

The calculation of inelastic neutrino/dark matter nucleus scattering

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νN scattering: Elastic cross section

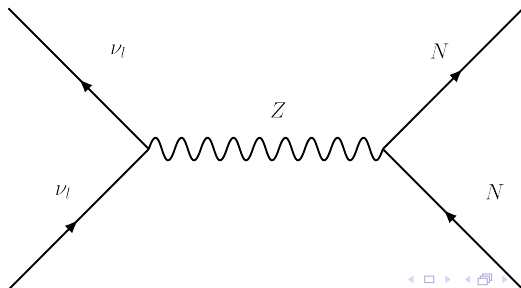
Standard Model CE ν NS (coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering)

cross section [Drukier, Stodolsky, PRD, 1984](#) [Barranco, Miranda, Rashba, JHEP, 2005](#) [Patton, Engel,](#)

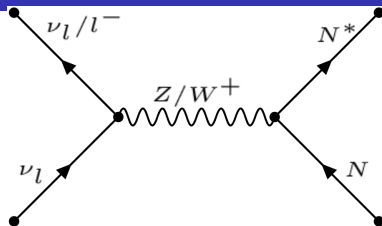
[McLaughlin, Schunck, PRC 2012](#)

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} m_N \left(1 - \frac{E_r}{E_i} - \frac{m_N E_r}{2E_i^2}\right) [(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)Z - N]^2 F_W^2$$

where m_N target nucleus mass, E_i incoming neutrino energy, E_r recoil energy, Z atomic number, N neutron number, F_W form factor, $\sin^2\theta_W \approx 0.23$ Weinberg angle



νN scattering: Inelastic cross section



$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\omega d\Omega} = \sigma_w E_f k_f \zeta^2(Z', E_f) FF(2m_N E_r)$$

$$\sigma_W^{CC} = \left(\frac{G_F \cos\theta_c}{2\pi} \right)^2, \quad \sigma_W^{NC} = \left(\frac{G_F}{2\pi} \right)^2$$

E_f/k_f outgoing lepton energy/momentum

Coulomb field correction $\zeta^2(Z', E) = \frac{E_{eff} k_{eff}}{E k}$

effective energy $E_{eff} = E_f \pm \frac{3}{2} \frac{Z' \alpha \hbar c}{R}$, effective momentum k_{eff}^2

$$Z' = \begin{cases} Z + 1 & \text{for } \nu \\ Z - 1 & \text{for } \bar{\nu} \end{cases}$$

νN scattering: Inelastic cross section

$$\begin{aligned}
 FF(2m_N E_r) = & \sum_{J \geq 1, \text{spin}} \left[\frac{1}{2} (\vec{l} \cdot \vec{l}^* - l_3 l_3^*) \left(|\langle J_f | |\mathcal{T}^{\text{mag}}| |J_i \rangle|^2 + |\langle J_f | |\mathcal{T}^{\text{el}}| |J_i \rangle|^2 \right) \right. \\
 & - i (\vec{l} \times \vec{l}^*)_3 \text{Re} \left(|\langle J_f | |\mathcal{T}^{\text{mag}}| |J_i \rangle| |\langle J_f | |\mathcal{T}^{\text{el}}| |J_i \rangle|^* \right) \Big] + \sum_{J \geq 0, \text{spin}} \left[l_0 l_0^* |\langle J_f | |\mathcal{M}| |J_i \rangle|^2 \right. \\
 & \left. + l_3 l_3^* |\langle J_f | |\mathcal{L}| |J_i \rangle|^2 - 2 \text{Re} \left(l_3 l_0^* |\langle J_f | |\mathcal{L}| |J_i \rangle| |\langle J_f | |\mathcal{M}| |J_i \rangle|^* \right) \right]
 \end{aligned}$$


Neutrino current $l_\mu = \bar{\nu} \gamma_\mu \frac{(1-\gamma_5)}{2} \nu$, recoil momentum q

Hoferichter, Menéndez, Schwenk, PRD, 2020

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_{LM} + \mathcal{M}_{LM}^5 &= \left\{ F_1^N M_L^M + \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{4m_N^2} (F_1^N + 2F_2^N) (\Phi_L^{\prime\prime M} - \frac{1}{2} M_{LM}) \right\} + \left\{ -i \frac{|\mathbf{q}|}{m_N} G_A^N \left[\Omega_L^M + \frac{1}{2} \Sigma_L^{\prime\prime M} \right] \right\} \\
 \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{LM} + \mathcal{L}_{LM}^5 &= \left\{ \frac{q^0}{|\mathbf{q}|} \mathcal{M} \right\} + \left\{ i \left[G_A^N \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{8m_N^2} \right) - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{4m_N^2} G_P^N \right] \Sigma_L^{\prime\prime M} \right\} \\
 \mathcal{T}^{\text{el}} = \mathcal{T}_{LM}^{\text{el}} + \mathcal{L}_{LM}^{\text{el}5} &= \left\{ \frac{|\mathbf{q}|}{m_N} \left[F_1^N \Delta_L^{\prime M} + \frac{F_1^N + F_2^N}{2} \Sigma_L^M \right] \right\} + \left\{ i G_A^N \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{8m_N^2} \right) \Sigma_L^{\prime M} \right\} \\
 \mathcal{T}^{\text{mag}} = \mathcal{T}_{LM}^{\text{mag}} + \mathcal{L}_{LM}^{\text{mag}5} &= \left\{ -i \frac{|\mathbf{q}|}{m_N} \left[F_1^N \Delta_L^M - \frac{F_1^N + F_2^N}{2} \Sigma_L^{\prime M} \right] \right\} + \left\{ G_A^N \left(1 - \frac{\mathbf{q}^2}{8m_N^2} \right) \Sigma_L^M \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

ν N scattering: Inelastic cross section

$$\begin{aligned}\langle f | \hat{H}_W | i \rangle &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \int d^3x \langle f | j_\mu^{lep} \hat{\mathcal{J}}^\mu(\vec{x}) | i \rangle \\ &= \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \int d^3x e^{-i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{x}} \left(l_0 \mathcal{J}^0(\vec{x}) - \vec{l} \cdot \mathcal{J}(\vec{x}) \right)\end{aligned}$$

 Spherical decomposition

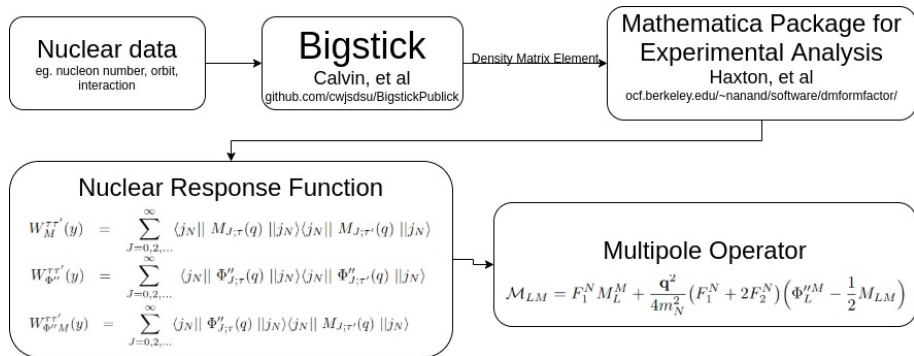
Multipole operator $\hat{\mathcal{M}}_{JM}(q) \equiv \int d^3x [j_J(qx) Y_{JM}(\Omega_x)] \hat{\mathcal{J}}^0(\vec{x})$

Nuclear response function $M_{JM}(q\vec{x}_i) \equiv j_J(qx_i) Y_{JM}(\Omega_{x_i})$

Bessel spherical harmonics Y_{JM}

Dirac form factor F_1^N , Pauli form factor F_2^N , pseudoscalar form factor G_P^N , axial vector form factor G_A^N

ν N scattering: Program calculation



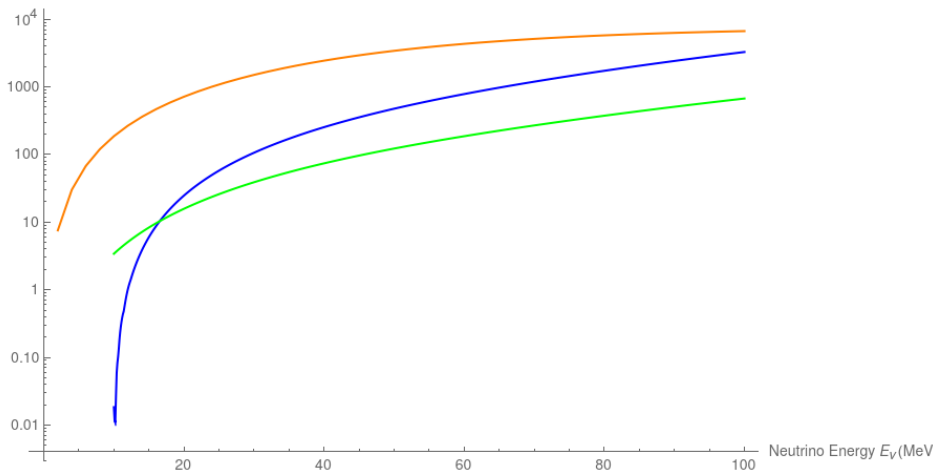
Anand, Fitzpatrick, Haxton, PRC. 2014

Johnson, Ormand, McElvain, Shan, 2018

ν N scattering: Calculation result (Ar40)

Orange is $CE\nu NS$, green is NC , blue is CC (up to 5 states are calculated)

σ (10^{-42} cm^2)



- It's possible to calculate cross section of photon production

χ N scattering: Elastic and inelastic cross section

Pions (π^0, π^\pm) are produced after protons hit a target and dark photon A' is produced and decays to 2 DM (χ). We set a constant mass ratio $\frac{m_{A'}}{m_\chi} = 3$

- $A' \rightarrow 2\chi$ Dutta, Kim, Liao, Park, Shin, Strigari, Thompson, PRL, 2020
- $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + A'$ Denerville, Pospelov, Ritz, PRD, 2015, Ge, Shoemaker, JHEP, 2018
- $\pi^{-/+} + p/n \rightarrow n/p + A'$
- dark Bremsstrahlung: $e^{\pm*} \rightarrow e^\pm + A'$
- Our Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} = g_D A'_\mu \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi + e \epsilon Q_q A'_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$

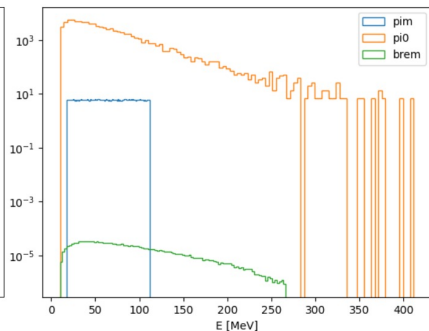
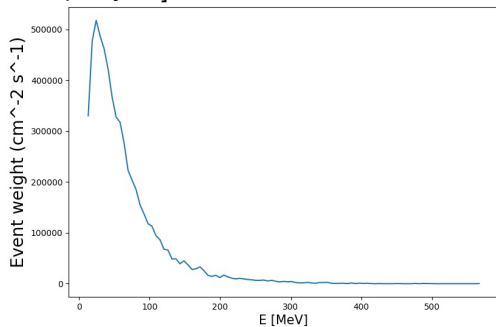
$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} \right|_{el} = \frac{e^2 \epsilon^2 g_D^2 Z^2}{4\pi (E_\chi^2 - m_\chi^2) (2m_N E_r + m_{A'}^2)^2} \left[2E_\chi^2 m_N \left(1 - \frac{E_r}{E_\chi} - \frac{m_N^2 E_r + m_\chi^2 E_r}{2m_N E_\chi^2} \right) + E_r^2 m_N \right] |F(2m_N E_r)|^2$$

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} \right|_{inel} = \frac{2e^2 \epsilon^2 g_D^2}{\left(1 - \frac{m_\chi^2}{E_\chi^2} \right) (2m_N E_r + m_{A'}^2)^2} \frac{m_N}{2\pi} \frac{4\pi}{2J+1} FF(2m_N E_r)$$

E_χ incoming DM energy, J target nucleus spin, $e \approx 0.303$

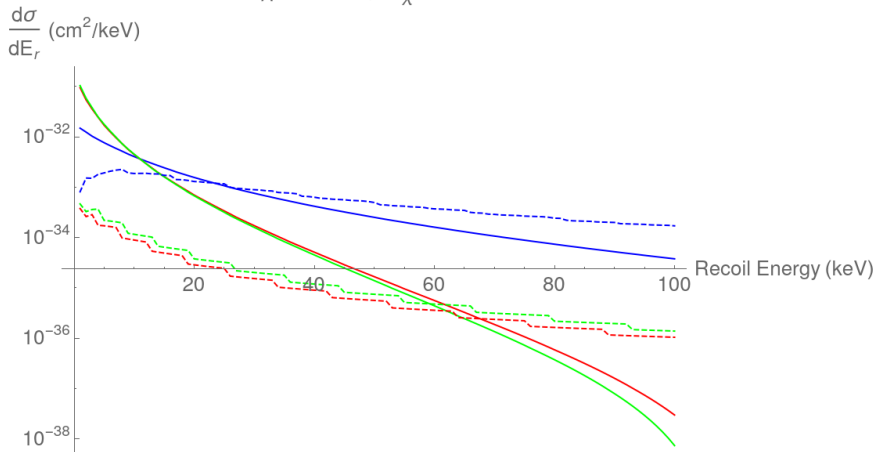
χ N scattering: DM Energy spectra

- Coherent Captain-Mills (CCM) experiment (LANL). [800 MeV protons hit a tungsten target, total 7 tons (fiducial) LAr of detector 20m from the target. $\sim 10^{22}$ POT (protons-on-target) per year, currently ongoing] [Aguilar-Arevalo, et al, 2021](#)
- COHERENT experiment (ORNL) [1 GeV protons hit a mercury target, 14.6kg Csl of detector 19.3m from the target, $\sim 10^{23}$ POT per year] [Akimov, et al, 2017](#) $m_{A'} = 30\text{MeV}$, $m_\chi = 10\text{MeV}$



χ N scattering: Calculation result

$m_{A'}=30\text{MeV}, m_\chi=10\text{MeV}$



- Blue is Ar40, Red is Cs133, Green is I127
- Solid line is elastic, Dashed is inelastic
- Plots don't change significantly when mass of $m_{A'}$ changed

Conclusion

- We calculate the inelastic cross-section for neutrino and DM nucleus scattering
- The calculation results give us an insight about inelastic scattering cross section compared to $CE\nu NS$, which has been observed by COHERENT experiment. And CCM is currently in operation.
- For neutrino-nucleus scattering, the inelastic contribution is 1% compared to $CE\nu NS$ for COHERENT and CCM measurements
- The DM normalization of the curves depends on the coupling parameter ϵ .
- The DM inelastic contribution can be significant for larger recoil energy

Dirac form factor $F_1^N = Q^N + \frac{\langle r_1^2 \rangle^N}{6} q^2$

Pauli form factor $F_2^N = \kappa^N$

with charge Q^N , magnetic moment $\kappa^p \approx 1.796$, $\kappa^n \approx -1.913$

and charge radius $\langle r_1^2 \rangle^N = \langle r_E^2 \rangle^N - \frac{3\kappa^N}{2m_N^2}$

with $\langle r_E^2 \rangle^p \approx 0.707 \text{ fm}^2$, $\langle r_E^2 \rangle^n \approx -0.116 \text{ fm}^2$

Pseudoscalar form factor $G_P = -\frac{4m_N g_{\pi NN} F_\pi}{q^2 - M_\pi^2} - \frac{2}{3} g_A m_N^2 \langle r_A^2 \rangle$

Axial vector form factor $G_A = \frac{g_A}{(1 - q^2/M_A^2)^2}$ with $F_\pi \approx 92.28 \text{ MeV}$

$\frac{g_{\pi NN}^2}{4\pi} \approx 13.7$, $\langle r_A^2 \rangle \approx 0.46 \text{ fm}^2$, $g_A \approx 1.276$, $M_A \approx 1 \text{ GeV}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{M}_{JM}(\kappa) &\equiv \hat{M}_{JM} + \hat{M}_{JM}^5 = \int d^3x [j_J(\kappa x) Y_{JM}(\Omega_x)] \hat{\mathcal{J}}_0(\mathbf{x}) \\
 \hat{L}_{JM}(\kappa) &\equiv \hat{L}_{JM} + \hat{L}_{JM}^5 = \frac{i}{\kappa} \int d^3x \{ \nabla [j_J(\kappa x) Y_{JM}(\Omega_x)] \} \cdot \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{x}) \\
 \hat{T}_{JM}^{\text{el}}(\kappa) &\equiv \hat{T}_{JM}^{\text{el}} + \hat{T}_{JM}^{\text{el}5} = \frac{1}{\kappa} \int d^3x [\nabla \times j_J(\kappa x) \mathcal{Y}_{JJ_1}^M(\Omega_x)] \cdot \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{x}) \\
 \hat{T}_{JM}^{\text{mag}}(\kappa) &\equiv \hat{T}_{JM}^{\text{mag}} + \hat{T}_{JM}^{\text{mag}5} = \int d^3x [j_J(\kappa x) \mathcal{Y}_{JJ_1}^M(\Omega_x)] \cdot \hat{\mathcal{J}}(\mathbf{x})
 \end{aligned}$$