

Neutrino oscillation update: Hints for θ_{13} and eV sterile neutrinos

GDR neutrino, Annecy, 28 Nov 2011

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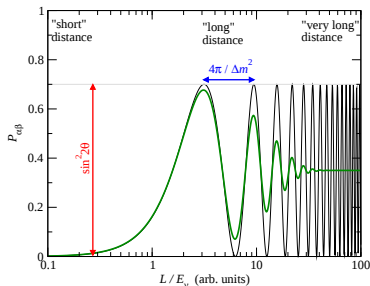
Neutrino oscillations

... require that there is

- ▶ **mixing** in the lepton sector, and
- ▶ neutrinos have **non-degenerate masses**.

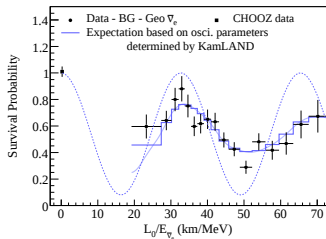
Two-flavour vacuum oscillations:

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}, \quad P = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_\nu}$$



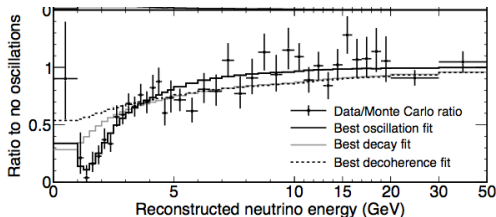
Neutrinos oscillate!

KamLAND ($\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$)



> 5σ evidence for spectral distortion

MINOS ($\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu$)



$$P_{\text{survival}} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m^2}{4} \frac{L}{E_\nu} \right)$$

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from various neutrino sources and
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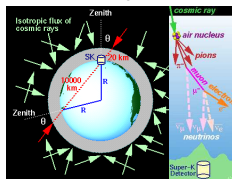
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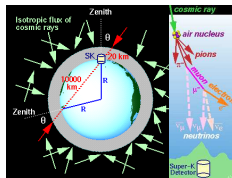
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- ▶ OPERA result on super-luminal neutrinos?? 100+ cites

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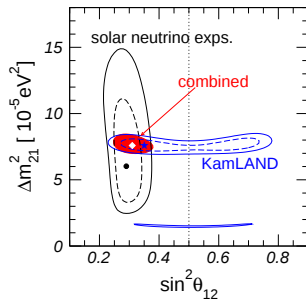
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 & \text{atmos+LBL(dis)} \quad \text{Chooz+LBL(app)} \quad \text{solar+KamLAND}
 \end{aligned}$$

3-flavour effects are suppressed: $\Delta m_{21}^2 \ll \Delta m_{31}^2$ and $\theta_{13} \ll 1$ ($U_{e3} = s_{13}e^{-i\delta}$)

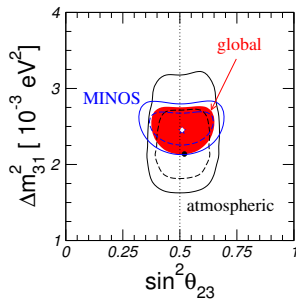
$\Rightarrow$ dominant oscillations are well described by effective two-flavour oscillations

$\Rightarrow$ CP-violation is suppressed by θ_{13} and $\Delta m_{21}^2/\Delta m_{31}^2$

The dominating oscillation modes



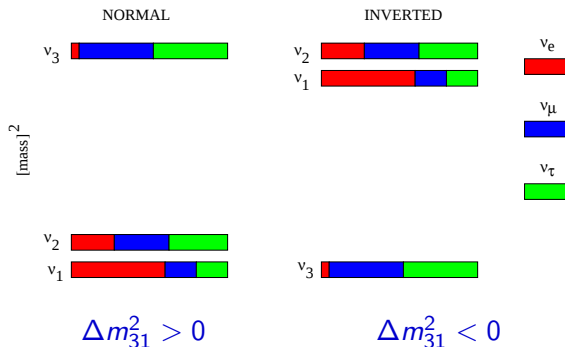
$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} \approx 0.3$$



$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} \approx 0.5$$

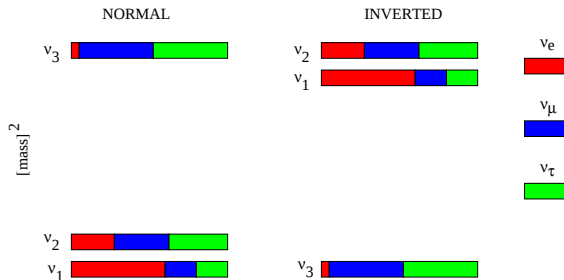
$$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \approx \frac{1}{30}$$

Neutrino mass spectra and mixing



- ▶ ν_1 is dominantly ν_e (non-maximal but large θ_{12})
close to equal mixing of ν_μ and ν_τ ($\theta_{23} \approx 45^\circ$)
- ▶ we know the sign of Δm_{21}^2 (matter effect in sun) but not of Δm_{31}^2
- ▶ we do not know yet the ν_e component of ν_3 (θ_{13})

Effects of θ_{13}



1. transitions of ν_e involving Δm_{31}^2 :

1.1 $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance at reactors with $L \simeq 1$ km

1.2 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ transitions at accelerator experiments

2. subleading effects in solar/KamLAND/atmospheric oscillations

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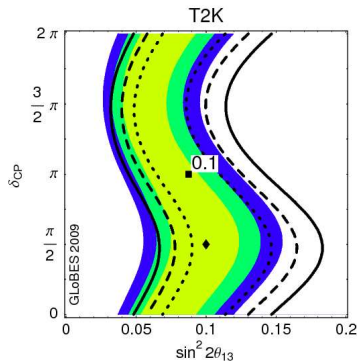
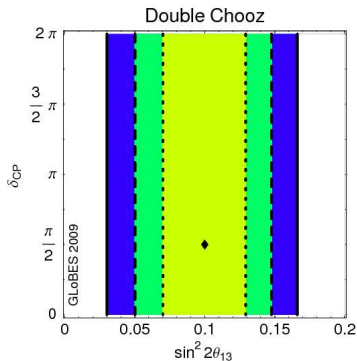
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$P_{\mu e}$ is a complicated function of all 3-flavour parameters

θ_{13} is correlated with other parameters (CP-phase δ , sign of Δm_{31}^2)

Reactor vs Beam

assume $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.1$, $\delta = \pi/2$

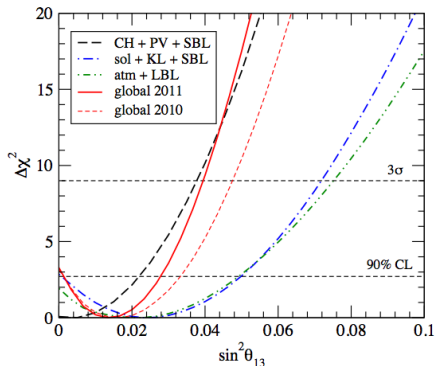
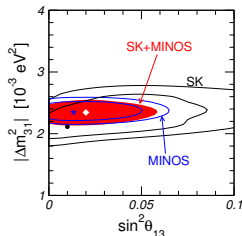
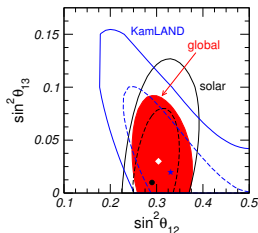


fake data! Huber et al, 2004, 2009,...

θ_{13} till June 2011

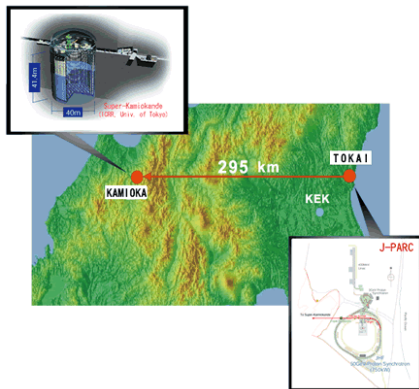
$\sin^2 \theta_{13} \lesssim 0.04$ (3σ) from global data (dominated by CHOOZ)

$\theta_{13} > 0$ @ 1.8σ from slight tension between solar/KamLAND and MINOS/SK



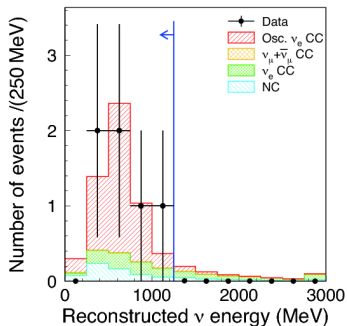
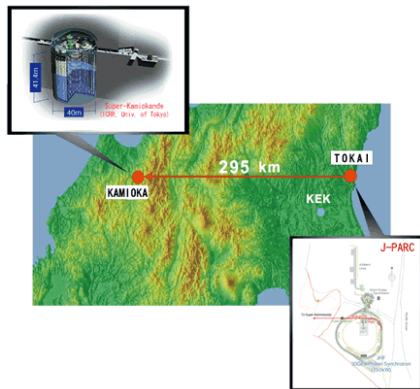
TS, Tortola, Valle, 08, 1103; Fogli et al, 08;
Gonzalez-Garcia, Maltoni, Salvado, 10

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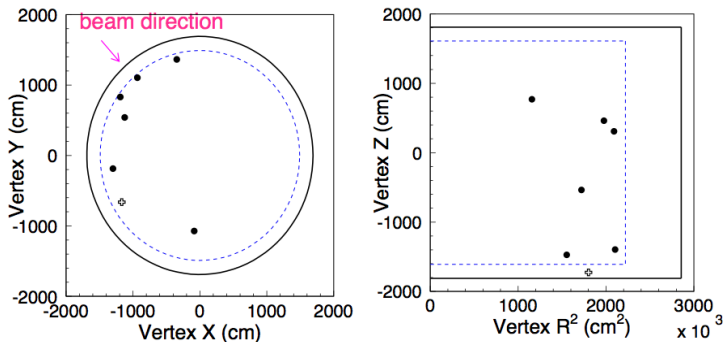


K. Abe et al., 1106.2822

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Vertex distribution of T2K ν_e events

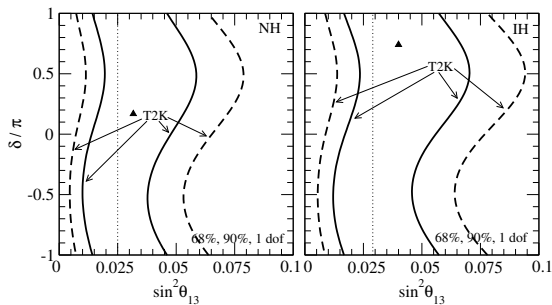


prob to obtain 6 events in front half of detector: $1/2^6 = 1/64 \approx 0.015$
 this is approximately the probability of $\theta_{13} = 0$

K.S. test of R^2 distribution gives $p = 0.03$ (2.2σ)

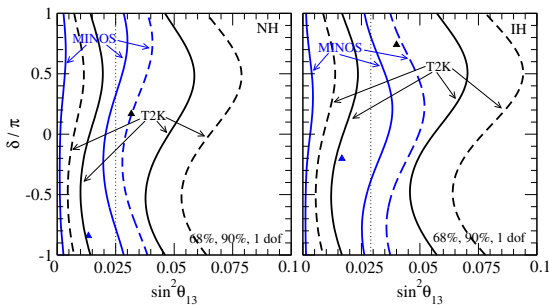
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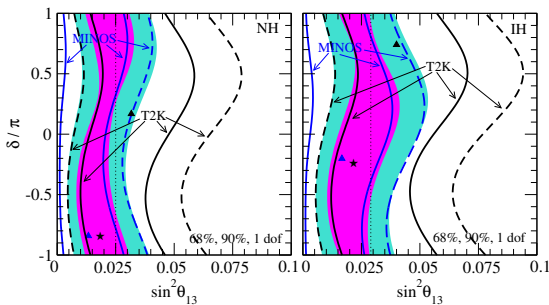
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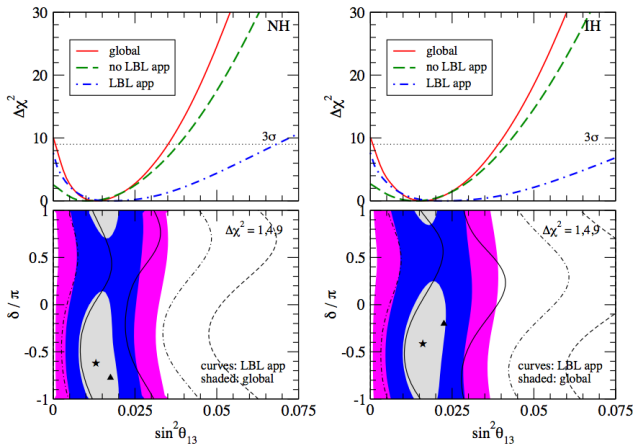
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Global data on θ_{13} TS, Tortola, Valle, 1108.1376

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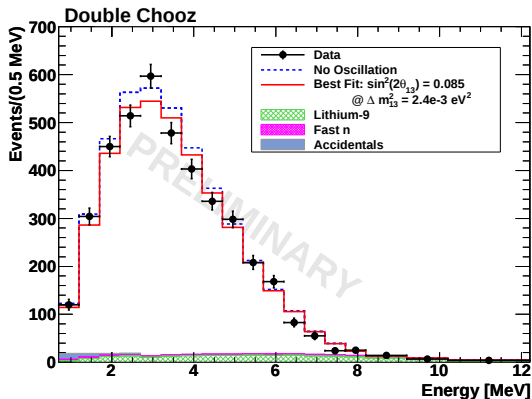
$$\theta_{13} = 0 : \Delta\chi^2 = 10.1 (3.2\sigma)$$

similar results by Fogli et al, 1106.6028; Maltoni @ EPS11

Preliminary results from Double Chooz

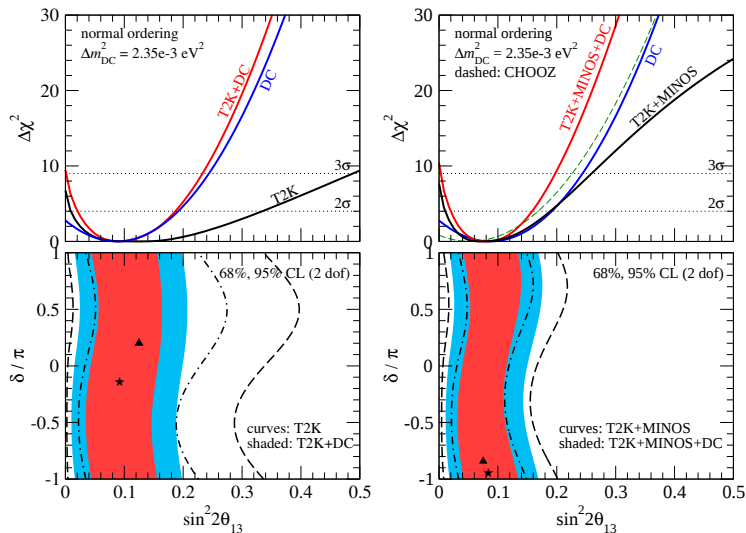
H. deKerret, talk @ LowNu, Korea, 11 Nov 2011

data from April 13 to Sept 18 (101.5 days)



$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.085 \pm 0.029(\text{stat}) \pm 0.042(\text{syst}) \quad (> 0 @ 1.7\sigma)$$

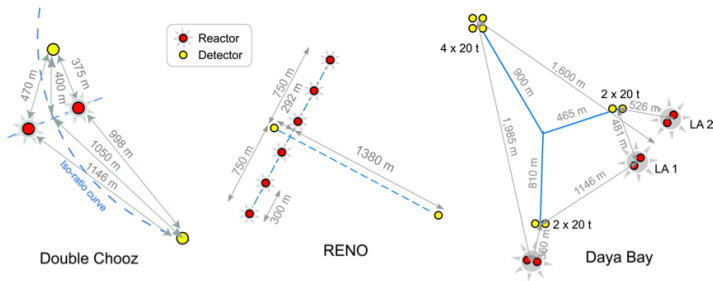
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$\theta_{13} = 0$ excluded at 3 σ

Upcoming experiments searching for θ_{13}

- $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance reactor experiments:



- long-baseline accelerator experiments looking for

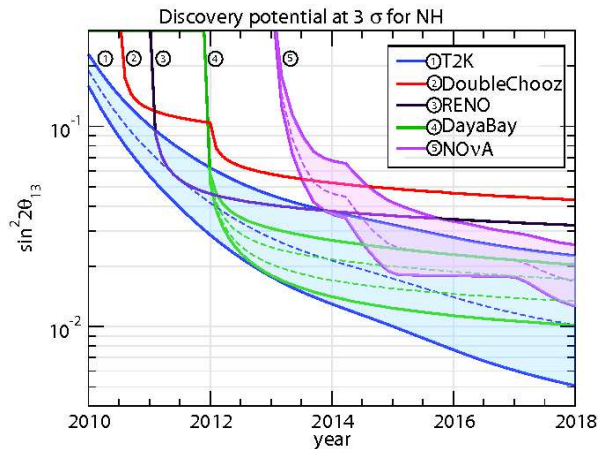
$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance:

T2K: $E_\nu \simeq 0.7$ GeV, $L \approx 295$ km, off-axis 2.5°

NOvA: $E_\nu \simeq 2$ GeV, $L \approx 810$ km, off-axis 0.8°

Near term prospects for θ_{13}

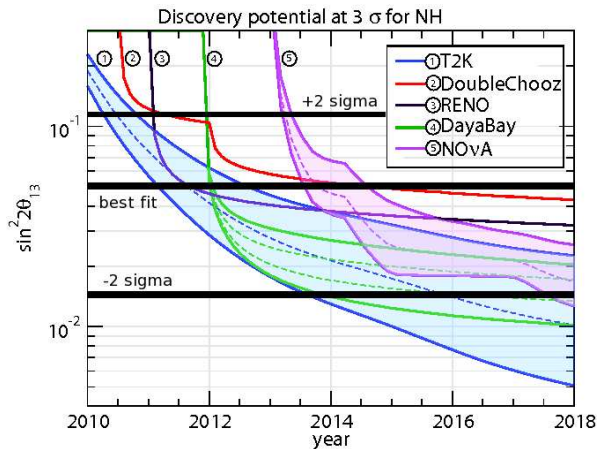
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Mezzetto, TS, 10

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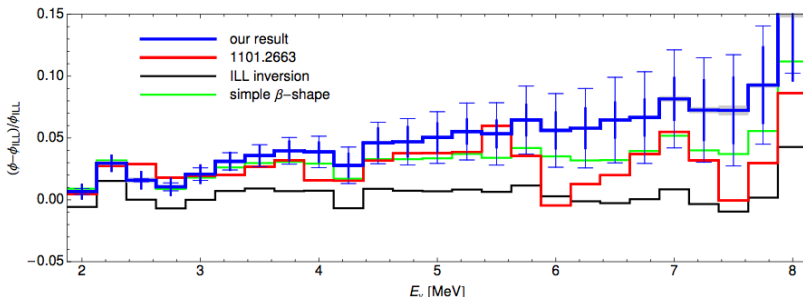
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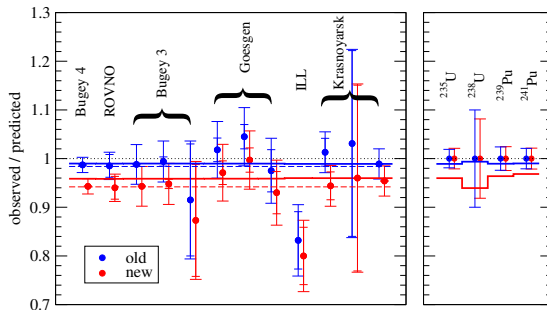
- ▶ to predict the $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux from nuclear reactors one has to convert the measured e^- spectra from ^{235}U , ^{239}Pu , ^{241}Pu into neutrino spectra

Schreckenbach et al., 82, 85, 89

- ▶ recent improved calculation [Mueller et al., 1101.2663](#) yields $\sim 3\%$ higher fluxes
- ▶ confirmed by independent calculation [P. Huber, 1106.0687](#)



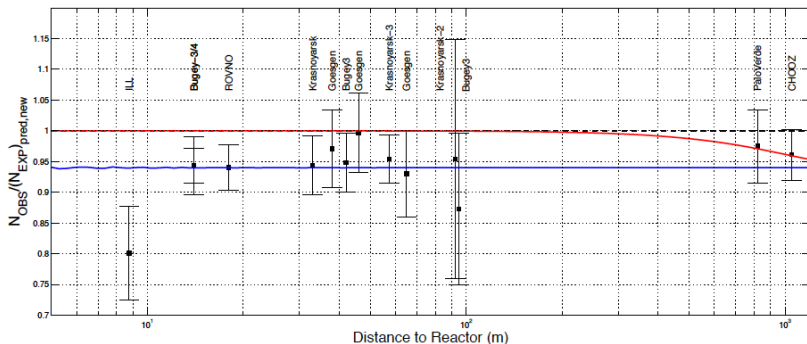
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- ▶ $\chi^2 = 8.1(13.0)/12$ dof for old (new) fluxes $\Rightarrow$ still acceptable fit within errors (P-value: 37%)
- ▶ flux free analysis: $f = 0.942 \pm 0.024$, $f = 1$ disfavored with $\Delta\chi^2 = 6.2$ (2.5σ)

New reactor fluxes and reactor data

Mention et al., 1101.2755



- ▶ non-zero θ_{13} can reduce flux at $L \gtrsim 1$ km but not shorter baselines
- ▶ sterile neutrino with $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$ can account for rate reduction at $L \gtrsim 10 - 100$ m
- ▶ systematic error or problem with new calculations?

Dependence of θ_{13} from global fit on SBL reactor data

- ▶ new fluxes and including SBL reactors in fit (“default analysis”)

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- ▶ including SBL reactors but allow free flux normalization

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^2 \theta_{13} &= 0.011^{+0.007}_{-0.004}, & \Delta\chi^2 &= 7.7 \text{ (2.8}\sigma\text{)} & \text{(NH)} \\ \sin^2 \theta_{13} &= 0.014^{+0.007}_{-0.006}, & \Delta\chi^2 &= 8.4 \text{ (2.9}\sigma\text{)} & \text{(IH)}\end{aligned}$$

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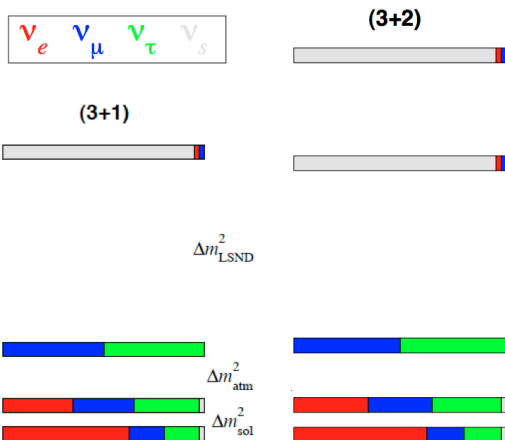
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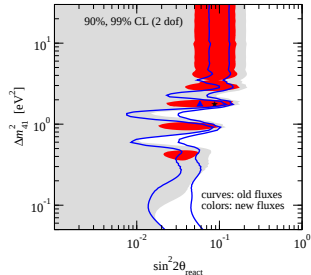
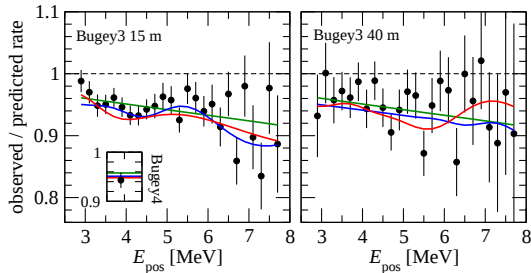
Sterile neutrinos at the eV scale

Sterile neutrinos are generic in models for neutrino mass (though typically at much higher scales).

Why not assume that some of them have masses at the eV scale?



Reactor data and sterile neutrinos

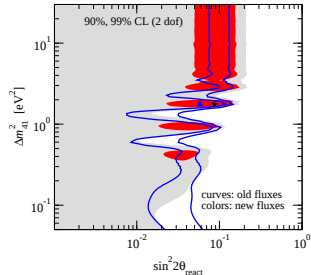
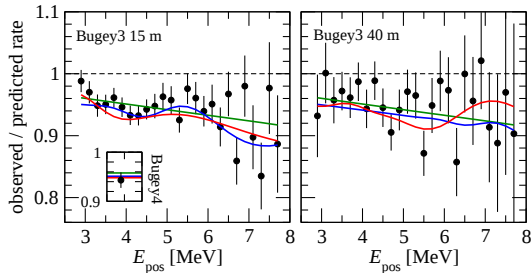


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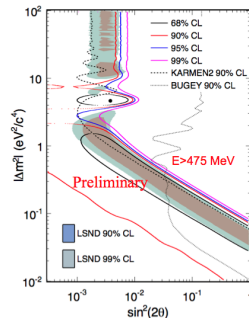
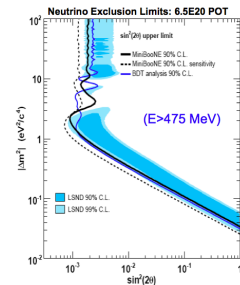
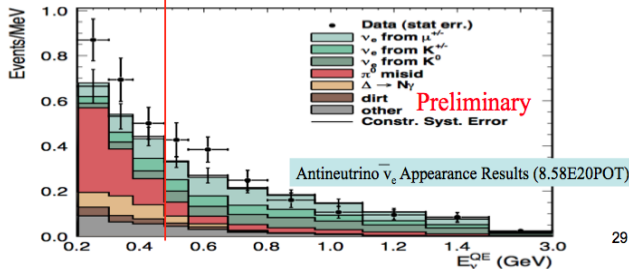
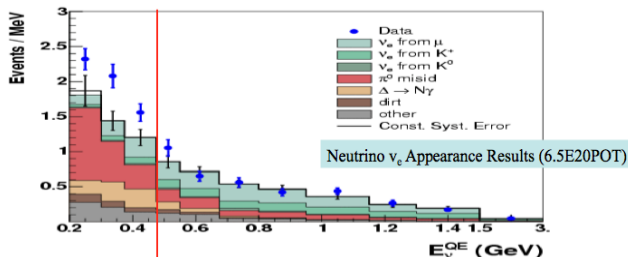
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- hint for $U_{e4} > 0$ from calibration data in gallium solar ν exps (“Gallium anomaly”) Acero, Giunti, Laveder, 07; Giunti, Laveder, 10

More hints for eV neutrinos from $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ searches

- ▶ **LSND** $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$, $87.9 \pm 22.4 \pm 6.0$ excess events
 $P = (0.264 \pm 0.067 \pm 0.045)\% \sim 3.8\sigma$ away from zero
- ▶ **KARMEN** $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$, tight constraint on LSND region
(slightly smaller L/E than LSND)
- ▶ **MiniBooNE** $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$
 $E > 475$ MeV: no excess, $E < 475$ MeV: $\sim 3\sigma$ excess
- ▶ **MiniBooNE** $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$, inconclusive
consistent with $MB\nu$ as well as with LSND in 2ν framework

Latest MiniBooNE results Z. Djuric @ NuFact11



Can we fit all this in a 3+1 (or 3+n) scheme

3+1 $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ appearance

$$P_{\mu e} = \sin^2 2\theta_{\text{app}} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \quad \sin^2 2\theta_{\text{app}} = 4|U_{e4}|^2 |U_{\mu 4}|^2$$

3+1 ν_e and ν_μ disappearance

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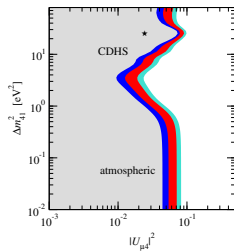
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Karagiorgi et al. 06; Maltoni, TS 07

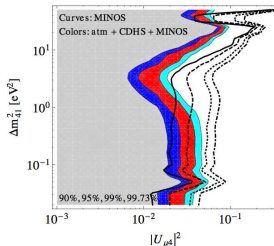
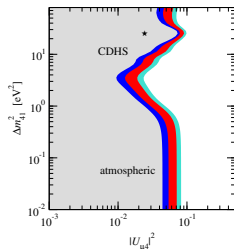
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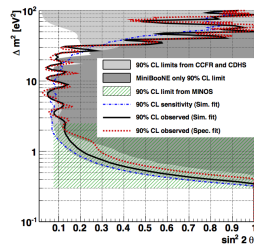
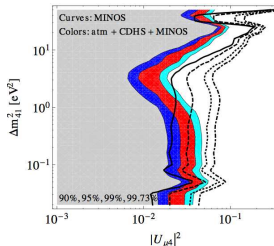
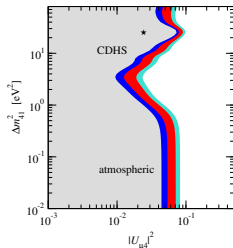
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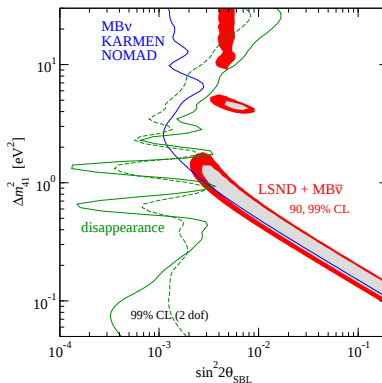


MiniBooNE, 1106.5685

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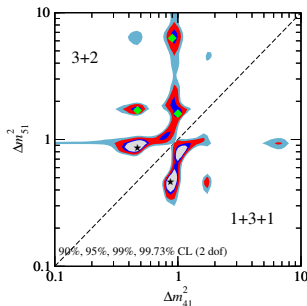
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- ▶ no CP violation $\rightarrow$ LSND+MB $\bar{\nu}$ versus MB ν
- ▶ despite relaxed constraints on U_{e4} no improvement of global 3+1 fit
- ▶ LSND+MB $\bar{\nu}$ versus rest: $\chi^2_{PG} = 21.5(24.2)$ for new (old) flux
 $\rightarrow$ compatibility of less than 10^{-5}

3+2 global fit Kopp, Maltoni, TS, PRL 11

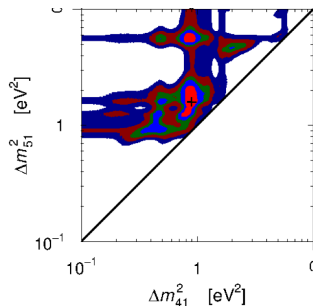
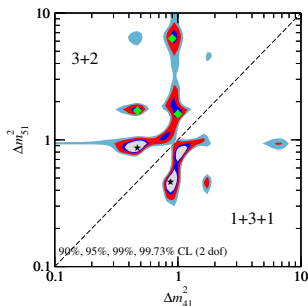


some improvement in the fit:

- ▶ $\Delta\chi^2_{3+2}^{2(\text{old vs new fluxes})} = 11.1$
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(97.6% CL, 4 dof)
6.3 for old flux

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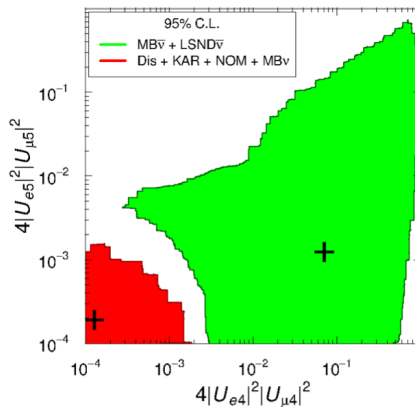
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	old	new	old	new
$\chi^2_{\text{PG}}/\text{dof}$	25.1/5	19.9/5	19.9/4	14.7/4
PG	10^{-4}	0.13%	5×10^{-4}	0.53%
adding MINOS NC Kopp, Maltoni, TS, work in prep.				
$\chi^2_{\text{PG}}/\text{dof}$	30.0/5	24.8/5	24.7/4	19.5/4
PG	10^{-5}	10^{-4}	5×10^{-5}	6×10^{-4}

- ▶ explanation of appearance signal requires U_{ei} and $U_{\mu i}$ ($i = 4, 5$)
- ▶ no hint for oscillations seen in ν_{μ} disappearance
 $\Rightarrow$ constraints on $U_{\mu i}$ in tension with signals
- ▶ MINOS NC data makes compatibility worse by one order of magnitude
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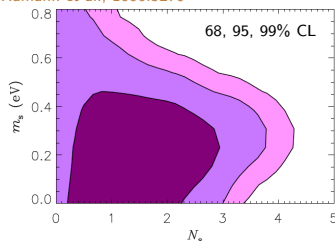
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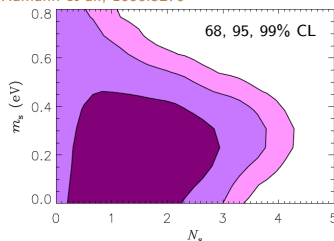
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If those eV-scale sterile neutrinos were confirmed on Earth we would need a
substantial modification of standard cosmology

e.g. extra rel. dof, large lepton number, weird DE eq. of state,...

Elgaroy, Kristiansen, 1104.0704, Hamann, Hannestad, Raffelt, Wong, 1108.4136

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most of these ideas have problems with some data

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- ▶ several ideas at FNAL (MINOS+, MicroBooNE, MiniBooNE extensions, very-low-E NuFact) [B. Louis @ NuFact11](#)
- ▶ ICARUS at CERN PS [C. Rubbia et al. 0909.0355](#)
- ▶ experiments with ~ 100 kW proton synchrotrons
[Conrad, Shaevitz 09](#); [Huber, Agarwalla 10](#); [Agarwalla, Conrad, Shaevitz, 11](#)
- ▶ signatures in IceCube (Deep Core)
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2011 sterile neutrino workshops:

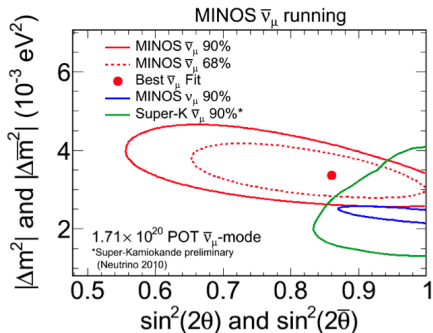
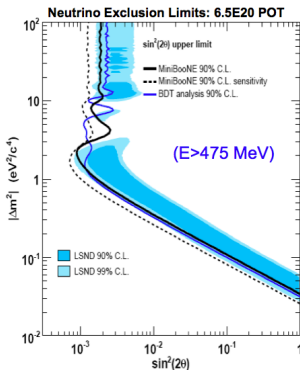
- ▶ LNGS, Italy, May 2011
- ▶ FNAL, USA, May 2011
- ▶ Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, USA, Sept 2011

White paper on sterile neutrinos is in preparation:

http://cnp.phys.vt.edu/white_paper/

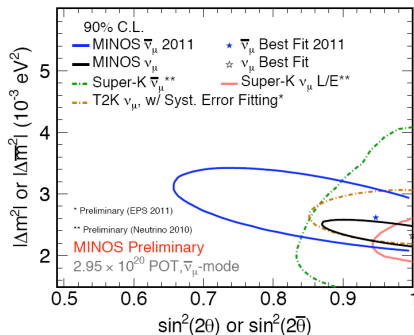
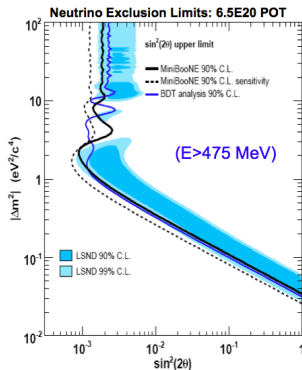
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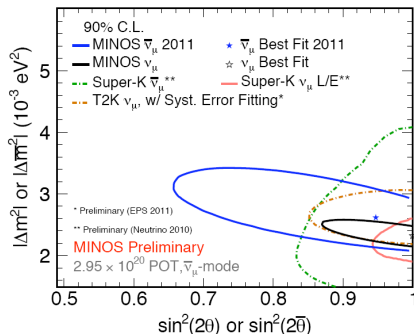
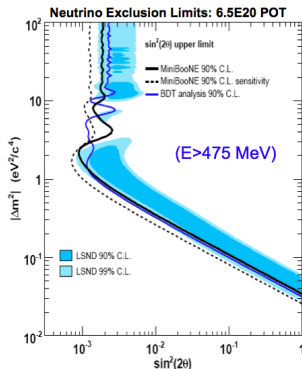
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Thank you for your attention!

3-flavour oscillation parameters

TS, Tortola, Valle, 1108.1376

	best fit $\pm 1\sigma$	3σ range	prec@ 3σ	
$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5}\text{eV}^2}$	$7.59^{+0.20}_{-0.18}$	7.09–8.19	7%	KamLAND
$\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{10^{-3}\text{eV}^2}$	$2.50^{+0.09}_{-0.16}$ $-(2.40^{+0.08}_{-0.09})$	$2.14 - 2.76$ $-(2.13 - 2.67)$	12%	MINOS
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.312^{+0.017}_{-0.015}$	0.27–0.36	14%	SNO
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.52^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$ 0.52 ± 0.06	0.39–0.64	24%	SuperK
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.013^{+0.007}_{-0.005}$ $0.016^{+0.008}_{-0.006}$	0.001–0.035 0.001–0.039	120%	T2K + global data
δ	$\begin{pmatrix} -0.61^{+0.75}_{-0.65} \\ -0.41^{+0.65}_{-0.70} \end{pmatrix} \pi$	$0 - 2\pi$	—	

upper: normal hierarchy, lower: inverted hierarchy

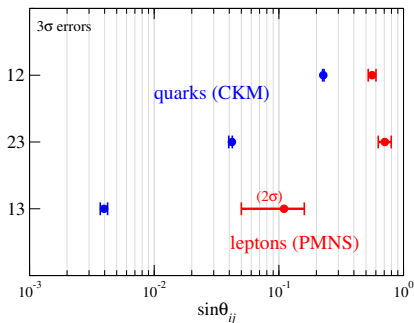
CKM versus PMNS

Quark mixing:

$$U_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Lepton mixing:

$$U_{PMNS} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) & \epsilon \\ \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) \\ \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) \end{pmatrix}$$



Symmetry versus anarchy?

Are lepton mixing angles “special”?

Example: Tri-bimaximal mixing: Harrison, Perkins, Scott, hep-ph/0202074

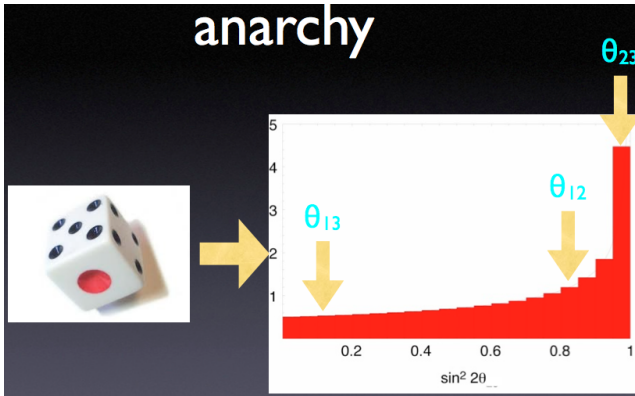
$$U_{TBM} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 0 \\ -1/\sqrt{6} & 1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{6} & -1/\sqrt{3} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Since June, $\mathcal{O}(50)$ papers appeared on arXiv claiming that large θ_{13} is consistent with tri-bimaximal mixing or similar flavour symmetries.

To me it is not clear whether these models remain attractive if θ_{13} is large.

Symmetry versus anarchy?

Maybe the mixing angles are just random numbers? Murayama et al.



3+1 + NSI

Akhmedov, TS 10

assume

- ▶ a 4th neutrino with $\Delta m_{41}^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$
- ▶ a new type of CC-like interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{\alpha,\beta} \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{ff'} (\bar{f} P_{L,R} \gamma^\mu f') (\bar{l}_\alpha P_L \gamma_\mu \nu_\beta) + h.c.$$

f, f' fermions depending on production or detection process

(NC-like NSI will have no relevant effect in short-baseline experiments since matter effect is very small)

3+1 + NSI

- ▶ zero-distance effects and CPV (NSI-oscillation interference)
- ▶ can decouple LSND/KARMEN from the rest:

	source	detection
LSND/KARMEN	μ decay	ν -nucl CC (e)
MiniB/NOMAD	π decay	ν -nucl CC (e)
CDHS (atm)	π decay	ν -nucl CC (μ)
Bugey/Chooz	ν -nucl CC (e)	ν -nucl CC (e)

$$|\alpha_{\mu e}^{\text{LK}}|, |\beta_{\mu e}^{\text{LK}}|, \delta^{\text{LK}}, \alpha_e, \alpha_\mu, |\beta_{\mu e}|, \delta, \Delta m_{41}^2$$

→ 8 parameters (7 for 3+2 osc)

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