

# Neutrino Physics: Lecture 10

## Three flavour mixing with complex mixing matrix

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# Survival probability for neutrinos vs. antineutrinos

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CP violating quantity

$$P_{\alpha\beta} - \bar{P}_{\alpha\beta} = -4 \sum_{i<j} \text{Im}(\square_{\alpha\beta ij}) \sin(2\Delta_{ji})$$

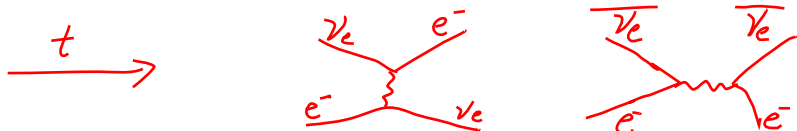
$$J \equiv \text{Im}(\square_{\alpha\beta ij}) = \pm s_{12} c_{12} s_{23} c_{23} s_{13} c_{13}^2 s_{\delta}$$

- $|J|$  independent of  $\alpha, \beta, i, j$
- CP violation in vacuum proportional to  $J$
- CP violation vanishes if  $\theta_{13} = 0$  or  $\delta = 0$

CP quantity  $\propto \theta_{13} \sin \delta$

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# Net three-flavour picture

## Mass squared differences

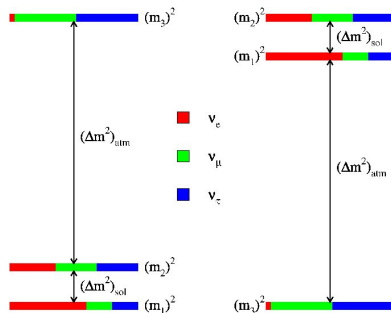
- $\Delta m_{21}^2 = \Delta m_{\odot}^2 \approx 8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$
- $\Delta m_{31}^2 \approx \Delta m_{32}^2 \approx \Delta m_{atm}^2 \approx \pm 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$

## Mixing angles

- $\nu_{\alpha} = R_{23}(\theta_{23}) R_{13}(\theta_{13}) R_{12}(\theta_{12}) \nu_i$
- $\theta_{13} \approx 0$
- $\theta_{23} \approx \theta_{atm} \approx 45^{\circ}$
- $\theta_{12} \approx \theta_{\odot} \approx 32^{\circ}$
- $\delta$ : unknown

$\rightarrow U_{13}(\theta_{13}, \delta)$

# Neutrino mass-flavour spectrum



## Major unknown neutrino mixing parameters

- Mixing angle  $\theta_{13}$
- Mass ordering (normal vs. inverted)
- CP violating phase  $\delta$