

Previous lecture

Parity and violation in weak decays

- Started description of Wu et al. ^{60}Co experiment



Lecture Content

- Approx. lecture content
 - PP intro
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 - Feynman diagrams: strong/e.m./weak
 - ν props 1: baryon and lepton numbers; no. neutrino generations
 - ν props 2: ν existence
 - Examples of decay/production
 - Neutrino mass
 - Fermi-Kurie plot
 - Phase space kinematics/4-momentum
 - Parity and CP violation... (why so important in lepton sector?)
 - Wu et al., ^{60}Co experiment
 - Detection & observation
 - Liquid, solid, bubble chamber
 - "Direct" methods
 - Solar and atmospheric neutrinos
 - Puzzle: relative abundances != SSM prediction
 - Two-flavour neutrino oscillation formalism
 - Neutrino oscillations and mixing
 - Possible solutions to solar/atm. ν problems
 - Current and future experiments
 - SK, SNO, KAMLAND, CHOOZ
 - MINOS, miniBOONE, ...
 - NDBD (NEMO, etc.)
 - JPARC, etc.
 - Implications for cosmology
 - Open vs. closed scenarios. various m_ν regions
 - ν as DM candidate?
 - Subject outlook (JPARC, MICE, Neutrino Factory, ...)

Today

Finish Wu et al ^{60}Co parity experiment

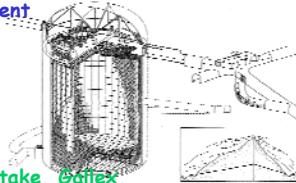
Neutrino detection

- inverse β^- decay
- Radiochemical detectors (Homestake, Galfex , GNO, SAGE)

Superkamiokande introduction.

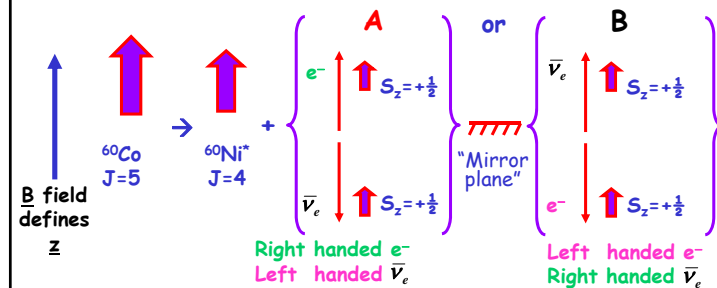
Next lecture

- Water Cerenkov detectors
- Super-K data
- Oscillations



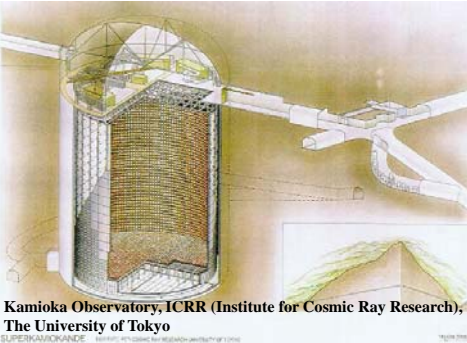
^{60}Co Parity violation experiment [Wu et al., 1956]

Basic process: $^{60}\text{Co} \rightarrow ^{60}\text{Ni}^* + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$
 Nuclear spins aligned along \underline{z} at low temperature ($\sim 0.01\text{K}$)



- When leptons emitted parallel to $\pm \underline{z}$, lepton spins constrained along $\pm \underline{z}$
- Scenario B is mirror reflection of A (in plane $\perp \underline{z}$), i.e. B is equivalent to parity transformed version of A.
- As scenario A is not observed, the weak interaction does change its behaviour during a parity transformation, i.e. parity is violated in the weak interaction

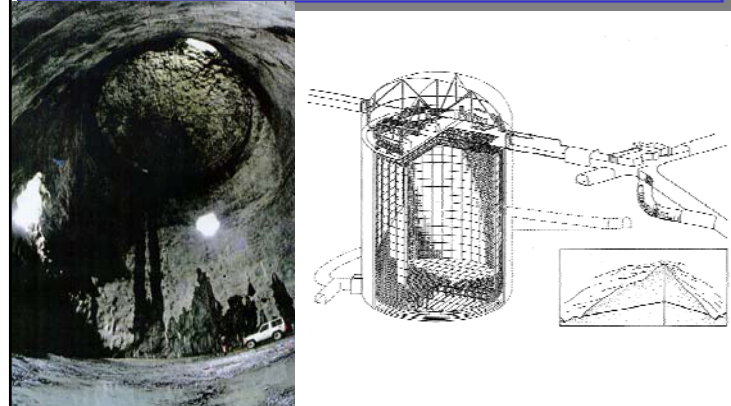
Super-Kamiokande



- 1000m below surface
- 41.4m (h) x 39.3 (d)
- mass: 50 000 tonnes
pure H₂O (32k/18k
inner/outer)
- 11 200 x 50cm PMT
- Cerenkov detector

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

Cavern before installation



Situated under mountain, 1km below surface