

# Unparticles and Solar Neutrinos

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# What are Unparticles?

## Georgi (07)

Fields of a **Hidden Sector (HS)** couple to SM particles at very high energies by the exchange of a particle of mass  $M$

In the UV:

$$\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{M^{d_{UV}+d_{SM}-4}} \mathcal{O}_{UV} \mathcal{O}_{SM}$$

**Scale Invariance** emerges at scale  $\Lambda_u$  as **HS**  $\implies$  **IR fixed point**

So below  $\Lambda_u$  unparticles emerge

$$\mathcal{O}_{UV} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}_U \quad \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = C_u \frac{\Lambda_u^{d_{UV}-d}}{M^{d_{UV}+d_{SM}-4}} \mathcal{O}_{SM} \mathcal{O}_U$$



# Unparticle Propagators

Scale Invariance determines the propagation properties of **unparticle operators** (up to normalization) [Georgi (07), Grinstein *et al.* (08)]

## Scalar Unparticles ( $d > 1$ )

$$\Delta(P^2) = \frac{A_d}{2 \sin(d\pi)} (-P^2)^{d-2} \quad A_d = \frac{16\pi^2 \sqrt{\pi}}{(2\pi)^{2d}} \frac{\Gamma(d + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(d-1)\Gamma(2d)}$$

## Vector Unparticles ( $d > 3$ )

$$[\Delta(P^2)]_{\mu\nu} = \Delta(P^2) \pi_{\mu\nu} \quad \pi_{\mu\nu} = -g_{\mu\nu} + 2 \frac{(d-2)}{d-1} \frac{P_\mu P_\nu}{P^2}$$



# Unparticle Phenomenological Consequences

- *QED bounds*: Liao (07), Luo and Zhu (07),...
- *Signals in past and future colliders*: Cheung, Keung and Yuan (07), Chen, He and Tsai (07), Greiner (07),...
- *CP-violation*: Chen and Geng (07), Bashiry (08),...
- *DIS*: Ding and Yan (07)
- *Lepton Flavor Violating Processes*: Aliev, Cornell and Gaur (07), Lu, Wang and Wang (07),...
- *Hadron mixing and Decays*: Li and Wei (07), Aliev, Cornell and Gaur (07),...
- *Nucleon Decay*: He and Pakvasa (08)
- *Neutrino Interactions*: Zhou (07), Anchordoqui and Goldberg (07), Montanino, Picariello and Pulido (08)
- *Cosmological and Astrophysical bounds*: Hannestad, Raffelt and Wong (07), Das (07), Freitas and Wyler (07),...



# Spin-off: Macroscopic Long-range Forces

If unparticles couple to fermions they may give rise to **long-range forces operating at macroscopic distances** and governed by a **non-integral power law**

**These can affect neutrino trajectories in matter** similar to forces

coupled to lepton flavor number [M.C. Gonzalez-Garcia, P.C. de Holanda, RZF, JCAP 0701, 005 (2007)]

## General Form satisfying the SM gauge symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_f = -\frac{\lambda_S^f}{\Lambda_u^{d-1}} \bar{f} f \mathcal{O} - \frac{\lambda_V^f}{\Lambda_u^{d-1}} \bar{f} \gamma_\mu f \mathcal{O}^\mu - \frac{\lambda_T^f}{2\Lambda_u^d} i [\bar{f} \gamma_\mu \partial_\nu f - \partial_\mu \bar{f} \gamma_\nu f] \mathcal{O}^{\mu\nu}$$

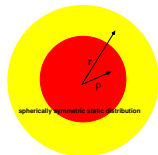
where

$$\lambda_{S,V,T}^f = C_{S,V,T}^f \left( \frac{\Lambda_u}{M} \right)^{d_{UV}-1}$$



# Universal Long-Range Potential

Effective low-energy Lagrangian describing long-range force generated by a static, spherically symmetric distribution of fermions  $f$  (in the Sun) on  $\nu$



## Effective Form

$$\mathcal{L}_\nu^{\text{eff}} = \left[ \frac{C_S^f C_S^\nu}{4\pi} \bar{\nu} \nu - \frac{C_V^f C_V^\nu}{4\pi} \bar{\nu} \gamma^0 \nu + \frac{C_T^f C_T^\nu}{4\pi} \frac{m_f E_\nu}{\Lambda_U^2} B \bar{\nu} \gamma^0 \nu \right] W_f(r)$$



# Universal Long-Range Potential

$$W_f(r) = \left(\frac{\Lambda_U}{M}\right)^{2(d_{UV}-1)} \frac{2}{\pi^{2(d-1)}} \frac{\Gamma[d + \frac{1}{2}]\Gamma[d - \frac{1}{2}]}{\Gamma[2d]} R^3 \frac{1}{(R\Lambda_U)^{2(d-1)}} \\ \times \frac{2}{r} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3-2d} \int_0^1 y n_f(y) [(x+y)^{3-2d} - |x-y|^{3-2d}] dy & d \neq \frac{3}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 y n_f(y) \ln \left[ \frac{(x+y)^2}{(x-y)^2} \right] dy & d = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$$

$n_f$  = number density of fermion  $f$

$R$  = radius of the distribution



# Standard Neutrino Oscillation Explains Data Very Well

$$\mathbf{U} = \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \mathbf{c}_{23} & \mathbf{s}_{23} \\ 0 & -\mathbf{s}_{23} & \mathbf{c}_{23} \end{pmatrix}}^{\text{Atmospheric}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{13} & 0 & \mathbf{s}_{13} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\mathbf{s}_{13} & 0 & \mathbf{c}_{13} \end{pmatrix} \overbrace{\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}_{12} & \mathbf{s}_{12} & 0 \\ -\mathbf{s}_{12} & \mathbf{c}_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}}^{\text{Solar}}$$

$$\mathbf{c}_{ij} \equiv \cos \theta_{ij} \text{ and } \mathbf{s}_{ij} \equiv \sin \theta_{ij}$$

$$\Delta m_{23}^2 \sim 2.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ (MINOS)}$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 \sim 7.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2 \text{ (KamLAND)}$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 / |\Delta m_{23}^2| \approx 0.03$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{13} \leq 0.04 \text{ (CHOOZ)}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} \approx 0.3 \text{ (Solar)}$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_{23} \approx 0.5 \text{ (Atmospheric)}$$

flavor diagonal new couplings do not change hierarchy  $\rightarrow 2\nu$  factorization still holds as long as  $\theta_{13}$  is small





in the limit where the sub-systems 12 and 23 decouple

$$i \frac{d}{dr} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_a \end{pmatrix} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2E_\nu} \left[ \mathbf{U}_{\theta_{12}} \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 \\ 0 & m_2 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{U}_{\theta_{12}}^\dagger - \begin{pmatrix} M_{\text{UNP}}(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right] \right\}^2 + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\text{CC}}(r) + V_{\text{UNP}}(r) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\nu_a = \cos \theta_{23} \nu_\mu + \sin \theta_{23} \nu_\tau$$

$$V_{\text{CC}}(r) = \sqrt{2} G_F n_e(r)$$

$$\mathbf{U}_{\theta_{12}} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{12} & \sin \theta_{12} \\ -\sin \theta_{12} & \cos \theta_{12} \end{pmatrix}$$



## Scalar Unparticles

$$M_{\text{UNP}} \equiv M_S(r) = \frac{C_S^e (C_S^{\nu_e} - C_S^{\nu_a})}{4\pi} W(r) \simeq \alpha_S W(r), \quad V_{\text{UNP}}(r) = 0$$

$$m_1 = 0 \quad m_2 = \sqrt{\Delta m_{21}^2}$$

$$C_{S,V,T}^{\nu_a} = c_{23}^2 C_{S,V,T}^{\nu_\mu} + s_{23}^2 C_{S,V,T}^{\nu_\tau}$$

$$n_f(r) = n_e(r) \left[ 1 + \frac{C_{S,V,T}^p}{C_{S,V,T}^e} + \frac{C_{S,V,T}^n}{C_{S,V,T}^e} \frac{Y_n(r)}{Y_e(r)} \right]$$



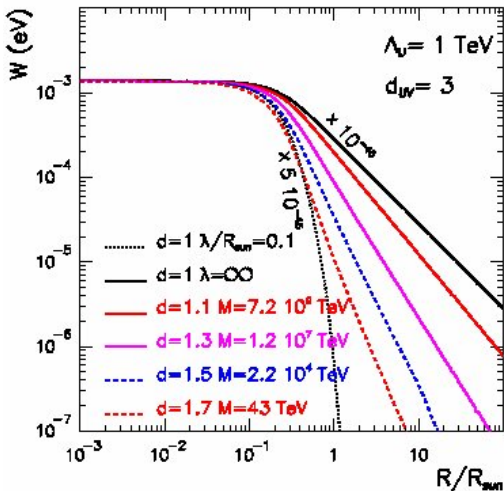
We neglect small unparticle effect in the profile of the potential and absorbed it in the definition of effective  $r$  averaged couplings:

$$\alpha_{S,V,T} = \frac{C_{S,V,T}^e (C_{S,V,T}^{\nu_e} - C_{S,V,T}^{\nu_a})}{4\pi} \left[ 1 + \frac{C_{S,V,T}^p}{C_{S,V,T}^e} + \frac{C_{S,V,T}^n}{C_{S,V,T}^e} \left\langle \frac{Y_n(r)}{Y_e(r)} \right\rangle \right]$$

$\left\langle \frac{Y_n(r)}{Y_e(r)} \right\rangle$  = average of the relative number densities along the neutrino trajectory



# Potential Function $W(r)$



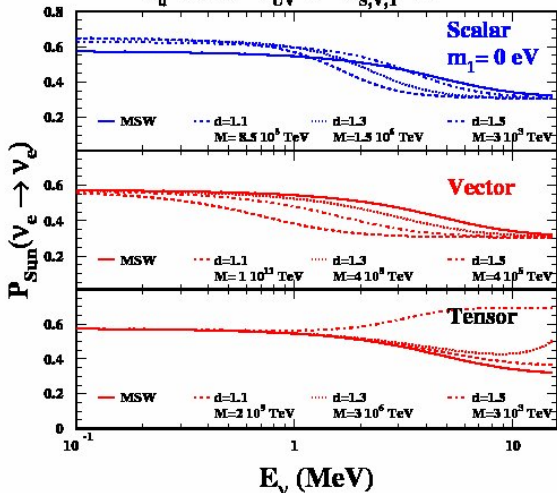
Function  $W(r)$  due to the density of protons (or electrons) in the Sun as a function of the distance from the solar center in units of the solar radius,  $R_{\odot}$ , for various values of the dimension  $d$  and the mass scale  $M$ . We take  $\Lambda_U = 1 \text{ TeV}$  and  $d_{UV} = 3$ . For comparison, we show the value of the  $W(r)$  function for a Coulomb-type ( $d = 1$ ) long-range force with range  $\lambda = 0.1 R_{\odot}$  and with the same strength at the center of the Sun.

$d$  acts like a kind of range of the potential



# Survival Probability of Solar $\nu_e$

$$\Lambda_u = 1 \text{ TeV} \quad d_{UV} = 3 \quad \alpha_{S,V,T} = 10^{-3}$$



Survival probability of  $\nu_e$  in the Sun as a  $E_\nu$  for scalar (upper panel), vector (middle panel) and tensor (lower panel) unparticle force. We have used:  $\tan^2 \theta_{12} = 0.44$   
 $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.9 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$ .

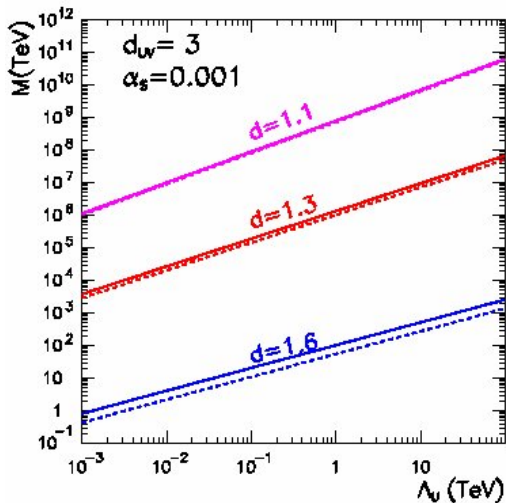


# Analysis: Solar + KamLAND Data

- **Gallium Expts. (SAGE+GALLEX/GNO) - 2 points (rates)**
- **Chlorine Experiment - 1 point (rates)**
- **Super-Kamiokande - 44 points (zenith spectrum)**
- **SNO - 34 points (day-night spectrum)**
- **SNO - 38 points (rates+spectrum salt phase)**
- **KamLAND - 13 points (spectrum)**



# Limits on Scalar Unparticle Forces



Bounds from the analysis of solar and KamLAND data on the fundamental parameters  $(\Lambda_U, M)$  for a scalar unparticle for  $d = 1.1, 1.3, 1.6$  and  $d_{UV} = 3$ . The region below the curves is excluded. We have fixed  $\alpha_S = 10^{-3}$ .



# Limits on Vector and Tensor Unparticle Forces

- For a given value of  $\Lambda_U$  at the same scale dimension  $d$ , bounds on  $M$  are  $\sim 100$  times more stringent for vector unparticles
- For tensor unparticles the bounds on  $M$  will be  $\sim 3/\sqrt{\Lambda_U/\text{TeV}}$  times those for the scalar case
- The bounds tend to get substantially relaxed as  $d$  increases
- So, if the low energy scale is of the other  $\Lambda_U \sim \text{TeV}$ , one cannot provide very significant constraints on vector ( $d > 3$ ) and tensor ( $d > 4$ ) unparticles





- **For a scalar unparticle, assuming *i.e.*  $\alpha_s = 10^{-3}$ , and  $d_{UV} = 3$ ,  $M > 8 \times 10^8$  TeV ( $M > 7 \times 10^9$  TeV), for  $d = 1.1$ , if  $\Lambda_u = 1$  TeV (10 TeV)**
- **Our bounds are stronger than the reach of present and future colliders**
- **Bounds are comparable to cosmological and astrophysical bounds**



# Final Conclusions

Scalar Unparticle	$M > (\text{TeV})$			
	1 TeV		10 TeV	
$\Lambda_U$				
d	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.6
This work	$1.3 \times 10^6$	100	$9 \times 10^6$	500
BBN	$3.2 \times 10^5$	$5.8 \times 10^3$	$4.7 \times 10^6$	$1.2 \times 10^6$
Eötvös-type	$1.9 \times 10^6$	$3.5 \times 10^3$	$1.3 \times 10^7$	$1.6 \times 10^4$
Energy loss from stars	800	26	$5.5 \times 10^3$	120
SN 1987A	430	55	$3 \times 10^3$	260

**Table:** Limits on  $M$  from various sources testing for signals from scalar unparticle couplings to fermions. Here  $d_{UV} = 3$  was used in deriving all bounds and  $\alpha_s = 10^{-3}$  was used for our work



- Our bounds can be converted into constraints on universality violation of neutrino couplings to unparticles accessible in future colliders. For  $M = \Lambda_u = 1$  TeV and  $C_S^f = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , they imply

$$\frac{C_S^{\nu_e} - C_S^{\nu_a}}{C_S^{\nu_e}} \leq 4.5 \times 10^{-38} - 1.5 \times 10^{-9} \quad d = 1.1 - 1.6$$

- It is more likely fermion couplings to unparticles that will be tested in future colliders will be flavor blind



**Thank you!**

