

# Overview of KATRIN Results on the Neutrino Mass and New Physics Searches

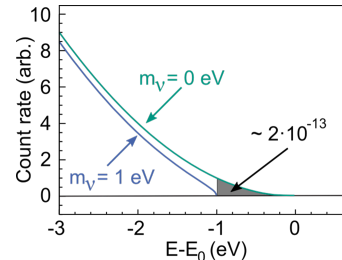
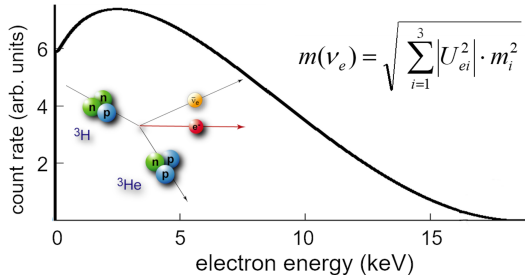
Caroline Fengler for the KATRIN Collaboration | November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022



# Tritium $\beta$ -decay

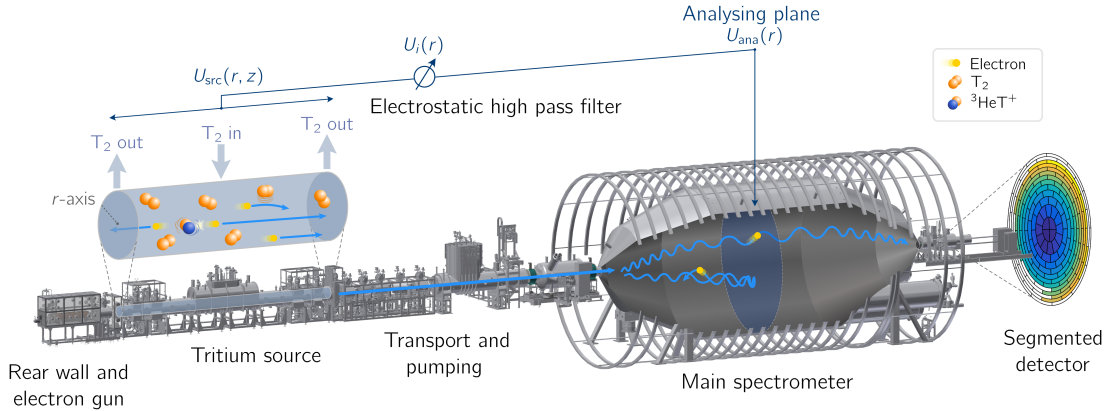
Continuous  $\beta$ -spectrum described by Fermi's Golden Rule, measurement of effective mass  $m(\nu_e)$  based on kinematic parameters & energy conservation

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE} = C p (E + m_e) (E_0 - E) \sum_i |U_{ei}^2| \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m_i^2} F(E, Z) \Theta(E_0 - E - m_i)$$

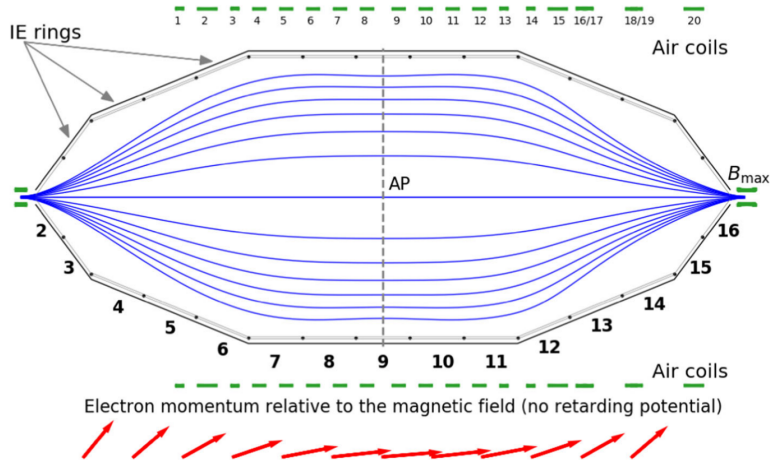


# The KATRIN Experiment: Overview

70 m long set-up: a gaseous tritium source & high resolution MAC-E filter



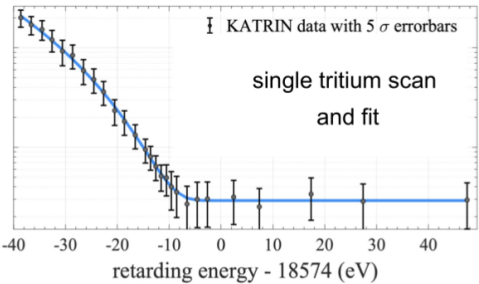
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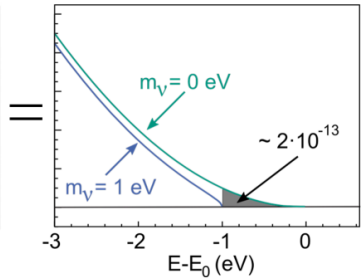
# The Neutrino Mass

$$R(qU) = A_S \cdot N_T \int_{qU}^{E_0} \underbrace{R_\beta(e, m^2(v_e))}_{\text{Beta Spectrum}} \cdot \underbrace{f(E - qU)}_{\text{Response function}} dE + R_{bg}$$

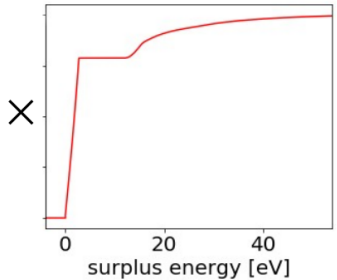
Integral spectrum



Differential  $\beta$ -spectrum



Response function



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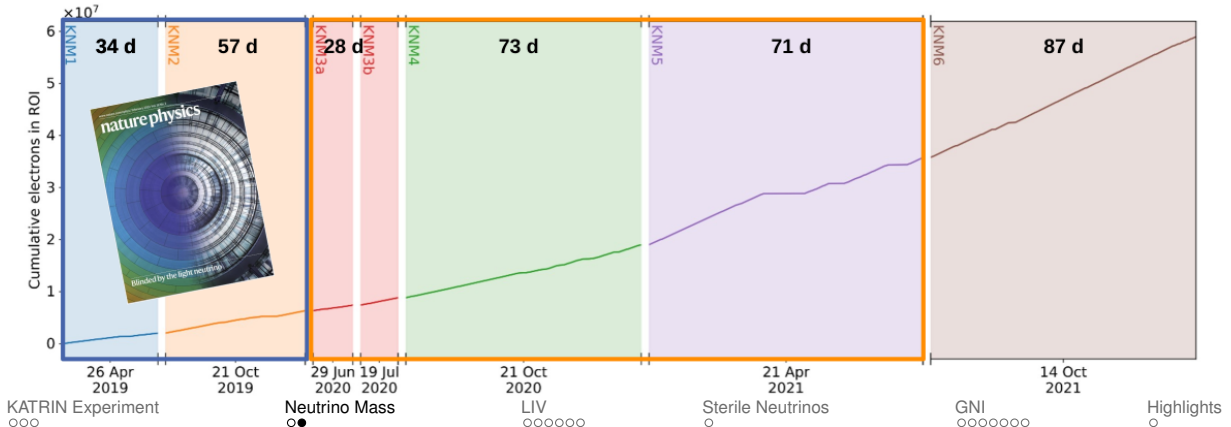
# New Results

**2022:** analyzed first 91 days

→  $m_\nu < 0.8 \text{ eV}$  (90% CL)

KATRIN Coll., 10.1038/s41567-021-01463-1

**Now:** Combining runs 1-5 (total 263 days)  
for expected sensitivity  $\sim 0.5 \text{ eV}$  + more data on disc



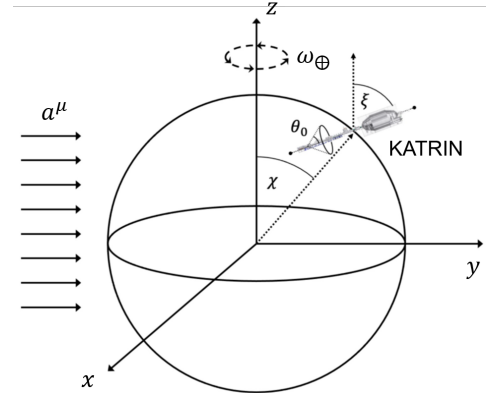
# Search for Lorentz Invariance Violations

- **Motivation:** BSM theories, e.g. String theory, loop quantum gravity and non-commutative QFT, suggest CPT and Lorentz invariance violation at high energies.
- **Standard Model Extension (SME):** Relativistic EFT, which contains all possible Lorentz-invariance violating operators for  $\nu$  propagation.
- **Constraints:** Neutrino oscillation, time-of-flight experiments, experiments using interaction processes (KATRIN)

# Search for Lorentz Invariance Violations

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- Produces terms  $\propto a^\mu p_\mu = a_0 p_0 - a_i p_i$   
 → time-dependent & time-independent shift of  $E_0$

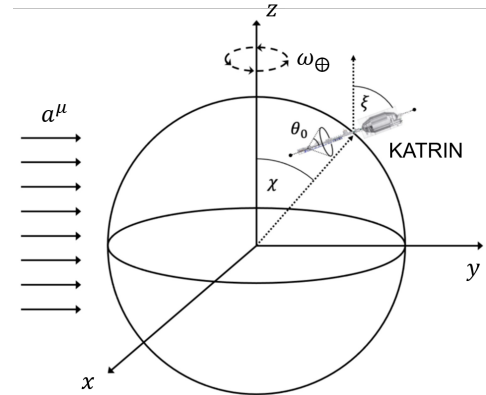




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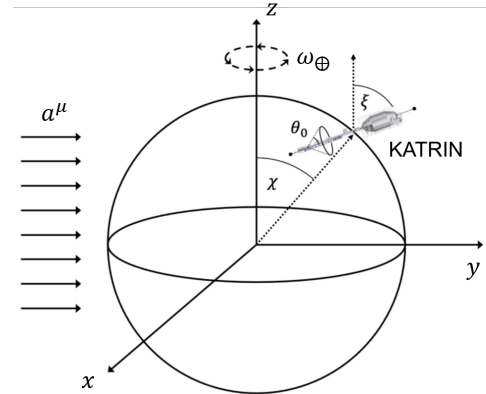
- Produces terms  $\propto a^\mu p_\mu = a_0 p_0 - a_i p_i$   
 → time-dependent & time-independent shift of  $E_0$
- **Rotation of Earth:** relative direction of WGTS acceptance angle changes w.r.t Lorentz-violating vector  $a^\mu$
- **LIV-signature:** Endpoint energy  $E_0$  oscillates with sidereal time (23 h 56 min 4 s)  
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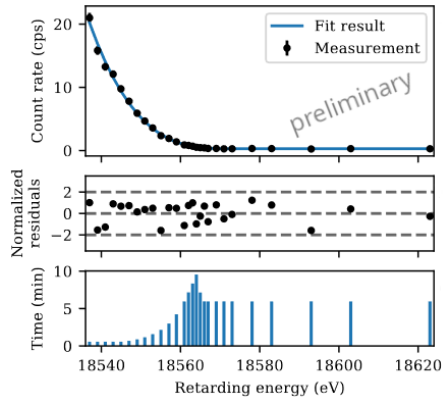
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- **LIV-signature:** Global shift of endpoint energy  $E_0$   
 → Sensitive to  $|(a_{of}^{(3)})_{00}|$  and  $|(a_{of}^{(3)})_{10}|$



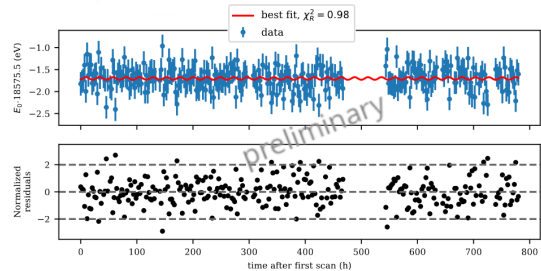
# Lorentz Invariance Violation in KATRIN

- Fit each scan of  $\beta$ -spectrum with 2 h binning



- Estimate amplitude of  $E_0$  oscillation
- Convert into estimation of LIV parameters

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi} |(a_{of}^{(3)})_{11}| \sqrt{B^2 \cos^2 \chi \cos^2 \xi + (\beta_{rot} - B \sin \xi)^2}}$$



# Results from first campaign

## Preliminary results:

KATRIN Coll., arXiv 2207.06326, submitted to Phys. Rev. D

- No significant oscillation of  $E_0$  observed

### First upper limit:

$$\left| \left( a_{of}^{(3)} \right)_{11} \right| < 3.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV (90\% CL)}$$

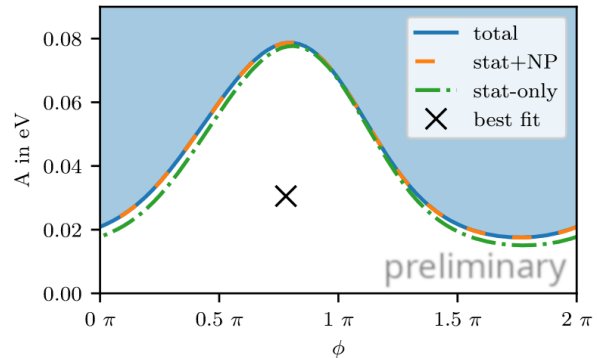
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### Improved upper limits:

$$\left| \left( a_{of}^{(3)} \right)_{00} \right| < 3.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV (90\% CL)}$$

$$\left| \left( a_{of}^{(3)} \right)_{10} \right| < 6.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ GeV (90\% CL)}$$

$$A = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2\pi}} \left| \left( a_{of}^{(3)} \right)_{11} \right| \sqrt{B^2 \cos^2 \chi \cos^2 \xi + (\beta_{rot} - B \sin \xi)^2}$$

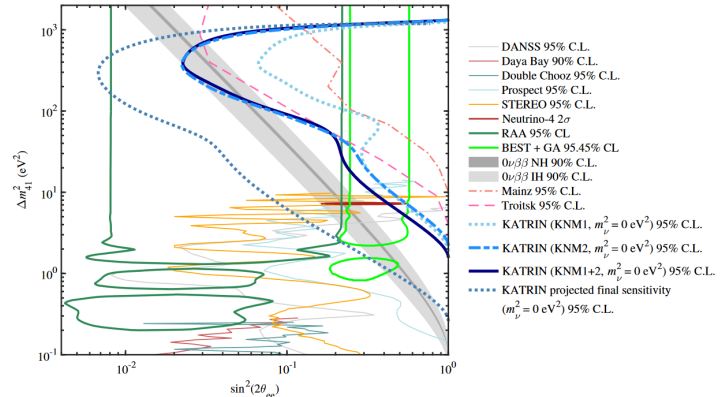


# Light Sterile Neutrinos

→ Talk by L. Köllenberger

- **Motivation:** Multiple anomalies in the oscillation data, could be explained by  $\geq 1$  eV sterile neutrino
- **Analysis:** Add sterile  $\beta$ -spectrum to active neutrino  $\beta$ -spectrum
- **Results:**
  - KATRIN Coll., Phys. Rev. D, 10.1103/PhysRevD.105.072004
  - No significant sterile neutrino signal observed in first two measurement campaigns
  - Excluded large  $\Delta m_{41}^2$  solutions of reactor and gallium anomalies

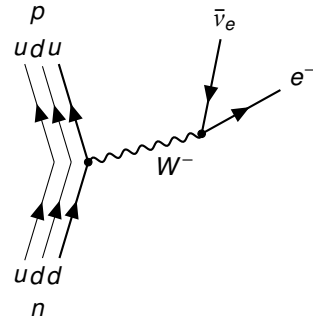
$$\sin^2 2\theta = 4 |U_{e4}|^2 (1 - |U_{e4}|^2)$$



# General Neutrino Interactions

- Add **novel interactions** which contribute to the weak interaction in  $\beta$ -decay.
- **Theory of General Neutrino Interactions (GNI)** uses Effective Field Theory, adds all possible interactions with neutrinos to the Standard Model. Based on close to no presumptions.

$$\mathcal{L}_{SMEFT}(\phi_{SM}) = \mathcal{L}_{SM}(\phi_{SM}) + \sum_{n \geq 5} \sum_i \frac{1}{\Lambda^{n-4}} C_i^{(n)} O_i^{(n)}(\phi_{SM})$$



- GNI cause modifications to the  $\beta$ -spectrum  
 → **Energy-dependent contributions to the rate** in KATRIN.

Bischer and Rodejohann, Nucl. Phys. B, 10.1016/j.nuclphysb.2019.114746

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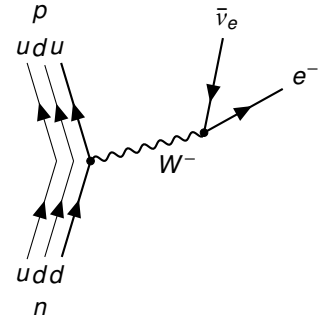
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# GNI Lagrangian for 4-Fermion-interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{GNI}^{CC} = -\frac{G_F V_{\gamma\delta}}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{j=1}^{10} \left( \tilde{\epsilon}_{j,ud}^{(\sim)} \right)^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} (\bar{e}_\alpha O_j \nu_\beta) (\bar{u}_\gamma O'_j d_\delta) + h.c.$$

- $G_F$  : Fermi constant
- $V_{\gamma\delta}$  : CKM matrix
- $\tilde{\epsilon}_{j,ud}^{(\sim)}$ : Flavour space tensor describing **strength of interaction type  $j$**  with respect to SM Fermi interaction
  - $\epsilon_{L/R}$ : Coupling for **left-/right-handed vector-like** interactions
  - $\epsilon_S$ : Coupling for **scalar** interactions
  - $\epsilon_P$ : Coupling for **pseudo-scalar** interactions
  - $\epsilon_T$ : Coupling for **tensor-like** interactions



# GNI @ KATRIN

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE} = \frac{G_F^2 V_{ud}^2}{2\pi^3} \sqrt{(E + m_e)^2 - m_e^2} (E + m_e)(E_0 - E)$$

$$\times \left\{ \sum_{k=\beta, N} \sqrt{(E_0 - E)^2 - m_k^2} \cdot \xi_k \left[ 1 + \mathbf{b}_k \frac{m_e}{E + m_e} - \mathbf{b}'_k \frac{m_k}{E_0 - E} - \mathbf{c}_k \frac{m_e m_k}{(E + m_e)(E_0 - E)} \right] \Theta(E_0 - m_k - E) \right\}$$

- Total differential decay rate for **active neutrino** and **sterile neutrino**
- Dimensionless coefficients  $\xi_k$ ,  $b_k$ ,  $b'_k$  and  $c_k$  defined in terms of factors  $\epsilon$ ,  $\hat{\epsilon}$ ,  $U_{e4}$  and nuclear form factors  $g_V$ ,  $g_S$ ,  $g_T$  and  $g_A$ .
- Recover SM for  $\xi_N = b_k = b'_k = c_k = 0$

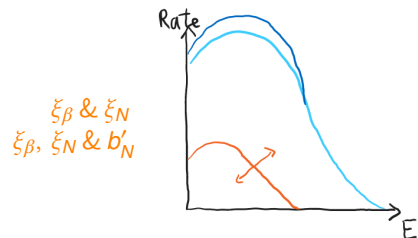
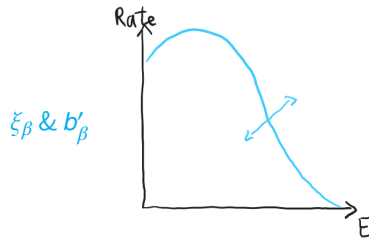
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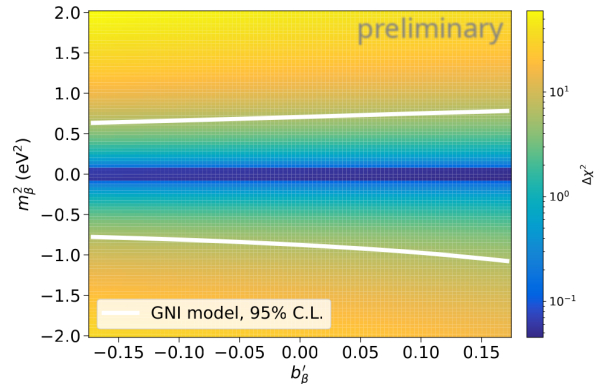
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# Sensitivity of GNI on $\beta$ -spectrum

- $b'_\beta$  has slight effect on neutrino mass sensitivity.
- $\xi_\beta b'_\beta$  depends on  $\epsilon_S$  and  $\epsilon_T$   
 → derive sensitivity on scalar- and tensor-like interactions

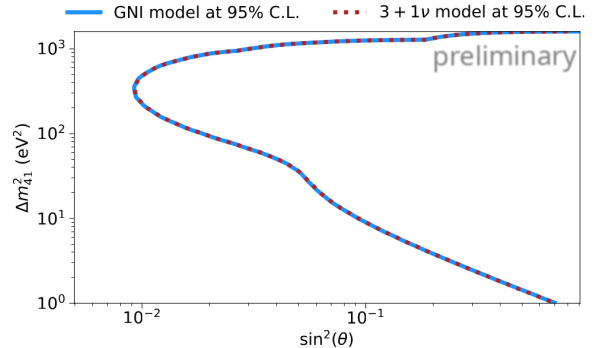
Preliminary Study on first year MC



# Sensitivity of GNI on sterile spectrum

- Able to probe sterile parameter space with GNI model using  $\xi_N = \tan^2 \theta \cdot (g_A^2 + 3g_V^2)$ .
- Cross-check between GNI and  $3 + 1 \nu$  model  
→ shows good agreement

## Preliminary Study on first year MC

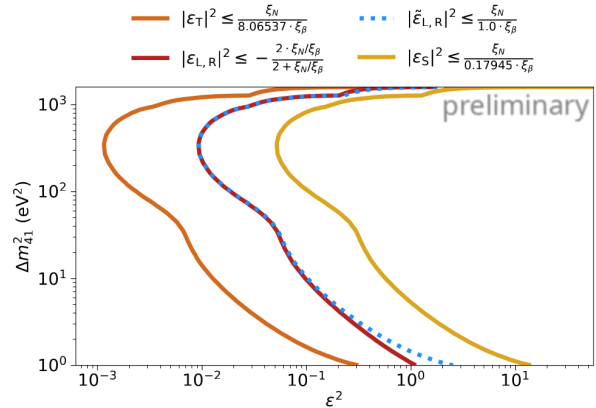


# Sensitivity of GNI on sterile spectrum

- Draw conclusions from sensitivity on  $\frac{\xi_N}{\xi_\beta}$  to sensitivity on  $\epsilon$ -parameters.
- Most sensitive to  $\epsilon_T$  at  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$
- Constraints for similar parameters from other experiments (LHC, neutron decay) at  $\mathcal{O}(10^{-3})$

10.1016/j.pnnp.2018.08.002, 10.1002/andp.201300072

Preliminary Study on first year MC at 95 % CL



# KATRIN Highlights from 2022

- Improved upper limit on neutrino mass for first two measurement campaigns  
[KATRIN Coll., Nature Physics, 10.1038/s41567-021-01463-1](#)
- First upper limit on Lorentz invariance violating parameter  
[KATRIN Coll., arXiv 2207.06326, submitted to Phys. Rev. D](#)
- Improved sensitivity on local relic neutrino background  
[KATRIN Coll., Physical Review Letters, 10.1103/PhysRevLett.129.011806](#)
- Light sterile neutrino search excludes large  $\Delta m_{41}^2$  solutions of reactor and gallium anomalies  
[KATRIN Coll., Physical Review D, 10.1103/PhysRevD.105.072004](#)
- New exclusion limit on the sterile-to-active mixing amplitude for keV sterile neutrinos  
[KATRIN Coll., arXiv 2207.06337, submitted to EPJC](#)
- Ongoing investigations for general neutrino interactions in KATRIN data
- KATRIN is continuously taking and analysing data for goal sensitivity of 0.2 eV - stay tuned!



# Ways to assess the absolute neutrino mass scale

## Cosmology

- Formation of large scale cosmic density structures
- Dependent on cosmological model
- **Observable:** direct sum of mass eigenstates  
 $m_{tot} = \sum m(\nu_i)$
- **Upper limit:**  
 $m_{tot} < 0.72 - 0.12 \text{ eV (95 \% CL)}$   
 Planck Coll.,  
 10.1051/0004-6361/201833910

## Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$

- Sensitive to Majorana neutrinos, model dependent
- $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \sim \frac{1}{m_{\beta\beta}^2}$
- **Observable:** Effective Majorana neutrino mass  
 $m_{\beta\beta} = |\sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i|$
- **Upper limits:**  
 $m_{\beta\beta} < 0.1 - 0.4 \text{ eV (90 \% CL)}$   
 GERDA Coll.,  
 10.1103/PhysRevLett.125.252502  
 CUORE Coll.,  
 10.1103/PhysRevLett.124.122501

## Direct kinematic measurement

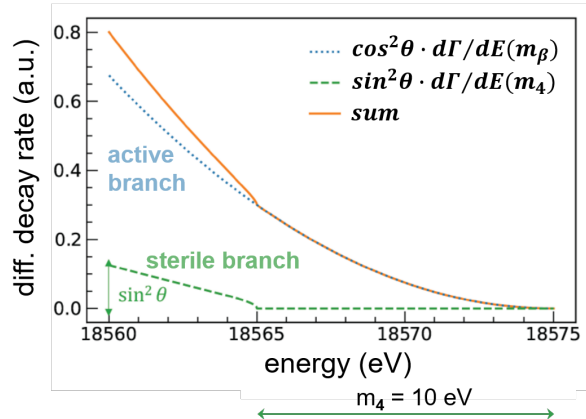
- Kinematics of weak decay
- No further assumptions needed, use energy-momentum-conservation.
- **Observable:** Effective electron antineutrino mass  
 $m_{\bar{\nu}_e}^2 = \sum_i |U_{ei}^2| m_i^2$
- **Upper limit:**  
 $m_{\bar{\nu}_e} < 0.8 \text{ eV (90 \% CL)}$   
 KATRIN Coll.,  
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# Light Sterile Neutrinos

- Independent cross-check with KATRIN as an oscillation-free experiment
- Analysis:** 3+1 sterile neutrino model on KATRIN data

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE} = \underbrace{(1 - |U_{e4}|^2) \frac{d\Gamma}{dE}(m_\beta^2)}_{\text{active neutrino}} + \underbrace{|U_{e4}|^2 \frac{d\Gamma}{dE}(m_4^2)}_{\text{sterile neutrino}}$$





# Flavour Space Tensor

$j$	$\epsilon_j$	$O_j$	$O'_j$
1	$\epsilon_L$	$\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma^5)$	$\gamma^\mu(1 - \gamma^5)$
2	$\tilde{\epsilon}_L$	$\gamma_\mu(1 + \gamma^5)$	$\gamma^\mu(1 - \gamma^5)$
3	$\epsilon_R$	$\gamma_\mu(1 - \gamma^5)$	$\gamma^\mu(1 + \gamma^5)$
4	$\tilde{\epsilon}_R$	$\gamma_\mu(1 + \gamma^5)$	$\gamma^\mu(1 + \gamma^5)$
5	$\epsilon_S$	$(1 - \gamma^5)$	1
6	$\tilde{\epsilon}_S$	$(1 + \gamma^5)$	1
7	$-\epsilon_P$	$(1 - \gamma^5)$	$\gamma^5$
8	$-\tilde{\epsilon}_P$	$(1 + \gamma^5)$	$\gamma^5$
9	$\epsilon_T$	$\sigma_{\mu\nu}(1 - \gamma^5)$	$\sigma^{\mu\nu}(1 - \gamma^5)$
10	$\tilde{\epsilon}_T$	$\sigma_{\mu\nu}(1 + \gamma^5)$	$\sigma^{\mu\nu}(1 + \gamma^5)$

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# GNI - $\epsilon$ and $\epsilon^2$

- For different  $\epsilon$ -parameters we get slightly different transformations
- $q \geq C \cdot |\epsilon|^2$  with
  - $C = \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}|\epsilon|^2}$  for  $\epsilon_L^N$  or  $\epsilon_R^N$
  - $C = 1$  for  $\tilde{\epsilon}_L^N$  or  $\tilde{\epsilon}_R^N$
  - $C = \frac{g_S^2}{g_V^2 + 3g_A^2} \approx 0.17945$  for  $\epsilon_S^N$  or  $\tilde{\epsilon}_S^N$
  - $C = \frac{48g_T^2}{g_V^2 + 3g_A^2} \approx 8.06537$  for  $\epsilon_T^N$  or  $\tilde{\epsilon}_T^N$
- See results on the next slides!

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_\beta &= g_V^2 (|\hat{\epsilon}_L + \epsilon_R|^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_L + \tilde{\epsilon}_R|^2) + g_S^2 (|\epsilon_S|^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_S|^2) \\ &\quad + 3g_A^2 (|\hat{\epsilon}_L - \epsilon_R|^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_L - \tilde{\epsilon}_R|^2) + 48g_T^2 (|\epsilon_T|^2 + |\tilde{\epsilon}_T|^2), \\ \xi_{\beta b_\beta} &= g_V g_S 2\text{Re}[(\hat{\epsilon}_L + \epsilon_R)\epsilon_S + (\tilde{\epsilon}_L + \tilde{\epsilon}_R)(\tilde{\epsilon}_S)^*] \\ &\quad - 3g_A g_T 8\text{Re}[(\hat{\epsilon}_L - \epsilon_R)(\epsilon_T)^* - (\tilde{\epsilon}_L - \tilde{\epsilon}_R)(\tilde{\epsilon}_T)^*], \\ \xi_{\beta b'_\beta} &= g_V g_S 2\text{Re}[(\hat{\epsilon}_L + \epsilon_R)\tilde{\epsilon}_S + \epsilon_S(\tilde{\epsilon}_L + \tilde{\epsilon}_R)^*] \\ &\quad - 3g_A g_T 8\text{Re}[(\hat{\epsilon}_L - \epsilon_R)(\tilde{\epsilon}_T)^* - (\tilde{\epsilon}_L - \tilde{\epsilon}_R)(\epsilon_T)^*], \\ \xi_{\beta c_\beta} &= 2\text{Re}[g_V^2(\hat{\epsilon}_L + \epsilon_R)(\tilde{\epsilon}_L + \tilde{\epsilon}_R) + g_S^2 \epsilon_S(\tilde{\epsilon}_S)^*] \\ &\quad + 2\text{Re}[-3g_A^2(\hat{\epsilon}_L - \epsilon_R)(\tilde{\epsilon}_L - \tilde{\epsilon}_R)^* + 48g_T^2 \epsilon_T(\tilde{\epsilon}_T)^*]. \end{aligned}$$

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# Effect of GNI parameters on $\beta$ -spectrum

- Effect of GNI on sterile neutrino spectrum
- $b'_N$  enhances/diminishes kink-like structure of sterile neutrino spectrum

