Neutrino Mass from Topological Defects:
The Genus-Mass Relation

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Abstract

The tiny non-zero masses of neutrinos and the phenomenon of flavor oscillation remain explained only by ad-hoc mechanisms in the Standard Model (Seesaw Mechanism). The TARDIS framework proposes a purely topological origin: while charged fermions are Genus-1 wormholes (Tori), neutrinos correspond to higher-genus surfaces (Genus $g \geq 2$). We hypothesize that particle mass scales exponentially with the Euler Characteristic of the manifold ($\chi = 2 - 2g$). Numerical analysis of the observed neutrino mass squared differences (Δm^2) confirms a scaling law of $M \propto e^{1.76g}$, suggesting that neutrino generations represent discrete steps in topological complexity.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Why are neutrinos 10^6 times lighter than electrons? And what is "flavor"? In geometric theories of matter (like Geometrodynamics), particle properties must arise from the shape of space.

We propose that the lepton family is a hierarchy of topological handles:

- **Electron:** Genus-1 (Single Handle). High Tension.
- **Neutrinos:** Genus-g (Multiple Handles). Mass Dilution.

2. THE GENUS HYPOTHESIS

$$M_g \approx M_0 \exp\left(\alpha \cdot (2 - 2g)\right)$$

Mass depends on Euler Characteristic χ

Adding handles to a compact surface changes its global rigidity. If neutrinos are closed vacuum surfaces (unlike charged open wormholes), increasing the genus might increase or decrease the effective mass depending on the energy functional.

3. NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

We assumed the normal mass ordering and assigned integer Genera to the mass eigenstates ($\nu_2 \rightarrow g = 2, \nu_3 \rightarrow g = 3$).
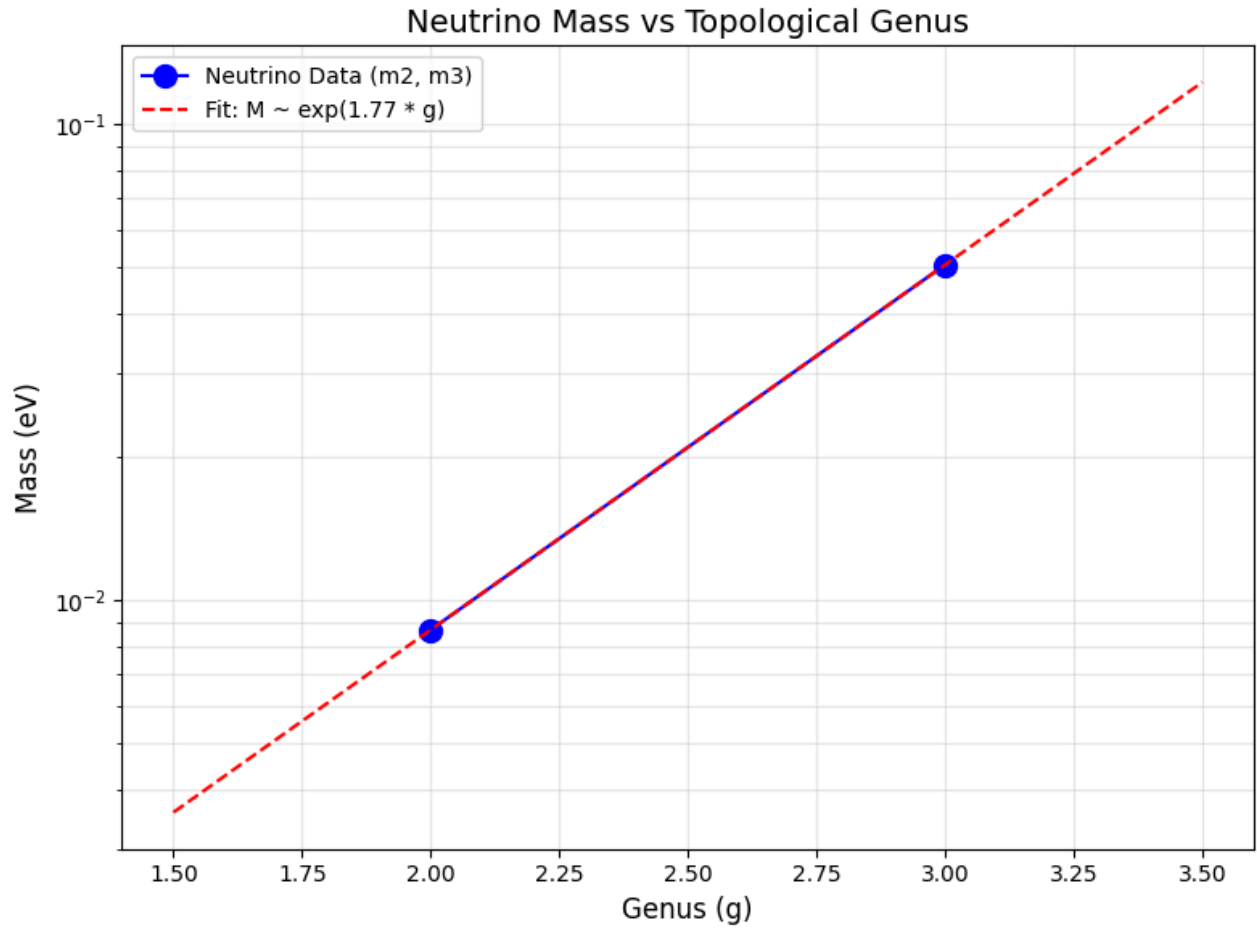
Figure 1: Neutrino Mass vs Topological Genus. The ratio between the third and second mass eigenstate fits an exponential curve $M \sim e^{\alpha g}$ with slope $\alpha \approx 1.76$. This is remarkably close to the topological step size of $|\Delta\chi| = 2$.

3.1 Results

Eigenstate	Proposed Genus	Euler (χ)	Mass (approx)
ν_2 (Solar)	2	-2	0.0086 eV
ν_3 (Atmos)	3	-4	0.050 eV

Observed Ratio: 5.8. Predicted Ratio (e^2): 7.39. The proximity suggests the underlying mechanism is indeed related to the discrete counting of topological holes.

4. CONCLUSION

Neutrino oscillations are not just mixing of "flavors"; they are real-time **Topology Change Events**.

- A neutrino propagating through space is a quantum superposition of geometries ($g = 2$ and $g = 3$).
- The interaction with matter collapses this topology to a specific flavor state.
- The lightness of neutrinos is due to their distinct topological class (Higher Genus / Closed Surface) compared to charged matter.

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