Review on extragalactic neutrinos in the multi-messenger context

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The astrophysical neutrino flux



Hunting for extragalactic neutrino point sources



Steady but variable

(e.g. Eichler 1979, Mannheim, Stanev, and Biermann 1992, Halzen & Zas 1997, Atoyan & Dermer 2001, 2003, Murase et al. 2014, Petropoulou et al. 2015, +++; see also review Murase & Stecker 2023)

Non-jetted AGN, starbursts

Steady*

* accretion disk emission is variable

(e.g. Loeb and Waxman 2006, Stecker 2007, Tamborra et al. 2014, Bechtol et al. 2017, Peretti et al. 2020; see also review Murase & Stecker 2023)

Gamma-Ray Bursts, TDEs, ...

Transients

(e.g. Waxman & Bahcall 1999, Murase 2008, Petropoulou et al. 2014, Bustamante et al. 2017, Stein et al. 2021, +++)

Highlights

- Are neutrino spectra of non-jetted and jetted AGN *different*, and why?
- Are *all* jetted AGN neutrino emitters, or only those sharing common properties with TXS 0506+056?
- Can we explain the diffuse flux with a *combination* of jetted and non-jetted AGN?

IceCube Collaboration 2023, Science

Physical models for neutrino point sources

Numerical models for neutrino point sources

- <u>Python code (implicit scheme)</u>
- <u>Processes</u>: adiabatic expansion, p-p collisions, p-γ interactions, Bethe-Heitler pair production +++
- <u>Features</u>: time-dependent, non-linear cascades from secondaries, SED fitting with MCMC

Stathopoulos S. I. et al. 2024, A&A

Code available:

https://github.com/mariapetro/LeHaMoC.git

(See also: AM³, Klinger et al., 2023, arXiv:2312.13371)

TXS 0506+056 / IC 170922A

- Blazar at z = 0.3365 from weak emission lines (Paiano et al. 2018, ApJL)
- Masquerading BL Lac with Esyn,pk < 4 eV [IBL] → hidden broad line region (Padovani et al. 2019, MNRAS)
- IC 170922A (~ 290 TeV) detected during a 6 month-long flare (IceCube collaboration 2018, Science)

- Leptonic γ-rays → inverse Compton scat. radiation of accelerated electrons (Ansoldi et al. 2018, Keivani et al. 2018, Cerruti et al. 2019, Gao et al. 2019)
- "Hidden" hadronic emission → Hybrid model (e.g. Keivani et al. 2018, Gao et al. 2019)
- Max. neutrino flux is set by the X-ray flux (Murase, Oikonomou, Petropoulou 2018)
- Max. proton energies below EeV → not an UHECR accelerator

The SIN* project

Main goals are:

- measure redshifts of BL Lacs,
- search for masquerading blazars,
- build SEDs, and
- apply physical models to test these correlations.

Sample: 36 blazars (IBL/HBL) with redshifts, within error ellipse of 70 high-energy neutrino tracks, off the Galactic plane (Giommi et al. 2020) + 4 more including M87 and 3HSP J095507.9+35510
→ 9 masguerading BL Lacs, 8 true BL Lacs, rest unidentified

Padovani et al. 2021

Lepto-hadronic modeling of SIN sources

SED fitting of 34 IHBLs accounting for host galaxy + disk + BLR contributions, and IceCube point-source neutrino fluxes derived using a <u>physical spectral template</u> from public IC data of 10 years

Main results

- 12/34 IHBLs with non-zero minimum neutrino flux at the 68% c.l.
 (5 masquerading, 3 true, 4 undetermined)
- Neutrino production site is close to the BLR
- Mix of hadronic + leptonic GeV γ -ray emission <Yv γ > ~0.8 (see also Petropoulou+2015)
- Hadronic emission expected in hard X-rays + MeV γ-rays in all sources.
- Peak neutrino energy > 10 PeV (see also Padovani+2015)

NGC 1068: a multi-messenger view

Murase 2022

Padovani et al. 2014, to appear in Nat. Ast. (arXiv:2405.20146)

NGC 1068 models: pick your flavor

Different hypotheses

• CR acceleration:

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- Diffuse shock acceleration (Inoue et al. 2019, 2020, Eichmann+2022)
- Magnetic reconnection (Kheirandish+2021, Fiorillo+2024a)

Common results

- Neutrino production site:
 - inner disk and/or corona
 - opaque to TeV γ -rays \rightarrow constraints on coronal size
- GeV γ-rays: starburst
- MeV γ-rays: hadronic cascade

Different results

- Properties of corona:
 - Pair dominated plasma
 - Electron-proton plasma
 - Plasma magnetization
 - Size

Proposal No. 1: reconnection layers

 $\cdots \nu_o + \bar{\nu}_o$

 $- \nu_{u} + \bar{\nu}_{u}$

 10^{15}

 $(E_{v}^{2}Q_{v})^{pk}$

Shridhar, Sironi, Beloborodov, 2021

For particle acceleration see : Werner & Uzdensky 2017, Chernoglazov et al. 2023, Zhang et al. 2021, 2023

- Compact corona: L ~ (3-10)*R_g
- Pair dominated corona: $n_{e}/n_{p}^{2} \sim 10^{6-7}$
- Highly magnetized corona: $\sigma_e^{-10^2} \approx 10^2$ and $\sigma_p^{-10^5}$
- Non-thermal-to-thermal proton fraction: ~1

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Shridhar, Sironi, Beloborodov, 2021

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- Is neutrino production in jets *steady* or *transient* ?
- Are there *different* neutrino production *sites* in a jet ? If so, how does neutrino production depend on *jet conditions* ?
- What is the contribution of γ-ray flaring blazars to diffuse neutrino flux ? (Yoshida et al. 2023)

Non-jetted AGN

- How can we *distinguish* between competing physical *models* of NGC 1068?
- What is the contribution of *hadronic* interactions to the *pair content* of the corona?
- Are *all* AGN coronae neutrino emitters?

Conclusions & Outlook

- The most compelling astrophysical neutrino point sources today are: a jetted AGN (TXS 0506+056) and a Seyfert galaxy (NGC 1068).
- There are hints that masquerading BL Lacs, like TXS 0506+056, are more efficient neutrino emitters than true, lower power BL Lacs. Neutrino production site is located close to the BLR.
- The most promising neutrino production site in NGC 1068 is the corona, but it's properties are very different among models.

- Hadronic emissions are expected in the MeV γ-ray range. All-sky sensitive MeV satellite ???
- Detailed neutrino spectra may unveil the physics of proton acceleration. *IceCube-Gen2*?
- More physical input to the neutrino source models is needed !

Thank you!

Backup slides

The Galactic neutrino emission

= diffuse from p-p CR interactions and/or unresolved point sources (e.g. SNRs, PWNe)

Icecube Collaboration, 2023, Science

Ambrosone et al., 2024, Phys. Rev. D

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A summary of interesting neutrino alerts & blazars

TXS 0506+056 / IC - 170922A (IceCube collaboration 2018, Science)

- Masquerading BL Lac with Esyn,pk < 4 eV [ISP] (Padovani et al. 2019, MNRAS)
- Neutrino (~ 290 TeV) detected during a MW 6 month-long flare

• 3HSP J095507.9+35510 / IC-200107 (Giommi et al. 2020, MNRAS; Paliya et al. 2020, ApJ)

- BL Lac with Esyn,pk > 1 keV ["extreme" HSP]
- \circ Neutrino (??) detected 1 day before a hard X-ray flare in 2020 no $\gamma\text{-ray}$ flare

- Masquerading BL Lac with Esyn,pk < 4 eV [ISP]
- \circ IC neutrino (~ 172 TeV)detected at peak of a 3-week $\gamma\text{-ray}$ flare
- Lower energy neutrinos detected by Baikal, KM3Net (low significance)

PKS 1502+106 / IC-190730A (Franckowiak et al. 2020, ApJ)

- FSRQ with Esyn,pk < 0.4 eV [LSP]
- Neutrino (~ 300 TeV) detected during period of low MW activity (no flare)

Gamma-ray flaring blazars in Fermi 4LAC

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Scenario 2

Gamma-ray flaring blazars in Fermi 4LAC

The origin of all-sky neutrinos observed in IceCube is one of the most important puzzles in high-energy neutrino astrophysics. We found that scenarios (1) and (2) suggest that no more than ~50% and ~14% of the all-sky neutrino flux can originate from gamma-ray flares of FSRQs and BL Lac objects, respectively. A more realistic neutrino spectrum than the usual E_{ν}^{-2} power law yields upper limits of the all-sky diffuse neutrino flux that are a factor of 2 more constraining. The upper limits are consistent with those obtained the previous literature despite different methods and assumptions.

3σ neutrino discovery potential* at location of TXS 0506+056

* source flux in order to have a 50% chance to be detected with 3σ significance

Differential neutrino point-source fluxes

Proton and neutrino spectra from NGC 1068

Fiorillo et al., 2024a

Fiorillo et al., 2024b

Dependence of proton (top) and neutrino (bottom) distributions on two main model parameters:

 $\begin{array}{l} - \mbox{ plasma magnetization } \sigma_{\mbox{tur}} \\ - \mbox{ coherence length of } \\ \mbox{turbulence/corona size } \eta \end{array}$

$$\frac{\partial f_p}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[\frac{p^4}{t_{\rm acc}} \frac{\partial f_p}{\partial p} \right] + \frac{1}{p^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[\frac{p^3}{t_{\rm cool}(p)} f_p \right] - \frac{f_p}{t_{\rm esc}} + q_p(p)$$

$$t_{\rm acc} \equiv \frac{p^2}{D_p} \simeq \frac{10}{\sigma_{\rm tur}} \frac{\ell}{c} \,. \qquad t_{\rm esc} \simeq \frac{R}{c} \max\left[1, \frac{R}{\ell} \left(\frac{eB\ell}{E_p}\right)^{1/3}\right],$$

 $t_{\text{cool}}^{-1} = t_{p\gamma}^{-1} + t_{\text{BH}}^{-1} + t_{pp}^{-1} + t_{\text{synch}}^{-1}.$

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Proton Timescale vs. Energy plot

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Fiorillo et al., 2024b 30

Coronal/disk models

- Neutrinos produced in inner disk and/or corona, opaque to TeV γ rays → constraints on coronal size
- CR acceleration: stochastic acceleration in turbulence or magnetic reconnection or shock acceleration

Generic acceleration / pp or py

Murase 2022; Ajello, Murase, McDaniel, 2023

(Inoue et al. 2019)

See also Inoue, Cerruti et al. (arXiv:2207.02097)

- "Two-zone" models
- Neutrinos produced in inner disk and/or corona (<< pc)
- radio/IR/GeV γ-rays from starburst region (kpc)
- CR acceleration: gyro-resonant scattering in turbulence (corona) + DSA (starburst)

