The IceCube Neutrino Telescope

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- The IceCube Neutrino Telescope

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- Astrophysical Neutrinos
- Outlook and Conclusions

High Energy Cosmic Ray Mystery



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



- Where are they coming from ?
- What cosmic sources accelerate these particles to energies in the EeV range ?



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Astrophysical Messengers



Principle of an optical Neutrino Telescope





The IceCube Neutrino Telescope



Neutrino Telescopes

Hyper-K

Super-K





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DOM @ SKKU

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Photo: Ben Tibbets

Drilling & Deployment



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The Ice



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Major calibration efforts resulted in a very precise understanding of the ice surrounding the IceCube detector

- Calibration Sources:
 - I2 LED flashers on each DOM
 - In-Ice Calibration Laser
 - Cosmic Rays
 - One pair of Camera DOMs

absorption length ~ 210m scattering length ~20-40m







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SKKU Camera Team



- (#H1) Hole ice survey
- (#H2) Mapping of hole shape
- (#H3) Cable position and orientation
- (#B1) Transmission and scattering at hole/bulk ice interface
- (#B2) Light attenuation and scattering in the bulk ice
- (#G1) DOM geometry
- (#G2) Orientation of DOM



Signals in IceCube





Event Topologies in IceCube

Track topology (e.g. induced by muon neutrino)

Good pointing, 0.2° - 1° Lower bound on energy for through-going events

> Cascade topology (e.g. induced by electron neutrino)

Good energy resolution, 15% Some pointing, 10° - 15°





 $\nu_e\,\nu_\tau\,CC\text{--int}\,\&\,\nu_i\,NC\text{--int}$



Calibration and Performance

- Calibration Sources:
 - 12 LED flashers on each DOM
 - In-Ice Calibration Laser
 - Cosmic Rays
 - Moon Shadow
 - Atmospheric Neutrinos
 - Minimum-ionizing Muons





Moon blocks cosmic rays - Observed muon deficit
 I4σ significance



Physics Potential and Selected Results



IceCube Science



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



Achievements







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Astro-physical Neutrino Search



Finding Astrophysical Neutrinos

- How to overcome the large atmospheric neutrino background
- We need to rely on statistical methods to pick out neutrinos from this mess
 - Do neutrinos cluster anywhere in space, time, or arriving in coincidence with astronomical events or objects ?
 - Do we see any spectral features ?

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Point Source Search

- looser optimization
- background estimated off source at similar declination
- unbinned maximum likelihood test for a fine grid of potential sources



search for significant clustering of events above random background

Point Source Search



Neutrinos in coincidence with IceCube gamma-ray bursts?

γ, ν

Gamma-ray satellites

Where are the neutrinos? Are GRBs really cosmic ray sources?

distant GRB

GRB timing/localization information from correlations among satellites

Direction plus time (10-100s) cuts – much reduced background

Search for highest energy neutrinos

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

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Dataset / Results (670days of IC79/IC86 data) expected 0.08 events observed 2 events (→ 2.7σ)

- Ernie ~1.15 PeV (~1.9 ·10-4J)
- Bert ~ 1.05 PeV (~1.7 ·10-4J)
- Energy is the visible energy of the cascade, could originate from NC event, V_T CC, or V_e CC
- Angular resolution on cascade events at this energy ~10°
- Energy resolution is about
 15% on the deposited energy

Ernie & Bert are not GZK, but ...

Follow up analysis to trace high-energy excess

 Probe the energy region of about 30TeV to IPeV, all flavors and all directions, by vetoing down-going high-energy muons



Veto and Self-veto





High-energy neutrino search 3yrs

37 events (9 track-like, 28 showers) observed Expectation from conventional atm. muons and neutrinos ~15.0



- Mesons including charm quarks in the atmosphere decay immediately to produce neutrinos, known as prompt neutrinos which are not observed yet.
- ERS, or Enberg et al. Phys. Rev. D 78, 043005 (2008) is used as a baseline prompt model
- Significance are based on the exact neutrino flux model, not including the uncertainty of the model.
- Atmospheric Bkg : CR Muon (8.4±4.2), Conv. Neutrino (6.6^{+5.9}-1.6),
- Over 60 TeV < E < 2000 TeV, the spectrum consistent with E^{-2} or $E^{-2.3}$
- E⁻² spectrum predicts too may neutrinos above ~2 PeV. So, a cutoff or steeper spectrum needed.

5.7 sigma rejection of atmospheric-only hypothesis

IceCube Collaboration, *Science 342, 1242856 (2013)*, IceCube Collaboration, *Phys. Rev. Lett 113, 101101 (2014)*

High-energy neutrino search 4yrs

54 events (15 track-like, 39 showers) observed Expectation from conventional atm. muons and neutrinos ~21.6



forthcoming ICRC 2015 proceedings IceCube Collaboration, *Science 342, 1242856 (2013)*, IceCube Collaboration, *Phys. Rev. Lett 113, 101101 (2014)*

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- Significance are based on the exact neutrino flux model, not including the uncertainty of the model.
- Atmospheric Bkg : CR Muon (12.6±5.1), Conv. Neutrino (9.0^{+8.0}-2.2),
 - Over 60 TeV < E < 2000 TeV, the spectrum best fit with E^{-2.58}
 - E⁻² spectrum predicts too may neutrinos above ~2 PeV. So, a cutoff or steeper spectrum needed.

~7 sigma rejection of atmospheric-only hypothesis

Excitement about High-Energy Neutrino Discovery



세계 11개국 39개 기관 200여명의 연구자로 구성된 `아이스큐브' 국제공동 연구팀은 남극 얼음층에서 우주로부터 날아온 초고에너지 중성미자의 흔적을 최초로 포착, 세계적 인 과학저널인 사이언스에 22일 발표했다. 국내에서는 카르스텐 로트 성균관대 물리학 과 교수가 연구에 참여했다.

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Skymap HESE-4yrs

IceCube Collaboration, Science 342, 1242856 (2013)

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no significant correlations -- spacial or temporal p-value for cascade events "clustering" 18%

~2.0 Pe

Origin of the high-energy neutrinos?



Heavy Dark Matter

- Heavy Decaying Dark Matter (example χ→νh)
- focus on most detectable feature (neutrino line)
- Backgrounds steeply falling with energy, highest energy events provide best sensitivity
- Continuum and spacial distribution could help identify a signal
- Bounds from Fermi-LAT and PAMELA derived from search for bb annihilation channel (dominant decay channel of Higgs).



<u>Heavy DM bounds with neutrinos, see also</u> Murase and Beacom JCAP 1210 (2012) 043 Esmaili, Ibarra, and Perez JCAP 1211 (2012) 034



Dark Matter



Solar WIMP Signal



Solar WIMP Capture

- WIMPs can get gravitationally captured by the Sun
 - Capture rate, Γ_C , depends on WIMP-nucleon scattering cross section
- Dark Matter accumulates and starts annihilating
 - → Only neutrinos can make it out
- Equilibrium: The capture rate regulates the annihilation rate $(\Gamma_A = \Gamma_C/2)$
 - The neutrino flux only depends on the WIMP-Nucleon scattering cross section



The capture rates scales as: $\Gamma_{c} \sim \rho_{\chi} m_{\chi}^{-1} \sigma_{A}$ for $m_{\chi} \sim m_{A}$ $\Gamma_{c} \sim \rho_{\chi} m_{\chi}^{-2} \sigma_{A}$ for $m_{\chi} \gg m_{A}$ number density + kinematic suppression m_{A} - is the target mass

IceCube Result



Low Energy Neutrinos from the Sun



Low-Energy Neutrinos from the Sun

Possible annihilation channels:

the absorption of stopped negative pions. They are captured into atomic orbits and emit x rays until they reach a sufficiently small radius (because of their large rest mass) to interact with the nuclear medium. At this point they disappear as pions and their rest mass appears as various reaction fragments. Because the available energy is small, the dominance of the delta resonance in this process is no longer assured but, because of the internal momenta of the nucleons, neither can contributions from the delta be ruled out entirely.

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 π⁺
 K⁺ K⁺ For high-energy charged pions, the hadronic interaction length in the Sun is short compared to the decay and continuous energy-loss lengths, so the number of pions increases in each generation of the hadronic shower until loss processes dominate at low energies energies.

ifetime too short to interact

…teraction length short compared to losses

- Produces secondary particles in collision with protons
- Dominant energy loss term is π^0 production

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Neutrino signals - Example W-Boson



Let's have a closer look at this:

 e^+V_e I high energy v + em shower

 $\mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$ I high energy ν + muon

 T^+V_T I high energy v + tau decay

qq hadronic shower



What is the Neutrino yield ?



What's the Neutrino yield ?



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Neutrino yield



Neutrino yield



Pion and kaon yield



- Simulation to determine pion and kaon yields per channel
- Define r-value as the fraction of center-of-mass energy that goes into pions (π^+) or kaons(K⁺) decaying at rest.

pit yield $E_{tot} = 2 \times I GeV$ available 104 equally divided in $\pi^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ N = 2GeV / (135+135+140MeV) *1 $N_{max} = 4.9$ 10³ 100% (maximal case) v[⊧] 10² ,Nield, N $\chi\chi \to uu$ $-\chi\chi \rightarrow dd$ $\begin{array}{ccc} & \chi\chi \rightarrow cc \\ & \chi\chi \rightarrow ss \\ & \chi\chi \rightarrow tt \\ & \chi\chi \rightarrow bb \end{array}$ <u>, 0°%</u> <u>_</u>00 10⁻¹ 10³ 10² 10 1 m_y [GeV]

Pion and Kaon yields



FIG. 1. Fraction of the energy produced in dark-matter annihilation which is converted to stopped π^+ (left) and K^+ (right), $r_{\pi,K}$. These fractions are then used to calculate the number of monoenergetic neutrinos produced in DM annihilation. These fractions were calculated by simulating DM annihilation to hadrons in PYTHIA, then simulating the showering of the hadrons as they propagate through the solar medium using GEANT, as discussed in the text.

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Future Plans





Future of IceCube

 Precision physics with ~GeV threshold

 Large volume: acquire high statistics astrophysical neutrino sample

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PINGU - Precision IceCube Next-Generation Upgrade



• PINGU upgrade plan

- Instrument a volume of about 5MT with ~40 strings each containing 96 optical modules
- Rely on well established drilling technology and photo sensors
- Create platform for calibration program and test technologies for future detectors
- Physics Goals:

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- Precision measurements of neutrino oscillations (mass hierarchy, ...)
- Test low mass dark matter models



IceCube Neutrino Oscillations



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starting events clear μ tracks rely on direct photons

- 5174 events observed cf. 6830 expected if no oscillation
- perform 2D fit in E and cos(θ)

[IceCube, Phys.Rev.D91:072004 (2015)]

- competitive result (3 years)
- will improve further



Advantages of PINGU

- Well-established detector and construction technology (low risk)
- Relatively low cost: ~\$10M design/startup plus ~ \$1.25M per string
- Rapid schedule
 - 3 seasons (first deployments in 2017/2018 ?)
- Quick accumulation of statistics once complete
- Provides a platform for more detailed calibration systems to reduce detector systematics
- Multipurpose detector: Neutrino Properties, Dark Matter, Supernovae, Galactic Neutrino Sources, Neutrino Tomography, ...
- Opportunity for R&D toward other future ice/ water Cherenkov detectors
- PINGU LOI released arXiv: 1401.2046
 - update this Fall

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PINGU Multi-purpose experiment



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Rott et al. e-print 1502.04930

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Conclusions

- IceCube has reigned in a new era in astro-particle physics
 - What's the origin of the high-energy neutrino excess ?
 - Let's find out !
- Great prospect for future upgrades
 - PINGU in-fill aims at creating a large volume detector with a threshold of few GeV
 - High-energy extension for PeV neutrinos
- Opportunity for unexpected discoveries !
 - Dark Matter
 - Galactic Supernova
 - Axions
 - Neutrino Oscillation Parameters



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Galactic Supernova



IceCube graduate student Seongjin In awarded the Korean Global PhD Fellowship

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Seongjin In at the Pole. Image: Seongjin In, IceCube.

The National Research Foundation of Korea has awarded Seongjin In, a graduate student at Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) and known as Jin within the IceCube community, with a 2015 Global PhD Fellowship (GPF). The selection committee selected his research proposal, highlighting his enthusiasm about exploring the universe from Antarctica. The fellowship was announced in July and will provide funds for his salary, travel, and research expenses until completion of his PhD.

GPF is the biggest and most competitive fellowship for graduate students in Korea. "It's really an honor to be one of the awardees, especially since only two proposals were accepted in experimental astrophysics," explains Jin. "But it was not only my achievement. Prof. Rott and Dr. Bose at SKKU, together with the IceCube team, provided guidance and support for my application."



Transient Search GRBs



Burst data from Fermi-BAT and Swift provide precise time stamp and location

Difficult to attribute diffuse neutrino flux with GRB bounds

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IC40 data 2008-2009 (117 GRBs in northern sky) and IC59 data 2009-2010 (98 GRBs in the northern and 85 from southern sky) analyzed. No coincidence found

IceCube Collaboration - Nature Vol **484**, 351 (2012)

• upgoing v_{μ} track search – 506 bursts in 4yrs • all-flavor cascade search – 257 bursts in 1yr



Spectral index and flux

