

Low energy neutrino scattering in semiconductor detectors

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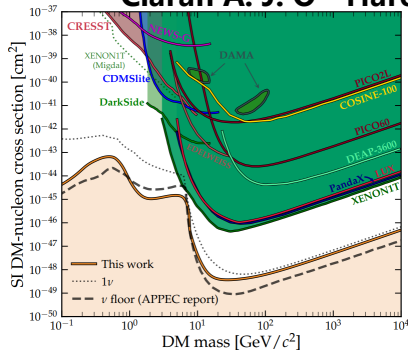
- Background
- Neutrino scattering in non-relativistic effective field theory (NR EFT)
- Low energy neutrino excitation in semiconductor
 - In-medium screening effect for neutrino-electron excitation
 - Migdal effect induced by neutrino-nucleus scattering
- Summary



Background

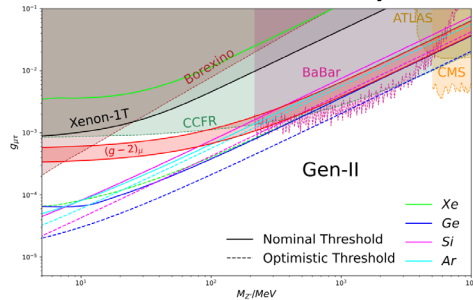
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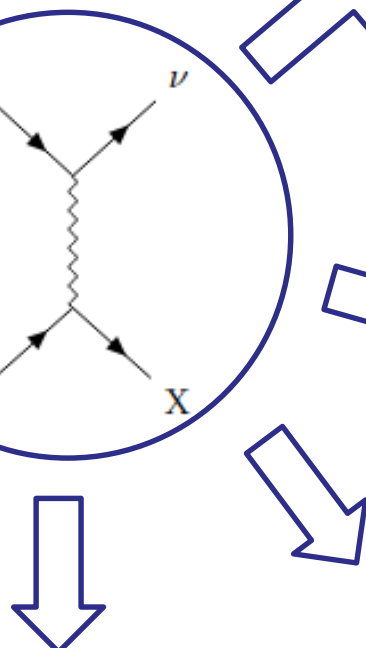


Neutrino Fog

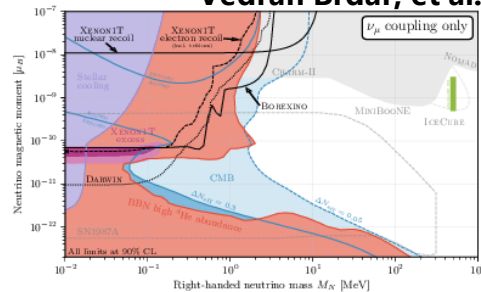
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Neutrino Non-Standard Interaction

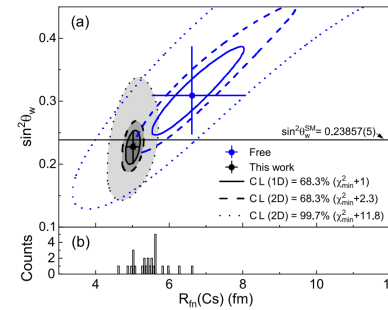


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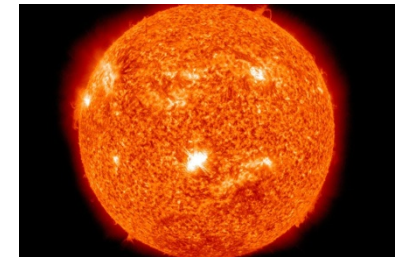


Sterile Neutrino

Y. Huang, et al., 2024



SM Precision Test



Solar Physics



Neutrino Magnetic Moments

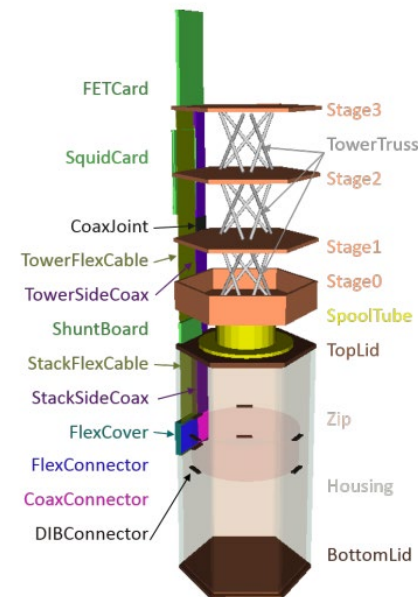


Background

- Neutrino detection in semiconductor detectors
 - Very low threshold
 - Detection via phonons and electrons
 - Several electron excitations



Barak, Liron and others,
Phys.Rev.Lett. 125 (2020) 17, 171802

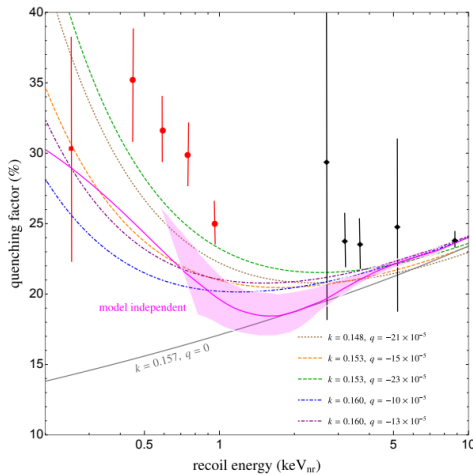


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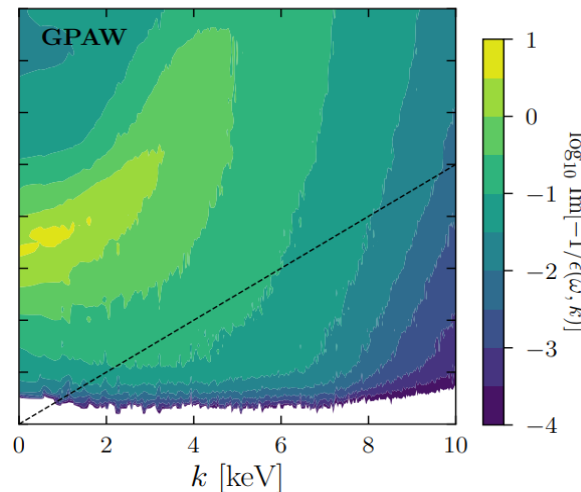


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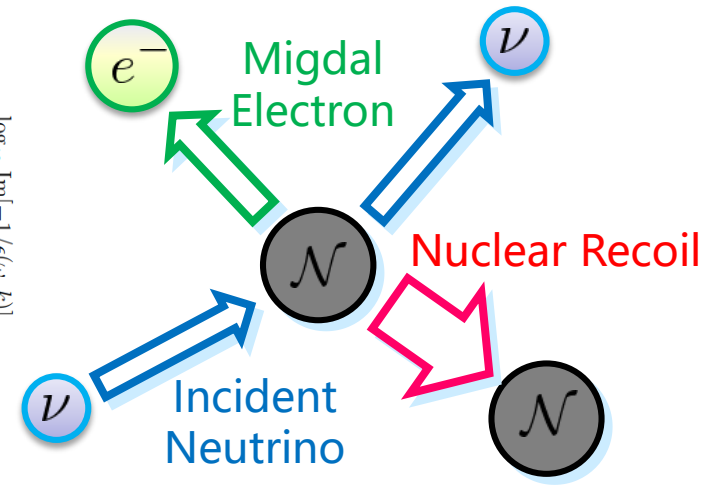
- low energy excitations in semiconductor
 - Quenching models at low energy
 - Migdal effect in nuclear recoil
 - Screening effect and other collective behavior
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Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 1, 015005



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Migdal Effect



Neutrino scattering in NR EFT

Appendix of [Arxiv: 2211.11582](#)

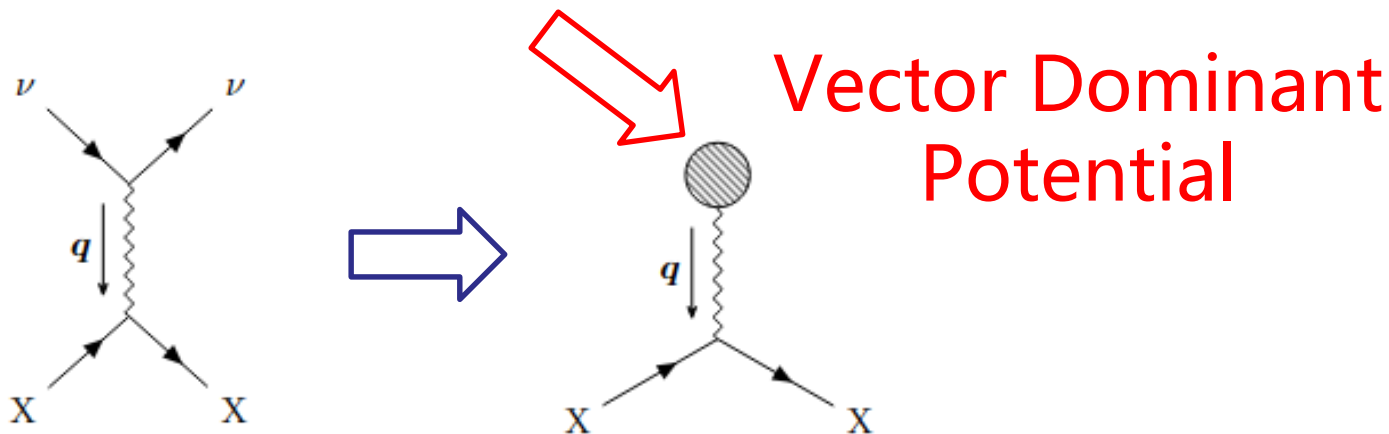
■ Neutrino electron scattering Lagrangian in SM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{E}\nu\text{ES}} = -i \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [\bar{\nu}_\alpha \gamma^\rho (1 - \gamma^5) \nu_\alpha] [\bar{\phi}_e \gamma_\rho (g_{\alpha;V} - g_{\alpha;A} \gamma^5) \phi_e]$$

■ Neutrino electron excitation in NR EFT

[Andrea Mitridate, et al., JHEP 09 \(2021\) 123](#), [Arxiv: 2106.12586](#)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{E}\nu\text{ES}} = -i \sqrt{2} G_F g_{\alpha;V} \bar{\nu}_{\alpha,L} \gamma^0 \nu_{\alpha,L} \phi_+^\dagger \phi_+$$





Neutrino scattering in NR EFT

■ Contribution of neutrino magnetic moment

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mag}} = -i\mu_\nu \frac{m_\nu}{m_e} \frac{4\pi\alpha}{q^2} \left[\bar{\nu}_\alpha (1 - \gamma^5) i \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m_\nu} \nu_\alpha \right] [\bar{\phi}_e \gamma_\mu \phi_e]$$

■ Neutrino magnetic moment (ER) in NR EFT

- Isotropic structure of the crystal
- Leading order interaction

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mag}} = i\mu_\nu \frac{E_\nu}{m_e} \frac{8\pi\alpha}{q^2} \bar{\nu}_{\alpha,L} \nu_{\alpha,L} \phi_+^\dagger \phi_+$$

Leading Order
Potential



Neutrino scattering in NR EFT

■ Neutrino nucleus scattering in EFT

- Enhancement from coherent effect

Coherent Effect

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -i\sqrt{2}G_{\text{F}}[g_n N F_N^2(\vec{q}) + g_p Z F_Z^2(\vec{q})]\nu_{e,L}\gamma^0\bar{\nu}_{e,L}\phi_+^\dagger\phi_+$$

■ Neutrino magnetic moment (NR) in NR EFT

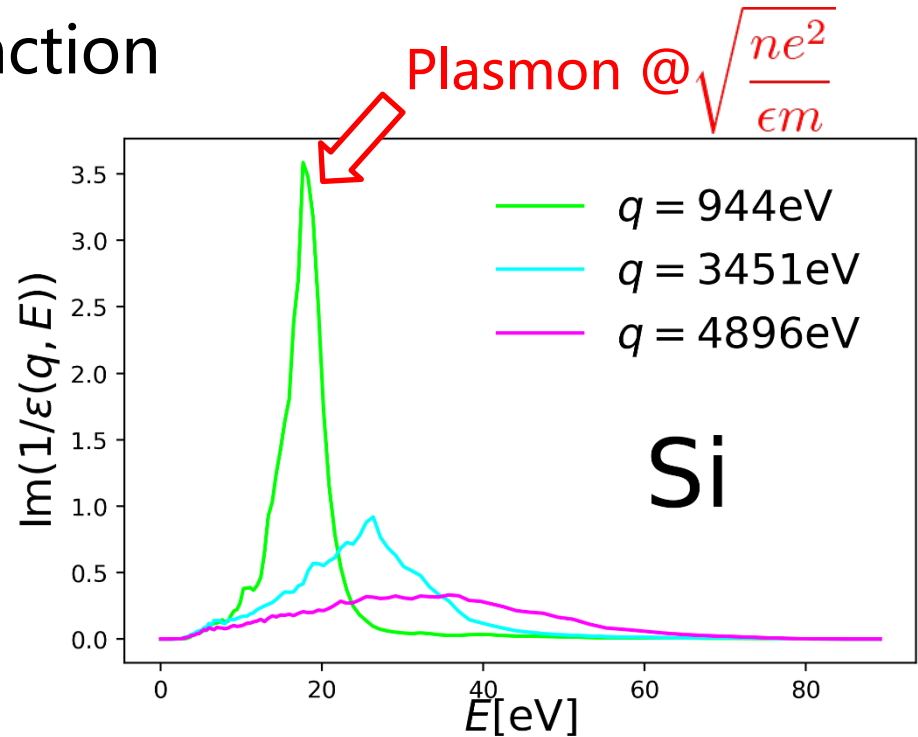
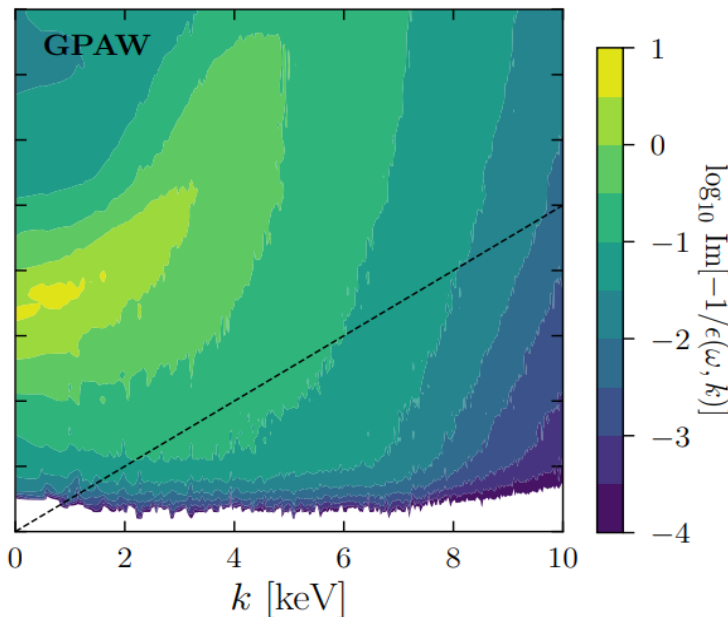
- Coherently coupled to Z

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mag}} = iZ F_Z^2(\vec{q})\mu_\nu\frac{E_\nu}{m_e}\frac{8\pi\alpha}{q^2}\bar{\nu}_{\alpha,L}\nu_{\alpha,L}\phi_+^\dagger\phi_+$$



Screened neutrino excitation

- Describe excitation with energy loss function
 - Calculation based on Density Functional Theory
 - Inverse dielectric function



Data for silicon

Knapen, Simon and others ,
Phys.Rev.D 105 (2022) 1, 015014



Screened neutrino excitation

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■ Correlation function in EELS

$$S^{\hat{H}_I^\dagger \hat{H}_I}(\omega) = 2V |V_{\text{cou}}(\mathbf{Q})| \text{Im} \left[\frac{-1}{\epsilon(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)} \right]$$

Coulomb Potential **Inverse Dielectric Function**

■ Dielectric response of neutrino

$$S^{\hat{H}_I^\dagger \hat{H}_I}(\omega) = 2V \frac{|V_{E\nu ES}|^2}{|V_{\text{cou}}(\mathbf{Q})|} \text{Im} \left[\frac{-1}{\epsilon(\mathbf{Q}, \omega)} \right]$$

Effective Potential of Neutrino



Screened neutrino excitation

■ Event rate with in-medium screening effect

$$R_{\text{SM}} = \frac{N_{\text{cell}} \Omega G_F^2 g_{\alpha;V}^2}{\pi \alpha} \int \Phi(E_\nu) dE_\nu$$

Not Sensitive to Plasmon

$$\times \sum_G \int_{1\text{BZ}} \frac{d^3 q d\omega}{(2\pi)^3} |\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{q}| \text{Im} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon_{G,G}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)} \right] \times \left[\dots \dots \right]$$

$$R_{\text{mag}} = 32 N_{\text{cell}} \Omega \mu_\nu^2 \frac{\pi \alpha}{m_e^2} \int \Phi(E_\nu) E_\nu^2 dE_\nu$$

Sensitive to Plasmon

$$\times \sum_G \int_{1\text{BZ}} \frac{d^3 q d\omega}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{|\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{q}|^3} \text{Im} \left[\frac{1}{\epsilon_{G,G}(\mathbf{q}, \omega)} \right] \times \left[\dots \dots \right]$$

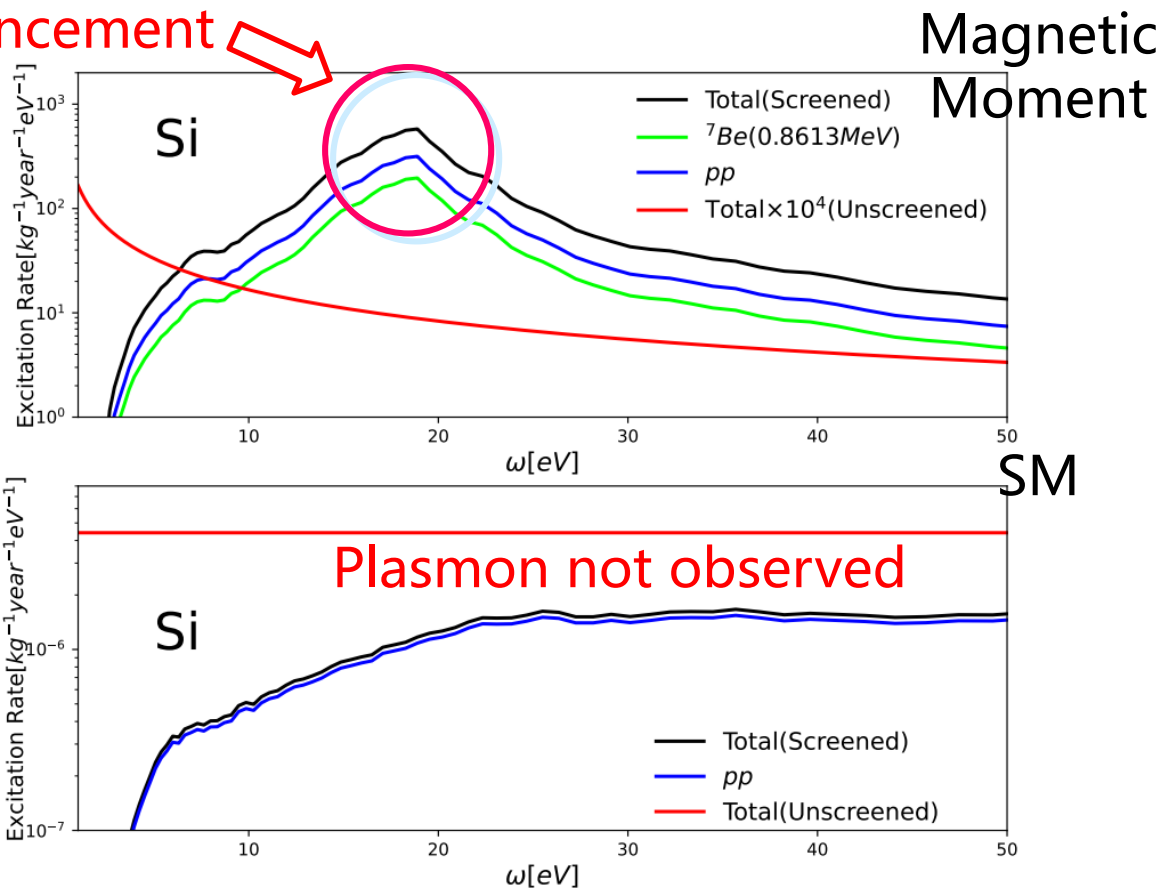


Screened neutrino excitation

■ Event rate with in-medium screening effect

Significant

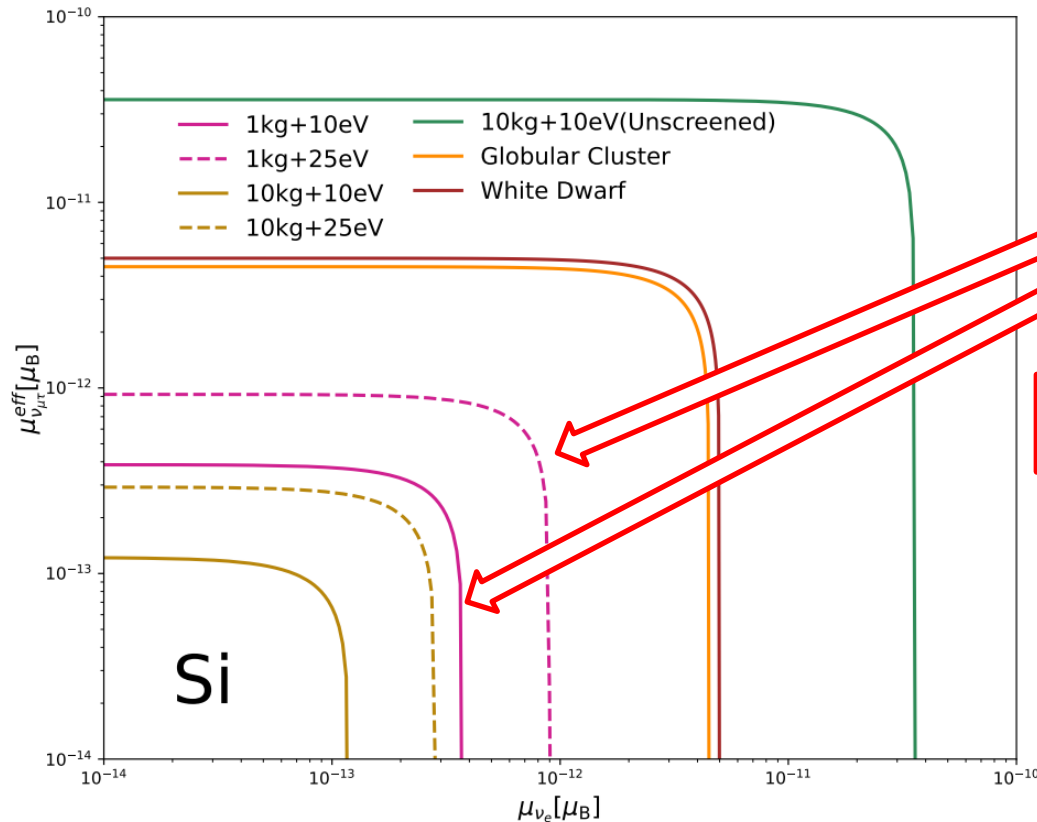
Plasmon Enhancement





Screened neutrino excitation

- Constraints on neutrino magnetic moment
 - Better than astrophysical constraints at near future



Detection of Plasmon is Important

Threshold < 20 eV

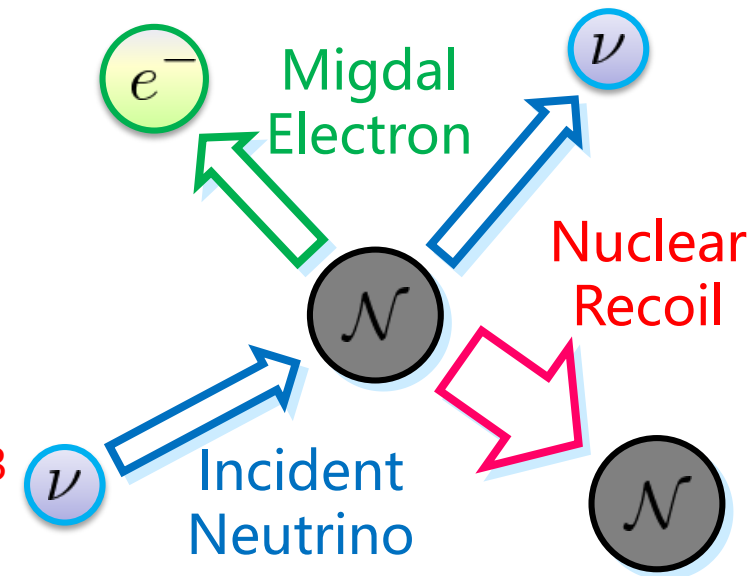


Neutrino induced Migdal effect

- The physical potential in Migdal effect
 - Additional electron emission for detection
 - Benefit from the coherent effect in CEvNS
 - Possible explanation for quenching model

■ Experiments /Proposals

- Neutron nucleus scattering
 - Peter Cox, et al., [Arxiv: 2208.12222](#)
 - Nicole F. Bell, et al., [Arxiv: 2112.08514](#)
 - H.M. Araújo, et al., [Arxiv: 2207.08284](#)
- Dark matter direct detection
 - EDELWEISS collaboration, [Arxiv: 2203.03993](#)
 - XENON Collaboration, [Arxiv: 1907.12771](#)





Neutrino induced Migdal effect

Yu-Feng Li and Shuo-yu Xia, Nucl.Phys.B 1006 (2024) 116632, Arxiv: 2310.05704

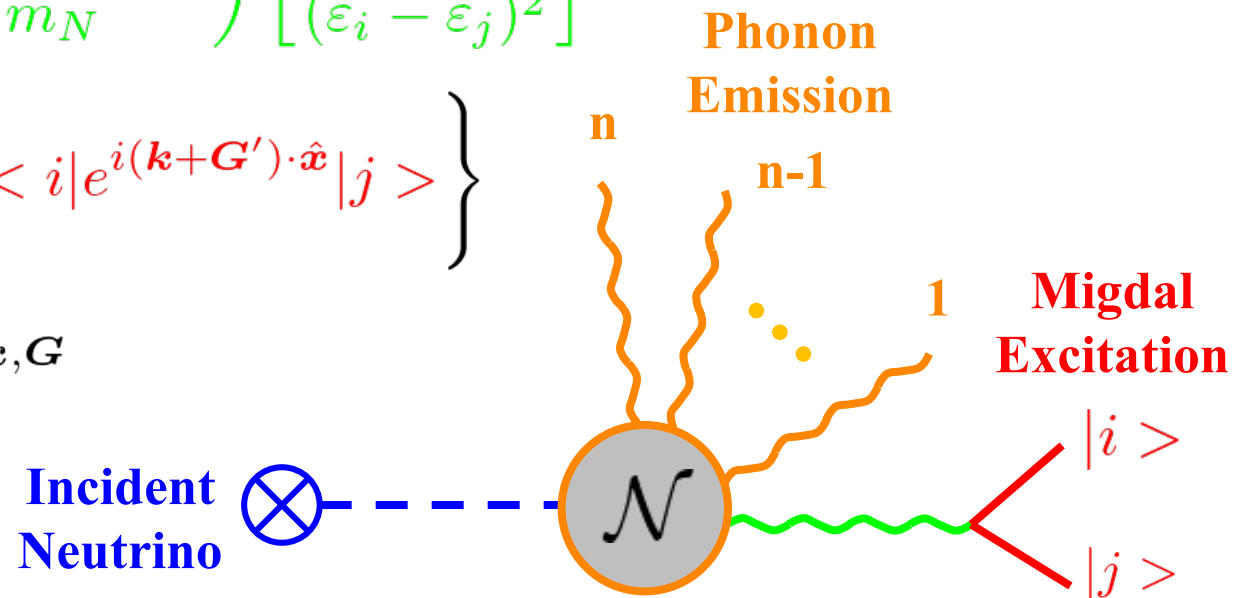
■ Migdal effect as a multi-phonon process

$$i\mathcal{M} = -iV_{\text{CE}\nu\text{NS}}(\mathbf{q}) N e^{-W(\mathbf{q})} \prod_{s=1}^n \left(\frac{-i\mathbf{q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\mathbf{k}_s, \alpha_s}}{\sqrt{2N m_N \omega_{\mathbf{k}_s, \alpha_s}}} \right)$$

$$\times \sum_{\mathbf{G}'} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left\{ \left(\frac{\mathbf{q} \cdot (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}')}{m_N} \right) \left[\frac{1}{(\epsilon_i - \epsilon_j)^2} \right] \right.$$

$$\times \left. \left[\frac{Z_{\text{ion}} 4\pi\alpha_e}{V|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}'|^2} \right] \langle i | e^{i(\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{G}') \cdot \hat{\mathbf{x}}} | j \rangle \right\}$$

$$\times \sum_{\mathbf{G}} \delta_{\sum_s \mathbf{k}_s + \mathbf{G} + \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{G}}$$

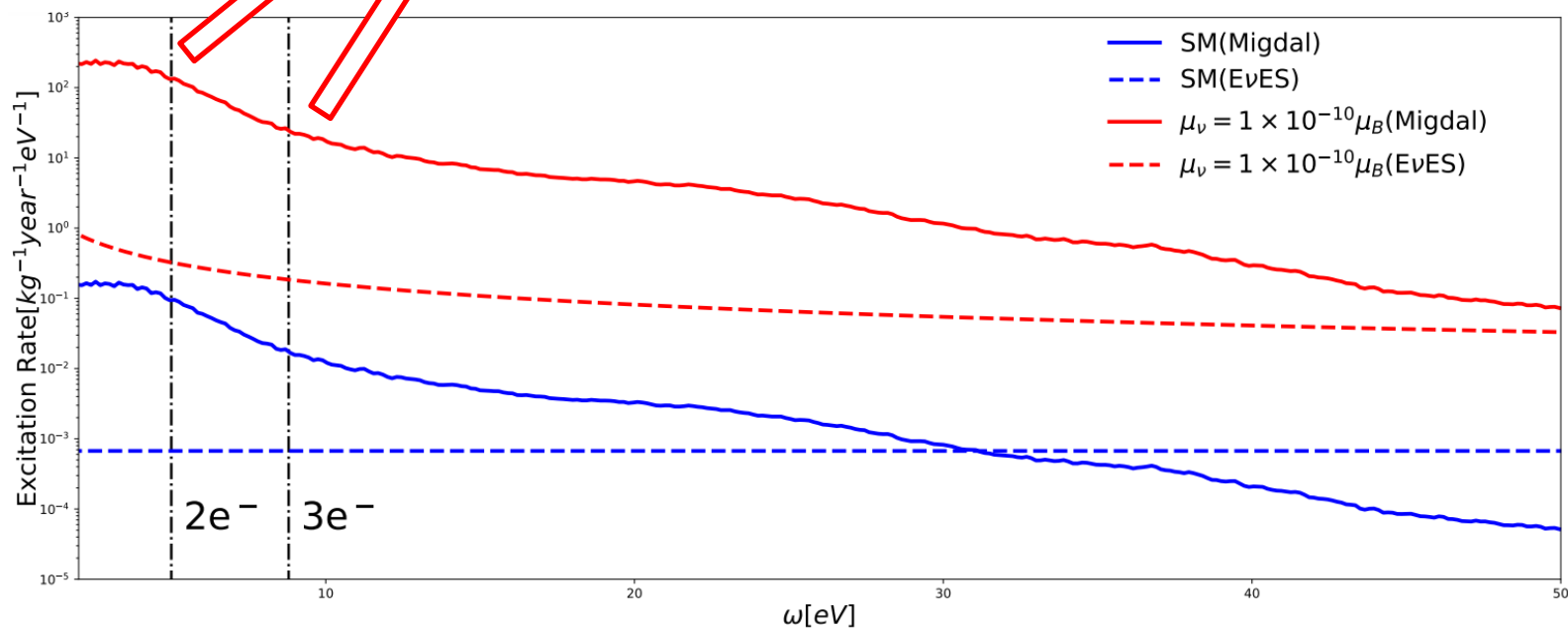




Neutrino induced Migdal effect

■ Event rate with the Migdal effect

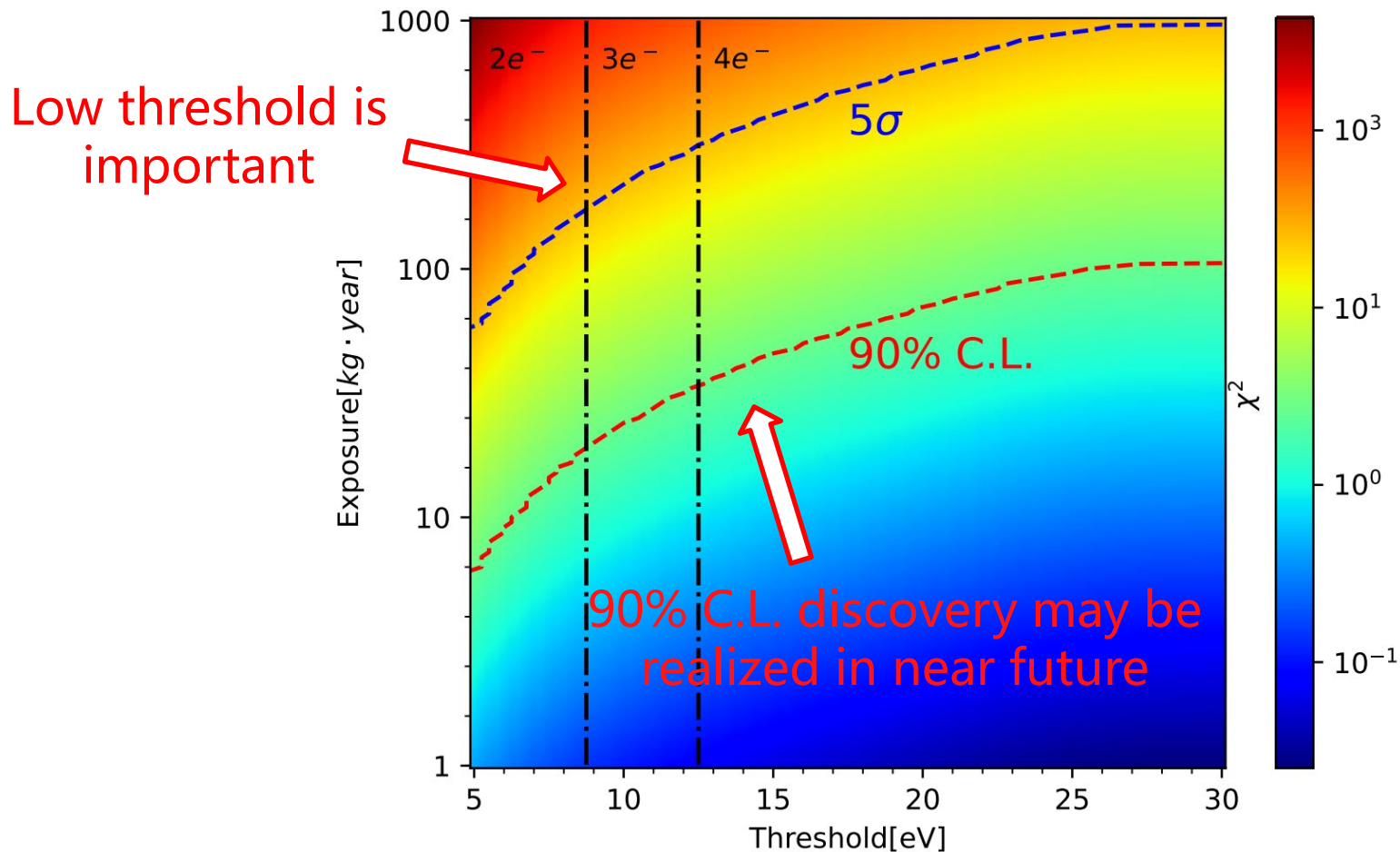
One order event rate increase
With threshold from $3e^-$ to $2e^-$





Neutrino induced Migdal effect

■ Sensitivity of the Migdal effect



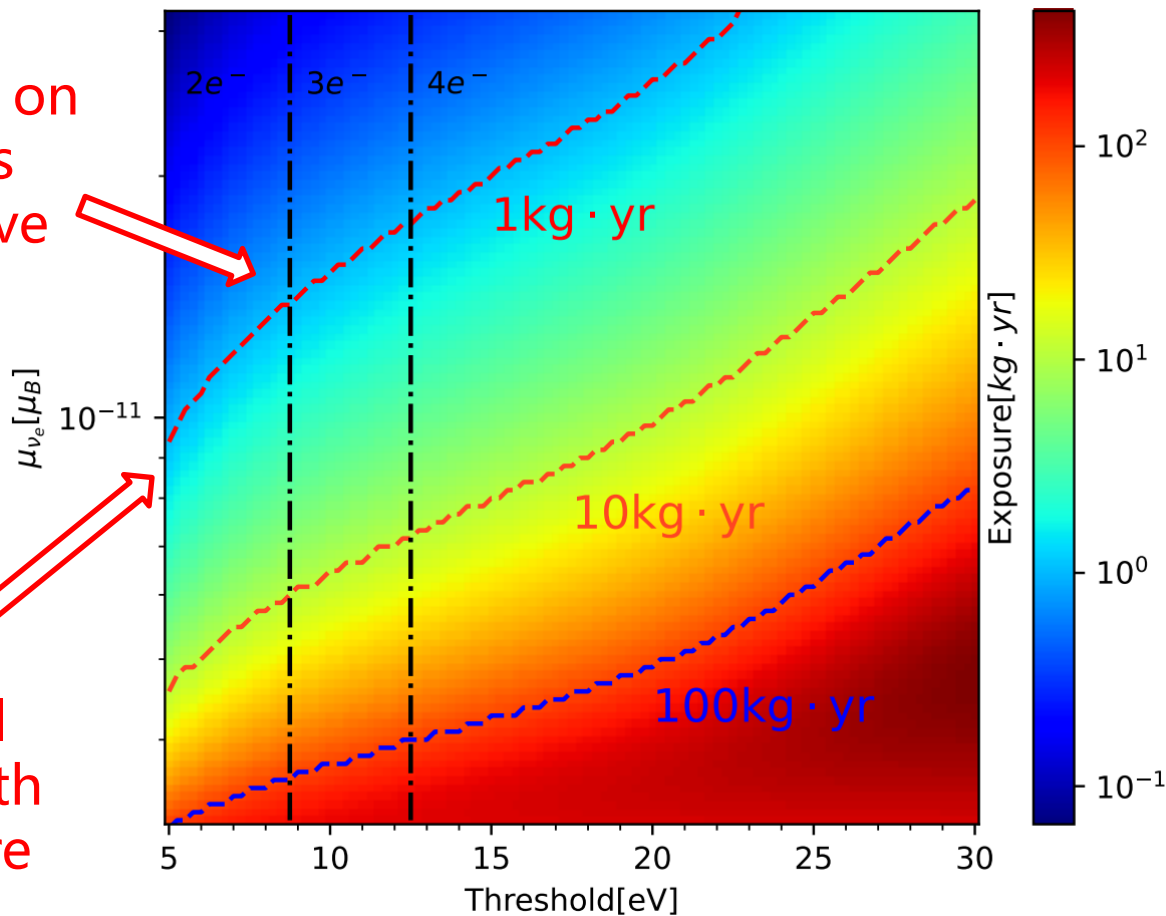


Neutrino induced Migdal effect

■ Constraints on neutrino magnetic moment

Improvement on threshold is more effective

Similar to astrophysical constraints with small exposure





Summary

- Plasmon can enhance the observation of neutrino magnetic moment
- Migdal effect may improve the detection of low energy nuclear recoil
- Low threshold is important to detect low energy neutrino excitation
- Challenges
 - Background, resolution, experimental scale,
 - Dielectric response, excitation models,

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