

Diffuse Neutrino Flux from Active Galactic Nuclei

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A long history of models



A variety of AGN neutrino models



Main ingredients & assumptions

Diffuse neutrino intensity:

are the average ones.

$$\Phi_{\nu} = \frac{c}{4\pi H_0} \int^{z_{\text{max}}} dz \frac{1}{\sqrt{(1+z)^3 \Omega_m + \Omega_\Lambda}} \int dL_{\nu} \frac{dn_s}{dL_{\nu}}(z) \frac{L_{E'_{\nu}}}{E'_{\nu}}$$
Neutrino luminosity function (LF)
Assumptions:
1. The neutrino-photon luminosity
scaling relation is universal.
1. The neutrino & photon luminosities
K, y depend on source model

Diffuse neutrino flux from blazars



A simplified view of blazars



BL Lac contribution to the neutrino background (NBG)



- ~0.5% of all BL Lacs make ~95% of NBG at 1 PeV.
- 50% of this sub-sample have measurable redshifts.

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 3FGL (2FGL) detectable sources make ~15% (~12%) of total NBG. EGB includes contributions from resolved & unresolved sources.

- HBL dominate the NBG (up to ~30 PeV), but Fermi-detectable are a small fraction.
- Masquerading BL Lacs are ~ 2% of all BL Lacs, but their contribution to NBG is ~60% of all BL Lacs.

Model constraints: EHE IceCube flux



$$Y_{vy} = K < 0.1 (90 \% CL)$$

$$Y_{vy} = K \leq 0.15 \left(90 \% CL\right)$$

Model constraints: stacking limits from Fermi-LAT AGN



Model-specific constraints



- UL obtained for the 10 TeV 2 PeV energy range.
- L_v=L_γ (γ-ray weighting scheme) & soft neutrino spectra place the strongest constraints.

(b) BL Lacs

 Weaker constraints on specific models predicting hard neutrino spectra peaking beyond PeV energies.

Model constraints: neutrino multiplet limits

Non-detection of neutrino clustering constrains the source population

dim/abundant

-1 -2 Multiplet Source Limits (IceCube) -3 -4 log(n₀^{eff} [Mpc⁻³]) & 2 9 5 excluded -9 -10 -11 Muon Neutrino Constraints -12 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 4 KM & Waxman 16 PRD ^{log}(E_v L_{Ev.}^{eff} [erg s⁻¹]) 45 44 46 47 48 powerful/rare

Limit on effective number density from the lack of doublets:

$$n_0^{\text{eff}} \lesssim 1.9 \times 10^{-10} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \left(\frac{\varepsilon_{\nu} L_{\varepsilon_{\nu}}^{\text{ave}}}{10^{44} \text{ erg s}^{-1}}\right)^{-3/2} \left(\frac{b_m q_L}{6.6}\right)^{-1} \\ \times \left(\frac{F_{\text{lim}}}{10^{-9.2} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}}\right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{2\pi}{\Delta\Omega}\right),$$

Constraints from combined stacking & multiplet limits



Main conclusions:

- Stacking limits are stronger than multiplet limits for γ ~1.2 1.8
- Multiplet limits are stronger than stacking limits for $\gamma < 1.2 \& \gamma > 1.8$

Things to remember!

- Stacking limits used were obtained for the 10 TeV – 2 PeV energy range (Aartsen+2017, ApJ).
- Multiplet limits become weaker at energies > 1 PeV.

Diffuse neutrino flux from the revised blazar sequence

Constant baryon loading

Constant ratio L_v/L_v

L_v – dependent baryon loading

 $L_{v} = f_{pv} \xi L_{v} \propto \xi L_{v}^{2}$

 $L_v = K L_v \propto L_v$

 $L_{v} = f_{pv} \xi(L_{v}) L_{v} \propto \xi(L_{v}) L_{v}^{2}$



- The NBG is powered by resolved sources.
- Not consistent with *Fermi* stacking limits.
- The NBG is powered solely by BL Lacs (K_{FSRQs}=0), mostly low-luminosity sources.
- Consistent with Fermi stacking limits.
- The NBG is powered mostly by low-luminosity BL Lacs, with ξ > 10⁶.
- Consistent with Fermi stacking limits.

(Palladino+2019)

Implications for individual sources – 1



- Highly super-Eddington jet power for low-luminosity BL Lacs. Is this physical?
- High baryon loading factors suggest large contribution of hadronic EM emissions. Are blazar SEDs consistent with observed ones?
- Baryon loading for blazars with similar γ-ray luminosity as TXS 0506+056 is consistent with leptonic multi-epoch modeling. Lucky coincidence?

Implications for individual sources – 2



What about current IceCube limits on specific sources?

Contribution of y-ray flares to diffuse neutrino flux

Diffuse neutrino flux from flares in accordance with multiplet limits:



Name	L_γ	$f_{\mathrm{fl}}^{\mathrm{LE}}$	$f_{\mathrm{fl}}^{\mathrm{HE}}$	$b_{ m fl}^{ m LE}$	$b_{ m fl}^{ m HE}$	α
TXS 0506+056	10 ^{46.3}	0.1	0.03	0.1	0.1	3.0
OJ 287	$10^{46.1}$	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.1	2.9
PKS 0426-380	10^{48}	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	1.7
PKS 0301-243	10^{46}	0.04	0.05	0.1	0.3	2.5
S5 0716+071	$10^{46.7}$	0.07	0.08	0.1	0.2	1.7
S4 0954+065	$10^{45.5}$	0.04	0.03	0.07	0.3	2.5

Derived from the FAVA Analysis (Abdollahi et al. 2017)

See Oikonomou's poster for leptonic models of individual flares

(Murase, Oikonomou, MP 2018)

Main ingredients

- Daily binned decay-long Fermi-LAT light curves of 124 blazars (public products) •
- X-ray light curves based on the 14 years of Swift/XRT data (Open Universe for Blazars; Giommi et al. 2019)





Maximal flare contribution to the NBG



Summary

- Diffuse neutrino models from jetted AGN predict hard neutrino spectra typically peaking in the range of 1 10 PeV.
- Models can now be constrained by: EHE IceCube upper limits, stacking limits from Fermi-LAT detected AGN, and multiplet limits.
- Jetted AGN cannot explain the total diffuse neutrino flux measured by IceCube, but they can have a non-negligible contribution at E >1 PeV.
- Typically adopted baryon loading factors imply very high jet powers which is difficult to theoretically explain.
- To better constrain the contribution of flares to the neutrino output from blazars we need sensitive X-ray monitoring.

Thank you!

BACK-UP SLIDES

Constraints from combined stacking & multiplet limits



Fraction of resolved blazars to neutrino flux

Diffuse neutrino flux from the revised blazar sequence



Multiplet constraint



Figure 9. Multiplet limit (number of standard deviations σ of exclusion of the model due to the nonobservation of multiplets) as a function of the observed number of signal events in the throughgoing muon data set. In this analysis we use our baseline model (scenario 3) and consider all 9186 blazars contained in the distribution by Ajello et al. We show as an orange band the present number of signals detected using throughgoing muons (Aartsen et al. 2016). The purple band represents the number of years required for IceCube-Gen2 to reach the 5σ level (Aartsen et al. 2014). The band is due to the uncertainty on the contribution of the atmospheric background (mainly prompt neutrinos) to the throughgoing muons, which is about 10% (see Equation (12) of Palladino & Vissani 2017).