II. Matter effects





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Evolution equation

If loss of coherence and other complications related to WP picture are irrelevant - `` point-like" picture. Evolution equation:

$$i \frac{d \Psi}{d t} = H \Psi \qquad \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_e \\ \Psi_\mu \\ \Psi_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

For ultra relativistic $\boldsymbol{\nu}$

$$H = E \sim p + \frac{m^2}{2E}$$

omit p, substitute $m^2 \rightarrow M M^+$, where M is 3x3 mass matrix

$$M M^{+} = U M_{diag}^{2} U^{+}$$

 $M_{diag}^{2} = diag (m_{1}^{2}, m_{2}^{2}, m_{3}^{2})$

U - mixing matrix

Hamiltonian for 2v

In the flavor basis $v_f = (v_e, v_\tau)^T$

$$H_{tot} = \frac{M M^{+}}{2E}$$

$$M M^{+} = U M_{diag}^{2} U^{+} \qquad U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{diag}^{2} = diag (m_{1}^{2}, m_{2}^{2})$$

$$H_{tot} = \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$



Pauli matrices

in the flavor space

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} \operatorname{Re} v_e^* v_\tau \\ \operatorname{Im} v_e^* v_\tau \\ v_e^* v_e - 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

elements of density matrix

Evolution equation:

$$i \frac{d \Psi}{d t} = H \Psi \implies i \frac{d \Psi}{d t} = -(B \sigma/2) \Psi$$

where $B = \frac{2\pi}{l_v} (\sin 2\theta, 0, \cos 2\theta)$

Differentiating $\,{\rm P}$ and using evolution equation for Ψ

$$\frac{d P}{dt} = -[B \times P]$$

coincides with equation for the electron spin precession in the magnetic field

Graphic representation

of oscillations as the electron spin precession in the magnetic field



$$|\mathbf{P}| = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{polarization vector}$$
$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{2\pi}{I_v} (\sin 2\theta, 0, \cos 2\theta)$$

$$P_{ee} = v_e^* v_e = P_Z + 1/2$$

 $\phi = 2\pi t/I_v$ oscillation phase

In general, degrees of freedom in matter:

 θ_{m} (n, E) - mixing angle ϕ_{m} (n, E) - phase θ_{cone} (dn/dx) - cone angle

Subscript m means in medium for vacuum

1. Refraction Matter potentials

Refraction

at low energies Re A >> Im A inelastic interactions can be neglected

Elastic forward scattering





potentials

Refraction index:

n-1= V/p

for E = 10 MeV

 $n - 1 = \begin{cases} \sim 10^{-20} & \text{inside the Earth} \\ < 10^{-18} & \text{inside the Sun} \end{cases}$

Refraction length:

$$I_0 = \frac{2\pi}{V}$$

L. Wolfenstein, 1978



difference of potentials

$$V = V_e - V_{\mu} = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$

 $V \sim 10^{-13} eV$ inside the Earth

Matter potential computations

$$H_{int}(\nu) = \langle \psi \mid H_{int} \mid \psi \rangle = V \ \nu^+ \nu$$

 ψ - wave function of medium for CC interactions with electrons: $|\psi\rangle = |e\rangle$

after Fierz transformation

$$H_{int} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \overline{\nu} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) \nu \overline{e} \gamma_{\mu} (1 - \gamma_5) e$$



 $= \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$

specific matrix elements:

$$< e | \gamma_0 (1 - \gamma_5) | e > = n_e$$
 electron number density

$$< e | \gamma | e > = n_e v$$
 - velocity of electrons

$$< e | \gamma \gamma_5 | e > = n_e \lambda_e$$
 - averaged polarization vector
 of electrons

$$V = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$
 For unpolarized
 medium at rest

Matter potential

Essentially classical consideration: electrons generate classical field interacting with neutrinos

Potential can be derived by summation (integration) of Yukawa potentials with radius $1/m_{W}$ produced by individual electrons

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = 2 \frac{g^2}{8} \int_0^\infty d\mathbf{x} \, n_e(\mathbf{x}) \, \frac{1}{4\pi \, |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}|} \, e^{-m_W \, |\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{x}|}$$

For uniform density distribution after integration over angular variables

$$V = 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} dr r^{2} n_{e} \frac{g^{2}}{8r} e^{-m_{W}r}$$

This requires uniform distribution of e in the radius of several $1/m_W$

The integration gives $V_{\rho} = 2 \sqrt{G_{F} n_{\rho}}$

From micro to macro picture

From interactions with individual scatteres to effective potential (mean field approximation)

E.Kh. Akhmedov 2010.07847 [hep-ph]

A. Y.S. , Xun-jie Xu

e.g., G Fantini, A.G. Rosso, F. Vissani 1802.05781 Point-like scatterers, a coarse graining – coordinate space averaging over macroscopic volumes with large number of particles

Summation of potentials produced by individual scatteres.

For short range interactions r_{WI} , localization of scatterers should be taken into account $X_e \gg r_{WI}$, e.g. localization of e in atom



since $\lambda_v \sim 1/p_v \ll X_e$

→ make sense to consider propagation of neutrino inside atom?

Modeling with castle wall profile



Oscillation probability

E. Kh. Akhmedov

P = [1 - $I^2/(1 - R^2)$] sin² (n ζ) ζ = arcos R n - number of periods

 $I = I(\phi_a, \phi_b, \theta_a, \theta_b), R = R(\phi_a, \phi_b, \theta_a, \theta_b)$

For $\phi_a \ \phi_b \ll 1$ the probability can be reduced to $P = \sin^2 2\theta_m(\overline{V}) \ \sin^2 \frac{1}{2}\phi(\overline{V})$ $\overline{V} = \frac{V_a \ L_a + V_b \ L_b}{L_a + L_b} - \text{averaged potential}$

2. Hamiltonian in matter Eigenstates and mixing

instantaneous

Hamiltonian in matter

Add to energy in vacuum the potential which describes interaction of neutrino with matter

H (
$$n_e$$
, E) = H₀ + V V = diag (V_e , 0, 0)
 $V_e = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$
in the flavor basis

This can be obtained in a systematic way starting from Lagrangian for neutrinos, electrons and W-bosons.

... find EOM, take non-relativistic electrons, use zero component of current which give density of electrons

Eigenstates in matter

Eigenstates of the Hamiltonian in matter:

 $H(n_{e}, E) = H_{0} + V(n_{e})$

Play the same role as mass states in vacuum

$$v_k \rightarrow v_{mk}$$
 k = 1, 2, 3

In matter with constant density v_{mk} propagate independently.

Formally, they diagonalize Hamiltonian H \rightarrow in the basis of v_{mk} the Hamiltonian is diagonal. Consequently, equation of motions for them split.

Evolution in terms of eigenstates in matter



Decompose initial state into eigenstates of propagation

By definition they propagate independently

Transitions between them are negligible or small

Still properties (flavors) of the eigenstates may change Projection onto detected state

if density varies

Flavor mixing in matter

Mixing in matter is determined with respect to eigenstates in matter

Mixing matrix in matter connects the flavor states with eigenstates in matter: $v_f = U^m v_m$

in the same way as in vacuum the PMNS matrix connects the flavor states with mass states:

$$U_{PMNS} \rightarrow U^{m}(n_{e}, E)$$

U^m diagonalizes the Hamiltonian in matter

 $U^{m+}HU^{m} = H^{diag}$

eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian

Inverting relation:

$$v_m = U^{m+}(n_e, E) v_f$$

which means that flavor composition of eigenstates depends on n_e and E

Hamiltonian, eigenstates and eigenvalues

$H(n_{e}, E) = H_{0} + V$

 $V = diag(V_e, 0)$

In the flavor basis, $(\nu_e\,,\,\nu_\mu)^{\mathsf{T}}$



$$\xi = \frac{4V_e E}{\Delta m^2} \qquad V_e = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$

Mixing in matter

Diagonalization of the Hamiltonian:

 $\sin^{2}2\theta_{m} = \frac{\sin^{2}2\theta}{(\cos 2\theta - 2EV/\Delta m^{2})^{2} + \sin^{2}2\theta}$

Mixing is maximal $\sin^2 2\theta_m = 1$, if

$$V = \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \cos 2\theta$$

Resonance condition $H_e = H_u$

Difference of the eigenvalues

$$H_{2m} - H_{1m} = \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \sqrt{(\cos 2\theta - 2EV/\Delta m^2)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta}$$



Level crossing

V. Rubakov, private comm. N. Cabibbo, Savonlinna 1985 H. Bethe, PRL 57 (1986) 1271

Dependence of the eigenvalues on the matter potential (density):

l_{v}	2E V
l_0	Δm^2

Crossing point - resonance

 $\frac{l_{v}}{l_{0}} = \cos 2\theta$

In the crossing point

- the level split is minimal
- the oscillation length is maximal





3. Flavor convertion The convertion

Oscillations in matter



Constant density medium: the same dynamics as in vacuum

 $v_k \rightarrow v_{mk}$

Mixing changed

 $\theta \rightarrow \theta_{m}(n)$

Difference of eigenvalues changed

$$\frac{\Delta m^2}{2E} \rightarrow \Delta H$$

→ difference of phase velocities changed

$$V = \cos 2\theta \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}$$

Oscillations in matter

Probability in constant density



 $\theta_m(E, n)$ - mixing angle in matter $l_m(E, n)$ - oscillation length in matter

$$l_{v} \rightarrow l_{m}$$
$$l_{m} = 2 \pi / (H_{2m} - H_{1m})$$

Maximal effect: $\sin^2 2\theta_m = 1$ $\phi = \pi/2 + \pi k$ \Rightarrow MSW resonance condition

Resonance enhancement

For neutrinos propagating in the mantle of the Earth

Survival probability

Layer of length L $k = \pi L / l_0$ Large mixing $sin^2 2\theta = 0.824$ thin layer k = 1thick layer k = 10F (E) F₀(E) 0.8-0.8 $\sin^2 2\theta_m$ 0.6 0.6 0.4 0.4 0.2 0.2 0 1.5 0.5 2 2.5 3 0.5 1.5 2 2.5 E/E_R E/E_R

Oscillation in the Earth, ORCA

Small mixing $sin^2 2\theta = 0.08$



Resonance enhancement





Graphic representation



Resonance enhancement

Actabatic Conversion

The MSW effects

- the flavor transformations driven by dependence of the mixing in matter on density or/and energy of neutrino.



Evolution equation for eigenstates. Adiabaticity

Varying density

Inserting in evolution equation for the flavor states $v_f = U^m v_m$

i
$$\frac{dv_m}{dt}$$
 = $\left(H^{diag}$ + i U^{m+} $\frac{dU^m}{dt}\right)v_m$ H^{diag} = diag(H_{1m} , H_{2m} , H_{3m})

If density changes slowly enough, so that

$$\left(U^{m+} \frac{dU^{m}}{dt}\right)_{ij} << H_{im} - H_{jm}$$

adiabaticity condition Slow change of mixing

equation for the eigenstates splits:

$$i \frac{dv_m}{dt} = H^{diag} v_m$$

The eigenstates evolve independently, transitions $v_{im} \leftrightarrow v_{jm}$ are absent as in constant density.

In contrast to constant density case, the flavors of ν_{im} change according to density change

Adiabatic conversion



if density changes slowly

the amplitudes of the wave packets do not change
 flavors of the eigenstates being determined by mixing angle follow the density change

Non-oscillatory transition

Single eigenstate: → no interference → no oscillations → phase is irrelevant

 ν_{e}

 v_{2m}

This happens when mixing is very small in matter with very high density

Non-oscillatory transition



mixing is very small

Single eigenstate: \rightarrow no interference \rightarrow no oscillations \rightarrow phase is irrelevant

probability $P_{ee} = sin^2 \theta$ if density changes slowly (adiabatically) \rightarrow no other eigenstate appear

Survival

X

 $\langle v_e | v_2 \rangle = \sin \theta$

$$v_{2m} \rightarrow v_2$$

Mixing and therefore the flavor content changes according to density change

Spatial picture

Adiabatic conversion



interplay of adiabatic conversion and oscillations

Non-oscillatory transition is modulated by oscillations

distance

survival probability

Adiabatic conversion probabilitySun, SupernovaInitial state: $v(0) = v_e = \cos\theta_m^0 v_{1m}(0) + \sin\theta_m^0 v_{2m}(0)$ Adiabatic evolution
to the surface of
the Sun (zero density): $v_{1m}(0) \Rightarrow v_1$
 $v_{2m}(0) \Rightarrow v_2$

Final state:
$$v(f) = \cos\theta_m^0 v_1 + \sin\theta_m^0 v_2 e^{i\phi}$$

Probability to find $P_{ee} = |\langle v_e | v(f) \rangle|^2 = (\cos\theta \cos\theta_m^0)^2 + (\sin\theta \sin\theta_m^0)^2$ v_e averaged over oscillations $= 0.5[1 + \cos 2\theta_m^0 \cos 2\theta]$

or $P_{ee} = \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta \cos^2\theta_m^0$
Adiabaticity violation

If density
$$n_e(t)$$
 changes fast $\left|\frac{d\theta_m}{dt}\right| \sim |H_{2m} - H_{1m}|$

the off-diagonal terms in the Hamiltonian can not be neglected

∕H₂,

transitions $v_{1m} \leftarrow v_{2m}$

Η

Admixtures of v_{1m} v_{2m} in a given propagating neutrino state change

``Jump probability"= penetration under barrier:

$$P_{12} = e^{-\frac{\Delta H}{E_n}}$$

$$E_n = d\theta_m/dt \sim 1/h_n$$

the energy associated change of density

 $\gamma_{\rm R}$ - adiabaticity parameter

Adiabatic conversion

Pure adiabatic conversion



Partially adiabatic conversion



Parametric effects

Propagation on the Earth Wavy field In central parts of SN in neutrino field -collective oscilations

Parametric enhancement

V. Ermilova ,V. Tsarev, V. Chechin, Krat. Soob. Fiz. # 5, 26, (1986)

Strong transition if there is a harmonic modulation of density profile

n (x) = <n> + $n_1 \cos \omega_d x$

Parametric resonance condition:

$$k \omega_d = \Delta_m(\langle n \rangle)$$
, $k = 1, 2 ...$

$$\Delta_{m}(\langle n \rangle) = \frac{\Delta m^{2}}{2 E} [(\cos 2\theta - 2VE/\Delta m^{2})^{2} + \sin^{2}2\theta]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

is frequency of oscillations for P
the average density

Realized in astrophysical objects?



Х

Parametric enhancement of oscillations

Parametric oscillations E. Kh. Akhmedov , 1988

``Castle wall profile"





Parametric enhancement in the Earth, 1-3 mode



Fuzzy dark matter and parametric resonance

Ultra-light scalar DM

A. Berlin, 1608.01307 [hep-ph]

$$\phi$$
 (t, x) ~ $\frac{\sqrt{2 \rho(x)}}{m_{\phi}}$ cos (m _{ϕ} t)

Couples to neutrinos: $g_{\phi} \phi v_i v_j + ...$

give contribution to neutrino mass and modifies mixing

 $\delta \mathbf{m} (\mathbf{t}) = g_{\phi} \phi (\mathbf{t}) \qquad \Delta \theta_{m} (\mathbf{t}) = g_{\phi} \phi (\mathbf{t}) / \Delta m_{ij}$

Neutrinos propagating in this field will experience variation of mixing with frequency given by m_{φ} \longrightarrow mass states oscillate

For $m_{\phi} = 10^{-22} \text{ eV}$, the modulation length $I_{mod} = 2\pi/m_{\phi} = 10^{17} \text{ cm}$ Parametric resonance: $I_{mod} = I_{v}$ For solar mass splitting $E_{res} = 3 \times 10^{3} \text{ PeV} (10^{-22} \text{ eV/m}_{\phi})$ $E_{res} = 3 \text{ PeV for } m_{\phi} = 10^{-19} \text{ eV}$ For $m_{\phi} = 10^{-10} \text{ eV}$, $I_{mod} \sim 10^{5} \text{ cm}$ Effects in lab. Experiments, KamLAND, JUNO M. Losada et al, 2205.09769 [hep-ph]



Another possible manifestation of parametric resonance

vv-scattering









elastic forward scattering \rightarrow coherent

$$V = \sqrt{2} G_F (1 - v_e v_b) n_b$$

velocities

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Momentum exchange = flavor exchange → flavor mixing

Can it be coherent?

Coherence of flavor exchange

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Coherence if the background is a mixture of flavor states:

for ith particle of background $|v_{ib}\rangle = \Phi_{ie} |v_e\rangle + \Phi_{i\tau} |v_{\tau}\rangle$ $\Phi_{ie} - (\Phi_{i\tau} -)$ amplitude to find $v_e (v_{\tau})$ in ith bkgr. neutrino

Inverting $|v_e\rangle = \Phi_{ie}^* |v_b\rangle + \Phi_{i\tau}^* |v_a\rangle$

transition $v_e + v_b \rightarrow v_\tau + v_b$ with an

with amplitude ~ $\Phi_{ie}^* \Phi_{i\tau}$

and unchanged background

 \rightarrow summation over background neutrinos is coherent

This generates flavor non - diagonal potential also diagonal one

 $V_{e\tau} \sim \Sigma_i \Phi_{ie} \Phi_{i\tau}$

Neutrino term in the Hamiltonian

Contribution to the Hamiltonian in the flavor basis

$$H_{vv} = \sqrt{2} G_F \Sigma_i (1 - v_e v_b) \begin{pmatrix} |\Phi_{ie}|^2 & \Phi_{ie}^* \Phi_{i\tau} \\ \Phi_{ie} \Phi_{i\tau}^* & |\Phi_{i\tau}|^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_e \\ v_{\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\Phi_{ie} = \sqrt{P_{be}} \quad \Phi_{i\tau} = \sqrt{P_{b\tau}}$

The Hamiltonian in symmetric form:

$$H_{vv} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} V_v & 2\overline{V}_v e^{i\phi} \\ 2\overline{V}_v e^{-i\phi} & -V_v \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$V_v \sim \sqrt{2} G_F n(1 - v_e v_b) (P_{be} - P_{b\tau}) = \overline{V}_v \sim \sqrt{2} G_F n(1 - v_e v_b) \sqrt{P_{be} P_{b\tau}}$$

The effective coupling constants in V include probabilities

Instabilities and fast transition in the flavor field

Exponential grow of the transition probabilities

In the Hamiltonian depend on probabilities which have oscillatory dependence

Parametric enhancement induced by modulations of the neutrino potentials with growing amplitude





$$\Delta \theta_{\rm m} / \Delta t \sim \theta_{\rm m}$$

The cone angle and transition probability increase exponentially



Oscillation length in matter

Oscillation length in vacuum



 $l_0 =$

Refraction length





Level crossings



Normal mass ordering

Flavor in matter





Parametric enhancement in the Earth, 1-2 mode



Total Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + V_{e} + V_{v} & \sin 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + 2\overline{V}_{v} \, e^{i\phi} \\ \sin 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + 2\overline{V}_{v} \, e^{-i\phi} & \cos 2\theta \, \omega_{p} - V_{e} - V_{v} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{e} \\ v_{\tau} \end{bmatrix}$$

includes the vacuum contribution: ω_{p} = $\Delta m^{2}/2E$ and usual matter potential V_{e}

Neutrino potentials

$$V_{\nu} \sim V_{\nu}^{0} (1 - P_{e\tau}^{B})$$

$$\overline{V}_{\nu} \sim V_{\nu}^{0} \sqrt{P_{e\tau}^{B} (1 - P_{e\tau}^{B})}$$

if
$$v_e$$
 is produced

$$\phi = \operatorname{Arg}\left[\Phi_{e} \Phi_{\tau}^{*}\right]$$

 $P^{B}_{e\tau}(x)$ - effective transition probability of the background neutrinos

In the central parts of collapsing star $V_e \gg V_v \gg \omega$

Evolution equation

Ensemble of neutrino polarization vectors $\,{\bf P}_{\omega}$

Negative frequencies for antineutrinos

Vacuum mixing term

 $\mathbf{B} = (\sin 2\theta, 0, \cos 2\theta)$

 $\omega = \Delta m^2 / 2E$

Usual matter potential

 $d_{\dagger} \mathbf{P}_{\omega} = (-\omega \mathbf{B} + \lambda \mathbf{L} + \mu \mathbf{P}) \times \mathbf{P}_{\omega}$

 $\lambda = V = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$

Collective vector

$$\mathbf{P} = \int_{-inf}^{+inf} \mathbf{P}_{\omega}$$

 $\mu = \sqrt{2} G_{\rm F} n_{\rm v} (1 - \cos \theta_{\rm vv})$

The term describes collective effects

Effective theory of collective oscillations

Difficult to solve although

Some results can be seen from general form of the evolution equation

effects which can lead to strong flavor transformations Conditions for these effects problems of realizations of these conditions in realistic supernova

Total Hamiltonian and potentials

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + V_{e} + V_{v} & \sin 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + 2\overline{V}_{v} e^{i\phi} \\ \sin 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + 2\overline{V}_{v} e^{-i\phi} & \cos 2\theta \, \omega_{p} - V_{e} - V_{v} \end{pmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} v_{e} \\ v_{\tau} \end{vmatrix}$$

Potentials

$$V_{\nu} \sim V_{\nu}^{0} (1 - P_{e_{\tau}}^{B})$$

 $\overline{V}_{\nu} \sim V_{\nu}^{0} \sqrt{P_{e_{\tau}}^{B} (1 - P_{e_{\tau}}^{B})}$
 $P_{e_{\tau}}^{B} = P_{e_{\tau}}$
non-linearity

 $P^{B}_{e\tau}(x)$ - effective transition probability of the background neutrinos

$$V_{e} \gg V_{v} \gg \omega$$

$$H^{\text{diag}} \sim V_{e} \qquad H^{\text{non-diag}} \sim V_{v}^{0} \sqrt{P_{e\tau}^{b}} < V_{v}^{0} \qquad \phi \sim \int dt \Delta H$$

 $\Delta H \sim V_e = d\phi/dt \sim V_e$

if $\omega \prec V_\nu$, H depends on potentials only – evolution of neutrinos and antineutrinos is the same \rightarrow bi-polar oscillations

Properties of potentials

Potentials are integrals of oscillation amplitudes which have oscillatory dependence on time.

Therefore potentials are also expected to be oscillatory functions of time determined by intrinsic frequencies of the system

 V_e , V_v , ω_p , ω_k

Furthermore, there is the hierarchy of frequencies

$$V_e > V_v > \omega$$

Parametric enhancement

Parametric resonance if the frequency of modulations of potentials coincides with eigenfrequency of the probe neutrino

Two effects of enhancement

Phase velocity cancellation

Rotation of the fields that eliminates the phase from the off-diagonal terms leads to appearance of phase velocity in the diagonal terms

 $V^{r}(t) = V_{e} + V_{v} - \cos 2\theta \omega_{p} - d\phi/dt$

if $d\phi/dt \sim V_e + V_v$ strong cancellation \rightarrow matter suppression is removed Oscillations with maximal depth and frequency $1/V_v$

Parametric enhancement

 $V_{\nu}~~\text{and}~\overline{V_{\nu}}~$ - periodic functions

Parametric resonance if the frequency of modulations of potentials coincides with eigenfrequency of the probe neutrino

Mixing in matter – dynamical variable S.P. Mikheyev, A.Y.S. 1985

Since

 $H(n_e, E) = H_0(E) + V(n_e)$

the mixing matrix in matter which diagonalizes H (n_e , E) $U^m = U^m(n_e, E)$

depends on energy and density \rightarrow becomes dynamical variable in non-uniform medium in contrast to vacuum mixing which is constant

Inverting relation:

$$v_m = U^{m+}(n_e, E) v_f$$

which means that flavor composition of eigenstates depends on \mathbf{n}_{e} and E



Mixing angle determines flavor content of eigenstates of propagation



Hamiltonian for flavor states in matter

In the flavor basis $v_f = (v_e, v_\tau)^T$

$$H_{tot} = \frac{M M^{+}}{2E} + V(t)$$

$$M M^{+} = U M_{diag}^{2} U^{+} \qquad U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{diag}^{2} = diag (m_{1}^{2}, m_{2}^{2})$$

$$H_{tot} = \frac{\Delta m^2}{4E} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 2\theta + \xi & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\xi = \frac{4V_e E}{\Delta m^2} \quad V_e = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$

Evolution equation for eigenstates

Explicitly for 2ν mixing

$$i \frac{dv_f}{dt} = H_{tot} v_f$$

$$H_{tot} = H_{tot}(n_e(t))$$
$$v_f = \begin{pmatrix} v_e \\ v_\mu \end{pmatrix} \qquad v_m = \begin{pmatrix} v_{1m} \\ v_{2m} \end{pmatrix}$$

Inserting
$$v_{f} = U(\theta_{m}) v_{m}$$
 $\theta_{m} = \theta_{m}(n_{e}(t))$
 $i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} v_{1m} \\ v_{2m} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \frac{d\theta_{m}}{dt} \\ -i \frac{d\theta_{m}}{dt} & H_{2m} - H_{1m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{1m} \\ v_{2m} \end{pmatrix}$ off-diagona terms imply transitios $v_{1m} \leftarrow v_{2m}$

if
$$\frac{d\theta_{m}}{dt} < H_{2m} - H_{1m}$$

off-diagonal elements can be neglected no transitions between eigenstates propagate independently

Adiabaticity

Adiabaticity condition

$$\left| \frac{\mathrm{d} \theta_{\mathrm{m}}}{\mathrm{d} t} \right| \prec H_{\mathrm{2m}} - H_{\mathrm{1m}}$$

External conditions (density) change slowly the system has time to adjust them

transitions between the neutrino eigenstates $v_{1m} \leftarrow \rightarrow v_{2m}$ can be neglected

Shape factors of the eigenstates do not change

 $\frac{djus}{\sqrt{1m}} \leftrightarrow \frac{djus}{\sqrt{1m}}$

The eigenstates propagate independently

Crucial in the resonance layer:

- the mixing changes fast
- level splitting is minimal

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{Adiabaticity condition} & \Delta r_R > l_R & \mbox{if vacuum mixing is small} \\ & \ \Delta r_R = n_R \tan 2\theta \, / \, (dn/dx)_R & \ l_R = l_v \, / \sin 2\theta \\ & \ \mbox{width of the resonance} & \ \mbox{oscillation length} \\ & \ \mbox{in resonance} \end{array}$

Adiabatic parameter



Adiabaticity condition: $\gamma << 1$

most crucial in the resonance where the mixing angle in matter changes fast

$$\gamma_{\rm R} = \frac{l_{\rm R}}{2\pi\,\Delta r_{\rm R}}$$

$$\begin{split} \Delta r_R &= h_n \tan 2\theta \quad \text{is the width of the resonance layer} \\ h_n &= \quad \frac{n}{dn/dx} \quad \text{is the scale of density change} \\ l_R &= l_v/\sin 2\theta \quad \text{is the oscillation length in resonance} \end{split}$$

Explicitly:

$$\gamma_{\rm R} = \frac{4\pi E \cos 2\theta}{\Delta m^2 \sin^2 2\theta \, h_{\rm n}}$$

Spatial picture

The picture is universal in terms of variable $y = (n_R - n) / \Delta n_R$ no explicit dependence on oscillation parameters, density distribution, etc. only initial value y_0 matters



Oscillations vs. adiabatic conversion

Different degrees of freedom

Oscillations

Mixing

does not

change

Vacuum or uniform medium with constant parameters

Phase difference increase between the eigenstates

Adiabatic conversion

Non-uniform medium or/and medium with varying in time parameters

Change of mixing in medium = change of flavor of the eigenstates



Phase is irrelevant

In non-uniform medium: interplay of both processes

Resonance oscillations vs. adiabatic conversion

Passing through the matter filter









E/E_R

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Parametric enhancement in the Earth, 1-2 mode



Conditions for strong transformations

1. Resonance oscillations

$$V^{r} \leftrightarrow V' \qquad \bigvee \qquad V_{e} + V_{v} + d\phi'/dt - \cos 2\theta \omega_{p} \sim 0$$

or $d\phi'/dt \sim - V_{e} - V_{v}$

The system oscillate with maximal depth and frequency ~ V' If there is no significant modulations of the non-diagonal element

2. Adiabatic conversion

Performing series of transformations of fields - exclude fast time variations in V^r and V' In new frame \tilde{V}^r and \tilde{V}' may satisfy adiabatic condition \rightarrow strong transition if V^r changes from $\tilde{V}^r \gg \tilde{V}'$ to $\tilde{V}^r \ll \tilde{V}'$



3. Parametric enhancement, resonance

Potentials are modulated by periodic functions, so that the mixing angle in medium tan2 θ_m = - V'/ V^r varies with a period T_{θ}

Parametric enhancement if the frequency of modulations coincides with eigenfrequency of the system $1/T_{\rm p}$

$$T_{\theta} = T_{p}$$

$$T_p = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\langle V^r \rangle^2 + \langle V' \rangle^2}}$$

<V^r > , <V'> - potentials averaged over modulations Large transition probability develops over many periods

Summation over background neutrinos

Production region



(x, t), k and l determine (x_0, t_0)
Total Hamiltonian and potentials

After integration

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + V_{e} + V_{v} & \sin 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + 2\overline{V}_{v} \, e^{i\phi} \\ \sin 2\theta \, \omega_{p} + 2\overline{V}_{v} \, e^{-i\phi} & \cos 2\theta \, \omega_{p} - V_{e} - V_{v} \end{pmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_{e} \\ v_{\tau} \end{bmatrix}$$

Potentials

$$V_{\nu} = \int d\mathbf{k} \int d\mathbf{l} \left[V_{\nu}^{e} (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) - V_{\nu}^{\tau} (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) \right] (1 - P_{e\tau} (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}))$$

$$\overline{V}_{\nu} e^{i\phi} = \int d\mathbf{k} \int d\mathbf{l} \left[V_{\nu}^{e} (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) - V_{\nu}^{\tau} (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) \right] e^{i\phi(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l})} \sqrt{P_{e\tau} (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) (1 - P_{e\tau} (\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}))}$$

where

$$V_{\nu}^{a}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) = \sqrt{2} G_{F} n_{\nu}^{a}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{l}) (1 - \mathbf{v}_{p} \mathbf{v}_{k}) \quad a = e, \tau$$

 n_v^a (k , l) - number density of neutrinos emitted from (x₀, t₀) and arriving at the point (x, t)

Removing the phase

Off-diagonal term: introduce real V' and the phase ϕ' as

$$\sin 2\theta \omega_{p} + 2\overline{V}_{v}e^{i\phi} = V'e^{-i\phi'}$$
 (*)

Transformation of the fields

$$\psi = U\psi'$$
 U = diag (e^{0.5 i\phi'}, e^{-0.5 i\phi'})

it does not change flavor probabilities.

Hamiltonian for ψ^\prime

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} V^{r}(t) & V'(t) \\ V'(t) & -V^{r}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

 $V^{r}(t) = V_{e} + V_{v} - \cos 2\theta \omega_{p} + d\phi'/dt$ V'(t) is def. in (*)

Probe neutrino propagation in external neutrino potentials (as in the case of NSI but) with non-trivial time dependence

The problem

Evolution equation for the probe particle

 $i \frac{d \Phi_p}{d t} = H(\Phi_{ib}^{*}) \Phi_p$ x = ct - point along the v_p trajectory

Total Hamiltonian depends on the wave functions of all background neutrinos Φ_{ib}^{x} which cross the probe neutrino trajectory in a point x

To find $\Phi_{ib}{}^{\mathsf{x}}$ one needs to solve the corresponding evolution equation for each ν_{ib}

 $i \frac{d \Phi_{ib}}{d t} = H(\Phi_{jb}^{y}) \Phi_{ib}$ y = ct along the v_{ib} trajectory

Here H depends on the wave functions of all background neutrinos $\Phi_{jb}{}^{y}$ which cross the v_{ib} trajectory in a point y

The equation should be integrated over ${\bm y}$ from the v_{ib} production point to ${\bm x}$

 \rightarrow Huge number of coupled equations

The problem



Stationary case: pattern does not depend on time

Modes involved are characterized by (x_0, k, a) $a = e, \tau$ -flavor at production x_0 - production point k - momentum

Specific limits of integration for each point

Modes with the same set (x_0, k, a) evolve in the same way

Discretize parameters - numerical solutions

Potentials: time dependence

Combining different terms in the Hamiltonian (in rotating frame)

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} V^{r}(t) & V'(t) \\ V'(t) & -V^{r}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

including usual matter potential V_e which dominates

$$V_e = 10^3 \omega_k$$

and vacuum terms

Neutrino to matter potential ratio

$$\xi = \frac{V_{\nu}^{0}}{V_{e}}$$



 V_r and V' as functions of the time for different values of ξ . A_β = 1.1001, ω_p = ω_k

Parametric resonance

Dependence of the depth of parametric oscillations on ω_k / ω_p

 A_{β} = 1.1001, V_{ν}^{0} = 100 ω_{p} V_{ν}^{0} = 100 ω_{p}

Parametric resonance condition:

$$-\underbrace{\cos 2\theta \omega_{p} + V_{e} + V_{v}^{0}}_{\uparrow} = \underbrace{A_{\beta} \Delta_{m}}_{\uparrow}$$

Frequency of oscillations of the probe neutrino determined by the averaged density

Frequency of modulations of the potentials



Width of the resonance $\Gamma / \omega_k = \sin 2\theta \xi (1 + A_\beta)$ proportional to ξ

Inverse problem:

Find potentials and their time dependences or general conditions for potentials which can lead to effects found in certain simplified models

Synchronized oscillations Fast flavor transitions Bi-polar oscillations

Spectral splits

As parametric effect with increasing amplitude of periodic modulations

As parametric effect for negligible $\omega \rightarrow$ transition is the same for neutrinos and antineutrinos

Check how realistic are these conditions in realistic supernova

WP's and non-adiabatic evolution

Partially ionized atoms as the electron density perturbations

Number density profile of electrons in atom (O, C, He) is non adiabatic

M. Kusakabe 2109.11942 [hep- ph]

Interplay of non-adiabatic evolution and separation (relative shift) of the WP's leads to new effects: additional averaging of oscillations

Applications to Supernova neutrinos

No new effects without WP separation and adiabatic evolution No new effects for very sharp (step-like) density profile

Evolution of WP's

WP's are formed at the production (at boundaries)

 $\psi(t x) = \sqrt{dp f(p) \phi_p(t x)} \qquad \phi_p(t x) - plane waves$

If there is no absorption or p-dependent interactions, f(p) does not change in the process of evolution

Evolution equation $id\psi/dt - H\psi = 0$, insert $\psi(t x)$:

 $\int dp f(p) [id\phi_p/dt - H\phi_p] = 0$

Superposition principle and linearity of evolution equation \rightarrow solve eq for ϕ_{p} , then integrate over p (which takes care about WP nature) No effects predicted in 2109.11942 [hep-ph]

In t-x space WP can change form in the course of evolution, but integrated over time result coincides with result in E-p rep.

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 $vv - scattering \rightarrow H = H(\phi_p) - non-linear equation ?$