## High-Energy Neutrinos as New Cosmic Messengers

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## Outline

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Demystifying the origin of "diffuse" PeV neutrinos
- 3. GeV-PeV neutrinos as a probe of relativistic jets

### #1 of top 10 breakthroughs in physics in 2013 judged by Physics World

%energy scale
MeV=10<sup>6</sup> eV, GeV=10<sup>9</sup> eV, TeV=10<sup>12</sup> eV,
PeV=10<sup>15</sup> eV, EeV=10<sup>18</sup> eV, ZeV=10<sup>21</sup> eV



### **Motivation I: Unique Probe of Cosmic Explosions**



~10 MeV neutrinos from supernova thermal: gravitational energy of a star

- explosion mechanism
- progenitor/v properties





> GeV neutrinos from γ-ray bursts nonthermal: dissipation of jets

physics of relativistic jets (Γ~100)
SN-GRB connection

#### Motivation II: Cosmic Rays - A Century Old Puzzle



Open problems •What is the CR origin? •Where is the transition? •How are CRs accelerated?

extremeness of ultrahigh-energy CRs 3x10<sup>20</sup> eV ~ 160 km/h tennis ball kin.



#### **UHECR Source Candidates: Cosmic Monsters!**



- <u>Neutrinos</u> direct probe of ion acceleration (straight, negligible absorption)
- <u>Gamma rays</u> contamination by leptonic signal interacting w. photons

 $\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$ 

 $e + \gamma \rightarrow e + \gamma$  (inverse-Compton)

 $e + B \rightarrow e + \gamma$  (synchrotron) es are deflected by magnetic fields



 $\pi^{*} \rightarrow \mu^{*} + v_{\mu}(\overline{v}_{\mu})$   $\mu^{*} \rightarrow e^{*} + v_{\varepsilon}(\overline{v}_{\varepsilon}) + \overline{v}_{\mu}(v_{\mu})$   $\pi^{0} \rightarrow 2\gamma$ CR accelerator

#### Cosmic rays deflected by magnetic fields interacting w. photons/matter

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow p / n + N\pi$$
$$p + \gamma \rightarrow p + e^+ + e^-$$



## **Neutrino: Weak Interaction**



## **IceCube: Gton Neutrino Detector**



- at south pole
- ~ 1 km<sup>3</sup> volume ~ Gton
- 86 strings (120 m spacing)
- 5160 PMTs (17 m spacing)
- completed in 2010

### IceCube Detection of High-Energy Neutrinos



- E<sup>2</sup><sub>ν</sub>Φ<sub>ν</sub>=(1.2±0.4)x10<sup>-8</sup> GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> (per flavor)
- Favoring cutoff at ~2 PeV for E<sup>-2</sup> or steeper than E<sup>-2.2</sup>
- Consistent w. flavor ratio 1:1:1

## **Hints from Classical Strategy**

IC59 upgoing track (1.8σ)
 IC40 shower (2.7σ)



# **High-Energy Neutrino Sky Map**

#### consistent w. isotropic distribution



circle (21): shower event

Ahlers & KM 13; complied from IceCube 13 Science

## Demystifying the Origin of Diffuse PeV Neutrinos

## Q. What is the Origin?

A. Not known yet. We need more statistics. But interesting implications are obtained.

Requirements: isotropic flux w. E<sup>2</sup><sub>ν</sub> ~ 10<sup>-8</sup> GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> (break/cutoff around PeV for hard spectra)

#### Isotropic Diffuse Flux -> Cosmic Background

#### It is typically difficult to detect individual HE v sources



#### Neutrino Production Processes? pp vs py



E<sub>v</sub> ~ 0.04 E<sub>p</sub>: PeV neutrino ⇔ 20-30 PeV proton (or nucleon)

$$\varepsilon_{\nu}^{2}\Phi_{\nu} = \frac{c}{4\pi} \int dz \left| \frac{dt}{dz} \right| \varepsilon_{\nu}^{2} q_{\nu}(\varepsilon_{\nu}) F(z) \qquad \Longrightarrow E_{\nu}^{2}\Phi_{\nu} \approx \frac{ct_{H}}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{f_{\text{mes}}}{4} \varepsilon_{p}^{2} q_{p}(\varepsilon_{p}) \right] f_{z}$$

 $f_{mes}$  (<1): meson production efficiency (ex.  $f_{pq} \sim 0.2 n_{v} \sigma_{pv} \Delta$ )  $f_{z}$  (~0.6-5): source redshift evolution  $\epsilon_{p}^{2} q(\epsilon_{p})$ : CR energy generation rate per volume

#### Waxman-Bahcall bound: $\epsilon_v^2 \Phi(\epsilon_v) < f_z \times \frac{10^{-8}}{10^{-8}} \text{ GeV cm}^2 \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ obs. UHECR flux: $\epsilon_p^2 q(\epsilon_p)=0.6 \times 10^{44} \text{ erg Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1} \& f_{\text{mes}} \rightarrow 1$ limit



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- candidate extragalactic sources (proposed before IceCube)
- γ-ray bursts (ex. Waxman & Bahcall 97, Waxman & Bahcall 00 ApJ, KM et al. 06)
- active galaxies (ex. Stecker et al. 91, Mannheim 95)
- newborn magnetars (ex. KM, Meszaros & Zhang 09)
- starburst galaxies (ex. Loeb & Waxman 06, Thompson et al. 07)
- galaxy clusters/groups (ex. KM et al. 08, Kotera, Allard, KM et al. 09) Galactic sources cannot be dominant, see Ahlers & KM 13

## Now is the Time to Test Models!



taken from KM et al. 08 ApJL, KM 08 PRDR, KM et al. 09 PRD, KM 08 AIPC, Takami, KM+ 09 APh

### State-of-the-Art Theoretical Calculations



e.g., KM 07 PRD

## **Example: Gamma-Ray Bursts**



# Gamma-Ray Bursts (py)

numerical results w. detailed microphysics



GRBs are special since stacking analyses are possible  $\bigcirc$  duration~10-100 s  $\rightarrow$  atm. bkg. is negligible for typical GRBs Stacking analyses imply <~ 10<sup>-9</sup> GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>  $\rightarrow$  disfavored But different types (low-power GRBs) are viable (KM & loka 13 PRL)

## **Active Galactic Nuclei**

- Active galaxies are known powerful γ-ray sources
- Golden candidate sources of ultrahigh-energy cosmic rays



# AGN Inner Jet (py)



Strong prediction: cross-correlation with known <80 FSRQs

## pp Scenarios: Cosmic-Ray Reservoirs



#### py vs pp: Multi-Messenger Connection



 $p + p \rightarrow N\pi + X$ 

 Star-forming galaxy
 Galaxy cluster





tight neutrino-gamma connection

### Fate of Extragalactic Gamma Rays



log(E [GeV])

### **Effects of Electromagnetic Cascades**



#### First Multi-Messenger Tests with "Measured" Fluxes



Γ<2.1-2.2 (for extragal.), Γ<2.0 (gal.) (cf. Milky Way: Γ~2.7)</li>

- contribution to diffuse sub-TeV gamma-ray flux: >30-40%
- limits are insensitive to source redshift evolution

## Implications

pp scenarios can be tested in near future

- Determining Γ at sub-PeV energies by IceCube If Γ > 2.2 → pp scenarios are disfavored
- Understanding diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray flux at sub-TeV energies 40%-100% from AGN  $\rightarrow \Gamma$ ~2.0-2.1 or excluded
- Discovering individual TeV sources (by CTA, HAWC) The sources should show hard spectra
- Need careful studies on py scenarios
- Uneasy for standard jet models to explain the signal → low-power GRBs? AGN core?
- γ-ray constraints are model dependent

## **Questions & Future Directions**

- Spectral features; Is the neutrino break/cutoff real? diffusion break, π cooling, v attenuation, maximum p energy
- Flavor ratios
   1:1:1, 0.57:1:1 (μ damp), 2.5:1:1 (n decay), others (exotic)
- Multi-messenger studies w. IceCube, Auger, HAWC, Fermi etc.; Connection w. origins of observed cosmic rays?
   - E<sub>v</sub> ~ 0.04 E<sub>p</sub>: PeV v ⇔ ~20-30 PeV p or ~(20-30)A PeV nuclei
  - contained CR spectrum  $\neq$  escaped CR spectrum E<sup>2</sup>  $\Phi_{\sim} \sim 10^{-8}$  GeV cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup>  $\Leftrightarrow$  Waxman-Bahcall bound flux
  - a.  $f_{mes} \sim 1 \& \epsilon_p^2 N(\epsilon_p)|_{10-100 \text{ PeV}} \sim 10^{44} \text{ erg Mpc}^3 \text{ yr}^1 \sim (\text{obs. value})$ b.  $f_{mes} <<1 \& \epsilon_p^2 N(\epsilon_p)|_{10-100 \text{ PeV}} >>10^{44} \text{ erg Mpc}^3 \text{ yr}^1$ (The latter is more favored if UHECRs are heavy nuclei)

### Hope Multiwavelength Neutrino Astrophysics



GeV-TeV vs are interesting for both v physics & astrophysics!

## GeV-PeV Neutrinos as a Probe of Relativistic Jets

### Why Transients?

Original motivation: identifying a source of neutrinos



Transients → temporarily luminous and bkg. reduced

### Why Transients?

Neutrinos probe physics that cannot be studied by photons For  $\Phi_{v} \propto \epsilon_{v}^{-2}$ ,  $N \propto \epsilon_{v} \Phi_{v} \rightarrow$  more statistics at lower energies

exciting targets: gamma-ray bursts & supernovae



#### TeV-PeV Neutrinos as a Probe of Jets inside Stars

#### Motivations

- Jet acceleration and jet composition (baryonic or magnetic)
- clues to GRB-SN connection and progenitors
- Neutrino mixing including matter effects etc.



### How are Cosmic Rays Accelerated?

### diffusive shock acceleration (Fermi mechanism)



## **More Realistic Picture**

#### Two pieces of important physics were overlooked



- 1. Ballistic jets inside stars  $\times$  $\rightarrow$  collimation shock & collimated jet
- 2. CR acceleration at collisionless shocks  $\bigcirc X$  $\rightarrow$  inefficient at radiation-mediated shocks

## **Limitation of Shock Acceleration**

#### **Collisionless shock**

#### **Radiation-mediated shock**



#### "Radiation Constraints" on Non-thermal Neutrino Production



- Lower-power is better
- Bigger progenitor is better
- suppressed in typical GRBs and powerful slow-jet SNe
   favoring choked jets (difficulty of penetration)

#### **Novel Acceleration Process in Neutron-Loaded Jets**

"Neutron-Proton-Converter Acceleration" (Derishev+03 PRD) another Fermi acceleration mechanism without diffusion



## **NPC Acceleration: Spectra & Effects**

We first performed Monte Carlo simulations for test particles

- Nucleon spectra consisting of bumps rather than a power law
- >10% of incoming neutron energy can be used for NPC acc.
- Enhancement of the detectability of GeV-TeV neutrinos





# Summary

- PeV neutrinos may start to be detected by IceCube
- First evidence for astrophysical high-energy neutrinos
- Demystifying the origin of the diffuse neutrino flux
- py scenarios are possible but standard models seem disfavored
- pp scenarios can be tested in the next several years by neutrino obs. (sub-PeV) and γ-ray studies (sub-TeV & >TeV)
- Relevance of sub-PeV γ-ray searches for Galactic sources

#### Probing cosmic explosions with multi-messenger observations

 We derived radiation constraints on TeV-PeV v production, and low-power GRBs including choked jets are more promising
 GeV-TeV vs are promising for neutron-loaded jets

### J.N. Bahcall (IAS), Neutrino Astrophysics (1989)

"The title is more of an expression of hope than a description of the book's contents....the observational horizon of neutrino astrophysics may grow ... perhaps in a time as short as one or two decades"







## **Backup Slides**

### Neutrino Constraints on Dark Matter Decay



- Neutrino bound is very powerful at high energies
- Cascade γ-ray bound: more conservative/robust at high m<sub>dm</sub>
- The dark matter scenario can be tested soon (KM+ in prep.)

### **Implications for Further Neutrino Studies**



Shower searches at lower energies offer the fastest way to distinguish between the neutrino spectra ex. if  $\Gamma$ >2.3  $\rightarrow$  pp scenarios will be disfavored

## **Q. Galactic Contributions?**



- So far, much more papers came out Galactic scenarios
- Need for PeV gamma-ray searches in the southern hemisphere

## **Q. Galactic Contributions?**

Possibly, a fraction of the IceCube signal come from Galactic sources



- up to 7 (among 28) can be associated w. Fermi bubbles
- consistent w. Γ=2.2 (while the cutoff is indicated by Fermi)
- should be tested by γ-ray detectors such as HAWC

# **Neutrino Production in the Source**



at  $\Delta$ -resonance ( $\epsilon_p \epsilon_{\gamma} \sim 0.2 \Gamma^2 \text{ GeV}^2$ )  $\epsilon_v{}^b \sim 0.05 \epsilon_p{}^b \sim 0.01 \text{ GeV}^2 \Gamma^2 / \epsilon_{\gamma,pk} \sim 1 \text{ PeV}$  (if  $\epsilon_{\gamma,pk} \sim 1 \text{ MeV}$ )

Meson production efficiency (large astrophysical uncertainty)  $f_{pv} \sim 0.2 n_v \sigma_{pv} (r/\Gamma) \propto r^1 \Gamma^{-2} \propto \Gamma^{-4} \delta t^{-1}$  (if  $r \sim \Gamma^2 \delta t$ )

## **Neutrino Spectra**



### Recent IceCube Limits on Prompt v Emission



### Implications of IceCube "Stacking" Searches



He+ KM 12 ApJ (see also Hummer et al. 12 PRL)

- + Not ruled out yet
- + ~10 yr observations by IceCube can cover most of relevant parameter space for the GRB-UHECRp hypothesis

## Fall of Classical GRB Picture



dissipation: shock/mag./n-p collision



### **Model-Dependent Predictions**



The Role of Neutrons at Subphotospheres: GeV Neutrinos



 Quasi-thermal emission explain observed GRB spectra (via EM cascades, Coulomb heating & synchrotron)

## **Quasi-thermal Neutrinos are Detectable**



see also Bartos, Beloborodov+ 13 PRL

## Novel Results of Swift (GRB060218)





## **Neutrinos in Jet Scenario**



XLL GRBs accompanying relativistic SNe may produce UHECRs KM+06 ApJ (energetics), Wang+07 PRD (ext. free exp. shock), KM + 08 PRD (int. or ext. dec. shock)

#### **Neutrino Predictions in the Swift Era**

KM & Nagataki, PRL, 97, 051101 (2006) KM, Ioka, Nagataki, & Nakamura, ApJL, 651, L5 (2006)



 $\nu$  flashes  $\rightarrow$  Coincidence with flares/early AGs, a few events/yr  $\nu$  s from LL GRBs  $\rightarrow$  little coincidence with bursts, a few events/yr

<u>Approaches to GRBs through high-energy neutrinos</u> Flares → potentially more baryon-rich and <u>efficient</u> neutrino emitters LL GRBs → possible indicators of SNe followed by opt. telescopes