#### Interpretation of Astrophysical Neutrinos

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#### **Neutrino Arrival Directions**



- 16 "cascade events" (circles) and 3 "tracks events" (diamonds) with  $E_{dep} \gtrsim 100 \text{ TeV}$
- 28(+1) up-going muon neutrino events with  $E_{\mu} \gtrsim 200 \text{ TeV}$
- X no significant spatial or temporal correlation of events

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[lceCube'15]

## Multi-messenger Paradigm

- Neutrino production is closely related to the production of cosmic rays (CRs) and γ-rays.
- pion production in CR interactions with gas ("pp") or radiation ("pγ"); neutrinos with about 5% of CR nucleon energy
- 1 PeV neutrinos correspond to 20 PeV CR nucleons and 2 PeV γ-rays
- → very interesting energy range:
  - Glashow resonance?
  - galactic or extragalactic?
  - isotropic or point-sources?



#### The Cosmic "Beam"

Knee **10<sup>4</sup>** 2nd Knee Grigorov Δ JACEE  $\nabla$ galactic  $E^{2.6}F(E) [\text{GeV}^{1.6} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1} \text{ s$ MGU  $\nabla$ Tien-Shan ٥ Ankle Tibet07 0 Akeno CASA-MIA HEGRA Fly's Eye extra-galactic \* Kascade **Kascade Grande** 0 IceTop-73 0 protor 10 HiRes 1 õ HiRes 2 **Telescope Array** \* Auger 0 1 10<sup>15</sup> 10<sup>17</sup> 10<sup>19</sup> 10<sup>20</sup> 10<sup>13</sup> 10<sup>16</sup> 10<sup>18</sup> 10<sup>14</sup> *E* [eV] [Particle Data Group'13]

# Proposed Source Candidates I

• Galactic: (full or partial contribution)

diffuse Galactic γ-ray emission
 [MA & Murase'13; Joshi J C, Winter W and Gupta'13]
 [Kachelriess and Ostapchenko'14; Neronov, Semikoz & Tchernin'13]
 [Neronov & Semikoz'14,'16; Guo, Hu & Tian'14; Gaggero, Grasso, Marinelli, Urbano & Valli'15]

unidentified Galactic γ-ray emission

[Fox, Kashiyama & Meszaros'13]

[Gonzalez-Garcia, Halzen & Niro'14]

[MA & Murase'13; Razzaque'13]

[Lunardini, Razzaque, Theodoseau & Yang'13; Lunardini, Razzaque & Yang'15]

[Mandelartz & Tjus'14]

[Padovani & Resconi'14]

- [Anchordoqui, Goldberg, Paul, da Silva & Vlcek'14]
- Sagitarius A\* [Bai, Barger, Barger, Lu, Peterson & Salvado'14; Fujita, Kimura & Murase'15,'16]
- Galactic Halo
   [Taylor, Gabici & Aharonian'14; Kalashev & Troitsky'16]
- heavy dark matter decay
   [Feldstein, Kusenko, Matsumoto & Yanagida'13]
   [Esmaili & Serpico '13; Bai, Lu & Salvado'13; Cherry, Friedland & Shoemaker'14]

   [Murase, Laha, Ando, MA'15; Boucenna *et al.*'15; Chianese, Miele, Morisi & Vitagliano'16]

Fermi Bubbles

microquasars

pulsars

.

supernova remnants

#### Galactic Emission Models: Two Examples



limits on Galactic contribution from PeV γ-ray observation

[Gupta'14; MA & Murase'14]

#### Example: Galactic Diffuse Emission

HESE 3yr with  $E_{dep} > 60$  TeV,  $n_{tot} = 20$ ,  $f_{iso} = 0.81$ ,  $\lambda = 0.74$ 6 6 3 2 5 1 0 16 17 Galactic

Strong Galactic diffuse emission up to PeV?

#### [Neronov & Semikoz'15'16]

• tracks ( $\diamond$ ) and cascades ( $\circ$ ) from HESE 3yr with  $E_{dep} > 60$  TeV; circles indicate angular uncertainty

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Galactic diffuse emission template derived with GALPROP [Strong & Moskalenko'98]

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#### Other Extended Galactic Emission



# **Galactic Limits**

- maximum likelihood-ratio test for Galactic emission (signal)
- IceCube 3yr HESE limits (*E*<sub>dep</sub> > 60 TeV & 90% C.L.):
  - Fermi Bubbles:
  - unidentified TeV γ-ray sources:

< 25%

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- Galactic diffuse emission: < 50%
- cumulative distribution of Galactic sources: <65%</li>
- PeV DM decay: unconstrained
- stronger limits possible:
  - spectral and flavor analysis
  - classical  $u_{\mu} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  search
  - PeV γ-ray emission
  - ongoing IceCube analysis



[MA, Bai, Barger & Lu'15]

# Proposed Source Candidates II

#### • Extragalactic:

- association with sources of UHE CRs [Kistler, Stanev & Yuksel'13] [Katz, Waxman, Thompson & Loeb'13; Fang, Fujii, Linden & Olinto'14;Moharana & Razzaque'15]
- association with diffuse γ-ray background
  - [Chang & Wang'14; Ando, Tamborra & Zandanel'15]

[Murase, MA & Lacki'13]

- active galactic nuclei (AGN) [Stecker'13;Kalashev, Kusenko & Essey'13] [Murase, Inoue & Dermer'14; Kimura, Murase & Toma'14; Kalashev, Semikoz & Tkachev'14] [Padovani & Resconi'14; Petropoulou *et al.*'15; Padovani *et al.*'16; Kadler *et al.*'16; Wang & Loeb'16]
- tidel disruption events [Wang & Liu'16; Dai & Fang'16; Senno, Murase & Meszaros'16]
- gamma-ray bursts (GRB) [Murase & loka'13; Dado & Dar'14; Tamborra & Ando'15]
  [Senno, Murase & Meszaros'16]
- galaxies with intense star-formation
   [He, Wang, Fan, Liu & Wei'13; Yoast-Hull, Gallagher, Zweibel & Everett'13; Murase, MA & Lacki'13]
   [Anchordoqui, Paul, da Silva, Torres& Vlcek'14; Tamborra, Ando & Murase'14; Chang & Wang'14]
   [Liu, Wang, Inoue, Crocker & Aharonian'14; Senno, Meszaros, Murase, Baerwald & Rees'15]
   [Chakraborty & Izaguirre'15; Emig, Lunardini & Windhorst'15; Bechtol et al.'15]
- galaxy clusters/groups [Murase, MA & Lacki'13; Zandanel, Tamborra, Gabici & Ando'14]
- ...

## Extragalactic Emission Models: Two Examples



- CR-gas (pp) interactions: mostly broken power-law neutrino spectra.
- CR-photon (pγ) interactions: strong spectral features inherited from photon spectrum

#### Diffuse vs. Point-Source

• (quasi-)diffuse flux fixes luminosity L:

$$F_{\text{diff}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int dz \, \frac{d\mathcal{V}_C}{dz} \, \mathcal{H}(z) \, \frac{L}{4\pi d_L^2(z)} \simeq \mathcal{O}(1) \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\mathcal{H}(0)}{H_0} L$$

• point-source flux:

$$F_{\rm PS} = \frac{L}{4\pi d_{\rm L}^2(z)}$$

- local density  $\mathcal{H}(0)$  of extra-galactic sources is:
  - $\sim 10^{-3}\,{\rm Mpc}^{-3}$  for star-forming galaxies
  - $\sim 10^{-4}\,\mathrm{Mpc^{-3}}$  for starburst galaxies
  - $\gtrsim 10^{-5}\,{\rm Mpc^{-3}}$  for UHE CR sources
  - $\sim 10^{-6} 10^{-5}\,\mathrm{Mpc^{-3}}$  for radio galaxies
  - $\sim 10^{-8} 10^{-7}\,\mathrm{Mpc^{-3}}$  for BL Lacs
  - $\sim 10^{-9}\,{\rm Mpc}^{-3}$  for flat-spectrum radio quasars

#### Identification of Extragalactic Point-Sources?



expect one source per unit volume:

$$\frac{4\pi f_{\rm sky}}{3}d^3\mathcal{H}(0) = 1$$

A total number of "unit shells" contributing as much as the closest source

$$n_{\rm shell} \simeq (n_{\rm source})^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

 e.g., required number of events to see a **doublet** from radio galaxies

$$\bar{N} = 2 \times \left(n_{\text{source}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \simeq 100 - 300$$

B brightest source at distance

$$d\simeq \left(rac{3}{4\pi f_{
m sky}\mathcal{H}(0)}
ight)^{rac{1}{3}}$$

#### compare to point-source sensitivity

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## Neutrino Point-Source Limits

- Diffuse neutrino flux normalizes the contribution of individual sources
- dependence on local source density H
   (rate H
   ) and redshift evolution ξ<sub>z</sub>
- PS observation requires rare sources
- non-observation of individual neutrino sources exclude source classes, e.g.
  - **×** flat-spectrum radio quasars  $(\mathcal{H} \simeq 10^{-9} \mathrm{Mpc}^{-3})$
  - $\text{``normal'' GRBs} \\ (\dot{\mathcal{H}} \simeq 10^{-9} \text{Mpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1})$
- stronger limits via source "stacking"



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## Hadronic Gamma-Ray Emission

 hadronic γ-rays: pion production in CR interactions

$$\pi^0 \to \gamma + \gamma$$
  
$$\pi^+ \to \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \to e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_\mu$$

- cross-correlation of γ-ray and neutrino sources
- electromagnetic cascades of super-TeV γ-rays in CMB
- Isotropic Diffuse Gamma-Ray Background (IGRB) constraints the energy density of hadronic γ-rays & neutrinos



# Gamma-Ray Opacity

- production and decay of neutral pions into gamma rays
- strong pair production (PP) in CMB:  $\gamma + \gamma_{\text{CMB}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$
- → PeV gamma-ray only observable locally (≤ 10kpc)
- ✓ recyling of gamma-rays via inverse Compton scattering (ICS):  $e^{\pm} + \gamma_{\text{CMB}} \rightarrow e^{\pm} + \gamma$ 
  - rapid cascade interactions produce universal GeV-TeV emission [Berezinsky&Smirnov'75]



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- Total γ-ray background above 50 TeV dominated by blazars (~ 86%) [Fermi'15]
- strong tension with IceCube observation
- limits apply to CR calorimeters, *e.g.*, starburst galaxies
- ➔ loop-holes:
  - γ-absorption in source?

[Chang & Wang'14]

- dominance of high-redshift sources? [Wang & Loeb'16]
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## UHE CR association?

• UHE CR proton emission rate density:

[MA & Halzen'12]

 $E_p^2 Q_p(E_p) \simeq (1-2) \times 10^{44} \,\mathrm{erg}\,\mathrm{Mpc}^{-3}\,\mathrm{yr}^{-1}$ 

• corresponding per flavor neutrino flux ( $\xi_z \simeq 0.5 - 2.4$  and  $K_{\pi} \simeq 1 - 2$ ):

$$E_{\nu}^2 \phi_{\nu}(E_{\nu}) \simeq f_{\pi} \frac{\xi_z K_{\pi}}{1+K_{\pi}} (2-4) \times 10^{-8} \,\text{GeV}\,\text{cm}^{-2}\,\text{s}^{-1}\,\text{sr}$$

• Waxman-Bahcall bound:  $f_{\pi} \leq 1$ 

[Waxman & Bahcall'98]

[Loeb & Waxman'06]

- $f_{\pi} \simeq 1$  requires efficient pion production
- **X** how to reach  $E_{\text{max}} \simeq 10^{20}$  eV in environments of high energy loss?
- → two-zone models: acceleration + CR "calorimeter"?
  - starburst galaxies
    - galaxy clusters

[Berezinsky, Blasi & Ptuskin'96; Beacom & Murase'13]

# Correlation with UHE CRs?



- $\theta_{\rm rms} \simeq 1^{\circ} (D/\lambda_{\rm coh})^{1/2} (E/55 \text{EeV})^{-1} (\lambda_{\rm coh}/1 \text{Mpc}) (B/1 \text{nG})$  [Waxman & Miralda-Escude'96]
- "hot spots" (dashed), but no significant auto-correlation in Auger and Telescope Array data

## Identification of Extragalactic Point-Sources?



- Do astrophysical neutrinos correlate with sources of UHE CRs?
- UHE CRs trace sources within

 $\lambda_{\rm GZK}\simeq 200~{\rm Mpc}$ 

neutrinos visible up to Hubble horizon

 $\lambda_{
m Hubble} \simeq 4.4~
m Gpc$ 

maximal overlap:

$$\lambda_{
m GZK}/\lambda_{
m Hubble}\sim 5\%$$

- HESE 4yr : ca. 30 signal events
- → 1 2 neutrinos expected to correlate
- magnetic deflections, angular resolution, incompleteness,...

## Summary & Outlook

- Identification of PeV neutrino sources is *challenging*.
- Galactic neutrino emission unlikely the main source of the PeV diffuse flux.
- → Pending IceCube analyses & and new data soon!
- Absence of anisotropies favor extragalactic scenarios!
- ➔ Is the weak tension of best-fit spectral indices indicating spectral features?
  - Rare sources excluded by the non-observation of point sources.
  - Soft neutrino spectra challenged by **diffuse**  $\gamma$ -ray background.
- Multi-messenger correlations are the most promising scenario for point-source detection, in particular for transient sources.

# Appendix

#### Blazar Correlations?

#### nature physics

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# Coincidence of a high-fluence blazar outburst with a PeV-energy neutrino event

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to explain an observed coinciding petaelectronvolt-neutrino event. There is a remarkable coincidence with the IceCube-detected petaelectronvolt-neutrino event HESE-35 with a probability of only  $\sim$ 5% for a chance coincidence. Our model reproduces the measured rate of petaelectronvolt events detected over the whole

## AGN jets

• neutrino from  $p\gamma$  interactions in AGN jets

[Mannheim'96; Halzen & Zas'97]

- complex spectra due to various photon backgrounds
- typically, deficit of sub-PeV and excess of EeV neutrinos



[Murase, Inoue & Dermer'14]

## Extra-galactic background light (EBL)



## DM decay

heavy (>PeV) DM decay?

[Feldstein et al. 1303.7320; Esmaili & Serpico 1308.1105; Bai, Lu & Salvado 1311.5864]

- **initially** motivated by PeV "line-feature", but continuum spectrum with/without line spectrum equally possible
- observable PeV γ-rays from the Milky Way halo?



[Bai, Lu & Salvado'13]

#### TeV Associations?



LBL, IBL, LBL, FRI, FSRQ Globular Cluster, Star Forming Region, Massive Star Cluster Binary PWN Shell, SNR/Molec.Cloud, Composite SNR Starburst Others [TeVCat'14]

# Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays

 particle confinement during acceleration requires:

[Hillas'84]

 $E \lesssim 10^{18} \, \mathrm{EeV} \left( B/1 \mu \mathrm{G} \right) \, \left( R/1 \mathrm{kpc} \right)$ 

- Iow statistics: large uncertainties in chemical composition and spectrum!
- ✗ "GZK" horizon (≤ 200 Mpc): resonant interactions of CR nuclei with CMB photons

[Greisen'66;Zatsepin & Kuzmin'66]

 "guaranteed flux" of secondary γ-ray and neutrino emission

[Berezinsky&Zatsepin'70;Berezinsky&Smirnov'75]



# Cosmogenic ("GZK") Neutrinos

• Observation of UHE CRs and extragalactic radiation backgrounds "guarantee" a flux of high-energy neutrinos, in particular via resonant production in CMB.

[Berezinsky & Zatsepin'69]

- "Guaranteed", but with many model uncertainties and constraints:
  - (low cross-over) proton models + CMB (+ EBL)

[Berezinsky & Zatsepin'69; Yoshida & Teshima'93; Protheroe & Johnson'96; Engel, Seckel & Stanev'01; Fodor, Katz, Ringwald &Tu'03; Barger, Huber & Marfatia'06; Yuksel & Kistler'07; Takami, Murase, Nagataki & Sato'09, MA, Anchordoqui & Sarkar'09, Heinz, Boncioli, Bustamante & Winter'15]

#### + mixed compositions

[Hooper, Taylor & Sarkar'05; Ave, Busca, Olinto, Watson & Yamamoto'05; Allard, Ave, Busca, Malkan, Olinto, Parizot, Stecker & Yamamoto'06; Anchordoqui, Goldberg, Hooper, Sarkar & Taylor'07; Kotera, Allard & Olinto'10; Decerprit & Allard'11; MA & Halzen'12]

#### + extragalactic γ-ray background limits

[Berezinsky & Smirnov'75; Mannheim, Protheroe & Rachen'01; Keshet, Waxman, & Loeb'03; Berezinsky, Gazizov, Kachelriess & Ostapchenko'10; MA, Anchordoqui, Gonzalez–Garcia, Halzen & Sarkar'10; MA & Salvado'11; Gelmini, Kalashev & Semikoz'12]

# **Guaranteed Cosmogenic Neutrinos**

- minimal GZK flux from proton dominated models can be estimated from observed spectrum
  - dependence on cosmic evolution of sources:
    - no evolution (dotted)
    - star-formation rate (solid)
- ultimate test of UHE CR proton models feasible with future observatories like ARA.



# Cosmogenic PeV Neutrinos?



- neutrino flux depend on source evolution model (strongest for "FR-II") and EBL model (highest for "Stecker" model)
- Stecker model disfavored by Fermi observations of GRBs
- × strong evolution disfavored by Fermi diffuse background

# Anisotropy Test

unbinned maximum LH test statistic:

$$\lambda = 2 \ln \prod_{\text{event}j} \left[ \frac{\mu_j^{\text{sig}}(\widehat{f}_{\text{iso}}) + \mu_j^{\text{bgr}}(\widehat{f}_{\text{iso}})}{\mu_j^{\text{bgr}}(1)} \right]$$

- $\hat{f}_{\rm iso}$  : fraction of isotropic events at maximum LH
- 90% C.L. sensitivity :  $f_{iso}$  with 90% of samples  $\lambda_{MC} > \lambda_{med}^{bgr}$
- $5\sigma$  C.L. **discovery potential** :  $f_{iso}$  with 50% of samples  $\lambda_{MC} > \lambda_{5\sigma}^{bgr}$
- 90% C.L. upper limit :  $f_{iso}$  with 90% of samples  $\lambda_{MC} > \lambda_{HESE}$



red: maximal signal distribution ( $f_{iso} = 0$ )

# Neutrino Point-Source Limits

- upper flux limits and sensitivities of Galactic neutrino sources with "classical" muon neutrino search ( $\theta_{res} \simeq 0.3^{\circ}-0.6^{\circ}$ )
- sensitivity for **extended sources** weaker by  $\sqrt{\Omega_{ES}/\Omega_{PSF}} \simeq \theta_{ES}/\theta_{res}$
- strongest limits for sources in the Northern Hemisphere (IceCube FoV for upgoing v's)
- time-dependent sensitivity:

[IceCube ApJ 744 (2012)]

$$E^2 \Phi_{\nu_\mu} \simeq (0.1 - 1) \text{GeV cm}^{-2}$$



[IceCube arXiv:1406.6757]



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# IceCube HESE (4yr)

High-Energy Starting Event (HESE) sample:

[IceCube Science 342 (2013)]

- bright events ( $E_{\rm th} \gtrsim 30 {\rm TeV}$ ) starting inside IceCube
- efficient removal of atmospheric backgrounds by veto layer
- 54 events in about four years:

[IceCube ICRC'15]

- 39 cascades events
- 14 track events
- 1 composite event (removed)
- expected background events:
  - 9.0<sup>+8.0</sup>/<sub>-2.2</sub> atmospheric neutrinos
  - $12.6 \pm 5.1$  atmospheric muons
- best-fit  $E^{-2}$ -flux 60TeV-3PeV (6.5 $\sigma$ ):

 $E_{\nu}^{2}\phi_{\nu_{lpha}} \simeq (0.84 \pm 0.3) \times 10^{-8} rac{{
m GeV}}{{
m s\,cm^{2}\,sr}}$ 



#### Fit of Power-Law Spectrum



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#### [PRL 115 (2015) 081102; arXiv:1607.08006]

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