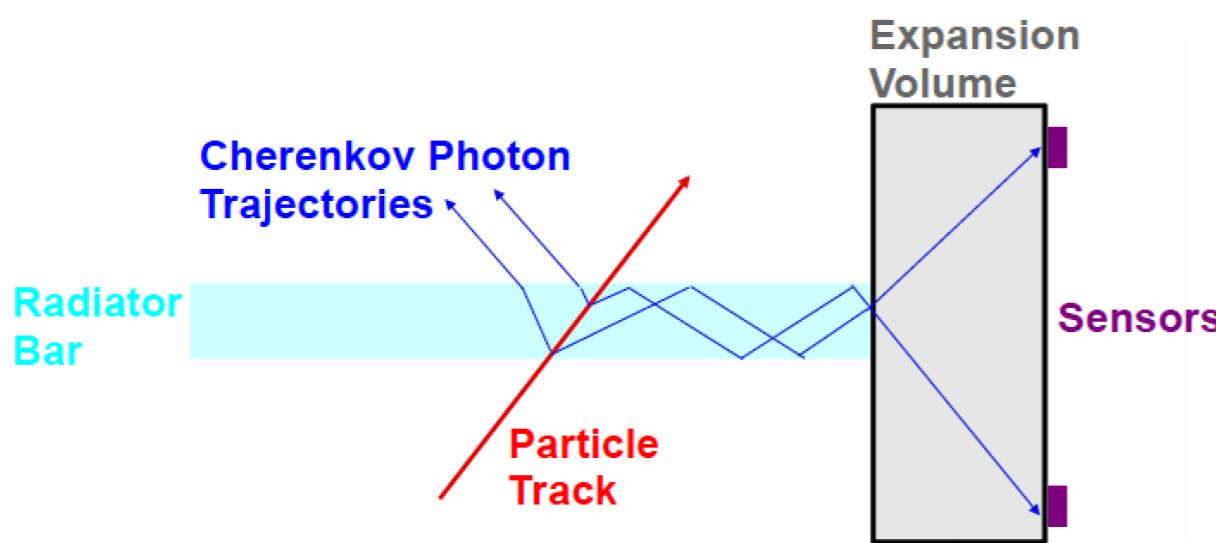
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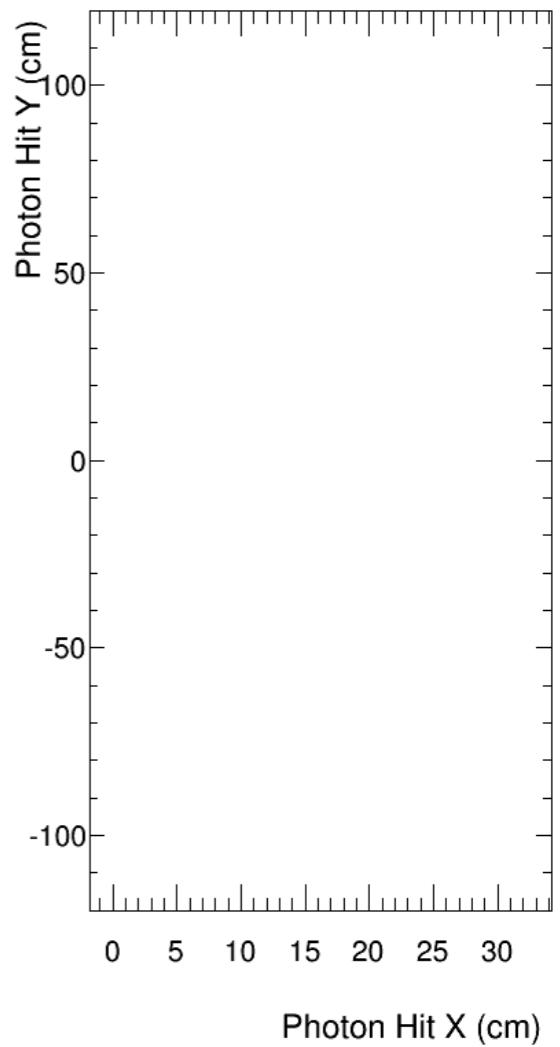
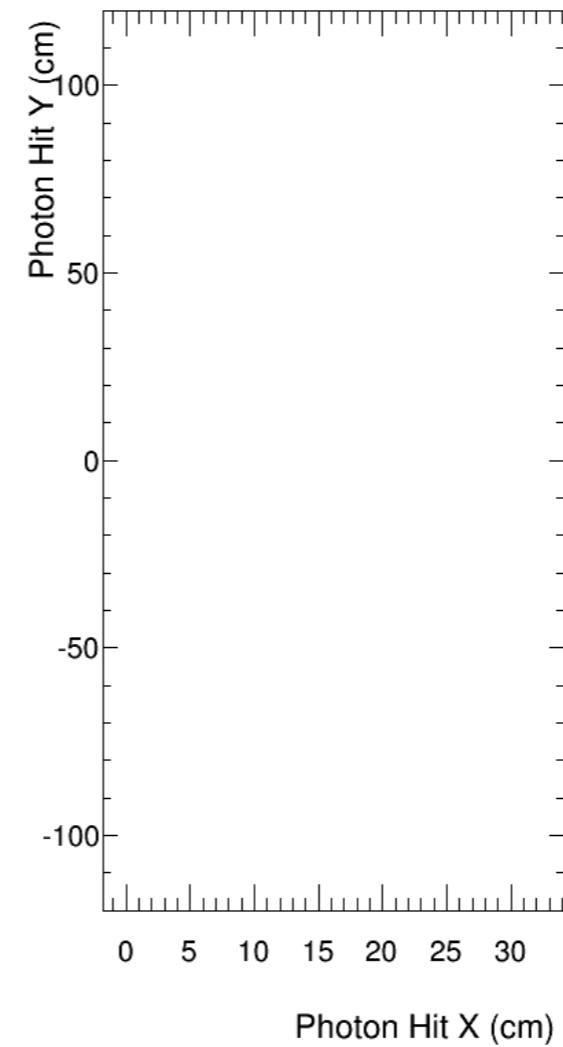
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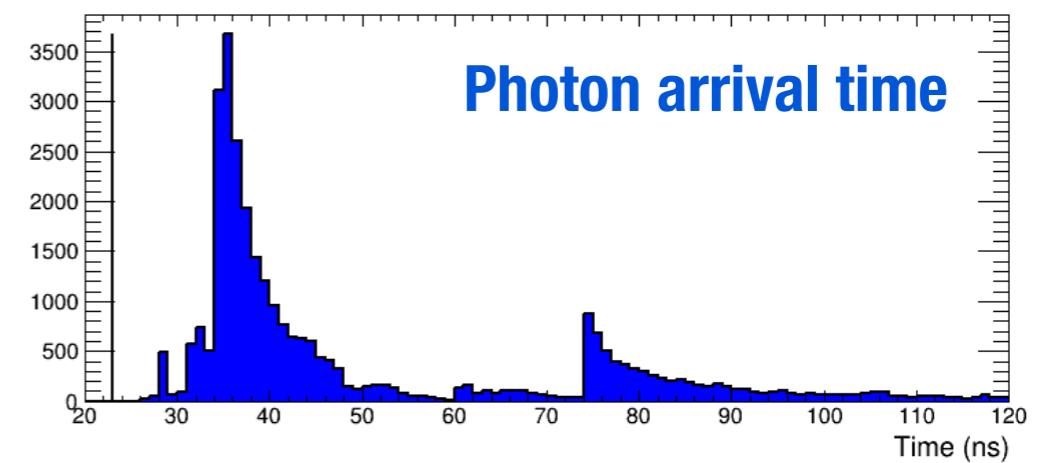


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Cherenkov Photon “Ring”

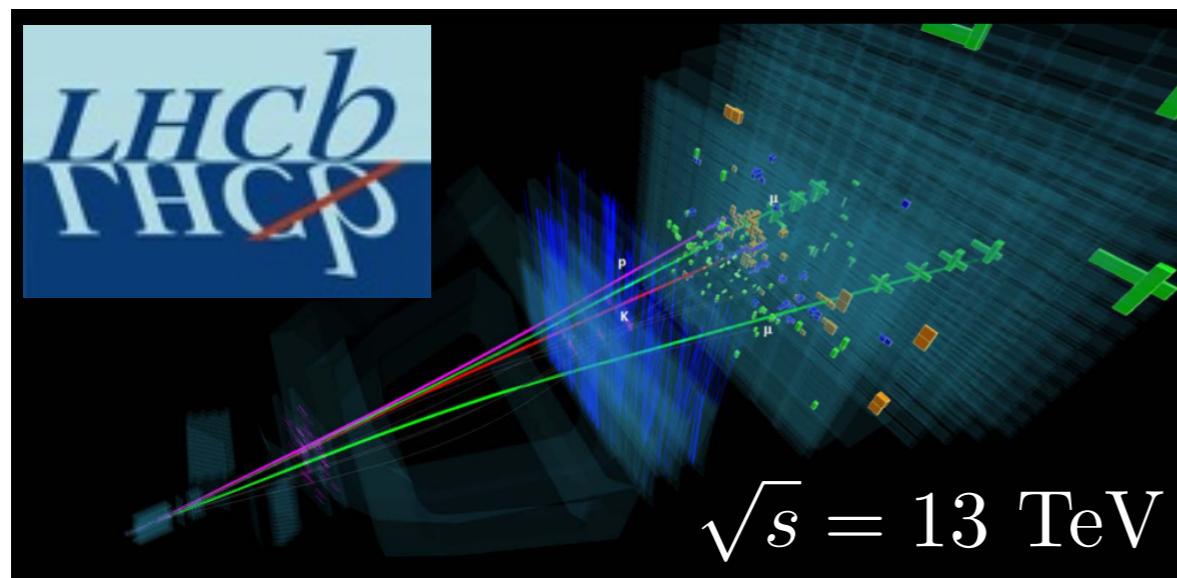
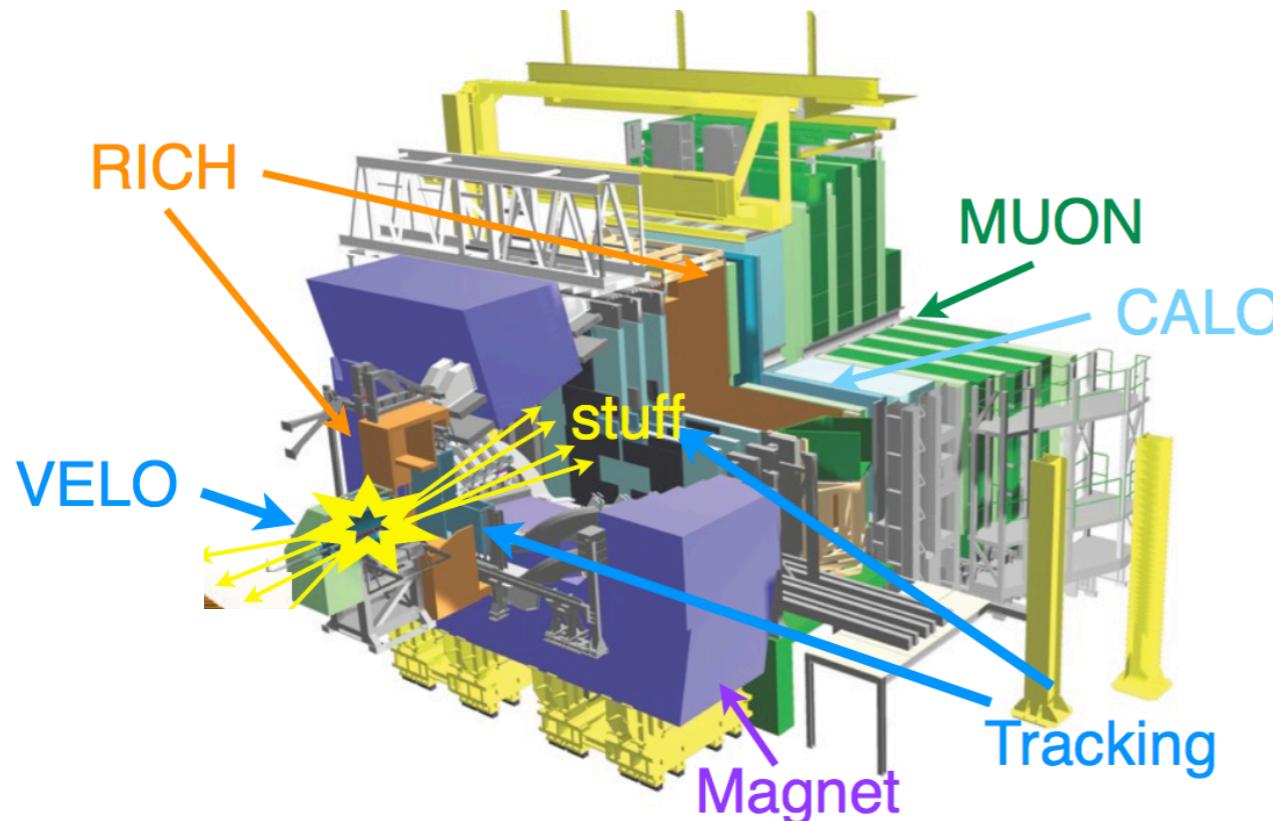


Photon arrival time



Heavy quark production and detection

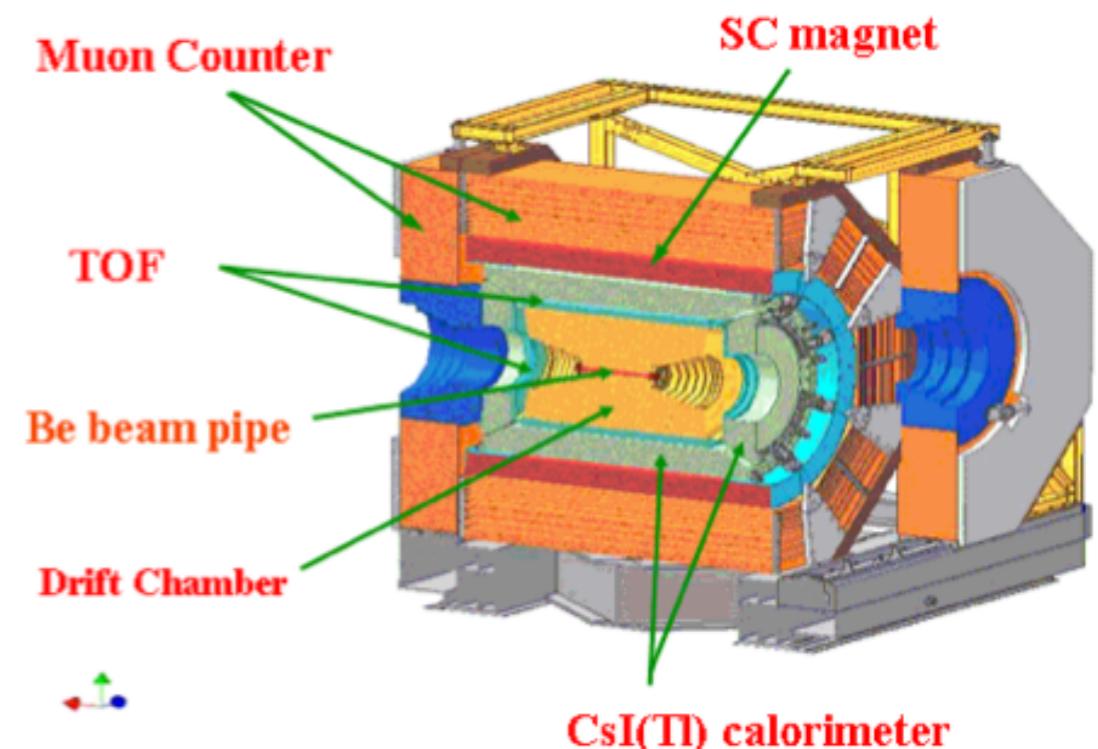
Inclusive: $pp \rightarrow BX$ or $\Lambda_B X$



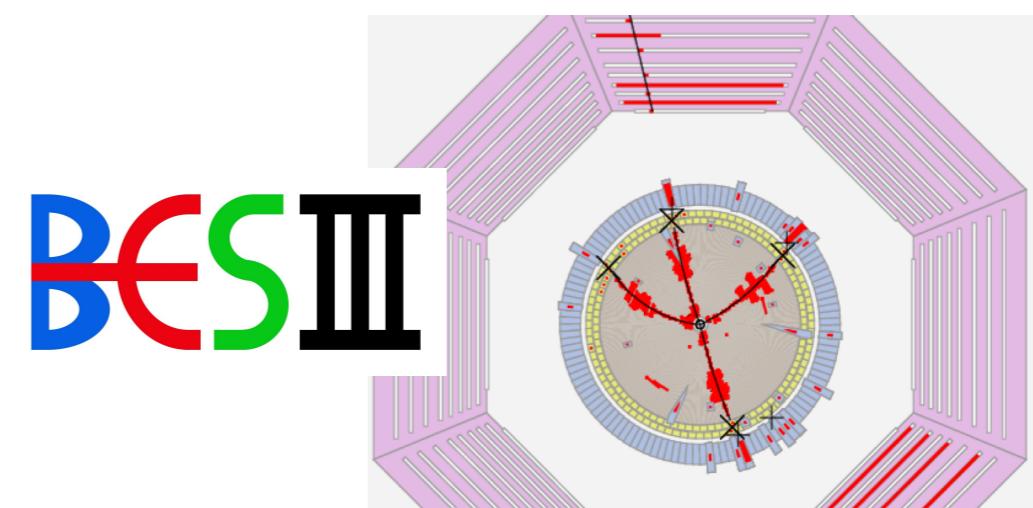
Pro: high rate

Con: messy

Exclusive: $e^+ e^- \rightarrow c\bar{c}$



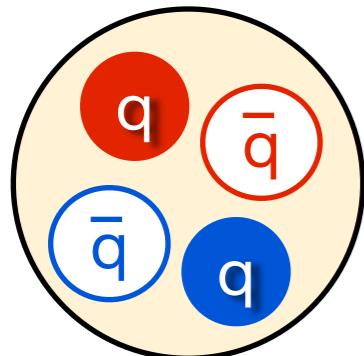
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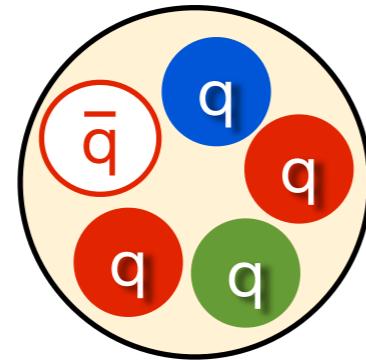
Pro: controlled

Con: statistics

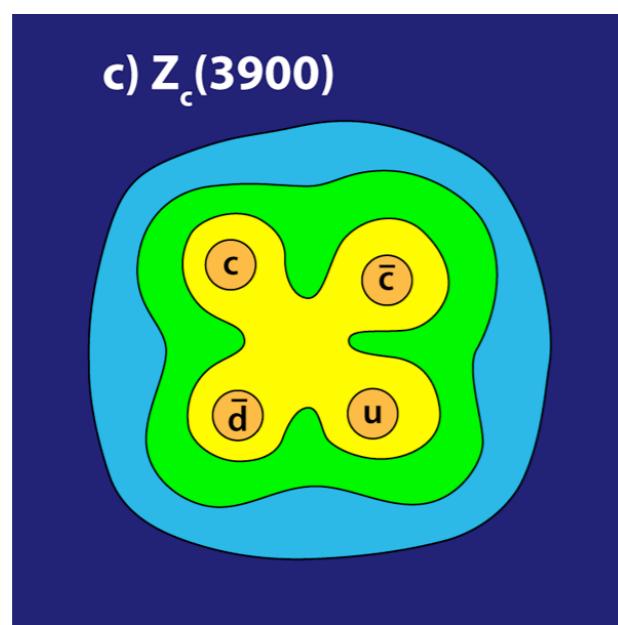
Exotic candidates



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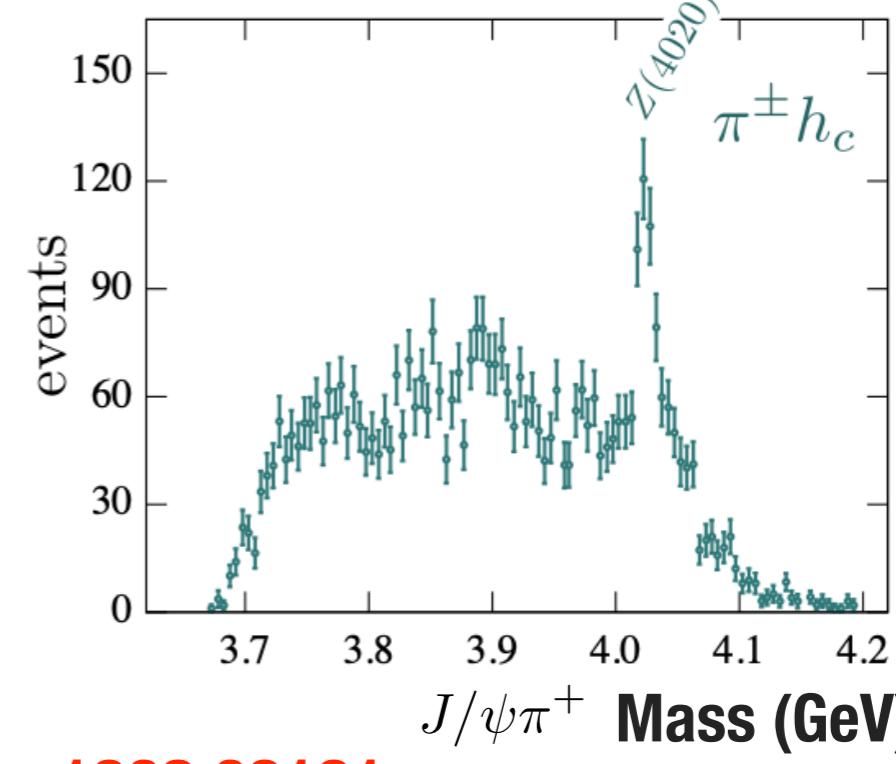
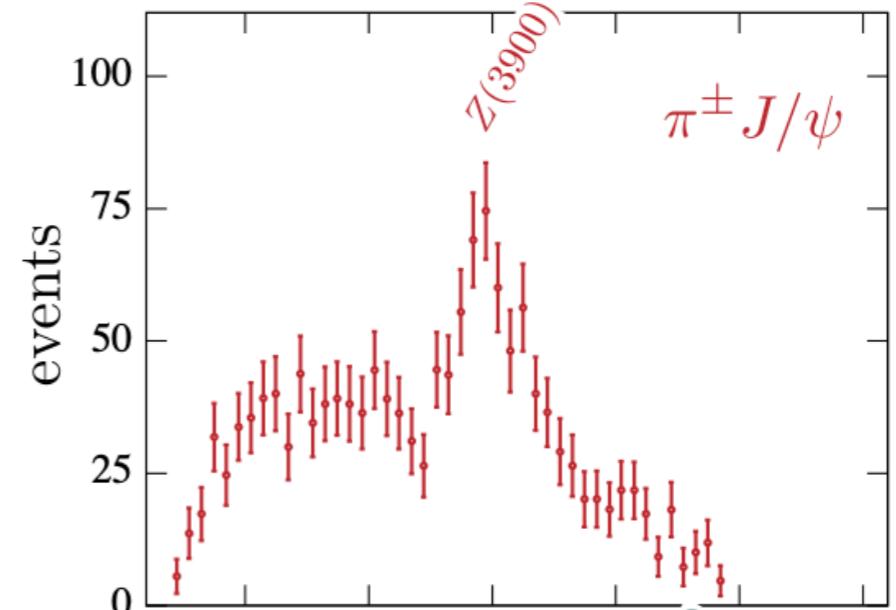


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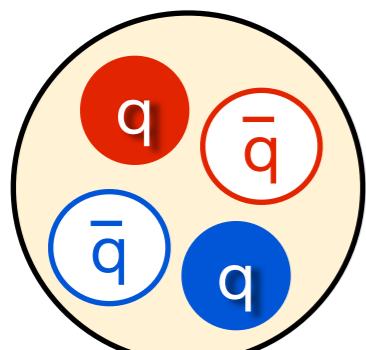
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$$e^+ e^- \rightarrow Z_c^+ \pi^-$$
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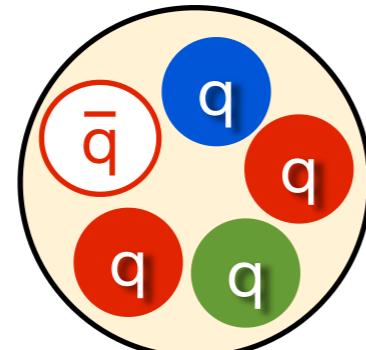


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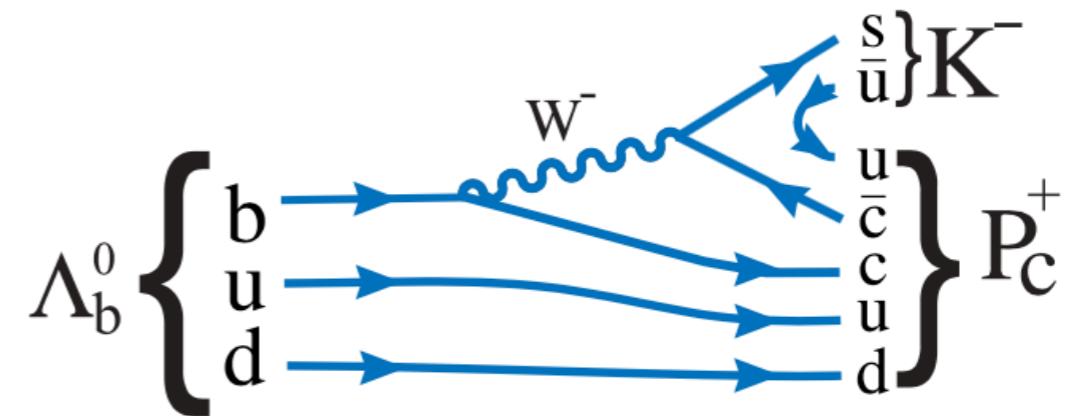
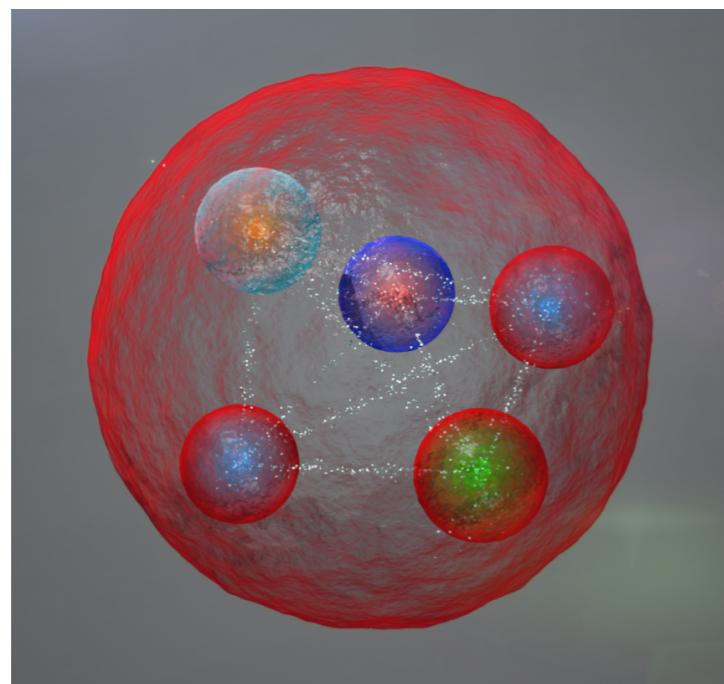


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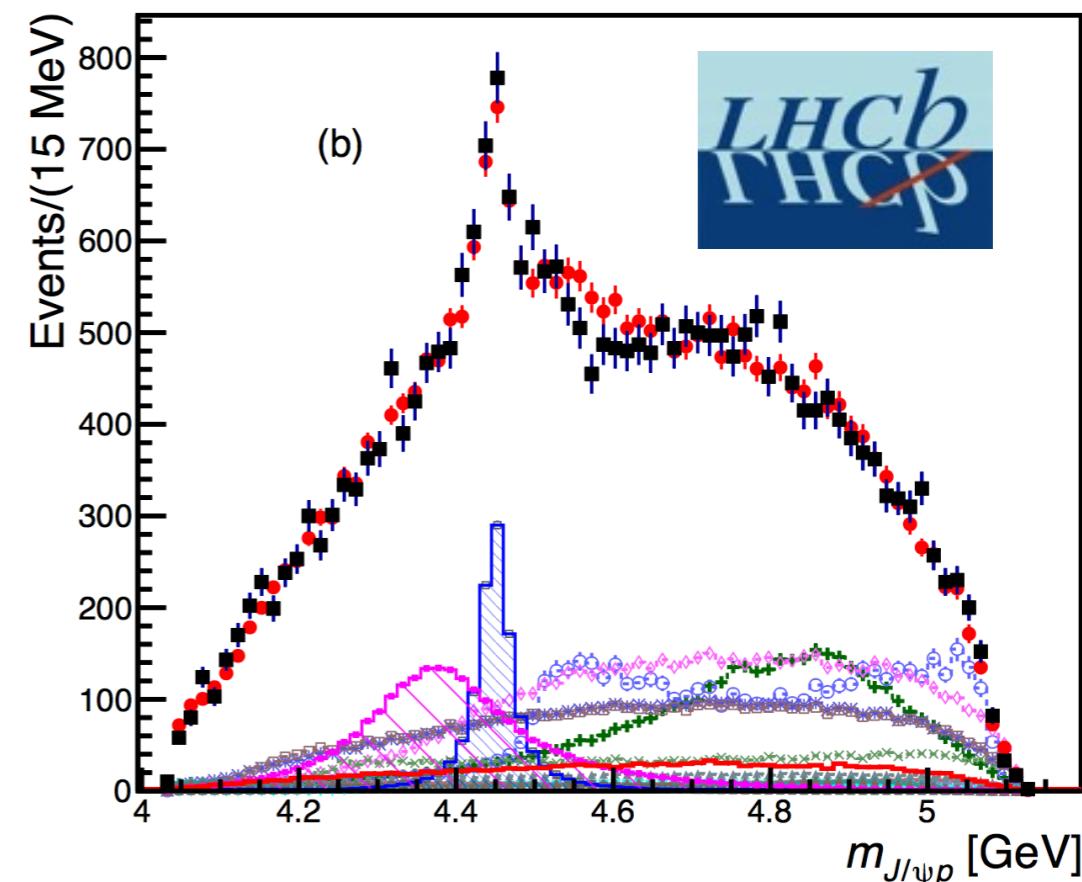


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$$pp \rightarrow \Lambda_B + stuff$$

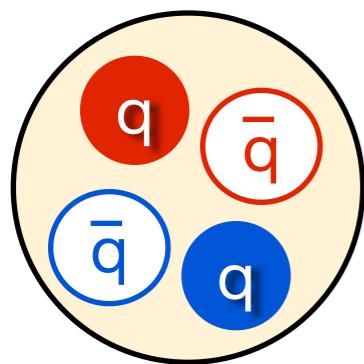


$$\Lambda_b \rightarrow J/\psi p K^-$$

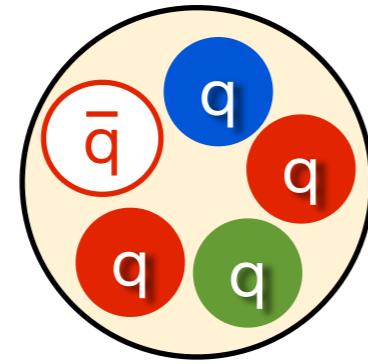


Exotic candidates

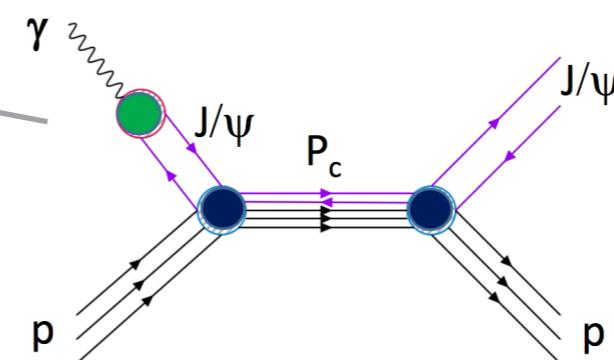
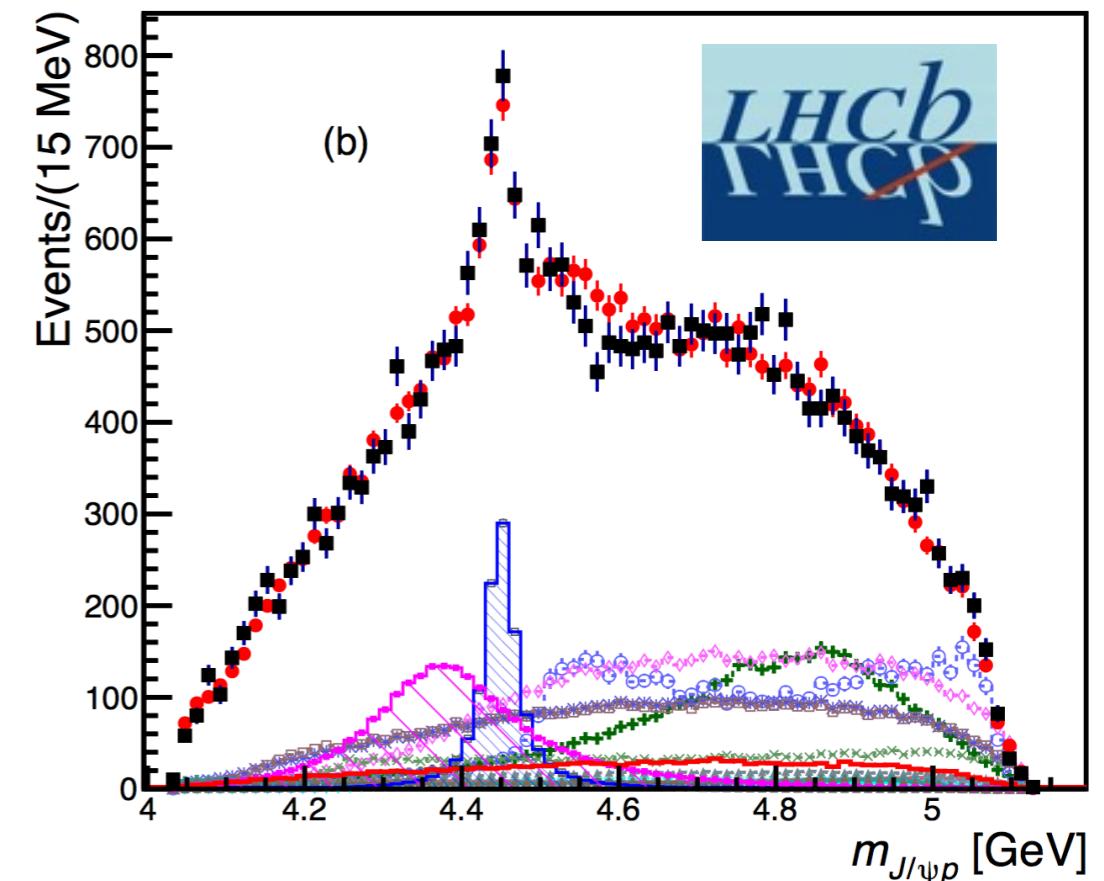
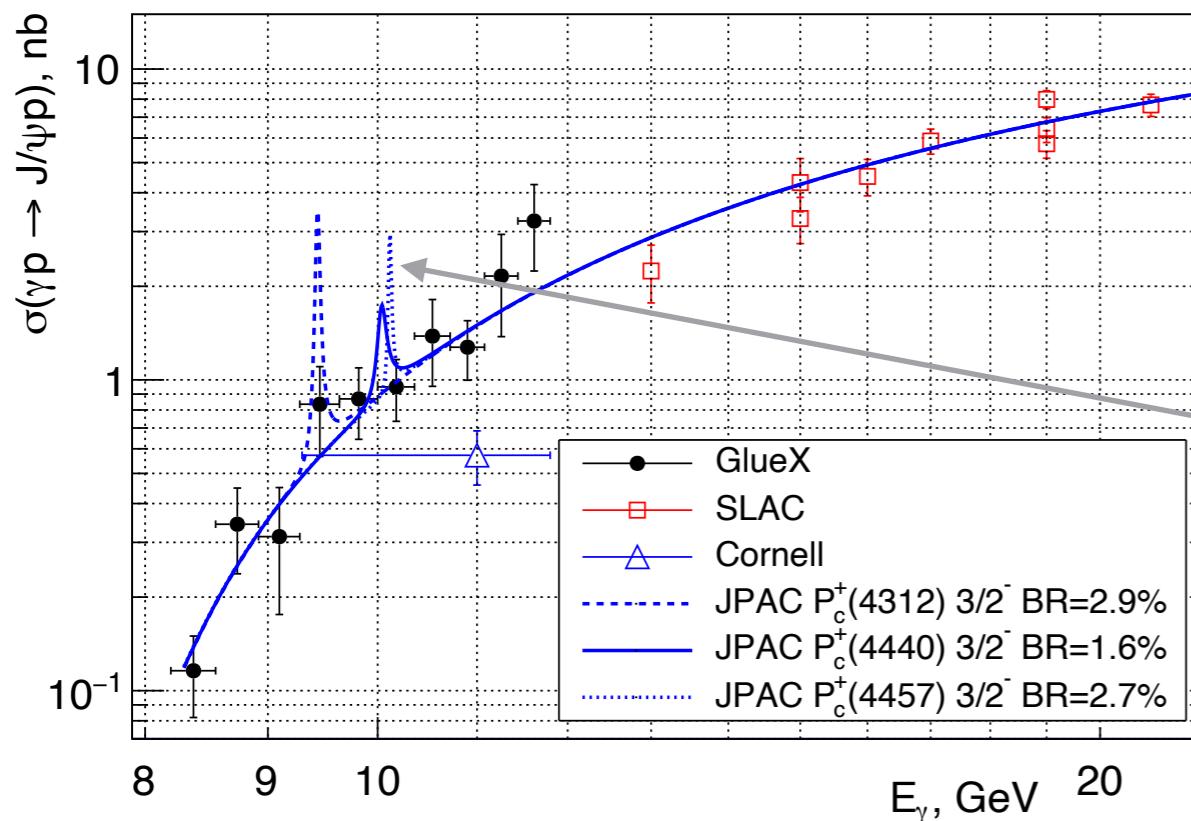
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tetraquark



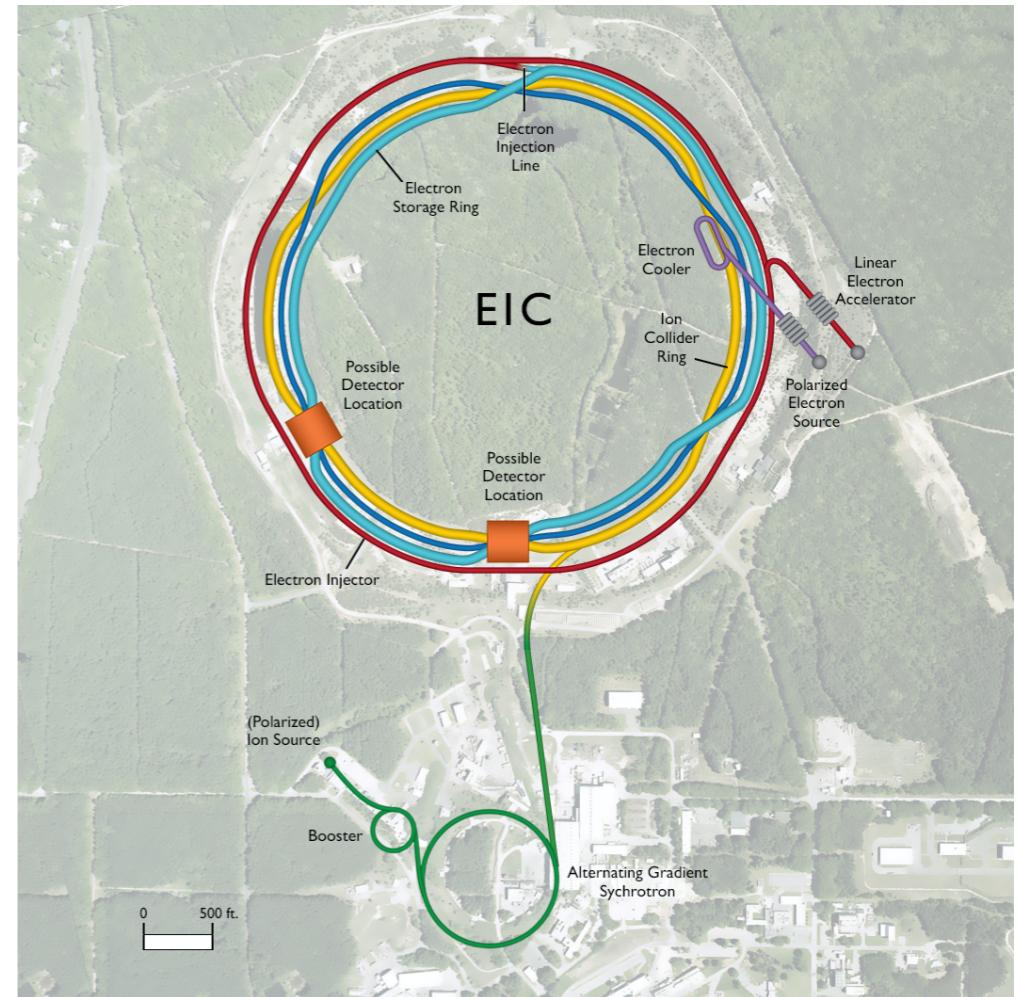
pentaquark



- * **GLUE χ** : use a real photon beam to produce exotic hadrons
- * **Recent:** limits on “pentaquark” seen at LHC

The Future: Electron Ion Collider

A screenshot of the Department of Energy newsroom website. At the top, there are navigation links for ENERGY.GOV, SCIENCE & INNOVATION, ENERGY ECONOMY, SECURITY & SAFETY, and SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY. Below the header, it says "Department of Energy". The main title is "U.S. Department of Energy Selects Brookhaven National Laboratory to Host Major New Nuclear Physics Facility". The date "JANUARY 9, 2020" is below the title. At the bottom is a large graphic of a particle collision.

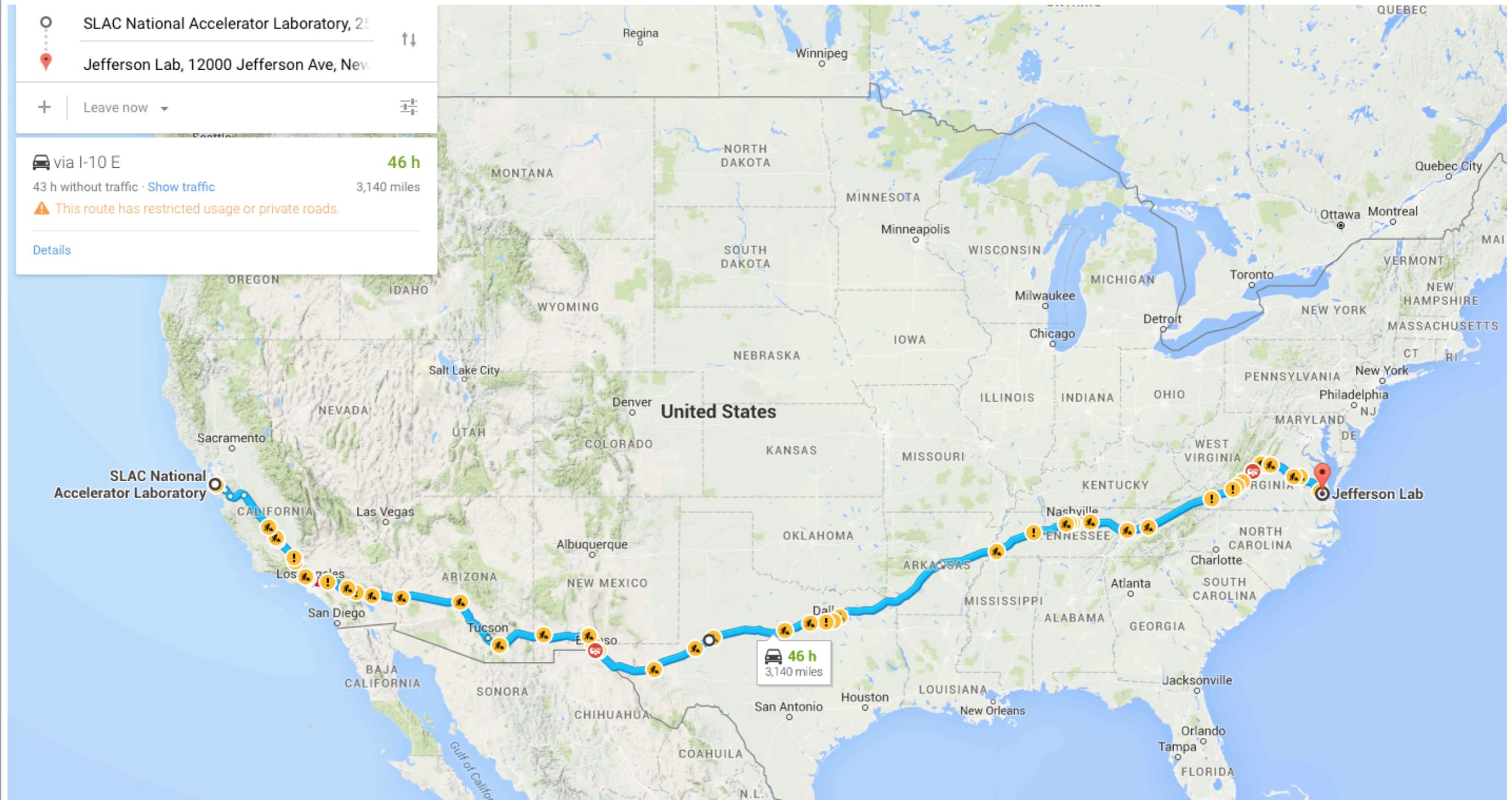


<https://www.bnl.gov/newsroom/news.php?a=116998>

- * Versatile high luminosity, polarized e+p and e+A collider to explore:
 - * Nucleon spin and 3D structure
 - * High gluon density and saturation
- * Construction could start in ~5 years with data in ~2030(?)

Backup

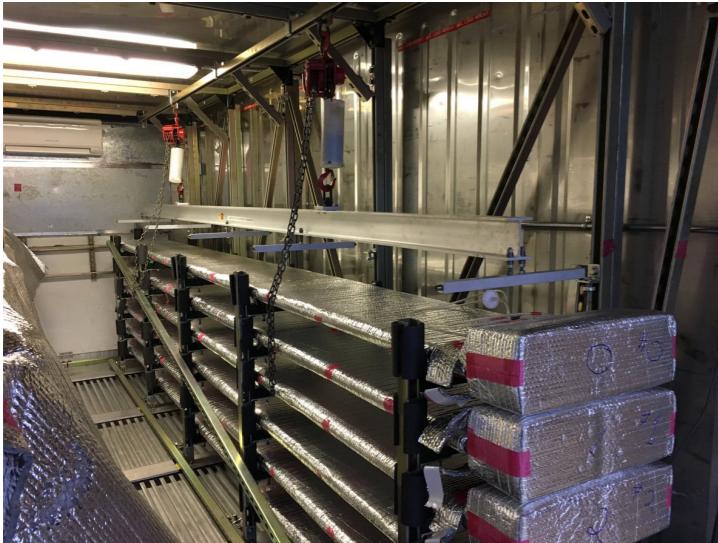
Road trip!





DIRC upgrade

Loading of 1st BaBar bar box at SLAC



Delivered safely to JLab in November 2017



@GlueX_DIRC

Double Slit Experiment

Step I: Shoot particles at slits



Probe
Beam of Particles
wavelength λ

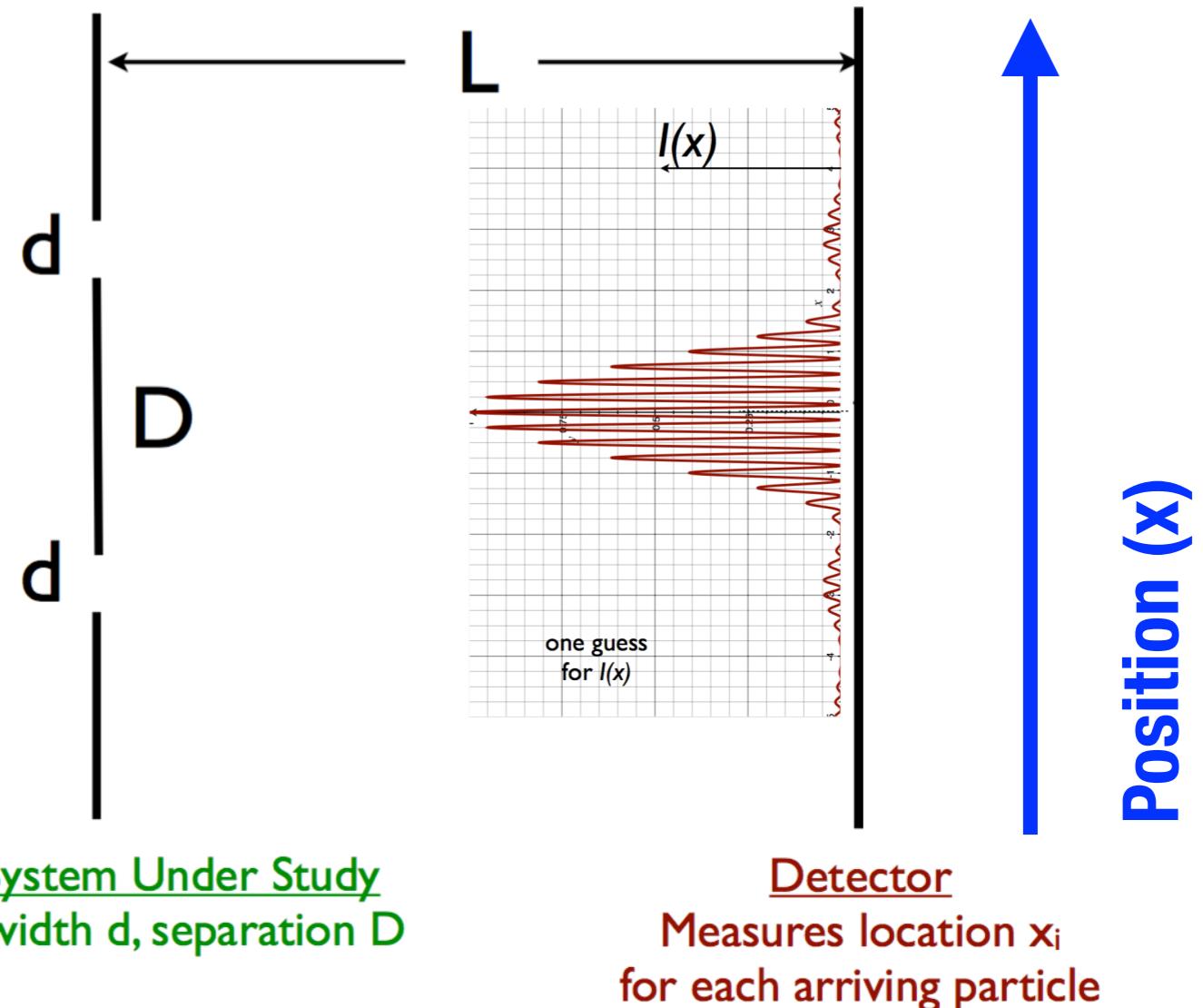
Goal: determine the values of d and D

Physical System Under Study
Two Slits: width d , separation D

Physical Model:

$$I(x) = I_0 \left(\frac{\sin(d\pi x / \lambda L)}{d\pi x / \lambda L} \right)^2 \cos^2(2D\pi x / \lambda L)$$

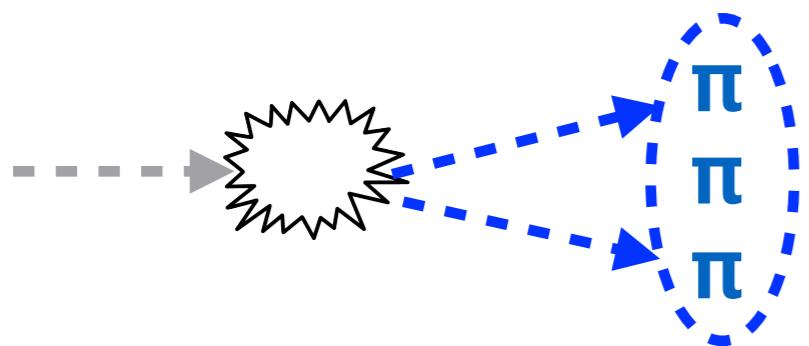
Step 2: For each particle record location x where it was detected



Particle physics “many slits”

Step 1: Create 3 pions in some collision

Probe: 3 pions which can form heavier particles X, Y or Z



Physical Model:

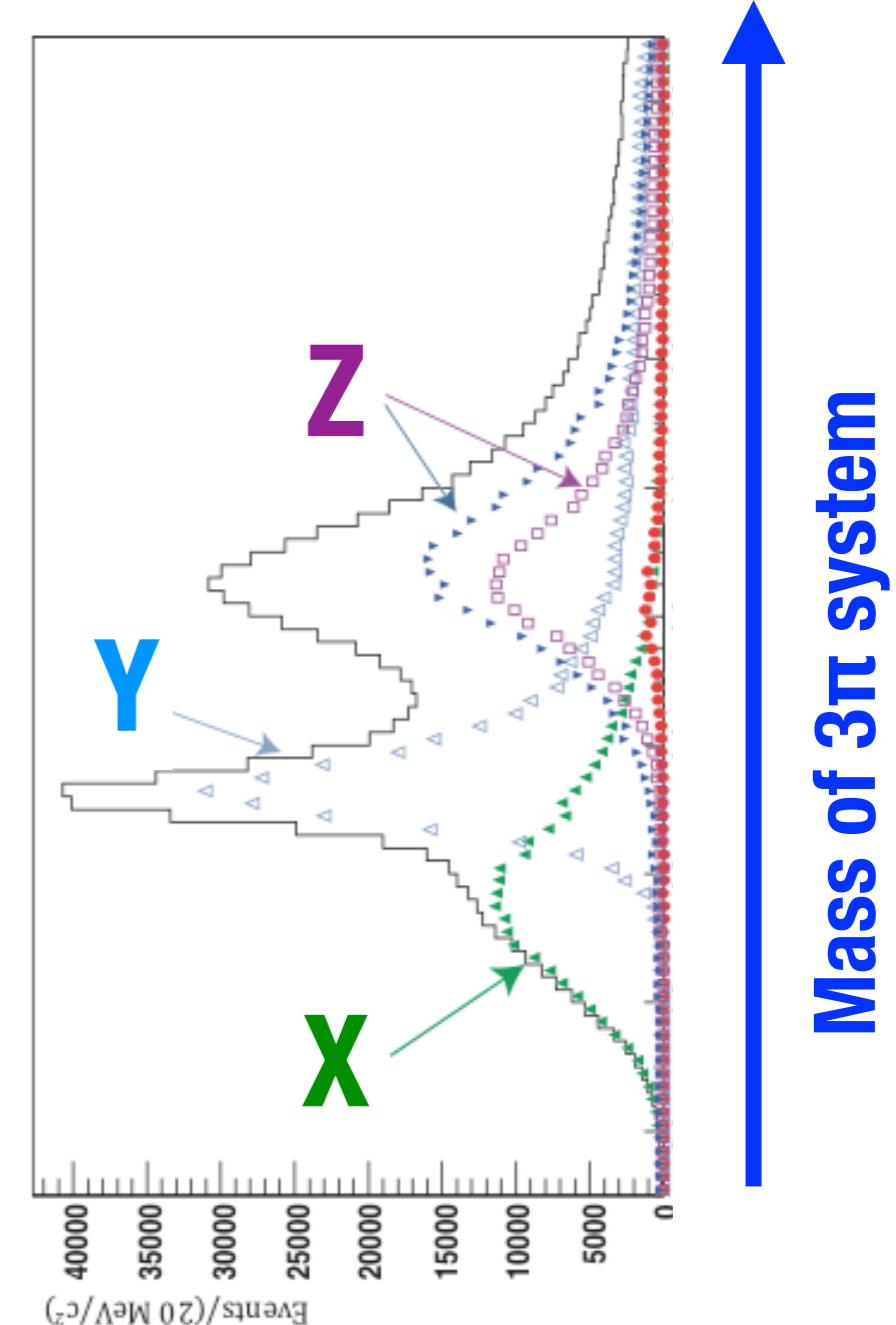
$$I(M) = \left| \sum_{i=X,Y,Z} V_i A_i(M) \right|^2$$

Goal: determine properties of X, Y, and Z

Physical System Under Study: intermediate particles X, Y, and Z

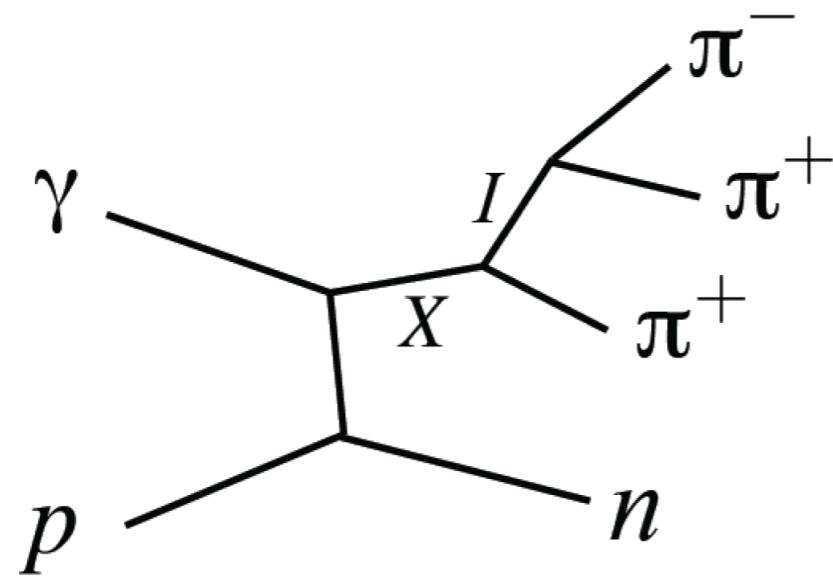
Step 2: For each collision record the **mass of the 3π system**

Intermediate Particles



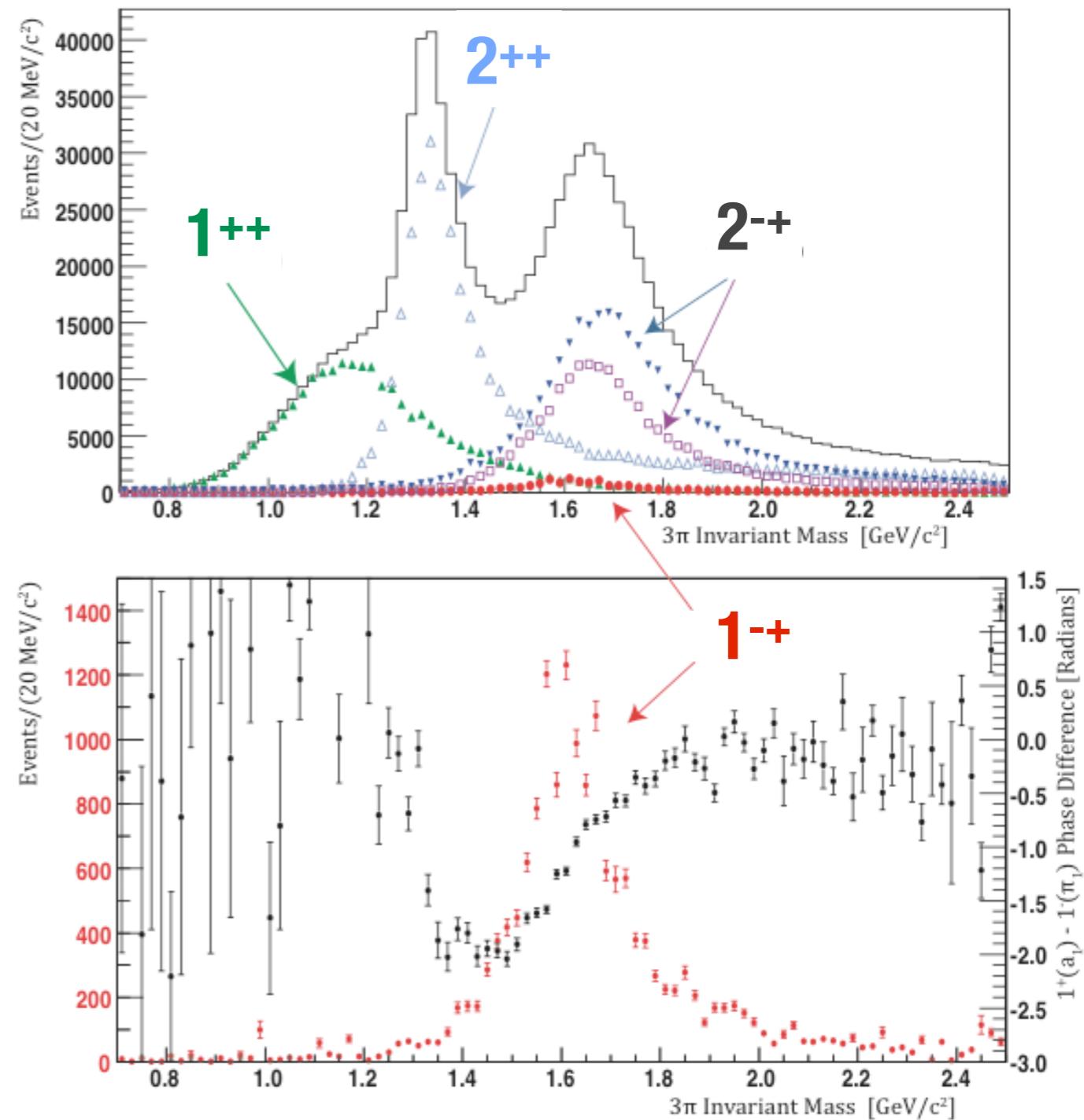
Detector: Measure mass of 3π system for each collision

Amplitude Analysis



$$I(\vec{x}) = \frac{dN}{d\vec{x}} = \left| \sum_{\alpha}^{N_{\text{amps}}} V_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}(\vec{x}) \right|^2$$

GLUEX Simulation



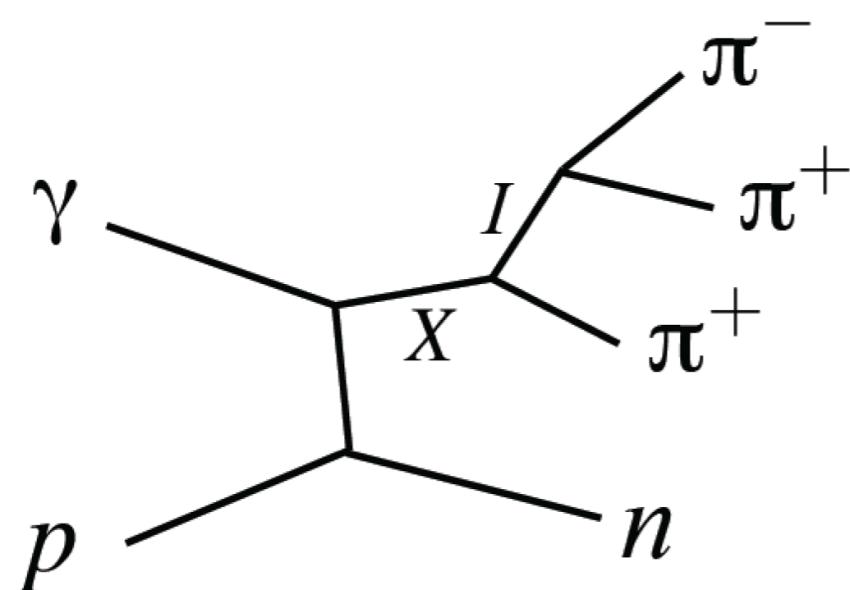
Amplitude Analysis

- * Goal: Identify J^{PC} of $X \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^+$

- * Model the intensity of events at the level of QM amplitudes (allow for interference)

$$I(\vec{x}) = \frac{dN}{d\vec{x}} = \left| \sum_{\alpha}^{N_{amps}} V_{\alpha} A_{\alpha}(\vec{x}) \right|^2$$

- * 5-dimensional problem: two new angles at each decay step (X and I)



Example Intensity:

$X(1^{++})$
 $\rightarrow \rho \pi^+$ (S wave)

