

Physics of $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$

★ What is θ_{13} ?

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{e1} & V_{e2} & V_{e3} \\ V_{\mu 1} & V_{\mu 2} & V_{\mu 3} \\ V_{\tau 1} & V_{\tau 2} & V_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{with } |V_{e3}| \equiv \sin\theta_{13})$$

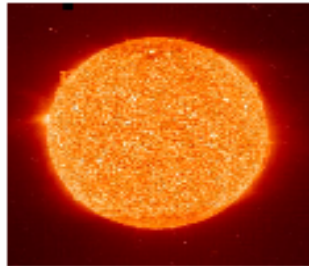
θ_{13} is the yet unknown (smallest) lepton mixing angle.

★ What does $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ mean?

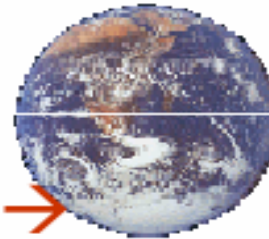
$$P(\bar{\nu}_e \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \approx 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \cdot \sin^2 \left(1.27 \frac{\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 L}{E} \right) \quad (\text{Reactor})$$

$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ measures the oscillation amplitude of reactor neutrinos, e.g., at Daya Bay (大亚湾) .

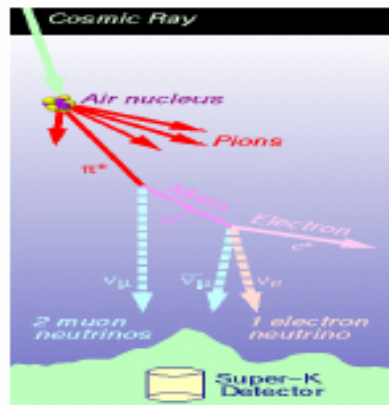
Neutrino Sources and Topics:



← **Sun**



Earth →

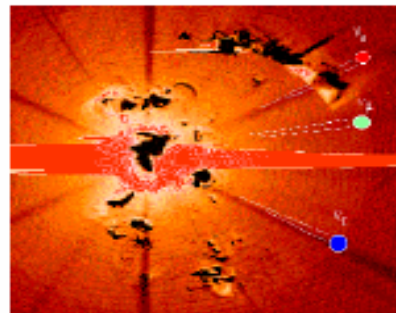


← **Atmosphere**

Supernovae →
Astronomy



← **Big Bang** **Reactors** →



Accelerators →
Laboratories



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High Impact of θ_{13} on Particle Physics

Strong **experimental evidence** in favor of **neutrino oscillations** (SK, SNO, KamLAND, K2K, ...) implies that

★ **neutrinos are massive**

★ **lepton flavors are mixed**

A major **breakthrough** in today's particle physics

In **SM**, lepton number is conserving & neutrinos are massless Weyl particles. But many people did not believe that, because

★ $m_\nu = 0$ is not guaranteed by fundamental law or symmetry

★ $m_\nu \neq 0$ is naturally expected in grand unified theories

Today we are convinced that $m_\nu \neq 0$ is actually true. Then,

★ **SM incomplete—an experimental reason to go beyond SM**

★ **lepton mixing at the front of experimental particle physics**

Quark flavor mixing (**CKM** matrix):

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

Experimental steps: $\theta_{12} \rightarrow \theta_{23} \rightarrow \theta_{13} \rightarrow \delta$
 $\sim 13^\circ \quad \sim 2^\circ \quad \sim 0.2^\circ \quad \sim 65^\circ$

Lepton flavor mixing (**MNS** matrix):

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13} \\ 0 & e^{-i\delta} & 0 \\ -s_{13} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\rho} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Experimental steps: $\theta_{23} \rightarrow \theta_{12} \rightarrow \theta_{13} \rightarrow \delta / \rho / \sigma$
 $\sim 45^\circ \quad \sim 33^\circ \quad < 13^\circ \quad \sim ???$

Lessons of quark mixing for lepton mixing:

- ★ The smallest mixing angle θ_{13} is a crucial **turning-point** in doing precision measurements and detecting CP violation
- ★ Neutrino masses might have a relatively weak hierarchy (or near degeneracy) relevant to the bi-large mixing pattern

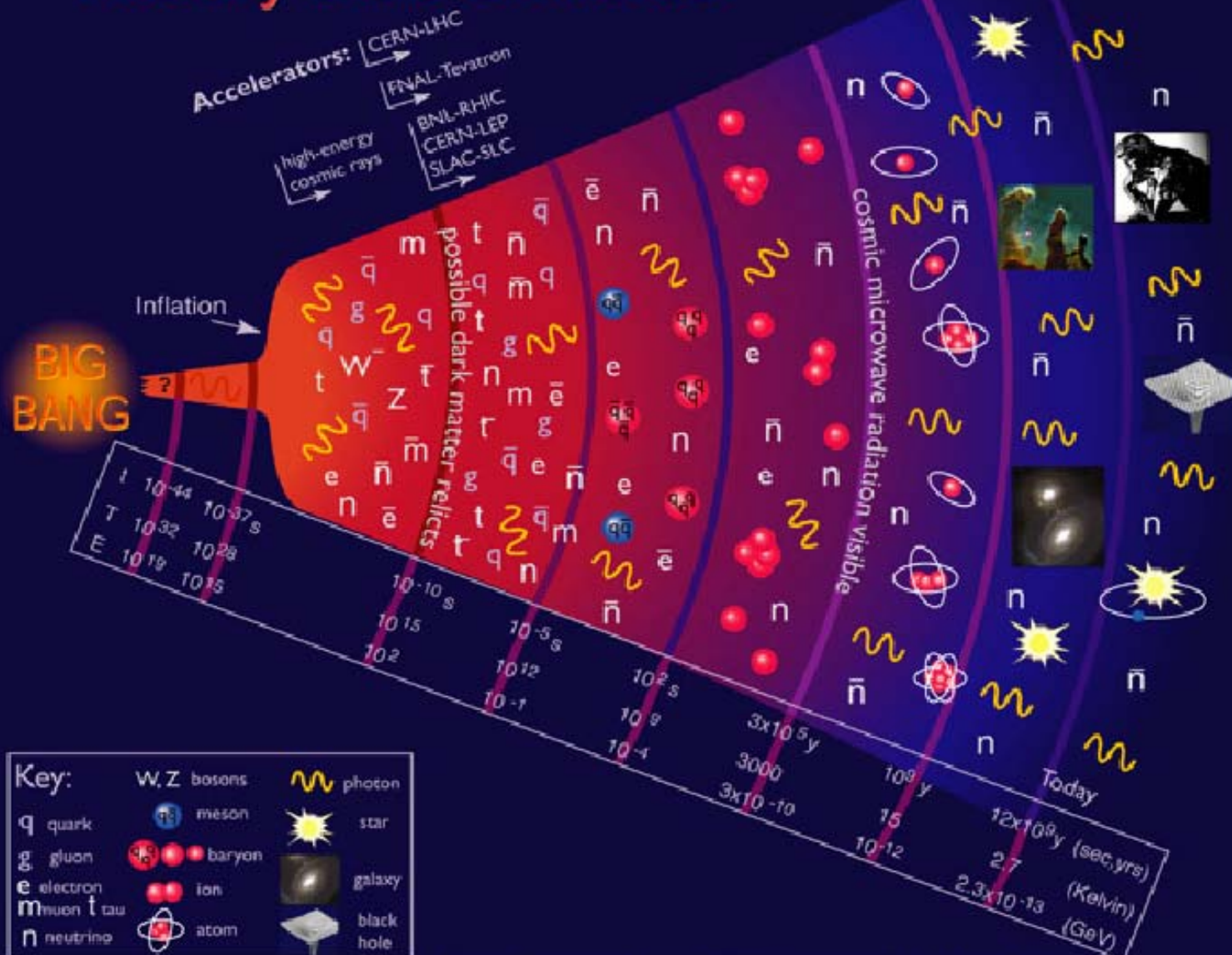
Why is the measurement of θ_{13} extremely important?

- ★ θ_{13} is a fundamental parameter of flavor physics
- ★ θ_{13} controls the observable effects of CP violation
- ★ θ_{13} is a sensitive model / theory discriminator
- ★ θ_{13} is a key to search for new and newer physics

Possible impact of θ_{13} on astrophysics and cosmology:

Dark matter, Matter-Antimatter asymmetry, Supernovae, ...

History of the Universe



$\theta_{13} = 0$: Prerequisite and Consequences

Experimentally, $\theta_{13} < 13^\circ$ (CHOOZ), $\theta_{13} = 0$ is not impossible
Theoretically, there is no good reason (symmetry) for $\theta_{13} = 0$

Note that $\theta_{13} = 0$ would hold, if there existed mass degeneracy of charged leptons or neutrinos (with Majorana phases Ψ_i):

☆ $m_1 = m_3$ with $\Psi_1 = \Psi_3$ or $m_2 = m_3$ with $\Psi_2 = \Psi_3$

☆ $m_e = m_\mu$ or $m_e = m_\tau$ (J.W. Mei, Z.Z.X., 2003)

But all these conceptually interesting limits are unrealistic!

Consequences of $\theta_{13} = 0$: ▲ One CP-violating phase would vanish; ▲ Leptonic unitarity triangles would collapse — CP violation would not appear in neutrino oscillations; ▲ There would be no matter effects on m_3 and θ_{23} ; etc.

$\theta_{13} \neq 0$: How Big or How Small?

Convincing **flavor theory** has been lacking—it is at present impossible to predict fermion masses, flavor mixing angles and CP phases at a fundamental level—the **flavor problem**

Flavor experiments play the leading role — determine those unknown parameters and shed light on the unknown theory
★ Current experimental data allow us to get useful hints on the size of θ_{13} from **global analyses** of solar, atmospheric, reactor and accelerator neutrino oscillation data (**like good lesson from pinning down m_t with LEP electroweak data and $\sin 2\beta$ with non-B factory quark mixing data**) — **essentially model-independent**.

★ Current experimental data help us to build some **realistic models** from which the size of θ_{13} can be calculated.

Expectations from Global Analyses

Group A: J. Bahcall, M. Gonzalez-Garcia, C. Pena-Garay (**BGP**)

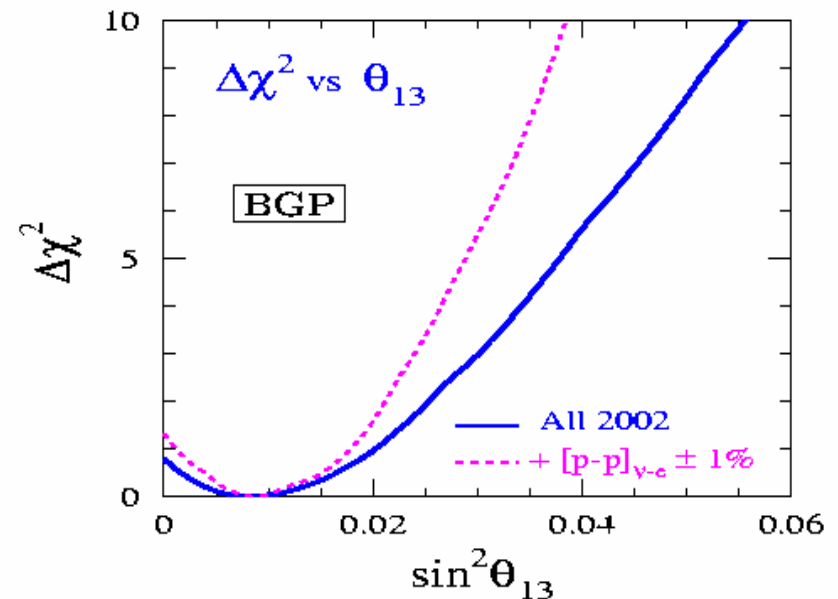
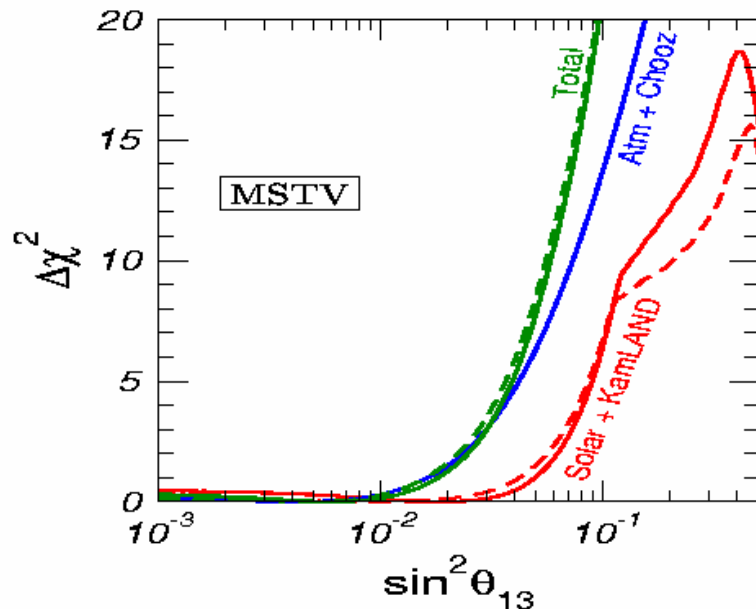
Group B: M. Maltoni, T. Schwetz, M. Tortola, J. Valle (**MSTV**)

Main approximation: one mass scale dominance for 3 types of experimental data ($\Delta m_{\text{sun}}^2 \ll \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$, δ is decoupled)

☆ **Solar and KamLAND:** Δm_{21}^2 , θ_{12} , θ_{13} ;

☆ **Atmospheric and K2K:** Δm_{32}^2 , θ_{23} , θ_{13} ;

☆ **CHOOZ:** Δm_{32}^2 , θ_{13} .



★ Best fit of BGP: $\theta_{13} = 5.44^\circ$ or $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.036$

★ Best fit of MSTV: $\theta_{13} = 4.44^\circ$ or $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.024$

An experiment with sensitivity 1% may measure $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$!

Parameter (BGP [2])	Best fit	95% C.L.	3σ interval
Δm_{21}^2 (10^{-5} eV ²)	7.1	5.8–8.9	4.6–10.8
Δm_{32}^2 (10^{-3} eV ²)	2.6	1.6–3.6	1.4–4.1
$\tan^2 \theta_{12}$	0.45	0.31–0.73	0.27–0.98
$\tan^2 \theta_{23}$	1.0	0.52–2.19	0.44–2.73
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.009	≤ 0.042	≤ 0.061

Parameter (MSTV [3])	Best fit	2σ interval	3σ interval
Δm_{21}^2 (10^{-5} eV ²)	6.9	6.0–8.4	5.4–9.5
Δm_{31}^2 (10^{-3} eV ²)	2.6	1.8–3.3	1.4–3.7
$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.30	0.25–0.36	0.23–0.39
$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.52	0.36–0.67	0.31–0.72
$\sin^2 \theta_{13}$	0.006	≤ 0.035	≤ 0.054

Expectations from Specific Models

Low-energy phenomenology of lepton masses and mixing:
 \mathbf{M}_l —charged lepton mass matrix; \mathbf{M}_ν —effective neutrino mass matrix

$$\mathbf{U}_l^\dagger \mathbf{M}_l \mathbf{U}_l' = \begin{pmatrix} m_e & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_\mu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_\tau \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{U}_\nu^\dagger \mathbf{M}_\nu \mathbf{U}_\nu^* = \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boxed{\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{U}_l^\dagger \mathbf{U}_\nu}$$

Totally **12** parameters, but only **7** of them have been known

\mathbf{M}_l and \mathbf{M}_ν may stem from **GUTs** or **non-GUT** models, but their structures are in general unspecified. Testable relation between lepton masses and flavor mixing parameters can't be achieved, unless phenomenological hypotheses are made.

Results for θ_{13} from “predictive” models are of two types:

- ★ θ_{13} is given in terms of mass ratios of leptons or quarks
- ★ θ_{13} is given by other known ν — **oscillation** parameters

“Democratic” neutrino mixing model (H. Fritzsch, Z.Z. X., 1996)

Idea: $S(3)_L \times S(3)_R$ symmetry of \mathbf{M}_l and $S(3)$ symmetry of \mathbf{M}_ν are explicitly broken by small perturbations

$$\mathbf{M}_l = \frac{\mathbf{c}_l}{3} \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_l \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -i\delta_l & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i\delta_l & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right],$$

$$\mathbf{M}_\nu = \mathbf{c}_\nu \left[\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \varepsilon_\nu \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -\delta_\nu & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta_\nu & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

Bi-large lepton flavor mixing with $\theta_{13} \neq 0$ and CP violation:

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix} + i \sqrt{\frac{m_e}{m_\mu}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{-2}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \\ \frac{-1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{-1}{\sqrt{12}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{pmatrix}$$

Prediction $\sin\theta_{13} \approx 2/\sqrt{6} \times \sqrt{m_e/m_\mu} \approx 0.057$ Or, $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.013$

SO(10)–inspired neutrino model (W. Buchmüller, D. Wyler, 2001)

Idea: Lepton-quark symmetry $\epsilon_u \sim 0.07$ and $\epsilon_d \sim 0.21$ **from data**

$$M_D \sim M_u \sim m_t \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^3) & 0 \\ \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^3) & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^2) & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^2) \\ 0 & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^2) & \mathcal{O}(1) \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_l \sim M_d \sim m_b \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_d^3) & 0 \\ \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_d^3) & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_d^2) & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_d^2) \\ 0 & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_d^2) & \mathcal{O}(1) \end{pmatrix}$$

Seesaw mechanism $M_\nu \approx M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T$ **to obtain light neutrinos**

$$M_R \sim M_3 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^5) & 0 \\ \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^5) & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^4) & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^4) \\ 0 & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u^4) & \mathcal{O}(1) \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_\nu \sim \frac{m_t^2}{M_3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u) & 0 \\ \mathcal{O}(\epsilon_u) & \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) \\ 0 & \mathcal{O}(1) & \mathcal{O}(1) \end{pmatrix}$$

Mass spectra $m_1 : m_2 : m_3 \sim \epsilon_u : \epsilon_u : 1$ **and** $M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \sim \epsilon_u^6 : \epsilon_u^4 : 1$

It is possible to get **bi-large mixing** pattern with a prediction $\sin\theta_{13} \sim 1/\sqrt{2} \times \sin\theta_C \approx 0.155$ i.e. **$\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.094$** . Too good?

Comments: leptogenesis can be accommodated; RGE effects are not included; difficult to get a satisfactory flavor picture

Texture zeros of \mathbf{M}_ν (P. Frampton, S. Glashow, D. Marfatia, 2002)

Pattern	Texture of \mathbf{M}_ν	Prediction for θ_{13}
\mathbf{A}_1	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$	$\sin\theta_z \approx \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{R}_\nu \tan^2\theta_x}{\tan^2\theta_y 1 - \tan^4\theta_x }}$
\mathbf{A}_2	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \times & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$	$\sin\theta_z \approx \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{R}_\nu \tan^2\theta_x \tan^2\theta_y}{ 1 - \tan^4\theta_x }}$
\mathbf{B}_1	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & 0 \\ \times & 0 & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$	$\sin\theta_z \approx \frac{\mathbf{R}_\nu \tan\theta_x}{(1 + \tan^2\theta_x) \tan 2\theta_y \cos\delta }$
\mathbf{B}_2	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & 0 & \times \\ 0 & \times & \times \\ \times & \times & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\sin\theta_z \approx \frac{\mathbf{R}_\nu \tan\theta_x}{(1 + \tan^2\theta_x) \tan 2\theta_y \cos\delta }$
\mathbf{B}_3	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & 0 & \times \\ 0 & 0 & \times \\ \times & \times & \times \end{pmatrix}$	$\sin\theta_z \approx \frac{\mathbf{R}_\nu \tan\theta_x}{(1 + \tan^2\theta_x) \tan^2\theta_y \tan 2\theta_y \cos\delta }$
\mathbf{B}_4	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & 0 \\ \times & \times & \times \\ 0 & \times & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\sin\theta_z \approx \frac{\mathbf{R}_\nu \tan\theta_x \tan^2\theta_y}{(1 + \tan^2\theta_x) \tan 2\theta_y \cos\delta }$
\mathbf{C}	$\begin{pmatrix} \times & \times & \times \\ \times & 0 & \times \\ \times & \times & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	$\sin\theta_z \sim \frac{1}{\tan 2\theta_x \tan 2\theta_y \cos\delta}$

$\mathbf{R}_\nu \equiv \Delta m_{\text{sun}}^2 / \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$. We get $\theta_{13} \sim 5^\circ$ or $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.03$

Minimal seesaw ν model (P. Frampton, S. Glashow, T. Yanagida, 2002)

Motivation: to simultaneously interpret neutrino oscillations and cosmological baryon number asymmetry

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \overline{(\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau)} M_D \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \overline{(N_1^c, N_2^c)} M_R \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

In the basis of diagonal M_l and M_R , FGY ansatz of M_D gives

$$M_D = \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ a' & b \\ 0 & b' \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_\nu \approx M_D M_R^{-1} M_D^T = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a^2}{M_1} & \frac{aa'}{M_1} & 0 \\ \frac{aa'}{M_1} & \frac{(a')^2}{M_1} + \frac{b^2}{M_2} & \frac{bb'}{M_2} \\ 0 & \frac{bb'}{M_2} & \frac{(b')^2}{M_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Since $|\text{Det}(M_\nu)| = m_1 m_2 m_3 = 0$, $m_1 = 0$ or $m_3 = 0$ must hold.

★ The texture of M_ν is stable against radiative corrections;

★ CP-violating phases of M_ν can be determined by θ_{13} etc.

We take the $m_1 = 0$ case (normal hierarchy) as an example:

Two CP-violating phases (W.L. Guo / J.W. Mei, Z.Z. X., **2003**):

$$\delta = \arccos \left[\frac{c_y^2 s_z^2 - R_\nu s_x^2 (c_x^2 s_y^2 + s_x^2 c_y^2 s_z^2)}{2 R_\nu s_x^3 c_x s_y c_y s_z} \right]$$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{2} \arctan \left[\frac{c_x s_y \sin \delta}{s_x c_y s_z + c_x s_y \cos \delta} \right]$$

$|\cos \delta| < 1$ requires $\sin \theta_{13} \sim 0.075$, in a very restrictive range

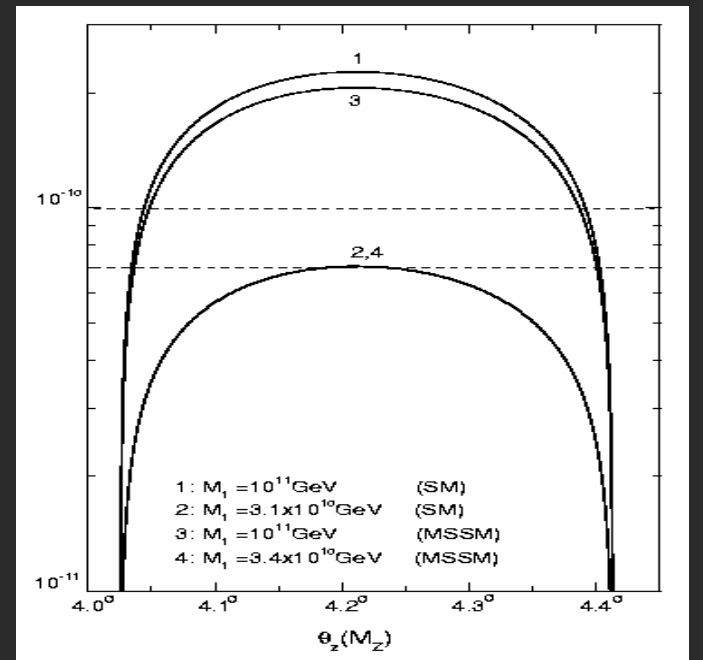
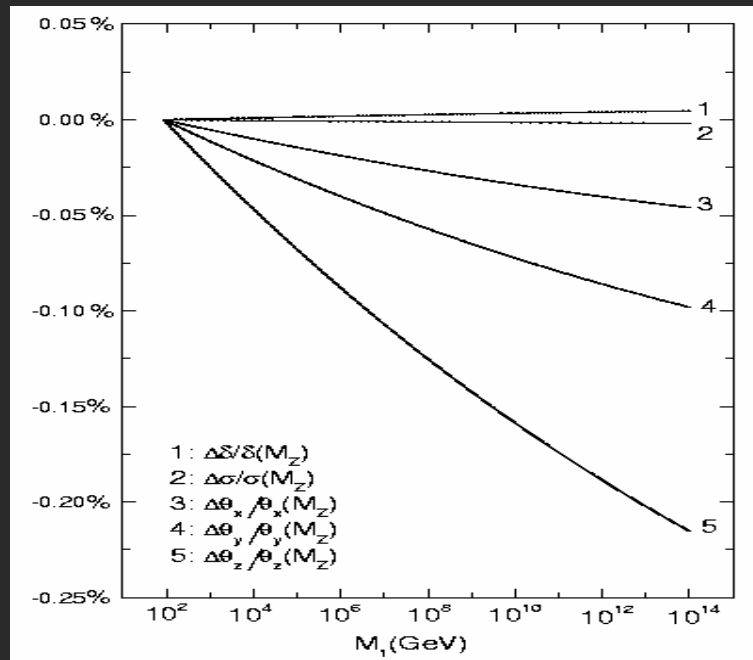
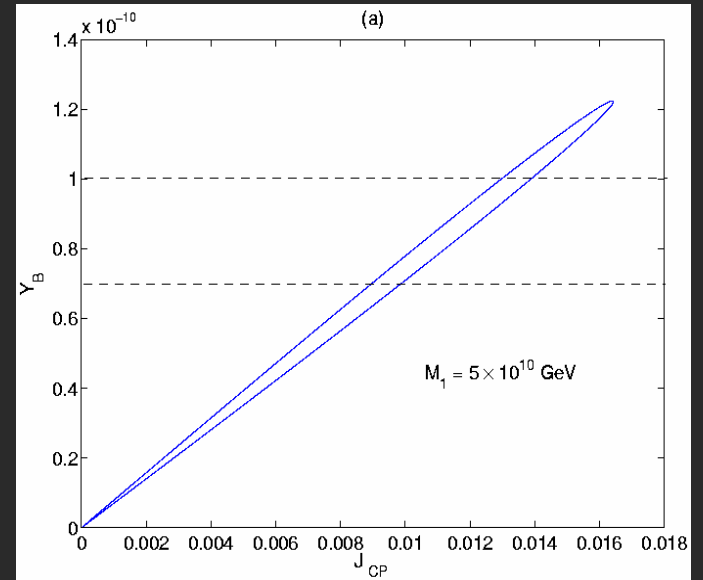
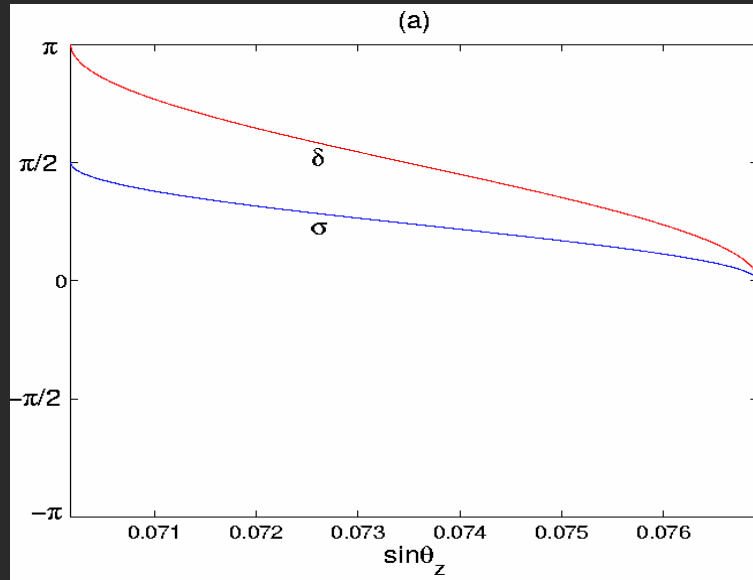
Cosmological baryon number asymmetry via leptogenesis:

$$\varepsilon_1 \equiv \frac{\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow l + H) - \Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow \bar{l} + H^*)}{\Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow l + H) + \Gamma(N_1 \rightarrow \bar{l} + H^*)}$$

$$\propto M_1 \cdot \sin \left[\arctan \left(\frac{\sqrt{R_\nu} s_x^2 c_z^2 \sin 2\sigma}{s_z^2 + \sqrt{R_\nu} s_x^2 c_z^2 \cos 2\sigma} \right) \right]$$

$Y_B \propto \varepsilon_1 \sim 10^{-10}$ can be achieved, if $M_1 \geq 10^{10} \text{ GeV}$ (SM/SUSY)

Remark: a testable model in which θ_{13} determines Y_B etc.



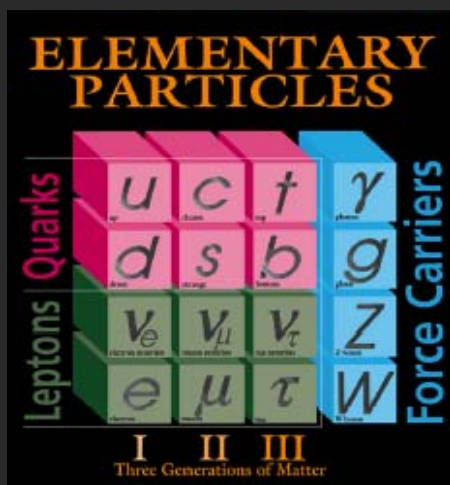
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★ Another bonus to be achieved from a measurement of θ_{13} is to understand **sub-leading** effects in neutrino oscillations & to probe or isolate much **newer** physics (e.g., **sterile** neutrinos)

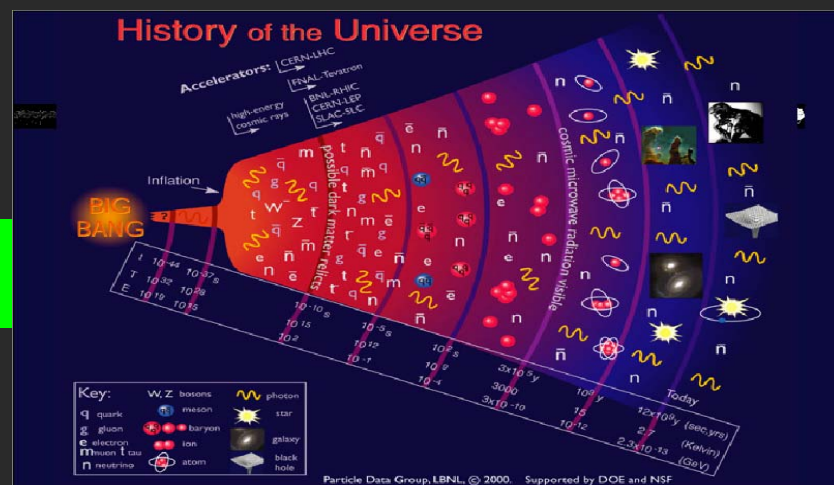
★ More theoretical reasons for $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0.01$ (M. Lindner 2003)

☆ Models with the “**anarchy**” idea typically predict $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$ just below its current upper limit;

☆ Quantum corrections allow $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0$ at the **GUT** scale to become $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} > 0.01$ at low scales: **nothing** → **something**.



θ_{13} has a role!



Thank You
&
Happy Chinese New Year

