

# Neutrino Physics

## Part II: Phenomenology of Massive Neutrinos

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# 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

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

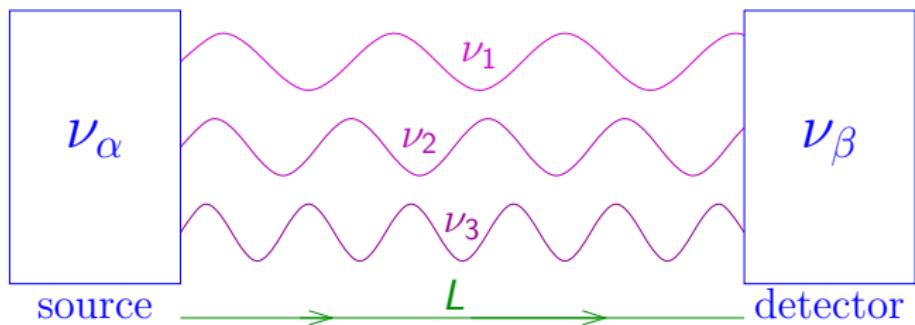
Left-handed Massive Neutrinos propagate from Source to Detector

3 × 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

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



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

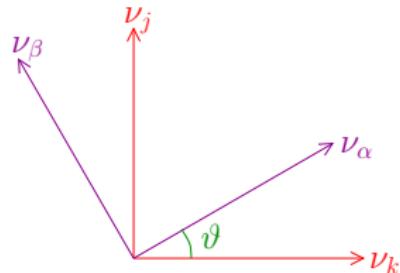
$$E_k^2 = p^2 + m_k^2 \quad t = L$$

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

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

# Effective Two-Neutrino Mixing Approximation

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



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

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

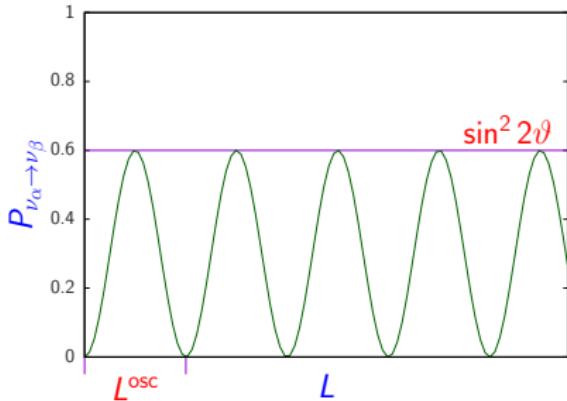
Transition Probability:

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

Survival Probabilities:

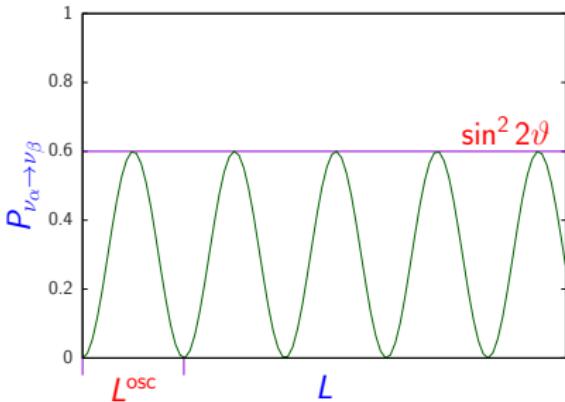
$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} = P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = 1 - P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}$$

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



- ▶ The effect of a tiny  $\Delta m^2$  can be amplified by a large distance  $L$ .
- ▶ A tiny  $\Delta m^2$  generates oscillations observable at macroscopic distances!
- ▶ Neutrino oscillations are the optimal tool to reveal tiny neutrino masses!

$$2\nu\text{-mixing: } P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = \sin^2 2\vartheta \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2 [\text{eV}^2] L [\text{km}]}{E [\text{GeV}]} \right)$$



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

## Neutrinos and Antineutrinos

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

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

$$\begin{array}{lcl} C & \xrightarrow{\text{red}} & \text{Particle} \leftrightharpoons \text{Antiparticle} \\ P & \xrightarrow{\text{red}} & \text{Left-Handed} \leftrightharpoons \text{Right-Handed} \end{array}$$



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

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

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

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

## T Symmetry

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

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

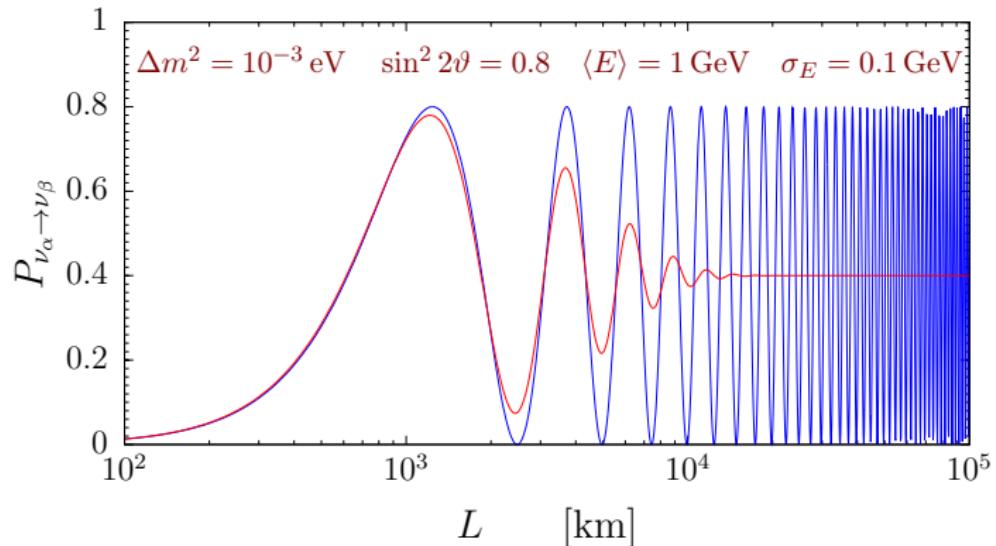
$$\begin{aligned} \text{CPT} &\implies 0 = A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CPT}} \\ &= P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha} \\ &= P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha} \leftarrow A_{\alpha\beta}^T \\ &+ P_{\nu_\beta \rightarrow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

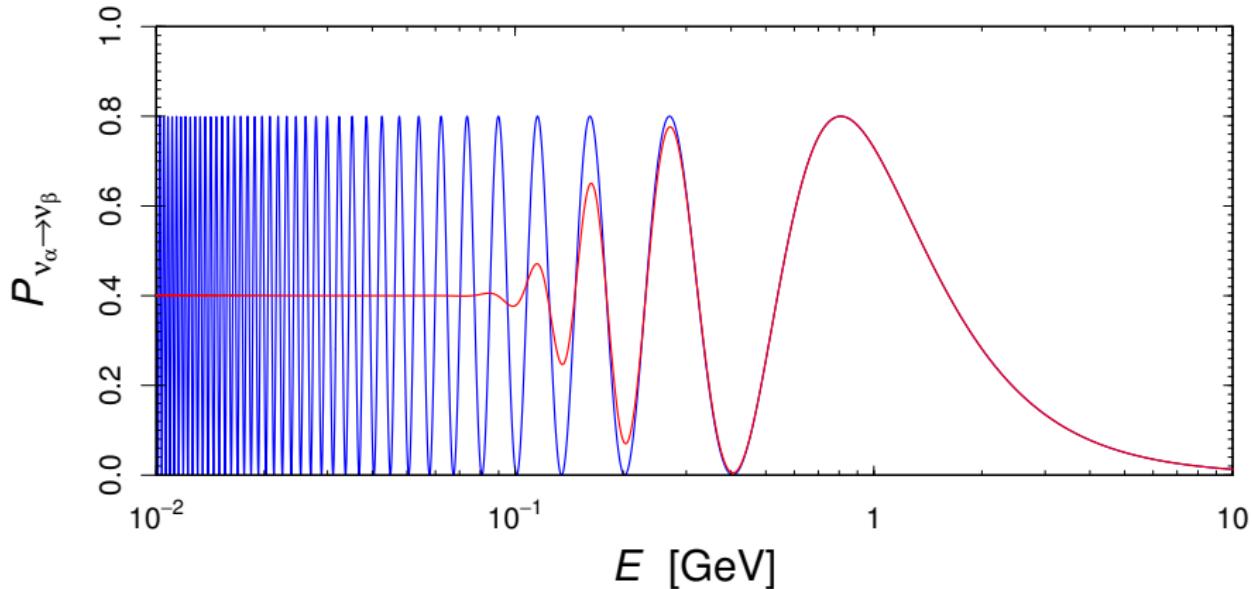
# Average over Energy Resolution of the Detector

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



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





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

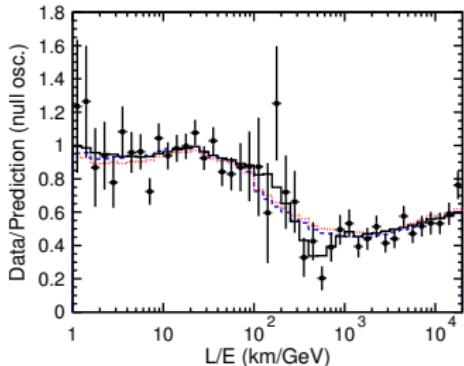
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# A Brief History of Neutrino Oscillations

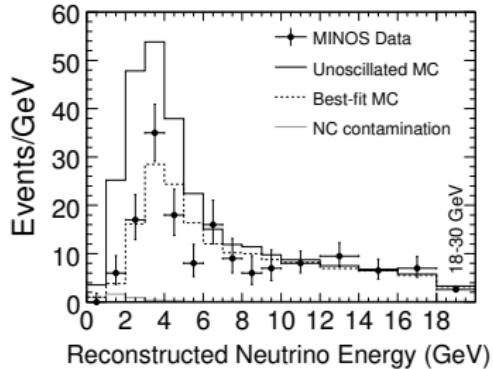
- ▶ 1957: Pontecorvo proposed Neutrino Oscillations in analogy with  $K^0 \leftrightarrows \bar{K}^0$  oscillations (Gell-Mann and Pais, 1955)  $\implies \nu \leftrightarrows \bar{\nu}$
- ▶ In 1957 only one neutrino type  $\nu = \nu_e$  was known! The possible existence of  $\nu_\mu$  was discussed by 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”.

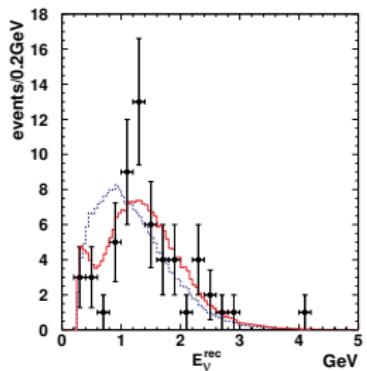
# Observations of Neutrino Oscillations



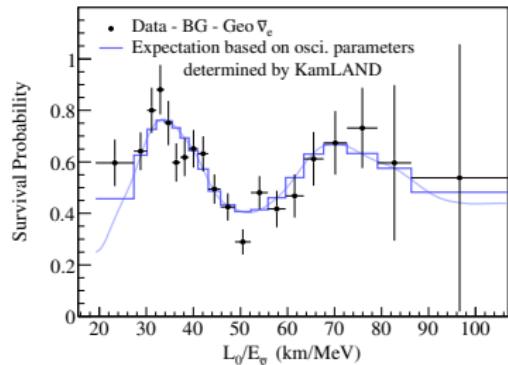
[Super-Kamiokande, PRL 93 (2004) 101801, hep-ex/0404034]



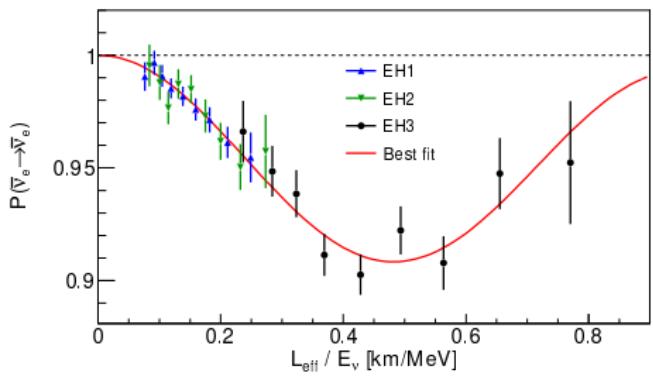
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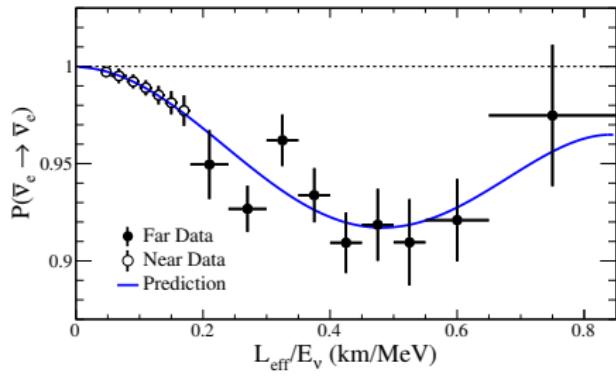
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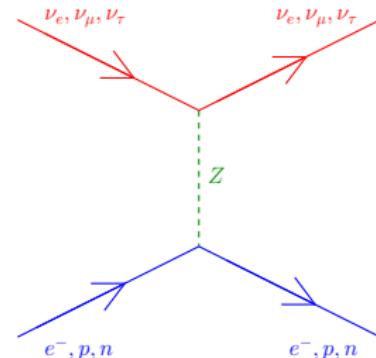
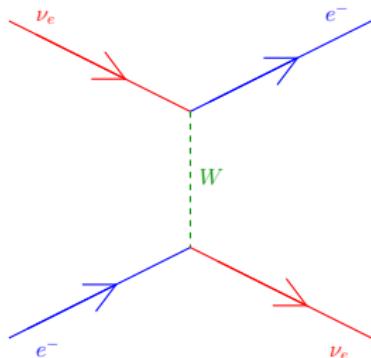
[Daya Bay, PRL, 112 (2014) 061801, arXiv:1310.6732]



[RENO, arXiv:1511.05849]

# Effective Potentials in Matter

coherent interactions with medium: forward elastic CC and NC scattering



$$V_{CC} = \sqrt{2} G_F N_e$$

$$V_{NC}^{(e^-)} = -V_{NC}^{(p)} \Rightarrow$$

$$V_{NC} = V_{NC}^{(n)} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} G_F N_n$$

$$V_e = V_{CC} + V_{NC}$$

$$V_\mu = V_\tau = V_{NC}$$

only  $V_{CC} = V_e - V_\mu = V_e - V_\tau$  is important for flavor transitions

antineutrinos:  $\bar{V}_{CC} = -V_{CC}$      $\bar{V}_{NC} = -V_{NC}$

# Evolution of Neutrino Flavors in Matter

- ▶ Flavor neutrino  $\nu_\alpha$  with momentum  $p$ :  $|\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* |\nu_k(p)\rangle$

- ▶ Evolution is determined by Hamiltonian

- ▶ Hamiltonian in vacuum:  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 |\nu_k(p)\rangle = E_k |\nu_k(p)\rangle \quad E_k = \sqrt{p^2 + m_k^2}$$

- ▶ Hamiltonian in matter:  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_I \quad \mathcal{H}_I |\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle = V_\alpha |\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle$

- ▶ Schrödinger evolution equation:  $i \frac{d}{dt} |\nu(p, t)\rangle = \mathcal{H} |\nu(p, t)\rangle$

- ▶ Initial condition:  $|\nu(p, 0)\rangle = |\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle$

- ▶ For  $t > 0$  the state  $|\nu(p, t)\rangle$  is a superposition of all flavors:

$$|\nu(p, t)\rangle = \sum_\beta \varphi_\beta(p, t) |\nu_\beta(p)\rangle$$

- ▶ Transition probability:  $P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = |\varphi_\beta|^2$

# Neutrino Oscillations in Matter

$$i \frac{d}{dx} \Psi_\alpha = \frac{1}{2E} \left( U \mathbb{M}^2 U^\dagger + \mathbb{A} \right) \Psi_\alpha$$

$$\Psi_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \\ \psi_\tau \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbb{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbb{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{CC} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{CC} = 2EV_{CC} = 2\sqrt{2}EG_F N_e$$

effective mass-squared matrix in vacuum       $\mathbb{M}_{VAC}^2 = U \mathbb{M}^2 U^\dagger \xrightarrow{\text{matter}} U \mathbb{M}^2 U^\dagger + 2E \mathbb{V} = \mathbb{M}_{MAT}^2$       effective mass-squared matrix in matter

↑  
potential due to coherent forward elastic scattering

# In Neutrino Oscillations Dirac = Majorana

[Bilenky, Hosek, Petcov, PLB 94 (1980) 495; Doi, Kotani, Nishiura, Okuda, Takasugi, PLB 102 (1981) 323]

[Langacker, Petcov, Steigman, Toshev, NPB 282 (1987) 589]

Evolution of Amplitudes:  $i \frac{d\psi_\alpha}{dx} = \frac{1}{2E} \sum_\beta \left( UM^2 U^\dagger + 2EV \right)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_\beta$

difference:  $\begin{cases} \text{Dirac:} & U^{(\text{D})} \\ \text{Majorana:} & U^{(\text{M})} = U^{(\text{D})} D(\lambda) \end{cases}$

$$D(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_{21}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & e^{i\lambda_{N1}} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow D^\dagger = D^{-1}$$

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & m_2^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & m_N^2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow DM^2 = M^2 D \Rightarrow DM^2 D^\dagger = M^2$$

$$U^{(\text{M})} M^2 (U^{(\text{M})})^\dagger = U^{(\text{D})} D M^2 D^\dagger (U^{(\text{D})})^\dagger = U^{(\text{D})} M^2 (U^{(\text{D})})^\dagger$$

# 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

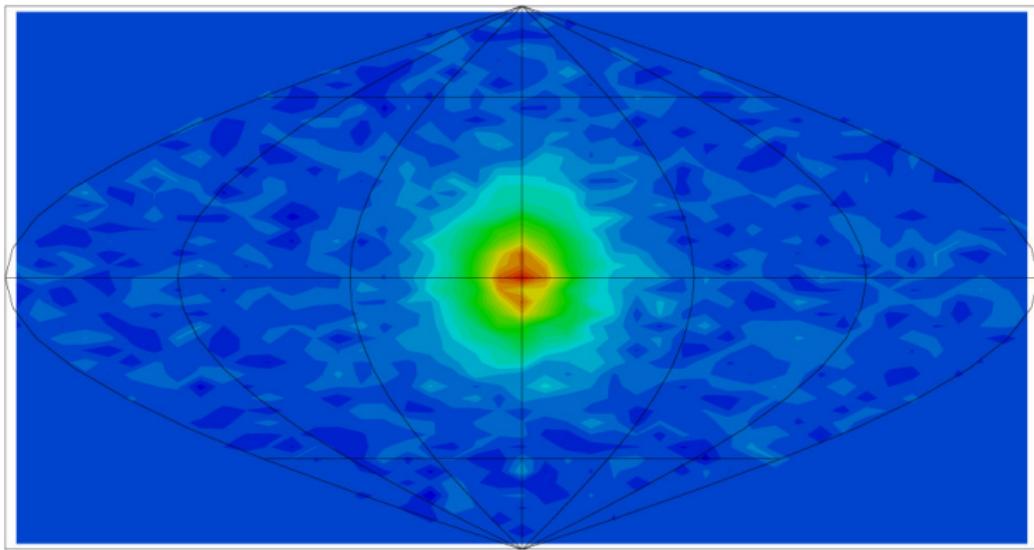
$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix}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

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

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

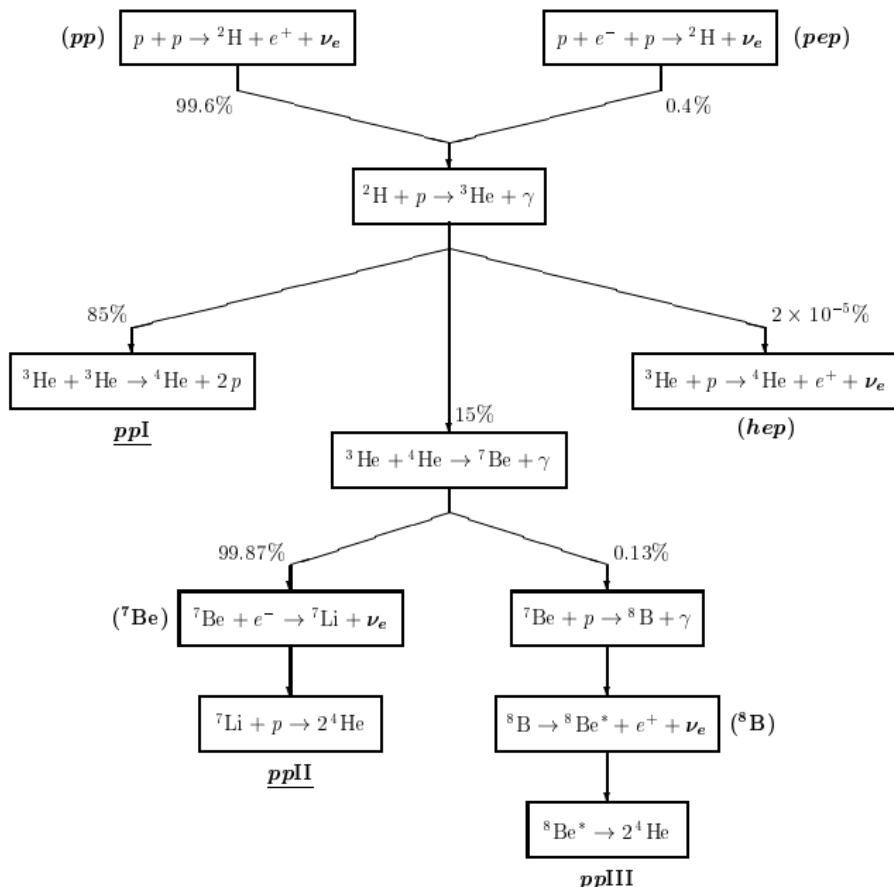
$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \text{SNO, Borexino} \\ \text{Super-Kamiokande} \\ \text{GALLEX/GNO, SAGE} \\ \text{Homestake, Kamiokande} \\ \text{(KamLAND)} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_S^2 = \Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq 7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_S = \sin^2 \vartheta_{12} \simeq 0.30 \end{array} \right.$$

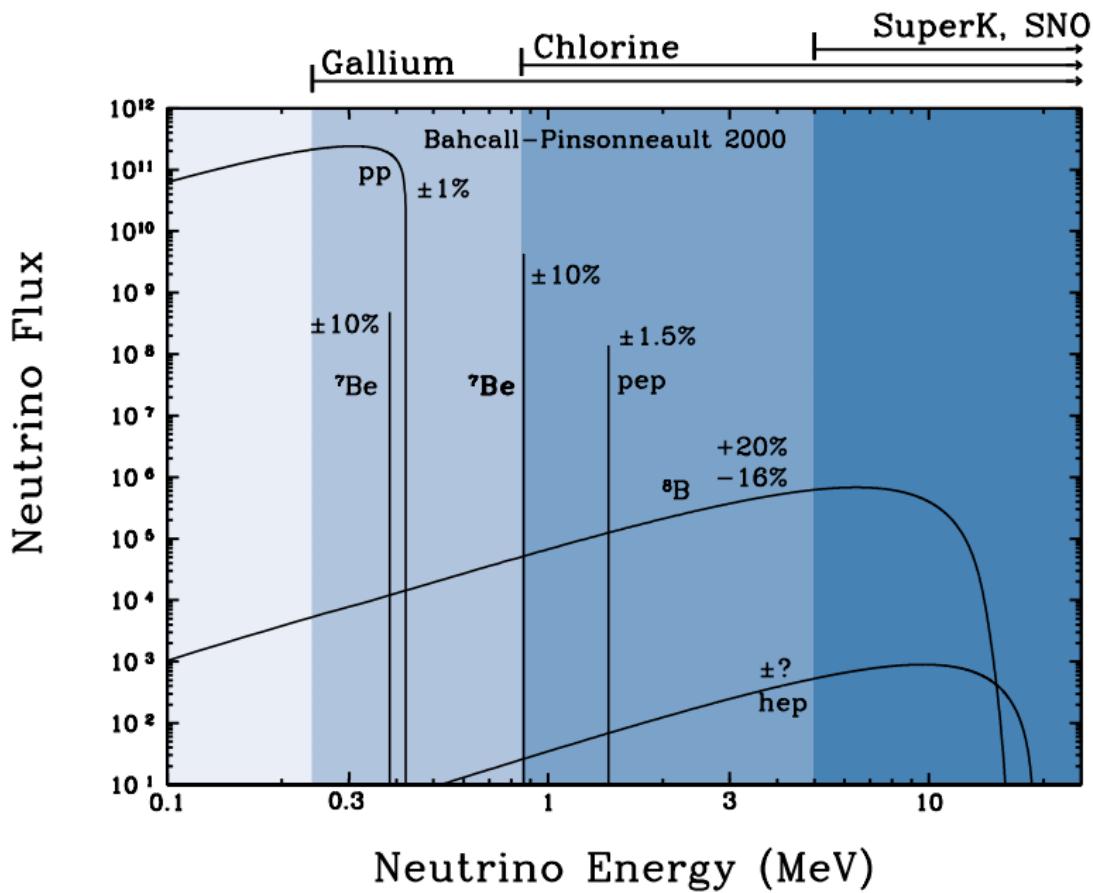
## Solar Neutrinos



The sun observed through neutrinos by Super-Kamiokande

# Standard Solar Model (SSM): *pp* chain





## Solar Neutrino Observations

- ▶ 1957: Bruno Pontecorvo suggests to observe solar neutrinos using a detector tank containing Chlorine through the process



- ▶ 1964: John N. Bahcall calculates the cross sections and finds that it is enough to observe solar neutrinos.
- ▶ 1964: Raymond Davis proposes the Homestake experiment that is constructed in 1965–1967. It is based in the radiochemical counting of the  ${}^{37}\text{Ar}$  produced by solar neutrinos in a tank with 615 tons of tetrachloroethylene ( $\text{C}_2\text{Cl}_4$ ).
- ▶ 1970: Davis (2002 Physics Nobel Prize) and collaborators observe for the first time solar neutrinos counting  ${}^{37}\text{Ar}$  atoms that are produced with a rate of about one every 2 days in the Homestake detector which contains about  $2 \times 10^{30}$  atoms!
- ▶ Solar neutrinos have been observed in the experiments Homestake (1970-1994), Kamiokande (1987-1995) SAGE (1990-2010), GALLEX/GNO (1991-2000), Super-Kamiokande (1996-2019), SNO (1999-2008), Borexino (2007-2019).

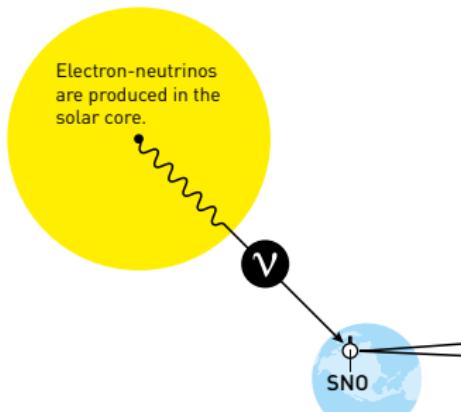
# The solar neutrino problem

- ▶ 1968: Bruno Pontecorvo suggests that part of solar  $\nu_e$ 's can disappear into  $\nu_\mu$  (or  $\nu_\tau$ ) due to oscillations.
- ▶ 1970: Discovery of the solar neutrino problem in the Homestake experiment that counts about 0.5  $^{37}\text{Ar}$  atoms per day with a SSM prediction of about 1.5  $^{37}\text{Ar}$  atoms per day.
- ▶ All the other solar neutrino experiments observed a suppression of the solar  $\nu_e$  signal.
- ▶ From 1970 to 2002 experts debated on the possible solutions of the solar neutrino problem.
- ▶ The two solutions that were considered more likely are:
  - ▶ There is a mistake in the SSM prediction of the solar  $\nu_e$  flux.
  - ▶ Part of the solar  $\nu_e$ 's disappear into  $\nu_\mu$  (or  $\nu_\tau$ ) due to oscillations as suggested by Pontecorvo.

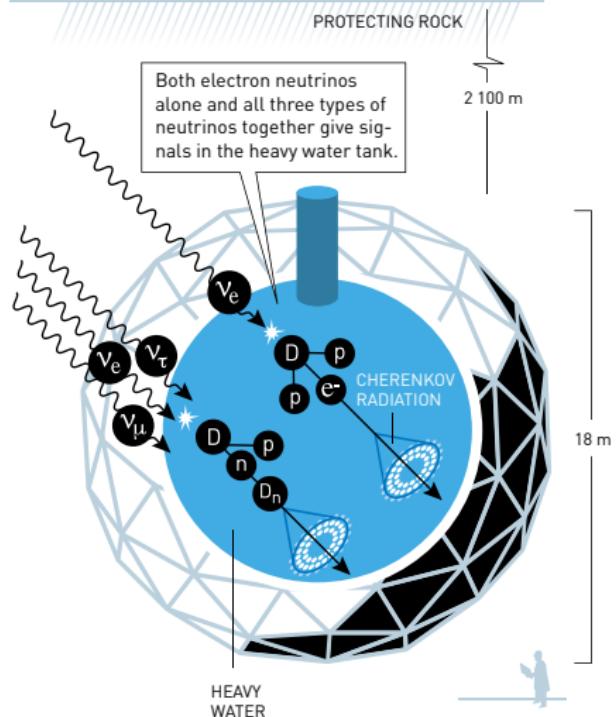
# The SNO Experiment

1 kton of D<sub>2</sub>O, Cherenkov detector, 2100 m underground

NEUTRINOS FROM  
THE SUN



SUDBURY NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY (SNO)  
ONTARIO, CANADA

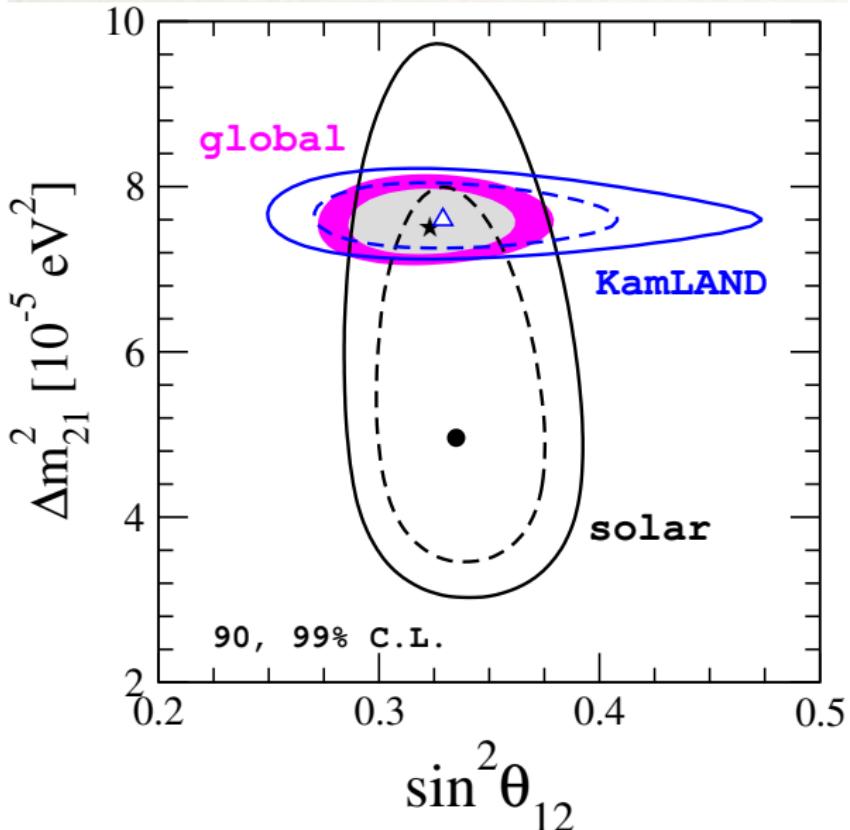


- ▶ Observed SNO rates relative to the SSM predictions:

$$\frac{R_{CC}^{\text{SNO}}}{R_{CC}^{\text{SSM}}} = 0.35 \pm 0.02$$

$$\frac{R_{NC}^{\text{SNO}}}{R_{NC}^{\text{SSM}}} = 1.02 \pm 0.13$$

- ▶ The CC measurements confirms the solar neutrino problem:  $\nu_e$  disappear.
- ▶ The NC measurement shows that the total flux of  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\tau$  in agreement with the SSM prediction.
- ▶ The only possible explanation of the two measurements is that solar  $\nu_e$ 's transform into  $\nu_\mu$  and/or  $\nu_\tau$ . (A. McDonald: 2015 Physics Nobel Prize)
- ▶ The simplest and most plausible mechanism are neutrino oscillations.
- ▶ The oscillations of solar neutrinos have been confirmed in 2002 by the KamLAND very-long-baseline reactor neutrino experiment.



[M. Tortola @ Neutrino 2018]

# 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  
IceCube, ANTARES

LBL Accelerator  
 $\nu_\mu$  disappearance

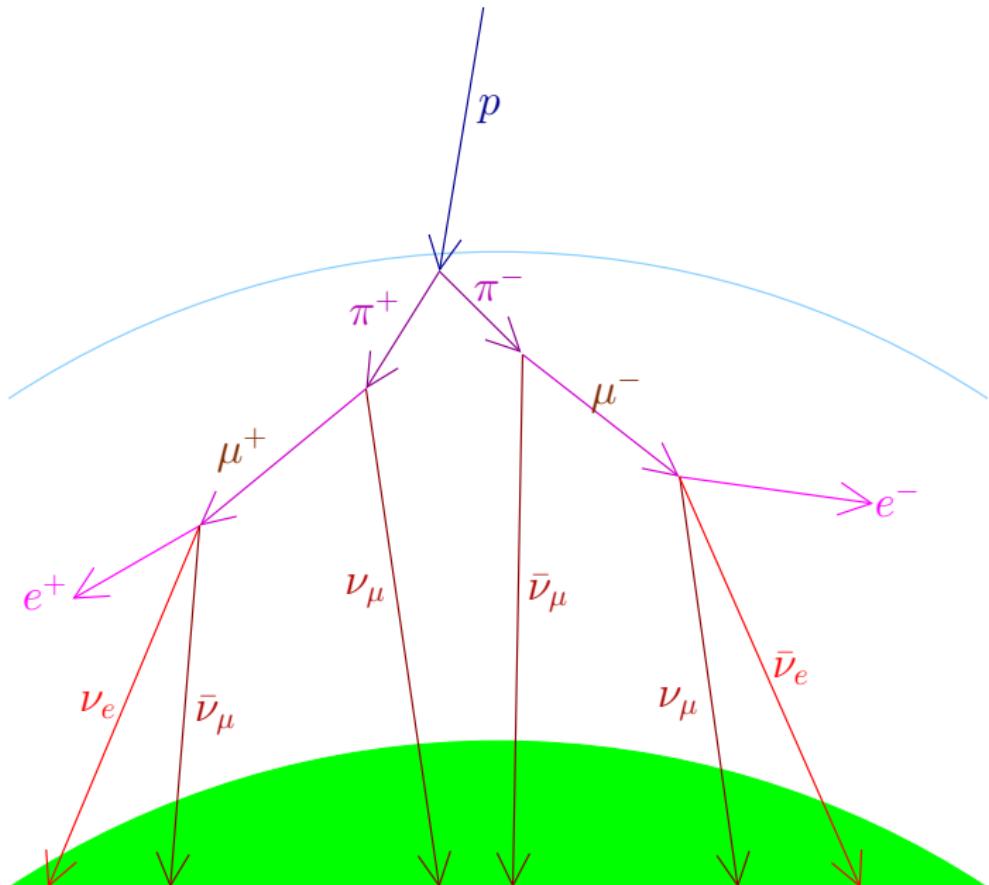
K2K, MINOS  
T2K, NO $\nu$ A

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

(OPERA)

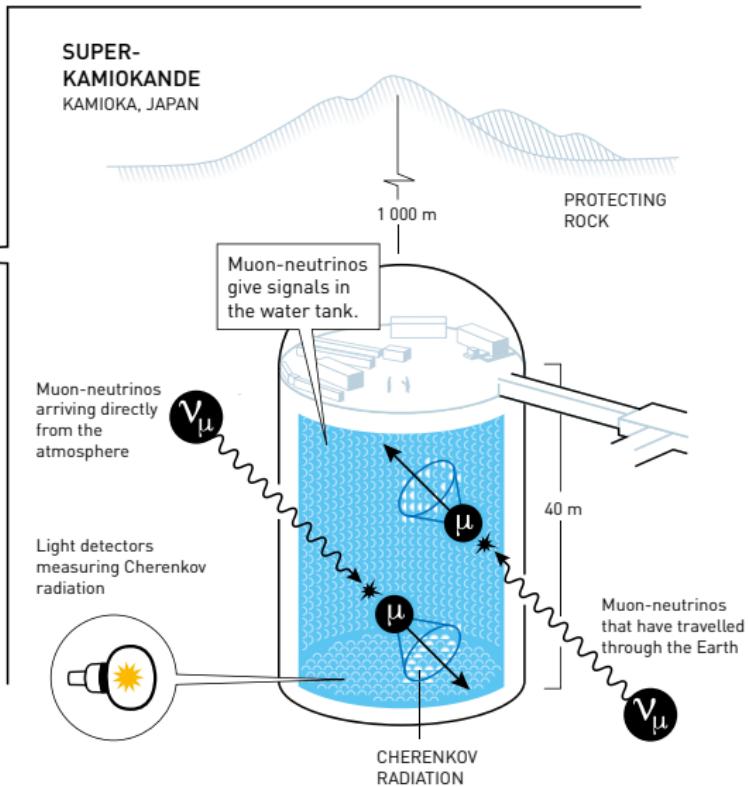
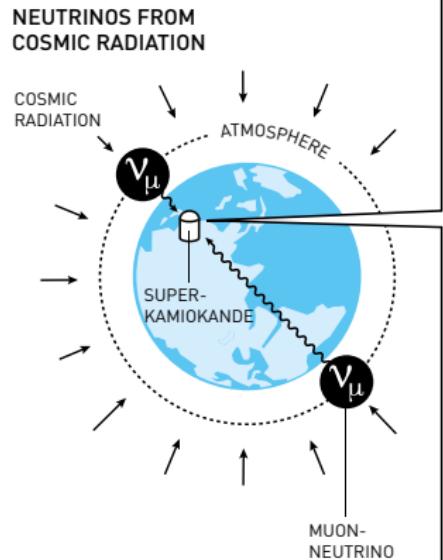
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_A^2 \simeq |\Delta m_{31}^2| \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_A = \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \simeq 0.50 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow$$

# Atmospheric Neutrinos

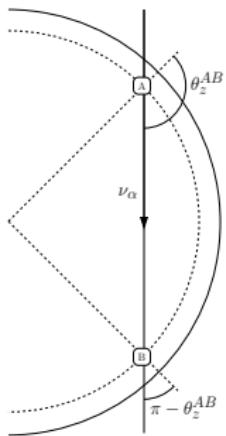


# The Super-Kamiokande Experiment

50 ktons of water, Cherenkov detector, 1000 m underground



# The Super-Kamiokande Up-Down Asymmetry



$E_\nu \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow$  isotropic flux of cosmic rays

$$\phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{(A)}(\theta_z^{AB}) = \phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{(B)}(\theta_z^{AB})$$

$$\phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{(A)}(\theta_z^{AB}) = \phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{(B)}(\pi - \theta_z^{AB})$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$\phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{(B)}(\theta_z) = \phi_{\nu_\alpha}^{(B)}(\pi - \theta_z)$$

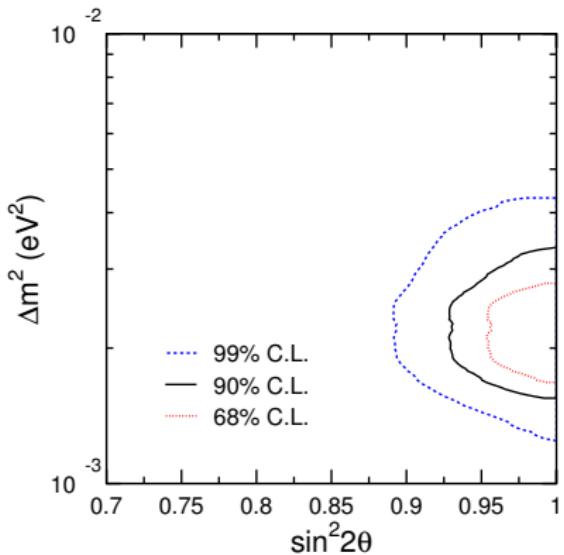
$$A_{\nu_\mu}^{\text{up-down}}(\text{SK}) = \left( \frac{N_{\nu_\mu}^{\text{up}} - N_{\nu_\mu}^{\text{down}}}{N_{\nu_\mu}^{\text{up}} + N_{\nu_\mu}^{\text{down}}} \right) = -0.296 \pm 0.048 \pm 0.01$$

[Super-Kamiokande, Phys. Rev. Lett. 81 (1998) 1562, hep-ex/9807003]

**$6\sigma$  MODEL INDEPENDENT EVIDENCE OF  $\nu_\mu$  DISAPPEARANCE!**

(T. Kajita: 2015 Physics Nobel Prize)

# Fit of Super-Kamiokande Atmospheric Data



Best Fit:  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau \\ \Delta m^2 = 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 2\theta = 1.0 \end{array} \right.$   
1489.2 live-days (Apr 1996 – Jul 2001)

[Super-Kamiokande, PRD 71 (2005) 112005, hep-ex/0501064]

Measure of  $\nu_\tau$  CC Int. is Difficult:

- $E_{\text{th}} = 3.5 \text{ GeV} \implies \sim 20 \text{ events/yr}$
- $\tau$ -Decay  $\implies$  Many Final States

$\nu_\tau$ -Enriched Sample

$$N_{\nu_\tau}^{\text{the}} = 78 \pm 26 \text{ @ } \Delta m^2 = 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$N_{\nu_\tau}^{\text{exp}} = 138^{+50}_{-58}$$

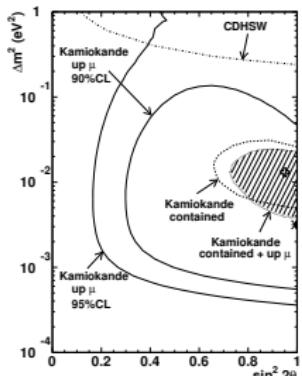
$$N_{\nu_\tau} > 0 \text{ @ } 2.4\sigma$$

[Super-Kamiokande, PRL 97(2006) 171801, hep-ex/0607059]

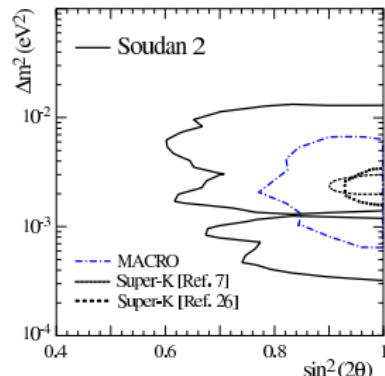
Check: OPERA ( $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ )  
CERN to Gran Sasso (CNGS)  
 $L \simeq 732 \text{ km}$        $\langle E \rangle \simeq 18 \text{ GeV}$

[NJP 8 (2006) 303, hep-ex/0611023]

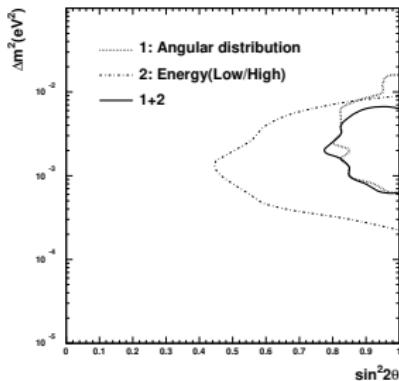
# Kamiokande, Soudan-2, MACRO and MINOS



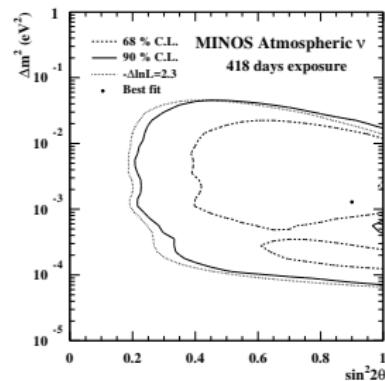
[Kamiokande, hep-ex/9806038]



[Soudan 2, hep-ex/0507068]

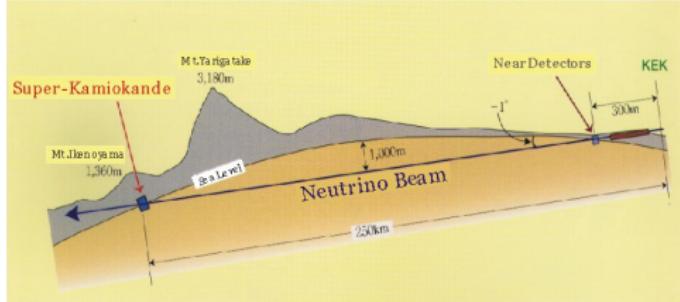


[MACRO, hep-ex/0304037]

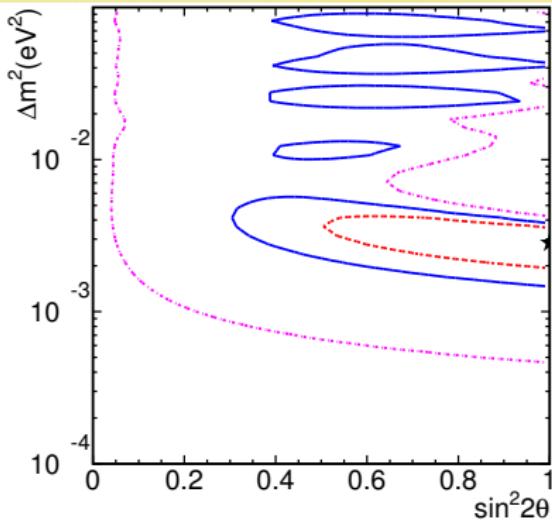


[MINOS, hep-ex/0512036]

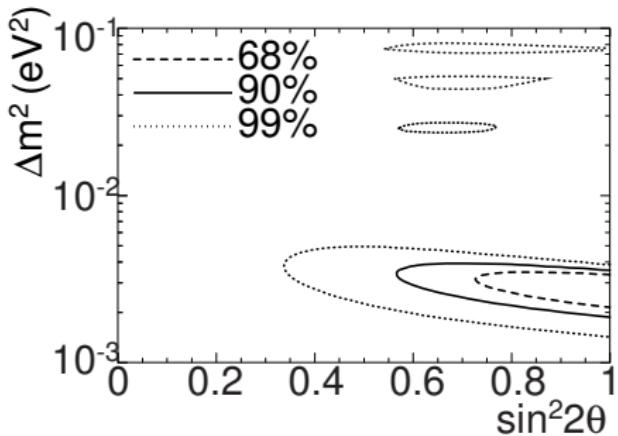
## confirmation of atmospheric allowed region (June 2002)



KEK to Kamioka  
(Super-Kamiokande)  
250 km  
 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$



[K2K, Phys. Rev. Lett. 90 (2003) 041801]



[K2K, PRL 94 (2005) 081802, hep-ex/0411038]

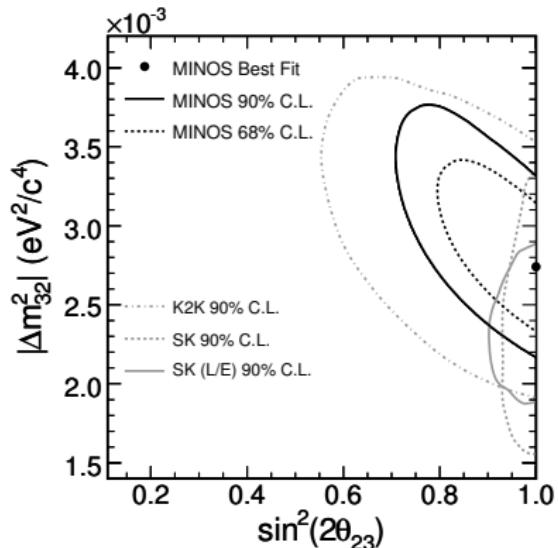
# MINOS

May 2005 – Feb 2006

<http://www-numi.fnal.gov/>



Near Detector: 1 km



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

$$\Delta m^2 = 2.74^{+0.44}_{-0.26} \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta > 0.87 @ 68\% CL$$

[MINOS, PRL 97 (2006) 191801, hep-ex/0607088]



## Discovery of $\tau$ Neutrino Appearance in the CNGS Neutrino Beam with the OPERA Experiment

The OPERA experiment was designed to search for  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  oscillations in appearance mode, i.e., by detecting the  $\tau$  leptons produced in charged current  $\nu_\tau$  interactions. The experiment took data from 2008 to 2012 in the CERN Neutrinos to Gran Sasso beam. The observation of the  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  appearance, achieved with four candidate events in a subsample of the data, was previously reported. In this Letter, a fifth  $\nu_\tau$  candidate event, found in an enlarged data sample, is described. Together with a further reduction of the expected background, the candidate events detected so far allow us to assess the discovery of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  oscillations in appearance mode with a significance larger than  $5\sigma$ .

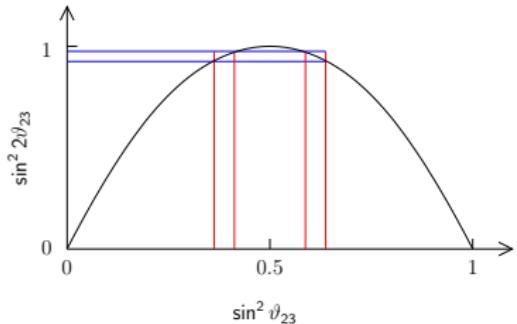
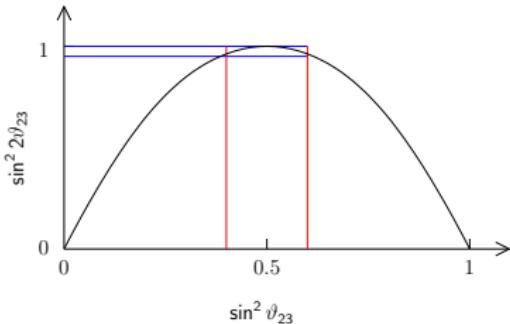
Expected background

Channel	Charm	Had. reinterac.	Large $\mu$ scat.	Total	Expected signal	Observed
$\tau \rightarrow 1h$	$0.017 \pm 0.003$	$0.022 \pm 0.006$		$0.04 \pm 0.01$	$0.52 \pm 0.10$	3
$\tau \rightarrow 3h$	$0.17 \pm 0.03$	$0.003 \pm 0.001$		$0.17 \pm 0.03$	$0.73 \pm 0.14$	1
$\tau \rightarrow \mu$	$0.004 \pm 0.001$		$0.0002 \pm 0.0001$	$0.004 \pm 0.001$	$0.61 \pm 0.12$	1
$\tau \rightarrow e$	$0.03 \pm 0.01$			$0.03 \pm 0.01$	$0.78 \pm 0.16$	0
Total	$0.22 \pm 0.04$	$0.02 \pm 0.01$	$0.0002 \pm 0.0001$	$0.25 \pm 0.05$	$2.64 \pm 0.53$	5

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

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

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{23} = 4 \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} (1 - \sin^2 \vartheta_{23})$$



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

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

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

# Three-Neutrino Mixing Ingredients

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

LBL Accelerator

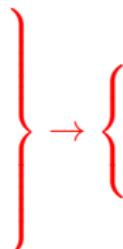
$$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$$

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

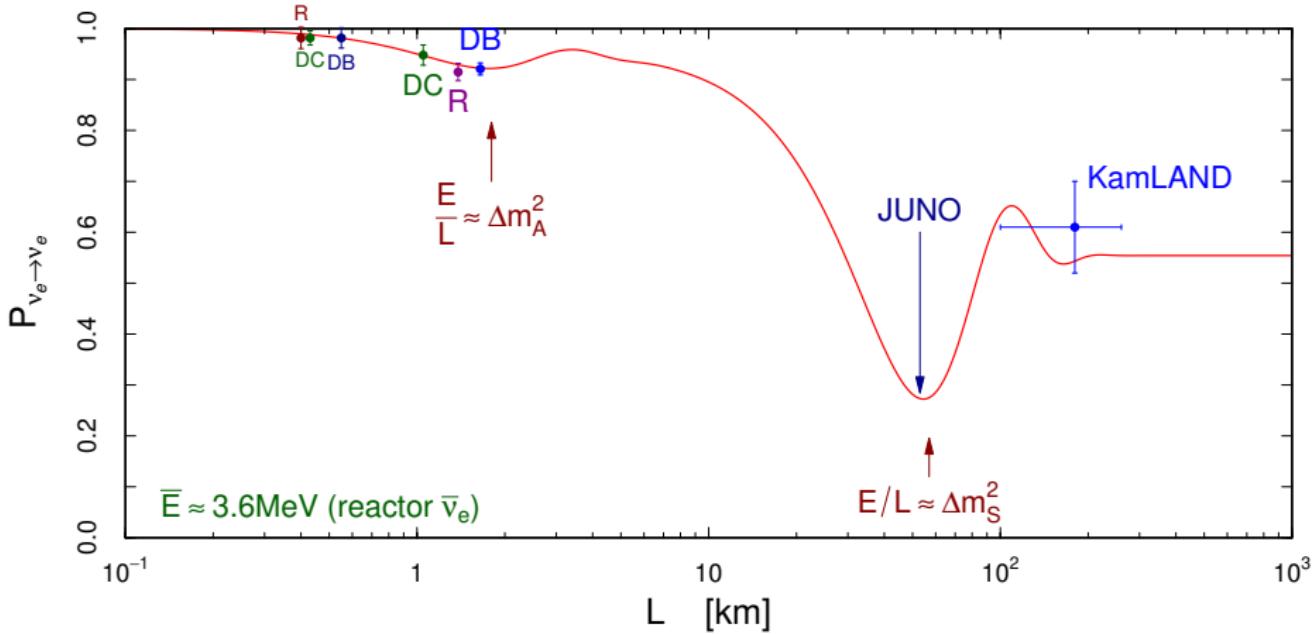
LBL Reactor

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

$\begin{pmatrix} \text{Daya Bay, RENO} \\ \text{Double Chooz} \end{pmatrix}$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Delta m_A^2 \simeq |\Delta m_{31}^2| \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \vartheta_{13} \simeq 0.022 \end{array} \right.$$



# Towards a precise determination of neutrino mixing

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

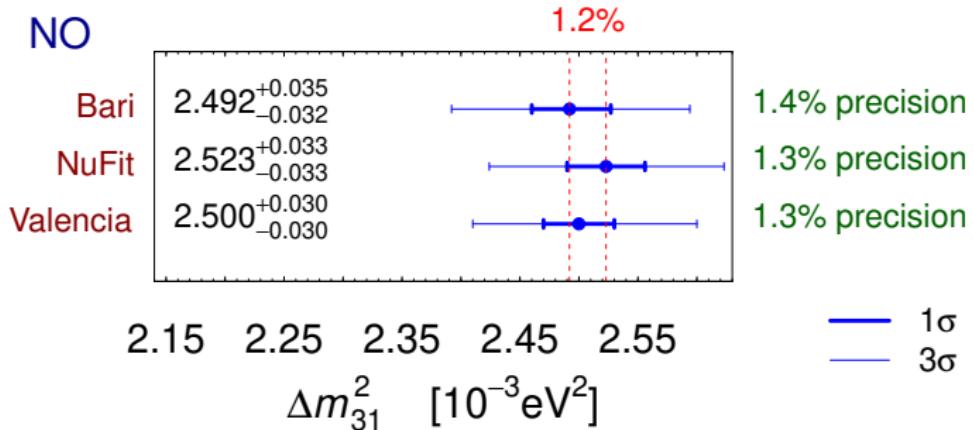
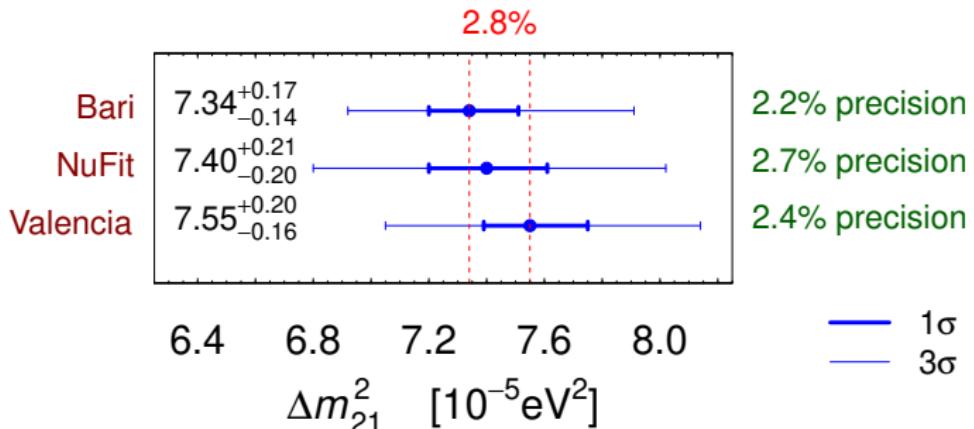
well determined  
↓  
large uncertainty due to  $\vartheta_{23}$  and  $\delta_{13}$   
medium uncertainty due to  $\vartheta_{23}$

totally unknown

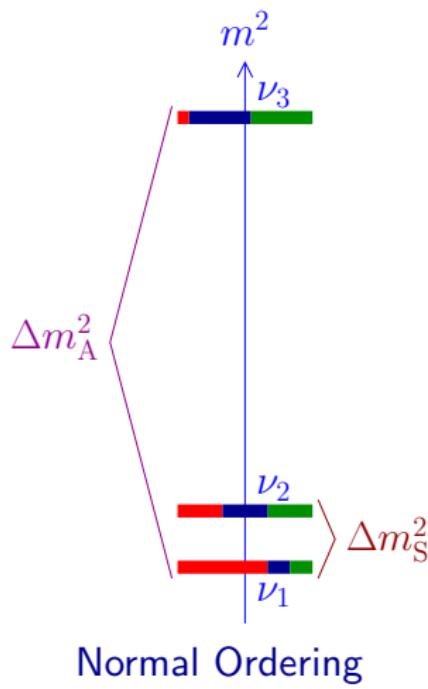
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_{21}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\lambda_{31}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|U|_{3\sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} - & - & - \\ \hline - & - & - \\ - & - & - \end{pmatrix}$$

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



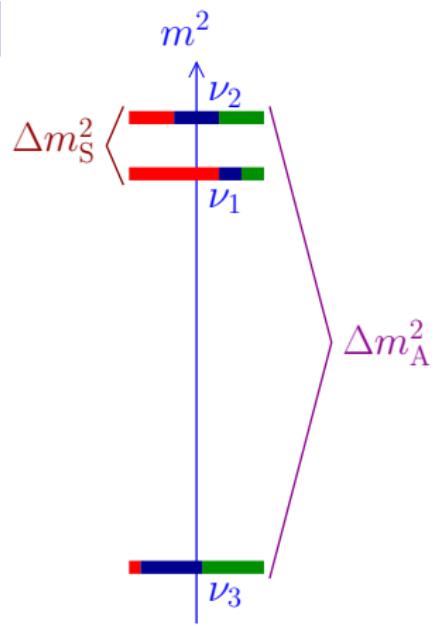
# Mass Ordering



Normal Ordering

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

absolute scale is not determined by neutrino oscillation data



Inverted Ordering

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

# Open Problems

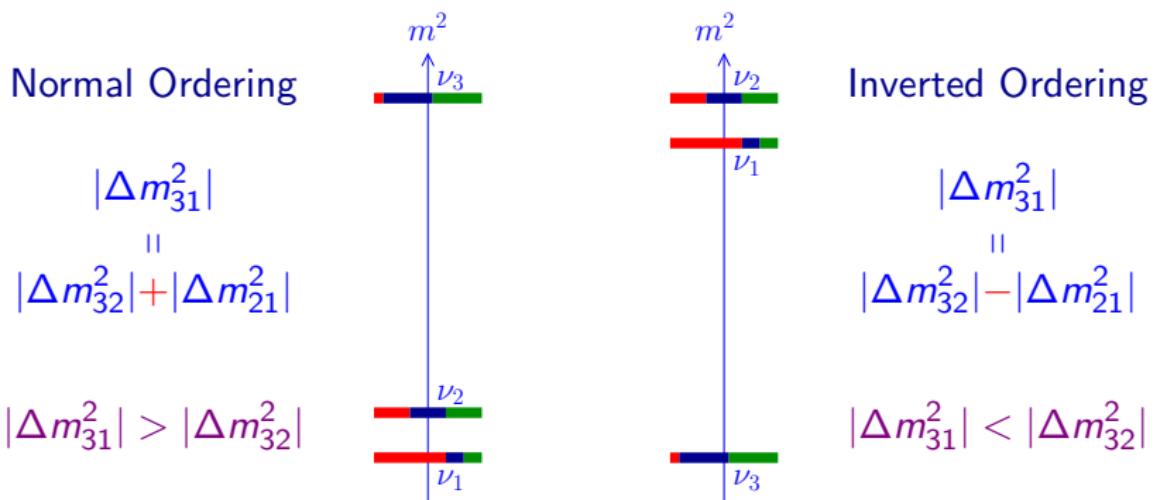
- ▶  $\vartheta_{23} \stackrel{<}{\stackrel{>}{\sim}} 45^\circ$  ?
  - ▶ T2K (Japan), NO $\nu$ A (USA), ...
- ▶ CP violation ?  $\delta_{13} \approx 3\pi/2$  ?
  - ▶ T2K (Japan), NO $\nu$ A (USA), DUNE (USA), HyperK (Japan), ...
- ▶ Mass Ordering ?
  - ▶ JUNO (China), PINGU (Antarctica), ORCA (EU), INO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

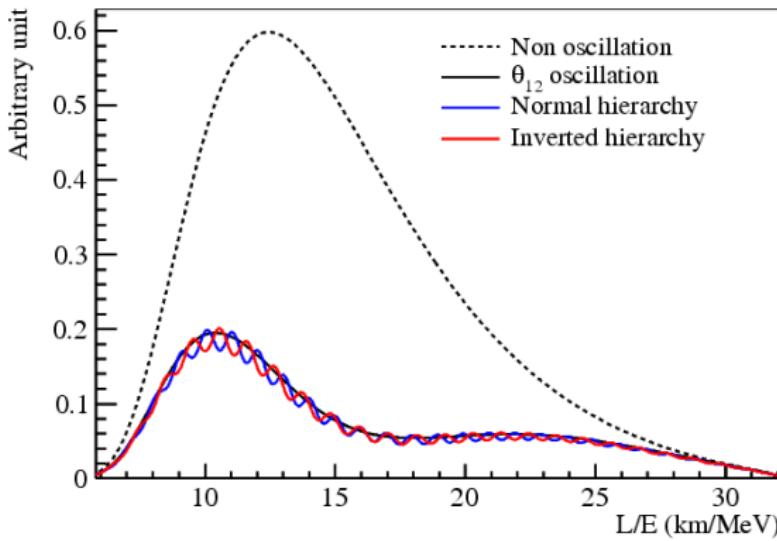
# Determination of Mass Ordering

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

- $\nu_e \leftrightarrows \nu_\mu$  MSW resonance:  $V = \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 \cos 2\vartheta_{13}}{2E} \Leftrightarrow \Delta m_{31}^2 > 0$  NO
- $\bar{\nu}_e \leftrightarrows \bar{\nu}_\mu$  MSW resonance:  $V = -\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 \cos 2\vartheta_{13}}{2E} \Leftrightarrow \Delta m_{31}^2 < 0$  IO

## 2. Phase Difference: Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ (JUNO)





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]

## CP Violation?

$$\begin{aligned} A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CP}} &= P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta} \\ &= -16 J_{\alpha\beta} \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}\right) \\ J_{\alpha\beta} &= \text{Im}(U_{\alpha 1} U_{\alpha 2}^* U_{\beta 1}^* U_{\beta 2}) = \pm J \\ J &= s_{12} c_{12} s_{23} c_{23} s_{13} c_{13}^2 \sin \delta_{13} \end{aligned}$$

Necessary conditions for observation of CP violation:

- ▶ Sensitivity to all mixing angles, including small  $\vartheta_{13}$
- ▶ Sensitivity to oscillations due to  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  and  $\Delta m_{31}^2$

**LBL**  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  **and**  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$

$$\Delta = \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E} \quad A = \frac{2EV}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \quad V = \sqrt{2} G_F N_e$$

$$\sin \theta_{13} \ll 1 \quad \Delta m_{21}^2 / \Delta m_{31}^2 \ll 1$$

$$P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e}^{\text{LBL}} \simeq \sin^2 2\vartheta_{13} \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \frac{\sin^2[(1-A)\Delta]}{(1-A)^2}$$

$$+ \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \sin 2\vartheta_{13} \sin 2\vartheta_{12} \sin 2\vartheta_{23} \cos(\Delta + \delta_{13}) \frac{\sin(A\Delta)}{A} \frac{\sin[(1-A)\Delta]}{1-A}$$

$$+ \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \right)^2 \sin^2 2\vartheta_{12} \cos^2 \vartheta_{23} \frac{\sin^2(A\Delta)}{A^2} \stackrel{\text{CPV}}{\uparrow}$$

NO:  $\Delta m_{31}^2 > 0$

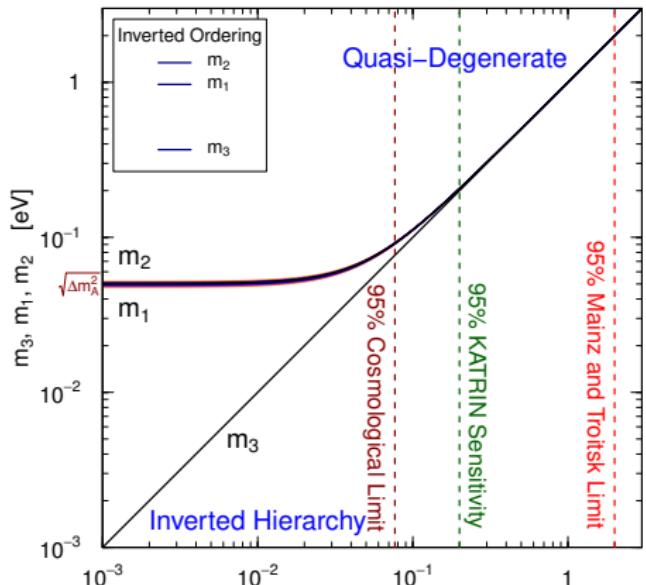
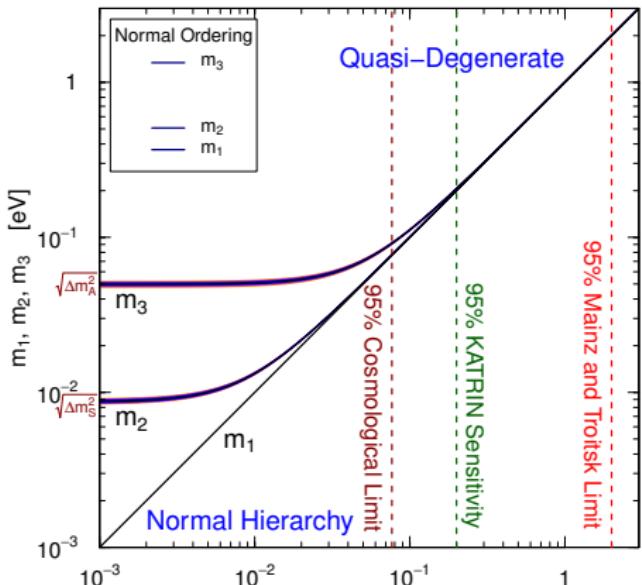
IO:  $\Delta m_{31}^2 < 0$

For antineutrinos:  $\delta_{13} \rightarrow -\delta_{13}$  (CPV) and  $A \rightarrow -A$  (Matter Effect)

[see: Mezzetto, Schwetz, JPG 37 (2010) 103001]

## 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]

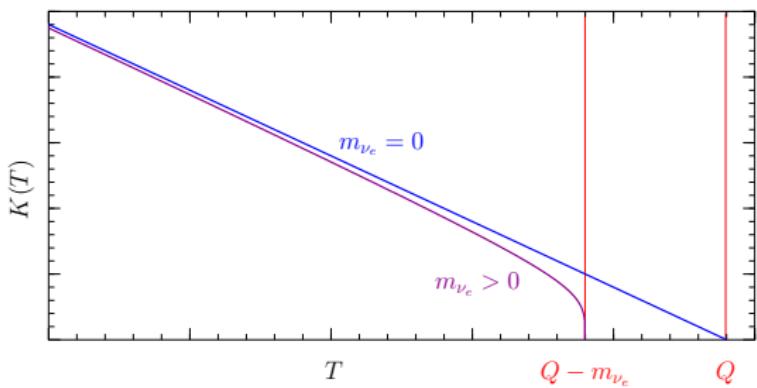
# Tritium Beta-Decay



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

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

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



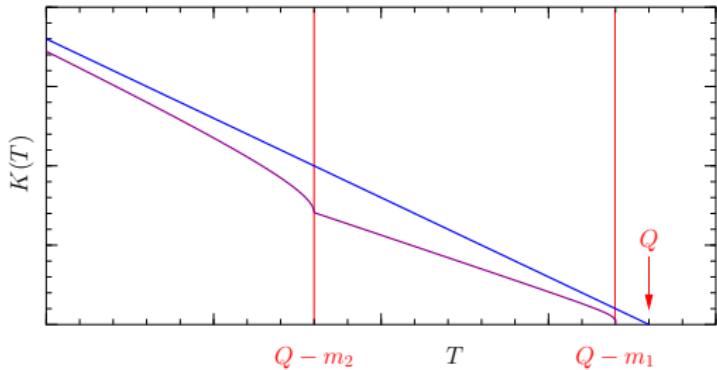
$$m_{\nu_e} < 2.2 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ C.L.})$$

Mainz & Troitsk

[Weinheimer, hep-ex/0210050]

future: KATRIN  
[[www.katrin.kit.edu](http://www.katrin.kit.edu)]  
started data taking 2018  
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  
 $\left( \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 = 1 \right)$

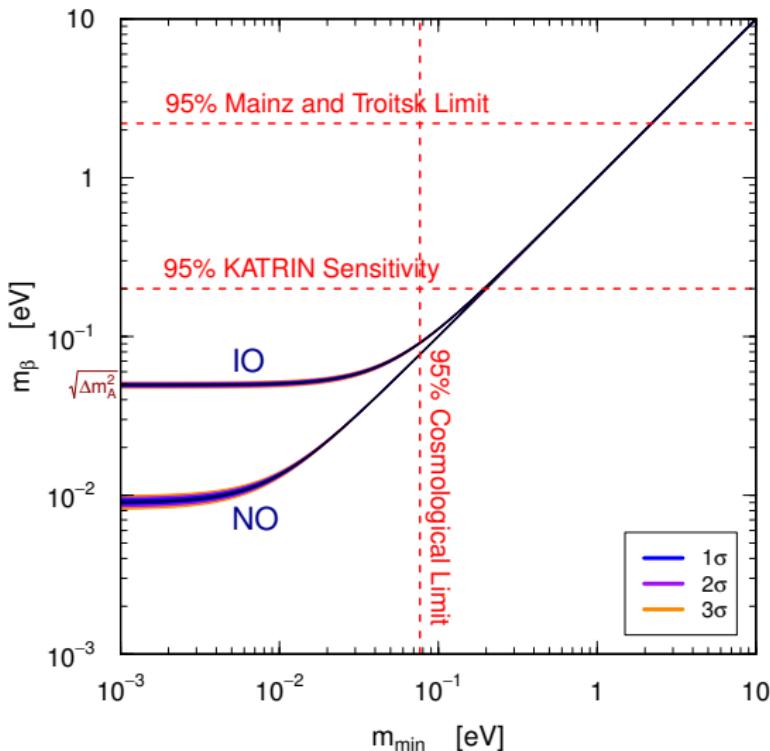
if experiment is not sensitive to masses ( $m_k \ll Q - T$ )

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:

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

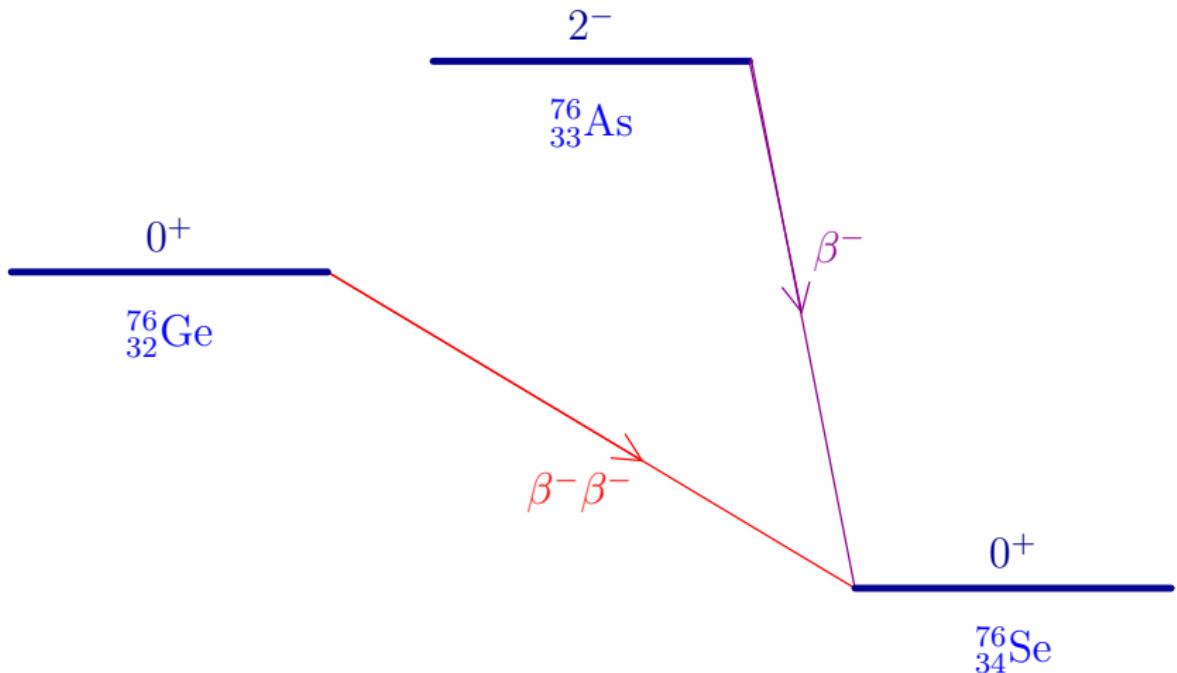
► Normal Hierarchy:

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

► 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

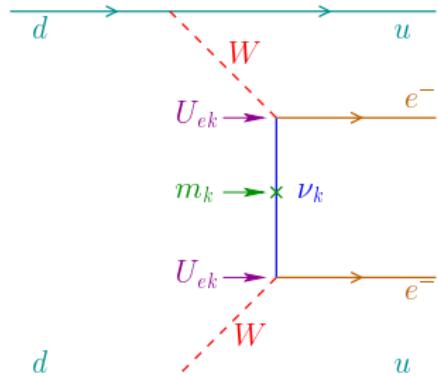
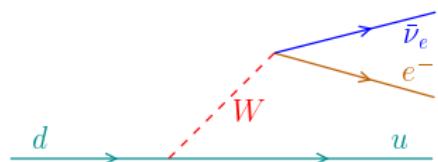
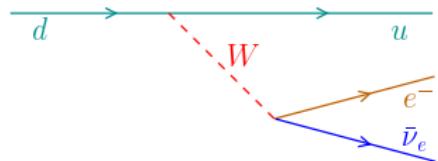
## Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$ Decay: $\Delta L = 2$

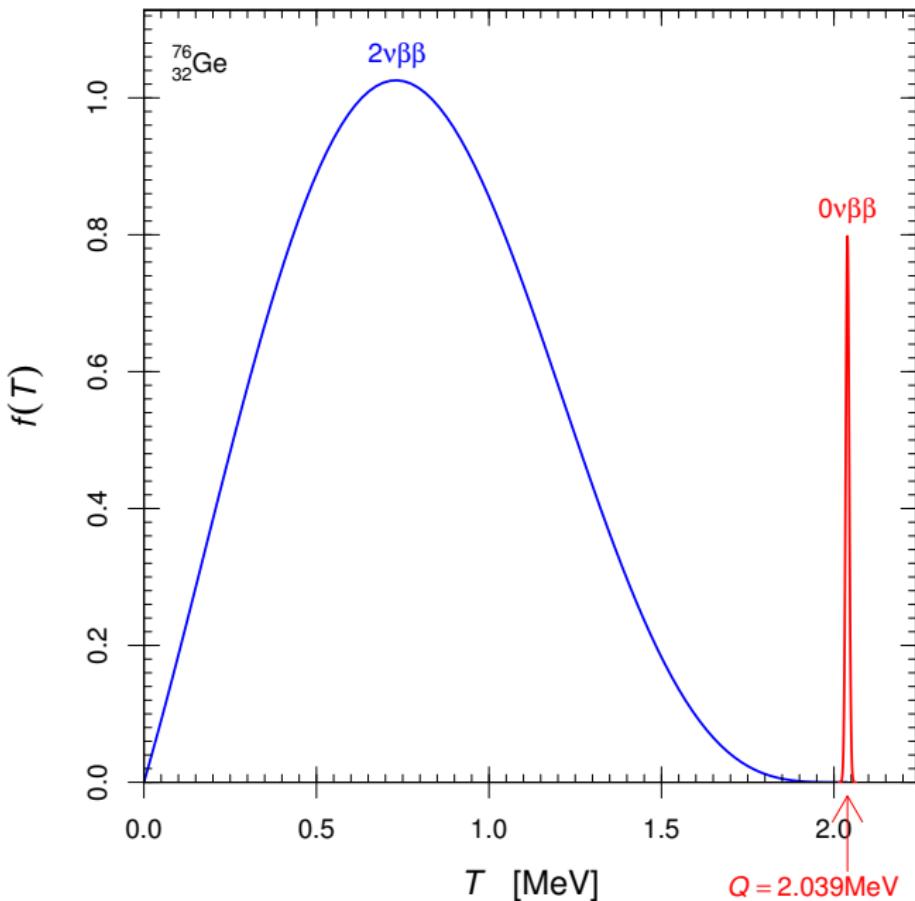
$$\mathcal{N}(A, Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(A, Z+2) + e^- + e^-$$

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

effective  
Majorana  
mass

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



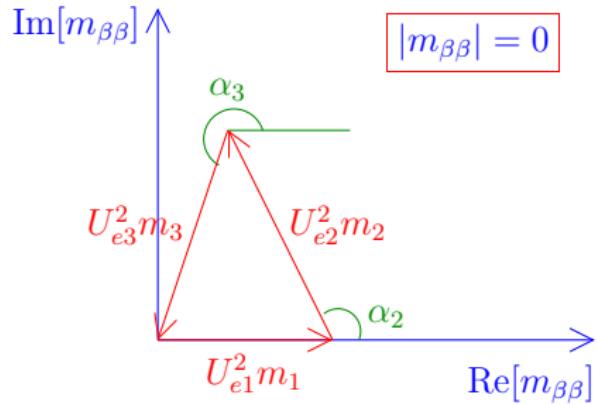
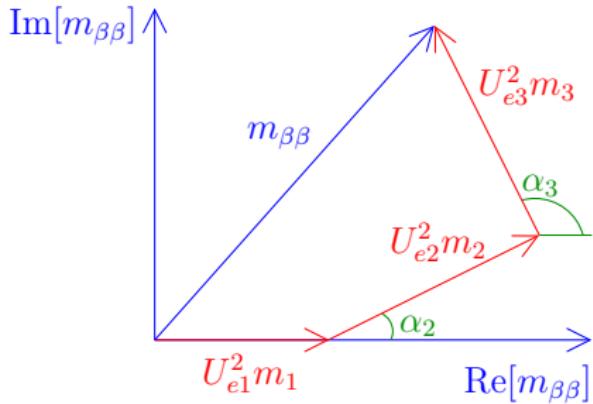


# Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass

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

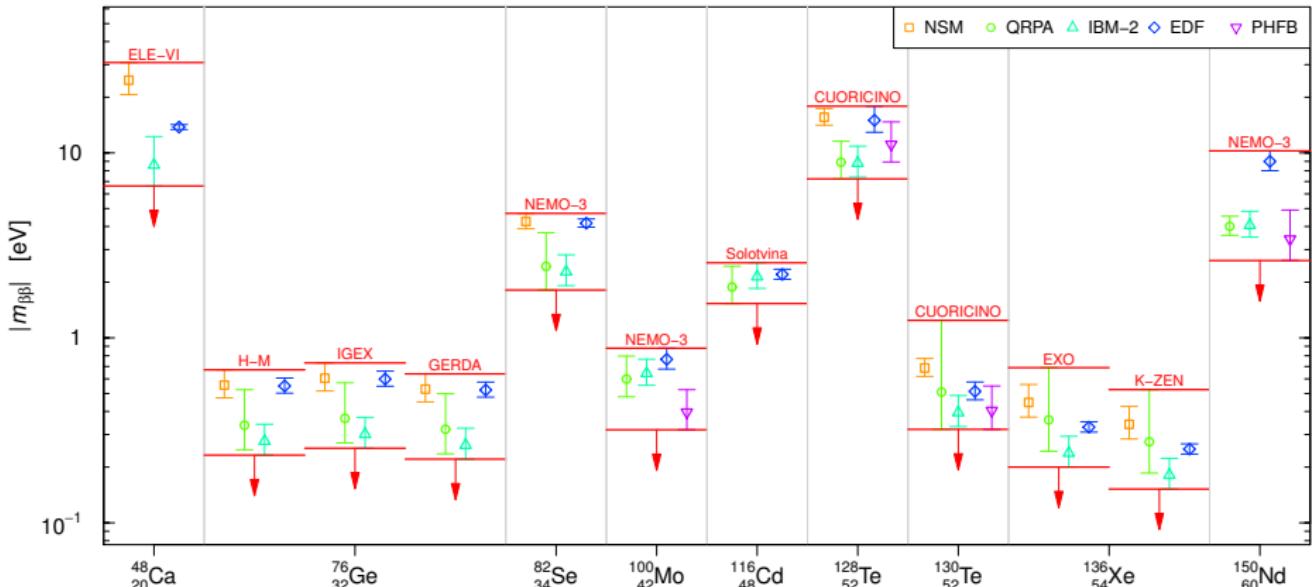
$$m_{\beta\beta} = |U_{e1}|^2 m_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 e^{i\alpha_2} m_2 + |U_{e3}|^2 e^{i\alpha_3} m_3$$

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



# 90% C.L. Experimental Bounds

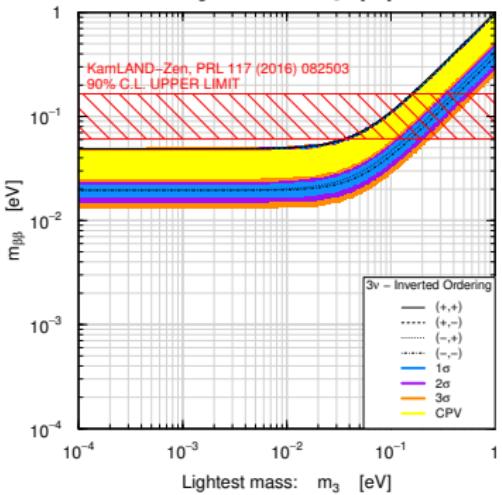
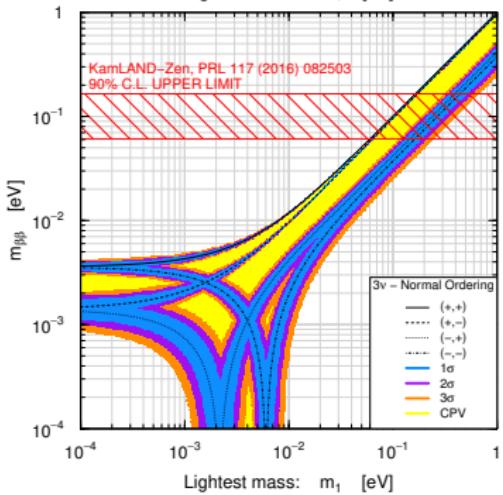
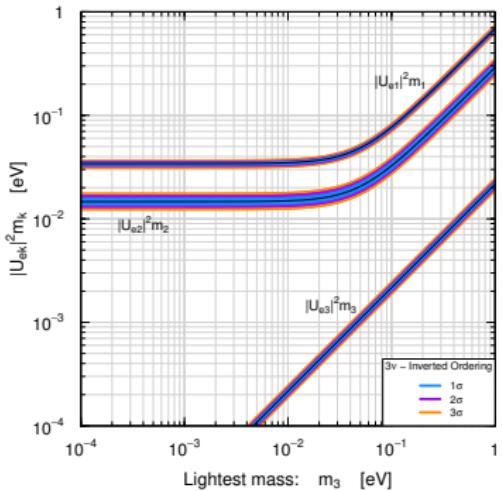
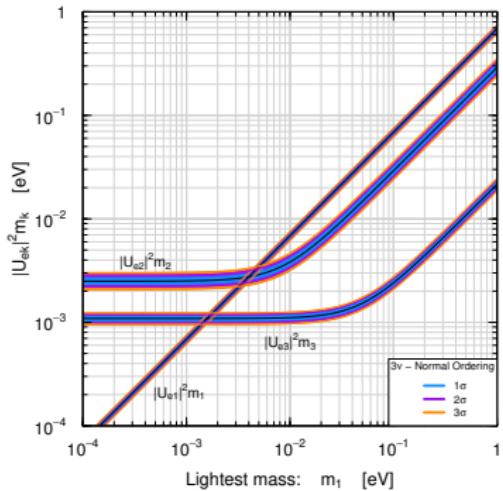
$\beta\beta^-$ decay	experiment	$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}$ [y]	$m_{\beta\beta}$ [eV]
${}_{20}^{48}\text{Ca} \rightarrow {}_{22}^{48}\text{Ti}$	ELEGANT-VI	$> 1.4 \times 10^{22}$	$< 6.6 - 31$
${}_{32}^{76}\text{Ge} \rightarrow {}_{34}^{76}\text{Se}$	Heidelberg-Moscow	$> 1.9 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.23 - 0.67$
	IGEX	$> 1.6 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.25 - 0.73$
	Majorana	$> 4.8 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.20 - 0.43$
	GERDA	$> 8.0 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.12 - 0.26$
${}_{34}^{82}\text{Se} \rightarrow {}_{36}^{82}\text{Kr}$	NEMO-3	$> 1.0 \times 10^{23}$	$< 1.8 - 4.7$
${}_{42}^{100}\text{Mo} \rightarrow {}_{44}^{100}\text{Ru}$	NEMO-3	$> 2.1 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.32 - 0.88$
${}_{48}^{116}\text{Cd} \rightarrow {}_{50}^{116}\text{Sn}$	Solotvina	$> 1.7 \times 10^{23}$	$< 1.5 - 2.5$
${}_{52}^{128}\text{Te} \rightarrow {}_{54}^{128}\text{Xe}$	CUORICINO	$> 1.1 \times 10^{23}$	$< 7.2 - 18$
${}_{52}^{130}\text{Te} \rightarrow {}_{54}^{130}\text{Xe}$	CUORE	$> 1.5 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.11 - 0.52$
${}_{54}^{136}\text{Xe} \rightarrow {}_{56}^{136}\text{Ba}$	EXO	$> 1.1 \times 10^{25}$	$< 0.17 - 0.49$
	KamLAND-Zen	$> 1.1 \times 10^{26}$	$< 0.06 - 0.16$
${}_{60}^{150}\text{Nd} \rightarrow {}_{62}^{150}\text{Sm}$	NEMO-3	$> 2.1 \times 10^{25}$	$< 2.6 - 10$



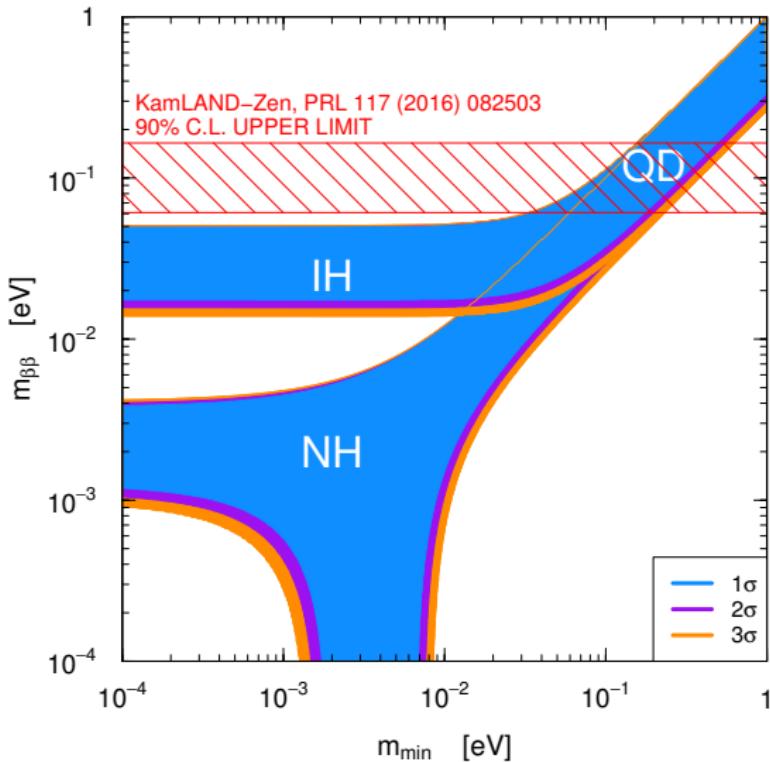
[Bilenky, CG, IJMPA 30 (2015) 0001]

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

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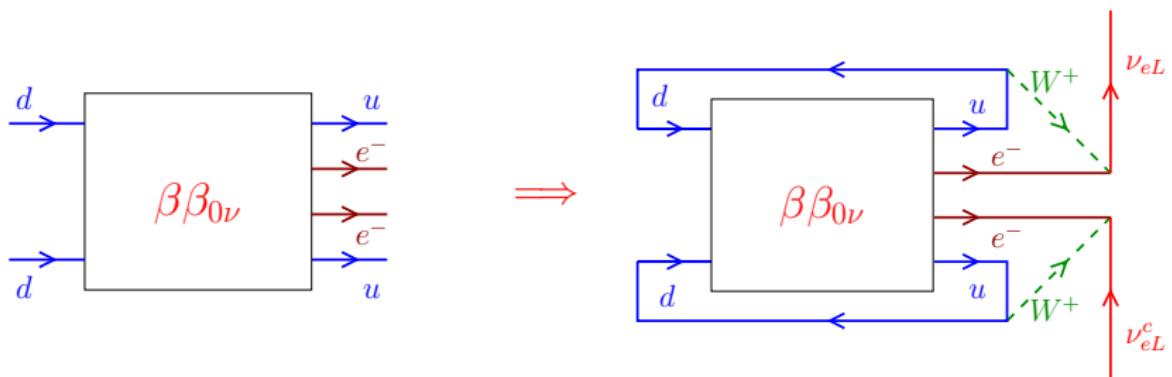


$$m_{\beta\beta} = |U_{e1}|^2 m_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 e^{i\alpha_2} m_2 + |U_{e3}|^2 e^{i\alpha_3} m_3$$



## $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ 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 of Three-Neutrino Mixing

## Robust $3\nu$ -Mixing Paradigm

$$\Delta m_S^2 \simeq 7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \quad \Delta m_A^2 \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

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

$\beta$  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.

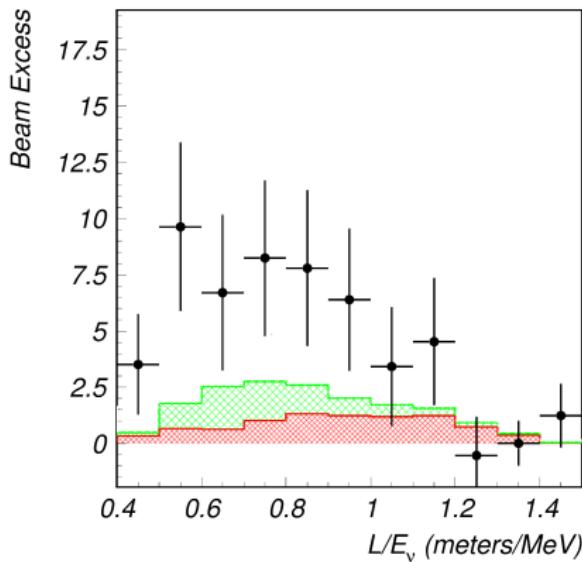
## Short-Baseline Neutrino Oscillation Anomalies

# LSND

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

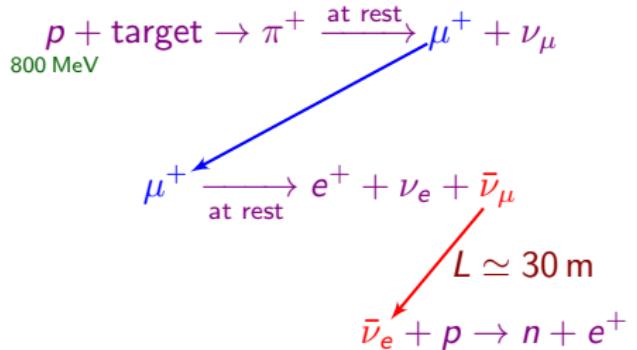
$$\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$20 \text{ MeV} \leq E \leq 52.8 \text{ MeV}$$



$$\Delta m_{SBL}^2 \gtrsim 0.1 \text{ eV}^2 \gg \Delta m_{ATM}^2$$

- Well-known and pure source of  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$



Well-known detection process of  $\bar{\nu}_e$

- $\approx 3.8\sigma$  excess
- But signal not seen by KARMEN at  $L \simeq 18 \text{ m}$  with the same method

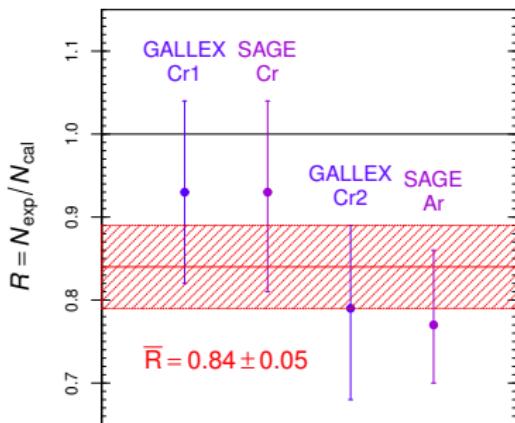
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# Gallium Anomaly

Gallium Radioactive Source Experiments: GALLEX and SAGE

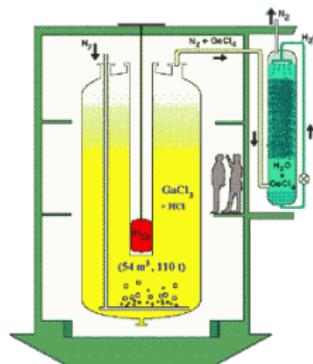


Test of Solar  $\nu_e$  Detection:



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

$$\Delta m^2_{\text{SBL}} \gtrsim 1 \text{ eV}^2 \gg \Delta m^2_{\text{ATM}}$$



$\approx 2.9\sigma$  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,  
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►  ${}^3\text{He} + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \rightarrow {}^{71}\text{Ge} + {}^3\text{H}$  cross section measurement

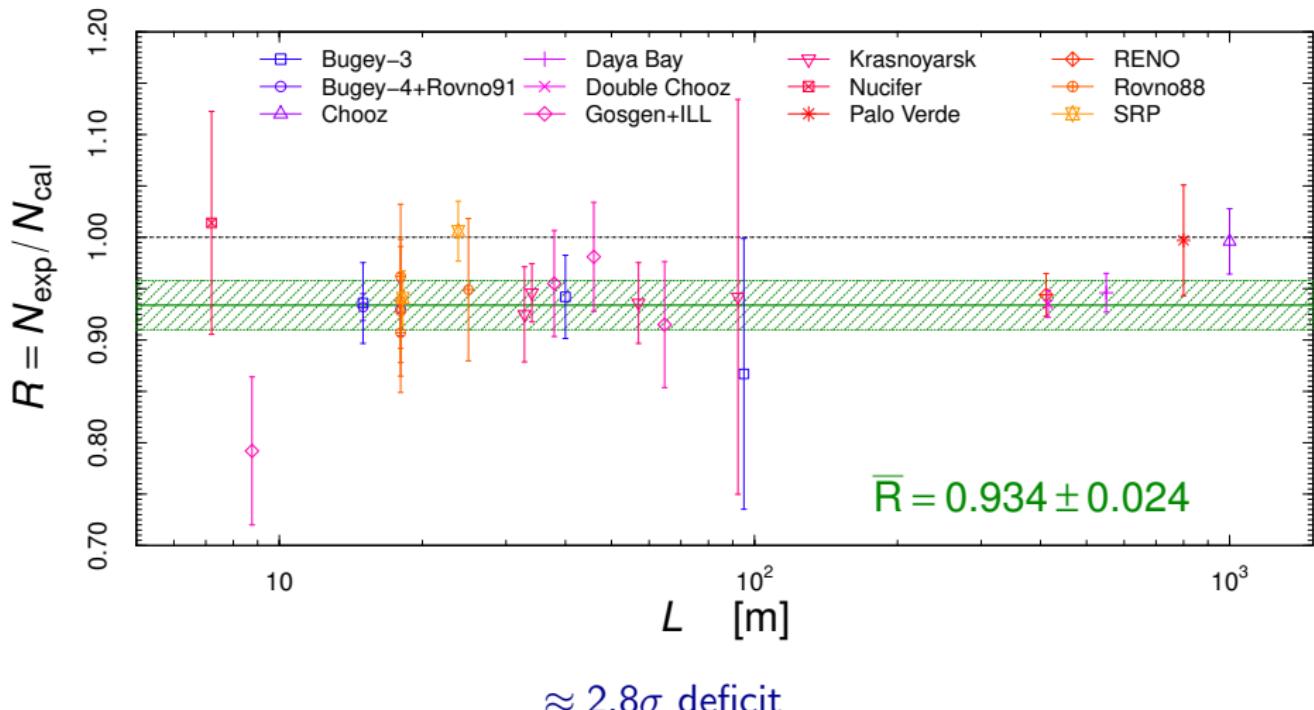
[Frekers et al., PLB 706 (2011) 134]

# Reactor Electron Antineutrino Anomaly

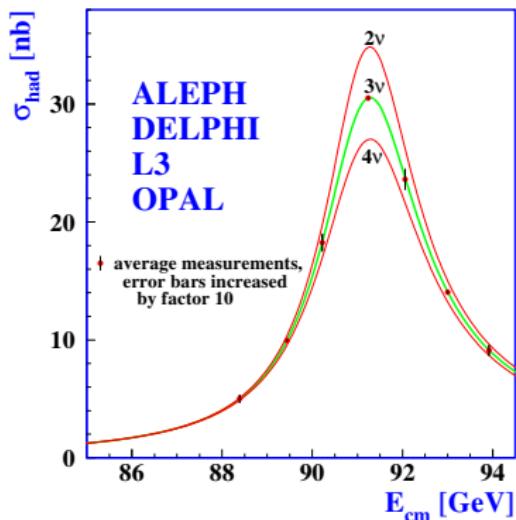
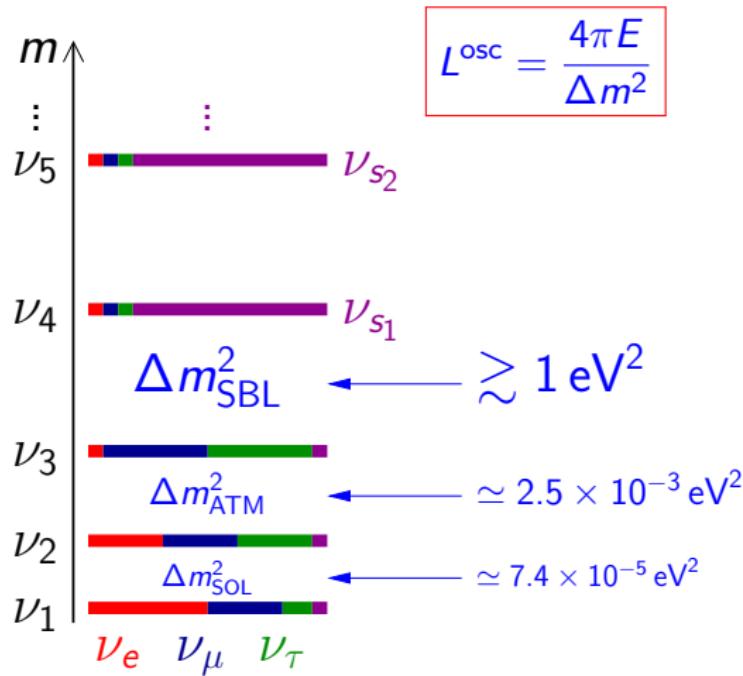
[Mention et al, PRD 83 (2011) 073006]

## New reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$ fluxes: Huber-Mueller (HM)

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



# Beyond Three-Neutrino Mixing: Sterile Neutrinos



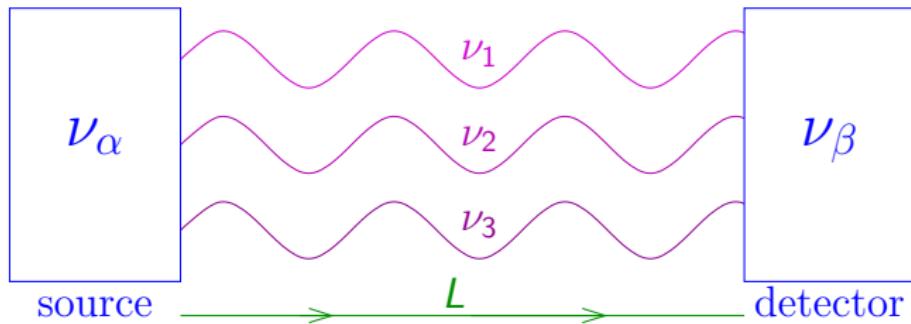
$$N_{\nu_{\text{active}}}^{\text{LEP}} = 2.9840 \pm 0.0082$$

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

# Short-Baseline Neutrino Oscillations

## Three-Neutrino Mixing

$$|\nu_{\text{source}}\rangle = |\nu_\alpha\rangle = U_{\alpha 1} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\alpha 2} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\alpha 3} |\nu_3\rangle$$



$$|\nu_{\text{detector}}\rangle \simeq U_{\alpha 1} e^{-iEL} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\alpha 2} e^{-iEL} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\alpha 3} e^{-iEL} |\nu_3\rangle = e^{-iEL} |\nu_\alpha\rangle$$

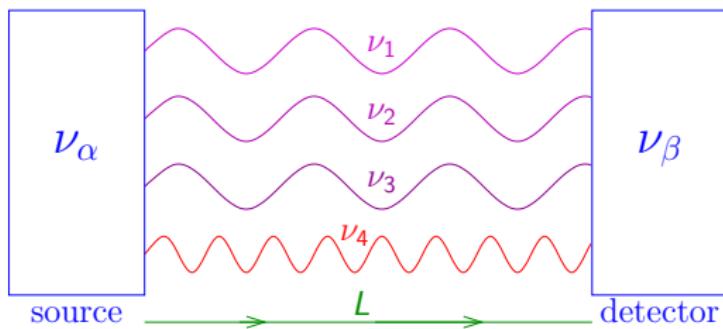
$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L) = |\langle \nu_\beta | \nu_{\text{detector}} \rangle|^2 \simeq |e^{-iEL} \langle \nu_\beta | \nu_\alpha \rangle|^2 = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

No Observable Short-Baseline Neutrino Oscillations!

# Short-Baseline Neutrino Oscillations

3+1 Neutrino Mixing

$$|\nu_{\text{source}}\rangle = |\nu_\alpha\rangle = U_{\alpha 1} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\alpha 2} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\alpha 3} |\nu_3\rangle + U_{\alpha 4} |\nu_4\rangle$$



$$|\nu_{\text{detector}}\rangle \simeq e^{-iEL} (U_{\alpha 1} |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\alpha 2} |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\alpha 3} |\nu_3\rangle) + U_{\alpha 4} e^{-iE_4 L} |\nu_4\rangle \neq |\nu_\alpha\rangle$$

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(L) = |\langle \nu_\beta | \nu_{\text{detector}} \rangle|^2 \neq \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

Observable Short-Baseline Neutrino Oscillations!

The oscillation probabilities depend on  $U$  and

$$\Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2 = \Delta m_{41}^2 \simeq \Delta m_{42}^2 \simeq \Delta m_{43}^2$$

# Effective 3+1 SBL Oscillation Probabilities

Appearance ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ )

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

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{\alpha\beta} = 4|U_{\alpha 4}|^2 |U_{\beta 4}|^2$$

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

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

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

- ▶  $\Delta m_{\text{SBL}}^2 = \Delta m_{41}^2 \simeq \Delta m_{42}^2 \simeq \Delta m_{43}^2$
- ▶ CP violation is not observable in SBL experiments!
- ▶ Observable in LBL accelerator exp. sensitive to  $\Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2$  [de Gouvea et al, PRD 91 (2015) 053005, PRD 92 (2015) 073012, arXiv:1605.09376; Palazzo et al, PRD 91 (2015) 073017, PLB 757 (2016) 142; Kayser et al, JHEP 1511 (2015) 039, JHEP 1611 (2016) 122] and solar exp. sensitive to  $\Delta m_{\text{SOL}}^2$  [Long, Li, CG, PRD 87, 113004 (2013) 113004]

- ▶ 6 mixing angles
- ▶ 3 Dirac CP phases
- ▶ 3 Majorana CP phases

# 3+1: Appearance vs Disappearance

► SBL Oscillation parameters:  $\Delta m_{41}^2$      $|U_{e4}|^2$      $|U_{\mu 4}|^2$     ( $|U_{\tau 4}|^2$ )

► 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:

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

► Amplitude of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  transitions:

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

quadratically suppressed for small  $|U_{e4}|^2$  and  $|U_{\mu 4}|^2$

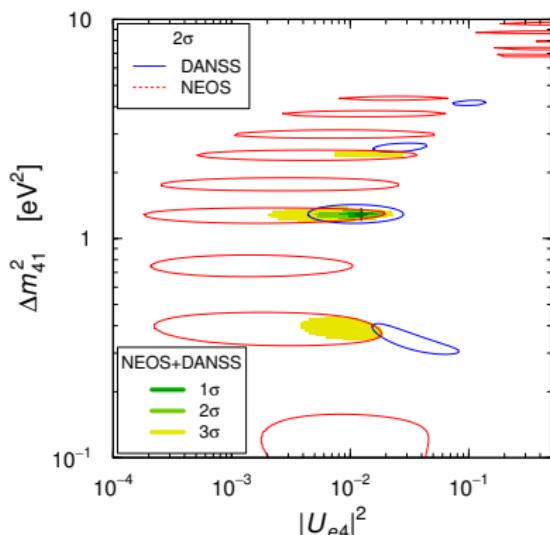
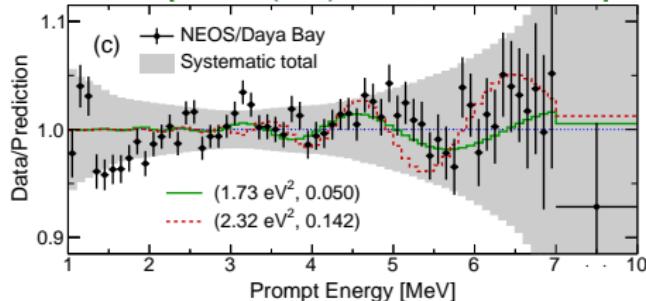


Appearance-Disappearance Tension

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

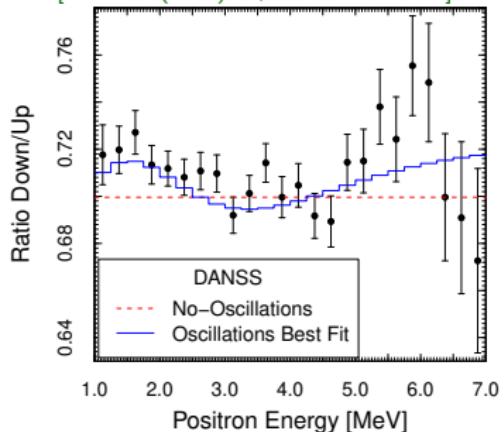
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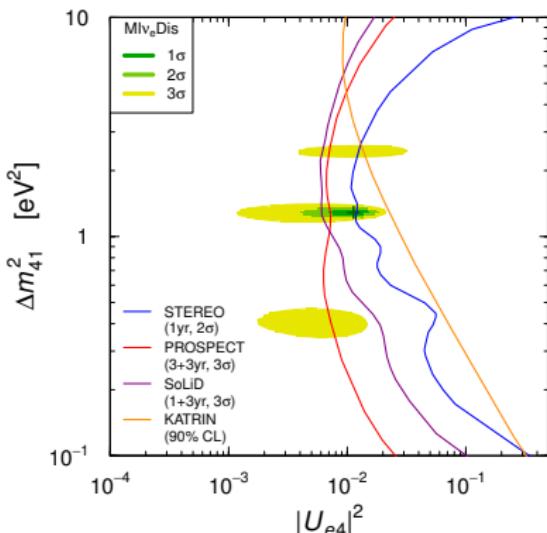
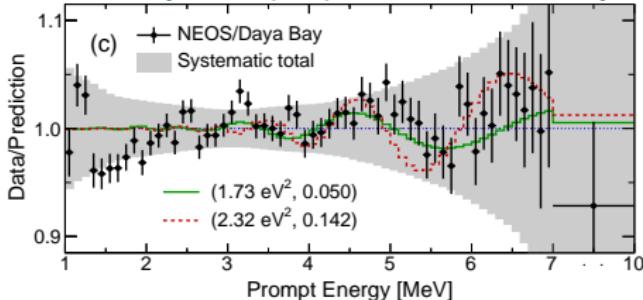
$\sim 3.5\sigma$

[Gariazzo, CG, Laveder, Li, PLB 782 (2018) 13, arXiv:1801.06467]

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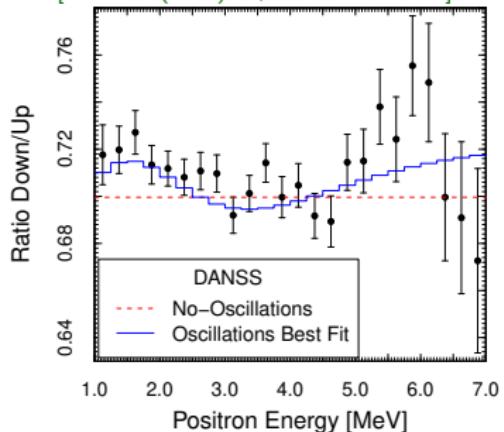
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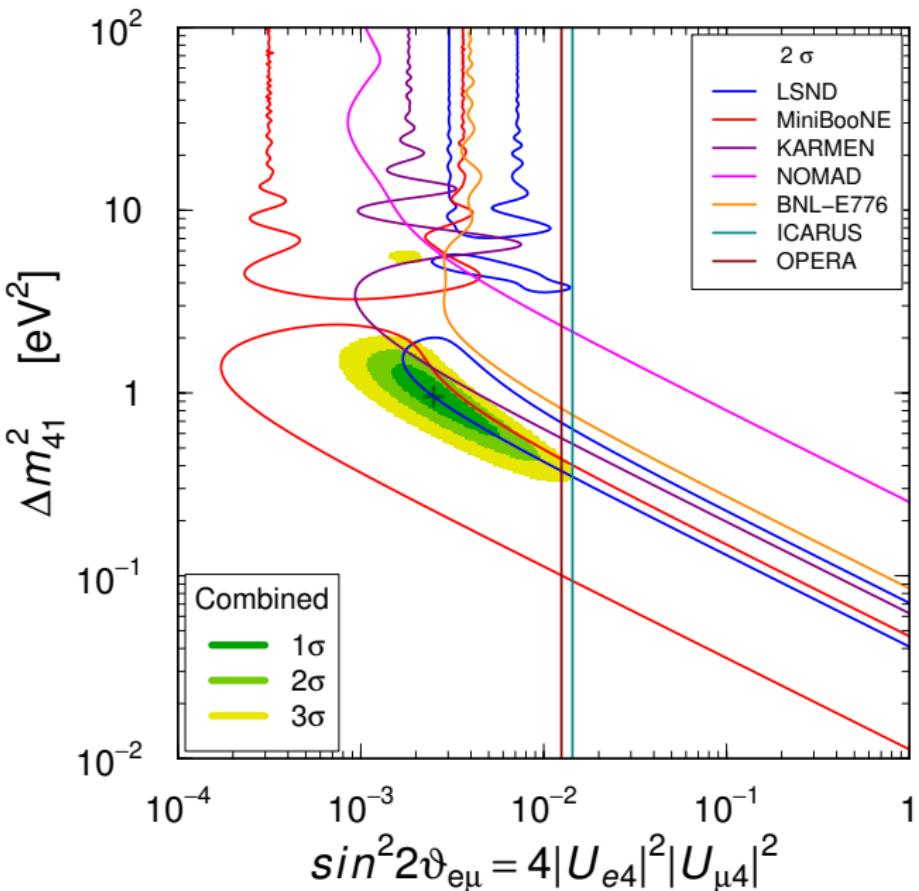
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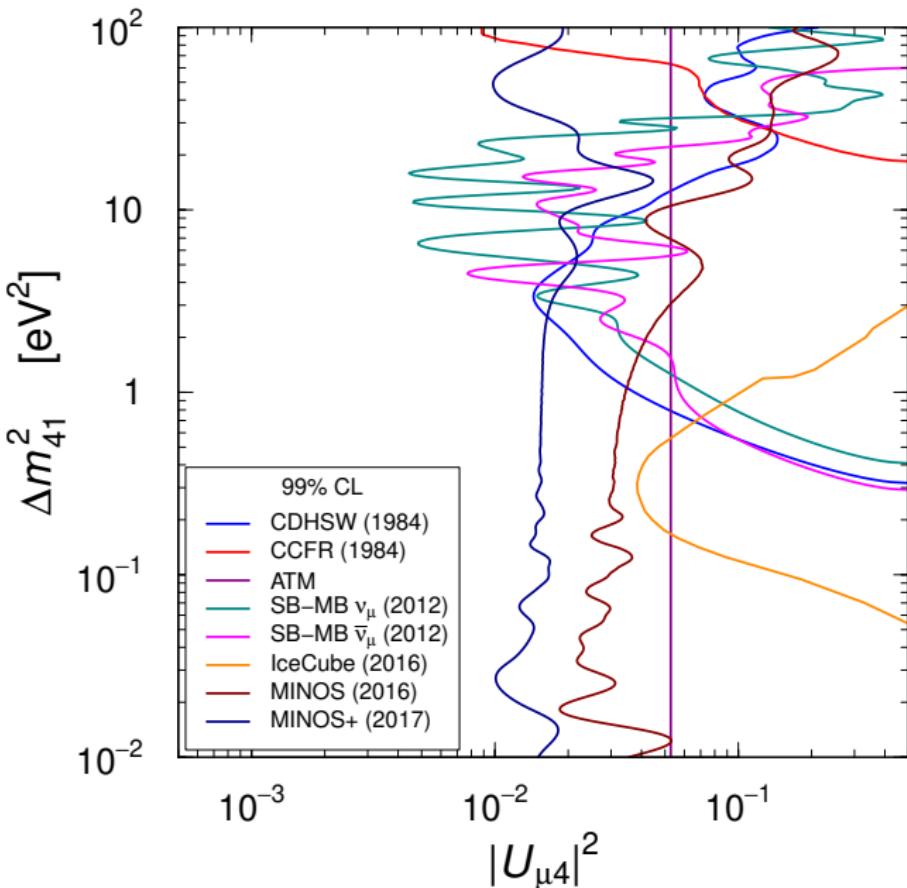
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# $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ and $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ Appearance



# $\nu_\mu$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ Disappearance



# 3+1 Appearance-Disappearance Tension

$\nu_e$  DIS

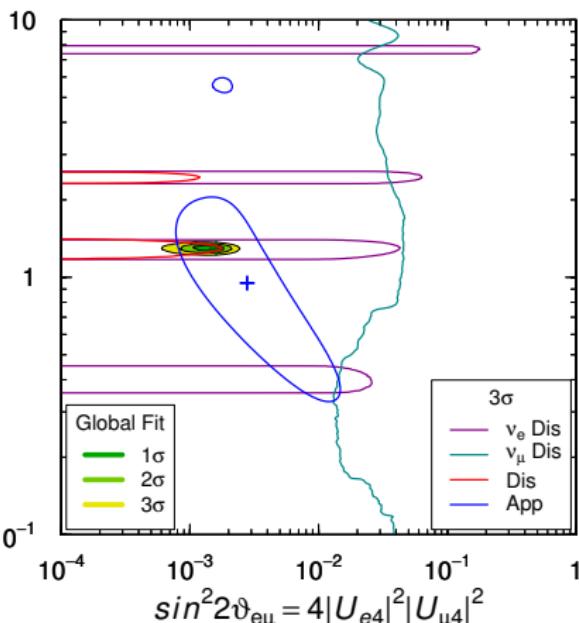
$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} \simeq 4|U_{e4}|^2$$

$\nu_\mu$  DIS

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu} \simeq 4|U_{\mu 4}|^2$$

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  APP

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



►  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  is quadratically suppressed!

► Global Fit without MINOS+

$$\chi^2_{\text{PG}}/\text{NDF}_{\text{PG}} = 7.8/2 \Rightarrow \text{GoF}_{\text{PG}} = 2\%$$

► Similar tension in

$$3+2, \quad 3+3, \quad \dots, \quad 3+N_s$$

[CG, Zavulin, MPLA 31 (2015) 1650003]

# 3+1 Appearance-Disappearance Tension

$\nu_e$  DIS

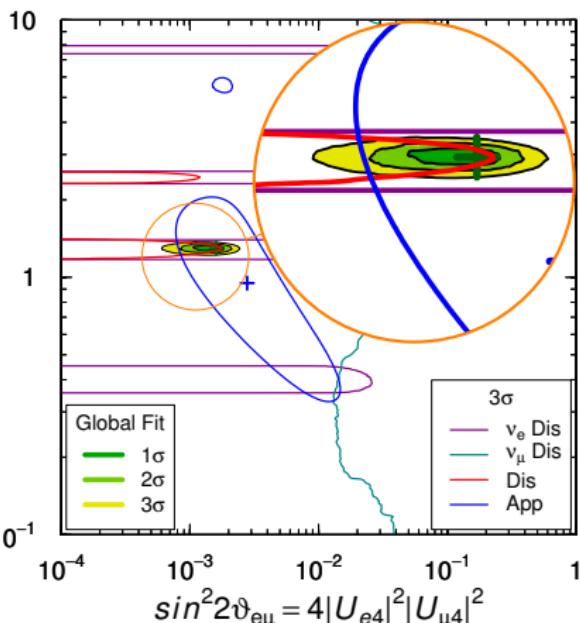
$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} \simeq 4|U_{e4}|^2$$

$\nu_\mu$  DIS

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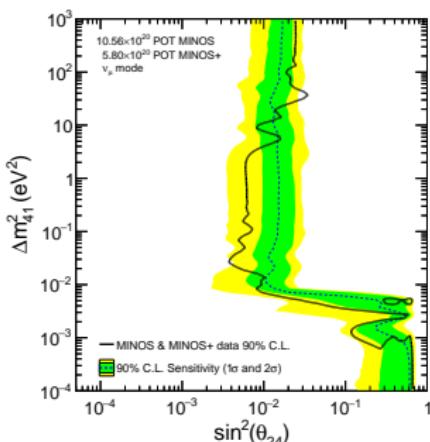
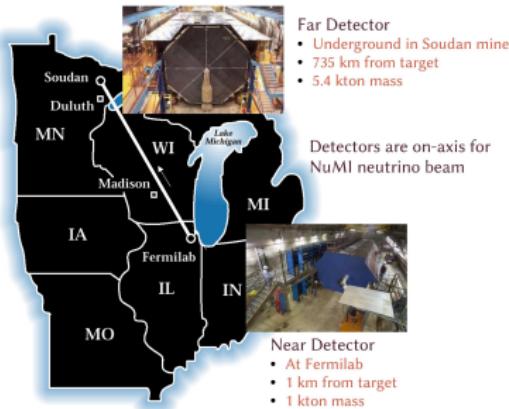
$$\chi^2_{\text{PG}}/\text{NDF}_{\text{PG}} = 7.8/2 \Rightarrow \text{GoF}_{\text{PG}} = 2\%$$

► Similar tension in

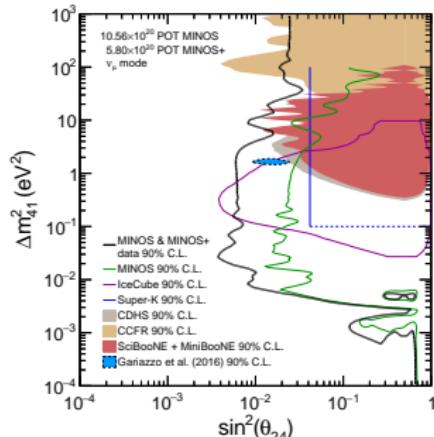
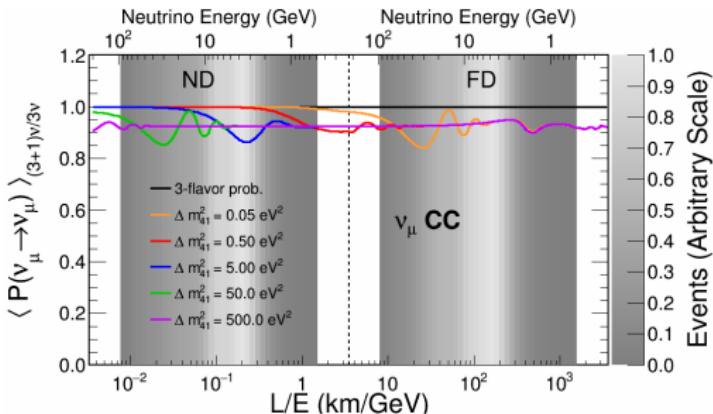
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[CG, Zavulin, MPLA 31 (2015) 1650003]

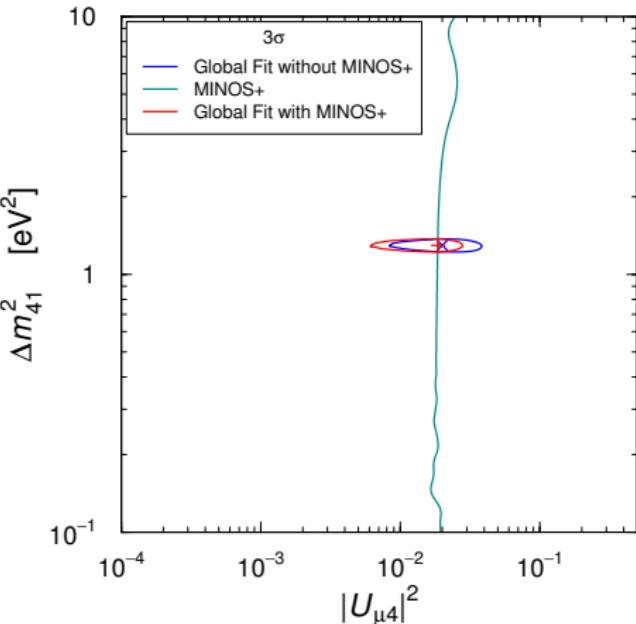
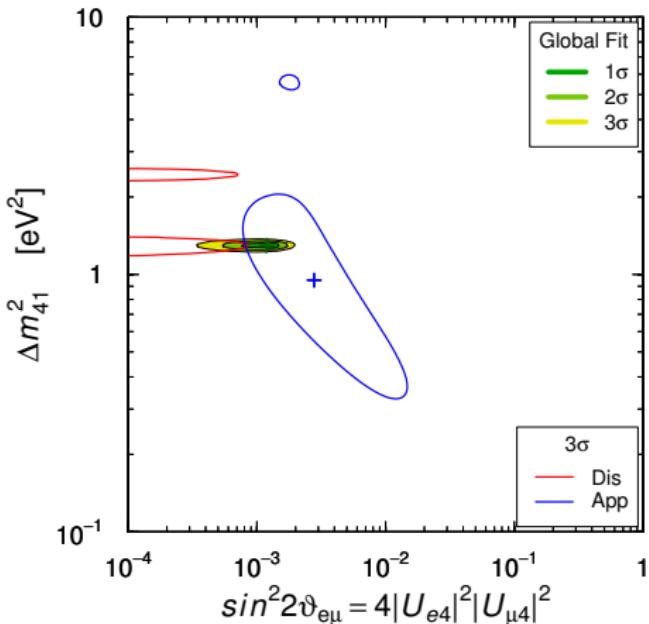
# New Bound from MINOS+



[arXiv:1710.06488]



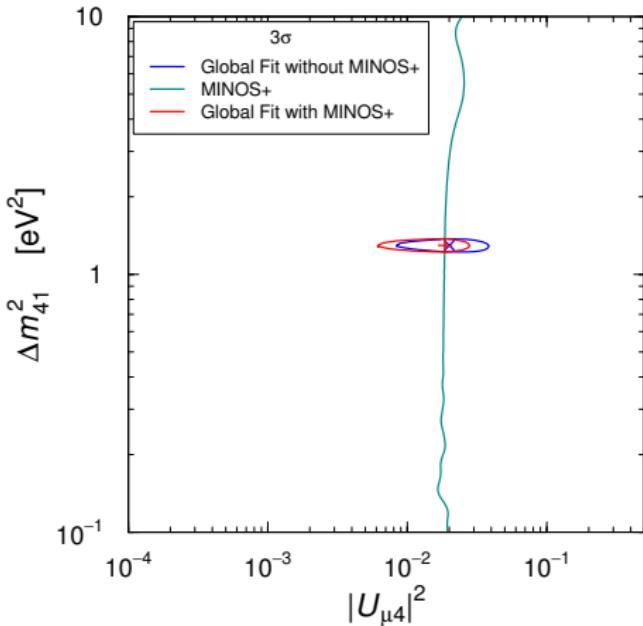
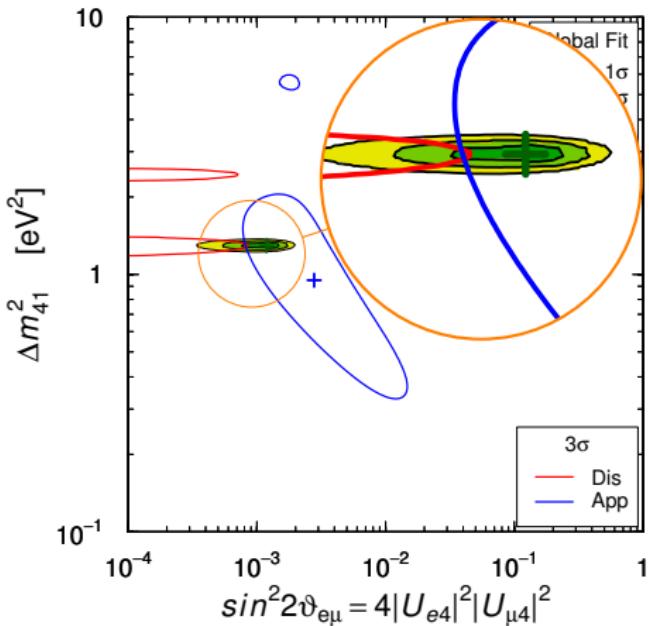
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[See also Dentler, Hernandez-Cabezudo, Kopp, Machado, Maltoni, Martinez-Soler, Schwetz, arXiv:1803.10661]

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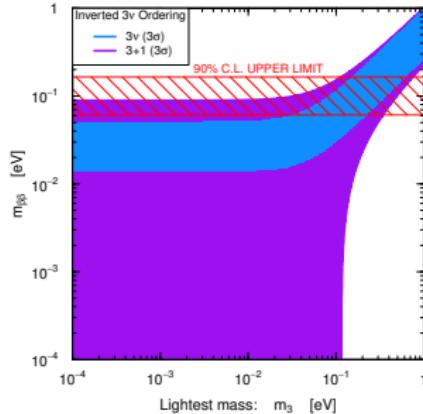
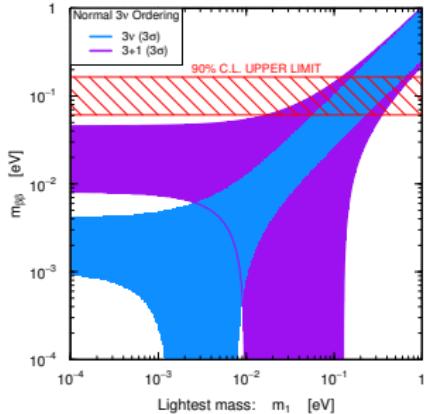
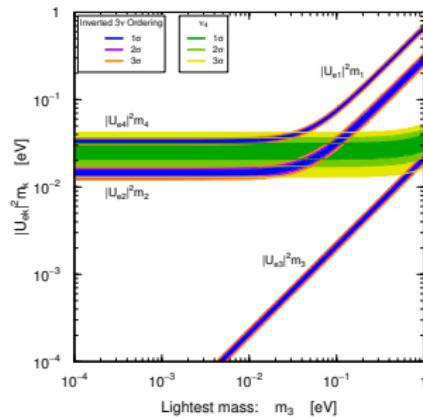
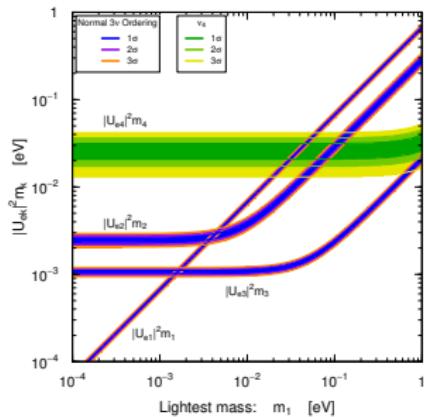


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# Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay

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



## Conclusions

- ▶ Exciting model-independent indication of light sterile neutrinos at the eV scale from the NEOS and DANSS experiments  $\Rightarrow$  New Physics beyond the Standard Model?
- ▶ Agreement with the Reactor and Gallium Anomalies  $\Rightarrow$  Needed revision of the  $^{235}\text{U}$  calculation and small decrease of the GALLEX and SAGE efficiencies.
- ▶ Can be checked in the near future by the reactor experiments PROSPECT, SoLid, STEREO.
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