Star-forming Environments as Sources of High-Energy Gamma-rays and Neutrinos

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Starburst Galaxies

https://hubblesite.org/image/3898/printshop



The Starburst Galaxy M82

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Phenomenological Properties of SBGs

 \bullet Galaxies with high star-formation rate (~100 M_O/yr, to be compared with ~1 M_{\odot} /yr in the Milky Way)

Intense Star forming activity mainly concentrated in the core (nucleus), which lasts for $\sim 10^{7-8}$ yr

+ High dense interstellar gas $(n_{\rm ISM} \simeq 10^2 {\rm cm}^{-3})$

High degree of magnetic turbulence which traps high-energy protons for a long time $\sim 10^5$ yr: Cosmic Reservoirs

Expected copious hadronic production:

Interstellar gas as the target

$$p + p \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0 \dots$$

\bullet Neutrinos and γ -rays from pions decays:

$$\begin{array}{l} \pi^{\pm} \rightarrow e^{\pm} \, \nu_e \, \nu_\mu \, \overline{\nu}_\mu \\ \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \, \gamma \end{array}$$



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SFGs and SBG as Gamma-Ray Emitters

Fermi-LAT data (GeV energies) + IACTs Telescope (TeV energies)



Only a dozen of sources have been detected Only few of them have both GeV and TeV data

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For M82 also VERITAS measurements (VERITAS) Collaboration et al., 2009, Nature, 462, 770). For NGC 253 also HESS measurements (H. E. S. S. Collaboration et al., 2018, A&A, 617, A73)





CR Transport: the Leaky-Box Model

Leaky-box-like model for CR transport

$$f(p)\left(\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{loss}}(p)} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{adv}}(p)} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{diff}}(p)}\right) = Q$$

injected CR from SN explosion

 $\alpha \times e^{-p/\text{pmax}}$ mp

parameter	value
$p_{p,\max}$	10^2 PeV
α	4.2
R	0.25 kpc
D_L	3.9 Mpc
ξcr	0.1
$\mathcal{R}_{\mathrm{SN}}$	$0.06 \ yr^{-1}$
В	$200 \ \mu G$
$n_{\rm ISM}$	$100 \ {\rm cm}^{-3}$
$v_{\rm wind}$	700 km/s
$U_{\rm rad}$	2500 eV/cm^3

- In the calorimeter scenario, three main parameters:
 - Cut-off energy
 - Spectral index
 - Rate of SuperNovae explosions

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(p)

Peretti et al., arXiv:1812.01996, arXiv:1911.06163



All the SBGs are considered with the same properties of a *prototype* galaxy with "known" parameters





Diffuse Emissions: Spectral index Blending



$$\left\langle \phi_{\nu,\gamma} \left(E | p^{\max}, \alpha \right) \right\rangle_{\alpha} = \int \mathrm{d}\alpha \, \phi_{\nu,\gamma} \left(E | p^{\max}, \alpha \right) q$$

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Each source has their own parameters (Spectral index Blending!)



p(lpha)

Distribution of 12 SFGs and SBGs resolved in gamma-rays

Ajello+, ApJ 894 (2020) (arXiv:2003.05493)

$$p(\alpha) = \mathcal{N}(\alpha|4.2, 0.04)$$

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Blending versus Prototype



The diffuse gamma contributions are almost the same!



Blending versus Prototype





Larger contribution around 100 TeV! Potentially, It could alleviate the Tension between neutrino and gamma-ray data when using a hadronic model to explain IceCube observations.

Blending versus Prototype

A possible contribution from Blazar? A possible interplay between reservoirs and accelerators?

Results: Blending versus Prototype We performed a multi-component fit

The Gamma-Ray Contributions:

- 1. SBGs
- 2. Blazar + Electromagnetic Cascades
- 3. Radio Galaxies

For Blazars and Radio Galaxies, we used the estimations given by Ajello et al. 2015 (ArXiv: 1501.05301) Main Result

∼ Non-Zero SBG component at 68% Confidence Level ~ Preferred smaller values of the maximum energies for injected CRs: $p^{max} < 50$ PeV

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The Neutrino Contributions:

- 1. SBGs
- **2.** Blazars

For Blazars, we used the estimations given by Palladino et. Al 2019 (ArXiv:1806.04769)

Ambrosone+, **2011.02483**

Results 2.0: Blending versus Prototype

The Blending Scenario is allowed to give a greater contribution than the prototype scenario...but it is not enough...Other Contributions?

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Can SBGs be observed as point-like Neutrino Emitters?

Probing the SBG Calorimetric Scenario

		We analyze the observe
Source	Uniform prior	♦ We use both GeV a
	М _*	→IR + UV da
M82	3.0 - 30	
NGC 253	1.4 - 17	
ARP 220	60-740	♦ Starburst I
NGC 4945	0.35-4.15	
NGC 1068	5-93	Escaping pl
NGC 2146	3-57	
ARP 299	28-333	 Using Kennicutt's
M31	0.09 - 0.90	, e e
M33	0.09 - 0.90	
NGC 3424	0.4-5.4	$n_{\rm ISM} = 175 \left(\frac{1}{5} {\rm M_{\odot}} \right)$
NGC 2403	0.1 - 1.2	
\mathbf{SMC}	0.008 - 0.090	Gas donsit
Circinus Galaxy	0.1 - 8.1	for p-p inte

Kennicutt and Evans, ARA&A 50 (2012); Kennicutt & De Los Reyes, ApJ 908 (2021)

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ed nearby SBG Gamma-ray SED: Bayesian approach

and TeV gamma-ray data (Fermi-LAT + IACTs data)

ata: Prior on the star formation rate

Nucleus of the order of $10^2 pc$

nenomena dominated by advection

relations:

$$\left(\frac{M_*}{{
m yr}^{-1}}\right)^{2/3} {
m cm}^{-3} \qquad U_{
m rad} = 2500 \left(\frac{\dot{M}_*}{5 {
m M}_\odot {
m yr}^{-1}}\right) {
m eV} {
m cm}^{-3}$$

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Photon energy density as target for secondary production

Kennicutt, ARA&A 36 (1998); Inoue+, PASJ 52 (2000); Hirashita+, A&A 410 (2003); Yuan+, PASJ 63 (2011);

Ambrosone+, ApJL 919 [2106.12348]

Probing the SBG Calorimetric Scenario Ambrosone+, ApJL 919 [2106.12348]

Neutrino Expectations: KM3NeT Forecast

Future γ/ν observations will be fundamental to:

- Discover if Neutrino Astronomy is a tracer for star-forming activity
- Probe the calorimetric fraction inside SBG: If there will be no detection, nearby SBGs are dominated by diffusion and not by either p-p collisions or advection.

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Which is the Role of KM3NeT/ARCA in Unveiling SBG Emission?

The KM3NeT Infrastructure

KM3NeT is a neutrino detector under construction. It is distributed in two parts. ARCA (Astroparticle Research with Cosmics in the Abyss) and Orca (Oscillation Research with Cosmics in the Abyss). See Letter of Intent for KM3NeT 2.0, doi; 10.1088/0954-3899/43/8/084001

ARCA: Study of the high-energy astrophysical Neutrinos

ORCA: Study of Neutrino Physics

https://www.km3net.org/

Although the detectors are under construction, KM3NeT is already operative (28 DUs for ARCA)

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Detection Principle:

Track-like event

Shower-like Event

Analysis Framework

The Detector Response Functions are used to obtain the expected signal and background distribution

Maximum Binned Likelihood Method

• Point-Like (extended) Analysis: Binning in $log(E_{reco})$ and in cone angle (α)

• Diffuse Analysis: Binning in log(E_{reco})

> We study the sensitivity by using the Pseudo experiment (PE) technique

Sensitivity Definition TS_m is the median TS in the backgroundonly distribution $\int_{TS_m}^{+\infty} d(TS|\lambda_{90}) dTS = 90\%$

See *PoS* ICRC2023 (2023) 1150 for more details

 $\mathcal{L} = \prod_{i,j} P(n_{i,j} | \lambda \mu_s^{\iota,j} + \mu_b^{\iota,j})$

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Example: Signal and Background distribution

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Diffuse Analysis Results

KM3NeT/ARCA sensitivity for tracks and cascades peak at different energies

◆KM3NeT/ARCA will crucially probe the diffuse neutrino flux in few years of Data Taking

KM3NeT/ARCA Differential Limits set the capabilities of the detector independently on the energy spectrum

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They provide the expected capabilities of KM3NeT/ARCA outside the energy of the ICeCube Flux

The Small Magellanic Cloud (SMC)

+After ~ 8yr, the theoretical model can be constrained providing important information on the CR transport inside the source

 \bullet The Differential Sensitivity peaks at ~ 100 TeV

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+ The SMC is simulated as an extended source (disk with $r = 0.5^{\circ}$) ~ 1° of extension

The Circinus Galaxy

♦ Only the upper-limit of the expected neutrino flux from SBG activity can be probed after ~ 20yr of operation for the full KM3NeT/ARCA

The differential limits are able to constrain the AGN corona activity of this source

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Important target for data analysis!

NGC 1068 KM3NeT/ARCA230 Preliminary, 10 years 3.0**NGC 1068** 10^{-7} 2.5 $E_{2}^{2} \Phi_{\nu_{\mu} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}}^{-10} \left[\frac{\text{GeV}}{\text{GeV}} \frac{\text{Cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}}{10^{-10}} \right]^{-10}$ 2.0 $\frac{\Phi_{lpha}}{\Phi_s}$ 1.5 IceCube result (*Science* 378 (2022) 6619, 538-543) 1.0 2σ Confidence Region (IceCube)+ best-fit $E^{-3.2} 5 \sigma$ discovery-flux (tracks+showers) 10^{-11} 0.590% CL Differential Sensitivty (tracks) 5σ Differential discovery-flux (tracks) SBG Model + 1σ uncertainty

 10^{5}

 $E \,[{\rm GeV}]$

• KM3NeT/ARCA, after 3yr of data taking, will be able to discover at 5σ a $E^{-3.2}$ spectrum with the normalization IC has measured

 10^{6}

♦ SBG Activity cannot explain NGC 1068 Neutrino Emission

 10^{4}

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 10^{3}

 10^{-12}

It is difficult to probe the SBG activity of this source through neutrino observations

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Can we probe Dark Matter Properties using local /nearby SBGs?

SBGs: Dark Matter Laboratories

We cannot directly probe the CR spectrum inside the SBGs...but we observe γ -rays (and possibly $\nu)!$

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Suppression from proton form factor $F_p(q^2) = \left(\frac{1}{1 + q^2/(0.77 \text{ GeV})^2}\right)$

Dark Matter Density

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- Parameters from cosmological simulations $c_{200} = r_{200}/r_s$ $M_{200} = \int_0^{r_{200}} \rho_{\chi}(r) \,\mathrm{d}V$ total mass concentration
- ✦ Large uncertainty on the DM density inside the StarBurst Nucleus (SBN)
- + However, it marginally affects the γ -ray emission

$$\Phi_{\gamma} \propto \int \frac{Q_p(p,r) \tau_{\text{loss}}^{\chi p}(r)}{V} \, \mathrm{d}V \propto \int \frac{\rho_{\chi}^{-1}(r)}{V} \, \mathrm{d}V$$

Average inside the SBN

Signatures of CR-DM Interactions Scatterings

Suppression due to proton form factor

$$E_{\mathrm{dip}}^p = m_p^2 / (2m_\chi) \qquad E_{\mathrm{dip}}^\gamma \simeq 0.1 E_{\mathrm{dip}}^p$$

For DM-p inelastic collisions, we have rescaled the neutrino-nucleon cross section.

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When, inelastic DM-p collisions dominate, SBGs higher calorimetric have a fraction than before!

Dip in the γ -ray SED

The smaller the DM mass, the higher the dip energy

DM Constraints from SBGs

"Standard" constraints in shaded grey

Distortions of Milky-Way Cosmic-Rays (5σ)
 Cappiello, Ng, Beacom, PRD 99 (2019)

✦ Boosted DM from blazar jets (90% CL):

(1) MiniBooNE and (2) XENON1T

 ★ Requiring DM spikes (high density) around the black holes → large uncertainties!

Wang+ PRL 128 (2022), Granelli+ JCAP 07 (2022)

OUR CONSTRAINTS FROM SBG (5 σ)

M82 and NGC253

The Importance of new Measurements

- ♦ The CTA Telescope will probe SBG emission above $\gtrsim 100$ GeV up to ~ 10 TeV
- ◆Public Information of the telescope can be possible future simulate used to measurements (Mock data)

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♦ The same statistical Analysis with 50 mock datasets

The resulting band represents the expected fluctuation of the possible new datasets

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♦Theoretical bounds mimic the maximal energy which experiments can probe

The theoretical bounds are obtained through: $\min_{E < E} \operatorname{cut} \left[\tau_{\chi p}^{\text{el,eff}} \left(\frac{1}{\tau_{\text{esc}}} + \frac{1}{\tau_{\text{loss}}^{\text{eff}}} \right) \right] = 1$

The Multi-Messenger Picture for the Milky Way

Which processes do the for account neutrino emissions?

+ For the first time, the multi-messenger picture of the Milky Way comprises high-energy neutrinos.

What did ICeCube really Observed?

The IceCube Collaboration has tested different templates

The result is model-dependent

At ~ 100TeV, the results seem converging to $E^2 \Phi_{\nu+\overline{\nu}} \simeq 2 \times 10^{-8} \text{GeV} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

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Ambrosone et al. Arxiv: 2306.17285

Normalized quasi-diffuse emission $\phi_{\rm QD}/\phi_{\rm iso}$ at 100 TeV $(|\ell| \le 90^{\circ} \text{ and } |b| \le 15^{\circ})$

15° SNR latitude b 4-arm spiral 0 -15 neutrinos 15° **SNR** latitude bdiffuse azimuthal 0° -15° 15° Fermi π^0 latitude b 0° -15° 15° latitude b KRA_v 0° -15° -60° 60° 90° -30° 30° 0° longitude ℓ 0.5

IceCube's limited power to disentangle angular distribution of the signal, leave room for unresolved sources to contribute

Discovery Horizon for Galactic Sources

$$D_{\rm max}(\delta) \equiv \sqrt{\frac{4\pi [E_{\nu}^2 \Phi_{\rm DP}(E_{\nu}, \delta)]_{E_{\nu} = 100 \,{\rm TeV}}}$$

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Discovery horizon for $L_{100 \text{ TeV}} = 10^{34} \text{ erg/s} (\Phi \propto E^{-2})$ 8 315° GC 0 Galactocentric y [kpc] Sun -8Cas -12 -16^{-1} 12 kpc IC Tracks IC Cascades -20^{-1} SNRs IC-Gen2 (10yr) **PWNe** KM3NeT (6yr) YMSCs -24-1212 -8-16Galactocentric *x* [kpc]

♦ Different provide Neutrino telescopes complementary view of the sky

The sensitivity implies an horizon inside our

Limits on Galactic Source Population

No galactic source has been detected, so this implies limits on a population of galactic sources

At the moment, IceCube is not sensitivity enough to exclude a 100% contribution from point-source and extended sources

◆Future telescopes such as KM3NeT and ICeCube Gen 2 can probe powerful bevatrons such as Hypernovae

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Conclusions

SBGs Non-thermal Emissions

- + We have introduced a new evidence-based spectral index blending to quantify the diffuse SBG gamma-ray and neutrino emissions
- Some Nearby SBGs can produce a point-like excess within few years of data taking of the upcoming KM3NeT Telescope
- ◆Upcoming gamma-ray telescopes will give us a better understanding of the cosmic-ray transport inside SBGs.

- ◆We have calculated, for the first time, the differential sensitivity for the KM3NeT/ARCA detector
- KM3NeT/ARCA full detector will strongly constrain the properties of the diffuse neutrino spectrum in few years of data taking
 - ◆In a few years of data taking, ARCA will be able to test the potential hadronic emission coming from SMC

Galactic Neutrino Emission

- +At the moment, the galactic neutrinos might be powered by point sources at $E_{
 u} \simeq 100 {
 m TeV}$
- ◆Future neutrino telescopes are going to probe powerful bevatrons such as YMSCs and HNR

SBGs as a probe for DM

- Strong and robust constraints on sub-GeV Dark Matter from M82 and NGC253!
- + The neutrino and γ -ray emission from SBGs can be used to probe new physics!
- Current γ -ray data put strong constraints on DM-P cross section up to $\sigma_{\gamma p} \simeq 10^{-34} \text{cm}^2$

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KM3NeT

Back-Up Slides

Cosmic-Rays Transport inside SBGs

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The Starburst Galaxy M82

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+ $\tau_{adv} = R/v_{wind}$

+ $\tau_{\rm diff} = R^2/D$

Sensitivity Dependence on Declination

◆The sensitivities are calculated considering point-like neutrino source emissions (No extension)

+For very low declination bands, the sensitivity at high energy gets worse

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DM Constraints Dependence on the Profile

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The constraints are robust against the uncertainty on the DM profile!

 \bullet The uncertainty on the bounds is of the order of $\sim 1-2$ orders of magnitudes

Neutrino Selection

• Background: μ atmospheric, ν atmospheric $(\nu_{\mu}, \nu_{e}, \nu_{\tau})$

• Signal: νE^{-2} Spectrum (ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ)

•Up-going cut ($\theta < 100^\circ$)

Long-track events (Len > 300 m)

• Contained events (fiducial volume) (R_{det} <600, Z_{det} <650)

•All sky

For both channels, we finalize the selection by using a Boosted decision tree (BDT) (Machine learning techinque)

See (*PoS* ICRC2023 (2023) 1074) for more details and (*EPJ Web Conf.* 280 (2023) 03001, *J.Phys.Conf.Ser.* 2429 (2023) 1, 012028)

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 $n_{s} = T \int_{\Delta E} A_{eff}(E) \phi_{s}(E) dE$

On the Origin of the Galactic Neutrino Emissions

+There are different models to describe the neutrino emission of the galactic plane

How do we model the galactic neutrino emissions? Exploiting CR and γ -rays observations

♦Π⁰ from Fermi-LAT Observations Model (lt assumes homogeneous CR diffusion along the galactic plane)

 $\Phi_{\nu} \propto E^{-2}$. (Soft Spectrum inherited by the CR distribution)

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♦KRA gamma Model

 $\Phi_{\nu} \propto E^{-2.5}$ (Hard spectrum due to radial-dependent diffusion)

Neutrino Emission from Galactic Point-Sources

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Azimuthally-independent

$$\left(\frac{r}{r_{\odot}}\right)^{\alpha}e^{-\beta(r/r_{\odot}-1)}$$

$$\rho(r,\phi,z) \equiv \overline{\rho}(r) \sum_{i} w_{i} \frac{e^{\kappa \cos(\phi - \phi_{i}(r))}}{I_{0}(\kappa)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Assuming the same power-law for each source, the flux is

$$\phi_{\rm QD}(E_{\nu},\Omega) = \frac{Q_{\nu}(E_{\nu})}{4\pi} \int_{0}^{+\infty} dD\rho(\mathbf{r}_{\odot} + D\mathbf{n}(\Omega))$$

Can we probe the Cosmic-Rays transport using local /nearby SBGs?

Probing the Cosmic-Ray Transport inside SBGs

Model A (adopted in the previous results):

Peretti+, MNRAS 487 (2019)

♦Winds are global phenomena in SBGs

✦The diffusion of CRs occurs along pre-existing (strong) magnetic turbulence. This leads to a small diffusion coefficient

Model B *Krumholz+, MNRAS 493 (2020)*

- Advection is negligible process
- ◆Diffusion of CRs occurs by self-generated streaming instability. This leads to a high diffusion coefficient

TeV Gamma-rays from Model B are suppressed due to major role of diffusion. SBGs stop being calorimetric!

Cosmic- Ray Transport Mechanism inside SBGs are, **however**, model-dependent.

TeV Measurements are fundamental: CTA Forecast

Future Measurements should be able, despite astrophysical uncertainties, to distinguish between the two scenario at more than 2σ level!

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Ambrosone+, MNRAS [2203.03642]

Implications For Neutrino Astronomy

Different CR mechanism scenarios might well give a different contribution to the diffuse emissions

Model A (Peretti+, MNRAS 487 (2019))

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Model B (Krumholz+, MNRAS 493 (2020))

Attention: Due to uncertain origin of the diffuse emissions data, we cannot use them to discrminate between the two CR transport models

