

Standard and Non-Standard ν -nucleus Interactions

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1 Introduction

- Standard Model (SM) and exotic neutral-current processes
 - $\nu_\alpha + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\alpha + (A, Z)$
 - $\nu_\alpha + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\beta + (A, Z)$
 - $\mu^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)$
 - ν -nucleus coherent scattering experiments
 - muon to electron conversion in nuclei experiments

2 Description of the formalism

- SM and exotic Lagrangians
- SM and exotic nuclear cross sections
- nuclear physics details (BCS method)
- tensorial ν -nucleus interactions
- transition neutrino magnetic moment

3 Results

- Coherent cross sections and Simulated Signals
- expected differential event rates and total counts
- new limits on the lepton flavour violating parameters

4 Summary and Outlook

Lepton flavor non-conservation

1) Elementary LFV processes:

$$\mu \rightarrow e\gamma, \quad \tau \rightarrow e\gamma, \quad \tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$$

$$\mu \rightarrow ee^+e^- \quad (\mu \rightarrow 3e)$$

$$\tau \rightarrow ee^+e^-, \quad \tau \rightarrow \mu e^+e^-, \quad \tau \rightarrow e\mu^+\mu^-, \quad \tau \rightarrow \mu\mu^+\mu^-$$

$$\nu_e \rightarrow \nu_\mu \quad \nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau \quad \text{etc.} \quad (\text{neutrino oscillations})$$

2) Neutrinoless LFV/L processes in Nuclei:

$$\mu_b^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^- + (A, Z)^* \quad (\mu^- \rightarrow e^- \text{ conversion})$$

$$\mu_b^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow e^+ + (A, Z - 2)^* \quad (\mu^- \rightarrow e^+ \text{ conversion})$$

$$(A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z \pm 2) + e^\mp e^\mp \quad (0\nu\beta\beta - \text{decay})$$

➡ $e^- + (A, Z) \rightarrow (A, Z)^* + \mu^-$ (high-energy $e^- \rightarrow \mu^-$ conversion)

3) Exotic neutrino-nucleus processes (FCNC processes)

$$\nu_\alpha + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\beta + (A, Z)^*$$

($\alpha \neq \beta$)

$$\tilde{\nu}_\alpha + (A, Z) \rightarrow \tilde{\nu}_\beta + (A, Z)^*$$

Impact to Astrophysics

P. Amanik, Ph.D (2006) [UC San Diego, USA]
D.K. Papoulias, TSK, in preparation

SM ν -nucleus reaction

$$\nu_\alpha + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\alpha + (A, Z)$$

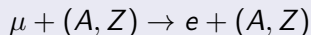
- Well-studied process theoretically.
- Any event has not been found yet experimentally.
- Very high experimental sensitivity is required.

LFV NSI ν -nucleus reaction

$$\nu_\alpha + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\beta + (A, Z), \quad \alpha \neq \beta = (e, \mu, \tau)$$

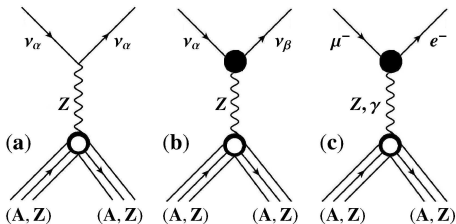
- Not allowed in the SM due to violation of the lepton number
- Excellent probe to search for new physics

CLFV muon to electron conversion in nuclei



- Probably the best probe to search for lepton flavour violation
- New extremely sensitive experiments are in preparation at Fermilab and J-PARC
- Branching ratio down to $R_{\mu e}^{(A,Z)} \sim 10^{-16} - 10^{-18}$
- It can be studied under the same particle physics models (Seesaw, left-right symmetric models, etc.) with NSI

Feynman diagrams contributing to LFV



- (a) SM Z-exchange neutral current ν -nucleus reactions
- (b) non-standard Z-exchange ν -nucleus reactions
- (c) Z-exchange and photon-exchange $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ in the presence of a nucleus (muon-to-electron conversion)

T.S. Kosmas and J.D. Vergados, Phys. Rep. **264** 251 (1996)

F. Deppisch, T.S. Kosmas and J.W.F. Valle, Nucl. Phys. **B 752** 80 (2006)

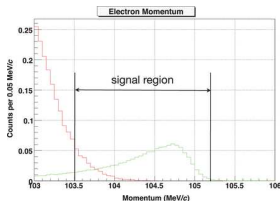
D.K. Papoulias and T.S. Kosmas, J. Phys. Conf. Ser. **410** 012123 (2013)

D.K. Papoulias and T.S. Kosmas, Phys. Lett. **B 728** 482 (2014)

For coherent ν -nucleus scattering

- the signal is the recoil of the nucleus
- cross sections are high but nuclear recoils are low
- high sensitivity required
- low background

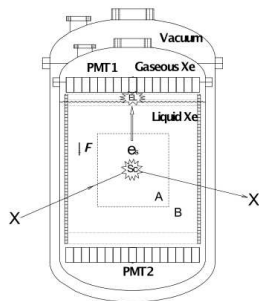
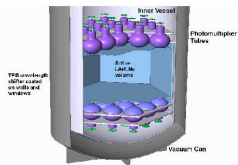
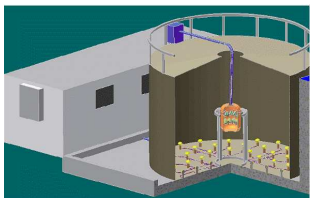
For $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ conversion



- high sensitivity required

Neutrinos from stopped-pion muon beam experiments

The Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) in Oak Ridge has excellent capabilities to measure ν -nucleus coherent scattering events



- very high fluxes about $\sim 10^7$ ν/s (see F.T. Avignone and Y.V. Efremenko, J. Phys. G29, (2003) 2615)
- energies up to ~ 60 MeV
- however, nuclear effects at those energies become rather important

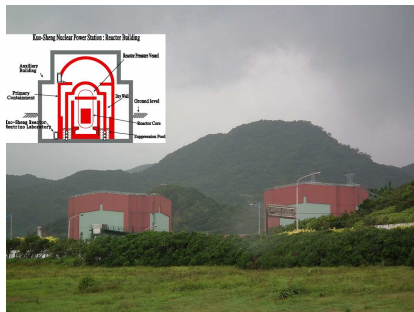
CLEAR Experiment: proposed nucl. detectors **456kg Liquid Ar** and **491kg Liquid Ne**

K.Scholberg, T.Wongjirad, E.Hungerford, A.Empl, D.Markoff, P.Mueller, Y.Efremenko, D.McKinsey, J.Nikkel, arXiv:0910.1989

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Neutrinos from reactor plants

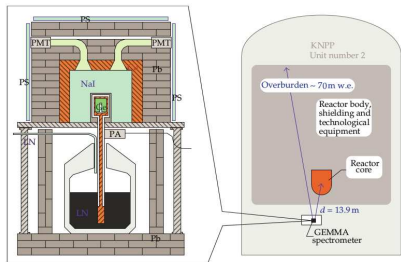
TEXONO Colab.



$$\mu\bar{\nu}_e < 7.4 \times 10^{-11} \mu_B \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.})$$

H.T. Wong et al., Phys. Rev. D75 (2007) 012001

GEMMA Colab.



Ge detector inside the active (NaI, PS) and passive (Cu, Pb) shielding.

$$\mu\bar{\nu}_e < 2.9 \times 10^{-11} \mu_B \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.})$$

A.G. Beda et al., Adv. High Energy Phys. (2012) 350150

^{76}Ge detectors
 extremely high fluxes ($\sim 10^{13} \nu/\text{s}$)
 low neutrino energies up to $\sim 10 \text{ MeV}$

Past $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ conversion experiments

We are mainly interested for the branching ratio of the $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ process

$$R_{\mu e}^{(A,Z)} = \frac{\Gamma(\mu^- \rightarrow e^-)}{\Gamma(\mu^- \rightarrow \text{capture})}$$

- current limits
- choice of nucleus

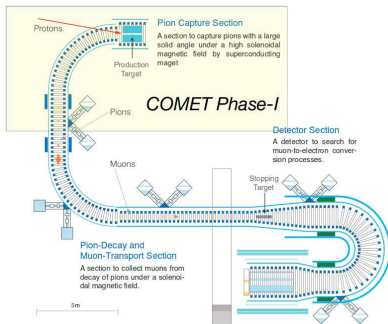
Process	upper limit	place	year
$\mu^- + Cu \rightarrow e^- + Cu$	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-8}$	SREL	1972
$\mu^- + {}^{32}S \rightarrow e^- + {}^{32}S$	$< 7 \times 10^{-11}$	SIN	1982
$\mu^- + Ti \rightarrow e^- + Ti$	$< 1.6 \times 10^{-11}$	TRIUMF	1985
$\mu^- + Ti \rightarrow e^- + Ti$	$< 4.6 \times 10^{-12}$	TRIUMF	1988
$\mu^- + Pb \rightarrow e^- + Pb$	$< 4.9 \times 10^{-10}$	TRIUMF	1988
$\mu^- + Ti \rightarrow e^- + Ti$	$< 4.3 \times 10^{-12}$	PSI	1993
$\mu^- + Pb \rightarrow e^- + Pb$	$< 4.6 \times 10^{-11}$	PSI	1996
$\mu^- + Ti \rightarrow e^- + Ti$	$< 6.1 \times 10^{-13}$	PSI	1998*
$\mu^- + Au \rightarrow e^- + Au$	$< 7 \times 10^{-13}$	PSI	2006

Table from [Y. Kuno and Y. Okada, Rev. Mod. Phys. 73 151 \(2001\)](#)

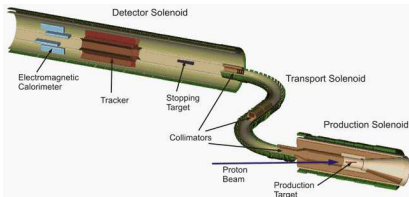
Recently planned $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ conversion experiments

- Mu2e experiment Fermilab
 $R_{\mu e}^{A1} < 6 \times 10^{-17}$
- Next generation Mu2e-PX
experiment aims $R_{\mu e}^{A1} < 2 \times 10^{-18}$

R.H. Bernstein and P.S. Cooper, Phys.Rept.532(2013)27



Schematic layout of COMET and COMET Phase-I



- COMET at J-PARC
 $R_{\mu e}^{A1} < 10^{-16}$
- Next generation PRIME/PRISM
aims $R_{\mu e}^{Ti} < 10^{-18}$

PA. Kurup, Nucl. Phys. B Proc. Suppl. **218** 38 (2011)

R.J. Barlow, Nucl. Phys. B Proc. Suppl. **218** 44 (2011)

SM Phenomenological description

Within the SM at the 4-fermion approximation (energies $\ll M_Z$) the Lagrangian takes the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{\substack{f=u,d \\ \alpha=e,\mu,\tau}} g_P^f [\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma_\rho L \nu_\alpha] [\bar{f} \gamma^\rho P f],$$

- g_P^f are the P -handed **SM couplings** of f -quarks ($f = u, d$) to the Z -boson in terms of the Weinberg mixing angle θ_W .
- $g_L^u = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W$ and $g_R^u = -\frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W$
- $g_L^d = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W$ and $g_R^d = \frac{1}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W$

S. Davidson et. al., JHEP **03** 011 (2003)

J. Barranco, O.G. Miranda and T.I. Rashba, JHEP **0512** 021 (2005)

The non-standard Lagrangian takes the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}} = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{\substack{f=u,d \\ \alpha,\beta=e,\mu,\tau}} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP} [\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma_\rho L \nu_\beta] [\bar{f} \gamma^\rho P f]$$

J. Barranco, O.G. Miranda, C.A. Moura and J.W.F. Valle, Phys. Rev. D 73 (2006) 113001

O.G. Miranda, M.A. Tortola and J.W.F. Valle, JHEP 0610 (2006) 008.

- *flavour preserving non-universal (NU) terms* proportional to $\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{fP}$.
- *flavour-changing (FC) terms* proportional to $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fP}$, $\alpha \neq \beta$.

These couplings are taken with respect to the strength of the Fermi coupling constant G_F .

- *polar-vector couplings*: $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fV} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fL} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fR}$
- *axial-vector couplings*: $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fA} = \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fL} - \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fR}$

S. Davidson et. al., JHEP 03 011 (2003)

J. Barranco, O.G. Miranda and T.I. Rashba, JHEP 0512 021 (2005)

K. Scholberg, Phys. Rev. D 73 033005 (2006)

SM Cross sections and Nuclear Transition Matrix Elements

At nuclear level the coherent SM dif. cross-section with respect to the scattering angle θ becomes

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{SM},\nu\alpha}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} E_\nu^2 (1 + \cos\theta) |\langle gs || G_{V,\nu\alpha}^{\text{SM}}(q) || gs \rangle|^2$$

D.Z. Freedman, Phys. Rev. D 9 (1974) 1389

A. Drukier, L. Stodolsky, Phys. Rev. D 30 (1984) 2295

C.J. Horowitz, K.J. Coakley, D.N. McKinsey, Phys. Rev. D 68 (2003) 023005.

- E_ν : incident neutrino energy
- $q^2 = 4E_\nu^2 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$: 3-momentum transfer
- $|gs\rangle = |J^\pi\rangle \equiv |0^+\rangle$: the nuclear ground state (for even-even nuclei)
- $g_V^{p(n)}$: polar-vector coupling of proton (neutron) to the Z boson

The **SM** nuclear matrix element is given in terms of the electromagnetic form factors $F_{Z(N)}$ (CVC theory)

$$|\mathcal{M}_{V,\nu\alpha}^{\text{SM}}|^2 \equiv \left| \langle gs || \hat{\mathcal{M}}_0 || gs \rangle \right|^2 = [g_V^p Z F_Z(q^2) + g_V^n N F_N(q^2)]^2$$

D.K. Papoulias and T.S. Kosmas, Phys. Lett. B 728 482 (2014)

NSI Cross sections and Nuclear Transition Matrix Elements

The coherent differential cross section with respect to the scattering angle θ for NSI ν -nucleus processes is written as

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NSI},\nu_\alpha}}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi} E_\nu^2 (1 + \cos\theta) |\langle gs || G_{V,\nu_\alpha}^{\text{NSI}}(q) || gs \rangle|^2, \quad (1)$$

($\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$, denotes the flavour of incident neutrinos)

The NSI nuclear matrix element reads

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{M}_{V,\nu_\alpha}^{\text{NSI}}|^2 &\equiv |\langle gs || G_{V,\nu_\alpha}^{\text{NSI}}(q) || gs \rangle|^2 = \\ &\left[\left(2\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + \epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV} \right) ZF_Z(q^2) + \left(\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{uV} + 2\epsilon_{\alpha\alpha}^{dV} \right) NF_N(q^2) \right]^2 \\ &+ \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} \left[\left(2\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV} \right) ZF_Z(q^2) + \left(\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uV} + 2\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dV} \right) NF_N(q^2) \right]^2 \end{aligned}$$

D.K. Papoulias and T.S. Kosmas, Phys. Lett. B 728 482 (2014)

Connection with experiments

From experimental physics perspectives it is important to compute the dif. cross section with respect to the **nuclear recoil energy T_N**

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NSI},\nu\alpha}}{dT_N} = \frac{G_F^2 M}{\pi} \left(1 - \frac{M T_N}{2E_\nu^2}\right) |\langle gs || G_{V,\nu\alpha}^{\text{NSI}}(q) || gs \rangle|^2$$

- 3-momentum transfer $q^2 = 2MT_N$
- M is the nuclear mass.
- $T_N^{\text{max}} = \frac{2E_\nu^2}{M+2E_\nu}$

Experiments will measure nuclear recoils

- P. Vogel and J.Engel, Phys.Rev. **D 39** 3378 (1989)
J. Barranco, O.G. Miranda and T.I. Rashba, JHEP **0512** 021 (2005)
K. Scholberg, Phys. Rev. **D 73** 033005 (2006)
D.K. Papoulias and T.S. Kosmas, Phys. Lett. **B 728** 482 (2014)

Branching ratios

It is interesting to estimate the ratio of each of the individual cross sections, $\sigma_{\lambda,\nu_\alpha}$, with respect to the SM cross sections defined as

$$R_{\lambda,\nu_\alpha}(E_\nu) = \frac{\sigma_{\lambda,\nu_\alpha}(E_\nu)}{\sigma_{\text{SM}}(E_\nu)}, \quad \lambda = \text{tot, NU, FP, FC}$$

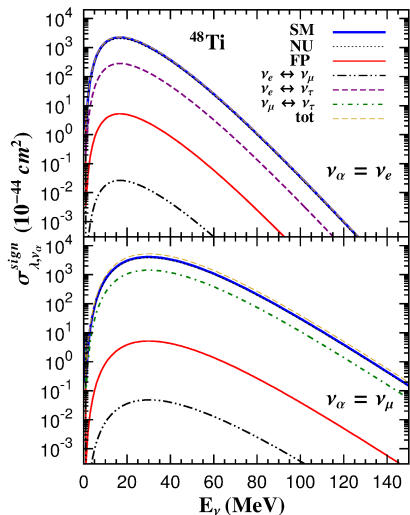
ν_α	(A, Z)	R_{tot}	R_{NU}	R_{FP}	$R_{\nu_\alpha \leftrightarrow \nu_e}$	$R_{\nu_\alpha \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu}$	$R_{\nu_\alpha \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau}$
ν_e	^{48}Ti	1.037	0.002	0.905	-	0.121×10^{-4}	0.130
	^{27}Al	1.044	0.003	0.902	-	0.130×10^{-4}	0.139
ν_μ	^{48}Ti	1.293	0.001	0.929	0.121×10^{-4}	-	0.361
	^{27}Al	1.318	0.001	0.927	0.130×10^{-4}	-	0.387

The ratios R_{λ,ν_α} of all possible $\nu_\alpha + (A, Z) \rightarrow \nu_\beta + (A, Z)$ processes. They have been evaluated in their asymptotic values reached at $E_\nu \approx 120$ MeV

D.K. Papoulias and T.S. Kosmas, Phys. Lett. B **728** 482 (2014)

Convoluted Cross section calculations

Assuming a typical supernova at $d = 10$ kpc we may compute the cross section signal to be recorded on the ^{48}Ti detector



- Supernova neutrino flux

$$\Phi(E_\nu) = \sum_{\alpha} \frac{N_{\nu\alpha}}{4\pi d^2} \eta_{\nu\alpha}^{\text{SN}}(E_\nu)$$

- Maxwell-Boltzmann distributions

$$\eta_{\nu\alpha}^{\text{SN}}(E_\nu) = \frac{E_\nu^2}{2T_{\nu\alpha}^3} e^{-E_\nu/T_{\nu\alpha}}$$

- convoluted cross sections

$$\sigma_{\lambda,\nu\alpha}^{\text{sign}}(E_\nu) = \sigma_{\lambda,\nu\alpha}(E_\nu) \eta_{\nu\alpha}^{\text{SN}}(E_\nu)$$

C.J. Horowitz, K.J. Coakley, D.N. McKinsey, *Phys. Rev. D* 68 (2003) 023005

M. Biassoni, C. Martinez, *Astropart. Phys.* 36 (2012) 151.

Flux averaged cross section calculations

In supernova neutrino simulations, another useful quantity is the flux averaged cross section

$$\langle \sigma_{\lambda, \nu_\alpha} \rangle = \int \sigma_{\lambda, \nu_\alpha}(E_\nu) \eta_{\nu_\alpha}^{\text{SN}}(E_\nu) dE_\nu$$

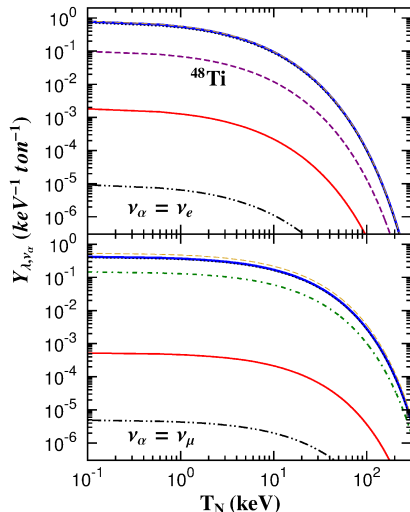
V. Tsakstara and T.S. Kosmas, Phys. Rev. C 83 (2011) 054612

ν_α	(A, Z)	$\langle \sigma_{\text{tot}} \rangle$	$\langle \sigma_{\text{SM}} \rangle$	$\langle \sigma_{\text{NU}} \rangle$	$\langle \sigma_{\text{FP}} \rangle$	$\langle \sigma_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_e} \rangle$	$\langle \sigma_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\mu} \rangle$	$\langle \sigma_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\tau} \rangle$
ν_e	^{48}Ti	5.32	5.15	1.20×10^{-2}	4.66	-	6.07×10^{-5}	6.50×10^{-1}
	^{27}Al	1.57	1.50	3.83×10^{-3}	1.35	-	1.95×10^{-5}	2.09×10^{-1}
ν_μ	^{48}Ti	19.6	15.2	1.93×10^{-2}	14.2	1.80×10^{-4}	-	5.36
	^{27}Al	6.07	4.61	6.42×10^{-3}	4.27	6.00×10^{-5}	-	1.78

Flux averaged cross sections (in 10^{-40}cm^2) for various SN ν -spectra parametrized by Maxwell-Boltzmann distributions

D.K. Papoulias and T.S. Kosmas, Phys. Lett. B 728 482 (2014)

Expected Event Rates



see also

C.J. Horowitz, K.J. Coakley, D.N. McKinsey, *Phys. Rev. D* 68 (2003) 023005

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Differential Yield in events assuming one tone of ^{48}Ti detector material as function of the nuclear recoil energy

$$Y_{\lambda, \nu_\alpha}(T_N) = N_t \int \Phi_{\nu_\alpha} dE_\nu \times \int \frac{d\sigma_{\lambda, \nu_\alpha}}{d\cos\theta} \delta\left(T_N - \frac{q^2}{2M}\right) d\cos\theta$$

● N_t number of target nuclei

Limits from $\mu \rightarrow e$ conversion

The $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e$ transition the NSI parameters are related with the experimental upper limits of $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ conversion as

$$\epsilon_{\mu e}^{fP} = C^{-1} \sqrt{R_{\mu e}^{(A,Z)}}.$$

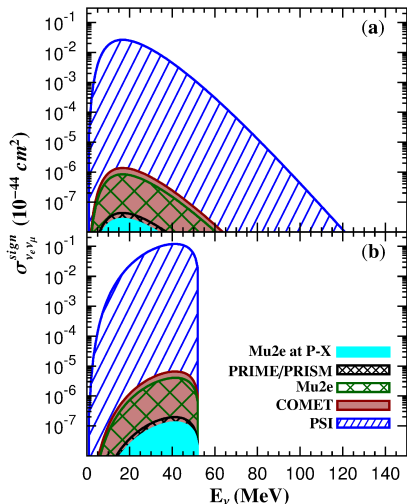
S. Davidson et. al., JHEP **03** 011 (2003)

new upper limits expected to be set by the corresponding experiments

Parameter	COMET	Mu2e	Project-X	PRIME
$\epsilon_{\mu e}^{fV} \times 10^{-6}$	3.70	2.87	0.52	0.37
$R_{\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e} \times 10^{-10}$	21.2	13.0	0.42	0.19

Table 3: Upper limits on the NSI parameters $\epsilon_{\mu e}^{fV}$ and the ratios $R_{\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e}$ for the FC $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e$ reaction channel resulting from the sensitivity of the $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ conversion experiments.

Excluded region of observation for $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e$



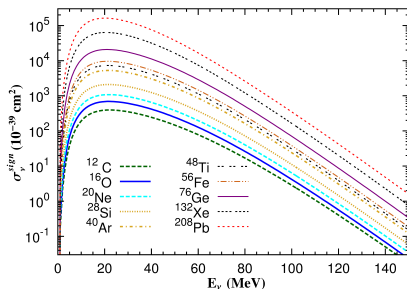
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Simulated signals

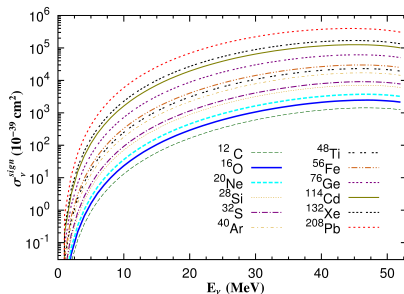
- (a) supernova neutrinos
- (b) stopped-pion muon neutrinos
- expected limits on NSI from next generation $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ conversion experiments is used

Expected signals for other interesting nuclei-targets

Supernova neutrinos



laboratory SNS neutrinos



Dark-matter detectors are also sensitive to Supernova neutrinos

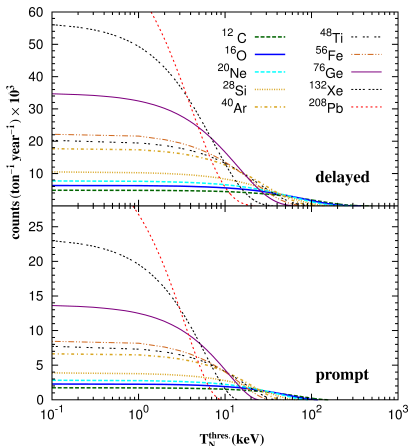
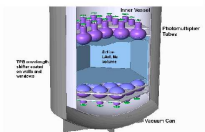
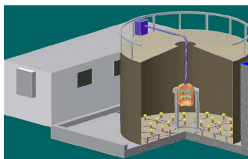
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Neutrino detection by SNS facilities

SM calculations for experimentally interesting nuclei (potential targets)

Particularly for the CLEAR experiment

- detector: liquid Ar/Ne
- expected events (in thousands for kg-scale detectors!)



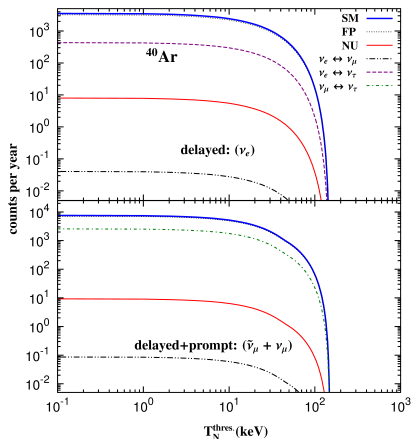
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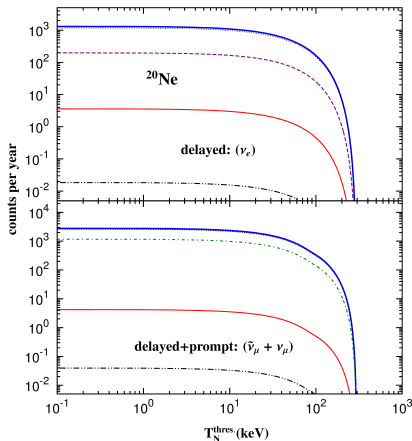
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Searching for NSI with the CLEAR experiment

calculation for 456 kg ^{40}Ar



calculation for 391 kg ^{20}Ne



Within the current limits on the NSI parameters, measurable rates are expected for NSI ν -nucleus events

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Tensorial contribution to NSI neutrino-nucleus scattering

- The Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{NSI}}^T = -2\sqrt{2}G_F \sum_{\substack{f=u,d \\ \alpha,\beta=e,\mu,\tau}} \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fT} [\bar{\nu}_\alpha \sigma^{\mu\nu} \nu_\beta] [\bar{f} \sigma_{\mu\nu} f]$$

J. Schechter, J. W. F. Valle (1981), Phys. Rev. D24 (1981) 1883

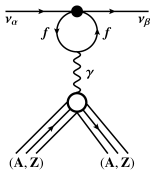
- Differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NSI},\nu_\alpha}}{dT_N} = \frac{4G_F^2 M}{\pi} \left[\left(1 - \frac{T_N}{2E_\nu}\right)^2 - \frac{MT_N}{4E_\nu^2} \right] |\langle gs || G_{T,\nu_\alpha}^{\text{NSI}}(q) || gs \rangle|^2$$

J. Barranco, A. Bolanos, E.A. Garcés, O.G. Miranda and T.I. Rashba, Int. J. Mod. Phys. A27 (2012) 1250147

- Nuclear matrix element

$$|\langle gs || G_{T,\nu_\alpha}^{\text{NSI}}(q) || gs \rangle|^2 = [(2\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uT} + \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dT}) ZF_Z(q^2) + (\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uT} + 2\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dT}) NF_N(q^2)]^2$$



- neutrino electromagnetic effects
- NSI neutrino transition magnetic moments are generated at 1-loop level

Neutrino NSI transition magnetic moment contribution to the cross section

- Neutrino magnetic moment contributes to the total cross section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT_N}\right)_{tot} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT_N}\right)_{SM} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT_N}\right)_{magn}$$

P. Vogel, J. Engel, Phys. Rev. D39 (1989) 3378.

- In our NSI approximation the diff. cross section due to NSI transition NMM reads

$$\frac{d\sigma_{magn}}{dT_N} = \frac{\pi a^2 \mu_{\alpha\beta}^2 Z^2}{m_e^2} \left(\frac{1 - T_N/E_\nu}{E_\nu} + \frac{T_N}{4E_\nu^2} \right) F_Z^2(q^2)$$

What is new in this cross section?

- $\mu_\nu \rightarrow \mu_{\alpha\beta}$ (NMM due to flavour transitions)
- Nuclear physics details enter the proton form factor

see also A.C. Dodd, E. Papaioannou, S. Ranfone, Phys. Lett. B266 (1991) 434.

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Limits on the tensor NSI parameters

- The NSI transition neutrino magnetic moment reads

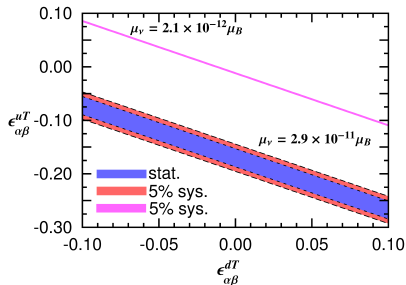
$$\mu_{\alpha\beta} = - \sum_q 2\sqrt{2}G_F \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{qT} \frac{N_c Q_q}{\pi^2} m_e m_q \ln \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}G_F m_q^2} \right) \mu_B$$

For other approximations see also [K.J. Healey, A.A. Petrov, D. Zhuridov, Phys.Rev. D87 \(2013\) 11, 117301.](#)

- The Gemma experiment upper limit on the NMM is used

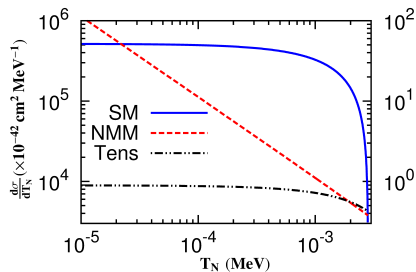
Upper limits on the NSI parameters $\epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{fT}$ from NMM

$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{eT} $	1.3×10^{-1}	$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{dT} $	1.7×10^{-2}	$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{uT} $	1.7×10^{-2}
$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\mu T} $	1.1×10^{-3}	$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{sT} $	1.2×10^{-3}	$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{cT} $	6.9×10^{-5}
$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{\tau T} $	1.1×10^{-4}	$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{bT} $	5.6×10^{-5}	$ \epsilon_{\alpha\beta}^{tT} $	4.0×10^{-4}



- Variation of the tensor NSI parameters

Comparison of the cross sections



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- The tensorial contribution is larger than the transition NMM one

Summary and Outlook

- After the construction of the formalism for the exotic ν -nucleus processes, we performed realistic cross sections calculations
- By exploiting the $\mu^- \rightarrow e^-$ conversion experimental sensitivity one can put severe limits to FCNC neutrino nucleus parameters
- predictions for the signals to be recorded by terrestrial detectors are obtained and for the expected event rates for the SM and exotic ν -reactions
- Detailed study for nuclear systems throughout the periodic table and for other ν -sources have been obtained.

We currently

- examine ν -magnetic moments induced via tensor NSI couplings and study the incoherent reaction channels within QRPA

What new physics can we gain SNS and reactor neutrino experiments?

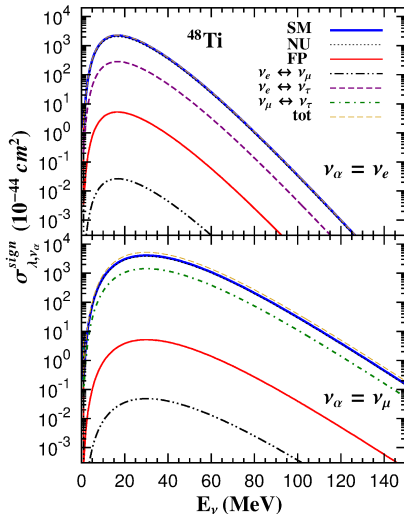
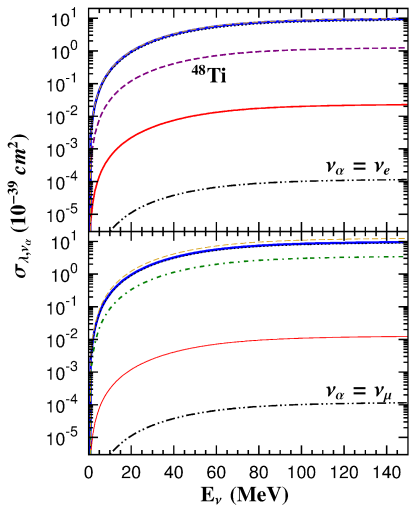
- detect coherent ν -nucleus event for the first time
- measure neutrino magnetic moment
- constrain non-standard neutrino interaction parameters (vector, tensor)
- SM precision tests (i.e. Weinberg-angle)

Thank you for your attention !

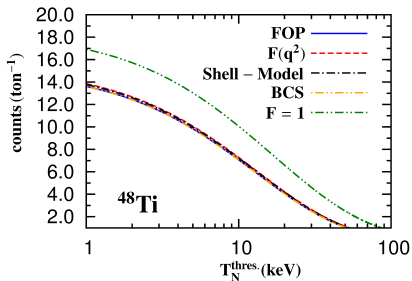
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Coherent cross sections and Simulated Signals

Assuming a typical supernova at $d = 8.5$ kpc we may compute the cross section signal to be recorded on the ^{48}Ti detector for all reaction channels



Total number of events



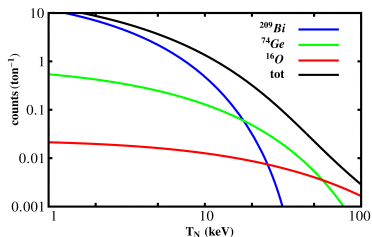
- several nuclear methods tested
- neglecting the nuclear physics details i.e. $F = 1$ could lead up to 30% more events

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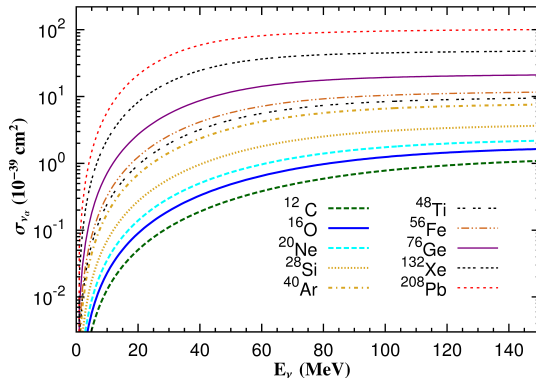
a combination of light and heavy nuclear target would be a more appropriate choice, i.e. **BGO scintillator** ($\text{Bi}_4\text{Ge}_3\text{O}_{12}$)

- **heavy nuclei** → more events but low-energy recoils (due to large mass and form factor suppression)
- **light nuclei** → less events but high-energy (almost constant) recoils



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SM ν -nucleus coherent cross sections



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