

# High-energy neutrino astronomy with IceCube

## (neutrinos from dark matter annihilation?)

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### *Cherenkov light from a 2 PeV neutrino induced particle shower in IceCube*

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*photon arrival timings: red - early yellow orange green blue - late*

## *string spacing 125 m DOM spacing 17 m*



#### **RESEARCH**

28 High

Energy

Events

Anima

#### **Evidence for High-Energy Extraterrestrial Neutrinos at the IceCube Detector**

IceCube Collaboration\*









*astrophysical neutrino and gamma-ray neutrino atmospheric neutrinos cosmic rays cosmic ray downgoing muons upgoing muons*

 *Messenger particles for high- energy astronomy:*

 *cosmic rays (charged, absorbed – GZK neutrinos) gamma- rays (neutral, absorbed) neutrinos (neutral, not absorbed)* 

*upgoing neutrinos through-going muon tracks*

*astrophysical*

*gamma-ray absorbed at source*

**CAPRICE AMS** BESS98  $10<sup>0</sup>$ protons only Rvan et a Highest energy cosmic all-particle rays: several Joules in a  $10^{-2}$ electrons  $(GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>$ CAS single particle! positrons  $10^{-4}$  $E^2$ dN/dE  $10^{-6}$ antipro  $10^{-8}$  $10^{-10}$  $10<sup>2</sup>$  $10^{6}$  $10<sup>8</sup>$  $10^{10}$  $10^{12}$  $10<sup>0</sup>$  $10<sup>4</sup>$  $E_{kin}$ (GeV / particle)

Energies and rates of the cosmic-ray particles

Nature is making particles more than a million times more energetic than LHC



An Active Galaxy, or Quasar  $\frac{1}{2}$ Powered by a massive black hole

Many frequencies of light – gamma-ray to radio

Acceleration site for high-energy particles?

Research Tuesdays

Where do cosmic rays come from?

How does nature accelerate these particles?

neutrino

p

γ

γ

 $\mathbf{r}$ 

 $\mathsf{D}% _{T}$ 

γ<br>Γ

ν

π

cosmic ray

gamma ray

p

Wherever they do, expect gamma-rays and neutrinos

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## **Neutrino and gamma production** in cosmic ray accelerators?

*rays* also from

 $pp, p\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0$ 

electrons:

**Bremsstrahlung Inverse Comptor** 

Let's look for these neutrinos!

The TeV gammas?

**Hadronic accelerator?** cosmic ray origin?





neutrino oscillations:

## **Astrophysical** neutrinos at Earth

 $-1:1:1$ 

flavour mixture

 $\approx$  15 Km

astrophysical  $\Phi \sim a_{\cdot}E^{-2.0}$ 

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many model predictions -key feature is harder energy spectrum  $a.E^{-2.0}$  vs  $p.E^{-2.7}$  + c.E<sup>-3.7</sup>

### The high-energy neutrino sky, a little history from Frejus to IceCube-59



background atmospheric muon

tracks

**Showers** bremmstrahlung

pair production photo nuclear

with

*cosmic ray*

*astrophysical neutrino and gamma-ray*

#### *downgoing muons*

*upgoing muons*

*upgoing neutrinos through-going muon tracks*

> *atmospheric neutrinos*

> > *cosmic rays*

 $v_e + N \rightarrow e + X$ 

shower **Direction: Reconstruction of** Cerenkov cone **Energy: Rate of light emission** along muon path

> *"Classical" picture of neutrino astronomy:*

 $v_{\mu} + N \rightarrow \mu + X$ 

*Earth filters out CR muons*

*gamma-ray absorbed at source*

*astrophysical*

 *neutrino*

*look for upgoing muons from neutrinos* 

*tracks reject downgoing muons* Looking down at the south pole into the northern sky

## *upgoing neutrinos through-going muon*

*astrophysical neutrino point source as excess on background? atmospheric*



*cosmic rays*

*neutrinos*

into the northern sky upgoing neutrinos *through-going muon tracks reject downgoing muons* Looking down at the south pole

## *astrophysical neutrino excess at high energy?*



*rays muon energy in detector*

*cosmic* 

## Atmospheric prompt is an important background



### *Optical Cherenkov neutrino detectors*





## The IceCube Collaboration

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### *Logistics*

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*9 million pounds of Cargo and fuel 300 Hercules LC 130 missions*

*Excellent infrastructure and support: NSF / Raytheon Polar Services NSF/ Lockheed Martin (ASC)*

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**Gary C. Hill, Heavy Quarks and Leptons, U. Melbourne, June 7th, 2008**

## *Drill hose reel*

## *Heaters*

*Working time: Nov- mid-Feb*

*Tower*

*IceTop*

*tanks*

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## Neutrino event signatures

### **CC Muon Neutrino**



track (data)

factor of  $\approx$  2 energy resolution  $\leq 1^{\circ}$  angular resolution

## **Neutral Current / Electron Neutrino**



 $\nu_{\rm e} + N \rightarrow {\rm e} + X$  $\nu_{\mathbf{x}} + N \rightarrow \nu_{\mathbf{x}} + X$ 

cascade (data)

 $\approx \pm 15\%$  deposited energy resolution  $\approx 10^{\circ}$  angular resolution (at energies  $\geq 100 \text{ TeV}$ )



"double-bang" and other signatures (simulation)

(not observed yet)

## IC40+59+79+86 significance: all-sky through-going muons







**– much reduced background**



## Detection of an extra-terrestrial diffuse flux of high-energy neutrinos!

## *Clues:*

*Diffuse muon analysis (IC59) Diffuse shower analysis (IC40) EHE GZK search – two 1 PeV cascades (IC79/86)*

*Detection analyses: (IC79/86) High Energy Starting Event (HESE) Through-going upward muon*

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*upgoing neutrinos through-going muon*

## *astrophysical neutrino excess at high energy?*



*cosmic* 



#### The final  $v_{\perp}$  energy spectrum - Best fit



### *IC59 upgoing muon analysis*

*three high energy events lead to a non-zero astrophysical fit 1.8 sigma + expected conventional atmospheric + zero prompt = fit to data rejects bg-only at 1.8 sigma*



## *1.8 sigma excess IC59 upgoing muon analysis*

#### The final  $v_{\mu}$  energy spectrum - Best fit



## *IC40 shower analysis 2.4 sigma excess*



## *Flashback: Neutrino 2012, Kyoto*

## Two events passed the selection criteria

2 events / 672.7 days - background (atm.  $\mu$  + conventional atm. v) expectation 0.14 events preliminary p-value:  $0.0094$  (2.36 $\sigma$ )



*E = 1.1 PeV*

 $\theta = 62^\circ$ 

Run119316-Event36556705 Jan 3rd 2012 NPE 9.628x104

Run118545-Event63733662 **August 9th 2011<br>
<b>NPE 6.9928x104** 

**22 November 2013** *E = 1.0 PeV*



*θ = 23<sup>o</sup>*

*These two 1 PeV showers are downgoing! How were they found amongst billions of atmospheric muons?*

*These two 1 PeV cascades are downgoing!*

*They are "contained" -starting in the detector.*

*Atmospheric muons emit light as they enter the detector -we can veto these!*

> *"atmospheric muon self veto"*



*reject events with light in veto layer*

 *accept events with no light in veto layer and high charge in fiducial volume*

*atmospheric muons: rejected*

*high energy neutrinos accepted (look for Npe > 6000)*

#### *These two 1 PeV cascades are downgoing! Can they be atmospheric neutrinos?*

PHYSICAL REVIEW D 79, 043009 (2009)

Vetoing atmospheric neutrinos in a high energy neutrino telescope

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#### *Schonert, Gaisser, Resconi, Schulz*

We discuss the possibility to suppress downward atmospheric neutrinos in a high energy neutrino telescope. This can be achieved by vetoing the muon which is produced by the same parent meson decaying in the atmosphere. In principle, atmospheric neutrinos with energies  $E<sub>v</sub> > 10$  TeV and a zenith angle up to  $60^{\circ}$  can be vetoed with an efficiency of  $>99\%$ . Practical realization will depend on the depth of the neutrino telescope, on the muon veto efficiency, and on the ability to identify downward-moving neutrinos with a good energy estimation.

*"atmospheric neutrino self veto" for muon-neutrinos: see muon from same parent meson decay*



*True also for electron and tau neutrinos:*

*see muons from other decays in the entire air shower*

> *van Santen, Jero, Gaisser, Karle*



Neutrino from the distant Universe

*Keep!*

Muon from the atmosphere above the south pole

 $ANL$ 

See 1990

electron<br>neutrino

*reject events with light in veto layer*

 *accept events with no light in veto layer and high charge in fiducial volume*

*atmospheric neutrinos accompnied by muons: rejected*

*high energy astrophysical neutrinos accepted (look for Npe > 6000)*

*muons range out; or no light in veto layer*

 *accept events with no light in veto layer*

*atmospheric neutrino background*

*Downgoing starting: 2.6 per 3 years*

*Upward starting: 4.0 per 3 years* 

*astrophysical neutrinos accepted*

*muons range out; no light in veto layer*

 *accept events with no light in veto layer*

*leak through muon background*

*astrophysical neutrinos accepted*

## *How often do muons sneak in through the veto layer?*

*tag muons*

*check with real data!* 



#### *backgrounds: HESE-2 (IC79 + IC86-1 + IC86-2)*

#### *6.6 +5.9 -1.6 atmospheric neutrinos*

#### *8.4 +/- 4.2 downgoing muons*

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*conventional* 

#### *prompt astrophysical*

 *IC79/86-1/86-2 diffuse analysis forward folding* 

*Fit (track/shower) data to mixture of*

*conventional prompt astrophysical*



## The power of the self-veto

*Without self-veto astro (grey) and prompt (dash-purple) have same zenith shape* 

*With self-veto prompt (solid-purple) is highly suppressed from above*



#### *Global fit of energy vs angle to a mixture of atmospheric and astrophysical E-2 neutrinos*

*best fit flux: E<sup>2</sup>Ф = 10-8 GeV cm-2 s -1 sr -1*

### *5.7 sigma rejection of atmospheric-only hypothesis*



*Global fit, energy (60 TeV – 3 PeV) vs angle, best fit flux: E<sup>2</sup>Ф = 10-8 GeV cm-2 s -1 sr -1 (per flavour)*

### *5.7 sigma rejection of atmospheric-only hypothesis*



### *global fit, energy (60 TeV – 3 PeV) vs angle, float astrophysical spectral index: best fit spectral index = -2.3 +/- 0.3*





#### *Highest energy event*

## *0.5 PeV*

*muon ~1 PeV neutrino* *Also found in HESE*

## *Examples of muons found in IC79/86 upgoing diffuse analysis*



*~1 PeV muon* 

*neutrino*

### Through going muons **Contained vertex events**

#### *2 PeV electron neutrino*

- northern hemisphere
- neutrino events (best fit) above 100 TeV muon energy:
	- astrophysical: 7 events/yr
	- atmospheric: 3 events/yr
- significance in first 2 years of data: 3.9 sigma (prel.)
- mostly southern hemisphere
- neutrino events above 60 TeV:
	- astrophysical: 6 /yr
	- atmospheric: 1/yr
- significance in first 3 years of data: 5.7 sigma

# Diffuse flux summary



## *Do the HESE events cluster is there a brighter than average source?*



## *Do the events correlate with potential sources?*



## *Do the events correlate with the galactic plane?*


*Indirect dark matter detection?*

*Dark matter accumulation in*

*the sun the earth galactic halo other galaxies*

*Annihilation to neutrinos…* 







#### Search for Dark Matter Annihilations in the Sun with the 79-String IceCube Detector

We have performed a search for muon neutrinos from dark matter annihilation in the center of the Sun with the 79-string configuration of the IceCube neutrino telescope. For the first time, the DeepCore subarray is included in the analysis, lowering the energy threshold and extending the search to the austral summer. The 317 days of data collected between June 2010 and May 2011 are consistent with the expected background from atmospheric muons and neutrinos. Upper limits are set on the dark matter annihilation rate, with conversions to limits on spin-dependent and spin-independent scattering cross sections of weakly interacting massive particles (WIMPs) on protons, for WIMP masses in the range 20–5000 GeV/ $c^2$ . These are the most stringent spin-dependent WIMP-proton cross section limits to date above 35 GeV/ $c<sup>2</sup>$  for most WIMP models.

TABLE I. Results from the combination of the three independent datasets. Upper 90% limits on the number of signal events  $\mu_s^{90}$ , the WIMP annihilation rate in the Sun  $\Gamma_A$ , the muon flux  $\Phi_\mu$  and neutrino flux  $\Phi_\nu$ , and the WIMP-proton scattering cross-sections (spin-independent,  $\sigma_{SI,p}$ , and spin-dependent,  $\sigma_{SD,p}$ ), at the 90% confidence level including systematic errors. The sensitivity  $\overline{\Phi}_{\mu}$  (see text) is shown for comparison.

$m_\chi$	Channel	$\mu_{\rm s}^{90}$	$\Gamma_{\rm A}$	$\overline{\Phi}_{\mu}$	$\Phi_{\mu}$	$\Phi_{\nu}$	$\sigma_{SI,p}$	$\sigma_{SD,p}$
(GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )			$(s^{-1})$	$(km^{-2}y^{-1})$	$(km^{-2}y^{-1})$	$(km^{-2}y^{-1})$	$\rm (cm^2)$	$\rm (cm^2)$
20	$\tau^+\tau^-$	162	$2.46 \times 10^{25}$	$5.26 \times 10^{4}$	$9.27 \times 10^{4}$	$2.35 \times 10^{15}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-40}$	$1.29 \times 10^{-38}$
35	$\tau^+\tau^-$	70.2	$1.03 \times 10^{24}$	$1.03 \times 10^{4}$	$1.21 \times 10^{4}$	$1.02 \times 10^{14}$	$6.59 \times 10^{-42}$	$1.28 \times 10^{-39}$
35	bБ	128	$1.99 \times 10^{26}$	$5.63 \times 10^{4}$	$1.04 \times 10^{5}$	$6.29 \times 10^{15}$	$1.28 \times 10^{-39}$	$2.49\times10^{-37}$
50	$\tau^+\tau^-$	19.6	$1.20 \times 10^{23}$	$4.82 \times 10^{3}$	$2.84 \times 10^{3}$	$1.17 \times 10^{13}$	$1.03 \times 10^{-42}$	$2.70 \times 10^{-40}$
50	bБ	55.2	$1.75 \times 10^{25}$	$2.06 \times 10^{4}$	$1.80 \times 10^{4}$	$5.64 \times 10^{14}$	$1.51 \times 10^{-40}$	$3.96\times10^{-38}$
100	$W^+W^-$	16.8	$3.35 \times 10^{22}$	$1.49 \times 10^{3}$	$1.19 \times 10^{3}$	$1.23 \times 10^{12}$	$6.01 \times 10^{-43}$	$2.68 \times 10^{-40}$
100	bБ	28.9	$1.82 \times 10^{24}$	$7.57\times10^3$	$5.91 \times 10^{3}$	$6.34\times10^{13}$	$3.30 \times 10^{-41}$	$1.47\times10^{-38}$
250	$W^+W^-$	29.9	$2.85 \times 10^{21}$	$3.04 \times 10^{2}$	$4.15 \times 10^{2}$	$9.72 \times 10^{10}$	$1.67 \times 10^{-43}$	$1.34 \times 10^{-40}$
250	bБ	19.8	$1.27 \times 10^{23}$	$1.85 \times 10^3$	$1.45 \times 10^{3}$	$4.59 \times 10^{12}$	$7.37 \times 10^{-42}$	$5.90\times10^{-39}$
500	$W^+W^-$	25.2	$8.57 \times 10^{20}$	$1.46 \times 10^{2}$	$2.23 \times 10^{2}$	$2.61 \times 10^{10}$	$1.45 \times 10^{-43}$	$1.57 \times 10^{-40}$
500	bБ	30.6	$4.12 \times 10^{22}$	$8.53 \times 10^2$	$1.02 \times 10^{3}$	$1.52 \times 10^{12}$	$6.98 \times 10^{-42}$	$7.56\times10^{-39}$
1000	$W^+W^-$	23.4	$6.13 \times 10^{20}$	$1.19 \times 10^{2}$	$1.85 \times 10^{2}$	$1.62 \times 10^{10}$	$3.46 \times 10^{-43}$	$4.48 \times 10^{-40}$
1000	bБ	30.4	$1.39 \times 10^{22}$	$4.33 \times 10^{2}$	$5.99 \times 10^{2}$	$5.23\times10^{11}$	$7.75\times10^{-42}$	$1.00\times10^{-38}$
3000	$W^+W^-$	22.2	$7.79 \times 10^{20}$	$1.09 \times 10^{2}$	$1.66 \times 10^{2}$	$1.65 \times 10^{10}$	$3.44 \times 10^{-42}$	$5.02 \times 10^{-39}$
3000	$b\bar{b}$	26.1	$4.88 \times 10^{21}$	$2.52\times10^{2}$	$3.47 \times 10^{2}$	$1.89 \times 10^{11}$	$2.17 \times 10^{-41}$	$3.16\times10^{-38}$
5000	$W^+W^-$	22.8	$8.79 \times 10^{20}$	$1.01 \times 10^{2}$	$1.58 \times 10^{2}$	$1.77 \times 10^{10}$	$1.06 \times 10^{-41}$	$1.59 \times 10^{-38}$
5000	bБ	26.4	$6.50 \times 10^{20}$	$2.21 \times 10^{2}$	$3.26 \times 10^{2}$	$1.63 \times 10^{11}$	$4.89 \times 10^{-41}$	$7.29\times10^{-38}$

#### Search for Dark Matter Annihilations in the Sun with the 79-String IceCube Detector



We present the results of a first search for self-annihilating dark matter in nearby galaxies and galaxy clusters using a sample of high-energy neutrinos acquired in 339.8 days of live time during 2009/10 with the IceCube neutrino observatory in its 59-string configuration. The targets of interest include the Virgo and Coma galaxy clusters, the Andromeda galaxy, and several dwarf galaxies. We obtain upper limits on the cross section as a function of the weakly interacting massive particle mass between 300 GeV and 100 TeV for the annihilation into  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $W^+W^-$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $\mu^+\mu^-$ , and  $\nu\bar{\nu}$ . A limit derived for the Virgo cluster, when assuming a large effect from subhalos, challenges the weakly interacting massive particle interpretation of a recently observed GeV positron excess in cosmic rays.



TABLE I. A list of potential astrophysical dark matter targets, their locations [37], distances, and masses [38], as well as  $J_{\text{NFW}}$ factors (see Sec. III) considered in this paper. Boost factors for Andromeda, Coma, and Virgo are applied, when subclusters are taken into account. According to Ref. [39], subclusters in dwarf galaxies do not usefully boost the signal. For the extended Virgo cluster, M87 was used as the central position. \*For Andromeda and the galaxy clusters, no uncertainties are available.



TABLE IV. Number of events as estimated from background and as observed in the data, for dwarf galaxies, galaxy clusters, and Andromeda. In some cases the same cut values and bin sizes were used for different annihilation channels, leading to the same number of events.



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\chi\chi{\to}\mu^+\mu^-
$$





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\chi\chi{\longrightarrow}\tau^+\tau^-
$$



30 kpc



*Power spectrum analysis:*

*coefficients mapped to single test statistic for clustering*







## *DM-Ice:*

# *direct detection*



#### First data from DM-Ice17

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We report the first analysis of background data from DM-Ice17, a direct-detection dark matter experiment consisting of 17 kg of NaI(Tl) target material. It was co-deployed with IceCube 2457 m deep in the South Pole glacial ice in December 2010 and is the first such detector operating in the Southern Hemisphere. The background rate in the  $6.5-8.0 \,\text{keV}_{ee}$  region is measured to be  $7.9 \pm 0.4$  counts/day/keV/kg. This is consistent with the expected background from the detector assemblies with negligible contributions from the surrounding ice. The successful deployment and operation of DM-Ice17 establishes the South Pole ice as a viable location for future underground, low-background experiments in the Southern Hemisphere. The detector assembly and deployment are described here, as well as the analysis of the DM-Ice17 backgrounds based on data from the first two years of operation after commissioning, July 2011 – June 2013.

# arxiv.org/pdf/1401.4804v2.pdf

**IceCube has taken the** first steps towards high-energy neutrino astronomy:

**Where and how are these neutrinos produced?**

*New US NSF MREFC – submission later this year* 

*High energy extensions – increase volume for muons and cascades*

*Surface vetoes – improve ability to see downward (esp. throughgoing) astrophysical neutrinos*

*PINGU – oscillations and mass hierarchy*

Photograph: Forest Banks

*High energy extensions – increase volume for muons and cascades with more strings*

> *IC86 100 new strings 240 m spacing PINGU: extra strings inside original IC: oscillations and mass hierarchy - Darren Grant*





 1 PeV (cosmic primary) veto: reject most atmospheric muon AND neutrino background above 100 TeV.

An efficient surface veto, 100 km<sup>2</sup>, for 3–5 sr background free cosmic muon neutrino and some shower detection



### *An extended surface array would increase the angular veto coverage*





**PRECISION ICECUBE NEXT GENERATION UPGRADE** 

> *Measure the neutrino mass hierarchy: subtle change to energy vs arrival direction of atmospheric neutrinos*



# IceCube has taken the first steps towards high-energy neutrino astronomy:

- diffuse flux:  $\Phi = 10^{-8}$  E<sup>-2</sup> GeV<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> (1:1:1 flavour)
- contained vertex (5.70), upgoing muons (3.90)
- atmospheric prompt origin strongly rejected
- lack of correlation with galactic plane, and events at high galactic latitudes may suggest extra-galactic origin - many theoretical speculations and attempts to correlate with sources have been proposed

proposal for a next generation detector

- increased in-ice volume
- enhanced surface veto
- PINGU

