Astroparticle physics and EIC - combining the largest and the smallest scales in the Universe

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#### <u>Outline</u>

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  - Spectrum, composition & hadronic interactions
- 3. High Energy Neutrinos (IceCube)
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  - $\circ$  v-p Cross section
- 4. Summary

<u>Acknowledgement:</u> Overview of relevant results in the field; heavy reliance on other people contributions (physics/results/figures) as indicated on slides.

Introduction High Energy Universe

Astrophysical Sources, probes, fluxes

## High Energy Universe: Astrophysical Sources







GZK v: Cosmic Rays interact with CMB  $\gamma$ 

# High Energy Universe: Probes Multi-messenger Astronomy



# High Energy Universe: Probes

#### What is the origin of Cosmic Rays with E up to $10^{20} \text{ eV}$ ?

#### **Astrophysical Source**



- <u>Cosmic Rays</u>
- Gamma Rays
- <u>Neutrinos</u>
- Gravitational waves

Objective: We want to find/study astophysical objects that are sources of CR's and v's

## High Energy Universe: Cosmic Rays

#### What is the origin of Cosmic Rays with E up to 10<sup>20</sup> eV ?



- 2 scenarios of Cosmic Rays (CR) origin:
  - Bottom-Up: charged particles accelerated from lower to high energies in astrophysical environments
  - Top-Down: the energetic particles arise from decay of massive particles originating from physical processes in the early Universe.
- CR spectrum formation & composition
- CR acceleration

• Fermi mechanism: 
$$\gamma_{CR}$$
~2

- CR propagation
- CR interaction in atmosphere (strong interactions)

Sources unknown Composition uncertain  $E_{CR}^{-\gamma_{CR}}$ 

# Cosmic Rays: Understanding the spectrum <u>Fit the spectrum (</u>Gaisser's formulation of Peters cycle )



$$E\frac{dN}{dE} = \sum_{i} A_{i} E^{-\gamma_{i}} e^{-\frac{E}{Z_{i}E_{cutoff}}}$$

H,He,C,O,Fe nuclei groups Net CR Spectral index is the superposition of harder indices of different elements

Population 1: supernovae cutting around 100 TeV  $E^{p}_{cutoff} = 120 \text{ TeV}$ 

 $E^{Fe}_{cutoff} = 26 \times 120 \text{ TeV} = 3.1 \text{ PeV}$  **Population 2:** "Galactic PeVatronTeV neutrinos  $E^{P}_{cutoff} = 4 \text{ PeV}$ 

E<sup>Fe</sup><sub>cutoff</sub> = 26 x 4 TeV = 104 PeV Population 3: "Galactic EeVatron" PeV neutrinos The best fit is achieved with p and Fe

Population 4: Extragalactic Proton: cut off due to GZK effect

#### The Cosmic Neutrinos Production Mechanisms



Extremely HE Universe beyond GZK sphere (50-100 Mpc) inaccessible with CR or  $\gamma$ -rays

# High Energy Universe: v



Neutrino telescopes: Discovery of astrophysical diffuse v flux & v source searches

# Connection to EIC: strong interactions

- **pA (AA)** HE Cosmic Rays:
  - o 'beam' flux from astro sources, (fixed) target nuclei (=Earth atmosphere)
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# Cosmic Rays

### **Cosmic Rays**

π

 $\pi^{-}$ 

 $\pi^+$ 

neutrin

 $\pi^{0}$ 

#### "Primary" Cosmic Ray

e<sup>+</sup>

e

**e**<sup>-</sup>

#### **Atmospheric Nucleus**

 $\pi^0$ 

Strong interactions: production and decays of hadrons and leptons

"Secondary" Cosmic Rays... (about 50 produced after first collision)

## **Cosmic Rays**

#### Ultra High Energy Cosmic Rays – reach well beyond LHC c.m. energy



## Cosmic Rays: Experiments

# Pierre Auger Observatory

Fluorescence: 4 telescopes

Surface Array: covers 3000 km<sup>2</sup> 1650 water-Cherenkov detectors (10 m<sup>2</sup>, 1.5 km separation)



Largest CR experiment

### **Cosmic Rays: Experiments**



#### Source: J. Matthews

Japan's funding to upgrade/expand TA (4xsize~2500km<sup>2</sup>) Largest CR experiment in the Northern Hemisphere

## **Telescope Array**

Fluorescence: 3 telescopes

Surface Array: covers 700 km<sup>2</sup> 507 scintillator stations (3 m<sup>2</sup>, 1.2 km separation)





# Cosmic Rays: Showers



Figs. from D.Veberic

### **Cosmic Rays: Showers**



Use hybrid events to disentangle particle physics and composition

(km)

altitude

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EM,  $X_{max}$  first interactions  $\mu$  are produced late: sensitive to hadronic interactions

Use hybrid events to disentangle particle physics and composition

# Cosmic Rays: Composition (Telescope Array)

#### Depth of shower maximum



TA composition measurement indicates CR's are protons at ultra high energies.

Conclusion relies on correct hadronic interaction modelling.

# Cosmic Rays: Composition (Auger)

#### Depth of shower maximum



Data compared with predictions of recent versions (> 2016) of Hadronic Interactions (HI) MC models (LHC-inspired/tuned)

- □ Xmax, sources of HI uncertainties
  - Forward physics: photon spectra and diffraction
  - Nuclear interactions (extrapolations from p-p to p-Air: p-O needed, p-Pb not well reproduced)

## Cosmic Rays: Composition (Auger)

#### Depth of shower maximum



#### Auger data, fig. from arXiv:1710.09478

- Auger composition measurement indicates CR's are <u>heavier than protons</u> at ultra high energies.
- □ Tension between TA and Auger results

## Cosmic Rays: Composition (Auger)

#### Muon depth of maximum



#### Auger, PRD 90 (2014) 012012

Auger composition measurement with muons indicates CR's are iron's at ultra high energies.

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Inconsistency between FD (e-m shower component) and SD (hadronic shower component) Auger data

SD not described by models (observed strong 30%-60% and increasing with energy deficit of muons). The same effect observed by TA [arXiv:1804.03877]



- All pre-LHC extrapolation models excluded.
- After LHC models predict the same pp cross section (low energies + extrapolations)



√s (GeV)

Figs from: T. Pierog (KIT)



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# Modelling Hadronic Interactions: Impact of LHC LHCf Forward Photon production



arXiv:1703.07678

Disagreement between Data and Models Room for further models improvement

# Neutrinos

### Neutrino Observatories: Present & Future





# **Neutrinos: Detection method**

#### Neutrino weak interaction



1960's: Method by M. Markov
Observe the <u>secondaries</u> via Cherenkov radiation
O(km) <u>muon tracks</u> from v<sub>μ</sub> CC *1 TeV ~ 2.5 km, 1PeV ~ 15 km*O(10 m) e-m and/or hadronic <u>cascades</u>
from v<sub>e</sub> CC, low energy v<sub>τ</sub> CC, and v<sub>x</sub> NC

"We propose to install detectors deep in a lake or in the sea and to determine the direction of charged particles with the help of Cherenkov radiation." Markov



Neutrino telescopes: at least 1 km<sup>3</sup> detection volumes must be instrumented with optical sensors



Antarctic bedrock

# First observation of PeV-energy cosmic neutrino



# Flux of Atmospheric Neutrinos



Atmospheric v(conventional + prompt)

Atm. µ

prompt conventional atmo. v

Horizon

primary I

cosmic ray

atmo, v

air shower

**Conventional** v's Decays of  $\pi$ ,K mesons

$$\pi, \mathbf{K} \to \mu + \nu_{\mu} \to \mathbf{e} + \nu_{e} + \nu_{\mu}$$
$$\pi^{+} \bigvee_{\bar{d}}^{\mathsf{W}^{+}} \bigvee_{\nu}^{\mathbf{e}^{+}} \bigvee_{\nu}^{\mathbf{e}^{+}}$$

Prompt v's **Decays of Heavy Flavor** mesons/baryons (prompt v's not yet directly observed)

 $\mathrm{D}^{\pm}$ ,  $\mathrm{D}^{0}$  ,  $\mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{s}}$ ,  $\Lambda_{\mathrm{c}}$ 



## Atmospheric Neutrinos (2)



Self-veto (experimental technique) will modify atm. v distribution

### Atmospheric Neutrinos: conventional



# <u>Conventional v's</u> Decays of π,K mesons

- flux peaked at horizon
- v<sub>u</sub> dominated
- steeply falling flux spectrum E<sup>-3.7</sup>
  - long lived mesons interact/loose energy before decay (τ~10<sup>-8</sup>s)

Hadronic Interactions important

#### Atmospheric Neutrinos: conventional



A. Fedynich et. al, arXiv:1503.00544 Figure made by H. Niederhausen

#### Flux of Atmospheric Neutrinos





 <u>Prompt v's</u>
 Decays of Heavy Flavor mesons/baryons
 (prompt v's not yet directly observed)

- flux isotropic
- equal parts  $v_{\mu}$  and  $v_{e}$ 
  - spectrum follows Cosmic Rays (E<sup>-2.7</sup>)
     ➢ short lifetime: interact/loose energy before decay (τ~10<sup>-12</sup>s)
- (<u>Forward</u>) heavy flavor production & fragmentation decays



$$\begin{aligned} \sigma^{pp \to Q\bar{Q}} &= \sum_{i,j} \iint_{0}^{1} \mathrm{d}x_{1} \mathrm{d}x_{2} f_{i}(x_{1}, \mu_{f}^{2}) f_{j}(x_{2}, \mu_{f}^{2}) \\ &\times \hat{\sigma}_{ij \to Q\bar{Q}}(x_{1}, x_{2}, \mu_{f}^{2}, \mu_{r}^{2}, \dots). \end{aligned}$$

CosmicRay-Air (composition) pdfs,nuclear effects small-x / saturation, gluons

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Color dipole picture: Lowx/saturation\_effects gluon fluctuates into QQ and interacts with hadronic target



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#### Charm production cross section (Data from RHIC and LHC):



Nuclear corrections to the total cross section  $(\sigma_{pA}/A)/\sigma_{pp}$  are small (5-15%), but large for the differential  $d\sigma_{pp}/dx_F$  cross section



BRESS A. Bhattacharya et.al. (2015), arXiv:1502.01076.

## **Atmospheric and Astrophysical Neutrinos**



#### Atmospheric v:

- "background" for cosmic v
- Oscillation physics

#### Prompt:

ERS: R. Enberg et. Al., Phys. Rev. D78, 043005 (2008) BRESS A. Bhattacharya et.al. (2015), arXiv:1502.01076.

#### Astrophysical neutrinos

Waxman-Bahcall Bound (all flavor)

 $E_{\nu}^2 \Phi_{\rm WB} \approx 3.4 \times 10^{-8} \, {\rm GeV/cm^2 sr \, s}$ 

Benchmark model: Fermi acceleration at shock fronts

# Flux of Astrophysical Neutrinos

# Discovery of Cosmic Neutrinos with IceCube " $v_{\mu} + v_{e} + v_{\tau}$ All-Sky High Energy Starting Events" (HESE) analysis

#### Contained Cascades + Starting Tracks





# $v_{\mu}$ Northern-Sky Astrophysical Neutrinos



- Data: 2009-2014 (6yr)
- Signature: tracks
- Fit assumption:  $\Phi(E_v) = \Phi_0 x [E/100 TeV]^{-\gamma}$
- Result: (best fit)
   γ=2.08 +/- 0.13
- Energy range: 240 TeV – 10 PeV

Astrophys.J. 833 (2016) no.1, 3

5.6  $\sigma$  detection of astrophysical flux Atmospheric-only hypothesis excluded at  $6\sigma$ 

#### $v_e + v_{\tau}$ All-Sky Astrophysical Neutrinos IceCube: H. Niederhausen, Y. Xu , ICRC2017



- Data: 2012-2015 (4yr)
- Signature: cascades
- Astrophysical  $v_e + v_{\tau}$  Flux
  - Fit assumption:  $\Phi(E_{\gamma}) = \Phi_0 x[E/100 \text{TeV}]$ 
    - P Result: (best fit)  $\gamma = 2.48 + - 0.08$   $\Phi_0 = 1.57^{+0.23}_{-0.22} \times 10^{-18}$ [GeV<sup>-1</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>sr<sup>-1</sup>cm<sup>-2</sup>]
  - Energy range: 10 TeV 2 PeV

#### "Background" fluxes

- Conventional v: HKKMS06 (30% uncertainty) A. Fedynitch et al., PRD86 114024, 2012
- Prompt v: BERSS15 (uncertainty from IceCube upper-limit ApJ 833, No 1, 2016)
- > Cosmic Rays  $\mu$ : Gaisser12

# Astrophysical Neutrino Flux: Comparison

#### IceCube: H. Niederhausen, ICRC2017



Astrophysical  $v_e + v_\tau$  flux consistent with  $v_\mu$ : p=0.04

# Where are Prompt Neutrions?

IceCube global fit



Large astrophysical & small prompt v's flux

IceCube: Astrophysical Journal 809, 98 (2015)

# Where are Prompt Neutrions?

Parameter	Best Fit	68% C.L.	90% C.L.	Pull
$\phi_{ m conv}$	1.10	0.94-1.31	0.87-1.49	
$\phi_{\mathrm{prompt}}$	0.00	0.00-1.04	0.00-2.11	
$\phi$	6.7	5.5-7.8	4.6-8.6	
Y	2.50	2.41-2.59	2.35-2.65	
$\Delta \gamma_{\rm cr}$	0.017	-0.008-0.041	-0.023-0.057	0.34
$\phi_{\mu,S1}$	1.09	0.72-1.51	0.52-1.80	0.18
$\phi_{\mu,\text{S2}}$	0.84	0.31-1.37	0.00-1.71	-0.32
φ <sub>μ,H1</sub>	1.12	0.75-1.54	0.56-1.84	0.23
$\phi_{\mu,\mathrm{H2}}$	1.27	0.94-1.61	0.73-1.84	0.54
$\phi_{E,S1}$	0.95	0.88-1.04	0.84-1.12	-0.34
ф <sub>Е,S2</sub>	1.00	0.88-1.22	0.83-1.32	0.03
$\phi_{E,T1}$	1.02	0.95-1.09	0.90-1.14	0.10
$\phi_{E,T2}$	1.05	0.97-1.12	0.93-1.17	0.30
$\phi_{E,\mathrm{H1}}$	0.96	0.88-1.06	0.84-1.12	-0.29
ф <sub>Е,Н2</sub>	0.95	0.86-1.04	0.81-1.10	-0.35

**Note.**  $\phi$  is the value of the all-flavor neutrino flux at 100 TeV and is given in units of  $10^{-18}$  GeV<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup> sr<sup>-1</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>.  $\phi$  conv and  $\phi$ 

prompt are given as multiples of the model predictions (see Table 2). "Pull" denotes the deviation of a nuisance parameter from its default value in units of the prior width  $\sigma$ .

IceCube: Astrophysical Journal 809, 98 (2015)

Atmospheric and Astrophysical TeV-PeV Neutrinos v-p DIS cross section / Low x

#### DIS v-N cross section: Standard Model

#### A. Cooper-Sarkar, P. Mertsch, S. Sarkar JHEP 08 (2011) 042



#### DIS v-N cross section: Standard Model



R.Gandhi et.al., Astropart. Phys. 5:81-110, 1996

#### DIS v-N cross section: Color Dipole Picture New Information about Nucleon Structure @ low x

C. Arguelles et. al., Phys. Rev. D 92, 074040 (2015)





Extrapolation of pQCD into small-x regime using color dipol description (asymptotic ln<sup>2</sup>(s) behavior of c. sections)

Beyond SM physics: leptoquarks, low scale quantum gravity models ..

# DIS v-N cross section: IceCube TeV $v_{\mu}$ data

IceCube: Nature 551 (2017) 596



$$\frac{\sigma_{\text{meas.}}}{\sigma_{SM}} = 1.30^{+0.21}_{-0.19} \,(\text{stat.}) \,^{+0.39}_{-0.43} \,(\text{syst.})$$

Consistent with current Standard Model calculations

### DIS v-N cross section: IceCube TeV-PeV $v_e+v_{\tau}$ data



Release of preliminary results: See Y. Xu (Stony Brook U.), for the IceCube Collab. DIS2018 Tuesday session

#### Cosmogenic GZK Neutrinos



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 Tight upper limits on GZK models are placed and constrains the UHE CR sources. Heavier CR composition?



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Connections of Astroparticle physics and EIC via cosmic rays and neutrino physics

low-x, low Q2, gluons, saturation, diffraction, hadronic interactions, forward region, heavy flavor, nuclear effects

Goal of this talk: inspire to work out details

**Thank you!**