# National Nuclear Physics Summer School



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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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### Neutrinos

- Created in equal abundance to other particles in the Big Bang.
- About 300/cm3 left over from the Big Bang.
- 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  $\sim$  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 (109 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



**Continuous Spectrum?** 

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* β*-ray disintegrations.*



# First "letter" on "neutrinos"

(Never published, often cited)

 $M_{\text{2}}/M_{\text{max}} = 726 \text{ K}$  absolutely 15.12.50 m

Offener Brief an die Oruppe der Radioaktiven bei der Genversinz-Tagung zu Tubingen.

Absohrift

Physikelisches Institut der Eidg. Technischen Hochschule 25rich

Zürich, h. Des. 1930 **Uloriastrassa** 



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6Li

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



Fig. 1.2. Cloud chamber picture of the decay of He! (CSIKAI 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 EERMI

Riassunto: Teoria della emissione dei raggi p delle sostanze radioattive, fondata sul-<br>l'ipotesi che gli elettroni emessi dai nuclei non esistano prima della disintegrazione<br>ma vengano formati, insieme ad un neutrino, in m 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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Shape factor in allowed beta decay

$$
\frac{dN}{dt dE_0} = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} |M^2| \rho(E_0)
$$

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

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

$$
\rho(E_0) = \frac{\sqrt{E^2 - m_e^2} E \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m_{v_e}^2} (E_0 - E)V^2}{4\pi^2 \hbar^6}
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E_0 = E + E_v
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\frac{p_0^2}{v_0} = \frac{1}{t^3} (\mu \varepsilon^2 + E_0 - E) \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 + 2 \mu \varepsilon^2 (E_0 - E)}.
$$

Nella fig. 1 la fine della curva di distribuzione è rappresentata per  $\mu = o$ , 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>(5)</sup>. Nei calcoli che seguono porremo per semplicità  $\mu = o$ .

## **Fermi' <sup>s</sup> Theory suggests "detectable " neutrinos**



$$
\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(0)} = \sigma_0 (f^2 + 3g^2) E_e^{(0)} p_e^{(0)}
$$
  
= 0.0952  $\left( \frac{E_e^{(0)} p_e^{(0)}}{1 \text{ MeV}^2} \right) \times 10^{-42} \text{ cm}^2$   

$$
\sigma_0 = \frac{G_F^2 \cos^2 \theta_C}{\pi} (1 + \Delta_{inner}^R)
$$

$$
\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(0)} = \frac{2 \pi^2 / m_e^5}{f_{p.s.}^R \tau_n} E_e^{(0)} p_e^{(0)}
$$

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



# **Hanford Pile**



#### First Direct Detection of the Neutrino





**Reines and Cowan 1956** 



$$
E_{\text{prompt}} \cong E_{\rm v} - \overline{E_n} - 0.8 \; MeV
$$







The second version of Reines' experiment that worked



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

$$
\pi^{-} \rightarrow \mu^{-} + \overline{v}_{\mu}
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$$
\pi^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} + v_{\mu}
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$$
\mu^{-} \rightarrow e^{-} + \overline{v}_{e} + v_{\mu} \quad \tau \approx 2.2 \text{ } \mu \text{sec}
$$



### Neutral Currents





Determining the number of ("active" "light") neutrinos by measuring the width of the Z°





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



to a penetrating  $muon \rightarrow long$  event  $v<sub>r</sub> CC \rightarrow 18\% BF$ to an  $electron \rightarrow short$ event

# The Standard Model of Quarks and Leptons



#### **Electroweak Fermions** (massless neutrinos)

quarks

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

leptons



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

$$
V = \left(\begin{smallmatrix} c_{_{12}}c_{_{13}} & s_{_{12}}c_{_{13}} & s_{_{13}}e^{-i\delta_{_{13}}}\\ -s_{_{12}}c_{_{23}}-c_{_{12}}s_{_{23}}s_{_{13}}e^{i\delta_{_{13}}}& c_{_{12}}c_{_{23}}-s_{_{12}}s_{_{23}}s_{_{13}}e^{i\delta_{_{13}}}& s_{_{23}}c_{_{13}}\\ s_{_{12}}s_{_{23}}-c_{_{12}}c_{_{23}}s_{_{13}}e^{i\delta_{_{13}}}& -c_{_{12}}s_{_{23}}-s_{_{12}}c_{_{23}}s_{_{13}}e^{i\delta_{_{13}}}& c_{_{23}}c_{_{13}} \end{smallmatrix}\right)
$$

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

#### CKM mixing matrix

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

 $\left(\begin{array}{l} 0.9741 \,\, \mathrm{to} \,\,\, 0.9756 \quad 0.219 \,\, \mathrm{to} \,\,\, 0.226 \quad 0.0025 \,\, \mathrm{to} \,\,\, 0.0048\\ 0.219 \,\, \mathrm{to} \,\,\, 0.226 \quad 0.9732 \,\, \mathrm{to} \,\,\, 0.9748 \quad 0.038 \,\, \mathrm{to} \,\,\, 0.044\\ 0.004 \,\, \mathrm{to} \,\,\, 0.014 \quad \, 0.037 \,\, \mathrm{to} \,\,\, 0.04$ 

Mixing angles are small!

#### Helicity of Neutrinos\*

M. GOLDHABER, L. GRODZINS, AND A. W. SUNYAR

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

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



Quarks

$$
\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}
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$$
| d_L' \rangle = V_{ud} | d_L \rangle + V_{us} | s_L \rangle + V_{ub} | b_L \rangle
$$
  
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$$
\begin{pmatrix} e_L \\ v_{e_L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mu_L \\ v_{u_L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tau_L \\ v_{\tau L} \end{pmatrix}
$$
  
\n
$$
| v_{e_L} \rangle = U_{e1} | v_{1L} \rangle + U_{u2} | v_{2L} \rangle + U_{u3} | v_{3L} \rangle
$$

## **Leptonic Mixing and Leptonic Flavor**



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

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

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

 $v_{\rm e}$ ,  $v_{\rm u}$ , and  $v_{\rm t}$  are the "neutrinos" with different "flavors" Any mass eigenstate  $v_i$  is a sum of  $v_e$ ,  $v_u$ , and  $v_\tau$ .  $v_e$ ,  $v_u$ , 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)



# Neutrino mixing matrix (preview)



# **Essentials of Neutrino Oscillations**  $m_2C^2$  $|v_e\rangle = |\psi_v(0)\rangle = \cos\theta |v_1\rangle + \sin\theta |v_2\rangle$  $|\psi_{v}(t)\rangle = \cos{\theta}e^{-\frac{im_1c^2t}{\hbar}}|v_1\rangle + \sin{\theta}e^{-\frac{im_2c^2t}{\hbar}}|v_2\rangle$  $m_1C^2$  $P_{ee}(t) = \left| < \psi_{v_e}(0) \right| \psi_{v_e}(t) > \left| ^2 = \left| cos^2 \theta e^{-\frac{im_1 c^2 t}{\hbar}} + sin^2 \theta e^{-\frac{im_2 c^2 t}{\hbar}} \right| ^2$  $P_{ee}(t) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(\frac{(m_2 - m_1)c^2}{2\pi}t)$  $t = \frac{t_{lab}}{v} \approx \frac{L}{vc}$   $\gamma = \frac{E}{mc^2}$   $m = \frac{m_1 + m_2}{2}$  $P_{ee}(L) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(\frac{(m_2^2 - m_1^2)c^4}{4\hbar c}\frac{L}{E})$  $P_{ee}(L) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 (1.27 \Delta m^2 \frac{L}{E})$







e  $\mu$ 



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











