

# Status of Three-Neutrino Mixing and Beyond

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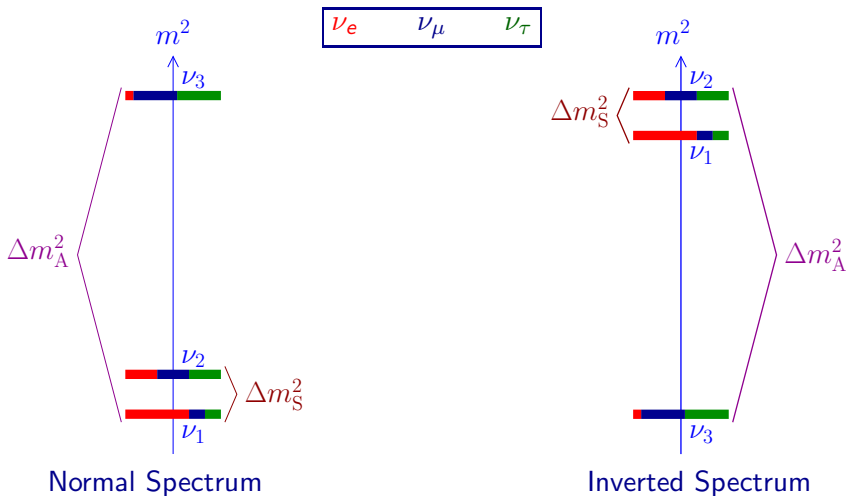
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# Three-Neutrino Mixing Paradigm



$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \simeq 7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

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

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\lambda_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta_{13}} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\lambda_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vartheta_{23} \simeq \vartheta_A$$

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

Chooz, Palo Verde

T2K, MINOS

Daya Bay, RENO

$$\sin^2 \vartheta_{13} = 0.023 \pm 0.002$$

$$\vartheta_{12} \simeq \vartheta_S$$

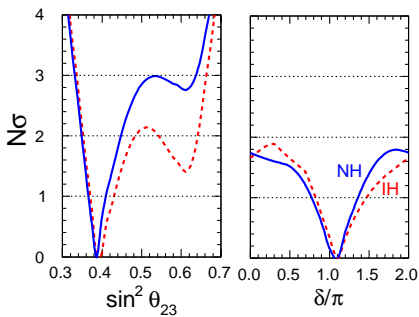
$$\sin^2 \vartheta_{12} = 0.30 \pm 0.01$$

$\beta\beta_{0\nu}$

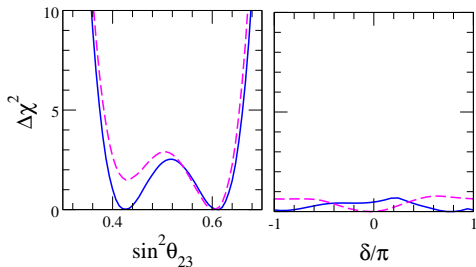
$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \vartheta_{23}}{\sin^2 \vartheta_{23}} \simeq 40\%$$

$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \vartheta_{13}}{\sin^2 \vartheta_{13}} \simeq 10\%$$

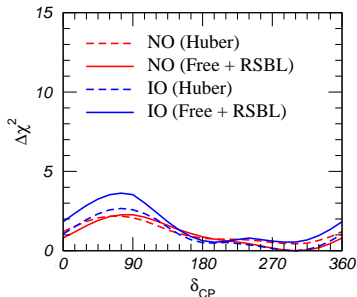
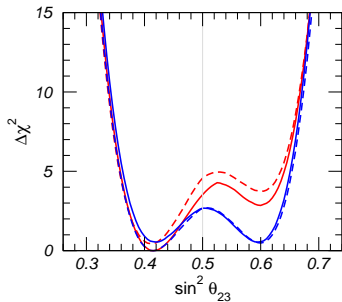
$$\frac{\delta \sin^2 \vartheta_{12}}{\sin^2 \vartheta_{12}} \simeq 5\%$$



[Fogli, Lisi, Marrone, Montanino, Palazzo, Rotunno, PRD 86 (2012) 013012]



[Forero, Tortola, Valle, PRD 86 (2012) 073012]

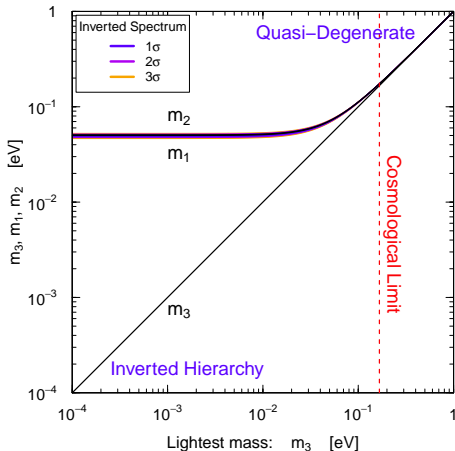
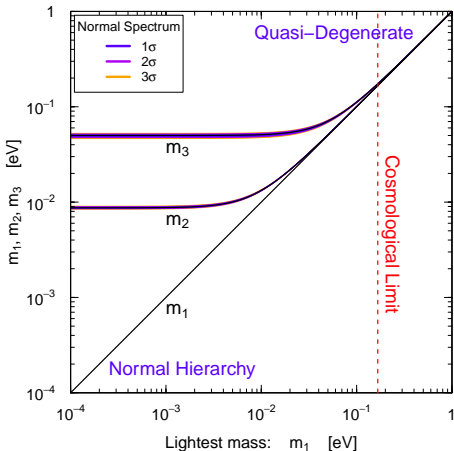


[Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado, Schwetz, arXiv:1209.3023; <http://www.nu-fit.org>]

# Open Problems

- ▶  $\vartheta_{23} < 45^\circ$  ?
  - ▶ Atmospheric Neutrinos, T2K, NO $\nu$ A, .....
- ▶ CP violation ?
  - ▶ NO $\nu$ A, LAGUNA, CERN-GS, HyperK, ...
- ▶ Mass Hierarchy ?
  - ▶ NO $\nu$ A, Atmospheric Neutrinos, Day Bay II, Supernova Neutrinos, ...
- ▶ Absolute Mass Scale ?
  - ▶  $\beta$  Decay, Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$  Decay, Cosmology, ...
- ▶ Dirac or Majorana ?
  - ▶ Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$  Decay, ...

# Absolute Scale of Neutrino Masses



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

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

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

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

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

# Tritium Beta-Decay

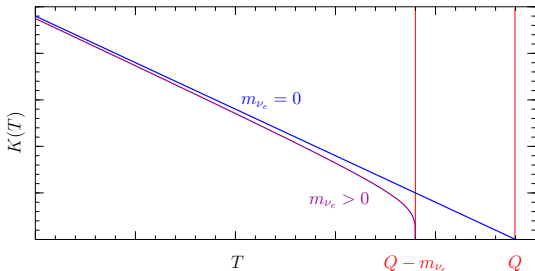


$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dT} = \frac{(\cos\vartheta_C G_F)^2}{2\pi^3} |\mathcal{M}|^2 F(E) p E (Q - T) \sqrt{(Q - T)^2 - m_{\nu_e}^2}$$

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

Kurie plot

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



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

Mainz & Troitsk

[Weinheimer, hep-ex/0210050]

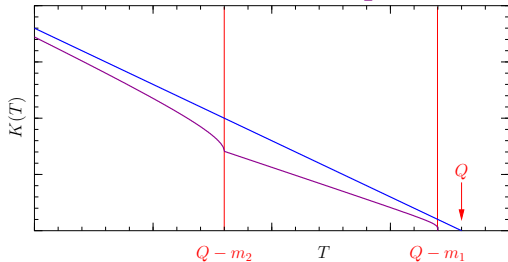
future: KATRIN

[[www.katrin.kit.edu](http://www.katrin.kit.edu)]

start data taking in 2015

sensitivity:  $m_{\nu_e} \simeq 0.2 \text{ eV}$

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



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:

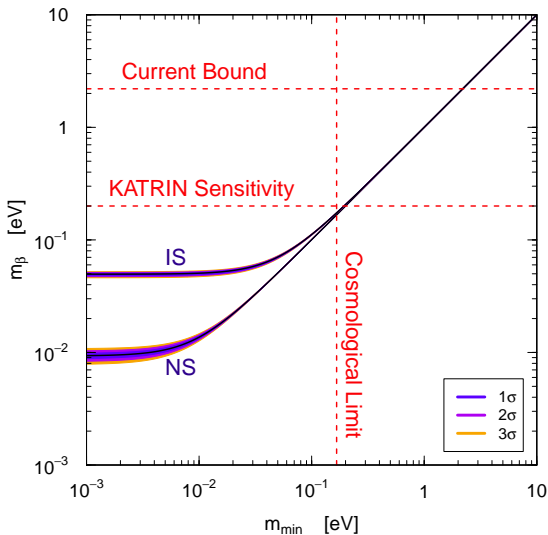
$$m_\beta^2 = \sum_k |U_{ek}|^2 m_k^2$$

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



# 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:

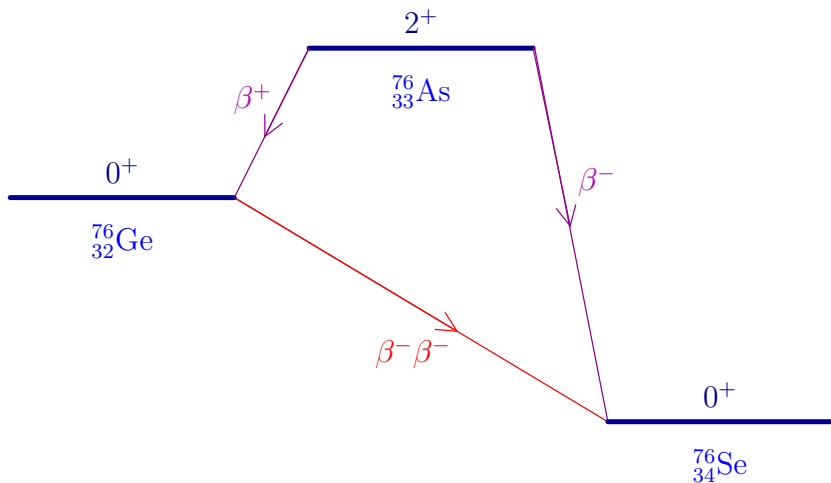
$$m_\beta^2 \simeq s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 \Delta m_S^2 + s_{13}^2 \Delta m_A^2 \\ \simeq 2 \times 10^{-5} + 6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

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



Normal Spectrum

# Neutrinoless Double-Beta Decay



Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass:

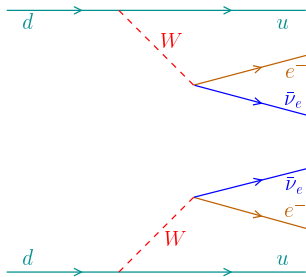
$$m_{\beta\beta} = \sum_k U_{ek}^2 m_k$$

## Two-Neutrino Double- $\beta$ 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



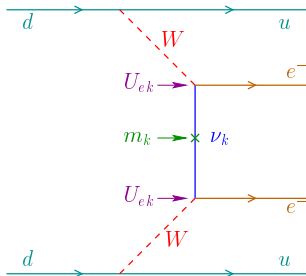
## Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$ Decay: $\Delta L = 2$

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

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

effective  
Majorana  
mass

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

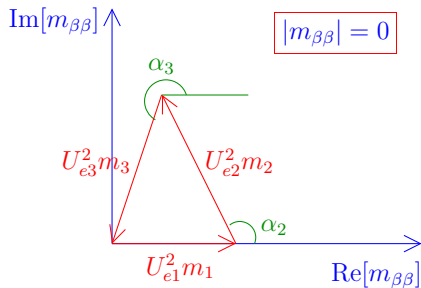
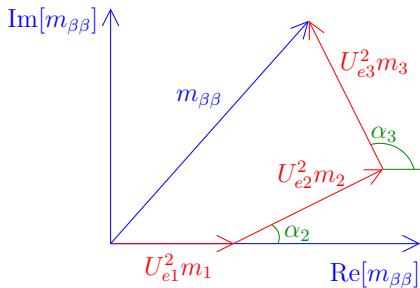


# Effective Majorana Neutrino Mass

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

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

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



# Experimental Bounds

EXO ( $^{136}\text{Xe}$ ) [PRL 109 (2012) 032505]

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.6 \times 10^{25} \text{ y} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \implies |m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 0.14 - 0.38 \text{ eV}$$

CUORICINO ( $^{130}\text{Te}$ ) [AP 34 (2011) 822]

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 2.8 \times 10^{24} \text{ y} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \implies |m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 0.3 - 0.7 \text{ eV}$$

Heidelberg-Moscow ( $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ) [EPJA 12 (2001) 147]

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

IGEX ( $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ) [PRD 65 (2002) 092007]

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 1.57 \times 10^{25} \text{ y} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \implies |m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 0.33 - 1.35 \text{ eV}$$

NEMO 3 ( $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ) [PRL 95 (2005) 182302]

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} > 4.6 \times 10^{23} \text{ y} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.}) \implies |m_{\beta\beta}| \lesssim 0.7 - 2.8 \text{ eV}$$

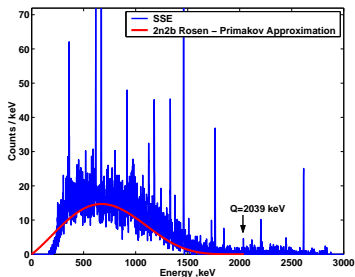
# Experimental Positive Indication

[Klapdor et al., MPLA 16 (2001) 2409]

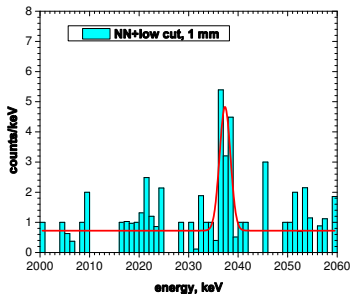
$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} = (2.23_{-0.31}^{+0.44}) \times 10^{25} \text{ y}$$

6.5 $\sigma$  evidence

[MPLA 21 (2006) 1547]



[PLB 586 (2004) 198]



[MPLA 21 (2006) 1547]

$$|m_{\beta\beta}| = 0.32 \pm 0.03 \text{ eV}$$

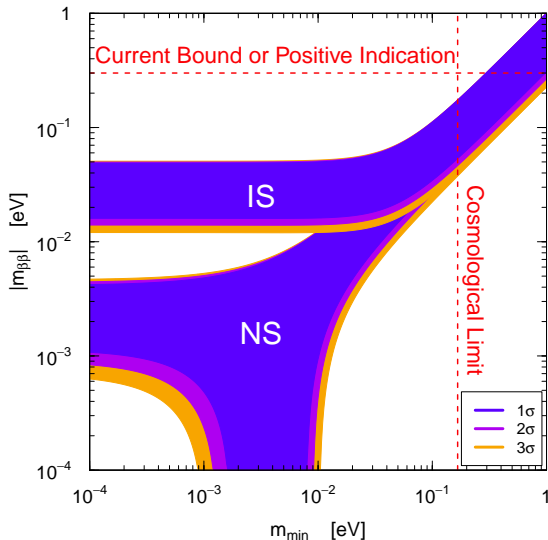
[MPLA 21 (2006) 1547]

very exciting: Majorana  $\nu$  and large mass scale

partially excluded by EXO and CUORICINO

# Predictions of $3\nu$ -Mixing Paradigm

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



▶ Positive indication:  
tension with cosmology

▶ Quasi-Degenerate:

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

▶ Inverted Hierarchy:

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

▶ Normal Hierarchy:

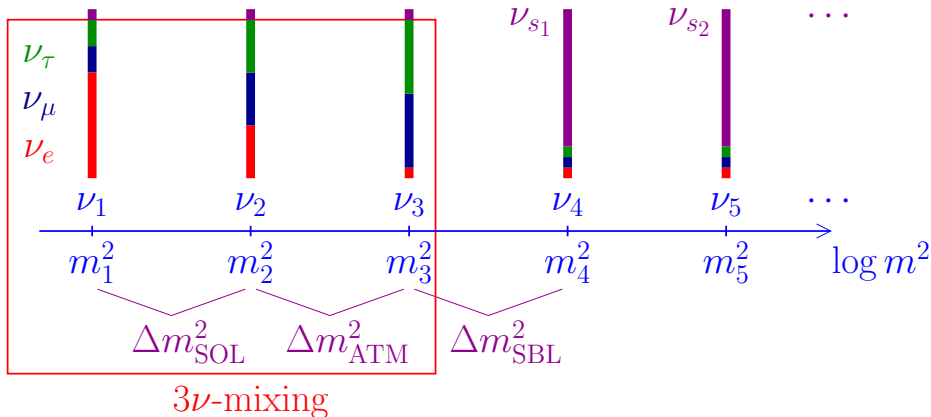
$$|m_{\beta\beta}| \simeq |s_{12}^2 \sqrt{\Delta m_S^2} + e^{i\alpha} s_{13}^2 \sqrt{\Delta m_A^2}|$$

$$\simeq |2.7 + 1.2e^{i\alpha}| \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}$$

$m_1 \gtrsim 10^{-3} \text{ eV} \Rightarrow$  cancellation?

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

# Beyond Three-Neutrino Mixing





# Sterile Neutrinos

- ▶ Sterile means **no standard model interactions** (e.g.  $\nu_R^c = \nu_{sL}$ )
- ▶ Oscillation observables:
  - ▶ **Disappearance** of active neutrinos (**neutral current deficit**)
  - ▶ Indirect evidence through **combined fit of data** (**current indication**)
- ▶ Short-baseline anomalies +  $3\nu$ -mixing:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \Delta m_{21}^2 & \ll & |\Delta m_{31}^2| & \ll & |\Delta m_{41}^2| \leq \dots \\ \nu_1 & & \nu_2 & & \nu_3 & & \nu_4 & & \dots \\ \nu_e & & \nu_\mu & & \nu_\tau & & \nu_{s1} & & \dots \end{array}$$

- ▶ Neutrino number and mass observable:
  - ▶ Number of thermalized relativistic particles in early Universe (BBN, CMB, BAO)
  - ▶  $m_4$  effects in cosmology (CMB, LLS), direct  $\beta$ -decay neutrino mass measurements and neutrinoless double- $\beta$  decay (if Majorana)

# Reactor Electron Antineutrino Anomaly

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

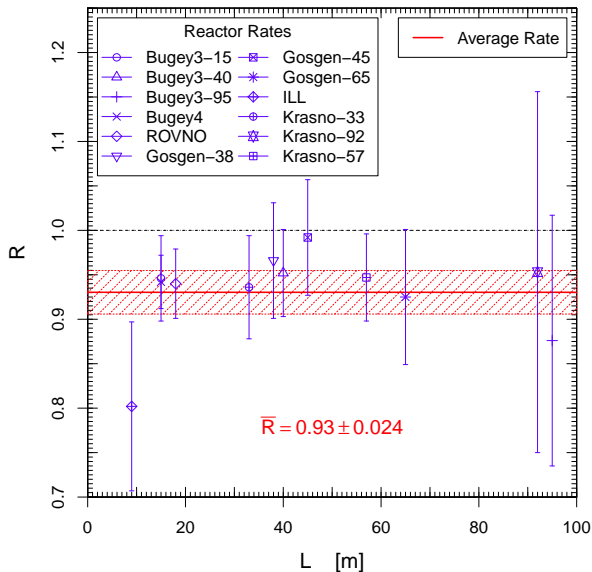
[update in White Paper, arXiv:1204.5379]

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

[Mueller et al, PRC 83 (2011) 054615]

[Huber, PRC 84 (2011) 024617]

2.8 $\sigma$  anomaly



# Gallium Anomaly

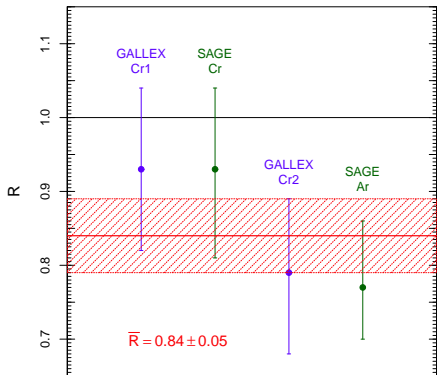
Gallium Radioactive Source Experiments: GALLEX and SAGE

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

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

Anomaly supported by new  ${}^{71}\text{Ga}({}^3\text{He}, {}^3\text{H}){}^{71}\text{Ge}$  cross section measurement

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



$E \sim 0.7 \text{ MeV}$

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

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

$2.9\sigma$  anomaly

## 3+1 SBL $\nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_e$ Survival Probability

$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e}^{(-) (-)} = 1 - \sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

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

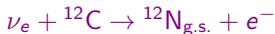
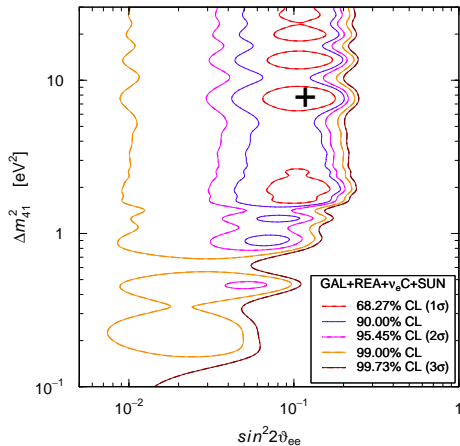
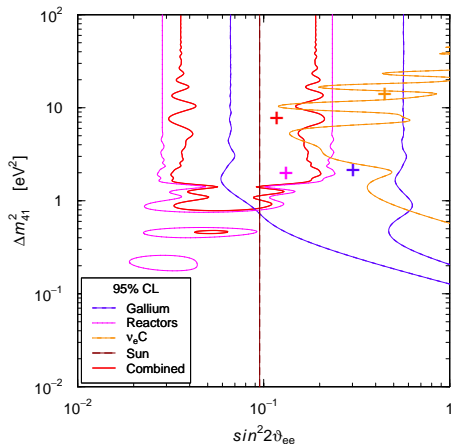
standard parameterization

$$U_{e1} = c_{12}c_{13}c_{14} \quad U_{e2} = s_{12}c_{13}c_{14} \quad U_{e3} = s_{13}c_{14}e^{-i\delta_{13}} \quad U_{e4} = s_{14}e^{-i\delta_{14}}$$

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} = \sin^2 2\vartheta_{14}$$

# Global $\nu_e$ and $\bar{\nu}_e$ Disappearance

[Giunti, Laveder, Y.F. Li, Q.Y. Liu, H.W. Long, arXiv:1210.5715]



KARMEN + LSND

[Conrad, Shaevitz, PRD 85 (2012) 013017]

[Giunti, Laveder, PLB 706 (2011) 200]

solar  $\nu_e$  + KamLAND  $\bar{\nu}_e$  +  $\vartheta_{13}$

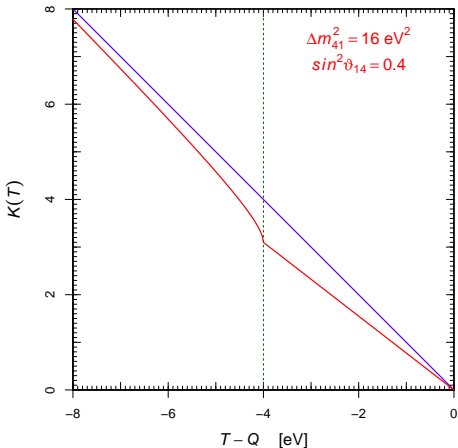
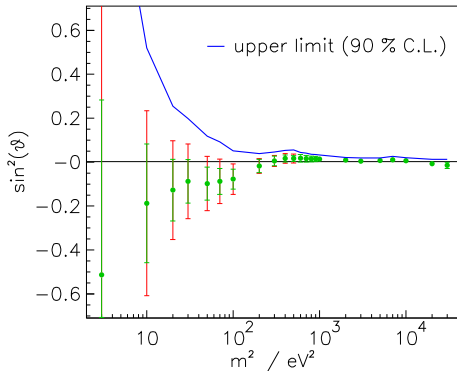
[Giunti, Li, PRD 80 (2009) 113007]

[Palazzo, PRD 83 (2011) 113013]

[Palazzo, PRD 85 (2012) 077301]

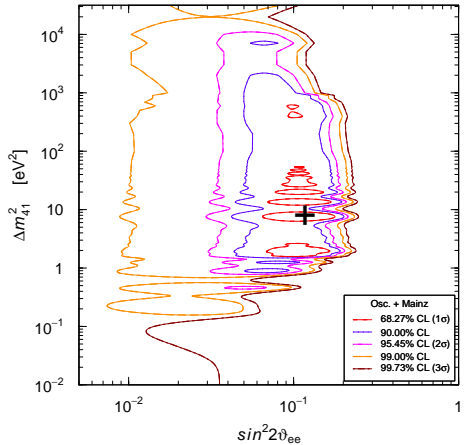
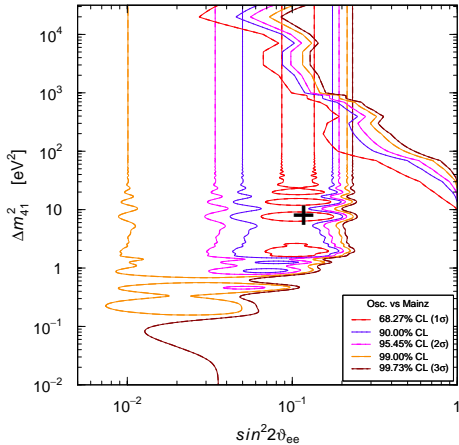
# Mainz Limit on $m_4^2$

[Kraus, Singer, Valerius, Weinheimer, arXiv:1210.4194]

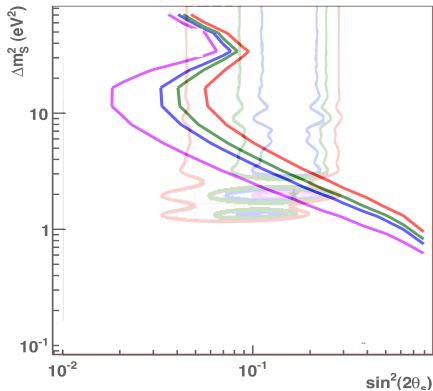


$$m_4 \gg m_1, m_2, m_3 \implies \Delta m_{41}^2 \equiv m_4^2 - m_1^2 \simeq m_4^2$$

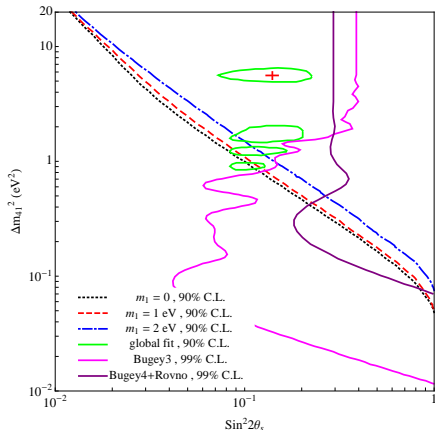
# $\Delta m_{41}^2$ Upper Bound



# KATRIN Sensitivity



[Formaggio, Barrett, PLB 706 (2011) 68]

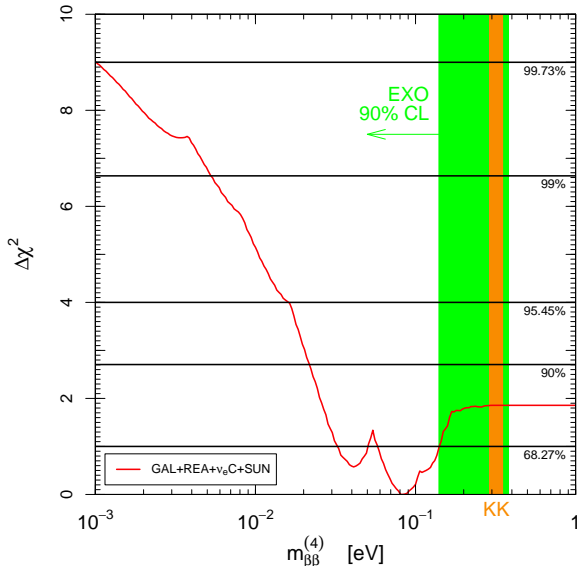


[Esmaili, Peres, PRD 85 (2012) 117301]

[see also Sejersen Riis, Hannestad, JCAP (2011) 1475; Sejersen Riis, Hannestad, Weinheimer, PRC 84 (2011) 045503]



# Neutrinoless Double- $\beta$ Decay



$$|m_{\beta\beta}| = \left| \sum_{k=1}^4 U_{ek}^2 m_k \right|$$

$$m_{\beta\beta}^{(4)} = |U_{e4}|^2 \sqrt{\Delta m_{41}^2}$$

caveat:

possible cancellation  
with  $m_{\beta\beta}^{(3\nu-IH)}$

[Barry et al, JHEP 07 (2011) 091]

[Li, Liu, PLB 706 (2012) 406]

[Rodejohann, arXiv:1206.2560]

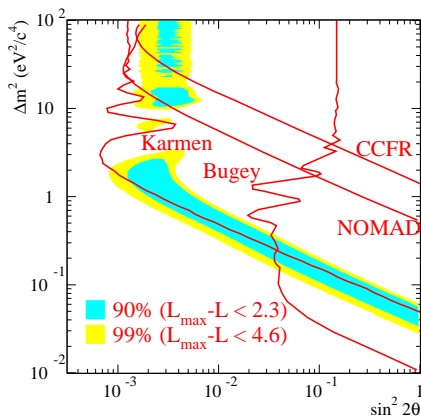
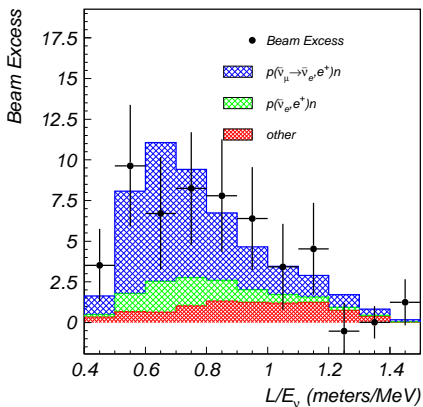
# LSND

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

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

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

$$20 \text{ MeV} \leq E \leq 200 \text{ MeV}$$



3.8 $\sigma$  excess

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

## 3+1: Appearance vs Disappearance

- ▶  $\nu_e$  disappearance experiments:

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

- ▶  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance experiments:

$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu} = 4|U_{\mu4}|^2 (1 - |U_{\mu4}|^2) \simeq 4|U_{\mu4}|^2$$

- ▶  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  experiments:

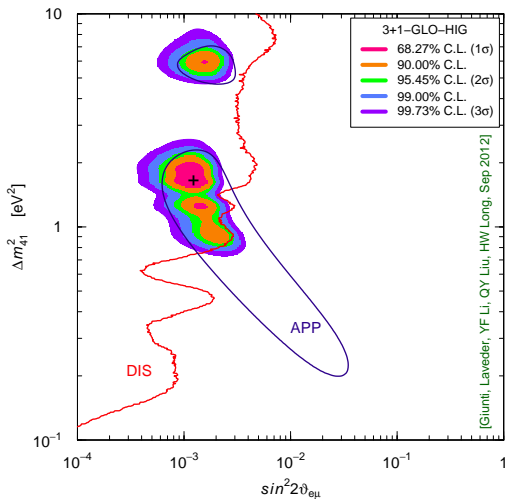
$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{e\mu} = 4|U_{e4}|^2|U_{\mu4}|^2 \simeq \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu}$$

- ▶ Upper bounds on  $\sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee}$  and  $\sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu} \implies$  strong limit on  $\sin^2 2\vartheta_{e\mu}$

[Okada, Yasuda, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A12 (1997) 3669-3694]

[Bilenky, Giunti, Grimus, Eur. Phys. J. C1 (1998) 247]

# 3+1 Global Fit



- ▶ APP  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  &  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ : LSND, MiniBooNE, ICARUS, KARMEN, NOMAD
- ▶ DIS  $\nu_e$  &  $\bar{\nu}_e$ : Reactors, Gallium,  $\nu_e C$ , Solar
- ▶ DIS  $\nu_\mu$  &  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ : CDHSW, MINOS, Atmospheric

No Osc. GoF = 0.87%

3+1 GoF = 32%

PGoF = 0.7%

# Cosmology

- ▶  $N_s$  = number of thermalized sterile neutrinos (not necessarily integer)
- ▶ CMB and LSS in  $\Lambda$ CDM:  $N_s = 1.3 \pm 0.9$   $m_s < 0.66$  eV (95% C.L.)

[Hamann, Hannestad, Raffelt, Tamborra, Wong, PRL 105 (2010) 181301]

$$N_s = 1.61 \pm 0.92 \quad m_s < 0.70 \text{ eV} \quad (95\% \text{ C.L.})$$

[Giusarma, Corsi, Archidiacono, de Putter, Melchiorri, Mena, Pandolfi, PRD 83 (2011) 115023]

- ▶ BBN:  $\begin{cases} N_s \leq 1 \text{ at } 95\% \text{ C.L.} \\ N_s = 0.0 \pm 0.5 \end{cases}$  [Mangano, Serpico, PLB 701 (2011) 296]  
[Pettini, Cooke, arXiv:1205.3785]

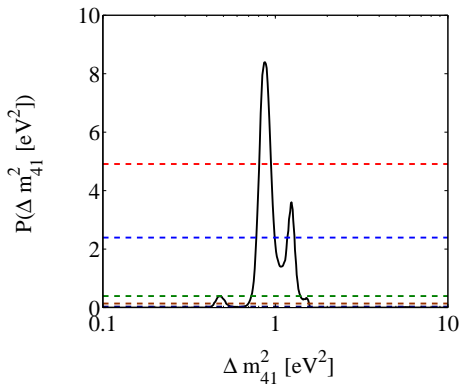
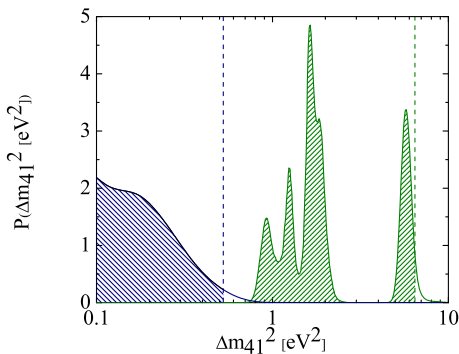
- ▶ CMB+LSS+BBN:  $N_s = 0.85^{+0.39}_{-0.56}$  (95% C.L.)

[Hamann, Hannestad, Raffelt, Wong, JCAP 1109 (2011) 034]

- ▶ Standard  $\Lambda$ CDM: 3+1 allowed, 3+2 disfavored

# Combined Oscillation and Cosmology Fit

[Archidiacono, Fornengo, Giunti, Melchiorri, PRD 86 (2012) 065028]



- ▶ Mass Hierarchy:  $m_4 \gg m_3, m_2, m_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_4 \simeq \sqrt{\Delta m_{41}^2}$
- ▶ Cosmology:  $m_4 < 0.73 \text{ eV}^2$  (95% Bayesian CL)
- ▶ Oscillation + Cosmology:  $0.85 < m_4 < 1.18 \text{ eV}^2$  (95% Bayesian CL)

# Conclusions

- ▶ Robust Three-Neutrino Mixing Paradigm. Open problems:  $\vartheta_{23} < 45^\circ?$ , CP Violation, Mass Hierarchy, Absolute Mass Scale, Dirac or Majorana?
- ▶ Short-Baseline  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  3+1 Disappearance:
  - ▶ Reactor  $\bar{\nu}_e$  anomaly is alive and exciting
  - ▶ Gallium  $\nu_e$  anomaly strengthened by new cross-section measurements
  - ▶ Many promising projects to test short-baseline  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance in a few years with reactors and radioactive sources
  - ▶ Independent tests through effect of  $m_4$  in  $\beta$ -decay and  $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay
- ▶ Short-Baseline  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  LSND Signal:
  - ▶ MiniBooNE experiment has been inconclusive
  - ▶ Better experiments are needed to check LSND signal
  - ▶ If LSND signal is confirmed  $m_4 \sim 1$  eV, marginally compatible with  $\Lambda$ CDM
- ▶ Cosmology:
  - ▶ Very powerful probe of neutrino number and masses
  - ▶ Model dependent. Thermalization loophole
  - ▶ Bright future (Plank, ...)