

Neutrino Masses and Oscillations

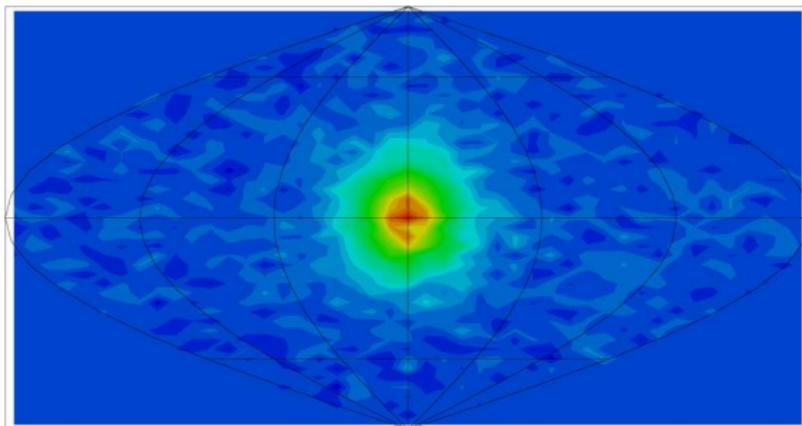
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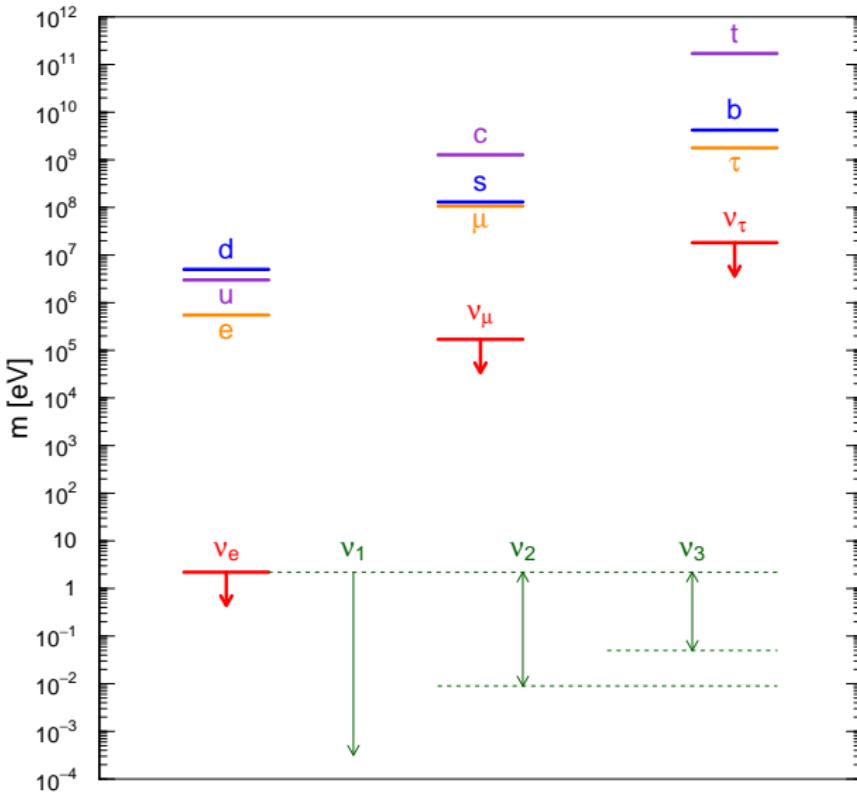
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The sun observed through neutrinos by Super-Kamiokande

Fermion Mass Spectrum



Standard Model: Massless Neutrinos

| | 1 st Generation | 2 nd Generation | 3 rd Generation |
|---------|---|---|---|
| Quarks | $\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$ u_R d_R | $\begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix}$ c_R s_R | $\begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$ t_R b_R |
| Leptons | $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$ ν_{eR} e_R | $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu L} \\ \mu_L \end{pmatrix}$ $\nu_{\mu R}$ μ_R | $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\tau L} \\ \tau_L \end{pmatrix}$ $\nu_{\tau R}$ τ_R |

- No ν_R \implies No Dirac mass Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_D \sim m_D \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R$
- Majorana Neutrinos: $\nu = \nu^c$ \implies $\nu_R = (\nu^c)_R = \nu_L^c$
Majorana mass Lagrangian: $\mathcal{L}_M \sim m_M \bar{\nu}_L \nu_L^c$
forbidden by Standard Model $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ symmetry!
- In Standard Model neutrinos are **massless**!
- Experimentally allowed until 1998, when the Super-Kamiokande atmospheric neutrino experiment obtained a model-independent proof of Neutrino Oscillations

SM Extension: Massive Dirac Neutrinos

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| Leptons: | $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ e_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \nu_{eR} \\ e_R$ | $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu L} \\ \mu_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \nu_{\mu R} \\ \mu_R$ | $\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\tau L} \\ \tau_L \end{pmatrix} \quad \nu_{\tau R} \\ \tau_R$ |

- $\nu_R \implies$ Dirac mass Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_D \sim m_D \overline{\nu}_L \nu_R$
 - m_D is generated by the standard Higgs mechanism: $y \overline{L}_L \tilde{\Phi} \nu_R \rightarrow y v \overline{\nu}_L \nu_R$
 - Necessary assumption: lepton number conservation to forbid the Majorana mass terms
- $$\mathcal{L}_M \sim m_M \overline{\nu}_R \nu_R^C \quad \text{singlet under SM symmetries!}$$
- Extremely small Yukawa couplings: $y \lesssim 10^{-11}$
 - Not theoretically attractive.

Beyond the SM: Massive Majorana Neutrinos

without the lepton number conservation assumption

$$\mathcal{L}^{D+M} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\nu}_L & \bar{\nu}_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & m_M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R^c \end{pmatrix} + \text{H.c.}$$

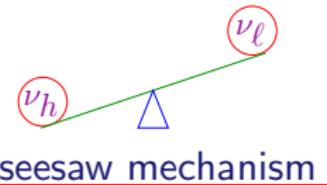
m_M can be arbitrarily large (not protected by SM symmetries)

$m_M \sim$ scale of new physics beyond Standard Model $\Rightarrow m_M \gg m_D$

diagonalization of $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & m_M \end{pmatrix} \implies m_\ell \simeq \frac{m_D^2}{m_M} \quad m_h \simeq m_M$

natural explanation of smallness
of light neutrino masses

massive neutrinos are Majorana!



seesaw mechanism

$$\nu_\ell \simeq -i(\nu_L - \nu_L^c) \quad \nu_h \simeq \nu_R + \nu_R^c$$

3-GEN \Rightarrow effective low-energy 3- ν mixing

[Minkowski, PLB 67 (1977) 42]

[Yanagida (1979); Gell-Mann, Ramond, Slansky (1979); Mohapatra, Senjanovic, PRL 44 (1980) 912]

- In general, if the SM is an effective low-energy theory

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \frac{g_5}{\mathcal{M}} \mathcal{O}_5 + \frac{g_6}{\mathcal{M}^2} \mathcal{O}_6 + \dots \quad [\text{S. Weinberg, Phys. Rev. Lett. 43 (1979) 1566}]$$

- Only one dim-5 operator:

$$\mathcal{L}_5 = \frac{g_5}{2\mathcal{M}} (L_L^T \mathcal{C}^\dagger \sigma_2 \vec{\sigma} L_L) \cdot (\Phi^T \sigma_2 \vec{\sigma} \Phi) + \text{H.c.}$$

- $\mathcal{L}_5 \xrightarrow[\text{Breaking Symmetry}]{}$ $\mathcal{L}_M = \frac{1}{2} \frac{g_5 v^2}{\mathcal{M}} \nu_L^T \mathcal{C}^\dagger \nu_L + \text{H.c.}$

Massive Majorana Neutrinos

- $m \propto \frac{v^2}{\mathcal{M}} \propto \frac{m_D^2}{\mathcal{M}}$ natural explanation of smallness of neutrino masses
(special case: See-Saw Mechanism)

- Example: $m_D \sim v \sim 10^2 \text{ GeV}$ and $\mathcal{M} \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV} \implies m \sim 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$

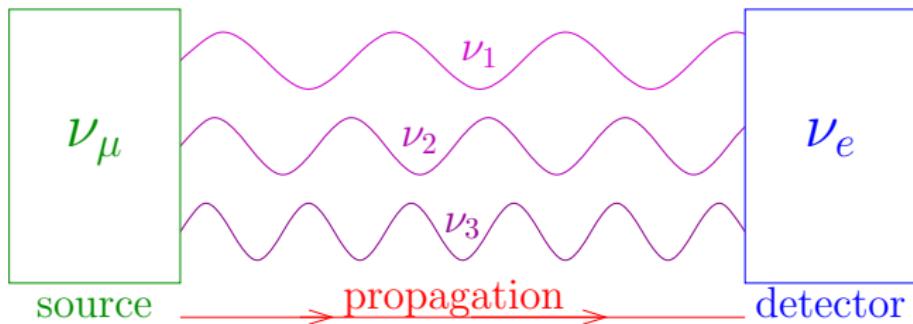
Neutrino Oscillations

- ▶ 1957: Bruno Pontecorvo proposed a form of neutrino oscillations in analogy with $K^0 \leftrightarrows \bar{K}^0$ oscillations (Gell-Mann and Pais, 1955).
- ▶ Theoretical and experimental developments led to neutrino mixing [Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata, Prog. Theor. Phys. 28 (1962) 870] and the theory of neutrino oscillations as flavor transitions which oscillate with distance [Pontecorvo, Sov. Phys. JETP 26 (1968) 984; Gribov, Pontecorvo, PLB 28 (1969); Bilenky, Pontecorvo, Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 24 (1976) 316, PLB 61 (1976) 248; Fritzsch, Minkowski, Phys. Lett. B62 (1976) 72; Eliezer, Swift, Nucl. Phys. B105 (1976) 45].
- ▶ Flavor Neutrinos: ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ produced in Weak Interactions
- ▶ Massive Neutrinos: ν_1, ν_2, ν_3 propagate from Source to Detector
- ▶ A Flavor Neutrino is a superposition of Massive Neutrinos

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu_e\rangle &= U_{e1} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{e2} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{e3} |\nu_3\rangle \\ |\nu_\mu\rangle &= U_{\mu 1} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\mu 2} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\mu 3} |\nu_3\rangle \\ |\nu_\tau\rangle &= U_{\tau 1} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\tau 2} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\tau 3} |\nu_3\rangle \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ U is the 3×3 Neutrino Mixing Matrix

$$|\nu(t=0)\rangle = |\nu_\mu\rangle = U_{\mu 1} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\mu 2} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\mu 3} |\nu_3\rangle$$



$$|\nu(t > 0)\rangle = U_{\mu 1} e^{-iE_1 t} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\mu 2} e^{-iE_2 t} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\mu 3} e^{-iE_3 t} |\nu_3\rangle \neq |\nu_\mu\rangle$$

$$E_k^2 = p^2 + m_k^2$$

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e}(t > 0) = |\langle \nu_e | \nu(t > 0) \rangle|^2 \sim \sum_{k>j} \text{Re} [U_{ek} U_{\mu k}^* U_{ej}^* U_{\mu j}] \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

transition probabilities depend on U and $\Delta m_{kj}^2 \equiv m_k^2 - m_j^2$

Neutrino oscillations are the optimal tool to reveal tiny neutrino masses!

$$\begin{array}{llll} \nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu & \nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau & \nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e & \nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau \\ \bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu & \bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau & \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e & \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\tau \end{array}$$

Three-Neutrino Mixing Paradigm

Standard Parameterization of Mixing Matrix

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_{21}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\lambda_{31}} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_{21}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\lambda_{31}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$c_{ab} \equiv \cos \vartheta_{ab} \quad s_{ab} \equiv \sin \vartheta_{ab} \quad 0 \leq \vartheta_{ab} \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad 0 \leq \delta_{13}, \lambda_{21}, \lambda_{31} < 2\pi$$

OSCILLATION
PARAMETERS

{ 3 Mixing Angles: ϑ_{12} , ϑ_{23} , ϑ_{13}
1 CPV Dirac Phase: δ_{13}
2 independent $\Delta m_{kj}^2 \equiv m_k^2 - m_j^2$: Δm_{21}^2 , Δm_{31}^2

2 CPV Majorana Phases: λ_{21} , $\lambda_{31} \iff |\Delta L| = 2$ processes

Experimental Evidences of Neutrino Oscillations

| | | |
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| Solar $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ | $\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{SNO, BOREXino} \\ \text{Super-Kamiokande} \\ \text{GALLEX/GNO, SAGE} \\ \text{Homestake, Kamiokande} \\ \text{(KamLAND)} \end{array} \right)$ | $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_S^2 = \Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_S = \sin^2 \vartheta_{12} \simeq 0.30 \end{array} \right.$ |
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VLBL Reactor
 $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance

Atmospheric

$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$$

LBL Accelerator
 ν_μ disappearance

LBL Accelerator

$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Super-Kamiokande} \\ \text{Kamiokande, IMB} \\ \text{MACRO, Sudan-2} \\ \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{K2K, MINOS} \\ \text{T2K, NO}\nu\text{A} \end{array} \right) \\ \text{(Opera)} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_A^2 = |\Delta m_{31}^2| \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_A = \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \simeq 0.50 \end{array} \right.$$

LBL Accelerator

$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$$

$$(\text{T2K, MINOS, NO}\nu\text{A})$$

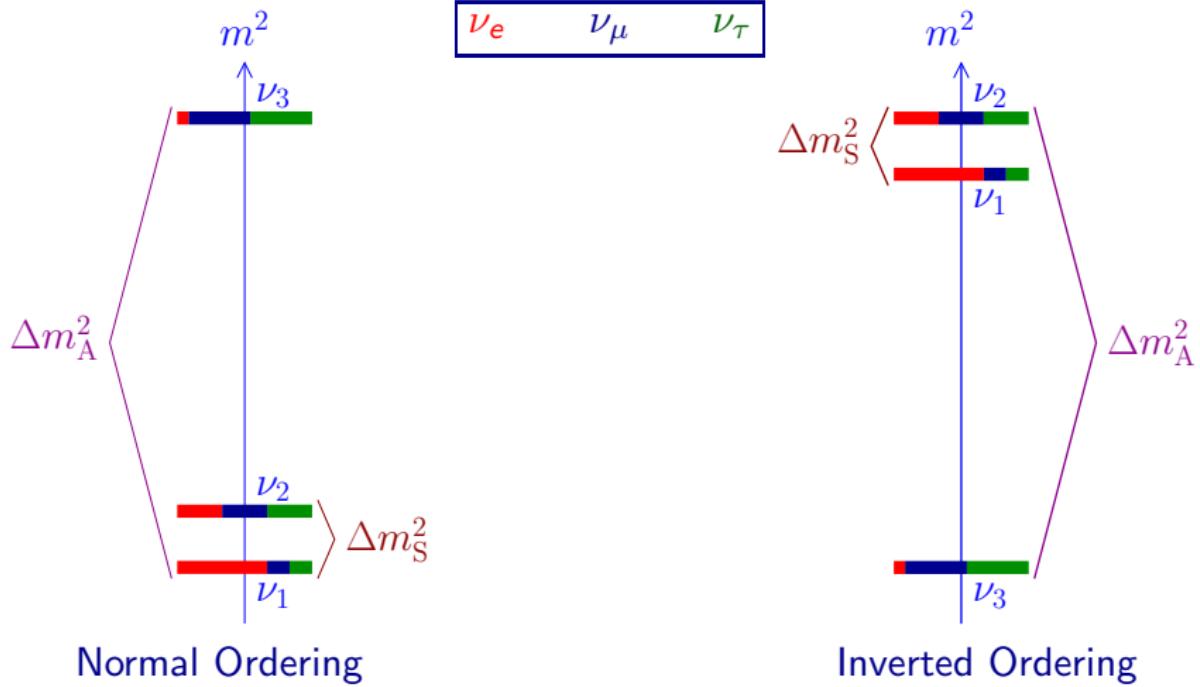
LBL Reactor

$$\bar{\nu}_e \text{ disappearance}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Daya Bay, RENO} \\ \text{Double Chooz} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_A^2 = |\Delta m_{31}^2| \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_{13} \simeq 0.023 \end{array} \right.$$

Mass Ordering



Normal Ordering

$$\Delta m_{31}^2 > \Delta m_{32}^2 > 0$$

Inverted Ordering

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 < \Delta m_{31}^2 < 0$$

absolute scale is not determined by neutrino oscillation data

Recent Global Fits

- ▶ Capozzi, Lisi, Marrone, Montanino, Palazzo
Neutrino masses and mixings: Status of known and unknown 3ν parameters
arXiv:1601.07777
- ▶ Bergstrom, Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Schwetz
Bayesian global analysis of neutrino oscillation data
JHEP 09 (2015) 200, arXiv:1507.04366
- ▶ Forero, Tortola, Valle
Neutrino oscillations refitted
Phys.Rev. D90 (2014) 093006, arXiv:1405.7540



$$\Delta m_S^2 = \Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq 7.37 \pm 0.16 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \text{uncertainty} \approx 2.4\%$$

$$\Delta m_A^2 = \frac{1}{2} |\Delta m_{31}^2 + \Delta m_{32}^2| \simeq \begin{cases} 2.50 \pm 0.04 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 & (\text{NO}) \\ 2.46 \pm 0.04 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 & (\text{IO}) \end{cases}$$

uncertainty $\approx 1.8\%$

[Capozzi, Lisi, Marrone, Montanino, Palazzo, arXiv:1601.07777]

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$$\vartheta_{23} = \vartheta_A$$

Daya Bay, RENO

$$\vartheta_{12} = \vartheta_S$$

$$\sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \simeq 0.4 - 0.6$$

Double Chooz

$$\sin^2 \vartheta_{12} \simeq 0.297 \pm 0.016$$

$$P_{\text{osc}} \propto \sin^2 2\vartheta_{23}$$

T2K, MINOS

maximal and flat
at $\vartheta_{23} = 45^\circ$

$$\sin^2 \vartheta_{13} \simeq \begin{cases} 0.0214 \pm 0.0010 & (\text{NO}) \\ 0.0218 \pm 0.0011 & (\text{IO}) \end{cases}$$

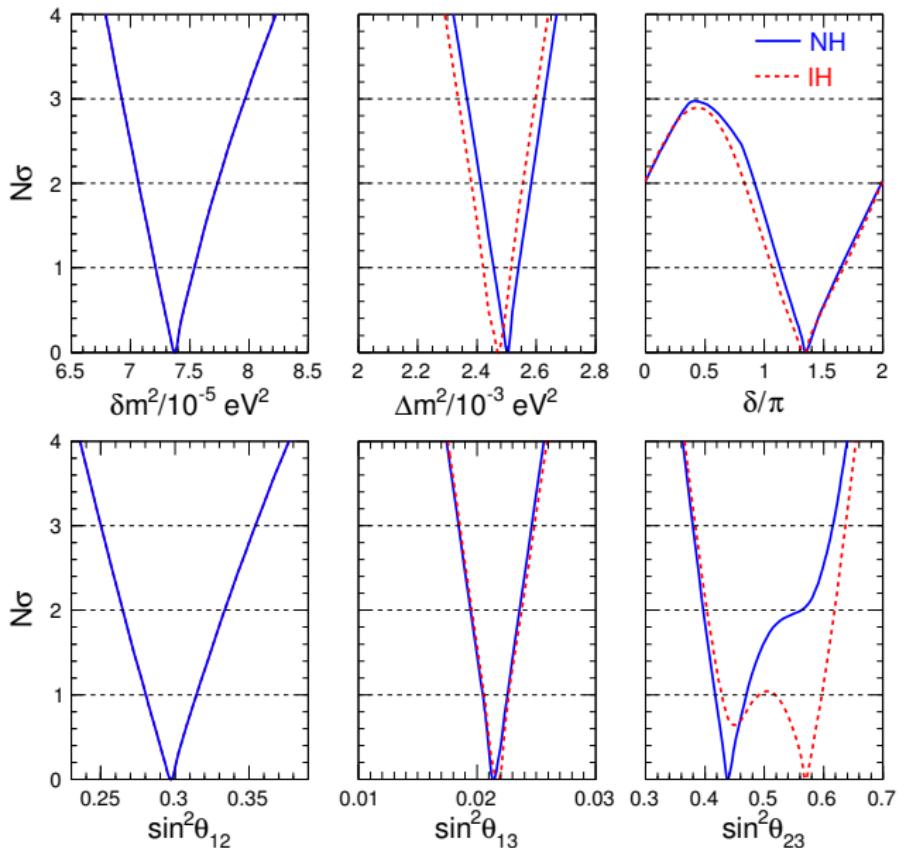
$$\boxed{\delta_{13} \approx 3\pi/2?}$$

$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \vartheta_{23}}{\sin^2 \vartheta_{23}} \approx 9\%$$

$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \vartheta_{13}}{\sin^2 \vartheta_{13}} \approx 4.7\%$$

$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \vartheta_{12}}{\sin^2 \vartheta_{12}} \approx 5.8\%$$

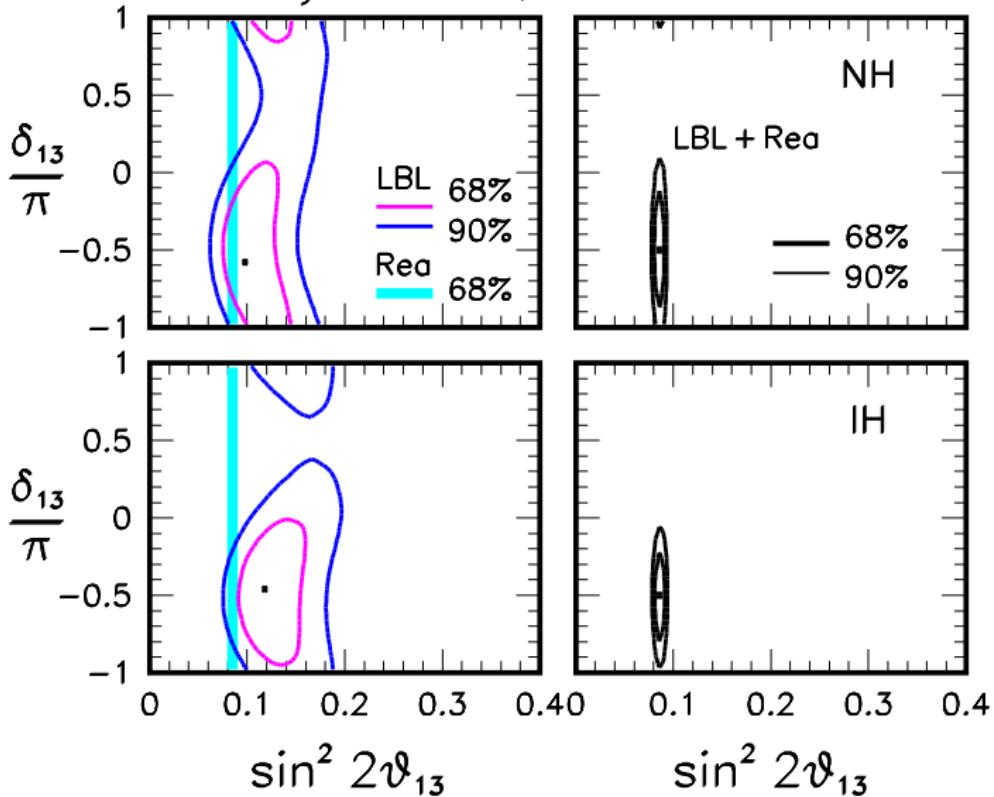
LBL Acc + Solar + KamLAND + SBL Reactors + Atmos



[Capozzi, Lisi, Marrone, Montanino, Palazzo, arXiv:1601.07777]

Maximal CP Violation?

3 ν analysis: T2K, NO ν A & Reactors



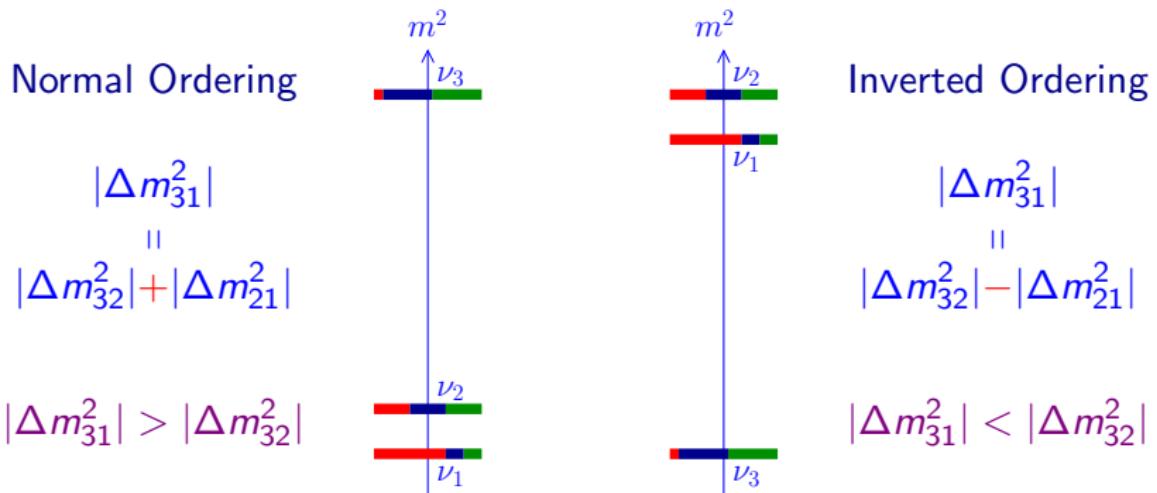
[Palazzo, arXiv:1509.03148]

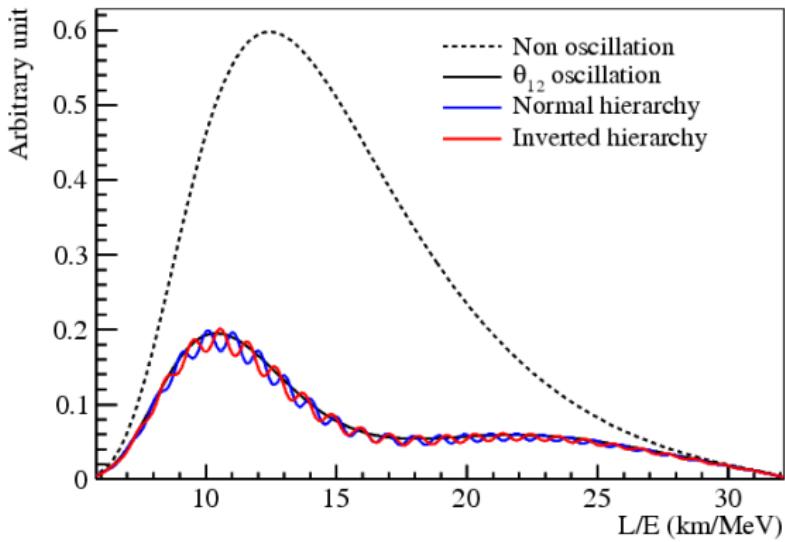
Determination of Mass Ordering

1. Matter Effects: Atmospheric (PINGU, ORCA), Long-Baseline, Supernova Experiments

- $\nu_e \leftrightarrows \nu_\mu$ MSW resonance: $V = \frac{\Delta m_{13}^2 \cos 2\vartheta_{13}}{2E} \Leftrightarrow \Delta m_{13}^2 > 0$ NO
- $\bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrows \bar{\nu}_\mu$ MSW resonance: $V = -\frac{\Delta m_{13}^2 \cos 2\vartheta_{13}}{2E} \Leftrightarrow \Delta m_{13}^2 < 0$ IO

2. Phase Difference: Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ (JUNO, RENO-50)

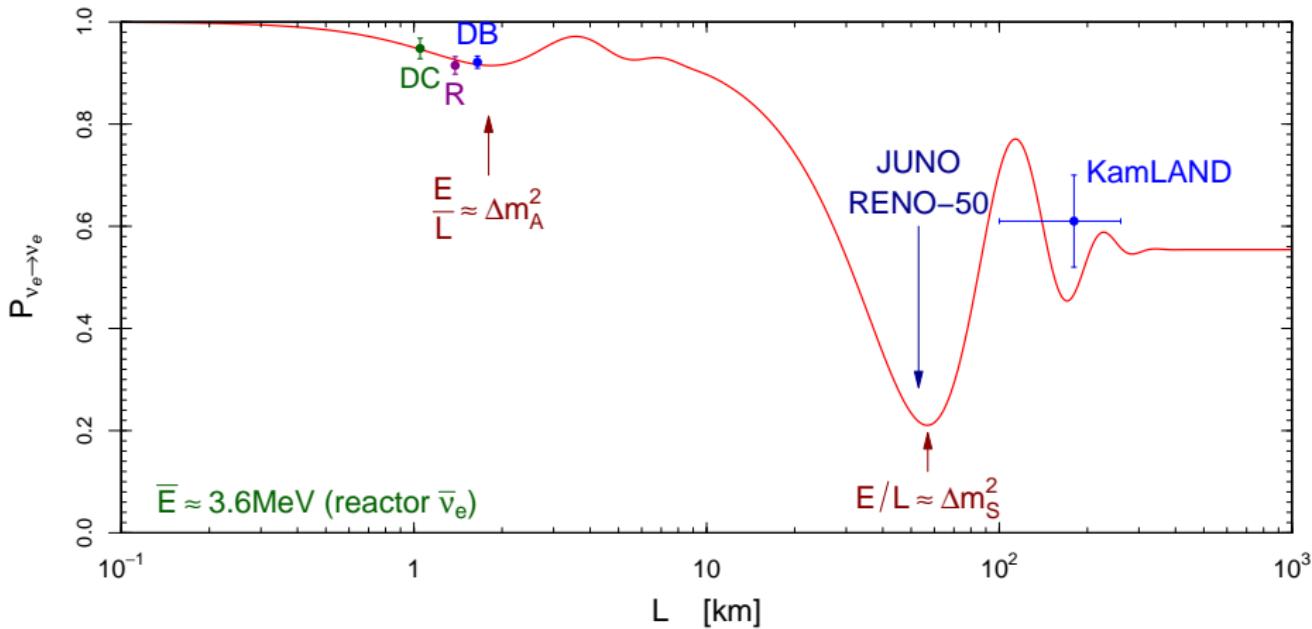




Neutrino Physics with JUNO, arXiv:1507.05613

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_{\substack{(-) \\ \nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e}} &= 1 - \cos^4 \vartheta_{13} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{12} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{21}^2 L / 4E) \\
 &\quad - \cos^2 \vartheta_{12} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{31}^2 L / 4E) \\
 &\quad - \sin^2 \vartheta_{12} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} \sin^2 (\Delta m_{32}^2 L / 4E)
 \end{aligned}$$

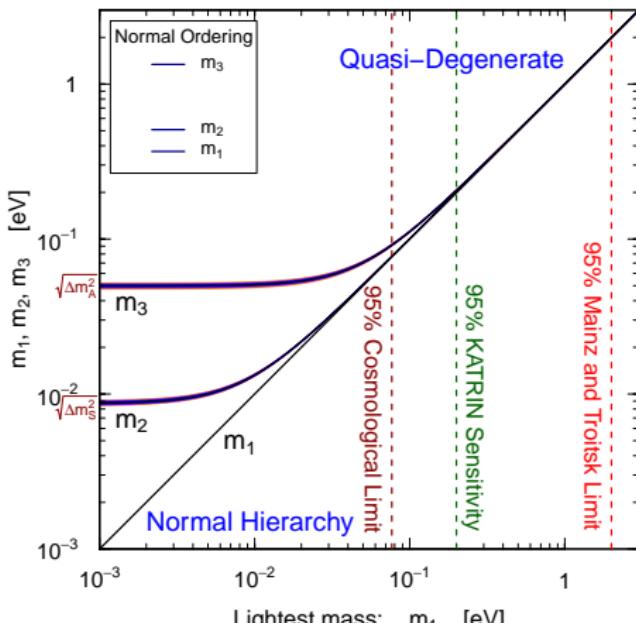
[Petcov, Piai, PLB 533 (2002) 94; Choubey, Petcov, Piai, PRD 68 (2003) 113006; Learned, Dye, Pakvasa, Svoboda, PRD 78 (2008) 071302; Zhan, Wang, Cao, Wen, PRD 78 (2008) 111103, PRD 79 (2009) 073007]



Open Problems

- ▶ $\vartheta_{23} \stackrel{<}{\stackrel{>}{\sim}} 45^\circ$?
 - ▶ T2K (Japan), NO ν A (USA), PINGU (Antarctica), ORCA (EU), INO (India), ...
- ▶ Mass Ordering (Hierarchy) ?
 - ▶ NO ν A (USA), JUNO (China), RENO-50 (Korea), PINGU (Antarctica), ORCA (EU), INO (India), ...
- ▶ CP violation ? $\delta_{13} \approx 3\pi/2$?
 - ▶ T2K (Japan), NO ν A (USA), DUNE (USA), HyperK (Japan), ...
- ▶ Absolute Mass Scale ?
 - ▶ β Decay, Neutrinoless Double- β Decay, Cosmology, ...
- ▶ Dirac or Majorana ?
 - ▶ Neutrinoless Double- β Decay, ...
- ▶ Beyond Three-Neutrino Mixing ? Sterile Neutrinos ?

Absolute Scale of Neutrino Masses

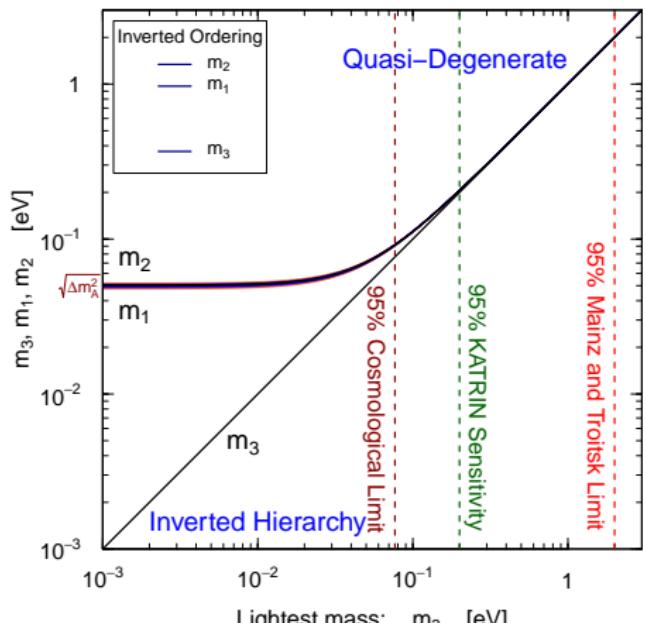


$$m_2^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_S^2$$

$$m_3^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_{31}^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_A^2$$

Quasi-Degenerate for $m_1 \simeq m_2 \simeq m_3 \simeq m_\nu \gtrsim \sqrt{\Delta m_A^2} \simeq 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$

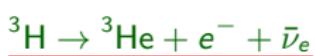
95% Cosmological Limit: Planck TT + lowP + BAO [arXiv:1502.01589]



$$m_1^2 = m_3^2 - \Delta m_{31}^2 = m_3^2 + \Delta m_A^2$$

$$m_2^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq m_3^2 + \Delta m_A^2$$

Tritium Beta-Decay

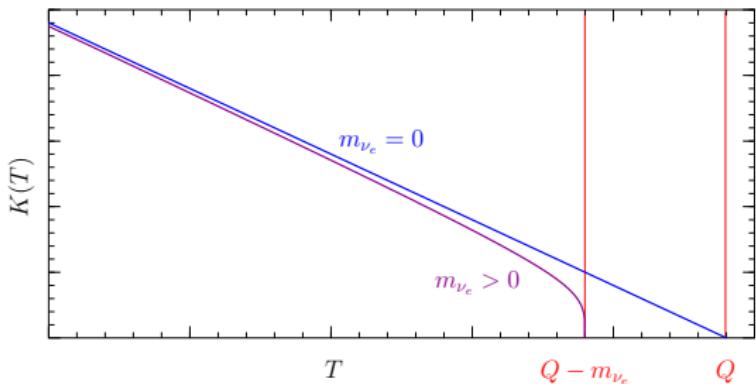


$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dT} = \frac{(\cos\vartheta_C G_F)^2}{2\pi^3} |\mathcal{M}|^2 F(E) pE (Q - T) \sqrt{(Q - T)^2 - m_{\nu_e}^2}$$

$$Q = M_{^3\text{H}} - M_{^3\text{He}} - m_e = 18.58 \text{ keV}$$

Kurie plot

$$K(T) = \sqrt{\frac{d\Gamma/dT}{\frac{(\cos\vartheta_C G_F)^2}{2\pi^3} |\mathcal{M}|^2 F(E) pE}} = \left[(Q - T) \sqrt{(Q - T)^2 - m_{\nu_e}^2} \right]^{1/2}$$



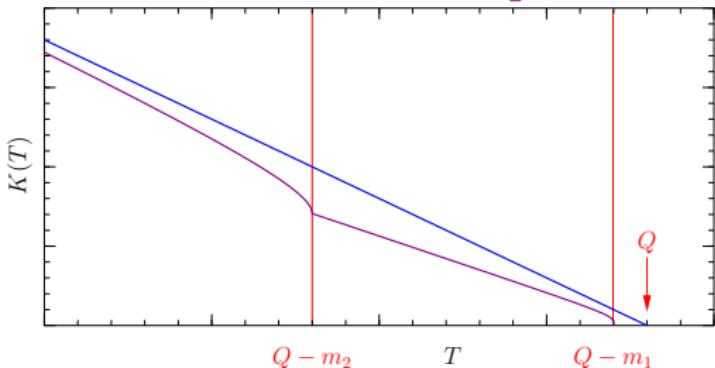
$$m_{\nu_e} < 2.2 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ C.L.})$$

Mainz & Troitsk

[Weinheimer, hep-ex/0210050]

future: KATRIN
www.katrin.kit.edu
 start data taking 2016?
 sensitivity: $m_{\nu_e} \simeq 0.2 \text{ eV}$

Neutrino Mixing $\implies K(T) = \left[(Q - T) \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 \sqrt{(Q - T)^2 - m_k^2} \right]^{1/2}$



analysis of data is different from the no-mixing case:
 $2N - 1$ parameters
 $\left(\sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 = 1 \right)$

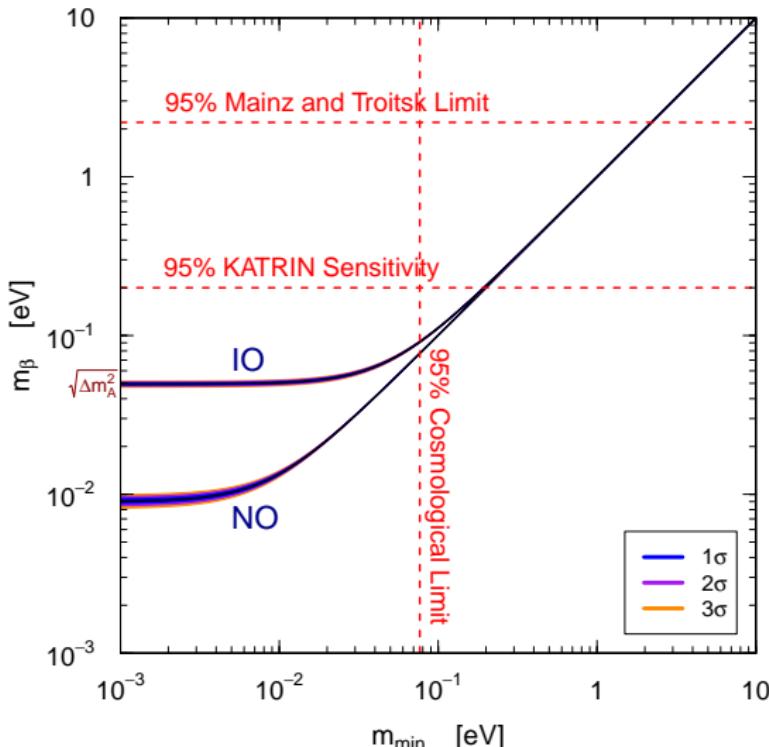
if experiment is not sensitive to masses ($m_k \ll Q - T$)

effective mass:
$$m_\beta^2 = \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 m_k^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} K^2 &= (Q - T)^2 \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 \sqrt{1 - \frac{m_k^2}{(Q - T)^2}} \simeq (Q - T)^2 \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_k^2}{(Q - T)^2} \right] \\ &= (Q - T)^2 \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_\beta^2}{(Q - T)^2} \right] \simeq (Q - T) \sqrt{(Q - T)^2 - m_\beta^2} \end{aligned}$$

Neutrino Masses in β decay

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



► Quasi-Degenerate:

$$m_\beta^2 \simeq m_\nu^2 \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 = m_\nu^2$$

► Inverted Hierarchy:

$$m_\beta^2 \simeq (1 - s_{13}^2) \Delta m_A^2 \simeq \Delta m_A^2$$

► Normal Hierarchy:

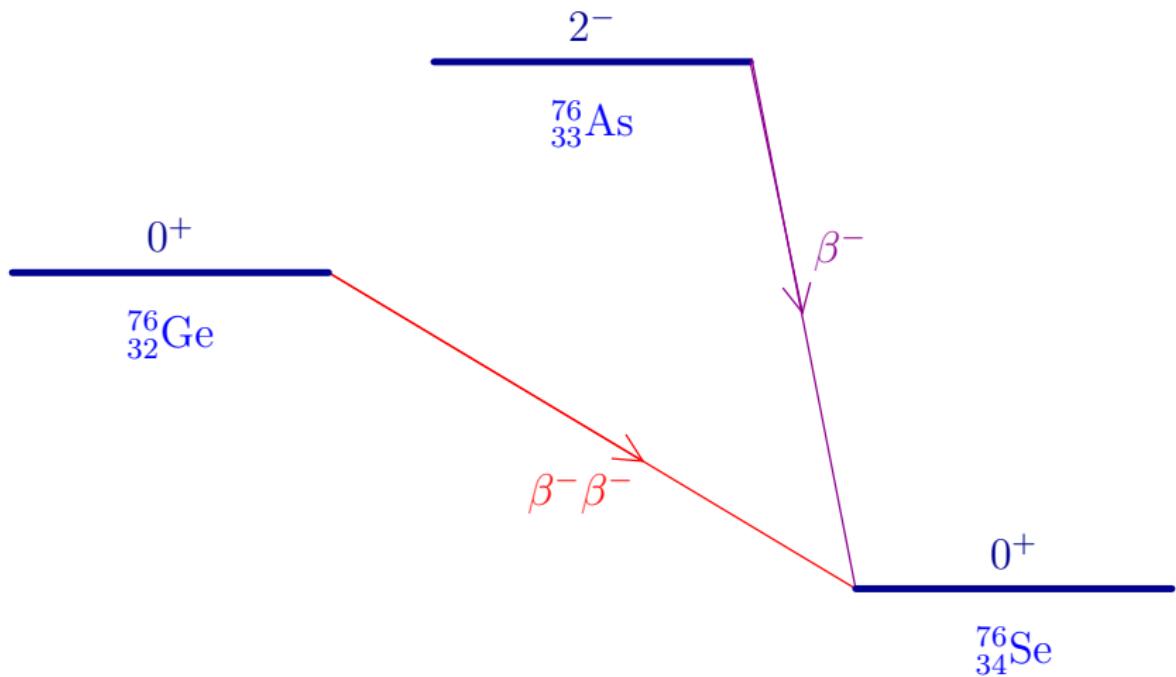
$$\begin{aligned} m_\beta^2 &\simeq s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 \Delta m_S^2 + s_{13}^2 \Delta m_A^2 \\ &\simeq 2 \times 10^{-5} + 6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \end{aligned}$$

► $m_\beta \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$



Normal Spectrum

Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay



Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass:

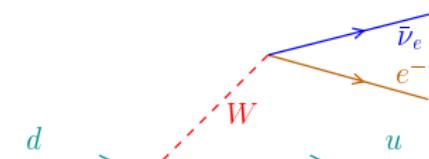
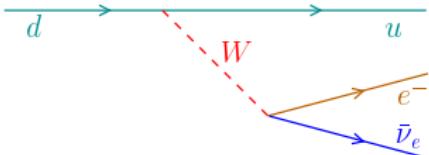
$$m_{\beta\beta} = \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k$$

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

$$\mathcal{N}(A, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(A, Z+2) + e^- + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e + \bar{\nu}_e$$

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

second order weak interaction process
in the Standard Model



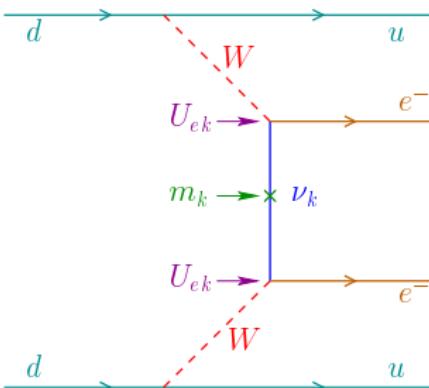
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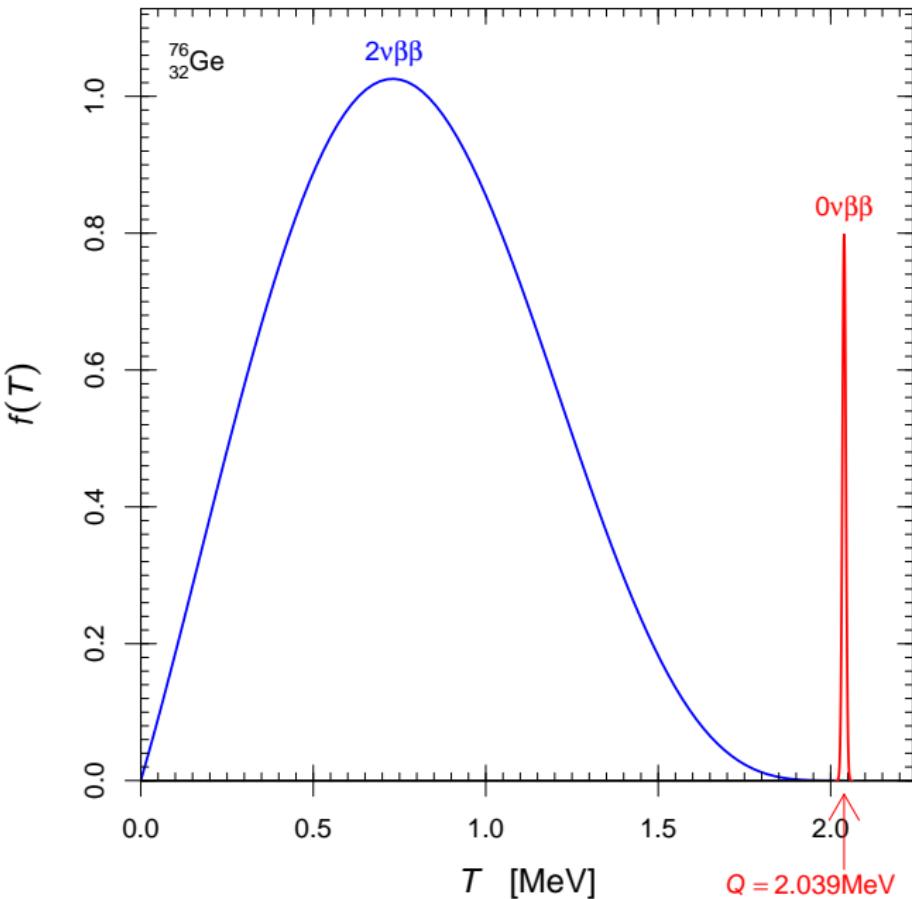
$$\mathcal{N}(A, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(A, Z+2) + e^- + e^-$$

$$(T_{1/2}^{0\nu})^{-1} = G_{0\nu} |\mathcal{M}_{0\nu}|^2 |m_{\beta\beta}|^2$$

effective
Majorana
mass

$$|m_{\beta\beta}| = \left| \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k \right|$$



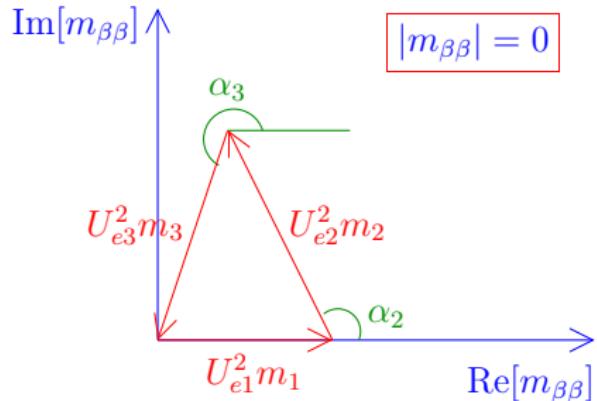
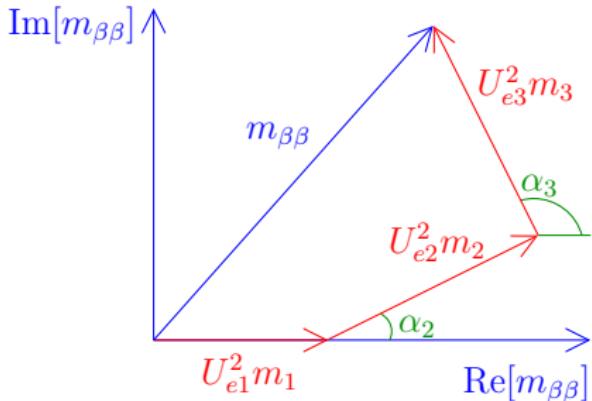


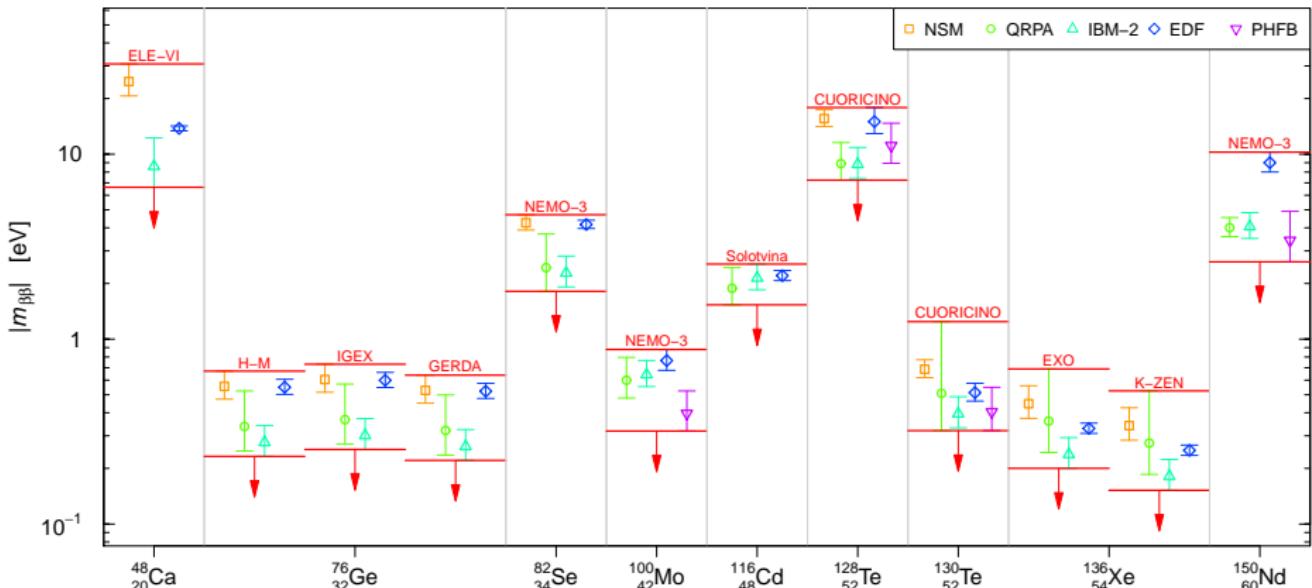
Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k \quad \text{complex } U_{ek} \Rightarrow \text{possible cancellations}$$

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

$$\alpha_2 = 2\lambda_2 \quad \alpha_3 = 2(\lambda_3 - \delta_{13})$$

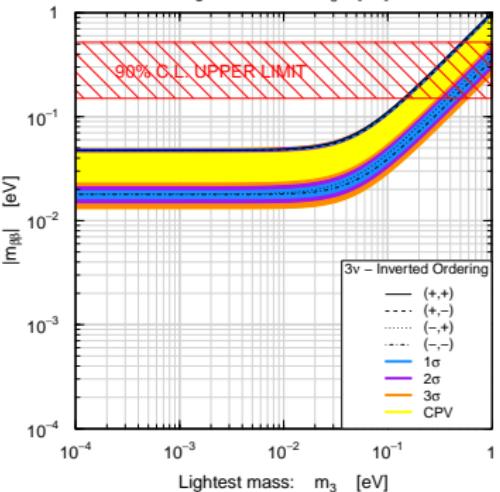
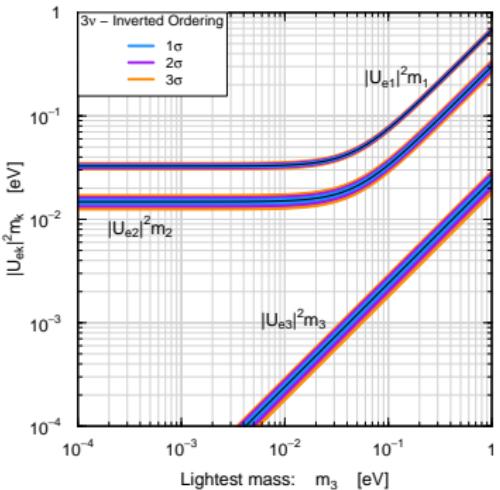
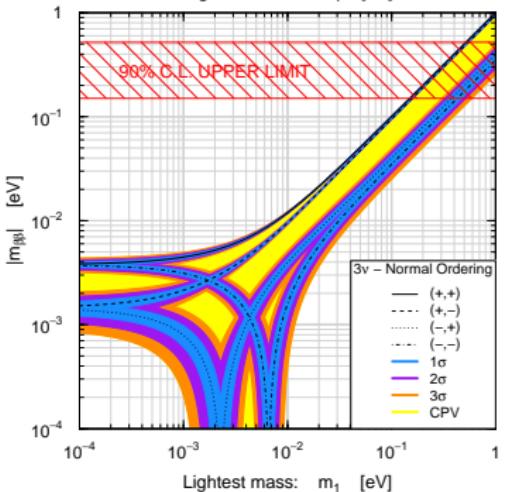
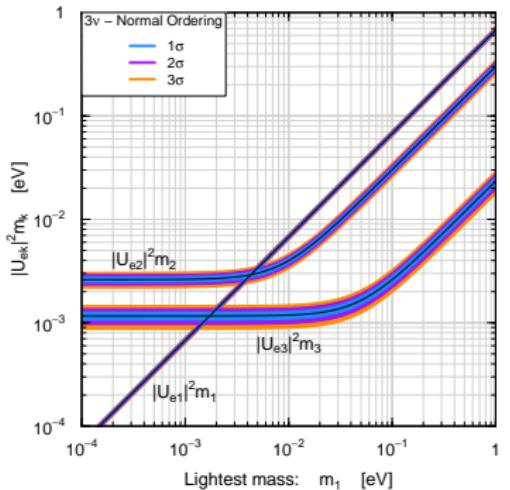




[Bilenky, Giunti, IJMPA 30 (2015) 0001]

Predictions of 3ν -Mixing Paradigm

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



Indications of SBL Oscillations Beyond 3ν

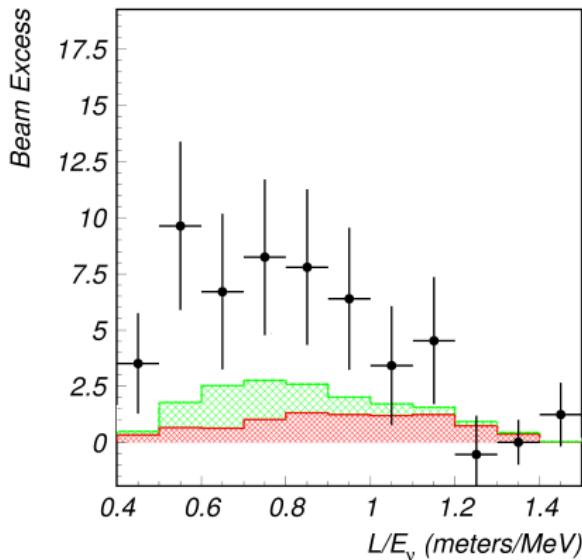
LSND

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

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$L \simeq 30 \text{ m}$$

$$20 \text{ MeV} \leq E \leq 60 \text{ MeV}$$



- ▶ Well known source of $\bar{\nu}_\mu$:
 μ^+ at rest $\rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$
- ▶ $\bar{\nu}_\mu \xrightarrow[L \simeq 30 \text{ m}]{} \bar{\nu}_e$
- ▶ 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 $L \simeq 18 \text{ m}$

[PRD 65 (2002) 112001]

$$\approx 3.8\sigma \text{ excess}$$

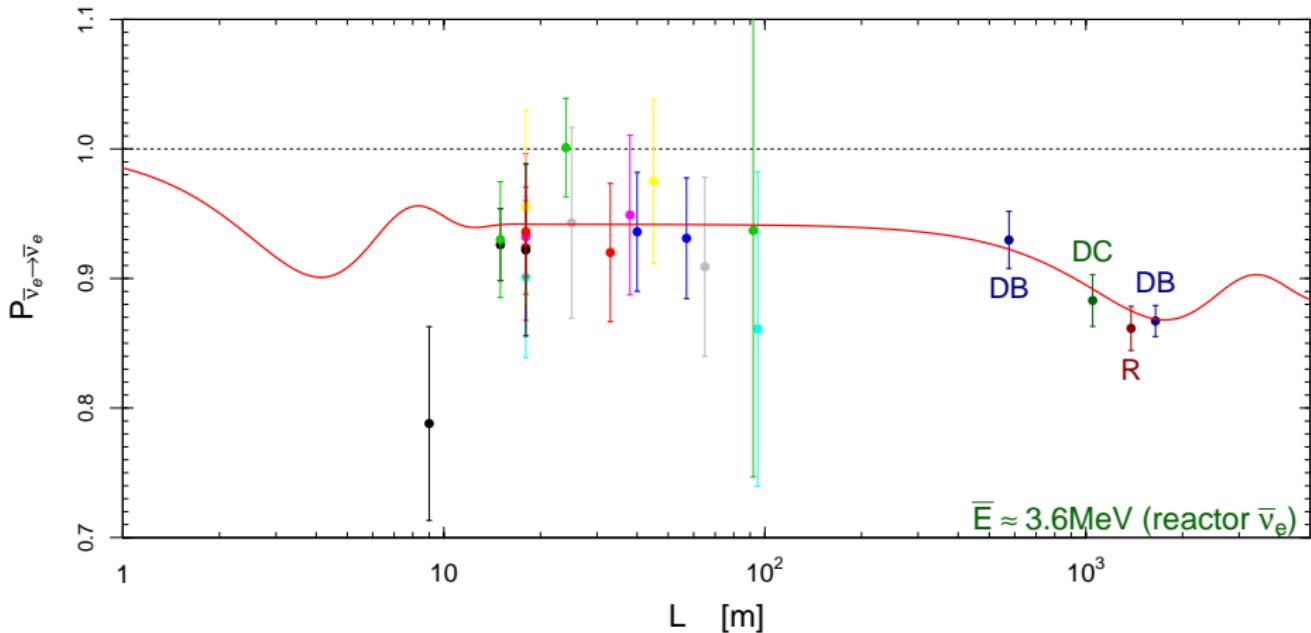
$$\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 0.2 \text{ eV}^2 \quad (\gg \Delta m_A^2 \gg \Delta m_S^2)$$

Reactor Electron Antineutrino Anomaly

[Mention et al, PRD 83 (2011) 073006]

New reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ fluxes

[Mueller et al, PRC 83 (2011) 054615; Huber, PRC 84 (2011) 024617]



$\approx 3.1\sigma$ deficit

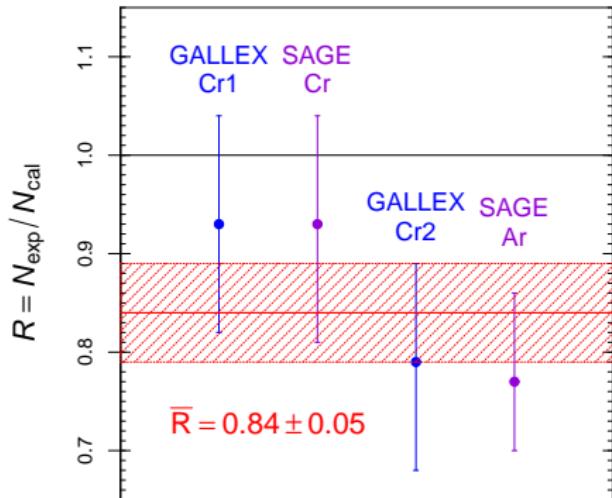
$$\Delta m_{SBL}^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ eV}^2 \gg \Delta m_{ATM}^2 \gg \Delta m_{SOL}^2$$

Gallium Anomaly

Gallium Radioactive Source Experiments: GALLEX and SAGE

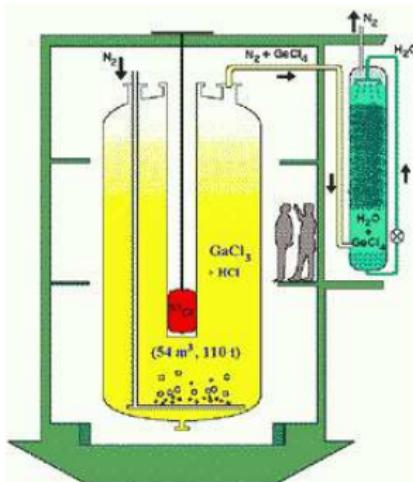
Detection Process: $\nu_e + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}\text{Ge} + e^-$

ν_e Sources: $e^- + {}^{51}\text{Cr} \rightarrow {}^{51}\text{V} + \nu_e$ $e^- + {}^{37}\text{Ar} \rightarrow {}^{37}\text{Cl} + \nu_e$



$$\langle L \rangle_{\text{GALLEX}} = 1.9 \text{ m} \quad \langle L \rangle_{\text{SAGE}} = 0.6 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2 \gtrsim 1 \text{ eV}^2 \gg \Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2 \gg \Delta m_{\text{SOL}}^2$$

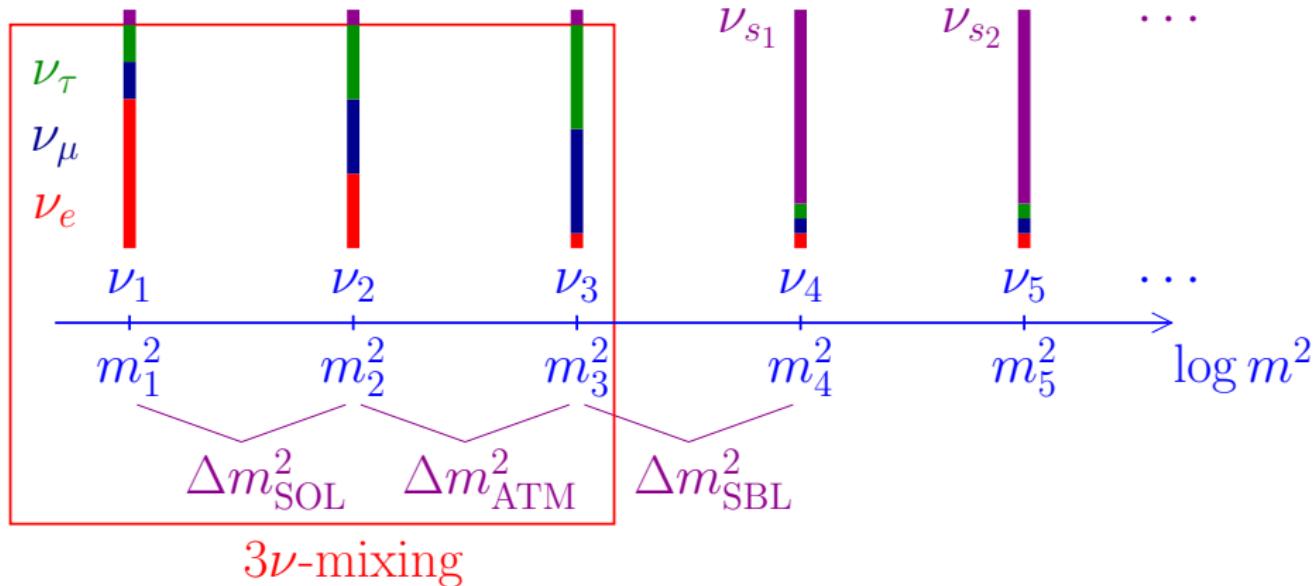


$\approx 2.9\sigma$ deficit

[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;
PRC 83 (2011) 065504]

Beyond Three-Neutrino Mixing: Sterile Neutrinos



Terminology: a eV-scale sterile neutrino

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

New low-energy physics beyond the Standard Model!

Effective SBL Oscillation Probabilities in 3+1 Schemes

$$P_{\substack{(-) \\ \nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}}^{\text{SBL}} \simeq \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\beta} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \right) \quad \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\beta} = 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2 |U_{\beta 4}|^2$$

$$P_{\substack{(-) \\ \nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha}}^{\text{SBL}} \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\alpha} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \right) \quad \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\alpha} = 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2 (1 - |U_{\alpha 4}|^2)$$

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

- ▶ 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 Δm_{ATM}^2 [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 Δm_{SOL}^2 [Long, Li, Giunti, PRD 87, 113004 (2013) 113004]

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

↑
SBL

3+1: Appearance vs Disappearance

- ▶ Amplitude of ν_e disappearance:

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

- ▶ Amplitude of ν_μ disappearance:

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

- ▶ Amplitude of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ transitions:

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

- ▶ Upper bounds on ν_e and ν_μ disappearance \Rightarrow strong limit on $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

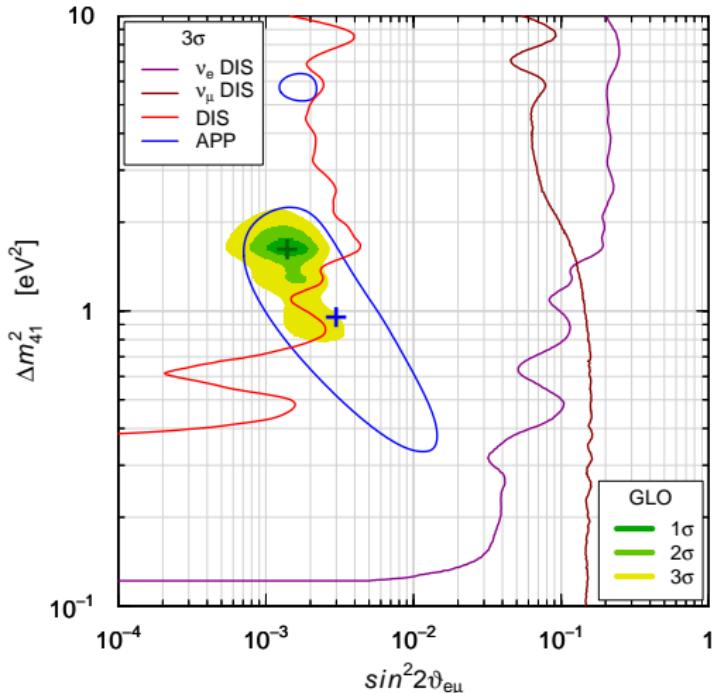
[Okada, Yasuda, IJMPA 12 (1997) 3669; Bilenky, Giunti, Grimus, EPJC 1 (1998) 247]

- ▶ Similar constraint in 3+2, 3+3, ..., 3+ N_s !

[Giunti, Zavaini, MPLA 31 (2015) 1650003]

Global 3+1 Fit

[Gariazzo, Giunti, Laveder, Li, Zavanin, JPG 43 (2016) 033001]



GoF = 26%

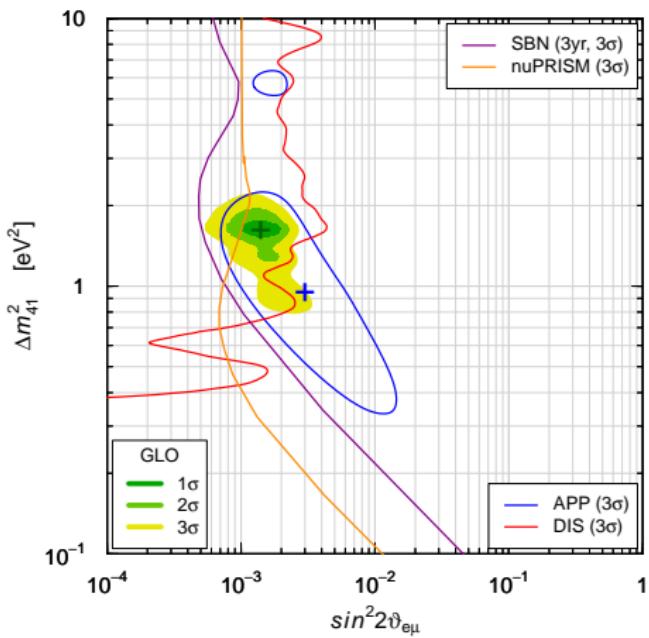
PGoF = 7%

- APP $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$: LSND (ν_s), MiniBooNE (?), OPERA ($\cancel{\nu_s}$), ICARUS ($\cancel{\nu_s}$), KARMEN ($\cancel{\nu_s}$), NOMAD ($\cancel{\nu_s}$), BNL-E776 ($\cancel{\nu_s}$)
- DIS ν_e & $\bar{\nu}_e$: Reactors (ν_s), Gallium (ν_s), ν_e C ($\cancel{\nu_s}$), Solar ($\cancel{\nu_s}$)
- DIS ν_μ & $\bar{\nu}_\mu$: CDHSW ($\cancel{\nu_s}$), MINOS ($\cancel{\nu_s}$), Atmospheric ($\cancel{\nu_s}$), MiniBooNE/SciBooNE ($\cancel{\nu_s}$)

No Osc. disfavored
at $\approx 6.3\sigma$

$$\Delta\chi^2/\text{NDF} = 47.7/3$$

Future Experiments



SBN (FNAL, USA)

[arXiv:1503.01520]

3 Liquid Argon TPCs

LAr1-ND $L \simeq 100$ m

MicroBooNE $L \simeq 470$ m

ICARUS T600 $L \simeq 600$ m

nuPRISM (J-PARC, Japan)

[Wilking@NNN2015]

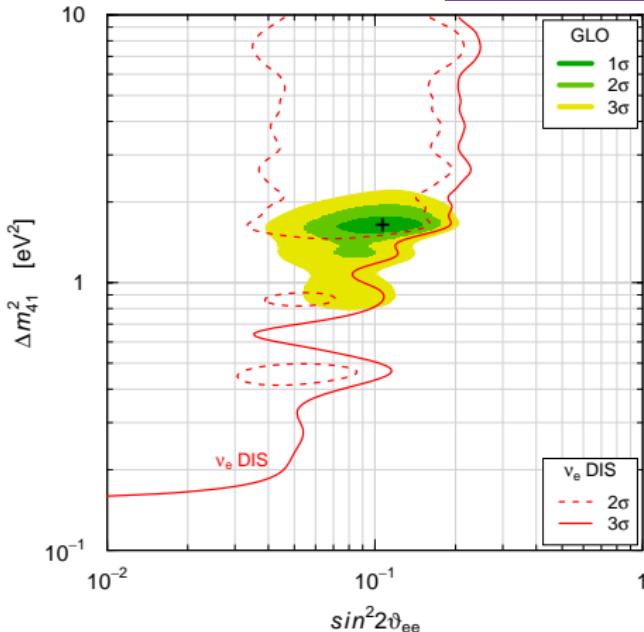
$L \simeq 1$ km

50 m tall water Cherenkov detector

$1^\circ - 4^\circ$ off-axis

can be improved with T2K ND

ν_e Disappearance



CeSOX (BOREXINO, Italy)

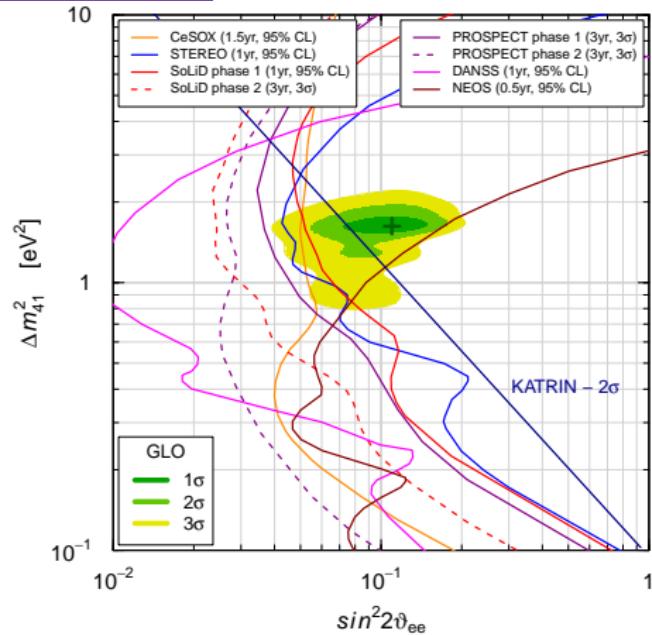
$^{144}\text{Ce} - 100 \text{ kCi}$ [Vivier@TAUP2015]

rate: 1% normalization uncertainty

8.5 m from detector center

KATRIN (Germany)

Tritium β decay [Mertens@TAUP2015]



STEREO (France) $L \simeq 8\text{-}12\text{m}$ [Sanchez@EPSHEP2015]

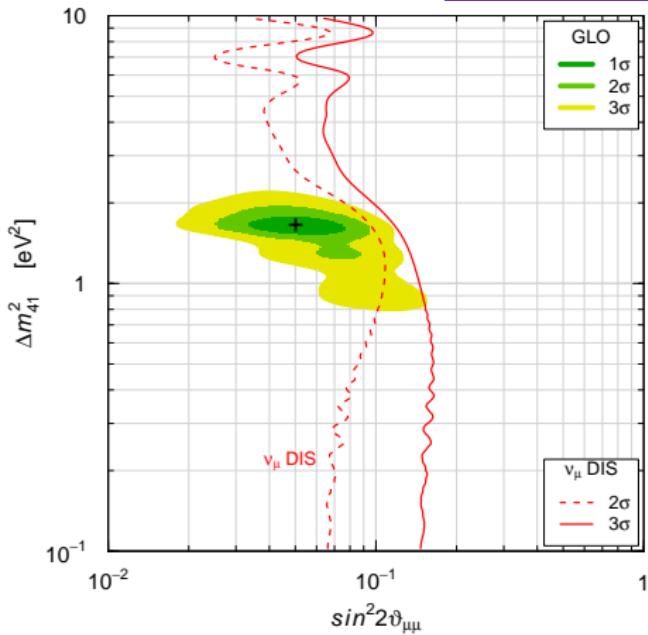
SoLid (Belgium) $L \simeq 5\text{-}8\text{m}$ [Yermia@TAUP2015]

PROSPECT (USA) $L \simeq 7\text{-}12\text{m}$ [Heeger@TAUP2015]

DANSS (Russia) $L \simeq 10\text{-}12\text{m}$ [arXiv:1412.0817]

NEOS (Korea) $L \simeq 25\text{m}$ [Oh@WIN2015]

ν_μ Disappearance

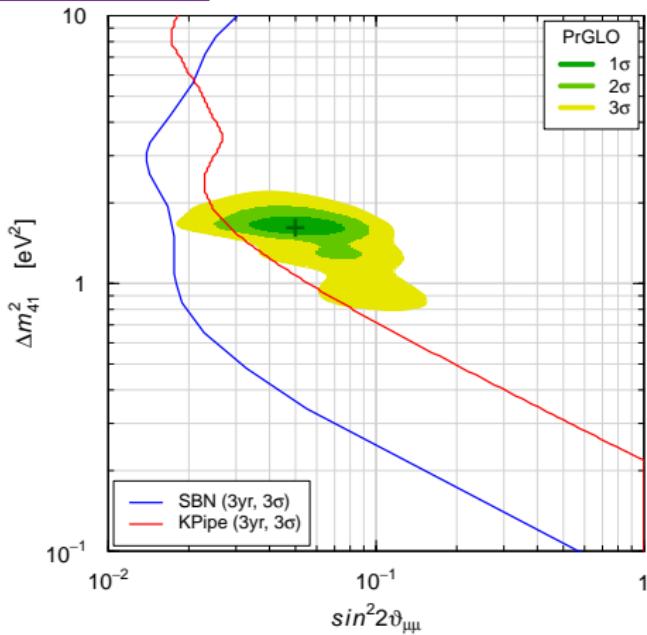


SBN (USA) [arXiv:1503.01520]

LAr1-ND $L \simeq 100$ m

MicroBooNE $L \simeq 470$ m

ICARUS T600 $L \simeq 600$ m



KPipe (Japan) [arXiv:1510.06994]

$L \simeq 30-150$ m

120 m long detector!

Conclusions

- ▶ Robust Three-Neutrino Mixing Paradigm.
Open problems with exciting experimental program: $\vartheta_{23} \lesssim 45^\circ?$, Mass Ordering, CP Violation, Absolute Mass Scale, Dirac or Majorana?
Determination of Mass Ordering is very important!
- ▶ Theory: Why lepton mixing is not small and hierarchical as quark mixing?
$$0 < \sin^2 \vartheta_{13} \ll \sin^2 \vartheta_{12} < \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \simeq 0.5$$
- ▶ Very interesting indications of light sterile neutrinos with $m_s \approx 1\text{ eV}$:
 - ▶ LSND $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ signal.
 - ▶ Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance.
 - ▶ Gallium ν_e disappearance.
- ▶ Many promising projects to check **conclusively** in a few years short-baseline ν_e and $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance with reactors and radioactive sources.
- ▶ Promising Fermilab program aimed at a **conclusive** solution of the LSND anomaly with Liquid Argon Time Projection Chamber detectors: a near detector (LAr1-ND), an intermediate detector (MicroBooNE) and a far detector (ICARUS-WA104).