Detecting the next Galactic SN with IceCube

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Outline

The IceCube Neutrino Telescope and Science Highlights

- Supernova Neutrino Detection with IceCube
- IceCube Upgrade Plans
- Supernova sensitivity
- Conclusions



The IceCube Neutrino Telescope

- Gigaton Neutrino Detector at the Geographic South Pole
- 5160 Digital optical modules (DOMs) distributed over 86 strings
 - incl. 6 strings with HQE DOMs
- Completed in December 2010, start of data taking with full detector May 2011
- Neutrinos are identified through Cherenkov light emission from secondary particles produced in the neutrino interaction with the ice
- Supernova detection via collective noise rate increase



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High Energy Astrophysical Neutrinos

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



~7 sigma rejection of atmospheric-only hypothesis

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SN Detection in IceCube



Supernova Neutrinos on Ice

- Typical supernova neutrino energy
 ~ I0MeV and 30MeV
- Detection of Supernova neutrinos via inverse beta decay
 - Positrons produces Cherenkov light along a short track (roughly 0.6 cm/MeV and 325 photons/ cm)
 - Individual neutrinos cannot be reconstructed







IceCube Sensitivity to Supernova Neutrino Bursts

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- Energy sensitivity
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IceCube background noise

Standard DOMs (4800): 540 Hz High quantum efficiency DOMs (360):680 Hz

very stable rates, slight depth (-45C° \rightarrow -17C°) dependence

time difference between pulses

single DOM rate distribution



application of artificial deadtime (250 $\mu s)$ to reduce correlated noise ...



IceCube SN DAQ System

- The rate of each DOM is buffered in 1.6384ms bins and transferred to the IceCube Supernova DAQ (SNDAQ) system
- Data is synchronized and regrouped in 2ms bins for processing
- For satellite bandwidth constrains data are rebinned in 0.5s intervals, however if a SN trigger is issued data is kept in 2ms bins for a period of [-30s,60s]
- SNEWS alert time delay ~6min



Expected significance



±5minutes of background window to determine σ_i and μ_i



IceCube SN operations and improvements

- Fast analysis 2ms bins
 - close to real time analysis
- Cosmic ray muon subtraction
 - Lower trigger threshhold , reduced seasonal effects
- Bayesian Blocks Data divided into piecewise constant bins with "changepoints" IDing changes in rate
 - Maximize sensitivity to unexpected transients
 - Details: J.D. Scargle et al., ApJ 764:167, 2013, arXiv:1207.5578
- Since 2015
 - stop-less runs
 - SN DAQ up-time increased to ~99.7%
 - Hitspooling
 - Buffering of all DOM hit data



SNDAQ hitspooling data





Hitspooling

- Retrieval of all buffered hits for adjustable time span
 - Automatic data transfer (90s) and analysis
 - Up to 10minutes of hitspool data buffered and transferred depending on the significance of the alert
- Advantages of hitspooling for SN Search:
 - precision burst onset time
 - fine temporal structures
 - coincidences between modules
 - cosmic ray muon identification
 - burst dependent artificial deadtime optimization

Applications of hitspooling goes beyond SN detection: HESE (Is), Solar flares (Ih), Gravitational waves (~10m), ...



Hitspool data uses

"Echo Technique"

Li, Bustamante, Beacom (2016)



"Boosted Dark Matter Search"

Kopp, Liu, Wan (2015)



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IceCube Upgrades





The case for Gen2



- Intense interest in high-energy neutrino region
 - Observations defy any simple explanation from a single generic source class
 - Multiple sources classes ?
 - Hints of new physics ?

IceCube Gen2 Facility





Next generation - IceCube Gen2 Facility

IceCube Gen2 arXiv:1412.5106

- IceCube has provided an amazing sample of events, but is still limited by the small number of events
- 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** ?
- Multi-messenger physics?
- **GZK** neutrinos?



PINGU - Precision IceCube Next Generation Upgrade - First phase of "Gen2"

IceCube PINGU Collaboration arXiv:1401.2046

- PINGU upgrade plan
 - Instrument a volume of about 5MT with 20-26 strings
 - Rely on well established drilling technology and photo sensors
 - Create platform for calibration program and test technologies for future detectors
- Physics Goals:
 - Precision measurements of neutrino oscillations (mass hierarchy, ...)
 - <u>Unitarity of the PMNS Matrix</u> with first few strings
 - Test low mass dark matter models

PINGU LOI to be updated shortly

Short version https://arxiv.org/pdf/1607.02671.pdf





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IceCube-Gen2 Phase I





Neutrino Physics with PINGU



SN Physics Sensitivity



IceCube / PINGU Reach



Significance as a function of distance for an O-Ne-Mg, 8.8M(Sun) supernova. The sensitivity of the 40x96 PINGU geometry is compared to the standard IceCube geometries.



Determination of the average neutrino energy Precision on determining the average energy and shape parameter α for SN at 10kpc



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Determination of the

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Precision on determining the average energy



PINGU SN benefits:

- Galactic SN sensitivity improves by 40%
- Energy resolution by factor 5 improvement



New Sensor Designs for Gen2

mDOM



36cm

- Directional information (φ,θ)
- Large sensitive area per module
- SN multi-hit events
- SN directionality ?



D-Egg

30cm

- Directional information (θ)
- Large sensitive area per module
- Smaller geometry

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- Small diameter
- Very low noise rate

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Conclusions

- IceCube is ready for the next Galactic Supernova
 - >99.5% uptime of SNDAQ
 - Resolve fine timing structure
- Follow up programs in place with GW, etc
- Discovery of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos
 - New era in astroparticle physics
 - Rich science potential with nextgeneration neutrino telescopes
- Great prospects for future upgrades
 - Improved SN sensitivity correlated hits and opportunity for new sensor modules

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Wavelength Shifting Optical Module

- very low noise rates on the order of ~20 Hz or below,
- UV sensitivity,
- large geometric acceptance and module sensitivity,
- long term stability,
- no necessity for magnetic shielding, and
- adequate timing resolution.

