

# Cosmic Neutrino

## Part I: Theory and Phenomenology of Massive Neutrinos

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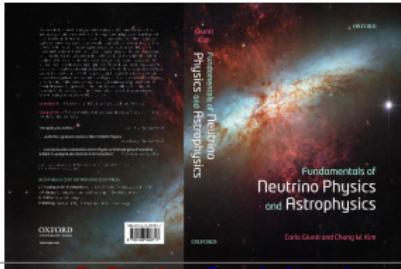
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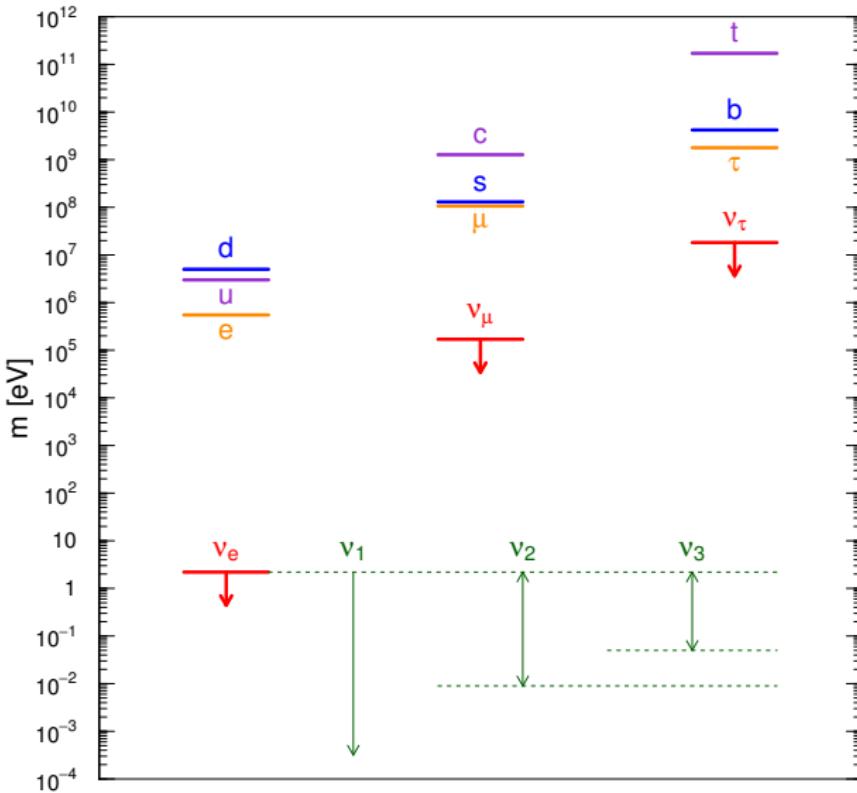
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# Fermion Mass Spectrum



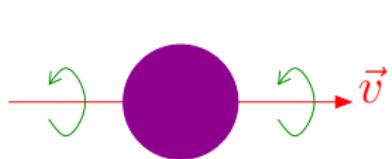
# Standard Model

- ▶ Glashow (1961), Weinberg (1967) and Salam (1968) formulate the Standard Model of ElectroWeak Interactions (1979 Physics Nobel Prize) assuming that neutrinos are massless and left-handed

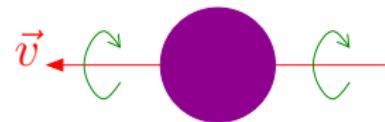
- ▶ Universal  $V - A$  Weak Interactions

- ▶ Quantum Field Theory:  $\nu_L \Rightarrow |\nu(h = -1)\rangle$  and  $|\bar{\nu}(h = +1)\rangle$

- ▶ Parity is violated:  $\nu_L \xrightarrow{P} \cancel{\nu_R}$   $|\nu(h = -1)\rangle \xrightarrow{P} \cancel{|\bar{\nu}(h = +1)\rangle}$



left-handed neutrino



right-handed neutrino

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- ▶ Particle-Antiparticle symmetry (Charge Conjugation) is violated:

$$\nu_L \xrightarrow{C} \cancel{(\nu^c)_L} = \cancel{(\nu_R)^c}$$

$$|\nu(h = -1)\rangle \xrightarrow{C} \cancel{|\bar{\nu}(h = +1)\rangle}$$

# Standard Model: Massless Neutrinos

	1 <sup>st</sup> Generation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$ <del><math>\nu_{eR}</math></del> $e_R$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu L} \\ \mu_L \end{pmatrix}$ <del><math>\nu_{\mu R}</math></del> $\mu_R$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\tau L} \\ \tau_L \end{pmatrix}$ <del><math>\nu_{\tau R}</math></del> $\tau_R$

► No  $\nu_R$   $\implies$  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

	1 <sup>st</sup> Generation	2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation	3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation
<b>Quarks:</b>	$\begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$ $u_R$ $d_R$	$\begin{pmatrix} c_L \\ s_L \end{pmatrix}$ $c_R$ $s_R$	$\begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$ $t_R$ $b_R$
<b>Leptons:</b>	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$ $\nu_{eR}$ $e_R$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\mu L} \\ \mu_L \end{pmatrix}$ $\nu_{\mu R}$ $\mu_R$	$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\tau L} \\ \tau_L \end{pmatrix}$ $\nu_{\tau R}$ $\tau_R$

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

# Beyond the SM: Massive Majorana Neutrinos

$$\cancel{L = +1} \quad \leftarrow \quad \boxed{\nu = \nu^c} \quad \rightarrow \quad \cancel{L = -1}$$

$$\nu_L \implies L = +1 \qquad \nu_L^c \implies L = -1$$

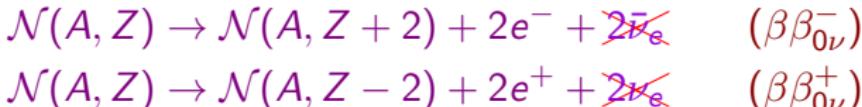
$$\mathcal{L}^M = \overline{\nu_L} i\partial^\mu \nu_L - \frac{m}{2} (\overline{\nu_L^c} \nu_L + \overline{\nu_L} \nu_L^c)$$

Total Lepton Number is not conserved:

$$\Delta L = \pm 2$$

Best process to find violation of Total Lepton Number:

Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$  Decay



# Seesaw Mechanism

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

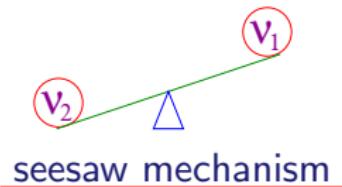
$m_R^M$  can be arbitrarily large (not protected by SM symmetries)

$m_R^M \sim$  scale of new physics beyond Standard Model  $\Rightarrow m_R^M \gg m^D$

diagonalization of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m^D \\ m^D & m_R^M \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow m_\ell \simeq \frac{(m^D)^2}{m_R^M}, \quad m_h \simeq m_R^M$

natural explanation of smallness  
of light neutrino masses

massive neutrinos are Majorana!



3-GEN  $\Rightarrow$  effective low-energy 3- $\nu$  mixing

[Minkowski, PLB 67 (1977) 42]

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

# Neutrino Mixing

Left-handed Flavor Neutrinos produced in Weak Interactions

$$|\nu_e, -\rangle \quad |\nu_\mu, -\rangle \quad |\nu_\tau, -\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{CC} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} W_\rho (\overline{\nu_{eL}} \gamma^\rho e_L + \overline{\nu_{\mu L}} \gamma^\rho \mu_L + \overline{\nu_{\tau L}} \gamma^\rho \tau_L) + \text{H.c.}$$

Fields  $\nu_{\alpha L} = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} \nu_{kL}$   $\implies |\nu_\alpha, -\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* |\nu_k, -\rangle$  States

$$|\nu_1, -\rangle \quad |\nu_2, -\rangle \quad |\nu_3, -\rangle$$

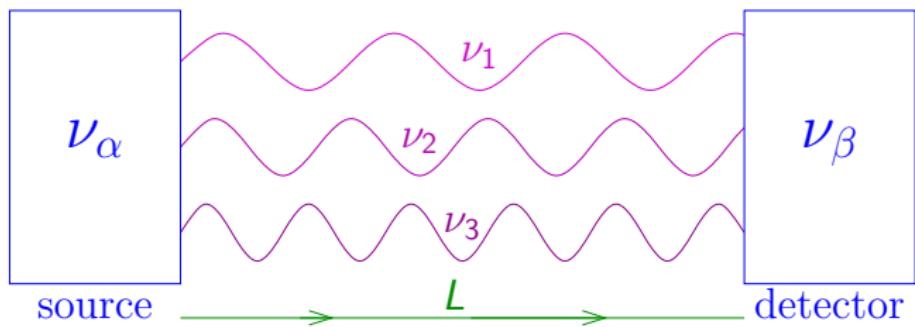
Left-handed Massive Neutrinos propagate from Source to Detector

3  $\times$  3 Unitary Mixing Matrix:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Neutrino Oscillations

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



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

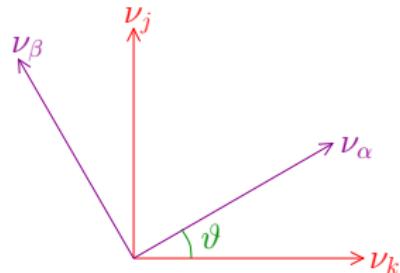
$$E_k^2 = p^2 + m_k^2 \quad t = L$$

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L) = |\langle \nu_\beta | \nu(L) \rangle|^2 = \sum_{k,j} U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta j}^* U_{\alpha j} \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

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

# Effective Two-Neutrino Mixing Approximation

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu_\alpha\rangle &= \cos\vartheta |\nu_k\rangle + \sin\vartheta |\nu_j\rangle \\ |\nu_\beta\rangle &= -\sin\vartheta |\nu_k\rangle + \cos\vartheta |\nu_j\rangle \end{aligned}$$



$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\vartheta & \sin\vartheta \\ -\sin\vartheta & \cos\vartheta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Delta m^2 \equiv \Delta m_{kj}^2 \equiv m_k^2 - m_j^2$$

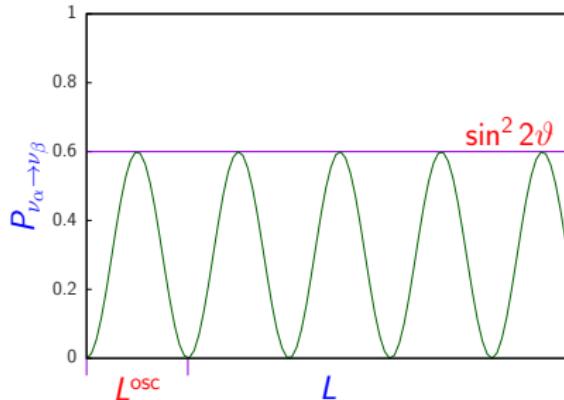
Transition Probability:

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} = \sin^2 2\vartheta \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

Survival Probabilities:

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} = P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = 1 - P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}$$

2ν-mixing:  $P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = \sin^2 2\vartheta \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right)$   $\Rightarrow$   $L^{\text{osc}} = \frac{4\pi E}{\Delta m^2}$



Tiny neutrino masses lead to observable macroscopic oscillation distances!

$$L \gtrsim \begin{cases} 10 \frac{m}{MeV} \left( \frac{km}{GeV} \right) & \text{short-baseline experiments} \\ 10^3 \frac{m}{MeV} \left( \frac{km}{GeV} \right) & \text{long-baseline experiments} \\ 10^4 \frac{km}{GeV} & \text{atmospheric neutrino experiments} \\ 10^{11} \frac{m}{MeV} & \text{solar neutrino experiments} \end{cases} \quad \Delta m^2 \gtrsim \begin{cases} 10^{-1} eV^2 \\ 10^{-3} eV^2 \\ 10^{-4} eV^2 \\ 10^{-11} eV^2 \end{cases}$$

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

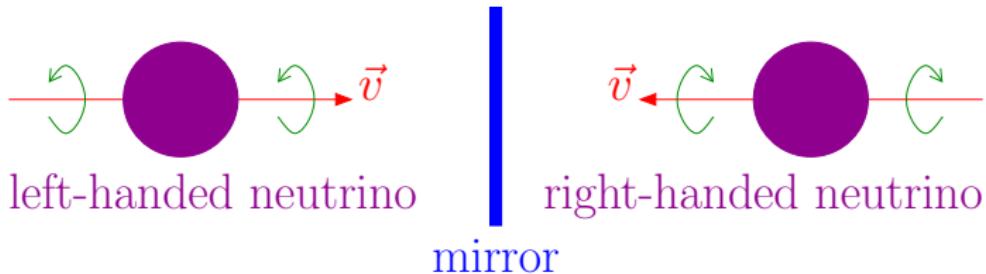
## Neutrinos and Antineutrinos

Right-handed antineutrinos are described by CP-conjugated fields:

$$\nu_{\alpha L}^{\text{CP}} = \gamma^0 \mathcal{C} \overline{\nu_{\alpha L}}^T$$

C  $\implies$  Particle  $\leftrightarrows$  Antiparticle

P  $\implies$  Left-Handed  $\leftrightarrows$  Right-Handed



mirror

Fields:  $\nu_{\alpha L} = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} \nu_{kL} \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} \nu_{\alpha L}^{\text{CP}} = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* \nu_{kL}^{\text{CP}}$

States:  $|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* |\nu_k\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} |\bar{\nu}_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} |\bar{\nu}_k\rangle$

NEUTRINOS     $U$      $\leftrightarrows$      $U^*$     ANTINEUTRINOS

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L, E) = \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta}(L, E) = \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^* U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

# CPT Symmetry

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} \xrightarrow{\text{CPT}} P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha}$$

CPT Asymmetries:  $A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CPT}} = P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha}$

Local Quantum Field Theory  $\implies A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CPT}} = 0$  CPT Symmetry

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L, E) = \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

is invariant under CPT:  $U \leftrightarrows U^*$   $\alpha \leftrightarrows \beta$

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha}$$

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} = P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha}$$

(solar  $\nu_e$ , reactor  $\bar{\nu}_e$ , accelerator  $\nu_\mu$ )

## CP Symmetry

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta}$$

CP Asymmetries:  $A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CP}} = P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta}$

$$A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CP}}(L, E) = 4 \sum_{k>j} \text{Im} [U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*] \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

Jarlskog rephasing invariant:  $\text{Im} [U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*] = \pm J$

$$J = c_{12}s_{12}c_{23}s_{23}c_{13}^2 s_{13} \sin \delta_{13}$$

$$J \neq 0 \iff \vartheta_{12}, \vartheta_{23}, \vartheta_{13} \neq 0, \pi/2 \quad \delta_{13} \neq 0, \pi$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{CPT} \quad \implies \quad 0 &= A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CPT}} \\
&= P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha} \\
&= P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta} \leftarrow A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CP}} \\
&+ P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta} - P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} \leftarrow -A_{\beta\alpha}^{\text{CPT}} = 0 \\
&+ P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha} \leftarrow A_{\beta\alpha}^{\text{CP}} \\
&= A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CP}} + A_{\beta\alpha}^{\text{CP}} \quad \implies \quad \boxed{A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CP}} = -A_{\beta\alpha}^{\text{CP}}}
\end{aligned}$$

## T Symmetry

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} \xrightarrow{\text{T}} P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha}$$

$$\text{T Asymmetries: } A_{\alpha\beta}^T = P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha}$$

$$\text{CPT} \implies 0 = A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CPT}}$$

$$= P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha}$$

$$= P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} \leftarrow A_{\alpha\beta}^T$$

$$+ P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha} \leftarrow A_{\beta\alpha}^{\text{CP}}$$

$$= A_{\alpha\beta}^T + A_{\beta\alpha}^{\text{CP}}$$

$$= A_{\alpha\beta}^T - A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CP}} \implies$$

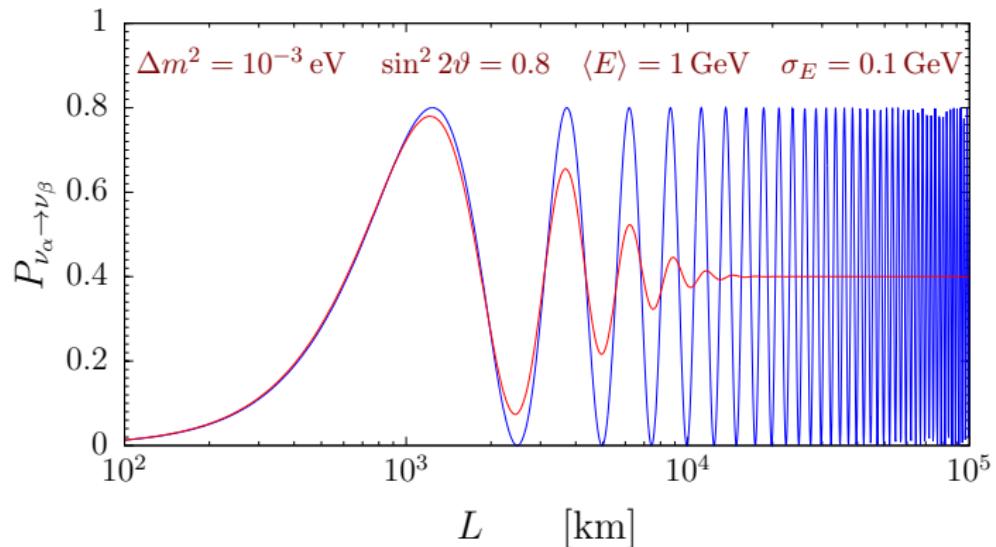
$$A_{\alpha\beta}^T = A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CP}}$$

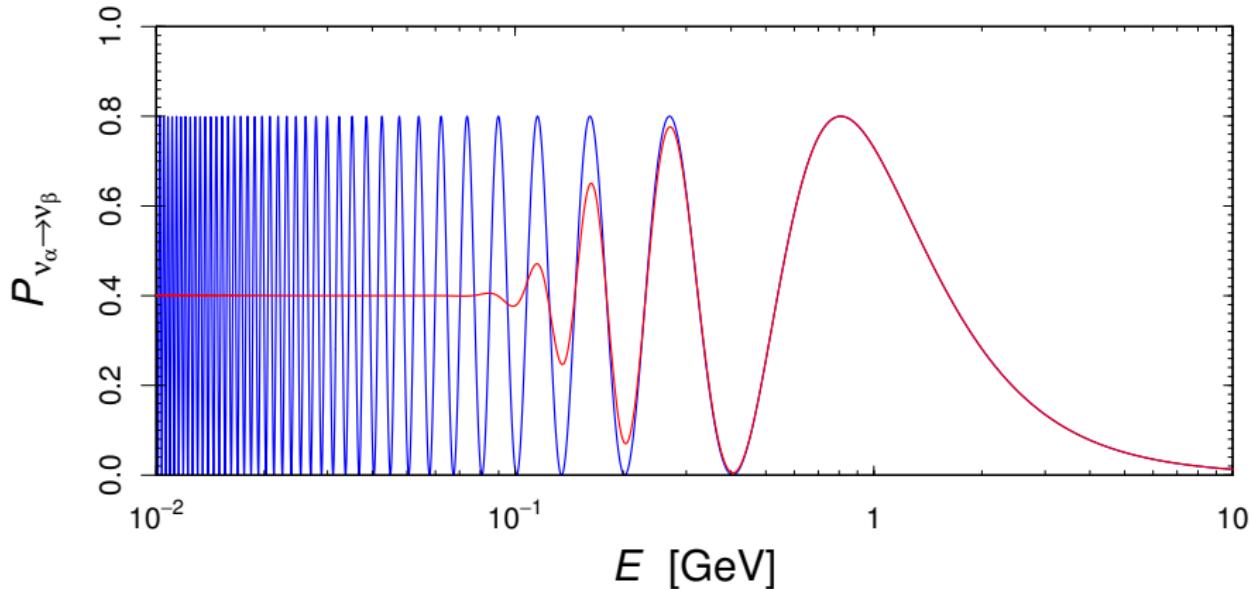
# Average over Energy Resolution of the Detector

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L, E) = \sin^2 2\vartheta \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\vartheta \left[ 1 - \cos \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right) \right]$$

↓

$$\langle P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L, E) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\vartheta \left[ 1 - \int \cos \left( \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right) \phi(E) dE \right] \quad (\alpha \neq \beta)$$





$$\Delta m^2 = 10^{-3} \text{ eV} \quad \sin^2 2\vartheta = 0.8 \quad L = 10^3 \text{ km} \quad \sigma_E = 0.01 \text{ GeV}$$

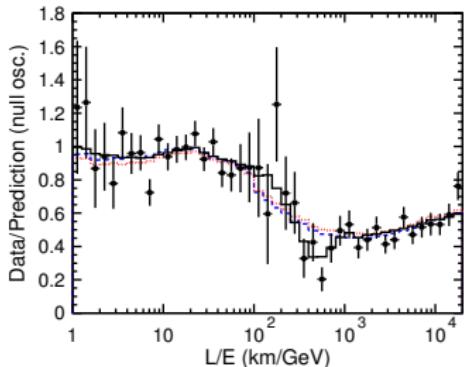
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# A Brief History of Neutrino Oscillations

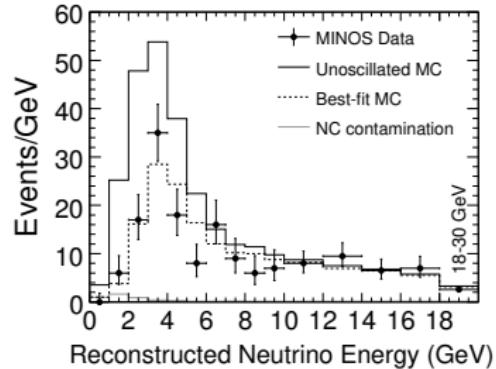
- ▶ 1957: Pontecorvo proposed Neutrino Oscillations in analogy with  $K^0 \leftrightarrows \bar{K}^0$  oscillations (Gell-Mann and Pais, 1955)  $\implies \nu \leftrightarrows \bar{\nu}$
- ▶ In 1957 only one neutrino type  $\nu = \nu_e$  was known! The possible existence of  $\nu_\mu$  was discussed by several authors. Maybe the first have been Sakata and Inoue in 1946 and Konopinski and Mahmoud in 1953. Maybe Pontecorvo did not know. He discussed the possibility to distinguish  $\nu_\mu$  from  $\nu_e$  in 1959.
- ▶ 1962: Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata proposed a model with  $\nu_e$  and  $\nu_\mu$  and Neutrino Mixing:  
*"weak neutrinos are not stable due to the occurrence of a virtual transmutation  $\nu_e \leftrightarrows \nu_\mu$ "*
- ▶ 1962: Lederman, Schwartz and Steinberger discover  $\nu_\mu$
- ▶ 1967: Pontecorvo: intuitive  $\nu_e \leftrightarrows \nu_\mu$  oscillations with maximal mixing. Applications to reactor and solar neutrinos ("prediction" of the solar neutrino problem).
- ▶ 1969: Gribov and Pontecorvo:  $\nu_e - \nu_\mu$  mixing and oscillations. But no clear derivation of oscillations with a factor of 2 mistake in the phase (misprint?).

- ▶ 1975-76: Start of the “Modern Era” of Neutrino Oscillations with a general theory of neutrino mixing and a rigorous derivation of the oscillation probability by Eliezer and Swift, Fritzsch and Minkowski, and Bilenky and Pontecorvo. [Bilenky, Pontecorvo, Phys. Rep. (1978) 225]
- ▶ 1978: Wolfenstein discovers the effect on neutrino oscillations of the matter potential (“Matter Effect”)
- ▶ 1985: Mikheev and Smirnov discover the resonant amplification of solar  $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$  oscillations due to the Matter Effect (“MSW Effect”)
- ▶ 1998: the Super-Kamiokande experiment observed in a model-independent way the Vacuum Oscillations of atmospheric neutrinos ( $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ ).
- ▶ 2002: the SNO experiment observed in a model-independent way the flavor transitions of solar neutrinos ( $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ ), mainly due to adiabatic MSW transitions. [see: Smirnov, arXiv:1609.02386]
- ▶ 2015: Takaaki Kajita (Super-Kamiokande) and Arthur B. McDonald (SNO) received the Physics Nobel Prize “for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass”.

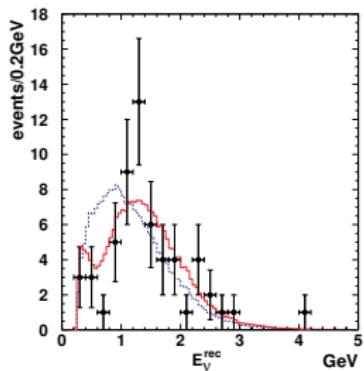
# Observations of Neutrino Oscillations



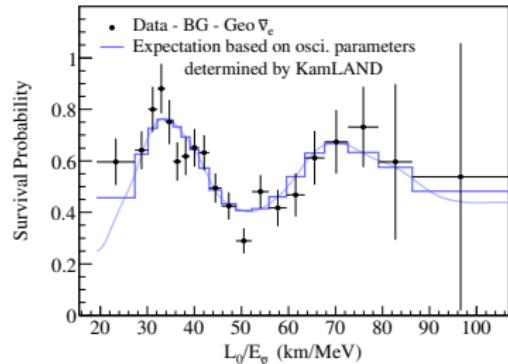
[Super-Kamiokande, PRL 93 (2004) 101801, hep-ex/0404034]



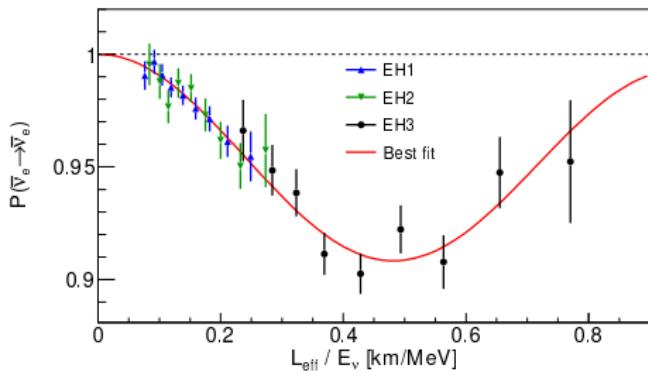
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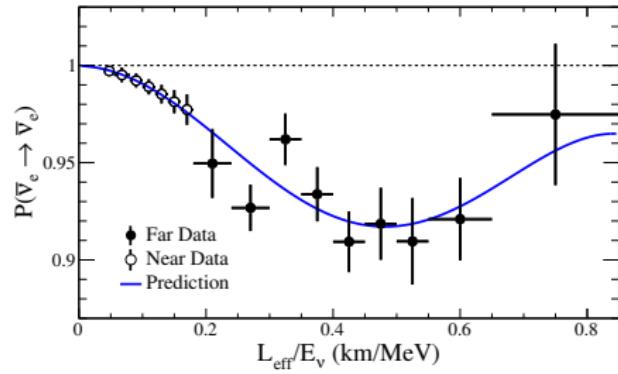
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[KamLAND, PRL 100 (2008) 221803, arXiv:0801.4589]



[Daya Bay, PRL, 112 (2014) 061801, arXiv:1310.6732]



[RENO, arXiv:1511.05849]

# 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:  $\vartheta_{12}$ ,  $\vartheta_{23}$ ,  $\vartheta_{13}$
- 1 CPV Dirac Phase:  $\delta_{13}$
- 2 independent  $\Delta m_{kj}^2$ :  $\Delta m_{21}^2$ ,  $\Delta m_{31}^2$

2 CPV Majorana Phases:  $\lambda_{21}$ ,  $\lambda_{31} \iff |\Delta L| = 2$  processes ( $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ )

# Three-Neutrino Mixing Ingredients

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

Solar  
 $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$

SNO, Borexino  
Super-Kamiokande  
GALLEX/GNO, SAGE  
Homestake, Kamiokande

(KamLAND)

VLBL Reactor  
 $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_S^2 = \Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq 7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_S = \sin^2 \vartheta_{12} \simeq 0.30 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$$

# Three-Neutrino Mixing Ingredients

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

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

Super-Kamiokande  
Kamiokande, IMB  
MACRO, Soudan-2

LBL Accelerator  
 $\nu_\mu$  disappearance

K2K, MINOS  
T2K, NO $\nu$ A

LBL Accelerator  
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$

(OPERA)



$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_A^2 \simeq |\Delta m_{31}^2| \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_A = \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \simeq 0.50 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$$

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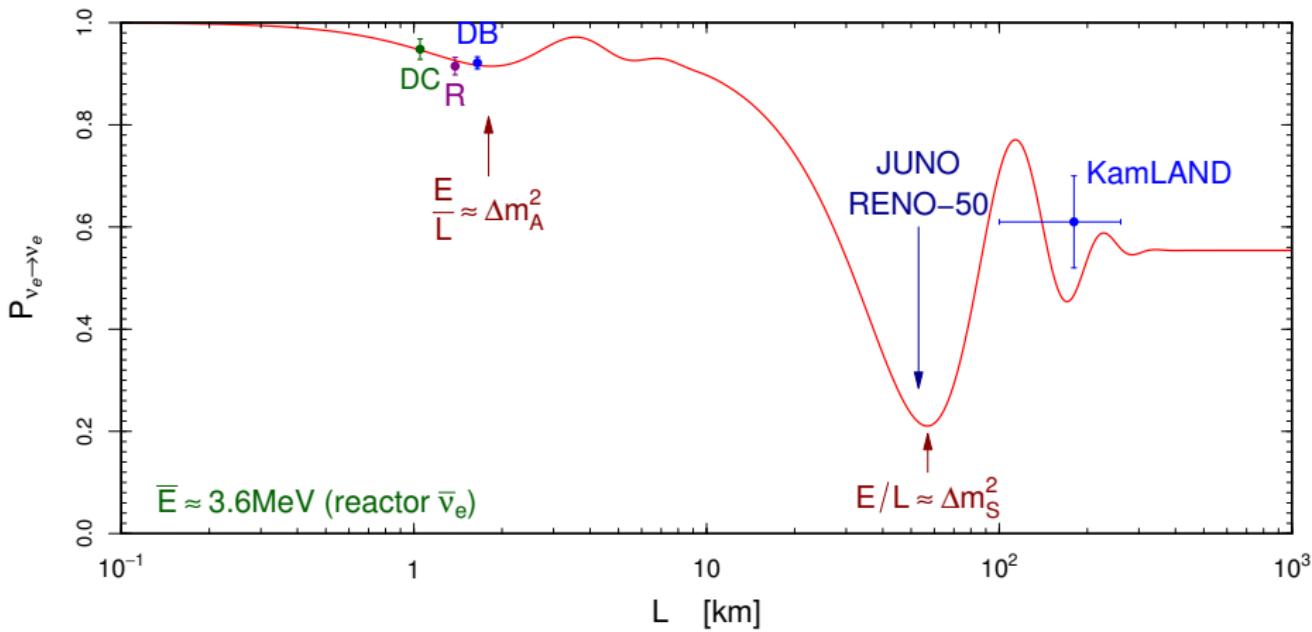
LBL Accelerator

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

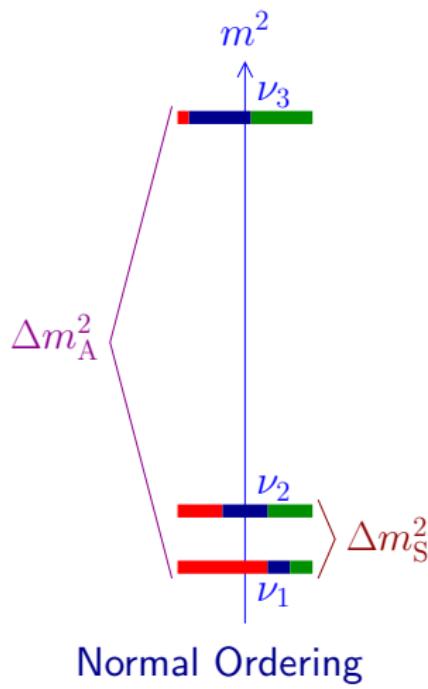
(T2K, MINOS, NO $\nu$ A)

LBL Reactor

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{\nu}_e \text{ disappearance} \\ \text{(Daya Bay, RENO, Double Chooz)} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_A^2 \simeq |\Delta m_{31}^2| \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_{13} \simeq 0.022 \end{array} \right.$$



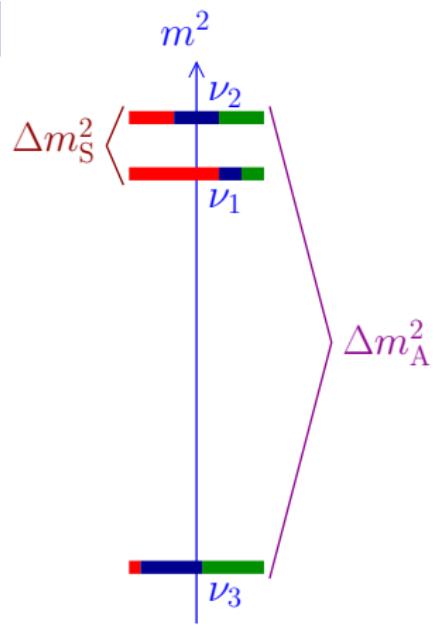
# Mass Ordering



Normal Ordering

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

absolute scale is not determined by neutrino oscillation data



Inverted Ordering

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

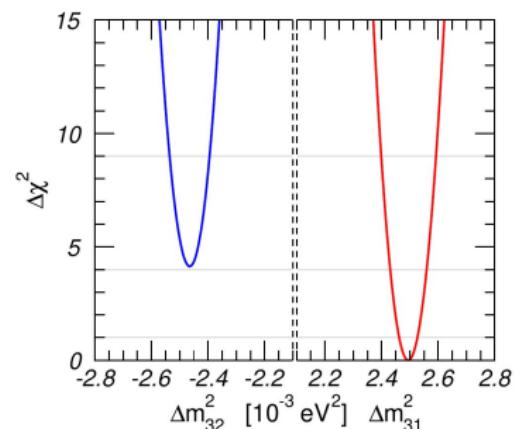
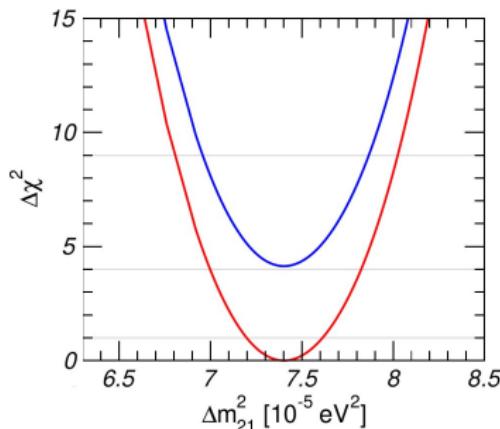
# Towards Precision Neutrino Physics

[NuFIT 3.2 (2018), [www.nu-fit.org](http://www.nu-fit.org); T. Schwetz @ CERN Neutrino Platform Week, 1 Feb 2018]

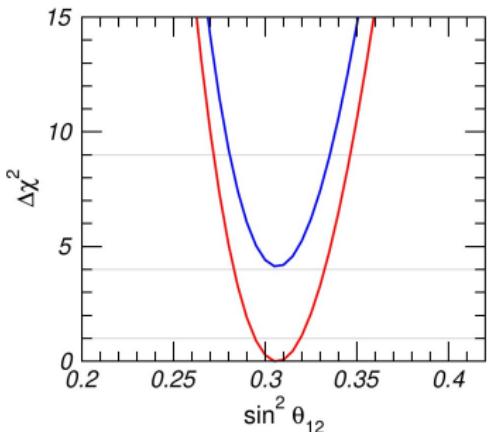
[See also: Capozzi et al., Phys.Rev. D95 (2017) 096014; de Salas et al., PLB 782 (2018) 633]

SOL:  $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.40^{+0.21}_{-0.20} \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$  precision  $\simeq 2.8\%$

ATM:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{NO : } \Delta m_{31}^2 = 2.494^{+0.033}_{-0.031} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ precision } \simeq 1.3\% \\ \text{IO : } \Delta m_{32}^2 = -2.465^{+0.032}_{-0.031} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ precision } \simeq 1.3\% \end{array} \right.$



Normal Ordering is preferred by  $\Delta\chi^2 = 4.1$

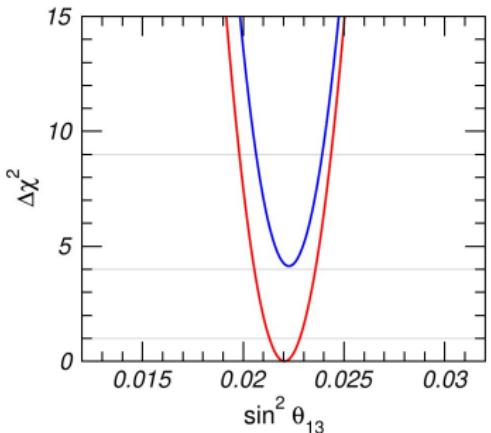


**Solar**  
 $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$

**VLBL Reactor**  
 $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance

$\sin^2 \vartheta_{12} = 0.307^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$  precision  $\simeq 4.2\%$

$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{SNO, Borexino} \\ \text{Super-Kamiokande} \\ \text{GALLEX/GNO, SAGE} \\ \text{Homestake, Kamiokande} \end{array} \right)$   
 (KamLAND)

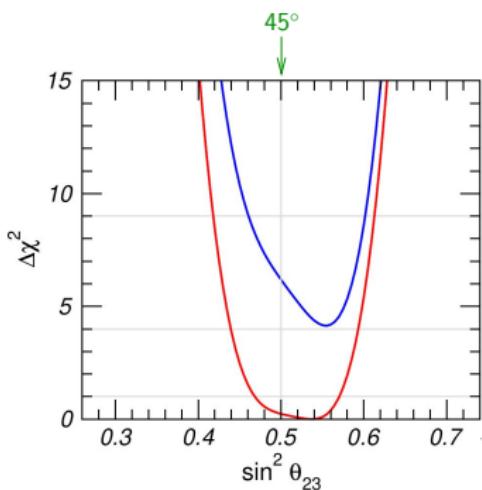


**LBL Accelerator**  
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

**LBL Reactor**  
 $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance

$\sin^2 \vartheta_{13} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 0.02206 \pm 0.00075 & (\text{NO}) \\ & \text{precision } \simeq 3.4\% \\ 0.02227 \pm 0.00074 & (\text{IO}) \\ & \text{precision } \simeq 3.3\% \end{array} \right.$

$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{T2K, MINOS, NO}\nu\text{A} \\ \text{Daya Bay, RENO} \\ \text{Double Chooz} \end{array} \right)$



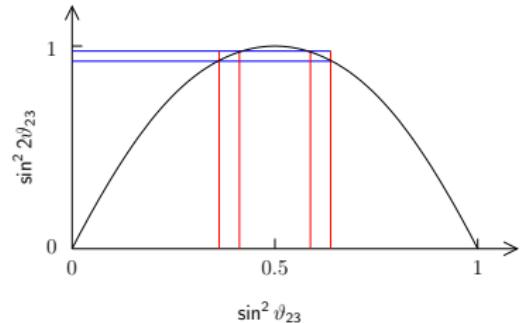
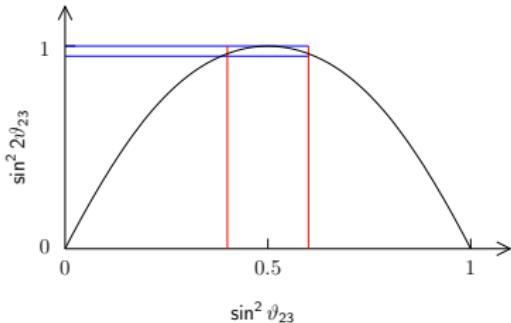
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 (OPERA)

$$\sin^2 \vartheta_{23} = \begin{cases} 0.538^{+0.033}_{-0.069} \quad (\text{NO}) \quad \text{precision} \simeq 13\% \\ \text{Maximal Mixing allowed at } < 1\sigma \\ 0.554^{+0.023}_{-0.033} \quad (\text{IO}) \quad \text{precision} \simeq 6\% \\ \text{Second octant "favored" by } \Delta\chi^2 \simeq 2 \end{cases}$$

## Difficulty of measuring precisely $\vartheta_{23}$

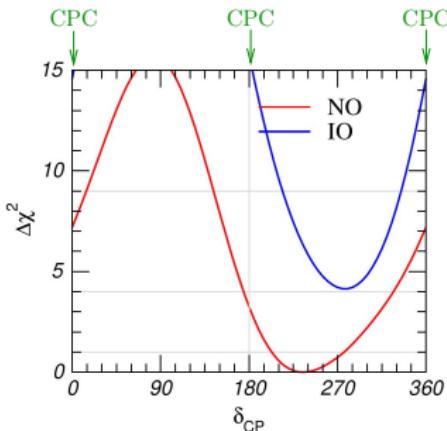
$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu}^{\text{LBL}} \simeq 1 - \sin^2 2\vartheta_{23} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right) \quad \sin^2 2\vartheta_{23} = 4 \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} (1 - \sin^2 \vartheta_{23})$$



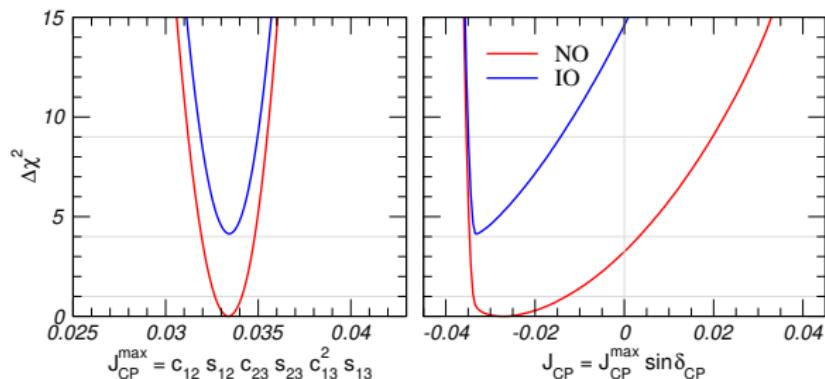
The octant degeneracy is resolved by small  $\vartheta_{13}$  effects:

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu}^{\text{LBL}} \simeq 1 - [\sin^2 2\vartheta_{23} \cos^2 \vartheta_{13} + \sin^4 \vartheta_{23} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{13}] \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e}^{\text{LBL}} \simeq \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$



$$\frac{\delta_{13}}{\pi} = \begin{cases} 1.3^{+0.24}_{-0.17} & (\text{NO}) \quad \text{precision} \simeq 18\% \\ & \text{CP Conservation allowed at } < 2\sigma \\ 1.54^{+0.14}_{-0.16} & (\text{IO}) \quad \text{precision} \simeq 10\% \\ & \text{CP Violation favored at } 3\sigma \end{cases}$$



$$J_{CP}^{\max} = 0.033 \pm 0.0007$$

$J_{CP}$  can be  $10^3$  larger than  $J_{CP}^{\text{quarks}} = (3.04^{+0.21}_{-0.20}) \times 10^{-5}$

# Towards a precise determination of the mixing matrix

well determined

$\downarrow$

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

$\uparrow$  large uncertainty due to  $\vartheta_{23}$  and  $\delta_{13}$

$\uparrow$  medium uncertainty due to  $\vartheta_{23}$

totally unknown

NuFIT 3.2 (2018)

$$|U|_{3\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.799 \rightarrow 0.844 & 0.516 \rightarrow 0.582 & 0.141 \rightarrow 0.156 \\ 0.242 \rightarrow 0.494 & 0.467 \rightarrow 0.678 & 0.639 \rightarrow 0.774 \\ 0.284 \rightarrow 0.521 & 0.490 \rightarrow 0.695 & 0.615 \rightarrow 0.754 \end{pmatrix}$$

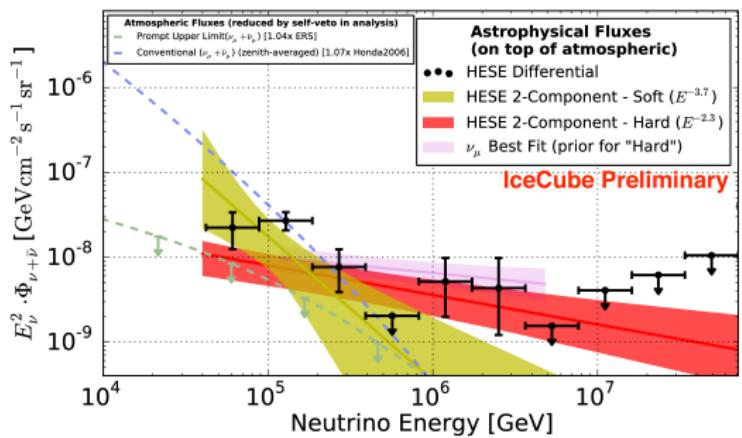
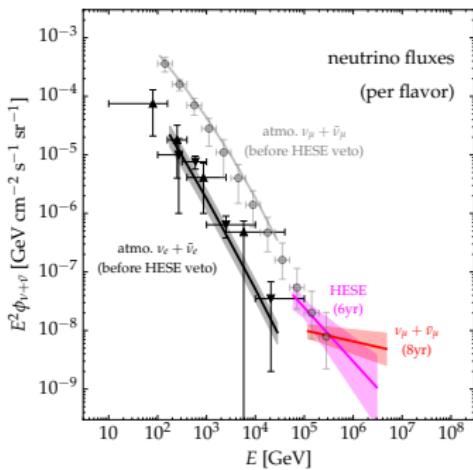
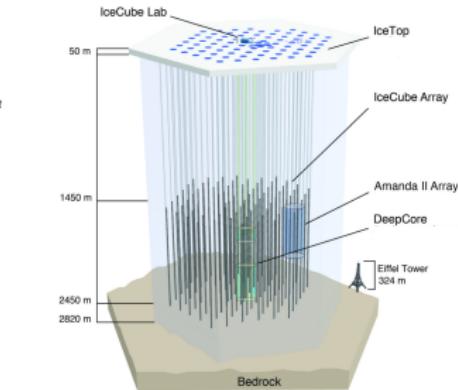
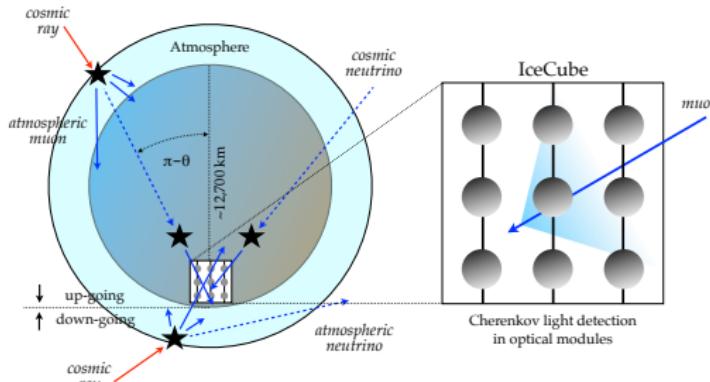
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only the mass composition of  $\nu_e$  is well determined

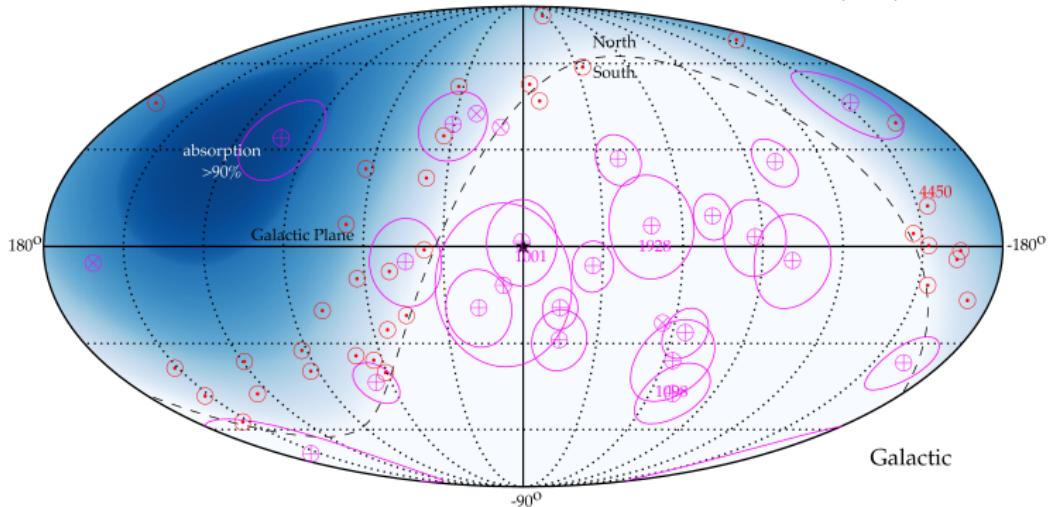
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# High-Energy Astrophysical Neutrinos



[Ahlers, Halzen, arXiv:1805.11112]

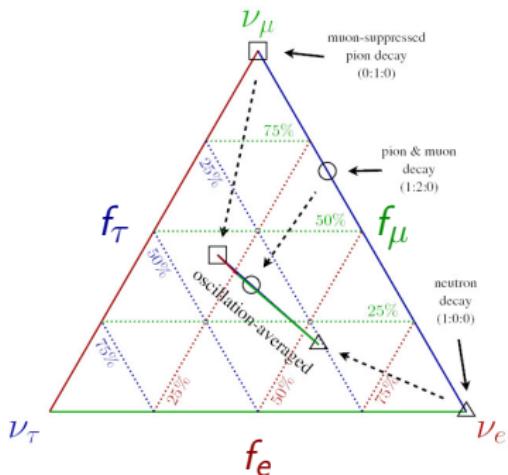


- High-energy ( $E \gtrsim 200$  TeV) upgoing tracks:  $CC(\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu)$ .
- ⊗&⊕ HESE (High-Energy Starting Events): high-energy neutrinos ( $E \gtrsim 100$  TeV) interacting inside the detector (all-sky directions).
- ⊗ Tracks:  $CC(\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu)$ . ⊕ Cascades:  $CC(\nu_e, \bar{\nu}_e, \nu_\tau, \bar{\nu}_\tau) + NC$ . The thin circles indicate the median angular resolution of the cascade events.
- ▶ The blue-shaded region indicates the zenith-dependent range where Earth absorption of 100 TeV neutrinos becomes important, reaching more than 90% close to the nadir.
- ▶ Dashed line: horizon. Star: Galactic Center.
- ▶ The numbers give the energies of the four most energetic events.

# Neutrino Flavor Composition

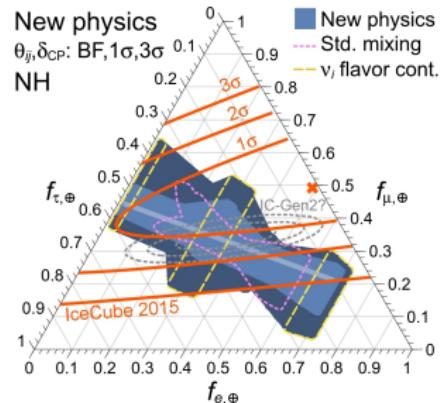
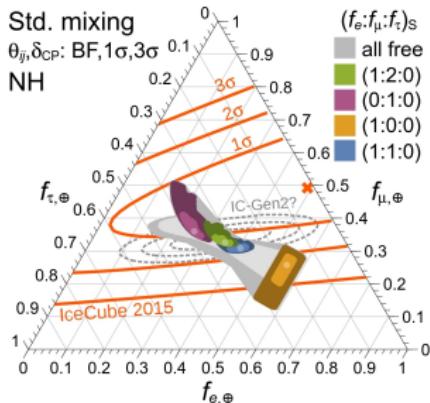
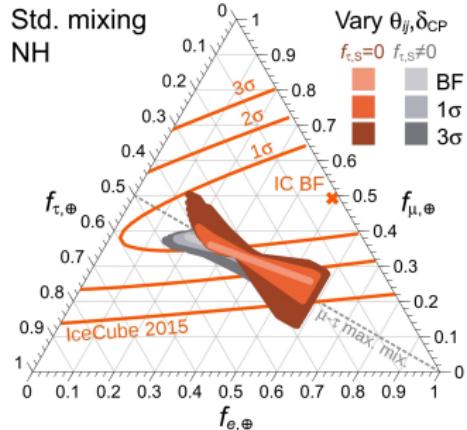
Source:  $(f_{e,S} : f_{\mu,S} : f_{\tau,S}) \rightarrow$  Earth:  $(f_{e,\oplus} : f_{\mu,\oplus} : f_{\tau,\oplus})$

	$f_{e,S}$	$f_{\mu,S}$	$f_{\tau,S}$	$\rightarrow$	$f_{e,\oplus}$	$f_{\mu,\oplus}$	$f_{\tau,\oplus}$
Pion and Muon Decay	1/3	2/3	0		1/3	1/3	1/3
Pion only Decay	0	1	0		4/18	7/18	7/18
Charmed Meson Decay	1/2	1/2	0		14/36	11/36	11/36
Neutron Decay	1	0	0		5/9	2/9	2/9



$$f_{\beta,\oplus} = \sum_{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau} f_{\alpha,S} \langle P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} \rangle$$

$$\langle P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} \rangle = \sum_{k=1}^3 |U_{\alpha k}|^2 |U_{\beta k}|^2 \simeq \frac{1}{18} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$



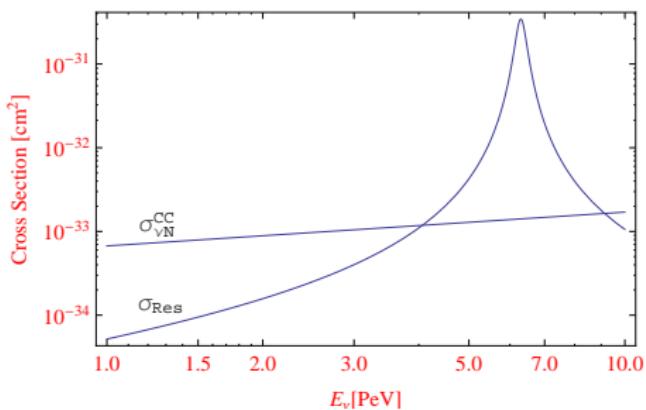
[Bustamante, Beacom, Winter, PRL 115 (2015) 161302 (arXiv:1506.02645)]

# The Glashow Resonance

$\bar{\nu}_e + e^- \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow \text{anything}$  at  $E_\nu = \frac{m_W^2}{2m_e} = 6.32 \text{ PeV}$  [Glashow, Phys. Rev. 118 (1960) 316]

	$f_{e,S}$	$f_{\mu,S}$	$f_{\tau,S}$	→	$f_{e,\oplus}$	$f_{\mu,\oplus}$	$f_{\tau,\oplus}$	$R_{\bar{\nu}_e}$
Pion and Muon Decay	1/3	2/3	0		1/3	1/3	1/3	0.17
Pion only Decay	0	1	0		4/18	7/18	7/18	0.11
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Neutron Decay	1	0	0		5/9	2/9	2/9	0.56

[Barger, Fu, Learned, Marfatia, Pakvasa, Weiler, PRD 90 (2014) 121301 (arXiv:1407.3255)]

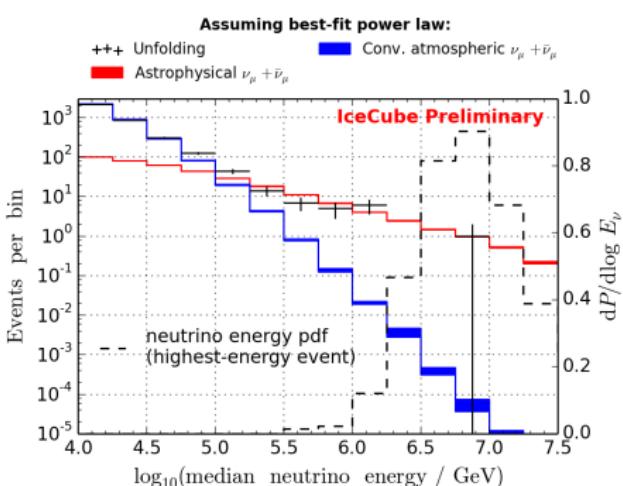


- ▶  $\Phi_\nu \propto E_\nu^{-\gamma}$
- ▶ Standard Fermi shock-acceleration mechanism:  $\gamma = 2.0$ .
- ▶ 2014 IceCube data: events with  $E_\nu \lesssim 2 \text{ PeV}$ .
- ▶  $\gamma \geq 2.3$  at 90% CL.

[Anchordoqui et al, PRD 89 (2014) 083003]

- ▶ PeV Energy Partially-contained Events (PEPE) search, with special focus on the Glashow resonance.

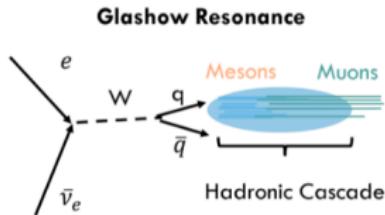
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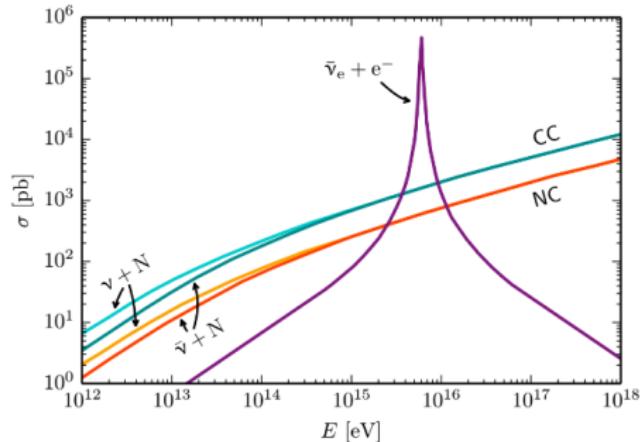
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- ▶ Assumption: a democratic composition of neutrino and antineutrino flavors.
- ▶ The cosmic neutrino flux is well described by a power law with a spectral index  $\gamma = 2.19 \pm 0.10$  and a normalization at 100 TeV neutrino energy of  $(1.01^{+0.26}_{-0.23}) \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1}$
- ▶ For the highest energy event the median energy of the parent neutrino is about 7 PeV.
- ▶ The energy lost by the muon inside the instrumented detector volume is  $2.6 \pm 0.3 \text{ PeV}$ .
- ▶ The calculation of the probability density function takes into account the additional tracks from charged current interactions of  $\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$  and resonant interactions of  $\bar{\nu}_e$  with electrons (Glashow resonance).

# A 5.9 PeV event in IceCube

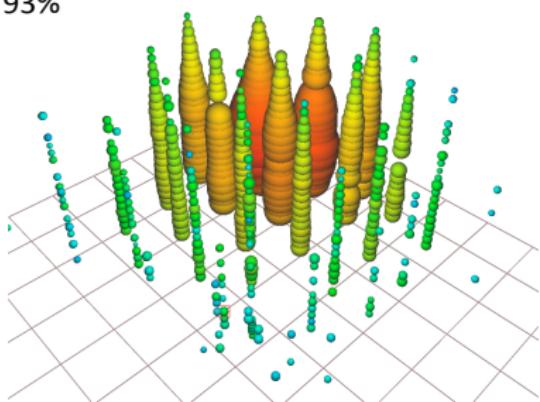


Resonance:  $E_\nu = 6.3 \text{ PeV}$   
Typical visible energy is 93%



Event identified in a partially-contained PeV search (PEPE)  
Deposited energy:  $5.9 \pm 0.18 \text{ PeV}$  (stat only)  
[ICRC 2017 arXiv:1710.01191](#)

Work in progress



Potential hadronic nature of this event under study

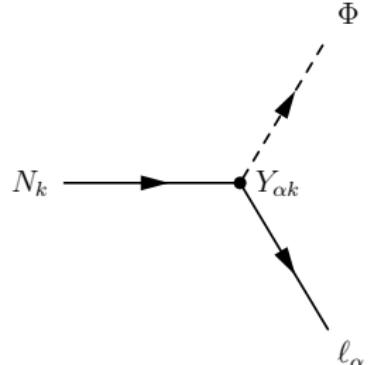
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# Leptogenesis

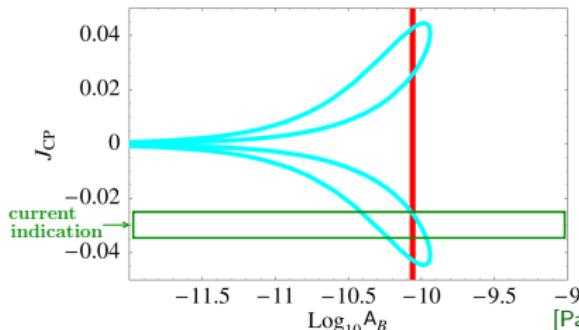
$$\mathcal{L}_I \sim \overline{L}_L \Phi^\dagger Y N_R$$

$$A_L \sim \frac{\sum_{k,\alpha} [\Gamma(N_k \rightarrow \Phi \ell_\alpha) - \Gamma(N_k \rightarrow \bar{\Phi} \bar{\ell}_\alpha)]}{\sum_{k,\alpha} [\Gamma(N_k \rightarrow \Phi \ell_\alpha) + \Gamma(N_k \rightarrow \bar{\Phi} \bar{\ell}_\alpha)]}$$



Seesaw  $\implies Y \sim \frac{1}{\nu} \underbrace{M_R^{1/2} R}_{\text{inaccessible}} \underbrace{m_\nu^{1/2} U_{3 \times 3}}_{\text{measurable}} \quad (RR^T = \mathbb{1})$

CP-violating  $U_{3 \times 3} \implies$  plausible CP-violating  $Y$

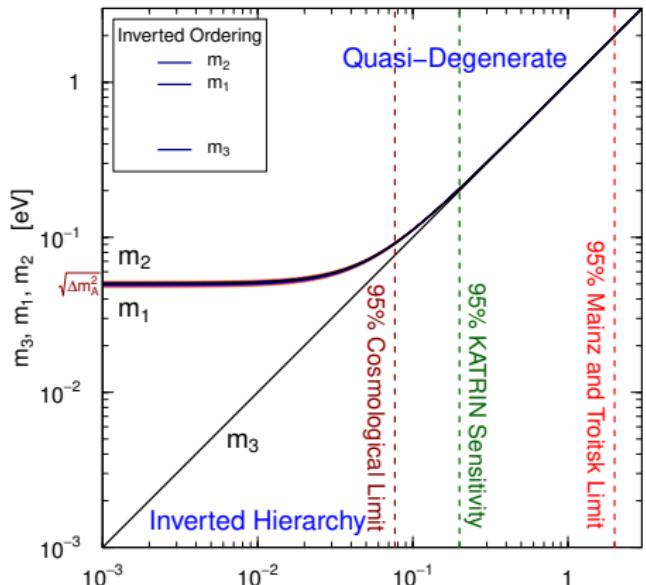
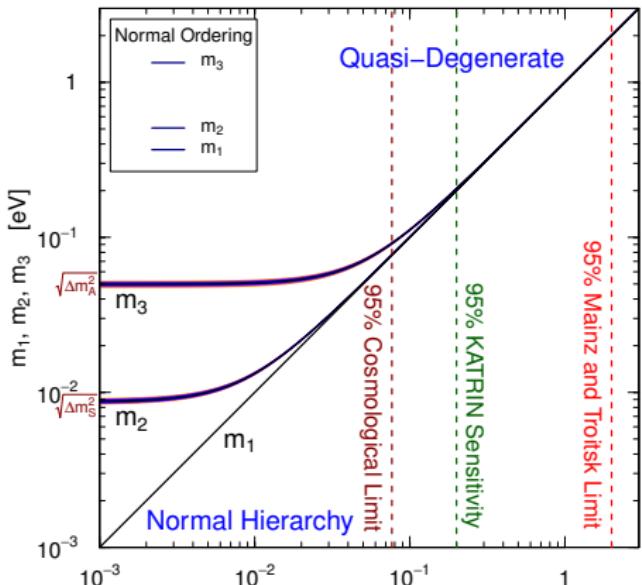


[Pascoli, Petcov, Riotto, PRD 75 (2007) 083511, arXiv:hep-ph/0609125]

$$\begin{aligned} M_{R1} &= 5 \times 10^{11} \text{ GeV} \\ M_{R1} &\ll M_{R2} \ll M_{R3} \\ R_{12} &= 0.86 \\ R_{13} &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

## Absolute Scale of Neutrino Masses

# Mass Hierarchy or Degeneracy?



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

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

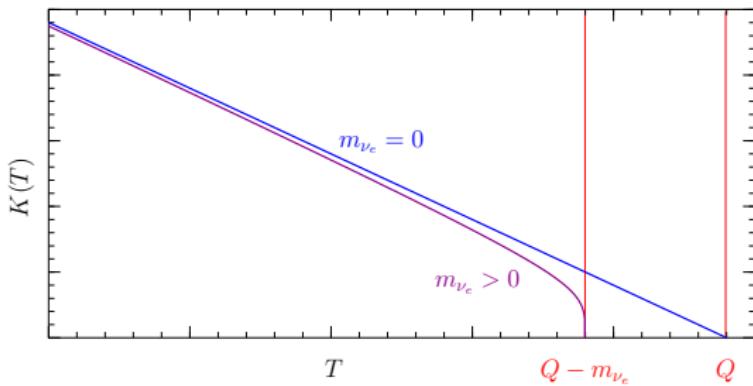
# Tritium Beta-Decay



$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dT} = \frac{(\cos\vartheta_C G_F)^2}{2\pi^3} |\mathcal{M}|^2 F(E) p E K^2(T)$$

Kurie function:  $K(T) = \left[ (Q - T) \sqrt{(Q - T)^2 - m_{\nu_e}^2} \right]^{1/2}$

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



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

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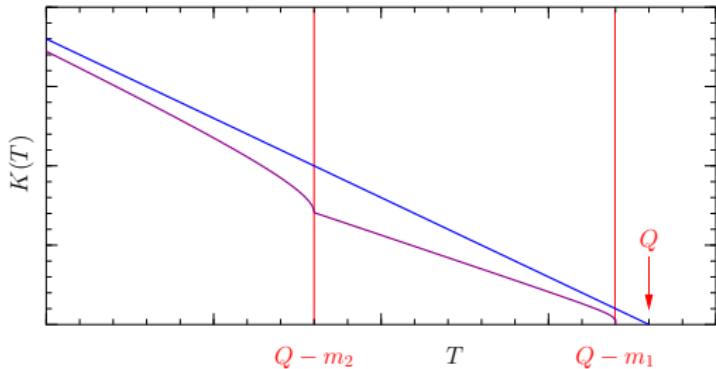
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start data taking 2016?

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  
 $\left( \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 = 1 \right)$

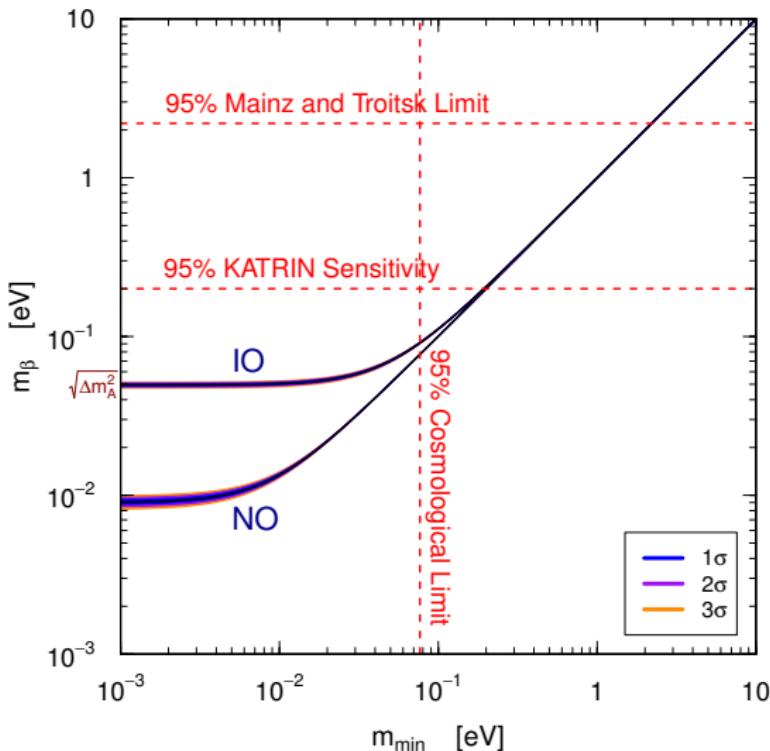
if experiment is not sensitive to masses ( $m_k \ll Q - T$ )

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

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

# Predictions of $3\nu$ -Mixing Paradigm

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



► Quasi-Degenerate:

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

► Inverted Hierarchy:

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

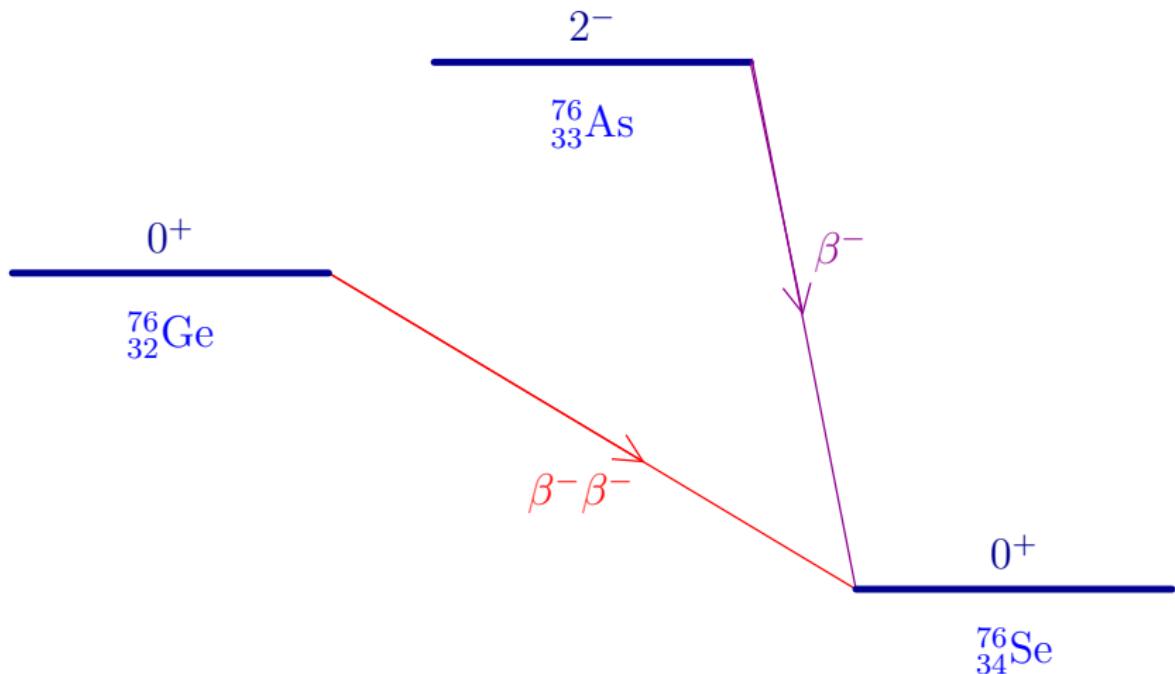
► Normal Hierarchy:

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

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

Normal Spectrum

# Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay



Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass:

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

## Two-Neutrino Double- $\beta$ 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

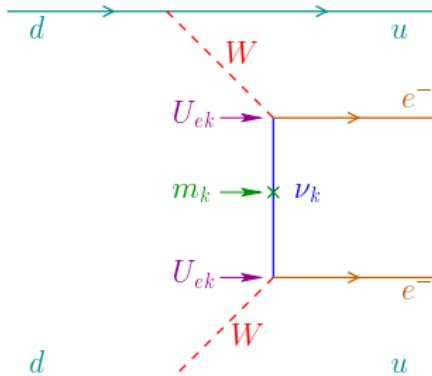
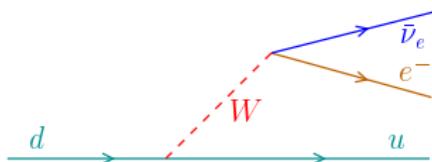
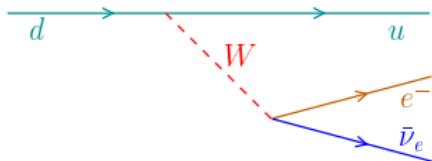
## Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$ Decay: $\Delta L = 2$

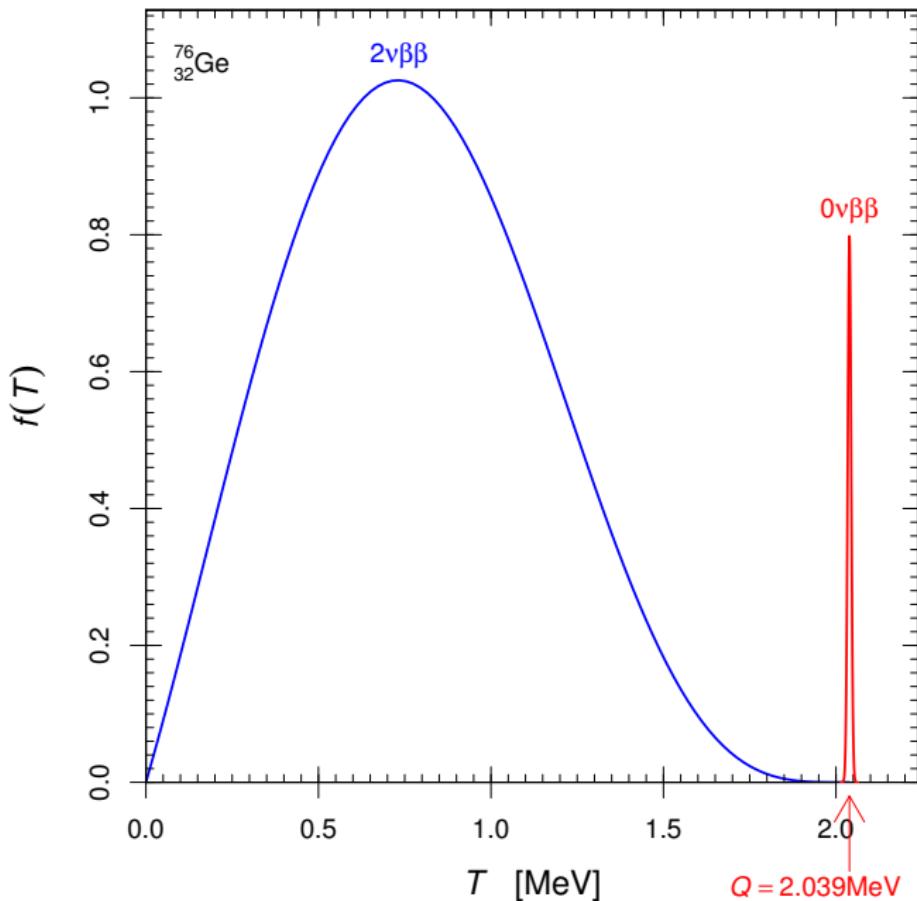
$$\mathcal{N}(A, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(A, Z+2) + e^- + e^-$$

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

effective  
Majorana  
mass

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



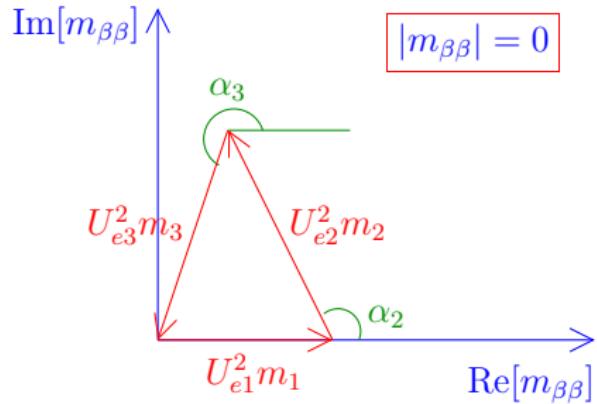
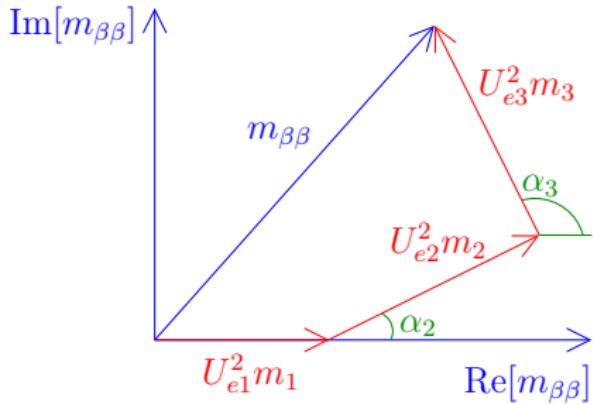


# Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass

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

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

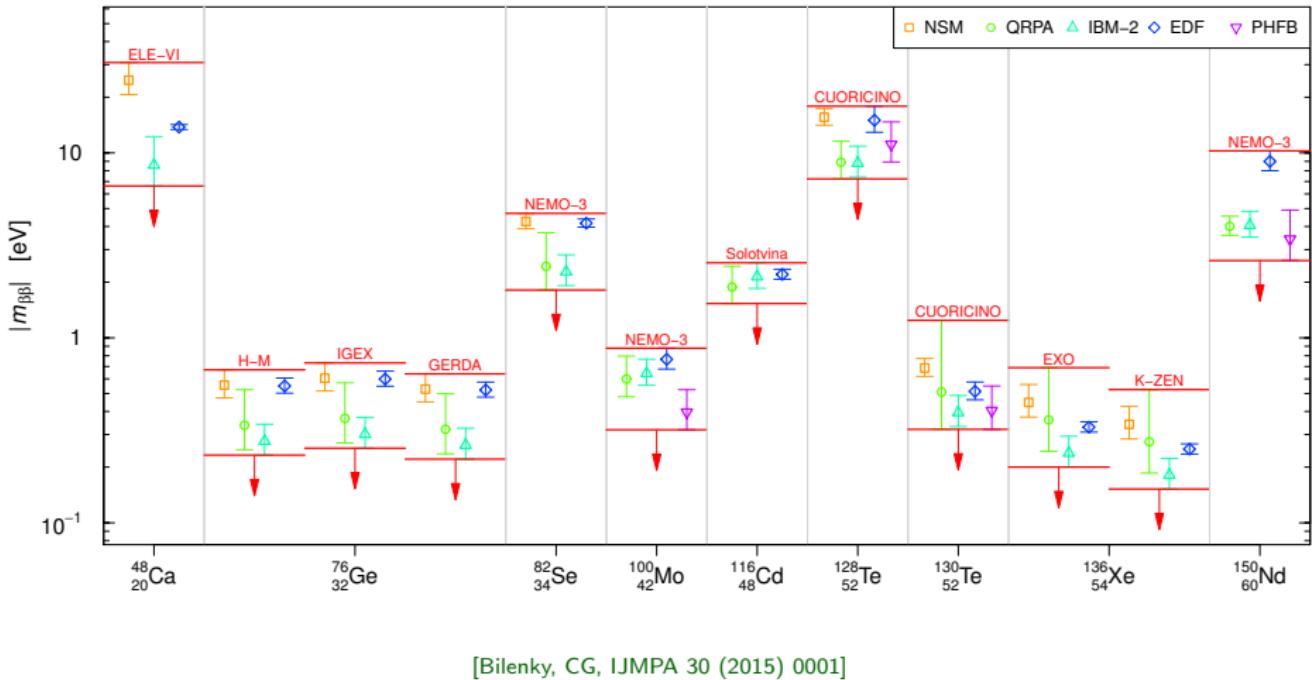
$$\alpha_2 = 2\lambda_2 \quad \alpha_3 = 2(\lambda_3 - \delta_{13})$$



# 2015 90% C.L. Experimental Bounds

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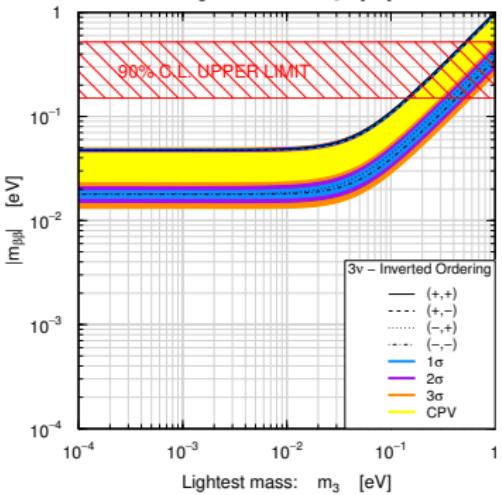
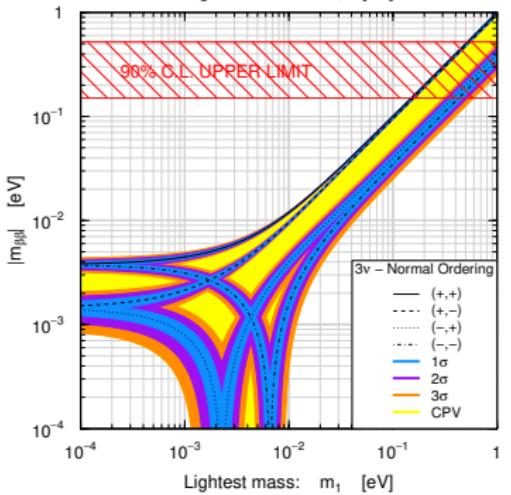
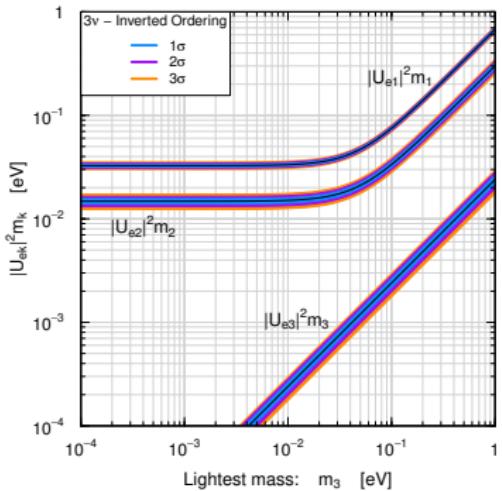
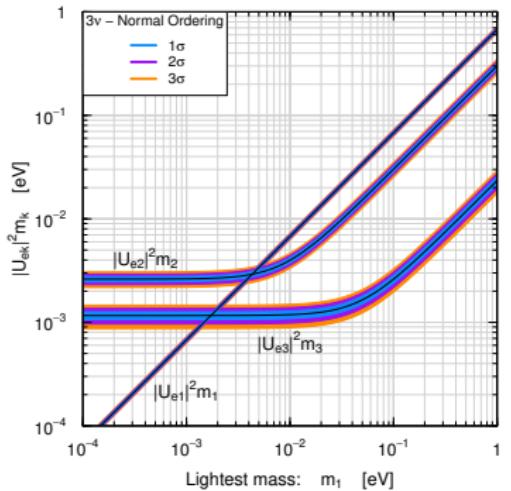
$\beta\beta^-$ decay	experiment	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ [y]	$m_{\beta\beta}$ [eV]
${}^{48}_{20}\text{Ca} \rightarrow {}^{48}_{22}\text{Ti}$	ELEGANT-VI	$> 1.4 \times 10^{22}$	$< 6.6 - 31$
	Heidelberg-Moscow	$> 1.9 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.23 - 0.67$
${}^{76}_{32}\text{Ge} \rightarrow {}^{76}_{34}\text{Se}$	IGEX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



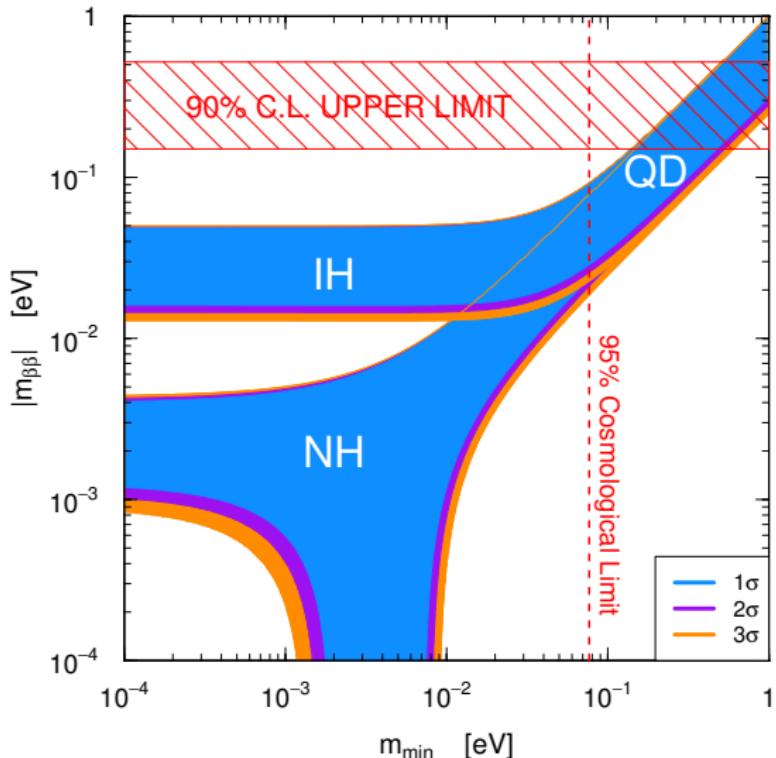
[Bilenky, CG, IJMPA 30 (2015) 0001]

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► Quasi-Degenerate:

$$|m_{\beta\beta}| \simeq m_\nu \sqrt{1 - s_{2\vartheta_{12}}^2 s_{\alpha_2}^2}$$

► Inverted Hierarchy:

$$|m_{\beta\beta}| \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m_A^2 (1 - s_{2\vartheta_{12}}^2 s_{\alpha_2}^2)}$$

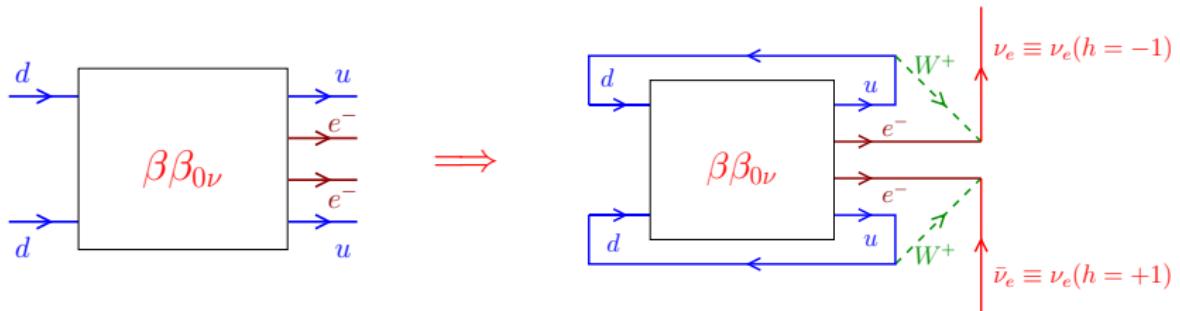
► Normal Hierarchy:

$$\begin{aligned} |m_{\beta\beta}| &\simeq |s_{12}^2 \sqrt{\Delta m_S^2} + e^{i\alpha} s_{13}^2 \sqrt{\Delta m_A^2}| \\ &\simeq |2.7 + 1.2 e^{i\alpha}| \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV} \end{aligned}$$

$$|m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 10^{-2} \text{ eV} \implies \text{Normal Spectrum}$$

## $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ Decay $\Leftrightarrow$ Majorana Neutrino Mass

- $|m_{\beta\beta}|$  can vanish because of unfortunate cancellations among the  $\nu_1$ ,  $\nu_2$ ,  $\nu_3$  contributions or because neutrinos are Dirac particles.
- However,  $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$  decay can be generated by another mechanism beyond the Standard Model.
- In this case, a Majorana mass for  $\nu_e$  is generated by radiative corrections:



[Schechter, Valle, PRD 25 (1982) 2951; Takasugi, PLB 149 (1984) 372]

- Majorana Mass Term: 
$$\mathcal{L}_{eL}^M = -\frac{1}{2} m_{ee} (\overline{\nu_{eL}^c} \nu_{eL} + \overline{\nu_{eL}} \nu_{eL}^c)$$
- Very small four-loop diagram contribution:  $m_{ee} \sim 10^{-24} \text{ eV}$

[Duerr, Lindner, Merle, JHEP 06 (2011) 091 (arXiv:1105.0901)]

- ▶ In any case finding  $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$  decay is important for
  - ▶ Finding total Lepton number violation ( $\Delta L = \pm 2$ ).
  - ▶ Establishing the Majorana (or pseudo-Dirac) nature of neutrinos.
- ▶ On the other hand, even if  $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$  decay is not found, it is not possible to prove experimentally that neutrinos are Dirac particles, because
  - ▶ A Dirac neutrino is equivalent to 2 Majorana neutrinos with the same mass.
  - ▶ It is impossible to prove experimentally that the mass splitting is exactly zero.

# Summary

## Robust $3\nu$ -Mixing Paradigm

$$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta m_S^2 \simeq 7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau \quad \text{with} \quad \Delta m_A^2 \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 \vartheta_{12} \simeq 0.3 \quad \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \simeq 0.5 \quad \sin^2 \vartheta_{13} \simeq 0.02$$

$\beta$  and  $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$  Decay  $\implies m_1, m_2, m_3 \lesssim 1 \text{ eV}$

## To Do

Theory: Why lepton mixing  $\neq$  quark mixing?

(Due to Majorana nature of  $\nu$ 's?)

Why  $0 < \sin^2 \vartheta_{13} \ll \sin^2 \vartheta_{12} < \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \simeq 0.5$ ?

Experiments: Measure mass ordering and CP violation.

Find absolute mass scale and Majorana or Dirac.