

B=0 analytic solutions for density matrix and for our PRL data

Analytic solution from paper
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Neutron-Mirror Neutron Oscillations in Absorbing Matter

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1. Extending to full region of possible mixing angle θ_0 .

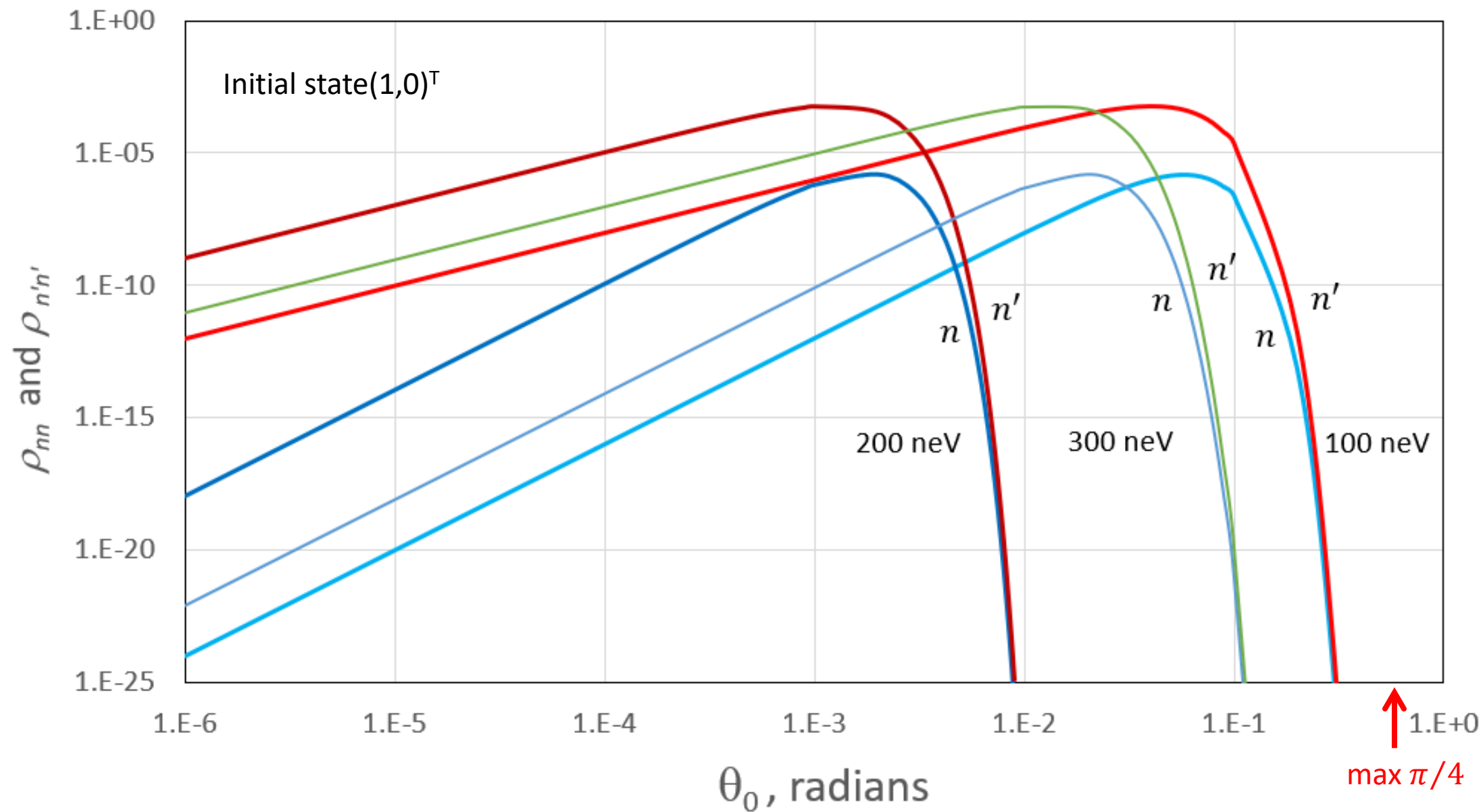
For small angles θ_0 in vacuum $P_{nn'} \cong 2\theta_0^2$.

$$\tan 2\theta_2 = \frac{2\epsilon}{U}$$

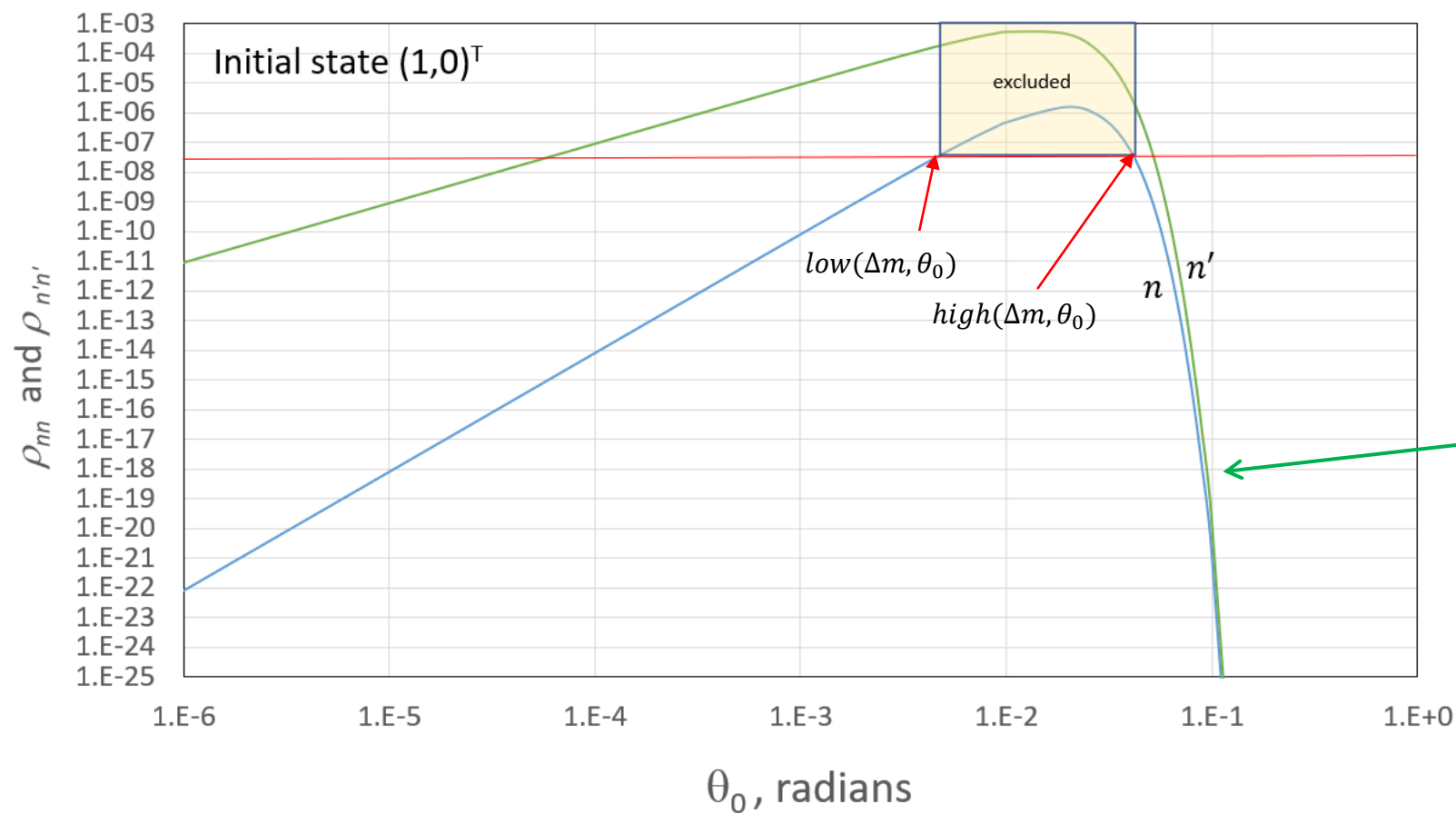
$$U = \pm V_F \pm \Delta m \pm \mu B = 0 \text{ - vacuum}$$

Range of possible mixing angles $0 < \theta_0 < 45^\circ$

After 32 mm of B4C, 1000 m/s,

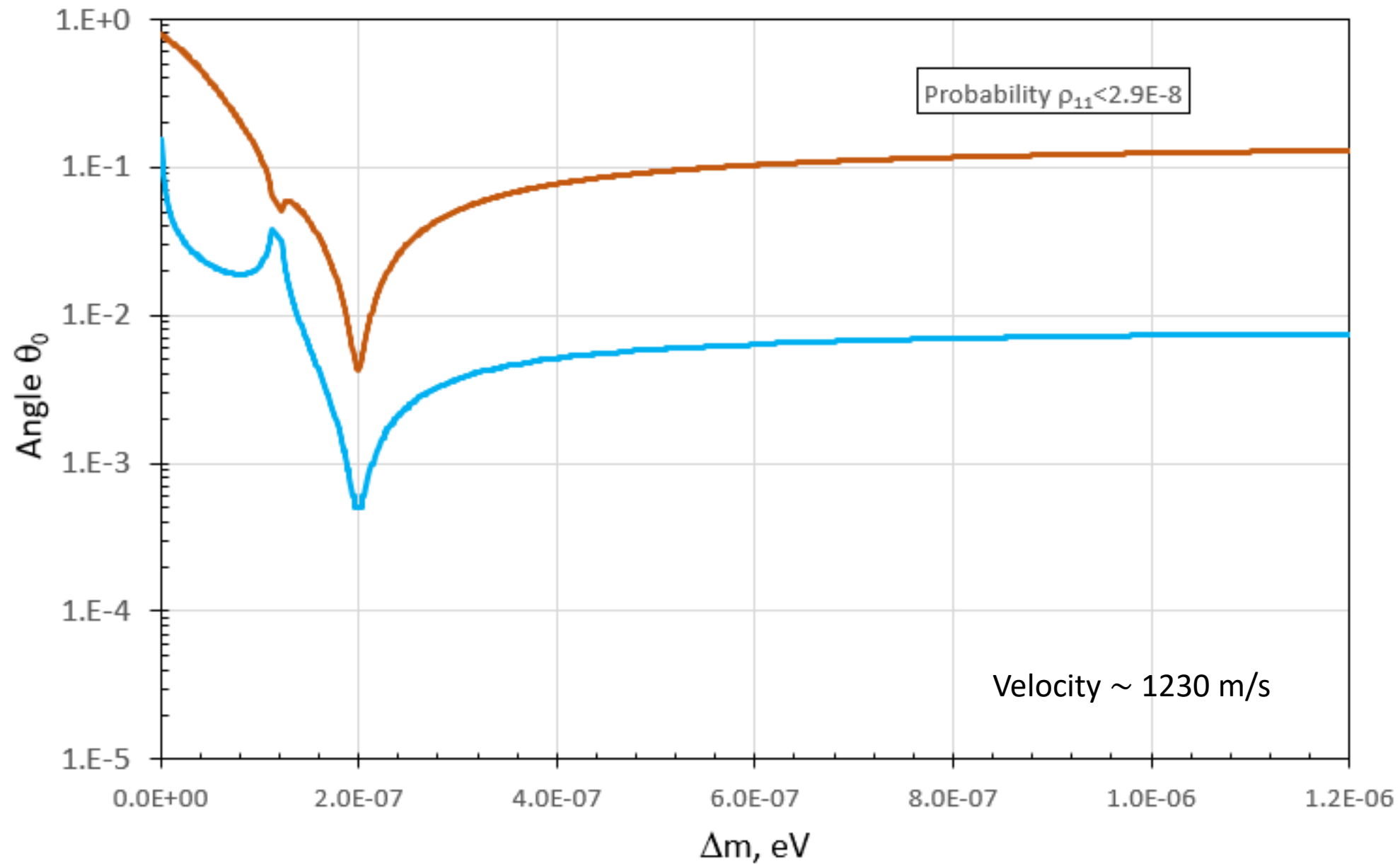


After 32 mm of B4C, $Dm=-300$ neV, 1000 m/s



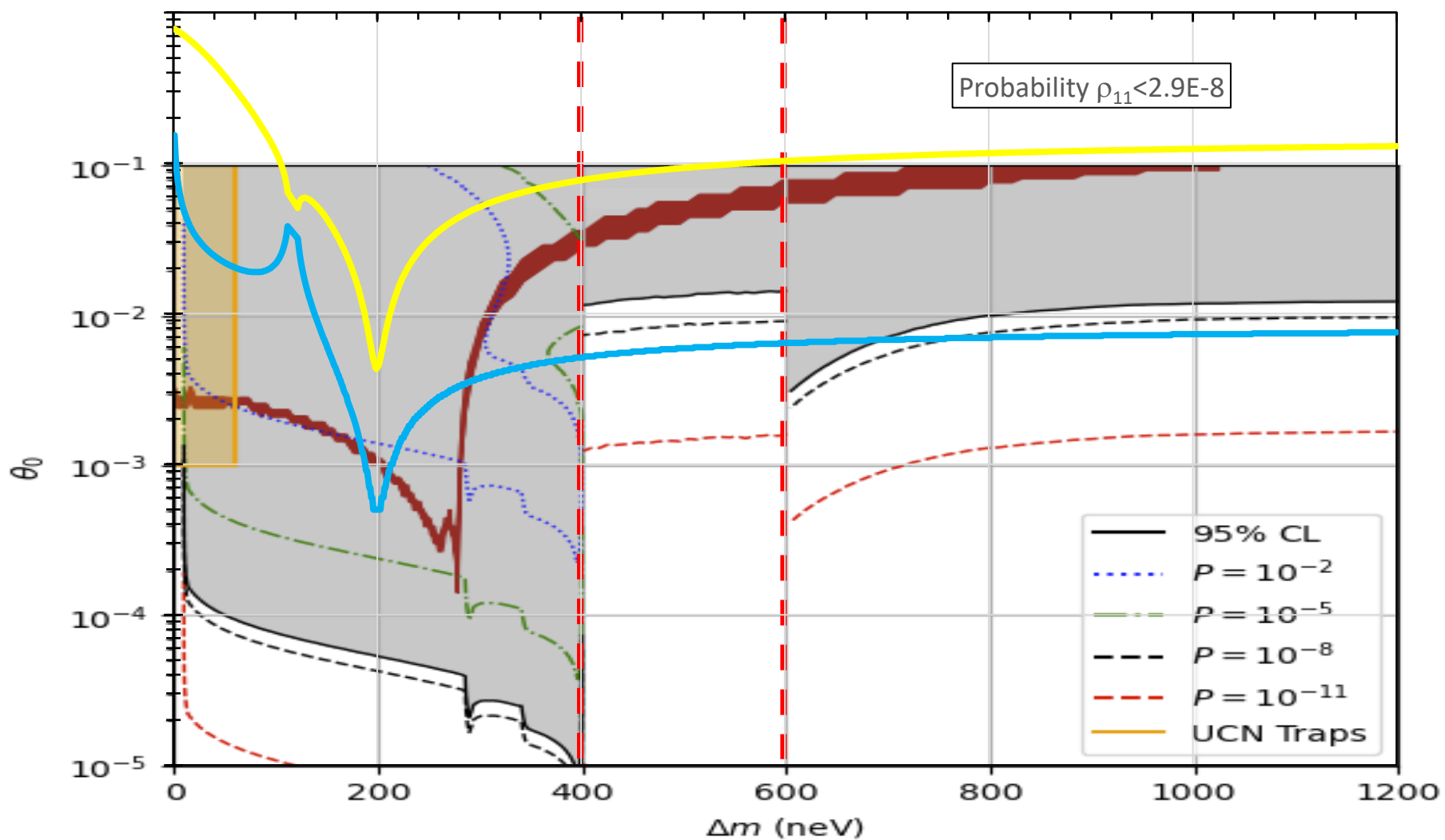
This fall-off
is not a resonant
effect but a general
feature due to
increasing of
mutual oscillations

After 32 mm B₄C, B=0

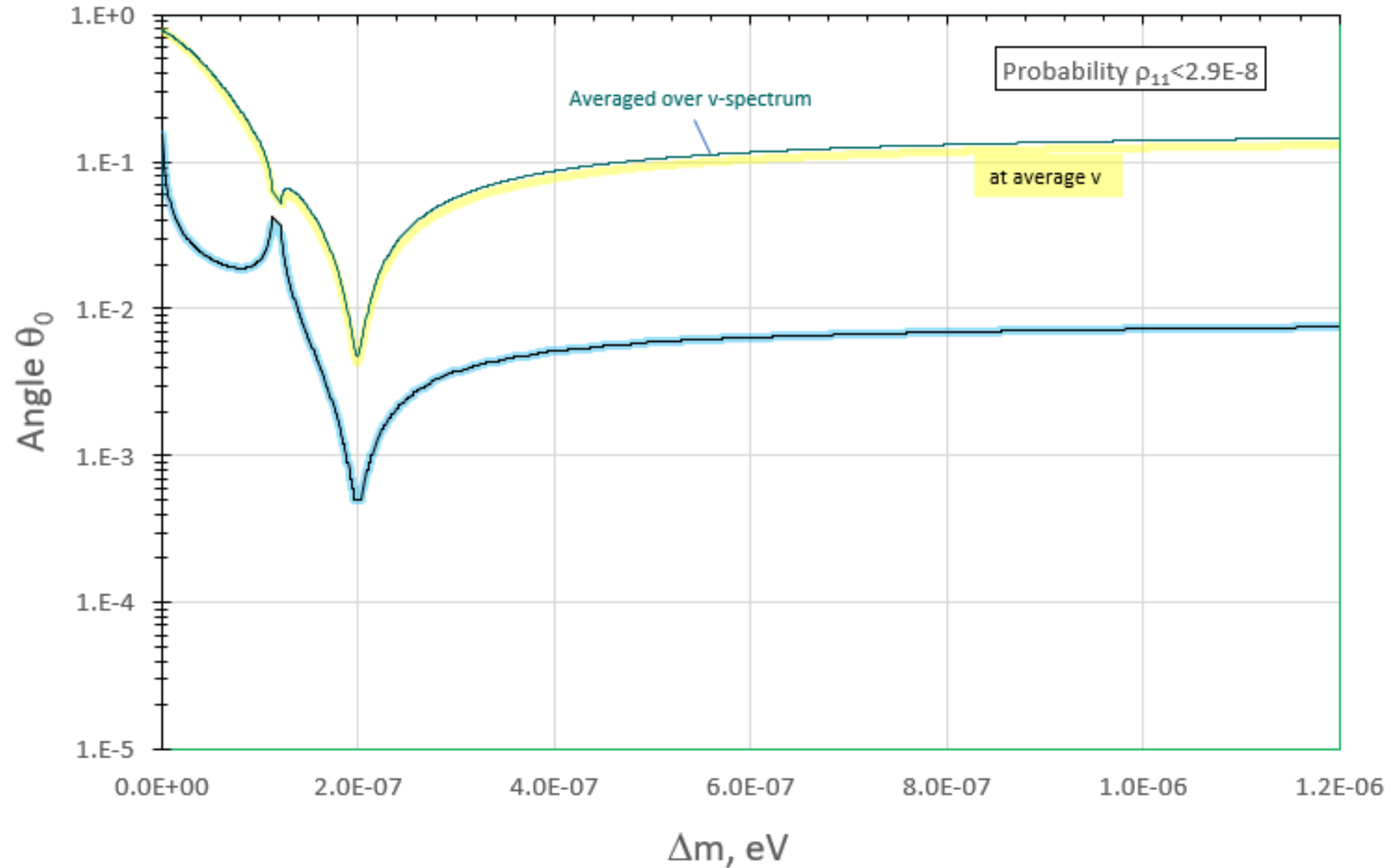


Implication for PRL paper in the region 400-600 neV where we used zero-field data $B=0$

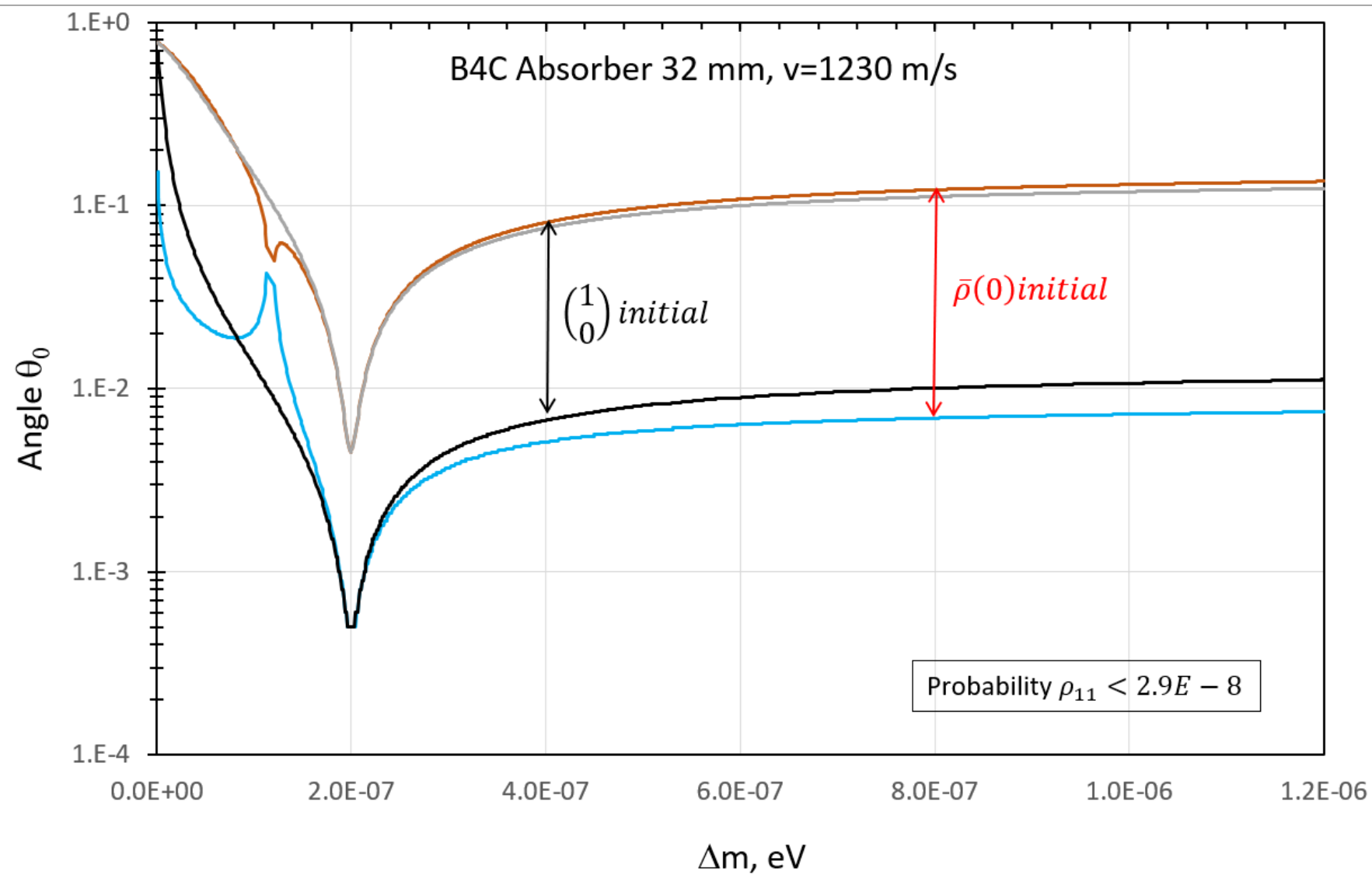
Velocity ~ 1230 m/s



Averaging over velocity spectrum gives $\sim$ the same result as calculation at the average velocity
($B=0$; 1230 m/s for “3.75 Å”, $\Delta m < 0$)

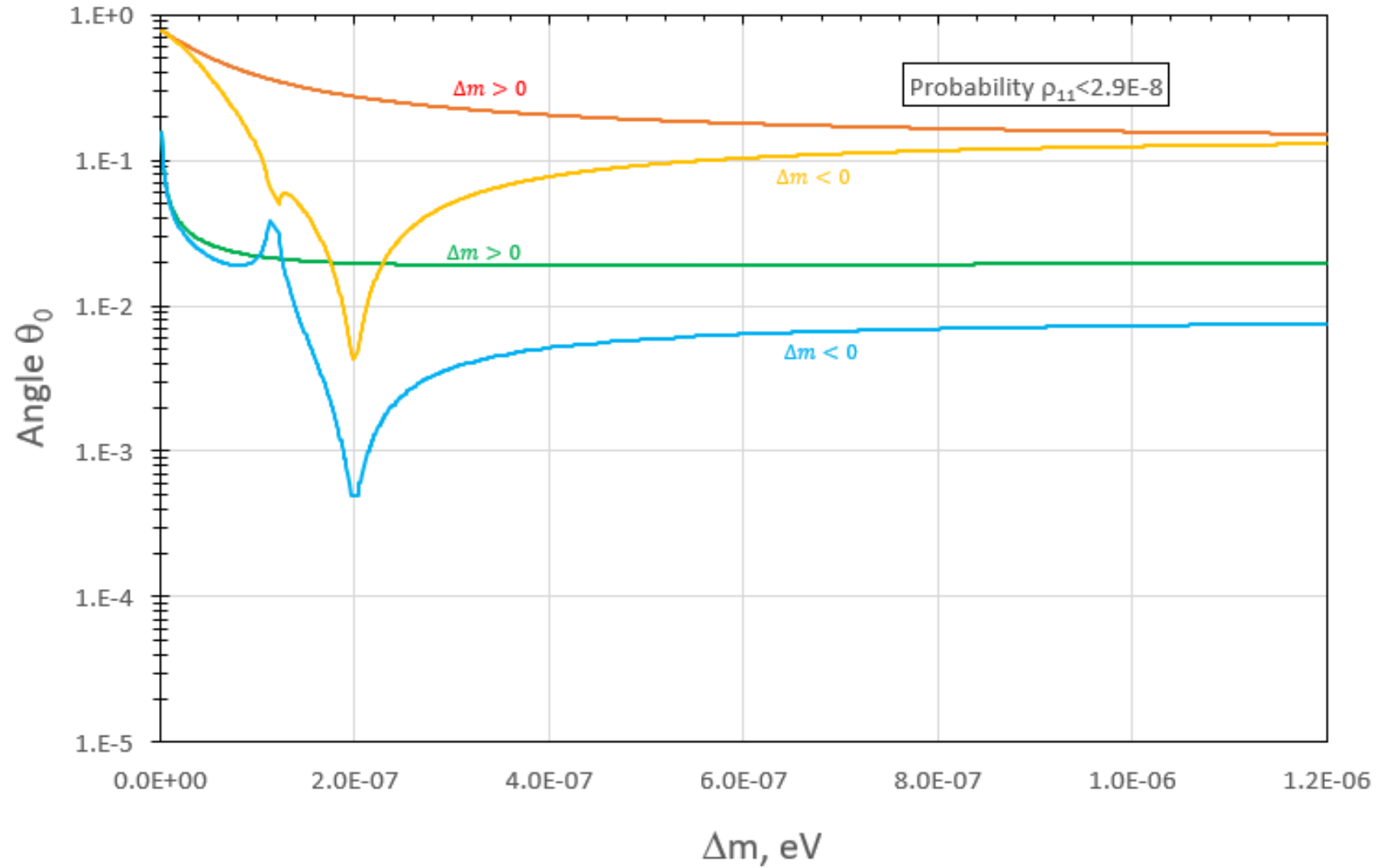


Strange effect of initial conditions
Velocity ~ 1230 m/s

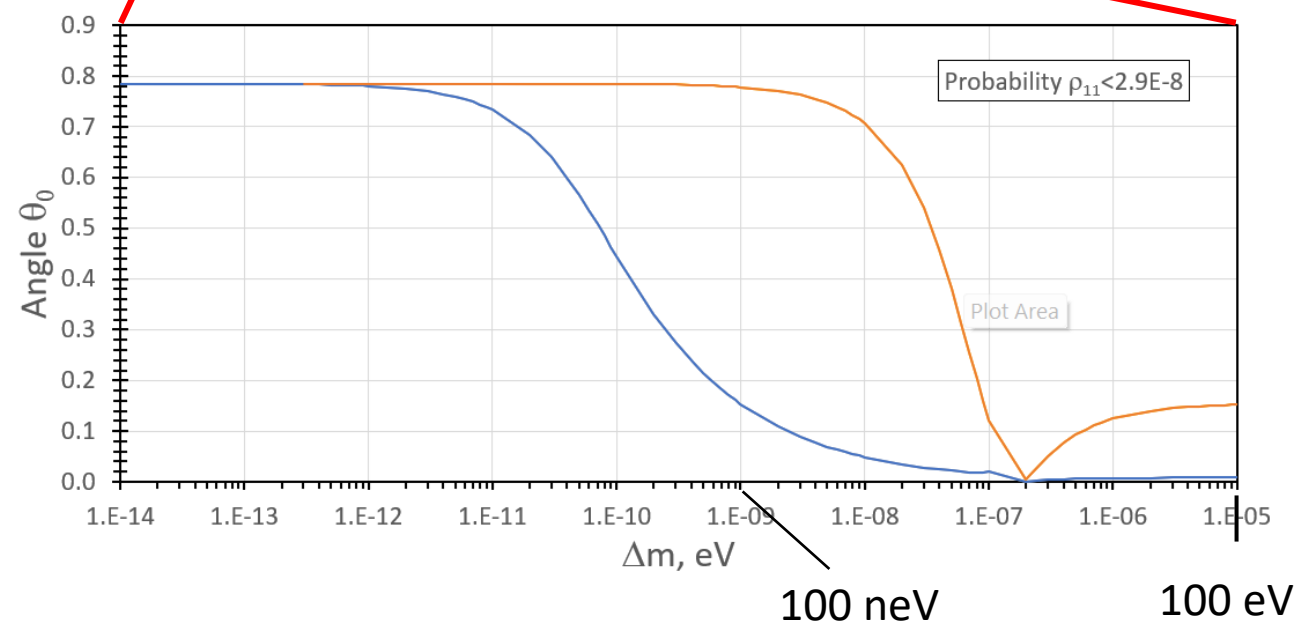
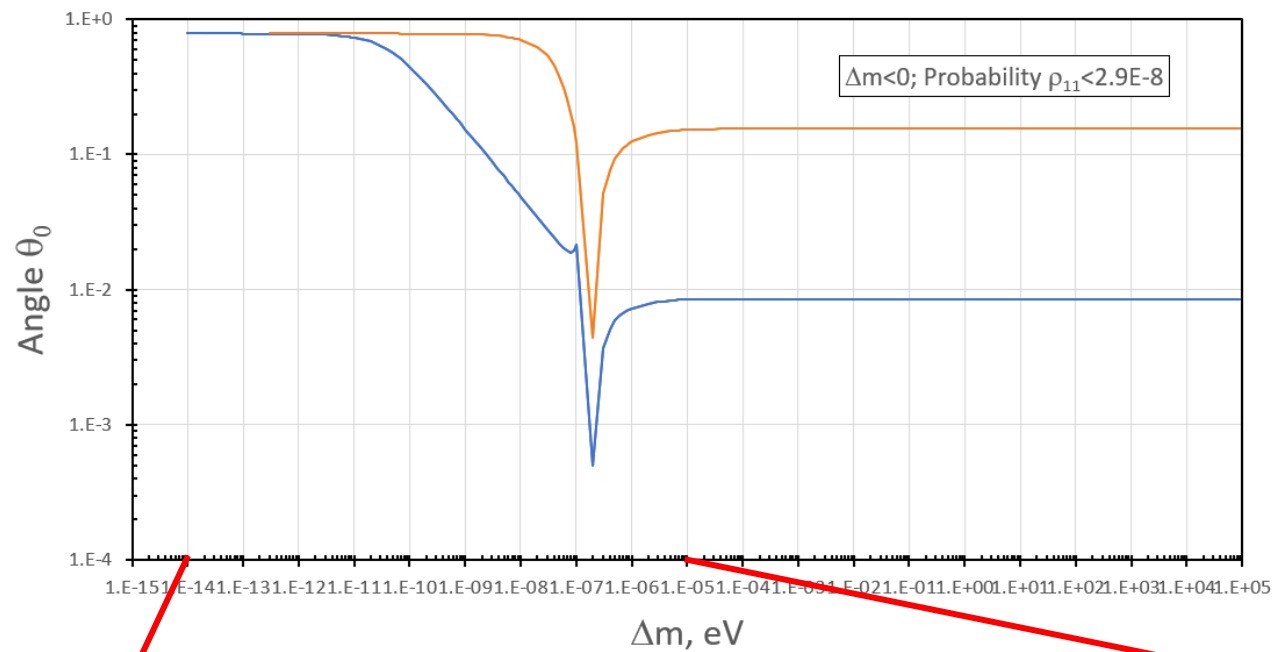


Negative (resonant) Δm and positive $\Delta m = m_n - m_{n'}$

Velocity ~ 1230 m/s



B4C 32 mm in a broader range of Δm , $B = 0$



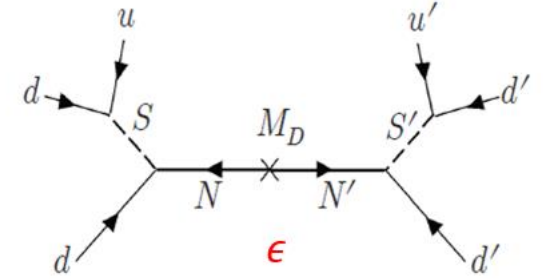
Conclusion

- Coverage of the $\Delta m - \theta_0$ exclusion plot for large angles $0.1 - 0.7854$ ($5^\circ - 45^\circ$) with Magnetic Field ON should be separately studied. Everything for that is built in the density matrix evolution equations.

- How large can be Δm ?

Operator of $n \rightarrow n'$ has dimension 9. That implies that $\epsilon \sim \frac{\Lambda_{QCD}^6}{\mathcal{M}^5} \sim \left(\frac{1\text{TeV}}{\mathcal{M}}\right)^5 \times 10^{-10} \text{ eV}$

What the mass $\mathcal{M}$ can be ?



PDG limit on the mass of scalar di-quarks is $\mathcal{M} > 600 \text{ GeV}$. That corresponds to $\epsilon \sim 6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ eV}$

Since $\theta_0 \sim \frac{\epsilon}{\Delta m}$ and $\theta \lesssim 0.01$ from our PRL paper for large masses: $\Delta m = \frac{6 \cdot 10^{-10}}{0.01} = 6 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ eV} = 60 \text{ neV}$

If we take the STEREO large Δm limit $\theta_0 < 4 \times 10^{-6}$ for the face value, then

$\Delta m = \frac{6 \cdot 10^{-10}}{0.000004} = 1.5 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ eV} = 150,000 \text{ neV}$. STEREO uses different model for possible large Δm

2. On Re/Im parts of $\rho_{12} = \rho_{21}^*$ in density matrix.

- Advantage of analytic solution – it is fast in calculations with complex numbers, but at interface of two media requires satisfy continuity of wave function and its derivative.
- Density matrix calculations are slow, but automatically continuous at the interface of two media with ρ_{12} containing the information about phases of motion.

a. Phase motion Im vs Re for unsuppressed oscillations in vacuum

$$\theta_0 = 45^\circ - \text{maximum value} \quad H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \tan 2\theta_0 = \frac{2\epsilon}{U}$$

$$U = \pm V_F \pm \Delta m \pm \mu B = 0 - \text{vacuum}$$

$$\psi_1 = \psi_n = \frac{1}{2}(e^{-itE_1} + e^{-itE_2}); \psi_2 = \psi_{n'} = \frac{1}{2}(e^{-itE_1} - e^{-itE_2}) - \text{Solution of S.E.} \quad \Delta E = (E_1 - E_2)/\hbar$$

$$\text{Initial density matrix: } \hat{\rho}(t=0) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ pure neutron}$$

$$\rho_{11}(t) = \rho_{nn}(t) = \cos^2\left(\frac{\Delta E \cdot t}{2}\right) - \text{averaged over time} = 1/2$$

$$\rho_{22}(t) = \rho_{n'n'}(t) = \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta E \cdot t}{2}\right) - \text{averaged over time} = 1/2$$

$$\rho_{12}(t) = \rho_{nn'}(t) = \frac{1}{2}i \sin(\Delta Et) - \text{averaged over time} = 0$$

$$\rho_{21}(t) = \rho_{n'n}(t) = -\frac{1}{2}i \sin(\Delta Et) - \text{averaged over time} = 0$$

$\rho_{12}(t)$ is pure Imaginary (no Real part of ρ_{12} that would mean suppression of oscillation amplitude)

$$\bar{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

For mixing angles close to max in absorbing media one should expect strong effect of non-resonant suppression for both n and n'

$$\rho_{nn}(t) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_0 \cdot \sin^2(\omega t), \quad \rho_{n'n'}(t) = \sin^2 2\theta_0 \cdot \sin^2(\omega t)$$

$$\rho_{nn'}(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin 4\theta_0 \cdot \sin^2(\omega t) - \frac{i}{2} \sin 2\theta_0 \cdot \sin(2\omega t), \quad \rho_{n'n}(t) = \rho_{nn'}^*(t)$$

$$\bar{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - 2\theta_0^2 & -\theta_0 \\ -\theta_0 & 2\theta_0^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{nn} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sin^2 2\theta_0\right) \cdot e^{-\Delta z / L_{air}}$$

$$\text{Re}\bar{\rho}_{nn'} = \text{Re}\bar{\rho}_{n'n} = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot \sin 4\theta_0 \cdot e^{-\Delta z / L_{air}}$$

$$\text{Im}\bar{\rho}_{nn'} = \text{Im}\bar{\rho}_{n'n} = 0$$

$$\bar{\rho}_{n'n'} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sin^2 2\theta_0 \cdot e^{-\Delta z / 2L_{air}}$$

No absorption for small θ_0

In air with absorption

Average density matrix is Real!

- Property of the average density matrix - it is repeating itself (?)
Evolution $[\bar{\rho}] = \bar{\rho}$ (would make sense for non-absorptive H)

b. Phase motion Im vs Re for suppressed oscillations in non-absorptive media

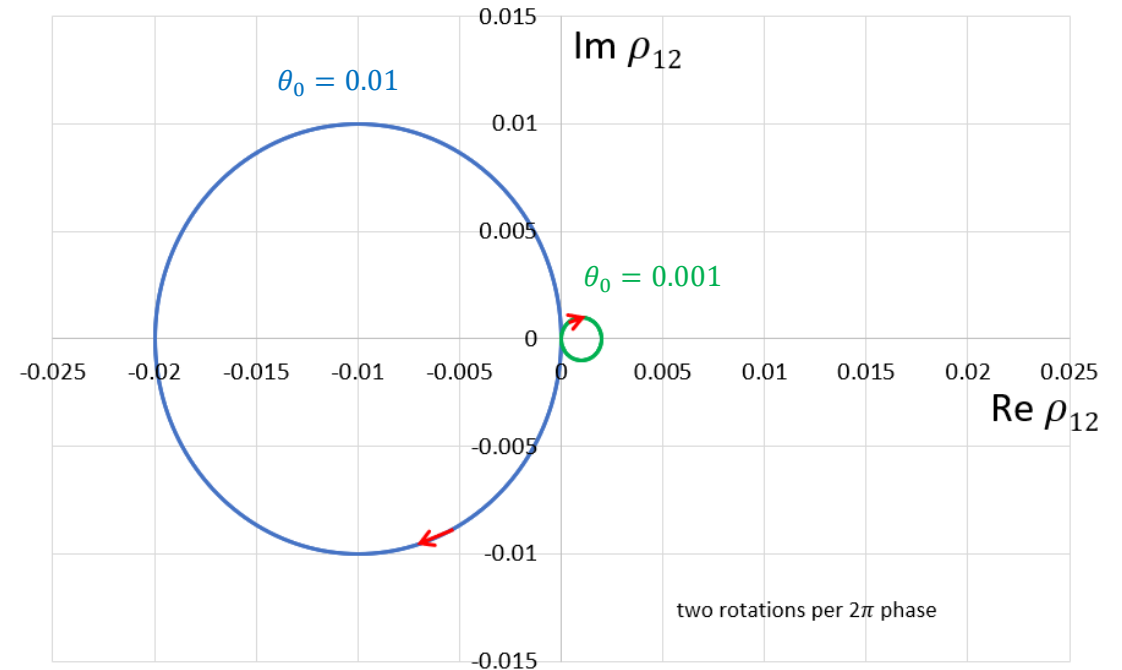
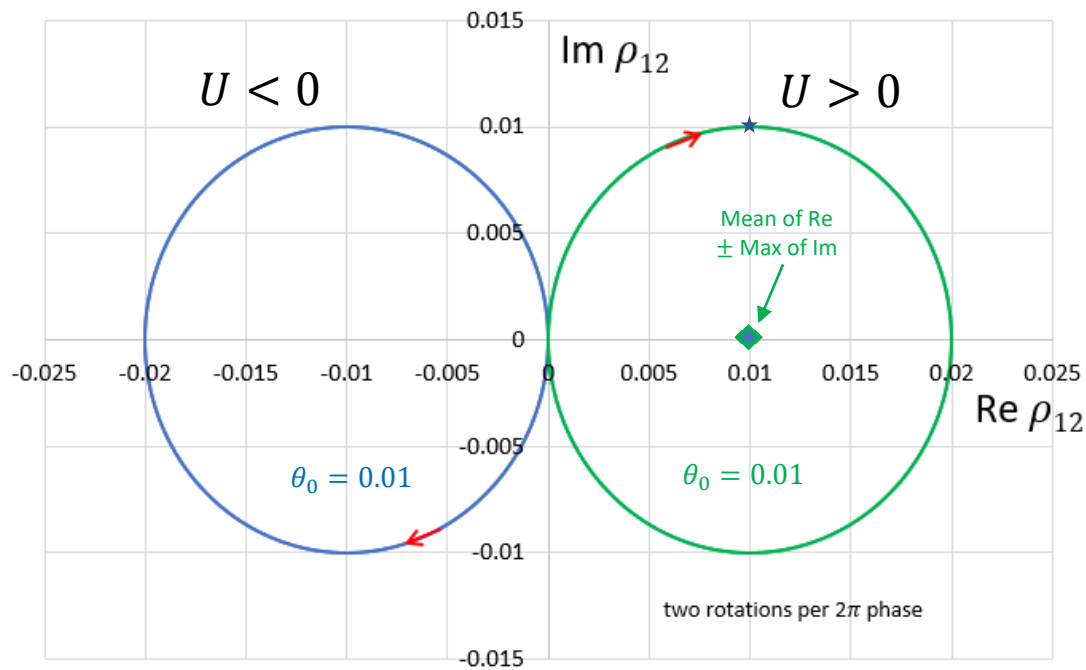
$$\tan 2\theta_0 = \frac{2\epsilon}{U}$$

$$U = \pm V_F \pm \Delta m \pm \mu \Delta B \quad \text{- real suppression by } U$$

$$\rho_{nn}(t) = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta_0 \cdot \sin^2(\omega t), \quad \rho_{n'n'}(t) = \sin^2 2\theta_0 \cdot \sin^2(\omega t)$$

$$\rho_{nn'}(t) = -\frac{1}{2} \sin 4\theta_0 \cdot \sin^2(\omega t) - \frac{i}{2} \sin 2\theta_0 \cdot \sin(2\omega t), \quad \rho_{n'n}(t) = \rho_{nn'}^*(t)$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta = \frac{\tan^2 2\theta}{1 + \tan^2 2\theta} = \frac{4\epsilon^2}{(U^2 + 4\epsilon^2)}$$



- evolution of the averaged density matrix is the average of the evolutions of two systems motion with $\pm t$ for the phase $\pi/4$ from $\rho_{12} = \rho_{21} = 0$ (with $\text{Re} = 0, \text{Im} = 0$)

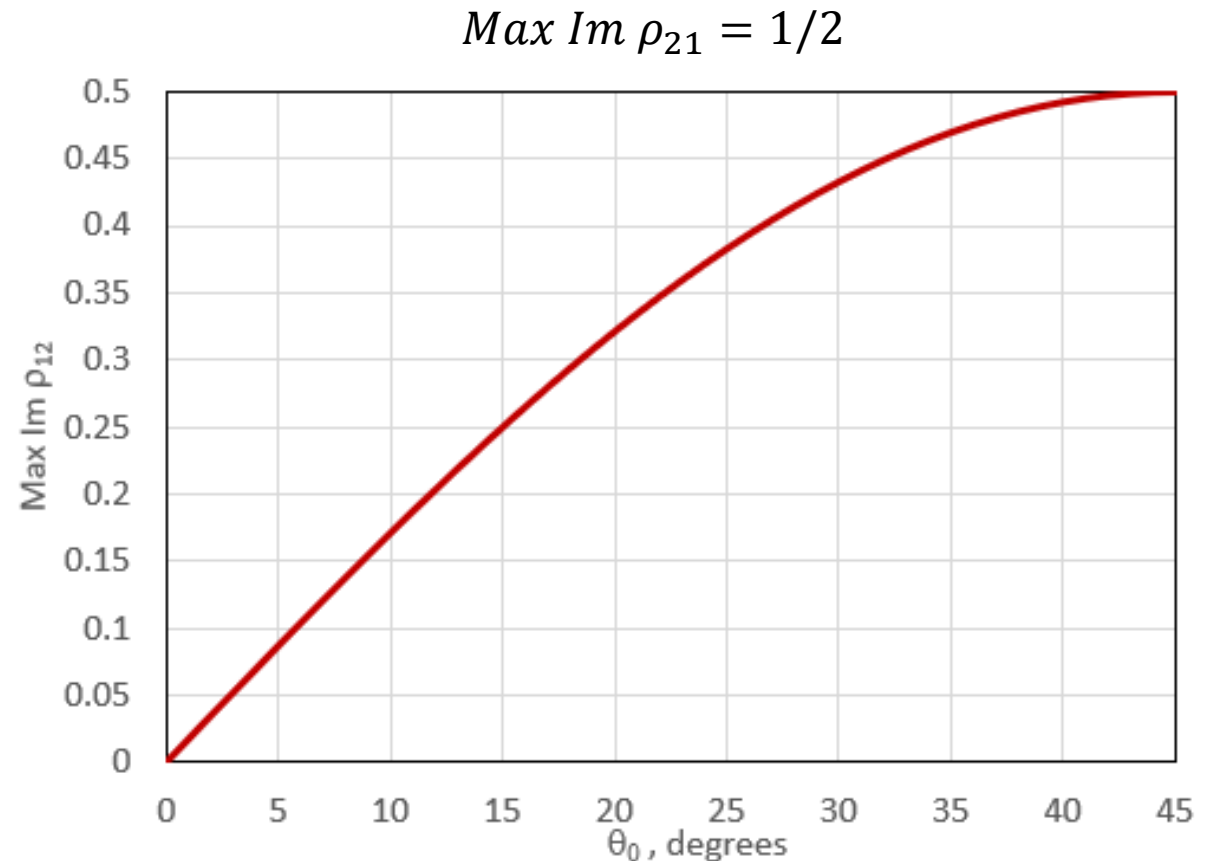
Magnitude of $Im \rho_{12} = -Im \rho_{21}$ (no absorption)

$$Im \rho_{21} = \frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta_0 \cdot \sin 2\omega t = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{U^2 + 4\epsilon^2}} \cdot \sin 2\omega t < 0.5 \cdot \sin 2\omega t$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin 2\theta_0 = \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{U^2 + 4\epsilon^2}} \rightarrow$$

$$\overline{Im \rho_{21}} = 0$$

Means that measurements of averaged probability do not oscillate

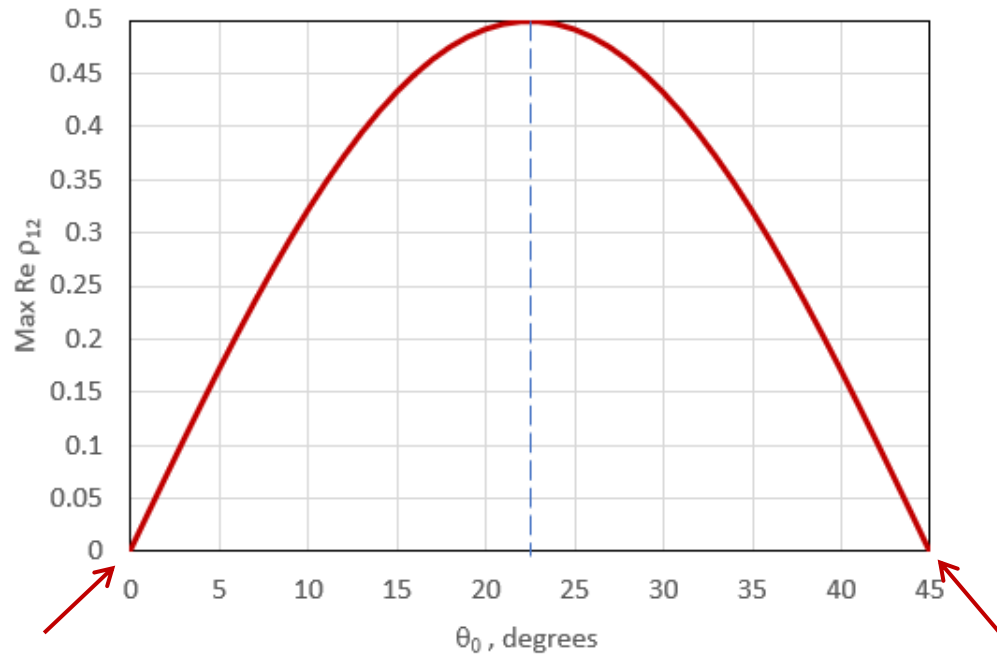


$$\text{Magnitude of } Re \rho_{12} = Re \rho_{21}$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta = \frac{4\epsilon^2}{(U^2 + 4\epsilon^2)}$$

$$Re \rho_{12} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \sin 4\theta_0 \cdot \sin^2(\omega t) = \frac{2\epsilon U}{U^2 + 4\epsilon^2} \cdot \sin^2(\omega t)$$

$$Max Re \rho_{12} = 1/2$$



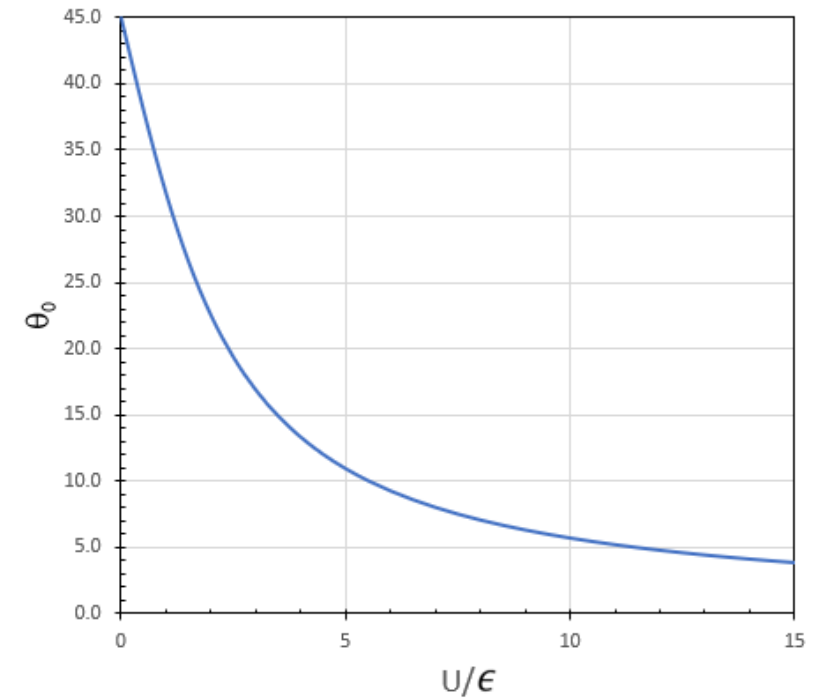
$Re \rho_{12} = 0$ for $U \rightarrow \infty$

$$\overline{Re \rho_{12}} = \frac{\epsilon U}{U^2 + 4\epsilon^2}$$

$$Max \overline{Re \rho_{12}} = 1/4$$

$Re \rho_{12} = 0$ for $\theta_0 = 45^\circ$
free unsuppressed oscillations

$$22.5^\circ = \frac{\theta_0(max)}{2} \rightarrow U = 2\epsilon$$



Conclusion for understanding of the average density matrix

- Time-dependent Schrodinger equation for two-level system gives time evolution for $\psi_1(t)$ and $\psi_2(t)$ wave functions with the relative phases that comprises the oscillation effect. Density matrix $\rho(t)$ can be calculated from that.
- Physical measurement means averaging including averaging over phases of system motion . That can be done with known ψ_1 and ψ_2 or with known $\rho(t)$. It requires the averaging process. It can be performed as phase averaging for the high frequency of oscillation ($\overline{\sin^2 \omega t} = 1/2$) or at given t over more general averaging over the velocity spectrum.
- At the border of two media wave functions should be continuous together with its derivatives (boring procedure) and can be averaged only after that. Evolution of density matrix is continuous.
- Averaged density matrix doesn't represent wave functions of one of trajectories of the motion, but can be represented by two motions around the point t of averaged density matrix $\rho(t)$ for equal phases $\pm \pi/4$.
- Analytic calculations probabilities using solution of time-dependent Schrodinger equation for the interface of two media can not be accurately done with the averaged density matrix (will continue working on that).