

IceCube: building a new window on the Universe

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- IceCube: a cubic kilometer detector
- the discovery (and confirmation) of cosmic neutrinos
- from discovery to astronomy

Cosmic Horizons – Microwave Radiation 380.000 years after the Big Bang

wavelength = 1 mm \Leftrightarrow energy = 10⁻⁴ eV

Cosmic Horizons – Optical Sky

wavelength = 10^{-6} m \Leftrightarrow energy = 1 eV

Cosmic Horizons – Gamma Radiation

wavelength = 10^{-15} m \Leftrightarrow energy = 10^9 eV

Cosmic Horizons – Gamma Radiation

$energy = 10^{15} eV$

Multi-Messenger Astronomy



20% of the Universe is opaque to the EM spectrum





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neutrino as a cosmic messenger:

- electrically neutral
- essentially massless
- essentially unabsorbed
- tracks nuclear processes (n \rightarrow p + e + v_e)
- ... but difficult to detect









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$$p + \gamma \rightarrow n + \pi^+ and p + \pi^0$$

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accelerator must contain the particles

$$R_{gyro} \left(=\frac{E}{vqB}\right) \le R$$
$$E \le v qBR$$

challenges of cosmic ray astrophysics:

dimensional analysis, difficult to satisfy
accelerator luminosity is high as well

the sun constructs an accelerator



supernova remnants

Chandra Cassiopeia A

















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M. Markov 1960

B. Pontecorvo

M.Markov : 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.



89 TeV

radius ~ number of photons time ~ red \rightarrow purple

Run 113641 Event 33553254 [Ons, 16748ns]

ultra-transparent ice below 1.5 km



photomultiplier tube -10 inch



... each Digital Optical Module independently collects light signals like this, digitizes them,



...time stamps them with 2 nanoseconds precision, and sends them to a computer that sorts them events...










muon track: color is time; number of photons is energy

93 TeV muon: # photons ~ energy

Type: NuMu E(GeV): 9.30e+04 Zen: 40.45 deg Azi: 192.12 deg NTrack: 1/1 shown, min E(GeV) == 93026.46 NCasc: 100/427 shown, min E(GeV) == 7.99

energy measurement (> 1 TeV)

photo-nuclear pair-creation bremsstrahlung dég shown, min E(GeV) == 079 shown, E(GeV) convert the amount of light emitted to a measurement of the muon energy (number of optical modules,

number of photons, dE/dx, ...)

Run 433700001 Event 0 [Ons, 40000ns]



IceCube / Deep Core

- 5160 optical sensors between 1.5 ~ 2.5 km
- 10 GeV to infinity
- 0.2-0.4 deg muon track
 ~ 10 degree shower
- 10% energy resolution



completed December 2010 AMANDA 450 m 2450 324 m Eiffel Tower Deep Core

IceTop

50 m

Digital Optical Module (DOM)

Signals and Backgrounds





... you looked at 10msec of data ! muons detected per year: ~ 10¹¹ atmospheric* μ ~ 10⁵ • atmospheric** $\nu \rightarrow \mu$ $\nu \rightarrow \mu$ • cosmic ~ 10

* 3000 per second

** 1 every 6 minutes

The Daily Breakdown

Monday April 18	• First magnificent Aurora display!
Tuesday _{April} 19	- Stress test reveals that the DIMMs of $ichub75$ are indeed kaputt.
Wednesday _{April 20}	• Jim Braun successfully deployed I3MS version 1.0.13 to SPS.
Thursday _{April 21}	• Quiet.
Friday _{April 22}	• Quiet.
Saturday _{April 23}	• Quiet.
Sunday _{April 24}	• Quiet.





Nov.12.2010, duration: 3,800 nanosecond, energy: 71.4TeV

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cosmic neutrinos in 2 years of data at 3.7 sigma





muon neutrinos through the Earth \rightarrow 6 sigma



muon neutrinos through the Earth \rightarrow 6 sigma





after 7 years: $3.7 \rightarrow 6$ sigma



astronomy here: through-going muons with resolution $0.2 \sim 0.4^{\circ}$



highest energy ν_{μ} : astronomy with best resolution !



muon neutrinos through the Earth \rightarrow 5.6 sigma





highest energy muon energy observed: 560 TeV \rightarrow PeV v_{μ}







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GZK neutrino search: two neutrinos with > 1,000 TeV



tracks and showers









size = energy

color = time = direction



reconstruction limited by computing, not ice !



Blue: best-fit direction, red: reversed direction



• energy

1,041 TeV 1,141 TeV (15% resolution)

 not atmospheric: probability of no accompanying muon is 10⁻³ per event

→ flux at present level of diffuse limit
select events interacting inside the detector only

 \checkmark

no light in the veto region

 veto for atmospheric muons and neutrinos (which are typically accompanied by muons)

 energy measurement: total absorption calorimetry







430 TeV inside detector PeV v_{μ} no air shower

all cosmic neutrinos are isolated





total charge collected by PMTs of events with interaction inside the detector



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after 6 years: $3.7 \rightarrow 6.0$ sigma



HESE 4 year unfolding $(\rightarrow \text{ dominated by shower-like events})$







IceCube: the discovery of cosmic neutrinos francis halzen

- cosmic ray accelerators
- IceCube a discovery instrument
- the discovery of cosmic neutrinos
- where do they come from?
- beyond IceCube

4 year HESE (6 soon)



3 year HESE



2 year HESE



correlation with Galactic plane: TS of 2.5% for a width of 7.5 deg





- we observe a diffuse flux of neutrinos from extragalactic sources
- a subdominant Galactic component cannot be excluded

 where are the PeV gamma rays that accompany PeV neutrinos?



hadronic gamma rays ? $\pi^+ = \pi^- = \pi^0$





hadronic gamma rays



gamma rays accompanying IceCube neutrinos interact with interstellar photons and fragment into multiple lower energy gamma rays that reach earth

neutrinos do not interact and image the sky in regions from which even X-rays cannot escape

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- we observe a flux of cosmic neutrinos from the cosmos whose properties correspond in all respects to the flux anticipated from PeV-energy cosmic accelerators that radiate comparable energies in light and neutrinos
- the energy in cosmic neutrinos is also comparable to the energy observed in extragalactic photons (and cosmic rays)
- at some level common Fermi-IceCube sources?
 look for spatial and especially temporal coincidences

high energy photons escape from regions with low density where neutrino production is suppressed not identical sources

active galaxy

particle flows near supermassive black hole

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energy in the Universe in gamma rays, neutrinos and cosmic rays

A census

- BL Lac class of Blazars dominates the high-energy gamma-ray emission
 - 86% (+16%/-14%) above 50 GeV
- Large uncertainties in radio-galaxy and star-forming galaxy contributions

 Real diffuse contributions must be small

- UHECR interactions
- WIMP annihilation

etc.



Markus Ackermann

number of muon neutrino events from gamma ray sources in 5 years



there is more

towards lower energies: a second component?



warning:

- spectrum may not be a power law
- slope depends on energy range fitted

PeV neutrinos absorbed in the Earth

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yet lower energies....



- we observe a diffuse extragalactic flux
- active galaxies, most likely some form of blazars?
- correlation to catalogues should confirm this
- but correlation of cosmic neutrinos to < 30% of all Fermi blazars (subset if beaming angle neutrinos < light ?)

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- a next-generation IceCube with a volume of 10 km³ and an angular resolution of < 0.3 degrees will see multiple neutrinos and identify the sources, even from a "diffuse" extragalactic flux in several years
- need 1,000 events versus 100 now in a few years
- discovery instrument \rightarrow astronomical telescope

auto correlation: multiple neutrinos from the same source

total number of events required to observe n-events multiplets from the closest sources is

$$740 \times \left[\frac{n}{2}\right] \times \left[\frac{\rho_0}{10^{-5}}\right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ events} \qquad \text{by } (r < r_b) \text{ sources, e.g.}$$

for a observed diffuse cosmic flux and 0.4 degrees angular resolution

 $\bar{N} \simeq m^* \times n_{\rm slice} = m \times \left(\frac{n_s}{n_{\rm cat}}\right)^3$

 $n_{\rm cat} \simeq 100$

examples of local source densities (per Mpc³):

er of events to • $10^{-3} - 10^{-2} \,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-3}$ for normal galaxies tion (m = 1)number of sour number of eve • $10^{-5} - 10^{-4} \,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-3}$ for active galaxies 20 - 50

- distance 10^{-7} Mpc⁻³ for massive galaxy clusters
 - $> 10^{-5} \,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-3}$ for UHE CR sources

absorption length of Cherenkov light






measured optical properties \rightarrow twice the string spacing

(increase in threshold not important: only eliminates energies where the atmospheric background dominates)







120 strings depth 1.35 to 2.7 km 80 DOM/string ~250 m spacing

10 times the instrumented volume for thesame budget as IceCube

did not talk about:

- measurement of atmospheric oscillation parameters
- supernova detection
- searches for dark matter, monopoles,...
- search for eV-mass sterile neutrinos
- PINGU/ORCA

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Conclusions

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- analyses are not in the background-dominated regime
- next-generation detector(s):
 - 1. discovery \rightarrow astronomy (also KM3NeT, GVD)
 - 2. neutrino physics at (relatively) low cost and on short timescales (PINGU/ORCA)
 - 3. potential for discovery
- neutrinos are never boring!

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eV sterile neutrino \rightarrow Earth MSW resonance for TeV neutrinos

In the **Earth** for sterile neutrino $\Delta m^2 = O(1eV^2)$ the MSW effect happens when

$$E_{\nu} = \frac{\Delta m^2 \cos 2\theta}{2\sqrt{2}G_F N} \sim O(TeV)$$





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