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#### FERMIONES



### **Neutrinos in Particle Physics**

#### **Particles**







Particles

Forces





# **Neutrinos in the Standard Model**



- **3 types** of neutrinos (although extra sterile neutrinos beyond the SM could exist)
- They are electrically neutral particles
- Much **lighter** than their charged leptonic partners
- Very weak interaction with matter

### Antiparticles



Dirac neutrinos: particle ≠ antiparticle
Majorana neutrinos: particle = antiparticle

- For each particle, there is an associated antiparticle with the same mass and opposite charge
- Antiparticles are produced in natural processes (as radioactive decays) and particle accelerators
- Neutrinos could be their own antiparticles
- Equals amounts of particles and antiparticles were created after the Big Bang
  - Where are the antiparticles?
  - Why are we made of matter?

# **Symmetries**

- Charge Conjugation (C): transformation of a particle into its antiparticle
- **Parity (P)**: transformation of left to right (world in a mirror)
- Time Reversal (T): running backwards in time
- **CP Symmetry**: It was thought that CP was a valid symmetry however the observation of neutral kaon decays proved that CP is not conserved in weak interactions
  - Could it be also violated for neutrinos?
- CPT Symmetry: conserved in the SM transformations







# Left-handed neutrinos

- In the Standard Model, there are not right-handed (v<sub>R</sub>) neutrinos
  - $\blacktriangleright$  Neutrinos are left-handed (v\_L)
  - ▶ Antineutrinos are right-handed ( $\overline{\nu}_R$ )





Neutrino (left-handed)

Antineutrino (right-handed)

### Neutrinos have negative helicity

Helicity: Projection of the spin in the direction of the linear momentum

# **CP** symmetry in neutrinos



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Neutrino disappearance

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### Number of neutrino types

There are 3 types of neutrinos (families) in the SM



$$\Gamma_{\rm inv} = \Gamma_Z - \Gamma_{\rm had} - 3\Gamma_l$$
$$\Gamma_{\rm inv} = N_\nu \cdot \Gamma_\nu$$

K.A. Olive et al. (Particle Data Group), Chin. Phys. C, 38, 090001 (2014)

Number N =  $2.984 \pm 0.008$ (Standard Model fits to LEP data)

Number N =  $2.92 \pm 0.05$ (Direct measurement of invisible Z width)

#### **Neutrino sources**



NATURAL

ARTIFICIAL

### **Neutrino energies**



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 Much later, in 2000, the third type of neutrino v<sub>1</sub> (tau) was discovered by the DONUT experiment at Fermilab (US)

## **Neutrino from accelerators**



- It is possible to create an intense beam of neutrinos from an intense beam of protons
- Advantages:
  - the beam can be switched on and off to know when we have neutrinos and when not (signal over background events)
  - the neutrino energy can be selected (within a certain range)

#### • Disadvantages:

- the neutrino beam is not pure (several types of neutrinos are produced)
- the flux is not very large
- it is expensive!

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# Why are neutrinos so special?

- They are the only **neutral** fermions
- Their **mass**: (value, origin) Why are they much lighter than the other particles?
- Their **nature**: (Dirac, Majorana)? They could be their own antiparticles
- They mix flavors (**oscillation**)
- They are really hard to detect (only interact very weakly with matter)
- They could violate the CP symmetry (matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe)
- They are **extremely abundant** in the Universe
- They are **Cosmic messengers**



### In the Standard Model, neutrino do not have mass...

... however neutrinos have a long history of unexpected surprises ...



# Neutrino interactions in the SM

- **CC interactions**: exchange of W
  - The lepton in the final state determines if it is a neutrino or antineutrino and its flavor
- NC interactions: exchange of Z<sup>0</sup>
- The total lepton number is conserved in the weak interactions observed experimentally:

 $L = L_e + L_\mu + L_\tau$ 

	L <sub>e</sub>	$L_{\mu}$	$L_{ au}$		L <sub>e</sub>	$L_{\mu}$	$L_{ au}$
$( u_e,e^-)$	+1	0	0	$( u_e^c,e^+)$	-1	0	0
$( u_{\mu},\mu^{-})$	0	+1	0	$\left(  u_{\mu}^{c},\mu^{+} ight)$	0	-1	0
$( u_{ au}, au^-)$	0	0	+1	$( u^{c}_{ au}, au^{+})$	0	0	-1







### $E_v < 100 \text{ MeV}$

### Solar, SN, reactors

- Inverse beta decay
- CC & NC interactions with nuclei
- Elastic scattering
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**\* Filled with water or liquid scintillators (~kton) \* Surrounded by photosensors to detect the light** produced by the neutrino interactions

(c) Kamioka Observatory, ICRR(Institute for Cosmic Ray Research), The University of Tokyo,

### Neutrino traps (II) Underground laboratories

Underground detectors installed in the most deepest mines to be protected from the cosmic rays continuously traversing the Earth





# Neutrino detector technologies

#### • Bubble and spark chambers

First pictures of neutrinos

#### • Radiochemical experiments (Homestake, GALLEX, SAGE, ...)

No real time detectors

#### • Cerenkov detectors:

Suitable for low rate, low multiplicity, energies below GeV (and around TeV)

#### • Tracking calorimeters:

▶ High rate and multiplicity, energies ~GeV and above

#### • Unsegmented scintillator calorimeters:

Large light yields at MeV energies

#### • Emulsions:

▶ High spatial resolution, direct detection of primary vertex

### • Liquid Argon TPCs:

Potential for large mass with high granularity

## **Pictures of real neutrinos**

- 1) Neutrinos in CMS
- 2) Neutral currents at CERN
- 3) Cerenkov rings
- 4) PMTs hits in liquid scintillators
- 5) Tracks in T2K, OPERA, ICARUS
- 6) Ultra-energetic neutrinos

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CMS Experiment at LHC, CERN Run 133874, Event 21466935 Lumi section: 301 Sat Apr 24 2010, 05:19:21 CEST

Electron  $p_T = 35.6 \text{ GeV/c}$ ME<sub>T</sub> = 36.9 GeV M<sub>T</sub> = 71.1 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>



### Weak neutral currents





 First candidate to leptonic neutral current process in the Gargamelle experiment at CERN (bubble chamber)

$$v_{\mu} e \rightarrow v_{\mu} e$$

 Significant step in the knowledge of the electroweak force and the SM structure

## **Cerenkov rings**



$$p_{\mu} = 603 \text{ MeV}$$

 $p_e = 492 \text{ MeV}$ 

# **Neutrinos in liquid scintillators**



Prompt signal E = 3.20 MeV

ΔT = 111 μs ΔR = 34 cm Delayed signal E = 2.22 MeV
## **Neutrinos in T2K**



• Tracks of charged particles produced by a neutrino interaction in the T2K near detector

## **Neutrinos in OPERA**



• Detector specially designed to detect the interaction of tau neutrinos

### **Neutrinos in LAr detectors**

 $v_{\mu}CC$  event detected by ICARUS from the CNGS beam



CCQE event:  $v_{\mu} n \rightarrow \mu p$ 

90 cm

12

## Very high energy neutrinos













### **Observables and fundamental quantities**

### Mass: almost null

- No direct measurement. Only upper limits from lab experiments and cosmological observations
- We know that the mass is not zero because neutrinos oscillate

### Charge: null

- Experimental limits derived from the neutrino magnetic moment limit  $(<10^{-12} q_e \text{ for } v_e; < 10^{-4} q_e \text{ for } v_\tau)$
- Experimental limits from astrophysical measurements ( $<10^{-13}$ - $10^{-15}$  q<sub>e</sub>)

### Spin (intrinsic angular momentum): 1/2

• Measured with angular distributions in scattering or decay processes

## PDG 2014

### PDG K.A. Olive et al., Chin. Phys. C, 38, 090001 (2014)



### Best experimental limits:

- Electron neutrino mass
  - ${}^{3}\text{H} \rightarrow {}^{3}\text{He} + e^{-} + v_{e} \text{ MAINZ } m(v_{e}) < 2.2 \text{ eV}$
- Muon neutrino mass
  - $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$  PSI **m(\nu\_\mu)< 170 keV**
- Tau neutrino mass
  - $\tau \rightarrow 5\pi v_{\tau}$  LEP  $m(v_{\tau}) < 18.2$  MeV



Points without error bars are upper limits

### Measurement of the neutrino mass



## **Double beta decay experiments**



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## **Current and expected future limits**

• 90% CL lower limits on  $T^{0v}_{1/2}$  and upper bounds on  $m_{\beta\beta}$ 

$\beta\beta^-$ decay	experiment	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ [y]	$m_{\beta\beta}$ [eV]	
$^{48}_{20}\mathrm{Ca}  ightarrow ^{48}_{22}\mathrm{Ti}$	ELEGANT-VI [119]	$> 1.4 \times 10^{22}$	< 6.6 - 31	
	Heidelberg-Moscow [224]	$> 1.9 \times 10^{25}$	< 0.23 - 0.67	
$^{76}_{32}\mathrm{Ge}  ightarrow ^{76}_{34}\mathrm{Se}$	IGEX [226]	$>1.6 imes10^{25}$	< 0.25 - 0.73	
	GERDA [32]	$> 2.1 \times 10^{25}$	< 0.22 - 0.64	
$^{82}_{34}\mathrm{Se}  ightarrow ^{82}_{36}\mathrm{Kr}$	NEMO-3 [120]	$> 1.0 \times 10^{23}$	< 1.8 - 4.7	
$^{100}_{42}\mathrm{Mo}  ightarrow ^{100}_{44}\mathrm{Ru}$	NEMO-3 [121]	$> 2.1 \times 10^{25}$	< 0.32 - 0.88	
$^{116}_{48}\mathrm{Cd} \rightarrow ^{116}_{50}\mathrm{Sn}$	Solotvina [234]	$> 1.7 \times 10^{23}$	< 1.5 - 2.5	
$^{128}_{52}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{128}_{54}\text{Xe}$	CUORICINO [235]	$> 1.1 \times 10^{23}$	< 7.2 - 18	
$^{130}_{52}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}_{54}\text{Xe}$	CUORICINO [236]	$> 2.8 \times 10^{24}$	< 0.32 - 1.2	
$^{136}_{~54}{\rm Xe} \rightarrow {}^{136}_{~56}{\rm Ba}$	EXO [239]	$> 1.1 \times 10^{25}$	< 0.2 - 0.69	
	KamLAND-Zen [241]	$> 1.9  imes 10^{25}$	< 0.15 - 0.52	
$^{150}_{60}\mathrm{Nd} \to ^{150}_{62}\mathrm{Sm}$	NEMO-3 [243]	$> 2.1 \times 10^{25}$	< 2.6 - 10	arXiv:1411.4791

- Next generation of experiments between 100 kg and 1 ton with different isotopes and different experimental techniques
- Goal: <m<sub>ββ</sub>> ~ 0.01 0.1 eV

## Neutrino mass from cosmology

- Neutrinos are very abundant. Their mass contribute to the energy density of the Universe
- The presence and interactions of neutrinos in the Universe must be incorporated to the astrophysical and cosmological models
- Precision cosmology measurements can constrain the sum of neutrino masses ( $\Sigma m_v$ ) and the effective number of neutrinos (N<sub>eff</sub>)





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Σm<sub>ν</sub> ≤ 0.23 eV (95% CL)
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Planck TT + low P + lensing + ext (BAO + JLA +  $H_0$ )

 $Neff = 3.04 \pm 0.18$ 

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Planck TT, TE, EE + lowP+ BAO
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arXiv:1502.01589

















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This phenomenon is only possible if neutrinos have different masses

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 ILL, Goesgen, Bugey, Palo Verde and CHOOZ in reactors

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CHORUS and NOMAD at CERN (1995-1998)

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- KARMEN
- LSND / MiniBooNE (oscillation observed??)





Schematic Neutrino Beam Line





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# **Observed oscillations**

Experiment	Mode	Neutrino source	Measured parameters
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T2K, MINOS	$v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{e}$	Accelerators	θ <sub>13</sub>
Double Chooz, Daya Bay, RENO	$\overline{v_e} \rightarrow \overline{v_e}$	Reactors	θ <sub>13</sub>
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# Big questions to be answered

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- Type of particle: Dirac or Majorana
- Relation with the other particles
- Do neutrino interactions violate the CP symmetry?
- Are there more than 3 neutrinos?

# The neutrino mass

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Tritium beta decay experiments:

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- KATRIN (goal): m < 0.2 eV (90% CL)

### **Meutrinoless double beta decay**: $m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum U_{ei}^2 \cdot m_{v_i} \right|$

- If measured, neutrinos are Majorana particles
- GERDA, EXO, CUORICINO, KamLAND-Zen, NEMO-3: m<sub>ββ</sub> < 0.2-0.4 eV (90% CL)</li>
- Future ton scale experiments:  $m_{\beta\beta} < 10 \text{ meV}$

#### **Modified the measurements (Cosmology)**: $m = \sum m_{v_i}$

PLANCK 2015 (arXiv:1502.01589)

- Σm<sub>v</sub> < 0.23 eV (Planck TT+lowP+lensing+ext.)
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  - Not confirmed by KARMEN & ICARUS
- Galio experiments
  - v<sub>e</sub> deficit observed from intense radioactive neutrino sources (<sup>51</sup>Cr & <sup>37</sup>Ar)
- Very short-baseline reactor experiments
  - $\overline{v}_e$  deficit at short distances (few meters from reactors)



#### More than 3 neutrinos?

#### Sterile neutrinos (v<sub>s</sub>):

- Do not interact weakly with other particles
- They only feel the gravitational force
- They can mix with active neutrinos
- Possibilities:

 $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{s} \rightarrow v_{e}$  or  $v_{e} \rightarrow v_{s}$ 



Could they be related with dark matter?



# **Cosmic messengers**

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#### WIMP decay products?



HE neutrinos are the decay sub-products of the <u>annihilation</u> of <u>WIMPs</u> which may concentrate in astrophysical objects





HE neutrinos appear as the subproduct of interactions of <u>accelerated protons</u> or nuclei with matter or radiation

 $\chi + \chi \to q\overline{q}, \dots \to X + \nu\overline{\nu}$ 



#### **Detection of HE neutrinos**



- $v_{\mu}$  are well suited for high energy detection (since its cross-section and muon range increase with energy) although  $v_e$  and  $v_{\tau}$  can also be detected
- An array of photomultiplier tubes detect the Cerenkov light from charged particles produced by neutrino interactions
- The Cerenkov cone needs to be reconstructed to determine the energy and direction of the muon



50 m

IceTop

Amundsen–Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica A National Science Foundationmanaged research facility








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## **Other proposals in Europe**



- **KM3NeT:** 1 km<sup>3</sup> second-generation neutrino telescope in the Mediterranean Sea
- 3 installation sites located in Toulon (France), Sicily (Italy) and Pylos (Greece)
- ANTARES was the first undersea neutrino telescope: 12 lines (885 PMTs) providing an excellent angular resolution. Taking data until the end of 2016.

#### **History of the Universe**



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# Conclusions

# Wrap up

#### • Neutrinos are **special among elementary particles**

- Their masses are extremely small (the exact value is unknown)
- They interact extremely weakly with matter
- They mix flavors (oscillation)
- They could be their own antiparticle
- Neutrinos are **extremely abundant** in the Universe
  - They carry crucial information about the phenomena in the Cosmos
- Neutrinos could explain the excess of matter in the Universe

#### Neutrinos still have surprises for us!

