Critical Neutrino Experiments Establishing the Standard Model Ed Kearns – Boston University



<u>The Contest Question</u>: Every year we ask the students to answer a broad-based question depending on the SSI subject. This year the question is:

"What experiment or set of experiments will demonstrably discover new physics beyond the SM & what will be the nature of the theory that replaces it ? " NB: the existence of DM or neutrino masses doesn't count !



Weinberg (in response to a question):

"Neutrino masses clearly take us beyond the standard model ..."

Critical Neutrino Experiments Establishing Our Understanding of the Standard Model with Massive Neutrinos

Early history (pre-Standard Model)

Prediction

Detection

Helicity

Two neutrino experiment

Neutral currents

More modern history (Standard Model Era)

Weak mixing angle

Neutrino as a probe

Three generations

Neutrino puzzles

Solar

Atmospheric

Neutrino Mass

Discovery of neutrino oscillations

Confirmations & Precision measurements

The Neutrino Matrix

The road ahead

recurring theme of this lecture: CELEBRATE THE DATA POINTS Ed Kearns -- SLAC Summer Institute 2018



Origin Story of the Neutrino





... a desperate remedy ...

Physikalisches Institut der Eidg. Technischen Hochschule Zurich

Zürich, 4. Des. 1930 Gloriastrasse

Liebe Radioaktive Damen und Herren,

Wie der Ueberbringer dieser Zeilen, den ich huldvollst ansuhören bitte. Ihnen des näheren auseinandersetsen wird, bin ich angesichts der "falschen" Statistik der N- und Li-6 Kerne, sowie des kontinuierlichen beta-Spektrums auf einen versweifelten Ausweg verfallen um den "Wechselsats" (1) der Statistik und den Energiesats zu retten. Mämlich die Möglichkeit, es könnten elektrisch neutrale Teilchen, die ich Neutronen nennen will, in den Kernen existieren, welche den Spin 1/2 haben und das Ausschliessungsprinzip befolgen und den von Lichtquanten musserden noch dadurch unterscheiden, dass sie mieht mit Lichtgeschwindigkeit laufen. Die Masse der Neutronen aste von derselben Grossenordnung wie die Elektronenmasse sein und Seimfalls nicht grösser als 0,01 Protonenmasse -- Das kontinuierliche - Soektrum wäre denn verständlich unter der Annahme, dass beim beta-Zerfall mit dem blektron jeweils noch ein Neutron emittiert wird. derart, dass die Summe der Energien von Neutron und Elektron konstant ist.

Nun handelt es sich weiter darum, welche Kräfte auf die Neutronen wirken. Das wahrscheinlichste Modell für das Neutron scheint wir aus wellenwechanischen Gründen (näheres weiss der Uebertringer dieser Zeilen) dieses su sein, dass das ruhende Neutron ein magnetischer Dipol von einem gewissen Moment Acist. Die Experimente verlangen wohl, dass die ionisierende Wirkung eines solchen Neutrons nicht grösser sein kann, als die eines gamga-Strahls und darf dann A wohl nicht grösser sein als e • (10⁻¹³ cm).

Ich traue mich vorläufig aber nicht, stwas über diese Idee su publisieren und wende mich erst vertrauensvoll an Auch, liebe Radioaktive, mit der Frage, wie es um den experimentallen Machweis eines solchen Neutrons stände, wenn dieses ein ebensolches oder stwa lomal grösseres Durchdringungsverwögen besitsen wurde, wie ein gemes-Strahl.

Ich gebe su, dass mein Ausweg vielleicht von vornherein werig wahrscheinlich erscheinen wird, weil nan die Neutronen, wenn eie existisren, wohl schon Engst geschen hätte. Aber nur ver wagt, gesteut und der Ernst der Situation beim kontinuierliche beta-Spektrum wird durch einen Aussprech meines verehrten Vorgängers im Ante, Herrn Debye, beleuchtet, der mir Mirslich in Brussel gesagt hat: "O, daran soll man am besten gar nicht denken, sowie an die neuen Steuern." Darum soll man jeden Weg sur Retung ernstlich diskutieren.-Also, liebe Radioaktive, prüfet, und richteta- Ledder kann ich nicht personlich in Tübingen erscheinen, da sch infolge eines in der Macht vom 6. sum 7 Des. in Zurich stattfindenden Balles hier unabkömmlich bin.- Mit vielen Grüssen am Euch, sowie an Herrn Back, Euer untertänigster Diener

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Theoretical Insights

Versuch einer Theorie der β -Strahlen. I¹).

Von E. Fermi in Rom. Mit 3 Abbildungen. (Eingegangen am 16. Januar 1934.)

Nuclear Capture of Mesons and the Meson Decay

B. PONTECORVO National Research Council, Chalk River Laboratory, Chalk River, Ontario, Canada June 21, 1947

Fermi theory of beta decay

Muons K-capture like electrons

Interaction of Mesons with Nucleons and Light Particles

T. D. LEE, M. ROSENBLUTH, AND C. N. YANG Institute for Nuclear Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois January 7, 1949 Nuclear beta decay, muon capture, muon decay are universal



Detection of the Neutrino









(1) A signal dependent upon reactor-power, 2.88 ± 0.22 counts/hr. in agreement with the predicted²⁰ cross-section (6 × 10⁻⁴⁴ cm.²), was measured with a signal-to-reactor associated accidental background in excess of 20/1. The signal-to-reactor independent background ratio was 3/1.



1995 Nobel Prize: F. Reines 🌏

(b) Positron scope Ed Kearns -- SLAC Summer Institute 2018

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Helicity of the Neutrino



Sm2 03 SCATTERER



$$\frac{(N_{-} - N_{+})}{\frac{1}{2}(N_{-} + N_{+})} = +0.017 \pm 0.003$$

Neutrinos are left handed



34 single muon events and only 6 showers $\Rightarrow \pi \rightarrow \mu \nu$ is ν_{μ} not ν_{e}

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1973

Discovery of Neutral Currents

Gargamelle (CERN)

Single event discovery ... background estimate 0.03 ± 0.02 Received 2 July 1973

One possible event of the process $v_{\mu} + e^- \rightarrow v_{\mu} + e^-$ has been observed. The various background processes are discussed and the event interpreted in terms of the Weinberg theory. The 90% confidence limits on the Weinberg parameter are $0.1 < \sin^2 \theta_W < 0.6$.

Statistical analysis (including Monte Carlo) ...

Received 25 July 1973

Events induced by neutral particles and producing hadrons, but no muon or electron, have been observed in the CERN neutrino experiment. These events behave as expected if they arise from neutral current induced processes. The rates relative to the corresponding charged current processes are evaluated.









https://home.cern/about/experiments/gargamelle



Magnetic Horn



Fig. 1: Simon van der Meer, 37 years old, explaining the principles of a magnetic horn, June 1962 CERN–2012–008 31 October 2012





The Massless Neutrino in the Standard Model



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



universal coupling e.g. g, g'

 u_R, d_R, e_R





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Demonstration that the weak coupling to quarks and leptons is universal



Fig. 4. $\overline{F}_2^{\nu N}(x')$ computed from all events irrespective of neutrino/antineutrino energy. At small x', the data are binned in small intervals $\Delta x'$ to indicate the fall in \overline{F}_2 . Within the statistical errors, the form of \overline{F}_2 for x' < 0.1 is independent of energy.





Demonstration that the weak coupling to quarks and leptons is universal





Fig. 12. Distributions in y for neutrinos and antineutrinos, after corrections for acceptance, resolution and flux



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2000 Detection of the Tau Neutrino

One of four...



1989 - 2000

Three Neutrinos



This result is critical to interpreting observations of neutrino oscillation.

Neutrino Puzzles



Atmospheric Neutrino Anomaly

Ratio of muon neutrinos to electron neutrinos Is wrong

Second puzzle found, first one solved

Solar Neutrino Puzzle

Too few neutrinos from the Sun

First puzzle found, second one solved

Solar Neutrinos





Kamiokande



directional detection



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Gallex/GNO & SAGE

30-60 tons of gallium

$$v_e$$
 + ⁷¹Ga \rightarrow ⁷¹Ge + e⁻

E_v > 0.23 MeV

pp neutrino flux predicted to $\sim 2\%$



Solar Neutrinos – circa 1995



Neutrino Flavor Mixing?





1996 -

Super-Kamiokande



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SK-I, II, III, IV and currently preparing for SK-Gd

Smoking Guns



Super-K Solar Result (2001)



SNO – Sudbury Neutrino Observatory







2015 Nobel Prize: Art McDonald

Creighton Nickel Mine in Sudbury Ontario 1 kton of heavy water (D_2O) 9500 PMTs 2100 meters deep – 6000 mwe **3 muons per hour!** Clean detector: low radioactivity Three phases: pure D_2O , NaCl salt, Neutral Current Detectors ₃₁

2006

Heavy Water: D₂O



SNO Solar Result (2001)





Atmospheric Neutrino Anomaly

$$R = \frac{(\nu_{\mu}/\nu_{e})_{\text{DATA}}}{(\nu_{\mu}/\nu_{e})_{\text{M.C.}}}$$



1986-1998



Atmospheric Neutrino Anomaly



1st Super-K paper – March 1998



Measurement of a small atmospheric ν_{μ}/ν_{e} ratio

firmed the existence of a smaller atmospheric ν_{μ}/ν_{e} ratio than predicted. We obtained $R = 0.61 \pm 0.03(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.05(\text{sys.})$ for events in the sub-GeV range. The Super-Kamiokande detector has much greater fiducial mass and sensitivity than prior experiments. Given the relative certainty in this result, statistical fluctuations can no longer explain the deviation of R from unity.

25.5 kton yr (414 days data) Sub-GeV only Two independent analyses





2nd Super-K paper – May 1998

Study of the atmospheric neutrino flux in the multi-GeV energy range



Discovery of Neutrino Oscillations





2015 Nobel Prize: Takaaki Kajita

Zenith angle dependence (Multi-GeV) Up-going Down-going 100 Data (a) FC e-like $\chi^2(\text{shape})$ Events 80 (e)=2.8/4.dof 60 of $U_{\rm P} = 0.93 \pm 0.13$ Number -0.12+MC stat 20 $\chi^2(shape)$ (b) FC µ-like + PC Events 150 = 30/4 dof đ Number 20 256 (**6.2**σ·//) 0 (os A) * Up/Down syst. error for *m*-like Prediction (flux calculation \$1%) 1.8% (Energy calib. for 1 + 0.7%.) 2.1%. Non D Background< 2%.) 2.1%. Data



sub-GeV multi-GeV 250 250 50 75 e-like e-like e-like e-like p < 0.4 GeV/c p > 0.4 GeV/c p < 2.5 GeV/c p > 2.5 GeV/c 200 200 40 60 150 150 30 45 100 20 EZV / 100 庫 30 777 50 15 4222 no evidence for electron neutrino appearance 200 300 100 125 Partially Contained μ-like μ-like μ-like p < 0.4 GeV/c p > 0.4 GeV/c 160 240 80 100 III777 TATT TTT 120 180 60 \overline{TT} 75 777TTT Z_{L} 80 120 50 40 40 60 20 25 0 0 -0.2 0.2 -0.2 0.2 -0.6 0.6 -0.6 0.6 -0.2 0.2 -1 1 -1 -0.6 0.6 -0.6 -0.2 0.2 0.6 -1 -1 cos⊖ cos⊖ cosΘ COSO **3rd Super-K paper –** strong evidence for $E_v = 3 \text{ GeV}$ survival muon neutrino $E_{v} = 9 \text{ GeV}$ probability **August 1998** $E_{v} = 15 \text{ Ge}$ disappearance

Evidence for Oscillation of Atmospheric Neutrinos

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Long-Baseline Neutrino Experiments



Confirmed (K2K) and precisely measured (MINOS) muon neutrino disappearance Found electron neutrino appearance (T2K, MINOS) Studying CP Violation and Mass Ordering with neutrinos and antineutrinos (T2K, NOvA) Found Tau neutrino appearance (OPERA)

KamLAND – Solar Sector with Antineutrinos



The Neutrino Matrix

Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata Matrix (PMNS or MNS) $\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{v}_{e} \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{\mu} \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{U}_{e1} & \boldsymbol{U}_{e2} & \boldsymbol{U}_{e3} \\ \boldsymbol{U}_{\mu 1} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\mu 2} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\mu 3} \\ \boldsymbol{U}_{\tau 1} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\tau 2} & \boldsymbol{U}_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{v}_{1} \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{2} \\ \boldsymbol{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix} \text{ mass} \end{aligned}$ $U_{PMNS} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.6 & 0.15 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.7 \\ 0.3 & 0.6 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix} \qquad U_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.2 & 0.005 \\ 0.5 & 1 & 0.04 \\ 0.005 & 0.04 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

neutrinos

quarks



The Neutrino Matrix

$$U = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

 $c_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij}, \, s_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij}$

Three mixing angles plus one complex phase.

Neutrino Mixing Angles



Three Flavor Neutrino Oscillation in Matter

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) \cong T_{1} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{13} - T_{2}\alpha \underline{\sin 2\theta_{13}} + T_{3}\alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} + T_{4}\alpha^{2}$$

$$T_{1} = \sin^{2} \theta_{23} \frac{\sin^{2} \left[(1-x)\Delta \right] \right]}{(1-x)^{2}} \qquad \alpha = \frac{\Delta m_{21}^{2}}{\Delta m_{31}^{2}}$$

$$P \text{ violating } T_{2} = \sin \delta_{CP} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin \Delta \frac{\sin(x\Delta)}{x} \frac{\sin\left[(1-x)\Delta \right]}{(1-x)}$$

$$CP \text{ conserving } T_{3} = \cos \delta_{CP} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \cos \Delta \frac{\sin(x\Delta)}{x} \frac{\sin\left[(1-x)\Delta \right]}{(1-x)}$$

$$T_{4} = \cos^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^{2}(x\Delta)}{x^{2}}$$

$$\Delta = \Delta m_{31}^2 L/4E \qquad x = 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E/\Delta m_{31}^2 \cong E/12 \text{ GeV}$$

for anti-neutrinos, sign of x and sin $\delta_{\rm cp}$ is changed

2010



No evidence for reactor neutrino disappearance at short distances (km)









Theta-13 is definitely non-zero!



"Solar" Mixing Parameters



with reactor (Daya Bay, RENO, Double Chooz)

 2σ tension in Δm^2_{12} between solar and KamLAND

2017

"Atmospheric" Mixing Parameters



Neutrino history is being written now



- Determine the mass ordering
 Leaning towards normal ordering
- Measure phase δ seek CP violation • Could be maximal
- ♦ Refine measurements, especially: is θ₂₃ ≠ 45°?
 ♦ Unstable results
- Absolute mass scale
 Sum masses < 0.3 eV
- Is the neutrino mass term Dirac or Majorana?
 No idea!
- Resolve current puzzles and anomalies!
 Get out the popcorn!
- Use the neutrino detectors for other good science: Baryon number violation, astrophysics, dark matter