Neutrinos

Particles, Waves and The Birth of the Universe

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Outline

What is a Neutrino?

Where can they be found?

How do you experiment with them?

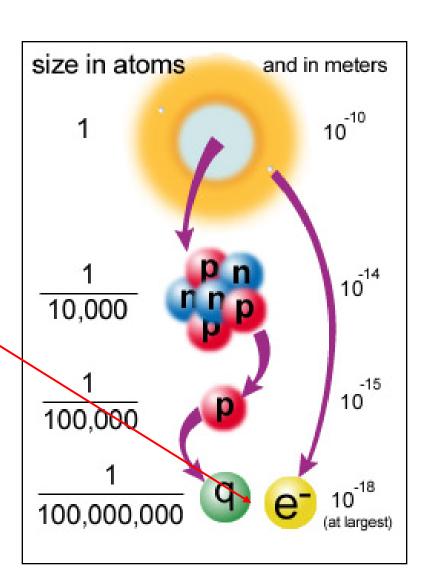
Why Experiment with Neutrinos?

Breaking Down Nature

Particle Physicists try to discover the fundamental "Elementary Particles" that everything is made of – and what forces bind these together.

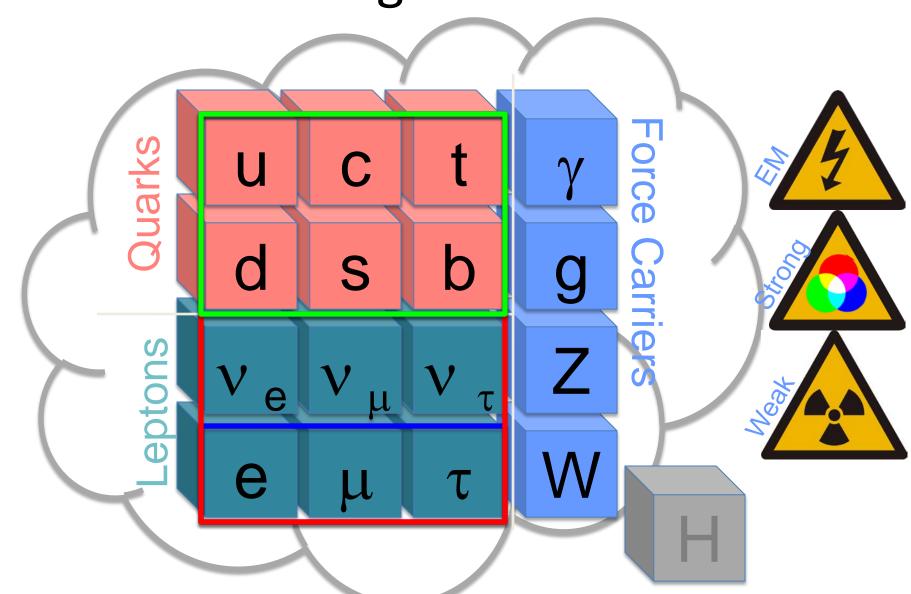
Quarks and Electrons are "Elementary Particles"

These Elementary Particles are the raw building material for our Universe and were created in just seconds after the Big Bang.



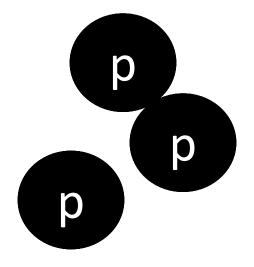


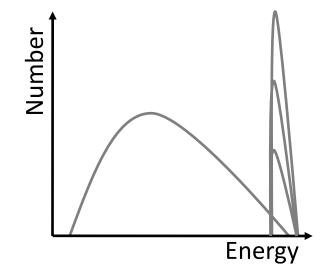
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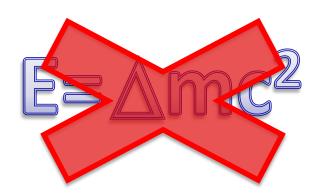


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Detector



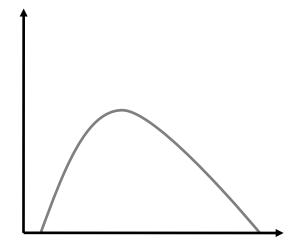


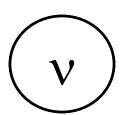


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1930: Neutrino ν (Wolfgang Pauli)

"little neutral one"

1934: Neutrino interactions (Enrico Fermi)

"There is no practically possible way

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observing the 1953: Project Polter







