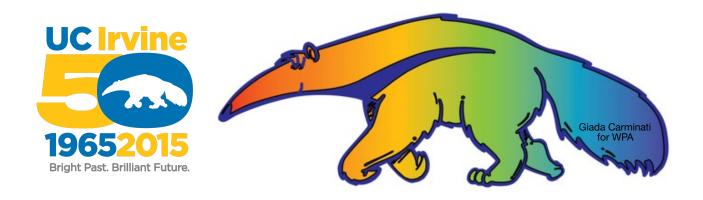
Why are Neutrinos important for Physics beyond the Standard Model

Mu-Chun Chen, University of California at Irvine



The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015



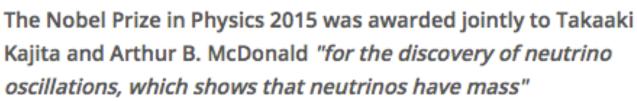
Takaaki Kajita
Super-Kamiokande
Collaboration



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Arthur B. McDonald

Sudbury Neutrino
Observatory Collaboration





2016 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics



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... recognizes major insights into the deepest questions of the Universe:

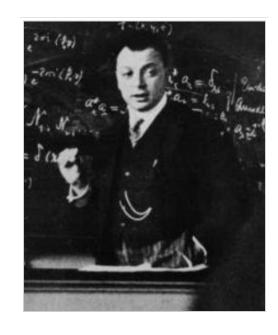
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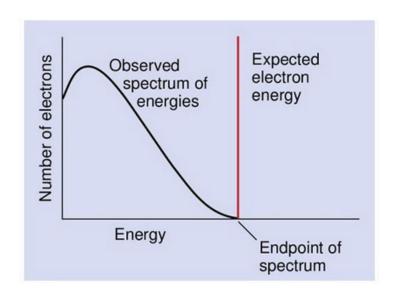


Neutrino: Solution to the "Energy Crisis"!

Dec. 1930: invented by Pauli to explain missing energy spectrum in beta decay

$$(N,Z)
ightarrow (N-1,Z+1) + e^- + \overline{
u}$$
 Tritium (2,1)



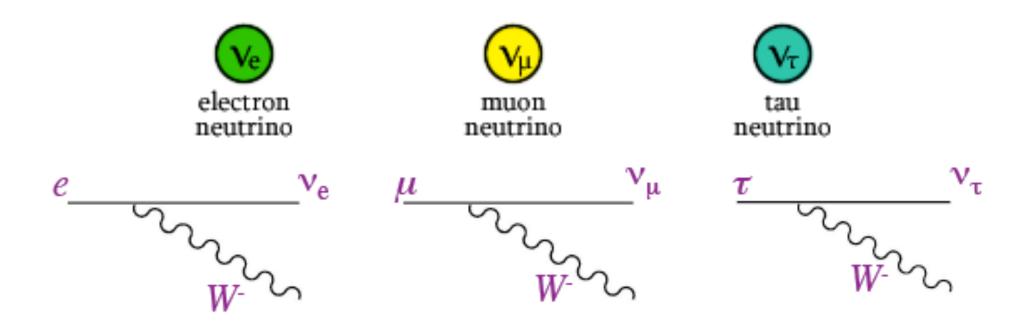


Recall Lectures by Boris Kayser & Stephen Parke

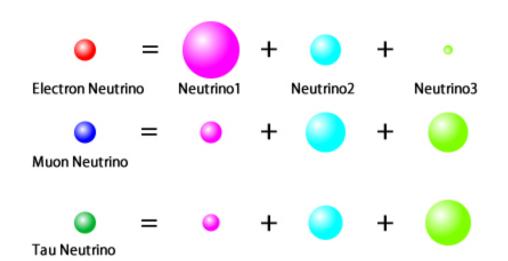
Three Neutrino Flavors

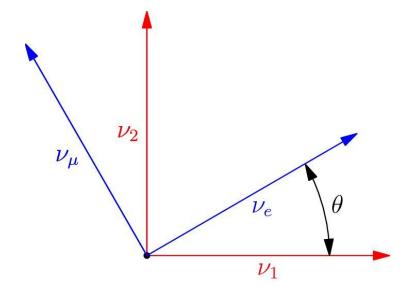


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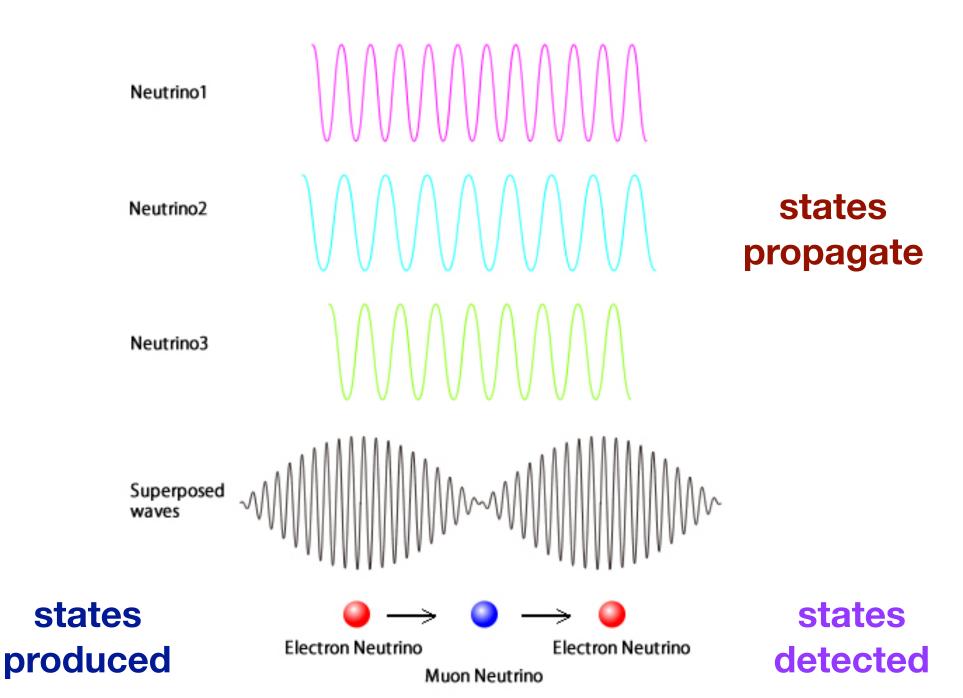




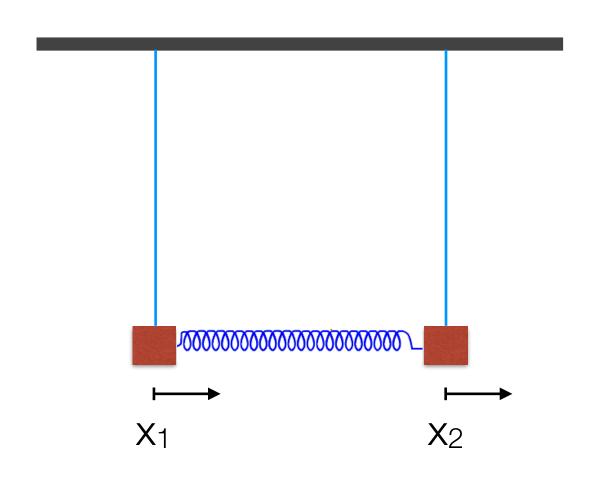


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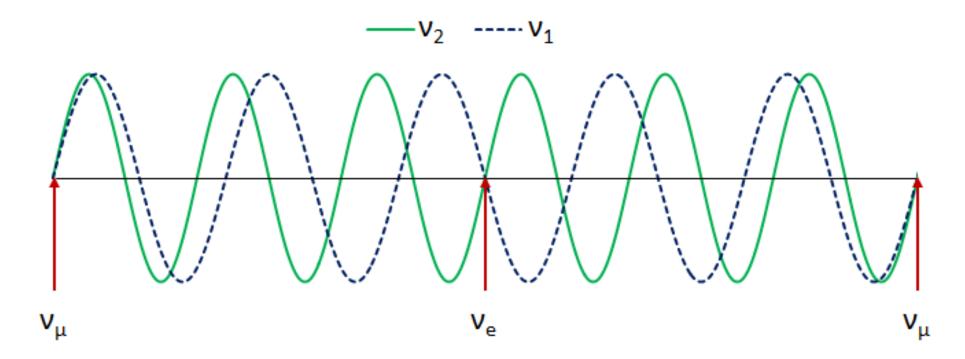
Macroscopic Quantum Mechanics at Work



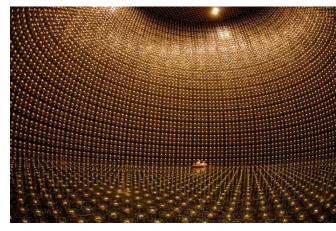
Normal Modes of Coupled Pendulums



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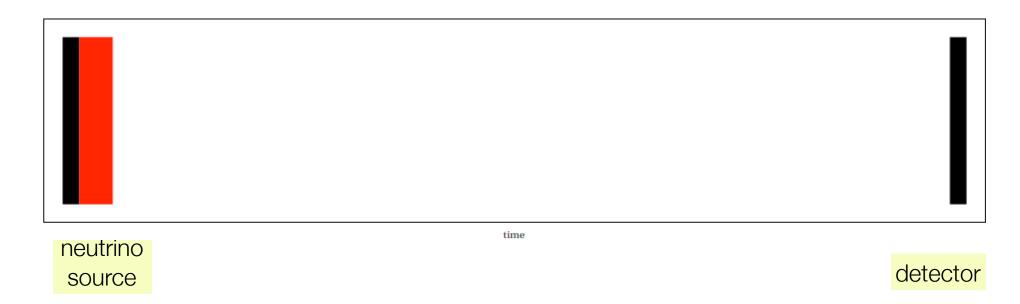
neutrino
source:
(the Sun,
nuclear
reactors,
accelerators)



neutrino detector

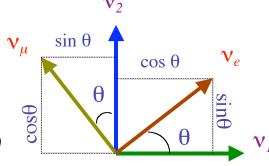
Neutrino Oscillation: Macroscopic Quantum Mechanics

- production: neutrinos of a definite flavor produced by weak interaction
- propagation: neutrinos evolve according to their masses
- detection: neutrinos of a different flavor composition detected



Oscillation Mechanism

• Simplified two-flavor analysis:



$$|v_e\rangle = |v_1\rangle \cos\theta + |v_2\rangle \sin\theta$$

$$|v_{\mu}\rangle = |v_{2}\rangle\cos\theta - |v_{1}\rangle\sin\theta$$

• In vacuum: $|v_{\mu}\rangle$ evolves in time

$$|v_{\mu}(t)\rangle = |v_{2}\rangle e^{-im_{2}^{2}t/4p}\cos\theta - |v_{1}\rangle e^{-im_{1}^{2}t/4p}\sin\theta$$

• transition probability from ν_{μ} to ν_{e}

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) = \langle \nu_{e} | \nu_{\mu}(t) \rangle$$
$$= \sin^{2} 2\theta \sin^{2}(\pi L/\lambda)$$

• Survival probability for v_u

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu})$$
$$= 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2(\pi L/\lambda)$$

• Oscillation length

$$\lambda = \frac{2.5E_{v}}{\Delta m^2}$$

Δm² must be non-zero to have neutrino oscillation!!

$$\Delta m^2 = m_1^2 - m_2^2$$

Recall Lecture by Boris Kayser

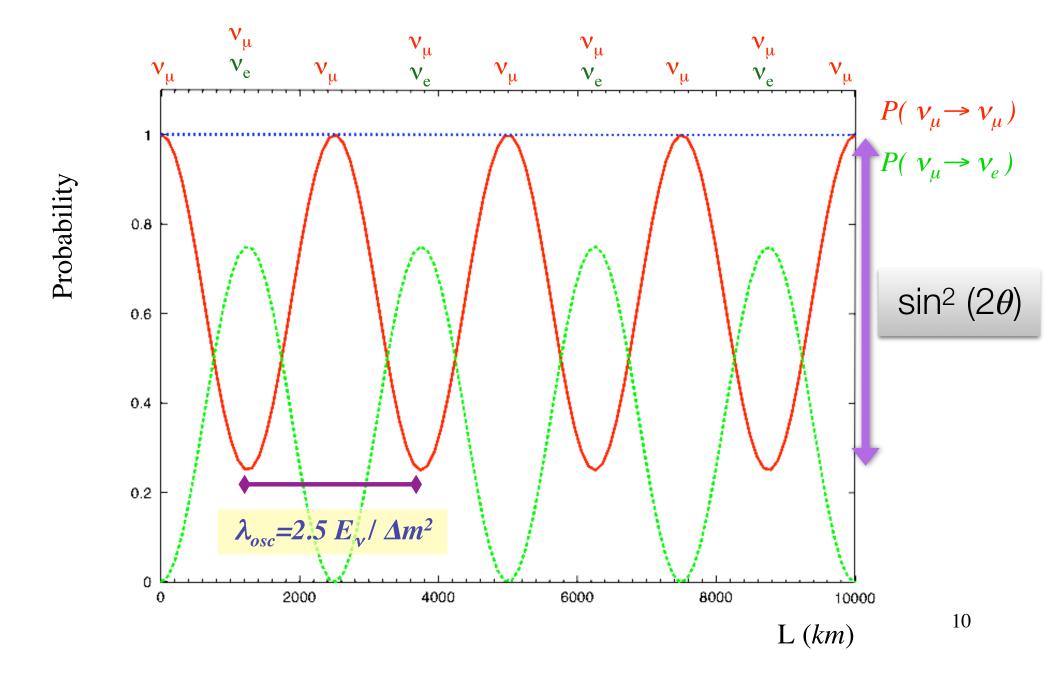
$$P[\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}] = \sin^{2} 2\theta \sin^{2} \left[1.27 \Delta m_{32}^{2} \left(\frac{(\text{eV})^{2}}{c^{2}} \right) \frac{L(\text{km})}{E(\text{GeV})} \right]$$

$$\theta$$
 = Mixing angle c = Speed of light

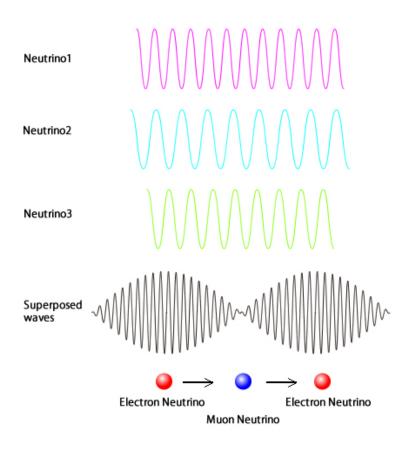
$$L = Travel distance$$

$$E = \text{Energy}$$

$$1 \text{GeV} = 10^9 \text{eV}$$



Neutrino Oscillation ⇒ Neutrinos must have masses





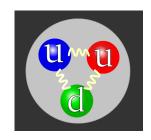
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Standard Model of Particle Physics

- Gauge Theory based on the group SU(3)_c x SU(2)_L x U(1)_Y
- Matter Content:
 - 3 generations of quarks and leptons
 - ▶ Force carriers:

SU(3)_c: strong force

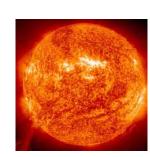
→ gluons



 $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \Rightarrow$

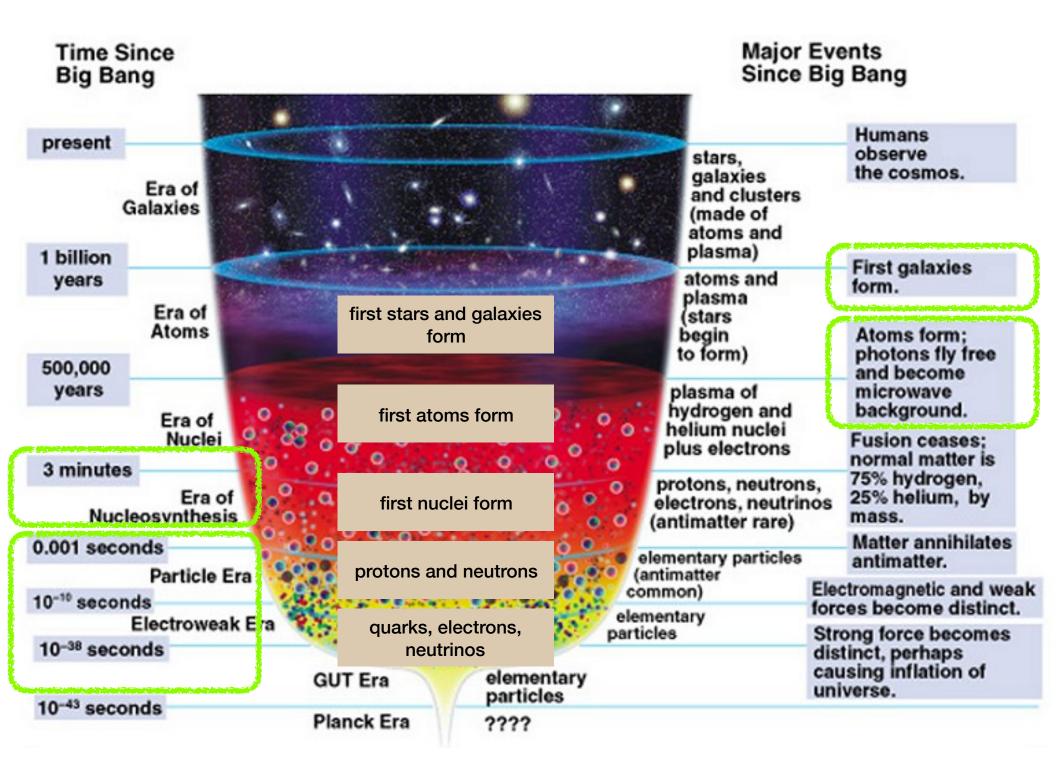
EM & weak interactions

 \rightarrow W, Z, photon

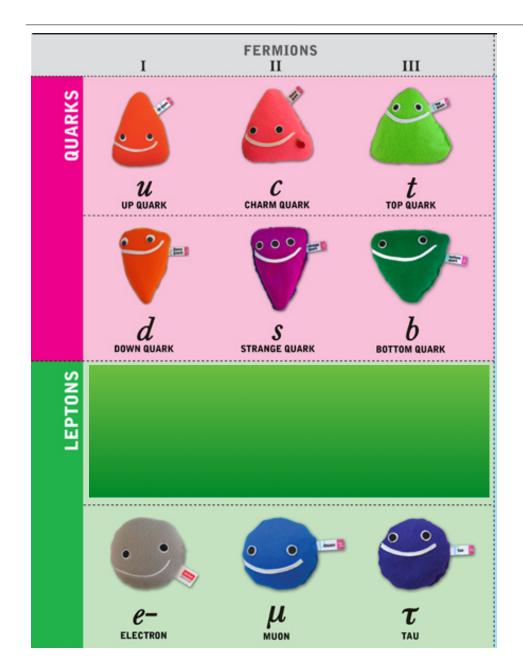


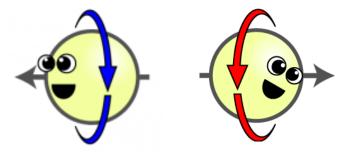


[Picture credit: http://particlezoo.net]



Standard Model of Particle Physics





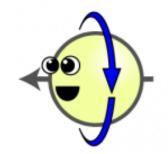
all particles have both left-handed and right-handed partners

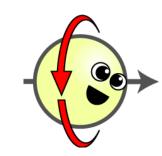
Standard Model of Particle Physics

Helicity of Neutrinos*

M. Goldhaber, L. Grodzins, and A. W. Sunyar Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, New York (Received December 11, 1957)

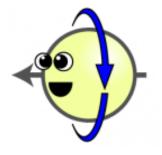
A COMBINED analysis of circular polarization and resonant scattering of γ rays following orbital electron capture measures the helicity of the neutrino. We have carried out such a measurement with Eu^{152m}, which decays by orbital electron capture. If we assume the most plausible spin-parity assignment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





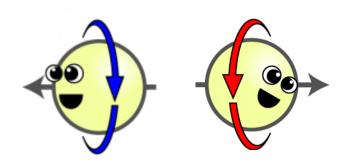
all particles have both left-handed and right-handed partners, except for neutrinos

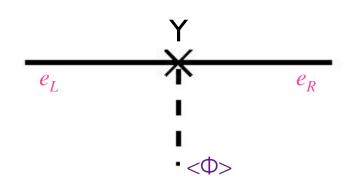
only LH neutrinos have been observed



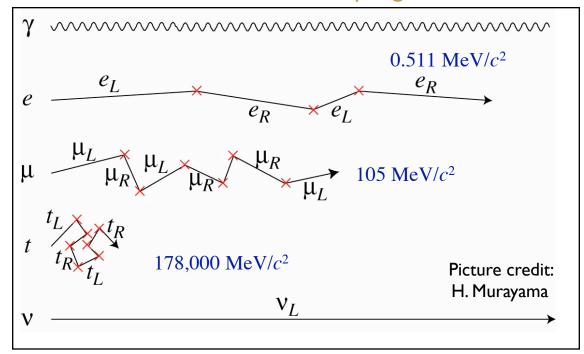
Fermion Mass Generation

- Yukawa Interactions
 - LH and RH particles mix and interact with Higgs VEV to acquire a mass



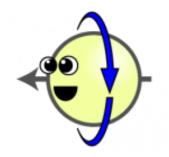


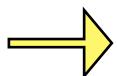
Y: Yukawa coupling constant

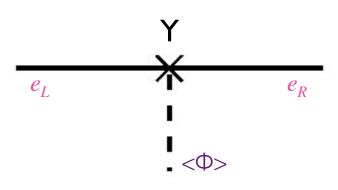


Fermion Mass Generation

- In Standard Model: no RH neutrinos
 - LH neutrinos cannot interact with Higgs
 - Neutrinos stay massless







Y: Yukawa coupling constant

Standard Model predicts massless neutrinos

July 4, 2012: Higgs Boson was discovered, at last!



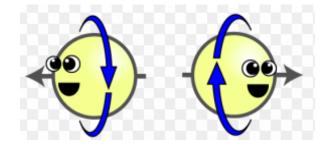




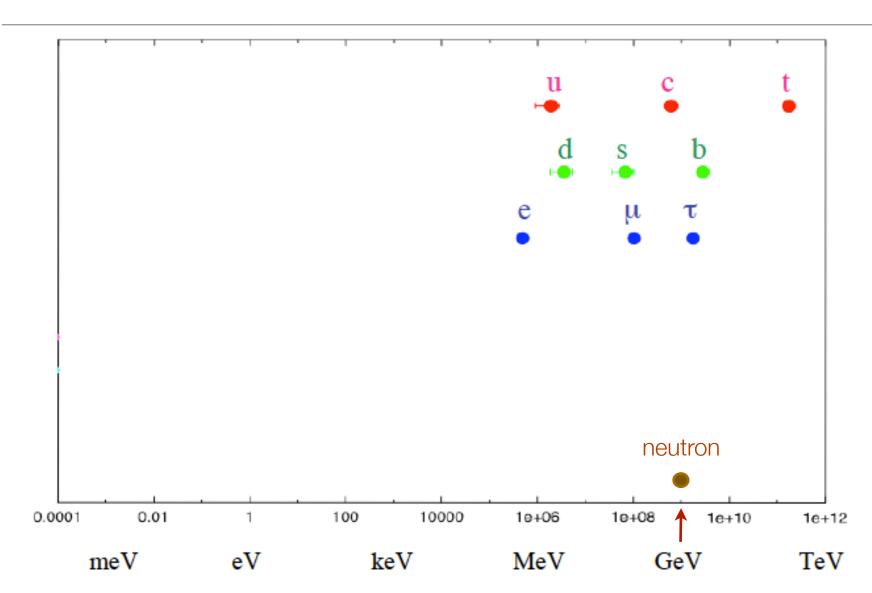
New "Periodic Table" of Particle Physics



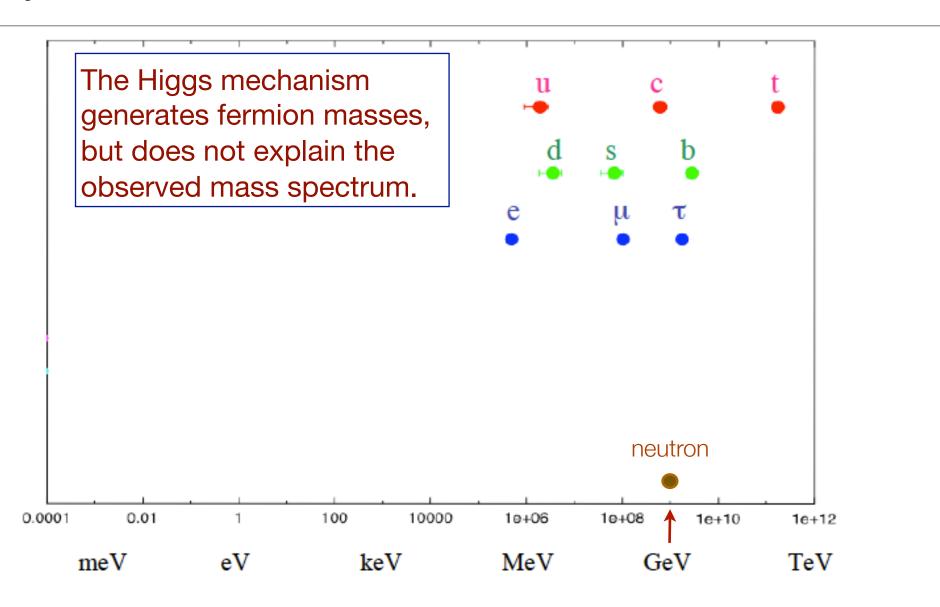
- → 3 generations of quarks and leptons
- LH & RH partners for all particles except for neutrinos



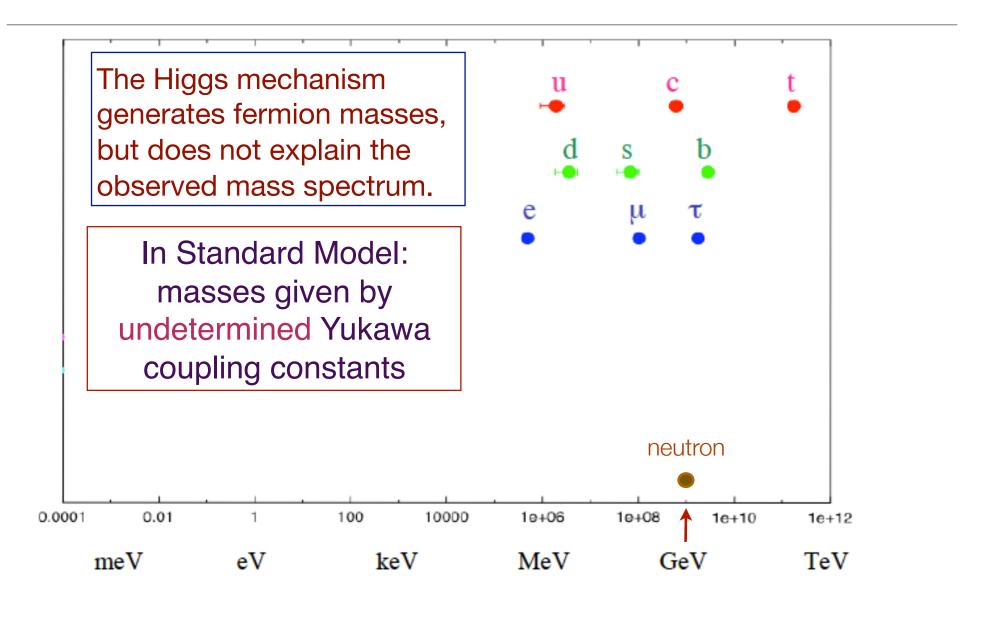
Mass Spectrum of Elementary Particles in SM



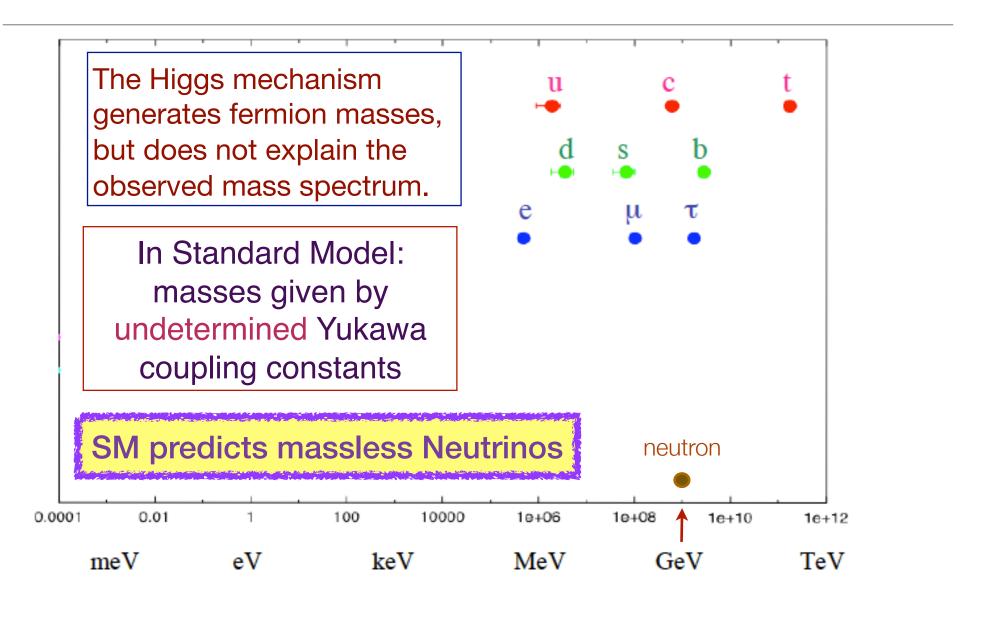
Mysteries of Masses in SM



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Mysteries of Masses and Flavor Mixing in SM

 Charged current weak interaction mediated by W[±] gauge boson:

$$\frac{d}{W^{2}}$$

$$\frac{s}{W^{+}}$$

$$\frac{W_{+}}{p}$$

weak
eigenstates =
mixture of
mass
eigenstates

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

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{mass} \\ \text{eigenstates} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CKM matrix eigenstates} \\ \end{array}$$

3 mixing angles + 1 phase

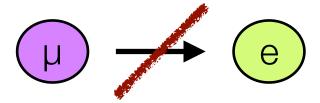
Cabibbo, 1963; Kobayashi, Maskawa, 1973



Nobel prize to KM in 2008

Mysteries of Masses and Flavor Mixing in SM

- Neutrino Masses are degenerate (all zero)
 - mass eigenstates = weak eigenstates
- Accidental symmetries in SM
 - lepton flavor numbers: Le, Lμ, Lτ
 - no processes cross family lines in lepton sector
 - As a result
 - no neutrino oscillation
 - lepton flavor violation decays forbidden

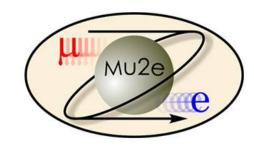


• total lepton number conserved: $L = L_e + L_{\mu} + L_{\tau}$

Neutrino Oscillation ⇒ Massive Neutrinos

- Neutrino Masses are non-degenerate (at least two are non-zero)
 - mass eigenstates ≠ weak eigenstates
- Accidental symmetries in SM
 - Broken lepton flavor numbers: Le, Lμ, Lτ
 - Processes cross family lines in lepton sector now possible
 - As a result
 - neutrino oscillation
 - lepton flavor violation decays?



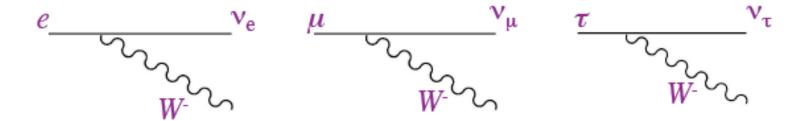


• total lepton number? L $\stackrel{\textbf{2}}{\leftarrow}$ L_e + L_μ + L_τ



What if Neutrinos Have Mass?

- Similar to the quark sector, there can be a mismatch between mass eigenstates and weak eigenstates
- weak interactions eigenstates: ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ



- mass eigenstates: V₁, V₂, V₃
- Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) Matrix

Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata, 1962; Pontecorvo, 1967

$$\begin{pmatrix} v_{e} \\ v_{\mu} \\ v_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{1} \\ v_{2} \\ v_{3} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{cases} 3 \text{ mixing angles} \\ + 1 \text{ (3) phase(s) for Dirac (Majorana)} \\ \text{neutrinos} \end{cases}$$

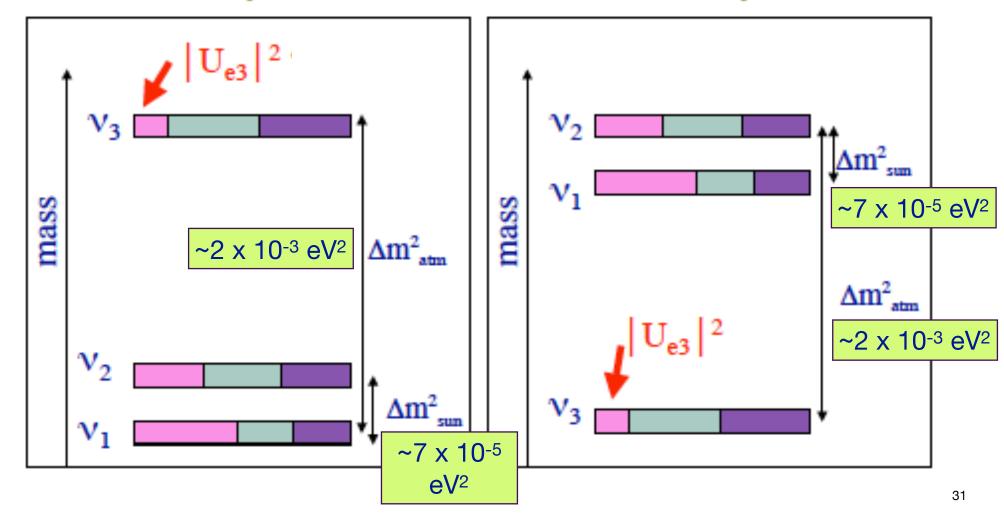
Where Do We Stand?



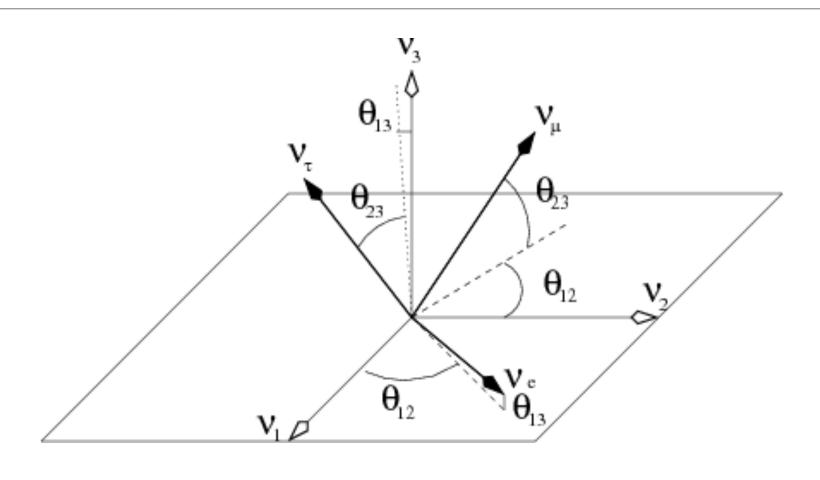
• The known knowns:

normal hierarchy:

inverted hierarchy:



The Known Knowns



Fogli, Lisi, Marrone, Montanino, Palazzo (2014)

 $[\Theta^{lep}_{23} \sim 41.2^{\circ}]$

 $[\Theta^{\text{lep}}_{12} \sim 33.7^{\circ}]$

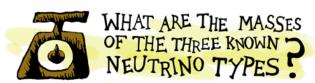
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Open Questions - Neutrino Properties

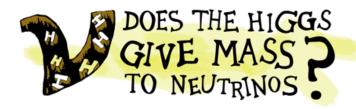












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- © CP violation in lepton sector?
- Absolute mass scale of neutrinos?
- $^{\odot}$ Mass ordering: sign of (Δm_{13}^2)?
- Sterile neutrino(s)?
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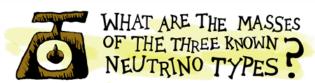
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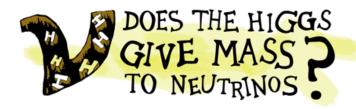












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To understand these properties

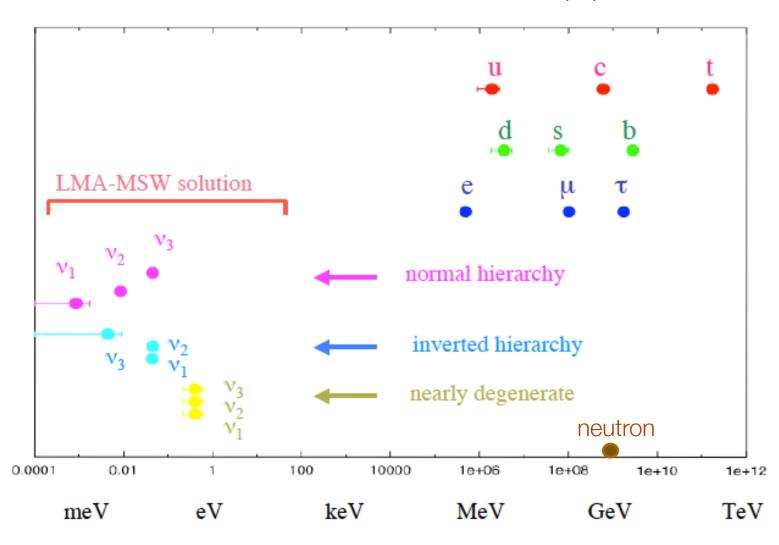
⇒ BSM Physics

Open Questions - Theoretical



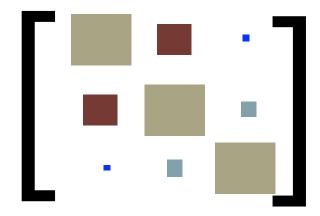
Smallness of neutrino mass:

$$m_V \ll m_{e, u, d}$$

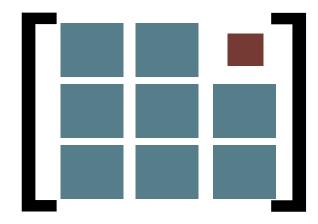


Open Questions - Theoretical

Flavor structure:



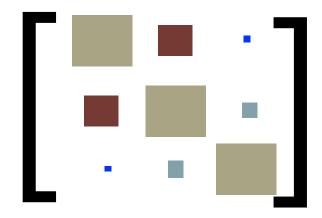
quark mixing



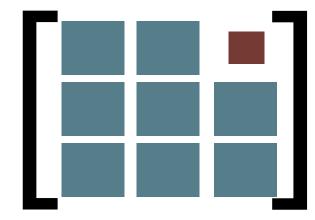
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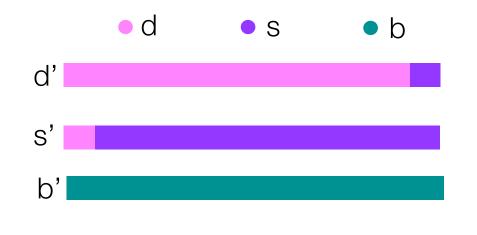


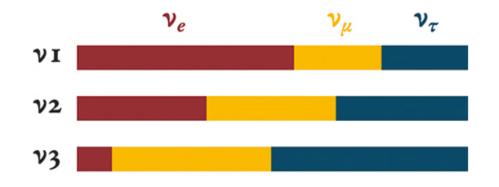
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weak interaction eigenstates





mass eigenstates

Fermion mass and hierarchy problem → Many (22) free parameters in the Yukawa sector of SM

Is there a simpler organization principle?

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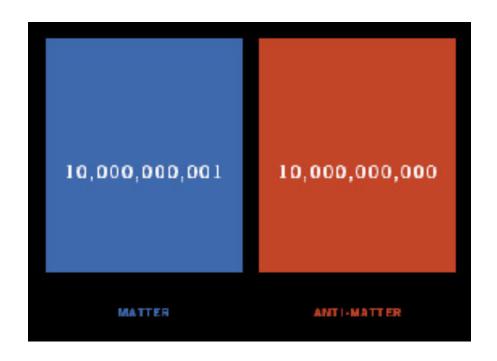
Where do neutrinos get their masses?

Is there a simpler organization principle?

Where do neutrinos get their masses?

Is it the Higgs or something else that gives neutrino masses?

Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry



Early Universe



Universe Now
[Picture credit: H. Murayama]

What is the origin of matter antimatter asymmetry? Why do we exist?

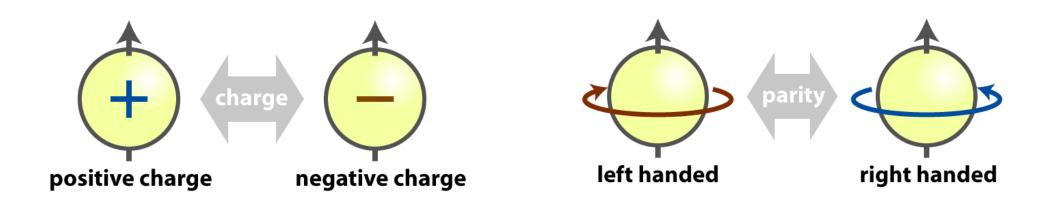
Sakharov Conditions for Baryogenesis

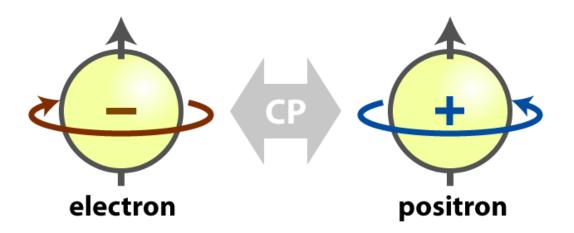
Bayon Number Violation

CP (Charge-Parity) Violation

Out-of-equilibrium Processes

CP Violation





What is the origin of matter antimatter asymmetry? Why do we exist?

SM: CP violation in quark too small

What is the origin of matter antimatter asymmetry? Why do we exist?

Neutrinos may play an important role in generating the matter-antimatter asymmetry

⇒ Leptonic CP violation

(Time Reversal Symmetry Breaking)

Why are neutrinos light? Seesaw Mechanism

Adding the right-handed neutrinos:

$$(v_L \quad v_R) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_L \\ v_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_{m v} \sim m_{light} \sim rac{m_D^2}{M_R} << m_D \ m_{heavy} \sim M_R$$

For
$$m_{\nu_3} \sim \sqrt{\Delta m_{atm}^2}$$

$$m_D \sim m_t \sim 180 \; GeV$$

lf

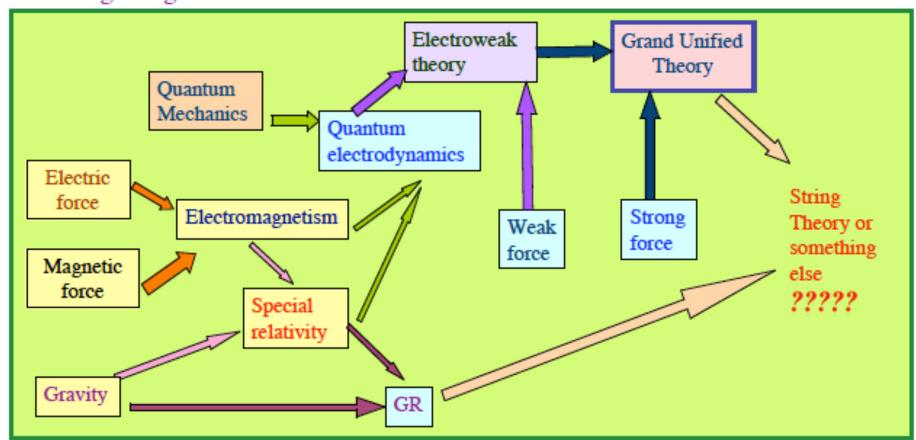
$$\longrightarrow$$
 $M_R \sim 10^{15} GeV (GUT !!)$



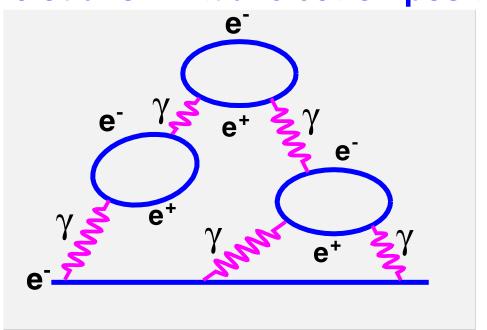
Ultimate Goal of Grand Unification

- Maxwell: electric and magnetic forces are different aspects of electromagnetism
- Einstein: early attempt to unify electric force and gravity

We are getting there.....

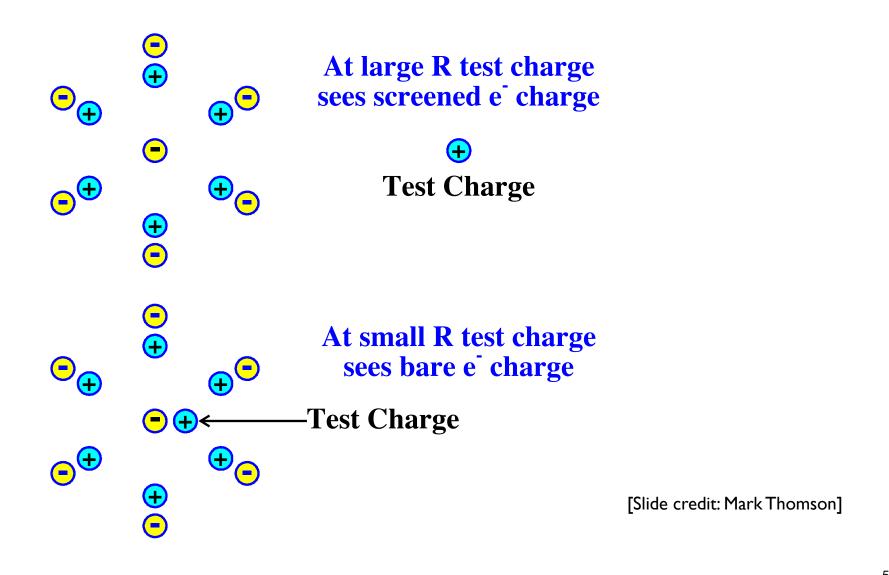


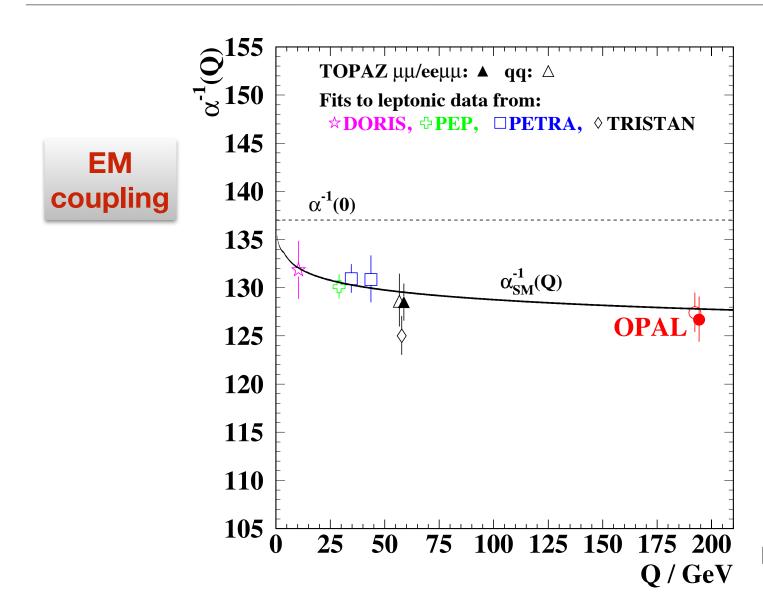
Consider a free electron: Quantum fluctuations lead to a 'cloud' of virtual electron/positron pairs



this is just one of many (an infinite set) such diagrams.

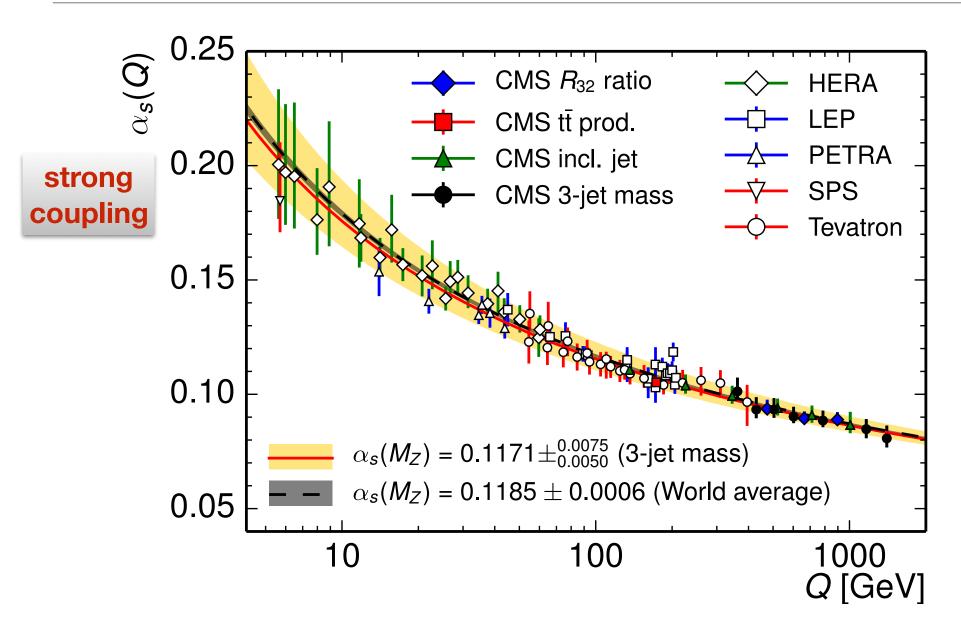
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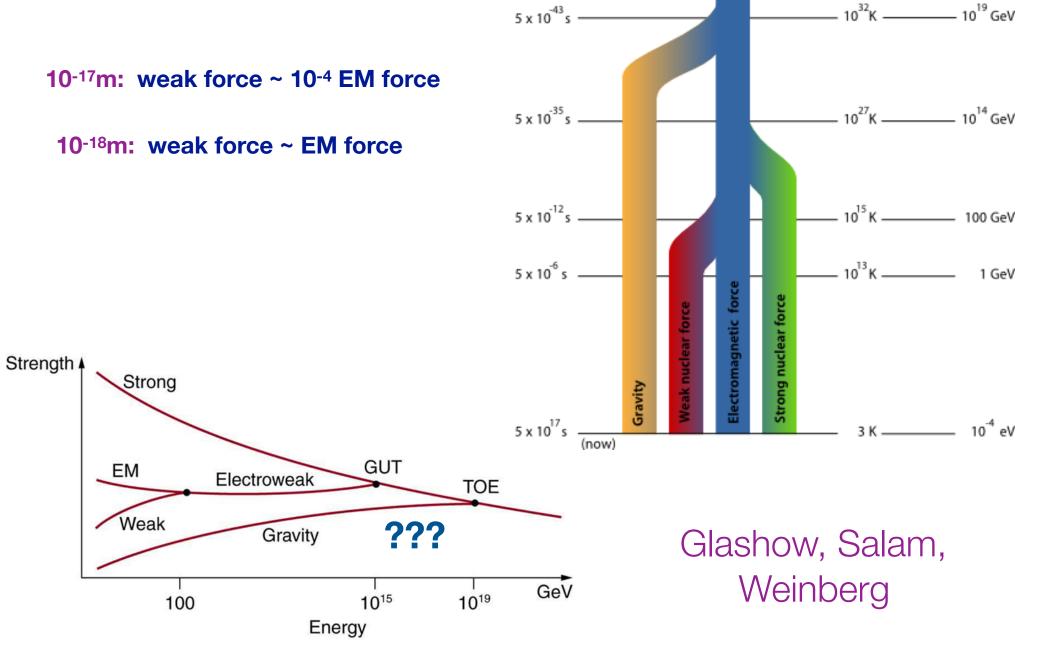


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Electroweak Unification



Time after

the Big Bang

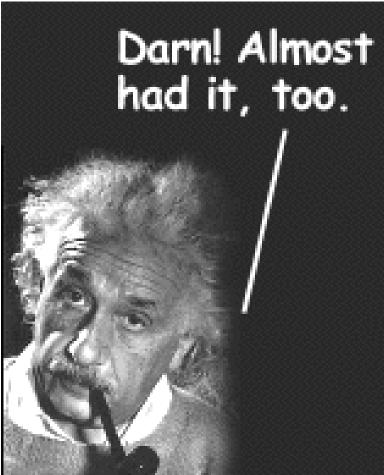
Temperature of the universe

Energy



Glashow, Salam, Weinberg Nobel Prize in Physics 1979





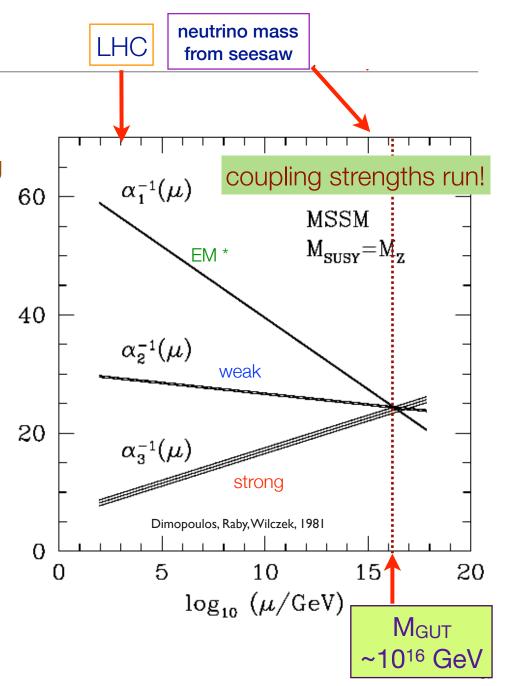
Grand Unification

Motivations:

- Electromagnetic, weak, and strong forces have very different strengths
- But their strengths become the same at 10¹⁶ GeV if there is supersymmetry

$$10^{16} \text{ GeV} \sim 10^{-30} \text{ meters}$$

- To obtain $m_V \sim (\Delta m^2_{atm})^{1/2}$, $m_D \sim m_{top}$, $M_R \sim 10^{15}$ GeV
- Neutrino oscillations probe physics at unification scale!



Unified Interactions of Leptons and Hadrons*

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It is suggested that a unifying description of leptons and hadrons can be obtained within a nonabelian gauge theory where the gauge group is a symmetry group of a set of massless elementary fermions (leptons, quarks). We investigate the consequences of such an approach for the strong, electromagnetic, and weak interactions. We study both gauge theories with and without fermion number conservation, e.g., theories based on the groups $SU_n \times SU_n$ (n = 8, 12, 16) and SO_n (n = 10, 14).

1. Introduction

In this paper, we show how several hypotheses proposed during the last few years about nonabelian gauge theories for the weak and electromagnetic interactions [1], permanently confined colored quarks [2, 3] and color octet vector gluons [4, 5] can be combined to give a unified picture of the strong, electromagnetic, weak, and other ineractions. Among the ideas used to construct interacting field theories the nonabelian (Yang-Mills [6]) gauge principle seems to be singled out by nature. The reason for this preference is not yet well understood,

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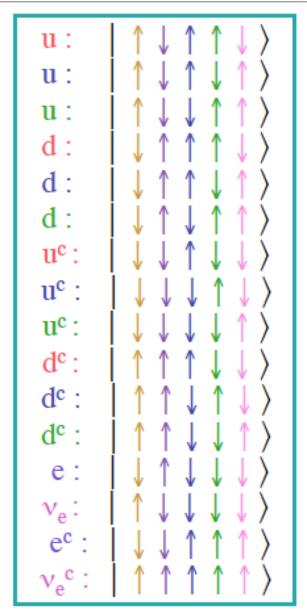
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Grand Unification

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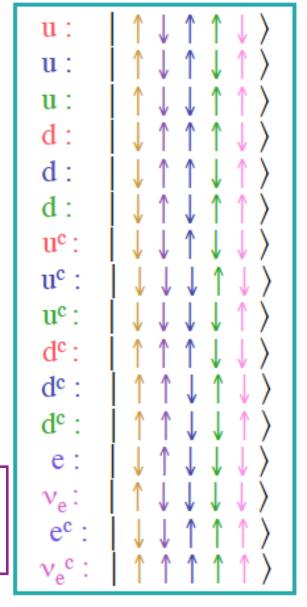
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Seesaw Mechanism Natural in GUTs

Adding the right-handed neutrinos:

$$(v_L \quad v_R) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_L \\ v_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$$m_{_{m V}} \sim m_{_{light}} \sim rac{m_{_{m D}}^2}{M_{_{m R}}} << m_{_{m D}}$$
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For
$$m_{V_3} \sim \sqrt{\Delta m_{atm}^2}$$

$$m_D \sim m_t \sim 180 \; GeV$$

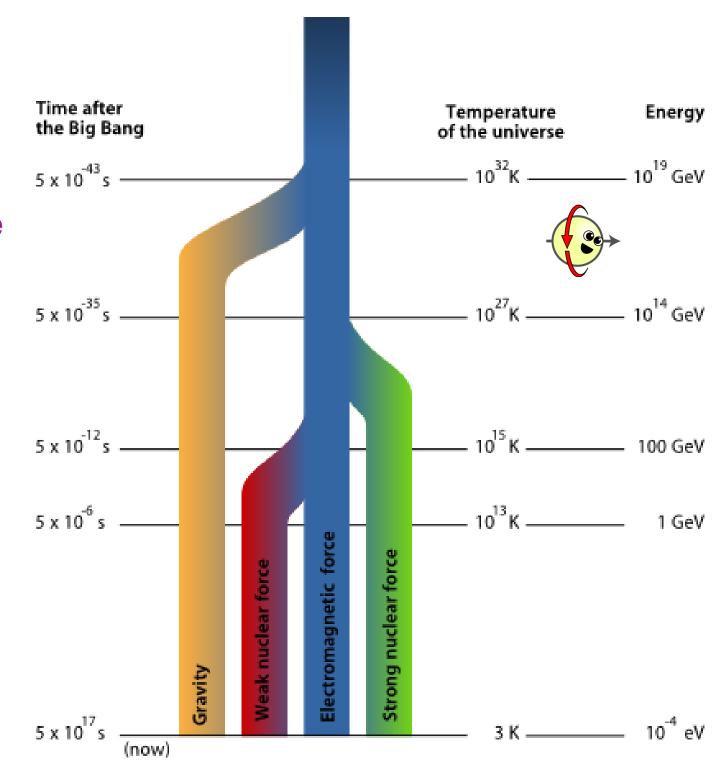
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$$\longrightarrow$$
 $M_R \sim 10^{15} GeV (GUT !!)$

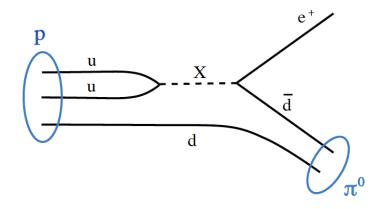


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Probing Universe
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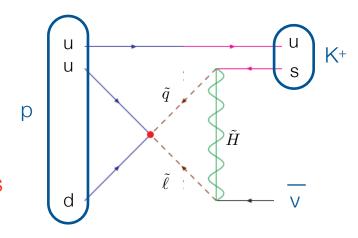
LHC: Probing Universe at the first 10⁻¹² sec



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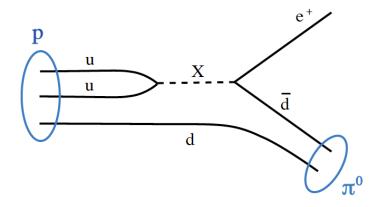
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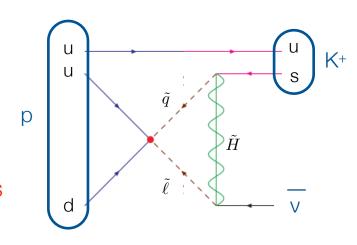
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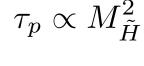
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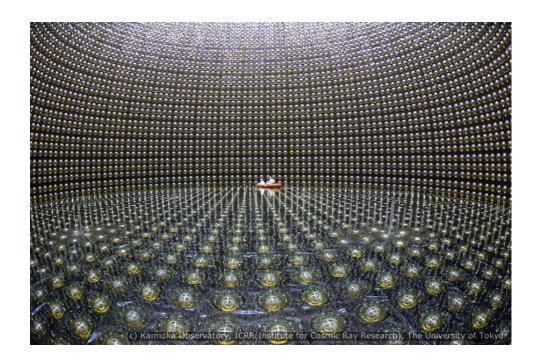




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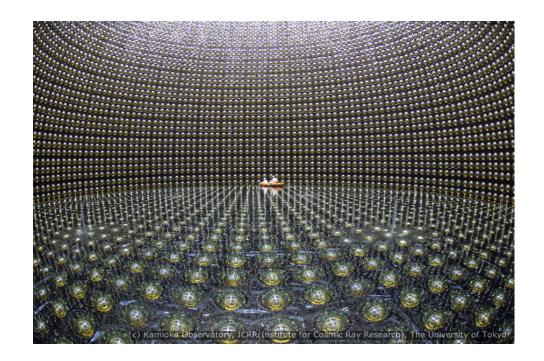


p-decay around the corner?!

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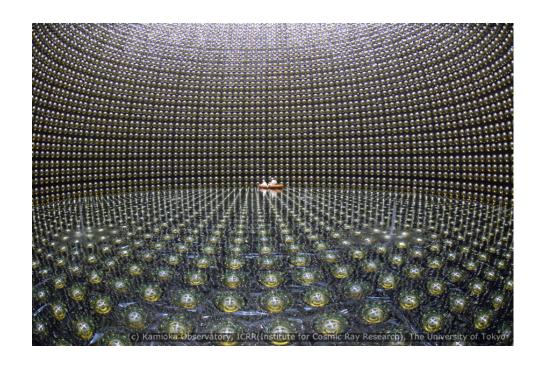
Minimal SUSY GUTs under siege?

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Unique Window into GUT Scale Physics

Neutrino oscillation

Nucleon instability, Neutron-antineutron oscillation

Worldwide experimental particle physics efforts

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Flavor Structure anarchy symmetry VS



Grand Unified Theories: GUT symmetry

Quarks → Leptons

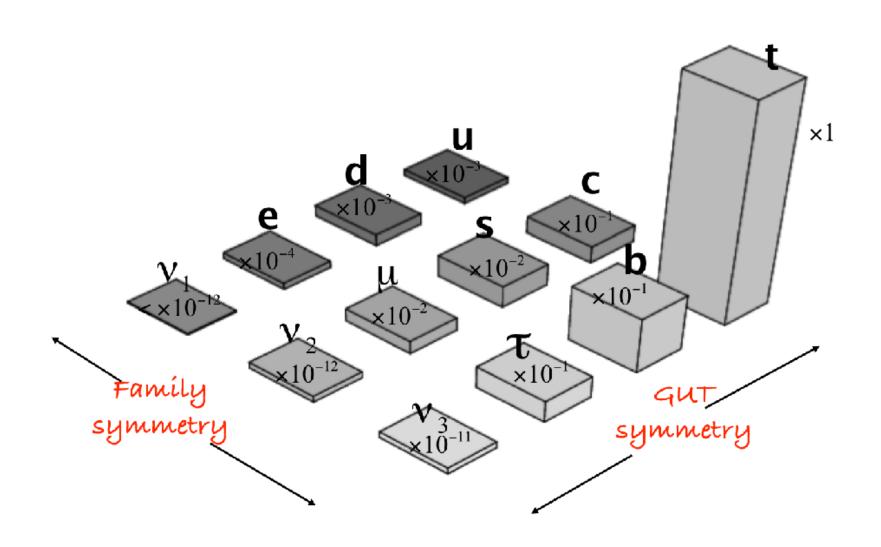
Family Symmetry:

e-family

muon-family

tau-family

Mass Spectrum of Elementary Particles



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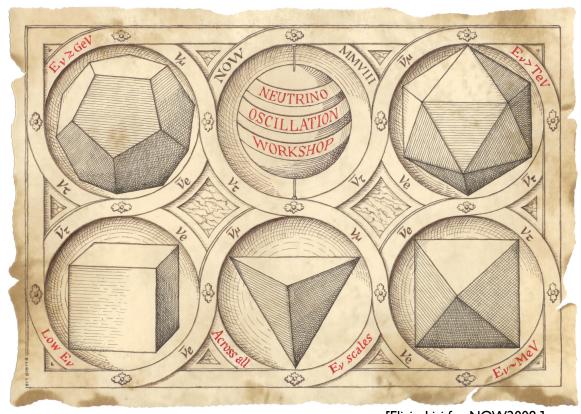
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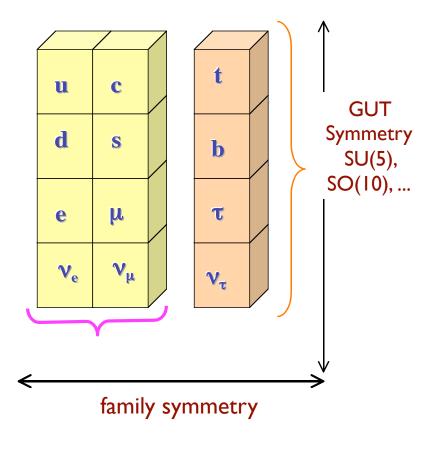
Symmetry ⇒ experimentally testable correlations among physical observables

Origin of Flavor Mixing and Mass Hierarchy

Large neutrino mixing

⇒ discrete family symmetry





Tri-bimaximal Neutrino Mixing

Global Fit (3σ)

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.437 \ (0.374 - 0.626)$$
 [$\Theta^{\text{lep}}_{23} \sim 41.2^{\circ}$] $\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.308 \ (0.259 - 0.359)$ [$\Theta^{\text{lep}}_{12} \sim 33.7^{\circ}$] $\sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0234 \ (0.0176 - 0.0295)$ [$\Theta^{\text{lep}}_{13} \sim 8.80^{\circ}$]

Tri-bimaximal Mixing Pattern

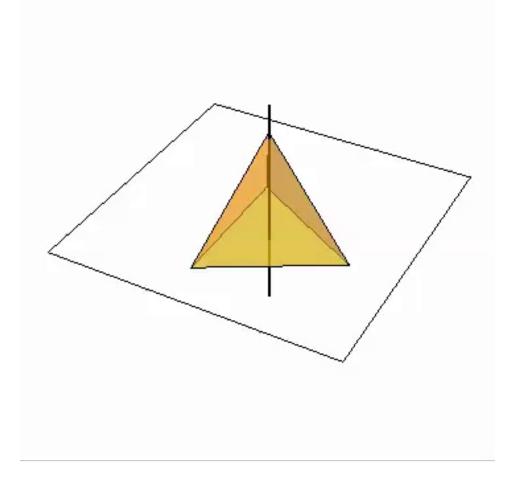
Harrison, Perkins, Scott (1999)

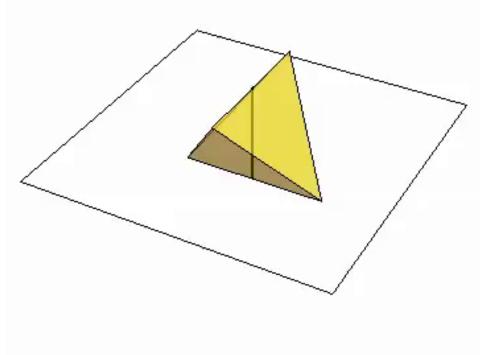
$$U_{TBM} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & \sqrt{1/3} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & -\sqrt{1/2} \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & \sqrt{1/2} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \sin^2 \theta_{\text{atm, TBM}} = 1/2 \qquad \sin^2 \theta_{\odot, \text{TBM}} = 1/3 \\ \sin \theta_{13, \text{TBM}} = 0.$$

TBM from A4 Group

T:
$$(1234) \rightarrow (2314)$$







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mixing angles

cLFV

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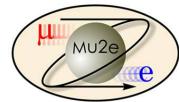


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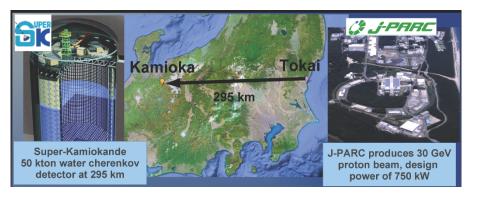
CP Violation in Neutrino Oscillation

- With leptonic Dirac CP phase $\delta \neq 0$ \Rightarrow leptonic CP violation
- Predict different transition probabilities for neutrinos and antineutrinos

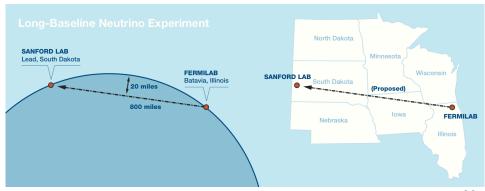
$$P(V_{\alpha} \rightarrow V_{\beta}) \neq P(\overline{V_{\alpha}} \rightarrow \overline{V_{\beta}})$$

One of the major scientific goals at current and planned neutrino experiments

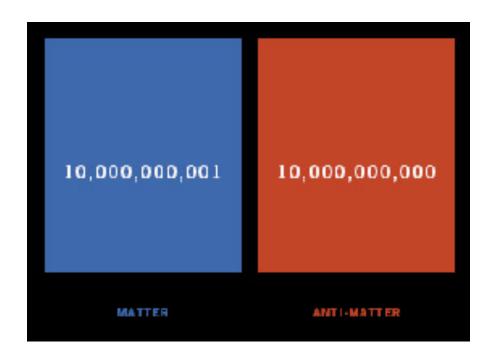




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Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry



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MATTER ANTI-MATTER

Early Universe

Universe Now
[Picture credit: H. Murayama]

Neutrinos may play an important role in generating the matterantimatter asymmetry ⇒ Leptonic CP violation

Leptogenesis

RH neutrino decays → primordial asymmetry ΔL

Fukugita, Yanagida, 1986

heavy neutrino decays generate lepton asymmetry

Leptogenesis

• Sphaleron processes convert $\Delta L \rightarrow \Delta B$:

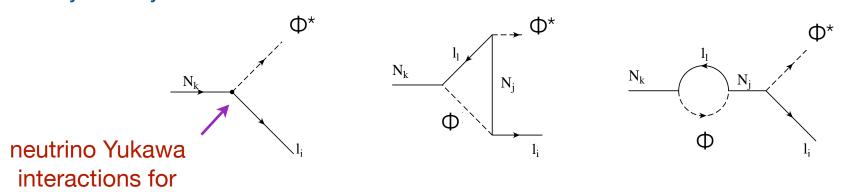
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baryon asymmetry

Leptogenesis

neutrino masses

- RH heavy neutrino decay:
 - quantum interference of tree-level & one-loop diagrams ⇒ primordial lepton number asymmetry △L



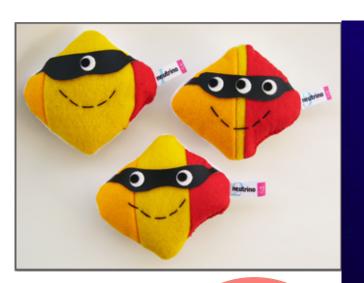
leptons

antileptons

Leptonic CP violation $\Rightarrow \Delta L \propto \left[\Gamma(N_1 \to \ell_\alpha \Phi) - \Gamma(N_1 \to \overline{\ell}_\alpha \overline{\Phi})\right] \neq 0$

⇔ neutrino parameters

Summary



14 billion years **Today** Life on eartl **Acceleration** 11 billion years Dark energy dominates **Solar system forms Star formation peak Galaxy formation era**

CMB

700 million years

400,000 years

5,000 years

0.01 ns

CvB - back to the very first 2 second

operator for v mass generation unknown

unique window into **GUT** scale physics

Relic radiation decous

Matter domination

Recombination

Onset of gravitational collapse

Earliest visible galaxies

Nucleosynthesis

Light elements created - D. He, Li

Nuclear fusion begins

Quark-hadron transition

Protons and neutrons formed

Electroweak tr

LHC Electromagnetic a forces first differentiate

Supersymmetry breaking

Axions etc.?

Grand unification transition

Electroweak and strong nuclear forces differentiate

Inflation

Quantum gravity wall

Spacetime description breaks down

conceivable relevance for generation of baryon asymmetry



Exciting Time Ahead!

Happy LGBT STEM Day!



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