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- 1. What are neutrinos and how do we know ?
- 2. The neutrino questions
- 3. Neutrino mass and neutrino oscillations
- 3. Future neutrino experiments
- 4. Conclusions



Consider 6He++→6Li++ v, e-

Q=3.5078 MeV T/2  $\approx$  0.8067 s



# 930 Neutrinos: the birth of the idea

Pauli's letter of the 4th of December 1930

Dear Radioactive Ladies and Gentlemen,

As the bearer of these lines, to whom I graciously ask you to listen, will explain to you in more detail, how because of the "wrong" statistics of the N and Li6 nuclei and the continuous beta spectrum, I have hit upon a desperate remedy to save the "exchange theorem" of statistics and the law of conservation of energy. Namely, the possibility that there could exist in the nuclei electrically neutral particles, that I wish to call neutrons, which have spin 1/2 and obey the exclusion principle and which further differ from light quanta in that they do not travel with the velocity of light. The mass of the neutrons should be of the same order of magnitude as the electron mass and in any event not larger than 0.01 proton masses. The continuous beta spectrum would then become understandable by the assumption that in beta decay a neutron is emitted in addition to the electron such that the sum of the energies of the neutron and the electron is constant...

I agree that my remedy could seem incredible because one should have seen those neutrons very earlier if they really exist. But only the one who dare can win and the difficult situation, due to the continuous structure of the beta spectrum, is lighted by a remark of my honoured predecessor, Mr Debye, who told me recently in Bruxelles: "Oh, It's well better not to think to this at all, like new taxes". From now on, every solution to the issue must be discussed. Thus, dear radioactive people, look and judge.

Unfortunately, I cannot appear in Tubingen personally since I am indispensable here in Zurich because of a ball on the night of 6/7 December. With my best regards to you, and also to Mr Back.

Your humble servant

. W. Pauli

#### Wolfgang Pauli



# Neutrinos: direct detection

The anti-neutrino coming from the nuclear reactor (beta-decays) interacts with a proton of the target, giving a positron and a neutron.

$$\overline{\nu}_{e} + \mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{e}^{+} + \mathbf{n}$$

The positron annihilates with an electron of target and gives two simultaneous photons ( $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ ).

The neutron slows down before being eventually captured by a cadmium nucleus, that gives the emission of 2 photons about 15 microseconds after those of the positron.

All those 4 photons are detected and the 15 microseconds identify the "neutrino" interaction.

Reines and Cowan

1953 -56

The target is made of about 400 liters of water mixed with cadmium chloride







1956 Parity violation in Co beta decay: electron is left-handed (C.S. Wu et al)1957 Neutrino helicity measurement (M. Goldhaber et al):

neutrinos have <u>negative helicity</u> (If massless this is the same as left-handed)

γ polarization is detected by absorbtion in (reversibly)magnetized iron

 $e^- + \mathrm{Gd} \rightarrow \nu_{\mathrm{e}} + \mathrm{Sm}^*$   $\downarrow$   $\mathrm{Sm} + \gamma$ 

**1959** Ray Davis established that (anti) neutrinos from reactors do not interact with chlorine to produce argon

reactor :  $n \rightarrow p e^{-} v_{e} \text{ or } \bar{v}_{e}$ ?

these  $v_e$  do not do  $v_e + {}^{37}Cl \rightarrow {}^{37}Ar + e^{-1}$ they are anti-neutrinos







# In 1960, Lee and Yang realized that if a reaction like

 $\mu^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} + \gamma$ 

is not observed, this is because two types of neutrinos exist  $\nu_{\mu}$  and  $\nu_{e}$ 

otherwise  $\mu^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} + \nu + \overline{\nu}$ has the same Quantum numbers as  $\mu^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} + \gamma$ 



Lee and Yang





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# **Neutrinos** the weak neutral current

#### Gargamelle Bubble Chamber CERN

**Discovery of weak neutral current** 

 $\nu_{\mu}$  + e  $\rightarrow \nu_{\mu}$  + e

 $\nu_{\mu}$  + N  $\,\rightarrow\,\nu_{\mu}$  + X (no muon)

previous searches for neutral currents had been performed in particle decays (e.g.  $K^0$ ->µµ) leading to extremely stringent limits (10<sup>-7</sup> or so)

early neutrino experiments had set their trigger on final state (charged) lepton!









# **1973 Gargamelle**

## experimental birth of the Standard model



 $\nu_{\mu}$ 

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	The Standard Model: 3 families of spin $1/2$ quark and leptons interacting with spin 1 vector bosons ( $\gamma$ , W&Z, gluons)			
charged leptons	0		τ	
neutral	mc²=0.0005 GeV	0.106 GeV	1,77 GeV	
leptons = neutrinos	∨ <sub>e</sub> mc² ?=? <1 eV	ν <sub>μ</sub> <1 eV	ν <sub>τ</sub> <1 eV	
quarks	d mc <sup>2</sup> -0.005.6cV	strange	beauty 5. GaV	
	U U Wa <sup>2</sup> =0.003.CaV	charm	top	
	First family	Seconde family	Third family Alain Blondel	

# **Neutrino cross-sections**

#### at all energies NC reactions (Z exchange) are possible for all neutrinos $V_{e,\mu,\tau}$ $V_{e,\mu,\tau}$ $V_{e,\mu,\tau}$ $V_{e,\mu,\tau}$ $V_{e,\mu,\tau}$

**CC** reactions

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very low energies (E <~50 MeV): v_e + {}_{A}{}^{Z}N \rightarrow e^{-} + {}_{A}{}^{Z+1}N inverse beta decay of nuclei
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\begin{array}{ll} medium\ energy\ (50{<}E{<}700\ MeV) & \mbox{quasi elastic reaction on protons or neutrons} \\ v_e + n --> e^- + p & \mbox{or} & \\ v_e + p & --> e^+ + n & \end{array}
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Threshold for muon reaction 110 MeV Threshold for tau reaction 3.5 GeV

above 700 MeV pion production becomes abundant and above a few GeV deep inelastic (diffusion on quark folloed by fragmentation) dominates



### Quasielastic scattering off electrons ("Leptons and quarks" L.B.Okun)



# Total neutrino - nucleon CC cross sections



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$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{2G_F^2}{\pi} \frac{\left(s - m_\mu^2\right)^2 E_e E_\mu}{s^2} \left(1 + \frac{s - m_e^2}{s + m_e^2} \cos\theta\right) \left(1 + \frac{s - m_\mu^2}{s + m_\mu^2} \cos\theta\right)$$

Total cross section

$$\sigma = \frac{2G_F^2}{\pi} \frac{\left(s - m_{\mu}^2\right)^2 \left(E_e E_{\mu} + 1/3E_{\nu I} E_{\nu 2}\right)}{s^2}$$





At high energies interactions on quarks dominate: DIS regime: anti-neutrinos on (valence) quarks



### there are also (gluons) and anti-quarks at low x (sea) (anti)neutrinos on sea-(anti)quarks



# Neutral Currents

electroweak theory

CC:  $g = e/sin\theta_W$ NC:  $g'=e/sin\theta_W cos\theta_W$ 

NC fermion coupling =  $g'(I^3 - Qsin\theta_w)$ 

I<sup>3</sup>= weak isospin = +1/2 for Left handed neutrinos & u-quarks, -1/2 for Left handed electrons muons taus, d-quarks 0 for right handed leptons and quarks

Q= electric charge  $\theta_{W}$ = weak mixing angle.

 $g_{\rm L}^{\rm u} = 1/2 - 2/3 \sin \theta_{\rm W}$  $g_{\rm R}^{\rm u} = -2/3 \sin \theta_{\rm W}$ 



(sum over quarks and antiquarks as appropriate)

the parameter  $\rho$  can be calculated by remembering that for these cross sections we have the W (resp Z) propagator, and that the CC/NC coupling is in the ratio  $\cos\theta_W$  thus  $\rho^2 = m_W^4 / (m_Z^4 \cos\theta_W) = 1$  at tree level in the SM, but is affected by radiative corrections sensitive to e.g.  $m_{top}$ 



scattering of  $\nu_{\mu}$  on electrons: (invert the role of R and L for antineutrino scattering)



the scattering of electron neutrinos off electrons is a little more complicated (W exchange diagram)





some remarkable symmetries:

each quark comes in 3 colors

sum of charges is



$$-1 + 0 + 3 \ge (2/3 - 1/3) = 0$$

this turns out to be a necessary condition for the stability of higher order radiative corrections

Quark up charge 2/3





# **1989 The Number of Neutrinos**

collider experiments: LEP

N<sub>v</sub> determined from the visible Z cross-section at the peak (most of which are hadrons): the more decays are invisible the fewer are visible: hadron cross section decreases by 13% for one more family of neutrinos



in 2001:  $N_v$  = 2.984 ±0.008



#### **Neutrino mysteries**

- 1. Neutrinos have mass (we know this from oscillations, see later...)
- 2. neutrinos are massless or nearly so mass limit of 2.2eV/c<sup>2</sup> from beta decay mass limit of <~ 1 eV/c<sup>2</sup> from large scale structure of the universe
- 3. neutrinos appear in a single helicity (or chirality?) but of course weak interaction only couples to left-handed particles and neutrinos have no other known interaction... So... even if right handed neutrinos existed, they would neither be produced nor be detected!
- 4. if they are not massless why are the masses so different from those of other quark and leptons?
- 5. 3 families are necessary for CP violation, but why only 3 families?



# Mainz Neutrino Mass Experiment since 1997



- T2 Film at 1.86 K
- quench-condensed on graphite (HOPG)
- 45 nm thick (~130ML), area 2cm<sup>2</sup>
- Thickness determination by ellipsometry



\* → FZ Karlsruhe \*\* → Univ. Bonn



# Mainz data of 1998, 1999



KATRIN experiment programmed to begin in 2008. Aim is to be sensitive to  $m_{\rm v\,e} < 0.2~{\rm eV}$ 



#### What IS the neutrino mass?????

# Cosmology and neutrino mass



There is a long way to go to match direct measurements of neutrino masses with oscillation results and cosmological constraints



## Direct exploration of the Big Bang -- Cosmology

measurements of the large scale structure of the universe using a variety of techniques

-- Cosmic Microwave Background

-- observations of red shifts of distant galaxies with a variety of candles. Big news in 2002 : Dark Energy or cosmological constant

 $\rightarrow$ large scale structure in space, time and velocity is determined by early universe fluctuations, thus by mechanisms of energy release (neutrinos or other hot dark matter)

### the robustness of the neutrino mass limits....



### **Formation of Structure**

#### Smooth

# Structure forms by gravitational instability of primordial density fluctuations



**Structured** 

A fraction of hot dark matter suppresses small-scale structure





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adding hot neutrino dark matter erases small structure



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Authors	Σm <sub>v</sub> /eV (limit 95%CL)	Data / Priors
Spergel et al. (WMAP) 2003 [astro-ph/0302209]	0.69	WMAP, CMB, 2dF, $\sigma_8$ , HST
Hannestad 2003 [astro-ph/0303076]	1.01	WMAP, CMB, 2dF, HST
Tegmark et al. 2003 [astro-ph/0310723]	1.8	WMAP, SDSS
Barger et al. 2003 [hep-ph/0312065]	0.75	WMAP, CMB, 2dF, SDSS, HST
Crotty et al. 2004 [hep-ph/0402049]	1.0 0.6	WMAP, CMB, 2dF, SDSS & HST, SN
Hannestad 2004 [hep-ph/0409108]	0.65	WMAP, SDSS, SN Ia gold sample, Ly-α data from Keck sample
Seljak et al. 2004 [astro-ph/0407372]	0.42	WMAP, SDSS, Bias, Ly-α data from SDSS sample

NB Since this is a large mass this implies that the largest neutrino mass is limit/3

# **Neutrinos** *astrophysical neutrinos*

#### **Ray Davis**

since ~1968

**Homestake Detector** 



Solar Neutrino Detection 600 tons of chlorine. • Detected neutrinos E> 1MeV

fusion process in the sun

solar : pp  $\rightarrow$  pn  $e^+ \nu_e$  (then D gives He etc...)

these  $v_e \underline{do} v_e + {}^{37}Cl \rightarrow {}^{37}Ar + e^{-1}$ 

they are neutrinos

• The rate of neutrinos detected is three times less than predicted!

#### solar neutrino 'puzzle' since 1968-1975!

solution: 1) solar nuclear model is wrong or 2) neutrino oscillate





### v<sub>e</sub> solar neutrinos



Image: State of the state	The Pioneer: Chlorine Experiment $^{37}Cl(v_e,e)^{37}Ar (E_{thr} = 813 \text{ keV})$ K <sub>shell</sub> EC $\tau = 50.5 \text{ d}$ $^{37}Cl + 2.82 \text{ keV}$ (Auger e <sup>-</sup> , X)					
v Signal Composition: (BP04+N14 SSM+ v osc)	pep+hep <sup>7</sup> Be <sup>8</sup> B CNO Tot	0.15 SNU (4.6%) 0.65 SNU (20.0%) 2.30 SNU (71.0%) 0.13 SNU (4.0%) 3.23 SNU ± 0.68 1σ				
Expected Signal (BP04 + N14)	8.2 SNU	+1.8 _1.8 1σ				

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#### expected (no osc)

### **Generalities on radiochemical experiments**

	Data used for R determina tion	N runs	Average efficienc Y	Hot chem check	Sourc e calib	R <sub>ex</sub> [SNU]
<b>Chlorine</b> (Homestake Mine);South Dakota USA	1970- 1993	106	0.958 ± 0.007	<sup>36</sup> Cl	No	2.55 ± 0.17 ± 0.18 6.6% 7% 2.6 ± 0.3 8.5+-1.8
GALLEX/G NO LNGS Italy	1991- 2003	124	??	<sup>37</sup> AS	Yes twice <sup>51</sup> Cr source	69.3 ± 4.1 ± 3.6 <i>5.9% 5%</i> <b>131+-11</b>
SAGE Baksan Kabardino Balkaria	1990- ongoing	104	??	No	Yes <sup>51</sup> Cr <sup>37</sup> Ar	70.5 ± 4.8 ± 3.7 6.8% 5.2% 70.5 ± 6.0



### **Super-K detector**



Water Cerenkov detector 50000 tons of pure light water ≈10000 PMTs




### **Missing Solar Neutrinos**

## Only fraction of the expected flux is measured !

# Possible explications:

wrong SSM NO. Helio-seismology wrong experiments NO. Agreement between different techniques

#### or

v<sub>e</sub>'s go into something else Oscillations?



Total Rates: Standard Model vs. Experiment Bahcall-Pinsonneault 98



#### neutrino definitions

the electron neutrino is present in association with an electron (e.g. beta decay) the muon neutrino is present in association with a muon (pion decay) the tau neutrino is present in association with a tau ( $W \rightarrow \tau \nu$  decay) these flavor-neutrinos are not (as we know now) quantum states of well defined **MASS** (neutrino mixing)

the mass-neutrino with the highest electron neutrino content is called  $v_1$ the mass-neutrino with the next-to-highest electron neutrino content is  $v_2$ the mass-neutrino with the smallest electron neutrino content is called  $v_3$ 



#### **Lepton Sector Mixing**



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 $\beta\,$  is noted  $U_{2\mu}$ 

 $\gamma \ \ is \ noted \ U_{3\mu} \qquad etc....$ 



### **Oscillation Probability**



★ The oscillation probability is:

$$P(v_{\alpha} \to v_{\beta}) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E} \right) \qquad \Delta m^2 \text{ in } eV^2$$
  
L in km  
E in GeV

where L = distance between source and detector E = neutrino energy

Hamiltonian =  $E = sqrt(p^2 + m^2) = p + \frac{m^2}{2p}$ for a given momentum, eigenstate of propagation in free space are the mass eigenstates.

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#### To complicate things further: matter effects elastic scattering of (anti) neutrinos on electrons



e<sup>-</sup> v<sub>e</sub>

only electron neutrinos



only electron anti- neutrinos

These processes add a forward amplitude to the Hamiltonian, which is proportional to the number of elecrons encountered to the Fermi constant and to the neutrio energy. The Z exchange is diagonal in the 3-neutrino space

all neutrinos and anti neutrinos do this equally

this does not change the eigenstates The W exchange is only there for electron neutrinos It has opposite sign for neutrinos and anti-neutrinos (s vs t-channel exchange)

 $D = \pm 2\sqrt{2} G_F n_e E_v$  THIS GENERATES A FALSE CP VIOLATION





oscillation is enhanced for antineutrinos if  $\Delta m_{1x}^2 < 0$ , and suppressed for neutrinos

since T asymmetry uses neutrinos it is not affected





#### **Solar Models** *R* **previsions for Radiochemical experiments**

from LUNA experiment on  ${}^{14}N(p,\gamma){}^{15}O$ New  $S_0({}^{14}N+p) = 1.77 \text{ keV} \pm 0.2$ 

Flux	BPOO	BP04	K BPO4	BPO4⁺	Pee
(cm <sup>-2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )			N14	+ N14	$\Delta m^2 = 7.1 \times 10^{-5}$ eV <sup>2</sup>
					θ <sub>12</sub> = 32.5
pp (10 <sup>9</sup> )	59.5 <i>(</i> ± <i>1%)</i>	5.94 <i>(</i> ± <i>1%)</i>	59.8	60.3	0.578 (vac)
pep (10 <sup>8</sup> )	1.40 <i>(</i> ± <i>2%)</i>	1.40 <i>(</i> ± <i>2%)</i>	1.42	1.44	0.531(vac)
hep (10 <sup>3</sup> )	9.24	7.88 <i>(</i> ± <i>16%)</i>	7.93	8.09	~ 0.3 matter
<sup>7</sup> Be (10 <sup>9</sup> )	4.77 <i>(</i> ± <i>10%)</i>	4.86 <i>(</i> ± <i>12%)</i>	4.86	4.65	0.557 vac
<sup>8</sup> B (10 <sup>6</sup> )	5.05 <sup>+20%</sup> -16%	5.79 <i>(</i> ± <i>23%)</i>	5.77	5.24	0.324 matter
<sup>13</sup> N (10 <sup>8</sup> )	5.48 <sup>+21%</sup> -17%	5.71	$3.23^{+37\%}_{-35\%}$	2.30	0.557 vac
<sup>15</sup> O (10 <sup>8</sup> )	4.80 <sup>+25%</sup> -19%	5.03	$2.54^{+43\%}_{-39\%}$	1.79	0.541 vac
<sup>17</sup> F (10 <sup>6</sup> )	5.63 <sup>+25%</sup> -25%	5.91	5.85+44%	3.93	

increased accuracy in  ${}^{7}Be(p, \gamma){}^{8}B$  measurement

Columns 2,3,4 from BP04 Alain Blondel



#### **Oscillation Phenomena**





#### **SNO** detector

Aim: measuring non  $v_e$  neutrinos in a pure solar  $v_e$  beam How? Three possible neutrino reaction in heavy water:



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SSM is right, neutrinos oscillate!







KamLAND: disappearance of antineutrinos from

reactor



## Prerequisite for CP violation in neutrinos: Solar LMA solution

**Before KamLAND** 

After KamLAND



This will be confirmed and  $\Delta m_{12}^2$  measured precisely by KAMLAND and maybe Borexino in next 2-4 yrs

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# Kamland 2004



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(Maximal mixing excluded at >5 s)

# Future prospects towards SK-III Possibility of detecting spectrum distortion ve survival probability Recoil electron spectrum 1 0.55 1



## **Atmospheric Neutrinos**

#### Path length from ~20km to 12700 km





#### **Super-K detector**



Water Cerenkov detector 50000 tons of pure light water ≈10000 PMTs



#### μ/e Background Rejection

e/mu separation directly related to granularity of coverage. Limit is around 10<sup>-3</sup> (mu decay in flight) SKII coverage OKOK, less maybe possible





#### Atmospheric v : up-down asymmetry





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#### Atmospheric Neutrinos SuperKamiokande Atmospheric Result







- JAPAN: High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK) / Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR), Univ. of Tokyo / Kobe University / Kyoto University / Niigata University / Okayama University / Tokyo University of Science / Tohoku University
- KOREA: Chonnam National University / Dongshin University / Korea University / Seoul National University
- U.S.A.: Boston University / University of California, Irvine / University of Hawaii, Manoa / Massachusetts Institute of Technology / State University of New York at Stony Brook / University of Washington at Seattle

POLAND: Warsaw University / Solton Institute Since 2002

JAPAN: Hiroshima University / Osaka University U.S.A.: Duke University CANADA: TRIUMF / University of British Columbia ITALY: Rome FRANCE: Saclay SPAIN: Barcelona / Valencia SWITZERLAND: Geneva RUSSIA: INR-Moscow



Accumulated POT (Protons On Target)



#### K2K-SK events

preliminary

K2K-alll	DATA	MC	
(K2K-I, K2K-II)	(K2K-I, K2K-II)	(K2K-I, K2K-II)	
FC 22.5kt	108	150.9	
	(56, 52)	(79.1*, 71.8)	
1ring	66	93.7	
	(32, 34)	(48.6, 45.1)	
μ-like	57 (56)	84.8	
for E <sub>v</sub> re	c (30, 27)	(44.3, 40.5)	
e-like	9	8.8	
	(2, 7)	(4.3, 4.5)	
Multi Ring	42	57.2	
	(24, 18)	(30.5, 26.7)	

*Ref*; K2K-I(47.9×10<sup>18</sup>POT), K2K-II(41.2×10<sup>18</sup>POT) <sub>23</sub> \*: The number is changed from the previous one.









for  $\Delta m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ,  $\sin^2 2\theta = 1.02$  $\chi^2_{\rm osc} = 42.9/42$  d.o.f. (43%)

neutrino decay  $\Delta \chi^2 = 16.5 (4.1\sigma)$ de-coherence  $\Delta \chi^2 = 20.9 (4.6\sigma)$ 

combination will certainly exceed 5 sigma

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# $\theta_{13}$ : Best current constraint: CHOOZ



M. Apollonio et. al., Eur.Phys.J. C27 (2003) 331-374





World best constraint!  $@\Delta m_{atm}^2 = 2 \ 10^{-3} \ eV^2$  $sin^{2}(2\theta_{13}) < 0.2$ (90% C.L)



#### **General framework** :

- 1. We know that there are three families of active, light neutrinos (*LEP*)
- 2. Solar neutrino oscillations are established (Homestake+Gallium+Kam+SK+SNO)
- **3.** Atmospheric neutrino ( $v_u \rightarrow$ ) oscillations are established (*IMB+Kam+SK+Macro+Sudan*)
- 4. At that frequency, electron neutrino oscillations are small (CHOOZ)

This allows a consistent picture with 3-family oscillations

preferred:

LMA:  $\theta_{12} \sim 30^{0} \Delta m_{12}^{2} \sim 8 \ 10^{-5} eV^{2}$ ,  $\theta_{23} \sim 45^{0} \Delta m_{23}^{2} \sim \pm 2.5 \ 10^{-3} eV^{2}$ ,  $\theta_{13} < \sim 10^{0}$  with several unknown parameters

=> an exciting experimental program for at least 25 years \*) including leptonic CP & T violations

5. There is indication of possible higher frequency oscillation (LSND) to be confirmed (miniBooNe) This is not consistent with three families of neutrinos oscillating, and is not supported (nor is it completely contradicted) by other experiments. (Case of an unlikely scenario which hangs on only one not-so-convincing experimental result) If confirmed, this would be even more exciting

(I will not explore this here, but this has been done. See *Barger et al PRD 63 033002*)

\*)to set the scale: **CP violation in quarks** was discovered in 1964 and there is still an important program (K0pi0, B-factories, Neutron EDM, BTeV, LHCb..) to go on for 10 years...i.e. a total of ~50 yrs.

and we have not discovered leptonic CP yet!





$$\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{MNS}} : \begin{pmatrix} \sim \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \sim -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & \sin \theta_{\mathbf{13}} e^{i\delta} \\ \sim \frac{1}{2} & \sim \frac{1}{2} & \sim -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \\ \sim \frac{1}{2} & \sim \frac{1}{2} & \sim \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



#### neutrino mixing (LMA, natural hierarchy)





#### Neutrinos have mass and mix

This is NOT the Standard Model

why cant we just add masses to neutrinos?



Majorana neutrinos  $V_i = V_i$ 

or

Dirac neutrinos? 
$$V_i \neq \overline{V}_i$$

 $e \neq e - since Charge(e +) = - Charge(e -).$ 

But neutrinos may not carry any conserved charge-like quantum number.

There is NO experimetal evidence or theoretical need for a conserved Lepton Number L as L(v) = L(I-) = -L(v) = -L(I+) = 1

then, nothing distinguishes  $V_i$  from  $V_i$ 

violation of fermion number....



Adding masses to the Stadard model neutrino 'simply' by adding a Dirac mass term



## implies adding a right-handed neutrino.

No SM symmetry prevents adding then a term like

# $m_M \nu_R{}^c \, \nu_R$

and this simply means that a neutrino turns into a antineutrino (the charge conjugate of a right handed antineutrino is a left handed neutrino!)

this does not violate spin conservation since a left handed field has a component of the opposite helicity (and vice versa)  $v_L \approx v_- + v_+ m/E$ 



# **Pion decay with massive neutrinos**



 $(.05/30\ 10^6)^2 = 10^{-18}$ 



no problem

# The Idea That Can Work —

# Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay [0vββ]



By avoiding competition, this process can cope with the small neutrino masses.




The mass spectrum of the elementary particles. Neutrinos are 10<sup>12</sup> times lighter than other elementary fermions. The hierarchy of this spectrum remains a puzzle of particle physics.

Most attractive wisdom: via the see-saw mwchanism, the neutrinos are very light because they are low-lying states in a split doublet with heavy neutrinos of mass scale interestingly similar to the grand unification scale.

$$m_{v.} M = \langle v \rangle^2$$
 with  $\langle v \rangle \sim = m_{top} = 174 GeV$   
 $m_{v.} = O(10^{-2}) eV$   
 $M \sim 10^{15} GeV$ 

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food for thought: (simple)

what result would one get if one measured the mass of a  $V_e$  (in K-capture for instance)? what result would one get if one measured the mass of a  $V_{\mu}$  (in pion decay)?

Is energy conserved when neutrinos oscillate?

future experiments on neutrino masses

-- neutrinoless double beta decay

-- oscillations and CP violation

