

# Neutrino physics (theory & phenomenology)

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 hunting Unobservable Dark sectors, Dark matter and Neutrinos

## CPT violation

$\Delta m^2_{\text{atm}}$

$\Delta m^2_{\text{solar}}$

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$\Delta m^2_{\text{solar}}$

$$\frac{|m(K_0) - m(\overline{K}_0)|}{m_{K-av}} < 10^{-18}$$

$$m_{K-av} \approx \frac{1}{2} 10^9 \text{ eV}$$

$$(m(K_0) - m(\overline{K}_0))(m(K_0) + m(\overline{K}_0)) < 2 \cdot 10^{-18} m_{K-av}^2$$

$$|m^2(K_0) - m^2(\overline{K}_0)| \approx \frac{1}{2} \text{ eV}^2$$

## CPT tests

CPT invariance tested in several matter-antimatter systems:

- neutral kaons
- electron/positron
- proton/antiproton
- H/anti-H

Several experiments at the Antiproton Decelerator and ELENA(Extra Low Energy Antiproton) @CERN

System / Test	SME coefficient (GeV)	Relative precision
H-H HFS	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>
H-H 1S-2S	~10 <sup>-15</sup>	~10 <sup>-15</sup>
K <sup>0</sup> -K <sup>0</sup> mass	~10 <sup>-19</sup>	~10 <sup>-19</sup>
p-pbar mass	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>
p-pbar q/m	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>
p-pbar magnetic moment	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>
e <sup>-</sup> -e <sup>+</sup> mass	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>
e <sup>-</sup> -e <sup>+</sup> charge	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>
μ <sup>+</sup> magnetic moment	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>
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d-dbar mass	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>
<sup>3</sup> He- <sup>3</sup> Hebar mass	~10 <sup>-10</sup>	~10 <sup>-10</sup>

E. Widmann, arXiv:2111.04056 [hep-ex]

### Current bounds

We can use data of various experiments to calculate the neutrino and antineutrino oscillation parameters:

- Solar neutrino data:  $\theta_{12}, \Delta m_{21}^2, \theta_{13}$
- Neutrino mode in LBL:  $\theta_{23}, \Delta m_{31}^2, \theta_{13}$
- KamLAND data:  $\bar{\theta}_{12}, \Delta \bar{m}_{21}^2, \bar{\theta}_{13}$
- SBL reactors:  $\bar{\theta}_{13}, \Delta \bar{m}_{31}^2$
- Antineutrino mode in LBL:  $\bar{\theta}_{23}, \Delta \bar{m}_{31}^2, \bar{\theta}_{13}$

Parameter	Main contribution	Other contributions
$\theta_{12}$	SOL	KamLAND
$\theta_{13}$	REAC	ATM, LBL, and SOL+KamLAND
$\theta_{23}$	ATM+LBL	-
$\delta_{CP}$	LBL	ATM
$\Delta m_{21}^2$	KamLAND	SOL
$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $	LBL, ATM, REAC	-
MO	LBL, REAC and ATM	-

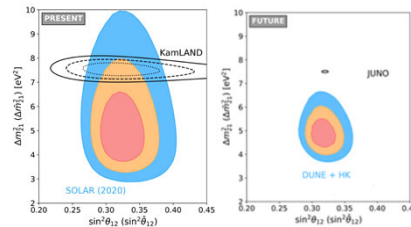
SOL: Solar  
ATM: Atmospheric neutrinos  
LBL: Long baseline accelerator experiments  
REAC: Short-baseline reactor experiments

No bounds on CP-phases since all values are allowed

### Current bounds

We use the same data (except atmospheric neutrinos) as for the global fit to obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\Delta m_{21}^2 - \Delta \bar{m}_{21}^2| &< 4.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2, \\
 |\Delta m_{31}^2 - \Delta \bar{m}_{31}^2| &< 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2, \\
 |\sin^2 \theta_{12} - \sin^2 \bar{\theta}_{12}| &< 0.14, \\
 |\sin^2 \theta_{13} - \sin^2 \bar{\theta}_{13}| &< 0.029, \\
 |\sin^2 \theta_{23} - \sin^2 \bar{\theta}_{23}| &< 0.19.
 \end{aligned}$$



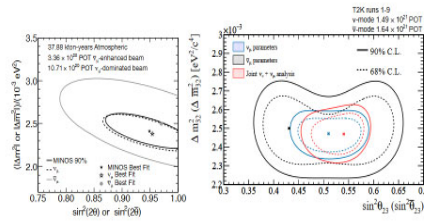
### T2K results, a hint ?

- T2K studied neutrino and anti-neutrino oscillations separated

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.51, \quad \Delta m_{32}^2 = 2.53 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$

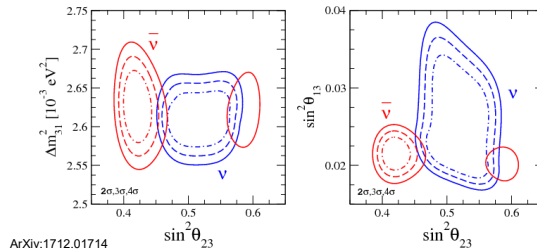
$$\sin^2 \bar{\theta}_{23} = 0.42, \quad \Delta \bar{m}_{32}^2 = 2.55 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$$

- Results are consistent with
- CPT-conservation



### DUNE about T2K

If these values turn out to be the true values, DUNE would measure CPT-violation at more than 3σ confidence level



ArXiv:1712.01714

- In experiments and in fits normally you assume CPT-conservation
- If CPT is not conserved this leads to impostor (fake) solutions in the fits

- To perform the standard fit you would calculate

$$\chi_{\text{total}}^2 = \chi^2(\nu) + \chi^2(\bar{\nu})$$

and then minimize this function

$$h(x, y) = f(x) + g(y)$$

$$\partial_x f(x) = 0 \quad \partial_y g(y) = 0$$

$$x = y$$

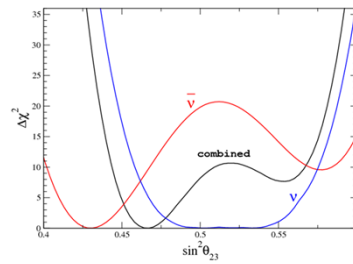
$$h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$\partial_x f(x) = \partial_x g(x) = 0$$

$$\partial_x f(x) = -\partial_x g(x)$$

## Obtaining impostor solutions

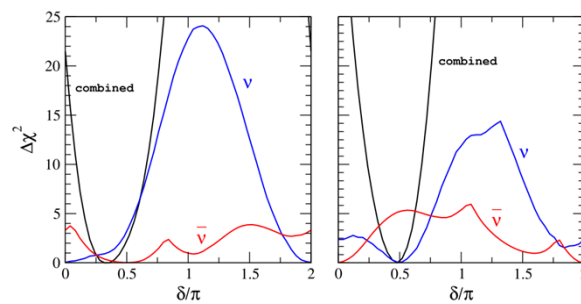
This was done for  $\sin^2(\theta_{23}) = 0.5$ ,  $\sin^2(\bar{\theta}_{23}) = 0.43$



Combined best fit value is now  
 $\sin^2(\theta_{23}^{\text{comb}}) = 0.467$   
 Real true values are disfavored at close to  $3\sigma$  and more  $5\sigma$  confidence levels

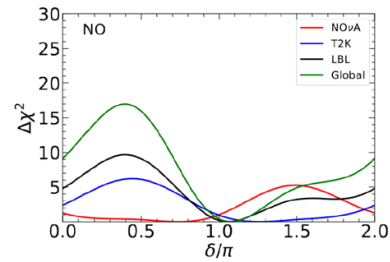
This can also happen

$$\delta = \begin{cases} \pi/2 \\ 0 \end{cases} \text{ and } \bar{\delta} = \begin{cases} 0 \\ \pi/2 \end{cases}$$



G.B., C. Ternes and M. Tortola, JHEP 07 (2020) 155

$\theta_{13} \neq \bar{\theta}_{13}$  can account for different behavior in neutrino and antineutrino channels



all values of  $\delta$  and  $\bar{\delta}$   
remain allowed at  $\sim 1\sigma$

Tension between NOνA, T2K and SK  
atm. and  $\delta_{bf} = 1.08\pi$

- Disfavours:
  - $\delta = \pi/2$  at  $4.0\sigma$
  - $\delta = 0$  at  $3.0\sigma$
  - $\delta = 3\pi/2$  with  $\Delta\chi^2 = 4.9$

The increasing precision in neutrino oscillation measurements requires a thorough analysis of the assumptions considered.



### Distinguishing CPT violation from NSNI

The muon neutrino survival probability in matter can be written as

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_\nu \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_\nu^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

in matter

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_\nu^2 \cos 2\theta_\nu &= \Delta m^2 \cos 2\theta + \epsilon_{\tau\tau} A, & \Delta m_\nu^2 \cos 2\theta_\nu &= \Delta m^2 \cos 2\theta - \epsilon_{\tau\tau} A, \\ \Delta m_\nu^2 \sin 2\theta_\nu &= \Delta m^2 \sin 2\theta + 2\epsilon_{\mu\tau} A, & \Delta m_\nu^2 \sin 2\theta_\nu &= \Delta m^2 \sin 2\theta - 2\epsilon_{\mu\tau} A. \end{aligned}$$

$$4\Delta m^4 = \Delta m_\nu^4 + \Delta m_\nu^4 + 2\Delta m_\nu^2 \Delta m_\nu^2 \cos(2\theta_\nu - 2\theta_\nu)$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta) = \frac{(\Delta m_\nu^2 \sin(2\theta_\nu) + \Delta m_\nu^2 \sin(2\theta_\nu))^2}{\Delta m_\nu^4 + \Delta m_\nu^4 + 2\Delta m_\nu^2 \Delta m_\nu^2 \cos(2\theta_\nu - 2\theta_\nu)}$$

$$2\epsilon_{\tau\tau} A = \Delta m_\nu^2 \cos(2\theta_\nu) - \Delta m_\nu^2 \cos(2\theta_\nu)$$

$$4\epsilon_{\mu\tau} A = \Delta m_\nu^2 \sin(2\theta_\nu) - \Delta m_\nu^2 \sin(2\theta_\nu)$$



G.B., C. Ternes and M. Tortola, Eur.Phys.J.C 79 (2019) 5, 390

### Violations of Lorentz invariance

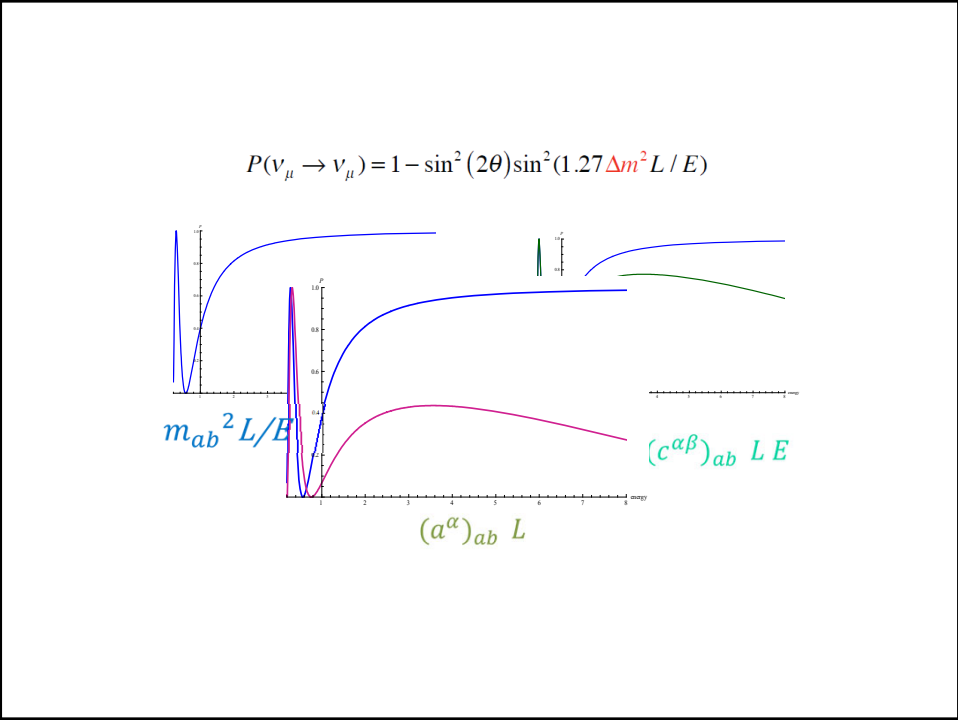
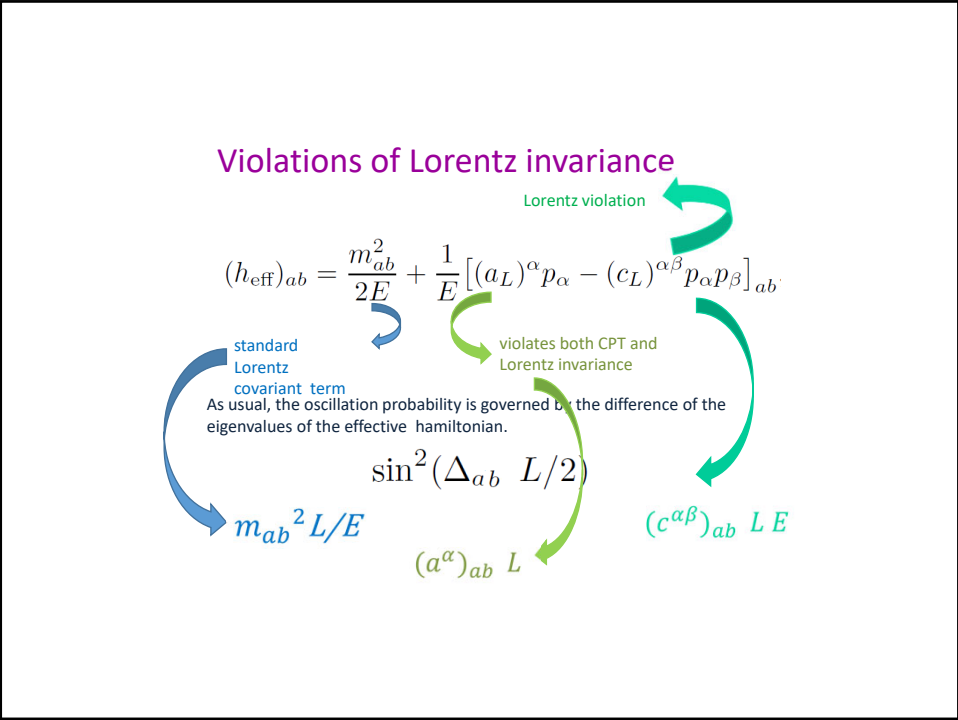
$$(h_{\text{eff}})_{ab} = \frac{m_{ab}^2}{2E} + \frac{1}{E} [(a_L)^\alpha p_\alpha - (c_L)^{\alpha\beta} p_\alpha p_\beta]_{ab}$$

standard Lorentz covariant term

Lorentz violation

violates both CPT and Lorentz invariance





Neutrinos,  
In and Beyond the Standard Model:

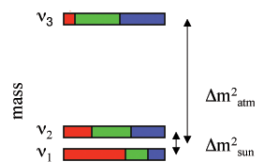
NEUTRINO MASS:

$$\delta m_{atm}^2 = 2.7_{-0.3}^{+0.4} \times 10^{-3} eV^2 \quad L/E = 500 \text{ km/GeV}$$

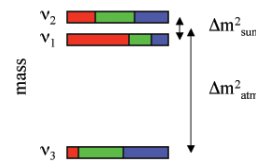
$$\delta m_{solar}^2 = 8.0 \pm 0.4 \times 10^{-5} eV^2 \quad L/E = 15 \text{ km/MeV}$$



$$m_{\nu}^{Heavy} > \sqrt{\delta m_{atm}^2} = 50 \text{ meV}$$

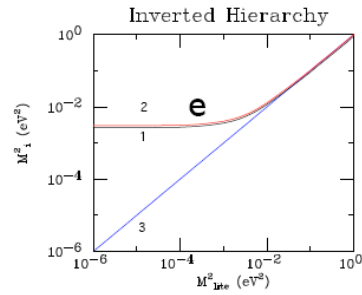
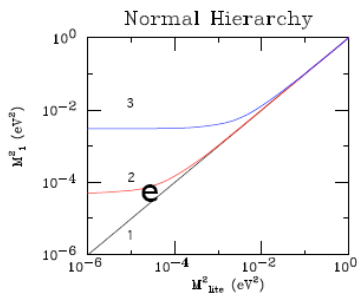


Normal mass hierarchy

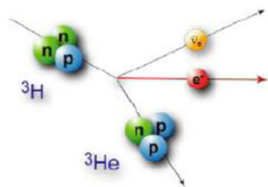
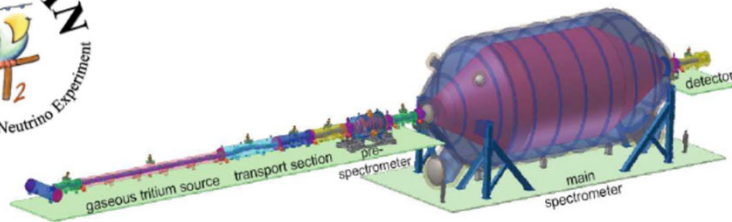


Inverted mass hierarchy

**Masses:**



States 1 and 2 are  $\nu_e$  rich.

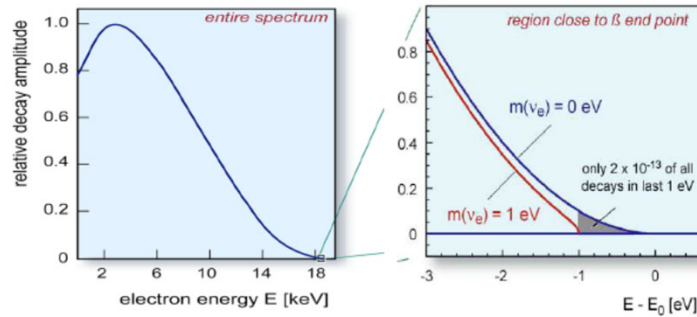


**Requirements:**

- Strong source
- Excellent energy resolution
- Small endpoint energy  $E_0$
- Long term stability
- Low background rate

**KATRIN Task:**  
Investigate Tritium endpoint with sub-eV precision

**KATRIN Aim:**  
Improve  $m_\nu$  sensitivity 10 x (2eV  $\rightarrow$  0.2eV)



Decay Rate:

$$|\langle {}^3\text{He} + e^- + \bar{\nu} | T | {}^3\text{H} \rangle|^2 \sim pE(E_0 - E) \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m_k^2}$$

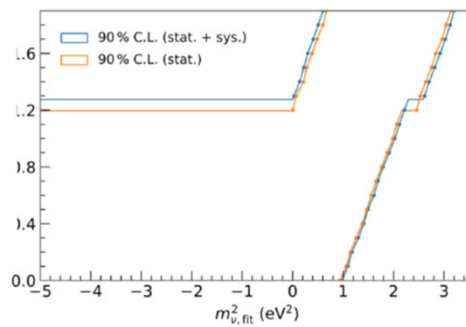
if  $\nu$ 's quasi-degenerate:  $m_1 \approx m_2 \approx m_3$

$$|\langle {}^3\text{He} + e^- + \bar{\nu} | T | {}^3\text{H} \rangle|^2 \sim pE(E_0 - E) \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m_\nu^2}$$

- KATRIN upper limit on neutrino mass:

LT  $m(\nu) < 1.1 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$

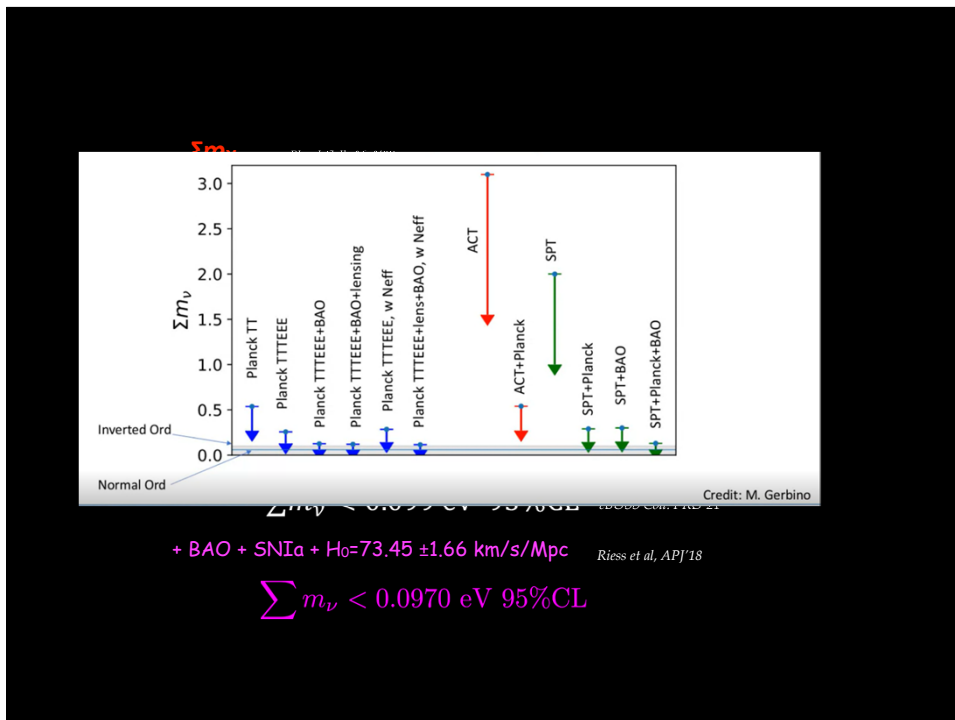
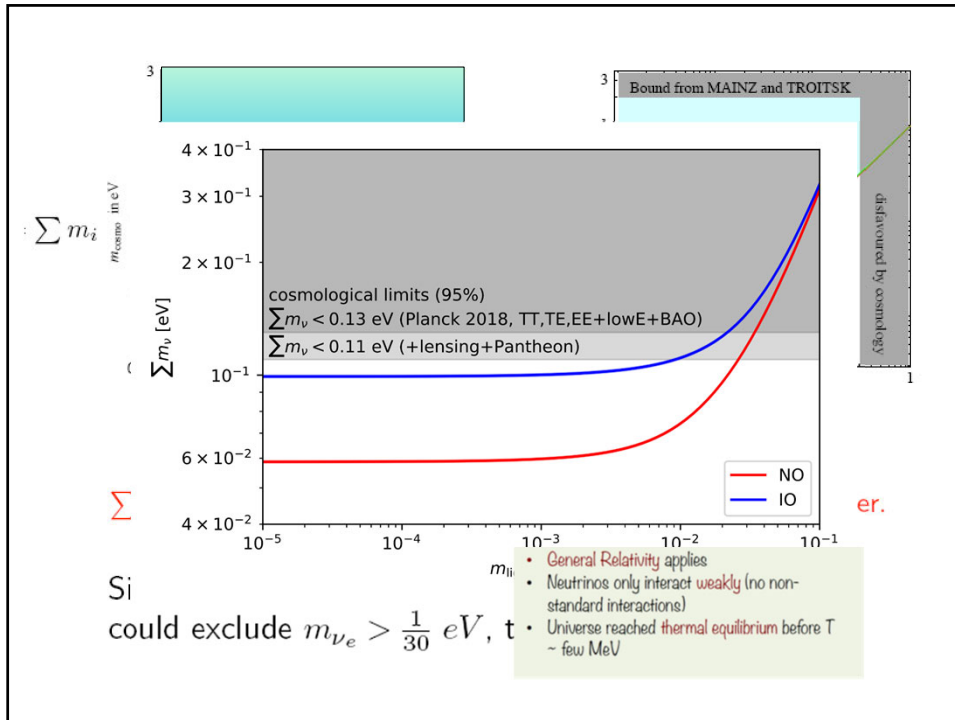
FC  $m(\nu) < 0.8 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$   
 $< 0.9 \text{ eV (95\% CL)}$



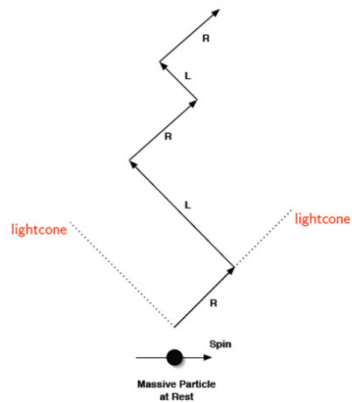
- 1000 days of measurements at nominal pd ( $5 \cdot 10^{17}$  molecules  $\text{cm}^{-2}$ )  
 3 tritium campaigns (65 days each) per calendar year

sensitivity  $m(\nu_e) = 0.2 \text{ eV (90\% CL)}$

0.35 eV ( $5\sigma$ )



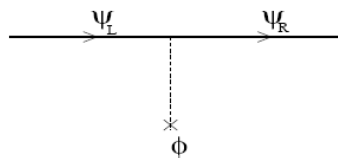
## What is Fermion Mass ???



A mass can be thought of as a  $L \leftrightarrow R$  transition:

$$m \overline{\psi}_L \psi_R + h.c.$$

In the SM fermion masses originate in the interaction with the Higgs field:



$$\lambda_f \overline{\psi}_L \Phi \psi_R + h.c. \rightarrow m_f = \lambda_f v$$

Fermion Masses:

	electron	positron	
Left Chiral	$e_L$	$\bar{e}_R$	$SU(2) \times U(1)$
Right Chiral	$e_R$	$\bar{e}_L$	$U(1)$

CPT:  $e_L \leftrightarrow \bar{e}_R$  and  $e_R \leftrightarrow \bar{e}_L$

Mass couples L to R:

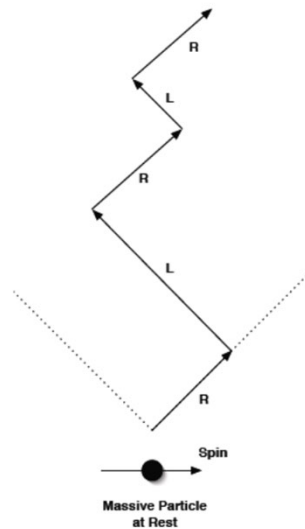
$e_L$  to  $e_R$  AND also  $\bar{e}_R$  to  $\bar{e}_L$  Dirac Mass terms.

Mass couples L to R:

$$P^2 = M^2, \quad P \cdot S = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad S^2 = -1$$

$$u(P, S) = \frac{(1 + \gamma_5)}{2} u\left(\frac{P + MS}{2}\right) + e^{i\phi} \frac{(1 - \gamma_5)}{2} u\left(\frac{P - MS}{2}\right)$$

right massless                      left massless



A coupling of  $e_L$  to  $\bar{e}_R$  OR  $e_R$  to  $\bar{e}_L$  would be (Majorana) mass term but this violates conservation of electric charge!

## Seesaw / Dirac Neutrinos / Light Sterile Neutrinos

	Nu	CPT:	Anti-Nu	
Left Chiral	$\nu_L$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\bar{\nu}_R$	Dirac Masses
	$\Uparrow$		$\Downarrow$	
Right Chiral	$\nu_R$	$\Leftrightarrow$	$\bar{\nu}_L$	
		Majorana Masses		

Coupling of

- $\nu_L$  to  $\nu_R$  AND  $\bar{\nu}_R$  to  $\bar{\nu}_L$  are the Dirac masses.
- $\nu_L$  to  $\bar{\nu}_R$  forbidden by weak isospin.
- $\nu_R$  to  $\bar{\nu}_L$  allowed and coefficient is unprotected. ( $\rightarrow M$ )

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \nu_L \text{ to } \bar{\nu}_R & & \nu_L \text{ to } \nu_R \\
 \swarrow & & \swarrow \\
 \left( \begin{array}{cc} 0 & m_D \\ m_D & M \end{array} \right) & & \\
 \nwarrow & & \nwarrow \\
 \bar{\nu}_R \text{ to } \bar{\nu}_L & & \nu_R \text{ to } \bar{\nu}_L
 \end{array}$$

Two Majorana neutrinos  
with masses  $m_D^2/M$  and  $M$

Seesaw:  
Yanagida, Gell-man-  
Ramond-Slansky

- Coupling of  $\nu_R$  to  $\bar{\nu}_L$  allowed and coefficient is unprotected. ( $\rightarrow M$ )

Also applies to sterile neutrinos.

Light Sterile Neutrinos and/or Dirac Neutrinos Unexpected!!!



The consequences of this alternative are profound:

- **Physics beyond the SM** at a scale  $M!$
- Majorana fermions carry no conserved charge:  **$L$  is violated !**

$$\nu_L \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} \nu_L$$

does not leave the Majorana mass term invariant.

→ Most welcome for **baryogenesis**: a mechanism to understand the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe emerges naturally

→ Most welcome by **string theory**: it is difficult to get global  $U(1)$  charges conserved

## Leptogenesis

Baryon Asymmetry is created by a Lepton Asymmetry produced by the decays of super heavy Majorana Neutrinos.

$$\frac{\Gamma(N \rightarrow l^+ \phi^-) - \Gamma(N \rightarrow l^- \phi^+)}{\Gamma(N \rightarrow l^+ \phi^-) + \Gamma(N \rightarrow l^- \phi^+)}$$

$\Gamma(N \rightarrow l^\pm \phi^\mp)$  depends on the Majorana Phases in the MNS mixing matrix.

$$B_{now} = \frac{1}{2}(B - L) + \frac{1}{2}(B + L) = \frac{1}{2}(B - L)_{ini} = -\frac{1}{2}L_{ini}$$

0

Final asymmetry:

$$Y_B = 10^{-2} \underbrace{\epsilon_1}_{\text{CP-asym}} \underbrace{\kappa}_{\text{eff. factor}}$$

$$\epsilon_1 = \frac{\Gamma(N \rightarrow \Phi l) - \Gamma(N \rightarrow \Phi \bar{l})}{\Gamma(N \rightarrow \Phi l) + \Gamma(N \rightarrow \Phi \bar{l})}$$

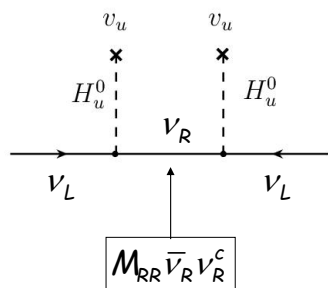
$\kappa$  efficiency factor which depends on the non-equilibrium dynamics.

A relation between the baryon number of the Universe and the neutrino flavour parameters!

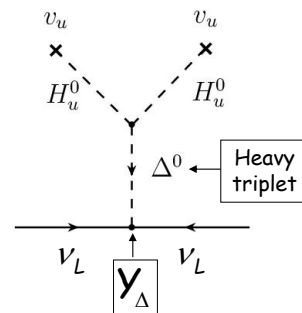
## Types of see-saw mechanism

Type I see-saw mechanism

Type II see-saw mechanism



$$m_{LL}^I \approx -m_{LR} M_{RR}^{-1} m_{LR}^T$$

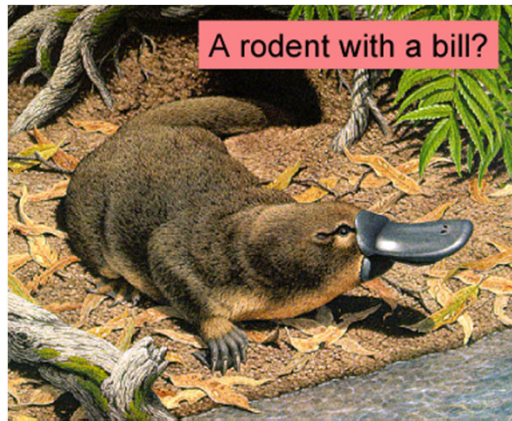


$$m_{LL}^{II} \bar{\nu}_L \nu_L^c \approx y_{\Delta} \frac{v_u^2}{M_{\Delta}}$$

Naturalness may be over rated ...

Does this look natural ??

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### How Can We Demonstrate That $\bar{\nu}_i = \nu_i$ ?

We assume neutrino interactions are correctly described by the SM. Then the interactions conserve L ( $\nu \rightarrow \ell^-$ ;  $\bar{\nu} \rightarrow \ell^+$ ).

An Idea that Does Not Work  
[and illustrates why most ideas do not work]

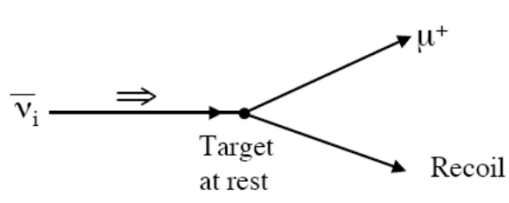
Produce a  $\nu_i$  via—



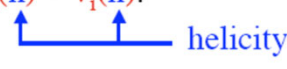
Give the neutrino a Boost:  
 $\beta_\pi(\text{Lab}) > \beta_\nu(\pi \text{ Rest Frame})$



The SM weak interaction causes—



$\bar{v}_i = \bar{v}_i$  means that  $v_i(h) = \bar{v}_i(h)$ .


  
 helicity

If  $v_i \Rightarrow = \bar{v}_i \Rightarrow$  ,

our  $v_i \Rightarrow$  will make  $\mu^+$  too.

## Minor Technical Difficulties

$$\beta_\pi(\text{Lab}) > \beta_\nu(\pi \text{ Rest Frame})$$

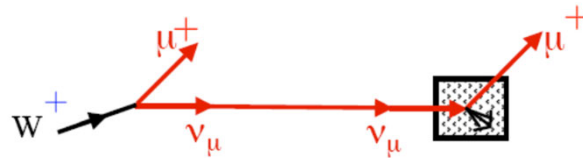
$$\Rightarrow \frac{E_\pi(\text{Lab})}{m_\pi} > \frac{E_\nu(\pi \text{ Rest Frame})}{m_\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow E_\pi(\text{Lab}) > 10^4 \text{ TeV} \quad \text{if } m_\nu \sim 1 \text{ eV}$$

Fraction of all  $\pi$ -decay that get helicity flipped

$$\approx \left( \frac{m_\nu}{E_\nu(\pi \text{ Rest Frame})} \right)^2 \sim 10^{-16} \quad \text{if } m_\nu \sim 1 \text{ eV}$$

For Majorana Neutrinos

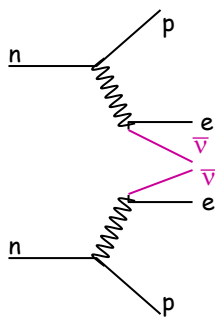


Not Observed

**Allowed**

BUT Suppressed by  $\frac{m_\nu^2}{E^2} \sim 10^{-20}$  !!!

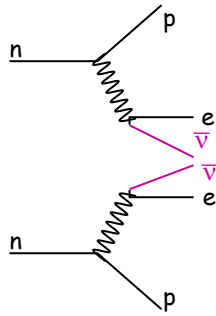
➤ How we can find out ?



SM double weak process

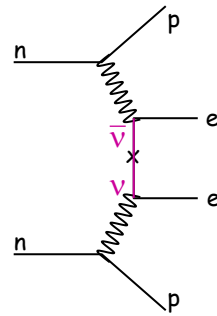
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spectrum for the e  
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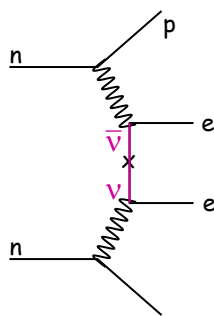
4 body decay: continuous spectrum for the e energy sum



Only allowed for Majorana  $\nu$

2 body decay: e energy sum is a delta

$\bar{\nu}_i$  is emitted (RH +  $O(m_i/E)$  LH)



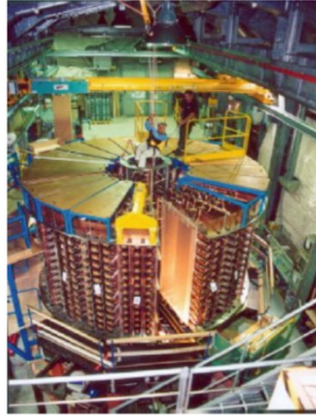
Amp[ $\nu_i$  contribution]  $\sim m_i$

$$\text{Amp}[0\nu\beta\beta] \propto \left| \sum m_i U_{ei}^2 \right|$$

effective mass

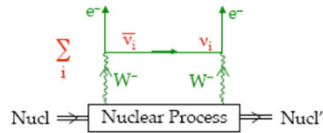
## Neutrinoless double beta decay

- Most sensitive (terrestrial) probe of the absolute neutrino mass
- Unique way of proving Majorana nature of  $\nu$
- If Majorana  $\nu$  is the only mechanism,  $\implies$



$$\langle m \rangle_{\beta\beta} \equiv \left| \sum_{i=1}^3 m_i U_{ei}^2 \right|$$

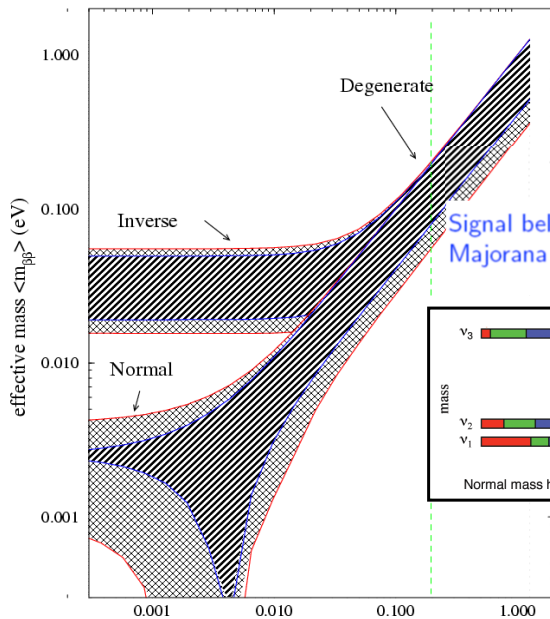
$$= \left| m_1 c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + m_2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{2i\beta} + m_3 s_{13}^2 e^{2i(\gamma-\delta)} \right|$$



Effective neutrino mass in  $0\nu \beta\beta$  decay

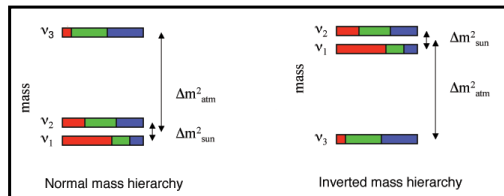
LMA solution, crosshatched region with errors

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| \sum m_i U_{ei}^2 \right|$$



dividing point  $m_{\beta\beta} \approx 10 \text{ meV}$

Signal below  $\sim 10 \text{ meV}$  would imply Majorana and Normal Hierarchy!



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### Detection of the Free Neutrino: a Confirmation

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both triads. The detector was completely enclosed by a paraffin and lead shield and was located in an underground room of the reactor building which provides excellent shielding from both the reactor neutrons and gamma rays and from cosmic rays.  
The signals from a bank of preamplifiers connected to the scintillation tanks were transmitted via coaxial lines to an electronic analyzing system in a trailer van parked outside the reactor building. Two independent sets of equipment were used to analyze and record the operation of the two triad detectors. Linear amplifiers fed the signals to pulse-height selection gates and coincidence circuits. When the required pulse amplitudes and coincidences (prompt and delayed) were satisfied, the sweeps of two triple-beam oscilloscopes were triggered, and the pulses from the complete event were recorded photographically. The three beams of both oscilloscopes recorded signals from their respective scintillation

