Exploring the Universe with "Icebound" Neutrinos

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Neutrinos and neutrinos as cosmic messenger

Cosmic rays and multi-messenger astronomy

Neutrino astronomy:

- ✓ Neutrino telescopes
- ✓ (Some) recent results from IceCube
 - Search for astrophysical tau neutrinos
 - Hunting for neutrino sources
- ✓ The Future: IceCube-Gen2





Neutrinos: A Unique Astronomical Messenger





Neutrinos



Neutrinos: neutral, weakly interacting => hard to detect

• First hypothesized by Wolfgang Pauli in 1930 to explain missing energy and momentum in the beta decay

• First detection by Reines and Cowan in 1956





http://j-parc.jp/Neutrino/en/intro-t2kexp.html



Neutrinos have small mass





Neutrinos from Space





• Solar neutrino problem: only 1/2-1/3 of predicted V_e were detected.





In the Large Magellanic Cloud, ~168,000 light years away

• Solar neutrino experiments: Homestake, GALLEX, SAGE, Kamiokande/Super-Kamiokande, SNO, ...

- SN 1987A detection:
- Kamiokande-II ($I I \nu_e$)
- IMB (8 ν_e)
- Baksan (5 $\overline{\nu}_e$)



"...for the detection of cosmic neutrinos" (2002)

MeV neutrinos





Pontecorvo–Maki–Nakagawa–Sakata (PMNS) matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{e} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\mu} \\ \mathbf{v}_{\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{-i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1} \\ \mathbf{v}_{2} \\ \mathbf{v}_{3} \end{pmatrix}$$

atmospheric sector solar sector

Oscillation probabilities (two flavor):

$$P_{lpha
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eq eta} = \sin^2(2 heta) \sin^2\left(rac{\Delta m^2 L}{4E}
ight) ext{(natural units)}.$$



"for the discovery of neutrino oscillations, which shows that neutrinos have mass" (2015)





Neutrino Sources



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Cosmic Rays & Multi-messenger Astronomy





Cosmic Rays



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cosmic rays bombarding Earth from space

Earth atmosphere as particle detector

Primary cosmic rays

 π^{+}

 $\pi^{0}_{\prime}\pi$

electromagnetic shower

Mont Blanc (4807 m) u+

hadron

e+

π

This cosmic ray image is a modified version of an original picture produced by CERN

Cosmic Rays: the Oh-My-God Particle



- The Oh-My-God particle was detected by the Fly's Eye detector in 1991 in Utah
- Energy ~3x10²¹ eV

That is, **50 joules** of kinetic energy. Roughly equivalent to a **baseball** kinetic energy thrown at **100 km/h.**

But, all contained in an atomic scale volume!



Cosmic Rays & Neutrinos



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Candidate Cosmic Ray Acceleration Sites



Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs)





Gamma Ray Burst (GRB)

Fermi acceleration:

 $\frac{dN}{dE} \sim E_{\nu}^{-2}$

If cosmic rays interact before decaying, spectrum is softer

At Earth's surface:

 $\nu_e: \nu_\mu: \nu_\tau = 1:1:1$

Expected astro. \vee flux at Earth $E^2 \varphi_{\nu} \sim 10^{-8} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ (TeV-PeV)





Supernovae

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Multi-messenger Astronomy with Neutrinos



Source: http://web.physik.rwth-aachen.de/~wiebusch/Research.html

Cosmic Rays:

- Abundant
- Origin unknown
- Charged, trajectory deflected
- At highest energy, absorbed by CMB

Gamma Rays:

- Interact with CMB
- absorbed by infrared background

Neutrinos:

- Weakly interact
- Point back to source

Unique messenger from the high-energy Universe!

Multi-messenger Astronomy

The Universe is opaque to EM radiation for 1/4 of the spectrum, i.e. above 10-100 TeV where IceCube sees cosmic neutrinos.

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Neutrino Astronomy:

1. Neutrino Telescopes

2. (Some) Recent Results from IceCube

3. The Future: IceCube-Gen2

The World's Existing Neutrino Telescopes

- Lake Baikal
- •1/2000 km³
- •228 PMTs

- Mediterranean Sea
- •1/100 km³
- •885 PMTs

•South Pole glacier

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- •1 km³
- •5160 PMTs

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Larger, sparser \rightarrow higher energies

Goal: detecting TeV-PeV astrophysical neutrinos Construction completed in December 2010

Light Detection Sensor - DOM 5160 DOMs buried in the ice

Digitization of PMT waveforms in ice, with ns precision time stamps

Analog Transient Waveform Digitizer (ATWD) waveform:

- Three channels with (16x, 2x, 0.25x) of nominal gain 10⁷
- Time window: 422.3 ns, 128 samples with 3.3ns/sample
 count ATWD0

Detection Principle - Cherenkov Radiation

- Neutrinos cannot be detected directly
- Detecting light from neutrino interactions with the ice nuclei (DIS)
- Sensitive to single photon

sonic boom

"light boom" - the Cherenkov effect

Event Topology - "Track" Muon

Event Topology - "Cascade"

date: **August 9, 2011** energy: **1.04 PeV** topology: **shower** nickname: **Bert**

Neutrino Signatures in IceCube

(1) Track: charged current v_{μ}

- <1° Angular resolution
- Factor ~ 2 energy resolution

(2) Cascade / Shower: all neutral current, charged current v_e , low-E charged current v_{τ}

- 10° Angular resolution above 100 TeV
- 15% energy resolution on deposited energy

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(3) Double Cascades: High-E V_{τ} charged current

- Tau decay length scales ~ 1PeV / 50m
- Not yet detected: active search ongoing

$$\nu_{\tau} + N \rightarrow \tau^{-} + X \longrightarrow \tau^{-} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau} + hadrons \quad (64.8\%) \checkmark$$

$$\tau^{-} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau} + \bar{\nu}_{e} + e^{-} \quad (17.8\%) \checkmark$$

$$\tau^{-} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu} + \mu^{-} \quad (17.4\%)$$

Background — Atmospheric Muons & Neutrinos

neutrino : muon ~ 1 : 10⁶

$$\nu_e:\nu_\mu\simeq 1:2$$

Prompt:
$$\frac{dN}{dE_{\nu}} \sim E_{\nu}^{-2.7}$$
 $\nu_e : \nu_{\mu} \simeq 1 : 1$

Atmospheric prompt ν_{τ} is ~10 times lower than ν_{μ} and $\nu_{\rm e}$

IceCube Collecting Data - What happens in 10 milliseconds?

- Atmospheric μ 7x10¹⁰ (3000/s)
- + Atmospheric $v \rightarrow \mu > 8 \times 10^4$ (1/6 minuts)
- + Cosmic v $\rightarrow \mu \sim 10$

Finding astrophysical neutrinos is like.. finding a needle in a bunch of haystacks!

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Diffuse Astrophysical Neutrinos: Detection Strategy

(1) Veto method: all sky, all flavor, starting events

• Containment required, effective volume smaller than detector

(2) Through-going events: northern sky, v_μ CC and muonically decay v_τ CC events

 No containment required, effective volume larger than detector

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What about the astrophysical tau neutrinos?

Impact of Tau Neutrino Identification

arXiv.org > astro-ph > arXiv:1707.01982

Astrophysics > High Energy Astrophysical Phenomena

No Tau? No Astronomy!

Daniele Fargion, Pietro Oliva

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Since 2013 IceCube cascade showers sudden overabundance have shown a fast flavor change above 30–60 TeV up to energy. This flavor change from dominant muon tracks at TeVs to shower events at higher energies, has been indebt new injection of a neutrino astronomy. However the recent published 54 neutrino HESE, high energy starting events, as the 38 external muon tracks made by trough going muon formed around the IceCube, none of them are pointing a expected X-gamma or radio sources: no one in connection to GRB, no toward active BL Lac, neither to AGN source in catalog. No clear correlation with nearby mass distribution (Local Group), nor to galactic plane. Moreover there have a any record (among a dozen of 200 TeV energetic events) of the expected double bang due to the tau neutrino birth a decay. An amazing and surprising unfair distribution in flavor versus expected democratic one. Finally there is not a consistence of the internal HESE event spectra and the external crossing muon track ones. Moreover the apparent such astrophysical neutrino flux rise at 60 TeV might be probably also suddenly cut at a few PeV in order to hide the (unol yet) Glashow resonance peak at 6.3 PeV. A more mondane prompt charmed atmospheric neutrino signals somewhere (by ta airshowers in AUGER, TA, ASHRA or double bang in IceCube) there are a list of consequences to face. These missing correlations and in particular the tau signature absence force us to claim : No Tau? No neutrino Astronomy.

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3 Year Astrophysical Tau Neutrino Double Cascades

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TeV-scale stochastic losses ~O(10) meters near some DOM





Note: DPA only runs on ATWD waveforms with accumulated charge > 432 PE

ICRC2013 poster: "Detecting Tau Neutrinos in IceCube with Double Pulses" [arXiv:1309.7003]



Identified Double Pulse Waveforms



Event Selection and Cut Efficiency



Sensitivity:

<u>Unblinding</u>

Results:

| | In 914.1 days | |
|------------------|-------------------|--|
| Signal | 0.54 ±0.01 | |
| Total background | 0.35 ±0.06 | |

- Sensitivity: 5.1 ×10⁻⁸ GeV cm⁻² sr⁻¹s⁻¹
 - Flux per flavor: 1.0 × 10⁻⁸ GeV cm⁻² sr⁻¹s⁻¹ (Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 101101)
- Middle 90% signal energy range: 214 TeV 72 PeV

| Blind Sample | 3±2 | 0 |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|
| CORSIKA | 3.5±3.4 | 0.08±0.06 |
| Rates in 914.1 days | L5 | L6 |



3 Year Astrophysical Tau Neutrino Search: Results

- 0.54 signal, 0.35 bg expected in 914 days
- Zero events found at final cut



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3 events found **before containment cut**, matching Monte Carlo



Astrophysical Neutrino Flavor Composition



6-Year Astrophysical Tau Neutrino Search with HESE 44

- Dedicated reconstruction to resolve double cascades
- Maximum likelihood method to fit for astrophysical tau neutrino flux



8-Year Astrophysical Tau Neutrino Search with Waveforms 45



Where Do They Come From?

Source identification requires good angular resolution

Multi-messenger enables correlating to known sources

black

holes

AGNS, SNRS, GRBS...



They point to their sources, but they can be absorbed and are created by multiple emission mechanisms.

Neutrinos

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They are weak, neutral particles that point to their sources and carry information from deep within their origins.

air shower

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Cosmic rays

They are charged particles and are deflected by magnetic fields.



High-energy Neutrinos on the Sky Observed by IceCube 47



7-Yr All-sky Integrated Point Source Search



Transient Population Studies: Fast Radio Bursts (FRBs)

Lorimer et al., Science 318 (5851): 777-780



Time after UT 19:50:01.63 (ms)



FRBs

- O (ms) radio bursts non-thermal, extragalactic rate ~10% of core-collapsed SNe
- Burst times cover IceCube data taking seasons from 2010 to 2015 (6 years)
- A total of 29 FRBs (11 unique locations).



Fast Radio Bursts Search - Analysis Methods

$\frac{(N, \{N, \{N, \{x_i\}; n_b\})}{L_0(N, \{x_i\}; n_b)} \text{ Test statistics } T := -\hat{n}_s + \sum_{i=1}^N \ln(1 + \frac{\hat{n}_s S_i}{\langle n_b \rangle B_i})$

• Stacking "Distributed fluence test"



Max-burst





- Model independent
- Expanding time windows centered at burst times
- 25 time windows from 10 ms to 2 days, expanding as 2ⁱx10 ms (i =0, ..., 24)





Transient Population Studies: Fast Radio Bursts



S. Fahey, A. Kheirandish, J. Vandenbroucke, **DX**, ApJ 845 (2017) 1, 14 IceCube Collaboration, arXiv:1712.06277 (accepted for publication in ApJ)

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<1% of the observed neutrino flux.



Blazars account for: 85% of the extragalactic γ background <6% of the IceCube neutrino flux





- Correlate neutrinos with the LIGO event GW150914 within +/-500s
- Observed 3 events, consistent with atmospheric background

https://arxiv.org/pdf/1602.05411v3.pdf

- Cross correlate HE neutrinos with ~300 UHECRs > 50 EeV
- \cdot No significance over 3.3 σ

JCAP 1601 (2016), no. 01, 037



Realtime Alert Systems

Correlating to other observatories:

- Single high-significance neutrinos
- Lower-significance multiplets



Public alert network



The Astrophysical Multimessenger Observatory Network: FACT, VERITAS, MASTER, LMT, ASAS-SN, LCOGT

Individual MOU partners

Swift XRT, PTF, VERITAS, Magic HESS, HAWC, MWA LIGO/VIRGO

Followups communicated via:

The Astronomer's Telegram

The Gamma-ray Coordinates Network





Understanding the Spectrum





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IceCube-Gen2: the next generation of neutrino observatory for the South Pole

Open questions to Neutrino Astronomy / IceCube-Gen2 HEA 59

- Resolve the sources of IceCube's high energy astrophysical neutrinos
- Identify the sources of the highest energy cosmic rays
- Decipher the production mechanisms of high energy cosmic particles
- Obtain a unique multi-messenger view into the explosion of stars and the evolution of stellar remnants
- Explore active galaxies and the very high-energy Universe when it was most active
- Study of galactic and extra galactic propagation of CR with neutrinos as tracers
- Test nuclear, neutrino and BSM physics



IceCube-Gen2 Facility

A wide band neutrino observatory (MeV – EeV) using several detection technologies – optical, radio, and surface veto – to maximize the science

Multi-component observatory:

- Surface air shower detector
- Gen2 High-Energy Array
- Sub-surface radio detector
- PINGU



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Gen2 Surface Veto

IceCube-Gen2 Sensitivity



IceCube-Gen2 Point Source Sensitivity



Identifying the Sources of IceCube Neutrinos



reasonable source scenarios

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IceCube-Gen2 R&D



D-Egg: dual-PMT optical module

ICRC2017: A. Ishihara, NU073; A. Stoessl, NU111

mDOM: multi-PMT optical module

ICRC2017: L. Classen, NU082



Optical modules: more photons per unit cost, more information per

photon



WOM: wavelength-shifting optical module

ICRC2017: P. Peiffer, NU053

IceTop scintillator upgrade

ICRC2017: S. Kunwar, CRI148



Surface detector: threshold vs. duty cycle



IceACT: low-threshold air shower veto

ICRC2017: J. Auffenberg, NU041







Summary

- Neutrino is a unique astronomical messenger: can point back to distant sources
- IceCube has discovered astrophysical neutrinos; dawn of neutrino astronomy
- Astrophysical tau neutrinos is still elusive, but should be expected around the corner
- Astrophysical neutrino point sources are yet to be discovered. The campaign for neutrino point sources is ON
- IceCube-Gen2 with upgrade planning for both low and high energies will have up to an order of magnitude increase in sensitivity

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Backup Slides





Supernova Neutrinos in IceCube







Supernova Neutrinos in IceCube



- Supernova
 - Uniform illumination in the ice, ~ 0.5 to 1×10^{6} events in 10 seconds
 - A statistical significant increase in the detector noise: DOM-to-DOM correlated increase in detector noise
- IceCube advantage
 - Low PMT noise ~300 Hz
 - High statistics 0.25% error
 - 2 ms time resolution
- Challenges: No pointing, individual events, or energy information





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Supernova Neutrinos in IceCube - Loglikelihood Analysis 71

$$\mathcal{L}(\Delta \mu) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{DOM}}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{r_i - (\mu_i + \epsilon_i \Delta \mu)}{\sigma_i}\right)^2\right\}$$

 $\Delta\mu$ - Increase in detector noise rate



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