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Truth and Untruth in Neutrino Physics and its present Status

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# Main aims of my talk

- Advertise the field of  $\nu$  physics
- Role of analogy in v physics
- It is not easy to be right in v physics
- Many important new discoveries are expected in v physics in near future

# **Physics at the beginning of 20th century**



#### "There is nothing new to be discovered in physics now, All that remains is more and more precise measurements" Kelvin. 1900

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# Sources of neutrinos



1.8 10<sup>39</sup> v/s come from the Sun on Earth, ~100 bilion pass through your finger nail (1 cm<sup>2</sup>) Your body will stop ~1 neutrino which passes through it in a lifetime

#### The first world energy crisis



**Problems:** 

- nucleus (A,Z) thought to be A protons + (A-Z) electrons
- beta decay:  $(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+1) + e^-$  (two body decay, monoenergetic e<sup>-</sup>)

#### Wrong explanations:

- L. Meitner: β<sup>-</sup> undergo secondary interactions in nuclei losing energy that goes into additional γ-rays
- N. Bohr: energy not conserved in  $\beta$  decay

Further problems with spin of nuclei (  $_3$  <sup>6</sup>Li and  $_7$  <sup>14</sup>N) measured to be integer

- $-{}_{3}{}^{6}$ Li: 6 protons + 3 electrons = 9 fermions
- $\frac{14}{7}$ N: 14 protons + 7 electrons = 21 fermions

### **Desperate idea of Pauli** (81 years ago)

A letter to Tuebingen "Liebe Radioaktive Damen and Herren!" (L. Meitner, H. Geiger)

4th 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 Li<sup>6</sup> 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 b 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...

*Human body* = 20 mg of *Potassium* 40. Humans emit 340 million *neutrinos* per day!







**Pauli** proposes existence of "neutron" (with spin  $\frac{1}{2}$  and mass not more than 0.01 mass of proton) in nucleus.  $\beta$ -decay is then a three body decay with continues distribution of energy among constituents.



4 December 1930 A letter to Tuebingen I have done a terrible thing I invented a particle that cannot be detected W. Pauli



#### **3 events per hour**

We are happy to inform you (Pauli) that we have definitely detected V Reines & Cowan



**Detector at Savannah River** Nuclear reactor (1956)



in agreement with Fermi theory of β-decay

### **Fundamental properties of neutrinos**

#### After 55 years we know

- 3 families of light (V-A) neutrinos:  $v_e, v_{\mu}, v_{\tau}$
- v are massive: we know mass squared differences
- relation between flavor states and mass states (neutrino mixing) only partially known



Claim for evidence of the  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay

H.V. Klapdor-Kleingrothaus et al.,NIM A 522, 371 (2004); PLB 586, 198 (2004)

- Absolute v mass scale from the  $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay. (cosmology, <sup>3</sup>H, <sup>187</sup>Rh ?)
- v's are their own antiparticles Majorana.

#### No answer yet

- Is there a CP violation in v sector? (leptogenesis)
- Are neutrinos stable?
- $\bullet$  What is the magnetic moment of  $\nu?$
- 1/1 Sterile neutrinos?
  - Statistical properties of v? Fermionic or partly bosonic?



# **Atmospheric and accelerator** v

The beam is comprised almost entirely from ν<sub>μ</sub>

 $p + Be \rightarrow \pi^+, K^+, K^0_L$ 

- № 8GeV protons from Fermilab Booster
  - Incident on Be target



$$\begin{split} \pi^{*} &\rightarrow \mu^{*} \, \nu_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{K}^{*} &\rightarrow \mu^{*} \, \nu_{\mu} \\ &\rightarrow \pi^{*} \, \pi^{0} \end{split}$$





# **Neutrino interactions**

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#### **1934 Fermi theory of β-decay**

Fermi, Z. Physik 88 (1934) 161





Fermi 4-fermion contact interaction, Lagrangian of interaction (in analogy with electrodynamics):

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \overline{\phi}_p(x) \gamma^{\mu} \phi_n(x) \right] \left[ \overline{\phi}_e(x) \gamma^{\mu} \phi_\nu(x) \right]$$

G<sub>F</sub> = Fermi coupling constant = (1.16637±0.000001) 10<sup>-5</sup> GeV<sup>-2</sup>

**Cross section for interactions with nucleons:** 10<sup>-38</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> at 1 GeV and increasing with energy

**1935** Gamow and Teller interaction when final spin different to initial nucleus:

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = -\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \overline{\phi}_p(x) \Gamma^i \phi_n(x) \right] \left[ \overline{\phi}_e(x) \Gamma_i \phi_\nu(x) \right]$$

**Possible interactions:**  $\gamma_i = 1, \gamma_5, \gamma_{\mu}, \gamma_{\mu}\gamma_5, \sigma_{\mu\nu} = S, P, V, A, T$ 

#### **1958 V-A theory of weak interaction, Feynman, Gell-Mann**

#### Massless fermion => Chirality = Helicity

# **Two-component neutrinos:**

$$= \overline{\nu}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_{5})e = 2\overline{\nu_{L}} \gamma_{\mu} e_{L} \qquad \nu_{L} \equiv \frac{1-\gamma_{5}}{2}\nu \qquad \gamma_{5} \nu_{L} = -\nu_{L}$$

Landau, NP 3 (1957) 127, J Salam, Nuovo Cim. 5 (1957) 299 Lee and Yang, Phys. Rev. 105 (1957) 1671

Chiral representation:Left-handed chirality $\gamma_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \Longrightarrow \frac{1 - \gamma_5}{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  $\nu = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_R \\ \chi_L \end{pmatrix} \implies \nu_L = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \chi_L \end{pmatrix}$ 

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V-A current interaction is violating parity: PV=-V, PA=A, (V-A)(V-A)=VV+AA – 2AV P (V-A)(V-A)=VV+AA + 2AV

Weak Hamiltonian is combination of vector (V) and axial-vector (A) currents

$$\mathcal{H}_{weak} = rac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} J^{\mu} J^{\dagger}_{\mu}, \quad J_{\mu} = J^{hadr.}_{\mu} + j^{lept}_{\mu}$$

 $\begin{array}{ll} n \rightarrow p + e^- + \overline{\nu}_e & semi-leptonic \ weak \ decay \\ \mu^- \rightarrow e^- + \overline{\nu}_e + \nu_\mu & pure-leptonic \ weak \ decay \\ \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \overline{\nu}_\mu & semi-leptonic \ weak \ decay \\ n \rightarrow p + e^- + \overline{\nu}_e & semi-leptonic \ weak \ decay \\ \Lambda^0 \rightarrow \pi^- + p & pure-hadronic \ weak \ decay \end{array}$ 

#### β-decay Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \overline{n} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - g_A \gamma_5) p \right) \quad (\overline{\nu} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) e) + H.c.$$

#### **Neutrinos in the Standard Model**

- Neutrinos are massless
- Neutrinos only interact via the Weak force
- Neutrinos are left-handed, anti-neutrinos are right-handed
- Neutrinos are electrically neutral
- Neutrinos have three flavors: electron, muon, tau



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# Why sun is shining?

# Solar Neutrinos

### **1939 Energy production in Stars (Bethe)**

#### Nobel prize 1967

#### MARCH 1, 1939

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Energy Production in Stars\*

H. A. BETHE Cornell University, Ithaca, New York (Received September 7, 1938)

It is shown that the most important source of energy in ordinary stars is the reactions of carbon and nitrogen with protons. These reactions form a cycle in which the original nucleus is reproduced, viz.  $C^{12}+H=N^{13}$ ,  $N^{13}=C^{13}+\epsilon^+$ ,  $C^{13} + H = N^{14}$ ,  $N^{14} + H = O^{15}$ ,  $O^{15} = N^{15} + \epsilon^+$ ,  $N^{15} + H = C^{12}$ +He4. Thus carbon and nitrogen merely serve as catalysts for the combination of four protons (and two electrons) into an  $\alpha$ -particle (§7).

The carbon-nitrogen reactions are unique in their cyclical character (§8). For all nuclei lighter than carbon, reaction with protons will lead to the emission of an  $\alpha$ -particle so that the original nucleus is permanently destroyed. For all nuclei heavier than fluorine, only radiative capture of the protons occurs, also destroying the original nucleus. Oxygen and fluorine reactions mostly lead back to nitrogen. Besides, these heavier nuclei react much more slowly than C and N and are therefore unimportant for the energy production.

The agreement of the carbon-nitrogen reactions with observational data (§7, 9) is excellent. In order to give the correct energy evolution in the sun, the central temperature of the sun would have to be 18.5 million degrees while

#### §1. INTRODUCTION

THE progress of nuclear physics in the last few years makes it possible to decide rather definitely which processes can and which cannot occur in the interior of stars. Such decisions will be attempted in the present paper, the discussion being restricted primarily to main sequence stars. The results will be at variance with some current hypotheses.

The first main result is that, under present conditions, no elements heavier than helium can be built up to any appreciable extent. Therefore we must assume that the heavier elements were built up before the stars reached their present state of temperature and density. No attempt will be made at speculations about this previous state of stellar matter.

The energy production of stars is then due entirely to the combination of four protons and two electrons into an  $\alpha$ -particle. This simplifies the discussion of stellar evolution inasmuch as

\* Awarded an A. Cressy Morrison Prize in 1938, by the New York Academy of Sciences.

integration of the Eddington equations gives 19. For the brilliant star Y Cygni the corresponding figures are 30 and 32. This good agreement holds for all bright stars of the main sequence, but, of course, not for giants.

For fainter stars, with lower central temperatures, the reaction  $H+H=D+\epsilon^+$  and the reactions following it, are believed to be mainly responsible for the energy production. (§10)

It is shown further (§5-6) that no elements heavier than He4 can be built up in ordinary stars. This is due to the fact, mentioned above, that all elements up to boron are disintegrated by proton bombardment ( $\alpha$ -emission!) rather than built up (by radiative capture). The instability of Bes reduces the formation of heavier elements still further. The production of neutrons in stars is likewise negligible The heavier elements found in stars must therefore have existed already when the star was formed.

Finally, the suggested mechanism of energy production is used to draw conclusions about astrophysical problems, such as the mass-luminosity relation (§10), the stability against temperature changes (§11), and stellar evolution (§12).

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$N^{14} + H = O^{15} + \gamma$ ,	$O^{15} = N^{15} + \epsilon^+$
$N^{15} + H = C^{12} + He^4$	

The catalyst C<sup>12</sup> is reproduced in all cases excep about one in 10,000, therefore the abundance of carbon and nitrogen remains practically unchanged (in comparison with the change of the number of protons). The two reactions (1) and 434

## pp chain

**CNO** cycle



NARA/Harris & Ewing

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$$N^{15} + H = C^{12} + He^{4}.$$

#### **Standard Solar Model (SSM)**



Total neutrino flux (only  $v_e$ ):  $\phi(v_e) = 6.6 \ 10^{10} \ cm^2 s^{-1}$ small theoretical uncertainty (~1%) by pp neutrinos large theoretical uncertainty (~20%) by <sup>8</sup>B neutrinos Hydrogen fusion in the Sun: proton 4He +  $2e^+ + 2v_e + 25MeV$ 



**Solar Neutrino Energy Spectrum** 

# Homestake solar neutrino observatory (1967–2002)



Davis, Harmer and Hoffman, Phys. Rev. Lett. 20 (1968) 1205



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## **Neutrino oscillations**



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#### Neutrino production in the atmosphere



# **2000 Sudbury Neutrino Observatory**



17.8m dia. PMT Support Structure 9456 20-cm dia. PMTs 56% coverage

12.01m dia. acrylic vessel

1700 tonnes of inner shielding  $H_2O$ 

5300 tonnes of outer shielding  $H_2O$ 







Idea: The same solution for neutrinos and antineutrinos CPT symmetry

$$P_{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{CPT}} P_{\overline{\nu}_{\beta} \to \overline{\nu}_{\alpha}}$$

KamLAND Scintillator-Detector (1000 t)



# **2002 KamLAND exp.**





# Neutrino masses



Tritium beta decay: 
$${}^{3}H \rightarrow {}^{3}He + e^{-} + \bar{v}_{a}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma}{\mathrm{d}T} = \frac{\left(\cos\vartheta_C G_{\mathrm{F}}\right)^2}{2\pi^3} |\mathcal{M}|^2 F(E) p E \left(Q - T\right) \sqrt{\left(Q - T\right)^2 - m_{\nu_e}^2}$$



1934 – Fermi pointed out that shape of electron spectrum in  $\beta$ -decay near the endpoint is sensitive to neutrino mass

**First measured by Hanna and Pontecorvo with estimation** m<sub>v</sub> ~ 1 keV [Phys. Rev. 75, 983 (1940)]





$$m_{eta} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{ei}|^2} m_i^2$$

Evidence for neutrino mass signal KATRIN discovery potential:

No neutrino mass signal KATRIN sensitivity

 $m_{eta} pprox m_1$ 

$$m_{\beta} = 0.35 \text{ eV} (5\sigma)$$
  
 $m_{\beta} = 0.30 \text{ eV} (3\sigma)$ 

$$m_{\beta} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2} < 0.2 \ eV$$

Standard approach
non-relativistic nuclear w.f.
nuclear recoil neglected
phase space analysis

$$E_e^{\max} = M_i - M_f - m$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma}{\mathrm{d}T} = \frac{\left(\cos\vartheta_C G_{\mathrm{F}}\right)^2}{2\pi^3} |\mathcal{M}|^2 F(E) pE(Q-T) \sqrt{(Q-T)^2 - m_{\nu_e}^2}$$

**Relativistic EPT approach (Primakoff)** 

- Analogy with n-decay
   (<sup>3</sup>H,<sup>3</sup>He) ↔ (n,p)
- nuclear recoil of 3.4 eV by E<sub>e</sub><sup>max</sup>
- relevant only phase space

$$E_{e}^{\max} = \frac{1}{2M_{f}} \left[ M_{i}^{2} + m_{e}^{2} - \left( M_{f}^{2} - m_{v}^{2} \right) \right]$$

## **Relativistic approach to <sup>3</sup>H decay nuclear recoil (3.4 eV) taken into account**

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE_{e}} = \frac{1}{(\pi)^{3}} (G_{F} \cos \theta_{c})^{2} F(Z, E_{e}) p_{e} \\ \times \frac{M_{i}^{2}}{(m_{12})!} \sqrt{y \left(y + 2m_{\nu} \frac{M_{f}}{M_{i}}\right)} \\ \times \left[ (g_{V} + g_{A})^{2} y \left(y + m_{\nu} \frac{M_{f}}{M_{i}}\right) \frac{M_{i}^{2} (E_{e}^{2} - m_{e}^{2})}{3(m_{12})^{4}} \right] \\ (g_{V} + g_{A})^{2} (y + m_{\nu} \frac{M_{f} + m_{\nu}}{M_{i}}) \frac{(M_{i}E_{e} - m_{e}^{2})}{m_{12}^{2}} \\ \times (y + M_{f} \frac{M_{f} + m_{\nu}}{M_{i}}) \frac{(M_{i}^{2} - M_{i}E_{e})}{m_{12}^{2}} \\ - (g_{V}^{2} - g_{A}^{2}) M_{f} \left(y + m_{\nu} \frac{(M_{f} + M_{\nu})}{M_{i}}\right) \\ \times \frac{(M_{i}E_{e} - m_{e}^{2})}{(m_{12})^{2}} \\ + (g_{V} - g_{A})^{2} E_{e} \left(y + m_{\nu} \frac{M_{f}}{M_{i}}\right) \right] \\ y = E_{e}^{max} - E_{e} \\ (m_{12})^{2} = M_{i}^{2} - 2M_{i}E_{e} + m_{e}^{2} \\ \text{Ior Simkovic} \qquad F.S., R. Dvornický, A. Faessler, PRC 77 (2008) 055502 \\ \end{array}$$

**Numerics: Practically the same dependence of Kurie function on m**<sub>v</sub> for  $E_e \approx E_e^{max}$ 

# **Rhenium beta decay** ${}^{187}Re \rightarrow {}^{187}Os + e^- + \widetilde{V_{e}}$

#### MARE experiment

- Beta emitter of g.s.→g.s. transition with lowest known Q value (2.47 keV)
- Relative high half-live (T<sub>1/2</sub>=4.35 x 10<sup>10</sup> y) ~ age of the universe (cosmo – chronometer)
- Natural abundance 63%



**Bolometer source=detector** 



Dvornický, F. Š., Muto, Faessler, PPNP (2009)

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE} = \frac{G_F^2 V_{ud}^2}{2\pi^3} |M|^2 pE(E_0 - E)\sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m_\nu^2} \frac{1}{3}R^2 \left(p^2 F_1(Z, E) + k^2 F_0(Z, E)\right)$$
Electron in the p<sub>3/2</sub> state s<sub>1/2</sub> state

# <sup>115</sup> $In \rightarrow {}^{115}Sn^* + e^- + \widetilde{V}_e$ Indium beta decay $9/2^+ \rightarrow 3/2^+ \Rightarrow \Delta J^{\pi} = 3^+$

#### Beta transition of g.s. $\rightarrow$ ex. s. with lowest known Q value (155 ±24 eV)



FIG. 1. Level scheme for the beta decay of the ground state of <sup>115</sup>In showing relevant half-lives and branching ratios.

Normalised Kurie functions become identical



 $K(E)/B_{re} \cong K(E)/B_{In} \cong K(y)/B_T$ 





#### **Mass of Neutrino: electron-capture in <sup>163</sup>Ho**

Typical m-calorimetric de-excitation spectrum of EC in <sup>163</sup>Ho



Cryogenic m-calorimeters (Group of Prof. Enss, KIP, Uni Heidelberg) end point with accuracy ~ 1 eV

PENTATRAP (Group of Prof.K. Blaum, MPI-K, HD) Q<sub>EC</sub>-value with accuracy ~ 1 eV

$$n_v \sim 1 eV$$

Laboratory detection of relic (cosmic) neutrinos?

#### **Gravitational clustering of neutrinos**

We know that neutrinos of CvB are now non-relativistic and weakly-clustered

- Massive neutrinos ( $m_v \sim 1 \text{ eV}$ ) will be gravitationally clustered on the scale of  $\sim$ Mpc ( $\sim 3 \times 10^{19}$ km)  $\rightarrow$  the scale of galaxy clusters
- The expected over-densities with respect to the average CvB neutrinos density ~ 10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>4</sup>



Detection of relic neutrinos by KATRIN experiment  $v + {}^{3}H((1/2)^{+}) \rightarrow {}^{3}He((1/2)^{+}) + e^{-}$ 

$$\Gamma^{\nu}(^{3}H) = \frac{1}{\pi}G_{\beta}^{2} F_{0}(2,p) p p_{0} \left( |M_{F}|^{2} + g_{A}^{2} |M_{GT}|^{2} \right) \frac{\eta_{\nu}}{\langle \eta_{\nu} \rangle} < \eta_{\nu} >$$



Even considering effect of clustering of v,  $\eta_v / <\eta_v > ~ 10^3$ -10<sup>4</sup>: N<sup>v</sup><sub>capt</sub>(KATRIN) < 1 y<sup>-1</sup>

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# **Experiment MARE (The Microcalorimeter Arrays for a Rhenium Experiment)**

Faessler, Hodák, Kovalenko, F.Š, J. Phys. G 38 (2011) 052504

$$v + {}^{187}\text{Re}^{5/2^+} \rightarrow {}^{187}Os^{1/2^-} + e^{-1}$$

Measuring neutrino mass in the sub-eV range with the unique first forbidden

 $\beta$  - decay of <sup>187</sup>Re

> For the **capture rate** of this process we derive

$$\Gamma^{\nu}(^{187}\text{Re}) = \frac{1}{\pi} G_{\beta}^{2} \frac{1}{3} F_{1}(76, p) (pR)^{2} B.p.p_{0} \frac{\eta_{\nu}}{\langle \eta_{\nu} \rangle} \langle \eta_{\nu} \rangle = 2.75 \times 10^{-32} \text{ y}^{-1}$$

Beta strength

$$B = \frac{g_A^2}{6} \left| \left\langle {}^{187} O s {}^{\frac{1}{2}^-} \right\| \sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{3}} \sum_n \tau_n^+ \frac{r_n}{R} \left\{ \sigma_n \otimes Y_1(\Omega_{r_n}) \right\}_2 \right|^{187} \operatorname{Re}^{\frac{5}{2}^+} \right\rangle \right|^2$$

Investigation the  $\beta$  -decay of <sup>187</sup>Re with absorbers of AgReO<sub>4</sub> crystals

> Using about 760 g of <sup>187</sup>Re ( $T_{1/2}^{\beta} = 4.35 \times 10^{10} \text{ y}$ )

for number of neutrino capture events

$$N_{capt}^{\nu}(MARE) \approx 7.6 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\eta_{\nu}}{\langle \eta_{\nu} \rangle} y^{-1}$$



# Neutrino mixing

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# Is there analogy between lepton mixing matrix and quark mixing?

#### **PMNS Lepton Mixing Matrix**

**CKM Quark Mixing Matrix** 

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{ud} & U_{us} & U_{ub} \\ U_{cd} & U_{cs} & U_{cb} \\ U_{td} & U_{ts} & U_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

#### Large off diagonal elements

1	0.7	0.7	$< 0.2 \ e^{i\delta_{13}}$	<b>CP violating</b>	1	0.97	0.22	$0.003 \ e^{i\delta_{CKM}}$	١
	-0.5	0.5	0.7	Phases:		-0.22	0.97	0.04	
	0.5	-0.5	0.7	δ <sub>13,</sub> δ <sub>CKM</sub>		0.01	-0.04	0.999	J

#### Disperity and challange for quark-lepton unified theories

#### **PMNS for Majorana neutrinos**

$$U_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_{21}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\lambda_{31}} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### What is the nature of neutrinos?

The answer to the question whether neutrinos are their own antiparticles is of central importance, not only to our understanding of neutrinos, but also to our understanding of the origin of mass.



### Only the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay can answer this fundamental question



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Analogy with  $\pi_0$ 

#### The double beta decay process can be observed due to nuclear pairing interaction that favors energetically the even-even nuclei over the odd-odd nuclei



#### Lepton number violating nuclear processes

$$(A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z+2) + e^{-} + e^{-}$$

#### **Perturbation theory**

 $e^{-} + e^{-} + (A,Z) \rightarrow (A,Z-2)^{**}$ 

#### **Breit-Wigner form**

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}^{0\nu}} = \left|\frac{m_{\beta\beta}}{m_e}\right|^2 G^{01}(E_0, Z) \left|M^{0\nu}\right|^2 \qquad \Gamma^{0\nu ECEC}(J^{\pi}) = \frac{|V_{\alpha\beta}(J^{\pi})|^2}{(M_i - M_f)^2 + \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}^2/4} \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}$$

- 2vββ-decay background can be a problem
- **Uncertainty in NMEs** factor ~2, 3
- $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+, 2^+$  transitions
- Large Q-value
- <sup>76</sup>Ge, <sup>82</sup>Se, <sup>100</sup>Mo, <sup>130</sup>Te, <sup>136</sup>Xe ...
- Many exp. in construction, potential for observation in the case of inverted hierarchy (2020) lor Simkovic

- **2νεε-decay strongly suppressed**
- NMEs need to be calculated
- $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+, 0^-, 1^+, 1^-$  transitions
- **Small Q-value**
- **Q-value needs to be measured** at least with 100 eV accuracy
- <sup>152</sup>Gd, looking for additional
- small experiments yet

# **Quark-Lepton Complemenarity**

**QLC-** relations:

H. Minakata, A.S. Phys. Rev. D70: 073009 (2004) [hep-ph/0405088]

 $\theta_{12}^{I} + \theta_{12}^{Q} \sim \pi/4$   $\theta_{12} + \theta_{C}^{I} = 46.5^{\circ} + 1.3^{\circ}$ 

 $\theta_{23}^{I} + \theta_{23}^{Q} \sim \pi/4$   $\theta_{23}^{I} + \theta_{23}^{I} = 43.9^{\circ} + 5.1/-3.6^{\circ}$ 

### **Qualitatively correlation:**

2-3 leptonic mixing is close to maximal because 2-3 quark mixing is small
1-2 leptonic mixing deviates from maximal substantially because
1-2 quark mixing is relatively large

# $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ : How Big or How Small?

Convincing flavor theory has been lacking—it is at present impossible to predict fermion masses, flavor mixing angles and CP phases fundamental

level  $\Rightarrow$  the flavor problem

**Bi-maximal mixing**  

$$U_{bm} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$
As dominant structure?  
**Zero order**?

 $\theta_{13}$  has a role!

T2K:  $0.03 < \sin^2 2\theta_{13} < 0.34$  (June 2011) DOOBLE CHOOZ:  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.085 \pm 0.051$  (9.11.2011)





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# **Sterile neutrinos**



## Left-right symmetric models SO(10)



#### **Probability of Neutrino Oscillations**

As N increases, the formalism gets rapidly more complicated!

N	∆m <sub>ij</sub> ²	θ <sub>ij</sub>	СР	
2	1	1	0	
3	2	3	1	
6	5	15	10	49
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# MiniBooNE was designed to test the LSND signal



- Similar L/E as LSND
  - MiniBooNE ~500m/~500MeV
  - LSND ~30m/~30MeV
- Horn focused neutrino beam (p+Be)
  - Horn polarity → neutrino or anti-neutrino mode
- 800 tons mineral oil Cherenkov detector
- Detector running since early 2003

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Excess of events observed at lower energy:
128.8 \pm 20.4 \pm 38.3 (3.0\sigma)
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#### **Reactor neutrinos anomaly (January 2011)**

**Double Chooz re-evaluated reactor antineutrino flux (PRD 83, 073006 (2011))** 

- previous procedure used a phenomenological model based 30 effective beta branches
- new analysis used detailed knowledge of the decays of 10,000 + fission products





#### (Partly)bosonic or fermionic neutrinos?

**Bosons:** In the ground state (T=0) all bosons occupy lowest energy state. **Fermions:** No two fermions can occupy the same state, so in the ground state (T=0), fermions stack from The lowest energy level to higher Energy levels, leaving no holes.



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#### **Geo-neutrinos: anti-neutrinos from Earth**

#### U, Th and <sup>40</sup>K in the Earth release heat together with anti-v, in a well fixed ratio:

Decay	$T_{1/2}$	$E_{\max}$	Q	$arepsilon_{ar{ u}}$	$arepsilon_{H}$
	$[10^9 \mathrm{~yr}]$	[MeV]	[MeV]	$[\mathrm{kg}^{-1}\mathrm{s}^{-1}]$	[W/kg]
$^{238}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{206}\text{Pb} + 8 \ ^{4}\text{He} + 6e + 6\bar{\nu}$	4.47	3.26	51.7	$7.46 \times 10^7$	$0.95 \times 10^{-4}$
$^{232}\mathrm{Th} \rightarrow ^{208}\mathrm{Pb} + 6~^{4}\mathrm{He} + 4e + 4\bar{\nu}$	14.0	2.25	42.7	$1.62 \times 10^7$	$0.27 \times 10^{-4}$
$^{40}\text{K} \to ^{40}\text{Ca} + e + \bar{\nu} \ (89\%)$	1.28	1.311	1.311	$2.32 \times 10^8$	$0.22 \times 10^{-4}$



#### **Open questions about natural radioactivity in Earth**

- What is the radiogenic contribution to terrestrial heat production? How much U and Th in the crust?
- How much U and Th in the mantle?
- What is hidden in the Earth's core (geo-reactor, <sup>40</sup>K, ...)?
- Is the standard geochemical model consistent with geo-neutrino data?

## **Energetics of the Earth and the missing heat source mystery**



Heat flow from the Earth is equivalent of some 10 000 nuclear power plants H<sub>earth</sub>=(30-40) TW

(There are about 500 operating nuclear power plants around the world. Nuclear reactors, the enemy of geo-neutrinos)

The standard geochemical model (BSE), based on cosmochemical arguments, predicts a radiogenic heat production of 19 TW:

- 9 TW estimated from radioactivity in the (continental) crust
- **10 TW supposed from radioactivity in the mantle**
- 0 TW assumed from a core

deepest hole is 12 km; only crust and upper mantle can be tested directly seismology brings information on the density profile within the Earth



#### Supernovae



#### The observed neutrino burst e<sup>-</sup>+p→n+v can confirmed the Supernova theory (Chandrasekar)

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Fedor Simkovic





#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1987, 170 000 light years, Large Megallanic Cloud





#### **Neutrinos that travel faster than light?**

 $(v-c)/c = (5.1 \pm 2.9) \times 10^{-5}$ 



Like most people, physicists enjoy a good mystery.

When you start investigating a mystery you rarely know where it is going



Mathematics is Egyptian



Neutrino physics is Babylonian

# The truth is covered in v-experiments.

Thanks to neutrinos we understand Sun, Supernova, Earth (nuclear reactions)