# Electromagnetic Properties of Neutrinos

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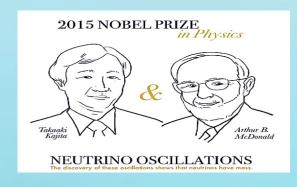


## Current knowledge of neutrino oscillations

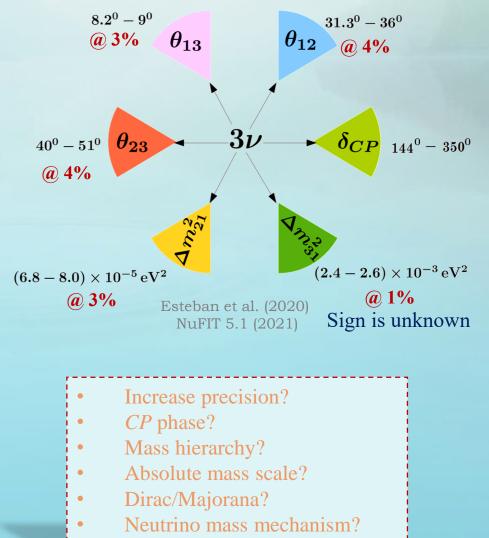
1. Neutrinos in the Standard Model are massless.

$$L_i \to \left(\begin{array}{c} \nu_i \\ \ell_i \end{array}\right) \qquad \qquad m_\nu = 0$$

2. Neutrino flavor *oscillations* have been firmly established and it can happen only if neutrinos have *non-zero masses*.



3. All three *mixing angles* and two *mass splitting* have been measured with few percent precision.



Neutrino properties?

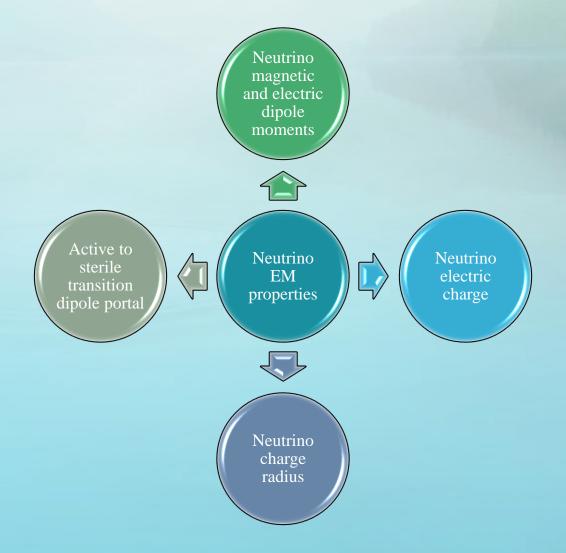
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## Neutrino electromagnetic properties

- In the Standard Model, neutrinos do not have direct coupling to photons.
- Quantum loop corrections can induce electromagnetic properties of neutrino.
- Study of neutrino electromagnetic interactions may shed light on the underlying theory.
- Anomalous electromagnetic properties of charged leptons and neutrinos can be correlated.

Talk is based on:

- 1. Babu, SJ, Lindner, <u>arXiv: 2007.04291 [hep-ph]</u>
- 2. Babu, SJ, Lindner, Vishnu, arXiv: 2104.03291 [hep-ph]
- 3. Ismail, SJ, Roshan, arXiv: 2109.05032 [hep-ph]
- 4. SJ, Porto-Silva, Sen, arXiv: 2203.01950 [hep-ph]
- 5. Huang, SJ, Lindner, Rodejohann, arXiv: 2204.10347 [hep-ph]

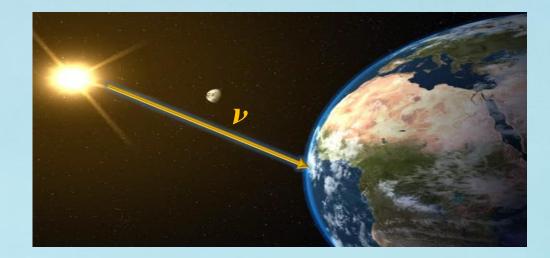


## Charged lepton magnetic moments

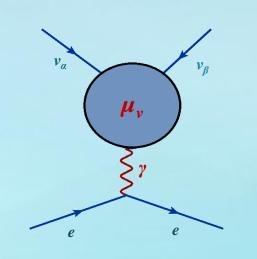


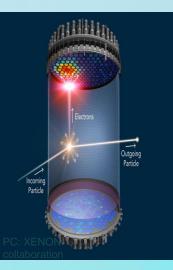


### Neutrino magnetic moments

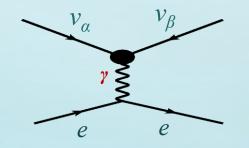


How much do they rotate on their axes in a powerful magnetic field as they race around the magnet?





## **Consequences of neutrino magnetic moments**

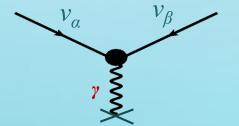


Scattering	$\begin{pmatrix} d\sigma_{\nu_{\alpha}e} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} d\sigma_{\nu_{\alpha}e} \end{pmatrix}$	$+ \pi \alpha^2 \left( 1 \right)$	$1 \left( \mu_{eff} \right)^2$
	$\left(\frac{d\sigma_{\nu_{\alpha}e}}{dT}\right)_{tot} = \left(\frac{d\sigma_{\nu_{\alpha}e}}{dT}\right)$	$\int_{SM}^{+} \overline{m_e^2} \left( \overline{T} \right)^2$	$\overline{E_{\nu}} / \overline{\mu_B}$



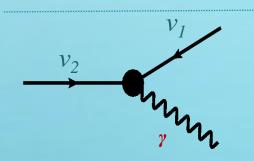
Plasmon decays in stars

$$\Gamma = \frac{\mu_{\nu}^2}{24\pi} \,\,\omega_{\rm pl}^3$$



Spin precision in external B field

$$i\frac{d}{dr}\left(\begin{array}{c}\nu\\\bar{\nu}\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc}0 & B_{\perp}M\\-B_{\perp}M & 0\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}\nu\\\bar{\nu}\end{array}\right)$$



Decay or Cherenkov effect

$$\Gamma = \frac{\mu_{\nu}^2}{8\pi} \left( \frac{m_2^2 - m_1^2}{m_2} \right)^3$$

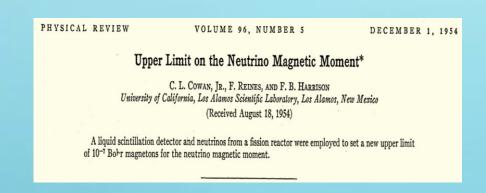
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•The quest for measuring neutrino magnetic moments was begun even before the discovery of the neutrino.

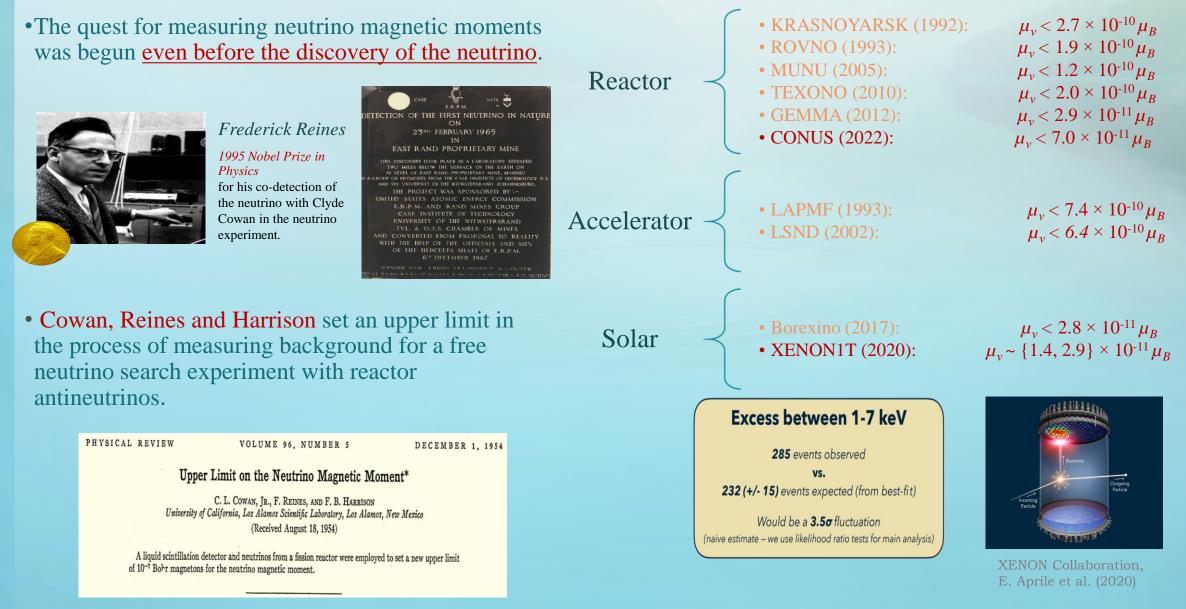


Frederick Reines 1995 Nobel Prize in Physics for his co-detection of the neutrino with Clyde Cowan in the neutrino experiment.

• Cowan, Reines and Harrison set an upper limit in the process of measuring background for a free neutrino search experiment with reactor antineutrinos.



## Neutrino magnetic moments: experimental status



## Neutrino Magnetic Moments: from astrophysics and cosmology

**Photons in the plasma** of stellar environments **can decay** either into  $v\overline{v}$  for the case of Dirac neutrinos or into  $v_{\alpha}v_{\beta}$  for the case of Majorana neutrinos.

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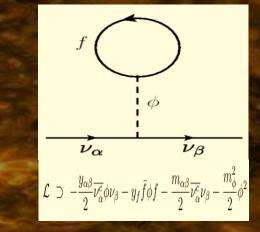
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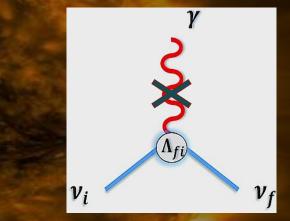
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• Constraints from astrophysics may be evaded if the plasmon decay to neutrinos is kinematically forbidden.





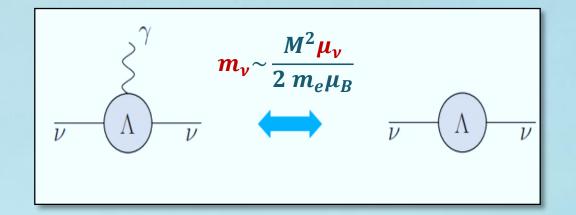
Babu, SJ, Lindner (2020)

- *Medium-dependent mass of the neutrino* in the presence of a light scalar that also couples to ordinary matter in illustrating the mechanism.
  - *For phenomenological implications, see* Parke et al. (2018), Smirnov et al.(2019), Babu et al. (2019)

### Neutrino magnetic moment – mass conundrum

- The magnetic moment and the mass operators are both *chirality flipping*.
- By *removing the photon line* from the loop diagram that induces  $\mu_v$  one would generate a *neutrino mass* term.
- In absence of additional symmetries (and without severe fine-tuning), neutrino masses are several orders of magnitude larger than their measured values, if  $\mu_v \sim 10^{-11}$   $\mu_B$ .

$$m_{\nu} \sim \frac{M^2 \mu_{\nu}}{2 m_e \mu_B} \sim 0.1 \text{ MeV}$$
 for  $M \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$  and  $\mu_{\nu} \sim 10^{-11} \mu_B$ 





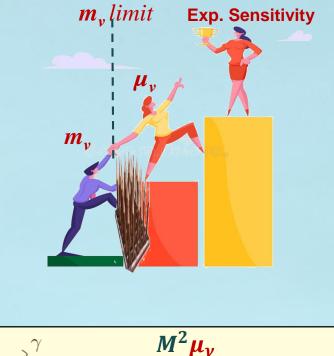
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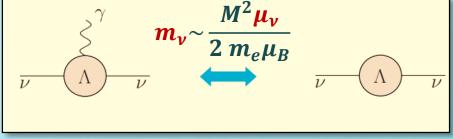
This conundrum was well recognized three decades ago when there was great interest in explaining the apparent time variation of solar neutrino flux detected by the Chlorine experiment in anticorrelation with the Sun-spot activity.

NMM would lead to spin-flip transition inside the solar magnetic field. Such transitions could even undergo a matter enhanced resonance. Lim, Marciano (1988), Akhmedov (1988)

In the late 1980's and early 1990's there were significant theoretical activities that addressed the compatibility of a large neutrino magnetic moment with a small mass.

*After that, in the theory side, no interesting developments have been made. These discussions become very relevant today.* 

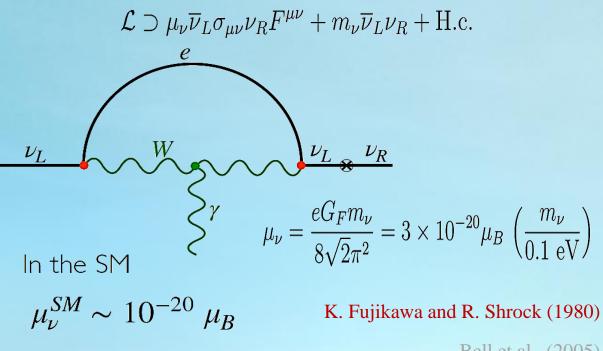




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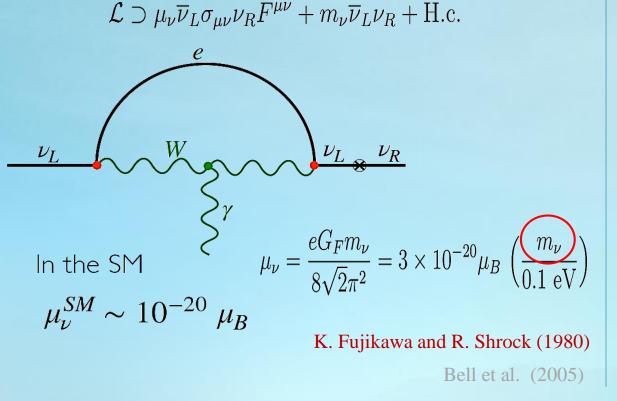


Bell et al. (2005)

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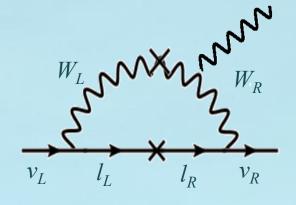
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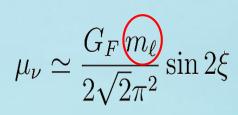
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Right-handed neutrino couples to a  $W_R$  gauge boson, which also has mixing with the W boson.





Czakon, Gluza, Zralek (1999) Giunti and A. Studenikin (2014)

This mixing angle is constrained by muon decay asymmetry parameters,  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  decay rate, indirect LHC limits leading to a limit  $\mu_v < 10^{-15} \mu_B$ 

### Neutrino magnetic moment – mass conundrum

 $SM + v_R$ 

The magnetic moment and mass operators for the neutrino have the same chiral structure, which for a Dirac neutrino has the form:

$$u_{\nu} = \frac{eG_F m_{\nu}}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} = 3 \times 10^{-20} \mu_B \left(\frac{m_{\nu}}{0.1 \text{ eV}}\right)$$

 $\frac{\nu_L}{\gamma}$ In the SM

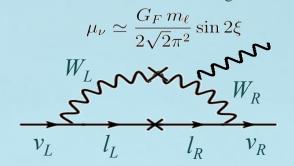
 $\mu_\nu^{SM} \sim 10^{-20} \; \mu_B$ 

K. Fujikawa and R. Shrock (1980)

Bell et al. (2005)

#### Left-Right Symmetric Model

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#### **Supersymmetric theory**

In supersymmetric extensions of the SM, lepton number may be violated by R-parity breaking interactions. In such contexts, without relying on additional symmetries, NMM will be (imposing experimental constraints on the SUSY parameters) of the order at most about  $10^{-15} \mu_B$ .

 $\mu_{\nu} \sim \lambda'^2 / (16\pi^2) m_{\ell}^2 A_{\ell} / M_{\tilde{\ell}}^4$ 

#### Majorana scenario

If neutrinos are Majorana particles, their transition magnetic moments resulting from Standard Model interactions is given by

$$\mu_{ij} = -\frac{3eG_F}{32\sqrt{2}\pi^2} (m_i \pm m_j) \sum_{\ell=e,\mu,\tau} U_{\ell i}^* U_{\ell j} \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_W^2}$$

At most of order  $\mu_{\nu} \sim 10^{-23} \mu_B$ 

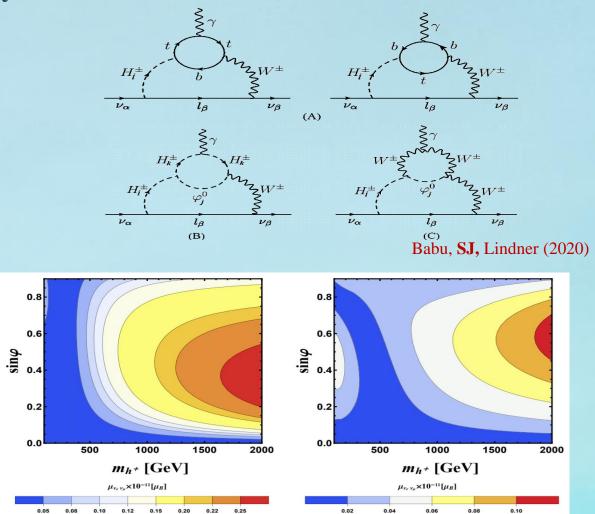
P. B. Pal and L. Wolfenstein (1982) For a review, see Giunti and A. Studenikin (2014)

#### Clearly, these values are well below the sensitivity of current experiments!

### Neutrino magnetic moment – mass conundrum A. Spin Symmetry Mechanism

- In renormalizable gauge theories there are no direct couplings of the type γW<sup>+</sup>S<sup>-</sup>.
- As for its contribution to  $m_v$ , for transversely polarized vector bosons, the transition from spin 1 to spin 0 cannot occur. Only the longitudianl mode, the Goldstone mode, would contribute to such transitions.
- This implies that in the two loop diagram utilizing the  $\gamma W^+S^-$  for generating  $\mu_{v}$ , if the photon line is removed, only the longitudinal  $W^{\pm}$  bosons will contribute, leading to a suppression factor of  $m_l^2/m_W^2$  in the neutrino mass.

Barr, Freire, and Zee (1990), Babu et al. (1992), Babu, SJ, Lindner (2020)



In this optimized setup, one can achieve neutrino transition magnetic moment as big as  $\sim 10^{-12} \mu_B$ 

### **B.** $SU(2)_H$ Symmetry for Enhanced Neutrino Magnetic Moment

While the neutrino mass operator and the magnetic moment operator both **are** *chirality flipping*, there is one important *difference in their Lorentz structures*.

The mass operator, being a Lorentz scalar, is symmetric, while the magnetic moment, being a Lorentz tensor operator is antisymmetric in the two fermion fields.

In 1988, Voloshin proposed a new  $SU(2)_v$  symmetry that transforms v into v<sup>c</sup>.

A neutrino mass term, being symmetric under this exchange, would then be forbidden by the  $SU(2)_v$  symmetry, while the magnetic moment operator,  $v^T$  $C\sigma_{uv}v^cF^{\mu v}$  is antisymmetric under the exchange.

1989: Barbieri and R. N. Mohapatra pointed out that its hard to implement the Voloshin symmetry since it does not commute with SM.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mag.}} = (\nu_e^T \quad \nu_\mu^T) C^{-1} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix} F^{\mu\nu}$$
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = (\nu_e^T \quad \nu_\mu^T) C^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

### **B.** $SU(2)_H$ Symmetry for Enhanced Neutrino Magnetic Moment

A horizontal symmetry acting on the electron and the muon families can serve the same purpose, as such a symmetry commutes with the weak interactions.

Our simplification is that the symmetry is only approximate, broken explicitly by electron and muon masses.

The explicit breaking of  $SU(2)_H$  by the lepton masses is analogous to chiral symmetry breaking in the strong interaction sector by masses of the light quarks.

 $SU(2)_H$  cannot be exact, as it would imply  $m_e = m_{\mu}$ . Explicit but small breaking of  $SU(2)_H$ , so that realistic electron and muon masses can be generated.

Leptons of the Standard Model transform under  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times SU(2)_H$  as follows:

$$\psi_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e & \nu_\mu \\ e & \mu \end{pmatrix}_L \quad (2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2)$$
  

$$\psi_R = (e & \mu)_R \quad (1, -1, 2)$$
  

$$\psi_{3L} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} \quad (2, -\frac{1}{2}, 1)$$
  

$$\tau_R \quad (1, -1, 1)$$

**Higgs sector:** 

$$\phi_{S} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{S}^{+} \\ \phi_{S}^{0} \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{1}^{+} & \phi_{2}^{+} \\ \phi_{1}^{0} & \phi_{2}^{0} \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2, \frac{1}{2}, 2)$$

$$\eta = (\eta_{1}^{+} & \eta_{2}^{+}) \qquad (1, 1, 2) .$$

Babu, SJ, Lindner (2020)

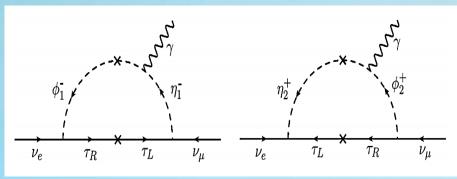
 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = h_1 \operatorname{Tr} \left( \bar{\psi}_L \phi_S \psi_R \right) + h_2 \bar{\psi}_{3L} \phi_S \tau_R + h_3 \bar{\psi}_{3L} \Phi i \tau_2 \psi_R^T$  $+ f \eta \tau_2 \psi_L^T \tau_2 C \psi_{3L} + f' \operatorname{Tr} \left( \bar{\psi}_L \Phi \right) \tau_R + H.c.$ 

> Here  $SU(2)_H$  acts horizontally, while  $SU(2)_L$  acts vertically.

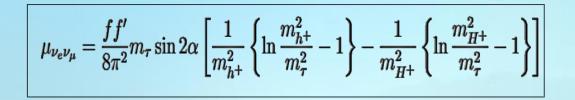
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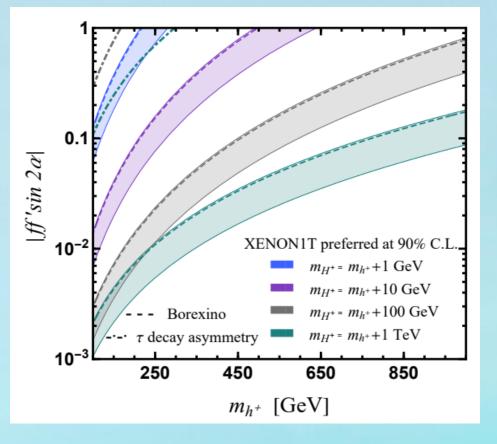
### **B.** $SU(2)_H$ Symmetry for Enhanced Neutrino Magnetic Moment

\* The Lagrangian of the model **does not respect lepton number**. The  $SU(2)_H$  limit of the model however respects  $L_e - L_\mu$  symmetry. This allows a nonzero transition magnetic moment, while neutrino mass terms are forbidden.



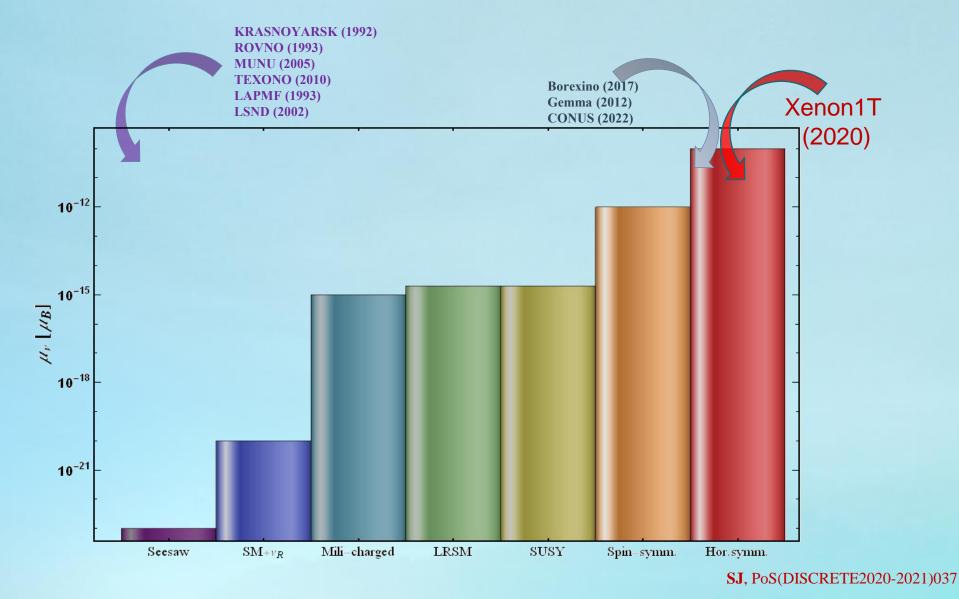
★ In the  $SU(2)_H$  symmetric limit, the two diagrams add for  $\mu_{vev\mu}$ , while they cancel for  $m_v$ .



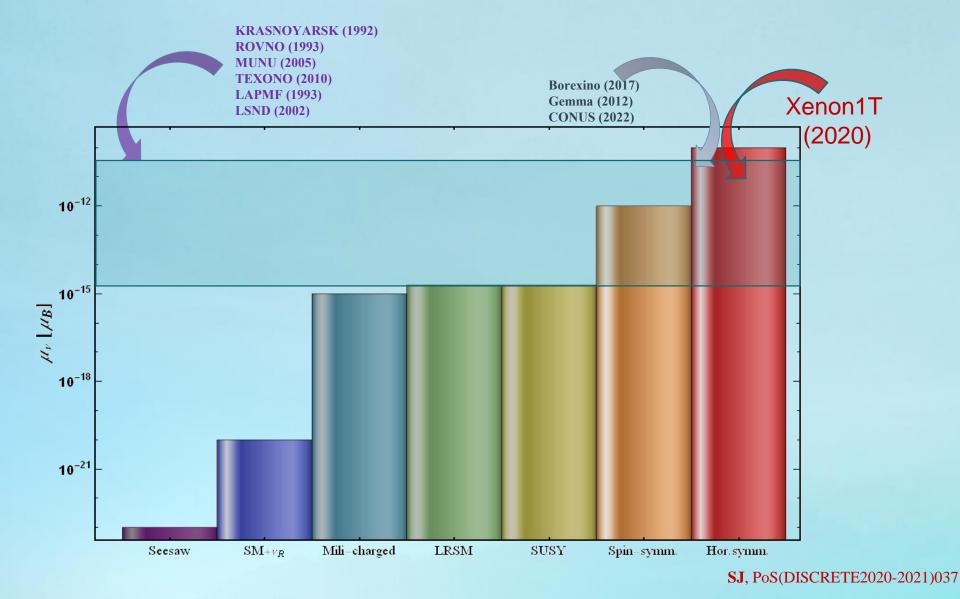


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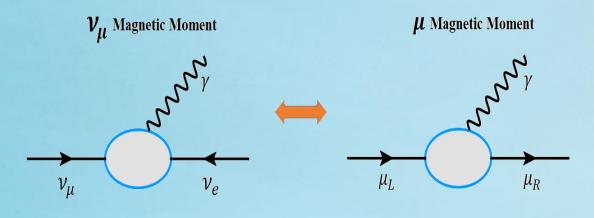
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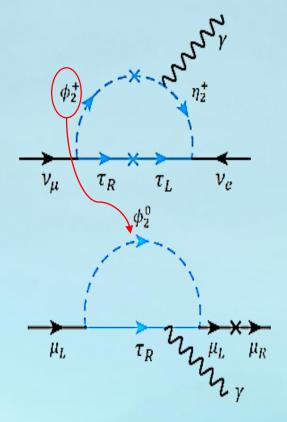
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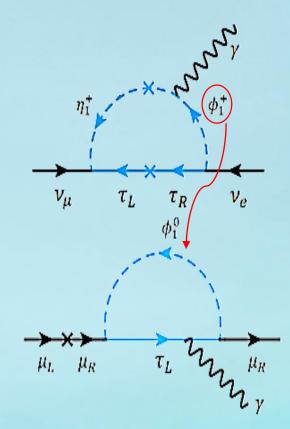


## Neutrino magnetic moments – charged lepton g-2 correlation



The models that induce neutrino magnetic moments while maintaining their small masses naturally also predict observable shifts in the charged lepton anomalous magnetic moment.

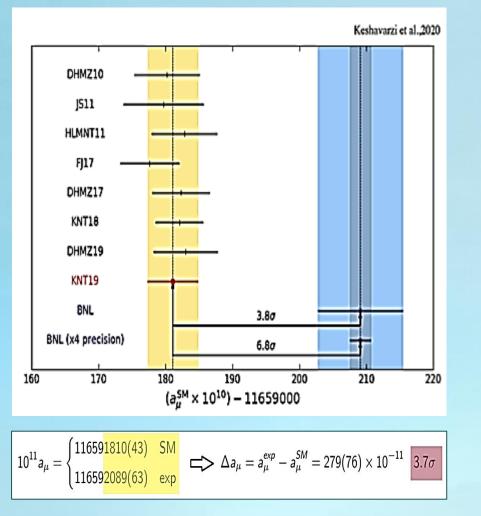




Babu, SJ, Lindner, Kovilakam (2021)

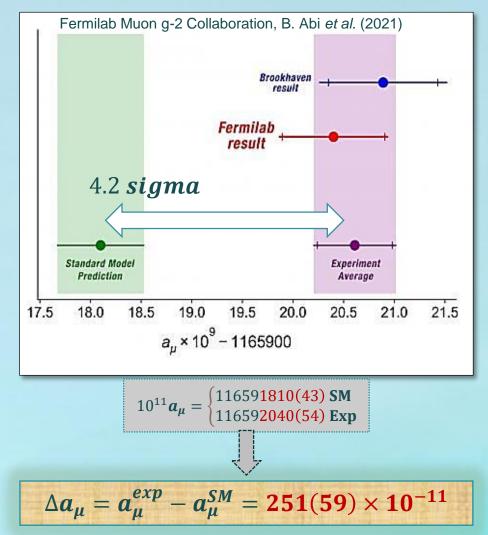
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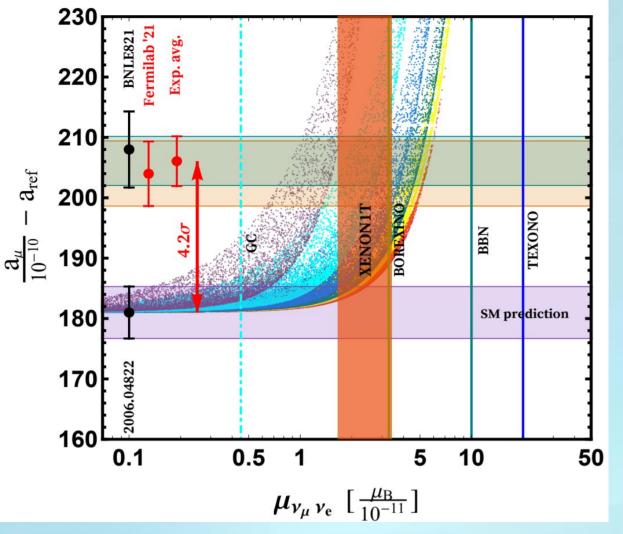


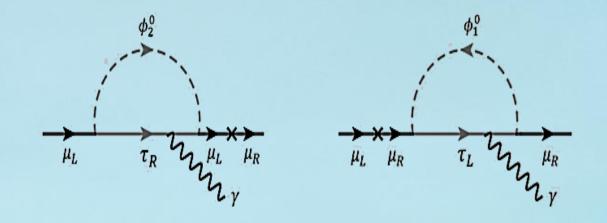
T. Aoyama et al. (2000), G. Bennett et al. (2006)

#### After Fermilab muon *g*-2 announcement:



### Neutrino magnetic moments – Muon g-2 anomaly





- A direct correlation between the neutrino magnetic moment and muon g-2
- Sign and strength are automatic here, no control over it.

• A minimal unified framework:  $\mu_v, m_v, (g-2)_{\mu}$ .

Babu, SJ, Lindner, Kovilakam (2021)

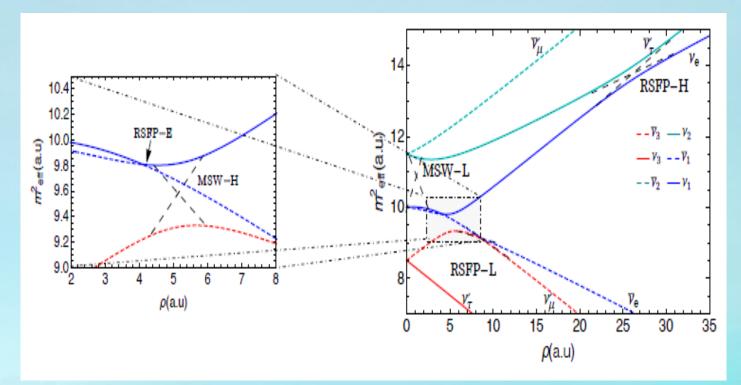
## **Exploiting a future galactic supernova to probe** *neutrino magnetic moments*

A core-collapse supernova offers an excellent astrophysical laboratory to test non-zero neutrino magnetic moments. In particular, the neutronization burst phase which lasts for few tens of milliseconds post-bounce, is dominated by electron neutrinos and can offer exceptional discovery potential for transition magnetic moments

The evolution of neutrinos and antineutrinos in the presence of a finite transverse magnetic field:

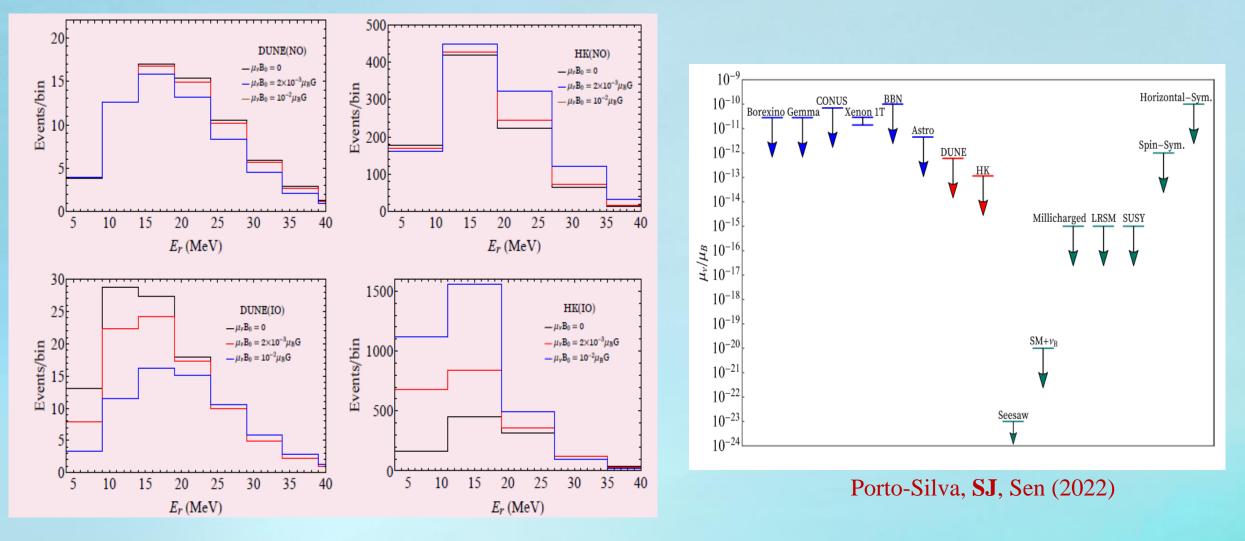
$$i\frac{d}{dr}\begin{pmatrix}\nu\\\bar{\nu}\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}H_{\nu} & B_{\perp}M\\-B_{\perp}M & H_{\bar{\nu}}\end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix}\nu\\\bar{\nu}\end{pmatrix}$$
$$H_{\nu} = \frac{1}{2E}U\begin{pmatrix}0 & 0 & 0\\0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0\\0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2\end{pmatrix}U^{\dagger} + \begin{pmatrix}V_{\nu_e} & 0 & 0\\0 & V_{\nu_{\mu}} & 0\\0 & 0 & V_{\nu_{\tau}}\end{pmatrix}$$
$$M = \begin{pmatrix}0 & \mu_{e\mu} & \mu_{e\tau}\\-\mu_{e\mu} & 0 & \mu_{\mu\tau}\\-\mu_{e\tau} & -\mu_{\mu\tau} & 0\end{pmatrix}$$

Akhmedov and T. Fukuyama (2003), Ando and Sato (2003)



Porto-Silva, SJ, Sen (2022)

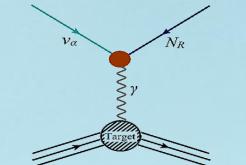
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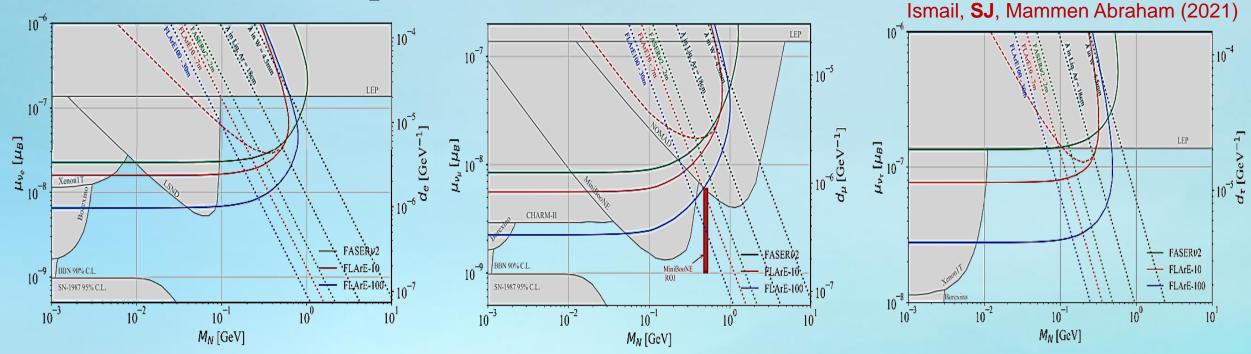


### Active to sterile transition magnetic moments

Triggered by the several anomalies such as **XENON1T** and the long-standing **MiniBooNE** anomalies, the **magnetic dipole portal** linking the active and sterile neutrinos has been recently received attention and studied at various facilities.

$$\mathcal{L}_{dipole} \supset \frac{1}{2} \mu^{\alpha}_{\nu} \bar{\nu}^{\alpha}_{L} \sigma^{\mu\nu} N_{R} F_{\mu\nu}$$



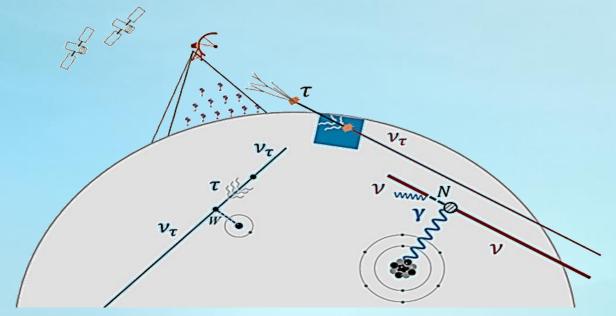


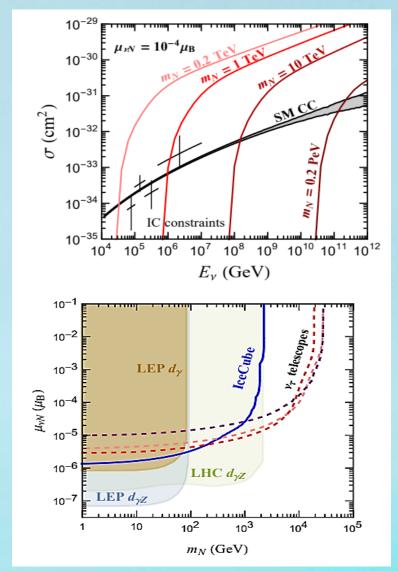
For other works on dipole portal in different contexts, see S. Gninenko (2009, 2012), Magill et al. (2018), Schwetz et al. (2020), Brdar et al. (2021), Shoemaker et al. (2021), Bolton et al. (2021), Miranda et al. (2021), Zhange et al. (2022), Jodłowski et al. (2020) ...

## Active to sterile transition magnetic moments

The EeV cosmogenic neutrino flux, though uncontrollable, represents a new energy frontier with collision energies much higher than what has been achieved by colliders. With this energy frontier, UHE neutrino telescopes have many advantages in probing certain new physics processes.

#### Primakoff production of heavy sterile neutrino via nu transition magnetic moment





Huang, **SJ**, Lindner, Rodejohann (2022)

## **Other electromagnetic properties of neutrino**

### **Electric (milli-) charge of neutrinos**

Neutrinos can have nonzero neutrino electric millicharges. The introduction of a right-handed neutrino  $v_R$  into the standard model brings a new hypercharge parameter, into the anomaly equations which destroys the charge quantization.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset q_{\nu_{\alpha}} \overline{\nu_{\alpha}} \gamma_{\mu} \nu_{\alpha} A^{\mu}$$

Consequences:

- 1. Charge conservation in  $\beta$ -decay
- 2. Physical consequences of charged atoms
- 3. Anomalous magnetic moments of charged leptons
- 4. Neutrino-electron/nucleon scattering
- 5. Energy loss in red giant and white dwarf stars
- 6. Limits on a cosmologically induced thermal photon mass

#### Constraints:

- $q_v \sim 10^{-21}$  e from neutrality of the hydrogen atom
- $q_{\nu} \leq 10^{-19}$  e from astrophysical limit (from the impact of the neutrino star turning mechanism)
- $q_{\nu} \leq 1.5 \times 10^{-11}$  e from reactor neutrino constraint

Studenikin (2019), Babu et al (1989), Foot et al. (1989), Sarkar et al. (2020), ...

### **Neutrino charge-radius**

• Even if a neutrino millicharge is vanishing, the electric form factor can still contain nontrivial information about neutrino electromagnetic properties.

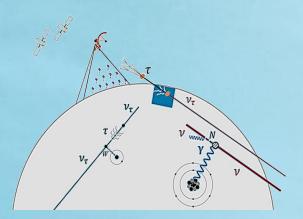
$$\langle r_{ij}^2 \rangle = -6 \frac{df_Q^{ij}(q^2)}{dq^2} |_{q^2=0}$$

• For a massless neutrino the neutrino charge radius is the only electromagnetic characteristic that can have nonzero value.

$$\begin{split} \langle r_{\nu_{\alpha}}^2 \rangle_{\rm SM} &= \frac{G_f}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \Big[ 3 - 2\log\frac{m_{\ell}^2}{m_W^2} \Big], \\ \langle r_{\nu_e}^2 \rangle_{\rm SM} &\simeq 4.1 \times 10^{-33} \ {\rm cm}^2 \\ \langle r_{\nu_{\mu}}^2 \rangle_{\rm SM} &\simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-33} \ {\rm cm}^2 \\ \langle r_{\nu_{\tau}}^2 \rangle_{\rm SM} &\simeq 1.5 \times 10^{-33} \ {\rm cm}^2 \ , \end{split}$$

• The best constraints (in cm<sup>2</sup>)come from CCFR and CHARM-II: -5.2 × 10<sup>-33</sup> <  $\langle r_{\nu\mu}^2 \rangle$  < 6.8 × 10<sup>-33</sup>.

Bernabeu et al. (2000), Hirsch et al. (2003)...



## Summary



The theoretical and experimental investigation of neutrino electromagnetic interactions can serve as a powerful tool in the search for the fundamental theory behind the neutrino mass generation mechanism.

Anomalous electromagnetic properties of charged leptons and neutrinos can be correlated.

