

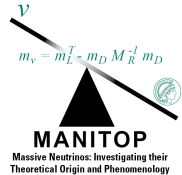
New Physics at IceCube

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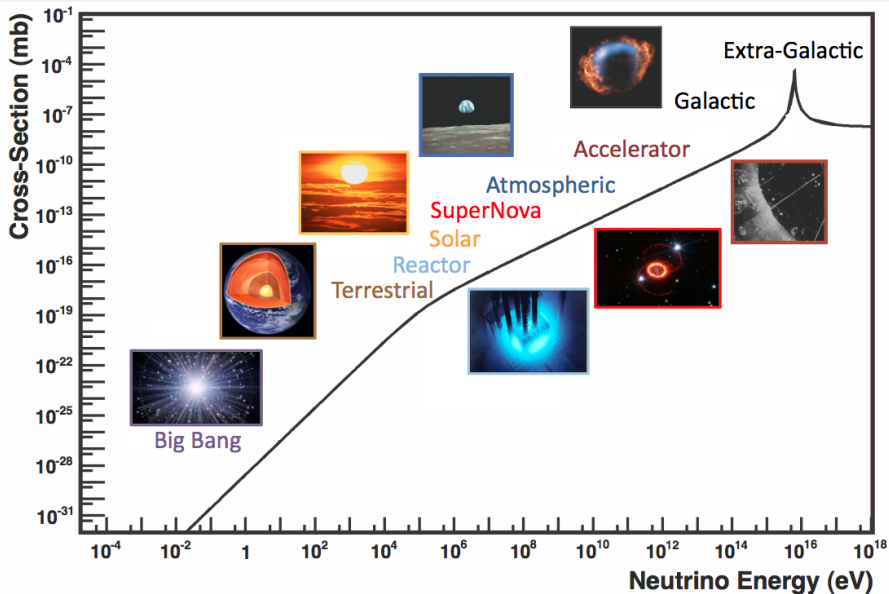
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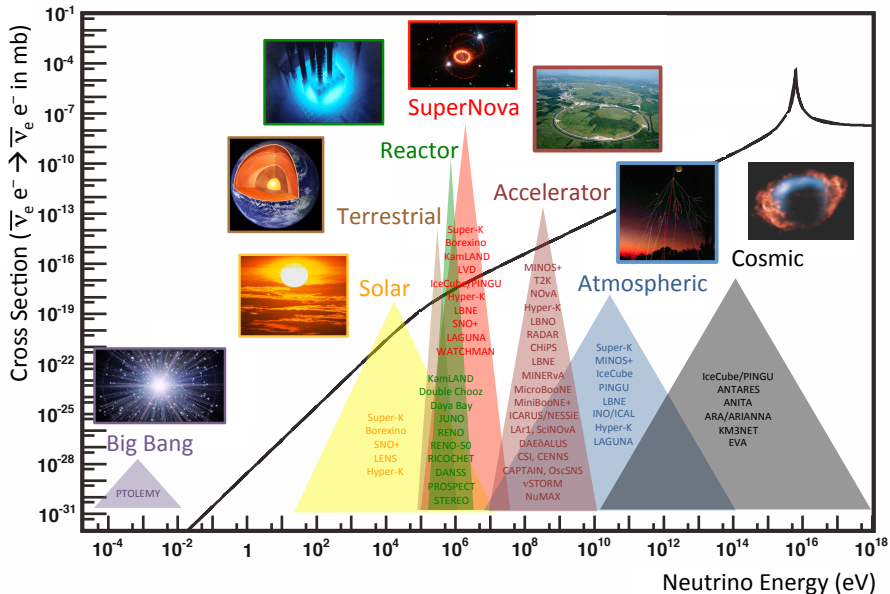
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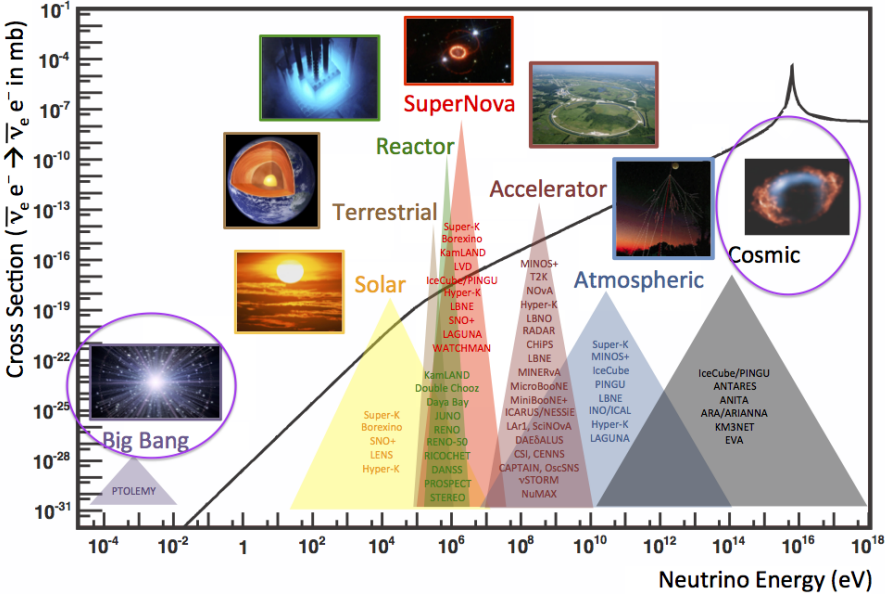
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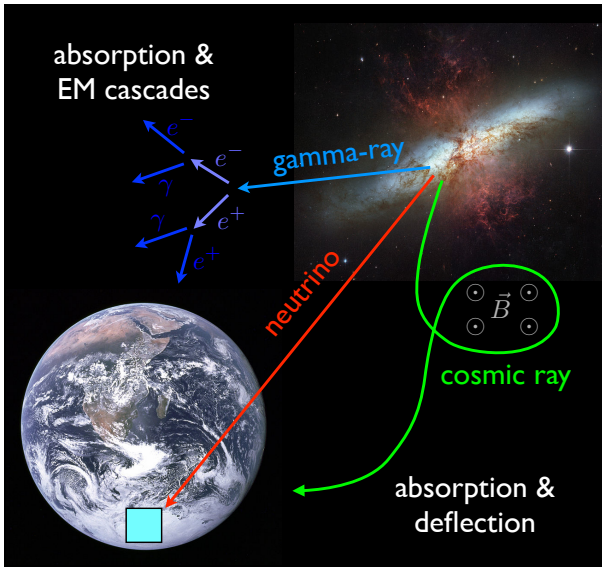


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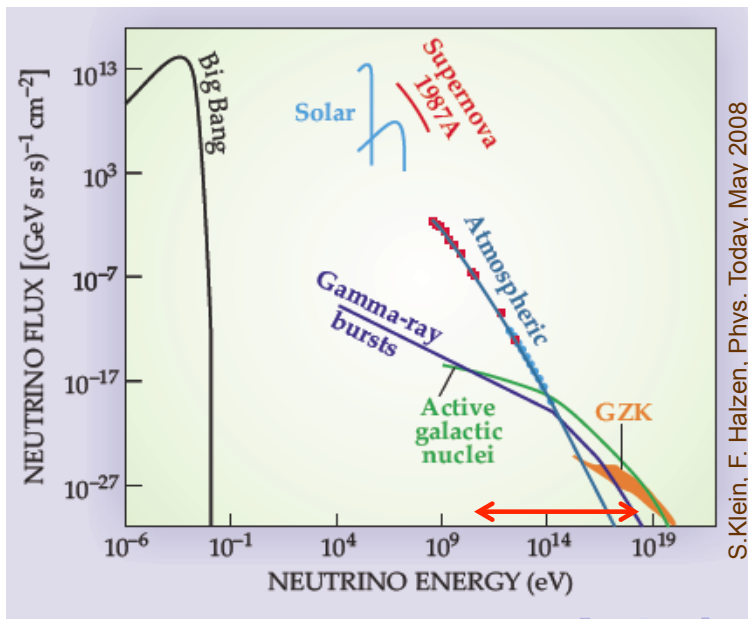


[J. L. Hewett *et al.* (Snowmass 2013 Neutrino Working Group), arXiv:1401.6077 [hep-ex]]

High-energy Neutrinos: Astrophysical Messengers



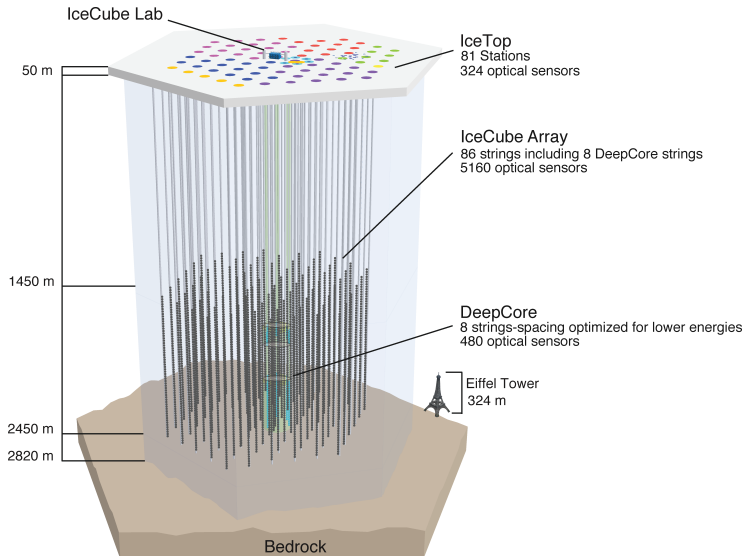
Neutrino Flux



S.Klein, F. Halzen, Phys. Today, May 2008

Need Very Large Detectors

DUMAND, Lake Baikal, ANTARES, KM3NeT, GVD, AMANDA, **IceCube**

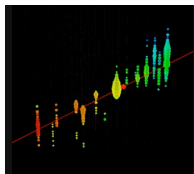


Neutrino Detection at IceCube

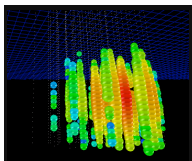
- Within the SM, neutrinos interact with matter only via weak (W and Z) gauge currents.

$$\nu_\ell + N \rightarrow \begin{cases} \ell + X & \text{(CC)} \\ \nu_\ell + X & \text{(NC)} \end{cases}$$

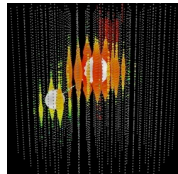
- Cherenkov radiation from interaction products (muons, electrons, hadrons).



CC Muon track (data)

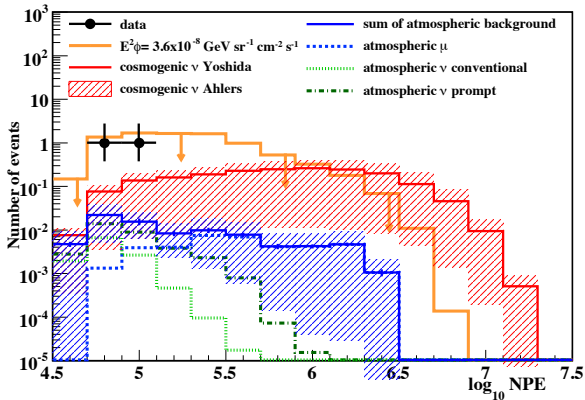
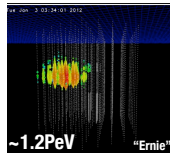
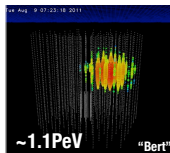


CC electromagnetic/NC hadronic cascade shower (data)

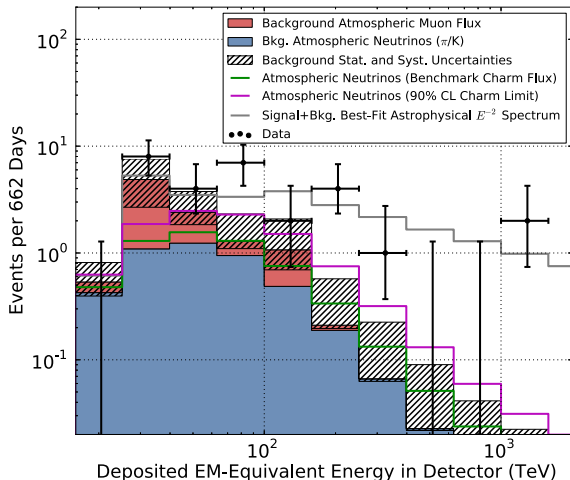
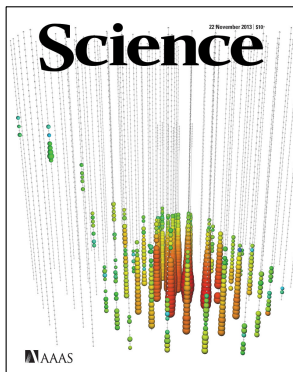


CC tau 'double bang'
(simulation only)

First Observation of UHE Neutrinos

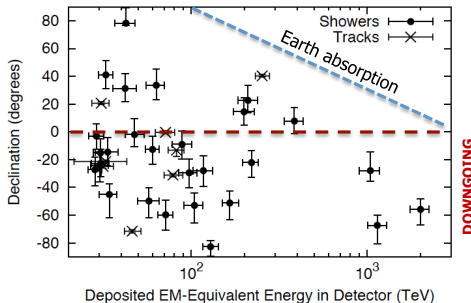
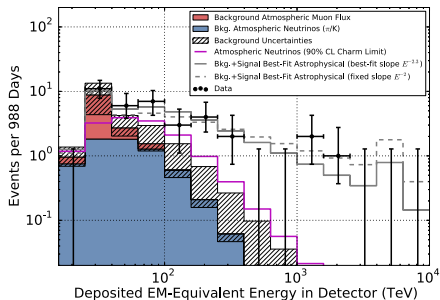


Follow-Up Analysis (2-year Dataset)



[IceCube Collaboration, *Science* **342**, 1242856 (2013)]

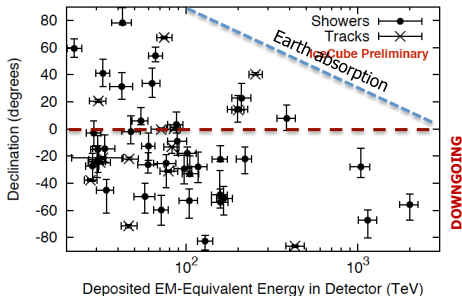
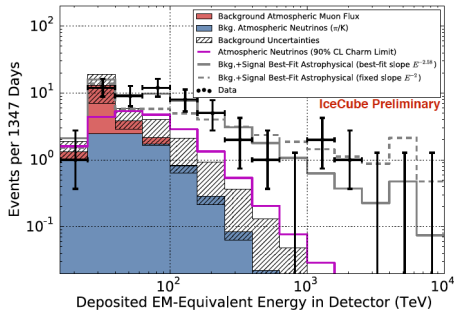
3-year Dataset



[IceCube Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. **113**, 101101(2014)]

- 9 more events, including one at 2 PeV ("Big Bird").
- Total 37 events with 5.7σ excess over expected atmospheric background of $6.6^{+5.9}_{-1.6}$ atmospheric neutrinos and 8.4 ± 4.2 cosmic ray muons.
- 28 cascade events and 9 muon tracks.

4-year Dataset



54 events (39 cascades and 14 tracks): 7σ excess over expected atmospheric background.

[IceCube Collaboration, ICRC 2015 Proceedings [arXiv:1510.05223 [astro-ph.HE]]]

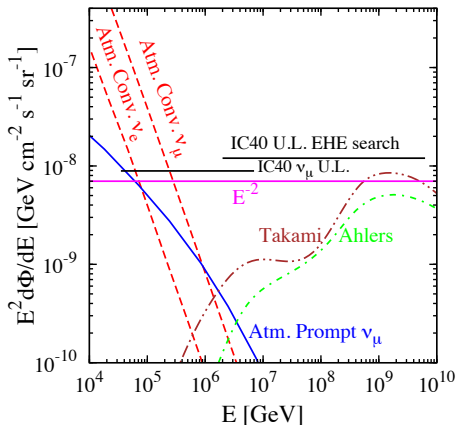
Understanding the Events

- Three main aspects:
 - **Source:** flux and initial flavor composition
 - **Propagation:** final flavor composition on Earth
 - **Detection:** showers and tracks, upgoing and downgoing events
- New Physics beyond the SM could in principle affect any of these aspects.
- But before embarking on BSM explanations, desirable to know the SM expectation with better accuracy.
- Any statistically significant deviation from the SM prediction might hint at BSM!
- In the absence of significant deviations, could use the data to constrain various BSM scenarios.

Source

Most plausible: Astrophysical source with a power-law flux

$$\Phi(E_\nu) = \Phi_0 \left(\frac{E_\nu}{E_0} \right)^{-\gamma}$$



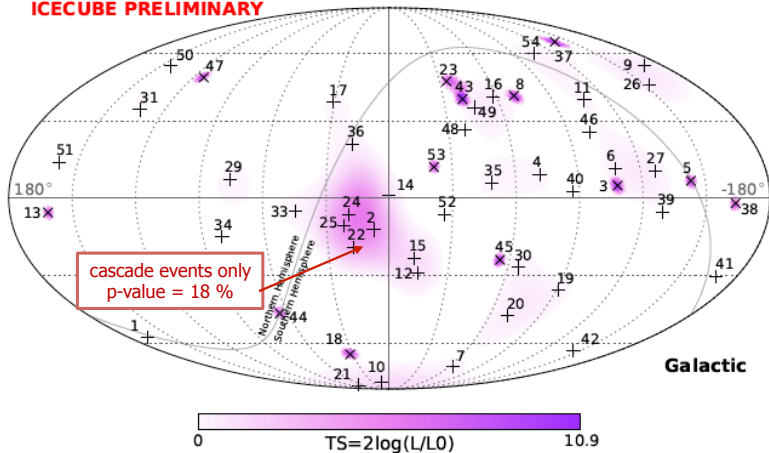
Possible Source	N(1 – 2 PeV)	N(2 – 10 PeV)
Atm. Conv. [45, 46]	0.0004	0.0003
Cosmogenic–Takami [48]	0.01	0.2
Cosmogenic–Ahlers [49]	0.002	0.06
Atm. Prompt [47]	0.02	0.03
Astrophysical E^{-2}	0.2	1
Astrophysical $E^{-2.5}$	0.08	0.3
Astrophysical E^{-3}	0.03	0.06

Some Examples

- **Galactic:** (full or partial contribution)
 - diffuse or unidentified Galactic γ -ray emission [Fox, Kashiyama & Meszaros'13
[MA & Murase'13; Neronov, Semikoz & Tchernin'13; Neronov & Semikoz'14; Guo, Hu & Tian'14]
 - extended Galactic emission [Su, Slatjer & Finkbeiner'11; Crocker & Aharonian'11
[Lunardini & Razzaque'12; MA & Murase'13; Razzaque'13; Lunardini *et al.*'13
[Taylor, Gabici & Aharonian'14]
 - heavy dark matter decay [Feldstein *et al.*'13; Esmaili & Serpico '13; Bai, Lu & Salvado'13]
- **Extragalactic:**
 - association with sources of UHE CRs [Kistler, Stanev & Yuksel'13
[Katz, Waxman, Thompson & Loeb'13; Fang, Fujii, Linden & Olinto'14]
 - active galactic nuclei (AGN) [Stecker'91,'13; Kalashev, Kusenkov & Essey'13
[Murase, Inoue & Dermer'14; Kimura, Murase & Toma'14; Kalashev, Semikoz & Tkachev'14]
 - gamma-ray bursts (GRB) [Murase & Ioka'13]
 - starburst galaxies [Loeb & Waxman'06; He *et al.*'13; Yoast-Hull, Gallagher, Zweibel & Everett'13
[Murase, MA & Lacki'13; Anchordoqui *et al.*'14; Chang & Wang'14]
 - hypernovae in star-forming galaxies [Liu *et al.*'13]
 - galaxy clusters/groups [Murase, MA & Lacki'13; Zandanel *et al.*'14]
 - ...

Nearly Isotropic Flux

ICECUBE PRELIMINARY



no significant correlations – spatial or temporal

- too few events to identify sources

Flavor Composition

- Primary production mechanisms for astrophysical neutrinos:
 - $p\gamma$ process: $p\gamma \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow n\pi^+ \rightarrow ne^+\nu_e\bar{\nu}_\mu\nu_\mu$;
 - pp process: $pp \rightarrow \pi^\pm/K^\pm + 2p/n \rightarrow \mu\nu_\mu + 2p/n \rightarrow e\nu_e\bar{\nu}_\mu\nu_\mu + 2p/n$;
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- Neutrino oscillations average over an astronomical distance scale.
- Given a flavor ratio $(f_e^0:f_\mu^0:f_\tau^0)_S$, the corresponding value $(f_e:f_\mu:f_\tau)_E$ on Earth is given by

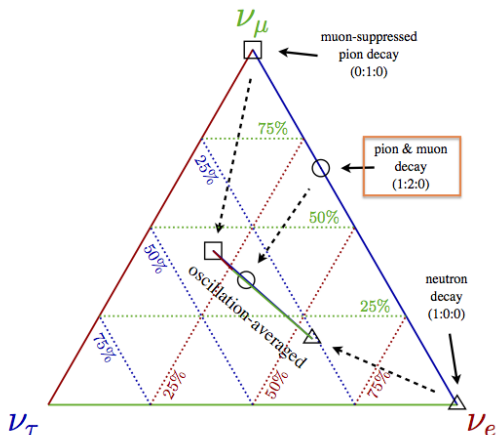
$$f_\ell = \sum_{\ell'=\text{e},\mu,\tau} \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{\ell i}|^2 |U_{\ell' i}|^2 f_{\ell'}^0 \equiv \sum_{\ell'} P_{\ell\ell'} f_{\ell'}^0 .$$

- TBM mixing is a good approximation:

$$P = \frac{1}{18} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 7 & 7 \\ 4 & 7 & 7 \end{pmatrix} .$$

- Predicts $(1:1:1)_E$ at Earth for $(1:2:0)_S$. [J. G. Learned and S. Pakvasa, *Astropart. Phys.* **3**, 267 (1995)]

Other Physical Flavor Compositions



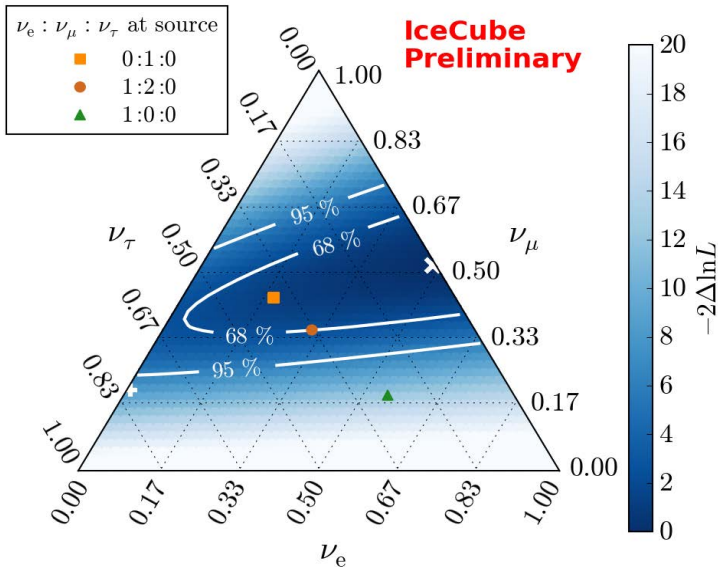
$$(1 : 2 : 0)_S \rightarrow (1 : 1 : 1)_E$$

$$(0 : 1 : 0)_S \rightarrow (4 : 7 : 7)_E$$

$$(1 : 1 : 0)_S \rightarrow (14 : 11 : 11)_E$$

$$(1 : 0 : 0)_S \rightarrow (5 : 2 : 2)_E$$

Flavor Composition from IceCube data



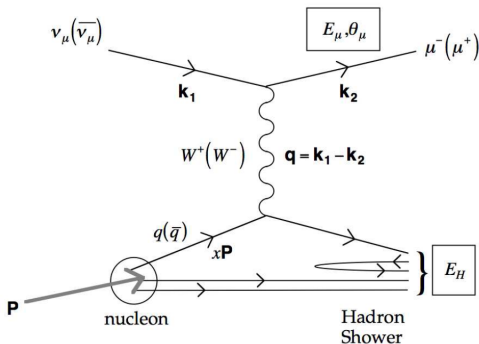
[IceCube Collaboration, ICRC 2015 Proceedings]

Possible (New Physics) Interactions

Several exotic phenomena have been invoked to explain the IceCube events, e.g.

- Decaying (PeV-scale) Dark Matter. [Feldstein, Kusenko, Matsumoto, Yanagida (PRD '13); Esmaili, Serpico (JCAP '13); Bhattacharya, Gandhi, Gupta (JCAP '15); Boucenna *et al* (JCAP '15); Chianese, Miele, Morisi, Vitagliano (PLB '16); BD, Kazanas, Mohapatra, Teplitz, Zhang (JCAP '16);...]
- Secret neutrino interactions involving a light mediator [Ioka, Murase (PTEP '14); Ng, Beacom (PRD '14); Ibe, Kaneta (PRD '14); Kamada, Yu (PRD '15); DiFranzo, Hooper (PRD '15); Altmannshofer, Chen, BD, Soni '16; ...]
- Resonant production of TeV-scale leptoquarks/RPV squarks. [Barger, Keung (PLB '13); Dutta, Gao, Li, Rott, Strigari (PRD '15); Dey, Mohanty (JHEP '15); BD, Ghosh, Rodejohann '16; Mileo, de la Puente, Szykman '16; ...]
- Decay of massive neutrinos to lighter ones over cosmological distance scales [Baerwald, Bustamante, Winter (JCAP '12); Pakvasa, Joshipura, Mohanty (PRL '13)]
- Pseudo-Dirac neutrinos oscillating to sterile ones in a mirror world [Joshipura, Mohanty, Pakvasa (PRD '14)]
- Superluminal neutrinos and Lorentz invariance violation [Stecker, Scully (PRD '14); Anchordoqui *et al.* (PLB '14)]

SM Neutrino-Nucleon Interactions



[R. Gandhi, C. Quigg, M. H. Reno and I. Sarcevic, *Astropart. Phys.* **5**, 81 (1996)]

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{\nu N}^{\text{CC}}}{dx dy} = \frac{2G_F^2 M_N E_\nu}{\pi} \left(\frac{M_W^2}{Q^2 + M_W^2} \right)^2 \left[xq(x, Q^2) + x\bar{q}(x, Q^2)(1 - y)^2 \right],$$

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_{\nu N}^{\text{NC}}}{dx dy} = \frac{G_F^2 M_N E_\nu}{2\pi} \left(\frac{M_Z^2}{Q^2 + M_Z^2} \right)^2 \left[xq^0(x, Q^2) + x\bar{q}^0(x, Q^2)(1 - y)^2 \right],$$

where $x = Q^2 / (2M_N y E_\nu)$ (Bjorken variable), and $y = (E_\nu - E_\ell) / E_\nu$ (inelasticity).

Parton Distribution Functions

- q, \bar{q} (q^0, \bar{q}^0) are respectively the quark and anti-quark density distributions in a proton, summed over valence and sea quarks of all flavors relevant for CC (NC) interactions:

$$q = \frac{u+d}{2} + s + b,$$

$$\bar{q} = \frac{\bar{u}+\bar{d}}{2} + c + t,$$

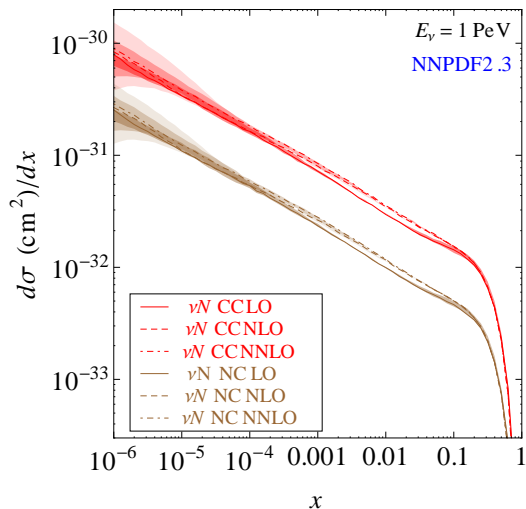
$$q^0 = \frac{u+d}{2}(L_u^2 + L_d^2) + \frac{\bar{u}+\bar{d}}{2}(R_u^2 + R_d^2) + (s+b)(L_d^2 + R_d^2) + (c+t)(L_u^2 + R_u^2),$$

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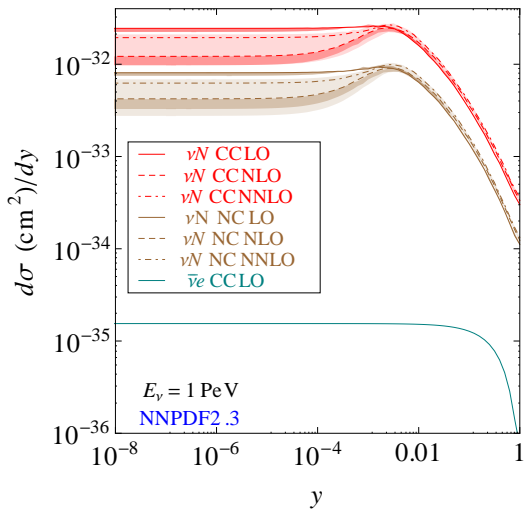
with $L_u = 1 - (4/3)x_W$, $L_d = -1 + (2/3)x_W$, $R_u = -(4/3)x_W$ and $R_d = (2/3)x_W$ (where $x_W = \sin^2 \theta_W$, and θ_W is the weak mixing angle).

- Higher E_ν means probing smaller x -regions (DIS).

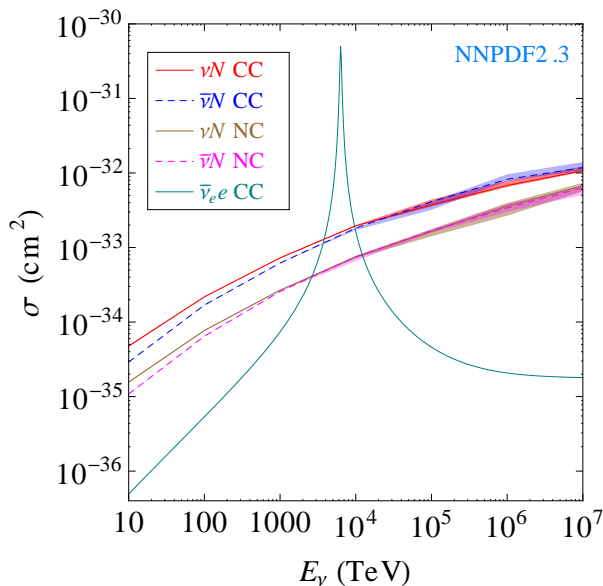
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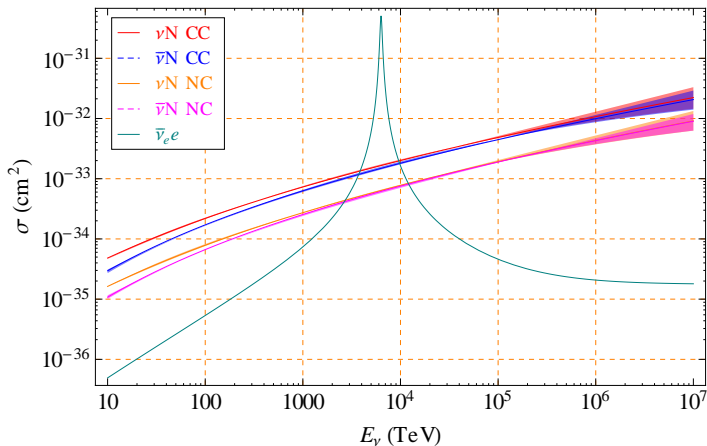
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Total Cross Sections (with MSTW2008)



[from A. Connolly, R. S. Thorne and D. Waters, Phys. Rev. D **83**, 113009 (2011)]

Glashow Resonance

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where $L_e = 2x_W - 1$ and $R_e = 2x_W$ are the chiral couplings of Z to electron.

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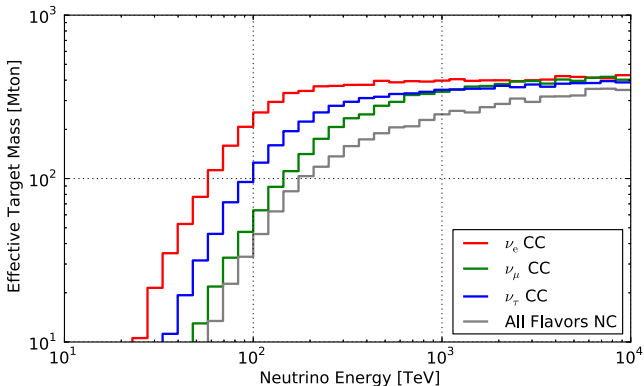
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- Disfavored by a dedicated IceCube analysis. [IceCube Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. **111**, 021103 (2013)]
- A lighter resonance can be similarly ruled out for a range of coupling values, which might otherwise be inaccessible experimentally.

Event Rate

$$N = TN_A\Omega \int_{E_{\min}}^{E_{\max}} dE_{\text{dep}} \int_0^1 dy \Phi(E_\nu) V_{\text{eff}}(E_\nu) S(E_\nu) \frac{d\sigma(E_\nu, y)}{dy}$$

- $T = 988$ (1347) days for the IceCube data collected between 2010-2013 (2014).
- $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1} \equiv 6.022 \times 10^{23} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ water equivalent for interactions with nucleons. For interactions with electrons, $N_A \rightarrow (10/18)N_A$.
- $V_{\text{eff}}(E_\nu) = M_{\text{eff}}(E_\nu)/\rho_{\text{ice}}$ is the effective fiducial volume and $\sim 0.4 \text{ km}^3$ at PeV.

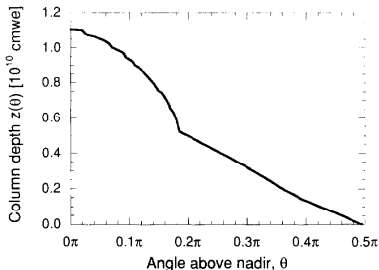
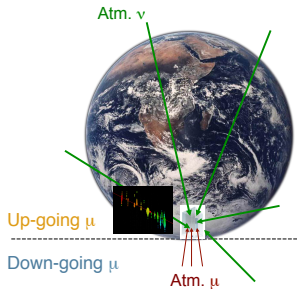


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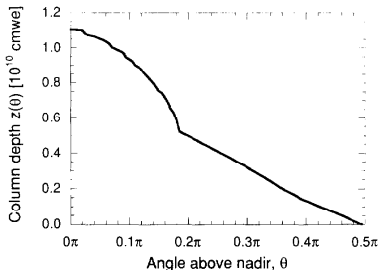
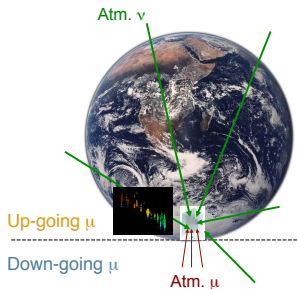


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- Makes Earth opaque to UHE neutrinos, thus limiting the upgoing events above ~ 200 TeV.
- For upgoing τ -neutrinos, include regeneration effects. [S. I. Dutta, M. H. Reno and I. Sarcevic, *Phys. Rev. D* **62**, 123001 (2000); J. F. Beacom, P. Crotty and E. W. Kolb, *Phys. Rev. D* **66**, 021302 (2002)]

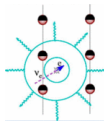
Deposited Energy

- Deposited em-equivalent energy is *always* less than the incoming neutrino energy by a factor which depends on the interaction channel:

$$E_{\text{em,e}} = (1 - y)E_\nu, \quad E_{\text{em,had}} = F_X y E_\nu.$$

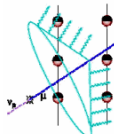
$[F_X = 1 - (E_X/E_0)^{-m}(1 - f_0)]$, with $E_0 = 0.399$ GeV, $m = 0.130$ and $f_0 = 0.467$ from simulations of hadronic vertex cascade [M. P. Kowalski, Ph.D. thesis, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (2004)]

- Contained vertex search to veto atmospheric background].



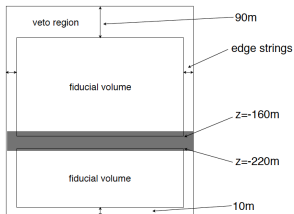
Cascades:

- e-m and hadronic cascades
- $\nu_{e(\tau)} + N \rightarrow e(\tau) + X$
- $\nu_f + N \rightarrow \nu_f + X \quad f = e, \mu, \tau$
- Resolutions, cascades contained in the detector
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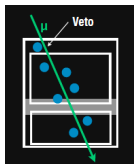


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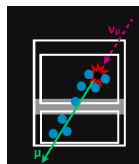
- $\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \mu + X$
- through-going muons
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- pointing resolution $< 1^\circ$



Reject incoming muons when "early charge" in veto region



Reject



Accept

Astrophysical Neutrino Flux

- Parametrize by a single-component unbroken power-law:

$$\Phi(E_\nu) = \Phi_0 \left(\frac{E_\nu}{E_0} \right)^{-\gamma}$$

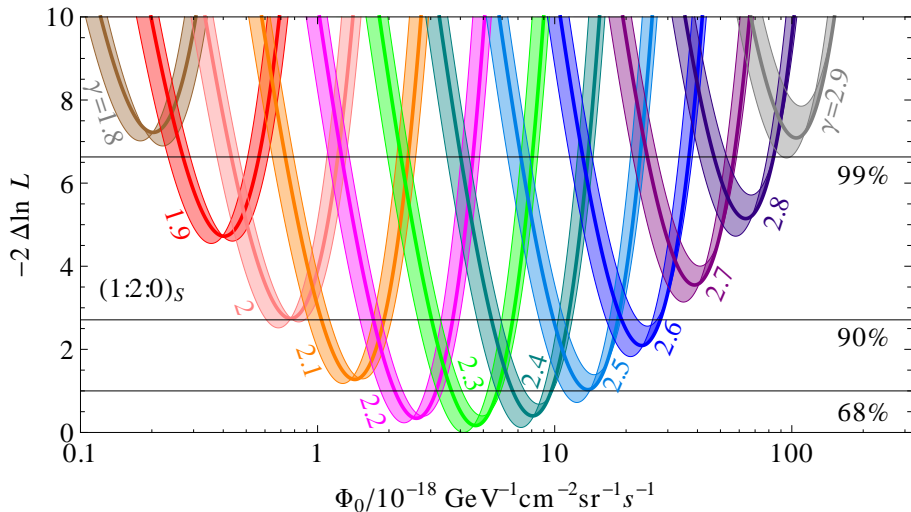
where Φ_0 is the total $\nu + \bar{\nu}$ flux for all flavors at $E_0 = 100$ TeV in units of $\text{GeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{sr}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$.

- The exact value of γ depends on the source evolution model.
- Expected to be between 2 and 2.5 for standard astrophysical sources (such as GRBs, AGNs).
- Upper bound on diffuse neutrino flux: [E. Waxman and J. N. Bahcall, Phys. Rev. D **59**, 023002 (1999)]

$$[E_\nu^2 \Phi_\nu]_{\text{WB}} \approx 2.3 \times 10^{-8} \epsilon_\pi \xi_Z \text{ GeVcm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$$

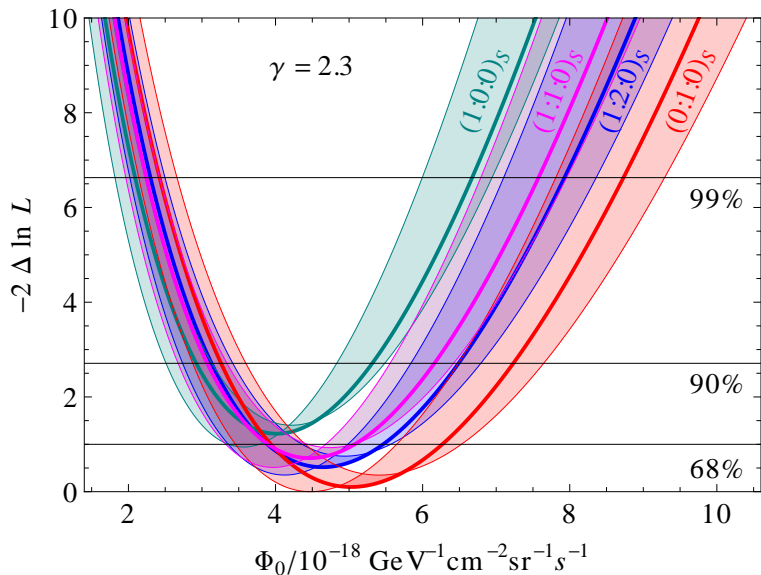
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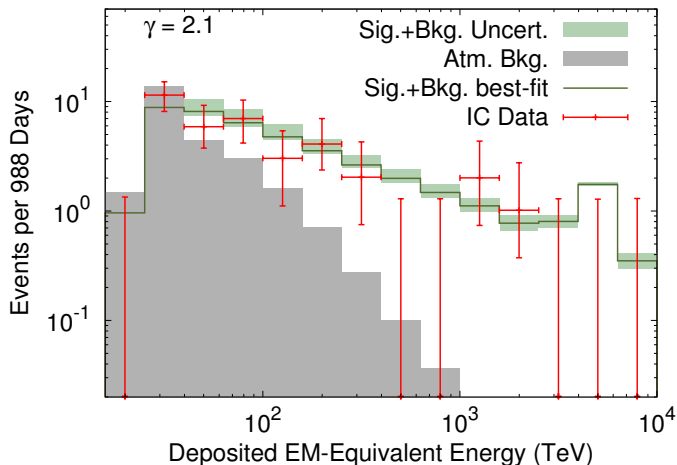


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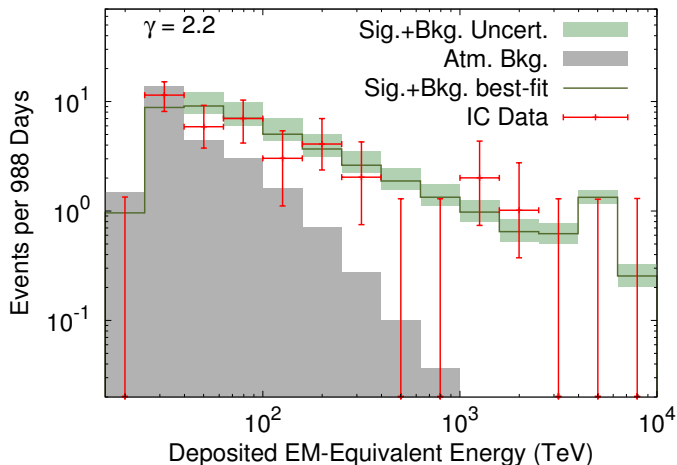


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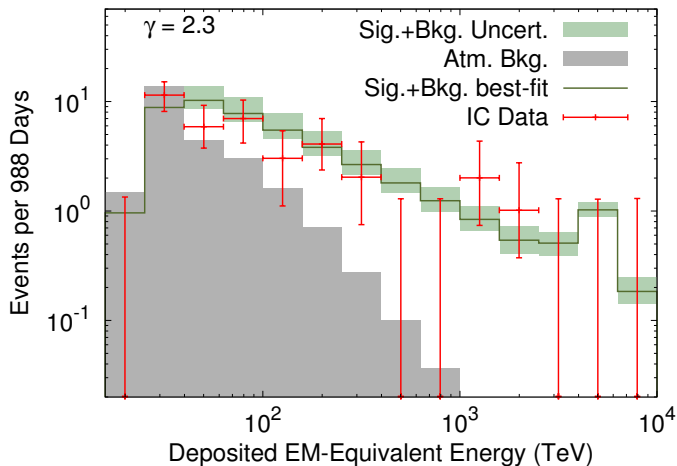
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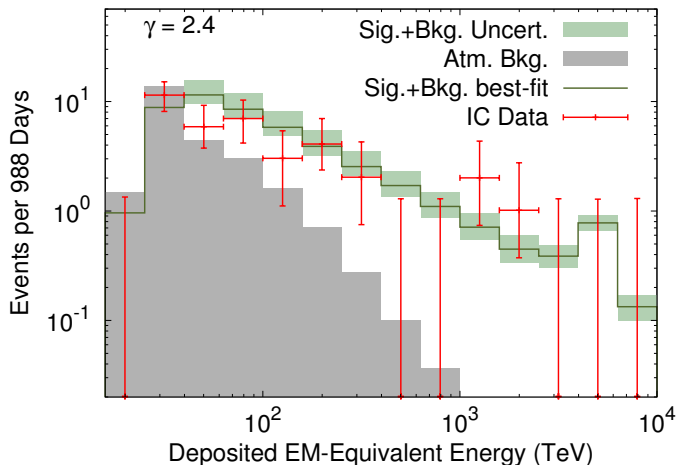
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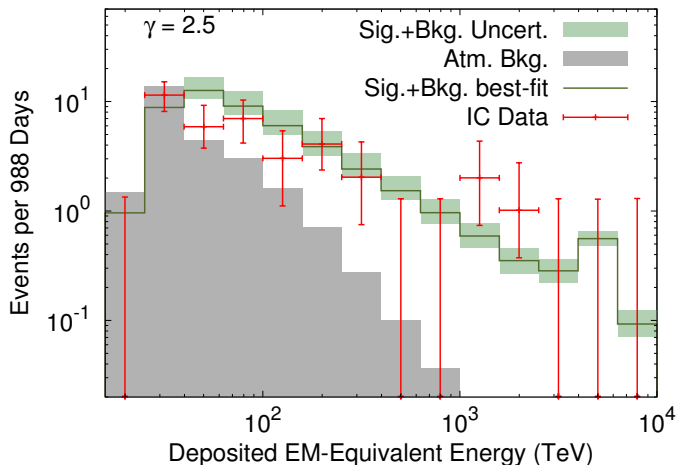
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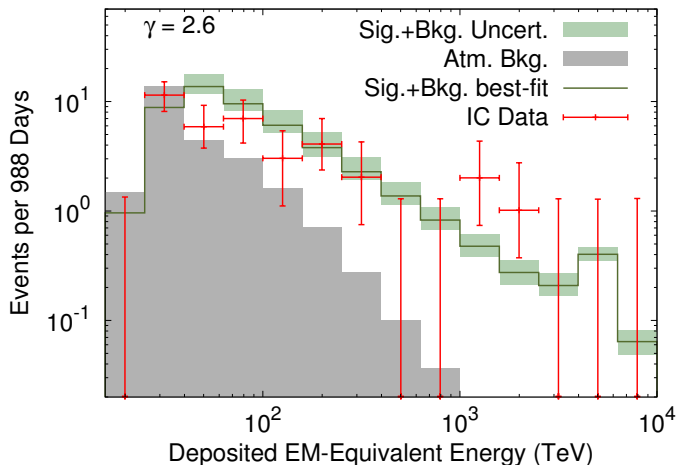
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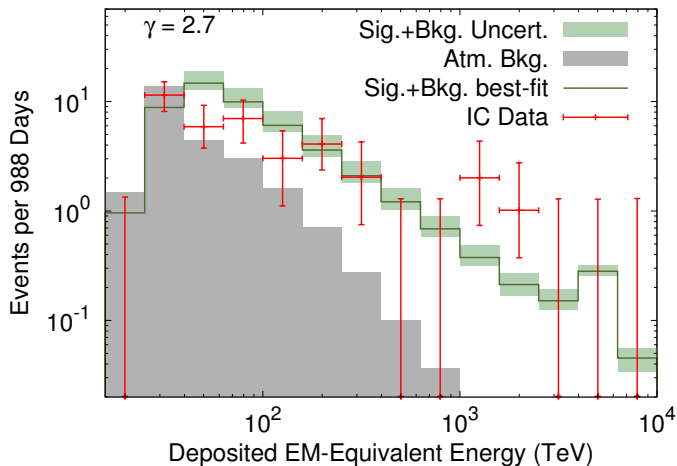
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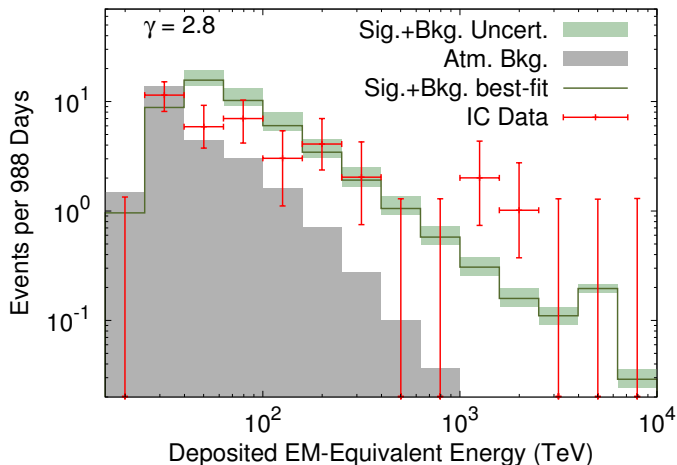
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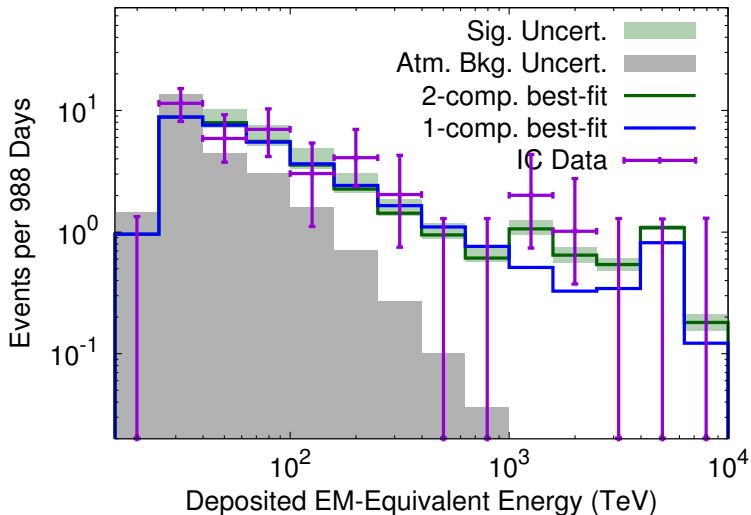
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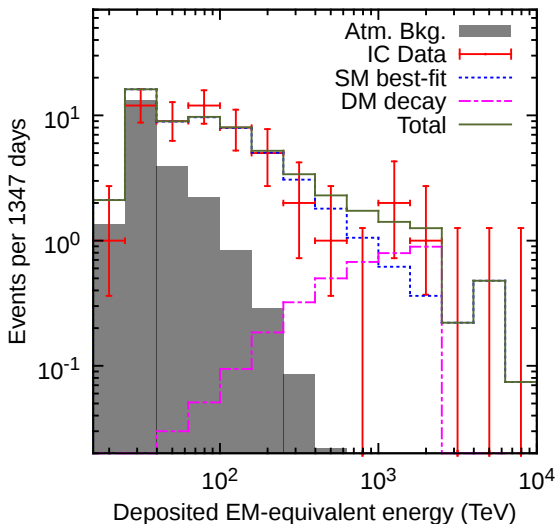
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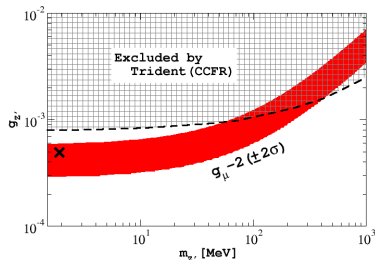
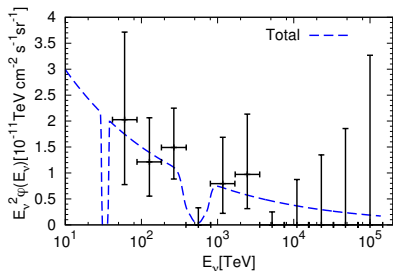


A Possible BSM Solution



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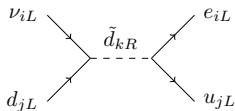
- Invoke exotic lepton flavor violating interactions mediated by an MeV-scale Z' .
- Absorption by relic neutrinos could explain the gap between 400 TeV - 1 PeV [T. Araki, F. Kaneko, Y. Konishi, T. Ota, J. Sato and T. Shimomura, Phys. Rev. D **91**, 037301 (2015)]
- New Z' interactions could also explain the longstanding $(g - 2)_\mu$ anomaly.



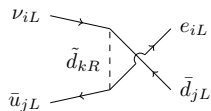
- Requires a non-trivial (asymmetric) flavor structure for $Z' \bar{\ell}_\alpha \ell_\beta$ couplings.
- Other consequences like LFV τ decays. [W. Altmannshofer, C.-Y. Chen, BD and A. Soni, arXiv:1607.06832 [hep-ph]]

RPV SUSY at IceCube

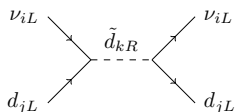
$$\mathcal{L}_{LQD} = \lambda'_{ijk} \left[\tilde{\nu}_{iL} \bar{d}_{kR} d_{jL} + \tilde{d}_{jL} \bar{d}_{kR} \nu_{iL} + \tilde{d}_{kR}^* \bar{\nu}_{iL}^c d_{jL} - \tilde{e}_{iL} \bar{d}_{kR} u_{jL} - \tilde{u}_{jL} \bar{d}_{kR} e_{iL} - \tilde{d}_{kR}^* \bar{e}_{iL}^c u_{jL} \right] + \text{H.c.}$$



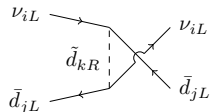
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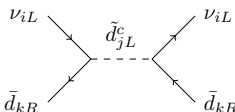
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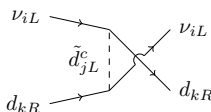
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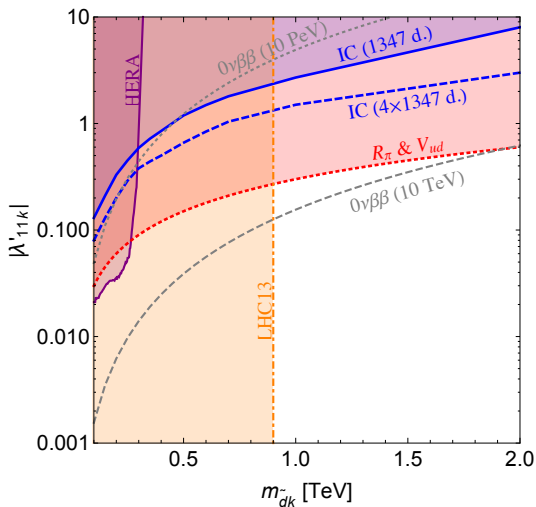


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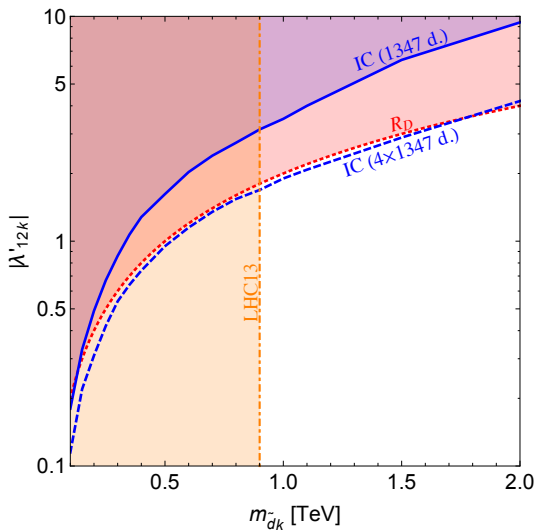
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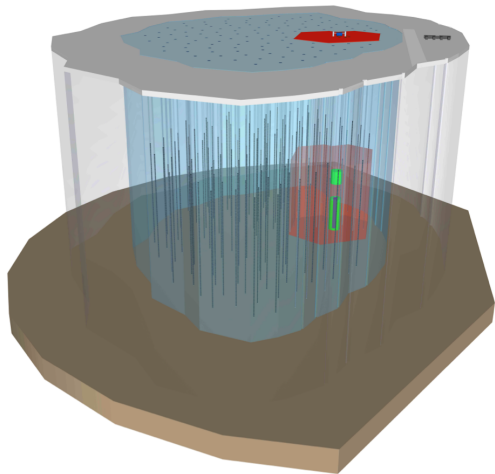
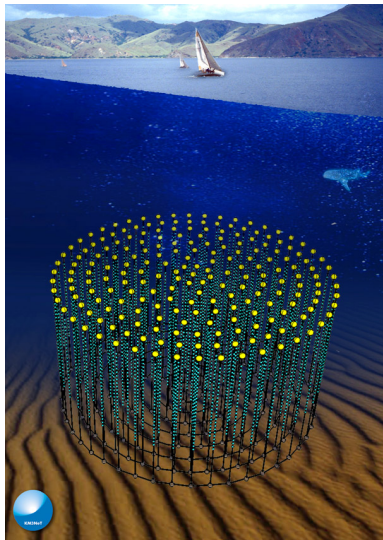
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Future Prospects (KM3NET, IceCube-Gen2)



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