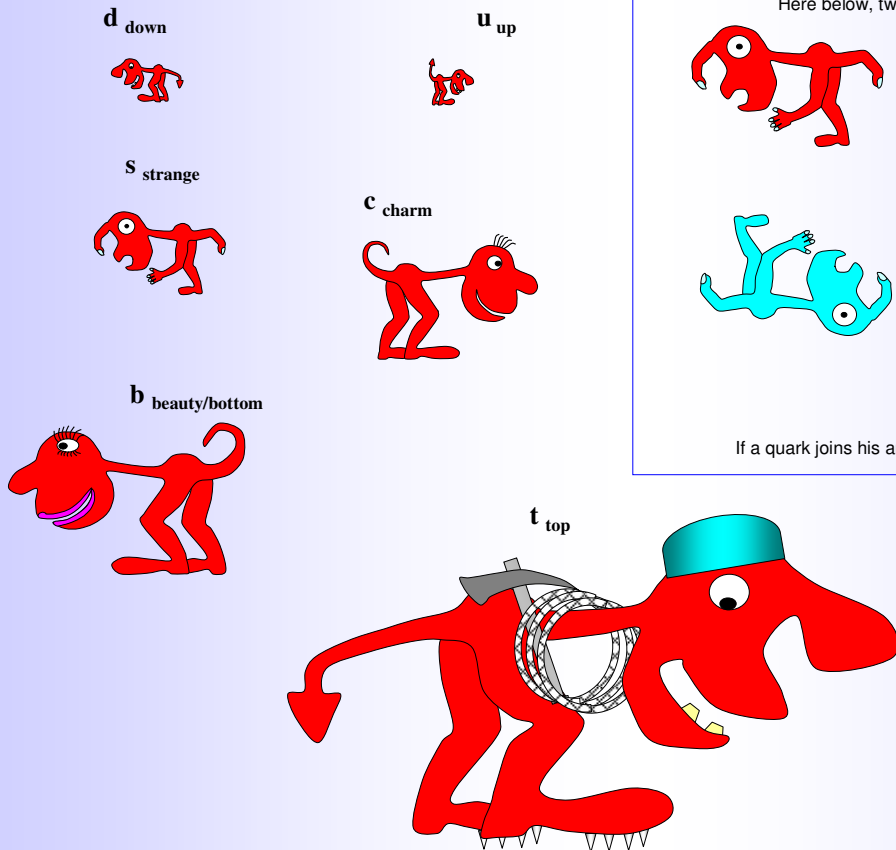


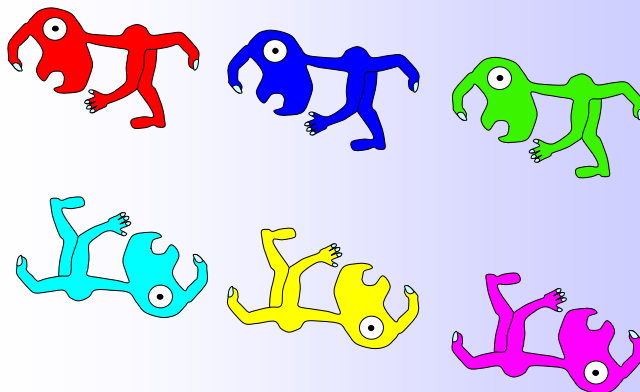
Enigmatic quarks

Quarks seem to be the same, but they smell different (*)



Quarks and colors

Quarks are in three-intermixing colors. Anti-quarks, are in anti-colors. Here below, two parts of one quark family are walking for a meeting.



If a quark joins his anti-quark – a meson is born (don't mix with misalliance)

So many people worked to discover one (top) quark ...



Proton & Co.

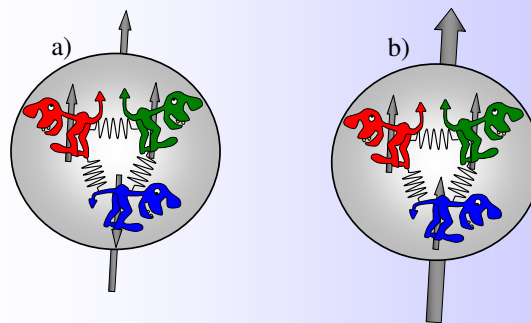
Proton (uud)

Neutron** (udd)



Isospin=1/2
Mass $m=938.27231 \pm 0.00028$ MeV (=1836 electron masses)
Electric momentum $D= (-3,7 \pm 6,3) \times 10^{-23}$ e cm
Magnetic momentum $m= 2,792847386 \pm 0,000000066 \mu_B$
Lifetime $t=1,6 \times 10^{25}$ yr (>>age of the Universe =14,5x10⁹ yr)

Isospin=1/2
Mass $m=939,56563 \pm 0,00028$ MeV (a bit more than proton)
Electric momentum $D < 12 \times 10^{-26}$ e cm
Magnetic momentum $m= -1,91304275 \pm 0,0000000456 \mu_B$
Electric charge $q= (-0,4 \pm 1,1) \times 10^{-21}$ e (read: zero)
Lifetime $t=888,65 \pm 3,5$ s (= academic quarter!)



Proton (a) and Δ^+ particle are built in the same way - with two "up" quarks and one "down" quark. The only difference is in spin, what causes that the Δ^+ particle is 30% heavier than proton.

Standard Model of fundamental interactions and particles

INTERACTION	SOURCE	PARTICLES MEDIATING	MASS	POWER
Gravitational	mass	graviton G	0	10 ⁻³⁹
Electromagnetic	charge	foton γ	0	10 ⁻²
Strong	colour	gluon g	0	1
Weak	weak	bosons W^\pm	80 GeV	10 ⁻⁷
	charge	Z^0	91 GeV	

LEPTONS SPIN = 1/2			QUARKS SPIN = 1/2		
FLAVOR	MASS GeV/c ²	ELECTRIC CHARGE	FLAVOR	MASS GeV/c ²	ELECTRIC CHARGE
ν_e	< 7x10 ⁻⁸	0	u	≈0.003	2/3
e^-	0.000511	-1	d	≈0.006	-1/3
ν_μ	< 0.0003	0	c	1.5	2/3
μ^-	0.106	-1	s	≈0.1	-1/3
ν_τ	< 0.03	0	t	170	2/3
τ^-	1.7771	-1	b	4.7	-1/3

(*)The size of the quark corresponds here to its mass. The only necessary trick here was to use four dimensions – the masses scale as the fourth power of the size. Note that the tail indicates the charge – positive or negative.

(**)If lepton is a Greek *lepton* (1 cent) coin, 2.3 g, than neutron is 8 cm-side steel cube.

Masses of light quarks are known with almost 50% error bar. These best data are following : $1/2(m_u+m_d)=4.2$ MeV/c²; $1.5 < m_s < 5$ MeV; $5 < m_c < 9$ MeV/c² and for *strange* quark $m_s=0.105 \pm 0.033$ GeV/c² [Manohar 2002] Quarks are, after all, quite light particles: the *u* quark is only six times heavier than electron.