

# Lecture5: $\sim$ eV Sterile neutrinos

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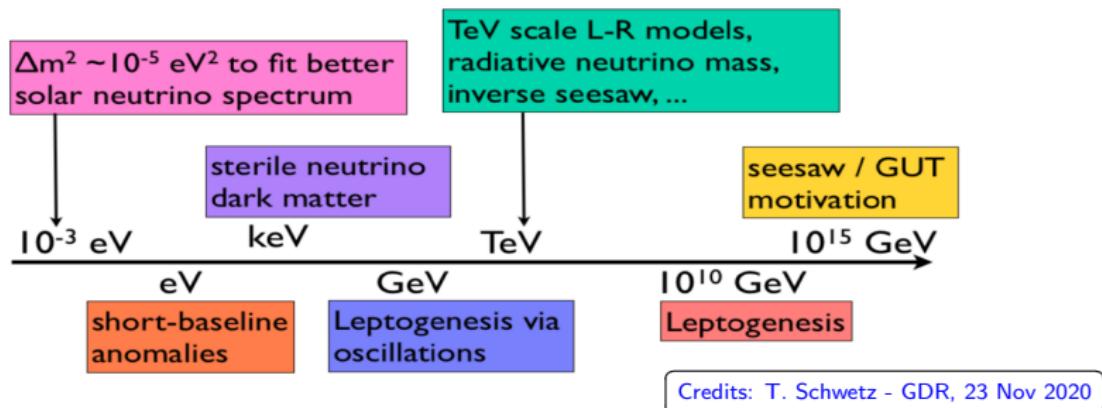
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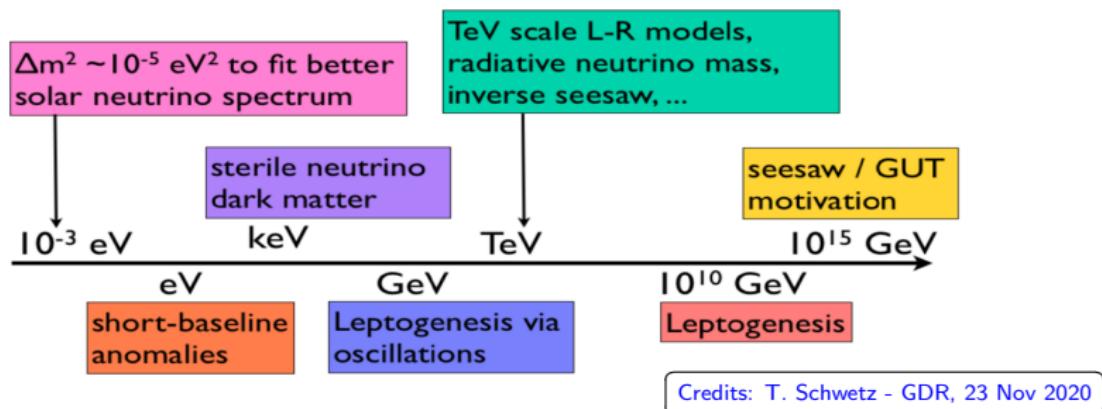


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Our focus will be on ' $\sim \text{eV}$  sterile neutrino' ?

# Why ‘ $\sim$ eV’ sterile neutrinos?

- ▶ Three flavor neutrino oscillations involve,
  - \* **The atmospheric mass squared difference:**  $|\Delta m_{31}^2|$
  - \* **The solar mass squared difference:**  $\Delta m_{21}^2$
  - \* **The atmospheric mixing angle:**  $\theta_{23}$
  - \* **The reactor mixing angle:**  $\theta_{13}$
  - \* **The solar mixing angle:**  $\theta_{12}$
  - \* **The CP-violating phase:**  $\delta$
- ▶ For two-flavor neutrino oscillations,

$$P_{e\mu} = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2 \left( 1.27 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{E} \right)$$

when  $L$  is in meters,  $E$  is in MeV  $\Rightarrow \Delta m^2 \sim \text{eV}^2$

- ▶ Standard three-flavor neutrino oscillations tell us,

$$\Delta m^2 \sim 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ and } 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$$

- ▶ Therefore,  $\Delta m^2 \sim \text{eV}^2$  can not be explained by three-generation

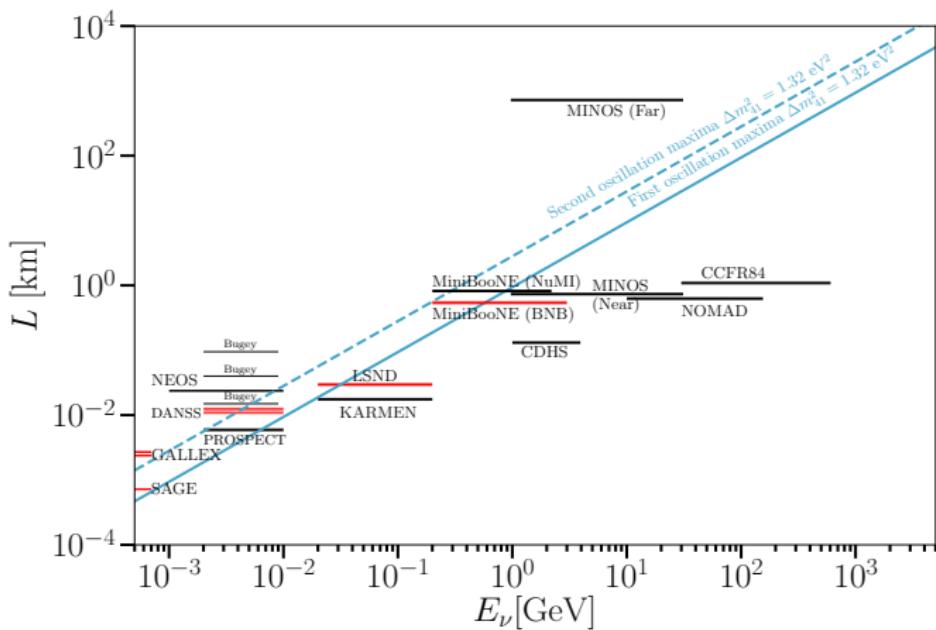
## Short-baseline (SBL) experiments:

- ▶  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ ,  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance searches  
LSND, MiniBooNE, KARMEN, NOMAD
- ▶  $\bar{\nu}_e$  disappearance experiments (reactors)  
Bugey-3 (15, 40, 95), Bugey-4, Goessgen, Krasnoyarsk, Rovno, ILL, Chooz, Palo Verde
- ▶  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance  
CDHS, MiniBooNE, atmospheric neutrinos, MINOS NC

SBL:  $E/L \sim \text{eV}^2$  → set  $\Delta m_{21}^2 \approx \Delta m_{31}^2 \approx 0$

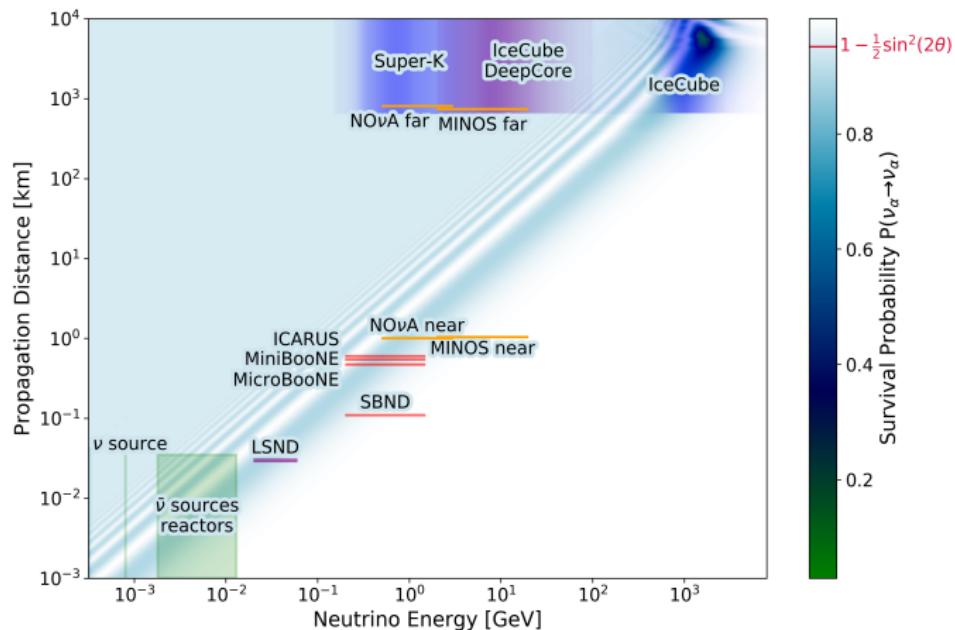
Credits: T. Schwetz - SNAC, 26 Sept 2011

# Experiments looking for light-sterile neutrino:



- Red those with  $> 2\sigma$  preference for an additional neutrino state

# Experiments looking for light-sterile neutrino:



- $P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha)$  for a simplified 2-flavor model with one active and one sterile neutrino mixing with a strength of  $\sin^2 2\theta = 0.1$  at  $\Delta m_s = 1$  eV
- For energies above  $E_\nu > 1$  TeV, matter effects become important

# Oscillations in 3+1 scenario:

**Appearance ( $\alpha \neq \beta$ )**

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

**Disappearance**

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

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

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

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

SBL

- ▶ Amplitude of  $\nu_e$  disappearance:
$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} = 4|U_{e4}|^2 (1 - |U_{e4}|^2) \simeq 4|U_{e4}|^2$$
- ▶ Amplitude of  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance:
$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu} = 4|U_{\mu 4}|^2 (1 - |U_{\mu 4}|^2) \simeq 4|U_{\mu 4}|^2$$
- ▶ Amplitude of  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  transitions:
$$\sin^2 2\vartheta_{e\mu} = 4|U_{e4}|^2 |U_{\mu 4}|^2 \simeq \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{ee} \sin^2 2\vartheta_{\mu\mu}$$

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

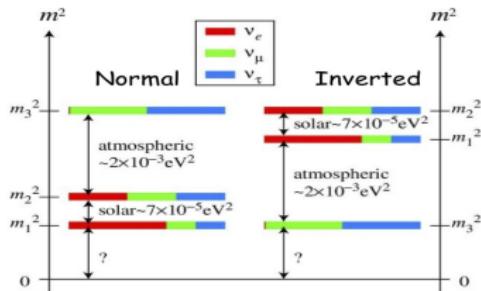
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Appearance-Disappearance Tension

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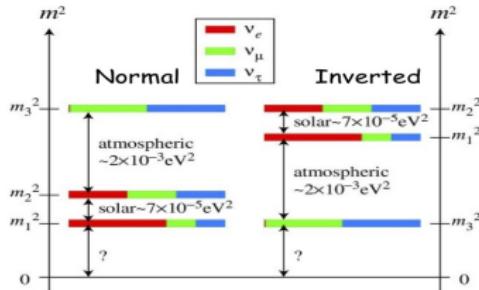
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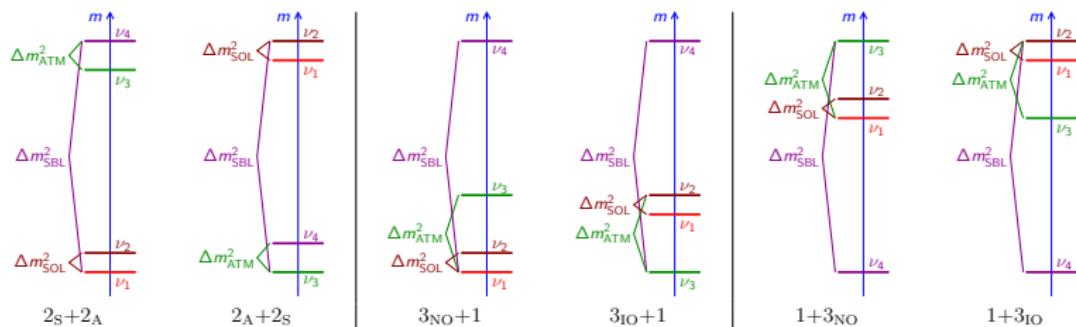


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## (3+1)-flavor scenario



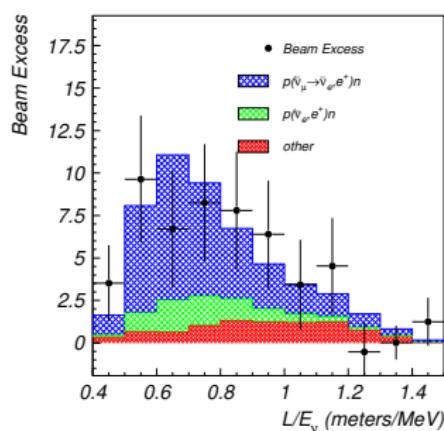
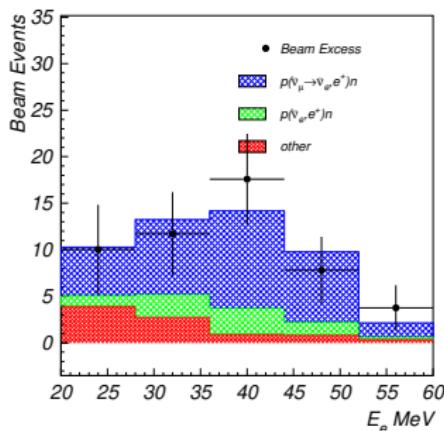
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Allowed by data

Disallowed by cosmology

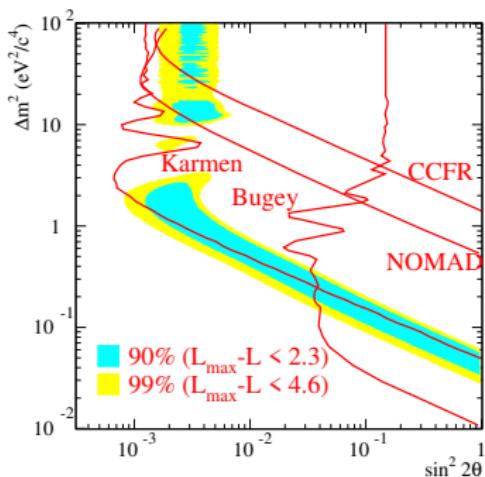
# LSND experiment:

- ▶ Liquid Scintillator Neutrino Detector (LSND) experiment was designed to search for  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  at the Los Alamos Neutron Science Center, USA
- ▶ The LSND has  $L = 30$  m, and  $E$  in  $20 < E < 200$  MeV
- ▶ 798 MeV proton beam used to produce a large number of pions, mostly ( $\pi^+$ )
- ▶ Pions decay further to produce neutrinos,  $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu$  and  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu$
- ▶ A total excess of  $\sim 88$   $\bar{\nu}_e$  events was observed in  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  beam



## Cont...

- ▶ LSND excess events can be explained by  $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$
- ▶ Results are shown in  $(\sin^2 2\theta, \Delta m^2)$ -plane for  $20 < E_e < 200 \text{ MeV}$



- ▶ Fit includes  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  and  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  oscillations
- ▶ The most favored allowed region:  $0.2 - 2.0 \text{ eV}^2$ , also a region around  $7 \text{ eV}^2$  is possible

# MiniBooNE experiment:

- ▶ The MiniBooNE experiment at Fermilab was designed to test LSND in both  $\nu_e$  and  $\bar{\nu}_e$  mode.
- ▶ The energy region is  $200 < E < 1250 \text{ MeV}$

**Table 1 Overview of the LSND and MiniBooNE experiments**

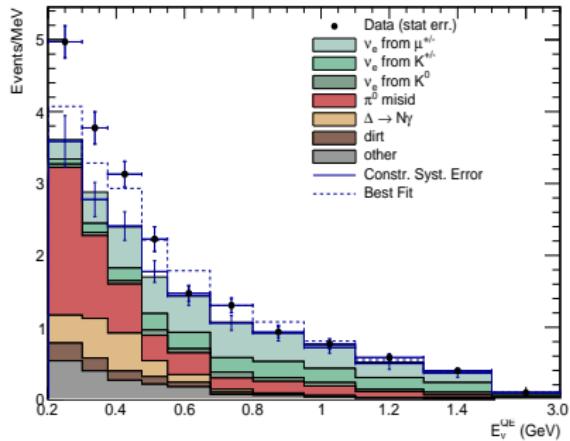
Property	LSND	MiniBooNE
Proton energy	798 MeV	8,000 MeV
Proton intensity	1,000 $\mu\text{A}$	4 $\mu\text{A}$
Proton beam power	798 kW	32 kW
Protons on target	28,896 C	284 C
Duty factor	$6 \times 10^{-2}$	$8 \times 10^{-6}$
Total mass	167 tons	806 tons
Neutrino distance	29.8 m	541 m
Events for 100% $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ transmutation	33,300	128,077

Conrad, Louis, Shaevitz, Annu. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2013. 63:4567

- ▶ Both LSND and MiniBooNE used  $L/E \approx 1\text{m}/\text{MeV}$  to probe  $\Delta m^2 \approx 1\text{eV}^2$

# Cont...

- ▶ MiniBooNE neutrino mode  $E_\nu^{QE}$  distributions with  $12.84 \times 10^{20}$  POT, for  $\nu_e$  CCQE data
- ▶ Background are displayed using histogram with systematic errors

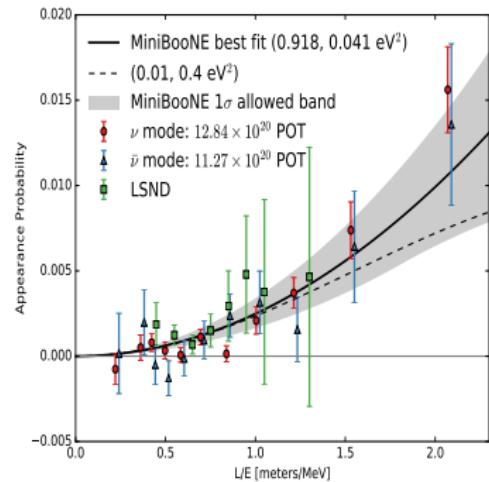
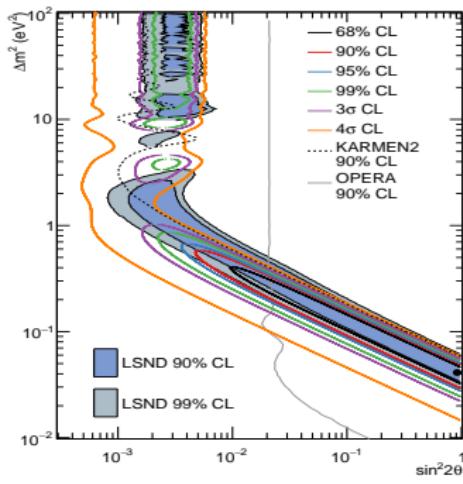


- ▶ A  $\nu_e$  CCQE event excess of  $381.2 \pm 85.2$  events ( $4.5\sigma$ ) is observed for  $200 < E_\nu^{QE} < 1250$  MeV

MiniBooNE Collab., Aguilar-Arevalo, et. al., PRL121 (2018) 221801

# Cont...

- ▶ MiniBooNE allowed regions for a combined  $\nu$ , and  $\bar{\nu}$  data sets for events with  $200 < E_{\nu}^{QE} < 3000$  MeV
- ▶ The best-fit occurs at  $(\Delta m^2, \sin^2 2\theta) = (0.041 \text{ eV}^2, 0.92)$

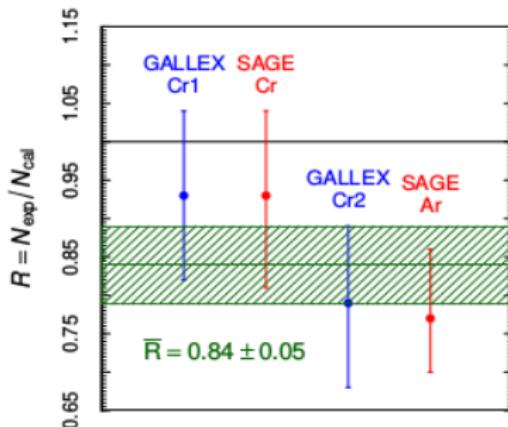


- ▶ A comparison between the MiniBooNE data excesses to the LSND data

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# Gallium anomaly:

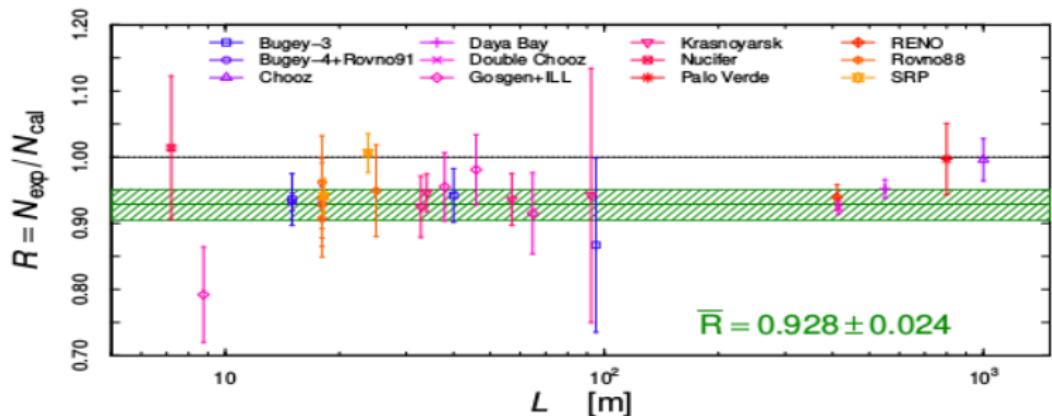
- GALLEX , and SAGE were designed to detect solar neutrinos using  $\nu_e + 71\text{Ga} \rightarrow 71\text{Ge} + e^-$  reaction
- Neutrino travels a distance of 1.9 m and 0.6 m with energy 0.8 MeV
- Figure shows the ratios of measured ( $N_{\text{exp}}$ ) to the calculated ( $N_{\text{cal}}$ ) event rate



- Gallium anomaly shows about  $2.9\sigma$  deficit
- As the L/E is similar to LSND, oscillation with  $\Delta m^2 \sim \text{eV}^2$  can explain the deficit

# Reactor anomaly:

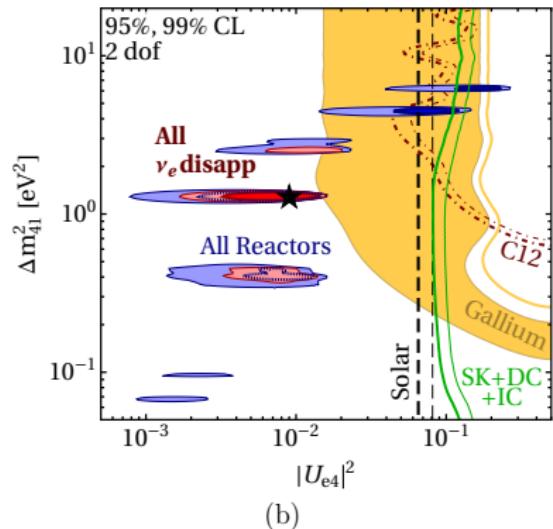
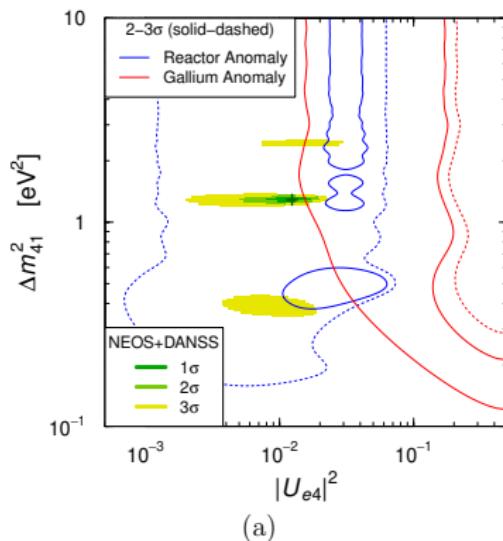
- ▶ This result would imply reactors have observed a deficit of  $\bar{\nu}_e$ , at baselines of order 10 - 100 m
- ▶ Figure shows the ratios of observed to the expected event rate



- ▶ Reactor  $\bar{\nu}$  anomaly has significance of about  $3\sigma$
- ▶ The deficit can be explained by  $\nu$ -oscillations generated by a  $\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 0.5$  eV $^2$

# SBL $\nu_e$ , $\overline{\nu}_e$ disappearance:

- Left: Best-fit region is shown around  $\Delta m_{41}^2 \simeq 1.3 \text{ eV}^2$  and  $|U_{e4}|^2 \simeq 0.01$
- Left: Tension between the model-independent NEOS+DANSS allowed regions and those indicated by the reactor and Gallium anomalies

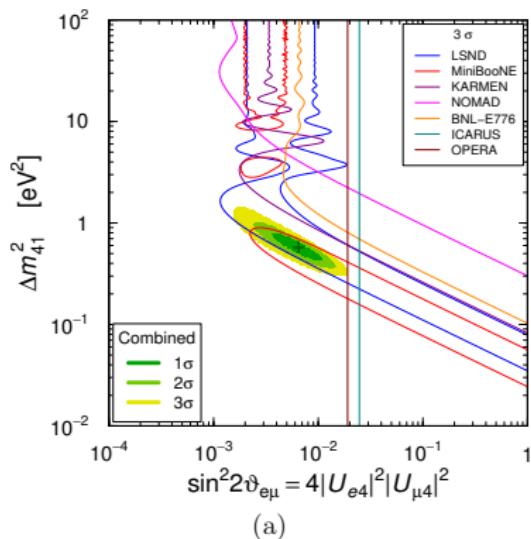


- Right: Global-fit of the reactor neutrino data including the NEOS/Daya Bay and DANSS spectral ratio data in (blue)
- Right: Red regions show Gallium, solar,  $\nu_e - {}^{12}\text{C}$  constraints

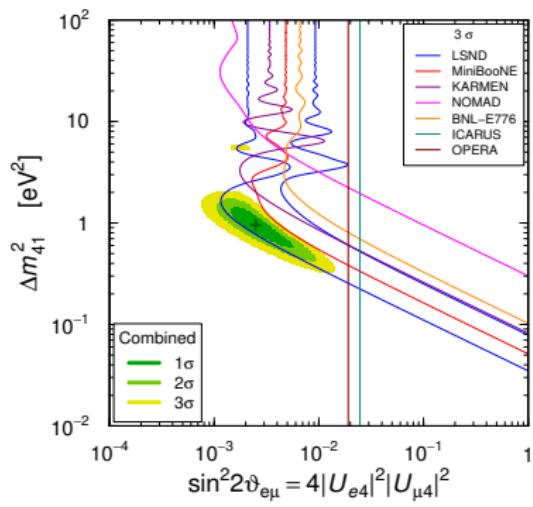
Giunti, Lasserre, arXiv: 1901.08330

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- Left: Results of SBL  $\overline{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e$  appearance with all MiniBooNE data
- Right: Results of SBL  $\overline{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \overline{\nu}_e$  appearance without the low-energy MiniBooNE data



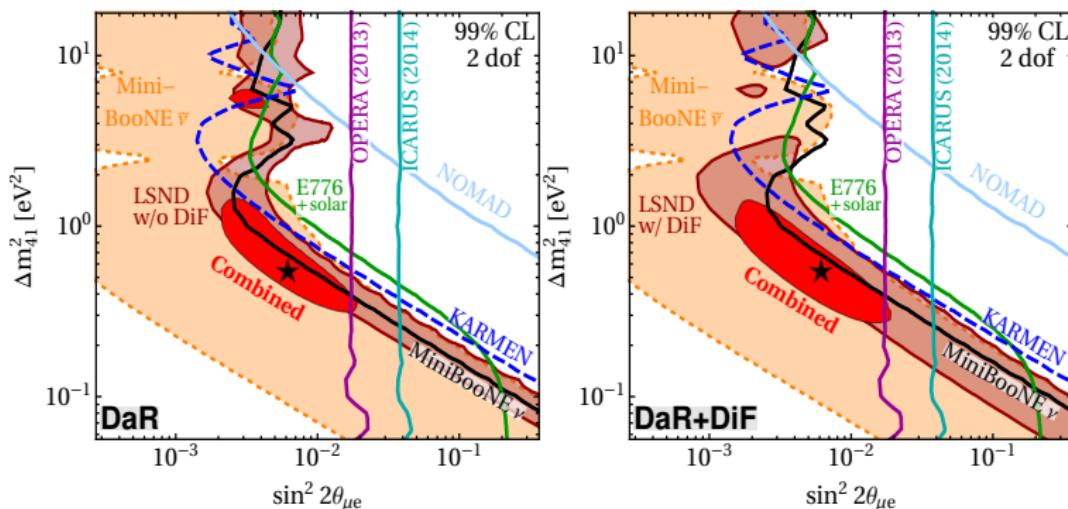
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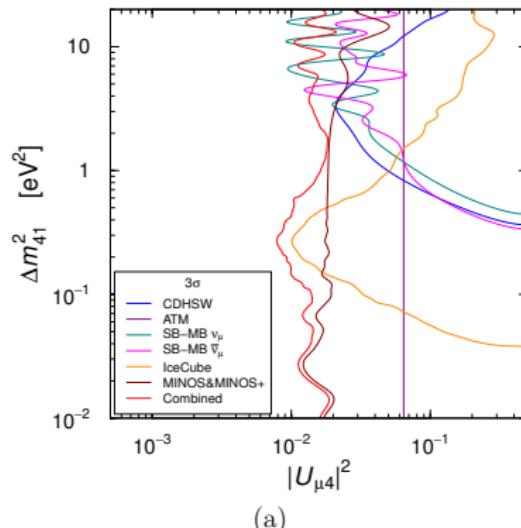
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- ▶ Left: Results of only decay-at-rest (DaR) data from LSND is included
- ▶ Right: Also decay-in-flight data (DiF) is used

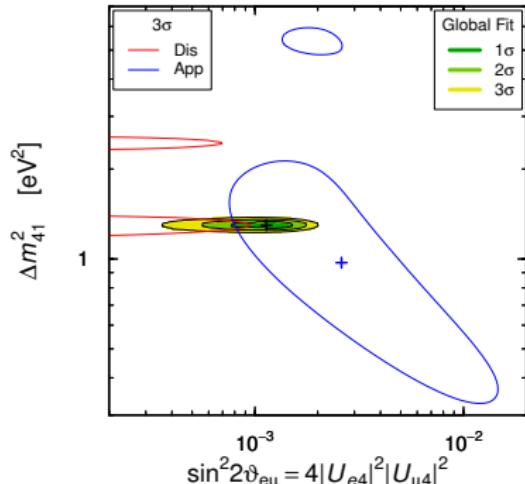


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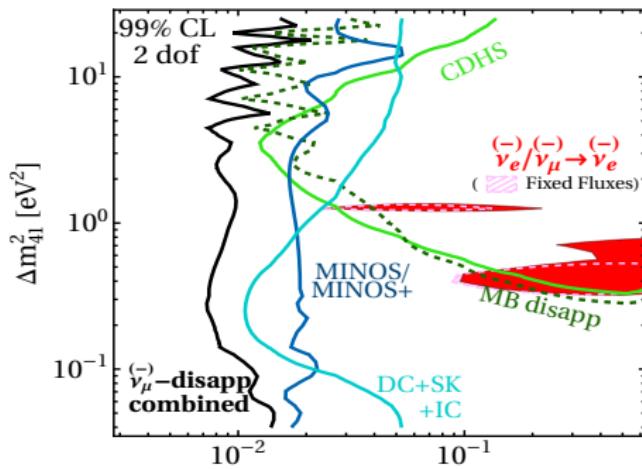
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- Right: One can see a strong tension between the appearance data and the disappearance data

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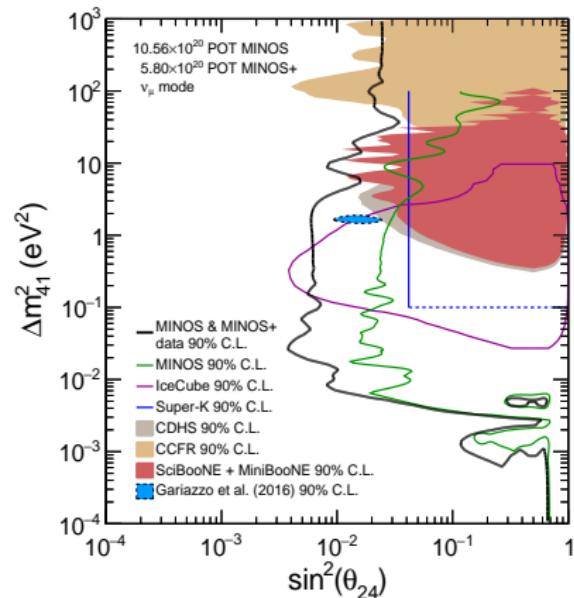
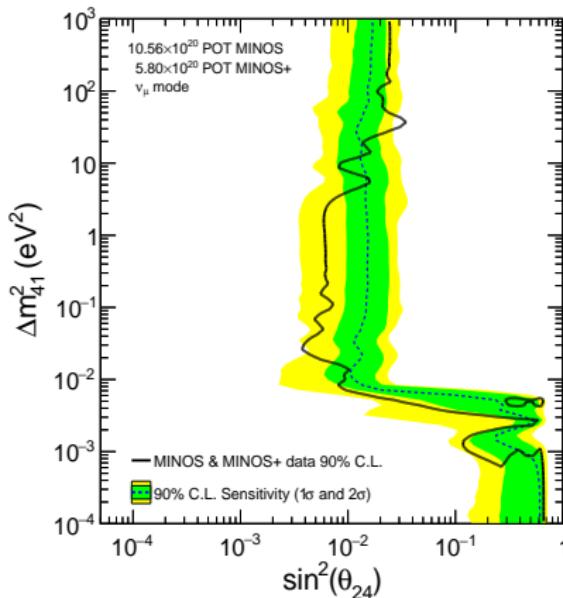


- The plot shows strong limits of order  $|U_{\mu 4}|^2 \lesssim 10^{-2}$  across a wide range of  $\Delta m_{41}^2$  values from  $\sim 2 \times 10^{-1}$  eV<sup>2</sup> to  $\sim 10$  eV<sup>2</sup>
- The strong limit from atmospheric data at  $\Delta m_{41}^2 \lesssim 1$  eV<sup>2</sup> is dominated by IceCube

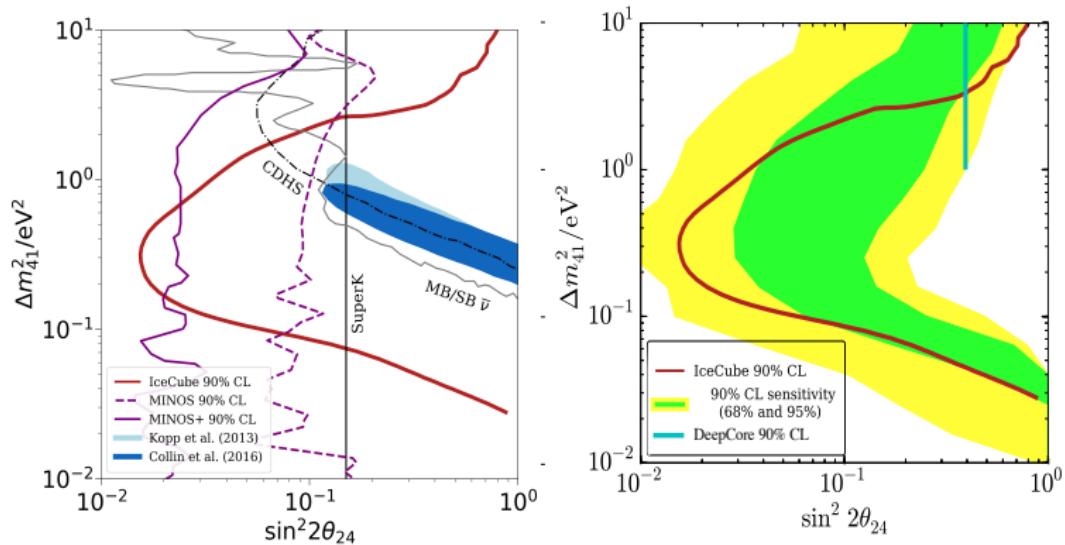
Dentler, Hernández-Cabezudo, Kopp, Machado, Maltoni, Martínez-Soler, Schwetz, arXiv: 1803.10661

# MINOS and MINOS+

- ▶ MINOS experiment at Fermilab was designed to detect  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\overline{\nu_\mu}$  disappearance channels
- ▶ The joint analysis of data from the MINOS and MINOS+ experiments sets stringent limits on mixing with sterile neutrinos in the 3+1 model for  $\Delta m_{41}^2 > 10^{-2} \text{ eV}^2$



- Constraints on sterile neutrino from IceCube  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance channel



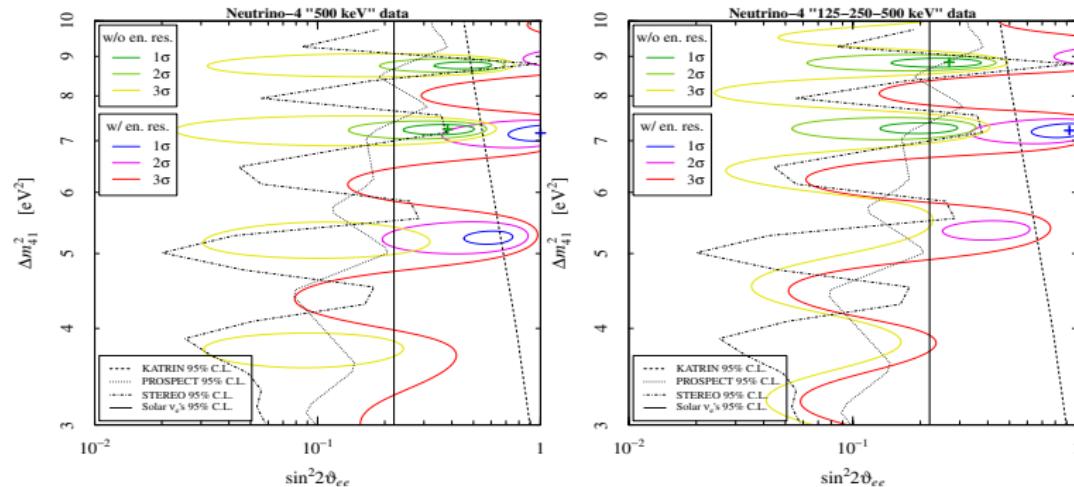
- Strong exclusion limits are obtained in the range of  $\Delta m_s^2 \sim 0.02 - 0.3 \text{ eV}^2$

S. Böser et.al., arXiv: 1906.01739

# Neutrino-4

- Neutrino-4 experiment measure reactor  $\overline{\nu}_e$  flux and spectrum dependence on the distance in the range 6-12 meters from the center of the reactor core.

NEUTRINO-4 Collab., arXiv: 1809.10561

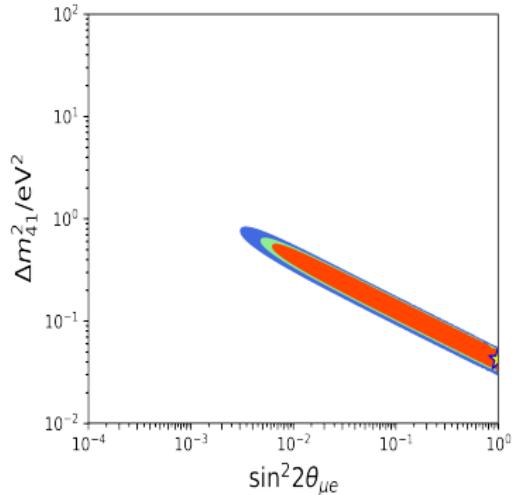


- Strong tension between the Neutrino-4 and the 90% C.L. exclusion curves of KATRIN, PROSPECT, STEREO and solar  $\nu_e$ s have been observed

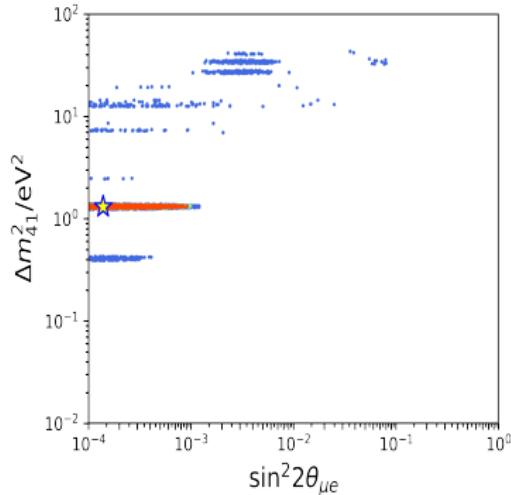
Giunti, Li, Ternes, Zhang, PLB 816 (2021)

# Global-fit in 3+1 scenario:

Appearance channel



Disappearance channel



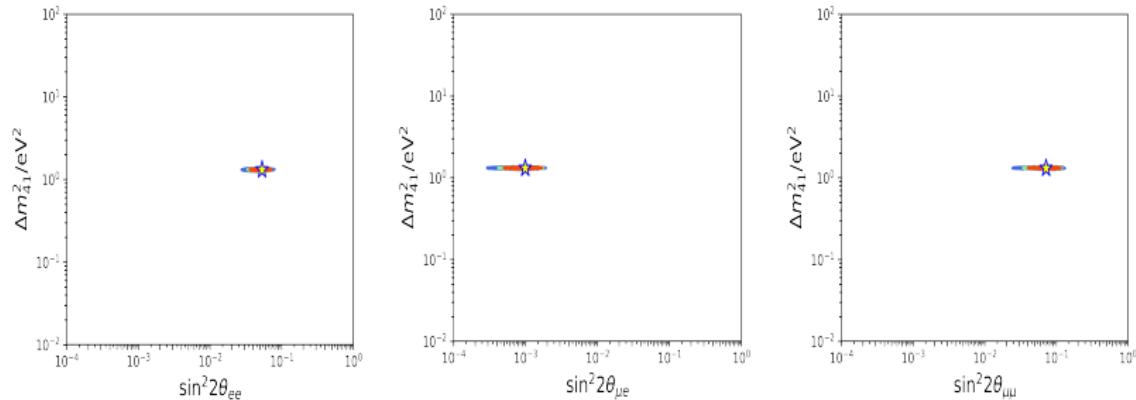
- Strong tension between appearance and disappearance channels

Diaz, Argüelles, Collin, Conrad, Shaevitz, Phys. Rept. 884 (2020), arXiv: 1906.00045

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Combined analysis:

Appearance + disappearance channels



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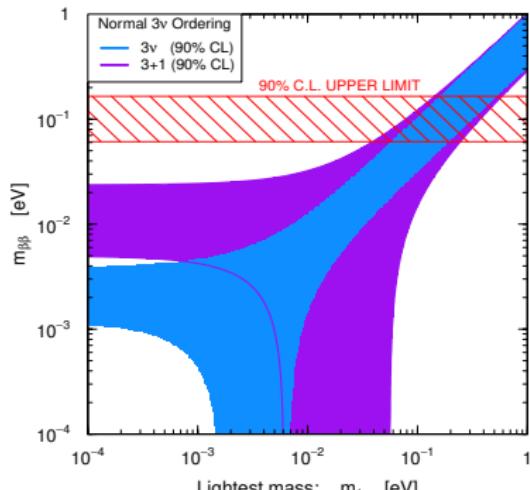
Current/Future Experiments: NEOS, STEREO, PROSPECT, DANSS, SoLid, BEST, KATRIN,  $^{163}\text{Ho}$  experiments, The Fermilab SBN program, JSNS<sup>2</sup>, ...

# Sterile neutrino on $0\nu 2\beta$ decay

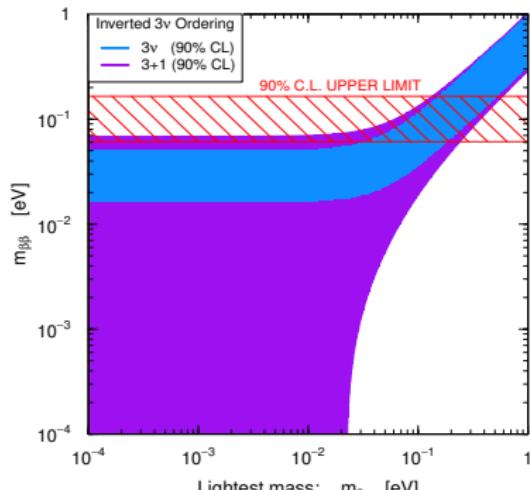
- The rate of  $0\nu 2\beta$  decay is proportional to the effective Majorana mass  $m_{\beta\beta}$  given by

$$m_{\beta\beta} = \left| |U_{e1}|^2 m_1 + |U_{e2}|^2 e^{i\alpha_2} m_2 + |U_{e3}|^2 e^{i\alpha_3} m_3 + |U_{e4}|^2 e^{i\alpha_4} m_4 \right|,$$

where,  $\alpha^i$ 's are combination of Dirac and Majorana phases



(a)



(b)

# Sterile Neutrino Phenomenology:

## Texture zeros in $M_\nu$ in 3+1 framework

- The low energy neutrino mass matrix  $m_\nu$  in the 3+1 scheme:

$$m_\nu^{(1)} = U m_\nu^{\text{diag}} U^T; \quad m_\nu^{\text{diag}} = \text{diag}(m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4)$$
$$m_\nu^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{ee} & m_{e\mu} & m_{e\tau} & m_{es} \\ m_{\mu e} & m_{\mu\mu} & m_{\mu\tau} & m_{\mu s} \\ m_{\tau e} & m_{\tau\mu} & m_{\tau\tau} & m_{\tau s} \\ m_{se} & m_{s\mu} & m_{s\tau} & m_{ss} \end{pmatrix};$$

- Here,  $U = V.P$  is the  $(4 \times 4)$  PMNS matrix and

$$V = R_{34} \tilde{R}_{24} \tilde{R}_{14} R_{23} \tilde{R}_{13} R_{12}, \quad P = \text{diag}(1, e^{-i\alpha/2}, e^{-i(\beta/2 - \delta_{13})}, e^{-i(\gamma/2 - \delta_{14})})$$

- $R, \tilde{R}$  are the rotation matrices:

$$R_{34} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & c_{34} & s_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & -s_{34} & c_{34} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{R}_{14} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{14} & 0 & 0 & s_{14} e^{-i\delta_{14}} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{14} e^{i\delta_{14}} & 0 & 0 & c_{14} \end{pmatrix},$$

- # of parameters in  $m_\nu^{(1)}$  : 6- angles, 4-masses, 3-Dirac CP phases, and 3-Majorana phases
- # of parameters in  $m_\nu^{(2)}$  : 10 complex entries, 20 real parameters

**Mismatch in # of parameters**

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**Assumptions: Consider  $m_\nu$  has underlying symmetry, which helps to reduce # of parameters**

Texture zeros in  $m_\nu$  is one such scenarios

- ▶  $m_\nu$  has 10 parameters; # of texture-zeros =  ${}^{10}c_n$ , where n = # of zeros
- ▶ One-zero texture in  $m_\nu$  :  $m_{\alpha\beta} = 0$ ; 10 possibilities
- ▶ Two-zero texture in  $m_\nu$  :  $m_{\alpha\beta} = 0 = m_{\sigma\lambda}$ ; 45 possibilities
- ▶ For three-zeros: 120, four-zeros: 210, and five-zeros: 252 possibilities
- ▶ Note: All possibilities are not consistent phenomenologically
- ▶ More than 5-zeros in 3+1 scenario are phenomenologically disallowed

Borah, Ghosh, Gupta, Raut, PRD96 (2017)

# One-zero and one-massless neutrino:

- One-zero texture:

$$m_1 U_{a1} U_{b1} + m_2 U_{a2} U_{b2} e^{2i\alpha} + m_3 U_{a3} U_{b3} e^{2i(\beta+\delta_{13})} + m_4 U_{a4} U_{b4} e^{2i(\gamma+\delta_{14})} = 0 ,$$

here,  $m_1(m_3) = 0$  for NH (IH)

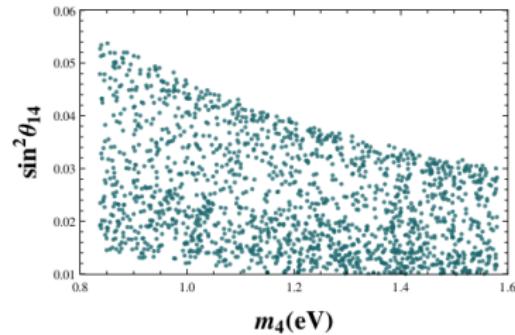
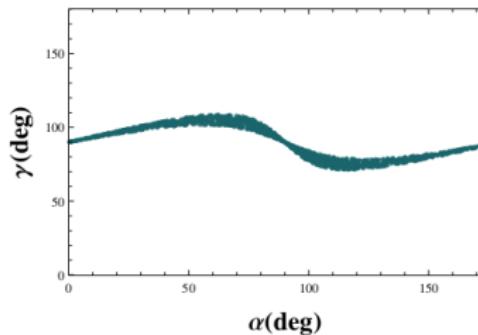
- Phenomenologically allowed cases:

$M_{\alpha\beta=0}$	NH( $m_1 = 0$ )	IH( $m_3 = 0$ )
$M_{ee}$	✗	✓
$M_{e\mu}$	✓	✓
$M_{e\tau}$	✓	✓
$M_{\mu\tau}$	✓	✓
$M_{\mu\mu}$	✓	✓
$M_{\tau\tau}$	✓	✓
$M_{es}$	✗	✗
$M_{\mu s}$	✗	✗
$M_{\tau s}$	✓	✓
$M_{ss}$	✗	✗

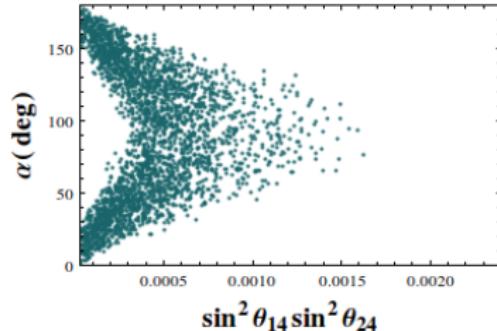
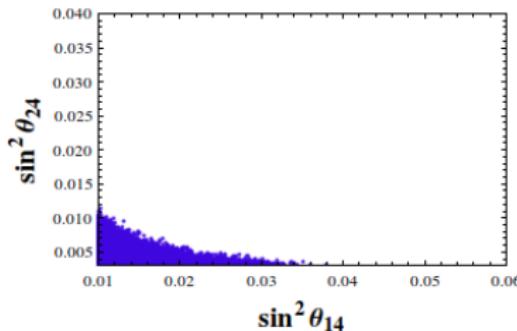
- For NH (IH): 6 (7) allowed cases

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- For  $|M_{ee}| = 0$ , IH



- For  $|M_{e\mu}| = 0$ , NH (IH) is shown in left (right) panel



# Minimal extended type-I seesaw mechanism:

- The SM is extended by  $3\nu_R$ 's and a gauge singlet field  $S$
- The Lagrangian:

$$-\mathcal{L}_M = \overline{\nu_L} M_D \nu_R + \overline{S^c} M_S \nu_R + \frac{1}{2} \overline{\nu_R^c} M_R \nu_R + h.c..$$

- The neutrino mass matrix  $M_\nu^{7 \times 7}$  in the basis  $(\nu_L, \nu_R^c, S^c)$

$$M_\nu^{7 \times 7} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_D & 0 \\ M_D^T & M_R & M_S^T \\ 0 & M_S & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Assumption:  $M_R \gg M_S > M_D$
- The effective  $M_\nu^{4 \times 4}$  in the basis  $(\nu_L, S^c)$ :

$$M_\nu^{4 \times 4} = - \begin{pmatrix} M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T & M_D M_R^{-1} M_S^T \\ M_S (M_R^{-1})^T M_D^T & M_S M_R^{-1} M_S^T \end{pmatrix}$$

- Assuming  $M_S > M_D$ :

$$\begin{aligned} m_\nu^{3 \times 3} &\simeq M_D M_R^{-1} M_S^T (M_S M_R^{-1} M_S^T)^{-1} M_S (M_R^{-1})^T M_D^T - M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T \\ m_s &\simeq -M_S M_R^{-1} M_S^T \end{aligned}$$

- Example:  $M_D \simeq 100 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $M_S \simeq 500 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $M_R \simeq 2 \times 10^{14} \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow m_\nu \simeq 0.05 \text{ eV}$ , and  $m_s \simeq 1.3 \text{ eV}$



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- The active-sterile neutrino mixing matrix is given by,

$$V \simeq \begin{pmatrix} (1 - \frac{1}{2}RR^\dagger)U' & R \\ -R^\dagger U & 1 - \frac{1}{2}R^\dagger R \end{pmatrix},$$

- $R_{3 \times 1}$  governs the strength of active-sterile mixing:

$$R_{3 \times 1} = M_D M_R^{-1} M_S^T (M_S M_R^{-1} M_S^T)^{-1}.$$

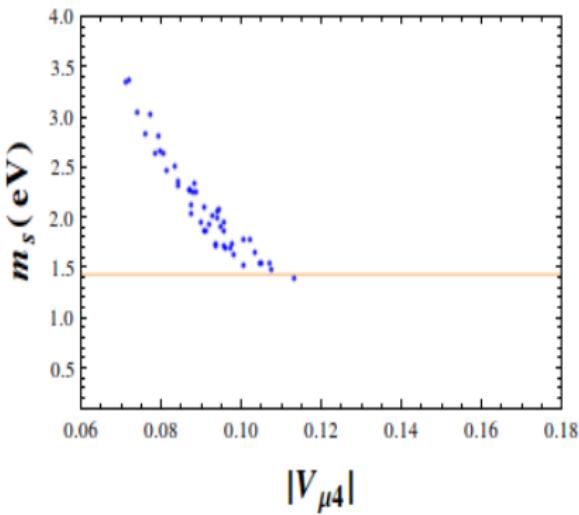
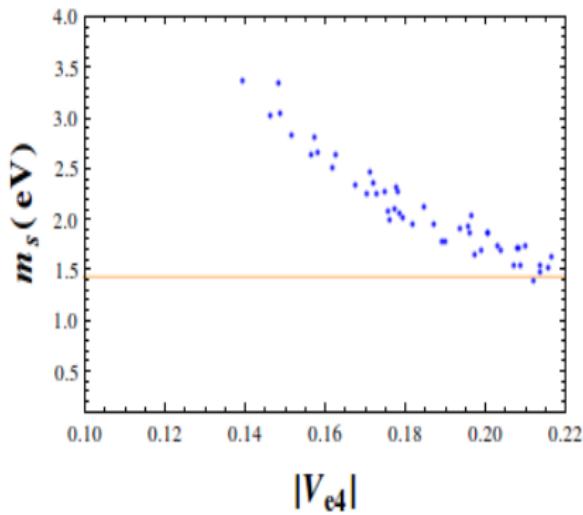
- Essentially,  $R_{3 \times 1} = (V_{e4}, V_{\mu 4}, 0)^T$ , is suppressed by the ratio  $\mathcal{O}(M_D)/\mathcal{O}(M_S)$
- Assumption:

$$M_R = \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & r_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_3 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 & r_2 & 0 \\ r_2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_1 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & r_2 \\ 0 & r_1 & 0 \\ r_2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} r_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & r_2 \\ 0 & r_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- Five-zeros in  $M_D$ , and one-zero in  $(M_S)_{1 \times 3}$
- Allowed textures:  $m_{e\tau} = 0$ , and  $m_{\tau\tau} = 0$  for IH

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- Correlation plots for the texture  $m_{\tau\tau} = 0$  are



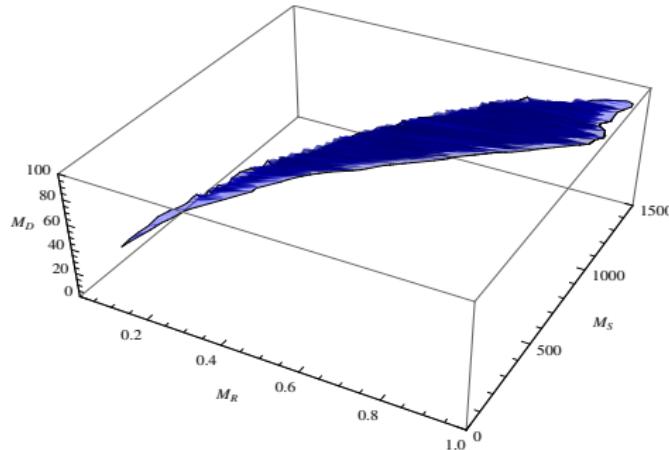
NN, Ghosh, Goswami, Gupta, JHEP 03 (2017) 075

# NLO correction for MES model:

- For  $M_D/M_S \sim 0.1$ , NLO corrections can be important

Grimus, Lavoura, JHEP 11 (2000) 042

- Here, NLO term is proportional to  $M_D^4/M_R M_S^2$
- NLO correction:  $m_\nu^{3\times 3} = (m_\nu^{3\times 3})_{lo} + M_D^4/M_R M_S^2$
- Allowed parameter space for which NLO correction term  $\sim 10^{-5}$  eV



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# Symmetry Realization:

- To enforce texture zeros in fermions mass matrices by means of Abelian symmetry

[Grimus, Joshipura, Lavoura, Tanimoto, EPJC 36 (2004) 227]

- Adopted Abelian symmetry group  $Z_8 \times Z_2$  to realize texture  $m_{e\tau} = 0$  and  $m_{\tau\tau} = 0$
- For  $m_{e\tau} = 0$  :

$$M_I = \begin{pmatrix} m_e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_\tau \end{pmatrix}, M_D = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & a_2 & 0 \\ b_1 & 0 & b_3 \\ c_1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_R = \text{Diag}(r_1, r_2, r_3), M_S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & s_2 & s_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

- The fields transformation under  $Z_8 \times Z_2$ :

Lepton doublet	$(Z_8 \times Z_2)$	RH Singlet	$(Z_8 \times Z_2)$	$\nu$ fields	$(Z_8 \times Z_2)$	Higgs doublet	$(Z_8 \times Z_2)$
$\bar{D}_{L_e}$	$(\omega^6, -1)$	$e_R$	$(\omega^2, -1)$	$\nu_{eR}$	$(\omega^5, 1)$	$\phi$	$(1, 1)$
$\bar{D}_{L_\mu}$	$(\omega^3, 1)$	$\mu_R$	$(\omega^5, 1)$	$\nu_{\mu R}$	$(\omega^2, -1)$	$\phi'$	$(\omega^3, 1)$
$\bar{D}_{L_\tau}$	$(\omega^5, 1)$	$\tau_R$	$(1, 1)$	$\nu_{\tau R}$	$(1, 1)$	$\phi''$	$(\omega^2, 1)$

- S transform as  $(\omega^6, -1)$  under  $(Z_8 \times Z_2)$  forbids  $\bar{S}^c S$  term

# Sterile neutrino at long baseline:

- The  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  conversion probability in 'vacuum':

$$P_{\alpha\beta}(L, E) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \underbrace{\sum_{k>j} \text{Re} \left[ U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \right] \sin^2(\Delta)}_{\text{CP conserving}} + 2 \underbrace{\sum_{k>j} \text{Im} \left[ U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \right] \sin(2\Delta)}_{\text{CP violating}} ; \quad \Delta = \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{4E}$$

- Considering  $|U_{e4}| \sim |U_{\mu 4}| \sim |U_{e3}| \sim \varepsilon \sim 0.15$ :

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e}^{\text{LBL}} &= 4 \sin^2 \vartheta_{13} \sin^2 \vartheta_{23} \sin^2 \Delta_{31} \\ &\quad + 2 \sin \vartheta_{13} \sin 2\vartheta_{12} \sin 2\vartheta_{23} (\alpha \Delta_{31}) \sin \Delta_{31} \cos(\Delta_{32} + \delta_{13}) \\ &\quad + 4 \sin \vartheta_{13} \sin \vartheta_{14} \sin \vartheta_{24} \sin \vartheta_{23} \sin \Delta_{31} \sin(\Delta_{31} + \delta_{13} - \delta_{14}) , \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha \equiv \Delta m_{21}^2 / |\Delta m_{31}^2| \sim \varepsilon^2$

⊗ The presence of  $\delta_{14}$  can impact the search of CP violation

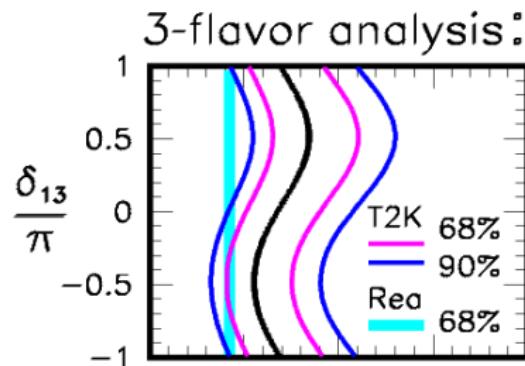
- The probability in Matter:

$$H = UKU^\dagger + V ; \quad K = \text{diag}(0, k_{21}, k_{31}, k_{41}) ,$$

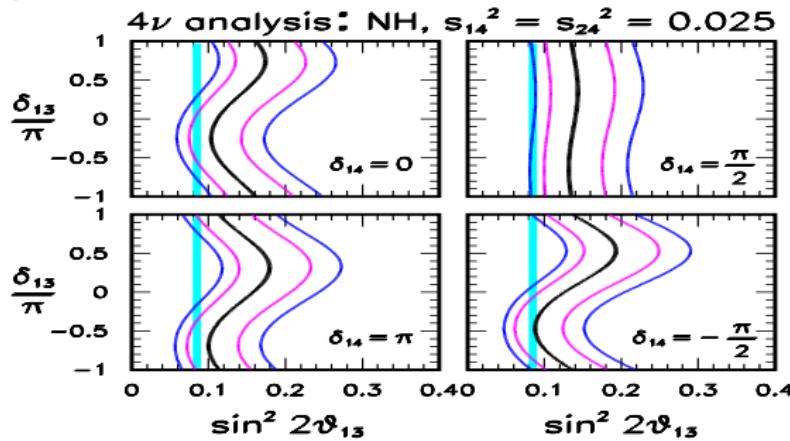
$V$  is the matter potential

# At T2K:

- ▶ 3-flavor formalism:

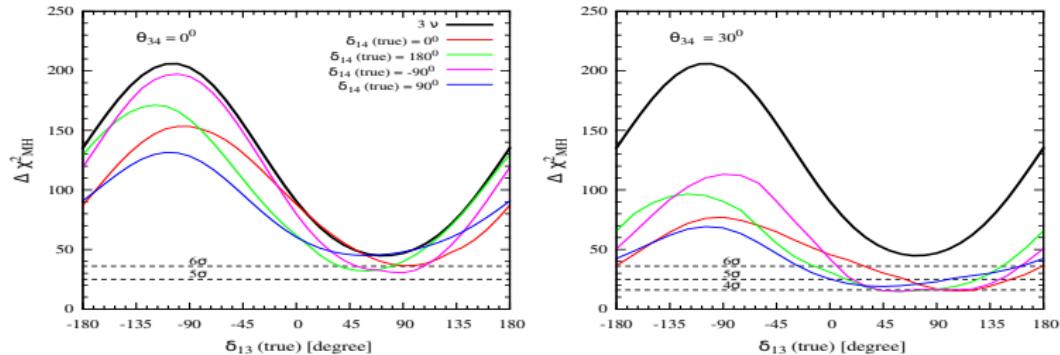


- ▶ (3+1)-flavor formalism:



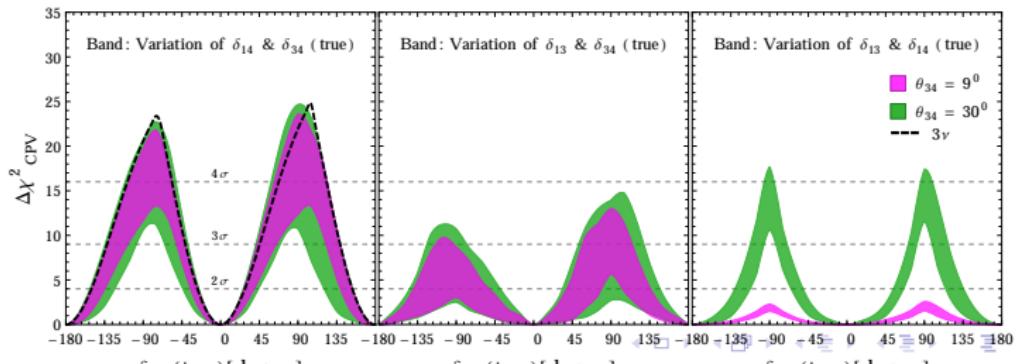
# At DUNE:

- ▶ Mass hierarchy sensitivity:



- ▶ CP-violation sensitivity:

Agarwalla, Chatterjee, Palazzo, JHEP09(2016)016



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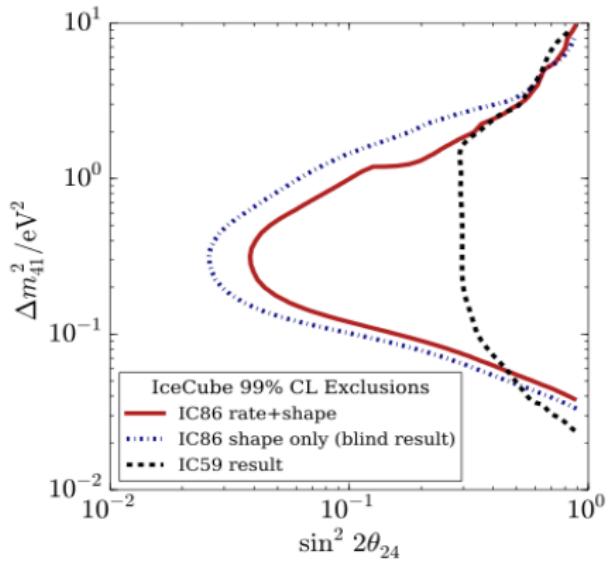
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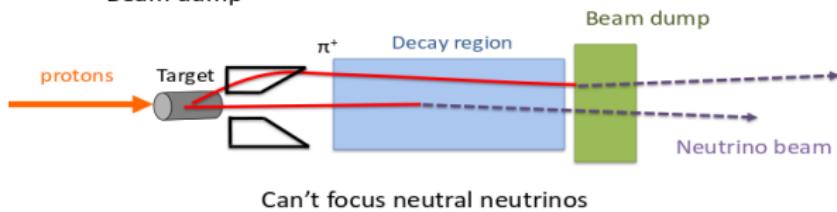


# Neutrino beam generation

## How to get the most from your neutrino beam

Ingredients:

- Proton beam
- Target
- Add a Magnetic focusing ``horn''
- Decay region
- Beam dump



Increase flux of neutrino beam by first focusing parent mesons

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