

Neutrino properties: nature, mass & CP violation

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Facts of life with neutrinos

Neutrino properties: What we know in 2012

- very weakly interacting, electrically neutral, spin 1/2, tiny mass
- long lived (or stable), tiny or vanishing magnetic moment
- 3 light 'SM families' (ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ)
- neutrinos oscillate $\iff m_\nu \neq 0$

Neutrino Properties

See the note on "Neutrino properties listings" in the Particle Listings.

Mass $m < 2$ eV (tritium decay)

Mean life/mass, $\tau/m > 300$ s/eV, CL = 90% (reactor)

Mean life/mass, $\tau/m > 7 \times 10^9$ s/eV (solar)

Mean life/mass, $\tau/m > 15.4$ s/eV, CL = 90% (accelerator)

Magnetic moment $\mu < 0.32 \times 10^{-10} \mu_B$, CL = 90% (solar)

Number of Neutrino Types

Number $N = 2.984 \pm 0.008$ (Standard Model fits to LEP data)

Number $N = 2.92 \pm 0.05$ ($S = 1.2$) (Direct measurement of invisible Z width)

Neutrino Mixing

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{12}) = 0.857 \pm 0.024$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = (7.50 \pm 0.20) \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) > 0.95 \text{ [i]}$$

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = (2.32^{+0.12}_{-0.08}) \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ [i]}$$

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{13}) = 0.098 \pm 0.013$$

Neutrinos oscillate!

Neutrino oscillations

- 3 neutrino states \rightarrow 3 masses m_1, m_2, m_3
- States with definite masses (mass eigenstates) in general do not coincide with flavor states
- Quantum mechanics:
States with same quantum numbers can mix, as it happens for the quarks
- The mixing matrices V are 3x3 unitary matrices
 - ▶ CKM = Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa
 - ▶ PMNS = Pontecorvo;
Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata

Flavor basis:

$$\{|\nu_e\rangle, |\nu_\mu\rangle, |\nu_\tau\rangle\}$$

Mass basis:

$$\{|\nu_1\rangle, |\nu_2\rangle, |\nu_3\rangle\}$$

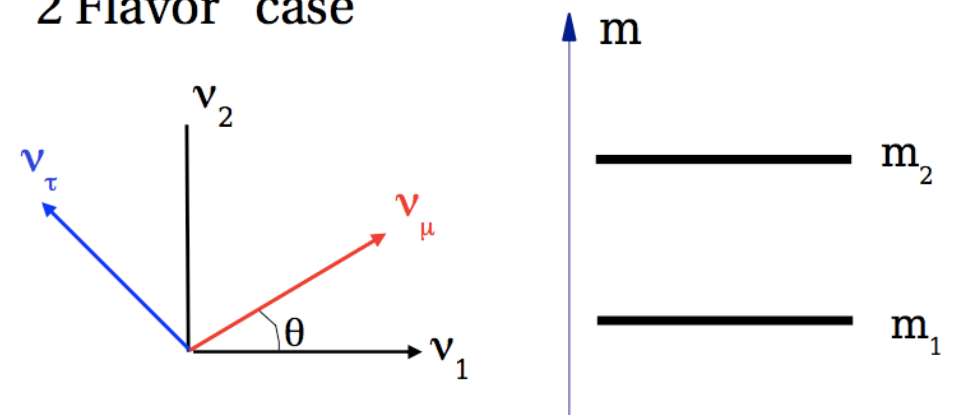
$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = V^{\text{CKM}} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = V^{\text{PMNS}} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Neutrino oscillations

- Consider 2 flavor case:
 - ▶ for simplicity
 - ▶ dominant oscillations are well-described by 2-flavor mixing
- Flavor and mass eigenstates connected by a 2x2 rotation matrix

2 Flavor case



$$\begin{aligned} |\nu_\mu\rangle &= \cos\theta |\nu_1\rangle + \sin\theta |\nu_2\rangle \\ |\nu_\tau\rangle &= -\sin\theta |\nu_1\rangle + \cos\theta |\nu_2\rangle \end{aligned}$$

Neutrino propagation:

- ν_μ created at $t=0$ with 3-momentum \mathbf{p}
- Neutrino state at time t
- Different mass components have different energy

$$|\nu(0)\rangle = |\nu_\mu\rangle = \cos\theta |\nu_1\rangle + \sin\theta |\nu_2\rangle$$

$$|\nu(t)\rangle = e^{-iE_1 t} \cos\theta |\nu_1\rangle + e^{-iE_2 t} \sin\theta |\nu_2\rangle$$

$$E_i = \sqrt{p^2 + m_i^2} \simeq p + \frac{m_i^2}{2p} \simeq p + \frac{m_i^2}{2E}$$

Neutrino oscillations

Oscillation probability:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau; t) &= |\langle \nu_\tau | \nu(t) \rangle|^2 \\ &= |\{-\sin\theta \langle \nu_1 | + \cos\theta \langle \nu_2 | \} \{ e^{-iE_1 t} \cos\theta | \nu_1 \rangle + e^{-iE_2 t} \sin\theta | \nu_2 \rangle \}|^2 \\ &= \cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta |e^{-iE_2 t} - e^{-iE_1 t}|^2 \\ &= 2 \cos^2\theta \sin^2\theta \{1 - \cos[(E_2 - E_1)t]\} \\ &= \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left[\frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} t \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2$$

As function of distance $L=c*t=t$:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau; L) &= \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left[\frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} L \right] \\ &= \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left[1.27 \Delta m^2 (\text{eV}^2) \frac{L(\text{km})}{E(\text{GeV})} \right] \end{aligned}$$

L/E determines
sensitivity to
 Δm^2

Neutrino oscillations

3 flavor oscillations:

$$|\nu_e\rangle = U_{e1}^* |\nu_1\rangle + U_{e2}^* |\nu_2\rangle + U_{e3}^* |\nu_3\rangle$$

$$|\nu_\mu\rangle = U_{\mu 1}^* |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\mu 2}^* |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\mu 3}^* |\nu_3\rangle$$

$$|\nu_\tau\rangle = U_{\tau 1}^* |\nu_1\rangle + U_{\tau 2}^* |\nu_2\rangle + U_{\tau 3}^* |\nu_3\rangle$$

atmospheric

solar

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

cross mixing

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

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \left| \sum_j U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha j}^* e^{-i m_j^2 \frac{L}{2E_\nu}} \right|^2$$

Results in the 3 flavor mixing scheme

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

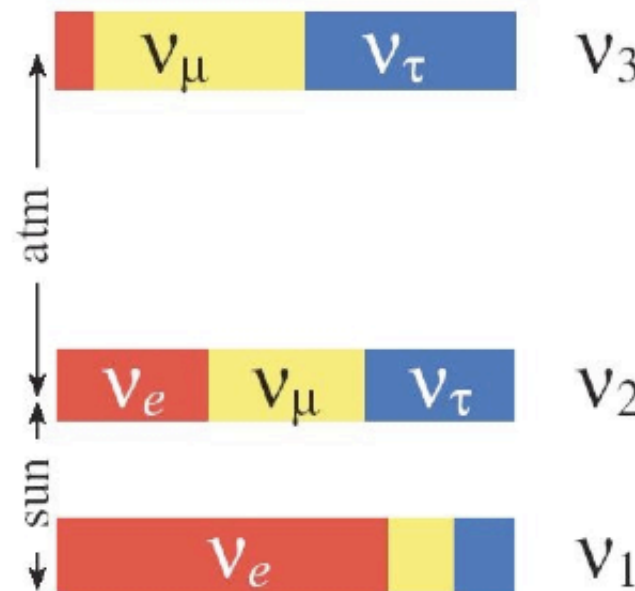
where $c_{ij} = \cos\theta_{ij}$, $s_{ij} = \sin\theta_{ij}$

	VALUE
Δm_{23}^2	2.35E-03 (eV ²)
Δm_{12}^2	7.58E-05 (eV ²)
$\sin^2\theta_{12}$	0.306
$\sin^2\theta_{23}$	0.42
$\sin^2\theta_{13}$	0.02 !
δ	?

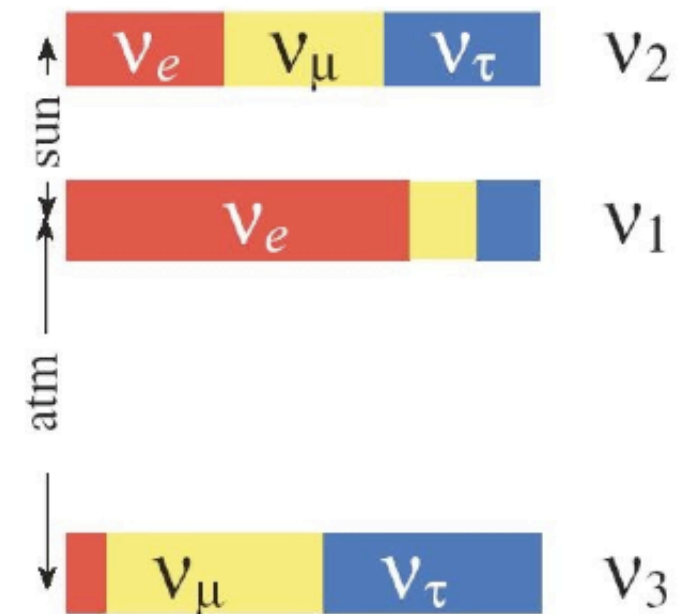
[arXiv:1106.6028 \[hep-ph\]](https://arxiv.org/abs/1106.6028)

Neutrino state cross-composition

Normal Hierarchy



Inverted Hierarchy



Discovery of a non-zero angle θ_{13} !

Leptonic CP violation: $\delta_{CP} \neq 0$?

- $\theta_{13} \neq 0$: necessary condition for leptonic CP violation
 - ▶ $\theta_{13} = 0$: effective 2 flavor mixing
 - ▶ CP violation only with unitary 3x3 matrices (or larger)
- Dirac-neutrinos: 1 CP violating phase
- Majorana-neutrinos: 2 **additional** CP violating phases
- CP violation in quark sector not sufficient to explain the baryon asymmetry of the universe (BAU)
- Leptonic CPV would give an additional contribution

Measurement of δ_{CP} exciting challenge

Neutrinos and the Standard Model

Neutrinos and the Standard Model

- Neutrino oscillations:
 - ▶ at least two massive neutrino states
 - ▶ why should neutrinos be massless anyway? (no symmetry)
- In the **original** SM, neutrinos are massless
 \Rightarrow oscillation results = physics beyond the SM
- However, massive neutrinos possible by a **minimal** extension of the SM:
 - ▶ right-handed neutrino
 - ▶ gauge singlet (“sterile neutrino”)
 - ▶ can be a **Dirac fermion** like the electron
 - ★ mass term via Yukawa interaction with Higgs boson (Higgs mechanism)
 - ★ neutrino masses of order meV: tiny(!) Yukawa couplings

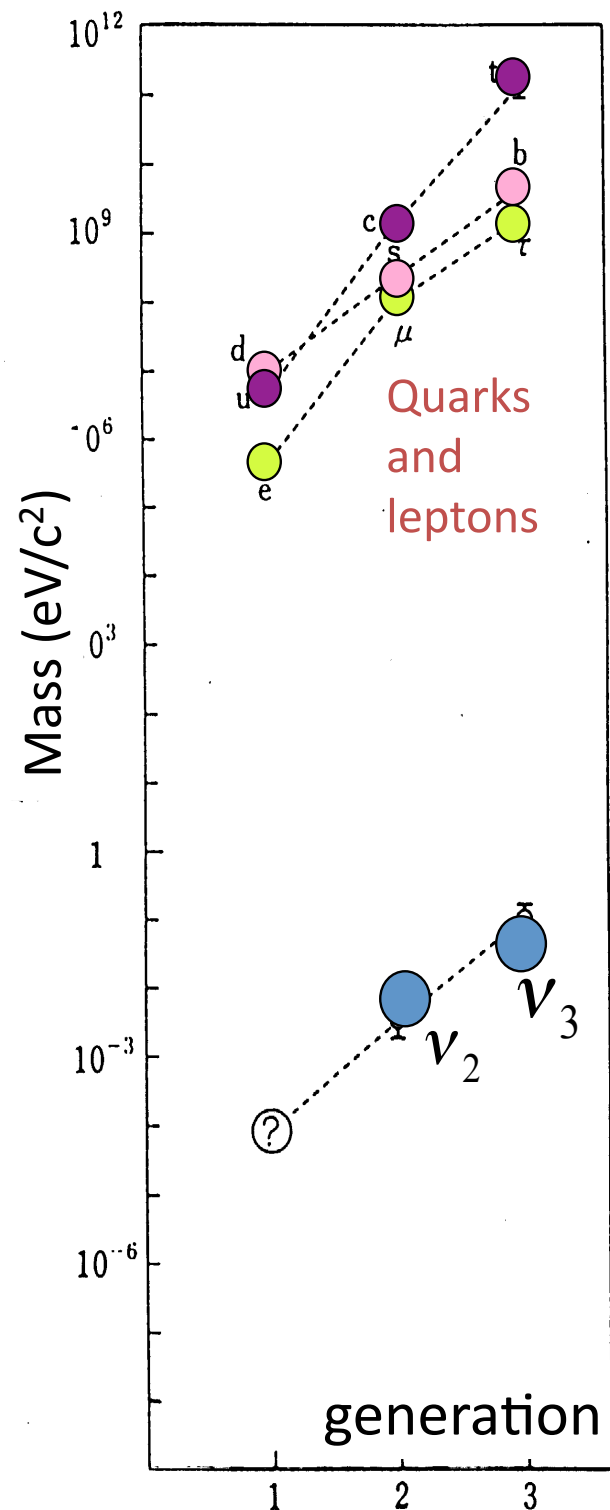
Particles	Spin	SU(3) _C	SU(2) _L	U(1) _Y
$Q = \begin{pmatrix} u_L \\ d_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	2	$\frac{1}{3}$
u_R^c	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	1	$-\frac{4}{3}$
d_R^c	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\bar{\mathbf{3}}$	1	$\frac{2}{3}$
$L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L \\ e_L \end{pmatrix}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	2	-1
ν_R^c	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0
e_R^c	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	2
$H = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \phi^0 \end{pmatrix}$	0	1	2	1
G_μ^α	1	8	1	0
W_μ^a	1	1	3	0
B_μ	1	1	1	0

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- Neutrino oscillations:
 - ▶ at least two massive neutrino states
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- In the **original** SM, neutrinos are massless
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- Conversely, neutrino only fermion in the SM without electric charge:
 - ▶ can be its own anti-particle (like γ, Z^0, π^0, η)
 - ▶ it's called **Majorana-Neutrino** (ν^M) if it is its own anti-particle: $\nu^M = (\nu^M)^c$
 - ▶ **non-minimal** extension of the SM:
 - ★ mass term in \mathcal{L} can be a **gauge singlet**
 \Rightarrow heavy mass term possible
 [not related to the Higgs mechanism]
 - ★ seesaw mechanism can explain tiny masses

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Neutrinos and the Standard Model



Why the neutrino mass is so small ?

$$\left(\frac{m(\nu_3)}{m(\text{top quark})} \right) \approx \left(\frac{1}{3 \times 10^{12}} \right)$$

See-saw mechanism

Minkowsky, Yanagida,
Gell-mann, Ramond, Slansky

$$m_\nu \approx \frac{m_q^2}{m_N}$$

If we input m_{ν_3} and m_q (m_{top} is used),
we get $m_N = 10^{15}$ GeV

This suggests that physics of neutrino mass could be related to physics of Grand Unification!

The SM with massive neutrinos

(i) Too many free parameters

Gauge sector: 3 couplings g', g, g_3	3
Quark sector: 6 masses, 3 mixing angles, 1 CP phase	10
Lepton sector: 6 masses, 3 mixing angles and 1-3 phases	10
Higgs sector: Quartic coupling λ and vev v	2
θ parameter of QCD	1
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(ii) Structure of gauge symmetry

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \stackrel{?}{\subset} SU(5) \stackrel{?}{\subset} SO(10) \stackrel{?}{\subset} E_6 \stackrel{?}{\subset} E_8$$

Why 3 different coupling constants g', g, g_3 ?

(iii) Structure of family multiplets

$$\begin{array}{cccccc}
 (3,2)_{1/3} & + & (\bar{3},1)_{-4/3} & + & (1,1)_{-2} & + & (\bar{3},1)_{2/3} & + & (1,2)_{-1} & + & (1,1)_0 & \stackrel{?}{=} & 16 \\
 Q & & \bar{u} & & \bar{e} & & \bar{d} & & L & & \bar{\nu} & &
 \end{array}$$

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Fits nicely into the 16-plet of $SO(10)$

Majorana or Dirac?
That is here the question

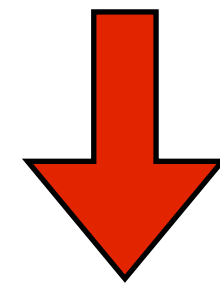
Nature of neutrinos: Majorana or Dirac?

- Lepton number:
 - ▶ $L=1$ for neutrinos
 - ▶ $L = -1$ for anti-neutrinos
 - ▶ **L not conserved** for Majorana-Neutrinos

- The second reaction should be possible if $\nu_e = \bar{\nu}_e$
 - ▶ Not observed! **Naive** conclusion: electron-neutrino is not Majorana!
 - ▶ Conclusion valid only for $m_\nu \neq 0$!
Otherwise:
 - ▶ neutrino ($h=-1$)
 - ▶ anti-neutrino ($h=+1$)
 - ▶ and vertex with $h=+1$ might be forbidden

$$\nu_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p$$
$$L = 1 + 0 = 1 + 0$$

Lepton number conserved; Reaction has been observed



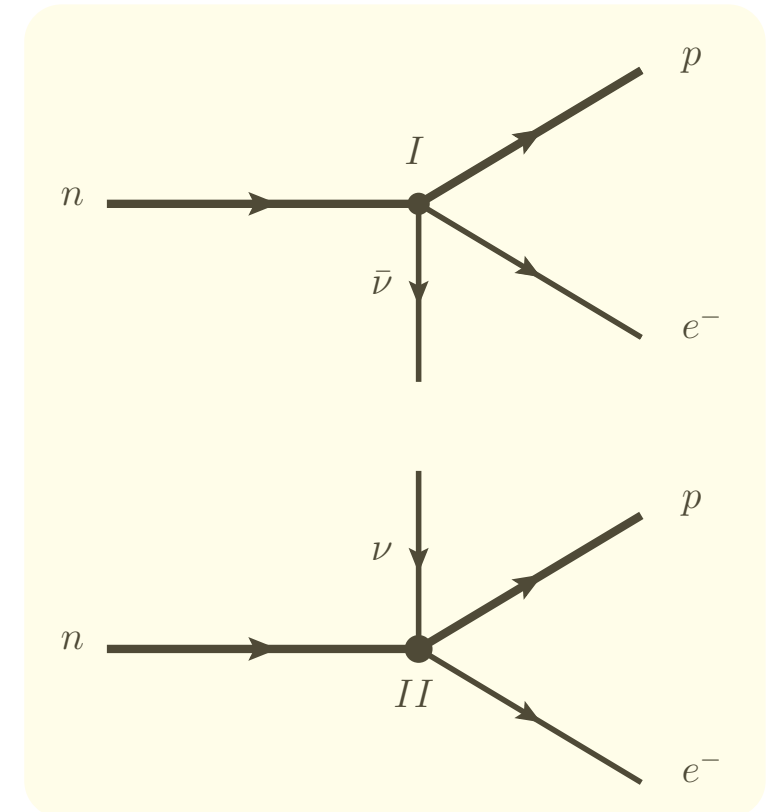
$$\nu_e = \bar{\nu}_e$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e + n \rightarrow e^- + p$$
$$L = -1 + 0 \neq 1 + 0$$

Lepton number not conserved; Reaction has **not** been observed

Neutrinoless double-beta decay

Vertex I	:	n	\rightarrow	$p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$
Vertex II	:	$\nu_e + n$	\rightarrow	$p + e^-$
Together	:	$2n$	\rightarrow	$2p + 2e^-$
L	=	0	\neq	0 + 2



- Necessary condition: neutrinos are Majorana fermions $\nu_e = \bar{\nu}_e$
- **If observed \Rightarrow neutrinos are Majorana fermions**
- Even for Majorana neutrinos: forbidden if neutrinos massless and interaction vertices with fixed helicity
 - ▶ the smaller masses, the smaller $0\nu\beta\beta$
 - ▶ $m=0$: distinction between Majorana and Dirac neutrinos not possible

Enigmatic neutrino masses

Neutrino masses

- **Why knowledge of neutrino masses interesting?**

- ▶ Fundamental parameters of the SM
- ▶ Neutrinos with $O(\text{meV})$ masses make the fermion mass spectrum of the SM even more bizarre! (14 orders of magnitude!)
- ▶ Need masses to compute contribution of the neutrinos to the matter density of the universe
 - ★ Matter density important for the evolution of the universe
 - ★ Contribute a part to the non-baryonic dark matter (hot DM)

- **How to determine neutrino masses?**

- ▶ direct determination via kinematics of weak decays (tritium β decay)
- ▶ neutrino oscillations
- ▶ neutrinoless double-beta-decay

Neutrino masses

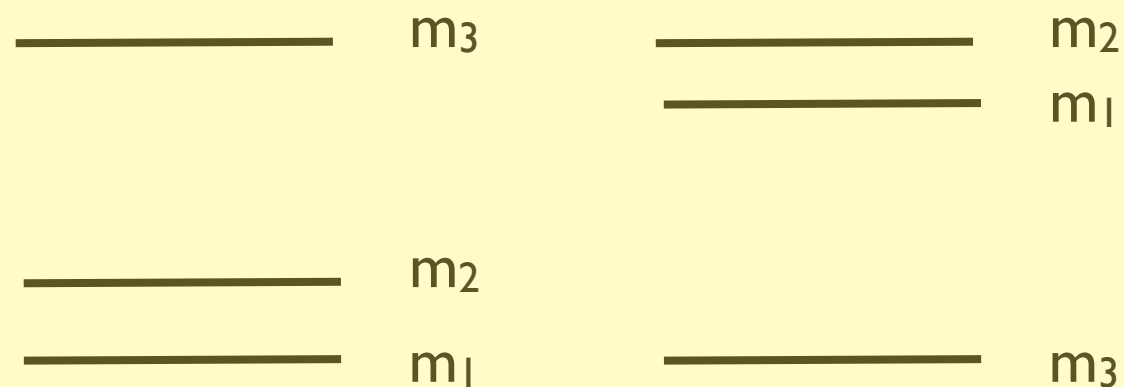
Oscillations:

$$\Delta m_{32}^2 = m_3^2 - m_2^2 = 2.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

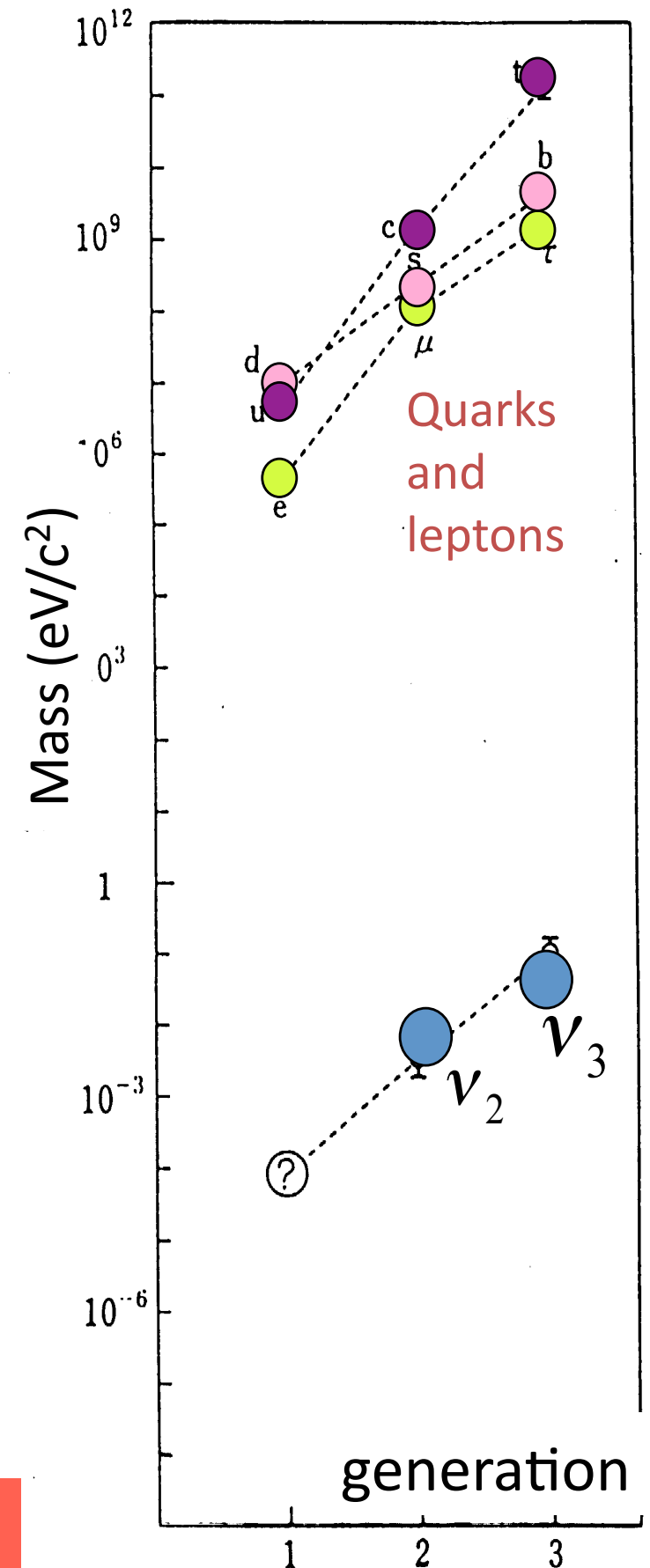
$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2 = 7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

Oscillations in matter: $m_2 > m_1$

Sign of Δm_{32}^2 unknown:
normal or inverted hierarchy



Mass m of heaviest neutrino:
 $\Delta m_{32}^2 \simeq m^2$, $m \simeq 50 \text{ meV}$



ENIGMASS: Fermion masses over 14 orders of magnitude

Flavor symmetries: Fun for theorists?

Neutrino mixing

- Neutrinos have mass and the different flavors can mix

Super-Kamiokande Collaboration, Y. Fukuda *et al.*, “Evidence for oscillation of atmospheric neutrinos,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **81** (1998) 1562–1567, [hep-ex/9807003](#)

SNO Collaboration, Q. R. Ahmad *et al.*, “Direct evidence for neutrino flavor transformation from neutral-current interactions in the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory,” *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **89** (2002) 011301, [nucl-ex/0204008](#)

- Charged lepton and neutrino mass matrices cannot be simultaneously diagonalized

$$\hat{M}_{\ell^+} = D_L M_{\ell^+} D_R^\dagger, \quad \hat{M}_\nu = U_L M_\nu U_R^\dagger$$

- Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata matrix

B. Pontecorvo, “Mesonium and antimesonium,” *Sov. Phys. JETP* **6** (1957) 429

Z. Maki, M. Nakagawa, and S. Sakata, “Remarks on the unified model of elementary particles,” *Prog. Theor. Phys.* **28** (1962) 870–880

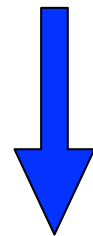
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Neutrino mixing

mismatch between flavour and mass basis expressed via mixing matrix U

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s_{lk} \equiv \text{Sin } \theta_{lk}, \quad c_{lk} \equiv \text{Cos } \theta_{lk}$$



$$\begin{matrix} \Delta m_{32}^2 & & \Delta m_{31}^2 & & \Delta m_{21}^2 \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & e^{-i\delta} s_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ e^{-i\delta} s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} & \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

2-3 sector: atmospheric anomaly \rightarrow consistent with maximal mixing (SK, LBL dis.)

3-flavour effects (& CP) suppressed by the smallness of θ_{13} and $\Delta m_{21}^2 \ll \Delta m_{31}^2$
Reactor (dis)+LBL (app.)

1-2 sector: "solar ν problem"
 \rightarrow LMA & MSW in the Sun
Radiochemical, SNO, Borexino, SK, KamLAND

dominant oscillations are well described by effective two-flavour mixing

Tribimaximal mixing

- **Until recently**, our best guess was tribimaximal mixing (TBM)

P. F. Harrison, D. H. Perkins, and W. G. Scott, "Tri-bimaximal mixing and the neutrino oscillation data," *Phys. Lett.* **B530** (2002) 167, [hep-ph/0202074](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0202074)

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} \stackrel{?}{=} U_{\text{HPS}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \theta_{12} = 35.26^\circ, \quad \theta_{23} = 45^\circ, \quad \theta_{13} = 0^\circ$$

- Agreement still quite good for θ_{12} , θ_{23} , but $\theta_{13} = 0^\circ$ excluded @ 5σ

Forero et al, [1205.4018](https://arxiv.org/abs/1205.4018), **DAYA-BAY** Collaboration, [1203.1669](https://arxiv.org/abs/1203.1669), **RENO** Collaboration, [1204.0626](https://arxiv.org/abs/1204.0626)

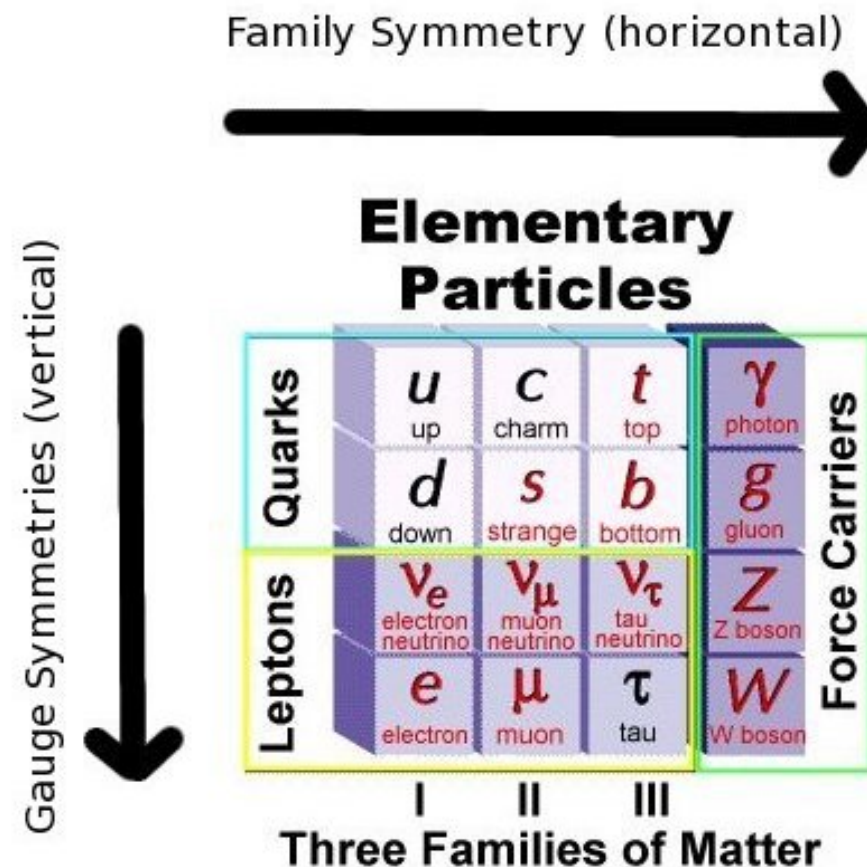
Parameter	Tribimaximal	Global fit 1σ	Daya Bay	Reno	
θ_{12}	35.26°	$33.40^\circ - 35.37^\circ$	-	-	✓
θ_{23}	45.00°	$41.55^\circ - 49.02^\circ$	-	-	✓
θ_{13}	0.00°	$8.53^\circ - 9.80^\circ$	8.8°	9.8°	✗

Fun for theorists

- Regular pattern of **PMNS**-matrix:

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} \stackrel{?}{=} U_{\text{HPS}} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Suggestive of a discrete **family symmetry**.
Introduce relation between families of quarks and leptons:



Questions

- Why is mixing in the quark sector so different from mixing in the lepton sector?

Minimal mixing in the **quark sector**:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} 0.97 & 0.22 & 0.00 \\ 0.22 & 0.97 & 0.04 \\ 0.00 & 0.04 & 0.99 \end{pmatrix}$$

Maximal/Large mixing in **lepton sector**:

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \simeq \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & 0.0 \\ -0.4 & 0.6 & 0.7 \\ 0.4 & -0.6 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\theta_{13} = 9.3^\circ$:

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.55 & 0.16z^* \\ -0.4 - 0.1z & 0.6 - 0.06z & 0.7 \\ 0.4 - 0.1z & -0.6 - 0.06z & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}, z = e^{i\delta}$$

- Which discrete group to take? [$S_3, A_4, S_4, T_7, \Delta(96), \dots$]
 - ▶ **Many** discrete groups can give tribimaximal mixing (ruled out now)
K. M. Parattu, A. Wingerter, "Tribimaximal Mixing From Small Groups", PRD84(2011)013011
 - ▶ Look for groups that give $\theta_{13} \neq 0$? (Still many possibilities!)
C. Luhn, K. M. Parattu, A. Wingerter, "A Minimal Model of Neutrino Flavor", 1210.1197
 - ▶ Keep tribimaximal mixing at leading order and include higher dimensional ops.?
- Need guiding principle; More fundamental theory which "predicts" flavor symmetry

**Who does not believe in
sterile neutrinos?**

Sterile neutrinos

- Sterile neutrinos:

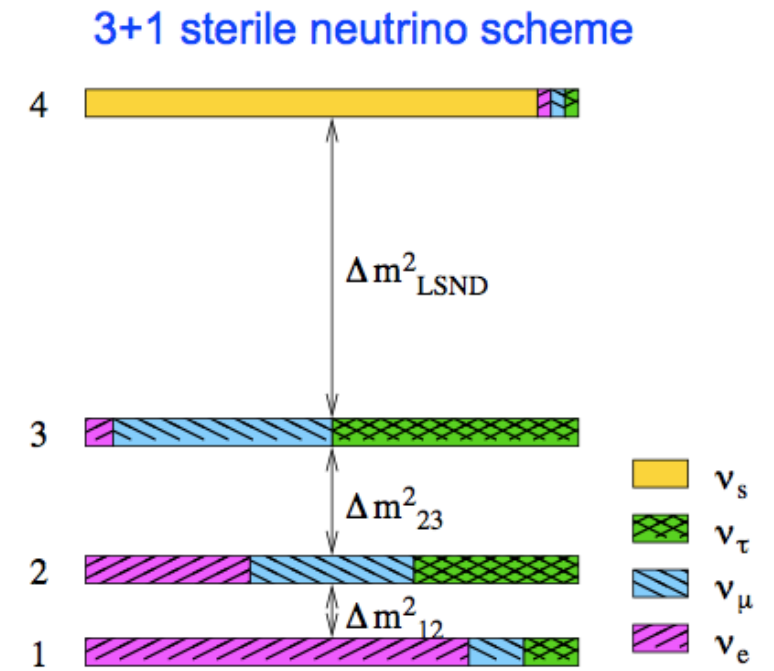
- ▶ SM gauge group singlets
(do not interact via weak force)
- ▶ Mixed with active neutrinos

$$\begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} & \cdots \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} & U_{\mu4} & \cdots \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} & U_{\tau4} & \cdots \\ U_{s11} & U_{s12} & U_{s13} & U_{s14} & \cdots \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \\ \nu_4 \\ \cdots \end{pmatrix}$$

- Simplest models to give mass to neutrinos include such fields

- Mass scale of (some) these states?

- ▶ Order eV: modifies neutrino oscillations
(more freedom to explain certain puzzles)
- ▶ Order 10^{15} GeV: seesaw, GUTs
(theoretically more appealing?)



Sum puzzles

LSND

anti- $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \text{anti-}\nu_e$ $87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0$ excess events, 3.8σ away from zero
($< 2.3 \sigma$ according to background analysis in 1112.0907 ?!)

KARMEN

anti- $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \text{anti-}\nu_e$ tight constraints on LSND (slightly smaller L/E)

MiniBoone (ν)

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ $E > 475$ MeV (a priori search region): no excess,
 $E < 475$ MeV: $\sim 3 \sigma$ excess (after unblinding, background understood?)

MiniBoone (anti- ν)

anti- $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \text{anti-}\nu_e$ inconclusive, consistent with both ν -run results and LSND

Reactor Anomaly

anti- ν_e flux predictions from reactors require to convert measured e -spectra from ^{235}U , ^{239}Pu , ^{241}Pu into ν -spectra: recent calculation yield 3% higher fluxes (*Mueller et al.*, 1101.2663, *P. Huber*, 1106.0687) Hints of “short baseline disappearance”?

Gallium Anomaly

deficit of ν_e measured in the GALLEX and SAGE solar ν -detectors ($\sim 3 \sigma$? See e.g. *Giunti & Laveder*, 1106.3244)

LSND

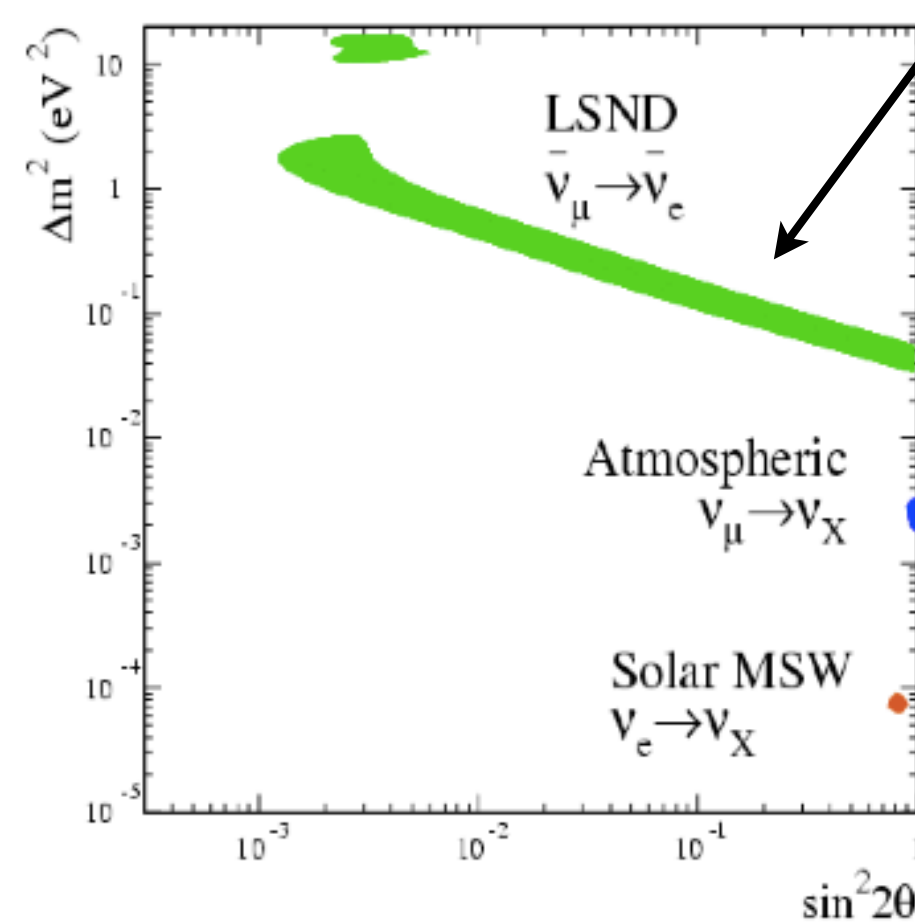
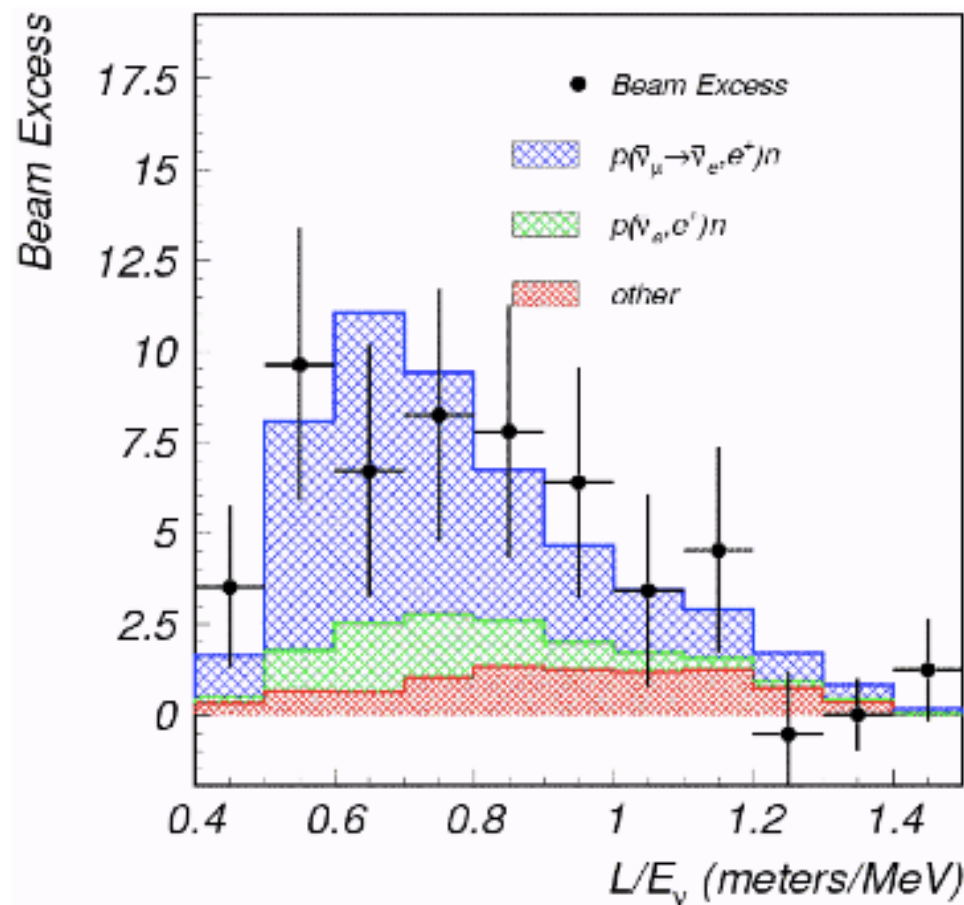
The LSND experiment observed a small excess of $\bar{\nu}_e$ events in a $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ beam.

Data excess: $87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0$ (3.8σ)

Best fit: $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$, $\sin^2 2\theta \sim 0.003$

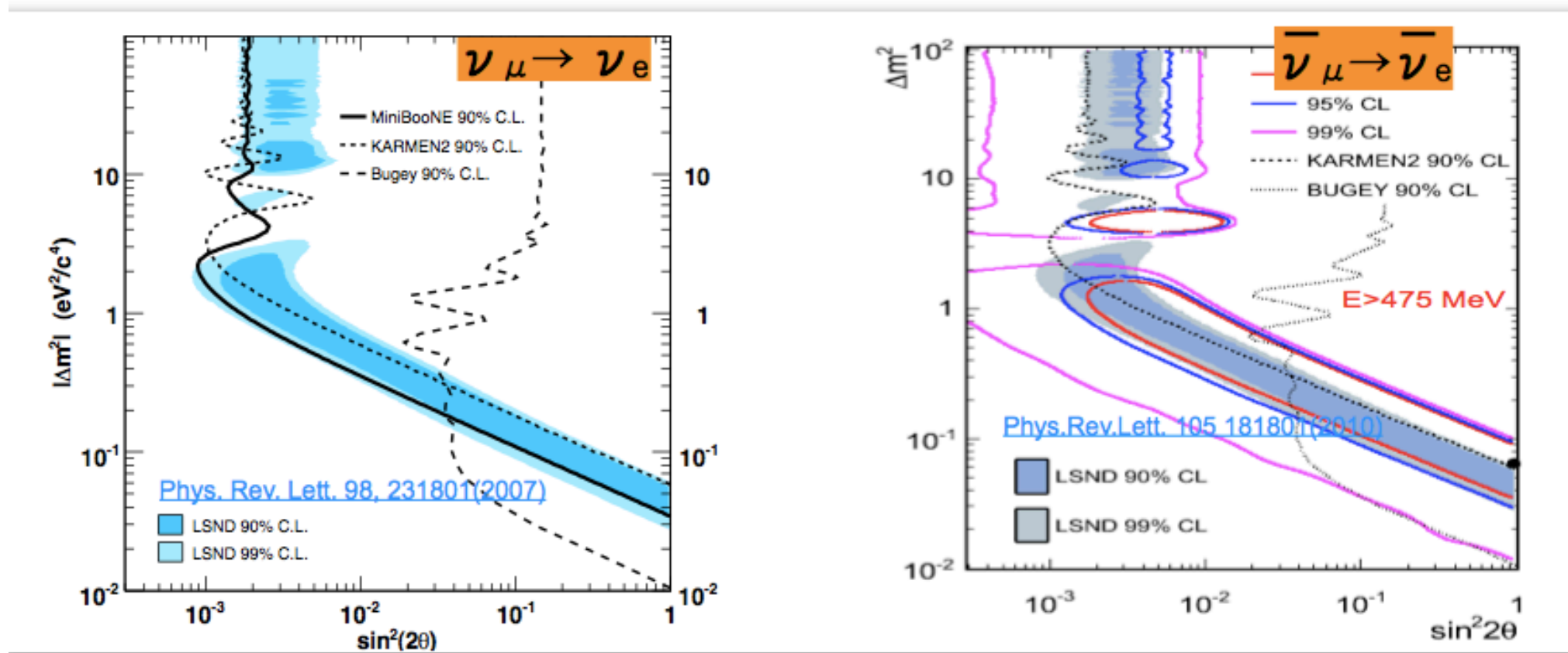
requires a 3rd Δm^2

[Phys.Rev.D 64, 112007 \(2001\)](#)



MiniBooNE ν_e results

- MiniBooNE recently tested the LSND signal.
- Ruled out most of LSND region in $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ search.
- However, observed (small) $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ excess.
 - Consistent with LSND???



Affaire à suivre....

Sterile neutrinos and cosmology

Early universe would produce sterile neutrinos

- For parameters suggested by laboratory anomalies:
 - ▶ active neutrinos oscillate into sterile neutrinos **before** decoupling
 - ▶ there is time to replenish the active neutrinos via ordinary weak interactions with electrons
 - ▶ hence the **additional species can be brought into equilibrium**
 - ▶ Signatures: $N_{\text{eff}} \sim 4$ (5) in 3+1 (3+2) models

- Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)
 - ▶ excludes $N_{\text{eff}} = 5$, barely consistent with $N_{\text{eff}} = 4$
 - ▶ small preference for $N_{\text{eff}} \geq 3$ (1σ)
G. Mangano, P. Serpico, PLB701(2011)296

- CMB data have a small preference for $N_{\text{eff}} \geq 3$

Early universe would produce sterile neutrinos

- Are sterile ν 's fitting the lab. anomalies the cause of $N_{\text{eff}} > 3$?
Most likely not!
 - ▶ In 3+1 models (fully thermalized) $m_4 < 0.48 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL)
(vs. about 1 eV expected from Lab)
 - ▶ In 3+2 models (fully thermalized) $m_4 + m_5 < 0.9 \text{ eV}$ (95% CL)
(vs. about 1.5 eV expected from Lab)
- What if Lab confirms eV-scale sterile neutrinos?
 - ▶ One would need to go to much more contrived cosmologies!

Concluding wishlist

Neutrino properties: What we want to know

- **nature of neutrinos:**
 - ▶ Majorana or Dirac fermions?
 - ▶ are there sterile neutrinos?
- **neutrino masses:**
 - ▶ what are the absolute neutrino masses?
 - ▶ normal ($m_2 \ll m_3$) or inverted ($m_2 \gg m_3$) mass hierarchy?
[we know $m_2 > m_1$ from MSW effect]
- **mixing matrix (PMNS-matrix):**
 - ▶ more precise measurement of mixing angles
 - ▶ is the PMNS matrix unitary?
 - ▶ is there leptonic CP violation?

Merci!

How Many Light Neutrinos Exist ?

Answer : **3**

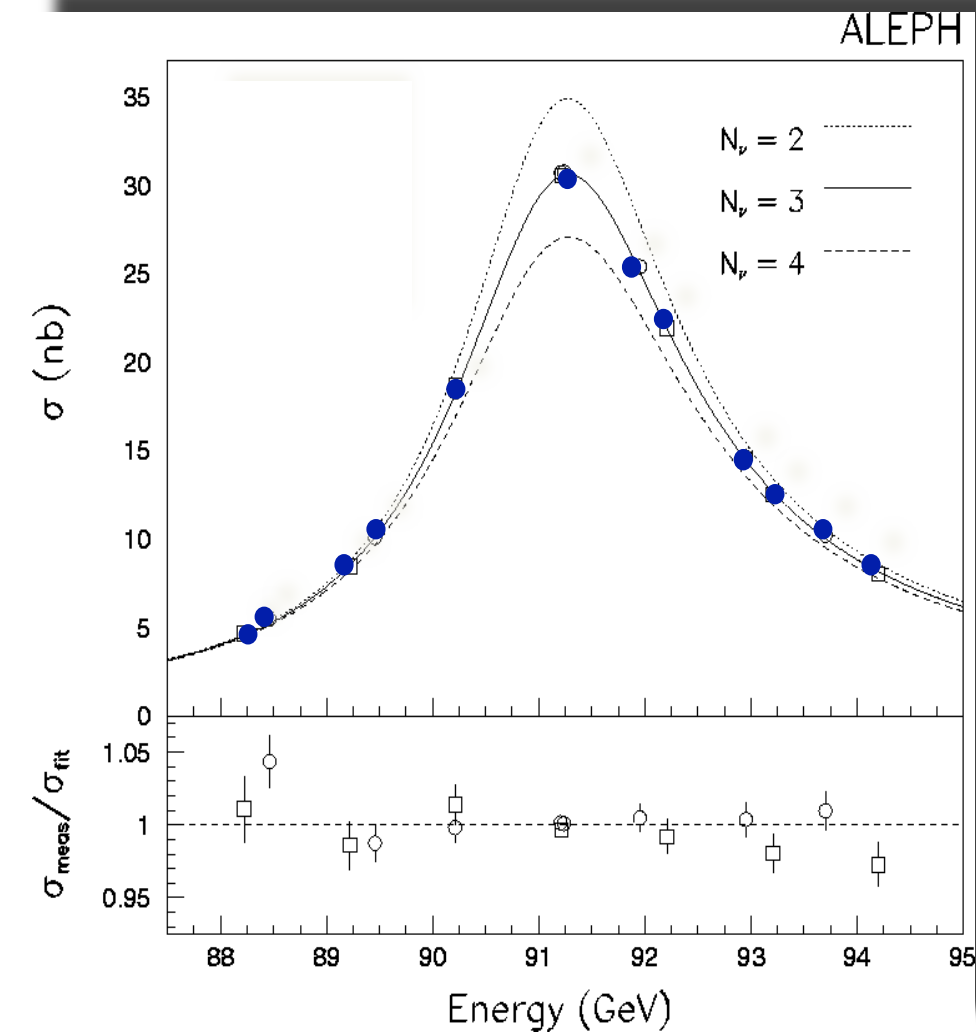
$$Z^0 \rightarrow \nu_\alpha + \bar{\nu}_\alpha$$

$$\Gamma_{\nu\bar{\nu}} = 166.9 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{invisible}} = N_\nu \Gamma_{\nu\bar{\nu}}$$

$$\Gamma_{\text{invisible}} = \Gamma_{\text{tot}} - \Gamma_{\text{vis}} = 498 \pm 4.2 \text{ MeV}$$

$$N_\nu = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{inv}}}{\Gamma_{\nu\bar{\nu}}} = 2.994 \pm 0.012$$



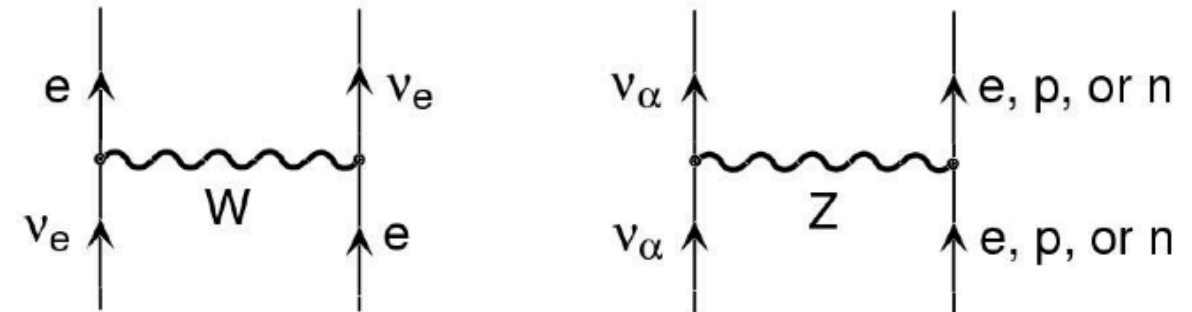
Neutrino oscillations in matter (MSW effect)

Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein (MSW) effect:

Matter along the path of a neutrino:
equivalent to the presence of an **effective potential**

- different potentials for different flavors
- the effective potential affects the flavor propagation in matter
- matter effective potentials have opposite signs for neutrinos and anti-neutrinos

Effective Potential in Ordinary Matter



$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\nu_{\mu}e} &= V_{\nu_{\tau}e} = V_{\nu_{ee}}^Z = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} G_F N_e \\
 V_{\nu_{\mu}p} &= V_{\nu_{\tau}p} = V_{\nu_{ep}} = +\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} G_F N_p \\
 V_{\nu_{\mu}n} &= V_{\nu_{\tau}n} = V_{\nu_{en}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} G_F N_n \\
 V_{\nu_{ee}} &= V_{\nu_{ee}}^Z + V_{\nu_{ee}}^W = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} G_F N_e + \sqrt{2} G_F N_e
 \end{aligned}$$

Neutrino interactions

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dy} = \frac{G_F^2 m_e E_\nu}{2\pi} \left[(g_V^{\nu e} \pm g_A^{\nu e})^2 + (g_V^{\nu e} \mp g_A^{\nu e})^2 (1-y)^2 \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{G_F^2 m_e E_\nu}{2\pi} \left[(g_V^{\nu e} \pm g_A^{\nu e})^2 + \frac{1}{3} (g_V^{\nu e} \mp g_A^{\nu e})^2 \right]$$

$$(g_V^{\nu e} \pm g_A^{\nu e})^2 = \rho^2 (1 - 4s_w^2 + 4s_w^4), \quad (g_V^{\nu e} \mp g_A^{\nu e})^2 = \rho^2 (4s_w^4)$$

$$\sigma(\nu_\mu e) = \frac{G_F^2 m_e E_\nu}{2\pi} \rho^2 \left[1 - 4s_w^2 + \frac{16}{3} s_w^4 \right]$$

$$\sigma(\bar{\nu}_\mu e) = \frac{G_F^2 m_e E_\nu}{2\pi} \rho^2 \left[\frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{3} s_w^2 + \frac{16}{3} s_w^4 \right]$$

- **NC ES**

$$\nu_\mu + e^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu + e^-$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu + e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu + e^-$$

- **CC QE (IMD)**

$$\nu_\mu + e^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \nu_e$$

- **NC DIS**

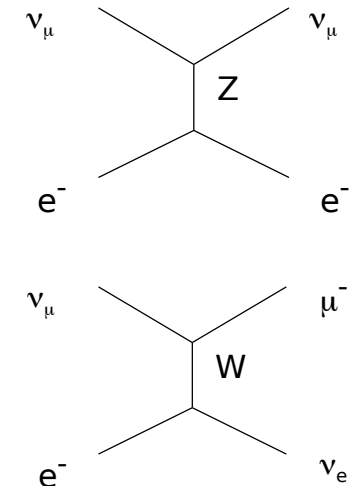
$$\nu_\mu + q \rightarrow \nu_\mu + X$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu + q \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu + X$$

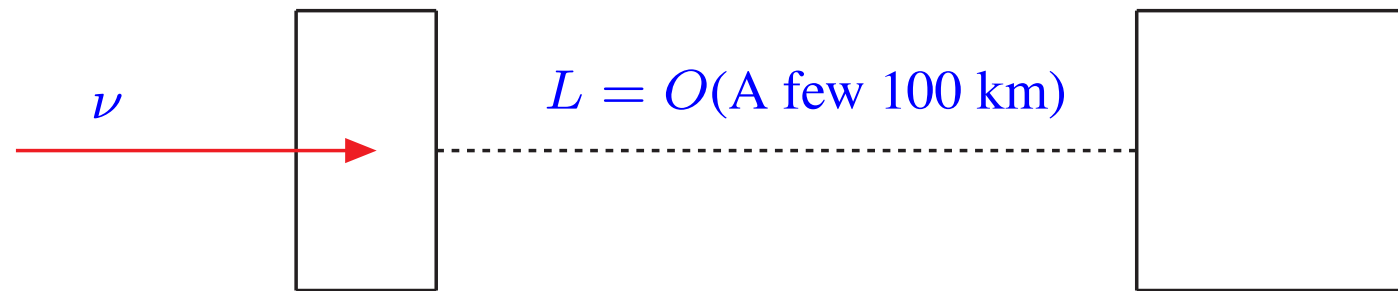
- **CC DIS**

$$\nu_\mu + q \rightarrow \mu^- + X$$

$$\bar{\nu}_\mu + q \rightarrow \mu^+ + X$$



Long Baseline experiments



Near detector:

- neutrino flux
- neutrino beam energy spectrum
- cross sections before oscillation

Far detector:

- observation of charged and neutral current reactions

LBL	Beam	Place	L [km]	$\langle E_\nu \rangle$ [GeV]	Target	Year	Goals
K2K	12 GeV proton	KEK → SK	250	1.4	H ₂ O	1999-2004	ν_μ
T2K	50 GeV proton	JParc → SK	295	~0.6	H ₂ O	2010-	$\nu_\mu, \nu_e; \theta_{13}, \delta$ $\Delta m_{23}^2, \theta_{23}$ νA x-secs.
MINOS	NuMI	FNAL → Soudan	735	3, 7, 15	Fe	2005-2014	NC/CC ratio $\nu_\mu, \nu_e; \theta_{13}; \nu_s$
OPERA	CNGS	CERN → GS	732	17	Pb	2008-2012	ν_τ
NOvA	NuMI	FNAL → Ash River	810	~2	liquid scint.	2013-	$\nu_\mu, \nu_e; \theta_{13}, \delta$ mass hierarchy νA x-secs.

Neutrino cross sections

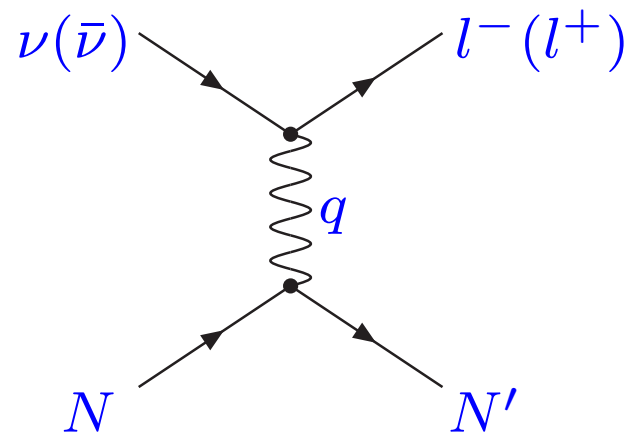
Flux \otimes Cross section \otimes Nuclear effects

current precision: ca. 30%

need to improve this for precision measurements
of the MNS mixing matrix!

Neutrino nucleon interactions

- Quasi-elastic scattering (QE)

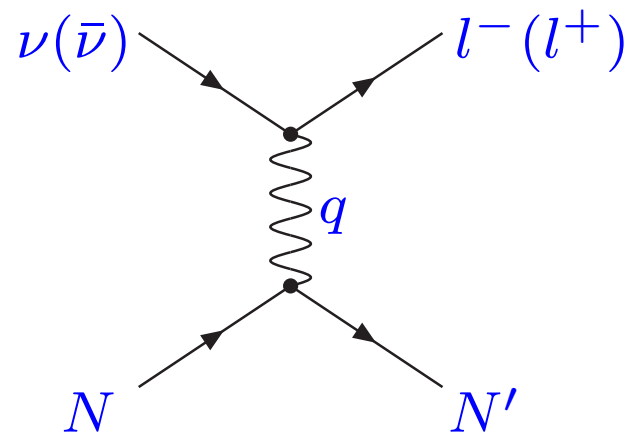


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Neutrino nucleon interactions

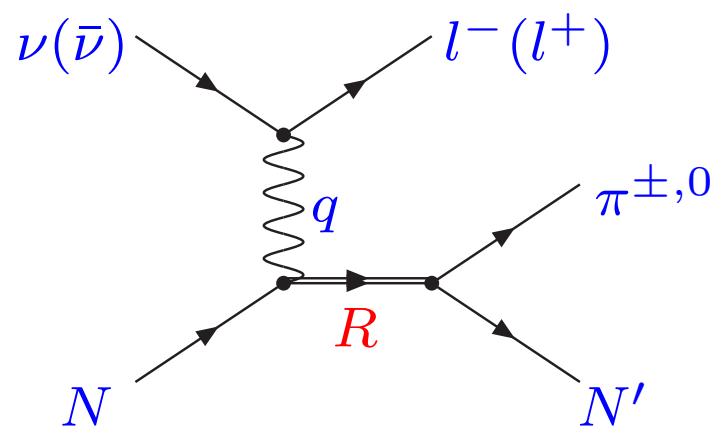
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- Resonance production (RES)



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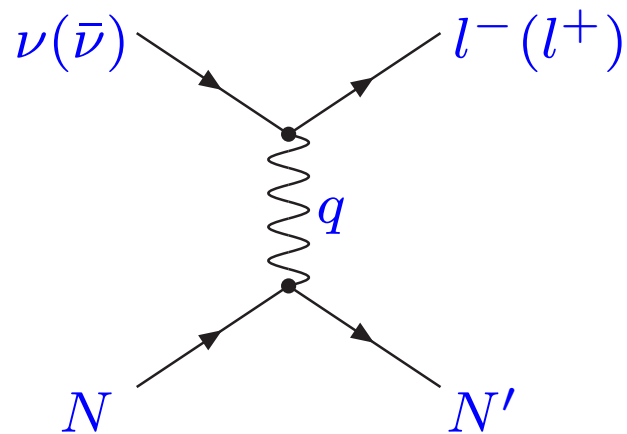
$$\nu(\bar{\nu}) + N \rightarrow l^- (l^+) + N + \pi^{\pm,0}$$

Neutral Current (NC):

$$\nu(\bar{\nu}) + N \rightarrow \nu(\bar{\nu}) + N + \pi^{\pm,0}$$

Neutrino nucleon interactions

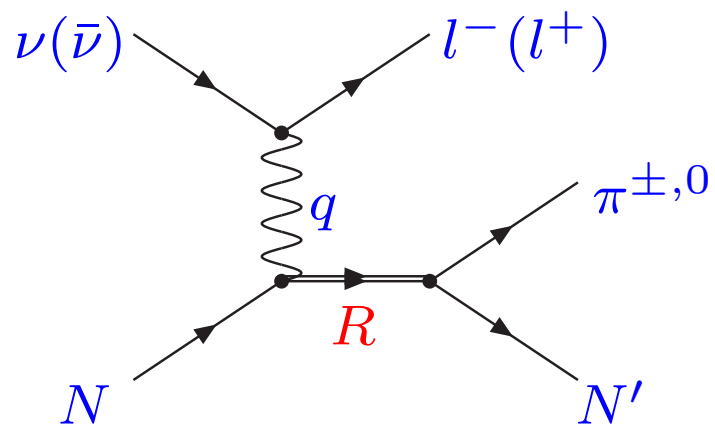
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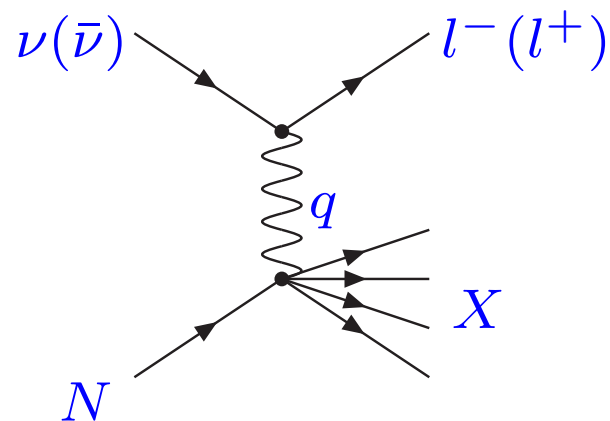
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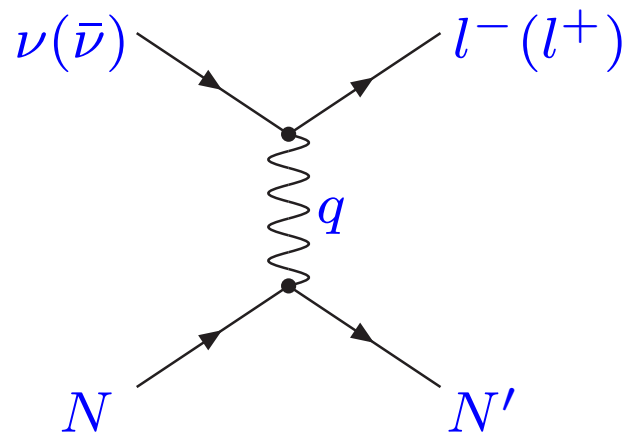


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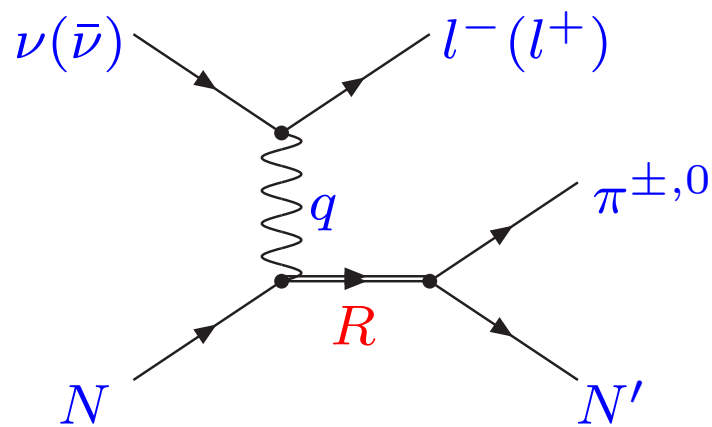
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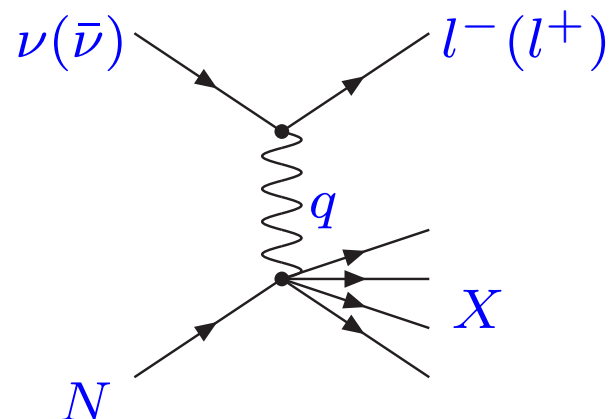
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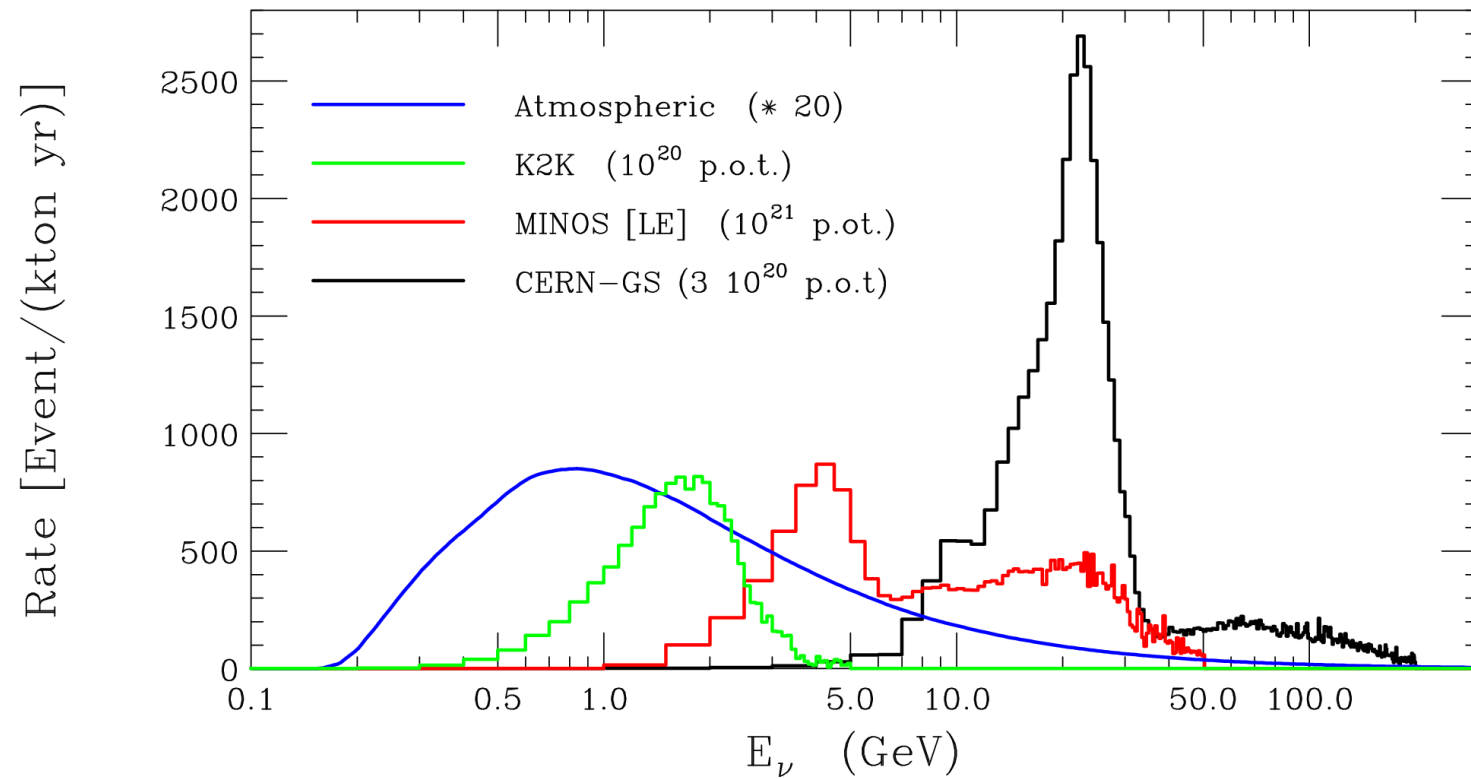


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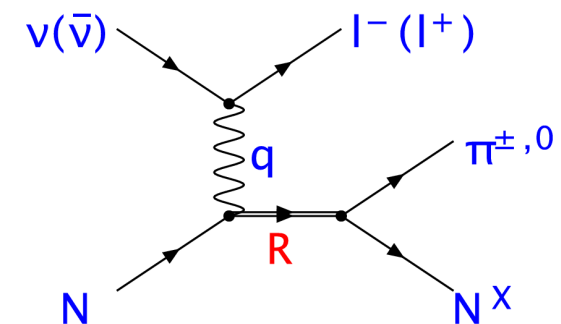
Need these cross sections on free nucleons and nuclear targets

Neutrino cross sections at atmospheric ν energies

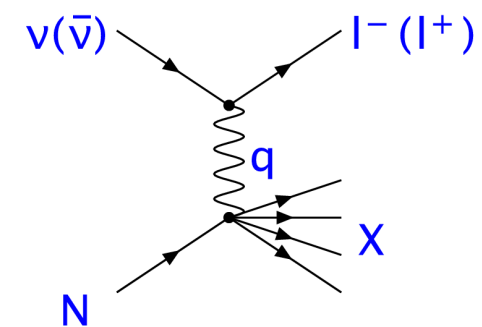


Paschos, JYY, PRD65(2002)033002

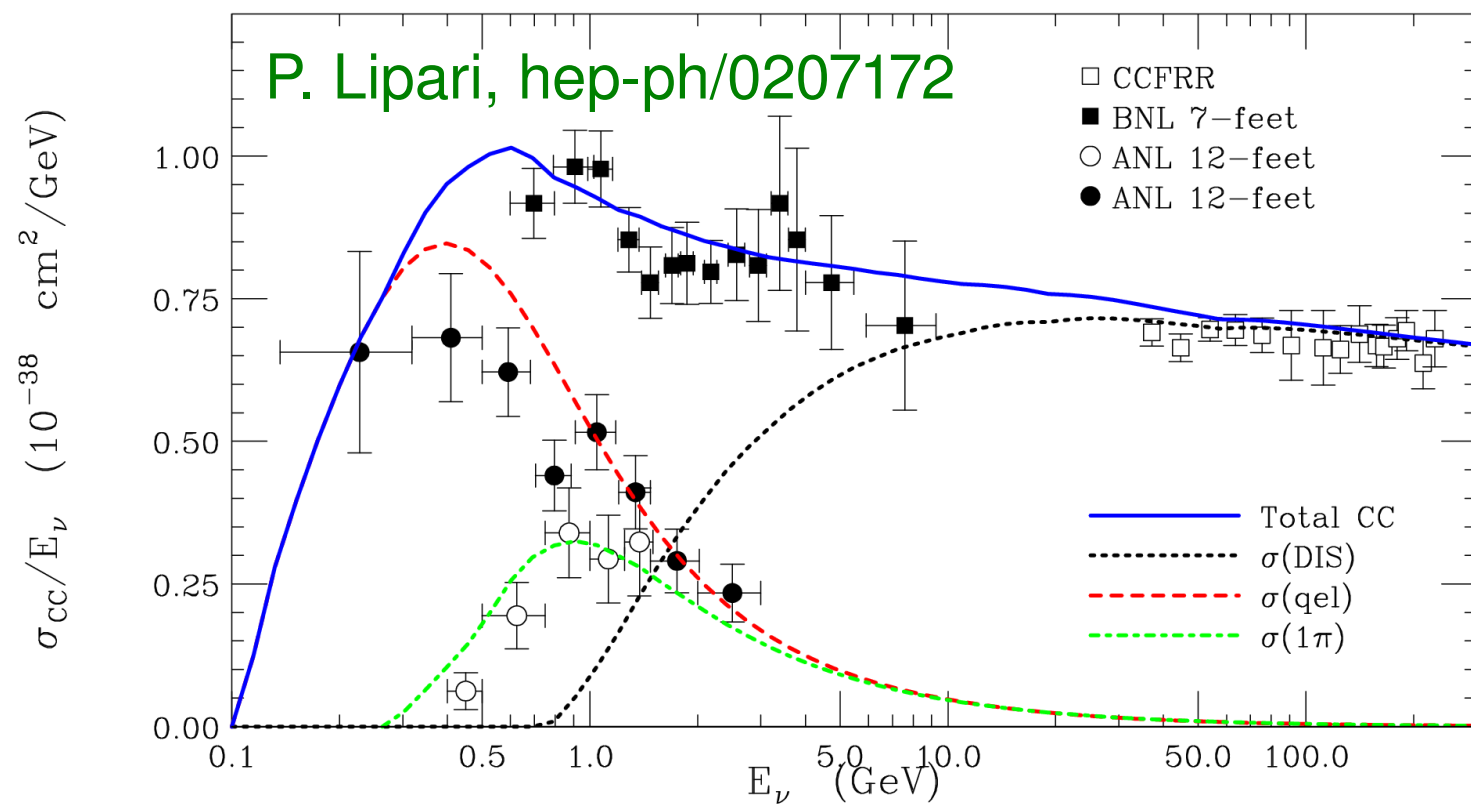
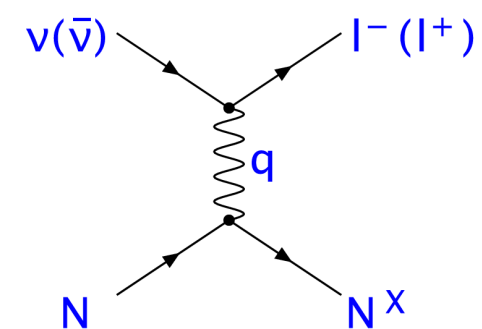
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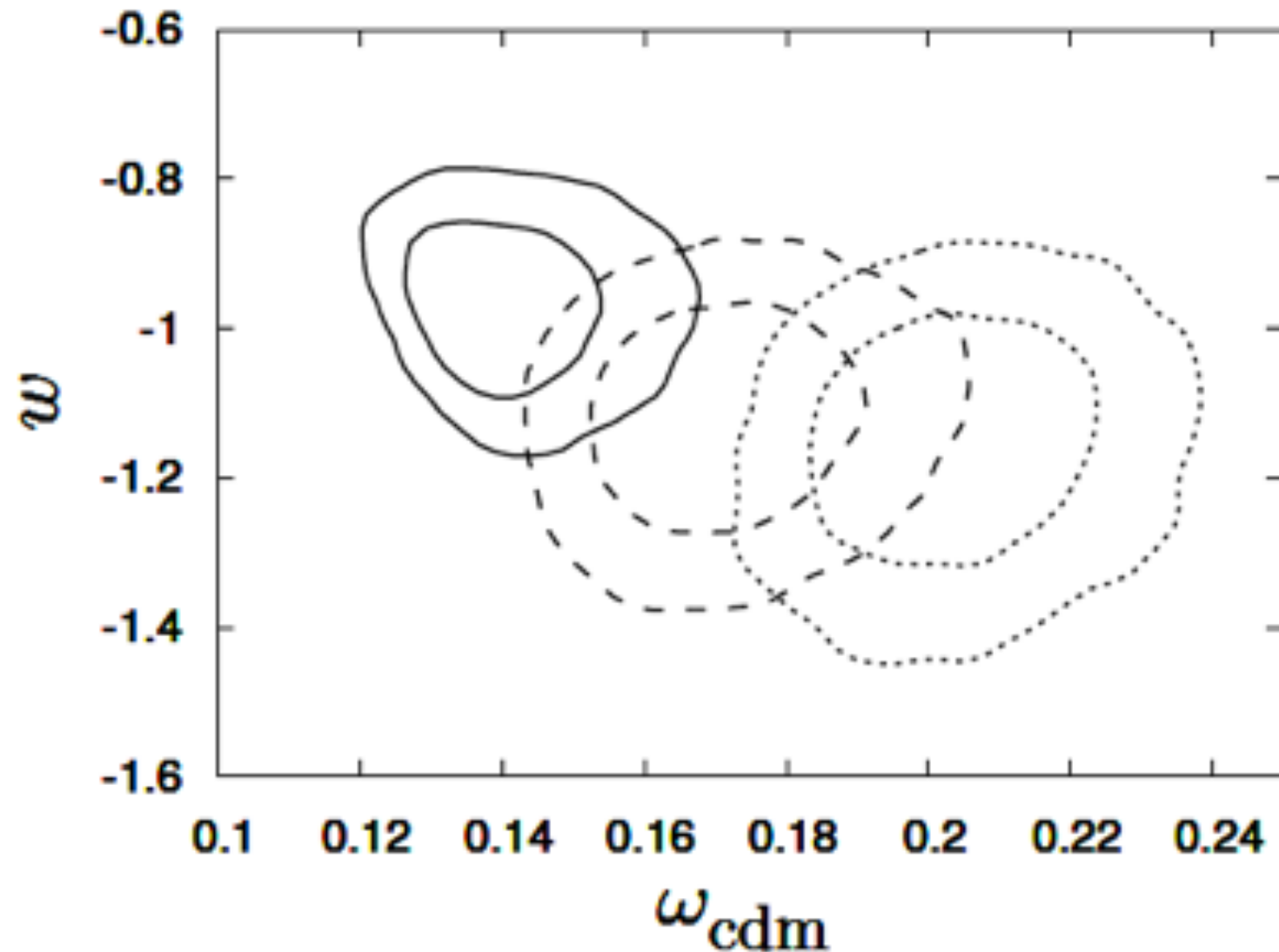


What if Lab confirms eV-scale sterile?

One would need to go to contrived (hence exciting?!) cosmologies

- ✓ Introduce chemical potentials of $O(0.1)$ to get around BBN (how to generate them?)
- ✓ modify dark energy sector (eg. w CDM) plus add additional non-massive radiation
- ✓ Explain why cluster determination of DM does not seem to fit (any idea?)

see e.g. Hamann et al., 1108.4136



Fortunately, progress is forthcoming...