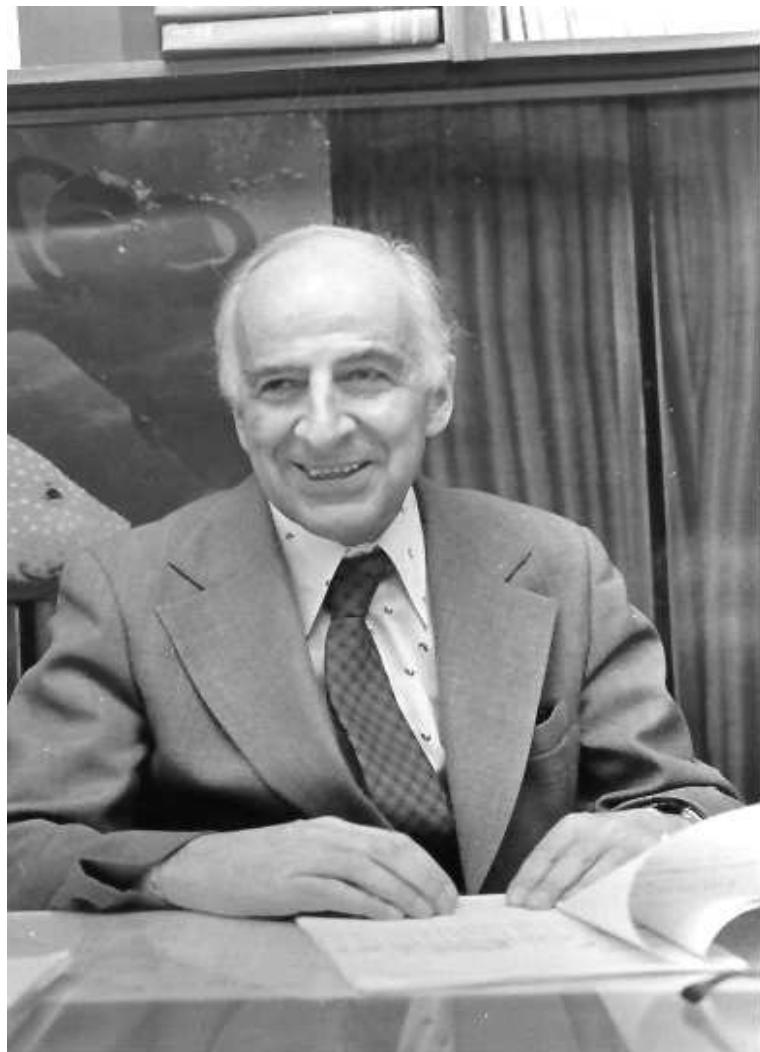


# **Majorana Neutrinos, Neutrino Oscillations, $\mu \rightarrow e + \gamma$ Decay and Beyond**

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## Main Topics of Research in Neutrino Physics:

- Understanding the Properties of Majorana Neutrinos.
- The Problem of Establishing the Nature - Dirac or Majorana, of Massive Neutrinos.
- Theory of Neutrino Oscillations.
- Lepton Flavour Violating Processes ( $\mu \rightarrow e + \gamma$ , etc.)
- Understanding the Origin of the Emerging Patterns of Neutrino Masses and Mixing (Symmetries).
- The Possible Connection between the Generation of Neutrino Masses and of the Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe.

## Compelling Evidences for $\nu$ -Oscillations: 3- $\nu$ mixing

$$\nu_{lL} = \sum_{j=1} U_{lj} \nu_j L \quad l = e, \mu, \tau.$$

B. Pontecorvo, 1957; 1958; 1967;  
Z. Maki, M. Nakagawa, S. Sakata, 1962;  
V. Gribov, B. Pontecorvo, 1969

## Three Neutrino Mixing

$$\nu_{l\text{L}} = \sum_{j=1}^3 U_{lj} \nu_{j\text{L}} .$$

$U$  is the Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS) neutrino mixing matrix,

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} U_{e1} & U_{e2} & U_{e3} \\ U_{\mu 1} & U_{\mu 2} & U_{\mu 3} \\ U_{\tau 1} & U_{\tau 2} & U_{\tau 3} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $U$  -  $n \times n$  unitary:

	n	2	3	4
mixing angles:	$\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$	1	3	6

CP-violating phases:

• $\nu_j$ - Dirac:	$\frac{1}{2}(n-1)(n-2)$	0	1	3
• $\nu_j$ - Majorana:	$\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)$	1	3	6

$n = 3$ : 1 Dirac and

2 additional CP-violating phases, Majorana phases

# PMNS Matrix: Standard Parametrization

$$U = V \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\frac{\alpha_{21}}{2}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\frac{\alpha_{31}}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $s_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij}$ ,  $c_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij}$ ,  $\theta_{ij} = [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ ,
- $\delta$  - Dirac CP-violation phase,  $\delta = [0, 2\pi]$ ,
- $\alpha_{21}$ ,  $\alpha_{31}$  - the two Majorana CP-violation phases.
- $\Delta m_{\odot}^2 \equiv \Delta m_{21}^2 \cong 7.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 > 0$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta_{12} \cong 0.305$ ,  $\cos 2\theta_{12} \gtrsim 0.26$  ( $3\sigma$ )
- $|\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2| \equiv |\Delta m_{31}^2| \cong 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ,  $\sin^2 2\theta_{23} \cong 1$ ,
- $\theta_{13}$  - the CHOOZ angle:  $\sin^2 \theta_{13} < 0.039$  (0.053)  $2\sigma$  ( $3\sigma$ ).

- $\text{sgn}(\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2) = \text{sgn}(\Delta m_{31}^2)$  not determined

$$\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 \equiv \Delta m_{31}^2 > 0, \text{ normal mass ordering}$$

$$\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2 \equiv \Delta m_{32}^2 < 0, \text{ inverted mass ordering}$$

Convention:  $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$  - NMO,  $m_3 < m_1 < m_2$  - IMO

$$m_1 \ll m_2 < m_3, \quad \text{NH},$$

$$m_3 \ll m_1 < m_2, \quad \text{IH},$$

$$m_1 \cong m_2 \cong m_3, \quad m_{1,2,3}^2 \gg \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2, \quad \text{QD}; \quad m_j \gtrsim 0.10 \text{ eV}.$$

- Majorana phases  $\alpha_{21}, \alpha_{31}$ :

- $\nu_l \leftrightarrow \nu_{l'}, \bar{\nu}_l \leftrightarrow \bar{\nu}_{l'}$  not sensitive;

S.M. Bilenky, J. Hosek, S.T.P., 1980;  
P. Langacker, S.T.P., G. Steigman, S. Toshev, 1987

- $|\langle m \rangle|$  in  $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay depends on  $\alpha_{21}, \alpha_{31}$ ;

S.M. Bilenky, S. Pascoli, S.T.P., 2000;  
S. Pascoli, S.T.P., L. Wolfenstein, 2002  
S. Pascoli, S.T.P., 2002

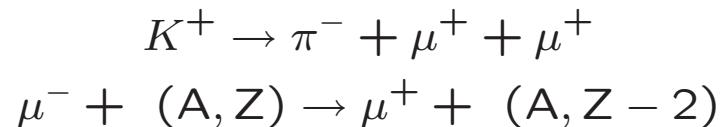
- $\Gamma(\mu \rightarrow e + \gamma)$  etc. in SUSY theories depend on  $\alpha_{21,31}$ ;

S.T.P., T. Shindou, Y. Takanishi, 2007

- BAU, leptogenesis scenario:  $\alpha_{21,31} !$

S. Pascoli, S.T.P., A. Riotto, 2006;  
E. Molinaro, S.T.P., 2008

The Majorana nature of  $\nu_j$  can manifest itself in the existence of  $\Delta L = \pm 2$  processes:



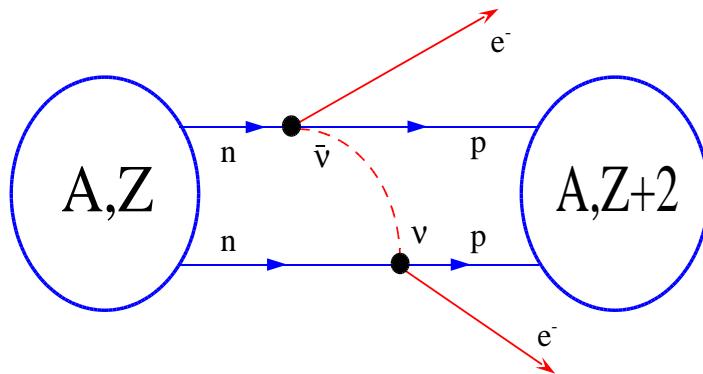
The process most sensitive to the possible Majorana nature of  $\nu_j$  -  $(\beta\beta)_{0\nu}$ -decay



of even-even nuclei,  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ ,  $^{82}\text{Se}$ ,  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ ,  $^{116}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{130}\text{Te}$ ,  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ ,  $^{150}\text{Nd}$ .

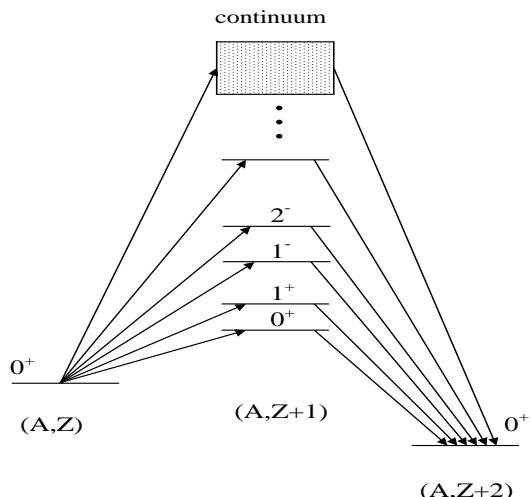
2n from  $(A, Z)$  exchange a virtual Majorana  $\nu_j$  (via the CC weak interaction) and transform into 2p of  $(A, Z + 2)$  and two free  $e^-$ .

## Nuclear $0\nu\beta\beta$ -decay



strong in-medium modification of the basic process

$$dd \rightarrow uue^-e^-(\bar{\nu}_e\bar{\nu}_e)$$



virtual excitation  
of states of all multipolarities  
in  $(A, Z+1)$  nucleus

$$A(\beta\beta)_{0\nu} \sim \langle m \rangle \text{ M(A,Z)}, \quad \text{M(A,Z) - NME},$$

$$|\langle m \rangle| \cong \left| \sqrt{\Delta m_\odot^2} \sin^2 \theta_{12} e^{i\alpha_{21}} + \sqrt{\Delta m_{31}^2} \sin^2 \theta_{13} e^{i\alpha_{31}} \right|, \quad m_1 \ll m_2 \ll m_3 \text{ (NH)},$$

$$|\langle m \rangle| \cong \sqrt{m_3^2 + \Delta m_{13}^2} |\cos^2 \theta_{12} + e^{i\alpha_{21}} \sin^2 \theta_{12}|, \quad m_3 < (\ll) m_1 < m_2 \text{ (IH)},$$

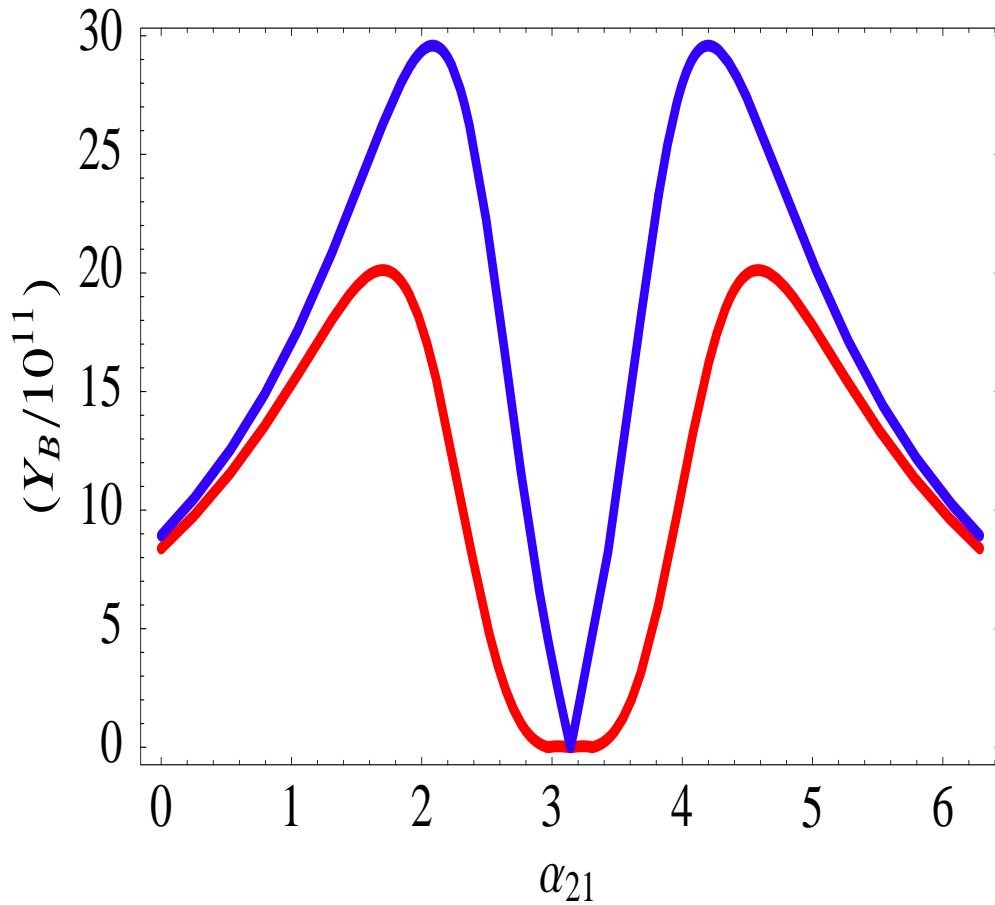
$$|\langle m \rangle| \cong m |\cos^2 \theta_{12} + e^{i\alpha_{21}} \sin^2 \theta_{12}|, \quad m_{1,2,3} \cong m \gtrsim 0.10 \text{ eV (QD)},$$

**CP-invariance:**  $\alpha_{21} = 0, \pm\pi, \alpha_{31} = 0, \pm\pi;$

$$|\langle m \rangle| \lesssim 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV, NH};$$

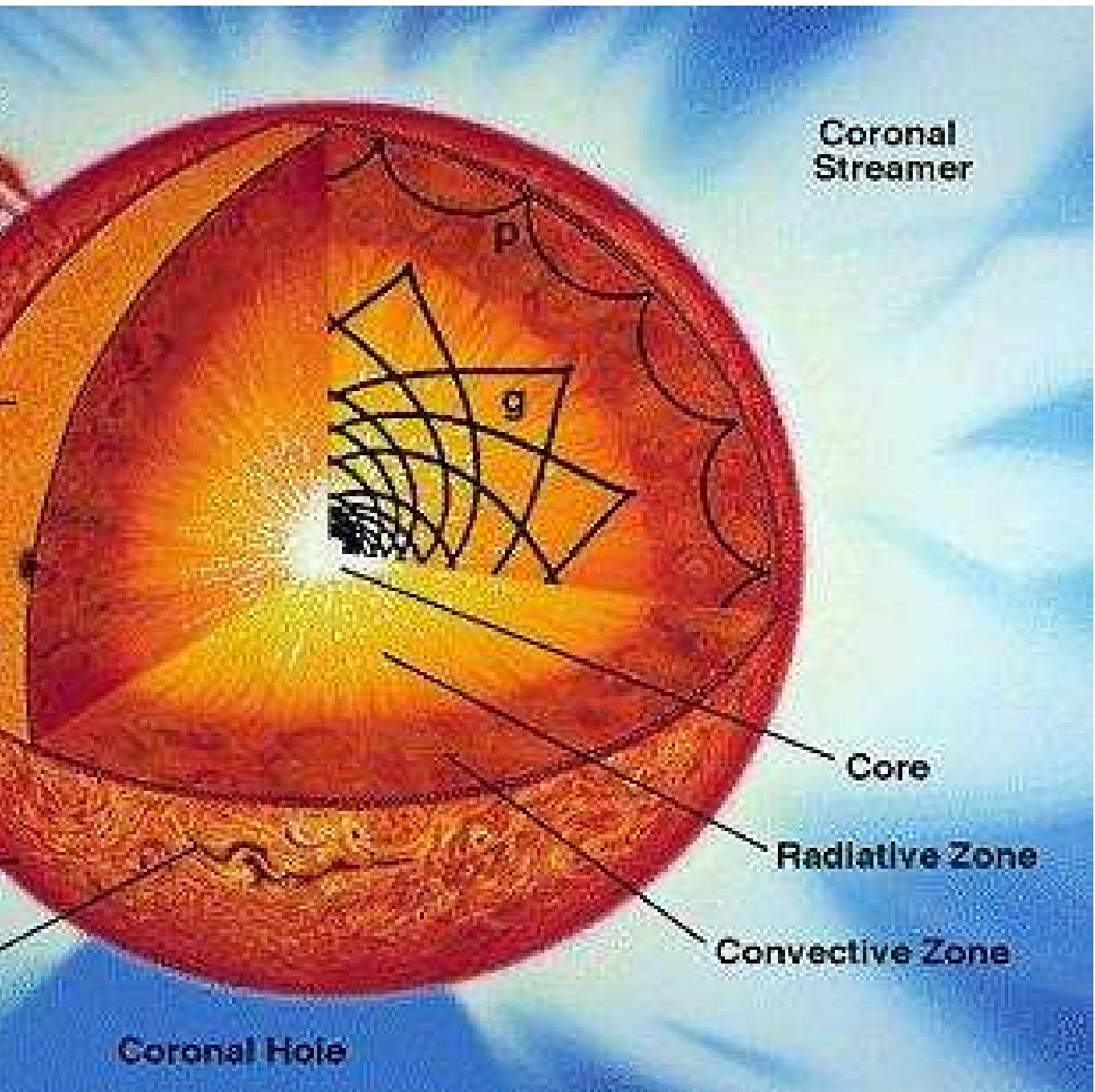
$$\sqrt{\Delta m_{13}^2} \cos 2\theta_{12} \cong 0.013 \text{ eV} \lesssim |\langle m \rangle| \lesssim \sqrt{\Delta m_{13}^2} \cong 0.055 \text{ eV, IH};$$

$$m \cos 2\theta_{12} \lesssim |\langle m \rangle| \lesssim m, \quad m \gtrsim 0.10 \text{ eV, QD}.$$



$M_1 \ll M_2 \ll M_3$ ,  $m_3 \ll m_1 < m_2$ ;  $M_1 = 2 \times 10^{11}$  GeV;  
 Majorana CP-violation,  $\delta = 0$ ;  
 purely imaginary  $R_{11}R_{12} = i\kappa|R_{11}R_{12}|$ ,  $\kappa = -1$ ,  $|R_{11}|^2 - |R_{12}|^2 = 1$ ,  $|R_{11}| = 1.2$ ;  
 $s_{13} = 0$  (blue line) and 0.2 (red line).

S. Pascoli, S.T.P., A. Riotto, 2006.



## MSW Transitions of Solar Neutrinos in the Sun (and the Hydrogen Atom)

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} A_\alpha(t, t_0) \\ A_\beta(t, t_0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\epsilon(t) & \epsilon'(t) \\ \epsilon'(t) & \epsilon(t) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_\alpha(t, t_0) \\ A_\beta(t, t_0) \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

where  $\alpha = \nu_e$ ,  $\beta = \nu_{\mu(\tau)}$ ,

$$\epsilon(t) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \cos 2\theta - \sqrt{2} G_F N_e(t) \right],$$

$$\epsilon'(t) = \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \sin 2\theta, \text{ with } \Delta m^2 = m_2^2 - m_1^2.$$

- Standard Solar Models

$$N_e(t) = N_e(t_0) \exp \left\{ -\frac{t-t_0}{r_0} \right\}, \quad r_0 \sim 0.1 R_\odot, \quad R_\odot = 6.96 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$$

Introducing the dimensionless variable

$$Z = ir_0\sqrt{2}G_F N_e(t_0) e^{-\frac{t-t_0}{r_0}}, \quad Z_0 = Z(t = t_0),$$

and making the substitution

$$A_e(t, t_0) = (Z/Z_0)^{c-a} e^{-(Z-Z_0)+i \int_{t_0}^t \epsilon(t') dt'} A'_e(t, t_0),$$

$A'_e(t, t_0)$  satisfies the confluent hypergeometric equation (CHE):

$$\left\{ Z \frac{d^2}{dZ^2} + (c - Z) \frac{d}{dZ} - a \right\} A'_e(t, t_0) = 0,$$

where

$$a = 1 + ir_0 \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \sin^2 \theta, \quad c = 1 + ir_0 \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}.$$

The confluent hypergeometric equation describing the  $\nu_e$  oscillations in the Sun, coincides in form with the **Schroedinger (energy eigenvalue)** equation obeyed by the radial part,  $\psi_{kl}(r)$ , of the non-relativistic wave function of the hydrogen atom,

$$\Psi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{r} \psi_{kl}(r) Y_{lm}(\theta', \phi'),$$

$r$ ,  $\theta'$  and  $\phi'$  are the spherical coordinates of the electron in the proton's rest frame,  $l$  and  $m$  are the orbital momentum quantum numbers ( $m = -l, \dots, l$ ),  $k$  is the quantum number labeling (together with  $l$ ) the electron energy (the principal quantum number is equal to  $(k+l)$ ),  $E_{kl}$  ( $E_{kl} < 0$ ), and  $Y_{lm}(\theta', \phi')$  are the spherical harmonics. The function

$$\psi'_{kl}(Z) = Z^{-c/2} e^{Z/2} \psi_{kl}(r)$$

satisfies the confluent hypergeometric equation in which the variable  $Z$  and the parameters  $a$  and  $c$  are in this case related to the physical quantities characterizing the hydrogen atom:

$$Z = 2 \frac{r}{a_0} \sqrt{-E_{kl}/E_I}, \quad a \equiv a_{kl} = l + 1 - \sqrt{-E_I/E_{kl}}, \quad c \equiv c_l = 2(l + 1),$$

$a_0 = \hbar/(m_e e^2)$  is the Bohr radius and  $E_I = m_e e^4/(2\hbar^2) \cong 13.6 \text{ eV}$  is the ionization energy of the hydrogen atom.

Any solution - linear combination of two linearly independent solutions:

$$\Phi(a, c; Z), \quad Z^{1-c} \quad \Phi(a - c + 1, 2 - c; Z); \quad \Phi(a', c'; Z = 0) = 1, \quad a', c' \neq 0, -1, -2, \dots$$

$$A(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_{\mu(\tau)}) = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta \left\{ \Phi(a - c, 2 - c; Z_0) - e^{i(t-t_0)\frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}} \Phi(a - 1, c; Z_0) \right\}.$$

Sun:  $N_e(x) \cong N_e(x_0)e^{-\frac{x}{r_0}}$ ,  $r_0 \cong 0.1R_\odot$ ,  $R_\odot \cong 7 \times 10^5$  km

The region of  $\nu_\odot$  production:

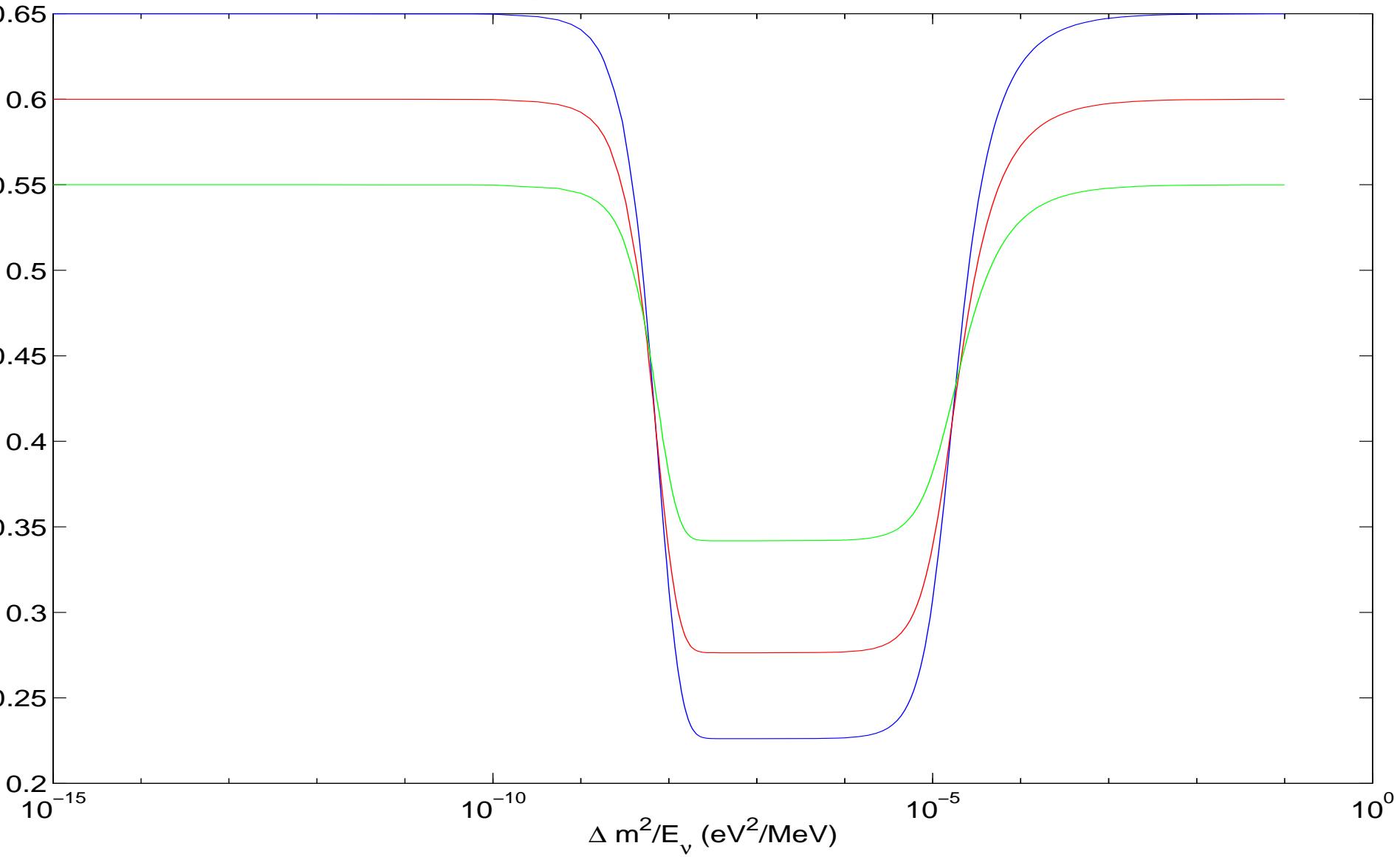
$$20 \text{ } N_A \text{ } cm^{-3} \lesssim N_e(x_0) \lesssim 100 \text{ } N_A \text{ } cm^{-3}: |Z_0| > 500 \text{ (!)}$$

The solar  $\nu_e$  survival probability:

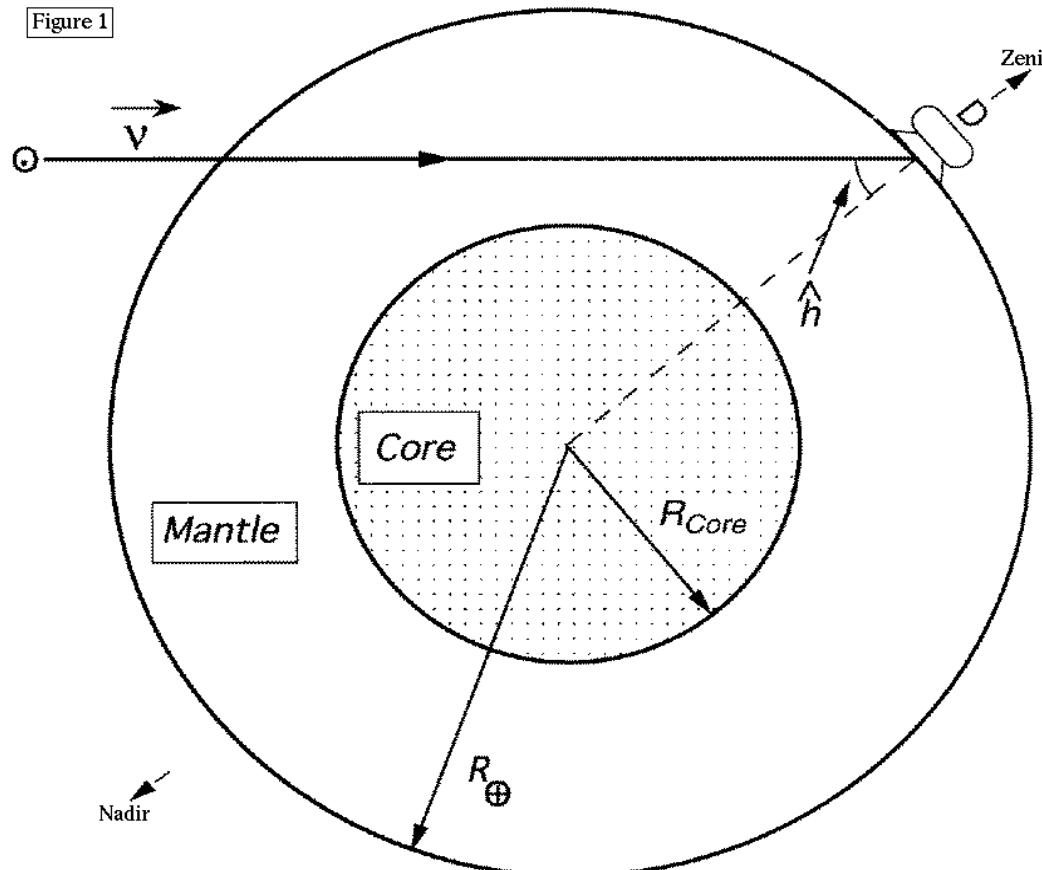
$$\bar{P}(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e) = \frac{1}{2} + (\frac{1}{2} - P') \cos 2\theta_m^0 \cos 2\theta,$$

$$P' = \frac{e^{-2\pi r_0 \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \sin^2 \theta} - e^{-2\pi r_0 \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}}}{1 - e^{-2\pi r_0 \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}}}$$

$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e$   
Averaged Survival Probability in the Sun



# The Earth



Earth:  $R_{core} = 3446 \text{ km}$ ,  $R_{mant} = 2885 \text{ km}$

Earth:  $\bar{N}_e^{mant} \sim 2.3 \text{ } N_A \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\bar{N}_e^{core} \sim 5.7 \text{ } N_A \text{ cm}^{-3}$

# The Earth

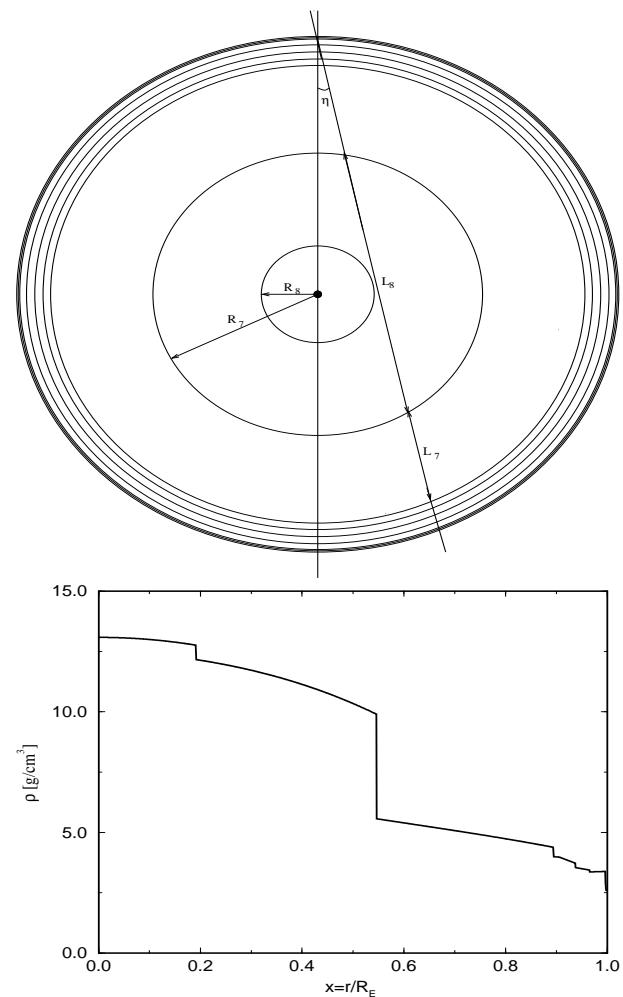
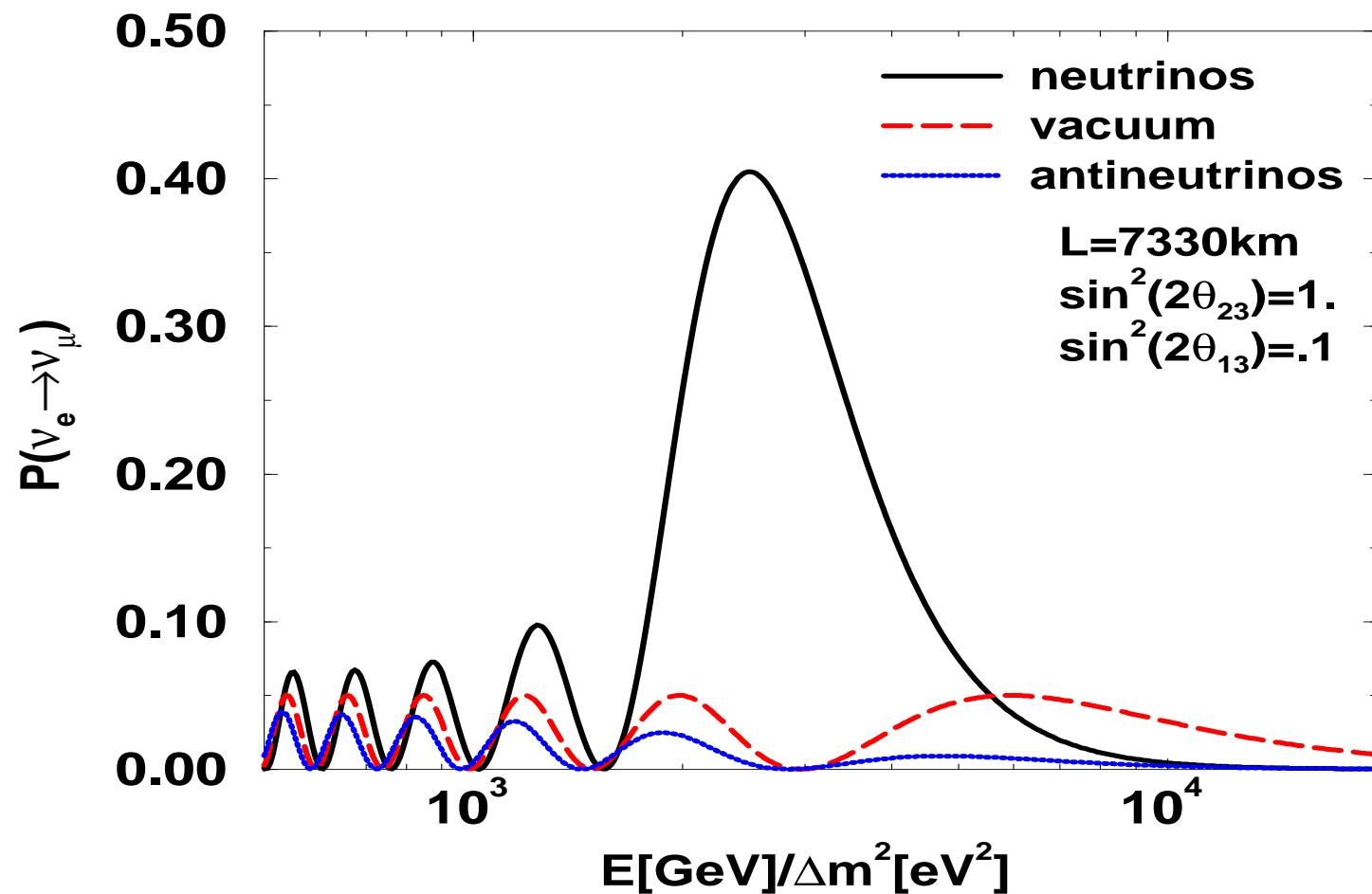


FIG. 1. Density profile of the Earth.

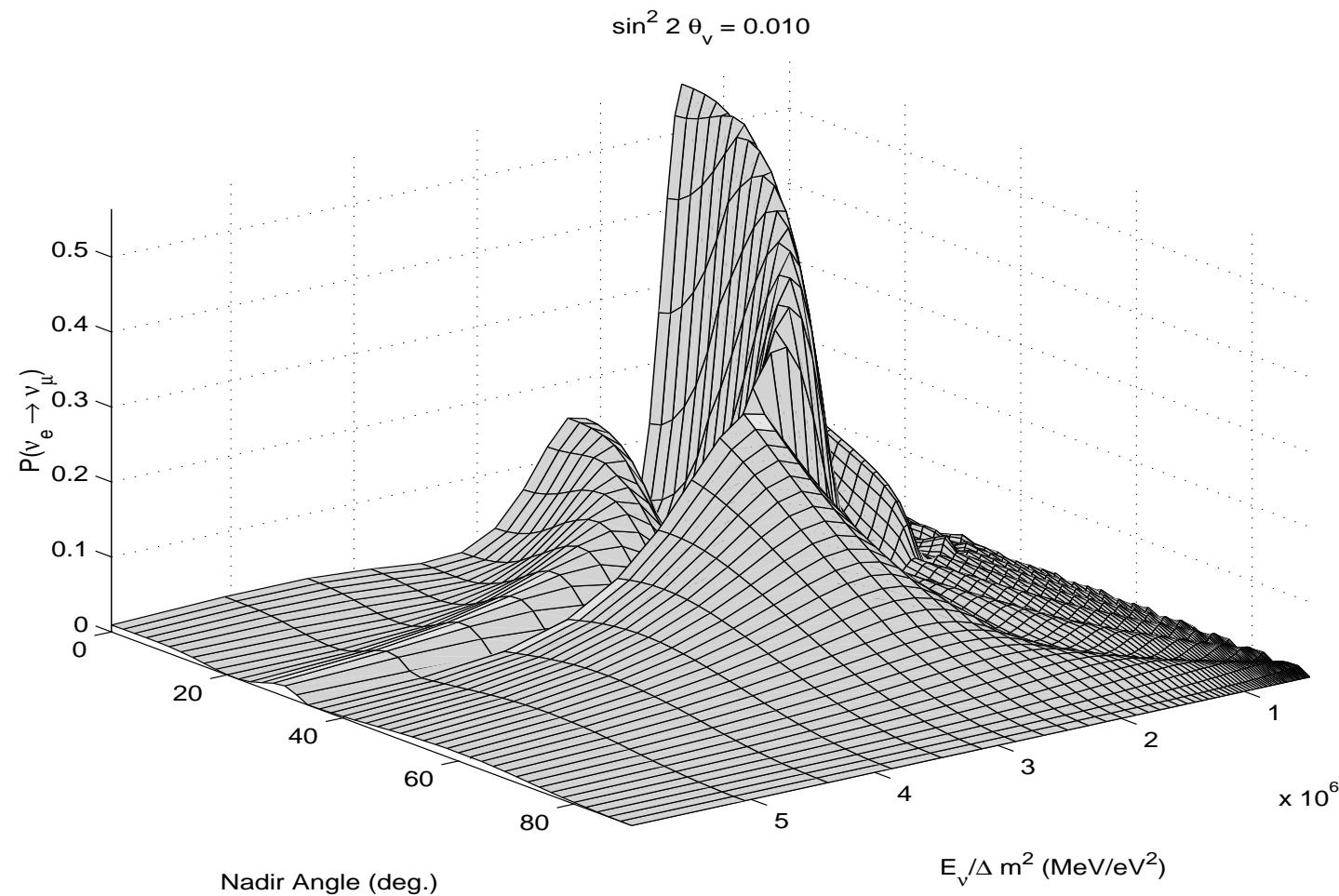
$R_c = 3446$  km,  $R_m = 2885$  km;  $\bar{N}_e^{mant} \sim 2.3 N_A \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\bar{N}_e^{core} \sim 5.7 N_A \text{ cm}^{-3}$

## Earth matter effect in $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ , $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ (MSW)



I. Mocioiu, R. Shrock, 2000

## Earth matter effects in $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$ , $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$ (NOLR)



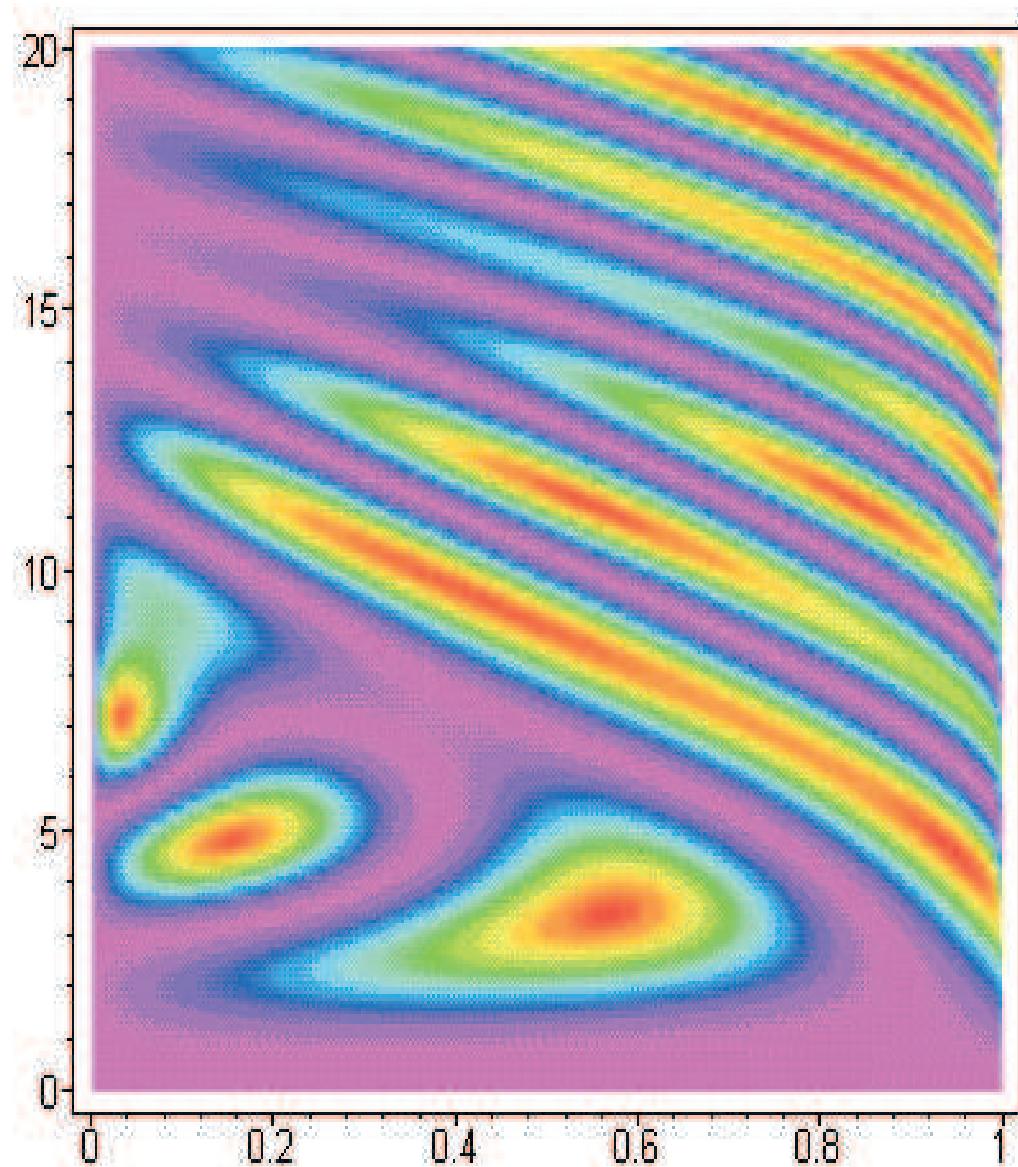
S.T.P., 1998;

M. Chizhov, M. Maris, S.T.P., 1998; M. Chizhov, S.T.P., 1999

$P(\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu) \equiv P_{2\nu} \equiv (s_{23})^{-2} P_{3\nu} (\nu_{e(\mu)} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu(e)})$ ,  $\theta_v \equiv \theta_{13}$ ,  $\Delta m^2 \equiv \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$ ;

**Absolute maximum: Neutrino Oscillation Length Resonance (NOLR);**

**Local maxima: MSW effect in the Earth mantle or core.**



$(s_{23})^{-2} P_{3\nu}(\nu_{e(\mu)} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu(e)}) \equiv P_{2\nu}$ ; **NOLR: “Dark Red Spots”,**  $P_{2\nu} = 1$ ;  
**Vertical axis:**  $\Delta m^2/E [10^{-7} eV^2/MeV]$ ; **horizontal axis:**  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}; \theta_n = 0$

M. Chizhov, S.T.P., 1999 (hep-ph/9903399, 9903424)

- For Earth center crossing  $\nu$ 's ( $\theta_n = 0$ ) and, e.g.  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.01$ , **NOLR occurs at  $E \cong 4$  GeV ( $\Delta m^2(atm) = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$  eV $^2$ )**.

S.T.P., hep-ph/9805262

- For the Earth core crossing  $\nu$ 's:  $P_{2\nu} = 1$  due to **NOLR** when

$$\tan \Phi^{\text{man}}/2 \equiv \tan \phi' = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-\cos 2\theta_m''}{\cos(2\theta_m'' - 4\theta_m')}} ,$$

$$\tan \Phi^{\text{core}}/2 \equiv \tan \phi'' = \pm \sqrt{\frac{\cos 2\theta_m'}{-\cos(2\theta_m'') \cos(2\theta_m'' - 4\theta_m')}}$$

$\Phi^{\text{man}}$  ( $\Phi^{\text{core}}$ ) - phase accumulated in the Earth mantle (core),  
 $\theta_m'$  ( $\theta_m''$ ) - the mixing angle in the Earth mantle (core).

$P_{2\nu} = 1$  due to **NOLR** for  $\theta_n = 0$  (Earth center crossing  $\nu$ 's) at,  
e.g.  $\sin^2 2\theta_{13} = 0.034; 0.154$ ,  $E \cong 3.5; 5.2$  GeV ( $\Delta m^2(atm) = 2.5 \times 10^{-3}$  eV $^2$ ).

M. Chizhov, S.T.P., Phys. Rev. Lett. 83 (1999) 1096 (hep-ph/9903399); Phys. Rev. Lett. 85 (2000) 3979 (hep-ph/0504247); Phys. Rev. D63 (2001) 073003 (hep-ph/9903424).

$\nu_\odot$ ,  $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$ , CHOOZ Data:

- $\theta_{12} = \theta_\odot \cong \frac{\pi}{6}$  ( $\frac{\pi}{5.4}$ ),  $\theta_{23} = \theta_{\text{atm}} \cong \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $\theta_{13} < \frac{\pi}{12}$

$$U_{\text{PMNS}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \epsilon \\ -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} .$$

Very different from the CKM-matrix!

- $\cos \theta_{12} \cong \cos(\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{12}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 + \lambda)$ ,  $\sin \theta_{12} \cong \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(1 - \lambda)$ ,
- $\lambda \cong (0.20 - 0.25)$ :  $\theta_\odot + \theta_c = \pi/4$  ?

Natural Possibility:

$$U = U_{\text{lep}}^\dagger(\lambda) \ U_{\text{bim}}$$

with

$$U_{\text{bim}} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{2} & -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $U_{\text{lep}}^\dagger(\lambda)$  - from diagonalization of the  $l^-$  mass matrix,
- $U_{\text{bim}(\text{tri})}$  - from diagonalization of the  $\nu$ -mass matrix

Further,  $\Delta m_\odot^2 \ll |\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2|$ .

- $U_{\text{bim}}$  can be associated with a symmetry:

$$L' = L_e - L_\mu - L_\tau$$

S.T.P., 1982

This symmetry cannot be exact.

For  $\sin^\ell \theta_{ij} \equiv \lambda_{ij}$  “small”,  $\lambda_{12} \gg \lambda_{13}$  (natural),

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = \frac{1}{2} - \sin \theta_{13} \cos \delta , \quad U_{\text{bim}} ,$$

$\delta$  is the Dirac CPV phase,

P. Frampton, S.T.P., W. Rodejohann, 2004

Can be tested experimentally.

In the case of conserved  $L' = L_e - L_\mu - L_\tau$ :

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & M_{e\mu} & M_{e\tau} \\ M_{e\mu} & 0 & 0 \\ M_{e\tau} & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\theta_{12} = \pi/4, \theta_{13} = 0, \tan \theta_{23} = M_{e\tau}/M_{e\mu},$$

$m_3 = 0$  - spectrum with IH,  $m_1 = m_2$ ,  $\chi_{1,2}$  - equivalent to one Dirac  $\nu, \Psi$ .

Adding  $L'$ -breaking term, e.g.  $M_{ee}$ ,  $|M_{ee}|/\sqrt{M_{e\mu}^2 + M_{e\tau}^2} \sim 0.01$ , leads to  $m_1 \neq m_2$  compatible with  $\Delta m_\odot^2$ .

## Dirac - Majorana Relation (if any...)

Majorana Mass Term of  $\nu_{lL}(x)$ ,  $l = e, \mu, \tau$ , can lead to Dirac neutrinos with definite mass if it conserves some lepton charge:

$$\mathcal{L}_M^\nu(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \overline{\nu_{lR}^c}(x) M_{ll} \nu_{lL}(x) + h.c. , \quad \nu_{lR}^c \equiv C (\overline{\nu_{lL}}(x))^\top$$

$\mathcal{L}_M^\nu(x)$  conserves, e.g.  $L' = L_e - L_\mu - L_\tau$  if only  $M_{e\mu} = M_{\mu e}, M_{e\tau} = M_{\tau e} \neq 0$   
S.T.P., 1982

- Dirac  $\nu, \Psi$ , is equivalent to two Majorana  $\nu$ 's,  $\chi_{1,2}$ , having the same (positive) mass, opposite CP-parities, and which are “maximally mixed”:

$$\Psi(x) = \frac{\chi_1 + \chi_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad m_1 = m_2 = m_D > 0, \quad \eta_{jCP} = i\rho_j, \quad \rho_1 = -\rho_2 \quad (C (\overline{\chi_j})^\top = \rho_j \chi_j)$$

$$\text{Example ZKM } \nu : \quad \nu_{eL}(x) = \Psi_L = \frac{\chi_{1L} + \chi_{2L}}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \nu_{\mu L}(x) = \Psi_L^C = \frac{\chi_{1L} - \chi_{2L}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Pseudo-Dirac Neutrino: the symmetry of  $\mathcal{L}_M^\nu(x)$  is not a symmetry of  $\mathcal{L}_{tot}(x)$

Suppose:  $\nu_{eL}(x) = \Psi_L = (\chi_{1L} + \chi_{2L})/\sqrt{2}$ , and to “leading order”  $m_1 = m_2$ , but due to “higher order” corrections  $m_1 \neq m_2$ ,  $|m_2 - m_1| \equiv |\Delta m| \ll m_{1,2}$

All Majorana effects  $\sim \Delta m$

- Suppose:  $m_1 = m_2$ ,  $\rho_1 = -\rho_2$ , but  $\chi_{1,2}$  are not maximally mixed:

$$\nu_{eL}(x) = \chi_{1L} \cos \phi + \chi_{2L} \sin \phi = \Psi_L \cos \phi' + \Psi_L^C \sin \phi'$$

All Majorana effects are  $\sim m_D \cos \phi' \sin \phi'$

Pontecorvo, 1957, 1958:

$$\nu(x) = \frac{\chi_1 + \chi_2}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad m_1 \neq m_2 > 0, \eta_{1CP} = -\eta_{2CP}$$

$\chi_{1,2}$  - Majorana, maximal mixing .

Maki, Nakagawa, Sakata, 1962:

$$\nu_{eL}(x) = \Psi_{1L} \cos \theta_C + \Psi_{2L} \sin \theta_C,$$

$$\nu_{\mu L}(x) = -\Psi_{1L} \sin \theta_C + \Psi_{2L} \cos \theta_C,$$

$\Psi_{1,2}$  - Dirac (composite),  $\theta_C$ - the Cabibbo angle .

## Future Progress

- Determination of the nature - Dirac or Majorana, of  $\nu_j$  .
- Determination of  $\text{sgn}(\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2)$ , type of  $\nu$ - mass spectrum

$$m_1 \ll m_2 < m_3, \quad \text{NH},$$

$$m_3 \ll m_1 < m_2, \quad \text{IH},$$

$$m_1 \cong m_2 \cong m_3, \quad m_{1,2,3}^2 \gg \Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2, \quad \text{QD}; \quad m_j \gtrsim 0.10 \text{ eV}.$$

- Determining, or obtaining significant constraints on, the absolute scale of  $\nu_j$ - masses, or  $\min(m_j)$ .
- Status of the CP-symmetry in the lepton sector: violated due to  $\delta$  (Dirac), and/or due to  $\alpha_{21}$ ,  $\alpha_{31}$  (Majorana)?
- Measurement of, or improving by at least a factor of (5 - 10) the existing upper limit on,  $\sin^2 \theta_{13}$ .
- High precision determination of  $\Delta m_{\odot}^2$ ,  $\theta_{\odot}$ ,  $\Delta m_{\text{atm}}^2$ ,  $\theta_{\text{atm}}$ .
- Searching for possible manifestations, other than  $\nu_l$ -oscillations, of the non-conservation of  $L_l$ ,  $l = e, \mu, \tau$ , such as  $\mu \rightarrow e + \gamma$ ,  $\tau \rightarrow \mu + \gamma$ , etc. decays.

- Understanding at fundamental level the mechanism giving rise to the  $\nu$ - masses and mixing and to the  $L_l$ -non-conservation. Includes understanding
  - the origin of the observed patterns of  $\nu$ -mixing and  $\nu$ -masses ;
  - the physical origin of  $CPV$  phases in  $U_{\text{PMNS}}$  ;
  - Are the observed patterns of  $\nu$ -mixing and of  $\Delta m_{21,31}^2$  related to the existence of a new symmetry?
  - Is there any relations between  $q$ -mixing and  $\nu$ - mixing? Is  $\theta_{12} + \theta_c = \pi/4$  ?
  - Is  $\theta_{23} = \pi/4$ , or  $\theta_{23} > \pi/4$  or else  $\theta_{23} < \pi/4$ ?
  - Is there any correlation between the values of  $CPV$  phases and of mixing angles in  $U_{\text{PMNS}}$ ?
- Progress in the theory of  $\nu$ -mixing might lead to a better understanding of the origin of the BAU.

Instead of Conclusions

We are at the beginning of the Road...

Still a lot of work to be done...