Working Group Overview: Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) Physics

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Working groups is where different collaborators with shared interests, science goals and analysis methods come together. The boundaries are somewhat arbitrary and mostly for organizational purposes.

Why Beyond the Standard Model



"Normal" baryonic matter. Stars, gas, planets, people... Standard Model Physics

The Standard Model is incomplete.We know that because:Neutrino oscillationsDark Matter

 And other observational anomalies...

Astrophysical Neutrinos and New Physics



 Probe a parameter space in particle physics (GeV—PeV) that is not accessible in other experiments (beam dump/accelerators).

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Dark halo

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Searching for New Physics Look for interactions between the "dark sector" and the Standard Model world. Signatures of new physics could show up in neutrino directions, spectrum and flavor.

Search for Dark Matter Annihilation to Neutrinos

Several analyses in progress searching for DM annihilation in the Sun, Earth and nearby galaxies.



Recent Work



Galactic Center

Solar DM

The burden of proof is really high in this area



Physics of Neutrinos



BSM analyses look for flavor ratios that may be compatible with new physics



https://arxiv.org/pdf/2405.14826v1

Exotics

- We can also use IceCube's large volume to look for signatures of new particles predicted by extensions of the standard model
- Monopoles, long-lived particles, heavy neutral leptons...



Credit: Alexander Burgman

Lorentz Invariance Violation



FIG. 1: Schematic figure of the test of LV with atmospheric neutrinos in IceCube. Muon neutrinos produced in the upper atmosphere are detected by IceCube in Antarctica. The potential signal is the anomalous disappearance of muon neutrinos, which might be caused by the presence of a hypothetical LV field that permeates space. The effect can be directional (arrows), but in this analysis we test the isotropic component. Fundamental symmetry of nature that guarantees different inertial observers see the same physics. Can be violated in extensions of SM producing effects in neutrino measurements by IceCube.

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WG Intro

- <u>Wiki page</u>
- Biweekly phone calls. Alternate Tuesdays at 9 am Eastern/3 pm CET/10 pm Japan time.
- Mailing list <u>beyond_sm-wg@icecube.wisc.edu</u>
- Slack #<u>bsm</u>



List of on-going analyses

How to Get Started

- Attend WG phone calls, If you would like to present at an upcoming call, please request a slot using this form.
- Present your analysis idea and receive feedback
- Things to consider:
 - What physics question you're addressing
 - What kind of data sample would you need
 - Analysis and reconstruction software to use
 - What has already been done in this area, both in and outside IceCube.
- Blind analysis: Evaluate sensitivity on scrambled data or burn sample
- WG reviewer
- Collaboration reviewer
- Technical/code review
- Unblinding plan and request
- Approval -> unblind -> discovery of a lifetime publication
- <u>Analysis steps</u>