

# **Sterile neutrino from D-brane models**

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# OUTLINE

Standard model “weaknesses”

Neutrino (s) mass in the Standard Model

Neutrino (s) mass beyond Standard Model

(D-branes)

● Neutrino mass in string theory

Intersecting D6-brane models / open strings

• • STANDARD MODEL from String Theory

D-branes:

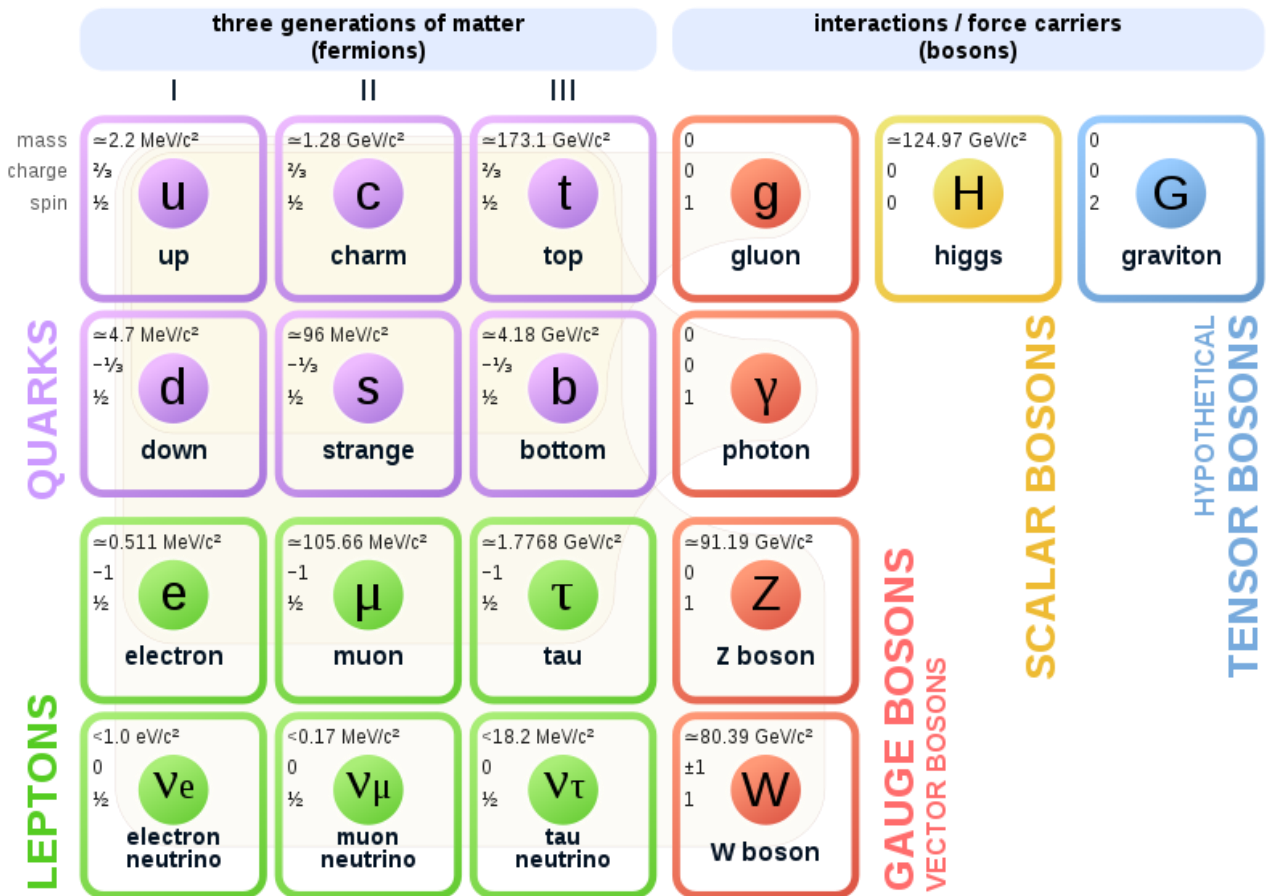
→ gauged baryon number (stable proton)

→ right handed neutrinos

→ sterile neutrinos → ?

# → STANDARD MODEL

## Standard Model of Elementary Particles and Gravity



●+ accommodates 3 generations of neutrinos

# BUT weaknesses

Baryon non-conservation (B-L conserved)

⇒ Proton decay

$$O_{abcd}^{(1)} = (\bar{d}_{\alpha a R}^C u_{\beta b R}) (\bar{q}_{i \gamma c L}^C l_{j d L}) \epsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \epsilon_{i j},$$

$$O_{abcd}^{(2)} = (\bar{q}_{i \alpha a L}^C q_{j \beta b L}) (\bar{u}_{\gamma c R}^C l_{d R}) \epsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \epsilon_{i j},$$

$$O_{abcd}^{(3)} = (\bar{q}_{i \alpha a L}^C q_{j \beta b L}) (\bar{q}_{k \gamma c L}^C l_{l d L}) \epsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \epsilon_{i j} \epsilon_{k l},$$

$$O_{abcd}^{(4)} = (\bar{q}_{i \alpha a L}^C q_{j \beta b L}) (\bar{q}_{k \gamma c L}^C l_{l d L}) \epsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma} \\ \times (\vec{T}\epsilon)_{i j} \cdot (\vec{T}\epsilon)_{k l},$$

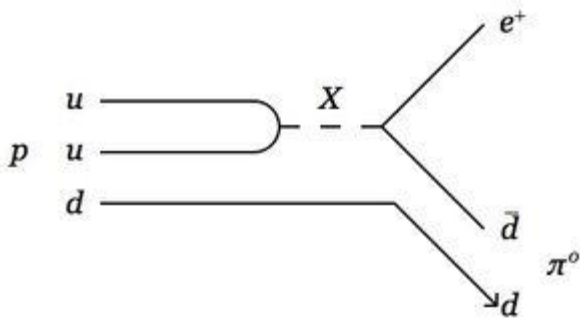
$$O_{abcd}^{(5)} = (\bar{d}_{\alpha a R}^C u_{\beta b R}) (\bar{u}_{\gamma c R}^C l_{d R}) \epsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma},$$

$$O_{abcd}^{(6)} = (\bar{u}_{\alpha a R}^C u_{\beta b R}) (\bar{d}_{\gamma c R}^C l_{d R}) \epsilon_{\alpha \beta \gamma}.$$

Weinberg (1979)

Wilczek and Zee (1979)

- $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$   $\tau_p > 8.2 \times 10^{33}$  years  $\Lambda \gtrsim 10^{16}$  GeV



Hierarchy problem 100 GeV –  $10^{16}$  GeV

- No Gravity

# • No Mass term for neutrinos

Motivation for introducing neutrino mass term → Beyond the SM

- No mass term for neutrinos in the SM
- A mass can only be introduced beyond the SM e.g. by adding a right handed neutrino (s) / (see saw mechanism)
  - **Neutrinos have a mass** - Discovery of neutrino oscillations
- Explain (inconclusive) excess of low energy electronic recoil events, over known backgrounds, observed at XENON1T experiment ?
- **Dark Matter** (DM) contributes five times more to the energy of the Universe than ordinary matter (Weakly interacting) dark matter candidates => sterile neutrinos of KeV masses + with small mixing with active neutrinos. See e.g. Light sterile neutrinos : A white paper, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1204.5379.pdf>;
- T2K experiment → STERILE NEUTRINOS < 1 eV

# ? Solution – Building a model BEYOND the SM without Proton decay

We need to find the particle content of the :  
**Standard Model** .The heaviest elementary particles  
 on the right side ...

Three Generations of Matter (Fermions)

	I	II	III	
mass →	2.4 MeV	1.27 GeV	171.2 GeV	0
charge →	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0
spin →	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
name →	u up	c charm	t top	$\gamma$ photon
	4.8 MeV	104 MeV	4.2 GeV	0
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
	d down	s strange	b bottom	g gluon
	$< 2.2$ eV	$< 0.17$ MeV	$< 15.5$ MeV	91.2 GeV
	0	0	0	0
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
	$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	Z weak force
	0.511 MeV	105.7 MeV	1.777 GeV	80.4 GeV
	-1	-1	-1	$\pm 1$
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
	e electron	$\mu$ muon	$\tau$ tau	W weak force

Leptons

Bosons (Forces)

Build

**STRING THEORY**

**Standard model-like model**

1 Macroscopic level - matter, 2 Molecular level,  
3 Atomic level, 4 Electrons, 5 Quarks, 6 String Theory



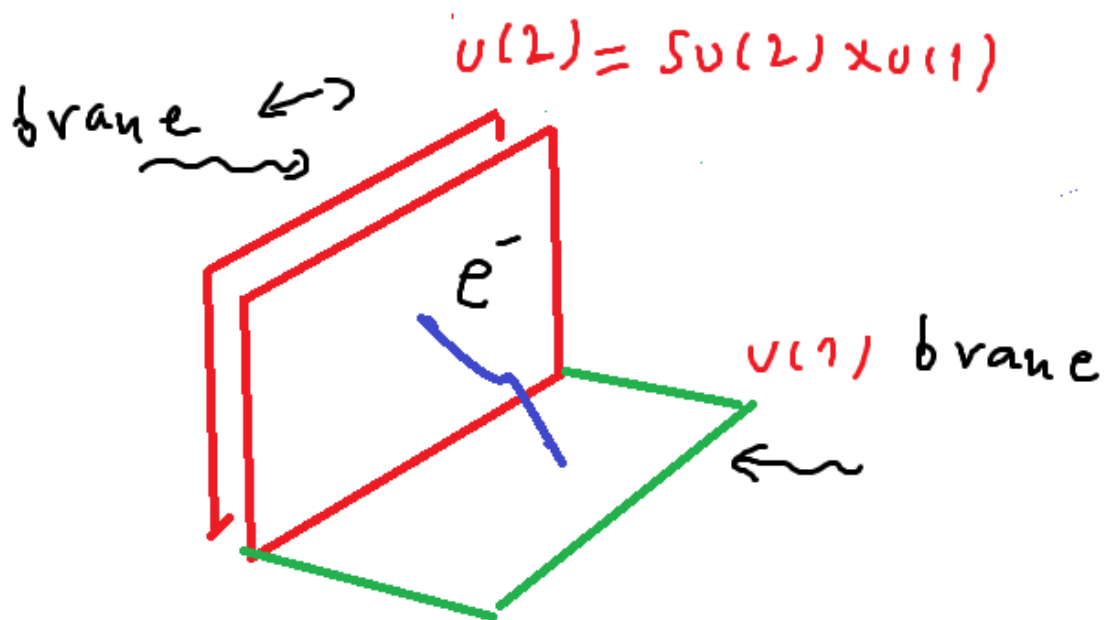


Particles  $\rightarrow$  localized among intersecting branes

What is an intersecting brane ?

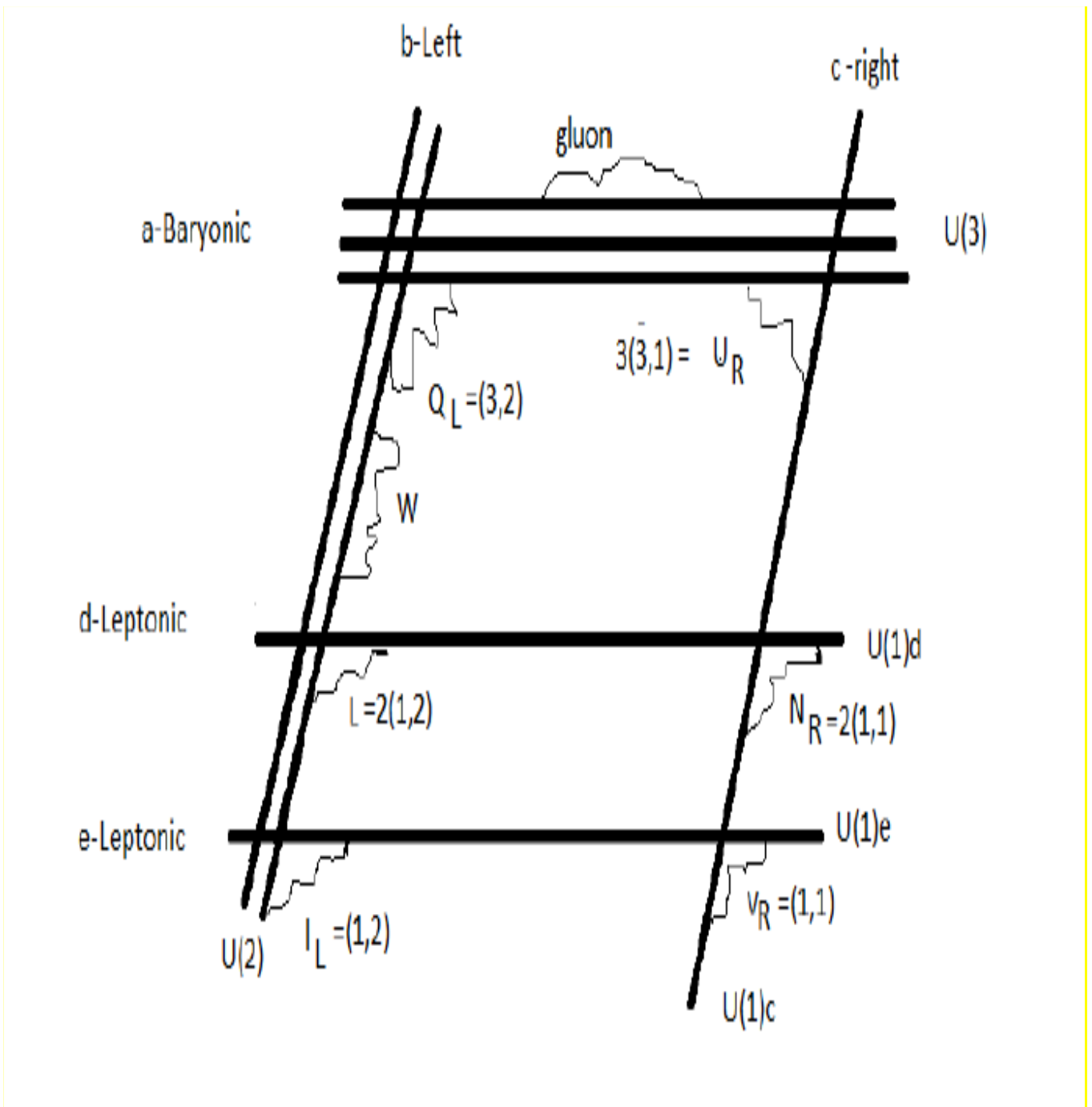
A higher dimensional hypersurface

Simplest representation



$e^- \rightarrow (2,1)$  representation  $\rightarrow$  and charges  $(1, -1) = (Q_a, Q_b)$

# 5-stack String Standard Model → Gauge Group :



SU(3)<sub>a</sub> SU(2)<sub>b</sub> U(1)<sub>a</sub> U(1)<sub>b</sub> U(1)<sub>c</sub> U(1)<sub>d</sub> U(1)<sub>e</sub>

# 5-stack (string) Standard Model

$$L = Q_d + Q_e$$

$$Q_a = 3B,$$

Matter Fields		Intersection	$Q_a$	$Q_b$	$Q_c$	$Q_d$	$Q_e$	Y
$Q_L$	(3, 2)	$I_{ab} = 1$	1	-1	0	0	0	1/6
$q_L$	2(3, 2)	$I_{ab^*} = 2$	1	1	0	0	0	1/6
$U_R$	3( $\bar{3}$ , 1)	$I_{ac} = -3$	-1	0	1	0	0	-2/3
$D_R$	3(3, 1)	$I_{ac^*} = -3$	-1	0	-1	0	0	1/3
$L$	2(1, 2)	$I_{bd} = -2$	0	-1	0	1	0	-1/2
$l_L$	(1, 2)	$I_{bd^*} = -1$	0	-1	0	0	1	-1/2
$N_R$	2(1, 1)	$I_{cd} = 2$	0	0	1	-1	0	0
$E_R$	2(1, 1)	$I_{cd^*} = -2$	0	0	-1	-1	0	1
$\nu_R$	(1, 1)	$I_{ce} = 1$	0	0	1	0	-1	0
$e_R$	(1, 1)	$I_{ce^*} = -1$	0	0	-1	0	-1	1

C.K, hep-th/0205147

## MATTER SPECTRUM

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$l_L$	(1, 2)	$I_{be} = -1$	0	-1	0	0	1	-1/2
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Table 1: Low energy fermionic spectrum of the five stack string scale  $SU(3)_C \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_a \otimes U(1)_b \otimes U(1)_c \otimes U(1)_d \otimes U(1)_e$ , type I D6-brane model together with its  $U(1)$  charges. Note that at low energies only the SM gauge group  $SU(3) \otimes SU(2)_L \otimes U(1)_Y$  survives.

$$Q_a = 3B, \quad L = Q_d + Q_e$$

“Predicts...”

- the existence of 1 or 2 sneutrinos  
 > break the extra  $Z'$  with  $\nu_R$  **C.K** (2002)  
 => Used...  $\nu_R$  in MSSM to break  $U(1)_{B-L}$   
 Barger, Perez, Spineer (2009)

- **EXPLAINS**  
**LHCb b-ANOMALIES**

A Stringy explanation of  $b \rightarrow s\ell^+ \ell^-$  anomalies"

A. Celis, W. Feng, D. Lust



Stringy  $Z'$  boson  $\rightarrow$  nonnegligible couplings to the first two quark generations

$Z'$  Mass  $\rightarrow \sim [3.5, 5.5]$  TeV,

should be possible to discover such a state directly during the next LHC runs via Drell-Yan production in :  
di-electron or  
di-muon decay channels

$$\text{Br}(Z' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) / \text{Br}(Z' \rightarrow e^+ e^-) \sim [0.5-0.9]$$

# NEUTRINO MASSES



can originate via chiral symmetry breaking

C.K;

Ibanez, Marchesano, Rabadan

$$\alpha'(LN_R)(Q_L U_R)^*, \quad \alpha'(l\nu_R)(q_L U_R)$$

From u-quark chiral condensate

$$\frac{\langle u_R u_L \rangle}{M_s^2} = \frac{(240 \text{ MeV})^3}{M_s^2}$$

$$M_\nu \sim (0.1-10 \text{ eV})$$

# STERILE NEUTRINOS

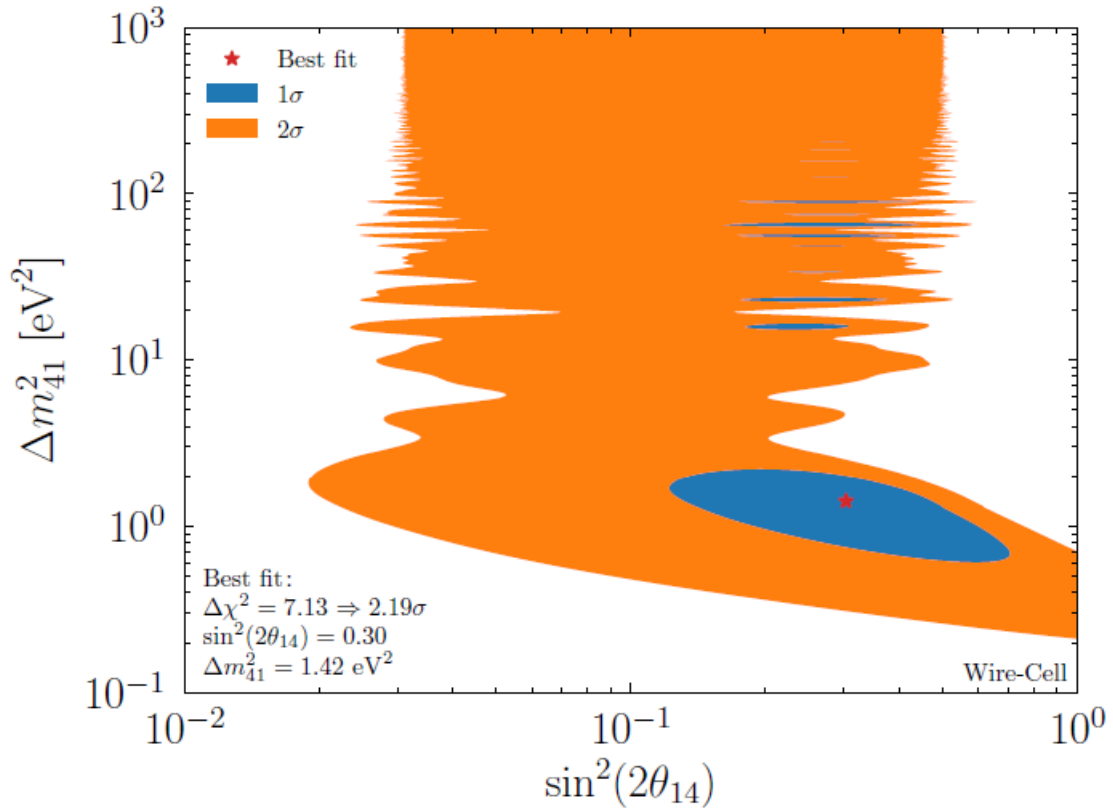


FIG. 2. The preferred regions in  $\Delta m_{41}^2 - \sin^2(2\theta_{14})$  parameter space using data from MicroBooNE's Wire-Cell analysis [41]. The blue (orange) region is the preferred region at  $1\sigma$  ( $2\sigma$ ) assuming Wilks' theorem. The red star is at the best fit point:  $\Delta m_{41}^2 = 1.42 \text{ eV}^2$  and  $\sin^2(2\theta_{14}) = 0.30$  which has a test statistic of  $\Delta\chi^2 = 7.13$  to no oscillations which implies  $2.19\sigma$  under Wilks' theorem.

2111.05793[hep-ph]

• Sterile neutrinos in GAUGE

THEORY →

Inverse See Saw mechanism

$$\lambda_1 \nu_R \nu_L H + \lambda_2 \nu_R H N + \lambda_3 \frac{1}{M_{GUT}} \bar{K}^2 N N$$

$$m_D = \lambda_1 \langle H \rangle, \quad V_R = \lambda_2 \langle H \rangle, \quad \mu = \frac{\lambda_3}{M_{GUT}} \langle \tilde{K} \rangle^2$$

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

Valle; Leontaris and Shafi



- Sterile neutrinos in INTERSECTING D-BRANE models

$$\mathcal{L} = m_D \nu_L \nu_R + m_N \nu_R N_1 + m_\Sigma \nu_L N_1 + \dots$$

- Sterile neutrinos in eigenstate basis  
( $\nu_L, \nu_R, N_1$ )

- → mass matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_D & m_\Sigma \\ m_D & 0 & m_N \\ m_\Sigma & m_N & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

BARYON # CONSERVED

I. Antoniadis and C.K

**Sterile** neutrinos → Calabi-Yau compactifications  
 Mohapatra and Valle  
 Faraggi; Leontaris, ..  
 (No Baryon # conservation)