

Neutrino Oscillation Induced by Chiral Torsion (NuDM - 2022)

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Introduction

- Neutrino mixing and oscillation.
- Matter (normal matter) effect.
- Effect of Torsion.
- NSI.

Neutrino Oscillation in Vacuum

A flavor eigenstate ν_l can be written in terms of mass eigenstate ν_α as

$$|\nu_l\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} U_{l\alpha} |\nu_\alpha\rangle.$$

After a time t the flavor eigenstate will be

$$|\nu_l(t)\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} e^{-iE_{\alpha}t} U_{l\alpha} |\nu_\alpha\rangle,$$

where $E_{\alpha} = E + \frac{m_{\alpha}^2}{2E}$.

Then

$$P(\nu_l \rightarrow \nu_{l'}) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} |U_{l'\alpha}^* U_{l\alpha} U_{l'\beta} U_{l\beta}^*| \cos\left(\frac{(m_{\alpha}^2 - m_{\beta}^2)t}{2E} - \phi_{ll'\alpha\beta}\right),$$

where $\phi_{ll'\alpha\beta} = \arg(U_{l'\alpha}^* U_{l\alpha} U_{l'\beta} U_{l\beta}^*)$ and $E_{\alpha} - E_{\beta} = \frac{m_{\alpha}^2 - m_{\beta}^2}{2E}$.

Neutrino Oscillation in Vacuum

For 2 flavors of neutrino

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$$

$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu$ conversion probability

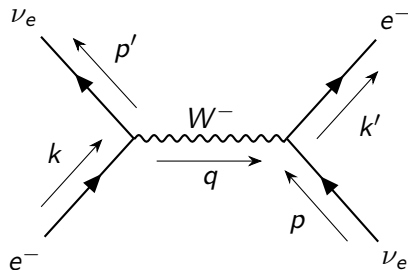
$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu} = \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{4E} \right) L$$

ν_e survival probability

$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \left(\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{4E} \right) L$$

Weak Interaction

The Feynman diagram for charged current interaction is



S matrix element for this process ($e\nu_e \rightarrow e\nu_e$)

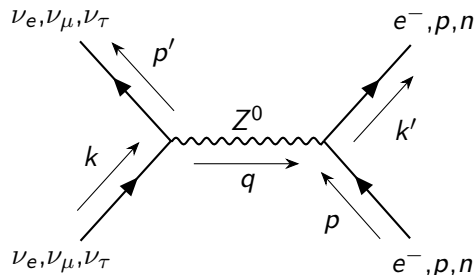
$$S_{CC} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \delta^4(p + k - p' - k') \bar{u}_{\nu_e}^{s'}(p') \gamma^\mu L u_{\nu_e}^s(p) \bar{u}_e^{r'}(k') \gamma_\mu L u_e^r(k)$$

Effective charged-current Hamiltonian becomes

$$H_{eff}(CC) = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e \psi_{\nu_e}^{s'\dagger} L \psi_{\nu_e}^s$$

Weak Interaction

The Feynman diagram for neutral current process



Background averaged S matrix element

$$\langle S_{NC} \rangle = \sqrt{2}G_F \left[n_e \left(-\frac{1}{2} + 2\sin^2\theta_W \right) + n_p \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2\sin^2\theta_W \right) + n_n \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) \right] \bar{\psi}_{\nu_e}^{s'} \gamma^0 L \psi_{\nu_e}^s.$$

Effective neutral current contribution

$$H_{\text{eff}}(NC) = \sqrt{2}G_F \left(-n_n \frac{1}{2} \right) \psi_{\nu_e}^{s'} \dagger L \psi_{\nu_e}^s$$

Effect of Torsional 4-Fermion Interaction

Fermions give rise to space time torsion. This torsion is added to Levi-Civita connection.

We can split the spin connection as

$$A_{\mu}{}^{ab} = \omega_{\mu}{}^{ab} + \Lambda_{\mu}{}^{ab}.$$

The Einstein-Cartan action

$$S = \frac{1}{2\kappa} \int |e| d^4x \left(R(\hat{\Gamma}) + e_a^{\mu} e_b^{\nu} \partial_{[\mu} \Lambda_{\nu]}{}^{ab} + e_a^{\mu} e_b^{\nu} [\omega_{[\mu}, \Lambda_{\nu]}{}^{ab}]_{-} \right) + \int |e| d^4x \left(\frac{1}{2\kappa} e_a^{\mu} e_b^{\nu} [\Lambda_{[\mu}, \Lambda_{\nu]}{}^{ab}]_{-} + \mathcal{L}_{\psi} \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\psi} = \bar{\psi} (i\partial_{\mu} \psi + \omega_{\mu} + \Lambda_{\mu}) \psi$$

Λ is taken to couple chirally.

Geometrical contribution to neutrino mass matrix, Shbhasish Chakrabarty and Amitabha Lahiri, Eur. Phys. J.C.(2019) 79:697.

Effect of Torsional 4-Fermion Interaction

The solution is of the form

$$\Lambda_\mu^{ab} = \frac{\kappa}{4} \epsilon^{abcd} e_{c\mu} \sum_i \left(\lambda_L^i \bar{\psi}_{iL} \gamma_d \psi_{iL} + \lambda_R^i \bar{\psi}_{iR} \gamma^d \psi_{iR} \right)$$

Insert this solution back into the action, the effective quartic interaction term comes

$$-\frac{3\kappa}{16} \left(\sum_i \left(\lambda_L^i \bar{\psi}_L^i \gamma_a \psi_L^i + \lambda_R^i \bar{\psi}_R^i \gamma_a \psi_R^i \right) \right)^2$$

It is the field in the mass basis which couple to torsion, since torsion appears with the geometric connection. Interaction of neutrinos with background is

$$-\left(\sum_{i=1,2} \left(\lambda_i^L \bar{\nu}_i \gamma_a L \nu_i + \lambda_i^R \bar{\nu}_i \gamma_a R \nu_i \right) \right) \times \left(\sum_{f=e,p,n} \left(\lambda_f^V \bar{f} \gamma_a f + \lambda_f^A \bar{f} \gamma_a \gamma^5 f \right) \right).$$

Effect of Torsional 4-Fermion Interaction

Like for weak interactions, the background factor is replaced by its average value

$$\sum_{f=e,p,n} \langle \lambda_f^V \bar{f} \gamma_a f + \lambda_f^A \bar{f} \gamma_a \gamma^5 f \rangle$$

$$\tilde{n} = \sum \lambda_f^V n_f$$

We also consider maximal violation of chirality, so $\lambda_i^R = 0$ for neutrinos. The contribution to the effective Hamiltonian is

$$\sum_{i=1,2} \left(\lambda_i \nu_i^\dagger L \nu_i \right) \tilde{n}.$$

Two Flavors

Including all the effects, we find in the mass basis,

$$i \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix} = \left[E \mathbb{I} + \frac{1}{2E} \begin{pmatrix} m_1^2 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2^2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \end{pmatrix} \tilde{n} - \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} (n_n - n_e) + U^T \begin{pmatrix} A & 0 \\ 0 & -A \end{pmatrix} U^* \right] \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where $A = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} n_e$. In the flavor basis this equation becomes

$$i \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \left[E_0 \mathbb{I} + \frac{1}{4E} \begin{pmatrix} -\Delta m_s^2 \cos 2\theta + D & \Delta m_s^2 \sin 2\theta \\ \Delta m_s^2 \sin 2\theta & \Delta m_s^2 \cos 2\theta - D \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix},$$

where $D = 4AE = 2\sqrt{2}G_F n_e E$,

$$E_0 = E + \frac{m_1^2 + m_2^2}{4E} + \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{2} \tilde{n} - \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} (n_n - n_e),$$

$$\Delta m_s^2 = \Delta m^2 + 2\tilde{n}E\Delta\lambda,$$

$$\Delta\lambda = \lambda_2 - \lambda_1.$$

Two Flavors

θ_M is the mixing angle in matter, modified by the torsional interaction,

$$\tan 2\theta_M = \frac{\tan 2\theta}{1 - \frac{D}{\Delta m_s^2 \cos 2\theta}}.$$

The conversion probability

$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu} = \sin^2(2\theta_M) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_M^2 L}{4E}\right),$$

where

$$\Delta m_M^2 = \sqrt{(\Delta m_s^2 \cos 2\theta - D)^2 + (\Delta m_s^2 \sin 2\theta)^2}.$$

The survival probability

$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e} = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_M) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_M^2 L}{4E}\right)$$

Three Flavors

This can be generalized to three neutrinos. The mixing matrix is

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12}c_{13} & s_{12}c_{13} & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ -s_{12}c_{23} - c_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{12}c_{23} - s_{12}s_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & s_{23}c_{13} \\ s_{12}s_{23} - c_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & -c_{12}s_{23} - s_{12}c_{23}s_{13}e^{i\delta} & c_{23}c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

where $c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$ and $s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij}$. (Ignoring Majorana phases.)

U can be expressed in terms of rotation matrices O_{ij} and $U_\delta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & \\ & 1 & \\ & & e^{i\delta} \end{pmatrix}$ as

$$U = O_{23}U_\delta O_{13}U_\delta^\dagger O_{12}.$$

Three Flavors

In normal matter (uniform or slowly varying density) the evolution equation is

$$i \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \left[E'_0 \mathbb{I} + \frac{1}{2E} \left(U^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta \tilde{m}_{12}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^T + \begin{pmatrix} D & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right) \right] \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}$$

We have used the definition

$$E'_0 = E + \frac{m_1^2 + 2\lambda_1 \tilde{n} E}{2E} - \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} n_n,$$

$$\Delta \tilde{m}_{ij}^2 = \Delta m_{ij}^2 + 2\tilde{n} E \Delta \lambda_{ij},$$

$$\Delta m_{ij}^2 = m_i^2 - m_j^2$$

$$\Delta \lambda_{ij} = \lambda_i - \lambda_j.$$

Three Flavors

Then the evolution equation can be written as follows

$$\begin{aligned}i \frac{d}{dx} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{\Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2}{2E} \left[U^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} U^T + \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2}{2E} \mathcal{O}_{23} \mathcal{U}_\delta^* M \mathcal{U}_\delta^T \mathcal{O}_{23}^T \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

We have written

$$M = \mathcal{O}_{13} \mathcal{O}_{12} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \mathcal{O}_{12}^T \mathcal{O}_{13}^T + \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{A} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{A} = D / \Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2$$

$$\alpha = \Delta \tilde{m}_{21}^2 / \Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2 \equiv (\Delta m_{21}^2 + 2\tilde{n}E\Delta\lambda_{21}) / (\Delta m_{31}^2 + 2\tilde{n}E\Delta\lambda_{31})$$

Three Flavors

$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu} = \alpha^2 c_{23}^2 \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \frac{\sin^2 \tilde{A}\Delta}{\tilde{A}^2} + 4s_{13}^2 s_{23}^2 \frac{\sin^2((\tilde{A} - 1)\Delta)}{(\tilde{A} - 1)^2} \\ + 2\alpha s_{13} \sin(2\theta_{23}) \sin(2\theta_{12}) \cos(\Delta - \delta) \frac{\sin(\tilde{A}\Delta)}{\tilde{A}} \frac{\sin((\tilde{A} - 1)\Delta)}{(\tilde{A} - 1)},$$

where $\Delta = (\Delta \tilde{m}_{31}^2 L)/(4E)$.

$$P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_e} = 1 - P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu} - P_{\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\tau} \\ = 1 - \alpha^2 \sin^2(2\theta_{12}) \frac{\sin^2 \tilde{A}\Delta}{\tilde{A}^2} - 4s_{13}^2 \frac{\sin^2((\tilde{A} - 1)\Delta)}{(\tilde{A} - 1)^2}.$$

These results need to be fitted to data to estimate the λ .

Thank you.