High-energy neutrino astronomy

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Cosmic Ray Spectra of Various Experiments



origin of cosmic rays: oldest problem in astronomy



cosmic ray challenge

both the energy of the particles and the *luminosity* of the accelerators are large

gravitational energy from collapsing stars is converted into particle acceleration?

Role of cosmic rays

M. Ackermann

	Energy density
Cosmic rays	0.8 eV / cm ³
СМВ	0.3 eV / cm ³
Starlight	0.5 eV / cm ³
Magnetic fields	~ 0.3 eV / cm ³
Gas pressure	~ 0.5 eV / cm ³



- Cosmic Rays in **astrophysics**:
 - Heat the interstellar gas
 - Interact with the magnetic fields
 - Influence star formation

Important for galaxy dynamics

- Cosmic Rays as "organic" particle physics lab:
 - Energies beyond human-made colliders
 - "Luminosity" from entire universe
 - Natural "energy scan"

Provide hints towards for solutions of fundamental problems

What does this value – EeV – actually mean for the accelerator?





Lorentz force = centrifugal force
$$E_{max} \sim q \ B \ R$$
 $E_{max} \sim 300,000,000 \ TeV$ = tennis ball $E_{max} \sim 13 \ TeV$ = mosquito $B \sim 1 \ mT - 1 \ T$ $B > 8 \ T$ $B > 8 \ T$ $R \sim 4.3 \ km$



PeV photons interact with microwave photons (411/cm³) before reaching our telescopes

Neutrinos: not deflected and not absorbed

 $\gamma + \gamma_{\rm CMB} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$

 e^+

e

 V_{II}

π°

SHOCKWAVE

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Astrophysical accelerator

SHOCKWAVE

Physics of astrophysical neutrino sources = physics of cosmic ray sources Magnetic deflection of charged CR

JVA

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Particle cascade

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 π -

Origin of multiple messengers

Photo-hadronic interactions of CR

$$p + \gamma \to \Delta^+ \to \begin{cases} n + \pi^+ & 1/3 \text{ of all cases} \\ p + \pi^0 & 2/3 \text{ of all cases} \end{cases}$$

Neutrino emission

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

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

Photon emission

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

Most of the radiation is EM \otimes



Explore unknown astrophysics beyond electromagnetic horizon



Dawn: Markov's idea to use Cherenkov photons in large water volumes

History write-ups:

- U. Katz & C. Spiering, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys., 2012, 1111.0507
- C. Spiering EPJH, 2012, 1207.4952
- A. Roberts, Rev. Mod. Phys.
 64, 1992
- Following slides source from these papers

M.Markov, **1960**:

Moisej Markov

We propose to install detectors deep in a lake or in the sea and to determine the direction of charged particles with the help of Cherenkov radiation **Bruno Pontecorvo**

charged secondary particles produced as the neutrino disappears



nuclear interaction

neutrino

lattice of photomultipliers



- muon travels from 50 m ulletto 50 km through the water at the speed of light emitting blue light along its track
- speed of light in water • ~ $3/4 \text{ c} \rightarrow \text{shockwave}$

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- 3 km deep South Pole glacier
- ultra-transparent ice below 1.35 km

runway

absorption length: 100 ~ 250+ m

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IceCube

The Digital Optical Modules (DOM)





architecture of independent DOMs

10 inch pmt

LED flasher board





main board

HV board

... each Digital Optical Module independently collects light signals like this, digitizes them,



...time stamps them with 2 nanoseconds precision, and sends them to a computer that sorts them into events...

Due to the sub-zero conditions, most deployment mistakes can not be corrected later.

eurresv E. Jacobi

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IceCube gallery



Run 113641 Event 33553254

[Ons, 16748ns]

PeV event fills Academia Sinica Campus

UW campus, Madison

Detection neutrinos: charged current events – the TRACKS



Detection neutrinos: charged current events - the TRACKS



IceCube masterclass



Neutrino interacted outside the volume \rightarrow only energy of passing muon can be reconstructed

Track reconstruction is relatively simple



Detection neutrinos: charged current and neutral current – the CASCADES



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Look at the timing asymmetry: red early, blue late

Light emission contained in detector \rightarrow good energy resolution

Cascade reconstruction, anything else than simple





Here's a catch: look at 10 milliseconds in a gigaton detector



Muons detected per year:

- Atmospheric $\mu \sim 10^{11}$ (3000 per second)
- Atmospheric* $\nu \rightarrow \mu \sim 10^5$ (1 every 6 minutes)
- Cosmic** v $\rightarrow \mu \sim 10^2$

Atmospheric muons & neutrinos – same processes as in astrophysical sources



The back- or fore-grounds are large



Suppressing atmospheric muons through a veto





HESE: High-Energy Starting Events

Strong suppression, but only at high energy and for downgoing v (South)





Result: evidence for astrophysical neutrinos

IceCube, 7.5 yrs, 2011.03545




Through-going tracks

Fiducial volume much much larger than the cubic kilometer



Tracks indistiguishable from foreground but but stick out due to high energy



J. Stettner, PhD thesis, RWTH Aachen

Candidate neutrino sources

Source candidates

Hillas plot



First constraint: Non-exotic acceleration mechanisms constrain size and magnetic field of the source

 $E_{max} \sim q B R$

Second constraint, power budget: power in CR measured → number density and luminosity

• Promising candidates:

- AGN: Active Galactic Nuclei (Supermassive Black Holes)
- Gamma-Ray Bursts

- Tidal disruption events
- Star-burst galaxies

AGN types

- Active galaxies harbor an active supermassive black hole
- Names like Seyfert gal. or blazar refer to the orientation and accretion state
- Gigantic objects!! known to emit high-energy photons
- Neutrinos?



IceCube 170922



IC-170922A



23.7±2.8 TeV muon energy loss in the detector, 15 arcmin error (50% containment)







290 TeV detects a flaring blazar within 0.06° original GCN Notice Fri 22 Sep 17 20:55:13 UT



TeV atmospheric Cherenkov telescopes

HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS

gamma ray



Core region of an active galaxy



- Blazar = (observer looks into the jet)
- SMBH drives accretion disk
- The radiation from the disk heats the environment; BLR and Torus
- Accretion of matter drives jet? (galactic dimensions ~ kpc)
- Turbulent flow and plasma instabilities in the jet form radiation zones (blobs)
- Electrons and protons? accelerate to ~PeV energies for some sources
- Radiation off relativistic particles
 produces observed spectrum

Animations by <u>Science Communication Lab</u> and DESY: 47 check out <u>https://multimessenger.desy.de/</u> for interactive version

Radiation from the "blob"





Source modeling



Numerical modelling



Modeling TXS



- One or multiple emission regions (blob or plasmoid)
- Spherical in its rest frame
- Particle momenta and radiation isotropic
- Injection of accelerated particles (no explicit simulation)
- Particles escape at constant rate

Time-dependent lepto-hadronic Code (AM³) (Gao, Pohl, Winter APJ 843, 2017)

$$\partial_t n(\gamma, t) = -\partial_\gamma \{ \dot{\gamma}(\gamma, t) n(\gamma, t) - \partial_\gamma [D(\gamma, t) n(\gamma, t)]/2 \} - \alpha(\gamma, t) n(\gamma, t) + Q(\gamma, t)$$

The spectrum of a blazar – synchrotron-self-Compton model



More complex geometry required – two-zone (core) model





- Large zone r~10^{17.5} cm for quiescent state
- Flare generated through formation of a compact core r_{core}~10¹⁶ cm during the short period of the flare
- To power the core 7xL_{Edd} (Eddington Luminosity = max. "black hole radiation power") needed to explain observations
- Neutrino rate is ~0.3/yr, consistent with the observation of one neutrino during the flare

What did we find out about neutrino sources after 12 years of data taking?

- Active galaxies might be the sources of some astrophysical neutrinos (1-20%)
- "Normal" galaxies are likely not bright enough to be observed and also unlikely to contribute the rest of neutrinos
- Other astrophysical objects (GRB, TDE,...) can also contribute a few percent
- But, we still don't know the dominant sources of:
 - Astrophysical neutrinos
 - High- and Ultra-high energy cosmic rays
- Centrury-old mystery still unresolved!



IceCube <u>1903.04334</u> (Astro2020 WP)

The future is BRIGHT



Also under development: - P-ONE in Canada - TRIDENT in China

IceCube Gen-2: construction starts 2024+2, physics after 2030 (IC, arxiv:2008.04323)

IceCube Gen-2 (after 2026), IC Upgrade starts next year 🔭 AUSTRAL University of

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Some theory challenges of the TXS0506+056 MM observation



Why is the neutrino is detected during a flare and not during quiscence?

Padovani, Resconi, Glauch, Huber, et al. (MNRAS 2018)



Delayed or flikering emission of TeV photons

the first Glashow resonance event: anti- v_e + atomic electron \rightarrow real W at 6.3 PeV



partially contained event with energy 6.3 PeV



Glashow resonance: anti- v_e + atomic electron \rightarrow real W





- partially-contained PeV search
- visible energy is 93%
- \rightarrow resonance: E_V = 6.3 PeV

- energy measurement understood
- shower consistent with the hadronic decay of a weak intermediate boson W





 $\overline{\nu}_e$



- hadronic (quark-antiquark decay of the W) versus electromagnetic shower radiated by a high energy background cosmic ray muon?
- muons from pions (v=c) outrace the light propagating in ice that is produced by the electromagnetic component (v<c)

Menu

1. Introduction to Neutrino Telescopes

- Initial ideas
- Origin of today's detector designs
- The present detectors (focus on IceCube)
- The different "lenses" or "event types" of a neutrino telescope
- Foregrounds and vetos
- 2. Multimessenger (MM) Highlight: the TXS 0506+056 blazar
 - Intro to blazars
 - Observational signatures of the MM event
 - Modeling MM blazar emission
 - Models that could be tested with only one observed neutrino
 - Limitations of MM techniques when data is sparse
- 3. Next steps in Neutrino Astronomy

DUMAND: birth of modern neutrino astronomy (1973+)



The Baikal NT200: the first detector that was "almost" constructed









NT-200 module



1996: First upgoing muon neutrino detected by neutrino telescope



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NT-86 module







ANTARES: Small but well performing telescope in sea water







Operating since 2002. Many results, lots of experience with deep sea deployment.

Naive source searches: time-integrated all-sky searches



$$\mathcal{L}(\omega_s, \bar{N}_{\nu}^{\mathrm{src}}, \gamma) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\nu}} \left[\frac{\bar{N}_{\nu}^{\mathrm{src}}}{N_{\nu}} S_i(\omega_s, \gamma) + \left(1 - \frac{\bar{N}_{\nu}^{\mathrm{src}}}{N_{\nu}} \right) B_i \right] P(\gamma)$$

Tessa Carver, PhD thesis, UniGe, 2019

- Unbinned likelihood search for each-٠ point in the sky
- Large trial-factor ~10⁵ diminishes • post-trial significances
- Random clustering not unusual ٠
- Bad sensitivity in the southern sky • due to atmospheric muon background
- Uses through-going tracks ٠
- Sensitivity bottoms for soft spectra ٠ (tracks use energy as astro-proxy)

NGC1068: a new MM challenge





- NGC1068 is a Seyfert type-2 galaxy
- Gamma-ray emission > 100 MeV must be suppressed by dense X-ray fields
- → needs compact object → vicinity of SMBH
- Acceleration seems sufficient
- Corona can not be uniform
- Likely the intrinsically brightest SF2 after accounting for attenuation

Core region of an active galaxy


Stacked searches on catalogs: testing assumptions on source classes



Tessa Carver, ICRC 2019

- Not all points are probed equally
- Catalog sources require assumptions (all same, flux-weighted, ...)
- Time-window possible for transients: GRBs, BL flares, TDE, FRB, ...
- Model-dependencies may be tricky

 10^{4}

Sensitivity to much lower fluxes than diffuse



Lepto-hadronic one-zone models in tension with observations



- Only **1.8 neutrinos** if model is **compatible with SED**
- Strong overshoot of indirect X-ray constraints if fitting the neutrino number
- Energy budget from $\pi^{\pm} \rightarrow \mu^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm}$ cascades has to be preserved

Rodrigues, Gao, AF, Palladino, Winter, <u>1812.05939</u>, ApJ

Neutrino-bright compact core model

- 1.8 neutrinos 😕
- Low X-ray flux
- IC-dominated core





- Consistent transition between neutrino-dim and –bright states
- Slight hardening in γ-rays expected, but no signature in other bands

Multiplet searches, or, exploiting the absence of hotspots



Many source types still can contribute, 5xIC will find/kill few candidates. 10-20xIC will nail the sources down in 10 years.

IceCube 1903.04334 (Astro2020 WP)

Extending the veto to lower energies D. Tosi, ICRC 2019, 1908.07008 Nothing in IceTop IC86.2013 MuEx: 164 TeV V^{astro} Zenith: 24.3° Total energy losses IC86.2012 in detector: 56 TeV MuEx: 229 TeV IC86.2013 Zenith: 22.5° MuEx: 118 TeV Total energy losses Zenith: 15.5° in detector: 306 TeV Total energy losses in detector: 60 TeV Only ~13deg FOV Preliminary Low energy muons stop in the ice and can not trigger the inice veto Catch coincident air-showers at the surface

Potential improvement for lower energy astrophysical flux 77

The ADVANTAGE of neutrino astronomy is that there is no horizon



The **DISADVANTAGE** of neutrino astronomy is that there is no horizon



Newcomer: GVD completed

D. Naumov (Dubna) @ IHEP, 2020



Module-based design. "Gigaton" @ 2024

Anyutnikov, VLVnT 2021

Baikal Neutrino Detector			Year	Number of Clusters	Number of OMs		
Seven clusters @2020			2016	1	288		
				2017	2	576	
	2016			2018	3	864	
	2 - 2017			2019	5	1440	
	3 - 2018			2020	7	2016	
750 m	67 - 2020			2021	8	2304	
		Ø	~300 m	2022	10	2880	
		Ø	+ exper	2023	12	3456	
			optical	2024	14	4032	
525 m 36 OM 90 m	540 m		 Lower trigger thresholds 1GB/s Synchronized clocks Now EPGA Zuma 				
$\frac{22}{10} = \frac{1}{10} = \frac{1}{10}$							

Diffuse track analyses: all about fitting



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...and the systematics: difficult and important



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Same results? Well, almost...



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$$\Phi_{\text{astro.}}^{\nu_{\mu}+\bar{\nu}_{\mu}}(\mathsf{E}_{\nu}) = 1.36^{+0.24}_{-0.25} \times \left(\frac{\mathsf{E}_{\nu}}{100\,\mathsf{TeV}}\right)^{-2.37^{+0.08}_{-0.09}}$$

Modeling challenges from 2014-2015 "historical" neutrino flare

S. Garrappa, A. Franckowiak, (+IceCube & Fermi Coll.), 2019, 1901.10806



Use the right plugs

Due to the sub-zero conditions, most deployment mistakes can not be corrected later.

Neutrino-bright masquerading FSRQ model

- 5 neutrinos
- Energy "hidden" in MeV and X-ray bands
- Disk temperature and intensity consistent with expectations

~ 0.05 pc

• Some tension in γ-rays

Broad-line region



- External disk and broad line radiation blue-shifted into blob-frame
- Boosts neutrino prod.-efficiency & γ-ray absorption simultaneously

The next steps: new gigaton-scale detectors



Sky coverage is a serious limitation of IceCube at high energies



Combination of telescopes improves sensitivity by a lot



Sensitivity improvement relative to IceCube (factors) Instantaneous coverage by the horizons of four telescopes.

PLENUM: E. Resconi and M. Huber (TUM)

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Newcomer: Baikal Gigaton-Volume-Detector (GVD)

D. Naumov @ IHEP, 2020



IceCube Gen-2

IceCube Gen-2: construction starts 2024+2, physics after 2030 (IC, arxiv:2008.04323)

The diffuse high-energy universe



Hybrid detector: Cherenkov, radio & surface. Factor 5-10 bigger than IceCube IC86 (red)



One event that generated a lot of excitement

RESEARCH ARTICLE

Multimessenger observations of a flaring blazar coincident with high-energy neutrino IceCube-170922A

The IceCube Collaboration, Fermi-LAT, MAGIC, AGILE, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S., INTEGRAL, Kanata, Kiso, Kapteyn, Liverp...

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Neutrino emission from the direction of the blazar TXS 0506+056 prior to the IceCube-170922A alert

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Neutrinos from a blazar flare

Blazars, powered by an accreting supermassive black hole, launch collimated relativistic outflows (pictured) that are among the brightest persistent radiation sources in the Universe. The recent IceCube detection of a very-high-energy neutrino from the blazar TXS0506 + 056 in coincidence with a multi-wavelength flare implies that blazars can accelerate cosmic rays beyond petaelectronvolt energies, challenging conventional theoretical... show more

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