

High Energy Neutrinos





Outline

- What is HE neutrinos?
- Why study HE neutrinos?
- How to detect?
 - Current observation result
- Where are they from?
 - Theoretical analysis
- Open questions & prospects

Neutrino

- Standard Model of particle
 physics
- One of leptons, with spin $\frac{1}{2}$
- Three flavor: electron, muon, and tau neutrinos
- No charge, no EM and strong interactions, only weak interaction
- Massless in standard model, but with mass in modified model
- Sources: reactor/accelerator, sun/star, supernova, atmosphere, cosmic sources, big-bang...





Nobel Prize for neutrinos

- 1988- Lederman, Schwartz & Steinberger
 - muon neutrino (1962)
- 1995- Reines
 - neutrino discovery (1956)
- 2002- Davis & Koshiba
 - solar neutrino (missing,1968); SN1987A neutrino (1987)
- 2015- Kajita & McDonald
 - neutrino oscillation (atmospheric, 1998; solar, 2001)
- 20XX- IceCube?
 - HE astrophysical neutrinos (2013)





(expected) neutrino spectrum



Cosmologic & SN neutrinos:

$$p + e^{-} \rightarrow n + v_{e}$$
$$n \rightarrow p + e^{-} + \overline{v}_{e}$$

HE neutrinos:

$$p + \gamma(p) \rightarrow N + \pi^+$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \nu_\mu + \overline{\nu}_\mu$$



Why neutrinos?

In astronomy, to look for cosmic ray sources

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Cosmic rays discovery



Hess, 1912



Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Ray: extragalactic



- CR source messengers
 - Cosmic ray deflected/delayed by B field
 - Gamma-ray absorbed by cosmic radiation

charged

particle

 Neutrino – weak interaction

> Gamma Neutrino

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Idirection

source



How to detect?

Cerenkov radiation



Diffuse neutrino upper bound



Waxman & Bahcall 1999

IceCube neutrino telescope



Glass Pressure Housing

Mediterranean Sea





- Optical Cerenkov
- 0.1 km²:
 - Antares
 - Nestro
 - NEMO
- ⇒1 km²: KM3NeT

Cherenkov light



Cherenkov light detection in optical modules



Track:

track-like light pattern from neutrino-induced muons good direction measure, <1deg

Cascade:

Spherical light pattern by hadronic or EM particle showers good energy measure

Isolating neutrino events: two strategies



from Kopper ICRC talk



Current observation results?

High energy neutrino discovery



2010/5-2012/5 data:

- 1. EeV GZK neutrino search
 - found two at 1 PeV
- 2. Follow-up search: 28 evts
 - Lower E
 - Interaction vertices within detector volume



TeV-PeV neutrinos at IceCube



Neutrino arrival directions



Neutrino-BL Lac association(?)





IC-170922A/TXS 0506+056

association, 4sigma coincidence [IC18a]

Neutrino burst/flare in archive data, 3.5sigma signal [IC18b]



Where are they from?

-- theoretical analysis

IceCube neutrino origin?

- Galactic origin
 - Diffuse emission (CR propagation)?
 - Galactic point sources?
- Extragalactic origin
 - Gamma ray bursts?
 - Blazars?
 - Star forming/starburst galaxies?













Fermi-LAT sky survey



Whether various candidate sources can produce the all-sky IceCube flux?

 $E_{\nu}^2 J_{\nu,\rm IC} \approx 1.2 \times 10^{-7} \rm GeV cm^{-2} s^{-1}$

(single flavor)

Photon – neutrino connection



Connections:

- I. neutrino secondary electron/gamma-ray
- II. neutrino primary electron/proton

Diffuse Galactic emission

- Connection I
- $\pi^+: \pi^-: \pi^0 = 1:1:1$ $E_v = \frac{1}{2}E_{\gamma}$ $E_v^2 J_v(E_v) = \frac{1}{2}E_{\gamma}^2 J_{\gamma}(E_{\gamma})$
- Extrapolation, 100GeV to PeV
 Neutrinos follow CR spectrum
- DGE accounts for <1% IC flux



[Wang, Zhao, ZL 14]

Note on extended Galactic halo

• IC events require a total Galactic halo neutrino luminosity

 $L \sim R_{halo}^2 E^2 J \sim 10^6 L_{sun}$; $R_{halo} \sim 100 kpc$

• Local galaxy number density

n_{gal}~10⁻²Mpc⁻³

• All-sky neutrino flux from all galaxies is

 $I = \xi_z(c/4\pi) Ln_{gal} t_{Hubble} = 3.10^{-7} GeV cm^{-2} s^{-1} sr^{-1}$

($\xi_z \sim 3$ accounts for z-evolution)

• Overproduce: 10X IC flux

Blazars

- 33 bright FSRQs, selected based on gamma flux
- FSRQs can only account for <10% IC neutrinos



Blazar model

- Jet model
 - CR accelerated at Jet
 - Target photon: jet+disk+BLR+torus
 - Relativistic beaming;
 bright



Murase+14

Blazar: specific model

- Total flux: $J_{\nu} \sim \iint L_{\nu}(L_{\gamma})\rho(L_{\gamma},z)dL_{\gamma}dz$
- Per source

$$E_{\nu}L_{E_{\nu}} \approx \frac{1}{8} f_{p\gamma} E_p L_{E_p} \approx \frac{1}{8} f_{p\gamma} \hat{\xi}_{cr} L_{rad}$$

Stacking search constrains CR loading

$$E_{\nu}^{2} \Phi_{\nu,i} = \frac{1}{8} f_{p\gamma}(L_{\gamma,i}) \frac{L_{\text{rad}}(L_{\gamma,i})}{L_{\gamma,i}} \hat{\xi}_{\text{cr}} S_{\gamma,i}$$
$$\sum_{i} E_{\nu}^{2} \Phi_{\nu,i} < E_{\nu}^{2} \Phi_{\nu_{\mu}+\bar{\nu}_{\mu}}^{90\%} \Rightarrow \hat{\xi}_{\text{cr}} < 0.062 f_{\text{cov},-1}^{-1} \zeta^{-1}$$

Blazars account for <10% IC neutrinos

[Zhang, ZL 2017]

Comment on the neutrino/BL Lac association



2013

2014

2016

2017

2015

2010

2009

2011

2012

However, IC limit of 27 LSP BL Lacs $\rightarrow \qquad \hat{\xi}_{cr} < 0.92\zeta^{-1}$ \rightarrow LSP BL Lacs contribute <17% neutrinos

[Zhang, ZL 2017]

So,

TXS 0506+056 like BL Lacs should not contribute the bulk of the neutrino flux.

Gamma-ray bursts

- Fermi-LAT constrains 0.1-100GeV flux of GBM-triggered GRBs
- Translated to neutrino flux upper limit
- →average neutrino flux per GBM GRB

$$f_{v} < 2 \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{GeV} \,\mathrm{cm}^{-2}$$
 [ZL 2013]



- All-sky GRB MeV gamma-ray flux is measured/calculated
- Assume neutrino/gamma~const.
- IC flux requires
- →average neutrino flux per GBM GRB

$$f_{\nu} = 1.3 \times 10^{-2} \frac{\Phi_{\text{trig}}}{0.7\Phi_{\text{tot}}} \frac{400 \text{ yr}^{-1}}{N_{\text{trig}}} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2}$$

[Wang, Zhao, ZL 14]

Starburst galaxies



IceCube neutrino sources?

- Seliffuse Galactic emission, <1%

- ©starburst galaxies

- SNR CRs w/ 100PeV?

$$E_p \lesssim 5 \frac{\mathcal{E}\epsilon_{B,-2}^{1/2} n_{-1}^{1/6}}{\mathcal{M}^{2/3}} \text{PeV}$$

[Wang, Zhao, ZL 2014 JCAP; Wang, ZL 2016 SCPMA; Zhang, ZL 2017 JCAP]

[ZL 2017]

• Wind breakout of type II SNe

Implication from point source limits and presence of (strong) diffuse flux

Kowalski Plot



Dashed line assumes 1% efficiency for production of neutrinos Slide adapted from Gaisser 60

BL1

BL1 Badra Lai, 2017/11/5

IC diffuse flux = WB bound (@>60TeV)

The same origin for both
 UHE CRs and IC
 neutrino-related HE CRs?

[Katz+2014]

- A possibility:
 GRBs in starbursts
 - GRB hosts are starbursts
 - GRB CRs produce pions efficiently in host galaxies
 [Wang, Zhao & ZL, 2014]



Prospects

Frontier of HE neutrino astronomy

- Astrophysics
 - Identify UHECR sources (time/direction)
 - Constrain source physics & acceleration mechanism
 - e.g. resolve jet composition (lepton, or baryon)
 - GZK neutrinos
- Physics
 - Probe relativity
 - Einstein Equivalent Principle
 - Probe new physics
 - Violation of Lorentz-Invariant
 - Neutrino physics
 - Oscillation; τ appearance; CP violation...
 - Interaction cross section

Go larger: search point sources

- IceCube-Gen2 / KM3Net
 - ~10 times IceCube
 - >PeV nu source,





Go larger: higher energy, GZK neutrinos

- ANITA/ARA/ARIANA
 - Radio Cerenkov from ice showers
 - GZK nu
- GRAND
 - Radio Cerenkov from air showers
 - GZK nu
 - EeV nu sources





Multi-messenger astronomy

- UHECRs
 - Auger, TA...
- HE gamma-rays
 - LHAASO, CTA...
- HE neutrinos
 - IceCube, KM3Net, ARA, ARIANNA, GRAND...





LHAASO's important role

- Large field of view
- High duty cycle
- High sensitivity
 - unprecedented at 100TeV







MM approach to identify sources?

- Neutrino point source search
 - larger size, higher energy (but only for bright sources)
- Neutrino-EM association
 - Cross correlations



- Neutrino search for known EM candidate sources
 - Individuals; stacking
- EM search for neutrino events (for transients)
 - Archive EM data for detected neutrino events
 - IceCube alert (<0.5deg sky area)

HE neutrino astronomy



