## National Nuclear Physics Summer School



Neutrino Physics Lecture I July 16, 2007

Stuart Freedman Berkeley Goals of these lectures:

- Survey the important discoveries about neutrinos.
- Discuss the key experimental techniques.
- Discuss the important theoretical concepts.

We will avoid theoretical details. I assume some background and general familiarity with the relevant framework: relativistic kinematics, quantum mechanics and relativistic quantum mechanics, basic ideas of quantum field theory... Boris Kayser will lecture on current and future theoretical directions.

We will survey experiments assuming a basic understanding of common experimental techniques: energy loss of charged particles, basic spectrometry and other common experimental techniques...

We will take a historical approach when it provides useful insights or interesting stories.





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#### <u>Neutrinos</u>

- Created in equal abundance to other particles in the Big Bang.
- About 300/cm<sup>3</sup> left over from the Big Bang.
- $\bullet$  T ~ 1.9K° primordial background radiation .

 Light relativistic particles were critical in determining the cooling rate of the universe.



#### Cosmological connection to neutrinos



 $\sum_{i} m_{i}$ Neutrino mass



Large scale structure

The sun is a prolific source of neutrinos (radiograph of the sun as observed in an underground neutrinos detector)







## Neutrino Energies

Big-Bang neutrinos ~ 0.0004 eV

Neutrinos from the Sun < 20 MeV

Atmospheric neutrinos ~ GeV





Antineutrinos from nuclear reactors < 10.0 MeV

Neutrinos from accelerators up to GeV (10<sup>9</sup> eV)



## Neutrinos are very weakly interacting

Four light-years of lead would not appreciably shield us from the neutrinos from the closest star!









Becquerel

#### Rutherford





Meitner

Chadwick



Complications from internal conversion

#### The existence of the neutrino



FIG. 5. Energy distribution curve of the beta-rays.

Bohr: At the present stage of atomic theory, however, we may say that we have no argument, either empirical or theoretical, for upholding the energy principle in the case of  $\beta$ -ray disintegrations.



## First "letter" on "neutrinos"

(Never published, often cited)

Absohrift/15.12.5

Offener Brief an die Gruppe der Radioaktiven bei der Geuvereins-Tagung zu Tübingen.

Absohrift

Physikelisches Institut der Eidg. Technischen Hochschule Zürich

Zirich, 4. Des. 1930 Dioriastrasse



Wie der Veberbringer dieser Zeilen, den ich huldvollet ansuhören bitte, Ihnen des näheren auseinendersetsen wird, bin ich angesichts der "falschen" Statistik der N- und Li-6 Kerne, sowie das kontinuisrlichen beta-Spektrums suf einen versweifelten Ausweg varfallen um den "Wechselsats" (1) der Statistik und den Energiemats su retten. Mamlich die Möglichkeit, es könnten elektrisch neutrele Telloben, die ich Neutronen nennen will, in den Iernen existieren. velohe den Spin 1/2 heben und das Ausschliessungsprinzip befolgen und elek von Lichtquanten unseerden noch dadurch unterscheiden, dass sie might wit Lichtgeschwindigkeit laufen. Die Masse der Neutronen figste von derselben Grossenordnung wie die Elektronenwasse sein und jednofille nicht grösser als 0.01 Protonermasses - Das kontinuierliche bein- Spektrum wäre dann varständlich unter der Annahme, dass beim bete-Zerfall mit dem blektron jeweils noch ein Meutron emittiert wird, derart, dass die Summe der Energien von Mentron und Michtron konstant ist.



<sup>6</sup>Li

 $^{6}\text{He} \Rightarrow ^{6}\text{Li} + \text{e}^{-} + \overline{v}$ 



Fig. 1.2. Cloud chamber picture of the decay of He<sup>4</sup> (CSIKAL et al. [1958]).

#### Fermi's Theory of the Weak Interaction



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#### Tentativo di una teoria dell'emissione dei raggi "beta"

Note del prof. ENRICO FERMI

Riassunto: Teoria della emissione dei raggi β delle sostanze radioattive, fondata sull'ipotesi che gli elettroni emessi dai nuclei non esistano prima della disintegrazione ma vengano formati, insieme ad un neutrino, in modo analogo alla formazione di un quanto di luce che accompagna un salto quantico di un atomo. Confronto della teoria con l'esperienza.



Fermi's notes on QM  

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(ii),  $\begin{cases} P(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} |e_{i,n}|^2 \rho(E_{n,n}) \int_{-\frac{\pi t_n}{t_n}} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{t_n} \left[ \frac{E^{(n)} - E^{(n)}}{t_n} \right]^2}}{(E^{(n)} - E^{(n)})^2} \\= t \frac{2\pi}{t_n} \left[ \frac{R_{n,n}}{t_n} \right] \left[ \frac{e^{(n)} - E^{(n)}}{t_n} \right] \int_{-\frac{\pi t_n}{t_n}} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{t_n} \left[ \frac{E^{(n)} - E^{(n)}}{t_n} \right]}}{(E^{(n)} - E^{(n)})^2} \\= t \frac{2\pi}{t_n} \left[ \frac{R_{n,n}}{t_n} \right] \int_{-\frac{\pi t_n}{t_n}} \frac{e^{\frac{1}{t_n} \left[ \frac{R^{(n)} - E^{(n)}}{t_n} \right]}}{(E^{(n)} - E^{(n)})^2} \\ Rate of theoretion = \frac{2\pi}{t_n} \left[ \frac{R_{n,n}}{t_n} \right]^2 \rho(E_{n,n}) \\ Rate of theoretion of fund states as functions of fund states as functions of f t + nelation with uncertainty functions of functi$ 

Shape factor in allowed beta decay

$$\frac{dN}{dtdE_0} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |M^2| \rho(E_0)$$

$$dn = \frac{V4\pi p^2 dp}{\hbar^3} = \frac{V4\pi pEdE}{\hbar^3}$$

$$\rho(E_0) = \frac{dn_e}{dE} \frac{dn_v}{dE_v} = \frac{p_e E p_v E_v V^2}{4\pi^2 \hbar^6}$$

$$\rho(E_0) = \frac{\sqrt{E^2 - m_e^2} E \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m_{\nu_e}^2} (E_0 - E) V^2}{4\pi^2 \hbar^6}$$

$$E_0 = E + E_v$$

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$$\frac{\beta_0^2}{v_0} = \frac{1}{c^3} \left( \mu c^2 + E_0 - E \right) \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 + 2 \mu c^2 (E_0 - E)}$$

Nella fig. 1 la fine della curva di distribuzione è rappresentata per  $\mu = 0$ , e per un valore piccolo e uno grande di  $\mu$ . La maggiore somiglianza con le



curve sperimentali si ha per la curva teorica corrispondente a  $\mu = 0$ . Arriviamo così a concludere che la massa del neutrino è uguale a zero o, in ogni caso, piccola in confronto della massa dell'elettrone<sup>(3)</sup>. Nei calcoli che seguono porremo per semplicità  $\mu = 0$ .

#### Fermi's Theory suggests "detectable" neutrinos



$$\begin{split} \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(0)} &= \sigma_0 (f^2 + 3g^2) E_e^{(0)} p_e^{(0)} \\ &= 0.0952 \left( \frac{E_e^{(0)} p_e^{(0)}}{1 \text{ MeV}^2} \right) \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2 \\ \sigma_0 &= \frac{G_F^2 \cos^2 \theta_C}{\pi} (1 + \Delta_{inner}^R) \\ \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(0)} &= \frac{2 \pi^2 / m_e^5}{f_{p.s.}^R \tau_n} E_e^{(0)} p_e^{(0)} \end{split}$$

#### First proposal for direct detection of the neutrino



## Hanford Pile



#### First Direct Detection of the Neutrino





**Reines and Cowan 1956** 



$$E_{prompt} \cong E_v - E_n - 0.8 \ MeV$$







The second version of Reines' experiment that worked



#### The discovery of the second "flavor" of the neutrino

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

$$\pi^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu}$$

$$\mu^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} + \overline{\nu}_{e} + \nu_{\mu} \qquad \tau \approx 2.2 \text{ } \mu\text{sec}$$



#### Neutral Currents





Determining the number of ("active" "light") neutrinos by measuring the width of the Z<sup>o</sup>



First Z° event at LEP

 $Z^{o} \rightarrow q\overline{q}, ll$ 





#### **Creating a Tau Neutrino Beam**



 $v_{\tau} CC \rightarrow 18\% BF$ to a penetrating muon  $\rightarrow long$  event  $v_{\tau} CC \rightarrow 18\% BF$ to an electron  $\rightarrow short$ event

#### The Standard Model of Quarks and Leptons



#### Electroweak Fermions (massless neutrinos)

quarks

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L' \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L' \end{pmatrix} (d_R') (u_R) (s_R') (c_R) (b_R') (t_R)$$

leptons



$$\begin{pmatrix} d'\\s'\\b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} \ V_{us} \ V_{ub}\\V_{cd} \ V_{cs} \ V_{cb}\\V_{td} \ V_{ts} \ V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d\\s\\b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$$
 and  $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$ 

#### CKM mixing matrix

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 0.9741 \text{ to } 0.9756 & 0.219 \text{ to } 0.226 & 0.0025 \text{ to } 0.0048 \\ 0.219 \text{ to } 0.226 & 0.9732 \text{ to } 0.9748 & 0.038 \text{ to } 0.044 \\ 0.004 \text{ to } 0.014 & 0.037 \text{ to } 0.044 & 0.9990 \text{ to } 0.9993 \end{pmatrix}$ 

Mixing angles are small!

#### Helicity of Neutrinos\*

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Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York (Received December 11, 1957)

A COMBINED analysis of circular polarization and resonant scattering of  $\gamma$  rays following orbital electron capture measures the helicity of the neutrino. We have carried out such a measurement with Eu<sup>152m</sup>, which decays by orbital electron capture. If we assume the most plausible spin-parity assignment for this isomer compatible with its decay scheme,<sup>1</sup> 0–, we find that the neutrino is "left-handed," i.e.,  $\sigma_{\nu} \cdot \hat{p}_{\nu} = -1$ (negative helicity).





#### Elements of the Goldhaber-Grodzin-Sunyar experiment





Homework assignment

<u>Quarks</u>

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_{L} \\ d_{L}^{'} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{L} \\ s_{L}^{'} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_{L} \\ b_{L}^{'} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$| d_{L}^{'} \rangle = V_{ud} | d_{L} \rangle + V_{us} | s_{L} \rangle + V_{ub} | b_{L} \rangle$$

$$\underline{\text{Leptons}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} e_{L} \\ v_{eL} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_{L} \\ v_{\mu_{L}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tau_{L} \\ v_{\tau_{L}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$| v_{eL} \rangle = U_{e1} | v_{1L} \rangle + U_{u2} | v_{2L} \rangle + U_{u3} | v_{3L} \rangle$$

## Leptonic Mixing and Leptonic Flavor



A neutrino that can only create a  ${
m e}$  is called a  ${
m v}_{
m e}.$ 

A neutrino that can only create a  $\mu$  is called a  $\nu_{\mu}$ .

A neutrino that can only create a  $\tau$  is called a  $v_{\tau}$ .

 $v_e, v_{\mu}$ , and  $v_{\tau}$  are the "neutrinos" with different "flavors" Any mass eigenstate  $v_i$  is a sum of  $v_e, v_{\mu}$ , and  $v_{\tau}$ .  $v_e, v_{\mu}$ , and  $v_{\tau}$  are each the sum of  $v_1, v_2$  and  $v_3$ . (Kayser)

# The (new) Standard Model of Quarks and Leptons (with massive neutrinos)



### (preview) Neutrino mixing matrix



## Essentials of Neutrino Oscillations $m_2C^2$ $|v_e\rangle \ge |\psi_{v_1}(0)\rangle \ge \cos\theta |v_1\rangle + \sin\theta |v_2\rangle$ $|\psi_{\nu}(t)\rangle = \cos\theta e^{-\frac{im_{1}c^{2}t}{\hbar}} |\nu_{1}\rangle + \sin\theta e^{-\frac{im_{2}c^{2}t}{\hbar}} |\nu_{2}\rangle$ $m_1C^2$ $P_{ee}(t) = \left| <\psi_{v_e}(0) \left| \psi_{v_e}(t) > \right|^2 = \left| \cos^2 \theta e^{-\frac{im_1 c^2 t}{\hbar}} + \sin^2 \theta e^{-\frac{im_2 c^2 t}{\hbar}} \right|^2$ $P_{ee}(t) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(\frac{(m_2 - m_1)c^2}{2\hbar}t)$ $t = \frac{t_{lab}}{v} \approx \frac{L}{vc} \qquad \gamma = \frac{E}{mc^2} \qquad m = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2}$ $P_{ee}(L) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(\frac{(m_2^2 - m_1^2)c^4}{4\hbar c} \frac{L}{E})$ $P_{ee}(L) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(1.27\Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E})$







Neutrinos

#### What are these objects and what do they have to do with v?











