Neutrinos: from Particle to Astroparticle Physics

Part II: Neutrino Oscillations

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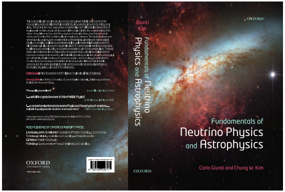

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Neutrino Oscillations

- 1957: Pontecorvo proposed Neutrino Oscillations in analogy with $K^0 \leftrightarrows \bar{K}^0$ oscillations (Gell-Mann and Pais, 1955) $\implies$ $\nu \leftrightarrows \bar{\nu}$
- In 1957 only one neutrino $\nu = \nu_e$ was known!
- 1958: Goldhaber, Grodzins and Sunyar measure neutrino helicity: $\nu(h = -1)$
- Then, in weak interactions $\nu(h = -1)$ and $\bar{\nu}(h = +1)$
- Helicity conservation $\implies$ $\nu(h = -1) \leftrightarrows \bar{\nu}(h = -1)$
- $\bar{\nu}(h = -1)$ is a sterile neutrino (Pontecorvo, 1967)
- 1962: Lederman, Schwartz and Steinberger discover ν_μ
- 1962: Maki, Nakagava, Sakata proposed a model with neutrino mixing:

$$\nu_e = \cos\vartheta\,\nu_1 + \sin\vartheta\,\nu_2$$
$$\nu_\mu = -\sin\vartheta\,\nu_1 + \cos\vartheta\,\nu_2$$

  "weak neutrinos are not stable due to the occurrence of a virtual transmutation $\nu_e \leftrightarrows \nu_\mu$"
- 1967: Pontecorvo: $\nu_e \leftrightarrows \nu_\mu$ oscillations and applications (solar neutrinos)

- Flavor Neutrinos: ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ produced in Weak Interactions
- Massive Neutrinos: ν_1, ν_2, ν_3 propagate from Source to Detector
- A Flavor Neutrino is a superposition of Massive Neutrinos

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\begin{aligned}
|\nu_e\rangle &= U_{e1}\,|\nu_1\rangle + U_{e2}\,|\nu_2\rangle + U_{e3}\,|\nu_3\rangle \\
|\nu_\mu\rangle &= U_{\mu1}\,|\nu_1\rangle + U_{\mu2}\,|\nu_2\rangle + U_{\mu3}\,|\nu_3\rangle \\
|\nu_\tau\rangle &= U_{\tau1}\,|\nu_1\rangle + U_{\tau2}\,|\nu_2\rangle + U_{\tau3}\,|\nu_3\rangle
\end{aligned}
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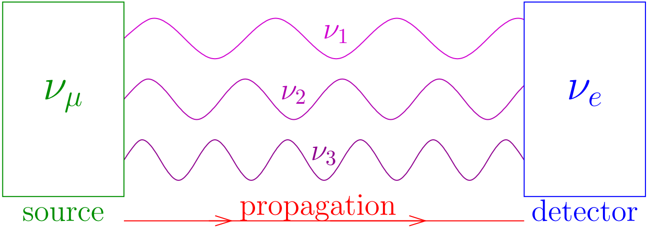
- U is the 3×3 Neutrino Mixing Matrix

$$|\nu(t=0)\rangle = |\nu_\mu\rangle = U_{\mu 1}\,|\nu_1\rangle + U_{\mu 2}\,|\nu_2\rangle + U_{\mu 3}\,|\nu_3\rangle$$



$$|\nu(t>0)\rangle = U_{\mu 1}\,e^{-iE_1 t}\,|\nu_1\rangle + U_{\mu 2}\,e^{-iE_2 t}\,|\nu_2\rangle + U_{\mu 3}\,e^{-iE_3 t}\,|\nu_3\rangle \neq |\nu_\mu\rangle$$

$$E_k^2 = p^2 + m_k^2 \qquad\qquad t \simeq L$$

$$P_{\nu_\mu\to\nu_e}(t>0) = |\langle\nu_e|\nu(t>0)\rangle|^2 \sim \sum_{k>j} \mathrm{Re}\left[U_{ek}\,U_{\mu k}^*\,U_{ej}^*\,U_{\mu j}\right] \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

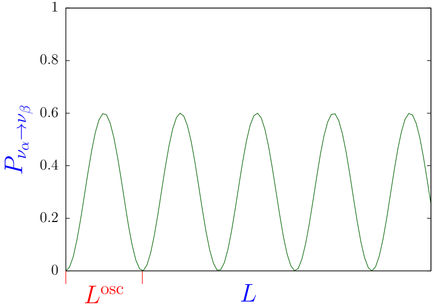
transition probabilities depend on U and $\Delta m_{kj}^2 \equiv m_k^2 - m_j^2$

$$\nu_e \to \nu_\mu \qquad \nu_e \to \nu_\tau \qquad \nu_\mu \to \nu_e \qquad \nu_\mu \to \nu_\tau$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e \to \bar{\nu}_\mu \qquad \bar{\nu}_e \to \bar{\nu}_\tau \qquad \bar{\nu}_\mu \to \bar{\nu}_e \qquad \bar{\nu}_\mu \to \bar{\nu}_\tau$$

- Neutrino Oscillations are due to interference of different phases of massive neutrinos: pure quantum-mechanical effect!

- Phases of massive neutrinos depend on distance $\Longrightarrow$ Oscillations depend on distance L



Ultrarelativistic Approximation

Only neutrinos with energy $\gtrsim 0.1\,MeV$ are detectable!

Charged-Current Processes: Threshold

$$\nu + A \to B + C$$
$$\Downarrow$$
$$s = 2Em_A + m_A^2 \geq (m_B + m_C)^2$$
$$\Downarrow$$
$$E_{\text{th}} = \frac{(m_B + m_C)^2}{2m_A} - \frac{m_A}{2}$$

$\nu_e + {}^{71}\text{Ga} \to {}^{71}\text{Ge} + e^-$	$E_{\text{th}} = 0.233\,\text{MeV}$
$\nu_e + {}^{37}\text{Cl} \to {}^{37}\text{Ar} + e^-$	$E_{\text{th}} = 0.81\,\text{MeV}$
$\bar{\nu}_e + p \to n + e^+$	$E_{\text{th}} = 1.8\,\text{MeV}$
$\nu_\mu + n \to p + \mu^-$	$E_{\text{th}} = 110\,\text{MeV}$
$\nu_\mu + e^- \to \nu_e + \mu^-$	$E_{\text{th}} \simeq \frac{m_\mu^2}{2m_e} = 10.9\,\text{GeV}$

Elastic Scattering Processes: Cross Section $\propto$ Energy

$$\nu + e^- \to \nu + e^- \qquad \sigma(E) \sim \sigma_0\, E/m_e \qquad \sigma_0 \sim 10^{-44}\,\text{cm}^2$$

Background $\Longrightarrow$ $E_{\text{th}} \simeq 5\,\text{MeV}$ (SK, SNO) , $0.25\,\text{MeV}$ (Borexino)

Laboratory and Astrophysical Limits $\Longrightarrow$ $m_\nu \lesssim 1\,\text{eV}$

Simple Example of Neutrino Production

$$\pi^+ \to \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$

$$\nu_\mu = \sum_k U_{\mu k} \nu_k$$

two-body decay $\Longrightarrow$ fixed kinematics

$$E_k^2 = p_k^2 + m_k^2$$

π at rest:
$$\begin{cases} p_k^2 = \dfrac{m_\pi^2}{4}\left(1 - \dfrac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)^2 - \dfrac{m_k^2}{2}\left(1 + \dfrac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right) + \dfrac{m_k^4}{4\,m_\pi^2} \\ E_k^2 = \dfrac{m_\pi^2}{4}\left(1 - \dfrac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)^2 + \dfrac{m_k^2}{2}\left(1 - \dfrac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right) + \dfrac{m_k^4}{4\,m_\pi^2} \end{cases}$$

0^{th} order: $m_k = 0 \Rightarrow p_k = E_k = E = \dfrac{m_\pi}{2}\left(1 - \dfrac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right) \simeq 30\,\text{MeV}$

1^{st} order:
$$E_k \simeq E + \xi \frac{m_k^2}{2E}$$
$$p_k \simeq E - (1 - \xi) \frac{m_k^2}{2E}$$

$$\xi = \frac{1}{2}\left(1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right) \simeq 0.2$$

Neutrino Oscillations in Vacuum

[Eliezer, Swift, NPB 105 (1976) 45] [Fritzsch, Minkowski, PLB 62 (1976) 72] [Bilenky, Pontecorvo, SJNP 24 (1976) 316]

$$\mathcal{L}_{CC} \sim W_\rho \left(\overline{\nu_{eL}} \gamma^\rho e_L + \overline{\nu_{\mu L}} \gamma^\rho \mu_L + \overline{\nu_{\tau L}} \gamma^\rho \tau_L \right)$$

Fields $\quad \nu_{\alpha L} = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} \nu_{kL} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad |\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* |\nu_k\rangle \quad$ States

initial flavor: $\alpha = e$ or μ or τ

$$|\nu_k(t,x)\rangle = e^{-iE_k t + ip_k x} |\nu_k\rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\nu_\alpha(t,x)\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* \, e^{-iE_k t + ip_k x} \, |\nu_k\rangle$$

$$|\nu_k\rangle = \sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\beta k} |\nu_\beta\rangle \quad \Rightarrow \quad |\nu_\alpha(t,x)\rangle = \sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} \underbrace{\left(\sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* e^{-iE_k t + ip_k x} U_{\beta k} \right)}_{\mathcal{A}_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta}(t,x)} |\nu_\beta\rangle$$

$$\mathcal{A}_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta}(0,0) = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} \qquad \mathcal{A}_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta}(t>0, x>0) \neq \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta}(t,x) = \left|\mathcal{A}_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta}(t,x)\right|^2 = \left|\sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* e^{-iE_k t + i p_k x} U_{\beta k}\right|^2$$

ultra-relativistic neutrinos $\Longrightarrow$ $t \simeq x = L$ source-detector distance

$$E_k t - p_k x \simeq (E_k - p_k)\, L = \frac{E_k^2 - p_k^2}{E_k + p_k}\, L = \frac{m_k^2}{E_k + p_k}\, L \simeq \frac{m_k^2}{2E}\, L$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta}(L,E) &= \left|\sum_k U_{\alpha k}^*\, e^{-i m_k^2 L/2E}\, U_{\beta k}\right|^2 \\ &= \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta m_{kj}^2 \equiv m_k^2 - m_j^2$$

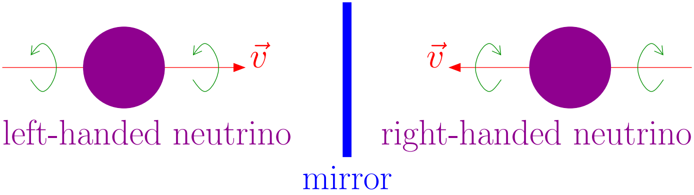
Neutrinos and Antineutrinos

Right-handed antineutrinos are described by CP-conjugated fields:

$$\nu_{\alpha L}^{\mathsf{CP}} = \gamma^0 \, \mathcal{C} \, \overline{\nu_{\alpha L}}^T$$

C $\Longrightarrow$ Particle $\leftrightarrows$ Antiparticle

P $\Longrightarrow$ Left-Handed $\leftrightarrows$ Right-Handed



$$\text{Fields: } \nu_{\alpha L} = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} \nu_{kL} \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} \nu_{\alpha L}^{\text{CP}} = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* \nu_{kL}^{\text{CP}}$$

$$\text{States: } |\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* |\nu_k\rangle \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} |\bar{\nu}_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k} |\bar{\nu}_k\rangle$$

NEUTRINOS $U \leftrightarrows U^*$ ANTINEUTRINOS

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta}(L, E) = \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

$$P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \to \bar{\nu}_\beta}(L, E) = \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^* U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

CPT Symmetry

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{CPT}} \quad P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \to \bar{\nu}_\alpha}$$

CPT Asymmetries: $\quad A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CPT}} = P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \to \bar{\nu}_\alpha}$

Local Quantum Field Theory $\quad \Longrightarrow \quad A_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{CPT}} = 0 \quad$ CPT Symmetry

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta}(L, E) = \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k}^* U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^* \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right)$$

is invariant under CPT: $\quad U \leftrightarrows U^* \qquad \alpha \leftrightarrows \beta$

$$\boxed{P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} = P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \to \bar{\nu}_\alpha}}$$

$\boxed{P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\alpha} = P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \to \bar{\nu}_\alpha}}$ (solar ν_e, reactor $\bar{\nu}_e$, accelerator ν_μ)

CP Symmetry

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} \xrightarrow{\text{CP}} P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \to \bar{\nu}_\beta}$$

CP Asymmetries: $A^{\text{CP}}_{\alpha\beta} = P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha \to \bar{\nu}_\beta}$

$$A^{\text{CP}}_{\alpha\beta}(L, E) = 4 \sum_{k>j} \text{Im}\left[U^*_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U^*_{\beta j}\right] \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{kj} L}{2E}\right)$$

Jarlskog rephasing invariant: $\text{Im}\left[U^*_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k} U_{\alpha j} U^*_{\beta j}\right] = \pm J$

$$J = c_{12} s_{12} c_{23} s_{23} c^2_{13} s_{13} \sin\delta_{13}$$

$$J \neq 0 \iff \vartheta_{12}, \vartheta_{23}, \vartheta_{13} \neq 0, \pi/2 \quad \delta_{13} \neq 0, \pi$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\text{CPT} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad 0 &= A^{\text{CPT}}_{\alpha\beta} \\
&= P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta\to\bar{\nu}_\alpha} \\
&= P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha\to\bar{\nu}_\beta} \leftarrow A^{\text{CP}}_{\alpha\beta} \\
&+ P_{\bar{\nu}_\alpha\to\bar{\nu}_\beta} - P_{\nu_\beta\to\nu_\alpha} \leftarrow -A^{\text{CPT}}_{\beta\alpha} = 0 \\
&+ P_{\nu_\beta\to\nu_\alpha} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta\to\bar{\nu}_\alpha} \leftarrow A^{\text{CP}}_{\beta\alpha} \\
&= A^{\text{CP}}_{\alpha\beta} + A^{\text{CP}}_{\beta\alpha} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \boxed{A^{\text{CP}}_{\alpha\beta} = -A^{\text{CP}}_{\beta\alpha}}
\end{aligned}
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T Symmetry

$$P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} \xrightarrow{\text{T}} P_{\nu_\beta \to \nu_\alpha}$$

T Asymmetries: $A^{\text{T}}_{\alpha\beta} = P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} - P_{\nu_\beta \to \nu_\alpha}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{CPT} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad 0 &= A^{\text{CPT}}_{\alpha\beta} \\
&= P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \to \bar{\nu}_\alpha} \\
&= P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} - P_{\nu_\beta \to \nu_\alpha} \leftarrow A^{\text{T}}_{\alpha\beta} \\
&+ P_{\nu_\beta \to \nu_\alpha} - P_{\bar{\nu}_\beta \to \bar{\nu}_\alpha} \leftarrow A^{\text{CP}}_{\beta\alpha} \\
&= A^{\text{T}}_{\alpha\beta} + A^{\text{CP}}_{\beta\alpha} \\
&= A^{\text{T}}_{\alpha\beta} - A^{\text{CP}}_{\alpha\beta} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \boxed{A^{\text{T}}_{\alpha\beta} = A^{\text{CP}}_{\alpha\beta}}
\end{aligned}$$

Two-Neutrino Oscillations

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\begin{aligned}
|\nu_\alpha\rangle &= \cos\vartheta\,|\nu_k\rangle + \sin\vartheta\,|\nu_j\rangle \\
|\nu_\beta\rangle &= -\sin\vartheta\,|\nu_k\rangle + \cos\vartheta\,|\nu_j\rangle
\end{aligned}
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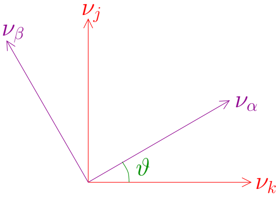

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U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\vartheta & \sin\vartheta \\ -\sin\vartheta & \cos\vartheta \end{pmatrix}
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\Delta m^2 \equiv \Delta m^2_{kj} \equiv m_k^2 - m_j^2
$$

Transition Probability: $$P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta} = P_{\nu_\beta\to\nu_\alpha} = \sin^2 2\vartheta \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

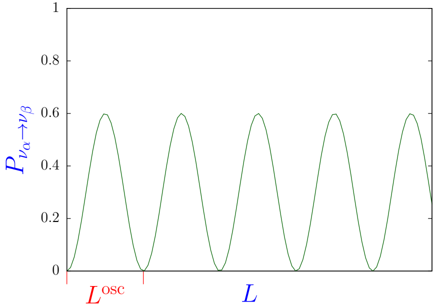
Survival Probabilities: $$P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\alpha} = P_{\nu_\beta\to\nu_\beta} = 1 - P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta}$$

oscillation phase

$$\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E} = 1.27\,\frac{\Delta m^2[\text{eV}^2]\,L[\text{m}]}{E[\text{MeV}]} = 1.27\,\frac{\Delta m^2[\text{eV}^2]\,L[\text{km}]}{E[\text{GeV}]}$$

oscillation length

$$L^{\text{osc}} = \frac{4\pi E}{\Delta m^2} = 2.47\,\frac{E\,[\text{MeV}]}{\Delta m^2\,[\text{eV}^2]}\,\text{m} = 2.47\,\frac{E\,[\text{GeV}]}{\Delta m^2\,[\text{eV}^2]}\,\text{km}$$



Types of Experiments

transitions due to Δm^2 observable only if $\dfrac{\Delta m^2 L}{E} \gtrsim 1 \Leftrightarrow \Delta m^2 \gtrsim \left(\dfrac{L}{E}\right)^{-1}$

SBL

$L/E \lesssim 10\,\text{eV}^{-2} \Rightarrow \Delta m^2 \gtrsim 0.1\,\text{eV}^2$

Reactor: $L \sim 10\,\text{m}\,,\ E \sim 1\,\text{MeV}$

Accelerator: $L \sim 1\,\text{km}\,,\ E \gtrsim 0.1\,\text{GeV}$

ATM & LBL

$L/E \lesssim 10^4\,\text{eV}^{-2}$

$\Downarrow$

$\Delta m^2 \gtrsim 10^{-4}\,\text{eV}^2$

Rea.: $L \sim 1\,\text{km}\,,\ E \sim 1\,\text{MeV}$ Daya Bay, RENO, Double Chooz

Acc.: $L \sim 10^3\,\text{km}\,,\ E \gtrsim 1\,\text{GeV}$ K2K, MINOS, OPERA, T2K, NOνA

Atmospheric: $L \sim 10^2 - 10^4\,\text{km}\,,\ E \sim 0.1 - 10^2\,\text{GeV}$

Kamiokande, IMB, Super-Kamiokande, Soudan-2, MACRO

Solar

$\dfrac{L}{E} \sim 10^{11}\,\text{eV}^{-2} \Rightarrow \Delta m^2 \gtrsim 10^{-11}\,\text{eV}^2$

$L \sim 10^8\,\text{km}\,,\quad E \sim 0.1 - 10\,\text{MeV}$

Homestake, Kamiokande, GALLEX, SAGE, Super-Kamiokande, GNO, SNO, Borexino

Matter Effect (MSW) $\Rightarrow 10^{-4} \lesssim \sin^2 2\vartheta \lesssim 1\,,\ 10^{-8}\,\text{eV}^2 \lesssim \Delta m^2 \lesssim 10^{-4}\,\text{eV}^2$

VLBL

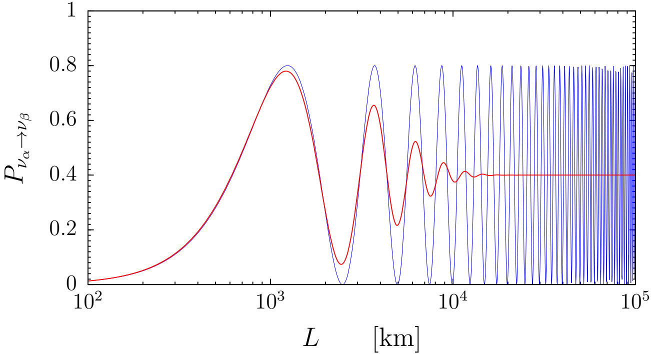
$L/E \lesssim 10^5\,\text{eV}^{-2} \Rightarrow \Delta m^2 \gtrsim 10^{-5}\,\text{eV}^2$

Reactor: $L \sim 10^2\,\text{km}\,,\ E \sim 1\,\text{MeV}$

KamLAND

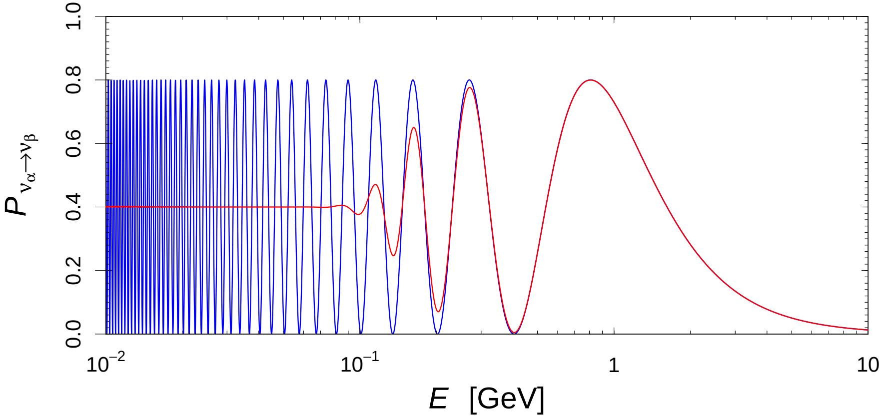
Average over Energy Resolution of the Detector

$$P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta}(L,E) = \sin^2 2\vartheta \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 2\vartheta\left[1-\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E}\right)\right]$$



$\Delta m^2 = 10^{-3}\,\text{eV}$ $\sin^2 2\vartheta = 0.8$ $\langle E\rangle = 1\,\text{GeV}$ $\sigma_E = 0.1\,\text{GeV}$

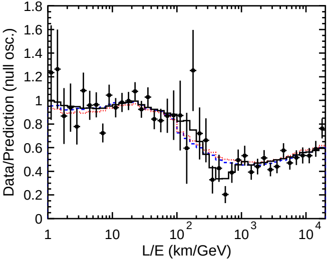
$$\langle P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta}(L,E)\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 2\vartheta\left[1-\int\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E}\right)\phi(E)\,\mathrm{d}E\right] \qquad (\alpha\neq\beta)$$



$\Delta m^2 = 10^{-3}\,\text{eV}$ $\sin^2 2\vartheta = 0.8$ $L = 10^3\,\text{km}$ $\sigma_E = 0.01\,\text{GeV}$

$$\langle P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta}(L,E)\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 2\vartheta\left[1 - \int \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E}\right)\phi(E)\,dE\right] \qquad (\alpha\neq\beta)$$

Observations of Neutrino Oscillations



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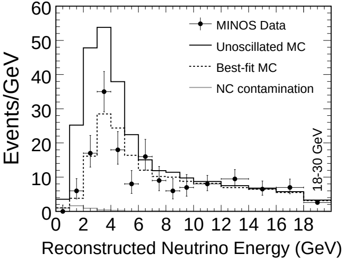

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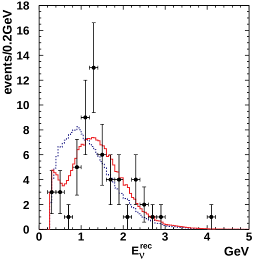

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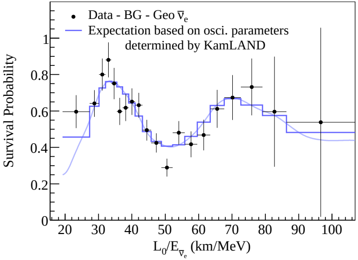

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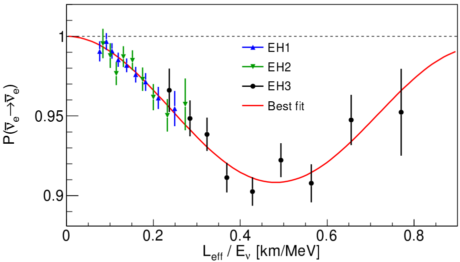

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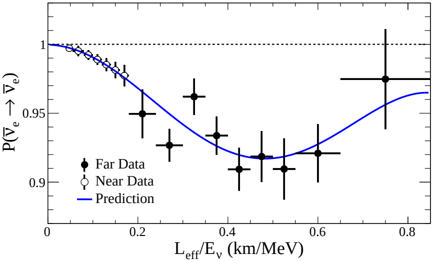
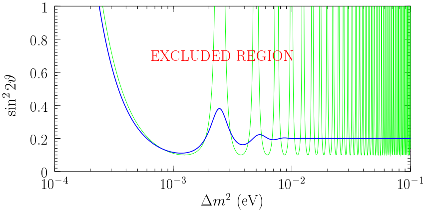


[RENO, arXiv:1511.05849]

Exclusion Curves

$$\langle P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta}(L,E)\rangle = \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 2\vartheta\left[1-\int\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E}\right)\phi(E)\,\mathrm{d}E\right] \qquad (\alpha\neq\beta)$$

$$\langle P_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta}(L,E)\rangle \leq P^{\max}_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta} \quad\Longrightarrow\quad \sin^2 2\vartheta \leq \frac{2\,P^{\max}_{\nu_\alpha\to\nu_\beta}}{1-\int\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E}\right)\phi(E)\,\mathrm{d}E}$$



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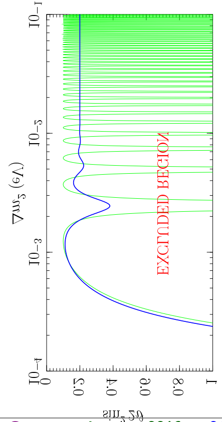
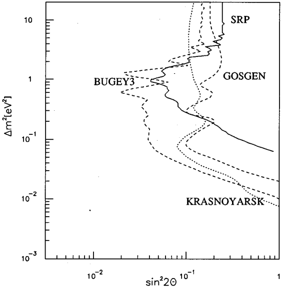
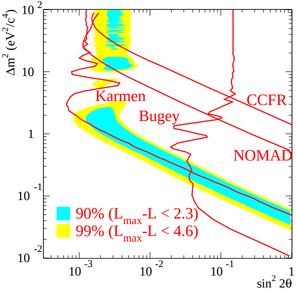
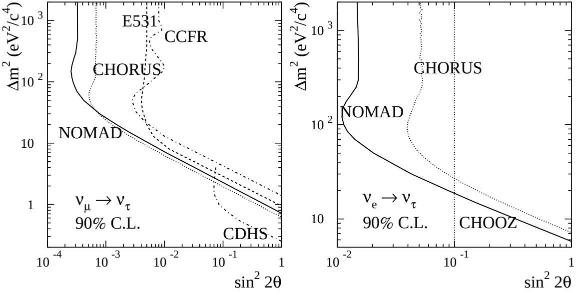




Reactor SBL Experiments: $\bar{\nu}_e \to \bar{\nu}_e$

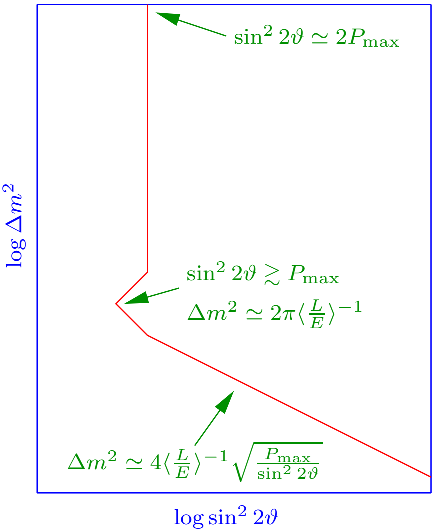


Accelerator SBL Experiments: $\overset{(-)}{\nu}_\mu \to \overset{(-)}{\nu}_e$



Accelerator SBL Experiments: $\overset{(-)}{\nu}_\mu \to \overset{(-)}{\nu}_\tau$ and $\overset{(-)}{\nu}_e \to \overset{(-)}{\nu}_\tau$

Anatomy of Exclusion Plots



$$\frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\vartheta \left[1 - \left\langle \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right) \right\rangle \right] = P_{\text{max}}$$

- $\Delta m^2 \gg \langle L/E \rangle^{-1}$

  $P_{\text{max}} \simeq \frac{1}{2} \sin^2 2\vartheta \Rightarrow \sin^2 2\vartheta \simeq 2P_{\text{max}}$

- $\text{Min} \left\langle \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right) \right\rangle \geq -1$

  $$\sin^2 2\vartheta = \frac{2\,P_{\text{max}}}{1 - \text{Min}\left\langle \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right) \right\rangle} \geq P_{\text{max}}$$

  $\Delta m^2 \simeq 2\pi \langle L/E \rangle^{-1}$

- $\Delta m^2 \ll 2\pi \langle L/E \rangle^{-1}$

  $$\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right) \simeq 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{2E} \right)^2$$

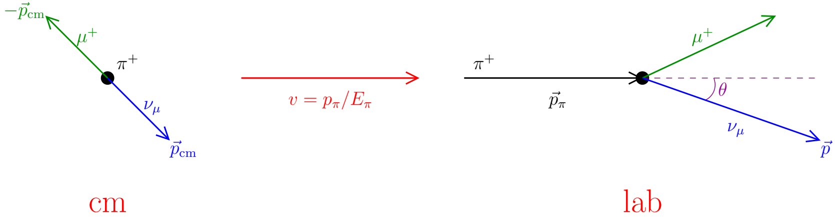
  $$\Delta m^2 \simeq 4 \left\langle \frac{L}{E} \right\rangle^{-1} \sqrt{\frac{P_{\text{max}}}{\sin^2 2\vartheta}}$$

Off-Axis Experiments

high-intensity WB beam

detector shifted by a small angle from axis of beam

almost monochromatic neutrino energy



$$E_{\rm cm} = p_{\rm cm} = \frac{m_\pi}{2} \left(1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2} \right) \simeq 29.79\,\text{MeV}$$

$$\gamma = \left(1 - v^2\right)^{-1/2} = E_\pi / m_\pi \gg 1 \qquad \begin{cases} E = \gamma \left(E_{\rm cm} + v\, p^z_{\rm cm} \right) \\ p^z = \gamma \left(v\, E_{\rm cm} + p^z_{\rm cm} \right) \end{cases}$$

$$p^z = p \cos\theta = E \cos\theta \quad \Longrightarrow \quad E = \frac{E_{\rm cm}}{\gamma \left(1 - v \cos\theta\right)}$$

$$\cos\theta \simeq 1 - \theta^2/2 \qquad \text{and} \qquad v \simeq 1$$

$$E = \frac{E_{\rm cm}}{\gamma\,(1 - v\cos\theta)} \simeq \frac{\gamma\,(1+v)}{1+\gamma^2\theta^2 v\,(1+v)\,/2}\,E_{\rm cm} \simeq \frac{2\gamma}{1+\gamma^2\theta^2}\,E_{\rm cm}$$

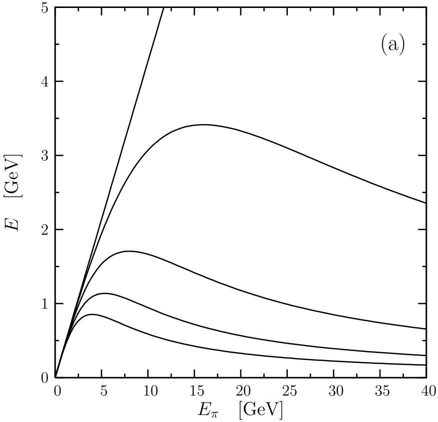
$$E \simeq \left(1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)\frac{E_\pi}{1+\gamma^2\,\theta^2} = \left(1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)\frac{E_\pi\,m_\pi^2}{m_\pi^2 + E_\pi^2\,\theta^2}$$

- $\theta = 0 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad E \propto E_\pi$ WB beam
- $E_\pi\theta \gg m_\pi \quad \Longrightarrow \quad E \propto \dfrac{m_\pi^2}{E_\pi\,\theta^2}$ high-energy π^+ give low-energy ν_μ

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}E_\pi} \simeq \left(1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)\frac{1-\gamma^2\,\theta^2}{\left(1+\gamma^2\,\theta^2\right)^2}$$

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}E}{\mathrm{d}E_\pi} \simeq 0 \quad \text{for} \quad \theta = \gamma^{-1} = \frac{m_\pi}{E_\pi} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad E \simeq \left(1 - \frac{m_\mu^2}{m_\pi^2}\right)\frac{m_\pi}{2\theta} \simeq \frac{29.79\,\mathrm{MeV}}{\theta}$$

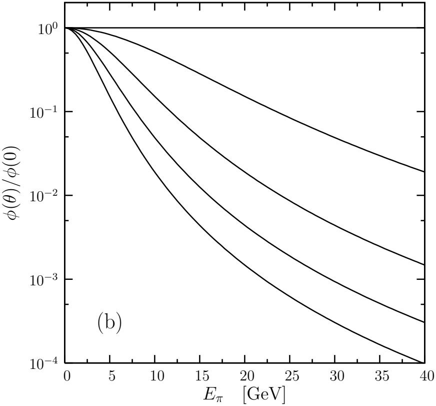
off-axis angle $\theta \simeq m_\pi / \langle E_\pi \rangle \implies E \simeq \frac{29.79\,\text{MeV}}{\theta}$



$\theta = 0.0^\circ, 0.5^\circ, 1.0^\circ, 1.5^\circ, 2.0^\circ$

- E can be tuned on oscillation peak $E_{\text{peak}} = \Delta m^2 L / 2\pi$
- small $E \implies$ short $L_{\text{osc}} = \frac{4\pi E}{\Delta m^2} \implies$ sensitivity to small values of Δm^2

$$\frac{\phi(\theta)}{\phi(0)} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{2}{1+\gamma^2\,\theta^2}\right)^2$$



$\theta = 0.0°, 0.5°, 1.0°, 1.5°, 2.0°$

flux suppression requires superbeam

Neutrino Oscillations in Matter

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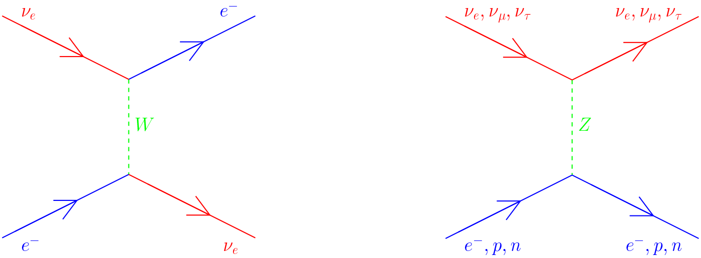
Effective Potentials in Matter

coherent interactions with medium: forward elastic CC and NC scattering



$$\boxed{V_{\text{CC}} = \sqrt{2} G_{\text{F}} N_e} \qquad V_{\text{NC}}^{(e^-)} = -V_{\text{NC}}^{(p)} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \boxed{V_{\text{NC}} = V_{\text{NC}}^{(n)} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} G_{\text{F}} N_n}$$

$$V_e = V_{\text{CC}} + V_{\text{NC}} \qquad V_\mu = V_\tau = V_{\text{NC}}$$

only $V_{\text{CC}} = V_e - V_\mu = V_e - V_\tau$ is important for flavor transitions

antineutrinos: $\overline{V}_{\text{CC}} = -V_{\text{CC}}$ $\quad \overline{V}_{\text{NC}} = -V_{\text{NC}}$

Evolution of Neutrino Flavors in Matter

- Flavor neutrino ν_α with momentum p: $\quad |\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* |\nu_k(p)\rangle$
- Evolution is determined by Hamiltonian
- Hamiltonian in vacuum: $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0$

$$\mathcal{H}_0 |\nu_k(p)\rangle = E_k |\nu_k(p)\rangle \qquad E_k = \sqrt{p^2 + m_k^2}$$

- Hamiltonian in matter: $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathcal{H}_I \qquad \mathcal{H}_I |\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle = V_\alpha |\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle$
- Schrödinger evolution equation: $i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} |\nu(p,t)\rangle = \mathcal{H} |\nu(p,t)\rangle$
- Initial condition: $|\nu(p,0)\rangle = |\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle$
- For $t > 0$ the state $|\nu(p,t)\rangle$ is a superposition of all flavors:

$$|\nu(p,t)\rangle = \sum_\beta \varphi_\beta(p,t) |\nu_\beta(p)\rangle$$

- Transition probability: $P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} = |\varphi_\beta|^2$

evolution equation of states

$$i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} |\nu(p,t)\rangle = \mathcal{H} |\nu(p,t)\rangle \,, \qquad |\nu(p,0)\rangle = |\nu_\alpha(p)\rangle$$

flavor transition amplitudes

$$\varphi_\beta(p,t) = \langle \nu_\beta(p) | \nu(p,t) \rangle \,, \qquad \varphi_\beta(p,0) = \delta_{\alpha\beta}$$

evolution of flavor transition amplitudes

$$i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \varphi_\beta(p,t) = \langle \nu_\beta(p) | \mathcal{H} | \nu(p,t) \rangle$$

$$i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \varphi_\beta(p,t) = \langle \nu_\beta(p) | \mathcal{H}_0 | \nu(p,t) \rangle + \langle \nu_\beta(p) | \mathcal{H}_I | \nu(p,t) \rangle$$

$$i\,\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\,\varphi_\beta(p,t) = \langle\nu_\beta(p)|\mathcal{H}_0|\nu(p,t)\rangle + \langle\nu_\beta(p)|\mathcal{H}_I|\nu(p,t)\rangle$$

$$\langle\nu_\beta(p)|\mathcal{H}_0|\nu(p,t)\rangle =$$

$$\sum_\rho \sum_{k,j} \underbrace{\langle\nu_\beta(p)|\nu_k(p)\rangle}_{U_{\beta k}} \underbrace{\langle\nu_k(p)|\mathcal{H}_0|\nu_j(p)\rangle}_{\delta_{kj}E_k} \underbrace{\langle\nu_j(p)|\nu_\rho(p)\rangle}_{U^*_{\rho j}} \underbrace{\langle\nu_\rho(p)|\nu(p,t)\rangle}_{\varphi_\rho(p,t)}$$

$$= \sum_\rho \sum_k U_{\beta k} E_k U^*_{\rho k}\,\varphi_\rho(p,t)$$

$$\langle\nu_\beta(p)|\mathcal{H}_I|\nu(p,t)\rangle = \sum_\rho \underbrace{\langle\nu_\beta(p)|\mathcal{H}_I|\nu_\rho(p)\rangle}_{\delta_{\beta\rho}V_\beta} \underbrace{\langle\nu_\rho(p)|\nu(p,t)\rangle}_{\varphi_\rho(p,t)}$$

$$= \sum_\rho \delta_{\beta\rho} V_\beta\,\varphi_\rho(p,t)$$

$$\boxed{i\,\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t}\,\varphi_\beta = \sum_\rho \left(\sum_k U_{\beta k}\, E_k\, U^*_{\rho k} + \delta_{\beta\rho}\, V_\beta \right) \varphi_\rho}$$

ultrarelativistic neutrinos: $E_k = p + \frac{m_k^2}{2E}$ $E = p$ $t = x$

$$V_e = V_{\text{CC}} + V_{\text{NC}} \qquad V_\mu = V_\tau = V_{\text{NC}}$$

$$i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \varphi_\beta(p,x) = (p + V_{\text{NC}}) \varphi_\beta(p,x) + \sum_\rho \left(\sum_k U_{\beta k} \frac{m_k^2}{2E} U_{\rho k}^* + \delta_{\beta e} \delta_{\rho e} V_{\text{CC}} \right) \varphi_\rho(p,x)$$

$$\psi_\beta(p,x) = \varphi_\beta(p,x)\, e^{ipx + i \int_0^x V_{\text{NC}}(x')\,\mathrm{d}x'}$$

$$\Downarrow$$

$$i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \psi_\beta = e^{ipx + i \int_0^x V_{\text{NC}}(x')\,\mathrm{d}x'} \left(-p - V_{\text{NC}} + i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \right) \varphi_\beta$$

$$\boxed{i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \psi_\beta = \sum_\rho \left(\sum_k U_{\beta k} \frac{m_k^2}{2E} U_{\rho k}^* + \delta_{\beta e} \delta_{\rho e} V_{\text{CC}} \right) \psi_\rho}$$

$$\boxed{P_{\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta} = |\varphi_\beta|^2 = |\psi_\beta|^2}$$

evolution of flavor transition amplitudes in matrix form

$$i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \Psi_\alpha = \frac{1}{2E} \left(U \, \mathbb{M}^2 \, U^\dagger + \mathbb{A} \right) \Psi_\alpha$$

$$\Psi_\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \\ \psi_\tau \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbb{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3^2 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathbb{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{\mathrm{CC}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A_{\mathrm{CC}} = 2EV_{\mathrm{CC}} = 2\sqrt{2}EG_{\mathrm{F}}N_e$$

effective mass-squared matrix in vacuum

$$\mathbb{M}^2_{\mathrm{VAC}} = U \, \mathbb{M}^2 \, U^\dagger \xrightarrow{\text{matter}} U \, \mathbb{M}^2 \, U^\dagger + 2\,E\,\mathbb{V} = \mathbb{M}^2_{\mathrm{MAT}}$$

effective mass-squared matrix in matter

$\uparrow$ ($\mathbb{V}$): potential due to coherent forward elastic scattering

Two-Neutrino Mixing

$$\nu_e \to \nu_\mu \text{ transitions with } U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\vartheta & \sin\vartheta \\ -\sin\vartheta & \cos\vartheta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U\,\mathbb{M}^2\,U^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \cos^2\vartheta m_1^2 + \sin^2\vartheta m_2^2 & \cos\vartheta\sin\vartheta\left(m_2^2 - m_1^2\right) \\ \cos\vartheta\sin\vartheta\left(m_2^2 - m_1^2\right) & \sin^2\vartheta m_1^2 + \cos^2\vartheta m_2^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\,\Sigma m^2 + \frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix} -\Delta m^2\cos 2\vartheta & \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta \\ \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta & \Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta \end{pmatrix}$$

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irrelevant common phase

$$\Sigma m^2 \equiv m_1^2 + m_2^2 \qquad \Delta m^2 \equiv m_2^2 - m_1^2$$

$$i \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4E} \begin{pmatrix} -\Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta + 2A_{\mathrm{CC}} & \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta \\ \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta & \Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

initial ν_e $\Longrightarrow$ $\begin{pmatrix} \psi_e(0) \\ \psi_\mu(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$$P_{\nu_e \to \nu_\mu}(x) = |\psi_\mu(x)|^2$$
$$P_{\nu_e \to \nu_e}(x) = |\psi_e(x)|^2 = 1 - P_{\nu_e \to \nu_\mu}(x)$$

Constant Matter Density

$$i\frac{d}{dx}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_e\\ \psi_\mu\end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4E}\begin{pmatrix}-\Delta m^2\cos 2\vartheta + 2A_{CC} & \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta\\ \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta & \Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_e\\ \psi_\mu\end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{dA_{CC}}{dx} = 0$$

diagonalization of effective hamiltonian: $\begin{pmatrix}\psi_e\\ \psi_\mu\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\vartheta_M & \sin\vartheta_M\\ -\sin\vartheta_M & \cos\vartheta_M\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^M\\ \psi_2^M\end{pmatrix}$

$$\begin{pmatrix}\cos\vartheta_M & -\sin\vartheta_M\\ \sin\vartheta_M & \cos\vartheta_M\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}-\Delta m^2\cos 2\vartheta + 2A_{CC} & \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta\\ \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta & \Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\cos\vartheta_M & \sin\vartheta_M\\ -\sin\vartheta_M & \cos\vartheta_M\end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix}A_{CC} - \Delta m^2_M & 0\\ 0 & A_{CC} + \Delta m^2_M\end{pmatrix}$$

$$i\frac{d}{dx}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^M\\ \psi_2^M\end{pmatrix} = \left[\frac{A_{CC}}{4E} + \frac{1}{4E}\begin{pmatrix}-\Delta m^2_M & 0\\ 0 & \Delta m^2_M\end{pmatrix}\right]\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^M\\ \psi_2^M\end{pmatrix}$$

↑ irrelevant common phase

Effective Mixing Angle in Matter

$$\tan 2\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}} = \frac{\tan 2\vartheta}{1 - \dfrac{A_{\mathrm{CC}}}{\Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta}}$$

Effective Squared-Mass Difference

$$\Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}} = \sqrt{\left(\Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta - A_{\mathrm{CC}}\right)^2 + \left(\Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta\right)^2}$$

Resonance ($\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}} = \pi/4$)

$$A^{\mathrm{R}}_{\mathrm{CC}} = \Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta \quad \Longrightarrow \quad N^{\mathrm{R}}_e = \frac{\Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta}{2\sqrt{2} E G_{\mathrm{F}}}$$

$$i \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1^{M} \\ \psi_2^{M} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4E} \begin{pmatrix} -\Delta m^2_{M} & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m^2_{M} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1^{M} \\ \psi_2^{M} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\vartheta_{M} & \sin\vartheta_{M} \\ -\sin\vartheta_{M} & \cos\vartheta_{M} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1^{M} \\ \psi_2^{M} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1^{M} \\ \psi_2^{M} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\vartheta_{M} & -\sin\vartheta_{M} \\ \sin\vartheta_{M} & \cos\vartheta_{M} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nu_e \to \nu_\mu \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} \psi_e(0) \\ \psi_\mu(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1^{M}(0) \\ \psi_2^{M}(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\vartheta_{M} \\ \sin\vartheta_{M} \end{pmatrix}$$

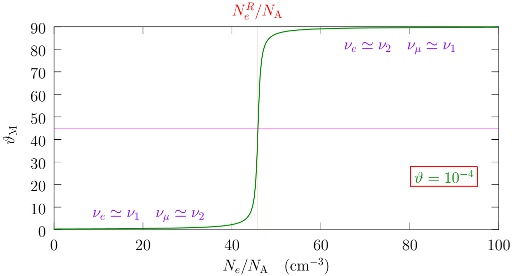
$$\psi_1^{M}(x) = \cos\vartheta_{M} \exp\left(i \frac{\Delta m^2_{M} x}{4E} \right)$$

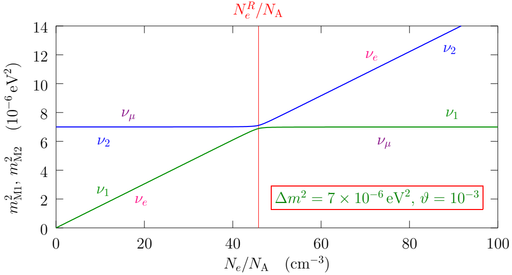
$$\psi_2^{M}(x) = \sin\vartheta_{M} \exp\left(-i \frac{\Delta m^2_{M} x}{4E} \right)$$

$$P_{\nu_e \to \nu_\mu}(x) = |\psi_\mu(x)|^2 = \left| -\sin\vartheta_{M} \psi_1^{M}(x) + \cos\vartheta_{M} \psi_2^{M}(x) \right|^2$$

$$\boxed{P_{\nu_e \to \nu_\mu}(x) = \sin^2 2\vartheta_{M} \, \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2_{M} x}{4E} \right)}$$

MSW Effect (Resonant Transitions in Matter)





$$\nu_e = \cos\vartheta_M\,\nu_1 + \sin\vartheta_M\,\nu_2$$
$$\nu_\mu = -\sin\vartheta_M\,\nu_1 + \cos\vartheta_M\,\nu_2$$

$$\tan 2\vartheta_M = \frac{\tan 2\vartheta}{1 - \dfrac{A_{CC}}{\Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta}}$$

$$\Delta m_M^2 = \left[\left(\Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta - A_{CC} \right)^2 + \left(\Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$i\,\frac{d}{dx}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_e\\ \psi_\mu\end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4E}\begin{pmatrix}-\Delta m^2\cos 2\vartheta + 2A_{CC} & \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta \\ \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta & \Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_e\\ \psi_\mu\end{pmatrix}$$

tentative diagonalization: $\begin{pmatrix}\psi_e\\ \psi_\mu\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\vartheta_M & \sin\vartheta_M \\ -\sin\vartheta_M & \cos\vartheta_M\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^M\\ \psi_2^M\end{pmatrix}$

$$i\,\frac{d}{dx}\begin{pmatrix}\cos\vartheta_M & \sin\vartheta_M \\ -\sin\vartheta_M & \cos\vartheta_M\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^M\\ \psi_2^M\end{pmatrix} =$$

$$= \frac{1}{4E}\begin{pmatrix}-\Delta m^2\cos 2\vartheta + 2A_{CC} & \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta \\ \Delta m^2 \sin 2\vartheta & \Delta m^2 \cos 2\vartheta\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\cos\vartheta_M & \sin\vartheta_M \\ -\sin\vartheta_M & \cos\vartheta_M\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^M\\ \psi_2^M\end{pmatrix}$$

if matter densitity is not constant $d\vartheta_M/dx \neq 0$

$$i\,\frac{d}{dx}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^M\\ \psi_2^M\end{pmatrix} = \left[\underset{\uparrow}{\frac{A_{CC}}{4E}} + \frac{1}{4E}\begin{pmatrix}-\Delta m^2_M & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m^2_M\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}0 & -i\,\frac{d\vartheta_M}{dx} \\ i\,\frac{d\vartheta_M}{dx} & 0\end{pmatrix}\right]\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^M\\ \psi_2^M\end{pmatrix}$$

irrelevant common phase

$$
i\frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}x}\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^{\mathrm{M}}\\ \psi_2^{\mathrm{M}}\end{pmatrix} = \left[\frac{1}{4E}\begin{pmatrix}-\Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}} & 0\\ 0 & \Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}}\end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix}0 & -i\frac{\mathrm{d}\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}}}{\mathrm{d}x}\\ i\frac{\mathrm{d}\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}}}{\mathrm{d}x} & 0\end{pmatrix}\right]\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^{\mathrm{M}}\\ \psi_2^{\mathrm{M}}\end{pmatrix}
$$

↑ adiabatic

↑ non-adiabatic

maximum at resonance

initial conditions:

$$
\begin{pmatrix}\psi_1^{\mathrm{M}}(0)\\ \psi_2^{\mathrm{M}}(0)\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}} & -\sin\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}}\\ \sin\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}} & \cos\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}1\\ 0\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}\cos\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}}\\ \sin\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}}\end{pmatrix}
$$

solution approximating all non-adiabatic $\nu_1^{\mathrm{M}} \leftrightarrows \nu_2^{\mathrm{M}}$ transitions in resonance

$$
\begin{aligned}
\psi_1^{\mathrm{M}}(x) \simeq & \left[\cos\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}} \exp\left(i\int_0^{x_{\mathrm{R}}}\frac{\Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}}(x')}{4E}\,\mathrm{d}x'\right)\mathcal{A}^{\mathrm{R}}_{11} + \sin\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}} \exp\left(-i\int_0^{x_{\mathrm{R}}}\frac{\Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}}(x')}{4E}\,\mathrm{d}x'\right)\mathcal{A}^{\mathrm{R}}_{21}\right] \\
& \times \exp\left(i\int_{x_{\mathrm{R}}}^{x}\frac{\Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}}(x')}{4E}\,\mathrm{d}x'\right) \\
\psi_2^{\mathrm{M}}(x) \simeq & \left[\cos\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}} \exp\left(i\int_0^{x_{\mathrm{R}}}\frac{\Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}}(x')}{4E}\,\mathrm{d}x'\right)\mathcal{A}^{\mathrm{R}}_{12} + \sin\vartheta^0_{\mathrm{M}} \exp\left(-i\int_0^{x_{\mathrm{R}}}\frac{\Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}}(x')}{4E}\,\mathrm{d}x'\right)\mathcal{A}^{\mathrm{R}}_{22}\right] \\
& \times \exp\left(-i\int_{x_{\mathrm{R}}}^{x}\frac{\Delta m^2_{\mathrm{M}}(x')}{4E}\,\mathrm{d}x'\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

Averaged ν_e Survival Probability on Earth

$$\psi_e(x) = \cos\vartheta\,\psi_1^{\mathrm{M}}(x) + \sin\vartheta\,\psi_2^{\mathrm{M}}(x)$$

neglect interference (averaged over energy spectrum)

$$\overline{P}_{\nu_e\to\nu_e}(x) = |\langle\psi_e(x)\rangle|^2 = \cos^2\vartheta\,\cos^2\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}}^0\,|\mathcal{A}_{11}^{\mathrm{R}}|^2 + \cos^2\vartheta\,\sin^2\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}}^0\,|\mathcal{A}_{21}^{\mathrm{R}}|^2 + \sin^2\vartheta\,\cos^2\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}}^0\,|\mathcal{A}_{12}^{\mathrm{R}}|^2 + \sin^2\vartheta\,\sin^2\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}}^0\,|\mathcal{A}_{22}^{\mathrm{R}}|^2$$

conservation of probability (unitarity)

$$|\mathcal{A}_{12}^{\mathrm{R}}|^2 = |\mathcal{A}_{21}^{\mathrm{R}}|^2 = P_{\mathrm{c}} \qquad |\mathcal{A}_{11}^{\mathrm{R}}|^2 = |\mathcal{A}_{22}^{\mathrm{R}}|^2 = 1 - P_{\mathrm{c}}$$

$P_{\mathrm{c}} \equiv$ crossing probability

$$\boxed{\overline{P}_{\nu_e\to\nu_e}(x) = \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - P_{\mathrm{c}}\right)\cos 2\vartheta_{\mathrm{M}}^0\,\cos 2\vartheta}$$

[Parke, PRL 57 (1986) 1275]

Crossing Probability

$$P_c = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\gamma F\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\gamma \frac{F}{\sin^2\vartheta}\right)}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\gamma \frac{F}{\sin^2\vartheta}\right)}$$

[Kuo, Pantaleone, PRD 39 (1989) 1930]

adiabaticity parameter: $\gamma = \left.\frac{\Delta m^2_M/2E}{2|d\vartheta_M/dx|}\right|_R = \frac{\Delta m^2 \sin^2 2\vartheta}{2E\cos 2\vartheta \left|\frac{d\ln A_{CC}}{dx}\right|_R}$

$A \propto x$ $\quad F = 1$ (Landau-Zener approximation) [Parke, PRL 57 (1986) 1275]

$A \propto 1/x$ $\quad F = \left(1 - \tan^2\vartheta\right)^2 / \left(1 + \tan^2\vartheta\right)$ [Kuo, Pantaleone, PRD 39 (1989) 1930]

$A \propto \exp(-x)$ $\quad F = 1 - \tan^2\vartheta$

[Pizzochero, PRD 36 (1987) 2293]

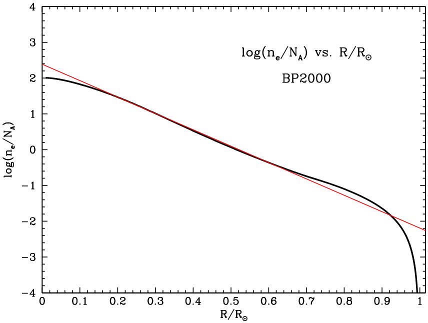
[Toshev, PLB 196 (1987) 170]

[Petcov, PLB 200 (1988) 373]

Review: [Kuo, Pantaleone, RMP 61 (1989) 937]

Solar Neutrinos

SUN: $N_e(x) \simeq N_e^{\rm c} \exp\left(-\frac{x}{x_0}\right)$ $\quad N_e^{\rm c} = 245\, N_{\rm A}/{\rm cm}^3$ $\quad x_0 = \frac{R_\odot}{10.54}$



$$\overline{P}^{\rm sun}_{\nu_e\to\nu_e} = \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - P_{\rm c}\right) \cos 2\vartheta^0_{\rm M} \cos 2\vartheta$$

$$P_{\rm c} = \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\gamma F\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\gamma \frac{F}{\sin^2\vartheta}\right)}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\gamma \frac{F}{\sin^2\vartheta}\right)}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\Delta m^2 \sin^2 2\vartheta}{2E\cos 2\vartheta \left|\frac{{\rm d}\ln A_{\rm CC}}{{\rm d}x}\right|_{\rm R}}$$

$$F = 1 - \tan^2\vartheta$$

$$A_{\rm CC} = 2\sqrt{2} E G_{\rm F} N_e$$

practical prescription:

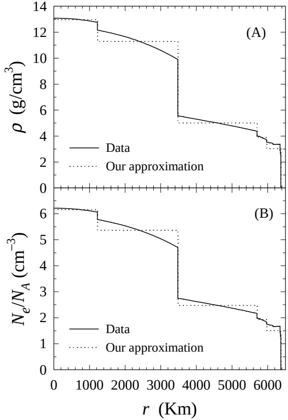
[Lisi et al., PRD 63 (2001) 093002]

$$\begin{cases} \text{numerical } |{\rm d}\ln A_{\rm CC}/{\rm d}x|_{\rm R} & \text{for } x \leq 0.904 R_\odot \\ |{\rm d}\ln A_{\rm CC}/{\rm d}x|_{\rm R} \to \frac{18.9}{R_\odot} & \text{for } x > 0.904 R_\odot \end{cases}$$

Electron Neutrino Regeneration in the Earth

$$P^{\text{sun+earth}}_{\nu_e\to\nu_e} = \overline{P}^{\text{sun}}_{\nu_e\to\nu_e} + \frac{\left(1 - 2\overline{P}^{\text{sun}}_{\nu_e\to\nu_e}\right)\left(P^{\text{earth}}_{\nu_2\to\nu_e} - \sin^2\vartheta\right)}{\cos 2\vartheta}$$

[Mikheev, Smirnov, Sov. Phys. Usp. 30 (1987) 759], [Baltz, Weneser, PRD 35 (1987) 528]



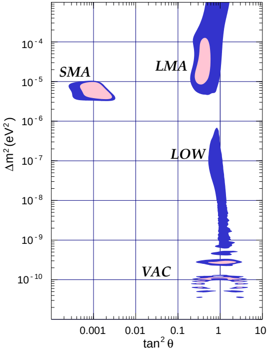
$P^{\text{earth}}_{\nu_2\to\nu_e}$ is usually calculated numerically approximating the Earth density profile with a step function.

Effective massive neutrinos propagate as plane waves in regions of constant density.

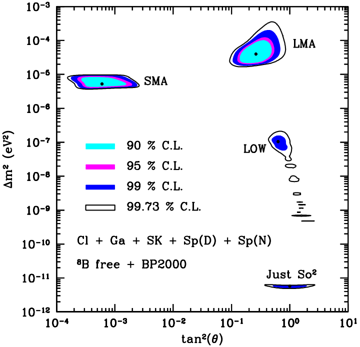
Wave functions of flavor neutrinos are joined at the boundaries of steps.

Solar Neutrino Oscillations

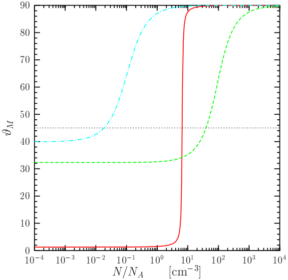
LMA (Large Mixing Angle):	$\Delta m^2 \sim 5 \times 10^{-5}\,\text{eV}^2$,	$\tan^2\vartheta \sim 0.8$
LOW (LOW Δm^2):	$\Delta m^2 \sim 7 \times 10^{-8}\,\text{eV}^2$,	$\tan^2\vartheta \sim 0.6$
SMA (Small Mixing Angle):	$\Delta m^2 \sim 5 \times 10^{-6}\,\text{eV}^2$,	$\tan^2\vartheta \sim 10^{-3}$
QVO (Quasi-Vacuum Oscillations):	$\Delta m^2 \sim 10^{-9}\,\text{eV}^2$,	$\tan^2\vartheta \sim 1$
VAC (VACuum oscillations):	$\Delta m^2 \lesssim 5 \times 10^{-10}\,\text{eV}^2$,	$\tan^2\vartheta \sim 1$



[de Gouvea, Friedland, Murayama, PLB 490 (2000) 125]



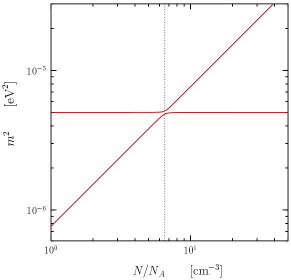
[Bahcall, Krastev, Smirnov, JHEP 05 (2001) 015]



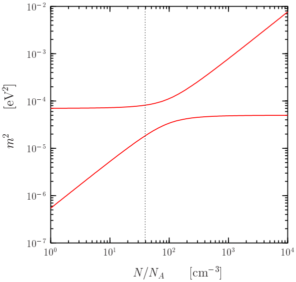
solid line: (typical SMA) $\Delta m^2 = 5 \times 10^{-6}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\tan^2\vartheta = 5 \times 10^{-4}$

dashed line: (typical LMA) $\Delta m^2 = 7 \times 10^{-5}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\tan^2\vartheta = 0.4$

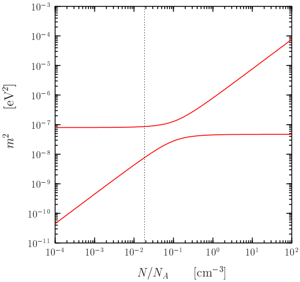
dash-dotted line: (typical LOW) $\Delta m^2 = 8 \times 10^{-8}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\tan^2\vartheta = 0.7$



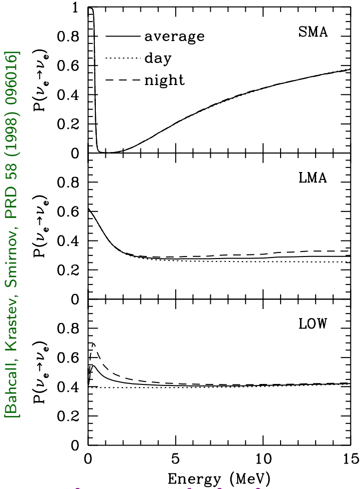
typical SMA



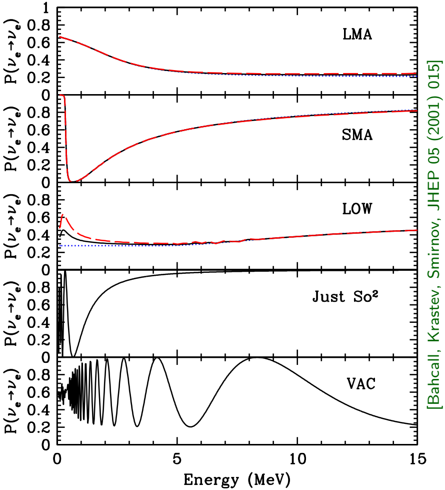
typical LMA



typical LOW



SMA: $\Delta m^2 = 5.0 \times 10^{-6}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\sin^2 2\vartheta = 3.5 \times 10^{-3}$
LMA: $\Delta m^2 = 1.6 \times 10^{-5}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\sin^2 2\vartheta = 0.57$
LOW: $\Delta m^2 = 7.9 \times 10^{-8}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\sin^2 2\vartheta = 0.95$



LMA: $\Delta m^2 = 4.2 \times 10^{-5}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\tan^2 \vartheta = 0.26$
SMA: $\Delta m^2 = 5.2 \times 10^{-6}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\tan^2 \vartheta = 5.5 \times 10^{-4}$
LOW: $\Delta m^2 = 7.6 \times 10^{-8}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\tan^2 \vartheta = 0.72$
Just So^2: $\Delta m^2 = 5.5 \times 10^{-12}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\tan^2 \vartheta = 1.0$
VAC: $\Delta m^2 = 1.4 \times 10^{-10}\,\text{eV}^2$ $\tan^2 \vartheta = 0.38$

In Neutrino Oscillations Dirac = Majorana

[Bilenky, Hosek, Petcov, PLB 94 (1980) 495; Doi, Kotani, Nishiura, Okuda, Takasugi, PLB 102 (1981) 323]

[Langacker, Petcov, Steigman, Toshev, NPB 282 (1987) 589]

Evolution of Amplitudes: $$i \frac{\mathrm{d}\psi_\alpha}{\mathrm{d}x} = \frac{1}{2E} \sum_\beta \left(U M^2 U^\dagger + 2 E V \right)_{\alpha\beta} \psi_\beta$$

difference: $$\begin{cases} \text{Dirac:} & U^{(\mathrm{D})} \\ \text{Majorana:} & U^{(\mathrm{M})} = U^{(\mathrm{D})} D(\lambda) \end{cases}$$

$$D(\lambda) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\lambda_{21}} & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & e^{i\lambda_{N1}} \end{pmatrix} \quad \Rightarrow \quad D^\dagger = D^{-1}$$

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_1^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & m_2^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & m_N^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad D M^2 = M^2 D \quad \Longrightarrow \quad D M^2 D^\dagger = M^2$$

$$U^{(\mathrm{M})} M^2 (U^{(\mathrm{M})})^\dagger = U^{(\mathrm{D})} D M^2 D^\dagger (U^{(\mathrm{D})})^\dagger = U^{(\mathrm{D})} M^2 (U^{(\mathrm{D})})^\dagger$$

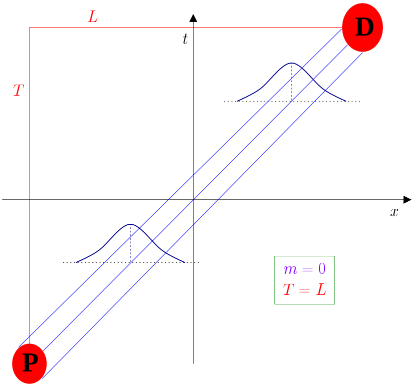
Wave-Packet Theory of NuOsc

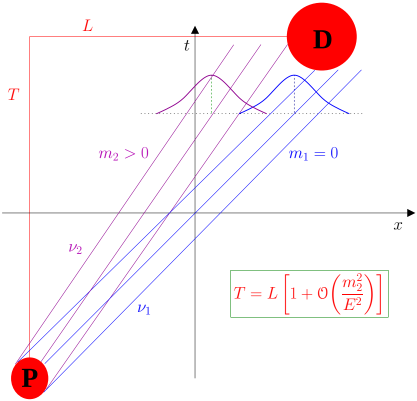
$t \simeq x = L \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad$ Wave Packets

Space-Time uncertainty $\Longleftrightarrow$ Localization of production and detection processes

Energy-Momentum uncertainty $\Longleftrightarrow$ Coherent creation and detection of different massive neutrinos

[Kayser, PRD 24 (1981) 110] [CG, FPL 17 (2004) 103]





The size of the massive neutrino wave packets is determined by the coherence time δt_{P} of the Production Process

($\delta t_{\mathrm{P}} \gtrsim \delta x_{\mathrm{P}}$, because the coherence region must be causally connected)

velocity of neutrino wave packets: $$v_k = \frac{p_k}{E_k} \simeq 1 - \frac{m_k^2}{2E^2}$$

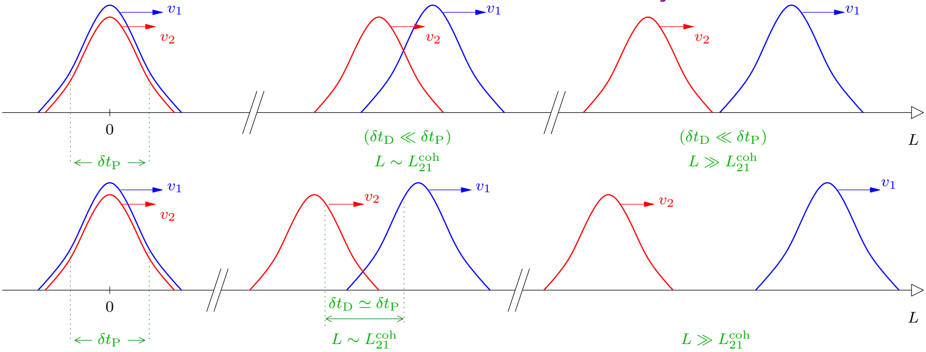
Coherence Length

[Nussinov, PLB 63 (1976) 201] [Kiers, Nussinov, Weiss, PRD 53 (1996) 537]

Wave Packets have different velocities and separate

different massive neutrinos can interfere if and only if wave packets arrive with $\delta t_{kj} \lesssim \sqrt{(\delta t_\mathrm{P})^2 + (\delta t_\mathrm{D})^2}$ $\Rightarrow$ $L \lesssim L^\mathrm{coh}_{kj}$

$$|\delta t_{kj}| \simeq |v_k - v_j|\, T \simeq \frac{|\Delta m^2_{kj}|}{2E^2} L \quad \Longrightarrow \quad L^\mathrm{coh}_{kj} \sim \frac{2E^2}{|\Delta m^2_{kj}|} \sqrt{(\delta t_\mathrm{P})^2 + (\delta t_\mathrm{D})^2}$$



Quantum Mechanical Wave Packet Model

[CG, Kim, Lee, PRD 44 (1991) 3635] [CG, Kim, PRD 58 (1998) 017301]

neglecting mass effects in amplitudes of production and detection processes

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* \int \mathrm{d}p \, \psi_k^P(p) \, |\nu_k(p)\rangle \qquad |\nu_\beta\rangle = \sum_k U_{\beta k}^* \int \mathrm{d}p \, \psi_k^D(p) \, |\nu_k(p)\rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) &= \langle \nu_\beta | \, e^{-i\widehat{E}t + i\widehat{P}x} \, |\nu_\alpha\rangle \\ &= \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* \, U_{\beta k} \int \mathrm{d}p \, \psi_k^P(p) \, \psi_k^{D*}(p) \, e^{-iE_k(p)t + ipx} \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian Approximation of Wave Packets

$$\psi_k^P(p) = \left(2\pi\sigma_{pP}^2\right)^{-1/4} \exp\left[-\frac{(p-p_k)^2}{4\sigma_{pP}^2}\right]$$

$$\psi_k^D(p) = \left(2\pi\sigma_{pD}^2\right)^{-1/4} \exp\left[-\frac{(p-p_k)^2}{4\sigma_{pD}^2}\right]$$

the value of p_k is determined by the production process (causality)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) \propto \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* \, U_{\beta k} \int \mathrm{d}p \, \exp\left[-iE_k(p)t + ipx - \frac{(p-p_k)^2}{4\sigma_p^2} \right]$$

global energy-momentum uncertainty: $$\boxed{\frac{1}{\sigma_p^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma_{pP}^2} + \frac{1}{\sigma_{pD}^2}}$$

sharply peaked wave packets

$$\sigma_p \ll E_k^2(p_k)/m_k \quad \Longrightarrow \quad E_k(p) = \sqrt{p^2 + m_k^2} \simeq E_k + v_k\,(p - p_k)$$

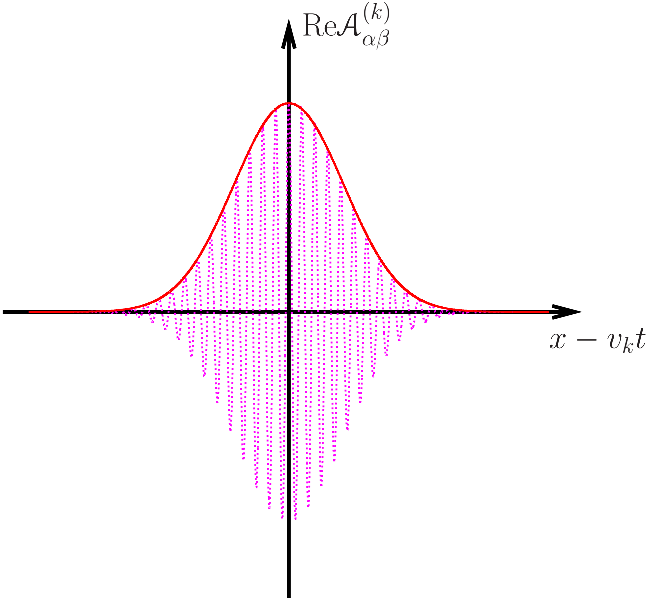
$$E_k = E_k(p_k) = \sqrt{p_k^2 + m_k^2} \qquad v_k = \left.\frac{\partial E_k(p)}{\partial p}\right|_{p=p_k} = \frac{p_k}{E_k}$$ group velocity

$$\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) \propto \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* \, U_{\beta k} \, \exp\left[-iE_k t + ip_k x \underbrace{- \frac{(x - v_k t)^2}{4\sigma_x^2}} \right]$$

suppression factor for $|x - v_k t| \gtrsim \sigma_x$

$$\boxed{\sigma_x \, \sigma_p = \frac{1}{2}}$$

global space-time uncertainty: $$\boxed{\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_{xP}^2 + \sigma_{xD}^2}$$



ν_k–ν_j interferene only if $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}^{(k)}$ and $\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}^{(j)}$ overlap at detection

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\begin{aligned}
-E_k t + p_k x &= -(E_k - p_k)\,x + E_k\,(x - t) = -\frac{E_k^2 - p_k^2}{E_k + p_k}\,x + E_k\,(x - t) \\
&= -\frac{m_k^2}{E_k + p_k}\,x + E_k\,(x - t) \simeq -\frac{m_k^2}{2E}\,x + E_k\,(x - t)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\mathcal{A}_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) \propto \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^{*}\,U_{\beta k}\,\exp\left[\underbrace{-i\,\frac{m_k^2}{2E}\,x}_{\substack{\text{standard}\\\text{phase}\\\text{for } t=x}}\underbrace{+\,iE_k\,(x-t)}_{\substack{\text{additional}\\\text{phase}\\\text{for } t\neq x}} - \frac{(x - v_k t)^2}{4\sigma_x^2}\right]
$$

Space-Time Flavor Transition Probability

$$P_{\alpha\beta}(x,t) \propto \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k}^{*}\, U_{\beta k}\, U_{\alpha j}\, U_{\beta j}^{*}\, \exp\left[\underbrace{-i\,\frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 x}{2E}}_{\substack{\text{standard}\\ \text{phase}\\ \text{for } t=x}} \underbrace{+i\,(E_k - E_j)\,(x-t)}_{\substack{\text{additional}\\ \text{phase}\\ \text{for } t\neq x}} \right]$$

$$\times \exp\left[\underbrace{-\frac{(x-\overline{v}_{kj}t)^2}{4\sigma_x^2}}_{\substack{\text{suppression}\\ \text{factor for}\\ |x-\overline{v}_{kj}t| \gtrsim \sigma_x}} \underbrace{-\frac{(v_k - v_j)^2\, t^2}{8\sigma_x^2}}_{\substack{\text{suppression}\\ \text{factor}\\ \text{due to}\\ \text{separation of}\\ \text{wave packets}}} \right]$$

$$v_k = \frac{p_k}{E_k} \simeq 1 - \frac{m_k^2}{2E^2} \qquad \overline{v}_{kj} = \frac{v_k + v_j}{2} \simeq 1 - \frac{m_k^2 + m_j^2}{4E^2}$$

Oscillations in Space: $P_{\alpha\beta}(L) \propto \int \mathrm{d}t \, P_{\alpha\beta}(L,t)$

Gaussian integration over $\mathrm{d}t$

$$
\begin{aligned}
P_{\alpha\beta}(L) \propto \sum_{k,j} & U_{\alpha k}^{*} \, U_{\beta k} \, U_{\alpha j} \, U_{\beta j}^{*} \, \exp\left[-i \, \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E} \right] \\
& \times \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{2}{v_k^2 + v_j^2}}}_{\simeq 1} \exp\left[- \underbrace{\frac{(v_k - v_j)^2}{v_k^2 + v_j^2}}_{\simeq \left(\Delta m_{kj}^2\right)^2 / 8E^4} \frac{L^2}{4\sigma_x^2} - \underbrace{\frac{(E_k - E_j)^2}{v_k^2 + v_j^2}}_{\simeq \xi^2 \left(\Delta m_{kj}^2\right)^2 / 8E^2} \sigma_x^2 \right] \\
& \times \exp\left[\underbrace{i \, (E_k - E_j) \left(1 - \frac{2\overline{v}_{kj}^2}{v_k^2 + v_j^2} \right)}_{\ll \Delta m_{kj}^2 / 2E} L \right]
\end{aligned}
$$

Ultrarelativistic Neutrinos: $p_k \simeq E - (1 - \xi) \, \frac{m_k^2}{2E} \qquad E_k \simeq E + \xi \, \frac{m_k^2}{2E}$

$$P_{\alpha\beta}(L) = \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k}^{*} \, U_{\beta k} \, U_{\alpha j} \, U_{\beta j}^{*} \, \exp\left[-i \, \frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}\right] \times \exp\left[-\left(\frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{4\sqrt{2} E^2 \sigma_x}\right)^2 - 2\xi^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 \sigma_x}{4E}\right)^2\right]$$

Oscillation Lengths

$$L_{kj}^{\text{osc}} = \frac{4\pi E}{\Delta m_{kj}^2}$$

Coherence Lengths

$$L_{kj}^{\text{coh}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2} E^2}{|\Delta m_{kj}^2|} \, \sigma_x$$

$$P_{\alpha\beta}(L) = \sum_{k,j} U_{\alpha k}^{*} \, U_{\beta k} \, U_{\alpha j} \, U_{\beta j}^{*} \, \exp\left[-2\pi i \, \frac{L}{L_{kj}^{\text{osc}}}\right] \times \exp\left[-\left(\frac{L}{L_{kj}^{\text{coh}}}\right)^2 - 2\pi^2 \xi^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_x}{L_{kj}^{\text{osc}}}\right)^2\right]$$

new localization term: $\exp\left[-2\pi^2\xi^2\left(\frac{\sigma_x}{L^{\text{osc}}_{kj}}\right)^2\right]$

interference is suppressed for $\sigma_x \gtrsim L^{\text{osc}}_{kj}$

equivalent to neutrino mass measurement

uncertainty of neutrino mass measurement:

$$m_k^2 = E_k^2 - p_k^2 \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \delta m_k^2 \simeq \sqrt{(2\,E_k\,\delta E_k)^2 + (2\,p_k\,\delta p_k)^2} \sim 4\,E\,\sigma_p$$

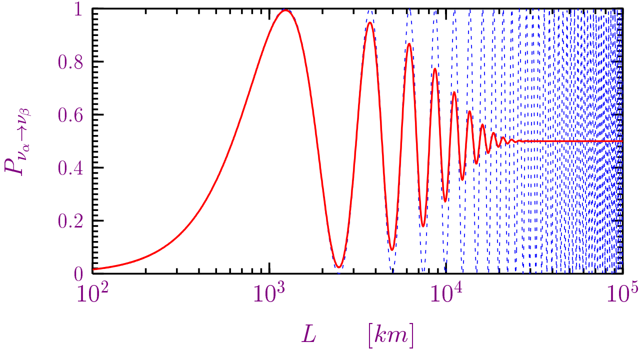
$$\sigma_p = \frac{1}{2\,\sigma_x} \qquad E = \frac{|\Delta m^2_{kj}|L^{\text{osc}}_{kj}}{4\pi} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \delta m_k^2 \sim \frac{|\Delta m^2_{kj}|L^{\text{osc}}_{kj}}{\sigma_x}$$

$\sigma_x \gtrsim L^{\text{osc}}_{kj} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad \delta m_k^2 \lesssim |\Delta m^2_{kj}|$ $\quad \Longrightarrow \quad$ only one massive neutrino!

Decoherence in Two-Neutrino Mixing

$\Delta m^2 = 10^{-3}\,\mathrm{eV}^2 \qquad \sin^2 2\vartheta = 1 \qquad E = 1\,\mathrm{GeV} \qquad \sigma_p = 50\,\mathrm{MeV}$

$$L^{\mathrm{osc}} = \frac{4\pi E}{\Delta m^2} = 2480\,\mathrm{km} \qquad L^{\mathrm{coh}} = \frac{4\sqrt{2}E^2}{|\Delta m^2|}\,\sigma_x = 11163\,\mathrm{km}$$



Decoherence for $L \gtrsim L^{\mathrm{coh}} \sim 10^4\,\mathrm{km}$

Achievements of the QM Wave Packet Model

- Confirmed Standard Oscillation Length: $L_{kj}^{\text{osc}} = 4\pi E/\Delta m_{kj}^2$
- Derived Coherence Length: $L_{kj}^{\text{coh}} = 4\sqrt{2}E^2\sigma_x/|\Delta m_{kj}^2|$
- The localization term quantifies the conditions for coherence

problem

flavor states in production and detection processes have to be assumed

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_k U_{\alpha k}^* \int \mathrm{d}p\, \psi_k^P(p)\, |\nu_k(p)\rangle \qquad |\nu_\beta\rangle = \sum_k U_{\beta k}^* \int \mathrm{d}p\, \psi_k^D(p)\, |\nu_k(p)\rangle$$

calculation of neutrino production and detection?

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Quantum Field Theoretical Wave Packet Model

[CG, Kim, Lee, Lee, PRD 48 (1993) 4310] [CG, Kim, Lee, PLB 421 (1998) 237] [Kiers, Weiss, PRD 57 (1998) 3091]
[Zralek, Acta Phys. Polon. B29 (1998) 3925] [Cardall, PRD 61 (2000) 07300]
[Beuthe, PRD 66 (2002) 013003] [Beuthe, Phys. Rep. 375 (2003) 105] [CG, JHEP 11 (2002) 017]

Estimates of Coherence Length

$$L^{\rm osc} = \frac{4\pi E}{\Delta m^2} = 2.5\,\frac{(E/{\rm MeV})}{(\Delta m^2/{\rm eV}^2)}\,\text{m}$$

$$L^{\rm coh} \sim \frac{4\sqrt{2}E^2}{|\Delta m^2|}\sigma_x = 10^{12}\,\frac{(E^2/{\rm MeV}^2)}{(|\Delta m^2|/{\rm eV}^2)}\left(\frac{\sigma_x}{\rm m}\right)\text{m}$$

Process	$\lvert\Delta m^2\rvert$	$L^{\rm osc}$	σ_x	$L^{\rm coh}$
$\pi \to \mu + \nu$ at rest in vacuum: $E \simeq 30\,{\rm MeV}$ natural linewidth	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}\,{\rm eV}^2$	$30\,{\rm km}$	$\tau_\pi \sim 10\,{\rm m}$	$\sim 10^{16}\,{\rm km}$
$\pi \to \mu + \nu$ at rest in matter: $E \simeq 30\,{\rm MeV}$ collision broadening	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}\,{\rm eV}^2$	$30\,{\rm km}$	$\tau_{\rm col} \sim 10^{-5}\,{\rm m}$	$\sim 10^{10}\,{\rm km}$
$\mu^+ \to e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ at rest in matter: $E \leq 50\,{\rm MeV}$ collision broadening	$1\,{\rm eV}^2$	$\leq 125\,{\rm m}$	$\tau_{\rm col} \sim 10^{-10}\,{\rm m}$	$\lesssim 10^2\,{\rm km}$
${}^7{\rm Be} + e^- \to {}^7{\rm Li} + \nu_e$ in solar core: $E \simeq 0.86\,{\rm MeV}$ collision broadening	$7 \times 10^{-5}\,{\rm eV}^2$	$31\,{\rm km}$	$\tau_{\rm col} \sim 10^{-9}\,{\rm m}$	$\sim 10^4\,{\rm km}$

Common Question: Do Charged Leptons Oscillate?

- Mass is the only property which distinguishes e, μ, τ.
- The flavor of a charged lepton is defined by its mass!
- By definition, the flavor of a charged lepton cannot change.

THE FLAVOR OF CHARGED LEPTONS DOES NOT OSCILLATE

[CG, Kim, FPL 14 (2001) 213] [CG, hep-ph/0409230] [Akhmedov, JHEP 09 (2007) 116]

a misleading argument

[Sassaroli, Srivastava, Widom, hep-ph/9509261, EPJC 2 (1998) 769] [Srivastava, Widom, hep-ph/9707268]

in $\pi^+ \to \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$ the final state of the antimuon and neutrino is entangled

$\Downarrow$

if the probability to detect the neutrino oscillates as a function of distance, also the probability to detect the muon must oscillate

WRONG!

the probability to detect the neutrino (as ν_μ or ν_τ or ν_e) does not oscillate as a function of distance, because

$$\sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} P_{\nu_\mu \to \nu_\beta} = 1$$

conservation of probability (unitarity)

[Dolgov, Morozov, Okun, Shchepkin, NPB 502 (1997) 3] [CG, Kim, FPL 14 (2001) 213]

Λ oscillations from $\pi^- + p \to \Lambda + K^0$

[Widom, Srivastava, hep-ph/9605399] [Srivastava, Widom, Sassaroli, PLB 344 (1995) 436]

refuted in [Lowe et al., PLB 384 (1996) 288] [Burkhardt, Lowe, Stephenson, Goldman, PRD 59 (1999) 054018]

Correct definition of Charged Lepton Oscillations

[Pakvasa, Nuovo Cim. Lett. 31 (1981) 497]

Analogy

- Neutrino Oscillations: massive neutrinos propagate unchanged between production and detection, with a difference of mass (flavor) of the charged leptons involved in the production and detection processes.

- Charged-Lepton Oscillations: massive charged leptons propagate unchanged between production and detection, with a difference of mass of the neutrinos involved in the production and detection processes.

NO FLAVOR CONVERSION!

The propagating charged leptons must be ultrarelativistic, in order to be produced and detected coherently (if τ is not ultrarelativistic, only e and μ contribute to the phase).

Practical Problems

- The initial and final neutrinos must be massive neutrinos of known type: precise neutrino mass measurements.
- The energy of the propagating charged leptons must be extremely high, in order to have a measurable oscillation length

$$\frac{4\pi E}{(m_\mu^2 - m_e^2)} \simeq \frac{4\pi E}{m_\mu^2} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-11} \left(\frac{E}{\text{GeV}} \right) \text{cm}$$

detailed discussion: [Akhmedov, JHEP 09 (2007) 116, arXiv:0706.1216]

Mistake: Oscillation Phase Larger by a Factor of 2

[Field, hep-ph/0110064, hep-ph/0110066, EPJC 30 (2003) 305, EPJC 37 (2004) 359, Annals Phys. 321 (2006) 627]

$K^0 - \bar{K}^0$: [Srivastava, Widom, Sassaroli, ZPC 66 (1995) 601, PLB 344 (1995) 436] [Widom, Srivastava, hep-ph/9605399]

massive neutrinos: $v_k = \dfrac{p_k}{E_k} \implies t_k = \dfrac{L}{v_k} = \dfrac{E_k}{p_k} L$

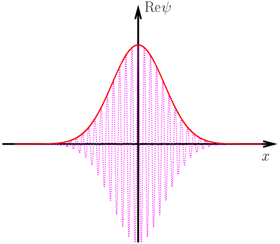
$$\widetilde{\Phi}_k = p_k L - E_k t_k = p_k L - \frac{E_k^2}{p_k} L = \frac{p_k^2 - E_k^2}{p_k} L = \frac{m_k^2}{p_k} L \simeq \frac{m_k^2}{E} L$$

$\Delta\widetilde{\Phi}_{kj} = -\dfrac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{E}$ twice the standard phase $\Delta\Phi_{kj} = -\dfrac{\Delta m_{kj}^2 L}{2E}$

WRONG!

group velocities are irrelevant for the phase!

the group velocity is the velocity of the factor which modulates the amplitude of the wave packet



in the plane wave approximation the interference of different massive neutrino contribution must be calculated at a definite space distance L and after a definite time interval T

[Nieto, hep-ph/9509370] [Kayser, Stodolsky, PLB 359 (1995) 343] [Lowe et al., PLB 384 (1996) 288] [Kayser, hep-ph/9702327] [CG, Kim, FPL 14 (2001) 213] [CG, Physica Scripta 67 (2003) 29] [Burkhardt et al., PLB 566 (2003) 137]

$$\Delta\widetilde{\Phi}_{kj} = (p_k - p_j)\, L - (E_k - E_j)\, t_k$$ WRONG!

$$\Delta\Phi_{kj} = (p_k - p_j)\, L - (E_k - E_j)\, T$$ CORRECT!

no factor of 2 ambiguity claimed in

[Lipkin, PLB 348 (1995) 604, hep-ph/9901399] [Grossman, Lipkin, PRD 55 (1997) 2760]
[De Leo, Ducati, Rotelli, MPLA 15 (2000) 2057]
[De Leo, Nishi, Rotelli, hep-ph/0208086, hep-ph/0303224, IJMPA 19 (2004) 677]