

Neutrino Oscillometry - Fancy neutrino oscillation experiments

(LOW ENERGY NEUTRINOS IN A BOX)

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I: NOSTOS: SPHERICAL gaseous TPC's for detecting Earth or sky neutrinos

- A) LOW ENERGY NEUTRINOS

(electron recoils from low energy neutrinos)

- B) A Network of

Neutral Current Spherical TPC's

for Dedicated

SUPERNOVA NEUTRINO DETECTION

II. The LENA detector:

(Electron detection Liquid Ar)

Table I: Best fit values from global data (solar, atmospheric, reactor (KamLand and CHOOZE) and K2K experiments)

parameter	best fit	2σ	3σ
Δm_{21}^2 [10^{-5}eV^2]	$7.59^{+0.23}_{-0.18}$	7.22–8.03	7.03–8.27
$ \Delta m_{31}^2 $ [10^{-3}eV^2]	$2.40^{+0.12}_{-0.11}$	2.18–2.64	2.07–2.75
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	$0.318^{+0.019}_{-0.016}$	0.29–0.36	0.27–0.38
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	$0.50^{+0.07}_{-0.06}$	0.39–0.63	0.36–0.67
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	$0.013^{+0.013}_{-0.009}$	≤ 0.039	≤ 0.053

In (ν_e, e) detector all flavors contribute
 $\sigma_e(E_\nu, L, T_{th}) = \sigma_e(E_\nu, 0, T_{th}) P(E_\nu, L; \nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e)$

- $\sigma_e(E_\nu, 0, T_{th})$ is the standard cross section in the absence of oscillation.

- The oscillation probabilities appear as:

- $P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx 1 - \chi(E_\nu)$

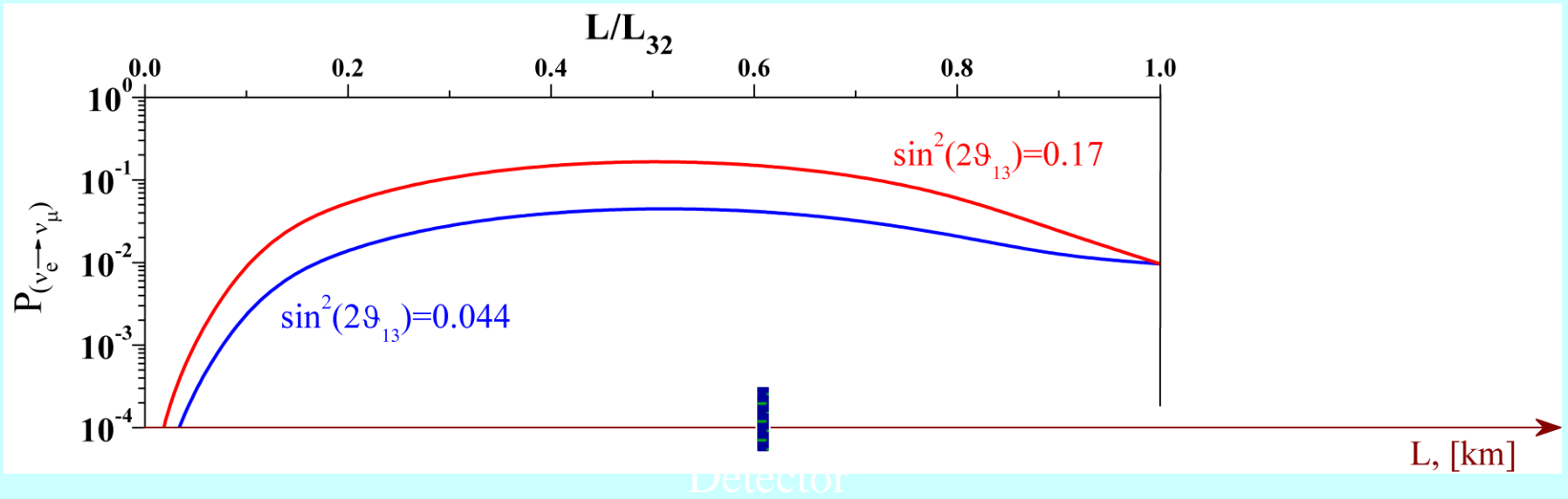
$$\{ \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sin^2[\pi(L/L_{12})] + \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2[\pi(L/L_{13})] \}$$

- $P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu \text{ or } \nu_\tau) \approx \chi(E_\nu)$

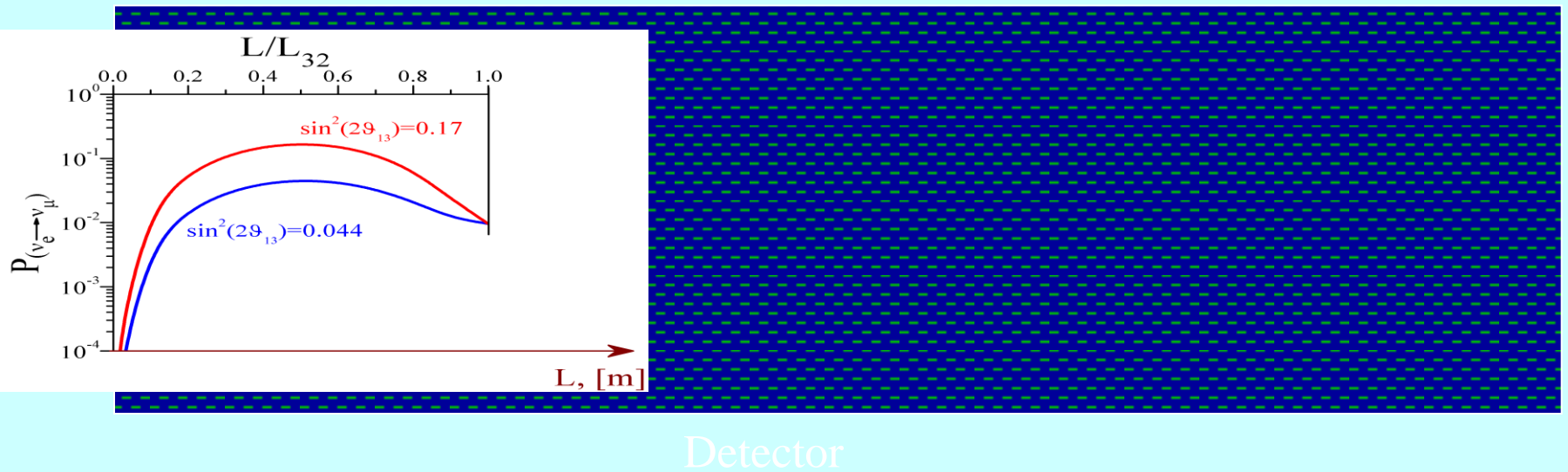
$$\{ \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \sin^2[\pi(L/L_{12})] + \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \sin^2[\pi(L/L_{13})] \}$$

$$L_{12} = 32 L_{13} \quad (\text{oscillation lengths})$$

Long baseline ($E_\nu \gg 1$ MeV) \rightarrow L in [km]



Short baseline ($E_\nu \ll 1$ MeV) \rightarrow L in [m] - **oscillometry**

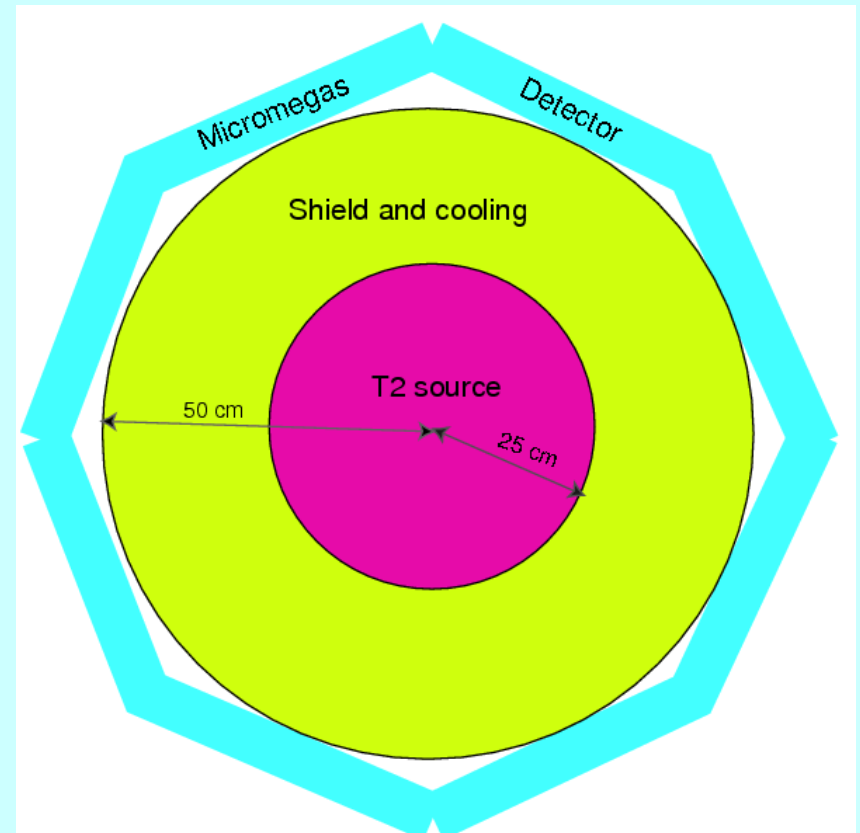
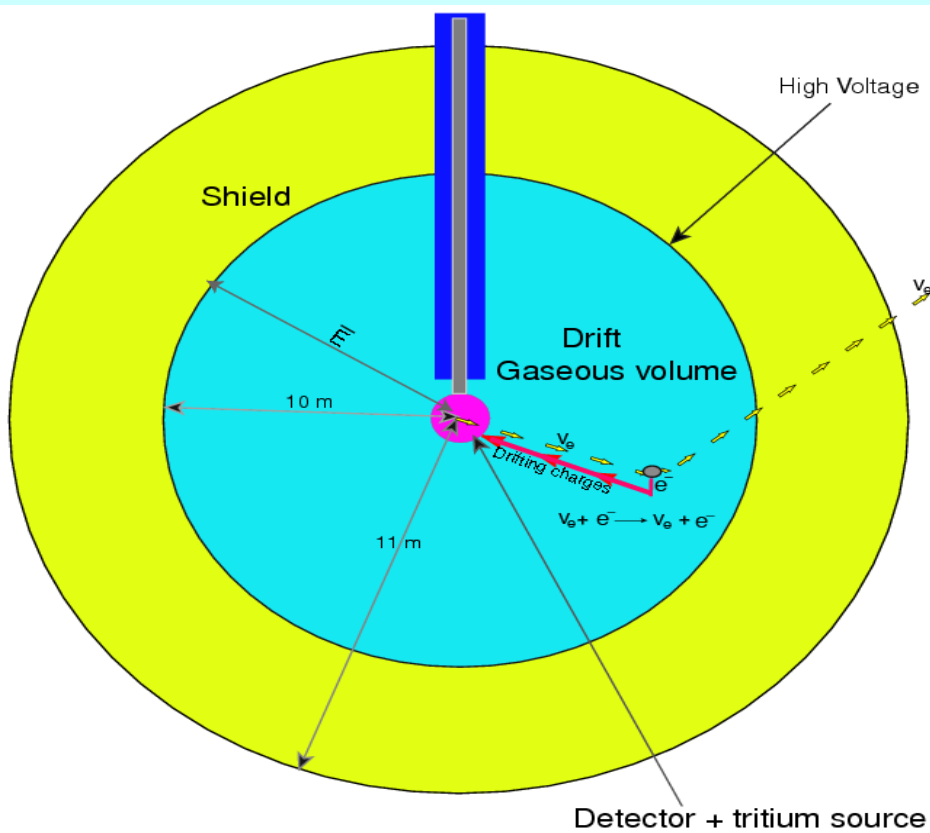


Part I:

The NOSTOS Set Up (the position is determined via a radial Electric field)

The detector

The neutrino source



II: Measure the Weinberg angle at very low momentum transfers

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_{\text{weak}} = \frac{G_F^2 m_e}{2\pi} \left[(2\sin^2 \theta_W)^2 + (1 + 2\sin^2 \theta_W)^2 (1 - T/E_\nu)^2 - 2\sin^2 \theta_W (1 + 2\sin^2 \theta_W) (m_e T/E_\nu^2) \right] \quad (1.12)$$

III : At low neutrino energies: The EM interaction competes with the weak

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_{EM} = \xi_1^2 \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_{Weak} \left(\frac{\mu_l}{10^{-12}\mu_B}\right)^2 \frac{0.1KeV}{T} \left(1 - \frac{T}{E_\nu}\right) \quad (1.15)$$

- With μ_ν the neutrino magnetic moment and $\xi_1 \approx 0.25$
- Thus we can obtain the limit: $\mu_\nu \leq 10^{-12} \mu_B$
- (present limit: $\mu_\nu \leq 10^{-10} \mu_B$)

Some sources of low energy Mono-energetic Neutrinos suitable for a spherical gaseous TPC

Nuclide	$T_{1/2}$	Q_c (keV)	E_ν (keV)	$L_{23}/2$ (m)	$E_{c,max}$ (keV)	weight gr	N_ν (s^{-1})
^{41}Ca	10^5 y	421	417	208	260	400	10^{12}
^{55}Fe	2.7 y	232	226	110	106	4000	5×10^{17}
^{71}Ge	11 d	232	222	110	100	300	2×10^{18}
^{109}Cd	460 d	214	101	50	30	50	5×10^{15}
^{139}Ce	138 d	113	74	37	20	1.5	2×10^{14}
^{157}Tb	70 y	60.0(3)	9.8	5	0.4	200	2×10^{14}
^{163}Ho	4500 y	\approx 2.6	0.5 – 2.6	0.2-1.3	\leq 0.03	250	5×10^{12}
^{193}Pt	50y	568.0(3)	44(70%)	22	6.5	300	5×10^{14}
			54(30%)	27	9		

The number of events for a spherical gaseous detector (source at the origin)

The number of events between L and $L + dL$ is given by:

$$dN = N_\nu n_e \frac{4\pi L^2 dL}{4\pi L^2} \sigma(L, x, y_{\text{th}}) = N_\nu n_e dL \sigma(L, x, y_{\text{th}}) \quad (5.22)$$

or

$$\frac{dN}{dL} = N_\nu n_e(L, x, y_{\text{th}}), \quad x = \frac{E_\nu}{m_e}, \quad y_{\text{th}} = \frac{(T_e)_{\text{th}}}{m_e} \quad (5.23)$$

To compare with other geometries we rewrite this as follows:

$$R_0 \frac{dN}{dL} = R_0 N_\nu n_e \sigma(L, x, y_{\text{th}}) \quad (5.24)$$

or

$$R_0 \frac{dN}{dL} = \Lambda g_s(L/R_0) \tilde{\sigma}(L, x, y_{\text{th}}), \quad g_s(L/R_0) = 1 \quad (5.25)$$

where

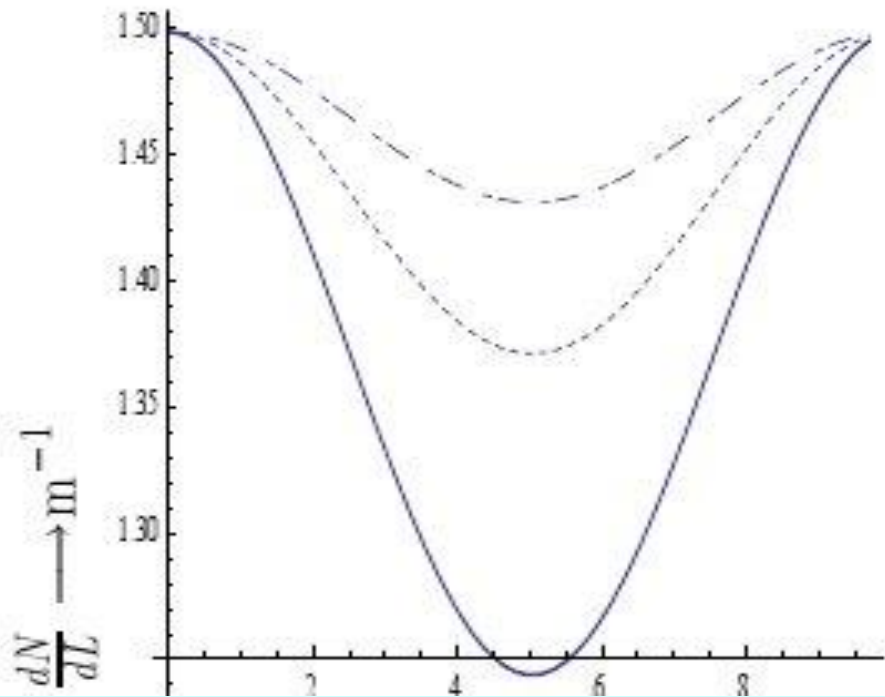
$$\Lambda = \frac{G_F^2 m_e^2}{2\pi} R_0 N_\nu n_e \quad (5.26)$$

Event rate dN/dL (per m), $P=10\text{Atm}$, Ar target for $m=0.2$ and 0.3 kg of source

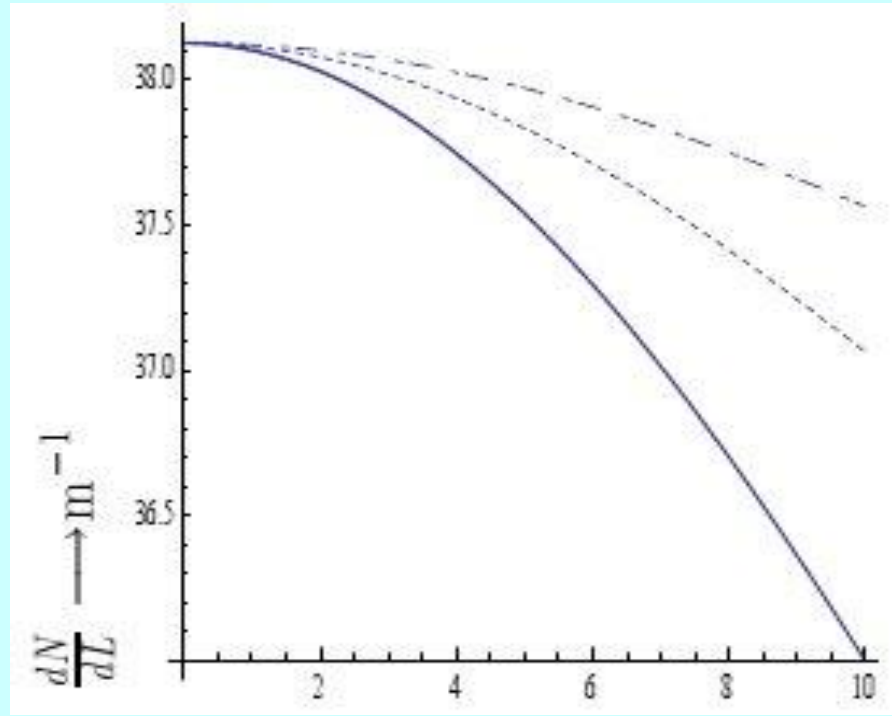
$$T_{\text{th}} = 0.1 \text{ keV}$$

$L=10\text{m}$, $E_{\nu}=9.8 \text{ keV}$ (^{157}Tb)

$L=50\text{m}$, $E_{\nu}=50 \text{ keV}$ (^{193}Pt)



$L \rightarrow m$

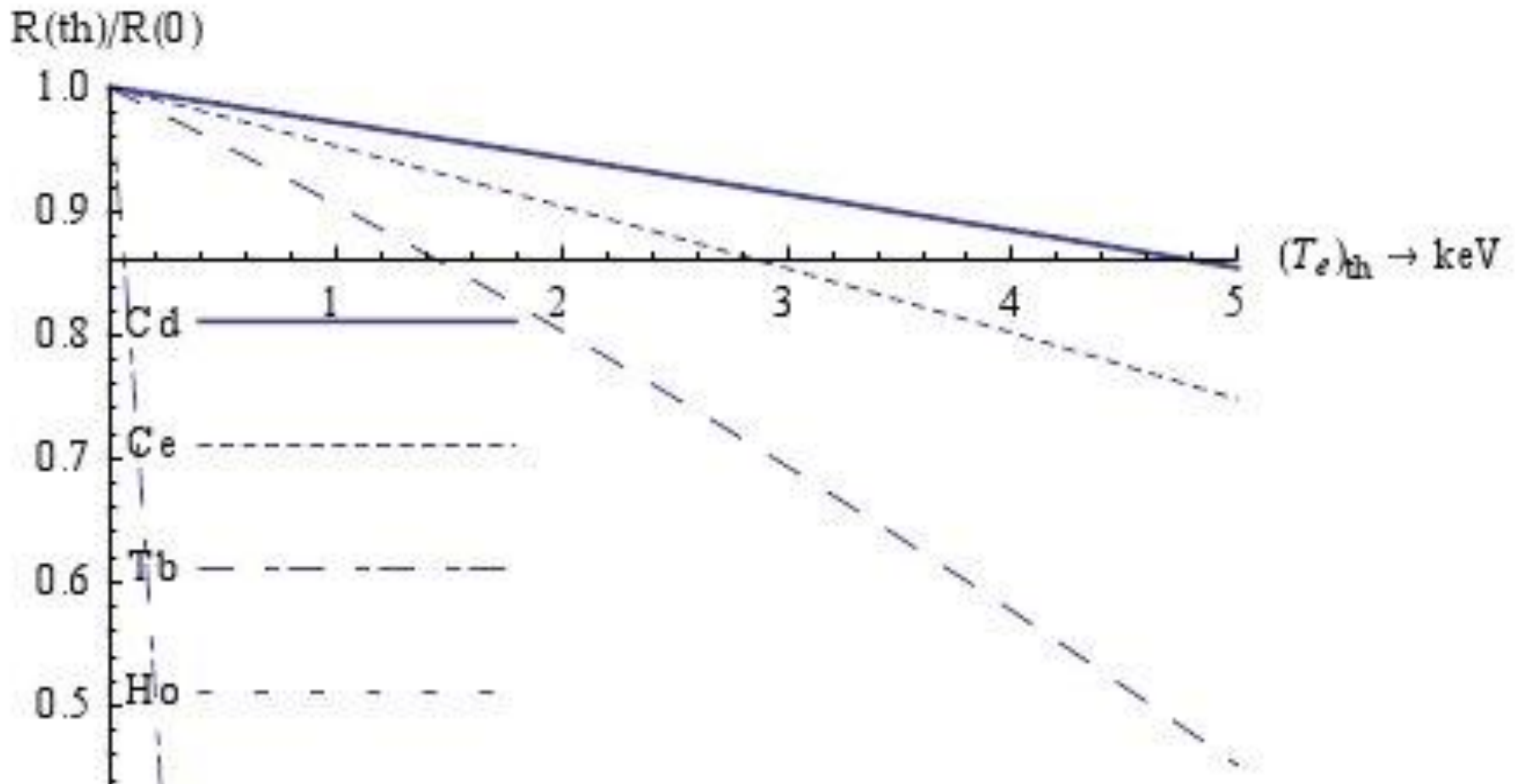


$L \rightarrow m$

Other detectors and geometries

- The gaseous TPC detector has many advantages. However
- The gas has small density → few events
- One may have to go to higher neutrino energies to obtain a sizable cross sections. Longer L require large spheres, which are hard to construct.
- So one may have to consider cylindrical liquid detectors, which exist for other purposes.

Threshold effects for gaseous spherical TPC: Under Control



LENA detector layout



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Mono-energetic Neutrino sources suitable for the LENA detector

Nuclide	$T_{1/2}$ d	m_t (kg)	t_{ir} (d)	$E_{c,max}$ (keV)	$m_s(g)$ (g)	N_ν (s^{-1})	N_{ir}
^{37}Ar	35 d	0.36 (^{36}Ar)	30	617	2.2	10^{16}	5
^{51}Cr	27.7 d	15 (^{50}Cr)	30	560	209	7×10^{17}	5
^{75}Se	120 d	1000	100	287	1475	8×10^{17}	3
^{85}Sr	64.9 d	1000	60	363	8.64	7.5×10^{15}	5
^{103}Pd	17 d	1000	10	315	11.5	3×10^{16}	5
^{113}Sn	115 d	1000	100	436	17.3	6.4×10^{15}	3
^{121}Te	16.8 d	1000	10	280	1.6	3.8×10^{15}	5
^{145}Sm	340 d	1000	300	340	480	4.7×10^{16}	1
^{169}Yb	32 d	1000	30	304	3000	2.8×10^{18}	5

Cylindrical geometry (2 coordinates)

Spherical source at the top base of the cylinder

The number of events between r and $r + dr$ and z and $z + dz$ is now given by:

$$dN = N_\nu n_e \frac{2\pi r dr dz}{4\pi(r^2 + z^2)} \sigma(\sqrt{r^2 + z^2}, x, y_{th}) \quad (5.27)$$

which yields

$$\frac{dN}{dpd\zeta} = N_\nu n_e R_0 \frac{1}{2} \frac{u\rho}{\zeta^2 + u^2\rho^2} \sigma\left(\frac{R_0}{u} \sqrt{\zeta^2 + u^2\rho^2}, x, y_{th}\right) \quad (5.28)$$

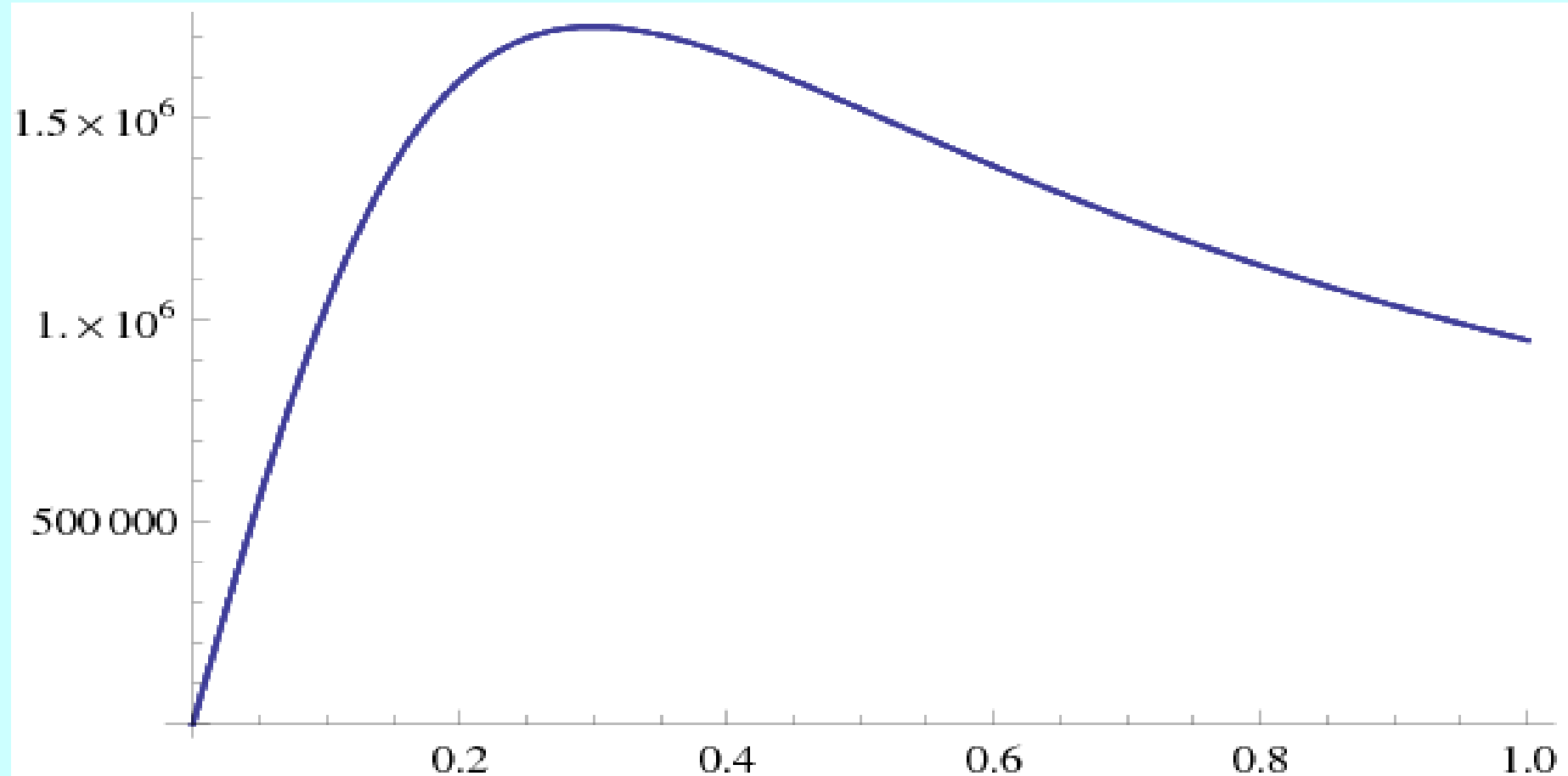
where R_0 is the radius of the cylinder, $u = R_0/h$ (h is the length of the cylinder), $\rho = r/R_0$ and $\zeta = z/h$. This can be written as

$$\frac{dN}{dpd\zeta} = \Lambda g_c(\rho, \zeta, u, R_0) \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\sigma}\left(\frac{R_0}{u} \sqrt{\zeta^2 + u^2\rho^2}, x, y_{th}\right), \quad (5.29)$$

$$g_c(\rho, \zeta, u, R) = \frac{u\rho}{\zeta^2 + u^2\rho^2}, \quad \Lambda = \frac{G_F^2 m_e^2}{2\pi} R_0 N_\nu n_e \quad (5.30)$$

Note that the geometric factor $g_c(\rho, \zeta, u, R)$, which is absent in the spherical geometry, in this case is less than unity.

The event rate $dN/dp d\zeta$ (arbitrary units) for $\zeta=0.05$ ($z=4.5\text{m}$) as a function of ρ . Η ταλάντωση (εξάρτηση από τη γωνία θ_{13}) δεν διακρίνεται.



What next? An analysis trick!

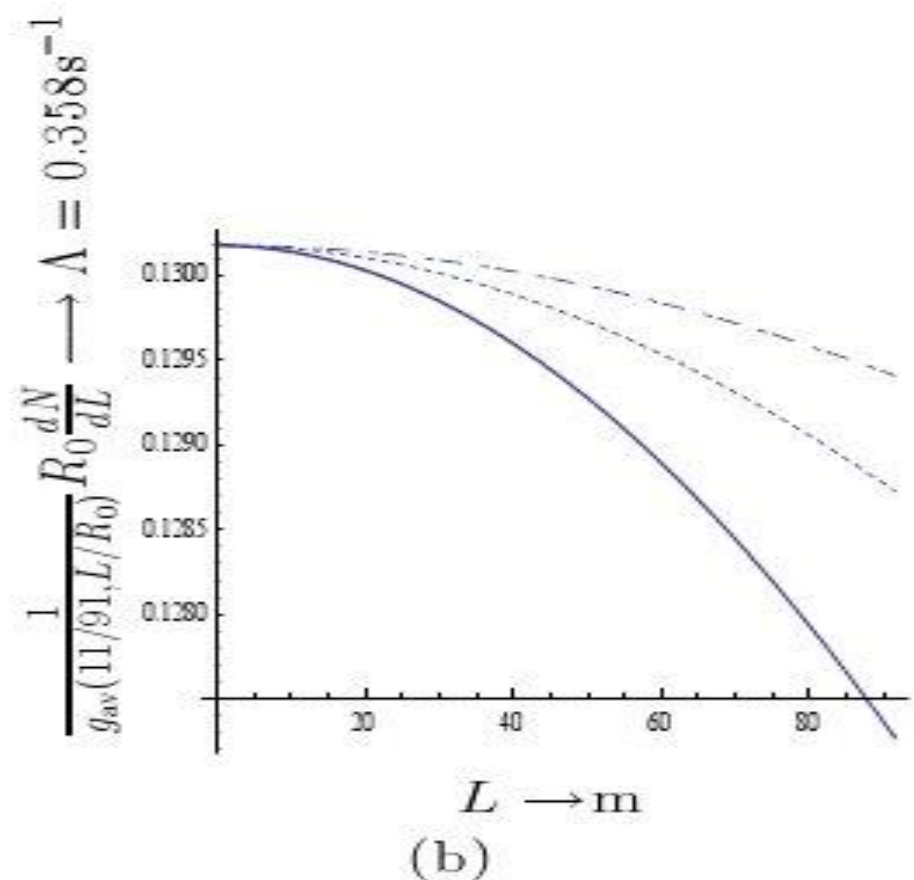
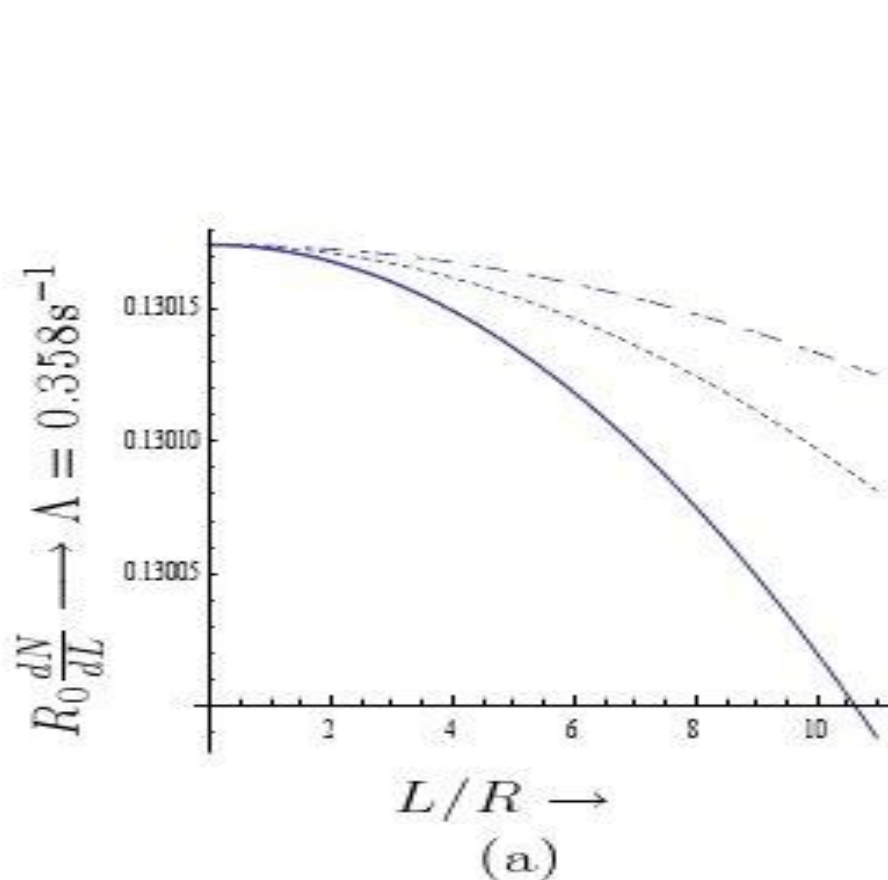
- We divide the measured rate by the calculated geometric factor $g_c(\rho, \zeta, u, R)$, R the cylinder radius, h the length of the cylinder, $u=R/h$
- Plot the resulting expression as a function of $\zeta=z/h$ for various values of $\rho=r/R$
- Make the plot in units of $\Lambda=(G_F m_e)^2/(2 \pi) R N_\nu n_e$ (dimensions inverse time)

The event rate /geometric factor:

^{51}Cr ($E_\nu = 763$ keV) $n_e = 2 \times 10^{29} \text{ m}^{-3}$

$T_{\text{th}} = 500 \text{ keV}$

$\rho = 0.4$ (a), $\rho = 1.0$ (b)



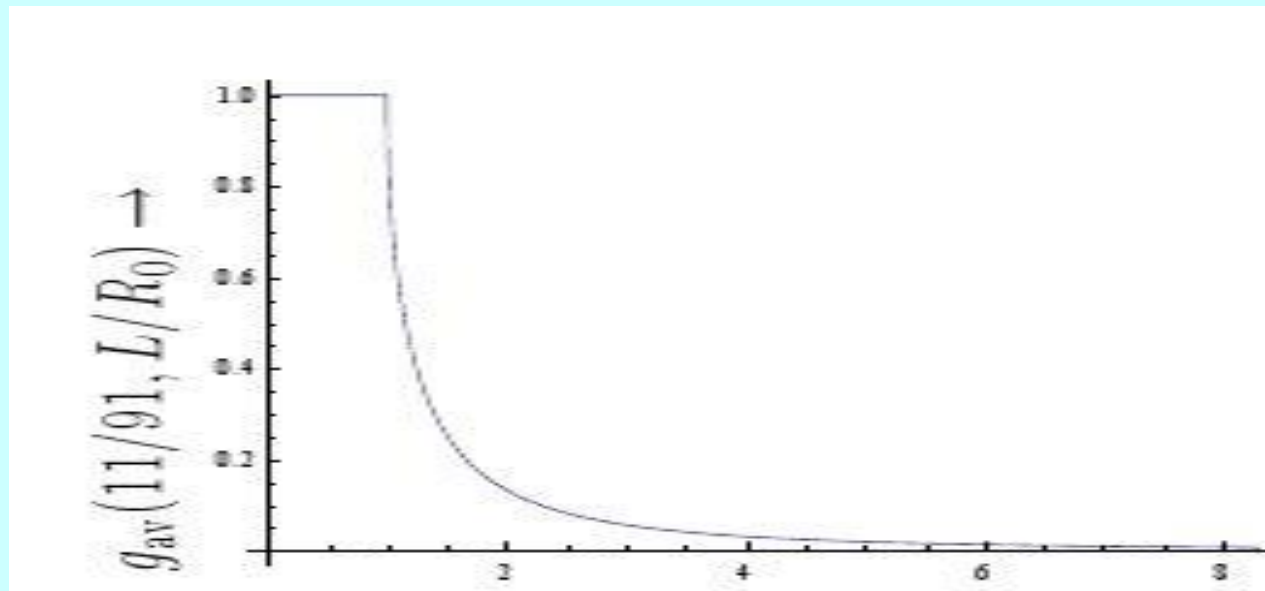
Can we do better?

- The experimentalists would still like to analyze the data in terms of a single variable L (the source detector distance).
- How do we do it without sacrificing useful information?
- We tried the change of variables $(r, z) \rightarrow (L, \varphi)$ and integrate over φ .

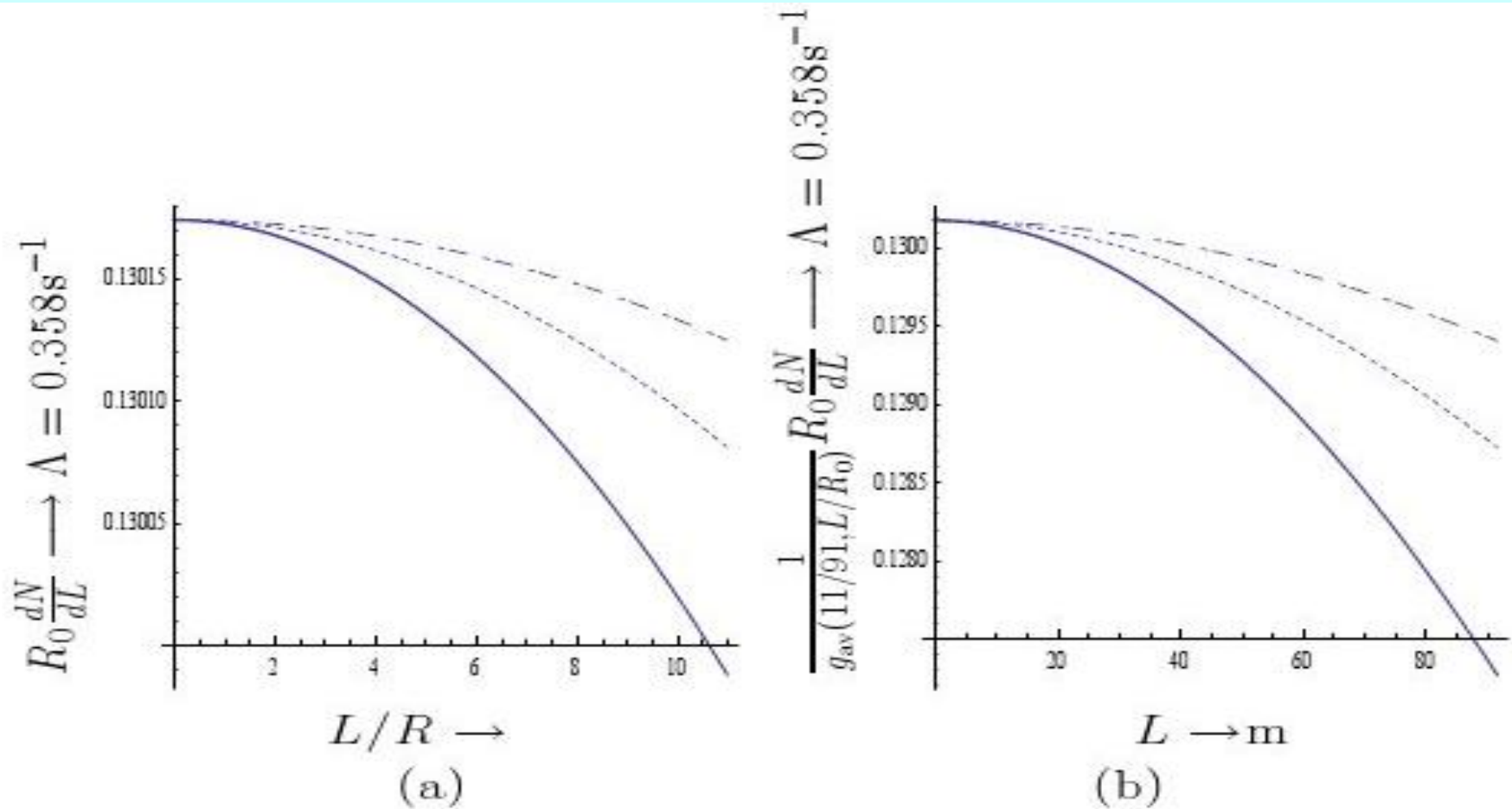
The event rate in terms of L ($u=L/R$, $u=R/h=11/91$)

$$\begin{aligned} R_0 \frac{dN}{dL} &= N_\nu n_e R_0 \frac{1}{2} g_{av}(u, L/R_0) \sigma(L, x, y_{yh}) \\ &= \Lambda \frac{1}{2} g_{av}(u, L/R_0) \tilde{\sigma}(L, x, y_{yh}) \end{aligned} \quad (7.36)$$

where $g_{av}(u, L/R_0)$ is a geometric factor that takes care of the variation of the neutrino flux in the various positions described



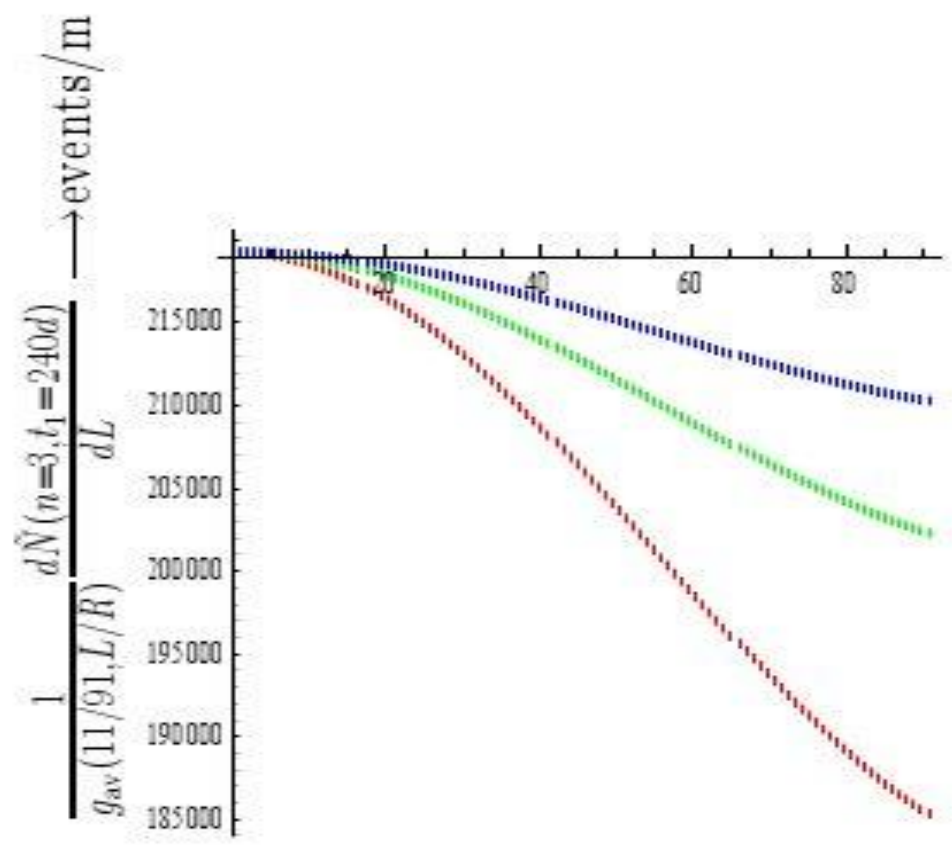
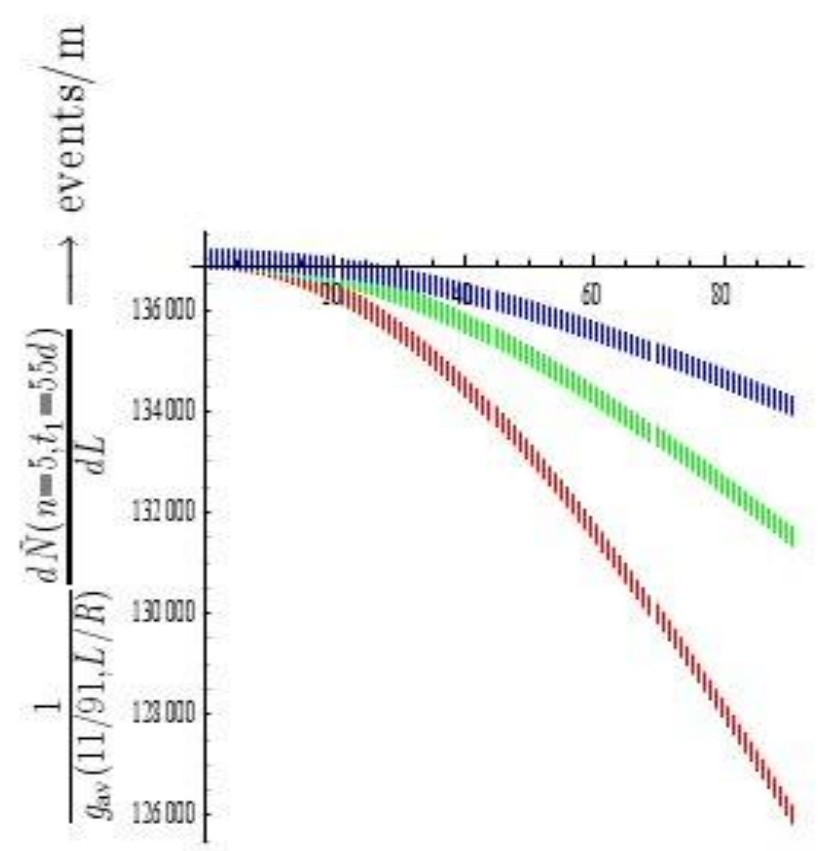
The rate $(RdN/dL)/g_{av}(R/h,L/R)$ for ^{51}Cr ($E_\nu=753$ keV) without the geometric factor (a) and with the geometric factor (b); $n_e=2\times 10^{29} \text{ m}^{-3}$



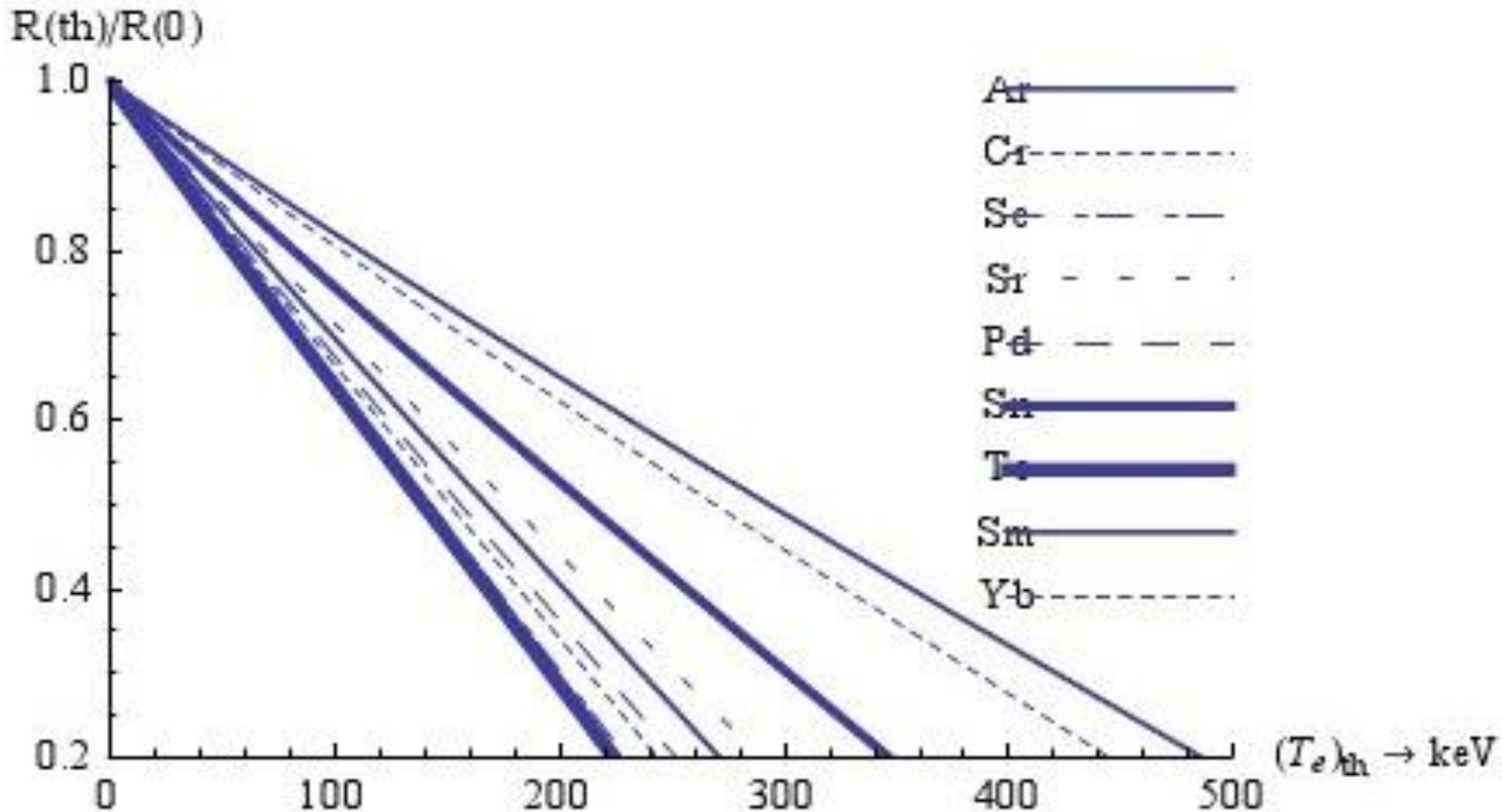
The rate $(R_0 dN/dL)/g_{av}(R_0/h, L/R_0)$ for ^{51}Cr ($E_\nu=753$ keV) on the left & ^{75}Se ($E_\nu=450$ keV) on the right. $n_e=2 \times 10^{29} \text{ m}^{-3}$; $T_{th}=500$ keV

5 implantations 55 d each

3 implantations 240 d each



Threshold for the LENA detector – It needs improvement

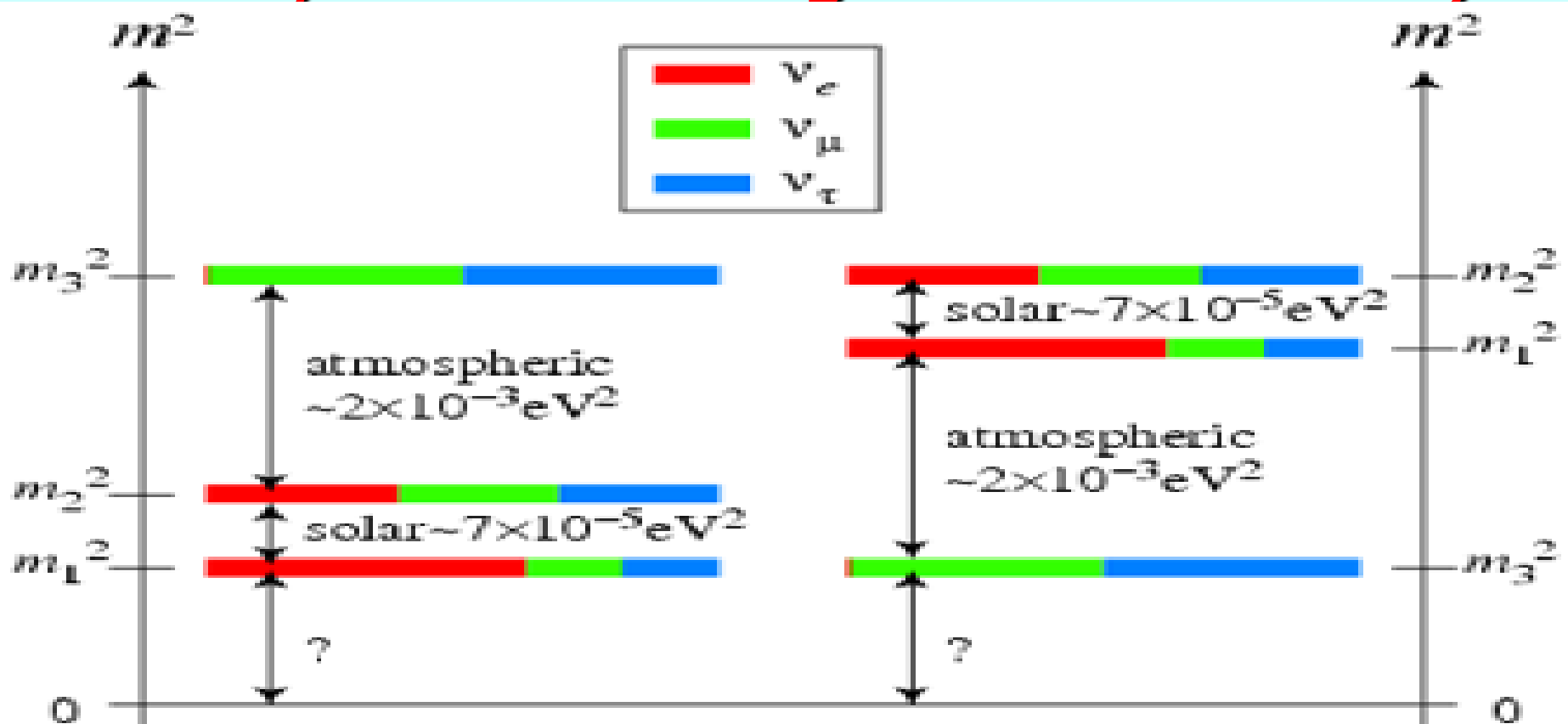


Conclusions:

- The discovery of neutrino oscillations gave neutrino physics and astrophysics a new momentum.
- The two mass square differences, except for a sign, are known
- The mixing angles θ_{12} and θ_{23} are understood.
- The angle θ_{13} and the phase δ_{13} are unknown.
- **Short Baseline Neutrino Oscillations like NOSTOS – LENA are complementary to other experiments (Double Chooze, T2K, Reno etc)**
- NOSTOS-LENA experiments will unambiguously determine θ_{13} , provided it is not too small, since they do not suffer from the 8-fold ambiguity.

● THE END

Questions that cannot be answered by neutrino oscillations: The mass scale and the sign of Δm^2_{31} (normal vs inverted hierarchy or almost degenerate scenario)



Conclusions B

- The absolute scale of neutrino mass is still elusive. (neutrinoless double beta decay, triton decay, astrophysics may provide the answer)
- We do not know whether the neutrinos are Dirac or Majorana type particles (only neutrinoless double beta decay can settle this issue)
- Neutrinos may be the best probes for studying the deep sky and the interior of dense objects, like supernovae. NOSTOS maybe a useful tool.
- Shall we ever see the neutrino background radiation? Will we see it before the gravitational background radiation?

Neutrino mass terms-

Dirac mass term M_D

1. Dirac mass terms like in the charged fermions:

$$\bar{\nu}_L^0 (\mathcal{M}_D) \nu_R^0 + H.C.$$

- It is absent in the SM (the right handed neutrino does not exist).
- If this is the only mass term, the **neutrinos are Dirac particles**.
- It cannot occur by itself (in GUT's the neutrino should be as heavy as the up-quarks).
- In extra dimensions one can have a small such matrix, but one also has Majorana mass terms.

Neutrino mass terms-

Majorana mass terms M_ν & M_N

2. Majorana mass terms:

$$\bar{\nu}_L^0 (\mathcal{M}_\nu) \nu_R^{0C} + \nu_L^{0C} (\mathcal{M}_N) \nu_R^0 + H.C.$$

- These presuppose **lepton violating interactions**.
- If any of them occurs **the neutrinos are Majorana particles**.
- The term $\nu_L^{0C} (\mathcal{M}_N) \nu_R^0$ **can occur in any theory**, since the right handed neutrino carries no standard model quantum numbers.
- The term $\bar{\nu}_L^0 (\mathcal{M}_\nu) \nu_R^{0C}$ **is much harder to get**.

Generic Models of neutrino mass – See-saw

1. No light Majorana mass term, $\bar{\nu}_L^0(\mathcal{M}_\nu)\nu_R^{0C} = 0$
 - one can get an effective light majorana mass term of the form

$$\bar{\nu}_L^0(-)(\mathcal{M}_D)(\mathcal{M}_N)^{-1}(\mathcal{M}_D)^T\nu_R^{0C}$$

- This is the celebrated "see-saw mechanism"
- The neutrinos are light, so long as the right handed Majorana mass is superheavy.

Majorana neutrino mass

$$2. \bar{\nu}_L^0 (\mathcal{M}_\nu) \nu_R^{0C} \neq 0 \implies$$

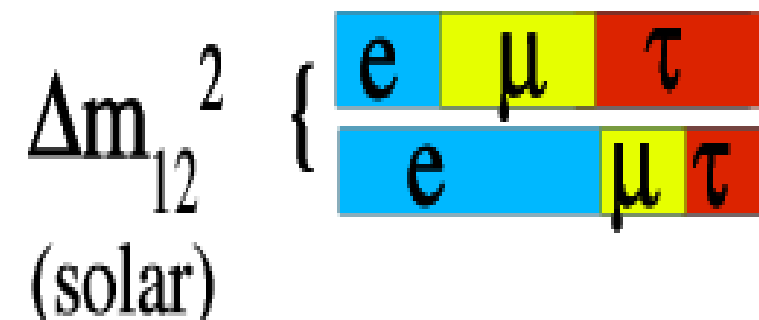
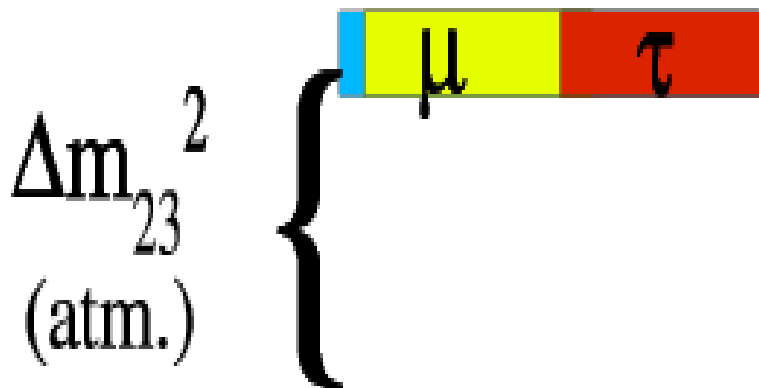
No need of right handed neutrino. Such matrix is obtained:

- Via isotriplet of Higgs scalars (not without tears).
- Radiatively at one loop level or higher (two Higgs isodoublets).
- Via SUSY R-parity (and hence lepton number) violating interactions

The Mass Hierarchies

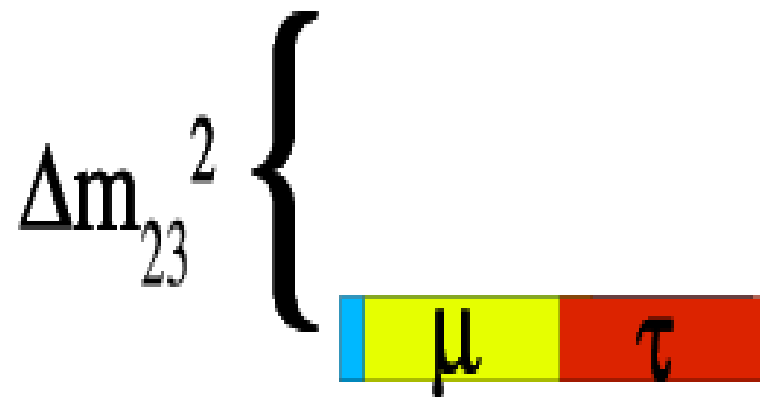
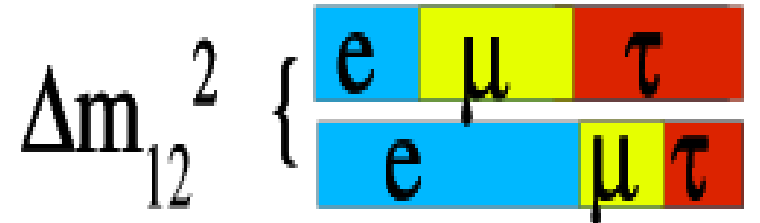
- Flavor Content

"Normal" hierarchy



or

"Inverted" hierarchy



(1):Astrophysics Mass Limit

$$\sum_k m_k = m_{\text{astro}} = 0.71\text{eV}$$

- Normal Hierarchy:

$$\Delta m_{SUN}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2, \quad \Delta m_{ATM}^2 = m_3^2 - m_1^2$$

$$m_1 + \sqrt{\Delta m_{SUN}^2 + m_1^2} + \sqrt{\Delta m_{ATM}^2 + m_1^2} \leq m_{\text{astro}}$$

- Inverted Hierarchy:

$$\Delta m_{SUN}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2, \quad \Delta m_{ATM}^2 = m_2^2 - m_3^2$$

$$m_3 + \sqrt{\Delta m_{ATM}^2 + m_3^2} + \sqrt{\Delta m_{ATM}^2 - \Delta m_{SUN}^2 + m_3^2} \leq m_{\text{astro}}$$

Astrophysics bound: 0.71 eV, $\text{Log}(0.71)=-0.15$

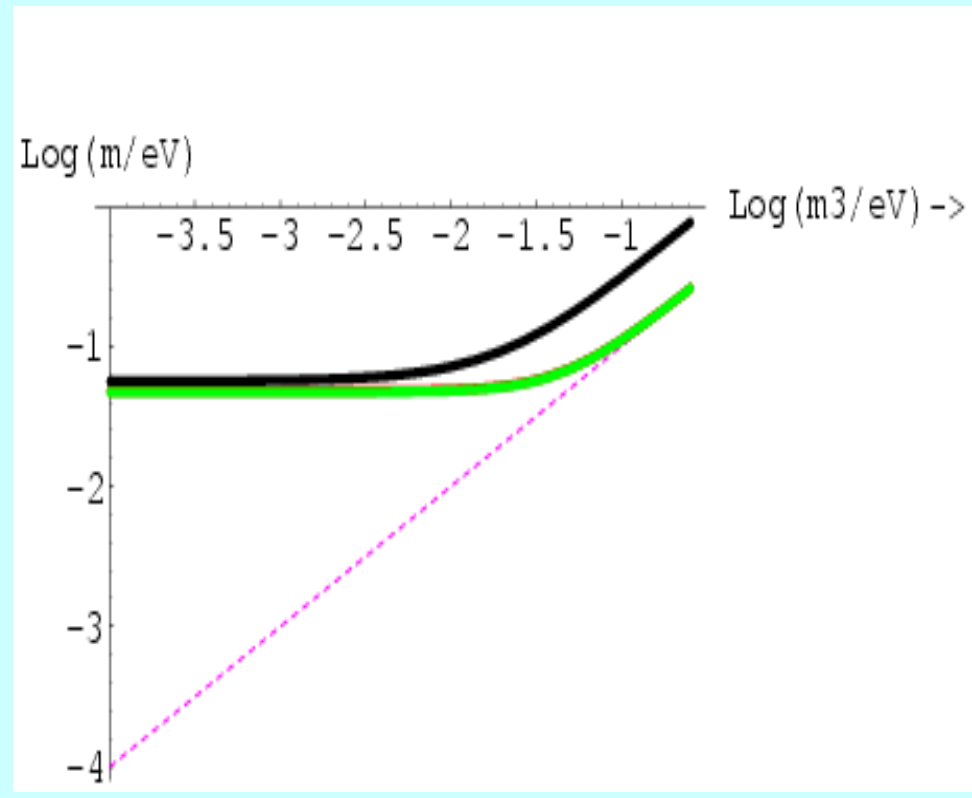
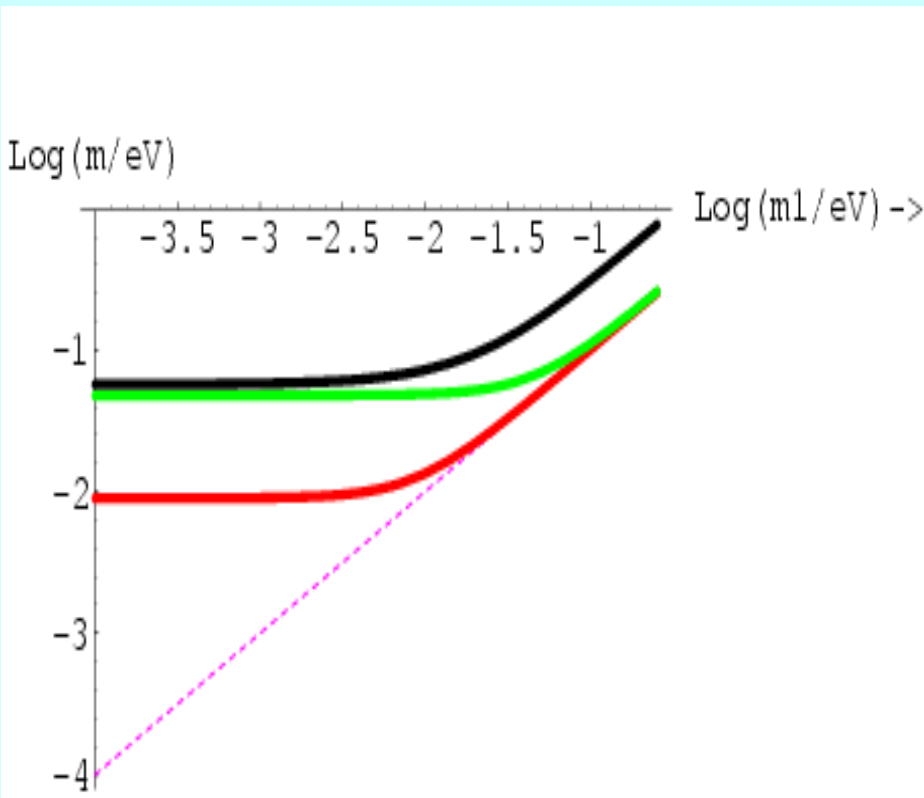
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(2): Triton decay mass limit

$$m_{\text{decay}} = 2.2 \text{ eV}$$

- Normal Hierarchy:

$$\Delta m_{SUN}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2, \quad \Delta m_{ATM}^2 = m_3^2 - m_1^2$$

The condition is:

$$c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1^2 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 (\Delta m_{SUN}^2 + m_1^2) + s_{13}^2 (\Delta m_{ATM}^2 + m_1^2) \leq m_{\text{decay}}^2$$

- Inverted Hierarchy:

$$\Delta m_{SUN}^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2, \quad \Delta m_{ATM}^2 = m_2^2 - m_3^2$$

The condition is:

$$s_{13}^2 m_3^2 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 (\Delta m_{ATM}^2 + m_3^2) + c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 (\Delta m_{ATM}^2 - \Delta m_{SUN}^2 + m_3^2) \leq m_{\text{decay}}^2$$

Triton decay limit: $m_{\text{decay}} = 2.2 \text{ eV}$, $\text{Log}(2.2) = 0.34$

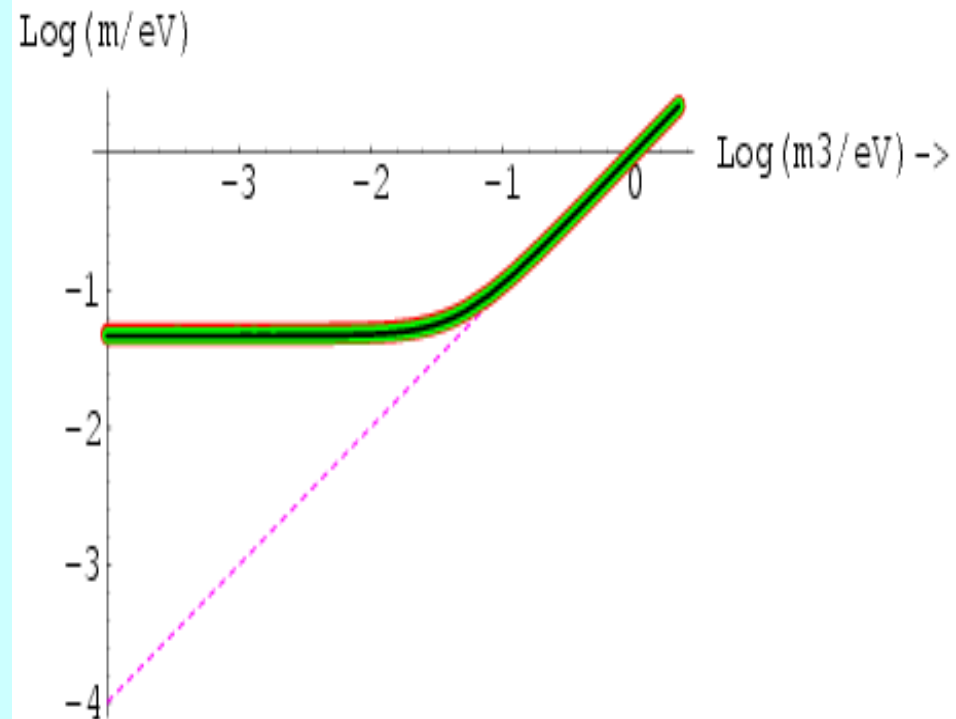
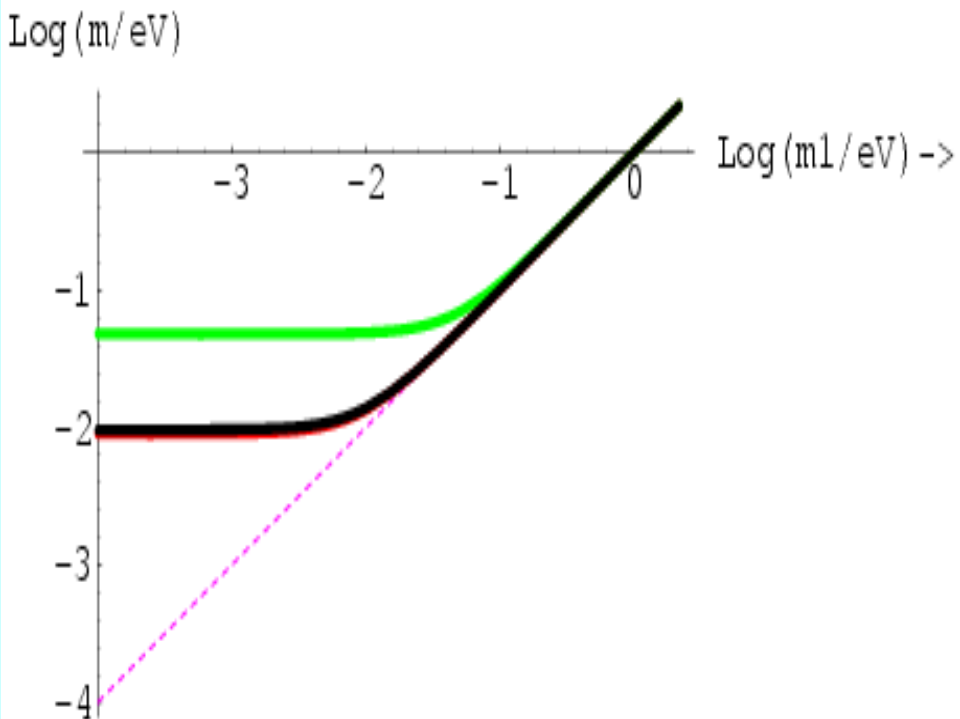
KATRIN $\Rightarrow 0.2 \text{ eV}$, $\text{Log}(0.2) = -0.7$; **Black** $\Leftrightarrow m_{\text{decay}}(m_1)$,

green $\Leftrightarrow m_3$

$m_1 \approx m_2 \approx m_{\text{decay}}$

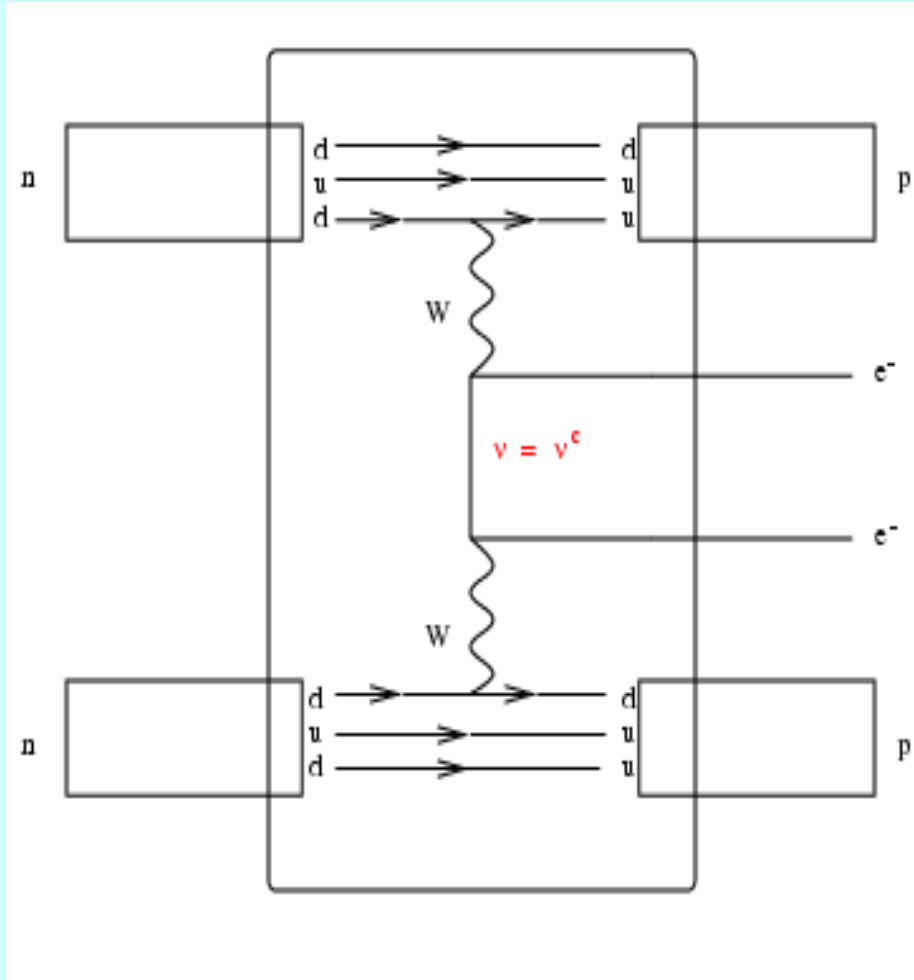
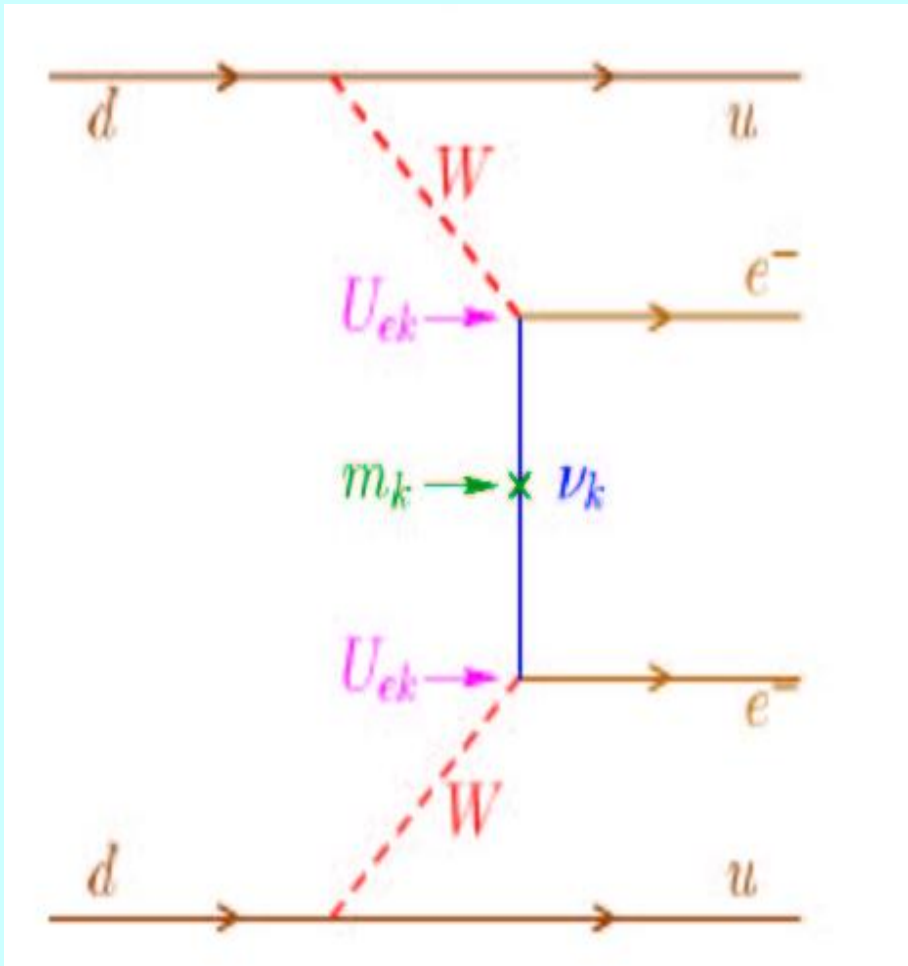
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Majorana Mass Mechanism

$(\nu)^c = e^{i\Phi} \nu$, $\Phi = a_k$ (Majorana condition)



Effective neutrino mass $\langle m_\nu \rangle$
encountered in $0\nu \beta\beta$ -decay
[$\alpha = \alpha_2 - \alpha_1$, $\beta = \alpha_3 - \alpha_1 + 2\delta_{13}$,
 $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3$ Majorana phases]
Mass scale: m_1 (normal); m_3 (inverted)

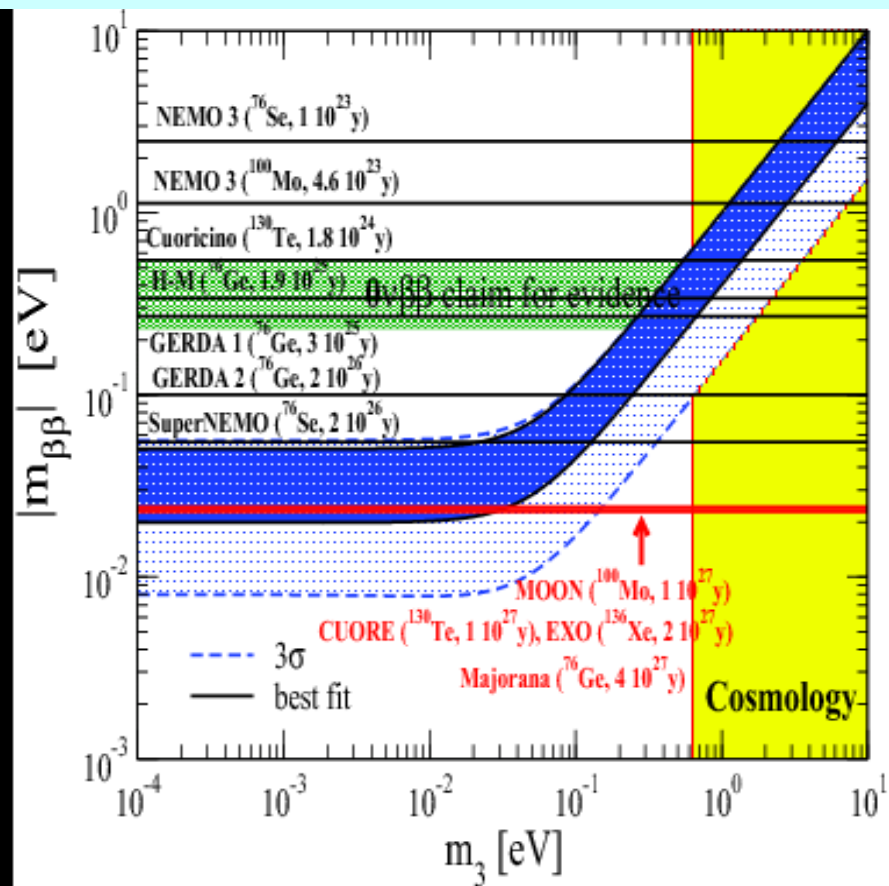
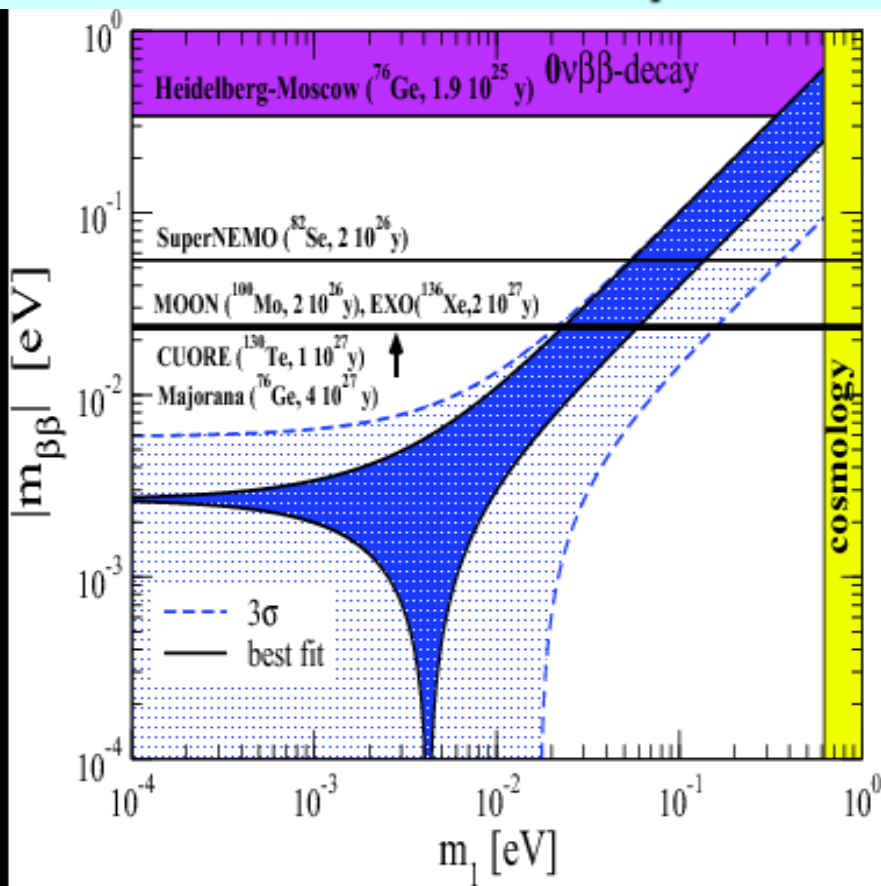
$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 m_1 + s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 e^{i\alpha} m_2 + s_{13}^2 e^{i\beta} m_3$$

lower m_{ee} bound from $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay

(From J Valle)

Normal hierarchy

Inverted



NME from Rodin, Faessler, Simkovic, Vogel

SPECTRUM + ABSOLUTE SCALE + MAJ. PHASE

The (ν,e) scattering cross section

The total neutrinoelectron scattering cross section as a function of x and L can be cast in the form:

$$\sigma(L, x) = \sigma(0, x) (1 - \chi(x)p(L, x)) \quad (4.12)$$

with $x = \frac{E_\nu}{m_e}$ and

$$\sigma(0, x) = \frac{G_F^2 m_e^2 x^2 (17.7464x^2 + 15.3098x + 3.36245)}{2\pi (2x + 1)^3} \quad (4.13)$$

is the total cross section in the absence of oscillations. Furthermore

$$p(L, x) = \sin^2 \left(\frac{0.122959L}{330x} \right) \sin^2(2\theta_{solar}) + \sin^2 \left(\frac{0.122959L}{10x} \right) \sin^2(2\theta_{13}) \quad (4.14)$$

with L the source detector distance in meters and

$$\chi(x) = \frac{2.8664x^2 + 4.1498x + 1.50245}{17.7464x^2 + 15.3098x + 3.36245} \quad (4.15)$$

Minimal set of Neutrino Parameters

- 3 masses
- 3 angles θ_{ij} 23=atm 12=sol 13=react
- 3 phases
 - 1 KM-like phase oscillations δ
 - 2 Majorana phases $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$ α, β

■ simplest form of 3-f lepton mixing $K = \omega_{23}\omega_{13}\omega_{12}$

with each factor $\begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & e^{i\phi_{12}}s_{12} \\ -e^{-i\phi_{12}}s_{12} & c_{12} \end{pmatrix}$

■ for $\Delta L = 0$ oscillations we can drop Maj phases & take KM-like form

$$\begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta_{CP}} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{13}s_{23}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & c_{13}s_{23} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}s_{13}c_{23}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}s_{13}c_{23}e^{i\delta_{CP}} & c_{13}c_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

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