Electromagnetic Properties of Neutrinos

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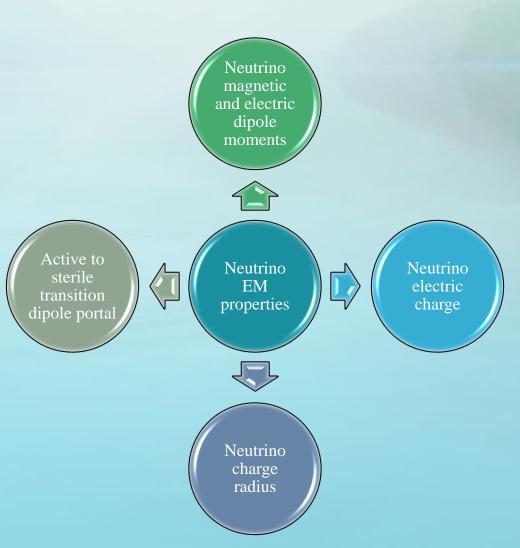


Neutrino electromagnetic properties

- 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, (JHEP 2020)
- 2. Babu, **SJ**, Lindner, Vishnu, (JHEP 2021)
- **3. SJ**, Porto-Silva, Sen, (JCAP 2022)
- 4. **SJ**, Porto (2023)



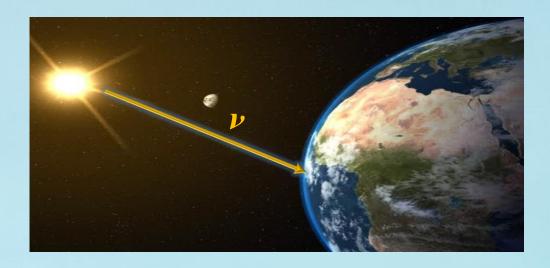
Charged lepton magnetic moments

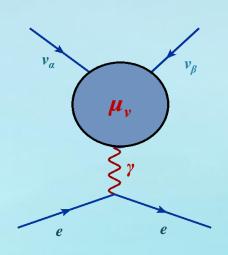


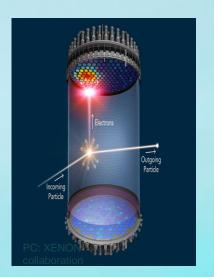


How much do they rotate on their axes in a powerful magnetic field as they race around the magnet?

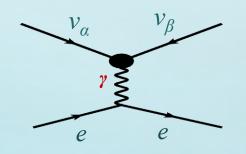
Neutrino magnetic moments





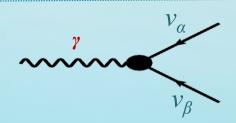


Consequences of neutrino magnetic moments



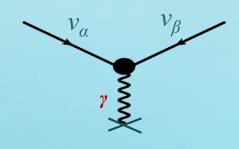
Scattering

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



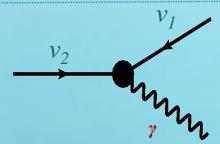
Plasmon decays in stars

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



Spin precision in external B field

$$i\frac{d}{dr} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ \bar{\nu} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & B_{\perp}M \\ -B_{\perp}M & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ \bar{\nu} \end{pmatrix}$$



Decay or Cherenkov effect

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

Neutrino magnetic moments: experimental status

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

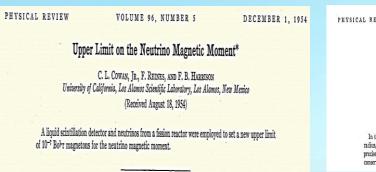


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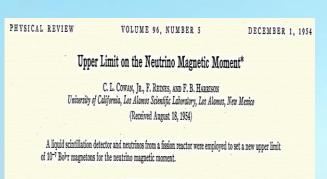


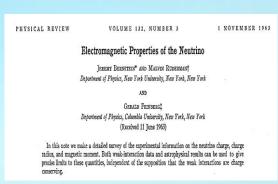
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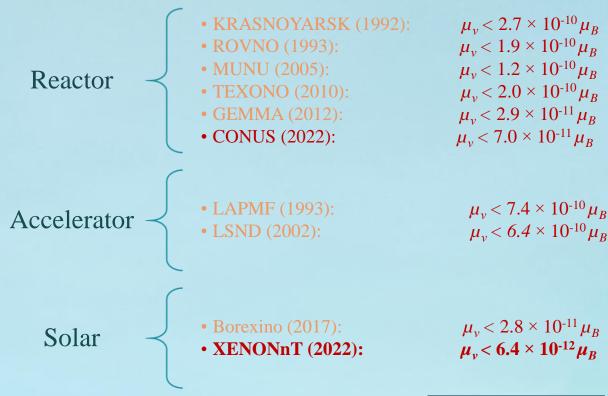
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Excess between 1-7 keV

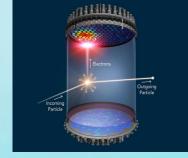
285 events observed

vs.

232 (+/- 15) events expected (from best-fit)

Would be a **3.5σ** fluctuation (naive estimate – we use likelihood ratio tests for main analysis

E. Aprile et al. (2020)



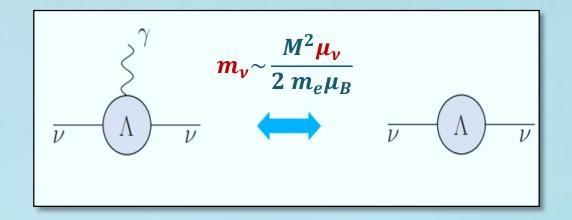
XENON Collaboration,

See talk by Mariam Tórtola

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 μ_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 $\mu_v \sim 10^{-11}$ μ_B .

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





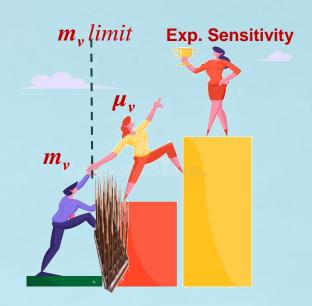
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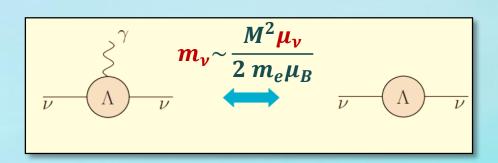
This conundrum was well recognized three decades ago when there was great interest in explaining the apparent time variation of solar neutrino flux detected by the Chlorine experiment in anti-correlation with the Sun-spot activity.

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.



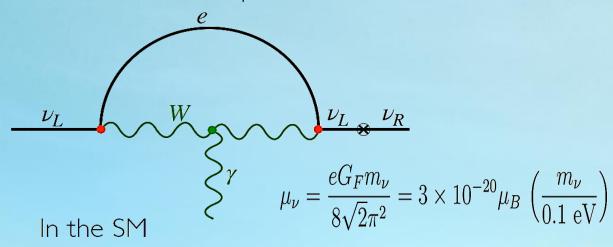


Neutrino magnetic moments in beyond the Standard Model

$$SM + v_R$$

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$$\mathcal{L} \supset \mu_{\nu} \overline{\nu}_{L} \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_{R} F^{\mu\nu} + m_{\nu} \overline{\nu}_{L} \nu_{R} + \text{H.c.}$$



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

K. Fujikawa and R. Shrock (1980)

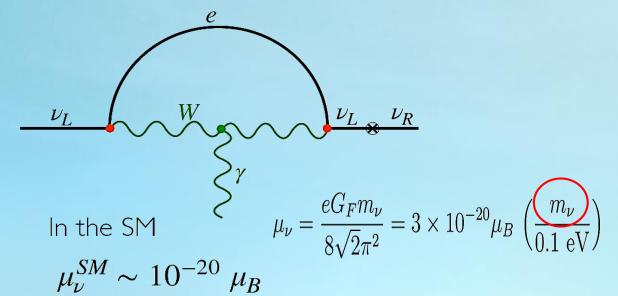
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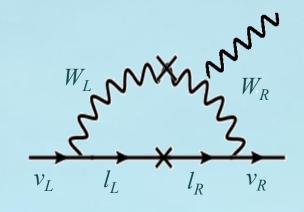


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Left-Right Symmetric Model

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



$$\mu_{\nu} \simeq \frac{G_F(m_{\ell})}{2\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \sin 2\xi$$

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

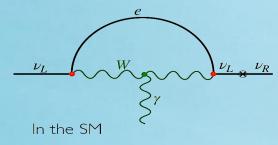
This mixing angle is constrained by muon decay asymmetry parameters, $b \to s \gamma$ decay rate, indirect LHC limits leading to a limit $\mu_{\nu} < 10^{-15} \mu_{B}$

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



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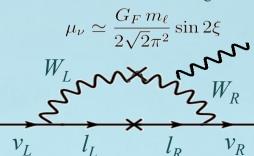
Supersymmetric theory

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 $10^{-15} \mu_B$.

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

Left-Right Symmetric Model

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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 $\mu_v \sim 10^{-23} \mu_B$

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

0.2

1000

 m_{h^+} [GeV]

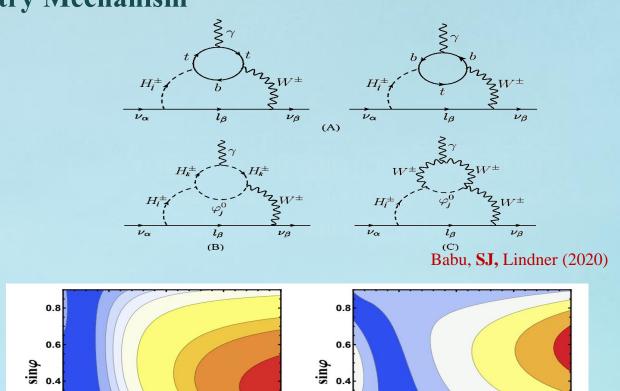
500

1500

2000

- In renormalizable gauge theories there are **no direct** couplings of the type γW^+S^- .
- 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 γW^+S^- for generating μ_{ν} , 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 $\sim 10^{-12} \mu_B$

500

1000

 m_{h^+} [GeV]

1500

2000

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^c .

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 $C\sigma_{\mu\nu}v^cF^{\mu\nu}$ 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.

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

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e^T & \nu_\mu^T \end{pmatrix} C^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

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:

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

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

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

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

Higgs sector:

tor:
$$\phi_S = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_S^+ \\ \phi_S^0 \end{pmatrix} \qquad (2, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^+ & \phi_2^+ \\ \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 (2, \frac{1}{2}, 2)

$$\eta = (\eta_1^+ \quad \eta_2^+)$$

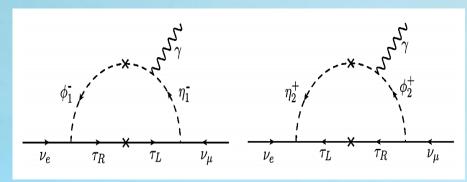
(1, 1, 2) . Babu, **SJ,** Lindner (2020)

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

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

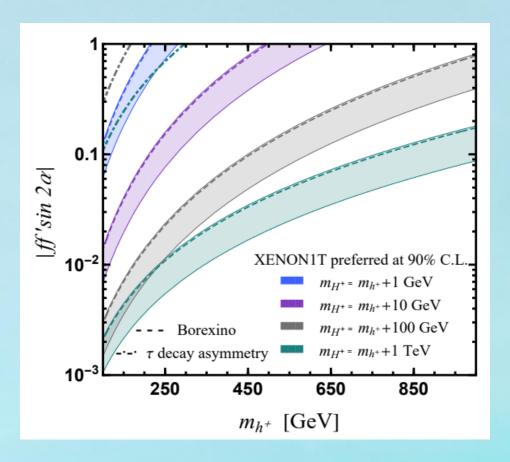
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* The Lagrangian of the model does not respect lepton number. The $SU(2)_H$ limit of the model however respects $L_e - L_\mu$ symmetry. This allows a nonzero transition magnetic moment, while neutrino mass terms are forbidden.



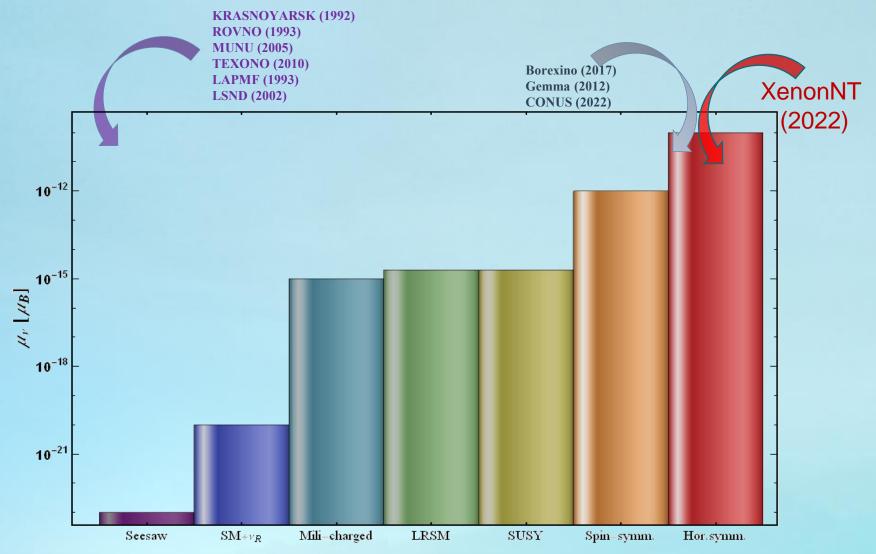
❖ In the $SU(2)_H$ symmetric limit, the two diagrams add for $\mu_{vev\mu}$, while they cancel for m_v .

$$\mu_{\nu_e\nu_\mu} = \frac{ff'}{8\pi^2} m_\tau \sin 2\alpha \left[\frac{1}{m_{h^+}^2} \left\{ \ln \frac{m_{h^+}^2}{m_\tau^2} - 1 \right\} - \frac{1}{m_{H^+}^2} \left\{ \ln \frac{m_{H^+}^2}{m_\tau^2} - 1 \right\} \right]$$

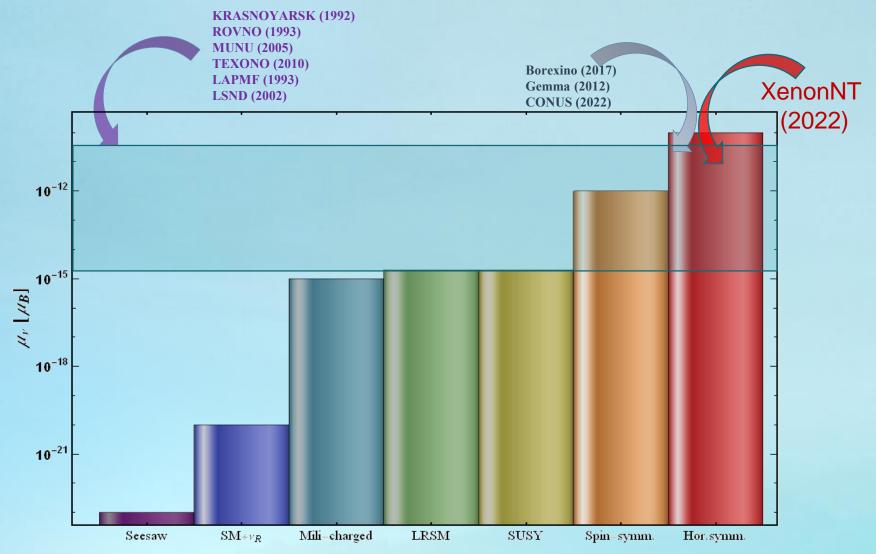


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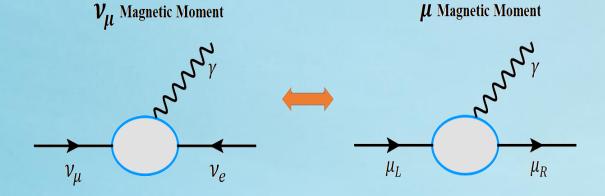
Neutrino magnetic moments: a global picture



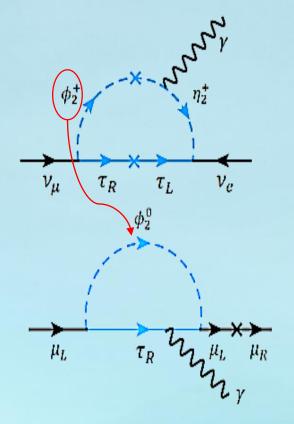
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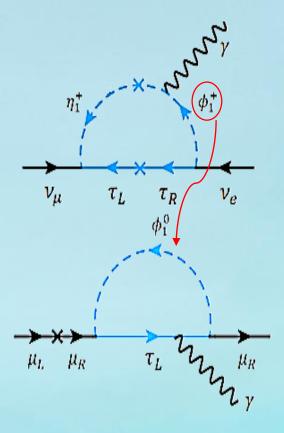


Neutrino magnetic moments – charged lepton g-2 correlation



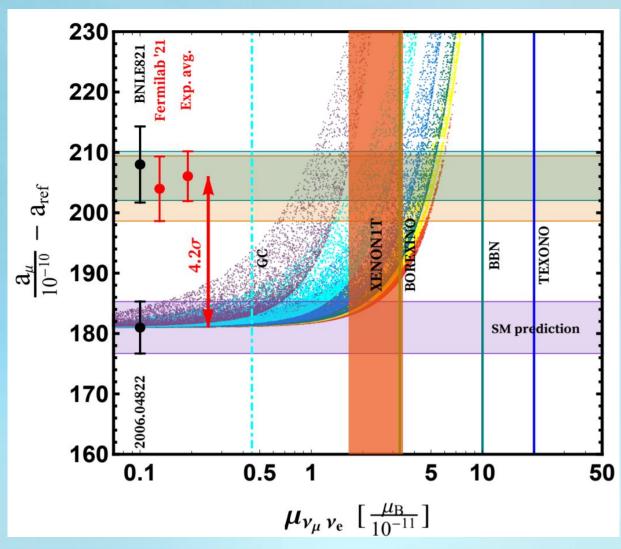
The models that induce neutrino magnetic moments while maintaining their small masses naturally also predict observable shifts in the charged lepton anomalous magnetic moment.

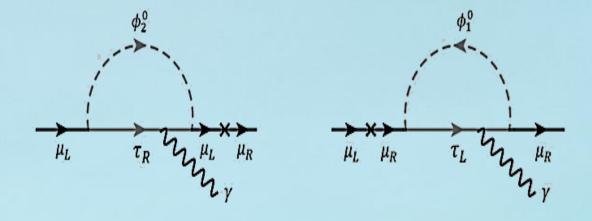




Babu, **SJ**, Lindner, Kovilakam (2021)

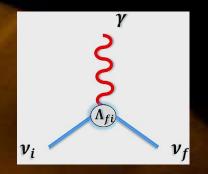
Neutrino magnetic moments – Muon g-2 anomaly





- 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: μ_{ν} , m_{ν} , $(g-2)_{\mu}$.

Neutrino Magnetic Moments: from astrophysics and cosmology

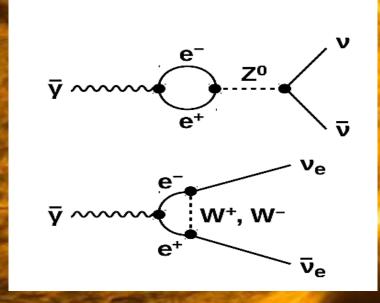


Photons in the plasma of stellar environments **can decay** either into $v\bar{v}$ for the case of Dirac neutrinos or into $v_{\alpha}v_{\beta}$ for the case of Majorana neutrinos.

If such decays occur too rapidly, that would **drain energy of the star**, in conflict with standard stellar evolution models.

The best limit on μ_v arises from red giant branch of globular clusters: $\mu_v < 1.5 \times 10^{-12} \, \mu_B$ Raffelt et al.(2013, 2021), Barbieri and Mohapatra (1988) from SN1987A signal

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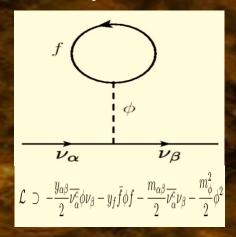
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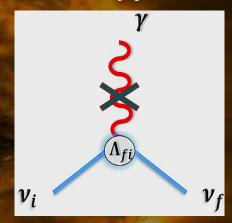
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Neutrino Trapping Mechanism

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





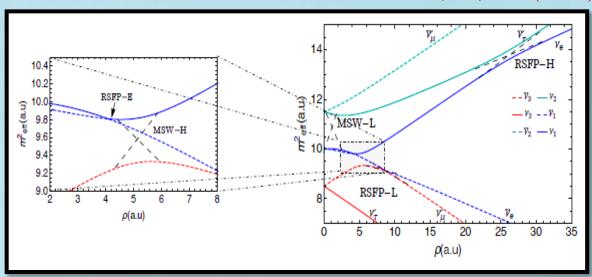
Babu, SJ, Lindner (2020)

- 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)

Exploiting a future galactic supernova to probe neutrino magnetic moments

Implosion Successful Explosion 350 300 $15M_{\odot}$ progenitor 250 200 $L_{\nu}(*10^{51})$ 150 Simulation from Garching groupe 100 50 150 200 250 300 50 t (ms)

Porto-Silva, SJ, Sen (2022)



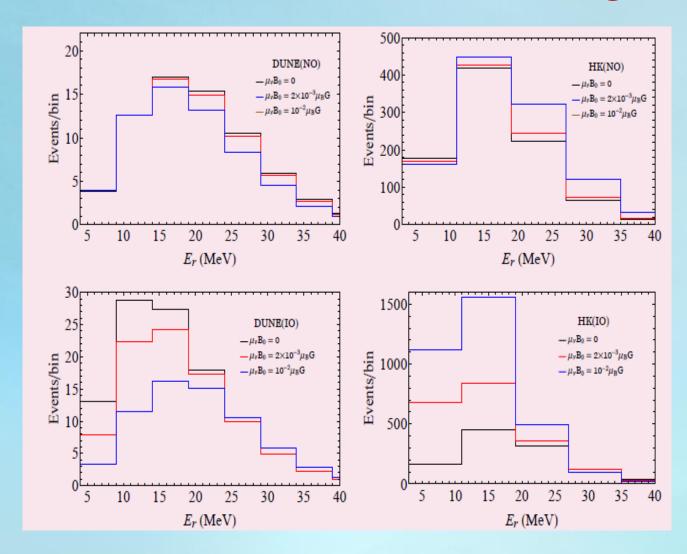
- Neutrino evolution equation: $i\frac{d}{dr}\left(\begin{array}{c}\nu\\ \bar{\nu}\end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc}H_{\nu} & B_{\perp}M\\ -B_{\perp}M & H_{\bar{\nu}}\end{array}\right)\left(\begin{array}{c}\nu\\ \bar{\nu}\end{array}\right)$
- Neutrino Hamiltonian in matter: $H_{\nu} = \frac{1}{2E} U \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix} U^{\dagger} + \begin{pmatrix} V_{\nu_e} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & V_{\nu_{\mu}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & V_{\nu_{\tau}} \end{pmatrix}$

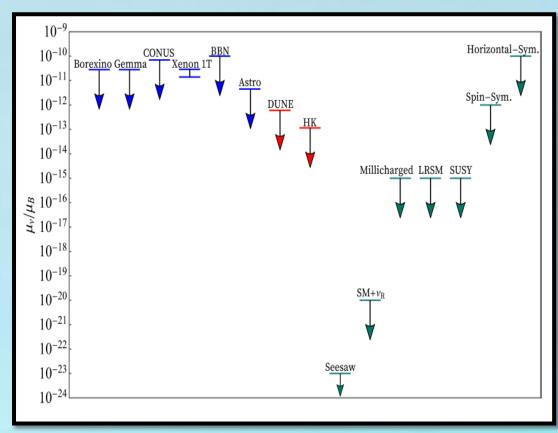
Resonance Condition:

$$\frac{\Delta m_{21}^2}{2E_{\nu}}\cos 2\theta_{12} + \bar{V}_{\mu} - V_e = 0$$

Akhmedov and Fukuyama (2003) Ando and Sato (2003)

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Porto-Silva, SJ, Sen (JCAP 2022)

Dirac neutrino magnetic moments in Sne?

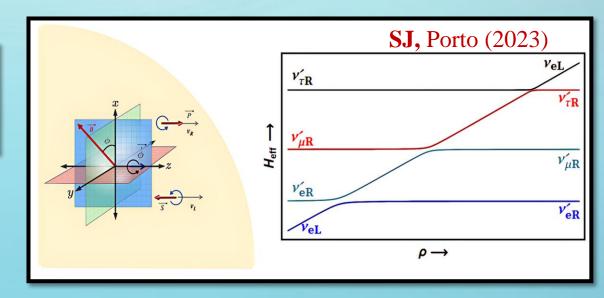
$$i\frac{d}{dr} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ \nu_{eR} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_e & \mu_{\nu}B(r) \\ \mu_{\nu}B(r) & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ \nu_{eR} \end{bmatrix}$$

But
$$V_e
eq 0$$
 "Always"

SN neutrino flavor conversion was thought to be insensitive to Dirac Magnetic Moments.

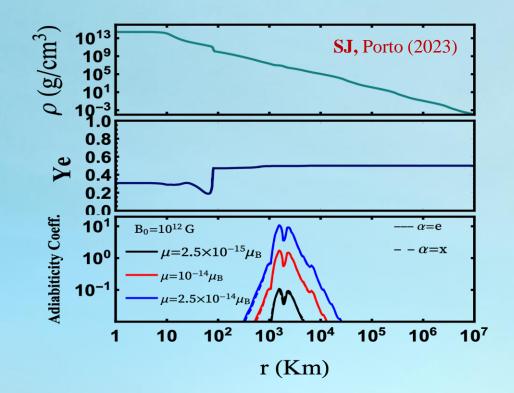
$$i\frac{d}{dr} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ \nu_{eR} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_e + \dot{\phi}/2 & \mu_{\nu}B(r) \\ \mu_{\nu}B(r) & -\dot{\phi}/2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_{eL} \\ \nu_{eR} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V_e + \dot{\phi} = 0$$
 (Resonance Condition)



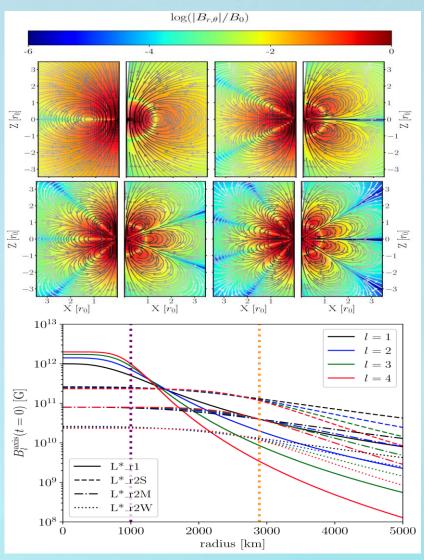
Neutrino evolution in Twisting Magnetic Fields

$$i\frac{d}{dr} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} H_L + (\dot{\phi}/2)I & \mu B(r) \\ \mu^{\dagger} B(r) & H_R - (\dot{\phi}/2)I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \nu_L \\ \nu_R \end{bmatrix}$$



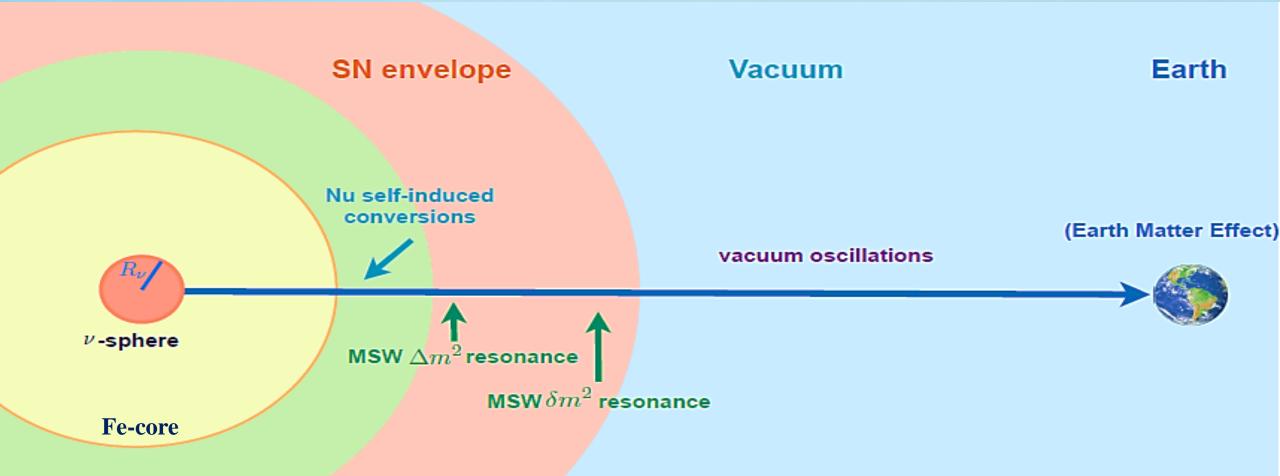
Efficient conversion in the edge of the Fe-core

$$\gamma_{lpha}=rac{2(2\mu_{
u}B)^2}{|\dot{V}_{lpha}+\ddot{\phi}|}$$
 >> 1 Vidal et al. (1990), Aneziris et al. (1990) Smirnov (1991) Akhmedov, Smirnov, Krastev (1991)

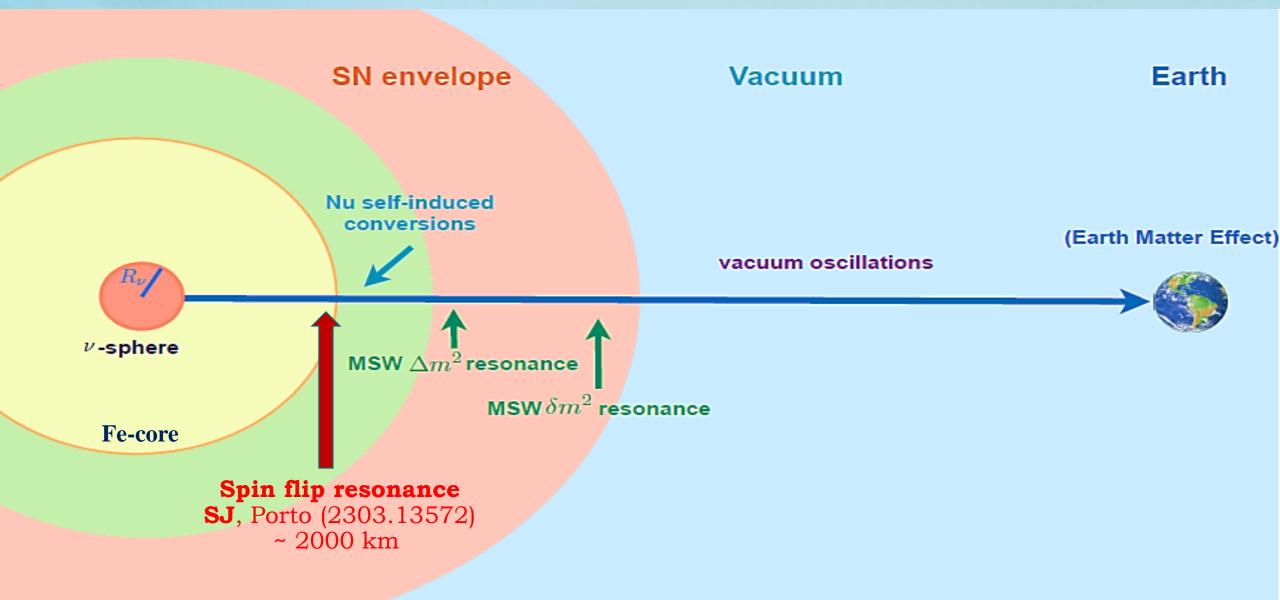


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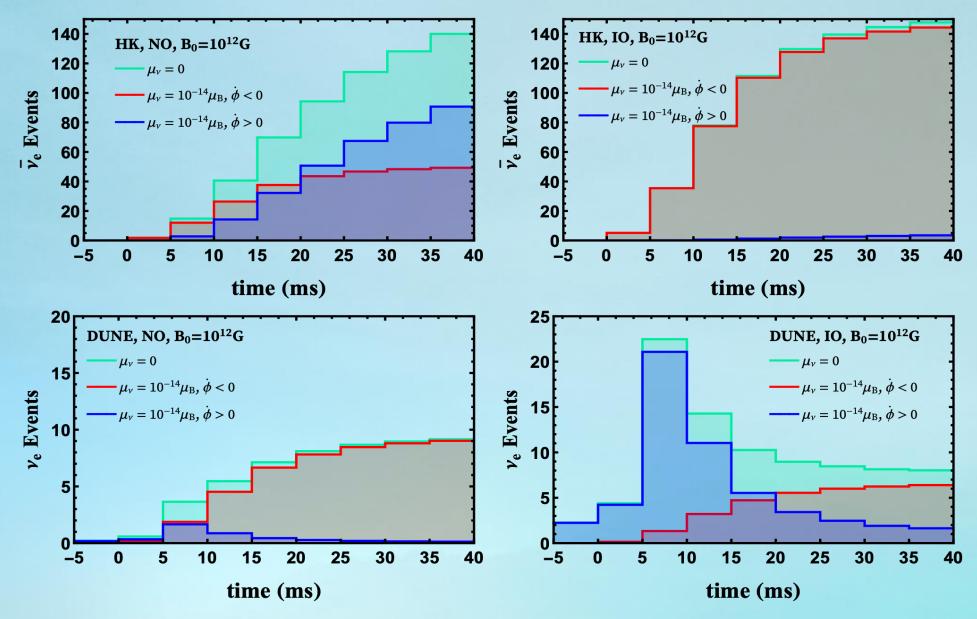
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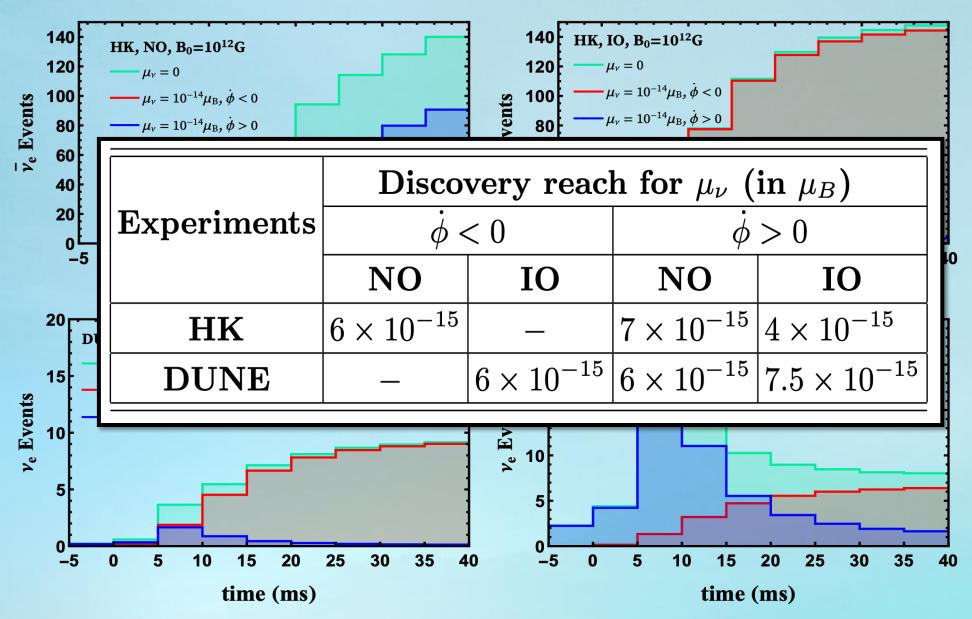
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Other electromagnetic properties of neutrino

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.

Consequences:

- 1. Charge conservation in β -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
- $q_v \le 10^{-19}$ e from astrophysical limit (from the impact of the neutrino star turning mechanism)
- $q_v \le 1.5 \times 10^{-11}$ e from reactor neutrino constraint

Neutrino charge-radius

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

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

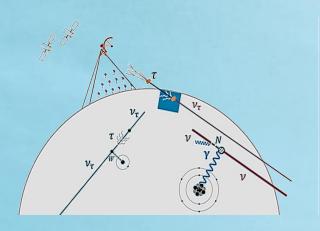
• For a massless neutrino the neutrino charge radius is the only electromagnetic characteristic that can have nonzero value.

$$\langle r_{\nu_{\alpha}}^{2} \rangle_{\text{SM}} = \frac{G_f}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left[3 - 2\log \frac{m_{\ell}^{2}}{m_{W}^{2}} \right]$$
$$\langle r_{\nu_{e}}^{2} \rangle_{\text{SM}} \simeq 4.1 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^{2}$$
$$\langle r_{\nu_{\mu}}^{2} \rangle_{\text{SM}} \simeq 2.4 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^{2}$$
$$\langle r_{\nu_{\tau}}^{2} \rangle_{\text{SM}} \simeq 1.5 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^{2}$$

• The best constraints (in cm²)come from CCFR and CHARM-II:

$$-2.6 \times 10^{-33} < \langle r_{\nu_e}^2 \rangle < 6.6 \times 10^{-32}$$
$$-5.2 \times 10^{-33} < \langle r_{\nu_\mu}^2 \rangle < 6.8 \times 10^{-33}$$

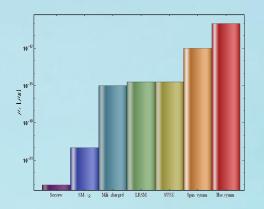
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Summary



1. 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.



- 2. Anomalous electromagnetic properties of charged leptons and neutrinos can be correlated.
- 3. If neutrinos are Dirac particles possessing large magnetic moments, the new resonance effect will present the most optimal avenue towards unravelling the scenario at hand.

