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## Ideas: Discovering Nature's Laws $E=m C^{2}$



There is an amazing beauty and symmetry in nature. Think of snowflake, a daisy or a honeycomb. The shapes of these and all other natural objects depend on an underlying structure of matter. For centuries scientists have wondered what this structure might be. Their studies have led to a search for particles that are the smallest, simplest building blocks of matter, and for the forces that control their behavior. The particles are quarks and leptons; the forces are gravity, electromagnetism, the weak force and the strong force. Fermilab scientists are leading this international search to learn how the universe works.

When scientists study the subatomic particles and forces that bind them together, they also learn about the early history of the universe and how it began with the "Big Bang." When the universe was very young, atoms didn't exist, because it was too hot for them to form. The only form of matter was a sort of "primordial soup," consisting of the most basic particles, such as quarks and electrons. At Fermilab, scientists use the Tevatron to make the ingredients of primordial soup by smashing together protons and antiprotons at very high energies. The earlier we look in time, the fewer and more basic the particles become, and the fewer forces are needed to control their behavior. The laws of physics are valid in the whole universe and throughout the whole of time.

## Can You Make Particles with Nature's Building Blocks?

Physicists developed the Standard Model in the late 1960s and early '70s to explain the particles in the Particle Zoo.


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Law'n Order

## Making Matter/ <br> Baryons Antimatter <br> Antibaryons Mesons Hadrons

Making Baryons: Some quark combinations can actually make more than one baryon, but the game only shows one to make it simpler. You could make even more baryons if you combined these four quarks with the bottom quark, but not the top quark. The top quark lives for such a short time that it cannot combine with other quarks to form a baryon.

Matter/Antimatter: For every kind of particle there is a corresponding kind of antiparticle. This almost doubles the size of the Particle Zoo. When a particle and its antiparticle get together, they can annihilate into pure energy or into other particles. This happens at Fermilab when protons and antiprotons collide in the Tevatron. The Tevatron Collider is the only place in the world where physicists can make all the observed particles.


Proton/Antiproton Collision


#### Abstract

Antibaryons - Even More Baryons: For every quark combination that makes a baryon, you can make an antiquark combination. For example, if you combine an antidown, antiup and antiup quark, you get an antiproton! But Nature does not combine quarks and antiquarks in baryons.


Mesons: Quarks and antiquarks combine to make a whole new set of particles called mesons. For example, up and antidown make a pion; an strange and antiup make a kaon. These quark pairs add many more particles to the Particle Zoo.

Hadrons: are particles made from quarks. Mesons and baryons are hadrons.
Making $\quad \underline{\text { Matter/ }}$ Antibaryons Mesons Hadrons
$\underline{\text { Baryons }}$

Close this window when you are done.

## Welcome to Double Delight where you can go home with double the bucks you came in with by answering a question.



Physicists named baryons with Greek letters like you see on the buttons below. What letter(s) did they give baryons made of two up or down quarks and one charm and strange quarks?

Study the chart to see which Greek letters they used and then click below on the matching letter(s).

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## Great! You Made The Correct Choice! You doubled your Einstein Bucks!!

The sigmas and lambas are made up of two up or down and one strange or charm quarks.


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Pay to the order of: Marilyn Fox
560 Einstein Bucks

For: Baryon Bonanza


See The High Scores

If you do not see your name on the check, try resizing the window. Close this window when you have printed out your Einstein bucks or have looked at the high scores.

## Sorry! You made the wrong choice! The correct answer is sigmas and lambdas

The sigmas and lambas are made up of two up or down and one strange or charm quarks.


## Welcome to Double Delight where you can go home with double the bucks you came in with by answering a question.



Physicists named baryons with Greek letters like you see on the buttons below. What Greek letter(s) did they give baryons made of only up and down quarks?

Study the chart to find baryons with the right quarks, look at what Greek letters they have and then click on the matching letter(s) below.


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- Find the row of baryons made of only charm and strange quarks in the chart on the left.
- See the strange letters physicists used to label them? They're mainly letters in the Greek alphabet.
- Click on the matching letter(s) below.

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## Welcome to Double Delight where you can go home with double the bucks you came in with by answering a question.



Physicists named baryons with Greek letters like you see on the buttons below. What letter(s) did they give baryons made of one up or down and two strange or charm quarks?

Study the chart to see which Greek letters they used and then click below on the matching letter(s).


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## Level 2 Game - 100 Einstein Bucks Per Game

All of these are Guinons.


None of these are Guinons.


Which of these are Guinons?


Guinon A


Guinon B


Guinon C

Guinon D


GOOD JOB!
THAT'S CORRECT.
CLICK ON
"NEXT FAMILY".


Intro Geom1 Geom2 Physics

Level 4 Game - 400 Einstein Bucks Per Game
 Families

## Explanation of the Color of Quarks in Baryons



In this representation, each baryon consists of three quarks or antiquarks shown as triangles within the larger circle.

The colors of each quark represent a property physicists call color. The quarks aren't really colored, but it is a convenient way to represent the property. Quarks can be red, blue, or green while antiquarks can be yellow, cyan, or magenta.

The three quarks or antiquarks in a baryon must have different colors and combine to make white. Baryons cannot be made from a mixture of quark and antiquark colors. For example, a mixture of two antiquark colors (yellow and magenta) and one quark color (green) would not mix to make white so it is illegal.

## Explanation of the Charge on Baryons



Each baryon consists of three quarks represented by small circles within the larger circle.

The pluses and minuses in each quark represent the charge of each quark where each plus represents $1 / 3$ of a charge and each minus represents $-1 / 3$ of a charge.


To be a baryon, the sum of all the charges has to equal an integer (e.g.,-1, 0, 1 ). In the example, the sum is zero shown in the upper right corner.

## Explanation of Quarks in Baryons



Physicist believe there are six quarks - up (u), down (d), charm (c), strange (s), top (t), and bottom (b) and their antiquarks - antiup, antidown, anticharm, antistrange, antibottom, and antitop. Antiquarks are labeled with a letter with a bar over it.

Each baryon consists of three quarks or three antiquarks represented by small circles within the larger circle. Quarks are labeled with a letter. A baryon cannot be made of a mixture of quarks and antiquarks.

The most familiar baryons are protons and neutrons. They make up the nucleus of atoms and are made up of top and bottom quarks. In fact, everything you see in the world, for example, your computer or your body, is made of top and down quarks and electrons. They are truly the building blocks of matter.

## Explanation of Quarks in Mesons


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Physicist believe there are six quarks - up (u), down (d), charm (c), strange (s), top (t), and bottom (b) and their antiquarks - antiup, antidown, anticharm, antistrange, antibottom, and antitop. Antiquarks are labeled with a letter with a bar over it.

Each meson consists of one quarks and one antiquark represented by small circles within the larger circle. Quarks are labeled with a letter. A meson cannot be made of two quarks or two antiquarks.

Examples of mesons are the pion and the kaon.

## Explanation of the Colors of Quarks and Antiquarks in Mesons



In this representation, each meson consists of one quark and one antiquark shown as intersecting circles within the larger circle.


The colors of each quark represent a property physicists call color. The quarks aren't really colored, but it is a convenient way to represent the property. Quarks can be red, blue, or green while antiquarks can be cyan, yellow, or magenta.


The one quark and one antiquark in a meson must have colors that combine to make white. Only the anticolor of a color combines to make white. Red's anticolor is cyan; blue's anticolor is is yellow; green's anticolor is magenta. The part of the two circles that overlaps represents the mixture of the colors of the two quarks.

TO DOUBLE YOUR BUCKS, READ ABOUT PARTICLE FAMILIES AND ANSWER THE QUESTION AT THE END CORRECTLY.


## What is a Particle FAMILY?

One reason scientists study particles is to find their similarities and differences.

## What is a family?

Science often begins by grouping things.
Zoologists classify animals so that tigers, cheetahs, and tabbies end up in the family of "cats" (felines).


The Russian scientist, Dmitri Mendeleev, grouped elements in the Periodic Table according to their chemical properties and atomic weights. It was many years after Mendeleev that chemists understood WHY elements belonged to certain groups.


## What is a particle family?

Physicists group particles called quarks and leptons into "families."


Today, physicists are trying to understand WHY quarks and leptons belong to particular groups.
Not so long ago scientists discovered so many new particles (several hundred) they called them a Particle Zoo. The picture was simplified with the discovery of more basic particles - quarks and leptons - that physicists group into families. In the Particle Family Game, you grouped the imaginary particles by identifying common characteristics as physicists do.

## QUESTION: Does the electron belong to the Family of Quarks or Leptons?

## Quarks - Leptons

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## Nature's Scale



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Fermilab scientists explore quarks, objects more than one hundred million times smaller than an atom! Click the Zoom In button to move from an atom to a quark. (Each click of the button lets you look at an object 10 times smaller than the previous object.) Once you think you've reached the quark size, click Test. See if you can double your bucks!


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## Congratulations! You earned Einstein Bucks in Nature's Scale!!

Quarks are the smallest objects physicists have discovered.
Are they made of something smaller?
Print out your bucks or go back to Law 'n Order.


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## What are the Basic Forces Between Particles?

The Standard Model describes how the fundamental particles affect each other-how they interact, the forces they feel.
You may think of forces as pushes and pulls. Particle physicists think of forces as interactions between particles that produce structure-from protons to galaxies. The Standard Model would not be complete if it did not explain how particles behave together. It would be like having a set of K'nex without the rods-you couldn't build much.


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## What are the Basic Forces between Particles?



You have Shockwave
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This activity needs Shockwave. If you can't see the animation, click

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## The quarks escape and cause a big flash. Everything is gone.

## The building <br> is gone!

Click to start again.



Learn about the four forces and the Fermilab physicists who study them.
Chart - Strong - Electromagnetic - Gravity - Weak - Return to Game


Learn about the four forces and the Fermilab physicists who study them. All - Strong - Electromagnetic - Gravity - Weak - Return to Game

| Force | Range | Carrier | Acts on |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Strong | nuclear distances | gluon | quarks, gluons, particles made of quarks |
| Electromagnetic | all distances | photon | electrically charged particles |
| Weak | subnuclear distances | $W^{+}, W^{-}, \boldsymbol{Z}^{o}$ | quarks, leptons, particles made of quarks |
| Gravity | all distances | graviton <br> (not yet observed) | all particles |

The forces are listed from strongest to weakest.





## Double Your Bucks

Fill out the following chart to indicate which forces affect the particles along the left. Click on the circle next to Yes if they feel the force and No if they don't. Some of the answers may surprise you, but you can double your bucks if you answer most of them correctly.

Refer to the chart in the other window or the glossary below if you need help.

|  | Four Forces |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Particles | Gravity | Electromagnetic | Weak | Strong |
| neutron | $\bigcirc$ Yes © No | $\bigcirc$ Yes © No | $\bigcirc$ Yes © No | $\bigcirc$ Yes © No |
| neutrino | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\text {® }}$ | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\text {® }}$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes © No |
| quark | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\text {® }}$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\text {® }}$ | $\bigcirc$ Yes © No |
| proton | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\circ}$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{No}$ | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No |
| photon | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\circ}$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{No}$ | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No |
| electron | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\text {© }}$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes ${ }^{\text {® }}$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No |

Click the button to .

## Glossary

electron
A negatively charged particle belonging to the family of leptons. It has mass and combines with the nucleus to make atoms. neutrino

An elusive particle because it barely interacts with other particles. It has zero or very little mass. Scientists are trying to determine if it has mass. It has no electrical charge and belongs to the family of leptons. There are three types of neutrinos: electron neutrinos, tau neutrinos, and mu neutrinos, corresponding to their lepton partners, the electron, tau, and mu.
neutron

A particle with no charge made up of three quarks, one up and two downs. The neutron and proton make up the nucleus of an atom.
photon
A particle with no mass or electrical charge. Photons are the carriers of the electromagnetic force.
proton
A particle with positive electrical charge made up of three quarks, two ups and one down. The neutron and proton make up the nucleus of an atom.
quark
One of the basic building blocks of matter. There are six types of quarks: up, down, charm, beauty, bottom, and top. Three of them combine to make baryons, for example, the proton and neutron. Two combine to make mesons. They have mass and electrical charge.

You can learn more about different particles in Particle Families and Baryon Bonanza in Law 'n Order.

## Law 'n Order

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## You did not double your Einstein Bucks. You got 6 out of 24 correct. You earned 200 Einstein Bucks in the Four Forces!!

Here are the comect answers. Those with a red background, you answered incorrectly.
All the particles experience gravity. If a particle has energy, it feels gravity. The neutrino and photon do not feel the electromagnetic force because they have no charge. You might think that the neutron might not feel it, but it does because it is made up of charged particles. All the particles except the photon experience the weak force. Only quarks and hadrons feel the strong force, so that leaves out the photon, electron and neutrino. Remember to have the structure around us, we need the four forces.

After you study the table, print out your bucks or go back to Law 'n Orcler.

|  | Four Forces |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Particles | Gravity | Electromagnetic | Weak | Strong |
| neutron | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Ye} \bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc \mathrm{No}$ | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc \mathrm{No}$ |
| neutrino | O Yes O No | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc \mathrm{No}$ | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No |
| quark | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc \mathrm{No}$ | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \mathrm{O}$ | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc \mathrm{No}$ |
| proton | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc \mathrm{No}$ |
| photon | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc \mathrm{No}$ | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc \mathrm{No}$ |
| electron | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc$ Yes $\bigcirc$ No | $\bigcirc \mathrm{Yes} \bigcirc$ No |



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