

A scenic view of a Venetian canal, likely the Grand Canal, with historic buildings lining the waterway and several boats, including a gondola and a larger motorboat, on the water. The sky is overcast.

# **A Perspective on Neutrino Oscillations**

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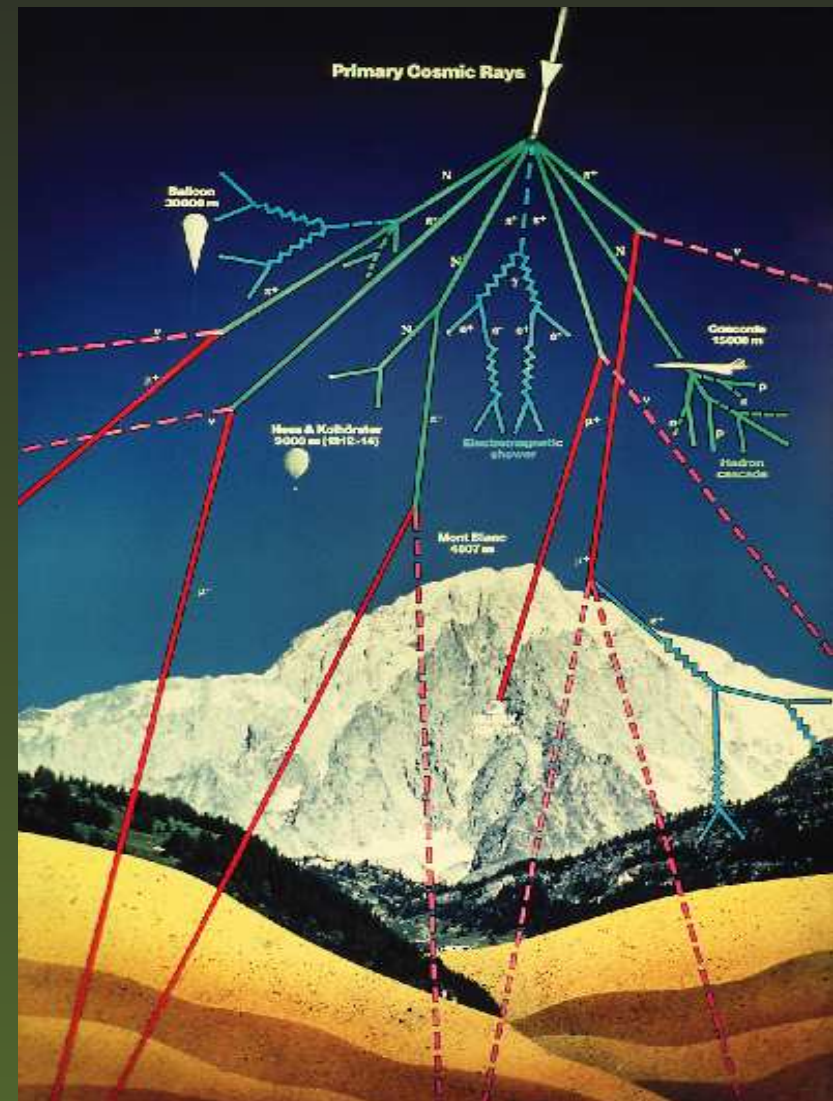
# Atmospheric Neutrinos

produced in cascades initiated by collisions of cosmic rays with the earth's atmosphere

pion & muon decays

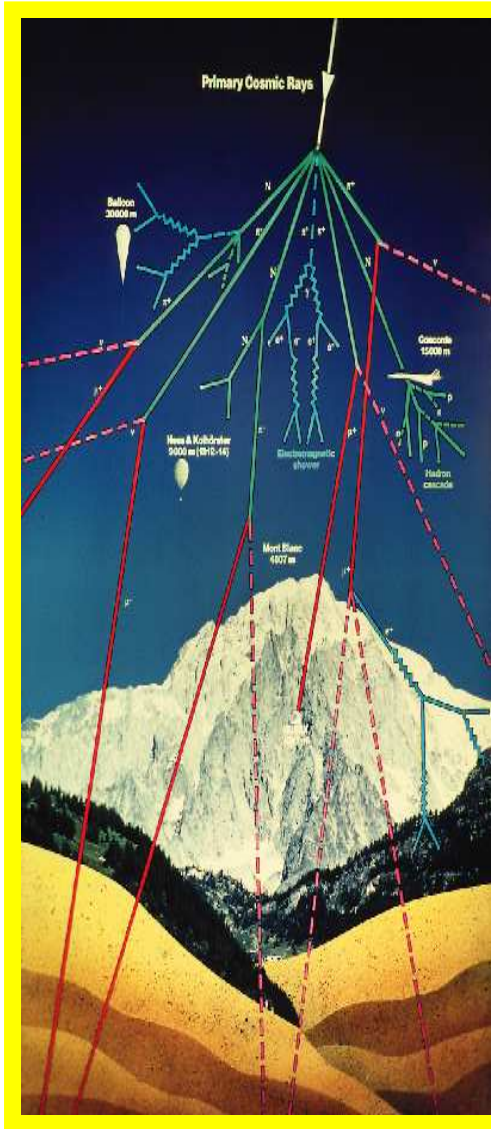
deficit of  $\nu_\mu$

that cross the earth (1998)

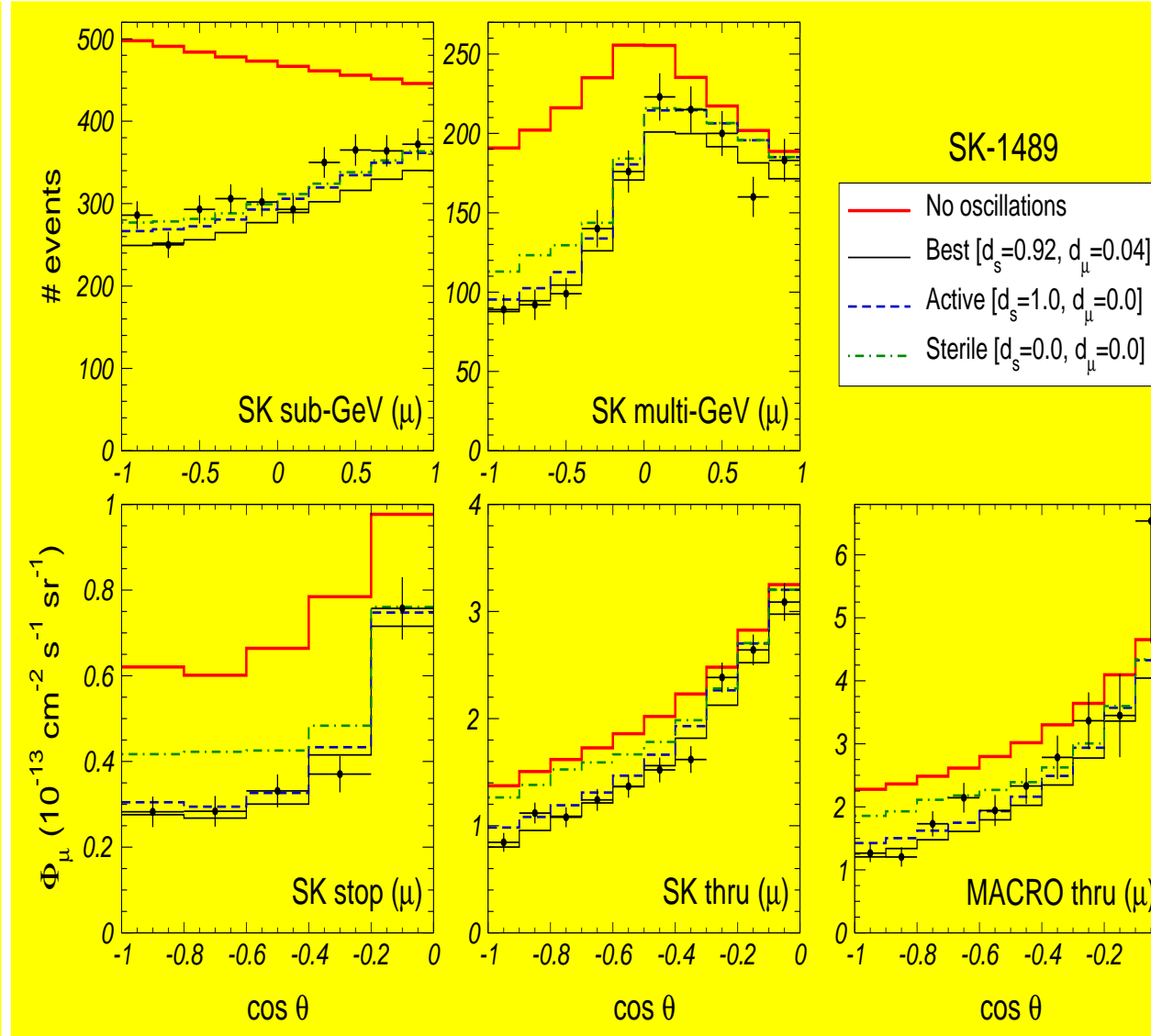


# Atmospheric zenith distribution

Maltoni et al, PRD67 (2003) 013011 rejects "sterility"



Bartol



# Accelerator Neutrinos

**well controlled source**

**checks atm  $\nu_\mu$  oscill hypothesis**

**K2K confirms the atm neutrino oscillation interpretation: both by  $\nu_\mu$  deficit and by obs a distortion of the energy spectrum**



# solar neutrinos

- neutrinos produced in the solar core in thermonuclear reactions
- these result in the overall fusion of protons into helium:  $4p \rightarrow {}^4\text{He} + 2e^+ + \gamma + 2\nu_e$
- **SSM predicts more neutrinos**
- than detected in underground experiments

**solar neutrino deficit**



# neutrinos from reactors

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neutrino problem...

**KamLAND has solved the solar**

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- currently no expt is sensitive to CPV, so we also drop all  $\phi_{ij}$

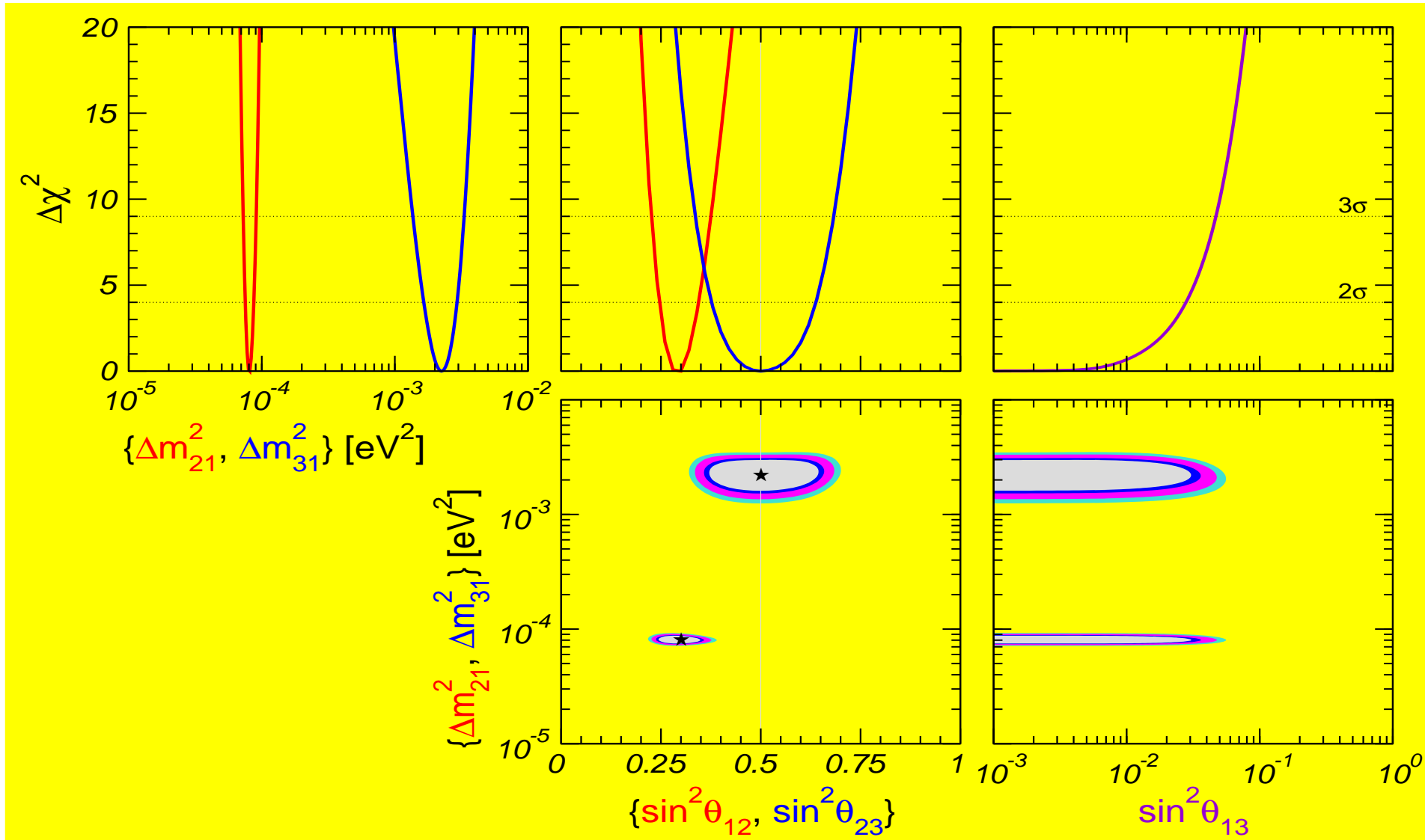
5 parameter 3-nu oscillation analysis

# LATEST GLOBAL STATUS OF OSCILLATIONS

M. Maltoni et al, NJP 6 (2004) 122 nu-phys enter precision era

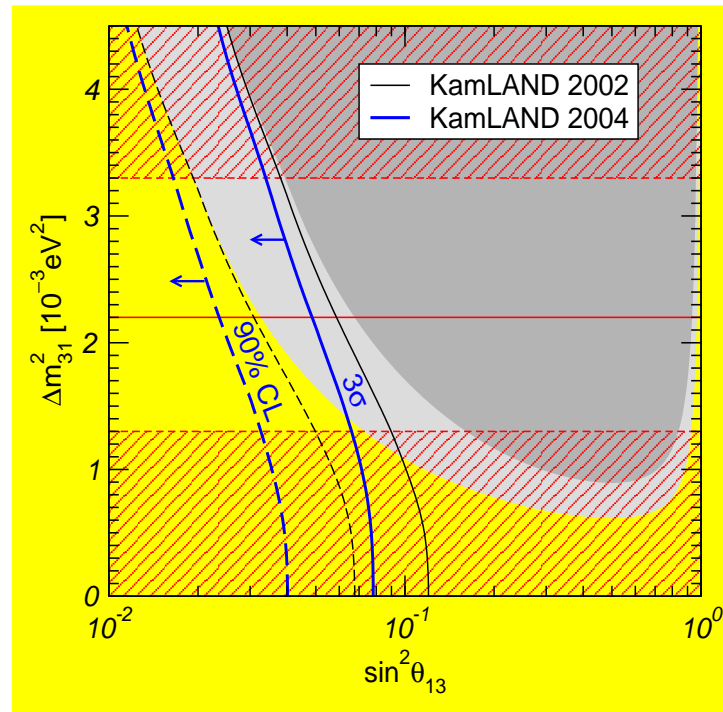
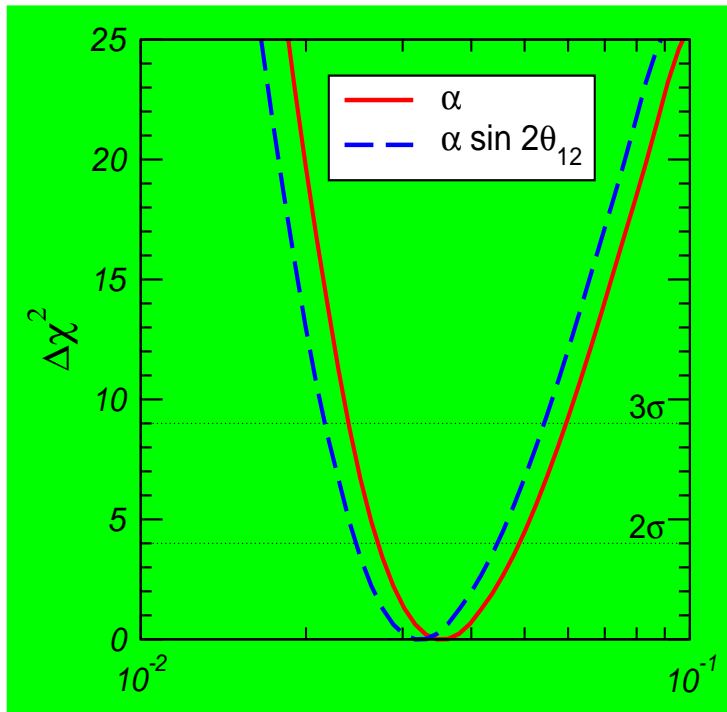
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similar analyses by Bahcall et al, Bandyopadhyay et al, Fogli et al, ...

# TWO SMALL PARAMETERS



$\frac{\Delta m_{\text{SOL}}^2}{\Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2}$  and  $\theta_{13}$

for low  $\Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2$  solar+KamLAND contribute to improve upon Chooz

closeup

further improvements will come from LBL reactor/accel expts

as well as D/N solar-nu studies (Akhmedov et al JHEP05 (2004) 057)

# are oscillations robust ?

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how well do we understand

- ... the Sun?
- ... neutrino propagation ?
- ... neutrino interactions ?



# the importance of reactors



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noisy Sun

robust

Burgess et al JCAP0401 (2004) 007

SFP

robust

Miranda et al PRL93 (2004) 051304 & PRD70 (2004) 113002

NSI

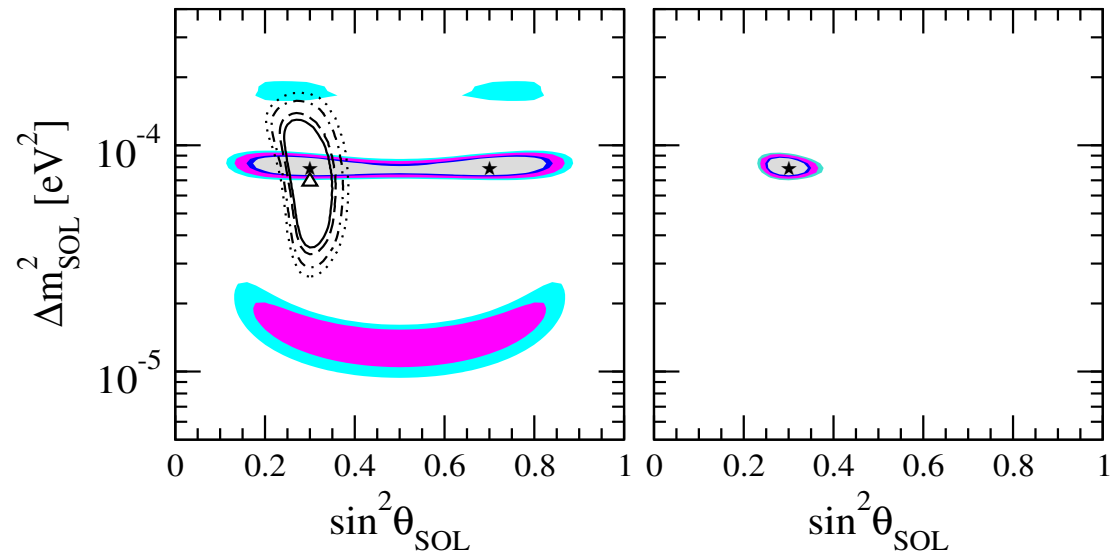
almost robust ...



# FRAGILITY OF SOLAR-NU?

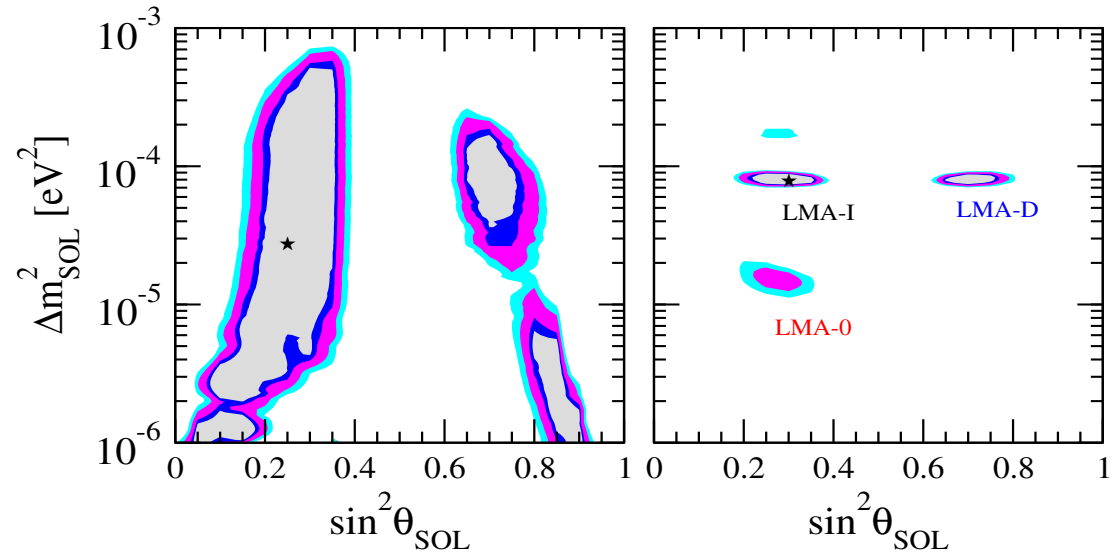
wrt **NSI**

Miranda et al, hep-ph/0406280



**resolve** **NF**

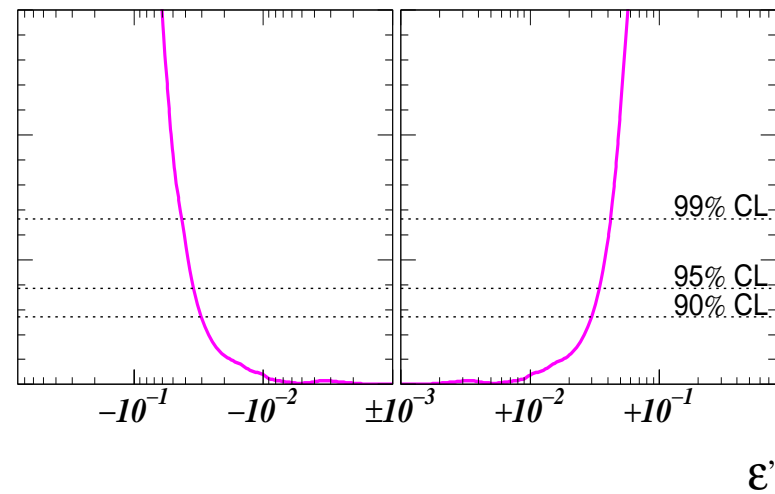
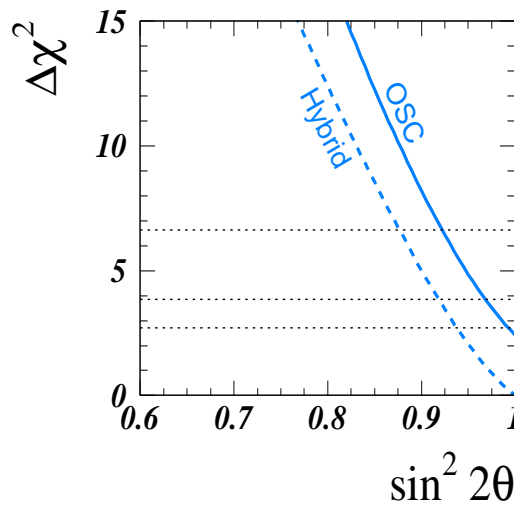
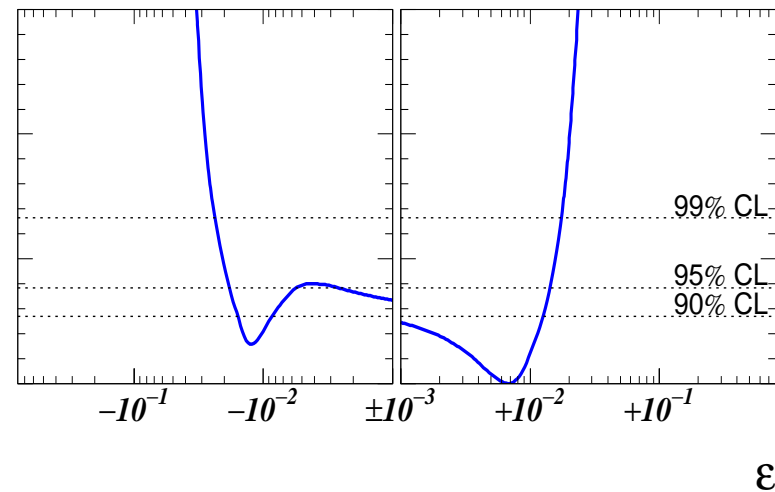
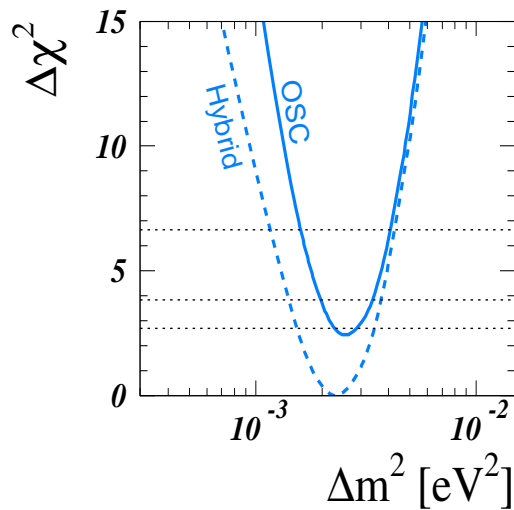
degenerate dark-side soln, not resolved by KamLAND



# ROBUSTNESS OF ATM-NU

atm bounds on FC and NU nu-interactions

upd of Fornengo et al, PRD65 (2002) 013010



(1-d Bartol)

will improve at NuFact

(3-g) Friedland, Lunardini, Maltoni PRD70 (2004)

# non-oscillation physics

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the next challenge

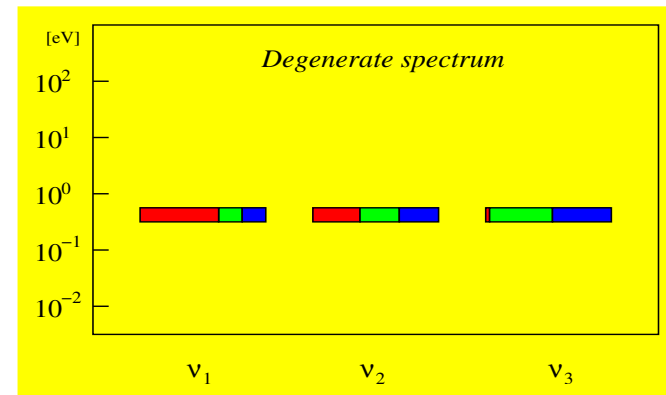
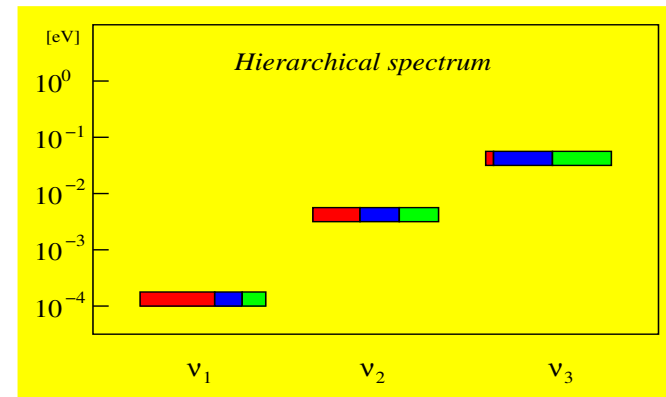
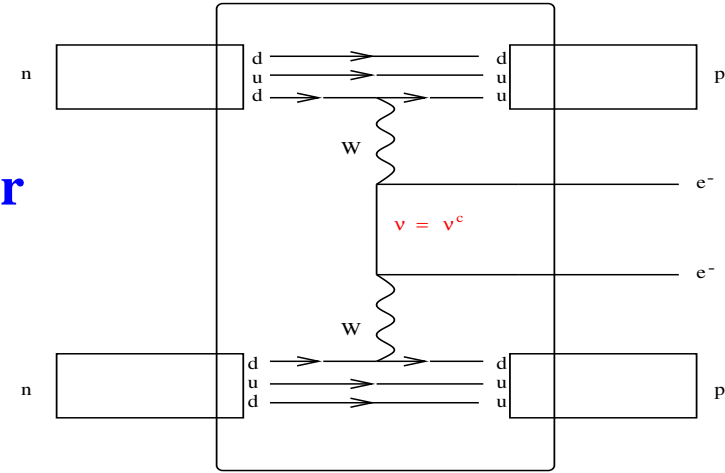
# 0-nu DOUBLE BETA DECAY AND NU-SPECTRA

given that neutrinos are massive,  
 $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$  should occur with an amplitude  
 governed by the average mass parameter

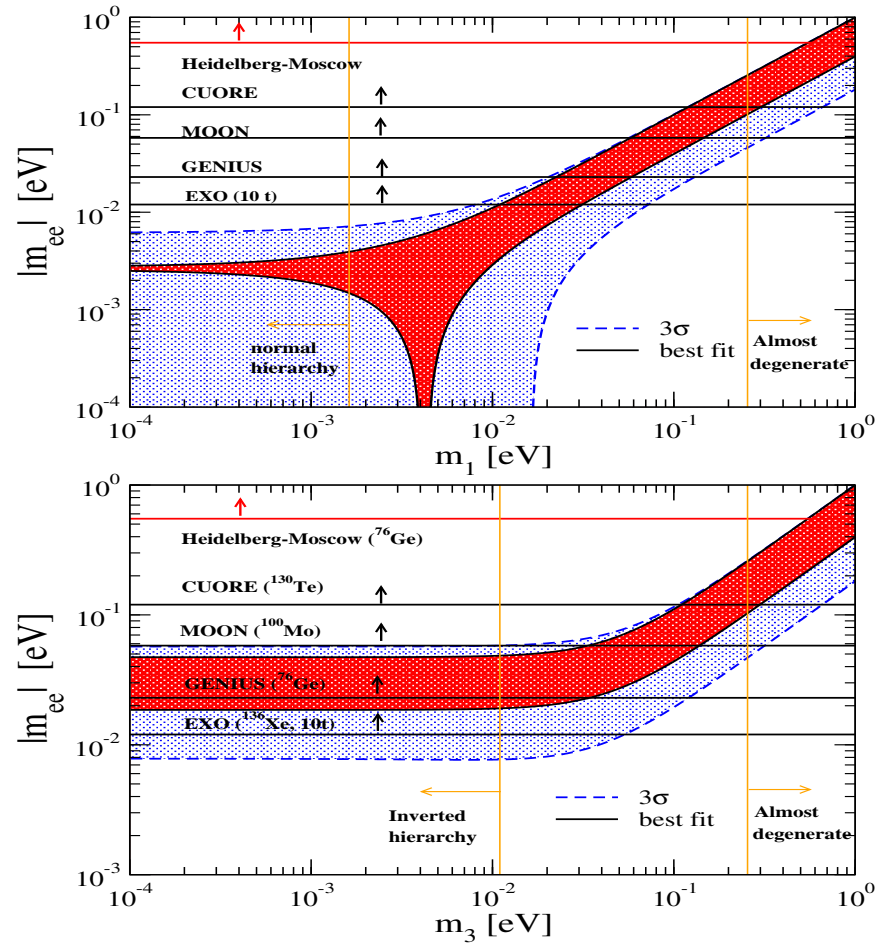
$$\langle m_\nu \rangle = \sum_j K_{ej}^2 m_j$$

- 3 masses:  $m_i$  NEW
- 2 angles:  $\theta_{12}$  and  $\theta_{13}$
- 2 CP phases: NEW  $\phi_{12}, \phi_{13}$

with  $S_{ij} \equiv \sin 2\phi_{ij}$   
 $C_{ij} \equiv \cos 2\phi_{ij}$



# PROBING ABSOLUTE M-NU SCALE



Bilenky, Faessler, Simkovic PRD70 (2004) 033003

can not yet reconstruct majorana phases

Barger, Glashow, Langacker, Marfatia, PLB540 (2002) 247

# predicting 0-nu double beta decay

## $A_4$ triplet model of nu-masses

Hirsch et al, PRD72 (2005) 091301

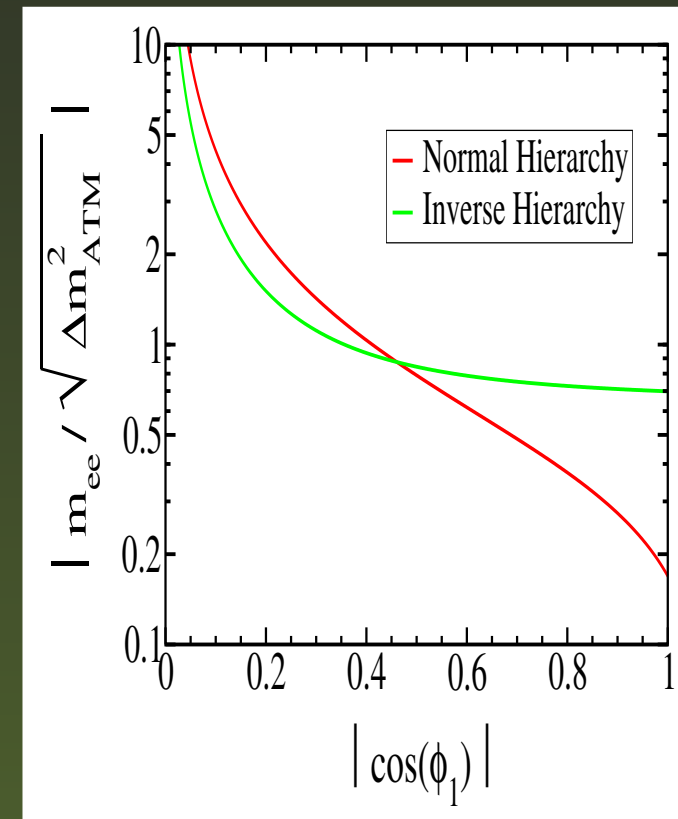
$$M_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} a + 2b & d & d \\ f & a - b & d \\ e & d & a - b \end{pmatrix}$$

gives  $\theta_{23} = 45 \tan^2 \theta_{12} = 1/2$

$$|\langle m_{ee} \rangle| \geq 0,17 \sqrt{\Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2}$$

also for normal hierarchy

sensitive to Majorana phase





# SIGNIFICANCE of 0-nu DOUBLE BETA DECAY

- tests **absolute nu-mass scale**

just as **cosmology CMB/LSS** •

**tritium beta decays** ...

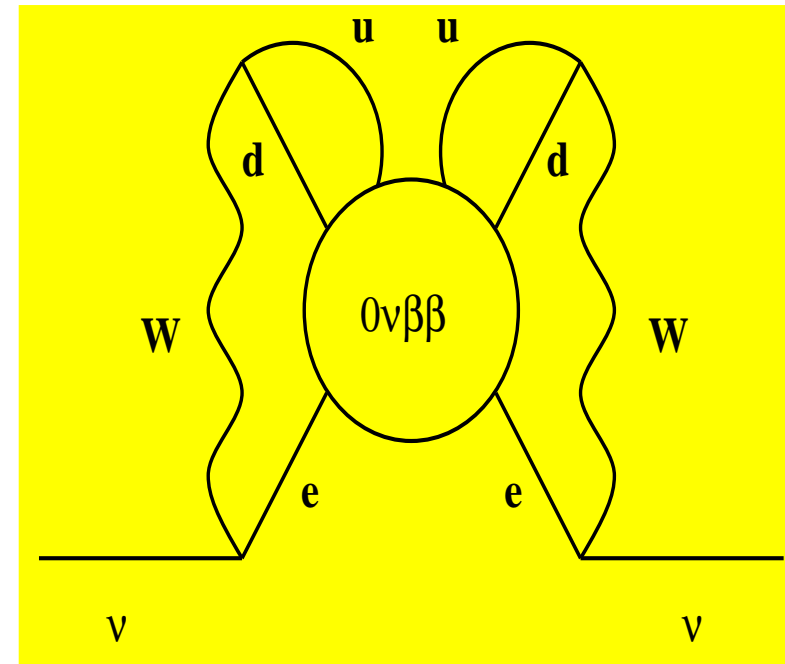
- tests **majorana nature**

**irrespective of mechanism**

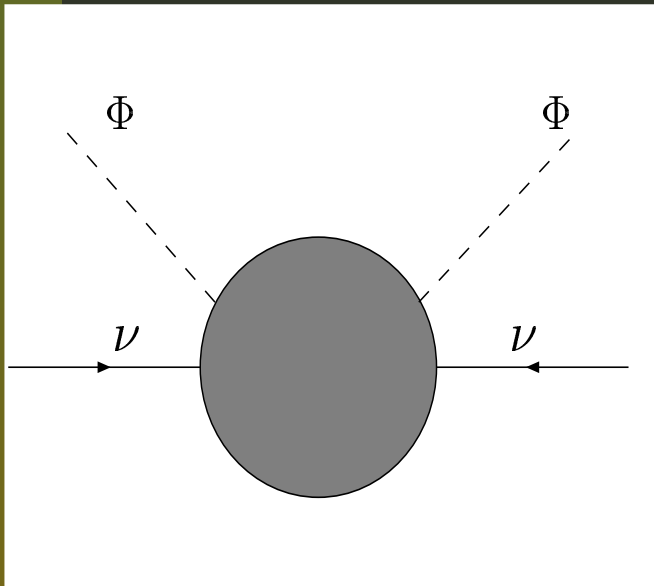
- **in a weak interaction gauge theory non-zero  $\beta\beta_{0\nu}$  implies at least one neutrino is Majorana**

Schechter and JV, PRD25 (1982) 2951

**no such theorem for flavor violation**



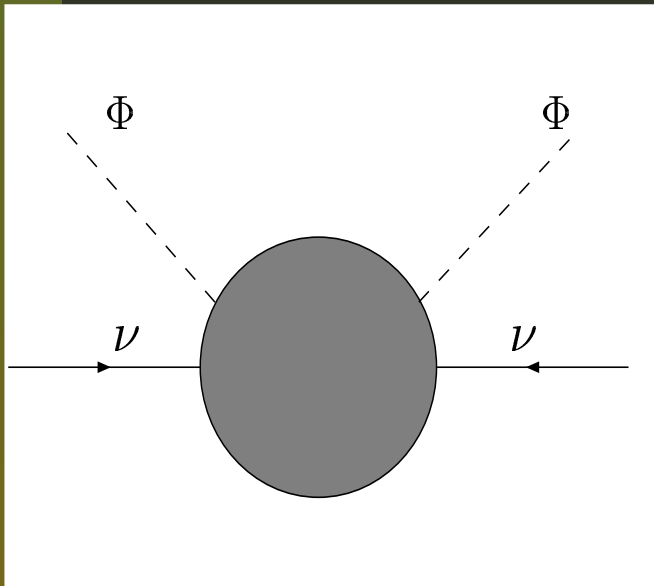
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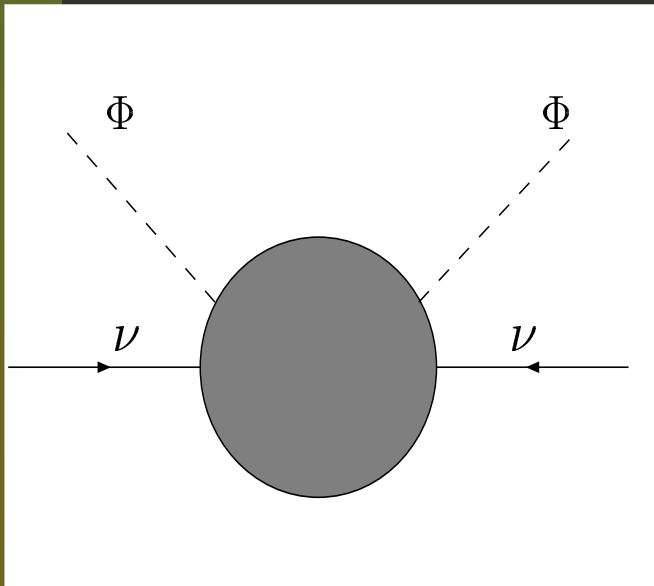


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■ unknown scale

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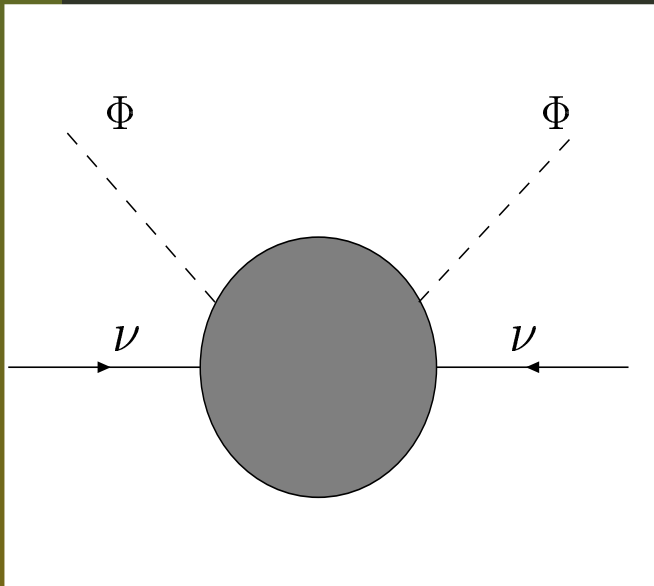
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unknown mechanism

many pathways

# The SEESAW PARADIGM

Minkowski 77, GRS-Y 79, Schechter, Valle 80 & 82, Mohapatra, Senjanovic 80, Lazarides, Shafi, Wetterich

nu-masses follow from

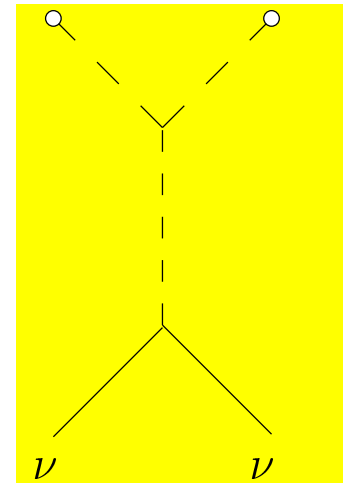
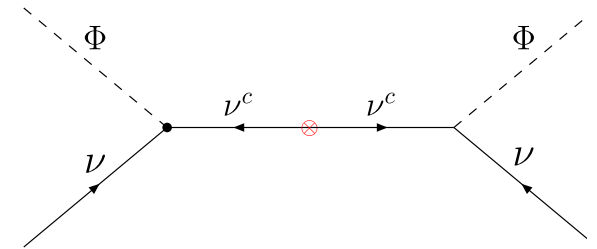
- $SU(2) \otimes U(1)$  singlet exchange (type I)
- heavy scalar bosons exchange (type II)

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_L & D \\ D^T & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

first gives  $M_{\nu \text{ eff}} \simeq -DM_R^{-1}D^T$

both suppressed by new scale

simplest seesaw possibly out ...





# thermal leptogenesis

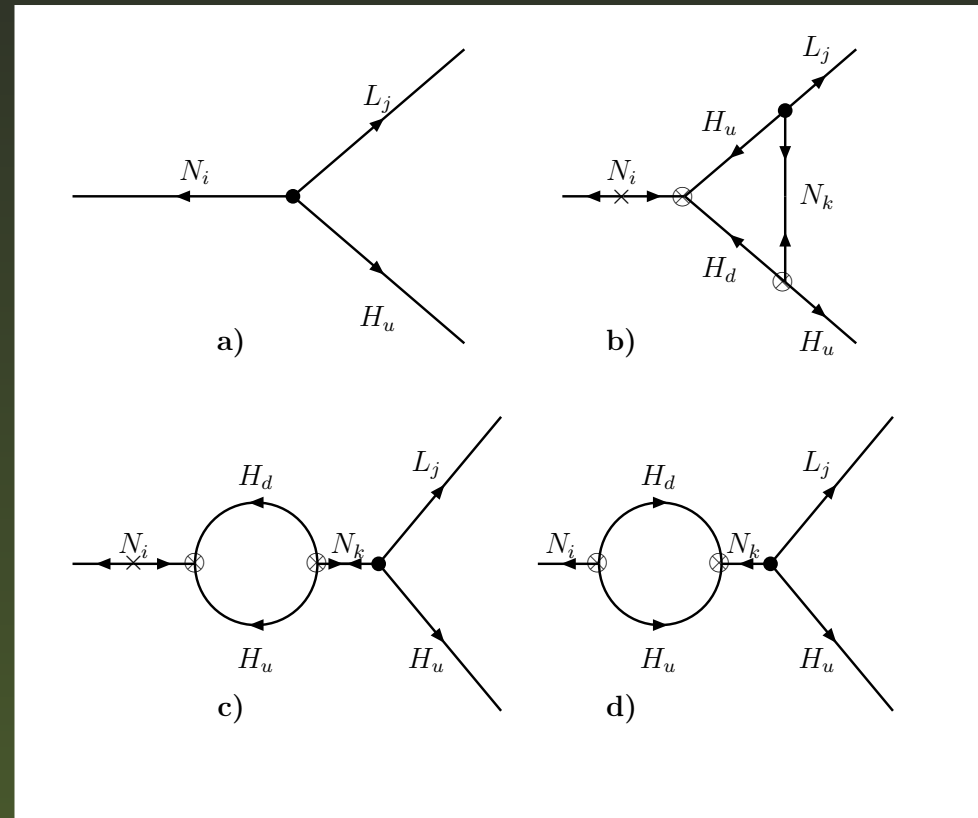
seesaw offers a way to generate cosmic baryon asymmetry from out-of-equilibrium decay of heavy singlet neutrinos

Fukugita, Yanagida 86

simplest (type-I) supersymmetric seesaw requires the lightest of the three right-handed neutrinos  $\gtrsim 10^9$  GeV  
 Their thermal production requires very high reheating temperatures

→ gravitino crisis

tiny RPV  $\lambda_i \hat{N}_i \hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d$  helps



Farzan & Valle PRL 96 (2006) 011601

# SEESAW UNIFICATION AT HIGH SCALE

neutrino masses unify as they run up

Chankowski et al PRL86 (2001) 3488

due to A4 Babu, Ma & JV, PLB552 (2003) 207

Hirsch et al, PRD69 (2004) 093006

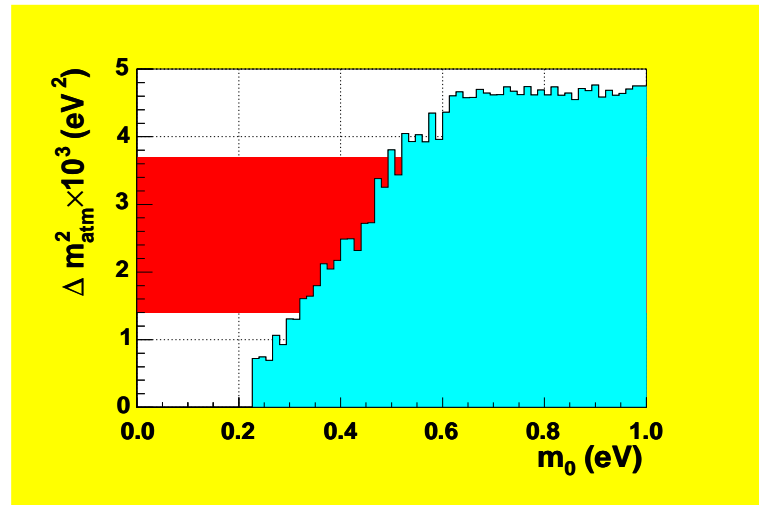
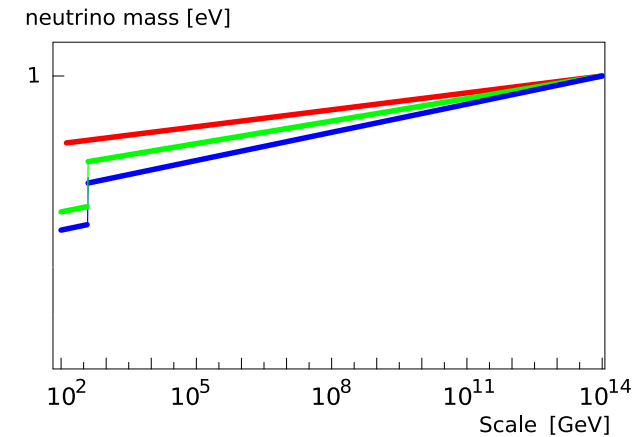
$\theta_{23} = \pi/4; \theta_{13} = 0; \theta_{12}$  large wrt Cabibbo

if  $\theta_{13} \neq 0$  then CPV is maximal

Grimus, Lavoura; Kitabayashi, Yasue; Ma et al; Altarelli, Feruglio

minimal nu-mass  $m \gtrsim 0.3$  eV

$B(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) \gtrsim 10^{-15}, B(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma) \gtrsim 10^{-9}$



light slepton

# UNIFIED SEESAW w/ LOW SCALE

$$M_{\nu\nu^c S} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y v_u & F v_L \\ Y^T v_u & 0 & \tilde{F} v_R \\ F^T v_L & \tilde{F}^T v_R & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{\nu\text{-eff}} \simeq \frac{\rho v^2}{M_X} \left[ Y (F \tilde{F}^{-1})^T + \text{tr} \right]$$

Malinsky, Romao, JV, PRL95 (2005) 161801

Akhmedov et al PLB368 (1996) 270, PRD53 (1996) 2752

Albright & Barr, Fukuyama, ... 2005

SO(10)

$$\begin{matrix} 210, 45 \\ \xrightarrow{\mathbf{V}_X} \end{matrix} \text{SU}(3) \otimes \text{SU}(2)_L \otimes \text{SU}(2)_R \otimes \text{U}(1)_{B-L}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 16\bar{16} \\ \xrightarrow{\mathbf{V}_R} \end{matrix} \text{SU}(3) \otimes \text{SU}(2)_L \otimes \text{U}(1)_R \otimes \text{U}(1)_{B-L}$$

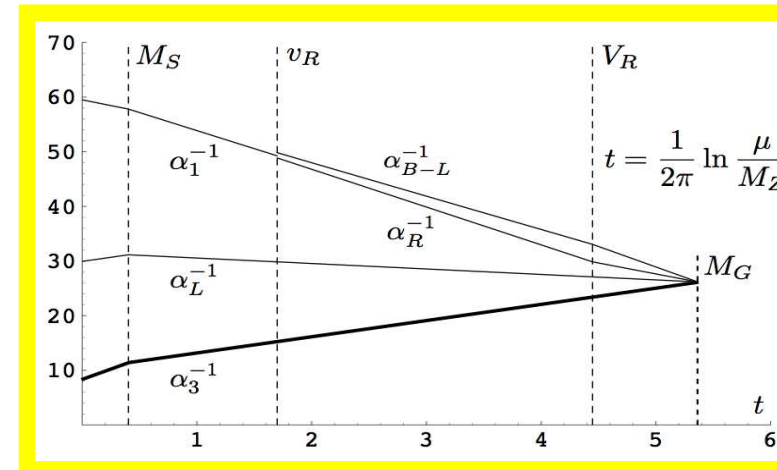
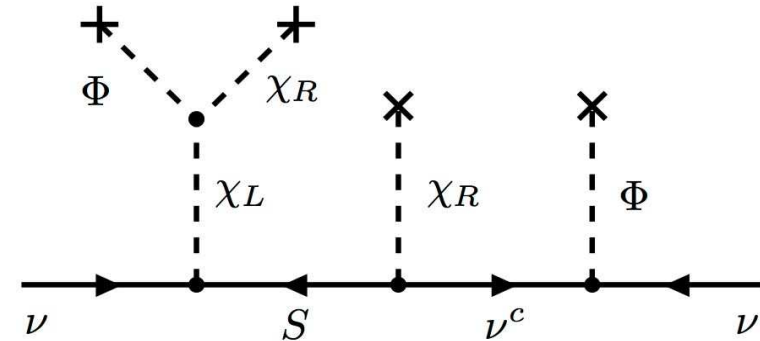
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$$V_R \ll V_R$$

gauge couplings unify  $D_p$  breaks at  $M_X$

SUSY SO(10) with low B-L scale



# MODEL-INDEPENDENT SEESAW

Schechter, JV, PRD22 (1980) 2227 & D25 (1982) 774

- **scale need not be high** (any # of  $SU(2) \otimes U(1)$  singlets)
- **doublet-singlet mixing** implies effectively  
**non-unitary lepton mixing matrix  $K_L$**
- seesaw mixing matrix contains  
**far more angles  $\theta_{ij}$  and phases  $\phi_{ij}$**  than for quarks
  - (i) Majorana phases
  - (ii) isodoublet-isosinglet neutrino mixings
- charged and neutral currents may produce **sizeable gauge-induced NSI**
- The (3, 1) model as basis for hybrid models of nu-mass

# SEESAW and LFV

missing partner  
or inverse seesaw  
Mohapatra & Valle 86

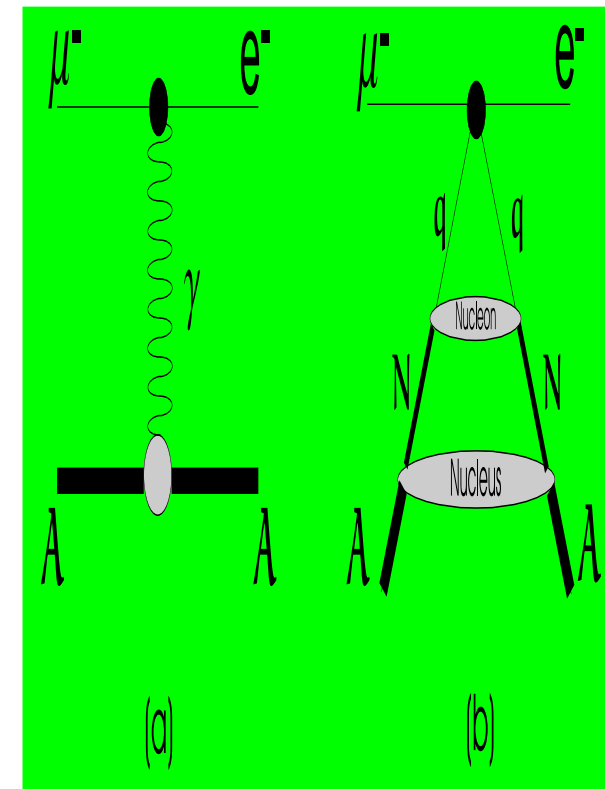
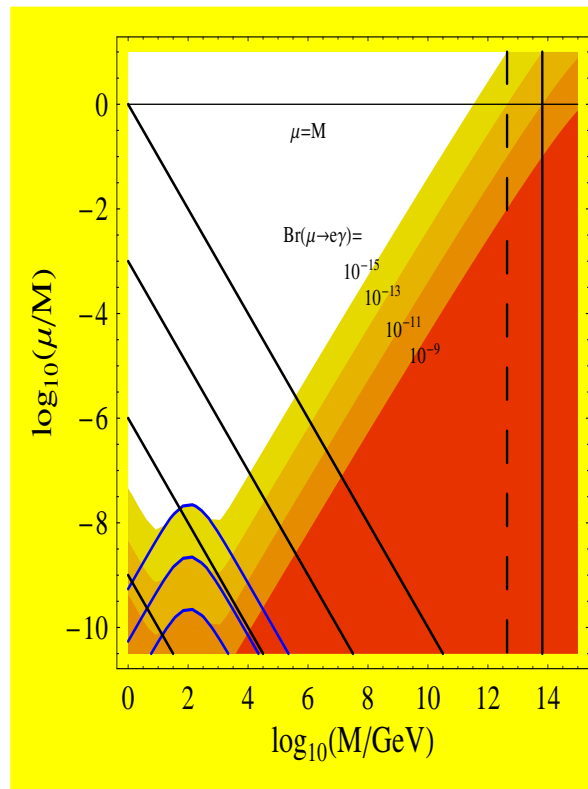
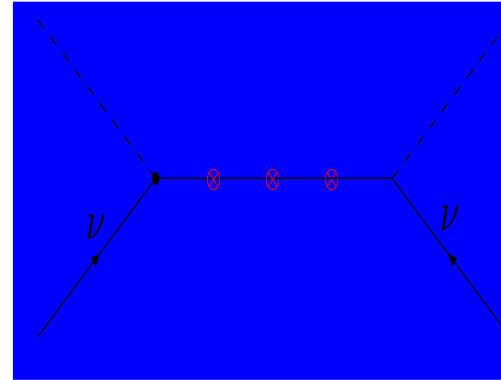
$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D^T & 0 \\ m_D & 0 & M^T \\ 0 & M & \mu \end{pmatrix}$$

LFV & CPV

(even as  $m_\nu \rightarrow 0$ )

NHL exchange

SUSY loops



Deppisch & JV, PRD72 (2005) 036001 & hep-ph/0512360

# SUSY ORIGIN OF NU-MASS

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spontaneous RPV

singlet sneutrino vev

Masiero and JV, PLB251 (1990) 273

→ effective bilinear RPV

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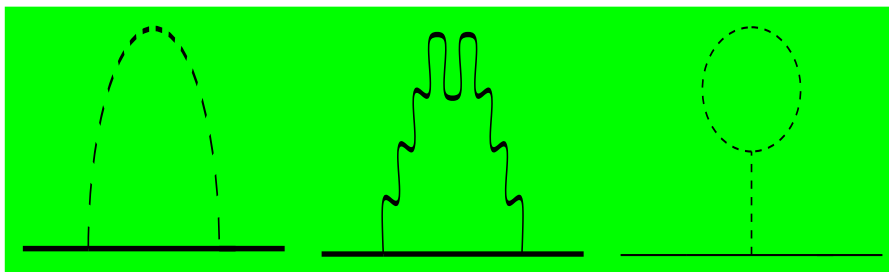
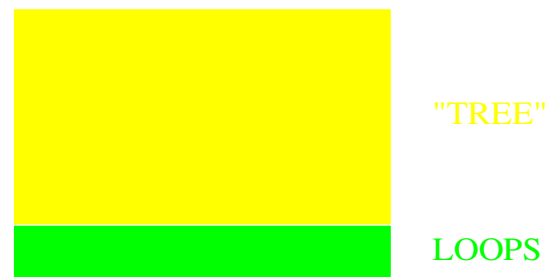
for a review see M. Hirsch, JV, NJP 6 (2004) 76

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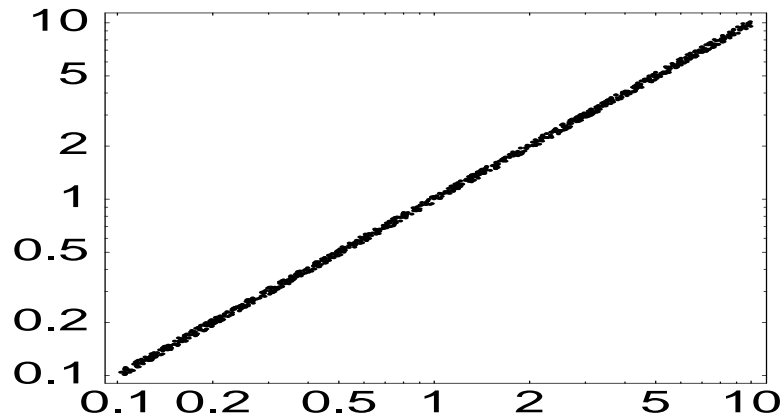
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Porod et al PRD63 (2001) 115004

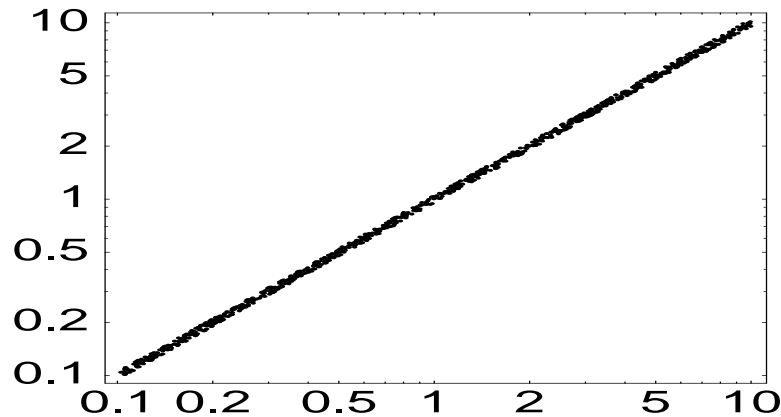
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┌ **irrespective of the nature of the LSP**

**stop** [Restrepo et al, PRD64 \(2001\) 055011](#)

**stau** [Hirsch et al, PRD66 \(2002\) 095006](#)

**other LSPs** [D68 \(2003\) 115007](#)

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# GLOBAL REALIZATION OF SEESAW

neutrino mass follows in the same way

**B-L violation is spont  $\rightarrow$  majoron**

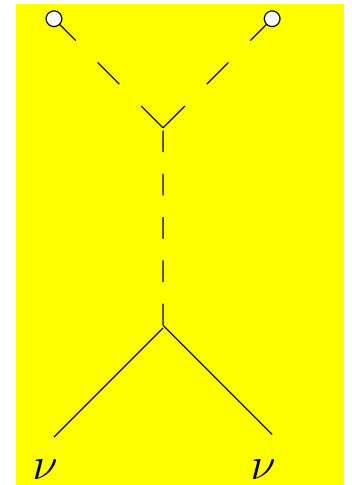
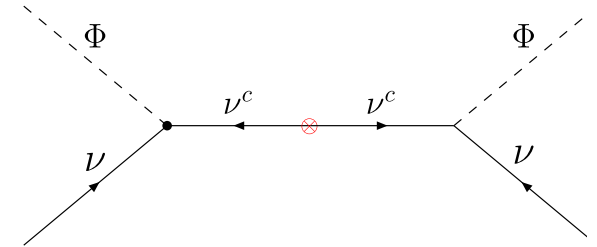
Chikashige, Mohapatra, Peccei

**opens  $\nu_h \rightarrow \nu_l + \text{majoron decay}$**

Schechter, JV, PRD25, 774 (1982)

**detectable at SNO with a future SNova**

Kachelriess et al PRD62 (2000) 023004



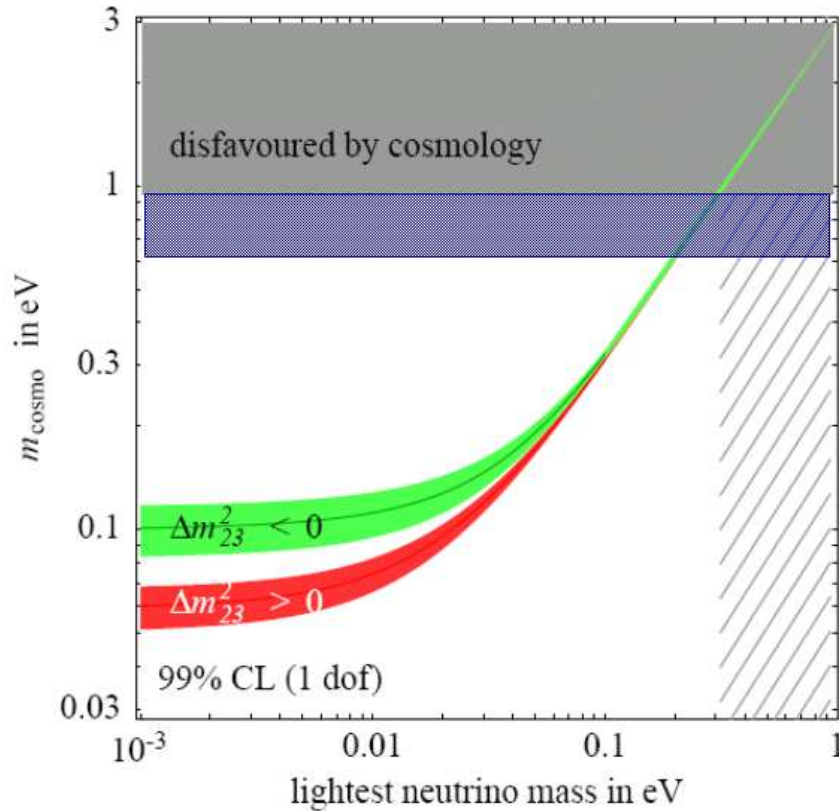
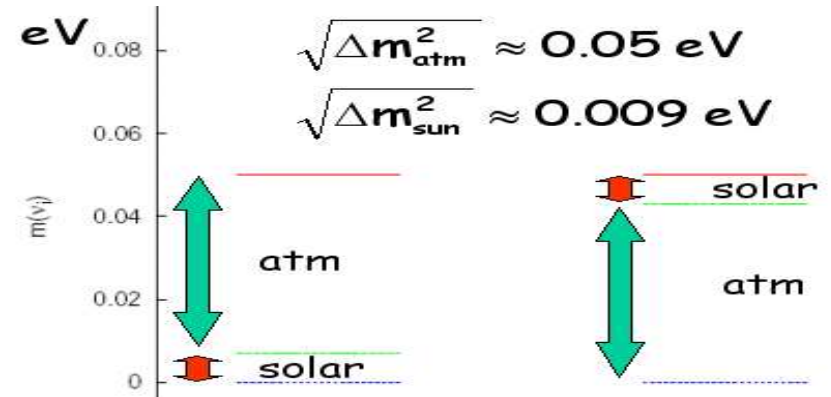
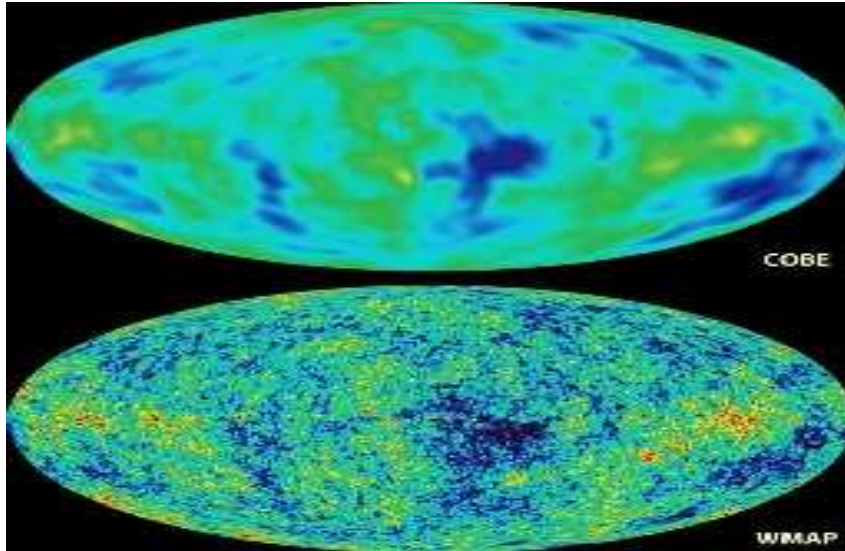
# open questions

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- what is the absolute scale of neutrino mass?
- are neutrinos Dirac or Majorana?
- is CP violated in the lepton sector?  
does it produce the cosmic baryon asymmetry?
- what is the origin of neutrino mass?  
can it be tested at accelerators?
- can neutrinos have non-standard interactions?
- can neutrinos probe the cosmos?
- can neutrinos probe our earth?



# CMB and LSS bounds on absolute m-nu scale



● Pastor et al PRD69 (2004) 123007



# latest fit of oscillation parameters

M. Maltoni et al

GlobalView

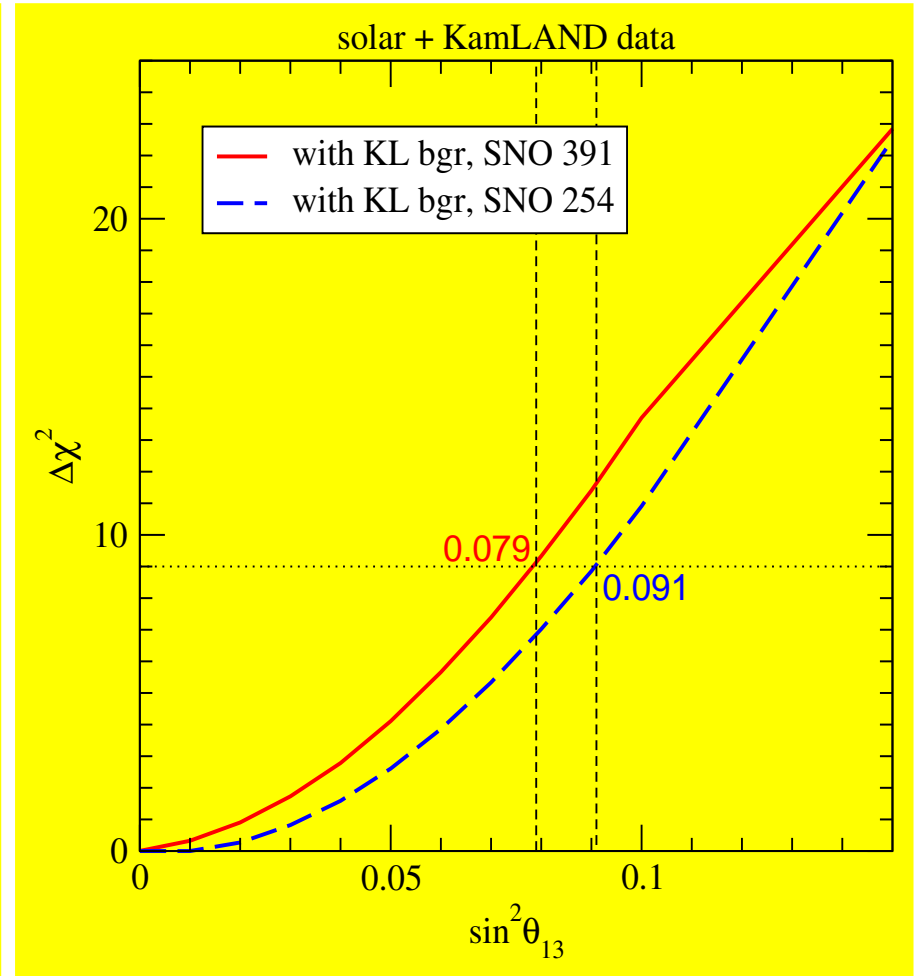
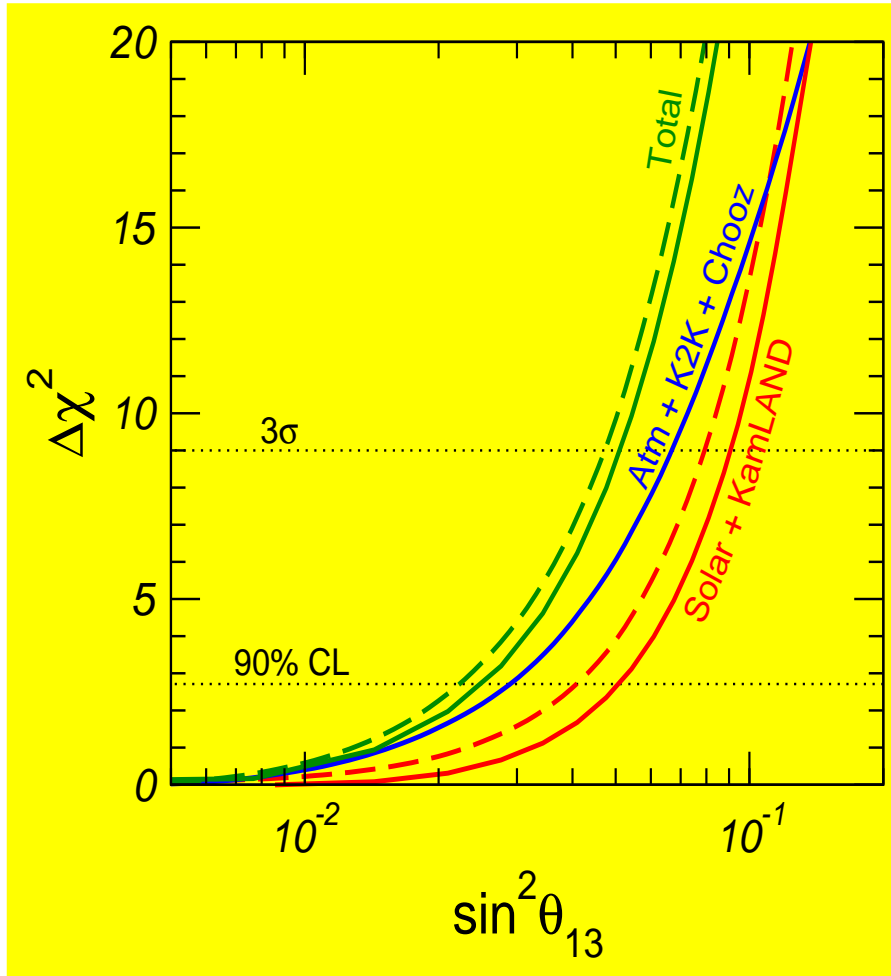
parameter	best fit	$2\sigma$	$3\sigma$	$4\sigma$
$\Delta m_{21}^2 [10^{-5} \text{eV}^2]$	7.9	7.3–8.5	7.1–8.9	6.8–9.3
$\Delta m_{31}^2 [10^{-3} \text{eV}^2]$	2.2	1.7–2.9	1.4–3.3	1.1–3.7
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.30	0.25–0.34	0.23–0.38	0.21–0.41
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.50	0.38–0.64	0.34–0.68	0.30–0.72
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.00	$\leq 0.031$	$\leq 0.051$	$\leq 0.073$

Table I: Best-fit values,  $2\sigma$  and  $3\sigma$  intervals (1 d.o.f.) for the three-flavour neutrino oscillation parameters from global data including solar, atmospheric, reactor (KamLAND and CHOOZ) and accelerator (K2K) experiments.

# what constrains $\theta_{13}$

M. Maltoni et al, NJP 6 (2004) 122 = hep-ph 0405172

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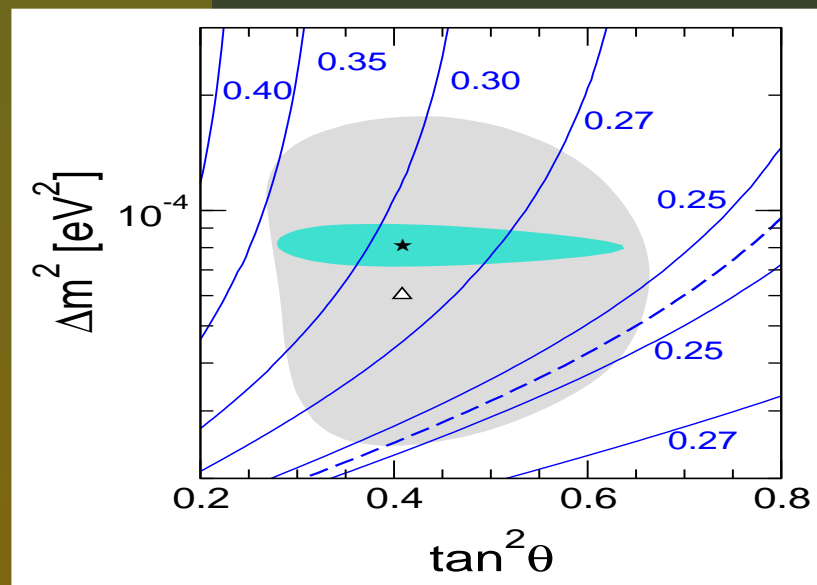


# weak interactions at low energies

## two tasks for Borexino?

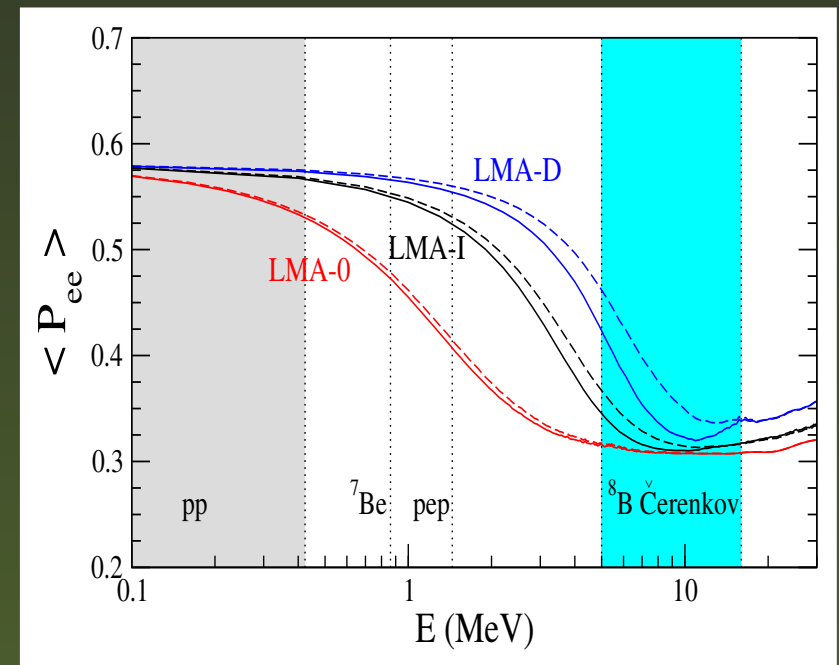
- probe nu-magn moment

upd of Grimus et al, NPB648, 376 (2003)



- probe NSI

Miranda et al hep-ph/0406280



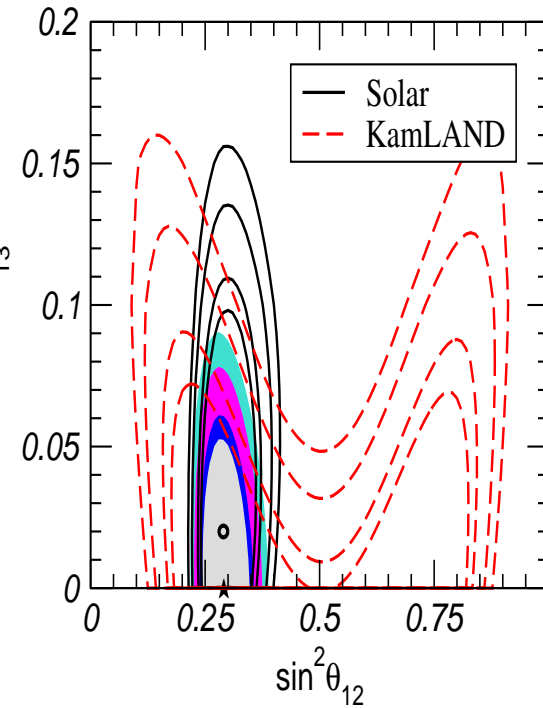
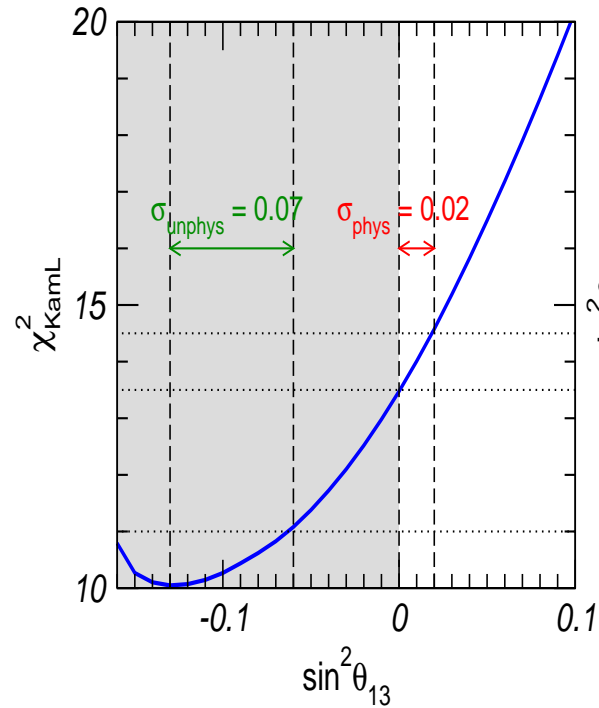
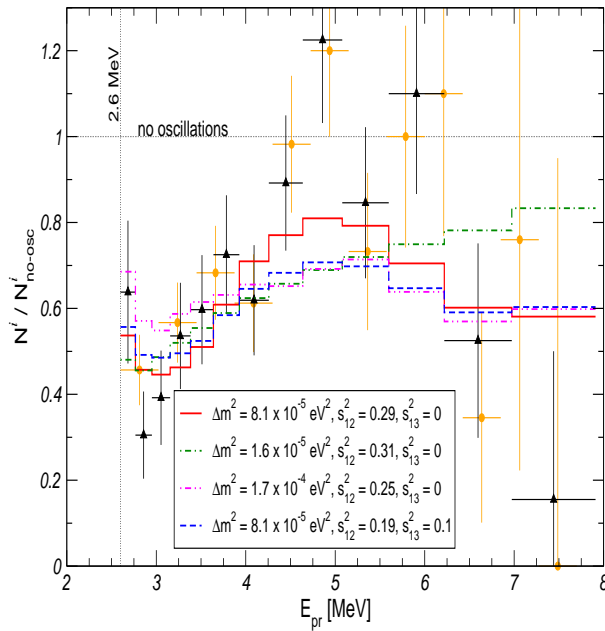
NSI-frag

# why KamLAND04 improves $\theta_{13}$



strong spectrum distortion

favors unphysical  $\theta_{13}$  values



combination with solar further improves ...

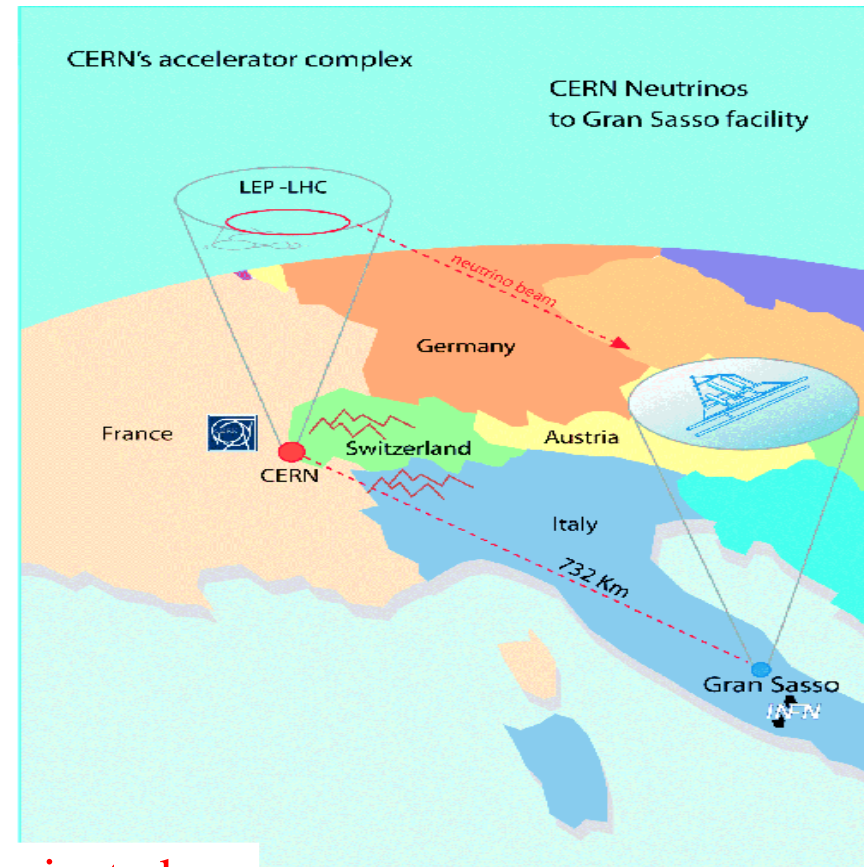
# Neutrino Factories

 $\theta_{13}$ 

NSI

double price for probing CPV

$$s_{13} \ \& \ \frac{\Delta m_{\text{SOL}}^2}{\Delta m_{\text{ATM}}^2}$$



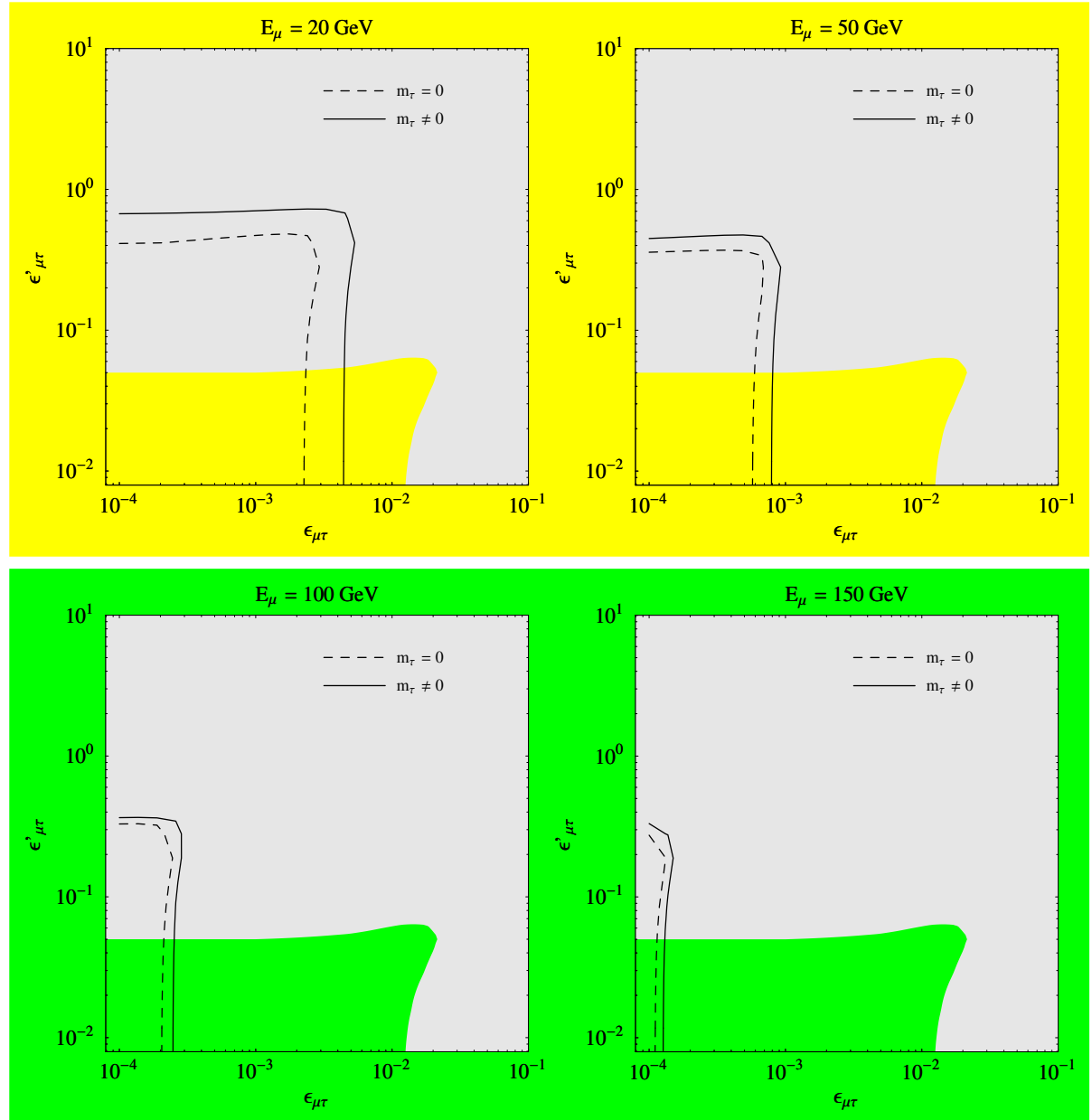
Non-Standard nu-Intercations (NSI) must be rejected ...

Huber, Schwetz & JV PRL88 (2002) 101804 & PRD66, 013006 (2002)

# Improved FC-NSI-tests at NuFact

10 kt detector,  
0.33  $\nu_\tau$  detection efficiency above 4 GeV; no tau charge id needed

Huber & JV PLB523 (2001) 151



# Robustness of solar-nu oscillations wrt noise-KL04

neutrino propagation strongly affected by solar density noise

Balantekin et al 95

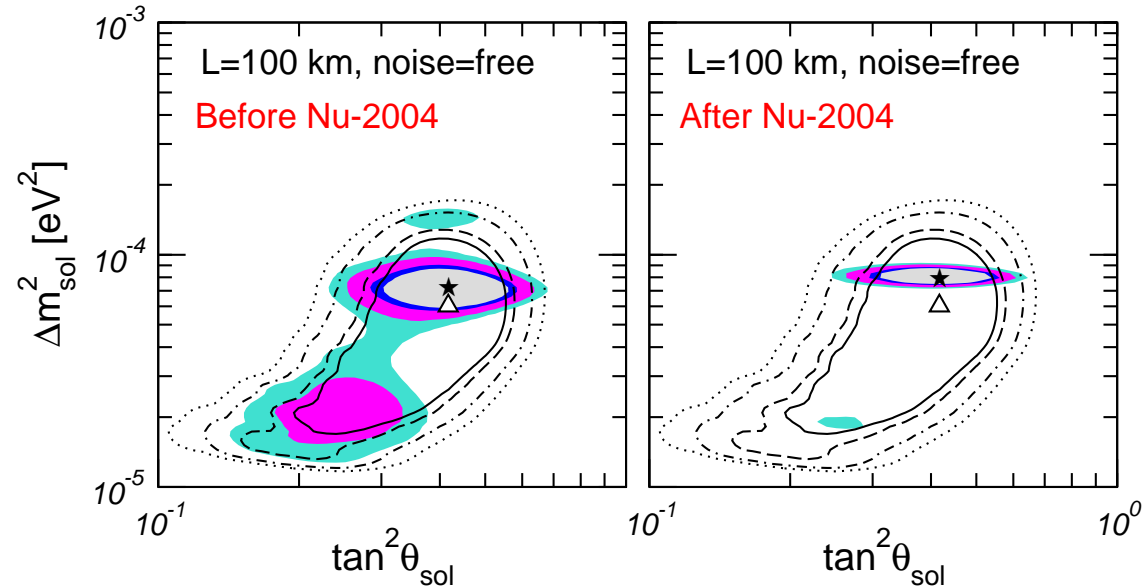
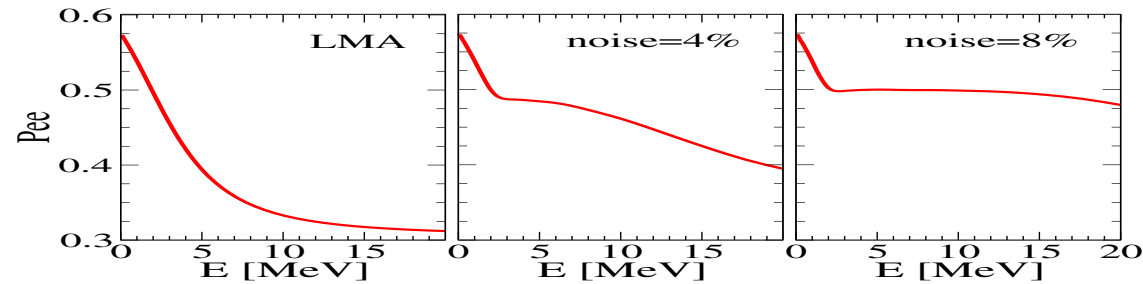
Nunokawa et al NPB472 (1996) 495

Burgess et al 97

Burgess et al, Ap.J.588:L65 (2003)

& JCAP 0401 (2004) 007

Guzzo et al, Balantekin et al



despite such large distortion

**determination is robust**

Maltoni et al, hep-ph 0405172

**noisy Sun**

# Robustness of solar-nu oscillations against SFP

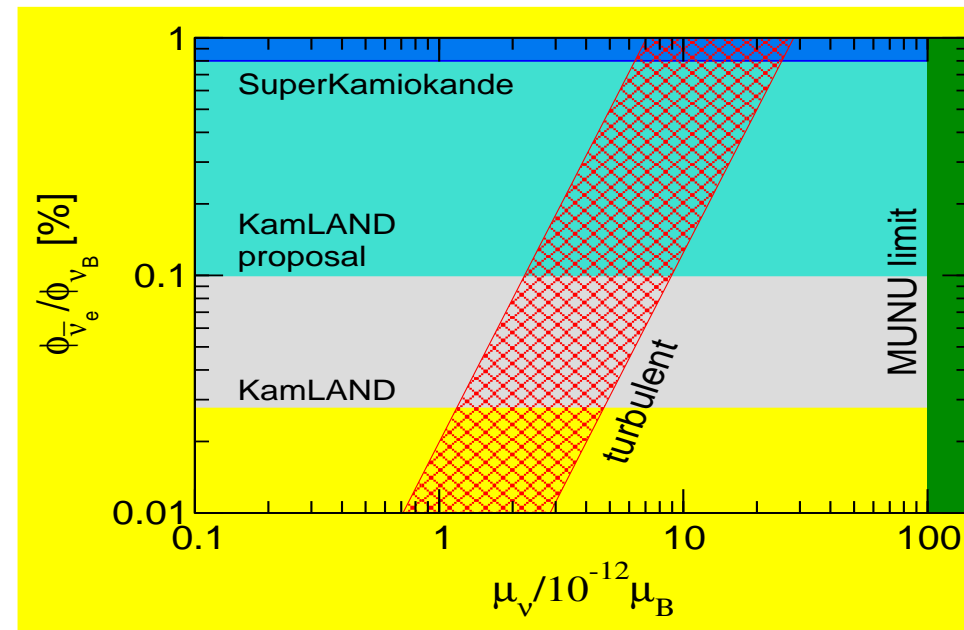
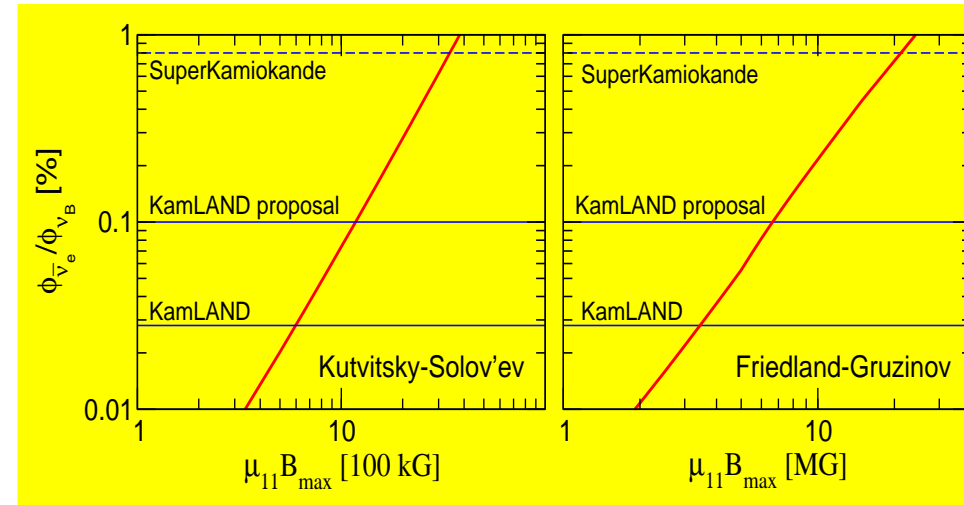
anti-nu limit implies robustness

regular versus random mag field

isolating  $\mu_\nu$  from  $\mu_\nu B$ ?

Miranda et al PRL93 (2004) 051304

& PRD70 (2004) 113002





# non-standard interactions



FC or NU sub-weak strength dim-6 terms  $\varepsilon G_F$

**can induce non-standard interactions**

oscillations of massless neutrinos in matter, which are E-independent, converting both neutrinos & anti-nu's, can be resonant in SNovae

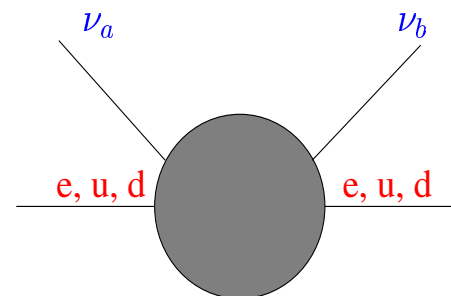
Valle PLB199 (1987) 432,

Roulet 91; Guzzo et al 91; Barger et al 91

they give excellent description of solar data **Guzzo et al NPB629 (2002) 479**

**but can not be the leading mechanism, due to KamLAND**

**how much can they affect solar neutrino oscill parameters?**



# day-night effect with 3 neutrinos

Akhmedov, Tortola, JV, JHEP05 (2004) 057

