

Neutrino Phenomenology

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The background of the slide is a deep space image showing a vast field of galaxies and stars. The galaxies are mostly yellow and orange, appearing as bright, irregular shapes against the dark background. The stars are small, white and yellow points of light. The overall image has a grainy, high-contrast appearance, typical of astronomical photography.

Looking to the Future

Open Questions

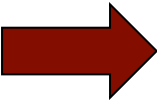
- Is the physics behind the masses of neutrinos different from that behind the masses of all other known particles?
- Are neutrinos their own antiparticles?

• Is the $(\text{mass})^2$ spectrum like $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{smallmatrix}$ or $\begin{smallmatrix} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{smallmatrix}$?

• What is the absolute scale of neutrino mass?

- Do neutrino interactions violate CP?

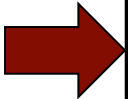
Is $P(\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta) \neq P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta)$?



- Is CP violation involving neutrinos the key to understanding the matter – antimatter asymmetry of the universe?

- Are we descended from heavy neutrinos?

- What can neutrinos and the universe tell us about one another?

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- Are there *more* than 3 mass eigenstates?
 - Are there non-weakly-interacting “sterile” neutrinos?

- Do neutrinos have Non-Standard-Model interactions?

- Do neutrinos break the rules?
 - Violation of Lorentz invariance?
 - Violation of CPT invariance?
 - Departures from quantum mechanics?

The heavy neutrinos N and the Origin of the
Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry

The Heavy Neutrinos N , CP Violation, and the Origin of the Matter-Antimatter Asymmetry of the Universe

The Cosmic Puzzle

Today: $B \equiv \#(\text{Baryons}) - \#(\text{Antibaryons}) \neq 0$.

Standard cosmology: Right after the Big Bang, $B = 0$.

Also, $L \equiv \#(\text{Leptons}) - \#(\text{Antileptons}) = 0$.

How did $B = 0 \longrightarrow B \neq 0$?

Sakharov: $B = 0 \longrightarrow B \neq 0$ requires \nexists and \nexists .

\mathcal{C} is easy to achieve, but the required degree and kind of \mathcal{CP} is harder.

The \mathcal{CP} in the quark mixing matrix, seen in B and K decays, leads to much too small a $B - \bar{B}$ asymmetry.

If *quark* \mathcal{CP} cannot generate the observed $B - \bar{B}$ asymmetry, can some scenario involving *leptons* do it?

The candidate scenario: *Leptogenesis*, a very natural consequence of the See-Saw picture.

(Fukugita, Yanagida)

The straightforward (type-I) See-Saw model adds to the SM 3 heavy neutrinos N_i , with —

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{new}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_i m_{N_i} \overline{N_{iR}^c} N_{iR} + \sum_{\substack{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau \\ i=1,2,3}} y_{\alpha i} \left[\bar{\nu}_{\alpha L} \overline{H^0} - \bar{\ell}_{\alpha L} H^- \right] N_{iR} + h.c.$$

Diagrammatic annotations for the Lagrangian:

- Large Majorana masses:** Points to the mass term $m_{N_i} \overline{N_{iR}^c} N_{iR}$.
- Charge conjugate:** Points to the $\overline{N_{iR}^c}$ field in the mass term.
- Yukawa coupling matrix:** Points to the $y_{\alpha i}$ coupling constants.
- SM lepton doublet:** Points to the $\bar{\ell}_{\alpha L}$ field in the interaction term.
- SM Higgs doublet:** Points to the $\overline{H^0}$ and H^- fields in the interaction term.

The Yukawa interaction causes the decays —

$$\begin{aligned} N &\rightarrow \ell^- + H^+, \quad N \rightarrow \ell^+ + H^-, \\ N &\rightarrow \nu + H^0, \quad N \rightarrow \bar{\nu} + \overline{H^0}. \end{aligned} \quad \left(\overline{N} = N, \text{ so the decays in each line are } C \text{ and } CP \text{ mirror images.} \right)$$

The N_i are heavy, but they would have been made during the *hot* Big Bang.

They would then have quickly decayed via the decay modes we just identified.

Phases in the Yukawa coupling matrix y would have led to ~~C~~ and ~~CP~~ effects.

In particular, such phases would have led to —

and

$$\begin{array}{l} \Gamma(N \rightarrow \ell^- + H^+) \neq \Gamma(N \rightarrow \ell^+ + H^-) \\ \Gamma(N \rightarrow \nu + H^0) \neq \Gamma(N \rightarrow \bar{\nu} + \overline{H^0}) \end{array}$$

~~C~~ and ~~CP~~

A 3D-rendered desk lamp with a black adjustable arm and a silver base is positioned on the left side of the frame. The lamp's head, which has a circular light fixture with four small lights, is directed towards the center of the image, casting a warm, yellowish glow. The background is a light gray wall with a subtle horizontal line near the top. The overall scene is a stylized representation of a presentation or lecture environment.

How Phases Lead To CP Non-Invariance

~~CP~~ *always* comes from *phases*.

Therefore, ~~CP~~ always requires an *interference* between (at least) two amplitudes.

For example, an interference between two Feynman diagrams.

Let us consider how a CP-violating rate difference between two CP-mirror-image processes, such as $B^+ \rightarrow D^0 K^+$ and $B^- \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^-$, arises.

Suppose some process P has the amplitude —

$$A = M_1 e^{i\theta_1} e^{i\delta_1} + M_2 e^{i\theta_2} e^{i\delta_2}$$

The diagram illustrates the components of the amplitude A . Red arrows point from the labels to the corresponding terms in the equation:

- A bracket labeled "CP-invariant magnitude" points to M_1 and M_2 .
- A bracket labeled "CP-even 'strong' phase" points to θ_1 and θ_2 .
- A bracket labeled "CP-odd 'weak' phase from constants" points to δ_1 and δ_2 .

Then the CP-mirror-image process \bar{P} has the amplitude —

$$\bar{A} = M_1 e^{i\theta_1} e^{-i\delta_1} + M_2 e^{i\theta_2} e^{-i\delta_2}$$

Then the rates for \bar{P} and P differ by —

$$\bar{\Gamma} - \Gamma = |\bar{A}|^2 - |A|^2 = 4 M_1 M_2 \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \sin(\delta_1 - \delta_2)$$

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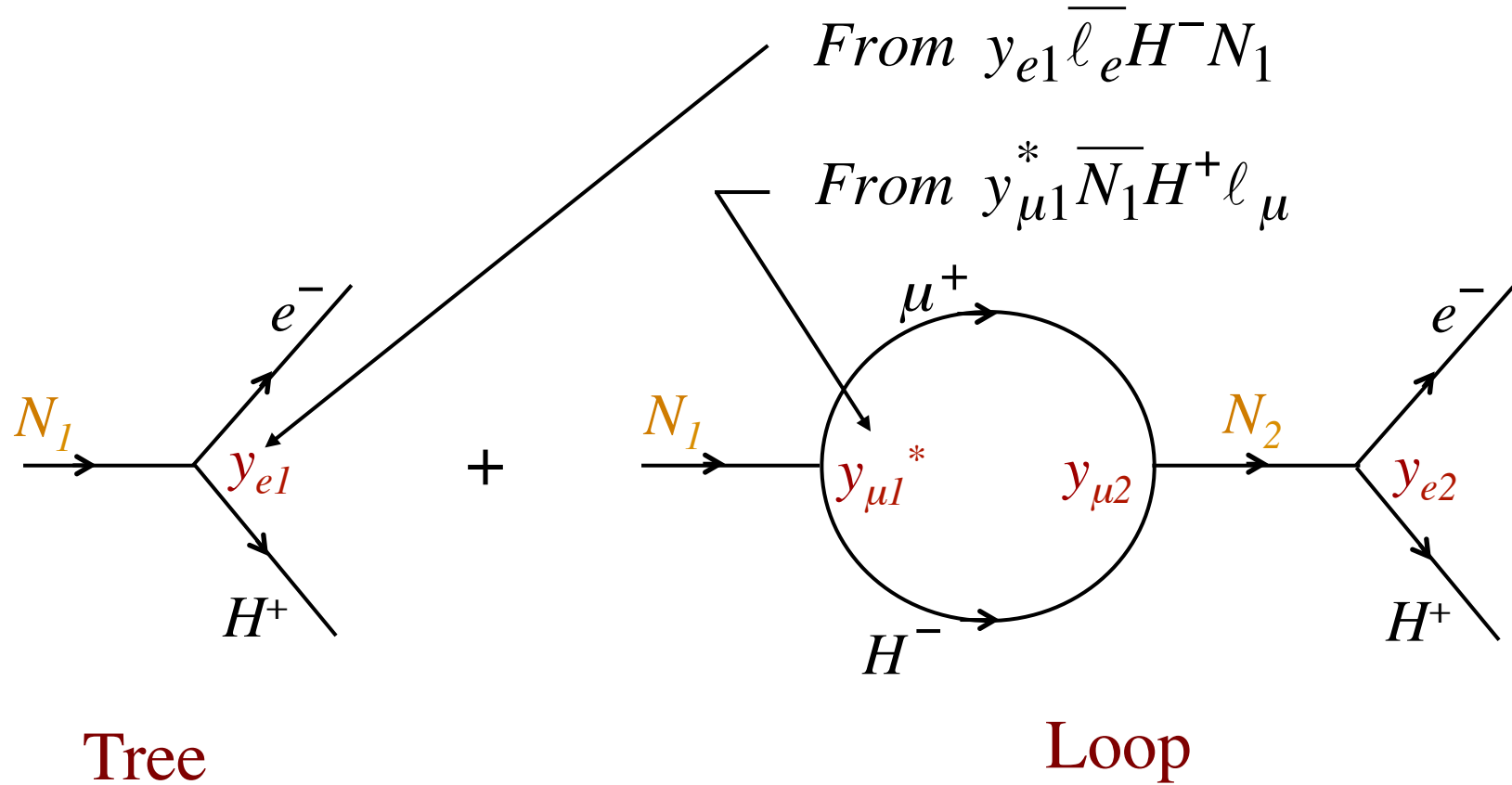
A CP-violating rate difference
requires 3 ingredients:

- Two interfering amplitudes
- These two amplitudes must have different CP-even phases
- These two amplitudes must have different CP-odd phases

How Do ~~CP~~ Inequalities Between N Decay Rates Come About?

Let us look at an example.

This example illustrates that ~~CP~~ in *any decay*
always involves amplitudes *beyond* those
of lowest order in the Hamiltonian.



$$\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow e^- + H^+) = \left| y_{e1} K_{\text{Tree}} + y_{\mu 1}^* y_{\mu 2} y_{e2} K_{\text{Loop}} \right|^2$$

Kinematical factors

$$\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow e^- + H^+) = \left| y_{e1} K_{\text{Tree}} + y_{\mu 1}^* y_{\mu 2} y_{e2} K_{\text{Loop}} \right|^2$$

When we go to the CP-mirror-image decay, $N_1 \rightarrow e^+ + H^-$, all the coupling constants get complex conjugated, but the kinematical factors do not change.

$$\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow e^+ + H^-) = \left| y_{e1}^* K_{\text{Tree}} + y_{\mu 1} y_{\mu 2}^* y_{e2}^* K_{\text{Loop}} \right|^2$$

All three ingredients needed for \cancel{CP} are present.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow e^- + H^+) - \Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow e^+ + H^-) \\ &= 4 \operatorname{Im}(y_{e1}^* y_{\mu 1}^* y_{e2} y_{\mu 2}) \operatorname{Im}(K_{\text{Tree}} K_{\text{Loop}}^*) \end{aligned}$$

The inequalities —

$$\Gamma\left(N \rightarrow \ell^- + H^+\right) \neq \Gamma\left(N \rightarrow \ell^+ + H^-\right)$$

and

$$\Gamma\left(N \rightarrow \nu + H^0\right) \neq \Gamma\left(N \rightarrow \bar{\nu} + \overline{H^0}\right)$$

*violate CP in the leptonic sector,
and violate lepton number L.*

Starting with a universe with $L = 0$,
these decays would have produced one with $L \neq 0$.

Next —

The Standard-Model *Sphaleron* process,
which does not conserve Baryon Number B ,
or Lepton Number L , but does conserve $B - L$, acts.

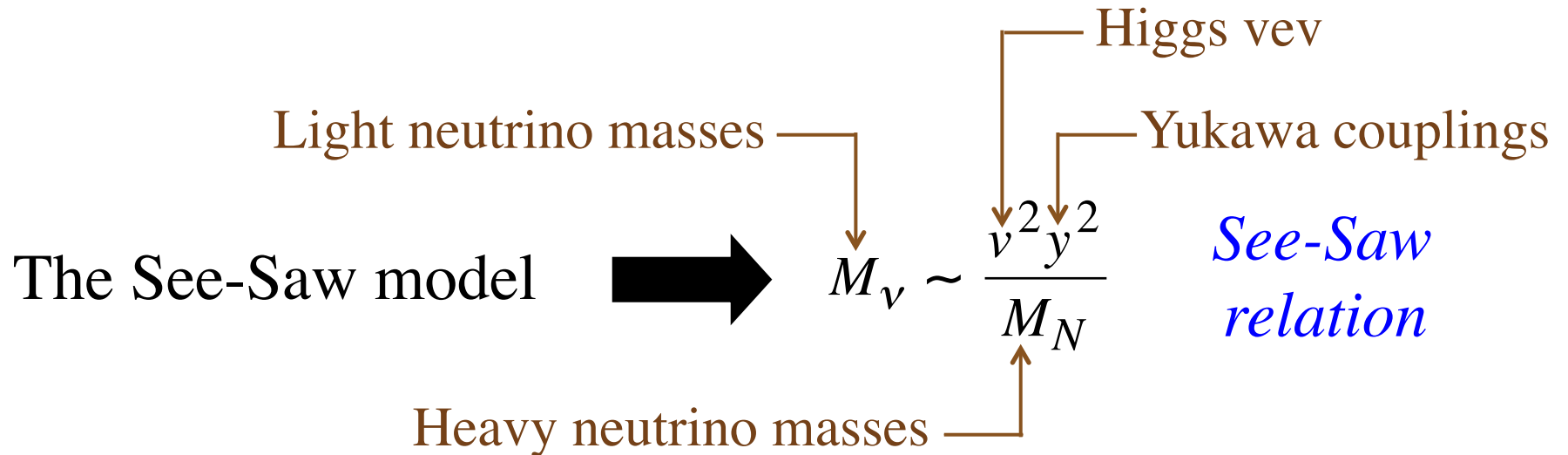


Initial state
from N decays

Final state

There is now a nonzero Baryon Number \mathcal{B} .
Eventually, there are baryons, but ~ no antibaryons.
Reasonable couplings y give the observed value of \mathcal{B} .

What N masses are required?



The light neutrino masses $M_\nu \sim 0.1$ eV.

$$v = 174 \text{ GeV.}$$

y^2 is constrained by the observed
Baryon Number per unit volume.

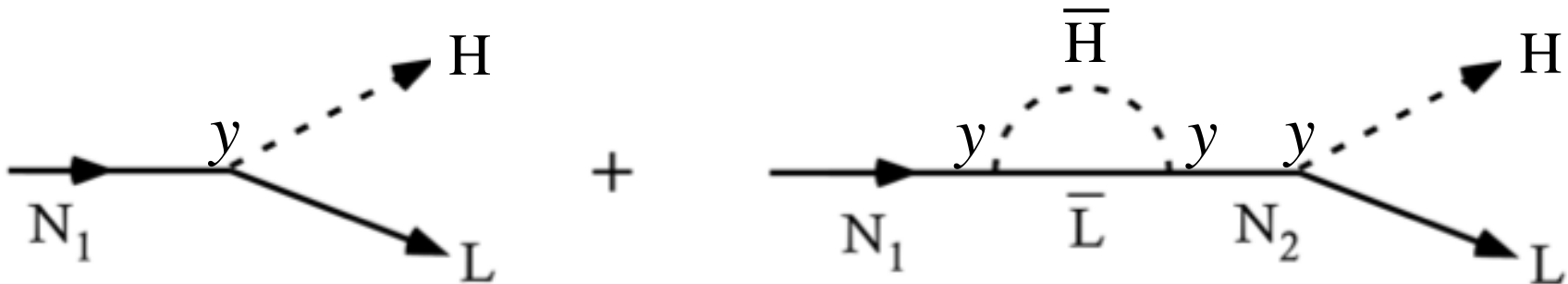
The CP-violating asymmetry between the N decay rates,

$$\varepsilon_{CP} \equiv \frac{\Gamma(N \rightarrow LH) - \Gamma(N \rightarrow \bar{L}\bar{H})}{\Gamma(N \rightarrow LH) + \Gamma(N \rightarrow \bar{L}\bar{H})} \quad ,$$

$\nu \text{ or } \ell^-$ ——— $H^0 \text{ or } H^+$

which produces a nonzero Lepton Number,

arises from interference between diagrams such as —

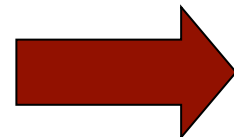


Note ε_{CP} is $\propto (y^4/y^2) = y^2$.

Getting the observed Baryon Number requires $y^2 \sim 10^{-5}$.

Then the see-saw relation —

$$M_\nu \sim \frac{v^2 y^2}{M_N}$$


$$M_N \sim 10^{(9-10)} \text{ GeV.}$$

*The heavy neutrinos N cannot
be produced at the LHC.*



*The possibility of Leptogenesis must be explored
through experiments with the light neutrinos ν .*

*Generically, leptogenesis and
light-neutrino ~~CP~~ imply each other.*

*They both come from phases in the
Yukawa coupling matrix y .*

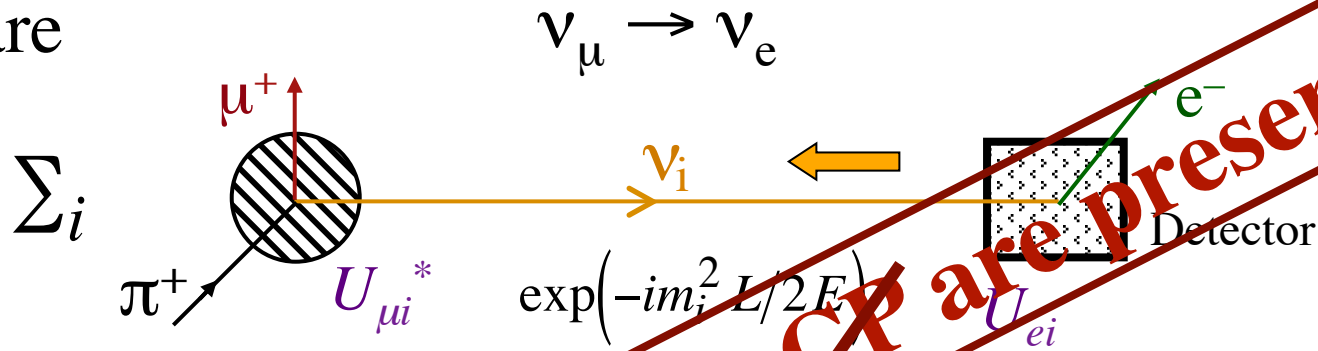
*Looking the other way: If the oscillation
CP phase δ proves to be large, it could
explain almost the entire Baryon –
Antibaryon asymmetry by itself.*

(Pascoli, Petcov, Riotto)

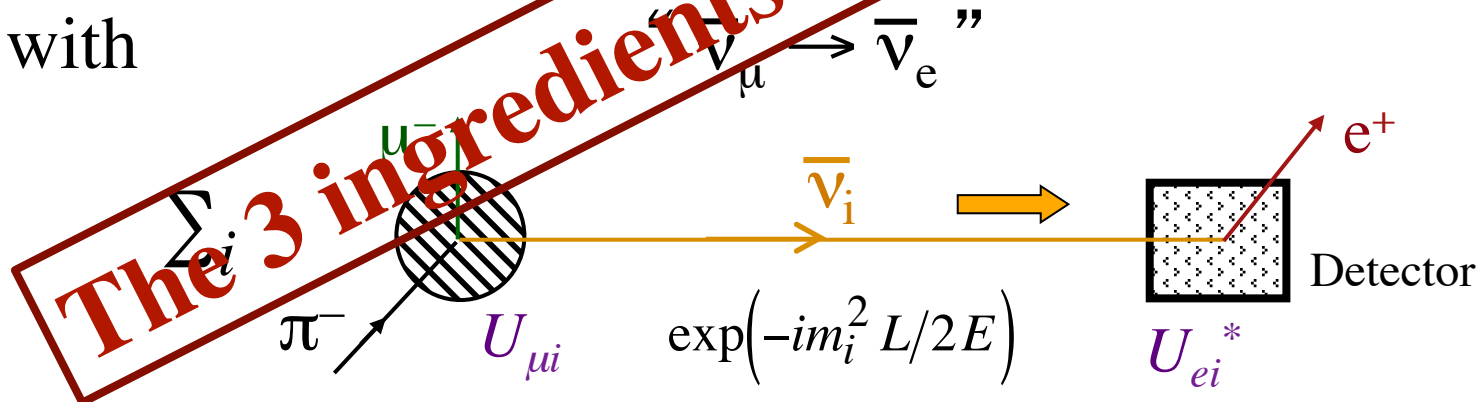
*Hosting international experiments to look
for ~~CP~~ in light-neutrino oscillation
is being contemplated in
the US and in Japan.*

To confirm \mathcal{CP} in oscillation, compare two \mathcal{CP} -mirror-image oscillations.

Compare

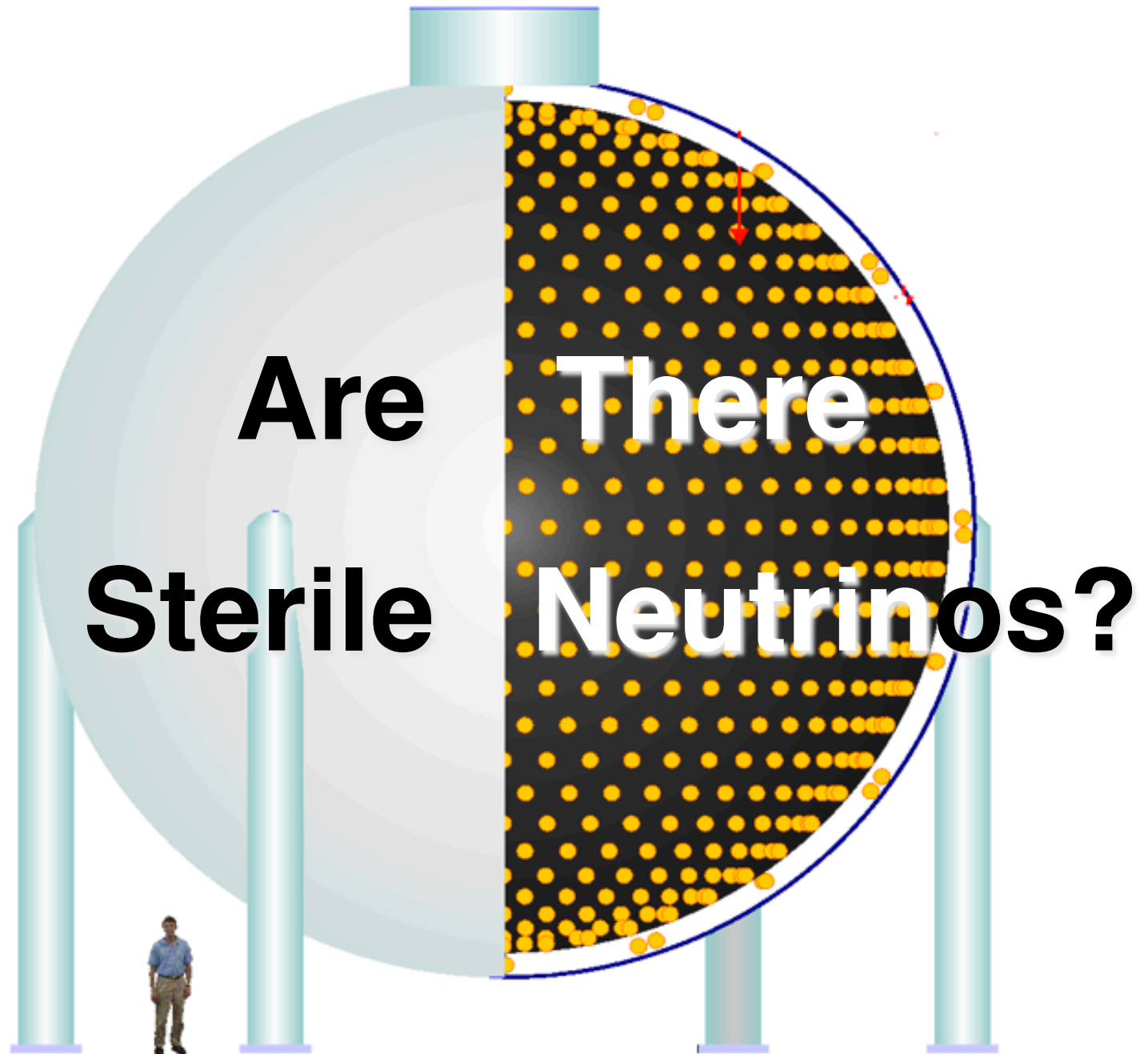


with



The 3 ingredients for \mathcal{CP} are present.

Do these two processes have different rates?





Sterile Neutrino

One that does not couple
to the SM W or Z boson

A “sterile” neutrino may well couple
to some non-SM particles. These
particles could perhaps be found at
LHC or elsewhere.

The heavy See-Saw partner neutrinos N_i interact with the rest of the world only through the Yukawa coupling —

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = \sum_{\substack{\alpha=e,\mu,\tau \\ i=1,2,3}} y_{\alpha i} \left[\bar{\nu}_{\alpha L} \overline{H^0} - \bar{\ell}_{\alpha L} H^- \right] N_{iR} + h.c.$$

Diagrammatic annotations:

- An arrow points from the text "Yukawa coupling matrix" to the $y_{\alpha i}$ term.
- An arrow points from the text "SM lepton doublet" to the $\bar{\ell}_{\alpha L} H^-$ term.
- An arrow points from the text "SM Higgs doublet" to the $\overline{H^0}$ and H^- terms.

The N_i do not couple to the SM W or Z boson.

\therefore The N_i are sterile neutrinos.

Are there also *light* sterile neutrinos with masses ~ 1 eV?

The Hints of eV-Mass Sterile Neutrinos

$$\text{Probability(Oscillation)} \propto \sin^2 \left[1.27 \Delta m^2 (\text{eV}^2) \frac{L(\text{m})}{E(\text{MeV})} \right]$$

There are several hints of oscillation with $L(\text{m})/E(\text{MeV}) \sim 1$:

These \Rightarrow a $\Delta m^2 \sim 1 \text{ eV}^2$, bigger than the two established splittings.

\Rightarrow At least 4 mass eigenstates

\Rightarrow At least 4 flavors

$\updownarrow 1\text{eV}^2$
Firm

Then
$$\frac{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu})|_{\text{Exp}}}{\Gamma(Z \rightarrow \text{One } \nu\bar{\nu} \text{ Flavor})|_{\text{SM}}} = 2.984 \pm 0.009$$

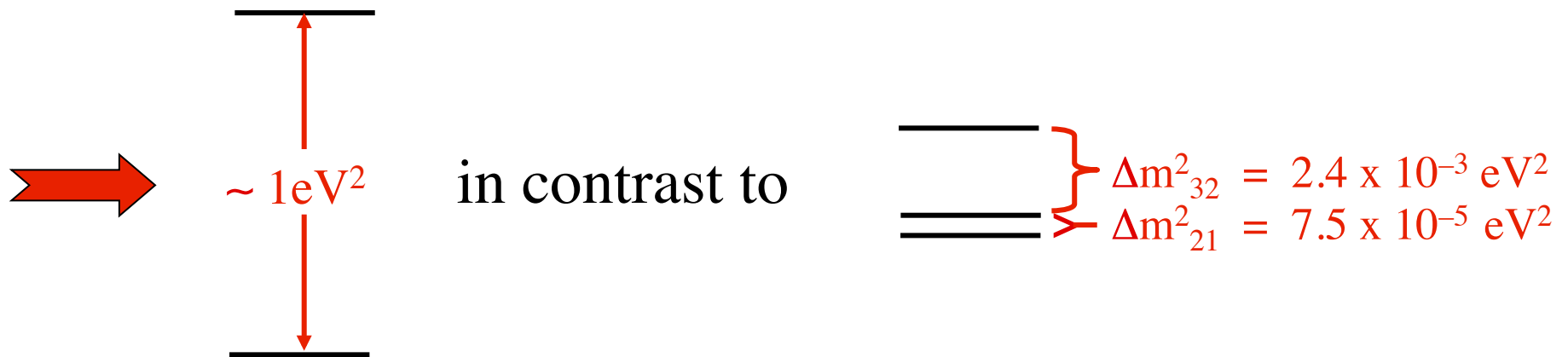
\Rightarrow At least 1 sterile neutrino

The Hint From LSND

The **LSND** experiment at Los Alamos reported a *rapid* $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ oscillation at $L(m)/E(\text{MeV}) \sim 1$.

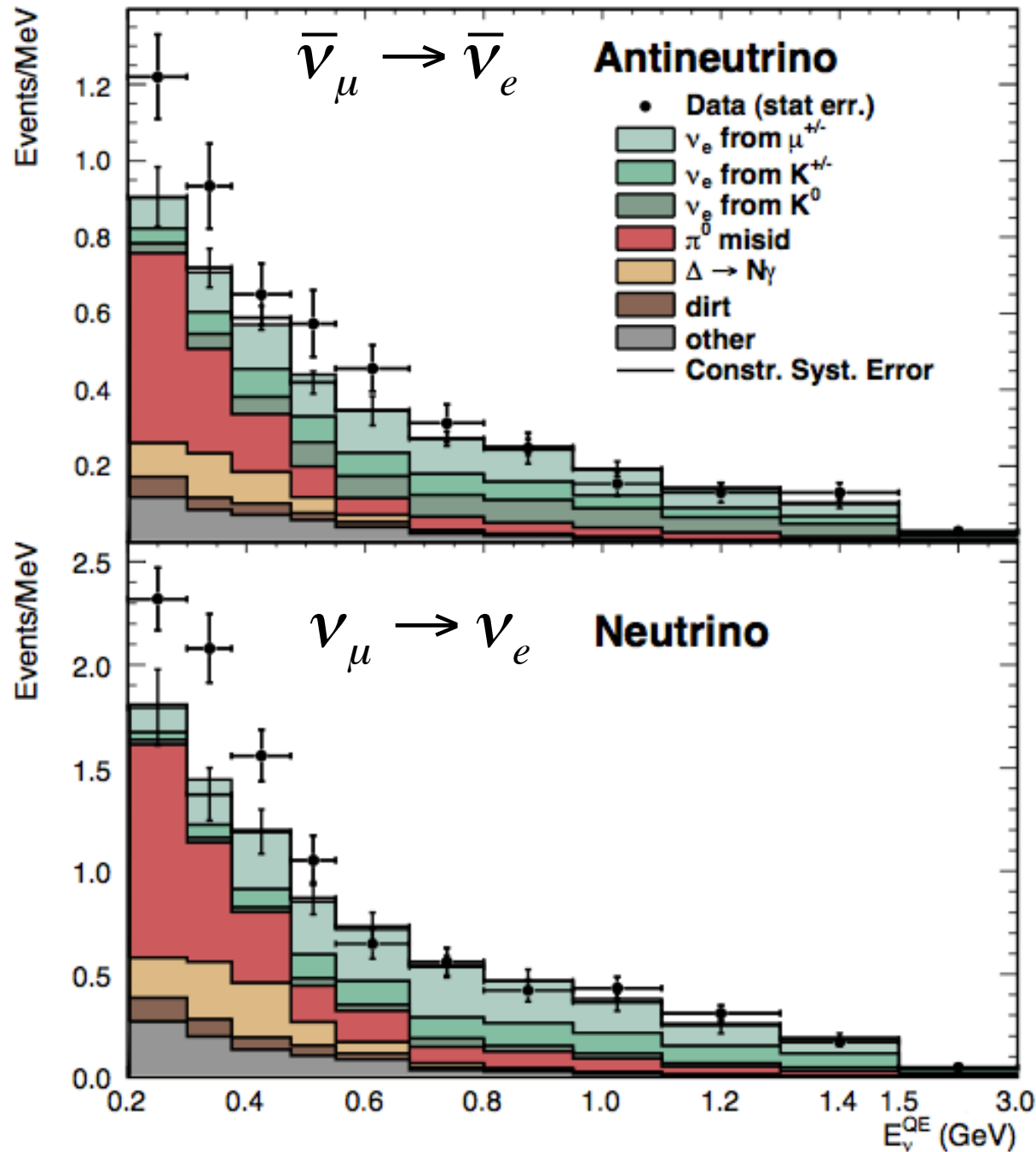
$$P(\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left[1.27 \Delta m^2 (\text{eV}^2) \frac{L(m)}{E(\text{MeV})} \right] \sim 0.26\%$$

From μ^+ decay at rest; $E \sim 30 \text{ MeV}$

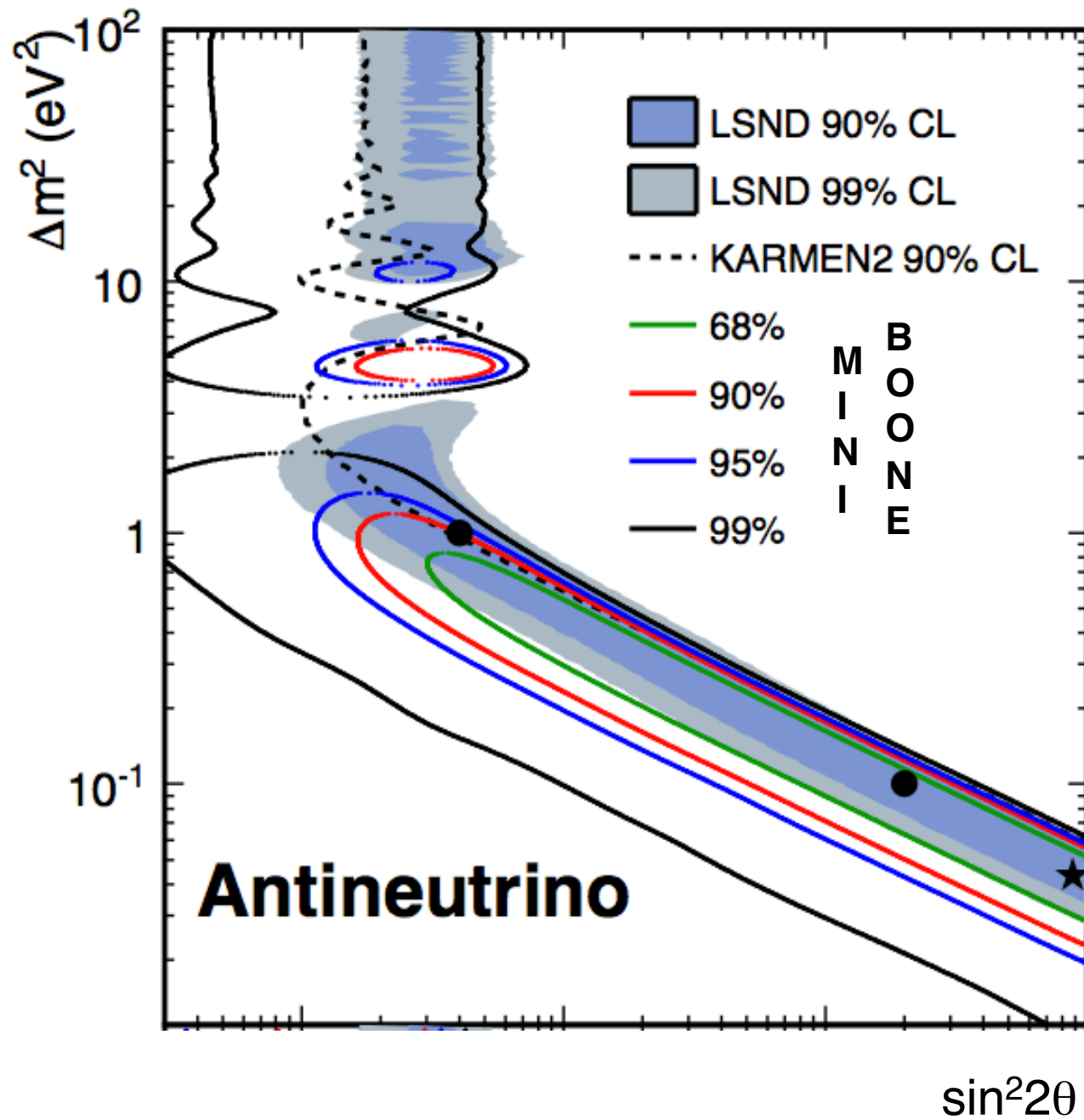


The Hint From MiniBooNE

**78.4 ± 28.5
excess events**



**162.0 ± 47.8
excess events**



**MiniBooNE
and LSND
allowed
regions
overlap.**

*Two-level
mass
spectrum
assumed.*

From 1303.2588

ICARUS and OPERA, at $L/E \approx 35$ km/GeV, have not seen $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$. This disfavors somewhat a $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ interpretation of the low-energy MiniBooNE ν_e excess, but it does not exclude it.

ICARUS and OPERA do not constrain the $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ interpretation of the low-energy MiniBooNE $\bar{\nu}_e$ excess.

A Hint From Reactors

The measured $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux at (10 – 100)m from reactor cores is $\sim 6\%$ below the theoretically expected value.

Are the $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearing by oscillating into another flavor?

The $\bar{\nu}_e$ energy is ~ 3 MeV, so at, say, 15m,

$$L(\text{m})/E(\text{MeV}) = L(\text{km})/E(\text{GeV}) \sim 5.$$

If the $\bar{\nu}_e$ are oscillating away,

$$\sin^2 \left[1.27 \Delta m^2 (eV^2) \frac{L(km)}{E(GeV)} \right] \sim 1 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \Delta m^2 (eV^2) \sim 1.$$

But the uncertainty in the initial flux is as big as the effect.

(Hayes, et al., Huber)

The Hint From ^{51}Cr and ^{37}Ar Sources

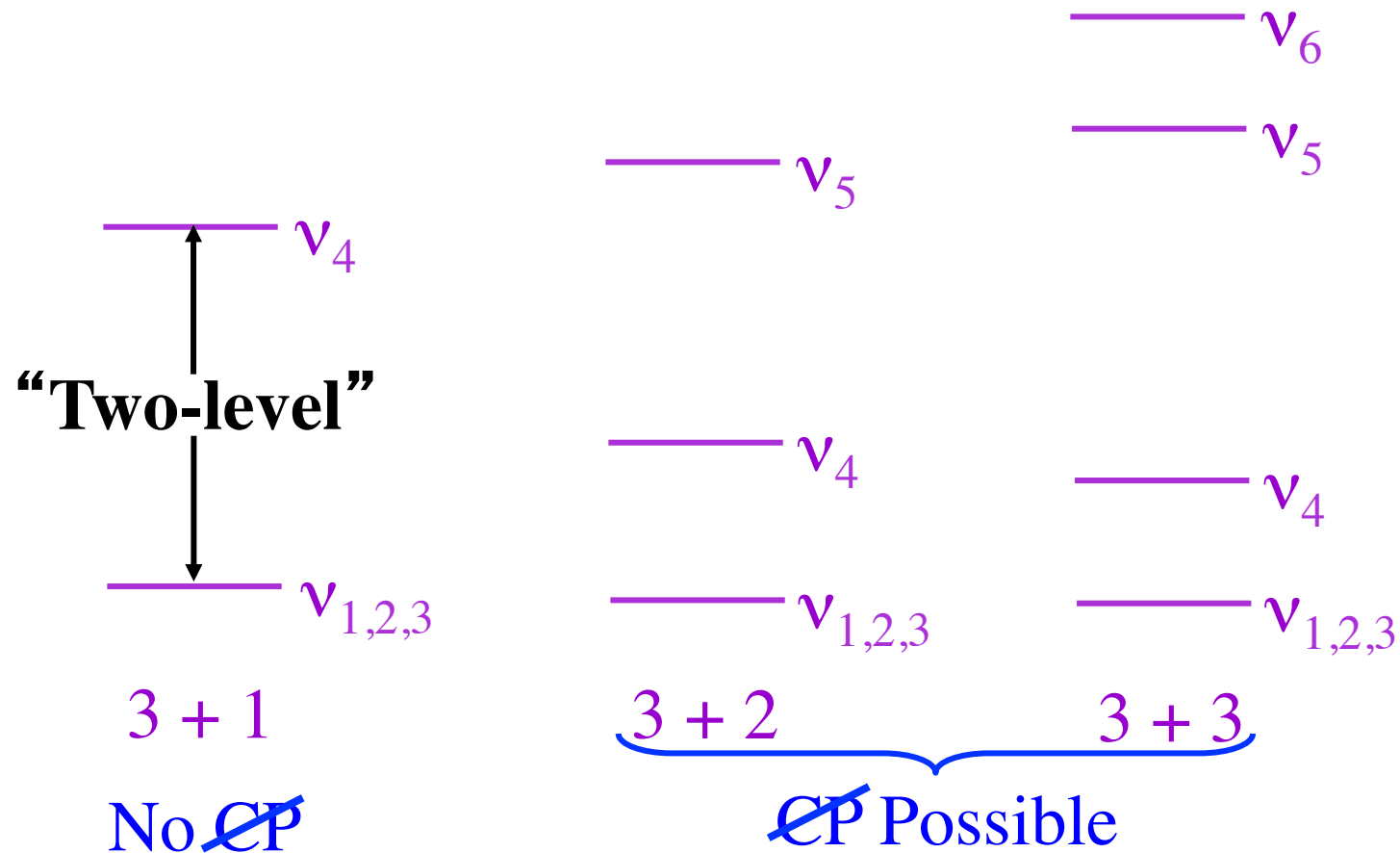
These radioactive sources were used to test the gallium solar ν_e detectors GALLEX and SAGE.

$$\frac{\text{Measured event rate}}{\text{Expected event rate}} \approx (75 - 85)\%$$

(Giunti, Laveder, Li, Long)

Rapid disappearance of ν_e flux
due to oscillation with a large Δm^2 ??

The Spectra That Are Tried



Short-Baseline experiments have an L/E too small to see the splitting between ν_1 , ν_2 , and ν_3 .

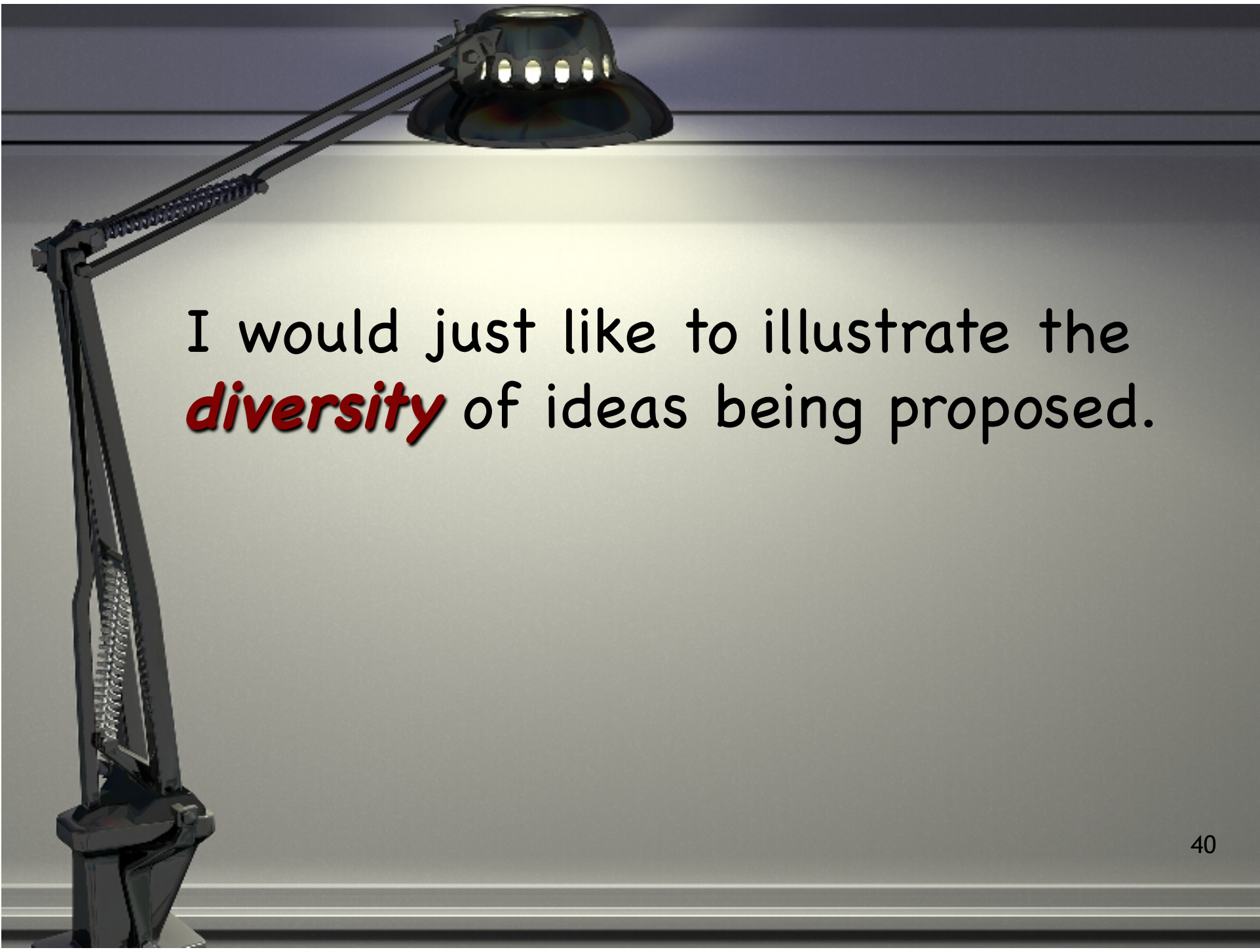
The Mixing Matrix When There Are Extra Neutrinos

It's bigger.

With $3 + N$ neutrino mass eigenstates, there can be $3 + N$ lepton flavors, N of them sterile. For example, for $N = 3$:

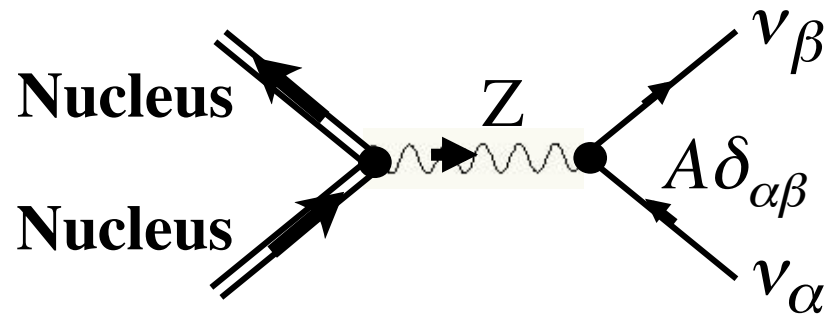
$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \\ \nu_{s_1} \\ \nu_{s_2} \\ \nu_{s_3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} & U_{e4} & U_{e5} & U_{e6} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} & U_{\mu 4} & U_{\mu 5} & U_{\mu 6} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} & U_{\tau 4} & U_{\tau 5} & U_{\tau 6} \\ U_{s_1 1} & U_{s_1 2} & U_{s_1 3} & U_{s_1 4} & U_{s_1 5} & U_{s_1 6} \\ U_{s_2 1} & U_{s_2 2} & U_{s_2 3} & U_{s_2 4} & U_{s_2 5} & U_{s_2 6} \\ U_{s_3 1} & U_{s_3 2} & U_{s_3 3} & U_{s_3 4} & U_{s_3 5} & U_{s_3 6} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \\ \nu_4 \\ \nu_5 \\ \nu_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Ideas For Future Experiments

A black and white photograph of a desk lamp with a flexible arm, positioned on the left side of the frame. The lamp is turned on, casting a bright, circular glow onto a light-colored surface, which appears to be a presentation screen or a wall. The lamp's base is visible at the bottom left, and its arm extends upwards and to the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

I would just like to illustrate the
diversity of ideas being proposed.

Coherent Neutral-Current Scattering

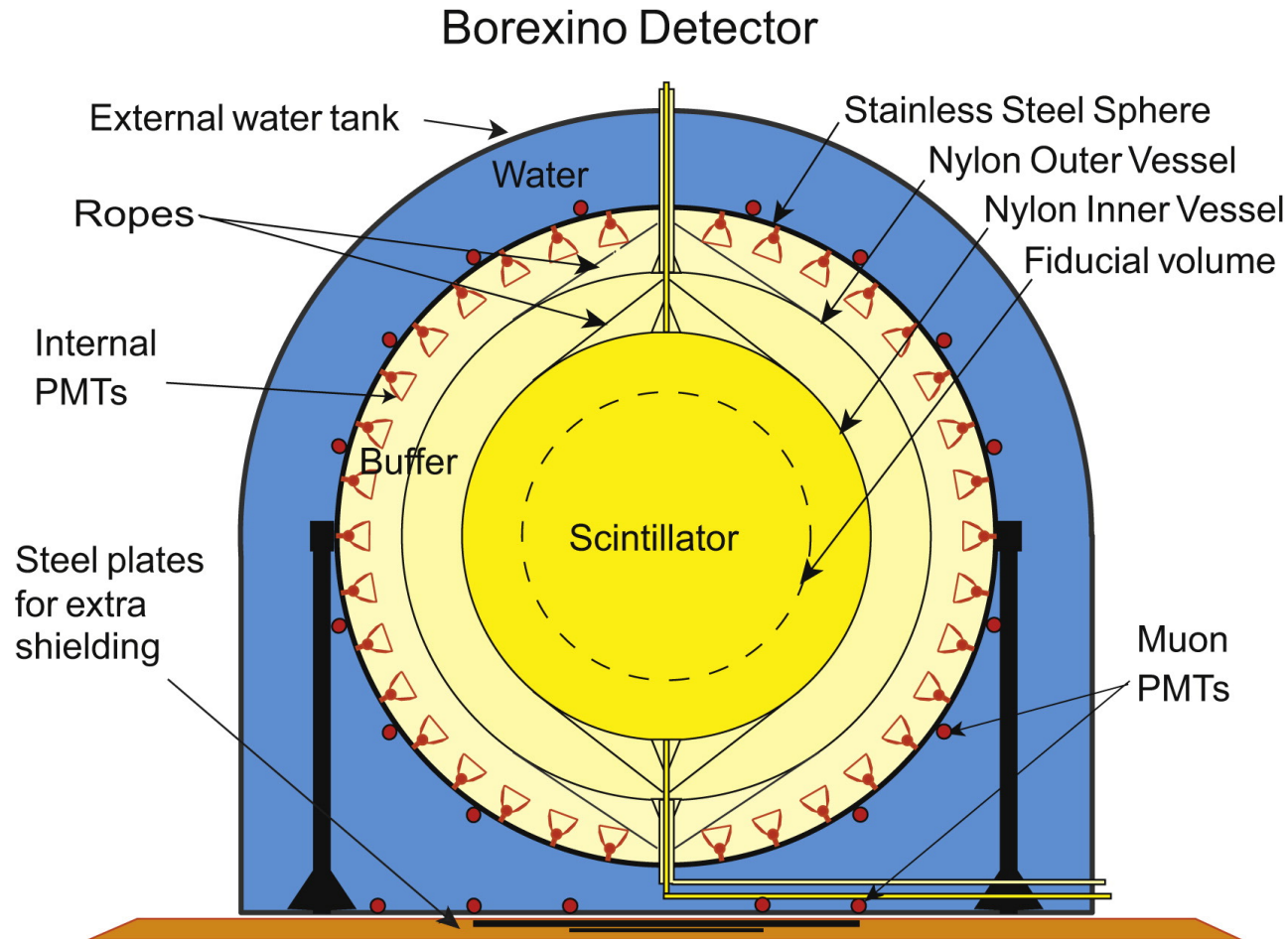


This process has the same rate for any incoming *active* neutrino, ν_e , ν_μ , or ν_τ .

But the Z does not couple to $\nu_{sterile}$.

If $\nu_{active} \rightarrow \nu_{sterile}$, the coherent scattering event rate will oscillate with it.

A Radioactive Source Near a Detector (SOX)



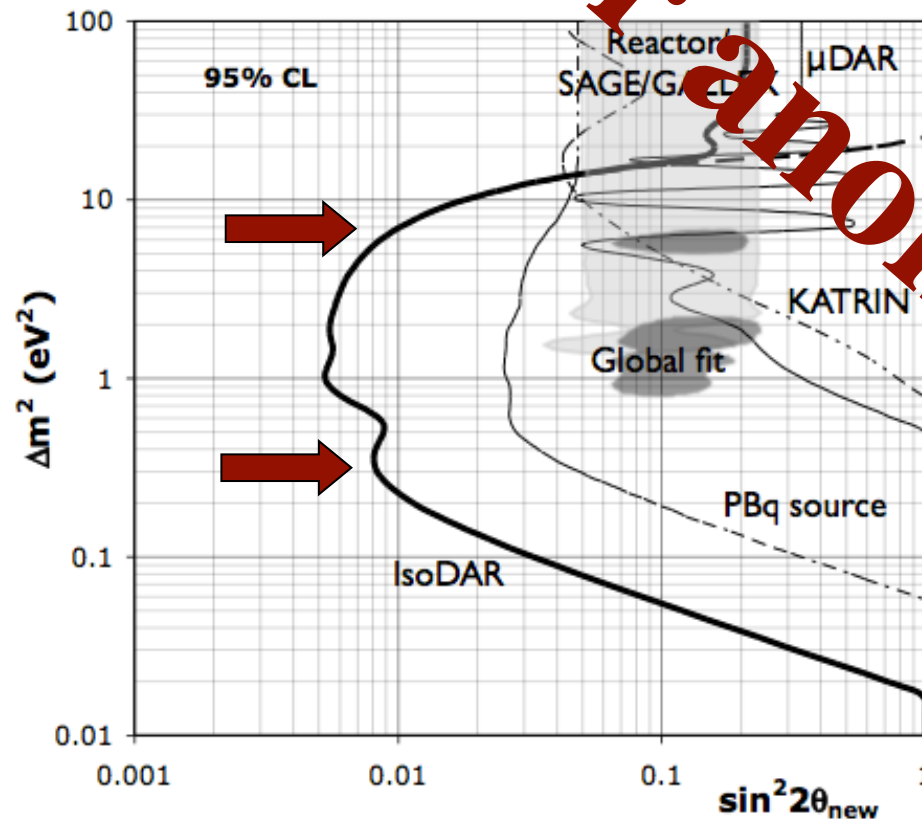
Place a ^{51}Cr
 ν_e source or
 ^{144}Ce - ^{144}Pr $\bar{\nu}_e$
source near or
in Borexino.

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$\bar{\nu}_e$ From ^8Li Decay

Use a cyclotron to make the ^8Li , a $\bar{\nu}_e$ emitter.

Use a μm -scale scintillator detector to detect the $\bar{\nu}_e$ via $\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow e^+ n$.



Sensitivity to $\bar{\nu}_e$ disappearance
(the reactor anomaly)
in a 5-year run

(Bungau et al.)

Multi-Detector Short Baseline Experiments At Accelerators

Compare event rates in several detectors,
at different distances from the source at Fermilab.

This is a good way to deal with flux uncertainties,
so long as the neutrinos have not already oscillated
before reaching the near detector.

Good luck!