

# Recent Observations of Atmospheric Neutrinos with the IceCube Observatory

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 $\sin^2(2\theta_{24})$ 

# outline



# The IceCube-PINGU Collaboration

#### 48 institutions 300+ members

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#### cosmic ray surface detector



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#### in-ice neutrino telescope



### IceCube Observatory



track (data)

factor of  $\approx 2$  energy resolution  $< 1^{\circ}$  angular resolution

 $\approx \pm 15\%$  deposited energy resolution  $\approx 10^{\circ}$  angular resolution (at energies  $\geq 100 \,\mathrm{TeV}$ )

### detection technique

cascade (data)

# **CC Tau Neutrino**

hybrid



#### "double-bang" and other signatures (simulation)

(not observed yet)







# identifying neutrinos



# background rejection





# neutrino telescopes in Antarctica AMANDA $\rightarrow$ IceCube





1999

10 strings  $1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ km}^3$ 206 optical modules **17** up-ward  $v_{\mu}$ 's resolution ~ 4°  $E_v \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ 











1999

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10 strings  $1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ km}^3$ 206 optical modules **263** up-ward v<sub>µ</sub>'s resolution ~ **4**°  $E_v \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ 











1999

2001

2000-2006

19 strings  $7 \times 10^{-2} \text{ km}^3$ 677 optical modules **6595** up-ward v<sub>µ</sub>'s resolution ~ 2°  $\langle E_v \rangle \sim 1-5 \text{ TeV}$ 







**64230** down-ward μ resolution ~ **0.7**°

**43339** up-ward v<sub>µ</sub>'s

 $\langle E_v \rangle \sim$  **1-5 TeV** 







# $\mathsf{AMANDA} \rightarrow \mathsf{IceCube}$



#### IceTop

#### all-particle energy spectrum



CR spectrum & composition determines shape of atmospheric v and µ spectrum

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#### hadronic interactions determine **shape** of atmospheric v and µ spectrum









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$$\begin{cases} \phi_{\nu}(E_{\nu}) = \phi_{N}(E_{\nu}) \times \\ \left\{ \frac{A_{\pi\nu}}{1 + B_{\pi\nu}\cos\theta E_{\nu}/\epsilon_{\pi}} + \frac{A_{K\nu}}{1 + B_{K\nu}\cos\theta E_{\nu}/\epsilon_{K}} + \frac{A_{charm\,\nu}}{1 + B_{charm\,\nu}\cos\theta E_{\nu}/\epsilon_{charm}} \right\} \\ \end{cases}$$
Gaisser 1990

$$\begin{aligned} A_{i\nu} &= \frac{Z_{Ni} \times BR_{i\nu} \times Z_{i\nu}}{1 - Z_{NN}} \\ Z_{N\pi^{\pm}}(E) &= \int_{E}^{\infty} dE' \frac{\phi_{N}(E')}{\phi_{N}(E)} \frac{\lambda_{N}(E)}{\lambda_{N}(E')} \frac{dn_{\pi^{\pm}}(E', E)}{dE} \\ \epsilon_{i} &= \frac{kT}{Mg} \frac{m_{i}c^{2}}{c\tau_{i}} \quad i = \pi, K, charm, \dots \end{aligned}$$

 $\frac{Particle\,(i)}{\epsilon_i\,(GeV)} \mid \frac{\pi^{\pm}}{115} \mid \frac{K^{\pm}}{850} \mid \frac{K_L^0}{205} \mid \frac{K_S^0}{1.2 \times 10^5} \mid \frac{charm}{\sim 3 \times 10^7}$ 









- $\cdot \mathbf{v}$ 's and  $\mathbf{\mu}$ 's from same hadronic processes in cosmic ray atmospheric showers
- high level cross-calibration sensitive to hadronic interaction models



Energies and rates of the cosmic-ray particles













# low energy neutrinos 10 GeV - 300 GeV





#### low energy neutrinos







#### 10 GeV - 300 GeV

Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 081801 2013

best fit

 $\Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.3 \times 10^{-3} \, eV^2$ 

$$\sin^2(2\theta_{23}) = 1$$

$$\chi^2 = 15.7/18$$

non-oscillation hypothesis rejected at 5.6σ (p-value ~ 10<sup>-8</sup>)







#### low energy neutrinos

- energy resolution resolves the wide minimum @ 25 GeV
- competitive with low energy experiments





#### IceCube - 3 years





### low energy neutrinos

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\mu}) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \, \sin^2\left(1.27 \, \frac{\Delta m_{23}^2 \, L}{E_{\nu}}\right)$$



#### IceCube - 4 years









- increasing data volume
- refined shape of spectrum
- reach **PeV** energy range
- sensitivity to **heavy quark** production in the atmosphere (for  $E_v \ge 0.4-1$  PeV)

 where is transition to astrophysical contribution of neutrinos ?

ICRC 2015 review talk by C. Kopper



# hadronic interaction models heavy quarks in the atmosphere





**MCEq** cascade calculations (Fedynitch) - **Poster 2** 

Sibyll 2.3 - Fedynitch+ ISVHECRI 2014





# hadronic interaction models heavy quarks in the atmosphere

#### Sybill 2.3 RC - Fedynitch+ IPA 2015



BERSS: A. Bhattacharya, R. Enberg, M.H. Reno, I. Sarcevic and A. Stasto, arXiv:1502.01076 ERS: R. Enberg, M. H. Reno, and I. Sarcevic, Phys. Rev. D 78, 43005 (2008). MRS: A. D. Martin, M. G. Ryskin, and A. M. Stasto, Acta Physica Polonica B 34, 3273 (2003). SIBYLL: arXiv:1503.00544 and arXiv:1502.06353 TIG: M. Thunman, G. Ingelman, and P. Gondolo, Astroparticle Physics 5, 309 (1996).

- non-perturbative effects
- intrinsic charm
- inclusive charm cross-section
- partonic saturation

#### hadronic models

Bhattacharya+ 2015

Garzelli, Moch & Sigl 2015









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poly-gonato - [1] J. R. Hörandel, Astroparticle Physics

#### cosmic rays



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- using IceCube as muon VETO
- lower energy with DeepCore
- events **starting** inside DeepCore
- particle ID: cascade-like events vs. track-like / hybrid events

• higher sensitivity to heavy quark production in the atmosphere (for  $E_v \gtrsim 10$  TeV)

#### contained $V_e + \overline{V}_e$









#### **IceCube-86 Phys. Rev. D91 12, 122004** 2015

$$\langle E_{\nu} \rangle \sim 1.7 \, TeV$$

$$R\left(\frac{\nu_{\mu} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}}{\nu_{e} + \bar{\nu}_{e}}\right) = 16.9^{+6.4}_{-4.0}$$

- flavor ratio depends on uncertain  $K/\pi$
- $p + N \to \Lambda + K^+$ associated production
- $\mu^+/\mu^-$ • that affects  $\bar{\nu}/\nu$  and
- and affects spectral shape > 1 TeV





- determination of conventional flux independent of high energy contribution
- determination of charm flux influenced on astrophysical hypothesis (review talk by C. Kopper)

#### charm and astrophysics

#### **IceCube-86** Phys. Rev. D91 12, 122004 2015 Best fit prompt flux(x modified ERS) Best fit prompt flux for a given astrophysical y 8 [Error band is 68% C.L.] 5 3 **2**⊨ 0 1.9 2 2.3 2.4 2.5 2.0 Astrophysical Spectral Index (γ) 2.1 2.2 2 $\Delta$ LLH 90% CL 3 2 Ņ 68% CL 1.9 2.1 2 2.2 2.3 2.4 2.5 Astrophysical spectral index ( $\gamma$ )

charm from ERS 2008 CR spectrum from Gaisser 2012





- <100 TeV CR directly measured</p>
- <100 GeV v's from pions</p>
- <10 GeV v's geomagnetic effects</p>
- v oscillations constrained

- low energy v's with SuperK
- mid-high energy v's with IC / DC
- 6 orders of magnitude in energy







### high energy muons pointing resolution and interplanetary magnetic fields









# high energy leptons correlation with stratospheric temperatures



- long & short term correlations with high statistical precision: dynamical effects on air density
- temperature correlation coefficient indirect probe into  $K/\pi$
- no temperature correlation if prompt (charm) contribution dominates (PD & Gaisser, 2010)







# high energy leptons correlation with stratospheric temperatures







μ multiplicity - **ICRC 2013** 

2e8 events / day

**ICRC 2009 ICRC 2011** 







# high energy muons

#### Low-Energy



#### Bundles



#### minimum ionizing

2400 2600 2800 3000 3200 3400 3600 Slant Depth [m]

2200

minimum ionizing

2000 2200 2400 2600 2800 3000 3200 3400 Slant Depth [m]

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#### stochastic energy losses





# high energy muons



- high energy inclusive muon spectrum compatible with additional contribution at HE
- prompt component from charm production and unflavored n mesons •

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### particle physics ( $v + \mu$ )

- v oscillations
- high energy hadronic models
- forward physics
- heavy quarks
- v mass hierarchy

### geo-sciences

- stratospheric temperatures
- upper atmosphere winds
- short & long time temp. variations
- Earth science



### cosmic ray astrophysics ( $\mu$ )

- fields

### Pingu - K. Clark Gen2 - E. Blaufuss Fri 31/7 Fri 31/7

## atmospheric v and $\mu$

cosmic ray anisotropy probe of local interstellar

probe of local sources of CR

### detector calibration

angular pointing/resolution energy calibration

# test of Standard Model

- non standard oscillations
- sterile v's
- Lorentz invariance
- quantum gravity

### v astronomy

- transition to astrophysics of energy spectrum & flavor composition
- point and diffuse sources of cosmic rays







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### supporting material



### cosmic rays & atmospheric leptons

- are accelerated in unidentified sources
- are composed of atomic nuclei
- propagate across magnetized plasmas
- hit Earth's atmosphere
- generate hadronic & e.m. showers





### cosmic rays & atmospheric leptons

### Calculation of atmospheric muons from cosmic gamma rays

### J. Poirier<sup>1</sup>, S. Roesler<sup>2</sup>, and A. Fassò<sup>3</sup>

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# **Table 2.** Fractional contributions to the parents of the muons which reach sea level.

$E_{\gamma}$ (GeV)	$\pi^+$	$\pi^-$	K <sup>+</sup>	<b>K</b> <sup>-</sup>	neutral kaons
1	0.106	0.894	0.0	0.0	0.0
3	0.495	0.485	0.020	0.0	$1.7  imes 10^{-4}$
10	0.492	0.489	0.011	0.007	$9.8  imes 10^{-4}$
30	0.482	0.482	0.019	0.014	$3.1 \times 10^{-3}$
100	0.478	0.477	0.022	0.018	$4.4 \times 10^{-3}$
300	0.477	0.476	0.023	0.019	$4.7 \times 10^{-3}$
1000	0.475	0.476	0.024	0.019	$5.2 \times 10^{-3}$
3000	0.476	0.475	0.025	0.020	$5.1 \times 10^{-3}$
10000	0.474	0.477	0.024	0.020	$5.2 \times 10^{-3}$

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## searching for neutrinos background rejection

• all-flavor searches:  $v_{\mu}$ ,  $v_e \& v_{\tau}$ 

through-going up-ward µ's &
 HE down-ward µ's





# searching for neutrinos background rejection

• all-flavor searches:  $v_{\mu}$ ,  $v_e \& v_{\tau}$ 

- through-going up-ward µ's & HE down-ward µ's
- contained cascades





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- HE starting events + self-veto
   & outer-veto







### Super-Kamiokande





### IceCube79 - DeepCore







### Super-Kamiokande







$$P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\mu}) = 1 - \sin^2(2\theta_{23}) \, \sin^2\left(1.27 \, \frac{\Delta m_{23}^2 \, L}{E_{\nu}}\right)$$

### IceCube79 - DeepCore







**5174** observed events 6830 expected events

in 953 days



# low energy neutrinos

### IceCube - 3 years







### IceCube - 3 years







### pointing calibration and ...

2014

### IceCube-40+59

### **Phys. Rev. D 89, 102004**





# high energy muons pointing resolution and angular resolution



### 2014



# high energy muons DOM calibration with muons



**IceCube calibrations** 

2014 **JINST 9, P03009** 

• minimum ionizing quasi-horizontal muons

- energy-independent losses in the ice
- single p.e. detected by DOM optical sensors

### absolute charge measurement

DOM sensitivity measurement



# high energy muons DOM calibration with muons

- charge distribution of PMTs
- **single p.e. peak** from minimum ionizing muons
- 0.2 p.e. trigger threshold
- HLC less likely to be from noise

### **IceCube calibrations**

### **JINST 9, P03009** 2014





# high energy neutrinos

- high quality through-going muons
- energy spectrum smoothly merge with *"low energy"* determinations (Super-Kamiokande, Fréjus)
- first time high energy atmospheric neutrinos







# high energy neutrinos











# high energy neutrinos up-ward through-going v\_+ $\overline{v}_{\mu}$



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Poster 3

**IceCube-59 Eur. Phys. J. C75, 116 2015** 







# high energy neutrinos and muons



### contained $V_e + \overline{V}_e$

IceCube-86

### arXiv:1504.03753 (PRD)

2015





### high energy neutrinos



### **Phys. Rev. D91 12, 122004**



### flavor composition

### 2015

Fedynitch et al. arXiv:1503.00544 - Sibyll 2.3RC1 - H3a CR composition





# high energy leptons correlation with stratospheric temperatures

# $T_{eff}(E_i,\theta) = \frac{\int dE_i \int dX \,\epsilon(E_i,\theta) \,\mathcal{P}_{\mu}(E_i,\theta,X) \,T(\theta,X)}{\int dE_i \int dX \,\epsilon(E_i,\theta) \,\mathcal{P}_{\mu}(E_i,\theta,X)}$

$$\alpha_T^{th}(\theta) = \frac{T \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \int dE_i \,\phi_i(E_i, \theta) \,\epsilon(E_i, \theta)}{\int dE_i \,\phi_i(E_i, \theta) \,\epsilon(E_i, \theta)}$$

$$\frac{\Delta I_i}{\langle I_i \rangle} = \alpha_T^{th} \frac{\Delta T_{eff}}{\langle T_{eff} \rangle}$$

temperature data from NASA AIRS instrument on board the Aqua satellite



PD et al., **ICRC 2011** 



# high energy leptons correlation with stratospheric temperatures







$$\phi_{\mu}(E_{\mu},\theta) = \phi_{N}(E_{\mu}) \times \left(\frac{1}{1+B_{\pi\mu}\cos\theta^{\star} H}\right)$$

$$A_{K\mu}/A_{\pi\mu} = \left(\frac{BR_{K\mu}}{BR_{\pi\mu}}\right) \left(\frac{Z_{K\mu}}{Z_{\pi,\mu}}\right) \left(\frac{Z_{NK}}{Z_{N\pi}}\right)$$

$$\underbrace{\text{kaon/pion ratio}}_{0.99} \left(\frac{R(K/\pi)}{R}\right) = \frac{Z_{NK}}{Z_{N\pi}}$$

$$\int_{0.99} \frac{1}{0.99} \left(\frac{1}{0.99}\right) \left(\frac{R(K/\pi)}{R}\right) = \frac{Z_{NK}}{Z_{N\pi}}$$

K/π ratio

 $\frac{A_{K\mu}/A_{\pi\mu}}{E_{\mu}/\epsilon_{\pi}} + \frac{A_{K\mu}/A_{\pi\mu}}{1 + B_{K\mu}\cos\theta^{\star}E_{\mu}/\epsilon_{K}} \right) \quad \gamma \approx 1.7$ K/p ratio V.b ratio 0.2 ICRC, Beijing 2011 0.15 0.1 NA49 (Pb+Pb) E735 (<del>p</del>+p) STAR (Au+Au, K<sup>+</sup>/p<sup>+</sup>) 0.05 STAR (Au+Au, K<sup>-</sup>/p<sup>-</sup>) MINOS (p+A<sub>atm</sub>) IceCube Preliminary (p+A 1.5 2.5 3.5 2 3  $\sqrt{s}$  (GeV)

experimental systematics under strict control



# high energy leptons correlation with stratospheric temperatures

indirect probe into **K/π ratio** •

- prompt particles (**charm**) decay fast ٠
- do not correlate with temperature

$$\alpha_T^{th}(\theta) = \frac{T \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial T} \int dE_i \,\phi_i(E_i, \theta) \,\epsilon(E_i)}{\int dE_i \,\phi_i(E_i, \theta) \,\epsilon(E_i, \theta)}$$



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PD, Gaisser 2010

high energy  $\mu$ 's and  $\nu$ 's from charm decay not sensitive to temperature variations

astrophysical neutrinos as well

complications from muon multiplicity

### charm production

charm contribution from RQPM model (Bugaev et al. 1998)



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### charm production

$E_{\mu,\min}$	no charm RC		RQF	M charm	ERS charm		int. charm	
	$\alpha$	Rate	$\alpha$	Rate	α	Rate	$\alpha$	Rate
0.5	0.83	2050	0.82	2070	0.82	2050	0.82	2060
10	0.98	1.26	0.89	1.40	0.97	1.26	0.94	1.34
100	1.0	0.0025	0.53	0.0049	0.91	0.0028	0.71	0.0036

TABLE I: Correlation coefficients for muons with ( $\theta \leq 30^{\circ}$ ) for three levels of charm (energy in TeV; rate in Hz/km<sup>2</sup>).

 $IC40 \times 2$ 

$E_{\nu,\min}(\text{TeV})$	no	o charm	RQPM charm		
Zone 1	$\alpha$	Events/yr	α	Events/yr	
all	0.54	16000	0.52	17000	
3	0.70	5900	0.62	6300	
30	0.94	350	0.72	450	





muon multiplicity modifies temperature correlation (ICRC 2013)

need to evaluate the energy of individual muons in the bundle

→ single muons

### charm production

### PD, Gaisser 2010

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100	1.0	0.0025	0.53	0.0049	0.91	0.0028	0.71	0.0036	

TABLE I: Correlation coefficients for muons with ( $\theta \leq 30^{\circ}$ ) for three levels of charm (energy in TeV; rate in Hz/km<sup>2</sup>).

- ►  $2 \times 10^8 \,\mu/day \rightarrow 220-430 \,\mu/day$
- $\alpha_T^{th}$  decreases 10-30% for E<sub>µ</sub> > 100 TeV
- 10 years of HE muon data





astrophysical neutrinos do not correlate with atmospheric temperature

### neutrinos produced in larger portion of Earth's atmosphere

small event statistics

### charm production

### PD, Gaisser 2010

- $100 v/day \rightarrow 2-3 v/day$
- $\alpha_T^{th}$  decreases 20% for E<sub>v</sub> > 30 TeV
- long time to accumulate enough statistics

### IC40×2 → **IC86** ~ 4.8×IC40

$E_{\nu,\min}(\text{TeV})$	no	o charm	RQPM charm		
Zone 1	α Events/yr		α	Events/yr	
all	0.54	38400	0.52	40800	
3	0.70	14160	0.62	15120	
30	0.94	840	0.72	1080	





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### minimum ionizing

### minimum ionizing

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### HE Muons



**P. Berghaus** 

### stochastic energy losses



### multiple muons



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### hadronic interaction models



Fedynitch, Becker-Tjus, PD 2010




## non-standard physics $v_{\mu}$ disappearance to sterile neutrino



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## non-standard physics $v_{\mu}$ disappearance to sterile neutrino



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## non-standard physics



## non-standard oscillations

