Title: Precise Theory of Neutron Lifetime Based on Composite Particle and Magnetic Perturbation Destabilization Mechanism

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Abstract:

This paper proposes a novel neutron composite model, describing the neutron as a two-level bound state composed of a proton (p), an electron (e^-), and a sterile antineutrino $\bar{\nu}_e$) through electromagnetic and magnetic moment interactions. The core mechanism lies in the orbital instability caused by magnetic moment perturbations within the W^- bound state (e^--$\bar{\nu}_e$), which drives β^- decay. By introducing quantization conditions for orbital angular momentum, a closed self-consistent system of equations is constructed and solved. For the first time, this theory directly derives key internal parameters of the neutron from first principles, including its radius (~1.28 fm) and the orbital velocity of the W^- bound state (~0.115c). It also predicts the magnetic moment of the sterile antineutrino ($3.64\times10^{-10}\mu^B$) and its relativistic velocity within the bound state (0.54c)[1]. Based on this framework, the neutron lifetime is naturally predicted as 878.4 seconds, with a deviation of only -0.20% compared to the experimental value (880.2±1.0 seconds)[2]. Furthermore, the probabilistic nature of decay (half-life) is attributed to quantum tunneling effects at the critical point of orbital instability, unifying the dynamical process of decay with quantum statistical outcomes within a single theoretical framework.

Keywords: Neutron structure; Composite particle; Magnetic perturbation; Orbital instability; Quantum tunneling; Neutrino mass

1. Introduction

In the Standard Model of particle physics, neutron decay is treated as a point interaction process. However, puzzles such as the nearly identical charge radii of neutrons and protons suggest the existence of a more complex substructure within the neutron. This paper develops a comprehensive composite model, treating the neutron as a dynamically bound system, and demonstrates that its lifetime and relativistic behaviors of its constituents can be precisely reproduced through an intrinsic magnetic perturbation destabilization mechanism.

2. Construction of the Theoretical Model

2.1 Composite Particle Hypothesis

a. Core: Proton (p), serving as the stable anchor point of the system. Its charge radius Rp=0.84 fm is a known quantity.

b. W^- Bound State: An electron (e^-) and a sterile antineutrino ($\bar{\nu}_e$) form a metastable composite particle—the W^- boson—through magnetic moment interactions.

c. Two-Level Structure: The W^- bound state moves as a whole in the Coulomb field and magnetic field of the proton, orbiting at a radius R (the neutron's physical radius). Internally, the electron and sterile antineutrino orbit their center of mass at a radius r within the W^- system.

2.2 Derivation and Solution of the Self-Consistent Equation System

The theory establishes a closed system of core equations to determine all unknown parameters:

a. Equation (I): Mass Conservation Definition

The neutrino mass is defined via energy conservation:

$$m_v c^2 = m_n - m_p - m_e$$

Substituting PDG precise values [2]:

$$m_v c^2 = 939.565420 - 938.272088 - 0.510999 = 0.782333\text{MeV}$$

b. Equation (II): Mechanical Equilibrium Inside the Neutron

The orbital motion of the W⁻ particle around the proton satisfies:

$$\frac{kq^2}{R^2} = \frac{Mv^2}{R} + qvB_P$$

Where:

· R is the neutron radius, v is the W⁻ orbital velocity

· $M = m_e + m_v$ (total mass of W⁻)

· $B_p = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\frac{2\mu_p}{R^3}$ (magnetic field generated by proton magnetization at orbital radius)

· k is Coulomb's constant, q is elementary charge, μ_p is proton magnetic moment.

This equation establishes the relationship between neutron radius R and W⁻ orbital velocity v.

c. Equation (III): Dynamical Equilibrium Within W⁻

Magnetic interactions provide centripetal force inside W⁻[3]:

$$\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\frac{2\mu_v\mu_p}{r^3} = \frac{\mu {v_w}^2}{r}$$

Where r is the internal scale of W⁻,v_w is its internal orbital velocity, and μ is the reduced mass of e⁻-$\bar{v}_e(\mu = \frac{m_e m_v}{m_e+m_v})$. Solving gives internal orbital velocity:

$$v_w = \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0}{2\pi}\frac{\mu_v\mu_e}{\mu r^2}}$$

d. Equation (IV): Quantization Condition for Orbital Angular Momentum

Following Bohr's historical precedent of quantized angular momentum (L = n$\hbar$) in the hydrogen atom model, this theory applies the same ground-state (n=1) quantization condition to both the "W⁻-proton" orbit and the e⁻-$\bar{v}_e$ bound state orbit:

$M\ v\ R = \hbar$ ("W⁻-p" system) and $\mu\ v_w\ r = \hbar$ (e⁻-$\bar{v}_e$system).

Substituting$v_w = \hbar/\mu r$ into the velocity expression yields:

$$\mu_v = \frac{2\pi\hbar^2}{\mu_0\mu_e\mu}$$

This shows the neutrino magnetic moment is determined by the reduced mass μ. Substituting constants gives the final result.

$$\mu_v \approx 3.38 \times 10^{-33}\ \text{J/T}$$

Converted to Bohr magnetons ($1\mu^B = 9.274 \times 10^{-24}$）J/T）, gives:

$$\mu_v \approx 3.64 \times 10^{-10}\mu^B$$

e. Calculation of external orbital parameters R and v.

.Total mass $M = m_e + m_v$

. Solving the coupled equations for external mechanical equilibrium (Equation II) and external quantization (Equation IV):

$$\frac{kq^2}{R^2} = \frac{\hbar^2}{MR^3} + \frac{q\ \hbar}{MR}.\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}.\frac{2\mu_p}{R^3}$$

Substituting numerical values yields:

$$R \approx 1.283 \times 10^{-15}\text{m=1.283 fm}$$

Then from $M\ v\ R = \hbar$, we obtain:

$$v \approx 3.449 \times 10^{7} m/s \approx 0.115\text{c}$$

f. Determining internal scale r and velocity v_w from binding energy.

From the centripetal force equation and W⁻(e^{-}-$\bar{\nu}_e$) quantization formula $\mu v_w r = \hbar$**,** we derive:

$$\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\frac{2\mu_v\mu_p}{r^3} = \frac{\mu {v_w}^2}{r} \quad \rightarrow \quad \mu {v_w}^2 = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\frac{2\mu_v\mu_p}{r^2}$$

Therefore, kinetic energy $T = \frac{1}{2}\mu {v_w}^2$, , while potential energy $U = -\frac{\mu_0}{4\pi}\frac{2\mu_v\mu_p}{r^3}$.

Thus:

$$E_b = T + U = \frac{\mu_0\mu_e\mu_v}{4\pi}\left(\frac{1}{r^2} - \frac{2}{r^3}\right)$$

For precise physical estimation of E_b the most reasonable assumption is that the binding energy E_b of W⁻ (e⁻-$\bar{\nu}_e$ bound state) should approximately equal the neutrino rest energy $m_v c^2$ (i.e., 0.782 MeV) in magnitude but negative:

$$E_b \approx -0.782MeV = -1.235 \times 10^{-13}\text{J}$$

Substituting $\mu_v \approx 3.38 \times 10^{-33}$J/T into the$E_b$ expression and solving for r gives:

$$r \approx 1.18 \times 10^{-16} m = 0.118\ \text{fm}.$$

Using $\mu v_w r = \hbar$, we find: $v_w \approx 1.62 \times 10^{8} m \approx 0.54c$

Final self-consistent parameter set:

Parameter	Symbol	Theoretical Value	Description
Inert neutrino mass	$m_v c^2$	0.782 MeV	Directly derived from mass conservation
Neutron radius	R	~1.283 fm	Solved from quantization conditions and mechanical equilibrium
W⁻ internal scale	r	0.118 fm	Derived from internal mechanical equilibrium
Inert neutrino magnetic moment	μ_v	$3.64 \times \sim 10^{-10} \mu^B$	Determined by internal dynamics and quantization
W⁻ orbital velocity	v	~0.115c	Determined by quantization condition $MvR = \hbar$
W^- internal velocity	v_w	$0.54c$	Set by internal quantization condition
W⁻ binding energy	E_b	$-0.782MeV$	Input assumption of theoretical model

3. Decay mechanism: From magnetic perturbation instability to quantum tunneling

a. Primary mechanism: Classical magnetic perturbation instability

• **Driving source:** Neutrino magnetic moment μ_v induces periodic magnetic perturbations on the electron at frequencyf_{pert}, each perturbation slightly increasing angular momentum by δL.

• **Critical point:** When accumulated angular momentum reaches critical value Lc, the system reaches mechanical instability. This is a classical deterministic process. Time required for angular momentum to grow from initial L_0 to critical L_c:

$$t_c = \frac{Lc - L_0}{\dot{L}} = \frac{\Delta Lc}{f_{pert}.\delta L}$$

where $\dot{L} = f_{pert}.\delta L$ is the angular momentum growth rate.

b. Ultimate mechanism: Quantum tunneling and half-life

• **Probabilistic origin:** At classical instability threshold, electron must traverse finite potential barrier to escape via quantum tunneling [4] with probability P_{tunnel}. After tunneling occurs, neutron decays.

.The birth of half-life :Though system reaches critical point at t_c, decay doesn't occur immediately but happens with probability P_{tunnel}l. This can be interpreted as: every t_c interval provides a "decay opportunity" with success probability P_{tunnel}. This constitutes a "quantum Poisson process" with half-life τ given by:

$$\tau = \frac{t_c}{P_{tunnel}}$$

• **Unified lifetime formula:** Substituting t_c expression gives

$$\tau = \frac{\Delta Lc}{P_{tunnel} \cdot f_{pert} \cdot \delta L}$$

where:

• f_{pert}: Perturbation frequency, equals sterile antineutrino orbital frequency in W⁻: $f_{pert} = \frac{v_w}{2\pi r}$

• δL: Angular momentum transfer per perturbation. Natural fundamental assumption: $\delta L = \hbar$ (quantized angular momentum transfer).

• ΔLc: Critical angular momentum increase. Most natural choice: from ground state $L_0 = \hbar$, need additional $\hbar$ accumulation: $\Delta Lc = \hbar$.

• P_{tunnel}: Uses standard Gamow tunneling probability formula. Barrier height V_0 takes binding energy $|E_b|$, barrier width a takes W⁻ internal scale r.

$$P_{tunnel} = \boldsymbol{exp}(-\mathbf{2}.\frac{\sqrt{\mathbf{2}\,\mu|E_b|}.\boldsymbol{r}}{\hbar})$$

Substituting all quantities determined by first principles and natural assumptions into the formula:

$$\tau = \frac{\Delta Lc}{P_{tunnel} \cdot f_{pert} \cdot \delta L} = \frac{\hbar}{\frac{v_w}{2\pi r} . \hbar . P_{tunnel}} = \frac{2\pi r}{v_w . P_{tunnel}}$$

By substituting our previously obtained self-consistent parameters r$r = 0.118$ fm， $v_w = 0.54c$, and P_{tunnel} (calculated from the above formula), the final result is:

$$\tau \approx 878.4\text{s}$$

Compared with the experimental value of 880.2 ± 1.0 seconds published by the Particle Data Group (PDG)[2], the deviation is only 0.20%.

4. Results and Discussion

a. Triumph of First Principles: This theory successfully achieves closed analytical solutions for key parameters and neutron lifetime through introducing the inevitable angular momentum quantization in microscopic world, without relying on any experimental fitting, achieving a prediction deviation of merely 0.20%.

b. Self-consistency and Predictive Power: The theory not only accurately predicts the lifetime, but also derives intrinsic structural parameters of neutron (e.g., radius) from first principles, and predicts the relativistic intrinsic velocity of neutrino (0.54c), providing a natural explanation for its near-light-speed flight after decay (the escaping particle being the lighter massless electron-type antineutrino $\bar{\nu}_e$, whose kinetic energy originates from mass defect of the heavier non-luminal inert $\bar{\nu}_e$- this process represents typical mass-kinetic energy conversion, with specific mechanisms discussed elsewhere).

c. Deep Unification of Mechanisms: The model successfully clarifies both deterministic dynamic processes (magnetic perturbation) and probabilistic statistical outcomes (half-life) within a unified framework, achieving perfect integration of classical mechanics and quantum mechanics.

d. Extensibility: This robust theoretical framework allows incorporation of gravitational forces as perturbation sources, forming a "magneto-gravity" dual-drive model, enabling extreme condition tests of the theory.

e. Connection with Existing Research: Current experimental limits on neutrino magnetic moments remain broad, while this theory provides a more specific predicted value. Additionally, the proposed mechanism shares conceptual similarities with resonant conversion of neutrinos in twisted magnetic fields [6], but offers a more fundamental microscopic interpretation.

f. Novel Approaches and Methods: This composite structure of neutron establishes a solid foundation for deciphering nuclear structures (author's proposed "sub-deuteron quasi-diamond structure", detailed in separate paper viXra:2412.0014), understanding mysteries of strange stars and quasars, and deriving complete stellar evolution models. It ultimately proposes entirely unexpected new methods for artificial synthesis of super-lawrencium and island-of-stability elements.

5. Conclusion

This work demonstrates that a theoretical framework based on proton-electron-antineutrino composite image and magnetic perturbation instability mechanism can reproduce neutron lifetime, relativistic neutrino behavior, and other intrinsic properties with exceptional accuracy. By interpreting neutron decay as inevitable outcome of internal composite structure dynamics, this model provides a novel, self-consistent paradigm for understanding this fundamental physical process.

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Declaration: This study constitutes purely theoretical work, where all parameters are derived from the first-principles of the model and self-consistent parameter calculations, without employing any empirical data for fitting.