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### A little history.....

A very long time ago, far far away, on an island, in a sushi bar.....two physicists were getting high on beer/sake, sushi and.....doodling on napkins.....

a couple of months later.....



### Detecting $\nu_{\tau}$ Oscillations at PeV Energies

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Muon Fraction

Figure 3: The fraction of muon neutrinos versus electron neutrinos, allowing for a fraction of tau neutrinos. Expected initial flux is at 2/3, 1/3. Full mixing would result in 1/3, 1/3. The points represent various solutions to the solar and atmospheric neutrino problems. The point corresponding to pure prompt  $\nu$ -beam is at 0.30, 0.47 & 0.23 taus.

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Even earlier, in the '70's there was some thought about detection of  $v_{\tau}$ 's in DUMAND type detectors...

For example.....



DUMAND as a T Detector

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#### I. DUMAND As a Clean & Detactor

DUMAND may be an excellent instrument for detecting very high energy t leptons. The t lifetime is known to be  $\langle 2x10^{-12} e^{(1)} \rangle$  and ptraightforward calculation<sup>(2)</sup> of the lifetime for its weak decay gives  $3x10^{-13}$  s, which is bard to escape. The mean distance before decay is then

$$L = Exc/ac^2$$
  
L/Z = 1m/18.6 TeV

OT.

Thus a  $\tau$  of energy 300 TeV would travel ~16m, a potentially observable distance in DIMAND. In order to reach DIMAND from production (by a neutrino) at a 2 km distance it would need ~4x10<sup>-5</sup> eV, and in order to servive from production in the atmosphere, at a distance of ~20 km overhead, it would need an initial ~4x10<sup>17</sup> eV.

The r arriving at DUMAND from whatever source would have a unique signature:

a) Low rate of emergy loss relative to a muon of the same energy. The t with case 1.784 GeV will have loss rate<sup>8</sup>, in water of

$$- dR/dx = .3 + B/1000$$
 TeV/km

as shown in figure 1.

Thus a t with just the critical energy (300 TeV) will typically travel w16 m before decay, giving up ~5 GeV and appearing as a nice near minimum logizing the fill TeV mice, but then decaying in a 300 TeV blaze of glory. A much

# Also on Glashow resonance for $V_{e\_bar}$





### Collaborators in addition to John Learned:

Tom Weiler, John Beacom, Nicole Bell, Dan Hooper, Werner Rodejohann, and more recently Anjan Joshipura and Subhendra Mohanty....

# We make as many assumptions as we please:

- Assume that v sources with energies upto and beyond PeV exist and that the v's reach us.
- Assume that v detectors large enuf will exist (Icecube, KM3 etc....multi KM3)
- Assume a v signal WILL be seen (with significant rates)
- Assume that v flavors (e,µ,T) CAN be distinguished

### Existence of High Energy Gammas suggests that High energy accelerators in space EXIST

- P+P and P+γ collisions produce π<sup>0</sup>'s and π<sup>+</sup> 's
- $\blacksquare \Pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \text{ 's} \rightarrow \text{observed.....(?)}$
- п<sup>+</sup> → v `s.....hence high energy v `s must exist!
- At detectable, useful fluxes?
- Maybe YES?

# FLAVORS at the Source: The variety of initial flavor mixes

- Conventional: P +P  $\rightarrow$  n + X, n  $\rightarrow$  v<sub>µ</sub> + µ, µ  $\rightarrow$  v<sub>µ</sub> + v<sub>e</sub> hence: v<sub>e</sub> / v<sub>µ</sub> = 1/2
- Same for P +  $\gamma$ , except no anti- $v_e$ .
- Damped muon sources: if  $\mu$  does not decay or loses energy: No v<sub>e</sub>'s, and hence v<sub>e</sub> / v<sub>µ</sub> = 0/1
- Pure Neutron Decay or Beta-Beam sources: n  $\rightarrow$  anti-v<sub>e</sub>, hence v<sub>e</sub>/v<sub>µ</sub> = 1/0
- Prompt sources, when  $\pi$ 's absorbed and only heavy flavors contribute and  $v_e/v_\mu = 1$ , such a flavor mix also occurs in muon damped sources at lower energies from  $\mu$  decays. (Winter et al,2010)
- In general, flavor mix will be energy dependent......

### Types of sources and initial flavor mixes

Most conventional sources are expected to make neutrinos via  $\pi/K$  decays which leads via the decay chain  $\pi/K \rightarrow \mu$  to an approx. flavor mix:

 $v_{e}:v_{u}:v_{T} = 1:2:0$ 

Sometimes  $\mu$ 's lose energy or do not decay, in either case the effective flavor mixed becomes:

е:µ:т = 0:1:0

In some sources this can happen at higher energies and then the flavor mix can be energy dependent.

There are sources in which the dominant component is from neutron decays, and then resulting (beta)beam has:

е:µ:т = 1:0:0

Recently, sources called slow-jet supernova have been discussed, where the  $\pi's$  interact rather than decay, then the  $\nu$  flux

is dominated by short-lived heavy flavor decays, with resulting mix (so-called prompt, due to short-lived heavy flavors):

е:µ:т = 1:1:0

Here the very small  $v_{\tau}$  component from heavy flavors has been ignored.

### References for source types:

- Damped muon sources: Rachen and Meszaros, PRD 58(1998), Kashti and Waxman, astroph/057599(2005).
- Beta-Beam sources: Anchordoqui et al, PLB793(2004).
- Prompt sources: Razzaque et al., PRD73(2006), Gandhi et al., arXiv:0905.2483.
- Hidden sources: Mena et al., astroph/061235(2006) optically thick sources.
- Interesting new paper: Hummer et al.:arXiv:1007.0006

**Generic accelerators on Hillas Plot** 

It is understood that most sources yield equal fluxes of neutrinos and anti-neutrinos with the exception of beta-beam which is a pure anti- $v_e$  beam.

### Neutrinos from "GZK" process: BZ neutrinos:

- Berezinsky and Zatsepin pointed out the existence/inevitability of neutrinos from :
- $\blacksquare P_{CR} + \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow n + \pi^+$
- Flavor Mix: below 10 Pev: (n decays)pure Beta-Beam: e:µ:T = 1:0:0
- Above 10 PeV: conventional( decays) :e:µ:т =1:2:0

(due to Engel et al. PRD64,(2001))

## Current Knowledge of Neutrino Mixing and Masses

 $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{e} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{T} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{MNSP} \\ \mathbf{v} \\ \mathbf{v} \end{bmatrix}$ 

 $\delta m_{32}^{2} \sim 2.5 .10^{-3} eV^{2}, \ \delta m_{21}^{2} \sim 8 .10^{-5} eV^{2}$  $U_{MNSP} \sim U_{TBM} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2/3} & \sqrt{1/3} & 0 \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & \sqrt{1/3} \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & \sqrt{1/3} \\ -\sqrt{1/6} & \sqrt{1/3} & -\sqrt{1/3} \end{bmatrix}$ 

TBM is good to about one sigma. Unkown: Mass Pattern: Normal or Inverted:

Also:  $U_{e3}$ , phase  $\delta$ 

# Effects of oscillations on the flavor mix are very simple:

δm<sup>2</sup> > 10<sup>-5</sup> eV<sup>2</sup>, hence (δm<sup>2</sup> L)/4E >> 1 for all relevant L/E, and
 → sin<sup>2</sup> (δm<sup>2</sup>L/4E) averages to ½
 survival and transition probablities depend only on mixing:

$$P_{aa} = \sum_{i} |U_{ai}|^{4}$$
$$P_{a\beta} = \sum_{i} |U_{ai}|^{2} |U_{\beta i}|^{2}$$

### In this tri-bi-maximal approximation, the propagation matrix P is:

ν<sub>μ</sub> ν<sub>τ</sub>

source



earth

## Flavor Mix at Earth:

Beam type	Initial	Final
Conventional (pp,py)	1:2:0	1:1:1
Damped Muon	0:1:0	4:7:7
Beta Beam(n decay)	1:0:0	5:2:2
Prompt	1:1:0	1.2:1:1
Damped Muon produces a pure r	nuon decay beam	at lower energies

with same flavor mix as the Prompt beam!

## Discriminating flavors

- The ratios used to distinguish various flavor mixes are e.g. f<sub>e</sub> (e/(e+μ+τ) and R(μ/[e+τ])
- Source type f<sub>e</sub> R
   Pionic 0.33 0.5
   Damped-µ 0.22 0.64
   Beta-beam 0.55 0.29
   Prompt 0.39 0.44
- It has been shown that R and/or f<sub>e</sub> can be determined upto 0.07 in an ice-cube type detector. Hence pionic, damped µ, and Beta-beam can be distinguished but probably not the prompt

(Beacom et al. PRD69(2003).{Esmaili(2009).Choubey(2009).}

# Can small deviations from TBM be measured in the flavor mixes?

- E.g. deviation of U<sub>e3</sub> from zero, or value of δ....as proposed in several papers: Blum et al., Kacherlis and Serpico, Xing, Choubey et al, Rodejohann, Athar et al.,Liu et al.....
- E.g. R would deviate from the TBM expected value by amounts proportional to a fraction of | U<sub>e3</sub>I cos(δ), resulting in corrections to the TBM values of less than 10% at best.
- Measuring Such small deviations remain impractical for the foreseeable future

# In addition, sources are never "pure" meaning:

- Conventional/pp: after including μ polarization and effects due to K, D etc decays, the mix changes from1:2:0 to approx. 1:1.85:ε, (ε < 0.01)</p>
- Damped μ sources do not have exactly 0:1:0 but probably more like δ:1:0 with δ of a few %.....and similarly for Betabeam.

A comparison of effects of non-zero  $\theta_{13}$  and  $\delta$  with uncertainties in initial fluxes:  $\Delta R$ 

Source	Effect of CPV	Effect of flux
Pionic	<0.022	0.01
Damped µ	<0.07	0.066
Beta-Beam	n <0.025	0.01
Prompt	<0.023	0.01

Since R can only be measured at a level of 0.07, a measurement of small mixing angles and small CPV seems precluded in foreseeable future. Maybe with much bigger detectors....? e.g. Serpico and Kacherliess(2005), Blum, Nir and

Waxman(2008), Serpico(2005), Choubey et al((2008), Liu et al(2010)

To summarise, small deviations in flavor content NOT easy to measure in near future.

But it should be possible to measure LARGE deviations from the canonical flavor mix.For our purposes here, let us agree to use the conventional flavor mix as canonical.

In this case the initial mix of 1:2:0 is expected to become 1:1:1; at earth.So we look for large deviations from this.

## Large deviations:

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### Deviations from 1:1:1 - Particle Physics

#### Exotic neutrino properties

Neutrino decay (Beacom, Bell, Hooper, Pakvasa, & Weiler)
 CPT violation (Barenboim & Quigg)
 Oscillation to steriles (Dutta, Reno and Sarcevic)
 Oscillations with tiny delta δm<sup>2</sup> (Crocker, Melia, & Volkas; Berezinsky et al.)
 Pseudo-Dirac mixing (Beacom, Bell, Hooper, Learned, Pakvasa, & Weiler)
 Magnetic moment transitions (Enqvist, Keränen, Maalampi)
 Mass varying neutrinos (Fardon, Nelson & Weiner; Hung & Pas)

# How many ways can the flavor mix deviate from 1:1:1 ?

1. Initial flux different from canonical: e.g. the damped muon scenario. In this case the flavor mix will be:

4:7:7

similarly for the beta beam source, the flavor mix will be: 5:2:2

instead of 1:1:1

2. Neutrino Decay: Do neutrinos decay? Since  $\delta m's \neq 0$ , and flavor is not conserved, in general v's will decay. The only question is whether the lifetimes are short enuf to be interesting and what are the dominant decay modes.

### What do we know?

■ Radiative decays:  $v_i \rightarrow v_j + \gamma$ : m.e.:  $\Psi_j(C + D\gamma_5)\sigma_{\mu\nu} \Psi_i F_{\mu\nu}$ SM:  $1/T = (9/16)(\alpha/\pi)G_F^2/\{128\pi^3\}(\delta m_{ij}^2)^3/m_i \Sigma_{\alpha}m_{\alpha}^2/m_W^2(U_{i\alpha}U_{j\alpha}^*)^2 \rightarrow T_{SM} > 10^{45} \text{ s}^{(Petcov, Marciano-Sanda)(1977)}$ Exptl. Bounds on  $\kappa = e/m_i[C + D^2]^{1/2} = \kappa_0\mu_B$ 

From  $v_e + e \rightarrow e + v'$ :  $\kappa_0 < 10^{-10}$  (PDG2010), this corresponds to:  $\tau > 10^{18}$  s.

## Invisible Decays:

### ■ $V_i \rightarrow V_j + v + v$ : Exptl Bounds: F < $\epsilon G_F$ , F < O(1), from invisible width of Z

Bilenky and Santamaria(1999):

 $T > 10^{34} s$ 

$$\begin{split} v_{iL} &\rightarrow v_{jL} + \phi: \quad g_{ij} \, \Psi_{jL} \, \gamma_{\mu} \, \Psi_{jL} \, d_{\mu} \phi \\ \text{If isospin conserved: invisible decays of charged} \\ \text{leptons governed by the same } g_{ij}, \text{ and bounds} \\ \text{on } \mu \rightarrow e + \phi, \text{ and } \tau \rightarrow \mu/e + \phi \text{ yield bounds} \\ \text{such as: } \tau > 10^{24} \text{ s.} \\ \text{{Jodidio et al. (1986), PDG(1996)}} \end{split}$$

Conclusion: Only "fast" invisible decays are Majoron type couplings g v<sup>C</sup><sub>jR</sub>v<sub>iL</sub> X : I can be a mixture of 0 and 1(G-R, CMP) The v's can be mixture of flavor/sterile

states.....

- Bounds on g from п & K decays
- Barger,Keung,SP(1982),Lessa,Peres(2007), g<sup>2</sup> < 5.10<sup>-6</sup>

SN energy loss bounds: Farzan(2003): g < 5.10<sup>-7</sup>

- $g^2 < 5.10^{-6}$  corresp. to  $\tau > 10^{-8}$  s/eV
- g < 5.  $10^{-7}$  corresp. to  $\tau$  > 0.1 s/ev

Current experimental limits on T<sub>i</sub>.  $\blacksquare$  T<sub>1</sub> > 10<sup>5</sup> s/eV SN 1987A B. o. E. Careful analysis. - T<sub>2</sub> > 10<sup>-4</sup> s/eV (Solar) 10<sup>-4-</sup>10<sup>-2</sup>s/eV Beacom-Bell(2003),KamLand(2004)  $T_3 > 3.10^{-11} s/eV (Atm)$ 9.10<sup>-11</sup> s/eV Gonzalez-Garcia-Maltoni(2008) Cosmology: WMAP $\rightarrow$ free-streaming v's $\rightarrow$  $\tau > 10^{10}$  s/eV at least for one v... Hannestad-Raffelt(2005), Bell et al.(2005) With L/E of TeV/Mpsc, can reach  $\tau$  of 10<sup>4</sup> s/eV

When v<sub>i</sub> decays, U<sub>ai</sub><sup>2</sup> gets multiplied by the factor  $exp(-L/\gamma cT)$  and goes to 0 for sufficiently long L. For normal hierarchy, only  $v_1$  survives, and the final flavor mix is simply (SP 1981):  $e:\mu:\tau = |U_{e1}|^2:|U_{u1}|^2:|U_{\tau 1}|^2$ ~ 4:1:1 These flavor mixes are drastically different

from canonical 1:1:1 and easily

distinguishable.

Beacom et al(2003)



### Caveat about inverted hierarchy and decay:

In this case things are a bit more subtle: Since the limit on lifetime of  $v_1$  is  $10^5$  s/eV and we are unlikely to probe beyond  $10^4$  s/eV (this way); v<sub>1</sub>'s will not have had enuf time to decay and so both  $v_1$  and  $v_3$  will survive with only  $v_2$  having decayed, leads to a final flavor mix of 1:1:1....! Of course the net flux will have decreased by 2/3. More complex decay scenarios in e.g. Bhattacharya et al.arXiv:1006.3082, Meloni and Ohlsson, hep-ph/0612279, Maltoni and Winter, arXiv;0803.2050....

### Comments about decay scenario

With many sources at various L and E, it would be possible to make a L/E plot and actually measure lifetime. E.g. one can see the e/µ ratio go from 1 to 4 for the NH case.

For relic SN signal, NH enhances the rate by about a factor of 2, whereas IH would make the signal vanish (for complete decay)! Relic SN can probe T beyond 10<sup>4</sup> s/eV.

Barenboim-Quigg, Fogli et al(2004)

# 3. Flavor Violating Gravity;

Violation of Equivalence Principle

- Different flavor states have slightly different couplings to gravity: f<sub>e</sub>, f<sub>μ</sub>, f<sub>τ</sub>
   Current Bounds: δf/f < 10<sup>-24</sup>
- Suppose neutrinos travel thru region of varying gravitational field, they could pass thru a MSW-type resonance and deplete one flavor and we get anisotropy. For example  $v_{\mu}/v_{\tau} << 1$  from direction of Great Attractor but = 1 from all other directions!

### Ultimate long-baseline experiment

Astrophysical sources provide baselines almost as big as the visible universe.

This allows a sensitivity to oscillations with tiny δm<sup>2</sup>

Eg. Oscillation modes that have a sub-dominant or completely negligible effect on the solar or atmospheric neutrinos may show up here.

Crocker, Melia and Volkas (2000, 2002) Berezinsky, Narayan and Vissani (2002) Keranen, Maalampi, Myyrylainen and Riittinen (2003) Beacom, Bell, Hooper, Pakvasa, Learned, and Weiler (2004)



4. Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos: (Sometimes called Quasi-Dirac) If no positive results are found in neutrino-less double-beta-decay experiments, it may mean that neutrinos are Dirac or Pseudo-Dirac Idea of pseudo-Dirac neutrinos goes back to Wolfenstein, Petcov and Bilenky - Pontecorvo (1981-2). Also clear discussion in Kobayashi-Lim(2001). These arise when there are sub-dominant Majorana mass terms present along with dominant Dirac mass terms. There is a somewhat different realisation, to be discussed later.....



The three δm<sup>2</sup>'s will be different, in general. Generic (Majorana) mass matrix:

$$\begin{pmatrix} m_L & m_D \\ m_D & m_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Pseudo-Dirac limit is where:

$$m_{L,R} << m_D$$

Two closely degenerate, maximally mixed active and sterile states (Kobayashi, Lin)

$$v_{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( v^{+} + i v^{-} \right) \qquad v_{s} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( v^{+} - i v^{-} \right)$$
$$m^{+} \approx m^{-} \qquad \delta m^{2} << m^{2} \qquad \theta \approx 45^{\circ}$$

The two closely degenerate states have opposite CP parity – so their contributions cancel in neutrinoless double beta decay

$$\langle m \rangle_{\rm eff}^{0\nu\beta\beta} = \sum U_{ej}^2 (m_j^+ - m_j^-) \approx 0$$

### **Pseudo-Dirac Neutrinos**



Neutrinos appear to be Dirac, but in fact have subdominant Majorana mass terms.

→Oscillations driven by tiny mass differences.

→ Would show up in  $v_{1a}, v_{1s}$  astro-nu flavor ratios.

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# In this case when $\delta m^2$ are as small or smaller than $10^{-12} \text{ eV}^2$ , it is possible to do cosmology!

• The transition probability  $P_{\alpha\beta}$  becomes:  $P_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_{j} |U_{\alpha j}|^2 |U_{\beta j}|^2 (1 - \sin^2(\phi_j))$ , where  $\phi_j = \{\delta m_j^2/4E\}f$ , and f, the lookback distance is: f = (z/H) [1 - (3+q)/z....] and z is red shift and H is Hubble parameter, q is de-acceleration etc.....

And thus f contains cosmological information but measured by neutrinos. If enuf data is available, one can check whether red shift in neutrinos is identical to red shift in photons!

### Recent proposals:

Mohapatra et al(2010): Main idea: Not all three are pseudo-Dirac, only one(or two) are pseudo-Dirac (the small mass difference generated radiatively) and the other remains Majorana (Fancy new names: Bimodal, schizophrenic) Phenomenology essentially same as pseudo-Dirac case.....for one or two flavors.....



5. A different realisation of pseudo-Dirac		
states		
Discussed by Wolfenstein and Petcov in 1981/2		
If mass matrix for a single flavor looks like		
a b		
<b>b</b> -a + δ		
When $\delta = 0$ and $a = b$ , get exact degeneracy and a Dirac state.		
But when $\delta$ is not 0, the mass difference is governed by $\delta$ ,(may need f tuning		
to keep mass difference small)		
And the mixing angle is NOT maximal but can be		
Recently revived by Joshipura and Rindani(2000) and others		
arbitrary, $tan(2\theta) = b/a$		
Why is this interesting?		
For small mixing angle it may be possible to get MSW		
resonance effect and get a flavor convert almost completely to		
Steriles! For example, in passage thru neutrino background etc		
In this case only steriles arrive at earth! (Mohanty, Joshinura SP)		
For example: Lunardini-Smirnov(2001) showed that for large lepton asymmetries,		
for $\delta m^2$ of 10 <sup>-15</sup> eV <sup>2</sup> , E of a PeV, large conversion to sterile can happen		

### For E/δm<sup>2</sup> > 10<sup>31</sup> eV<sup>-1</sup>, MSW resonance can happen after production and give large conversion to sterile

Lunardini & Smirnov hep-ph/009356











that the vacuum oscillation probability converges to  $\sin^2 2\theta/2^{-7}$ . A substantial (~10%) deviation from the vacuum oscillation probability due to matter effect starts at  $z \simeq 1$  for  $F\eta \simeq 10$  and at  $z \simeq 3$  for  $F\eta \simeq 2$ .



FIG. 8. The  $\nu_{\alpha} - \nu_{\nu}$  conversion probability P as a function of the production epoch z for various values of  $F\eta$ . From the upper to the lower curve:  $F\eta = 20, 10, 6, 2, 0, -2, -6, -10, -20$ ; the dotted line represents the vacuum oscillations probability  $(F\eta = 0)$ . We have taken  $\sin^2 2\theta = 0.5$  and  $E_0/\Delta m^2 = 10^{21} \text{ eV}^{-1}$ .

## 6. Effects of Magnetic Fields

- In regions with large magnetic fields, neutrino magnetic transitions can modify the flavor mix.
- However, for Majorana neutrinos, the magnetic moment matrix is antisymmetric and hence, a flavor mix of 1:1:1 remains 1:1:1
- For Dirac case, possible interesting effects via RSFP (Akhmedov and Lim-Marciano) for µ<sub>v</sub> at the maximum allowed values of about 10<sup>-14</sup>µ<sub>B</sub> and B of order of a Gauss

In this case also, large conversion from flavor to sterile state can occur.

## Other possibilities

7. Lorentz Invariance Violation
8. CPT Violation
9. Decoherence
10. Mass varying Neutrinos
11. etc.....

## Conclusions/summary

- Neutrino Telescopes MUST measure flavors, and need to be v.v.large(Multi-KM), just OBSERVING neutrinos NOT enuf.....
- If the flavor mix is found to be 1:1:1, it is BORING and confirms CW, even so can lead to many constraints.
- If it is approx ½:1:1, we have damped muon sources.
- If the mix is a:1:1, then a>1 may mean decays with normal hierarchy and can give info about θ<sub>13</sub> and δ.....
- If a is <<1, then decays with inverted hierachy may be occuring..
- Can probe v.v. small δm<sup>2</sup> beyond reach of neutrinoless double beta decay....
- Anisotropy can be due to flavor violating gravity?

"although tough to measure, flavor ratios are a very interesting possibility to constrain particle physics properties using astrophysical sources in parameter ranges which would otherwise NOT be accessible"

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