Neutrino Telescopes



Principle of an optical Neutrino Telescope





Large Water Cherenkov Neutrino Detectors

KNO Hyper-K Super-K





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ANTARES KM3NeT ORCA

Active Construction Planned IceCube Upgrade IceCube-Gen2



Atmospheric Neutrino Telescopes / Detectors



- IceCube at the Geographic South Pole
- 5160 10"PMTs in Digital optical modules distributed over 86 strings instrumenting ~1km³
- Physics data taking since 2007 ; Completed in December 2010, including **DeepCore** low-energy extension



- **ANTARES** is located at a depth of 2475 m in the Mediterranean Sea, 40 km offshore from Toulon
- Consists 885 10"PMTs on 12 lines with 25 storeys each.
- Detector was competed in May 2008 ; Phyiscs data taking since 2007



- Super-Kamiokande at Kamioka uses 11K 20" PMTs
- 50kt pure water (22.5kt fiducial) water-cherenkov detector
- Operating since 1996

Detect Cherenkov light from neutrino interaction products Main backgrounds: Atmospheric neutrino, atmospheric muons (down-going)



The IceCube Neutrino Telescope







Laboratory at the South Pole



The IceCube Neutrino Telescope



Signals in IceCube



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The Ice



Major calibration efforts resulted in a very precise understanding of the ice surrounding the IceCube detector

- Calibration Sources:
 - I2 LED flashers on each DOM
 - In-Ice Calibration Laser
 - Cosmic Rays
 - One pair of Camera DOMs

absorption length ~ 210m scattering length ~20-40m







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DISCO: An optical instrument to calibrate neutrino

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detection in complex media PoS-ICRC2023-1139

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Figure 1: Left: Concept of DISCO. LED light cone observed by cameras (left side) and Laser observed by the PMT logging system (right side). Right: Absorption and scattering effects on pulse shape and returned light intensity for the pulsed laser measurement.



Figure 2: A 3D model of the basic design concept for the emitter and receiver module.

Selected Results and Science Program





Neutrino Telescope Science

Scientific Scope

- ASTROPHYSICS & NEUTRINO SOURCES
 - Point sources of v's (SNR,AGN ...), extended sources
 - Transients (GRBs, AGN flares ...)
 - Solar Atmospheric Neutrinos
 - Diffuse fluxes of v's (all sky, cosmogenic, galactic plane ...)
- BSM PHYSICS & DARK MATTER
 - Indirect DM searches (Earth, Sun, Galactic center/ halo)
 - Magnetic monopoles
 - Violation of Lorentz invariance
- PARTICLE PHYSICS
 - v oscillations, sterile v's
 - Charm in CR interactions
 - Neutrino Cross Sections
- COSMIC RAY PHYSICS
 - Energy spectrum around "knee", composition, anisotropy
- SUPERNOVAE (galactic/LMC)
- GLACIOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCE

Very diverse science program, with neutrinos from 10GeV to EeV, and MeV burst neutrinos





Astro-physical Neutrino Search





(1) Point source search

- Search for clustering of neutrinos from point in the sky
- (2) Transient source search
- Search for spacial and temporal clustering of neutrinos
 (3) Multi-messenger search
 - Search for a coincidence between neutrino and other messenger particles spacial at particular time and location
- (4) Diffuse search
 - Search for spectral feature, inconsistent with atmospheric background predictions

.... + various combinations and



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How to find astrophysical neutrinos ?









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Diffuse Neutrino Flux Search



A cosmic neutrino interacts INSIDE the detector: it is too energetic to be produced in the atmosphere



> 300 optical sensors; > 100,000 photons; 2 nanosec time resolution

Observation of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos

IceCube Collaboration, Science 342, 1242856 (2013), IceCube Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett 113, 101101 (2014) *IceCube Collaboration arXiv:2011.03545*



- Search for High-Energy Starting Events (HESE)
 - Efficient reject atmospheric backgrounds
 - **Discovery of** astrophysical neutrinos







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Astrophysical Neutrino Flux



High-energy starting events (HESE)

Interaction vertex in the detector, All flavor, all sky



Up-going tracks Muon-dominated Northern sky



PeV energy partially contained events (PEPE) Interaction vertex near the edge of the detector, All flavor, all sky



- Astrophysical flux in the 20 TeV -9PeV range
- Various channels and analysis methods





Multi-messenger Neutrino Astronomy and IceCube-170922A



Transient Searches





ANTARES Collaboration, IceCube Collaboration, LIGO Scientific Collaboration, Virgo Collaboration [arXiv:1602.05411]



- Follow up on LIGO Gravitational Wave GW 150914
 - No neutrino association observed

IceCube-170922A







Swift (X-Ray)

Iridium

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SN/GRB/...

IceCube

Astropart. Phys. 92 (2017) 30 A&A 607 (2017) A115

IceCube-170922A

IceCuBeAR - https://icecube.wisc.edu/news/view/776



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report on

On 22 Sep.

probability

Extremely

normal or

FROM:

IceCube-170922A & TXS 0506+056



• Very active multi-messenger follow-up from radio to γ -rays

초고에너지 중성미자의 발원지 사상 최초로 확인

지난해 남극에 있는 중성미자 검출장치인 아이스큐브에서 초고에너지 중성미자를 검출했다. 과학자들은 이 중성미자가 37억 광년 떨어진 천체 'TXS 0506+056'에서 시작됐다는 사실을 처음으로 밝혀냈다. 남극에서 검출한 중성미자의 궤적을 추적한 결과 세계 각지의 천체망원경과 우주에 있는 망원경들이 강력한 전파를 감지한 같은 곳에서 중성미자가 비롯됐음을 확인했다.



Science 361, eaat1378 (2018)

IceCube-170922A

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*†

- Chance probability of a Fermi-IceCube coincident observation: ~3σ (determined based on the historical IceCube sample and known Fermi-LAT blazars)
- Time-integrated neutrino spectrum is approximately E^{-2.1}
- TXS 0506+056 redshift determined to be z=0.3365 (S. Paiano et al.ApJL 854.L32(2018))
- Time-average luminosity about an order of magnitude higher than Mkn 421, Mkn 501, or IES 1959+605



Science 361 (6398), 147-151.

IceCube-170922A



- 9.5 years of archival data was evaluated in direction of TXS 0506+056
- An excess of I3±5 events above background was observed during Sep 2014 - March 2016
- Inconsistent with background only hypothesis at 3.5σ level (independently of the 3σ associated with IceCube-170922A alert)



Time-independent weight of individual events during the IC86b period.

However: Maximum contribution of the 2LAC blazars to the observed astrophysical neutrino flux to be 27% or less between around 10 TeV and 2 PeV [IceCube Astrophys.]. 835 (2017) no.1, 45]

Distance scales ...



Other candidate sources

Tidal Disruption Event (AT2019dsg)

- Radio-emitting tidal disruption event, AT2019dsg, with a high energy neutrino
- Identified as part of ZTF (Zwicky Transient Facility) follow up of IceCube-191001A (19/10/01)
- The probability of finding any coincident radio-emitting tidal disruption event by chance is 0.5% (Stein, R. et al. Nat Astron (2021).)
- see also W.Winter https://arxiv.org/pdf/ 2005.06097.pdf
 - AT2019dsg (z=0.05 / 230Mpc) / E=200TeV IC-191001



Artist illustration of the TDE example for image of the galaxy Arp299B Credit: NRAO/AUI/NSF/NASA/STScI