

Search for Quantum-Gravity-Motivated Effects in IceCube

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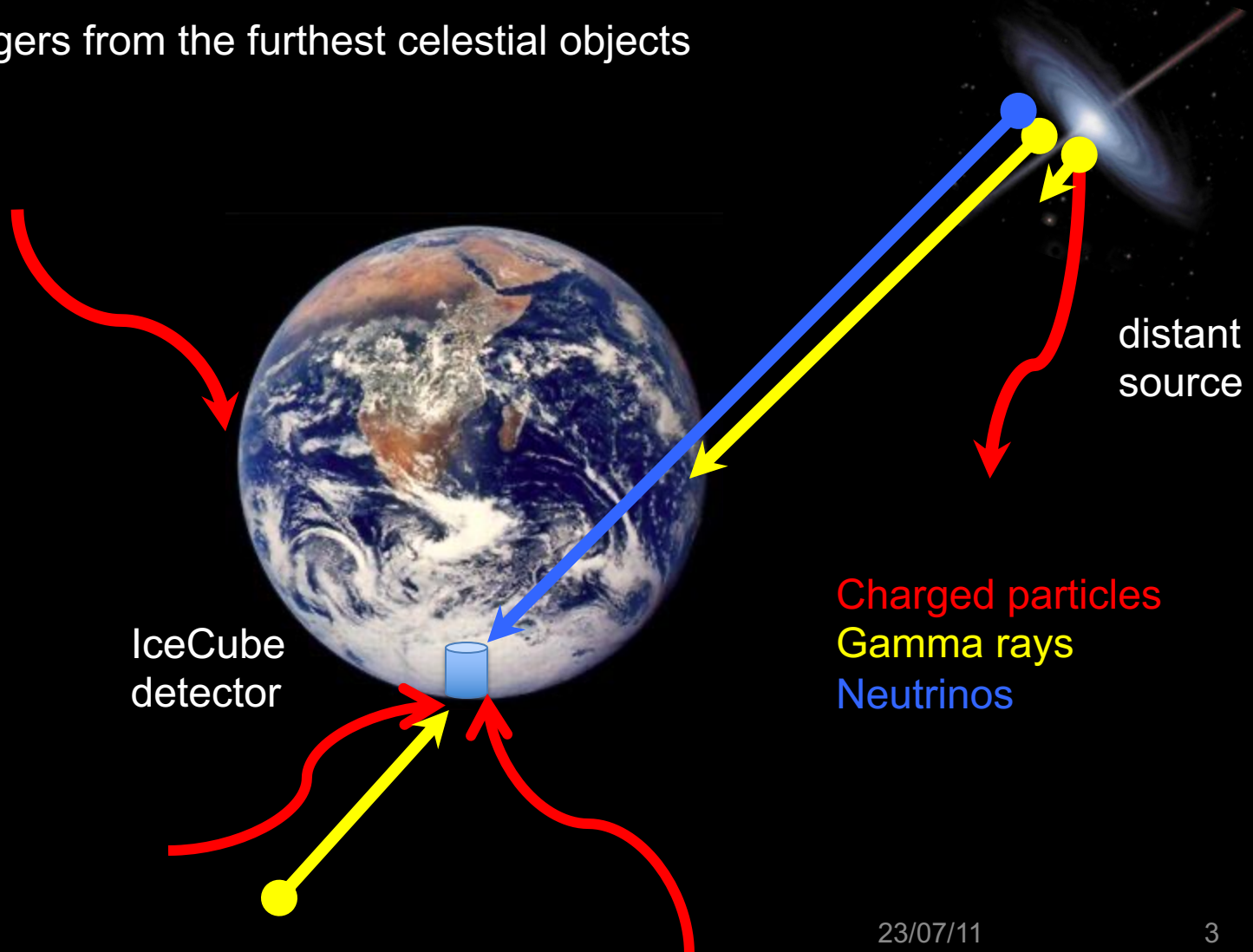
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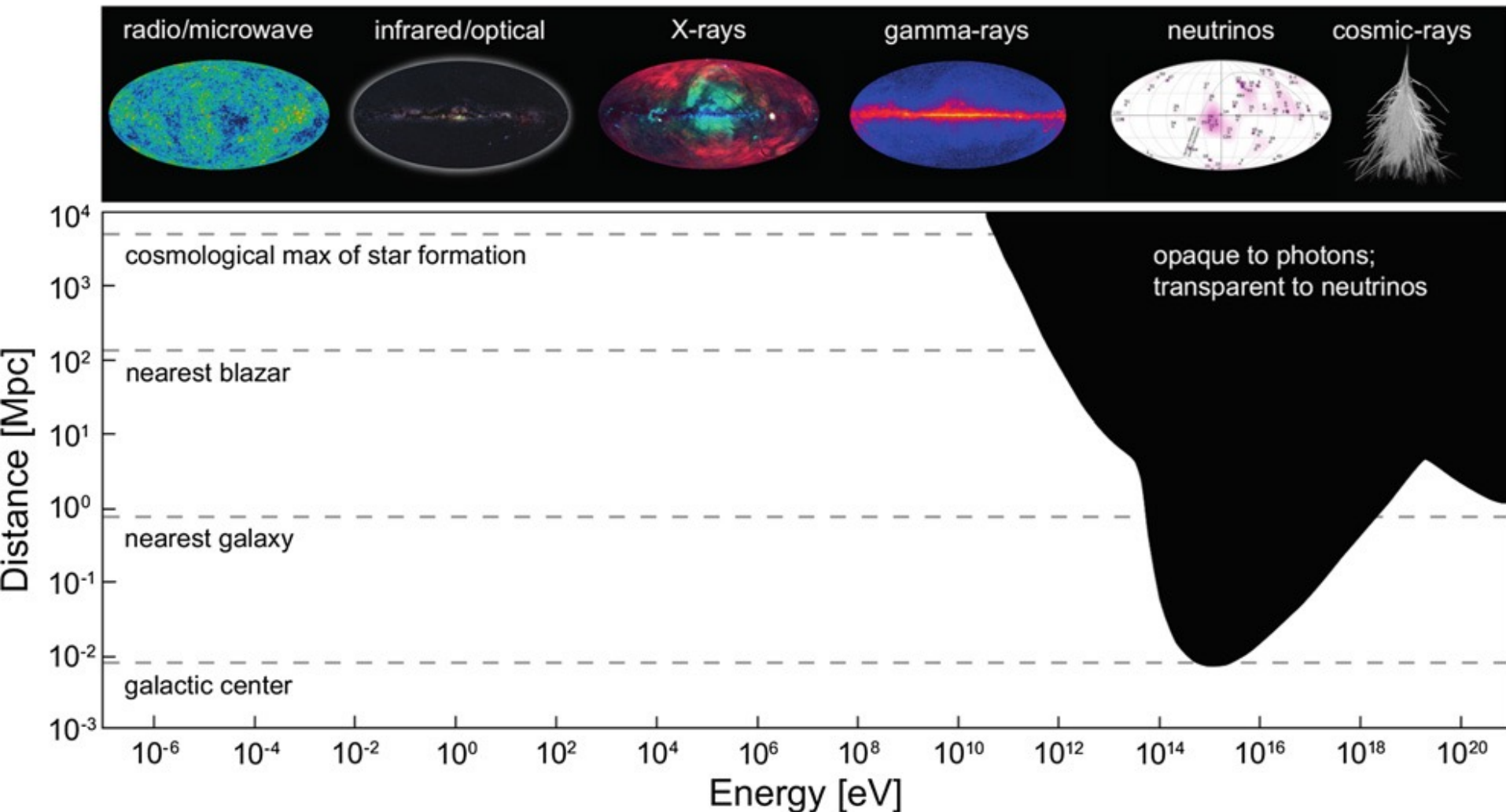
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Direct messengers from the furthest celestial objects



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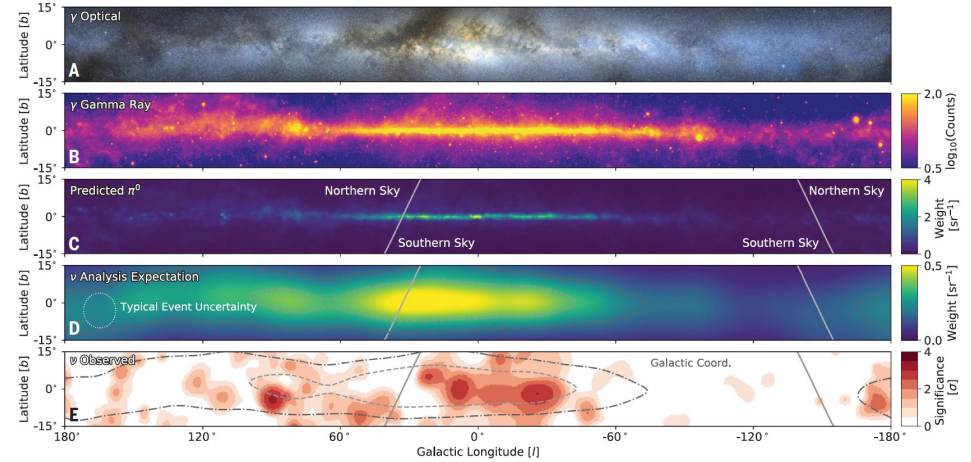
Above ~ 10 - 100 TeV neutrinos are only direct extra-galactic messengers



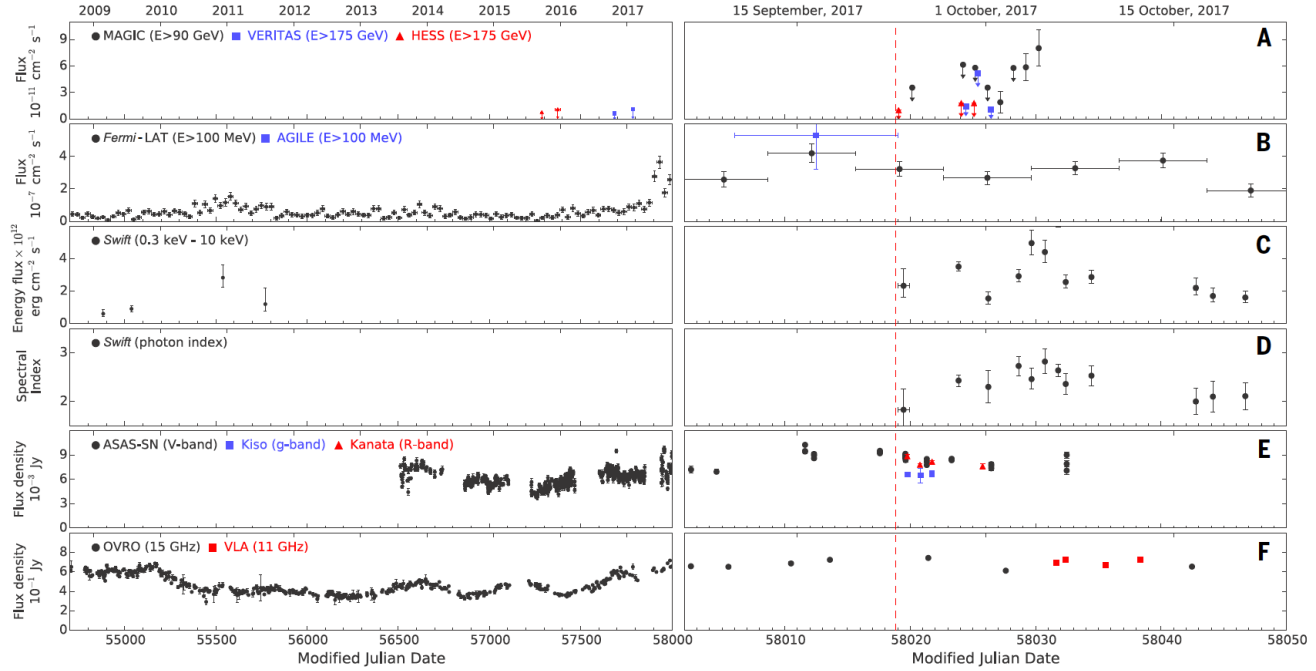
1. Multi-messenger astronomy

Astrophysical point sources may emit photons, neutrinos (and gravitational waves)

Galactic plane in photons and neutrinos

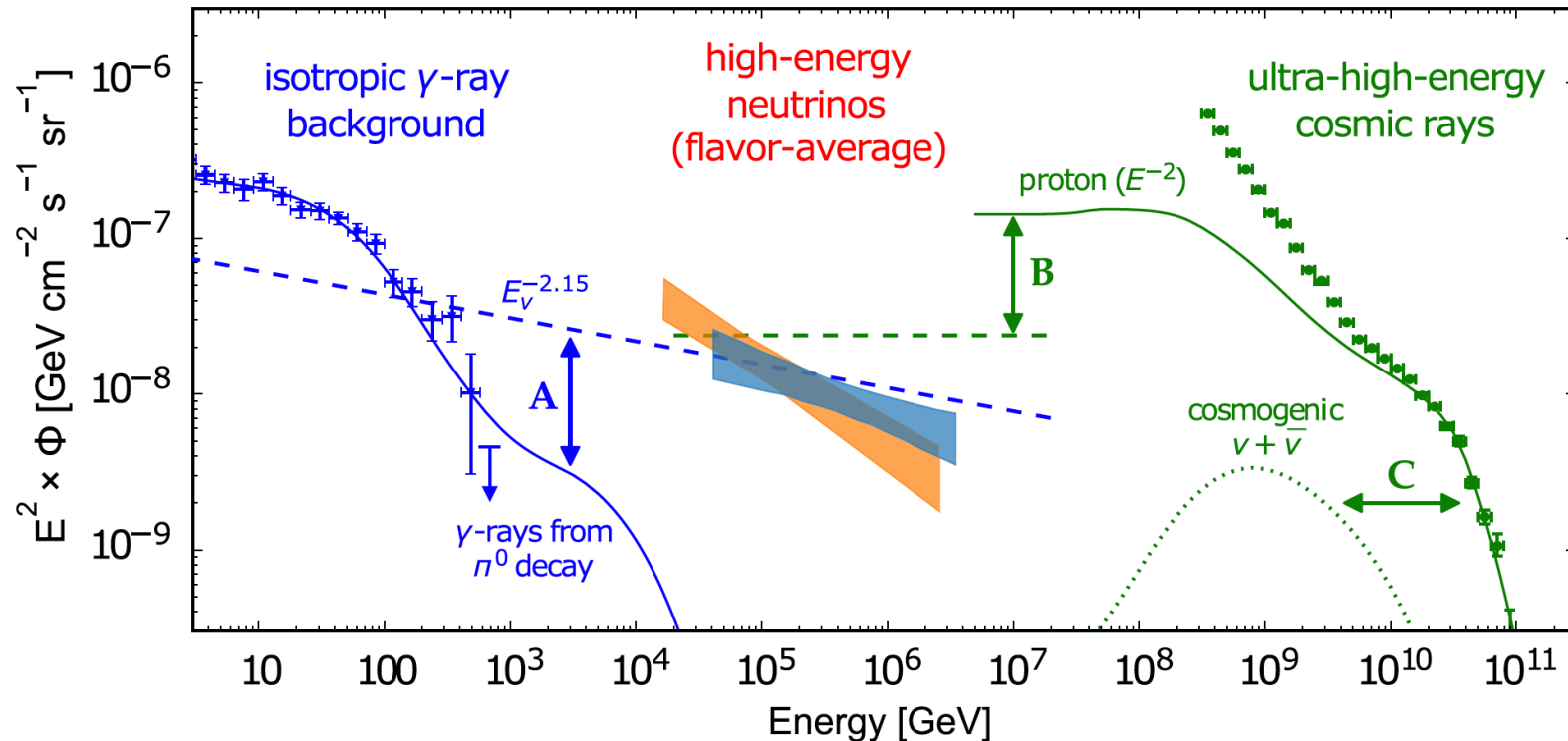
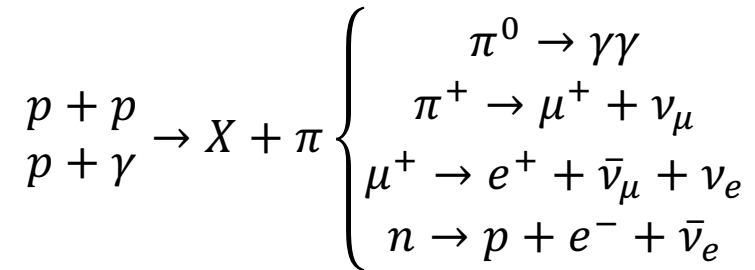


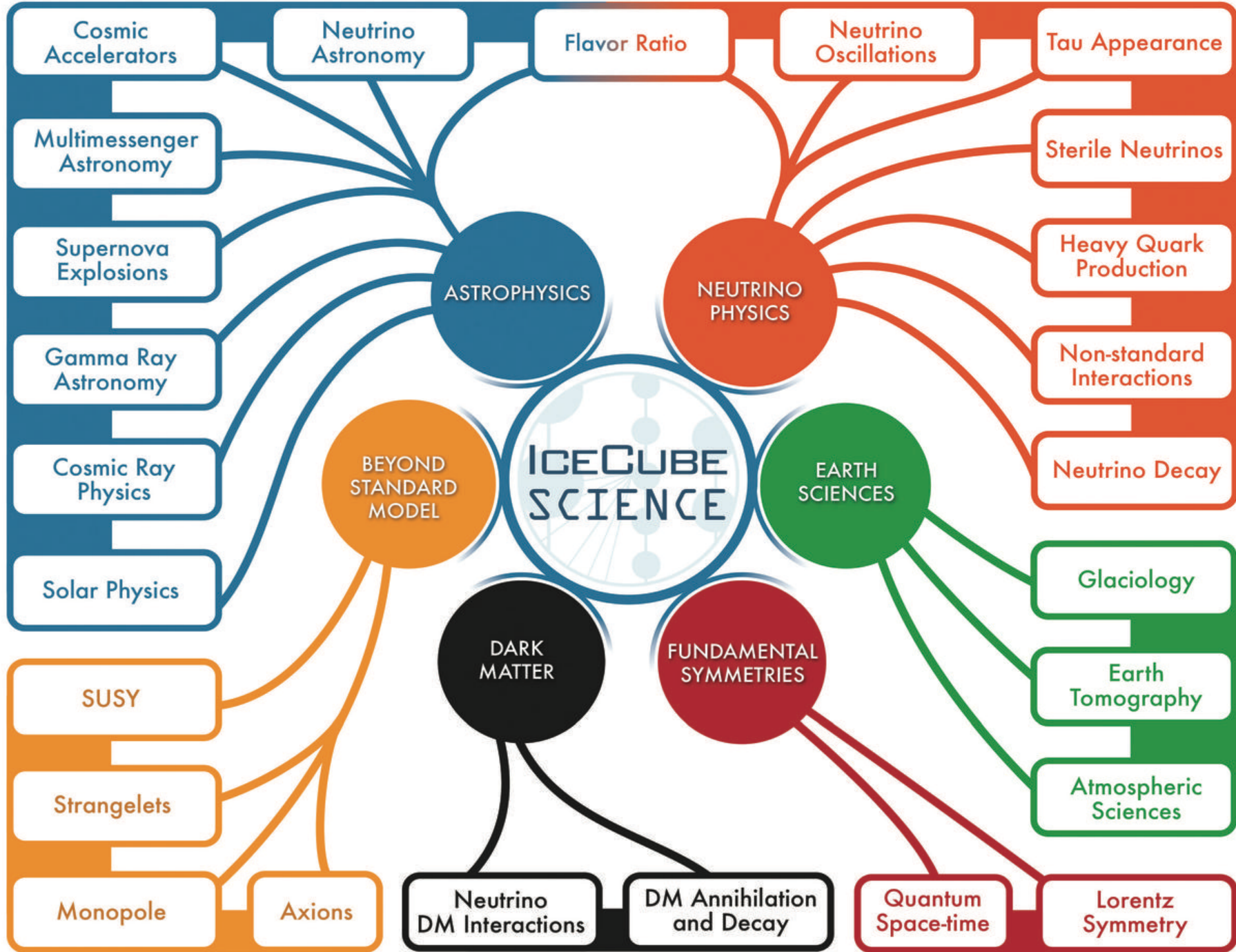
TXS0506+056 blazar photons and neutrinos



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High-energy protons, gamma rays, and neutrinos are all related





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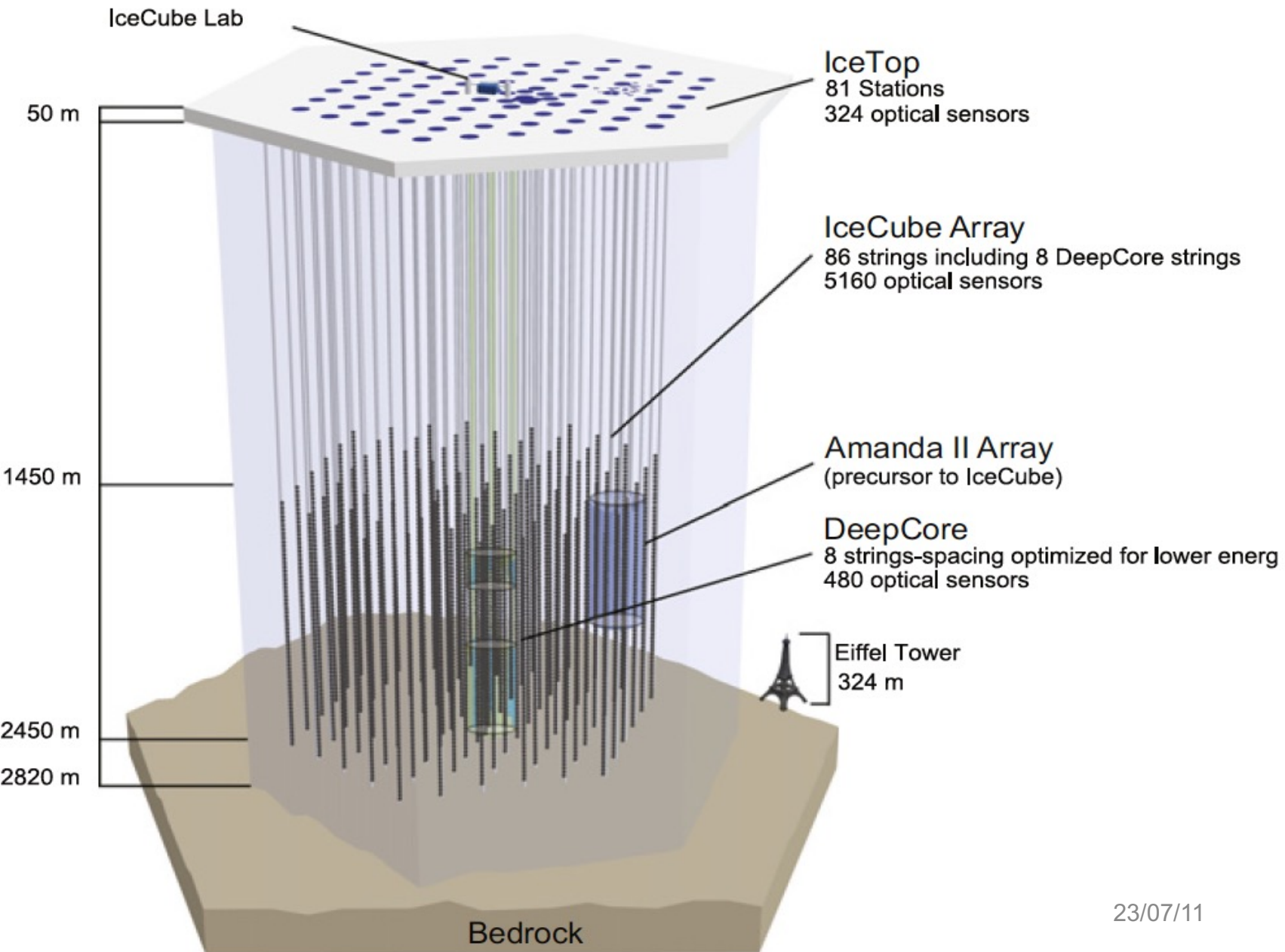
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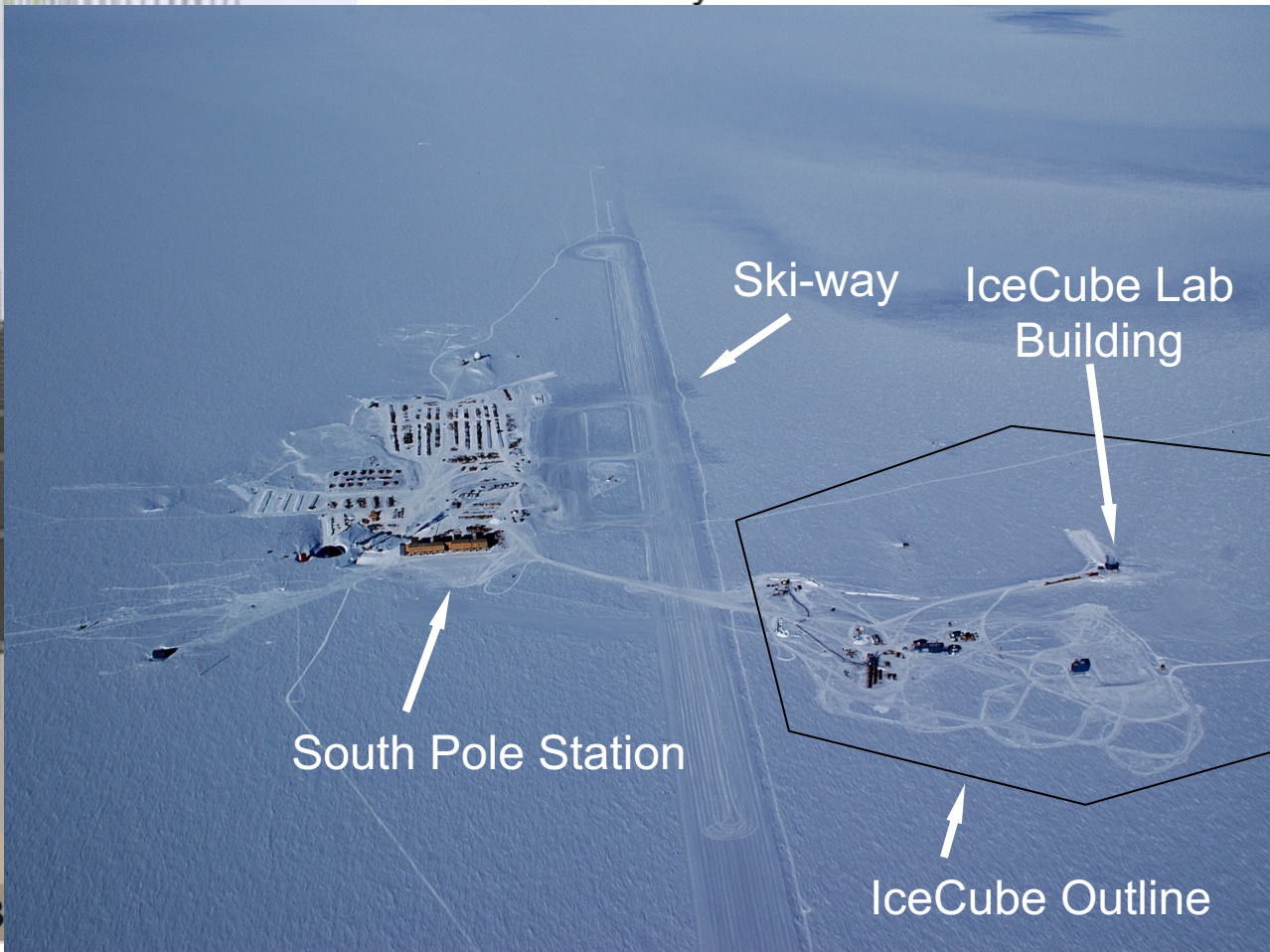
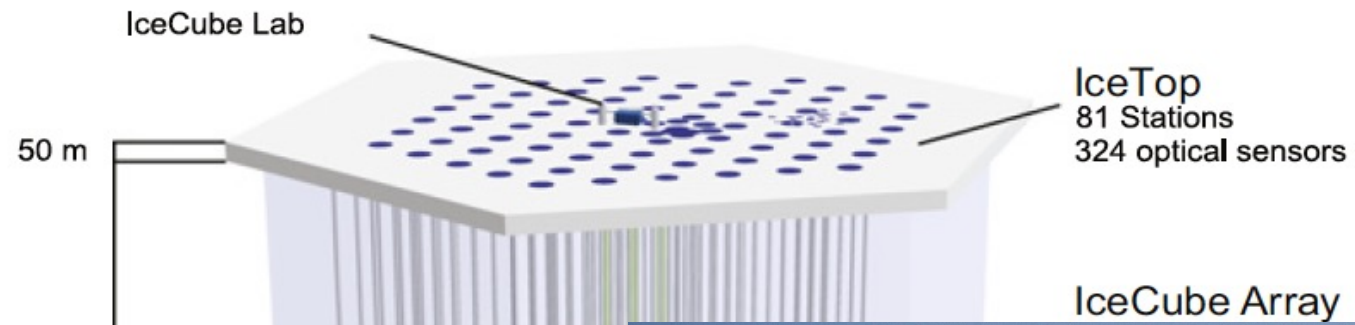
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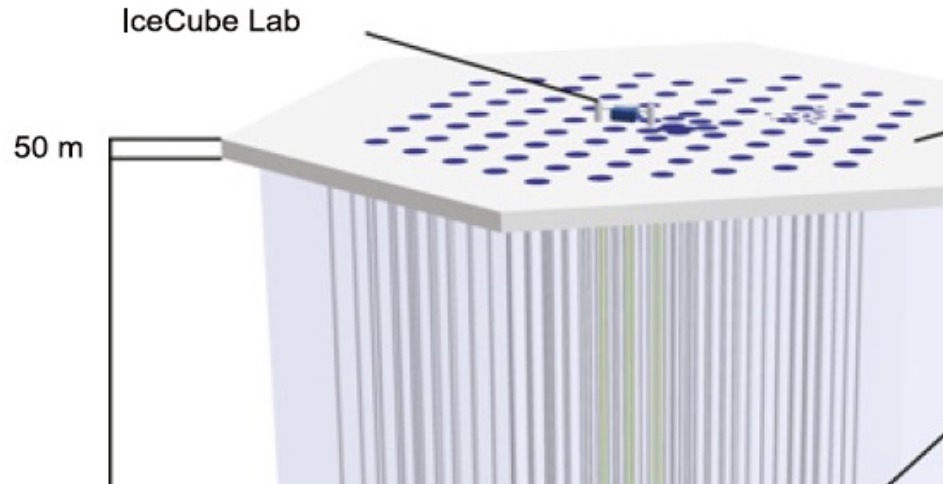
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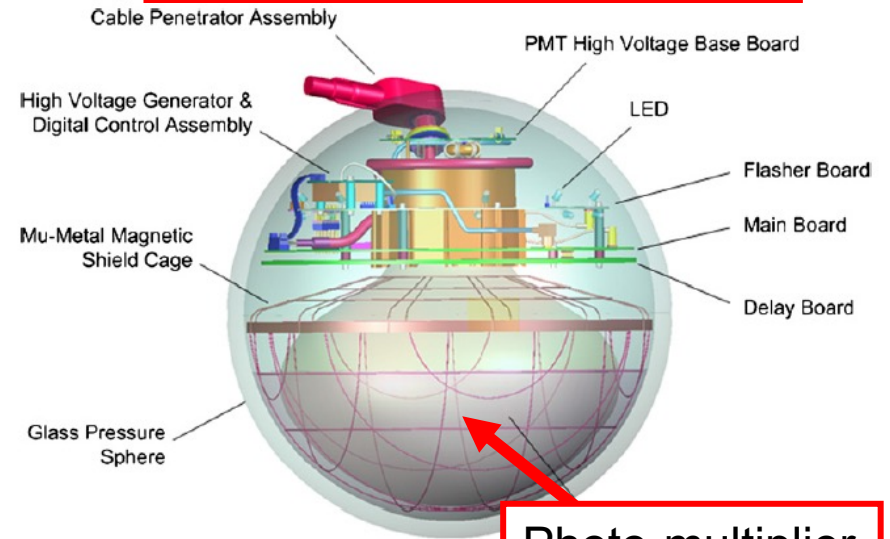


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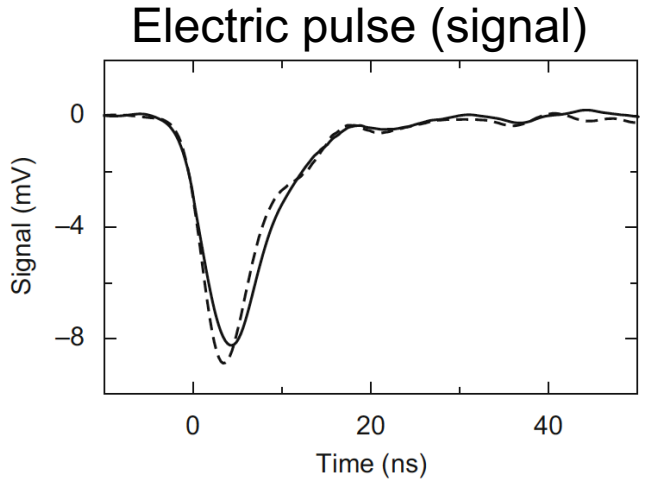
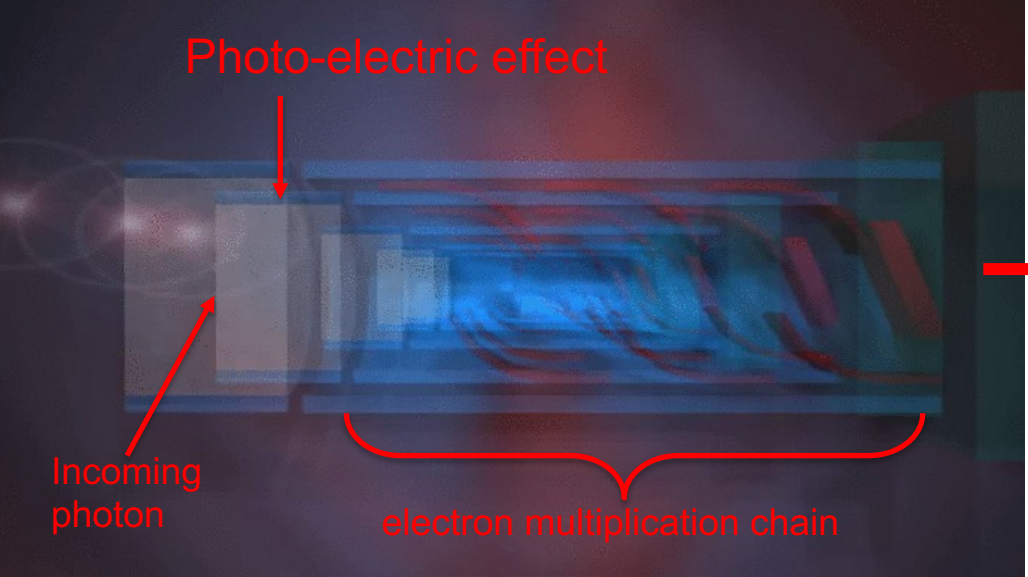


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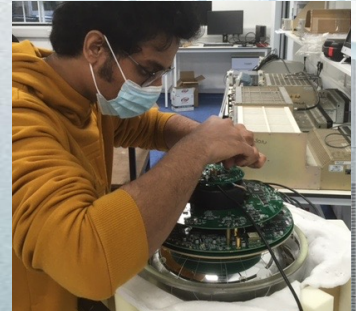
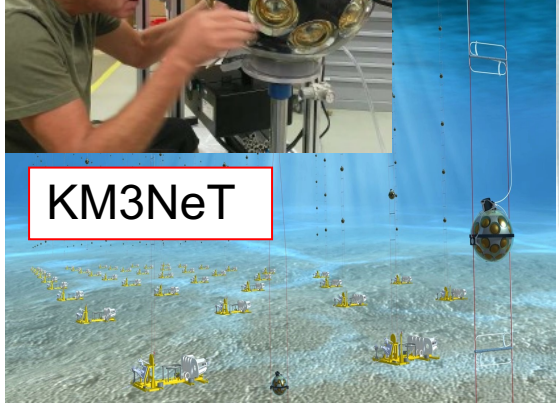
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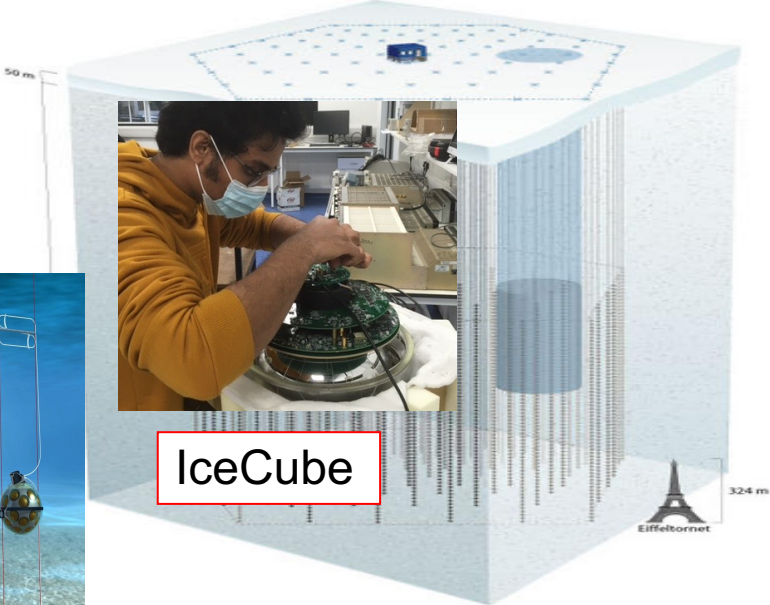
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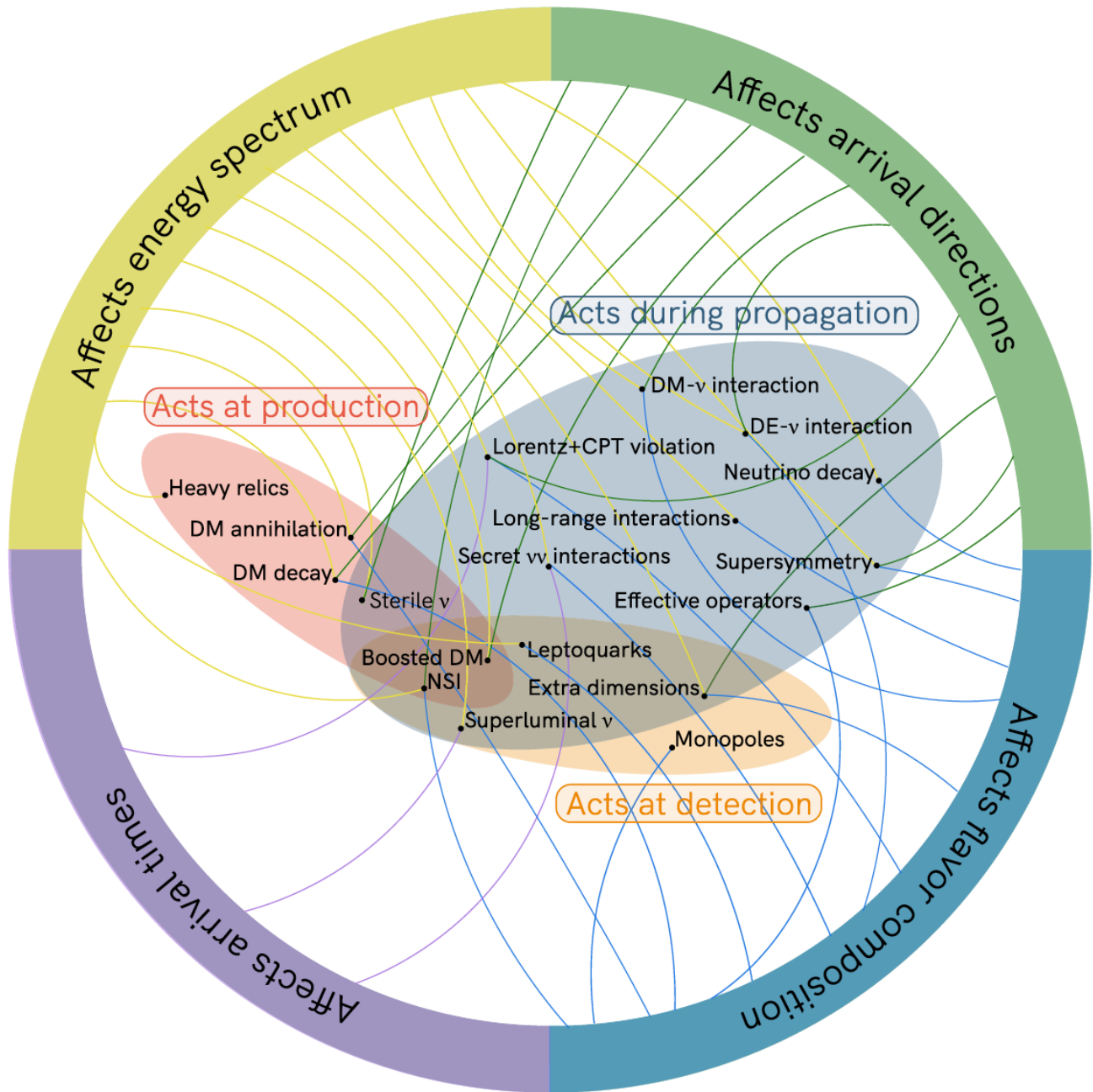


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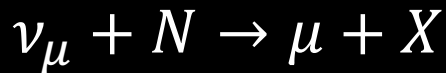




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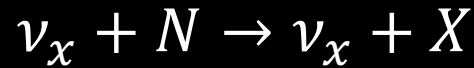
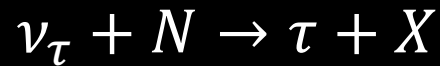
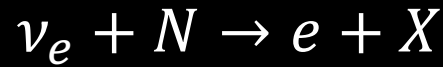
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ν_μ CC



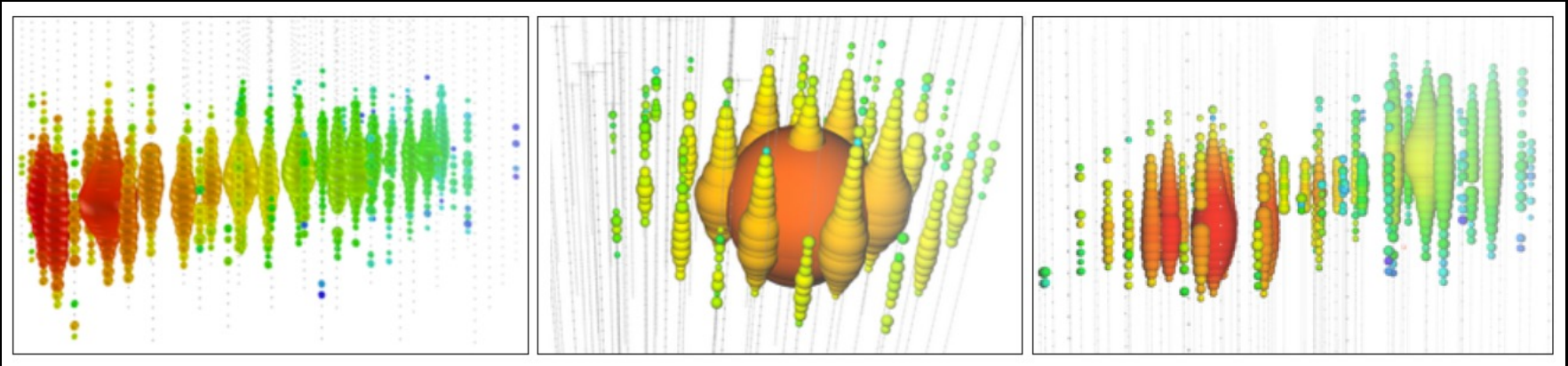
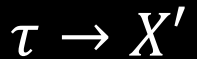
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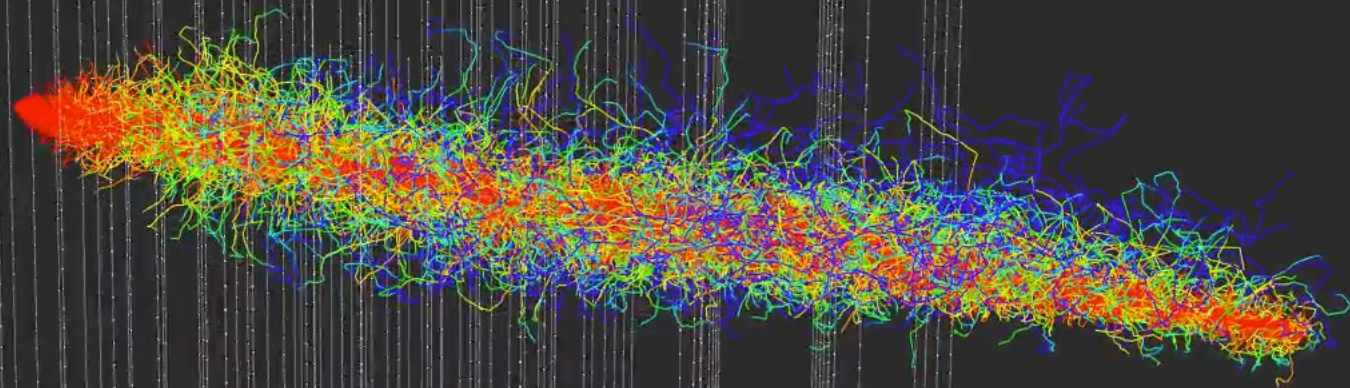
ν_e CC, ν_τ CC, NC



Double cascade

ν_τ CC ($L \sim 50 \text{m} \cdot E/\text{PeV}$)





Track events

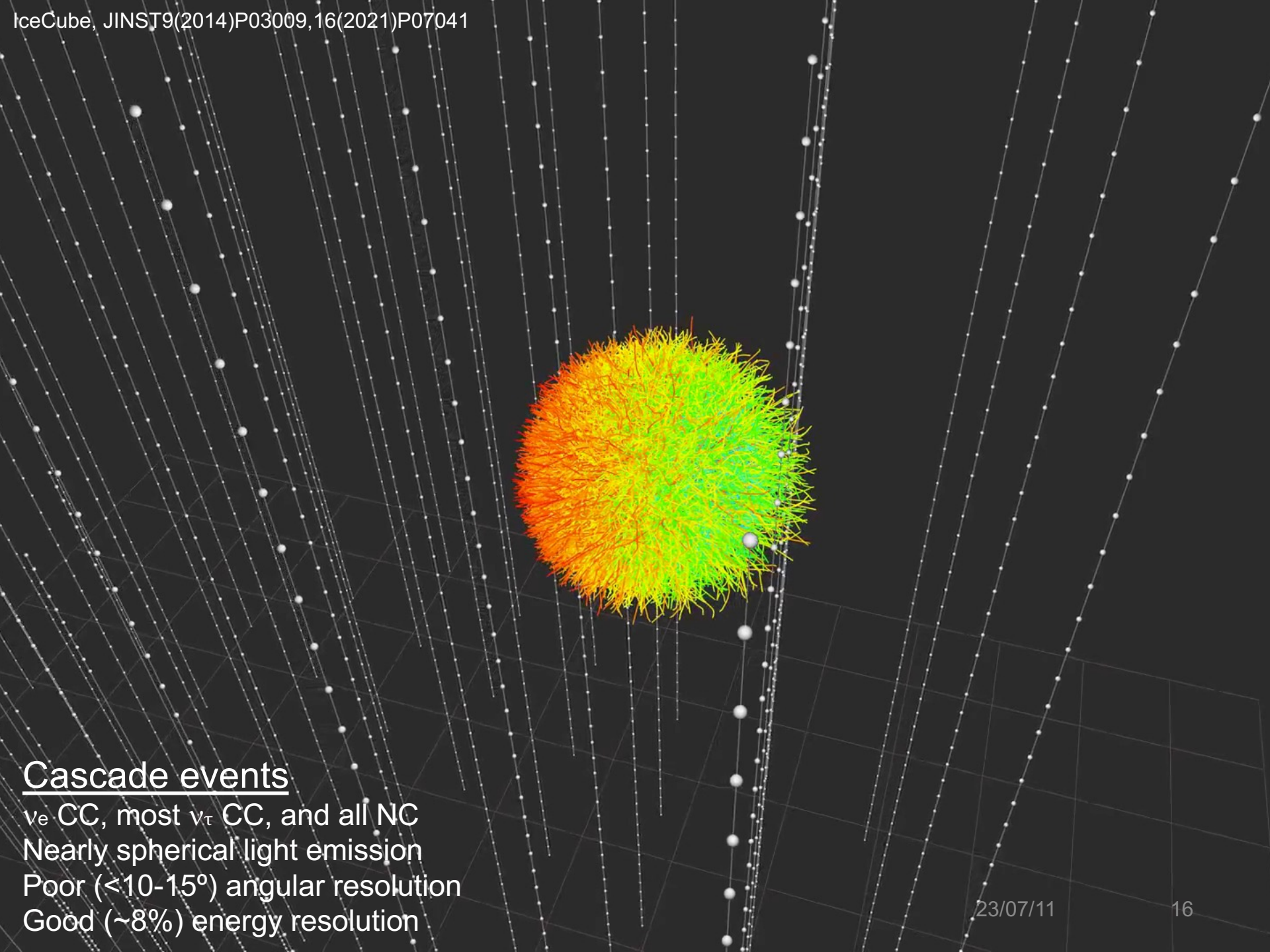
ν_{μ} CC, atmospheric muons

Long, straight tracks

Good (<1 degree) angular resolution

Poor (11-22%) muon energy resolution

Muon energy at detector \leq energy of neutrino



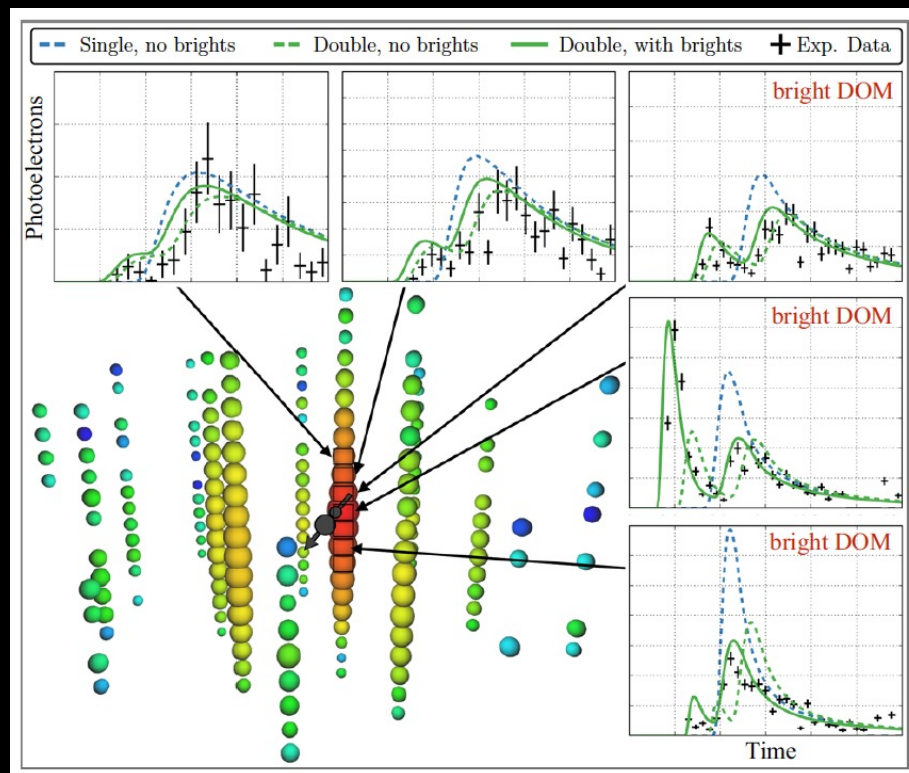
Cascade events

ν_e CC, most ν_τ CC, and all NC
Nearly spherical light emission
Poor ($<10-15^\circ$) angular resolution
Good ($\sim 8\%$) energy resolution

2. Double cascade events

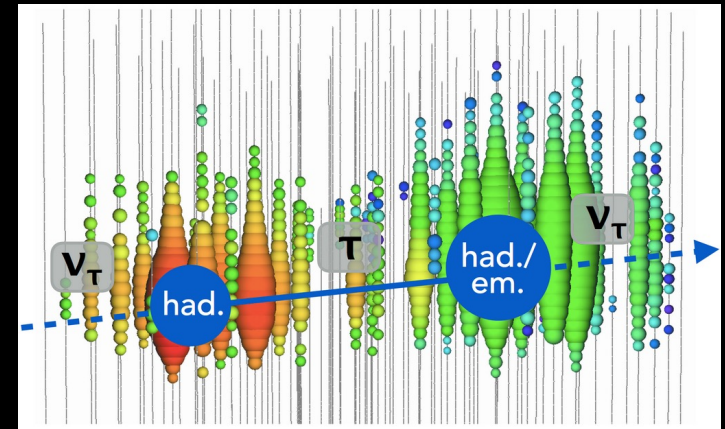
Double bang \rightarrow double pulse

- Tau propagation, $\sim 50m(E/\text{PeV})$
- Astrophysical tau neutrino candidates (x7)



Astrophysical tau neutrino candidate

“Double Double”



Double pulse can be found using timing information.

Improved tau PID algorithm is used for the flavour analysis

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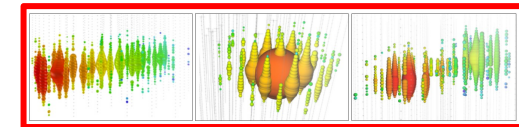
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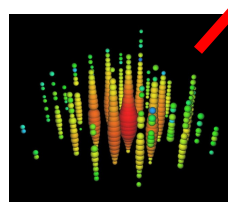
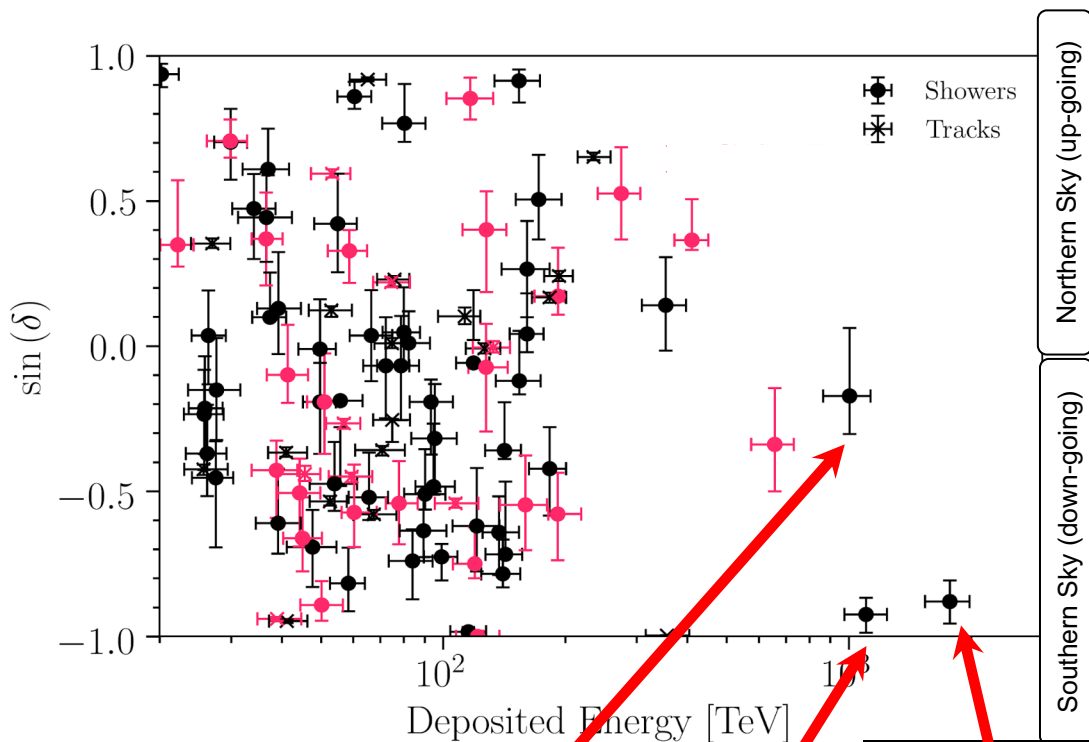
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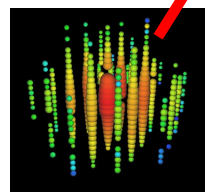


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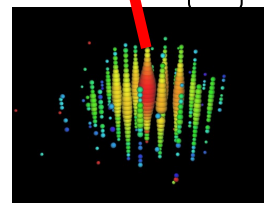
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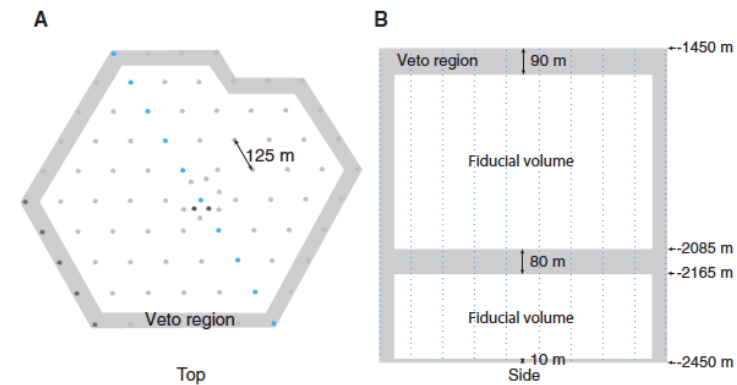
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1.1 PeV



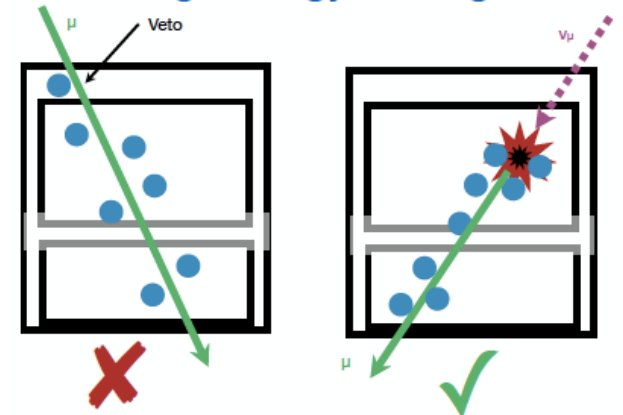
"Ernie"
1.0 PeV

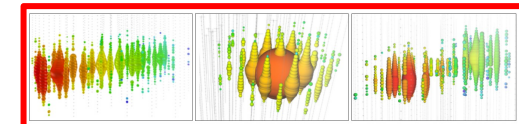


"Big Bird"
2.0 PeV



HESE: high energy starting events



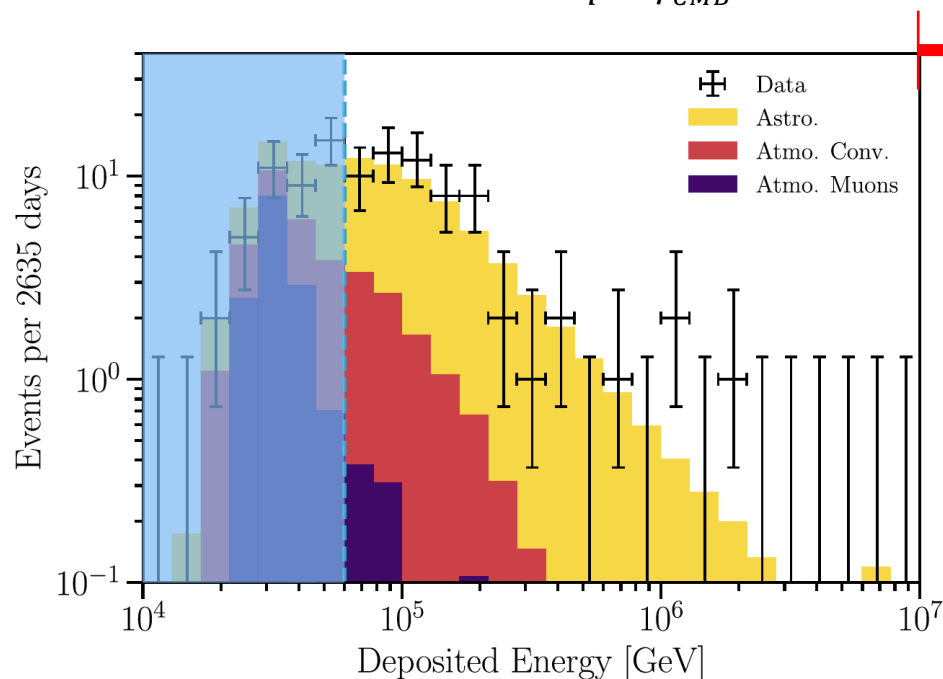
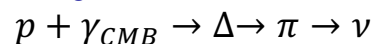


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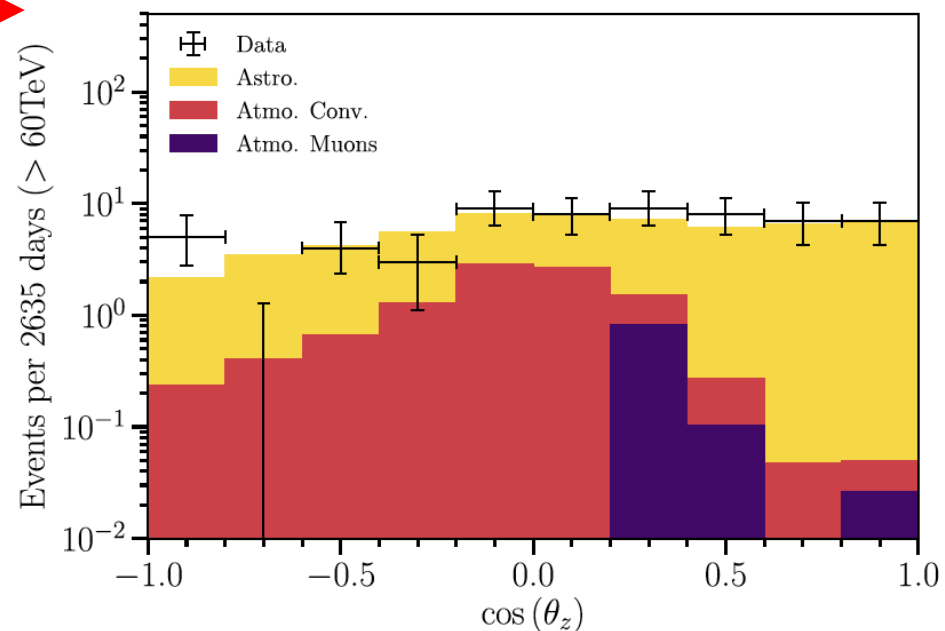
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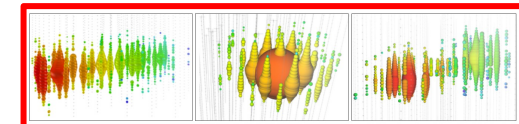
Cosmogenic "UHE" neutrinos



HESE energy spectrum



HESE angular distribution



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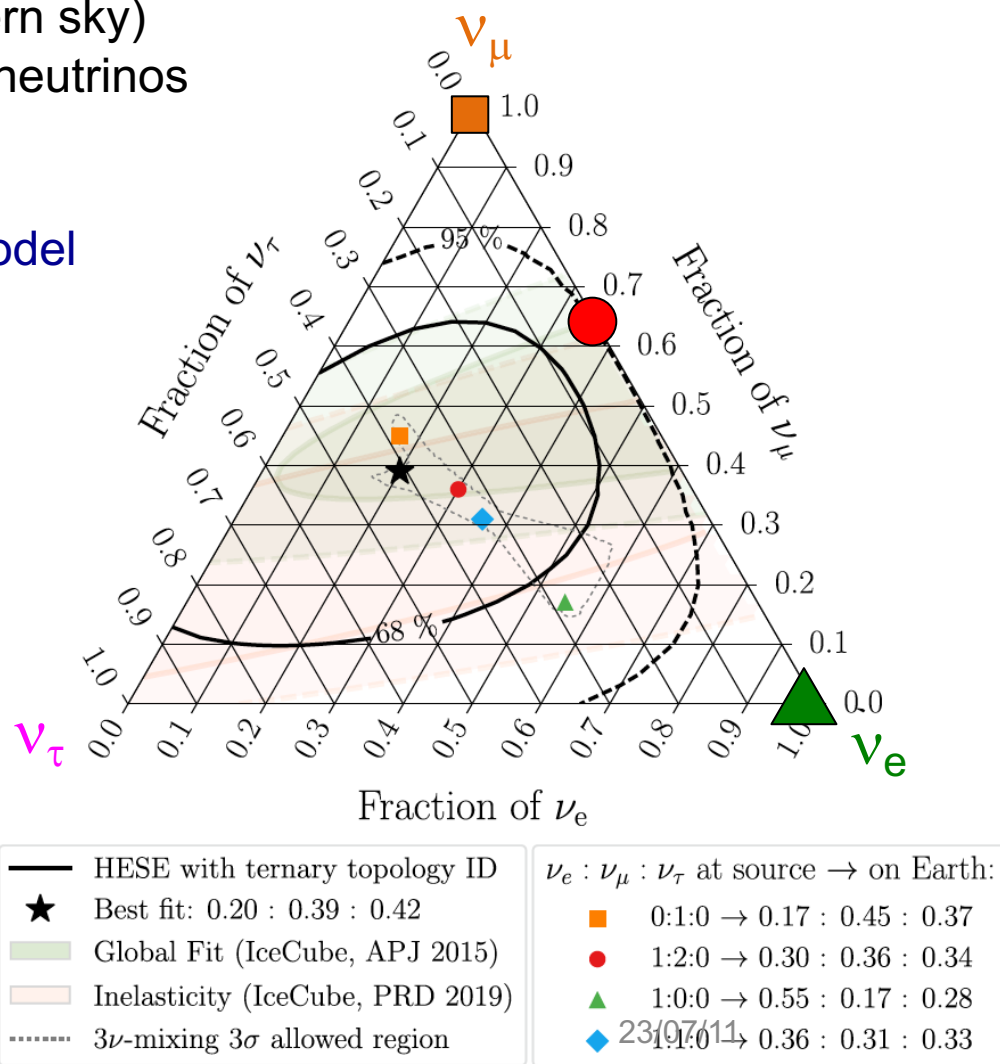
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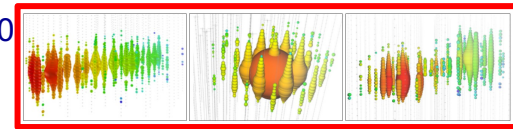
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Astrophysical neutrino production model

- $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau \sim 1:2:0$
- After mixing, $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau \sim 1:1:1$

Flavour ratio is obtained from the likelihood function including double cascade hypothesis



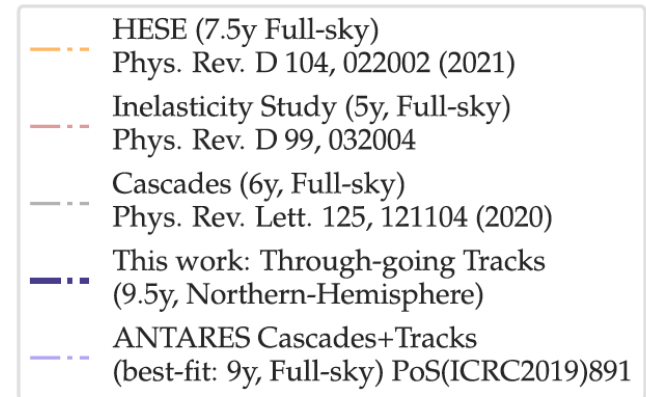
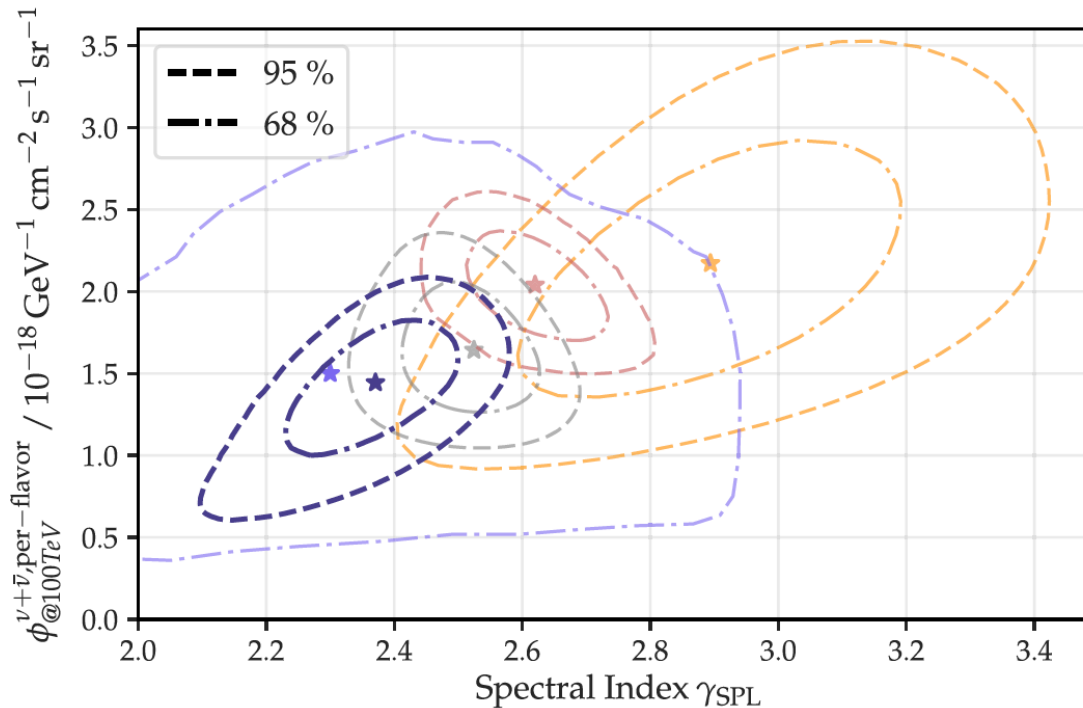


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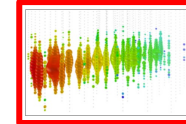
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$$\Phi_{\nu} \sim \phi_{SPL} \cdot \left(\frac{E_{\nu}}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{-\gamma_{SPL}}$$



Caveat

- Track (hard) vs. HESE (soft)
- Northern sky vs. Southern sky

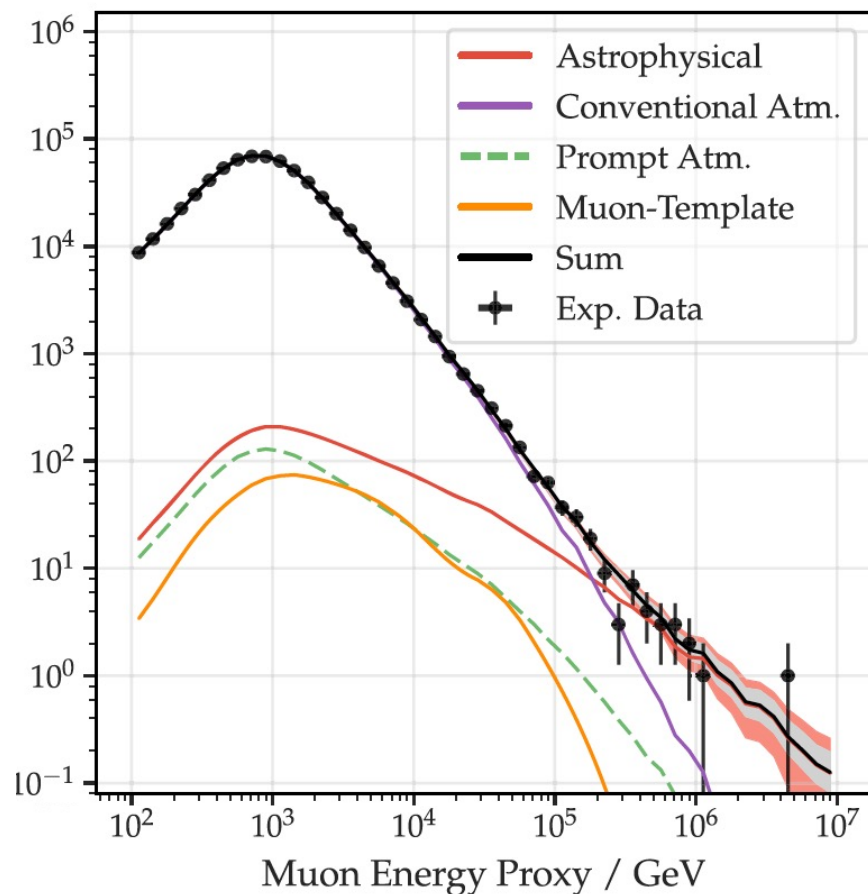


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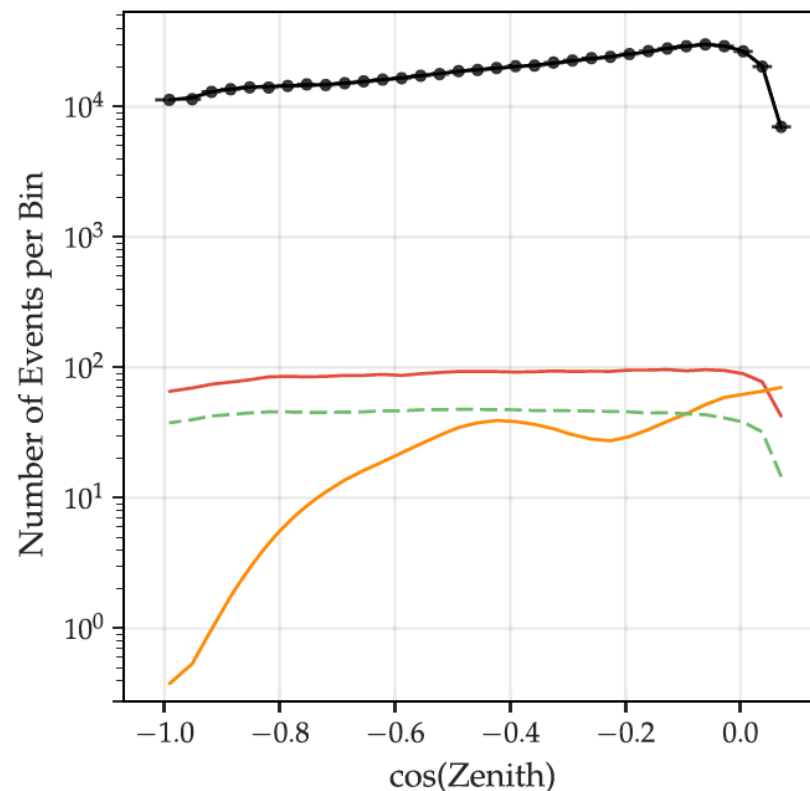
3. Track event sample

35 events >200 TeV (9.5yr data)

- Mostly through-going events
- Mostly up-going events (Northern sky)

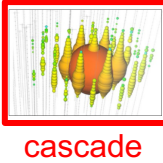


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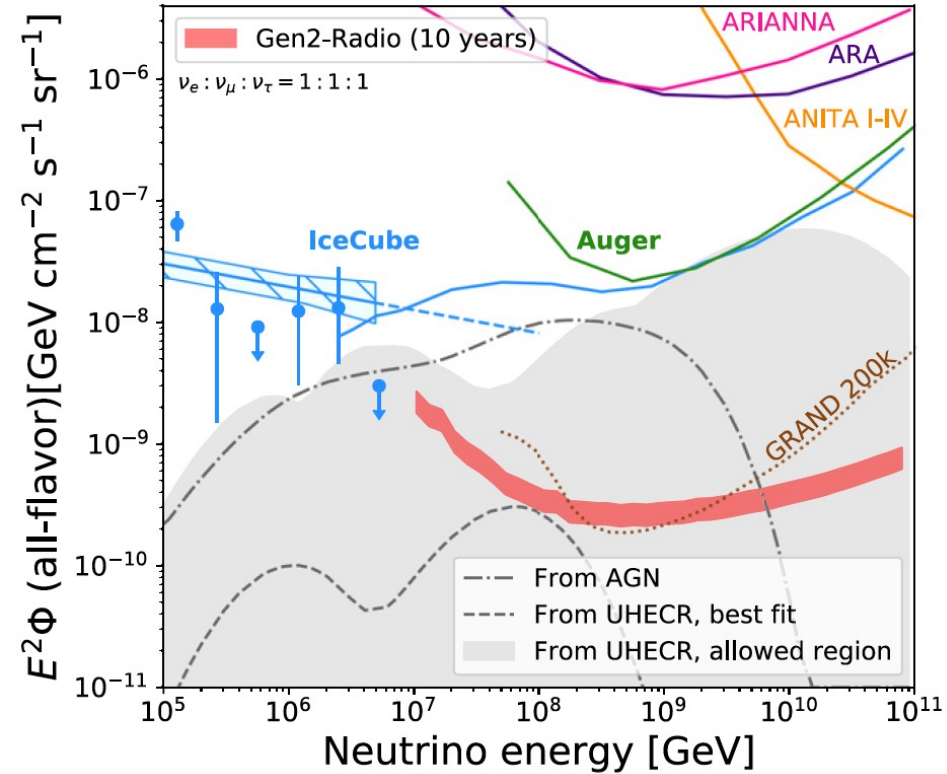
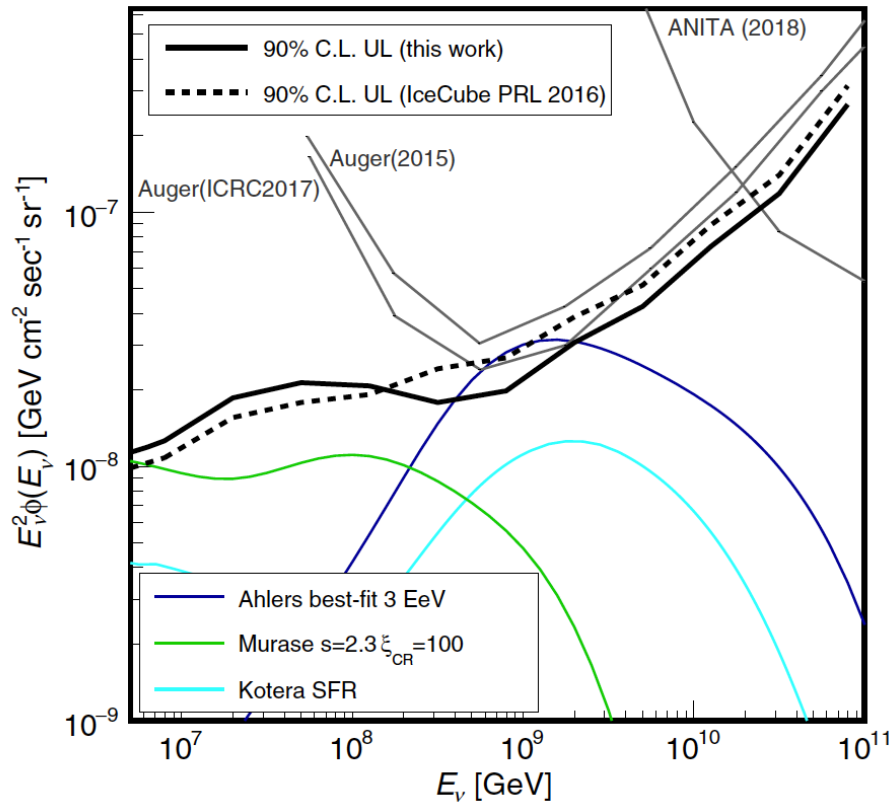
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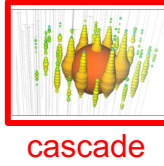


3. Extremely high-energy (EHE) neutrino flux

Flux limits

- Flux limit for > 5 PeV neutrinos in IceCube
- Need air shower Cherenkov/radio for > 10 PeV

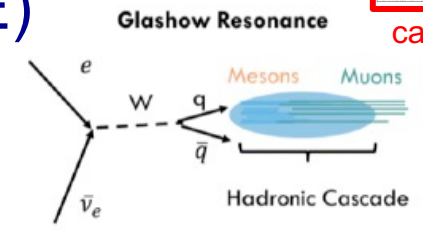




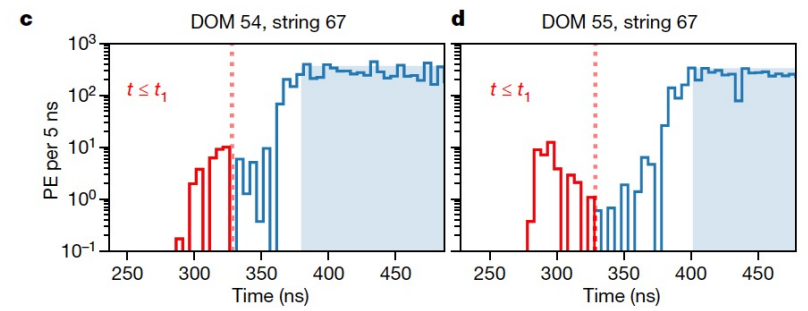
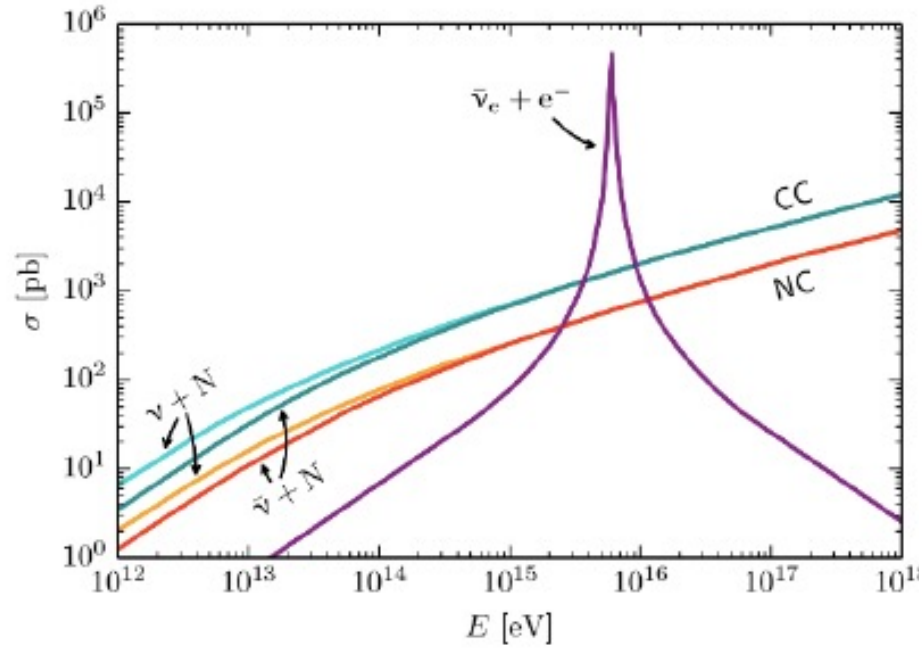
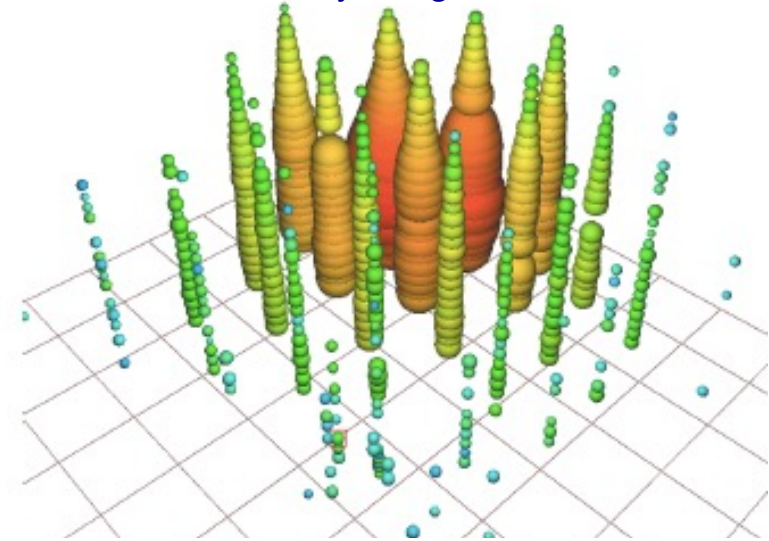
3. PeV energy partially contained events (PEPE)

Glashow resonance

- With muon front event
- 5.9 ± 0.2 PeV
- Access to neutrino vs. antineutrino



Glashow resonance candidate "Hydrangea"



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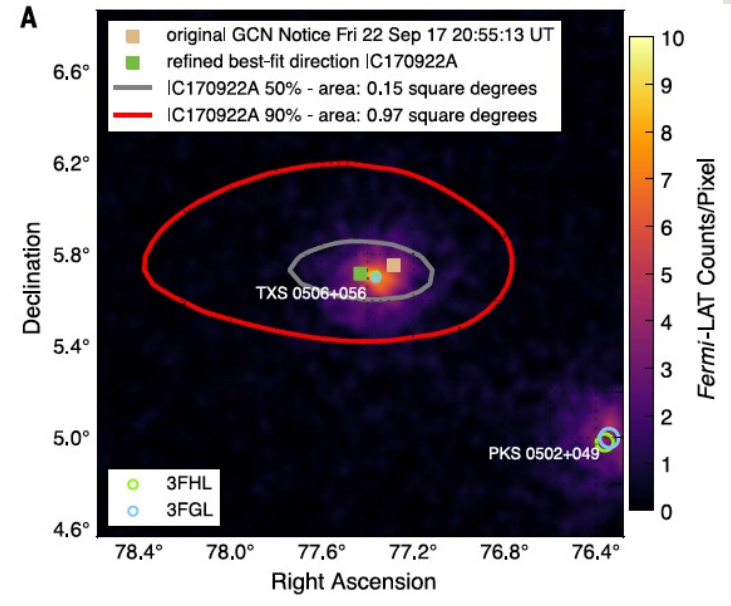
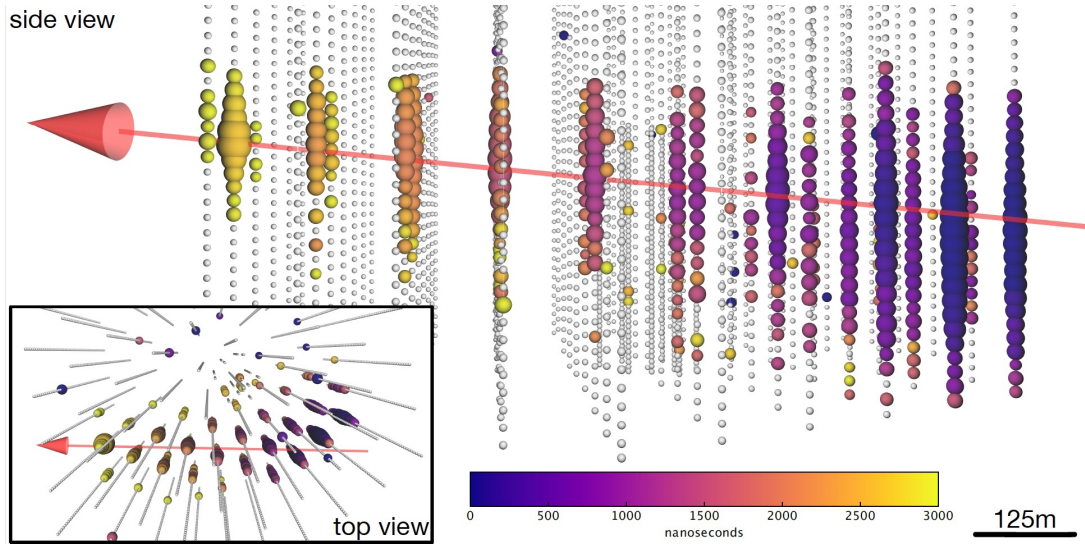
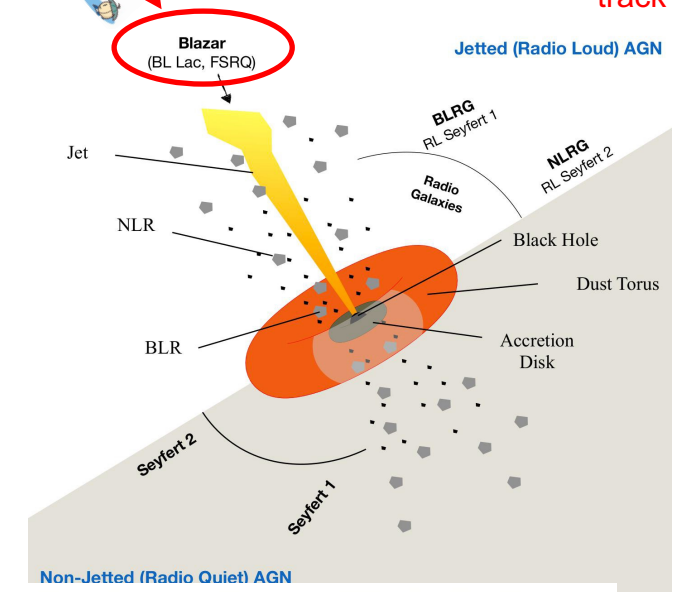
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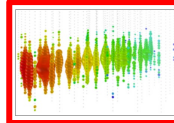
TXS056+0506 (blazar)

- 3rd astrophysical neutrino source
- 1.8 Gpc (z=0.34)
- One of the brightest blazar

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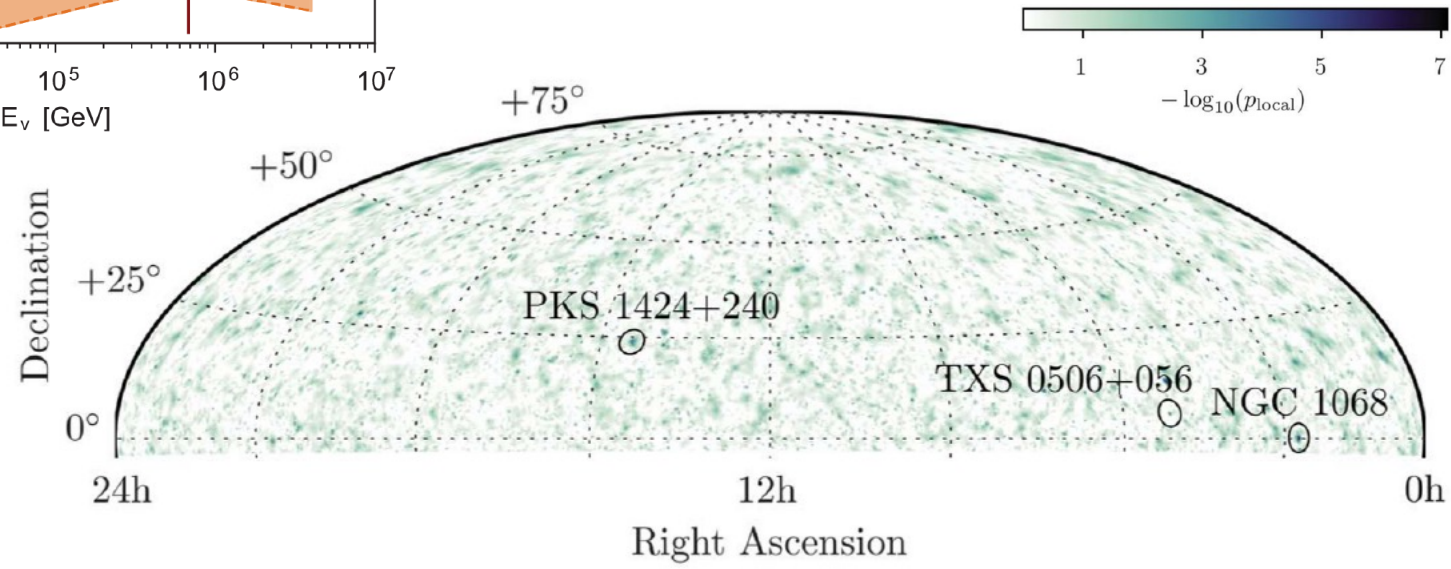
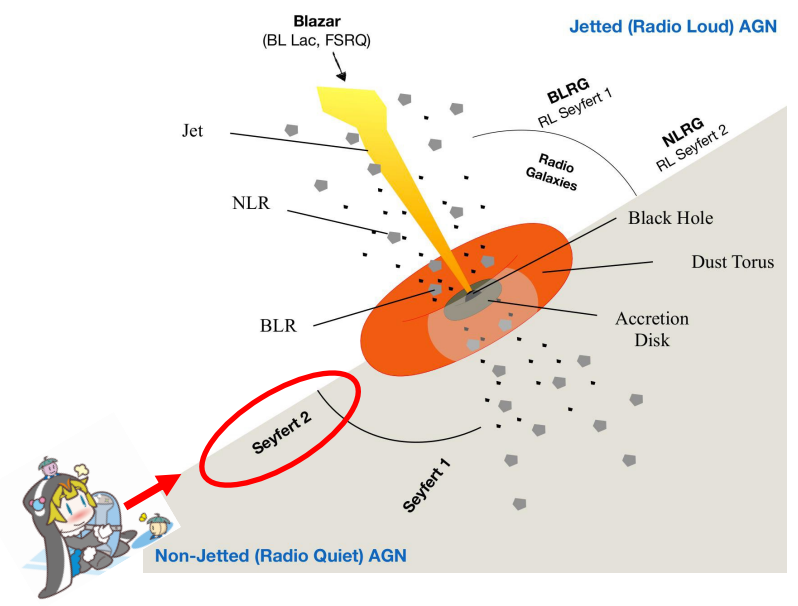
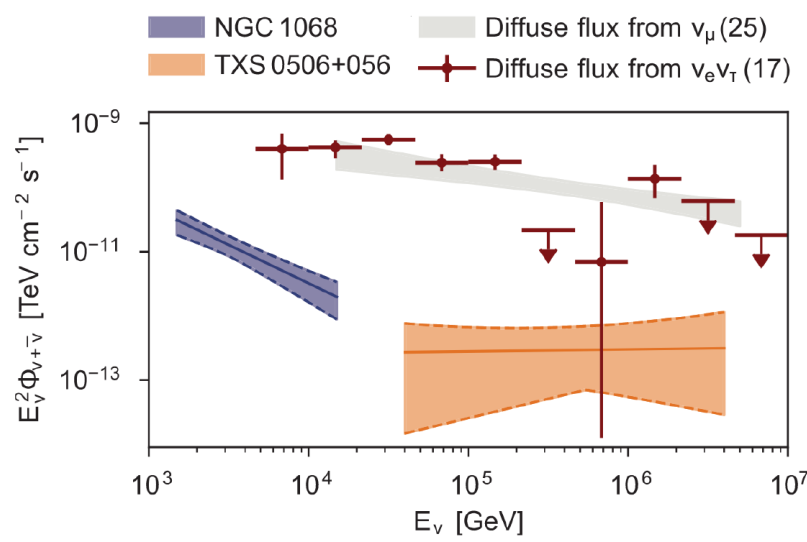
- 290 TeV
- Horizontal long track event





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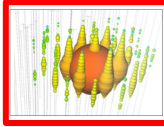
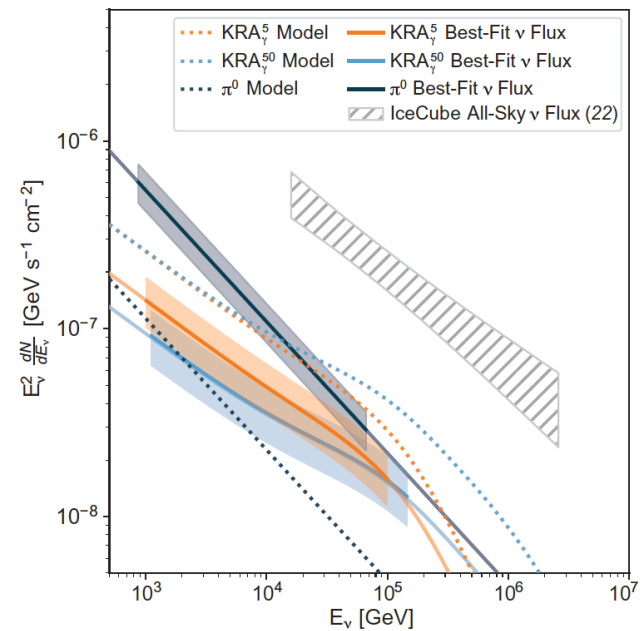
- NGC1068 (radio galaxy)**
- 4th astrophysical neutrino source
 - Nearby AGN (14.4Mpc)
 - 1.5 – 15 TeV with $\gamma \sim 3.2 \pm 0.2$



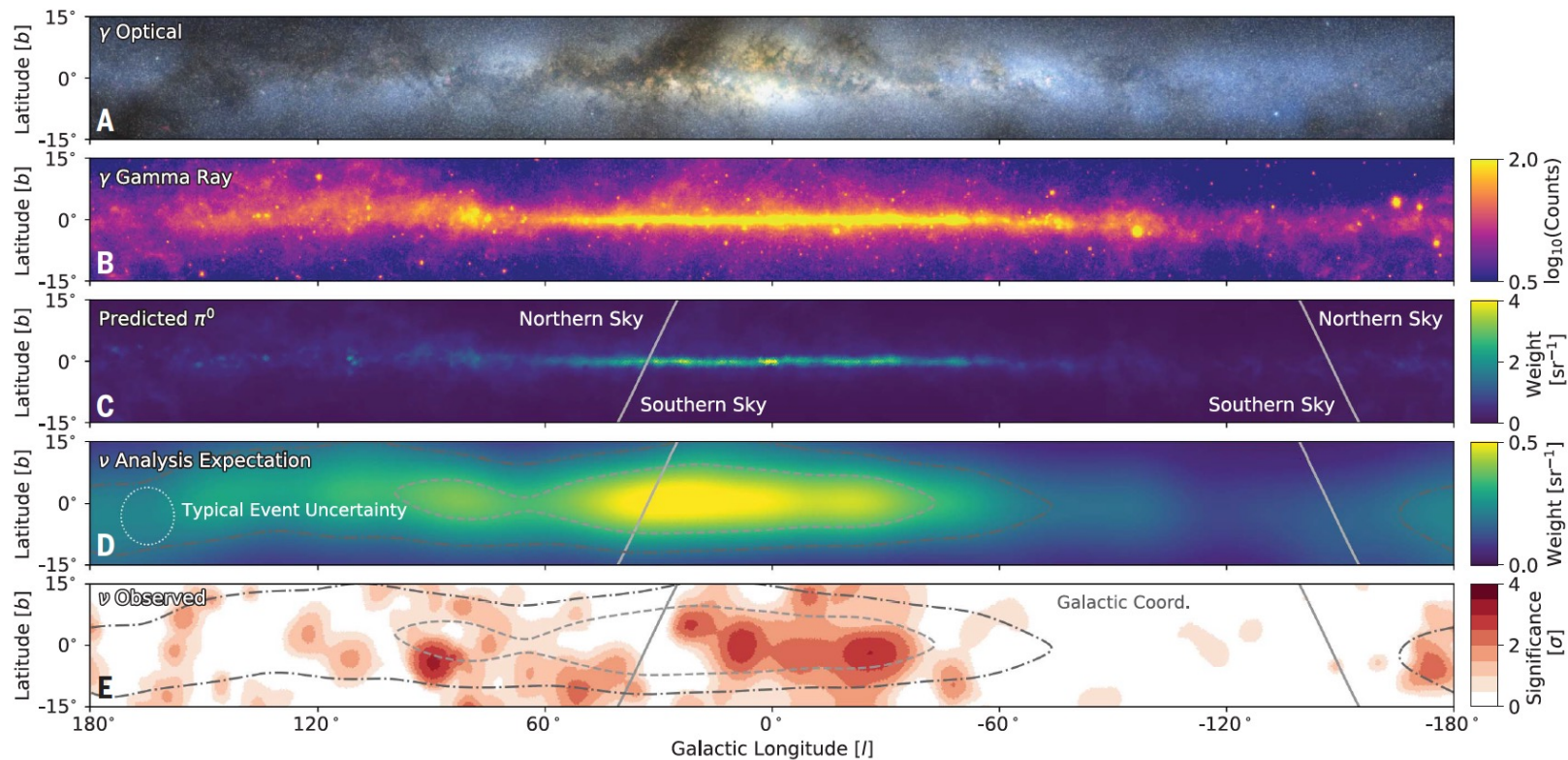
4. Galactic neutrinos

Cascade sample (southern sky)

- 5th astrophysical neutrino source
- Cascade sample + ML reconstruction
- $\gamma \sim 2.5$ assumed (π^0 model)
- Can be improved to identify point sources



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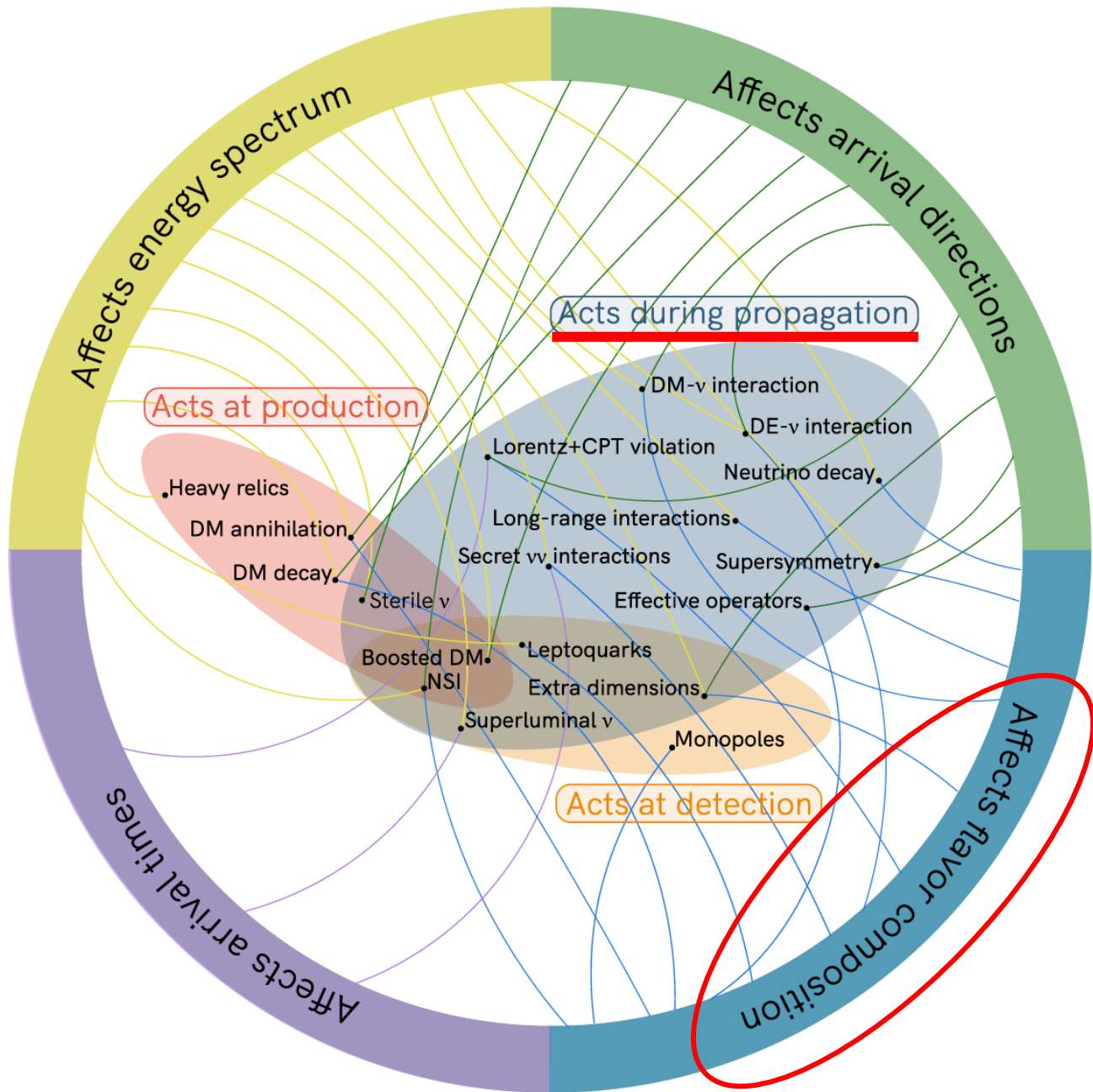
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5. Violation of fundamental physics

Neutrino propagation may be affected by quantum-gravity-motivated effects in vacuum, and neutrino properties might be modified

- Energy (spectrum distortion)
- Arrival time (neutrino delay)
- Neutrino flavour (anomalous mixings)

Expected effect is small. We need **high-precision measurements** to find such new physics

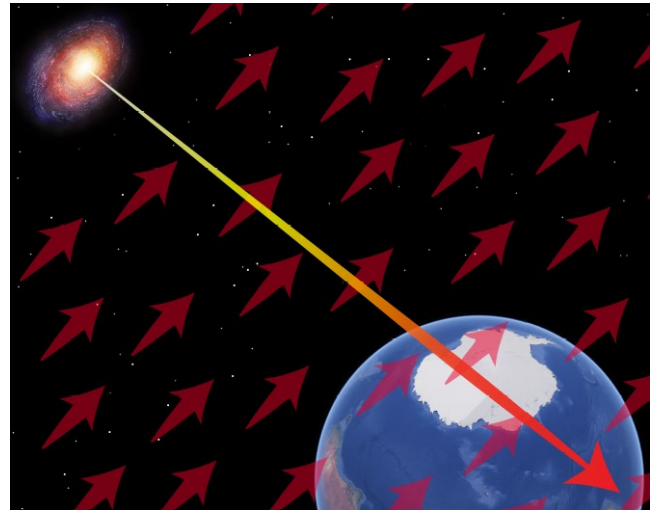
quantum foam

- quantum fluctuation of space-time

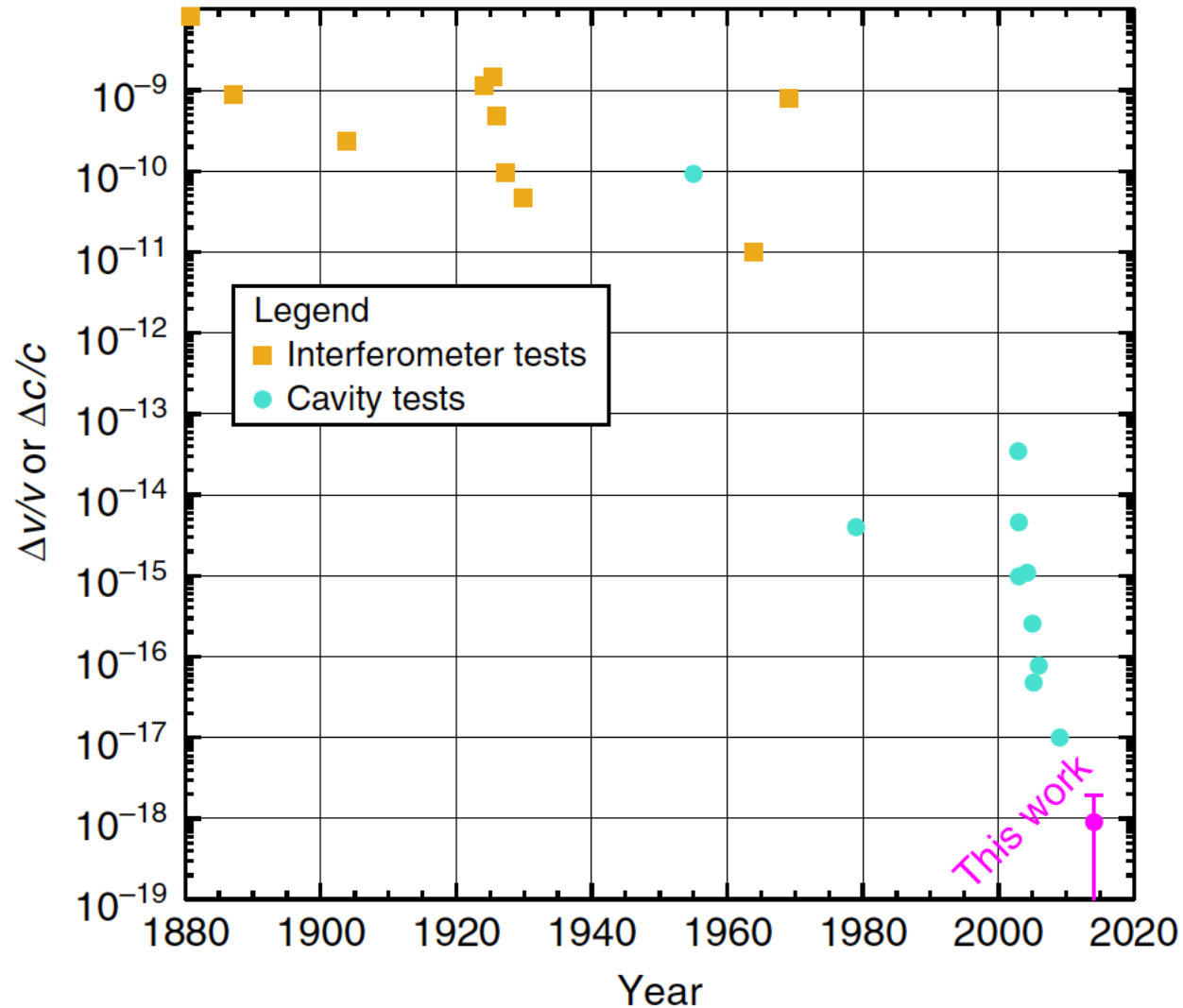


Lorentz violating field

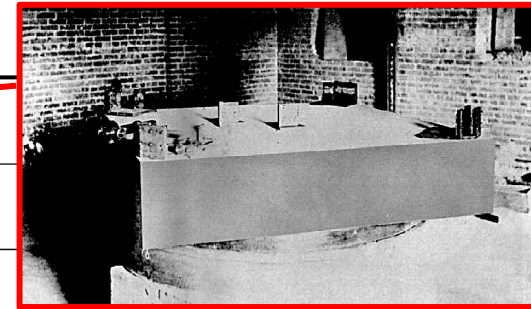
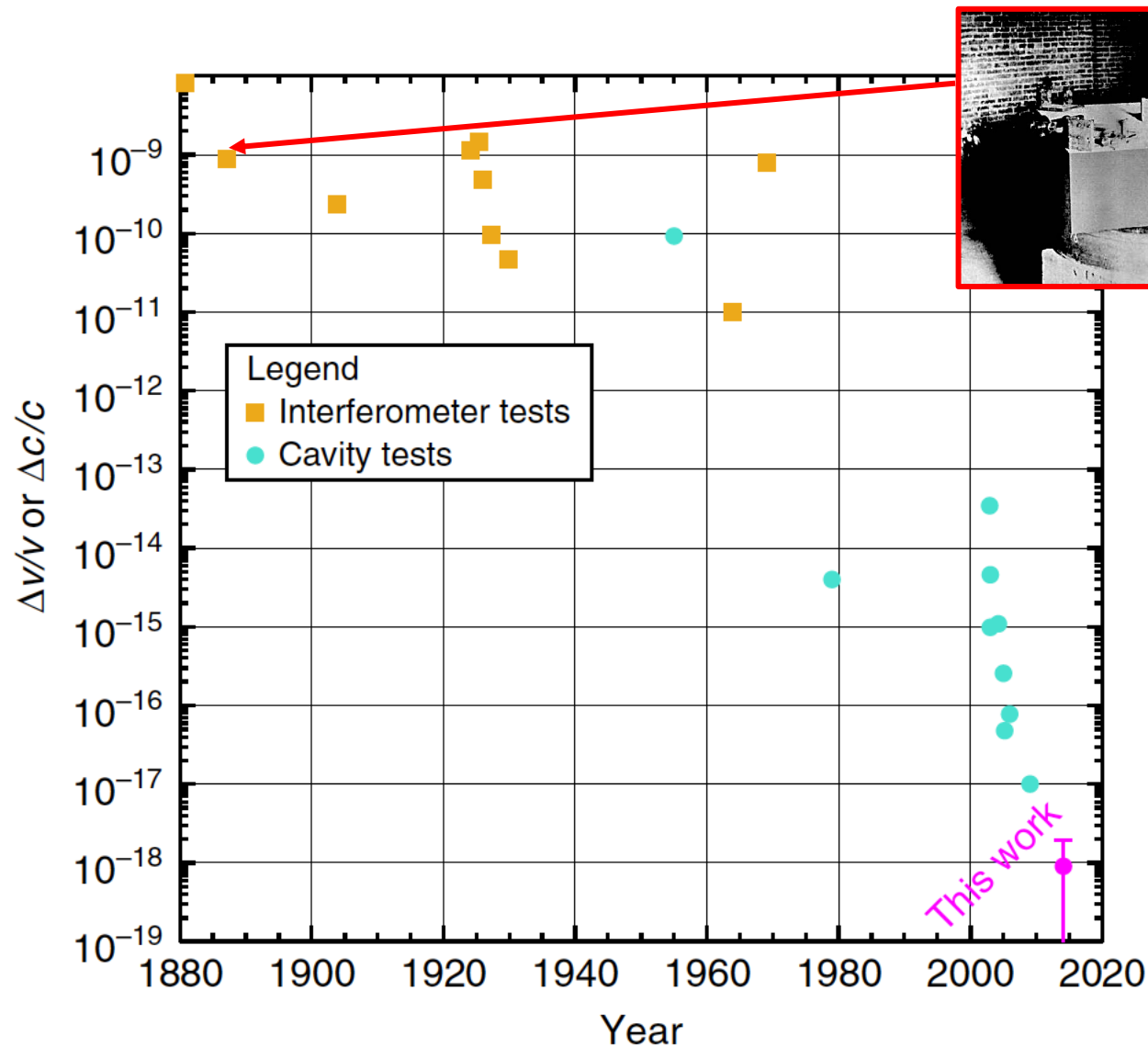
- new field saturating the universe (æther)



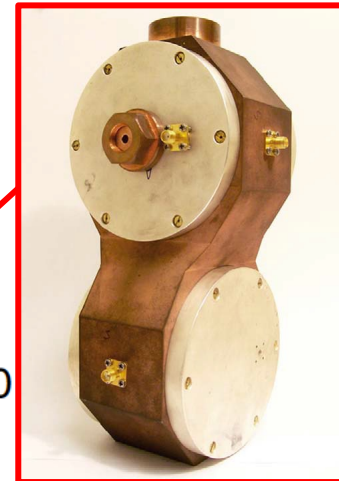
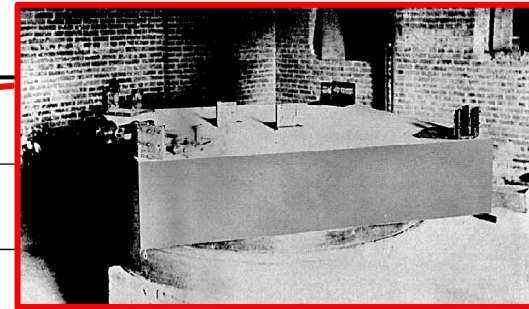
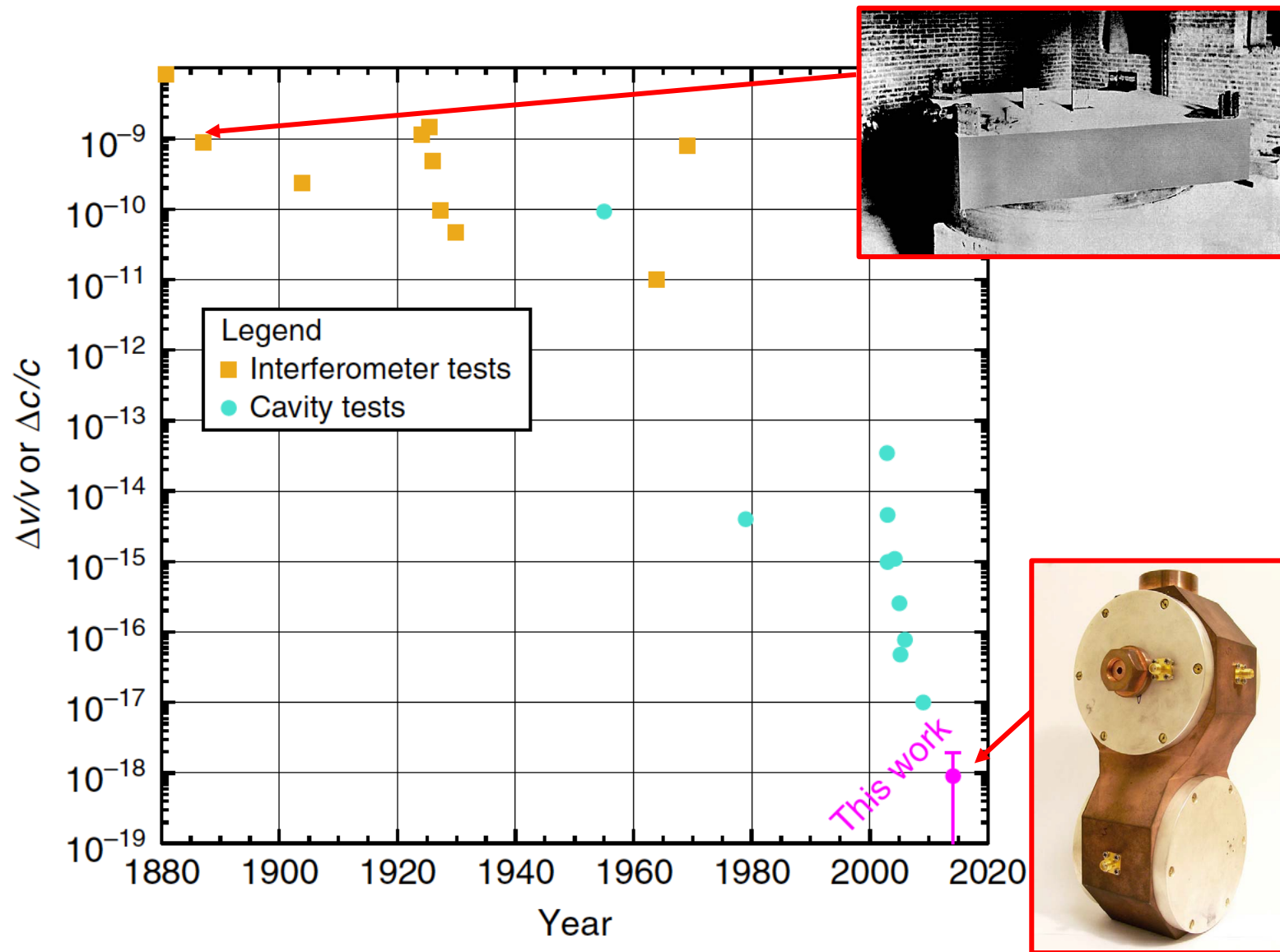
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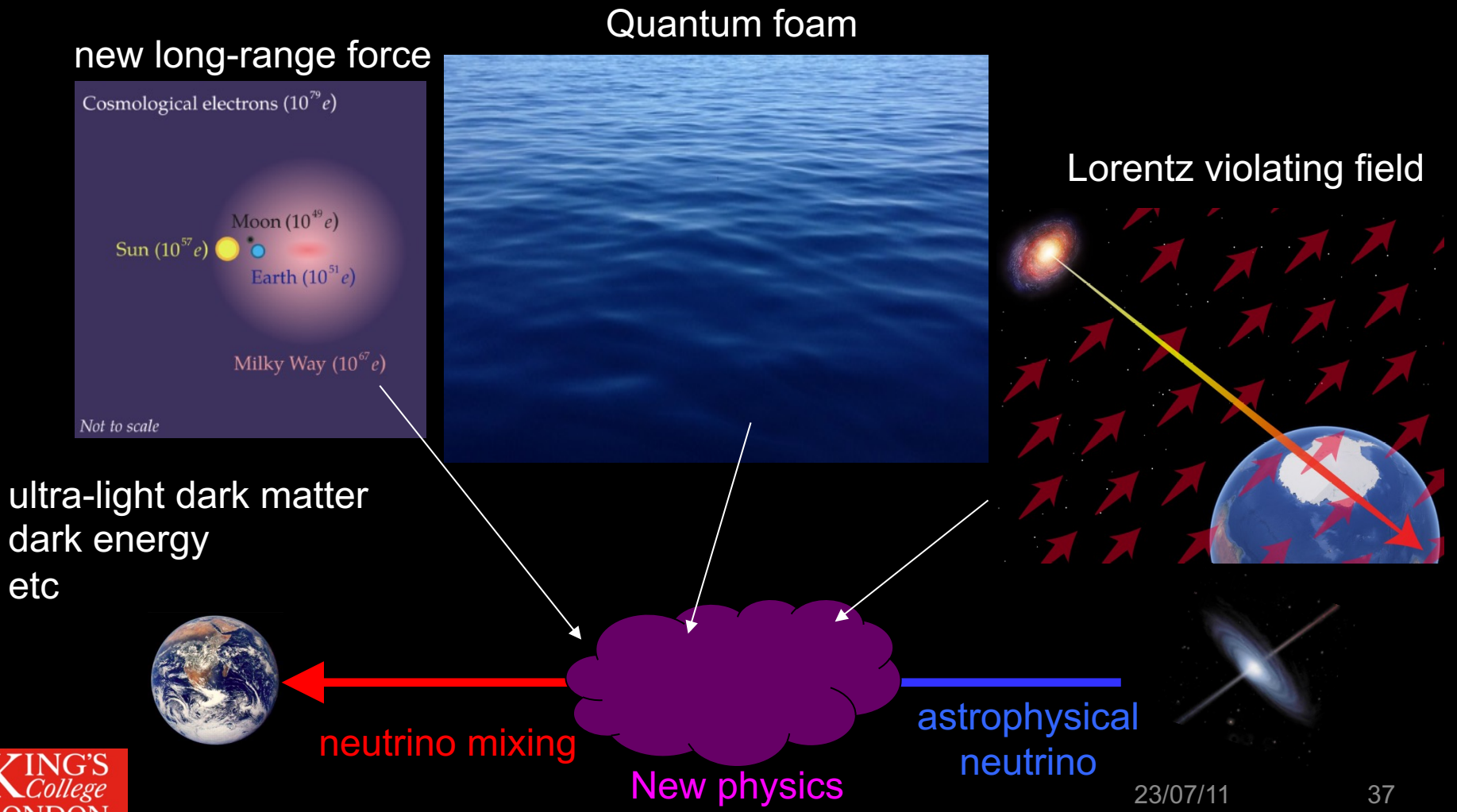


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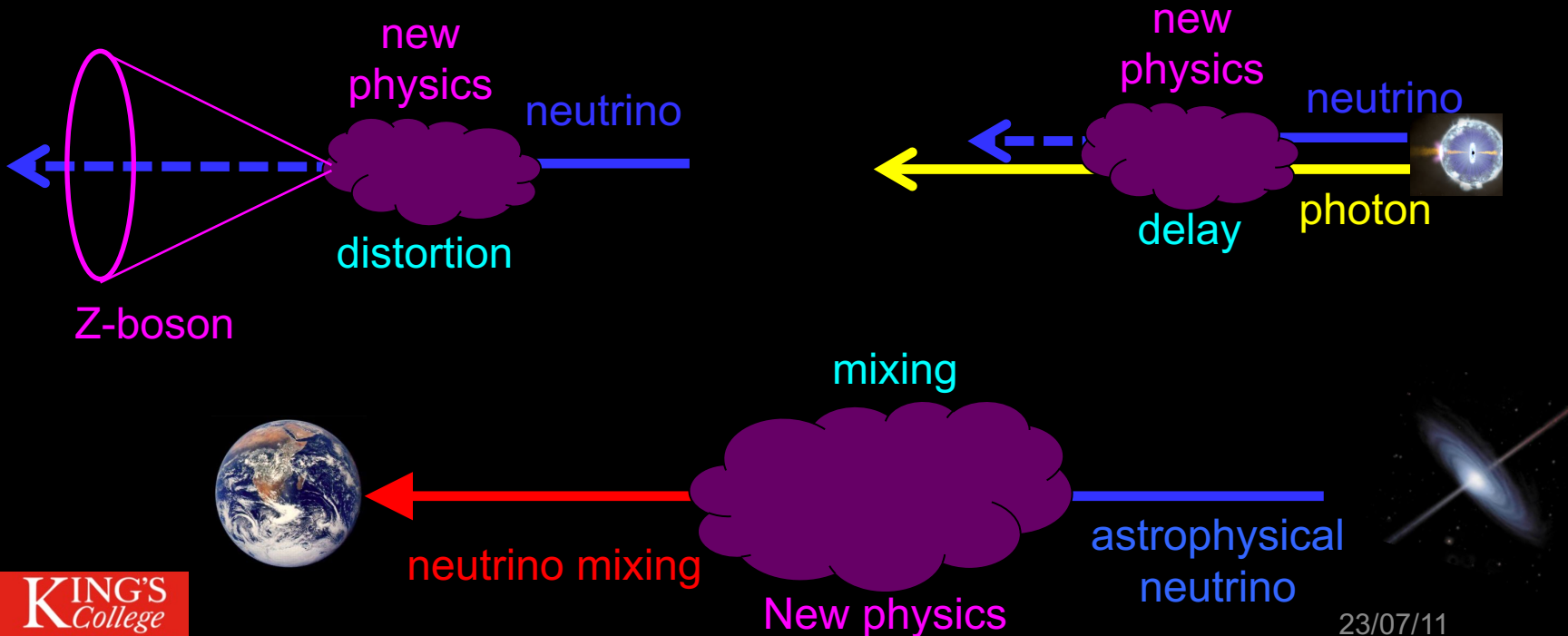


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- Neutrinos can probe new physics in the universe

New physics search

- Spectrum distortion (vacuum Cherenkov radiation)
- Time of Flight (modified dispersion)
- New flavour structure (anomalous mixing)



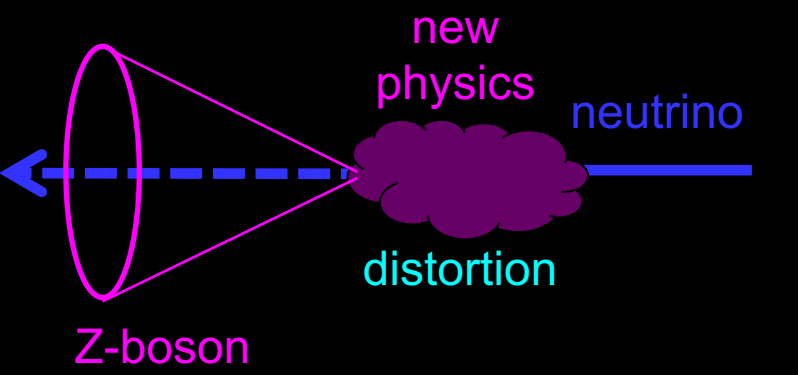
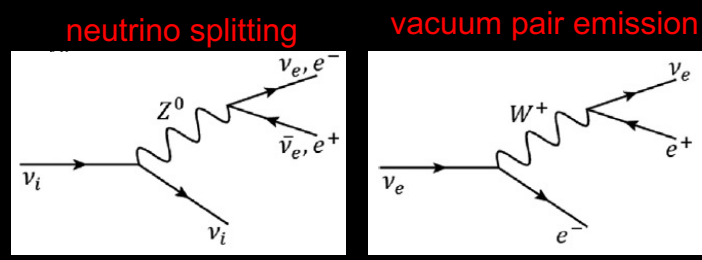
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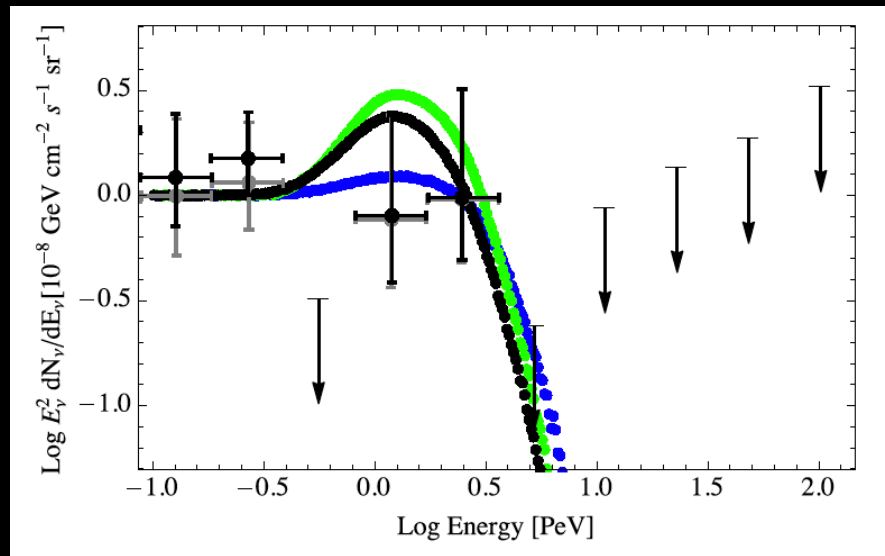
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New physics search

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Lorentz violating field cause
Cherenkov radiation in vacuum



Neutrino spectrum with new physics

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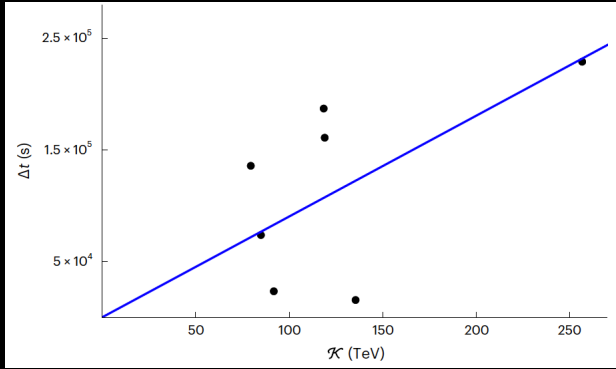
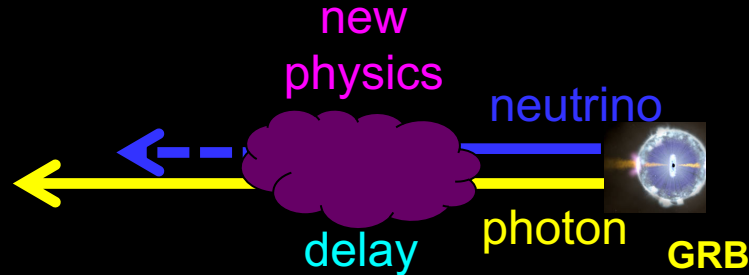
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Modified dispersion due to quantum foam cause unexpected delay/advance for neutrinos

$$E^2 = p^2 + m^2 \pm p^2 \left(\frac{p}{M_{QG,n}} \right)^n$$

$$\Delta t = \eta D(1) \frac{K(E, Z)}{M_P}$$



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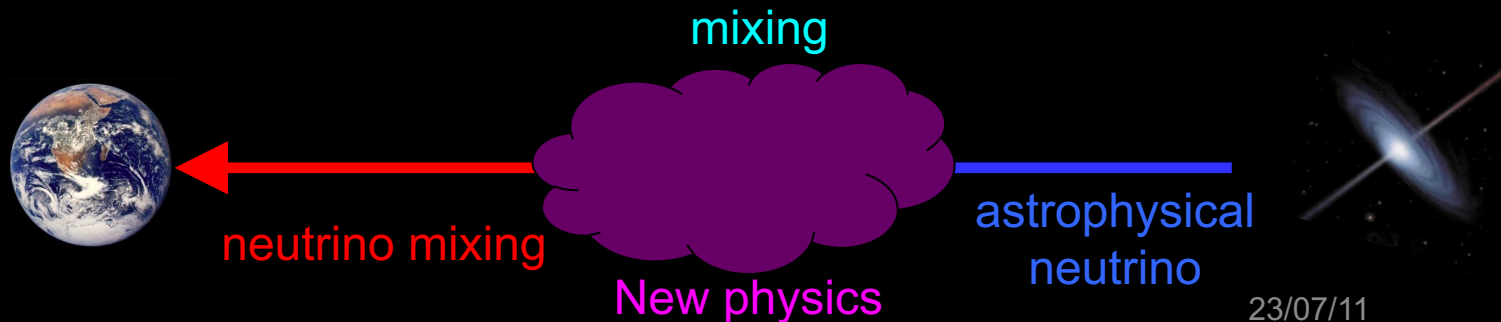
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Flavour effect

- Macroscopic quantum effect and sensitive to small effects



5. Search for QG-motivated effects with astrophysical neutrinos

Standard Model Extension (SME) is an effective field theory to look for Lorentz violation

$$L = i\bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu\partial_\mu\psi - m\bar{\psi}\psi + \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu a_\mu\psi + \bar{\psi}\gamma^\mu c_{\mu\nu}\partial^\nu\psi \dots$$

Standard Model New physics

Effective Hamiltonian can be written from here

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

Standard Model New physics (renormalizable) higher dimension operator (non-renormalizable)

$E^3 c_{\alpha\beta}^{(6)} = E^3 \begin{pmatrix} c_{ee}^{(6)} & c_{e\mu}^{(6)} & c_{\tau e}^{(6)} \\ c_{e\mu}^{(6)*} & c_{\mu\mu}^{(6)} & c_{\mu\tau}^{(6)} \\ c_{\tau e}^{(6)*} & c_{\mu\tau}^{(6)*} & c_{\tau\tau}^{(6)} \end{pmatrix}$

IceCube is sensitive to higher dimension operators

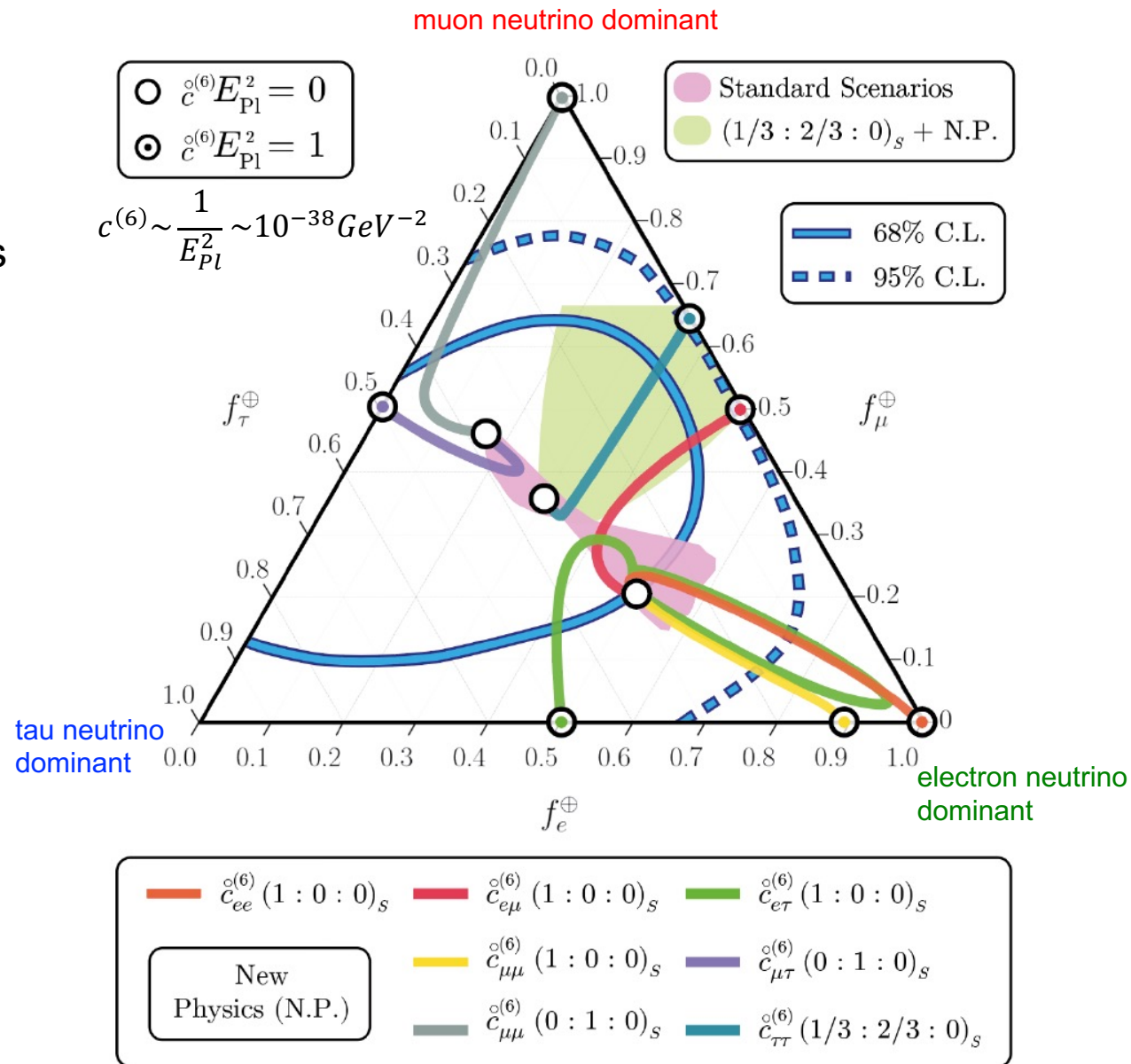
dimension-6 operator natural scale: $c^{(6)} \sim \frac{1}{M_{Planck}^2} \sim 10^{-38} GeV^{-2}$

5. Flavor ratio

Nonzero new physics moves standard predictions

○ to different locations ⊙ depending on the types of new physics operators.

If the new physics models bring the standard predictions outside of the data contour, such model can be rejected by current data



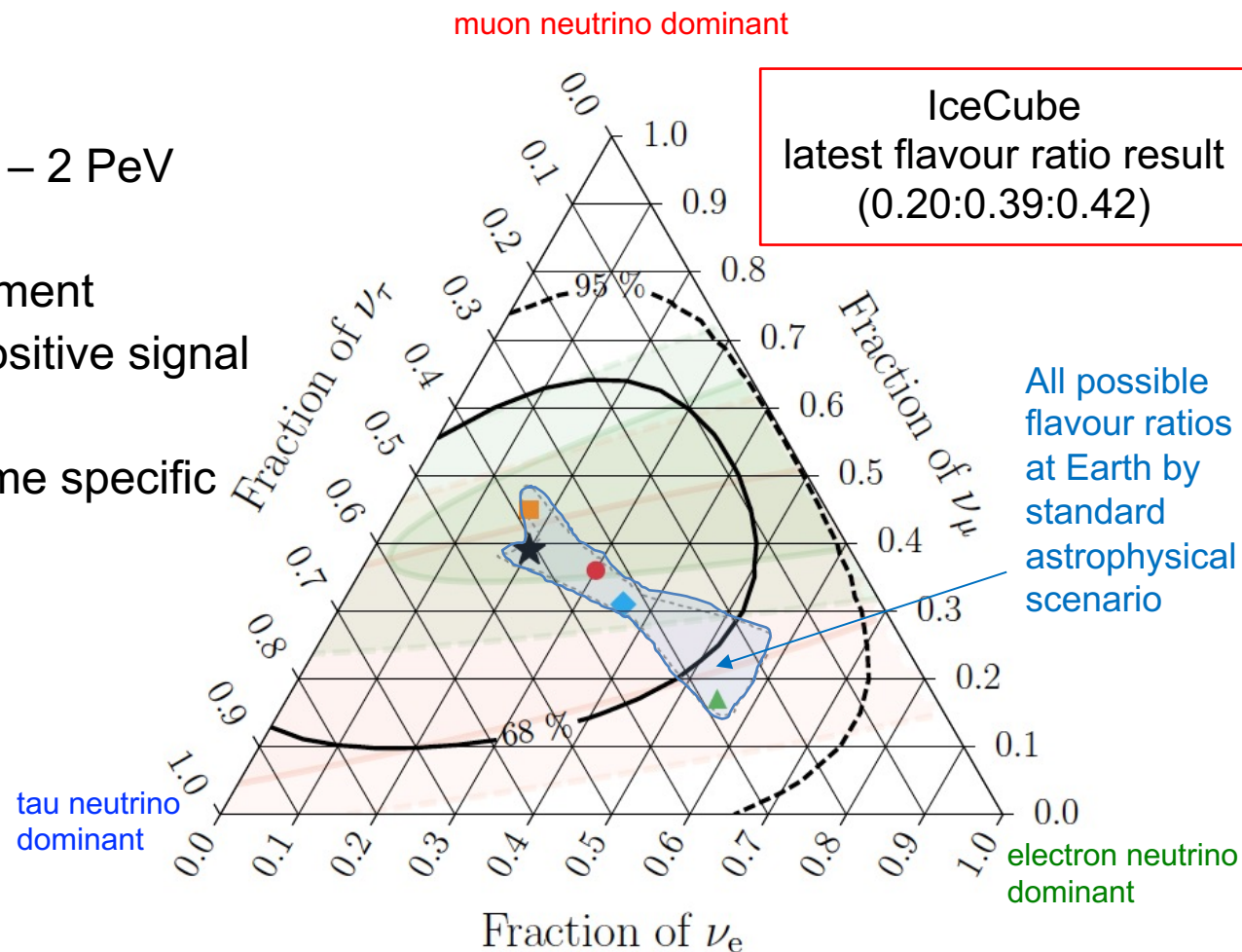
5. Flavor ratio

60 HESE events in 60 TeV – 2 PeV

New flavour ratio measurement

- contour is very big, no positive signal of new physics
- Data are used to test some specific new physics models

We focus on setting limits on certain SME coefficients



- HESE with ternary topology ID
- ★ Best fit: 0.20 : 0.39 : 0.42
- Global Fit (IceCube, APJ 2015)
- Inelasticity (IceCube, PRD 2019)
- ⋯⋯⋯ 3ν -mixing 3σ allowed region

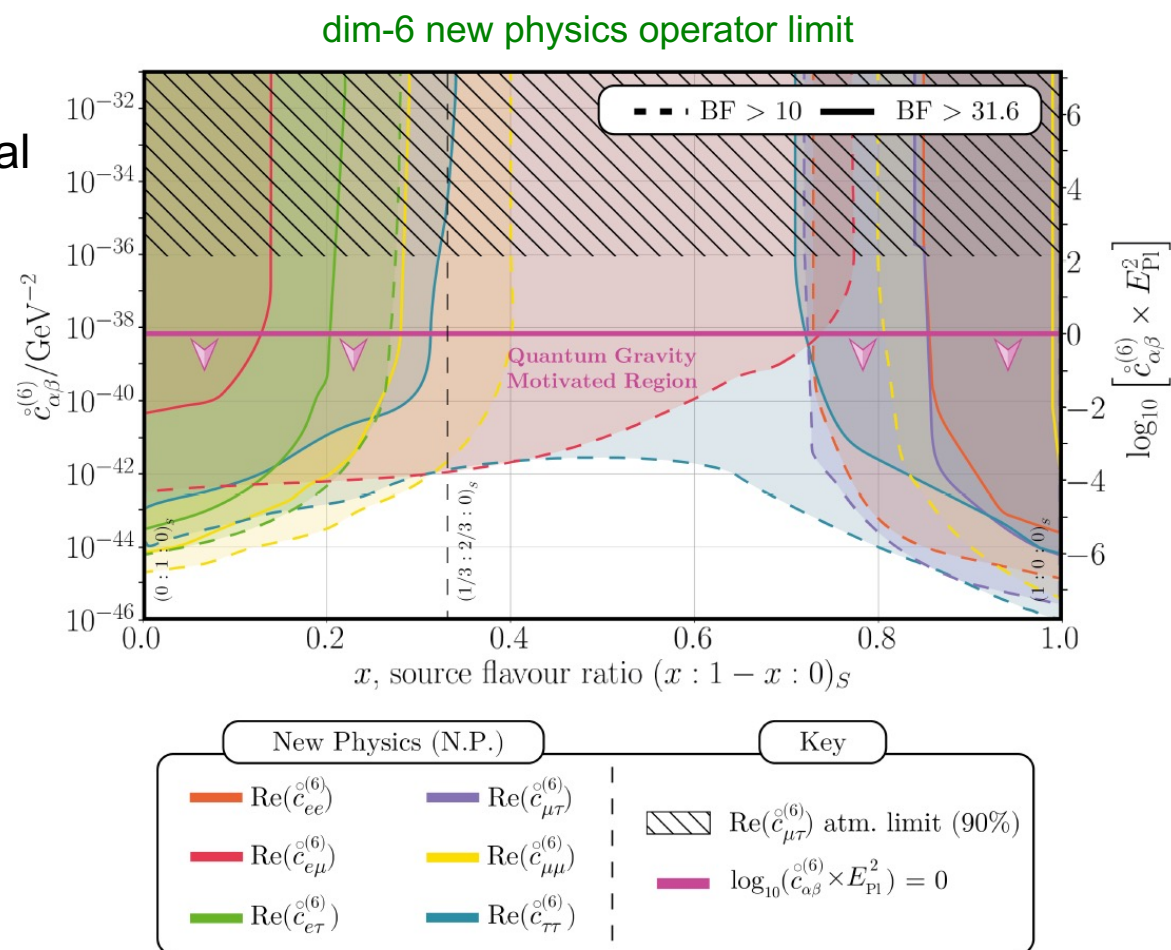
- $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau$ at source \rightarrow on Earth:
- 0:1:0 \rightarrow 0.17 : 0.45 : 0.37
 - 1:2:0 \rightarrow 0.30 : 0.36 : 0.34
 - ▲ 1:0:0 \rightarrow 0.55 : 0.17 : 0.28
 - ◆ 1:1:0 \rightarrow 0.36 : 0.31 : 0.33

5. HESE 7.5-yr flavor Lorentz violation search

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IceCube data start to explore quantum gravity-motivated signal region for some parameters

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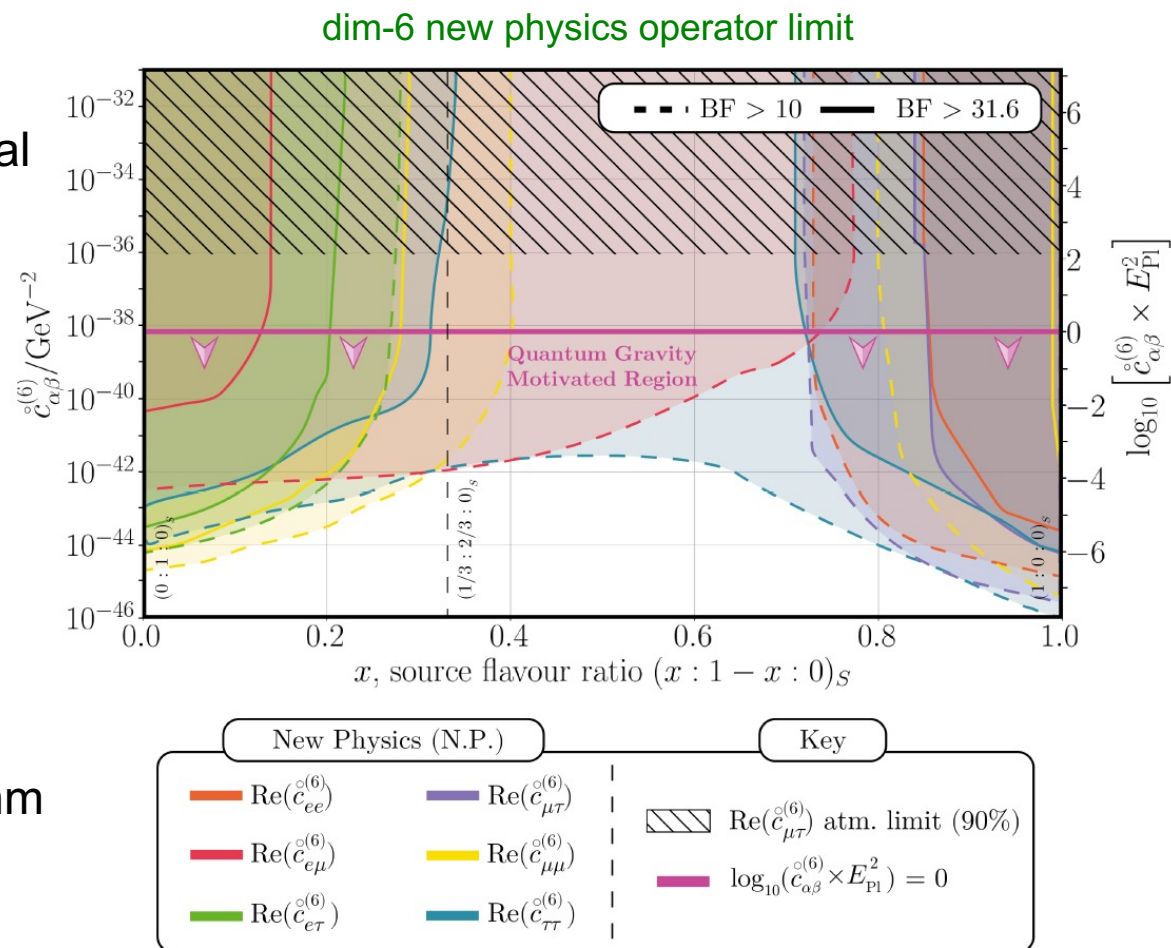
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So far, IceCube neutrinos don't show the evidence of quantum gravity

1. quantum gravity is wrong
2. Multi-messenger astronomy
3. Flavour identification algorithm
4. More data

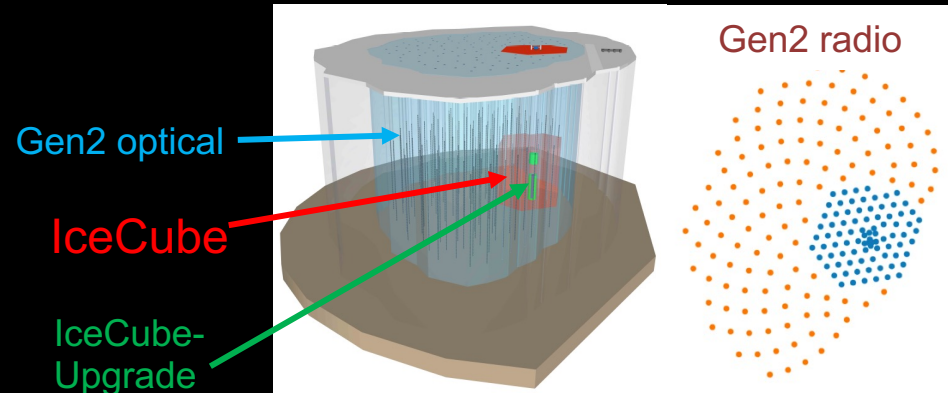
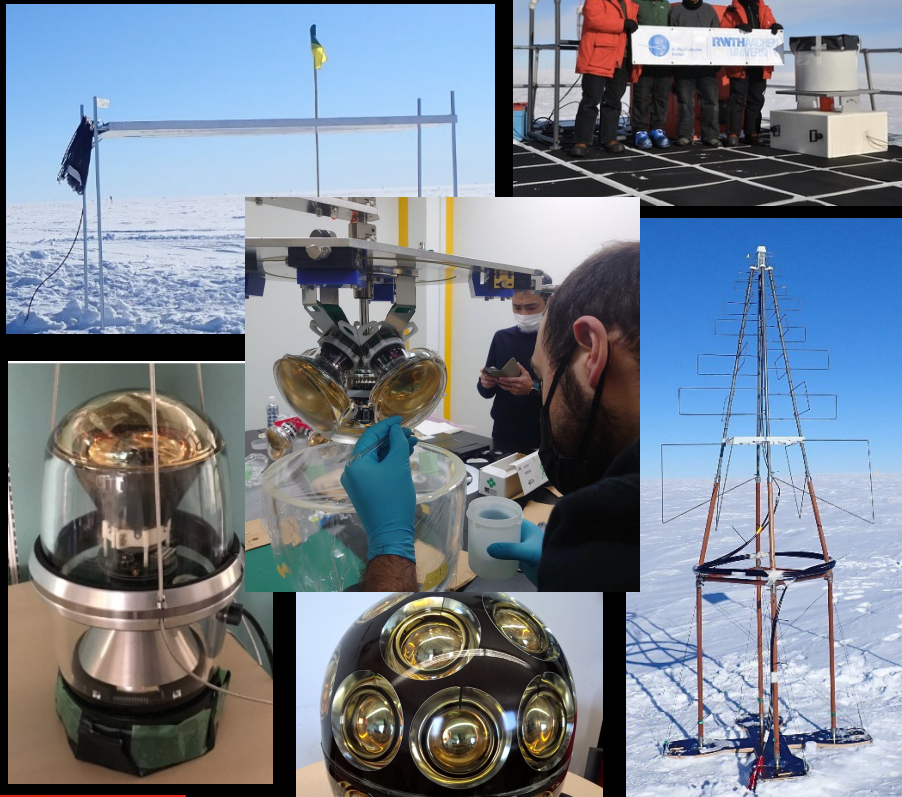


3. IceCube-Gen2

larger separation (125m \rightarrow ~200-300m) to cover larger volume (x8)

R&D is underway

- Gen2 optical
- Gen2 surface
- Gen2 radio



The first stage of Gen2 (IceCube upgrade) is ongoing



Conclusion

Quantum gravity may create a new effect on neutrinos in vacuum.

High-energy astrophysical neutrino observed at IceCube are powerful tools to look for quantum-gravity-motivated new physics.

Astrophysical neutrino flavour structure is used to look for quantum-gravity-motivated effect in IceCube. The results can be improved in near future.

IceCube-Gen2 collaboration



Thank you for your attention!

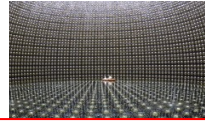
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Backup

3. Test of Lorentz violation with neutrinos

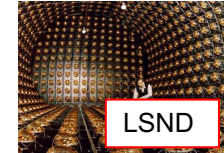
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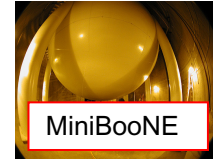
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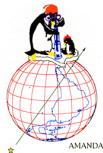
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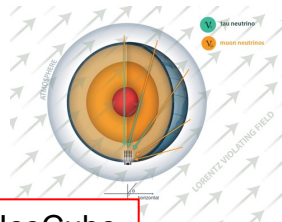
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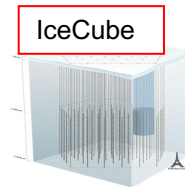
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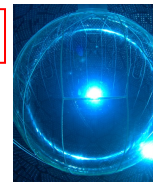
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Flavor ratio



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Seasonal variation

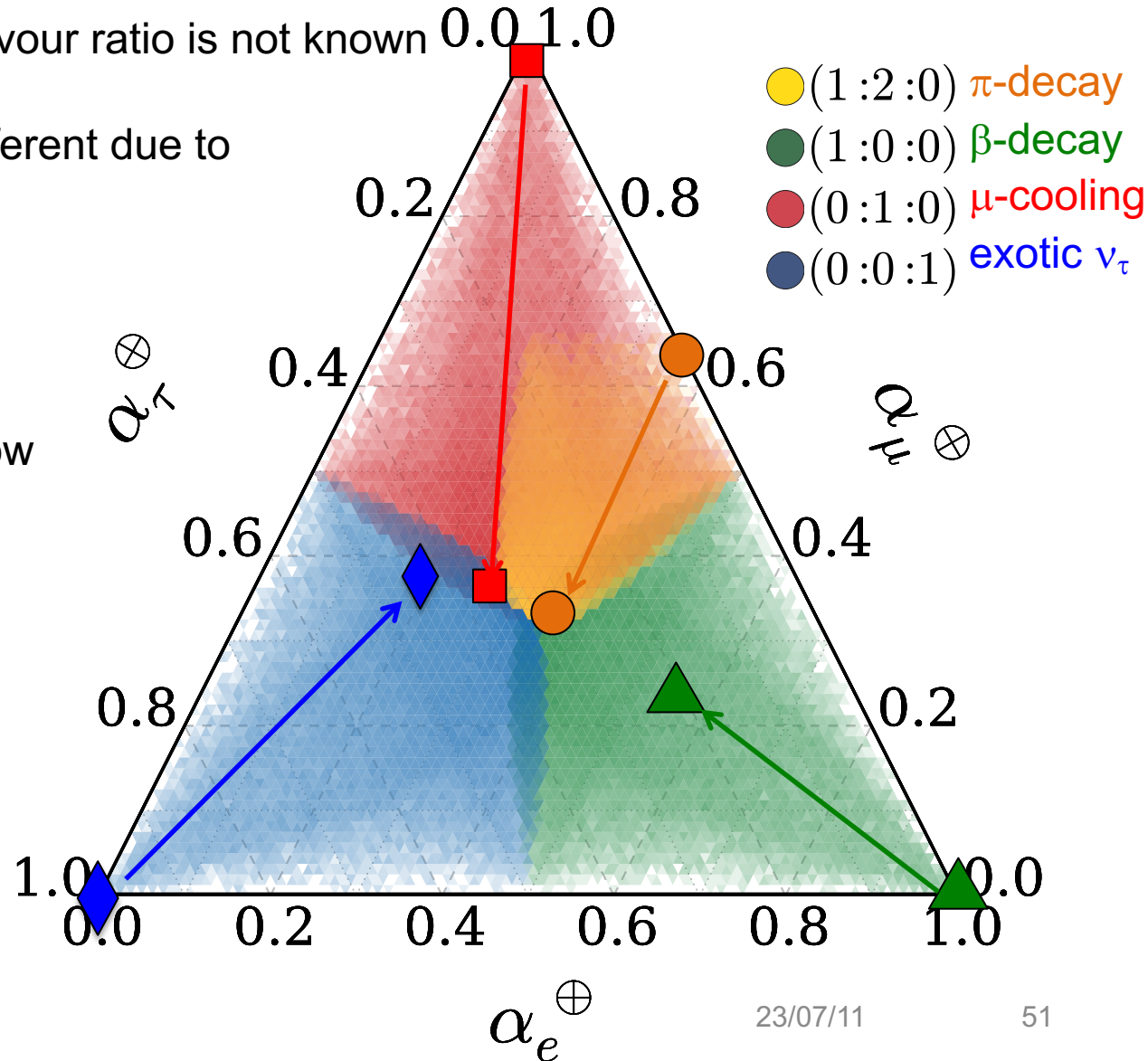
5. Neutrino flavor ratio ($\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau$)

Astrophysical neutrino production mechanism is not known \rightarrow production flavour ratio is not known

Flavour ratio on Earth is different due to mixing by neutrino masses

All possible flavour ratio is confined in a small space

e.g.) New physics just below the limit can produce any flavour ratio



Neutrino interferometry – Atmospheric neutrinos

dim.	method	type	sector	limits	ref.
3	CMB polarization	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-43}$ GeV	[6]
	He-Xe comagnetometer	tabletop	neutron	$\sim 10^{-34}$ GeV	[10]
	torsion pendulum	tabletop	electron	$\sim 10^{-31}$ GeV	[12]
	muon g-2	accelerator	muon	$\sim 10^{-24}$ GeV	[13]
	neutrino oscillation	atmospheric	neutrino	$ \text{Re}(\hat{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(3)}) , \text{Im}(\hat{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(3)}) $ $< 2.9 \times 10^{-24}$ GeV (99% C.L.) $< 2.0 \times 10^{-24}$ GeV (90% C.L.)	this work
4	GRB vacuum birefringence	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-38}$	[7]
	Laser interferometer	LIGO	photon	$\sim 10^{-22}$	[8]
	Sapphire cavity oscillator	tabletop	photon	$\sim 10^{-18}$	[5]
	Ne-Rb-K comagnetometer	tabletop	neutron	$\sim 10^{-29}$	[11]
	trapped Ca^+ ion	tabletop	electron	$\sim 10^{-19}$	[14]
neutrino oscillation	atmospheric	neutrino	$ \text{Re}(\hat{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(4)}) , \text{Im}(\hat{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(4)}) $ $< 3.9 \times 10^{-28}$ (99% C.L.) $< 2.7 \times 10^{-28}$ (90% C.L.)	this work	
5	GRB vacuum birefringence	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-34}$ GeV^{-1}	[7]
	ultra-high-energy cosmic ray	astrophysical	proton	$\sim 10^{-22}$ to 10^{-18} GeV^{-1}	[9]
	neutrino oscillation	atmospheric	neutrino	$ \text{Re}(\hat{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(5)}) , \text{Im}(\hat{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(5)}) $ $< 2.3 \times 10^{-32}$ GeV^{-1} (99% C.L.) $< 1.5 \times 10^{-32}$ GeV^{-1} (90% C.L.)	this work
6	GRB vacuum birefringence	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-31}$ GeV^{-2}	[7]
	ultra-high-energy cosmic ray	astrophysical	proton	$\sim 10^{-42}$ to 10^{-35} GeV^{-2}	[9]
	gravitational Cherenkov radiation	astrophysical	gravity	$\sim 10^{-31}$ GeV^{-2}	[15]
	neutrino oscillation	atmospheric	neutrino	$ \text{Re}(\hat{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(6)}) , \text{Im}(\hat{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(6)}) $ $< 1.5 \times 10^{-36}$ GeV^{-2} (99% C.L.) $< 9.1 \times 10^{-37}$ GeV^{-2} (90% C.L.)	this work
7	GRB vacuum birefringence	astrophysical	photon	$\sim 10^{-28}$ GeV^{-3}	[7]
	neutrino oscillation	atmospheric	neutrino	$ \text{Re}(\hat{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(7)}) , \text{Im}(\hat{a}_{\mu\tau}^{(7)}) $ $< 8.3 \times 10^{-41}$ GeV^{-3} (99% C.L.) $< 3.6 \times 10^{-41}$ GeV^{-3} (90% C.L.)	this work
8	gravitational Cherenkov radiation	astrophysical	gravity	$\sim 10^{-46}$ GeV^{-4}	[15]
	neutrino oscillation	atmospheric	neutrino	$ \text{Re}(\hat{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(8)}) , \text{Im}(\hat{c}_{\mu\tau}^{(8)}) $ $< 5.2 \times 10^{-45}$ GeV^{-4} (99% C.L.) $< 1.4 \times 10^{-45}$ GeV^{-4} (90% C.L.)	this work

TABLE I: Comparison of attainable best limits of SME coefficients in various fields.

IceCube atmospheric neutrino limit, $c^{(6)} < 10^{-36} \text{GeV}^{-2}$
This is close to the target signal region, $c^{(6)} \sim 10^{-38} \text{GeV}^{-2}$

HESE 7.5-yr Flavor new physics search

Data, 2635 days HESE sample [IceCube, PRD104\(2021\)022002](#)

- 17 track events, 20 $\log(E)$ bins [60 TeV, 10 PeV], 10 $\cos\theta$ bins [-1.0, +1.0]
- 41 cascade events, 20 $\log(E)$ bins [60 TeV, 10 PeV], 10 $\cos\theta$ bins [-1.0, +1.0]
- 2 double cascades, 20 $\log(E)$ bins [60 TeV, 10 PeV], 10 $\log(L)$ bins [10m, 100m]

Simulation

[Bhattacharya et al., JHEP06\(2015\)110](#)

- Foregrounds, conventional (Honda flux), prompt (BERSS model), muon (CORSIKA)
- Astrophysical neutrinos, simple power law
- Interaction, NLO PDF DIS (CSMS model) [Cooper-Sarkar et al., JHEP08\(2011\)042](#)

Systematics (15 nuisance parameters)

- oscillation parameters (6)
- normalization of flux : conventional (40%), prompt (free), muon (50%), astrophysical (free)
- spectrum index : primary cosmic ray (5%) astrophysical neutrinos (free)
- Ice model : (20%)
- DOM efficiency : overall (10%), angular dependence (50%)

Limits

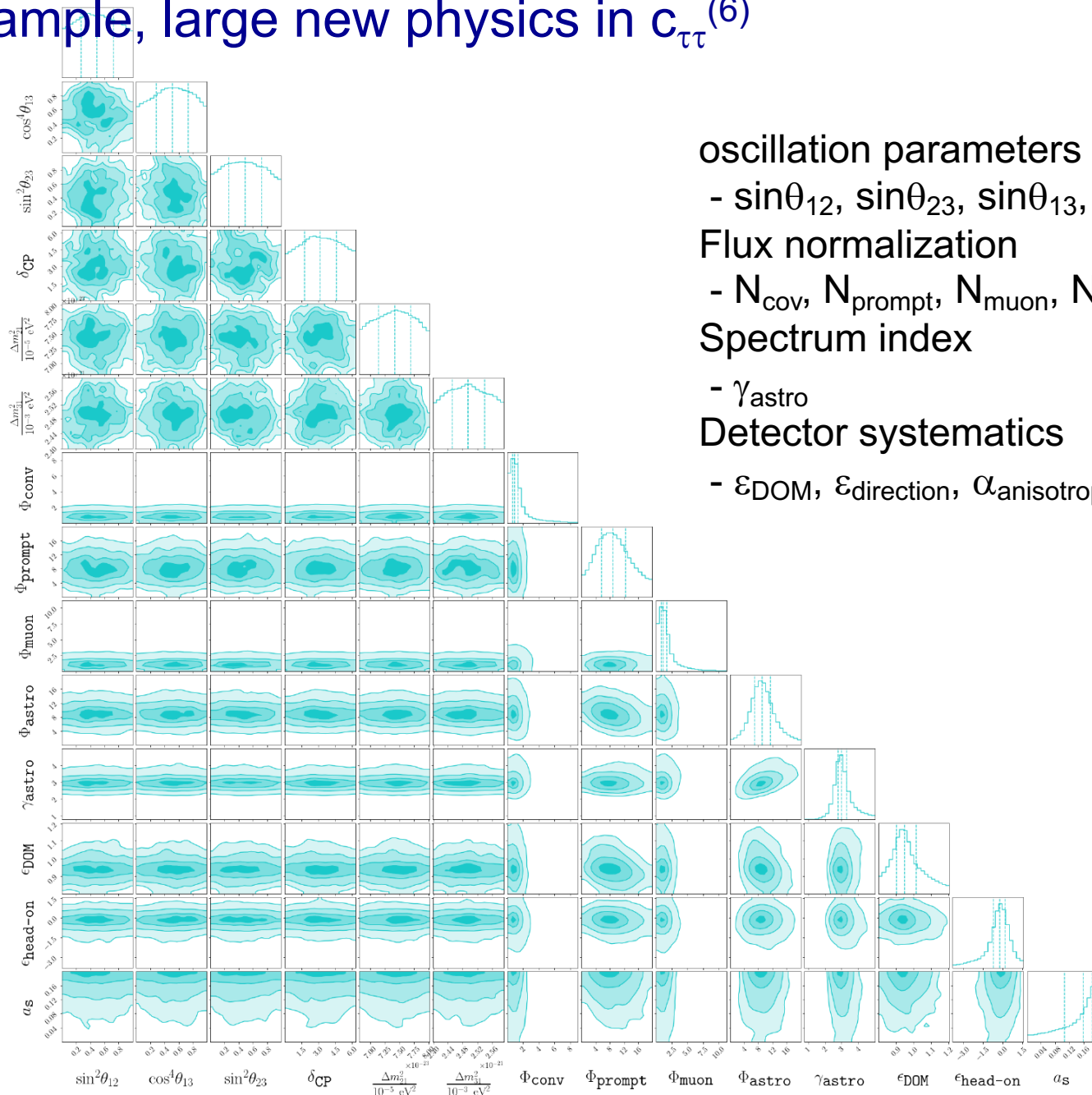
[Feroz et al., Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 398,1601\(2009\)1601](#)

- Bayesian: MCMC with Multinest, Bayes factor with Jefferey' scale “strong” limit
- Frequentist: Wilks' theorem

Systematic errors

Parameter	Prior (constraint)	Range	Description
Astrophysical neutrino flux:			
Φ_{astro}	-	$[0, \infty)$	Normalization scale
γ_{astro}	-	$(-\infty, \infty)$	Spectral index
Atmospheric neutrino flux:			
Φ_{conv}	1.0 ± 0.4	$[0, \infty)$	Conventional normalization scale
Φ_{prompt}	-	$[0, \infty)$	Prompt normalization scale
$R_{K/\pi}$	1.0 ± 0.1	$[0, \infty)$	Kaon-Pion ratio correction
$2\nu / (\nu + \bar{\nu})_{\text{atmo}}$	1.0 ± 0.1	$[0, 2]$	Neutrino-anti-neutrino ratio correction
Cosmic-ray flux:			
$\Delta\gamma_{\text{CR}}$	0.0 ± 0.05	$(-\infty, \infty)$	Cosmic-ray spectral index modification
Φ_{μ}	1.0 ± 0.5	$[0, \infty)$	Muon normalization scale
Detector:			
ϵ_{DOM}	0.99 ± 0.1	$[0.80, 1.25]$	Absolute energy scale
$\epsilon_{\text{head-on}}$	0.0 ± 0.5	$[-3.82, 2.18]$	DOM angular response
a_{s}	1.0 ± 0.2	$[0.0, 2.0]$	Ice anisotropy scale

Fit example, large new physics in $c_{\tau\tau}$ ⁽⁶⁾



oscillation parameters

- $\sin\theta_{12}$, $\sin\theta_{23}$, $\sin\theta_{13}$, Δm_{12} , Δm_{23} , δ

Flux normalization

- N_{cov} , N_{prompt} , N_{muon} , N_{astro}

Spectrum index

- γ_{astro}

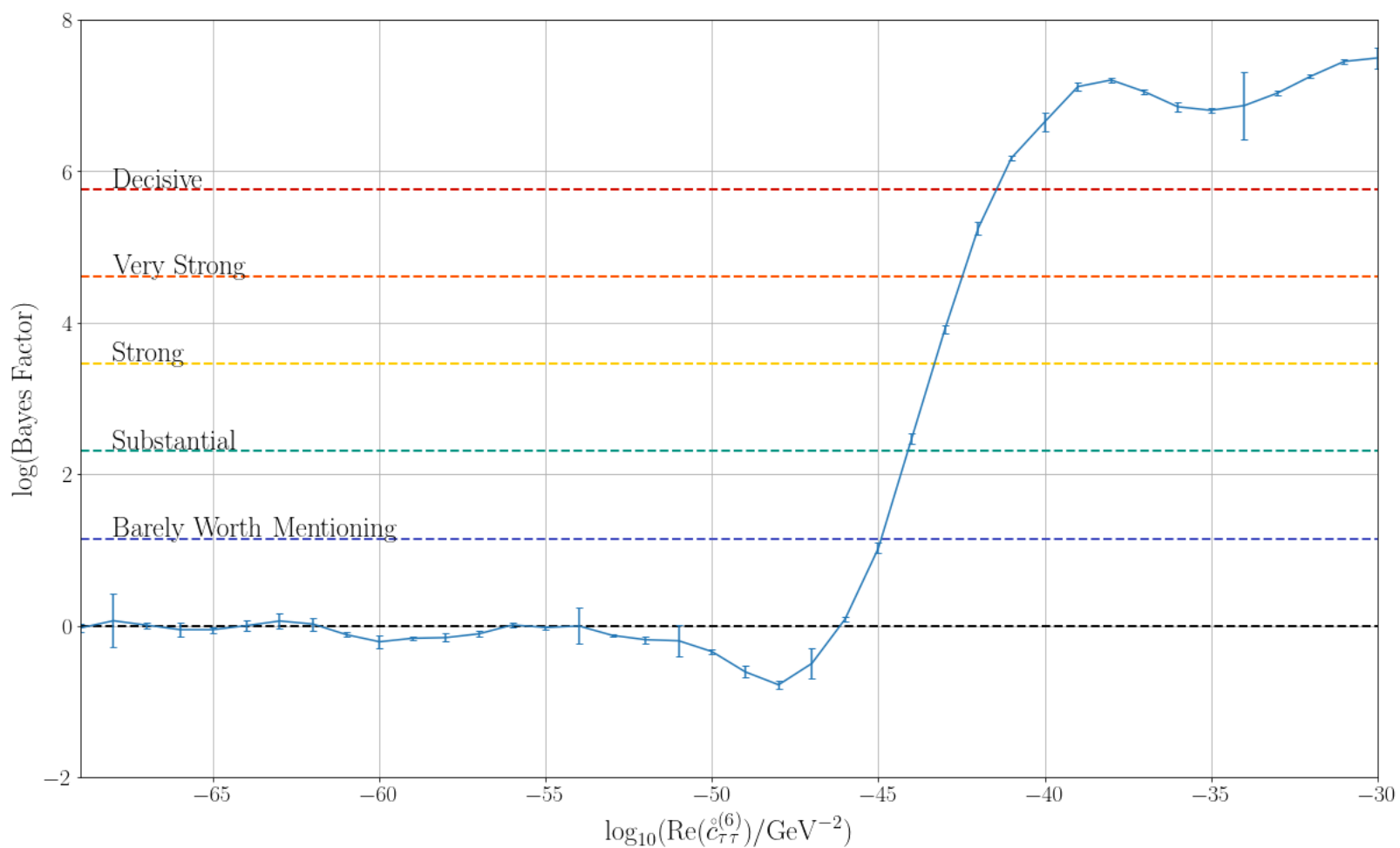
Detector systematics

- ϵ_{DOM} , $\epsilon_{\text{direction}}$, $\alpha_{\text{anisotropy}}$

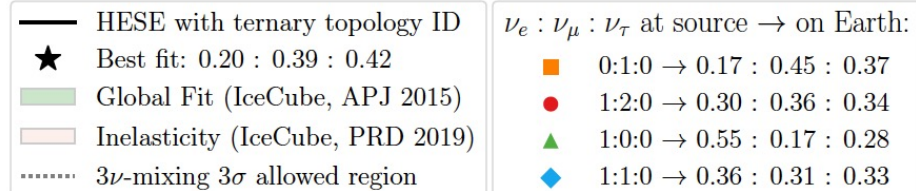
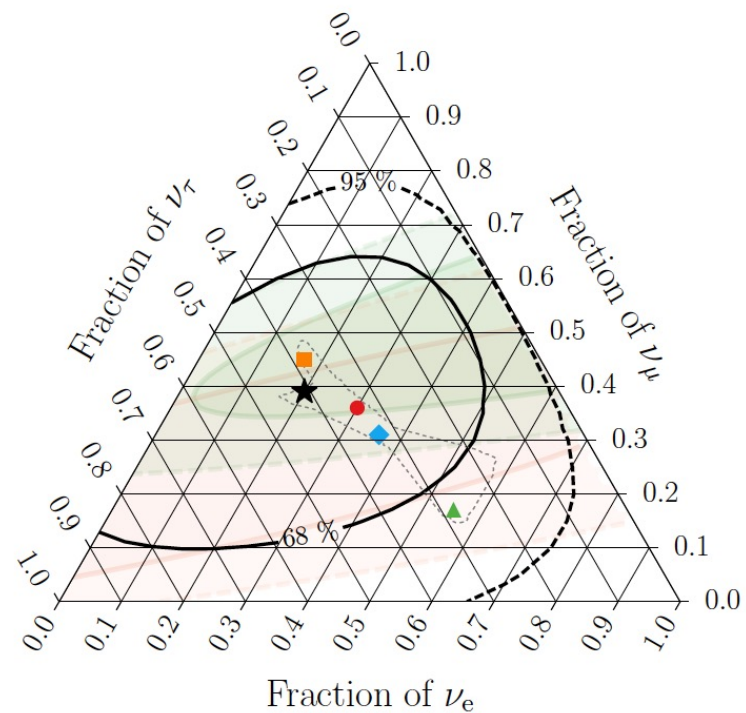
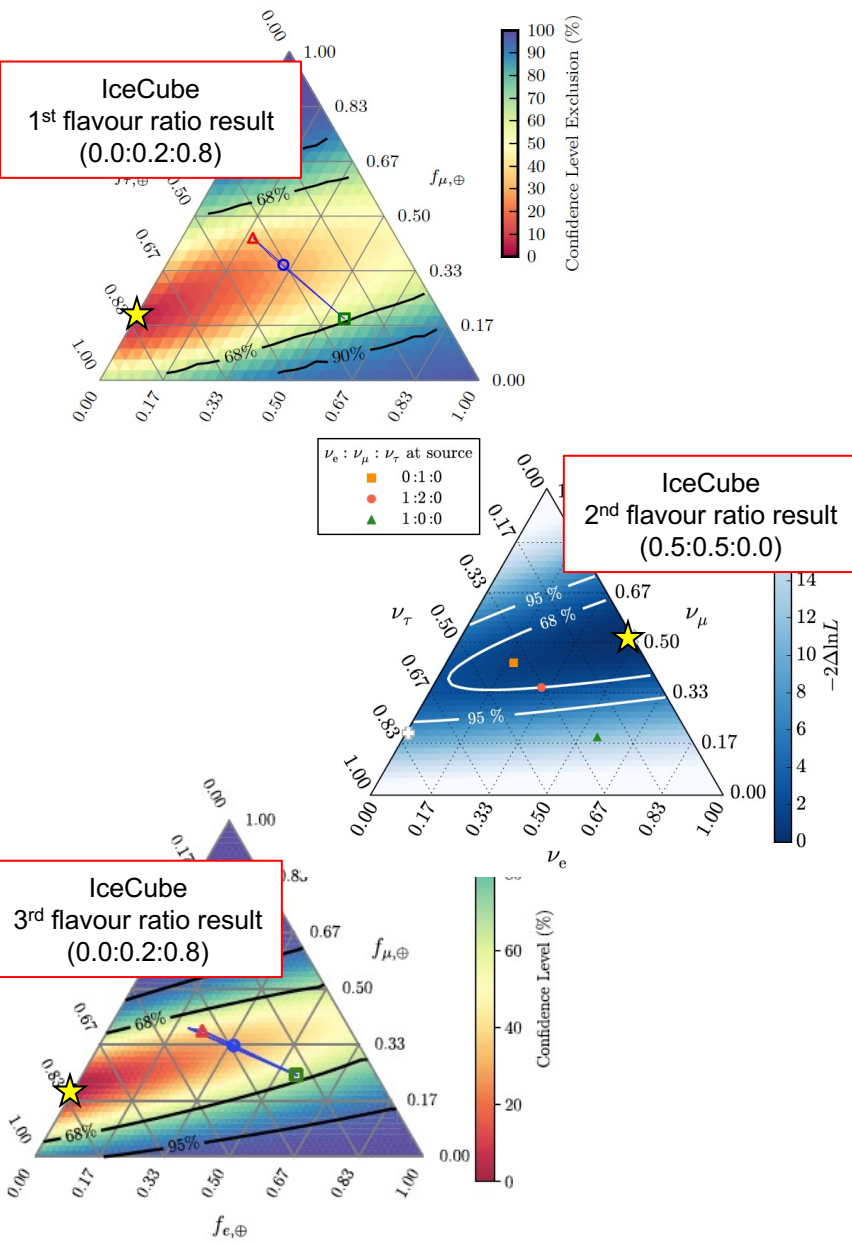
Fit example, large new physics in $c_{\tau\tau}^{(6)}$

Bayesian analysis

- Bayes factor is computed with new physics parameter
- Repeat this to find the threshold to set the limit



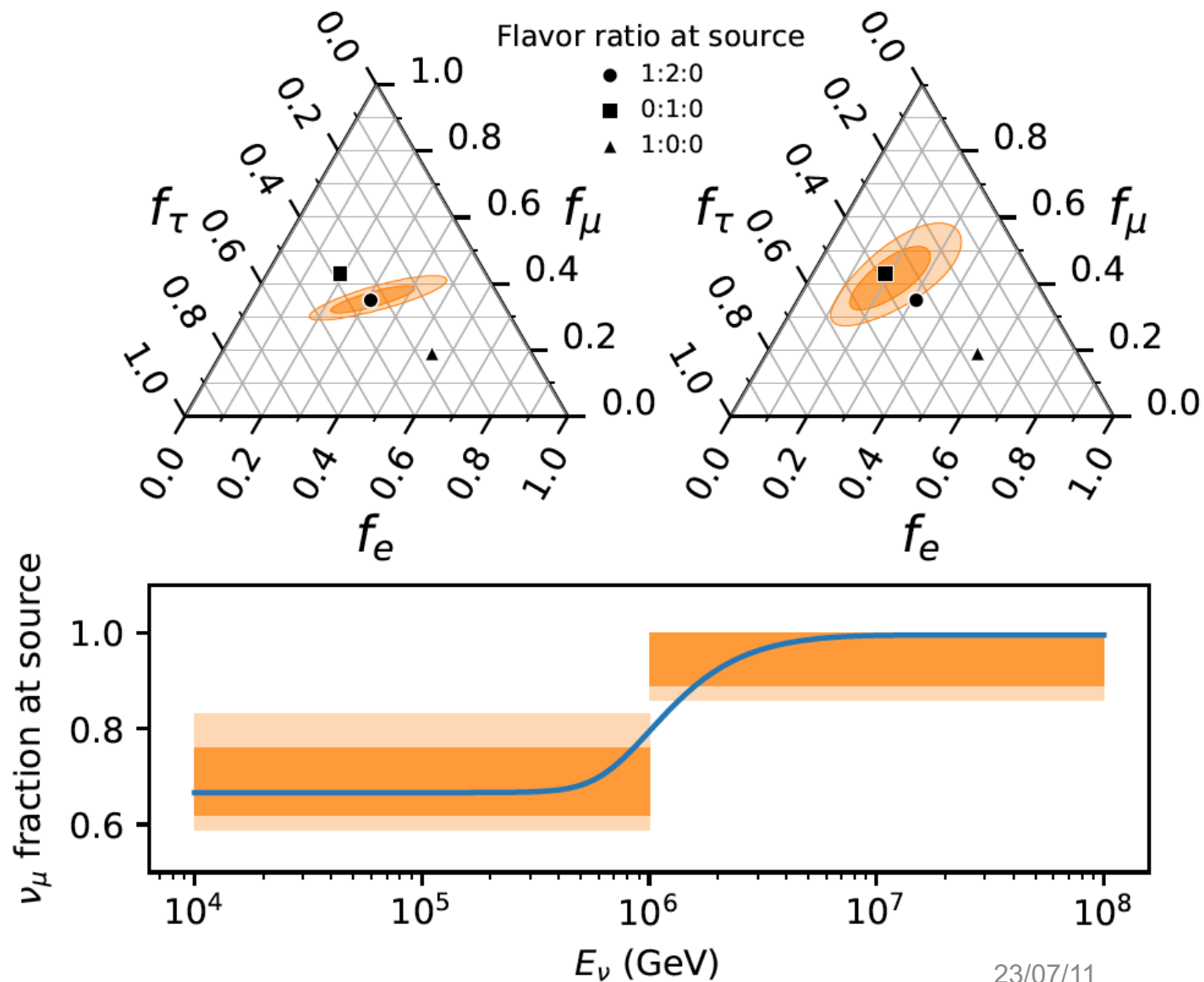
HESE 7.5-yr data (2018)



New flavour ratio measurement

- Likelihood is very shallow and fit often confuses between ν_e and ν_τ
- New flavour ratio result has some power to distinguish ν_e and ν_τ

Energy dependence of flavor ratio



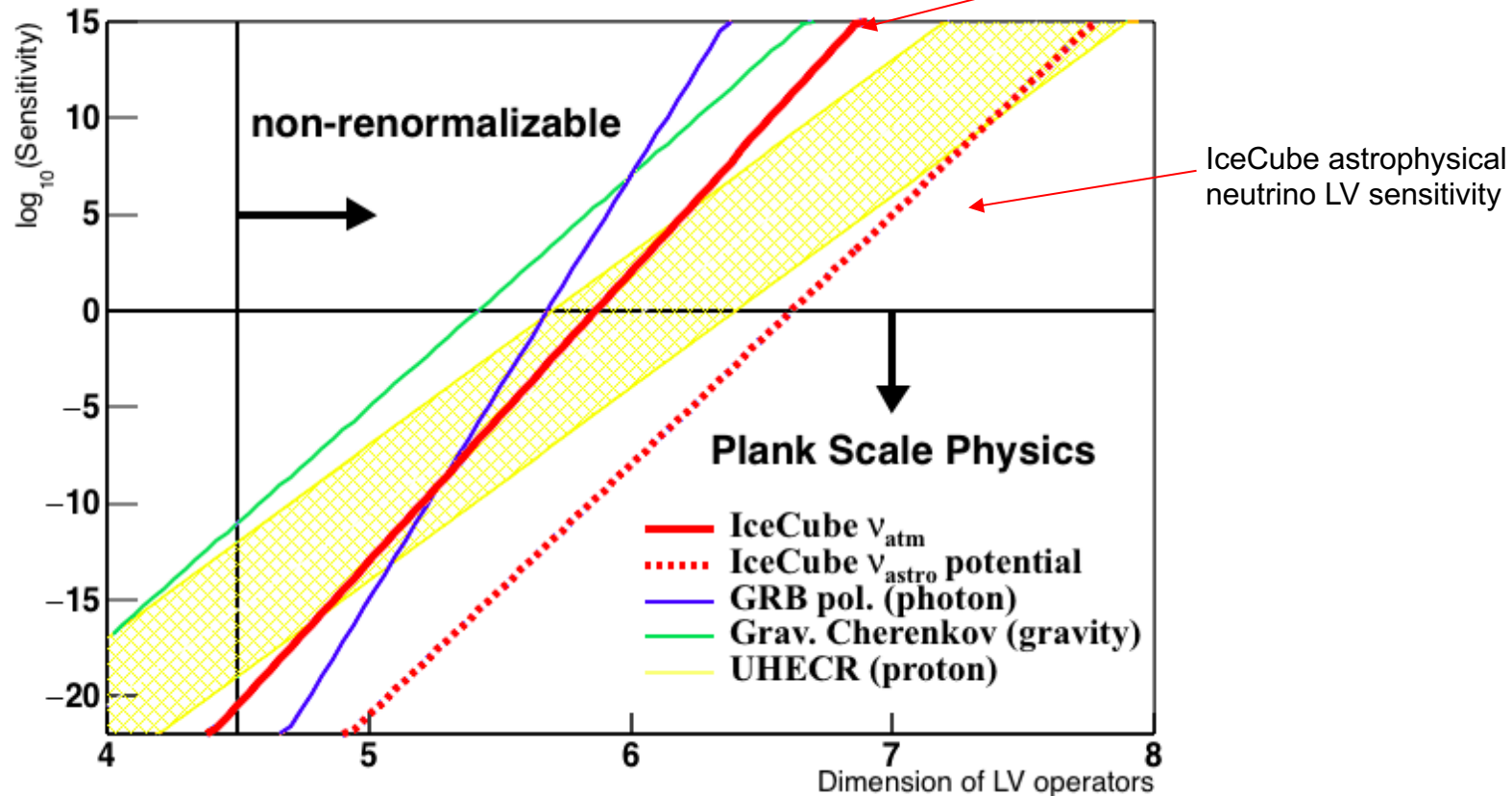
Neutrino interferometry – Astrophysical neutrinos

Higher-dimension operators may be related to new physics

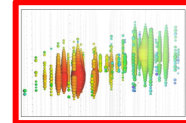
- Dimension-5 operator (unit: GeV^{-1}), example: Majorana mass
- Dimension-6 operator (unit: GeV^{-2}), example: Fermi constant (G_F)

IceCube atmospheric
neutrino LV sensitivity
[Nature Physics 14\(2018\)961](#)

New physics limits and projected sensitivity



Astrophysical neutrino dim-6 LV operator search can reach quantum gravity motivated region ($\sim 1/M_{\text{Planck}}^2 \sim 10^{-38} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$)

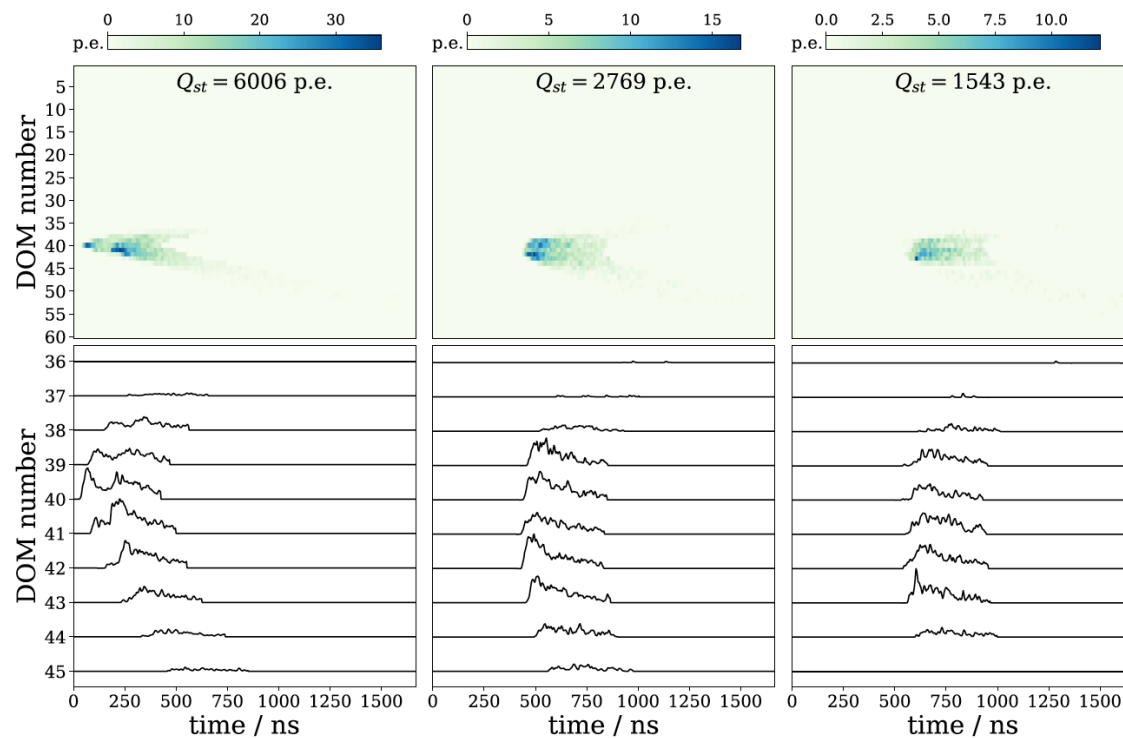
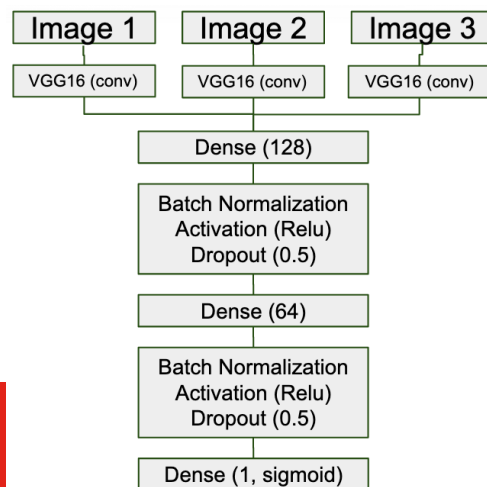
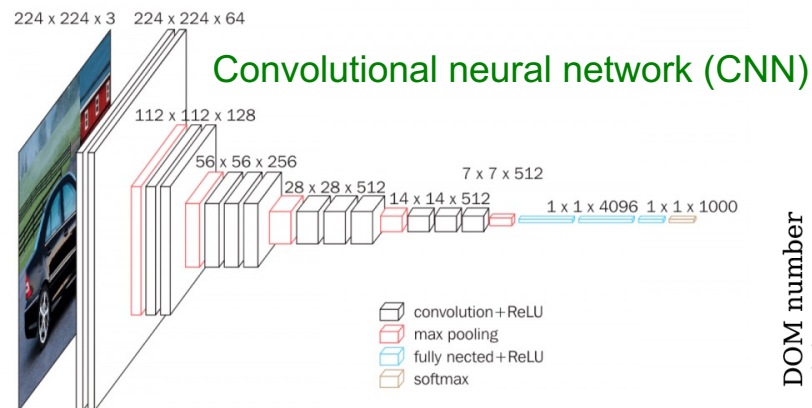
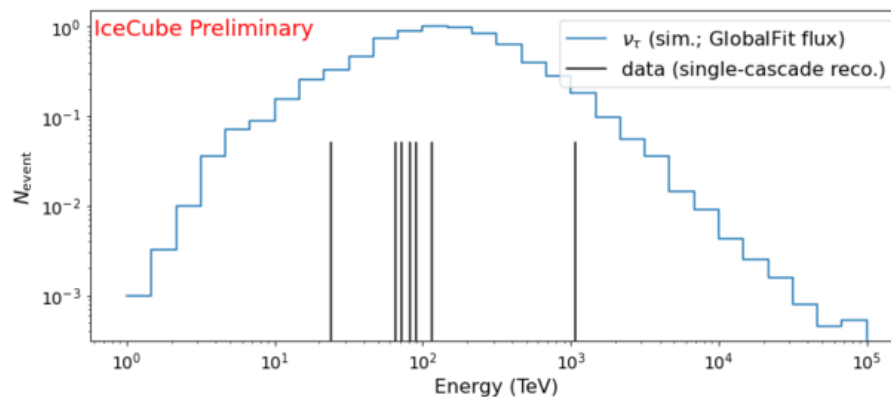


double cascade

4. New astrophysical tau neutrino sample

7 astrophysical tau neutrinos

- ML-based dedicated selection
- Data consistent with prediction

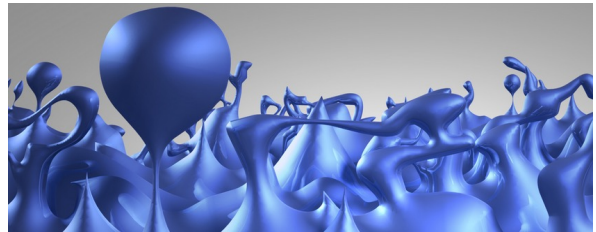


4. Neutrino decoherence

Space-time foam

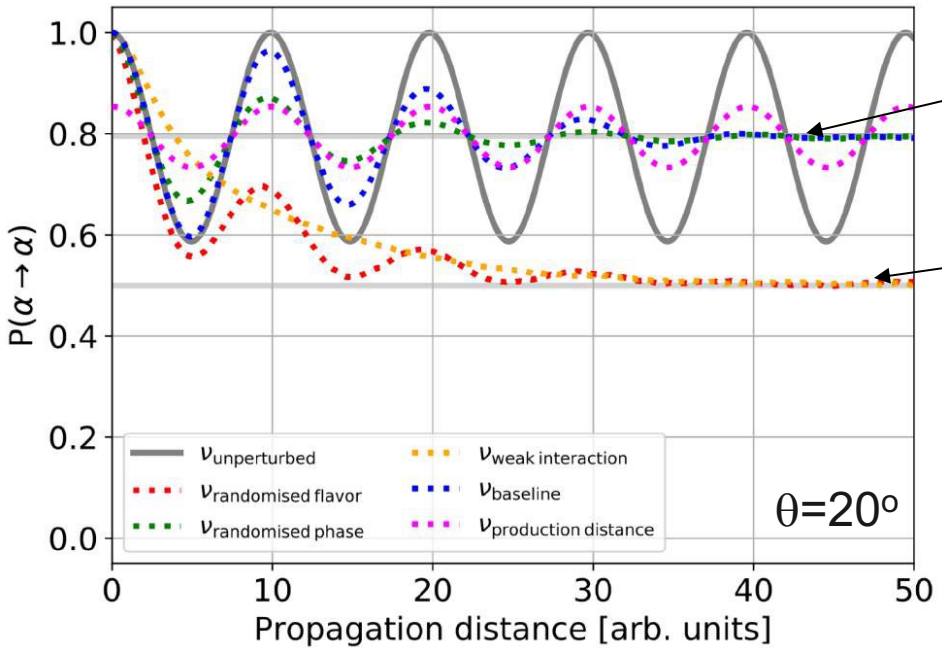
Quantum gravity motivated quantum fluctuation of space-time.

- 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

$$P_{\alpha\beta} = A \cdot \left[1 - e^{-\gamma_{ij}} \cos\left(\frac{\Delta m_{ij}^2}{2E} L\right) \right], \quad \gamma_{ij} = \gamma_{ij}^0 \cdot \left(\frac{E}{\text{GeV}}\right)^n$$

- 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)

