High energy Neutrino Astrophysics - experimental overview

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Neutrino Sources / Energies





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- 2. HE astrophysical neutrinos recent results
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 ✓ Point source searches
 ✓ Multi-messenger astronomy



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High Energy Neutrinos – Introduction

Neutrinos as probes of the high-energy Universe

 <u>Protons</u> with E_p < 10 EeV directions scrambled by magnetic fields

- <u>γ-rays</u>: straight-line propagation but reprocessed in the sources; TeV γ-ray astronomy: many newly discovered (galactic and extragalactic sources)
- Neutrinos: straight-line propagation, unabsorbed, not GZK suppressed, will provide evidence of hadronic acceleration; but difficult to detect



accelerators

High Energy Neutrinos – Introduction

What is the origin of Cosmic Rays with E up to 10²⁰ eV ?



TeV-PeV neutrino production

 $p + p \rightarrow \pi + ... \rightarrow v + ...$ hadro production

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta \rightarrow (p + \pi \rightarrow p + \gamma \gamma)$$
$$\rightarrow n + \pi \rightarrow n + \nu + \dots$$
photo production

- CR spectrum formation
- CR acceleration
 - Fermi mechanism: γ_{CR} ~2
- CR propagation
- ν benchmark model: γ_ν~2



$$\Phi_{v} \sim E_{v}^{-\gamma_{v}}$$

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High Energy Neutrino Telescopes: Optical Detection

Neutrinos of all flavors interact in or near the detector through charged current (CC) or neutral current (NC) weak interaction:



Neutrino interaction identification method: Idea: 1960, M. Markov Observe the secondaries

O(km) <u>muon tracks</u> from v_µ CC

 TeV ~ 2.5 km, 1PeV ~ 15 km
 O(10 m) e-m and/or hadronic <u>cascades</u> from v_e CC, low energy v_x CC, and v_x NC
 via Cherenkov radiation detected by a 3D array of optical sensors



Neutrino Observatories (in operation and future)

Techniques:
 optical detection

radio detection

HE (optical) Neutrino Observatories (in operation)

<u>NT-200+</u>

- 8+3=11 strings
- 192+36=228 PMTs
- Medium: Lake Baikal

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<u>Antares</u>

- 12 strings
- 885 PMTs
 - 1/100 km³ of volume
- Medium: Mediterranean Sea
 - Northern hemisphere

<u>IceCube</u>

- 86 strings
- 5160 PMTs
- 1 km³ of volume
- Medium: South Polar Ic
- Southern hemisphere

Event Signatures (example IceCube)

Neutrino interaction identification method: observe and reconstruct the secondaries (tracks, cascades/showers) via Cherenkov radiation detected by a 3D array of optical sensors

μ Tracks:
$$(v_{\mu})$$

- through-going muons
- energy resolution ~ factor of 2
- pointing resolution <1°</p>

Cascades:

e-m and <u>hadronic</u> cascades

$$\begin{array}{l} \bullet \nu_{e(\tau)} + N \rightarrow e(\tau) + X \\ \nu_f + N \rightarrow \nu_f + X \quad f = e, \mu, \tau \end{array}$$

- Resolutions, cascades <u>contained</u> in detector
- visible energy $\sim 15\%$
- angular ~ 10° 40°

Composites

- starting events ("HESE", "MESE", "LESE")
- v_{τ} ("double bangs" $E_{\nu} \sim 10$'s of PeV) not yet observed

v_{μ} analyses: atmospheric μ bg

Reconstruct μ tracks and identify their origin (μ vs ν_{μ}) by their direction ν_{μ} - from the Northern sky ("up-going" μ only)

all-sky all-flavor ν analyses: atmospheric bg

"Down-going" atm. v rejection Schönert et al., arXiv:0812.4308 Starting events (cascades + tracks)

Cascades (all-sky) event topology+ vertex containment

Atmospheric Neutrinos: v_{μ} and v_{e}

ERS: R. Enberg et. Al., Phys. Rev. D78, 043005 (2008) A. Bhattacharya et.al. (2015), arXiv:1502.01076.

Atmospheric and Astrophysical Neutrinos

Neutrino Diffuse Flux Search: Method

<u>Diffuse flux</u> = effective sum from all (unresolved) extraterrestrial sources (e.g.AGNs) Possibility to observe diffuse signal even if flux from an individual source is too small to be detected by point source techniques.

 Search for excess of astrophysical neutrinos with a harder spectrum than background atmospheric neutrinos using energy and direction (self-veto)

- Advantage over point source search: can detect weaker fluxes
- Sensitive to all three flavors of neutrinos
- Disadvantage: high background solution: containment cut / veto technique

Discovery of Cosmic Neutrinos with IceCube

IC79+IC86 analysis of **2010-2013 data (3 years)** to search for "High Energy Starting Events" (HESE) <u>all-flavor neutrinos</u>

Background Atmospheric Muon Flux 10^{2} IceCube (3 yr), Phys. Rev. Lett.; arXiv:1405.5303 Bkg. Atmospheric Neutrinos (π/K) IceCube (2 yr), Science 22 Vol. 342 no. 6161 **Background Uncertainties** /// Atmospheric Neutrinos (90% CL Charm Limit) Bkg.+Signal Best-Fit Astrophysical (best-fit slope $E^{-2.3}$) Days Bkg.+Signal Best-Fit Astrophysical (fixed slope E^{-2}) 80 Showers ⊢ 10¹ Earth absorption Data Tracks ⊢× 60 988 Declination (degrees) 40 per 20 10⁰ Events | 0 NIODNMOO -20 -40 10⁻¹ -60 -80 10³ 10^{2} 10^{3} 10^{2} 10^{4} Deposited EM-Equivalent Energy in Detector (TeV) Deposited EM-Equivalent Energy in Detector (TeV) 37 events in 988 days (3yr) Astro. signal dominates at E > 60 TeVE = 1.0 PeVE = 2.0 PeVE = 1.1 PeV Significance: 5.7σ Aug. 2011 Dec 2012 Jan 2012

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- 54 events in 1347 days (4yr)
- Astro. signal dominates at E > 60 TeV

Significance: 7σ

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E⁻² or softer ? (large uncertainties)

Cosmic Neutrinos at Medium Energies with IceCube

IC79+IC86 analysis of 2010-2012 data (2 years) to search for "Medium Energy Starting Events" (MESE) <u>all-flavor neutrinos</u>

IceCube (2yr): Phys.Rev.D91:022001 (2015)

IceCube Astrophysical Neutrinos: All-Sky Cascades ($v_e + v_\tau$)

IC79+IC86 analysis of 2010-2012 data (2 years), cascades (contained and partially contained)
 H. Niederhausen et al (IceCube), ICRC2015

- Observed 172 events (energies 10 TeV 1 PeV)
 µ bg < 10%, largely uncorrelated with HESE/MESE/LESE
- Bg only hypothesis rejected at 4.7σ
 - Soft spectral index $\gamma = 2.67^{+0.12}_{-0.13}$ for astrophysical v's
- Reject $\gamma = 2.0$ at 3.5 σ (" E⁻² without cutoff ")
- Astrophysical v's: No evidence for deviation from single, <u>unbroken</u> power-law in the cascade channel (v_e+v_τ)

IceCube Astrophysical Neutrinos: Northern-Sky v_{μ}

IC79+IC86 analysis of 2010-2012 data (2 years) IceCube, PRL (2015)

<u>Best-fit E⁻² result:</u> $E_v^2 \cdot \Phi_{astro}(E_v) = 1.0 \times 10^{-8} \text{GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$ flux normalizations only

Flux consistent with other IceCube results (all-sky) Background only hypothesis disfavored at 3.9σ

IceCube Astrophysical Neutrinos: Northern-Sky v_{μ}

L. Radel, S. Schonen (for the IceCube collab.) ICRC2015

date: June 11, 2014

- deposited energy: 2.6 ± 0.3 PeV (lower limit on v energy)
- direction: 11.48° dec / 110.34° RA

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Subjects: Neutrinos, Req	uest for Observations				

Referred to by ATel #: 7868

We observed a muon event with an energy of multiple PeV originating from a neutrino interaction in the vicinity of the IceCube detector. IceCube is a cubic-kilometer neutrino detector installed in the ice at the geographic South Pole mostly sensitive to neutrinos in the TeV-PeV energy range. The event is the highest-energy event in a search for a diffuse flux of astrophysical muon neutrinos using IceCube data recorded between May 2009 and May 2015. It was detected on June 11th 2014 (56819.20444852863 MJD) and deposited a total energy of 2.6 +/- 0.3 PeV within the instrumented volume of IceCube, which is also a lower bound on the muon and neutrino energy. The reconstructed direction of the event (J2000.0) is R.A.: 110.34 deg and Decl.: 11.48 deg. For simulated events with the same topology, 99% of them are reconstructed better than 1 deg and 50% better than 0.27 deg. The probability of this event being of atmospheric origin is less than 0.01%. The IceCube contact persons for this event are Leif Raedel (RWTH Aachen University, raedel@physik.rwth-aachen.de) and Sebastian Schoenen (RWTH Aachen University, schoenen@physik.rwth-aachen.de)

IceCube Astrophysical Neutrinos: Flux Results Comparison

IceCube Diffuse v results consistent

Insignificant < 2σ tension between cascade result with northern sky v_{μ} results

IceCube Astrophysical Neutrinos: Flux Results Comparison

... as expected from an isotropic extragalactic neutrino flux

IceCube Astrophysical Neutrinos: Global Fit

IceCube diffuse v results consistent \rightarrow combine 8 analyses in the global fit

L. Mohrmann, (for the IceCube collab.) ICRC2015; IceCube ApJ 809 (2015), 98

Assume isotropic flux and $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau = 1 : 1 : 1$

Antares Astrophysical Neutrinos

J. Schnabel (Antares) ICRC2015 (ID 483)

Diffuse flux search: tracks + cascades

Astrophysical Neutrinos: Flavor composition

IceCube Astrophysical Neutrinos: Flavor composition

L. Mohrmann, (for the IceCube collab.) ICRC2015; IceCube ApJ 809 (2015), 98 IceCube: Phys.Rev.Lett. 114 (2015) 17, 171102

The exclusion regions for astrophys. v flavor ratios $(f_e:f_u:f_\tau)_{\oplus}$ at Earth

The limits are consistent (at < 68% CL) with $(1:1:1)_{\oplus}$ flavor ratio at Earth, expected from the averaged oscillations of v's produced by π 's decay in astrophysical sources

Astrophysical Neutrinos: Where do they come from?

IC79+IC86 analysis of 2010-2014 data (4 years) to search for "High Energy Starting Events" (HESE) all-flavor neutrinos

IceCube (4yr) C. Kopper et al, ICRC2015 Observed 54 events (tracks and cascades)

- Significance of the warm spot has decreased $3yr \rightarrow 4yr$ (p-value 7% $\rightarrow 18\%$)
- No evidence of (significant) correlation (neither spacial nor temporial e.g. GRB's)

Astrophysical Neutrinos: Where do they come from?

Can blazars produce the HESE PeV events?

Six bright blazars identified with Bert (IC 14) and Ernie (IC 20)

Results. Both blazars predicted to be the most neutrino-bright in the TANAMI sample (1653-329 and 1714-336) have a signal flux fitted by the likelihood analysis corresponding to approximately one event. This observation is consistent with the blazar-origin hypothesis of the IceCube event IC 14 for a broad range of blazar spectra, although an atmospheric origin cannot be excluded. No ANTARES events are observed from any of the other four blazars, including the three associated with IceCube event IC20. This excludes at a 90% confidence level the possibility that this event was produced by these blazars unless the neutrino spectrum is flatter than -2.4.

Antares sees no events from IC35: M. Dadler (IC 1424)

C.W. James, ANTARES highlights and KM3NeT prospects, ICRC 2015

Multi-messenger astronomy

Level of astrophys. v's compatible with IGRB (Isotropic Gamma Ray Background) measured by Fermi

Hadronic (pp) cosmic accelerators emitting comparable energy in γ 's and v's

Point Source Neutrino Search (v_{μ})

All-Sky search: Search for excess of astrophysical v from a common direction over the background of atmospheric v (IceCube: Northern Sky) or μ (IceCube: Southern Sky)

... a mostly uniform structure ...

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Neutrinos From Gamma Ray Bursts

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Search for neutrinos from direction of GRB in short time window (<±1 day) around trigger time (=satellite measurement of GRB):

Neutrinos From Gamma Ray Bursts

Fig. 1.— Constraint on generic doubly-broken power law neutrino flux models as a function of first break energy ε_b and normalization Φ_0 . The model by Ahlers et al. (2011) assumes that only neutrons escape from the GRB fireball to contribute to the UHECR flux. The Waxman-Bahcall model (1997), which allows all protons to escape the fireball, has been updated to account for more recent measurements of the UHECR flux (Katz et al. 2009) and typical gamma break energy (Goldstein et al. 2012).

Indirect Dark Matter searches

 $\Omega_{\rm m}$ ~24%, $\Omega_{\rm b}$ ~4% $\Omega_{\rm DM}$ ~20% non-baryonic and non-relativistic (cold) DM currently favored candidate: WIMP

MSSM CDM candidate: neutralino, χ

UED CDM candidate: lightest Kaluza-Klein (LKK)

CDM annihilation and decay to neutrinos:

Look at objects where the DM particle can be gravitationaly trapped and annihilate: Sun, Earth and galactic halo

$$\tilde{\chi}\tilde{\chi} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{c} q\overline{q} \\ l\overline{l} \\ W^{\pm},Z,H \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow v_{\mu}$$

 $KK \rightarrow \nu\nu$

Signature: neutrino excess from Sun,Earth or galactic halo direction v energy range: ~ 10 GeV to a few TeV

Indirect Dark Matter searches: Solar WIMPs

90% CL limits on the spin-dependent (SD) and spin-independent (SI) χ -p cross sections assumming equilibrium between capture and annihilation:

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$$\sigma^{SI} = \lambda_{SI}(m_{\chi})\Gamma_{A}$$
 and $\sigma^{SD} = 0$

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and $\sigma^{SD} = 0$ \Rightarrow constrained well by direct searches and $\sigma^{SD} = \lambda_{SD}(m_{\chi})\Gamma_{A}$ \Rightarrow capture in the Sun dominated by σ^{SD} competitive limits by indirect searches

- Observed astrophysical flux is consistent with a isotropic flux of equal amounts of all neutrino flavors
- No evidence for a point / extended source in several analyses

Questions:

- Where are the point sources?
- What is the spectrum? Production mechanism? Cutoff?
- What is the flavor composition?
- Multi-messenger physics?
- GZK neutrinos?

KM3NeT

Multi-km3 sized Neutrino Telescope Multi-site installation in the Mediterranean Sea, instrumented in "building blocks".

ARCA: Astrophysical Research with Cosmic in the Abyss

the discovery and observation of HE (E >100 GeV) neutrino sources in the Universe
 2 'blocks' at KM3NeT-It

ORCA: Oscillations Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

✓ the determination of the mass hierarchy of neutrinos 1 GeV < E < 100 GeV

1 'block' at KM3NeT-Fr

KM3NET 'building block'

115 lines

- 18 OMs per line
- ARCA

- 90m horizontal \checkmark
- 36m vertical V

<u>ORCA</u> 20m horizontal \checkmark 6m vertical \checkmark

Timeline

Phase	Blocks	Primary deliverables			
1	0.2	Proof of feasibility and first science results;	K		5% ORCA
	2	Measurement of the neutrino signal reported by IceCube;	1	`	tunded, 2017
2		All flavour neutrino astronomy;		1	100% ARCA
	1	Determination of the neutrino mass hierarchy;			100% ORCA 2020 (completior
3	6	Neutrino astronomy including Galactic sources;			
Table 1: Summary of the phased implementation of the KM3NeT research infrastructure.					

Lake Baikal-GVD (Gigaton Volume Detector)

- The most northern location allows observing the Galactic Center 18 hours per day through the Earth
- R&D stage, two possible configurations considered
 ✓ 8 or 12 clusters (300m separation, depths 775 1300m or 950-1300m)
- The first cluster completed in April 2015
 ✓ sensitive to 1 cascade event with E > 100 TeV of IC flux
- Completion of the Baikal-GVD with 2304 OMs with about of 0.4 km³ effective volume for cascade detection is expected in 2020

Cumulative number of clusters vs. year

Year		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Cluster	192 OM	1 192	1 192	3 576	5 960	7 1344	10 1920	
Cluster	288 OM	2/3 192	1 288	2 576	4 1152	6 1728	8 2304	

IceCube-Gen2: High Energy Extension A Vision for the Future of Neutrino Astronomy in Antarctica arXiv:1412.5106

High Energy Extension to:

- characterize the flux of the high-energy astrophysical v's including v flavor composition (increase of statistics)
- identify astrophysical sources

Benchmark geometry:

- instrumented volume ~10 km³
- 120 strings, length 1.3km
- 240 m string spacing
- Surface veto (CR physics, atm. neutrino veto)

Era of km³ neutrino astronomy has begun Sensitivities/limits Discovery Measurement Models (Diffuse signal First source Catalog)

Astrophysical neutrinos have been discovered Diffuse flux characteristics started Origin: Lot's of possible interpretations Cosmic accelerator source searches continue

