Discovery of c, b and t quarks and quarkonia

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Outline



- Introduction
- November Revolution / Discovery of the Charm Quark
- Quarkonium
- Discovery of the Bottom Quark
- Discovery of the Top Quark

Quarks





6 different quarks

http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Standard-Modell

Quarks





years of experimental discovery

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Quarks





years of experimental discovery

- 6 different quarks
- in 1974 only the three lightest were known
- focus on the charm, bottom and top quarks



Before 1974



- first speculations by Bjorken and Glashow in 1964
- weak interaction description in the GIM mechanism (Glashow, Iliopoulos, Maiani) 1970 demanded hadron-lepton symmetry
- R-ratio measurements did not match theoretical predictions

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

theory predictions were

$$R = 3\sum_{i=u,d,s}q_i^2 = 2$$

- in experiment R-ratio grows with energy
- something is not understood



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November Revolution







Connabend, ben 9. November 1918.

notwendige Berforgung ber Bevölterung wird aufrecht erhalten.

Ein großer Teil ber Barnifon hat fich in geschloffenen Truppentörpern mit Mafchinengewehren und Gefchüten dem Urbeiter- und Goldatenrat jur Verfügung geftellt,

Die Bewegung wird gemeinichaftlich geleitet von ber Cogialbemofratifden Bartei Deutidilande und ber Unabhängigen fozialdemofratifdien Bartei Dentich-Innbe.

Urbeiter, Goldaten, forgt für Aufrechterhaltung ber Rube und Ordnung.

Es lebe die foriale Republik!

Der Arbeiter: und Coldatenrat.

Location, Location, Location





Stanford Linear Accelerator Center - SPEAR



- Build in 1972
- radius ~ 32 m
- electron positron collider
- planned since 1964, but no funding
- building started 1970 out of operating budget of SLAC
- build on a parking lot without solid buildings
- first data in spring 1973



Picture: 1976

SLAC - Mark I Detector





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Results from SPEAR





hadrons

- scanned the cross section in 200 MeV steps
- found clear enhancement at 3.2 GeV (6 nb)
- additional scan at 3.1 GeV was inconsistent
- fine scan showed clear peak just above $E_{c.m.} = 3.1 \text{ GeV}$

J.J. Augustin et al. PRL 33 (1974) 1406

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Brookhaven National Laboratory



- Samuel Ting one of the first to learn about discovery at SLAC
- already measured at BNL, but confirmation was still in progress
- measurements at the Alternating Gradient Synchrotron (AGS)



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Detector at BNL









- M_0, M_1, M_2 : dipole magnets
- A_0, A, B, C : wire chambers
- a, b: hodoscopes
- S: shower counter
- ► C₀, C_e, C_B: Čerenkov counters

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Results from BNL





- protons on beryllium target at 24 GeV
- sharp peak at 3.1 GeV
- various tests to verify
 - 1. different currents for magnets
 - 2. two different programs for analysis
 - 3. varying target thickness

J.J. Auber et al. PRL 33 (1974) 1404

New particle J/ψ







- new particle with mass $m = 3096.916 \pm 0.011$ MeV
- ► very narrow width (Γ = 92.9 ± 2.8 keV) ⇒ long lifetime
- quantum numbers $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$
- decay modes

1.
$$J/\psi \rightarrow$$
 hadrons (87.7 \pm 0.5)%

2.
$$J/\psi \rightarrow e^+e^-$$
 (5.94 ± 0.06)%

3.
$$J/\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$
 (5.93 ± 0.06)%

Excitations in the ψ Spectrum





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Excitation ψ' was found 10 days after J/ψ comparably narrow width

More Excitations





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- additional peaks were found
- much broader
 - \Rightarrow decay into lighter charmed mesons
- therefore $m_{\psi'}/2 < m_D < m_{\psi''}/2$
- *m_D* ≈ 1870 MeV



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Nobel Prize 1976



Burton Richter and Samuel Ting were awarded the nobel prize of 1976



Almost Found Earlier





- results from 1973 at BNL
- group led by Leon Lederman
- reaction $p + U \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^-$

'The production cross section was seen to vary smoothly with mass exhibiting no resonant structure'

very small signal to noise ratio

Phys. Rev. D8 (1973) 2016

Quarkonium



Quarkonium consists of a quark q and its anti-quark \bar{q}

- For light quarks (u, d and s) not possible, flavor mixing
- \blacktriangleright For top quark not possible, decay time $(\approx 5\cdot 10^{-25}~s)$ is shorter than hadronization time
- only possible for charm and bottom quarks

charmonium and bottomonium

analogous description to positronium

Positronium



Schrodinger equation:

$$\left(-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m}\Delta - \frac{\alpha\hbar c}{r}\right)\psi(\vec{r}) = E\psi(\vec{r})$$

with energy eigenstates and reduced mass

$$E_n = -\frac{\alpha^2 mc^2}{2n^2}, \qquad m = \frac{m_{e^-} m_{e^+}}{m_{e^-} + m_{e^+}} = \frac{m_e}{2}$$

width for 2 photon decay

$$\Gamma(1^1 S_0 \to 2\gamma) = \frac{4\pi \alpha^2 \hbar^3}{m_e^2 c} |\psi(0)|^2$$

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Charmonium



Modify potential

$$egin{aligned} V_{qar{q}}(r,m) &= -rac{4}{3}rac{lpha_s(m)\hbar c}{r} + kr \ k &pprox 1\, ext{GeV/fm} \ lpha_s(m_c &= 1.5\, ext{GeV/c}^2) pprox 0.2 \end{aligned}$$



Narrow width of J/ψ



- ▶ cannot decay into lighter charmed mesons $m(J/\psi) < 2m(D)$
- cannot decay into two gluons, because of charge parity conservation
- decay into three gluons suppressed α³_s still 65% of partial width
- decay via virtual photon allowed 35% partial width

Excitations in the ψ spectrum





 additional splitting arises from spin-spin spin-orbit coupling

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Bottom quark





years of experimental discovery

- ► 1975 discovery of *τ* lepton hinted another quark family
- bottom quark was discovered at Fermilab 1977 by Lederman group

Detector at Fermilab





- P1 P11: wire chambers
- H1 H7: scintillation hodoscopes
- D: drift chamber
- Č: Čerenkov counter

"Leon M. Lederman - Nobel Lecture: Observations in Particle Physics from Two Neutrinos to the Standard Model". Nobelprize.org

Results from Fermilab





- dimuon production cross section
- underground removed by exponential continuum fit
- new particle with mass
 m = 9.44 ± 0.03 GeV
- the ↑ meson (bb̄)

S.W. Herb et al. PRL 39 (1977) 252

Properties of the $\Upsilon(1\mathcal{S})$ Meson



- mass m = 9460.30 ± 0.26 MeV
- width Γ = 54.02 ± 1.25 keV
- quantum numbers $J^{PC} = 1^{--}$
- decay modes

1.
$$\Upsilon \to \tau^+ \tau^-$$
 (2.60 ± 0.10)%
2. $\Upsilon \to e^+ e^-$ (2.38 ± 0.11)%
3. $\Upsilon \to \mu^+ \mu^-$ (2.48 ± 0.05)%
4. $\Upsilon \to \gamma gg$ (2.2 ± 0.6)%
5. $\Upsilon \to ggg$ (81.7 ± 0.7)%

Υ Excitations







- ► excited states of Y meson have been found
- m_{Υ(2S)} = 10.02326 ± 0.00031 MeV Γ_{Υ(2S)} = 31.98 ± 2.63 keV
- *m*_{Υ(3S)} = 10.3552 ± 0.0005 MeV Γ_{Υ(3S)} = 20.32 ± 1.85 keV

Top quark







Top quark





Discovery of the Top Quark



- due to high mass only Tevatron collider at Fermilab was able to produce it at the time (LHC reached same energy 2009)
- used $p\bar{p}$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.8$ TeV
- first evidence in 1994, officially published in 1995
- ▶ two experiments at Tevatron: Collider Detector at Fermilab (CDF) and DØ
- $t\bar{t}$ pairs produced and decay products ($t\bar{t} \rightarrow W^+ bW^- \bar{b}$) observed



F. Abe et al. PRL 74 (1995) 2626-2631