New Physics with Astrophysical Neutrino Flavor

Test of neutrino properties

- Neutrino lifetime
- Number and nature of neutrinos
- Mass-varying neutrinos

Tests of signatures of a dark Universe

- Dark matter as source
- Dark matter as background
- Dark energy as background

Tests of fundamental physics:

- Non-standard interactions
- Neutrino self-interactions
- Long-range forces
- Modified neutrino-nucleus interactions
- Quantum decoherence
- Lorentz and CPT invariance violation
- Extra dimensions

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Astrophysical neutrinos are the **highest energy** elementary particles travelling the **longest distance** in the universe

Neutrino mixing makes it extremely sensitive to any effects on neutrinos

New physics information is encoded on Astrophysical neutrino flavor

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Flavor triangle ($v_e : v_\mu : v_\tau$)

Astrophysical neutrino flavor is measured as **flavor ratio**.

Standard neutrino mixing predicted observable flavor ratio within the dark blue region (~1:1:1).

Very small amount of new physics can deviate flavor ratio from 1:1:1.

Flavor ratio is extremely sensitive to new physics.



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Effective operator sensitivity



$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_{\nu SM} + \frac{\mathcal{O}^{(5)}}{M_{Pl}} E^2 + \frac{\mathcal{O}^{(6)}}{M_{Pl}^2} E^3 + \frac{\mathcal{O}^{(7)}}{M_{Pl}^3} E^4 \cdots$$

Assuming new physics is Planck scale origin, astrophysical neutrino flavor can reach discovery region

For example, sensitivity of astrophysical neutrino flavor to dimension-six vacuum operator is $\sim 10^{-8}$ $(10^{-46}GeV^{-2})$, far beyond any other technology, from table to experiment to cosmology



Flavor triangle ($v_e : v_\mu : v_\tau$) in IceCube



Astrophysical neutrino morphology

- Track: muon neutrino CC
- Cascade: electron, tau CC or NC
- Double cascade: tau

Current data statistics and systematics accept large area as astrophysical neutrino flavor ratio





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Higher statistics with larger effective area

Improved particle identification

- Improved optical sensors
- New calibration
- New PID algorithm (machine learning, etc)

Higher energy neutrinos

- Larger effective area
- Radio arrays

More transient events

- Better constraint of production model

Astrophysical neutrino flavor physics is a new sub-field, it's an old idea but have been developed to the reality only in last few years. This approach uses the best of neutrino, energy, and cosmic frontiers, and it has a high discovery potential for many new physics models.



