

New Physics with Atmospheric Neutrinos

outline

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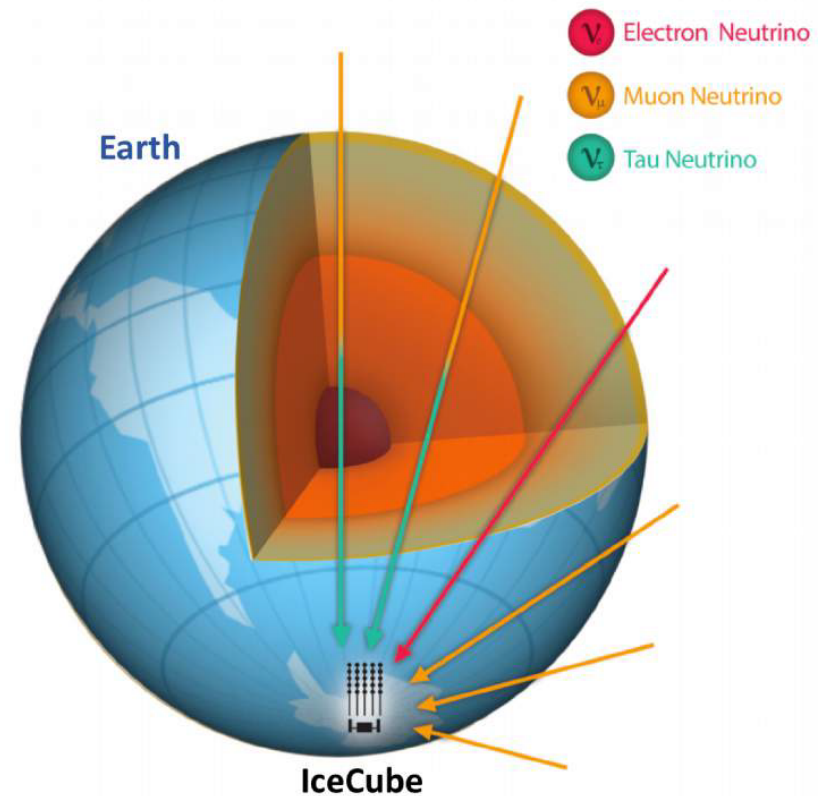
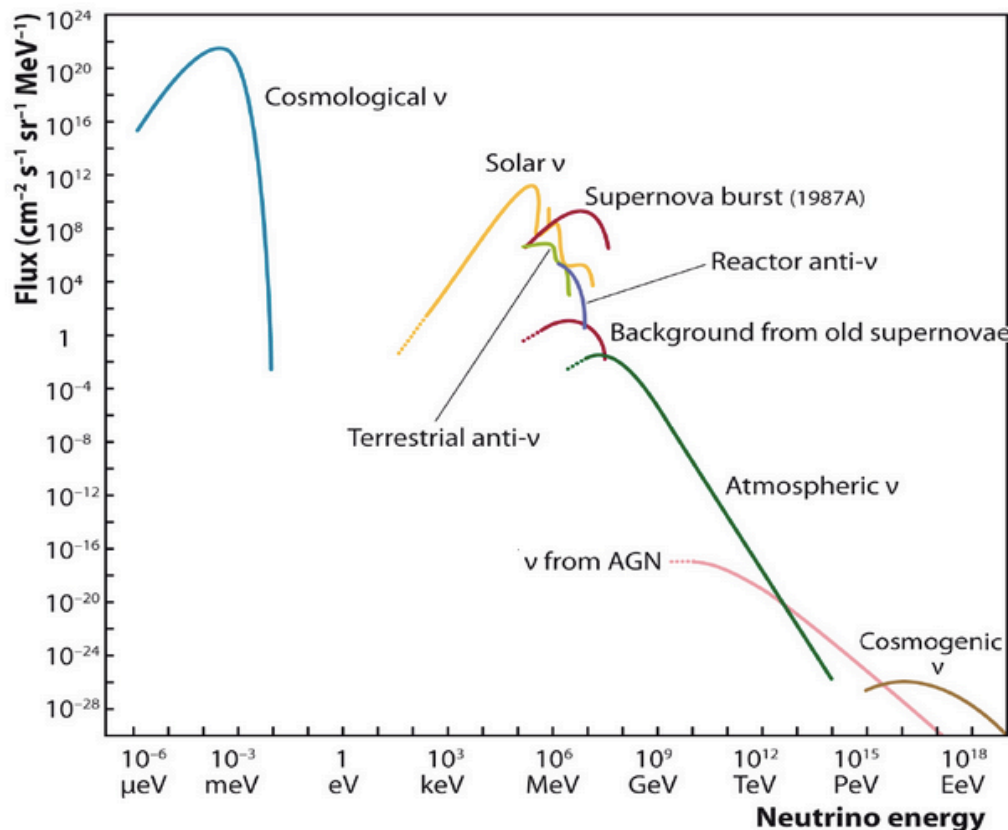


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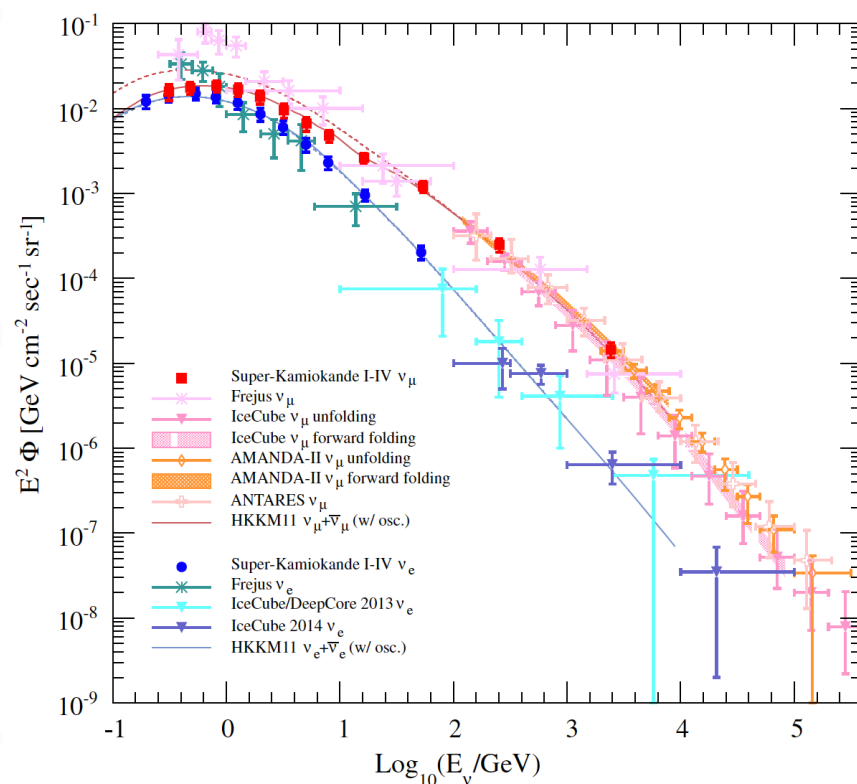
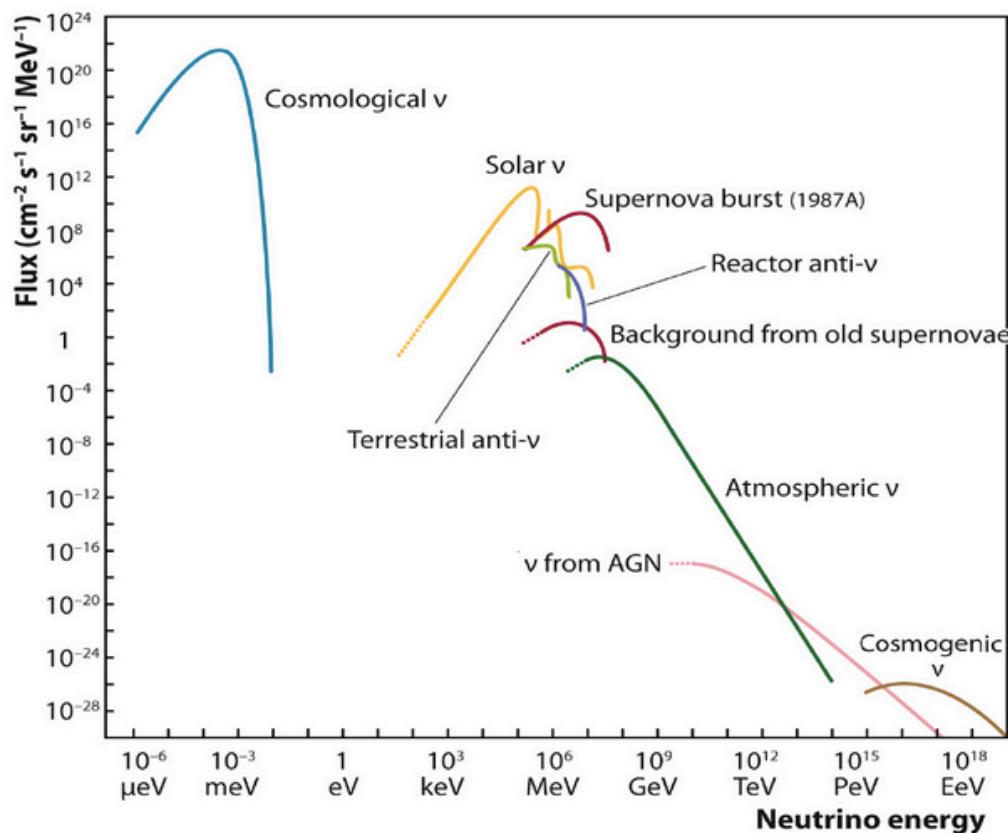
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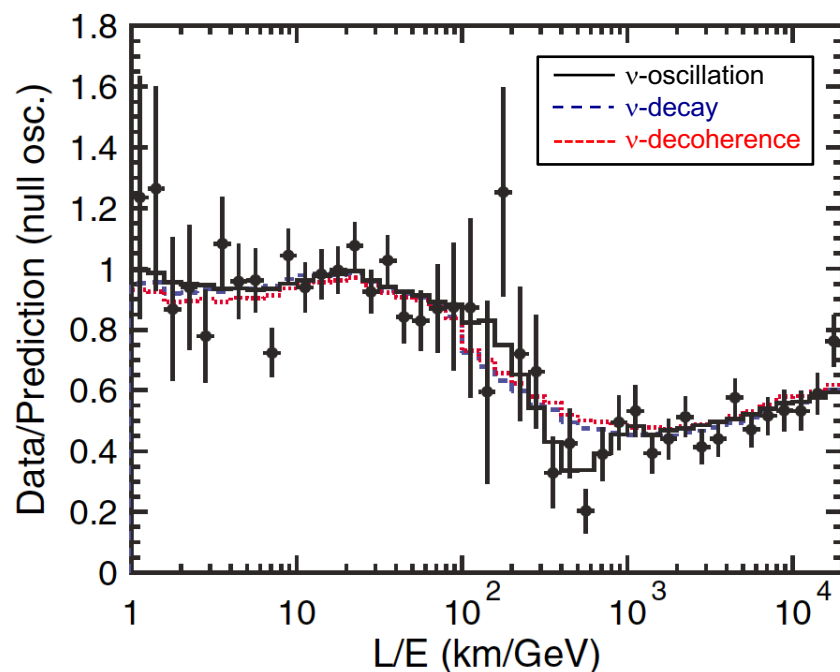


Atmospheric neutrinos are high statistics, but not as high as we hope

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Massive neutrino oscillation
describes atmospheric neutrino data

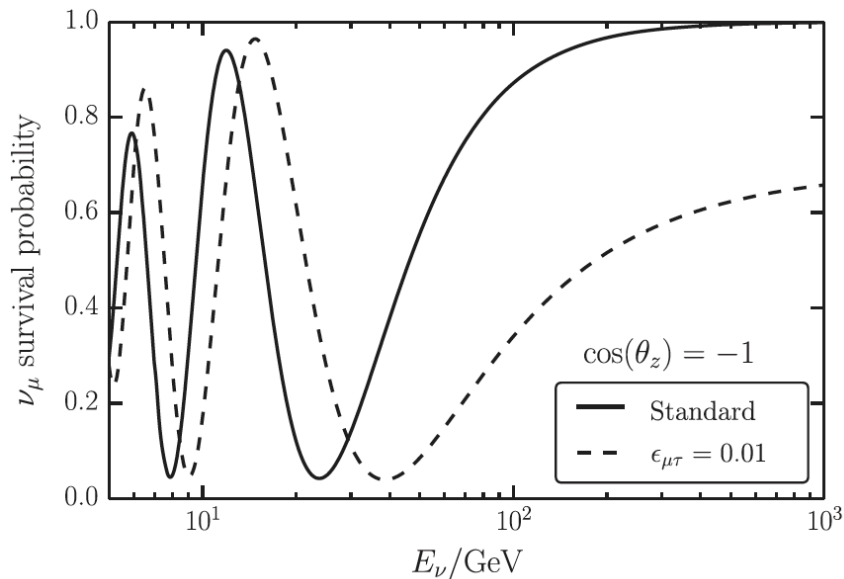


BSM physics is second order effect
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Neutrino oscillation

- quantum interference
- macroscopic phase shift (=count of neutrinos) by microscopic effects

e.g.) Non-standard interaction ($\sim 10^{-24}\text{ GeV}$)

cf) The highest precision hydrogen 1S-2S transition (PRL107(2011)203001)

Fractional frequency uncertainty $\sim 4 \times 10^{-15}$ → new physics sensitivity $\sim 10^{-23}\text{ GeV}$

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$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -i[h_{eff}, \rho] - D[\rho]$$

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = A \cdot \left[1 - e^{-\gamma_{ij}} \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E} L\right) \right]$$

damping of oscillation

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$$P_{\alpha\beta} \sim \sin^2(E^{d-3} a^{(d)} L)$$

high-energy limit oscillation phase

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New physics operators **without** energy dependence

Decoherence and LV in IceCube (~ 20 TeV)

- Naïve sensitivity $\sim 10^{-26}$ GeV
- Decoherence limit, $\gamma_0^{n=0} \sim 10^{-24}$ GeV
- LV limit, $a^{(3)} \sim 10^{-24}$ GeV

Damping term (decoherence)

$$\gamma_{ij} = \gamma_{ij}^0 \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\text{GeV}} \right)^n$$

Decoherence and NSI in DeepCore (~ 50 GeV)

- naïve sensitivity $\sim 10^{-23}$ GeV
- Decoherence limit, $\gamma_0^{n=0} \sim 10^{-23}$ GeV
- NSI limit, $\varepsilon \sim 10^{-2}$ ($V_{\text{CC}} \times \varepsilon \sim 10^{-24}$ GeV)

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New physics operators **with** energy dependence

Decoherence with $n=2$ in IceCube (~ 20 TeV)

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LV with dimension-6 operator in IceCube (~ 20 TeV)

- naïve sensitivity $\sim 10^{-39}$ GeV⁻²

→ LV limit, $c^{(6)} \sim 10^{-36}$ GeV⁻²

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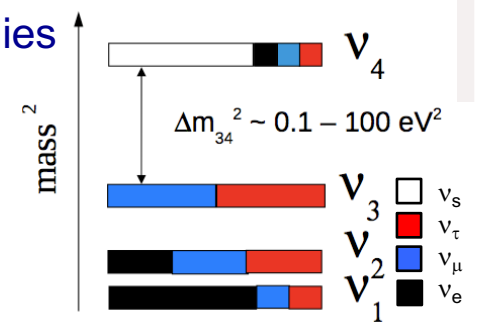
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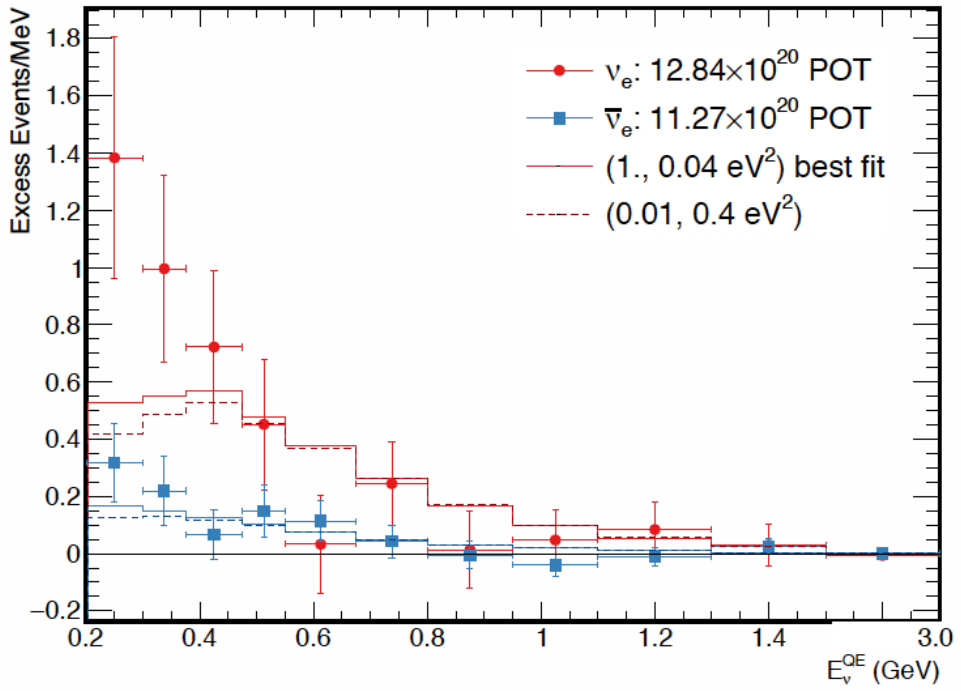
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Short-baseline anomalies

- LSND excess
- MiniBooNE excess
- Gallium anomaly
- Reactor anomaly



MiniBooNE data excess



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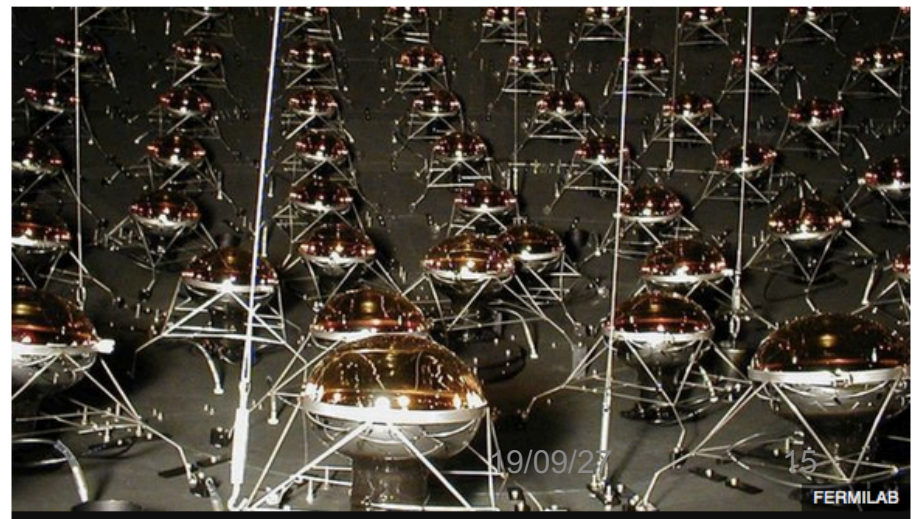
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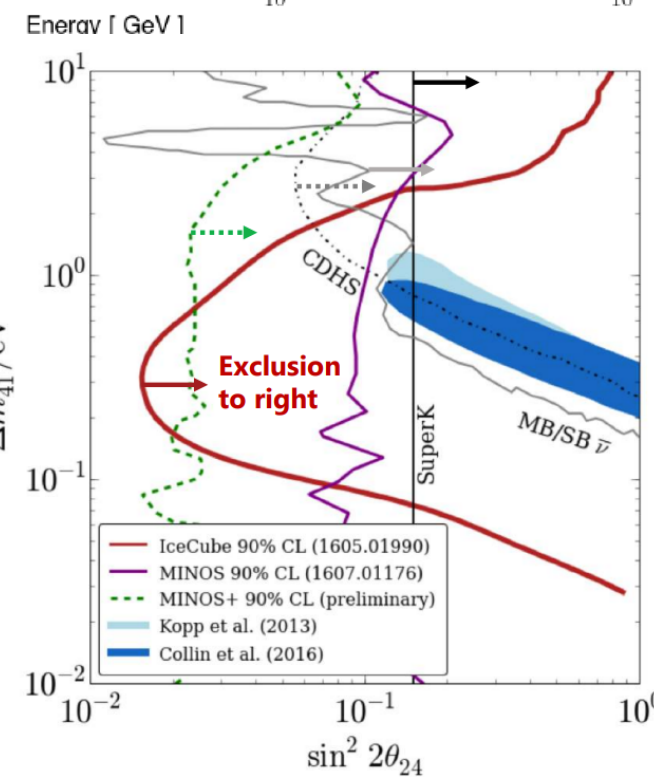
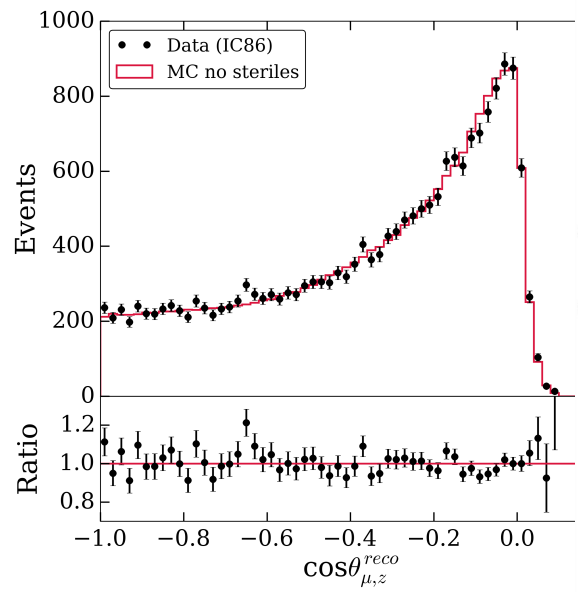
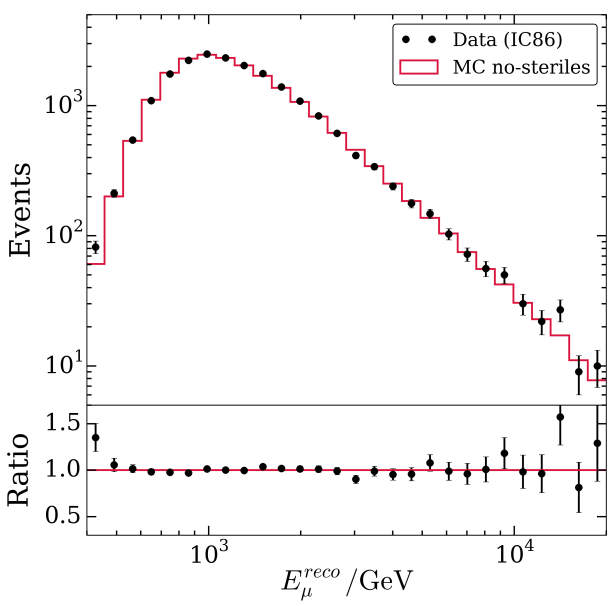
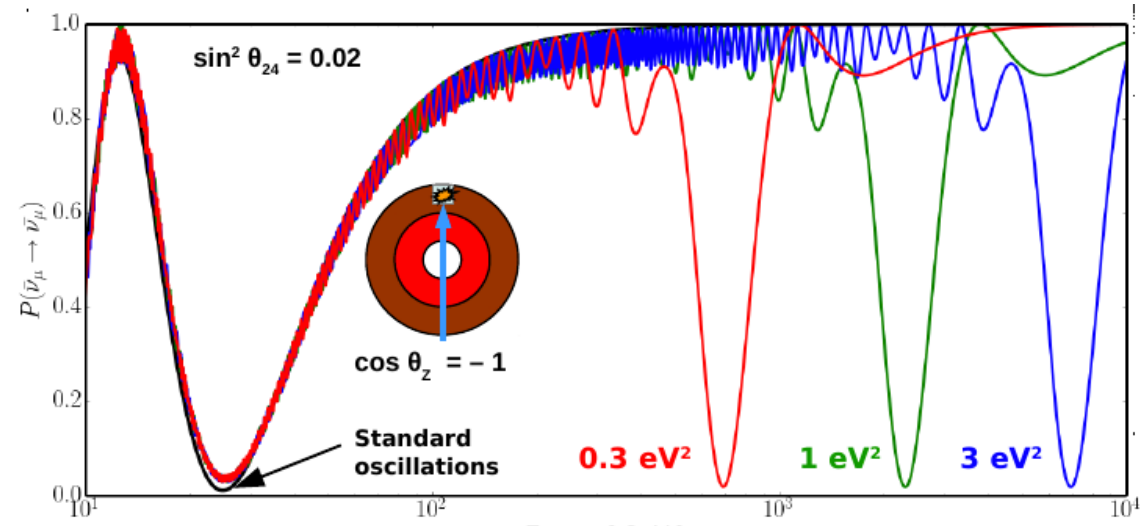


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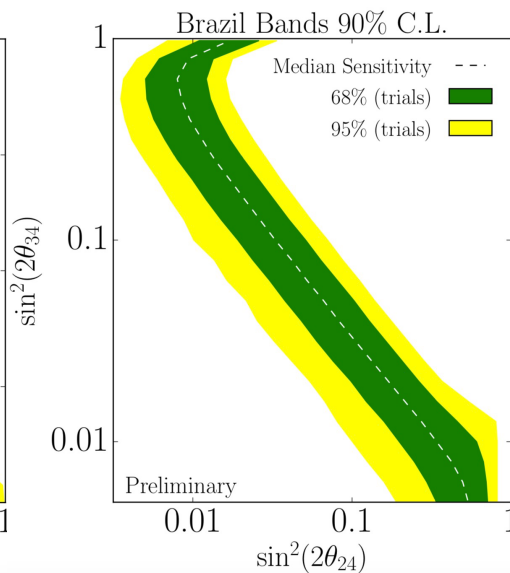
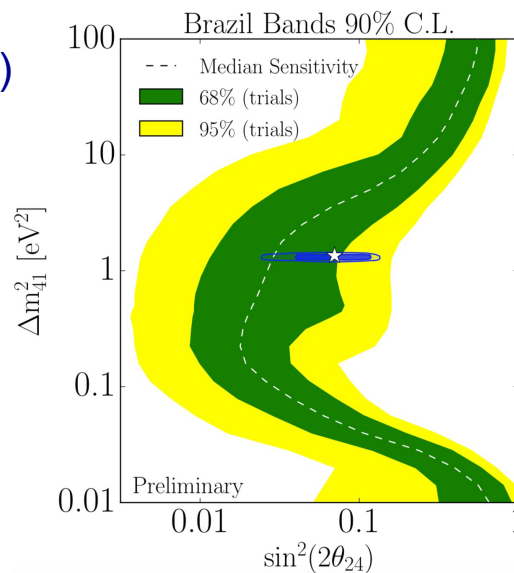
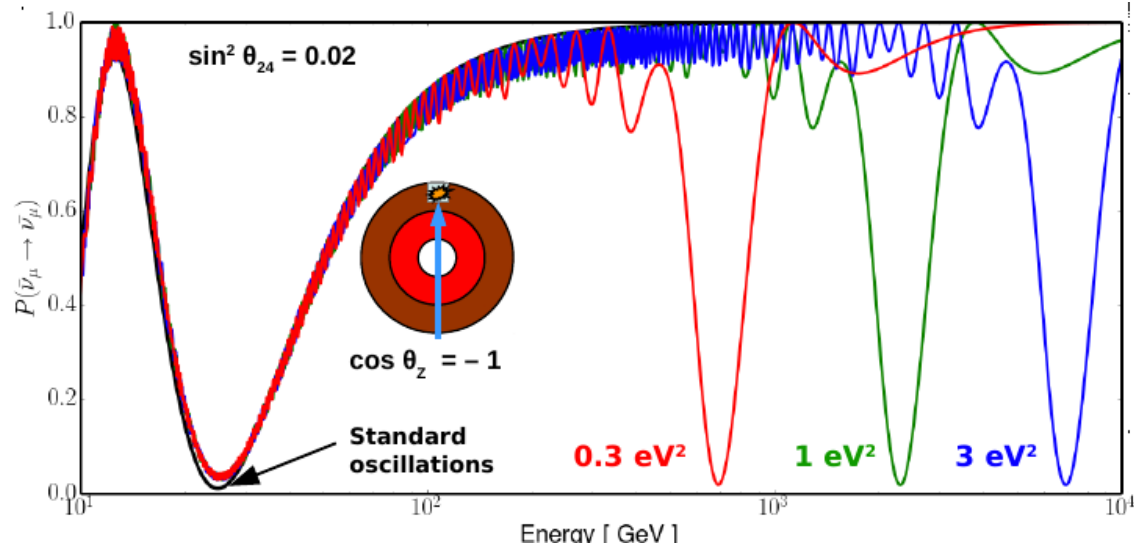
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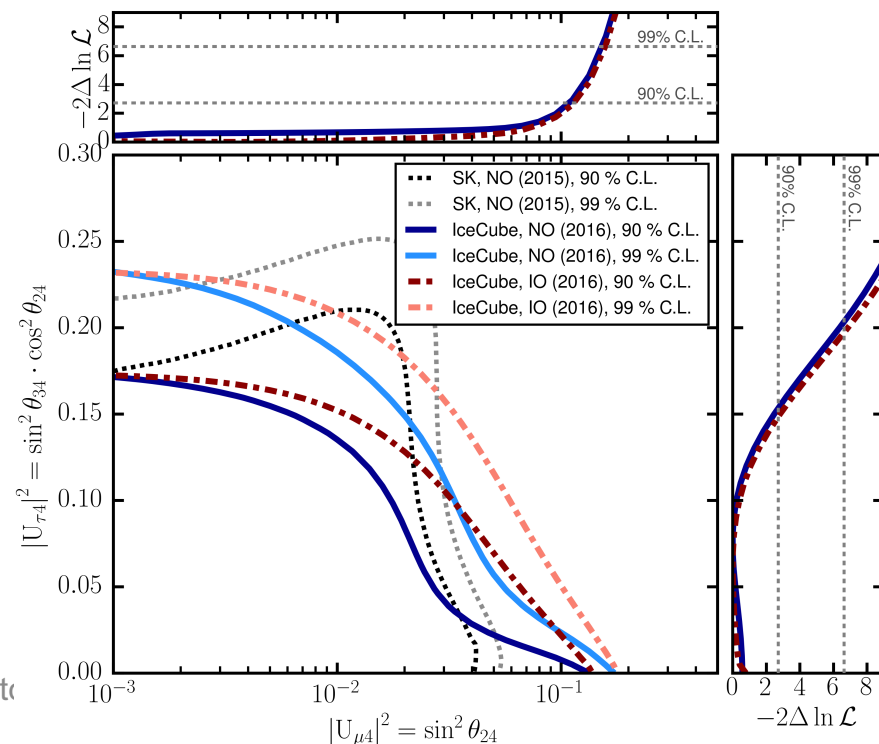
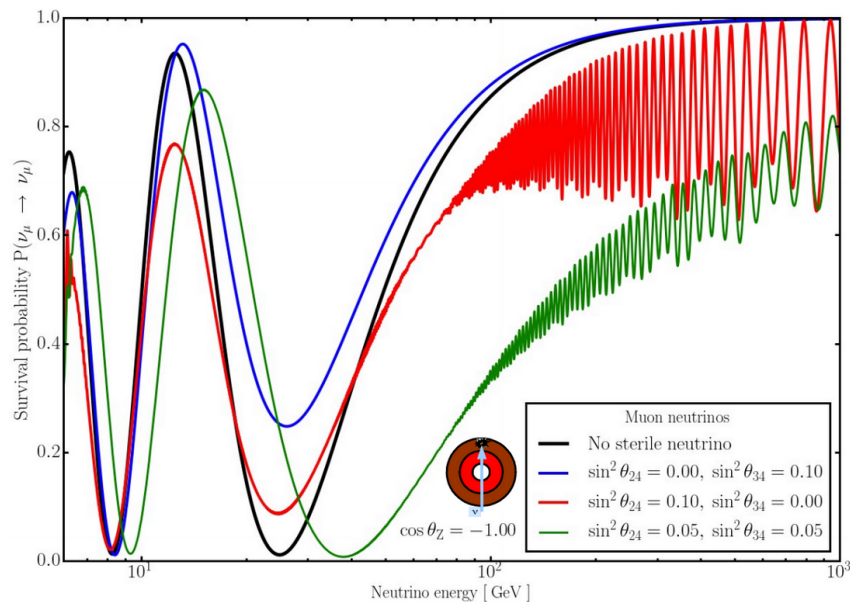
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New DeepCore analysis (Andrii Terliuk, DESY)

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2. Heavy neutrino decay

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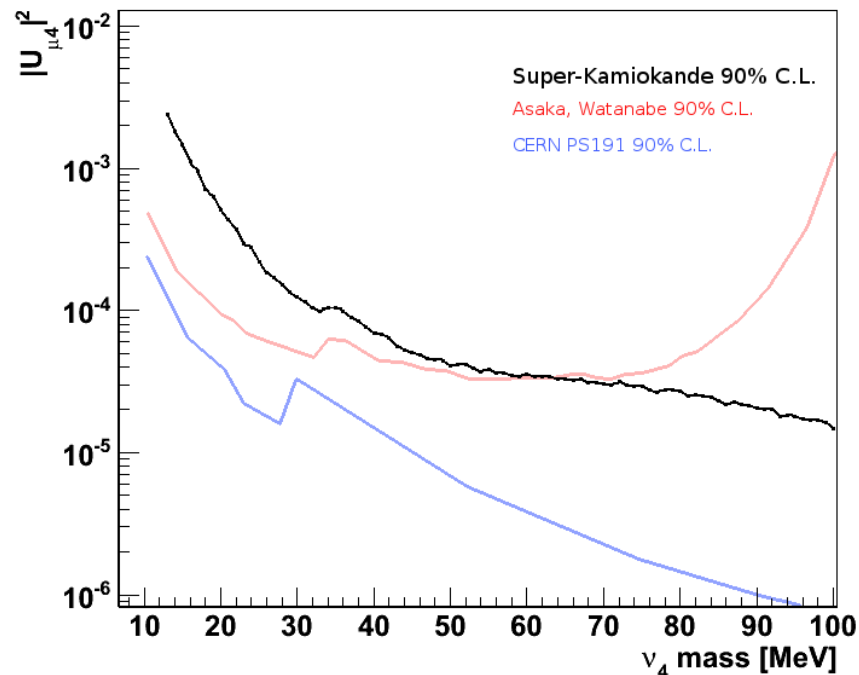
- MeV sterile neutrinos are theoretically motivated.

Trident event search in SuperK

- $N \rightarrow e^+ + e^- + \nu$

Invariant mass and zenith angle distributions are used for the fit.

Atmospheric neutrinos look not competitive(?) compared with beam experiments.



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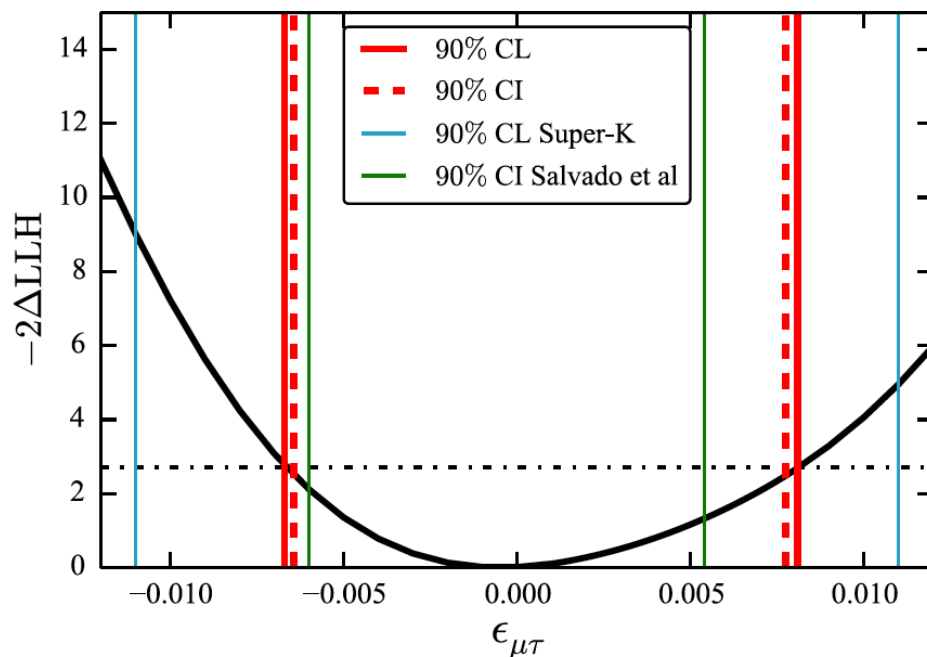
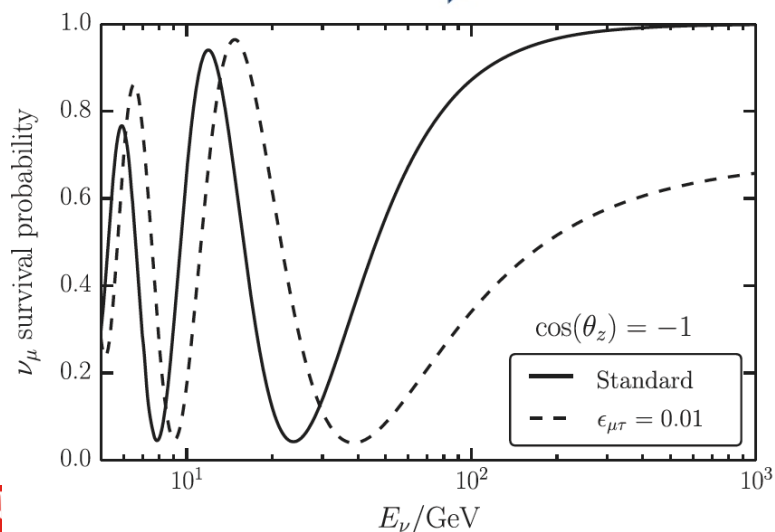
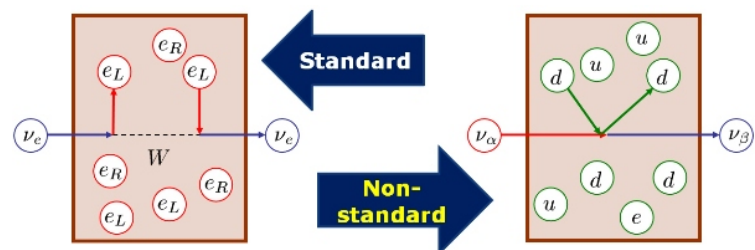
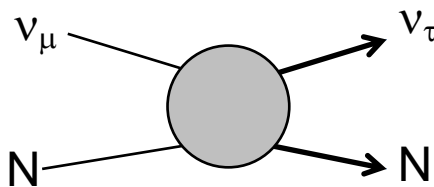
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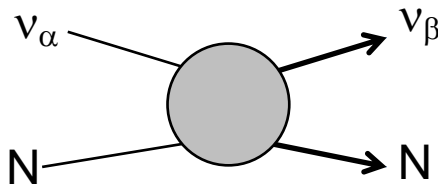
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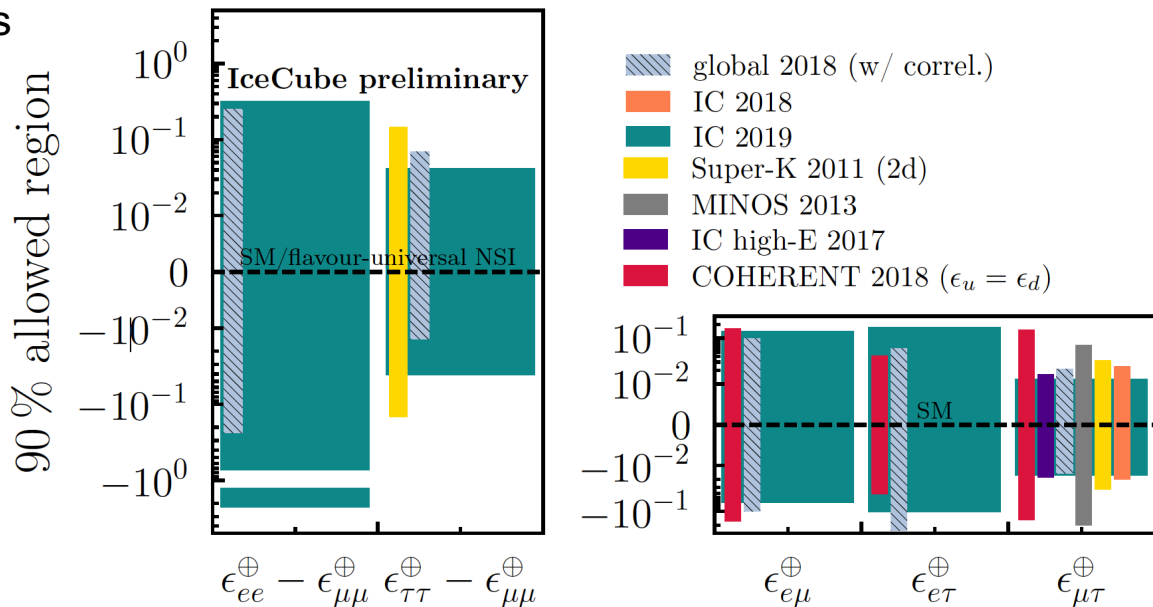
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New DeepCore analysis (Thomas Ehrhardt, JGU Mainz)

- 10 times more statistics
- Limits on all complex parameters
- Limits on parameter combinations



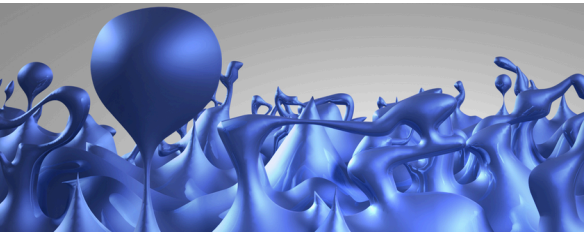
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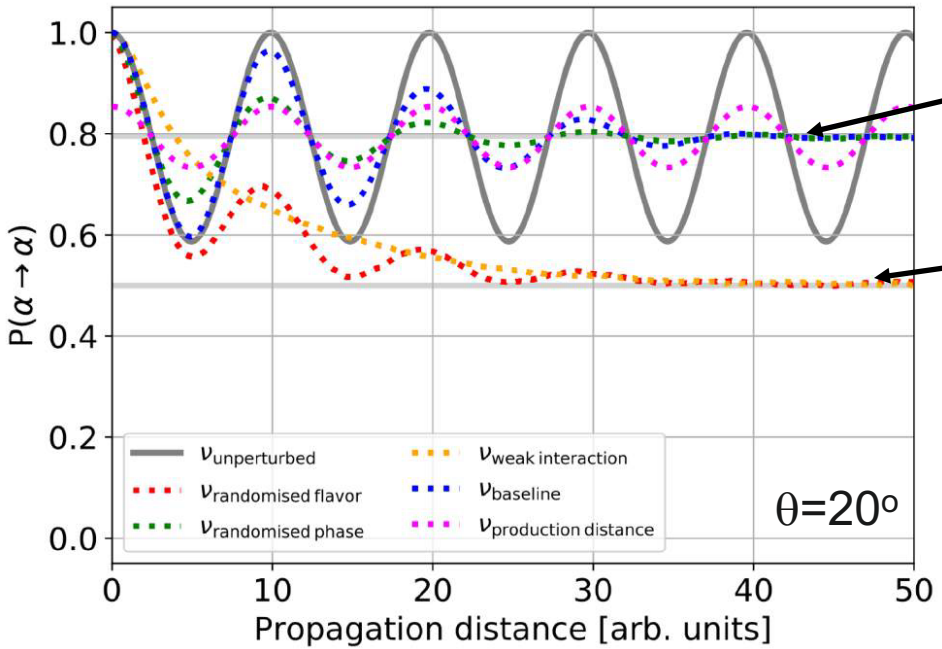
Quantum gravity motivated quantum fluctuation of space-time.

- Planck scale black hole background
- D-brane fluctuation



Propagating particles lose coherence with interactions with these background

- New damping terms in oscillation



Toy model (Tom Stuttard, NBI)

- Space-time foam baseline variation damp oscillations.

- Flavor basis interaction with Space-time foam may randomize flavor basis

Different physics collapse wave functions differently.

4. Neutrino decoherence

Open quantum system

$$P_{\alpha\beta}^{OQS} = \text{Tr} |\rho_\alpha(t)\rho_\beta(0)|^2$$

- Model independent search of decoherence
- Density matrix formalism and decoherence term

$$\frac{d\rho}{dt} = -i[h_{eff}, \rho] - D[\rho], \quad D[\rho] = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \rho_{12}\gamma_{12} & \rho_{31}\gamma_{31} \\ \rho_{12}\gamma_{12} & 0 & \rho_{23}\gamma_{23} \\ \rho_{31}\gamma_{31} & \rho_{23}\gamma_{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Damping term

$$\gamma_{ij} = \gamma_{ij}^0 \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\text{GeV}}\right)^n$$

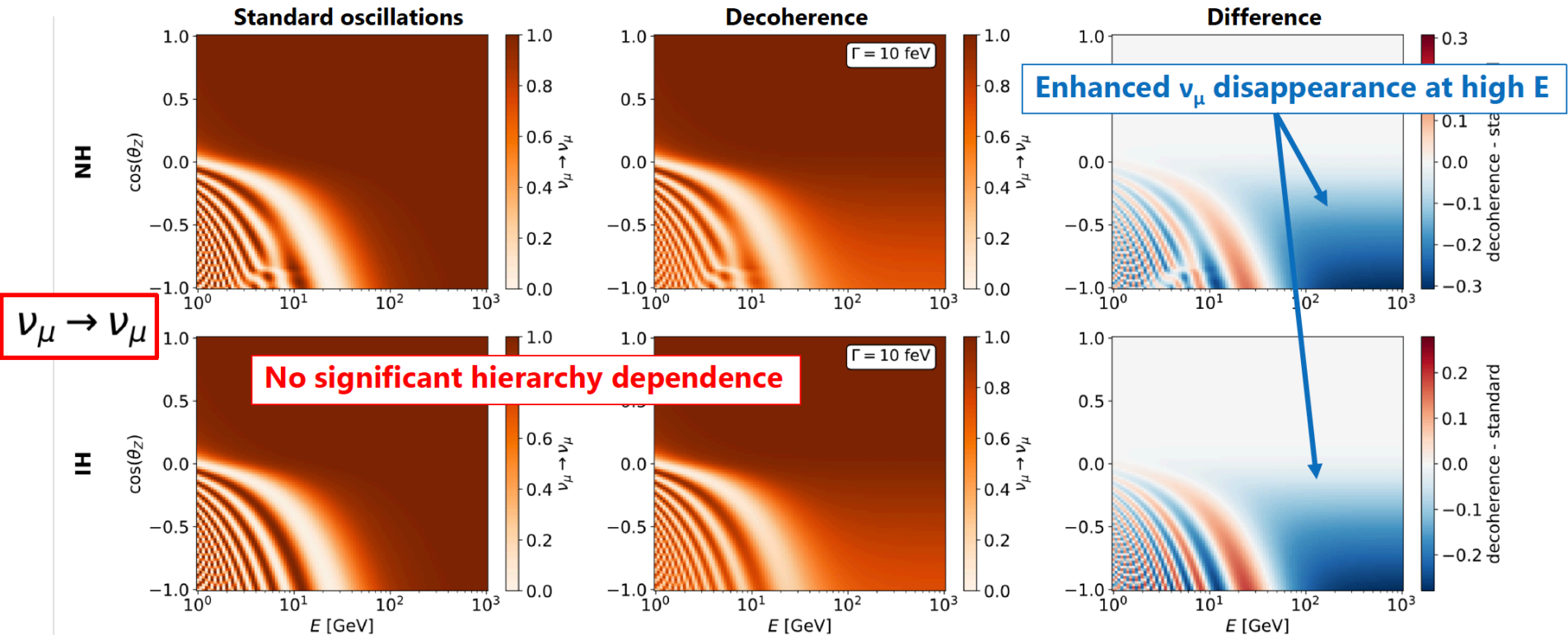
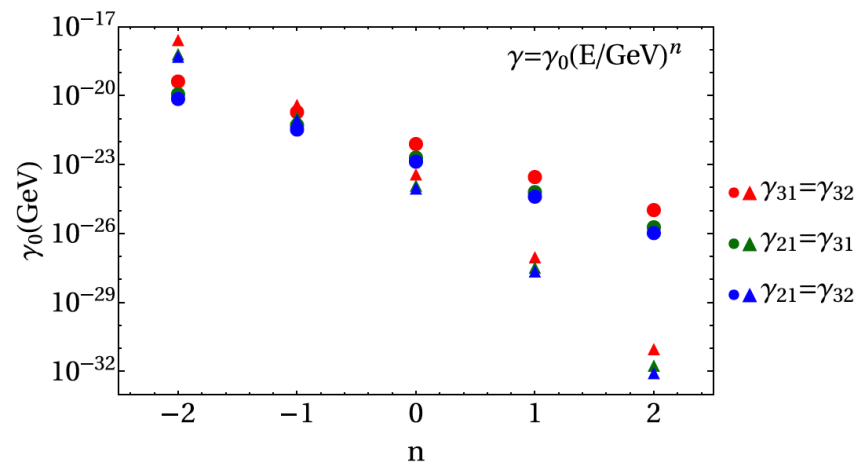
- Analysis can be designed to find nonzero γ_{ij}^0 .
- Experimental sensitivity is many order far away than expected Planck scale physics region?
(naturalness: decoherence length of neutrino with $E \sim M_{\text{Planck}}$ is Planck length)

4. Neutrino decoherence

Stronger sensitivity on γ_0 (damping term scale) can be obtained by assuming larger n

New analysis (Tom Stuttard, NBI)

- DeepCore data
- Weak dependence on mass ordering
- Exotic ν_μ disappearance (different pattern, new structure)



1. BSM physics with atmospheric neutrinos
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6. Conclusion

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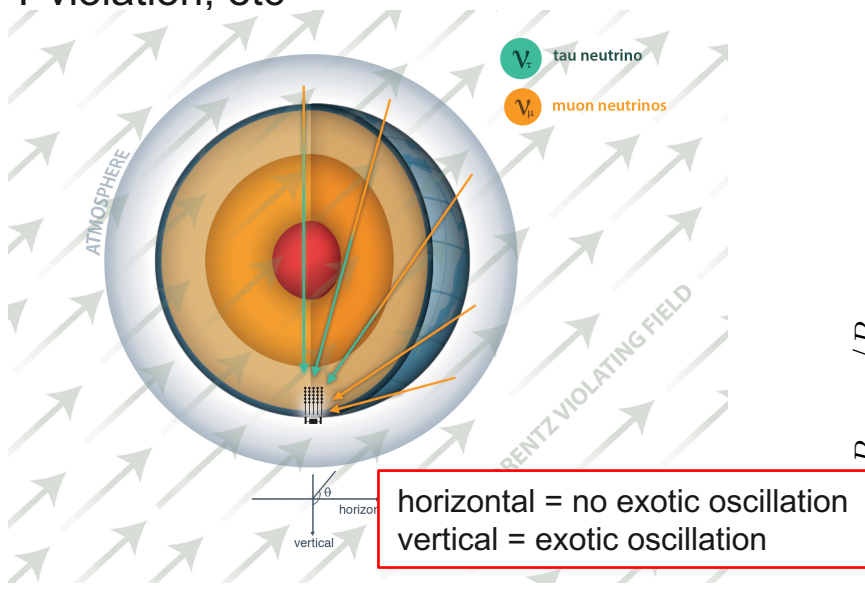
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SME Lagrangian

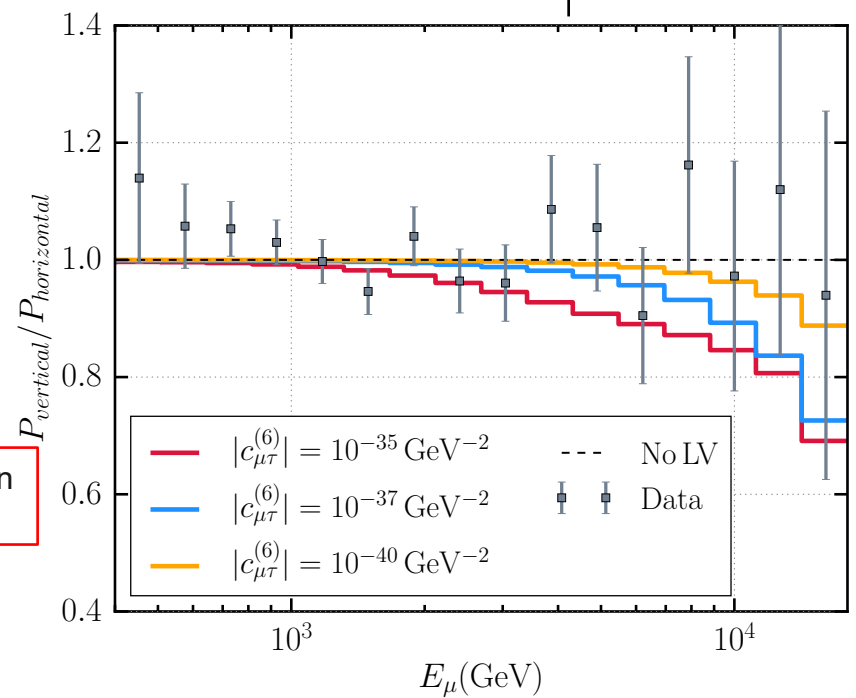
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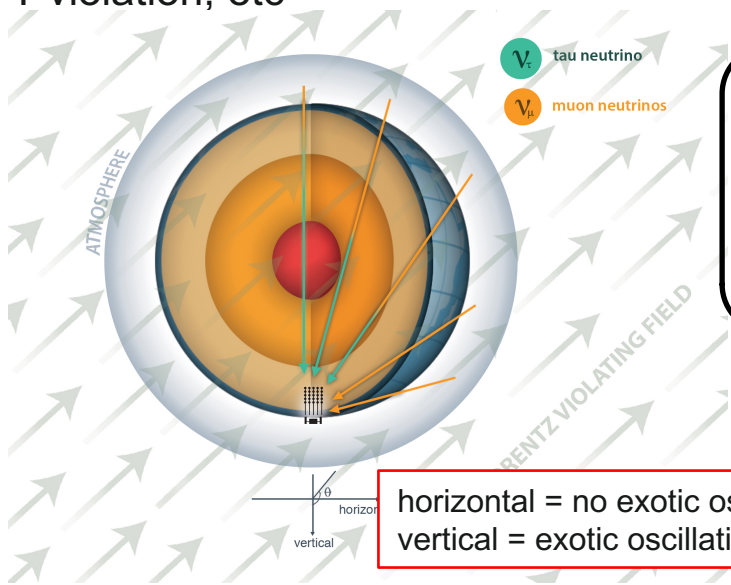
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horizontal = no exotic oscillation
 vertical = exotic oscillation

Higher-dimension operator search is interesting, and IceCube is good at that (=high energy)

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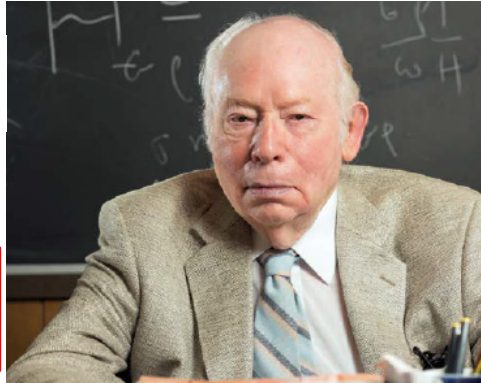
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“In a sense it is beyond the SM, but I would rather say it is beyond the leading terms – the renormalisable, unsuppressed part of the SM,” says Weinberg. “But hell – so is gravity! The symmetries of general relativity don’t allow any renormalisable interactions of massless spin-2 particles called gravitons.”

Steve Weinberg
 (CERN Courier, Nov 2017)



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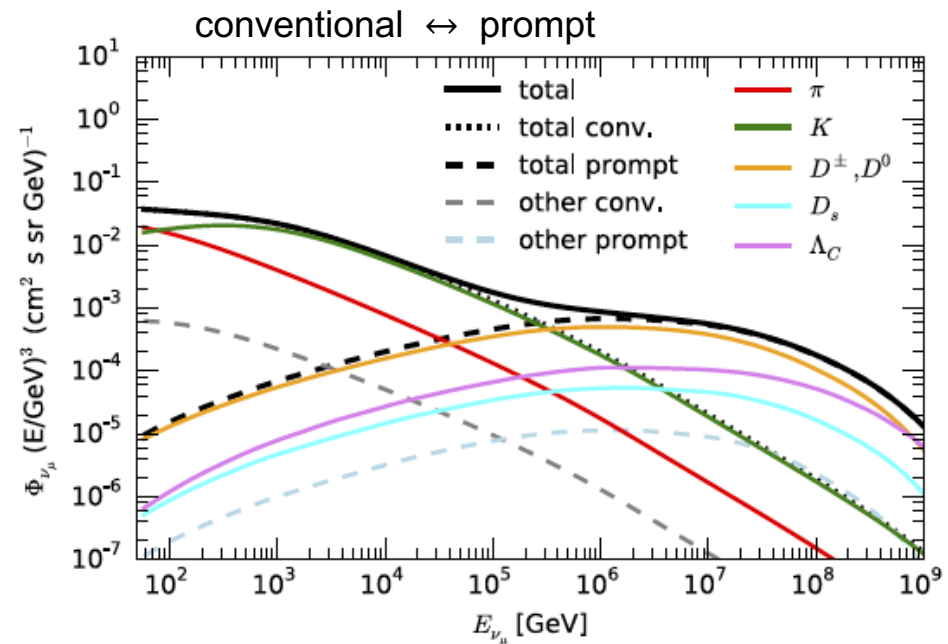
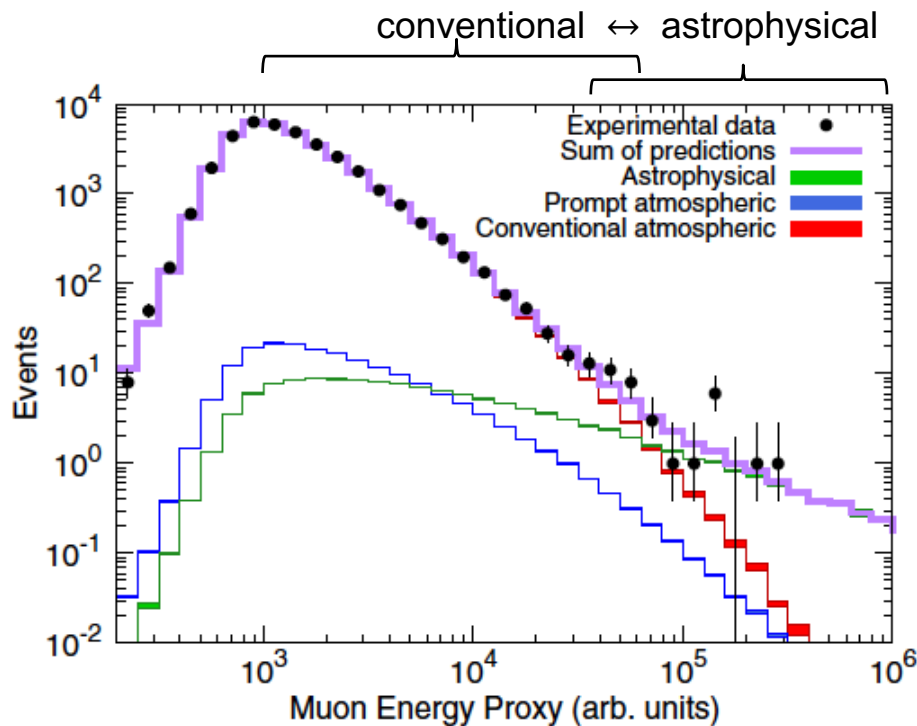
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Simulation

- atmospheric neutrinos from MCEq <https://github.com/afedynitch/MCEq>

ν_{atm} is complicated from $\sim 20 \text{ TeV}$

- Prompt atmospheric neutrinos (=charm)
- Astrophysical neutrinos
- Earth absorption becomes significant



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- simple power law astrophysical neutrinos (=background)
- DIS cross section from Cooper-Sarkar-Sarkar (CSS) paper [Cooper-Sarkar and Sarkar, JHEP01\(2008\)075](#)
- Analytic oscillation formula to test exotic ν_μ - ν_τ oscillation [Gonzalez-Garcia et al., PRD71\(2005\)093010](#)

Systematics (6 nuisance parameters)

- normalization of flux : conventional (40%), prompt (free), and astrophysical (free)
- spectrum index : primary cosmic ray (2%) and astrophysical neutrinos (25%)
- π/K ratio for conventional flux (10%)
- Ice model : negligible
- DOM efficiency : constrained

Fit methods [Foreman-Mackey et al., Publ.Astron.Soc.Pac.125\(2013\)306](#)

- Frequentist Wilk’s theorem (main results)
- Bayesian Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) <http://dan.iel.fm/emcee/current/>

5. Results

We don't find Lorentz violation

- we set new limits on Lorentz violation
- demonstrate the potential of neutrino interferometry

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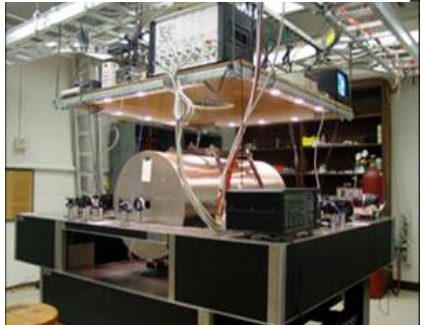
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Atomic physics results dominate LV tests with renormalizable operators (effective field theory approach)

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Double gas maser
 $b_n < 10^{-34}$ GeV
 $c_n < 10^{-29}$



PRL107(2011)171604
 PRL112(2014)110801

Spin torsion pendulum
 $b_e < 10^{-30}$ GeV



PRL97(2006)021603

Crystal oscillator
 $\Delta c/c < 10^{-18}$



Nature.Comm.6(2015)8174

LIGO
 $c^{(4)} < 10^{-22}$



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Astrophysical observations dominate LV test with non-renormalizable operators (quantum gravity motivated models)

5. Results


$$\hat{a}^{(5)} - E^3 \cdot \hat{c}^{(6)} \dots (1)$$

UHECR
 $c^6 < 10^{-42} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$
 $s^8 < 10^{-46} \text{ GeV}^{-4}$



JCAP0904(2009)022
 PLB749(2015)551

GRB vacuum birefringence
 $\kappa_{e+}, \kappa_{o-} < 10^{-37}$



PRL110(2013)201601

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5. Results

This analysis set the strongest limits for any operators in the neutrino sector. Limits are also among the strongest from atomic experiments to cosmology.

Next step:

- 3 flavor full analysis
- Simultaneous fit using upgoing muon + cascade
- Sidereal time dependence (test rotation symmetry violation)

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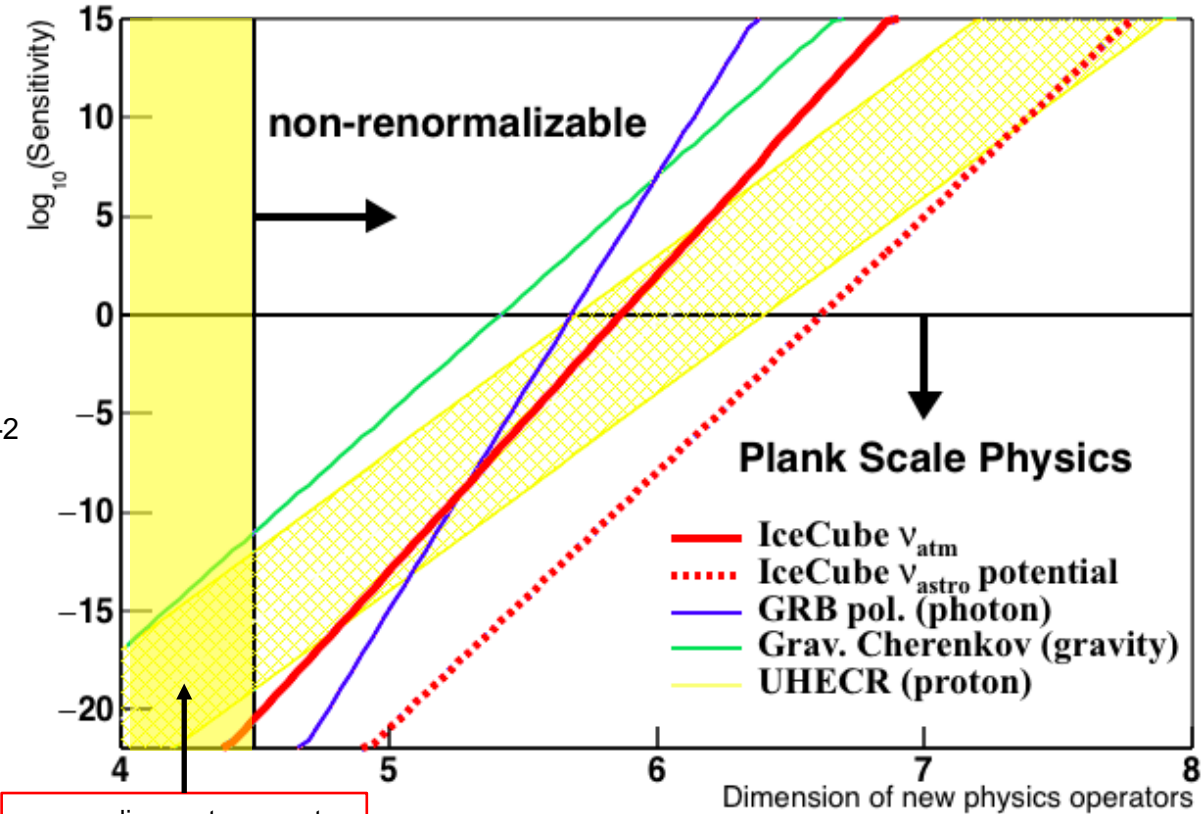
5. New physics search with neutrino interferometry

Quantum Gravity-motivated new physics operator search
Sensitivity is normalized with Planck mass ($M_{\text{Planck}} \sim 10^{19}$ GeV)

New physics sensitivity of atmospheric neutrinos is competitive to astrophysical sources

It looks sensitivity exceed naïve expectation of Planck scale
- dim-5 $\sim 1/M_{\text{Planck}} \sim 10^{-19}$ GeV⁻¹
- dim-6 $\sim 1/M_{\text{Planck}}^2 \sim 10^{-38}$ GeV⁻²

New physics limits and projected sensitivity



renormalize sector operator (dimension-3 and -4) have many very strong limits from atomic physics

Conclusion

Atmospheric neutrinos offers unique laboratories of new physics.

- Highest energy particles (~ 20 TeV)
- Longest baseline (12700km)
- Traveling through high density material ($\sim 13\text{g/cm}^3$)

Neutrinos make natural quantum system (neutrino interferometry) and sensitive to small effect.

- Sterile neutrinos
- Non-standard interaction
- Quantum decoherence
- Lorentz violation

Atmospheric neutrino system has one of the highest sensitivity to quantum gravity motivated physics, but astrophysical neutrino system has even higher sensitivity.

Thank you for your attention!

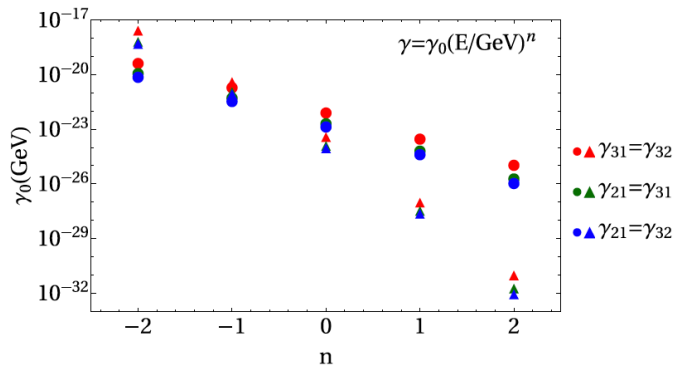


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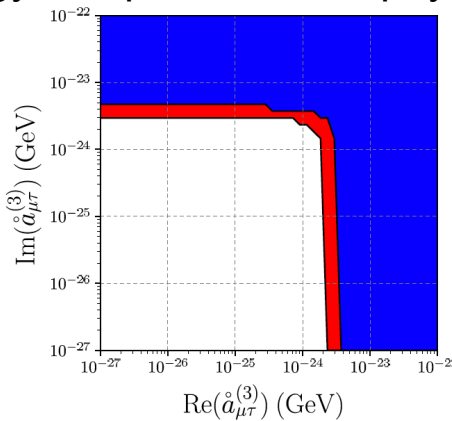
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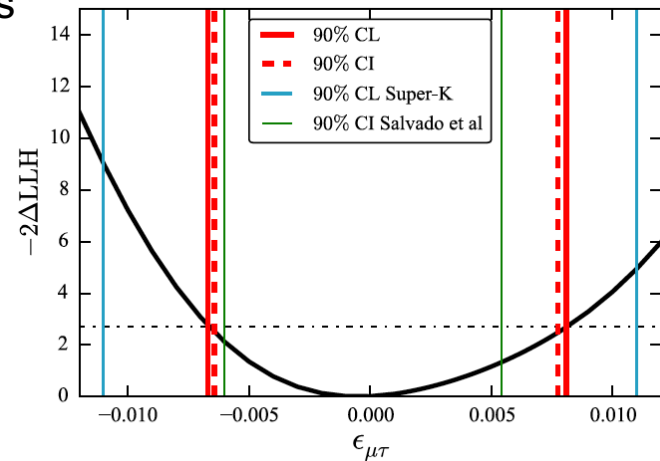
Decoherence limit
 $\gamma_0 \sim 10^{-24}\text{ GeV}$

Coloma et al., EPJC(2018)78:614



Lorentz violation limit
 $a^{(3)} \sim 10^{-24}\text{ GeV}$

IceCube, Nature Physics 14, 961 (2018)
 Super-Kamiokande, PRD91(2015)052003

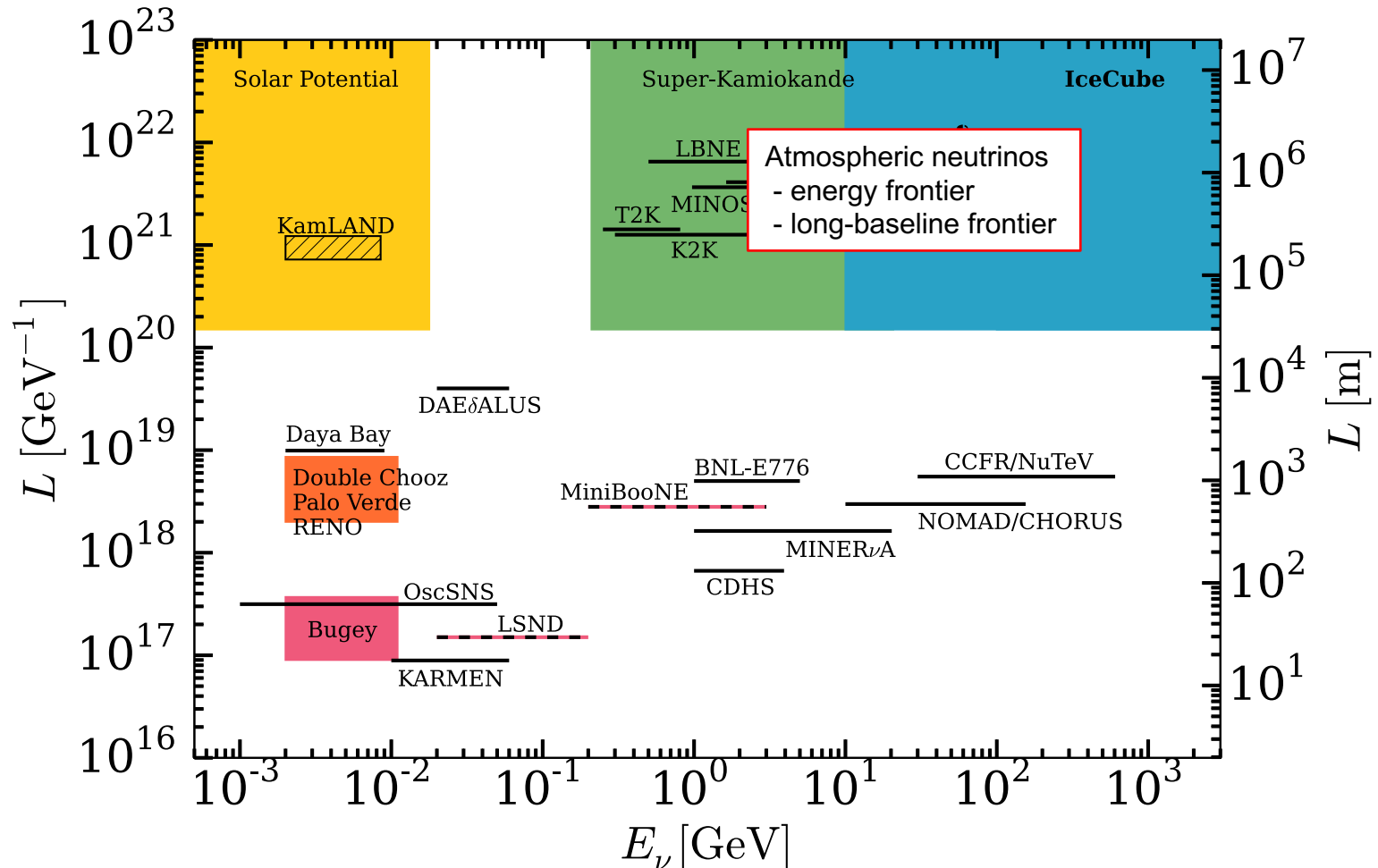


Non-standard interaction limit
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IceCube, PRD97(2018)072009
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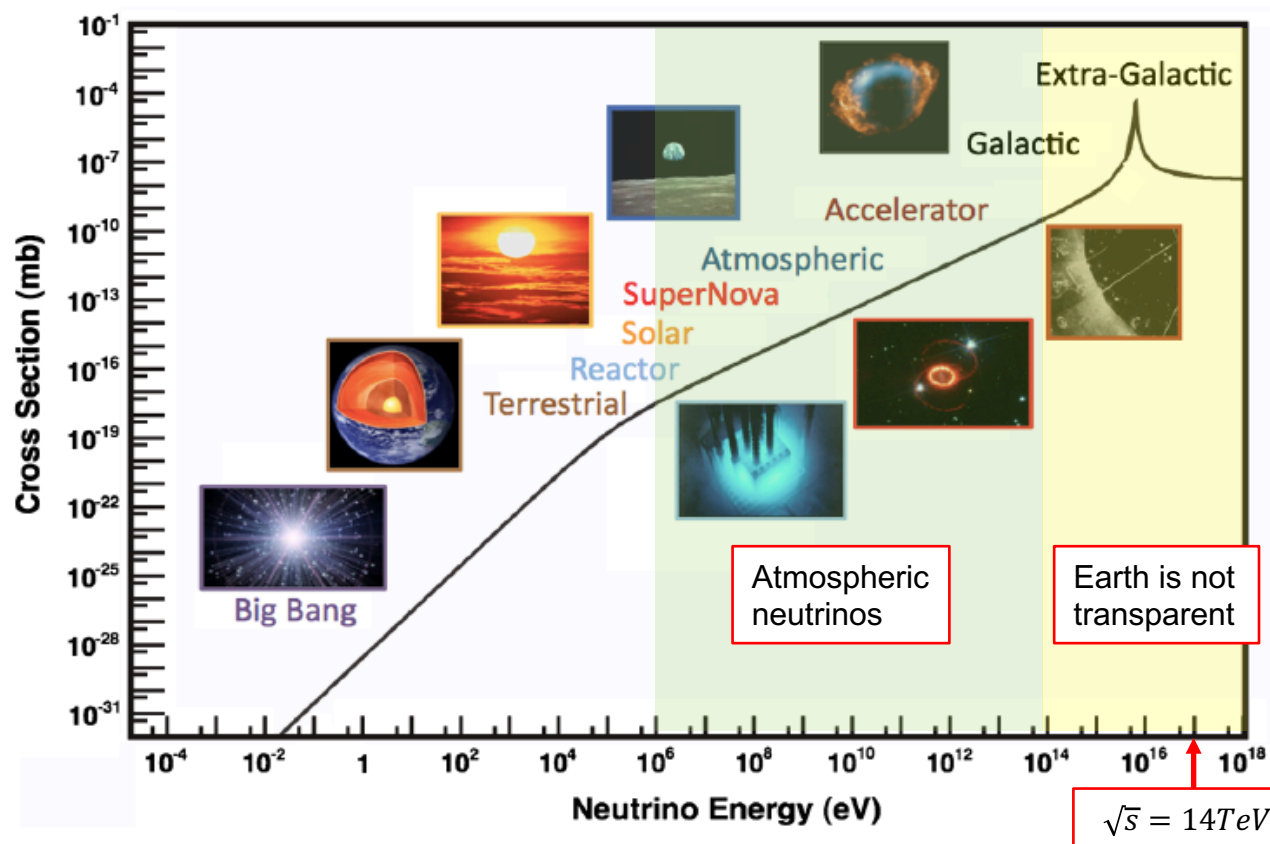
Phase space of atmospheric neutrinos are largely unexplored.



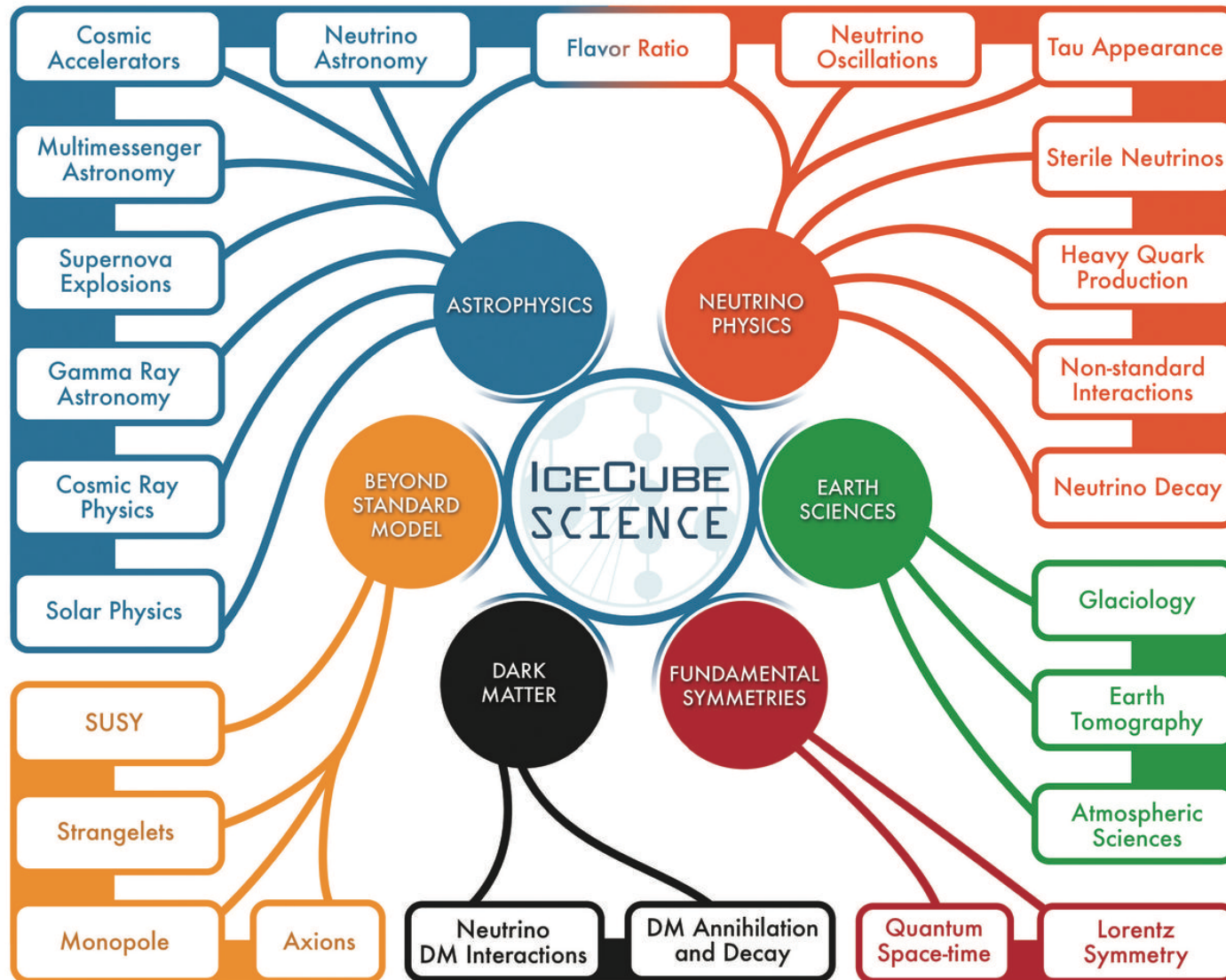
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5. Neutrino flavour with Lorentz violation

We start from isotropic model of nonminimal SME

$$h_{eff} \sim \frac{1}{2E} U^\dagger M^2 U + a_{\alpha\beta}^{(3)} - E c_{\alpha\beta}^{(4)} + E^2 a_{\alpha\beta}^{(5)} - E^3 c_{\alpha\beta}^{(6)} + E^4 a_{\alpha\beta}^{(7)} - E^5 c_{\alpha\beta}^{(8)} \dots$$

dim-6 isotropic SME (d=6)

$$E^3 c_{\alpha\beta}^{(6)} = E^3 \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}} (c_{\alpha\beta}^{(6)})_{00} = E^3 \begin{pmatrix} c_{ee}^{(6)} & c_{e\mu}^{(6)} & c_{\tau e}^{(6)} \\ c_{e\mu}^{(6)*} & c_{\mu\mu}^{(6)} & c_{\mu\tau}^{(6)} \\ c_{\tau e}^{(6)*} & c_{\mu\tau}^{(6)*} & c_{\tau\tau}^{(6)} \end{pmatrix} = E^3 c^{(6)} \tilde{U}_6^\dagger O_6 \tilde{U}_6$$

scale O(1) diagonal element
mixing matrix
 and so on...

We test dim-3 to dim-8 operators one by one to find nonzero scale (or set limit on scale)

$$h_{eff} \sim \frac{1}{2E} U^\dagger M^2 U - E^3 c_{\alpha\beta}^{(6)} = V^\dagger(E) \Delta V(E)$$

$$V(E) = \begin{pmatrix} V_{e1}(E) & V_{e2}(E) & V_{e3}(E) \\ V_{\mu1}(E) & V_{\mu2}(E) & V_{\mu3}(E) \\ V_{\tau1}(E) & V_{\tau2}(E) & V_{\tau3}(E) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Delta = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1(E) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2(E) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_3(E) \end{pmatrix}$$

5. Test of Lorentz violation with neutrinos

Test of Lorentz violation with neutrinos can be classified to 2 groups.

→ We test spectral distortion of atmospheric neutrino spectrum due to Lorentz violation.

Spectral distortion vs. Sidereal variation

IceCube
Nature Physics
14(2018)961

Super-Kamiokande
PRD91(2015)052003

AMANDA
PRD79(2009)102005

ATMOSPHERE
Lorentz violating field
tau neutrino ν_τ
muon neutrinos ν_μ
vertical
horizontal

MINOS ND PRL101(2008)151601	MINOS FD PRL105(2010)151601	MiniBooNE PLB718(2013)1303
Daya Bay PRD98(2018)092013	LSND PRD72(2005)076004	IceCube-40 PRD82(2010)112003
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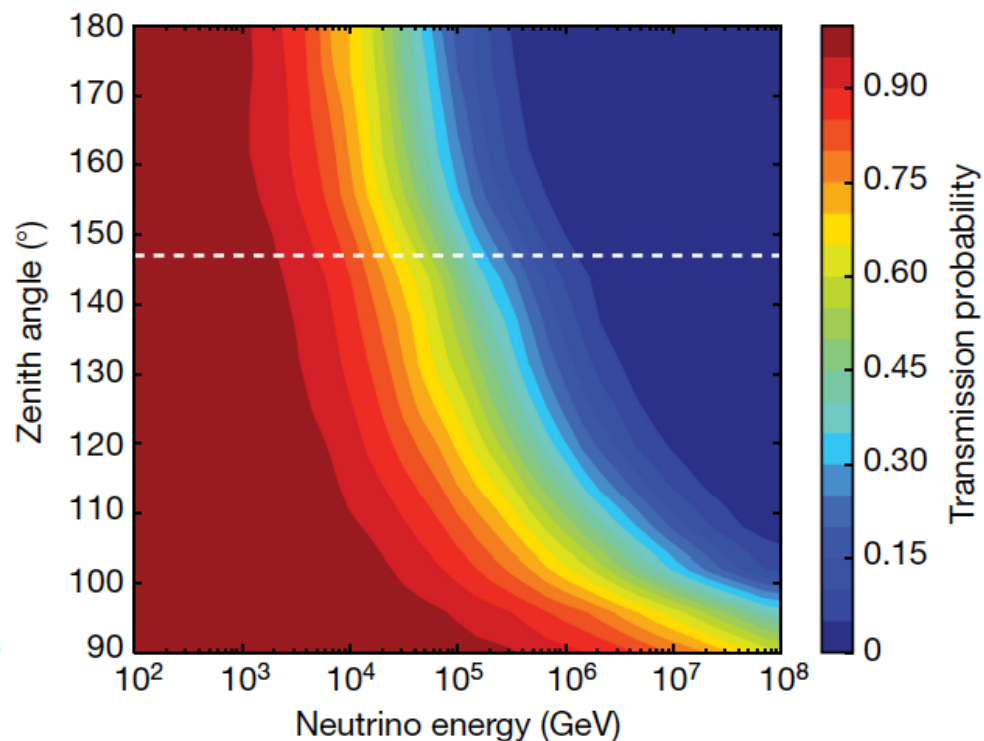
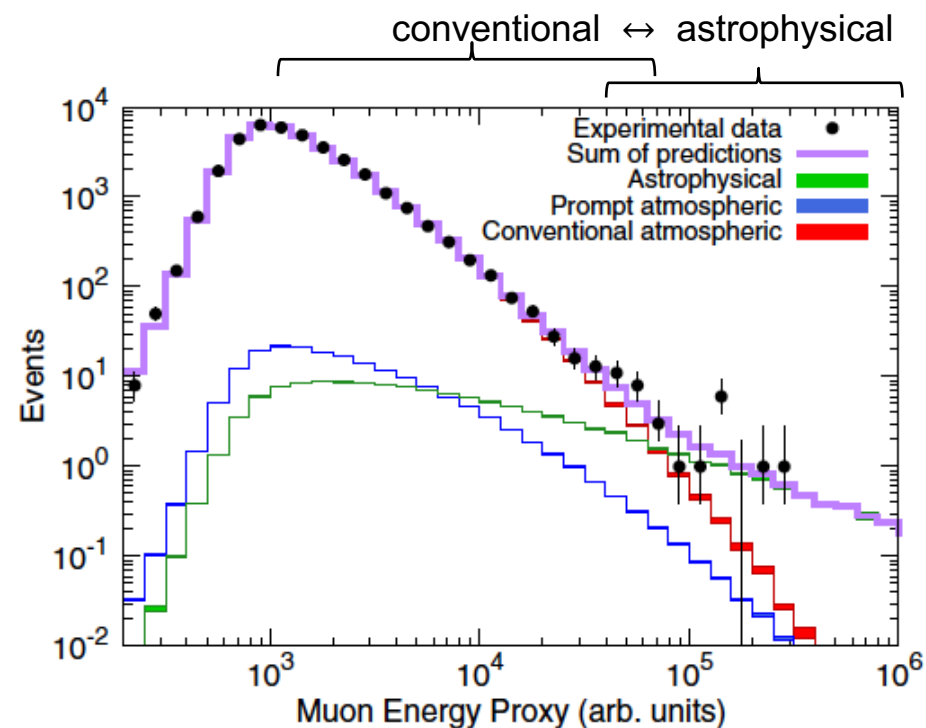
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→ 2016 sterile ν analysis sample

ν_{atm} is complicated from $\sim 20 \text{ TeV}$

- Prompt atmospheric neutrinos (=charm)
- Astrophysical neutrinos
- Earth absorption becomes significant



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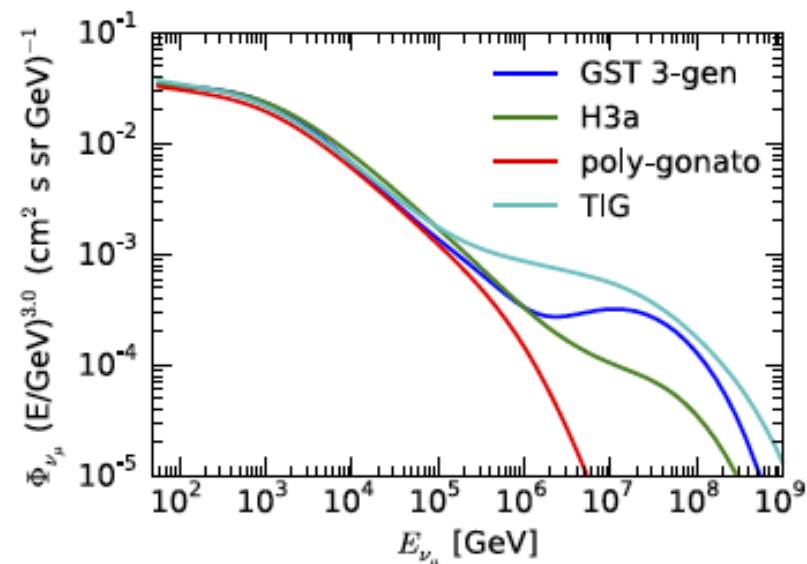
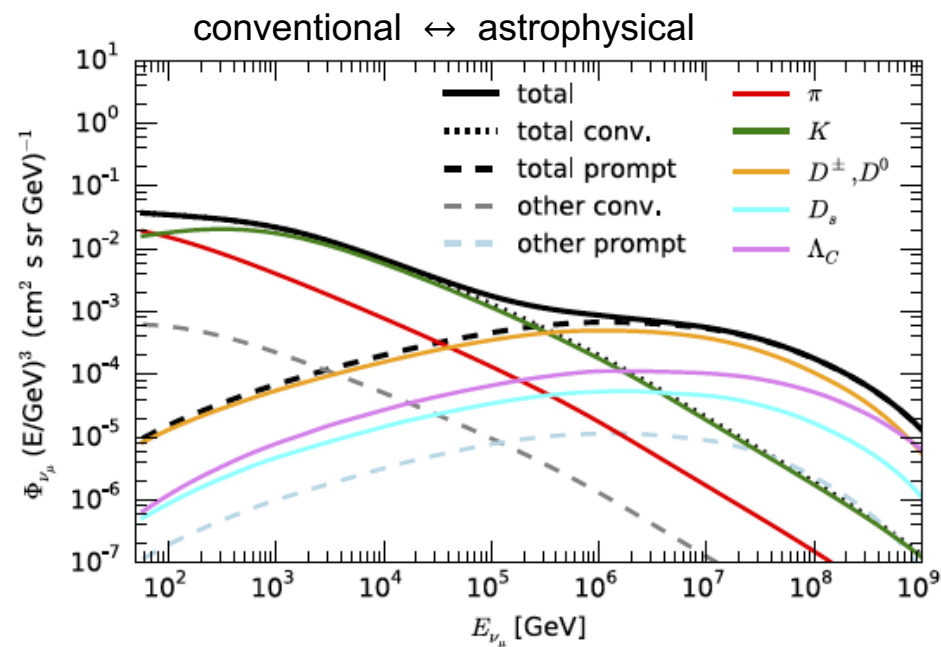


Figure 3. Primary model dependence of the atmospheric conventional + prompt neutrino flux. The model abbreviations are described in the caption of Fig. 2.

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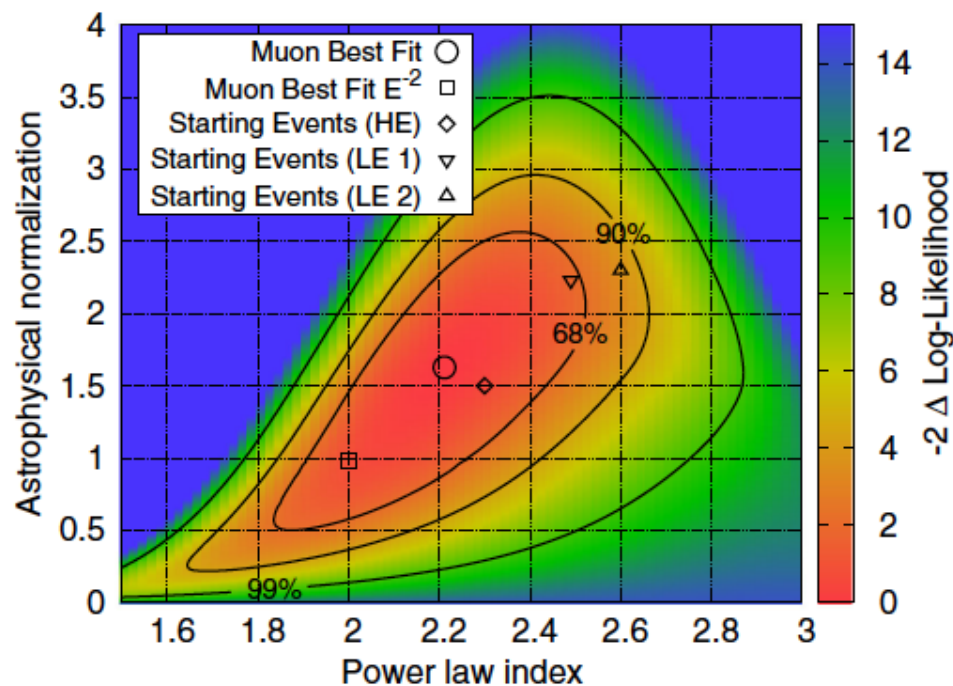
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This moment, we don't have a consistent flux model for astrophysical neutrinos. Spectrum index is highly correlated with normalization of the flux.

→ in this analysis, $\gamma=2$ ($\Phi \sim E^{-2}$) is used. We found in this analysis dependence on spectrum index is weak.



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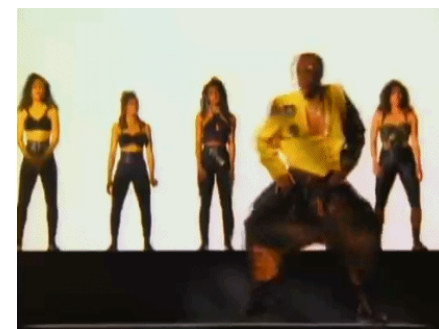
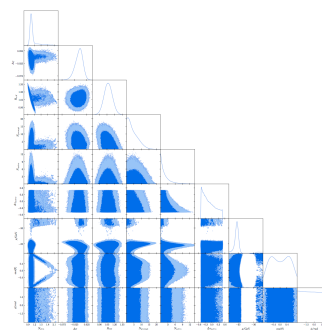
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Fit methods

- Frequentist Wilk’s theorem (main results)
- Bayesian Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

<http://dan.iel.fm/emcee/current/>



emcee: The MCMC Hammer

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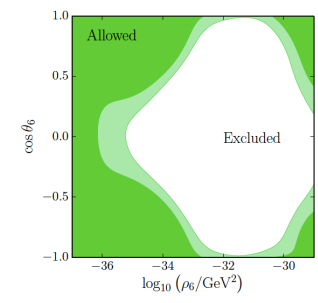
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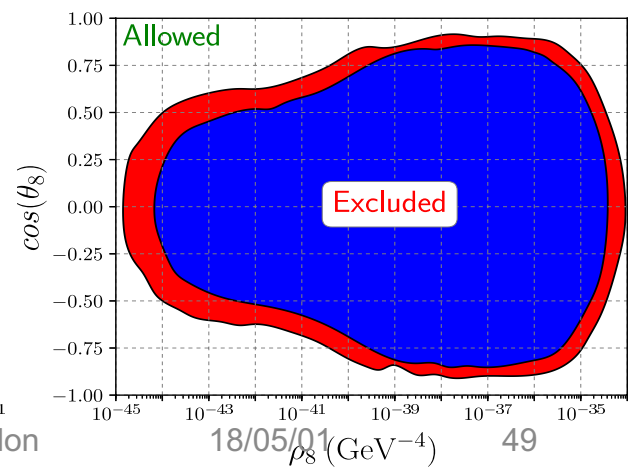
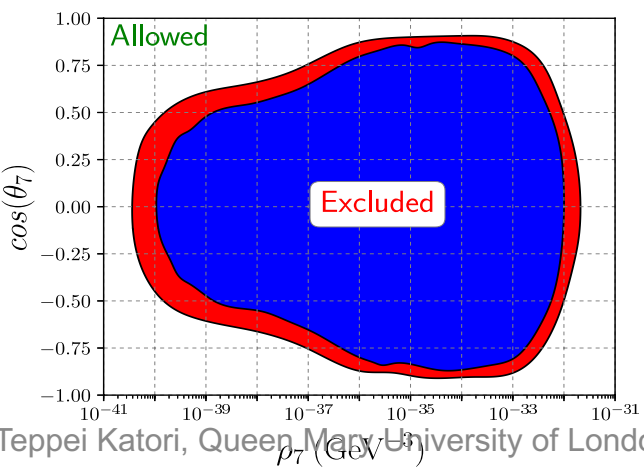
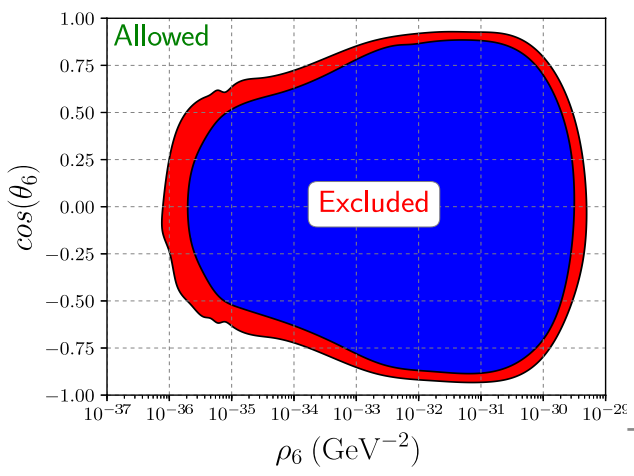
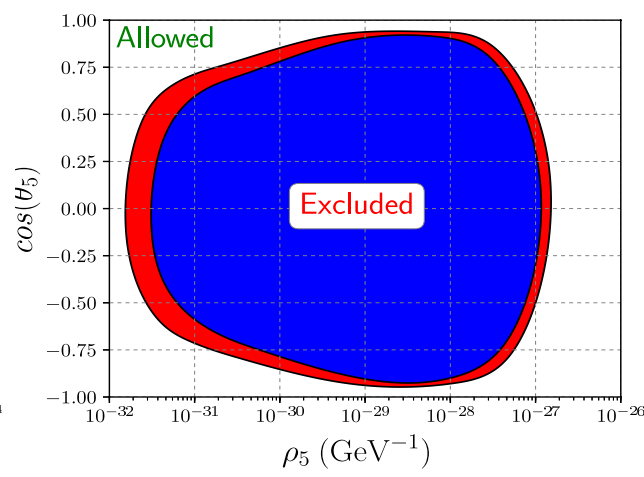
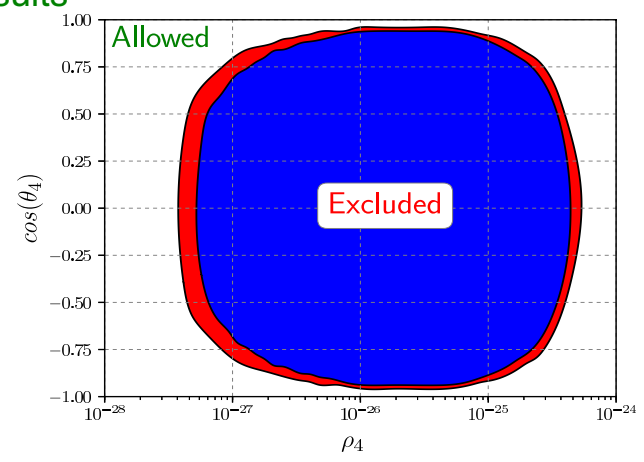
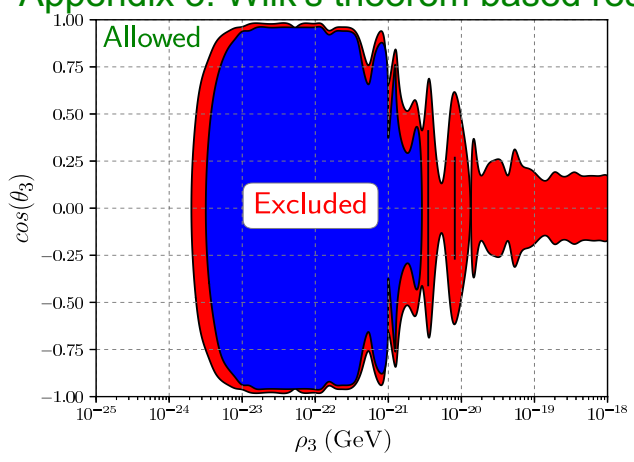
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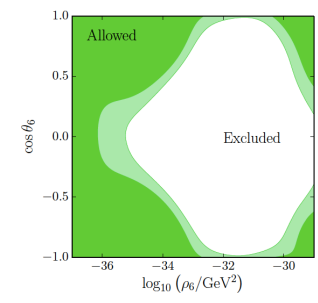
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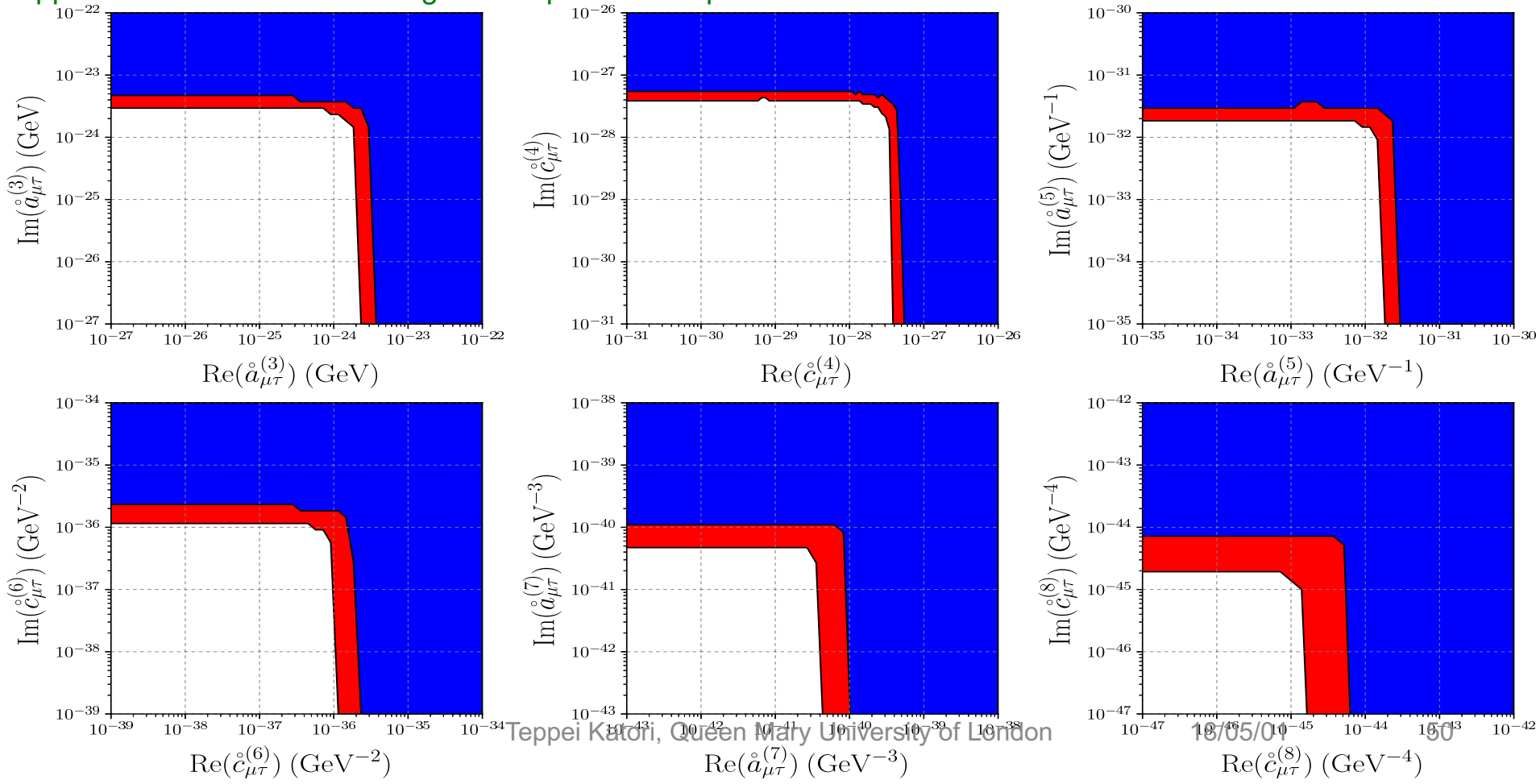
Make these 0 by hand

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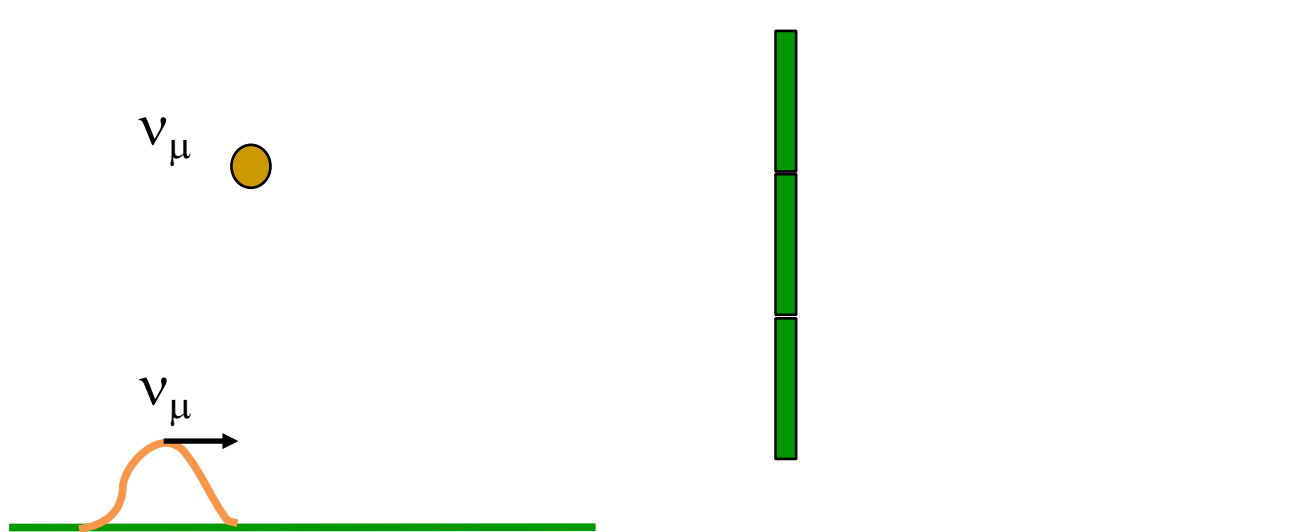


Appendix 4: Contour on off-diagonal LV parameter space



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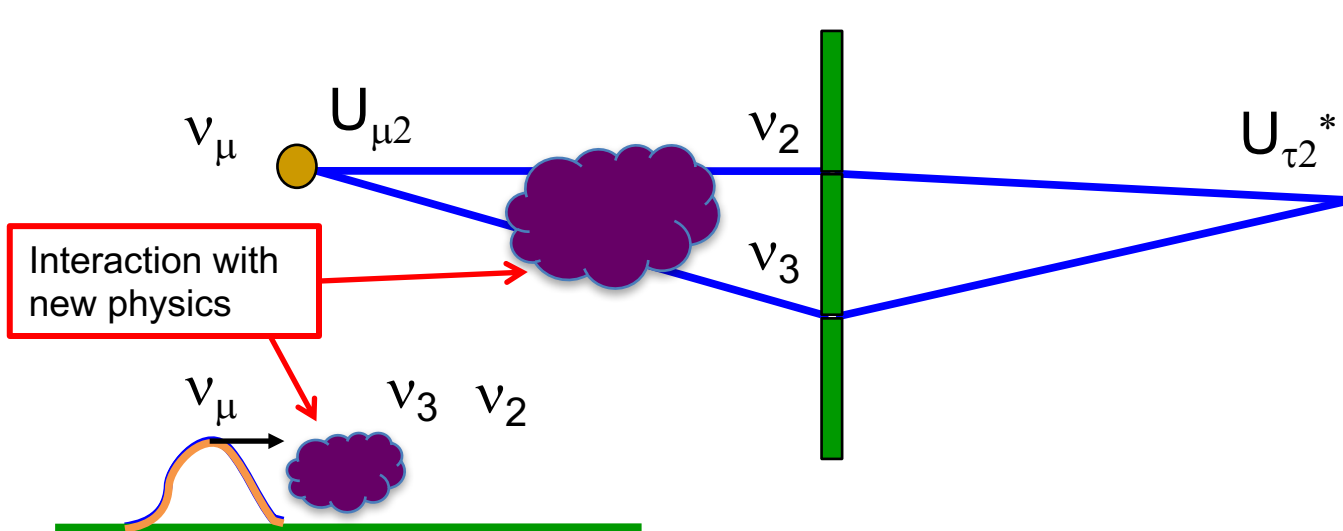
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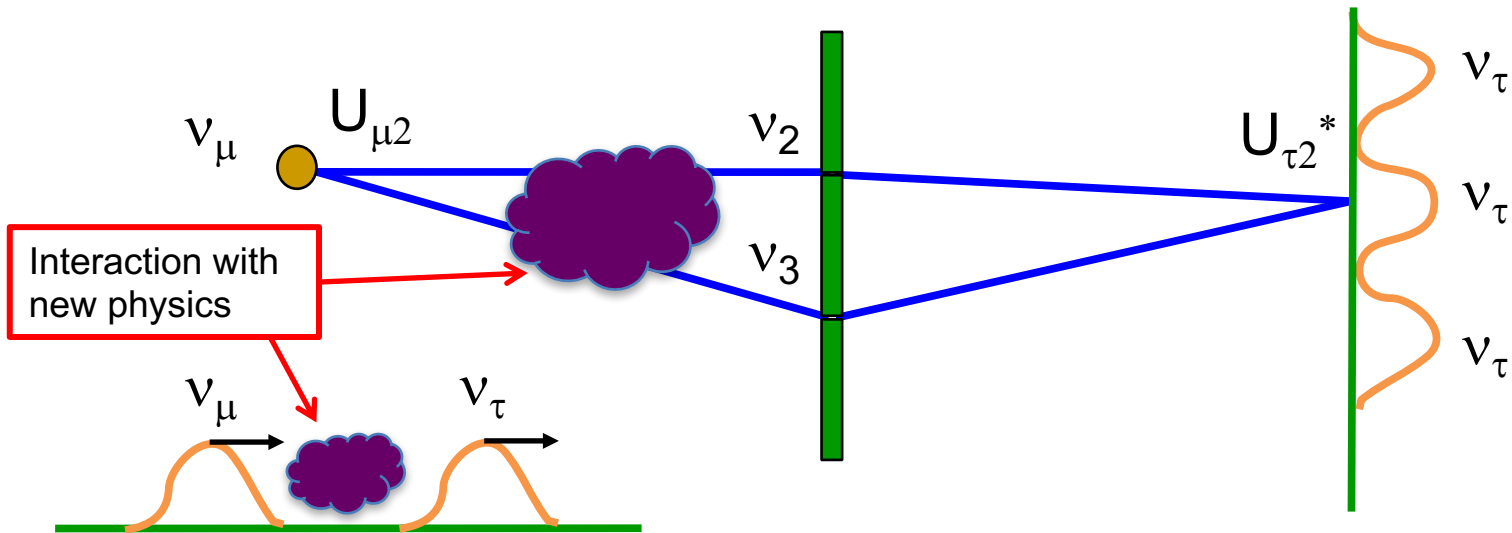
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