# **Cosmic Neutrinos**

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- hierarchy of masses: normal or inverted? ( $v_e$ ,  $v_{\mu}$ ,  $v_{\tau}$ )



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## Impact of mass hierarchy:

- constraint for models of neutrino mass
- neutrinoless double-beta decay:



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- Galaxy, AGN's, ...
- decay/annihilations of cosmic relics

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 $\bullet$  reflection for  $\rho > \rho_{nuc},$  generation of out-going shock wave



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## Neutrino emission from proto-neutron stars



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use only things in which you are sure:

- shock wave
- Earth matter effect
- neutronization burst

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• eigenvalues:  $m_i^2 = \frac{A}{2} \mp \sqrt{(\Delta m^2 \cos 2\theta - A)^2 + (\Delta m^2 \sin 2\theta)^2}$ 



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### Adiabaticity at resonance:



depends on  $\Delta m^2/E$ , mixing angle, density profile

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- position of resonance is energy dependent
  - $\Rightarrow$  energy binned  $\bar{\nu}_{e}$  spectra allows tomography of SN



[Tomàs, MK, Raffelt, Dighe, Scheck, Janka '04]

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## Statistical significance: SuperKamiokande



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- Fourier transform of "inverse" energy spectrum y = 1/E



$$G(k) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\text{events}} e^{iky}$$

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galactic SN & water Cherenkov/scintillation detector allows

- identification of neutrino mixing scenario
- a lot of astrophysics

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- example: galactic CR source near Cygnus region, if nuclei are accelerated [MK, P. Serpico '05 ]

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## Galactic anisotropy around $E = 10^{18}$ eV: significance



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## Deflection of charged particles in Galactic *B*-field:



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## Fit of neutron source at GC in Leaky Box model:



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## **Top-Down Models**

UHECR primaries are produced by decays of supermassive particle X with  $M_X \gtrsim 10^{12}$  GeV.

• topological defects: monopoles, strings, ...

[Hill '83; Ostriker, Thompson, Witten '86]

superheavy metastable particles

[Berezinsky, MK, Vilenkin '97; Kuzmin, Rubakov '97]

#### Advantages:

- no acceleration problem
- no visible sources
- if  $X \in CDM$ , no GZK-cutoff
- theoretically motivated; testable predictions

Fragmentation of heavy particles

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•  $M_X \gtrsim 10^6$  GeV,  $\Rightarrow$  naive perturbation theory breaks down: electroweak and SUSY sector have a QCD-like behavior ("jets")

[Berezinsky, MK '98, Berezinsky, MK, Ostapchenko '02)]

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## Neutrino fluxes from topological defects:



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## Summary

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- Cosmic neutrinos encompass 24 orders in energy from 2.7 K relic background to UHE neutrinos with  $10^{20}$  eV
- Relic neutrinos allow to test the absolute neutrino masses (LSS, Z-Burst model)
- SN neutrinos may identify mass hierarchy and  $\theta_{13}$
- Cygnus neutrinos as test for  $\delta_{CP}$  and  $\theta_{13}$
- HE neutrinos as test for SUSY DM and new interactions
- UHE neutrinos are one of best tests for Lorentz invariance
- UHE neutrinos test superheavy dark matter or topological defects

essential: interplay between particle physics, astrophysics and cosmology

#### 3-v level crossing schemes



• *H*-resonance:  $(\Delta m_{\rm atm}^2, \theta_{13}), \rho \sim 10^3 {\rm g/cm^3}$ 

- *L*-resonance:  $(\Delta m_{\odot}^2, \theta_{\odot})$ ,  $\rho \sim 10 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- $\Delta m^2$  hierarchy  $\Rightarrow$  resonances are independent

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#### Adiabaticity at H and L resonances



SN neutrino spectra sensitive for

- $|U_{e3}|^2 \gtrsim 10^{-3}$  or  $|U_{e3}|^2 \lesssim 10^{-3}$
- normal or inverted mass hierarchy

- L always adiabatic
- H adiabatic for  $|U_{e3}|^2 \gtrsim 10^{-3}$ , non-adadiabatic for  $|U_{e3}|^2 \lesssim 10^{-3}$
- *H* in v<sub>e</sub> channel for normal hierarchy
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   *e* channel for inverted hierarchy

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#### Earth matter effects II

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$$F_{\bar{\nu}_{e}} = \sin^{2}\Theta_{12}F_{\nu_{x}}^{0} + \cos^{2}\Theta_{12}F_{\bar{\nu}_{e}}^{0} + \Delta F^{0}\bar{A}_{\oplus}\sin^{2}(\overline{\Delta m_{\oplus}^{2}}Ly)$$

$$(F_{\bar{\nu}_{e}}^{0} - F_{\nu_{x}}^{0}) \qquad \sin 2\bar{\Theta}_{12}^{\oplus}\sin(2\bar{\Theta}_{12}^{\oplus} - 2\Theta_{12}) \qquad (12.5/E)$$

- coefficient  $\Delta F^0 ar{A}_\oplus$  varies slowly with E
- neutrino spectrum as function of  $y \equiv 12.5/E$  oscillate with frequency  $k_{\oplus}$  fast around primary spectrum

Oscillation frequency:  $k_{\oplus} \equiv 2\overline{\Delta m_{\oplus}^2}L$ 

- completely independent of the primary neutrino spectra
- depends only on solar oscillation parameters, Earth density and the distance traveled through the Earth

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allows to measure SN distance with 10% precision

### Observable 3: $v_e$ neutronization burst

• peak in time-binned spectra disappears for normal hierarchy and "large  $\theta_{13}$ "





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## Sensitivity of future LBL experiments:

#### Sensitivity to $\sin^2 2\theta_{13}$



### Scintillation vs. water Cherenkov detectors:

