





Neutrinos on the Rocks

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Multi-Messenger Astronomy



Acceleration of charged nuclei (**cosmic rays**) - especially in the aftermath of cataclysmic events, sometimes visible in **gravitational waves**.



Secondary **neutrinos** and **gamma-rays** from pion decays:

$$\pi^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu} \qquad \pi^{0} \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$
$$\downarrow e^{+} + \nu_{e} + \nu_{\mu}$$

Multi-Messenger Astronomy



Unique abilities of **cosmic neutrinos**:

no deflection in magnetic fields (unlike cosmic rays)

coincident with photons and gravitational waves

no absorption in cosmic backgrounds (unlike gamma-rays)

smoking-gun of unknown sources of cosmic rays

BUT, very difficult to detect!

IceCube Observatory



- Giga-ton Cherenkov telescope at the South Pole
- Collaboration of about 300 scientists at 53 international institution
 - 60 digital optical modules (DOMs) attached to strings
 - 86 IceCube strings
 instrumenting 1 km³ of clear
 glacial ice
 - 81 IceTop stations for cosmic ray shower detections
 - price tag: 1/4 € per ton

Optical Cherenkov Detection





Neutrino Selection I



Neutrino Selection II

- Outer layer of optical modules used as virtual veto region.
- Atmospheric muons pass through veto from above.
- Atmospheric neutrinos coincidence with atmospheric muons.
- **Cosmic neutrino** events can start inside the fiducial volume.
- High-Energy Starting Event (HESE) analysis



Breakthrough in 2013

First observation of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos by IceCube!

"track event" (from ν_{μ} scattering)

"cascade event" (from all flavours)



Diffuse TeV-PeV Neutrinos





Cosmic neutrinos visible via their oscillation-averaged flavor.



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HE ν 's in Light of Recent IC Results



tau neutrino candidate







- Tau neutrino charged current interactions can produce delayed hadronic cascades from tau decays.
- Arrival time of Cherenkov photons is visible in individual DOMs.

Status of Neutrino Astronomy



No significant steady or transient emission from known Galactic and extragalactic high-energy sources (*except for one candidate*).

Status of Neutrino Astronomy



Orbiting Solar Observatory (OSO-3) (Clark & Kraushaar'67)

Status of Neutrino Astronomy

Fermi-LAT gamma-ray count map

2017

Search for Neutrino Sources



Point Source vs. Diffuse Flux

Populations of extragalactic neutrino sources can be visible

individual sources

or by the **combined isotropic emission.**

The relative contribution can be parametrized (*to first order*) by the average **local source density** and **source luminosity.** "Observable Universe" with far (faint) and near (bright) sources.



Hubble horizon

Point Source vs. Diffuse Flux

Neutrino sources are hiding in plain sight.



Point Source vs. Diffuse Flux



[Ackermann, MA, Anchordoqui, Bustamante et al., Astro2020 arXiv:1903.04334]

Rare sources, like blazars or gamma-ray bursts, can not be the dominant sources of TeV-PeV neutrino emission (magenta band).

Gamma-Ray Bursts

High-energy neutrino emission is predicted by cosmic ray interactions with radiation at various stages of the GRB evolution.



Gamma-Ray Burst Limits

• IceCube routinely follows up on γ -ray bursts.

[IceCube, ApJ 843 (2017) 2]

- Search is most sensitive to "prompt" (<100s) neutrino emission.
- Neutrino predictions based on the assumption of cosmic ray acceleration in internal shocks. [Waxman & Bahcall '97]



GRBs and **Gravitational** Waves



GRB 170817A



- No coincident neutrinos observed by IceCube, ANTARES or Auger.
- Consistent with predicted neutrino flux from internal shocks and **off-axis viewing angle.**



[ANTARES, IceCube, Auger & LVC, ApJ 850 (2017) 2]

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Gravitational Wave Follow-Up



Realtime Neutrino Alerts

Low-latency (<1min) public neutrino alert system established in April 2016.

- ✦ Gold alerts: ~10 per year >50% signalness
- ◆ Bronze alerts: ~20 per year 30-50% signalness



Neutrino alerts (HESE & EHE (red) / GFU-Gold (gold) / GFU-Bronze (brown))



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Realtime Neutrino Alerts

IC-170922A



up-going muon track (5.7° below horizon) observed September 22, 2017 best-fit neutrino energy is about 300 TeV

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TXS 0506+056





• IC-170922A observed in coincident with **flaring blazar TXS 0506+056**.

- Chance correlation can be rejected at the 3σ -level.
- TXS 0506+056 is among the most luminous BL Lac objects in gamma-ray

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Blazars as Neutrino Factories

jet

(UV/X-ray) accretion disk

> black hole

dust torus (broadband)

blazar

zone

clouds

(BLR/NLR)

Active galaxy powered by accretion onto a supermassive black hole with relativistic jets pointing into our line of sight.

Neutrino Flare in 2014/15



Blazar Origin of the Isotropic Flux?



Combined contribution of Fermi-LAT blazars **below** 30^{F,igure 4.} Differ isotropic TeV-PeV neutrino observation. null expectation

upper limit and e sampling outcome

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Multi-Messenger Interfaces



The high intensity of the neutrino flux compared to that of γ -rays and cosmic rays offers many interesting multi-messenger interfaces.

Hadronic Gamma-Rays



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Hadronic Gamma-Rays

Neutrino production via cosmic ray interactions with gas (pp) or radiation (p γ) saturate the isotropic diffuse gamma-ray background.



[see also Murase, MA & Lacki'13; Tamborra, Ando & Murase'14; Ando, Tamborra & Zandanel'15] [Bechtol, MA, Ajello, Di Mauro & Vandenbrouke'15; Palladino, Fedynitch, Rasmussen & Taylor'19]

Isotropic Diffuse Gamma-Ray BGR

There is little room in the isotropic diffuse γ -ray background (IGRB) for "extra" γ -ray contributions.

IGRB composition with MW SF model



Hadronic Gamma-Rays

Neutrino production via cosmic ray interactions with gas (pp) in general overproduce γ -rays in the Fermi-LAT range.



[Bechtol, MA, Ajello, Di Mauro & Vandenbrouke'15]

[see also Murase, MA & Lacki'13; Tamborra, Ando & Murase'14; Ando, Tamborra & Zandanel'15] [Guetta, MA & Murase'16; Palladino, Fedynitch, Rasmussen & Taylor'19]

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Hidden Sources?

Efficient production of 10 TeV neutrinos in pγ scenarios require sources with **strong X-ray backgrounds** (e.g. AGN cores or chocked GRBs).



High pion production efficiency implies
strong internal γ-ray
absorption in Fermi-LAT energy range:

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \simeq 1000 f_{p\gamma}$$

Outlook: Baikal-GVD



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Outlook: KM3NeT/ARCA

- ARCA : 2 building blocks of 115 detection units (DUs)
- 24 DU funded (**Phase-1**, ~0.1 km³)
- 3 DU deployed off the coast of Italy (1 DU recovered after shortage)
- 2 DUs operated until March 2017





- Improved angular resolution for water Cherenkov emission.
- 5**σ** discovery of **diffuse flux** with full ARCA within one year
- Complementary field of view ideal for the study of point sources.

Outlook: IceCube Upgrade

- 7 new strings in the DeepCore region (~20m inter-string spacing)
- New sensor designs, optimized for ease of deployment, light sensitivity & effective area

36 cm

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- New calibration devices, incorporating les of IceCube calibi
- Midscale NSF pro estimated total co
- Additional \$9M i equipment alone
- Aim: deploymen[•]



30 cm

100m

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33 cm

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Outlook: IceCube Upgrade

- Precision measurement of atmospheric neutrino oscillations and tau neutrino appearance
- Improved energy and angular reconstructions of IceCube data





[IceCube, PoS(ICRC2019) 1177]

Astro2020 Decadal Survey

Astro2020 Science White Paper

Astrophysics Uniquely Enabled by Observations of High-Energy Cosmic Neutrinos

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Fundamental Physics with High-Energy Cosmic Neutrinos

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[Ackermann, MA, Anchordoqui, Bustamante et al., Astro2020 arXiv:1903.04333 & arXiv:1903.04334]

Probe of Fundamental Physics



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Probe of Fundamental Physics

Probe of exotic neutrino mixing, e.g. in Lorentz-invariance violating extensions of the neutrino Standard Model.

Probe of **neutrino-nucleon cross sections** at very-high energies.



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Vision: IceCube-Gen2

- Multi-component facility (low- and high-energy & multi-messenger)
- In-ice optical Cherenkov array with 120 strings and 240m spacing
- Surface array (scintillator panels & radio antennas) for cosmic ray veto
- Askaryan radio array for >10PeV neutrino detection

[Ackermann et al. arXiv:2008.04323]



Vision: IceCube-Gen2

Improved sensitivity for neutrino point sources to find the origin of the isotropic TeV-PeV flux Precision measurement of **PeV-EeV neutrino fluxes** with extended in-ice optical and surface radio array



Summary

- Neutrino astronomy has reached an important milestone by the discovery of an **isotropic flux of high-energy (TeV-PeV) neutrinos.**
 - Consistent with point-source limits?
 - + Consistent multi-messenger picture?
- So far, no significant point sources, except blazar TXS 0506+056.
 - Are there more sources like TXS?
 - + How do we find them?
- Essential for future discoveries are **multi-messenger partners** facilitating low-latency studies.
 - + Fermi-LAT, Magic, H.E.S.S., HAWC, Swift-XRT, VERITAS, LIGO/Virgo,...
- In parallel, development of **next-generation neutrino telescopes** with increased sensitivity and energy coverage.

Backup Slides

Starburst Galaxies

- Intense star formation enhances UHE CR production, e.g. by gamma-ray bursts.
- Low-energy cosmic rays remain magnetically confined and eventually collide in dense environment.
- In time, efficient conversion of CR energy density into gammarays and neutrinos.

[Loeb & Waxman '06]

• Expect power-law neutrino spectra with high-energy break from CR leakage.



Cosmogenic Neutrinos

- Ultra-High Energy (UHE) CR spectrum (>EeV) expected to show suppression due to resonant interactions with cosmic microwave background beyond ~40EeV (GZK-cutoff).
- UHE CRs above 40EeV limited to local Universe (~200Mpc).
- Window for **UHE CR astronomy** for light composition (high rigidity).



UHE CR Composition

- No significant cross-correlation found between UHE CRs and HE neutrinos.
- Galactic and extragalactic magnetic fields can introduce **significant angular deflections and time delays**: $\Delta t \simeq d(\Delta \psi)^2$
- Maximal cross-correlation limited by GZK horizon : $\lambda_{GZK}/\lambda_{Hubble} \simeq 5\%$



Cosmic Ray Calorimeters

• UHE CR proton emission rate density:

$$[E_p^2 Q_p(E_p)]_{10^{19.5} \text{eV}} \simeq 8 \times 10^{43} \, \text{erg} \, \text{Mpc}^{-3} \, \text{yr}^{-1}$$

• neutrino flux can be estimated as (ξ_z : factor accounting for redshift evolution) :

$$E_{\nu}^{2}\phi_{\nu}(E_{\nu}) \simeq f_{\pi} \underbrace{\frac{\xi_{z}K_{\pi}}{1+K_{\pi}}}_{\mathcal{O}(1)} \underbrace{1.5 \times 10^{-8} \,\text{GeV}\,\text{cm}^{-2}\,\text{s}^{-1}\,\text{sr}}_{\sim \text{ IceCube diffuse}}$$

- → limited by pion production efficiency: $f_{\pi} \leq 1$ [Waxman & Bahcall'98]
- similar UHE nucleon emission rate density (local minimum at $\Gamma\simeq 2.04)$ [Auger'16]

$$[E_N^2 Q_N(E_N)]_{10^{19.5} \text{eV}} \simeq 2.2 \times 10^{43} \,\text{erg}\,\text{Mpc}^{-3}\,\text{yr}^{-1}$$

• Sources of UHECRs could be embedded in "calorimetric" environments ($f_{\pi} = 1$), producing a large flux of neutrinos, *e.g.*, **starburst galaxies** or **galaxy clusters**.

Astrophysical Neutrino Fluxes



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Cherenkov Observatories



Mediterranean	South Pole	Lake Baikal	Mediterranean
2008–2019	fully instrumented since 2011	under construction (5 out of 8 clusters)	under construction (3 out of 230 DUs)
~0.01 km ³	~1 km ³	~0.4 km ³ (Phase 1) ~1km ³	~0.1 km ³ (Phase 1) ~1 km ³
885 OMs (10'')	5160 OMs (10'')	2304 OMs (10")	4140 OMs (31x3'')

Atmospheric Neutrino Oscillations

- Atmospheric neutrinos with energy E are observed with different zenith angles that correspond to different oscillation baselines L (*lower right plot*).
- Arranging the data into bins of L/E one can study the **disappearance** of atmospheric neutrinos (*lower left plot*):

$$P_{\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\mu}} = 1 - \sin^2 2\theta \sin^2 \frac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E_{\nu}}$$



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Power-Law Fits



Neutrino Physics



Detection Principles



IceCube-Gen2 Timeline





Supernova Forecast

From K. Scholberg, J. Phys G 45:2017

Detector	Туре	Mass (kt)	Location	Events [10 kpc]
IceCube	long string	600	South Pole	1,000,000
Hyper-K*	H_2O	374	Japan	75,000
DUNE*	Ar	40	USA	3,000
Super-K	H ₂ O	32	Japan	7,000
JUNO*	C_nH_{2n}	20	China	6,000
NOvA	C_nH_{2n}	15	USA	4,000
LVD	C_nH_{2n}	1	Italy	300
KamLAND	C_nH_{2n}	1	Japan	300
SNO+	C_nH_{2n}	0.8	Canada	300
Baksan	C_nH_{2n}	0.33	Russia	50
Daya Bay	C_nH_{2n}	0.33	China	100
Borexino	C_nH_{2n}	0.3	Italy	100
MicroBooNE	Ar	0.17	USA	17
HALO	Pb	0.08	Canada	30

9/26/18

Supernova Neutrino Detection



Supernova Neutrino Detection

Reaction	# Targets	# Signal Hits	Signal Fraction	Reference
$\bar{\nu}_{\rm e} + p \rightarrow {\rm e}^+ + {\rm n}$	$6 \cdot 10^{37}$	134 k (157 k)	93.8 % (94.4 %)	Strumia & Vissani (2003)
$v_e + e^- \rightarrow v_e + e^-$	$3\cdot10^{38}$	2.35 k (2.25 k)	1.7 % (1.4 %)	Marciano & Parsa (2003)
$\bar{\nu}_e + e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e + e^-$	$3 \cdot 10^{38}$	660 (720)	0.5 % (0.4 %)	Marciano & Parsa (2003)
$v_{\mu+\tau} + e^- \rightarrow v_{\mu+\tau} + e^-$	$3 \cdot 10^{38}$	700 (720)	0.5%(0.4%)	Marciano & Parsa (2003)
$\bar{\nu}_{\mu+\tau} + e^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\nu+\tau} + e^-$	$3 \cdot 10^{38}$	600 (570)	0.4%(0.4%)	Marciano & Parsa (2003)
$v_{\rm e}$ + ¹⁶ O \rightarrow e ⁻ + X	$3 \cdot 10^{37}$	2.15 k (1.50 k)	1.5 % (0.9 %)	Kolbe et al. (2002)
$\bar{\nu}_{\rm e}$ + ¹⁶ O \rightarrow e ⁺ + X	$3 \cdot 10^{37}$	1.90 k (2.80 k)	1.3 % (1.7 %)	Kolbe et al. (2002)
$v_{\rm all} + {}^{16}{\rm O} \rightarrow v_{\rm all} + {\rm X}$	$3 \cdot 10^{37}$	430 (410)	0.3 % (0.3 %)	Kolbe et al. (2002)
$v_{\rm e} + {}^{17/18}{\rm O}/{}^2_1{\rm H} \rightarrow {\rm e}^- + {\rm X}$	$6 \cdot 10^{34}$	270 (245)	0.2%(0.2%)	Haxton (1999)

Notes. The approximate number of targets in a 1 km³ ice detector, the detected number of hits at 10 kpc distance and their fraction in stars are given in the second, third and fourth column, respectively. In order to indicate the effect of neutrino oscillations in the star, signal hits and fractions are presented both assuming a normal neutrino hierarchy (Scenario A) and - in brackets - assuming an inverted hierarchy (Scenario B). The numbers are taken from the Garching model using the equation of state by Lattimer & Swesty (1991) and averaging over 0.8 s.

Model	Reference	Progenitor	#v's	#v's
		mass (M_{\odot})	t < 380 ms	all times
"Livermore"	(Totani et al., 1997)	20	0.174×10^{6}	0.79×10^{6}
"Garching LS-EOS 1d"	(Kitaura et al., 2006)	8 - 10	0.069×10^{6}	-
"Garching WH-EOS 1d"	(Kitaura et al., 2006)	8 – 10	0.078×10^6	-
"Garching SASI 2d"	(Marek et al., 2009)	15	0.106×10^{6}	-
"1987A at 10 kpc"	(Pagliaroli et al., 2009b)	15 - 20		$(0.57 \pm 0.18) \times 10^{6}$
"O-Ne-Mg 1d"	(Hüdepohl et al., 2010)	8.8	0.054×10^{6}	0.17×10^{6}
"Quark Star (full opacities)"	(Dasgupta et al., 2010)	10	0.067×10^{6}	-
"Black Hole LS-EOS"	(Sumiyoshi et al., 2007)	40	0.395×10^{6}	1.03×10^{6}
"Black Hole SH-EOS"	(Sumiyoshi et al., 2007)	40	0.335×10^{6}	3.40×10^{6}

Notes. Number of recorded DOM hits in IceCube ($\approx \#v$'s) for various models of the supernova collapse and progenitor masses assuming a distance of 10 kpc, approximately corresponding to the center of our Galaxy. A normal neutrino hierarchy is assumed.

is Emission

emission of surface long the internal shocks are nergy and intensity via the **Doppler factor**:

$$\mathcal{D} = [\Gamma(1 - \boldsymbol{\beta} \cdot \mathbf{n}_{obs})]^{-1}$$

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$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1+z}{4\pi d_L^2} \int \mathrm{d}\Omega^* \frac{\mathcal{D}^3(\Omega^*)}{\Gamma(\theta^*)} \frac{\mathrm{d}E^*}{\mathrm{d}\Omega^*}$$

[MA & Halser MNRAS 490 (2019) 4]



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Scaling of Off-Axis Fluence



GRB 170817A - Revisited



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Neutrino Flare in 2017



- Photon SED can be modelled by lepto-hadronic or proton-synchrotron models. [Keivani *et al.*'18.; Gao *et al.*'18; Cerruti *et al.*'18; Zhang, Fang & Li'18; Gokus *et al.*'18; Sahakyan'18]
- Neutrino flux limited to **less than one event** by theoretically feasible cosmic ray luminosity and X-ray data. [Murase, Oikonomo & Petropoulou'18]
- Eddington bias: expected number of events expected from BL Lacs observed by one event in the range 0.006 0.03 [Strotjohann, Kowalski & Franckowiak'18]

Very-High Energy Cosmic Rays

