

Astrophysical constraints on the neutrino magnetic moment

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Neutrinos have no EM charge. Diagram not allowed in the Standard Model



Coupling to photon possible at the loop level: neutrino magnetic moment

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \mu^D_{ij} \bar{\nu}_i \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_j F^{\mu\nu}$$

Dirac

Fujikawa, Shrock, Phys. Rev. Lett. 45, 963

 $\mu_{ij}^{D} = \frac{eG_F}{8\sqrt{2}\pi^2} (m_i + m_j) \sum_{l=e,\mu,\tau} f(a_l) U_{li}^* U_{lj}$ $a_l = \left(\frac{m_l}{m_W}\right)^2$ $\mu_{ii}^{D} \simeq 3.2 \times 10^{-19} \left(\frac{m_i}{eV}\right) \mu_{B}$

 $\mathscr{L} \supset \mu_{ii}^M \nu_i \sigma_{\mu\nu} \nu_i F^{\mu\nu}$

Majorana

 $\mu^{\mathbf{M}} = - (\mu^{M})^{T}$

 $\mu_{ii}^{\rm M} = 0$

Only off-diagonal (transition) magnetic moments can exist

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 $\nu + e$ cross section

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• $\nu_{\alpha,L} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta,R}$ in scattering or B

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Regardless of the nature of neutrinos, if we measure

$\mu_{\nu} > 10^{-19} \mu_{B}$

We have direct evidence of new physics

Constraints: v - e scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dT} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_{\rm SM} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_{\mu}$$

Assuming v_R to be light

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{dT}\right)_{\mu} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2}{m_e^2} \left(\frac{1}{T} - \frac{1}{E_{\nu}}\right) \left(\frac{\mu_{\nu}}{\mu_B}\right)^2$$

Constraints: v - e scattering

Broggini, Giunti, Studenikin, Adv. High Energy Phys.2012 (2012), 459526



Extra contribution from μ dominates at low T (recoil energy of electrons)

Constraints: v - e scattering

Giunti, Kouzakov, Li, Lokhov	Studenikin, Zhou, Annalen	Phys. 528, 198-215 (2016
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Method	Experiment	Limit	CL
	Krasnoyarsk	$\mu_{v_e} < 2.4 \times 10^{-10} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
	Rovno	$\mu_{\nu_e} < 1.9 \times 10^{-10} \mu_{\rm B}$	95%
Reactor \bar{v}_e - e^-	MUNU	$\mu_{\nu_e} < 9 \times 10^{-11} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
	TEXONO	$\mu_{\nu_e} < 7.4 \times 10^{-11} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
	GEMMA	$\mu_{\nu_e} < 2.9 \times 10^{-11} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
Accelerator v_e - e^-	LAMPF	$\mu_{\nu_e} < 1.1 \times 10^{-9} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
Accelerator (v_{μ}, \bar{v}_{μ}) - e^-	BNL-E734	$\mu_{\nu_{\mu}} < 8.5 \times 10^{-10} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
	LAMPF	$\mu_{\nu_{\mu}} < 7.4 \times 10^{-10} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
	LSND	$\mu_{\nu_{\mu}} < 6.8 \times 10^{-10} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
Accelerator $(v_{\tau}, \bar{v}_{\tau}) - e^-$	DONUT	$\mu_{\nu_{\tau}} < 3.9 \times 10^{-7} \mu_{\rm B}$	90%
Solar $v_{-}e^{-}$	Super-Kamiokande	$\mu_{\rm S}(E_v\gtrsim 5{ m MeV}) < 1.1 \times 10^{-10}\mu_{\rm B}$	90%
	Borexino	$\mu_{\rm S}(E_v \lesssim 1{\rm MeV}) < 5.4 \times 10^{-11}\mu_{\rm B}$	90%

Constraints: radiative decay

Radiative neutrino decay affects SN1987a and background radiation

$$\Gamma_{\nu_i \to \nu_j + \gamma} = 5.3 \left(\frac{\mu_{\nu}}{\mu_B}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_i^2 - m_j^2}{m_j^2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{m_i}{1 \text{ eV}}\right)^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Raffelt, Phys. Rept. 320, 319-327 (1999)



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Neutrinos can flip chirality: $\nu_L + e^- \rightarrow \nu_R + e^-, \nu_L + p \rightarrow \nu_R + p$



Luminosity emitted in v_R cannot be larger than 10⁵³ erg

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 v_R could rotate back into v_L ones in magnetic fields outside the supernova

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Back conversion to v_{L} would lead to high energy events

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Conversion to v_R may happen inside the supernova, with impact on explosion

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In general $\mu_{\nu} \lesssim 10^{-12} \mu_{B}$ can influence supernova physics, but many effects come into play at the same time Francesco Capozzi - Instituto de Fisica Corpuscular

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$N_{\rm eff} \simeq 2.85 \pm 0.28 \text{ (BBN)}$

Cyburt, Fields, Olive and Yeh, Rev. Mod. Phys. 88, 015004 (2016) Morgan, J. 1981a, Phys. Lett. B, 102, 247 Morgan, J. 1981b, Mon. Not. R. astr. Soc., 195, 173 Fukugita and Yazaki, Phys. Rev. D 36, 3817 (1987) Elmfors, Enqvist, Raffelt and Sigl, Nucl. Phys. B 503 (1997) 3

Extra thermalised light degree of freedom is excluded: $\mu_{\nu} \lesssim 6 \times 10^{-11} \mu_{B}$

Constraints: spin-flavour oscillation

Majorana neutrinos: $\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\beta}$ through μ_{ν} interaction with magnetic field



Borexino: $\mu_{\nu} \lesssim 3 \times 10^{-11} \mu_{B}$ assuming B ~ 10⁴ G in convective zone





Hydrogen burning produces more He falling on the core. The core increases its mass and it shrinks ($R \sim M^{-1/3}$)



The core provides a larger gravitational potential $\Phi \sim M / R$



To compensate Φ more pressure from H burning is required



The enhanced H burning raises the temperature and the luminosity



The star reaches the maximum luminosity (Tip of the RGB) when the core becomes so hot and dense that helium ignites Francesco Capozzi - Instituto de Fisica Corpuscular



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G. Raffelt, Lect. Notes Phys. 741 (2008), 51-71



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The **TIP** is the RGB star with maximum luminosity



In the SM the core cools through plasmon decay into neutrinos ($\gamma^* \rightarrow \nu + \bar{\nu}$)



The larger μ_{ν} , the more neutrinos are emitted, the later He ignition happens, the bigger M_c and the gravitational potential. The Tip is more luminous.



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We can compare theory and observation to constrain extra cooling (axions-electron coupling g_{ae} , neutrino anomalous magnetic moment μ_{ν} , ...)

Example: globular cluster M5

Viaux et al., AA 558 (2013), A12



Slight preference for extra cooling

Constraints: astrophysical

Raffelt, Phys. Rept. 320, 319-327 (1999)



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Constraints: summary

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Xenon1T excess

Xenon1T observed an excess in low-energy electronic recoil data



The excess can be explained by solar neutrinos with $\mu_{\nu} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-11} \mu_{B}$

Xenon1T excess

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Can we improve TRGB bounds wrt Viaux et al., AA 558 (2013) A12?

Usually RGB stars in Globular Clusters are used



 $M_{TRGB} = m_{TRGB} - \mu$

The main uncertainty has usually been the distance $\boldsymbol{\mu}$

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Get μ from N-body simulation that reproduce observed kinematics of cluster

H. Baumgardt, et al, Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 482

Precise calibration of TRGB from galaxies: Large Magellanic Cloud



New precise distance from **detached eclipsing binary stars**. Nice alternative to Globular Clusters!

Detached eclipsing binaries as distance indicators



Radii of stars from eclipses time, masses from radial velocities, surface brightness from empirical relations or atmosphere models

Precise calibration of TRGB from galaxies: NGC 4258



New precise distance from **Megamasers**. Nice alternative to Globular Clusters!



For NGC 4258, see M. Reid et al., Astrophys. J. Lett. 886 (2019) L27

Very long baseline interferometry can measure v, a, θ , ϕ . This is enough for getting the distance of the galaxy

www.jpl.nasa.gov/spaceimages



calibrate TRGB in a nearby galaxy with precise geometrical distance

> calibrate SN-Ia from TRGB in distant galaxies

> > Distance, redshift

Final goal of new precise distances is actually measuring H₀ with SN-Ia

Important developments for the theoretical predictions of TRGB

A. Serenelli et al., , Astron. Astrophys. 606 (2017) A33

 $M_{\text{TRGB}} = -4.090 + 0.017[(V-I)^{\text{TRGB}} - 1.4] + 0.036[(V-I)^{\text{TRGB}} - 1.4]^2$

Detailed assessment of theoretical uncertainties also available

Theoretical error sources: nuclear reaction rates, nuclear reaction screening, mixing length, equation of state, radiative opacities, conductive opacities, neutrino emission, diffusion







aggressive bounds
conservative bounds

Debate on the extinction of the LMC

F20: W. L. Freedman et al., Astrophys. J. 891 (2020) 57 Y19: W. Yuan et al., Astrophys. J. 886 (2019) 61



inverted LMC calibration – adopting H₀ from PLANCK measurements



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Top bar include bolometric correction

 $BC = M_{bol} - M_{I}$

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Theory and observations in agreement. Errors dominated by theory and bolometric corrections

What has been left out?

M5 has been previously used in literature in Viaux et al., AA 558 (2013), A12



However the brightest star seems to be a variable star (V50)

What has been left out?

Red giant stars in the halo of the Milky Way



Not yet competitive, but future GAIA data will improve the uncertainties

We express neutrino magnetic moment bounds with $\mu_{12} = \mu_v / (10^{-12} \mu_B)$

We consider theoretical predictions at (V-I) = 1.8

Theoretical predictions of TRGB are modified by extra cooling

N. Viaux et al., AA 558 (2013), A12 (V13)

 $M_{\text{TRGB}}(\text{th}) = -4.08 - \delta M \pm \sigma_{\text{th}}$

 $\delta M = -0.25 \left[(\mu^2_{12} + 0.80)^{0.5} - 0.80 - 0.18 \mu^{1.5}_{12} \right]$

 $\sigma_{\text{th}} = [0.039^2 + (0.046 + 0.0075 \ \mu_{12})^2]^{0.5}$

We need to compare theoretical and empirical calibrations

Assuming Gaussian errors:

$$\text{Likelihood} = \frac{e^{-\frac{(M_{\text{TRGB}}^{\text{th}} - M_{\text{TRGB}}^{\text{emp}})^2}{2(\sigma_{\text{th}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{emp}}^2)}}}{\sqrt{2\pi(\sigma_{\text{th}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{emp}}^2)}}$$

TABLE I. Summary of empirical TRGB calibrations and implied bounds on the neutrino magnetic moment μ_{ν} .

Target	Distance	μ ^a	$I^{\mathrm{TRGB} \ \mathbf{b}}$	A_I ^c	$M_I^{ m TRGB}$ d	Reference	Neutrino	Bound
	Method	[mag]	[mag]	[mag]	[mag]		68%	95%
NGC 4258	Megamaser ^e	29.397 ± 0.032	25.395 ± 0.045	0.025 ± 0.003	-4.027 ± 0.055	Update of [17]	0.75	1.48
LMC	$\mathrm{DEBs}^{\mathbf{f}}$	18.477 ± 0.039	14.595 ± 0.023	$0.16\pm0.02~^{\rm g}$	-4.047 ± 0.045	F20 [20]	0.76	1.48
			_	$0.10\pm0.02~^{\rm g}$	$-3.958 \pm 0.046 \ ^{\rm h}$	Y19 [21]	0.56	1.13
ω Centauri	${\rm Kinematical}^{\rm i}$	13.597 ± 0.021	9.85 ± 0.04	0.214 ± 0.035	-3.96 ± 0.05	Update of [30]	0.58	1.18

^a True distance modulus $\mu = 5 \log_{10}(\text{distance/pc}) - 5$

^b *I*-band brightness of the TRGB shifted to our reference color of $(V - I)_0^{\text{TRGB}} = 1.8 \text{ mag}$

- ^c Extinction
- ^d Absolute *I*-band TRGB brightness: $M_I^{\text{TRGB}} = I^{\text{TRGB}} A_I \mu$ ^e Water megamaser with 18 VLBI radio observation epochs [22]
- ^f Detached eclipsing binaries [18]
- ^g There is no consensus in the literature about the average extinction (foreground and internal) of the LMC, see Sec. II B. The two shown cases are taken to represent the plausible range.
- ^h Y19 state -3.97 ± 0.046 in the F814W filter.
- ⁱ Kinematical distances of galactic globular clusters based on Gaia DR2 data [13]

Comparison with Straniero et al., arXiv:2010.03833

Target	Axion Bound	
	68% 95%	
NGC 4258	0.79 1.58	
LMC	$0.81 \ 1.58$	
	0.62 1.25	
ω Centauri	0.64 1.29	

Straniero et al., arXiv:2010.03833

	photometric	distance	g ₁₃	g 13
	sample	scale	best value	bound
M5	VI+JK	ZAHB	0	2.30
47 Tuc	VI+ JK	parallax	0.45	1.87
NGC 362	VI+JK	parallax	0	1.37
22 GGCs	JK	ZAHB	0.60	1.48
16 GGCs	JK	KINEMATIC	0.35	1.15

Similar constraints recently obtained using a compound of globular clusters

Conclusions

- With new distances extra cooling bounds dominated by theory

- Extragalactic calibrations are competitive with Globular Clusters

- Improvements expected with GAIA DR3 and its precise distances