# **Non-standard Neutrinos**

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## **Non-standard** Neutrinos

**Non-Standard Interactions** 

Decoherence

#### **Magnetic Moment**

Neutrino decay, Mass-varying neutrinos, Lorentz-violation / Violation of Equivalence Principle, Stochastic neutrinos...

Non-standardness in Cosmology

**Generic Parameterization** – dimensional six operator with new heavy mediator (in comparison with typical momentum transfer)

Charged Current (CC):

 $(\bar{\nu}_{\alpha}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L}l_{\beta})(\bar{f}'\gamma^{\mu}Pf)$ 

stringently constrained by scattering cross-sections

Neutral Current (NC):

 $(\bar{\nu}_{\alpha}\gamma_{\mu}P_{L}\nu_{\beta})(f\gamma^{\mu}Pf)$ 

- weakly constrained by scattering cross-sections
- effcts on forward-coherent scattering

Lagrangian:

 $L = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{f,P,\alpha,\beta} \epsilon^{f,P}_{\alpha\beta} (\bar{\nu}_{\alpha}\gamma^{\mu}P_L\nu_{\beta})(\bar{f}\gamma_{\mu}Pf)$ 

Interaction strenght in comparison with Weak Interaction

• Only vector (L+R) interactions contribute to flavour oscillation

$$\sum_{f,P,\alpha,\beta} \epsilon^{f,P}_{\alpha\beta}(\ldots) = \sum_{f,\alpha,\beta} \epsilon^{f}_{\alpha\beta}(\ldots) \quad ; \quad \epsilon^{f}_{\alpha\beta} = \epsilon^{f,L}_{\alpha\beta} + \epsilon^{f,R}_{\alpha\beta}$$

• Assumption that neutrino flavour structure is independent from fermion involved in interaction

$$\sum_{f,\alpha,\beta} \epsilon^f_{\alpha\beta}(\ldots) = \sum_{f,\alpha,\beta} \eta^f \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}(\ldots)$$

• Ordinary matter composed by u and d quarks (ok, and elétrons).

$$\sum_{f,\alpha,\beta} \eta^f \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}(\dots) = \sum_{\alpha,\beta} (\xi^d + \xi^u) \epsilon_{\alpha\beta} N_e(\dots)$$

Possible parameterization (Esteban et al., 1805.044530):

$$\xi^{u} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} (2\cos\eta - \sin\eta)$$
$$\xi^{d} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{3} (2\sin\eta - \cos\eta)$$

$$(\xi^d + \xi^u) \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}(...) = \epsilon^{\eta}_{\alpha\beta}$$

 $0.5 < \tan \eta < 2$  Both  $\epsilon^u$  and  $\,\epsilon^d\,$  positive

#### Hamiltonian:

standard interaction

 $H = \sqrt{2}G_F N_e(x)$ 

 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 + \epsilon_{ee} & \epsilon_{e\mu} & \epsilon_{e\tau} \\ \epsilon_{e\mu}^* & \epsilon_{\mu\mu} & \epsilon_{\mu\tau} \\ \epsilon_{e\tau}^* & \epsilon_{\mu\tau}^* & \epsilon_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix}$ 

NSI, also has a *x* depence through matter density and composition (η dependence suppressed)

#### Solar Neutrinos:



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You're are not suppose to name it. Once you name it, you start getting attached to it!

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New physics that raises solar bfp?
increase interactions through NSI



negative values would enhance matter effects



**Other interesting features:** 

New allowed regions for large positive NSI and "inverted hierarchy" (not that one!)



**Other interesting features:** 

- → Possible cancelation of NSI inside the Sun with negative  $\varepsilon^{d}$  and positive  $\varepsilon^{u}$ , and no constraints with solar data
- → Large NSI effects in KamLAND, lower Am region



Atmospheric and long-baseline Neutrinos:

$$\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\oplus} = (2 + Y_n^{\oplus})\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu} + (1 + 2Y_n^{\oplus})\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^d = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\eta}(\xi^p + Y_n^{\oplus}\xi^n)$$

#### protons

neutrons

effective coupling

- virtually constant in Earth's Mantle, some mild variation for atmospheric neutrinos.

- possible cancelations depending on d-quarks and u-quarks interactions
- several different parameterizations. For instance:

$$H_{\rm mat} = Q_{\rm rel} U_{\rm mat} D_{\rm mat} U_{\rm mat}^{\dagger} Q_{\rm rel}^{\dagger} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} Q_{\rm rel} = \operatorname{diag} \left( e^{i\alpha_1}, e^{i\alpha_2}, e^{-i\alpha_1 - i\alpha_2} \right), \\ U_{\rm mat} = R_{12}(\varphi_{12}) R_{13}(\varphi_{13}) \tilde{R}_{23}(\varphi_{23}, \delta_{\rm NS}), \\ D_{\rm mat} = \sqrt{2} G_F N_e(x) \operatorname{diag}(\varepsilon_{\oplus}, \varepsilon_{\oplus}', 0) \end{cases}$$

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Everything together, in usual oscillation parameters:



- good determination of usual parameters, but only with different data sets combined
- one exception: LMA-D still there!
- at the end, NSI does not help to solve KamLAND x solar neutrinos tension

What now?

DUNE Exercise: Considering the disappearance channel at Dune (well described by a 2-families probability), estimate its sensitivity to non-standard interactons by the effects on mixing angle and squared mass differences.

- Look for the DUNE's precision in stablishing the values of  $\varDelta m^2$  and  $\theta_{_{23}}$ 

- Analyse the effects of  $\mathcal{E}$  's on effective  $\Delta m^2$  and  $\theta_{23}$
- Estimate the limits obtainable on  $\mathcal{E}$  's.

**Dissipation:** non-standard interaction with non-standard environment, using Open System framework.

 $\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = -i[H,\rho] + D(\rho)$ 

Liouville equation

Non-standard decoherence effects

If no energy exchange between environment and neutrinos

#### DECOHERENCE

With energy exchange between environment and neutrinos

RELAXATION

**Decoherence:** 

**Energy conservation** 

$$D(\rho) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k}^{N^2 - 1} \left( [V_k, \rho V_k^{\dagger}] + [V_k \rho, V_k^{\dagger}] \right) \quad ; \quad [H, V_k] = 0$$

In 2 families, simplest case:  $V_k = \sqrt{\gamma}\sigma_3$ Pauli matrix

$$P_{\nu_a\nu_a} = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\sin^2(2\theta) \left[1 - e^{-\gamma x}\cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}x\right)\right]$$

- suppresses interference terms in neutrino conversion

- does not induce mass eigenstates conversion.



**Decoherence + Relaxation:** 

$$P_{\nu_a\nu_a} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 1 + e^{-\Gamma_2 x} \cos^2 2\theta + e^{-\Gamma_1 x} \sin^2 2\theta \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m^2}{2E}x\right) \right]$$

- induces equipartition between neutrino flavours

- stringent limits should come from largest distances

#### Magnetic moment:

- changes both neutrino cross-sections.

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\rm EM}}{dT_e}(T_e,E_\nu) = \pi r_0^2 \mu_{\rm eff}^2 \left(\frac{1}{T_e} - \frac{1}{E_\nu}\right)$$

- and neutrino flavour conversions.

$$<\bar{\nu}|\nu>\propto\mu B$$

- could probe magnetic fields in astrophysical objects.
- strongly constrained by absence of electron anti-neutrinos in solar neutrino flux

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### **Sterile Neutrinos**

Recently, some short-baseline neutrino experiments presented some tension between the data and the standard neutrino oscillation paradigm.

- Reactor Neutrino Anomaly: supression of reactor neutrino signal at very close detectors.
- LSND/MiniBoone: appearance of  $\, \bar{\nu}_e \,$  in a  $\, \bar{\nu}_\mu \,$  flux

→ Such tension can be alleviated by the inclusion of a fourth neutrino generation, sterile, which mixes with the three active neutrinos.

$$\begin{split} \Delta m_s^2 &\sim 1 eV^2 \\ sin^2 2\theta_s \lesssim 10^{-1} \end{split}$$

Does cosmology has something to say about that?

### **Sterile Neutrinos**

→ A new neutrino family would behave as radiation during part of Universe history. Bounds on  $N_{eff}$  would apply to such scenario if fourth family are in equilibrium.

**Flavour Oscillation** 

$$i\frac{d}{dt}\left[\nu_{\alpha}\right] = \left(\frac{M^2}{2p} + V^{int}\right)\left[\nu_{\alpha}\right]$$

Flavour Oscillation with density matrix formalism:

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2<sup>nd</sup> order expansion

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 $\mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}$  interaction

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#### THINGS BECOME NON-LINEAR!

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see also Pospelov, PRD84 (2011) 085008

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**Secret Interactions:** Such large interaction could affect also neutrino oscillation probabilities in long-base line experiments, as MINOS.



Pseudo-scalar self-Interactions: (arxiv:1508.02504)

- sterile neutrino secret interactions through a light pseudo-scalar supress sterile neutrino production until after neutrino decoupling.

 $\mathcal{L} \sim g_s \phi \bar{\nu}_4 \gamma_5 \nu_4.$ 

- latter production of sterile neutrinos through contact with active neutrinos

- strongly coupled  $\phi v$  fluid at late times. Rich phenomenology and better fit to cosmological observables.

"(...) it could be another indication that we are seeing the first signs of new, hidden interactions in the dark sector."

# **Conclusions**

- There is no such thing as "non-standard" neutrino phenomenology. Each non-standard model has its own consequences on neutrino observables.

- As in standard scenarios, we must take into account several different experiments in different contexts (cosmology included) to achieve a global picture of limits and possibilities.

- For now, we only have limits and hints, and no clear indication for the presence of non-standard physics on neutrino sector.

- But that's the way it goes. Hopefully dark-matter people will agree!