The mass of Electron-Neutrino worked out

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Abstract

The present paper gives a very simple way how electron-neutrino mass can be calculated using nuclear reaction namely proton-proton one. It depends only on the measurement precision of the binding energy of deuteron², the result may be \( m_{\nu_e} = 0.12 \text{ eV} \)

Consider nuclear reaction \( p + p \rightarrow d + e^+ + \nu_e \)

In balancing energies between lhs and rhs in this reaction, the electrical potential energy doesn’t matter as it is the same on either side because of charges similarities.

Suppose then at first time \( m_{\nu_e} = 0 \), so let us calculate mass difference:

1) \[ 2m_p - (m_d + m_e) = \Delta(0) \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta(0) = 0.420234072 \text{ MeV} \]
   \[ 2m_p + (m_n - m_n) - (m_d + m_e) = \Delta(0) \]
   \[ (m_p + m_n - m_d) - (m_n - m_p) - m_e = \Delta(0) \]

let \( E^0_L = m_n + m_p - m_d \) when \( m_{\nu_e} = 0 \)

then

\[ E^0_L = m_n - m_p + m_e + \Delta(0) = 2.224566 \text{ MeV} \]

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In fact we have to take into account \( m_{\nu_e} \neq 0 \), so

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2m_p - (m_d + m_e + m_{\nu_e}) = \Delta(m_{\nu_e}) \quad \text{where} \quad \Delta(m_{\nu_e})\quad \text{the true value of mass difference leading to the exact value of } E_L \text{ the deuteron binding energy, so}
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2) \quad E_L = (m_n - m_p) + m_e + m_{\nu_e} + \Delta(m_{\nu_e})
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\text{eq 2) } - \text{eq 1) leads to} \quad m_{\nu_e} = E_L - E_L^0 + \Delta(m_{\nu_e}) - \Delta(0)
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but at zero approximation \( \Delta(m_{\nu_e}) = \Delta(0) \), so

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m_{\nu_e} = E_L - E_L^0
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Considering \( E_L = 2.22456612 \text{ Mev} \) given by [1]. According to the precision of this value we can estimate neutrino’s mass

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m_{\nu_e} = 0.12 \text{ ev}
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