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Нейтриный телескоп Baikal-GVD: состояние работ и последние результаты

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* GVD = Gigaton Volume Detector

Содержание доклада

1) Нейтринная астрономия высоких энергий

2) Установка Baikal-GVD: устройство и состояние работ

3) Оценки чувствительности эксперимента и полученные результаты

Часть I

Нейтринная астрономия высоких энергий

Neutrino as astrophysical messenger



- Can escape from dense environments
- Travels unimpeded through gas and dust
- Does not interact with CMB and infrared background
- Stable (no decay)
- Not affected by magnetic fields
- Arrival direction points to the source
- High-energy neutrinos trace production and acceleration sites of cosmic rays

Where we are on the energy scale



How to make high energy neutrino

- 1) Accelerate protons
- 2) Have them interact with medium or radiation
- In photon-reach environments: $p \gamma \rightarrow \pi$ In proton-reach environments : $p p \rightarrow \pi$
- 3) Decay pions



Figure from Relner et al, PRD (2008)

Potential neutrino sources: Active Galactic Nuclei



Example model



Tidal Disruption Events



Star disrupted in gravitational field of supermassive black hole

R = Rocher limit

Also see *R. Stein et al., Nat. Astron. 5, 510 (2021)*

Neutron star mergers in AGN disks



Also possible with black hole mergers (Kimura et al., 2021)

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GRBs, choked jets (Supernovae)



N. Senno, K. Murase, and P. Mészáros (2016)

Possible Galactic neutrino sources

- Galactic Ridge / Galactic diffuse
- Supernova Remnants
- Pulsar Wind Nebulae?
- Microquasars
- Binaries
- Novae
- Galactic center



Neutrino telescope : how it works



- Large arrays of PMTs in water or ice
- Cherenkov light detected by PMTs
- "Tracks": v_{μ} CC
- "Cascades": $v_e \& v_\tau CC + NC$
- Direction reconstructed from hit positions and times
- Energy reconstructed from hit charges

Backgrounds

- Atmospheric neutrinos
 - All-sky, soft spectrum
 - For downgoing events, atmospheric muons can be used as veto (at very high energy)
- Atmospheric muons
 - Downgoing only (Earth acts as filter)
- Environmental background light: natural radioactivity (⁴⁰K), bioluminescence, chemiluminescence
 - Limits low energy sensitivity



Neutrino telescope world map 2022



Diffuse neutrino flux

IceCube cascades arXiv:2001.09520 ۱0³ astro. $v_e + v_\tau$ astro. v_{μ} mc sum atm. μ 10² conv. v_{μ} conv. ve prompt $\sum v$ 10¹ 90% UL data 10⁰ 2.0 ũ 15 data/∑ 1.0 0.5 0.0 10⁶ 10^{4} 10^{5} 10^{3} 10^{7}

While the existence of a diffuse neutrino flux is firmly established, its origin remains unknown



Science 342 (2013)[4.1 σ]PRL 113:101101 (2014)[5.9 σ]PRL 125:121104 (2020)[~10 σ]23 июня 2022

NEvents

TXS 0506+056



High-energy IceCube v coincident with a γ -ray flare from the blazar TXS 0506+056 (Sep 22, 2017)

Science 361,147–151 (2018)

Another, neutrino-only flare found in earlier IceCube data

A. Albert et al., ApJL 863, L30 (2018)



Point-source searches

Some evidence for non-uniform skymap in 10 years of IceCube data (3.3σ) . Mostly resulting from 4 extragalactic source candidates.

No indications for galactic sources.



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Sky visibility with upgoing tracks



Complementary sky coverage

Galactic center better viewed from Northern hemisphere (through the Earth)

Часть II

Baikal-GVD

Baikal-GVD site



- High water transparency
 - Absorption length: 22 m
 - ✓ Scattering length: 30 50 m ($L_{eff} \approx 480$ m)
- Moderately low optical background: 15–40 kHz (PMT R7081-100 Ø10")

- 51° 46' N 104° 24' E
- Southern basin of Lake Baikal
- ~ 4 km away from shore
- Flat area at depths 1366 1367 m
- Stable ice cover for 6–8 weeks in February April: detector deployment & maintenance



Baikal-GVD optical module





GVD string

- 36 OMs, 15 m spacing, all PMTs look downward
- 4 acoustic modems (AM) of the positioning system
- **3 section modules**, each serving 12 OMs (12-channel ADC, 200 MHz sampling; waveform measurement + trigger logic, events forming, data filtration)
- 1 string module (a communication hub)
- Depths from 750 m to 1275 m





GVD cluster

Cluster

- 8 strings (288 OMs)
- 60 m step between strings
- Central electronics (power, trigger, data transmission) located at 30 m depth
- Hardware trigger: 4.5 p.e. + 1.5 p.e. on adjacent OMs in 100 ns window
- Inter-section synchronisation by common trigger (~ 2 ns accuracy)
- Internal network: shDSL Ethernet extenders 5.7 Mbit
- Connection to shore: Ethernet / optic fiber



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Calibration devices

- Section calibration: 2 LEDs in each OM, 470 nm, 1 10⁸ ph., 5 ns
- String calibration: LED beacons in 12 OMs of the cluster
- Cluster calibration: 2 lasers per station, 532 nm, 10¹² 10¹⁵ ph., 1 ns





Acoustic positioning



OM drift can reach tens of meters, depending on season and elevation String geometry monitored with acoustic modems (4 AMs per string) OM coordinates are obtained by interpolating AM coordinates, accuracy ~ 20 cm

Deployment









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Экспедиция 2022

Установлено:

- два новых кластера (16 гирлянд)
- 2 экспериментальные гирлянды на оптоволоконной технологии связи (активно 48 ОМ)
- 1 дополнительная межкластерная гирлянда (36 ОМ + лазер)
- 1 отдельная лазерная станция
- Проведён плановый ремонт ранее установленного оборудования



Baikal-GVD construction status 2022 and schedule



Effective volume 2022: 0.40 km³ (cascades 100 TeV)



10 clusters + 1 special string (laser+36 OM) + 2 experimental strings + 4 laser stations

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Часть III

Характеристики детектора Baikal-GVD и первые результаты

Event types

Single-cluster tracks

- Low energy threshold
- Optimal sensitivity to nearly vertical tracks
- 90% of recorded track events



Multi-cluster tracks

- Moderately low energy threshold
- Optimal sensitivity to inclined tracks
- 10% of recorded track events

Single-cluster cascades

- High energy threshold
- Good energy resolution
- Relatively rare events

NC, $\nu_e \nu_{\tau} CC$



Multi-cluster cascades

- Very high energy threshold
- Excellent energy resolution
- Very rare events

Neutrino effective volume for tracks (one GVD cluster)



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Expected performance for tracks Angular resolution Energy reconstruction

(TeV)

Etrue

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Balkal-GVD MC, preliminary



Improvements expected from likelihoodbased reconstruction (under development) energy resolution ~ factor 3 at E ~ 100 TeV (\pm 34% containment band)

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Erec (TeV)

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G. Safronov @ ICRC 2021
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Atmospheric muons with Baikal-GVD (single cluster)

Before quality cuts



Data taken between Apr 1 and Jun 30, 2019 with 5 clusters

~ 9 800 000 events reconstructed with at least 8 hits on at least 2 strings

Good agreement for cos(zenith) > 0.2

MC underpredicts the rate of misreconstructed events in the upgoing region by a factor of 3.5 (under study)

NB: most of these events are muon bundles (average multiplicity ~ 10)

Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 1025

Atmospheric neutrinos with Baikal-GVD (single cluster)



Median energy of this sample $\approx 500 \text{ GeV}$

Eur. Phys. J. C 81 (2021) 1025

Atmospheric neutrinos : improved analysis



Hit finder: efficient hit-finding algorithm [PoS-ICRC2021-1063] Track fit: $\chi 2(t)$ - based fitter Neutrino selection: boosted decision tree classifier (BDT) based on 15 track quality variables

G. Safronov, Neutrino 2022 Д.Н. Заборов - Baikal-GVD MC expected: 81.2 Observed events: 106 possible background contamination under study


Multi-cluster track events



Cascade analysis : effective area and rates

Analysis sensitive to all-flavour CC and NC interactions over the whole sky

Assumption for astrophysical neutrino energy spectrum (IceCube fit): 4.1 • 10⁻⁶ F^{-2.46} GeV⁻¹ cm⁻² s⁻¹ sr⁻¹



Cascade analysis performance



Directional resolution for cascades: median mismatch angle $\sim 4.5^{\circ}$

Energy resolution : $\delta E/E \sim 30\%$

Cascade analysis : data and MC

Data from 2018-2021, livetime: 5522 days single-cluster equivalent MC atmospheric muons - Corsika 7.74, Sybill 2.3c, protons, $E_p > 100$ TeV MC atmospheric neutrinos – L.Volkova (1980)





JETP, 134 (2022) 399

Preliminary

All-sky search for HE cascades

Additional selection requirements: (N Type_2 = 0, E rec \geq 70 TeV) or (N Type_2 = 1, E rec \geq 100 TeV), (N Type_2 – number of hits in time interval where hits from muons are expected)

Expected:

8.7 events from atm. muons
0.8 events from atm. neutrinos
7.8 events for IceCube's E^{-2.46} astrophysical flux
Found in real data: 16 events

Probability for the background-only hypothesis (stat. errors only) P-value = 0.033 (2.13 σ)

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Preliminary!

Search for upward moving events

Additional selection requirements:

 $E > 15 \text{ TeV } \& N_{hit} > 11 \& \cos\theta_z < -0.25$

Expected:

0.95 events from atm. muons 3 events from atm. neutrinos 10 events for IceCube's E^{-2.46} astrophysical flux

Found in data: 11 events

P-value = 0.00268 (3 σ)



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First upward-going cascade event

Preliminary

GVD2019_1_114_N



Contained event (50 m off central string)

Excellent candidate for a neutrino event of astrophysical origin

Sky plot of γ-ray sources (credit: D.Semikoz, A.Neronov)



known sources in 3 degree circle: PKS 0302-16 : unknown type of source PMN J0301-1652 : unknown type of source I-GVD 43 of 51

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Second upward-going cascade event



Energy E = 224 TeV (\pm 30%); distance from central string r = 70 m; Zenith angle = 115°

Sky map with 10 Baikal-GVD cascade events



Background image: Fermi LAT

Green circles: Baikal-GVD events 2018 (50% and 90% C.L. regions)

White circles: Baikal-GVD events 2019-2020

A 1 PeV cascade event (downgoing) Preliminary

GVD_2019_112_N





Fermi sources in 5° circle: RBS 1409 BL Lac z=unknown 1ES 1421+582 z=unknown both with hard spectrum

Event doublet near Galactic plane Preliminary



Sky map of Fermi sources

LSI +61 303 – y- ray active microguasar

3.1° from GVD 2019 153 N and 7.4° from GVD 2018 656 N

Using PSFs of all 10 events the chance probability to observe such a doublet near LSI +61 303 was estimated: p-value = 0.007 or 2.7 σ (preliminary)

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GVD follow up of ANTARES alerts

Following ANTARES upgoing μ alerts (<E> = 7 TeV) Time windows: ±500 sec, ±1 hour and ±1 day Both upgoing and downgoing cascades are looked for

Since Dec 2018, 60 alerts have been analysed

3 potentially interesting events

ANT alert	GVD cluster	T-T _{alert} , hours	Energy, TeV
A7	3	+20.8	13.5
A7	3	-23.2	158
A7	2	-3.2	2.9
A15	2	+20.4	3.0
A15	3	-0.64	3.98
A16	2	-18.7	3.99
A16	4	-14.35	3.89



No prompt coincidence in time and direction was found

O. Suvorova et al. @ Neutrino 2022 O. Suvorova and A.Garre @ ICRC 2021

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GVD follow up of IceCube alerts

Since Sep 2020, following IC alerts (GCN / upgoing muons)

No statistically significant coincidence was found in this analysis, except possibly IceCube-211208A (see next slide)

90% upper limits derived for E-2 spectrum, equal fluence in all flavors, for E $\,1\,\text{TeV}-10\,\text{PeV}$ and $\pm12\,\text{hr}$ interval

Baikal-GVD upper limits





A.D. Avrorin et al., Astronomy Letters, Vol.47, N 2, 114 (2021) http://dx.doi.org/10.1134/S1063773721020018 V.Y. Dik et al., JINST 16 (2021) C11008 https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-0221/16/11/C11008

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Baikal-GVD follow up of IceCube-211208A / PKS 0735+17

Dec 8, 2021 20:02: IceCube "Astrotrack Bronze" neutrino event
Dec 9, 2021: MASTER reports optical activity of PKS 0735+17 (slightly outside the 90% IceCube uncertainty region)
... PKS 0735+17 observed in HE gamma-rays (Fermi LAT), X-rays (Swift XRT) and radio
... ANTARES reports upper limits for PKS 0735+17 (no detection)
... KM3Net reports a neutrino with a background p-value = 0.14
... Baikal-GVD reports a downward-going (30° above horizon)
cascade-like event 4 hr after the IceCube event from the direction RA=119.44°, Dec=18.00°, that is 4.68° from PKS 0735+17 and 5.30°

Estimated energy = 43 TeV PSF 50% (68%) containment radius = 5.5 deg (8.1 deg) **Background estimate: 0.0044 events** in the 5.5 deg cone in 24 hr (2.85 σ). Trail factors to be scrutinized

* PKS 0735+17 is a bright blazar very similar to TXS 0506+056 23 июня 2022 Д.Н. Заборов - Baikal-GVD



Image by D.Semikoz & A.Neronov



Заключение

- Baikal-GVD новый нейтринный телескоп в озере Байкал
 - Объём порядка 1 км³ (по завершении строительства)
 - Угловое разрешение лучше 1° (для треков)
 - Область зрения эффективно дополняет IceCube
- Обнаружены первые намеки на ранее неизвестные источники нейтрино
- Идет набор данных с 10 кластерами (~ 0.5 км³)

Backup slides

PKS 0735+17 : a neutrino-emitting blazar?





A model with PeV protons interacting with an external UV photon field predicts ~ 0.067 muon and antimuon neutrinos over the observed 3-week flare.



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AGN origin of the diffuse neutrino flux?



A. Plavin, Y. Kovalev, Yu. Kovalev, S. Troitsky: Directional association of TeV to PeV astrophysical neutrinos with active galaxies hosting compact radio jets, ApJ 908 (2021) 157 [arXiv:2009.08914]

Figure 2. Pre-trial *p*-values for a range of VLBI flux density cutoffs. The threshold values S_{\min} split the interval 0.15-2 Jy into ten parts uniformly in log-scale. The lowest *p*-value of $4 \cdot 10^{-4}$ is attained for the threshold of 0.33 Jy.

Highest energy radiation in the Universe



Neutrino absorption in the Earth



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Diffuse neutrino flux



Why two neutrino telescopes in the North

- Improved all-sky coverage
 - important for short transients
- Sensitivities add up
 - neutrino astronomy is still limited by low statistics
- Optimize local funding opportunities
 - Funding opportunities often come with geographic restrictions



Baikal-GVD collaboration (as of Feb 2022)

11 organisations from 6 countries, ~70 collaboration members



- Institute for Nuclear Research RAS (Moscow)
- Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (Dubna)
- Irkutsk State University (Irkutsk)
- Skobeltsyn Institute for Nuclear Physics MSU (Moscow)
- Nizhny Novgorod State Technical University (Nizhny Novgorod)
- Saint-Petersburg State Marine Technical University (Saint-Petersburg)
- Institute of Experimental and Applied Physics, Czech Technical University (Prague, Czech Republic)
- EvoLogics (Berlin, Germany)
- Comenius University (Bratislava, Slovakia)
- Krakow Institute for Nuclear Research (Krakow, Poland)
- Institute of Nuclear Physics (Almaty, the Republic of Kazakhstan)

Water optical properties



Experimental string with optic fiber DAQ







Developing technological solutions for second stage of Baikal-GVD deployment (2024+)

Advantages:

- flexible trigger conditions
- Improved neutrino detection efficiency
- Improved timing accuracy

See poster by V. Aynutdinov @ ICRC 2021

Baikal NT-200 and NT-200+





Track reconstruction with a χ^2 -based algorithm



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Neutrino effective area for tracks : one GVD cluster



Track reco : ongoing improvements

- Event selection with BDT
 → G. Safronov @ ICRC 2021
- Improved hit selection using clique search → A. Avrorin & B. Shaybonov @ ICRC 2021
- Likelihood fitter
- Machine learning techniques



Reconstructed energy for tracks

Example plot for a set of neutrino candidate events



- dE/dx energy estimator -
- Works for E > 1 TeV

see talk by

 Largest measured energy in cutbased low-energy neutrino candidate sample:

G. Safronov at ICRC 2021



cluster 1, run 84 evt. 473478 $\theta = 165.5^{\circ}$ $N_{strings} = 3$ $N_{hits} = 10$

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Cascade analysis angular resolution



Selected events (2018-2020)

Preliminary

	E, TeV	θ _{z,} degree	φ, degree	R.A.	Dec
GVD2018_354_N	105	37	331	118.2	72.5
GVD2018_383_N	115	73	112	35.4	1.1
GVD2018_656_N	398	64	347	55.6	62.4
GVD2019_112_N	1200	61	329	217.7	57.6
GVD2019_114_N	91	109	92	45.1	-16.7
GVD2019_663_N	83	50	276	163.6	34.2
GVD2019_153_N	129	50	321	33.7	61.4
GVD2020_175_N	110	71	185	295.3	-18.9
GVD2020_332_N	74	92	9	223.0	35.4
GVD2020_399_N	246	57	49	131.9	50.2

Another event of potential interest

GVD_2019_663

Mrk 421 just outside the error circle



Radio-loud blazars – promising neutrino sources

Motivated by A. Plavin et al., ApJ 894, 101 (2020) A. Plavin et al., ApJ 908, 157 (2021)

GVD2019_1_114_N

radio-bright blazars nearby





Light curves of J0301-1812 measured by RATAN-600



Radio-loud blazars – promising neutrino sources (2) GVD2020_3_175_N

kal-GVD + 12000-1325 (0.7 ly) -14大山 1039-1525 (1.1 lv) ×J1935-1602 (0 ×J1924-1549 (0 1-1546 (1.8 -16 12002-16 19 (0.2 IV Declination (°) 12000-1748 (1.5 lv 🛨 J1938-1749 (0.2 Jy) -18 12005-1822 (0.4 Jy) GVD2020 3 175 1565446 2000-1921 (0.2 Jy) **1**19 + 1949-1957 (0.6 Jy) -20 + J1928-2035 (0.2 Jy) +J1923-21041 -22 +J1925-2219 (0.3 +J2005-2310 (0.3 Jy) -24 J1934-2416 (0.2 Jy) 300 298 292 290 296 294

Right Ascension (°)

radio-bright blazars nearby



Light curves of J1938-1749 measured by OVRO


ARCA - angular resolution

Showers



~ 0.1° angular resolution for tracks (E>100 TeV); ~ 2° for showers

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