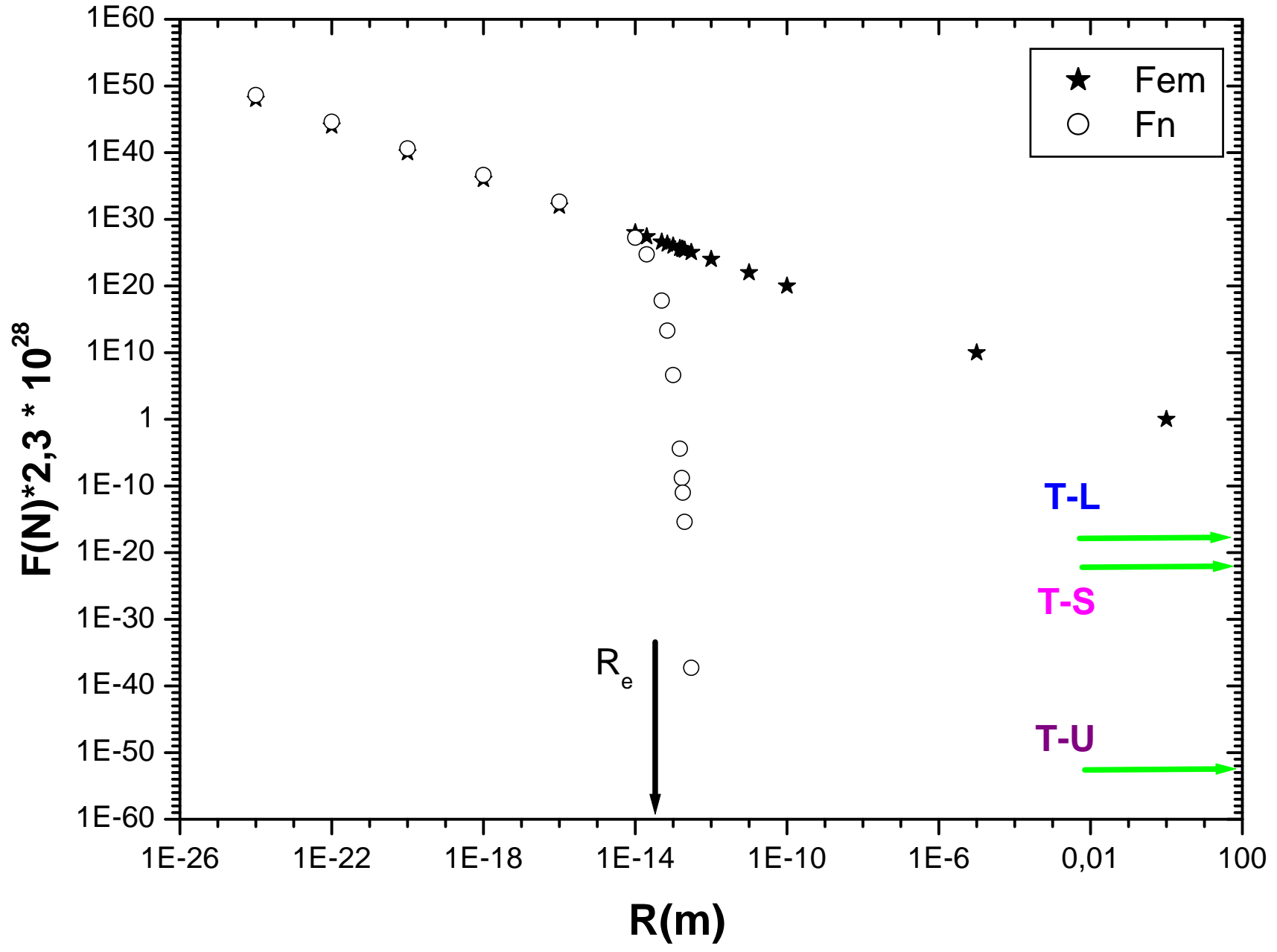
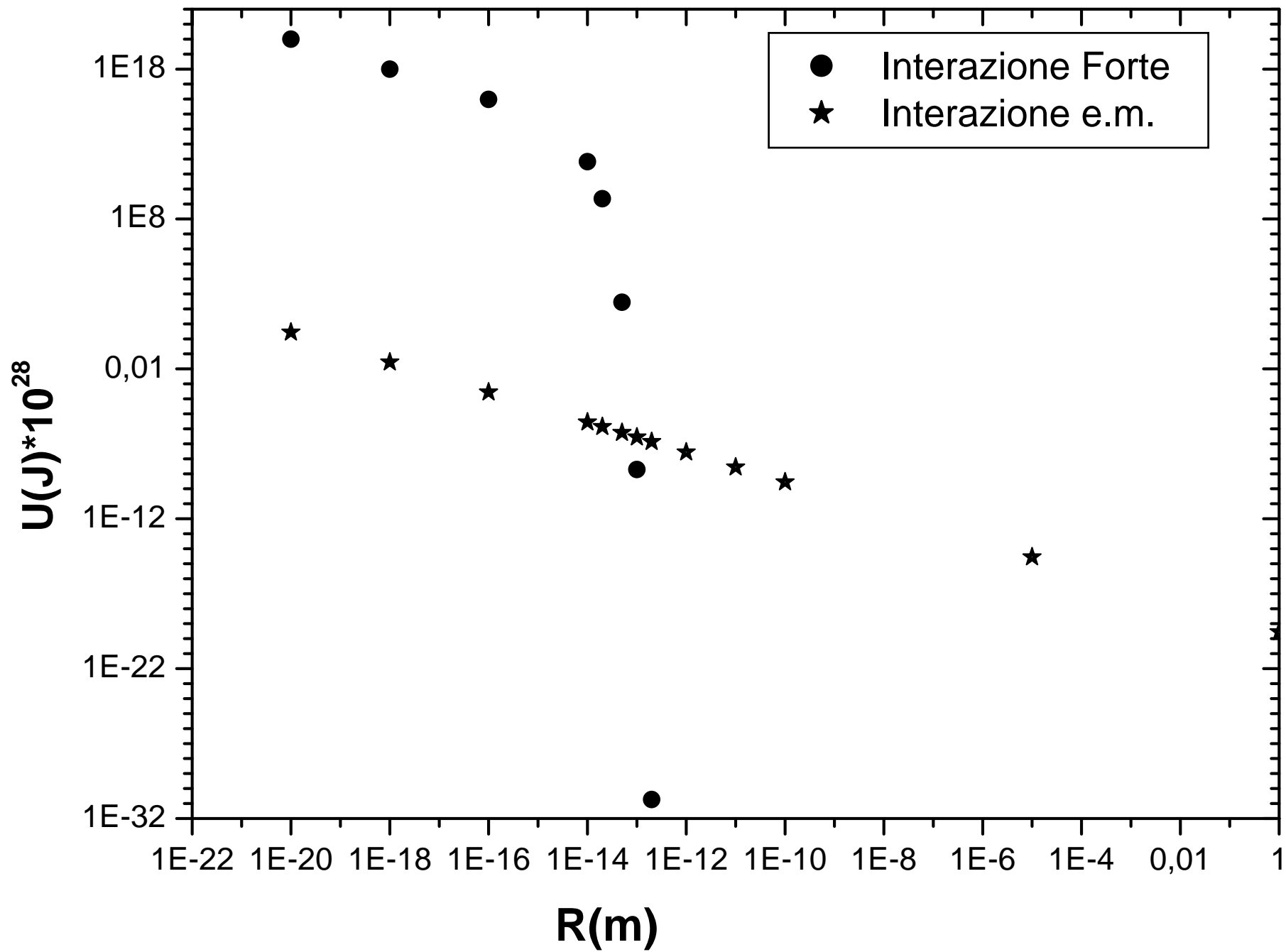


$$F_{e.m.} = a/R^2 \text{ e } F_n = b(1+R/R_0)\exp(-R/R_0)/R^2 \text{ per due elettroni}$$







# Standard Model of FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLES AND INTERACTIONS

The "Standard Model" is a term used to describe the quantum theory that includes the theory of strong interactions (quantum chromodynamics or QCD) and the unified theory of weak and electromagnetic interactions (electroweak). Gravity is included in this chart because it is one of the fundamental interactions even though not part of the "Standard Model."

## FERMIONS

matter constituents  
spin = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2, ...

Leptons spin = 1/2			Quarks spin = 1/2		
Flavor	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge	Flavor	Approx. Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$< 7 \times 10^{-9}$	0	<b>u</b> up	0.005	2/3
$e^-$ electron	0.000511	-1	<b>d</b> down	0.01	-1/3
$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$< 0.0003$	0	<b>c</b> charm	1.5	2/3
$\mu^-$ muon	0.106	-1	<b>s</b> strange	0.2	-1/3
$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	$< 0.03$	0	<b>t</b> top (initial evidence)	170	2/3
$\tau^-$ tau	1.7771	-1	<b>b</b> bottom	4.7	-1/3

Spin is the fermion's angular momentum of particles. Spin is given in units of  $\hbar$ , which is the quantum unit of angular momentum, where  $\hbar = h/2\pi = 6.58 \times 10^{-27}$  GeV s =  $1.05 \times 10^{-34}$  J s.

Electric charges are given in units of the proton's charge. In SI units the electric charge of the proton is  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  coulombs.

The energy unit of particle physics is the electron volt (eV), the energy gained by one electron in crossing a potential difference of one volt. Masses are given in GeV/c<sup>2</sup> (remember  $E = mc^2$ ), where  $1 \text{ GeV} = 10^9 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-10}$  joules. The mass of the proton is  $0.938 \text{ GeV}/c^2 = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  kg.

## BOSONS

force carriers  
spin = 0, 1, 2, ...

Unified Electroweak spin = 1	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge	Strong or color spin = 1	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
$\gamma$ photon	0	0	<b>g</b> gluon	0	0
$W^-$	80.22	-1			
$W^+$	80.22	+1			
$Z^0$	91.187	0			

### Color Charge

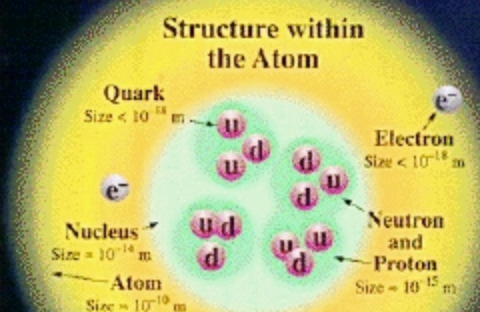
Each quark carries one of three types of "strong charge," also called "color charge." These charges have nothing to do with the colors of visible light. There are eight possible types of color charge for quarks. Just as electrically charged particles interact by exchanging photons, in strong interactions color-charged particles exchange gluons. Leptons, photons, and  $W$  and  $Z$  bosons have no color charge and hence no strong interactions. One cannot isolate quarks and gluons; they are confined into color-neutral hadrons. This confinement (binding) results from multiple exchanges of gluons among the color-charged objects.

### Confinement

As color-charged particles (quarks and gluons) are separated, the color force between them approaches a constant value and the energy in the color force field increases. This energy eventually is converted into additional quark-antiquark pairs (see the figures below). The objects that finally emerge are color-neutral combinations called hadrons (mesons and baryons).

### Residual Strong Interactions

The strong binding of the color-neutral protons and neutrons to form nuclei is due to residual strong interactions between their color-charged constituents. It is similar to the residual electrical interaction which binds electrically neutral atoms to form molecules. It can be visualized as the exchange of mesons between the hadrons.



If the protons and neutrons in this picture were 10 cm across, then the quarks and electrons would be less than 0.1 mm in size and the entire atom would be about 10 km across.

## PROPERTIES OF THE INTERACTIONS

Property	Interaction	Gravitational	Weak (Electroweak)	Electromagnetic	Strong	
					Fundamental	Residual
Aacts on:		Mass - Energy	Flavor	Electric Charge	Color charge	See Residual Strong Interaction Note
Particles experiencing:		All	Quarks, Leptons	Electrically charged	Quarks, Gluons	Hadrons
Particles mediating:		Graviton (not yet observed)	$W^+$ $W^-$ $Z^0$	$\gamma$	Gluons	Mesons
Strength (relative to electromagnetic):		$10^{-41}$	0.8	1	25	Not applicable to quarks
for two u quarks at: $\begin{cases} 10^{-18} \text{ m} \\ 3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m} \end{cases}$		$10^{-41}$	$10^{-4}$	1	60	
for two protons in nucleus		$10^{-36}$	$10^{-7}$	1	Not applicable to hadrons	20

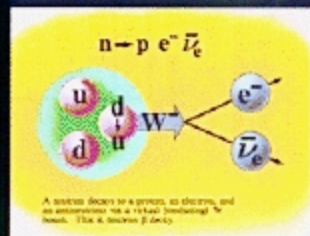
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Mesons $q\bar{q}$						
Symbol	Name	Quark content	Electric charge	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Spin	
$\pi^+$	pion	$u\bar{d}$	+1	0.140	0	
$K^-$	kaon	$s\bar{u}$	-1	0.494	0	
$\rho^+$	rho	$u\bar{d}$	+1	0.770	1	
$D^+$	D+	$c\bar{d}$	+1	1.869	0	
$\eta_c$	eta-c	$c\bar{c}$	0	2.979	0	

### Matter and Antimatter

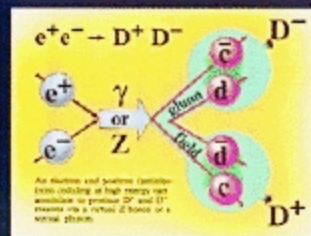
For every particle type there is a corresponding antiparticle type, denoted by a bar over the particle symbol. Particle and antiparticle have identical mass and spin but opposite charges. Some neutrally neutral bosons (e.g.,  $Z^0$  and  $\eta_c$ ) are their own antiparticles.

### Figures

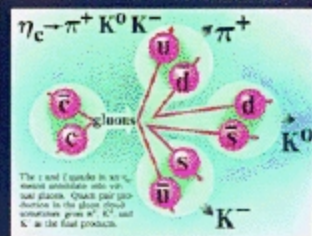
These diagrams are an artist's conception of physical processes. They are not exact and have not been scaled to size. Electric charge signs represent the best theoretical description of the signs with red lines the quark paths, and black lines the paths of leptons.



A NEUTRON (made of a proton, an electron, and an antineutrino) via a virtual W boson decays into a proton, an electron, and an antineutrino.



An electron and positron (antiparticle) annihilate at high energy and annihilate to produce  $Z^0$  and  $\gamma$  bosons via a virtual photon. These bosons then decay into a quark and antiquark via a virtual gluon.



The  $c$  and  $\bar{c}$  quarks in an excited annihilation state via a virtual photon. Quark pair annihilates in the gluon field to produce gluons of  $c\bar{c}$  and  $\gamma$  as the final products.

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