

Abstract

Neutrinos are the second most abundant known particle in the Universe and are produced abundantly in many extreme astrophysical environments. This gives us the opportunity to study neutrinos in ways not accessible in human made environments. I will begin with the Standard Model and show how neutrinos have shaped its construction, up to the current level where they sit together uneasily. These lectures will focus on neutrino oscillations, how we measure them, how we calculate the observables, and how we relate the calculations to the measurements. They will cover reactor, atmospheric, solar, and accelerator neutrinos, and will also discuss some new physics scenarios.

Neutrino Theory Overview: I

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About Me

1. Grew up in Michigan
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Research interests

- ▶ Neutrino oscillations
- ▶ New physics in neutrinos
- ▶ Astroparticle physics
- ▶ Black holes
- ▶ Dark matter

Other interests

- ▶ Ultimate frisbee
- ▶ Hiking
- ▶ Piano
- ▶ Photography

Resources

“Neutrino Oscillations in the Three Flavor Paradigm” - [PBD 2501.08374](#)

Particle Data Group (PDG) “14. Neutrino Masses, Mixing, and Oscillations” -
M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia, R. Wendel

<https://pdg.lbl.gov/2026/reviews/rpp2026-rev-neutrino-mixing.pdf>

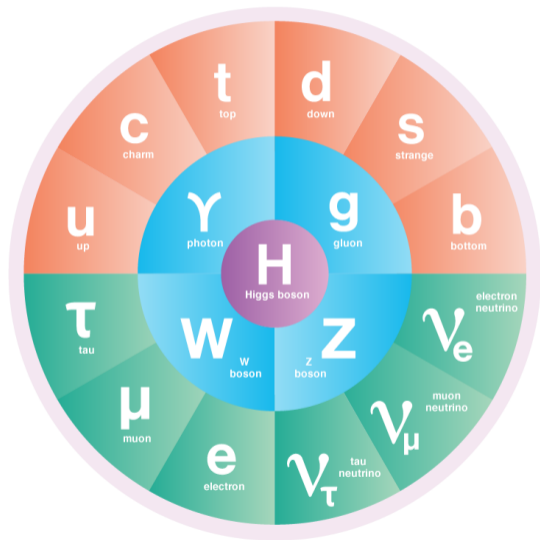
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Outline For Both Lectures

1. Standard Model redux
2. Neutrino properties and results before oscillations
3. Matter effect
4. Reactor oscillations
5. Atmospheric oscillations
6. Solar oscillations
7. Long-baseline oscillations
8. Remaining unknowns in neutrinos
9. New physics in oscillations
10. Neutrinos probe opaque environments

Challenge questions

The Standard Model



Gauge group:

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

Explains all known particle interactions and phenomena except:

- ▶ Gravity and the big bang
- ▶ The collection of astrophysical and cosmological evidence pointing to dark matter
- ▶ The evidence for accelerated expansion (dark energy)
- ▶ Neutrino oscillations

Neutrinos Solve an Anomaly

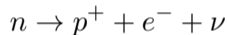
1910s-1920s: β decay spectrum should be monochromatic;
improved measurements show continuous spectrum

Wolfgang Pauli, 1930:

Momentum could be conserved if there is an invisible particle

Niels Bohr: Momentum is conserved only statistically

Enrico Fermi, 1934:



Developed a successful effective field theory

It fails at $E \gtrsim 100$ GeV \Rightarrow must be a particle around there $\Rightarrow W^\pm$ at 80 GeV

Cross section with regular matter is very small

Nuclear Beta Decay: 1911-1934

Helicity and Chirality

1957, Goldhaber experiment at Brookhaven:

Every neutrino has left **helicity**: spin and momentum are antiparallel

Antineutrinos have right **helicity**

Chirality: left/right is how a particle transforms (γ^5)

Helicity is a constant of motion, not Lorentz invariant

Chirality is Lorentz invariant, but not a constant of motion:

left spinors can oscillate into right spinors

Helicity and **chirality** are identical for massless fermions and when $\gamma \gg 1$

Neutrinos only interact via the weak interaction which respects **chirality**

Fermion Mass Generation

Fermions: quarks, charged leptons, neutrinos all experience the weak interaction
Thus left and right **chiral** states are different

This is equivalent to saying that the weak interaction is $V - A$
a result that comes from $\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$ vs. $\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e$ decays

Mass terms typically look like:

$$\mathcal{L} = -m\bar{\psi}\psi = -m(\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R\psi_L)$$

Not $SU(2)_L$ invariant!

Higgs mechanism introduces an $SU(2)_L$ doublet complex scalar that provides an
effective mass term that is equivalent in all cases Except at high temperatures

Seems like neutrinos should have masses too?

Right Handed Fermions

We have detected RH quarks and charged leptons

When I say RH, I refer to particles or LH antiparticles

We should add RH neutrinos, right?

We have never detected a RH neutrino

At the very minimum, including masses to neutrinos requires adding 3 new undetected particles

Given oscillations, in principle 1 ν could be massless, so only 2 RH would be needed

This is already new physics

Adding neutrino masses is worse than that

How Small is Small?

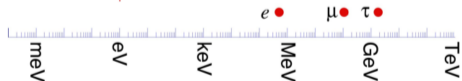
The Standard Model of particle physics has evolved in time
Perhaps adding RH neutrinos is the next step?

Before oscillations, $m_\nu \lesssim \text{eV}$

The Higgs-neutrino Yukawa couplings would be $< 10^{-12}$

The top Yukawa coupling is ~ 1 , but the electron Yukawa coupling is $\sim 10^{-6}$

Some claim this is motivation to avoid this scenario, but I see no problem
Small Yukawa couplings are “technically natural” in the Hooft sense



What Makes a Model Standard?

The problem: there are two “comparable” ways to add neutrino masses:

Dirac masses

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu^{\text{Dir}} = -y_\nu \bar{\ell}_L \phi \nu_R$$

- ▶ The same as how other Fermions get mass (via Higgs)
- ▶ Requires 2-3 new RH neutrinos
- ▶ Requires Yukawa couplings $10^{-14} - 10^{12}$ or less
- ▶ Requires enforcing lepton number as a good symmetry
- ▶ Yukawa couplings impossible to probe

Majorana masses

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu^{\text{Maj}} = -\frac{m}{2} \bar{\nu}_R (\nu_R)^c$$

- ▶ Often alongside Dirac masses
- ▶ A new kind of mass generation
- ▶ Requires several new particles
- ▶ Violates L by 2
- ▶ Parameters feel good: Yukawa couplings ~ 1 and heavy states connected to GUTs ($\sim 10^{16}$ GeV)
- ▶ Heavy states impossible to probe
- ▶ Testable via $0\nu\beta\beta$; hard!

Dirac - Majorana Differences

Dirac is equivalent to Majorana in ultrarelativistic limit,
differences go like $\sim \left(\frac{m_\nu}{E_\nu}\right)^2 \lesssim 10^{-14}$ in oscillation experiments

Majorana is not “neutrino=antineutrino”, but rather that ν and $\bar{\nu}$ mix and can oscillate into each other

Majorana neutrinos only have ν_L and $\bar{\nu}_R$ while Dirac neutrinos also have ν_R and $\bar{\nu}_L$

Majorana neutrinos: ν_L can oscillate into $\bar{\nu}_R$ which are both active $\Rightarrow 0\nu\beta\beta$

Implications for cosmic neutrino background which is mostly nonrelativistic today

Q: Do we detect more C ν B neutrinos if they are Dirac or Majorana?

Dirac's life is not an unsolved mystery

Seesaw

Majorana mass term does not forbid Dirac mass term
Many different seesaw realizations

Ingredients:

1. 3 left handed neutrinos ν in a SU(2) doublet
2. 3 right handed neutrinos N with Majorana mass term
3. Write down a Dirac mass term from the Higgs for ν and N
4. After electroweak symmetry breaking

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -m_D \bar{\nu}_L N_R - \frac{1}{2} M_R \overline{(N^c)}_L N_R$$

5. Diagonalize the mass matrix

$$N^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ m_L \end{pmatrix}$$

is

$$= N \begin{pmatrix} \nu_m \\ N_m^c \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Physical mass terms



Mass Generation Ideas

Three tree-level minimal realizations of the seesaw: type-I, type-II, type-III

H. Fritzsch, M. Gell-Mann, P. Minkowski [PLB 1975](#)

P. Minkowski [PLB 1977](#)

W. Konetschny, W. Kummer [PLB 1977](#)

D. Wyler, L. Wolfenstein [NPB 1983](#)

R. Foot, H. Lew, X. He, G. Joshi [ZPC 1989](#)

Can also consider case where $M_R \ll m_D$: Pseudo-Dirac

L. Wolfenstein [NPB 1981](#)

S. Bilenky, S. Petcov [RMP 1987](#)

Interesting mass ranges are often 10^{13} GeV, 10^3 GeV, or 10^{-26} GeV, not 10^{-9} GeV

The neutrino mass generation mechanism is:
undetermined today,
an active area of research,
and is a top open question in particle physics

Neutrinos Before 1998

1. Tiny cross section, all left handed, only experience weak interaction
2. Only three active generations

- ▶ Detected via charged current (CC)

C. Cowan, F. Reines 1956, L. Lederman, M. Schwartz, J. Steinberger 1962, DONUT 2000

- ▶ Measured $Z \rightarrow$ invisible is $3 \times Z \rightarrow \nu_i, \Rightarrow 3$ neutrinos $m_\nu < M_Z/2 = 46$ GeV

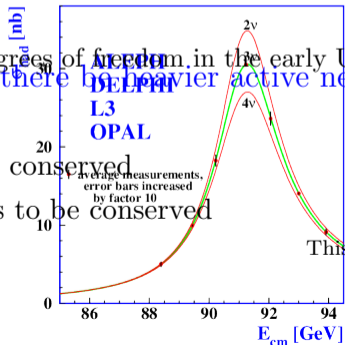
LEP [hep-x/0509008](#)

- ▶ Number of relativistic degrees of freedom in the early Universe:
 $N_{\text{eff}} = 2.99 \pm 0.17$

Q: Can there be heavier active neutrinos?

PLANCK [1807.06209](#)

3. Lepton number seems to be conserved
4. Lepton flavor number seems to be conserved



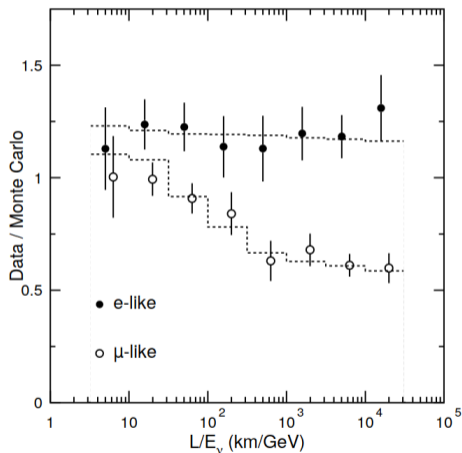
This one is violated by oscillations

Big Surprise of 1998

- ▶ Electroweak understood, mediators (γ, W, Z) found
- ▶ Strong understood, mediators (gluon) found
- ▶ All fermions detected except tau neutrino (2000), but no surprises expected
- ▶ Higgs boson still to be found
- ▶ Standard Model looks to be in great shape

Atmospheric Neutrinos Disappear

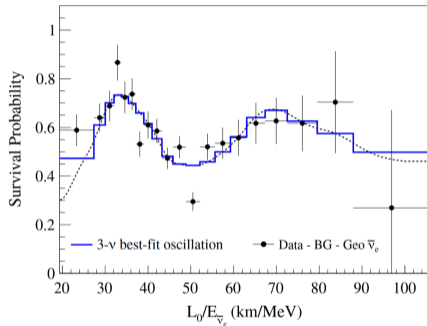
Cosmic rays hit the atmosphere, produce π^+ , μ , and ν_μ



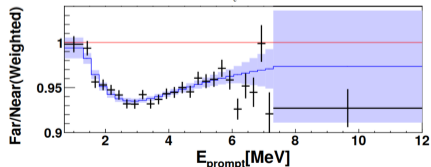
SuperKamiokande [hep-ex/9807003](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ex/9807003)

Neutrinos Really Oscillate

1. Neutrinos experience time \Rightarrow must have mass
2. Neutrino oscillate \Rightarrow must mix & masses must be different



KamLAND [1303.4667](#)



Daya Bay [1809.02261](#)

Two-flavor Neutrino Oscillation Probability

Only one mixing angle, one $\Delta m_{32}^2 \equiv m_3^2 - m_2^2$, no complex phase

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

Same flavor: disappearance

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E} \right)$$

New flavor: appearance

Can easily confirm unitarity:

$$\sum_{\beta} P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = 1$$

Q: What angle leads to maximal oscillations?

How to compute neutrino oscillations

Schrödinger Equation

Neutrinos propagate in eigenstates of the Hamiltonian

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\nu\rangle = H |\nu\rangle$$

In the absence of any interactions $H_{\text{vac}} |\nu_i\rangle = E_i |\nu_i\rangle$.

$$|\nu_i(L)\rangle = e^{-iE_i L} |\nu_i(0)\rangle \rightarrow e^{-im_i^2 L/2E} |\nu_i(0)\rangle$$

i, j indicates mass eigenstate
Assume ν 's are ultrarelativistic: $E_i \rightarrow p + m_i^2/2E$, $t \rightarrow L$
See also e.g. E. Akhmedov, A. Smirnov [0905.1903](#)

No oscillations!

Q: Why does the p part does not contribute?

Mass Basis to Flavor Basis

We don't produce neutrinos in eigenstates of the Hamiltonian in vacuum, e.g. mass eigenstates; they are produced in the flavor/interaction/weak basis

$$|\nu_\alpha\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i}^* |\nu_i\rangle$$

$\alpha, \beta \in \{e, \mu, \tau\}$ are flavor states

U is a unitary 3×3 complex matrix which has 4 or 6 physical degrees of freedom

18 dofs; unitarity $\Rightarrow 18 - 9 = 9$ dofs
 $U(1)$ rephasing \Rightarrow either $9 - 3 = 6$ dofs (Majorana) or $9 - 5 = 4$ dofs (Dirac)

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\eta_1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\eta_2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For more on parameterizations see: [PBD](#), R. Pestes [2006.09384](#)

Q: Why can we ignore Majorana phases in oscillations?

The Probability

The physical observable is the probability: $P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta; L, E)$

First calculate the transition amplitude:

1. Project from ν_α to ν_i via U^*
2. Propagate mass state ν_i via phase accumulation
3. Project from ν_i to ν_β via U^T
4. Sum over all intermediate states*

*coherency must apply

$$\mathcal{A}(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta; L, E) = \sum_{i=1}^3 U_{\alpha i}^* e^{-im_i^2 L/2E} U_{\beta i}$$

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta; L, E) = |\mathcal{A}(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta; L, E)|^2$$

Discrete symmetries:

$$T : P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) \leftrightarrow P(\nu_\beta \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) \Leftrightarrow L \leftrightarrow -L$$

$$CP : \nu \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu} \Leftrightarrow U_{\alpha i} \rightarrow U_{\alpha i}^* \Leftrightarrow E \rightarrow -E$$

Assume CPT is conserved: $P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = P(\bar{\nu}_\beta \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\alpha)$

Assume that E and direction don't change during propagation

Coherent Propagation

- ▶ Neutrino oscillations requires all 3 wavefunctions to overlap
- ▶ Properly calculating this requires QFT
 - ▶ Need to integrate over production region
 - ▶ Need to account for detection uncertainties
- ▶ Literature is somewhat inconsistent in how to do this
 - ▶ All correct approaches give same answer
- ▶ Nearly all cases of oscillations are known to be coherent
- ▶ Exceptions:
 - ▶ Solar neutrinos: decohere from Sun to Earth
 - ▶ Astrophysical neutrinos: (galactic or extragalactic) decohere
- ▶ Decohered probabilities are easy!

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sum_{i,j=1}^3 P_{\alpha i} P_{ij} P_{j\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2$$

Mass states are eigenstates of the Hamiltonian $\Rightarrow P_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$
Everything is at the probability level not the amplitude level
Relevant for all astrophysical neutrinos, except solar and supernova
This is the same expression as oscillation averaged probabilities

Three Flavor

Three angles, one complex phase (all in U), and three Δm_{ij}^2 (two are very similar)

It is less easy to show that:

$$\begin{aligned} P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\alpha) &= 1 - 4|U_{\alpha 1}|^2|U_{\alpha 2}|^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}\right) \\ &\quad - 4|U_{\alpha 1}|^2|U_{\alpha 3}|^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}\right) \\ &\quad - 4|U_{\alpha 2}|^2|U_{\alpha 3}|^2 \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Many different ways to write these probabilities

Q: Why do we discuss $\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$ and not just m_i^2 ?

Each term is manifestly T even (even in L)

Each term is manifestly CP even (even under $U \rightarrow U^*$ or $E \rightarrow -E$)

Three Flavor: Appearance

$$\begin{aligned} P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = & -4\Re[U_{\alpha 1}U_{\beta 1}^*U_{\alpha 2}^*U_{\beta 2}] \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}\right) \\ & -4\Re[U_{\alpha 1}U_{\beta 1}^*U_{\alpha 3}^*U_{\beta 3}] \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}\right) \\ & -4\Re[U_{\alpha 2}U_{\beta 2}^*U_{\alpha 3}^*U_{\beta 3}] \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}\right) \\ & +8\Im[U_{\alpha 1}U_{\beta 1}^*U_{\alpha 2}^*U_{\beta 2}] \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2 L}{4E}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Final coefficient:

$$8\Im[U_{\alpha 1}U_{\beta 1}^*U_{\alpha 2}^*U_{\beta 2}] \equiv 8J = 8s_{12}c_{12}s_{13}c_{13}^2s_{23}c_{23} \sin \delta$$

This is the same for all appearance channels (up to sign)

C. Jarlskog [PRL 55 \(1985\)](#)

$$s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}, c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$$

First three terms are manifestly T even and CP even

Last term is manifestly T odd and CP odd

Total probability is neither even nor odd under CP or T

More on Probabilities

1. The Jarlskog term is the only term $\propto \sin \delta$
2. The Jarlskog term is the only term $\propto L^3$

all others $\propto L^2$
 $\Rightarrow \delta$ is hard to measure

3. $\nu \rightarrow \bar{\nu} \Rightarrow U \rightarrow U^*$ which is $\delta \rightarrow -\delta$
4. $\delta \rightarrow -\delta \Rightarrow L \rightarrow -L$ or $E \rightarrow -E$

Care is required because of the matter effect

5. This follows from CPT. CP: $\delta \rightarrow -\delta$ and T is $L \rightarrow -L$

Matter effect causes apparent CPT violation

CPT Implications

Because physics should be invariant under CPT:

- ▶ Simultaneously flip $\delta \rightarrow -\delta$, $\Delta m_{31}^2 \rightarrow -\Delta m_{31}^2$, and $\Delta m_{21}^2 \rightarrow -\Delta m_{21}^2$: physics is unchanged
- ▶ Measurements cannot determine the sign of δ , Δm_{21}^2 , or Δm_{31}^2
- ▶ This degeneracy is broken due to the matter effect
- ▶ This is called the “dark side” as it indicates that both the true and incorrect mass orderings fit the data equally

A. de Gouvêa, A. Friedland, H. Murayama [hep-ph/0002064](#)
PBD, J. Gehrlein [2204.09060](#)

Mass Eigenstate Definitions

How do we even define the mass states? Literature differs

1. Best: $|U_{e1}| > |U_{e2}| > |U_{e3}|$, or $0.82 > 0.55 > 0.15$
 - ▶ Single clear definition of things we have measured well
 - ▶ Says that $\theta_{12} \in [0, 45^\circ]$ while $\theta_{13}, \theta_{23} \in [0, 90^\circ]$ Q: What is special about θ_{12} ?
 - ▶ Means that there are two mass ordering questions: signs of Δm_{21}^2 and Δm_{31}^2
 - ▶ Solar neutrinos told us $\Delta m_{21}^2 > 0$
2. Used sometimes: $|U_{e3}| < |U_{e1}|, |U_{e3}| < |U_{e2}|$, and $m_1 < m_2$
 - ▶ Makes a plot of solar and LBL-reactor neutrinos continuous
 - ▶ Says that all three mixing angles are $\theta_{ij} \in [0, 90^\circ]$
 - ▶ Treats solar and atmospheric sectors differently
 - ▶ Means that there is one mass ordering question: sign of Δm_{31}^2 , and one octant question: $\theta_{12} <> 45^\circ$
 - ▶ Solar neutrinos told us that $\theta_{12} < 45^\circ$
3. Bad: $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$
 - ▶ Has been used in the past, now regarded as a bad definition
 - ▶ Makes the mass ordering question very complicated
 - ▶ Once we know both mass orderings, this may be the convention



Neutrinos propagating in matter feel the effects of the matter

- ▶ Relevant for the Earth's crust and interior, the Sun, and supernova
- ▶ Atmosphere is low enough density that it can be ignored
- ▶ Pointed out by L. Wolfenstein [PRD 17 \(1978\)](#)
- ▶ Usually only the electron density N_e contributes

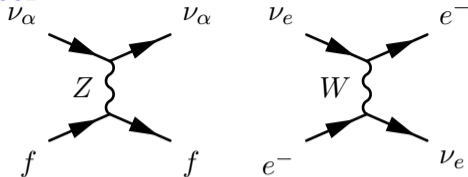
See sterile neutrino discussion

- ▶ Neutrinos propagate in a new basis as mass states are no longer eigenstates of the Hamiltonian

Hamiltonian Dynamics: With Matter

Neutrino energy levels are modified by presence of background fermion fields

These diagrams are dominantly forward ($\theta = 0$) elastic (particles in = particles out)



L. Wolfenstein PRD 17 (1978)

Q: Why isn't there a term in the Hamiltonian for the Z boson diagram?

Schrödinger equation:

$$i \frac{d}{dt} |\nu_\alpha\rangle = H_{\text{flav}}(t) |\nu_\alpha\rangle$$

$$H_{\text{flav}}(t) = \frac{1}{2E} \left[U \begin{pmatrix} m_1^2 & & \\ & m_2^2 & \\ & & m_3^2 \end{pmatrix} U^\dagger + \begin{pmatrix} a(x) & & \\ & 0 & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

Matter effect: $a(x) = 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e(x)E$
As $a \rightarrow 0$, we recover earlier vacuum calculations

Matter Effect: Constant

In matter ν 's propagate in a new basis that depends on $a \propto N_e E_\nu$.
Assume $H_{\text{flav}}(x) \simeq H_{\text{flav}}$ is approximately constant:

$$\mathcal{A} = e^{-iH_{\text{flav}}L} = V\Lambda V^\dagger$$

V is the unitary matrix composed of normalized eigenvectors of H
 Λ is the diagonal matrix composed of $e^{-i\lambda_i L}$ where λ_i are the eigenvalues of H

Matter Effect: Varying

Solar neutrinos in an adiabatically changing matter potential

Solution = MSW effect

S. Mikheev, A. Smirnov *Nuovo Cim. C9 (1986) 17-26*

The terminology: “MSW” applies for solar (and SN) neutrinos, but not LBL or atmospheric

- ▶ Potential changes slowly \Rightarrow neutrinos remain in same state
- ▶ In center of the sun $\nu_e \approx \hat{\nu}_2$ in matter: nearly an eigenstate
- ▶ Eigenstates of the Hamiltonian don't oscillate; but the Hamiltonian is changing
- ▶ So long as the Hamiltonian changes “slow enough” it remains in the same state
- ▶ $\hat{\nu}_2 \rightarrow \nu_2$ and neutrinos leave the Sun as ν_2
- ▶ Probability to detect ν_e is simply:

$$P_{ee} \simeq P_{e2}^{\odot} P_{22}^{\text{vac}} P_{2e}^{\text{det}} \approx 1 \times 1 \times |U_{e2}|^2 \approx \sin^2 \theta_{12}$$

Neutrinos in supernovae experience MSW effect too,
but they also experience neutrino-neutrino interactions

Propagation in SNe is much more involved

Matter Effect Open Questions

- ▶ Matter has only been measured in the Sun, by combining solar with reactor. Confirm it in the Earth.
- ▶ New physics that looks like the matter effect takes the form of vector non-standard neutrino interactions: ν NSI. Is there evidence for this? Can we constrain it?
- ▶ There is a degeneracy within new physics (ν NSI) related to measuring the matter effect and the mass ordering ($\text{sgn } \Delta m_{31}^2$) called LMA-Dark. Can we rule it out/discover it?
- ▶ How well do we know the density of the Earth/Sun?

Experiment to Oscillation Parameters

Six oscillation parameters: $\theta_{12}, \theta_{13}, \theta_{23}, \delta, \Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{31}^2$

▶ Atmospheric ν_μ disappearance $\rightarrow \sin 2\theta_{23}, |\Delta m_{31}^2|$

SuperK, IMB, IceCube, KM3NeT

▶ Solar ν_e disappearance $\rightarrow s_{12}^2, \sin^2 2\theta_{12}, \pm\Delta m_{21}^2$

SNO, Borexino, SuperK

▶ Reactor ν_e disappearance:

▶ LBL ($\gtrsim 50$ km) $\rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta_{12}$ and $|\Delta m_{21}^2|$

KamLAND, SNO+, JUNO

▶ Next-gen LBL $\rightarrow \pm\Delta m_{31}^2$

JUNO

▶ MBL (~ 1 km) $\rightarrow \sin^2 2\theta_{13}, |\Delta m_{31}^2|$

Daya Bay, RENO, Double Chooz

▶ Accelerator LBL ν_e appearance: $\pm\Delta m_{31}^2, s_{23}^2, s_{13}^2, \sin \delta$

T2K, NOvA, HK, DUNE

7th parameter: absolute mass scale

Cosmology, KATRIN, $0\nu\beta\beta$