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Without using any calculational tools of QFT:

Calculate the differential scattering cross section for electron-electron scattering.



### THE COULOMB POTENTIAL





FOR MASSIVE PROPAGATORS  

$$V(\mathbf{r}) \sim \int d^3 \mathbf{q} \quad \left(\frac{1}{\mathbf{q}^2 + m^2}\right) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \sim \frac{e^{-mr}}{r}$$
Inverse range of the force

- Higher masses imply higher "virtuality".
- Exponentially decaying potentials: The **probability of exchanging a virtual mass over larger distance falls exponentially with distance**. Falls faster when virtuality is high.
- More mathematically: the range of the force is given by the location of the branch cut in the matrix element in the *t*-plane.

### STATIC POTENTIALS - A SUMMARY

In QFT, we have established machinery for computing scattering amplitudes. But..

In QM, scattering amplitudes are the Fourier Transforms of the interaction potential.  $i\mathcal{M} \sim \int \mathrm{d}^3 \mathbf{r} \ V(\mathbf{r}) \ e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$  $V(\mathbf{r}) \sim i \int \mathrm{d}^3 \mathbf{q} \ \mathcal{M} \ e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$ 

We can compute the interaction potential from a scattering process by inverse Fourier Transformation of a **t-channel** diagram

### CLASSICAL FORCE MEDIATION (TREE LEVEL)

Goal: Try to find a long-ranged force mediated by some fundamental particle



A single fermion exchanged cannot give us a potential as it alters the angular momentum state of the species involved. Potentials are classical.



# RANGE REQUIREMENTS

Short ranged forces not preferred for the sake of experiments



Medieval English Longbow, Range ~ 350 meters Range of the weak force ~  $10^{-18}$  meters

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### The neutrino-force as an explanation for gravity??

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$$E = -G'^{3} m_{1} m_{2} m_{3} \pi^{2} \frac{1}{(r_{12} + r_{23} + r_{13})r_{12}r_{23}r_{13}}.$$
 (2.4.4)

If one of the masses, say mass 3, is far away so that  $r_{13}$  is much larger than  $r_{12}$ , we do get that the interaction between masses 1 and 2 is inversely proportional to  $r_{12}$ .

What is this mass  $m_3$ ? It evidently will be some effective average over all other masses in the universe. The effect of faraway masses spherically distributed about masses 1 and 2 would appear as an integral over an average density; we would have

$$E = -\frac{G'^3 m_1 m_2 \pi^2}{r_{12}} \int \frac{4\pi \rho(R) R^2 dR}{2R^3}, \qquad (2.4.5)$$

### THE 2-NEUTRINO FORCE in the SM



### THE NEUTRINO FORCE IN THE 4-FERMI APPROXIMATION



At energy scales relevant to us, we can integrate out the weak bosons.

• For a long time, neutrinos were thought to be massless



Feinberg, Sucher, Au (1989) Sikivie, Hsu. (1994)

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• Then mass was included, but three neutrino families and flavor mixing not accounted for Grifols, Masso, Toldra (1996)

$$V_{\nu\nu}^{\text{Dirac}}(r) = \frac{G_F^2 m_{\nu}^3}{4\pi^3} \frac{K_3(2m_{\nu}r)}{r^2}, \qquad V_{\nu\nu}^{\text{Majorana}}(r) = \frac{G_F^2 m_{\nu}^2}{2\pi^3} \frac{K_2(2m_{\nu}r)}{r^3}$$

• Much weaker than gravity or electromagnetic forces at large distances.

### In 4-Fermi theory, this force is suppressed by two powers of $G_F$ .



# PLAN FOR TODAY

PART 1:

Atomic Parity Violation and the neutrino force

- How to see Parity Violation in atoms
- The neutrino force in atoms
- Applying results to Hydrogen the simplest atomic system

Based on MG, Grossman, Tangarife. arXiv: 1912.09444 Based on MG, Grossman, Tangarife, Xu ,Yu. arXiv: 2209.07082

PART 2:

### Enhanced neutrino forces in backgrounds

- How does a background affect the neutrino force?
- A simple calculation in a simple background
- Some technical problems

# ATOMIC PARITY VIOLATION: HOW NEUTRINOS TURN ATOMS SWEET...

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### FINDING COMMON GROUND...





### PARITY VIOLATION IN EXPERIMENTS



### PARITY VIOLATION IN LOW ENERGY SYSTEMS?

# TURN TO ATOMS AND MOLECULES (MOSTLY JUST ATOMS)

Interactions in atoms and molecules between electrons and nuclei are predominantly electromagnetic But can include parity violating weak interactions as well...





### THE TREE LEVEL PARITY VIOLATING POTENTIAL



• The force is a Yukawa-force with range given by the inverse of the propagator mass. In this case, the range is 
$$1/m_z$$
.

• Because the Z is very massive, the range of this force is too small to be of significance in atomic systems.

$$V(\mathbf{r}) \sim \int \mathrm{d}^3 \mathbf{q} \left( \frac{1}{\mathbf{q}^2 + m_Z^2} \right) e^{-i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \sim \frac{e^{-m_z r}}{r}$$

But this is not bad for us, as we'll see...



### **GOAL:**

Find a long-ranged parity violating effect in atomic physics.

### THE 2-NEUTRINO FORCE AT ONE LOOP



IF Exists!

We expect a force that is long ranged – more effect on atomic electrons than the Z force

Said effect would be sensitive to the mass of the neutrinos



# ATOMIC PARITY VIOLATION OB/SERVABLES

# SOME LESSONS FROM SUGAR!





# THE REFRACTIVE INDEX

In optically active media:

Refractive indices for L-polarized right and R-polarized light are different.

Optical rotation is given by:

$$\Phi = \frac{\pi L}{\lambda} \mathcal{R}e(n_R(\lambda) - n_L(\lambda))$$

$$- \lim_{n \to \infty} (n-1)$$

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The refractive index is complex:

Real part: propagation, optical rotation Imaginary part: absorption at resonance

The real and imaginary parts are related by the celebrated Kramers-Kronig relations.

$$\mathcal{R}e[n(\omega)] = 1 + \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\omega' \ \frac{\omega' \ \mathcal{I}m[n(\omega')]}{\omega'^2 - \omega^2}$$
Frequency

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# **ROTATION NEAR RESONANCE**



**Resonance condition:** 

$$\omega_{\rm ext} = \omega_1 - \omega_2$$

Any two eigen-energies of the system

### Key Point: Expect optical rotation to be enhanced near a resonance



The refractive index is related to the forward scattering amplitude of light



If B = QED stuff,  $f_L = f_R$ No optical rotation. But if B = electroweak stuff,  $f_L \neq f_R$ Optical Activity!

### HOW TO '<del>SEE</del>' CALCULATE PARITY VIOLATION IN ATOMS?

The parity violation observable is therefore the angle of rotation of the plane of polarization of incident light.



# SHUT UP AND CALCULATE!

### Instead of using QFT, one can use a QM workaround.

The strategy:

- 1. Consider a parity violating diagram
- 2. Compute a parity violating potential from it in the NR limit
- 3. Perturb PC eigenstates to approximate true eigenstates
- 4. Find **electromagnetic transition rates** (electric, magnetic dipole transitions) between true eigenstates as if the atom was immersed in an electromagnetic field and find the **absorption coefficients**.
- 5. Relate absorption coefficients to refractive indices.
- 6. Calculate optical rotation close to a resonance and you're done!



# A PICTURE IS BETTER THAN A 1000 DENSE SLIDES

Parity Conserved

Note: Parity =  $(-1)^{\ell}$ 





#### **Selection Rules Hold!**

No selection rules anymore!

# REHISTORY (aka PRE-COUD ETERNITY) AFTER SPENDING ETERNITY IN ATOMIC SPECTROSCOPY TEXTBOOKS

 $\Phi = \frac{4\pi L}{\lambda} \mathcal{R}e(n(\lambda) - 1)R$ 

Average refractive index



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### A REMARK:

If we choose a resonance where states are obtained by perturbing opposite

parity eigenstates, then:

$$R \sim \mathcal{I}m\left(rac{M1}{E1}
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# THE 2-NEUTRINO FORCE : Beyond 75

Need spin and momentum dependent Parity Violating terms in the neutrino potential

### THE 2-FERMION-2-NEUTRINO VERTEX





Generally, you would expect six diagrams for the force between two fermions. In atoms, the situation is simplified because one fermion is a non-lepton, and hence there are just three diagrams, one for each neutrino mass eigenstate in the loop.

# GENERAL PARITY NON-CONSERVING POTENTIAL IN ATOMS

### Assuming:

- A static nucleus, i.e, ignore effects  $\sim m_e/m_N$ .
- The non-relativistic limit and keep terms to linear order in velocity,



The general form of the PNC potential is:

$$V_{PNC}(r) = H_1 F(r) \vec{\sigma}_e \cdot \vec{v}_e + H_2 F(r) \vec{\sigma}_N \cdot \vec{v}_e + C(\vec{\sigma}_e \times \vec{\sigma}_N) \cdot \vec{\nabla} \left[ F(r) \right]$$

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# "AS SIMPLE AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO SIMPLER"

$$\psi_{nlm} = \langle r, \theta, \phi | nlm \rangle = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{na_0}\right)^3 \frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+l)!]^3}} e^{-r/na_0} \left[L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(2r/na_0)\right] Y_l^m(\theta, \phi).$$

The simplest atomic system, much loved and hated by undergrads and grads alike!



Not the most practical system to do experiments on, but good for theorists.



$$H_1 = H_1^{\text{tree}} = \frac{g^2}{2\cos^2\theta_W} g_A^e g_V^p,$$

$$H_2 = H_2^{\text{tree}} = \frac{g^2}{2\cos^2\theta_W} g_V^e g_A^p,$$

$$C = C^{\text{tree}} = \frac{g^2}{2\cos^2\theta_W} \frac{g_V^e g_A^p}{2m_e},$$

$$F(r) = F^{\text{tree}}(r) = \frac{e^{-m_Z r}}{4\pi r}.$$

THE CASE OF HYDROGEN: THE Z-TREE

$$g_V^e = \left(-\frac{1}{2} + 2\sin^2\theta_W\right), \quad g_A^e = -\frac{1}{2}, \quad g_V^p = \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2\sin^2\theta_W\right), \quad g_A^p = \frac{G_A}{2} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Axial proton} \\ \text{form factor} \end{array}\right]$$

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# THE CASE OF HYDROGEN: ν-LOOP

We considered Dirac neutrinos. Majorana neutrinos left to a future work.

$$\begin{aligned} H_{1i} &= H_{1i}^{\text{loop}} = -2\frac{a_i^p b_i^e}{m_e}, \\ H_{2i} &= H_{2i}^{\text{loop}} = 2\frac{a_i^e b_i^p}{m_e}, \\ C_i &= C_i^{\text{loop}} = \left(\frac{a_i^e b_i^p}{m_e} + \frac{a_i^p b_i^e}{m_p}\right) \\ F_i &= F_i^{\text{loop}}(r) = V_{\nu_i\nu_i}(r), \end{aligned}$$

Some approximations later ....

$$V_{PNC}^{\text{loop}} \approx \sum_{i} \frac{G_A}{m_e} \left( -\frac{1}{4} + s_W^2 + \frac{1}{2} |U_{ei}|^2 \right) \left[ (2\vec{\sigma}_p \cdot \vec{p_e}) V_{\nu_i \nu_i}(r) + (\vec{\sigma_e} \times \vec{\sigma_p}) \cdot \vec{\nabla} V_{\nu_i \nu_i}(r) \right]$$

### THE PHOTON PENGUIN

The penguin is **short ranged**, since effectively, it's like two-electron exchange, or like two-proton exchange if you connect the Z boson to the proton legs.

$$H_1 = H_1^{\text{penguin}} = (g_V^e)(g_A^e)G_F \ \alpha \ m_e$$
$$H_2 = H_2^{\text{penguin}} = 0,$$

$$C = C^{\text{penguin}} = 0,$$

$$F(r) = F^{\text{penguin}}(r)$$



$$F^{\text{penguin}}(r) \sim 12\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\sqrt{m_e}\frac{e^{-2m_e r}}{r^{5/2}}$$



### EFFECT OF THE FORCE: TRUE EIGENSTATES

### When Parity is conserved

 $\begin{array}{c} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \\ |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \\ \\ \text{Eigenstates of} \\ L^2, L_z \end{array} \right\} \otimes \begin{cases} |\uparrow\uparrow\rangle \\ |\downarrow\downarrow\rangle \\ |\uparrow\downarrow\rangle \\ - \end{cases}$ 

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Eigenstates of total spin

When parity is violated

Eigenstates are now states of definite total angular momentum:

$$\vec{F} \equiv \vec{L}_e + \vec{S}_e + \vec{S}_p$$

$$|n, f, m_f, j, \ell\rangle$$



 $R = \mathcal{I}m\left(\frac{E1_{PV}}{M1}\right)$ 

### WHAT WE WANT TO COMPUTE

So, pick some states and we're good to go?

# $\frac{\langle A'| \text{Electric Dipole} |B'\rangle}{\langle A'| \text{Magnetic Dipole} |B'\rangle} \approx \frac{\langle A'| \text{Electric Dipole} |B'\rangle}{\langle A| \text{Magnetic Dipole} |B\rangle}$

#### Not quite yet..

### A FEW ISSUES

The tree: exists Neutrino loop: uh oh!

The tree level diagram cannot be ignored!



And in fact, it dominates over the loop for low  $\ell$  states

# The neutrino potential is highly singular

We used the 4-Fermi approximation (a non-renormalizable interaction), so we expect it to not work at high energies or low  $\ell$ .

Can work out neutrino force in the full theory but Z diagram dominates anyway.

# Instead, just find some values of $\ell$ for which our approximation works..

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### TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE



Table of matrix elements  $\langle n, \ell + 1, m | V | n', \ell, m' \rangle$  from the tree potential and loop potential

# THE SIMPLEST POSSIBLE RESONANCE

$$|A\rangle = |4,3,3,5/2,3\rangle \equiv -\frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}\psi_{432}|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + \sqrt{\frac{6}{7}}\psi_{433}|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle, \quad \text{At } \ell = 3$$

$$|B\rangle = |4,3,3,7/2,3\rangle \equiv -\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{7}}\psi_{432}|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}}\psi_{433}|\uparrow\downarrow\rangle - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{14}}\psi_{433}|\downarrow\uparrow\rangle,$$

$$|\Delta\rangle = |4,3,3,5/2,2\rangle \equiv \psi_{422}|\uparrow\uparrow\rangle,$$

$$\psi_{nlm} = \langle r, \theta, \phi | nlm \rangle = \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{na_0}\right)^3 \frac{(n-l-1)!}{2n[(n+l)!]^3}} e^{-r/na_0} \left[ L_{n-l-1}^{2l+1}(2r/na_0) \right] Y_l^m(\theta, \phi).$$

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### GOOD OLD PERTURBATION THEORY

True Eigenstates:

$$|A'\rangle = |A\rangle + \frac{\langle \Delta | V_{PNC} | A \rangle}{E_A - E_\Delta} | \Delta \rangle + \cdots$$

$$|B'\rangle = |B\rangle + \frac{\langle \Delta | V_{PNC} | B \rangle}{E_B - E_\Delta} |\Delta\rangle + \cdots$$

Need to be careful and consider fine structure corrections, hyperfine splitting etc, since this effect is smaller than all these QED effects

$$\frac{\langle A' | \text{Electric Dipole} | B' \rangle}{\langle A' | \text{Magnetic Dipole} | B' \rangle} \approx \frac{\langle A' | \text{Electric Dipole} | B' \rangle}{\langle A | \text{Magnetic Dipole} | B \rangle}$$

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Big Numbers!

$$R = \frac{-7\alpha m_e^3 m_p G_A G_F^2 \left( -\frac{1}{4} + s_W^2 + \frac{1}{2} |U_{ei}|^2 \right)}{302778777600\pi^3 g_p (29g_p m_e - 21609000m_p)} \times \left[ (24335g_p m_e - 17503290000m_p) + \nu_i^2 (3858g_p m_e + 84015792000m_p) \right] + \mathcal{O}(\nu_i^4),$$

# NEUTRINO INDUCED OPTICAL ROTATION FOR STATES $\ell \ge 2$



 $a_0 =$  Bohr Radius of hydrogen

 $\lambda_{\nu_i}$  = Compton wavelength of neutrino mass eigenstate i

$$R = \mathcal{I}m\left(\frac{E1_{PV}}{M1}\right) \approx \left(-\frac{1}{4} + s_W^2 + \frac{1}{2}|U_{ei}|^2\right) \left(-7.7 \times 10^{-33} + 3.7 \times 10^{-32}\nu_i^2\right)$$
  
Ref. Solly in the denominator !!

# FOR PERSPECTIVE



When the tree diagram dominates:

$$R = \mathcal{I}m\left(\frac{E1_{PV}}{M1}\right) \sim 10^{-10}$$

**Remember**: These are for lower  $\ell$  states. For high  $\ell$  states, the loop dominates.

### TO CONCLUDE...

### Downsides:

Seems too small to measure at present.

Applicable to states of higher angular momentum in hydrogen that may be Boltzmann suppressed.

### Upsides:

The neutrino force has the longest range of all parity violating forces in atomic systems.

In hydrogen the effect is small, but it can be larger in other systems, for instance, larger atomic number **enhances** the effect.

# SO HOW DO NEUTRINOS MAKE HYDROGEN SWEET?

The parity violating force mixes up radial and spin degrees of freedom.

# Position dependent spin configuration



Now both hydrogen and sugar are helical!

### NEUTRINO FORCES IN NEUTRINO BACKGROUNDS

# Can we do better than $1/r^5$ ?

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### MODIFIED FERMION PROPAGATOR IN A BACKGROUND

#### In vacuum



$$\frac{i(\not\!p+m)}{p^2-m^2+i\epsilon}$$

### In a background



#### I NEED SOME SPACE!

### **MODIFIED FERMION PROPAGATOR IN A BACKGROUND**

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$$\begin{pmatrix} \not p + m \end{pmatrix} \left\{ \frac{i}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} + (2\pi)\delta\left(p^2 - m^2\right) \left[\Theta\left(p^0\right)n_+(\mathbf{p}) + \Theta\left(-p^0\right)n_-(\mathbf{p})\right] \right\}$$
Vacuum propagator Background correction

• In the background potential, the delta function puts the fermion on shell!

• Proportional to the density of fermions and anti-fermions in the background.



# DIRAC VS. MAJORANA: A DREAM

To di	To distinguish between Dirac and Mayorana by measuring force between them.	
	$r \ll T^{-1}$	$r \gg T^{-1}$
Dirac:	$-\frac{14.4}{8\pi^3}G_F^2 g_V^1 g_V^2 \frac{m_\nu T^3}{r}$	$-\frac{1}{32\pi^3}G_F^2 g_V^1 g_V^2 \frac{m_\nu}{T} \frac{1}{r^5}$
Majorana:	$-\frac{248.9}{8\pi^3}G_F^2 g_V^1 g_V^2 \frac{T^5}{m_\nu r}$	$-\frac{1}{8\pi^3}G_F^2 g_V^1 g_V^2 \frac{1}{m_\nu T} \frac{1}{r^7}$

# MONOCHROMATIC DIRECTIONAL BACKGROUNDS



Consider a beam with the following properties:

- 1. Monochromatic beam with all neutrinos travelling in the same direction
- 2. Beam energy  $E_{\nu} \gg m_{\nu}$ , neutrino mass being ignored in this talk.
- 3. Beam flux density  $\phi_0$



### NAÏVE EXPECTATIONS

Oscillations

Exchange of a "real" neutrino, as opposed to a virtual one gives oscillations



Radial dependence

From "geometry" of one virtual particle exchange, expect 1/r

$$V(r) \sim \frac{e^{-2iE_{\nu}rf(\alpha)}}{r} \sim \frac{1}{r}\cos(2E_{\nu}rf(\alpha))$$

# AFTER PAGES OF ALGEBRA...

 $+\frac{\mathrm{Tr}\left[\gamma^{0}(1-\gamma_{3})\left(k-q+m_{\nu}\right)\gamma^{0}(1-\gamma_{3})\left(k+m_{\nu}\right)\right.}{(k-q)^{2}-m_{\nu}^{2}-\gamma_{3}\left(k+m_{\nu}\right)}$ 

 $= \frac{8\pi G_{F}^{2} g_{V}^{1} g_{X}^{2}}{(2\pi)^{4} \delta_{(k^{2}-m_{2}^{2})} [O(k_{0})_{m_{+}}(\mathbf{k}) + O(-k_{0})_{m_{-}}(\mathbf{k})]}$ 

 $+ \left[ \frac{2k_0}{(k_0 + q_0)} (2\pi)^{q} + \frac{2k_0}{(k_0 + q_0)^2} + \frac{2k_0}{m_c^2} (k \cdot q + k^2) + \frac{2k_0}{(k_0 - q_0)^2} (k \cdot q - k^2) \right]$ 

One can first integrate  $k_0$  (1.2) Thus the integrate  $k_0$  (1.2) (1.2

 $s \text{ the integral in Eq. (5.1) can be required to Eq. (2.1)$  $<math display="block">A_{bkg}(\mathbf{q}) = 4G_F^2 g_F^1 g_F^2 \int \frac{d^3 \mathbf{k}}{(3\pi)^3} \frac{n_{+}(\mathbf{k}) + n_{-}(\mathbf{k})}{2E_{+}(\mathbf{k})^2} \frac{2|\mathbf{k}|^2 + m_{e}^2 + \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k})} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k}} \frac{1}{(\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{k$ 

$$\begin{split} & \delta(k^{2} - m_{\nu}^{2}) = \delta((k^{0})^{2} - E_{k}^{2}) = \frac{1}{2E_{k}^{2}} \left[\delta(k^{0} - E_{k}) + \delta(k^{0} + E_{k})\right], \end{split}$$

Taking advantage of the identity



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 $\mathcal{I}(Er,\alpha) \equiv \frac{1}{\mathcal{P}} \int d^3 q e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \frac{1-\xi^2}{\alpha^2-1-\xi^2}$ 

Below we compute the background potential without the specific  $\nu$ purpose of generality. Substituting Eq. (C.1) in Eq. (2.7), one obtains

 $\int d^{3}\mathbf{k}\delta\left(\hat{\mathbf{k}}-\hat{\mathbf{k}}_{0}\right)f(E) = 2\pi \int_{-1}^{1} dz\delta(z-1) \int_{0}^{\infty} dEE^{2}f(E) ,$ 

(C.9)

(C.10)

Then using the decomposition

where  $z \equiv \hat{\mathbf{k}} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{k}}_0$ , we have

where the dimensionless integral is defined as

(B.1)

# THE LEADING LONG-DISTANCE BEHAVIOR



THE GENERAL FORM OF  $V_{bkg}(r)$ 



Expression just a bunch of math! But.... See next slide for mice Veniste!

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# FORCE BETWEEN ATOMS AT $\alpha = 0$

Number density of electron neutrinos in the beam

$$V_{\text{bkg}}(r) = -\frac{G_F^2 \Phi E_{\nu}}{\pi r} \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_p^2} \times f(A_1, A_2, Z_1, Z_2, n_e)$$

$$f(A_1, A_2, Z_1, Z_2, n_e) = \frac{1}{4} \left[ n_e \left( \frac{3Z_1}{A_1} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{3Z_2}{A_2} - 1 \right) + (1 - n_e) \left( 1 - \frac{Z_1}{A_1} \right) \left( 1 - \frac{Z_2}{A_2} - 1 \right) \right]$$

$$\frac{V_{\rm bkg}(r)}{V_{\rm grav}(r)} \sim 10^{-13}$$

Can fifth-force Experiments achieve this sensitivity in the future?

Currently have a sensitivity of  $10^{-9}$ , just 4 orders of magnitude above.



# HOWEVER..

 Considering macroscopic objects: the finite size of the object means that the net force between them will require an integration over the angle α, which can kill the leading 1/r dependence.

 $\Delta(\alpha^2) \lesssim (E_{\nu}r)^{-1}$ 

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• In realistic scenarios there will be a certain energy distribution in the neutrino beam, which can also smear out the force and kill the 1/r dependence.

Ω  $\nu$  flux

Assuming that the beam is truly monochromatic, we find, for test objects of size *R*:

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\alpha \lesssim (E_\nu R)^{-1}
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If hydrogen atoms are used as test objects, we need  $lpha \ll 10^{-2}.$ 

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NEED LOWER ENERGY BACKGROUNDS!
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 $\alpha^2 E_{\nu} r$ 

### The neutrino-force as an explanation for gravity??

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$$E = -G'^3 m_1 m_2 m_3 \pi^2 \frac{1}{(r_{12} + r_{23} + r_{13})r_{12}r_{23}r_{13}}.$$
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### Background!

US:  $r^{-5} \rightarrow 1/r$  FEYNMAN:  $r^{-3} \rightarrow 1/r$ 

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### CONCLUSIONS (PART 2)

- 1. Background effects can greatly enhance static forces obtained from particle exchange.
- 2. In the context of the two-neutrino force, the presence of a directional background takes the radial dependence from a  $1/r^5$  to a 1/r!
- 3. The 1/r dependence, however, is fragile and is easily killed by the smearing effects of finite size of the objects and/or the energy spread in the background neutrino beam.
- 4. Still, seems exciting as a way to finally probe the neutrino-force that has eluded us so far!

### WHAT NEXT?

- 1. Computation of the force outside 4-Fermi regime.
- 2. Incorporate neutrino mass and mixing.
- 3. Separate calculations for Dirac and Majorana neutrinos? Maybe possible to distinguish them?
- 4. Most importantly, try to design some experiments that can one day hope to probe the **longest range 2-fermion mediated force** in the Standard Model.

### Thanks!!