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# Neutrino astronomy





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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnKvtazt5So

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#### radio/microwave infrared/optical X-rays cosmic-rays neutrinos gamma-rays 104 cosmological max of star formation opaque to photons; 10<sup>3</sup> transparent to neutrinos Distance [Mpc] 10<sup>2</sup> nearest blazar **10**<sup>1</sup> 10<sup>0</sup> nearest galaxy **10**<sup>-1</sup> **10**<sup>-2</sup> galactic center 10<sup>-3</sup> 10-6 10-4 10-2 10<sup>0</sup> 10<sup>2</sup> 104 10<sup>6</sup> 10<sup>8</sup> **10**<sup>10</sup> **10**<sup>12</sup> **10**<sup>14</sup> **10**<sup>16</sup> **10**<sup>18</sup> 10<sup>20</sup> Energy [eV]

#### https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2020.163678

#### Gamma rays

They point to their sources, but they can be absorbed and are created by multiple emission mechanisms.

#### Neutrinos

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They are weak, neutral particles that point to their sources and carry information from deep within their origins.

air shower

Earth

#### Cosmic rays

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They are charged particles and are deflected by magnetic fields.

# Neutrinos in a few words

Elementary particles

No electric charge

Very small cross section

Very small but nonzero masses

Oscillation from one flavor state to another

 $v_e v_\mu v_\tau$ 

+ antiparticles







# Homestake Solar Experiment



Scientific American, July 1969

# Homestake Solar Experiment



Dr. Ray Davis of Chemistry is shown placing a low level counter in a cut-down navy gun barrel which acts as a shield from stray cosmic radiation. This equipment is used in the Brookhaven Solar

Neutrino Experiment.

A BNL team of scientists, headed by R. Davis, Jr., of Chemistry has gone 4850 feet nto the earth to learn more about what is

and his group calculate that ten billionbillion neutrinos pass through their 20-ft. fiameter by 48-ft long tank every day, yet

in low level counting experiments. Originally the gun barrels were procured from surplus, and brought to BNL for conversion to more peaceful uses. The long guns were cut into 8-foot sections, weighing about 16,000 pounds each. These guns are made from "old" iron (before the use of atom and hydrogen bombs) and contain a very small amount of residual radioactivity. For accurate results, it is necessary to re-

duce the background radiation to as low a level as possible. Hence, the tank was placed deep underground to shield it from cosmic radiation and the counter was mounted in the thick gun barrel, which acts as a shield. Additional precautions, however, are taken to eliminate interferences from unrelated nuclear processes that could also produce Argon-37 in the tank and possibly result

Various elements, when they decay, are capable of producing neutrinos, but there is a definite energy level for each neutrino, and chemists use this method of identifying the neutrino source. In the Brookhaven experiment, the only neutrinos having enough energy to produce Argon-37 plus an electron from chlorine-37 are those produced in the decay of Boron-8, which is part of the thermonuclear process taking place in

The theoretical forecast had led scientists to believe that the neutrino emission from the sun would allow from 1.5 to 5 neutrino captures per day. In the single experiment performed to date, Dr. Davis reports that the capture rate in the underground tank was less than 2 neutrinos per day. Knowing this plus the efficiency of neutrino capture allowed Dr. Davis and his group to calculate the flux from the Boron-8 de



"A giant trap has been set deep underground to catch a few of the neutrinos that theory predicts should be pouring out of the sun. Their capture would prove that the sun runs on thermonuclear power." John N. Bahcall

**BNL Public Relation Office** 



Experiment		Reaction	Threshold (MeV)	Observed/ Expected Rate
SAGE + GNO HOMESTAKE SNO SUPER-K SNO	CC CC CC ES ES	<sup>71</sup> Ga $(v_e, e)^{71}$ Ge <sup>37</sup> Cl $(v_e, e)^{37}$ Ar $v_e + {}^2$ H $\rightarrow p + p + e$ $v + e \rightarrow v + e$ $v + e \rightarrow v + e$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.2 \\ 0.8 \\ \sim 5 \\ \sim 5 \\ \sim 5 \\ \approx 5 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.58 \pm 0.04 \\ 0.34 \pm 0.03 \\ 0.30 \pm 0.05 \\ 0.46 \pm 0.01 \\ 0.47 \pm 0.05 \end{array}$
SNO	NC	$\nu + e \rightarrow \nu + e$ $\nu + {}^{2}\text{H} \rightarrow p + n + \nu$	$\sim 5$	$0.47 \pm 0.05$ $0.98 \pm 0.09$

CC = charged current (W-exchange); NC = neutral current (Z exchange); ES = electron scattering (via  $\Re C$  for  $\nu_{\mu}$ ,  $\nu_{\tau}$ , and via NC and CC for  $\nu_{e}$ )



https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-2934-0





https://www.nasa.gov/mission\_pages/sunearth/science/Sunlayers.html





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Evidence for High-Energy Extraterrestrial Neutrinos at the IceCube Detector

22 Nov. 2013





### Neutrino telescopes



### Neutrino telescopes

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IceCube South Pole, Antarctica

IceCube South Pole, Antarctica

2500 m

# KM3NeT Mediterranean Sea, France and Italy

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- Amount of light-> Energy
- Timing -> Direction
- Topology -> Flavor





#### https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.03545



## Diffuse neutrino flux 7.5 year

### 102 events, with 60 events > 60 TeV



## Diffuse neutrino flux



- No evidence for point sources
- No correlation with the galactic plane
- <u>Best fit</u>: Single power law with spectral index  $\gamma = 2.89^{+0.20}_{-0.19}$ all-flavor flux normalization  $\Phi = 6.45^{+1.46}_{-0.46}$
- Data does not prefer a broken power law model

7.5 year





### PKS 1424+240

#### TXS 0506+056 O NGC 1068



NASA, ESA & A. van der Hoeven



## ★ NGC 1068





### Située à 47 millions d'années lumière





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### Multi-messenger astronomy





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Core-collapse supernova SN1987a



### Multi-messenger astronomy

Binary neutron star merger GW170817 – GRB170817A







https://arxiv.org/pdf/1807.08816 https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.08794

### **22 September 2017** IceCube-170922A

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Neutrino Energy: 290 TeV (>180 TeV, 90% CL) RA: 77.43° (-0.65°/+0.95° 90% CL) Dec: 5.72° (-0.30°/+0.50° 90% CL)

### 22 Septembre 2017 IceCube-170922A

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- Observation by Fermi of a known blazar TXS 0506+056, in a flaring state
- Detection by MAGIC of gamma rays > 400 GeV



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## Archival search

IceCube170922A



- Search for a point source in a time-dependent analysis in the direction of TXS
- Excess of 13 ± 5 neutrinos in 2014-2015 over 110 days
- Significance defined using similar searches in random directions :  $3,5\sigma$



Multimessenger observations of a flaring blazar coincident with highenergy neutrino IceCube-170922A

Neutrino emission from the direction of the blazar TXS 0506+056 prior to the IceCube-170922A alert

13 Jul. 2018



# Can we learn more from neutrino astronomy?

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## First observation of a Glashow



https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-03256-1

# First observation of a Glashow resonance event



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### Cascades + Tracks + Double cascades



More flux at lower energies! Look for subtler signature(s) in one or more modules.



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### Importance of Flavor ID for $\nu^{\rm astro}$

## At Earth, $\nu_e$ : $\nu_\mu$ : $\nu_\tau$ could tell us about the source...





Example: Effect of quantum gravity.

For more examples, see Refs. 22-59 in IceCube, PRD 104, 022002 (2021).

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## $\nu_{\tau}^{\text{astro}}$ Candidate Event Pics

### Here's "Scarlet Macaw," a new event:



Clear  $\nu_{\tau}$  signature. Detected in 2019 (too recent for previous analyses to have seen).

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With a deposited energy above 10 PeV !



Antoine Kouchner Possibly the first detection of a cosmogenic neutrino



With a deposited energy above 10 PeV !

Huge amount of light detected -> 35% of the total number of PMTs were triggered





#### From the track and shower reconstructions A muon track and three showers detected

Hit times are fully consistent with photons from Cherenkov emission



Hit times consistent with the emission from three points along the track -> stochastic light emission





### Impact of the environment

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• Find an example and how to mitigate the impact

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- Find an example and how to mitigate the impact
- Why is it an issue?



**Fig. 1.3** The atmosphere opacity as a function of the wavelength is presented in the *upper part*. Opacity is represented by the percentage of electromagnetic radiation, which does not reach the ground. Space experiments are widely used to detect electromagnetic radiation that does not reach the Earth's surface. Note that the scale is in terms of the logarithm of the wavelength, so the energy scale decreases from left to right. Credit: NASA



Figure 36.5: Effective  $\bar{\nu}_{\mu}$  area for IceCube as an example of a cubic-kilometre NT, as a function of neutrino energy for three intervals of the zenith angle  $\theta$ . The values shown here correspond to a specific event selection for point source searches.











KM3NeT







#### Understanding the *noise* from the Deep Sea

#### Data recorded



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https://www.zooniversesterg/projects/reinforce/deep-sea-explorers Time [s]



# Neutrino astronomy

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# Speeding up

Cascades vs tracks	Cascades + Tracks + Double cascades
Upgoing track searches	All-sky all-flavour searches
1 km <sup>3</sup> detector	At least 3 km <sup>3</sup> detectors around the globe
Seeing the diffuse flux	Resolving sources



Towards Multi-Detector and Multi-Energy neutrino astronomy in the Multi-Messenger Era!