

# Stimulated Neutrino Flavor Conversions and Rabi Oscillations

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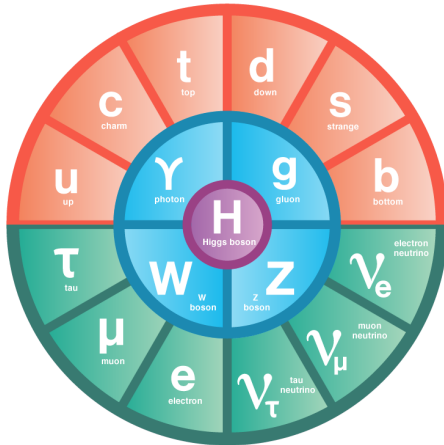
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# WHAT ARE NEUTRINOS?

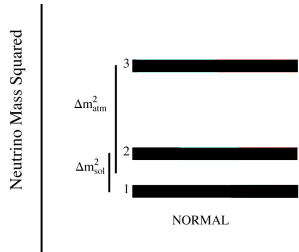


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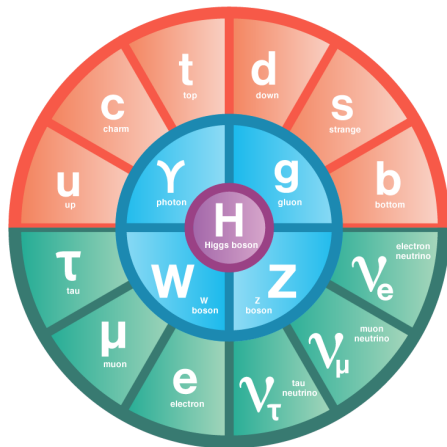
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- three flavors,
- none vanishing mass.



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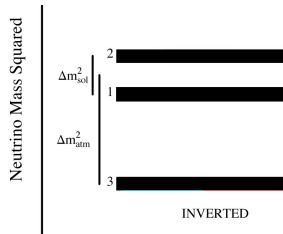
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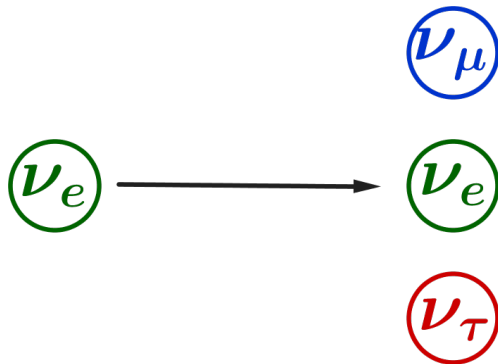
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# WHAT ARE NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS?

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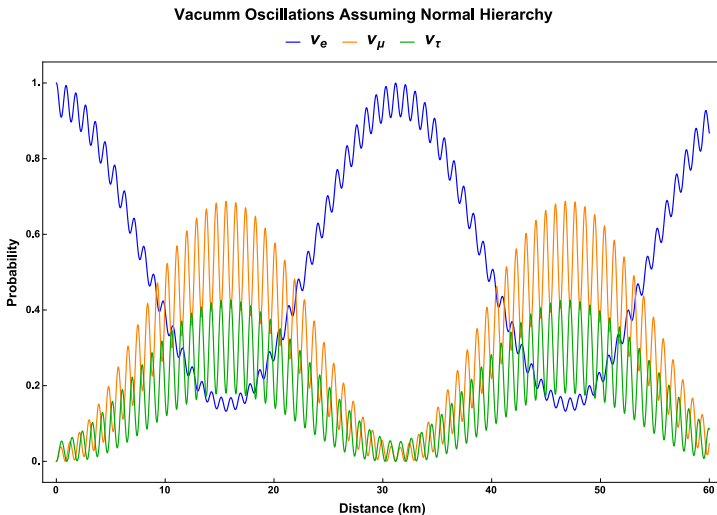
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**Neutrino Flavor Conversions**



Neutrino Oscillations

# WHAT ARE NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS?



Probabilities of finding neutrinos to be in each flavor.

# WHY DO NEUTRINOS OSCILLATE?

Flavor states are different from mass states.

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_v & \sin \theta_v \\ -\sin \theta_v & \cos \theta_v \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \end{pmatrix}$$



# WHY DO NEUTRINOS OSCILLATE?

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- Oscillation frequency:

$$\omega_v = \frac{\delta m^2}{2E} = \frac{m_2^2 - m_1^2}{2E}$$

- Mixing angle  $\theta_v$

# FLAVOR ISOSPIN

Hamiltonian:  $\mathbf{H} = -\frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2} \cdot \vec{H}$

Flavor isospin:  $\vec{s} = \Psi^\dagger \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2} \Psi$

Electron flavor survival probability

$$P = \frac{1}{2} + s_3$$

Equation of motion

$$\dot{\vec{s}} = \vec{s} \times \vec{H}$$

electron flavor



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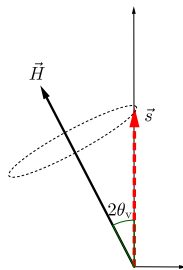
Vacuum oscillation Hamiltonian

$$\frac{\omega_v}{2} (-\cos 2\theta_v \sigma_3 + \sin 2\theta_v \sigma_1)$$

$$\rightarrow \cos 2\theta_v \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \omega_v \end{pmatrix} - \sin 2\theta_v \begin{pmatrix} \omega_v \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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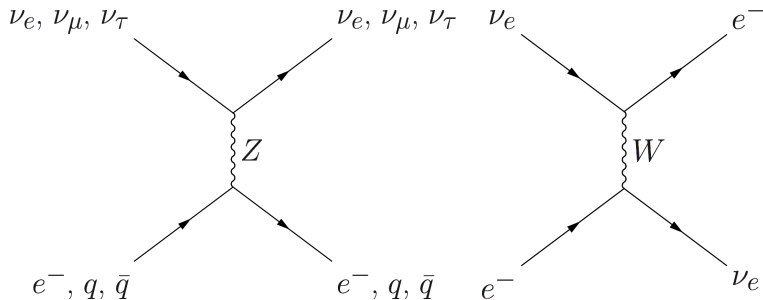
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# INTERACTIONS WITH MATTER



Neutral current interaction between  $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$ , and  $e^-$ , quarks etc.

Charged current interaction between  $\nu_e$  and  $e^-$

# MATTER INTERACTION

Hamiltonian with matter interaction in flavor basis ( $\omega_v = \delta m^2/2E$ ):

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\omega_v}{2} (-\cos 2\theta_v \sigma_3 + \sin 2\theta_v \sigma_1) + \frac{\lambda(x)}{2} \sigma_3$$

► Vacuum Hamiltonian

► Matter interaction

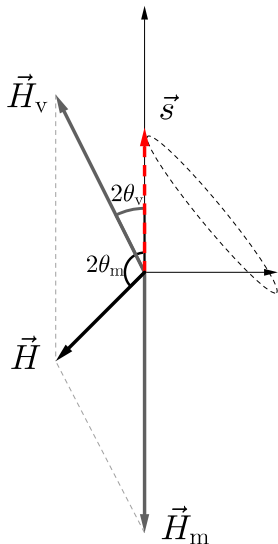
►  $\lambda(x) = \sqrt{2}G_F n_e(x)$

# MSW EFFECT

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{H} &= \frac{\omega_v}{2} (-\cos 2\theta_v \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3 + \sin 2\theta_v \boldsymbol{\sigma}_1) + \frac{\lambda(x)}{2} \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3 \\ &\rightarrow \omega_v \begin{pmatrix} -\sin 2\theta_v & \\ 0 & \cos 2\theta_v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \\ 0 & -\lambda(x) \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \vec{H}_v + \vec{H}_m(x)\end{aligned}$$



# MSW EFFECT



Electron flavor survival probability

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Oscillation frequency in **vacuum**:

$$\omega_v = |\vec{H}_v|$$

Oscillation frequency in **matter**:

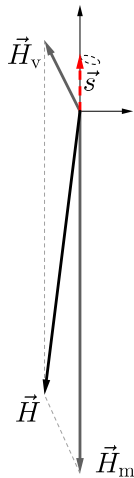
$$\omega_m = |\vec{H}|$$

Flavor states and mass states in matter

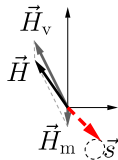
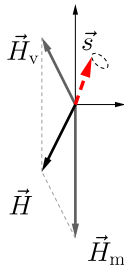
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# MSW EFFECT

Adiabatic matter density change

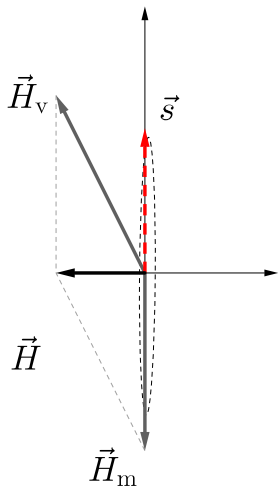


Large density



Low density

# MSW EFFECT

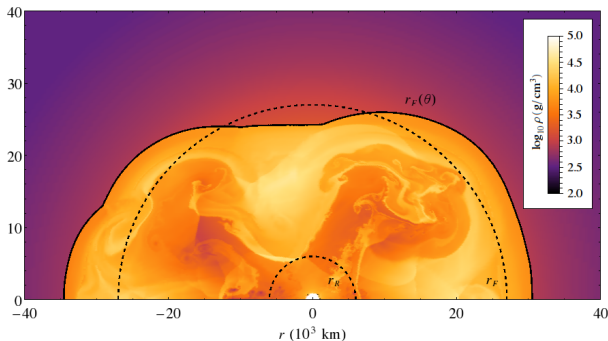


- ▶ Maximum possible flavor transition probability amplitude
- ▶ MSW Resonance
- ▶ A specific matter density

$$\sqrt{2}G_F n_e \equiv \omega_v \cos 2\theta_v$$

# MORE COMPLICATED MATTER POTENTIAL

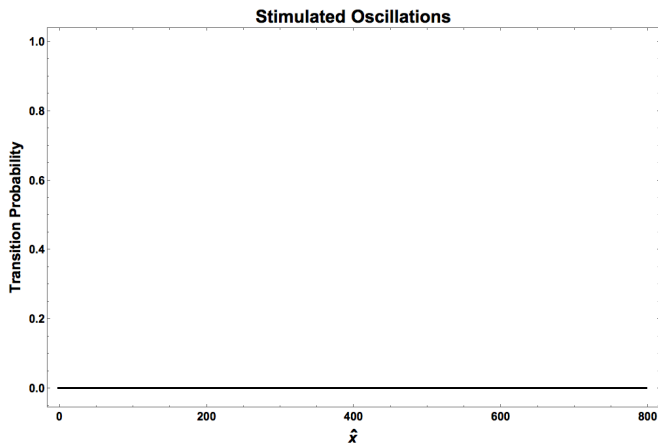
Astrophysical environments: supernovae etc



Turbulence in supernova. E. Borriello, et al (2014)

# STIMULATED NEUTRINO FLAVOR CONVERSIONS

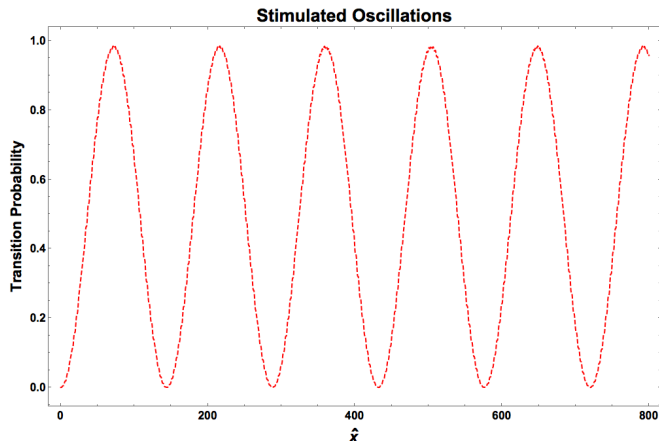
$$\lambda(x) = \lambda_0$$



Transition probabilities between mass states in matter.

# STIMULATED NEUTRINO FLAVOR CONVERSIONS

$$\lambda(x) = \lambda_0 + A \cos(kx)$$



P. Krastev and A. Smirnov (1989); A. Friedland et al (2006); J. Kneller et al (2013); K. Patton et al (2014);

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# RABI OSCILLATIONS

## Rabi Oscillation

### Hamiltonian

$$-\frac{\omega_m}{2}\sigma_3 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{ikt} \\ e^{-ikt} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{\omega_m}{2}$$

Periodic Driving Potential



$$E_1 = -\frac{\omega_m}{2}$$

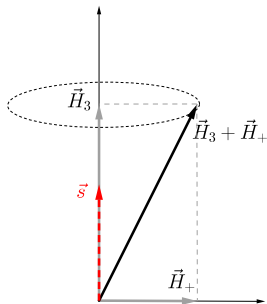
Frequency :  $k$



# RABI OSCILLATIONS

Static Frame

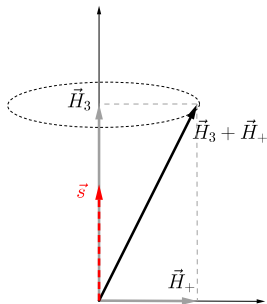
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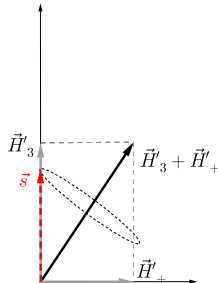
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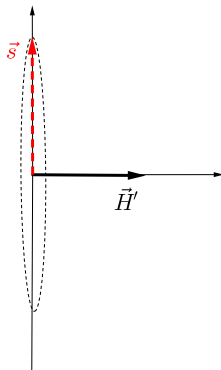
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# RABI OSCILLATIONS

Corotating Frame

$$\vec{H}'_3 = (\omega_m - k) \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow k = \omega_m$$



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Rabi formula

$$P_{1 \rightarrow 2} = \frac{1}{1 + D^2} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Omega_R}{2} t \right).$$

Relative detuning

$$D = \left| \frac{\omega_m - k}{\alpha} \right|.$$

Rabi frequency

$$\Omega_R = |\alpha| \sqrt{1 + D^2}$$

$$E_2 = \frac{\omega_m}{2}$$

$$E_1 = -\frac{\omega_m}{2}$$

Periodic Driving Potential



Frequency :  $k$

# HAMILTONIAN IN MATTER BASIS

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_e \\ \psi_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_m & \sin \theta_m \\ -\sin \theta_m & \cos \theta_m \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L \\ \psi_H \end{pmatrix}$$

## Matter Potential

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## Basis

matter basis:

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{2} (-\omega_m) \boldsymbol{\sigma}_3$$

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Background matter basis:

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{2} (-\omega_m + A \cos(kx) \cos 2\theta_m) \sigma_3 - \frac{A \cos(kx)}{2} \sin 2\theta_m \sigma_1$$

# HAMILTONIAN IN MATTER BASIS

Matter potential frequency

$$k \sim \omega_m$$

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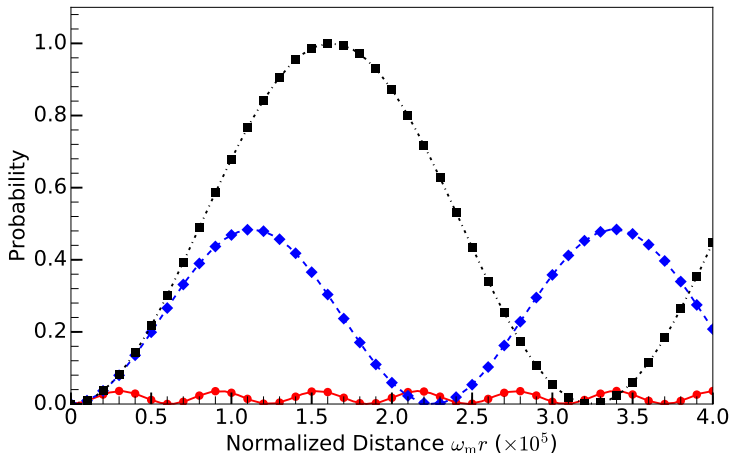
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# RABI FORMULA WORKS



Transition between two mass states in background matter potential  $\lambda_0$

Lines: Rabi formula

Dots, diamonds, triangles, and squares are **full solutions without approximations** for  $k = \omega_m$ ,  $k = (1 - 2 \times 10^{-5})\omega_m$ , and  $k = (1 - 10^{-4})\omega_m$  respectively.

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# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER POTENTIAL REVISITED

We have been making approximations.

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# RABI BASIS

## Hamiltonian in Background Matter Basis

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{2} (-\omega_m + A \cos(kx) \cos 2\theta_m) \sigma_3 - \frac{A \cos(kx)}{2} \sin \theta_m \sigma_1.$$

## A Better Basis

Define Rabi basis in which the wave function is related to wave function in background matter basis through

$$\begin{pmatrix} \psi_L \\ \psi_H \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\eta(x)} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\eta(x)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\psi}_L \\ \tilde{\psi}_H \end{pmatrix},$$

where

$$\eta(x) - \eta(0) = \frac{\cos 2\theta_m}{2} \int_0^x A \cos(k\tau) d\tau.$$

# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER POTENTIAL

$$\lambda(x) = \lambda_0 + A \cos(kx)$$

## Hamiltonian in Rabi Basis

The Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} = -\frac{\omega_m}{2}\sigma_3 + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{2}\alpha_n e^{i(nk)x} \\ \frac{1}{2}\alpha_n^* e^{-i(nk)x} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Map neutrino oscillations in single frequency matter potential to Rabi oscillations with many driving potentials.

Resonance condition for each mode:  $nk = \omega_m$

# RABI OSCILLATIONS WITH MULTIPLE DRIVING FREQUENCIES

Consider Rabi oscillation with two driving frequencies  $k_1 = n_1 k$ ,  $k_2 = n_2 k$

$$\vec{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \omega_m \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos(k_1 x) \\ -\sin(k_1 x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} \cos(k_2 x) \\ -\sin(k_2 x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Corotating frame of the second potential,

$$\vec{H} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \omega_m - k_2 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_1 \begin{pmatrix} \cos(k_1 - k_2 x) \\ -\sin(k_1 - k_2 x) \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Energy gap in this frame becomes the length of the vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \omega_m - k_2 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

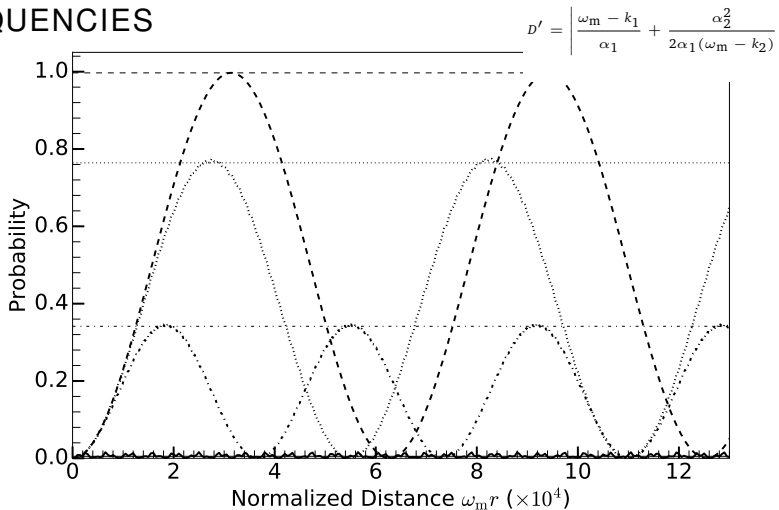
# RABI OSCILLATIONS WITH MULTIPLE DRIVING FREQUENCIES

Relative detuning

$$D' = \left| \frac{\omega_m - k_1}{\alpha_1} + \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2\alpha_1(\omega_m - k_2)} \right|$$



# RABI OSCILLATIONS WITH MULTIPLE DRIVING FREQUENCIES



Grid lines: amplitude predicted using  $1/(1 + D'^2)$

$\alpha_2, k_1$ values			
Dashed	dotted	dash-dotted	solid
$10^{-2} \omega_m, 10 \omega_m$	$10^{-2} \omega_m, 10^{-1} \omega_m$	$5.0 \times 10^{-2} \omega_m, 10 \omega_m$	$5 \times 10^{-2} \omega_m, 10^{-1} \omega_m$

# RABI OSCILLATIONS WITH MULTIPLE DRIVING FREQUENCIES

Consider  $k_1 = \omega_m$

$$D' = \left| \frac{\alpha_2^2}{2\alpha_1(\omega_m - k_2)} \right|$$

Amplitude reduces from 1 to 1/2 if

$$D' = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha_{2,c} \equiv \sqrt{2|\alpha_1(k_2 - \omega_m)|}.$$

Two driving frequencies  $k_1$ , and  $k_2$ , with amplitude  $\alpha_1$ , and  $\alpha_2$   
For  $k_1 = \omega_m$ , survival of resonance requires

$$|\alpha_2| \ll \alpha_{2,c} \equiv \sqrt{2|\alpha_1(k_2 - \omega_m)|}$$

# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER POTENTIAL REVISITED

Matter potential

$$\lambda(x) = \lambda_0 + A \cos(kx),$$

Consider the resonance condition ( $k = \omega_m$ )

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} \sim -\frac{\omega_m}{2}\sigma_3 + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha_1 e^{ikx} \\ \alpha_1^* e^{-ikx} & 0 \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \alpha_n e^{inkx} \\ \alpha_n^* e^{-inkx} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$D' = \left| \frac{\alpha_n^2}{2\alpha_1(\omega_m - nk)} \right|$$

$k = \omega_m$		
$n$	$D'$	Amplitude
1	0	1
1 & -1	$4.8 \times 10^{-6}$	$1 - 2.3 \times 10^{-11}$
1 & 2	$2.1 \times 10^{-14}$	$1 - 4.4 \times 10^{-28}$
1 & -2	$6.9 \times 10^{-15}$	$1 - 4.8 \times 10^{-29}$

# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER POTENTIAL REVISITED

Width

$$\alpha_n = -(-i)^n n k \tan 2\theta_m J_n(A \cos 2\theta_m / k)$$

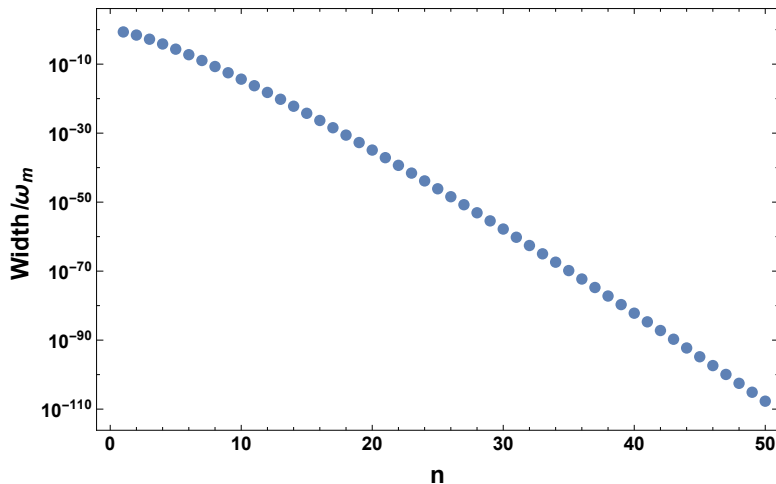
$$|\alpha_n| \propto \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} \left( \frac{eA \cos 2\theta_m}{2nk} \right)^n, \quad \text{for large } n$$

decreases fast at large  $n$

But the critical value for each mode becomes larger for large  $n$ 's

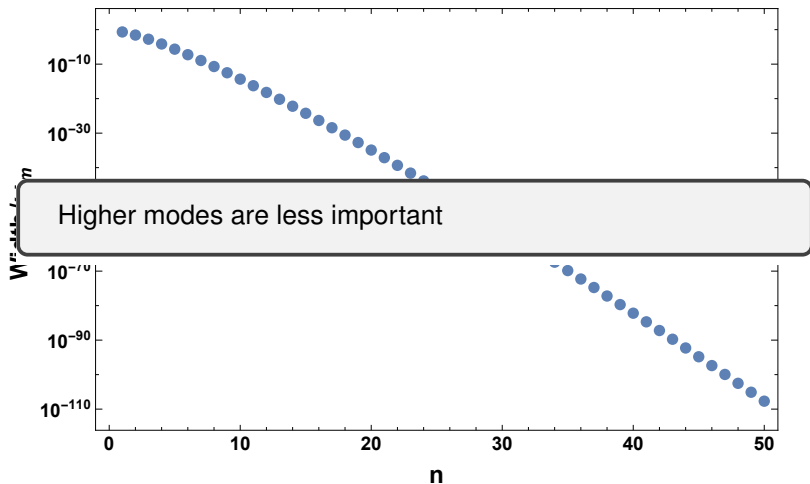
$$\alpha_{n,C} \equiv \sqrt{2|\alpha_1(nk - \omega_m)|}$$

# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER POTENTIAL



Width of different modes given value of matter potential frequency  $k$

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Width of different modes given value of matter potential frequency  $k$

# MULTIPLE FREQUENCIES IN MATTER POTENTIAL

$$\lambda(x) = \lambda_0 + \sum_{a=1}^N A_a \sin(k_a x)$$

## Hamiltonian in Rabi Basis

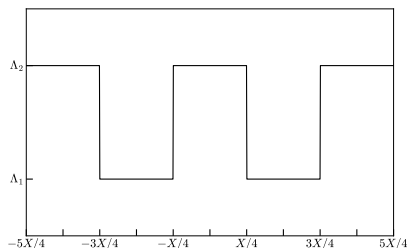
$$\tilde{H} = -\frac{\omega_m}{2}\sigma_3 + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \cdots \sum_{n_N=-\infty}^{\infty} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B_{\{n_a\}} e^{i \sum_a n_a k_a x} \\ B_{\{n_a\}}^* e^{-i \sum_a n_a k_a x} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

where

$$B_{\{n_a\}} = -(-i)^{\sum_a n_a} \tan 2\theta_m \left( \sum_a n_a k_a \right) \left( \prod_a J_{n_a} \left( \frac{A_a}{k_a} \cos 2\theta_m \right) \right)$$



# CASTLE WALL MATTER POTENTIAL



Castle wall matter profile:

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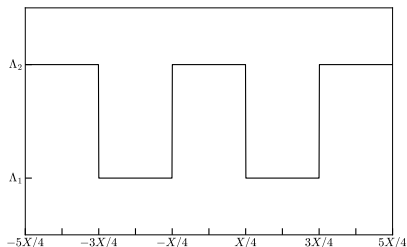
where

$$\lambda_0 = (\Lambda_1 + \Lambda_2)/2$$

$$\lambda_n = 2(-1)^n (\Lambda_1 - \Lambda_2) / (2n\pi - \pi)$$

$$k_n = 2\pi(2n - 1)/X$$

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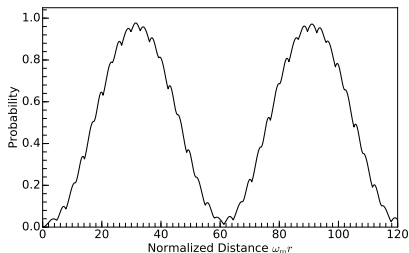


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Transition probability is a Rabi resonance with small variations due to higher orders.

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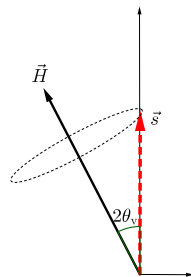
Stimulated Neutrino Flavor Conversions

Single Frequency Matter Potential Decomposed

**Summary**

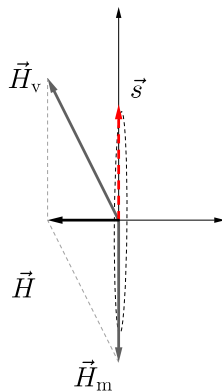
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# WHY DO NEUTRINOS OSCILLATE?

## Equation of Motion

$$i\partial_x |\Psi\rangle = \hat{\mathbf{H}} |\Psi\rangle$$

- Basis: Hamiltonian diagonalized basis/mass basis/propagation basis,  $\{|\nu_1\rangle, |\nu_2\rangle\}$ .

►

$$\mathbf{H} = -\frac{\omega_v}{2}\sigma_3, \quad \text{where } \omega_v = \frac{\delta m^2}{2E} = \frac{m_2^2 - m_1^2}{2E}.$$

- The system can be solved given initial condition of the amplitudes of the two eigenstates  $(\langle\nu_1|\Psi(0)\rangle, \langle\nu_2|\Psi(0)\rangle)^T$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \langle\nu_1|\Psi(x)\rangle \\ \langle\nu_2|\Psi(x)\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle\nu_1|\Psi(0)\rangle \exp(i\omega_v x/2) \\ \langle\nu_2|\Psi(0)\rangle \exp(-i\omega_v x/2) \end{pmatrix}$$

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Mass basis

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\omega_v}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= -\frac{\omega_v}{2} \sigma_3 \end{aligned}$$

Flavor basis

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\omega_v}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 2\theta_v & \sin 2\theta_v \\ \sin 2\theta_v & \cos 2\theta_v \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\omega_v}{2} (-\cos 2\theta_v \sigma_3 + \sin 2\theta_v \sigma_1) \end{aligned}$$

# NATURE OF NEUTRINO OSCILLATION

## Transition Probability

$$P(|\nu_e\rangle \rightarrow |\nu_\mu\rangle) = \sin^2(2\theta_v) \sin^2(\omega_v x/2)$$

- ▶  $\omega_v = (m_2^2 - m_1^2)/2E$  determines oscillation wavelength.
- ▶ Mixing angle  $\theta_v$  determines flavor oscillation amplitude.

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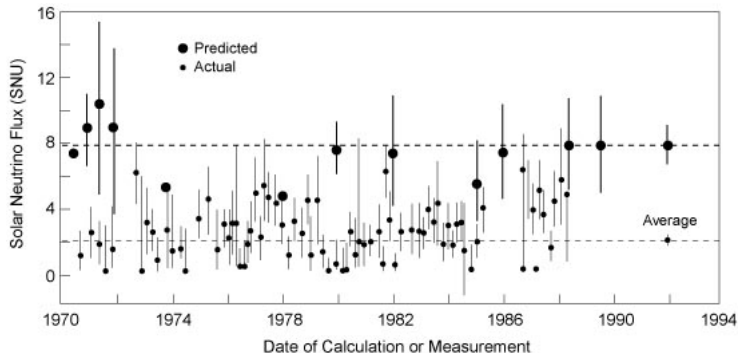
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# SOLAR NEUTRINO PROBLEM



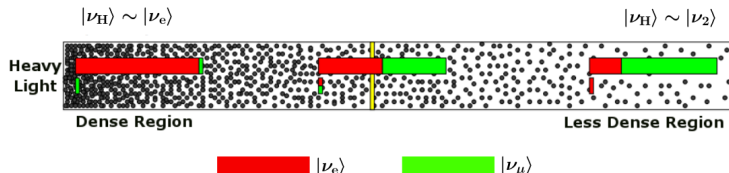
Chlorine detector (Homestake experiment) results and theory predictions.  
SNU: 1 event for  $10^{36}$  target atoms per second. Kenneth R. Lang (2010)

# MSW EFFECT AND SOLAR NEUTRINOS

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{\lambda(x) - \omega_\nu \cos 2\theta_\nu}{2} \sigma_3 + \frac{\omega_\nu \sin 2\theta_\nu}{2} \sigma_1$$

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Yellow bar is the resonance point. Red:  $|\nu_e\rangle$ . Green:  $|\nu_\mu\rangle$ . Adapted from Smirnov, 2003.



# MSW EFFECT INVERTED HIERARCHY

Suppose  $\omega_v = (m_2^2 - m_1^2)/2E < 0$ ,

$$\mathbf{H} = -\frac{\omega_v}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -\cos 2\theta_v & \sin 2\theta_v \\ \sin 2\theta_v & \cos 2\theta_v \end{pmatrix} + \sqrt{2}G_F n_e(x) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{H} = \left( \frac{-\omega_v}{2} \cos 2\theta_v + \frac{\lambda(x)}{2} \right) \sigma_3 - \frac{\omega_v}{2} \sin 2\theta_v \sigma_1$$

# HAMILTONIAN

## Matter Profile

$$\lambda(x) = \lambda_0 + \delta\lambda(x)$$

## Basis

Background matter basis (eigen energy basis): Hamiltonian is diagonalized with only background matter profile  $\lambda_0$ ,

$$H_{\text{background}} = -\frac{\omega_m}{2} \sigma_3.$$

## Hamiltonian

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{2} (-\omega_m + \delta\lambda(x) \cos 2\theta_m) \sigma_3 - \frac{\delta\lambda(x)}{2} \sin \theta_m \sigma_1.$$

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# RABI OSCILLATIONS

The coupling strength is calculated as

$$\alpha = \langle 1 | \mathbf{d} \cdot \mathbf{E} | 2 \rangle$$

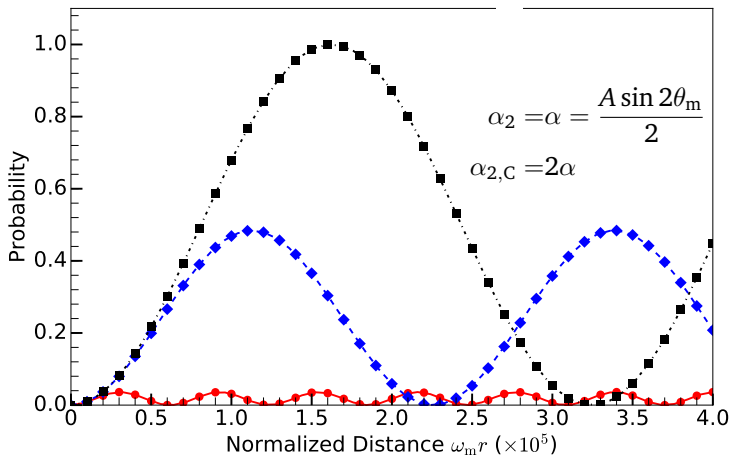
where the electric field is

$$\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{E}_0 \sin(kt).$$

and  $\mathbf{d}$  is the dipole moment.

# RABI FORMULA WORKS

$$\vec{H} \sim \omega_m \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \\ & 0 \\ & & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \alpha \begin{pmatrix} \sin(kx) & \\ \cos(kx) & \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



Lines: Rabi formula

Dots, diamonds, triangles, and squares are for  $k = \omega_m$ ,  
 $k = (1 - 2 \times 10^{-5})\omega_m$ , and  $k = (1 - 10^{-4})\omega_m$  respectively.

# PARAMETERS USED FOR VACUUM OSCILLATIONS

$$\theta_{12} = 33.36/180\pi; \theta_{13} = 8.66/180\pi; \theta_{23} = 40/180 * \pi; \delta_{cp} = 0;$$
$$m_1^2 = 0.01; m_2^2 = m_1^2 + 0.000079; E = 1\text{MeV}$$

# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER POTENTIAL

Matter potential

$$\lambda(x) = \lambda_0 + A \sin(kx),$$

Hamiltonian in new basis

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} = -\frac{\omega_m}{2}\sigma_3 - \frac{\delta\lambda(x)}{2}\sin 2\theta_m \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{2i\eta(x)} \\ e^{-2i\eta(x)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -\frac{\omega_m}{2}\sigma_3 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & h \\ h^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hamiltonian in New Basis

$$\begin{aligned} h &\equiv -\frac{\delta\lambda(x)}{2}e^{2i\eta(x)} \\ &= \frac{i}{4} \left[ \exp \left( ikx + i \cos 2\theta_m \frac{A}{k} \cos(kx) \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \exp \left( -ikx + i \cos 2\theta_m \frac{A}{k} \cos(kx) \right) \right] \end{aligned}$$



# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER POTENTIAL

## Off-diagonal Term in Our System

$$\tilde{\mathbf{H}} = -\frac{\omega_m}{2}\sigma_3 + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & h \\ h^* & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Jacobi-Anger expansion (Kneller et al, 2013)

$$e^{i\beta \cos(kx)} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} i^n J_n(\beta) e^{inkx},$$

where  $J_n(\beta)$  are Bessel's functions of the first kind.

# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER PROFILE

## Transition Probability

$$P_{L \rightarrow H}^{(n)} = \frac{|\hat{B}_n|^2}{|\hat{B}_n|^2 + (n\hat{k} - 1)^2} \sin^2 \left( \frac{q^{(n)}}{2} x \right),$$

where

$$q^{(n)} = \sqrt{|\Gamma^{(n)}|^2 + (n\hat{k} - 1)^2}, \quad \text{frequency of oscillations}$$

$$\Gamma^{(n)} = |\hat{B}_n|, \quad \text{width of resonance } (n\hat{k} \text{ as parameter})$$

Resonance conditions

$$\hat{k} \sim \frac{1}{n}$$

# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER POTENTIAL REVISITED

Width

$$\alpha_n = -(-i)^n n k \tan 2\theta_m J_n(A \cos 2\theta_m/k)$$

$$J_n(n \operatorname{sech} \beta) \sim \frac{e^{-n(\beta - \tanh \beta)}}{\sqrt{2\pi n \tanh \beta}}, \quad \text{for large } n$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$|\alpha_n| \propto \frac{e^{-n(\beta - \tanh \beta)}}{\sqrt{2\pi n \tanh \beta}}, \quad \text{for large } n$$

where  $\operatorname{sech} \beta = A \cos 2\theta_m/\omega_m$ .

$\beta - \tanh \beta > 0 \Rightarrow$  **Width** drops fast at large  $n$ .

# TWO-FREQUENCY MATTER PROFILE

## Matter Profile

$$\lambda(x) = \lambda_0 + \delta\lambda(x), \quad \delta\lambda(x) = A_1 \sin(k_1 x) + A_2 \sin(k_2 x).$$

# TWO-FREQUENCY MATTER P

$$\hat{h} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \hat{B}_n e^{i(n\hat{k}-1)\hat{x}},$$

## Hamiltonian Off-diagonal Element

Apply Jacobi-Anger expansion,

$$\hat{h} = \sum_{n_1=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{n_2=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \hat{B}_{n_1, n_2}(\hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2) e^{i(n_1 \hat{k}_1 + n_2 \hat{k}_2 - 1)\hat{x}},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{B}_{n_1, n_2}(\hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2) \\ &= -(-i)^{n_1+n_2} (n_1 \hat{k}_1 + n_2 \hat{k}_2) J_{n_1} \left( \frac{\hat{A}_1 \cos 2\theta_m}{\hat{k}_1} \right) J_{n_2} \left( \frac{\hat{A}_2 \cos 2\theta_m}{\hat{k}_2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Which terms are important?

# SINGLE FREQUENCY MATTER PROFILE REVISITED

Matter profile

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$k_1 = \omega_m$			
$n$	$D$	$D'_1$	$2\pi\omega_m/\Omega_n$
1	0	-	$3.2 \times 10^5$
-1	$10^5$	$4.8 \times 10^{-6}$	3.1
2	$1.1 \times 10^9$	$2.1 \times 10^{-14}$	6.3
-2	$3.4 \times 10^9$	$6.9 \times 10^{-15}$	2.1

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1	1	-	$2.2 \times 10^5$
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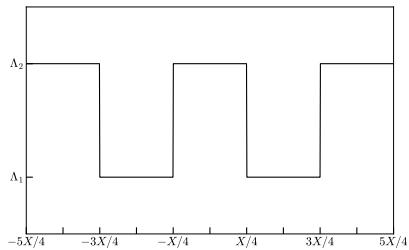
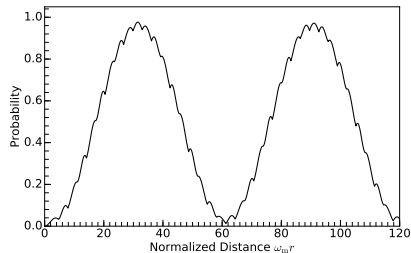


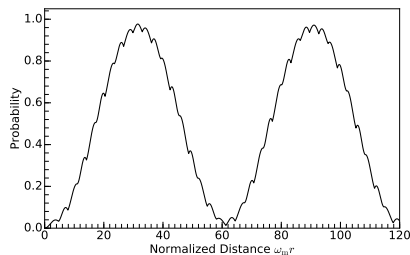
Figure: Castle wall matter profile



# CASTLE WALL MATTER PROFILE

Table: Relative detuning of each frequency.

$\{n_1, n_2\}$	$D$	$D'_{\{1,0\}}$
$\{1, 0\}$	0	-
$\{-1, 0\}$	48	$1.0 \times 10^{-2}$
$\{0, 1\}$	$1.5 \times 10^2$	$1.1 \times 10^{-3}$
$\{2, 0\}$	$2.4 \times 10^2$	$2.0 \times 10^{-4}$



# TWO-FREQUENCY MATTER PROFILE

## Resonance Lines

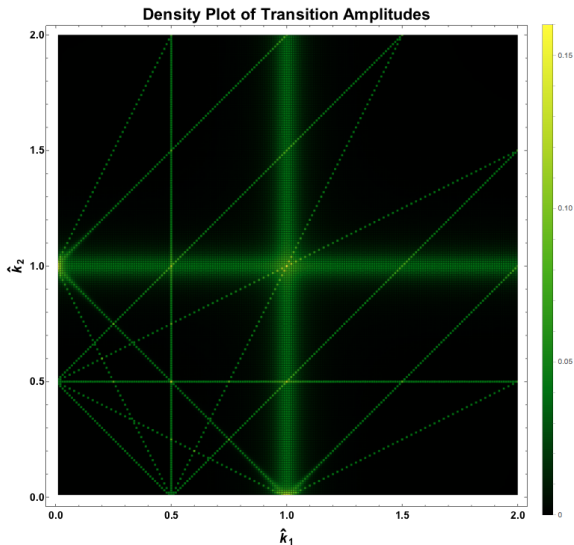
There are still resonances, i.e., (almost) zero phases, on lines

$$n_{1,0}\hat{k}_1 + n_{2,0}\hat{k}_2 - 1 = 0$$

in  $\{\hat{k}_1, \hat{k}_2\}$  plane.  $\Rightarrow$  Resonance width for each point on resonance lines.

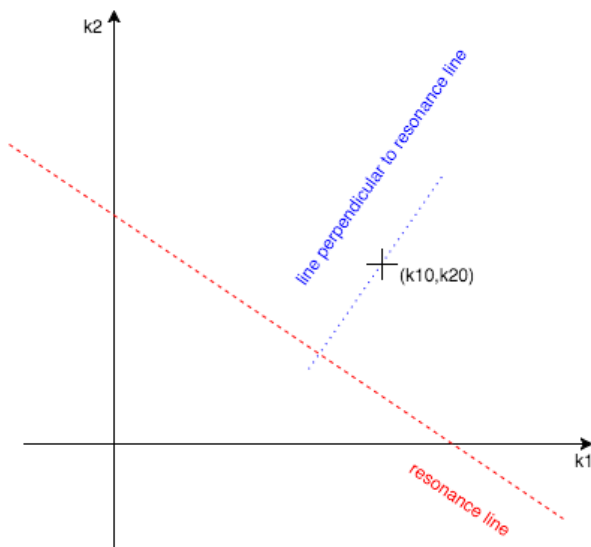
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Density plot of transition amplitudes calculated using only one term out of the whole summation in Hamiltonian.  $n_1, n_2 \in [-2, 2]$

# TWO-FREQUENCY MATTER PROFILE



Resonance line, distance to resonance, and width

# TWO-FREQUENCY MATTER PROFILE

Width

$$\Gamma_2 = \frac{\hat{B}_{n_1, n_2}(\hat{k}_{1, \text{intercept}}, \hat{k}_{2, \text{intercept}})}{\sqrt{n_1^2 + n_2^2}}.$$

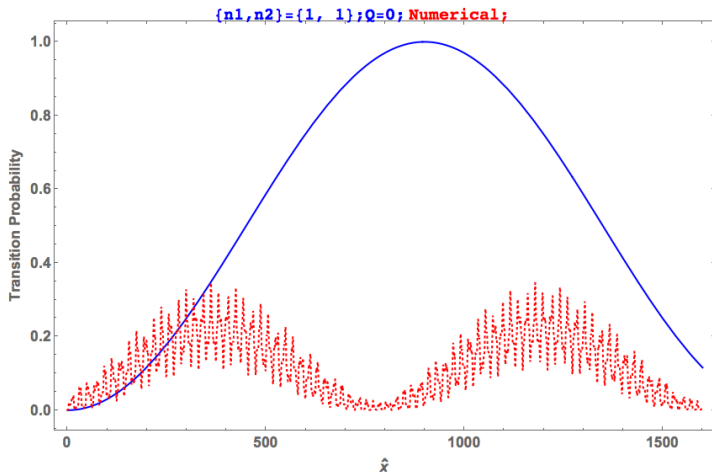
Distance to Resonance Line

$$d = \frac{|n_1 \hat{k}_{10} + n_2 \hat{k}_{20} - 1|}{\sqrt{n_1^2 + n_2^2}}.$$

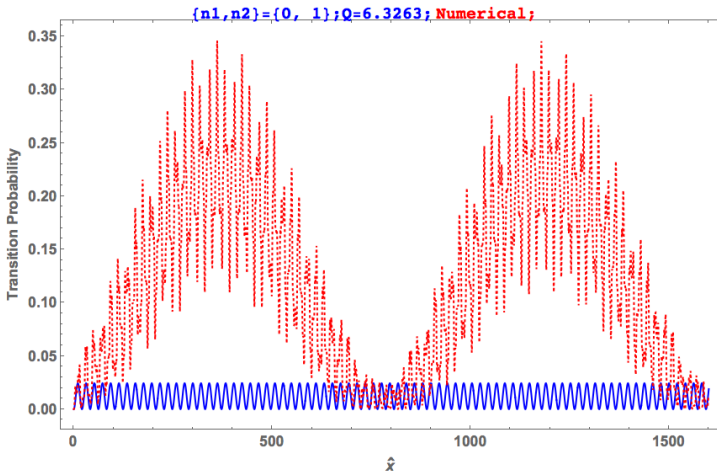
Distance to Resonance Width Ratio

$$Q_2 = \frac{d}{\Gamma_2}.$$

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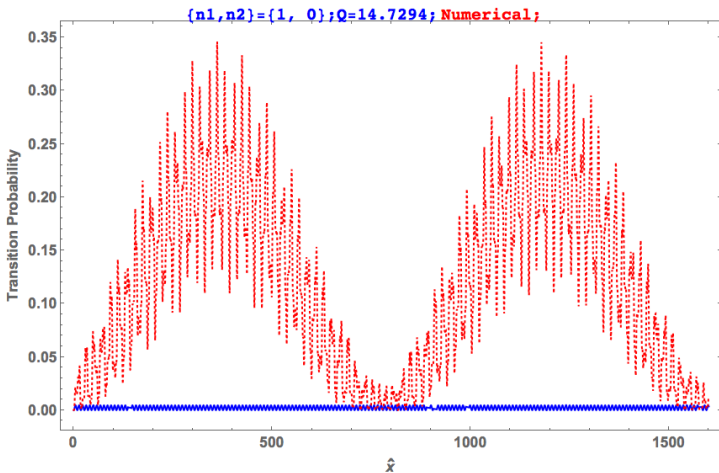


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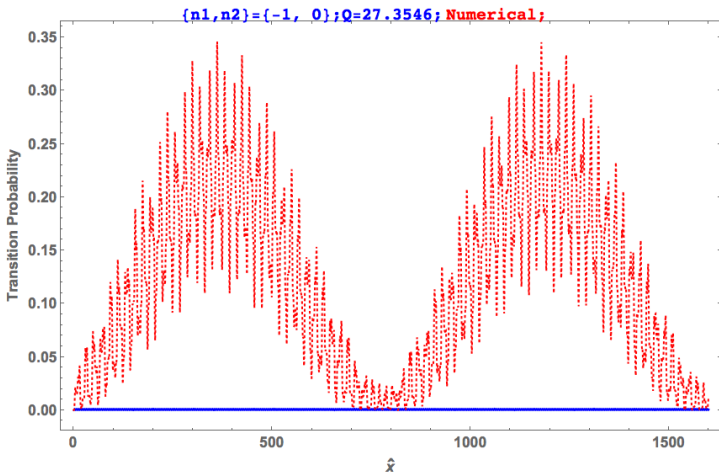




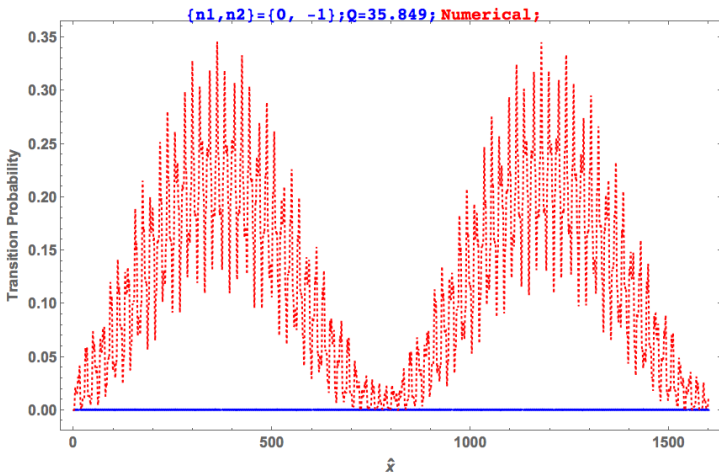
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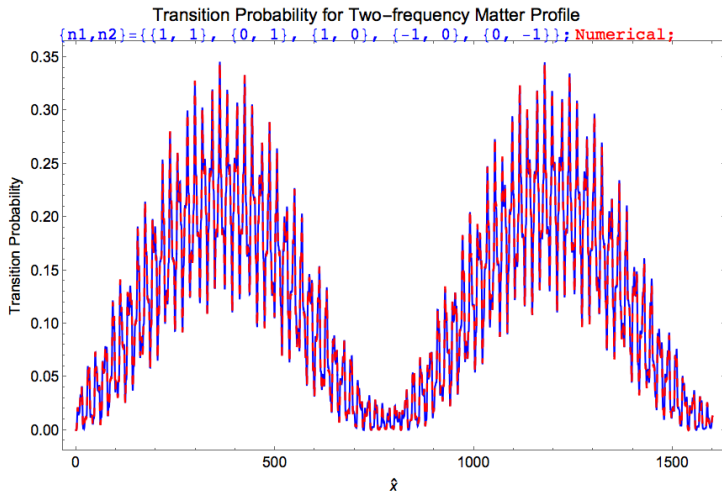
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# BESSEL'S FUNCTION

$$J_n(\beta) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^m}{m! \Gamma(m+n+1)} \left(\frac{\beta}{2}\right)^{2m+n}$$

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