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Generic constraints on sources of the diffuse neutrino background

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High-energy neutrinos: Facts



- Detected: Starting events and up-going muon events
- Their distribution is consistent with isotropy
- No source has been identified yet



Possible astrophysical explanations

Galaxy clusters

Active galactic nuclei (AGN)



Gamma-ray bursts (GRB) Ides with Imedium





Star-forming galaxies (SFG) Starburst galaxies (SB)



Unknown sources? Particle dark matter?

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Generic consideration: Personal take

- Given no source has been detected, it is important to take unbiased, model-independent approach
- Given we already have data, which will accumulate further, we want to adopt data-driven approaches

Traditional approaches

- Explain the energy spectrum of the diffuse neutrino background using models of astrophysical sources
- Look for excess of events in localized regions compared with global average (individual point source searches)
- Both these can be interpreted in terms of flux distribution

Flux distribution

Ando, Feyereisen, Fornasa, Phys. Rev. D 95, 103003 (2017)



- Number of detected sources: Integral above flux threshold
 - At the moment, the threshold is higher than the flux of the brightest source
- Energy spectrum: first moment of the flux distribution below the flux threshold
- But we don't have to stop here!
- There are higher moments that can be used: e.g., variance

Anisotropies: Lessons from gamma rays



Fermi-LAT, Phys. Rev. Lett. 121, 241101 (2018)



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 Data are mostly consistent with astrophysical expectations (blazars; Ando et al. 2007)

Implications

- Anisotropy analyses have already been established for GeV gamma rays
- Solid measurement of the angular power spectrum (variance) implies (sub-threshold) point-source contribution
- The source population that cannot be detected individually can be detected statistically
- Same technique can be used for high-energy neutrinos, to identify sources

Power spectrum analysis by IceCube

IceCube, Astropart. Phys. 66, 39 (2015)



- No angular power was found (everything is consistent with diffuse the background model) signal spectrum: E⁻² 2pt analysis, uniform source distr., discovery flux, post-tr.
- It can exceed the point-source imit-for-mor 2pt analysis, uniform source distr., upper limit (90% CL), post-tr. estaalay]dstoreSOLHOES ps search, upper limit (90% CL), pre-tr.

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Converted HESE flux But it is assumed that all these sources have the same

Flux distribution and implications

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- Flux distribution of **any** astrophysical sources will follow a **power law**
 - Particularly *F*^{-2.5} for high-flux region

Procedure:

- 1. Pick **N*** as a parameter
- From measured intensity *I*, calculate
 *F**, which will fix the distribution
- 3. Simulate neutrino data, calculate the power spectrum, and extract test statistic (TS) and TS distribution
- Apply the method to the actual data to discuss what value of N* is already excluded



²⁰⁰ IceCube years







Angular power spectrum



- For each simulated data set, we compute the angular power spectrum
- By repeating the procedure above, we construct the TS and its distribution

$$\chi^{2}(C_{\ell}) = \sum_{\ell \ell'} \left(C_{\ell} - C_{\ell}^{\text{mean}} \right) \left(\text{Cov}_{\ell \ell'} \right)^{-1} \left(C_{\ell'} - C_{\ell'}^{\text{mean}} \right)$$

 If the TS value of the actual data is found extreme, we can reject the value of N*

Dekker, Ando, *JCAP* **1902**, 002 (2019)

IceCube constraints



Dekker, Ando, JCAP 1902, 002 (2019)

- 2 years of upgoing muon neutrino data from IceCube with energies *E_μ* > 50 TeV: 21 events
- Source population with N*
 < 82 is excluded at 95% CL

Source	N *
Blazars	600
Radio galaxies	10 ⁵
Starbursts	10 ⁷

Future prospects $\sum_{\star} \infty$

Case with $N^* = \infty$



10-yr exposure

Future prospects 10^4

Case with $N^* = 10^4$



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10-yr exposure

Constraints on source phase space

Dekker, Ando, JCAP 1902, 002 (2019)



10-year IceCube-Gen2

Application to heavy dark matter decay



Dekker, Chianese, Ando, in preparation

Beyond variance: One-point fluctuation analysis



Feyereisen, Gaggero, Ando, Phys. Rev. D 97, 103017 (2018)



- One-point fluctuation analysis adopts all the information contained in the flux distribution
- Benefit is slim for now, but in the future can be large
 - E.g., test of Galactic component in the future KM3NeT data

Analysis by IceCube Collaboration

IceCube Collaboration, arXiv:1909.08623

A Search for Neutrino Point-Source Populations in 7 Years of IceCube Data with Neutrino-count Statistics



Constraints with two-point statistics

Cross correlation with galaxy distribution



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They must be, since both gammaray sources and galaxies trace dark matter distribution!

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- If δ ~ 4, both spectral and tomographic data give comparable constraints

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Possible pp sources

Star-forming/starburst galaxies



- No direct measurement of δ yet
- Infrared luminosity density suggests $\delta \sim 3-4$

Gruppioni et al., Mon. Not. R. Astron. Soc. 432, 23 (2013)

Clusters of galaxies

- Cosmic rays accelerated through large-scale-structure shocks or provided by sources (AGNs, galaxies)
- In both cases, δ is very small (i.e., clusters are found only in low-z)

Exception: Hidden pp sources?



GRB-like jets, but richer with baryons (i.e., slower jets and optically thick): hence cannot be identified with gamma rays

Conclusions

- Given no source was detected, it is important to take modelindependent, data-drive approaches
- Traditional approaches can be interpreted in terms of flux distribution: zeroth moment as number of sources; first moment as energy spectrum of diffuse flux
- The second moment (variance) can be adopted to constrain source populations: those with *N**<100 are already excluded
- Two-point information is already available from gamma-ray galaxy cross correlations, which can be applied to stringently constrain neutrino sources if they are of pp origin