QUARKS

The u-, d-, and s-quark masses are estimates of so-called "current-quark masses," in a mass-independent subtraction scheme such as $\overline{\text{MS}}$ at a scale $\mu \approx 1$ GeV. The c- and b-quark masses are estimated from charmonium, bottomonium, D, and B masses. They are the "running" masses in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme. These can be different from the heavy quark masses obtained in potential models.

u

$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$

Mass $m = 2$ to 8 MeV [a] Charge $= \frac{2}{3}\ e$ $I_z = +\frac{1}{2}$

$m_u/m_d = 0.25$ to 0.70

d

$I(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{1}{2}^+)$

Mass $m = 5$ to 15 MeV [a] Charge $= -\frac{1}{3}\ e$ $I_z = -\frac{1}{2}$

$m_s/m_d = 17$ to 25

s

$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$

Mass $m = 100$ to 300 MeV [a] Charge $= -\frac{1}{3}\ e$ Strangeness $= -1$

$(m_s - (m_u + m_d)/2)/(m_d - m_u) = 34$ to 51

c

$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$

Mass $m = 1.0$ to 1.6 GeV Charge $= \frac{2}{3}\ e$ Charm $= +1$

b

$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$

Mass $m = 4.1$ to 4.5 GeV Charge $= -\frac{1}{3}\ e$ Bottom $= -1$

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$I(J^P) = 0(\frac{1}{2}^+)$

Charge $= \frac{2}{3}\ e$ Top $= +1$

Mass $m = 180 \pm 12$ GeV (direct observation of top events)

Mass $m = 179 \pm 8^{+17}_{-20}$ GeV (Standard Model electroweak fit)

b' (4^{th} Generation) Quark, Searches for

Mass $m >$ 85 GeV, CL = 95% ($p\overline{p}$, charged current decays)
Mass $m >$ 46.0 GeV, CL = 95% ($e^+ e^-$, all decays)

Free Quark Searches

All searches since 1977 have had negative results.

NOTES

[*a*] The ratios m_u/m_d and m_s/m_d are extracted from pion and kaon masses using chiral symmetry. The estimates of *u* and *d* masses are not without controversy and remain under active investigation. Within the literature there are even suggestions that the *u* quark could be essentially massless. The *s*-quark mass is estimated from SU(3) splittings in hadron masses.