

# Neutrinos

massless in SM  $\Leftrightarrow$   $\nu$ -oscillations  $\Rightarrow$  physics beyond the SM

$\rightarrow$  Formalism to describe massive neutrinos

$\rightarrow$  How do we know that  $m_\nu \neq 0$

$\rightarrow$  How do we investigate neutrinos?

$\rightarrow$  Neutrino sources: natural and <sup>human</sup>man-made sources

$\rightarrow$  How do we generate  $m_\nu$ ?

$\rightarrow$  Consequences of  $m_\nu$  in various places (T and E)

Today:  $\rightarrow$  masses and neutrinos in the SM

$\rightarrow$  what if  $m_\nu \neq 0$ : Neutrino oscillations

# 1) Neutrinos + Masses in the SM

The SM\* :  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \xrightarrow{\text{Higgs}} U(1)_{em}$

$P_{L,R} = \frac{1}{2}(1 \mp \gamma_5)$

ingredients:  $L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (2, 1, -1/2)$  [doublet under  $SU(2)_L$ , hypercharge -1]

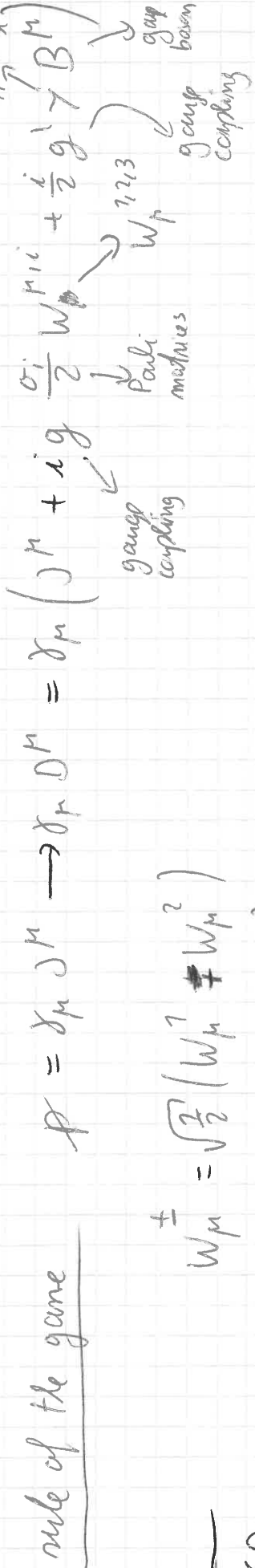
$e_R \sim (1, 1, -2)$ ;  $\mu_R \sim (1, 1, 4/3)$ ;  $d_R \sim (1, 1, -2/3)$

$Q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix}_L \sim (2, 1, 1/3)$

Higgs doublet:  $\phi \sim (2, 1, 1/2) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v+h \end{pmatrix} \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$

$v = \text{const}$  VEV  
 $h$ : Higgs particle

Particles couple to each other: ( $\hookrightarrow$  Dirac equation:  $\mathcal{L} = \bar{\psi} (\not{p} - m) \psi$ )



$W_\mu^\pm = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} (W_\mu^1 \mp W_\mu^2)$

$A_\mu, Z_\mu = A (W_\mu^3, B_\mu)$

\*): no QCD

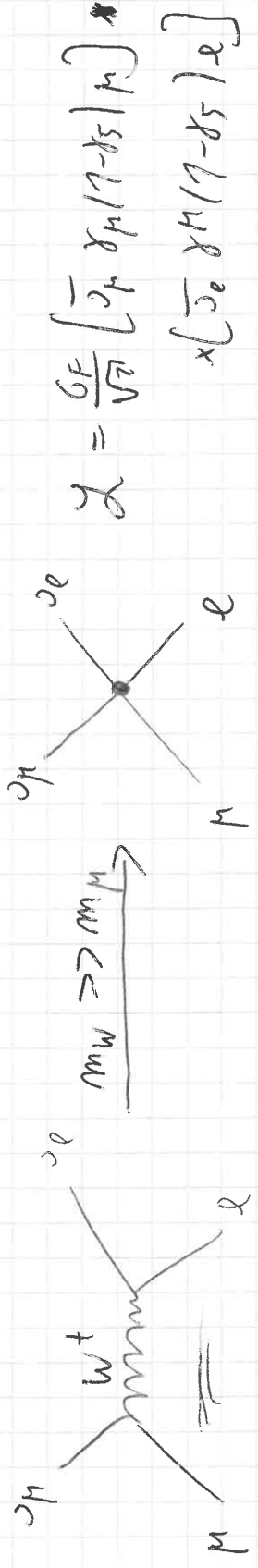
allowed terms: Lorentz-invariant, dimension -4  $[W_\mu \Phi \text{ have dim } 1, \text{ fermions } \frac{3}{2}]$

and gauge-invariant  $\rightarrow$  # of  $\gamma$  per charges add to zero

#)  $L \rightarrow U_L, Q \rightarrow U_Q, \Phi \rightarrow U_Q$   
 where  $U = \exp \left\{ \frac{i}{2} g \sigma_i^a (x) \right\}$

For instance  $\bar{Q} D Q$  contains terms  $\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} g \bar{u}_L W_\mu^+ \gamma^\mu d_L$  charged current  
 $\frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} g \bar{e} W_\mu^+ \gamma^\mu \nu_L$  "

in total:  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{g}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[ \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) \nu + \bar{e} \gamma_\mu (1 - \gamma_5) e \right] W^{\mu\dagger}$



$G_F = \frac{g^2}{8 m_W^2}$ ,  $g = 0.65$   
 $m_W = 80.3 \text{ GeV}$

$L \rightarrow u_L, \phi \rightarrow u \phi$

Masses  $\mathcal{L} = -\gamma_e \bar{L} \phi e_R \rightarrow -\frac{\gamma_e v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{L} e_R \equiv -m_e \bar{L} e_R$

$\mathcal{L} = -\gamma_0 \bar{L} \tilde{\phi} \nu_R \rightarrow -\frac{\gamma_0 v}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{L} \nu_R \equiv -m_\nu \bar{L} \nu_R$

$\tilde{\phi} = i\sigma_2 \phi^*$

$\nu_R \sim (1_L, 0)$  "introduced here: total singlet"  
 $(\Rightarrow)$  no  $\nu_R$  | no neutrino mass

Now:  $L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix}_L ; L_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix}_L ; L_3 = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}_L$

flavor states

~~$\nu_{Rj}$~~   $e_{Rj} \equiv \nu_{Rj} \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3$  same for  $\nu_{Rj}$

$-\mathcal{L}_Y = \bar{L}_i \left[ g_{ij}^{(1)} \phi e_{Rj} + g_{ij}^{(2)} \tilde{\phi} \nu_{Rj} \right] \rightarrow \bar{L}_i \left[ \underbrace{V_{ij}^{(1)}}_{u_L u_L^+} \underbrace{V_{ij}^{(2)}}_{\nu_L \nu_L^+} \right] + \bar{L}_i \underbrace{V_{ij}^{(2)}}_{u_L u_L^+} \underbrace{V_{ij}^{(1)}}_{\nu_L \nu_L^+}$

such that  $U_e^+ V^{(1)} V_e = \text{diag}$

physical states

$\bar{L}_i u_L = \bar{L}_i ; \nu_L = \nu_L$

mixing matrix!

Also in  $\mathcal{L}_{CC} : \bar{\nu}_i e_L \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_i u_L u_L^+ \nu_L \Rightarrow \bar{\nu}_i U_3^+ U_3 \nu_L$  (4)

$U = U_e^+ U_0$  is Pontecorvo - Maki - Nakagawa - Sakata Matrix

PMNS - matrix (analogue of CKM)

## 2) Neutrino Oscillations

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = U_{\alpha i}^* |\nu_i\rangle$$

flavor  $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$

mass  $i = 1, 2, 3$

•) at time  $t=0$ : produce flavor state:  $|\nu_\alpha\rangle = U_{\alpha j}^* |\nu_j\rangle$

time evolution:  $|\nu_j(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_j t} |\nu_j(t=0)\rangle$

•) at time  $t$ , amplitude to find state  $\nu_\beta$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 A(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta, t) &= \langle \nu_\beta | \nu_\alpha(t) \rangle = U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j}^* e^{-iE_j t} \underbrace{\langle \nu_i | \nu_j \rangle}_{\delta_{ij}} \\
 &= U_{\beta i}^* U_{\alpha i} e^{-iE_i t}
 \end{aligned}$$

Probability:  $P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta, t) = P_{\alpha\beta} = |U(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta, t)|^2$

$$= \sum_{\beta} \left| \sum_i U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^* e^{-iE_i t} \right|^2$$

$$= \sum_{i,j} U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \underbrace{\exp\{-i(E_i - E_j)t\}}_{\exp\{-i\Delta_{ij}t\}}$$

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \dots = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{j>i} \operatorname{Re}\{U_{\alpha\beta}^{ij}\} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta_{ij}}{2} + 2 \sum_{j>i} \operatorname{Im}\{U_{\alpha\beta}^{ij}\} \sin \Delta_{ij}$$

$t = L$  baseline

with phase:  $\frac{7}{2} \Delta_{ij} = \frac{7}{2} (E_i - E_j) t = \frac{7}{2} \left( \sqrt{p_i^2 - m_i^2} - \sqrt{p_j^2 - m_j^2} \right) L$

$$= \frac{m_i^2 - m_j^2}{4E} L \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{4E} L$$

$$= 1.27 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2}{\text{eV}^2} \right) \left( \frac{L}{\text{km}} \right) \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{E} \right)$$

## 2 Neutrino Case

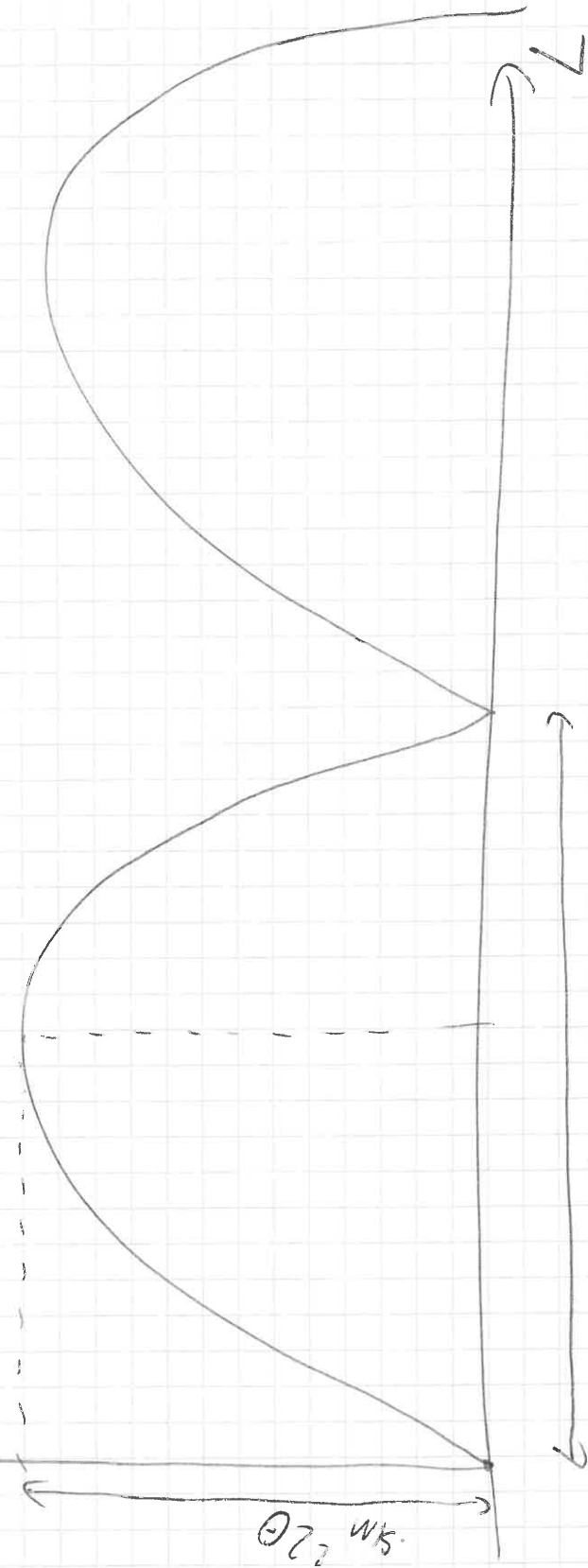
$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c & s \\ -s & c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c = \cos \theta$$

$$s = \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\alpha \neq \beta} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} L = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\theta \left( 1 - \cos \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right)$$

$P_{\alpha \neq \beta}$  ↑



e.g.  $E = \text{GeV}$ ;  $\Delta m^2 = 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ;  $L_{osc} \sim 10^3 \text{ km}$