## Sources of high-energy neutrinos

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High-energy phenomena in relativistic outflows (HEPRO)

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Center theme: What can we learn about cosmic-ray acceleration in relativistic jets from neutrino observations?

Will **not** tell you how the particles are accelerated, but give you an idea what it needs to describe neutrino and UHECR observations and what the critical issues are ...



### Detections of astrophysical neutrinos

A selection of results





#### Science 378 (2022) 6619, 538

| Focus of this talk: Relativistic outflows |                           |                              |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Class                                     | Evidence for $\mathbf{v}$ | Related to relativistic jet? |  |  |  |
| AGN blazars                               | Widely accepted           | Probably (Γ ~ 10-30)         |  |  |  |
| Tidal Disruption Events                   | Several hints             | Maybe (Γ ~ 10-100?)          |  |  |  |
| Gamma-Ray Bursts                          | None – why?               | Should be! ( $\Gamma$ > 100) |  |  |  |



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Science 380 (2023) 1338; see also Phys. Lett. B 841 (2023) 137951

## Radiation models and neutrino production

- Neutrino production e.g. through  $\Delta$ -resonance (p $\gamma$ )  $E_{\nu}$  [keV] ~ 0.01  $\Gamma^{2}/E_{\nu}$  [PeV] TeV-PeV  $p + \gamma \to \Delta^+ \to \begin{cases} n + \pi^+ \to \mathbf{v} \\ p + \pi^0 \to \mathbf{v} \end{cases}$ -- From  $\mu$  decay  $10^{-12}$ --- From  $\pi$  decay  ${\cal E}_{\gamma}^2 Q_{\nu}/(N_{\gamma} N_p \text{ GeV cm}^{-3} s^{-1})$ From K decay E<sub>v,peak</sub> ~ 0.05 E<sub>p,max</sub> Combined  $10^{-13}$  - SOPHIA ~ E-α+β-1 10<sup>-14</sup>  $E^{-\alpha}$ : protons, E<sup>-β</sup>: target photons 10<sup>-15</sup>  $10^{-16}$  $10^6 \ 10^7 \ 10^8 \ 10^9 \ 10^{10}$  $10^{5}$  $10^{4}$  $10^{3}$  $E_{\nu}/\text{GeV}$
- Interaction rate ~ c N [cm<sup>-3</sup>] σ [cm<sup>2</sup>]
   Very sensitive to size of radiation zone!
- $Q_{v,out}$ Interactions described by kinetic equations Radiation Q<sub>p,out</sub> Q<sub>p,in</sub> (one PDE per species) zone: Radiation processes include  $N_{p}, N_{\gamma}$ interactions, escape, cooling, interactions injection  $\mathbf{Q}_{\gamma,\text{out}}$ Numerical tool: • public soon В Bethe-Heitler Proton Photopion Photopion Photopion Hadronic  $(\Pi^0 \text{ component})$ pair production  $(\Pi^{-} \text{ component})$ synchrotron  $(\Pi^+ \text{ component})$ eptonic Inverse Compton Photon-photon Electron-positron Electron synchrotron scattering pair production annihilation

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Hümmer et al, Astrophys. J. 721 (2010) 630.

Pian, Nature Astronomy 3 (2019) 24

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## **Neutrinos from AGN blazars**

AGN blazar

https://multimessenger.desy.de/

### A neutrino from the flaring AGN blazar TXS 0506+056

125m

#### Sept. 22, 2017: A neutrino in coincidence with a blazar flare



#### SED from a multi-wavelength campaign



Color: coincident with neutrino; gray: archival data

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### Analysis of archival neutrino (IceCube)

A (orphan) neutrino flare (2014-15) found from the same object in archival neutrino data



During that historical flare:

- Coincident data sparse (since no dedicated follow-up campaign)
- No significant gamma-ray activity

#### Fermi-LAT data; Padovani et al, MNRAS 480 (2018) 192



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## **One zone model results (2017 flare)**





No neutrinos



Violate X-ray data ٠

> X-ray (and TeV  $\gamma$ -ray) data indicative for hadronic origin

Hybrid or p synchrotron models



Violate energetics (L<sub>edd</sub>) by a • factor of a few hundred or significantly exceed v energy Baryonic loading  $1/f_e > 10^4$ 

Gao, Fedynitch, Winter, Pohl, Nature Astronomy 3 (2019) 88; see also Cerutti et al, 2018; Sahakyan, 2018; Gokus et at, 2018; Keivani et al, 2018

### The archival (2014-15) neutrino flare of TXS 0506+056



- Electromagnetic data during neutrino flare sparse (colored)
- Hardening in gamma-rays? (red shaded region)

Padovani et al, 2018; Garrappa et al, arXiv:1901.10806

Theoretical challenge: Where did all the energy go to?

$$p + \gamma \to \Delta^+ \to \begin{cases} n + \pi^+ & \bullet & \mathsf{Comparable} \\ p + \pi^0 & \bullet & \gamma \end{cases} \begin{array}{c} \mathsf{Comparable} \\ \mathsf{amounts of} \\ \mathsf{energy} \end{cases}$$

**Options for "hiding" the gamma-rays (+electrons):** 

 Reprocessed into E ranges without data during flare? (e.g. MeV range) Rodrigues et al, ApJL 874 (2019) L29



- Leave source + **dumped** into the **background light**?
  - $\rightarrow$  Implies low radiation density ( $\gamma$ -rays escape)
  - $\rightarrow$  Energetics more challenging
- Absorbed or scattered in some opaque region,
  - e.g. dust/gas/radiation?
    - → Requires additional model ingredients see e.g. Wang et al, 2018; Murase et al, 2018

# Systematic modeling

#### of 324 AGN blazars

Spectral energy distribution benefits from hadronic contributions in about 1/3 of all cases





### **Energy crisis for cosmic-ray acceleration?**



• Substantial fraction of Eddington luminosity has to go into non-thermal protons. In many cases super-Eddington.



#### **Theoretical comments/questions**

- The electron parameters (E<sub>e,min</sub>, E<sub>e,max</sub>, γ<sub>e</sub>, even escape) are often free parameters

   → Self-consistent description?
   e.g. Zech, Lemoine, 2021
- The proton parameters (esp. E<sub>p,min</sub>, γ<sub>p</sub>) are often chosen *ad hoc.* (I.h.s: 100 GeV, E<sup>-1</sup>)
   → Harder spectra and higher E<sub>p,min</sub> can mitigate the energy problem
   → Are E<sub>e,min</sub> and E<sub>p,min</sub> connected?
- Can such high baryonic loadings be justified from theoretical arguments?

Are super-Eddington accretion flares somehow connected with cosmic-ray acceleration?

## **Neutrinos from TDEs**

**Tidal Disruption Events** 

Is there a connection with a relativistic outflow?

https://www.desy.de/e409/e116959/e119238/media/9170/TDE DESY SciComLab sound 080p.mp4

### How to disrupt a star

#### **Fundamentals**

 Force on a mass element in the star (by gravitation) ~ force exerted by the SMBH at distance (tidal radius)

$$r_t = \left(\frac{2M}{m}\right)^{1/3} R \simeq 8.8 \times 10^{12} \,\mathrm{cm} \,\left(\frac{M}{10^6 \,M_\odot}\right)^{1/3} \frac{R}{R_\odot} \left(\frac{m}{M_\odot}\right)^{-1/3}$$

 Has to be beyond Schwarzschild radius for TDE (otherwise swallowed as a whole)

$$R_s = \frac{2MG}{c^2} \simeq 3 \times 10^{11} \,\mathrm{cm} \left(\frac{M}{10^6 \ M_{\odot}}\right)$$

 From the comparison (r<sub>t</sub> > R<sub>s</sub>) and demographics, one obtains (theory) M <~ 2 10<sup>7</sup> M<sub>☉</sub> (lower limit less certain ...) Hills, 1975; Kochanek, 2016; van Velzen 2017

> corona disk infalling stream

#### Theory: A unified model?

- Supported by MHD simulations; here  $M_{SMBH} = 5 \ 10^6 \ M_{\odot}$
- Jet formation depends on SMBH spin
- Average mass accretion rate  $\dot{M} \sim 10^2 L_{
  m Edd}$ 
  - $\sim 20\%$  of that into jet
  - ~ 3% into bolometric luminosity



### **Relativistic jets from TDEs**

#### **Radio observations**

Interesting signals in about 1/3 of all cases. Evolving radio signals interpreted as outflow or jet:



Alexander, van Velzen, Horesh, Zauderer, Space Sci. Rev. 216 (2020) 5, 81

A new example: AT2022cmc

- Extremely luminous
- Non-thermal spectra in X-rays
- Associated with on-axis (or slightly off-axis) relativistic jet
- Γ ~ few to 90 (!) (one model AT2022cmc)
- Typical assumption  $\Gamma \sim 10$
- Conclusion: About 1% of all TDEs have relativistic jets (not necessarily pointed in our direction, i.e., "TDE blazars")





Andreoni et al, Nature 612 (2022) 7940, 430; Pasham et al, Nature Astron. 7 (2023) 1, 88

## **Neutrinos from TDEs**

#### Analysis

- Three neutrinos associated with TDE candidates Stein et al, Nature Astronomy 5 (2021) 510; Reusch et al, PRL 128 (2022) 22 van Velzen et al, arXiv:2111.09391
- Overall significance:  $3.7\sigma$ • van Velzen et al, arXiv:2111.09391

#### **Common features:**

- All three TDEs exhibit strong dust • echoes in the infrared range
- All three TDEs have been detected in • X-rays (not so frequent for TDEs!)
- All three TDEs exhibit neutrino time ٠ delays order 10<sup>7</sup> s wrt BB peak
- All three neutrinos arrived at the peak of the dust echoes





#### **Possible interpretation:**

- What if ... the dust echo itself (IR) is the target for cosmic ray interactions?
- Consequence (from  $p\gamma$  interactions):  $E_p > 1.6 \text{ EeV} (T_{IR}/0.1 \text{ eV})^{-1}$ (for nuclei: rigidity R > 1.6 EV)
- Compatible with UHECR fits, e.g. R<sub>max</sub> ~ 1.4-3.5 EV. Coincidence? Heinze et al, ApJ 873 (2019) 1, 88
- Points towards interactions of UHECRs Winter, Lunardini, ApJ 948 (2023) 1, 42

### **Possible particle acceleration sites**

① Jets (on-axis, off-axis, choked)

Wang et al, 2011; Wang&Liu 2016; Dai&Fang, 2016; Lunardini&Winter, 2017; Senno et al 2017; Winter, Lunardini, 2020; Liu, Xi, Wang, 2020; Zheng, Liu, Wang, 2022; Mukhopadhyay et al, 2023

2 Disk

Hayasaki&Yamazaki, 2019

③ Corona Murase et al, 2020

Winds, outflow, stream-stream collisions
 Murase et al, 2020; Fang et al, 2020; Wu et al, 2021

Probably neutrinos not associated with on-axis jets (constraints from radio signals). But: hypothesis "jetted TDEs ~ neutrino-emitting TDEs" roughly consistent with neutrino diffuse flux at highest energies powered by TDEs



Winter, Lunardini, ApJ 948 (2023) 1, 42

### Example: A jetted concordance scenario for AT2019dsg

Addresses energetics issue, but challenged by radio observations



Winter, Lunardini, Nature Astronomy 5 (2021) 472 [based on Dai et al, 2018]; see also Liu, Xi, Wang, 2020 for an off-axis jet; Zheng, Liu, Wang, 2022, Mukhopadhyay et al, 2023 for choked jets

## Why no neutrinos for GRBs?

Focus on prompt phase, internal shocks



### **Multimessenger bounds**

Gamma-ray observations (e.g. Fermi, Swift, etc)





function

Neutrino observations (e.g. IceCube, **ANTARES**)

Use timing, directional and energy information to reduce backgrounds





Fig. from update: ApJ 843 (2017) 112

Murase, Mukhopadhyay, Kheirandish, Kimura, Fang, 2022; see also Ai, Gao, 2022

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Biehl, Boncioli, Fedynitch, Winter, arXiv:1705.08909 Astron. Astrophys. 611 (2018) A101; Baerwald, Bustamante, Winter, Astropart. Phys. 62 (2015) 66

reconnection?)

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### Back to the roots: Outflow models

Continuous outflow:  $t'_{dyn}=R_c/(c \Gamma)$ 







From: Bustamante, Heinze, Murase, Winter, ApJ 837 (2017) 33; Bustamante, Baerwald, Murase, Winter, Nature Commun. 6 (2015) 6783 Tobs [s]

### A unified engine model with free injection compositions

Systematic parameter space study requires model which can capture stochastic and continuous engine properties

#### **Model description**



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**Description of UHECR data** 

### Inferred neutrino fluxes from the parameter space scan

Prompt neutrino flux possibly testable with IceCube-Gen2, cosmogenic one in future radio instruments



The different messengers "prefer" different production regions; one zone therefore no good approximation for neutrino production

Heinze, Biehl, Fedynitch, Boncioli, Rudolph, Winter, MNRAS 498 (2020) 4, 5990

### Interpretation of the results and open issues

 The required injection compositon is derived: more that 70% heavy (N+Si+Fe) at the 95% CL (here: non-thermal energy fractions)



 Self-consistent energy budget requires kinetic energies larger than 10<sup>55</sup> erg – perhaps biggest challenge for UHECR paradigm?

|  | SR-0S                            | SR-LS                            | WR-MS                            | WR-HS                            |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| $E_{\gamma}$                                 | $6.67 \cdot 10^{52} \text{ erg}$ | $8.00 \cdot 10^{52} \text{ erg}$ | $8.21 \cdot 10^{52} \text{ erg}$ | $4.27 \cdot 10^{52} \text{ erg}$ |
| $E_{\rm UHECR}^{\rm esc}$ (escape)           | $2.01 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$ | $2.10 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$ | $1.85 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$ | $1.69 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$ |
| $E_{\rm CR}^{\rm src}$ (in-source)           | $5.11 \cdot 10^{54} \text{ erg}$ | $5.13 \cdot 10^{54} \text{ erg}$ | $4.62 \cdot 10^{54} \text{ erg}$ | $4.36 \cdot 10^{54} \text{ erg}$ |
| $E_{\rm UHECR}^{\rm src}$ (in-source, UHECR) | $3.70 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$ | $4.46 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$ | $3.97 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$ | $3.57 \cdot 10^{53} \text{ erg}$ |
| $E_{ u}$                                     | $7.81 \cdot 10^{49} \text{ erg}$ | $2.18 \cdot 10^{50} \text{ erg}$ | $1.28 \cdot 10^{51} \text{ erg}$ | $1.79 \cdot 10^{51} \text{ erg}$ |
| $E_{kin,init}$ (isotropic-equivalent)        | $2.90 \cdot 10^{55} \text{ erg}$ | $3.03 \cdot 10^{55} \text{ erg}$ | $4.50 \cdot 10^{55} \text{ erg}$ | $7.81 \cdot 10^{55} \text{ erg}$ |
| Dissipation efficiency $\epsilon_{\rm diss}$ | 0.28                             | 0.22                             | 0.13                             | 0.14                             |

• Light curves may be used as engine discriminator



Heinze, Biehl, Fedynitch, Boncioli, Rudolph, Winter, MNRAS 498 (2020) 4, 5990

### Hadronic signatures in the electromagnetic spectrum



Example: Energetic GRB with  $E_{\gamma,iso} \sim 10^{54}$  erg, single pulse, synchrotron (fast) cooling dominated SED, large  $R_C \sim 10^{16}$  cm

Contribution from different components

Impact of baryonic loading:



- $\rightarrow$  Neutrino production dominated by low photon energies
- $\rightarrow$  Hadronic contributions enhance neutrino production
- $\rightarrow$  High peak neutrino energies

Baryonic loadings 3-10 do not modify electromagnetic spectrum at peak!

Rudolph, Petropoulou, Bosnjak, WW, ApJ 950 (2023) 1, 28. See also Rudolph et al, ApJL 944 (2023) 2, L34 for the application to GRB 221009 and Asano, Inoue, Meszaros, ApJ 699 (2009) 953 (earlier work)

### **Summary and open issues**

... from neutrino observations and the UHECR connection

#### Generic observations and open issues for acceleration models with relativistic outflows

- Neutrino production requires very efficient energy transfer into non-thermal protons. Are neutrino flares related to super-Eddington accretion events?
- Acceleration theory: Hard acceleration spectra or large E<sub>p,min</sub> can mitigate the energy crisis. Is there a connection with E<sub>e,min</sub>?
- What does the required injection composition tell us about the UHECR acceleration?
- How do UHECRs escape from the source?

#### **Neutrinos from AGN blazars**

- Some convincing evidence
- Strong parameter constraints from SED on that zone
- Low neutrino production efficiency
- Certainly no energy equipartition e-p, super-Eddington accretion needed?

#### Neutrinos from TDE jets?

- Several hints for neutrinos from TDEs
- TDE jets interesting because they can address the energetics issue
- However, so far no clear identification of a *jetted* TDE with a neutrino

#### **Neutrinos from GRBs**

- Expected if GRBs are the sources of the UHECRs. Requires relatively high kinetic energies!
- So far no GRB neutrino seen
- One zone models constrained, but does not rule out UHECR paradigm in multi-zone models yet

## BACKUP

### One zone description of spectral energy distribution (AGN)



Energy deposited in MeV range and absorbed in EBL (here about 80% absorbed, 20% re-processed for  $E_{\gamma} > \text{TeV}$ )

Primary electron processes (synchrotron and inverse Compton) dominate *nowhere* in this model!

From: Rodrigues, Gao, Fedynitch, Palladino, Winter, ApJL 874 (2019) L29; see also Halzen, et al, ApJL 874 (2019) 1, L9; Petropoulou et al, ApJ 891 (2020) 115

### **TDE observations (general)**



van Velzen et al, Astrophys. J. 908 (2021) 1, 4; Alexander, van Velzen, Horesh, Zauderer, Space Sci. Rev. 216 (2020) 5, 81

- Optical-UV (blackbody): Mass fallback rate typically exhibits a peak and then a ~ t<sup>-5/3</sup> dropoff over a few hundred days
- X-rays:

Only observed in rare cases (here about 4 out of 17). X-ray properties very different

• Radio:

Interesting signals in about 1/3 of all cases. Evolving radio signals interpreted as outflow or jet



### **Neutrino production efficiency in GRBs**

• Pion production efficiency  $f_{\pi}$  (~ 0.2  $\tau_{p\gamma}$ ) from photon energy density:



• Production radius R and luminosity  $L_{\gamma}$  are the main control parameters for the particle interactions [for fixed  $t_{\nu}$ ]  $\rightarrow$  Neutrino production, EM cascade from secondaries, nuclear disintegration, etc.

e.g. Guetta et al, 2003; He et al, 2012; Zhang, Kumar, 2013; Biehl et al, arXiv:1705.08909 (Sec. 2.5); Pitik et al, 2021

(redshift neglected

shock rest frame)

for simplicity! Primed quantities:

#### Back to the drawing board: Multi-collision models

The GRB prompt emission comes from multiple zones (one GRB)



#### **Observations**

- The collision radius can vary over orders of magnitude
- The different messengers prefer different production regions; one zone therefore no good approximation
- The neutrino emission can be significantly lower
- The **engine properties** determine the nature of the (multi-messenger) light curves, and where the collisions take place
- Many aspects studied, such as impact of collision dynamics, interplay engine properties and light curves, dissipation efficiency etc.

### **Application to GRB 221009A**

- Baryonic loading 1/f<sub>e</sub> ~ 3 consistent with UHECR paradigm, LHAASO photons from EBL interactions, ~energy equipartition
- Intermittent engine  $t_{var}$ ~1s, quiescent period ~ 200s,  $R_C$  ~ 10<sup>16</sup> cm
- Spectrum does not carry significant hadronic signatures; neutrino spectra consistent with non-observation



