

# Modern Neutrino Oscillation Theory

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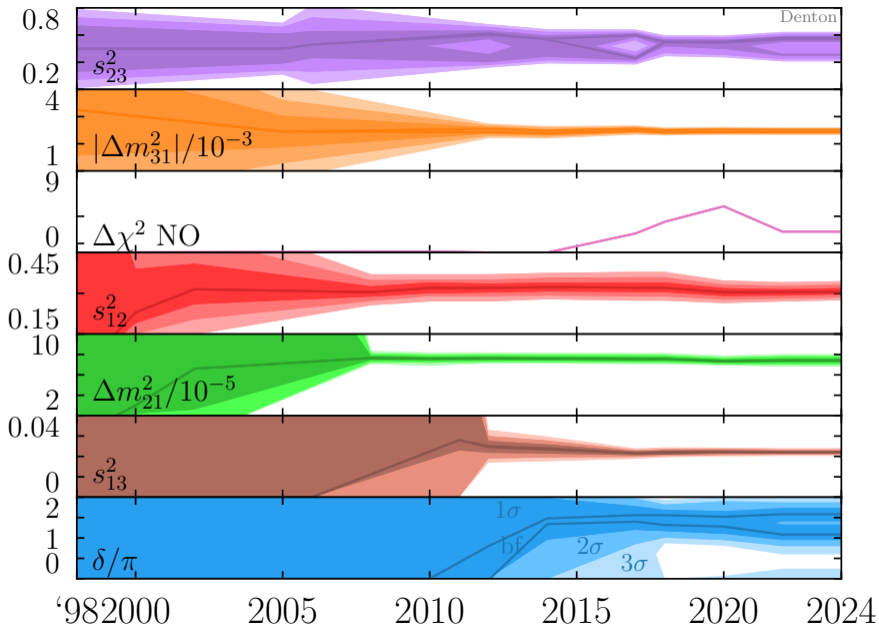
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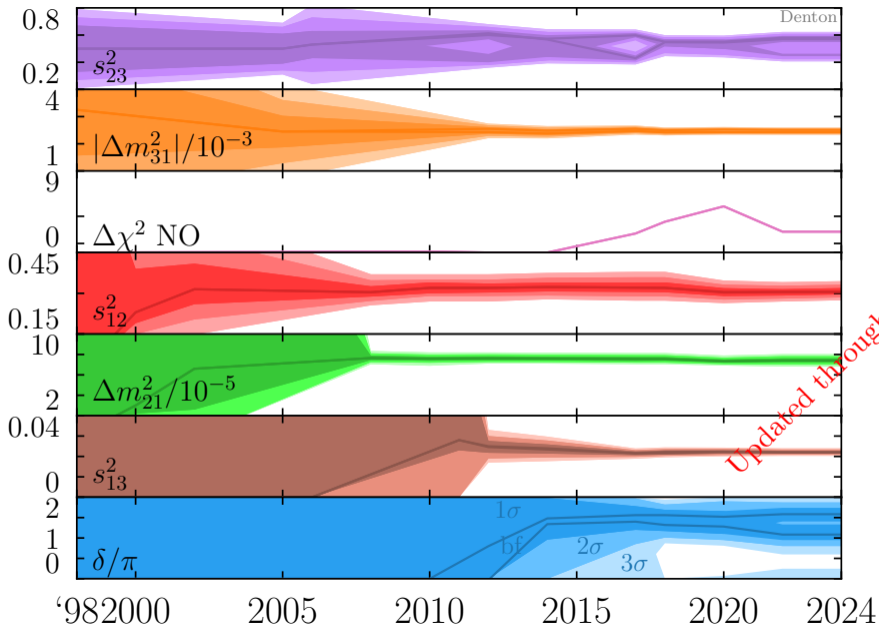
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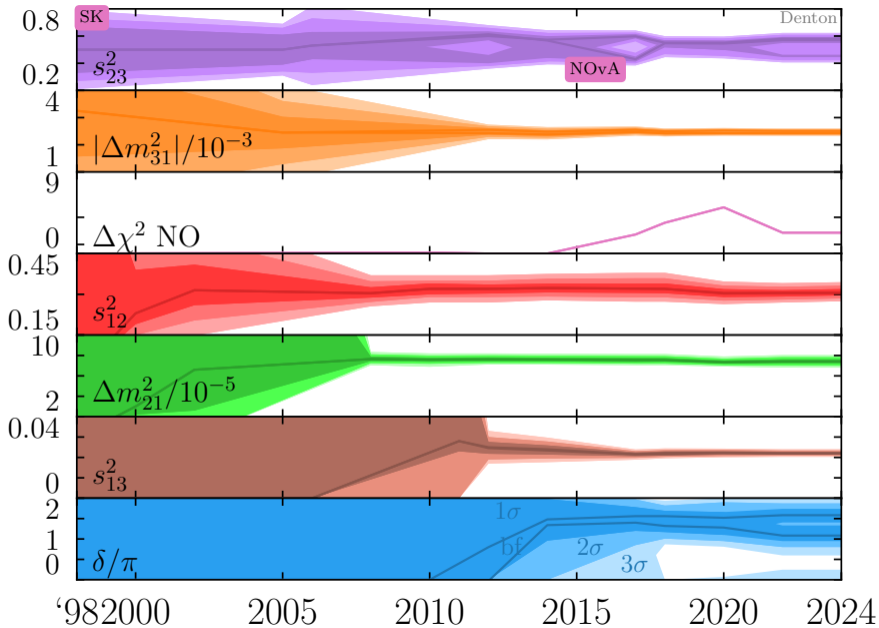
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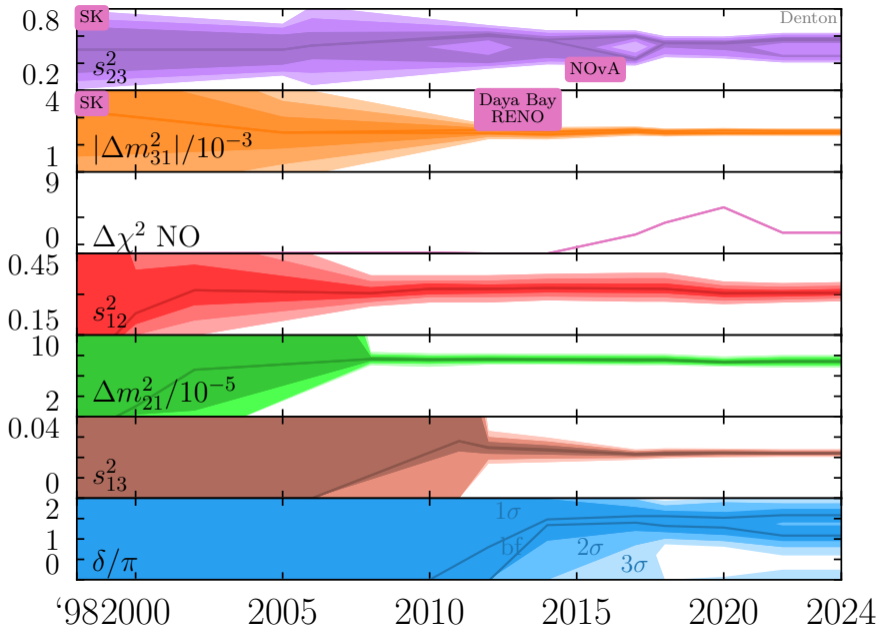
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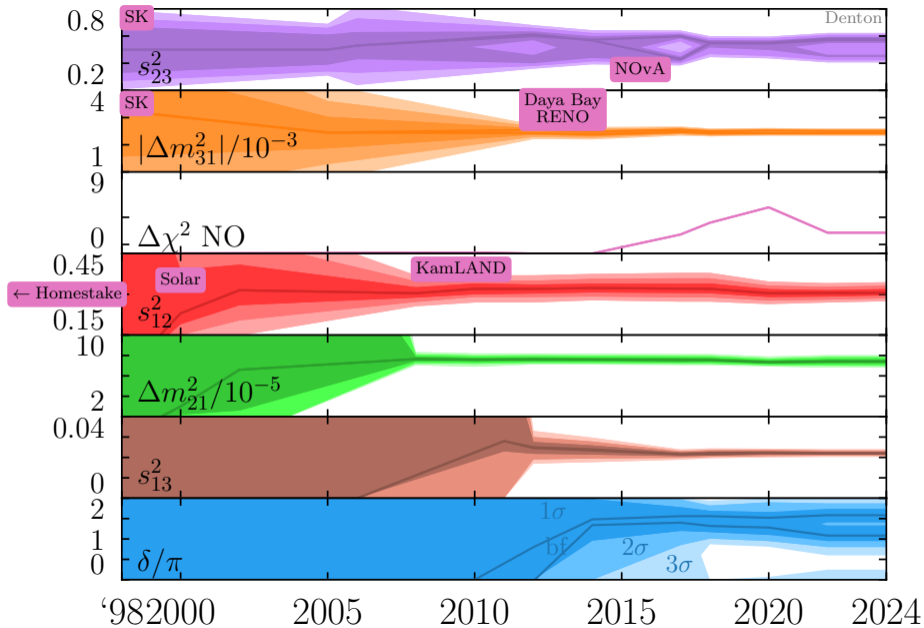
Neutrinos don't interact a lot,  
But everything is connected:  
You can't do it alone



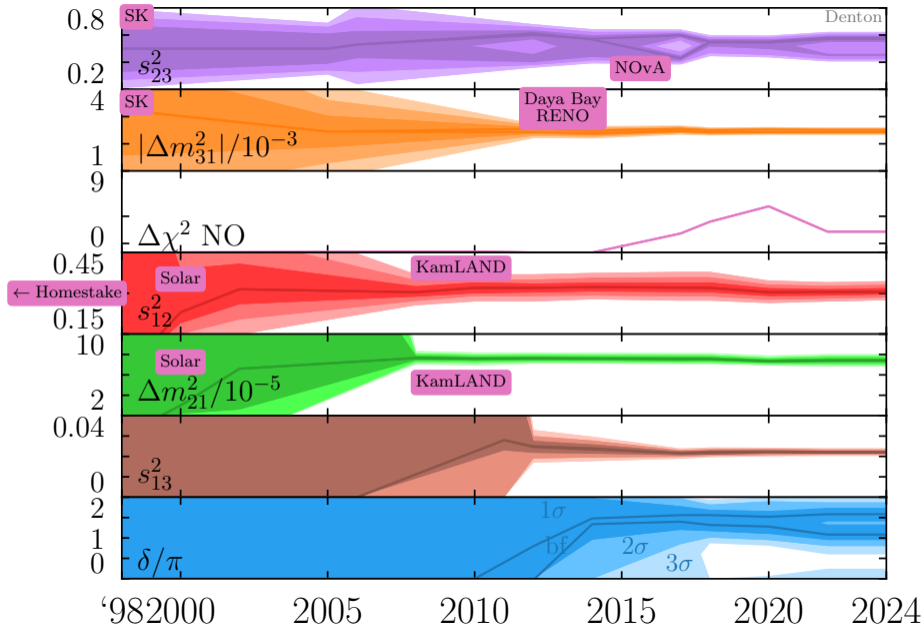


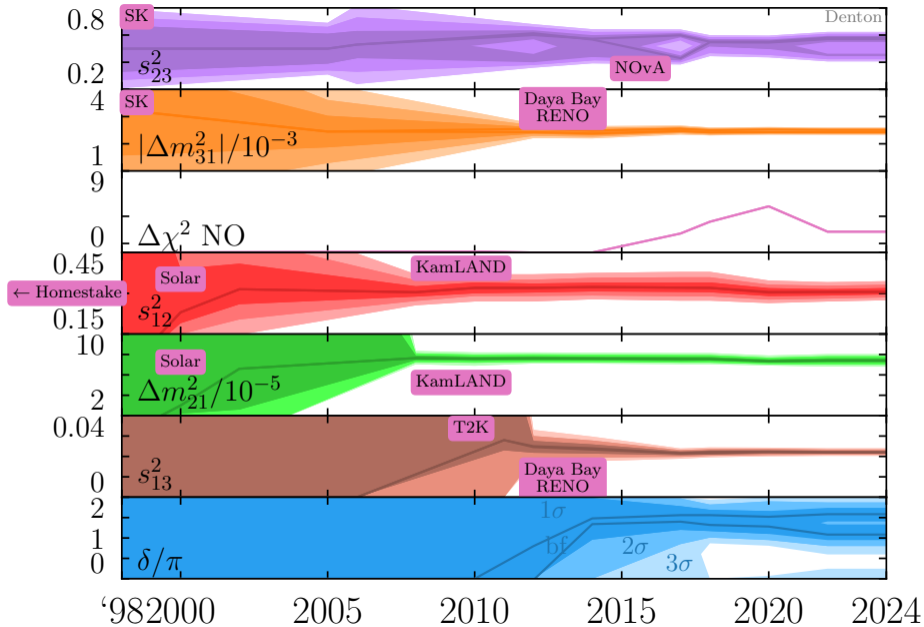


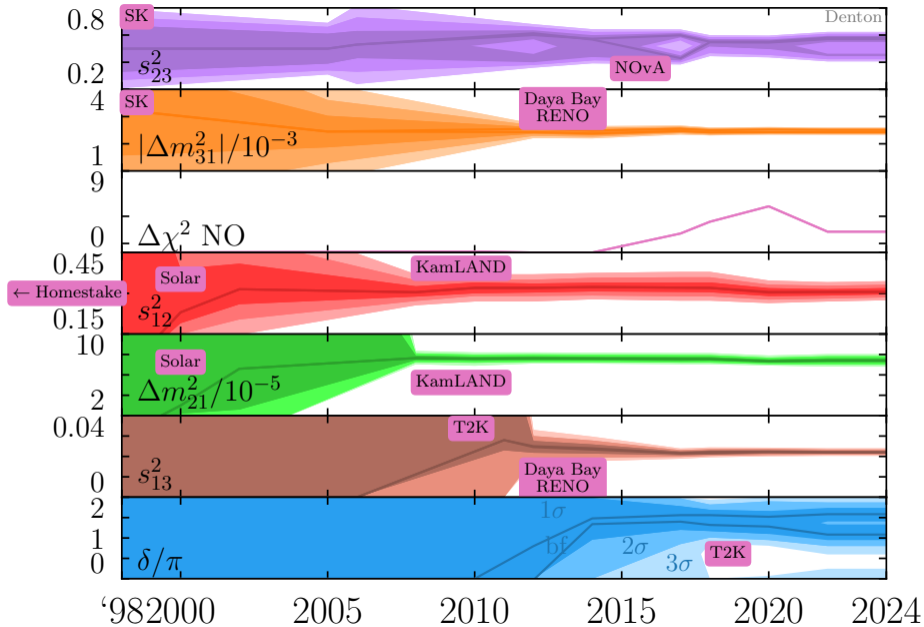




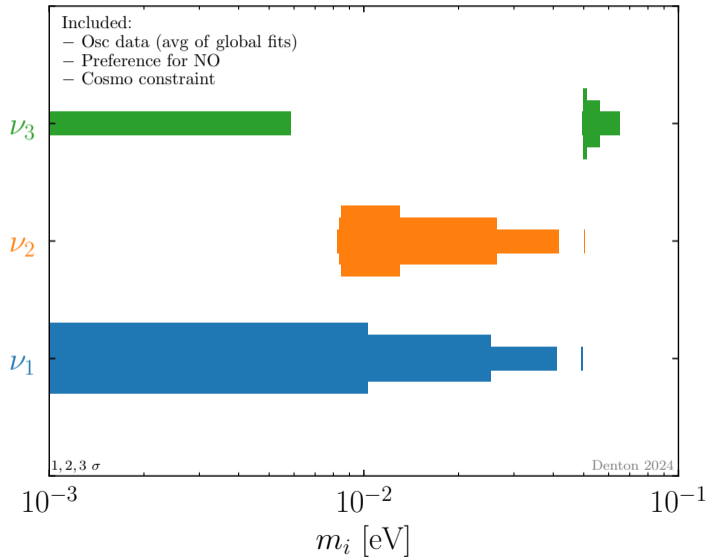








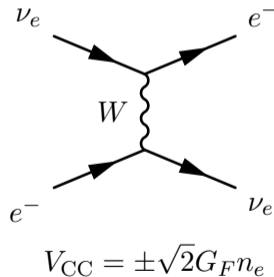
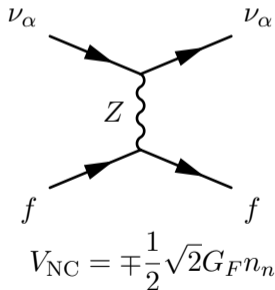
# Absolute masses



# The Mass Ordering

There are 4+ ways of determining the mass ordering

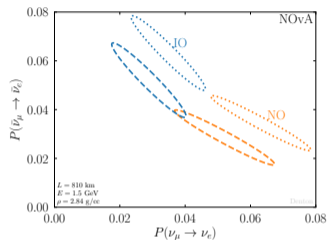
All oscillation techniques require the matter effect



L. Wolfenstein, [PRD 17 \(1978\)](#)

# The Mass Ordering: #1/4

## Matter effect in appearance at NOvA/DUNE/Atmospherics



Only actually need either  $\nu$  or  $\bar{\nu}$ ;  
Both help for systematics

The appearance probability depends on terms like:

$$\simeq \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{a - \Delta m_{31}^2} \right)^2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{(a - \Delta m_{31}^2)L}{4E} \right), \quad \frac{a}{\Delta m_{31}^2} \simeq \begin{cases} 0.05 & \text{T2K/HK} \\ 0.15 & \text{NOvA} \\ 0.23 & \text{DUNE} \end{cases}$$

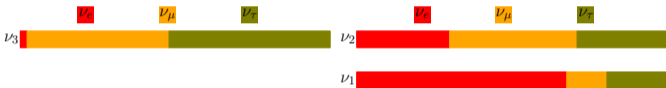
A. Cervera, et al. [hep-ph/0002108](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0002108)

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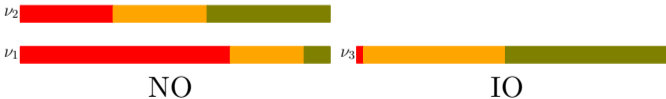
G. Barenboim, [PBD](#), S. Parke, C. Ternes [1902.00517](https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.00517)

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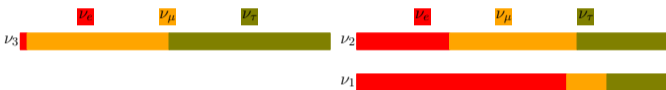
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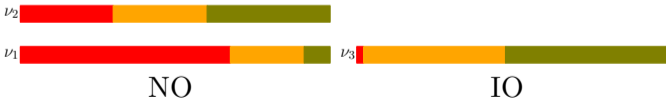
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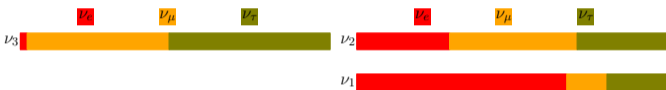
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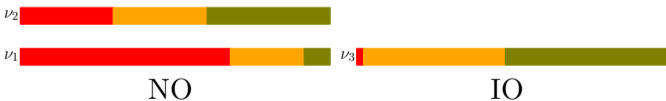
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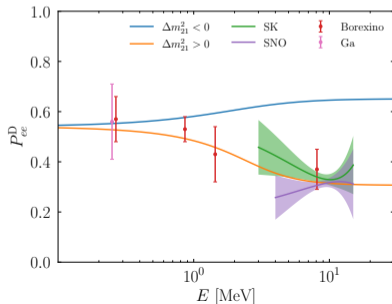


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Solar neutrinos confirm that  $\Delta m_{21}^2 > 0$



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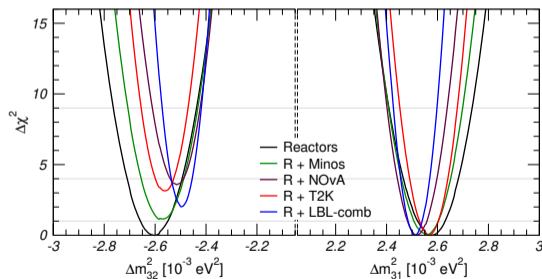
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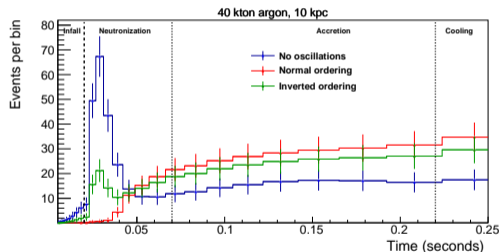


I. Esteban, et al. [2007.14792](#)

# The Mass Ordering: #4/4

## The neutronization burst in a supernova

$$F_{\nu_e} = \begin{cases} F_{\nu_x}^0 & \text{NO} \\ s_{12}^2 F_{\nu_e}^0 + c_{12}^2 F_{\nu_x}^0 & \text{IO} \end{cases}$$



K. Scholberg [1707.06384](#)

MSW L. Wolfenstein, [PRD 17 \(1978\)](#)

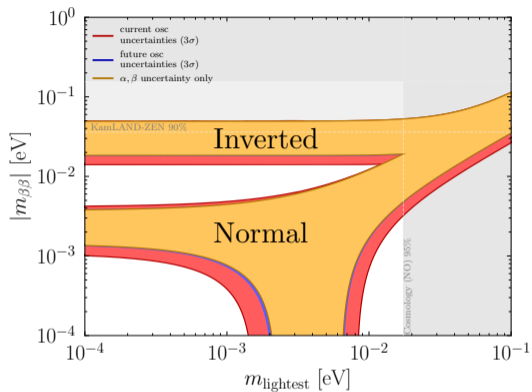
S. Mikheyev, A. Smirnov, [Sov. J. Nucl. Phys. 42 \(1985\)](#)

The DSNB has weak mass ordering sensitivity

A. Suliga et al. [1804.03157](#)

# The Mass Ordering: #5/4

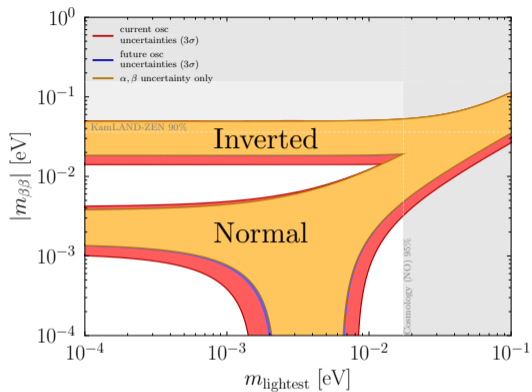
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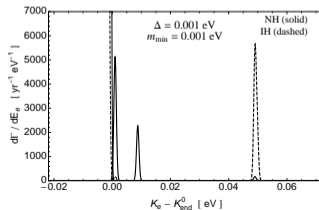
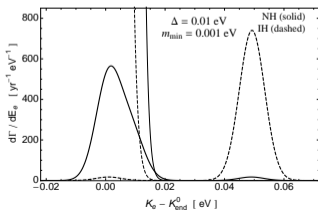
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$C\nu B$ : A. Long, C. Lunardini, E. Sabancilar [1405.7654](#)



# Mass Ordering Status

- ▶ In general, prospects are good
- ▶ Care is required in interpreting significances (atmospherics)
- ▶ Many truly independent probes on the horizon
- ▶ High impact on non-oscillation neutrino experiments
- ▶ Can we test its robustness to new physics?

# Mass ordering: new physics degeneracies

In the presence of new physics such as NSI we have:

$$[\text{NO}] + [\epsilon = 0] \equiv [\text{IO}] + [\epsilon_{ee} = -2]$$

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Equivalences hold even if all oscillation probabilities are *perfectly* measured

P. Bakhti, Y. Farzan [1403.0744](#)

P. Coloma, T. Schwetz [1604.05772](#)

[PBD](#), S. Parke [2106.12436](#)

[PBD](#), J. Gehrlein [2204.09060](#)

This is known as the **LMA-Dark** solution





# Is the mass ordering robust?

Need **scattering** to break



Can probe same NC  $\epsilon = -2$  process in scattering, but...

1. CHARM and NuTeV for  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 10$  GeV

PBD, et al. [1701.04828](#)

2. COHERENT-CsI for  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 50$  MeV and cosmology for  $M_{Z'} \lesssim 5$  MeV

PBD, Y. Farzan, I. Shoemaker [1804.03660](#)

3. Dresden-II for any mediator mass in  $\nu_e$  sector

PBD, J. Gehrlein [2204.09060](#)

4. Can still evade with specific flavor structures

$\epsilon_{\mu\mu} = \epsilon_{\tau\tau} = 2$  or certain  $u / d$  combinations

5. CCM or COHERENT can close all loopholes

See [Yuri Efremenko's COHERENT talk](#) on Thursday

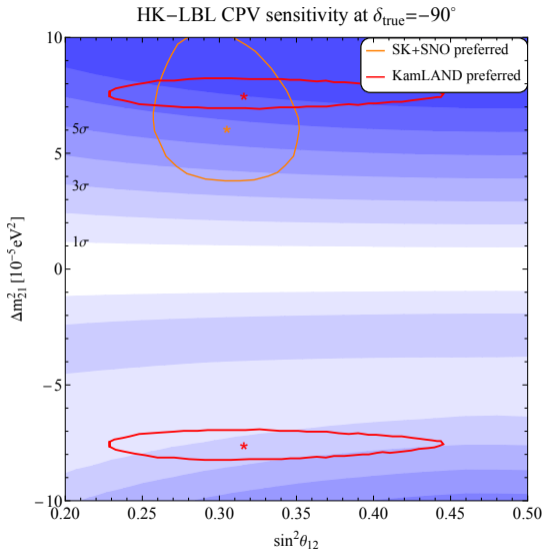
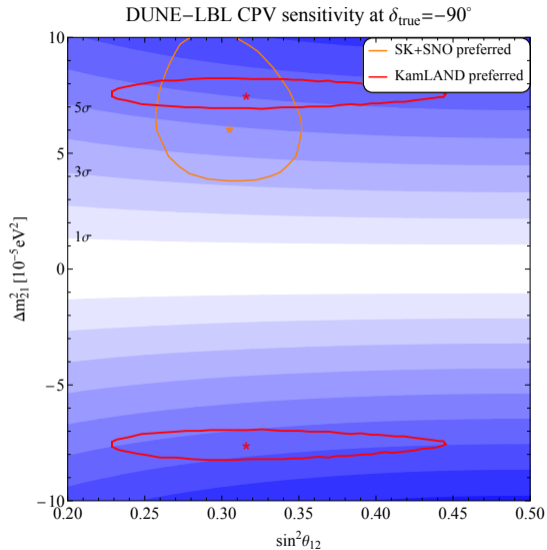
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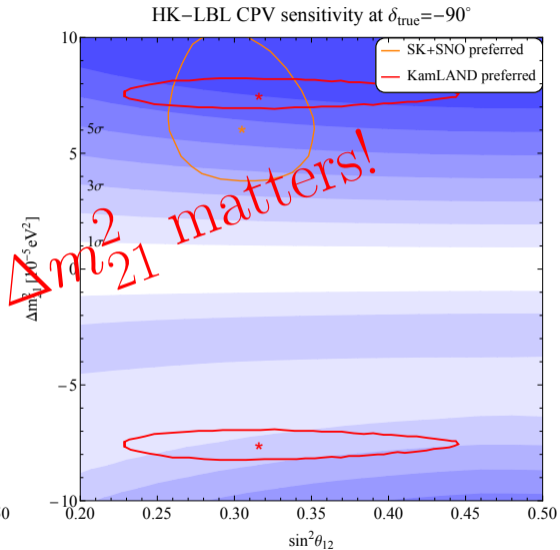
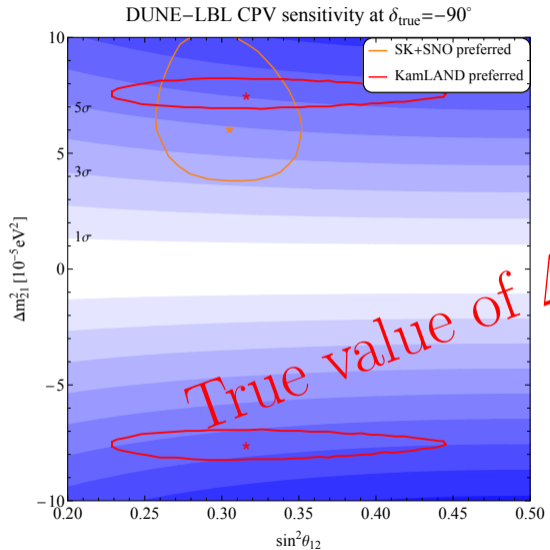
- ▶ DUNE and HK will have leading constraints on most parameters:  $|\Delta m_{31}^2|$ , MO,  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\delta$ , and even  $\theta_{13}$
- ▶ Solar parameters  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  and  $\theta_{12}$  play a role in CPV searches
- ▶ CPV is a fundamentally three-flavor effect
- ▶ True values of solar parameter affect CPV sensitivities
- ▶ Precision will receive  $\sim 10x$  improvement with JUNO

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PBD, J. Gehrlein [2302.08513](#)

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Two other ways with appearance  
and one with disappearance

# Other non-standard CPV probes with appearance

1. Some information in solar due to loops in elastic scattering

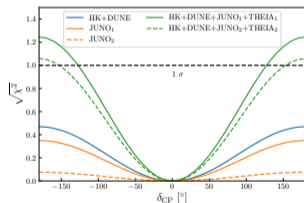
V. Brdar, X-J. Xu [2306.03160](#)

K. Kelly, et al. [2407.03174](#) requires 3k Borexinos

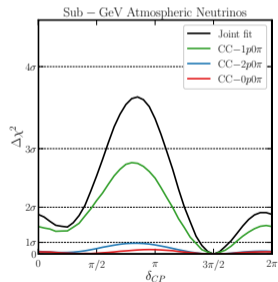
2. Sub-GeV atmospheric

K. Kelly, et al. [1904.02751](#)

Also JUNO, see also e.g. A. Suliga, J. Beacom [2306.11090](#)



Solar (no systematics)



Atmospherics at DUNE

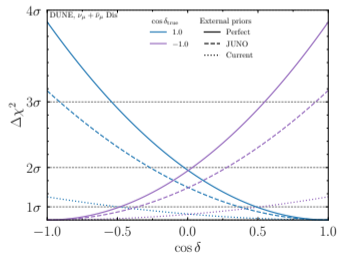


## Other Non-standard CPV probes with disappearance

- ▶ Disappearance measurements are fundamentally CP conserving
- ▶ One good disappearance experiment can measure two  $|U_{\alpha i}|^2$
- ▶ If four independent  $|U_{\alpha i}|^2$  are measured, can extract CPV

$$J_{CP}^2 = |U_{e2}|^2 |U_{\mu 2}|^2 |U_{e3}|^2 |U_{\mu 3}|^2 - \frac{1}{4} (1 - |U_{e2}|^2 - |U_{\mu 2}|^2 - |U_{e3}|^2 - |U_{\mu 3}|^2 + |U_{e2}|^2 |U_{\mu 3}|^2 + |U_{e3}|^2 |U_{\mu 2}|^2)^2$$

- ▶ Need JUNO and DUNE/HK



- ▶ Disappearance has different (better?) systematics than appearance
- ▶ Good cross check!

How to compute neutrino oscillation probabilities quickly?

NuFast

[github.com/PeterDenton/NuFast](https://github.com/PeterDenton/NuFast)

PBD, S. Parke 2405.02400

# Monte-Carlo Estimates of Statistical Significances

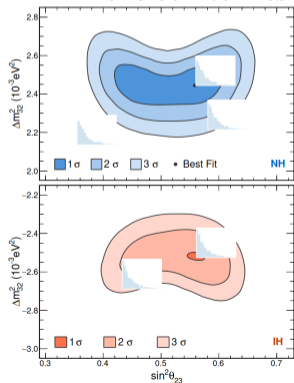
## Wilks' theorem is often wrong

At each point in parameter space, simulate the experiment many times

“many” means  $\gg 1/p$  for a desired  $p$ -value

This is sometimes called Feldman-Cousins

G. Feldman, R. Cousins [physics/9711021](#)

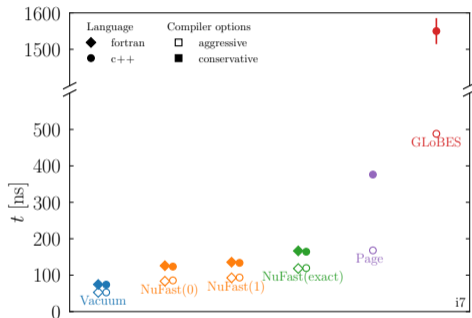


Study found most of  
the time was spent  
computing probabilities

NO $\nu$ A/T2K are  $\sim 3\sigma$  experiments,  
but DUNE/HK will be  $\gtrsim 5\sigma$  experiments!

# The NuFast Approach

1. Inputs: 6 oscillation parameters, experimental details ( $L$ ,  $E$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $Y_e$ )
2. Calculate  $\lambda_3$  approximately
  - ▶ Iteratively improve with Newton's method, as needed
3. Calculate other two eigenvalues via sum rules
4. Calculate the  $|V_{\alpha i}|^2$ 's with the Eigenvector-Eigenvalue Identity
5. Calculate the sines of the kinematic terms
6. Get the  $T$  violating term with the NHS identity
7. Calculate key probabilities:  $P_{ee}$ ,  $P_{\mu\mu}$ , &  $P_{\mu e}$
8. Calculate remaining probabilities



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# New physics searches in oscillations

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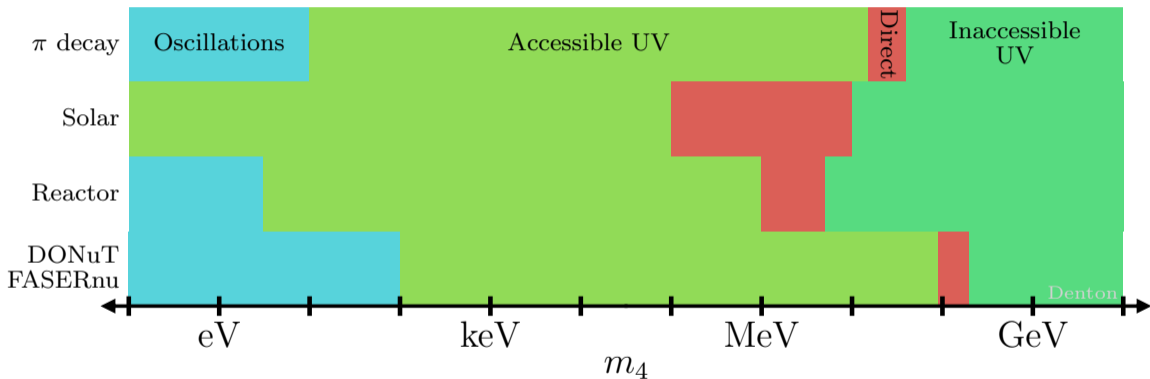
## Kinematically **inaccessible** states

1. Nonunitary calculation of  $m \times m$  matrix  
 $m =$  number of kinematically accessible states
2. Rescale probability:

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{|\sum_{i=1}^{\text{acc}} U_{\alpha i}^* e^{iP_i L} U_{\beta i}|}{(\sum_{i=1}^{\text{acc}} U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\alpha i})(\sum_{i=1}^{\text{acc}} U_{\beta i}^* U_{\beta i})}$$

3. Cannot subtract multiples of  $\mathbb{1}$
4. Rescale cross section/flux as appropriate
5. Rescale  $G_F$  in matter effect

# Unitarity Violation: a Tale of Two Regimes



\*Details depends on the specific experiment/channel



# Unitarity Violation: Tau Row

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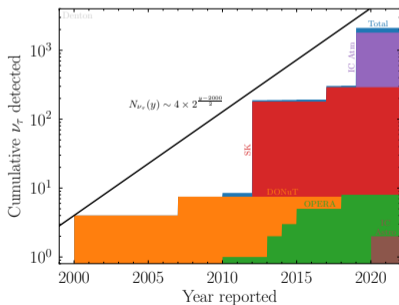
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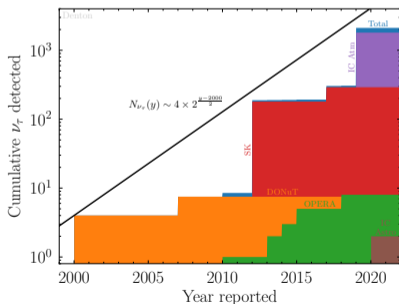
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Atmospheric  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance is most  
constraining for UV in  $\nu_\tau$  row



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## Estimate Size of NSI Effect

Suppose two LBL experiments measure different values of  $\delta$  due to NSI:

$$|\epsilon_{e\beta}| \approx \frac{s_{12}c_{12}c_{23}\pi\Delta m_{21}^2}{2s_{23}w_\beta} \left| \frac{\sin \delta_{\text{T2K}} - \sin \delta_{\text{NOvA}}}{a_{\text{NOvA}} - a_{\text{T2K}}} \right| \approx \begin{cases} 0.22 & \text{for } \beta = \mu \\ 0.24 & \text{for } \beta = \tau \end{cases}$$

$$a \propto \rho E$$

$$w_\beta = s_{23}, c_{23} \text{ for } \beta = \mu, \tau$$

Assumed upper octant  $\theta_{23} > 45^\circ$  for numbers

Consistency checks:

- ▶  $\sin \delta_{\text{NOvA}} = \sin \delta_{\text{T2K}} \Rightarrow |\epsilon| = 0$
- ▶  $\sin \delta_{\text{NOvA}} \neq \sin \delta_{\text{T2K}}$  and  $a_{\text{NOvA}} = a_{\text{T2K}} \Rightarrow |\epsilon| \rightarrow \infty$
- ▶ Octant:
  1. LBL is governed by  $\nu_3$
  2. Upper octant  $\Rightarrow \nu_3$  is more  $\nu_\mu$
  3. More  $\nu_\mu \Rightarrow$  need less new physics coupling to  $\nu_\mu$  to produce a given effect

# Beyond Expected Sensitivities with a Neutrino Factory

Latest P5 mentions several interesting possibilities:

*“Such a [10 TeV muon collider] demonstrator might produce intense muon and neutrino beams”*

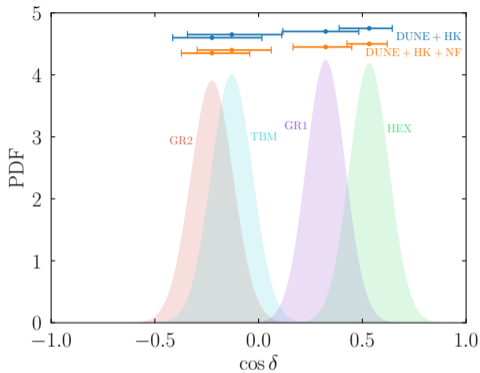
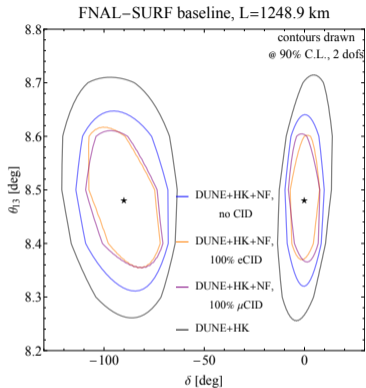
*“The upgraded facility would also generate bright, well-characterized neutrino beams bringing natural synergies with studies of neutrinos beyond DUNE.”*

*“20-Year Vision: . . . could entail the deployment of a low-energy muon storage ring, as exemplified by the Neutrinos from Stored Muons (nuSTORM) experiment”*

⋮

See [P5 Panel Discussion on Friday](#)

# Neutrino Factory and Oscillations



Enhanced sensitivity to  $\delta$  and flavor model discrimination

Rich near detector physics

Can probe new physics and resolve anomalies

See [Julia Gehrlein's talk Tuesday after lunch](#)

[PBD](#), J. Gehrlein [2407.02572](#)

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How will the theory develop?

More models?

Different way of looking at predictions

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- ▶ Modular symmetries
- ▶ Sum rules

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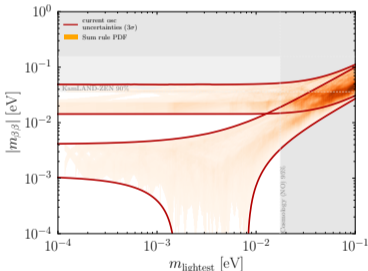
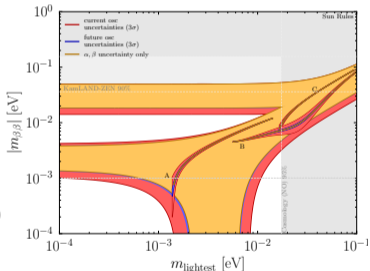
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PBD, J. Gehrlein [2308.09737](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.09737)

$$c_1 = 1, c_2 = 2, d = -\frac{1}{2}, |\chi_1| = \frac{\pi}{2}, \chi_2 = 0 \Rightarrow P_{\text{funnel}} = 0.74$$



# Too Much Physics

Neutrino theory not covered:

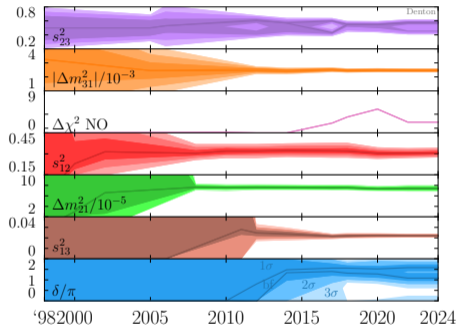
- ▶  $0\nu\beta\beta$  ab initio matrix element calculations
- ▶ Neutrino nucleus cross sections  $\sim\text{GeV}$
- ▶ Neutrinos at the LHC
- ▶ High energy astrophysical neutrino searches
- ▶ Many new physics scenarios including self interactions, neutrino decay, decoherence, LIV, CPT violation, ...
- ▶ Neutrino model building
- ▶  $\vdots$

# Neutrino Theory Summary

- ▶ Many ways to combine data for the mass ordering
- ▶ Some new ideas for CPV discovery
- ▶ JUNO has several key roles in CPV
- ▶ Cutting edge techniques for fast computation of probabilities
- ▶ A neutrino factory would push oscillation physics beyond the DUNE/HK/JUNO generation
- ▶ Many new physics scenarios to investigate; useful approximations are important!
- ▶ Can expect new information about flavor models

# Backups

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T. Schwetz, M. Tortola, J. Valle [0808.2016](#)

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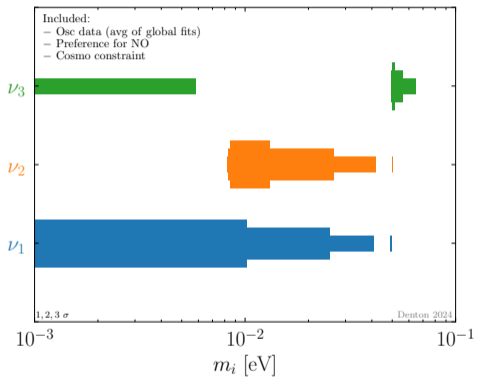
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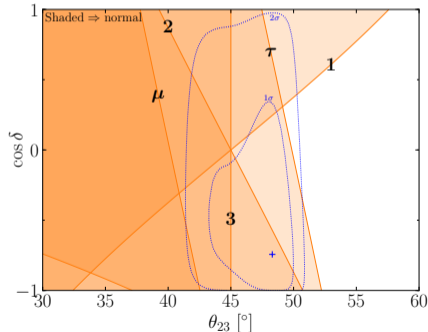
F. Capozzi, et al. [2107.00532](#)

# $\theta_{23}$ : Broader Implications

Normalcy

Is the heaviest neutrino mostly  $\nu_\tau$ ?

Is the lightest neutrino least  $\nu_\tau$ ?



Quarks easily satisfy normalcy [PBD 2003.04319](#)

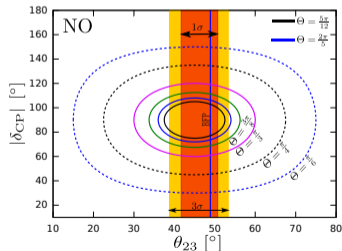
$\mu$ - $\tau$  interchange/reflection symmetry

$$\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau$$

$$M_\nu^* = X M_\nu X^T \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_\nu \equiv U D_\nu U^\dagger$$

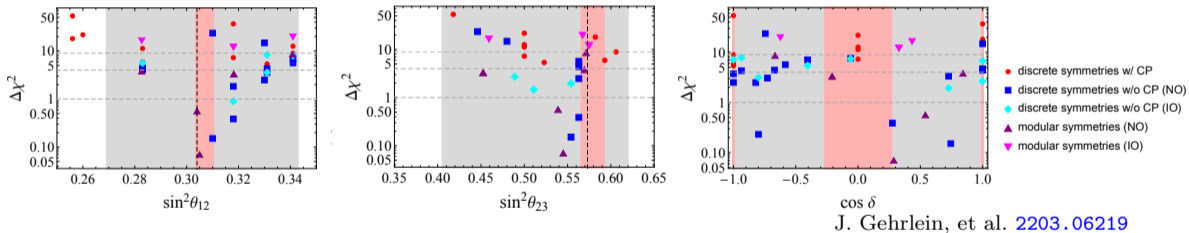
Predicts:  $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$ , often  $\theta_{13} = 0$



P. Chen, et al. [1512.01551](#)

# Parameter Interplay

Models predict specific correlations among the parameters



# CP Violation in Oscillations

In vacuum at first maximum:

$$P_{\mu e} - \bar{P}_{\mu e} \approx 8\pi J \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{32}^2}$$

$$J \equiv s_{12}c_{12}s_{13}c_{13}^2s_{23}c_{23} \sin \delta$$

C. Jarlskog [PRL 55, 1039 \(1985\)](#)

- ▶ Extracting  $\delta$  from data requires every other oscillation parameter
- ▶  $J$  requires only  $\Delta m_{21}^2$  (up to matter effects)

Matter effects are easily accounted for

$$\hat{J} \simeq \frac{J}{\sqrt{(c_{212} - c_{13}^2 a / \Delta m_{21}^2)^2 + s_{212}^2} \sqrt{(c_{213} - a / \Delta m_{ee}^2)^2 + s_{213}^2}}$$

[PBD](#), S. Parke [1902.07185](#)

[PBD](#), H. Minakata, S. Parke [1604.08167](#)



# Many Interesting New Physics Scenarios in Oscillations

1. Sterile neutrinos PBD, Y. Farzan, I. Shoemaker [1811.01310](#)  
PBD [2111.05793](#)
2. Non-standard neutrino interactions (NSI)  
with any Lorentz structure: SPVAT PBD, J. Gehrlein, R. Pestes [2008.01110](#)  
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with visible or invisible final states PBD, I. Tamborra [1805.05950](#)  
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C. Boehm, P. Fayet, R. Schaeffer [astro-ph/0012504](#)
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A. Gouvêa, V. Romeri, C. Ternes [2104.05806](#)
8. Lorentz invariance or CPT violation S. Ge, H. Murayama [1904.02518](#)

# Differentiating New Physics

If there is new physics in oscillations, can DUNE tell what it is?

Used the best fit points to NOvA+T2K 2020 data as benchmarks

$\Delta\chi^2$		SM	$\eta_{e\mu}$	$\eta_{e\tau}$	$\eta_{\mu\tau}$	$\varepsilon_{e\mu}$	$\varepsilon_{e\tau}$	$\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}$	3+1
$\varepsilon_{e\mu}$	NO	200	140	140	170	/	180	160	80
$\varepsilon_{e\tau}$	NO	60	48	50	45	50	/	50	40
$\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}$	NO	200	180	170	180	160	180	/	80
$\varepsilon_{e\mu}$	IO	170	80	75	90	/	10	13	3
$\varepsilon_{e\tau}$	IO	70	50	50	45	45	/	60	20
$\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}$	IO	500	400	400	400	300	350	/	160

In general, DUNE will have excellent model discrimination capability!

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{\alpha,\beta,f,P} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{f,P} (\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\mu \nu_\beta) (\bar{f} \gamma_\mu f)$$

Models with large NSIs consistent with CLFV:

Y. Farzan, I. Shoemaker [1512.09147](#)   Y. Farzan, J. Heeck [1607.07616](#)   D. Forero and W. Huang [1608.04719](#)  
K. Babu, A. Friedland, P. Machado, I. Mocioiu [1705.01822](#)   [PBD](#), Y. Farzan, I. Shoemaker [1804.03660](#)  
U. Dey, N. Nath, S. Sadhukhan [1804.05808](#)   Y. Farzan [1912.09408](#)

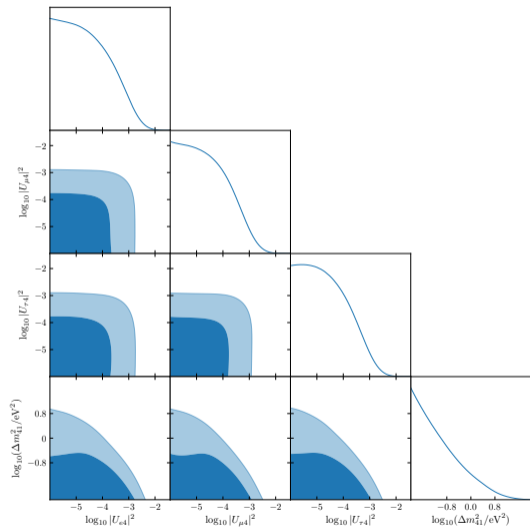
Affects oscillations via new matter effect

$$H = \frac{1}{2E} \left[ UM^2U^\dagger + a \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \epsilon_{ee} & \epsilon_{e\mu} & \epsilon_{e\tau} \\ \epsilon_{e\mu}^* & \epsilon_{\mu\mu} & \epsilon_{\mu\tau} \\ \epsilon_{e\tau}^* & \epsilon_{\mu\tau}^* & \epsilon_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

Matter potential  $a \propto G_F \rho E$

B. Dev, K. Babu, [PBD](#), P. Machado, et al. [1907.00991](#)

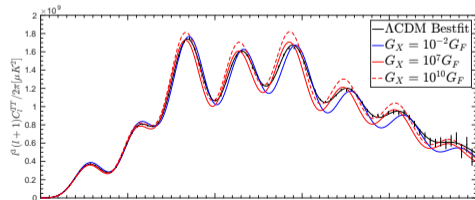
# Cosmological Bounds



$1\sigma, 2\sigma$

S. Hagstotz, et al. [2003.02289](#)

- ▶ Includes CMB temperature, polarization, and lensing, and BAO
- ▶ No local  $H_0$  constraint
- ▶ Bounds independent of flavor
- ▶ To be consistent with data must have small mixing **and** small mass
- ▶ Much more than just  $N_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\sum m_\nu$
- ▶ Just adding a new interaction is not straightforward



N. Song, M. Gonzalez-Garcia, J. Salvado [1805.08218](#)

# Shape-Shifting Sterile Neutrinos

## How to evade constraints?

Suppose:

1. Sterile neutrinos talk to dark matter

DM is ultralight boson

2. Dark matter talks to baryons

Then:

1. Sterile neutrinos aren't abundantly produced in the early universe
2. Mixing angle in the Sun is suppressed
3. Reactor constraints still exist

H. Davoudiasl, [PBD 2301.09651](#)

[PBD 2301.11106](#)

# Mass Ordering Current Status: All

Cosmology:  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 < 90$  meV at 95% CL

E. Valentino, S. Gariazzo, O. Mena [2106.15267](#)

→ 20 meV precision with DESI, EUCLID, ...

From oscillations:

Normal :  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 > 60$  meV

Inverted :  $m_1 + m_2 + m_3 > 100$  meV

See also KATRIN [2105.08533](#)

## PRIORS?

Some claim “decisive” Bayesian evidence for normal

R. Jimenez, et al. [2203.14247](#)

More general prior assumptions ⇒ no significant information from cosmology

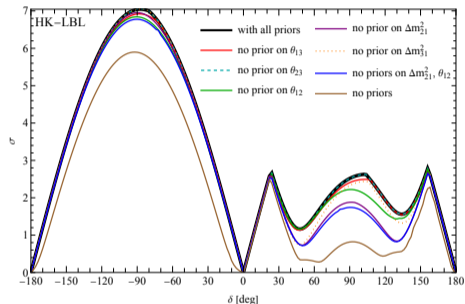
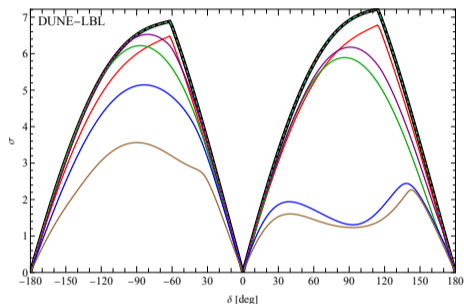
S. Gariazzo, et al. [1801.04946](#)

S. Gariazzo, et al. [2205.02195](#)

## $\delta$ : Future Sensitivities

DUNE and HK will make great measurements via appearance  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$

$\nu + \bar{\nu}$  helps systematics but isn't strictly necessary



PBD, J. Gehrlein [2302.08513](#)

Need to know solar parameters to measure  $\delta$ !

Current solar knowledge: okay  
Future (JUNO): excellent

# Solar Parameter Status

Data	$\Delta m_{21}^2$ [ $10^{-5}$ eV <sup>2</sup> ]	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	Ref.
SK+SNO	+6.10	0.305	<a href="#">SK Neutrino 2022</a>
KamLAND	$\pm 7.54$	0.316	<a href="#">1303.4667</a> <a href="#">SK Neutrino 2022</a>
<b>SK+SNO+KamLAND</b>	<b>7.49</b>	<b>0.305</b>	<a href="#">SK Neutrino 2022</a>
Global fit	7.42	0.304	Esteban+ <a href="#">2007.14792</a>
	7.5	0.318	de Salas+ <a href="#">2006.11237</a>
	7.36	0.303	Capozzi+ <a href="#">2107.00532</a>

Generation	Data	$\delta x/x$		Ref.
		$\Delta m_{21}^2$	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	
Current	SK+SNO	15%	4.6%	<a href="#">SK Neutrino 2022</a>
	KamLAND	2.5%	9.5%	<a href="#">1303.4667</a> <a href="#">SK Neutrino 2022</a>
	<b>SK+SNO+KamLAND</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<a href="#">SK Neutrino 2022</a>
	Global fit	2.8%	4.3%	Esteban+ <a href="#">2007.14792</a>
		2.9%	5.0%	de Salas+ <a href="#">2006.11237</a>
Future	DUNE-solar	2.2%	4.3%	Capozzi+ <a href="#">2107.00532</a>
		5.9%	3.0%	Capozzi+ <a href="#">1808.08232</a>
	JUNO	0.3%	0.5%	JUNO <a href="#">2204.13249</a>



# Other CP Violating NSI Constraints

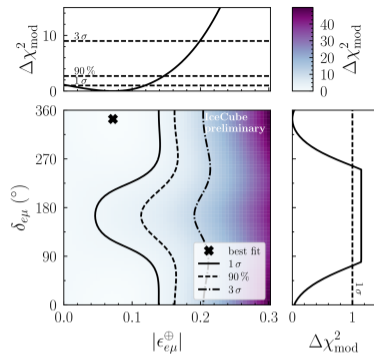
NSI effects grow with energy, density, and distance

Best probes:

- ▶  $\epsilon_{\mu\tau}$ : atmospheric
- ▶  $\epsilon_{e\mu}, \epsilon_{e\tau}$ : LBL appearance, atmospheric
- ▶ IceCube
  - ▶ Constraint is at LBL best fit with 3 yrs  
10 yrs of data in the bank
  - ▶ Prefers non-zero  $|\epsilon_{e\mu}|$  at  $\sim 1\sigma$

- ▶ Super-K
  - ▶ Only consider real NSI
  - ▶ Comparable sensitivity as IceCube

- ▶ COHERENT
  - ▶ Only applies to NSI models with  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 10$  MeV
  - ▶ NSI  $u, d, e$  configuration matters
  - ▶ Comparable constraints



T. Ehrhardt, IceCube [PPNT \(2019\)](#)

Super-K [1109.1889](#)

COHERENT [1708.01294](#)

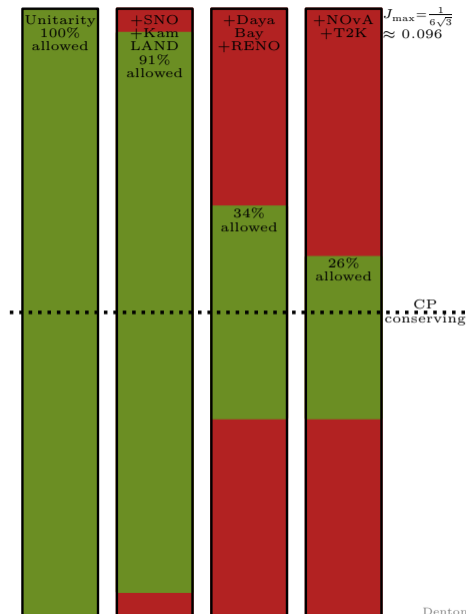
[PBD](#), Y. Farzan, I. Shoemaker [1804.03660](#)

[PBD](#), J. Gehrlein [2008.06062](#)

# $\delta, J$ : Current Status

Maximal CP violation is already ruled out:

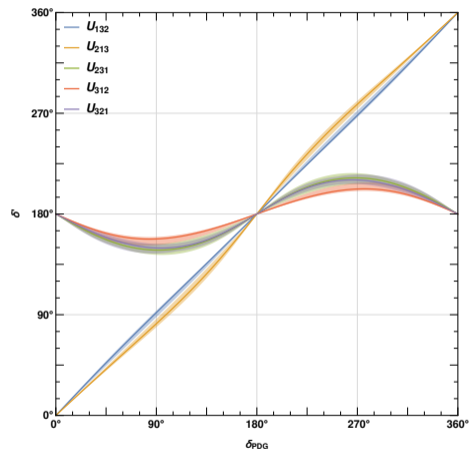
1.  $\theta_{12} \neq 45^\circ$  at  $\sim 15\sigma$
2.  $\theta_{13} \neq \tan^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 35^\circ$  at many (100)  $\sigma$
3.  $\theta_{23} = 45^\circ$  allowed at  $\sim 1\sigma$
4.  $|\sin \delta| = 1$  allowed



# Complex Phase in Different Parameterizations

- ▶ Can relate the complex phase in one parameterization to that in another
- ▶  $U_{132}$  and  $U_{213}$  similar to  $U_{123}$
- ▶  $\delta$  constrained to  $\sim [150^\circ, 210^\circ]$  in  $U_{231}, U_{312}, U_{321}$
- ▶ Bands indicate  $3\sigma$  uncertainty on  $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}$
- ▶ “50% of possible values of  $\delta$ ”  
 $\Rightarrow$  parameterization dependent

DUNE TDR II [2002.03005](#)



PBD, R. Pestes [2006.09384](#)

# Quark Mixing

From the PDG,  $V_{\text{CKM}}$  in the  $V_{123}$  parameterization is

$$\theta_{12} = 13.09^\circ \quad \theta_{13} = 0.2068^\circ \quad \theta_{23} = 2.323^\circ \quad \delta_{\text{PDG}} = 68.53^\circ$$

Looks like “large” CPV:

$$\sin \delta_{\text{PDG}} = 0.93 \sim 1$$

yet  $J_{\text{CKM}}/J_{\text{max}} = 3 \times 10^{-4}$ .

Switch to  $V_{212}$  parameterization,  $\Rightarrow \delta' = 1^\circ$  and  $\sin \delta' = 0.02$ .

## When $\delta$ and When $J$ ?

If the goal is **CP violation** the Jarlskog invariant should be used

however

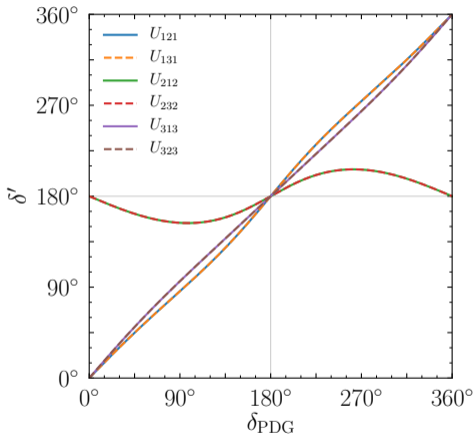
If the goal is **measuring the parameters** one must use  $\delta$

Given  $\theta_{12}$ ,  $\theta_{13}$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ , and  $J$ , I can't determine the sign of  $\cos \delta$  which is physical

e.g.  $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$  depends on  $\cos \delta$  a tiny bit  
[PBD 2309.03262](#)

- ▶ T2K/HK are mostly sensitivity to  $\sin \delta$ ; they should focus on  $J$   
T2K does this now!
- ▶ NOvA/DUNE has modest  $\cos \delta$  sensitivity; both  $J$  and  $\delta$  should be reported

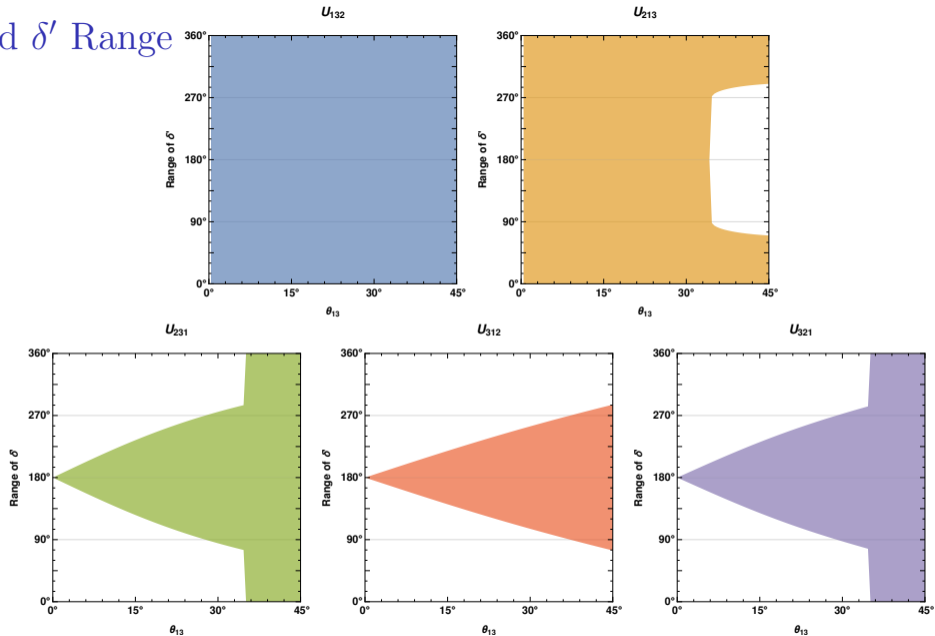
# Repeated Rotations



	$U_{121}$	$U_{131}$	$U_{212}$	$U_{232}$	$U_{313}$	$U_{323}$
$ U_{e2} $	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
$ U_{e3} $	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
$ U_{\mu 3} $	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓

Note that  $e^{i\delta}$  must be on first or third rotation

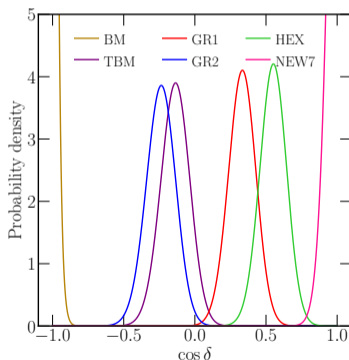
# Allowed $\delta'$ Range



## The Importance of $\cos \delta$

- ▶ If only  $\sin \delta$  is measured  $\Rightarrow$  sign degeneracy:  $\cos \delta = \pm\sqrt{1 - \sin^2 \delta}$
- ▶ Most flavor models predict  $\cos \delta$

J. Gehrlein, et al. [2203.06219](#)

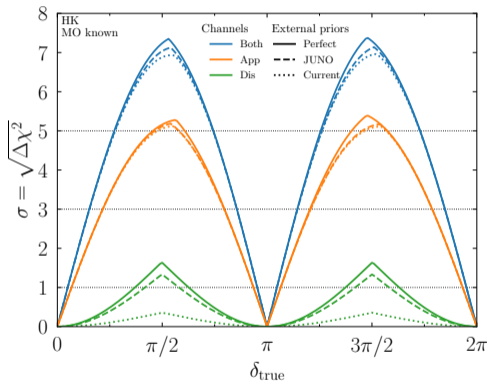
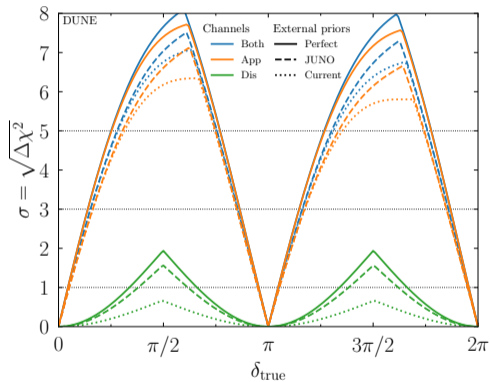


L. Everett, et al. [1912.10139](#)



# CP Violation Discovery with Disappearance

Need JUNO and DUNE or HK



PBD 2309.03262

# Gallium Experiments

- ▶ Low energy solar neutrino experiments measure the  $pp$  flux
  - ▶ Consistent with KamLAND

SAGE [0901.2200](#)

GALLEX [1001.2731](#)

- ▶ Calibrate detectors with intense radioactive sources
- ▶ See fewer  $\nu_e$  than expected:

3.0 $\sigma$ : C. Giunti, M. Laveder [1006.3244](#)

2.3 $\sigma$ : J. Kostensalo, et al. [1906.10980](#)

> 4 $\sigma$ : BEST [2109.11482](#)

- ▶ Cannot be easily explained with SM physics

C. Giunti, et al. [2212.09722](#)

V. Brdar, J. Gehrlein, J. Kopp [2303.05528](#)

W. Haxton, et al. [2303.13623](#)

- ▶ Prefers:
  - ▶  $\Delta m_{41}^2 \gtrsim 0.5 \text{ eV}^2$
  - ▶  $\sin^2 2\theta_{ee} = 4|U_{e4}|^2(1 - |U_{e4}|^2) \sim 0.4$

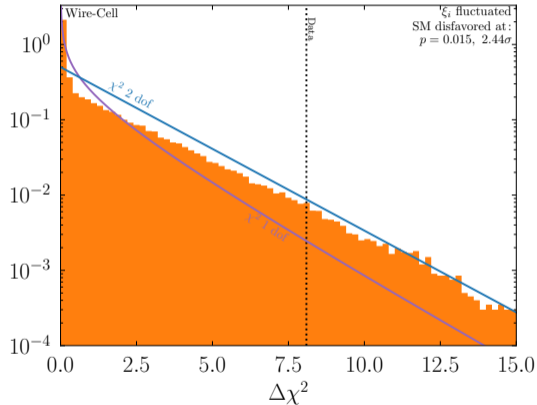
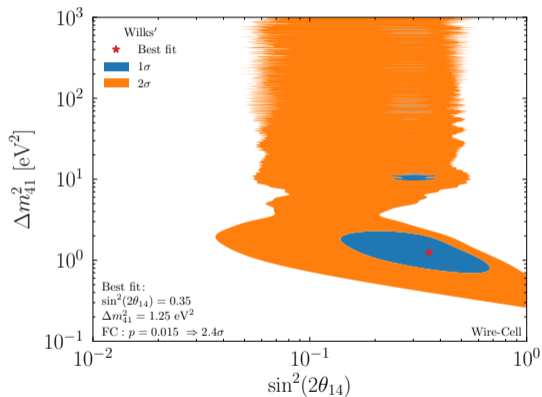
# MicroBooNE Disappearance

MicroBooNE is focused on  $\nu_e$  appearance  
Can do  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  disappearance too!

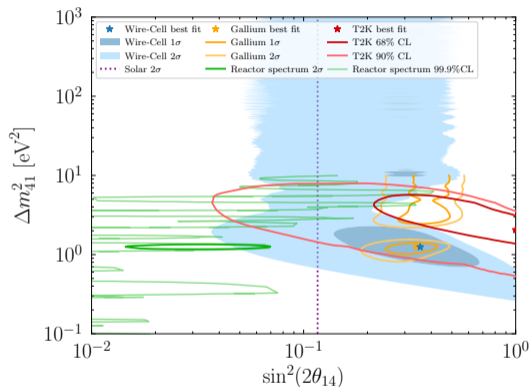
See also D. Cianci, et al. [1702.01758](#)

MiniBooNE backgrounds too big, plus anomaly

# Results and Monte Carlo Significance



# Global $\nu_e$ Disappearance Picture



- ▶ Gallium and my MicroBooNE regions agree
- ▶ Constraints from solar and reactor
- ▶ Cosmology disfavors entire plane

## Other MicroBooNE Analysis Channels

Analysis	$\sin^2(2\theta_{14})$	$\Delta m_{41}^2$ (eV <sup>2</sup> )	$N\sigma$ (FC)
Wire-Cell	$0.35^{+0.19}_{-0.16}$	$1.25^{+0.74}_{-0.39}$	2.4
Deep-Learning	$0.88^{+0.12}_{-0.41}$	$3.91^{+0.40}_{-0.40}$	1.8
Pandora-Np	$0.81^{+0.19}_{-0.47}$	$[1.28, 2.44]$ $6.73^{+1.75}_{-0.90}$ $\vdots$	2.4
Pandora-0p	$1_{-0.29}$	$2.21^{+0.82}_{-0.60}$ $\vdots$	1.8

## Unitarity Violation: What is It?

Suppose the measurable  $3 \times 3$  matrix is not unitary:

$$U_3 U_3^\dagger \neq \mathbb{1}$$

Addition of new flavor states  $\nu_a, \nu_b, \nu_c, \dots$  and new mass states  $\nu_4, \nu_5, \nu_6$

$$U \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} & \cdots \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} & U_{\mu4} & \cdots \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} & U_{\tau4} & \cdots \\ U_{a1} & U_{a2} & U_{a3} & U_{a4} & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Unitarity Violation  $\Rightarrow$

New mass states not directly accessible by oscillations or decay

Thus check if  $U_3$  is what it should be

# Unitarity Violation Status from Oscillations

$3\sigma$  maximal deviations from unitarity

	Leptons	
	Hu+	Ellis+
$\nu_e$ row	0.003	0.05
$\nu_\mu$ row	0.02	0.04
$\nu_\tau$ row	0.2	0.82
$\nu_1$ col	0.06	0.22
$\nu_2$ col	0.09	0.27
$\nu_3$ col	0.12	0.40

	Quarks	
$u$ row	0.0015	$\sim 2.2\sigma$ tension
$c$ row	0.06	
$t$ row	-	
$d$ col	0.005	
$s$ col	0.06	
$b$ col	-	

Vastly different mixing angle hierarchy



Like comparing strawberries and squid

Lepton constraints don't include anomalies  
Care is required

S. Ellis, K. Kelly, S. Li [2008.01088](#)

Z. Hu, et al. [2008.09730](#)

S. Parke, M. Ross-Lonergan [1508.05095](#)

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# Unitarity Violation

Consistency of the three-flavor oscillation picture?

and/or

Searches for unitarity violation?

Not the same!

Lots of models to test standard three-flavor picture:  
Sterile, unitarity violation, NSI, neutrino decay, decoherence, ...

# Unitarity Constraints

Unitary violation: the study of how  $U_{3\times 3}$  is not unitary independent of  $m_4, m_5, \dots$   
Constraints vary considerably in the literature:

$$1 - |U_{e1}|^2 - |U_{e2}|^2 - |U_{e3}|^2 < \begin{cases} 0.05 \\ 0.001 \end{cases} \quad \text{at } 2\sigma$$

All analyses *assume* unitarity  
Throw out LSND, MiniBooNE, RAA, gallium, etc.

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## Unitarity Violation

- ▶ Could conceivably differentiate: 2 new states from 1, but not 3+ from 2
- ▶ Zero distance effect  $\Rightarrow$  near detector **with flux prediction**

E.g. RAA, Gallium

- ▶ Numerous parameterizations:  $\alpha$  matrix,  $\eta$  matrix, submatrix & Cauchy-Schwartz

All apply to the inaccessible cases only

- ▶ There is an approximate correspondence to sterile and NSI

$$\alpha_{ee} \approx \frac{1}{2}(s_{14}^2 + s_{15}^2 + s_{16}^2) \approx -\epsilon_{ee}, \quad \dots$$

M. Blennow, et al. [1609.08637](#)

Applies one experiment at a time

- ▶ Additional EW precision information: W, Z,  $\pi$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\tau$  decays

Care is required

S. Antusch, et al. [hep-ph/0607020](#)

S. Antusch, O. Fischer [1407.6607](#)

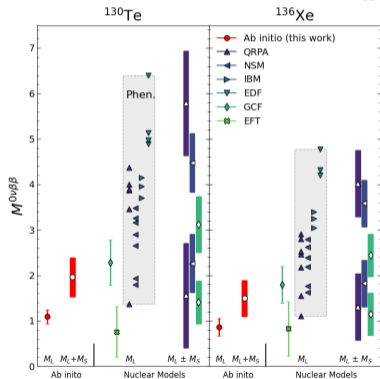
# Unitarity Violation: Mass Ranges for Tau Neutrinos

experiment	(4,4) ( $m_4$ )	(5,3) ( $m_4$ )
atmospheric $\nu_\mu$ disappearance	$\in [10 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
atmospheric $\nu_\tau$ appearance	$\in [10 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
astrophysical $\nu_\tau$ appearance	$\lesssim 15 \text{ MeV}$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
solar $^8\text{B}$	$\lesssim 5 \text{ MeV}$	$\gtrsim 20 \text{ MeV}$
DONuT/FASERnu	$\in [100 \text{ eV}, 90 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 200 \text{ MeV}$
LBL $\nu_\tau$ appearance (OPERA)	$\in [1 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
LBL $\nu_\tau$ appearance (DUNE)	$\in [0.1 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
LBL $\nu_\mu$ disappearance (DUNE)	$\in [0.1 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$
CEvNS	$\in [10 \text{ eV}, 15 \text{ MeV}]$	$\gtrsim 40 \text{ MeV}$

PBD, J. Gehrlein [2109.14575](#)

# Matrix Element Computation Progress

Recent years have seen real uncertainty estimates  
And now some ab initio results!



Unfortunately the matrix elements are somewhat smaller than previously estimated

A. Belley, et al. [2307.15156](#)