New Physics Tests with

High-Energy Astrophysical Neutrinos

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Why look for new physics in HE astro. ν 's?

The highest energies (~ PeV)

- Probe physics at new energy scales

The longest baselines (~ Gpc)

- Tiny effects can accumulate and become observable

It comes for free











The new-physics reach of HE astrophysical ν 's

If new-physics effects are ~ $\kappa E^n L$ (with κ its strength), we can probe

$$\kappa \sim 4 \cdot 10^{-47} \left(rac{E}{\mathsf{PeV}}
ight)^{-n} \left(rac{L}{\mathsf{Gpc}}
ight)^{-1} \; \mathsf{PeV}^{n+1}$$

(Current limits: $\lesssim 10^{-30}$ PeV)

[BARENBOIM, QUIGG, *PRD* **67**, 073024 (2003)] [BEACOM, BELL, HOOPER, PAKVASA, WEILER, *PRL* **90**, 181301 (2003)] [MALTONI, WINTER, *JHEP* **07**, 064 (2008)] [BAERWALD, MB, WINTER, *JCAP* **1210**, 020 (2012)] [PAGLIAROLI, PALLADINO, VILLANTI, VISSANI, *PRD* **92**, 113008 (2015)]

The new ν physics tensor

Where it happens?

	At source	During propagation	At detection
Spectrum	Matter effects	New interactions, sterile neutrinos	New resonances
Direction	DM decay / annihilation	New v -N, v-DM interactions	Anomalous v magnetic moment
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How is the new physics introduced?/

[ARGÜELLES, BUSTAMANTE, CONRAD, KHEIRANDISH, VINCENT, In prep.]

New physics in the spectral shape: $\nu - \nu$ interaction

Secret neutrino interactions between astrophysical neutrinos and the cosmic neutrino background:



Cross section:

$$\sigma = \frac{g^4}{4\pi} \frac{s}{(s - M^2)^2 + M^2 \Gamma^2}$$

Resonance at

$$E_{\rm res} = \frac{M^2}{2m_{\rm v}}$$



[NG & BEACOM, *PRD* **6**, 065035 (2014)] [CHERRY, FRIEDLAND, SHOEMAKER, 1411.1071] [BLUM, HOOK, MURASE, 1408.3799]

New physics in the angular dist.: $\nu - N$ interaction

HESE angular distribution is compatible with SM v-N cross sections -



Limits deviations at $E_{\rm cm} \simeq 0.4 - 2$ TeV (vs. ~ 25 GeV man-made)

[CONNOLLY, THORNE, WATERS, PRD 2011 [1102.0691]]

New physics in the angular dist.: ν -DM interaction

Interaction between astrophysical neutrinos and the Galactic DM profile:



Expected: fewer events towards the Galactic Center Observed: Isotropy

New physics in the flavor composition



How does IceCube see neutrinos?

Two types of fundamental interactions:



Tracks

Made mainly by CC v_{μ}

Two event topologies (below $E_{\nu} \sim 5 \text{ PeV}$):

Showers Made by CC v_e or v_{τ} ; or by NC v_x



Flavor ratios — at the sources

 $p\gamma \rightarrow \Delta^+(1232) \rightarrow \pi^+ n \qquad \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu$

Flavor ratios at the source: $(f_e: f_\mu: f_\tau)_S \approx (1/3: 2/3: 0)$



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All possible source flavor ratios



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IceCube analysis of flavor composition

Using contained events + throughgoing muons:



- Best fit: $(f_e:f_{\mu}:f_{\tau})_{\oplus} = (0.49:0.51:0)_{\oplus}$
- Compatible with standard source compositions
- Bounds are weak need more data and better flavor-tagging

IceCube vs. IceCube-Gen2



(Borrowed from M. Kowalski, Weizmann 2017)

Energy dependence of the composition at the source

Different ν production channels are accessible at different energies



TP13: pγ model, target photons from co-accelerated electrons [HÜMMER et al., Astropart. Phys. 34, 205 (2010)]

Will be difficult to resolve

[KASHTI, WAXMAN, PRL 95, 181101 (2005)] [LIPARI, LUSIGNOLI, MELONI, PRD 75, 123005 (2007)]

Energy dependence in IceCube-Gen2



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- > NP that changes the values of the mixing parameters, e.g.,
 - violation of Lorentz and CPT invariance

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New physics — high-energy effects (I)

Add a new-physics term to the standard oscillation Hamiltonian:

 $H_{\rm tot} = H_{\rm std} + H_{\rm NP}$

$$H_{\text{std}} = \frac{1}{2E} U_{\text{PMNS}}^{\dagger} \operatorname{diag} \left(0, \Delta m_{21}^2, \Delta m_{31}^2 \right) U_{\text{PMNS}}$$
$$H_{\text{NP}} = \sum_{n} \left(\frac{E}{\Lambda_n} \right)^n U_n^{\dagger} \operatorname{diag} \left(O_{n,1}, O_{n,2}, O_{n,3} \right) U_n$$

n = 1

n = 0

- coupling to a torsion field
- CPT-odd Lorentz violation

- equivalence principle violation
- CPT-even Lorentz violation

Experimental upper bounds from atmospheric v's: $O_0 \lesssim 10^{-23} \text{ GeV}$ $O_1/\Lambda_1 \lesssim 10^{-27} \text{ GeV}$

[Argüelles, Katori, Salvadó, *PRL* **115**, 161303 (2015)] [MB, Gago, Peña-Garay, *JHEP* **1004**, 005 (2010)] [IceCube Coll., *PRD* **82**, 112003 (2010)] [SUPER-K Coll., *PRD* **91**, 052003 (2015)]

New physics — high-energy effects (II)

Truly exotic new physics is indeed able to populate the white region:

- use current bounds on $O_{n,i}$
- sample the unknown NP mixing angles

[ARGÜELLES, KATORI, SALVADÓ PRL 115, 161303 (2015)]



Tasting complete decay



Sensitivity to decay using IceCube flavor contours



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This leads to an improved lifetime sensitivity in the NH case ►

Improved lifetime sensitivity in the NH



How to do better?

Achievable now:

Use flavor contours built with only high-energy events off the Galactic Plane

Achievable in the near future:

- More events
- Improved flavor reconstruction
- Better energy resolution (useful for incomplete decay)
- Smaller uncertainties in mixing parameters

How to improve v_e vs. v_{τ} separation?

Late-time light ("echoes") from muon decays and neutron captures is larger in hadronic than in e.m. showers —



LI, MB, BEACOM, 1606.06290

How to improve v_e vs. v_{τ} separation?

Using 100 showers of 100 TeV (assuming high efficiency):



Using echoes: ~ ×9 improvement over current flavor contours

Outlook

- Sensitive new-physics tests can be performed already with current data
- Proposed upgrades (IceCube-Gen2, KM3NeT) will provide more data
- New-physics tests feasible only with diffuse flux, not point-source fluxes
- Better flavor separation would help, *e.g.*, muon and neutron echoes
- Next frontier: cosmogenic neutrinos new physics at the EeV scale (GRAND!)

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Backup slides

Joint production of UHECRs, ν 's, and γ 's



neutrino energy \simeq proton energy / 20 neutrino energy \simeq gamma-ray energy / 2

E.g., 20-PeV protons could make PeV neutrinos and gamma rays

Flavor content of the mass eigenstates

Flavor content for every allowed combination of mixing parameters:

$$|U_{\alpha i}|^2 = |U_{\alpha i}(\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP})|^2$$



MB, BEACOM, WINTER, PRL 115, 161302 (2015)

Flavor mixing in high-energy astrophysical neutrinos

Probability of $\nu_{\alpha} \rightarrow \nu_{\beta}$ transition:

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4\sum_{k>j} \operatorname{\mathsf{Re}}\left(U_{\alpha j}U_{\alpha k}^{*}U_{\beta j}U_{\beta k}^{*}\right)\sin^{2}\left(\frac{\Delta m_{k j}^{2}L}{4E}\right) + 2\sum_{k>j}\operatorname{\mathsf{Im}}\left(U_{\alpha j}U_{\alpha k}^{*}U_{\beta j}U_{\beta k}^{*}\right)\sin\left(\frac{\Delta m_{k j}^{2}L}{2E}\right)$$

For
$$\begin{cases} E_{\nu} \sim 1 \text{ PeV} \\ \Delta m_{kj}^2 \sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \underbrace{L_{\text{osc}} \sim 10^{-10} \text{ Mpc}}_{\text{high-energy osc. length}} \ll \underbrace{L = 10 \text{ Mpc} - \text{few Gpc}}_{\text{typical astrophysical baseline}}$$

- Therefore, oscillations are very rapid
- They average out after only a few oscillations lengths:

$$\sin^2{(\ldots)} \rightarrow 1/2$$
 , $~\sin{(\ldots)} \rightarrow 0$

Hence, for high-energy astrophysical neutrinos:

 $\langle P_{\alpha\beta} \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2$ \blacktriangleleft incoherent mixture of mass eigenstates

Due to flavor mixing:
$$f_{\alpha,\oplus} = \sum_{\beta} \langle P_{\beta\,\alpha} \rangle f_{\beta,S} = \sum_{\beta} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{3} |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2 \right) f_{\beta,S}$$

 $(1/3:2/3:0)_S \xrightarrow{\text{Best-fit mixing params. NH}} (0.36:0.32:0.32)_{\oplus}$
 $0.1 \xrightarrow{0.1} 0.9 \xrightarrow{0.1} 0.8 \xrightarrow{0.1} 0.1 \xrightarrow{0.1} 0.9 \xrightarrow{0.1} 0.9 \xrightarrow{0.1} 0.8 \xrightarrow{$



Embracing our ignorance

We ignore or do not know perfectly the two key ingredients -

Flavor ratios at the source

 $0 \leqslant f_{e,S} \leqslant 1$ $0 \leqslant f_{\mu,S} \leqslant 1 - f_{e,S}$ $0 \leq f_{\tau,S} \leq 1 - f_{e,S} - f_{\mu,S}$ 0.1 0.9 0.2 0.8 0.3 0.7 0.4 0.6 0.5 0.5 $f_{\tau,S_{0.6}}$ $f_{\mu,S}$ 0.4 0.7 0.3 0.8 0.2 0.9 0.1 1 0 02 03 04 0 5 0 6 07 ດ໌ຮ 0.9 Ó 0 1 $f_{e,S}$

Mixing parameters



Selected source compositions

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Perfect knowledge of mixing angles

In a few years, we might know all the mixing parameters except δ_{CP} :



MB, BEACOM, WINTER, PRL 115, 1611302 (2015)

Standard Model decay modes

SM decay rates are negligible:

• One-photon decay (
$$\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + \gamma$$
):

$$au \simeq 10^{36} \left(\mathit{m_i}/\mathrm{eV}
ight)^{-5}$$
 yr

• Two-photon decay $(v_i \rightarrow v_j + \gamma + \gamma)$:

$$au \simeq 10^{57} \left(\mathit{m_i}/\mathrm{eV}
ight)^{-9}$$
 yr

• Three-neutrino decay ($v_i \rightarrow v_j + v_k + \bar{v}_k$):

$$\tau \simeq 10^{55} \left(\textit{m}_i / \textrm{eV} \right)^{-5} \textrm{ yr}$$

All lifetimes \gg age of Universe Hopeless to look for effects of SM decay channels

One-photon radiative decay

- Tree-level suppressed by GIM mechanism (*i.e.*, it has FCNCs)
- One-loop diagrams:







dominated by l= au ($m_{ au}\gg m_{\mu}\gg m_{e}$)

$$\Gamma = \frac{\alpha}{2} \left(\frac{3G_F}{32\pi^2}\right)^2 \left(\frac{m_i^2 - m_j^2}{m_i}\right)^2 \left(m_i^2 + m_j^2\right) \left| \sum_{l=e,\,\mu,\tau} U_{li} U_{lj}^* \left(\frac{m_l}{m_W}\right)^2 \right|$$

► Taking $U_{\tau i} \sim O(1)$ and $m_i = 1 \text{ eV} \gg m_j$ yields a lifetime of

 $\tau \sim 10^{36} \text{ yr} \gg 13.8 \cdot 10^9 \text{ yr}$ (age of the Universe)

New neutrino decay modes

Standard Model: ν lifetime is 10^{36} – 10^{55} yr \gg age of Universe

Models beyond the SM may introduce new decay modes:

$$u_i
ightarrow
u_j + \phi$$

- φ: Nambu-Goldstone boson of a broken symmetry E.g., Majoron [CHIKASHIGE+ 1980, GELMINI+ 1982, TOMAS+ 2001, HANNESTAD & RAFFELT 2005]

Decay in the flavor ratios

fraction of v_i that reach Earth

$$f_{\alpha,\oplus}\left(E_{0}, z, \tau_{i}/m_{i}\right) = \sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{3} \left|U_{\alpha i}\right|^{2} \left|U_{\beta i}\right|^{2} D\left(E_{0}, z, \tau_{i}/m_{i}\right)\right) f_{\beta,\mathsf{S}}$$

$$(\mathsf{Note} - \mathsf{NH}: \tau_{1}/m_{1} \to \infty; \mathsf{IH}: \tau_{3}/m_{3} \to \infty)$$

Complete decay $(D \ll 1)$ —

Flavor ratios equal the flavor content of v_1 (NH) or v_3 (IH):

$$f_{lpha,\oplus} = \left\{ egin{array}{c} |U_{lpha1}|^2 \,, \,\, {
m for} \,\, {
m NH} \ |U_{lpha3}|^2 \,, \,\, {
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m IH} \end{array}
ight.$$

BAERWALD, MB, WINTER, JCAP 1210, 020 (2012)

Lifetime limits and sensitivities

Decay rates depend on the factor exp

$$\operatorname{xp}\left(-\frac{t}{\gamma\tau}\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{L}{E} \times \frac{m}{\tau}\right)$$

 $\nu_1, \nu_2 \rightarrow \nu_3$

 $\nu_2, \nu_3 \rightarrow \nu_1$



or

Decay and the Glashow resonance

The $\bar{\nu}_e$ flavor can be probed individually via the Glashow resonance:

 $\bar{\mathbf{v}}_e(6.3 \text{ PeV}) + e \rightarrow W \rightarrow \text{hadrons}$



(All-flavor $v_{\alpha} + \bar{v}_{\alpha}$ flux normalized to IceCube combined-likelihood flux.)

Find the value of *D* so that decay is complete, *i.e.*, $f_{\alpha,\oplus} = |U_{\alpha 1}|^2$, for

- Any value of mixing parameters; and
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IH: probing lifetime with high-energy showers

If 1 5–8 PeV shower is seen in 5 yr: τ_1/m_1 , $\tau_2/m_2 \gtrsim 10$ s eV⁻¹ at 2σ



MB, BEACOM, MURASE, PRD 2017 [1610.02096]

Shower spectrum components



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New physics — active-sterile mixing

Mixing with a sterile neutrino (3+1) changes the flavor ratios:

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New physics — SUSY renormalization group running

- > The MSSM introduces loop corrections in the ν interaction vertices
- ► Renormalization scale $\mu = Q = \sqrt{-q^2}$ (transferred momentum)
- Two energy scales: [MB, GAGO, JONES, JHEP 05, 133 (2011) [1012.2728]]
 - At production: $Q = m_{\pi}$
 - At detection (via ν -nucleon): $Q \propto \sqrt{E_{\nu}}$
- RG running between scales changes the mixing probability:

