Observing the Neutrino Sky with IceCube



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Outlook and Conclusions

The Cosmic Ray Mystery



Victor Hess



Victor Hess surrounded by Austrian peasants after landing from one of his ascensions a few weeks before his record breaking ascent in the Böhmen.



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cosmic rays + neutrinos

Cosmic Ray Sources

- Active Galactic Nuclei (AGN)
- Gamma Ray Bursts (GRB)
- Supernovae (SN)
- Galaxy Clusters
- Unknown





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Astrophysical Messengers

Sources of High Energy Neutrinos

Atmospheric Neutrinos

p = proton

 $\mu = muon$ $\pi = pion$ v = neutring

e⁻ = positror

/ = photon

in the upper atmosphere:

 $p + A \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} (K^{\pm}) +$ other hadrons ... $\pi^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} \nu_{\mu} \rightarrow e^{+} \nu_{e} \nu_{\mu} \nu$

IceCube Collaboration Phys. Rev. Lett. 110 (2013) 151105 /1212.4760v2



Astrophysical $p + (p,\gamma) \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} \rightarrow \nu$



Gamma-ray Bursts





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Principle of an optical Neutrino Telescope



Neutrino Telescopes and IceCube





Large Water/Ice Cherenkov Neutrino Detectors

Hyper-K / KNO Super-K



Lake Baikal

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ANTARES KM3NeT

Active
Prototype
Construction
Planned

Sungkyunkwan University since 2013

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The IceCube Neutrino Telescope



Drilling & Deployment



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Signals in IceCube



Event topologies in IceCube



- Muon tracks (CC ν_μ)
- Resolution $< 1^{\circ}$
- Large energy uncertainties





- NC or $u_e/
 u_{ au}$
- Resolution pprox 15° 20°
- Energy resolution $\delta E/E \approx 15\%$





amount of light in detector $\propto v$ energy



High energy ν_τ (>100 TeV)

Not observed yet



Physics Potential and Selected Results



IceCube Science

Astrophysical Neutrino Searches Neutrino Tomography / Neutrino Science Cross Section Measurements





Cosmic Rays



Multi-messenger Observations



Neutrino Oscillations



Gamma-ray bursts



Very diverse science program, with neutrinos from 10GeV to EeV, and MeV burst neutrinos





Astro-physical Neutrino Search







How to find astrophysical neutrinos ?











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Point source search

 search for clustering of neutrinos from point in the sky





Transient source search

 search for spacial and temporal clustering of neutrinos





Multi-messenger search

 search for a coincidence between neutrino and other messenger particles spacial at particular time and location





Diffuse search

 search for spectral feature, inconsistent with atmospheric background predictions









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 (3) Multi-messenger search
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- (4) Diffuse search
 - search for spectral feature, inconsistent with atmospheric background predictions

.... + various combinations and



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Point Source Search



IceCube Searched for

- point sources
- extended sources
- catalog of sources
- diffuse Galactic emission

- No point/extended source found yet.
- No correlation with source catalogs found.

Search for highest energy neutrinos

IceCube Coll. Phys.Rev.Lett. 111 (2013) 021103 / arXiv 1304.5356



In two years of data expect 0.08 events at high energies, but observed 2 events !!

- Ernie ~1.15 PeV (~1.9 ·10-4J)
- Bert ~ I.05 PeV (~I.7 ·I 0-4J)
- Topology of the events cascades
- Angular resolution on cascade events at this energy ~10°
- Energy resolution is about 15% on the deposited energy



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High-energy neutrino search 6years

HESE 6yrs 80 events (track-like & showers) observed Expected from the Earth atmosphere ~41 events

Energy Threshold







IceCube Collaboration, Science 342, 1242856 (2013)

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Neutrino Experiment

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1.5

2.5

Von Christoph Seidler 🗸

Erde verschluckt geheimnisvolle Geisterteilchen

Neutrinos rasen weitgehend ungestört durchs All, weil sie fast nicht mit normaler Materie Interagieren. Aber nur fast. Ausgerechnet unsere Erde ist ein effizienter Neutrino-Killer, wie ein Experiment beweist.



Deposited EM-Equivalent Energy in Detect

- Recently unblinded 1.5 additional years of data (new ca
- Topology ID added (Cascades, Tracks, Double Cascades)
- Above 60TeV: 60 events 17 new events in 2016/2017
- All energies: 102 events 31 new events in 2016/2017 :

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log₁₀(E, [GeV])

3.5

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4.5

5.5

6.5



Showers

HESE 7.5yrs Zenith angle and Energy distribution



- Compatible with benchmark single power-law model.
- Best fit spectral index (E- γ): $\gamma = 2.91^{+0.33}_{-0.22}$
- $E^2 \varphi = 2.19^{+1.10}_{-0.55} \times 10^{-8} \times (E / 100 \text{TeV})^{-0.91} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$

Arrival directions (highest energy events)

IceCube Collaboration, Science 342, 1242856 (2013)











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Heavy Dark Matter Decay

Decay process might produce mono-



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Two flux contributions: Galactic and Extra galactic

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\mathrm{DM},\nu_{\alpha}}}{dE_{\nu}} = \frac{d\Phi_{\mathrm{G},\nu_{\alpha}}}{dE_{\nu}} + \frac{d\Phi_{\mathrm{EG},\nu_{\alpha}}}{dE_{\nu}}$$

- Characteristics of the signal components:
 - (I) Dark Matter decay in the Galactic Halo (Anisotropic flux + decay spectrum)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi^{\mathrm{G}}}{\mathrm{d}E_{\nu}} = \frac{1}{4\pi \, m_{\mathrm{DM}} \, \tau_{\mathrm{DM}}} \frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\nu}}{\mathrm{d}E_{\nu}} \int_{0}^{\infty} \rho(r(s,l,b)) \, \mathrm{d}s$$

 Dark Matter decay at cosmological distances (Isotropic flux + red-shifted spectrum)

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Phi^{\mathrm{EG}}}{\mathrm{d}E} = \frac{\Omega_{\mathrm{DM}}\,\rho_{\mathrm{c}}}{4\pi\,m_{\mathrm{DM}}\,\tau_{\mathrm{DM}}} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{H(z)} \frac{\mathrm{d}N_{\nu}}{\mathrm{d}E_{\nu}} \left[(1+z)E_{\nu}\right]\,\mathrm{d}z$$

Dark Matter Decay with IceCube

J. Stettner & H. Dujmovic [IceCube] PoS(ICRC2017) 923 IceCube Collaboration arXiv:1804.03848v1

- Two IceCube analyses have been performed on independent data samples
 - Track-like with six years of data
 - Cascade-like with two years of data

	Track-like	Cascade-like
Number of events	352,294	278
Livetime	2060 days	641 days
Sky coverage	North (zenith $> 85^{\circ}$)	Full Sky
Atm. muon background	0.3%	10%
Median reconstr. error	$< 0.5^{\circ}(E_{v} > 100 \text{TeV})$	$\sim 10^{\circ}$
Energy uncertainty	$\sim 100\%$	$\sim 10\%$

Test-Statistic:
$$TS = 2 \times \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(X|\tau^{DM}, M^{DM}, \Phi^{Astro}, \gamma^{astro})}{\mathcal{L}(X|\tau^{DM} = \infty, \hat{\Phi}^{Astro}, \hat{\gamma}^{astro})}$$



- Dark matter alone cannot explain the observed astrophysical neutrino flux in IceCube
- Scenarios with a PeV neutrino line became less attractive with IceCube's observation of neutrino events well above this energy

IceCube @ Neutrino 2018 / ICHEP 2018

Search DM Decay with IceCube's 7years HESE Sample



- 7 years of IceCube's HESE (High Energy Starting Events) Sample
 - Events with energies above >60TeV
- Binned likelihood analysis

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 Most competitive limits above 100TeV for a large number of channel







Multi-messenger Neutrino Astronomy and IceCube-170922A



Astropart. Phys. 92 (2017) 30 A&A 607 (2017) A115

IceCube-170922A & TXS 0506+056

- Real-time alerts. Since 04/2016,
 ≈6-8/yr
 - Improved selection summer 2018
 - Good angular resolution (0.5° - 2° 90% of events)
 - 50% astrophysical fraction





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First public v Alert: IceCube-160427



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On 22 Sep.

probability

Extremely

normal or

FROM:

IceCube-170922A & TXS 0506+056



 Very active multi-messenger follow-up from radio to γ -rays

초고에너지 중성미자의 발원지 사상 최초로 확인

지난해 남극에 있는 중성미자 검출장치인 아이스큐브에서 초고에너지 중성미자를 검출했다. 과학자들은 이 중성미자가 37억 광년 떨어진 천체 'TXS 0506+056'에서 시작됐다는 사실을 처음으로 밝혀냈다. 남극에서 검출한 중성미자의 궤적을 추적한 결과 세계 각지의 천체망원경과 우주에 있는 망원경들이 강력한 전파를 감지한 같은 곳에서 중성미자가 비롯됐음을 확인했다.





Science 361, eaat1378 (2018)

IceCube-170922A

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, Liverpool Telescope, Subaru, *Swift/NuSTAR*, VERITAS, and VLA/17B-403 teams*†

- Chance probability of a Fermi-IceCube coincident observation: ~3σ (determined based on the historical IceCube sample and known Fermi-LAT blazars)
- Time-integrated neutrino spectrum is approximately E^{-2.1}
- TXS 0506+056 redshift determined to be z=0.3365 (S. Paiano et al.ApJL 854.L32(2018))
- Time-average luminosity about an order of magnitude higher than Mkn 421, Mkn 501, or IES 1959+605



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Science 361 (6398), 147-151.

IceCube-170922A



- 9.5 years of archival data was evaluated in direction of TXS 0506+056
- An excess of 13±5 events above background was observed during Sep 2014
 March 2016
- Inconsistent with background only hypothesis at 3.5σ level (independently of the 3σ associated with IceCube-170922A alert)



Time-independent weight of individual events during the IC86b period.

Active Galactic Nuclei: Cosmic Accelerators?





One type of AGN: the blazar





Future Plans



Next generation

- IceCube has provided an amazing sample of events, but is still statistics limited
- Observed astrophysical flux is consistent with a isotropic flux of equal amounts of all neutrino flavors
 - So far non of the analyses has shown any evidence for point sources
- Where are the point sources?
- What is the flavor composition?
- What is the spectrum? Cutoff?
- Transients ?

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- Multi-messenger physics?
- GZK neutrinos?
- New physics or something unexpected ?



 $\approx 14 \text{ km}$

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Next generation



see also: - PINGU LOI arXiv:1412.5106

The IceCube Upgrade



Array	String Spacing	Module Spacing	Modules / String
IceCube	125 m	17 m	60
DeepCore	75 m	7 m	60
Upgrade	20 m	2 m	125

First step to restart South Pole activities

- Tau neutrino appearance Test unitarity of the PMNS matrix
- Calibration devices
- Platform to test new technologies



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The IceCube Upgrade

- Target v_µ → v_τ oscillations
- Detect v_T events on a statistical basis (up-going, shower-like) 3
- Case study for IceCube Upgrade:
 - ~2500 v_T events / year
 - Drastically improve measurement of atmospheric mixing parameters
 - Chance to determine octant of θ₂₃
- Also possible with ORCA



IceCube extremely competitive for neutrino oscillation parameter measurements using atmospheric neutrinos

Sungkyunkwan Ice Camera System





- Ice properties dominant source of sys. uncertainties for most analyses
- Solution: <u>SKKU ice camera system</u>
 - Monitor freeze in
 - Hole ice studies
 - Local ice environment
 - Position of the sensor in the hole
 - Geometry calibration
 - Survey capability





Camera system key to comprehensive understanding of the detector medium

-> Retroactively analyze more than 10 years of IceCube data with substantially improved angular and energy resolution

- High-energy astrophysical neutrinos have opened up a new window to the Universe
 - What's the origin of the high-energy neutrino
- Very strong bounds on dark matter scattering with nucleons
- Very diverse science program, IceCube turns out to be a treasure throve
- Neutrino astronomy is a central part of the multi messenger astroparticle physics field
- The IceCube Upgrade has just been approved and we can look forward to many exciting discoveries in the near future