Analytical Approximation of the Neutrino Oscillation Probabilities at Large  $\theta_{13}$ 

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## Matter Effect on Neutrino Oscillation

- The neutrino beams of long-baseline neutrino oscillation experiments performed on the Earth necessarily traverse Earth's interior
  - $\rightarrow$  Matter effects must be taken into account.
- Exact analytical expressions exist for the oscillation probabilities for constant density matter, but are too complicated to be of practical use.
- Numerical calculations obscure the physics.
- Simple analytical approximations to the oscillation probabilities in matter would go a long way in helping us analyze the potential of various experiments.

### **Neutrino Mixing Matrix**

flavor eigenstates :

mass eigenstates :

**PMNS** matrix :

$$\begin{vmatrix} v_{\alpha} \rangle & (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau) \\ |v_{j} \rangle & (j = 1, 2, 3) \\ (V_{PMNS})_{\alpha j} = \langle v_{\alpha} | v_{j} \rangle$$

 $\begin{aligned} V_{PMNS} &= UP \\ U &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ P &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{i\alpha_{21}/2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\alpha_{31}/2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$ 

#### **Neutrino Oscillation in Vacuum**

$$A_{\beta\alpha} = \left\langle v_{\beta} \middle| v_{\alpha,0}(x=L) \right\rangle = \left[ \exp\left(-i\frac{H_0}{2E}L\right) \right]_{\beta\alpha}, \qquad H_0 = U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta m_{31}^2 \end{bmatrix} U^{\dagger},$$
$$P(v_{\alpha} \rightarrow v_{\beta})$$

$$=\left|A_{\beta\alpha}\right|^{2}$$

$$= \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{j>k} \Re \left( U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^* \right) \sin^2 \frac{\Delta_{jk}}{2} + 2\sum_{j>k} \Im \left( U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^* \right) \sin \Delta_{jk},$$

$$\Delta_{jk} = \frac{\delta m_{jk}^2}{2E} L$$

#### Neutrino Oscillation in Matter

$$H_{a} = U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta m_{21}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix} U^{\dagger} + \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{U} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{3} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{U}^{\dagger},$$

$$P(\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{j>k} \Re \left( \tilde{U}_{\alpha j}^{*} \tilde{U}_{\beta j} \tilde{U}_{\alpha k} \tilde{U}_{\beta k}^{*} \right) \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{jk}}{2} + 2 \sum_{j>k} \Im \left( \tilde{U}_{\alpha j}^{*} \tilde{U}_{\beta j} \tilde{U}_{\alpha k} \tilde{U}_{\beta k}^{*} \right) \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{jk},$$

$$\tilde{\Delta}_{jk} = \frac{\partial \lambda_{jk}}{2E} L, \qquad \delta \lambda_{jk} = \lambda_j - \lambda_k, \qquad a = 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E.$$

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Can the probabilities be expressed as simple functions of *a* ?

#### Matter Effect Parameter *a*

$$a = 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E = 7.63 \times 10^{-5} (\text{eV}^2) \left(\frac{\rho}{\text{g/cm}^3}\right) \left(\frac{E}{\text{GeV}}\right)$$



#### Example: Formula of Cervera et al.

 A. Cervera, A. Donini, M. B. Gavela, J. J. Gomez Cádenas, P. Hernández, O. Mena, and S. Rigolin, Nuclear Physics B 579 (2000) 17-55.

$$\begin{split} P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) &\approx \sin^{2} 2\theta_{13} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{23} \frac{\sin^{2} \left[ (1-A)\Delta \right]}{(1-A)^{2}} \\ &-\alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \sin \delta \sin \Delta \frac{\sin \left(A\Delta\right)}{A} \frac{\sin \left[ (1-A)\Delta \right]}{(1-A)} \\ &+\alpha \sin 2\theta_{13} \cos \theta_{13} \sin 2\theta_{12} \sin 2\theta_{23} \cos \delta \cos \Delta \frac{\sin \left(A\Delta\right)}{A} \frac{\sin \left[ (1-A)\Delta \right]}{(1-A)} \\ &+\alpha^{2} \cos^{2} \theta_{23} \sin^{2} 2\theta_{12} \frac{\sin^{2} \left(A\Delta\right)}{A^{2}}, \end{split}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\delta m_{21}^2}{\delta m_{31}^2} \approx 0.03, \quad A = \frac{a}{\delta m_{31}^2}, \quad \Delta = \frac{\delta m_{31}^2}{4E}L, \quad \sin 2\theta_{13} \approx 0.3$$

### L=4000 km



## L=810 km (Fermilab→NOvA)



## L=8770 km (CERN→HyperK)



#### Asano-Minakata

• K. Asano and H. Minakata, JHEP 1106 (2011) 022 [arXiv:1103.4387[hep-ph]]

$$\begin{split} P_{AM}(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) &\approx P_{C}(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) \\ -4\sin^{2}\theta_{23} \Bigg[ \sin^{4}\theta_{13} \bigg( \frac{1+A}{1-A} \bigg)^{2} - 2\alpha \sin^{2}\theta_{13} \sin^{2}\theta_{12} \bigg( \frac{A}{1-A} \bigg) \Bigg] \frac{\sin^{2} \big[ (1-A)\Delta \big]}{(1-A)^{2}} \\ +4\sin^{2}\theta_{23} \Bigg[ 2\sin^{4}\theta_{13} \bigg( \frac{A}{1-A} \bigg) - \alpha \sin^{2}\theta_{13} \sin^{2}\theta_{12} \Bigg] \frac{\Delta \sin \big[ 2(1-A)\Delta \big]}{(1-A)^{2}}, \end{split}$$

 $\sin^4 \theta_{13} \approx 0.0005, \qquad \alpha \sin^2 \theta_{13} \approx 0.0007$ 

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## **Our Approach**

 Use the expressions for the vacuum oscillation probabilities as is, but make the following replacements:

$$\theta_{12} \rightarrow \theta'_{12}, \quad \theta_{13} \rightarrow \theta'_{13}, \quad \delta m^2_{jk} \rightarrow \lambda_j - \lambda_k$$

where

$$\tan 2\theta_{12}' = \frac{(\delta m_{21}^2 / c_{13}^2) \sin 2\theta_{12}}{(\delta m_{21}^2 / c_{13}^2) \cos 2\theta_{12} - a}, \qquad \tan 2\theta_{13}' = \frac{(\delta m_{31}^2 - \delta m_{21}^2 s_{12}^2) \sin 2\theta_{13}}{(\delta m_{31}^2 - \delta m_{21}^2 s_{12}^2) \cos 2\theta_{13} - a},$$

$$\lambda_{1} = \lambda'_{-} \qquad \lambda'_{\pm} = \frac{(\delta m_{21}^{2} + ac_{13}^{2}) \pm \sqrt{(\delta m_{21}^{2} - ac_{13}^{2})^{2} + 4ac_{13}^{2}s_{12}^{2}\delta m_{21}^{2}}}{2}$$

$$\lambda_{2} = \lambda''_{\mp} \qquad \lambda_{3} = \lambda''_{\pm} \qquad \lambda''_{\pm} = \frac{\left[\lambda'_{+} + (\delta m_{31}^{2} + as_{13}^{2})\right] \pm \sqrt{\left[\lambda'_{+} - (\delta m_{31}^{2} + as_{13}^{2})\right]^{2} + 4a^{2}s_{12}'^{2}c_{13}^{2}s_{13}^{2}}}{2}$$

#### *a*-dependence of effective mixing angles



$$\frac{a}{\left|\delta m_{31}^{2}\right|} = \varepsilon^{-\beta}, \qquad \varepsilon = \sqrt{\frac{\delta m_{21}^{2}}{\left|\delta m_{31}^{2}\right|}} \approx 0.17$$

#### *a*-dependence of effective mass-squares



Normal Hierarchy

Inverted Hierarchy

### L=4000 km



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# L=8770 km (CERN→HyperK)



#### **Diagonalization of the Effective Hamiltonian**

$$H_{a} = U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta m_{21}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix} U^{\dagger} + \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \tilde{U} \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{1} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_{3} \end{bmatrix} \tilde{U}^{\dagger},$$

$$\begin{aligned} H_{a}^{\prime} &= Q^{\dagger} U^{\dagger} H_{a} U Q \\ &= Q^{\dagger} \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta m_{21}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix} + U^{\dagger} \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} U \right\} Q \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} ac_{12}^{2}c_{13}^{2} & ac_{12}s_{12}c_{13}^{2} & ac_{12}c_{13}s_{13} \\ ac_{12}s_{12}c_{13}^{2} & as_{12}^{2}c_{13}^{2} + \delta m_{21}^{2} & as_{12}c_{13}s_{13} \\ ac_{12}c_{13}s_{13} & as_{12}c_{13}s_{13} & as_{13}^{2} + \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\delta} \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

### Jacobi Method (1846)



- Carl Gustav Jacob Jacobi (1804-1851)
- "Über ein leichtes Verfahren die in der Theorie der Säcularstörungen vorkommenden Gleichungen numerisch aufzulösen," Crelle's Journal **30** (1846) 51-94.

# 1<sup>st</sup> Rotation

$$H'_{a} = \begin{bmatrix} ac_{12}^{2}c_{13}^{2} & ac_{12}s_{12}c_{13}^{2} & ac_{12}c_{13}s_{13} \\ ac_{12}s_{12}c_{13}^{2} & as_{12}^{2}c_{13}^{2} + \delta m_{21}^{2} & as_{12}c_{13}s_{13} \\ ac_{12}c_{13}s_{13} & as_{12}c_{13}s_{13} & as_{12}^{2} + \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} c_{\varphi} & s_{\varphi} & 0 \\ -s_{\varphi} & c_{\varphi} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \tan 2\varphi = \frac{a\sin 2\theta_{12}}{(\delta m_{21}^{2}/c_{13}^{2}) - a\cos 2\theta_{12}}$$

$$H''_{a} = V^{\dagger}H'_{a}V = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda'_{-} & 0 & ac_{12}'c_{13}s_{13} \\ 0 & \lambda'_{+} & as_{12}'c_{13}s_{13} \\ ac_{12}'c_{13}s_{13} & as_{12}'c_{13}s_{13} \\ ac_{12}'c_{13}'c_{13} & as_{12}'c_{13}'c_{13}'c_{13} \\ ac_{12}'c_{13}'c_{13}'c_{13} \\ ac_{12}'c_{13}'c_{13}'c_{13} \\ ac_{12}'c_{13}'c$$

$$\theta_{12}' = \theta_{12} + \varphi, \qquad \lambda_{\pm}' = \frac{(\delta m_{21}^2 + ac_{13}^2) \pm \sqrt{(\delta m_{21}^2 - ac_{13}^2)^2 + 4ac_{13}^2 s_{12}^2 \delta m_{21}^2}}{2}$$

### 1<sup>st</sup> Rotation

$$\tan 2\theta_{12}' = \tan 2(\theta_{12} + \varphi) = \frac{(\delta m_{21}^2 / c_{13}^2) \sin 2\theta_{12}}{(\delta m_{21}^2 / c_{13}^2) \cos 2\theta_{12} - a}$$



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotation

$$\begin{split} H_{a}'' &= \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{-}' & 0 & ac_{12}'c_{13}s_{13} \\ 0 & \lambda_{+}' & as_{12}'c_{13}s_{13} \\ ac_{12}'c_{13}s_{13} & as_{12}'c_{13}s_{13} & as_{13}^{2} + \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix} \\ W &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\phi} & s_{\phi} \\ 0 & -s_{\phi} & c_{\phi} \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \tan 2\phi = \frac{as_{12}' \sin 2\theta_{13}}{\delta m_{31}^{2} + as_{13}^{2} - \lambda_{+}'} \approx \frac{a \sin 2\theta_{13}}{(\delta m_{31}^{2} - \delta m_{31}^{2}s_{12}^{2}) - a \cos 2\theta_{13}} \\ H_{a}''' &= W^{\dagger} H_{a}''W = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{-}' & -ac_{12}'c_{13}s_{13}s_{\phi} & ac_{12}'c_{13}s_{13}c_{\phi} \\ -ac_{12}'c_{13}s_{13}s_{\phi} & \lambda_{\pm}'' & 0 \\ ac_{12}'c_{13}s_{13}c_{\phi} & 0 & \lambda_{\pm}'' \end{bmatrix}, \\ \lambda_{\pm}'' &= \frac{\left[\lambda_{+}' + (\delta m_{31}^{2} + as_{13}^{2})\right] \pm \sqrt{\left[\lambda_{+}' - (\delta m_{31}^{2} + as_{13}^{2})\right]^{2} + 4a^{2}s_{12}'^{2}c_{13}^{2}s_{13}^{2}}}{2} \end{split}$$

## **Effective Mixing Matrix**

 $\tilde{U} = UQVW$ 

- $= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0)R_{13}(\theta_{13}, \delta)R_{12}(\theta_{12}, 0)QR_{12}(\varphi, 0)R_{23}(\phi, 0)$
- $= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0) Q R_{13}(\theta_{13}, 0) R_{12}(\theta_{12}, 0) R_{12}(\varphi, 0) R_{23}(\phi, 0)$
- $= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0) Q R_{13}(\theta_{13}, 0) R_{12}(\theta_{12} + \varphi, 0) R_{23}(\phi, 0)$
- $= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0) Q R_{13}(\theta_{13}, 0) R_{12}(\theta_{12}', 0) R_{23}(\phi, 0)$
- $\approx R_{23}(\theta_{23},0) Q R_{13}(\theta_{13},0) R_{13}(\phi,0) R_{12}(\theta_{12}',0)$
- $= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0) Q R_{13}(\theta_{13} + \phi, 0) R_{12}(\theta_{12}', 0)$
- $= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0) Q R_{13}(\theta_{13}', 0) R_{12}(\theta_{12}', 0)$
- $= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0) R_{13}(\theta_{13}', \delta) R_{12}(\theta_{12}', 0) Q$

$$\theta_{13}' = \theta_{13} + \phi$$

### **Effective Mixing Matrix**

 $R_{12}(\theta_{12}',0)R_{23}(\phi,0)$  $= \begin{bmatrix} c_{12}' & s_{12}' & 0 \\ -s_{12}' & c_{12}' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\phi} & s_{\phi} \\ 0 & -s_{\phi} & c_{\phi} \end{vmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{\phi} & s_{\phi} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  $= \begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi} & 0 & s_{\phi} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{\phi} & 0 & c_{\phi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} c_{\phi} & 0 & s_{\phi} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{\phi} & 0 & c_{\phi} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_{12}' & s_{12}' & 0 \\ -s_{12}' & c_{12}' & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ 

 $= R_{13}(\phi, 0) R_{12}(\theta_{12}', 0)$ 

#### **Effective Mixing Angles**



#### **Application 1: Mass Hierarchy Dependence**

$$\begin{split} P(\mathbf{v}_{e} \rightarrow \mathbf{v}_{e}) \\ &= 1 - 4 \left| \tilde{U}_{e2} \right|^{2} \left( 1 - \left| \tilde{U}_{e2} \right|^{2} \right) \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} - 4 \left| \tilde{U}_{e3} \right|^{2} \left( 1 - \left| \tilde{U}_{e3} \right|^{2} \right) \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} \\ &+ 2 \left| \tilde{U}_{e2} \right|^{2} \left| \tilde{U}_{e3} \right|^{2} \left( 4 \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} + \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{21} \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{31} \right) \\ &= 1 - 4 c_{13}^{\prime 2} s_{12}^{\prime 2} \left( 1 - c_{13}^{\prime 2} s_{12}^{\prime 2} \right) \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} - \sin^{2} \left( 2\theta_{13}^{\prime} \right) \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} \\ &+ s_{12}^{\prime 2} \sin^{2} \left( 2\theta_{13}^{\prime} \right) \left( 2 \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{21} \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{31} \right) \\ &= \frac{s_{12}^{\prime \prime = 1}}{2} + \sin^{2} \left( 2\theta_{13}^{\prime} \right) \left( \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} + \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} - 2 \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{21} \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{31} \right) \\ &= 1 - \sin^{2} \left( 2\theta_{13}^{\prime} \right) \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{32}}{2} \end{split}$$

#### **Application 1: Mass Hierarchy Dependence**

Demand the oscillation term is maximized for normal hierarchy:

$$2\theta'_{13} \approx \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad a \approx \delta m_{31}^2, \qquad \qquad \frac{\Delta_{32}}{2} \approx \frac{s_{13}\delta m_{31}^2}{2E} L \approx \frac{\pi}{2}$$

This is satisfied at  $L \approx 10000 \text{ km}$ ,  $\rho \approx 4.5 \text{g/cm}^3$ ,  $E \approx 6.7 \text{ GeV}$ .

![](_page_30_Figure_4.jpeg)

### **Application 2: Magic Baseline**

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{e}) = 4 \left| \tilde{U}_{e2} \right|^{2} \left| \tilde{U}_{\mu 2} \right|^{2} \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} + 4 \left| \tilde{U}_{e3} \right|^{2} \left| \tilde{U}_{\mu 3} \right|^{2} \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} + 2 \Re \left( \tilde{U}_{e3}^{*} \tilde{U}_{\mu 3} \tilde{U}_{e2} \tilde{U}_{\mu 2}^{*} \right) \left( 4 \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} + \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{21} \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{31} \right) + 4 \tilde{J}_{(\mu,e)} \left( \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{31} - \sin^{2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2} \sin \tilde{\Delta}_{21} \right)$$

To get rid of all dependence on the CP violating phase, we need to impose

$$\sin\frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{\delta\lambda_{21}}{4E}L \approx \frac{a}{4E}L \approx 10^{-4} \left(\frac{\rho}{\text{g/cm}^3}\right) \left(\frac{L}{\text{km}}\right) = \pi$$

This condition is satisfied around L = 7700 km.

## **Application 2: Magic Baseline**

![](_page_32_Figure_1.jpeg)

## **New Physics**

$$\begin{split} H_{a} \\ &= U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta m_{21}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix} U^{\dagger} + \begin{bmatrix} a_{e} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a_{\mu} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{\tau} \end{bmatrix} \\ &= U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta m_{21}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix} U^{\dagger} + \left(a_{e} - \frac{a_{\mu} + a_{\tau}}{2}\right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} + \left(\frac{a_{\mu} - a_{\tau}}{2}\right) \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} + \cdots \\ &= U \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \delta m_{21}^{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \delta m_{31}^{2} \end{bmatrix} U^{\dagger} + a \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \xi & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\xi \end{bmatrix}, \qquad \xi < 1. \end{split}$$

#### After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotation:

$$H_{a}^{\prime\prime\prime} = W^{\dagger} H_{a}^{\prime\prime} W = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_{-}^{\prime} & -a(c_{12}^{\prime} c_{13} s_{13} - \xi s_{12}^{\prime}) s_{\phi} & a(c_{12}^{\prime} c_{13} s_{13} - \xi s_{12}^{\prime}) c_{\phi} \\ -a(c_{12}^{\prime} c_{13} s_{13} - \xi s_{12}^{\prime}) s_{\phi} & \lambda_{\mp}^{\prime\prime} & 0 \\ a(c_{12}^{\prime} c_{13} s_{13} - \xi s_{12}^{\prime}) c_{\phi} & 0 & \lambda_{\pm}^{\prime\prime} \end{bmatrix},$$

Third Rotation:

Rotation angle  $\approx \frac{a\xi}{\delta m_{31}^2}$ Normal Hierarchy  $\rightarrow 12$  rotation  $\rightarrow$  can be absorbed into  $\theta_{12}$ Inverted Hierarchy  $\rightarrow 13$  rotation  $\rightarrow$  can be absorbed into  $\theta_{23}$ 

## After the 2<sup>nd</sup> Rotation:

 $\delta$ =0 case

$$\begin{split} \tilde{U} &= UQVWY \\ &= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0)R_{13}(\theta_{13}', 0)R_{12}(\theta_{12}', 0)R_{13}(\chi, 0) \\ &\approx R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} R_{13}(\chi, 0) \\ &= R_{23}(\theta_{23}, 0)R_{23}(-\chi, 0) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= R_{23}(\theta_{23} - \chi, 0)R_{13}(\theta_{13}', 0)R_{12}(\theta_{12}', 0) \end{split}$$

#### Where does the extra shift appear?

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu}) \approx 1 - \sin^{2}[2(\theta_{23} + \chi)] \sin^{2}\frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{21}}{2}$$
$$\approx 1 - \sin^{2}[2(\theta_{23} - \chi)] \sin^{2}\frac{\tilde{\Delta}_{31}}{2}$$

(Normal Hierarchy)

(Inverted Hierarchy)

## Conclusion:

 The Jacobi diagonalization procedure allows up to derive compact, transparent, and accurate analytical approximations to neutrino oscillation probabilities in matter.