



# *Electromagnetic Properties of Neutrinos*

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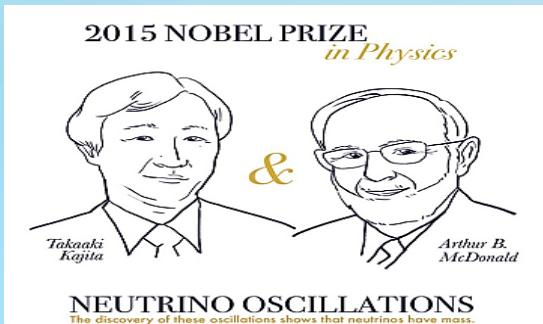
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# Current knowledge of neutrino oscillations

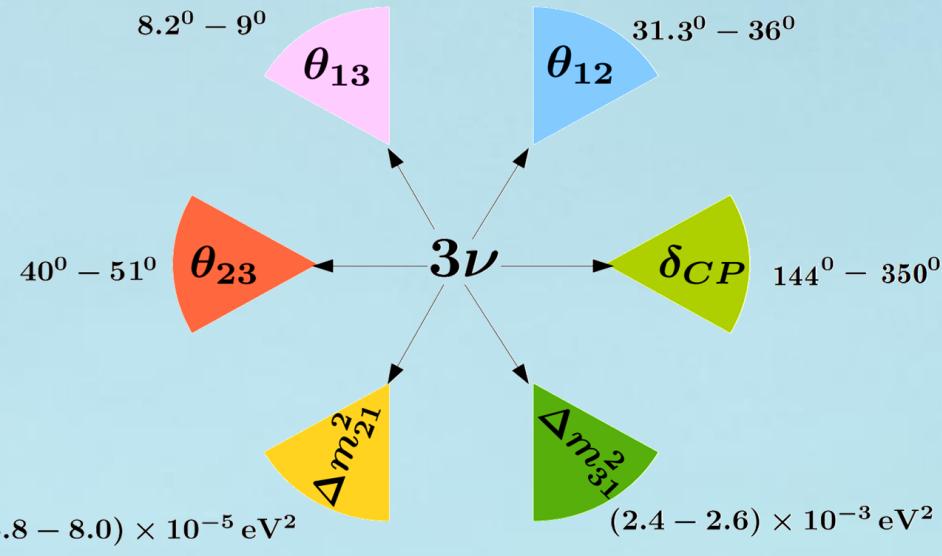
1. Neutrinos in the Standard Model are **massless**.

$$L_i \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \nu_i \\ \ell_i \end{pmatrix} \quad m_\nu = 0$$

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.



Esteban et al. (2020)  
NuFIT 5.1 (2021)

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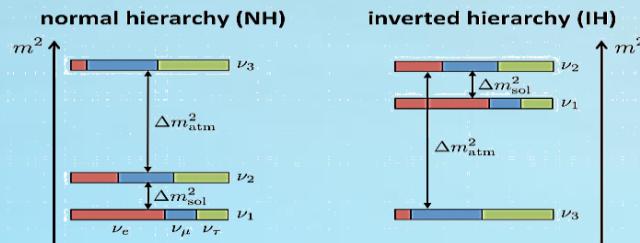
Flavor eigenstate	PMNS matrix	Mass eigenstate	
$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ \nu_\mu \\ \nu_\tau \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\theta_{23} & \sin\theta_{23} \\ 0 & -\sin\theta_{23} & \cos\theta_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_{13} & 0 & \sin\theta_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & \cos\theta_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_1 \\ \nu_2 \\ \nu_3 \end{pmatrix}$	<b>Atmospheric term</b>	<b>Reactor term</b>	<b>Solar term</b>

# *Neutrino electromagnetic properties & Pressing Questions for Neutrinos*

## *1. How do neutrinos get mass?*

## *2. Nature of neutrinos (Dirac or Majorana ?)*

## *3. Neutrino Mass ordering (Normal or Inverted ?)*

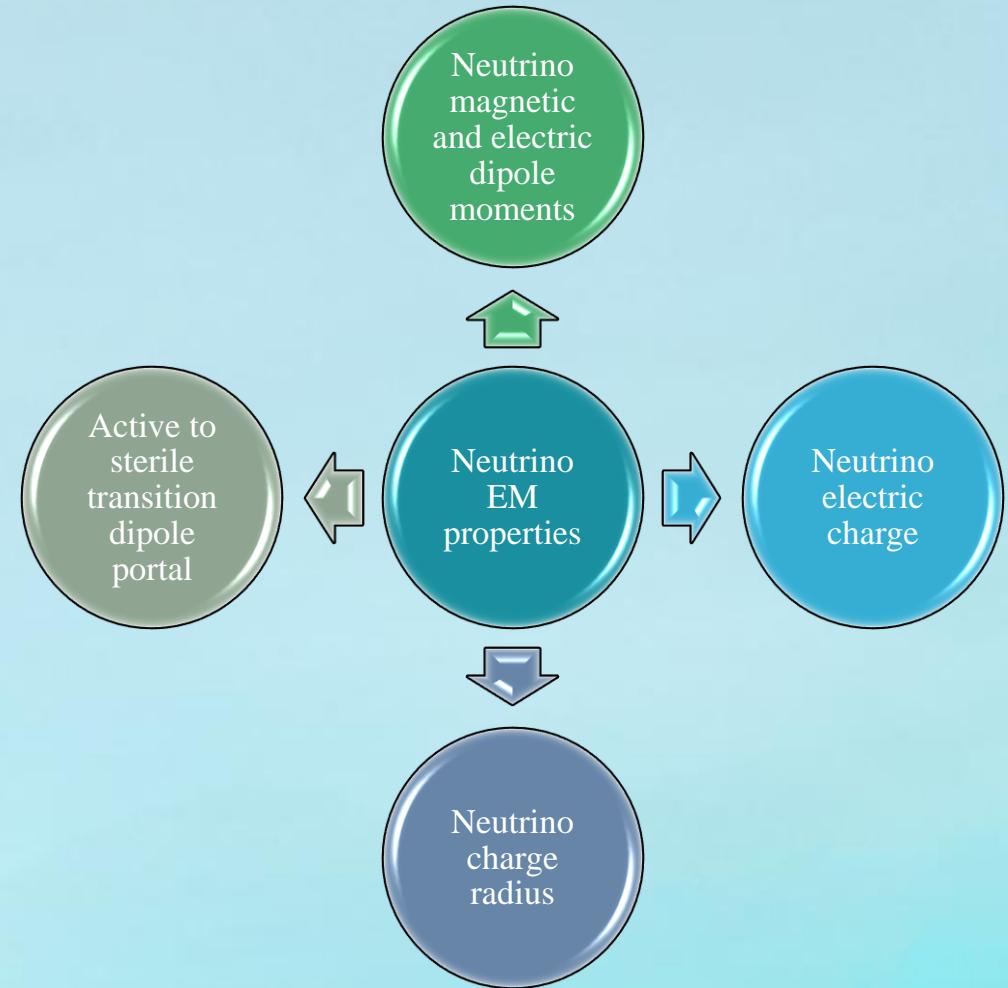


## *4. Correlation between the magnetic moments of charged leptons and neutrinos?*

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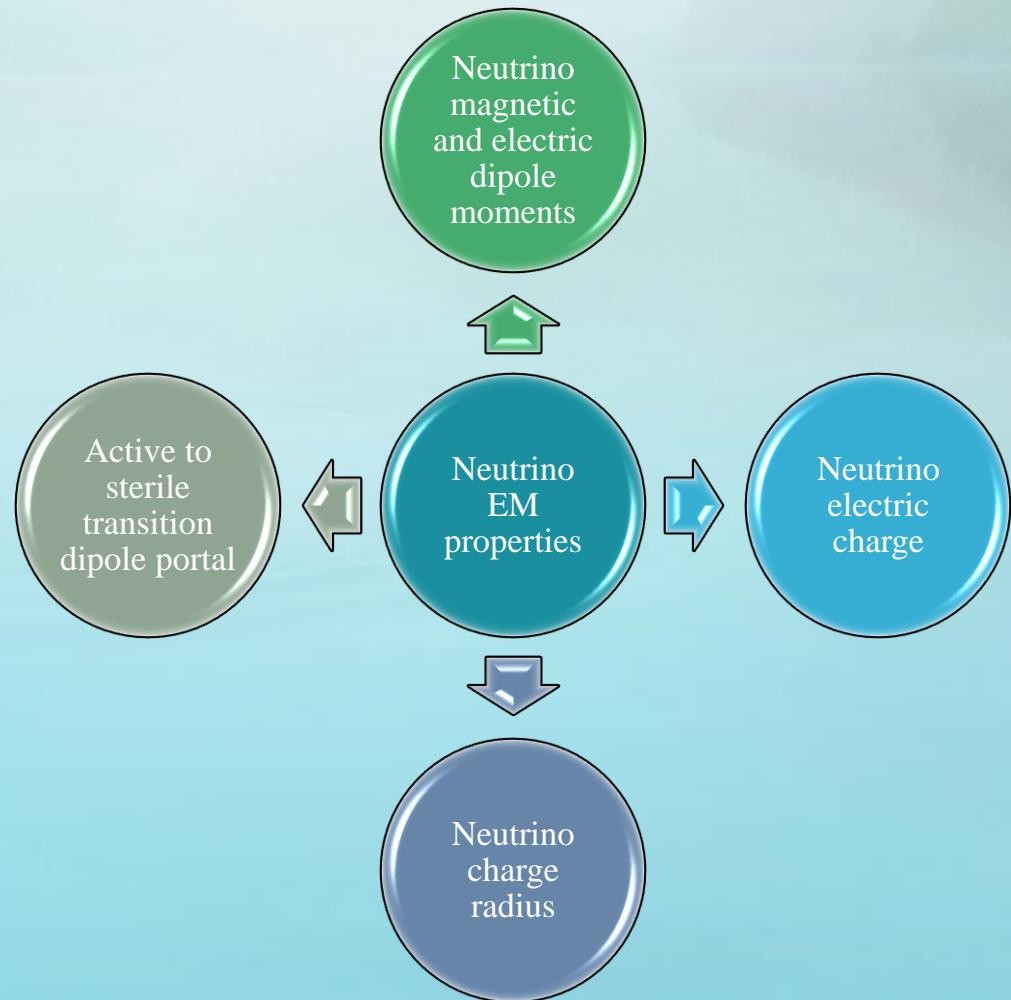
## *5. Addressing anomalies*

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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.



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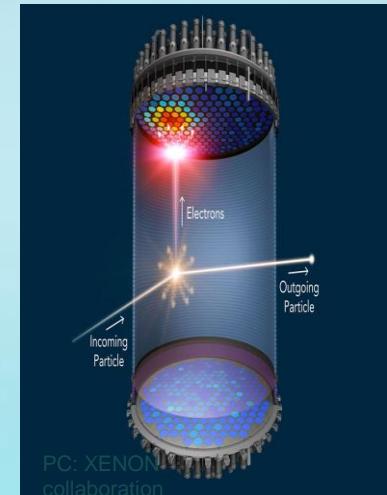
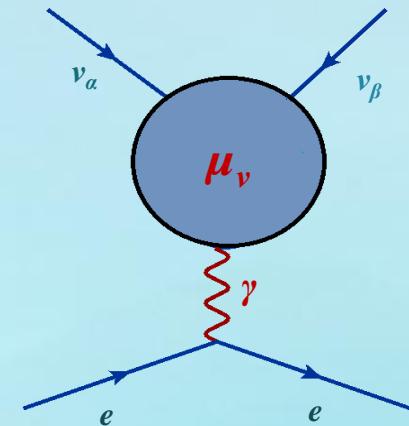
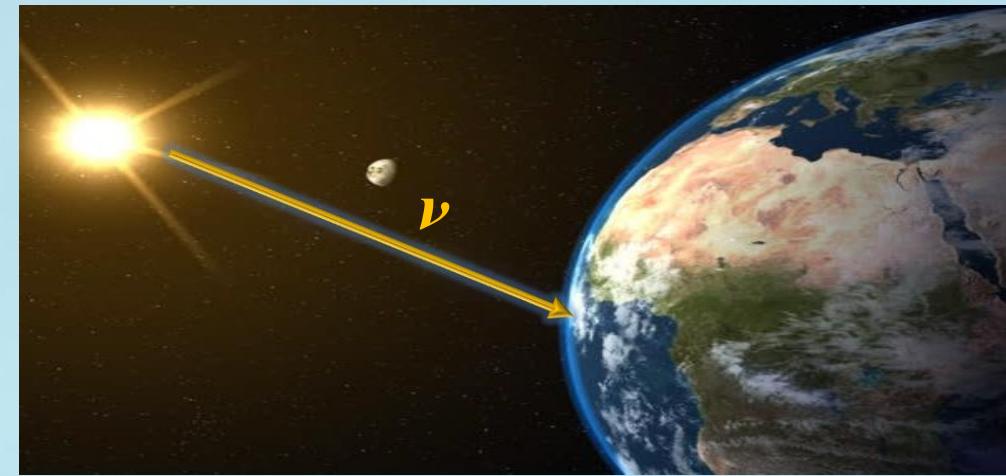
1. Babu, SJ, Lindner, (JHEP 2020)
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3. Ismail, SJ, Roshan, (PRD 2021)
4. SJ, Porto-Silva, Sen, (JCAP 2022)
5. Huang, SJ, Lindner, Rodejohann, (JCAP 2022)
6. SJ, Porto (PRL 2024)

# *Charged lepton magnetic moments*

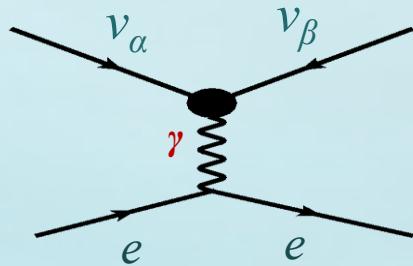


*How much do they rotate  
on their axes in a powerful magnetic field  
as they race around the magnet?*

# *Neutrino magnetic moments*

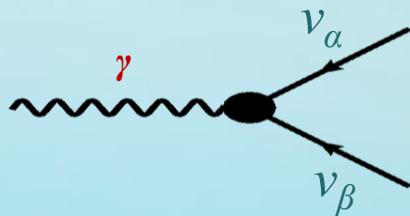


# Consequences of neutrino magnetic moments



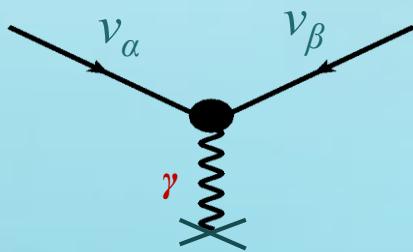
Scattering

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



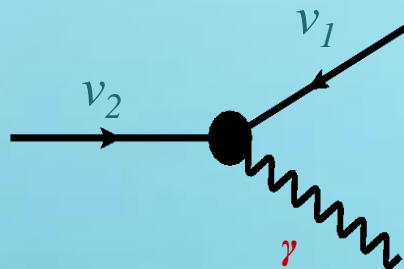
Plasmon decays  
in stars

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



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

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

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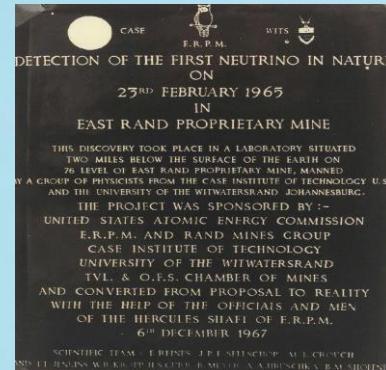
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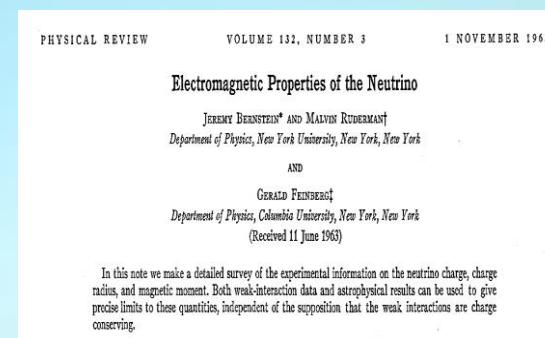
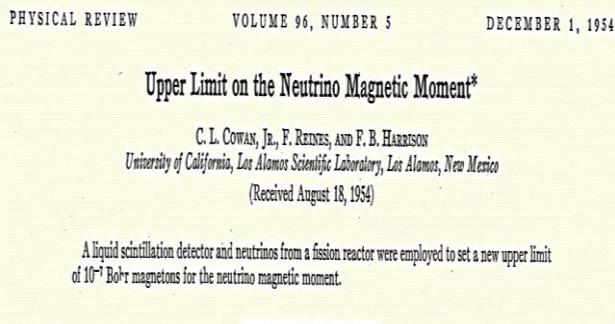
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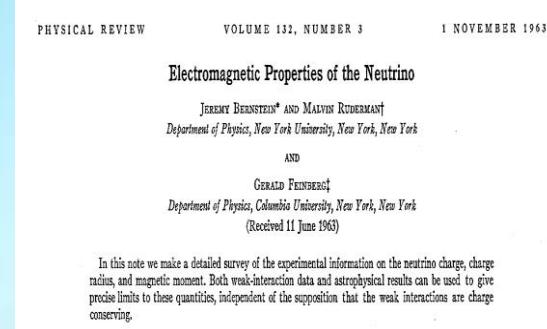
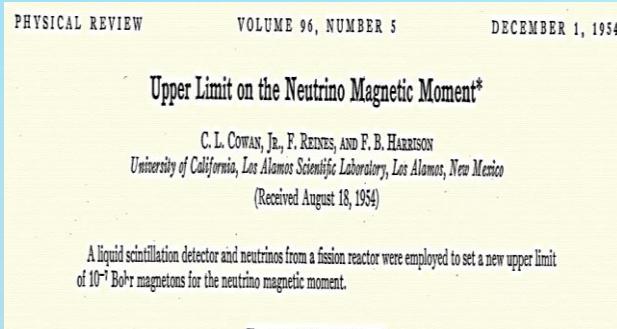
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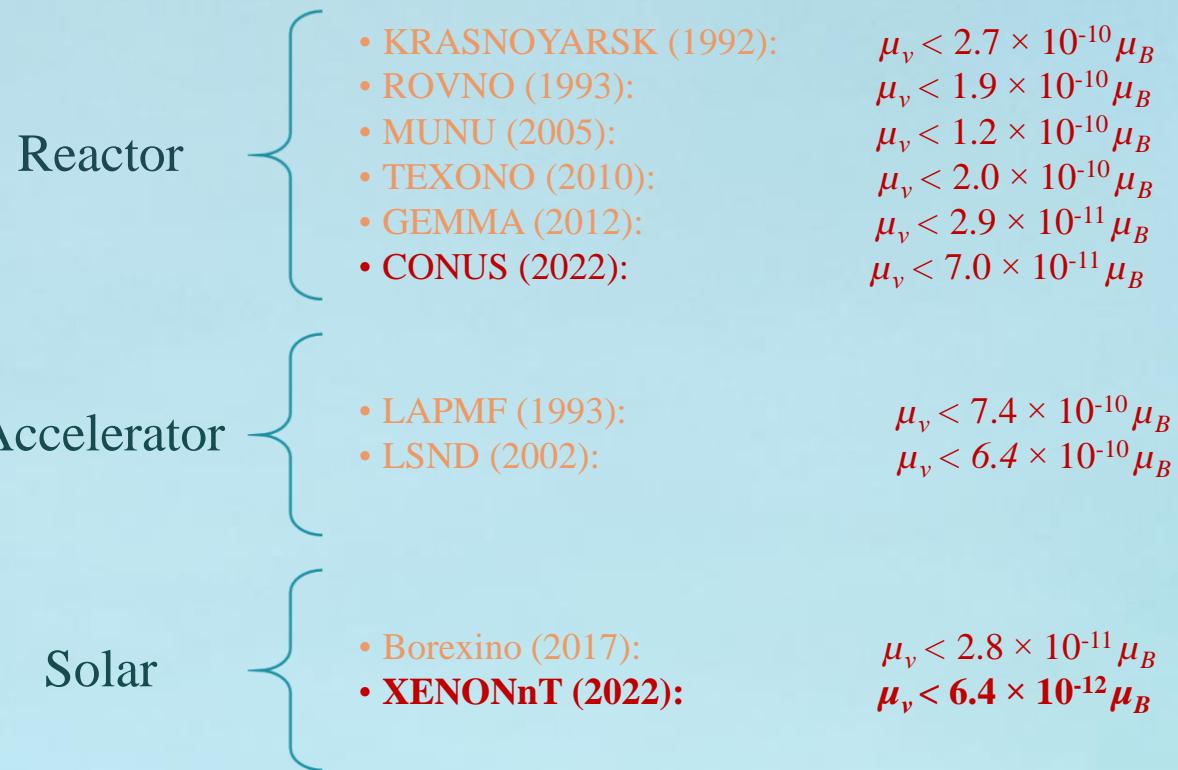
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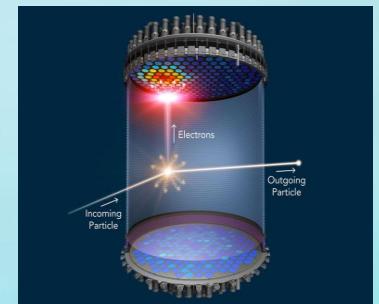


A liquid scintillation detector and neutrinos from a fission reactor were employed to set a new upper limit of  $10^{-7}$  Bohr magnetons for the neutrino magnetic moment.



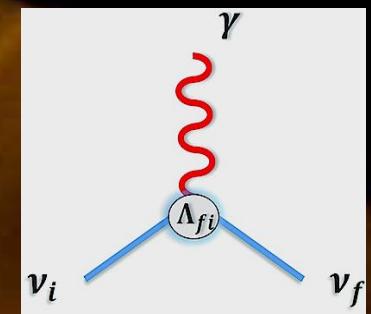
**Excess between 1-7 keV**  
285 events observed  
vs.  
232 (+/- 15) events expected (from best-fit)  
Would be a **3.5 $\sigma$**  fluctuation  
(naive estimate – we use likelihood ratio tests for main analysis)

E. Aprile et al. (2020)



XENON Collaboration,

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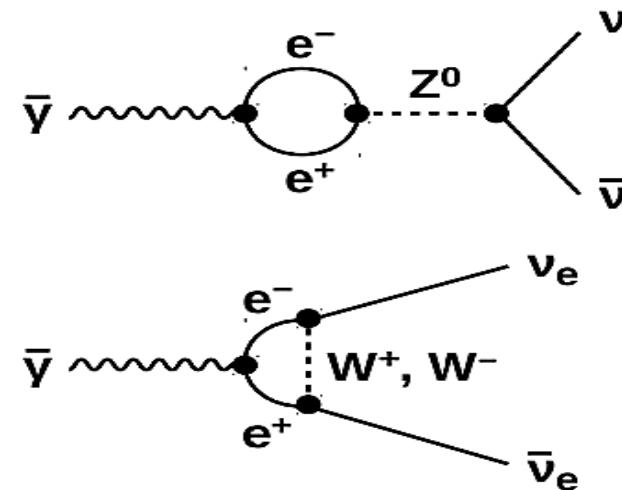


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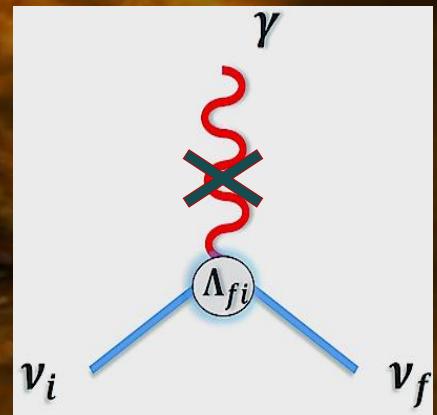
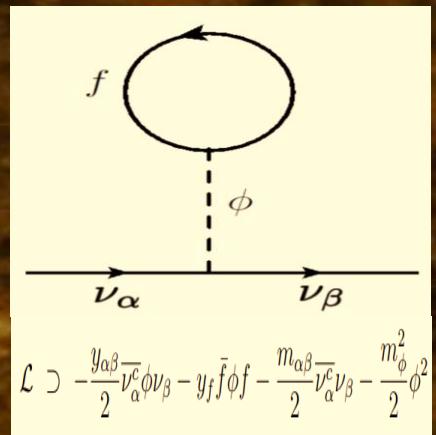
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## *Neutrino Trapping Mechanism*

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



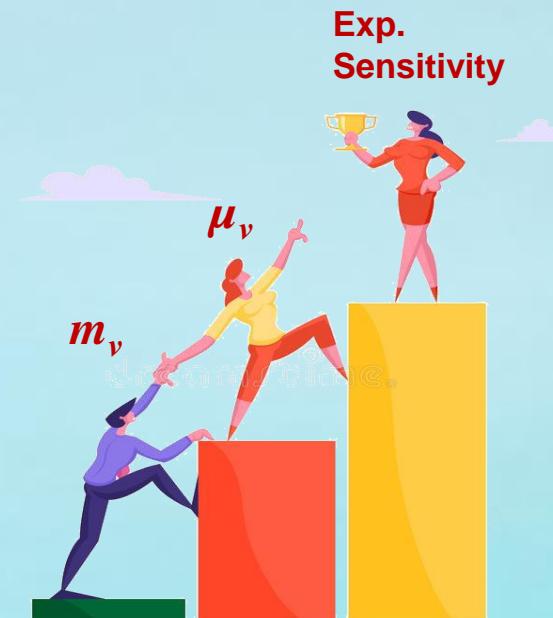
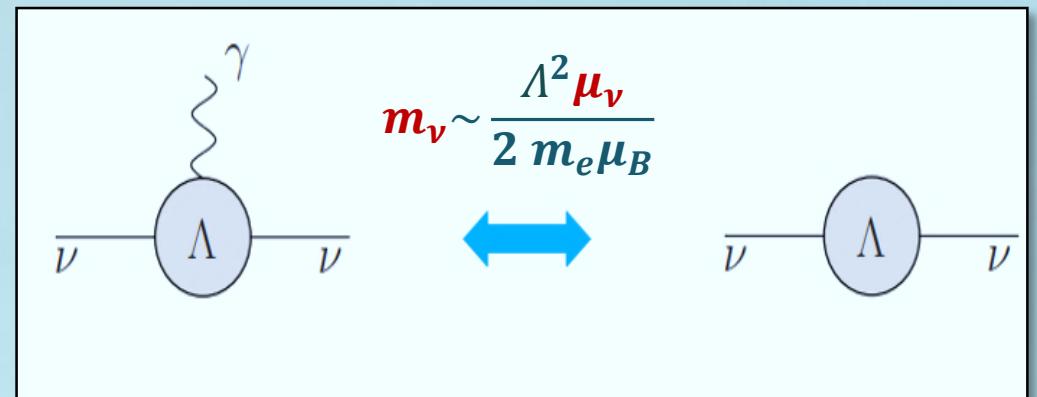
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- *Medium-dependent mass of the neutrino in the presence of a light scalar that also couples to ordinary matter in illustrating the mechanism.*
- *For phenomenological implications, see Parke et al. (2018), Smirnov et al.(2019), Babu et al. (2019)*

# 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  $\mu_\nu$ , 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  $\mu_\nu \sim 10^{-11} \mu_B$ .

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



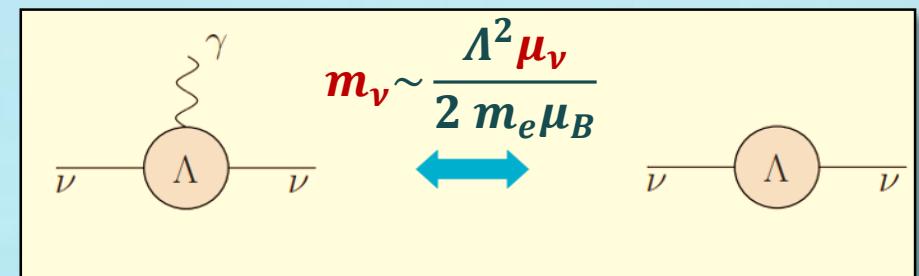
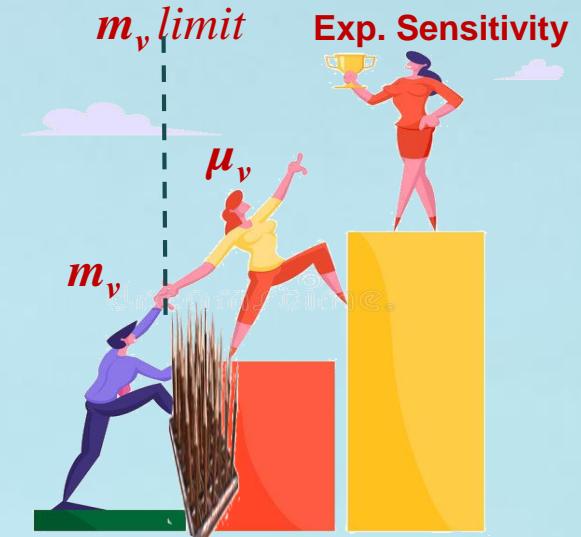
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*This conundrum was well recognized three decades ago when there was great interest in explaining the apparent time variation of solar neutrino flux detected by the Chlorine experiment in anti-correlation with the Sun-spot activity.*

*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.*

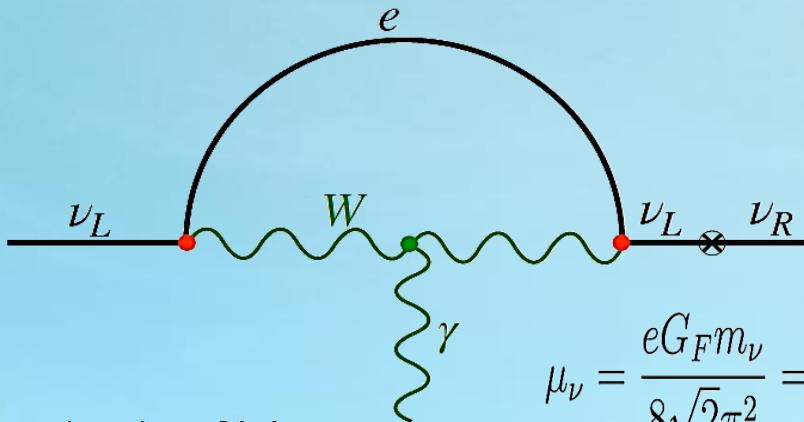


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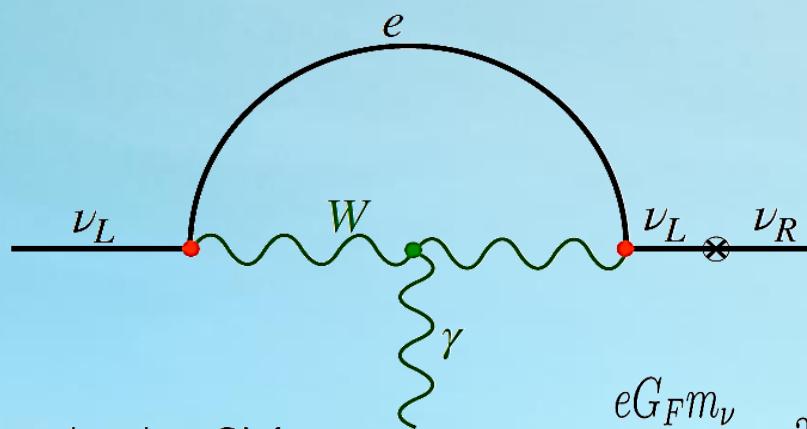
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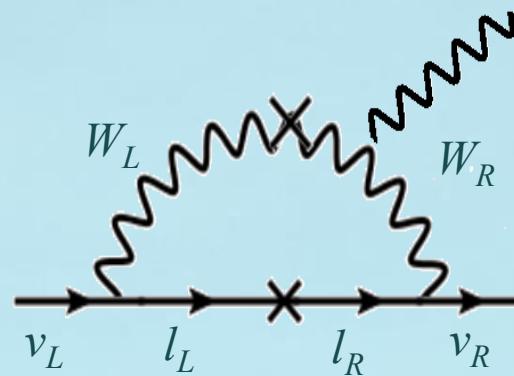
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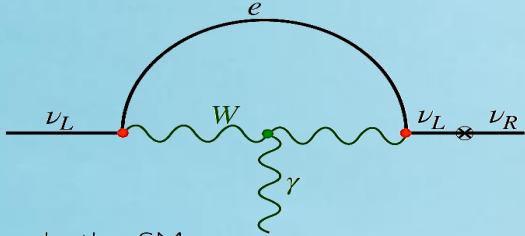
This mixing angle is constrained by muon decay asymmetry parameters,  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  decay rate, indirect LHC limits leading to a limit  $\mu_\nu < 10^{-15} \mu_B$

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## Supersymmetric theory

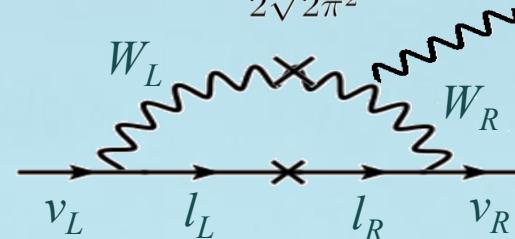
In **supersymmetric extensions** of the SM, lepton number may be violated by R-parity breaking interactions. In such contexts, without relying on additional symmetries, NMM will be (imposing experimental constraints on the SUSY parameters) of the order at most about  $10^{-15} \mu_B$ .

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

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## Majorana scenario

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

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

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

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

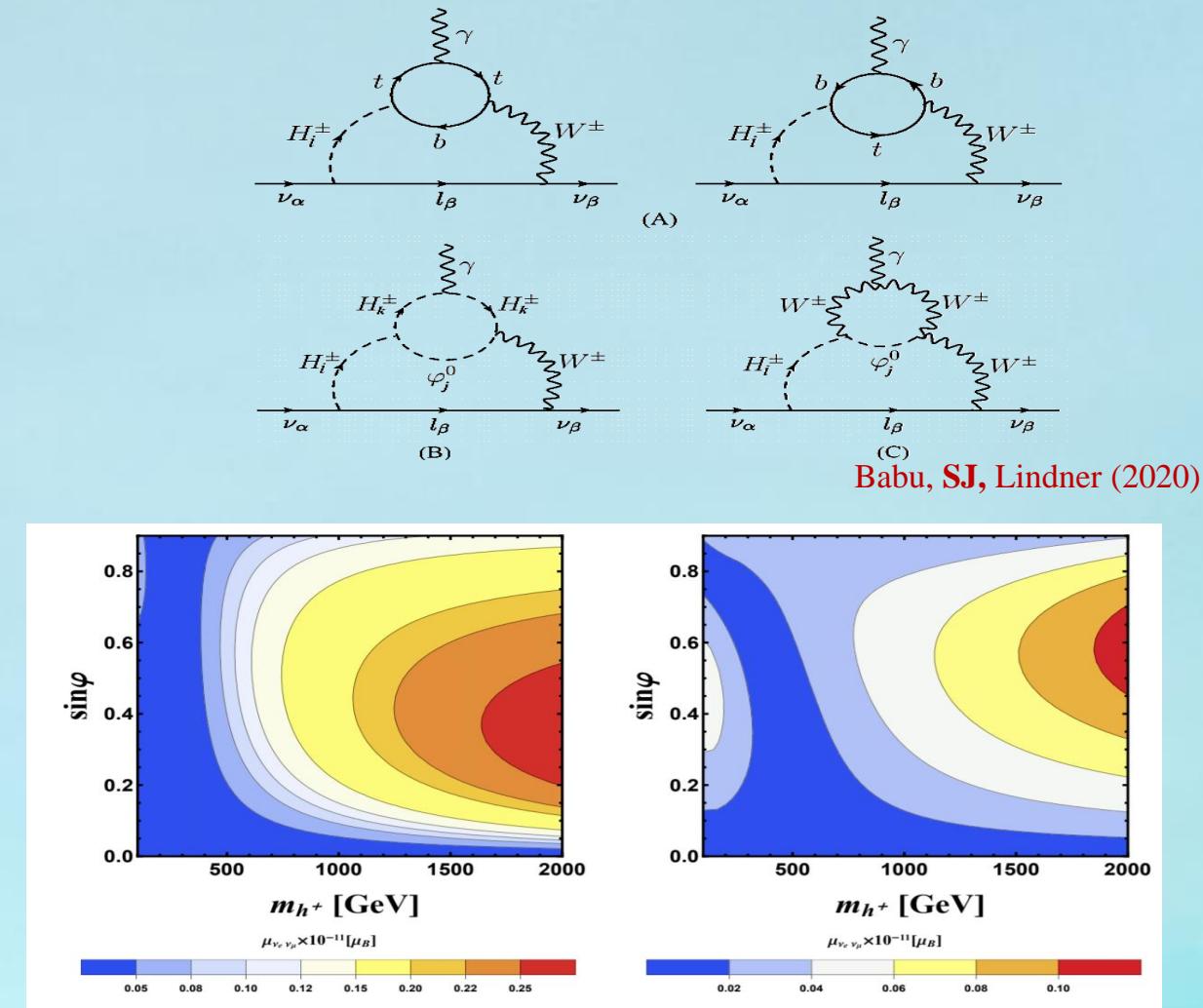
**Clearly, these values are well below the sensitivity of current experiments!**

# Neutrino magnetic moment – mass conundrum

## A. Spin Symmetry Mechanism

- In renormalizable gauge theories there are **no direct couplings** of the type  $\gamma W^+ S^-$ .
- As for its contribution to  $m_\nu$ , for transversely polarized vector bosons, the transition from **spin 1** to **spin 0 cannot occur**. Only the longitudinal mode, the Goldstone mode, would contribute to such transitions.
- This implies that in the two loop diagram utilizing the  $\gamma W^+ S^-$  for generating  $\mu_\nu$  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  $\nu$  into  $\nu^c$ .

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

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

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

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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:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_L &= \begin{pmatrix} \nu_e & \nu_\mu \\ e & \mu \end{pmatrix}_L & (2, -\frac{1}{2}, 2) \\ \psi_R &= (e \quad \mu)_R & (1, -1, 2) \\ \psi_{3L} &= \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix}_{\tau_R} & (2, -\frac{1}{2}, 1) \\ & & (1, -1, 1)\end{aligned}$$

Higgs sector:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_S &= \begin{pmatrix} \phi_S^+ \\ \phi_S^0 \end{pmatrix} & (2, \frac{1}{2}, 1) \\ \Phi &= \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^+ & \phi_2^+ \\ \phi_1^0 & \phi_2^0 \end{pmatrix} & (2, \frac{1}{2}, 2) \\ \eta &= (\eta_1^+ \quad \eta_2^+) & (1, 1, 2).\end{aligned}$$

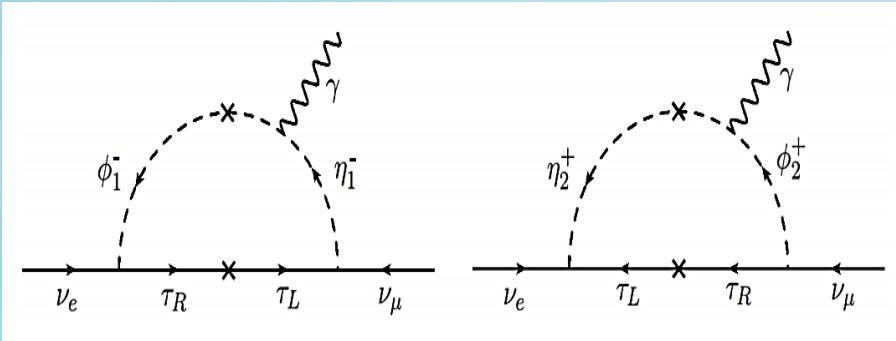
Babu, SJ, Lindner (2020)

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

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

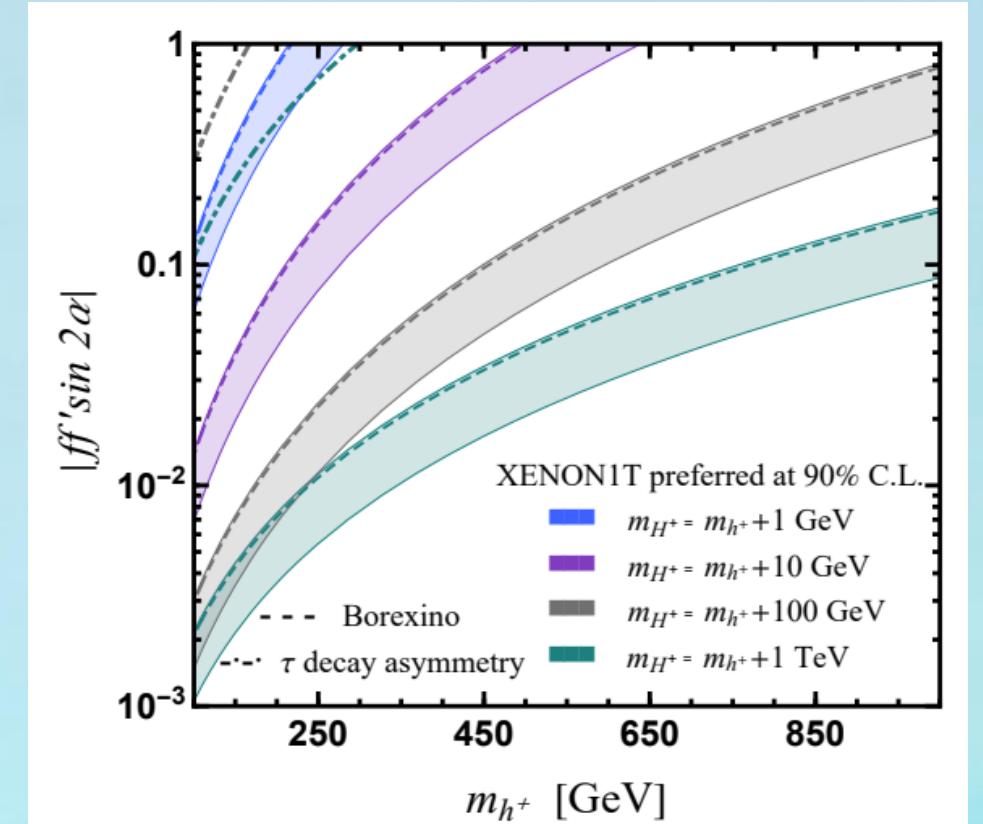
## B. $SU(2)_H$ Symmetry for Enhanced Neutrino Magnetic Moment

- 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.



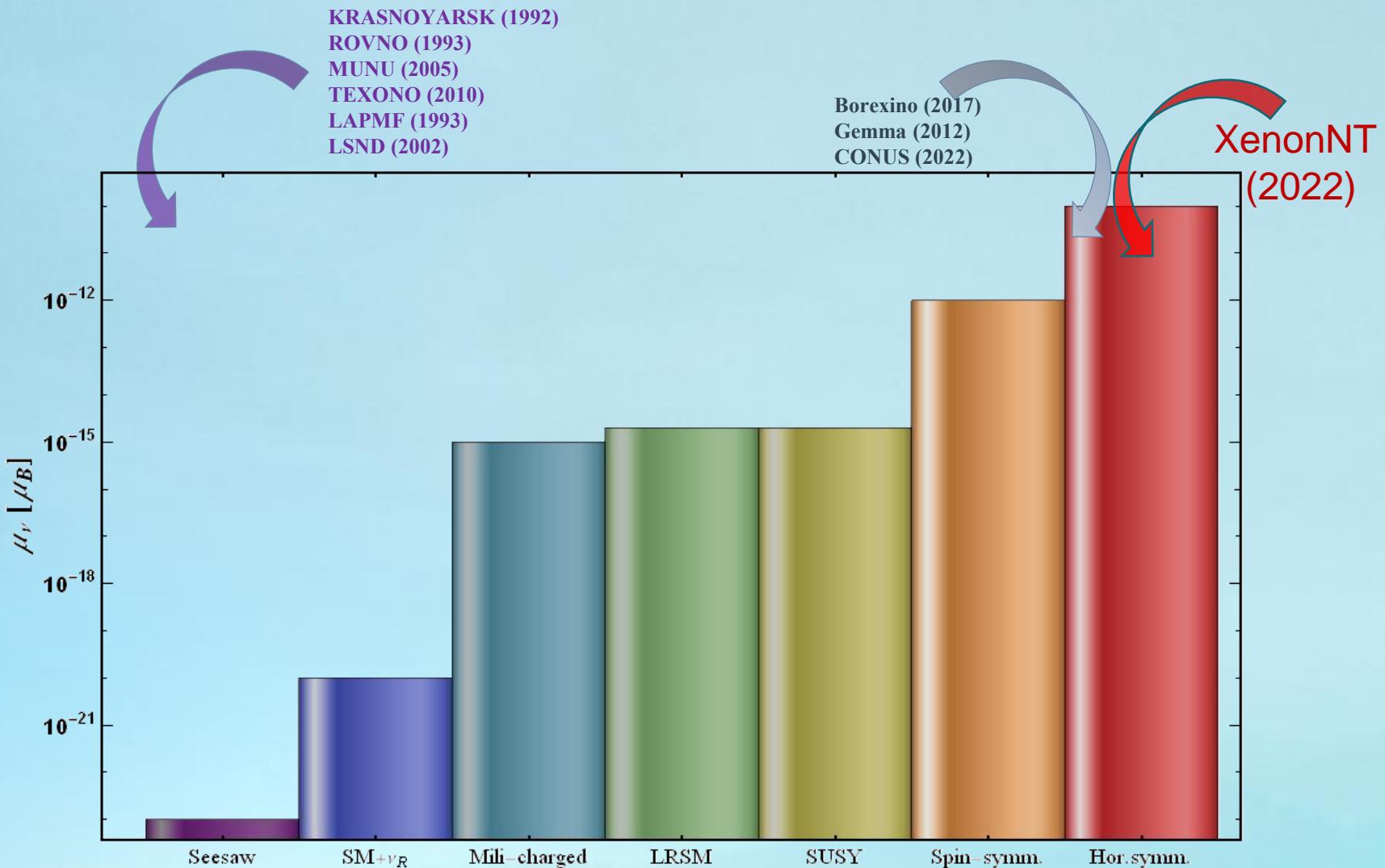
- In the  $SU(2)_H$  symmetric limit, the two diagrams add for  $\mu_{\nu_e \nu_\mu}$  while they **cancel for  $m_\nu$** .

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

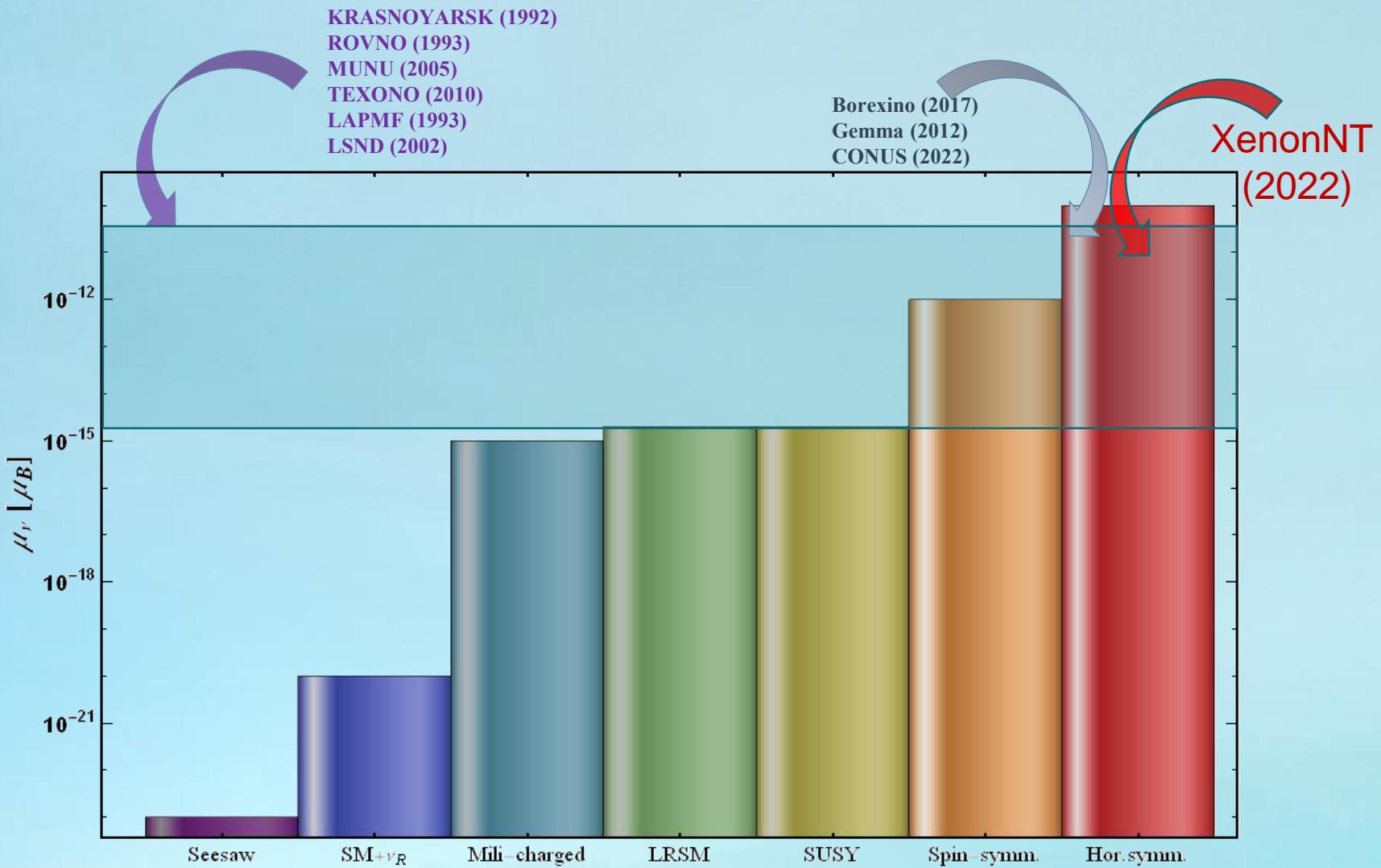


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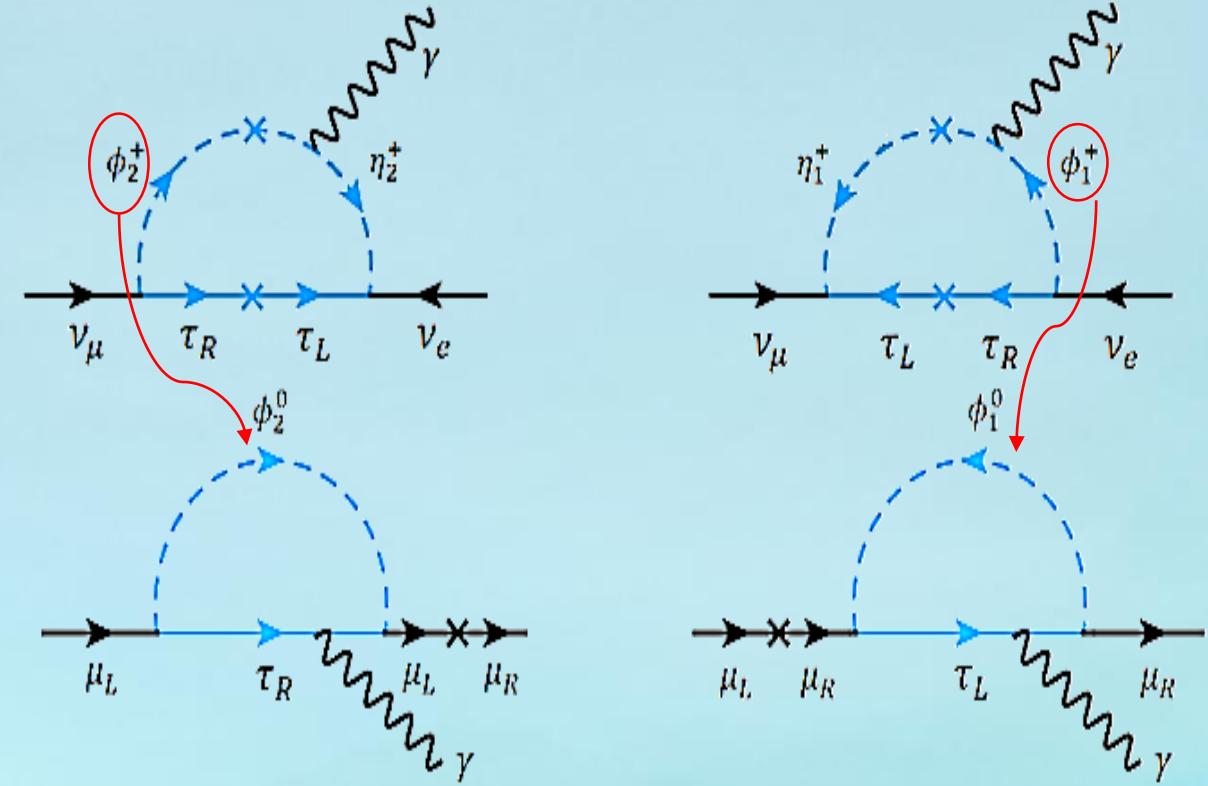
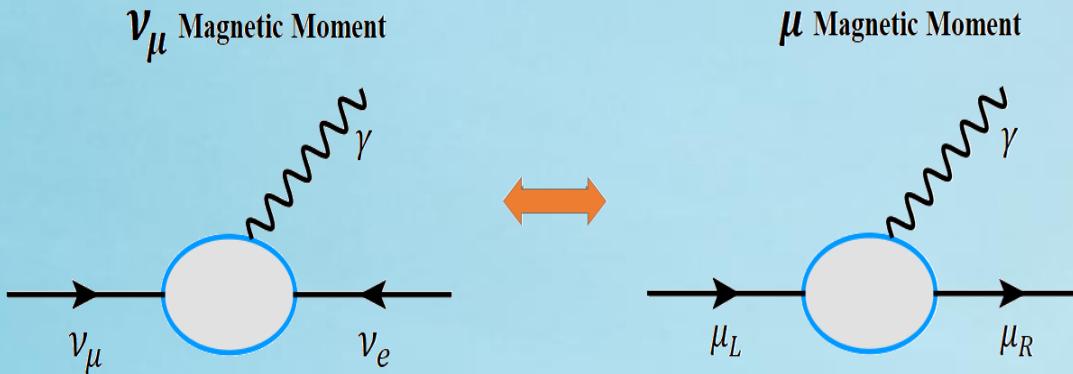
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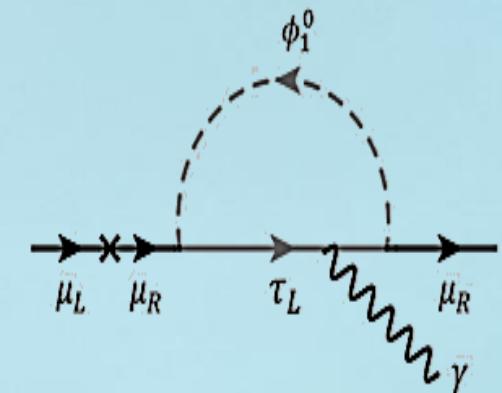
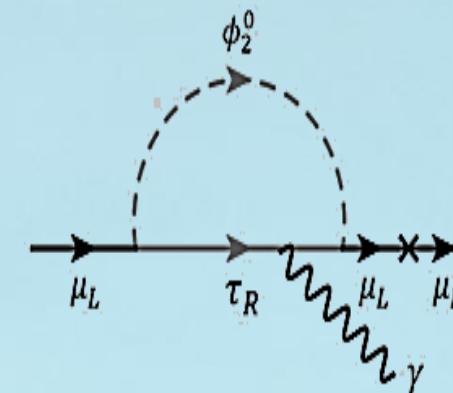
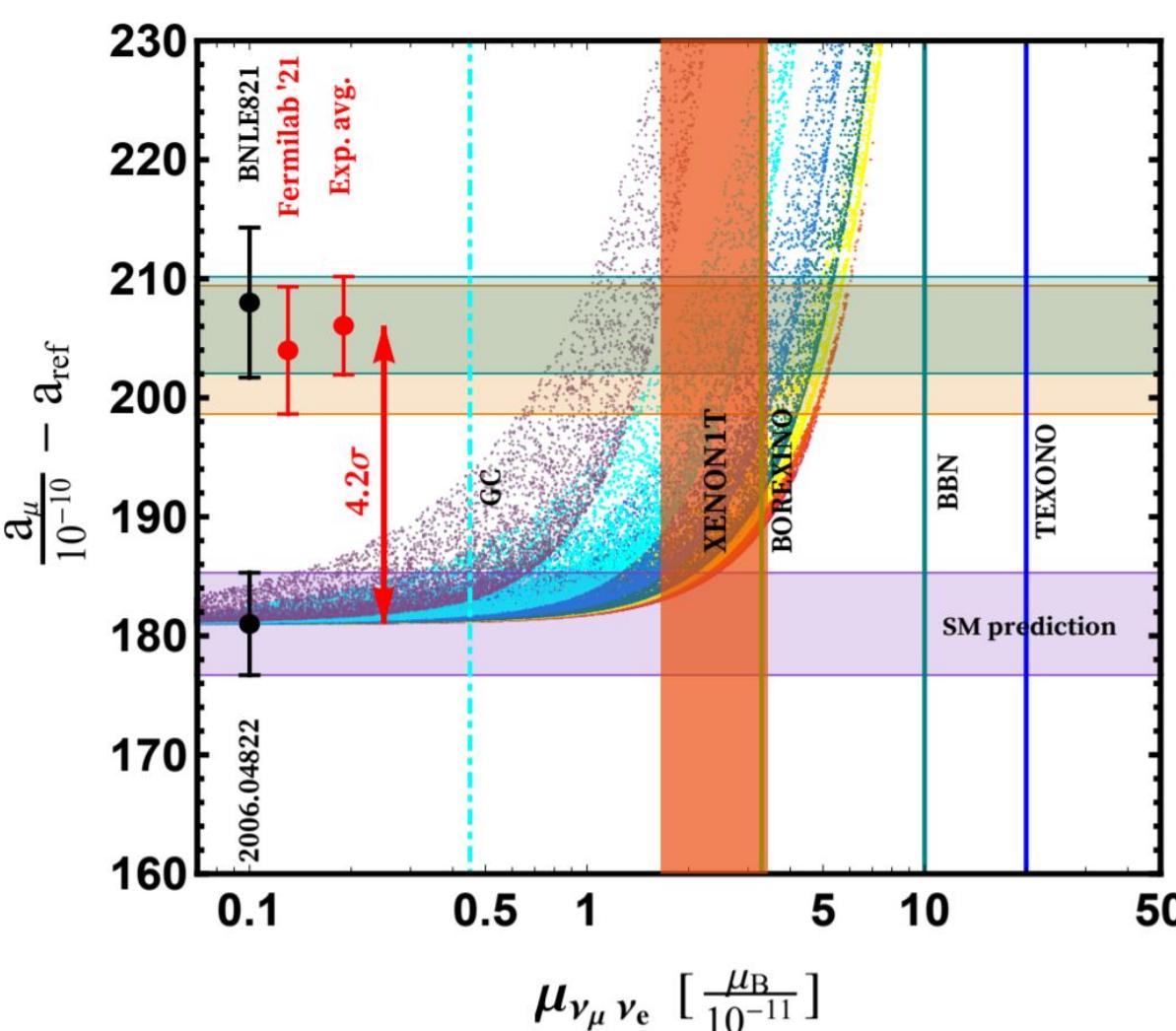
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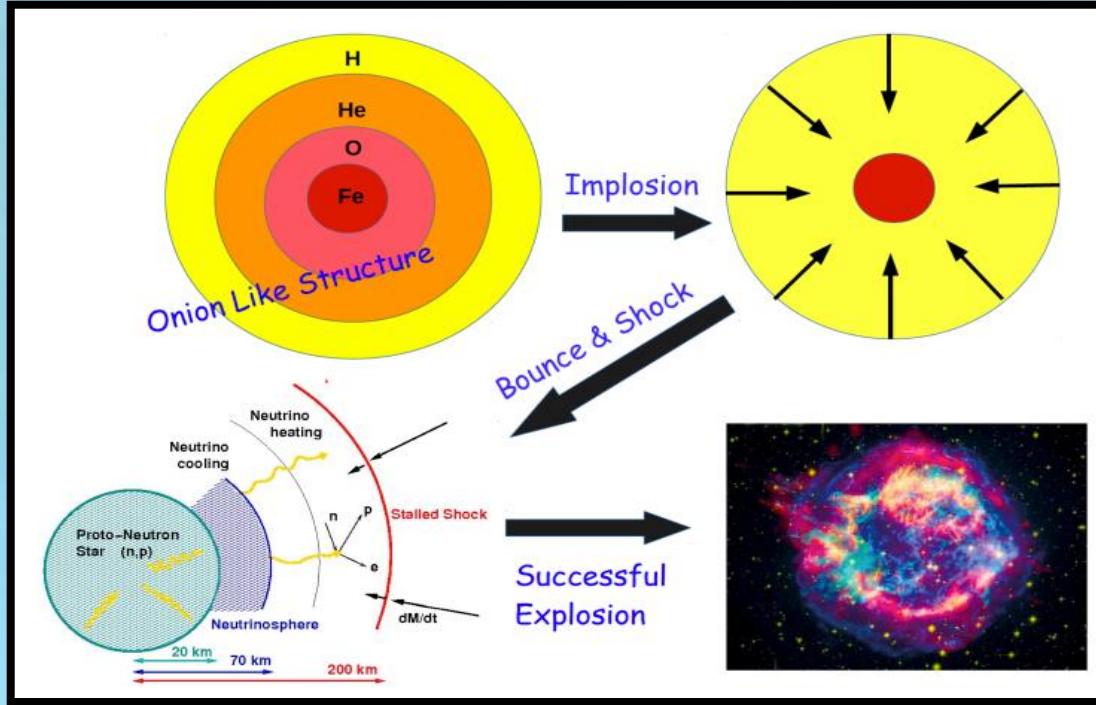
# *Neutrino magnetic moments – Muon g-2 anomaly*



- *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:  $\mu_\nu$ ,  $m_\nu$ ,  $(g-2)_\mu$ .

# Exploiting a future galactic supernova to probe neutrino magnetic moments

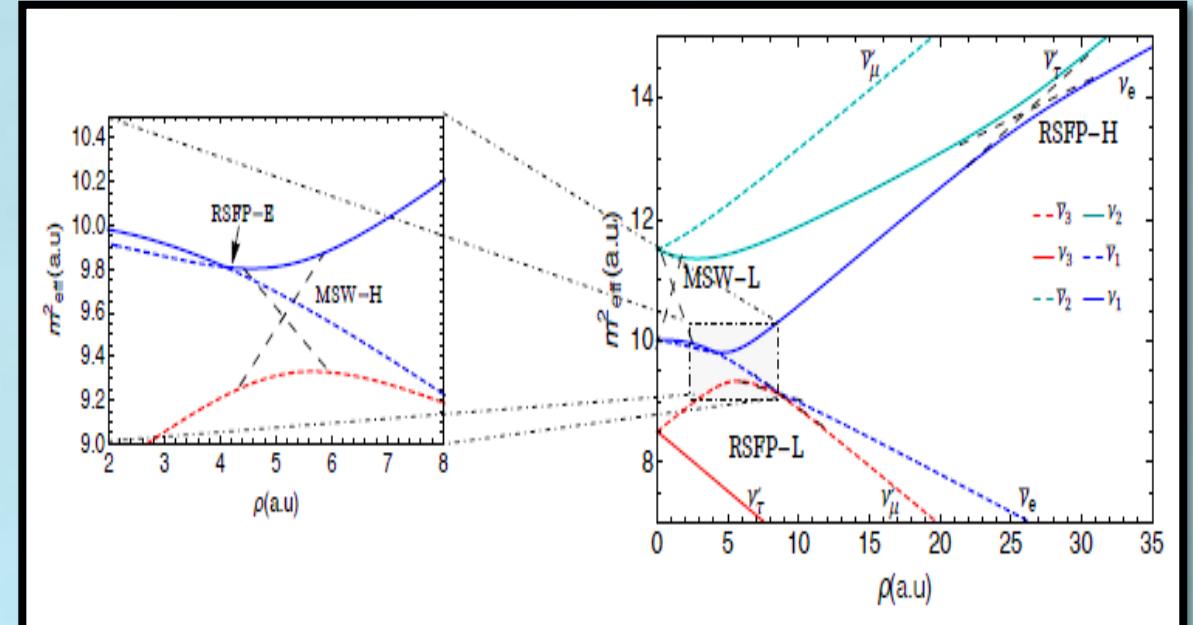
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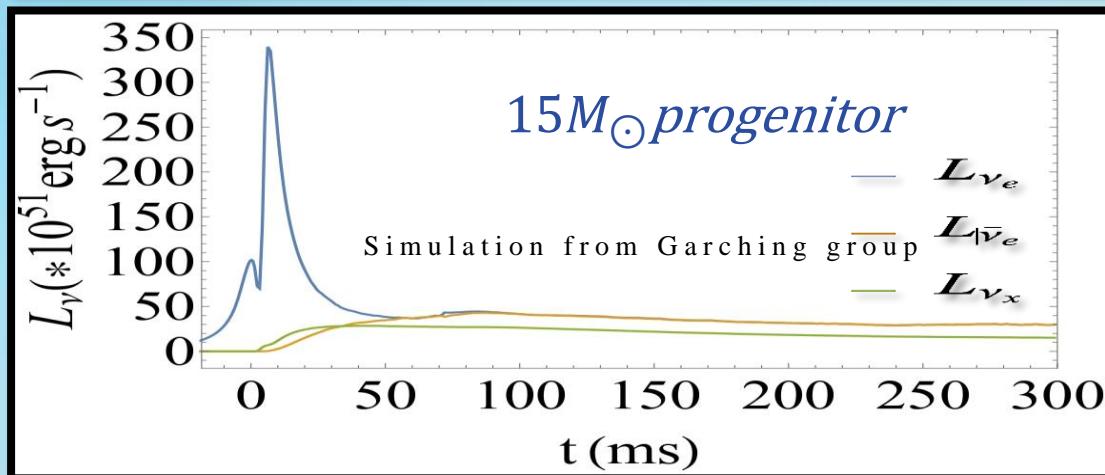
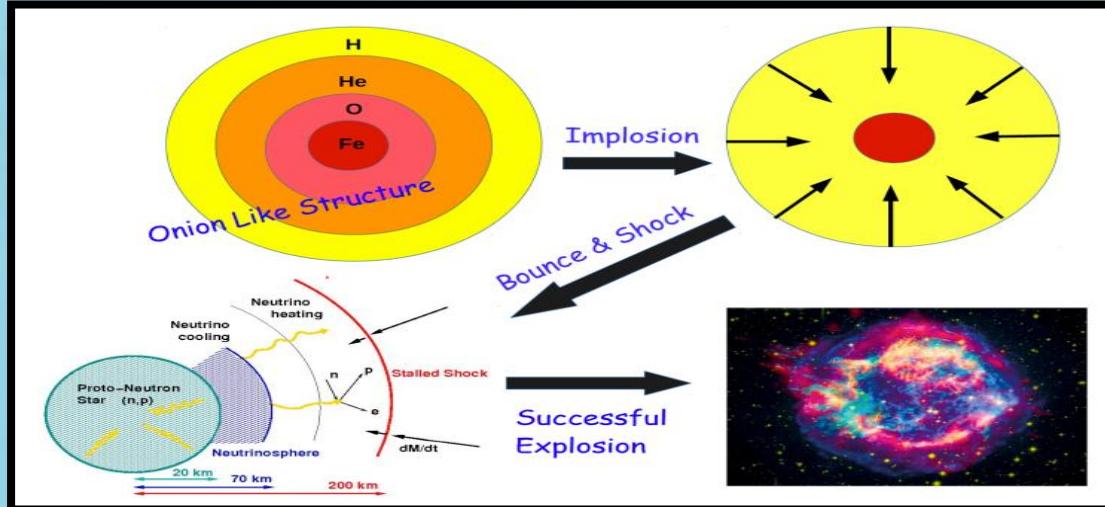
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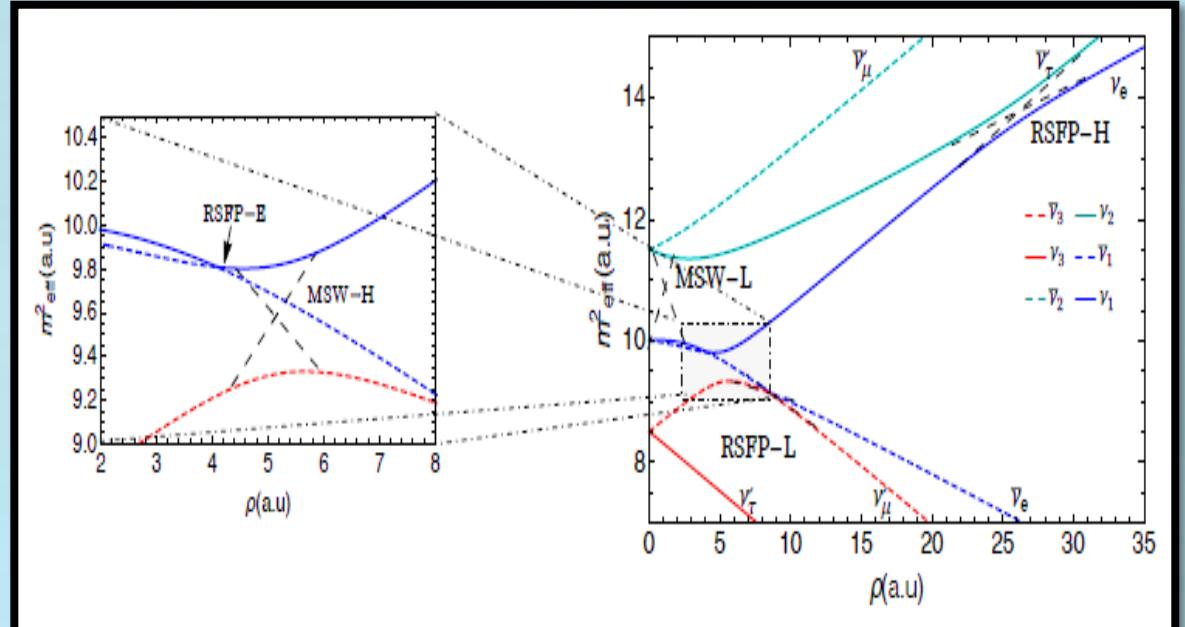
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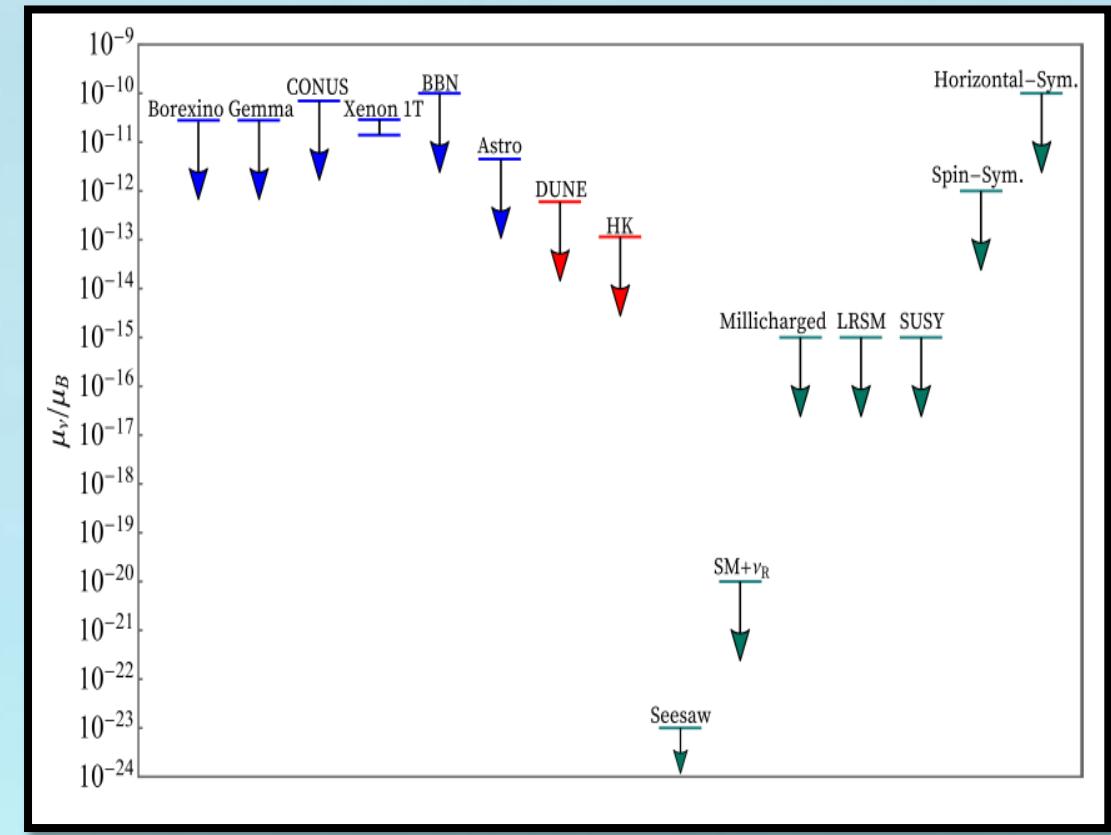
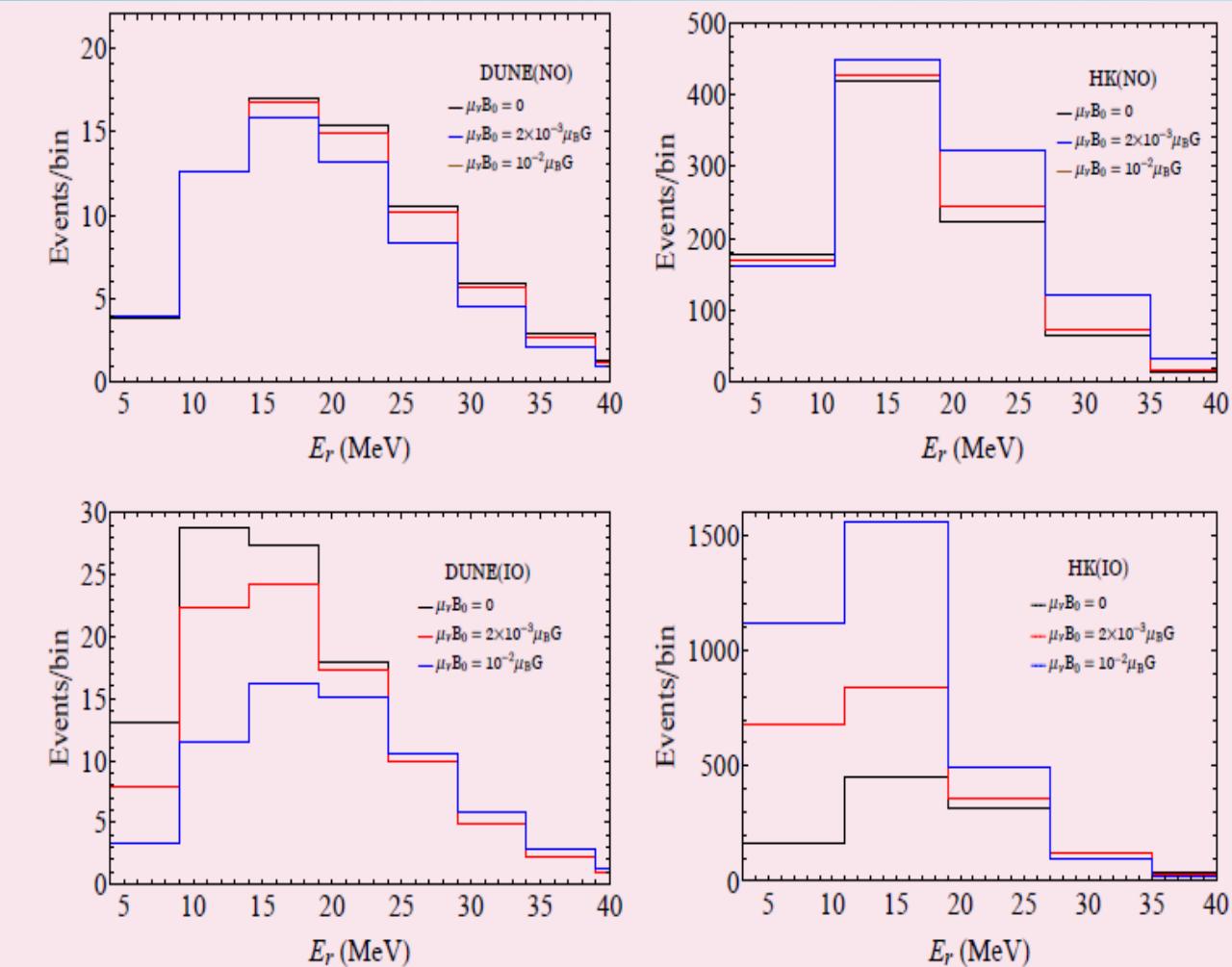
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Porto-Silva, SJ, Sen (JCAP 2022)

# *Dirac neutrino magnetic moments in SNe?*

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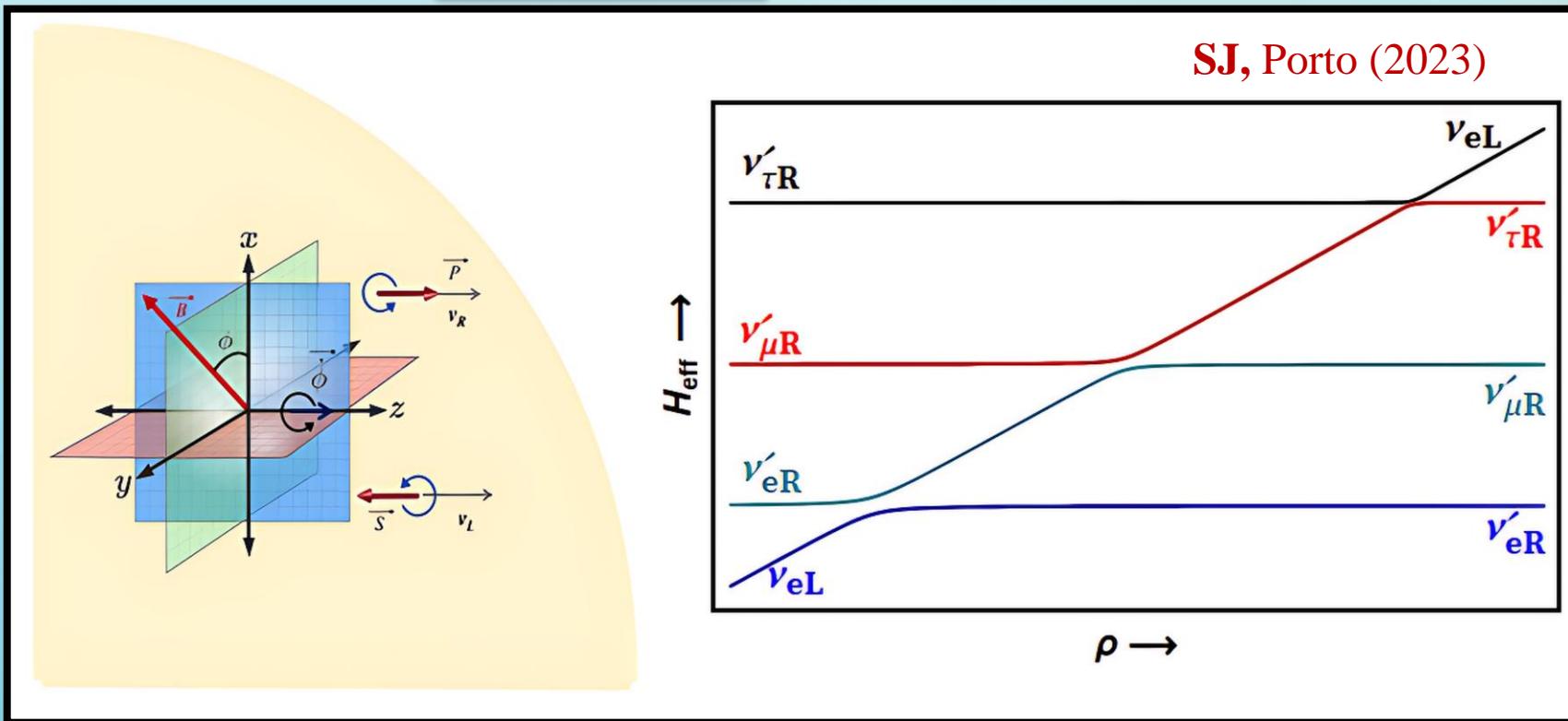
But  $V_e \neq 0$  “Always”

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

# *Dirac neutrino magnetic moments in SNe?*

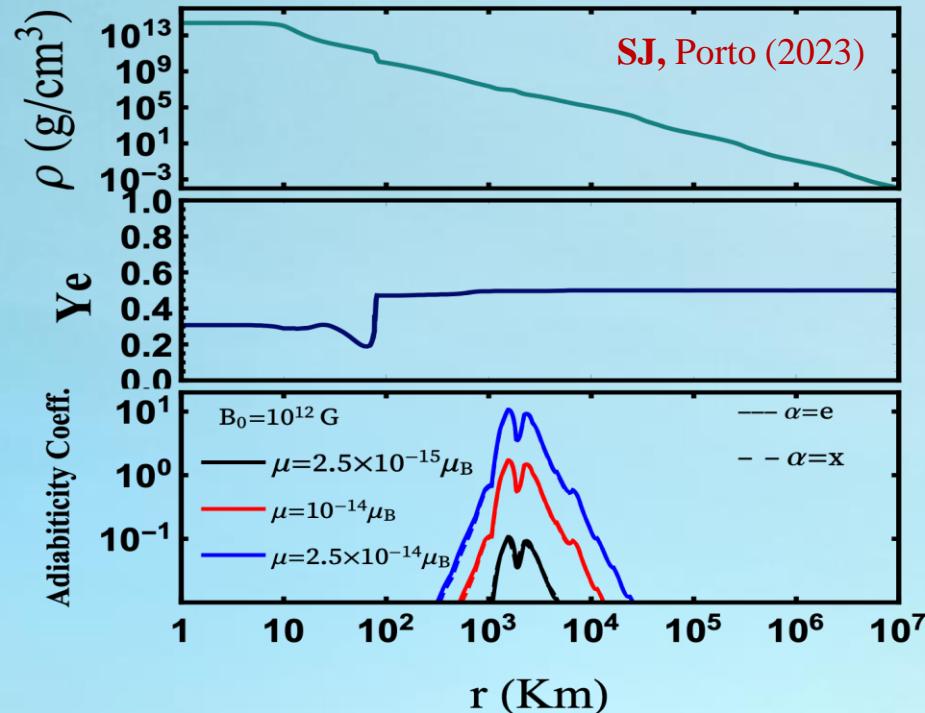
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$$V_e + \dot{\phi} = 0 \quad (\text{Resonance Condition})$$



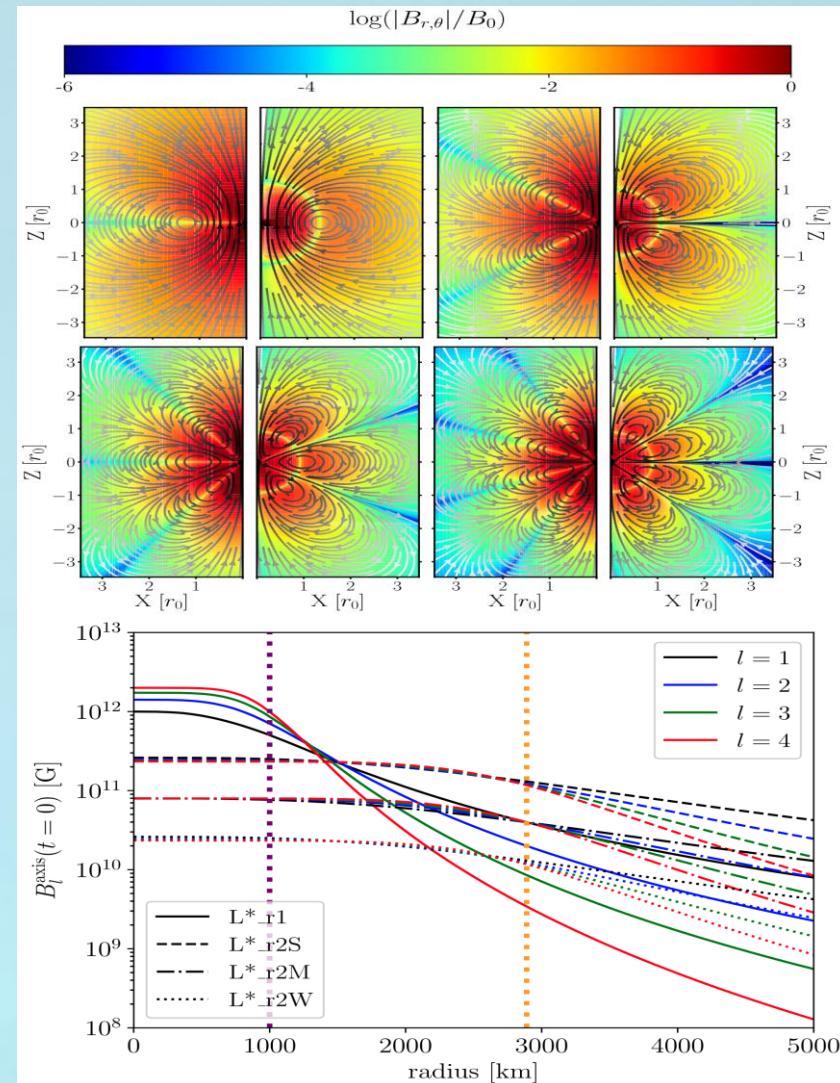
# Neutrino evolution in Twisting Magnetic Fields

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



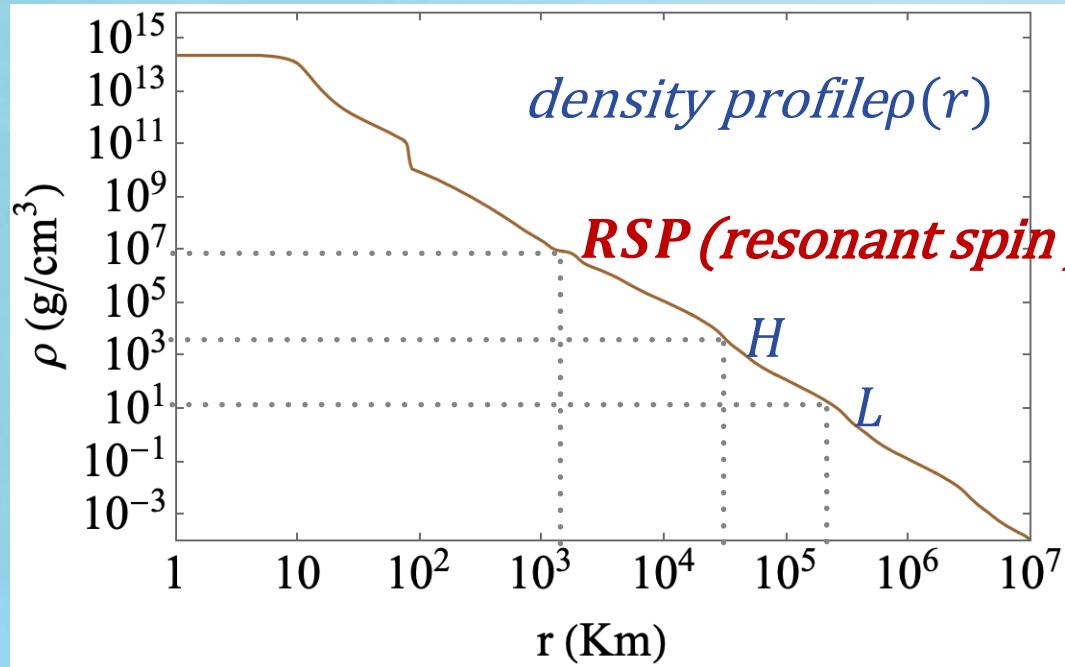
Efficient conversion in the edge of the Fe-core

$$\gamma_\alpha = \frac{2(2\mu_\nu B)^2}{|\dot{V}_\alpha + \ddot{\phi}|} \gg 1$$



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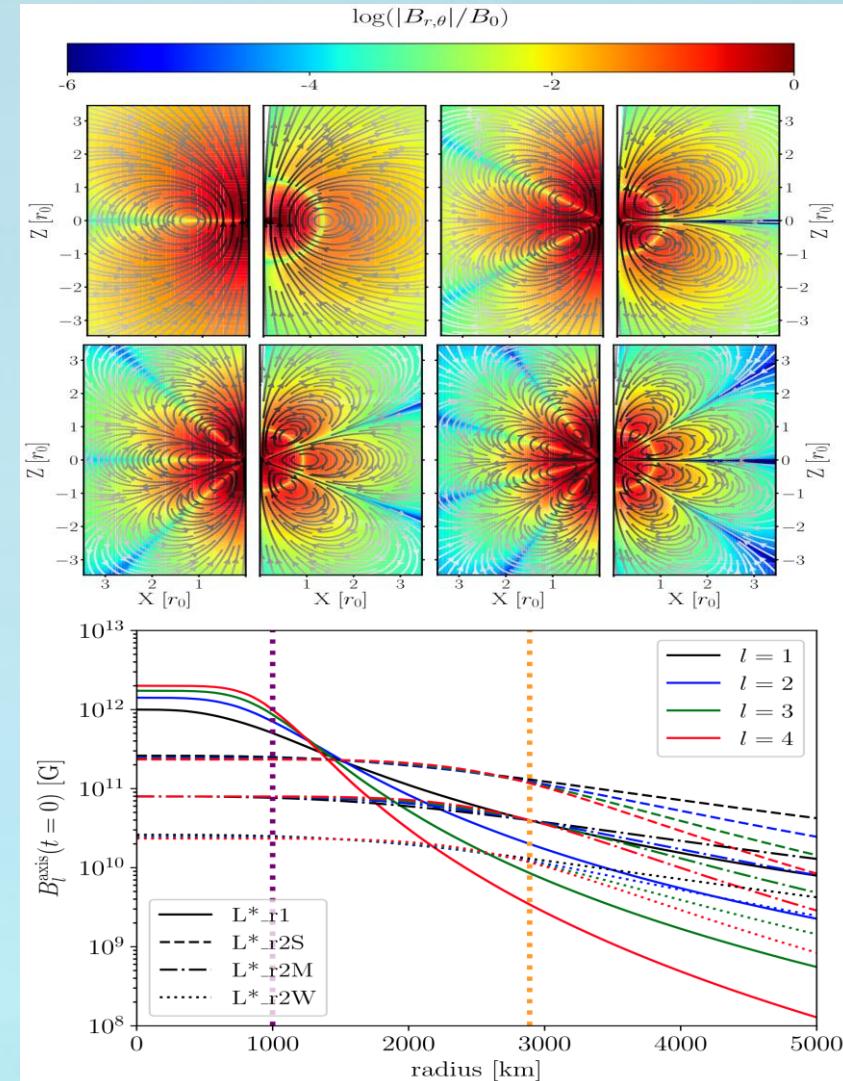
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RSP converts left-handed neutrinos ( $\nu_L$ ) to their right-handed counterparts ( $\nu_R$ ) via interaction  $\mu_\nu$  and magnetic fields.

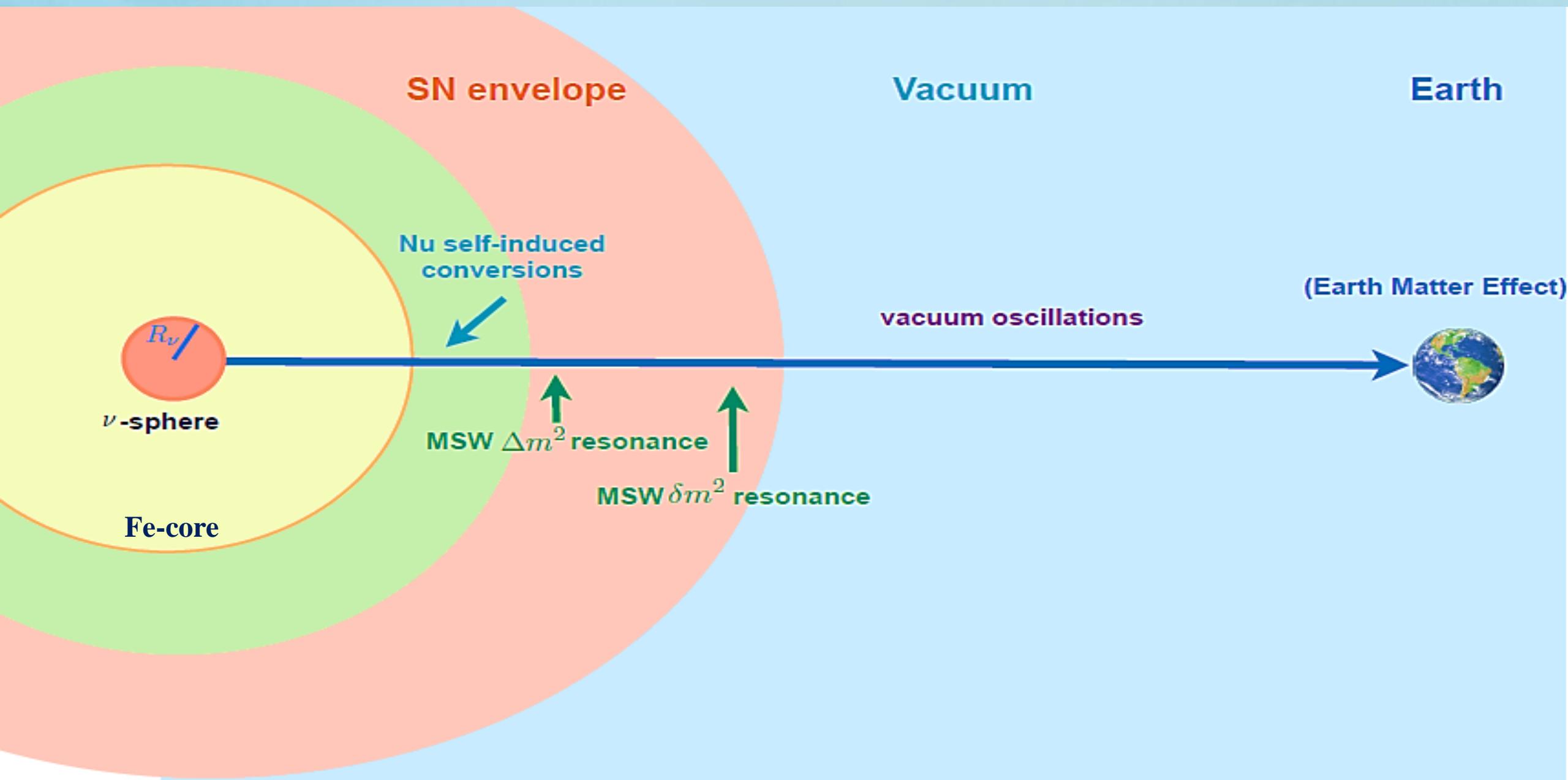
RSP happens at the edge of the Fe-core at  $r_0 \sim [1,3] \times 10^3 \text{ Km}$ .

SJ, Porto (2023)

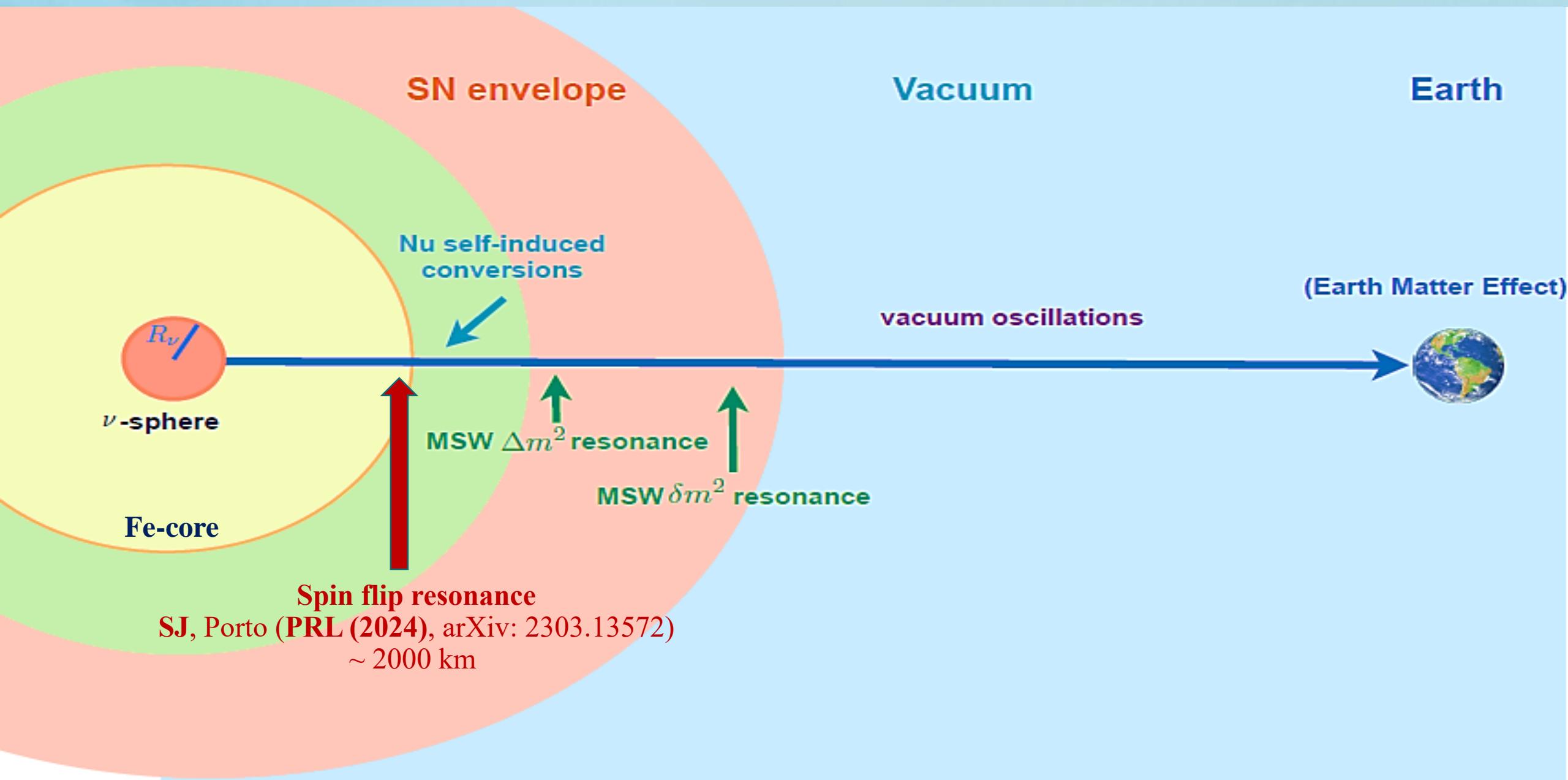


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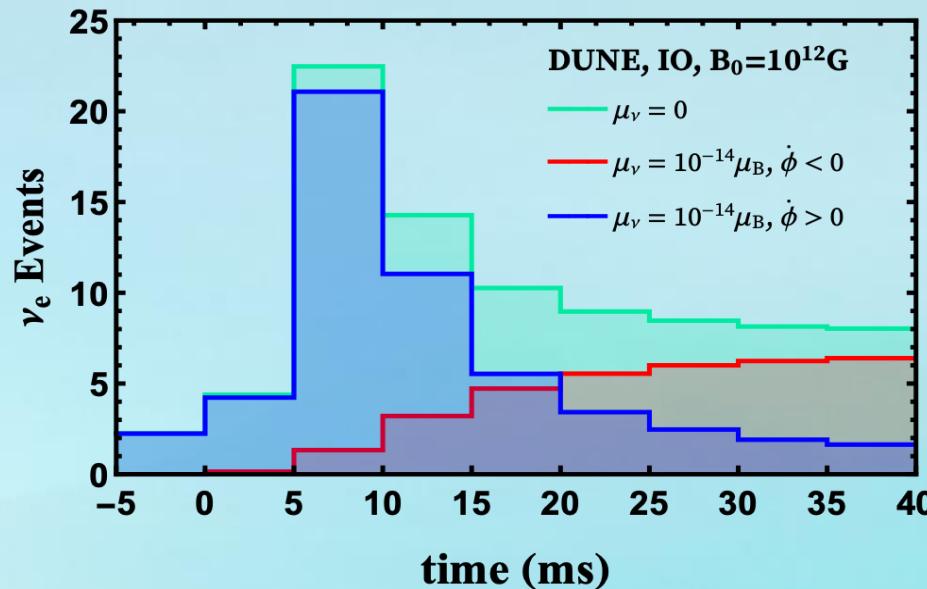
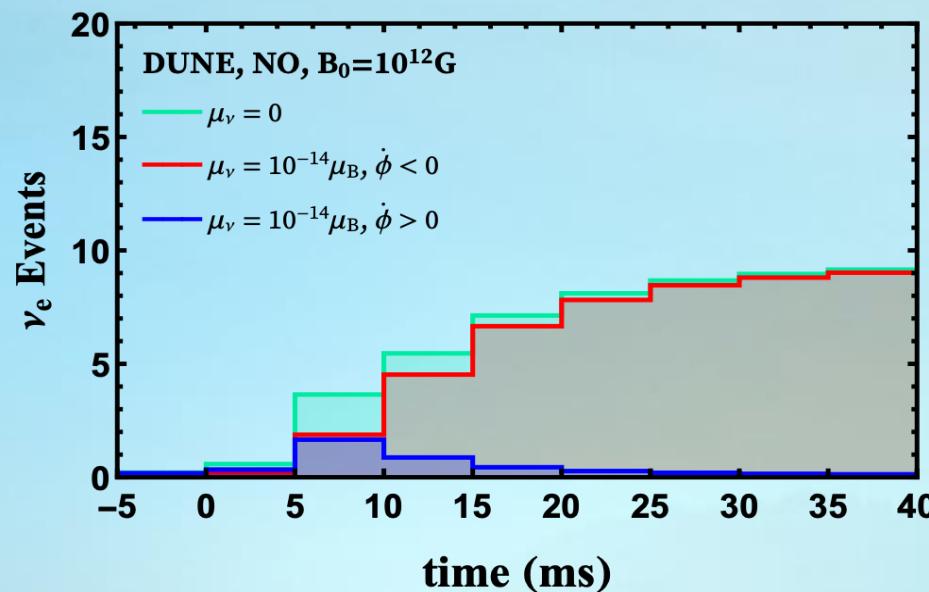
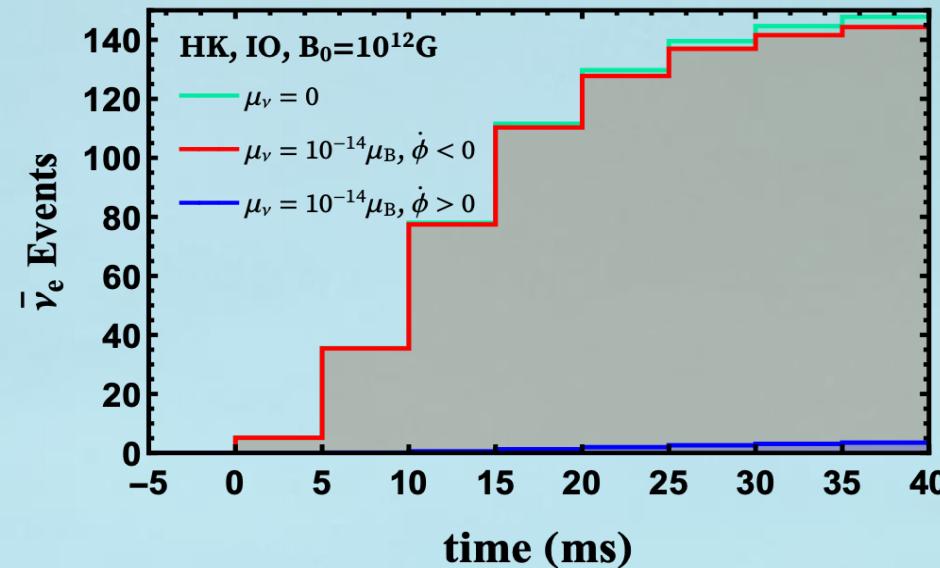
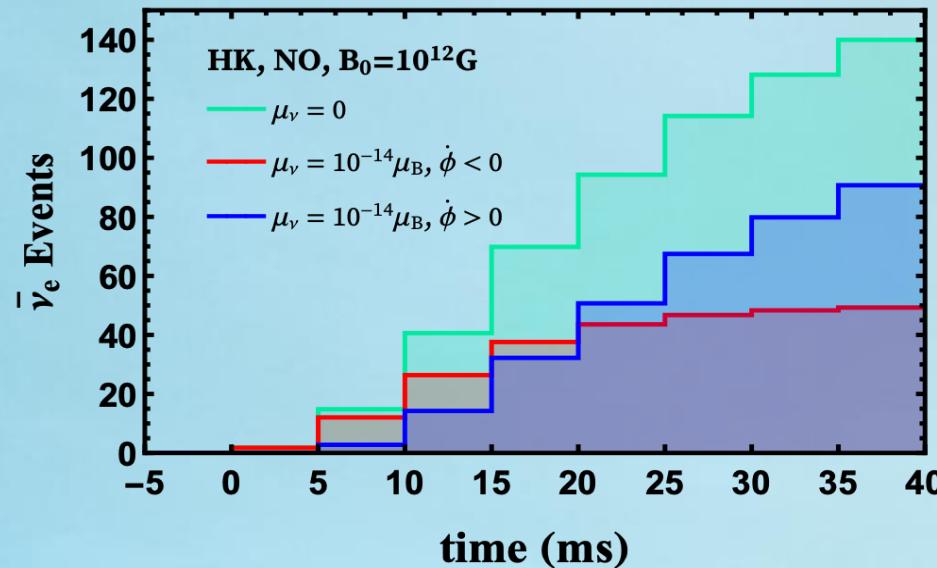
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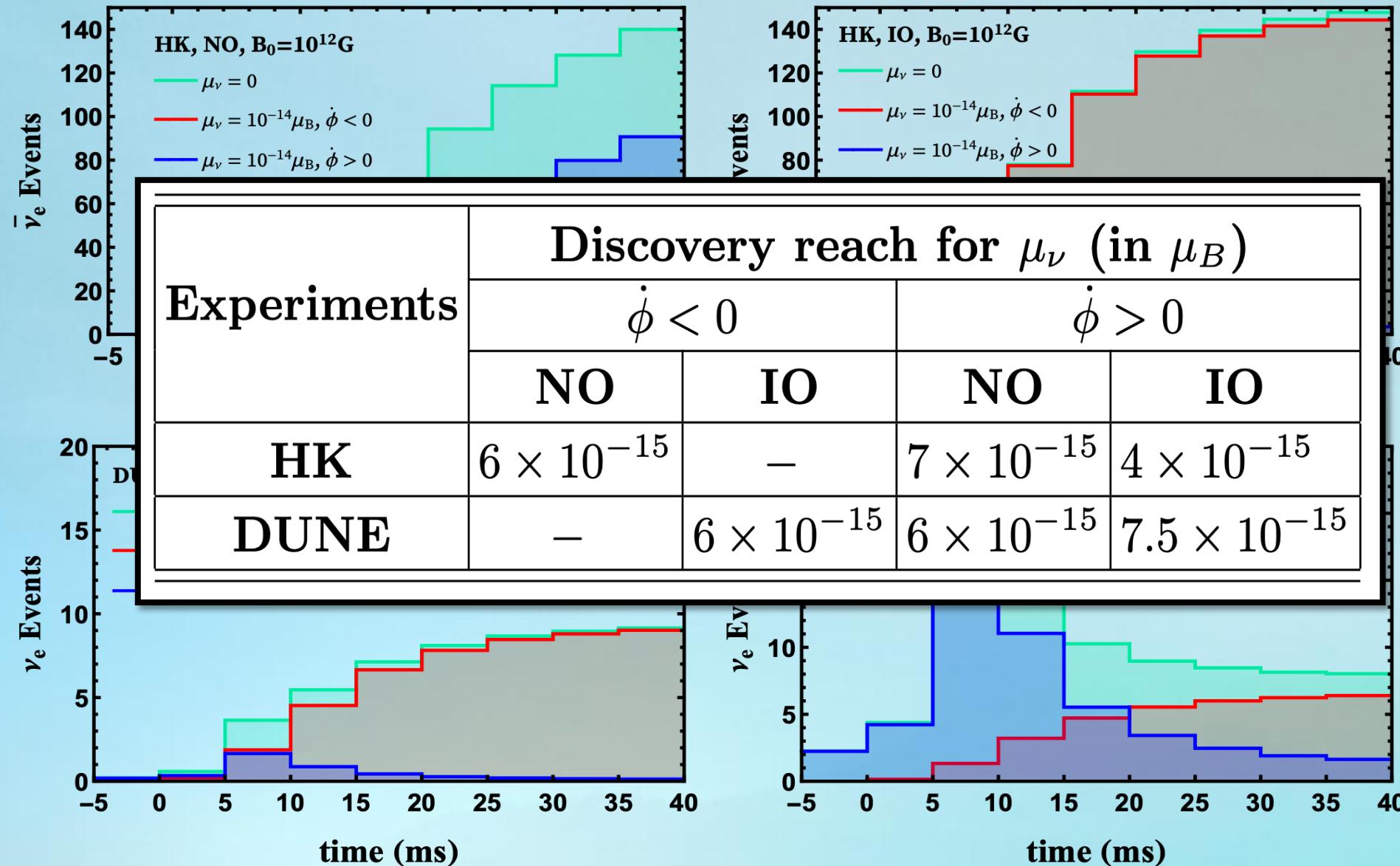
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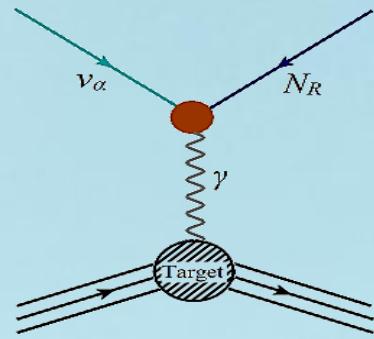
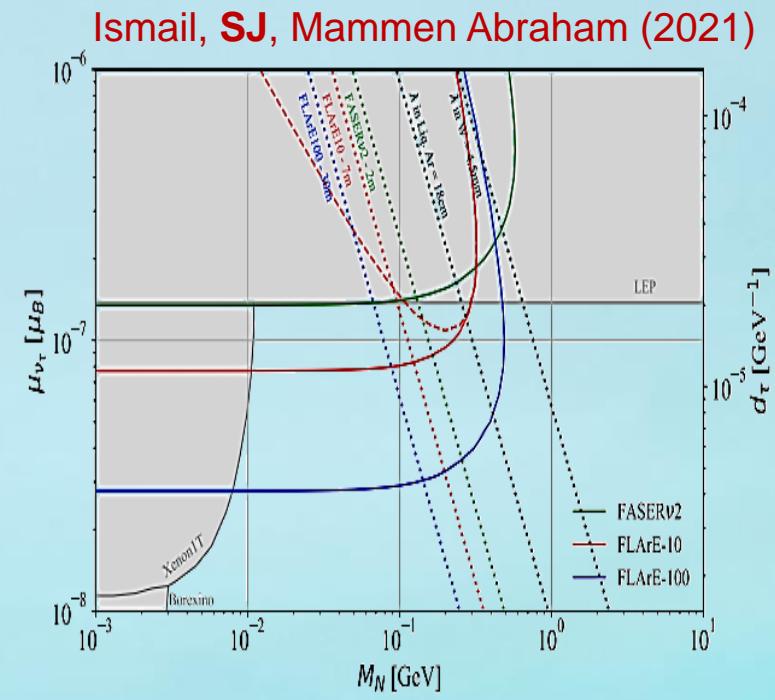
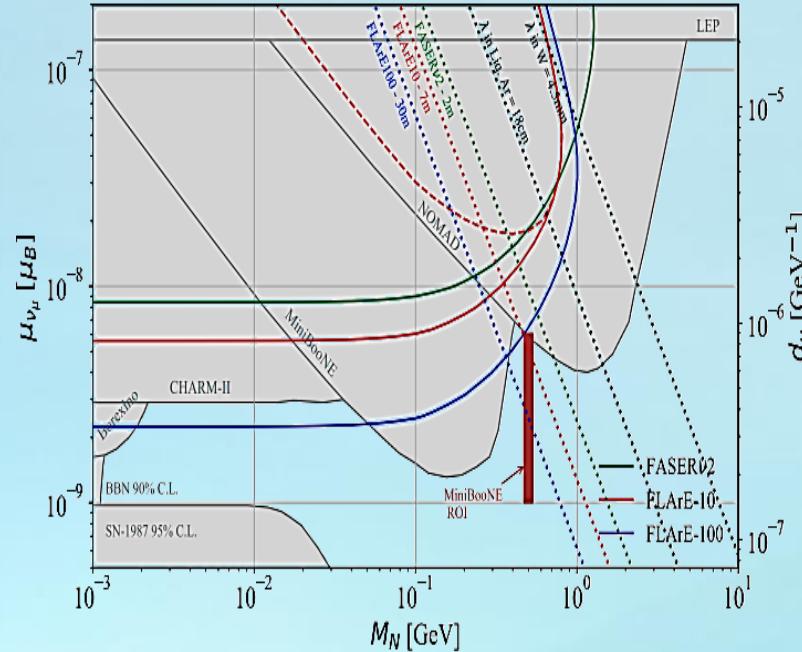
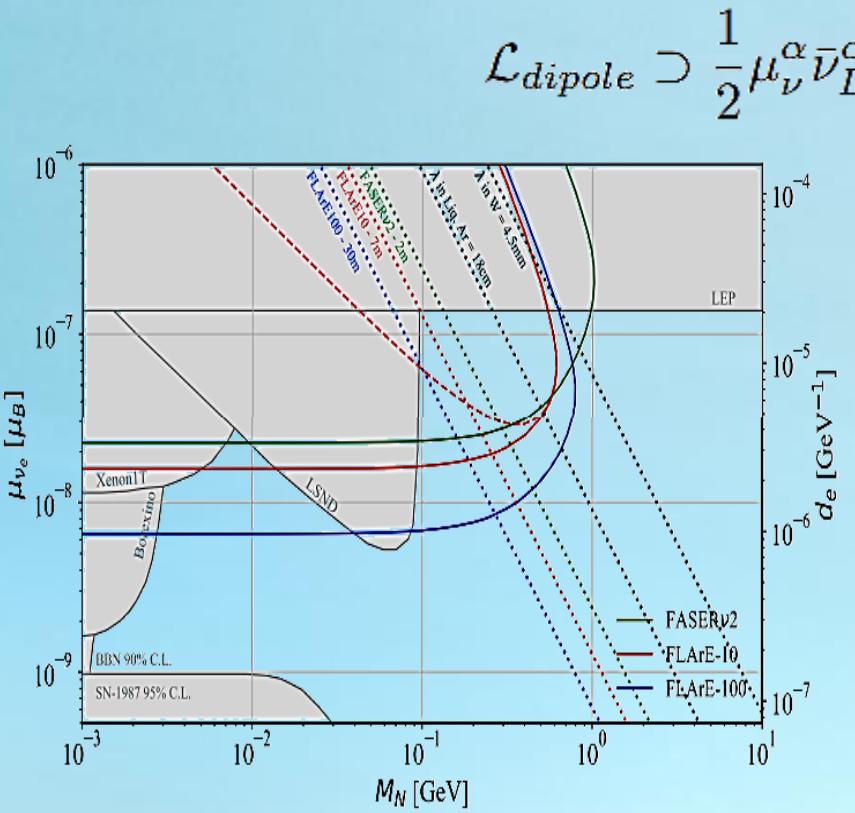


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# Active to sterile transition magnetic moments

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.



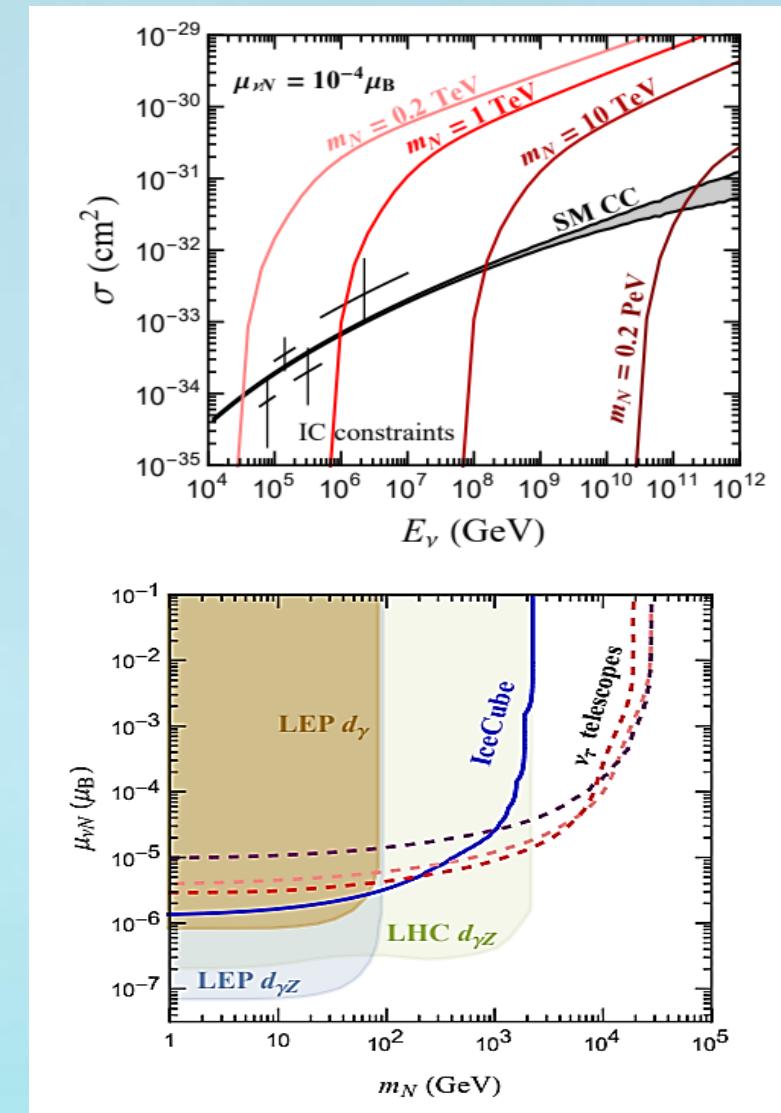
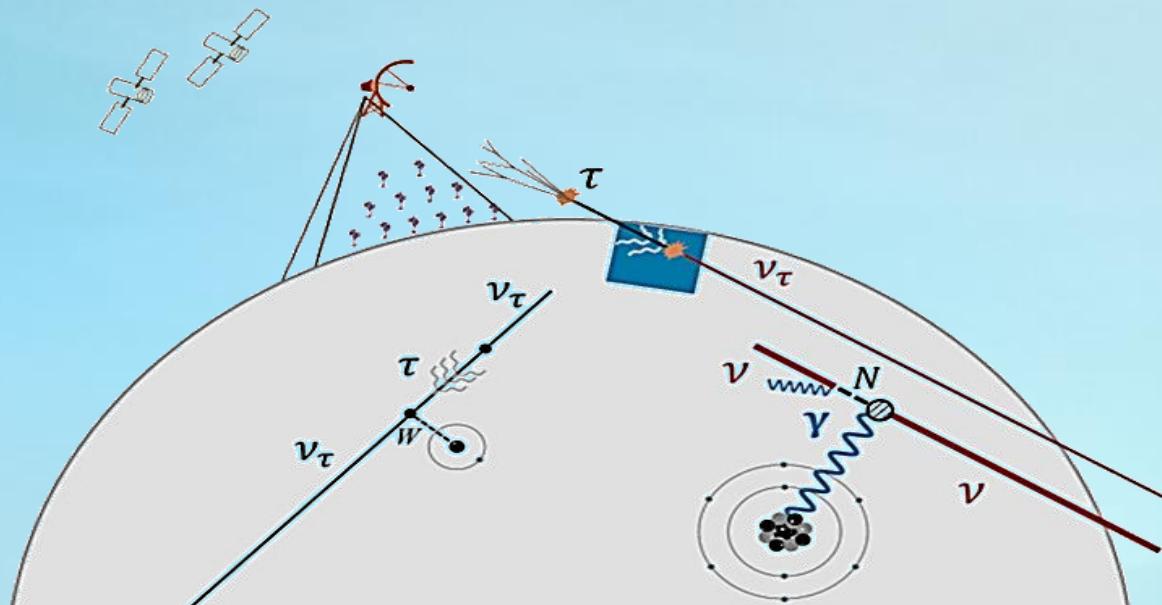
Ismail, SJ, Mammen Abraham (2021)

For other works on dipole portal in different contexts, see S. Gnínenko (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), Machado et al. (2023) ...

# 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)

# How Charged is the Neutrino?

## Electric (milli-) charge of neutrinos

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

$$Q_{st} + \epsilon(L_i - L_j)$$

### 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
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### Constraints:

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- $q_\nu \leq 10^{-19}$  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

SJ, Vishnu, Klassen (to appear)

Serial No.	Gauge Symmetry	Electric charges of the Matter Fields	Consistent with $\nu$ oscillation data?
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## 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.

$$\langle r_{\nu_\alpha}^2 \rangle_{\text{SM}} = \frac{G_f}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \left[ 3 - 2 \log \frac{m_\ell^2}{m_W^2} \right]$$

$$\langle r_{\nu_e}^2 \rangle_{\text{SM}} \simeq 4.1 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^2$$

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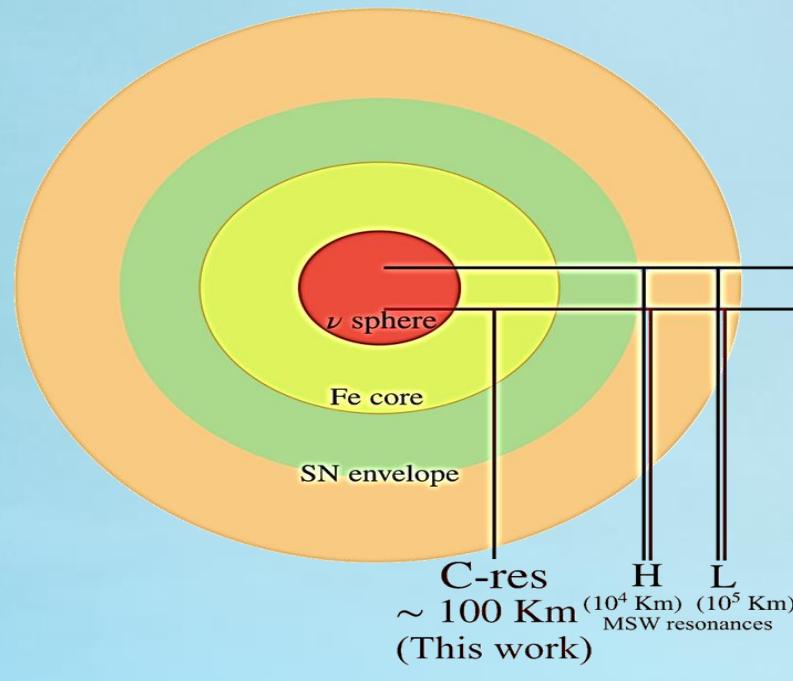
$$\langle r_{\nu_\tau}^2 \rangle_{\text{SM}} \simeq 1.5 \times 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^2$$

- The best constraints (in  $\text{cm}^2$ ) come from CCFR and CHARM-II:

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

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

# Simplified Picture of Flavor Conversions due to NSI



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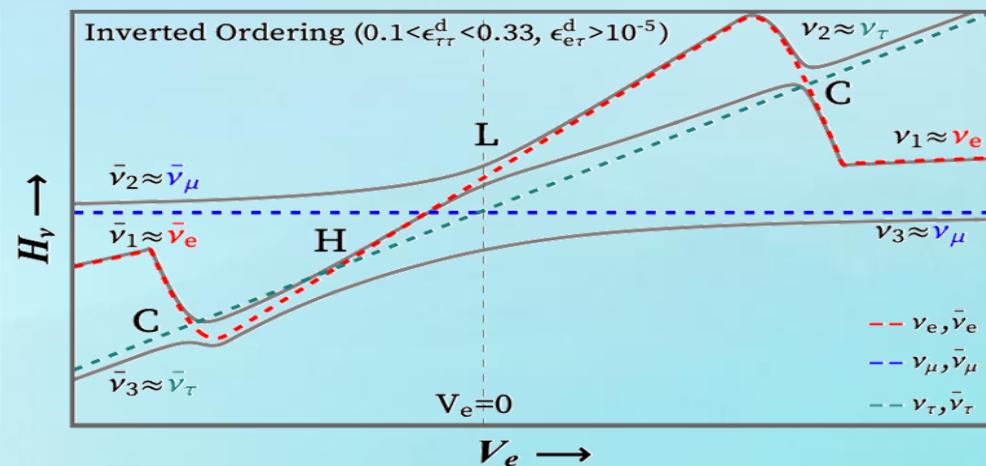
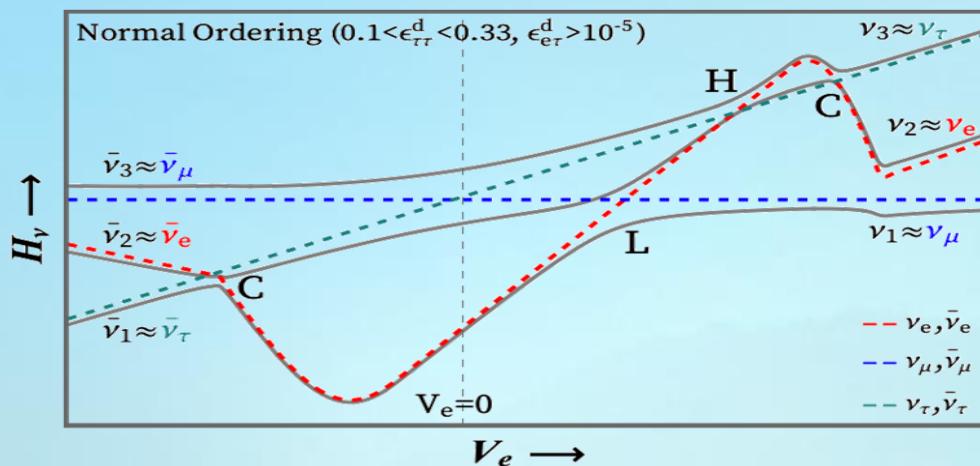
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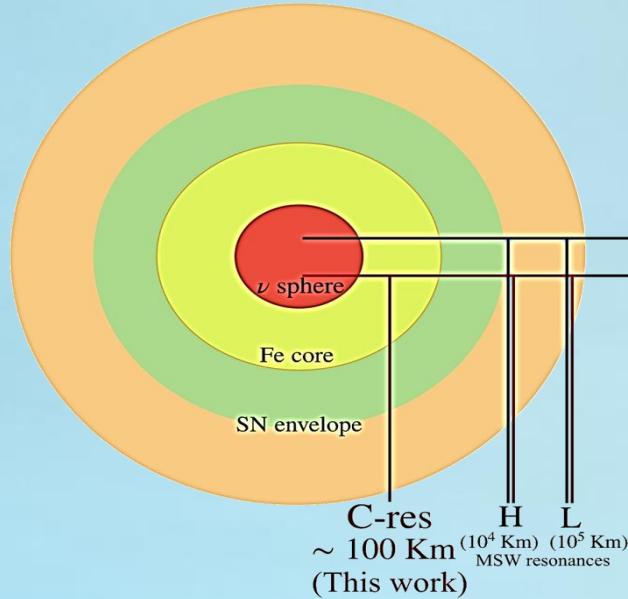


C-res:  $\nu_e \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau$   
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$$\mathcal{H}^{NSI} \approx V_e \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \epsilon_{e\tau}^d \left( \frac{2-Y_e}{Y_e} \right) \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \epsilon_{e\tau}^d \left( \frac{2-Y_e}{Y_e} \right) & 0 & \epsilon_{\tau\tau}^d \left( \frac{2-Y_e}{Y_e} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$



# Non-Standard Interactions of Supernova Neutrinos and Mass Ordering Ambiguity at DUNE



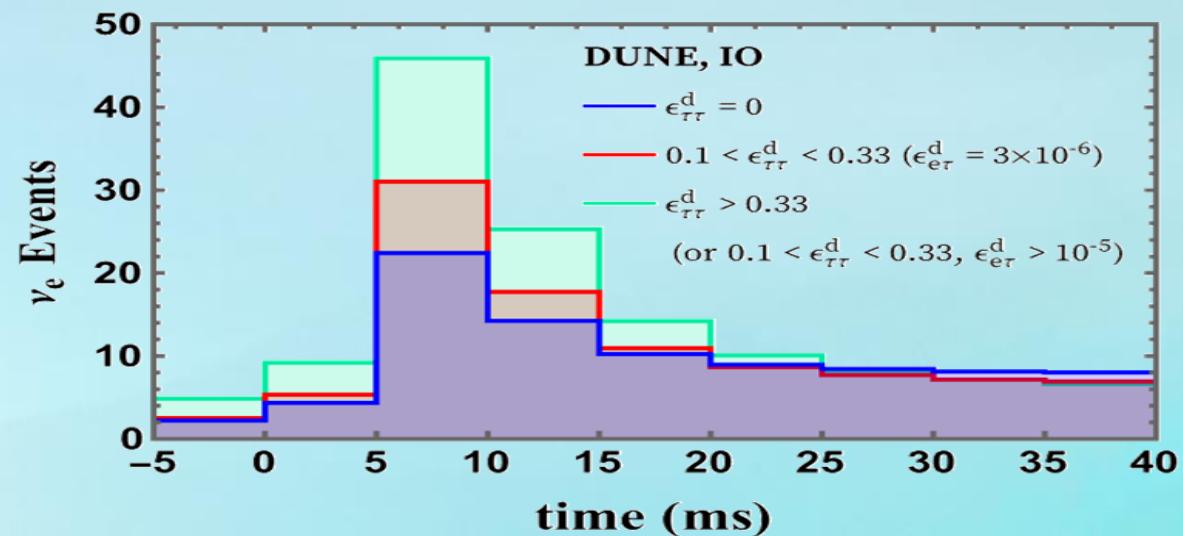
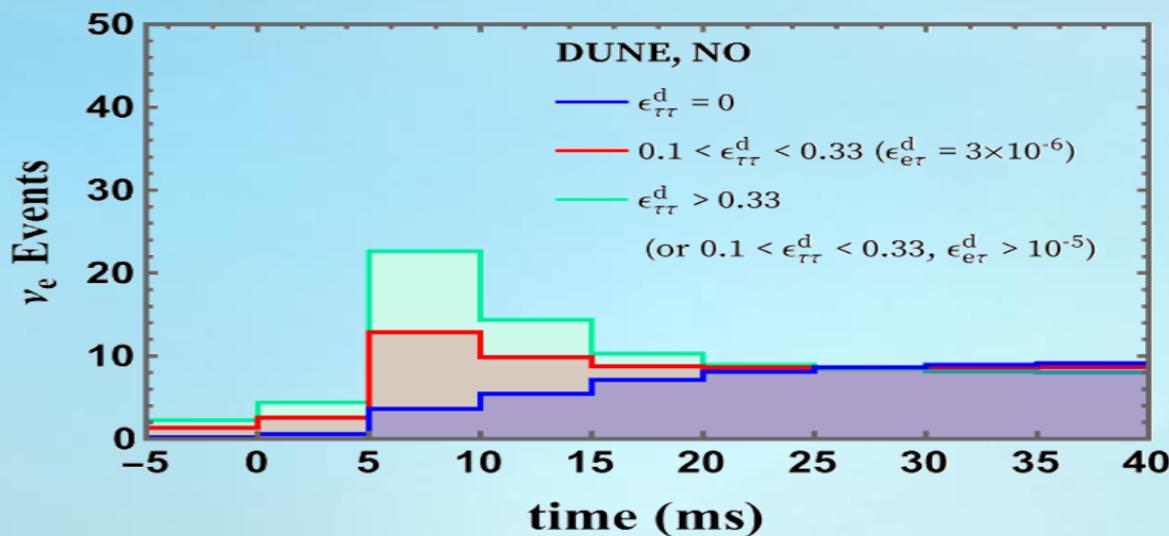
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SJ and Porto, arXiv:2403:14762

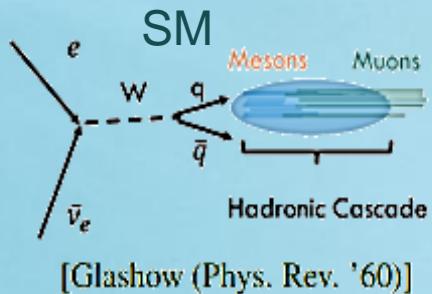
Many TeV–EeV  
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in planning for  
2020–2040

Experiments	Phase & Online Date	Energy Range	Site	Flavor	Technique	Neutrino Target	Geometry
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				Tau	Radio	Atmosphere	Valley
IceCube	2010	TeV-EeV	South Pole	✓	✓	✓	Satellite
KM3NeT	2021	TeV-PeV	Mediterranean	✓	✓	✓	Ballon
Baikal-GVD	2021	TeV-PeV	Lake Baikal	✓	✓	✓	Mountains
P-ONE	2020	TeV-PeV	Pacific Ocean	✓	✓	✓	Valley
IceCube-Gen2	2030+	TeV-EeV	South Pole	✓	✓	✓	✓
ARIANNA	2014	>30 PeV	Moore's Bay	✓	✓	✓	✓
ARA	2011	>30 PeV	South Pole	✓	✓	✓	✓
RNO-G	2021	>30 PeV	Greenland	✓	✓	✓	✓
RET-N	2024	PeV-EeV	Antarctica	✓	✓	✓	✓
ANITA	2008,2014,2016	EeV	Antarctica	✓	✓	✓	✓
PUEO	2024	EeV	Antarctica	✓	✓	✓	✓
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SKA	2029	>100 EeV	Australia	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trinity	2022	PeV-EeV	Utah, USA	✓	✓	✓	✓
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# Probing neutrino mass models at neutrino telescopes

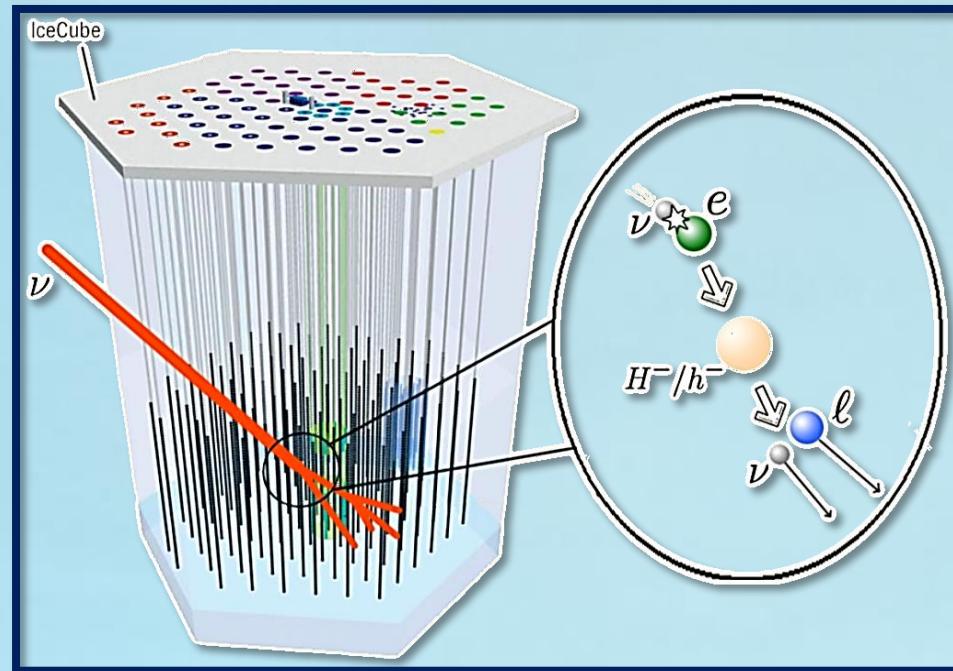


## Glashow resonance

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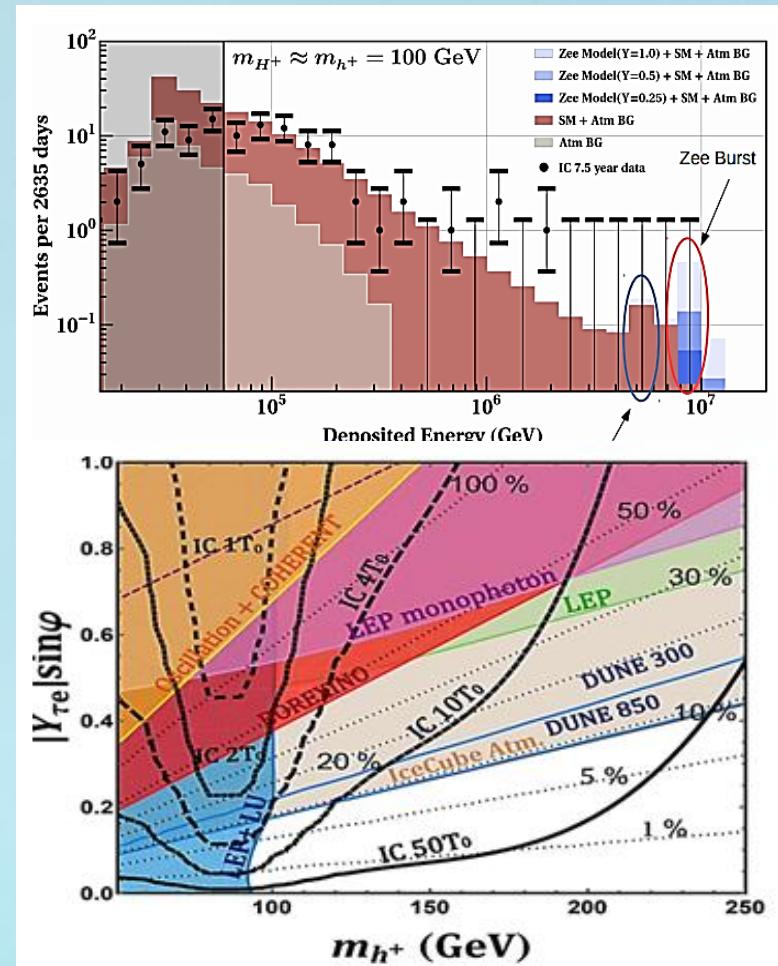
Recently observed by IceCube

[Nature 591, 220 (2021)]



- Ultra High Energy neutrinos at IceCube can probe NSI in the Zee model
- $\bar{\nu}_e + e^- \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow$  anything has a resonant enhancement at  $E_\nu = \frac{m_W^2}{2m_e} = 6.3 \text{ PeV}$  Glashow resonance
- Since  $h^\pm$  and  $H^\pm$  in Zee model are allowed to be as light as 100 GeV,  $\bar{\nu}_\alpha + e^- \rightarrow h^- \rightarrow$  anything is resonantly enhanced
- We have analyzed this possibility of "Zee burst"

$$E_\nu = \frac{m_h^2}{2m_e} \simeq 9.3 \text{ PeV} \quad \text{"Zee burst"}$$



Babu, Dev, SJ , Sui (PRL 2019)

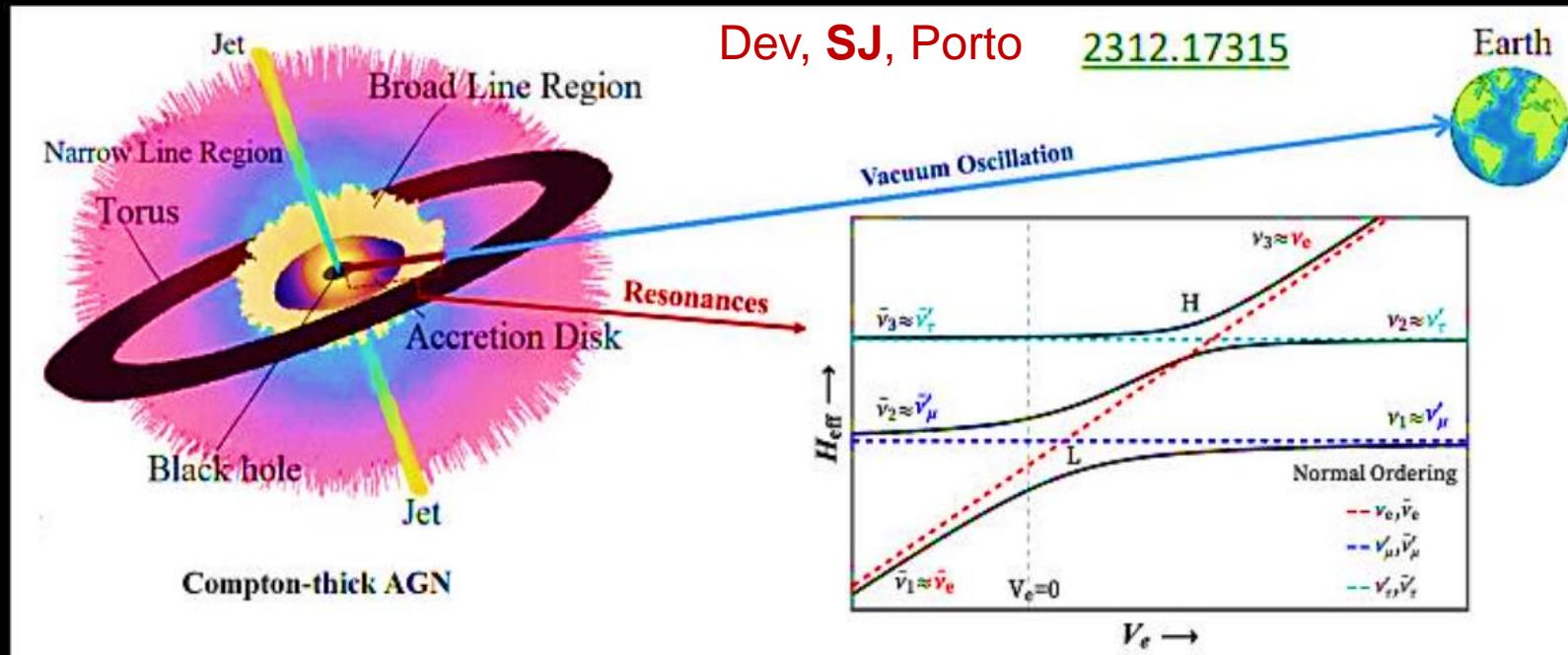
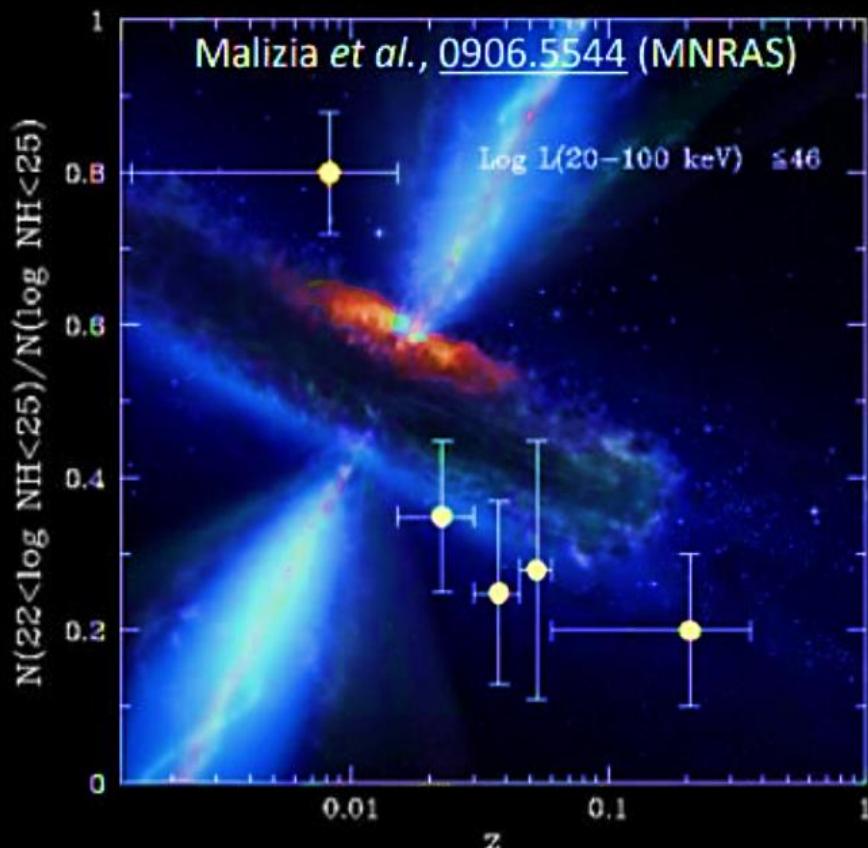
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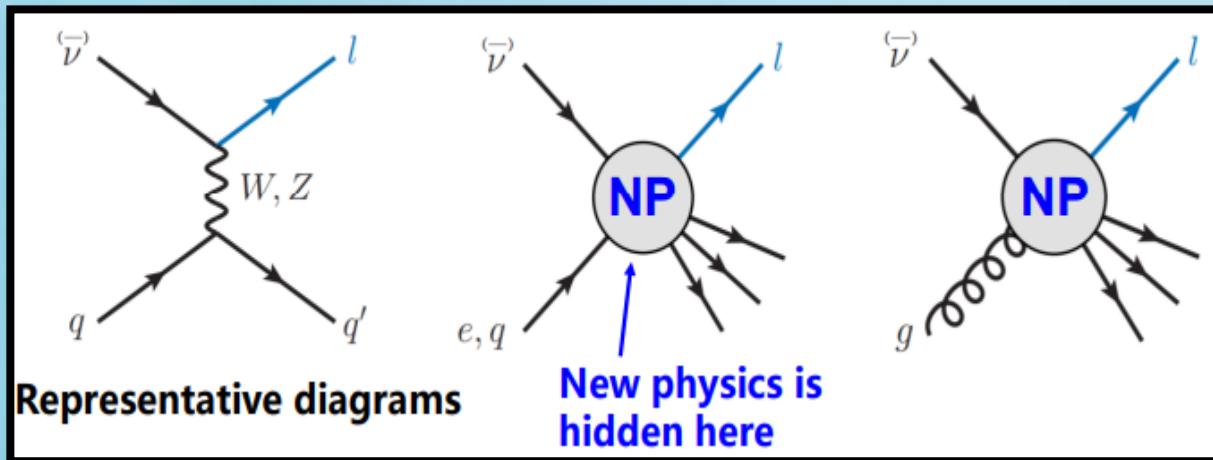
# MSW Resonance in Hidden Neutrino Sources

Column density  $N_H = \int n_e dr \geq \sigma_T^{-1} \simeq 1.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  corresponds to unity optical depth.



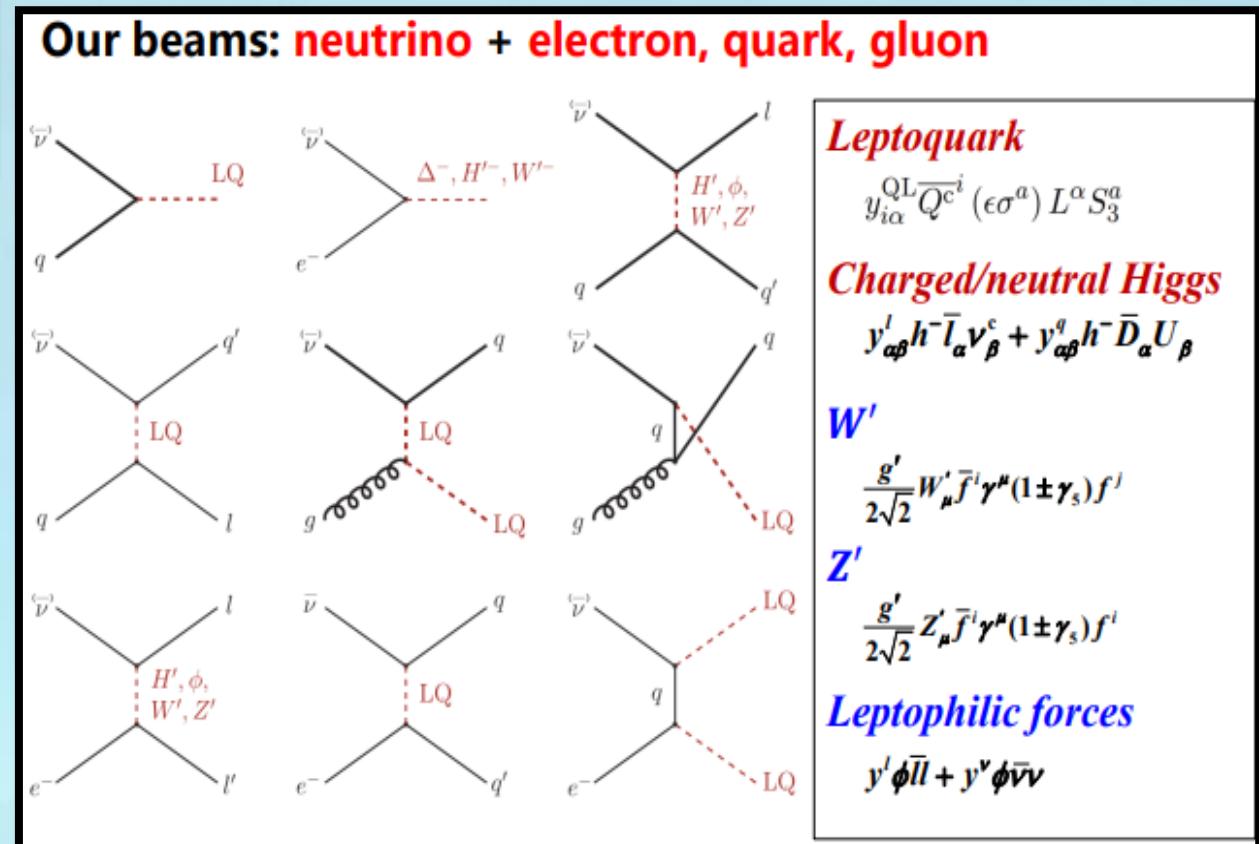
- Roughly one in four AGNs is Compton thick.
  - Maybe the reason why most of the HEN sources are unknown.
  - Neutrinos from Compton-thick AGNs *must* undergo source matter effect.
  - Resonant flavor conversion, analogous to the supernova case.
- $$\sqrt{2}G_F n_e^{\text{res}} = \frac{\Delta m_{i1}^2}{2E_\nu} \cos 2\theta_{1i}.$$
- Can drastically change the flavor composition of HENs.

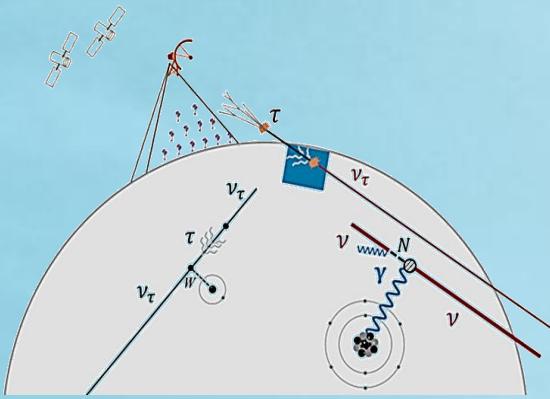
# BSM physics with neutrino telescopes



The **EeV cosmogenic neutrino flux**, 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.

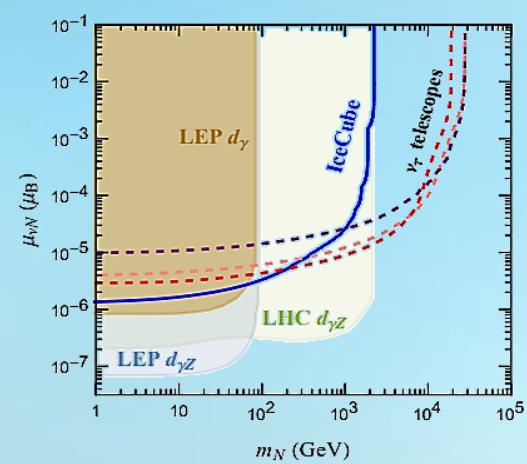
1. *Lorentz invariance, quantum gravity*
2. *Test of equivalence principle*
3. *Fifth Force*
4. *Unitarity*
5. *Microscopic black hole*
6. *Transition magnetic moment*



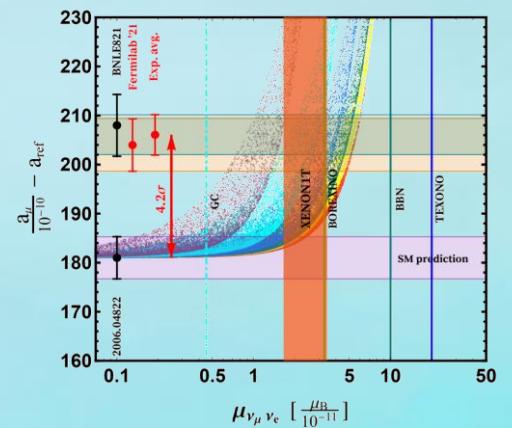
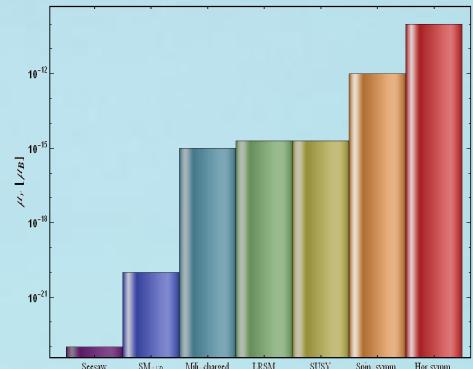


# Summary

- 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.*
- 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.*



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Thank you!