



# **Review of Vertex Diagrams**



#### **Interaction Diagrams**

- 1. Convert all hadrons to quarks. Leave leptons as they are.
- 2. Write reactants at the bottom and products at the top.
  - Line up quarks from top to bottom as much as possible.
  - Put particle pairs being created or destroyed next to each other.
- 3. For hadron-only reactions, check the net quark type. Is there a change?
  - If yes, then weak force, with  $W^+$ ,  $W^-$ , or  $Z^0$  as messenger.
  - If no, then gluons (strong force) or photons (EM) as messenger.
- 4. Identify quarks that do not interact and connect them with lines from bottom to top.
- 5. Put in interactions and label colors where appropriate.

What are the quark constituents of the  $K^+$  particle? Select as many answers as are necessary.



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 4. a gluon

 2. a  $W^+$  5. a  $W^-$  

 3. a  $Z^0$  6. none of the above

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# **Grand Unified Theories**



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