

# Experimental particle. physics

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European School of Instrumentation  
in Particle & Astroparticle Physics

**H3**

analysis of  
classic experiments

# Let's read a (classic) physics paper!

- **Form a group**

- ✓ Ideally 3 people, as mixed as possible, with at least 1 PhD with 1 Master student → Let me know in Slack about the group

- **Choose a paper and read it!**

- ✓ 7 papers to choose from, no duplicate allowed: 1 paper / group!
- ✓ Negotiate amongst you and let me know your choice by tomorrow

- **Discuss the experimental techniques used**

- ✓ What accelerator, is any? What detector setup?
- ✓ How was the signal identified?
- ✓ What were the major experimental challenges? How were they solved?

- **Prepare a short presentation (~3 slides max, 5' show time!) where the previous points are discussed**

- ✓ It can be a simple cut-and-paste of the most important plots and/or figures from the paper: don't waste time to write text or to make pretty slides!
- ✓ Presentations will take place on Monday!

# What papers?

1942

Measurement of muon decay time

1955

Antiproton discovery

1974

J/Psi discovery

1982

Observation of QCD jets

1983

W boson discovery

1983

Z boson discovery

1995

Top quark discovery

## Experimental Determination of the Disintegration Curve of Mesotrons

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The disintegration curve of mesotrons has been experimentally determined by investigating the delayed emission of disintegration electrons which takes place after the absorption of mesotrons by matter. Within the experimental errors, the disintegration curve is exponential and corresponds to a mean lifetime of  $2.3 \pm 0.2$  microseconds.

## Observation of Antiprotons\*

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## Experimental Observation of a Heavy Particle $J/\psi$

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## Discovery of a Narrow Resonance in $e^+e^-$ Annihilation\*

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## Preliminary Result of Frascati (ADONE) on the Nature of a New 3.1-GeV Particle Produced in $e^+e^-$ Annihilation\*

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# Observation of QCD jets

1982

## OBSERVATION OF VERY LARGE TRANSVERSE MOMENTUM JETS AT THE CERN $\bar{p}p$ COLLIDER

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## EXPERIMENTAL OBSERVATION OF ISOLATED LARGE TRANSVERSE ENERGY ELECTRONS WITH ASSOCIATED MISSING ENERGY AT $\sqrt{s} = 540$ GeV

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# Z boson discovery

1983

## EVIDENCE FOR $Z^0 \rightarrow e^+e^-$ AT THE CERN $\bar{p}p$ COLLIDER

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## EXPERIMENTAL OBSERVATION OF LEPTON PAIRS OF INVARIANT MASS AROUND 95 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> AT THE CERN SPS COLLIDER

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