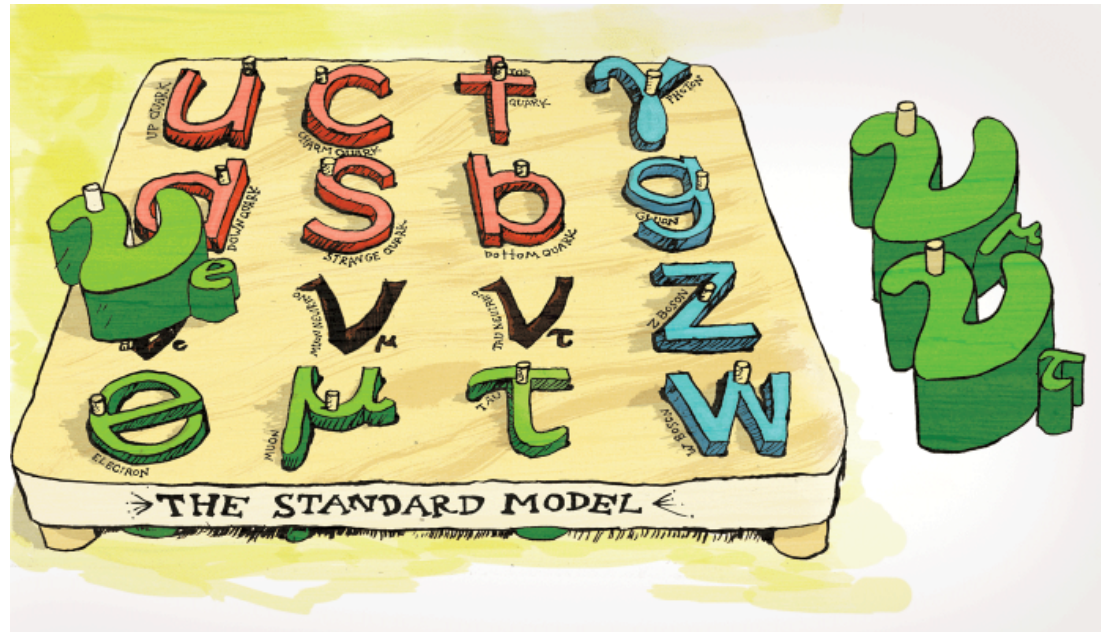


# 2019 Physics scene, and how many new particles are needed?



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# Three Flavor Mixing Hypothesis Fits All\* Data Really Well.

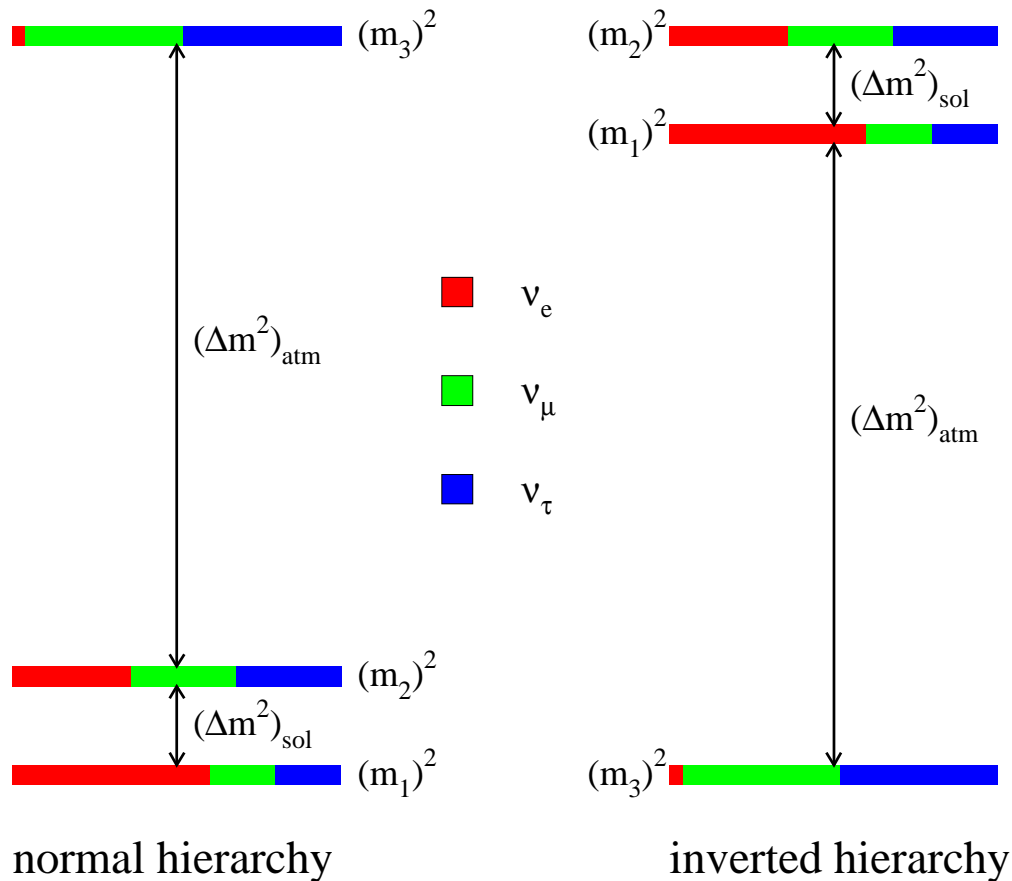
NuFIT 3.2 (2018)

|   | Normal Ordering (best fit)      |                               | Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 4.14$ ) |                               | Any Ordering   |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|
|   | bfp $\pm 1\sigma$               | $3\sigma$ range               | bfp $\pm 1\sigma$                           | $3\sigma$ range               | $3\sigma$ range  |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{12}$                              | $0.307^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$       | $0.272 \rightarrow 0.346$     | $0.307^{+0.013}_{-0.012}$                   | $0.272 \rightarrow 0.346$     | $0.272 \rightarrow 0.346$  |
| $\theta_{12}/^\circ$                              | $33.62^{+0.78}_{-0.76}$         | $31.42 \rightarrow 36.05$     | $33.62^{+0.78}_{-0.76}$                     | $31.43 \rightarrow 36.06$     | $31.42 \rightarrow 36.05$  |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$                              | $0.538^{+0.033}_{-0.069}$       | $0.418 \rightarrow 0.613$     | $0.554^{+0.023}_{-0.033}$                   | $0.435 \rightarrow 0.616$     | $0.418 \rightarrow 0.613$  |
| $\theta_{23}/^\circ$                              | $47.2^{+1.9}_{-3.9}$            | $40.3 \rightarrow 51.5$       | $48.1^{+1.4}_{-1.9}$                        | $41.3 \rightarrow 51.7$       | $40.3 \rightarrow 51.5$  |
| $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$                              | $0.02206^{+0.00075}_{-0.00075}$ | $0.01981 \rightarrow 0.02436$ | $0.02227^{+0.00074}_{-0.00074}$             | $0.02006 \rightarrow 0.02452$ | $0.01981 \rightarrow 0.02436$  |
| $\theta_{13}/^\circ$                              | $8.54^{+0.15}_{-0.15}$          | $8.09 \rightarrow 8.98$       | $8.58^{+0.14}_{-0.14}$                      | $8.14 \rightarrow 9.01$       | $8.09 \rightarrow 8.98$  |
| $\delta_{\text{CP}}/^\circ$                       | $234^{+43}_{-31}$               | $144 \rightarrow 374$         | $278^{+26}_{-29}$                           | $192 \rightarrow 354$         | $144 \rightarrow 374$  |
| $\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$    | $7.40^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$          | $6.80 \rightarrow 8.02$       | $7.40^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$                      | $6.80 \rightarrow 8.02$       | $6.80 \rightarrow 8.02$  |
| $\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$ | $+2.494^{+0.033}_{-0.031}$      | $+2.399 \rightarrow +2.593$   | $-2.465^{+0.032}_{-0.031}$                  | $-2.562 \rightarrow -2.369$   | $\left[ +2.399 \rightarrow +2.593 \right]$<br>$\left[ -2.536 \rightarrow -2.395 \right]$ |

[Esteban *et al*, JHEP 01 (2017) 087, <http://www.nu-fit.org>]

\*Modulo a handful of  $2\sigma$  to  $3\sigma$  anomalies.

# New Neutrino Oscillation Experiments: Missing Oscillation Parameters

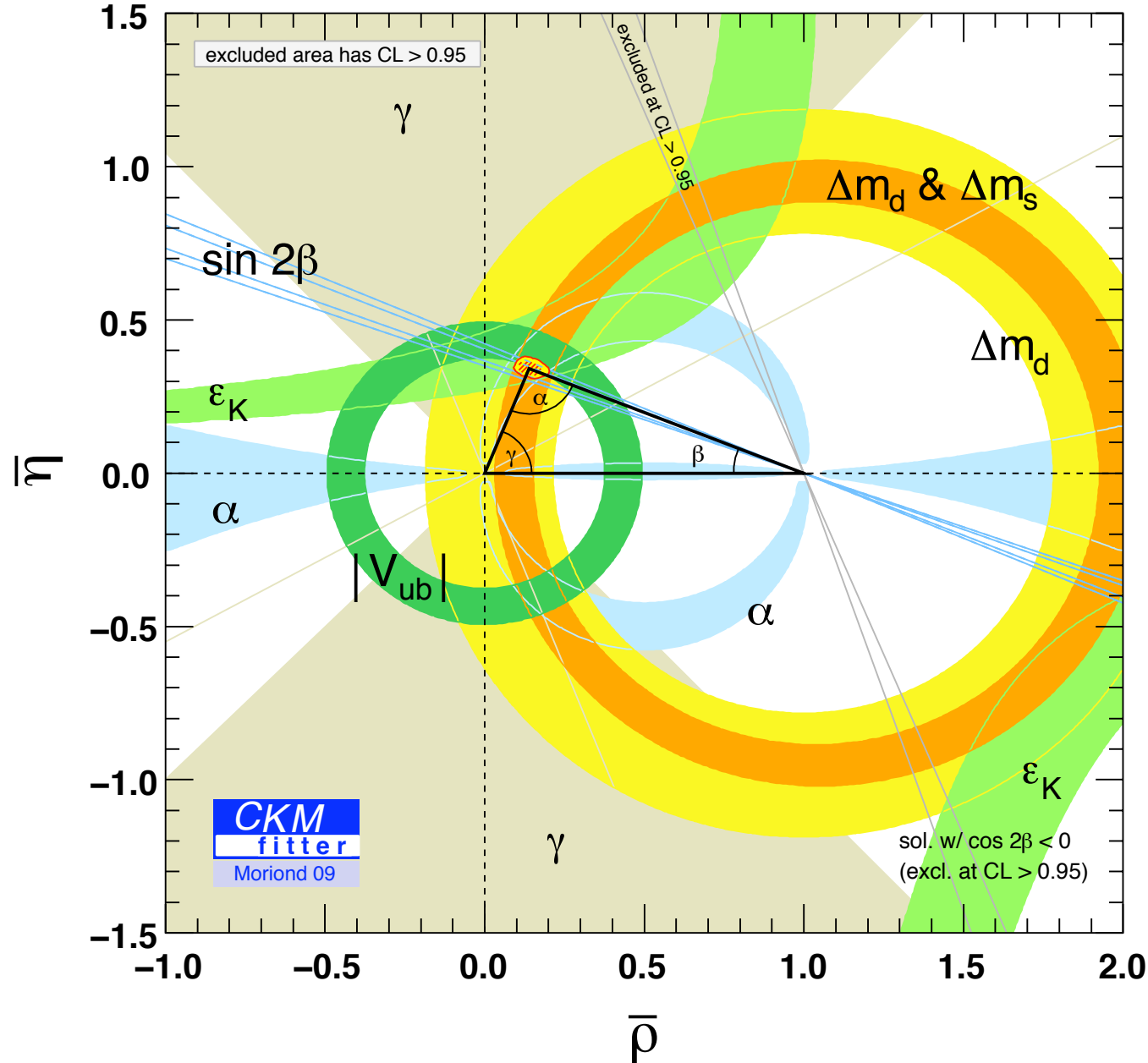


- What is the  $\nu_e$  component of  $\nu_3$ ? ( $\theta_{13} \neq 0!$ )
- Is CP-invariance violated in neutrino oscillations? ( $\delta \neq 0, \pi$ )
- Is  $\nu_3$  mostly  $\nu_\mu$  or  $\nu_\tau$ ? ( $\theta_{23} > \pi/4$ ,  $\theta_{23} < \pi/4$ , or  $\theta_{23} = \pi/4$ ?)
- What is the neutrino mass hierarchy? ( $\Delta m_{13}^2 > 0$ ?)

$\Rightarrow$  All of the above can “only” be addressed with new neutrino oscillation experiments

Ultimate Goal: Not Measure Parameters but Test the Formalism (Over-Constrain Parameter Space)

# What we ultimately want to achieve:



We need to do this in the lepton sector!

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu1} & U_{\mu2} & U_{\mu3} \\ U_{\tau1} & U_{\tau2} & U_{\tau3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

What we have **really measured** (very roughly):

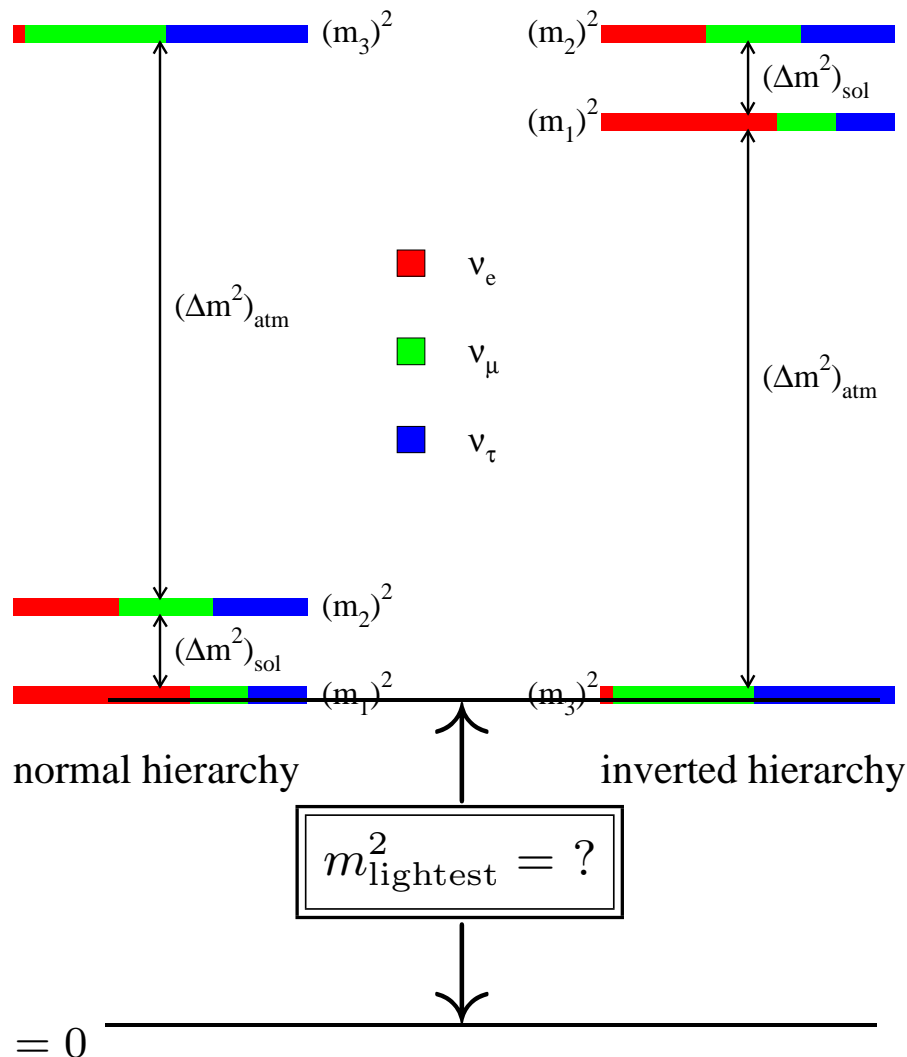
- Two mass-squared differences, at several percent level – many probes;
- $|U_{e2}|^2$  – solar data;
- $|U_{\mu2}|^2 + |U_{\tau2}|^2$  – solar data;
- $|U_{e2}|^2 |U_{e1}|^2$  – KamLAND;
- $|U_{\mu3}|^2 (1 - |U_{\mu3}|^2)$  – atmospheric data, K2K, MINOS;
- $|U_{e3}|^2 (1 - |U_{e3}|^2)$  – Double Chooz, Daya Bay, RENO;
- $|U_{e3}|^2 |U_{\mu3}|^2$  (upper bound  $\rightarrow$  evidence) – MINOS, T2K.

We still have a ways to go!

## What Could We Run Into?

- New neutrino states. In this case, the  $3 \times 3$  mixing matrix would not be unitary.
- New short-range neutrino interactions. These lead to, for example, new matter effects. If we don't take these into account, there is no reason for the three flavor paradigm to “close.”
- New, unexpected neutrino properties. Do they have nonzero magnetic moments? Do they decay? The answer is ‘yes’ to both, but nature might deviate dramatically from  $\nu$ SM expectations.
- Weird stuff. CPT-violation. Decoherence effects (aka “violations of Quantum Mechanics.”)
- etc.

# What We Know We Don't Know: How Light is the Lightest Neutrino?



So far, we've only been able to measure neutrino mass-squared differences.

The lightest neutrino mass is only poorly constrained:  $m_{\text{lightest}}^2 < 1 \text{ eV}^2$

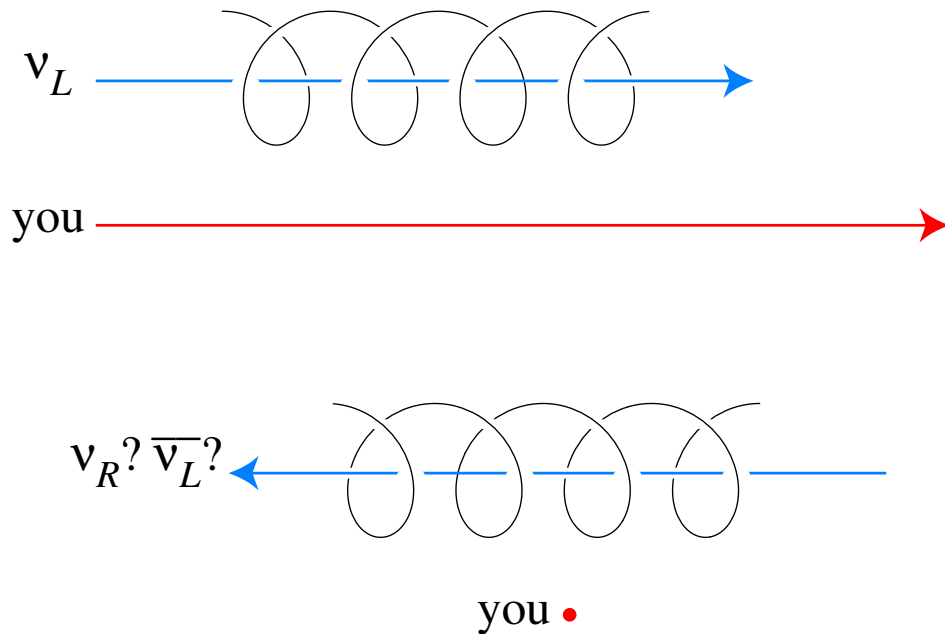
qualitatively different scenarios allowed:

- $m_{\text{lightest}}^2 \equiv 0$ ;
- $m_{\text{lightest}}^2 \ll \Delta m_{12,13}^2$ ;
- $m_{\text{lightest}}^2 \gg \Delta m_{12,13}^2$ .

Need information outside of neutrino oscillations:

→ cosmology,  $\beta$ -decay,  $0\nu\beta\beta$

# What We Know We Don't Know: Are Neutrinos Majorana Fermions?



A massive charged fermion ( $s=1/2$ ) is described by 4 degrees of freedom:

$$(e_L^- \leftarrow \text{CPT} \rightarrow e_R^+)$$

$\updownarrow$  "Lorentz"

$$(e_R^- \leftarrow \text{CPT} \rightarrow e_L^+)$$

A massive neutral fermion ( $s=1/2$ ) is described by 4 or 2 degrees of freedom:

$$(\nu_L \leftarrow \text{CPT} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_R)$$

$\updownarrow$  "Lorentz"

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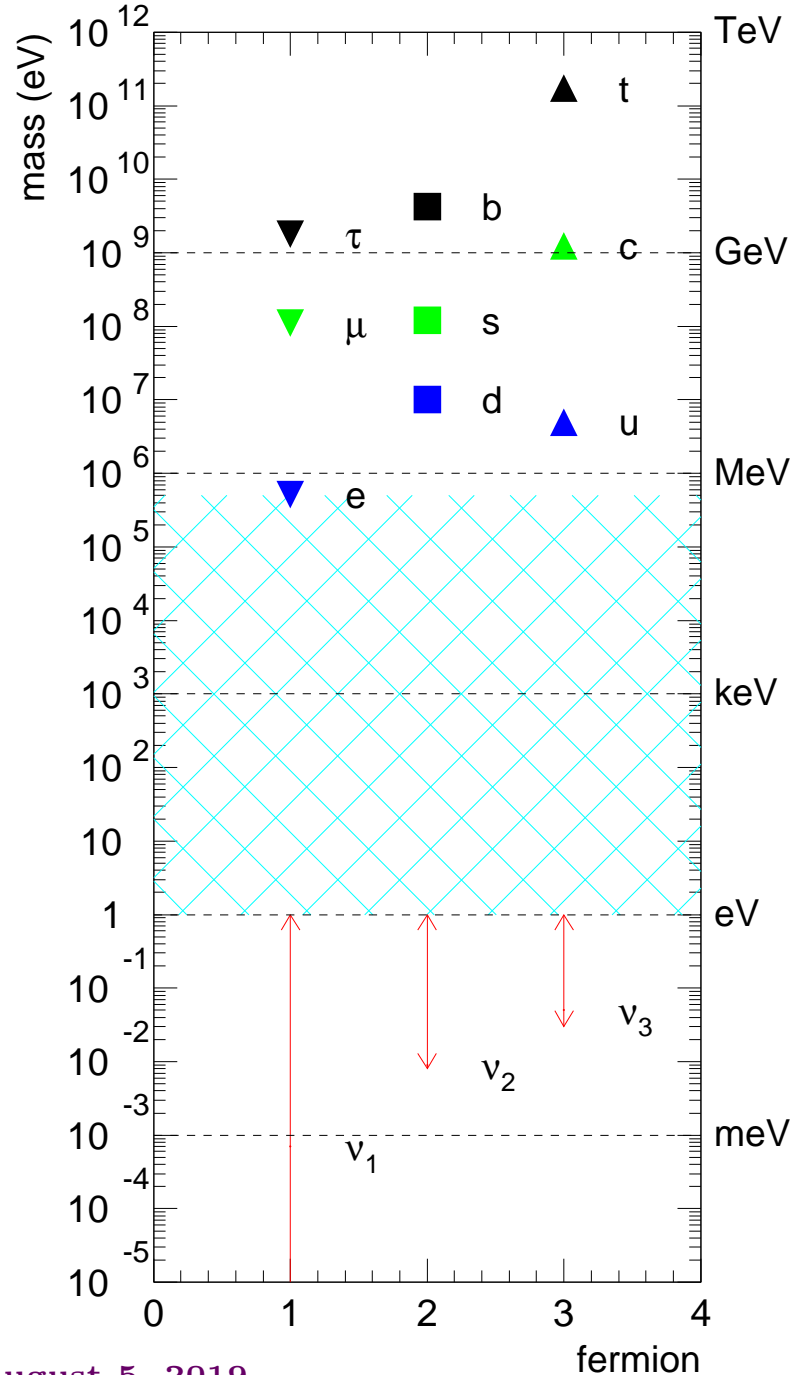
$\updownarrow$  "Lorentz"

$$(\bar{\nu}_R \leftarrow \text{CPT} \rightarrow \nu_L)$$

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How many degrees of freedom are required to describe massive neutrinos?





# NEUTRINOS HAVE MASS

[albeit very tiny ones...]

So What?



NEW PHYSICS

# Neutrino Masses are the Only\* “Palpable” Evidence of Physics Beyond the Standard Model

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\* There is only a handful of questions our model for fundamental physics cannot explain (my personal list. Feel free to complain).

- What is the physics behind electroweak symmetry breaking? (Higgs ✓).
- What is the dark matter? (not in SM).
- Why is there more matter than antimatter in the Universe? (not in SM).
- Why does the Universe appear to be accelerating? Why does it appear that the Universe underwent rapid acceleration in the past [inflation]? (not in SM).

## What is the New Standard Model? [ $\nu$ SM]

The short answer is – WE DON'T KNOW. Not enough available info!



Equivalently, there are several completely different ways of addressing neutrino masses. The key issue is to understand what else the  $\nu$ SM candidates can do. [are they falsifiable?, are they “simple”?, do they address other outstanding problems in physics?, etc]

We need more experimental input.

## Neutrino Masses, EWSB, and a New Mass Scale of Nature

The LHC has revealed that the minimum SM prescription for electroweak symmetry breaking — the one Higgs double model — is at least approximately correct. What does that have to do with neutrinos?

The tiny neutrino masses point to three different possibilities.

1. Neutrinos talk to the Higgs boson very, very **weakly** (Dirac neutrinos);
2. Neutrinos talk to a **different Higgs** boson – there is a new source of electroweak symmetry breaking! (Majorana neutrinos);
3. Neutrino masses are small because there is **another source of mass** out there — a new energy scale indirectly responsible for the tiny neutrino masses, a la the seesaw mechanism (Majorana neutrinos).

## One Candidate $\nu$ SM

SM as an effective field theory – non-renormalizable operators

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu\text{SM}} \supset -y_{ij} \frac{L^i H L^j H}{2\Lambda} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^2}\right) + H.c.$$

There is only one dimension five operator [Weinberg, 1979]. If  $\Lambda \gg 1$  TeV, it leads to only one observable consequence...

$$\text{after EWSB: } \mathcal{L}_{\nu\text{SM}} \supset \frac{m_{ij}}{2} \nu^i \nu^j; \quad m_{ij} = y_{ij} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}.$$

- Neutrino masses are small:  $\Lambda \gg v \rightarrow m_\nu \ll m_f$  ( $f = e, \mu, u, d$ , etc)
- Neutrinos are Majorana fermions – Lepton number is violated!
- $\nu$ SM effective theory – not valid for energies above *at most*  $\Lambda/y$ .
- Define  $y_{\text{max}} \equiv 1 \Rightarrow$  data require  $\Lambda \sim 10^{14} \text{ GeV}.$

What else is this “good for”? Depends on the ultraviolet completion!

## The Seesaw Lagrangian

A simple<sup>a</sup>, renormalizable Lagrangian that allows for neutrino masses is

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu = \mathcal{L}_{\text{old}} - \lambda_{\alpha i} L^\alpha H N^i - \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{M_i}{2} N^i N^i + H.c.,$$

where  $N_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ , for concreteness) are SM gauge singlet fermions.

$\mathcal{L}_\nu$  is the most general, renormalizable Lagrangian consistent with the SM gauge group and particle content, plus the addition of the  $N_i$  fields.

After electroweak symmetry breaking,  $\mathcal{L}_\nu$  describes, besides all other SM degrees of freedom, six Majorana fermions: **six neutrinos**.

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<sup>a</sup>Only requires the introduction of three fermionic degrees of freedom, no new interactions or symmetries.

## To be determined from data: $\lambda$ and $M$ .

The data can be summarized as follows: there is evidence for three neutrinos, mostly “active” (linear combinations of  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ , and  $\nu_\tau$ ). At least two of them are massive and, if there are other neutrinos, they have to be “sterile.”

This provides very little information concerning the magnitude of  $M_i$  (assume  $M_1 \sim M_2 \sim M_3$ ).

Theoretically, there is prejudice in favor of very large  $M$ :  $M \gg v$ . Popular examples include  $M \sim M_{\text{GUT}}$  (GUT scale), or  $M \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$  (EWSB scale).

Furthermore,  $\lambda \sim 1$  translates into  $M \sim 10^{14} \text{ GeV}$ , while thermal leptogenesis requires the lightest  $M_i$  to be around  $10^{10} \text{ GeV}$ .

we can impose very, very few experimental constraints on  $M$

## High-Energy Seesaw: Brief Comments

- This is everyone's favorite scenario.
- Upper bound for  $M$  (e.g. Maltoni, Niczyporuk, Willenbrock, hep-ph/0006358):

$$M < 7.6 \times 10^{15} \text{ GeV} \times \left( \frac{0.1 \text{ eV}}{m_\nu} \right).$$

- Hierarchy problem hint (e.g., Casas et al, hep-ph/0410298; Farina et al, ; 1303.7244; AdG et al, 1402.2658):

$$M < 10^7 \text{ GeV}.$$

- Leptogenesis! “Vanilla” Leptogenesis requires, very roughly, smallest

$$M > 10^9 \text{ GeV}.$$

- Stability of the Higgs potential (e.g., Elias-Miró et al, 1112.3022):

$$M < 10^{13} \text{ GeV}.$$

- Physics “too” heavy! No observable consequence other than leptogenesis.  
Will we ever convince ourselves that this is correct? (Buckley et al, hep-ph/0606088)

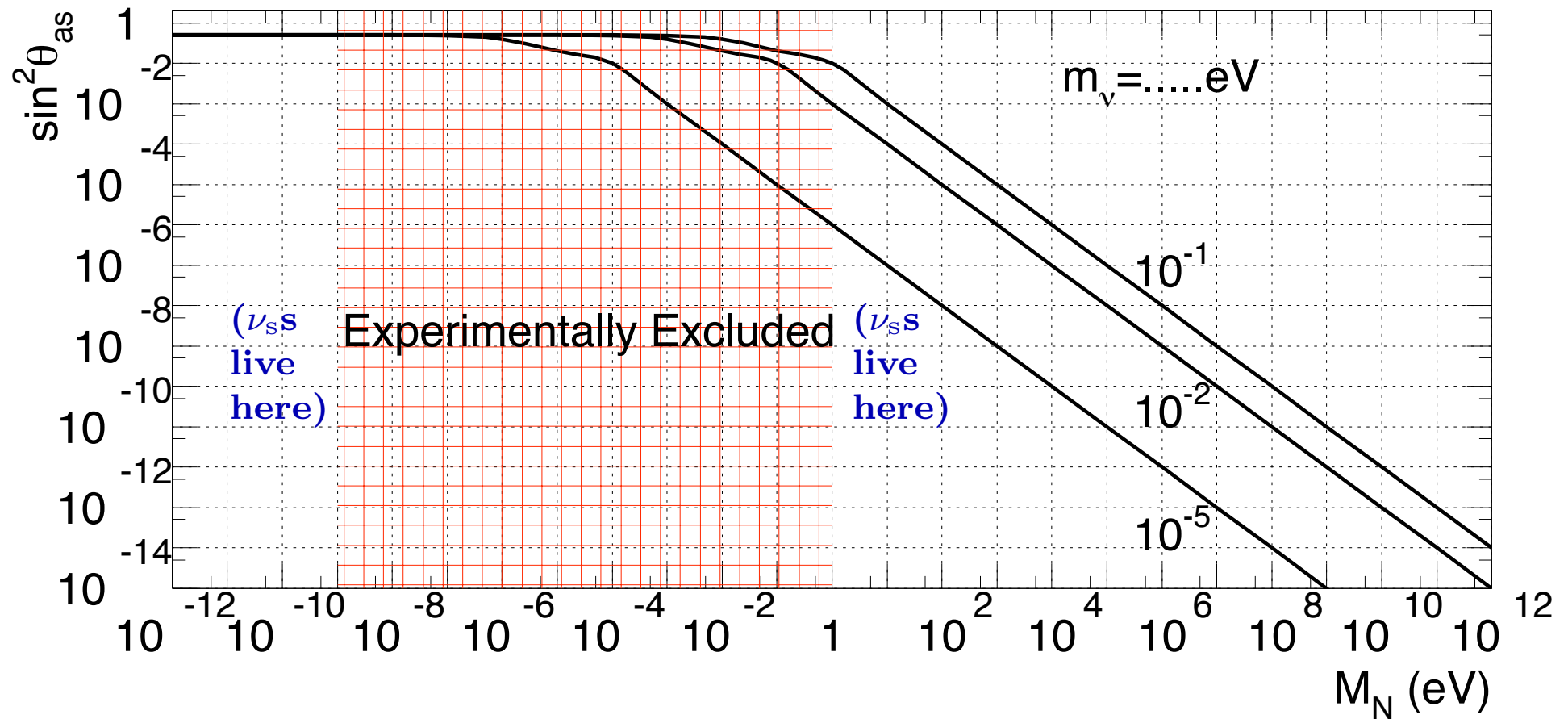


## Low-Energy Seesaw: Brief Comments [AdG PRD72,033005)]

The other end of the  $M$  spectrum ( $M < 100$  GeV). What do we get?

- Neutrino masses are small because the Yukawa couplings are very small  $\lambda \in [10^{-6}, 10^{-11}]$ ;
- No standard thermal leptogenesis – right-handed neutrinos way too light?  
[For a possible alternative see Canetti, Shaposhnikov, arXiv: 1006.0133 and reference therein.]
- No obvious connection with other energy scales (EWSB, GUTs, etc);
- Right-handed neutrinos are propagating degrees of freedom. They look like sterile neutrinos  $\Rightarrow$  sterile neutrinos associated with the fact that the active neutrinos have mass;
- sterile–active mixing can be predicted – hypothesis is falsifiable!
- Small values of  $M$  are natural (in the ‘tHooft sense). In fact, theoretically, no value of  $M$  should be discriminated against!

# Constraining the Seesaw Lagrangian



[AdG, Huang, Jenkins, arXiv:0906.1611]

## Dirac Neutrinos – Enhanced Symmetry!(Symmetries?)

Back to

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## Higher Order Neutrino Masses from $\Delta L = 2$ Physics – Other Paths

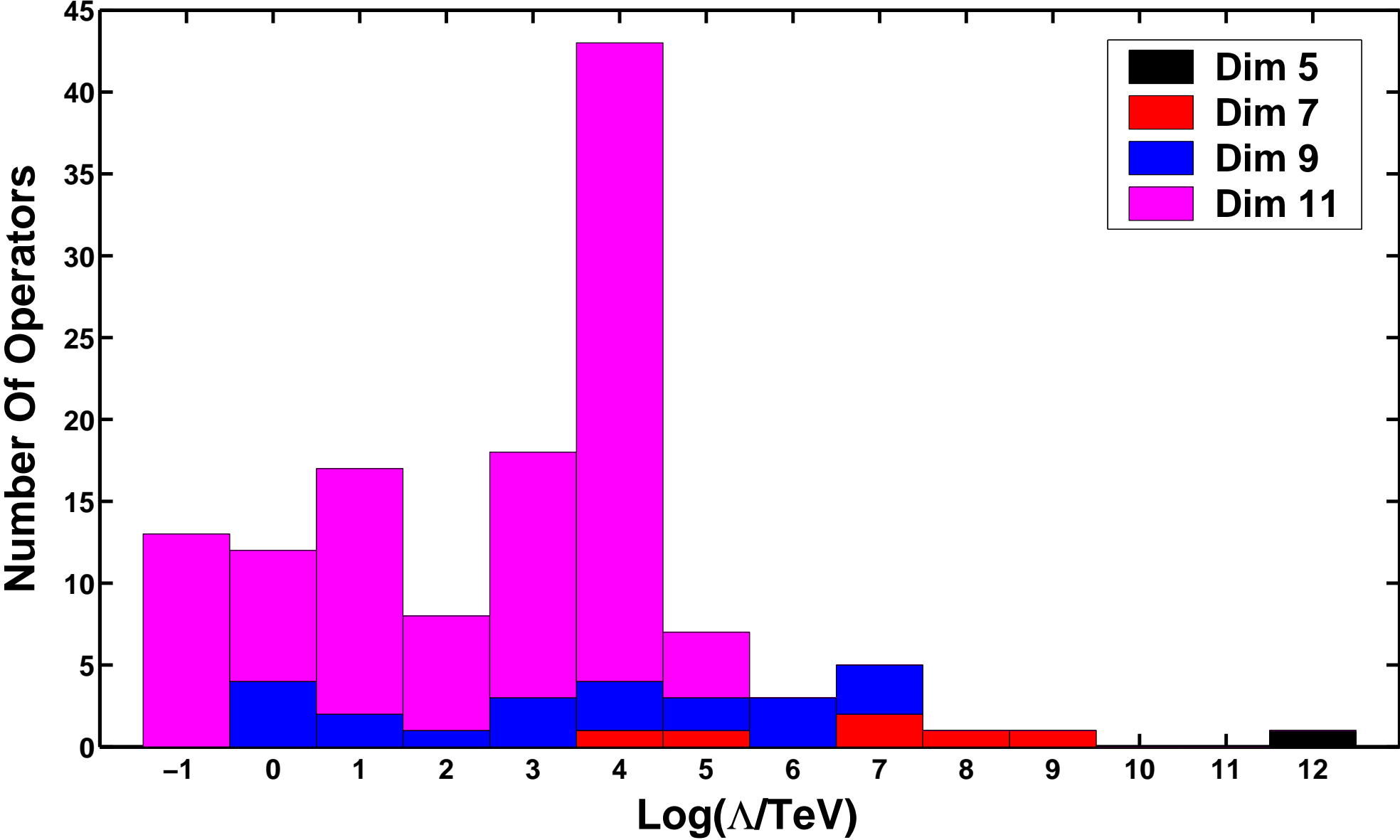
Imagine that there is **new physics that breaks lepton number by 2 units** at some energy scale  $\Lambda$ , but that it does not, in general, lead to neutrino masses **at the tree level**.

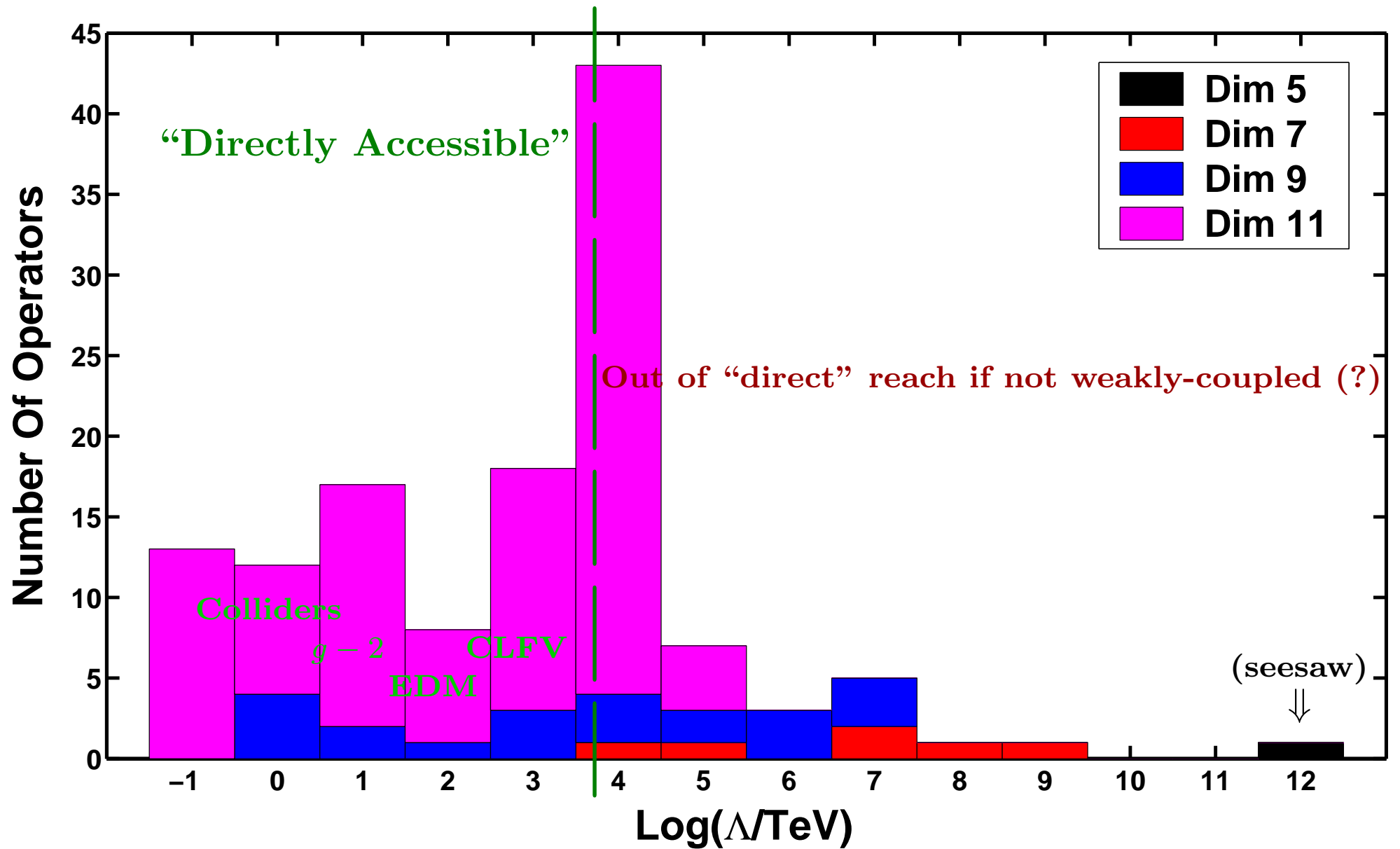
We know that neutrinos will get a mass at some order in perturbation theory – which order is model dependent!

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| <p>André de Gouvêa</p> <p>AdG, Jenkins,<br/>0708.1344 [hep-ph]</p> <p>Effective<br/>Operator<br/>Approach</p> <p>(there are 129<br/>of them if you<br/>discount different<br/>Lorentz structures!)</p> <p>classified by Babu<br/>and Leung in<br/>NPB619,667(2001)</p> <p>August 5, 2019</p> | 4 <sub>a</sub>  | $L^i L^j \bar{Q}_i \bar{u}^c H^k \epsilon_{jk}$                               | $\frac{y_u}{16\pi^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | $4 \times 10^9$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 4 <sub>b</sub>  | $L^i L^j \bar{Q}_k \bar{u}^c H^k \epsilon_{ij}$                               | $\frac{y_u g^2}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | $6 \times 10^6$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 5               | $L^i L^j Q^k d^c H^l H^m \bar{H}_i \epsilon_{jl} \epsilon_{km}$               | $\frac{y_d}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | $6 \times 10^5$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 6               | $L^i L^j \bar{Q}_k \bar{u}^c H^l H^k \bar{H}_i \epsilon_{jl}$                 | $\frac{y_u}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | $2 \times 10^7$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 7               | $L^i Q^j \bar{e}^c \bar{Q}_k H^k H^l H^m \epsilon_{il} \epsilon_{jm}$         | $y_{\ell\beta} \frac{g^2}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \left( \frac{1}{16\pi^2} + \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$ | $4 \times 10^2$ | mix                                 |
|  | 8               | $L^i \bar{e}^c \bar{u}^c d^c H^j \epsilon_{ij}$                               | $y_{\ell\beta} \frac{y_d y_u}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | $6 \times 10^3$ | mix                                 |
|  | 9               | $L^i L^j L^k e^c L^l e^c \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl}$                         | $\frac{y_\ell^2}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$   | $3 \times 10^3$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 10              | $L^i L^j L^k e^c Q^l d^c \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl}$                         | $\frac{y_\ell y_d}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$   | $6 \times 10^3$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 11 <sub>a</sub> | $L^i L^j Q^k d^c Q^l d^c \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{kl}$                         | $\frac{y_d^2 g^2}{(16\pi^2)^3} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | 30              | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 11 <sub>b</sub> | $L^i L^j Q^k d^c Q^l d^c \epsilon_{ik} \epsilon_{jl}$                         | $\frac{y_d^2}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | $2 \times 10^4$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 12 <sub>a</sub> | $L^i L^j \bar{Q}_i \bar{u}^c \bar{Q}_j \bar{u}^c$                             | $\frac{y_u^2}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | $2 \times 10^7$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
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|  | 13              | $L^i L^j \bar{Q}_i \bar{u}^c L^l e^c \epsilon_{jl}$                           | $\frac{y_\ell y_u}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$   | $2 \times 10^5$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
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|  | 15              | $L^i L^j L^k d^c \bar{L}_i \bar{u}^c \epsilon_{jk}$                           | $\frac{y_d y_u g^2}{(16\pi^2)^3} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | $1 \times 10^3$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 16              | $L^i L^j e^c d^c \bar{e}^c \bar{u}^c \epsilon_{ij}$                           | $\frac{y_d y_u g^4}{(16\pi^2)^4} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | 2               | $\beta\beta 0\nu$ , LHC             |
|  | 17              | $L^i L^j d^c d^c \bar{d}^c \bar{u}^c \epsilon_{ij}$                           | $\frac{y_d y_u g^4}{(16\pi^2)^4} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | 2               | $\beta\beta 0\nu$ , LHC             |
|  | 18              | $L^i L^j d^c u^c \bar{u}^c \epsilon_{ij}$                                     | $\frac{y_d y_u g^4}{(16\pi^2)^4} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | 2               | $\beta\beta 0\nu$ , LHC             |
|  | 19              | $L^i Q^j d^c d^c \bar{e}^c \bar{u}^c \epsilon_{ij}$                           | $y_{\ell\beta} \frac{y_d^2 y_u}{(16\pi^2)^3} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | 1               | $\beta\beta 0\nu$ , HElnv, LHC, mix |
|  | 20              | $L^i d^c \bar{Q}_i \bar{u}^c \bar{e}^c \bar{u}^c$                             | $y_{\ell\beta} \frac{y_d y_u^2}{(16\pi^2)^3} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda}$  | 40              | $\beta\beta 0\nu$ , mix             |
|  | 21 <sub>a</sub> | $L^i L^j L^k e^c Q^l u^c H^m H^n \epsilon_{ij} \epsilon_{km} \epsilon_{ln}$   | $\frac{y_\ell y_u}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \left( \frac{1}{16\pi^2} + \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$        | $2 \times 10^3$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
|  | 21 <sub>b</sub> | $L^i L^j L^k e^c Q^l u^c H^m H^n \epsilon_{il} \epsilon_{jm} \epsilon_{kn}$   | $\frac{y_\ell y_u}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \left( \frac{1}{16\pi^2} + \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$        | $2 \times 10^3$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |
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|  | 25              | $L^i L^j Q^k d^c Q^l u^c H^m H^n \epsilon_{im} \epsilon_{jn} \epsilon_{kl}$   | $\frac{y_d y_u}{(16\pi^2)^2} \frac{v^2}{\Lambda} \left( \frac{1}{16\pi^2} + \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \right)$           | $4 \times 10^3$ | $\beta\beta 0\nu$                   |

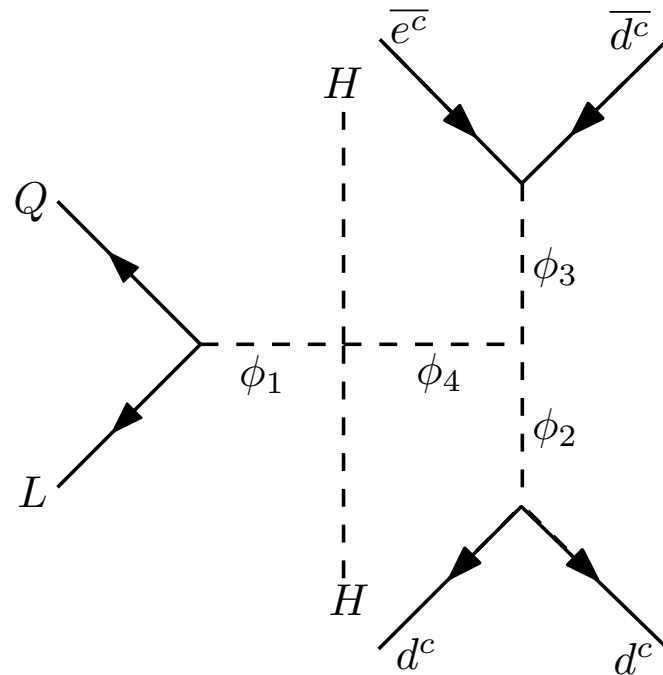
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[arXiv:0708.1344 [hep-ph]]



Order-One Coupled, Weak Scale Physics  
Can Also Explain Naturally Small  
Majorana Neutrino Masses:

Multi-loop neutrino masses from lepton number  
violating new physics.

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\nu\text{SM}} \supset \sum_{i=1}^4 M_i \phi_i \bar{\phi}_i + i y_1 Q L \phi_1 + y_2 d^c d^c \phi_2 + y_3 e^c d^c \phi_3 + \lambda_{14} \bar{\phi}_1 \phi_4 H H + \lambda_{234} M \phi_2 \bar{\phi}_3 \phi_4 + h.c.$$

$$m_\nu \propto (y_1 y_2 y_3 \lambda_{234}) \lambda_{14} / (16\pi)^4 \rightarrow \text{neutrino masses at 4 loops, requires } M_i \sim 100 \text{ GeV!}$$

WARNING: For illustrative purposes only. Scenario almost certainly ruled out by searches for charged-lepton flavor-violation and high-energy collider data.



| New particles                            | $(\text{SU}(3)_C, \text{SU}(2)_L)_{\text{U}(1)_Y}$ | Spin    |
|--|--|---------|
| $\Phi \equiv (\bar{l}^c \bar{l}^c)$      | $(1, 1)_{-2}$                                      | scalar  |
| $\Sigma \equiv (\bar{u}^c \bar{u}^c)$    | $(6, 1)_{4/3}$                                     | scalar  |
| $\Delta \equiv (\bar{d}^c \bar{d}^c)$    | $(6, 1)_{-2/3}$                                    | scalar  |
| $C \equiv (\bar{u}^c d^c)$               | $(1, 1)_1, (8, 1)_1$                               | vector  |
| $\psi \equiv (u^c l^c l^c)$              | $(\bar{3}, 1)_{4/3}$                               | fermion |
| $\zeta \equiv (d^c \bar{l}^c \bar{l}^c)$ | $(\bar{3}, 1)_{-5/3}$                              | fermion |
| $\chi \equiv (l^c u^c u^c)$              | $(\bar{6}, 1)_{-1/3}$                              | fermion |
| $N \equiv (l^c \bar{d}^c u^c)$           | $(1, 1)_0, (8, 1)_0$                               | fermion |

AdG et al, arXiv:1907.02541

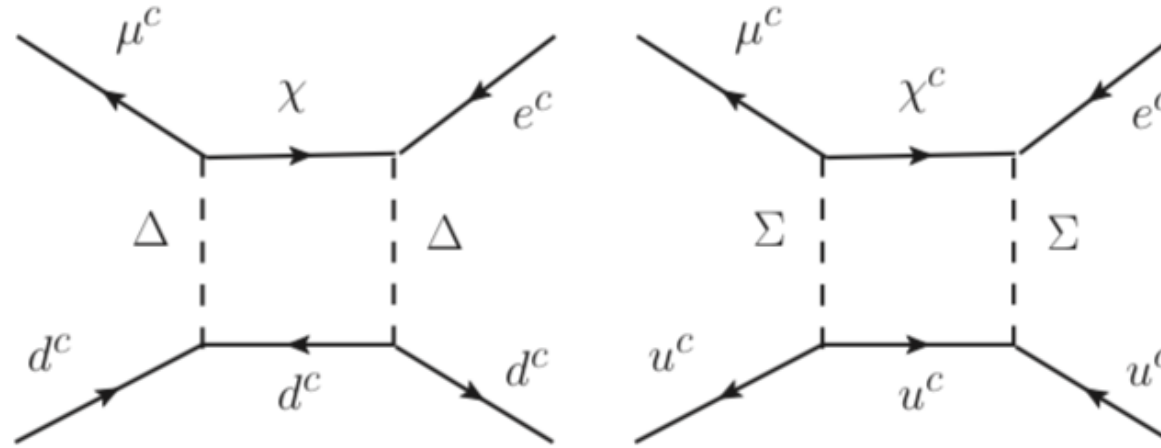


FIG. 8: Feynman diagrams (box-diagrams) contributing to the CLFV process  $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ -conversion, in Model  $\chi\Delta\Sigma$ .

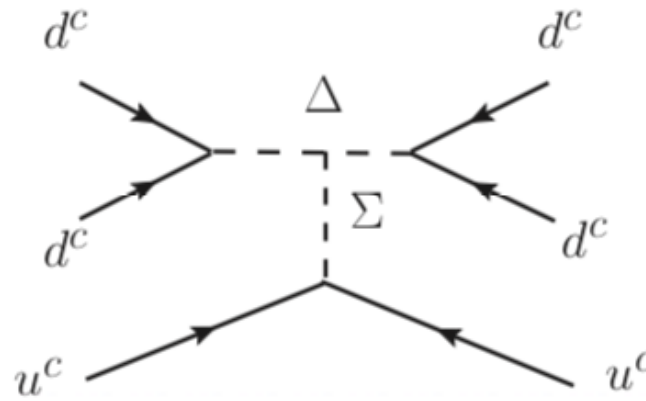


FIG. 9: Tree-level Feynman diagram that mediates  $n - \bar{n}$  oscillations in Model  $\chi\Delta\Sigma$ .

## Dirac Neutrinos – Enhanced Symmetry!(Symmetries?)

If all  $M_i \equiv 0$ , the neutrinos are Dirac fermions.

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu = \mathcal{L}_{\text{old}} - \lambda_{\alpha i} L^\alpha H N^i + H.c.,$$

where  $N_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ , for concreteness) are SM gauge singlet fermions. In this case, the  $\nu$ SM global symmetry structure is enhanced. For example,  $U(1)_{B-L}$  is an exactly conserved, global symmetry. This is new!

Downside: The neutrino Yukawa couplings  $\lambda$  are tiny, less than  $10^{-12}$ .

What is wrong with that? We don't like tiny numbers, but Nature seems to not care very much about what we like...

There are lots of ideas that lead to very small Dirac neutrino masses.

Maybe right-handed neutrinos exist, but neutrino Yukawa couplings are forbidden – hence neutrino masses are tiny.

One possibility is that the  $N$  fields are charged under some new symmetry (gauged or global) that is spontaneously broken.

$$\lambda_{\alpha i} L^\alpha H N^i \rightarrow \frac{\kappa_{\alpha i}}{\Lambda} (L^\alpha H) (N^i \Phi),$$

where  $\Phi$  (spontaneously) breaks the new symmetry at some energy scale  $v_\Phi$ . Hence,  $\lambda = \kappa v_\Phi / \Lambda$ . How do we test this?

E.g., [AdG and D. Hernández, arXiv:1507.00916](#)

Gauged chiral new symmetry for the right-handed neutrinos, no Majorana masses allowed, plus a heavy messenger sector. Predictions: new stable massive states (mass around  $v_\Phi$ ) which look like (i) dark matter, (ii) (Dirac) sterile neutrinos are required. Furthermore, there is a new heavy  $Z'$ -like gauge boson.

$\Rightarrow$  Natural Connections to Dark Matter, Sterile Neutrinos, Dark Photons!

## In Conclusion

The venerable Standard Model sprung a leak in the end of the last century (and we are still trying to patch it): neutrinos are not massless!

1. We still **know very little** about the new physics uncovered by neutrino oscillations.
2. **neutrino masses are very small** – we don't know why, but we think it means something important.
3. **neutrino mixing is “weird”** – we don't know why, but we think it means something important.

4. **We need more experimental input** These will come from a rich, diverse experimental program which relies heavily on the existence of underground facilities capable of hosting large detectors (**double-beta decay, precision neutrino oscillations, supernova neutrinos, proton decay, etc**).
5. **Precision measurements of neutrino oscillations are sensitive to several new phenomena, including new neutrino properties, the existence of new states, or the existence of new interactions.** There is a lot of work to be done when it comes to understanding which new phenomena can be probed in long-baseline oscillation experiments (and how well) and what are the other questions one can ask – related and unrelated to neutrinos – of these unique particle physics experiments.
6. There is plenty of **room for surprises**, as neutrinos are potentially very deep probes of all sorts of physical phenomena. Remember that neutrino oscillations are “quantum interference devices” – potentially very sensitive to whatever else may be out there (e.g.,  $\Lambda \simeq 10^{14}$  GeV).

# Backup Slides . . .

