

CHIRAL STRUCTURE OF WEAK INTERACTION

WHEN WE DISCUSSED CHIRALITY, INTRODUCED

$$P_R = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma^5) \quad P_L = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma^5)$$

ANY SPINOR CAN BE DECOMPOSED INTO LEFT-
AND RIGHT-HANDED CHIRAL COMPONENTS

$$u = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \gamma^5)u + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma^5)u = P_R u + P_L u = a_R u_R + a_L u_L$$

IN QED ONLY 2 COMBINATIONS OF CHIRAL SPINORS
GAVE NON-ZERO CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE QED
VECTOR CURRENT $\bar{u}(p') \gamma^\mu u(p)$. THESE ARE
RR AND LL.

FOR THE WEAK INTERACTION, V-A VERTEX FACTOR

$$\gamma^\mu \rightarrow \gamma^\mu \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5)}$$

LEFT-HANDED PROJECTION OPERATOR

SO THE CURRENT WHERE BOTH SPINORS ARE
RIGHT-HANDED \rightarrow ZERO

$$J_{RR}^\mu = \frac{g_W}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_R(p') \gamma^\mu \frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma^5) u_R(p)$$

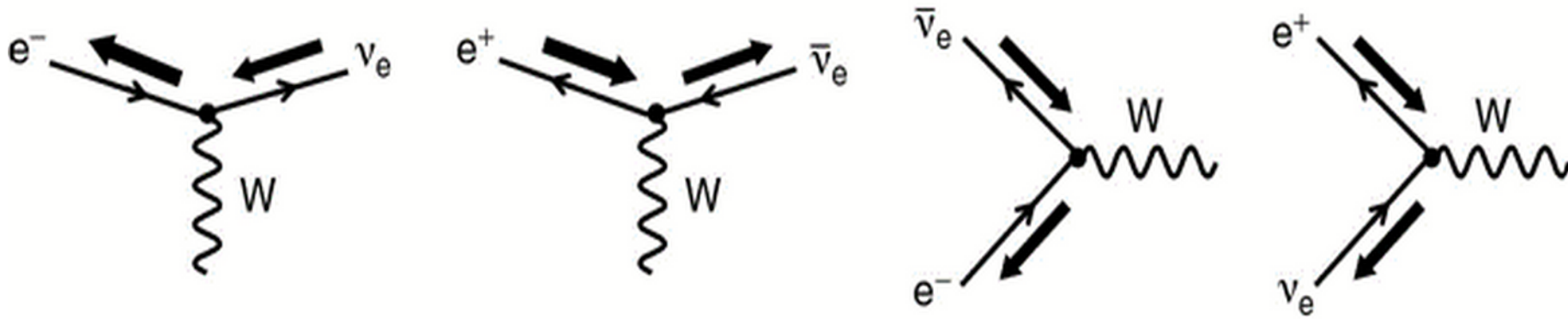
$$= \frac{g_W}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_R(p') \gamma^\mu P_L u_R(p) = 0$$

ONLY LEFT-HANDED PARTICLE CHIRAL STATES SEE
THE WEAK INTERACTION.

ANTI PARTICLES RIGHT HANDED

$$\frac{1}{2}(1-\gamma_5)v = v_R$$

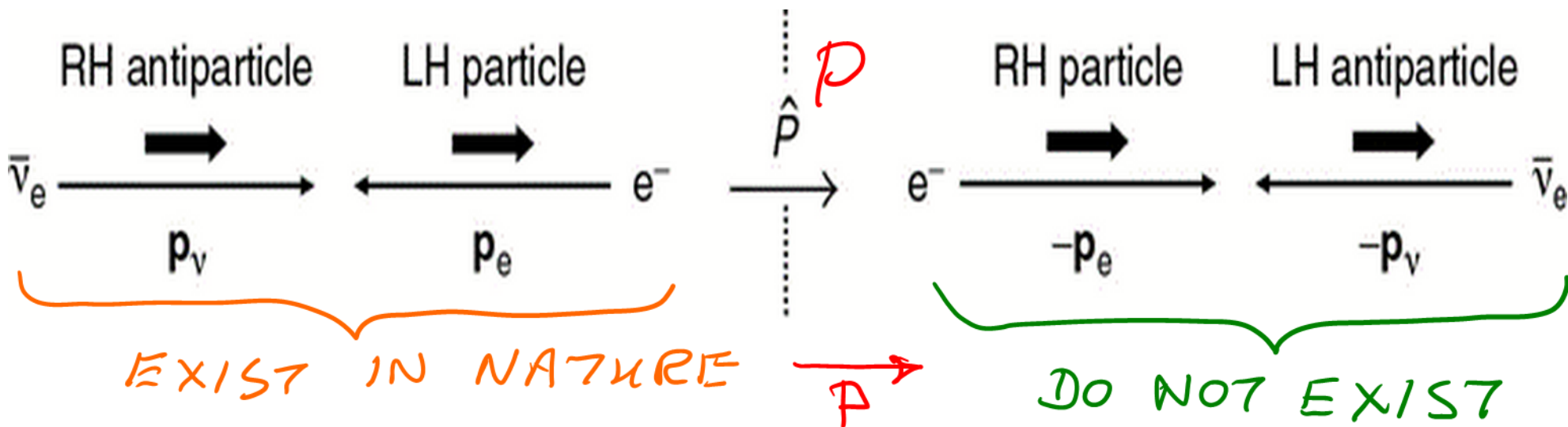
PROJECTS OUT
RIGHT HANDED
ANTI PARTICLE SPINOR



$E \gg m \rightarrow$ CHIRAL STATES = HELICITY STATES

ONLY LEFT-HANDED PARTICLES
 RIGHT-HANDED ANTI-PARTICLES } CONTRIBUTE

ORIGIN OF PARITY VIOLATION



EXIST IN NATURE

DO NOT EXIST

MAXIMAL PARITY VIOLATION

THE W-BOSON PROPAGATOR

PROPAGATOR OF MASSLESS SPIN-1

$$\frac{-i g_{\mu\nu}}{q^2}$$

$$M_W \sim 80 \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \frac{1}{q^2 - M_W^2}$$

IN QED $\sum_{\lambda} \epsilon_{\mu}^{\lambda*} \epsilon_{\nu}^{\lambda} = -g_{\mu\nu}$

← MASSLESS γ
TWO POLARIZATION STATES → TRANSVERSE

WEAK INTERACTION

$$\sum_{\lambda} \epsilon_{\mu}^{\lambda*} \epsilon_{\nu}^{\lambda} = -g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q_{\mu} q_{\nu}}{M_W^2}$$

← MASSIVE W
3 POLARIZATION STATES.
TRANS + LONGITUD

W PROPAGATOR

$$\frac{-i}{q^2 - M_W^2} \left(g_{\mu\nu} - \frac{q_{\mu} q_{\nu}}{M_W^2} \right)$$

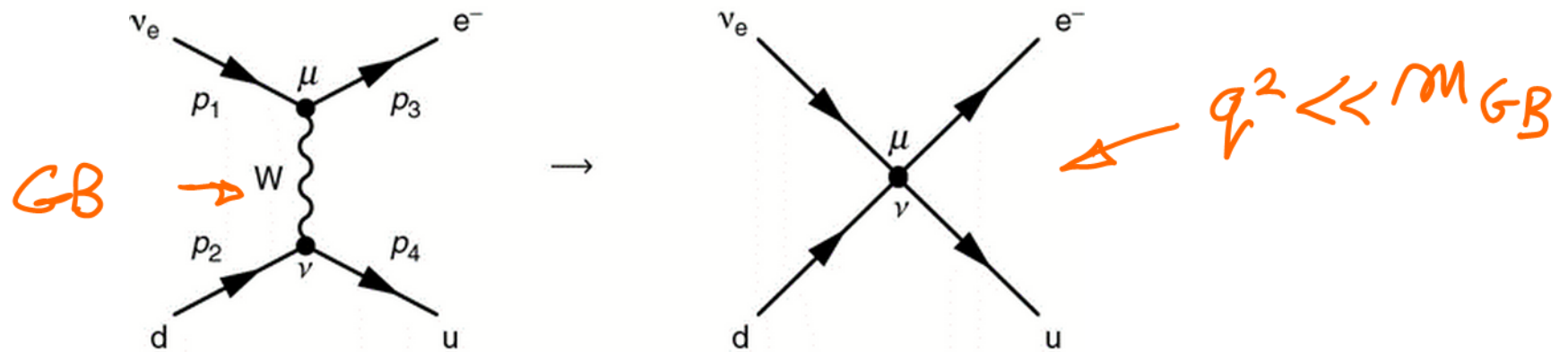
$$q^2 \ll M_W^2 \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{-i g_{\mu\nu}}{q^2 - M_W^2}$$

FERMI CONTACT INTERACTION

IF WE DO EXPERIMENTS WHERE $q^2 \ll m_{GB}^2$
WHERE m_{GB} IS SOME NEW MASSIVE GAUGE BOSON

→ WE EFFECTIVELY HAVE CONTACT INTERACTIONS



WHEN FERMI FIRST FORMULATED WEAK
INTERACTION THIS WAS THE SITUATION

LHC LOOKS FOR NEW CONTACT INTERACTIONS

→ BEYOND STANDARD MODEL INTERACTIONS

FERMI $\mathcal{M}_{fi} = G_F g_{\mu\nu} [\psi_3 \gamma^\mu \psi_1] [\bar{\psi}_4 \gamma^\nu \psi_2]$

ANALOGY WITH QED

\uparrow FERMION COUPLING 'CONSTANT'

PARITY VIOLATION

$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} G_F g_{\mu\nu} [\psi_3 \gamma^\mu (1-\gamma^5) \psi_1] [\bar{\psi}_4 \gamma^\nu (1-\gamma^5) \psi_2]$

\leftarrow KEEPS VALUE OF G_F SAME

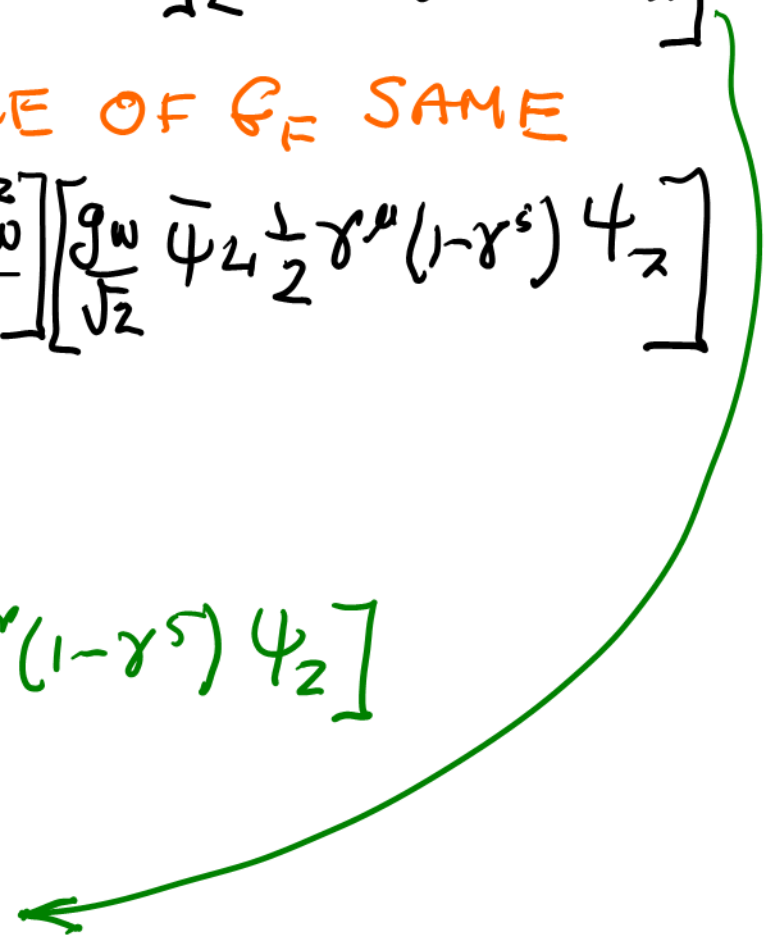
$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = - \left[\frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\psi}_3 \frac{1}{2} \gamma^\mu (1-\gamma^5) \psi_1 \right] \left[\frac{g_{\mu\nu} - g_\mu g_\nu / m_w^2}{q^2 - m_w^2} \right] \left[\frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{\psi}_4 \frac{1}{2} \gamma^\nu (1-\gamma^5) \psi_2 \right]$

\nearrow FULL FEYMAN RULES

$q^2 \ll m_w^2$

$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \frac{g_w^2}{8m_w^2} g_{\mu\nu} [\bar{\psi}_3 \gamma^\mu (1-\gamma^5) \psi_1] [\bar{\psi}_4 \gamma^\nu (1-\gamma^5) \psi_2]$

$\rightarrow \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{g_w^2}{8m_w^2}$



STRENGTH OF WEAK INTERACTION

CAN DETERMINE ACCURATELY FROM PRECISE LOW ENERGY DECAYS ← JUST AN EXPERIMENTAL ISSUE

EXAMPLE IS $\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e$ SEE HALZEN-MARTIN P. 261

$$\Gamma_\mu(\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_e) = \frac{1}{\tau_\mu} = \frac{G_F^2 m_\mu^5}{192 \pi^3}$$

PRECISION MEASUREMENTS

$$m_\mu = 0.1056583715(53) \text{ GeV}, \tau_\mu = 2.1969811(22) \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$$

$$G_F = 1.16638 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$$

A "COUPLING CONSTANT" DOES NOT HAVE DIMENSIONS

$$\text{EG } \alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \hbar c} \rightarrow \text{DIMENSIONLESS}$$

EQUIVALENT IN WEAK INTERACTION $\sim g_w$

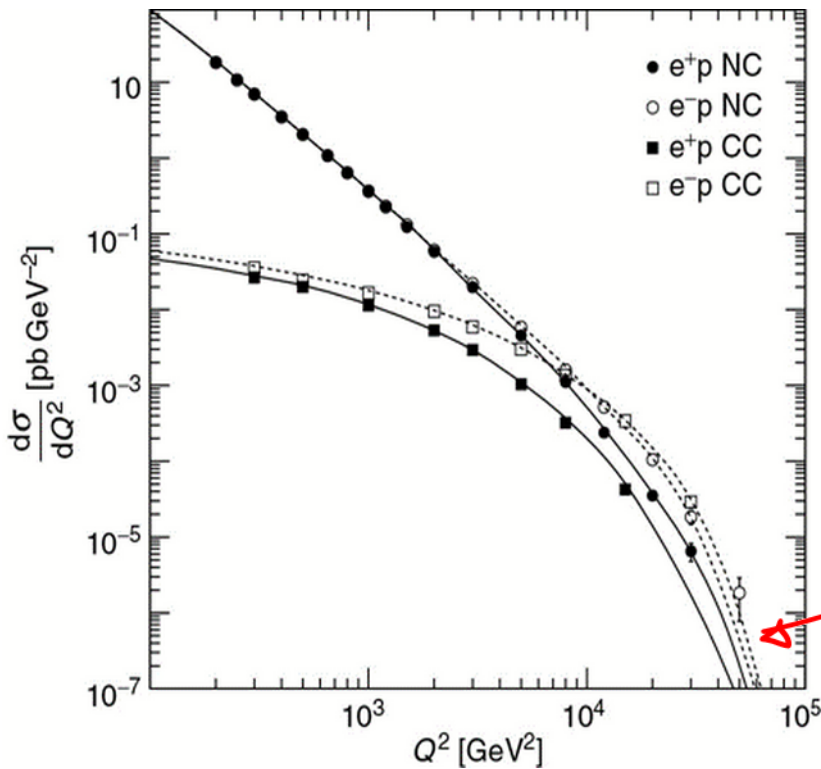
AS, I HOPE, WE WILL SEE, THE W MASS CAN
AT TEVATRON, THEN LHC

$$m_W = 80.385 \pm 0.015 \text{ GeV}$$

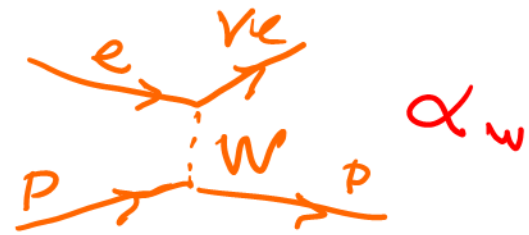
$$\alpha_W = \frac{g_W^2}{4\pi} = \frac{8m_W^2 G_F}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} \sim \frac{1}{30}$$

STILL DEPENDS
ON q^2

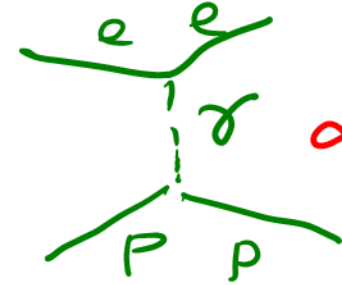
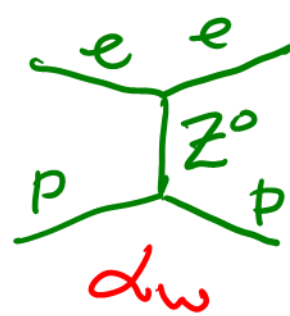
WEAK INTERACTIONS ONLY LOOKS
WEAK AT $q^2 \sim 0$, m_W LARGE



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FOR $q^2 \gg m_W^2$

BOTH $\sim \frac{1}{q^2}$

$\alpha_W \approx \alpha_{QED}$

HELICITY IN PION DECAY

INTERESTING DEMONSTRATION OF HELICITY

$$\pi^\pm \quad J^P = 0^- \quad u\bar{d}, d\bar{u} \quad m_{\pi^\pm} \sim 140 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\pi^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \quad \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \quad \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \gamma$$

↑
2 BODY DECAYS

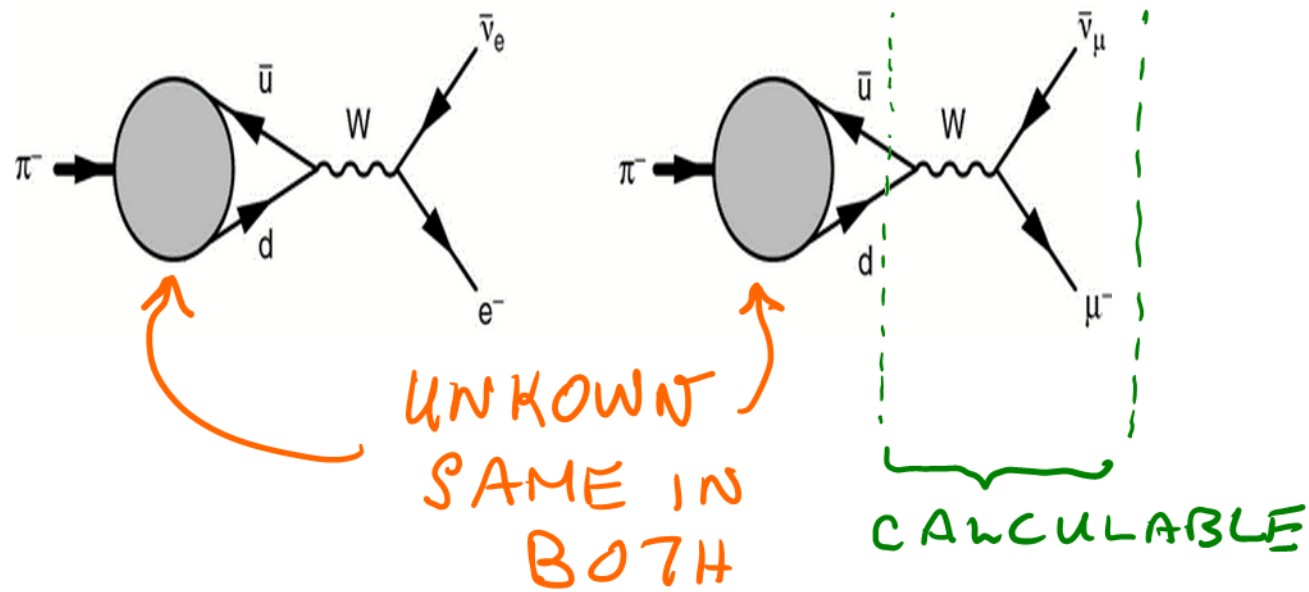
↑
DOMINANT → WHY?

SAME COUPLING CONSTANT - RATES EQUAL

$m_\mu \approx m_\pi \rightarrow$ PHASE SPACE IS MUCH

GREATER IN $\pi^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e$

↳ SO, IT SHOULD
BE DOMINANT.

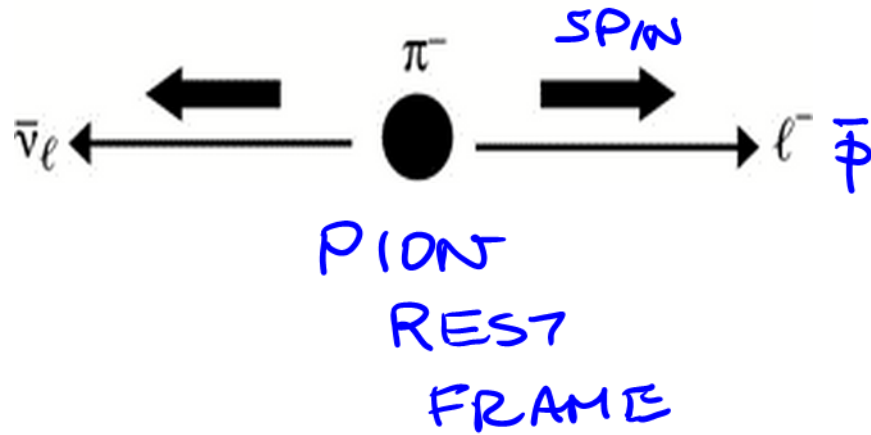


$$\frac{\Gamma(\pi^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}{\Gamma(\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} = 1.230(4) \times 10^{-4} \leftarrow !$$

REFLECTION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

HELICITY $\frac{\vec{\sigma} \cdot \vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|}$

CHIRALITY $\rightarrow P_L = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma^5)$



WEAK INTERACTION PARTICLE LH, ANTI-PARTICLE RH

$$m_\nu \sim 0 \rightarrow \psi_{\text{CHIRAL}}^{\text{NEUTRINO}} = \psi_{\text{HELICITY}}^{\text{NEUTRINO}}$$

↳ $\bar{\nu}$ ALWAYS RH HELICITY

$\pi \rightarrow$ SPIN 0 \rightarrow LOOK AT DIAGRAM

CONSERVATION OF ANGULAR MOMENTUM \rightarrow $\begin{matrix} e \\ \mu \end{matrix}$ ALSO RH

WEAK INTERACTION ONLY LH!

DECAY ONLY OCCURS BECAUSE $\begin{matrix} e \\ \mu \end{matrix}$ MASSIVE
 \rightarrow RH + LH

IF $m_e = m_\mu = 0$ DOESN'T OCCUR

$$0 < m_e < m_\mu$$

LOOK AT THIS IN OUR FORMALISM

RH HELICITY SPINOR $U_{\uparrow} \rightarrow \underbrace{RH + LH}_{\text{CHIRAL}}$

$$U_{\uparrow} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{p}{E+m} \right) u_R + \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{p}{E+m} \right) u_L \quad \text{P. 143}$$

ONLY THIS CONTRIBUTES
WEAK INTERACTION

$$M_{Wk} \sim \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{p_{\ell}}{E_{\ell} + m_{\ell}} \right) \quad \ell = e \text{ or } \mu$$

IF $\ell \rightarrow$ RELATIVISTIC LH CHIRAL ~ 0

$$m_{\nu} = 0 \quad E_{\ell} = \frac{m_{\pi}^2 + m_{\ell}^2}{2m_{\pi}}, \quad p_{\ell} = \frac{m_{\pi}^2 - m_{\ell}^2}{2m_{\pi}}$$

So.....

$$\frac{P_e}{E_e + m_e} = \frac{m_\pi - m_e}{m_\pi + m_e}$$

$$\mathcal{M} \sim \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{P_e}{E_e + m_e} \right) \rightarrow \mathcal{M} \sim \frac{m_e}{m_\pi + m_e}$$

$$\frac{m_\mu}{m_\pi} \sim 200$$

HELICITY SUPPRESSION OF e-DECAY

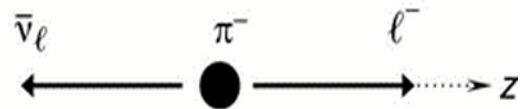
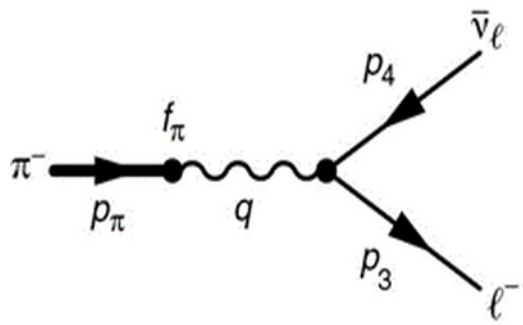
$$e \rightarrow \beta = 0.9997$$

↳ CHIRAL = HELICITY

$$\mu \rightarrow \beta = 0.27$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{P}{E+m} \right) u_L \rightarrow \text{SIGNIFICANT}$$

LET'S CALCULATE IN DETAIL



PION
REST FRAME

$$p_\pi = (m_\pi, 0, 0, 0) \quad p_e = p_3 = (E_e, 0, 0, p) \quad p_{\bar{\nu}} = p_4 = (p, 0, 0, -p)$$

WEAK LEPTONIC CURRENT $\bar{l} \bar{\nu}_l$ VERTEX

$$j_e^\nu = \frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}(p_3) \frac{1}{2} \gamma^\nu (1 - \gamma^5) v(p_4)$$

↑ ANTI-PARTICLE

HADRONIC CURRENT → COMPLEXITY OF π
NOT POINT

↳ IS A 4-VECTOR → ONLY AVAILABLE IS p_π

REPLACE $\bar{v} \gamma^\mu (1 - \gamma^5) u \rightarrow f_\pi p_\pi^\mu$

PION DECAY CONSTANT
EXPERIMENT, MAYBE QCD

$$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \left[\frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2} f_\pi p_\pi^\mu \right] \left[\frac{g_{\mu\nu}}{m_W^2} \right] \left[\frac{g_w}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}(p_3) \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{2} (1-\gamma^5) v(p_4) \right]$$

HADRONIC VERTEX

LEPTONIC VERTEX

$$= \frac{g_w^2}{4m_W^2} g_{\mu\nu} f_\pi p_\pi^\mu \bar{u}(p_3) \gamma^\nu \frac{1}{2} (1-\gamma^5) v(p_4)$$

USED FERMI FOR PROPAGATOR $q^2 = m_\pi^2 \ll m_W^2$

IN REST FRAME $p_\pi^\mu = (m_\pi, 0, 0, 0)$

$$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \frac{g_w^2}{4m_W^2} f_\pi m_\pi \bar{u}(p_3) \gamma^0 \frac{1}{2} (1-\gamma^5) v(p_4)$$

$\bar{u} \gamma^0 = \bar{u} + \gamma^0 \gamma^0 = \bar{u}^\dagger$ SO...

$$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \frac{g_w^2}{4m_W^2} f_\pi m_\pi \bar{u}^\dagger(p_3) \frac{1}{2} (1-\gamma^5) v(p_4)$$

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FOR THE NEUTRINO ($m \ll E$) HELICITY EIGENSTATES
 SAME AS CHIRAL STATES $\frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma^5) v(p_4) = v_\downarrow(p_4)$

SO ABOVE \rightarrow

$$M_{fi} = \frac{g_w^2}{4m_w^2} f_\pi m_\pi u^\dagger(p_3) v_\downarrow(p_4)$$

SHOWED

$$u_\uparrow = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s e^{i\phi} \\ \frac{p}{E+p} c \\ \frac{p}{E+m} s e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \quad u_\downarrow = \sqrt{E+m} \begin{pmatrix} -s \\ c e^{i\phi} \\ \frac{p}{E+p} s \\ -\frac{p}{E+m} c e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix}$$

FOR CHARGED
LEPTONS

IN THESE PUT $\theta = 0, \phi = 0$

THEN FOR CHARGED LEPTONS

$$u_{\uparrow}(p_3) = \sqrt{E_e + m_e} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{p}{E_e + m_e} \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad u_{\downarrow}(p_3) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{-p}{E_e + m_e} \end{pmatrix}$$

RIGHT HANDED ν SPINOR:

$$v_{\uparrow}(p_4) = \sqrt{E + m} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{p}{E + m} e^{i\phi} \\ \frac{p}{E + m} \cdot s e^{i\phi} \\ c \\ s e^{i\phi} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow[\phi = \pi]{\theta = \pi} \sqrt{p} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

CLEARLY $u_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}(p_3) v_{\uparrow}(p_4) = 0$ AS EXPECTED FROM PREVIOUS DISCUSSION BOTH ν AND l HAVE TO BE IN RIGHT-HANDED STATES.

$$\begin{aligned}
 U_{\uparrow}(p_3) \cdot V_{\uparrow}(p_4) &= \left(1, 0, \frac{p_e}{E_e + m_e}, 0 \right) \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \sqrt{E_e + m_e} \cdot \sqrt{p} \\
 &= \sqrt{E_e + m_e} \sqrt{p} \left(1 - \frac{p}{E_e + m_e} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \frac{g_w^2}{4m_W^2} f_{\pi} m_{\pi} \sqrt{E_e + m_e} \sqrt{p} \left(1 - \frac{p}{E_e + m_e} \right)$$

$$E_e = (m_{\pi}^2 + m_e^2) / 2m_{\pi}, \quad p_e = -p_e = - (m_{\pi}^2 - m_e^2) / 2m_{\pi}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \frac{g_w^2}{m_W^2} f_{\pi} m_{\pi} \frac{m_{\pi} + m_e}{\sqrt{2}m_{\pi}} \cdot \left(\frac{m_{\pi}^2 - m_e^2}{2m_{\pi}} \right)^{1/2} \cdot \frac{2m_e}{m_{\pi} + m_e}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_{fi} = \left(\frac{g_w}{2m_W} \right)^2 f_{\pi} m_e (m_{\pi}^2 - m_e^2)^{1/2}$$

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PION IS SPIN-0 \rightarrow NO NEED TO AVERAGE
OVER INITIAL STATE SPIN

$$\langle |M_{fi}|^2 \rangle = 2G_F^2 f_{\pi}^2 m_e^2 (m_{\pi}^2 - m_e^2)$$

USE $\Gamma = \frac{P^*}{32\pi^2 m^2} \int |M_{fi}|^2 d\Omega$

$4\pi \rightarrow$ NO ANGULAR DEP
SPIN 0

$$\Gamma = \frac{4\pi}{32\pi^2 m_{\pi}^2} p \langle |M_{fi}|^2 \rangle$$

$$p = \frac{m_{\pi}^2 - m_e^2}{2m_{\pi}}$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi m_{\pi}^3} f_{\pi}^2 \left[m_e (m_{\pi}^2 - m_e^2) \right]^2$$

$$\Gamma = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi m_\pi^3} f_\pi^2 \left[m_\ell (m_\pi^2 - m_\ell^2) \right]^2$$

TO CALCULATE Γ FOR EACH OF $\pi^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e$
 AND $\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu$ NEED G_F & f_π
 THESE HAVE BEEN MEASURED, BUT MASSES
 ARE ACCURATELY KNOWN :-

$$\frac{\Gamma(\pi^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}{\Gamma(\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} = \left[\frac{m_e (m_\pi^2 - m_e^2)}{m_\mu (m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2)} \right]^2 = 1.26 \times 10^{-4}$$

EXPERIMENT $\rightarrow 1.23(0) \times 10^{-4}$

EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE FOR V-A

THERE IS AN ENORMOUS BODY OF EXPERIMENTAL EVIDENCE FOR V-A

V EXPERIMENTS

WEAK DECAYS OF MESONS, BARYONS

$e^+e^- \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ AT HIGH ENERGY
 Z^0

FROM OUR EXAMPLE, SAY $\pi \rightarrow l\nu$ WAS
ACTUALLY SCALAR $(\bar{\psi}\phi)$ OR PSEUDOSCALAR $(\bar{\psi}\gamma^5\phi)$

$$\frac{\Gamma(\pi^- \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e)}{\Gamma(\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu)} = 5.5$$

BUT THERE IS A CATCH \rightarrow

ANY DECAY COULD BE DESCRIBED BY LINEAR COMB.

SCALAR (S)

$$g_S \bar{\Psi} \phi$$

PSEUDO SCALAR (P)

$$g_P \bar{\Psi} \gamma^5 \phi$$

VECTOR (V)

$$g_V \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \phi$$

AXIAL VECTOR (A)

$$g_A \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \phi$$

TENSOR (T)

$$g_T \bar{\Psi} (\gamma^\mu \gamma^\nu - \gamma^\nu \gamma^\mu) \phi$$

YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND A COMBINATION OF

S + P + T WHICH MIMICS (V - A)

V - A \rightarrow PRESERVES HELICITY

S + P + T \rightarrow FLIPS HELICITY

POLARIZATION OF POSITIVE MUONS PRODUCED IN HIGH-ENERGY ANTINEUTRINO INTERACTIONS

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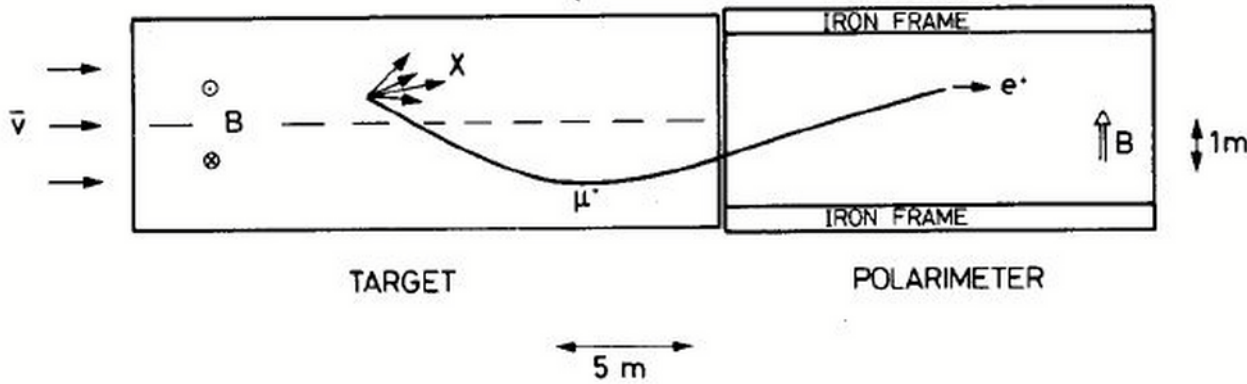
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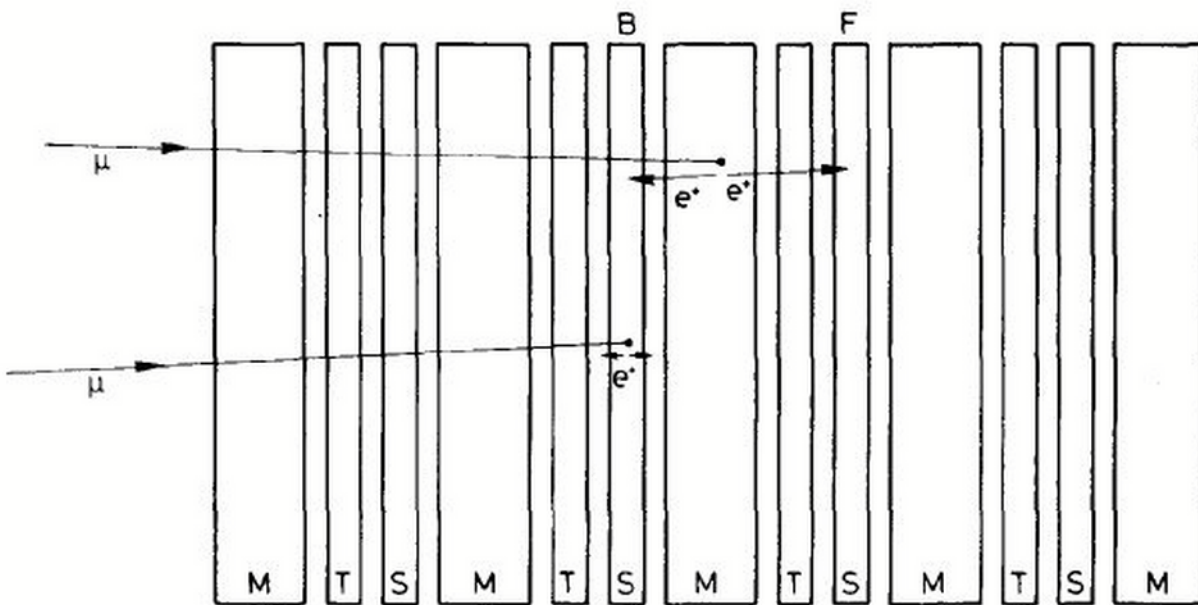
$\bar{\nu}$
RH



μ^+ MUST BE RH IF V-A

Fig. 1. Layout of the polarization experiment.

F = Forward e^+
B = Backward e^+



M = Marble
T = Prop. tubes
S = Scintillators

$\bar{\nu}_\mu + p \rightarrow \mu^+ + X$
 $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_e$

↑
STOPPED
PRECESSES
IN MAGNETIC
FIELD

↑
MEASURES
PRECESSION
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TAGS
MUON
POLARIZATION

of the polarimeter structure with examples of μ^+ stopping and decaying in marble (M) and in scintillator (S).
is measured using the proportional drift tubes (T).

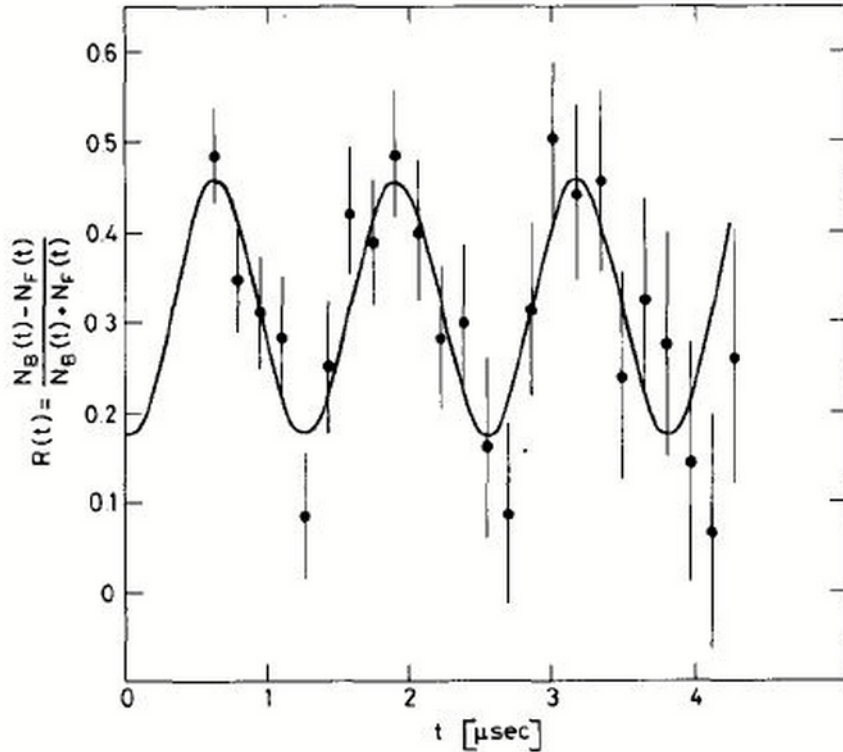


Fig. 3. Observed time dependence of relative backward-forward positron asymmetry. The sinusoidal function is the best fit of eq. (1) to the experimental points corresponding to the results given in table 2.

ELECTRONS FROM
PRECESSING μ

Table 2
Comparison of the values of the parameters in eqs. (1) and (2) determined by fitting the data and by the Monte Carlo simulation.

	Data	Monte Carlo $P = +1$
R_0	0.14 ± 0.02	0.14 ± 0.01
ϕ	-3.1 ± 0.2	-3.14
R_1	0.32 ± 0.02	0.36 ± 0.01
ϵ	0.39 ± 0.01	0.38 ± 0.01
R_0^M	0.21 ± 0.03	0.22 ± 0.02
ϵ_M	0.30 ± 0.02	0.28 ± 0.01
β	0.14 ± 0.01	0.16 ± 0.01

MEASURE

V-A
PREDICTIONS

It may be concluded that positive muons produced by interactions of high-energy antineutrinos with nuclei have a longitudinal polarization oriented along their momentum direction. Within the experimental errors the helicity is found to be +1, consistent with a purely V, A form of the interaction. An upper limit $\sigma_{S,P,T}/\sigma_{\text{tot}} < 18\%$ at the 95% confidence level can be

BASED ON
250 μ^+

MODERN EXPERIMENT TWISS @ TRIUMF

MEASURES ρ IN DECAY OF μ
↑
MICHEL PARAMETER

V-A \rightarrow 0.75

TWISS \rightarrow 0.74997 ± 0.00026

BASED ON 10^{10} μ \rightarrow STATISTICS IS A
WONDERFUL THING