

Neutrinos, Their Masses, and Large Hadron Collisions

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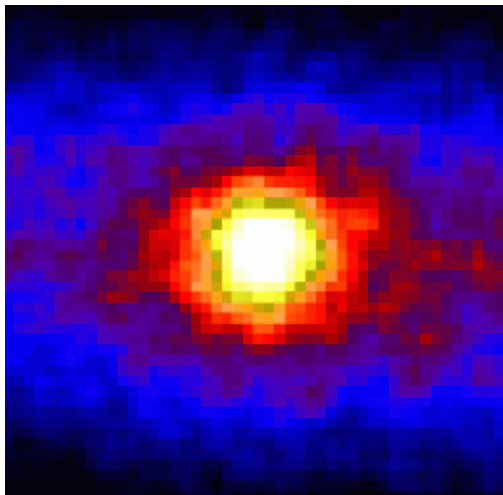
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The Sun



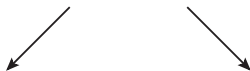
A picture of the Sun by the **Super Kamiokande expt**, taken over a few (1496) nights, using **neutrinos** passing through Earth [[astro-ph/0311343](https://arxiv.org/abs/astro-ph/0311343)]

Neutrinos Masses and New Particles?

In 2015, Super K awarded  for discovering nonzero neutrinos masses!

- Problematic because fermion masses usually break conservation laws

$$m_\nu \neq 0 + \text{LH currents}$$



$$\text{LH Majorana Mass : } m_\nu^L \overline{\nu}_L \nu_L^c \quad \text{and/or} \quad \text{Dirac Mass : } m_\nu^D \overline{\nu}_L N_R$$



$$m_\nu^L = y \langle \Delta \rangle \text{ or strong dynamics}$$



$$m_\nu^D = y \langle \Phi_{\text{SM}} \rangle$$

$m_\nu \neq 0 + \text{renormalizability} + \text{gauge inv.} \implies \text{new particles!}$

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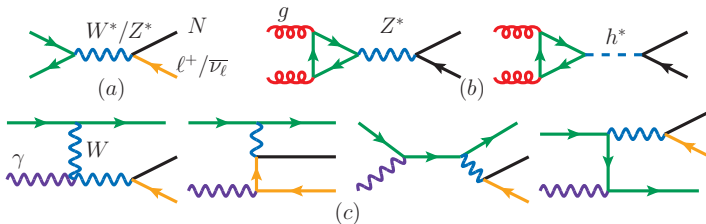
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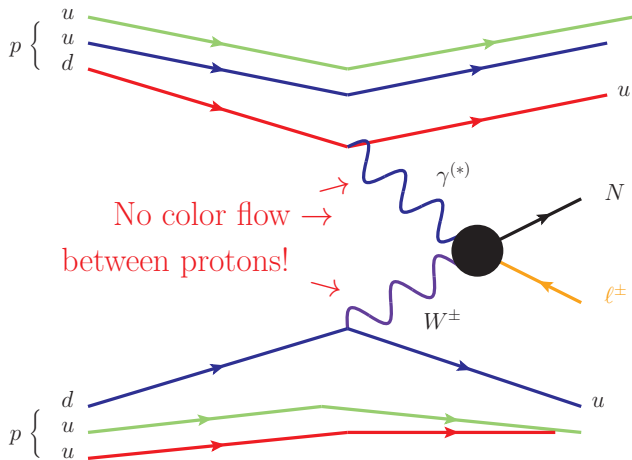
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- May be related to origin of Standard Model's chiral ($V - A$) structure
 - May also be related to $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay and proton stability

ν_ℓ and N_R share a mass and the same quantum numbers \implies mixing!

- induces interactions with SM particles, allowing production at the Large Hadron Collider!



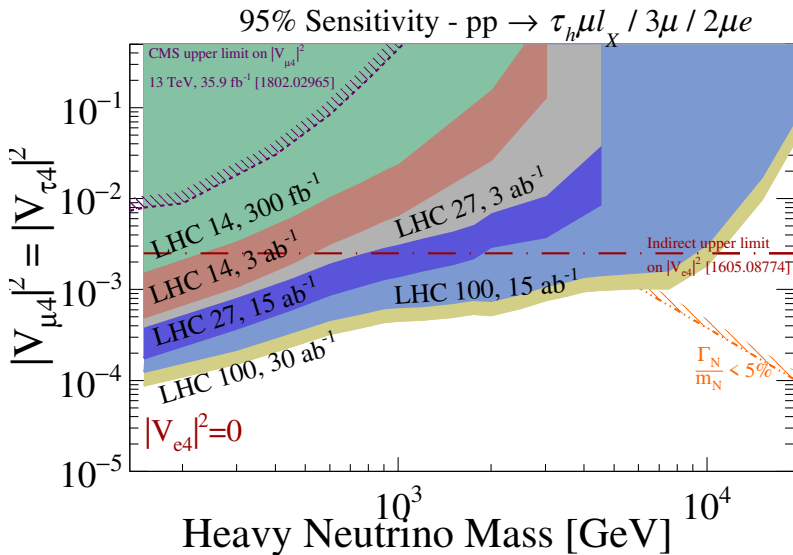
Heavy neutrino production in pp colliders can be very unusual



A lack of QCD color exchange is *very rare* in pp collisions \implies less hadronic activity in N events. Modeling this reliably is... well... hard.

PRELIMINARY

Exploiting this leads to *amazing* discovery potential at LHC and upgrades





Thank you.