

Neutrino Oscillation Anomalies and their Relation to Sterile Neutrinos

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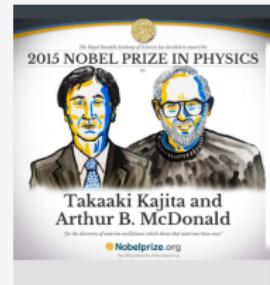
Introduction

Neutrino Oscillations

2015 Nobel Prize

Arthur B. McDonald, Takaaki Kajita

For the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass



New Physics and Sterile Neutrinos



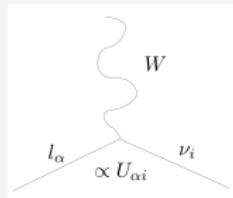
- 3ν Oscillations and global analysis
- Short Baseline Anomalies and the status of their interpretation in terms of Sterile Neutrino Oscillations

Neutrino Oscillations

3 ν Standard Oscillations

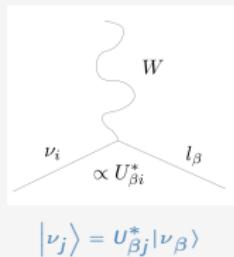
After EWSB: $\mathcal{L}_{CC} \propto U_{\alpha i} W_\mu^- \bar{\ell}_\alpha \gamma^\mu P_L \nu_i$

Lepton mixing matrix U , analogous to the CKM matrix.



Propagation

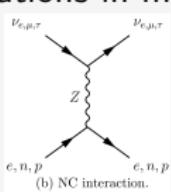
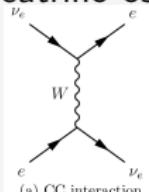
$$|\nu_\alpha(t)\rangle = U_{\alpha j} e^{-iE_j t} |\nu_j(t)\rangle = U_{\alpha j} e^{-iE_j t} U_{\gamma j}^* |\nu_\gamma\rangle$$



Oscillation Probability (in Vacuum)

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = |\langle \nu_\beta | \nu_\alpha(t) \rangle|^2 = \delta_{ab} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \operatorname{Re} (U_{aj} U_{bj}^* U_{ai}^* U_{bi}) \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{4E} \right) + 2 \sum_{i>j} \operatorname{Im} (U_{aj} U_{bj}^* U_{ai}^* U_{bi}) \sin \left(\frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2 L}{2E} \right)$$

Neutrino oscillations in matter



CC effective potential

- Oscillation probability enhancement, MSW effect.
- intrinsic CP violation.

NC effective potential do not have any effect

Neutrino Oscillations

PMNS Matrix Parametrization

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} ; \quad \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2, \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \text{ & } U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\alpha_1} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\alpha_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\beta}(E, L, \theta) \quad \text{6 Parameters: } \theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP}, \Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \ll \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2.$$

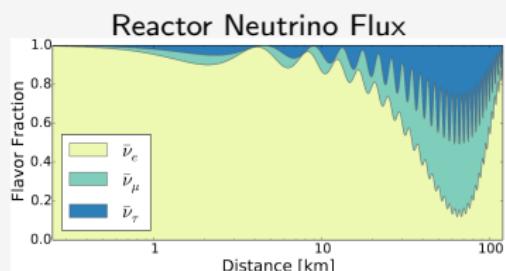
Oscillation Regimes

$$\frac{\Delta m^2 E}{4L} \simeq 1.27 \Delta m_{ij}^2 (\text{eV}^2) \frac{L(\text{Km})}{E(\text{GeV})}$$

$$\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2 \Rightarrow L/E \sim 10^4 \text{ Km/GeV}$$

Reactors: $E \sim \text{MeV}$, $L \sim 1 \text{ Km}$ Daya Bay

$L \sim 100 \text{ Km}$ KamLAND



P.Vogel et.al. [arXiv:1503.01059]

Neutrino Oscillations, 3ν NuFit combined analysis

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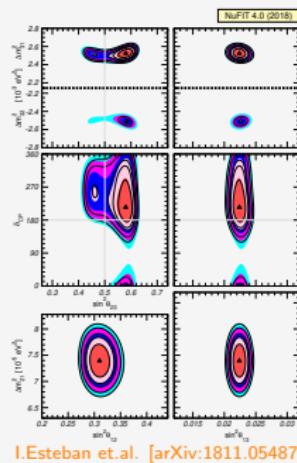
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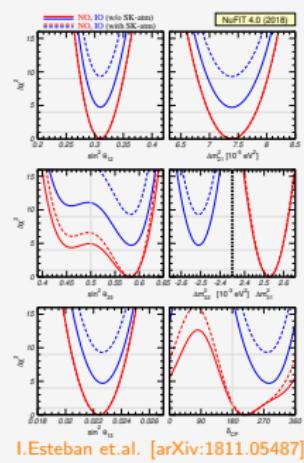
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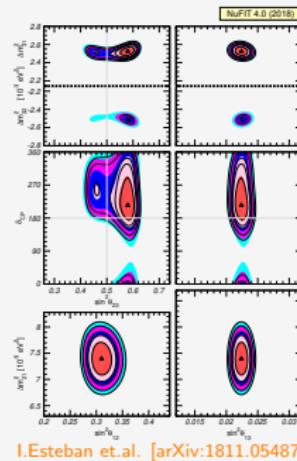
$\Delta m_{\text{sol}}^2 \ll \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$ (Mass ordering)

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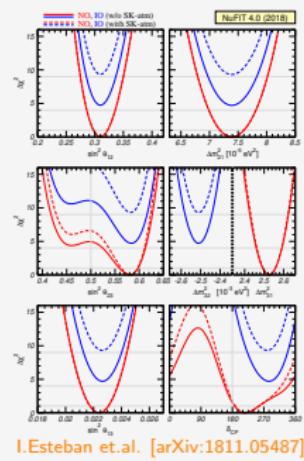
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Neutrino Oscillations, Reactor Neutrinos

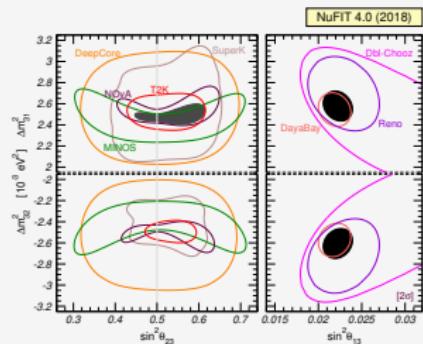
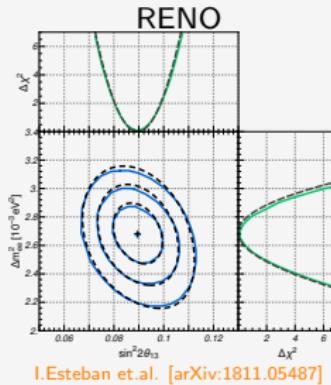
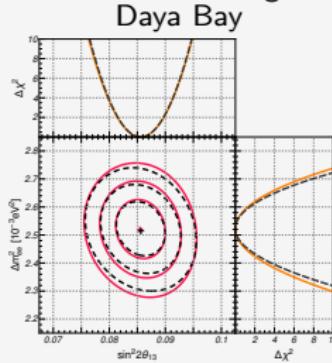
Predictions

$$N_i^d = \mathcal{N} \sum_r \sum_{\text{iso}} \frac{\epsilon^d}{L_{rd}^2} \int_{E_i^{\text{rec}}}^{E_{i+1}^{\text{rec}}} dE^{\text{rec}} \int_0^\infty dE_\nu \sigma(E_\nu) f^{\text{iso}} \phi^{\text{iso}}(E_\nu) P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e}^{\text{rd}}(E_\nu) R(E^{\text{rec}}, E_\nu)$$

Analysis, Pull approach

$$\chi^2(\theta, \eta) = \sum_{i,j} \frac{(Obs_i - Pred_i(\theta, \eta))^2}{(\sigma_i^{\text{stat}})^2} + \eta_k V_{kl}^{-1} \eta_l$$

η : pull parameters accounting for the **systematics**. We include as much information from the collaborations as it is given.



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Neutrino Oscillations

6 Parameters: θ_{12} , θ_{23} , θ_{13} & δ_{CP}
 $\Delta m_{sol}^2 \ll \Delta m_{atm}^2$ (**Mass ordering**)

$$m_1 < m_2 < m_3$$

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3 ν Oscillation Framework is very well tested

However there are experimental data that can not be accommodated in this framework

3 + 1 ν framework

⇒ **Short Baseline Anomalies**

- Sterile Neutrino Oscillations
- Reactor Anti-neutrino Anomaly
- LSND and MiniBooNE Anomaly
- Appearance vs Disappearance Tension

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} = 1 - 4 \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j>i}^4 |U_{ei}|^2 |U_{ej}|^2 \sin^2 \left(\Delta m_{ij}^2 \frac{L}{4E} \right)$$

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} \underset{\text{SBL}}{\approx} 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{14} \sin^2 \left(\Delta m_{41}^2 \frac{L}{4E} \right)$$

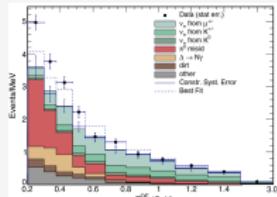
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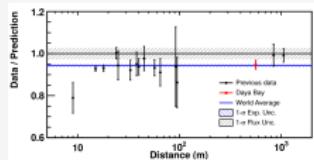
SBL Anomalies and Sterile Neutrino Oscillations

Short Baseline (SBL) Experiments measure in the $L/E \sim 1\text{m}/\text{MeV}$ regime.
 They are not sensitive to the 3ν standard oscillations (Δm_{atm}^2 and Δm_{sol}^2).

- 1 LNSD & MiniBooNE $\overset{(-)}{\nu_\mu} \rightarrow \overset{(-)}{\nu_e}$
- 2 Gallium $\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$
- 3 Reactor $\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$



A.A. Aguilar-Arevalo et.al. [arXiv:1805.12028]

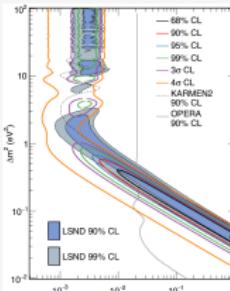


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eV Sterile Neutrino

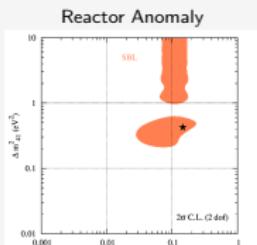
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$$P_{\overset{(-)}{\nu_\alpha} \rightarrow \overset{(-)}{\nu_\beta}} = \left| \delta_{\alpha\beta} - \sin^2 2\theta_{\alpha\beta} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{41}^2 L}{4E} \right) \right|$$



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Total measured events vs
predicted events

Reactor Anti-neutrino Anomaly

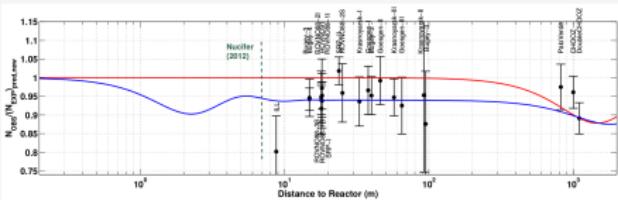
^{235}U , ^{239}Pu , ^{238}U & $^{241}\text{Pu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ ($\sim\text{MeV}$) Flux.

Reactor experiments measured a deficit $\bar{\nu}_e$ events with respect to the theoretical predictions (Huber-Muller)

Sterile Neutrino Oscillations

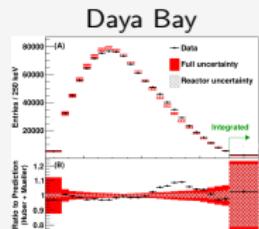
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averaged out : $P_{\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e} = 1 - \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\theta_{14}$

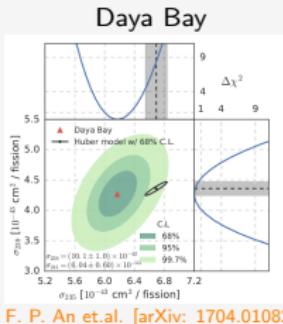


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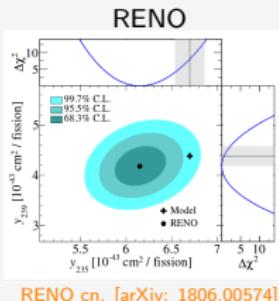
Flux Mismodelling



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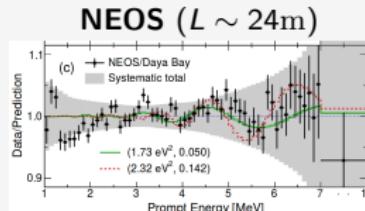


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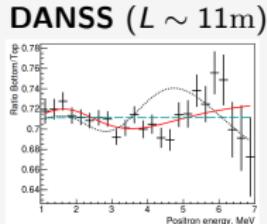
Global fit C.Giunti et.al. [arXiv: 1901.01807] of the flux evolution and all-time integrated $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux measurement do not favour the flux mismodeling hypothesis over the hybrid models.

Reactor Anti-neutrino Anomaly

Recent New Data Analysis independent of flux predictions



Y.J. Ko et.al. [arXiv: 1610.05134]

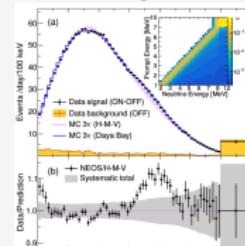


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PROSPECT ($L \sim 7 - 13\text{m}$)
STEREO ($L \sim 10\text{m}$)
NEUTRINO 4* ($L \sim 6 - 12\text{m}$)

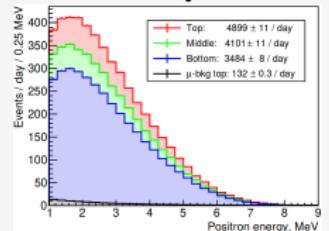
Based on ratios of measured spectra

NEOS spectrum



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DANSS spectrum



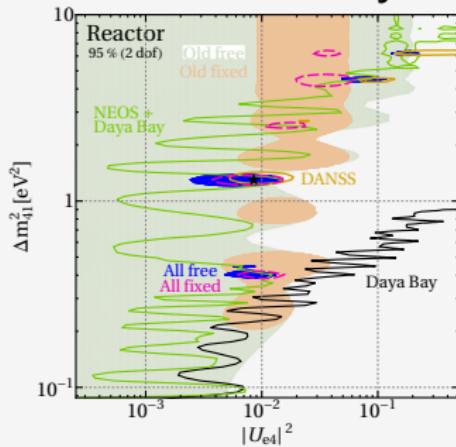
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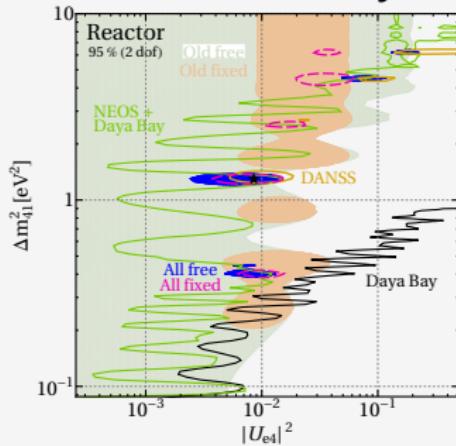
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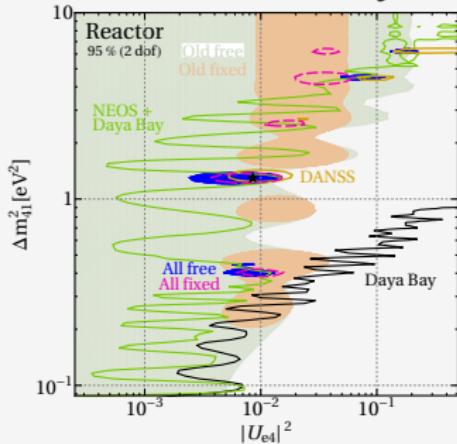


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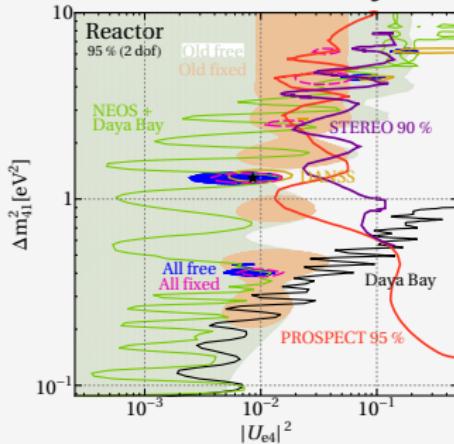
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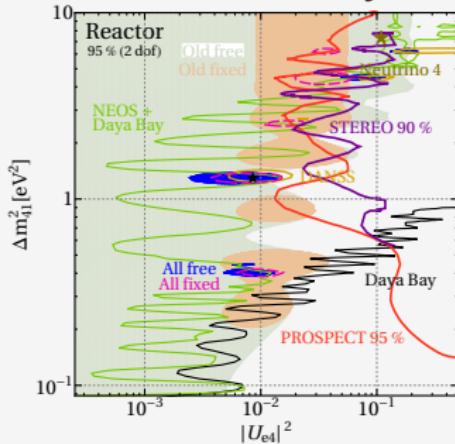
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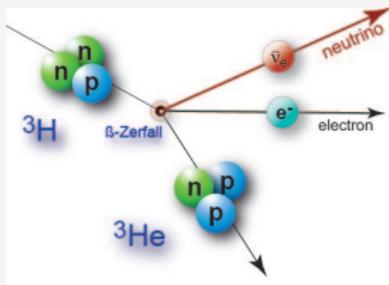
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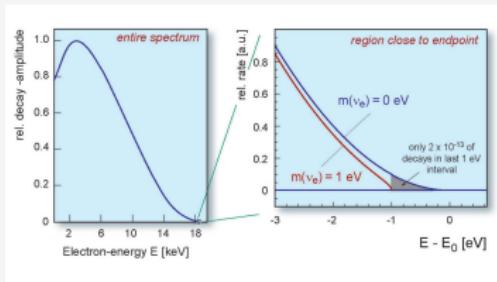
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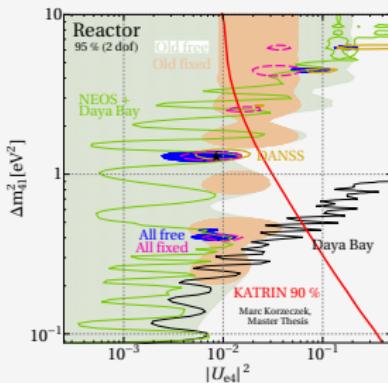
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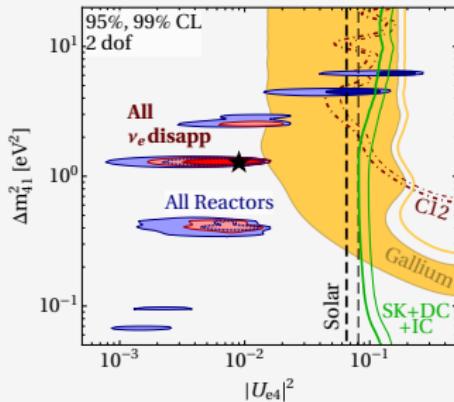
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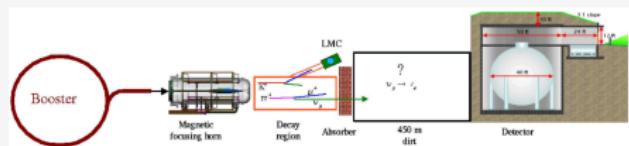
Marx Kroczek, Master Thesis: eV- & KeV-sterile neutrino studies with KATRIN

Global $\stackrel{(-)}{\nu_e}$ Disappearance Analysis


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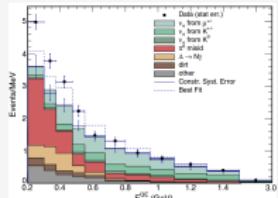
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| $\stackrel{(-)}{\nu_e}$ disp. (flux free) | 1.3 | 0.00901 | 542.9/(594 - 8) | 13.4 | 3.2 σ |

LNSD and MiniBooNE Anomalies, $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$



K. N. Abazajian et.al. [arXiv:1204.5379]

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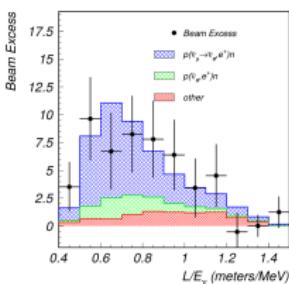
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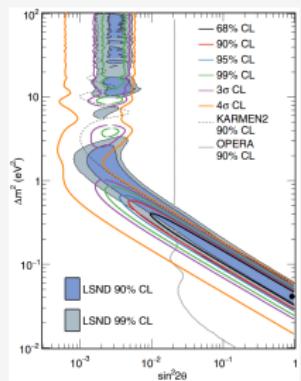


C.Athanassopoulos et.al. [arXiv:nucl-es/9605002]

Oscillation regime $L/E \sim 0.5 - 1.5$ m/MeV



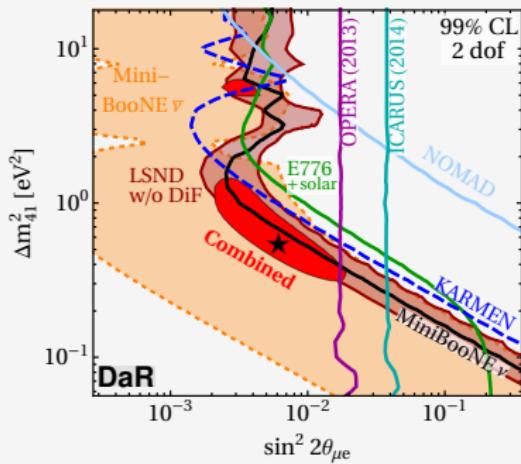
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LSND & MiniBooNE Anomalies

Global $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_e$ Analysis

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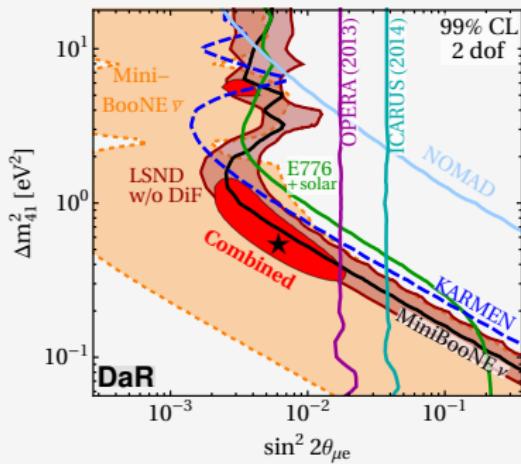
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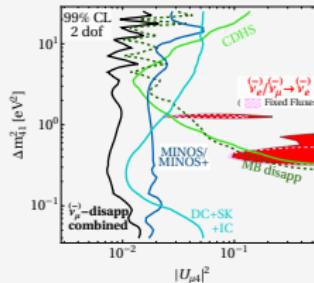
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$$\sin^2 2\theta_{e\mu} \simeq \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2\theta_{ee} \sin^2 2\theta_{\mu\mu}$$

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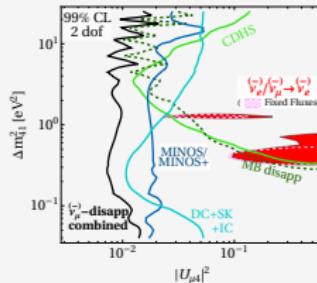
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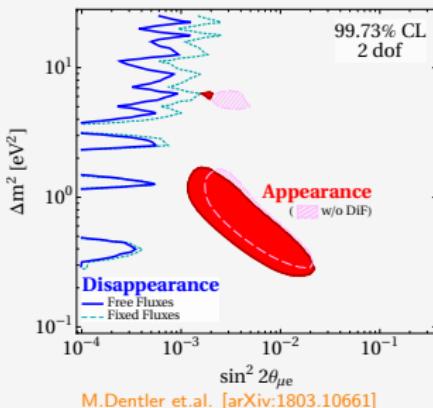
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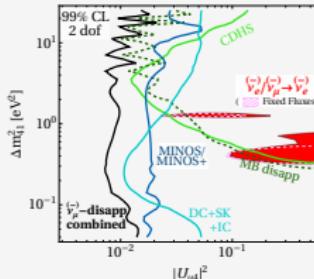
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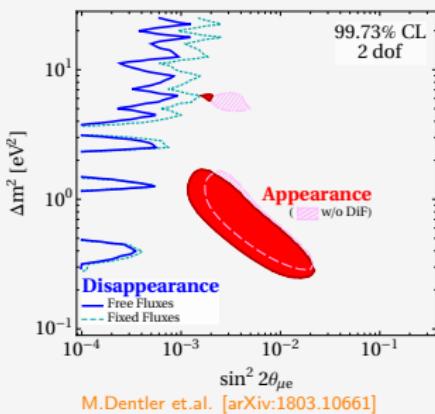
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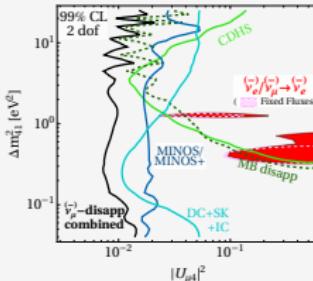
Parameter Goodness of Fit Test

| Analysis | $\Delta\chi^2_{\text{app-disapp}}$ | p-value | significance |
|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Global | 29.6 | 3.7×10^{-7} | 5.1σ |
| w/o Reactors | 20.3 | 3.9×10^{-5} | 4.1σ |

The tension is independent of the Reactor Anomaly

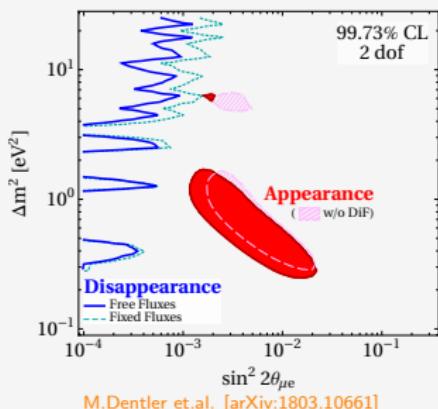
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| Analysis | $\chi^2_{\text{PG}}/\text{dof}$ | PG |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Global | 29.6/2 | 3.71×10^{-7} |
| Removing anomalous data sets | | |
| w/o LSND | 12.9/2 | 1.6×10^{-3} |
| w/o MiniBooNE | 24.4/2 | 5.2×10^{-6} |
| w/o reactors | 20.3/2 | 3.8×10^{-5} |
| w/o gallium | 33.9/2 | 4.4×10^{-8} |
| Removing constraints | | |
| w/o IceCube | 29.4/2 | 4.2×10^{-7} |
| w/o MINOS(+) | 24.5/2 | 4.7×10^{-6} |
| w/o MB disapp | 28.7/2 | 6.0×10^{-7} |
| w/o CDHS | 28.2/2 | 7.5×10^{-7} |

The tension is independent of any particular experiment

Summary

- 3ν Oscillations unknown parameters: δ_{CP} , mass ordering, θ_{23} octant.
- 3ν Oscillations are a very well tested framework. However there are some anomalies.
- Reactor Anti-neutrino anomaly is compatible with new data, independent of flux predictions, at the level of $\sim 3\sigma$: $|U_{e4}|^2 \sim 0.01$ and $\Delta m_{\text{new}}^2 \sim 1.3\text{eV}^2$.
- $\overset{\leftarrow}{\nu_\mu} \rightarrow \overset{\leftarrow}{\nu_e}$ Appearance data (MiniBooNE and LSND) is in strong tension with the Disappearance data ($\overset{\leftarrow}{\nu_\mu} \rightarrow \overset{\leftarrow}{\nu_\mu}$ bounds), independently of the reactor data.
- MiniBooNE and LSND data should not be explained in terms of sterile neutrino oscillations.