## Testing Low Scale Leptonic Unitarity Violation

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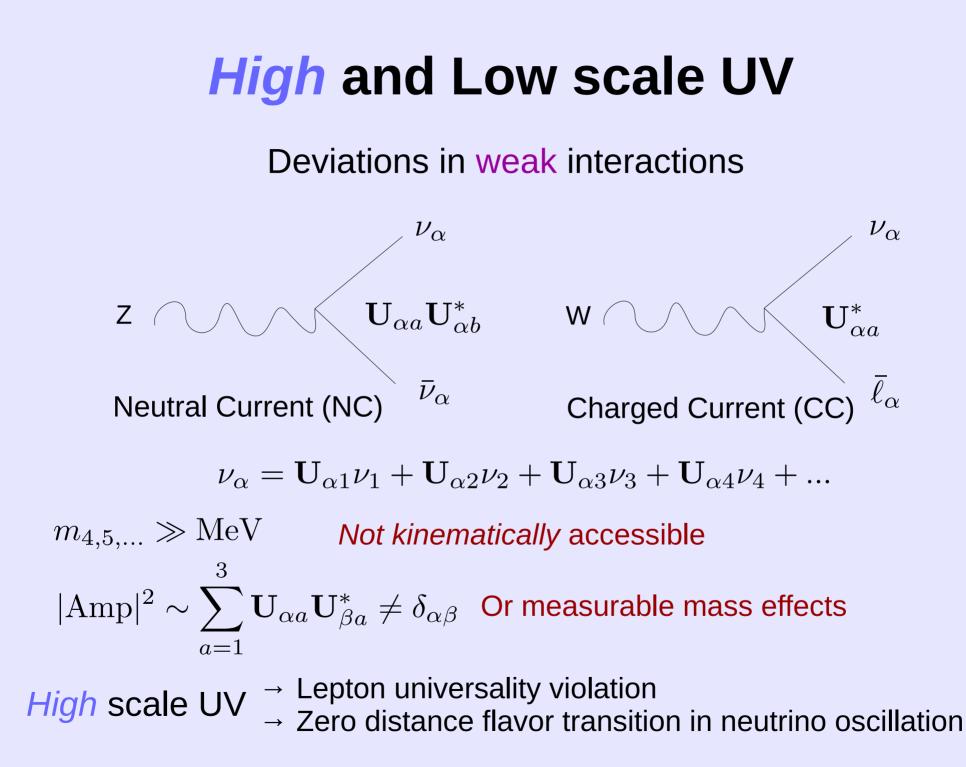
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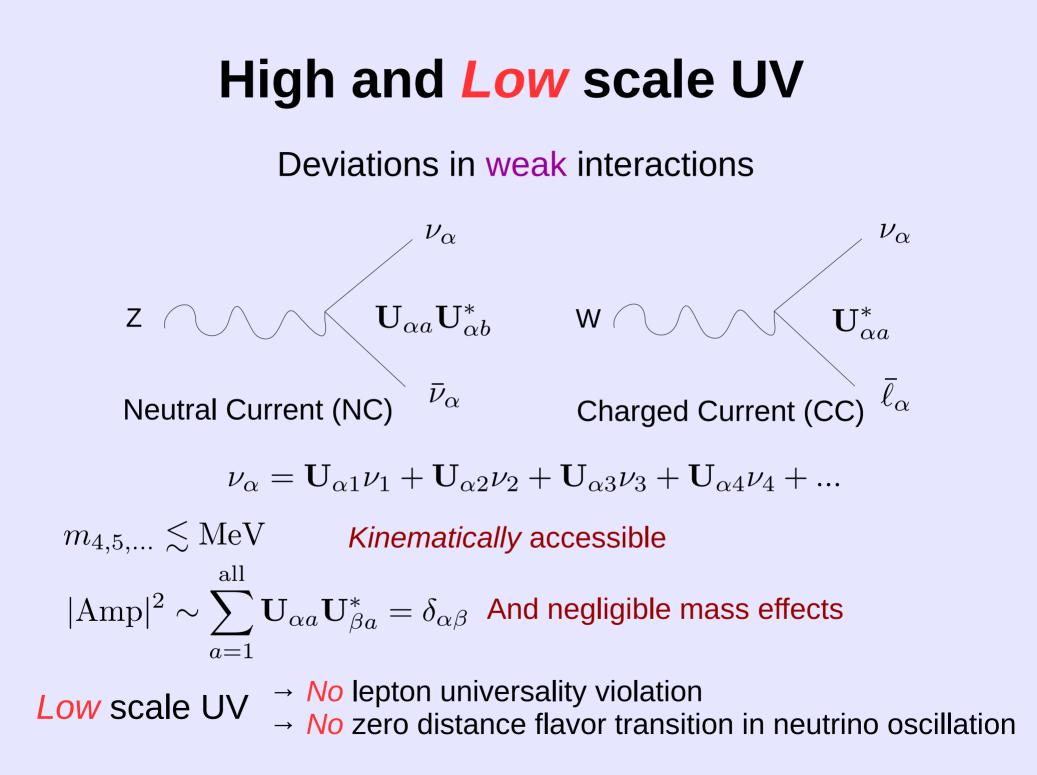
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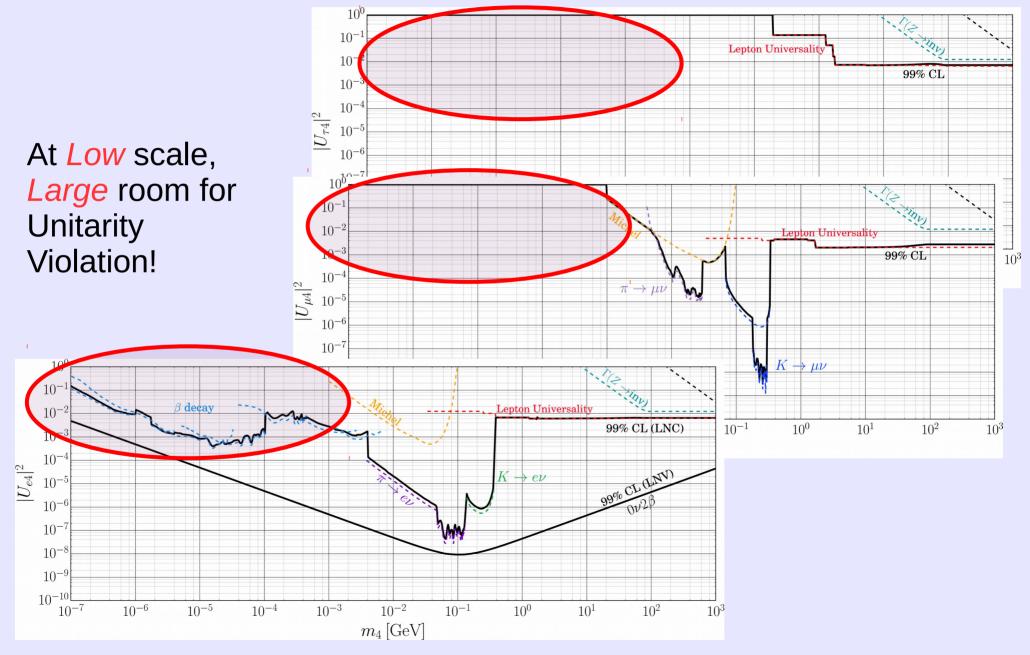
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- Neutrino masses are New Physics either way  $m_D \bar{\nu}_L \nu_R \longrightarrow y_{\nu} \bar{\ell}_L \tilde{H} \nu_R \qquad \ell_L = (\nu_L, e_L)$  $m_M \bar{\nu}_L \nu_L^c \longrightarrow \frac{1}{\Lambda} (\bar{\ell}_L \tilde{H}) (\ell_L^c \tilde{H}) \qquad H = (h^+, h^0)$
- They are <u>active</u> participate in <u>weak</u> interactions!
- SU(2) gauge invariance further dictates that new physics couples to charged leptons → lepton nonuniversality?
- If there exists additional neutral fermions which do not participate in weak interaction i.e. <u>sterile</u> neutrinos, it is possible that they mix with the active neutrinos

→ "Leptonic Unitarity Violation (UV)"





## Constraints on 3+1 [de Gouvêa & Kobach (2016)]



## Low scale UV in v oscillations

## 3 active + N sterile model

• Neutrino "flavor" eigenstates are related to mass eigenstates through  $\nu_{\zeta} = \mathbf{U}_{\zeta a} \nu_a$ 

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{U} &= \begin{bmatrix} U_{3\times 3} & W_{3\times N} \\ Z_{N\times 3} & V_{N\times N} \end{bmatrix} \qquad \mathbf{U}^{\dagger}\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^{\dagger} = \mathbf{1} \\ \zeta &= e, \mu, \tau, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_N, \quad a = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 3 + N \\ \text{active sterile} \qquad \text{mass eigenstates} \end{split}$$

• Relevant unitarity relations

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i} U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^{*} + \sum_{I} W_{\alpha I} W_{\beta I}^{*} &= \delta_{\alpha \beta} \\ \alpha, \beta, \dots &= e, \mu, \tau, \quad i, j, \dots = 1, 2, 3, \quad I, J, \dots = 4, 5, \dots, 3 + N \\ W &\equiv \begin{bmatrix} W_{e\,4} & W_{e\,5} & \dots & W_{e\,3+N} \\ W_{\mu\,4} & W_{\mu\,5} & \dots & W_{\mu\,3+N} \\ W_{\tau\,4} & W_{\tau\,5} & \dots & W_{\tau\,3+N} \end{bmatrix} \end{split}$$

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• For the mass range

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Energy of reactor neutrinos

we can average out fast oscillations, assuming no accidental degeneracy i.e.  $|\Delta m_{JK}^2| \gg |\Delta m_{31}^2|$ 

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## **3+N unitarity constraints**

• From the identity

$$\mathcal{C}_{\alpha\beta} = \left(\sum_{I=4}^{3+N} |W_{\alpha I}|^2\right) \left(\sum_{J=4}^{3+N} |W_{\beta J}|^2\right) - \sum_{I\neq J} |W_{\alpha I} W_{\beta J}|^2$$
$$= \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{\alpha i}|^2\right) \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{\beta i}|^2\right) - \sum_{I\neq J} |W_{\alpha I} W_{\beta J}|^2$$

• we derive

$$\sum_{I \neq J} |W_{\alpha I} W_{\beta J}|^2 = 0 \implies \mathcal{C}_{\alpha \beta}^{\max} = \left(1 - \sum_{i=1} |U_{\alpha i}|^2\right) \left(1 - \sum_{i=1} |U_{\beta i}|^2\right)$$
$$W_{\alpha I} = v, \ W_{\beta J} = w \implies \mathcal{C}_{\alpha \beta}^{\min} = \left(\frac{1}{N} \left(1 - \sum_{i=1} |U_{\alpha i}|^2\right) \left(1 - \sum_{i=1} |U_{\beta i}|^2\right)\right)$$

N dependent!

## **Probing N**

• For  $\beta = \alpha$ , the 3+N constraints are

$$\frac{1}{N} \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{\alpha i}|^2 \right)^2 \le \mathcal{C}_{\alpha \alpha} \le \left( 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{\alpha i}|^2 \right)^2$$

• Rearranging, we have

$$\sqrt{\mathcal{C}_{\alpha\alpha}} \le (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{\alpha i}|^2) \le \sqrt{N\mathcal{C}_{\alpha\alpha}}$$

• Suppose the data show

$$(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{\alpha i}|^2) = \sqrt{M \mathcal{C}_{\alpha \alpha}}$$

#### N < M is excluded within our framework

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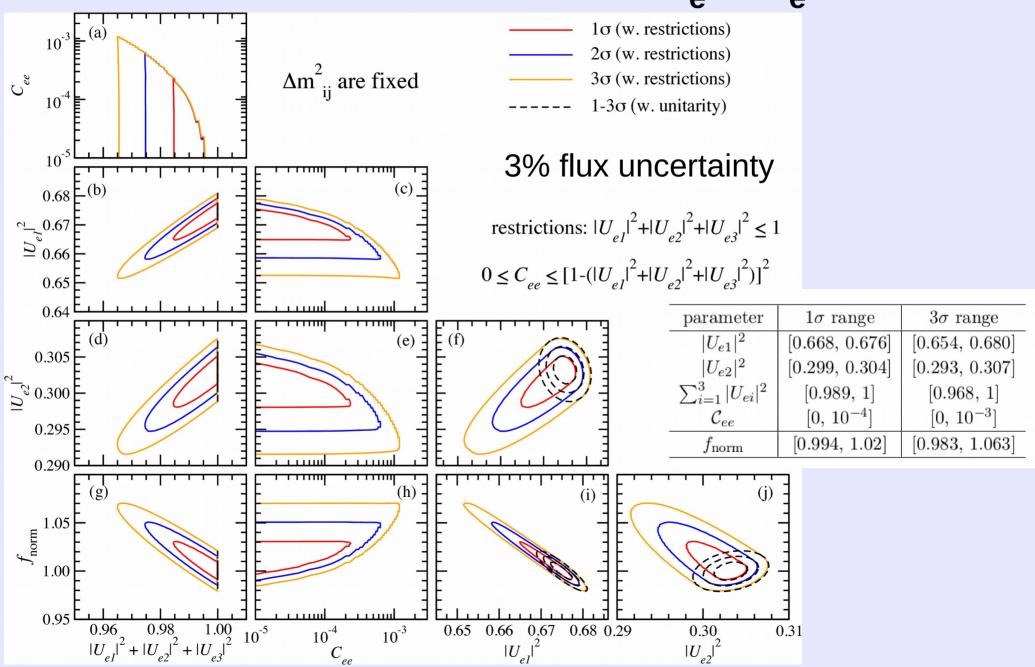
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- → likely a *low scale* UV but
  - Partial decoherence conditions are not fulfilled
  - Cannot be described by our 3+N model

## **Experimental sensitivity: JUNO**

## 5-year JUNO for $\overline{v} \rightarrow \overline{v}$



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• Generically fulfill unless very small W  $W^2 \sim 10^{-3} (W^2 \lesssim 10^{-n}) \implies \Delta m_{Jk}^2 \simeq m_J^2 \gtrsim 1 \,\mathrm{eV}^2 (10^{(n-3)} \,\mathrm{eV}^2)$ 

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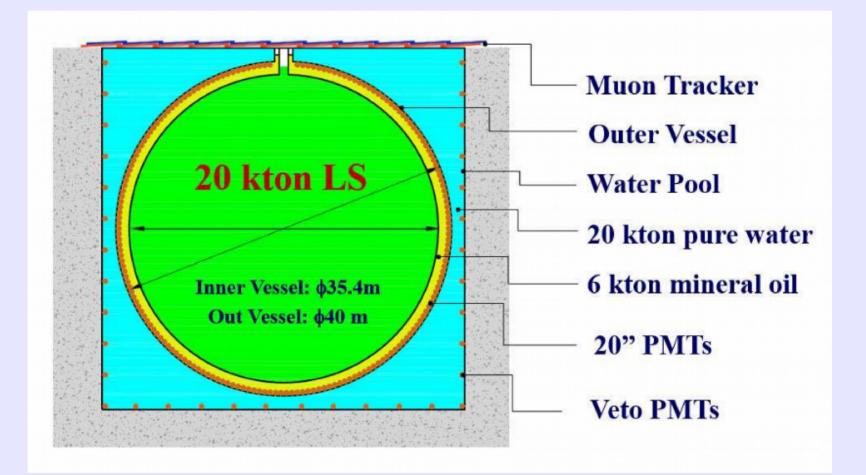
### **Extra slides**

## JUNO site



#### [An et al. (2015)]

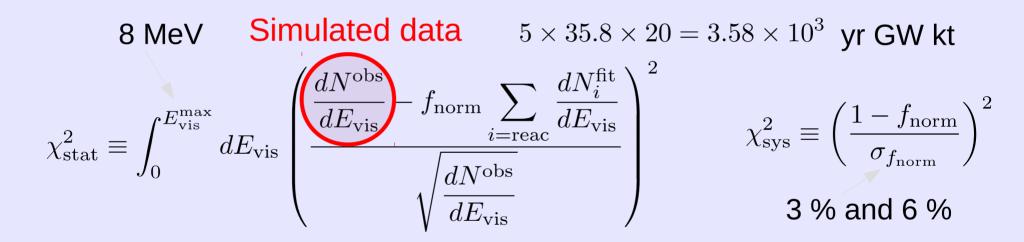
### **JUNO detector**



[An et al. (2015)]

# JUNO for $\overline{v}_e \rightarrow \overline{v}_e$

- We simulate data with using the best fit values with unitarity
- We fit using the simple  $\chi^2$  fit as follows  $\chi^2 \equiv \chi^2_{\rm stat} + \chi^2_{\rm sys}$



 $\Delta \chi^2 \equiv \chi^2 - \chi^2_{\min} = 2.3, \ 6.18 \ \text{and} \ 11.93 \ (1, \ 4 \ \text{and} \ 9) \qquad \chi^2_{\min} = 0$  by definition

Constraints: 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{ei}|^2 \le 1, \qquad 0 \le \mathcal{C}_{ee} \le (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{ei}|^2)^2$$

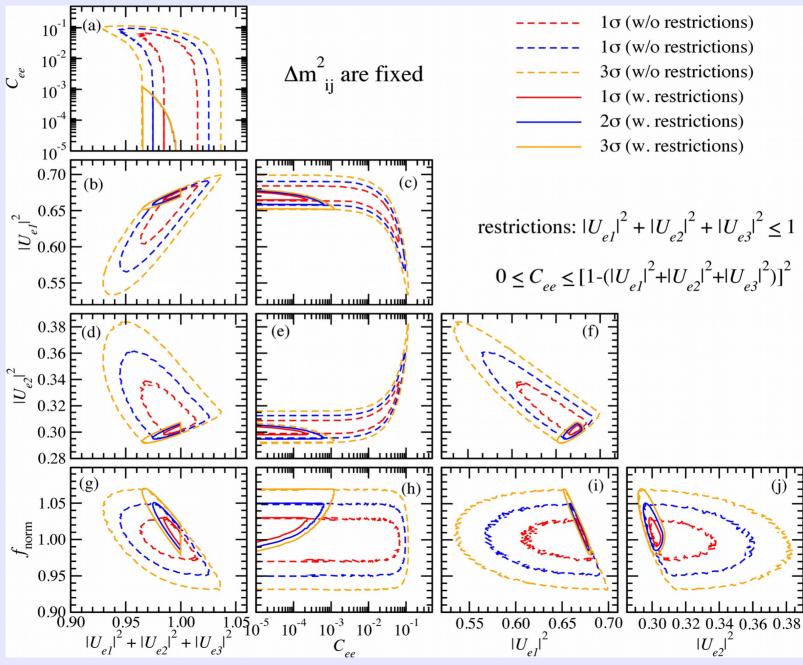
Most conservative case:  $N \rightarrow \infty$ 

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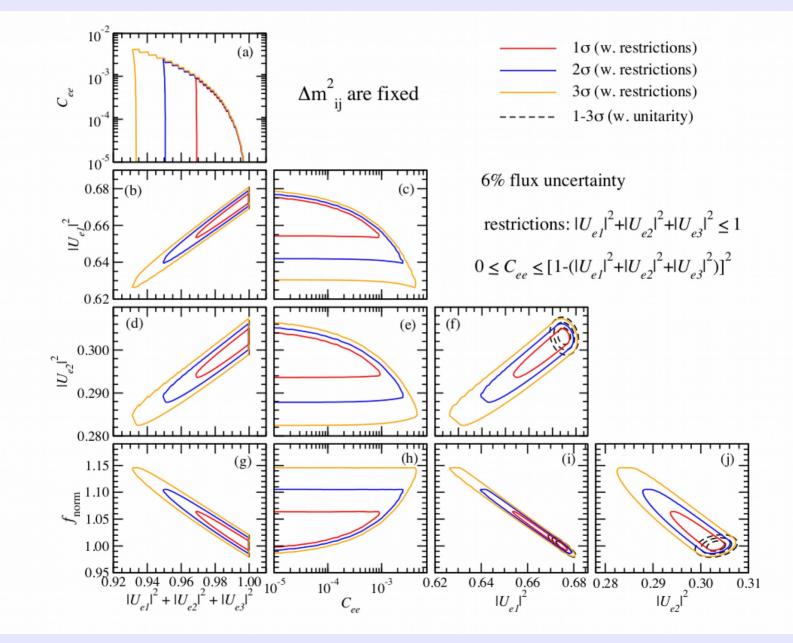
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 $\overline{i=1}$ 

## JUNO (w/o constraints)



## JUNO (6% flux uncertainty)



## **CP** violation

- 3x3 non-unitarity matrix has (3-1)<sup>2</sup>=4 phases
- CP violation can be quantified by

$$\Delta P_{\beta\alpha} \equiv P(\nu_{\beta} \to \nu_{\alpha}) - P(\bar{\nu}_{\beta} \to \bar{\nu}_{\alpha}) = -4\sum_{j>i} J_{\alpha\beta ij} \sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{ji}^2 x}{2E}\right)$$
$$J_{\alpha\beta ij} \equiv \operatorname{Im}\left(U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^* U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j}\right)$$

• We can rewrite in another form using unitarity relation

$$\sum_{i} U_{\alpha i} U_{\beta i}^{*} = \delta_{\alpha \beta} - \sum_{I} W_{\alpha I} W_{\beta I}^{*} \Longrightarrow \sum_{i} J_{\alpha \beta i j} = -\operatorname{Im} \left( U_{\alpha j}^{*} U_{\beta j} W_{\alpha I} W_{\beta I}^{*} \right) \equiv S_{\alpha \beta j}$$
$$\Delta P_{\beta \alpha} = -16 J_{\alpha \beta 12} \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{32}^{2} x}{4E} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2} x}{4E} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{21}^{2} x}{4E} \right)$$
$$+ 4 S_{\alpha \beta 1} \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^{2} x}{2E} \right) + 4 S_{\alpha \beta 2} \sin \left( \frac{\Delta m_{32}^{2} x}{2E} \right)$$

• We start from Hamiltonian in flavor basis

$$H = \mathbf{U}\operatorname{diag}(\Delta_1, \Delta_2, ..., \Delta_{3+N})\mathbf{U}^{\dagger} + \operatorname{diag}(\Delta_A - \Delta_B, -\Delta_B, \Delta_B, 0, ..., 0)$$
$$\Delta_{i(J)} \equiv \frac{m_{i(J)}^2}{2E}, \ \Delta_A \equiv \frac{A}{2E}, \ \Delta_B \equiv \frac{B}{2E}$$

• with matter potential due to charged and neutral currents

$$A = 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E \approx 1.52 \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{Y_e \rho}{\text{g.cm}^{-3}}\right) \left(\frac{E}{\text{GeV}}\right) \text{eV}^2$$
$$B = \sqrt{2}G_F N_n E = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N_n}{N_e}\right) A$$

• We do not make assumption on size of W but matter effects as perturbation

 $|A| \ll |\Delta m_{31}^2|$ 

• We rotate to mass basis

$$\tilde{H} \equiv \mathbf{U}^{\dagger} H \mathbf{U} = \tilde{H}_0 + \tilde{H}_1$$
  
diagonal  
$$\tilde{S}(x) = T \exp\left[-i \int_0^x dx' \tilde{H}(x')\right]$$

Define

$$\tilde{S}(x) \equiv e^{-i\tilde{H}_0 x} \Omega(x) \implies i \frac{d}{dx} \Omega(x) = H_1(x) \Omega(x), \quad H_1(x) \equiv e^{i\tilde{H}_0 x} \tilde{H}_1 e^{-i\tilde{H}_0 x}$$

- We can solve perturbatively  $\Omega(x) = 1 + (-i) \int_0^x dx' H_1(x') + (-i)^2 \int_0^x dx' H_1(x') \int_0^{x'} dx'' H_1(x'') + \cdots$
- Oscillation probability

$$P(\nu_{\beta} \to \nu_{\alpha}) = |S_{\alpha\beta}|^{2} = \left|S_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)} + S_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)}\right|^{2} = \left|S_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)}\right|^{2} + 2\operatorname{Re}\left[S_{\alpha\beta}^{(0)*}S_{\alpha\beta}^{(1)}\right]$$

#### vacuum term

 $S(x) = \mathbf{U}\tilde{S}(x)\mathbf{U}^{\dagger}$ 

• We have terms like

$$2\sum_{j}\sum_{l}\sum_{K}|U_{\alpha j}|^{2}\operatorname{Re}\left[\Delta_{A}W_{\alpha K}U_{\alpha l}^{*}W_{eK}^{*}U_{el}-\Delta_{B}W_{\alpha K}U_{\alpha l}^{*}\sum_{\gamma}W_{\gamma K}^{*}U_{\gamma l}\right]\frac{\cos(\Delta_{l}-\Delta_{j})x}{(\Delta_{l}-\Delta_{K})}$$

• To make the model insensitive to sterile mass spectra, besides partial decoherence  $0.1 \text{ eV}^2 \lesssim m_J^2 \lesssim 1 \text{ MeV}^2$ , we require also  $\frac{|\Delta_A|}{(\Delta_J - \Delta_k)} = \frac{|A|}{\Delta m_{Jk}^2} \ll |W|^2$ 

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$$+4\sum_{j} \sum_{k \neq l} |U_{\alpha j}|^{2} \operatorname{Re} \left[ \Delta_{A} U_{\alpha k} U_{\alpha l}^{*} U_{ek}^{*} U_{el} - \Delta_{B} U_{\alpha k} U_{\alpha l}^{*} \sum_{\gamma} U_{\gamma k}^{*} U_{\gamma l} \right]$$
$$\times \frac{\sin^{2} \frac{(\Delta_{k} - \Delta_{j})x}{2} - \sin^{2} \frac{(\Delta_{l} - \Delta_{j})x}{2}}{(\Delta_{l} - \Delta_{k})}$$

- Similarly for appearance (but more lengthy expressions)
- The important effect of UV comes only in the vacuum term
- Can the 3+N model be insensitive to details of the sterile sector under strong matter effects? (work in progress)

- For appearance channels, corrections from matter effects give  $P(\nu_{\beta} \rightarrow \nu_{\alpha})^{(1)}$
- $=2\sum_{j\neq k} \left[-\operatorname{Re}\left(U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^*\right) \sin(\Delta_k \Delta_j) x + \operatorname{Im}\left(U_{\alpha j}^* U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta k}^*\right) \cos(\Delta_k \Delta_j) x\right]$

$$\times \left[ (\Delta_A x) |U_{ek}|^2 - (\Delta_B x) \sum_{\gamma} |U_{\gamma k}|^2 \right]$$
  
+2  $\sum \sum \operatorname{Re} \left[ \Delta_A U^*_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U^*_{\beta l} U^*_{ek} U_{el} - \Delta_B U^*_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U^*_{\beta l} \sum U^*_{\gamma k} U_{\gamma l} \right]$ 

 $(\Delta_l - \Delta_k)$ 

$$\times \frac{\sum_{j} \sum_{k \neq l} \left[ -A \nabla_{\alpha j} \nabla_{\beta l} \nabla_{\ell k} \nabla_{\beta l} \nabla_{\ell k} \nabla_{\beta l} \nabla_{\ell k} \nabla_{\beta l} \nabla_{\alpha k} \nabla_{\beta l} \sum_{\gamma} \nabla_{\gamma k} \nabla_{\gamma l} \right]}{(\Delta_{l} - \Delta_{k})}$$

$$+ 2 \sum_{j} \sum_{k \neq l} \operatorname{Im} \left[ \Delta_{A} U_{\alpha j}^{*} U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta l}^{*} U_{ek}^{*} U_{el} - \Delta_{B} U_{\alpha j}^{*} U_{\beta j} U_{\alpha k} U_{\beta l}^{*} \sum_{\gamma} U_{\gamma k}^{*} U_{\gamma l} \right]$$

$$\times \frac{\sin(\Delta_{l} - \Delta_{j}) x - \sin(\Delta_{k} - \Delta_{j}) x}{(\Delta_{l} - \Delta_{j}) x}$$