

Neutrino Oscillations (or Physics beyond the Standard Model of elementary particles)

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But, what a neutrino is?



- elementary particles,
- neutral (electrical charge=0)
- interacting only through weak interaction,
- they have massive and charged partners,
- massless up to recently (this is what was assumed by the Standard Model of elementary particles)?

+bosons currying the interactions (spin integer)



+ the fermions anti-particles...

Where can we find neutrinos?









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•<u>Solar Neutrinos</u> : 2 $10^{38} v/s \rightarrow 40$ billions $v/s/cm^2$ on the earth $\rightarrow 400000$ billions v/s/human (<20 MeV).

•<u>Universe</u> :

- •Big-Bang: 330 v/cm³ (0.0004 eV \rightarrow 2000 km/s if $m_v = 10 \text{ eV/c}^2$).
- Stars : 0.000006 v/cm^3 .
- Supernovae : 0.0002 v/cm^3 .
- Earth radioactivity : 50 billions v/s human.
- •<u>Nuclear Plants</u>:10-100 billions v/s/human (1-10 MeV).
- •<u>Human body</u>: 340 millions v/day (20 mg of 40 K, β decay).

Neutrino Oscillations

- The Standard Model doesn't predict any mass for the neutrinos.
- According to Quantum Mechanics, if neutrinos have a nonzero mass they can "oscillate" (change family during traveling).
- Why? Because their mass eigen states could not coincide with their flavour eigen states (or interaction eigen states).



Lepton Mixing and Quantum Mechanics

• The "known" neutrinos are combinations of mass eigen state neutrinos, for example, for electron neutrinos:

$$\left| \boldsymbol{v}_{e} \right\rangle = \boldsymbol{U}_{e1} \left| \boldsymbol{v}_{1} \right\rangle + \boldsymbol{U}_{e2} \left| \boldsymbol{v}_{2} \right\rangle + \boldsymbol{U}_{e3} \left| \boldsymbol{v}_{3} \right\rangle$$

• For all neutrinos, we can write:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{e} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

unitary mixing matrix

Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata matrix

• change of basis,

- *U* is the transformation operator (matrix, unitarity),
- the hypothetical states v₁, v₂, v₃ have unique masses and are neutrino fundamental eigen states.



Transition Probability

$$\begin{array}{c} | \mathbf{v}_{j}(t) \rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} \left| \mathbf{v}_{j}(0) \right\rangle \\ P_{\mathbf{v}_{\alpha} \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_{\beta}} = \left| \delta_{\alpha\beta} + \sum_{k=2}^{3} U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha k}^{*} \left[e^{-i\frac{\Delta m_{k1}^{2}L}{2E}} - 1 \right] \right|^{2} \\ \text{with:} \quad \Delta m_{kj}^{2} \equiv m_{k}^{2} - m_{j}^{2} \end{array}$$
 (the time has been replaced by the distance)

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{the transition probabilities do not depend on the particle} \\ \text{masses but on the squared mass differences} \end{array}$$

Finally, the transition probabilities depend on the mixing matrix elements, the 2 squared mass differences and on the parameter L/E.

No transitions if:

$$m_v = 0$$
 or
 $\Delta m = 0$ or
 $\Delta m_{k1}^2 L / E \ll 1$

oscillation parameters: $\Delta m_{13}, \Delta m_{23}, \Delta m_{12}$ (only 2 are free) $\theta_{13}, \theta_{12}, \theta_{23}$

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Approximations according present measurements



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L/E classification of the experiments



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Appearance/disappearance experiments

- In disappearance experiments we count how many initial neutrinos v_{α} survive after traveling over a distance L (case of 2 flavours): $P(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\alpha}) = 1 - \sin^{2}2\theta \sin^{2}\left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^{2}L}{E_{v}}\right)$
- In appearance experiments we look for neutrinos v_{β} in a v_{α} neutrino beam:

$$P(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\beta}) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{1.27\Delta m^2 L}{E_v}\right)$$



Atmospheric Neutrinos and oscillation confirmation SuperK(first results in 1998)



How can we produce a neutrino beam?



- •adjustable proton energy,
- adjustable distance between the production point and the detector,
 neutrino type choice,
- •but as usually, the neutrino energy is not well defined...

Long Base Line Appearance Experiment



CNGS v_{μ} beam CERN-Gran Sasso 732 km (look for v_{τ} in a pure v_{μ} beam)

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v_{τ} detection in OPERA



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Target Tracker

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Scintillator polystyrene strips (plastic)



The first v_t candidate event Phys. Lett. B 691 (2010) 138





candidate:
$$\tau \to \pi^- \pi^0 \overline{\nu_{\tau}}$$

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The θ_{13} hunting



$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

rotation around *x*-axis with angle θ_{23}

atmospheric, accelerators

$$\begin{array}{cccc} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{array}$$

rotation around *y*-axis with angle θ_{13}

if $\theta_{I3}=0$ we could not measure CP violation

$$\begin{pmatrix}
c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\
-s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 1
\end{pmatrix}$$

rotation around *z*-axis with angle θ_{12}

solar, reactors

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Inverse β decay and detection mode



In a pure scintillator the neutron will be captured by hydrogen:

 $n H \rightarrow D \gamma$ (2.2 MeV)

Very often the scintillator is doped with gadolinium that increase the capture probability and liberates more γ 's:

 $n mGd \rightarrow m+1Gd \gamma$'s (8 MeV)



Double Chooz site







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•near: 9/day

Muon telescope



- In the near detector the cosmic background will be more important due to the low depth
- Better cosmic ray simulation needed
- Use a muon telescope to well measure the the muon spacial distribution and introduce it in the simulation
- 4 layers of plastic scintillators (OPERA)
- rotating detector







First DC results (Nov. 2011)



Rate + Shape Analysis:
 ◆sin²(2θ₁₃) = 0.085±0.029(stat)±0.042(syst)
 Rate Only:
 ◆sin²(2θ₁₃) = 0.093±0.029(stat)±0.073(syst)



Future Projects on Neutrino Oscillations

(essentially to discover CP violation and measure the mass hierarchy)

Neutrino Related European Projects

<u>Two FP7 projects:</u>

- •EUROv (<u>http://www.euronu.org/</u>)
 - •Design Study for new neutrino facilities in Europe
 - •Project started: 1st September 2008
 - •Duration: 4 years completion August 2012

•LAGUNA-LBNO (Large Apparatus for Grand Unification and Neutrino Astrophysics, http://laguna.ethz.ch:8080/Plone)

•Design Study for large underground laboratories for astroparticle and neutrino studies

•Project started: 2011

•Duration: 3 years – completion in 2014





All sites and detection techniques under consideration by LAGUNA and possible neutrino beams from CERN





Super-Beams





European Spallation Source (Lund)





- The ESS will be a copious source of spallation neutrons but also of **neutrinos**
- 5 MW proton beam
- 2.5 GeV protons
- ~300 MeV neutrinos



Physics Performance



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0.8MW 650km 500kt WC

Conclusions

- Deux stages sur Double Chooz
 - Etude du bruit de fond induit par les neutrons rapides.
 - Construction d'un télescope à muons cosmiques pour étudier le bruit de fond du détecteur proche.
- Un sujet de thèse
 - Etude des performances de futurs faisceaux neutrinos.

Dec. 1930: A desperate remedy Letter of W. Pauli, 4 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

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"I have done something very bad today by proposing a particle that cannot be detected. It is something no theorist should ever do."

W.Pauli



How neutrinos propagate through the time?

According to Quantum Mechanics:

 $|v_{j}(t)\rangle = e^{-iHt/\hbar} |v_{j}(0)\rangle$ (H: Hamiltonian) Solutions of Schrödinger equation

For 3 neutrinos with a well defined mass and energy:

Schrödinger equation:

$$i\frac{d}{dt}\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1\\ \mathbf{v}_2\\ \mathbf{v}_3 \end{pmatrix} = H\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_1\\ \mathbf{v}_2\\ \mathbf{v}_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

for the mass eigen states

$$i\frac{d}{dt}\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_e \\ \mathbf{v}_\mu \\ \mathbf{v}_\tau \end{pmatrix} = H_f \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_e \\ \mathbf{v}_\mu \\ \mathbf{v}_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

for the flavour eigen states with: $H_f = UHU^{\dagger}$

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1933: First estimation of the neutrino interaction cross-section (interaction probability) by Hans Bethe and Rudolf Peierls

 $\sigma_{vN} \approx 10^{-10} \sigma_{eN}$ (*N* for nucleon), very very weak cross-section!!!

 $\sigma_{\overline{v}p} \approx 10^{-43} cm^{2}$ $\lambda = \frac{1}{N_{A}\rho\sigma} \qquad \text{mean free path} \qquad \text{mean free path in lead}$ $\lambda(Pb) \approx \frac{1}{6 \times 10^{23} (nucleons / g)(7.9g / cm^{3}) \times 10^{-43} cm^{2}} \qquad \text{mean free path in lead}$ $\sim 4 \text{ light-years!} \qquad \text{to stop a neutrino a lot of lead is needed}$ $\sigma = \frac{1}{10^{10} cm^{10}} \qquad \frac{1}{10^{10} cm^{10} cm^{10}} \qquad \frac{1}{10^{10} cm^{10} cm^{10}} \qquad \frac{1}{10^{10} cm^{10} cm^{10} cm^{10} cm^{10}} \qquad \frac{1}{10^{10} cm^{10} cm$

The beginning of a long neutrino hunting which lasted 26 years... (Pauli: "I bet a case of champagne that nobody would ever detect the neutrino")

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Nuclear Reactors as neutrino source

- Nuclear reactors are a very intense electron anti-neutrino source (β decay of neutron rich fission fragments).
- Each fission release an energy of ~200 MeV and generates ~6 electron anti-neutrinos. For a typical commercial reactor (3 GW thermal energy):

3 GW
$$\approx 2 \times 10^{21}$$
 MeV/s $\rightarrow 6 \times 10^{20} \overline{v}_{e}/s$

- Observable neutrino energy spectrum= neutrino flux * cross section.
- The spectrum has a maximum at ~3.7 MeV.



Present Collectors

Experiment	Current	Rep. Rate	Pulses per time period	Beam		
<i>Numi</i> (120 GeV)	200 kA	0.5 Hz	6 Mpulses 1 year		NuMi horn 1 NuMi horn 2	under operation
MiniBoone (8 GeV)	170 kA	5 Hz	11 Mpulses 1 year		MiniBooNE	under operation
					KEK horn 1	
к2к (12 GeV)	250 kA	0.5 Hz	11 Mpulses 1 year		KEK horn 2	finished
Super-Beam (3.5 GeV)	300 kA	50 Hz	200 Mpulses 6 weeks		CERN/SPL	prototype horn
cngs (400 GeV)	150 kA	2 pulses/ 6 sec	42 Mpulses 4 year			CNGS horn 1 under operation CNGS horn 2 2nd HornMagnet
			MiniBooNE		(m)	7



Hadronic Collector



horn shape (conical)

Neutrino Spectra



First OPERA events



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The θ_{13} hunting

disappearance of electron neutrinos



Actually, we have almost neglected θ_{13} on this figure

For $\theta_{13} \sim 10^{\circ}$

Far DC Detector construction

Acrylic Gamma Catcher installation (May 2010)





Project Comparison

Daya Bay (China)	Dou (F	ble Chooz ⁻ rance)	RENO (South Korea)		
Ling Ao NPP Daya Bay NPP	or		YongGwan	ear Detector g Nuclear Power Plant	
	Luminosity in 3 years (ton·GW·y)	Overburden near/far (mwe)	Expected sensitivity	Start of data taking	
Daya Bay	4200	270/950	<0.01	August 2011	
Double Chooz	210	80/300	0.02~0.03	April 2011	
RENO	740	90/440	~0.02	August 2011	

Results on θ_{13}



 $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.089 \pm 0.010(\text{stat}) \pm 0.005(\text{syst})$

- θ_{13} is large!
- Proposed facilities to be readjusted...

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following the v history...

1956: Fred Reines and Clyde Cowan detect the first neutrino interactions near the nuclear reactor of Savannah River at the USA (11 m from the reactor and 12 m underground).



Clyde Cowan Jr.

Nobel prize in 1995





How to mitigate the power effect

4 target/horn system (4x4 m²) with single decay tunnel (~30 m)



back to solid targets able to afford up to ~1.5 MW proton beam (get rid of liquid Hg)

more expensive but more reliable system





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at 100 Km

//100m²/year/0.02 GeV

Possible Detector Locations

