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I won't talk about **Detecting dark matter at neutrino telescopes**

Cosmic Ray-Boosted Dark Matter at IceCube



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I will talk about



Dark matter-neutrino interactions: how do you see the most invisible particle?



High-energy neutrinos



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New Physics?



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Arrival direction





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Energy



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Energy

Flavour (e, μ, τ)







Morphology





Flavour: event morphology



Isolated energy deposition (cascade) with no track

crap



Up-going track

ok

Angular resolution:

Charged-current v $_{\tau}$

(simulation)



Double cascade

depends

Images: icecube.wisc.edů



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Everything oscillates to ~ 1:1:1



Fraction of $\nu_{\rm e}$



Dark Matter?

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Elastic scattering

We've just heard about limits on dark matter-neutrinos scattering at low (~recombination) energies.

Generically, cross sections grow as $s = E_{CM}^2$

$$\sigma_{DM-\nu} \propto E_{\nu}^2$$

IceCube has seen events above a PeV....

$$\left(\frac{\text{PeV}}{T_{\nu,recomb.}}\right)^2 \sim 10^{30}$$

Let's look there!

Isotropic extragalactic neutrino flux



b, l: galactic latitude, longitude

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$$\tau(b,l) = \int_{l.o.s} n_{\chi}(x;b,l) \ dx.$$



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 $E \to \vec{E} \quad \Phi \to \vec{\Phi} \quad C_{ij} = d\tilde{E}_i \frac{d\sigma}{dE} (\tilde{E}_i, E_j)$











 c_i 's determined by initial condition of isotropic power law flux

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Classical recipe: 1502.02649

vFATE 1706.09895

$$[t, E, \vec{x}]|\vartheta) = e^{-\sum_{a} N_{a}} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{obs}} \sum_{a} N_{a} P_{a}(t_{i}, E_{i}, \vec{x}_{i}|)$$

- *i*: observed (or simulated) event
- a: source (atmospheric muon, atm. neutrino, astro. neutrino)
- t: morphology (track, shower)
- E, x: Energy, arrival direction
- $P_a(t_i, E_i, \vec{x}_i | \vartheta)$ Probability of given event properties, given model parameters



Dark matter column density seen from Earth



Dark matter column density seen from Earth



Simulation including effects of detector, Earth







strong interaction

Energy



Angle from galactic centre



HESE events

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Profile Binned Likelihood: Signal Subtraction Approach

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EXTRAGALACTIC ASTROPHYSICAL NEUTRINOS

Follows a power law spectrum $\phi(\vec{x},\vec{\theta}) = E^{-\gamma} \cdot \mathscr{P}_{\text{surv}} \propto \sum c_i \hat{\phi}_i e^{\lambda_i \tau}$

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$$\vec{x} = \langle E, RA, dec \rangle \qquad \vec{\theta} = \langle g, m_{\phi}, m_{\chi} \rangle$$
$$\mu(\vec{\theta}) = \mu_{astro\nu}^{signal}(\vec{\theta}) + \mu^{bkg}$$

BACKGROUND: ATMOSPHERIC **NEUTRINOS AND MUONS**

 $\mu^{bkg} = \mu_{atm_{\nu}} + \mu_{muon}$ Scrambling over RA $\mu^{\text{bkg}} = \tilde{\mu}_{\text{data}} - \tilde{\mu}_{\text{astro}}^{\text{signal}}(\vec{\theta})$ asliov







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GALACTIC ASTROPHYSICAL NEUTRINOS

From model template of GC ν emission $\phi(\vec{x},\theta) = \int ds \ n_{\nu}(s(\vec{x})) \ \phi(\vec{x},\vec{\theta};s(\vec{x}))$

> n_{ν} Spatial Distribution ϕ Energy Distribution

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Scalar χ - Fermion ϕ g = 1 $m_{\phi} = 1 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{\chi} = 1\text{e-06 GeV}$ $N_{\text{astro}} = 1.66$ $\gamma_{\text{astro}} = 2.53$ $N_{\text{galactic}} = 21.8$

Event
Distribution =

Signal (S) -Scrambled Signal (\tilde{S}) + Scrambled Data (\tilde{D})











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*We also spent a long time calculating extragalactic constraints. They are subdominant though



What if we looked at every neutrino telescope in the world?



100 GeV







More telescopes with larger exposure!

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Decay to $\chi \rightarrow \bar{\nu}\nu$



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these are gamma-ray telescopes

Electroweak corrections





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Looks like the gamma rays do better than neutrinos... but not quite the end of the story!



Flavour again

Neutral-current / ve





Isolated energy deposition (cascade) with no track

both ν and $\bar{\nu}$ look the same

Up-going track

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What does ν vs $\bar{\nu}$ do for you?

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Standard model stuff: Liu, Song, ACV 2304.06068/PRD



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New physics? ν VS $\bar{\nu}$

- Asymmetric dark matter

	Benchmark	B1 (scalar X)	B2 (scalar X)	B3 (fermion X)	B4 (fermion X)
$\mathcal{O}_{ADM} = \frac{\mathcal{O}_X \mathcal{O}_{SM}}{1}$	$\mathcal{O}_{X \to \nu}$	$rac{1}{\Lambda}X\psi L\Phi$	$rac{1}{\Lambda^2}X(L\Phi)^2$	$rac{1}{\Lambda^2}XL\psi^2$	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} X L L \nu^c$
Λ^{m+n-4}	Decay	$X \to \bar{\nu}\psi/\nu\psi$	$X \to \bar{\nu}\bar{\nu}/\nu\nu$	$X \to \bar{\nu} \psi \bar{\psi} / \nu \psi \bar{\psi}$	$X \to \bar{\nu}\nu\bar{\nu}/\nu\nu\bar{\nu}$

Liu, Song, ACV, <u>2304.06068</u>

• Symmetric dark matter annihilation/decay: equal parts neutrino/antineutrino







50,000 tons magnetized iron leaves

Resistive plate chambers



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Resistive plate chambers



Currently stalled due to ecological concerns (blasting, excavation, ...)

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Distinguishing ν vs $\bar{\nu}$?

- At high energies, neutrino/antineutrino separation is almost impossible
- Exception: the Glashow resonance. At $E_{CM} = M_W$, or $E_{\nu} = 6.3$ PeV, can produce onshell W for $\bar{\nu}_e$ only.







q

 \overline{q}

First Detection of Glashow Resonance



PeV energy partially-contained event selection

- Reconstructed energy of 6.05 ± 0.72 PeV.
- The detectable escaping muon suggests it's a hadronic shower.

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Electroweak Showering

- positive or negative.
- The spectrum $dN_{\bar{\nu}}^{ch}/dE_{\nu}$ becomes softer.

fragmentation functions from <u>HDMSpectra</u> Bauer, Rodd, Webber 2007.15001

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Both ν and $\bar{\nu}$ can be produced no matter whether the lepton number is

Constraints with Current Observation

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Better constraints on neutrino portal of symmetric DM decay for $m_X \sim 10 - 100 \text{ PeV}$

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 \mathbf{O} IceCube-Gen2 (South Pole)

Glashow Resonance Signal

window.

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Glashow resonant events can be identified on an event-wise basis in the [4,10] PeV deposited energy

Event rates of Glashow resonance at IceCube as partially contained events

 $\chi \to \bar{\nu} \nu \bar{\nu}$

Projected Sensitivities in the Future

• 90% C.L. sensitivities are estimated.

Projected 10yr IceCube-Gen2 (8 × IceC constraints.

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Projected 10yr IceCube-Gen2 (8 × IceCube) sensitivities have lifetimes ~5 of current

(not really a) Summary

- Even though neutrinos are the most invisible channel, neutrino telescopes cover at least 14 orders of magnitude in energy & can say all sorts of things about the dark sector & new physics.
- Electroweak cross section rises with energy, but events become rarer (big detectors)
- Electroweak corrections means that even if the dark matter tries to cloak itself with the neutrino... it cannot hide forever.





Corrected Cross Section

subleading effects that affect the cross section



Atomic *e* motion: **Doppler Broadening**

Initial State Radiation

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