

The term “charm” first introduced by James Bjorken and Shelly Glashow in 1964.

Motivation: The search for models of integrally charged constituents of hadrons. Reintroduced in 1970 by Glashow, John Iliopoulos and Luciano Maiani

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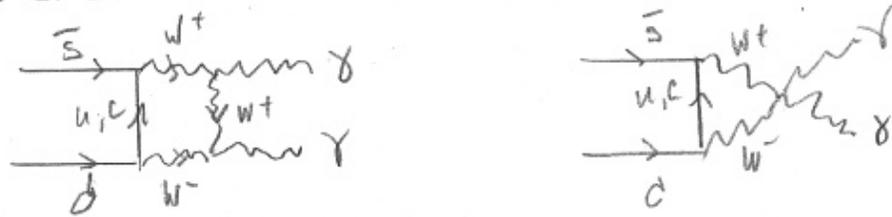
Cabibbo theory: $\mathcal{A}(u \rightarrow d + W^+) \propto \cos(\theta_c)$, $\mathcal{A}(u \rightarrow s + W^+) \propto \sin(\theta_c)$

$$\mathcal{A}(K \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim \int d^4p \frac{1}{(p^2 - m_u^2)(m_W^2 - p^2)^2} \sim \frac{1}{m_W^2}$$

without charm

$\rightarrow (m_c^2 - m_u^2)/m_W^4$ with charm

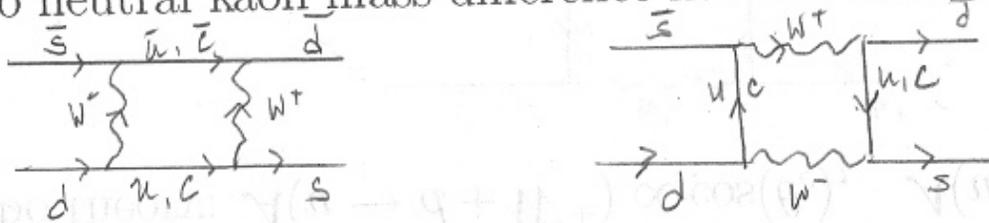
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Frightening answer: experimentalists looking for charm in hadron collisions told us nothing there at such low masses.

Abstract of paper $m_c \leq 5$ GeV. Husband “You don’t find 5; you find 1.5”.

Jon Rosner had been studying strong interactions of charmed particles.

Joined forces \Rightarrow GLR “Search for Charm” QCD in its infancy

Used tools of the time:

- parton model to estimate charm production in ν -nucleon collisions
- apparent violation of empirical selection rules;

e.g. $\Delta S = -\Delta Q$ for hadrons in semi-leptonic strange particle decay

= signature for charm production:

$$\nu + d \rightarrow \mu^- + c, \quad c \rightarrow s + u + \bar{d}$$

- “Zweig rule”: $\Gamma_{\phi_i} \propto M_{\phi_i}^{-1}$, $\phi = \text{spin } 1 \text{ resonance}$

to estimate width $\approx 2 \text{ MeV}$ of lightest $c\bar{c}$ triplet bound state.

Hints for charm:

- Brookhaven 1970: Lederman group observed a bump near 3.5 GeV in $\mu^+\mu^-$ invariant mass

Abstract: “no resonant structure”

- 1971: emulsion event that could be interpreted $D^+(\bar{d}, c) \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^0$

- CERN 1974: Rubbia group 2 “dimuon” events

$\nu + N \rightarrow \mu^- + c + X, \quad c \rightarrow \mu^+ + s$

- CEA Cambridge 1973 & CERN 1974: unexpected rise in cross section $E_{cm} > 3$ GeV

- Samios group finds bubble chamber event that could be production & decay of charmed baryon

GLR calculated production and decay rates of charmed particles
preprint appeared August 1974

“November revolution”

Brookhaven (Ting) & SLAC (Richter) announce spin-1 resonance

“ J,ψ ” at ≈ 3 GeV

Lightest $c\bar{c}$ bound state?

Alternative hypotheses

- “naked” color e.g. blue up quark + anti green anti-up quark
- new gauge boson Z'

CERN debate

John Ellis + MKG (charm) vs Paul Matthews (naked color)
vs Alexander Dolgov (Z')

1975: DeRujula, Georgi and Glashow: more precise predictions of charmed baryon masses as quarks in Coulomb-like chromagnetic field

1974: Appelquist & Politzer: More precise prediction (narrower) for triplet width based on “charmonium” analysis.

Charm coupling orthogonal to up coupling in charged currents:

$$\mathcal{A}(c \rightarrow d + W^+) \propto \sin(\theta_c), \quad \mathcal{A}(d \rightarrow s + W^+) \propto \cos(\theta_c)$$

Prediction: Lots of K 's in final state in $e^+e^- \rightarrow$ hadrons

Not seen.

CERN cafeteria: "When are you going to stop believing in charm"

Lederman at IRS studying $pp \rightarrow \bar{m}^+ \mu^- + X$:

"We looked just below and just above 3 GeV"

MKG: "Why don't you look at 3 GeV?"

Answer: "Too many events" ???

Comment to Rosner: "The ship is sinking"

June 1976: Call from Ben Lee: "Charm is found"

SLAC: Goldberger et al.

$$e^+e^- \rightarrow K^\pm + \pi^\mp + \pi^0$$