

Absolute Neutrino Masses

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Solar $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ + Atmospheric $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau \Rightarrow$ 3- ν Mixing

Tritium β Decay

Cosmological Bound on Neutrino Masses

Neutrinoless Double- β Decay \iff Majorana Mass

Three-Neutrino Mixing

$$\nu_{\alpha L} = \sum_{k=1}^3 U_{\alpha k} \nu_{kL} \quad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau)$$

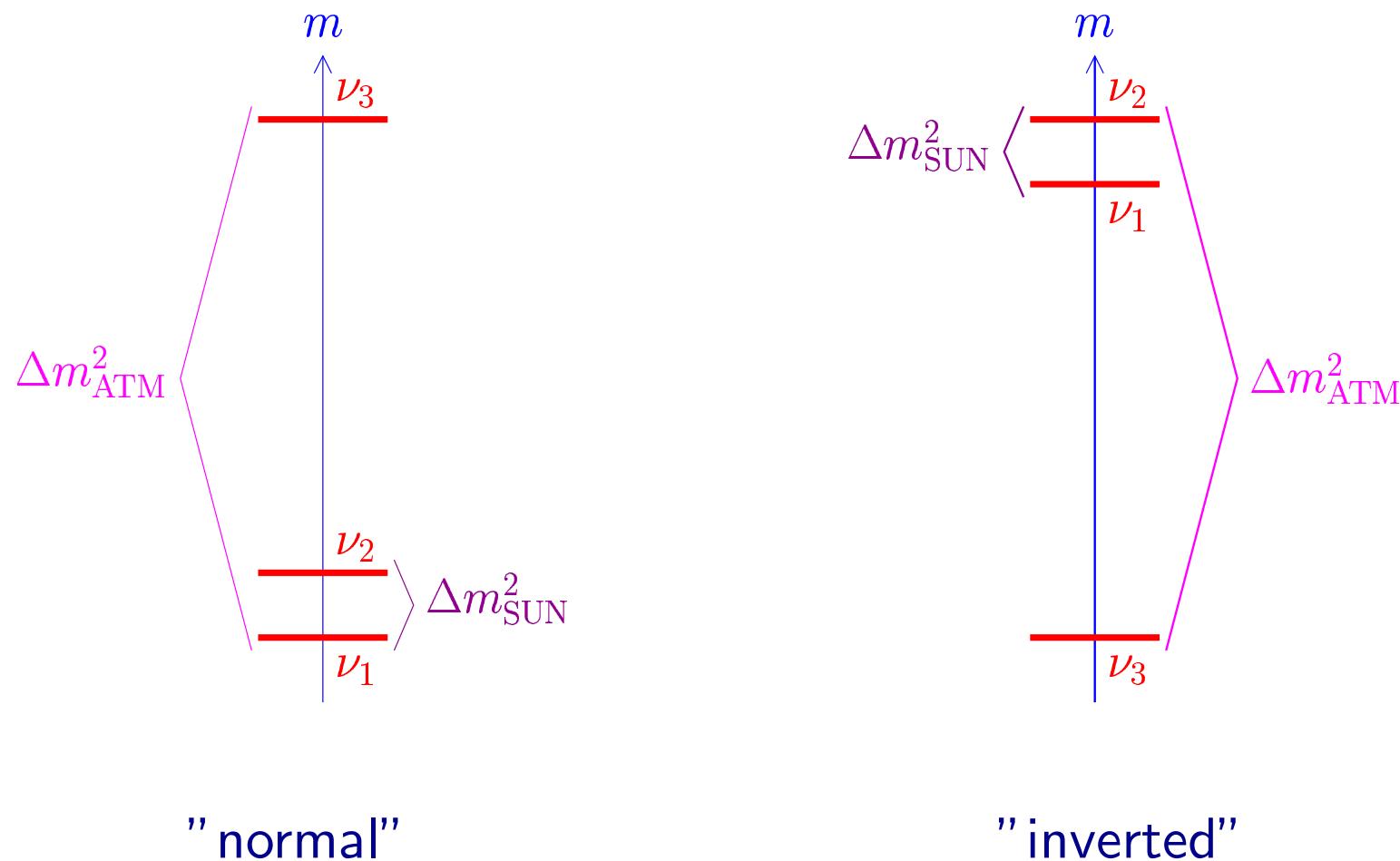
three flavor fields ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ

three massive fields ν_1, ν_2, ν_3

$$\Delta m_{\text{SUN}}^2 = \Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq 8.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2 \simeq |\Delta m_{31}^2| \simeq |\Delta m_{32}^2| \simeq 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

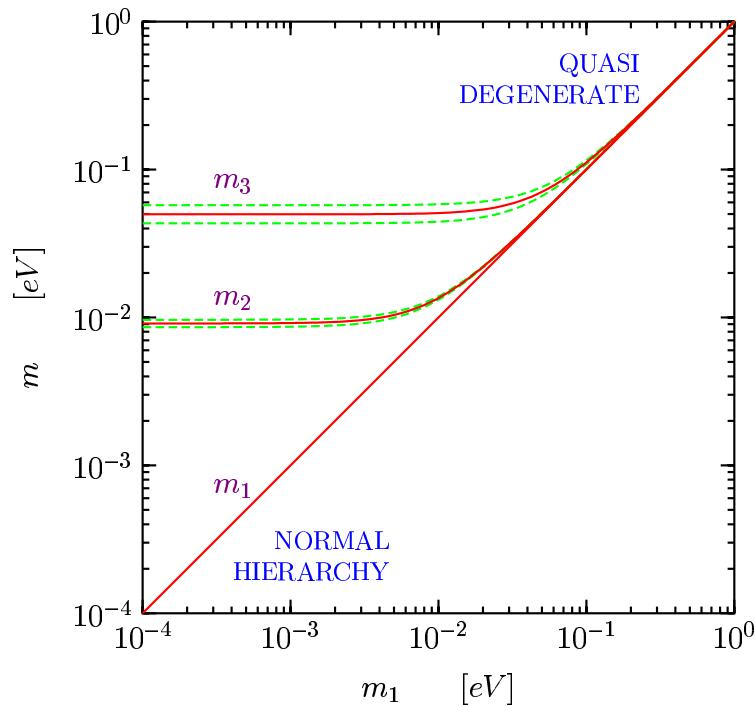
Allowed Three-Neutrino Schemes



absolute scale is not determined by neutrino oscillation data

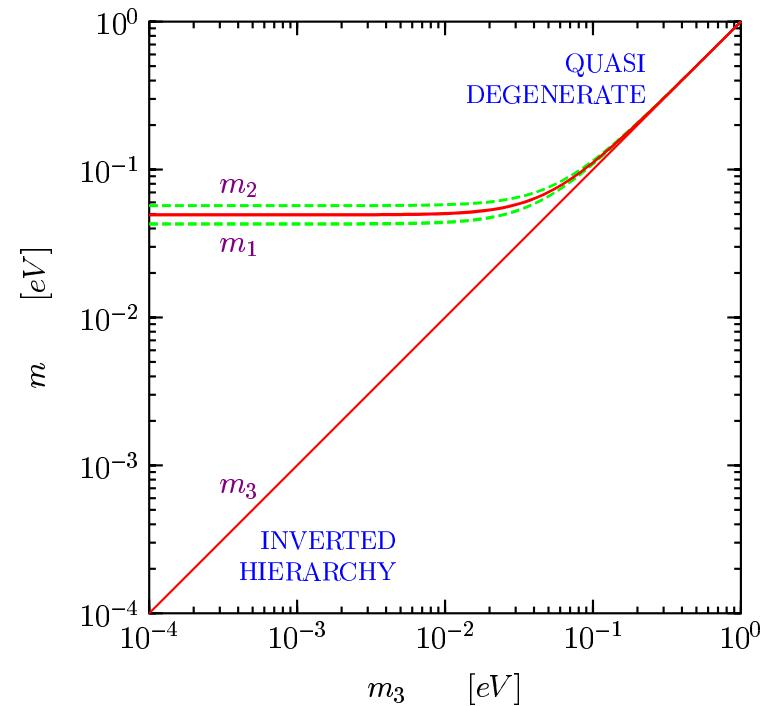
Absolute Scale of Neutrino Masses

normal scheme



$$m_2^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_{\text{SUN}}^2$$
$$m_3^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_{31}^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2$$

inverted scheme



$$m_1^2 = m_3^2 - \Delta m_{31}^2 = m_3^2 + \Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2$$
$$m_2^2 = m_1^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq m_3^2 + \Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2$$

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

Tritium β Decay

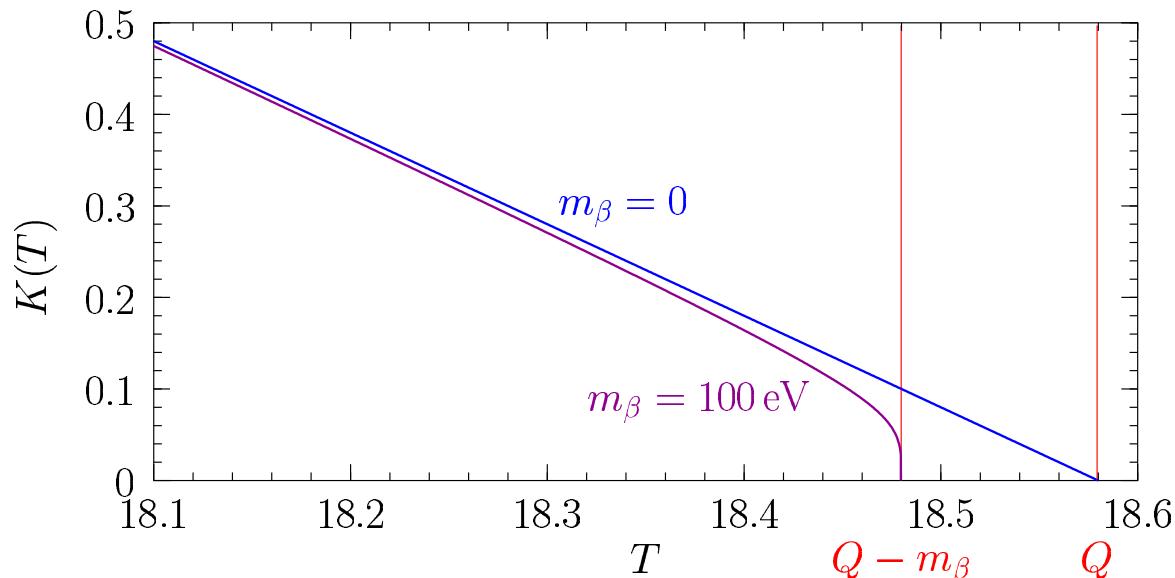


$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dT} = \frac{(\cos\vartheta_C G_F)^2}{2\pi^3} |\mathcal{M}|^2 F(E) pE (Q - T) \sqrt{(Q - T)^2 - m_\beta^2}$$

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

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

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



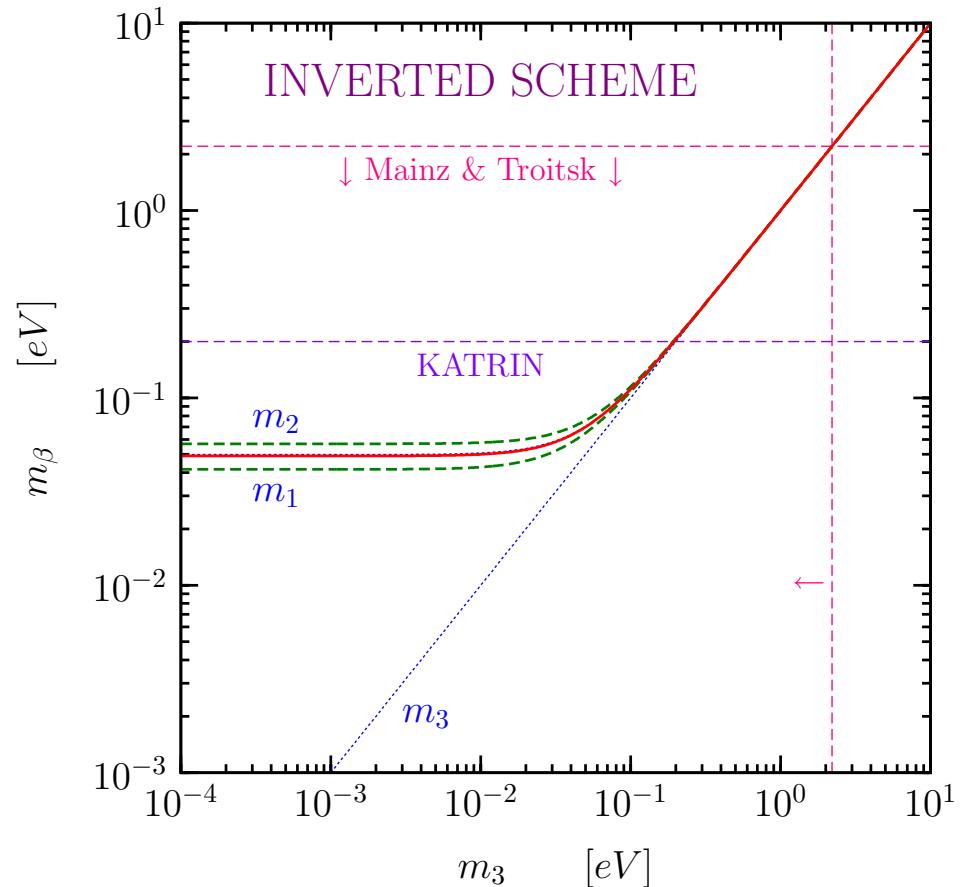
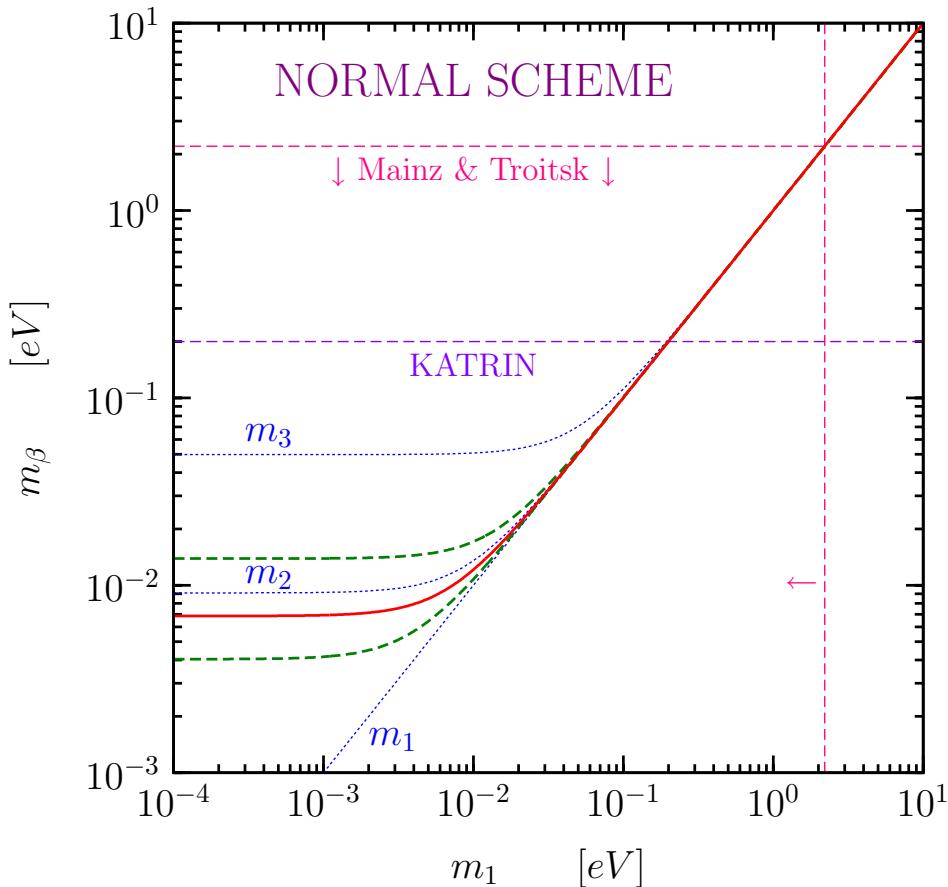
$$m_\beta < 2.2 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ C.L.})$$

Mainz & Troitsk
[Weinheimer, hep-ex/0210050]

future: KATRIN
[hep-ex/0109033] [hep-ex/0309007]

sensitivity: $m_\beta \simeq 0.2 - 0.3 \text{ eV}$

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



Quasi-Degenerate: $m_1 \simeq m_2 \simeq m_3 \simeq m_\nu \implies m_\beta^2 \simeq m_\nu^2 \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 = m_\nu^2$

FUTURE: IF $m_\beta \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-2}$ eV \implies NORMAL HIERARCHY

Cosmological Bound on Neutrino Masses

neutrinos are in equilibrium in primeval plasma through weak interaction reactions



weak interactions freeze out

$$\Gamma_{\text{weak}} = N\sigma v \sim G_F^2 T^5 \sim T^2/M_P \sim \sqrt{G_N T^4} \sim \sqrt{G_N \rho} \sim H \implies T_{\text{dec}} \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$$

neutrino decoupling

Relic Neutrinos: $T_\nu = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} T_\gamma \simeq 1.945 \text{ K} \implies k T_\nu \simeq 1.676 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$

$(T_\gamma = 2.725 \pm 0.001 \text{ K})$

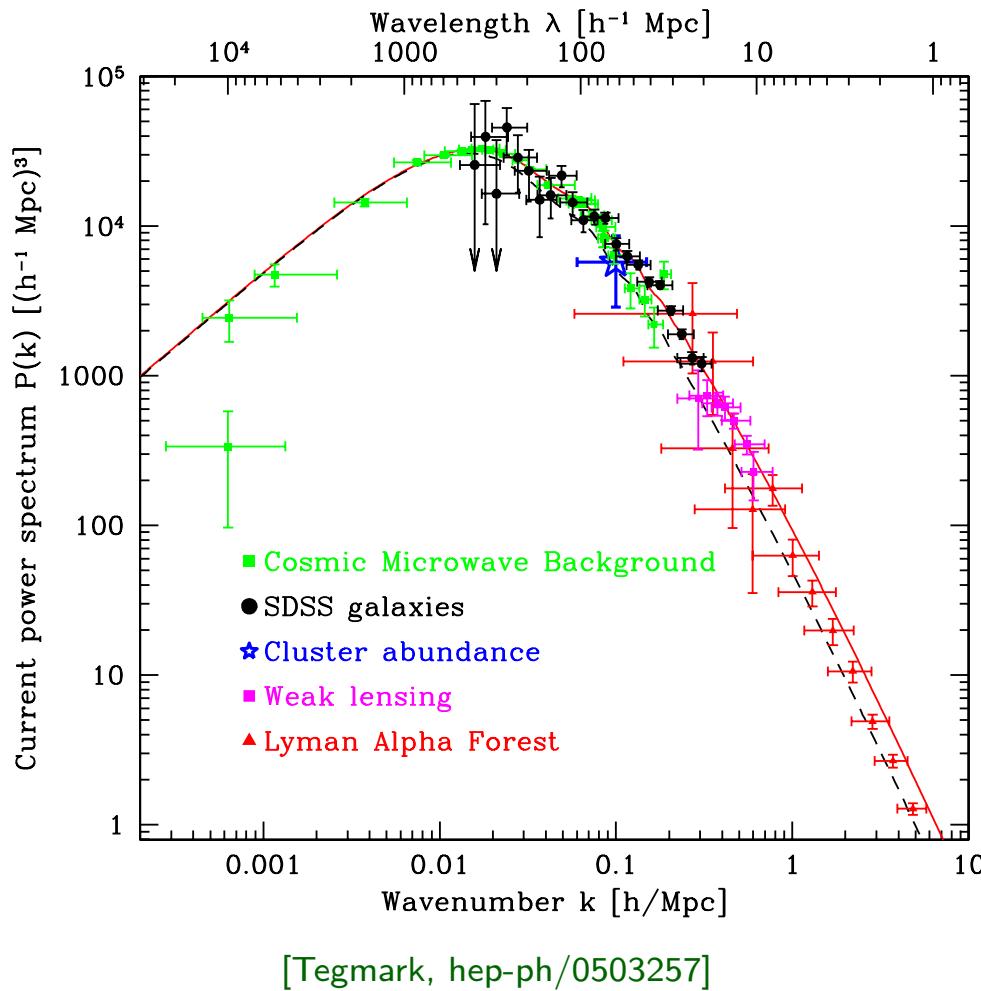
number density: $n_f = \frac{3}{4} \frac{\zeta(3)}{\pi^2} g_f T_f^3 \implies n_{\nu_k, \bar{\nu}_k} \simeq 0.1827 T_\nu^3 \simeq 112 \text{ cm}^{-3}$

density contribution: $\Omega_k = \frac{n_{\nu_k, \bar{\nu}_k} m_k}{\rho_c} \simeq \frac{1}{h^2} \frac{m_k}{94.14 \text{ eV}} \implies \boxed{\Omega_\nu h^2 = \frac{\sum_k m_k}{94.14 \text{ eV}}}$

($\rho_c = \frac{3H^2}{8\pi G_N}$) [Gershtein, Zeldovich, JETP Lett. 4 (1966) 120] [Cowsik, McClelland, PRL 29 (1972) 669]

$$h \sim 0.7, \quad \Omega_\nu \lesssim 0.3 \quad \implies \quad \sum_k m_k \lesssim 14 \text{ eV}$$

Power Spectrum of Density Fluctuations



Solid Curve: flat scalar scale-invariant Λ CDM model
 $(\Omega_M^0 = 0.28, h = 0.72, \Omega_B^0/\Omega_M^0 = 0.16)$

Dashed Curve: $\sum_k m_k = 1 \text{ eV}$

hot dark matter
 prevents early galaxy formation

small scale suppression

$$\frac{\Delta P(k)}{P(k)} \approx -8 \frac{\Omega_\nu}{\Omega_m}$$

$$\approx -0.8 \left(\frac{\sum_k m_k}{1 \text{ eV}} \right) \left(\frac{0.1}{\Omega_m h^2} \right)$$

for

$$k \gtrsim k_{nr} \approx 0.026 \sqrt{\frac{m_\nu}{1 \text{ eV}}} \sqrt{\Omega_m} h \text{ Mpc}^{-1}$$

[Hu, Eisenstein, Tegmark, PRL 80 (1998) 5255]

CMB (WMAP, CBI, ACBAR) + LSS (2dFGRS) + Ly α + HST + SN-Ia

Λ CDM

$$T_0 = 13.7 \pm 0.1 \text{ Gyr} \quad h = 0.71^{+0.04}_{-0.03}$$

$$\Omega_{\text{tot}} = 1.02 \pm 0.02 \quad \Omega_b h^2 = 0.0224 \pm 0.0009 \quad \Omega_m h^2 = 0.135^{+0.008}_{-0.009}$$

$$\Omega_\nu h^2 < 0.0076 \quad (95\% \text{ conf.}) \implies \sum_k m_k < 0.71 \text{ eV}$$

Hannestad, JCAP 0305 (2003) 004, astro-ph/0303076

$$\sum_k m_k < 1.01 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ conf.}) \quad \text{WMAP+CBI+2dFGRS+HST+SN-Ia}$$

$$\sum_k m_k < 1.20 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ conf.}) \quad \text{WMAP+CBI+2dFGRS}$$

$$\sum_k m_k < 2.12 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ conf.}) \quad \text{WMAP+2dFGRS}$$

Elgaroy and Lahav, JCAP 04 (2003) 004, astro-ph/0303089

$$\sum_k m_k < 1.1 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ conf.}) \quad \text{WMAP+2dFGRS+HST}$$

CMB(WMAP)+LSS(SDSS)+SN-Ia

$$h = 0.70_{-0.03}^{+0.04} \quad \Omega_m = 0.30 \pm 0.04 \quad \sum_k m_k < 1.7 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ conf.})$$

$$\text{CMB(WMAP)+LSS(SDSS)+bias(SDSS)} \quad P_g(k) = b^2 P_m(k)$$

$$\Omega_m = 0.25 \pm 0.03 \quad \sum_k m_k < 0.54 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ conf.})$$

CMB(WMAP)+LSS(SDSS)+bias(SDSS)+Ly α (SDSS)+SN-Ia

$$\Omega_\Lambda = 0.72 \pm 0.02 \quad \sum_k m_k < 0.42 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ conf.})$$

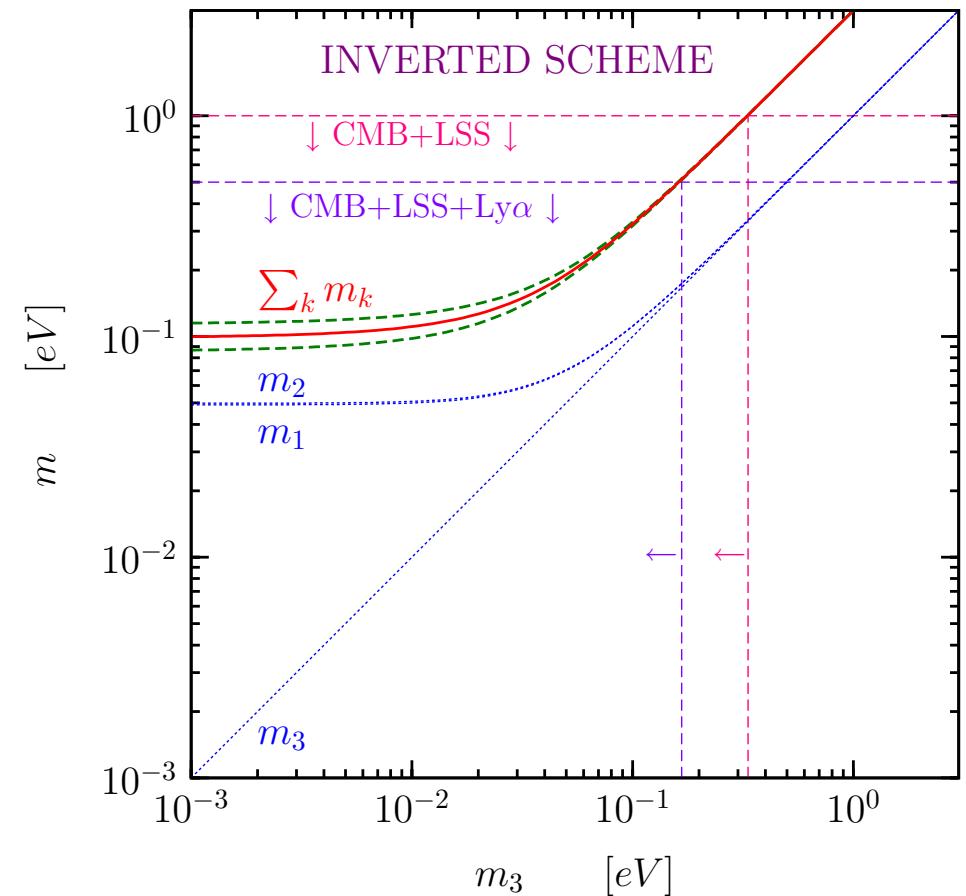
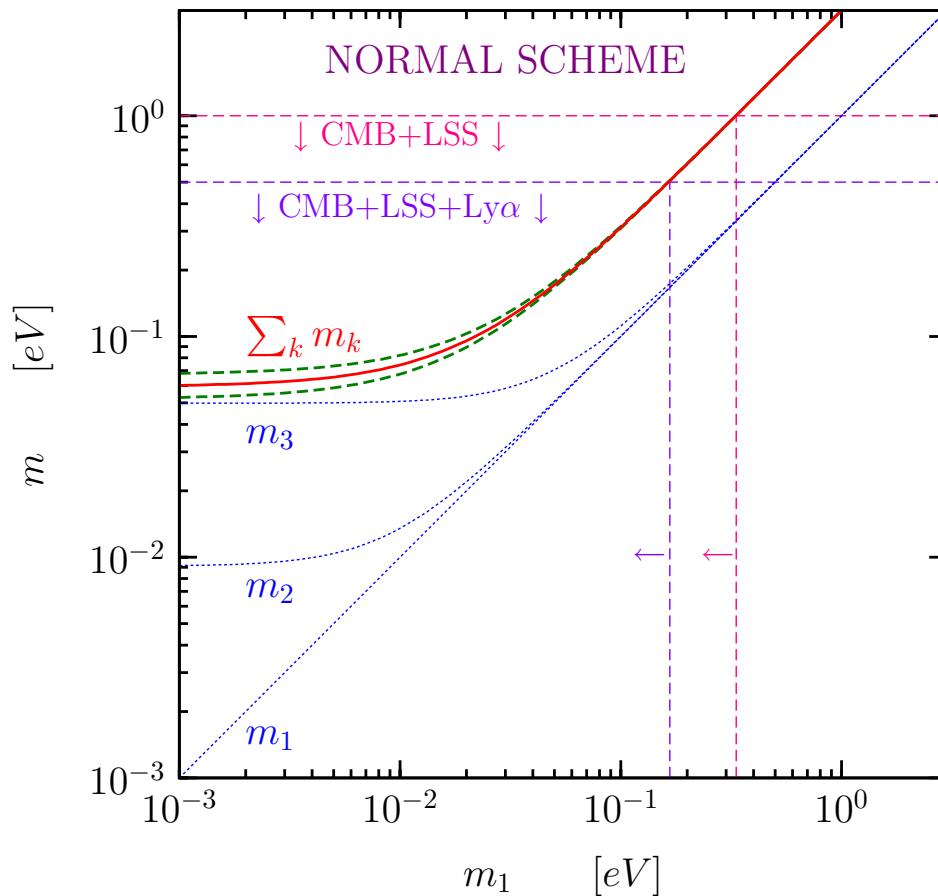
$$\sum_k m_k < 1.4 \text{ eV} \quad (2\sigma) \quad \text{CMB+LSS+HST+SN-Ia}$$

$$\sum_k m_k < 0.47 \text{ eV} \quad (2\sigma) \quad \text{CMB+LSS+HST+SN-Ia+Ly}\alpha(\text{SDSS})$$

$$\sum_k m_k \lesssim 1 \text{ eV} \quad (\sim 2\sigma)$$

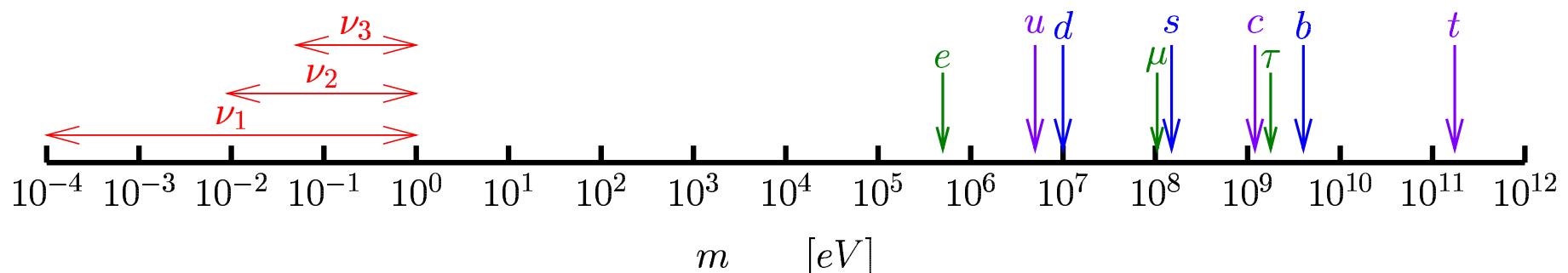
$$\sum_k m_k \lesssim 0.5 \text{ eV} \quad (\sim 2\sigma)$$

CMB+LSS+HST+SN-Ia
CMB+LSS+HST+SN-Ia+Ly α



FUTURE: IF $\sum_k m_k \lesssim 8 \times 10^{-2} \text{ eV} \implies$ NORMAL HIERARCHY

Majorana Neutrino Mass?



known natural explanation of smallness of ν masses

New High Energy Scale $\mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{See-Saw Mechanism (if } \nu_R \text{'s exist)} \\ \text{5-D Non-Renormaliz. Eff. Operator} \end{cases}$

both imply $\begin{cases} \text{Majorana } \nu \text{ masses } \iff |\Delta L| = 2 \iff \beta\beta_{0\nu} \text{ decay} \\ \text{see-saw type relation } m_\nu \sim \frac{\mathcal{M}_{EW}^2}{\mathcal{M}} \end{cases}$

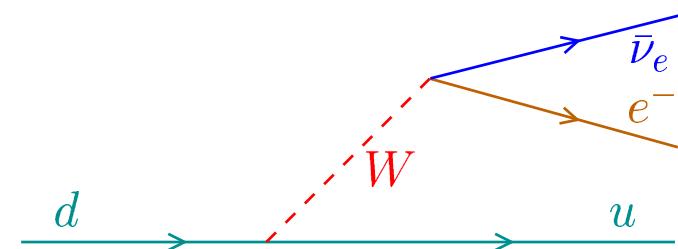
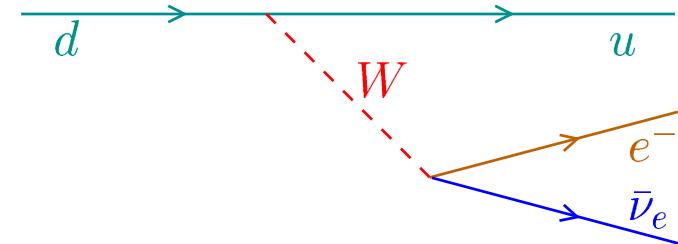
Majorana neutrino masses provide the most accessible window on New Physics Beyond the Standard Model

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

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

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

second order weak interaction process
in the Standard Model

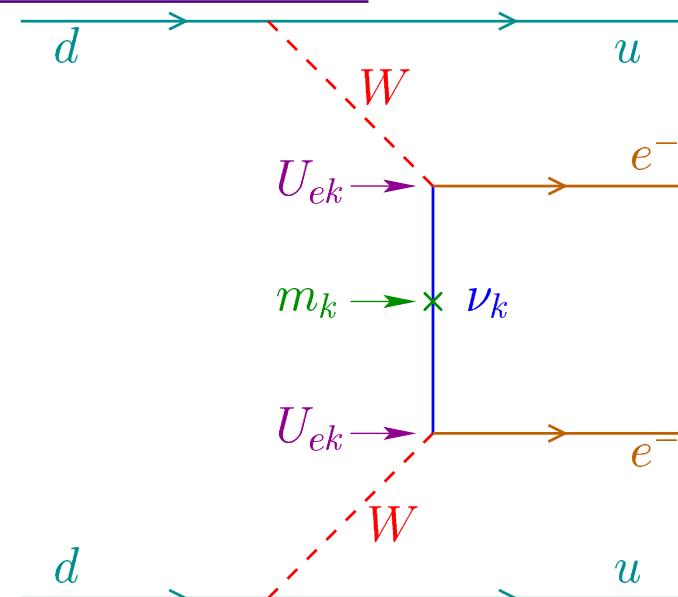


Neutrinoless Double- β Decay: $\Delta L = 2$

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

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

effective
Majorana
mass

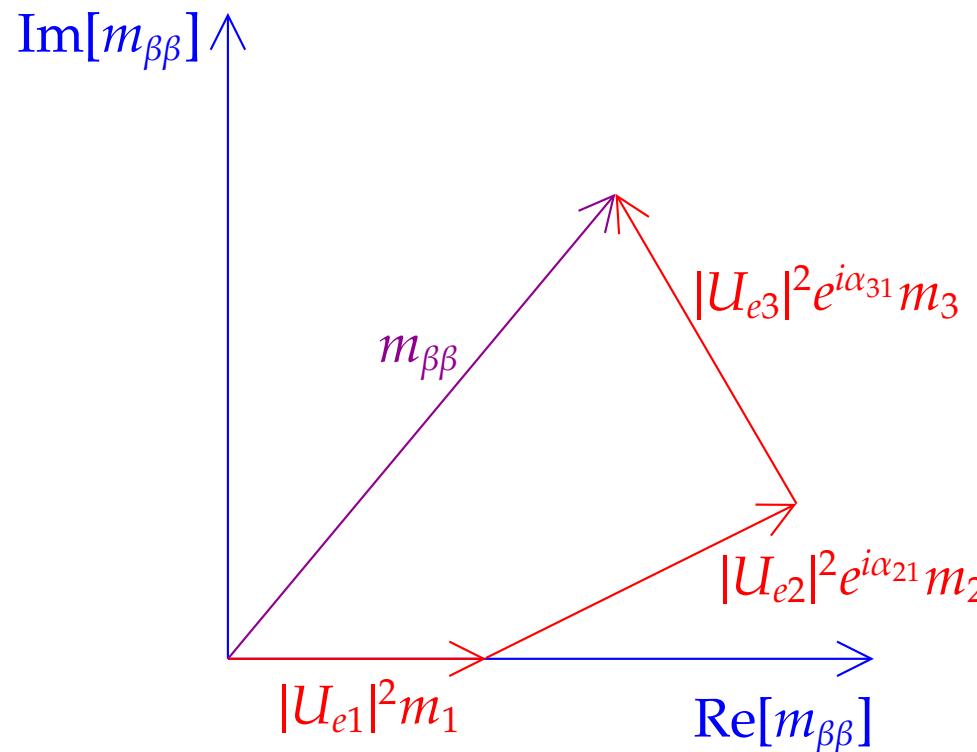
$$m_{\beta\beta} = \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k$$


Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass in $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ Decay

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

complex $U_{ek} \Rightarrow$ possible cancellations

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



Best limits for $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ Decay

Heidelberg-Moscow

^{76}Ge

[EPJA 12 (2001) 147]

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.9 \times 10^{25} \text{ y} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \Rightarrow |m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 0.32 - 1.0 \text{ eV}$$

IGEX

^{76}Ge

[PRD 65 (2002) 092007]

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.57 \times 10^{25} \text{ y} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \Rightarrow |m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 0.35 - 1.1 \text{ eV}$$

FUTURE EXPERIMENTS

NEMO3, CUORICINO, COBRA, XMASS, CAMEO, CANDLES

$$|m_{\beta\beta}| \sim \text{few } 10^{-1} \text{ eV}$$

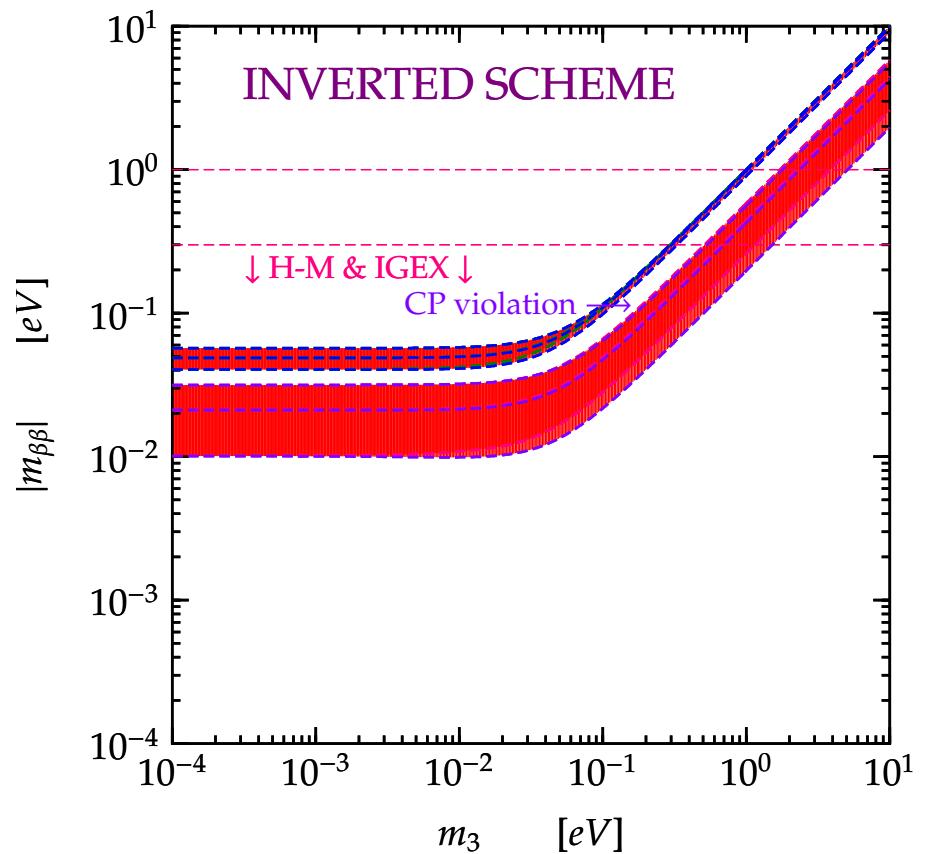
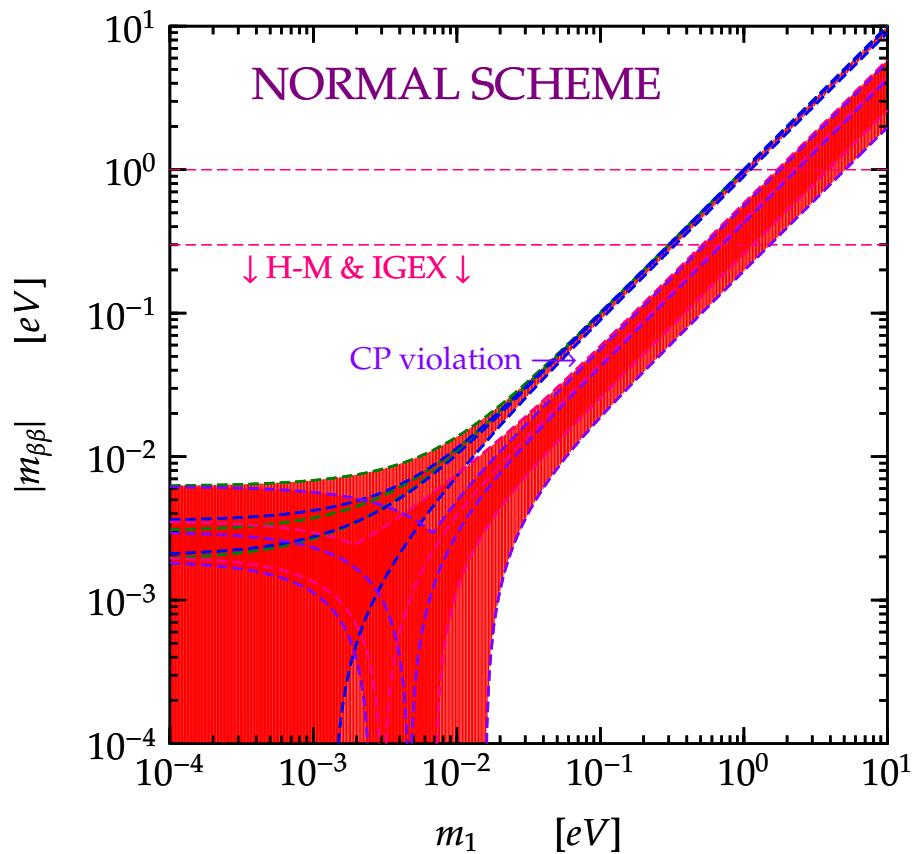
EXO, MOON, Super-NEMO, CUORE, Majorana, GEM, GERDA

$$|m_{\beta\beta}| \sim \text{few } 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$$

[Zdesenko, RMP 74 (2002) 663] [Elliott, Vogel, ARNPS 52 (2002) 115] [Elliott, Engel, JPG 30 (2004) R183]

General Neutrino Oscillations Bounds for $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ Decay

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

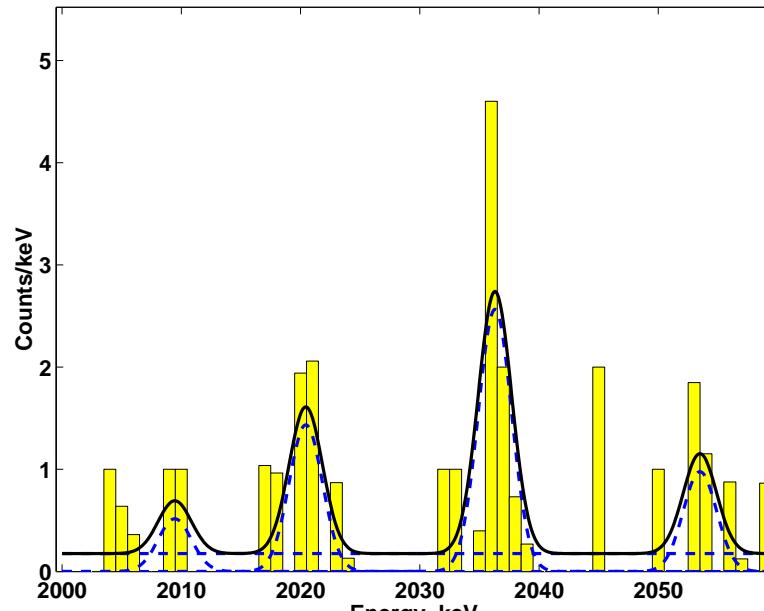


FUTURE: IF $|m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 10^{-2}$ eV \Rightarrow NORMAL HIERARCHY

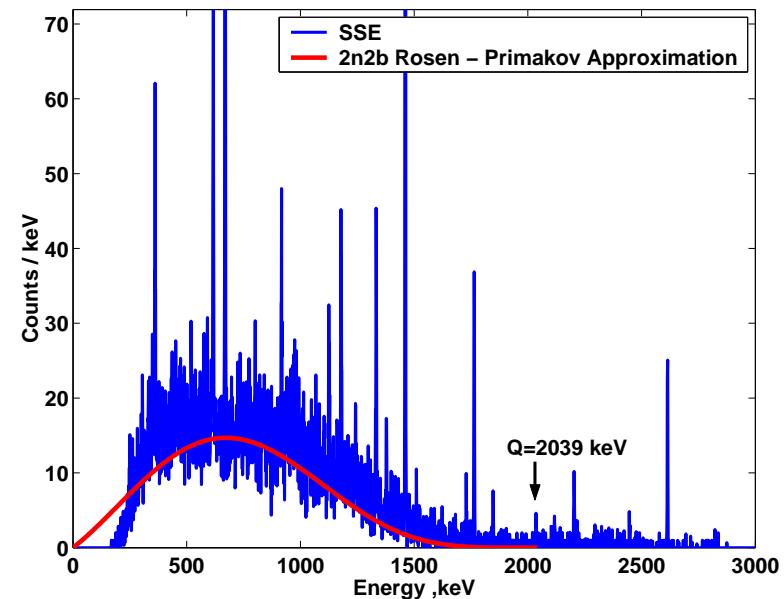
Indication of $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ Decay

[Klapdor et al., MPLA 16 (2001) 2409; FP 32 (2002) 1181; NIMA 522 (2004) 371; PLB 586 (2004) 198]

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu \text{ bf}} = 1.19 \times 10^{25} \text{ y} \quad T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (0.69 - 4.18) \times 10^{25} \text{ y} (3\sigma) \quad 4.2\sigma \text{ evidence}$$



pulse-shape selected spectrum



3.8 σ evidence

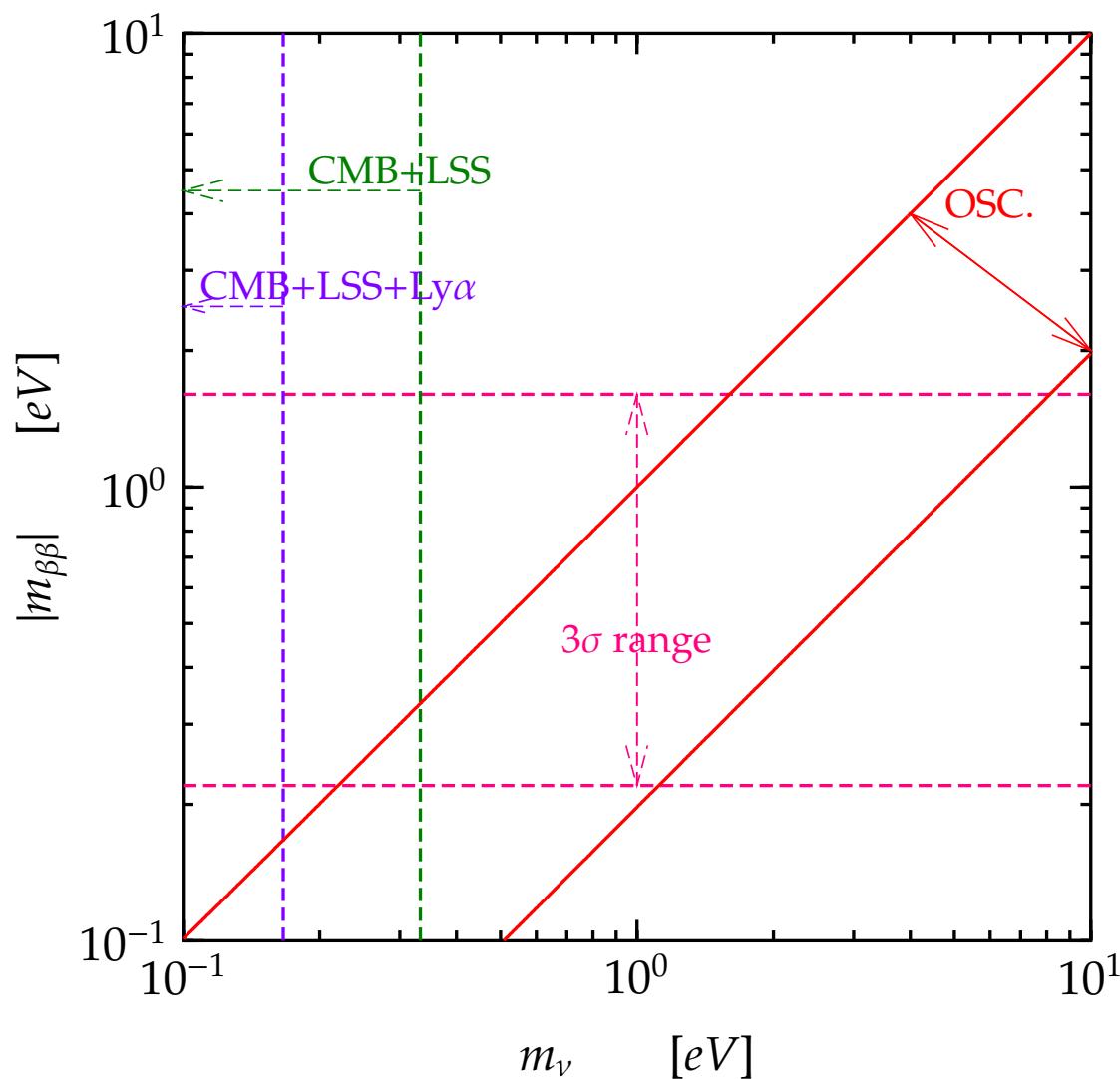
[PLB 586 (2004) 198]

the indication must be checked by other experiments

$$1.35 \lesssim |\mathcal{M}_{0\nu}| \lesssim 4.12 \implies 0.22 \text{ eV} \lesssim |m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 1.6 \text{ eV}$$

if confirmed, very exciting (Majorana ν and large mass scale)

Indication of $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ Decay: $0.22 \text{ eV} \lesssim |m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 1.6 \text{ eV}$ (3 σ range)



tension among oscillation data, CMB+LSS+Ly α and $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ signal

Conclusions

$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ with $\Delta m_{\text{SUN}}^2 \simeq 8.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ (solar ν , KamLAND)

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ with $\Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2 \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ (atmospheric ν , K2K)



Bilarge 3ν -Mixing with $|U_{e3}|^2 \ll 1$

β Decay, Cosmology, $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ Decay $\implies m_\nu \lesssim 1 \text{ eV}$

FUTURE

Theory: Improve calculation of $\mathcal{M}_{0\nu}$!

Exp.: β Decay: KATRIN ($m_\beta \simeq 0.2 - 0.3 \text{ eV}$), ?

Cosmology: WMAP, SDSS, Planck, ...

$\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ Decay: Many experiments ($|m_{\beta\beta}| \sim 10^{-1} \rightarrow 10^{-2} \text{ eV}$)