### **Sterile Neutrinos**

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### Number of Flavor and Massive Neutrinos?



$$e^+e^- o Z \xrightarrow{\text{invisible}} \sum_{a= ext{active}} 
u_a \bar{
u}_a \implies 
u_e \ 
u_\mu \ 
u_ au$$

3 light active flavor neutrinos

$$\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{mixing} & \Rightarrow & \nu_{\alpha L} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} U_{\alpha k} \nu_{k L} & \alpha = e, \mu, \tau & N \geq 3 \\ & \mbox{no upper limit!} \\ & \mbox{Mass Basis:} & \nu_1 & \nu_2 & \nu_3 & \nu_4 & \nu_5 & \cdots \\ & \mbox{Flavor Basis:} & \nu_e & \nu_\mu & \nu_\tau & \nu_{s_1} & \nu_{s_2} & \cdots \\ & \mbox{ACTIVE} & \mbox{STERILE} \\ \\ & \mbox{$\nu_{\alpha L} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} U_{\alpha k} \nu_{k L} & \alpha = e, \mu, \tau, s_1, s_2, \dots $ \end{array}$$

# **Sterile Neutrinos**

[Pontecorvo, Sov. Phys. JETP 26 (1968) 984]

- Sterile means no standard model interactions.
- Obviously no electromagnetic interactions as normal active neutrinos.
- Thus sterile means no standard weak interactions.
- But sterile neutrinos are not absolutely sterile:
  - Gravitational interactions (cosmology).
  - New non-standard interactions of the physics beyond the Standard Model which generates the masses of sterile neutrinos.
- Observables in terrestrial experiments:
  - Disappearance of active neutrinos ν<sub>e</sub>, ν<sub>µ</sub>, ν<sub>τ</sub> into sterile neutrinos ν<sub>s</sub> due to active-sterile oscillations (neutral current deficit).
  - Oscillations (disappearance and transitions) of active neutrinos due to the new masses.
  - Kinematical effects of the new masses (e.g.  $\beta$  decay).
  - Contribution of the new masses to some process (e.g. neutrinoless double-β decay).

# **Extended Lepton Sector**



- ► The right-handed sterile fields v<sub>saR</sub> belong to new physics beyond the Standard Model.
- Sterile neutrinos allow us to probe the new physics beyond the Standard Model.

## General Dirac-Majorana Mass Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}} &= \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}}^{\text{D}} + \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}}^{L} + \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}}^{R} \\ \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}}^{\text{D}} &= -\sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} \sum_{a=1}^{N_{\text{S}}} \overline{\nu_{\alpha L}} M_{\alpha a}^{\text{D}} \nu_{s_{a}R} + \text{H.c.} \\ \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}}^{L} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha,\beta=e,\mu,\tau} \nu_{\alpha L}^{T} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} M_{\alpha \beta}^{L} \nu_{\beta L} + \text{H.c.} \\ \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}}^{R} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a,b=1}^{N_{\text{S}}} \nu_{s_{a}R}^{T} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} M_{ab}^{R} \nu_{s_{b}R} + \text{H.c.} \\ \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}}^{R} &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{a,b=1}^{N_{\text{S}}} \nu_{s_{a}R}^{T} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} M_{ab}^{R} \nu_{s_{b}R} + \text{H.c.} \\ \nu_{L}^{(\text{F})} &= \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{L}^{(a)} \\ \nu_{R}^{(a)} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \nu_{L}^{(a)} &= \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ \nu_{\mu L} \\ \nu_{\tau L} \end{pmatrix} \qquad \nu_{R}^{(s)} &= \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{s_{1}R} \\ \vdots \\ \nu_{s_{N_{s}}R} \end{pmatrix} \\ \mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}} &= \frac{1}{2} \nu_{L}^{(\text{F})T} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} M \nu_{L}^{(\text{F})} + \text{H.c.} \qquad M = \begin{pmatrix} M^{L} & M^{D} \\ M^{D}T & M^{R} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- ► Charge conjugation matrix:  $C\gamma_{\mu}^{T}C^{-1} = -\gamma_{\mu}$ ,  $C^{\dagger} = C^{-1}$ ,  $C^{T} = -C$
- Useful property:  $C(\gamma^5)^T C^{-1} = \gamma^5$
- Charge conjugation:  $\nu_R^{(s)c} = \overline{C} \overline{\nu_R^{(s)}}^T$
- Left and right-handed chiral projectors:  $P_L \equiv \frac{1 \gamma^5}{2}$ ,  $P_R \equiv \frac{1 + \gamma^5}{2}$  $P_{I}^{2} = P_{I}$ ,  $P_{P}^{2} = P_{R}$ ,  $P_{I} + P_{R} = 1$ ,  $P_{I} P_{R} = P_{R} P_{I} = 0$ •  $P_{I}\nu_{I}^{(a)} = \nu_{I}^{(a)}$ ,  $P_{R}\nu_{I}^{(a)} = 0$ ,  $P_{I}\nu_{R}^{(s)} = 0$ ,  $P_{R}\nu_{R}^{(s)} = \nu_{R}^{(s)}$  $\blacktriangleright \nu_{P}^{(s)c}$  is left-handed:  $P_{I}\nu_{P}^{(s)c} = P_{I}\mathcal{C}\overline{\nu_{P}^{(s)}}^{I} = \mathcal{C}P_{I}^{T}\overline{\nu_{P}^{(s)}}^{I} = \mathcal{C}(\overline{\nu_{P}^{(s)}}P_{I})^{T}$  $= \mathcal{C}(\nu_{P}^{(s)\dagger}\gamma^{0}P_{I})^{T} = \mathcal{C}(\nu_{P}^{(s)\dagger}P_{P}\gamma^{0})^{T} = \mathcal{C}\overline{\nu_{P}^{(s)}}^{I} = \nu_{P}^{(s)c}$  $P_{\mathsf{P}}\nu_{\mathsf{P}}^{(\mathsf{s})c} = 0$

 $\blacktriangleright$   $\mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}}$  has the structure of a Majorana mass Lagrangian

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{mass} &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})\,\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})} - \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})}} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \mathcal{C} \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})}}^{\mathsf{T}} \right) \\ & \left( \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})\,\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})} \right)^{\dagger} = \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})\dagger} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \mathcal{C} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})\dagger\,\mathsf{T}} = \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})}} \gamma^{0} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \mathcal{C} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})\dagger\,\mathsf{T}} \\ &= \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})}} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \mathcal{C} \mathcal{C}^{-1} \gamma^{0} \mathcal{C} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})\dagger\,\mathsf{T}} = -\overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})}} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \mathcal{C} \gamma^{0\,\mathsf{T}} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})\dagger\,\mathsf{T}} = -\overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})}} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \mathcal{C} \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})}}^{\mathsf{T}} \\ & \cdot \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})c} = \mathcal{C} \overline{\nu_{L}}^{(\mathsf{F})\mathsf{T}}, \qquad \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})c}} = -\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \\ & \cdot \mathcal{L}_{mass}^{\mathsf{G}} = -\frac{1}{2} \left( \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})c}} \mathcal{M} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})} + \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})}} \mathcal{M}^{\dagger} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})c} \right) \end{aligned}$$

▶ In general, *M* is a complex symmetric matrix:

$$\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})T} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})} = \left( \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})T} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})} \right)^{T} \\ = -\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})T} \mathcal{M}^{T} (\mathcal{C}^{\dagger})^{T} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})} \\ = \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})T} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \mathcal{M}^{T} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{F})} \implies \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}^{T}$$

• *M* can be diagonalized with the unitary transformation

$$\nu_L^{(\mathsf{F})} = \mathscr{U}\nu_L^{(\mathsf{M})}$$

 $M = \begin{pmatrix} M^L & M^D \\ M^D T & M^R \end{pmatrix}$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ \nu_{\mu L} \\ \nu_{\tau L} \\ \nu_{\tau L} \\ \nu_{s_{1}R} \\ \vdots \\ \nu_{s_{N_{s}}R} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} & \cdots & U_{eN} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} & U_{\mu 4} & \cdots & U_{\mu N} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} & U_{\tau 4} & \cdots & U_{\tau N} \\ U_{s_{1}1} & U_{s_{1}2} & U_{s_{1}3} & U_{s_{1}4} & \cdots & U_{s_{1}N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ U_{s_{N_{s}}1} & U_{s_{N_{s}}2} & U_{s_{N_{s}}3} & U_{s_{N_{s}}4} & \cdots & U_{s_{N_{s}}N} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{1L} \\ \nu_{2L} \\ \nu_{3L} \\ \nu_{4L} \\ \vdots \\ \nu_{NL} \end{pmatrix}$$

•  $\mathscr{U}$  is a unitary  $N \times N$  mixing matrix with  $N = 3 + N_s$ .

- ▶ Diagonalization: 𝔐<sup>T</sup> M𝔐 = diag(m<sub>1</sub>,...,m<sub>N</sub>) with real and positive masses m<sub>1</sub>,...,m<sub>N</sub>.
- Mass Lagrangian in the mass basis:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{N} m_k \left( \nu_{kL}^T \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \nu_{kL} - \overline{\nu_{kL}} \mathcal{C} \overline{\nu_{kL}}^T \right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{N} m_k \left( \overline{\nu_{kL}^c} \nu_{kL} + \overline{\nu_{kL}} \nu_{kL}^c \right)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{N} m_k \overline{\nu_k} \nu_k$$

- ► Massive Majorana neutrino fields:  $\nu_k = \nu_{kL} + \nu_{kL}^c$   $\nu_k = \nu_k^c$
- In the general case of active-sterile neutrino mixing the massive neutrinos are Majorana particles.
- However, it is not excluded that the mixing is such that there are pairs of Majorana neutrino fields with exactly the same mass which form Dirac neutrino fields.

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# **Charged-Current Weak Interactions**

- The physical effects of neutrino mixing appear in Weak Interactions.
- In the flavor basis where the mass matrix of the charged leptons is diagonal

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{\mathsf{CC}} &= -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\alpha = e, \mu, \tau} \overline{\ell_{\alpha L}} \gamma^{\rho} \nu_{\alpha L} W_{\rho}^{\dagger} + \mathsf{H.c.} \\ &= -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\alpha = e, \mu, \tau} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \overline{\ell_{\alpha L}} \gamma^{\rho} \mathscr{U}_{\alpha k} \nu_{k L} W_{\rho}^{\dagger} + \mathsf{H.c.} \end{aligned}$$

In matrix form

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$$\mathscr{L}_{CC} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\overline{\ell_L}\gamma^{\rho}\nu_L^{(a)}W_{\rho}^{\dagger} + \text{H.c.} = -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}}\overline{\ell_L}\gamma^{\rho}U\nu_L^{(M)}W_{\rho}^{\dagger} + \text{H.c.}$$

• Effective rectangular  $3 \times N$  mixing matrix:

$$u_L^{(a)} = U \nu_L^{(M)} \qquad \qquad U = \mathscr{U}|_{3 \times N}$$

• Effective rectangular  $3 \times N$  mixing matrix:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} & \cdots & U_{eN} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} & U_{\mu 4} & \cdots & U_{\mu N} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} & U_{\tau 4} & \cdots & U_{\tau N} \end{pmatrix}$$

- ► The number of physical mixing parameters is smaller than the number necessary to parameterize the N × N unitary matrix 𝒞.
- This is due to the arbitrariness of the mixing in the sterile sector, which does not affect weak interactions. Any linear combination of the sterile neutrinos is equivalent.
- The effective rectangular  $3 \times N$  mixing matrix is not unitary:

 $UU^{\dagger} = \mathbf{1}_{3 imes 3}$ , but  $U^{\dagger}U 
eq \mathbf{1}_{N imes N}$ 

- How many mixing parameters?
- A rectangular  $3 \times N$  matrix depends on 6N real parameters, but

 $UU^{\dagger} = \mathbf{1}_{3 \times 3} \implies 9$  constraints  $N_{\text{real parameters}} = 6N - 9 = 6(3 + N_s) - 9 = 9 + 6N_s$ 

- But how many mixing angles and physical CP-violating phases?
- For example, we know that for  $N_s = 0$  three phases can be eliminated by rephasing the charged lepton fields and we have

#### 3 mixing angles

3 physical CP-violating phases (one Dirac and 2 Majorana)

Standard parameterization of the mixing matrix in three-neutrino mixing:

$$U^{(3\nu)} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ -s_{12}c_{23}-c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{12}c_{23}-s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23}-c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & -c_{12}s_{23}-s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\lambda_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

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• The unitary  $N \times N$  matrix  $\mathscr{U}$  can be written as

$$\mathscr{U} = \operatorname{diag}\left(e^{i\omega_{e}}, e^{i\omega_{\mu}}, e^{i\omega_{\tau}}, e^{i\omega_{s_{1}}}, \dots, e^{i\omega_{s_{N_{s}}}}\right) \left[\prod_{a=1}^{N} \prod_{b=a+1}^{N} W^{ab}(\vartheta_{ab}, \delta_{ab})\right]$$

Complex rotation in the a – b plane:

$$\begin{bmatrix} W^{ab}(\vartheta_{ab}, \delta_{ab}) \end{bmatrix}_{rs} = \delta_{rs} + (c_{ab} - 1) (\delta_{ra} \delta_{sa} + \delta_{rb} \delta_{sb}) \\ + s_{ab} \left( e^{-i\delta_{ab}} \delta_{ra} \delta_{sb} - e^{i\delta_{ab}} \delta_{rb} \delta_{sa} \right)$$

Example:

$$W^{12}(\vartheta_{12},\delta_{12}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\vartheta_{12} & \sin\vartheta_{12}e^{-i\delta_{12}} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0\\ -\sin\vartheta_{12}e^{i\delta_{12}} & \cos\vartheta_{12} & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & \cdots & 0\\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

► The effective 3 × N mixing matrix U is made of the first 3 rows of U: Truncation of the phases e<sup>iωs1</sup>,..., e<sup>iωsNs</sup> Truncation of the complex rotations W<sup>ab</sup>(ϑ<sub>ab</sub>, δ<sub>ab</sub>) with b > a > 3 • Effective rectangular  $3 \times N$  mixing matrix:

$$U = \operatorname{diag}(e^{i\omega_e}, e^{i\omega_{\mu}}, e^{i\omega_{\tau}}) \left[\prod_{a=1}^{3} \prod_{b=a+1}^{N} W^{ab}(\vartheta_{ab}, \delta_{ab})\right]_{3 \times N}$$

The three phases ω<sub>1</sub>, ω<sub>2</sub>, ω<sub>3</sub> can be eliminated by rephasing the charged lepton fields.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{\mathsf{CC}} &= -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\alpha = e, \mu, \tau} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \overline{\ell_{\alpha L}} \gamma^{\rho} \mathcal{U}_{\alpha k} \nu_{k L} \mathcal{W}_{\rho}^{\dagger} + \mathsf{H.c.} \\ & \ell_{\alpha L} \to e^{i\omega_{\alpha}} \ell_{\alpha L} \\ \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} \mathscr{L}_{\mathsf{CC}} &\to -\frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{\alpha = e, \mu, \tau} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \overline{\ell_{\alpha L}} \gamma^{\rho} e^{-i\omega_{\alpha}} \mathcal{U}_{\alpha k} \nu_{k L} \mathcal{W}_{\rho}^{\dagger} + \mathsf{H.c.} \end{aligned}$$

• Physical effective rectangular  $3 \times N$  mixing matrix:

$$U = \left[\prod_{a=1}^{3} \prod_{b=a+1}^{N} W^{ab}(\vartheta_{ab}, \delta_{ab})\right]_{3 \times N}$$

- How many complex rotations?
- For each value of a = 1, 2, 3 there are N a values of b:

$$N_{\text{complex rotations}} = (N - 1) + (N - 2) + (N - 3)$$
  
= 3N - 6 = 3 (3 + N<sub>s</sub>) = 3 + 3N<sub>s</sub>

 $3 + 3N_s$  mixing angles  $3 + 3N_s$  physical CP-violating phases

 $N - 1 = 2 + N_s$  phases are Majorana

 $1 + 2N_s$  phases are Dirac

 Note that in the case under consideration none of the phases of the complex rotations can be eliminated, because the Majorana mass Lagrangian

$$\mathscr{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{N} m_k \left( \nu_{kL}^{\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{C}^{\dagger} \nu_{kL} - \overline{\nu_{kL}} \mathcal{C} \overline{\nu_{kL}}^{\mathsf{T}} \right)$$

is not invariant under rephasing of the neutrino fields

$$u_{kL} 
ightarrow e^{i \varphi_k} 
u_{kL}$$

- We distinguish the Majorana phases as those that could be eliminated by rephasing the neutrino fields when the Majorana neutrino masses can be neglected.
- ► Therefore the physical effects of the Majorana phases appear only in |∆L| = 2 processes that are induced by the Majorana mass Lagrangian.
- ► Why there are only N 1 Majorana phases when there are N massive neutrino fields?

- ► In general only 3 + N 1 of the 3 + N phases of the 3 charged lepton fields and N massive neutrino fields can be used to eliminate phases in the neutrino mixing matrix.
- Weak Charged Current:  $j_{W,L}^{\rho\dagger} = 2 \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \overline{\ell_{\alpha L}} \gamma^{\rho} U_{\alpha k} \nu_{kL}$

$$\ell_{\alpha} \to e^{i\varphi_{\alpha}} \ell_{\alpha} \quad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau) \qquad \nu_{k} \to e^{i\varphi_{k}} \nu_{k} \quad (k = 1, 2, 3)$$

$$j_{W,L}^{\rho\dagger} \to 2 \sum_{\alpha = e, \mu, \tau} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \overline{\ell_{\alpha L}} e^{-i\varphi_{\alpha}} \gamma^{\rho} U_{\alpha k} e^{i\varphi_{k}} \nu_{kL}$$

$$j_{W,L}^{\rho\dagger} \to 2 \sum_{\alpha = e, \mu, \tau} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \overline{\ell_{\alpha L}} \underbrace{e^{-i(\varphi_{\alpha} - \varphi_{1})}}_{3} \gamma^{\rho} U_{\alpha k} \underbrace{e^{i(\varphi_{k} - \varphi_{1})}}_{N-1} \nu_{kL}$$

► A common rephasing of the massive neutrino fields is equivalent to a common rephasing of the charged lepton fields, which can only eliminate an overall phase in diag $(e^{i\omega_e}, e^{i\omega_\mu}, e^{i\omega_\tau})$ , which has already been eliminated.

Convenient parameterization scheme:

$$U = \left[ \left( \prod_{a=1}^{3} \prod_{b=4}^{N} W^{ab} \right) R^{23} W^{13} R^{12} \right]_{3 \times N} \operatorname{diag} \left( 1, e^{i\lambda_{21}}, \dots, e^{i\lambda_{N1}} \right)$$

- Real rotation in the a b plane:  $R^{ab} = W^{ab}(\theta_{ab}, 0)$ .
- In the product of W<sup>ab</sup>(ϑ<sub>ab</sub>, δ<sub>ab</sub>) matrices one can eliminate an unphysical phase δ<sub>ab</sub> for each value of the index b = 4,..., N.
- For N<sub>s</sub> = 0 we recover the standard parameterization in three-neutrino mixing:

$$U^{(3\nu)} = \begin{bmatrix} R^{23}W^{13}R^{12} \end{bmatrix}_{3\times 3} \operatorname{diag} \begin{pmatrix} 1, e^{i\lambda_{21}}, e^{i\lambda_{31}} \end{pmatrix}$$
  
= 
$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_{21}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\lambda_{31}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- It is convenient to choose the order of the real or complex rotations for each index b ≥ 4 such that the rotations in the 3 − b, 2 − b and 1 − b planes are ordered from left to right.
- In this way, the first two lines, which are relevant for the study of the oscillations of the experimentally more accessible flavor neutrinos v<sub>e</sub> and v<sub>µ</sub>, are independent of the mixing angles and Dirac phases corresponding to the rotations in all the 3 − b planes for b ≥ 4.
- Moreover, the first line, which is relevant for the study of v<sub>e</sub> disappearance, is independent also of the mixing angles and Dirac phases corresponding to the rotations in the 2 − b planes for b ≥ 3.
- Example:

$$U = \left[ W^{3N} R^{2N} W^{1N} \cdots W^{34} R^{24} W^{14} R^{23} W^{13} R^{12} \right]_{3 \times N}$$
$$\times \operatorname{diag} \left( 1, e^{i\lambda_{21}}, \dots, e^{i\lambda_{N1}} \right)$$

Another example:

$$U = \left[ W^{3N} \cdots W^{34} W^{2N} \cdots W^{24} R^{1N} \cdots R^{14} R^{23} W^{13} R^{12} \right]_{3 \times N}$$
$$\times \operatorname{diag} \left( 1, e^{i\lambda_{21}}, \dots, e^{i\lambda_{N1}} \right)$$

- 3+1 mixing:
- $U = \left[ W^{34} R^{24} W^{14} R^{23} W^{13} R^{12} \right]_{3 \times 4} \mathsf{diag} \left( 1, e^{i\lambda_{21}}, e^{i\lambda_{31}}, e^{i\lambda_{41}} \right)$



► 3 + 2 mixing:

 $U = \left[ W^{35} R^{25} W^{15} W^{34} R^{24} W^{14} R^{23} W^{13} R^{12} \right]_{3 \times 5} \cdots$ 

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13}c_{14}c_{15} & s_{12}c_{13}c_{14}c_{15} & c_{14}c_{15}s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} & c_{15}s_{14}e^{-i\delta_{14}} & s_{15}e^{-i\delta_{15}} \\ & \ddots & \ddots & c_{14}c_{25}s_{24} & \\ & & -s_{14}s_{15}s_{25}e^{i(\delta_{15}-\delta_{14})} & c_{15}s_{25} \\ & & & \ddots & c_{15}c_{25}s_{35}e^{-i\delta_{35}} \end{pmatrix} \cdots$$

# No GIM with Sterile Neutrinos

[Lee, Shrock, PRD 16 (1977) 1444; Schechter, Valle PRD 22 (1980) 2227]

Neutrino Neutral-Current Weak Interaction Lagrangian:

$$\mathscr{L}_{\mathsf{I}}^{(\mathsf{NC})} = -\frac{g}{2\cos\vartheta_{\mathsf{W}}} Z_{\rho} \overline{\nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{a})}} \gamma^{\rho} \nu_{L}^{(\mathsf{a})} = -\frac{g}{2\cos\vartheta_{\mathsf{W}}} Z_{\rho} \sum_{\alpha = e,\mu,\tau} \overline{\nu_{\alpha L}} \gamma^{\rho} \nu_{\alpha L}$$

 $3 \perp M$ 

• Mixing with sterile neutrinos: 
$$\nu_{\alpha L} = \sum_{k=1}^{S+N_s} U_{\alpha k} \nu_{kL}$$

No GIM: 
$$\mathscr{L}_{l}^{(NC)} = -\frac{g}{2\cos\vartheta_{W}} Z_{\rho} \sum_{j=1}^{3+N_{s}} \sum_{k=1}^{3+N_{s}} \overline{\nu_{jL}} \gamma^{\rho} \nu_{kL} \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\alpha j}^{*} U_{\alpha k}$$
  
 $\sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau,s_{1},...} U_{\alpha j}^{*} U_{\alpha k} = \delta_{jk} \quad \text{but} \quad \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\alpha j}^{*} U_{\alpha k} \neq \delta_{jk}$ 

### Effect on Invisible Width of Z Boson?

• Amplitude of  $Z \rightarrow \nu_j \bar{\nu}_k$  decay:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}(Z \to \nu_{j} \bar{\nu}_{k}) &= \langle \nu_{j} \bar{\nu}_{k} | - \int d^{4}x \, \mathscr{L}_{\mathsf{I}}^{(\mathsf{NC})}(x) | Z \rangle \\ &= \frac{g}{2 \cos \vartheta_{\mathsf{W}}} \langle \nu_{j} \bar{\nu}_{k} | \int d^{4}x \, \overline{\nu_{jL}}(x) \gamma^{\rho} \nu_{kL}(x) Z_{\rho}(x) | Z \rangle \sum_{\alpha = e, \mu, \tau} U_{\alpha j}^{*} U_{\alpha k} \end{aligned}$$

If m<sub>k</sub> ≪ m<sub>Z</sub>/2 for all k's, the neutrino masses are negligible in all the matrix elements and we can approximate

$$\frac{g}{2\cos\vartheta_{\mathsf{W}}}\langle\nu_{j}\bar{\nu}_{k}|\int d^{4}x\,\overline{\nu_{jL}}(x)\,\gamma^{\rho}\,\nu_{kL}(x)\,Z_{\rho}(x)|Z\rangle\simeq A_{\mathsf{SM}}(Z\to\nu_{\ell}\bar{\nu}_{\ell})$$

•  $A_{SM}(Z \rightarrow \nu_{\ell} \bar{\nu}_{\ell})$  is the Standard Model amplitude of Z decay into a massless neutrino-antineutrino pair of any flavor  $\ell = e, \mu, \tau$ 

• 
$$A(Z \to \nu_j \bar{\nu}_k) \simeq A_{SM}(Z \to \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\ell) \sum_{\alpha = e, \mu, \tau} U^*_{\alpha j} U_{\alpha k}$$

$$\blacktriangleright P(Z \rightarrow \nu \bar{\nu}) = \sum_{j=1}^{3+N_s} \sum_{k=1}^{3+N_s} |A(Z \rightarrow \nu_j \bar{\nu}_k)|^2$$

$$\blacktriangleright P(Z \to \nu \bar{\nu}) \simeq P_{\mathsf{SM}}(Z \to \nu_{\ell} \bar{\nu}_{\ell}) \sum_{j=1}^{3+N_s} \sum_{k=1}^{3+N_s} \left| \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\alpha k} \right|^2$$

• Effective number of neutrinos in Z decay:

$$N_{\nu}^{(Z)} = \sum_{j=1}^{3+N_s} \sum_{k=1}^{3+N_s} \left| \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\alpha k} \right|^2$$

$$\bullet \text{ Using the unitarity relation } \sum_{k=1}^{3+N_s} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^* = \delta_{\alpha \beta} \quad \text{we obtain}$$

$$N_{\nu}^{(Z)} = \sum_{j=1}^{3+N_s} \sum_{k=1}^{3+N_s} \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\alpha k} \sum_{\substack{\beta=e,\mu,\tau \\ \beta=e,\mu,\tau}} U_{\beta j} U_{\beta k}^*$$
$$= \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} \sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} \sum_{j=1}^{3+N_s} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ \delta_{\alpha\beta}}}^{3+N_s} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^* = \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} 1 = 3$$

•  $N_{\nu}^{(Z)} = 3$  independently of the number of light sterile neutrinos!

### **Effect of Heavy Sterile Neutrinos**

[Jarlskog, PLB 241 (1990) 579; Bilenky, Grimus, Neufeld, PLB 252 (1990) 119]

• 
$$N_{\nu}^{(Z)} = \sum_{j=1}^{3+N_s} \sum_{k=1}^{3+N_s} \left| \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\alpha k} \right|^2 R_{jk}$$
 with

$$R_{jk} = \left(1 - \frac{m_j^2 + m_k^2}{2m_Z^2} - \frac{(m_j^2 - m_k^2)^2}{2m_Z^4}\right) \frac{\lambda(m_Z^2, m_j^2, m_k^2)}{m_Z^2} \theta(m_Z - m_j - m_k)$$
$$\lambda(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz - 2zx$$
$$R_{jk} \le 1 \implies N_{\nu}^{(Z)} \le 3$$

# Indications of SBL Oscillations Beyond $3\nu$

LSND

[PRL 75 (1995) 2650; PRC 54 (1996) 2685; PRL 77 (1996) 3082; PRD 64 (2001) 112007]



Nominal  $\approx 3.8\sigma$  excess

 $ar{
u}_{\mu} 
ightarrow ar{
u}_{e} \qquad L \simeq 30 \, \mathrm{m} \qquad 20 \, \mathrm{MeV} \leq E \leq 60 \, \mathrm{MeV}$ 

- Well known source of  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ :  $\mu^+$  at rest  $\rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$  $\blacktriangleright \bar{\nu}_{\mu} \xrightarrow{I \sim 30 \text{ m}} \bar{\nu}_{e}$
- Well known detection process of  $\bar{\nu}_e$ :  $\bar{\nu}_{e} + p \rightarrow n + e^{+}$
- But signal not seen by KARMEN with same method at  $L \simeq 18$  m [PRD 65 (2002) 112001]

 $\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 0.2 \,\mathrm{eV}^2 \quad (\gg \Delta m_A^2 \gg \Delta m_S^2)$ 

# **MiniBooNE**

 $L \simeq 541 \,\mathrm{m}$  200 MeV  $\leq E \lesssim 3 \,\mathrm{GeV}$ 



- Purpose: check LSND signal.
- ▶ Different *L* and *E*.
- Similar L/E (oscillations).
- No money, no Near Detector.

- LSND signal: E > 475 MeV.
- Agreement with LSND signal?
- CP violation?
- Low-energy anomaly!

### **Gallium Anomaly**

Gallium Radioactive Source Experiments: GALLEX and SAGE  $\nu_{o} + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}\text{Ge} + e^{-}$ Detection Process:  $e^- + {}^{51}Cr \rightarrow {}^{51}V + \nu_e \qquad e^- + {}^{37}Ar \rightarrow {}^{37}Cl + \nu_e$  $\nu_{e}$  Sources:  $\bar{\nu}_e 
ightarrow \bar{\nu}_e \qquad E \sim 0.7 \, {
m MeV}$ 5 GALLEX SAGE Cr1 Cr  $\langle L \rangle_{\text{GALLEX}} = 1.9 \,\text{m}$ 10  $R = N_{exp}/N_{no osc.}$  $\langle L \rangle_{\text{SAGE}} = 0.6 \,\mathrm{m}$ GALLEX SAGE Nominal  $\approx 2.9\sigma$  anomaly Cr2 Ar 0.9  $\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 1 \,\mathrm{eV}^2 \quad (\gg \Delta m_A^2 \gg \Delta m_S^2)$ 0.8 [SAGE, PRC 73 (2006) 045805; PRC 80 (2009) 015807] [Laveder et al. Nucl.Phys.Proc.Suppl. 168 (2007) 344: MPLA 22 (2007) 2499; PRD 78 (2008) 073009;  $\overline{R} = 0.84 \pm 0.05$ PRC 83 (2011) 065504] 0.7 [Mention et al, PRD 83 (2011) 073006] [Giunti, Laveder, Li, Liu, Long, PRD 86 (2012) 113014

- ▶  ${}^{3}\text{He} + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}\text{Ge} + {}^{3}\text{H}$  cross section measurement [Frekers et al., PLB 706 (2011) 134]
- $E_{\rm th}(\nu_e + {}^{71}{\rm Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}{\rm Ge} + e^-) = 233.5 \pm 1.2 \,{\rm keV}$

[Frekers et al., PLB 722 (2013) 233]

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- ► Deficit could be due to overestimate of  $\sigma(\nu_e + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}\text{Ge} + e^-)$
- Calculation: Bahcall, PRC 56 (1997) 3391



▶  $\sigma_{
m G.S.}$  from  $T_{1/2}(^{71}
m{Ge}) = 11.43 \pm 0.03 \,
m{days}$  [Hampel, Remsberg, PRC 31 (1985) 666]

$$\sigma_{
m G.S.}(^{
m 51}
m Cr) = 55.3 imes 10^{-46} \, 
m cm^2 \, (1 \pm 0.004)_{3\sigma}$$

•  $\sigma(^{51}\text{Cr}) = \sigma_{\text{G.S.}}(^{51}\text{Cr})\left(1 + 0.669 \frac{\text{BGT}_{175}}{\text{BGT}_{\text{G.S.}}} + 0.220 \frac{\text{BGT}_{500}}{\text{BGT}_{\text{G.S.}}}\right)$ 

Contribution of Excited States only 5%!

		BGT <sub>175</sub> BGT <sub>G.S.</sub>	BGT <sub>500</sub> BGT <sub>G.S.</sub>
Krofcheck et al. PRL 55 (1985) 1051	$^{71}$ Ga $(p, n)^{71}$ Ge	< 0.056	$0.126\pm0.023$
Haxton PLB 431 (1998) 110	Shell Model	$0.19\pm0.18$	
Frekers et al. PLB 706 (2011) 134	<sup>71</sup> Ga( <sup>3</sup> He, <sup>3</sup> H) <sup>71</sup> Ge	$0.039\pm0.030$	$0.202\pm0.016$
The read			D 401 (1000) 110

Haxton:

[Haxton, PLB 431 (1998) 110]

"a sophisticated shell model calculation is performed ... for the transition to the first excited state in <sup>71</sup>Ge. The calculation predicts destructive interference between the (p, n) spin and spin-tensor matrix elements"

- ► Does Haxton argument apply also to (<sup>3</sup>He, <sup>3</sup>H) measurements?
- ▶ 2.7 $\sigma$  discrepancy of BGT<sub>500</sub>/BGT<sub>G.S.</sub> measurements!
- ► Anyhow, new <sup>71</sup>Ga(<sup>3</sup>He, <sup>3</sup>H)<sup>71</sup>Ge data support Gallium Anomaly!

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# New Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ Fluxes

Increased prediction of detected flux by 6.5%



### **Neutrino Emission:**

- Improved reactor neutrino spectra  $\rightarrow$  +3.5%
- Accounting for long-lived isotopes in reactors  $\rightarrow \pm 1\%$

### **Neutrino Detection:**

- Reanalysis of all SBL experiments



## **Reactor Electron Antineutrino Anomaly**



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# 5 MeV Bump



- Local problem with ~ 3% effect on total flux.
- It is an excess!
- It occurs both for the new high Muller-Huber fluxes and the old low Schreckenbach-Vogel fluxes.
- Real problem: apparent incompatibility of the bump with the β spectra from <sup>235</sup>U and <sup>239</sup>Pu measured by Schreckenbach et al. at ILL in 1982-1985.

### **Beyond Three-Neutrino Mixing: Sterile Neutrinos**



Terminology: a eV-scale sterile neutrino means: a eV-scale massive neutrino which is mainly sterile

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- ► Here I consider sterile neutrinos with mass scale ~ 1 eV in light of short-baseline Reactor Anomaly, Gallium Anomaly, LSND.
- Other possibilities (not incompatible):
  - Very light sterile neutrinos with mass scale 
     1 eV: important for solar neutrino phenomenology

[de Holanda, Smirnov, PRD 69 (2004) 113002; PRD 83 (2011) 113011]

[Das, Pulido, Picariello, PRD 79 (2009) 073010]

Recent Daya Bay constraints for  $10^{-3} \lesssim \Delta m^2 \lesssim 10^{-1}\,{
m eV}^2$  [PRL 113 (2014) 141802]

► Heavy sterile neutrinos with mass scale ≫ 1 eV: could be Warm Dark Matter

[Asaka, Blanchet, Shaposhnikov, PLB 631 (2005) 151; Asaka, Shaposhnikov, PLB 620 (2005) 17; Asaka, Shaposhnikov, Kusenko, PLB 638 (2006) 401; Asaka, Laine, Shaposhnikov, JHEP 0606 (2006) 053, JHEP 0701 (2007) 091]

[Reviews: Kusenko, Phys. Rept. 481 (2009) 1; Boyarsky, Ruchayskiy, Shaposhnikov, Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 59 (2009) 191; Boyarsky, lakubovskyi, Ruchayskiy, Phys. Dark Univ. 1 (2012) 136; Drewes, IJMPE, 22 (2013) 1330019]
## Four-Neutrino Schemes: 2+2 and 3+1



# 2+2 Four-Neutrino Schemes



2+2 Schemes are strongly disfavored by solar and atmospheric data



### 3+1 Four-Neutrino Schemes



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### Effective SBL Oscillation Probabilities

• General Bilenky formula of the probability of  $\overset{(-)}{\nu_{\alpha}} \rightarrow \overset{(-)}{\nu_{\beta}}$  oscillations:

$$P_{\substack{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}}}^{(-)} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{k \neq p} |U_{\alpha k}|^2 \left(\delta_{\alpha\beta} - |U_{\beta k}|^2\right) \sin^2 \Delta_{kp}$$
$$+8 \sum_{\substack{j > k \\ j, k \neq p}} |U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}| \sin \Delta_{kp} \sin \Delta_{jp} \cos(\Delta_{jk} \stackrel{(+)}{-} \eta_{\alpha\beta jk})$$

$$\Delta_{kp} = \frac{\Delta m_{kp}^2 L}{4E} \qquad \qquad \eta_{\alpha\beta jk} = \arg \left[ U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^* \right]$$

▶ In SBL experiments  $\Delta_{21} \ll \Delta_{31} \ll 1$ . Choosing p = 1, we obtain

$$P_{\substack{(-)\\\nu_{\alpha}\to\nu_{\beta}}}^{(\mathsf{SBL})} \simeq \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{k=4}^{N} |U_{\alpha k}|^2 \left(\delta_{\alpha\beta} - |U_{\beta k}|^2\right) \sin^2 \Delta_{k1} \\ +8\sum_{k=4}^{N} \sum_{j=k+1}^{N} |U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}U_{\alpha k}U_{\beta k}| \sin \Delta_{k1} \sin \Delta_{j1} \cos(\Delta_{jk} \stackrel{(+)}{-} \eta_{\alpha\beta jk})$$

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#### Survival Probabilities

$$P^{\text{SBL}}_{\substack{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\alpha} \\ \nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\alpha}}} \simeq 1 - 4 \sum_{k=4}^{N} |U_{\alpha k}|^{2} \left(1 - |U_{\alpha k}|^{2}\right) \sin^{2} \Delta_{k1} \\ + 8 \sum_{k=4}^{N} \sum_{j=k+1}^{N} |U_{\alpha j}|^{2} |U_{\alpha k}|^{2} \sin \Delta_{j1} \sin \Delta_{k1} \cos \Delta_{jk}$$

Effective amplitude of  $\stackrel{(-)}{\nu_{\alpha}}$  disappearance due to  $\nu_{\alpha} - \nu_k$  mixing:

$$\sin^{2} 2\vartheta_{\alpha\alpha}^{(k)} = 4|U_{\alpha k}|^{2} \left(1 - |U_{\alpha k}|^{2}\right) \simeq 4|U_{\alpha k}|^{2}$$
$$|U_{\alpha k}|^{2} \ll 1 \qquad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau; \quad k = 4, \dots, N)$$
$$P_{\substack{(-) \\ \nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\alpha}}}^{\text{SBL}} \simeq 1 - \sum_{k=4}^{N} \sin^{2} 2\vartheta_{\alpha\alpha}^{(k)} \sin^{2} \Delta_{k1}$$

### Appearance Probabilities ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ )

$$P_{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}}^{\text{SBL}} \simeq 4 \sum_{k=4}^{N} |U_{\alpha k}|^{2} |U_{\beta k}|^{2} \sin^{2} \Delta_{k1} + 8 \sum_{k=4}^{N} \sum_{j=k+1}^{N} |U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}| \sin \Delta_{k1} \sin \Delta_{j1} \cos(\Delta_{jk} \stackrel{(+)}{-} \eta_{\alpha \beta jk})$$

Effective amplitude of  $\stackrel{(-)}{\nu_{\alpha}} \rightarrow \stackrel{(-)}{\nu_{\beta}}$  transitions due to  $\nu_{\alpha} - \nu_{k}$  mixing:

$$\sin^2 2 artheta^{(k)}_{lphaeta} = 4 |U_{lpha k}|^2 |U_{eta k}|^2$$

$$P^{\text{SBL}}_{\substack{(-)\\\nu_{\alpha}\to\nu_{\beta}}} \simeq \sum_{k=4}^{N} \sin^{2} 2\vartheta^{(k)}_{\alpha\beta} \sin^{2} \Delta_{k1} + 2\sum_{k=4}^{N} \sum_{j=k+1}^{N} \sin 2\vartheta^{(k)}_{\alpha\beta} \sin 2\vartheta^{(j)}_{\alpha\beta} \sin \Delta_{k1} \sin \Delta_{j1} \cos(\Delta_{jk} \stackrel{(+)}{-} \eta_{\alpha\beta jk})$$

### Effective SBL Oscillation Probabilities in 3+1 Schemes

Perturbation of 3 $\nu$  Mixing:  $|U_{\rm e4}|^2 \ll 1$ ,  $|U_{\mu 4}|^2 \ll 1$ ,  $|U_{\tau 4}|^2 \ll 1$ ,  $|U_{
m s4}|^2 \simeq 1$ 

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} & U_{\mu 4} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} & U_{\tau 4} \\ U_{s1} & U_{s2} & U_{s3} & U_{s4} \end{pmatrix}$$

- 6 mixing angles
- 3 Dirac CP phases
- 3 Majorana CP phases
- But CP violation is not observable in current SBL experiments!
- Observable in LBL accelerator exp. sensitive to  $\Delta m^2_{ATM}$  [de Gouvea, Kelly, Kobach, PRD 91 (2015) 053005; Klop, Palazzo, PRD 91 (2015) 073017; Berryman, de Gouvea, Kelly, Kobach, PRD 92 (2015) 073012, Palazzo, arXiv:1509.03148] and solar exp. sensitive to  $\Delta m^2_{SOL}$  [Long, Li, Giunti, PRD 87, 113004 (2013) 113004]

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### Effective SBL Oscillation Probabilities in 3+2 Schemes

$$\begin{split} \Delta_{kj} &= \Delta m_{kj}^2 L/4E \\ \eta &= \arg[U_{e4}^* U_{\mu4} U_{e5} U_{\mu5}^*] \\ P_{(-)}^{\text{SBL}} &= 4|U_{e4}|^2 |U_{\mu4}|^2 \sin^2 \Delta_{41} + 4|U_{e5}|^2 |U_{\mu5}|^2 \sin^2 \Delta_{51} \\ &+ 8|U_{\mu4} U_{e4} U_{\mu5} U_{e5}| \sin \Delta_{41} \sin \Delta_{51} \cos(\Delta_{54} \overset{(+)}{-} \eta) \\ P_{(-)}^{\text{SBL}} &= 1 - 4(1 - |U_{\alpha4}|^2 - |U_{\alpha5}|^2)(|U_{\alpha4}|^2 \sin^2 \Delta_{41} + |U_{\alpha5}|^2 \sin^2 \Delta_{51}) \\ &- 4|U_{\alpha4}|^2 |U_{\alpha5}|^2 \sin^2 \Delta_{54} \end{split}$$

[Sorel, Conrad, Shaevitz, PRD 70 (2004) 073004; Maltoni, Schwetz, PRD 76 (2007) 093005; Karagiorgi et al, PRD 80 (2009) 073001; Kopp, Maltoni, Schwetz, PRL 107 (2011) 091801; Giunti, Laveder, PRD 84 (2011) 073008; Donini et al, JHEP 07 (2012) 161; Archidiacono et al, PRD 86 (2012) 065028; Jacques, Krauss, Lunardini, PRD 87 (2013) 083515; Conrad et al, AHEP 2013 (2013) 163897; Archidiacono et al, PRD 87 (2013) 125034; Kopp, Machado, Maltoni, Schwetz, JHEP 1305 (2013) 050; Giunti, Laveder, Y.F. Li, H.W. Long, PRD 88 (2013) 073008; Girardi, Meroni, Petcov, JHEP 1311 (2013) 146]

- Good: CP violation
- Bad: Two massive sterile neutrinos at the eV scale!

4 more parameters:  $\underbrace{\Delta m_{41}^2, |U_{e4}|^2, |U_{\mu4}|^2}_{3+1}, \Delta m_{51}^2, |U_{e5}|^2, |U_{\mu5}|^2, \eta$ 

### **Short-Baseline** $\nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_e$ **Disappearance**



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Solar bound on  $|U_{e4}|^2$ 

[Giunti, Li, PRD 80 (2009) 113007; Palazzo, PRD 83 (2011) 113013, PRD 85 (2012) 077301]

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{P}_{\nu_e \to \nu_e}^{\text{SOL}} \simeq \left(1 - \sum_{k \ge 3} |U_{ek}|^2\right)^2 \mathcal{P}_{\nu_e \to \nu_e}^{\text{SOL}, 2\nu} + \sum_{k \ge 3} |U_{ek}|^4 \\ \mathcal{P}_{\nu_e \to \nu_s}^{\text{SOL}} \simeq \left(1 - \sum_{k \ge 3} |U_{ek}|^2\right) \left(1 - \sum_{k \ge 3} |U_{sk}|^2\right) \mathcal{P}_{\nu_e \to \nu_s}^{\text{SOL}, 2\nu} + \sum_{k \ge 3} |U_{ek}|^2 |U_{sk}|^2 \\ 3 + 1 \text{ with simplifying assumptions: } U_{\mu 4} = U_{\tau 4} = 0, \text{ no CP violation} \\ U_{e1} = c_{12}c_{13}c_{14} \quad U_{e2} = s_{12}c_{13}c_{14} \quad U_{e3} = s_{13}c_{14} \quad U_{e4} = s_{14} \\ U_{s1} = -c_{12}c_{13}s_{14} \quad U_{s2} = -s_{12}c_{13}s_{14} \quad U_{s3} = -s_{13}s_{14} \quad U_{s4} = c_{14} \\ \mathcal{P}_{\nu_e \to \nu_e}^{\text{SOL}} \simeq c_{14}^4 s_{14}^4 \mathcal{P}_{\nu_e \to \nu_e}^{\text{SOL}, 2\nu} + s_{13}^4 c_{14}^4 + s_{14}^4 \\ \mathcal{P}_{\nu_e \to \nu_s}^{\text{SOL}} \simeq c_{14}^2 s_{14}^2 \left(c_{13}^4 \mathcal{P}_{\nu_e \to \nu_s}^{\text{SOL}, 2\nu} + s_{13}^4 + 1\right) \end{split}$$

$$V = c_{13}^2 c_{14}^2 V_{\text{CC}} - c_{13}^2 s_{14}^2 V_{\text{NC}}$$
  
=  $(|U_{e1}|^2 + |U_{e2}|^2) V_{\text{CC}} - (|U_{s1}|^2 + |U_{s2}|^2) V_{\text{NC}}$ 



Fit of solar and KamLAND data with Daya Bay and RENO constraint  $\sin^2 \vartheta_{13} = 0.025 \pm 0.004$ and free  $|U_{\mu4}|$  and  $|U_{\tau4}|$  (neglecting small CP violation effects)



[Giunti, Laveder, Li, Liu, Long, PRD 86 (2012) 113014]

### **Tritium Beta-Decay**



Neutrino Mixing 
$$\implies \mathcal{K}(T) = \left[ (Q-T) \sum_{k} |U_{ek}|^2 \sqrt{(Q-T)^2 - m_k^2} \right]^{1/2}$$
  
analysis of data is  
different from the  
no-mixing case:  
 $2N - 1$  parameters  
 $\left( \sum_{k} |U_{ek}|^2 = 1 \right)$   
if experiment is not sensitive to masses  $(m_k \ll Q - T)$   
effective mass:  
 $m_\beta^2 = \sum_{k} |U_{ek}|^2 m_k^2$   
 $\mathcal{K}^2 = (Q-T)^2 \sum_{k} |U_{ek}|^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_k^2}{(Q-T)^2}} \simeq (Q-T)^2 \sum_{k} |U_{ek}|^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_k^2}{(Q-T)^2} \right]$   
 $= (Q-T)^2 \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_\beta^2}{(Q-T)^2} \right] \simeq (Q-T) \sqrt{(Q-T)^2 - m_\beta^2}$ 

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# 3+1 Mixing



## Mainz and Troitsk Limit on $m_4^2$



[Kraus, Singer, Valerius, Weinheimer, EPJC 73 (2013) 2323]

[Belesev et al, JPG 41 (2014) 015001]

### **Global** $\nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_e$ **Disappearance**



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## **Near-Future Experiments**



# $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e}$ and $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$ Appearance



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# **3+1:** Appearance vs Disappearance

• Amplitude of  $\nu_e$  disappearance:

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} = 4|U_{e4}|^2 (1 - |U_{e4}|^2) \simeq 4|U_{e4}|^2$$

• Amplitude of  $\nu_{\mu}$  disappearance:

$$\sin^2 2artheta_{\mu\mu} = 4 |U_{\mu4}|^2 \left(1 - |U_{\mu4}|^2\right) \simeq 4 |U_{\mu4}|^2$$

• Amplitude of  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$  transitions:

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{e\mu} = 4|U_{e4}|^2|U_{\mu4}|^2 \simeq \frac{1}{4}\sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee}\sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu}$$

- ► Upper bounds on  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance  $\Rightarrow$  strong limit on  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ [Okada, Yasuda, IJMPA 12 (1997) 3669; Bilenky, Giunti, Grimus, EPJC 1 (1998) 247]
- ► Similar constraint in 3+2, 3+3, ..., 3+N<sub>s</sub>! [Giunti, Zavanin, MPLA 31 (2015) 1650003]

$$\sin^{2} 2\vartheta_{\alpha\alpha}^{(k)} = 4|U_{\alpha k}|^{2} \left(1 - |U_{\alpha k}|^{2}\right) \simeq 4|U_{\alpha k}|^{2}$$
$$\sin^{2} 2\vartheta_{\alpha\beta}^{(k)} = 4|U_{\alpha k}|^{2}|U_{\beta k}|^{2}$$
$$\boxed{\sin^{2} 2\vartheta_{\alpha\beta}^{(k)} \simeq \frac{1}{4} \sin^{2} 2\vartheta_{\alpha\alpha}^{(k)} \sin^{2} 2\vartheta_{\beta\beta}^{(k)}}$$
$$2\vartheta_{ee}^{(k)} \ll 1$$

 $\left. \begin{array}{c} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee}^{(n)} \ll 1 \\ \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu}^{(k)} \ll 1 \end{array} \right\} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin^2 2\vartheta_{e\mu}^{(k)} \quad \text{ is quadratically suppressed} \\ \end{array}$ 

on the other hand, observation of  $\stackrel{(-)}{\nu_{\alpha}} \rightarrow \stackrel{(-)}{\nu_{\beta}}$  transitions due to  $\Delta m_{k1}^2$  imply that the corresponding  $\stackrel{(-)}{\nu_{\alpha}}$  and  $\stackrel{(-)}{\nu_{\beta}}$  disappearances must be observed

## $u_{\mu}$ and $ar{ u}_{\mu}$ Disappearance



### Global 3+1 Fit



### **Goodness of Fit**

Assumption or approximation: Gaussian uncertainties and linear model
\$\chi\_{min}^2\$ has \$\chi^2\$ distribution with Number of Degrees of Freedom NDF = \$N\_D - \$N\_P\$ \$N\_D = Number of Data \$N\_P\$ = Number of Fitted Parameters
\$\langle \chi\_{min}^2 \rangle = \$NDF\$ \$\langle \chi\_{min}^2 \rangle = \$2NDF\$ \$\langle GoF = \$\int\_{\chi\_{min}^2}^{\pi} p\_{\chi\_2}^2(z, \$NDF\$) dz \$p\_{\chi\_2}^2(z, n) = \$\frac{z^{n/2-1}e^{-z/2}}{2^{n/2}\Gamma(n/2)}\$

# Parameter Goodness of Fit

Maltoni, Schwetz, PRD 68 (2003) 033020, arXiv:hep-ph/0304176

- Measure compatibility of two (or more) sets of data points A and B under fitting model
- $\chi^2_{PGoF} = (\chi^2_{min})_{A+B} [(\chi^2_{min})_A + (\chi^2_{min})_B]$
- ►  $\chi^2_{PGoF}$  has  $\chi^2$  distribution with Number of Degrees of Freedom NDF<sub>PGoF</sub> =  $N_P^A + N_P^B - N_P^{A+B}$
- $PGoF = \int_{\chi^2_{PGoF}}^{\infty} p_{\chi^2}(z, NDF_{PGoF}) dz$

# Global 3+1 Fit



### Different LSND Treatments



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### MiniBooNE Low-Energy Excess?



- No fit of low-energy excess for realistic  $\sin^2 2\vartheta_{e\mu} \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-3}$
- MB low-energy excess is the main cause of bad APP-DIS PGoF = 0.1%
- Pragmatic Approach: discard the Low-Energy Excess because it is very likely not due to oscillations [Giunti, Laveder, Li, Long, PRD 88 (2013) 073008]

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# Neutrino energy reconstruction problem?

[Martini, Ericson, Chanfray, PRD 85 (2012) 093012; PRD 87 (2013) 013009]

 Effect due to multinucleon interactions whose signal is indistinguishable from that due to quasielastic charged-current scattering

$$u_e + n \rightarrow p + e^ \bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow n + e^+$$

► In the MiniBooNE analysis the reconstructed neutrino energy is  $(E_{\rm B} \simeq 25 \,{\rm MeV})$ 

$$E_{\nu}^{\text{QE}} = \frac{2(M_{\text{i}} - E_{\text{B}})E_{e} - (m_{e}^{2} - 2M_{\text{i}}E_{\text{B}} + E_{\text{B}}^{2} + \Delta M_{\text{if}}^{2})}{2(M_{\text{i}} - E_{\text{B}} - E_{e} + p_{e}\cos\theta_{e})}$$

- The MiniBooNE collaboration took into account:
  - Fermi motion of the initial nucleon
  - Charged-current single charged pion production events in which the pion is not observed

(e.g.  $u_e + n 
ightarrow \Delta^+ + e^- 
ightarrow n + \pi^+ + e^-$  with  $\pi^+$  absorbed by a nucleus)



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- Multinucleon interactions can decrease slightly the MiniBooNE low-energy anomaly
- Multinucleon interactions cannot solve the APP-DIS tension
- MicroBooNE is crucial for checking the MiniBooNE low-energy anomaly
- If confirmed it is a real problem

# Pragmatic Global 3+1 Fit



## MiniBooNE Impact in Pragmatic 3+1 Fit?



Without LSND: No Osc. nominally disfavored at  $\approx 2.6\sigma$  ( $\Delta \chi^2/\text{NDF} = 11.4/3$ )

Global Fits	Our Fit		KMMS	
	3+1	3+2	3+1	3+2
GoF	5%	7%	19%	23%
PGoF	0.1%	0.04%	0.01%	0.003%

- Our Fit: Gariazzo, Giunti, Laveder, Li, Zavanin, JPG 43 (2016) 033001
- KMMS: Kopp, Machado, Maltoni, Schwetz, JHEP 1305 (2013) 050


# 3+2 cannot fit MiniBooNE Low-Energy Excess



- ▶ Note difference between 3+2  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  histograms due to CP violation
- ▶ 3+2 can fit slightly better the small  $\bar{\nu}_e$  excess at about 600 MeV
- ▶ 3+2 fit of low-energy excess as bad as 3+1
- Claims that 3+2 can fit low-energy excess do not take into account constraints from other data
- Conclusion: 3+2 is not needed

## **Future Experiments**



 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{SBN (FNAL, USA)} \\ [arXiv:1503.01520] \\ \mbox{3 Liquid Argon TPCs} \\ \mbox{LAr1-ND } L \simeq 100 \mbox{ m} \\ \mbox{MicroBooNE } L \simeq 470 \mbox{ m} \\ \mbox{ICARUS T600 } L \simeq 600 \mbox{ m} \end{array}$ 

nuPRISM (J-PARC, Japan) [Wilking@NNN2015]  $L \simeq 1 \text{ km}$ 50 m tall water Cherenkov detector  $1^{\circ} - 4^{\circ}$  off-axis can be improved with T2K ND

# $\nu_e$ **Disappearance**



## $\nu_{\mu}$ Disappearance



### Effects of light sterile neutrinos should also be seen in:

#### Long-baseline Neutrino Oscillation Experiments

[de Gouvea, Kelly, Kobach, PRD 91 (2015) 053005; Klop, Palazzo, PRD 91 (2015) 073017; Berryman, de Gouvea, Kelly, Kobach, PRD 92 (2015) 073012; Gandhi, Kayser, Masud, Prakash, JHEP 1511 (2015) 039; Palazzo, arXiv:1509.03148; Agarwalla, Chatterjee, Dasgupta, Palazzo, arXiv:1601.05995]

### Solar neutrinos

[Dooling et al, PRD 61 (2000) 073011, Gonzalez-Garcia et al, PRD 62 (2000) 013005; Palazzo, PRD 83 (2011) 113013, PRD 85 (2012) 077301; Li et al, PRD 80 (2009) 113007, PRD 87, 113004 (2013), JHEP 1308 (2013) 056; Kopp, Machado, Maltoni, Schwetz, JHEP 1305 (2013) 050]

### High-energy atmospheric neutrinos (IceCube, Km3Net)

[Goswami, PRD 55 (1997) 2931; Bilenky, Giunti, Grimus, Schwetz, PRD 60 (1999) 073007; Maltoni, Schwetz, Tortola, Valle, NPB 643 (2002) 321, PRD 67 (2003) 013011; Choubey, JHEP 12 (2007) 014; Razzaque, Smirnov, JHEP 07 (2011) 084, PRD 85 (2012) 093010; Gandhi, Ghoshal, PRD 86 (2012) 037301; Esmaili, Halzen, Peres, JCAP 1211 (2012) 041; Esmaili, Smirnov, JHEP 1312 (2013) 014; Rajpoot, Sahu, Wang, EPJC 74 (2014) 2936; Collin, Arguelles, Conrad, Shaevitz, arXiv:1602.00671]

#### Supernova neutrinos

[Caldwell, Fuller, Qian, PRD 61 (2000) 123005; Peres, Smirnov, NPB 599 (2001); Sorel, Conrad, PRD 66 (2002) 033009; Tamborra, Raffelt, Huedepohl, Janka, JCAP 1201 (2012) 013; Wu, Fischer, Martinez-Pinedo, Qian, PRD 89 (2014) 061303; Esmaili, Peres, Serpico, PRD 90 (2014) 033013]

#### High-energy cosmic neutrinos

[Cirelli, Marandella, Strumia, Vissani, NPB 708 (2005) 215; Donini, Yasuda, arXiv:0806.3029; Barry, Mohapatra, Rodejohann, PRD 83 (2011) 113012]

#### Indirect dark matter detection

[Esmaili, Peres, JCAP 1205 (2012) 002]

#### Cosmology

[see Hannestad Lectures]

### Effective LBL Oscillation Probabilities

General Bilenky formula of the probability of  $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}$  oscillations:

$$P_{\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}} = 4 \sum_{k \neq p} |U_{\mu k}|^{2} |U_{ek}|^{2} \sin^{2} \Delta_{kp}$$
$$+8 \sum_{\substack{j > k \\ j, k \neq p}} |U_{\mu j} U_{ej} U_{\mu k} U_{ek}| \sin \Delta_{kp} \sin \Delta_{jp} \cos(\Delta_{jk} - \eta_{\mu ejk})$$

$$\Delta_{kp} = \frac{\Delta m_{kp}^2 L}{4E} \qquad \eta_{\mu e j k} = \arg \left[ U_{\mu j}^* U_{e j} U_{\mu k} U_{e k}^* \right]$$
$$|U_{e3}| \simeq \sin \vartheta_{13} \simeq 0.15 \sim \varepsilon \implies \varepsilon^2 \sim 0.03$$
$$|U_{e4}| \simeq \sin \vartheta_{14} \simeq 0.17 \sim \varepsilon$$
$$|U_{\mu 4}| \simeq \sin \vartheta_{24} \simeq 0.11 \sim \varepsilon$$
$$\alpha \equiv \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{|\Delta m_{31}^2|} \simeq \frac{7 \times 10^{-5}}{2.4 \times 10^{-3}} \simeq 0.031 \sim \varepsilon^2$$

 $3\nu$  mixing with p = 1:

$$\begin{split} P^{3\nu}_{\nu_{\mu}\to\nu_{e}} &= 4|U_{\mu2}|^{2}|U_{e2}|^{2}\sin^{2}\Delta_{21} & \sim \varepsilon^{4} \\ &+ 4|U_{\mu3}|^{2}|U_{e3}|^{2}\sin^{2}\Delta_{31} & \sim \varepsilon^{2} \\ &+ 8|U_{\mu3}U_{e3}U_{\mu2}U_{e2}|\sin\Delta_{21}\sin\Delta_{31}\cos(\Delta_{32}-\eta_{\mu e32})\sim \varepsilon^{3} \\ \textbf{CP violation is observable in LBL experiments at order } \varepsilon^{3} : \\ P^{\text{LBL};3\nu}_{\nu_{\mu}\to\nu_{e}} &\simeq 4|U_{\mu3}|^{2}|U_{e3}|^{2}\sin^{2}\Delta_{31} \\ &+ 8|U_{\mu3}U_{e3}U_{\mu2}U_{e2}|\sin\Delta_{21}\sin\Delta_{31}\cos(\Delta_{32}-\eta_{\mu e32}) \\ &\simeq \sin^{2}2\vartheta_{13}\sin^{2}\vartheta_{23}\sin^{2}\Delta_{31} \\ &+ \sin2\vartheta_{13}\sin2\vartheta_{12}\sin^{2}\vartheta_{23}(\alpha\Delta_{31})\sin\Delta_{31}\cos(\Delta_{32}+\delta_{13}) \\ &= P^{\text{ATM}} + P^{\text{INT}} \quad _{[\text{Klop, Palazzo, PRD 91 (2015) 073017, arXiv:1412.7524]} \end{split}$$

$$P_{\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}}^{3+1} = 4|U_{\mu2}|^{2}|U_{e2}|^{2}\sin^{2}\Delta_{21} \qquad \sim \varepsilon^{4} \\ +4|U_{\mu3}|^{2}|U_{e3}|^{2}\sin^{2}\Delta_{31} \qquad \sim \varepsilon^{2} \\ +4|U_{\mu4}|^{2}|U_{e4}|^{2}\sin^{2}\Delta_{41} \qquad \sim \varepsilon^{4} \\ +8|U_{\mu3}U_{e3}U_{\mu2}U_{e2}|\sin\Delta_{21}\sin\Delta_{31}\cos(\Delta_{32} - \eta_{\mu e32}) \sim \varepsilon^{3} \\ +8|U_{\mu4}U_{e4}U_{\mu2}U_{e2}|\sin\Delta_{21}\sin\Delta_{41}\cos(\Delta_{42} - \eta_{\mu e42}) \sim \varepsilon^{4} \\ +8|U_{\mu4}U_{e4}U_{\mu3}U_{e3}|\sin\Delta_{31}\sin\Delta_{41}\cos(\Delta_{43} - \eta_{\mu e43}) \sim \varepsilon^{3} \\ \end{cases}$$

 $2 \downarrow 1$  mixing with n = 1.

### At order $\varepsilon^3$ :

 $P_{\mu_{\mu} \to \mu_{e}}^{\text{LBL};3+1} \simeq 4|U_{\mu3}|^{2}|U_{e3}|^{2}\sin^{2}\Delta_{31}$  $+8 |U_{\mu3}U_{e3}U_{\mu2}U_{e2}| \sin \Delta_{21} \sin \Delta_{31} \cos(\Delta_{32} - \eta_{\mu e32})$  $+8 |U_{\mu4}U_{e4}U_{\mu3}U_{e3}| \sin \Delta_{31} \sin \Delta_{41} \cos(\Delta_{43} - \eta_{\mu e43})$  $\simeq \sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \sin^2 \Delta_{31}$  $+\sin 2\vartheta_{13}\sin 2\vartheta_{12}\sin^2 \vartheta_{23}(\alpha\Delta_{31})\sin \Delta_{31}\cos(\Delta_{32}+\delta_{13})$  $+\sin 2\vartheta_{13}\sin 2\vartheta_{14}\sin 2\vartheta_{24}\sin \vartheta_{23}\sin \Delta_{31}\sin \Delta_{41}\cos(\Delta_{43}-\delta_{13}+\delta_{14})$  $= P^{\text{ATM}} + P_{\text{I}}^{\text{INT}} + P_{\text{II}}^{\text{INT}} \quad \text{[Klop, Palazzo, PRD 91 (2015) 073017, arXiv:1412.7524]}$  $\sin \Delta_{41} \cos(\Delta_{43} - \delta) = \sin \Delta_{41} \cos(\Delta_{41} - \Delta_{31} - \delta)$  $\Delta_{41} \gg 1$  $=\frac{1}{2}\sin 2\Delta_{41}\cos(\Delta_{31}+\delta)+\sin^2\Delta_{41}\sin(\Delta_{31}+\delta) \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\sin(\Delta_{31}+\delta)$  $P_{\mu}^{\text{INT}} \simeq \sin 2\vartheta_{13} \sin 2\vartheta_{14} \sin 2\vartheta_{24} \sin \vartheta_{23} \sin \Delta_{31} \sin(\Delta_{31} + \delta_{13} - \delta_{14})$ 

### **CP Violation in T2K and NO** $\nu$ **A**



### **Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay**



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Two-Neutrino Double- $\beta$  Decay:  $\Delta L = 0$ 

$$\mathcal{N}(A,Z) 
ightarrow \mathcal{N}(A,Z+2) + e^- + e^- + ar{
u}_e + ar{
u}_e$$

 $(T_{1/2}^{2\nu})^{-1} = G_{2\nu} |\mathcal{M}_{2\nu}|^2$ 

second order weak interaction process in the Standard Model



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## **Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass**





# 90% C.L. Experimental Bounds

$etaeta^-$ decay	experiment	$T_{1/2}^{0 u}$ [y]	$m_{etaeta}$ [eV]
$^{48}_{20}\mathrm{Ca}  ightarrow ^{48}_{22}\mathrm{Ti}$	ELEGANT-VI	$> 1.4 \times 10^{22}$	< 6.6 - 31
$^{76}_{32}{\rm Ge} \to {}^{76}_{34}{\rm Se}$	Heidelberg-Moscow	$> 1.9  imes 10^{25}$	< 0.23 - 0.67
	IGEX	> 1.6 $ imes$ 10 <sup>25</sup>	< 0.25 - 0.73
	GERDA	$>2.1 imes10^{25}$	< 0.22 - 0.64
$^{82}_{34}\mathrm{Se}  ightarrow ^{82}_{36}\mathrm{Kr}$	NEMO-3	$> 1.0  imes 10^{23}$	< 1.8 - 4.7
$^{100}_{42}\mathrm{Mo}  ightarrow ^{100}_{44}\mathrm{Ru}$	NEMO-3	$>2.1 imes10^{25}$	< 0.32 - 0.88
$^{116}_{48}\mathrm{Cd}  ightarrow ^{116}_{50}\mathrm{Sn}$	Solotvina	$> 1.7  imes 10^{23}$	< 1.5 - 2.5
$^{128}_{52}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{128}_{54}\text{Xe}$	CUORICINO	$> 1.1  imes 10^{23}$	< 7.2 - 18
$^{130}_{52}\text{Te} \rightarrow ^{130}_{54}\text{Xe}$	CUORICINO	$> 2.8  imes 10^{24}$	< 0.32 - 1.2
$^{136}_{54}{\rm Xe} \rightarrow {}^{136}_{56}{\rm Ba}$	EXO	$> 1.1  imes 10^{25}$	< 0.2 - 0.69
	KamLAND-Zen	$> 1.9  imes 10^{25}$	< 0.15 - 0.52
$^{150}_{60}\mathrm{Nd}  ightarrow ^{150}_{62}\mathrm{Sm}$	NEMO-3	$> 2.1 \times 10^{25}$	< 2.6 - 10



[Bilenky, Giunti, IJMPA 30 (2015) 0001]

# **Predictions of** $3\nu$ **-Mixing Paradigm**

 $m_{\beta\beta} = |U_{e1}|^2 m_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 e^{i\alpha_2} m_2 + |U_{e3}|^2 e^{i\alpha_3} m_3$ 



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## 3+1 Mixing

 $m_{\beta\beta} = |U_{e1}|^2 m_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 e^{i\alpha_{21}} m_2 + |U_{e3}|^2 e^{i\alpha_{31}} m_3 + |U_{e4}|^2 e^{i\alpha_{41}} m_4$ 



$$m^{(k)}_{etaeta} = |U_{ek}|^2 m_k$$

surprise: possible cancellation with  $m^{(3
u)}_{etaeta}$ 

[Barry et al, JHEP 07 (2011) 091] [Li, Liu, PLB 706 (2012) 406] [Rodejohann, JPG 39 (2012) 124008] [Girardi, Meroni, Petcov, JHEP 1311 (2013) 146]



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# **Conclusions**

- Short-Baseline  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  Disappearance:
  - Experimental data agree on Reactor  $\bar{\nu}_e$  and Gallium  $\nu_e$  disappearance.
  - Problem: total rates may have unknown systematic uncertainties.
  - ► Many promising projects to test unambiguously short-baseline v<sub>e</sub> and v̄<sub>e</sub> disappearance in a few years with reactors and radioactive sources.
  - Independent tests through effect of  $m_4$  in  $\beta$ -decay and  $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ -decay.
- Short-Baseline  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{e}$  LSND Signal:
  - Not seen by other SBL  ${}^{(-)}_{\nu_{\mu}} \rightarrow {}^{(-)}_{\nu_{e}}$  experiments.
  - MiniBooNE experiment has been inconclusive.
  - Experiments with near detector are needed to check LSND signal!
  - Promising Fermilab program aimed at a conclusive solution of the mystery: a near detector (LAr1-ND), an intermediate detector (MicroBooNE) and a far detector (ICARUS-T600), all Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers.
- ▶ Pragmatic 3+1 Fit is fine: moderate APP-DIS tension.
- ► 3+2 is not needed: same APP-DIS tension and no experimental evidence of CP violation.
- Cosmology:
  - Tension between  $\Delta N_{\rm eff} = 1$  and  $m_s \approx 1 \, {\rm eV}$ .
  - Cosmological and oscillation data may be reconciled by a non-standard cosmological mechanism.

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