

Neutrino mass determination – Part II

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Outline



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What type of limitations are there?



- Better statistics: more tritium
 - More scatterings \rightarrow "Opaque" source
- "Different" tritium: atomic



- Differential measurement
 - Better use of statistics
 - Intrinsically less background



Experimental techniques for direct v-mass measurement





Energy measurement through cyclotron radiation



• Technology:

Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy (CRES)

 Non-destructive measurement of electron energy via cyclotron frequency:

$$\omega(\gamma) = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{eB}{E + m_e}$$

Antenna array

$$\overrightarrow{B}$$
 $\overrightarrow{T_2}$
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"Never measure anything but frequency." — Arthur L. Schawlow

Energy measurement through cyclotron radiation

Advantages

- Source = detector concept, source is transparent to microwaves
- Differential measurement focusing on the endpoint region

Challenges

- Sub-eV energy resolution: $\Delta E/E \sim \Delta \omega / \omega \sim ppm$
 - B-field homogeneity at 10⁻⁷ level
- High statistics
 - large volume atomic trap ~m³
- Long trapping





Energy measurement through cyclotron radiation – practical points



Larmor formula gives emitted power:

$$P(\gamma, \theta) = \frac{1}{4\pi\varepsilon_0} \frac{2}{3} \frac{q^4 B^2}{m_e^2} \left(\gamma^2 - 1\right) \sin^2 \theta$$

Realistic case:

- **1.7 fW** for 30.4 keV at θ = 90°
- **1.1 fW** for 18 keV at θ = 90°
- → Need low-noise cryogenic RF system



B. Monreal and Joe Formaggio, Phys. Rev D 80:051301



Project 8: proof of concept





D.M. Asner et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 162501 (2015)

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Project 8: recent results

Recent results

- First tritium spectra measured $\Delta E = 2 \text{ eV}$ (FWHM), **bkg** < $3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ eV}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- First neutrino mass limit: $m_{\nu} < 185 \text{ eV}$ (90% CI.)

Next steps/challenges

- large-volume traps (m³)
 (antenna array or cavity resonator)
- develop atomic tritium source
- 0.4 eV sensitivity (phase-III)
 Ultimate goal: 0.04 eV sensitivity



Project 8: phase II results





Project 8: next steps





- Demonstrate scalability of CRES to larger volumes
- Demonstrate possibility of high intensity atomic tritium source

Project 8: towards atomic tritium





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Calorimetric measurement of ¹⁶³Ho spectrum

- Proposed by A. De Rujula and M. Lusignoli Phys. Lett. 118B (1982)
- Low-temperature micro-calorimetry
- Holmium enclosed in absorber
- Released energy \rightarrow temperature increase







Calorimetric measurement





Advantages:

- "Source = detector" concept
- eV-scale differential measurement
 - total energy is measured

Challenges:

- High statistics (10¹³ decays for eV sensitivity)
 - increase activity per detector (10 Bq)
 - many detectors (>10000)
- Small heat capacity $\Delta T \approx \frac{E}{C_{tat}} \approx mK$
 - operation at low temperatures

Why the low temperatures?



• What's the heat capacity of solid materials at low temperatures?

$$\Delta T = \Delta \frac{E}{C}, C \propto T^3$$



Peter Debye

• Typical signal readout: using a SQUID





Calorimetric measurement







Dipole Magnet Deflectors Deflectors Quadrupole Lens Ion Source Sample Reservoir Laser Beams Separator Slit Postfocalisation Positioning Implantation Area with Ion Current Measurement

Experimental challenges

- Production and purification of ¹⁶³Ho
- Incorporate ~10¹¹ Ho atoms into the high resolution detector
- Operation and readout of large arrays

Spectral shape and theory:

- Precise description of calorimetric spectrum and detector response
- Independent measurement of the Q-value of the decay by Penning trap massspectroscopy



v-mass from ¹⁶³Ho electron capture: technologies

• Two techniques for temperature sensing



Magnetization of paramagnetic material Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters (MMC)





Resistance R at superconducting transition:

Transition Edge Sensors (TES)





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SQUID

n.c.

TES

S.C.

 $\Delta \mathbf{R}$

v-mass from ¹⁶³Ho electron capture: technologies

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v-mass from ¹⁶³Ho electron capture: numbers



- Unresolved pile-up
 - Fraction of pile-up events $f_{pu} \sim a \cdot \tau_r$
 - for $f_{pu} < 10^{-6}$ with $\tau_r \sim 1 \,\mu s$

 $a_{perpixel} < 10 Bq$

- Statistics at the endpoint:
 - 10¹⁴ events $\rightarrow a_{total} > 1 MBq$
- Very low background level:
 - $R_{bkg} < 10^{-5} events / eV / pixel / day$
- Energy resolution:
 - $\Delta E (FWHM) < 1 eV$



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Detector design & fabrication at Milano



Mass separation and isotope embedding in Genova



MMC technology with

Achievements

- first holmium spectra measured
 - $\Delta E = 5 \text{ eV}$ (FWHM), b <1.6x10⁻⁴ eV⁻¹pixel⁻¹day⁻¹
- first neutrino mass limit:
 - m < 150 eV (95% C.L.)
- refined theoretical calculations
- ECHo-1k completed: ~60 Bq (> 10⁸ events)
 - sensitivity on m < 20 eV

Next steps/challenges

• ECHo-100k: m < 2 eV

80



13 mm

arXiv:2301.06455



Towards ultimate sensitivity with ¹⁶³Ho

- pixel activity ≥100Bq/det
 - ¹⁶³Ho heat capacity
- time resolution below 0.1µs
- about 10M pixels
 - multiplexing and DAQ bandwidth



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double β -decay vs single β -decay





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Puzzles





- Option 1: KATRIN or Project 8 measures a neutrino mass but LEGEND sees no signal
 - Neutrino Dirac particle
 - Cancellation in $0\nu 2\beta$ -decay and $m_{\beta\beta}$
- Option 2: LEGEND measures a $0v2\beta$ -signal, but Project 8 measures no mass
 - a different mechanism for $0\nu 2\beta$ -decay

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Light sterile neutrinos – Motivation



- Multiple (longstanding) anomalies in the oscillation data
- No universal explanation to all of them
- An oscillation-free measurement as an independent crosscheck by KATRIN

500 keV

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JETP Lett. 112 (2020)

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Sterile neutrinos signature in β -spectrum

- 3+1 sterile neutrino model
- Same data-set as for the neutrino mass
- Grid search in m_4^2 , $|U_{e4}|^2$ plane

$$\frac{d\Gamma}{dE} = (1 - |U_{e4}|^2) \frac{d\Gamma}{dE} (m_{\beta}^2) + |U_{e4}|^2 \frac{d\Gamma}{dE} (m_{4}^2)$$

$$\lim_{k \to \infty} \lim_{k \to \infty}$$



Sterile neutrinos signature in KATRIN



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6 Fit parameters:

- N amplitude of the signal
- E_0 effective endpoint energy
- m^2 effective mass of the electron antineutrino
- B background rate
- $|U_{e4}|^2 4^{th}$ neutrino mixing
- m₄² 4th neutrino mass

Combination of 1st and 2nd campaigns

Fixed
$$m_v^2 = 0$$

 $m_4^2 = 59.9 \,\text{eV}^2$, $|U_{e4}|^2 = 0.011$
 $\Delta \chi^2_{null} = 0.66$

Free m_{ν}^2

$$m_4^2 = 87.4 \text{ eV}^2, |U_{e4}|^2 = 0.019$$

 $\Delta \chi^2_{null} = 1.69, m_v^2 = 0.57 \text{ eV}^2$

KATRIN Collab., PRD 105, 072004 (2022)

Sterile neutrinos – complimentarity

- looking at the short baseline anomalies from a different perspective
- Signal-to-background up to 250
- More stringent limits than Troitsk and Mainz
- approaching the BEST allowed regions with $\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 10 \text{ eV}^2$
- complementary probe to oscillation-based experiments

Sterile neutrinos – prospects

With first 5 datasets

 Probing large portion of the RAA, BEST and Neutrino-4

With full dataset

- Sensitive to interesting parameter range
- comparable sensitivities to neutrinoless double β -decay

keV sterile neutrinos

KATRIN Collab., arXiv:2207.06337

- Probing neutrinos with keV masses
 - using the first (technical) measurement phase
- Very high rates (mcps \rightarrow Mcps)
- Several new effects to be taken into account
 - back-scattering of electrons
 - magnetic trapping

KATRIN with **TRISTAN** detector

- Novel multi-pixel Silicon Drift Detector array (>1000 pixels)
- Large count rates: 100 kcps/pixel
- Excellent energy resolution: 160 eV (FWHM) at 6 keV
- Target sensitivity:

- 9 modules of TRISTAN at KATRIN after 2025
- Several updates of the setup for reducing the systematics

S. Mertens et al., J.Phys.G 46 (2019) 6, 065203; T. Brunst et al., JINST 14 (2019) 11, P11013, T. Houdy et al., J. Phys.: C.Ser. 1468 (2020) 012177

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Cosmic neutrino background: Motivation

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- ~340 relic neutrinos of all species /cm³ in the Universe (56 /cm³ per species)
- Decoupled the first second (1 MeV) after Big Bang
- Predicted overdensity $\eta \approx (1.2..20)$
- Upper limits from previous kinematic neutrino mass measurements: 1013

Relic neutrinos search with KATRIN

- relic neutrinos with meV energies
- neutrino capture on tritium (no energy threshold)
- Peak above the endpoint

$$^{3}\text{H} + \nu_{e} \rightarrow ^{3}\text{He}^{+} + e$$

Relic neutrinos search with KATRIN

up to 40 g of tritium

tens of μg of T_2 in the source 10^{-6} captures per year

Tritium source

1 2 IN

T₂ out

r-axis

T₂ out

KATRIN has the sensitivity to probe large clustering of cosmic neutrinos around the solar system

$$\eta = n_v / \langle n_v \rangle$$

Model for the relic neutrinos in KATRIN

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Fit parameters:

- N amplitude of the signal
- E_0 effective endpoint energy
- m^2 effective mass of the electron antineutrino
- B background rate
- η local overdensity
- meV energy is neglected

$$R_{\rm diff}(E) = R_{\beta}(E) + R_{\rm C\nu B}(E)$$

Relic neutrinos in the first science runs

- 1st campaign (2019)
 - 522 hours
 - 3.4 μ g for capture on tritium
- 2nd campaign (2019)
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- upper limits KATRIN Collab., PRL 129 (2022) 1, 011806

Relic neutrinos: challenges

- Background rate
 - order of magnitude higher
- T₂ β-spectrum creates irreducible background
 - $-m_{\nu} < <E_{\rm GS} > /2 = 0.85 \ {\rm eV}$
 - increase of the target mass does not increase the CvB sensitivity

Relic neutrinos: results and prospects

- search for large overdensity η of relic neutrinos near the Earth
- $\eta < 1.1 \cdot 10^{11}/\alpha$ at 95% C.L. the search is statistically limited
- improved by 2 orders of magnitude compared to previous laboratory limits

arXiv:2306.12366 \rightarrow 10⁴ – 10⁷ might be possible

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General Neutrino Interactions

- Additional interactions which contribute to the weak interaction in the β -decay
- SM Effective Field Theory with additional right-handed neutrinos
 - Truncated at the order n = 6

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

- GNI could modify the β -spectrum
 - Energy-dependent contributions to the rate could be studied with KATRIN

GNI Lagrangian for 4-fermion-interaction

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

- G_F : Fermi constant
- $V_{\gamma\delta}$: CKM matrix
- $(\tilde{\epsilon})_{j,ud}$: 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
 - ϵ_S : Coupling for **scalar** interactions
 - ϵ_P : Coupling for **pseudo-scalar** interactions
 - ϵ_T : Coupling for **tensor**-like interactions

GNI in the tritium *B*-spectrum

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

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

- Total decay rate for active and sterile neutrino
- ξ_k, b_k, b_k, c_k are defined in terms of *ε*, U_{e4} and *g_v*, *g_s*, *g_T*, *g_A* The SM case: ξ_N=b_k=b_k=c_k=0

Sensitivity to GNI with the sterile branch

- Converting mixing $\frac{\xi_N}{\xi_B}$ into sensitivity to ϵ
- Strongest constraints on $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{T}$
- Other constraints:
 - neutrino oscillations
 - v-e and v-N scattering
 - charged lepton flavor violation

Preliminary Study on first year MC at 95 % CL

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New light bosons

- Searching for new physics in the low-energy range
 - Light scalar or vector bosons can be emitted if their mass $< Q_T$
 - axions and axion-like particles, Majoron models, Z'

Search for Lorentz Invariance Violation

 Standard Model Extention: relativistic EFT with all possible LIV operators for neutrino propagation

$$L^a_{SME} = -\bar{\psi_w}a^\mu\gamma_\mu\psi_w$$

- for all particles in the β -decay
- terms $\propto a^{\mu}p_{\mu} = a^{0}p_{0} \vec{a}\cdot\vec{p}$

 \rightarrow 1 sideral-day modulation of E_0 and absolute shift of E_0

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Search for Lorentz Invariance Violation

- Time-dependent
 - Rotation of the Earth: change of intrinsic KATRIN direction w.r.t. a^{μ}
 - E_0 oscillates with 23 h 56 min period
 - $-\left|(a_{\rm of}^{(3)})_{11}\right|$
- Time-independent
 - Measurements of *E*₀ at Mainz and KATRIN

$$-\left|(a_{\rm of}^{(3)})_{00}\right|$$
 and $\left|(a_{\rm of}^{(3)})_{10}\right|$

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Lorentz invariance violation in KATRIN

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

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Lorentz invariance violation in KATRIN

No significant oscillation of *E*₀ observed

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

• No significant shift of E_0 observed

 $\begin{aligned} & \left| \begin{pmatrix} a_{of}^{(3)} \\ of \end{pmatrix}_{00} \right| < 3.0 \times 10^{-8} \ GeV \ (90 \% \ \text{CL}) \\ & \left| \begin{pmatrix} a_{of}^{(3)} \\ of \end{pmatrix}_{10} \right| < 6.4 \times 10^{-4} \ GeV \ (90 \% \ \text{CL}) \end{aligned}$

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Summary & Outlook

- Ongoing hunt for the absolute neutrino mass scale with the laboratory experiments \rightarrow KATRIN, Project 8, ECHo, HOLMES, ...
 - Current best limit: 0.8 eV (90% CL) from KATRIN
 - New technologies are developed for ultimate neutrino mass determination (~0.009 eV)
- Exciting physics ahead if there are contradictions between $0\nu 2\beta$ -decay, cosmology and direct neutrino mass measurements
- A variety of the "beyond neutrino mass" physics can be probed in the kinematic measurements of the weak decays

Thank you for your attention!

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