

Decay of High Energy

Astrophysical Neutrinos

(Some ^{more} Uses of Neutrino Telescopes - 2001)

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- Do neutrinos decay?
- Since $m_i \neq 0$ & flavor mixing occurs, surely heavier ν decays to lighter ones.
- The only questions are:
 - what are the decay modes?
 - how long are the lifetimes?
 - short enuf to be interesting?
- What can we say at the moment about these?
- We will assume all ν -masses in eV range or less.

- $m_{\nu_i} \neq 0$
- $\theta_{ij} \neq 0$
- Expect heavier ν to decay in general.
- Real Question:
 - Decay Modes?
 - lifetimes?
 - too long or interesting?

• Expectations in SM (+ $m_{\nu_i} \neq 0, U_{ij} \neq 0$)

• $\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + \gamma$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \Gamma = \frac{9}{16} \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \frac{G_F^2}{128\pi^3} \frac{(\delta m_{ij}^2)^3}{m_i} \left| \sum \frac{m_\alpha^2}{m_W^2} U_{i\alpha}^* U_{\alpha j} \right|^2$$

(Petcov 1977)

- for $m_i \gg m_j$
- $m_i \sim O(\text{eV})$
- $(4U_{i\tau}U_{\tau j})^2 \sim O(1)$
- $m_\alpha \sim m_\tau$
- $\Gamma_{SM} \sim 10^{-45} \text{ sec}^{-1} \rightarrow \tau \sim 10^{45} \text{ sec}$
 ($\tau_{\text{Hubble}} \sim 10^{18} \text{ sec}$)

- In matter Γ_{SM} enhanced by (Nieves, Pal 1981)

$$10^{24} \left(\rho_e / 10 \text{ fcc}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1 \text{ eV}}{m_i}\right)^4 F \sim 10^{16} \left\{ F \rightarrow \frac{4m_\nu}{E_i} \right\}$$

$$\left(\Gamma_{SM}\right)_{\text{matter}} \sim 10^{-29} \text{ sec}^{-1} \quad E_i \sim 100 \text{ MeV}$$

Caveat: Only Γ_{SM} enhanced (Γ_{SM}^e)
 not any old Γ !!
 (Not any old $\Gamma_{\text{non-SM}}$!)

Transition Moments & Radiative Decay Beyond SM.

$$M \sim \frac{e}{m_i + m_j} \bar{\psi}_j \sigma_{\mu\nu} (c + D\gamma_5) \psi_i F_{\mu\nu}$$

$$K_{ij} = \sqrt{|c|^2 + |D|^2} \left(\frac{e}{m_i + m_j} \right) \equiv K_0 \mu_{\text{Bohr}}$$

($\mu_{\text{Bohr}} = \frac{e}{2m_0}$)

exptl. Bounds: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} K_0^e < 10^{-10} \\ K_0^\mu < 10^{-9} \\ K_0^\tau < 5 \cdot 10^{-7} \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} < 2 \cdot 10^{-18} \\ < 5 \cdot 10^{-14} \\ < 10^{-11} \end{array} \right.$

SM

using exptl. Bounds on M_{ij} .

$m_i \gg m_j$

$$\Gamma = \frac{\alpha}{2m_e^2} m_i^3 K_0^2$$

$$\rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \tau_{\nu_e} > 5 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ sec} \\ \tau_{\nu_\mu} > 5 \cdot 10^{16} \text{ sec} \\ \tau_{\nu_\tau} > 2 \cdot 10^{11} \text{ sec} \end{array} \right\} \text{for } m_i \sim 0(\text{eV})$$

Caveat: In decay $M_0^{ij}(q^2)$ eval. at $q^2 \approx 0$

{Freese et al. 1998}

Exptl. Bounds for $M_0(q^2)$ at $q^2 \sim \text{few MeV}^2$. Except for truly bizarre behavior should be OK.

Exptl. & Obs. Bounds on $\nu \rightarrow \nu' + \gamma$

From SN1987A & Non-obs. of γ 's.

$$\tau > 6 \cdot 10^{15} \text{ sec. } (m_i \sim 0(\text{eV}))$$

(applies to all ν 's if SN conventional definitely to ν_e 's).

$$\tau > 7 \cdot 10^9 \text{ s } (\text{X \& } \gamma\text{-ray fluxes})$$

$$\tau > 300 \text{ s } (\text{Reactor } \bar{\nu}_e\text{'s})$$

$$\tau > 15.4 \text{ s } (\nu_\mu)$$

Caveats: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Bounds depend on } m_{\nu_i} \gg m_{\nu_j} \\ \text{Not valid if } \sum m_{ij}^2 \ll m_i^2 \end{array} \right\}$

Invisible Decays

$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j \nu \bar{\nu}$

- Absent in SM.
- g_f FCNC @ level of ϵG_F ($m_i \gg m_j$).

$$\Gamma = \frac{\epsilon^2 G_F^2 m_i^5}{192 \pi^3} \Rightarrow \tau \sim 2 \cdot 10^{34} \text{ s} \begin{cases} \epsilon \sim 0(1) \\ m_i \sim 0(1) \end{cases}$$

Current Bound on ϵ : $\epsilon < 100$ from Z (Suzuki et al.) $\rightarrow \tau \sim 2 \cdot 10^{28}$
 Old Bound: $\epsilon < 10^5$ Barger, Ritsky, Pantarone

$\nu_{\alpha L} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta L} + \chi$

$\chi \sim m \sim 0, J \sim 0, I_w = 0, L = 0$

$g_p \bar{\psi}_{\beta L} \gamma_{\mu} \psi_{\alpha L} \partial_{\mu} \chi \Rightarrow$ also $l_{\alpha} \rightarrow l_{\beta} + \chi$.
 hence strongly constrained.

$$\Gamma_{\nu_{\alpha}} = \frac{g_p^2 m_{\alpha}^3}{16\pi}$$

Also possible $g_{\nu} \bar{\psi}_{\beta} \gamma_{\mu} \psi_{\alpha} V_{\mu}$

(F)

$$SU(2)_L \Rightarrow \tau_{\nu_{\alpha}} = \frac{\tau_{l_{\alpha}} (m_{\nu_{\alpha}}/m_{l_{\alpha}})^{-3}}{B.R. (l_{\alpha} \rightarrow l_{\beta} + \chi)}$$

Current Bounds: Jodidio et al. 1986

$\mu \rightarrow e \chi < 2 \cdot 10^{-6}$
 $\tau \rightarrow (e) \chi < 7 \cdot 10^{-6}$ PDG

For $m_{\chi} \sim 0(\text{ev}), \gg m_{\nu_{\beta}}$:

$\tau_{\nu_{\mu}} > 10^{24} \text{ s}$
 $\tau_{\nu_{\tau}} > 10^{20} \text{ s}$

The only possibility for fast, invisible ν decays:

Majoron Couplings:

• $g \bar{\nu}_{\beta R}^c \nu_{\alpha L} J$ (Gelmini-Renzetti 1981)

• $\Delta L = 2, J \Rightarrow I_W = 1$

• $\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\beta} + J$. ($\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\tau} + J$ etc)

• $f \bar{\nu}_{\beta R}^c \nu_{\alpha R} J$ (Chicazigo-Mohapatra-Peccei 1981)

• $\Delta L = 2, J \Rightarrow I_W = 0$

• $\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\beta} + J$

• or $J =$ a mixture of these two and/or $\nu_{\alpha}, \nu_{\beta}$ mixtures of flavor + sterile Valle, Gelmini, Juchipura etc.

Such Models

• unconstrained by μ, τ decays.

• $I_W = 1$ coupling constrained by $Z \rightarrow$ invisible width

• g_{μ} & g_e constrained by

$\pi \rightarrow \mu/e$ & $K \rightarrow \mu/e$ Decays & Universality

Barger Kemp SP 1982

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_{\mu}^2 < 2.4 \cdot 10^{-4} \\ g_e^2 < 10^{-5} - 10^{-6} \end{array} \right\}$

For short lifetimes

• Potential problems with BBN. N_{ν}^{eff} increases to 4-4.5

• SN Dynamics may change.

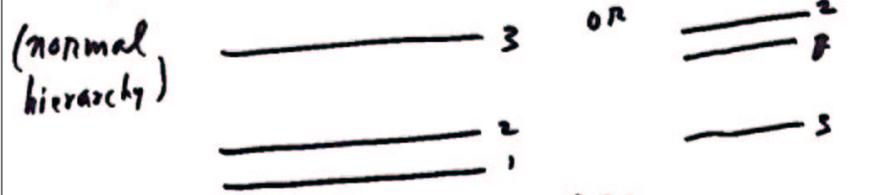
• Cosmic ν fluxes: Only the final daughter ν 's will arrive at earth.

- Note: Decaying states are mass e-states, not flavor.
- mixings are large:

$$U \sim \begin{pmatrix} c & -s & \epsilon \\ s/\sqrt{2} & c/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ s/\sqrt{2} & c/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

- $\epsilon < 0.2$
- $\theta \sim 30^\circ$ (Solar LMA + KAMLAND)

possible mass pattern: (inverted hierarchy)



$$\Delta m_{32}^2 \sim \Delta_A \sim (3-6) \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ eV}^2$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \sim \Delta_S \sim (6-10) \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

What are the current bounds (or potential best bounds) on lifetimes of ν_i ?

Source	flavor	which mass e-state	L/E	τ (m/eV)
Lab	ν_μ, ν_e	ν_1, ν_2	$30^m / 10 \text{ MeV}$	10^{-14} s
ATM.	ν_μ, ν_e	ν_1, ν_2	10^4 km/GeV	10^{-10} s
Sun	ν_e	ν_2	$5000 / \text{MeV}$ (potential)	10^{-4} s

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SN (Galaxy) $\bar{\nu}_e, \bar{\nu}_2$ $10 \text{ kpc} / 10 \text{ MeV}$ 10^5 s

AGN ν_μ, ν_3 $100 \text{ Mpc} / \text{TeV}$ 10^4 s

$\rightarrow \nu$'s may be unstable
 Astrophysical ν 's may place better bounds or reveal positive evidence for decay.

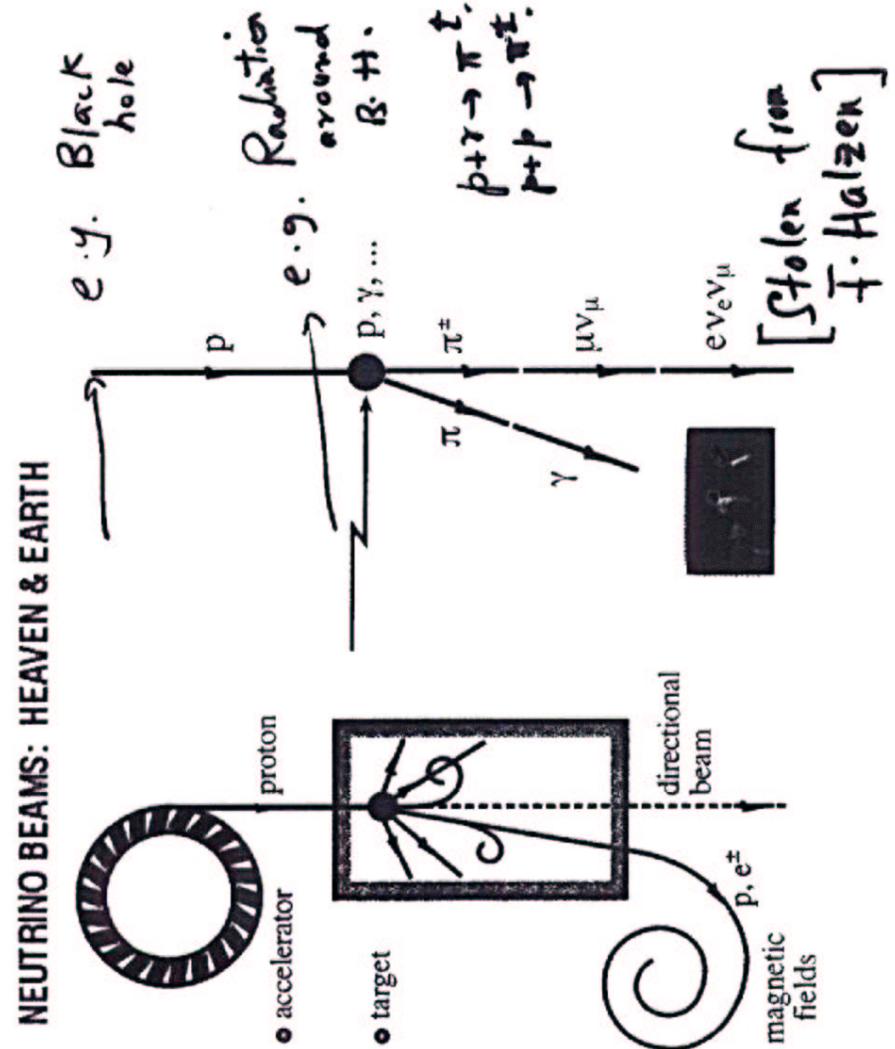
To proceed further, make two working assumptions:

- Sources emitting v.H.E. ν 's (\geq PEV) with significant fluxes to be detectable at earth at distances $\sim 10^3$ Mpc
Best Candidates: AGN's
GRB's at lower energies

Existence of large ν Detectors:

KM3: ICECUBE @ South Pole
One in Medit [from ANTARES,
NESTOR ... I [Water-ice \hat{c}]]

Other technologies, Kaizer:
AUGER, EUSO-OWL, ANITA, ---
Good instrumentation, E resolution,
angular resolution, low E threshold ---



Sources of ν -flavors at Source

• Most AGN neutrino emission models tens of beam dumps (little absorption).

• Dominant processes:



leads to $\nu_e / \nu_\mu / \nu_\tau = 1/2/0$

Caveat: If some absorption in large scale magnetic fields may lose energy before detection.

ⓑ $\nu_e / \nu_\mu / \nu_\tau \rightarrow 0/1/0$
(as in atmosphere at high E). [Also $\rightarrow 1/1/1$]

• Sub-dominant processes:
pp or $\gamma p \rightarrow D, D_s, B, B_s, \dots + X$
Decays give "prompt" ν 's which have $\nu_e / \nu_\mu / \nu_\tau = 1/1/1$

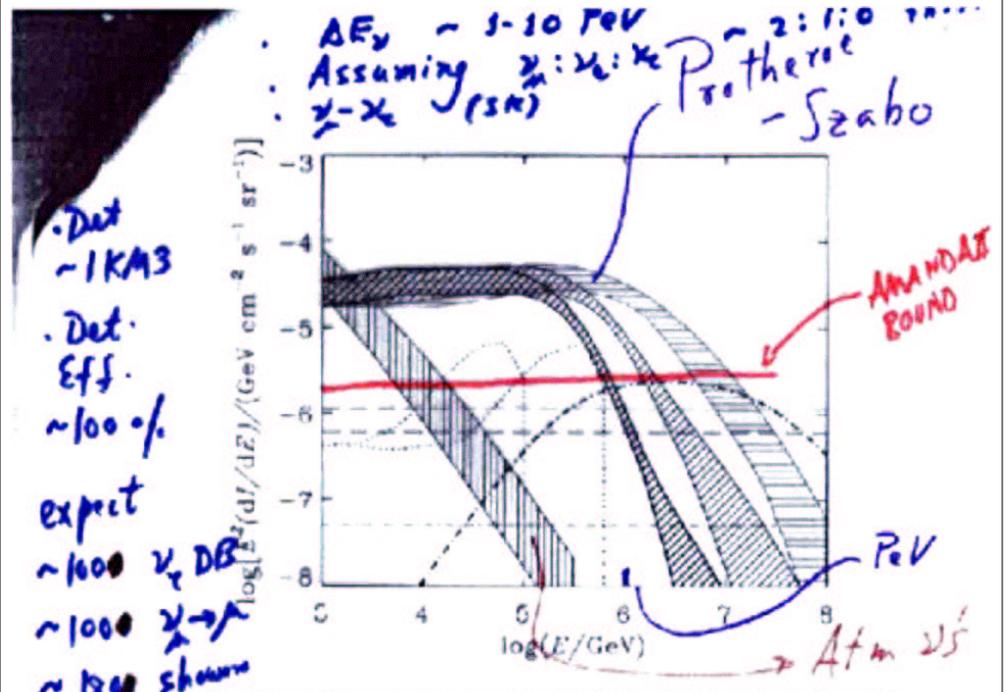


Figure 12: The expected diffuse $\nu_e + \nu_\mu$ intensity at Earth. The hatched bands show the spread in results obtained using both spectrum (a) and spectrum (b), and models (a) to (c) of Morisawa et al. [56] and the model of Maccararo et al. [57] for the luminosity function. Results are shown for $\theta=1$ (horizontal hatching), $\theta=10^\circ$ (thin oblique hatching) and $\theta=100^\circ$ (thick oblique hatching). An integration over a flat distribution in $\log \epsilon_1$ has been made for $10 < \epsilon_1 < 100$. Also shown: Stecker et al. [25,26] (chain curve), Sikora and Degelman [37] (dotted curves) for sources at $z=0$ and 3, Biermann [63] (lower dashed line), and binary contributions calculated by Stecker [26] (chain line), and Neilen et al. [64] (upper dashed line). The atmospheric neutrino intensity [58] is shown by the vertical hatched band; the upper curve corresponds to zenith angle $\theta=90^\circ$ and the lower curve corresponds to $\theta=0^\circ$.

ν_μ flux & spectrum from all AGN's.

Estimate of ϵ ν_e can come from $D_s \rightarrow \tau \nu_e$ (B.R. $\sim 3-4\%$), $b \rightarrow \tau \nu_e X \dots$
 \hookrightarrow largest. $\sigma(pp \rightarrow D_s) / \underbrace{\sigma(pp \rightarrow D)}_{\text{most of "prompt"}} \sim 15\%$ $\epsilon \sim \text{B.R.}(D_s \rightarrow \nu_e) \frac{\sigma(pp \rightarrow D_s)}{\sigma(pp \rightarrow D)}$
 $\epsilon \approx 5 \cdot 10^{-2}$ (~~...~~)

"Prompt" rate / Total rate

$$\sim \sigma(pp \rightarrow D) / \sigma(pp \rightarrow \pi)$$

$$\approx 10\% \sim 0.1$$

Hence the $\nu_e / \nu_\mu / \nu_\tau = 1/2/0$
modified v. little (by $10^{-3} - 10^{-4}$).Effect of Oscillations on flavor mix

- all $\Delta m^2 > 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$
- osc. argument $\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{E} \gg 1$.

(for $L > \text{MPC}$)
 $E \sim \text{PeV}$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}\right) \approx 1/2.$$

osc. average out.

Hence survival & conversion probabilities are:

$$P_{\alpha\alpha} = \sum_i |U_{\alpha i}|^4$$

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \sum_i |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2$$

- There are no significant matter effects en-route.

If densities were high enroute for that, ν 's would be absorbed anyway.

From current knowledge of U
Construct propagation matrix P .

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} P_{ee} & P_{e\mu} & P_{e\tau} \\ P_{\mu e} & P_{\mu\mu} & P_{\mu\tau} \\ P_{\tau e} & P_{\tau\mu} & P_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

Find: $P = \frac{1}{32} \begin{pmatrix} 20 & 6 & 6 \\ 6 & 13 & 13 \\ 6 & 13 & 13 \end{pmatrix}$
($\theta_s \approx 30^\circ$)

Final flavor mix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = P \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}_{\text{initial}}$$

J. Learned & S.P. (1995)

Note: General result for many U 's for (1,2,0)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{ini}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}}} \text{ if } \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_{\text{ini}} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nu_{e3} \approx 0$ & $\nu_\mu - \nu_\tau$ mixing max.

$$\Rightarrow e/\mu/\tau = 1/1/1 \text{ if start w. } 1/2/0.$$

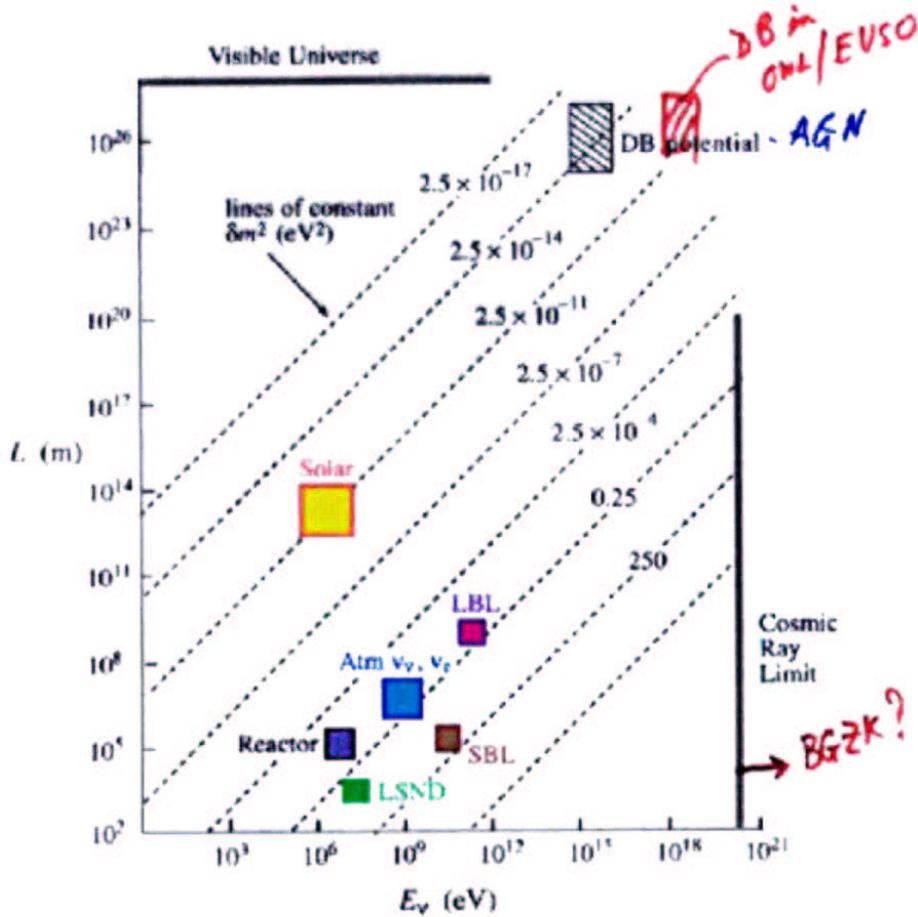
$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c & s & 0 \\ -s/\sqrt{2} & c/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ s/\sqrt{2} & c/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{1}{2}A & \frac{1}{4}A & \frac{1}{4}A \\ \frac{1}{4}A & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{1}{4}A) & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{1}{4}A) \\ \frac{1}{4}A & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{1}{4}A) & \frac{1}{2}(1 - \frac{1}{4}A) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Deviations from 1/1/1
go as $\nu_{e3}^2 \approx 3-4\%$

δm^2 sensitivity (of all possible experiments)



The "Learned" Plot

When is final flavor mix NOT $\nu_e/\nu_\mu/\nu_\tau = 1/1/1$?

1. When initial flux is NOT $1/2/0$. (environment at production)

2. ν Decay.

If ν_i is unstable, then in propagation matrix $|U_{di}|^2$ is now $|U_{di}|^2 \exp(-\frac{L}{E} \frac{m_i}{\tau_i})$ (rest frame lifetime)

If τ_i short enuf, this term goes to zero.

If only the lightest survives, then

either ν_1 (normal hierarchy)

or ν_3 (inverted " ")

survives at earth.

If ν_1 survives:

Flavor mix on arrival:

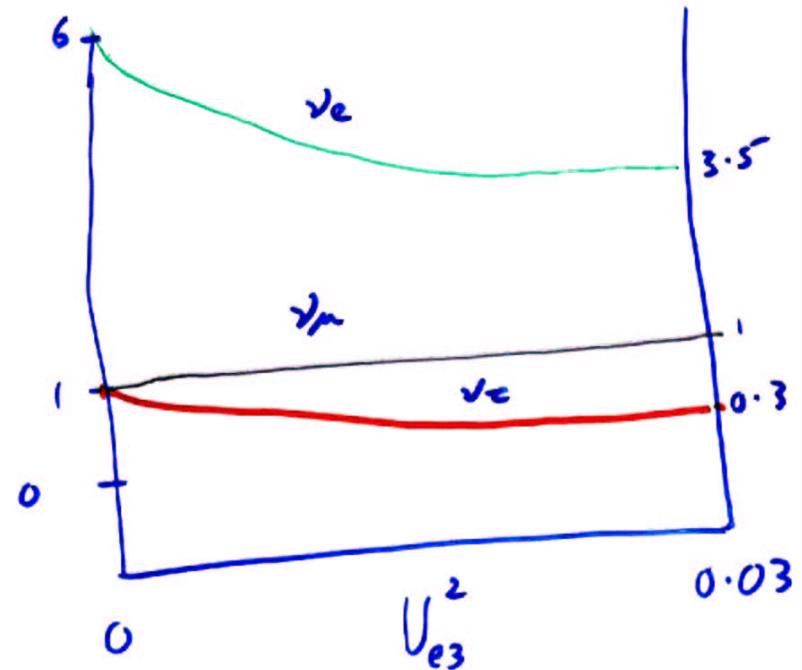
$$\begin{aligned} \nu_e / \nu_\mu / \nu_\tau &= |U_{e1}|^2 / |U_{\mu 1}|^2 / |U_{\tau 1}|^2 \\ &= c^2 / \frac{1}{2} s^2 / \frac{1}{2} s^2 \\ &= 6 / 1 / 1 \\ &\quad (\text{for } \theta \sim 30^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

If ν_3 survives:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_e / \nu_\mu / \nu_\tau &= \epsilon^2 / 1 / 1 \sim 0 / 1 / 1 \\ \epsilon^2 &< 0.04 \end{aligned}$$

These flavor mixes are very different from the 1/1/1 and from each other & distinguishable. Signatures for Decays.

Effect of $U_{e3} \neq 0$
on Decay Signature.



$$\rightarrow e/\mu/\tau = 3.5/1/0.3$$

Still far from 1/1/1

Daughters

In decay models:

$$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_{jL} + \chi \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Both} \\ \text{take place} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{jR} + \chi$$

Majorana: Both active
Dirac: One active.

Include daughters (with degraded energies).
[Depends on δm_{ij}^2].
[format]

full energy: $\Phi_\alpha(E)$

$$\rightarrow \sum_{i\beta} \phi_\beta^0(E) U_{\beta i}^2 U_{\alpha i}^2 + \sum_{i\beta} \phi_\beta^0(E) |U_{\beta j}|^2 |U_{\alpha i}|^2 B_{j\beta i}$$

(This when $i \neq j$ nearly degenerate)

• When $m_i \gg m_j$, energy is degraded.

$$\Phi_\alpha(E) = \sum_{i\beta} \phi_\beta^0(E) |U_{\beta i}|^2 |U_{\alpha i}|^2 + \int_E^\infty dE' \sum_{i\beta} \phi_\beta^0(E') |U_{\beta j}|^2 |U_{\alpha i}|^2 B_{j\beta i} \times \frac{1}{\Gamma(E')} \frac{d\Gamma(E', E)}{dE'}$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma(E', E)}{dE} = \frac{E}{E'^2} \quad (\text{non-flip}) \nu \rightarrow \nu$$

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{dE} = \frac{E'-E}{E'^2} \quad (\text{flip}) \nu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}$$

(only Majorana)

To proceed further, assume ϕ^0 (source spectrum) is power law:

$$\phi^0(E) \sim E^{-\alpha} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Phi_\alpha(E) = \sum_{i\beta} \phi_\beta^0(E) |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2 + \frac{1}{\alpha} \sum_{i\beta} \phi_\beta^0(E) |U_{\beta j}|^2 |U_{\alpha i}|^2 B_{j\beta i}$$

Normal Hierarchy

Unstable States	B.R.	Daughters	$\nu_e / \nu_\mu / \nu_\tau$
3, 2	-	-	6 / 1 / 1
3	-	sterile	2 / 1 / 1
3	$B_{32} = 1$	full E	1.4 / 1 / 1
		degs (2=2)	1.6 / 1 / 1
3	$B_{31} = 1$	full E	2.8 / 1 / 1
		degs (2=2)	2.4 / 1 / 1
3	$B_{31} = 1/2$ $B_{32} = 1/2$	deg.	2 / 1 / 1

These signatures quite unique. No other physics seems to duplicate them. (e.g. magn. moments).

Hence:

$\nu_e / \nu_\mu / \nu_\tau = 0 / 1 / 1$
 \rightarrow oscillations (conventional)

$\nu_e / \nu_\mu > 1$ (significant)
 \Rightarrow Decays & normal hierarchy.

$\nu_e / \nu_\mu \ll 1$
 Decays w. inverted hierarchy (or initial flux) not normal

Detection of flavors

ν_μ 's: μ Tracks thru the Detector with long ranges

ν_e 's: E.M. Showers [competition with hadronic showers from N.C. showers events from all flavors. ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ]

ν_τ 's: "Double Bang" events.

At $E_\tau \sim \text{PeV}$, $L_{\text{obs}} \sim D_0$, so only downgoing events. (1990s)

Idea of Double Bang $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for } E > \frac{10}{\beta} \\ L > 1 \text{ km} \end{array} \right.$

Decay Length of τ
 $L \sim \gamma c \tau_0$
 $\sim 100 \text{ m} @ E_\tau \sim 1 \text{ PeV}$

CC interaction $\nu_e \rightarrow e + X (E_1)$
 \rightarrow hadron shower
 \rightarrow # photons in $\hat{c} \sim 10^{11}$

$\tau \rightarrow 100 \text{ m Track}$
 minimum ionizing
 # phot $\sim 10^6$

τ decay $\tau \rightarrow h\nu \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 80\% \\ \text{B.R.} \end{array} \right.$
 $\rightarrow e\nu$
 $(E_2) \rightarrow$ second shower
 # $\tau \sim 2 \cdot 10^{11}$

The Distance Bet. showers
 $= c \times \text{Time Delay}$

Other signatures:

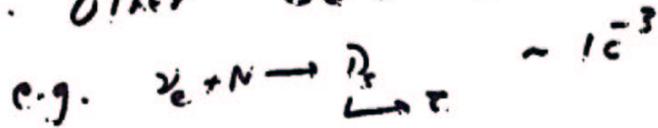
$$E_2 \sim 2E_1$$

(Because $E_1 \sim \langle \eta \rangle E_2 \sim 1/4 E_2$)

$$E_2 \sim (1 - \langle \eta \rangle) \times \frac{2}{3} \times E_2 \sim 1/2 E_2$$

$L \lesssim 10m$.

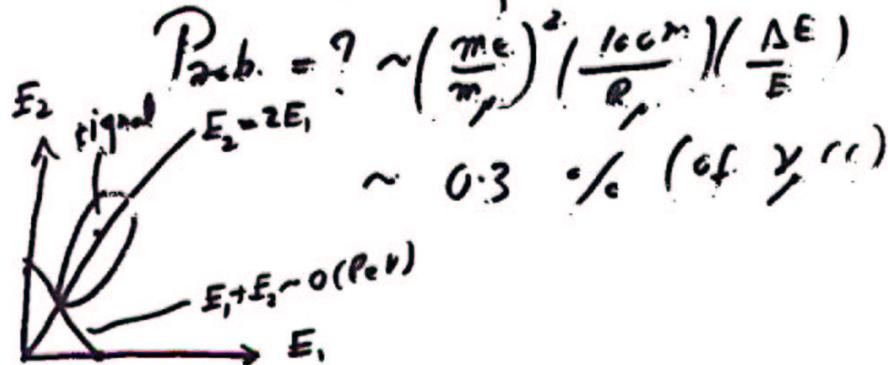
Other BG's small.



most serious: $\nu \rightarrow \mu \rightarrow$ travels
10cm without rad.

& has "catastrophic"

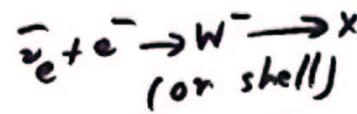
Brew. failure Double Bay



Event Classification

- Double Bang / ^{single bang} $\rightarrow \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$
(Lollipop)
- μ Tracks $\rightarrow \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$
- cascades $\rightarrow \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ (CC+NC)
 $\left. \begin{matrix} \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu \\ \nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau \end{matrix} \right\} NC$

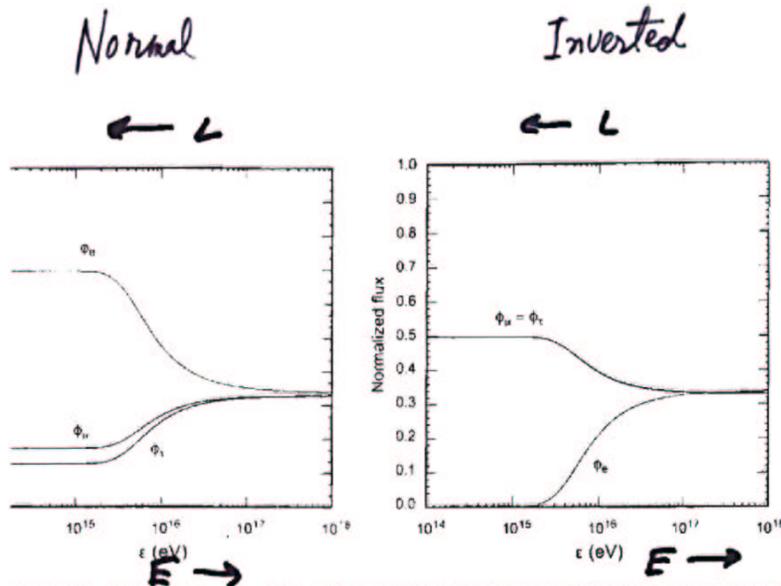
Glashow Resonance events $\bar{\nu}_e$



$$E_{\bar{\nu}_e} \sim 6.4 \text{ PeV}$$

From these determine relative fluxes of

$$\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$$



dependence of normalized ν_μ , ν_τ , and ν_e fluxes for the two-body decay of the two upper mass eigenstates ν_2 source at $L = 100$ Mpc from Earth and $\tau = m = 1$ s/eV. The left pane shows the result for a normal mass hierarchy. With suitable rescaling of the neutrino energy (cf plots apply for any combination of path length and reduced lifetime).

Barenboim & Quigg

In principle, with enough events at different energies (or distances) τ can be measured with changes in flavor mixes.

Similar to L/E plot for oscillations (Super-K)

If flavor mix identified for a few (~ few dozen?) events in km^3 , Then, find $e/\mu/\tau = \alpha/1/1$

$\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow$ { confirm SM Initial 1/2/0
Osc.
OR source \rightarrow 1/1/1 !!
e.g. Z decays!

$\alpha \approx 1/2 \Rightarrow$ { source emits 0/1/0
& osc.

$\alpha > 1$ Decay w. Normal hierarchy

$\alpha \ll 1$ Decay w. Inverted hierarchy.
[$\tau < 10$ s/eV]