# IceCube

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Icecube results for the IceCube collaboration





# Detection of cosmic rays, gamma rays, and neutrinos

At high energies (>10GeV) experiments are shower detectors, where the target is provided given by nature. Techniques are really quite similar.

Astrophysical beam dump



Figure: E. Lorenz

The early stages of an incredible journey - for gamma astronomy and for many of us – Thanks Eckart! and Happy Birthday MAGIC!

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> AIROBICC Air Shower Observation by Angle Integrating Cherenkov Counters

First AC telescope

Scintillation counter

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Fig. 5. Sectional drawing of an AIROBICC hut. The protecting lid is shown in a half opened position.





AIROBICC worked very well, 0.5 ns time res, 0.1° ang. Resolution, 3 papers out of first data set.

But after Whipple's Crab observation Eckart recognized that the priority for the science was in ACTs and in lowering the threshold aggressively.

 $\rightarrow$  MAGIC

àVery nice to see that HiSCore has taken the idea up seriously in the Tunka valley (Baikal)

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#### Design and performance of the angle integrating Čerenkov array AIROBICC

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# 1999/2000: AMANDA-II drill site







TOS - Drilling site (79 & 80 in 10/11)





IceCube Laboratory (ICL)



Photo: Ben Tibbets ~2009

## AMANDA and IceCube deployments

Season	Campaign	Cum Sensors	Cum Strings	Depth	Neutrinos/yr	resolution
						at 100TeV
	exploratory	few small				
1992	activity	PMT		shallow depth	0	
1993						
1994	AMANDA-A	80	4	800-1000m	0	
1995						
1996	AMANDA-B4	86	4	1500-1950	2 (unpubl.)	
1997	AMANDA-B10	206	6/10	1500-1950	100	4 deg
1998						
1999	AMANDA-II	306	3/13	1500-1950		
2000	AMANDA-II	677	6/19	1500-1950	1000	2 deg
2001						
2002						
2003/2004	IceCube prep.					
2004/2005	IceCube 1	60	1/1	1450-2450m		
2005/2006	IceCube 9		8/9	1450-2450m		
2006/2007	IceCube 22		13/22	1450-2450m	14000	~0.7 deg
2007/2008	IceCube 40	2400	18/40	1450-2450m		
2008/2009	IceCube 59		19/59	1450-2450m	35000	
2009/2010	IceCube 79		20/79	1450-2450m	>50k	~0.4 deg
2010/2011	IceCube 86	5160	7/86	1450-2450m	>50k	

Cherenkov detection works also for neutrino telescopes in ice

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Ice can serve as fully active calorimeter. It is just a little hard to instrument.

## IceCube Neutrino Observatory

IceTop: 1 km<sup>2</sup> surface array





#### Types of events and interactions



Late

Early

### **Event selection strategies**



#### Neutrino self veto –

#### Rejecting cosmic ray muons AND atmospheric neutrinos

for zenith angles < 60° and above some energy (10 to 30 TeV)

- "Atmospheric neutrinos" are generated in cosmic ray air showers.
- Above some neutrino energy, ~100 TeV, these neutrinos will likely be accompanied by one or more muons from parent air shower.
- Those muons can be used to veto atmospheric neutrino background.

#### Works also for electron neutrinos.

Suggested by Schoenert et al. Phys.Rev. D79 (2009) 043009 <u>arXiv:0812.4308</u>

> T. Gaisser, K. Jero, AK and J. v. Santen arXiv:1405.0525

New work by T. Yuan, Arguelles, et al. largely agrees veto levels assumed in IceCube analysis. Updated method applied in new HESE results https://arxiv.org/abs/1805.11003



#### 6-yr astrophysical

- Best-fit:  $\phi = 2.46 \pm 0.8 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$ ,  $\gamma = -2.92 \pm 0.3$
- Background-only hypothesis rejected by  $\sim 8\sigma$



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#### 7.5 years of events with contained vertex (HESE)



#### **Event selection strategies**



## Diffuse Flux with upgoing muon neutrinos (6 years)



## Events with reconstructed energy > 200 TeV (more than 50% of events are astrophysical)

Events from above event selections with energy cut.



#### Energy spectrum with these event samples: 1.) upgoing muon neutrinos 2.) contained vertex events



# New event selections at "low" energies (<100 TeV)

#### From High to Medium energy: Part 1 - MESE

High energy: > 100 TeV (astro dominates atmospheric) Low energy: 5 – 100 TeV

Follow-up analysis to arxiv.org/1410.1749

- 2 years  $\rightarrow$  7 years
- and optimized









## From High to Medium energy: Part 1 - MESE Low-threshold starting events (2010-2016)

#### 7-yr unfolding

Systematics not included yet!

- Unfolding to neutrino energy:
  - assume isotropic flux,  $v_e:v_\mu:v_\tau=1:1:1$ ,  $v:\overline{v}=1:1$
  - compatible with through-going muons in sensitive energy range





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#### From High to Medium energy: Part 2 - ESTES



#### From High to Medium energy: veto is only way

These new and lower energy event selections are being scrutinized for possible systematics.

The currently seen steep spectrum (2.7), if confirmed, into the 10 TeV range would result in significant tension of several models with diffuse Fermi photon flux.

→ Problem for models with calorimetric cosmic ray reservoirs that produce photons and neutrinos alike, eg starburst galaxies.

Two veto methods are possible: self veto as discussed surface detector veto detectors (like IceTop, but need lower threshold)

# New event selections at high energies

#### Adding partially contained events at E > 1PeV

#### Events with PARTIALLY contained vertex



Can double the effective volume at high energies, even more beyond 10 PeV.

Analysis requires painstaking effort to ensure backgrounds are understood. Background determination relies to a higher degree on simulations than in diffuse searches discussed above.

#### **Observation of a 5.9 PeV event**



Potential hadronic nature of this event still Under study

Slide courtesy: I. Taboada, Neutrino 2018

#### A neutrino event near Glashow resonance?

Interesting event found in expanded search.

Charge: 200,000 photoelectrons





#### Tau neutrino search - Flavor ratio



simulated double bang event with ~10 PeV neutrino energy

#### Tau neutrino search – flavor ratios



Neutrino 2018: Poster #174 Stachurska et al. (IceCube) Poster #176 Meier et al. (IceCube)



Usner et al. (IceCube Coll.), ICRC 2017

#### Simulation of a tau event



#### Tau neutrino search:

#### Identification two double cascade event candidates



Two events in 7.5 years of data.

Background of 0.7 events.

Detailed study of events using waveform information in progress.

What fraction of the cosmic neutrino flux comes from the Milky Way?



KRA- $\gamma$  (50 PeV cutoff) template



Only a small fraction Observed neutrino flux is of galactic origin (< 14%)

Compared to best fit spectrum in this energy range ( E<sup>-2.5</sup> flux)

arXiv:1707.0341

# What fraction of the cosmic neutrino flux comes from classes of extragalactic sources?

#### **Gamma Ray Bursts**



Illustration credit: NASA/CXC/M.Weiss

#### **Fermi Blazars**



807 GRB's monitored for prompt neutrino emission at TeV to PeV energy range

# Stacked GRB analysis: < 1% from prompt neutrinos

Fermi reports that ~85% of the gamma rays from the "diffuse" gamma ray flux originate from such blazars.

# Stacked catalogue analysis: only a smaller fraction <27% of neutrinos from this catalogue.

(eg some assumptions, eg energy spectrum apply) Ref: - Astrophys. J **835**, 45 (2017) - ICRC 2017, Huber for IceCube C.

Ref: arxiv: 1702.06868

## **Blazar stacking**

#### Pre-trial significance vs energy for All 2LAC catalogue

Neutrino Energy [GeV]

			100						
Population	p-value		0			<b>c</b> o			0
ropulation	$\gamma ext{-weighting}$	equal weighting	== 10 <sup>−1</sup>					:	1
All 2LAC blazars	$36\% (+0.4\sigma)$	$6\% \; (+1.6\sigma)$	2A-0		<b>%</b>				2
FSRQs	$34\% (+0.4\sigma)$	$34\%~(+0.4\sigma)$	$\frac{1}{2}10^{-2}$	$\vdash$	/				
LSPs	$36\% (+0.4\sigma)$	$28\%~(+0.6\sigma)$	0 10-3	•					3
ISP/HSPs	> 50%	$11\% (+1.2\sigma)$	~ 10-0				1		0
LSP-BL Lacs	$13\% (+1.1\sigma)$	$7\% \; (+1.5\sigma)$	10-4						
			10 1	$0^2 \ 10^3 \ 10$	$^4 \ 10^5 \ 1$	$0^{6} 10$	) <sup>7</sup> 10	<sup>8</sup> 1(	)9

Note also mild upward fluctuations in all channels. (TXS is part of ISP/HSP)

This analysis integrates all events.

New stacking analysis underway that will be sensitive to flaring sources.

#### Realtime time multimessenger astronomy: IC170922a

Example event: IC170922 September 22, 2017 Charge: 5700 photoelectrons

Neutrino Energy: 290 TeV (most probable)

Alert was sent ~40 sec after interaction!!!

The event is a very nice muon track. Throughgoing with more than 1 km contained track length.

Almost horizontal: sweet spot for angular resolution (many strings participate in fit) Still upgoing, 5 deg, can never be atmos muon. Robust energy assessment. A detected significant energy loss outside detector does not enter the energy fit (for robustness).





#### IceCube-170922A - Fermi-AGILE-GBM - MAGIC



https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/notices\_amon/50579430\_130033.amon

#### How does the neutrino flux extend at higher energies?



#### IceCube-Gen2

#### The next Generation IceCube: from discovery to astronomy

#### Multi-component observatory:

- IceCube-Gen2 High-Energy Array
- Surface air shower detector
- Sub-surface radio detector
- Low energy core (~PINGU like)

Surface Area: ~6.5km<sup>2</sup> (0.9) Instrumented depth: 1.26 km (1.0)

Instrumented Volume: 8 km<sup>3</sup>

Order of magnitude increase of contained event rate at high energies.



Here: 120 strings at 300 m spacing

# Point source sensitivity example: Mrk421



# The radio detection method of ultra high energy neutrinos via Askaryan signal



### Askaryan Radio Array: 2017/18 upgrade



# Neutrino astronomy at highest energies



IceCube Upgrade (a step towards Gen2)



 $v_{\tau}$  appearance ٠

Science goals:

• Precise calibration of IceCube optical properties and **DOM** response

#### IceCube Gen2 schedule

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#### IceCube has discovered astrophysical neutrinos

- Starting to quantify their properties
- Data analysis continues to improve (calibration and reco)
- Alert program leads to exciting multimessenger observations.
- IceCube-Gen2 will take us from discovery to precision science.
  - IC upgrade as first step towards that

Thank you! And thanks for the opportunity to come back to where to where it all started for me!

Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday!