# **Multimessenger (MM) Astronomy**

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# Two books on MM Astronomy

Astronomy and Astrophysics Library

#### Maurizio Spurio

### Probes of Multimessenger Astrophysics

Charged Cosmic Rays, Neutrinos, γ-Rays and Gravitational Waves

Second Edition







**Undergraduate Lecture Notes in Physics** 

Alessandro De Angelis Mário Pimenta

### Introduction to Particle and Astroparticle Physics

Multimessenger Astronomy and its Particle Physics Foundations

Second Edition



### What is Multimessenger (MM) Astronomy?

- Exploration of Universe through the combination of information from a multitude of cosmic messengers:
  - Electromagnetic radiation
  - Gravitational Waves
  - Neutrinos
  - Cosmic-Rays
- **Key point:** these messengers are created by different astrophysical processes, and thus reveal different & complementary information about their sources.
- MM Astronomy is the natural extension of the traditional (optical photons) & multi-wavelength astronomy.

### Multimessenger Astronomy: "the event of a lifetime" (in words of F. Halzen)

+ Gravitational Waves

Photon

Neutrino

Image credit: DESY

## The ideal messenger of the Universe

### • Large horizon distance:

Can reach earth from cosmological distances

- Neutral:
  - Not deflected by galactic & extra-gal. magnetic fields. Points back to the source => Astronomy
- Easy (& if possible cheap) to detect

### There is NO ideal messenger of the Universe

### Messengers

• Cosmic Rays

• Electromagnetic radiation

• Neutrinos

• Gravitational Waves

# Energy range of messengers



# There is much Physics in the sky

Multimessenger Astronomy allows access to physics across multiple aspects/fields:

- Astroparticle Physics: particle acceleration & production,...
- Astrophysics: compact objects, black holes, neutron stars,...
- Particle Physics: neutrino oscillations, beyond SM physics,...
- General Relativity: gravitational waves, black holes,...
- Cosmology: early Universe,...
- **Nuclear Physics:** r-process & heavy element production,...

### A whole new Universe at VHE - UHE



# The messengers

# **Cosmic Rays**

- Earliest known messengers (V. Hess, 1912)
- Mainly fully ionized protons & nuclei up to iron
  Also electrons, positrons, photons & neutrinos
- Extraterrestrial radiation:
   produced by acceleration in astrophysical sources.
  - bombard Earth continuously
  - interact in atmosphere &do not directly reach ground



## Cosmic Rays: energy spectrum



Credit: J.A. Garzon (IGFAE, USC)

### Cosmic Rays as messengers

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### Horizons in the Universe: Cosmic Rays



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  - Must produce secondary photons & neutrinos
- ✓ Relatively easy to detect

## **Cosmic Rays: detection techniques**



### Extensive air showers





Malargüe, Mendoza, Argentina 35.5° S, 69.3° W 1400 m a.s.l. 880 g cm<sup>-2</sup>



#### The Pierre Auger Observatory



✓ SD 1500 = Array of 1600 Water-Cherenkov stations (3000 km<sup>2</sup>)
 ✓ 4 Fluorescence Detectors + HEAT (high-elevation FD)
 ✓ SD 750 (infill array) = 61 water Cherenkov stations (25 km<sup>2</sup>)
 ✓ AERA = Array of 153 antennas (17 km<sup>2</sup>)
 ✓ AMIGA = Array of 7 buried muon detectors

#### If the center of Auger was in Santiago de Compostela...





### Ultrahigh-Energy Cosmic-Ray (UHECR) Flux



#### Cosmic-ray energies up to 10<sup>20</sup> eV (~ 16 Joule) observed !! ...but...

- What are the sources? What is their Nature (protons, heavier nuclei,...)?
- What is causing flux suppression? Interaction with CMB ( $p\gamma \rightarrow p \pi^0$  or  $n \pi + GZK$ -effect), sources run out of power to accelerate?

# Gamma Rays

- Most energetic form of electromagnetic radiation:
  - E > 100 keV (X-ray to γ-ray borderline).
  - No upper limit to their energy (can reach up to  $E \sim 10^{20} \text{ eV}$ )



## Gamma Rays: production

Produced in interactions of electrons and/or cosmic-rays at their sources

$$\begin{array}{ccc} p+p \longrightarrow p+n+\pi^0+\pi^\pm+\dots \\ & \longleftrightarrow & \pi^0 \longrightarrow \gamma+\gamma \end{array}$$



### Gamma Rays as messengers

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### **X** Horizon distance is limited:

- $\gamma \gamma_{\text{background}} \rightarrow e^+e^-$  cause a horizon for  $\gamma$ -ray astronomy.
- Backgrounds: Cosmic Microwave Background, infraRed & starlight

### The opaque Universe

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### $\gamma + \gamma_{\rm CMB} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$

PeV photons interact with microwave photons (411/cm<sup>3</sup>) before reaching earth

### Horizons in the Universe



z ~ 0.01 (D / 46 Mpc)

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### Gamma Rays: detection



image credit: A. Jardin-Blicq

### Gamma Rays: detectors

**Satellites** 



#### **Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescopes**











### Gamma Rays: sources

#### **Micro-quasars**

jet Black hole Accretion disk

Massive star Pulsars Pulsar Wind Nebulae

**GALACTIC SOURCES** 

Jets in Milky Way





#### EXTRAGALACTIC SOURCES



# **High-Energy Neutrinos**

- ✓ **Not deflected** by Galactic/inter-gal. B-fields:
  - Point back to sources where they were produced
- ✓ **Travel unimpeded** along cosmological distances
  - Only messengers of high-redshifted Universe at UHE

#### ✓ Can escape from dense cores of astrophysical objects

Probe the inner workings of sources

#### **X** Difficult to detect:

 Require the instrumentation of enormous volumes of target material such as natural ice or the entire atmosphere

# IceCube Neutrino Observatory



https://icecube.wisc.edu/

String being buried into the ice

else through.

Neutrino telescopes must

go underground to shield

background produced by

CR showers in atmosphere.

Have to look for neutrinos

that passed through Earth,

a filter that lets nothing

from the particle

#### Principle of detection of neutrino Cherenkov telescopes


## A muon track in IceCube



## Neutrino beams: Earth & Heaven



## Atmospheric neutrinos: IceCube/ANTARES



## Astrophysical neutrinos: IceCube



Update: 80 events in 6 yr of IceCube data in a bkg. ~ 40 (C. Kopper, ICRC2017)

A cosmic neutrino interacts INSIDE the detector: it is too energetic to be produced in the atmosphere



> 300 optical sensors; > 100,000 photons; 2 ns time resolution

# **Gravitational Waves**

- Rapid variations of curvature of space due to motion of objects => curvature ripples = Gravitational Waves (GW)
- Propagate at speed of light
- Radiate energy
- Two polarizations "+" and "x"









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## GW as messengers

✓ **Not deflected** by Galactic/inter-gal. B-fields:

- Point back to sources where they were produced
- No time delays w.r.t. optical transient sources

## ✓ Horizon distance NOT limited:

Can come from cosmological distances (> Gpc)

## Not so easy (& not so cheap) to detect

## Laser Interferometer **Gravitational Wave Observatory**

LIGO:

Hanford WA, USA Livingston LA, USA (4 km arms)



### Virgo: Italy (3 km arms) MIRROR LIGHT STORAGE ARM LIGHT STORAGE ARM MIRROR MIRRO MIRROR BEAM SPLITTER PHOTODETECTOR Interferometer ASER

### LIGO Hanford WA, USA



Most precise "ruler" in the World. Capable of measuring  $\Delta L/L = h(t) \sim 10^{-21}$ for I = 4 km  $\Rightarrow \Lambda I \sim 10^{-3}$  fm

## 1<sup>st</sup> detection: GW150914

14 September 2015, detection of merger of a binary black-hole (BBH) system: D ~ 430 Mpc,  $M_1 \sim 35.6 \& M_2 \sim 30.6$  solar masses ~ 3.1 solar masses radiated in GW



Spectrogram of GW150914







## 1<sup>st</sup> catalog of GW: 10 BBH + 1 BNS

GRAVITATIONAL-WAVE TRANSIENT CATALOG-1



arXiv:1811.12907 [astro-ph.HE]



LIGO-Virgo | Frank Elavsky | Northwestern

# **Milestones in MM Astronomy**

- **1. The Sun:** electromagnetic + cosmic-rays
- 2. The Sun: electromagnetic + low-Energy (MeV) neutrinos
- 3. Supernova 1987A: low-E (MeV) neutrinos + electrom.
- 4. GW170817 Binary Neutron Star: GW + electrom.
- 5. TXS 0506+056: high-E neutrinos + electrom.

(only **4** and **5** will be discussed in this talk)

## **17 August 2017, GW170817** observation of a Binary Neutron Star (BNS) merger

## Multi-messenger Astronomy with Gravitational Waves



LIGO and Virgo signed agreements with 95 groups for EM/neutrino followup of GW events

- ~200 EM instruments satellites and ground based telescopes covering the full spectrum from radio to very high-energy gamma-rays
- · Worldwide astronomical institutions, agencies and large/small teams of astronomers

# GW170817



In 2017 August 17 a binary neutron star coalescence with merger time 12:41:04 UTC was observed through gravitational waves by the Advanced LIGO and Advanced Virgo detectors. 51

## **Gamma-Rays from Binary Neutron Star**

### **1.7 seconds later** Fermi detected a short gamma-ray burst\*



#### Credit: NASA GSFC & Caltech/MIT/LIGO Lab



\*short GRB: < 2 s burst of keV-MeV  $\gamma$ -rays produced by Binary Neutron Star merger

## GW170817 localization in the sky



LVC et al. 2017 ApJ 848 12; ApJ 848 13; PRL 119 1101

## **Optical follow-up**



## Observations Across the Electromagnetic Spectrum



Abbott, et al. ,LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration, "Multi-messenger Observations of a Binary Neutron Star Merger" <u>Astrophys. J. Lett., 848:L12, (2017)</u>



# **Counterpart brightness**



a **kilonova** was found transient source emitting in:

- Ultraviolet
- Optical
- Infrared

They are due to radioactive decay of heavy elements formed by rapid neutron capture in the dense neutron environment provided by the BNS.

### Credits: European Southern Observatory (ESO)





• Kilonovae are candidates for production of half the chemical elements heavier than iron in the Universe.

- 16,000 times the mass of the Earth in heavy elements
- Ten Earth masses just of the two elements gold and platinum

## Limits to $\nu$ from BNS event GW170817

# ANTARES, IceCube & Pierre Auger Observatory

- Neutrino limits based on nonobservation in ± 500 sec & +14 days-time windows
- Lack of neutrino detection consistent with expectations from a short GRB viewed at a large off-axis angle ≥ 20° (in agreement with LIGO/Virgo & GRB observations)



## What have we learnt ?

- **Binary Neutron Star (BNS) mergers** are strong sources of Gravitational Wave emission.
- Short gamma-ray bursts are produced by BNS mergers.
- **Kilonovas** are associated to BNS mergers => responsible for heavy elements that are not produced in Supernovae.
- And also:
  - Independent measurement of Hubble constant:

 $H_0 = 70 (+12, -8) \text{ km/s/Mpc}$ 

– Constraints on the speed v<sub>GW</sub> of gravitational waves:

 $-3 \times 10^{-15} < (v_{GW} - c) / c < 7 \times 10^{-16}$ 

Constraints on equation of state (EoS) of Neutron Stars:
 Consistent with "soft" EOS => more compact NS

## 25 April 2019: another Binary Neutron Star candidate !

Detected in GW by LIGO – alert sent immediately to many observatories BUT... ... poor localization in a region of area  $\sim 18\%$  of the sky:

- Only 1 LIGO observatory detected the GW event.
- No GRB detected by Fermi (50% coverage) or other gamma-ray satellites.
- Optical telescopes had to search a region in which there are 49,354 galaxies !!



## What have we learnt ?

# Multimessenger Astronomy is a simple idea, but it is not easy !

## IceCube v Observatory 17 September 2017 290 TeV neutrino

Muon track: radius of blobs  $\sim$  number of photons Time: red  $\rightarrow$  purple

## IceCube alerts other observatories

43 seconds after IceCube trigger, a GCN notice was sent:

GCN/AMON NOTICE TITLE: Fri 22 Sep 17 20:55:13 UT NOTICE DATE: NOTICE TYPE: AMON ICECUBE EHE RUN NUM: 130033 EVENT NUM: 50579430 SRC RA: 77.2853d {+05h 09m 08s} (J2000), 77.5221d {+05h 10m 05s} (current), 76.6176d {+05h 06m 28s} (1950) +5.7517d {+05d 45' 06"} (J2000), SRC DEC: +5.7732d {+05d 46' 24"} (current), +5.6888d {+05d 41' 20"} (1950) 14.99 [arcmin radius, stat+sys, 50% containment] SRC ERROR: 18018 TJD; 265 DOY; 17/09/22 (yy/mm/dd) DISCOVERY DATE: 75270 SOD {20:54:30.43} UT DISCOVERY TIME: REVISION: 0 1 [number of neutrinos] N EVENTS: 2 STREAM: 0.0000 [sec] DELTA T: 0.0000e+00 [dn] SIGMA T: 1.1998e+02 [TeV] ENERGY : 5.6507e-01 [dn] SIGNALNESS: 5784.9552 [pe] CHARGE:



-ermi

## MAGIC Cherenkov telescope detects emission of TeV $\gamma$ -rays

\* blazar = extragalactic radio, optical, X-ray, gamma-ray sources with jets pointing at us

## Electromagnetic follow-up of IC17

**28 September 2017** Fermi  $\gamma$ -ray satellite detects a flaring blazar\* within 0.1° of IceCube neutrino



## $\gamma$ -ray flare from TXS 0506 + 056 blazar seen by Fermi satellite

22 Sep 2008



### Size of circle and tone of sound matched to $\gamma$ -ray energy

Credit: NASA/DOE/Fermi LAT Collaboration., Matt Russo and Andrew Santaguida/SYSTEM Sounds

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TXS 0506 + 056 is near the "elbow" of Orion's arm (but at z ~ 0.34)

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## Electrom. & v spectrum of TXS 0506+056 1<sup>st</sup> association of High-E v & γ-ray source



Science 361 (2018) no.6398, eaat1378

# What have we learnt ?

- Blazar jets may accelerate cosmicrays: they may be one of the longsought sources of cosmic-rays.
- Blazars can produce γ-rays and neutrinos in interactions of cosmic-rays with ambient matter and/or radiation in/around blazar.
- Blazars may be responsible for a fraction of IceCube astrophysical neutrino flux of unknown origin.



# Conclusions

- Multi-Messenger Astronomy is now & is exciting !
- Observations of the same source with different messengers provide a wealth of information not accessible with single messengers alone.

The future will bring more MM observations:
F. Halzen's "event of a lifetime" (observation of GW, electromagnetic radiation, cosmic-rays & neutrinos) might be around the corner...

## muito obrigado !

# Backup

## **Multi-wavelength Astronomy**

**Centaurus A galaxy (NGC 5128)** declination -43° Distance 3.8 Mpc



X-ray

Composite: Radio + Optical + X-ray

Photons only: this is not MM Astronomy

Optical
# **Multi-Messenger: origins**

University of Wisconsin - Madison

MADPH-03-1320

January 2003

#### MULTI-MESSENGER ASTRONOMY: COSMIC RAYS, GAMMA-RAYS AND NEUTRINOS

FRANCIS HALZEN

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Although cosmic rays were discovered a century ago, we do not know where or how they are accelerated. There is a realistic hope that the oldest problem in astronomy will be solved soon by ambitious experimentation: air shower arrays of 10,000 kilometer-square area, arrays of air Cerenkov telescopes and kilometer-scale neutrino observatories. Their predecessors are producing science. We will review the highlights:

- Cosmic rays: the highest energy particles and the GZK cutoff, the search for cosmic accelerators and the the Cygnus region, top-down mechanisms: photons versus protons?
- TeV-energy gamma rays: blazars, how molecular clouds may have revealed proton beams, first hints of the diffuse infrared background?
- Neutrinos: first results and proof of concept for technologies to construct kilometer-scale observatories.

### Neutrinos? Perfect Messenger

- electrically neutral
- essentially massless
- essentially unabsorbed
- tracks nuclear processes
- reveal the sources of cosmic rays
- ... but difficult to detect: how large a detector?

## Extensive air showers



 $10^{15} \text{ eV} \implies 10^{6} \text{ particles in } 10^{4} \text{ m}^{2}$  $10^{20} \text{ eV} \implies 10^{11} \text{ particles in } 10 \text{ km}^{2}$  **Cascade** of particles initiated by cosmic rays (CR) interacting in atmosphere: **multiplicative** process

Particles reach ground level, spreading laterally over large area (~100 m - few km radius)

**Detection** possible by instrumenting small fraction of large area on ground => compensates low CR flux

**Information on primary** initiating shower can be retrieved (energy, direction, mass,...)

### Extragalactic origin of UHECR @ $E > 8 \ 10^{18} eV$

- Dipolar anisotropy in arrival direction of UHECR with E> 8 EeV.
  - Amplitude 6.5%
  - Direction pointing  $\sim 125^{\circ}$  away from Galactic Center.
- Supports hypothesis of extragalactic origin for UHECR, rather than sources within Galaxy.



#### Flux map above 8 EeV in equatorial coordinates

### Search for UHEv at Pierre Auger Observatory

- Pierre Auger is not a dedicated neutrino observatory but...
- UHE neutrinos induce extensive air showers that can be distinguished from background charged CR showers:



Neutrino signature  $\Rightarrow$  inclined showers that develop close to ground

Pierre Auger Collaboration, Phys. Rev. D 91, 092008 (2015), arXiv:1906. [astro-ph.HE]

### No neutrinos from BNS GW170817

ANTARES, IceCube and Pierre Auger did not see neutrinos in coincidence with GW170817



The NS-NS merger was in an **optimal position** for the detection of UHE tau neutrinos from Auger at the instant of emission of GW170817

### UHE neutrinos (E $\gtrsim 10^{17}$ eV): no data



# **Historical Supernovae**

#### SN1006: Chandra/ESA



Crab SNR: SN 1054 HST/Chandra/Spitzer



#### Kepler, SN1604 Chandra





#### Cassiopeia A (~350 years old)



Tycho, SN1572 Chandra



G1.9+0.3 150 years old, only discovered 10 years ago. VLA/Chandra



### Types of Supernovae

- Thermonuclear Supernovae: Type Ia
  - caused by runaway thermonuclear burning of white dwarf fuel to Nickel
  - roughly of 10<sup>51</sup> ergs released
  - very bright, used as standard candles

no remnant

- Core-Collapse Supernovae: Type II, Ib, Ic
  result from the collapse of an iron core in
  - an evolved massive star ( $M_{ZAMS} > 8-10M_{sun}$ )
  - Few x 10<sup>53</sup> ergs released in gravitational collapse, most (99%) radiated in neutrinos
  - Spread stellar evolution elemental products throughout galaxy
  - neutron star or black hole remnant



SN2011fe (PTF; Byrne Observatory)

# Massive Stars: Burning stages

- Stars spend most of their lives burning hydrogen.
- The product helium settles in the core and will burn when temperatures increase sufficiently.
- For massive stars (M > 8-10M<sub>sun</sub>), the process continues through carbon, oxygen, ..., up to iron.
- This process does not continue past iron as iron is one of the most tightly bound nuclei.
- Iron core builds up in center of star.



A. C. Phillips, The Physics of Stars, 2nd Edition (Wiley, 1999).

## Massive Stars: End Stage

- Stars are, for the majority of the time, in hydrostatic equilibrium because the radiation pressure of the photons from nuclear reactions balance gravity.
- Iron cores however are supported by electron degeneracy pressure, much like a white dwarf, there is a maximum mass that electron degeneracy pressure can support.



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# Products of Supernovae

- Core-Collapse Supernovae are responsible for unbinding and spreading the elemental products of stellar evolution through the galaxy
- They are the birth sites of neutron stars and black holes





JPL; Chandra/NuSTAR<sup>84</sup>

## Supernova SN1987A



# Are Gravitons Massless?

 GW170817 provides a stringent test of the speed of gravitational waves

$$\frac{v_{GW}-c}{c}\approx\frac{c\Delta t}{D}$$

- $\Delta t = 1.74 + 0.05 s$
- *D* ≈ 26 Mpc
  - Conservative limit use 90% confidence level lower limit on GW source from parameter estimation

$$-3 \times 10^{-15} \le \frac{v_{GW} - c}{c} \le +7 \times 10^{-16}$$

• GW170814 also puts limits on violations of Lorentz Invariance and Equivalence Principle

LIGO Scientific Collaboration and Virgo Collaboration, Gravitational Waves and Gamma-Rays from a Binary Neutron Star Merger: GW170817 and GRB 170817A" Astrophys. J. Lett., 848:L13, (2017)



# A gravitational-wave standard siren measurement of the Hubble constant

- Gravitational waves are 'standard sirens', providing absolute measure of luminosity distance  $d_L$
- can be used to determine  $H_0$  directly if red shift is known:

$$c z = H_0 d_L$$

• ... without the need for a cosmic distance ladder!



Abbott, et al., LIGO-Virgo Collaboration, 1M2H, DeCAM GW-EM & DES, DLT40, Las Cumbres Observatory, VINRO UGE, MASTER Collaborations, A gravitational-wave standard siren measurement of the Hubble constant", *Nature* 551, 85–88 (2017).

### Constraining the Neutron Star Equation of State

- Gravitational waveforms contain information about NS tidal deformations → allows us to constrain NS equations of state (EOS)
- Tidal deformability parameter:

$$\Lambda = \frac{2}{3}k_2 \left(\frac{R}{M}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

GW170817 data consistent with softer EOS → more compact NS







### **Electromagnetic Counterparts of NS Mergers**



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