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Astro and Supernova Neutrinos: Particle Physics Questions

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Astro and SN Neutrinos

PeV Neutrinos



See talk by
Walter Winter

Supernova Neutrinos



See talk by
Alessandro Mirizzi

PeV Neutrinos

High-Energy Neutrino Astronomy

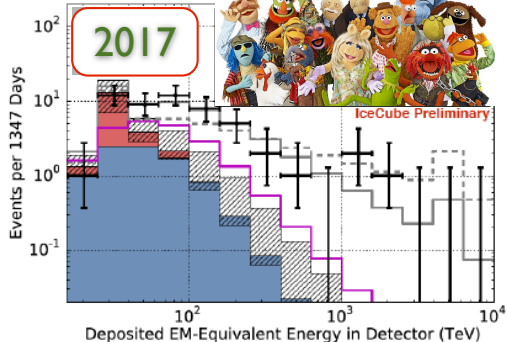
2013

"Bert"

"Ernie"



2017

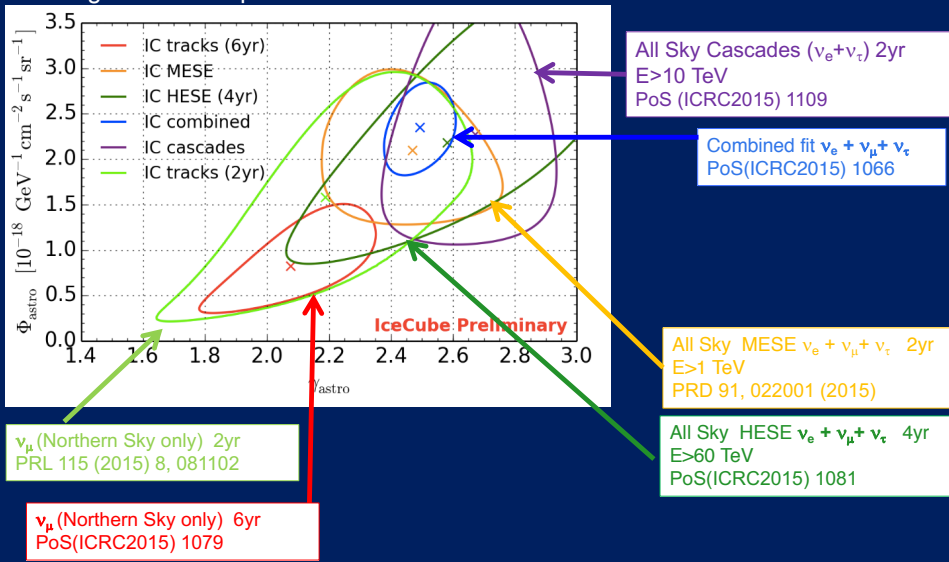


- ★ IceCube observed 54 events over four years in the 25 TeV-2.8 PeV range.
- ★ Zenith Distribution compatible with isotropic flux.
- ★ Flavor distribution consistent with $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau = 1 : 1 : 1$.

7σ evidence for astrophysical flux

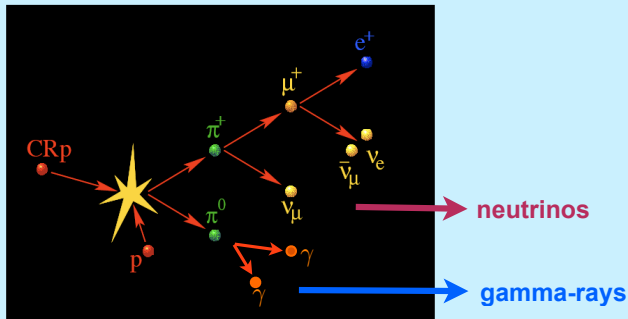
Measured Astrophysical Flux

Assumed equal ν flavor ratios $(f_e:f_\mu:f_\tau)_\oplus = 1:1:1$ at Earth
and single unbroken power-law fit



Neutrino Production in Astro Sources

Hadronic interactions



Lepto-hadronic interactions

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow n + \pi^+, p + \pi^0$$

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow K^+ + \Lambda / \Sigma .$$



$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu ,$$

$$\mu^+ \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e + e^+$$

$$\pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu ,$$

$$\mu^- \rightarrow \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_e + e^-$$

$$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu ,$$

$$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$

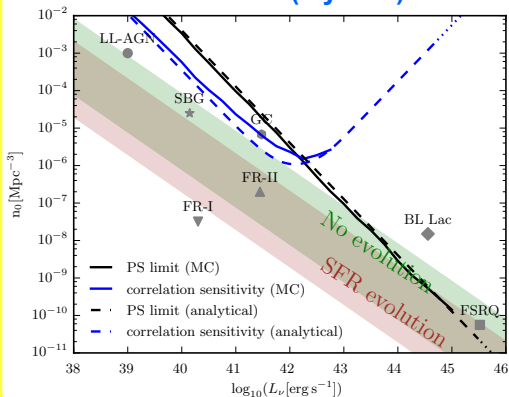
Where Are These Neutrinos Coming from?

- ★ New physics?
- ★ Galactic origin [sub-dominant contribution]
- ★ **Extragalactic origin [flux compatible with Waxman & Bahcall bound]**
 - Star-forming galaxies
 - Gamma-ray bursts
 - Active galactic nuclei
 - Low-power or choked sources

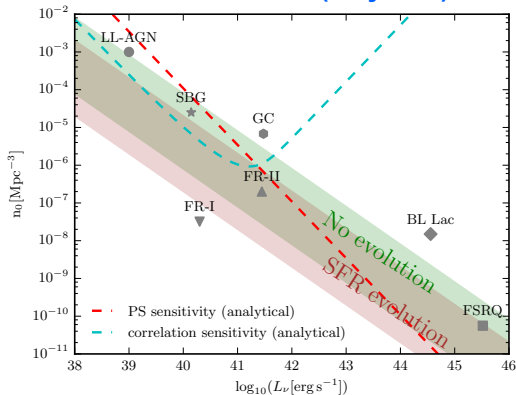
Warning: More statistics needed! No strong preference so far.

Sources Parameter Space

IceCube (7 years)



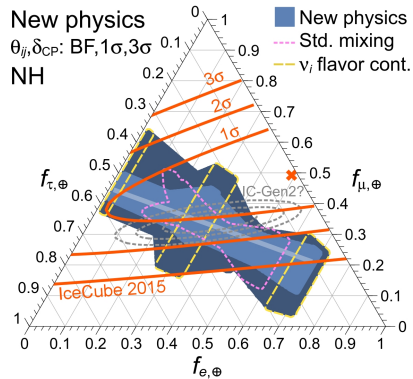
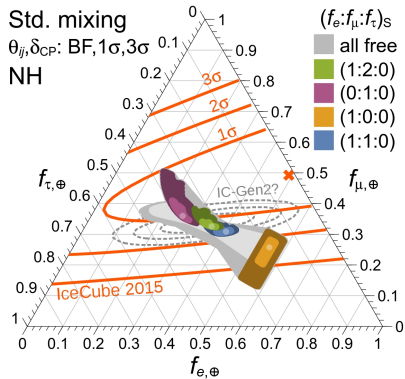
IceCube-Gen2 (10 years)



IceCube-Gen2 will probe ~half of parameter space of known sources (w/ ν data only).

- More than one source likely composes the flux we observe. What are the most powerful ways to disentangle pp from p-gamma contributions?

Flavor Composition

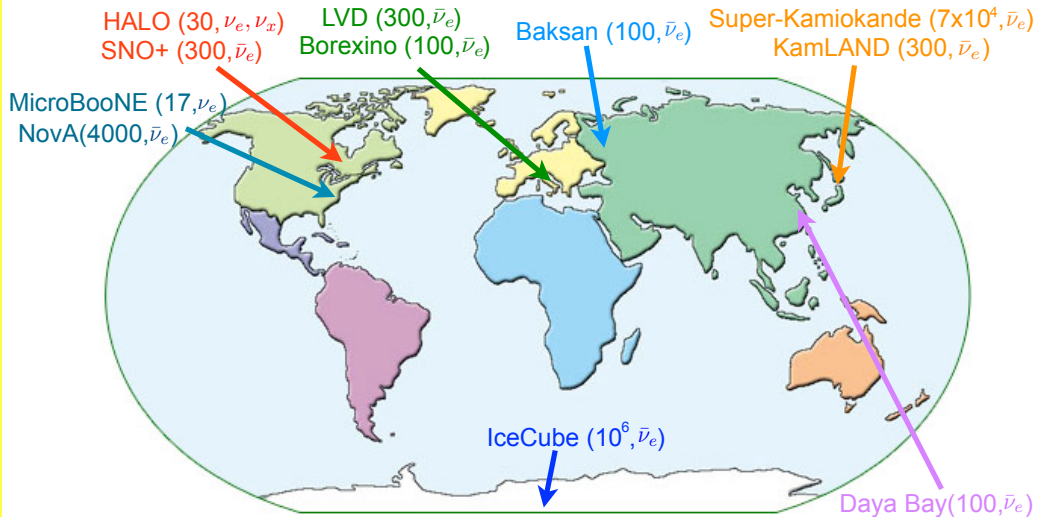


Not yet possible to pinpoint the production mechanism.

- Can we test non-standard physics despite uncertainty on flavor ratio (vs. multiple sources)?
- If IceCube/Gen2 won't pin down exact flavor ratio, how do we test BSM physics in source?

Supernova Neutrinos

Are We Ready For SN 20XXa?



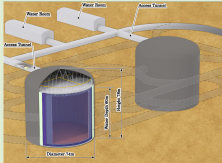
Expected number of events for a SN at 10 kpc and dominant flavor sensitivity in parenthesis.

Fundamental to combine the SN signal seen in detectors employing different technologies.

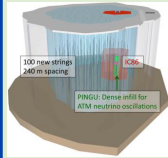
Next Generation Large Scale Detectors

Cherenkov telescopes ($\bar{\nu}_e$)

Hyper-Kamiokande (10^5)

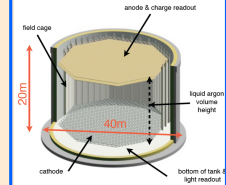


IceCube-Gen2 PINGU (10^6)



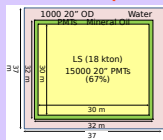
Liquid Argon detectors (ν_e)

DUNE (3000)

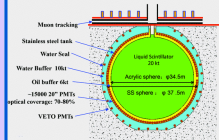


Scintillation detectors ($\bar{\nu}_e$)

RENO-50 (5400)



JUNO (6000)



Dark Matter Detectors ($\nu_{e,x}, \bar{\nu}_{e,x}$)

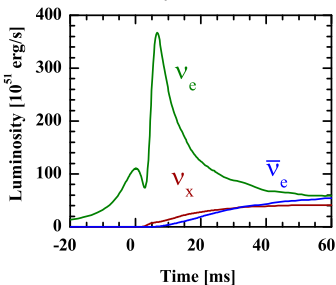
e.g., DARWIN (700)



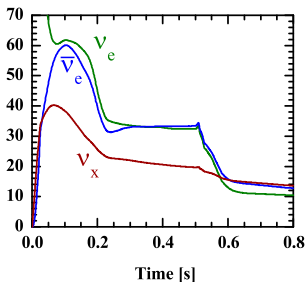
- Do we have under control cross-sections, systematics?

Neutrino Signal (SM Physics)

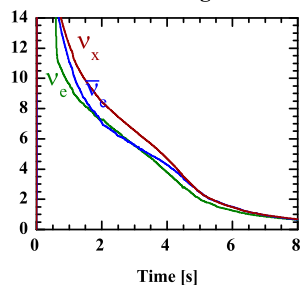
ν_e Burst



Accretion



Cooling



Signal independent on SN mass and EoS.

- SN distance.
- (Test oscillation physics.)

Signal has strong variations (mass, EoS, 3D effects).

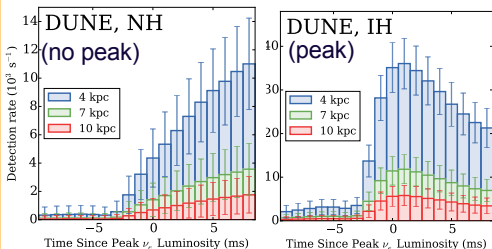
- Core collapse astrophysics.
- (Test oscillation physics.)

EoS and mass dependence.

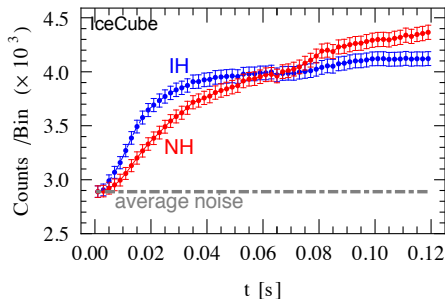
- Test nuclear physics.
- Nucleosynthesis.

Early SN Neutrino Signal

Neutrinos



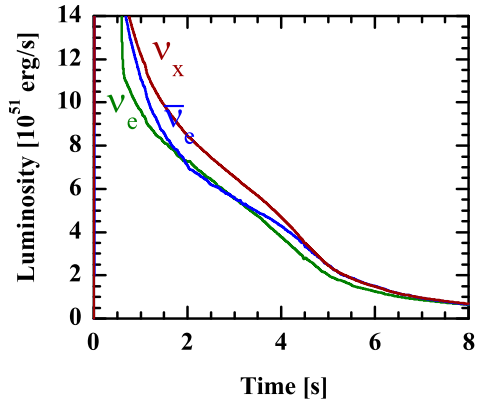
Antineutrinos



- Complementary test of mass ordering.
- If mass ordering known, test oscillations in dense media.
- keV sterile neutrino bounds, NSI.

- How do we plan to improve our understanding of oscillations in dense media?

Cooling Neutrino Signal



Emission of BSM particles could steal energy from the burst and shorten it.

- How do we distinguish among sterile neutrinos, NSI, exotic DM particles?
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Thank you for your attention!