Dark Matter Searches with Neutrinos



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Outline









Neutrino Detectors and IceCube

Heavy Dark Matter Decays

Galactic Dark Matter Annihilation

Dark Matter Annihilations in the Sun



Coma Cluster

Motivation

Coma Cluster

The Dark Matter Mystery

- Since Zwicky observed the Coma cluster evidence has hardened
 - Structure formations
 Cosmological simulations
 - Gravitational lensing
 - Rotation curves
 - Cosmic microwave background

Dark Matter already gravitationally "observed", but ...

- What is it ?
- What are it's properties ?

Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (x)

Observational Evidence for Dark Matter points to

- Non-baryonic
- Cold massive
- Not strongly interacting
- Stable (long lived)



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WIMPs often arise naturally in extensions to the Standard Model of Particle Physics: Supersymmetry, ...

Standard particles

WIMP

SUSY particles



Searches for WIMPs





Role of Neutrinos

WIMP - Weakly Interacting Massive Particle



X

$$\tilde{\chi} \qquad \qquad W^+, Z, \tau^+, b, \dots \Rightarrow e^\pm, \upsilon, \gamma, p, D, \dots$$
$$\tilde{\chi} \qquad \qquad W^-, Z, \tau^-, \overline{b}, \dots \Rightarrow e^\mp, \upsilon, \gamma, \overline{p}, D, \dots$$



Production

- Colliders
- Indirect Searches
 - Annihilation of Dark Matter in Galactic Halo, ...
 - Gamma-rays, electrons, neutrinos, anti-matter, ...
 - Annihilation signals from WIMPs captured in the Sun (or Earth)

• Neutrinos

- Direct Searches
 - WIMP scattering of nucleons
 - → Nuclear recoils





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Dark Matter Annihilation Signals

Identify overdense regions of dark matter

> \Rightarrow self-annihilation can occur at significant rates

- Pick prominent Dark Matter target
- Understand / predict backgrounds
- Exploit features in the signal to better distinguish against backgrounds







Principle of an optical Neutrino Telescope



Neutrino Telescopes



Neutrino Telescopes / Detectors

Baksan



Neutrino Telescopes / Detectors

- **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
- Depth: 850 hg/cm²



- **Baksan** Underground Scintillator Telescope with muon energy threshold about 1 GeV using 3,150 liquid scintillation counters
- Operating since Dec 1978 ; More than 34 years of continuous operation
- Lake **Baikal**, Siberia, at a depth 1.1 km NT36 in 1993
- NT200 (since Apr 1998) consists of one central and seven peripheral strings of 70m length



- distributed over 86 strings instrumenting ~1 km³
- Physics data taking since 2007 ; Completed in December 2010, including DeepCore low-





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



The IceCube Neutrino Telescope





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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Event Topologies in IceCube

Track topology (e.g. induced by muon neutrino)

Good pointing, 0.2° - 1° Lower bound on energy for through-going events

> Cascade topology (e.g. induced by electron neutrino)

Good energy resolution, 15% Some pointing, 10° - 15°

> time delay vs. direct light





 $v_e v_T CC$ -int & $v_i NC$ -int

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Signals in IceCube



extra terrestrial neutrino fluxes

in 110261 Event 32391 [Ons, 13012ns]



Dark Matter Self-annihilations <σ_Av>



Dark Matter in the Milky Way

Dark Matter Annihilation



IceCube Collaboration arXiv1505.07259 Eur.Phys.J. C75 (2015) 10, 492

Galactic Center

 $log_{10}(J(\Psi))$ for NFW

Use IceCube external strings as a veto:

- 3 complete layers around DeepCore (~ 375m)
- Full sky sensitivity: access to southern hemisphere



Use scrambled data for background estimation

10¹

10²

10³

 m_{y} [GeV]

104

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Neutrinos test lepton anomalies



IceCube can probe models motivated by the observed lepton anomalies

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Dark Matter Decay - High Mass Dark Matter

Search for highest energy neutrinos

IceCube Coll. Phys.Rev.Lett. 111 (2013) 021103 / arXiv 1304.5356

Dataset / Results (670days of IC79/IC86 data) expected 0.08 events observed 2 events (→ 2.70)

- Ernie ~1.15 PeV (~1.9 ·10-4J)
- Bert ~ I.05 PeV (~I.7 ·I0⁻⁴J)
- Energy is the visible energy of the cascade, could originate from NC event, V_T CC, or V_e CC
- Angular resolution on cascade events at this energy ~10°
- Energy resolution is about
 15% on the deposited energy

Ernie & Bert are not GZK, but ...

Heavy Dark Matter

 Intriguing overlap in energy of the two I PeV cascade events of IceCube high energy event sample

Could this be dark matter ?

- 2.4PeV Dark Matter Particle mass
- Flux can be related to the lifetime $\tau_{\rm DM}$

 $\tau_{\rm DM} \simeq 1.9 N_{\nu} \times 10^{28} {\rm s}$

- Models
 - Singlet fermion in an extra dimension
 - Hidden Sector Gauge Boson
 - Gravitino Dark Matter with R-Parity Violation

FIG. 4. The two observed events from (a) August 2011 and (b) January 2012. Each sphere represents a DOM. Colors represent the arrival times of the photons where red indicates early and blue late times. The size of the spheres is a measure for the recorded number of photo-electrons.

High-energy neutrino search 4yrs

54 events (15 track-like, 39 showers) observed Expectation from conventional atm. muons and neutrinos ~21.6

ICRC 2015 proceedings IceCube Collaboration, *Science 342, 1242856 (2013)*, IceCube Collaboration, *Phys. Rev. Lett 113, 101101 (2014)*

- Mesons including charm quarks in the atmosphere decay immediately to produce neutrinos, known as prompt neutrinos which are not observed yet.
- ERS, or Enberg et al. Phys. Rev. D 78, 043005 (2008) is used as a baseline prompt model
- Significance are based on the exact neutrino flux model, not including the uncertainty of the model.
- Atmospheric Bkg : CR Muon (12.6±5.1), Conv. Neutrino (9.0^{+8.0}-2.2),
- Over 60 TeV < E < 2000 TeV, the spectrum best fit with E^{-2.58}
- E⁻² spectrum predicts too may neutrinos above ~2 PeV. So, a cutoff or steeper spectrum needed.

~7 sigma rejection of atmospheric-only hypothesis

Skymap HESE-4yrs

ceCube Collaboration, Science 342, 1242856 (2013)

Independent confirmation ?

- Astrophysical 5.0 ± 1.1 **Results:**
- **Consistent with background**
- Consistent with IceCube

IceCube up-going muon analysis

Highest energy events are inconsistent with a hypothesis of solely terrestrial origin at 3.7σ Best fit astrophysical flux consistent with High-Energy **Starting Events** Normalization for E⁻²: 0.99^{+0.4}-0.3 10⁻⁸ E⁻² GeV cm⁻² s⁻¹ sr⁻¹

Multi-PeV Track Event

- Up-going (i.e. not a CR muon)
- Deposited energy: 2.6±0.3 PeV
 - Lower bound on the neutrino energy
 - Neutrino energy significantly higher
- Date: June 11, 2014
- Direction: II.48° dec / II0.34° RA
- Angular resolution <1°

Origin of the high-energy neutrinos ?

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Global fit

Prompt atmospheric ($\nu_e + \nu_{\mu}$, 90% C.L.)

IceCube Preliminary

Conv. atmospheric $(\nu_a + \nu_a)$

Astrophysical $\{\nu_{\mu} + \nu_{\mu} + \nu_{\mu}\}$

IceCube Collaboration Astrophys.J. 809 (2015) 1, 98

- Global fit of several IceCube analyses
 - Variety of selection criteria for both shower-like and track-like events
 - Data are fit to three observables

 10^{-5}

 10^{-6}

 sr^{-1} cm 2

Heavy Dark Matter Decay

IceCube Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett 113, 101101 (2014)

Bound on lifetime $\sim 10^{28}$ s

Heavy DM bounds with neutrinos, see also Murase and Beacom JCAP 1210 (2012) 043 Esmaili, Ibarra, and Perez JCAP 1211 (2012) 034 El Aisati, Gustafsson, Hambye 1506.02657

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Solar WIMP Searches WIMP-Nucleon Scattering

Solar WIMPs

Solar WIMP Capture

- WIMPs can get gravitationally captured by the Sun
 - Capture rate, Γ_C ,depends on WIMP-nucleon scattering cross section
- Dark Matter accumulates and starts annihilating
 - → Only neutrinos can make it out
- Equilibrium: The capture rate regulates the annihilation rate $(\Gamma_A = \Gamma_C/2)$
 - The neutrino flux only depends on the WIMP-Nucleon scattering cross section

The capture rates scales as: $\Gamma_{C} \sim \rho_{\chi} m_{\chi}^{-1} \sigma_{A}$ for $m_{\chi} \sim m_{A}$ $\Gamma_{C} \sim \rho_{\chi} m_{\chi}^{-2} \sigma_{A}$ for $m_{\chi} >> m_{A}$ number density + kinematic suppression m_{A} - is the target mass

IceCube Solar WIMP Limits

PRL 110, 131302 (2013)

- IceCube 79-strings configuration (partially completed DeepCore)
 - 318 days (May 2010 May 2011)
- Search for an excess of events from the direction of the Sun
 - use track events for better pointing
- Separate summer and winter analysis
 - use outer detector to veto down-going muons for summer analysis

Spin-dependent scattering

Observed events

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og10 (σ_{Si,p} / cm²)
Improved Solar WIMP Bounds

http://arxiv.org/pdf/1601.00653.pdf



Impact of velocity distribution

 Explore the change in capture rate using different velocity distributions obtained from dark matter simulations



• A comparison of captures rates for different WIMP velocity distributions show that overall changes in the capture rate are smaller than 20%



Impact of astrophysical uncertainties

interactive tool to study impact of astrophysical parameters

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M. Danninger & C. Rott "Solar WIMPs Unraveled" – Physics of the Dark Universe (Nov 2014)

Solar WIMPs





Low Energy Neutrinos from the Sun

C. Rott, J. Siegal-Gaskins, J.F.Beacom Physical Review D 88, 055005 (2013) (arXiv1208.0827) C.Rott, S.In, J.Kumar, D.Yaylali JCAP11 (2015) 039

Low-Energy Neutrinos from the Sun



Dominant energy loss term is π^0 production

Neutrino signals - Example W-Boson



Let's have a closer look at this:

 e^+V_e I high energy v + em shower

 $\mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$ I high energy ν + muon

 T^+V_T I high energy v + tau decay

qq hadronic shower



What is the Neutrino yield ?



What's the Neutrino yield ?



What's the Neutrino yield ?



Neutrino yield



Pion and kaon yield



- Simulation to determine pion and kaon yields per channel
- Define r-value as the fraction of center-of-mass energy that goes into pions (π^+) or kaons (K^+) decaying at rest.



Pion and Kaon yields

energy which goes into K⁺

π⁺ r-value - fraction of center-of-mass energy which goes into $π^+$

K+ r-value - fraction of center-of-mass

Ń mas ma r r-value: $n_k m_k / 2m_\chi _1$ **N** mass Z mass ottom Higgs | top ma 10⁻¹ r-value: n_πm_π / 2m_× -01 -2 Higg: top n 10^{-2} χχ → uu,dd χχ $\chi\chi \rightarrow SS$ → uu,dd \rightarrow CC χχ → bb $\chi\chi \rightarrow bb$ χχ $\chi\chi \rightarrow tt$ •••• $\chi\chi \rightarrow hh$ $\chi\chi \rightarrow hh$ m_ر [GeV] 10² 10³ 10^{3} 10² 10 10 m_γ [GeV] For low dark matter masses difference between flux from stopped pion and kaon decay at rest can be used to disentangle annihilation final states



Sensitivity for decay at rest in the Sun



Low Energy Solar WIMP signal





Expected low-energy Neutrino Signal

Neutrino Spectrum from pion decay at rest (normalized to unity)



Inverse beta-decay





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The background events mainly caused by the atmospheric neutrinos, solar neutrinos and muon-induced spallation products.



Sensitivity Calculation Super-K

Positrons carry energy of $E_e \simeq [E_V - 1.3 \text{ MeV}](1 - E_V/m_p)$

To visualize the signal has been scaled to be "detectable"



WIMP Sensitivity Super-K



Previous searches relied on high energy neutrinos directly from the decays of annihilation products

Model the full hadronic shower in the Sun

WIMP sensitivity continues to improve for low masses

Minimal dependence on annihilation channels

New key detection channel to compliment other searches

Super-K data can already be used to test DAMA/ Libra



Gadolinium

- Decay electron events are the dominant background
- Identifying neutrons of the inverse beta decay reaction can provide a way to discriminate against this background
- Proposal: Add Gd to Super-K [Beacom and Vagins, Phys. Rev. Lett., 93:171101, 2004]
 - Neutron capture on Gd emits a 8.0 MeV γ cascade after a characteristic time ~ 30 μ s
 - GdCl₃ and Gd₂(SO₄)₃, unlike metallic Gd, are highly water soluble
 - 100 tons (0.2% by mass in SK) would yield
 >90% neutron captures on Gd

$$\overline{\nu}_e + p \to e^+ + n$$

$$\downarrow^{n+x} Gd \to {x+1} Gd + \gamma$$

Looking forward to the addition of Gd in 201X



Hyper-K



Hyper-K Sensitivity 4yrs

C. Rott, J. Siegal-Gaskins, J.F.Beacom Physical Review D 88, 055005 (2013) (arXiv1208.0827)



Neutrino cross section



Sensitivity



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Future directions



Future of IceCube

- Make it more precise
 - GeV threshold

PINGU - LOI: arXiv:1401.2046

• Make it bigger





PINGU - Precision IceCube Next Generation Upgrade

 $\lambda_{\rm scat}^{\rm eff} \approx 47 n$

-50

 $\lambda_{abs}\approx\,155m\,@400nm$

Precision IceCube Next Generation Upgrade

- PINGU upgrade plan
 - Instrument a volume of about
 5MT with ~40 strings each
 containing 60-100 optical modules
 - Rely on well established drilling technology and photo sensors
 - Create platform for calibration program and test technologies for future detectors
- Physics Goals:
 - Precision measurements of neutrino oscillations (mass <u>hierarchy,</u>...)
 - Test low mass dark matter models



50

50

 $\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{m})$

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100

-150

PINGU Dark Matter Sensitivity

- Solar WIMP dark matter
 - Sensitivity reaches to WIMP masses of ~5 GeV
 - World-leading limits for SD WIMPs with one year of data
- Low mass WIMP region testable
 - Test DAMA/LIBRA with indirect search also in the SI-scattering



PINGU LOI arXiv:1401.2046

PINGU Dark Matter Sensitivity



Conclusions

- Striking WIMP signatures provide high discovery potential for indirect searches
- Models motivated by positron excess and gamma-ray observations can and have been tested by IceCube
- Neutrino Telescopes provide world best limits on SD WIMP-Proton scattering cross section
- Neutrinos extremely sensitive to test low-mass WIMP scenarios at current and future detectors
- New detection channel with lowenergy neutrinos offers additional discovery potential
- Lifetimes of heavy decaying dark matter can be constrained to 10²⁸s using neutrino signals









UHE Cosmic-Ray correlations with HE neutrinos



Spectral index and flux

100TeV



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Earth WIMPs

- Dark Matter could be captured in the Earth and produce a vertically up-going excess neutrino flux
- IC86-1 dataset: 2 statistically independent analyses
 - Low energy & High energy



Super-K - Galactic Search



- Search for a diffuse signal from Milky Way halo
 - Assume annihilation into VV, bb, or WW
- Use all samples e-like + mu-like FC + PC (2806 days)+UPMU (3109 days)
- Use all neutrino flavors and topologies




What other improvements are possible ?

HE

 π^+

K+

Super-K

Hyper-K

RENO50

JUNO

Dune

MICA

KamLAND

- What determines the signal rate ?
 - $S \sim (\Gamma_A/4\pi d^2) P_{\nu \to \nu} \sigma_{\nu N}(E_{\nu}) f_{channel} V T_{Life}$



1/6 IBD 1/6-1/2 O

Ar

... and keep backgrounds low



Neutrino Oscillations

Normal mass hierarchy



FIG. 3: Solar neutrino and antineutrino flavor probabilities at Earth versus energy, for a single injection flavor and fc normal mass hierarchy. Here, we have taken $\theta_{13} = 12^{\circ}$, $\delta = 0$. All other neutrino parameters are as in Fig. 2. The ν_{μ} as spectra and $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ and $\bar{\nu}_{\tau}$ spectra are interchanged if $\delta = \pi$ is chosen. Vertical dotted lines mark the characteristic scales fc lower-energy resonance given by Eqs. (50) and (52) and the higher-energy resonance given by Eqs. (53) and (54).

R. Lehnert and T. J.Weiler, Phys. Rev. D 77, 125004 (2008) [arXiv:0708.1035 [hep-ph]].

Inverted mass hierarchy



FIG. 4: Neutrino and antineutrino flavor probabilities on Earth versus energy, for the inverted hierarchy. Here, we have taken $\delta m_{32}^2 = -3.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$. All other neutrino parameters are as in Fig. 3 (including $\theta_{13} = 12^\circ$ and $\delta = 0$). The ν_{μ} and ν_{τ} spectra and $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ and $\bar{\nu}_{\tau}$ spectra are interchanged if $\delta = \pi$ is chosen.

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Kaons

 K^+, K^-, K^0 and \overline{K}^0

STRANGE MESONS
$$(S = \pm 1, C = B = 0)$$

 $\mathcal{K}^+ = u\bar{s}, \ \mathcal{K}^0 = d\bar{s}, \ \overline{\mathcal{K}^0} = \bar{d}s, \ \mathcal{K}^- = \bar{u}s, \ \text{ similarly for } \mathcal{K}^*'s$ \mathcal{K}^{\pm} $l(J^P) = \frac{1}{2}(0^-)$
Mass $m = 493.677 \pm 0.016 \ \text{MeV}^{[a]}$
 $(S = 2.8)$
Mean life $\tau = (1.2380 \pm 0.0021) \times 10^{-8} \ \text{s}$
 $(S = 1.9)$
 $c\tau = 3.712 \ \text{m}$

K+ DECAY MODES	Fraction (Γ_j/Γ)			Confi	Confidence level (MeV/c)		
Leptonic	and sem	ileptor	nic mod	es			
$e^+ \nu_e$	(1.581	±.0.008)	× 10 ⁻⁵		247	
$\mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$	(63.55	±0.11)	%	S=1.2	236	
n ⁰ e ⁺ ve Called K ⁺	¢	5.07	±0.04)	%	5=2.1	228	
$\pi^0 \mu^+ \nu_\mu$	C	3.353	±0.034)	%	S=1.8	215	
$\pi^0 \pi^0 e^+ \nu_e$	6	2.2	±0.4)	× 10 ⁻⁵		206	
$\pi^+\pi^-e^+\nu_e$	(4.254	±0.032)	× 10-5		203	
$\pi^+\pi^-\mu^+\nu_\mu$	6	1.4	±0.9)	× 10 ⁻⁵		151	
$\pi^{0}\pi^{0}\pi^{0}e^{+}\nu_{e}$	<	3.5		× 10 ⁻⁶	CL=90%	135	
19427	Hadronic	mode	5	_			
$\pi^{+}\pi^{0}$	0	20.66	±0.08)	%	S=1.2	205	
$\pi^{+}\pi^{0}\pi^{0}$	0	1.761	±0.022)	%	S=1.1	133	
$\pi^{+}\pi^{+}\pi^{-}$	(5.59	±0.04)	%	S=1.3	125	
Leptonic and se	milepton	ic mod	ies with	photon	5		
$\mu^+ \nu_{\mu} \gamma$	[a,f] (6.2	+0.8)	× 10-3		236	
$\mu^+ \nu_\mu \gamma (SD^+)$	[58] (1.33	+0.22)	× 10-5			
$\mu^+ \nu_\mu \gamma (SD^+ INT)$	[c.g] <	2.7	1000	× 10-5	CL=90%		
$\mu^+ \nu_\mu \gamma (SD^- + SD^- INT)$	[c.g] <	2.6		× 10 ⁻⁴	CL-90%		

