

The calculation of inelastic neutrino/dark matter nucleus scattering

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ν N scattering: Elastic cross section

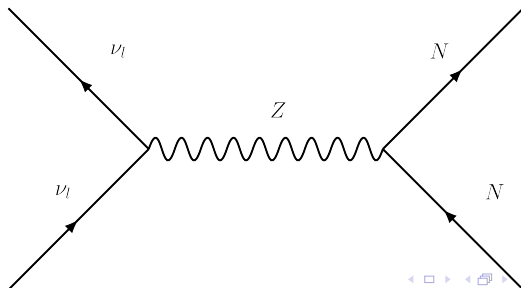
Standard Model CE ν NS (coherent elastic neutrino-nucleus scattering)

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

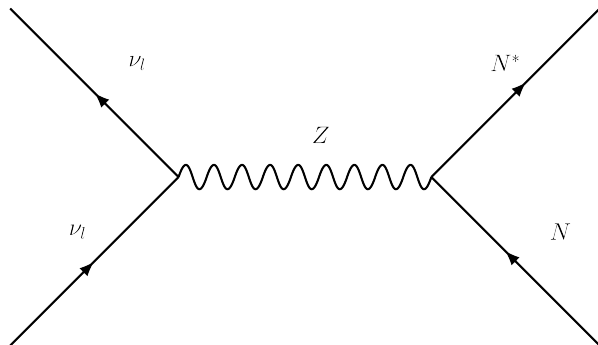
[McLaughlin, Schunck, PRC 2012](#)

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

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



$$\frac{d\sigma_{inel}^{\nu}}{d\Omega} = \frac{2G_F^2}{\pi(2J+1)} E_f^2 FF(2m_N E_r)$$

E_f outgoing neutrino energy

Walecka, *Theoretical Nuclear and Subnuclear Physics*, 2004

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

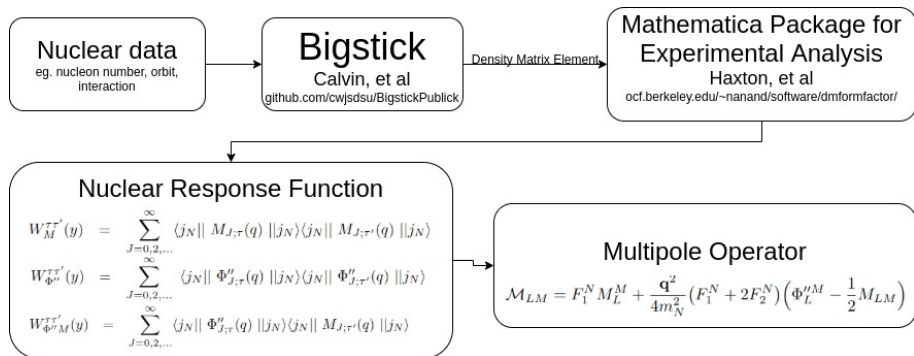
Hoferichter, Menéndez, Schwenk, PRD, 2020

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

ν N scattering: Inelastic cross section

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\sigma_{inel}^{\nu}}{d\Omega} &= \frac{2G_F^2}{\pi(2J+1)} E_f^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \left\{ \sum_{J=0}^{\infty} \left| \langle J_f || \hat{\mathcal{M}}_J - \frac{q_0}{q} \hat{\mathcal{L}}_J || J_i \rangle \right|^2 \right. \\ &+ \left[-\frac{q_{\mu}^2}{2q^2} + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \sum_{J=1}^{\infty} \left[\left| \langle J_f || \hat{\mathcal{T}}_J^{el} || J_i \rangle \right|^2 + \left| \langle J_f || \hat{\mathcal{T}}_J^{mag} || J_i \rangle \right|^2 \right] \\ &\mp 2 \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \left[-\frac{q_{\mu}^2}{q^2} + \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right]^{1/2} \sum_{J=1}^{\infty} \text{Re} \left(\langle J_f || \hat{\mathcal{T}}_J^{mag} || J_i \rangle \langle J_f || \hat{\mathcal{T}}_J^{el} || J_i \rangle^* \right) \left. \right\}\end{aligned}$$

ν N scattering: Numerical calculation



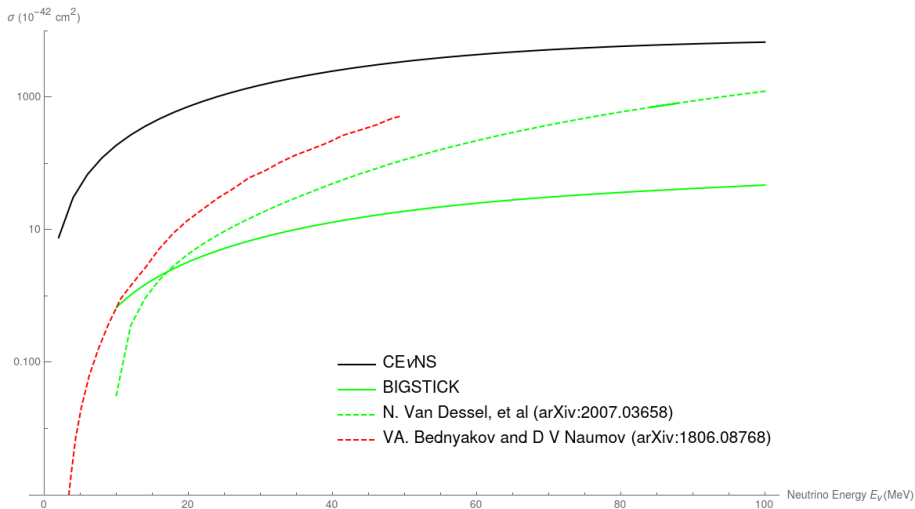
Bigstick is based on nuclear shell model.

Anand, Fitzpatrick, Haxton, PRC. 2014

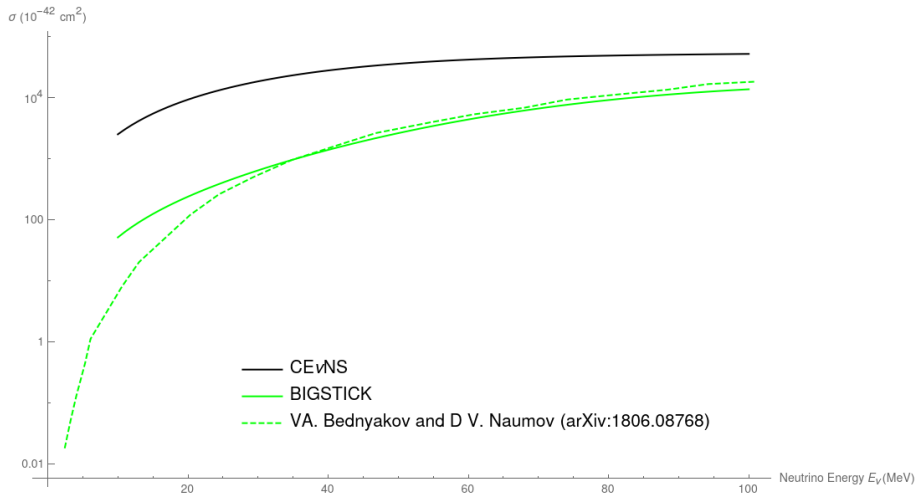
Johnson, Ormand, McElvain, Shan, 2018

ν N scattering: Calculation result (Ar40)

Dessel, et al use quasielastic scattering. Bednyakov, et al use single nucleon model.

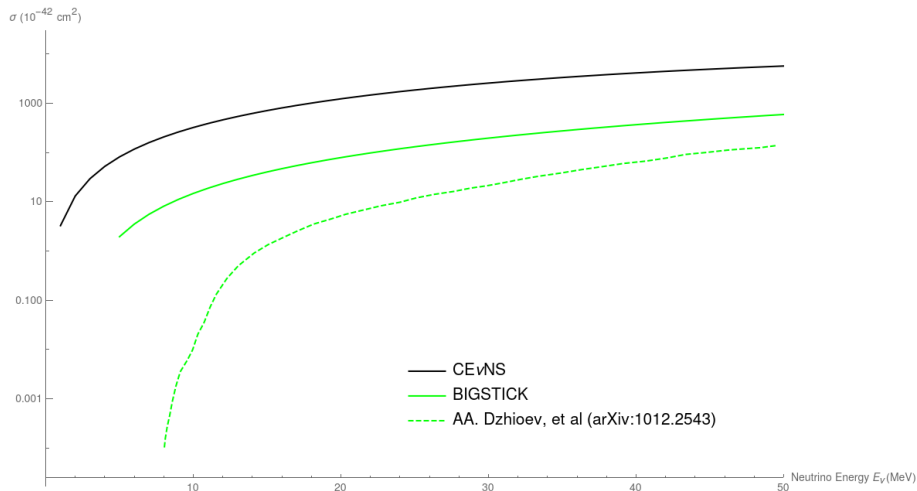


ν N scattering: Calculation result (Cs133)



ν N scattering: Calculation result (Fe54)

They use shell model as well, but with different parameters.



ν N scattering: Calculation result Ar40 photon production

State transition	ΔE energy difference	Rate (COHERENT LAr)	Rate (CCM)
$2 \rightarrow 1(gs)$	1460.82	4.57×10^{-3}	5.52×10^{-2}
$3 \rightarrow 2$	660.1	10.73	1.30×10^2
$4 \rightarrow 3$	403	5.84×10^{-6}	7.07×10^{-5}
$4 \rightarrow 2$	1063.1	3.33×10^{-4}	4.0×10^{-3}
$4 \rightarrow 1$	2524.1	2.45×10^{-4}	2.97×10^{-3}
$5 \rightarrow 4$	369	0	0
$5 \rightarrow 2$	1431.82	0	0
$6 \rightarrow 5$	315	4.66×10^{-6}	5.64×10^{-5}
$6 \rightarrow 3$	1087.6	1.40×10^{-5}	1.69×10^{-4}
$6 \rightarrow 2$	1746.5	4.05×10^{-4}	4.90×10^{-3}
$6 \rightarrow 1$	3208.2	4.66×10^{-5}	5.64×10^{-4}

where ΔE (or equivalently emitted photon energy E_γ) is in keV , the rate is the total number of photon. (Assume CCM operates for 3 years)

ΔE is larger than recoil energy threshold.

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: $e^{\pm*} \rightarrow e^\pm + A'$
- Lagrangian $\mathcal{L} \supset g_D A'_\mu \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi + e \epsilon Q_q A'_\mu \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$

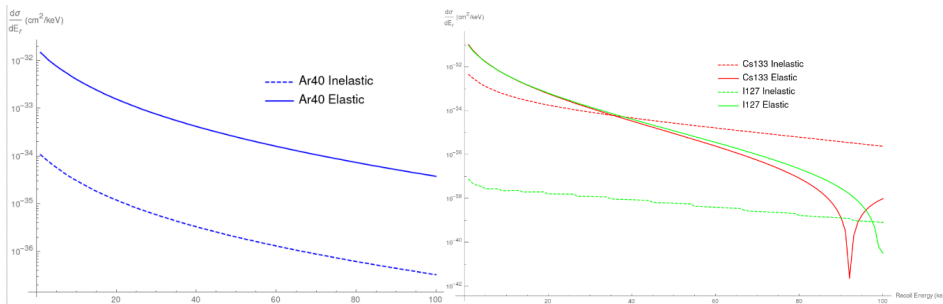
$$\left. \frac{d\sigma}{dE_r} \right|_{el} = \frac{e^2 \epsilon^2 g_D^2 Z^2}{4\pi (E_\chi^2 - m_\chi^2) (2m_N E_r + m_{A'}^2)^2} \left[2E_\chi^2 m_N \left(1 - \frac{E_r}{E_\chi} - \frac{m_N^2 E_r + m_\chi^2 E_r}{2m_N E_\chi^2} \right) + E_r^2 m_N \right] |F(2m_N E_r)|^2$$

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

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

χ N scattering: Calculation result

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




- Plots don't change significantly when mass of dark photon $m_{A'}$ changed

Conclusion

- We calculate the inelastic cross-section for neutrino and DM nucleus scattering.
- We calculate inclusive the rate of photon production.
- The calculation results give us an insight about inelastic scattering cross section compared to $CE\nu NS$, which has been observed by COHERENT experiment.
- For neutrino-nucleus scattering, the inelastic contribution is 1% compared to $CE\nu NS$ for COHERENT and CCM measurements.
- The DM inelastic contribution for COHERENT CsI can be significant for larger recoil energy.

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


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

where Y_{JM} is Bessel spherical harmonics

Multipole operators are defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{M}_{JM} &= M_{JM} + M_{JM}^5 = \int d^3x [j_J(qx) Y_{JM}(\Omega_x)] \hat{\mathcal{J}}_0(x) \\
 \hat{L}_{JM} &= L_{JM} + L_{JM}^5 = \frac{i}{q} \int d^3x [\nabla [j_J(qx) Y_{JM}(\Omega_x)]] \cdot \hat{\mathcal{J}}(x) \\
 \hat{T}_{JM}^{el} &= T_{JM}^{el} + T_{JM}^{el5} = \frac{1}{q} \int d^3x [\nabla \times j_J(qx) \mathbf{Y}_{JJ1}^M(\Omega_x)] \cdot \hat{\mathcal{J}}(x) \\
 \hat{T}_{JM}^{mag} &= T_{JM}^{mag} + T_{JM}^{mag5} = \int d^3x [j_J(qx) \mathbf{Y}_{JJ1}^M(\Omega_x)] \cdot \hat{\mathcal{J}}(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Nuclear response functions are defined by

$$M_{JM} = F_1^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) M_J^M$$

$$L_{JM} = \frac{q_0}{q} M_{JM}$$

$$T_{JM}^{el} = \frac{q}{m_n} (F_1^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \Delta_J'^M + \frac{1}{2} \mu^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \Sigma_J^M)$$

$$T_{JM}^{mag} = -\frac{iq}{m_n} (F_1^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \Delta_J^M - \frac{1}{2} \mu^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \Sigma_J'^M)$$

$$M_{JM}^5 = \frac{iq}{m_n} (F_A^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \Omega_J'^M + \frac{1}{2} q_0 F_P^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \Sigma_J''^M)$$

$$L_{JM}^5 = i \left(F_A^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) - \frac{q^2}{2m_n} F_P^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \right) \Sigma_J''^M$$

$$T_{JM}^{el5} = i F_A^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \Sigma_J'^M$$

$$T_{JM}^{mag5} = F_A^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) \Sigma_J^M$$

In previous slide m_n is nucleon mass and

$$\mu^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) = F_1^{(1)}(q_\mu^2) + 2m_n F_2^{(1)}(q_\mu^2). \text{ In low recoil energy limit } F_1^{(1)}(0) = 1, \\ F_A^{(1)}(0) \sim -1.26, F_\rho^{(1)}(0) = \frac{2M_n F_A^{(1)}(0)}{m_\pi}, \mu^{(1)}(0) \sim 4.706.$$

We use mathematica package *SevenOperators* (0706.2210) and nuclear shell model code *BIGSTICK*(1303.0905) to calculate the nuclear response functions.

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 $F_\pi \approx 92.28 \text{ MeV}$

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

Spin sum of dark matter current $l_\mu = \bar{\chi}\gamma^\mu\chi$ is given by

$$\sum_{S_i, S_f} l_\mu l_\nu^* = \sum_{S_i, S_f} \bar{\chi}(p_f)\gamma^\mu\chi(p_i)\bar{\chi}(p_i)\gamma^\nu\chi(p_f)$$

$$\sum_{S_i, S_f} l_0 l_0^* = 2 - \frac{m_N E_r}{E_\chi^2} + \frac{m_\chi^2}{4E_\chi^2}$$

$$\sum_{S_i, S_f} l_3 l_3^* = 2 - 3\frac{m_N E_r}{E_\chi^2} - \frac{m_\chi^2}{4E_\chi^2}$$

$$\sum_{S_i, S_f} l_3 l_0^* = 2 - \frac{m_N E_r}{E_\chi^2}$$

$$\sum_{S_i, S_f} \vec{l} \cdot \vec{l}^* = 2 + \frac{m_N E_r}{E_\chi^2} - \frac{3m_\chi^2}{4E_\chi^2}$$

$$\sum_{S_i, S_f} (\vec{l} \times \vec{l}^*)_3 = 0$$

Backup 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](#) $m_{A'} = 30\text{MeV}$, $m_\chi = 10\text{MeV}$

