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## Sept. 2017: IC 170922A

- 290 TeV
- 56% probability to be of astrophysical origin
- In spatial and temporal coincidence with a flare from TXS 0506+056



# TXS 0506+056 flare at all the bands when the neutrino arrived



## A powerful tool: the very long baseline interferometry (VLBI) networks



angular resolution  $\propto \lambda/D$  where D is  $\propto$  thousands of km!

# → milliarcsec resolution!

(parsec resolution at z of our sources)

VLBI study on TXS0506+056 - I



Distance from the slice mid-point (mas)<sub>5</sub>

Signature of layers in the jet → region of efficient neutrino production (Tavecchio et al. 2014, Righi et al. 2017)

VLBI study on TXS0506+056 - II



- Jet component kinematics
- Brightness temperature, position angle evolution
- The flare occurred in the core (pc-scale)
- Magnetic field strength before and after the neutrino event
- Conversion of magnetic energy → particle energy → ongoing particle acceleration

## VLBI population studies

Plavin et al. 2020,2021

-significant **positional** association of bright VLBI blazars with neutrinos

-significant **temporal** association of VLBI flares with neutrinos



Our VLBI study

# Search for other neutrino emitter blazars through VLBI follow-ups

Between 2019 and 2020

## + 4 new VLBI follow ups of NEUTRINO events

on a total of  $\sim 8$  events followed with VLBI and published so far

- $\rightarrow$  10 radio sources candidate counterparts
- → 5 "best" candidates
- Blazar-like
- γ-ray associated



## Our VLBI study: Does neutrino emission correspond to enhanced radio activity? 1. 1WHSP J104516.2+275133 – IC 190704A $\rightarrow$ FIRST VLBI OBSERVATION $\rightarrow$ NO ARCHIVAL DATA for comparison

2. TXS 1100+122 – IC 200109A  $\rightarrow$  VLBI OBSERVATION  $\rightarrow$  hints of enhanced activity

+ RATAN-600 observations at 2.3, 5, 8, 11, 22 GHz (Kovalev et al.2020a)



\*Radio Fundamental catalog

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time

TELAMON\* – after IC 201021A

\*Monitoring Of Jets in Active galactic nuclei with VLBA Experiments

Effelsberg Monitoring of AGN Jets with Very-High-Energy Astroparticle Emissions (Kadler et al. 2021)

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Nanci et al. 2022

## Our future VLBI study: new VLBI follow-ups

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  - $\rightarrow$  in flare at the neutrino arrival



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## Towards Astri and CTA in the neutrino counterparts research





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- KSP Transients: High-energy neutrino transients

CTA follow-ups of neutrino alerts



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### Summary

time



..PRESENT..

+ 4 NEW neutrinos follow-ups with VLBI ...more are expected

#### ..FUTURE!

- CTA+MWL follow-up of neutrino events
- CTA VLBI synergies to address the open questions on TeV-blazars
- and their possible connection with neutrinos

#### Thank you for your attention!

### backup slides

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3. IC-220205B (gold) − PKS 1741-03 (z=1.054) → in Plavin et al. 2020 4. IC-220425A (gold) – TXS 1749-101

 $\rightarrow$  previous association with a 2018-ICevent

– TXS 1742-078

 $\rightarrow$  flaring state



# Some numbers on IceCube events

#### From 2019-07-04 to 2020-11-14

33 IceCube alerts

 $\rightarrow$  12 Gold events

 $\rightarrow$  5 of them with at least 1 gamma-ray source in the 90% loc.area



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Before and contemporary to our work:

- PKS B1424-418 Kadler et al. (2016)
- TXS 0506-056 Kun et al. (2019), Li et al. (2020), Ros et al. (2020) and others
- PKS 1502+106 Britzen et al. (2021)
- AT2019dsg Prashanth et al. (2021)
- Nanci et al. +4 VLBI follow-ups

# Observing the inner parsec-scale region of candidate neutrino-emitting blazars

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# Stay tuned for follow-ups of new events!

## IceCube-211208A

TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR NUMBER: 31191 SUBJECT: IceCube-211208A - IceCube observation of a high-energy neutrino candidate track-like event DATE: 21/12/08 21:28:14 GMT FROM: Marcos Santander at U. Alabama/IceCube <jmsantander@ua.edu>

The IceCube Collaboration (http://icecube.wisc.edu/) reports:

On 2021-12-08 at 20:02:51.1 UT IceCube detected a track-like event with a moderate probability of being of astrophysical origin. The event was selected by the ICECUBE Astrotrack\_Bronze alert stream. The average astrophysical neutrino purity for Bronze alerts is 30%. This alert has an estimated false alarm rate of 1.197 events per year due to atmospheric backgrounds. The IceCube detector was in a normal operating state at the time of detection.

After the initial automated alert (https://gcn.gsfc.nasa.gov/notices\_amon\_g\_b /136015\_21306805.amon, more sophisticated reconstruction algorithms have been applied offline, with the direction refined to:

#### TELAMON, Metsahovi, Medicina, OVRO and RATAN-600 programs find a long-term radio flare in PKS0735+17 coincident with IceCube-211208A

ATel #15105; Matthias Kadler (JMU Wuerzburg), Petra Benke (MPIfR), Andrea Gokus (JMU Wuerzburg & FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg), Jonas Hessdoerfer (JMU Wuerzburg), Jonas Sinapius (DESY) & Philip Weber (JMU Wuerzburg), for the TELAMON Team, Merja Tornikoski (Aalto University MetsĤhovi Radio Observatory), Simona Righini (INAF/IRA) and Nicola Marchili (INAF/IRA), Talvikki Hovatta (Finnish Centre for Astronomy with ESO), Anthony C. Readhead (OVRO, Caltech), Sebastian Kiehlmann (IOA FORTH, OVRO), Yuri A. Kovalev (ASC Lebedev), Alexander V. Popkov (MIPT, ASC Lebedev). Yuri Y. Kovalev (ASC Lebedev, MIPT, MPIfR)

## IceCube-220205B

TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR NUMBER: 31554 SUBJECT: IceCube-220205B - IceCube observation of a high-energy neutrino candidate track-like event DATE: 22/02/05 22:08:46 GMT FROM: Marcos Santander at U. Alabama/IceCube <jmsantander@ua.edu>

The IceCube Collaboration (http://icecube.wisc.edu/) reports:

On 2022-02-05 at 20:08:10 UT IceCube detected a track-like event with a high probability of being of astrophysical origin. The event was selected by the ICECUBE Astrotrack GOLD alert stream. The average astrophysical neutrino purity Gold alerts is 50%. This alert has an estimated false alarm rate of 0.734 events per year due to atmospheric backgrounds. The IceCube detector was in a normal operating state at the time of detection.

Due to a technical issue, the automated GCN notice for this event could not be circulated. The initial position was reconstructed by the IceCube online system and the best-fit parameters are listed below:

Date: 2022-02-05 Time: 20:08:10.59 UT RA: 266.80 deg (J2000) Dec: -3.58 deg (J2000) Error radius: 0.51 deg (90%)

Initial signal probability: 59.5% Initial neutrino energy: 215.9 TeV

Attempts to use a more sophisticated algorithm that provides refined position and error estimates encountered issues, so further studies will have to be performed before an update is available. Given the topology of the light deposition in the detector, we estimate that the initial direction listed above still provides a good characterization of the event.

We encourage follow-up by ground and space-based instruments to help identify a possible astrophysical source for the candidate neutrino.

Several gamma-ray sources listed in the 4FGL Fermi-LAT catalog are located near the best-fit neutrino candidate position, 3 of them within a 1 degree radius. These sources are: 4FGL J1747.8-0316 (0.34 deg away), 4FGL J1744.2-0353 (0.81 deg, associated with the source PKS 1741-03) and 4FGL J1749.8-0303 (0.84 deg).

The IceCube Neutrino Observatory is a cubic-kilometer neutrino detector operating at the geographic South Pole, Antarctica. The IceCube realtime alert point of contact can be reached at roc@icecube.wisc.edu

# Multi-wavelength Collaboration



The IRAM 30m telescope is one of today's largest and most sensitive millimeter telescopes, equipped with a series of heterodyne receivers and continuum cameras operating at 3, 2, 1, and 0.9mm. High resolution spectroscopy allows to study the interplay of chemistry and the ongoing formation of stars within giant molecular clouds of the Milky Way and of nearby galaxies, out to the farthest known galaxies of the young universe. The telescope is located on Pico Veleta in the Spanish Sierra Nevada, at an altitude of 2850m.







TELAMON: Effelsberg Monitoring of AGN Jets with Very-High-Energy Astroparticle Emissions





TANAMI

TANAMI - Tracking Active Galactic Nuclei with Austral Milliarcsecond Interferometry

TANAMI (Tracking Active Galactic Nuclei with Austral Milliarcsecond Interferometry) is a multiwavelength program to monitor relativistic jets in active galactic nuclei (AGN) of the Southern Sky. TANAMI consists of 1) a VLBI core program targeting the parsec-scale structures of blazars, radio galaxies and other types of AGN, 2) complementary radio spectral and light-curve monitoring programs with ATCA and the Ceduna telescope, and 3) higher-energy multiwavelength observations with REM, *Swift, XMM-Newton, Suzaku, INTEGRAL, Fermi*/LAT and other telescopes. Currently, TANAMI is monitoring about 135 jets at different cadences based on their known variability timescale. Though a significant fraction of these were originally not known to be gamma-ray sources, the vast majority have now been detected by *Fermi* in the gamma-ray band.



Dec

$\operatorname{comp}$	N	$\langle S \rangle$	$\langle r \rangle$	$\langle \vartheta \rangle$	$\mu_{ m app}$	$\beta_{ m app}$	
		(mJy)	(mas)	$(^{\circ})$	$(mas yr^{-1})$	(c)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
J1	17	20.8	3.669	172.1	$0.071 {\pm} 0.016$	$1.49{\pm}0.34$	
J2	17	46.8	1.865	188.0	$0.013 {\pm} 0.007$	$0.28{\pm}0.15$	
J3	15	11.4	1.265	218.8	$0.017 {\pm} 0.007$	$0.35{\pm}0.15$	
J4	17	98.2	0.524	186.6	$0.019{\pm}0.003$	$0.41{\pm}0.06$	
NOTE— (1) Component name, (2) nu Kinematics (3) mean flux density at 15 GHz, (4) me							
mean position angle with respect to the core feature, $(6)$ proper							
motion, (1) apparent speed in units of the speed of light.							







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$$R \lesssim \frac{ct_{\rm var}\delta}{1+z}$$



Right Ascension [°]

What we can do from the VLBI point of view? Search for other neutrino-emitter blazars

→ Multi-epoch and multi-frequency VLBI follow-ups of new neutrino events
 1. Characterization of the radio sources

VLBI vs arcsecond scales The archive :

The NRAO VLA Sky Survey (**NVSS**) - 1.4 GHz - 45 arcsec resolution The Faint Images of the Radio Sky at Twenty-Centimeters (**FIRST**) - 1.4 GHz - 6 arcsec resolution The Very Large Array Sky Survey (**VLASS**) - 3 GHz - 2 arcsec resolution What we can do from the VLBI point of view? Search for other neutrino-emitter blazars

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VLBI today vs VLBI yesterday VLBI yesterday :

The Radio Fundamental Catalog (**RFC**)  $\rightarrow$  VLBI observations of thousands of sources

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- (1) has a positional consistency with at least 1 Fermi-LAT sources
  - (2) has a positional consistency with a radio source

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- no extended emission
- γ-ray associated
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• V-ray associated

radio sources  $\rightarrow$  5 good candidates

**→** 10

In agreement with thoretical predictions

# 1<sup>st</sup> Event









# 2<sup>nd</sup> Event

# Neutrino IC200109A



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### 1 month after IC 200109A



neutrino follow-up data vs VLBI archival data → hints(?) of enahanced activity at pc scales
 Kovalev et al.2020a confirm high state with RATAN-600 observations (at 2.3, 5, 8, 11, 22 GHz)



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Event

# Neutrino IC201021A



## Neutrino IC201021A - radio (1)



## Neutrino IC201021A - radio (2)





# PKS 1723+125 pc/kpc properties



# 4<sup>th</sup> Event

# Neutrino IC201114A



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### 1 month after IC 201114A



## NVSS J065844+063711 pc/kpc properties

• neutrino follow-up data vs archival VLBI data → lack of enahanced activity at pc scales



