

To the memory of Milla Baldo Ceolin, who stood for the giants of neutrino physics



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Ma sedendo e mirando, interminati Spazi di là da quella, e sovrumani Silenzi, e profondissima quiete lo nel pensier mi fingo; ove per poco Il cor non si spaura.

L'infinito di G. Leopardi

Many of the results are obtained by



Disclaimer: the neutrino telescope scientific program is much broader than what I will present!



Neutrino sources

J.N. Bahcall (1964): Only neutrinos, with their extremely small cross sections, can enable us to see into the interior of a star...



Fluxes for neutrino telescopes



The birth of neutrino telescopes



Ann.Rev.Nucl.Sci 10 (1960) 63

COSMIC RAY SHOWERS

By Kenneth Greisen

Let us now consider the feasibility of detecting the neutrino flux. As a detector, we propose a large Cherenkov counter, about 15 m. in diameter, located in a mine far underground. The counter should be surrounded with photomultipliers to detect the events, and enclosed in a shell of scintillating material to distinguish neutrino events from those caused by μ mesons. Such a detector would be rather expensive, but not as much as modern ac-

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1960 Rochester Conference: "We propose to install detectors deep in a lake or in the sea and to determine the direction of charged particles with the help of Cherenkov radiation."

C. Spiering arXiv:1207.4952



1965 Cowan and Reines: first detection of 7 ν -induced tracks with 1 muon background in a mine. After 2 months Kolar Gold Field confirms the detection and then published the first neutrino map, where some events are arcs due to the uncertainty in azimuth

The challenge of the neutrino giants





ANTARES → KM3NeT : ORCA+ARCA





Credit: NASA/Fermi and Aurora Simonnet Sonoma State University

The challenge in deep waters

DUMAND, off-shore Big Island

String prototype installed at 3'500 depth. In 1995 the funding of the program was interrupted due to a water leakage.

Lake Baikal, Siberia 1984- ...

The deepest lake in the world 1981: first explorations at 1.3km depth ANTARES, France, 2001-2021

2450 m below sea surface, 40 km off-shore Toulon





The challenge in deep ice



Milla Baldo-Ceolin from the University Padova

1st "Int.

Venice Workshop on Neutrino Telescopes",

A long history of successful developments







6 MW/hole of 2.5 km , 24 h for drilling-installation, ~20 d for refreezing



Deployment of Instruments



5'160 DOMs 10" PMTs Digitizing electronics

Filtering-out the background

Up-going Muon-Neutrino Tracks



- 10,000,000,000 atmospheric muons
- · 100,000 atmospheric neutrinos
- 10 cosmic neutrinos (per year and km³)

Random noise
Random noise ~1 kHz from ⁴⁰K in glass spheres
20-40 kHz from ⁴⁰K in sea water
Neutrino events
Earth filters neutrinos among muons if events are upgoing
Arrival time of Cherenkov

Arrival time of Cherenkov photons affected by scattering, which is much larger in ice than sea water





Event topology







Track Standard reconstruction; about x 2 energy resolution Angular resolution ~0.5° (0.3° for E > 100 TeV)

Cascade 10-15% energy resolution for E > 100 TeV Angular resolution O(10°)

Tau neutrino double bang Decay length ~ 50 m/PeV events from IceCube Monte Carlo early late amount of light \propto energy









The atmospheric backgrounds and test beam



The muon neutrino diffuse flux

650'000 muon neutrino-induced events between in 9.5 yr with 99.7% purity after Pass2 (recalibration of SPE to a lower value by 4.3%). The spectrum is softer than in <u>APJ 833 (2016)</u>



Evidence for astrophysical component (purely atmospheric beam excluded at more than 5σ)

PeV - energy Cascade event

date: **August 9, 2011** energy: **1.04 PeV** topology: **shower** nickname: **Bert**

PeV ν_{e} and ν_{τ} showers:

• 10 m long

Light almost isotropic after 25~50 m







In 2012 IceCube discovers a diffuse flux of > 50 TeV neutrinos that we know now to be incompatible with neutrinos produced in the atmosphere at >> 5 σ : about 10 events/yr

Recognising the vertex: starting events

A population with high energy releasing small charge in the veto with reconstructed energy > 60 TeV



PhysRevD.104.022002



The o Diffuse flux of High-Energy Starting Events (HESE)

IceCube, PRL 111 (2013), Science 342 (2013): 28 neutrino events/662 d (flux At E> 30 TeV incompatible with atm. neutrinos at 4.1 σ), 2PeV events PRL 113 (2014): 37 neutrinos/998 d and third PeV event PRD 104 (2021) : 102 neutrino events in 7.5 yrs

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Cross section with HESE and Glashow resonance event



Two tau neutrino events and the flavour domain





Flavour probes new physics in the source (sterile ν or non-standard tau neutrino production, dense matter new interactions, heavy dark matter decays) and propagation effects (quantum decoherence, VLI, neutrino decay), as well as detection effects (NSI in the earth)

Two future of the flavour domain

Song et al, 20020 <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/2012.12893.pdf</u> IceCube-Gen2: <u>https://arxiv.org/pdf/2008.04323.pdf</u>

With Sterile neutrinos (non unitarity implies larger regions)



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Properties of the astrophysical diffuse flux

102 neutrino events in 7.5 yrs

Considering only atmospheric components (muons and neutrinos) > 5σ difference with respect to best fit with an astrophysical diffuse component.

Astrophysical Component: Single power law preferred with respect of a hard+softer component and cut-off scenarios



IceCube, Phys. Rev. D 104 (2021) 022002

The grand unified spectrum : radiation and charged

The cosmic diffuse background spans 18 orders of magnitude and the cosmic ray spectrum reaches to higher energies.

Ressel & Turner 1990







The IceCube HESE directions



Subdominant contribution from galactic plane \Rightarrow Mostly extragalactic sources

Long-standing quests: focus on beyond the knee



Multi-messenger high-energy astrophysics

AGNs, SNRs, GRBs....

GAMMA-RAYS point to their sources but are absorbed and have multiple emission mechanisms. Also produced by leptonic acceleration, inverse Compton and synchrotron emission

Earth

NEUTRINOS

They are neutral and weak particles: point to the source carrying information from the deepest parts.

COSMIC RAYS

Deflected by magnetic fields (E < 10¹⁹ eV)

air shower

The case of Active Galactic Nuclei

Inverse

Compton

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Synchrotron Radiation

 GAMMA-RAYS point to their sources but are absorbed by the Extragalactic Background Light and have multiple emission mechanisms.

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■ COSMIC RAYS

Deflected by magnetic fields (E < 10¹⁹ eV)

Gravitational Wave connection not yet established

Illustration: DESY, Science Communication Lab

The first 10 IceCube real-time, public alerts



20-30 alerts per year since 2016, with <1 minute latency



<u>Science 361, eaat1378 (2018)</u>

IC170922A

23.7±2.8 TeV muon energy loss in the detector, 15 arcmin error (50% containment)



The follow ups of IC170922A and historical data of IceCube

IceCube sent an alert including the direction of a muon neutrino event of ~ 3×10^{14} eV in only 43 s. Shortly after, Fermi (20 MeV-300 GeV) discovered a blazar, TXS 0506+056 at 0.06° distance from the IceCube event in a flaring state (ATel#10791). In a follow up, MAGIC detected gamma rays of > 300 GeV energy from the source with >6.2 σ (ATel#10817, Ahnen, M. L., et al., ApJL 2018). The probability that this is not a casual coincidence is 3σ post-trial. IceCube found a 2nd flare from the source in 2014-15 with higher significance of 3.5σ post-trial.





MAGIC @ Los Roche de los Muchachos, La Palma





MWL observations of the 2014-2015 flare



A huge flare when the neutrino event arrived

Lipunov et al. 2020, https://arxiv.org/pdf/2006.04918.pdf



MASTER:

3 high variability episodes (up to hr-scale) : in 2006 (IceCube had 1 string), Apr. 2015 (IceCube flare 9/2014-3/2015) and 9/2017 (TXS 0506+056 was found quiet 73 s after the IC170922A but 2 hr after increase of optical flux to 50σ - biggest variation since 2005)



Spectral energy distribution of TXS 0506+056

Phenomenological interpretation

The 2014/15 ν flare challenges **single-zone models**:

- Purely leptonic models provide good fits to MWL but cannot explain ν s
- Hadronic models: photons from π⁰ and neutrinos from π[±] Top right) if MWL data are fit, the SED cannot explain the observed high ν flux in the 2014/15 flare.
 Bottom right) if the parameters are tuned to also fit IceCube data, the X-ray SWIFT upper limit during the flare at ~10⁻¹¹ erg cm⁻² s⁻¹ is overshoot since an efficient em cascade and electron synchrotron emission is not preventable.





Structured layers or multiple jets?

Ros et al A&A 633, 2020:

Nov. 2017 and May 2018 mm-VLBI radio 43 GHz observations indicate a compact core with highly collimated jet and a downstream jet showing a wider opening angle (slower) external sheat (loss of collimation of the jet beyond 0.5 mas). The slower flow serves as seed photons for $p - \gamma$ interactions producing neutrinos.

Britzen et al. A&A 630 (2019): VLBA 15 GHz observations from 2009-18 indicate a strongly curved jet leading to 2 scenario interpretation for 2014-15 ν flare:

- 1) **precessing single jet** with 10 yr period, causing changes of speed and direction. 2017 falls in the bright precession phase.
- 2) **Cosmic collider!** collision of 2 jets: the spike could be the jet of another potential BH and ν 's can be produced in such colliding material.

Spine-sheat models: predict large neutrino fluxes and compatible X-ray fluxes require:

 structured jets (spine-sheat Ghisellini, Tavecchio, Chiaberge 2015, Sikora, Rukowski, Begelman. 2015; Murase, Oikonomou, Petropoulou 2018).







ALL SKY SEARCH AND CATALOGUE SEARCH ON LOWER ENERGY SAMPLE

All sky scan + catalogue search: brightest Fermi sources convolved with IceCube sensitivity + 8 Fermi galaxies with sturburst activities with 10 yr

Excess from all sky search and catalogue at 2.90 from a direction compatible to NGC 1068. Offset is 0.35° from NGC 1068. Offset consistent with simulated tests for a soft flux from a point source with E^-3.3 spectrum as resulting from fit.

Excess of 3.3o from the population study of the catalogue of top 5% of extra-galactic sources organised by flux-integral >1 GeV from *Fermi*-LAT 3FGL catalog + 8 SBG dominated by NGC 1068, TXS 0506+056, PKS 1424+240, GB6 J1542+6129



Close - by jets in intense star formation regions

NGC 1068 is one of the closest Seivfert II galaxy at 14.4 Mpc and one of the brightest starburst in the Fermi sample.

Column density ~ 10^{25} cm^{-2,} intense star formation, bright in X-rays and < 10 GeV gamma rays but not in > 100 GeV gamma-rays due to absorption.

The interplay between the AGN and star winds and star formation is indicated by high N and FIR stellar formation since stellar winds and dusts can contribute to the neutrino flux.

COSMIC RAYS FROM ACTIVE GALACTIC NUCLEI AND IN METAGALACTIC SPACE M. M. SHAPIRO^{1, 2} AND R. SILBERBERG² Received 1982 March 29; accepted 1982 May 26 Supercluster is $\sim 10^{43}$ ergs s⁻¹. The rate of nonthermal energy output of radio galaxies in the supercluster region (from Cen A, Virgo, and Fornax) is also about 10^{43} ergs s⁻¹. On the other hand, the power output of Sevfert galaxies is of the order of 2×10^{45} ergs s⁻¹, within ~ 15 Mpc, mainly from NGC 4151 and NGC 1068 (Kafatos, Shapiro, and Silberberg 1981, and references therein). For a cosmic-ray confinement time of 10⁹ years in the supercluster, the Seyfert galaxies alone could support $\sim 10^{-4}$ eV cm⁻³, and for a 10^{10} year confinement, $\sim 10^{-3}$ eV cm⁻³. (For $E \gtrsim 10^{19}$ eV, the confinement time is $\sim 10^8$ years, as discussed at the end of this section.) These values are consistent with the intergalactic energy density of cosmic rays ($\sim 10^{-4\pm 1}$ eV cm^{-3}) calculated above; thus, in principle, the Seyfert galaxies can satisfy the cosmic-ray power requirement in metagalactic space within the supercluster. Normal galaxies and radio galaxies, on the other hand, fall short of this requirement by two orders of magnitude.



On gamma-ray bursts

Long GRBs are observed up to 10⁵⁴ erg in few tens of secs in gamma-rays.M ost of identified host galaxies are active star forming regions (HST) but not all.

Central engine resulting from the collapse of a supermassive star: hyper-accreting black hole (BH - hypernova model) or rapidly spinning magnetar. Subsequently, jet formation is powered by the accretion on the BH or spinning n-star. In the fireball model energy dissipation is due to relativistic shocks. The outflow is unsteady and radially inhomogeneus creating internal shocks IS that accelerate particles (prompt emission). Ultimately, the shock is decelerated by the circumburst medium that can be pre-ejected stellar wind or interstellar medium (afterglow).



ICMART model : the photosphere radiation and the IS one is much suppressed and the emitting region is at large radius from engine and magnetic reconnection causes a strong discharge of magnetic energy.

Proton synchrotron model: GRB prompt emission consistent with synchrotron emission in a marginally fast cooling regime (hadron cooling times > electrons). If the prompt emission would be due to electrons, the scenario of emission happening at small radius from the engine should be changed.

Neutrinos from GRBs

The neutrino production depends on the emission and dissipation models (for a review see Pitik, Tamborra, Petropoulou, 2021)



 $p + \gamma \longrightarrow \Delta^+ \longrightarrow \begin{cases} n + \pi^+ & 1/3 \text{ of all cases} \\ p + \pi^0 & 2/3 \text{ of all cases} \end{cases}$

$$\pi^+ \to \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$
$$\mu^+ \to \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e + e^+ .$$

The contribution from the prompt emission from IS to the observed diffuse neutrino flux of IceCube is < 10% at 100 TeV

> IceCube APJ 843 (2017) GRBs contribute < 1% of observed diffuse flux



TeV gamma-ray bursts



Another component in afterglow phase: Synchrotron self Compton?



Networks of fast alerts become more and more demanding (GCN-TAN, AMON, SNEWS),... as well as classifiers (use Machine learning !) Efficient computing facilities that address carbon footprint (see ASTRONET discussions)

Until 2019, no detection claimed. Then 4 GRBs detected > 5 σ up to z = 1.1 and 3TeV from ground by MAGIC and H.E.S.S. and 2 hints, one of a short GRBs indicating promising joint programs with GWs. Beautiful Artist's movie from DESY: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHEpiv33fZQ

 50σ

< 440 GeV hrs 50

Kilonova?

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An unexpected afterglow spectrum



The spectral steepening predicted in the VHE range implies that HESS data of 2 nights of observations cannot reproduce the observations with a simple one-zone Synchrotron-Self Compton model

H.E.S.S. Science 372 (2021)

Neutrino follow ups

IceCube U.L. (-150 s, 3600 s) IceCube sens., $\delta = 0.0^{\circ}$ (-150 s, 3600 s) 10^{-6} ANTARES U.L. (-350 s, 1250 s) $E^2 rac{dN}{dEdt}$ (erg cm $^{-2}$ s $^{-1}$) Swift, Fermi, MAGIC (68 s, 110 s) Swift, Fermi, MAGIC (110 s, 180 s) 10^{-7} 10^{-8} 10 10^{12} 10^{9} 10^{15} 10^{3} 10^{6} E(eV)

58 alerts followed up by a Fast Response Analysis: the obtained p-values is compared to pseudo-experiments with background only



R. Abbasi et al 2021 ApJ 910 4

Another interesting flaring hint

3 TeV neutrino events in ~15 min on 57730 from the region including M87 make it the hottest source but significance is marginal.



2 Tests: variability of the 110 sources in the catalogue and time-dependent population study which derives 3σ post-trial with main significance from M87 (1.7 σ), confirms TXS 0506+056 2 flares.

Largest close by BH: $\sim 10^9 M_{\odot}$, jet with superluminal motion to 6c, 2d variability measured by H.E.S.S:

Also a structured jet (<u>https://www.nature.com/articles/252661b0</u>), spine - sheat model by Tavecchio & Ghisellini, 2018, 2005

CTAO will have an excellent sensitivity to short flares of minute-day-scale





The CR spectrum region to the knee? supernova (SNRs)

- Supernova remnants can explain the energetics of the spectrum to the knee but it remains an open problem if SNR can accelerate to the knee energy (PeV)
- PeVatrons are being hunted in the galaxy begin to be observed (LHAASO, H.E.S.S., HAWC)...
- Signs of hadron acceleration in SNR have been found in gamma-rays by Fermi (W44, IC443)
- But in most cases where hadrons can originate the observed gamma-rays, observed spectra are steeper than what `canonical' Diffusive Shock Acceleration predicts and also B/C indicates steeper spectra beyond 10 GeV
- Where does the transition between galactic and extragalactic cosmic rays occur? What is the composition of UHECRs?

 $E_{max} = c \cdot e \cdot B \cdot R \sim 10^{15} eV$ Tychos Supernova 1572

SN1987A: the first multi messenger event

- From 16:35:35 (JST) on Feb. 23, 1987, 11 ν events detected in Kamiokande within 13 s (<u>A. Suzuki & M. Koshiba 2009</u>) confirmed by IMB & Baksan. Neutrino flash with $E_{\nu} \sim 5 \times 10^{52} \mathrm{ergs} \sim 1/6$ of Kinetic energy of infall, as expected for the formation of a neutron star.
- The future belated SN could be seen in neutrinos and GWs also revealing details on formation of BHs (my wish for next Neutrino Telescope 2023!).
- The SN1987A progenitor was a blue supergiant surrounded by a a triple-ring nebula (material that was already ejected by the progenitor in its red giant previous state about 20,000 years before the explosion). The rings of dense materials were formed by blue giant faster wind hitting the slower red giant wind.
- The cylindrical asymmetry of the system of 3 circumstellar rings and chemical anomalies (different composition of outer and inner ring where He abundance x2 solar) indicate that the progenitor was in a binary system (Podsiadlowski 2017).
- After 2 yr the SN envelope became transparent to hard-X-rays / low energy gamma-rays (INTEGRAL 2012, NUSTAR 2015)



Masatoshi Koshiba, Nobel laureate 2002 "for pioneering contributions to astrophysics, in particular for the detection of cosmic neutrinos."



Hubble Space Telescope Wide Field Planetary Camera 2



SN1987A: the progenitor environment

We learn that the pre-existing matter before the explosion matters!

- Chandra's observations between (1999-2013) show an increased brightness of the ring due to the heating from the blast wave. From Feb. 2013 - Sep. 2015: the glowing in low-energy X-rays becomes constant and its bottom left part fades indicating that the explosion's blast wave has moved beyond the ring into a region with less dense gas.
- ALMA with 80 mas observed a hot blob of matter being powered and hiding the remnant neutron star (<u>Cigan et al, 2019</u>) or a pulsar wind nebula (<u>Greco et al, 2021</u>)
- The predicted flux from the kinetic non-linear model by (<u>Berezhko et al., 2011</u>) increases by x 2 in the TeV region between 2010-2030: if measured it would give evidence for efficient cosmic ray production followed by strong magnetic field amplification for a core-collapse SN at a very early stage of evolution of its remnant. Nonetheless, Fermi and H.E.S.S. have upper limits.
- The combination of SKA and CTA (~3' and the x 200 speed than H.E.S.S. in Galactic survey to 2-4 mCrab) will deliver a significant discovery and follow-up potential for locating particle acceleration sites in SNRs and probing the local plasma conditions.

https://public.nrao.edu/news/2017-sn1987a/





Galactic PeVatrons

- H.E.S.S. reporting evidence of acceleration of PeV protons Around Sgr A* at a level insufficient to sustain the PeV CR flux at Earth
- Galactic SNR + molecular clouds, pulsar halos, young massive stellar clusters (Cygnus region)
 - LHAASO Nature 2021: 12 young massive star clusters and supernova remnants, PWN, 1 yet unidentified. E_{max} = 1.42 PeV for LHAASO J2032+4102 Cygnus cocoon!!)









Decadal Survey 2020::The IceCube-Gen2 neutrino observatory would provide significantly enhanced capabilities for detecting high-energy neutrinos, including the ability to resolve thright, hardspectrum TeV-PeV neutrino background into discrete sources. Its capabilities are important for achieving key scientific objectives of this survey.

