

Theory of Fast Flavor Conversion of Supernova neutrinos

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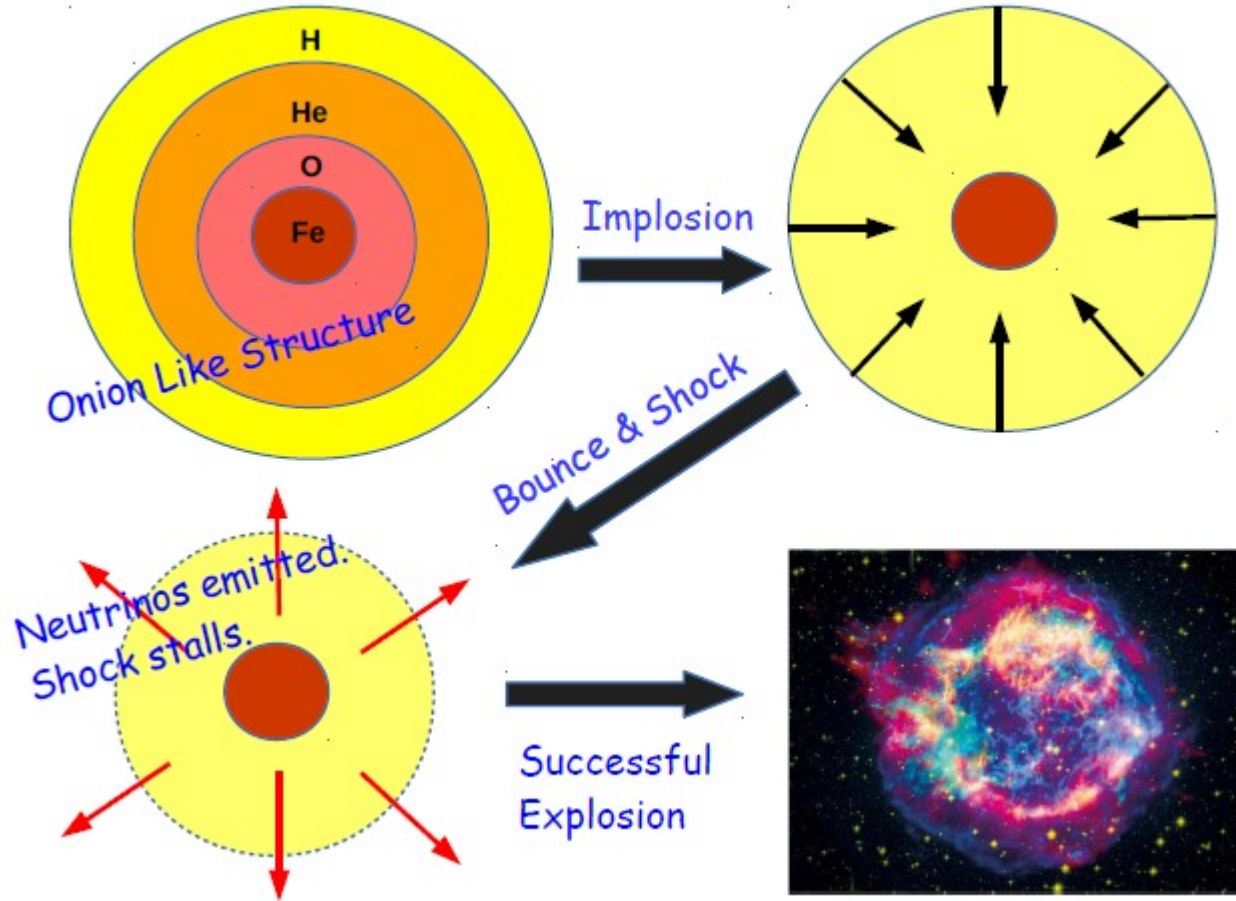
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CONTENT OF THE TALK :

- **Background and challenges**
- **Our Works :**
 - a) **Our own Numerical recipe**
 - b) **Theoretical development in SN neutrino oscillations :**
 - 1) *Multipole diffusion (Why?)*
 - 2) *Transverse relaxation (When ?)*
 - 3) *Extent of Flavor Depolarization (How much ?)*
 - c) **Extension towards multidimensional systems**
- **Phenomenological Consequences and Conclusion**

SN Explosion & Neutrinos :



EQUATION OF MOTION :

- Neutrino density matrix : $\hat{\rho}[\vec{r}, E, \vec{p}, t] \equiv \hat{\rho}_{E, \vec{p}}$

$$\hat{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \nu_e | \nu_e \rangle & \langle \nu_e | \nu_\mu \rangle & \langle \nu_e | \nu_\tau \rangle \\ \langle \nu_\mu | \nu_e \rangle & \langle \nu_\mu | \nu_\mu \rangle & \langle \nu_\mu | \nu_\tau \rangle \\ \langle \nu_\tau | \nu_e \rangle & \langle \nu_\tau | \nu_\mu \rangle & \langle \nu_\tau | \nu_\tau \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$\langle \nu_i | \nu_i \rangle$ \longrightarrow Total flavor content

$\langle \nu_i | \nu_j \rangle$ \longrightarrow Amount of flavor conversion

- Equations governing flavor evolution :

$$\left(\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \hat{\rho}_{E, \vec{p}} = [\hat{H}_{E, \vec{p}}, \hat{\rho}_{E, \vec{p}}]$$

$$\hat{H}_{E, \vec{p}} = H_E^{vac} + H^{mat} + H_{\vec{p}}^{self}$$

$$H_E^{vac} = \frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}$$

Vacuum term

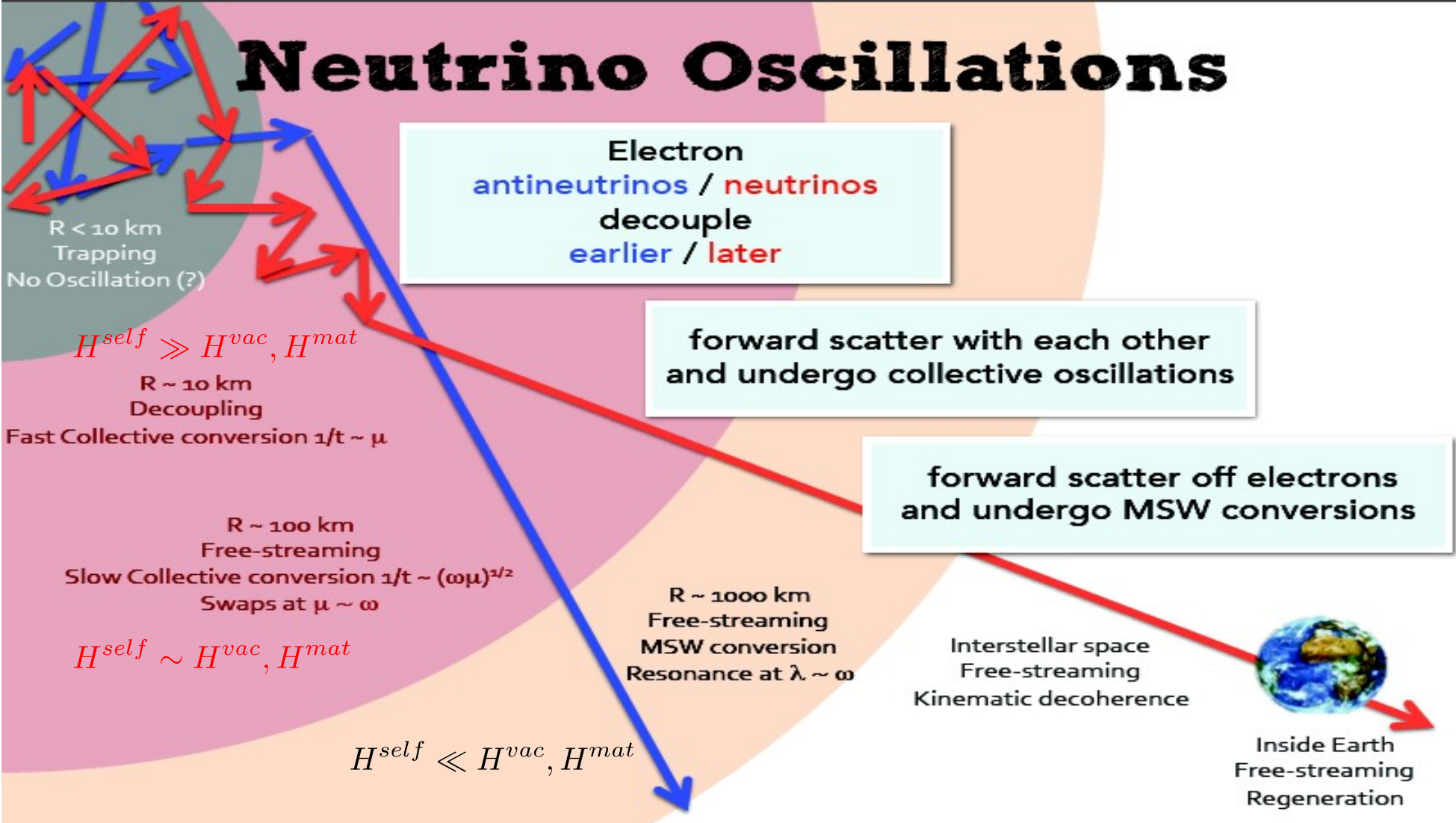
$$H^{mat} = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e$$

Matter background (MSW)

$$H_{\vec{p}}^{self} = \int d^3 \vec{q} / (2\pi)^3 (1 - \vec{v}_{\vec{q}} \cdot \vec{v}_{\vec{p}}) (\hat{\rho}_{E', \vec{q}} - \bar{\rho}_{E', \vec{q}})$$

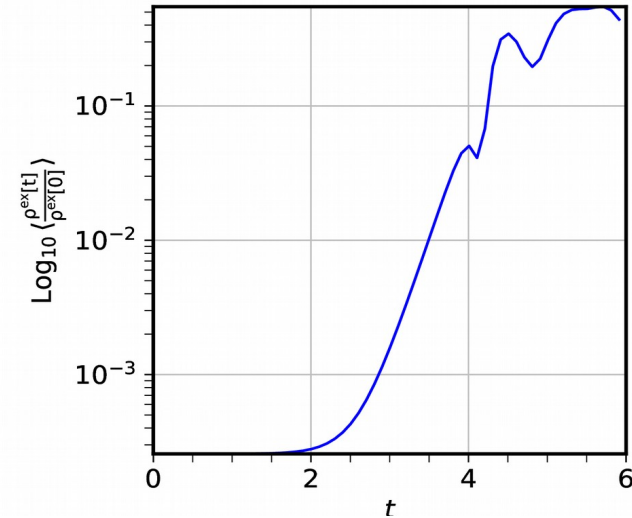
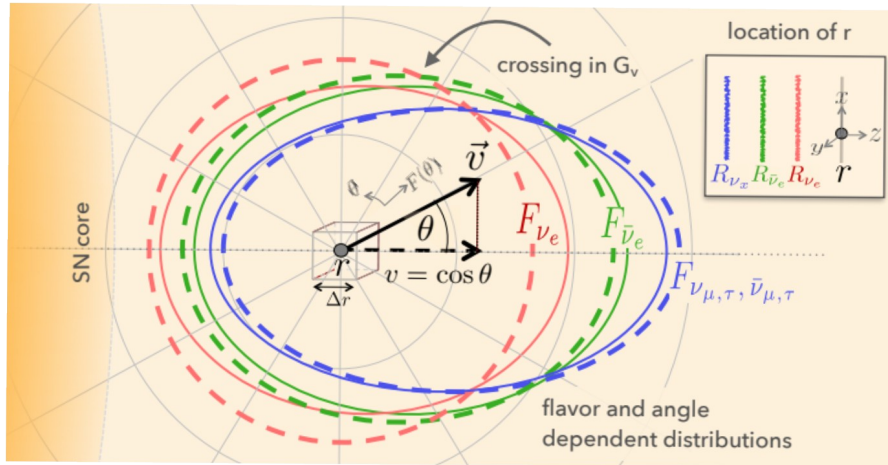
Neutrino self-interaction,
Collective effects

Neutrino Oscillations



Fast Flavor Conversions : A review

Chakraborty, Hansen, Izaguirre, Raffelt (2016)
Ray Sawyer (2005, 2015)



- Very close to the SN core (few km's) Rate \propto Neutrino number density
- Rapid/faster compared to neutrino oscillation in vacuum/ordinary matter
- Requires a “zero” crossing in neutrino angular distribution and independent of energy (and mass hierarchy)

EQUATION OF MOTION (FFC) :

$g_{\vec{p}}$:
Neutrino angular distribution

We stick to two-flavor framework :

$$\hat{\rho}_{E,\vec{v}} = \begin{pmatrix} \langle \nu_e | \nu_e \rangle_{E,\vec{v}} & \langle \nu_e | \nu_x \rangle_{E,\vec{v}} \\ \langle \nu_x | \nu_e \rangle_{E,\vec{v}} & \langle \nu_x | \nu_x \rangle_{E,\vec{v}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho}_{E,\vec{v}})}{2} \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2} + \frac{g_{E,\vec{v}}}{2} \vec{S}_{E,\vec{v}} \cdot \sigma$$

$$\hat{H}_{E,\vec{v}} = \frac{\text{Tr}(\hat{H}_{E,\vec{v}})}{2} \mathbb{I}_{2 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2} \vec{H}_{E,\vec{v}} \cdot \sigma$$

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Bhattacharyya, Dasgupta (2020)

$$\left(\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) \hat{\rho}_{E,\vec{v}} = \hat{H}_{E,\vec{v}} \hat{\rho}_{E,\vec{v}} - \hat{\rho}_{E,\vec{v}} \hat{H}_{E,\vec{v}} \longrightarrow \left(\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla} \right) S_{\omega,\vec{v}} = \left(H_{\omega}^{\text{vac}} + H^{\text{mat}} + H_{\vec{v}}^{\text{self}} \right) \times S_{\omega,\vec{v}}$$

$$H^{\text{mat}} = \sqrt{2} G_F (n_{e^-} - n_{e^+}) (0, 0, 1) \quad H_{\omega}^{\text{vac}} = \omega (\sin 2\vartheta, 0, \cos 2\vartheta)$$

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$$(\partial_t + \vec{v} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) S_{\vec{v}} = \mu_0 \int d^3 v' G_{\vec{v}\vec{v}'} (1 - \vec{v} \cdot \vec{v}') S_{\vec{v}'} \times S_{\vec{v}}$$

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$$S_{\omega',\vec{v}'} \equiv S_{\vec{v}'}$$

“Zero crossing” : FFC

$$G_{\vec{v}} = \int d\omega g_{\omega,\vec{v}}$$

$|S_v^\perp|$: Flavor conversion

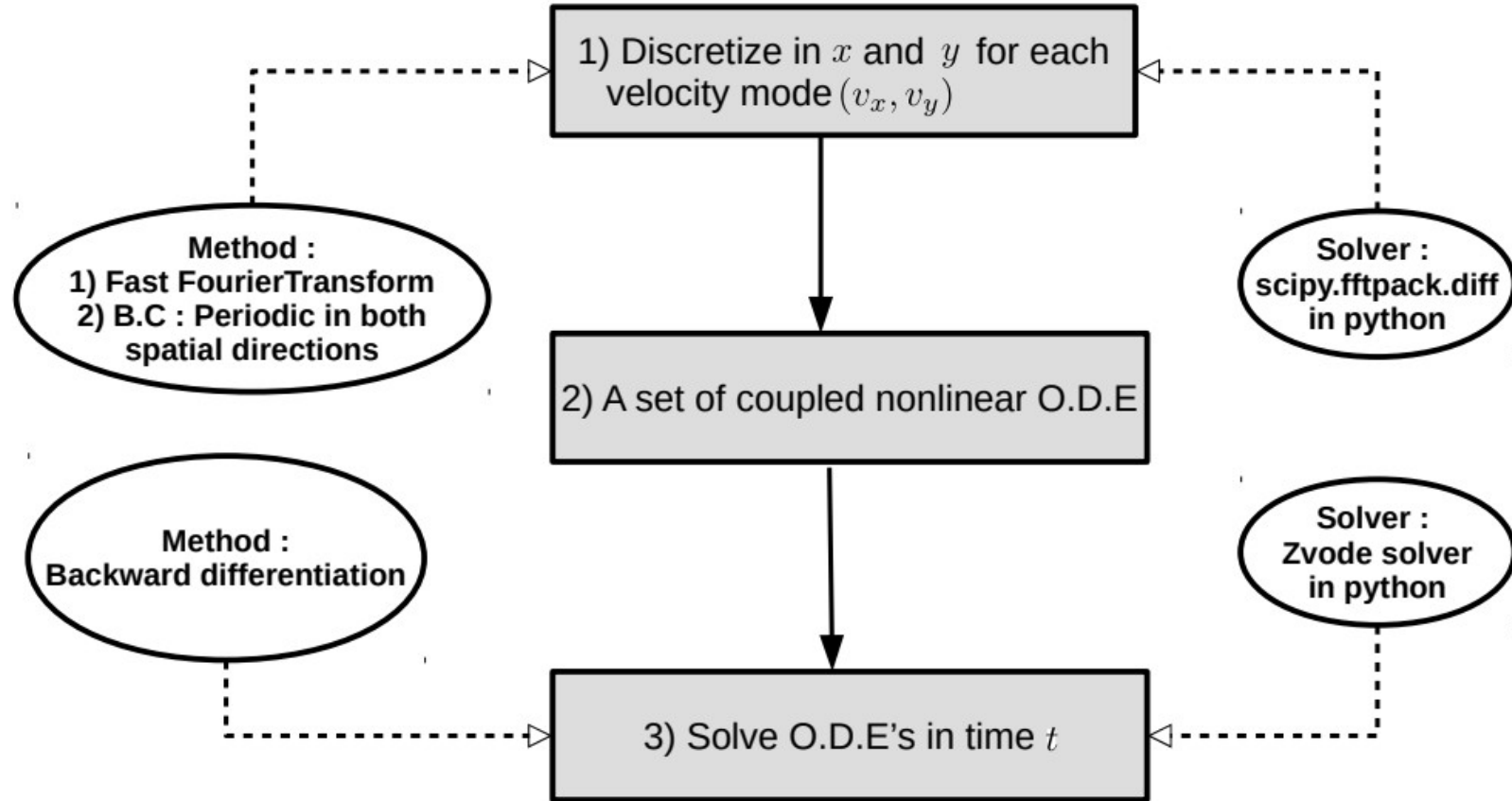
S_v^\parallel : Total Flavor content

Difficulties and Challenges :

What are the challenges ?	What did we do ?
Huge Phase space dimensionality 3 sp. + 3 mom. + 1 time = 7 dim	Partially resolved 2 sp. + 2 mom. + 1 time = 5 dim.
Large set of coupled nonlinear P.D.E's	Developed : a) Analytical techniques b) Numerical code
Lack of numerical techniques to give accurate and precise result in the nonlinear regime	Developed our own code that gives accurate and precise answer even in the nonlinear regime
Lack of analytical development / theory beyond the linear regime (Linear stability) which can predict the final outcome	Developed our own theory that can predict how, when and to what extent fast conversion can happen.



OUR NUMERICAL RECIPE :



RESULTS : Irreversibility

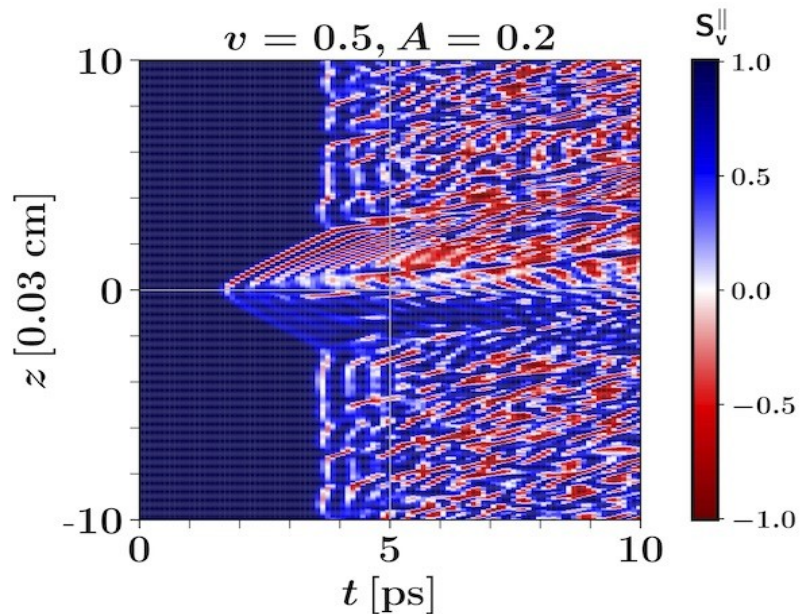
Model :

1Time + 1 Sp. + 1 Mom.

Initial Cond :

$$S_v^{\parallel} |^{\text{ini}} = +1$$
$$|S_v^{\perp} |^{\text{ini}} = 10^{-6} \delta(z)$$

- Irreversible and steady state behaviour in time
- length shrinks

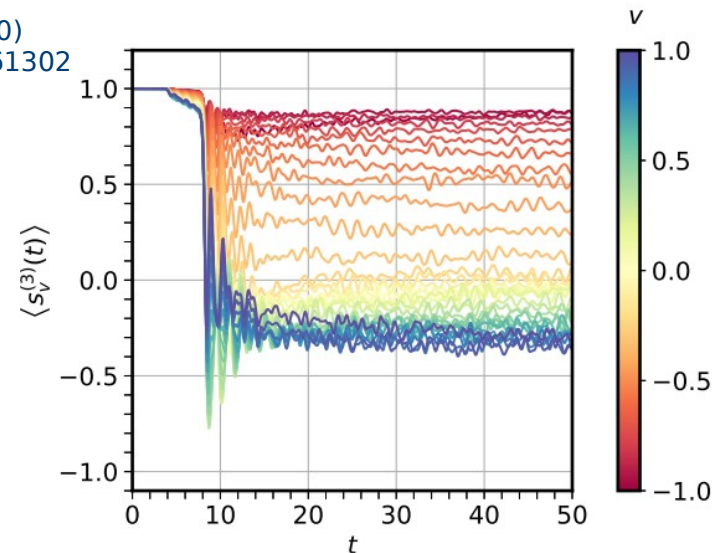
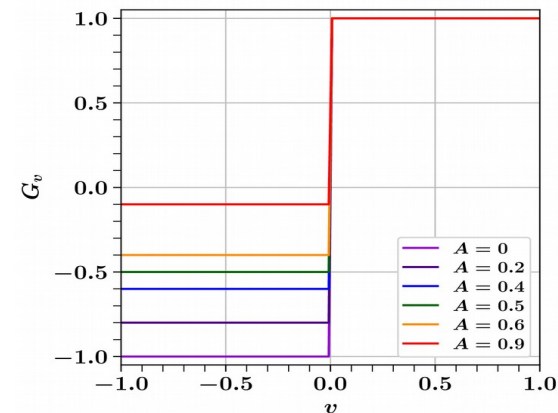


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Angular dist. :

$$G_v = 1, v > 0; A - 1, v < 0$$



RESULTS : Multipole Diffusion

- In terms of multipole moments, $M_n = \int_{-1}^{+1} dv G_v L_n S_v$ and considering n as continuum we get :

$$\partial_t M_n - M_0 \times M_n = \partial_z \left(M_n + \partial_n M_n / (2n + 1) + \partial_n^2 M_n / 2 \right) - M_1 \times \left(M_n + \partial_n M_n / (2n + 1) + \partial_n^2 M_n / 2 \right)$$

- Further coarse graining over z , and using $2n + 1 \approx 2n$

$$\partial_t \langle M_n \rangle = \frac{\langle M_1 \rangle}{2} \left(\partial_n^2 \langle M_n \rangle + \frac{1}{n} \partial_n \langle M_n \rangle \right)$$

Diffusion in multipole space

- The above equation remains same under $n \rightarrow an$, $t \rightarrow a^2 t \longrightarrow \langle M_n(t) \rangle = f \left(\frac{n^2}{t} \right) = f(\xi)$

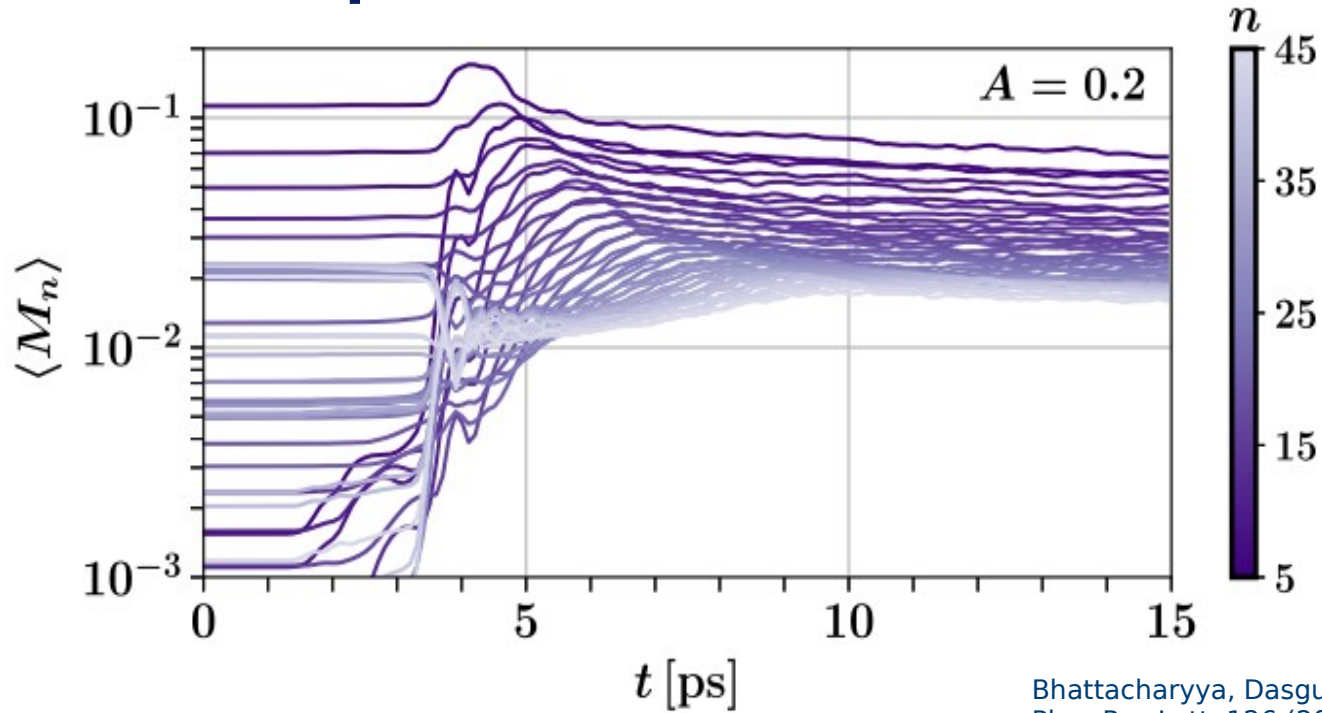
$$2 \frac{d^2}{d\xi^2} f(\xi) + (1/\langle M_1 \rangle + 2/\xi) \frac{d}{d\xi} f(\xi) = 0$$

$$\langle M_n(t) \rangle = c_1 \text{Ei} \left[-n^2 / (2\langle M_1 \rangle t) \right] + c_2$$

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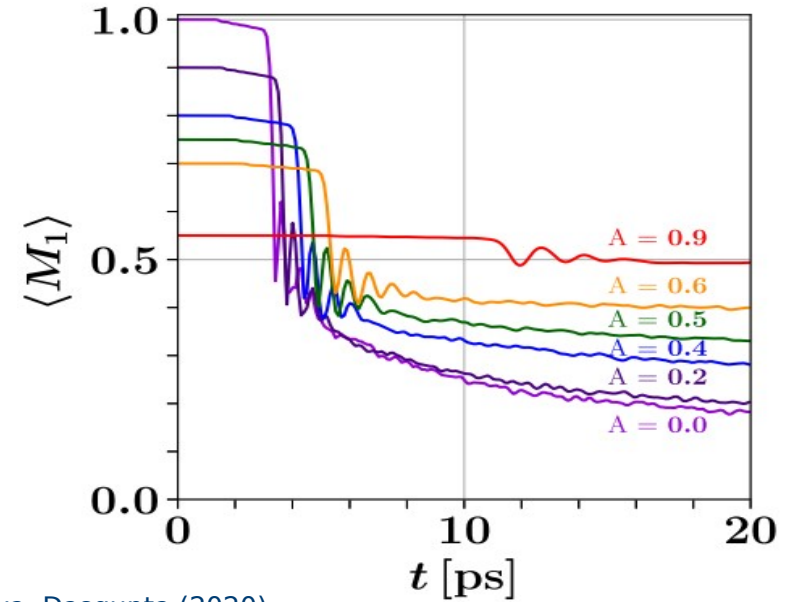
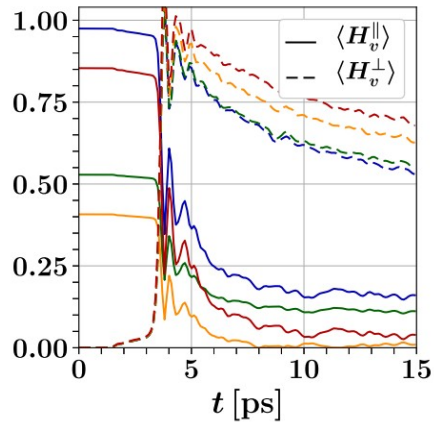
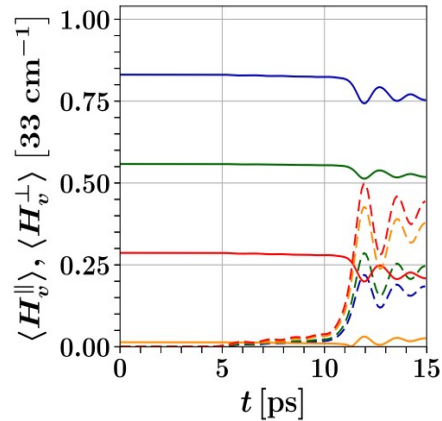
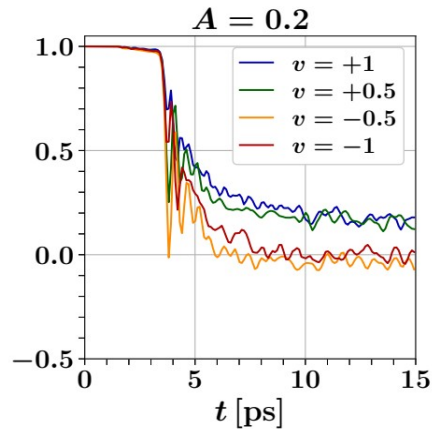
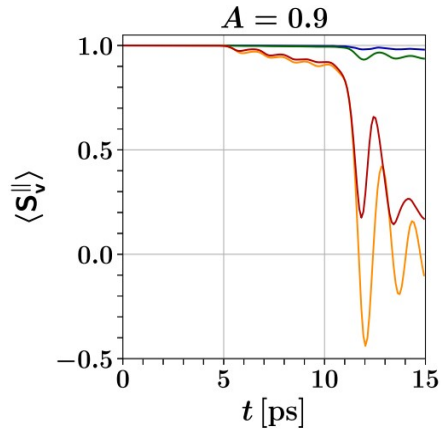
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Power flow in multipole space from low to high n values and coarse-graining causes irreversibility in time and also shrinking in the length for high n multipole moments

RESULTS : Transverse Relaxation



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- Modes for which $|H_v^{\perp}| \approx |H_v^{\parallel}|$, S_v crosses the transverse plane and gets depolarized
- Amount depends on lepton asymmetry and choice of v

RESULTS : Flavor Depolarization

Depolarization factor :

$$f_v^D = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \langle S_v \rangle^{fin} / \langle S_v \rangle^{ini})$$

$f_v^D = 0.5$ → Complete depolarization
 $f_v^D = 0$ → No depolarization

Multipole expansion upto linear order :

$$G_v S_v^{\parallel} |_{fin} = \frac{M_0^{fin}}{2} + \frac{3v M_1^{fin}}{2} + O(v^2)$$

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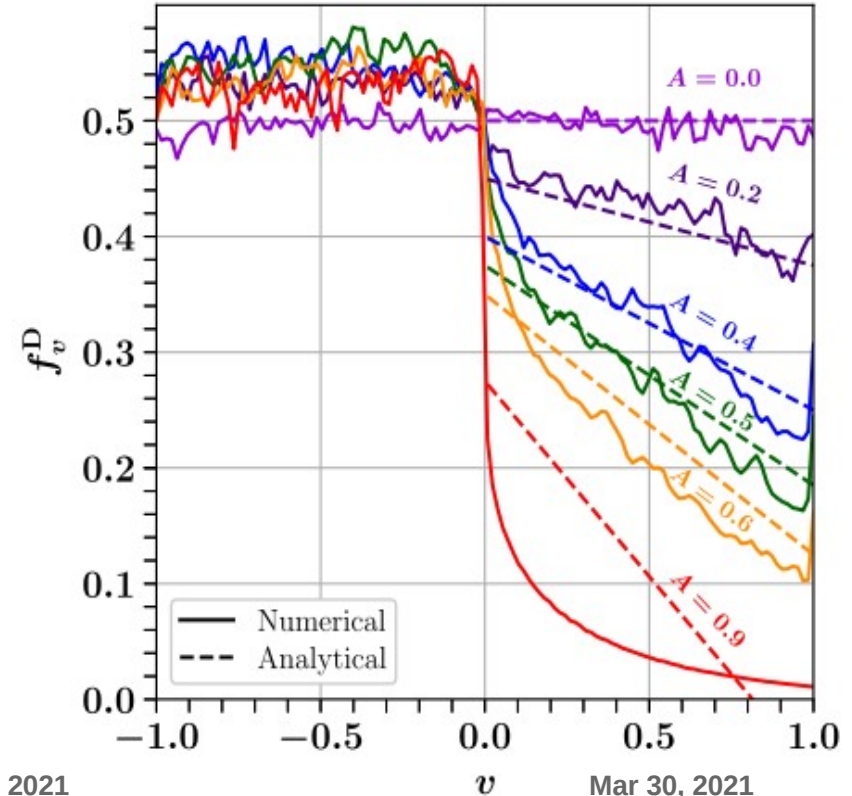
Lepton number conservation :

$$\langle M_0^{ini} \rangle = \langle M_0^{fin} \rangle = A \quad \langle M_1^{fin} \rangle = \frac{A}{2}$$



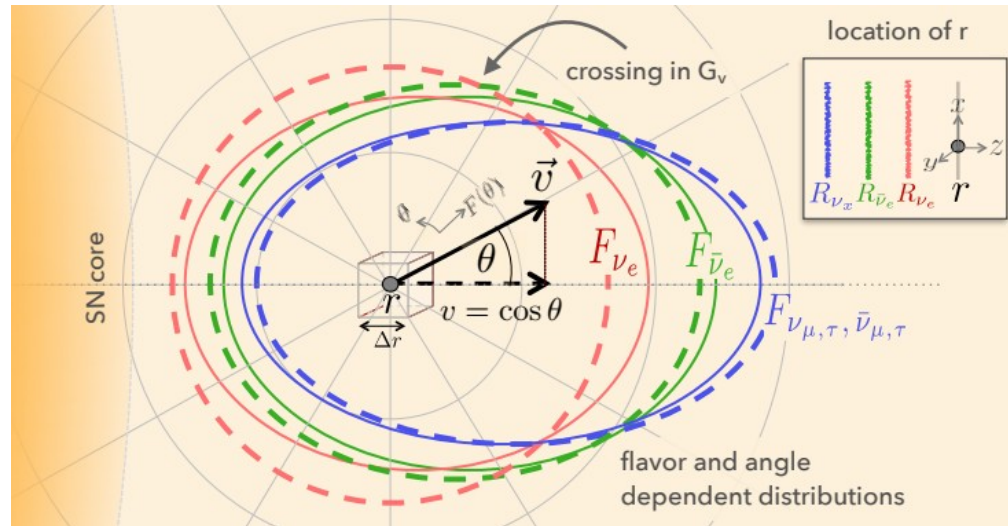
$$f_v^D \approx 0.5, \text{ if } v < 0$$

$$f_v^D \approx \frac{1}{2} - \frac{A}{4} - \frac{3A}{8} v, \text{ if } v > 0$$



CONCLUSION

- We have presented an **analytical theory** of fast neutrino flavor conversions in the **nonlinear regime**.
- We showed fast conversions can bring different neutrino flavors **close to each other** (Flavor Depolarization) and **irreversibility** in the system.
- **T2 relaxation** and **multipole diffusion** governs such behaviour.
- We gave a strategy and a formula for computing the **extent of flavor depolarization**



Phenomenological Consequences :

- Flavor depolarization can cause significant increase in **neutrino heating rate** and **change the explosion scenario**.
- Including MSW conversions, propagation and earth effects our formula will allow one to determine the **final neutrino signal from a SN explosion**

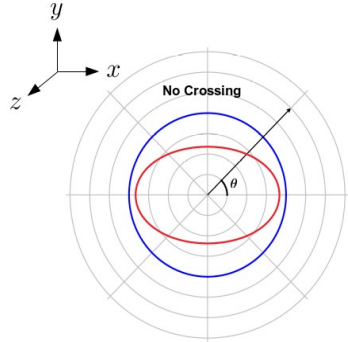
$$F_{\bar{\nu}_e, \bar{\nu}_\mu}^{\text{fin}}[\vec{p}] = (1 - f_{\vec{p}}^{\text{D}}) F_{\bar{\nu}_e, \bar{\nu}_\mu}^{\text{ini}}[\vec{p}] + f_{\vec{p}}^{\text{D}} F_{\bar{\nu}_\mu, \bar{\nu}_e}^{\text{ini}}[\vec{p}]$$

- This signal can be the first ever direct probe of testing the **neutrino-neutrino self-interaction**.
- The final output of fast conversions can have implications even in the **nucleosynthesis of elements**, astrophysics of **binary neutron star mergers**, **diffuse SN background** and can be detected in future experiments.

Extension towards multidimensional framework

2 (sp.) +2 (mom.)+1 (time) dim.

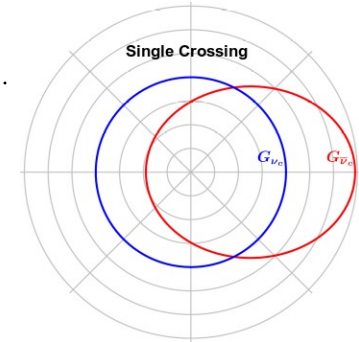
No excess



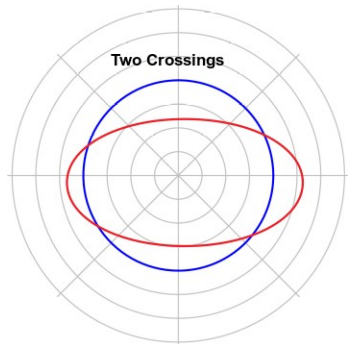
No Growth !!

Only Forward excess

$$G[\theta] = \begin{cases} \frac{A-1}{2\pi}, & \text{if } v_x = \cos \theta > 0 \\ \frac{1}{2\pi}, & \text{if } v_x = \cos \theta < 0. \end{cases}$$



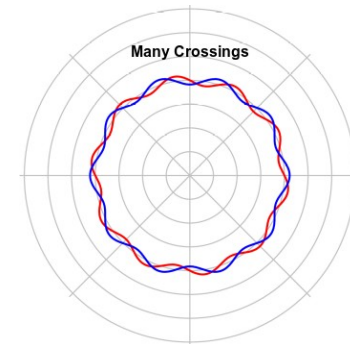
Forward and Backward excess



$$G[\theta] = \begin{cases} \frac{A-1}{2\pi}, & \text{if } v_x = \cos \theta > 0 \ \& \ v_y = \sin \theta > 0 \\ \frac{1}{2\pi}, & \text{if } v_x = \cos \theta < 0 \ \& \ v_y = \sin \theta > 0 \\ \frac{A-1}{2\pi}, & \text{if } v_x = \cos \theta < 0 \ \& \ v_y = \sin \theta < 0 \\ \frac{1}{2\pi}, & \text{if } v_x = \cos \theta > 0 \ \& \ v_y = \sin \theta < 0. \end{cases}$$

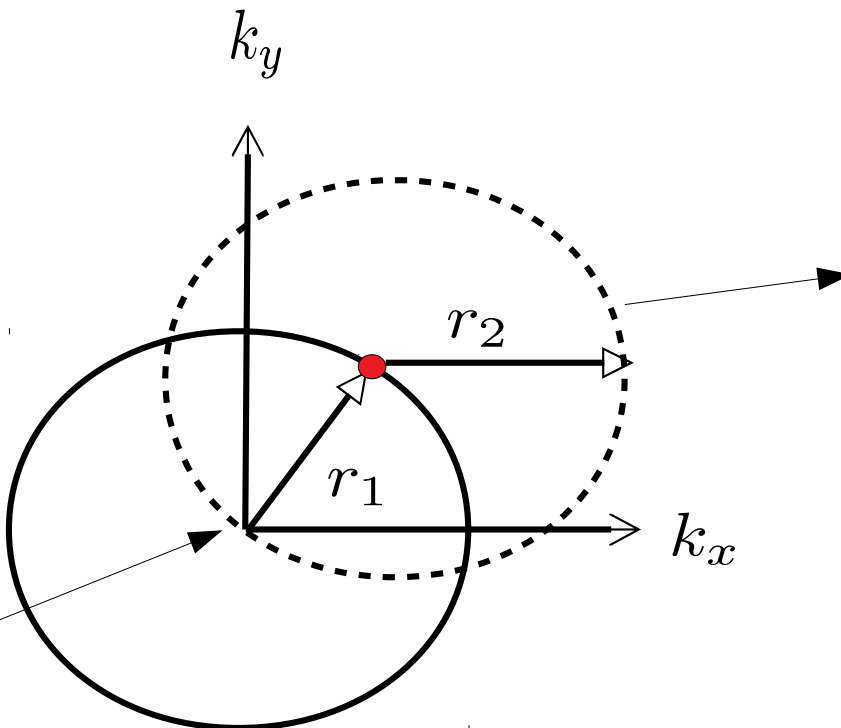
Turbulent density profile

$$G[\theta] = \frac{A}{2\pi} + c_1 \cos m\theta + c_2 \sin m\theta$$



Numerical recipe : General Dispersion relation solver

$$\Pi^{\mu\nu}[\vec{k}, \omega] = \eta^{\mu\nu} + \int d\Gamma v^\mu v^\nu \frac{G_{\vec{v}}}{k^l v_l}$$



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$$\det[\Pi]_{\tilde{\mathbf{k}}=0} = 0$$



Simple algebraic equation

Solver :
1) FSOLVE
2) QUAD



$$\det[\Pi]_{\tilde{\mathbf{k}} \neq 0} = 0$$

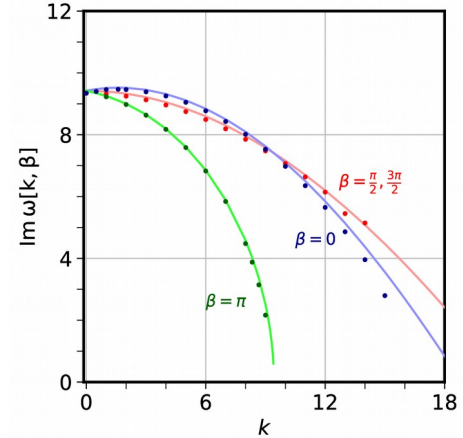


Method :
1) Powell's Conjugate
2) Adaptive quadrature

Results : Only forward excess / Single crossing

$$A = 0$$

- 1) Linear growth rate has the same symmetry as ELN
- 2) $k = 0$ mode is unstable
- 3) Growth rate decreases as k increase.
- 4) Decrease is much slower along symmetry axis
- 5) Fourier mode with maximum growth rate located along non-symmetric axis.

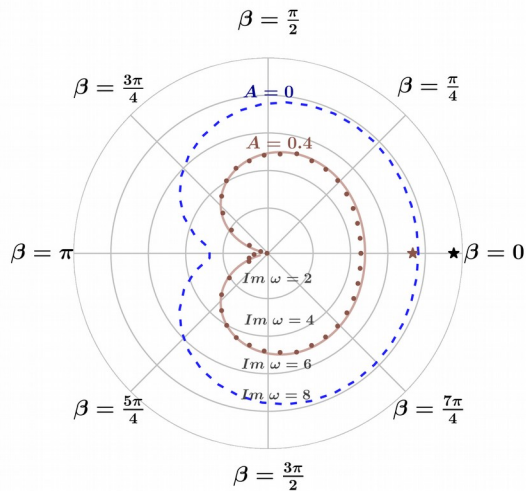
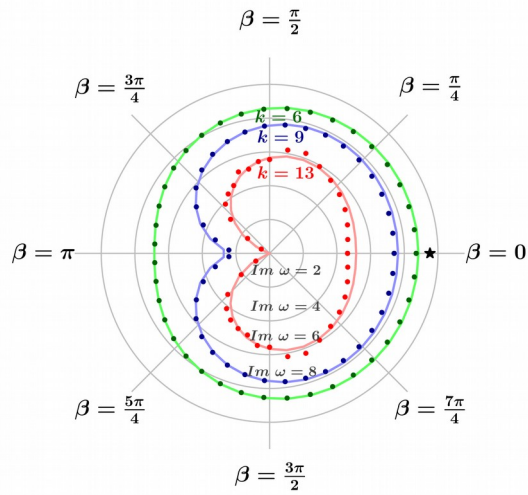
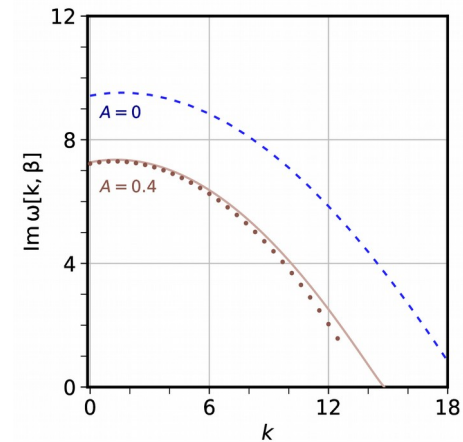


$$A \neq 0$$

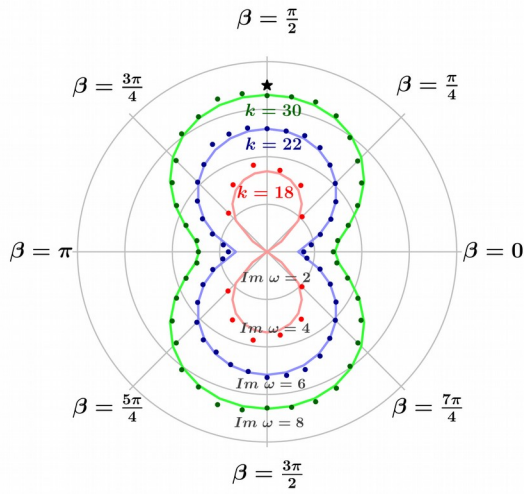
$$k_x = k \cos \beta$$

$$k_y = k \sin \beta$$

- 1) Above (1)-(5) points remain unchanged
- 2) Decrease as a function of k is much faster
- 3) Overall growth rate is suppressed.

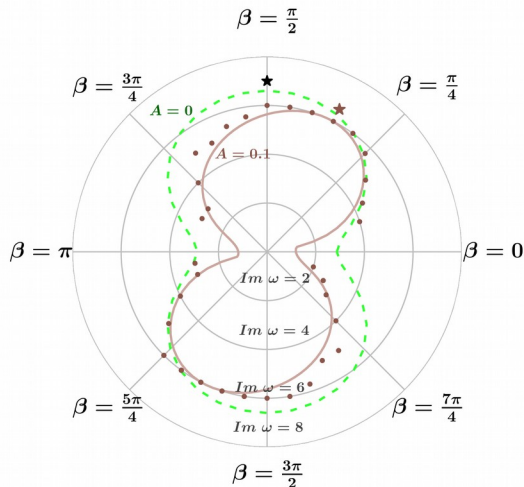
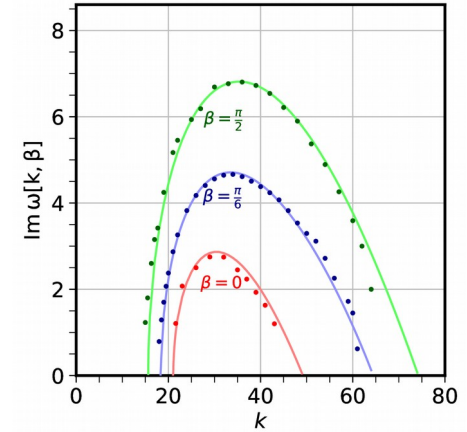


Results : Both forward and backward excess / Double crossing



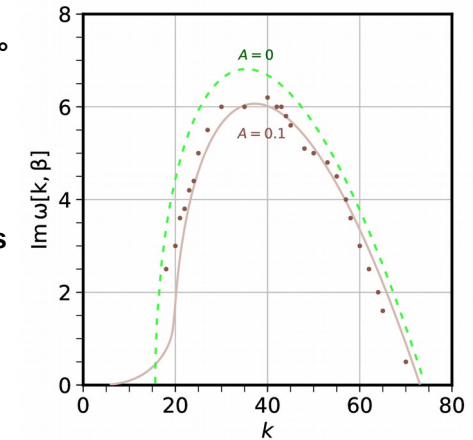
$$A = 0$$

- 1) Linear growth rate has the same symmetry as ELN
- 2) $k = 0$ mode is stable
- 3) Growth rate shows a lorentzian nature w.r.t k
- 4) Wider along $\beta = 90^\circ$ than $\beta = 0^\circ$
- 5) More growth along $\beta = 90^\circ$ than $\beta = 0^\circ$
- 5) Fourier mode with maximum growth rate located along symmetric axis.



$$A \neq 0$$

- 1) Lepton asymmetry breaks symmetry between $\beta = 90^\circ$ than $\beta = 0^\circ$
- 2) Shifts the symmetry towards diagonal
- 2) Previous (2), (3), (4) and (5) remains same.
- 3) Wideness is lesser compared to $A = 0$
- 4) Shifted more towards $k = 0$
- 5) Overall growth rate suppressed.
- 6) Fourier mode with maximum growth rate shifted along diagonals
- 7) All effects from (1)-(6) gets more pronounced with increase of A



Results : Turbulent profile / Multiple crossings

$$\mathbf{\Pi}[k, \beta, \omega] = \boldsymbol{\eta} + \boldsymbol{\psi}[\omega, k, \beta] = \boldsymbol{\eta} + \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta f[\theta, \omega, k, \beta] G[\theta] \mathbf{W}[\theta]$$

$$f[\theta, \omega, k, \beta] = \frac{1}{\omega - k \cos(\theta - \beta)} \quad \mathbf{W}[\theta] = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \cos \theta & \cos^2 \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & \sin \theta \cos \theta & \sin^2 \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

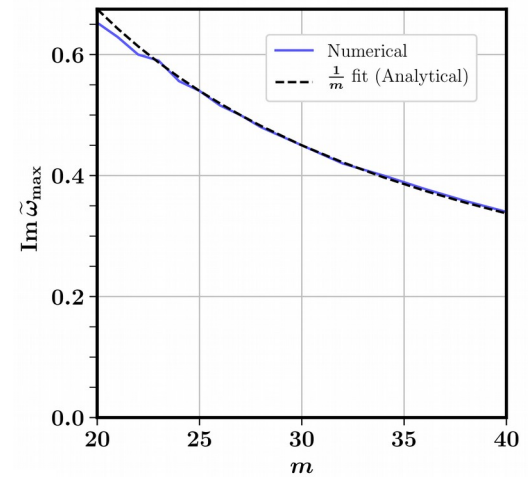
$$\psi_{ij}[\omega_{\max}, k_{\max}, \beta_{\max}] = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta f[\theta, \omega_{\max}, k_{\max}, \beta_{\max}] G[\theta] W_{ij}[\theta] = \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \exp[F_{ij}[\theta]]$$

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Saddle Point Approximation

$$F_{ij}[\theta] = F_{ij}[\theta_0] + (\theta - \theta_0)^2 \left. \frac{d^2 F_{ij}[\theta]}{d\theta^2} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0}$$

$$\psi_{ij}[\omega_{\max}, k_{\max}, \beta_{\max}] = \tilde{G}[\theta_0] \frac{W_{ij}[\theta_0]}{m \tilde{\omega}_{\max}} \longrightarrow \text{Im } \tilde{\omega}_{\max} \propto \frac{1}{m}$$



Take away message :

1) The symmetries of $Im\omega$ in the k - β plane, its **radial** (i.e., vs. k) and **angular** (i.e., vs β) variation, the **stability of the $k=0$ mode**, **overall linear growth** and **the position of the Fourier mode with the highest growth rate**, etc., all have an **intimate connection with the various symmetries** of the neutrino angular distributions and one can analytically understand them in great detail

2) ELNs with **large number of zero crossings** lead to a relatively **smaller growth rate**, essentially decreasing as $1/m$ where m is the number of crossings. We speculate that this may be important for many realistic environments where electron-neutrino and anti electron neutrino distributions are close to each other and crossings occur in the ELNs due to noise or fluctuations