# **Interpretations of Precision Neutrino Measurements**





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# Future $\theta_{13}$ sensitivity



## **Suggestive Seesaw Features**

**QFT: natural value of mass operators ← → scale of symmetry** 

 $m_D \sim$  electro-weak scale

 $M_R \sim L$  violation scale  $\leftarrow$ ?  $\rightarrow$  embedding (GUTs, ...)



Numerical hints:

For  $m_3 \sim (\Delta m_{atm}^2)^{1/2}$ ,  $m_D \sim leptons \Rightarrow M_R \sim 10^{11} - 10^{16} \text{GeV}$  $\Rightarrow v$ 's are Majorana particles,  $m_v$  probes  $\sim \text{GUT scale physics!}$  $\Rightarrow \text{smallness of } m_v \Leftarrow \Rightarrow \text{ high scale of } I/2, \text{ symmetries of } m_D, M_R$ 

# **2nd Look Questions**

Quarks & charged leptons → hierarchical masses → neutrinos?



generation • Less hierarchy in  $m_D$  or correlated hierarchy in  $M_R$ ?  $\rightarrow$  theoretically connected!

- Mixing patterns: not generically large, why almost maximal,  $\theta_{13}$  small?
- Why 3 right handed neutrinos? what if  $M_R$  is singular? ...

 Adding Neutrino Mass Terms

 SM: L=left-handed 2<sub>L</sub>, R=1<sub>R</sub> → no fermions masses → Higgs

 1) Simplest possibility: add 3 right handed neutrino fields



NEW ingredients, 9 parameters -> SM+



### **Other effective Operators Beyond the SM**

- → higher d operators from integrating out some new physics
  ←→ symmetries: L, flavour, GUTs, ...
- → effects beyond 3 flavours, L-violating operators, ...
- → Non Standard Interactions = NSIs → effective 4f opersators

$$\mathcal{L}_{NSI} \simeq \epsilon_{lphaeta} 2\sqrt{2}G_F(ar{
u}_{Leta} \ \gamma^{
ho} \ 
u_{Llpha})(ar{f}_L\gamma_{
ho}f_L)$$

• integrating out heavy physics (c.f.  $G_F \leftarrow \rightarrow M_W$ )

## Effects on 0vββ Decay



### Majorana ν **→** 0νββ decay

#### warning:

other lepton number violating processes...

2νββ decay of <sup>76</sup>Ge observed:  $\tau = 1.5 \times 10^{21}$  y



- signal at known Q-value
- 2νββ background (resulution)
- nuclear backgrounds
  - ➔ use different nuclei

### **Relating Rates / Lifetimes to Neutrino Masses**



nuclear matrix elements:

→ virtual excitations of intermediate states

Fäßler et al., ...





### **Neutrino-less Double β-Decay**





#### aims of new experiments:

- test HM claim
- (∆m<sub>31</sub><sup>2</sup>)<sup>1/2</sup> ~ 0.05eV ± errors
   → reach 0.01eV
  - → CUORE
  - → GERDA phases I, II, (III)



### **Comments:**

- cosmology: limitation by systematical errors  $\rightarrow$  ~another factor 5?
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  nuclear matrix elements ~factor 1-2 theoretical uncertainty in m<sub>ee</sub>
- $\Delta m^2 > 0$  allows complete cancellation  $\rightarrow 0\nu\beta\beta$  signal not guaranteed
- $0\nu\beta\beta$  signal from \*some other\* new BSM lepton number violating operator
  - very promising interplay of neutrino mass determinations, cosmology, LHC, LVF experiments and theory

### ... this may not be the full story



Schechter+Valle: Any L violating operator  $\rightarrow$  radiative mass generation  $\rightarrow$  Majorana nature of v's

However: This might be a tiny correction to a much larger Dirac mass

# **Lepton Flavour Violation**

- Majorana neutrino mass terms
- **R-parity violating supersymmetry**
- •••
- →LFV and leptonic CP violation can even exist for m<sub>v</sub>→0
- → e.g. modifications of correlations
   between μ<sup>-</sup> → e<sup>-</sup>γ decay and
   nuclear μ<sup>-</sup> → e<sup>-</sup> conversion
   MEG: 10<sup>-13</sup>
   PRISM: 10<sup>-18</sup>
- → interplay ← → disentangeling: v's - LFV - LHCe-capture decays, excited states, multiple  $0v\beta\beta$  isotopes, angular distributions, ..., → exciting options!





### **Effects on Precision Oscillation Physics**

#### Precise measurements **→** 3f oscillation formulae

<u>Aims</u>: → improved precision of the leading 2x2 oscillations
 → detection of generic 3-neutrino effects: θ<sub>13</sub>, CP violation

**<u>Complication</u>**: Matter effects  $\rightarrow$  effective parameters in matter  $\rightarrow$  expansion in small quantities  $\theta_{13}$  and  $a = \Delta m_{sol}^2 / \Delta m_{atm}^2$ 

# **Oscillations in QFT**

- is ordinary QM sufficient to describe v-oscillations?
- √'s are relativistic, 2nd quantized, ...
   → Feynman diagram of neutrino oscillation:
  - energy momentum properties, quantum numbers
  - → QM limit, coherence, kinematics, ...
  - e.g. observation of solar neutrinos in  $v_e$  channel



### **Kinematics: Equal Energy or equal Momenta?**

- Consider e.g. pion decay at rest:  $\pi^+ 
  ightarrow \mu^+ + 
  u_\mu$
- Neutrino energy and momentum determined by energy-momentum conservation

$$p_k^2 = \frac{m_\pi^2}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} \right)^2 - \frac{m_k^2}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} \right) + \frac{m_k^4}{4 m_\pi^2}$$
$$E_k^2 = \frac{m_\pi^2}{4} \left( 1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} \right)^2 + \frac{m_k^2}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} \right) + \frac{m_k^4}{4 m_\pi^2}$$

• For 
$$E \gg m$$
:  $p_k \simeq E - \xi \frac{m_k^2}{2E}$ ,  $E_k \simeq E + (1 - \xi) \frac{m_k^2}{2E}$   
with  $E = \frac{m_\pi}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} \right) \simeq 30 \,\text{MeV}$ ,  $\xi = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} \right) \simeq 0.8$ 

⇒ neither equal energy nor equal momentum!

$$e^{ipx} \Rightarrow \left[ p_{\mu} \cdot x^{\mu} = p_k L - E_k T = -\frac{m_k^2 L}{2E} \right]$$
 for  $L = T$ 

 $\Rightarrow \xi$  drops out of the oscillation formulae  $\Leftrightarrow$  naive treatment correct

### **Localized Source and Detector:**

- Feynman rules for particles of given momentum ( $\simeq$  on-shell)
  - $\Rightarrow$  this corresponds to an infinitely extended (non-localized) plane wave
- Localized source (wave packet) and detector in space-time ( $\Delta x_S, \Delta t_S$ ), ( $\Delta x_D, \Delta t_D$ ):
  - $\Rightarrow$  Source: Fourier superposition of momenta with  $\sigma_S^2 \simeq min(\Delta x_S^2, \Delta t_S^2)$
  - $\Rightarrow$  Detector: projection on a superposition of momenta with  $\sigma_D^2 \simeq min(\Delta x_D^2, \Delta t_D^2)$
- Different masses and momenta  $\Rightarrow$  dispersion  $\Rightarrow$  loss of coherence



- Oscillations from QFT  $\Rightarrow P_{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}}(L,T) = \left|\sum_{k} U_{\alpha k}^{*} e^{i p_{k} L i E_{k} T} U_{\beta k}\right|^{2}$
- Very interesting QM effects ( $\sigma$ , decay)

#### **Future Precision with Reactor Experiments** $\overline{\nu}_{e}$ **near detector** (170m) $\xrightarrow{\overline{\nu}_e}$ far detector (1700m) identical detectors **→** many errors cancel IT & BRET $P_{ee} \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_{\nu}} - \left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E_{\nu}}\right)^2 \cos^4 \theta_{13} \sin^2 2\theta_{12}$ Survival Probablity → Double Chooz 0.8 atmospheric ➔ Daya Bay **3 flavour effect** → Reno 0.6 no degeneracies 0.4 no correlations clean & precise 0.2 no matter effects $\theta_{13}$ measurments solar 0 10<sup>-1</sup> 10 1 L/E (km/MeV) $E=4MeV \rightarrow 2km$ 4km 40km 80km



# **NSIs & Neutrino Oscillations**

#### **Future precision oscillation experiments:**

Source $\otimes$	Oscillation	$\otimes$	Detector	
- neutrino energy E - flux and spectrum - flavour composition - contamination - symmetric $\nu/\overline{\nu}$ operation	<ul> <li>oscillation chann</li> <li>realistic baselines</li> <li>MSW matter pro</li> <li>degeneracies</li> <li>correlations</li> </ul>	els s ofile	<ul> <li>effective mass</li> <li>threshold, responsible</li> <li>particle ID (responsible</li> <li>event reconstance</li> <li>backgrounds</li> <li>x-sections (approximate)</li> </ul>	ss, material solution flavour, char truction,) t low E)

precision experiments migh see new effects beyond oscillations!
modifications of 3f oscillation formulae, different L/E
small event rates: offset in oscillation parameters
Non Standard Interactions = NSI's

## **NSIs interfere with Oscillations**



### <u>note</u>: interference in oscillations ~ $\epsilon \mid \ FCNC$ effects ~ $\epsilon^2$

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# **NSI: Offset and Mismatch in** $\theta_{13}$



## **Unexpected Effects: The GSI Anomaly**

### $\rightarrow$ Periodically modualted exponential $\beta$ -decay law

of highly charged, stored ions at GSI by the FRS/ESR Collaboration



### Fit to 'Oscillations'

1) exponential

 $dN_{EC} (t)/dt = N_0 \exp \{-\lambda t\} \lambda_{EC}$  $\lambda = \lambda_{\beta} + \lambda_{EC} + \lambda_{loss}$ 

2) exponential plus periodic oscillation  $\frac{dN_{EC}(t)}{dt} = N_0 \exp\{-\lambda t\} \lambda_{EC}(t)$   $\lambda_{EC}(t) = \lambda_{EC} [1 + a \cos(\omega t + \phi)]$ 

Fit parameters of <sup>140</sup> Pr data						
Eq.	$N_0 \lambda_{EC}$	λ	a	ω	$\chi^2/DoF$	T = 7.06(9)
1	34.9(18)	0.00138(10)	-	-	107.2/73	0 = -0.3(3)
2	35.4(18)	0.00147(10)	0.18(3)	0.89(1)	67.18/70	¢ 0.0 (0)
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Eq.	$N_0 \lambda_{EC}$	λ	a	ω	$\chi^2/DoF$	-
1	46.8(40)	0.0240(42)	-	-	63.77/38	T = 7.10 (22) s
2	46.0(39)	0.0224(41)	0.23(4)	0.89(3)	31.82/35	$\psi = -1.3 (4)$

# **Checks / Questions / Problems**

### **Carefully checks:**

- artefacts such as periodic coupling of the Schottky-noise to all sort of backgrounds excluded
- all EC decays are recorded; continuous information on the status of mother- and daughter ion during the whole observation time

### **Questions / problems?**

- 3.5 $\sigma$   $\rightarrow$  could be a statistical fluctuation ... but what if ... 9.5 $\sigma$ ???
- a number of experimental issues...
- if this were due to neutrino mixing  $\rightarrow$

$$\Delta m^2 \sim 2.2 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2 \left| |m^{(2)} - m^{(1)}| \sim 8.4 \cdot 10^{-16} \text{ eV} \right|$$

disagrees with KamLAND

# **The EC Process**



### **Kinematics:**

- a) precise measurement of mother and daughter energies and momenta
  - $\rightarrow$  emitted mass eigenstate known  $\rightarrow$  one contribution
  - → no oscillation, but rate ~  $|U_{ei}|^2$  → not realized here (& no oscillation)
- b) finite kinematical resolution much less than neutrino masses

 $\rightarrow$  all three mass eigenstates contribute <u>incoherently</u>

$$\rightarrow \propto \sum |U_{ei}|^2 = 1$$
  $\rightarrow$  independent of flavour mixing

➔ no periodic modulation of decays due to neutrino mixing

## **The larger Picture: GUTs**



### **GUT Expectations and Requirements**

### Quarks and leptons sit in the same multiplets

- → one set of Yukawa couplings for given GUT multiplet
- $\rightarrow$  ~ tension: small quark mixings  $\leftarrow \rightarrow$  large leptonic mixings
- → this was in fact the reason for the `prediction' of small mixing angles (SMA) – ruled out by data

### Mechanisms to post-dict large mixings:

- → sequential dominance
- → type II see-saw
- ➔ Dirac screening
- → ...

# **Learning about Flavour**



### **Next: Smallness of** $\theta_{13}$ , $\theta_{23}$ **maximal**

- models for masses & mixings
- input: known masses & mixings
  - $\rightarrow$  distribution of  $\theta_{13}$  predictions
  - $\rightarrow \theta_{13}$  expected close to ex. bound
  - → well motivated experiments

what if  $\theta_{13}$  is very tiny? or if  $\theta_{23}$  is very close to maximal?

- numerical coincidence unlikely
   special reasons (symmetry, ...)
- → answered by coming precision

### **Flavour Unification**

- so far no understanding of flavour, 3 generations
- apparant regularities in quark and lepton parameters
- → flavour symmetries (finite number for limited rank)
- → symmetries not texture zeros

**Examples:** 



## **GUT** \otimes **Flavour Unification**



### → GUT group ⊗ flavour group

<u>example:</u> SO(10)  $\otimes$  SU(3)<sub>F</sub>

- SSB of SU(3)\_F between  $\Lambda_{GUT}$  and  $\Lambda_{Planck}$
- all flavour Goldstone Bosons eaten
- discrete sub-groups survive ←→SSB
  - e.g. Z2, S3, D5, A4
  - ➔ structures in flavour space
  - ➔ compare with data

### GUT $\otimes$ flavour is rather restricted

←→ small quark mixings \*AND\* large leptonic mixings ; quantum numbers

→ so far only a few viable models rather limited number of possibilities; phenomenological success non-trivial

→ aim: distinguish models further by future precision

# **Concluding Remarks**

- Neutrino physics will enter a precision phase
- Various possibilities and potential for surprises
- Unification path
  - GUTs ... many options
  - flavour symmetries ... many options
  - GUT  $\otimes$  flavour unification ... rather restricted
    - → will this allow a glimpse on the origin of flavour?
- Bottom-up approach
  - d>4 operators → modifications of the standard picture
    → 0nbb decay ← → L-violation
  - → oscillations and other flavour transitions
- Use QFT to get correct QM limits ← → experiments test correctness of QFT



## **Production and Selection of exotic Nuclei**



## **Schottky-Noise Detection**



## **Observation of Decays of stored Ions**

- a) normal  $\beta$ -decay  $\rightarrow$  different charge  $\rightarrow$  different M/q
- b) bound state  $\beta$ -decay by electon capture
  - → same q, slightly different M' (binding energy, n-emission)



### **Examples for Decay of Single Ions**



for few ions: intensity allows to see individual decays

# **Spectroscopy of individual Particles**

- sensitive to single ions
- well-defined
- creation time to
- charge states
- two-body  $\beta$ -decay

 $\rightarrow$  monochromatic  $v_e$ 

 observation of changes in peak intensities of mother and daughter ions



investigation of a selected decay branch, e.g. pure EC decay
time-dependence of the detection efficiency is excluded