

Recent results from IceCube

At the South Pole



Outline

1. The IceCube Observatory

2. Atmospheric and astrophysical neutrinos

3. Cosmic-ray physics with IceCube

 Multi-messenger astrophysics and real time alerts

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IceCube Digital Optical Module and deployment



Main board for digitizing & time stamping



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IceCube Construction: 2004-2011

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DeepCore subarray

- 8 strings with DOMs separated by 7 m
- Plus 7 standard strings
- Close spacing of strings lowers threshold from >100 GeV to <10 GeV
- Atmospheric neutrino oscillations studied near first oscillation maximum



DeepCore oscillations results



Neutrino oscillations: 3×3 mixing matrix with main channel for $v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau}$

$$P_{\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\tau}} \approx \sin^2 2\theta_{23} \, \sin^2 \left(1.27 \frac{\delta m_{32}^2 (\text{eV}^2) L(\text{km})}{E_{\nu} (\text{GeV})} \right)$$

Has a maximum at $E_v \approx 25$ GeV for L $\approx 10^4$ km, then goes to 0 for atmospheric v as energy increases

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Astrophysical v_τ appearance

 $P(v_{\mu} \rightarrow v_{\tau})$ averages to ½ over astronomical distances, so astrophysical neutrinos should include many v_{τ} Problem: they are difficult to distinguish in the detector



Diagram for CC interaction of a v_{μ} Analogous diagrams for v_{e} and v_{τ} give

 $\nu_e \rightarrow e \rightarrow \text{cascade}$

 $u_{\tau} \rightarrow \tau \rightarrow \text{short track} \rightarrow \text{cascade}$ Double.....bang
Learned & Pakvasa, Astropart. Phys. 3(1995)267

Problem: short lifetime of τ -lepton so event looks like a single cascade

 $\gamma c \tau_{\tau} \approx 5 \, m \times \frac{E_{\tau}}{100 \, TeV}$

compared to \approx 10 m for em cascade from an electron

Astrophysical v_{τ} candidate in IceCube

late



early

The same event is also found in two analyses that look for double peaked waveforms in bright DOMs: Meier & Soedingrekso for IceCube PoS(ICRC2019)960 Wille & Xu for IceCube PoS(ICRC2019)1036 Erice, 21/09/2019 Tom Gaisser for IceCube

Double cascade analysis: J. Stachurska for IceCube PoS(ICRC2019)1015





Neutrino cross sections



Glashow event candidate in IceCube $\overline{\nu}_e + e^- \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow cascade$

- Discovered in a study of partially contained large cascades
- Visible energy consistent with the 6.3 PeV resonance energy
- PoS(ICRC2019)945

Lu Lu for IceCube



Implications of small σ_v

- Neutrinos reach Earth unabsorbed from cosmological distances
- The Earth starts absorbing up-going neutrinos only for $E_v > 10 \text{ TeV}$
- Detector should be as large as possible:

- The fraction of v interacting 1 km of ice is small $1 \text{ km ice} = 0.91 \cdot 6 \times 10^{23} \cdot 10^5 = 5 \cdot 10^{28} \text{ nucleons/cm}^2$ $\sigma_{\nu} \approx 2.6 \cdot 10^{-34} \text{ cm}^2 \text{ at } 10^5 \text{ GeV}$ Product $\approx 10^{-5}$ is fraction of v of this energy that interact in detector

2. IceCube high-energy neutrinos

Two ways to identify neutrinos:

- 1. Upward using Earth as filter
- 2. Events start in detector



HESE event types in IceCube



CC interactions of v_e and v_τ NC interactions of all flavors

Starting track: CC v_{μ} Note initial hadronic cascade

Astrophysical neutrinos



IceCube 7.5 year HESE analysis (HESE = High Energy Starting Event) PoS(ICRC2019)1004 IceCube 6 year $v_{\mu} \rightarrow \mu$ analysis arXiv:1607.08006, Ap.J. 833 (2016) 3

The astrophysical signal emerges above a steeply falling background of atmospheric neutrinos

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Shadow of the Earth

Affects both atmospheric and astrophysical neutrinos



Transparency of the Earth for neutrinos. Dashed line show passing fractions at four neutrino energies.

(Figure from *Atmospheric Neutrinos,* TG to appear in "Particle Physics with Neutrino Telescopes", C. Pérez de los Heros, editro, World Scientific. Effective areas for upward v_{μ} in IceCube for the Northern hemisphere and for 4 directions below the horizon. Note the absorption of the Earth for high energies from large negative zenith angles. (Fig. from PoS(ICRC2019)1017, J. Stettner for the IceCube collaboration.)

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HESE 7.5 yrs

New reconstructions for all years with IceCube Pass 2



Work in progress reported at TeVPA 2018 (Austin Schneider for IceCube)

Upward v_{μ} -induced muons (10 yrs)

- Red lines show astrophysical component
- Atmospherics dominate the angular distribution
- Signal emerges over background above 100 TeV



(Fig. from PoS(ICRC2019)1017, J. Stettner for the IceCube collaboration.)

Atmospheric v_{μ} background



HESE Angular distributions E_{vis} > 60 TeV

Angular dependence:

- From below:
 - absorption for signal
 - plus intrinsic excess for atmospheric v near horizon
- From above:
 - self-veto of atmospheric v by accompanying μ



Atmospheric neutrino self veto



Neutrino self-veto updated*

Conventional v_{μ} from above: Peaked near horizon; veto probability increases with energy, more for vertical Prompt v at 130 TeV: Isotropic at production, Self veto stronger for v_{μ} than for v_{e}



Figures from TG chapter in World Scientific using updated veto* * Arguelles, Palomares-Ruiz, Schneider, Wille, Yuan JCAP 1807 (2018) no.07, 047

High-energy astrophysical neutrinos

Cosmic-ray – gamma-ray – Neutrino connection

Astrophysical sources accelerate charged particles Electrons produce photons e.g. by inverse Compton scattering, but not neutrinos Protons produce mesons which produce neutrinos as well as photons

$$\pi^{0} \to \gamma \gamma \qquad \pi^{\pm} \to \mu^{\pm} + \nu_{\mu}(\overline{\nu}_{\mu})$$
$$\mu^{\pm} \to e^{\pm} + \nu_{e}(\overline{\nu}_{e}) + \overline{\nu}_{\mu}(\nu_{\mu})$$

Neutrinos have the potential to identify cosmic-ray sources

Galactic		Extragalactic		
Diffuse	Sources	Diffuse	Sou	rces
C.R. + gas → v	e.g. SNR near clouds	р + СМВ→π р + EBL→ π	Steady SFG AGN	Transient GRB AGN
			SNRIIn	

Galactic fraction

- Of order 10%
- It is a guaranteed source
- Antares/IceCube limit is close to prediction (Ap.J.868 (2018) no. 2 L20)



Fermi map of Gal. plane diffuse:



IceCube diffuse flux

Figure 4. Combined upper limits (UL) at 90% confidence level (blue lines) on the three-flavor neutrino flux of the KRA_{γ} model with the 5 and 50 PeV cutoffs (black lines). The boxes represent the diffuse astrophysical neutrino fluxes measured by IceCube using an isotropic flux template with starting events (yellow) and upgoing tracks (green).

$$p + gas \to \pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma$$
$$\to \pi^{\pm} \to \mu^{\pm} + \nu_{\mu}(\bar{\nu}_{\mu})$$

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Search for Galactic point sources (e.g. supernova remnants, pulsars)

Use HAWC high-energy γ measurements as a template. Kheirandish & Wood for IceCube and HAWC Collaborations PoS(ICRC2019)



Map of IceCube v excess (blue) superimposed on HAWC 7 TeV γ contours (red)

Best Fit	Sensitivity	Upper Limit (90% C.L.)	
n_s	$10^{-13} [\text{TeV}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}]$	$10^{-13} [\text{TeV}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}]$	p-value
15.4	0.7 (0.6)	1.5 (1.3)	0.09
77.8	2.5 (0.4)	5.7 (0.8)	0.06
0.0	1.0 (0.6)	0.4 (0.2)	0.80
12.0	0.7 (0.7)	1.3 (1.3)	0.14
36.7	0.8 (1.2)	2.1 (3.2)	0.02
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A common phenomenon on both stellar & galactic scales:

- Matter falls onto black hole or neutron star driving collimated, relativistic jets perpendicular to the disk
- Acceleration can occur both at remote termination shocks and at internal shocks near the central engine
- Neutrinos expected from central region but not from distant termination shocks



Active Galaxies as particle accelerators



M. Urry, astro-ph/0312545



Jet breakout in GRB following collapse of massive progenitor star

Image: W. Zhang & S. Woosley See astro-ph/0308389v2

PeV

EeV

afterwards

afterglow protons interact with interstellar medium

Halzen's summary of GRB, another potential source of extra-galactic CR tic³⁰

Sky maps of high-energy events



Figure 16. Arrival directions of events with a muon energy proxy above 200TeV. Given the best-fit spectrum the ratio of astrophysical to atmospheric events is about two to one. The horizontal dashed gray line shows the applied zenith angle cut of 85° . The curved gray line indicates the galactic plane and the dashed black line the supergalactic plane (Lahav et al. 2000). The multi-PeV track event is shown as a red dot and the energy proxy value listed in Tab. 4.

- No steady point source is identified yet
- Isotropic distribution \rightarrow mostly extragalactic

Point source search – 10 yrs



Tessa Carver for the IceCube Collaboration PoS(ICRC2019)851

10 yr source list



Sources chosen for potential visibility by IceCube on the basis of location and intensity of observed γ -ray flux

10 yr steady source search results



a starburst galaxy

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TXS0506+056

(blazar)

3. Cosmic-ray physics with IceCube

- Spectrum with IceTop
- Spectrum and composition with coincident events
- Anisotropy
- Seasonal variation $\mu \& v$
- IceTop as a veto
 - To find neutrinos starting in the ice above IceCube



Composition from IceCube/IceTop ratio





Seasonal variation of μ and ν

~ TeV muons seven years compared to T_{eff} (IceCube, PoS(ICRC2019)894, Tilav et al.)



~ TeV neutrinos five years compared to T_{eff} (IceCube, PoS(ICRC2019)465, Zöcklein et al.

- μ mostly from decay of π, correlation coefficient ≈ 0.75
- v mostly from decay of Kaons, correlation coefficient ≈ 0.42



IceTop as a veto

Tosi & Pandya PoS(ICRC2019)945

- Goal: include astrophysical v_{\mu} that interact above IceCube
- HESE Event #45 would have been vetoed if it started above IceCube
- Examples of interesting events





HESE Event #45 (430 TeV)



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4. Multi-messenger astrophysics and real-time alerts

- The big question for neutrino astronomy:
 - How many neutrinos will we see from the whole sky before we find another nearby source
- Importance of the Real-time alert system

 Importance of multi-messenger follow-ups and coincidences

The big question for diffuse v



Overhead from a planning meeting at UC Irvine 1997 IceCube has now measured F_{ν}

• IceCube diffuse signal: $F_{\nu} = \xi \frac{Q_{\nu} \rho R_{H}}{4\pi}$ $\sim 2.8 \times 10^{-8} \frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{cm}^{2} \text{s sr}}$ $= 1.3 \times 10^{46} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{Mpc}^{2} \text{yr sr}}$ $\rightarrow \rho Q_{\nu} \sim 10^{43} \frac{\text{erg}}{\text{Mpc}^{3} \text{yr}}$

 Now plot source density vs source strength for various source classes



Connections to cosmic rays & diffuse y

Astrophysical Neutrino White Paper; arXiv:1903.04334v2



Cosmogenic (GZK) Neutrino limits

- Upper limits constrain models with UHECR = p
- Auger suggests heavy nuclei at highest energy
- Cosmogenic v would be reduced
- Fraction of p in UHECR a current key question



IceCube: PR D98 (2018) 062003

IceCube Realtime Alert System



Erik Blaufuss and IceCube Realtime Oversight Committee PoS(ICRC2019)1021

- HESE: high-energy starting tracks
- **EHE:** high-energy tracks
- GFU: tracks for pt. src. Searches
- 25 Alerts since April, 2016



IceCube 170922A

Initial notice

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From Bacodine <vxw Subject [icecube-c] GC</vxw 	@capella2.gsfc.nasa.gov> 🛱 :N/AMON_ICECUBE_EHE	TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR NUMBER: 21916 SUBJECT: IceCube-170922A - IceCube observation of a high-energy neutrino	
To nl_169_email_none@capella2.gsfc.nasa.gov 🛱		DATE: 17/09/23 01:09:26 GMT FROM: Erik Blaufuss at U. Maryland/IceCube <blaufuss@icecube.umd.edu></blaufuss@icecube.umd.edu>	
TITLE: NOTICE_DATE:	GCN/AMON NOTICE Fri 22 Sep 17 20:55:13 UT	Claudio Kopper (University of Alberta) and Erik Blaufuss (University of Maryland) report on behalf of the IceCube Collaboration (http://icecube.wisc.edu /).	
RUN_NUM: EVENT_NUM: SRC_RA:	130033 50579430 77.2853d {+05h 09m 08s} (J2000), 77.5221d {+05h 10m 05s} (current),	On 22 Sep, 2017 IceCube detected a track-like, very-high-energy event with a high probability of being of astrophysical origin. The event was identified by the Extremely High Energy (EHE) track event selection. The IceCube detector was in a normal operating state. EHE events typically have a neutrino interaction vertex that is outside the detector, produce a muon that traverses the detector volume, and have a high light level (a proxy for energy).	
SRC_DEC:	76.6176d {+05h 06m 28s} (1950) +5.7517d {+05d 45' 06"} (J2000), +5.7732d {+05d 46' 24"} (current), +5.6888d {+05d 41' 20"} (1950)	After the initial automated alert (https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/notices_amon /50579430_130033.amon), more sophisticated reconstruction algorithms have been applied offline, with the direction refined to:	
SRC_ERROR: DISCOVERY_DATE:	14.99 [arcmin radius, stat+sys, 50% containment] 18018 TJD; 265 DOY; 17/09/22 (yy/mm/dd)	Date: 22 Sep, 2017 Time: 20:54:30.43 UTC RA: 77.43 deg (-0.80 deg/+1.30 deg 90% PSF containment) J2000 Dec: 5.72 deg (-0.40 deg/+0.70 deg 90% PSF containment) J2000	
DISCOVERY_TIME: REVISION:	75270 SOD {20:54:30.43} UT 0	We encourage follow-up by ground and space-based instruments to help identify a possible astrophysical source for the candidate neutrino.	
N_EVENTS: STREAM:	1 [number of neutrinos] 2 0 0000 [sec]	The IceCube Neutrino Observatory is a cubic-kilometer neutrino detector operating at the geographic South Pole, Antarctica. The IceCube realtime alert point of contact can be reached at roc@icecube.wisc.edu	
SIGMA_T: ENERGY :	0.0000e+00 [dn] 1.1998e+02 [TeV]		
SIGNALNESS:	5.6507e-01 [dn]	Signalness = 0.565	
SUN POSTN:	180.03d {+12h 00m 08s} -0.01d {-00d 00' 53''}		
SUN_DIST:	102.45 [deg] Sun_angle= 6.8 [hr] (West of Sun)		
MOON_POSTN:	211.24d {+14h 04m 58s} -7.56d {-07d 33' 33"}		
MOON_DIST:	134.02 [deg]		
GAL_COORDS:	195.31,-19.67 [deg] galactic lon, lat of the event		
ECL_COORDS:	76.75,-17.10 [deg] ecliptic lon, lat of the event		
COMMENTS:	AMON_ICECUBE_EHE.		

Fermi Atel 10791 (2017-09-28)

High Energy Light Curve (800 MeV - 300 GeV)



https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/FAVA/SourceReport.php?week=477&flare=27

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Multi-messenger astronomy

Follow-up detections of IC170922 based on public telegrams



Graphic: Naoko Kurahashi Neilson

Publication in Science, 13 July 2018

Multimessenger observations of a flaring blazar coincident with high-energy neutrino IceCube-170922A

The IceCube Collaboration, *Fermi*-LAT, MAGIC, *AGILE*, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S., *INTEGRAL*, Kanata, Kiso, Kapteyn, Liverpool Telescope, Subaru, *Swift/NuSTAR*, VERITAS, and VLA/17B-403 teams^{*†}



The IceCube Collaboration et al., Science 361, eaat1378 (2018) 13 July 2018

170922 neutrino energy ≈ 300 TeV



- Monte Carlo of v_{μ} interaction, μ propagation
- Peak of distribution: 290 TeV with high energy tail
- 90% of area has E > 180 TeV

"Signalness" of 170922A

- Compare to the astrophysical spectrum of the upward v_{μ} analysis (PoS(ICRC2017)1005):
 - At 100 TeV $E^2 \phi_{\text{astro}} \approx 1.01 \times 10^{-8} \,\text{GeV}\,\text{cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}$
 - Fitted differential spectral index = -2.19
- Compare to atmospheric flux accounting for direction of the event
 - Declination = 5.72°
 - Below horizon, so no atmospheric muons
 - Zenith angle = 95.72, cos(θ) ≈ -0.1, not absorbed by the Earth



Is 170922A from TXS 0506+056 ?

- Chance coincidence ruled out at > 3 sigma
- Consistent with upper limit on v from blazars*
 *IceCube, Ap.J. 835 (2017) 45
- Archival data shows a 3.5 sigma excess of neutrinos from TXS 0506 in 2014/15

But no corresponding flare in gamma-rays (!!)



IceCube response to external alerts (some examples)

- Archival searches
 - Auger Events Pos(ICRC2019)842
 - Blazar catalogs PoS(ICRC2019)916
 - Gamma-ray bursts PoS(ICRC2019)859
 - IceCube alerts PoS(ICRC2019)929
- Fast response to
 - TeV gammas PoS(ICRC2019)841
 - Gravitational waves PoS(ICRC2019)918 and 930

Correlation of v with GW from NS-NS merger ?

Search for neutrinos coincident with GW170817 by ANTARES, IceCube, Auger (arXiv:1710.05839v2, Ap.J. 850 (2017) L35)



IceCube & LIGO-VIRGO 03

Gravitational-Wave + High-Energy Neutrino Searches PoS(ICI

PoS(ICRC2019)930

Azadeh Keivani

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No.	GW event	Possible Source (probability)	p-value (binary merger)
			[preliminary]
1	S190408an	BBH (>99%)	0.15
2	S190412m	BBH (>99%)	0.83
3	S190421ar	BBH (97%), Trs (3%)	0.62
4	S190425z	BNS (>99%)	_
5	S190426c	BNS (49%), NSBH (13%), Trs (14%), MG (24%)	_
6	S190503bf	BBH (96%), MG (3%)	0.29
7	S190510g	BNS (42%), Trs (58%)	_
8	S190512at	BBH (99%), Trs (1%)	0.51
9	S190513bm	BBH (94%), MG (5%)	0.74
10	S190517h	BBH (98%), MG (2%)	0.12
11	S190519bj	BBH (96%), Trs (4%)	0.16
12	S190521g	BBH (97%), Trs (3%)	0.19
13	S190521r	BBH (>99%)	0.16
14	S190602aq	BBH (>99%)	0.13









Table of events from first part of run 03 from PoS(ICRC2019)930 This analysis would send an alert when p-value of coincident neutrino is less than 0.01

IceCube Upgrade

- Neutrino oscillation physics
 - v_{τ} appearance
 - Mass hierarchy
- Improve calibration
 - To support improved reco of existing data
- Construction 2022/23
- Sets stage for IceCube Gen2



1000m

IceCube Gen2



A surface array over Gen2 increases the acceptance for veto by a factor of 40

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BACKUP:

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