





High-Energy Messengers: Present & Future

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Multi-Messenger Astronomy



Acceleration of charged nuclei (**cosmic rays**) - especially in the aftermath of cataclysmic events, sometimes visible in **gravitational waves**.

Inelastic cosmic ray collisions with gas or radiation create a flux of secondary pions/kaons.

Secondary **neutrinos** and **gamma-rays** from pion decays:

 $\pi^+ \to \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \qquad \pi^0 \to \gamma + \gamma$ $rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \nu_\mu$

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Unique abilities of **cosmic neutrinos**:

no deflection in magnetic fields (unlike cosmic rays)

no absorption in cosmic backgrounds (unlike gamma-rays)

smoking-gun of unknown sources of cosmic rays

coincident with photons and gravitational waves

...but difficult to detect...

High-Energy Neutrino Interaction

- Low-energy (<10GeV) neutrino interaction with matter in quasi-elastic or resonant interactions.
- High-energy neutrinos interact with nuclei via **deep inelastic scattering.**



Detector Requirements

Secondary charged particle are visible via optical Cherenkov emission in **transparent media**.

back-of-the-envelope ($E_{\nu} \sim 1 \text{PeV} = 10^{15} \text{ eV}$): **flux of neutrinos** : $\frac{d^2 N_{\nu}}{dt \, dA} \sim \frac{1}{cm^2 \times 10^5 yr}$ • cross section : $\sigma_{\nu N} \sim 10^{-8} \sigma_{pp} \sim 10^{-33} \text{cm}^2$ $N_N \sim N_A \times V/\mathrm{cm}^3$ targets: rate of events : $\dot{N}_{\nu} \sim N_N \times \sigma_{\nu N} \times \frac{\mathrm{d}^2 N_{\nu}}{\mathrm{d}t \,\mathrm{d}A} \sim \frac{1}{\mathrm{year}} \times \frac{V}{1 \mathrm{km}^3}$

minimum detector size : 1km³

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Cherenkov Observatories



Mediterranean	South Pole	Lake Baikal	Mediterranean
2008–2020	fully instrumented since 2011	under construction (5 out of 8 clusters)	under construction (3 out of 230 DUs)
~0.01 km ³	~1 km ³	~0.4 km ³ (Phase 1) ~1km ³	~0.1 km ³ (Phase 1) ~1 km ³
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IceCube Observatory



- Giga-ton Cherenkov telescope at the South Pole
- Collaboration of about 300 scientists at 47 intl. institution
- 60 digital optical modules (DOMs) attached to strings
- 86 IceCube strings instrumenting 1 km³ of clear glacial ice
- 81 IceTop stations for cosmic ray shower detections
- 7-year construction phase (2004–2011)
- price: \$0.3 per ton

Detection Methods I



Selecting up-going muon tracks reduces atmospheric muon background:



Detection Methods II

- Outer layer of optical modules used as virtual veto region (gray area)
- Atmospheric muons pass through veto from above.
- Atmospheric neutrinos coincidence with atmospheric muons.
- **Cosmic neutrino** events can start inside the fiducial volume.
- High-Energy Starting Event (HESE) analysis



Breakthrough in 2013

First observation of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos by IceCube.

"cascade event" (from all flavours)

"track event" (from ν_{μ} scattering)



["Breakthrough of the Year" (Physics World), Science 2013] (neutrino event signature: early to late light detection)

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Diffuse TeV-PeV Neutrinos

• High-Energy Starting Events (HESE) (7yrs):

- bright events ($E_{
 m th}\gtrsim 30{
 m TeV}$) starting inside IceCube
- efficient removal of atmospheric backgrounds by veto layer

• Up-going muon-neutrino tracks (8yrs):

- large effective volume due to ranging in tracks
- efficient removal of atmospheric muon backgrounds by Earth-absorption

[Science 342 (2013); work in progress]

[Astrophys.J. 833 (2016); update ICRC 2017]



Power-Law Comparison



Astrophysical Flavours

• Energy resolution of detectors is limited and neutrino source is distant. CUBE HIGH-ENERGY DATA $P_{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j}^{TA} \Re(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*}) \underbrace{\sin^{2} \Delta_{ij}}_{\rightarrow 1/2} + 2 \sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{\alpha i}^{*}U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j}U_{\beta j}^{*}) \underbrace{\sin 2\Delta_{ij}}_{\rightarrow 0}$

oscillation-averaged probability:

$$P_{\nu_{\alpha} \to \nu_{\beta}} \simeq \sum_{i} |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2$$

• initial composition: $v_e : v_\mu : v_\tau$ pion & muon decay: 1:2:0muon-damped decay: 0:1:0neutron decay: 1:0:0

[Astrophys.J. 809 (2015) no.1, 98]



Profile likelihood scan of the flavor composition $^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$ Each point in the triangle corresponds to a ratio $_{\tau}$ as measured on Earth, the individual contribud offarthe three (side) of the triangle-EnTry Mestefitgers: Present & Future

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Status of Neutrino Astronomy

Most energetic neutrino events (HESE 6yr (magenta) & $v_{\mu} + \overline{v}_{\mu}$ 8yr (red) + public alerts (green))



No significant steady or transient emission from known Galactic and extragalactic high-energy sources (except for one candidate).

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Status of Neutrino Astronomy



Orbiting Solar Observatory (OSO-3) (Clark & Kraushaar'67)

Status of Neutrino Astronomy

Fermi-LAT gamma-ray count map

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2017

Galactic Neutrino Emission



Contribution of Galactic diffuse emission at 10TeV-PeV is subdominant.

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Extragalactic Source Candidates

- association with sources of UHE CRs [Kistler, Stanev & Yuksel'13] [Katz, Waxman, Thompson & Loeb'13; Fang, Fujii, Linden & Olinto'14;Moharana & Razzaque'15]
- association with diffuse γ -ray background [Murase, MA & Lacki'13] [Chang & Wang'14; Ando, Tamborra & Zandanel'15]
- active galactic nuclei (AGN) [Stecker'13;Kalashev, Kusenko & Essey'13] [Murase, Inoue & Dermer'14; Kimura, Murase & Toma'14; Kalashev, Semikoz & Tkachev'14] [Padovani & Resconi'14; Petropoulou *et al.*'15; Padovani *et al.*'16; Kadler *et al.*'16; Wang & Loeb'16]
- gamma-ray bursts (GRB) [Murase & Ioka'13; Dado & Dar'14; Tamborra & Ando'15] [Senno, Murase & Meszaros'16; Denton & Tamborra'18; Boncioli, Biehl & Winter'18]
- galaxies with intense star-formation (*e.g.* starbursts)
 [He, Wang, Fan, Liu & Wei'13; Yoast-Hull, Gallagher, Zweibel & Everett'13; Murase, MA & Lacki'13]
 [Anchordoqui, Paul, da Silva, Torres& Vlcek'14; Tamborra, Ando & Murase'14; Chang & Wang'14]
 [Liu, Wang, Inoue, Crocker & Aharonian'14; Senno, Meszaros, Murase, Baerwald & Rees'15]
 [Chakraborty & Izaguirre'15; Emig, Lunardini & Windhorst'15; Bechtol *et al.*'15]
- galaxy clusters/groups [Murase, MA & Lacki'13; Zandanel, Tamborra, Gabici & Ando'14]
- tidal disruption events (TDE) [Wang, Liu, Dai & Cheng'11; Senno, Murase & Més'aros'17] [Guépin, Kotera, Barausse, Fang & Murase'17; Biehl, Boncioli, Lunardini & Winter'17]

Search for Neutrino Sources



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Where are the Sources?



[Ackermann et al., Astro2020]

Rare objects, like blazars or gamma-ray bursts, can not be the dominant sources of TeV-PeV neutrino emission (magenta band).

Gravitational Wave Follow-Up



First binary neutron star merger observed in gravitational waves (GW170817) coincident with a short gamma-ray burst (GRB 170817A).

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Gravitational Wave Follow-Up



[Astrophys.J. 850 (2017) no.2, L35]

- Search for neutrino emission from GRB 170817A by ANTARES, IceCube & Pierre Auger.
- No neutrino candidates found within +/-500s and the GW 90% angular uncertainty region.
- LVC O3 science run (since April 1) : near real-time follow-up by IceCube

Gravitational Wave Follow-Up

- Cosmic ray acceleration expected in internal shocks of short duration gamma-ray burst.
- Short-term neutrino production in scattering off photons (top panel).
- Non-observation consistent with off-axis emission:

$$F_{\text{off}}(E_{\nu}) = \frac{\delta(\theta)}{\delta(0^{\circ})} F_{\text{on}}\left(\frac{\delta(0^{\circ})}{\delta(\theta)} E_{\nu}\right)$$

• Doppler factor:

$$\delta(\theta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \beta \cos \theta)}$$

• Long-term neutrino emission from remnant pulsar wind (bottom panel).



[Astrophys.J. 850 (2017) no.2, L35]

Realtime Neutrino Alerts



IceCube and ANTARES issue realtime neutrino alerts to multi-messenger partners for rapid follow-up.





- 50% astrophysical neutrino fraction
- angular resolution 0.5-2deg
- high-energy starting tracks (>60TeV)
 - 4.8 alerts/year (1.1 signal/year)
- through-going muons (>100TeV)
 - 4-5 alerts/year (2.5-4 signal/year)

- time to issue alert: 5s
- median angular resolution 0.5deg
- neutrino doublets
 - 0.04 alerts/year
- neutrinos from local galaxies (>1TeV)
 - 10 alerts/year
- high-energy neutrinos (>5TeV)
 - 20 alerts/year
- very high-energy neutrinos (>30TeV)
 - 3-4 alerts/year

[Blaufuss et al., Proceedings of ICRC 2017]

[Dornic et al., Proceedings of ICRC 2017]

Realtime Neutrino Alerts



up-going muon track (5.7° below horizon) observed September 22, 2017 best-fit neutrino energy is about 300 TeV

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TXS 0506+056





- IC-170922A observed in coincident with flaring blazar TXS 0506+056.
- Chance correlation can be rejected at the 3σ -level.
- TXS 0506+056 is among the most luminous BL Lac objects in gamma-rays.

Blazars as Neutrino Factories



Active galaxy powered by accretion onto a supermassive black hole with relativistic jets pointing into our line of sight.

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Neutrino Flare in 2017



- Photon SED can be modelled by lepto-hadronic or proton-synchrotron models. [Keivani *et al.*'18.; Gao *et al.*'18; Cerruti *et al.*'18; Zhang, Fang & Li'18; Gokus *et al.*'18; Sahakyan'18]
- Neutrino flux limited to **less than one event** by theoretically feasible cosmic ray luminosity and X-ray data. [Murase, Oikonomo & Petropoulou'18]
- Eddington bias: expected number of events expected from BL Lacs observed by one event in the range 0.006 0.03 [Strotjohann, Kowalski & Franckowiak'18]

Neutrino Flare in 2014/15





- Independent 3.5σ evidence for a neutrino flare (13±5 events) in 2014/15.
- Neutrino luminosity over 158 days is about **four times brighter than gamma-ray emission** (Fermi-LAT).
- on average, **1000 times brighter** than 2017 neutrino flux

neutrino "morphology" of 2014/15 flare

Are Blazars the TeV-PeV Sources?



- Blazar stacking limits derived from Fermi-LAT AGN catalogue (2LAC).
- Upper limit on the diffuse flux at the level of 30% assuming all blazar classes contribute.
- Energy of IC-170922A in the region of strongest differential upper limit.

Multi-Messenger Interfaces

Further progress on diffuse emission via multi-messenger relations:

(A) **Joint production** of gamma-rays and neutrinos in CR interactions.

(B) Low-rigidity CRs trapped in **calorimetric environments** (e.g. starburst galaxies).

(C) **GZK neutrinos** from UHE CR propagation in cosmic backgrounds.



Hadronic Gamma-Rays



- Joint production of gamma-rays and neutrinos from cosmic ray collisions.
- TeV gamma-rays initiate electromagnetic cascades in collisions with cosmic microwave background.



Hadronic Gamma-Rays

- Gamma-ray emission from EM cascades ends up in the sub-TeV range observed with **Fermi-LAT**.
- In addition, CR interactions with gas (pp) predict extended
 power-law spectra of neutrinos and gamma-rays.
- Cosmic ray **spectral index strongly constrained** by the isotropic diffuse gamma-ray background (IGRB):

[Murase, MA & Lacki'13]

- $\Gamma \leq 2.15$
- IceCube best-fit (HESE 7.5yr):

 $\Gamma \simeq 2.87 \pm 0.3$



[[]Murase, MA & Lacki'13]

[Tamborra, Ando & Murase'14;Ando, Tamborra & Zandanel'15] [Bechtol, MA, Ajello, Di Mauro & Vandenbrouke'15] [Palladino, Fedynitch, Rasmussen & Taylor'19]

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Isotropic Diffuse Gamma-Ray BGR

IGRB composition with MW SF model



- Isotropic diffuse gamma-ray background (IGRB) consists of unidentified point-like sources and diffuse contributions.
- Extrapolation of identified (bright) gamma-ray sources allows to model the emission.
- large contribution (>50%) from unidentified blazars (BL Lac) at E>50 GeV

Hidden Sources?

Efficient production of 10 TeV neutrinos requires strong X-ray backgrounds.



High pion production efficiency implies strong internal gamma-ray absorption in Fermi-LAT energy range:

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \simeq 1000 f_{p\gamma}$$

UHE CR Spectrum

- Ultra-High Energy (UHE) CR spectrum (>EeV) expected to show suppression due to resonant interactions with cosmic microwave background beyond ~40EeV (GZK-cutoff).
- UHE CRs above 40EeV limited to local Universe (~200Mpc).
- Window for UHE CR astronomy for light composition (high rigidity).



- Suppression feature observed in spectra with high significance.
- However, could also be related to **intrinsic cutoff** of UHE CR sources.
- Testable by GZK neutrinos. [Berezinsky & Zatsepin'70]



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[e.g. MA et al.'10; MA & Halzen'12]

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Cosmic Ray Calorimeters

• UHE CR proton emission rate density:

$$[E_p^2 Q_p(E_p)]_{10^{19.5} \text{eV}} \simeq 8 \times 10^{43} \, \text{erg} \, \text{Mpc}^{-3} \, \text{yr}^{-1}$$

• neutrino flux can be estimated as (ξ_z : factor accounting for redshift evolution) :

$$E_{\nu}^{2}\phi_{\nu}(E_{\nu}) \simeq f_{\pi} \underbrace{\frac{\xi_{z}K_{\pi}}{1+K_{\pi}}}_{\mathcal{O}(1)} \underbrace{1.5 \times 10^{-8} \,\text{GeV}\,\text{cm}^{-2}\,\text{s}^{-1}\,\text{sr}}_{\sim \text{ IceCube diffuse}}$$

- → limited by pion production efficiency: $f_{\pi} \leq 1$ [Waxman & Bahcall'98]
- similar UHE nucleon emission rate density (local minimum at $\Gamma\simeq 2.04)$ [Auger'16]

$$[E_N^2 Q_N(E_N)]_{10^{19.5} \text{eV}} \simeq 2.2 \times 10^{43} \,\text{erg}\,\text{Mpc}^{-3}\,\text{yr}^{-1}$$

• Sources of UHECRs could be embedded in "calorimetric" environments ($f_{\pi} = 1$), producing a large flux of neutrinos, *e.g.*, **starburst galaxies** or **galaxy clusters**.

Waxman-Bahcall Limit



Observed neutrino flux close to Waxman-Bahcall (WB) limit: Common origin of TeV-PeV neutrinos and UHE CRs?

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Starburst Galaxies

- Intense star formation enhances UHE CR production, e.g. by gamma-ray bursts.
- Low-energy cosmic rays remain magnetically confined and eventually collide in dense environment.
- In time, efficient conversion of CR energy density into gammarays and neutrinos.

[Loeb & Waxman '06]

• Expect power-law neutrino spectra with high-energy break from CR leakage.



UHE CR Composition

- No significant cross-correlation found between UHE CRs and HE neutrinos.
- Galactic and extragalactic magnetic fields can introduce **significant angular deflections and time delays:** $\Delta t \simeq d(\Delta \psi)^2$
- Maximal cross-correlation limited by GZK horizon : $\lambda_{GZK}/\lambda_{Hubble} \simeq 5\%$



[Auger, IceCube & Telescope Array'17]

Outlook: Baikal-GVD



present detector outline (2018) **BAIKAL-GVD**

- GVD Phase 1: 8 clusters with 8 strings expected to be completed by 2020/21 (~0.4 km³)
- cluster depth: 735–1260 m
- 5 clusters deployed 2016–19
- final goal: 27 clusters (~1.4 km³)



Outlook: KM3NeT/ARCA

- ARCA : 2 building blocks of 115 detection units (DUs)
- 24 DU funded (**Phase-1**, ~0.1 km³)
- 3 DU deployed off the coast of Italy (1 DU recovered after shortage)
- 2 DUs operated until March 2017





- Improved angular resolution for water Cherenkov emission.
- 5**σ** discovery of **diffuse flux** with full ARCA within one year
- Complementary field of view ideal for the study of point sources.

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Outlook: IceCube Upgrade

- 7 new strings in the DeepCore region (~20m inter-string spacing) with improved optical modules.
- New calibration devices, incorporating lessons from a decade of IceCube calibration efforts.
- **Precision measurement** of atmospheric neutrino oscillation.
- Midscale NSF project with an estimated total cost of \$23M.
- Additional \$9M in capital equipment alone from partners
- Aim: deployment in 2022/23



Vision: IceCube-Gen2

- Multi-component facility (low- and high-energy & multi-messenger).
- In-ice high-energy Cherenkov array with 6-10 km³ volume.
- Under investigation: Surface arrays for in-ice radio (Askaryan) and cosmic ray veto (air Cherenkov and/or scintillator panels).



Summary

- The future of high-energy multi-messenger astronomy is bright:
 - TeV-PeV neutrino emission (of unknown origin) with intensity comparable to ultra-high energy cosmic-rays and gamma-rays.
 - First observation of binary neutron star merger in gravitational waves and photons.
 - First compelling evidence of neutrino emission from gamma-ray blazars.
- Real-time multi-messenger campaigns involving photons, gravitational waves and neutrinos are becoming routine.
- With next-generation telescopes we will go from discovery to astronomy.

Thank you for your attention!

Backup Slides

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IceCube-Gen2 Timeline

Preliminary timeline



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Outlook: UHE CR Observatories



Future Multi-Messenger Landscape



[Buson et al. Astro2020]

Neutrino Physics



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HESE Alert IC-190331A



- HESE alert on March 31, 2019
- deposited energy: 5.3 PeV
- brightest HESE event, so far
- down-going muon neutrino
- RA 337.785° +/- 2.240°
- DEC -21.075° +/- 3.064°
- Follow-up by Fermi-LAT / AGILE (gamma-ray), NuSTAR (X-ray), MASTER / SARA (optical)
- No obvious EM counterpart.

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