Neutrinos (Theory)

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E. Witten (2000): for neutrino masses, the considerations have always been qualitative, and, despite some interesting attempts, there has never been a convincing quantitative model of the neutrino masses.

Part A: Neutrinos from new physics

Part B: Neutrino mass from seesaw

Part C: Flavor mixing & oscillations

Part D: What is behind observation

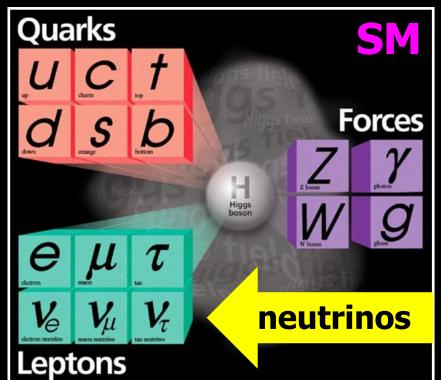
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Neutrinos: a part of our everyday life!

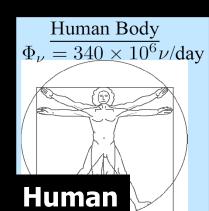
Big Bang Galaxy

Supernova

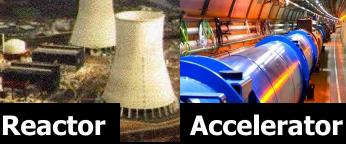
Sun

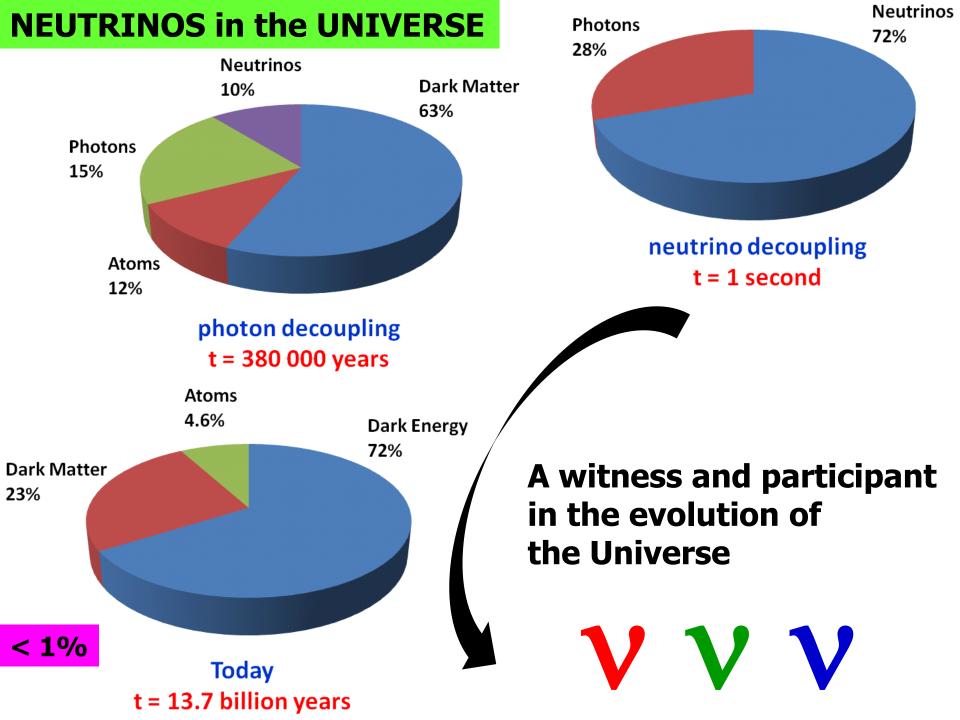


charge = 0spin = 1/2mass = 0speed = c









The known and unknowns **Neutrino flavors can oscillate!** Finite neutrino mass/flavor mixing the absolute v mass scale? v mass hierarchy? (JUNO) the Dirac/Majorana nature? the CP-violating phases? how many species? ... cosmic v background? supernova & stellar v's? ultrahigh-energy cosmic v's? keV warm dark matter? cosmic baryon asymmetry?

As we know

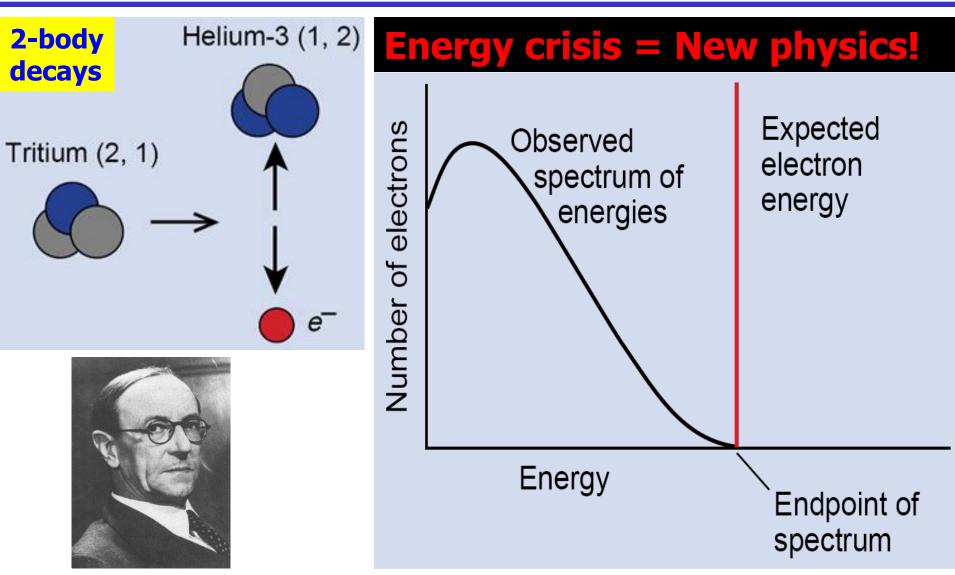
There are known knowns There are things we know we know

We also know There are known unknowns That is to say We know there are some things we don't know

But there are unknown unknowns The ones we don't know We don't know



Beta decay in 1930



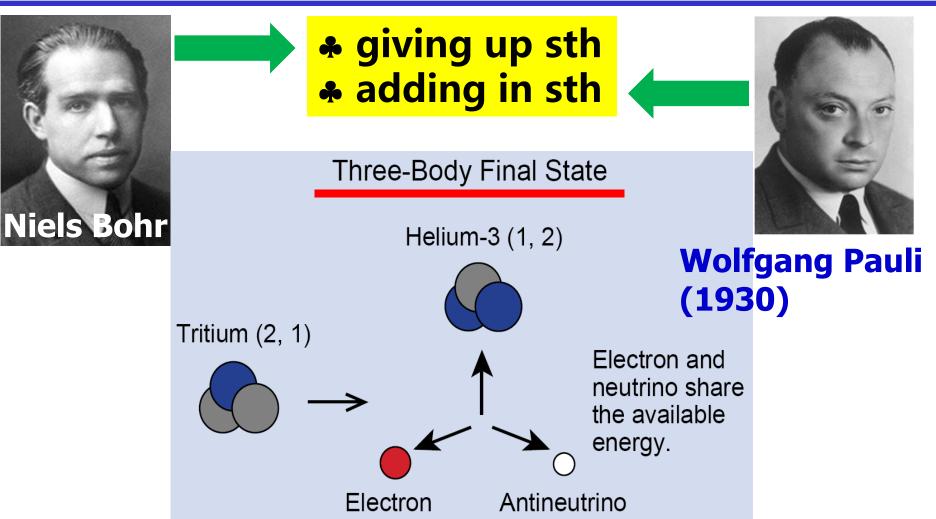
J. Chadwick 1914/C. Ellis 1920-1927

What to do?

Part A

Two ways out?

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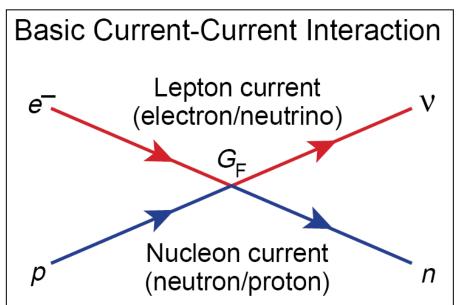
Dears, what attitude do you take towards new physics ???? 亲们,你们遇到新物理(实验结果和理论预言不同)时,是啥态度?

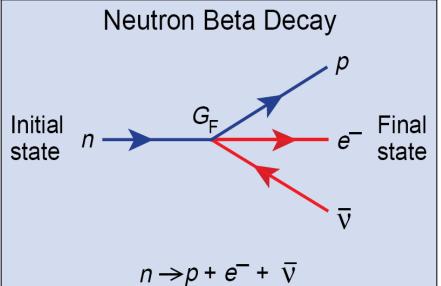
Part A

Fermi's theory

- Enrico Fermi assumed a new force for β decay by combining 3 new concepts:
- ★ Pauli's idea: neutrinos
- **★** Dirac's idea: creation of particles

★ Heisenberg's idea: isospin symmetry







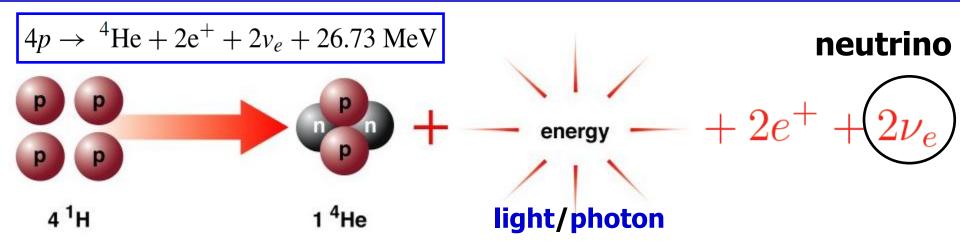
I will be remembered

----- Fermi in Italian

Alps, Christmas 1933

for this paper.

Why the sun shines?



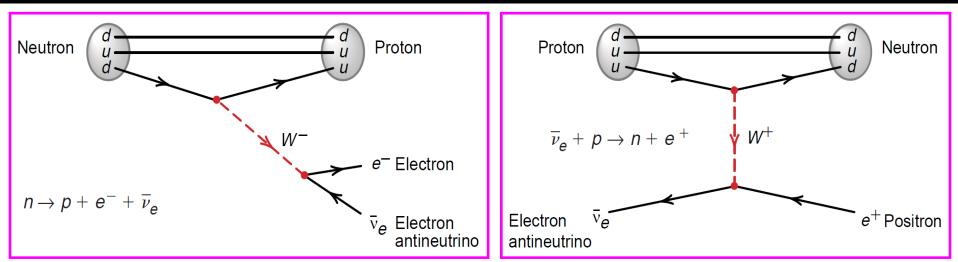
Hans Bethe (1939), George Gamow & Mario Schoenberg (1940, 1941)

The beta decay

Part A

The inverse beta decay

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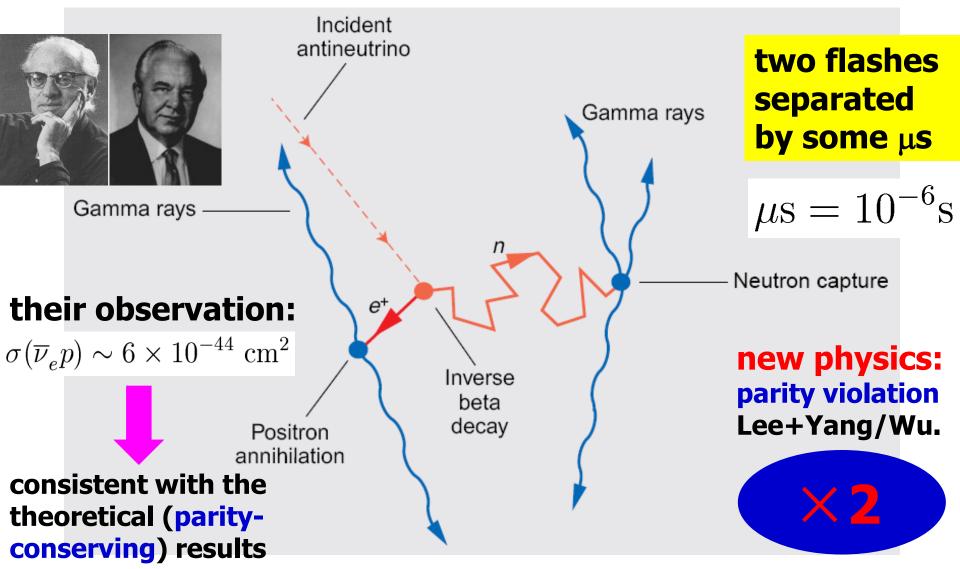




Neutrinos in 1956

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Frederick Reines & Clyde Cowan detected reactor anti-v's.



Many things oscillate

- **1956:** Discovery of electron antineutrino (C.L. Cowan et al)
- **1957:** Postulation of neutrino-antineutrino oscillation (B. Pontecorvo)
- 1962: Discovery of muon neutrino (G. Danby et al)
- **1962:** Postulation of neutrino conversion (Z. Maki *et al*)
- 1968: Discovery of solar neutrino oscillation (R. Davis et al)
- **1987:** Discovery of supernova neutrinos (K. Hirata *et al*)
- 2000: Discovery of tau neutrino (K. Kodama et al)





Part B

What is mass?

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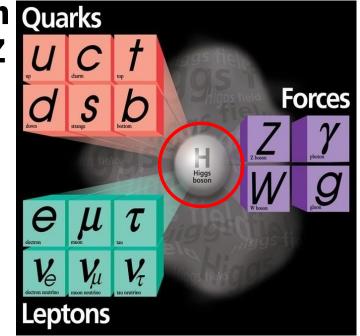
Mass is the inertial energy of a particle existing at rest.

- A massless particle has no way to exist at rest. It must always move at the speed of light.
- A massive fermion (lepton or quark) must exist in both the left- and right-handed states.

The Brout-Englert-Higgs mechanism Quarks is responsible for the origin of W / Z and fermion masses in the SM.

$$L_{\rm SM} = L(\boldsymbol{f}, \boldsymbol{G}) + \underline{L(\boldsymbol{f}, \boldsymbol{H})} + \underline{L(\boldsymbol{G}, \boldsymbol{H})} + L(\boldsymbol{G}) - V(\boldsymbol{H})$$

All the **bosons** were discovered in **Europe**, and most of the fermions were discovered in America.



Higgs: Yukawa interaction

force	strength	range	mediator	mass	
strong	1	10^{-15} m	gluon/π	~ 10 ² MeV	
EM	1/137	00	photon	= 0	
weak	10 ⁻⁶	10^{-18} m	W/Z/H	~ 10 ² GeV	
gravitation	6×10^{-39}	00	graviton	= 0	
Yukawa relation for the mediator's mass <i>M</i> and the force's range <i>R</i> :		$M \simeq \frac{200 \text{MeV} \times 10^{-15} \text{m}}{R}$			
$L_{\rm SM} = L(f,G) + L(f,H) + L(G,H) + L(G) - V(H)$					
Fermion masses, flavor mixing, CP violation					



In the SM

- All v's are massless due to the model's simple structure:
- ---- SU(2)×U(1) gauge symmetry and Lorentz invariance: Fundamentals of a quantum field theory
- ---- Economical particle content:
 - No right-handed neutrino; only a single Higgs doublet
- ---- Mandatory renormalizability:

No dimension \geq 5 operator (*B-L* conserved in the SM)

- Neutrinos are massless in the SM: Natural or not?
- YES: It's tooooooo light and almost left-handed; NO: No fundamental symmetry/conservation law.



Weinberg operator

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Way 1: to relax the requirement of renormalizability (S. Weinberg 79)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{\mathcal{L}_{\text{d}=5}}{\Lambda} + \frac{\mathcal{L}_{\text{d}=6}}{\Lambda^2} + \cdots$$

In the SM, the lowest-dimension operator that violates lepton/baryon number is unique:

$$\frac{1}{M} HHLL$$
neutrino mass Seesaw: $m_{1,2,3} \sim \langle H \rangle^2 / M$

$$m_{1,2,3} < 1 \text{ eV} \implies M > 10^{13} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{1}{M^2} QQQL$$
proton decay Example: $p \rightarrow \pi^0 + e^+$
 $\tau_p > 10^{33} \text{ years} \implies M > 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$

Neutrino masses/proton decays: windows onto physics at high scales

Part B

Dirac mass term

Way 2: to add 3 right-handed neutrinos & demand a (B - L) symmetry

A pure **Dirac** mass term

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \overline{l_{\text{L}}} Y_l H E_{\text{R}} + \overline{l_{\text{L}}} Y_{\nu} \tilde{H} N_{\text{R}} + \text{h.c.}$$

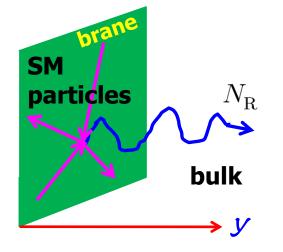
$$M_l = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}Y_l$$
$$M_\nu = \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}}Y_\nu$$

NOT convincing Everything not forbidden is compulsory!

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The hierarchy problem: $y_i/y_e = m_i/m_e \lesssim 0.5~{\rm eV}/0.5~{
m MeV} \sim 10^{-6}$

A very speculative way out: the smallness of Dirac masses is ascribed to the assumption that N_R have access to an extra spatial dimension (Dienes, Dudas, Gherghetta 98; Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali, March-Russell 98) :



The wavefunction of N_R spreads out over the extra dimension y, giving rise to a suppressed Yukawa interaction at y = 0.



Majorana masses

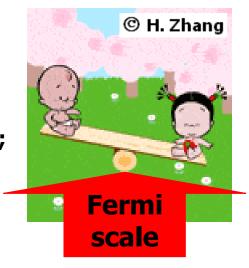
Seesaw: add new heavy degrees of freedom and allow (B-L) violation:



Seesaw—A Footnote Idea: H. Fritzsch, M. Gell-Mann, P. Minkowski, PLB 59 (1975) 256

Type-1: SM + 3 right-handed neutrinos (Minkowski 77; Yanagida 79; Glashow 79; Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slanski 79; Mohapatra, Senjanovic 79)

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \overline{l_{\text{L}}} Y_l H E_{\text{R}} + \overline{l_{\text{L}}} Y_{\nu} \tilde{H} N_{\text{R}} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{N_{\text{R}}^{\text{c}}} M_{\text{R}} N_{\text{R}} + \text{h.c.}$$



variations

combinations

Type-2: SM + 1 Higgs triplet (Konetschny, Kummer 77; Magg, Wetterich 80; Schechter, Valle 80; Cheng, Li 80; Lazarides et al 80; Mohapatra, Senjanovic 80)

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \overline{l_{\text{L}}} Y_l H E_{\text{R}} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{l_{\text{L}}} Y_\Delta \Delta i \sigma_2 l_{\text{L}}^c - \lambda_\Delta M_\Delta H^T i \sigma_2 \Delta H + \text{h.c.}$$

Type-3: SM + 3 triplet fermions (Foot, Lew, He, Joshi 89)

 $-\mathcal{L}_{\text{lepton}} = \overline{l_{\text{L}}} Y_l H E_{\text{R}} + \overline{l_{\text{L}}} \sqrt{2} Y_{\Sigma} \Sigma^c \tilde{H} + \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left(\overline{\Sigma} M_{\Sigma} \Sigma^c \right) + \text{h.c.}$



Seesaw formula

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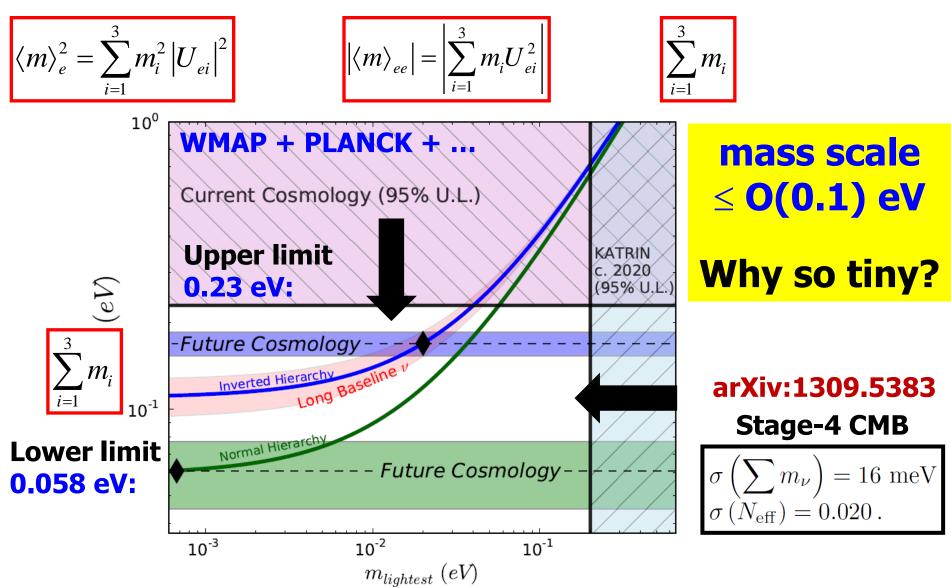
Weinberg operator: the unique dimension-five operator of v-masses after integrating out the heavy degrees of freedom.

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}_{d=5}}{\Lambda} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \left(Y_{\nu} M_{\mathrm{R}}^{-1} Y_{\nu}^{T} \right)_{\alpha\beta} \overline{l_{\alpha \mathrm{L}}} \tilde{H} \tilde{H}^{T} l_{\beta \mathrm{L}}^{c} + \mathrm{h.c.} \\ -\frac{\lambda_{\Delta}}{M_{\Delta}} (Y_{\Delta})_{\alpha\beta} \overline{l_{\alpha \mathrm{L}}} \tilde{H} \tilde{H}^{T} l_{\beta \mathrm{L}}^{c} + \mathrm{h.c.} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left(Y_{\Sigma} M_{\Sigma}^{-1} Y_{\Sigma}^{T} \right)_{\alpha\beta} \overline{l_{\alpha \mathrm{L}}} \tilde{H} \tilde{H}^{T} l_{\beta \mathrm{L}}^{c} + \mathrm{h.c.} \end{cases} \qquad M_{\nu} = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2} Y_{\nu} \frac{v^{2}}{M_{\mathrm{R}}} Y_{\nu}^{T} & (\mathrm{Type } 1) \\ \lambda_{\Delta} Y_{\Delta} \frac{v^{2}}{M_{\Delta}} & (\mathrm{Type } 2) \\ -\frac{1}{2} Y_{\Sigma} \frac{v^{2}}{M_{\Sigma}} Y_{\Sigma}^{T} & (\mathrm{Type } 3) \end{cases}$$

After SSB, a Majorana mass term is $-\mathcal{L}_{mass} = \frac{1}{2}\overline{\nu_{L}}M_{\nu}\nu_{L}^{c} + h.c.$ $\langle \tilde{H} \rangle = v/\sqrt{2}$ $H^0 = \lambda_\Delta M_\Delta = H^0$ H^0 H^0 H^0 H^0 Δ^0 $N_{\rm R}$ Σ^0 ${\cal V}_{
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Light neutrino masses

Three ways: the β decay, the $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay, and cosmology (CMB + LSS).

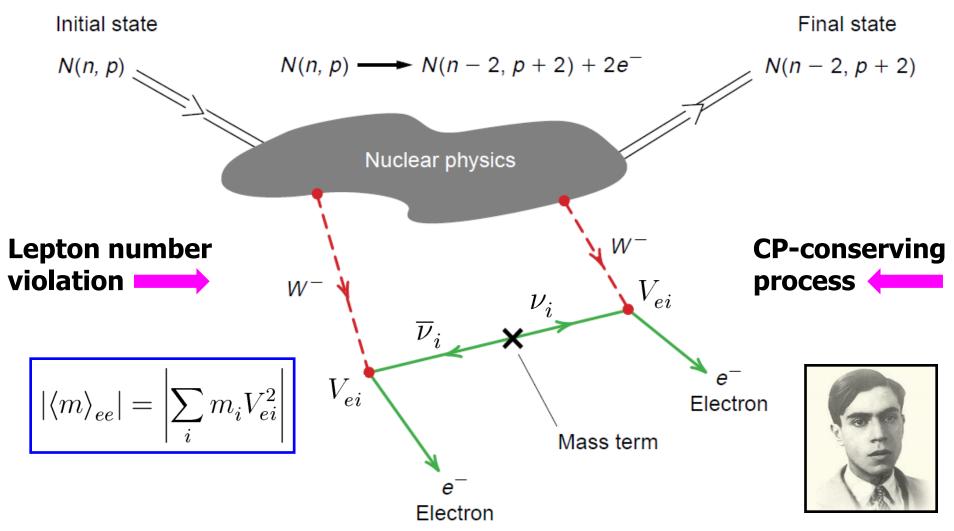


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Part B

The neutrinoless double beta decay can happen if massive neutrinos are the Majorana particles (W.H. Furry 1939):

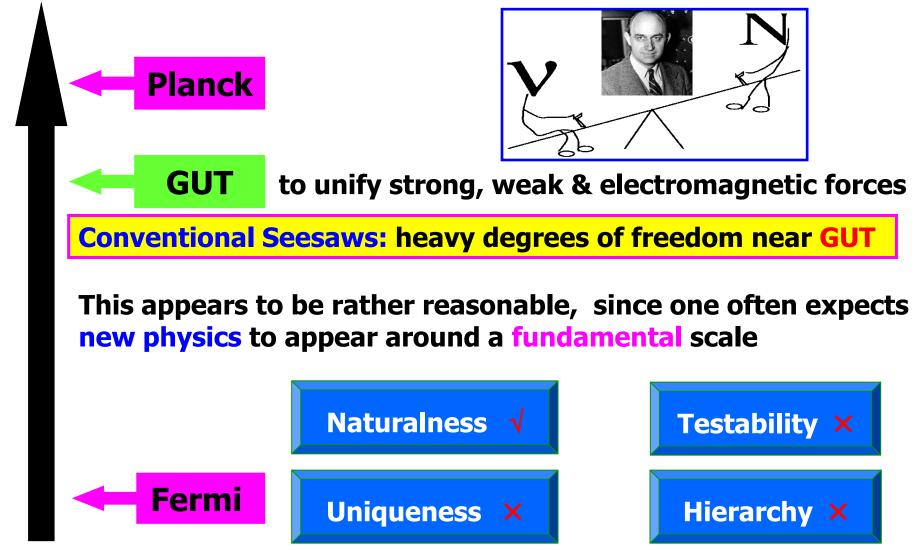




Seesaw scale?

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What is the energy scale at which the seesaw mechanism works?





Hierarchy problem

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 \mathcal{M}

Seesaw-induced fine-tuning problem: the Higgs mass is very sensitive to quantum corrections from the heavy degrees of freedom in seesaw (Vissani 98; Casas et al 04; Abada et al 07)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Type 1:} \quad \delta m_{H}^{2} &= -\frac{y_{i}^{2}}{8\pi^{2}} \left(\Lambda^{2} + M_{i}^{2} \ln \frac{M_{i}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} \right) & \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} \overset{N_{R}}{\longrightarrow} \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} \overset{N_{R}}{\longrightarrow} \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} \end{aligned} \\ \mathbf{Type 2:} \quad \delta m_{H}^{2} &= \frac{3}{16\pi^{2}} \left[\lambda_{3} \left(\Lambda^{2} + M_{\Delta}^{2} \ln \frac{M_{\Delta}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} \right) + 4\lambda_{\Delta}^{2} M_{\Delta}^{2} \ln \frac{M_{\Delta}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} \right] \end{aligned} \\ \mathbf{Type 3:} \quad \delta m_{H}^{2} &= -\frac{3y_{i}^{2}}{8\pi^{2}} \left(\Lambda^{2} + M_{i}^{2} \ln \frac{M_{i}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} \right) & \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} \overset{\Sigma^{c}}{\longrightarrow} \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} \overset{L}{\longrightarrow} \end{aligned}$$

here y_i & M_i are eigenvalues of Y_v (or Y_Σ) & M_R (or M_ Σ), respectively.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{An illustration} \\ \textbf{of fine-tuning} \end{array} \qquad M_i ~\sim ~ \left[\frac{(2\pi v)^2 |\delta m_H^2|}{m_i} \right]^{1/3} \sim 10^7 \text{GeV} \left[\frac{0.2 \text{ eV}}{m_i} \right]^{1/3} \left[\frac{|\delta m_H^2|}{0.1 \text{ TeV}^2} \right]^{1/3} \end{array}$

Possible way out: (1) Supersymmetric seesaw? (2) TeV-scale seesaw?

Part C

Flavor mixing + CPV

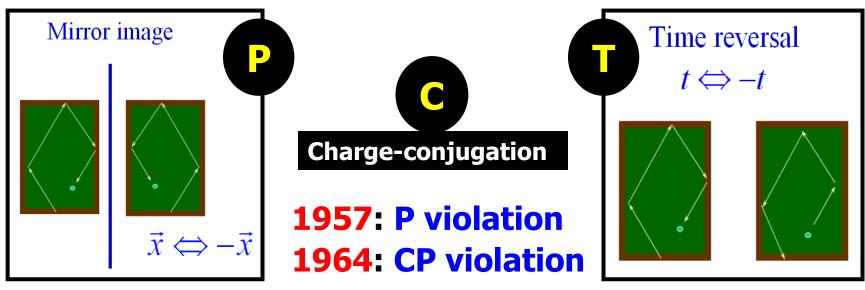
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Flavor mixing: mismatch between weak/flavor eigenstates and mass eigenstates of fermions due to coexistence of **2** types of interactions.

Weak eigenstates: members of weak isospin doublets transforming into each other through the interaction with the *W* boson;

Mass eigenstates: states of definite masses that are created by the interaction with the Higgs boson (Yukawa interactions).

CP violation: matter and **antimatter**, or a reaction & its CP-conjugate process, are distinguishable --- coexistence of **2** types of interactions.



CKM + PMNS

The Yukawa interactions of all fermions are formally invariant under CP transformation if and only if the Yukawa coupling matrices are all real (Kobayashi and Maskawa, 1973)

Part C

$$L_{\rm SM} = L(\boldsymbol{f}, \boldsymbol{G}) + L(\boldsymbol{f}, \boldsymbol{H}) + L(\boldsymbol{G}, \boldsymbol{H}) + L(\boldsymbol{G}) - V(\boldsymbol{H})$$



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Nobel Prize 2008

If the flavor states are transformed into the mass states, the source of flavor mixing and CP violation will show up in the *CC* interactions:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{quarks} & \text{leptons} \\ \mathcal{L}_{cc} &= \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{(u\ c\ t)_{L}}\ \gamma^{\mu} U \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}_{L} W_{\mu}^{+} + \text{h.c.} & \mathcal{L}_{cc} &= \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{(e\ \mu\ \tau)_{L}}\ \gamma^{\mu} V \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1} \\ \nu_{2} \\ \nu_{3} \end{pmatrix}_{L} W_{\mu}^{-} + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned}$$

Comment A: flavor mixing and **CP** violation can occur since fermions interact with both the gauge bosons and the Higgs boson.

Comment B: both the **CC** and Yukawa interactions have been verified.

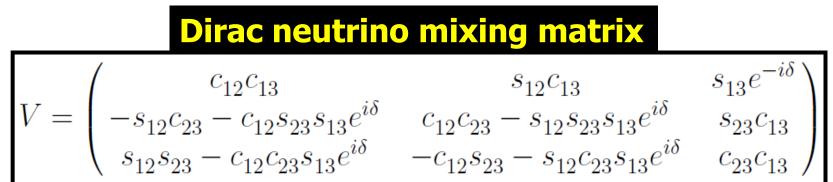
Comment C: the CKM matrix *U* is unitary, the PMNS matrix *V* is too?

Part C

Physical phases

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If neutrinos are **Dirac** particles, the phases x, y and z can be removed. Then the neutrino mixing matrix is



If neutrinos are Majorana particles, left- and right-handed fields are correlated. Hence only a common phase of three left-handed fields can be redefined (e.g., z = 0). Then

Majorana neutrino mixing matrix

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\rho} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

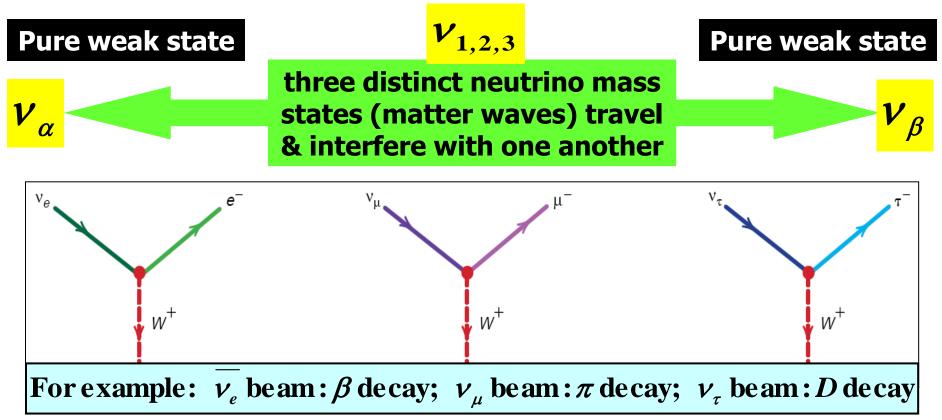
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What is v-oscillation?

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Oscillation — a spontaneous periodic change from one neutrino flavor state to another, is a spectacular quantum phenomenon. It can occur as a natural consequence of neutrino mixing.

In a neutrino oscillation experiment, the neutrino beam is produced and detected via the weak charged-current interactions.

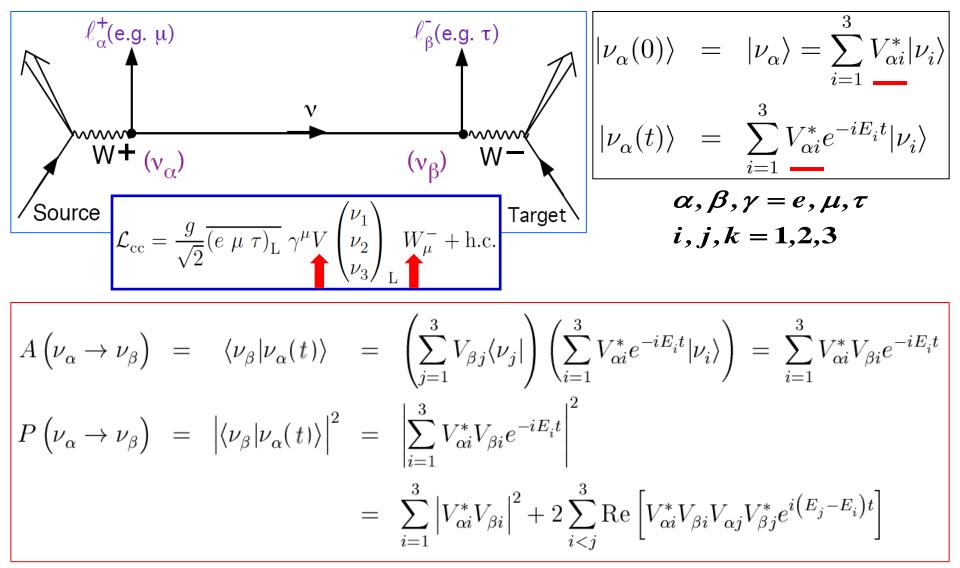


3-flavor oscillation

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Part C

Production and detection of a neutrino beam by CC weak interactions:



CP violation

Part C

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The final formula of 3-flavor oscillation probabilities with CP violation:

$$P\left(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}\right) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{i$$

Under CPT invariance, CP- and T-violating asymmetries are identical:

$$P\left(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}\right) - P\left(\overline{\nu}_{\alpha} \to \overline{\nu}_{\beta}\right) = P\left(\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}\right) - P\left(\nu_{\beta} \to \nu_{\alpha}\right)$$
$$= 16\mathcal{J}\sum_{\gamma} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \sin\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E} \sin\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \sin\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}$$

Jarlskog invariant, a rephasing-invariant measure of CP / T violation: $J = \sin\theta_{12} \cos\theta_{12} \sin\theta_{23} \cos\theta_{23} \sin\theta_{13} \cos^2\theta_{13} \sin\delta \le 1/6\sqrt{3} \approx 9.6\%$

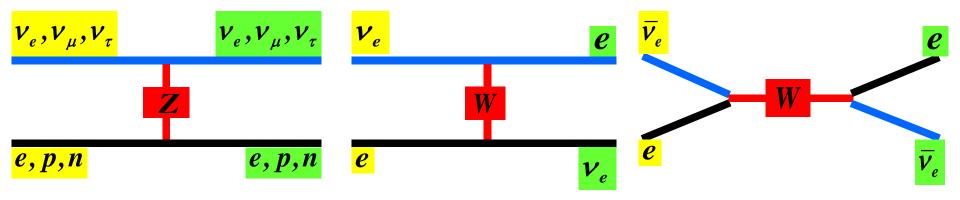
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Matter effect?

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When light travels through a medium, it sees a refractive index due to coherent forward scattering from the constituents of the medium.

A similar phenomenon applies to neutrino flavor states as they travel through matter. All flavor states see a common refractive index from NC forward scattering, and the electron (anti) neutrino sees an extra refractive index due to CC forward scattering in matter.



Consequence of Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein (MSW) matter effect:



Matter-modified oscillation behavior:

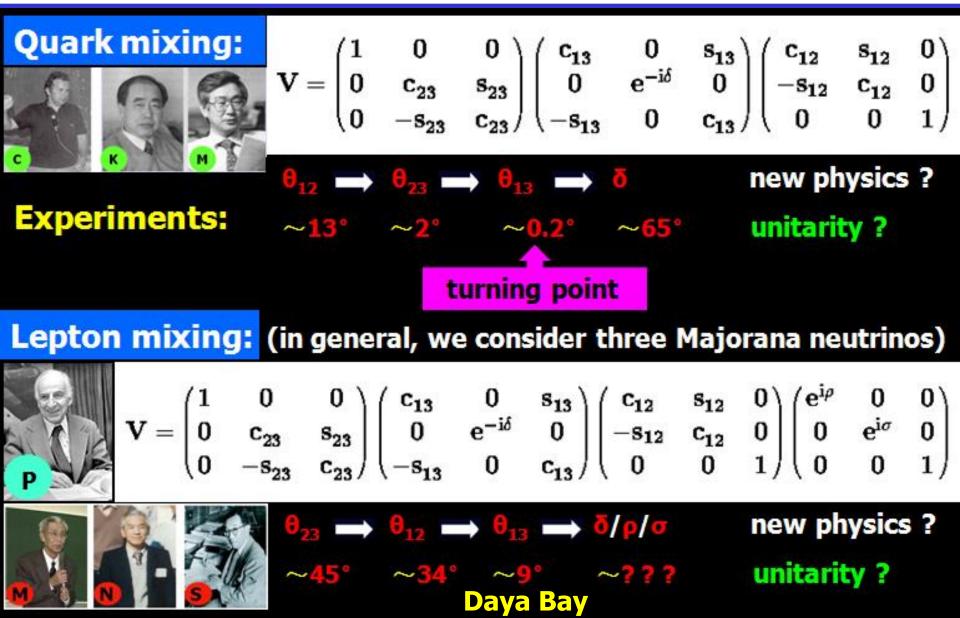
$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 + 2\sqrt{2}G_{\mathbf{F}}N_e E$$

Fake CP-violating effect in oscillation.



Experimental data

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Flavor puzzles

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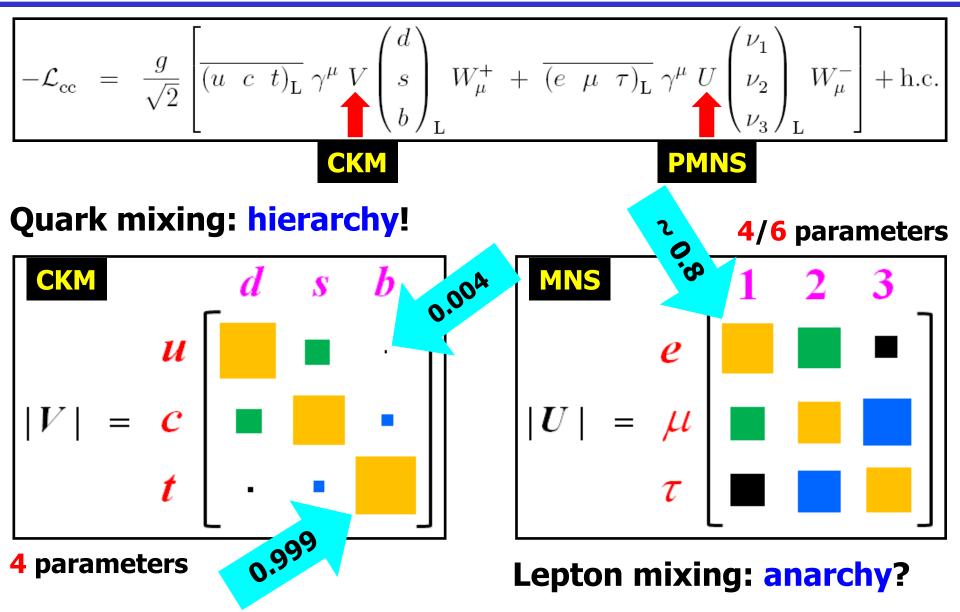
Neutral Charged **Really nothing in?** meV keV MeV μeV eV GeV TeV v_{3} ¦τb 3 Generation **FLAVOR** sμ ν**2** 2 DESERT e 'u d ν₁ $10^{-6} \ 10^{-5} \ 10^{-4} \ 10^{-3} \ 10^{-2} \ 10^{-1} \ 10^{0} \ 10^{1} \ 10^{2} \ 10^{3} \ 10^{4} \ 10^{5} \ 10^{6} \ 10^{7} \ 10^{8} \ 10^{9} \ 10^{10} \ 10^{11}$ Mass (eV)

Flavor hierarchy + Flavor desert puzzles: 12 free (mass) parameters.



Flavor puzzles

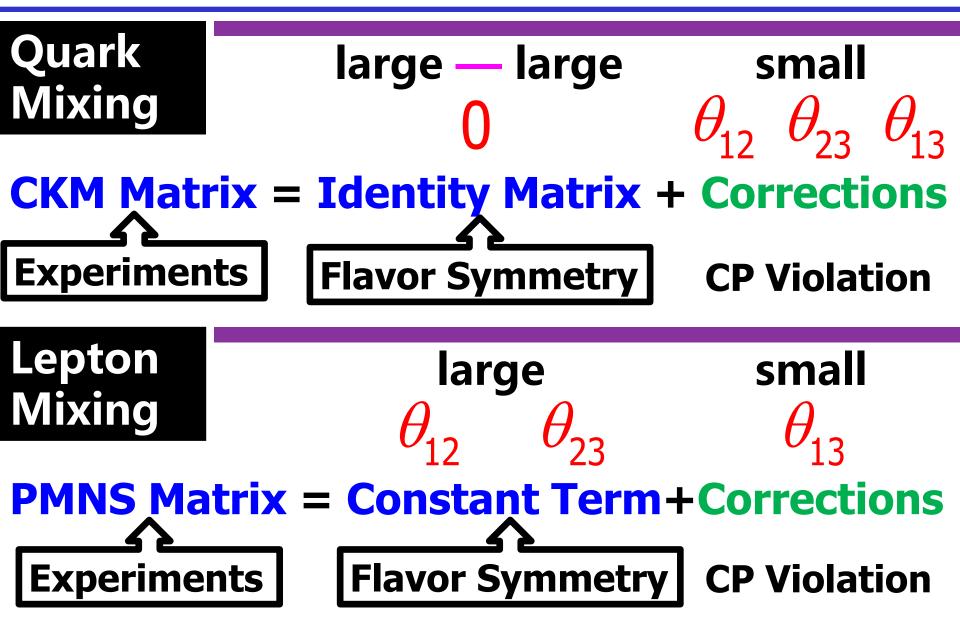
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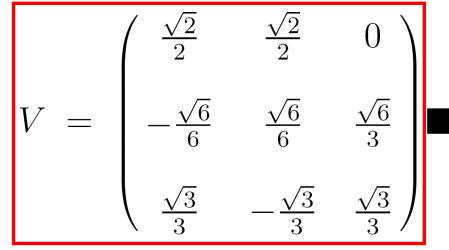
Possible structures

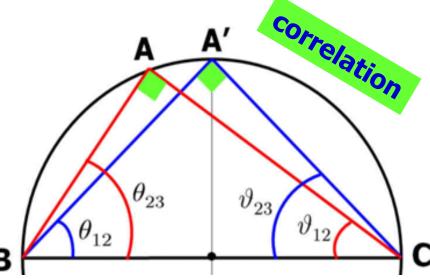
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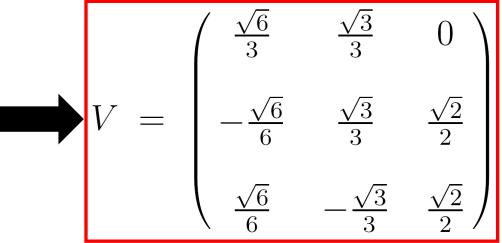


Typical examples

Democratic Mixing Pattern (96)







Tri-bimaximal Mixing Pattern (02)

$$\theta_{12} = \pi/4 \qquad \qquad \vartheta_{12} = \pi/4 - \theta_*$$

$$\theta_{23} = \pi/4 + \theta_* \qquad \qquad \vartheta_{23} = \pi/4$$

Democratic

$$\theta_* = \arctan(\sqrt{2}) - \pi/4 = \pi/4 - \arctan(1/\sqrt{2}) \approx 9.7^\circ$$

Part D

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Flavor symmetries?

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Some small discrete groups for model building (Altarelli, Feruglio 2010).

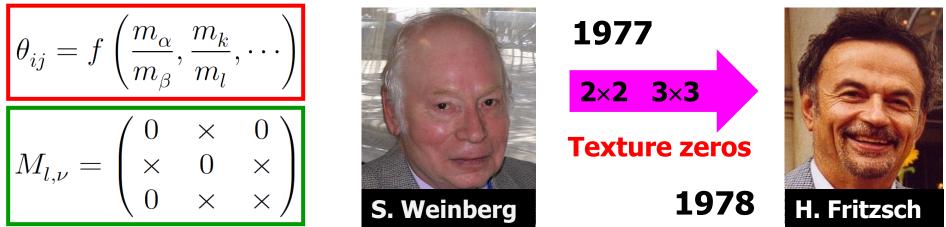
Group	d	Irreducible representation	Too many possibilities! Which one stands out?
$D_3 \sim S_3$	6	1, 1′, 2	$G_{ m F}$
D_4	8	1 ₁ ,, 1 ₄ , 2	Υ F'
D_7	14	1, 1', 2, 2', 2"	
A_4	12	1, 1', 1", 3	
$A_5 \sim PSL_2(5)$	60	1, 3, 3', 4, 5	MASS
T'	24	1, 1', 1", 2, 2', 2", 3	G_{ℓ} + G_{ν}
S_4	24	1, 1', 2, 3, 3'	\mathcal{L}_{ℓ} PMNS \mathcal{L}_{ν}
$\Delta(27) \sim Z_3 \rtimes Z_3$	27	$1_1, 1_9, 3, \bar{3}$	$V = O_{\ell}^{\dagger} O_{\nu}$
$PSL_2(7)$	168	1, 3, 3, 6, 7, 8	
$T_7 \sim Z_7 \rtimes Z_3$	21	$1, 1', \bar{1'}, 3, \bar{3}$	M_{ℓ}



Texture zeros?

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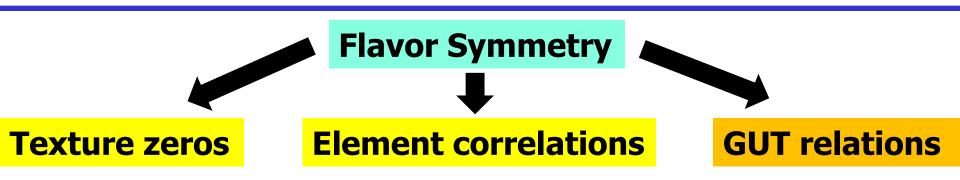
Flavor mixing angles depend on the fermion mass ratios?



Example: 7 two-zero textures of the Majorana neutrino mass matrix allowed by current experimental data:



Uniqueness + Testability?



They reduce the number of free parameters, and thus lead to predictions for **3** flavor mixing angles in terms of either the mass ratios or constant numbers.

PREDICTIONS

Example (flavor symmetries)

$$M_{l,\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \times & 0 \\ \times & 0 & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$$

Dependent on mass ratios

Example (flavor symmetries)

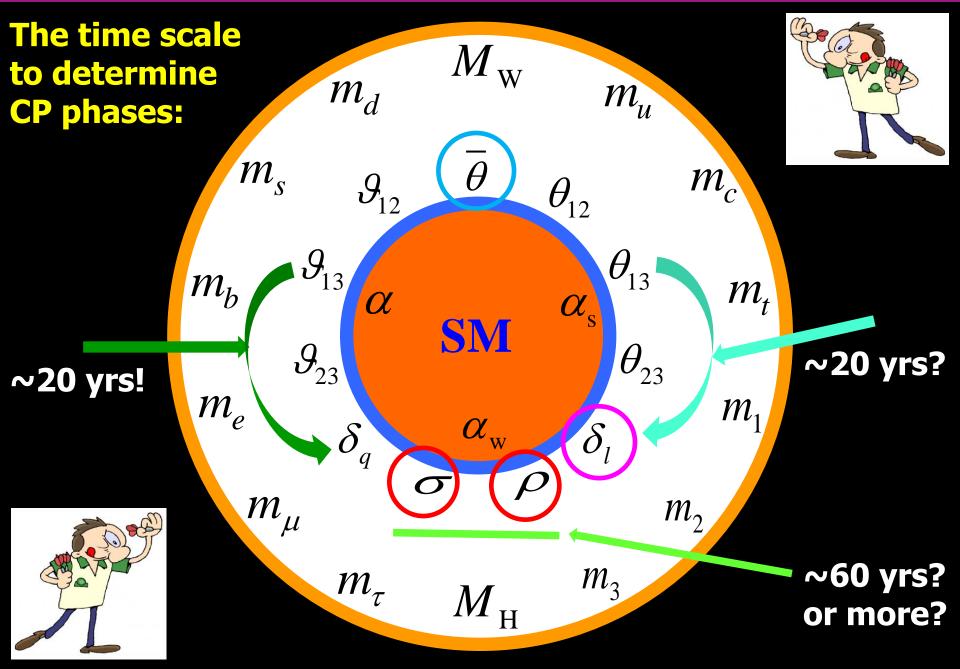
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$$M_{\nu} = \begin{pmatrix} b+c & -b & -c \\ -b & a+b & -a \\ -c & -a & a+c \end{pmatrix}$$

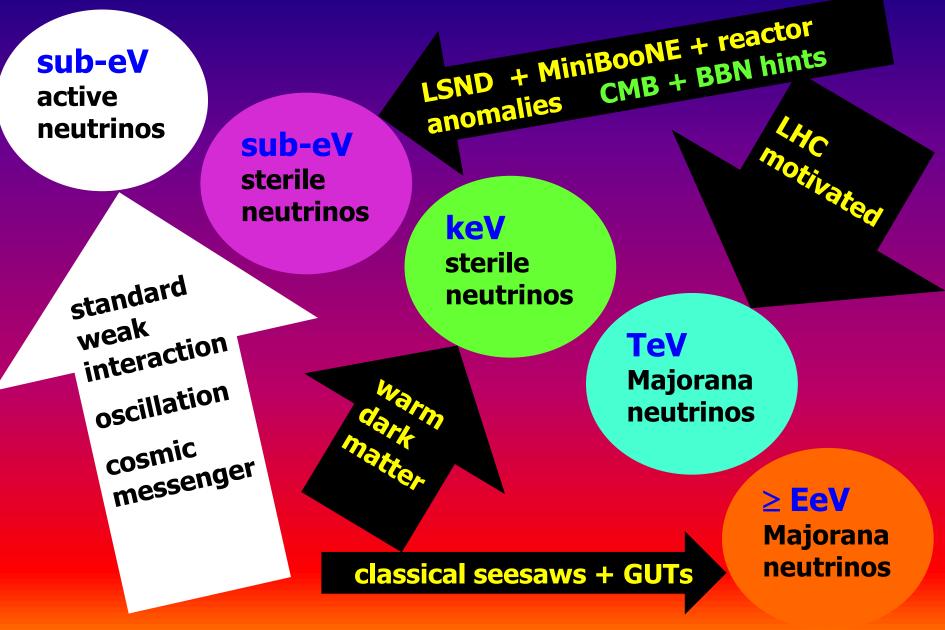
Dependent on simple numbers



SM + neutrinos are left with CP-violating phases



Real + Hypothetical v's



Have a great weekend **非常感谢您**!祝周末开心!