# **Selected questions in Neutrino Physics**

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How do we know there are three (and only three) families of light active neutrinos How do we know neutrinos have negative helicity

(and are left-handed) ?

How do we know neutrinos have mass?

Why do neutrinos oscillate?

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neutrino masses kinematic measurement cosmological constraints Can neutrino masses be different from those of other fermions? How can we discover neutrinos Majorana mass term? Heavy Neutrinos at colliders (If time permits: is there a eV-scale sterile neutrino?) Why neutrinos are central in pushing the limits of the 'Standard Model'

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015 Takaaki Kajita, Arthur B. McDonald

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2015





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Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald "for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass"

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The discovery that neutrino flavours transform (Neutrino Oscillations) was a long process initiated in 1968 and completed in 1998-2001.

→ <u>Neutrinos have mass !</u>

There is no unique way to incorporate this in the Standard Model It almost certainly implies the existence of

-- new mass-generation mechanism

- -- new phenomena such as right-handed neutrinos
- ➔ possible explanations for the baryon asymmetry of the universe and for dark matter

Neutrino masses? Mixings? Ordering? Majorana mass term? CP violation eV, keV, GeV, TeV, ..., ZeV RH neutrinos?

This opens a deep field of research for many many years.

## Neutrino mass...

The simple fact that neutrinos transform during their flight from source to detector is a proof that they have mass.

Particle that has no mass cannot transform:

 $\tau_{\text{lab}} = \gamma \tau_{\text{particle}} = E/m \tau_{\text{particle}} \qquad \text{if } m \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \tau_{\text{lab}} \rightarrow \infty \ !$ 

Neutrino oscillations are sensitive to mass differences  $\Delta m_{ii}^2$ 

$$P_{\mu}(|\nu_{e}(t)\rangle) = \sin^{2}2\theta \sin^{2}(1.27\Delta m_{12}^{2}L/E)$$

How can one detect the neutrino mass itself?

#### There are presently 4 different methods:

- -- kinematic method (the most «direct» and most difficult)
- -- effect of neutrino mass on the early universe

#### And if neutrinos have a Majorana mass term:

- -- neutrinoless double beta decay
- -- detect directly the heavy right-handed neutrinos (HNL)



## Why several measurements ?

Neutrino oscillation experiments can only measure squared mass differences, not masses.

Neutrino-less Double  $\beta$  decay Measures this:

$$m_{ee} = |\sum m(\nu_j) \mid U_{ej} \mid^2 e^{i\phi_j}$$

which can be obtained with precision limited by nuclear matrix elements, but involves the phases and if successful demonstrates that neutrinos have a Majorana mass term

### Kinematic measurement is model independent

### Importance in:

**Cosmology:** An average neutrino mass of 1 eV would contribute to the energy and matter distribution of the universe by 8 % in units of the critical density

Particle physics: Probe theoretical models of neutrino mass generation, test of extension of the Standard model (See-saw Mechanism)

## Electron antineutrino mass measurement in tritium β decay



## Mainz data of 1998, 1999

#### slide from my lectures in 2006



## Electron antineutrino mass measurement in tritium $\beta$ decay



coalition of two expert groups (Troitsk and Mainz, and many new collaborators) to combine efforts towards new experiment with more powerful source and more precise (larger) spectrometer

### **Physics run in 2019-2025!**

## spectrometer - transport



## What is measured

### e- spectrum in $\beta$ decay

 $(Z,A) \rightarrow (Z+1,A)^+ + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$ 

The only variable measured is electrons kinetic energy

The goal of the measurement is to determine a value for the mass of the electron antineutrino



## Tritium $\beta$ decay is chosen

tritium ß-decay and the neutrino rest mass



Tritium decay provides high luminosity in the shaded area. The reasons for that are:

- Tritium and <sup>187</sup>Re have the lowest possible  $E_0$ , but tritium is preferred
- Much higher tritium decay rate, <sup>187</sup>Re decay rate is 2.46x10<sup>-10</sup> times smaller
- Less inelastic scattering in the source
- Simpler excitation states in daughter Helium

## Mainz Neutrino Mass Experiment since 1997



Mainz v group 2001: J. Bonn B. Bornschein\* L. Bornschein B. Flatt Ch. Kraus B. Müller <u>E.W. Otten</u> J.P.Schall Th. Thümmler\*\* Ch. Weinheimer\*\*

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- T<sub>2</sub> Film at 1.86 K
- quench-condensed on graphite (HOPG)
- 45 nm thick (~130ML), area 2cm<sup>2</sup>
- Thickness determination by ellipsometry

#### The KATRIN experiment **WWU** MUNSTER at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology



### **Basic ideas of KATRIN:**

- Windowless gaseous molecular tritium source
  - $\rightarrow$  ultra-high luminosity and small systematics
- Huge spectrometer of MAC-E-Filter type
  - $\rightarrow$  ultra-high energy resolution

Sensitivity on m(v<sub>e</sub>): 2 eV  $\rightarrow$  200 meV

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**Christian Weinheimer** 

European Neutrino Town Meeting, Oct.22+23, 2019, CERN

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### The KATRIN Main Spectrometer: an integrating high resolution MAC-E-Filter

Θ<sub>mox</sub> (degree) 020304050

0.5

E-U (eV)

0.4

0.3

0.25

0.2

0.15

0.1

0.05

-0.5

transmission

Integral

transmission

function:

= 0.93 eV

 $\Delta \mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B}_{\min} / \mathbf{B}_{r}$ 

18.6 kV retardation voltage,  $\sigma < 60 \text{ meV/years}$ Energy resolution (0%  $\rightarrow$  100% transmission): 0.93 eV Ultra-high vacuum, pressure < 10<sup>-11</sup> mbar Air coils for earth magnetic field compensation Double layer wire electrode for background reduction and field shaping





### : Electromagnetic design of the KATRIN main spectrometer with twolayer wire electrodes

Take electrons of any momentum orientation in high B-field (B = 3.5 T) and make the adiabatic transformation to longitudinal momentum in very small B-field (B<sub>min</sub> = 3.36 G) (1T = 10'000 G) Conservation of angular momentum  $L = P_T R$  with  $R = P_T / 0.3B \rightarrow L = P_T^2 / 0.3B = Cte N = 1/sqrt(B)$ 

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### Magnetic Adiabatic Collimation & Electrostatic filter

• Align electrons along electrostatic field

• Select all signal electrons with 
$$E > qU_A \left(1 + \frac{B_A}{B_{max}}\right)$$



### Gain of additional differential method avoiding loss of statistics by many filter settings







## Latest $\nu$ –mass results



## First campaign (spring 2019):

- ✓ total statistics: 2 million events
- ✓ best fit:  $m_{\nu}^2 = (-1.0^{+0.9}_{-1.1}) \, \text{eV}^2$  (stat. dom.)

  ✓ limit:  $m_{\nu} < 1.1 \, \text{eV}$  (90% CL)

### Second campaign (autumn 2019):

✓ total statistics: 4.3 million events
 ✓ best fit:  $m_{\nu}^2 = (0.26^{+0.34}_{-0.34}) \text{ eV}^2$  (stat. dom.)
 ✓ limit:  $m_{\nu} < 0.9 \text{ eV}$  (90% CL)

#### Combined result: $m_{ m v} < 0.8$ eV (90% CL)

Thierry Lasserre - Neutrino 2022

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## Improvements achieved by 2022



#### Major improvements:

- ✓ background reduction (÷2) via new EM field layout A. Lokhov et al, EPJC 82, 258 (2022)
- 10 GBq <sup>83</sup>Rb/<sup>83m</sup>Kr calibration (ν –mass scan conditions)
   J. Sentkerestiová et al, JINST 13 (2018)





## Outlook – 2022/2023



## **Neutrinos and Cosmology**

NB I am not a specialist, questions to Neronov!

### Direct exploration of the Big Bang -- Cosmology

measurements of the large scale structure of the universe using a variety of techniques

-- Cosmic Microwave Background
-- observations of red shifts of distant galaxies with a variety of candles.
Big news in 2002 : Dark Energy or cosmological constant

 $\rightarrow$ large scale structure in space, time and velocity is determined by early universe fluctuations, thus by mechanisms of energy release (neutrinos or other hot dark matter)

The early universe is sensitive to neutrinos which are carriers of fast, weakly interacting, kinetic energy.

Number of neutrino (or neutrino-like) degrees of freedom controls the size of the effects Mass of neutrinos

controls the velocity of neutrinos and the energy at which they stop being relevant

## What neutrino effects are we testing?

JL & Pastor Pys. Rep. 2016; JL, Mangano, Miele, Pastor "Neutrino Cosmology" CUP; Drewes et al. 1602.04816; PDG review: JL & Verde "Neutrinos in Cosmology"; Gerbino & Lattanzi 2017



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 $m_v = 1 \text{ eV}$ 

### Cosmological observables



10<sup>2</sup> Multipole I









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500 1000 Multipole #

# CMB temp./polar. spectrum



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Impact of the sum of neutrino masses

(energy density of neutrinos + possible other light/massless relics)

(energy density of one neutrino family in instantaneous decoupling limit)

 $N_{\rm eff} \simeq 3$  in absence of extra relics (light sterile  $\nu$ s, axions, dark radiation)



NB theoretical number is  $N_{eff}$ =3.044

NO EVIDENCE FOR ADDITIONAL light sterile neutrino (up to ~keV)

 $N_{\rm eff}$ 

### Bounds on $\Sigma m_{ u}$

95%CL upper bounds on  $\Sigma_i m_i$  for 7 parameters



Generally these results depend on assumptions that are not as precisely verified as the Standard Model of particle physics! Nevertheless they have improved considerably in the last 10 years.

### Neutrinos have mass and mix

### This is NOT the Standard Model

why can't we 'just' add masses to neutrinos?

#### **Fermion number conservation**

Is \*not\* in itself a law or a symmetry of the Standard Model

For charged fermions (e/mu/tau and the quarks) it is not possible to transform a fermion into an antifermion because of charge conservation

For neutrinos, which are neutral, the SM assumes they are massless. neutrino is left-handed (identical if massless to negative helicity) and the antineutrino has positive helicity neutrino <-> antineutrino transition is forbidden by **angular momentum conservation** 

### This results in practice in apparent conservation of fermion number

The existence of massive neutrinos allows for spin flip and thus in principle a neutrino-antineutrino transition « Majorana mass term » since a left handed field has a component of the opposite helicity (and vice versa)  $v_L \approx v_2 + v_+ m/E$  (mass is what allows to flip the helicity) for very small mass and light neutrinos this is very, very small: for m=50meV and P =30 MeV  $\rightarrow$  (m/E)<sup>2</sup> = 10<sup>-18</sup>

This can be observed in neutrino less double beta decay

fermion number violation is the first Sakharov condition for the **Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe** Baryogenesis or Leptogenesis + sphalerons Also requires -2- CP violation and -3- out-of-equilibrium universe (Big Bang)



The mass spectrum of the elementary particles. Neutrinos are 10<sup>12</sup> times lighter than other elementary fermions. The hierarchy of this spectrum remains a puzzle of particle physics.

Most attractive wisdom: via the see-saw mwchanism, the neutrinos are very light because they are low-lying states in a split doublet with heavy neutrinos of unknown mass scale Traditional wisdom uses Dirac mass of the top quark

$$m M = \langle v \rangle^2$$
 with  $\langle v \rangle \sim = m_{top} = 174 \text{ GeV}$   $\Rightarrow$  for  $m_{v} = O(10^{-2}) \text{ eV} \Rightarrow M \sim 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$ 

However it could just also be similar to the electron mass or even a few keV in which case the Majorana mass could be at or below the Electroweak scale.



One often considers that  $M_R$  ~  $M_{GUT}$  ~  $10^{10}$  to  $10^{15}\,GeV$
#### **Pion decay with massive neutrinos**



<u>in case of pure Dirac:</u> transition to sterile right handed neutrinos <u>in case of pure Majorana:</u> transition to anti-neutrino <u>in case of see-saw:</u> if possible, transition to heavy RH neutrino

$$(.05/30\ 10^6)^2 = 10^{-18}$$

pure Dirac or Majorana are not observable this way, heavy RH(sterile) possible

## The Idea That Can Work —

## Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay [0νββ]

virtual process allows spin flip if neutrinos have Majorana mass term



By avoiding competition, this process can cope with the small neutrino masses.



## Two neutrino ββ decay has been detected in ten nuclei also into exited states

## Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay (0vßß)

- Hypothetical  $\beta\beta$  decay mode allowed if neutrinos are Majoran particles, have Majorana mass term ≜e⁻ m Nuclear Process  $(A, Z) \equiv$  $\geq (A,Z+2)$ Nuclear matrix element Phase space factor the nuclear matrix element introduces large uncertainties  $G^{0\nu}|M^{0\nu}|^2|\langle m_{\beta\beta}\rangle|^2$ -- Global program of calculations -- and auxiliary measurements  $\sum U_{ei}^2 m_i$ Effective Majorana neutrino mass:  $m_{\beta\beta} \equiv$ Decay half-life -- importance of search on as many
- $M^{0\nu}$  is not known, must be estimated theoretically, estimates vary by factor of ~2 depending on method
- For m<sub>ββ</sub> = 50 meV estimated half lives 10<sup>25</sup> 10<sup>27</sup> years ! depending on the nuclear system

possible isotopes as possible







#### **Experimental approach**

Geochemical experiments <sup>82</sup>Se => <sup>82</sup>Kr, <sup>96</sup>Zr => <sup>96</sup>Mo (?), <sup>128</sup>Te => <sup>128</sup>Xe (non confirmed), <sup>130</sup>Te => <sup>130</sup>Te Radiochemical experiments <sup>238</sup>U => <sup>238</sup>Pu (non confirmed)

#### **Direct experiments**

Source = detector (calorimetric)

Source ≠ detector









### NEMO

• 2 tracks with charge < 0

• 2 PMT, each > 200 keV

• PMT-Track association

• Common vertex

#### Criteria to select $\beta\beta$ events:

- Internal hypothesis (external event rejection)
- No other isolated PMT ( $\gamma$  rejection)
- No delayed track (<sup>214</sup>Bi rejection)

## **«typical»** $2\nu\beta\beta$ evenement

0 <i>ν ββ</i> decay isotopes and experiments			CANDLE CaF scintillating crystal	SuperNEMO Se source foil GERDA, MAJ Ge crystal	ORANA
Candidates	$Q_{\beta\beta}(MeV)$	N.A. (%)	CUPID-0		
<sup>48</sup> Ca→ <sup>48</sup> Ti	4.268	0.187	ZnSe scintillating		
<sup>76</sup> Ge→ <sup>76</sup> Se	2.039	7.8	crystal		
<sup>82</sup> Se→ <sup>82</sup> Kr	2.998	8.8	m=31g m=505g m=281g		
<sup>96</sup> Zr→ <sup>96</sup> Mo	3.356	2.8	-11.052 H-500 ang		
<sup>100</sup> Mo→ <sup>100</sup> Ru	3.034	9.7	CG-01 MG AND		
$^{110}Pd \rightarrow ^{110}Cd$	2.017	11.7	Aurora		EFF
<sup>116</sup> Cd→ <sup>116</sup> Sn	2.813	7.5		TeO <sub>2</sub> crystal	×
<sup>124</sup> Sn → <sup>124</sup> Te	2.293	5.8			Amore
<sup>130</sup> Te→ <sup>130</sup> Xe	2.528	34.1			CaMoO <sub>4</sub> crystal
<sup>136</sup> Xe→ <sup>136</sup> Ba	2.458	8.9	0 1 2 2 1 5 1 2 3 1 10 " " "		
$^{150}Nd{\rightarrow}^{150}Sm$	3.371	5.6	EXO, KamLAND	-Zen	

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### Q-value 2457.9±0.4keV

## KamLAND-Zen

the old Kamioka Nucleon Decay Experiment KamiokaNDE

- → KamLAND (nuclear reactor neutrinos)
- $\rightarrow$  Zen (like Xenon)



→ Mini-balloon Ø=3.08 m installed into center of KamLAND LS, 25µm thick nylon film

<sup>238</sup> U	2×10 <sup>-12</sup> g/g
<sup>232</sup> Th	5×10 <sup>-12</sup> g/g
<sup>40</sup> K	6×10 <sup>-12</sup> g/g
Xe leakage	<0.26kg/yr

 Filled with 13 tons of Xe-loaded LS (300kg of <sup>136</sup>Xe) :

Component	Chemical formula	Fraction	
Decane	$\mathrm{C_{10}H_{26}}$	82% (by volume)	
Pseudocumene	$C_9H_{12}$	18%(by volume)	
PPO	$\mathrm{C}_{15}\mathrm{H}_{11}\mathrm{NO}$	2.7  g/l	
Dissolved Xe	90.93 $\pm 0.05\%$ $^{136}{\rm Xe}$	2.5% by weight	
Dissorved Ac	$8.89{\pm}0.01\%$ $^{134}{\rm Xe}$	2.070 by weight	

 KL-Zen is only ~1% of KamLAND volume, reactor, geoneutrino, supernova watch etc continue in remaining KamLAND LS

#### KamLAND(-Zen) detector

- 1 kton Scintillation Detector
  - 6.5m radius balloon filled with:
    - 20% Pseudocumene (scintillator)
    - 80% Dodecane (oil)
    - PPO
- 34% PMT coverage
  - ~1300 17" fast PMTs
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#### KamLAND-Zen advantages & disadvantages

- +Well-understood detector
- +Highly pure, self-shielding environment
- +Large ββ source mass, scalable
- -Relatively poor energy resolution
- -No particle identification

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \epsilon \frac{a}{A} \sqrt{\frac{Mt}{b\Delta E}}$$









#### KLZ-400 Phase 2 Data





#### Effective Neutrino Mass



KamLAND-Zen Coll, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 082503 (2016); arXiv:1605.02889



KamLAND-Zen 1 ton-class <sup>136</sup>Xe 0νββ experiment reaching IH region

KamLAND-Zen 400 and KamLAND-Zen 800 combined resultsLimit:  $T^{0v}_{1/2} > 2.3 \times 10^{26}$  year (90%C.L.),  $m_{\beta\beta} < 36-156$  meV $(g_A=1.27, NME = 1.11-4.77$  are assumed)Currently, the most strict  $0v\beta\beta$  limit





#### **GERDA** motivations

The GERmanium Detector Array experiment is an ultra-low background experiment designed to search for  $^{76}{\rm Ge}~0\nu\beta\beta$  decay.

 $\begin{array}{c} 2\nu\beta\beta\\ (Z,A) \to (Z+2,A)+2e^-+2\overline{\nu}_e\\ \Delta L = 0 \Longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{Predicted by s.m.}\\ \text{Observed.} \end{array}$ 

$$0\nu\beta\beta (Z,A) \rightarrow (Z+2,A) + 2e^{-2} \Delta L = 2 \Longrightarrow Physics beyond s.m. Observed?$$

A=76  $33^{As}$   $\beta$   $32^{Ge}$   $\beta\beta$   $34^{Se}$   $34^{Se}$   $Q_{\beta\beta} = 2039 \text{ keV}$ 



Schechter-Valle:  $0\nu\beta\beta \Longrightarrow$  Majorana  $\nu$ 

Part of Heidelberg-Moscow Collaboration claimed evidence for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  observation of <sup>76</sup>Ge

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{T}_{1/2}^{0\nu} &= 1.19(0.69-4.18) \\ &\times 10^{25} \text{ yr } (3\sigma \text{ range}) \\ \text{Phys. Lett. B 586, 198 (2004)} \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} T^{0\nu}_{1/2} &= 2.23^{+0.44}_{-0.31} \times 10^{25} \text{ yr} \\ \text{Mod.Phys.Lett.A21:1547-} \\ & 1566,2006) \end{split}$$

GERDA first goal: check the HdM claim

### GERDA @ LNGS



The GERDA experiment is hosted in the Hall A of the Gran Sasso Laboratory (INFN)

1400 m of rock 3800 m.w.e. Suppression of  $\mu$ -flux> 10<sup>6</sup>



#### The GERDA setup



Water tank

 $\emptyset = 10 \text{ m}$  h = 8.9 m  $V \text{ water} = 590 \text{ m}^3$ The water tank acts as an active Cherenkov veto

#### Cryostat

 $\emptyset = 4 \text{ m}$ H= 5.88 m Filled by LAr

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{LAr} \\ \text{Volume} \sim 64 \ \text{m}^3 \\ \text{T}{=} 88.8 \ \text{K} \end{array}$ 

Naked detectors in LAr! LAr  $\rightarrow$  Passive shielding, Cooling, Active veto detecting scintillation light (Phase II) Detectors are organized in strings - Low mass holders The current lock system supports 2 arms = 3+1 strings of detectors.

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#### <sup>76</sup> Ge $2\nu\beta\beta$ half-life



Binned maximum likelihood

Fit range: 600-1800 keV Exposure: 5.04 kg·yr

Best fit:  $2\nu\beta\beta$  80%  $^{42}$ K 14%  $^{214}$ Bi 4%  $^{40}$ K 2%

Integrating over all the nuisance parameters:  $T_{1/2}^{2\nu} = (1.84^{+0.09}_{-0.08} \ ^{+0.11}_{-0.06} \ ^{\text{syst}}_{\text{syst}}) \times 10^{21} \text{ yr}$ 

The GERDA Collaboration J.Phys.G 40 (2013) 035110

#### Start of GERDA Phase II





#### **Coax**ial layout of detectors

# Full Integration of Phase II Array finished in December 2015

 all Ge and LAr detector channels working



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#### LEGEND

1 ton-class <sup>76</sup>Ge 0νββ experiment

#### <sup>76</sup>Ge (91% enr.) LEGEND-200 10<sup>30</sup> Builds on the past successes of the **MAJORANA DEMONSTRATOR** and GERDA 10<sup>29</sup> Low-risk approach to meeting LEGEND 1000 background and sensitivity goals US [years] 10<sup>28</sup> **LEGEND-200: start data taking in 2022** Inverted Mass Ordering 0<sup>27</sup> LEGEND 200 30 **LEGEND-1000** is a next-generation IO m<sup>min</sup><sub>86</sub> range 1/2 \_\_\_\_\_MJD/GERD 10<sup>26</sup> Background free **Experiment aiming for unambiguous** 0.025 counts/FWHM-t-y discovery of 0vββ with 10<sup>28</sup> years of 0.1 counts/FWHM-t-v sensitivity targeting 10 years of exposure 10<sup>25</sup> 1.0 count/FWHM-t-y in Conceptual Design phase ..... 10 counts/FWHM-t-y 20x reduction to LEGEND-200 10<sup>2</sup> background goal 10<sup>-3</sup> 10<sup>-2</sup> 10<sup>-1</sup> $10^{2}$ $10^{3}$ 10 **Next-generation R&D efforts including** Exposure [ton-years] **Germanium Machine learning in progress**

#### **EXO-200 Time Projection Chamber (TPC) Basics**



**TPC Schematics** 

Simulation of Charge Drift

- Two TPC modules with common cathode in the middle.
- APD array observes prompt scintillation for drift time measurement.
  - From which the Z-position can be calculated
- V-position given by induction signal on shielding grid.
- U-position and energy given by charge collection grid.

#### The EXO-200 liquid <sup>136</sup>Xe Time Projection Chamber



Neutrino 2018, Jun 2018

EXO-200 and nEXO - Gratta



#### A brief history of EXO-200 results

	Sensitivity (yr)	90% CL Limit (yr)	<m<sub>ββ&gt; (meV)</m<sub>
PRL 109, 032505 (2012)	0.7x10 <sup>25</sup>	1.6x10 <sup>25</sup>	
Nature 510, 229 (2014)	1.9x10 <sup>25</sup>	1.1x10 <sup>25</sup>	
PRL 120 072701 (2018)	3.8x10 <sup>25</sup>	1.8x10 <sup>25</sup>	147-398



The sensitivity is the correct way to estimate the capability of an experiment, because it contains all the information that can be / is used. If one wants to use the incomplete picture of a single parameter, then the "background index" is ~ (0.11±0.01) / (kg·yr·FWHM)

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## Current Limits and Future Goals

- Present best limits:
  - $^{136}$ Xe (KamLAND-Zen):  $T_{1/2} > 10^{26}$  yrs
  - $^{76}$ Ge (GERDA):  $T_{1/2} > 10^{26}$  yrs
  - <sup>130</sup>Te (CUORE):  $T_{1/2} > 3 \times 10^{25}$  yrs
- Future goal: ~2 OoM improvement in  $T_{1/2}$ 
  - Covers IO
  - Up to 50% of NO
  - Factor of ~few in  $\Lambda$
  - An aggressive experimental goal

$$\frac{1}{T_{1/2}} = G_{01} \, g_A^4 \left( M^{0\nu} + \frac{g_\nu^{\rm NN} \, m_\pi^2}{g_A^2} M_{\rm cont}^{0\nu} \right)^2 \frac{m_{\beta\beta}^2}{m_e^2}$$



J. Detwiler

### Summary & Outlook

- Major progress for preparation of ton-scale experiments over last two years
- Experiment design for **discovery** (not limit setting)
- Will fully explore IO and large part of NO
- Several DBD isotopes and techniques required, given NME uncertainties
- Formidable experimental challenges to acquire ton yr exposure quasi background free – or compensate with huge mass (Te)
- North-American European convergence on portfolio of experiments contingent on funding: current front-runners are LEGEND-1000, nEXO and CUPID; breakthrough R&D on Ba-tagging
- Asia: KL2Z, Amore, PandaX, JUNO
- Availability of DBD isotopes from Western supplier
- How to go to bottom of NO? Assess performance of ton-scale experiments first.
  All have the potential to increase exposure and reduce further backgrounds




### **Heavy Neutral Leptons and Fermion number violation**



#### **Fermion number conservation**

Is \*not\* in itself a law or a symmetry of the Standard Model

For charged fermions (e/mu/tau and the quarks) it is not possible to transform because of charge conservation

For neutrinos, which are neutral, the SM assumes they are massless. neutrino is left-handed (identical if massless to negative helicity) and the antineutrino has positive helicity neutrino <-> antineutrino transition is forbidden by **angular momentum conservation** 

#### This results in practice in apparent conservation of fermion number

The existence of massive neutrinos allows for spin flip and thus in principle a neutrino-antineutrino transition. since a left handed field has a component of the opposite helicity (and vice versa)  $v_L \approx v_+ + v_+ m/E$  (mass is what allows to flip the helicity)

for very small mass and light neutrinos this is very, very small: for m=50meV and P =30 MeV  $\rightarrow$  (m/E)<sup>2</sup> = 10<sup>-18</sup>

This can be observed in neutrino less double beta decay or by searching directly for the right-handed neutrinos!

fermion number violation is the first Sakharov condition for the **Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe** Baryogenesis or Leptogenesis + sphalerons Also requires -- CP violation and -- out of equilibrium universe (Big Bang OK

### **Motivation and Communication**

A matter of name:

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Sterile neutrinos ``v_4" (and *NO* it is *not* a fourth family of neutrino!)
Heavy Neutral Leptons
Right-Handed Neutrinos
Heavy Majorana neutrinos
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### are all the same!

Generically we are talking of the new degree of freedom that arises for each family of light neutrinos that is massive. Massive neutrino  $\rightarrow$  two helicity states, which can be projected on Electroweak Left-handed ( $v_L = v_+ + m/E v_+$ ) and Right-Handed ( $v_R = v_+ + m/E v_-$ ) states.

At least two are needed to account for observed three family neutrino oscillations, three more 'natural'

Most models of neutrino mass generation, and certainly the simplest and most natural ones, involve right-handed neutrinos

Of course it is possible to generate heavy neutral leptons in different, ad-hoc ways.

## Recent heavy neutrino analyses at the LHC

- Probing heavy Majorana neutrinos & Weinberg operator via  $pp \rightarrow \mu^{\pm}\mu^{\pm}jj$ 
  - EXO-21-003
- Search for type-III seesaw heavy leptons
  - arXiv:2202.02039 **XATLAS**, arXiv:2202.08676
- Heavy Composite Majorana Neutrino
  - EXO-20-011
- Left-Right Symmetry model
  - JHEP 04 (2022) 047, EXO-20-006
- Long-lived heavy neutral leptons with displaced vertices
  - arXiv:2204.11988 **XATLAS** , arXiv:2201.05578

### **Heavy Neutral Leptons -- recent litterature**

#### The Present and Future Status of Heavy Neutral Leptons

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The existence of non-zero neutrino masses points to the likely existence of multiple SM neutral fermions. When such states are heavy enough that they cannot be produced in oscillations, they are referred to as Heavy Neutral Leptons (HNLs). In this white paper we discuss the present experimental status of HNLs including colliders, beta decay, accelerators, as well as astrophysical and cosmological impacts. We discuss the importance of continuing to search for HNLs, and its potential impact on our understanding on key fundamental questions, and additionally we outline the future prospects for next-generation future experiments or upcoming accelerator run scenarios.

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#### **High Energy Physics - Experiment**

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#### Searches for Long-Lived Particles at the Future FCC-ee

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The electron-positron stage of the Future Circular Collider, FCC-ee, is a frontier factory for Higgs, top, electroweak, and flavour physics. It is designed to operate in a 100 km circular tunnel built at CERN, and will serve as the first step towards  $\geq$  100 TeV proton-proton collisions. In addition to an essential and unique Higgs program, it offers powerful opportunities to discover direct or indirect evidence of physics beyond the Standard Model. Direct searches for long-lived particles at FCC-ee could be particularly fertile in the high-luminosity Z run, where  $5 \times 10^{12} Z$  bosons are anticipated to be produced for the configuration with two interaction points. The high statistics of Higgs bosons, W bosons and top quarks in very clean experimental conditions could offer additional opportunities at other collision energies. Three physics cases producing long-lived signatures at FCC-ee are highlighted and studied in this paper: heavy neutral leptons (HNLs), axion-like particles (ALPs), and exotic decays of the Higgs boson. These searches motivate out-of-the-box optimization of experimental conditions and analysis techniques, that could lead to improvements in other physics searches.

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Along with 'Antimatter,' and 'Dark Matter, we've recently discovered the existence of "Doesn't Matter," which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever." Alain Blondel Neutrino Physics II -> naturally a Majorana particle

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and antiparticle of  $v_{R}$  which is a singlet (no 'charge')

#### Neutrino masses occur via processes which are intimately related to the Higgs boson → what are the couplings of the H(125) to neutrinos?

Adding neutrino masses to the Standard model 'simply' by adding a Dirac mass  $\rightarrow$  right-handed neutrino

 $m_{D}\overline{v_{L}}v_{R}$  —

m<sub>D</sub> is the Higgs **Yukawa coupling** (like everybody else). Then the right handed neutrinos are perfectly sterile, (**except** that they couple to both the Higgs boson and gravitation). Things become more interesting: **a Majorana mass term** arises. So-called **Weinberg Operator** (only Dim5

operator in EFT) and involves the Higgs boson and the neutrino Yukawa coupling

Origin of neutrino mass:



Majorana mass term is extremely interesting as this is the particle-to-antiparticle transition that we want in order to explain the Baryon asymmetry of the Universe (+ CP violation in e.g. neutrinos)

 $m_{D}$ 



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## Seesaw Model

The minimal neutrino Standard Model is type I see-saw (just complete with RH v's)

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Opening the black box of Weinberg Operator requires a "seesaw"



Heavier BSM particles lead to lighter SM neutrinos

SHI NEU

M,- V2/M,

#### Mass eigenstates

 $M_R \neq 0$ See-saw type I :  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\nu}_L, \, \bar{N}_R^c) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D \\ m_D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_L^c \\ N_R \end{pmatrix}$  $m_{D} \neq 0$ Dirac + Majorana mass terms  $\tan 2\theta = \frac{2\,m_D}{M_P - 0}$  $\ll 1$  $m_{\nu} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (0 + M_R) - \sqrt{(0 - M_R)^2 + 4 m_D^2} \right] \simeq -m_D^2 / M_R$  $M = \frac{1}{2} \left[ (0 + M_R) + \sqrt{(0 - M_R)^2 + 4 m_D^2} \right] \simeq M_R$ general formula if  $m_D \ll M_R$  $M_R > m_D \neq 0$ see-saw  $M_R = 0$  $M_R \neq 0$  $m_D \neq 0$  $m_D = 0$ <u>Dirac + Majorana</u> ▲ Majorana only **Dirac only, (like e- vs e+):** m m m  $\bar{\nu}_{L}$  $\nu_L$  $\nu_{R}$ dominantly: Ν  $\overline{\mathbf{v}}$ Ν V I<sub>weak</sub>= 1/2 I<sub>weak</sub>= 1/2  $1/_{2}$  $I_{\text{weak}} = \frac{1}{2}$ 0 0 4 states of equal masses 2 states of equal masses 4 states, 2 mass levels Some have I=1/2 (active) All have I=1/2 (active)

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Some have I=0 (sterile)

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 $m_1$  have ~I=1/2 (~active)

m<sub>2</sub> have ~I=0 (~sterile)

## Manifestations of right handed neutrinos

one family see-saw :	$v = v_L \cos\theta - N^c_R \sin\theta$	$oldsymbol{v}$ = light mass eigenstate N = heavy mass eigenstate
$\theta \approx (m_D/N)$ $m_v \approx \frac{m_D^2}{M}$	$N = N_R \cos\theta + v_L^{c} \sin\theta$	$ eq oldsymbol{v}_L$ , active neutrino which couples to weak inter.
$m_{\rm N} \approx {\rm M}$ $ {\rm U} ^2 \propto \theta^2 \approx \boldsymbol{m}_v / m_{\rm N}$	what is produced in W, Z decays is: $n = n \cos \theta + N \sin \theta$	and $\neq N_R$ , which does'nt.
	$v_L - v \cos \theta + N$ sind	

- -- mixing with active neutrinos leads to various observable consequences
- -- if very light (eV) , possible effect on neutrino oscillations ('eV sterile neutrino' (LSND/miniBooNE/reactor anomalies etc... but ruled out since PLANCK mission

MINOS/ICECUBE/DAYABAY/microBooNE. Search still ongoing in broader region)

- -- if in keV region (dark matter), monochromatic photons from galaxies with  $E=m_N/2$ , KATRIN
- -- possibly measurable effects at High Energy

If N is heavy it will decay in the detector (not invisible)

→ PMNS matrix unitarity violation and deficit in Z «invisible» width

- $\rightarrow$  Higgs, Z, W visible exotic decays H $\rightarrow$  v<sub>i</sub>  $\overline{N}_i$  and Z $\rightarrow$  v<sub>i</sub>  $\overline{N}_i$ , W-> I<sub>i</sub>  $\overline{N}_i$
- → also in K, charm and b decays via W<sup>\*</sup>->  $I_i \pm N$ , N →  $I_j \pm$ with any of six sign and lepton flavour combination

→ violation of unitarity and lepton universality in Z, W or  $\tau$  decays -- etc... etc...

-- Couplings are very small ( $|U|^2 = m_v / m_N$ ) for one family. For three families they can be somewhat larger but most interesting region is near the one-family see-saw limit.

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## **Direct Search Processes (I)**



Alain Blond Searches for long lived decays in neutrino beams PS191, NuTeV, CHARM; SHIP and DUNE proposals

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#### **Processes (II)**

Search for heavy right-handed neutrinos in collider experiments.



Hadron colliders

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HE Lepton Collider (LEP2, CEPC, CLIC, FCC-ee, ILC, μμ) Z factory (FCC-ee, Tera-Z) arXiv:1411.5230 е  $\sim z$ Sw. w. ving (b) (a) Alain Blo





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This picture from ESPP(2019) is relevant to Neutrino, Rare processes and High Energy Frontiers. FCC-ee (Z) is the most sensitive in the high mass (up to  $m_w$ )



-- the purple line shows the 95% CL limit if no HNL is observed. (here for  $10^{12}$  Z), -- the horizontal line represents the sensitivity to **mixing of neutrinos** to the dark sector, using EWPOs (G<sub>F</sub> vs sin<sup>2</sup> $\theta_W^{eff}$  and m<sub>z</sub>, m<sub>W</sub>, tau decays) which extends sensitivity from  $10^{-3}$  (now) to  $10^{-5}$  (FCC) mixing all the way to very high HNL masses (500-1000 TeV at least). arxiv:2011.04725

## The Future Circular Collider integrated program at CERN

Comprehensive cost-effective program inspired by successful LEP – LHC success story

- Stage 1: FCC-ee (Z, W, H, tt) as first generation Higgs EW and top factory at highest luminosities.
- Stage 2: FCC-hh (~100 TeV) as natural continuation at energy frontier, with ion and eh options.
- Maximizes physics output with strong complementarity
- Integrating an ambitious high-field magnet R&D program
- Common civil engineering and technical infrastructures, building on and reusing CERN's existing infrastructure.
- Start construction early 2030's, start data taking shortly after HL-LHC completion
- FCC-INT project plan is fully integrated with HL-LHC exploitation 
   seamless continuation of HEP
- Feasibility study approved and funded at CERN (100MCHF/5yrs) + magnet R&D (120 MCHF/6yrs)

\*\*\* GLOBAL COLLABORATION \*\*\*





# **Great energy range for the heavy particles of the Standard Model**

**E<sub>CM</sub> errors**:



### Event statistics (2IP) for a 15 years data taking plan

Z peak	E <sub>cm</sub> : 91 GeV 4yrs	5 10 <sup>12</sup> e+e- → Z	LEP x 10 <sup>5</sup>	<100 keV
WW threshold	$E_{cm} \ge 161 \text{ GeV}$ 2yrs	>10 <sup>8</sup> e+e- → WW	LEP x 2.10 <sup>3</sup>	<300 keV
ZH maximum	E <sub>cm</sub> : 240 GeV 3yrs	>10 <sup>6</sup> e+e- → ZH	Never done	1 MeV
s-channel H	$E_{cm}: m_H$ (3yrs?)	O(5000) e+e- → H	Never done	<< 1 MeV
tt	$E_{cm} : \ge 350 \text{ GeV} \text{ 5yrs}$	10 <sup>6</sup> e+e- → tt	Never done	2 Me

## HNL RH neutrino production in Z decays

Production:  $BR \left( \mathbf{Z}^{0} \to \nu_{m} \overline{\nu} \right) = BR \left( \mathbf{Z}^{0} \to \nu \overline{\nu} \right) |U|^{2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_{\nu_{m}}^{2}}{m_{\mathbf{Z}^{0}}^{2}} \right)^{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{\nu_{m}}^{2}}{m_{\mathbf{Z}^{0}}^{2}} \right)$ 

multiply by 2 for antineutrino and add contributions of 3 neutrino species ( $\Rightarrow \Sigma_{\lambda=e,\mu,\tau} | \mathbf{U}_{\lambda} |^2$ )



Backgrounds : four fermion:  $e+e- \rightarrow W^{*+}W^{*-} e+e- \rightarrow Z^{*}(vv) + (Z/\gamma)^{*}$ 

Long life time  $\rightarrow$  detached vertex for  $M_N \sim M_Z$ 

#### We experimentally assume HNL production one at a time. (there could be up to three)

This is an approximation of the more favored situation where two or three almost degenerate HNLs are produced, possibly generating a phenomenology akin to e.g.  $K_L$  and  $K_S$  or (K <->  $\overline{K}$ ) system with oscillations and other lifetime effects. **This is extraordinarily interesting and should be studied in the future.** (see Antusch, last slide)

In the simplified, <u>one-N-at-a-time</u> assumption the particle has one mass, one cross-section and one decay width/life time. and four decay modes  $N \rightarrow eW^*$ ,  $\mu W^*$ ,  $\tau W^*$  (CC decays) and  $N \rightarrow vZ^*$  (NC decay)-- two or more charged tracks except N->vvv



#### Decay length LLP vs Prompt analysis in FCC-ee EXTREMELY CLEAN CONDITIONS

in a wide range of mass and small enough couplings we have **a long lived signature** then things are nice and easy, because it is essentially background free.

NB in this case one event would be enough to establish discovery (this needs to be carefully demonstrated(!) taking into account the exact location of the cavern and the details of analysis (detector readout etc..)

#### -- The LLP signal would be required to have \*no\* particle originating from the main vertex. a distance from the vertex of 400 microns would be sufficient to eliminate the prompt background.

For higher masses and couplings we have a **prompt analysis**. The boundary depends critically on the ability to separate the prompt signal from the irreducible backgrounds  $Z \rightarrow W^*W^*$  and  $Z \rightarrow Z^*Z^*$  including e.g. tau decays (or not).

(S. Bay-Nilsen Master Thesis)

#### vs EWPO

For large mixing angles, irrespectively of the HNL mass, a limit exists from precision measurements of  $G_F$  (muon life time), vs m<sub>w</sub> and sin<sup>2</sup> $\theta_w^{eff} \rightarrow$  constraints  $v_\mu$  and  $v_e$  mixing with HNL.

#### in the FCC-ee $v_{\tau}$ mixing can be constrained by measuring of G<sub>F</sub> from tau life time in 1.5 10<sup>11</sup> tau pairs.





Figure 3: Bold green line: Sensitivity of displaced vertex searches at FCC-ee with  $5 \times 10^{12} Z$  bosons corresponding to 4 observed HNL decays, assuming no background and 75% reconstructed HNL decays with a displacement between  $400\mu m$  and 1.22m. For comparison, we show what CepC can achieve with  $4.2 \times 10^{12} Z$  bosons for the same parameters. Bold turquoise line: Gain in sensitivity if the maximal observable displacement is increased to 5m with a HECATE-like detector [77]. Dark gray: Lower bound on the total HNL mixing from the requirement to explain the light neutrino oscillation data [72]. Medium gray: Constraints on the mixing  $|V_{\mu i}|^2$  of HNLs from past experiments [78–88], obtained under the assumption  $|V_{\ell N}|^2 = \delta_{\ell \mu} U_{\mu}^2$ . Light gray: Lower bound on  $U_{\mu}^2$  from BBN [89,90]. Hashed orange and violet lines: Regions in which the observed baryon asymmetry of the universe can be explained with two [91,92] or three [93] HNL flavours and different initial conditions, as explained in the legend. Other colourful lines: Estimated sensitivities of selected planned or proposed experiments (DUNE [97],FASER2 [98], SHiP [99, 100], MATHUSLA [101], Codex-b [102]) as well as FCC-hh [75].



Figure 4: In this figure, similar to Fig. 3, the contours for 4 events (bold lines) and 1 event (non-bold lines) are shown for FCC-ee with a 1.2 m radius setup for the displaced vertex analysis only. In addition, the curves are also shown for a putative 5 m radius volume as in the HECATE [77] set-up, increasing the sensitivity for low mass and small coupling part of the parameter space.

#### **NEW:** show 4 event and 1 event curves for 510<sup>12</sup> Z

**4 events** corresponds to, having not seen anything, excluding the regions where you would have 95% chance of seeing something if its there. **limit-setting oriented.** 

**1 event** corresponds to no background situation where you would have 63% chance of seeing one event. **discovery oriented** 

this correctly says 'sensitivity with displaced vertex search' Physics II

## Dirac vs Majorana(I) observation of fermion number violation.

It has been emphasized by Mccullough that there exist ways to create models of Dirac HNL-like particles and that **the discovery of a RH-v requires the observation of the Majorana nature of the particle.** 

This is straight forward for HNL from  $\tau$  **D**, **B decays or W decays (CC decay)**  $\rightarrow$  IF sign of both initial lepton and final state lepton is observed

For Z factory (NC) it is not so obvious:→ cannot see the initial neutrino \*\*Recent breakthrough!\*\* Several methods:

- 0. if long lived decay  $\rightarrow$  life time measurement.
- Forwards backward asymmetry relic of the Z parity violating couplings. Dirac keeps it, Majorana washes it out.
   → uses N→ λqq decay and requires lepton charge reconstruction.

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- Polarization (also relic of Z parity violation) of HNL leads to harder lepton spectrum for Dirac than for Majorana
   → uses N→ λqq and requires lepton momentum reconstruction (but not the charge)
   NB analysis sensitive to detail W\* mass distribution, esp. for small masse W\* (in tau & D mass region and below)
- 3. W/Z diagram interference (Petcov) for  $N \rightarrow \lambda \lambda v$  Very elegant but less statistics and less easy

These methods 1,2,3 work for the prompt analysis as well as for the LLP analysis within presumably a smaller radius.

### Dirac vs Majorana

#### the lifetime is reduced by a factor 2 for a Majorana vs Dirac particle

it is nicely visible in the plots prepared by T. Sharma \*-->

$$BR(Z \to \nu N) = \frac{2}{3} |U_N|^2 BR(Z \to \text{invisible}) \left(1 + \frac{m_N^2}{2m_Z^2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{m_N^2}{m_Z^2}\right),$$
  

$$\Gamma_N = \frac{1}{c\tau_N} \simeq C_0 C_{MD} |U_N|^2 \left(\frac{m_N}{50 \text{GeV}}\right)^5 \times \left(\frac{3.10^9}{1 \text{ cm}}\right)$$
  

$$|U_N|^2 \equiv \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} |U_{\ell N}|^2$$

C<sub>MD</sub>= 1(Dirac), 2(Majorana)

→ At the Z the production cross-section and the decay rate depend on the same combination of mixing angles!

Of course this can only be used **if** we can measure the lifetime, however at larger mixing angle the other methods can be used.



decay length for mixing angle  $|U|^2 = 10^{-6}$  in N $\rightarrow$  e+e- v mode (10<sup>4</sup> events)

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# **Forward-Backward Asymmetry**



Drewes, ICHEP

# Polarisation Impact on Lepton Spectrum -10 GeV - 30 GeV - 50 GeV - 70 GeV-10 GeV - 30 GeV - 50 GeV - 70 GeV6 $\frac{\mathbf{d}\Gamma}{\Gamma \mathbf{d}\mathbf{E}_I}$ $\frac{d\Gamma}{\Gamma dE_l}$

- 0.2 0.3 0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.4 0.5 0.0 0.1 $\frac{E_l}{M_Z}$  $\frac{E_l}{M_Z}$ **Dirac** N and anti-N *individually* are highly polarised, can only decay into lepton or • anti-lepton, respectively
- Majorana N are only mildly polarised and decay into leptons of either charge
- Lepton spectrum in HNL decay depends on polariations, e.g. decay into pion+lepton:

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\ell^{\pm})} \frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma(\ell^{\pm})}{\mathrm{d}E_{\ell}} = \frac{4}{\left(1 - \frac{M^2}{m_Z^2}\right)^2} \left[\frac{(1 \mp P)}{2} - \frac{M^2}{m_Z^2} \frac{(1 \pm P)}{2} \pm 2P \frac{E_{\ell}}{m_Z}\right]_{\text{Blondel et al } \underline{2105.06576}}$$



# Common experimental points (A, G)

Distance between detector cavern and service cavern 50 m. Strayfield of unshielded detector solenoid < 5mT.





## HECATE DETECTOR TO FILL THE WHOLE CAVERN with e.g. RPC or Scintillator modules.

Preliminary design of access and cable paths



Future Circular Collider Study Michael Benedikt Physics at FCC, 4 March 2019

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Figure 2: Comparison of the parameter regions in which four events (bold lines) and one event (non-bold lines) are expected in the IDEA/CLD detector or HECATE, with the same conventions and assumptions as in Fig. 2.

case with two interfering HNL produced  $\rightarrow$  on site observation of leptogenesis!

# **Testing Leptogenesis**



## **Conclusions**

0. as emphasized in 2021 NUFACT, the FCC-ee is a heavy neutrino factory.

 We cannot overstate the importance of the HNL search – although large chance to be in vain the probability to appear below the W mass covers a fair fraction of the EW scale see-saw models. Directly related to the Higgs Yukawa coupling and extremely straightforward.

2. Right-handed neutrinos contain a very attractive solution to both the neutrino masses and the matter dominance in the Universe.

-- it is also beautiful by its simplicity.

3. analysis contains many unpicked low-lying fruits and we keep finding new tricks.

**JOIN US!** 

## A bit of phenomenology

#### decay modes

- -- ~50-55 % is made of N  $\rightarrow \lambda$  W\*  $\rightarrow$  qq  $\lambda$ = e,  $\mu$ ,  $\tau$ , each propto  $|U_{\lambda}|^2$
- -- ~22-28 % is made of N  $\rightarrow \lambda \lambda v$  (N  $\rightarrow \lambda W^* \rightarrow \lambda' v$  and N  $\rightarrow v Z^* \rightarrow \lambda \lambda$ )
- -- ~6% is made of  $N \rightarrow v v v$  (no chance)
- -- ~18-20% is made of N $\rightarrow$  v Z\* $\rightarrow$  qq

exact numbers vary with HNL mass (difference btw W and Z propagator)

- -- > 50-55% has no missing energy in the decay (except for tau decay) \*and\* is sign/helicity tagged (as coming from W decay).
- -- not to forget: the NC/CC ratio is independent of the individual  $|U_{\lambda}|^2 \lambda = e, \mu, \tau$ « Neutral Current » topology can be enhanced in the HNL decays into a lighter HNL

**Baryon asymmetry of Universe requires:** 

-- CP violation 3 families of neutrinos

-- fermion number violation Majorana mass term

-- non-equilibrium

The Big Bang + heavy neutrino decay

Electroweak eigenstates



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Adding masses to the Standard model neutrino 'simply' by adding a Dirac mass term (Yukawa coupling)

$$m_D v_L \overline{v}_R$$
  $m_D \overline{v}_L v_R$ 

 $\xrightarrow{\overleftarrow{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{R}}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{x}} \xrightarrow{\overleftarrow{\mathbf{v}}_{\mathbf{L}}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{x}} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{L}}}$ 

implies adding a right-handed neutrino (new particle)

<u>No SM symmetry</u> prevents adding then a term like





and this simply means that a neutrino turns into a antineutrino

It is perfectly conceivable ('natural'?) that both terms are present.

Dirac mass term + Majorana mass term -> 'see-saw'

B. Kayser, the physics of massive neutrinos (1989)

#### Mass eigenstates



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#### There even exists a scenario that explains everything: the vMSM

Shaposhnikov et al


## Manifestations of heavy right handed neutrinos

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one family see-saw :	$v = vL\cos\theta - N^c_R\sin\theta$	v = light mass eigenstate N = heavy mass eigenstate
$\theta \approx (m_D/N)$ $m_v \approx \frac{m_D^2}{M}$	$N = N_R \cos\theta + v_L^{c} \sin\theta$	$\neq v_L$ , active neutrino which couples to weak inter.
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  - -- if in keV region (dark matter), monochromatic photons from galaxies with  $E=m_N/2$
- -- possibly measurable effects at High Energy
  - If N is heavy it will decay in the detector (not invisible)
  - → PMNS matrix unitarity violation and deficit in Z «invisible» width
  - $\rightarrow$  Higgs, Z, W visible exotic decays  $H \rightarrow v_i N_i$  and  $Z \rightarrow v_i N_i$ ,  $W \rightarrow I_i N_i$
  - $\rightarrow$  also in K, charm and b decays via W<sup>\*</sup>->  $I_i \pm \overline{N}$ ,  $N \rightarrow I_i \pm$ with any of six sign and lepton flavour combination
  - $\rightarrow$  violation of unitarity and lepton universality in Z, W or  $\tau$  decays

-- etc... etc...

-- Couplings are very small ( $m_v$  /  $m_N$ ) (but who knows?) and generally seem out of reach at high energy colliders.





## **Search Processes (I)**



Alain Blond Searches for long lived decays in neutrino beams PS191, NuTeV, CHARM; SHIP and DUNE proposals

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Experiment	PS191	NuTeV	CHARM	SHiP
Proton energy (GeV)	19.2	800	400	400
Protons on target $(\cdot 10^{19})$	0.86	0.25	0.24	20
Decay volume $(m^3)$	360	1100	315	1780
Decay volume pressure (bar)	1 (He)	1 (He)	1 (air)	$10^{-6}$ (air)
Distance to target (m)	128	1400	480	80-90
Off beam axis $(mrad)$	40	0	10	0

Next generation heavy neutrino search experiment SHIP

- -- focuses on neutrinos from charm to cover 0.5 2 GeV region
- -- uses beam dump to reduce background from neutrino interactions from pions and Kaons and bring the detector as close as possible to source.
- -- increase of beam intensity and decay volume

status: proposal, physics report and technical report exist. R&D phase approved at CERN







# HNL sensitivity

Cosmologically interesting region at low couplings

•  $m_{HNL} < m_{b}$ 

SHiP will have much better sensitivity than LHCb or Belle2

- m<sub>b</sub> < m<sub>HNL</sub> < m<sub>z</sub>
   FCC-ee, improvements expected from ATLAS/CMS
- m<sub>HNL</sub> > m<sub>z</sub> targeted by ATLAS/CMS at HL-LHC

At  $m_{HNL} = 1$  GeV and  $U^2 = 10^{-8}$ (50 x lower than present limit), SHiP will see more than 1,000 fully reconstructed events.



#### Processes (II)

Search for heavy right-handed neutrinos in collider experiments.



Hadron colliders



Z factory (FCC-ee, Tera-Z)



HE Lepton Collider (LEP2, CEPC, CLIC, FCC-ee, ILC,  $\mu\mu$ )



Searches for heavy neutrinos  $v_h$  in B decays

-- BELLE Phys. Rev. D. 87, 071102 (2013), arXiv:1301.1105

7.8 10<sup>8</sup> B mesons at  $Y_{4s}$ !

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Search for  $\ell_2 + (\ell_1 \pi)$ , where  $\ell_1$  and  $\pi$  have **opposite charge and displaced vertex** for M(v<sub>h</sub>) =1GeV/c2 and  $|U_e|^2 = |U_{\mu}|^2 = 10^{-4}$  the flight length is  $c\tau \simeq 20$ m.

→ charge and flavour of  $\boldsymbol{\ell}_2 \boldsymbol{\ell}_1$  can be **any combination of e**,  $\mu$ , + **or** - because the heavy neutrino is assumed to be Majorana. (If Dirac fermion, -> opposite charges only). A few signal events, no 'peak'.





### ATLAS search for Heavy Neutrinos at LHC JHEP07(2015)162 arXiv:1506.06020



 $e^-e^-$ ,  $e^+e^+$ ,  $\mu^-\mu^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^+$  final states (like sign, like flavour leptons) Concentrates on  $m_N > 100 \text{ GeV}$ 'because <100 GeV excluded by LEP'

Charge flip significant bkgd for ee channel



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#### LHC prospects

 $^{\sim}10^{9}$  vs from W decays in ATLAS and CMS with 25 fb<sup>-1</sup> @8 TeV

Signals of RH neutrinos with mass  $\leq m_W$  could be visible if mixing angle O(10<sup>-7,8</sup>)

The keys for that region of phase space

- -- require displaced vertex
- -- allow leptons of different charge and flavour
- -- constrain to W mass.



# Heavy Neutrino searches at Future Circular Colliders



# The Future Circular Colliders CDR and cost review Q4 2018 for ESU

International collaboration to Study Colliders fitting in a new ~100 km infrastructure, fitting in the *Genevois* 

- Ultimate goal: ≥16 T magnets ≥100 TeV pp-collider (FCC-hh)
- → defining infrastructure requirements

Two possible first steps:

- e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> collider (FCC-ee) High Lumi, E<sub>CM</sub> =90-400 GeV
- HE-LHC 16T ⇒ 27 TeV in LEP/LHC tunnel

Possible addition:

• p-e (FCC-he) option



Its also a good start for a  $\mu\mu$ C!



27km tunnel



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• The next step: 100km tunnel



a 10-20 TeV muon collider using the 45 GeV stored e+ as LEMMA SOURCE?

FCC data taking starts at the end of HL-LHC

The Conceptual Design Report for the FCC was published 15 January 2019 Vol1 Physics Vol2 FCC-ee Vol3 FCC-hh and eh Vol4 HE-LHC <u>https://fcc-cdr.web.cern.ch/</u> where can also be found the contributions to the European Strategy

A public presentation of the main results was given on 4-5 March

https://indico.cern.ch/event/789349/

what follows is based on slides presented at the meeting



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Great energy range for the meavy particles of the Standard Model.







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#### (indirect) Effect of right handed neutrinos on EW precision observables

The relationship  $|U|^2 \propto \theta^2 \approx m_v / m_N$  is valid for one family see-saw. For two or three families the mixing can be larger (*Shaposhnikov*) *Antush and Fisher* have shown that a slight # in Majorana mass can generate larger mixing between the left- and right-handed neutrinos. *Worth exploring.* 

 $v_L = v \cos\theta + N \sin\theta \rightarrow (\cos\theta)^2$  becomes parametrized as  $1 + \varepsilon_{\alpha\beta} (\varepsilon_{\alpha\alpha}$  is negative) the coupling to light 'normal' neutrinos is typically reduced. In the G<sub>F</sub>, M<sub>Z</sub>  $\alpha_{QED}$  scheme, G<sub>F</sub> (extracted from  $\mu \rightarrow ev_e v_\mu$ ) and g should be *increased* This leads to \*correlated\* variations of all predictions upon e or mu neutrino mixing.

The 'number of neutrinos' and tau decays are specifically sensitive to the tau-neutrino mixing.

Prediction in MUV	Prediction in the SM	Experiment
$[R_{\ell}]_{\rm SM} \left(1 - 0.15(\varepsilon_{ee} + \varepsilon_{\mu\mu})\right)$	20.744(11)	20.767(25)
$[R_b]_{\rm SM} \left(1 + 0.03(\varepsilon_{ee} + \varepsilon_{\mu\mu})\right)$	0.21577(4)	0.21629(66)
$[R_c]_{\rm SM} \left(1 - 0.06(\varepsilon_{ee} + \varepsilon_{\mu\mu})\right)$	0.17226(6)	0.1721(30)
$\left[\sigma_{had}^{0}\right]_{\rm SM} \left(1 - 0.25(\varepsilon_{ee} + \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}) - 0.27\varepsilon_{\tau}\right)$	41.470(15) nb	41.541(37) nb
$[R_{inv}]_{\rm SM} \left(1 + 0.75(\varepsilon_{ee} + \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}) + 0.67\varepsilon_{\tau}\right)$	5.9723(10)	5.942(16)
$[M_W]_{\rm SM}(1 - 0.11(\varepsilon_{ee} + \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}))$	$80.359(11) \mathrm{GeV}$	$80.385(15) {\rm GeV}$
$[\Gamma_{\text{lept}}]_{\text{SM}}(1 - 0.59(\varepsilon_{ee} + \varepsilon_{\mu\mu}))$	$83.966(12) { m MeV}$	$83.984(86) { m MeV}$
$[(s_{W,\text{eff}}^{\ell,\text{lep}})^2]_{\text{SM}}(1+0.71(\varepsilon_{ee}+\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}))$	0.23150(1)	0.23113(21)
$[(s_{W,\text{eff}}^{\ell,\text{had}})^2]_{\text{SM}}(1+0.71(\varepsilon_{ee}+\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}))$	0.23150(1)	0.23222(27)

Table 1: Experimental results and SM predictions for the EWPO, and the modification in the MUV scheme, to first order in the parameters  $\varepsilon_{\alpha\beta}$ . The theoretical predictions and experimental values are taken from Ref. [16]. The values of  $(s_{W,\text{eff}}^{\ell,\text{lep}})^2$  and  $(s_{W,\text{eff}}^{\ell,\text{had}})^2$  are taken from Ref. [17].

## **DIRECT Heavy Neutrino production in Z decays**

Production:  $BR (Z^0 \to \nu_m \overline{\nu}) = BR (Z^0 \to \nu \overline{\nu}) |U|^2 \left( 1 - \frac{m_{\nu_m}^2}{m_{Z^0}^2} \right)^2 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \frac{m_{\nu_m}^2}{m_{Z^0}^2} \right)$ 

multiply by 2 for anti neutrino and add contributions of 3 neutrino species (with different |U|<sup>2</sup>)





## Simulation of heavy neutrino decay in a FCC-ee detector





# **Constraints and Future Searches**



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We have seen that the Z factory offers a clean method for detection of Heavy Right-Handed neutrinos Ws are less abundant at the lepton colliders

At the 100 TeV pp W is the dominant particle, Expect 10<sup>13</sup> real W's.



There is a lot of /pile-up/backgrounds/lifetime/trigger issues which need to be investigated. BUT.... in the regime of long lived HNLs the simultaneous presence of

- -- the initial lepton from W decays
- -- the detached vertex with kinematically constrained decay

allows for a significant background reduction.

But it allows also a characterization both in flavour and charge of the produced neutrino, thus information of the flavour sensitive mixing angles and a test of the fermion violating nature of the intermediate (Majorana) particle.

VERY interesting...

## Summary

Another example of Synergy and complementarity while ee covers a large part of space very cleanly, its either 'white' in lepton flavour or the result of EWPOs etc Observation at FCC –hh or eh would test flavour mixing matrix!

- Systematic assessment of heavy neutrino signatures at colliders.
- First looks at FCC-hh and FCC-eh sensitivities.
- Golden channels:
  - **FCC-hh:** LFV signatures and displaced vertex search
  - **FCC-eh:** LFV signatures and displaced vertex search
  - **FCC-ee:** Indirect search via EWPO and displaced vertex search



detailed study required for all FCCs – especially FCC-hh to understand feasibility at all

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#### FCC-ee

- -- EWPO : sensitivity 10<sup>-5</sup> up to very high masses
- -- high sensitivity to single N( $\rightarrow l_2^{\pm}$ W) in Z decay FCC-hh

-- production in W->  $l_1^{\pm}$  + N( $\rightarrow$   $l_2^{\pm}$ W)

with initial and final lepton charge and flavour FCC e-p

-- production in CC  $e^{\pm} p \rightarrow X N(\rightarrow l^{\pm}W)$  high mass <u>Complementarity</u>:

#### discovery + studies of FNV and LFV!



The capability to probe massive neutrino mechanisms for generating the matter-antimatter asymmetry in the Universe should be a central consideration in the selection and design of future colliders. (from the neutrino town meeting report to the ESPP)



## **CONCLUSION ON NEUTRINOS**

Neutrinos are the only place in particle physics where 'Beyond the Standard Model' has been observed, through the phenomenon of neutrino oscillations.

Neutrino oscillations: a quantum phenomenon which occurs because neutrinos have extremely small masses and mass splittings, which in itself is extremely surprising.

The leading possible explanation is the existence of right handed neutrinos with higher masses induced by the existence of a *Majorana mass term*.

This may provide an explanation for other unexplained experimental facts

- dark matter
- the baryon asymmetry of the universe

This is an exciting field with many experimental possibilities using complementary

- -- neutrino beam experiments
- -- nuclear physics experiments  $0\nu\beta\beta\beta$
- -- collider experiments
- -- astrophysical and cosmological experiments