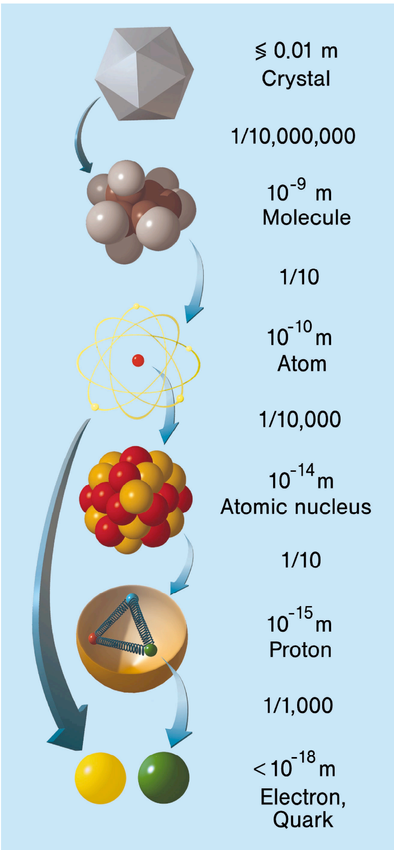
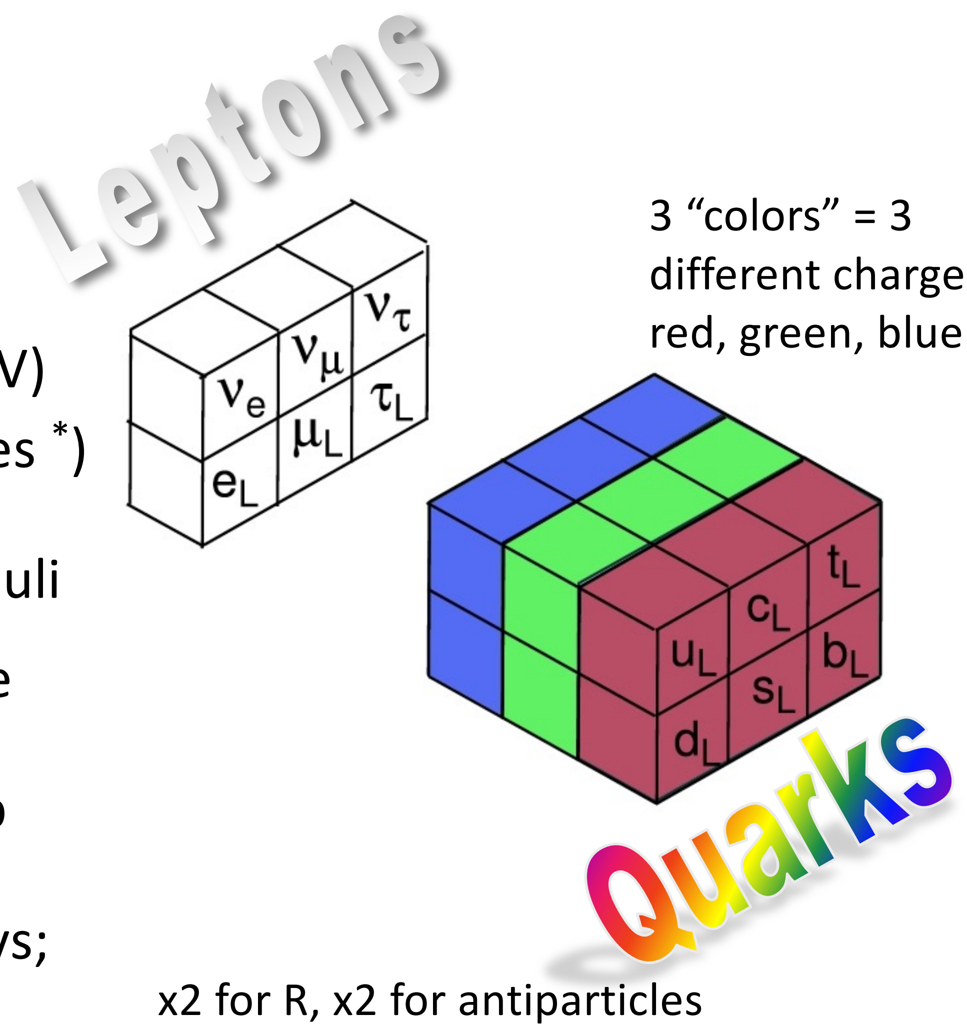
Elementary Particle Physics



- Everything (matter, waves,…) is ultimately composed of smallest units - particles!
- Have already encountered some particles: Protons, neutrons, electrons, positrons, neutrinos, photons,…
- First 2 are not fundamental - they are made from quarks which are truly point-like (as far as we know)
- Study particles at huge accelerators using big detectors; compare with fundamental theory

Matter Particles

- Make up visible matter
- Pointlike ($<10^{-18}$ m), Fundamental $^{*)}$
- Have mass (from < ½ eV to 178,000,000,000 eV = 178 GeV)
- Distinct from their antiparticles $^{*)}$
- Fermions (Spin ½) $\Rightarrow$ they "defend" their space (Pauli Principle) and can only be created in particle-antiparticle pairs
- Can be "virtual", but make up matter being (nearly) "real"
- "stable" (against strong decays; lifetimes from ∞ to 10^{-24} s)



$^{*)}$ Until further notice

Forces and Force Carriers

- Mediate Interactions (Forces) - form “Waves”
- Pointlike, Fundamental
- Massless *)
- Some are their own antiparticles (photon, Z^0, graviton)
- Spin 1, 2 -> Bosons (tend to cluster together, can be produced in arbitrary numbers)
- Can be real, but carry forces as virtual particles
- Some are absolutely stable (γ, gluons, gravitons)

*) See next slide

BOSONS force carriers spin = 0, 1, 2, …

Unified Electroweak spin = 1		
Name	Mass GeV/c^2	Electric charge
γ photon	0	0
W^-	80.4	–1
W^+	80.4	+1
Z^0	91.187	0

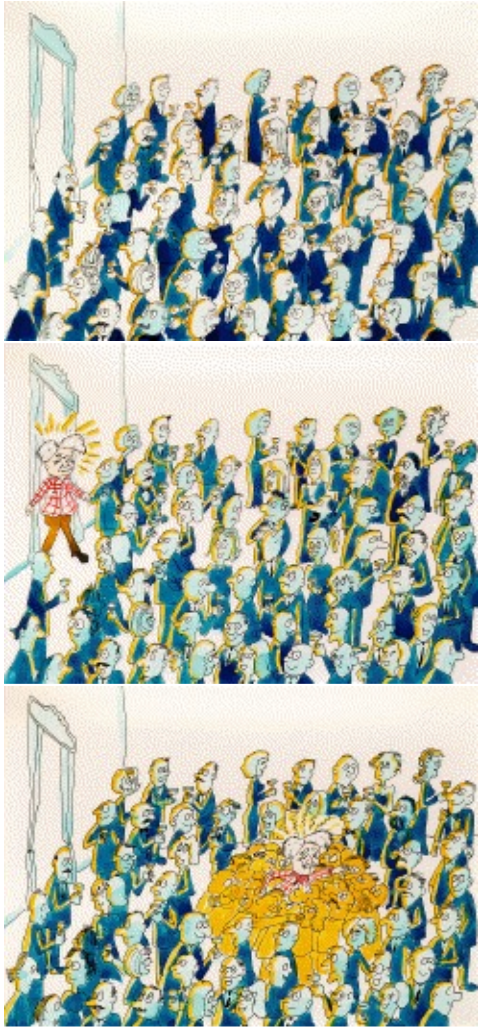
Strong (color) spin = 1		
Name	Mass GeV/c^2	Electric charge
g gluon	0	0

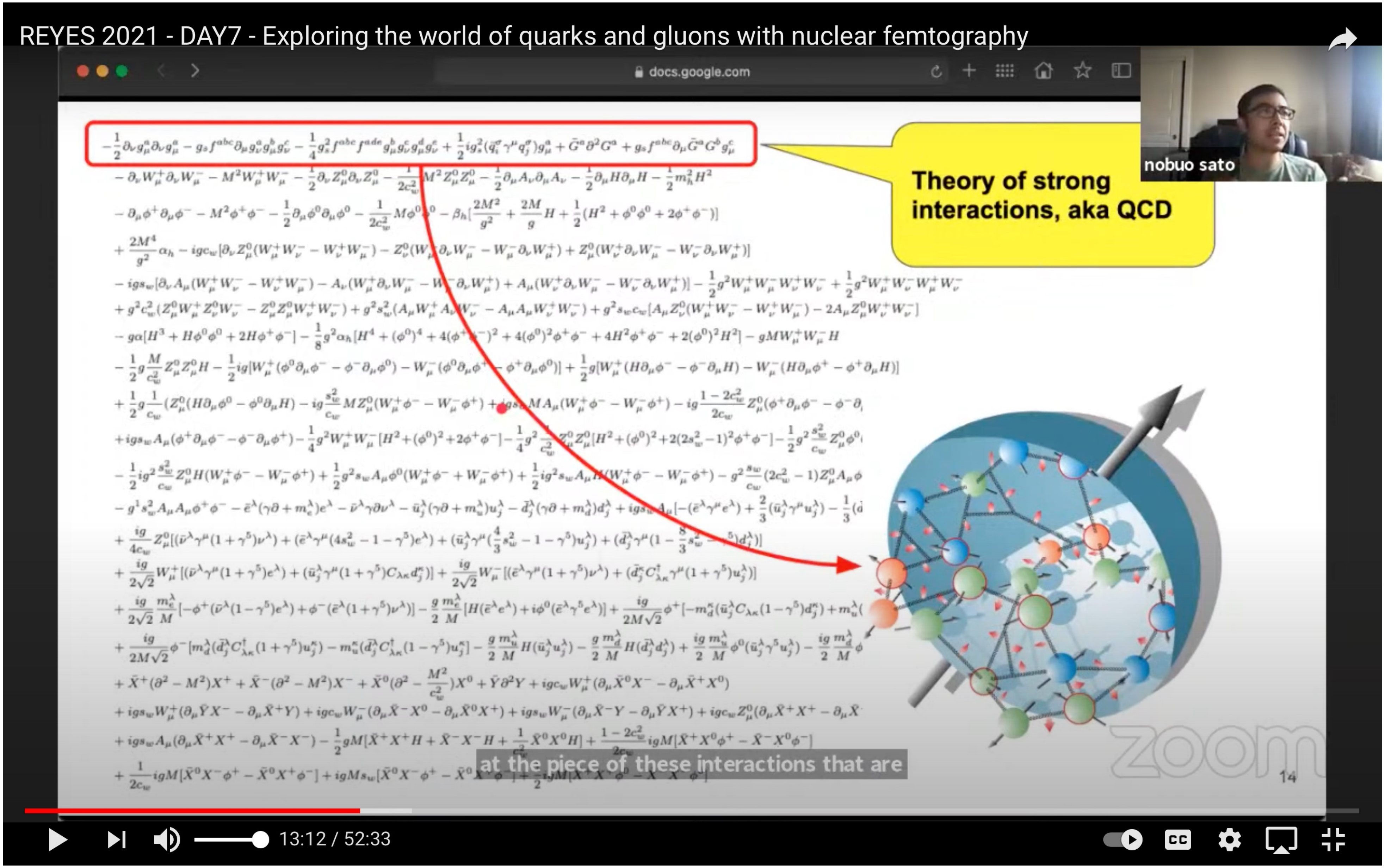
Gravitation spin = 2		
Name	Mass GeV/c^2	Electric charge
g graviton	0	0

Note: gluons come in 8 possible combinations of color/anticolor (9th is “sterile” – doesn’t exist)

Higgs Field

- Create "Drag" on Particles ("Molasses")
- Origin of Mass
  Makes some gauge bosons very heavy (W's, Z's) and therefore short-range ("Weak" interaction)
- Origin of electroweak symmetry breaking
- Pointlike, Fundamental
- Bosons (Spin 0)
- Three massless ("swallowed up" by W's, Z's); one very massive (>100 GeV)
- Discovered at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN on July 4, 2012

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QCD Made Simple

Frank Wilczek 22 August 2000 Physics Today

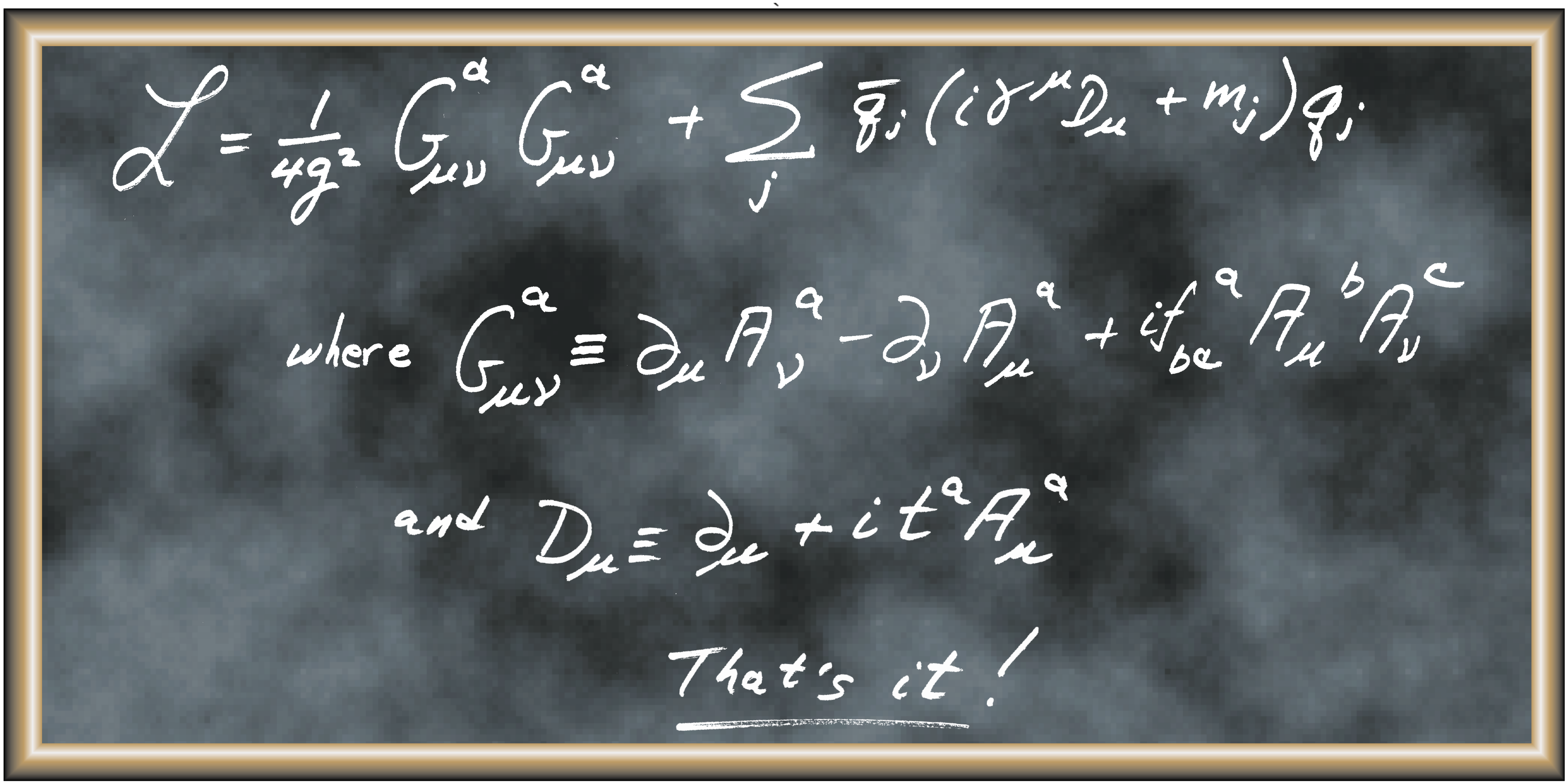


Figure 1. The QCD Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}$ displayed here is, in principle, a complete description of the strong interaction. But, in practice, it leads to equations that are notoriously hard to solve. Here m_j and q_j are the mass and quantum field of the quark of jth flavor, and A is the gluon field, with spacetime indices μ and ν and color indices a, b, c. The numerical coefficients f and t guarantee SU(3) color symmetry. Aside from the quark masses, the one coupling constant g is the only free parameter of the theory.

How many quarks? From PDG

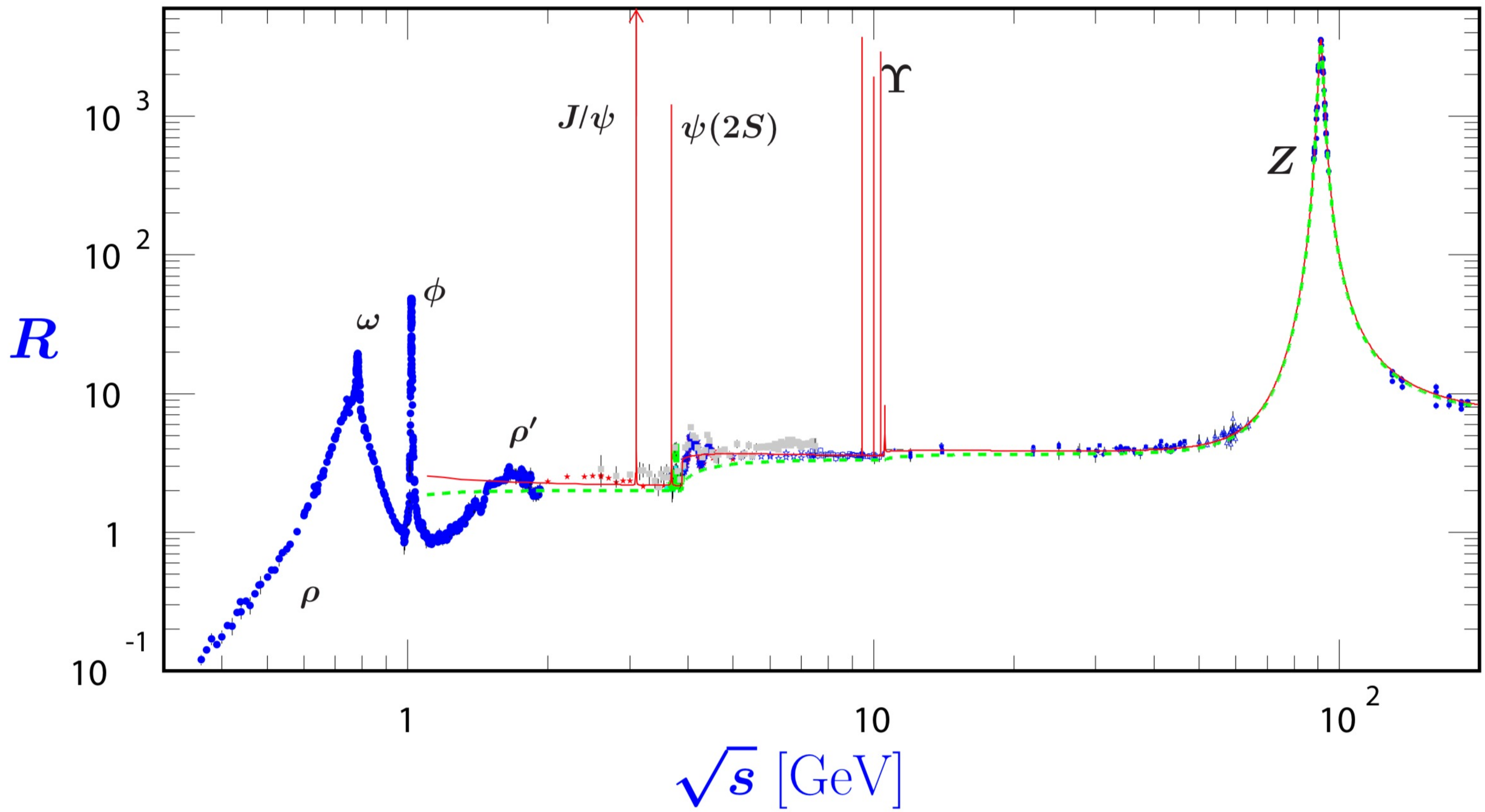
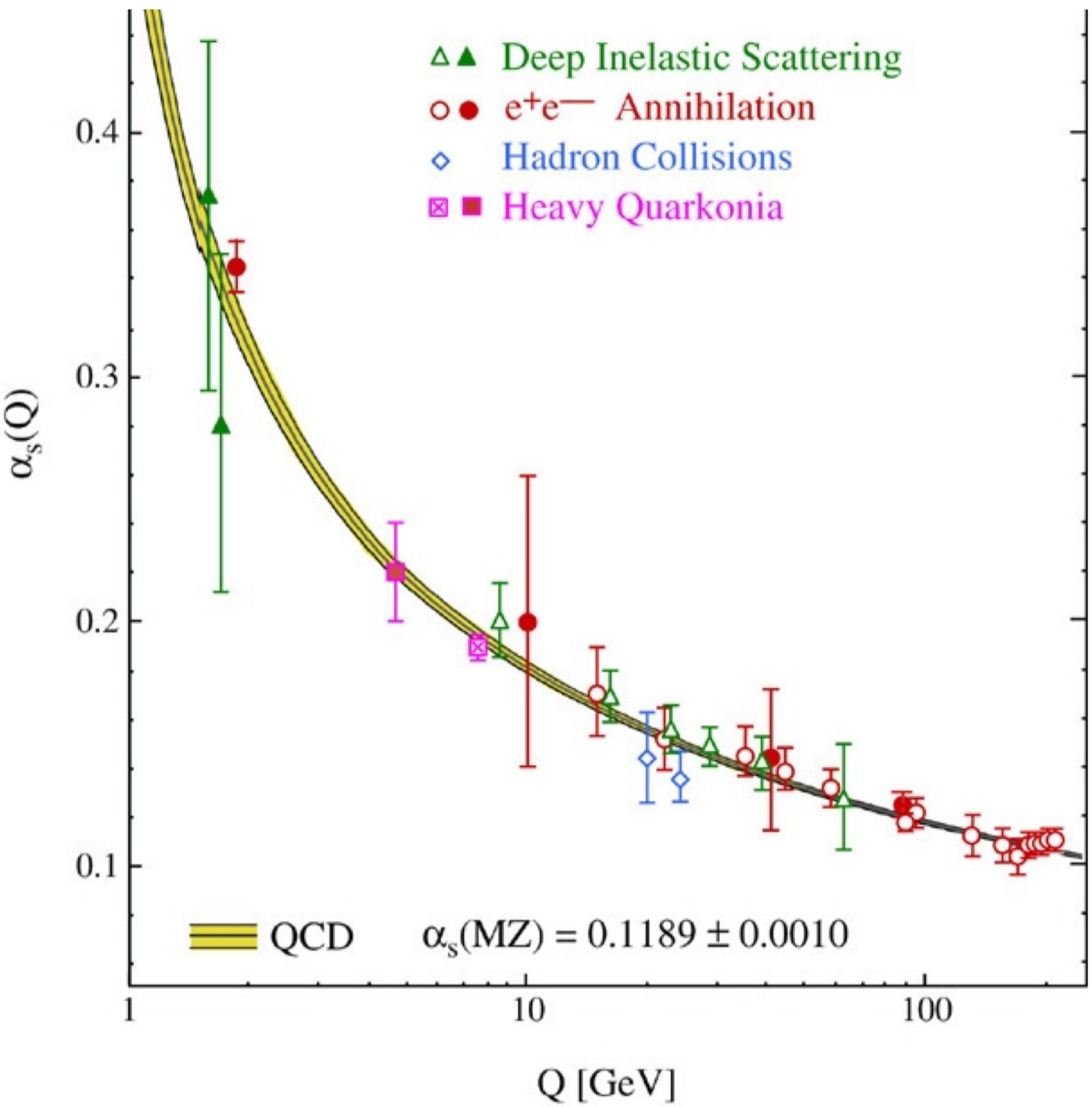


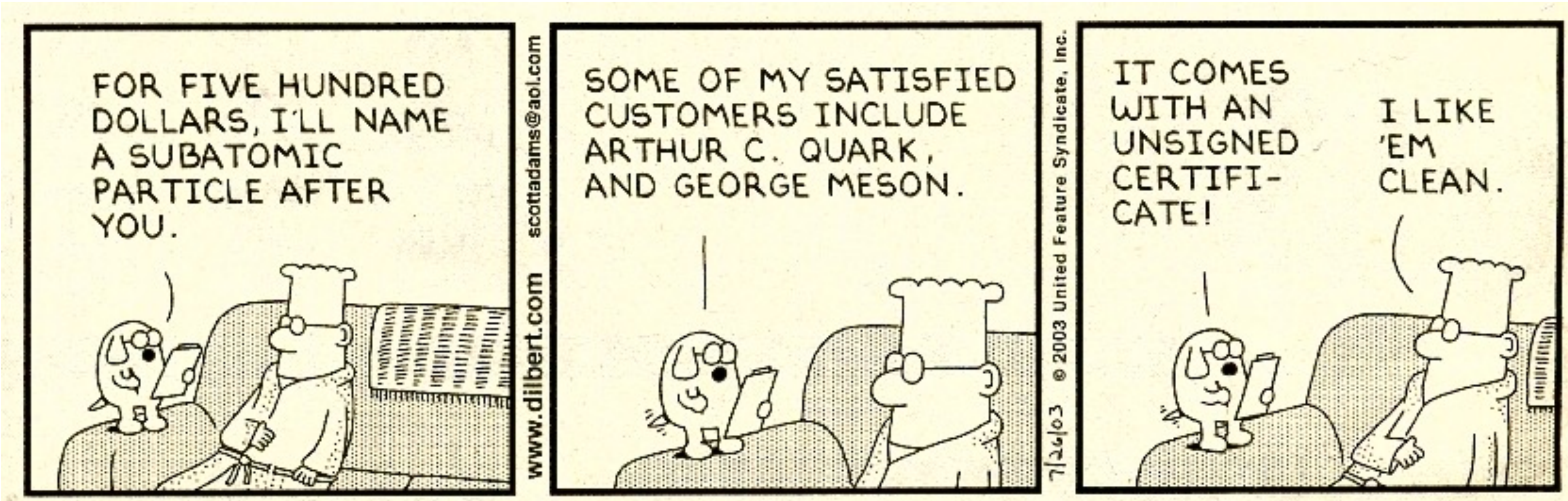
Figure 51.2: World data on the total cross section of $e^+e^- \to hadrons$ and the ratio $R(s) = \sigma(e^+e^- \to hadrons, s)/\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-, s)$. $\sigma(e^+e^- \to hadrons, s)$ is the experimental cross section corrected for initial state radiation and electron-positron vertex loops, $\sigma(e^+e^- \to \mu^+\mu^-, s) = 4\pi\alpha^2(s)/3s$. Data errors are total below 2 GeV and statistical above 2 GeV. The curves are an educative guide: the broken one (green) is a naive quark-parton model prediction, and the solid one (red) is 3-loop pQCD prediction (see "Quantum Chromodynamics" section of this *Review*, Eq. (9.7) or, for more details, K. G. Chetyrkin *et al.*, Nucl. Phys. **B586**, 56 (2000) (Erratum *ibid.* **B634**, 413 (2002)). Breit-Wigner parameterizations of J/ψ, $\psi(2S)$, and $\Upsilon(nS), n = 1, 2, 3, 4$ are also shown. The full list of references to the original data and the details of the R ratio extraction from them can be found in `[arXiv:hep-ph/0312114]`. Corresponding computer-readable data files are available at `http://pdg.lbl.gov/current/xsect/`. (Courtesy of the COMPAS (Protvino) and HEPDATA (Durham) Groups, August 2017. Corrections by P. Janot (CERN) and M. Schmitt (Northwestern U.))

Running of the Strong Coupling Constant



$$\alpha_S(\mu) = \frac{12\pi}{(33-2n_f)\ln(\mu^2/\Lambda^2)}$$

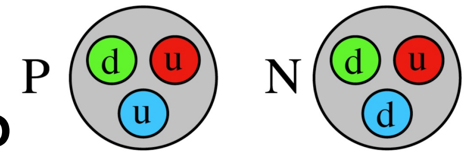
$$\Lambda_{QCD} \approx 0.25 \text{ GeV}$$



See also **http://particleadventure.org**

Hadronic Particle Zoo

- what can one build from quarks?



HADRONS

Family Name	Particle Name	Particle Symbol	Antiparticle Symbol	Composition	Mass	Electric Charge	Lifetime in Seconds
baryon	proton	p or p^+	$\bar{p}$	uud	1,836	+1	stable
	neutron	n or n^0	$\bar{n}$	udd	1,839	0	887
	lambda	Λ^0	$\bar{\Lambda}^0$	uds	2,183	0	2.6×10^{-10}
	lambda-c	Λ^+_c	Λ^-_c	udc	4,471	+1	2.1×10^{-13}
	lambda-b	Λ^0_b	$\bar{\Lambda}^0_b$	udb	11,000	0	1.1×10^{-12}
	sigma	Σ^+	$\bar{\Sigma}^+$	uus	2,328	+1	0.8×10^{-10}
		Σ^0	$\bar{\Sigma}^0$	$\frac{(ud \pm du)s}{\sqrt{2}}$	2,334	0	7.4×10^{-20}
		Σ^-	$\bar{\Sigma}^-$	dds	2,343	−1	1.5×10^{-10}
	xi	Ξ^0	$\bar{\Xi}^0$	uss	2,573	0	2.9×10^{-10}
		Ξ^-	$\bar{\Xi}^+$	dss	2,585	−1	1.6×10^{-10}
	xi-c	Ξ^0_c	$\bar{\Xi}^0_c$	dsc	4,834	0	9.8×10^{-14}
		Ξ^+_c	$\bar{\Xi}^-_c$	usc	4,826	+1	3.5×10^{-13}
	omega	Ω^-	Ω^+	sss	3,272	−1	0.8×10^{-10}
	omega-c	Ω^0_c	$\bar{\Omega}^0_c$	ssc	5,292	0	6.4×10^{-14}
meson	pion	π^+	π^-	$u\bar{d}$	273	+1	2.6×10^{-8}
		π^0	π^0	$\frac{(u\bar{u} - d\bar{d})}{\sqrt{2}}$	264	0	8.4×10^{-17}
	kaon*	K^+	K^-	$u\bar{s}$	966	+1	1.2×10^{-8}
		K^0	$\bar{K}^0$	$d\bar{s}$	974	0	8.9×10^{-11} 5.2×10^{-8}
	J/psi	J or Ψ	J or Ψ	$c\bar{c}$	6,060	0	1.0×10^{-20}
	omega	ω	ω	$\frac{(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})}{\sqrt{2}}$	1,532	0	6.6×10^{-23}
	eta	η	η	$\frac{(u\bar{u} + d\bar{d})}{\sqrt{2}}$	1,071	0	3.5×10^{-22}
	eta-c	η_c	η_c	$c\bar{c}$	5,832	0	3.1×10^{-22}
	B	B^0	$\bar{B}^0$	$d\bar{b}$	10,331	0	1.6×10^{-12}
		B^+	B^-	$u\bar{b}$	10,331	+1	1.6×10^{-12}
	B-s	B^0_s	$\bar{B}^0_s$	$s\bar{b}$	10,507	0	1.6×10^{-12}
	D	D_0	$\bar{D}_0$	$c\bar{u}$	3,649	0	4.2×10^{-13}
		D^+	D^-	$c\bar{d}$	3,658	+1	1.1×10^{-12}
	D-s	D^+_s	D^-_s	$c\bar{s}$	3,852	+1	4.7×10^{-13}
	chi	χ^0_c	χ^0_c	$c\bar{c}$	6,687	0	3.0×10^{-22}
	psi	Ψ^0_c	Ψ^0_c	$c\bar{c}$	7,213	0	1.5×10^{-20}
	upsilon	Υ	Υ	$b\bar{b}$	18,513	0	8.0×10^{-20}

*The neutral kaon is composed of two particles; the average lifetime of each particle is given.