

## Addendum to “Compact Perturbative Expressions for Neutrino Oscillations in Matter”

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## 1 Introduction

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In Section 2, we give the approximation to the mixing angles and mass squared difference in matter and discuss how to use these to calculate the oscillation probabilities in matter both at 0th order and 1st order. We also give expansions of the mixing angles and mass squared differences in matter in powers of  $(a/\Delta m^2)$ . In Section 3, we make a detailed comparison between the exact and the approximate oscillation probabilities in matter for the T2K & T2HK (295 km), NOvA (810 km), T2HKK (1050 km) and DUNE (1300 km) experiments. Section 4 is the Summary.

## 2 Mixing Angles and Mass Differences in Matter

### 2.1 Zeroth Order

In this section, a simple and accurate way to evaluate oscillation probabilities, recently shown in [1], is given.<sup>1</sup> Details as to the why's and how's of this method are contained in that paper.

The mixing angles in matter, which we denote by a  $\tilde{\theta}_{13}$  and  $\tilde{\theta}_{12}$  here, can also be calculated in the following way, using  $\Delta m_{ee}^2 \equiv \cos^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{31}^2 + \sin^2 \theta_{12} \Delta m_{32}^2$ , as follows<sup>2</sup>, see [2]:

$$\cos 2\tilde{\theta}_{13} = \frac{(\cos 2\theta_{13} - a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)}{\sqrt{(\cos 2\theta_{13} - a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta_{13}}}, \quad (2.1.1)$$

where  $a \equiv 2\sqrt{2}G_F N_e E_\nu$  is the standard matter potential, and

$$\cos 2\tilde{\theta}_{12} = \frac{(\cos 2\theta_{12} - a'/\Delta m_{21}^2)}{\sqrt{(\cos 2\theta_{12} - a'/\Delta m_{21}^2)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^2(\tilde{\theta}_{13} - \theta_{13})}}, \quad (2.1.2)$$

where  $a' \equiv a \cos^2 \tilde{\theta}_{13} + \Delta m_{ee}^2 \sin^2(\tilde{\theta}_{13} - \theta_{13})$  is the  $\theta_{13}$ -modified matter potential for the 1-2 sector. In these two flavor rotations, both  $\tilde{\theta}_{13}$  and  $\tilde{\theta}_{12}$  are in range  $[0, \pi/2]$ .

$\theta_{23}$  and  $\delta$  are unchanged in matter for this approximation.

From the neutrino mass squared eigenvalues in matter, given by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{m}_3^2 &= \Delta m_{31}^2 + (a - a'), \\ \tilde{m}_2^2 &= \Delta m_{21}^2 + \frac{1}{2}(a' + \Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2 - \Delta m_{21}^2), \\ \tilde{m}_1^2 &= \frac{1}{2}(a' - \Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2), \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.3)$$

it is simple to obtain the neutrino mass squared differences in matter, i.e. the  $\Delta m_{jk}^2$  in matter, which we denote by  $\Delta \tilde{m}_{jk}^2$ , which are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2 &= \Delta m_{21}^2 \sqrt{(\cos 2\theta_{12} - a'/\Delta m_{21}^2)^2 + \sin^2 2\theta_{12} \cos^2(\tilde{\theta}_{13} - \theta_{13})}, \\ \Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2 &= \Delta m_{31}^2 + (a - \frac{3}{2}a') + \frac{1}{2}(\Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2 - \Delta m_{21}^2), \\ \Delta \tilde{m}_{32}^2 &= \Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2 - \Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (2.1.4)$$

<sup>1</sup>In this note  $\phi$ ,  $\psi$  and  $\Delta \lambda_{jk}$  of [1], are replaced with the more traditional notation  $\tilde{\theta}_{13}$  and  $\tilde{\theta}_{12}$  and  $\Delta \tilde{m}_{jk}^2$  respectively.

<sup>2</sup>Vacuum values to be used in calculating  $\Delta m_{ee}^2$ .

Note that the same square root<sup>3</sup> appears in both  $\Delta \widetilde{m}_{21}^2$  and  $\sin^2 \widetilde{\theta}_{12}$ . To see that the  $\Delta \widetilde{m}_{31}^2$  and  $\Delta \widetilde{m}_{32}^2$  have the right asymptotic forms, use the fact that  $(\Delta \widetilde{m}_{21}^2 - \Delta m_{21}^2) = |a'| + \mathcal{O}(\Delta m_{21}^2)$ , for  $|a| \gg \Delta m_{21}^2$ .

In Fig. 1 and Fig. 2 the values of matter potentials,  $a$ ,  $a'$ , sine squared of the matter mixing angles,  $\sin^2 \widetilde{\theta}_{13}$  and  $\sin^2 \widetilde{\theta}_{12}$ , the matter mass squared eigenvalues,  $\widetilde{m}_j^2$ , and the matter mass squared differences<sup>4</sup>,  $\Delta \widetilde{m}_{jk}^2$ , as a function of the neutrino energy for a density of  $3.0 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ .

To calculate the oscillation probabilities, to 0th order, use the above  $\Delta \widetilde{m}_{jk}^2$  instead of  $\Delta m_{jk}^2$  and replace the vacuum MNS matrix as follows

$$U_{MNS}^0 \equiv U_{23}(\theta_{23}) U_{13}(\theta_{13}, \delta) U_{12}(\theta_{12}) \Rightarrow U_{MNS}^M \equiv U_{23}(\theta_{23}) U_{13}(\widetilde{\theta}_{13}, \delta) U_{12}(\widetilde{\theta}_{12}).$$

That is, replace

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_{jk}^2 &\rightarrow \Delta \widetilde{m}_{jk}^2 \\ \theta_{13} &\rightarrow \widetilde{\theta}_{13} \\ \theta_{12} &\rightarrow \widetilde{\theta}_{12}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.1.5}$$

$\theta_{23}$  and  $\delta$  remain unchanged, it is that simple. We call this the 0th order DMP approximation.

These expressions are valid for both NO,  $\Delta m_{ee}^2 > 0$  and IO,  $\Delta m_{ee}^2 < 0$ . For anti-neutrinos, just change the sign of  $a$  and  $\delta$ . Our expansion parameter is

$$\left| \sin(\widetilde{\theta}_{13} - \theta_{13}) \sin \theta_{12} \cos \theta_{12} \frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{\Delta m_{ee}^2} \right| \leq 0.015, \tag{2.1.6}$$

which is small and vanishes in vacuum, so that our perturbation theory reproduces the vacuum oscillation probabilities exactly.

If  $P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(\Delta m_{31}^2, \Delta m_{21}^2, \theta_{13}, \theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \delta)$  is the oscillation probability in vacuum then  $P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta}(\Delta \widetilde{m}_{31}^2, \Delta \widetilde{m}_{21}^2, \widetilde{\theta}_{13}, \widetilde{\theta}_{12}, \theta_{23}, \delta)$  is the oscillation probability in matter, i.e. use the same function but replace the mass squared differences and mixing angles with the matter values given in eq. 2.1.1 - 2.1.4. The resulting oscillation probabilities are identical to the zeroth order approximation given in Denton, Minakata and Parke, [1].

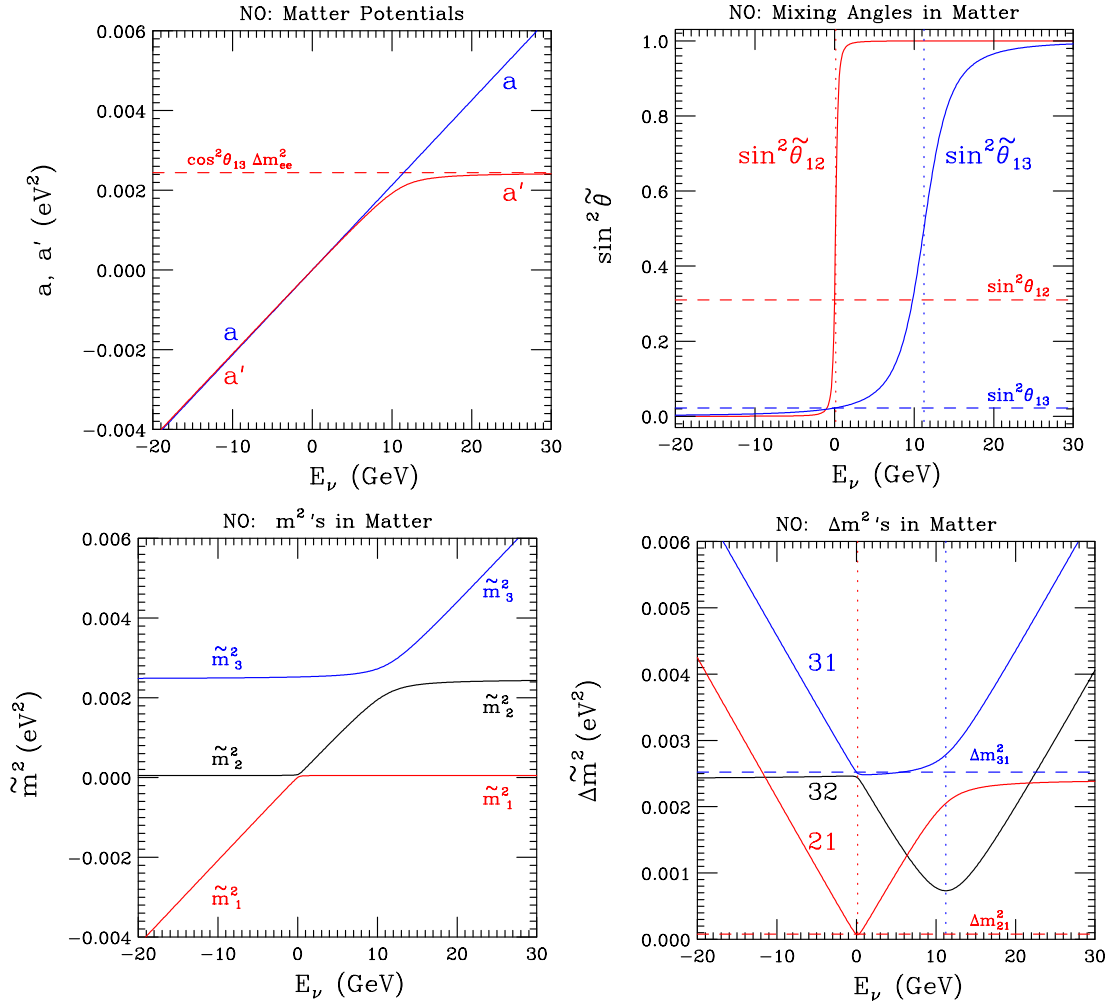
## 2.2 Higher Orders

If the 0th order is not accurate enough, going to 1st order is simple and gives another two orders of magnitude in accuracy. First the  $\Delta \widetilde{m}_{jk}^2$  remain unchanged but the mixing matrix is modified by

$$U_{MNS}^M \Rightarrow V \equiv U_{MNS}^M(1 + W_1), \tag{2.2.1}$$

<sup>3</sup>If  $a = 0$ , then  $\widetilde{\theta}_{13} = \theta_{13}$  and since  $a' = 0$  then  $\widetilde{\theta}_{12} = \theta_{12}$  and both  $\sqrt{\dots} = 1$ , also  $\Delta \widetilde{m}_{jk}^2 = \Delta m_{jk}^2$  for all  $(j, k)$  as required. The identity  $s_\theta^2 = (1 - \cos 2\theta)/2$  is useful for calculating both  $s_\theta$  and  $c_\theta$ .

<sup>4</sup>For NO, we plot  $(jk) = (31), (32) \& (21)$ , whereas for IO we plot  $(jk) = (13), (23) \& (21)$ , this way all  $\Delta m^2$ 's plotted are positive.

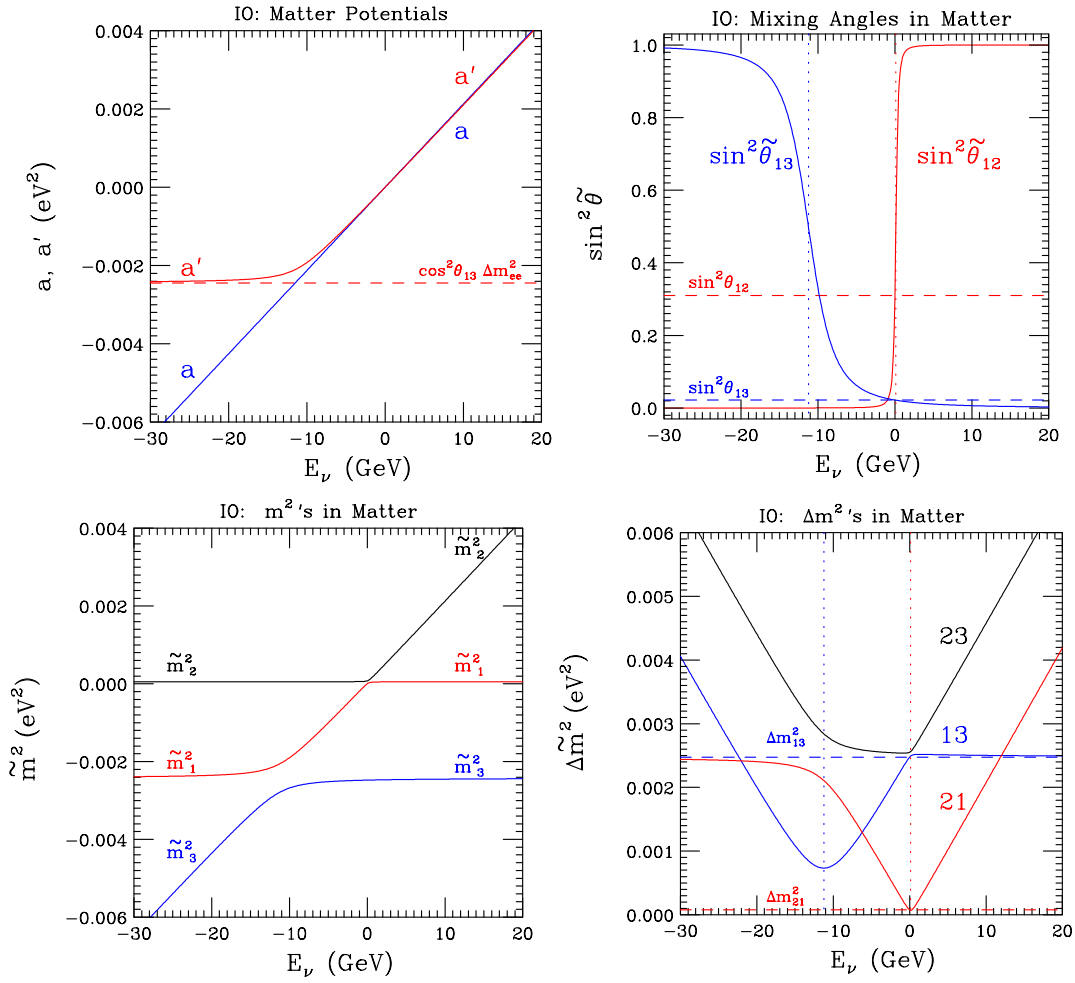


**Figure 1:** In the normal ordering (NO): Top left, the matter potentials,  $a$  and  $a'$ , top right, sine squared of mixing angles in matter,  $\sin^2 \tilde{\theta}_{jk}$ , bottom left, the mass squared eigenvalues in matter,  $\tilde{m}^2_j$ , and bottom right, the mass squared differences in matter,  $\Delta \tilde{m}^2_{jk}$ .  $E_\nu \geq 0$  ( $E_\nu \leq 0$ ) is for neutrinos (anti-neutrinos).  $E_\nu = 0$  is the vacuum values for both neutrinos and anti-neutrinos.

where the matrix  $W_1$  is given by

$$W_1 = \sin(\tilde{\theta}_{13} - \theta_{13}) s_{12} c_{12} \Delta m_{21}^2 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & -\tilde{s}_{12} e^{-i\delta} / \Delta \tilde{m}^2_{31} \\ 0 & 0 & +\tilde{c}_{12} e^{-i\delta} / \Delta \tilde{m}^2_{32} \\ +\tilde{s}_{12} e^{+i\delta} / \Delta \tilde{m}^2_{31} & -\tilde{c}_{12} e^{+i\delta} / \Delta \tilde{m}^2_{32} & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.2.2)$$

where  $\tilde{s}_{12} = \sin \tilde{\theta}_{12}$  and  $\tilde{c}_{12} = \cos \tilde{\theta}_{12}$  etc. The  $\Delta \tilde{m}^2_{jk}$  and the  $V$ -mixing matrix can be used to calculate the oscillation probabilities and improves the accuracy by two orders of



**Figure 2:** In the inverted ordering (IO): Top left, the matter potentials,  $a$  and  $a'$ , top right, sine squared of mixing angles in matter,  $\sin^2 \tilde{\theta}_{jk}$ , bottom left, the mass squared eigenvalues in matter,  $\tilde{m}^2_j$ , and bottom right, the mass squared differences in matter,  $\Delta \tilde{m}^2_{jk}$ .  $E_\nu \geq 0$  ( $E_\nu \leq 0$ ) is for neutrinos (anti-neutrinos).  $E_\nu = 0$  is the vacuum values for both neutrinos and anti-neutrinos.

magnitude. We call this the 1st order DMP approximation. The next highest order, 2nd order, is also discussed in [1].

### 2.3 Expansions in $a/\Delta m^2$

If  $|a| \ll |\Delta m_{ee}^2|$ , that is when  $E_\nu \ll 11 (\rho/3 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \text{ GeV}$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \tilde{\theta}_{13} &\approx s_{13}^2 \left[ 1 + 2c_{13}^2(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2) + 3(c_{13}^2 - s_{13}^2)c_{13}^2(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)^2 + \mathcal{O}(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)^3 \right] \\ \sin^2(\tilde{\theta}_{13} - \theta_{13}) &\approx s_{13}^2 c_{13}^2 (a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)^2 \left[ 1 + 2(c_{13}^2 - s_{13}^2)(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2) + \mathcal{O}(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)^2 \right] \\ a' &\approx ac_{13}^2 \left[ 1 - s_{13}^2(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2) - s_{13}^2(c_{13}^2 - s_{13}^2)(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)^2 + \mathcal{O}(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)^3 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (2.3.1)$$

up to  $\mathcal{O}(a/\Delta m_{ee}^2)^2$ . The expansion for  $a'$  can be used to calculate  $\Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2$  as follows,

$$\Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2 = \begin{cases} \Delta m_{31}^2 + (a - a') + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2 - \Delta m_{21}^2 - a' \right], & a, a' > 0 \\ \Delta m_{31}^2 + (a - 2a') + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2 - \Delta m_{21}^2 + a' \right], & a, a' < 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.3.2)$$

where the quantities in  $[\dots]$  is of  $\mathcal{O}(\Delta m_{21}^2)$  for all values of  $E_\nu$ .

As can be seen from Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, both  $\Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2$  and  $\sin^2 \tilde{\theta}_{12}$  make rapid changes in +150 MeV region. Well away from this region, when  $|a| \gg |\Delta m_{21}^2|$ , that is  $E_\nu \gg 150 (\rho/3 \text{ g cm}^{-3}) \text{ MeV}$ , we can write

$$\Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2 \approx |a' - \Delta m_{21}^2 \cos 2\theta_{12}|, \quad (2.3.3)$$

for  $|a' - \Delta m_{21}^2 \cos 2\theta_{12}| \gg \Delta m_{21}^2$ . This can be used to obtain the asymptotic values for neutrino mass squareds in matter, which agree with the values given in [1].

## 3 Oscillation Probabilities

### 3.1 Comparisons

Neutrino parameters relevant for oscillations:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_{ee}^2 &= \pm 2.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2, \quad \Delta m_{21}^2 = + 7.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \\ \sin^2 \theta_{12} &= 0.31, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.43 \\ \sin^2 \theta_{13} &= 0.022, \quad \delta = -72^\circ = -2\pi/5 \end{aligned} \quad (3.1.1)$$

Where  $\Delta m_{ee}^2 > 0$  gives a normal ordering (NO) neutrino spectrum and  $\Delta m_{ee}^2 < 0$  for inverted ordering (IO). Note we have avoided the special points:  $\theta_{23} = \pi/4$  as well as  $\delta = 0, \pm\pi/2, \pi$ , so as not to overestimate the precision.

We consider four experimental setups: to be comprehensive, the energy windows are chosen to be wider than that accessible for a particular experiment.

- T2K [4] & T2HK [5]: with baseline,  $L = 295 \text{ km}$ , neutrino energy  $0.2 < E_\nu/\text{GeV} < 3.0$ , and density,  $\rho = 2.3 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ . See Fig. 3, 4.

- NOvA [6]: with baseline,  $L = 810$  km, neutrino energy  $0.6 < E_\nu/\text{GeV} < 4.0$ , and density,  $\rho = 3.0 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ . See Fig. 5, 6.
- T2HKK [7]: with baseline,  $L = 1050$  km, neutrino energy  $0.3 < E_\nu/\text{GeV} < 5.0$ , and density,  $\rho = 3.0 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ . See Fig. 7, 8.
- DUNE [8]: with baseline,  $L = 1300$  km, neutrino energy  $0.5 < E_\nu/\text{GeV} < 7.0$ , and density,  $\rho = 3.0 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ . See Fig. 9, 10.

In these figures we have considered the channels  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance and  $\nu_e$  appearance for neutrinos and anti-neutrinos and for both NO and IO. Each figure consists of three panels: the top panel is the exact oscillation probabilities in matter from Zaglauer and Schwarzer, [3], the 0th order DMP approximation, [1] as well as the exact vacuum oscillation probability. In the disappearance channel the difference between the three probabilities is less than the thickness of the lines. *In the appearance channel, the difference between exact and 0th order DMP probabilities is less than the thickness of the lines.* The middle (bottom) panel shows the difference (fractional difference) between

1. the exact, [3], and vacuum oscillation probabilities (black dots),
2. the exact and the 0th order DMP approximation, [1], (solid red),
3. the exact and the 1st order DMP approximation, [1], (solid magenta).

In the fractional differences, the denominator is the average of the two probabilities being compared. In Fig. 3 to Fig. 10, the “dips” in middle and bottom panels appear when  $\Delta P$  changes sign.

In Table 1, we give the maximum difference and fractional difference of the 0th order approximation to the exact probability.

	T2K/HK	NOvA	T2HKK	DUNE
max $\Delta P$	$10^{-5}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$	$10^{-4}$
max $\Delta P/P$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-3}$	$10^{-2.5}$	$10^{-2}$

**Table 1:** The maximum  $\Delta P$  and  $\Delta P/P$  at 0th order in the DMP approximation. The largest fraction difference occurs at oscillation maximum for  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance channel, where the oscillation probability is a few %. None of the experiments included here, T2K & T2HK, NOvA, T2HKK and DUNE will be within an order a magnitude of being sensitive to any of these differences.

## 4 Summary

In summary, the simple 0th order approximation of DMP, [1], is sufficiently accurate for all of the accelerator based neutrino oscillation experiments operating or planned: T2K & T2HK, NOvA, T2HKK and DUNE. First order, which is also simple to implement, improves the accuracy by a further two orders of magnitude.

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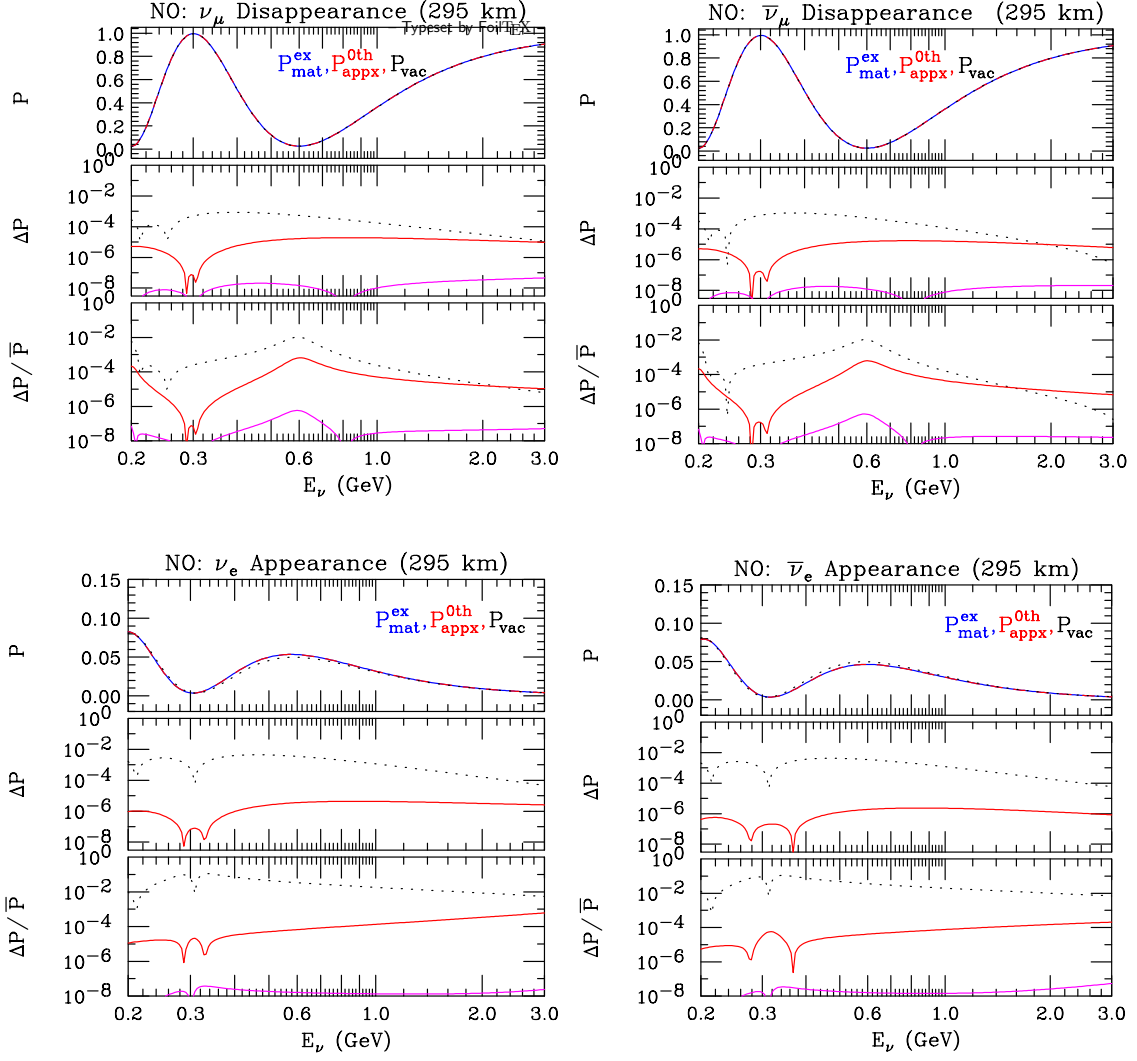
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$$\Delta P = |P_{mat} - P_{vac}| \quad \Delta \bar{P} = |P_{mat} - P_{appr}| \quad \Delta P = |P_{mat} - P_{appr}|$$

$$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac}) \quad \bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appr}^{0th}) \quad \bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appr}^{1st})$$

T2HKK (1050 km)

T2K & T2HK (295 km)



Top panel:  $P_{mat}^{ex}$ ,  $P_{appr}^{0th}$  and  $P_{vac}$

Middle and bottom panels:

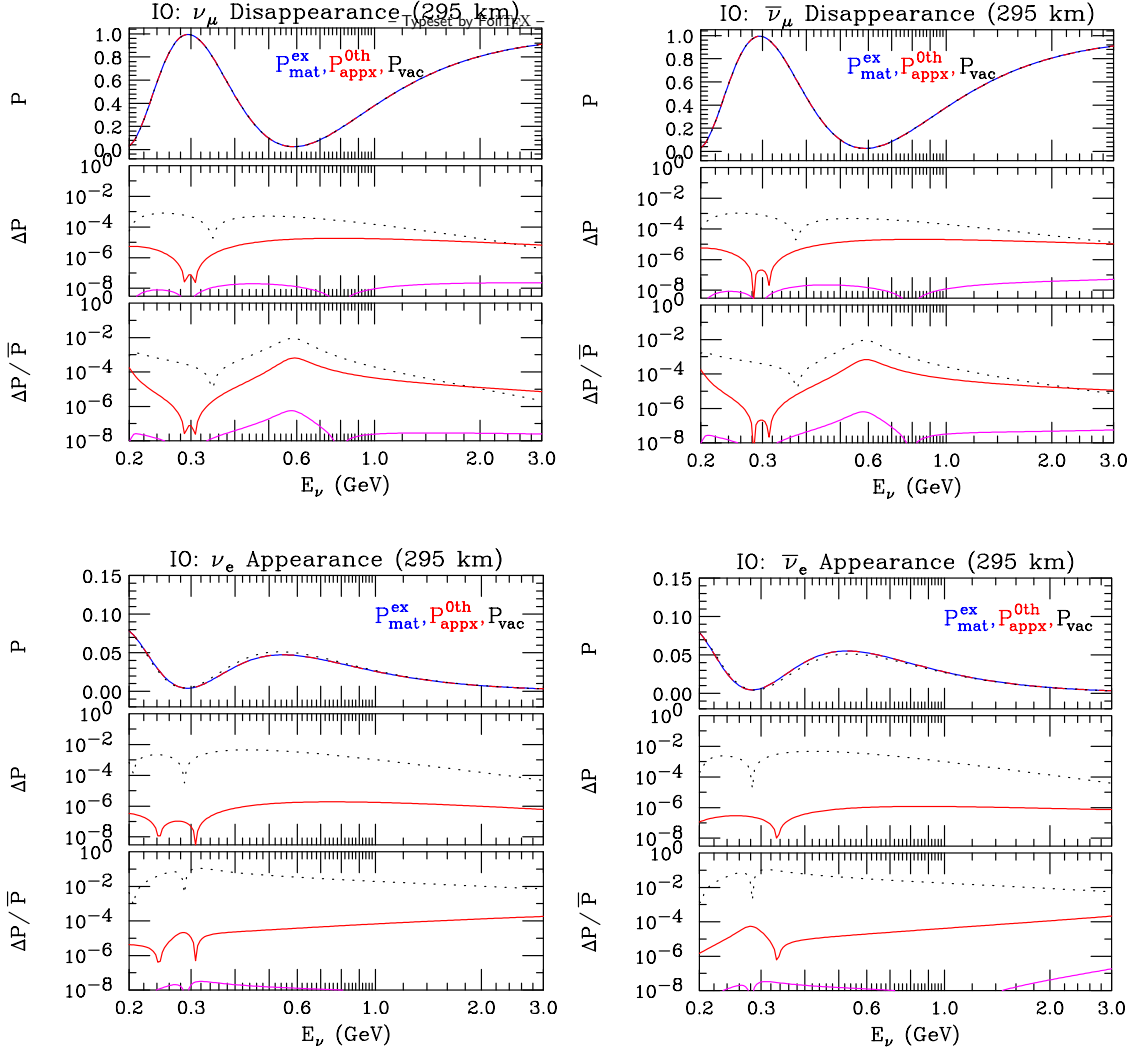
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**Figure 3:** T2K/HK, for normal ordering (NO): Top Left figure is  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance, Top Right figure is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, Bottom Left figure is  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance, and Bottom Right is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance. In each figure, the top panel is exact oscillation probability in matter,  $P_{mat}^{ex}$  (blue dashes) from [3], the zeroth order DMP approximation,  $P_{appr}^{0th}$  (red dashes) from [1] and the vacuum oscillation probability,  $P_{vac}$  (black dots). The Middle panel is difference between exact oscillation probabilities in matter and vacuum (black dots), and the difference between exact and 0th DMP approximation (solid red) and exact and 1st DMP approximation (solid magenta) approximations. Bottom panel is similar to middle panel but plotting the fractional differences,  $\Delta P/\bar{P}$ . The density use is  $2.3 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ .

$$\Delta P = |P_{mat} - P_{vac}| \quad \bar{\Delta P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat} + P_{vac}) \quad \Delta P = |P_{mat} - P_{appx}| \quad \bar{\Delta P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat} + P_{appx}) \quad \Delta P = |P_{mat} - P_{1st}| \quad \bar{\Delta P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat} + P_{1st})$$

T2HKK (1050 km)

T2K & T2HK (295 km)



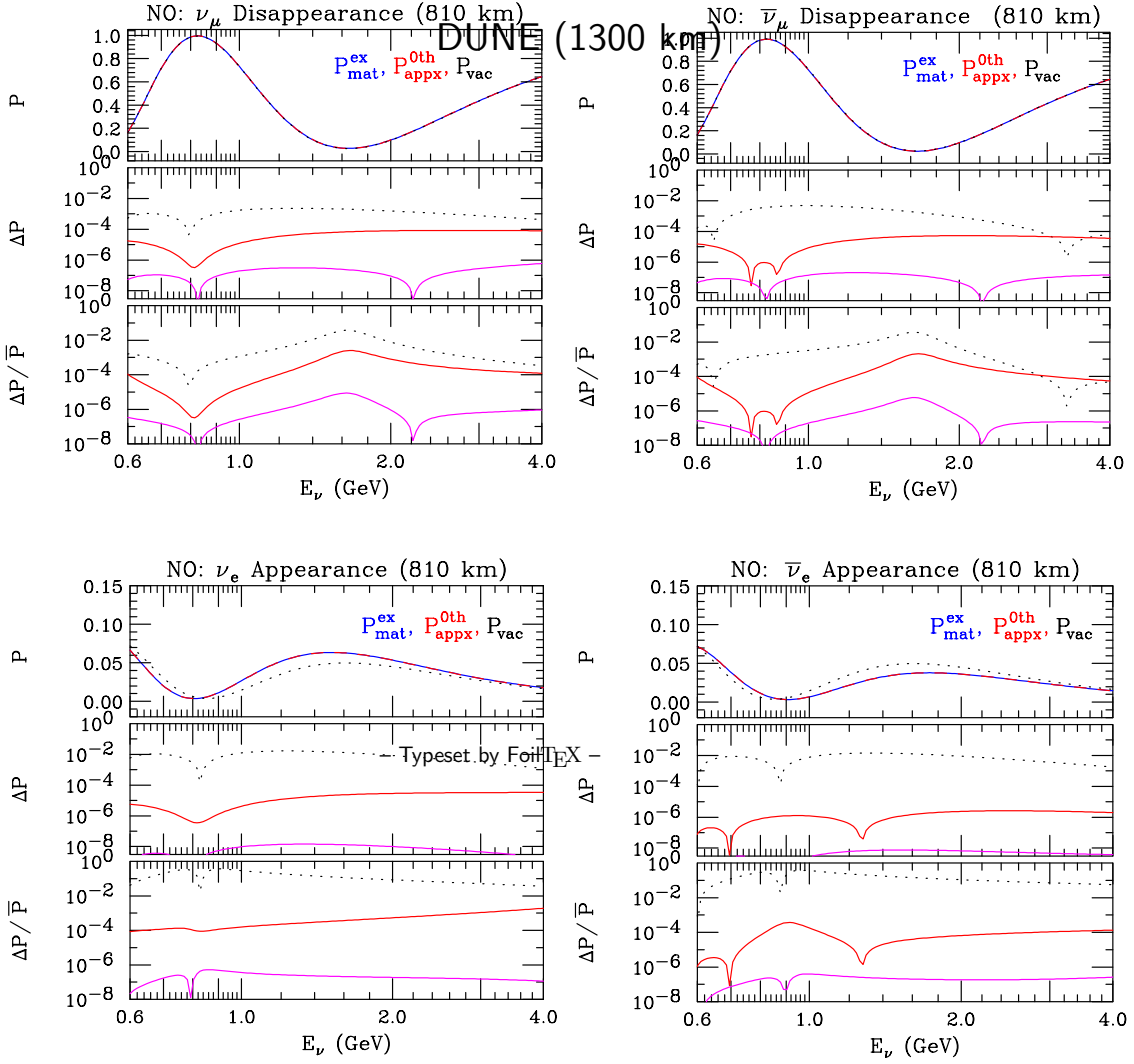
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$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st})$

**Figure 4:** T2K/HK, for inverted ordering (IO): Top Left figure is  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance, Top Right figure is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, Bottom Left figure is  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance, and Bottom Right is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance. In each figure, the top panel is exact oscillation probability in matter,  $P_{mat}^{ex}$  (blue dashes) from [3], the zeroth order DMP approximation,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  (red dashes) from [1] and the vacuum oscillation probability,  $P_{vac}$  (black dots). The Middle panel is difference between exact oscillation probabilities in matter and vacuum (black dots), and the difference between exact and 0th DMP approximation (solid red) and exact and 1st DMP approximation (solid magenta) approximations. Bottom panel is similar to middle panel but plotting the fractional differences,  $\Delta P/\bar{P}$ . The density use is  $2.3 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ .

## NOvA (810 km)



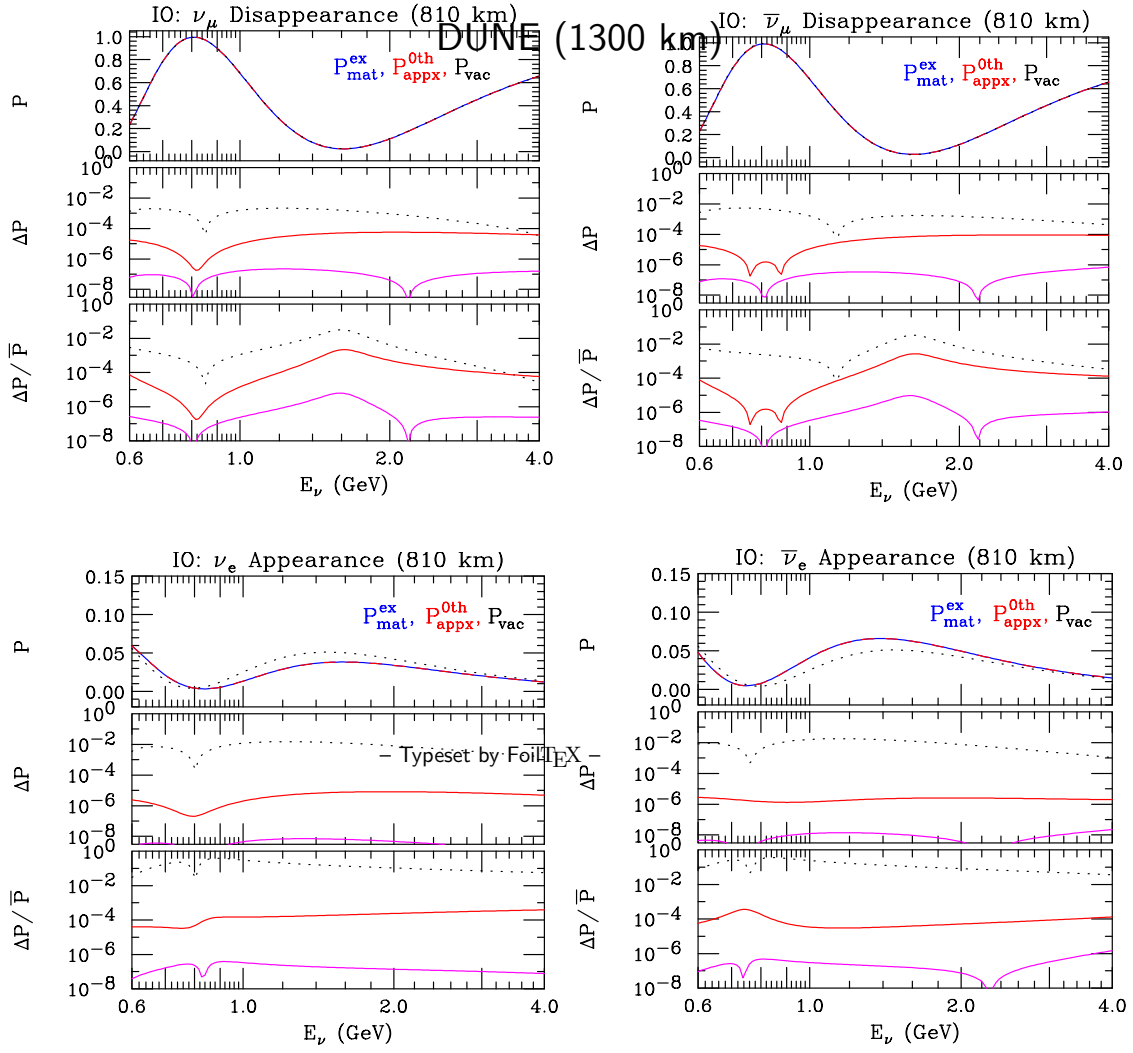
Top panel:  $P_{mat}^{ex}$ ,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  and  $P_{vac}$

Middle and bottom panels:

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$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{vac} $	$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{0th} $	$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{1st} $	
$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st})$	

**Figure 5:** NOvA, for normal ordering (NO): Top Left figure is  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance, Top Right figure is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, Bottom Left figure is  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance, and Bottom Right is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance. In each figure, the top panel is exact oscillation probability in matter,  $P_{mat}^{ex}$  (blue dashes) from [3], the zeroth order DMP approximation,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  (red dashes) from [1] and the vacuum oscillation probability,  $P_{vac}$  (black dots). The Middle panel is difference between exact oscillation probabilities in matter and vacuum (black dots), and the difference between exact and 0th DMP approximation (solid red) and exact and 1st DMP approximation (solid magenta) approximations. Bottom panel is similar to middle panel but plotting the fractional differences,  $\Delta P/\bar{P}$ . The density use is  $3.0 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ .

## NOvA (810 km)



Top panel:  $P_{mat}^{ex}$ ,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  and  $P_{vac}$

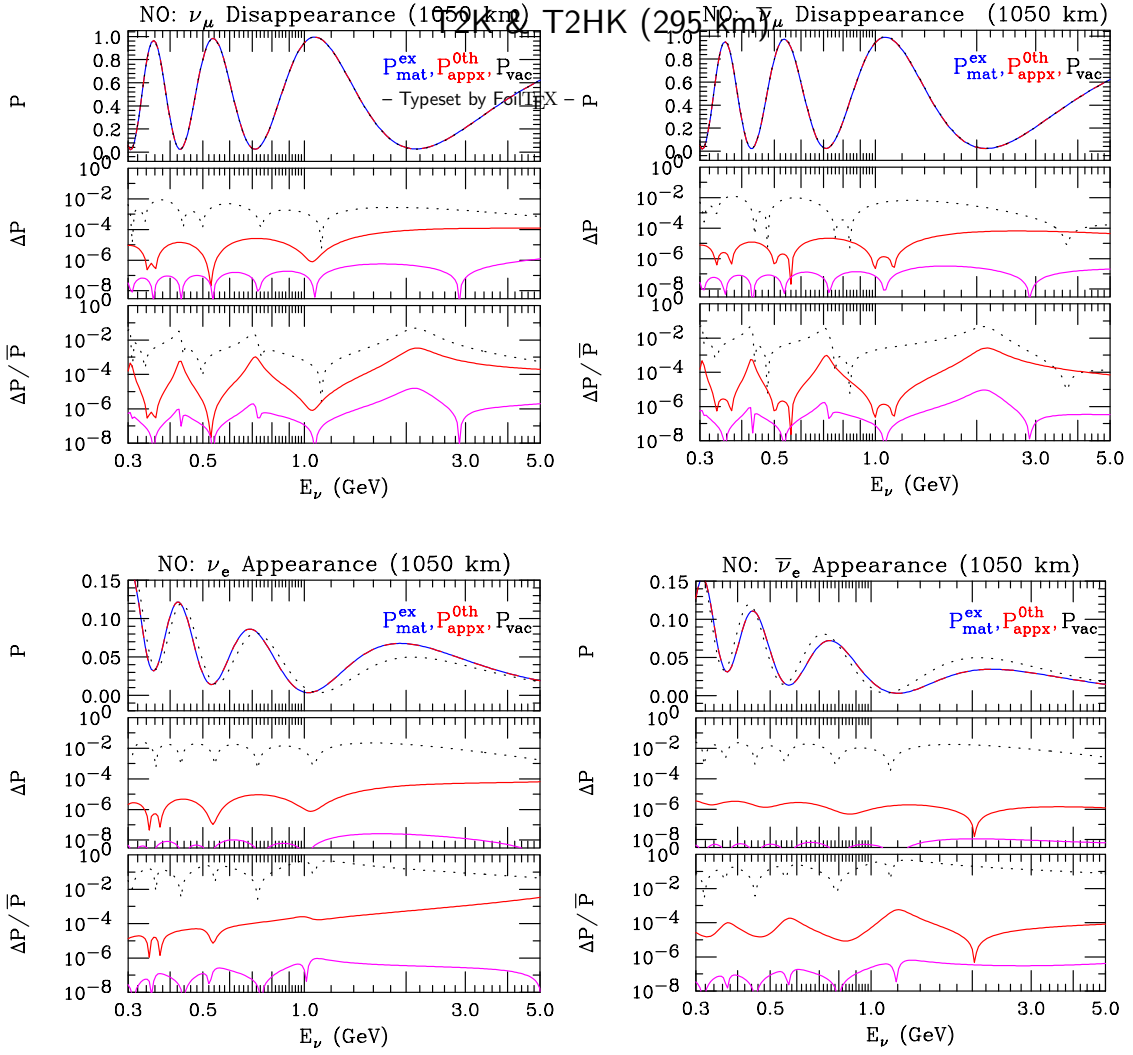
Middle and bottom panels:

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$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{vac} $	$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{0th} $	$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{1st} $
$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st})$

**Figure 6:** NOvA, for inverted ordering (IO): Top Left figure is  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance, Top Right figure is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, Bottom Left figure is  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance, and Bottom Right is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance. In each figure, the top panel is exact oscillation probability in matter,  $P_{mat}^{ex}$  (blue dashes) from [3], the zeroth order DMP approximation,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  (red dashes) from [1] and the vacuum oscillation probability,  $P_{vac}$  (black dots). The Middle panel is difference between exact oscillation probabilities in matter and vacuum (black dots), and the difference between exact and 0th DMP approximation (solid red) and exact and 1st DMP approximation (solid magenta) approximations. Bottom panel is similar to middle panel but plotting the fractional differences,  $\Delta P/\bar{P}$ . The density use is  $3.0 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta P &= |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{vac}| & \Delta P &= |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{0th}| & \Delta P &= |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{1st}| \\ \bar{P} &= \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac}) & \bar{P} &= \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th}) & \bar{P} &= \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st}) \end{aligned}$$

### T2HKK (1050 km)



Top panel:  $P_{mat}^{ex}$ ,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  and  $P_{vac}$

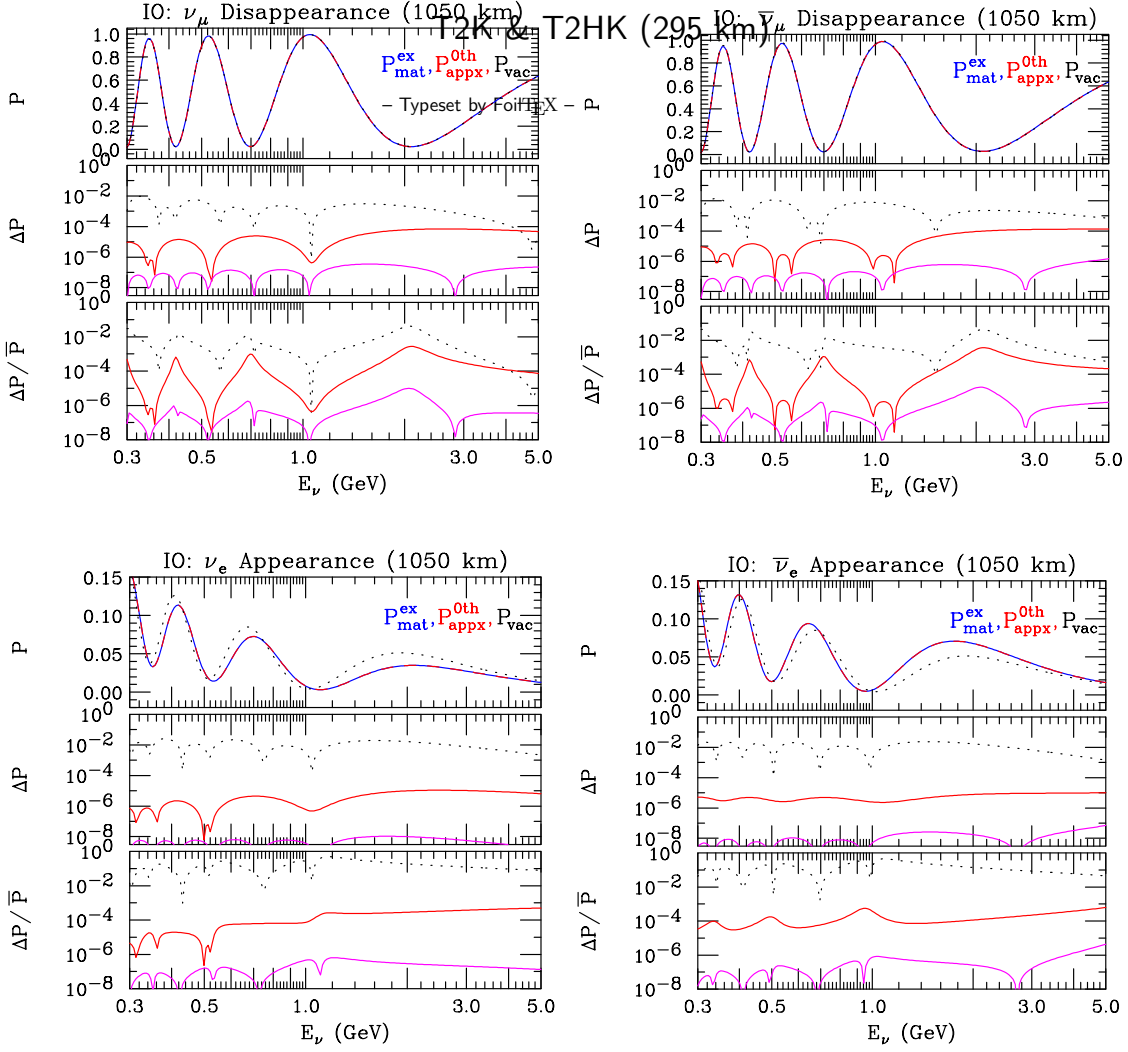
Middle and bottom panels:

black dotted lines	red solid lines	magenta solid lines
$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{vac} $	$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{0th} $	$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{1st} $
$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st})$

**Figure 7:** T2HKK, for normal ordering (NO): Top Left figure is  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance, Top Right figure is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, Bottom Left figure is  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance, and Bottom Right is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance. In each figure, the top panel is exact oscillation probability in matter,  $P_{mat}^{ex}$  (blue dashes) from [3], the zeroth order DMP approximation,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  (red dashes) from [1] and the vacuum oscillation probability,  $P_{vac}$  (black dots). The Middle panel is difference between exact oscillation probabilities in matter and vacuum (black dots), and the difference between exact and 0th DMP approximation (solid red) and exact and 1st DMP approximation (solid magenta) approximations. Bottom panel is similar to middle panel but plotting the fractional differences,  $\Delta P/\bar{P}$ . The density use is  $3.0 \text{ g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta P &= |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{vac}| & \Delta P &= |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{0th}| & \Delta P &= |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{1st}| \\ \bar{P} &= \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac}) & \bar{P} &= \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th}) & \bar{P} &= \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st}) \end{aligned}$$

### T2HKK (1050 km)



Top panel:  $P_{mat}^{ex}$ ,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  and  $P_{vac}$

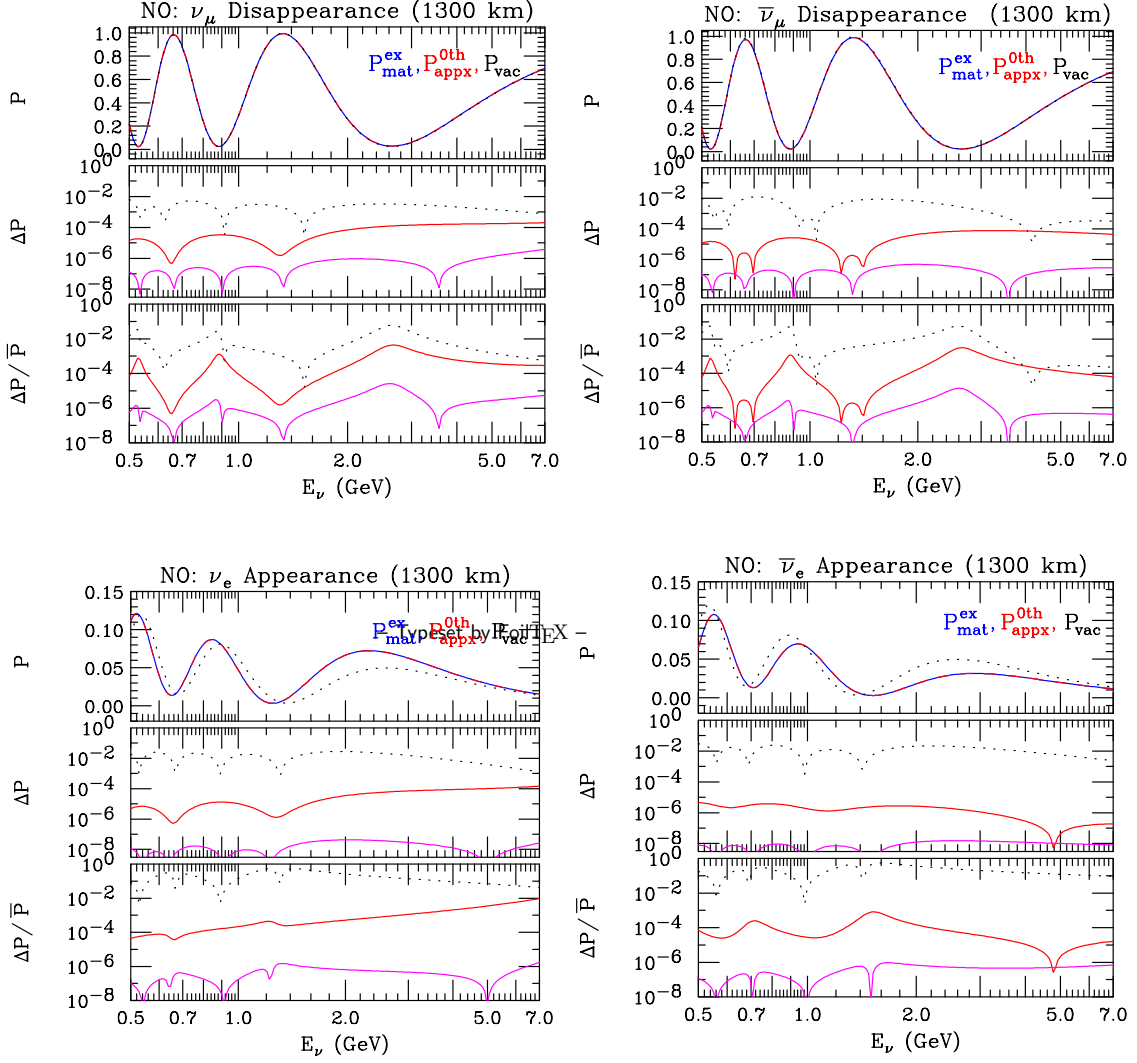
Middle and bottom panels:

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$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st})$

**Figure 8:** T2HKK, for inverted ordering (IO): Top Left figure is  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance, Top Right figure is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, Bottom Left figure is  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance, and Bottom Right is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance. In each figure, the top panel is exact oscillation probability in matter,  $P_{mat}^{ex}$  (blue dashes) from [3], the zeroth order DMP approximation,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  (red dashes) from [1] and the vacuum oscillation probability,  $P_{vac}$  (black dots). The Middle panel is difference between exact oscillation probabilities in matter and vacuum (black dots), and the difference between exact and 0th DMP approximation (solid red) and exact and 1st DMP approximation (solid magenta) approximations. Bottom panel is similar to middle panel but plotting the fractional differences,  $\Delta P/\bar{P}$ . The density use is  $3.0 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ .

NOvA (810 km)

DUNE (1300 km)



Top panel:  $P_{mat}^{ex}$ ,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  and  $P_{vac}$

Middle and bottom panels:

black dotted lines

red solid lines

magenta solid lines

$$\Delta P = |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{vac}|$$

$$\Delta P = |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{0th}|$$

$$\Delta P = |P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{1st}|$$

$$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac})$$

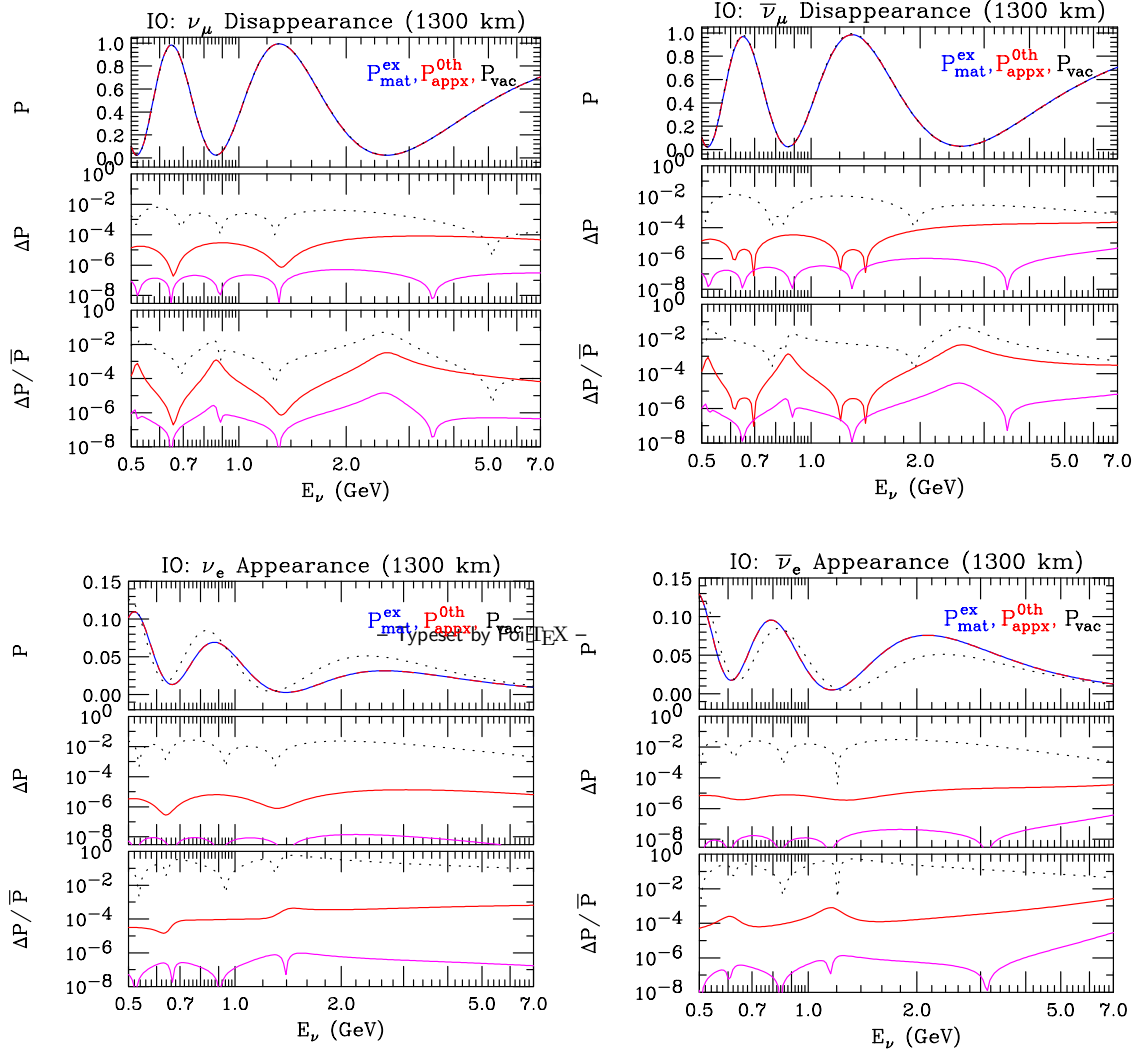
$$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th})$$

$$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st})$$

**Figure 9:** DUNE, for normal ordering (NO): Top Left figure is  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance, Top Right figure is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, Bottom Left figure is  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance, and Bottom Right is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance. In each figure, the top panel is exact oscillation probability in matter,  $P_{mat}^{ex}$  (blue dashes) from [3], the zeroth order DMP approximation,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  (red dashes) from [1] and the vacuum oscillation probability,  $P_{vac}$  (black dots). The Middle panel is difference between exact oscillation probabilities in matter and vacuum (black dots), and the difference between exact and 0th DMP approximation (solid red) and exact and 1st DMP approximation (solid magenta) approximations. Bottom panel is similar to middle panel but plotting the fractional differences,  $\Delta P/\bar{P}$ . The density use is  $3.0 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ .

NOvA (810 km)

DUNE (1300 km)



Top panel:  $P_{mat}^{ex}$ ,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  and  $P_{vac}$

Middle and bottom panels:

black dotted lines	red solid lines	magenta solid lines
$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{vac} $	$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{0th} $	$\Delta P =  P_{mat}^{ex} - P_{appx}^{1st} $
$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{vac})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{0th})$	$\bar{P} = \frac{1}{2}(P_{mat}^{ex} + P_{appx}^{1st})$

**Figure 10:** DUNE, for inverted ordering (IO): Top Left figure is  $\nu_\mu$  disappearance, Top Right figure is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$  disappearance, Bottom Left figure is  $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$  appearance, and Bottom Right is  $\bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e$  appearance. In each figure, the top panel is exact oscillation probability in matter,  $P_{mat}^{ex}$  (blue dashes) from [3], the zeroth order DMP approximation,  $P_{appx}^{0th}$  (red dashes) from [1] and the vacuum oscillation probability,  $P_{vac}$  (black dots). The Middle panel is difference between exact oscillation probabilities in matter and vacuum (black dots), and the difference between exact and 0th DMP approximation (solid red) and exact and 1st DMP approximation (solid magenta) approximations. Bottom panel is similar to middle panel but plotting the fractional differences,  $\Delta P/\bar{P}$ . The density use is  $3.0 \text{ g.cm}^{-3}$ .