



Joint Constraints on Galactic Diffuse Neutrino Emission from the ANTARES and IceCube Neutrino Telescopes

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Abstract

The existence of diffuse Galactic neutrino production is expected from cosmic-ray interactions with Galactic gas and radiation fields. Thus, neutrinos are a unique messenger offering the opportunity to test the products of Galactic cosmic-ray interactions up to energies of hundreds of TeV. Here we present a search for this production using ten years of Astronomy with a Neutrino Telescope and Abyss environmental REsearch (ANTARES) track and shower data, as well as seven years of IceCube track data. The data are combined into a joint likelihood test for neutrino emission according to the KRA_γ model assuming a 5 PeV per nucleon Galactic cosmic-ray cutoff. No significant excess is found. As a consequence, the limits presented in this Letter start constraining the model parameter space for Galactic cosmic-ray production and transport.

Key words: cosmic rays – diffusion – Galaxy: disk – gamma rays: diffuse background – neutrinos

1. Introduction

A diffuse Galactic neutrino emission is expected from cosmic-ray (CR) interactions with interstellar gas and radiation fields. These interactions are also the dominant production mechanism of the diffuse high-energy γ -rays in the Galactic plane, which have been measured by the *Fermi*-Large Area Telescope (*Fermi*-LAT; Ackermann et al. 2012).

In the GALPROP-based (Vladimirov et al. 2011) conventional model of Galactic diffuse γ -ray production, CRs are accelerated in a distribution of sources such as supernova remnants. They propagate diffusively in the interstellar medium producing γ -rays and neutrinos via interactions with the interstellar radiation field and interstellar gas. The interstellar radiation field is weakly constrained by *Fermi*-LAT γ -ray data and interstellar gas is constrained by both *Fermi*-LAT γ -ray data and radio measurements of CO and HI line intensities. The CR population model itself is normalized to local measurements taken at Earth. The GALPROP model parameters are tuned to

achieve optimal agreement between *Fermi*-LAT (Ackermann et al. 2012) data and the direction-dependent prediction given by integrating expected γ -ray yields along the line of sight from Earth. The neutral pion decay component estimated by the conventional model should be accompanied by a neutrino flux from charged pion decay.

The conventional model, however, underpredicts the γ -ray flux above 10 GeV in the inner Galaxy (Ackermann et al. 2012). The KRA_γ models (Gaggero et al. 2015a, 2015b, 2017) address this issue using a radially dependent model for the CR diffusion coefficient and the advective wind. The primary CR spectrum assumed within the KRA_γ models has an exponential cutoff at a certain energy. In order to bracket measurements by KASCADE (Antoni et al. 2005) and KASCADE-Grande (Apel et al. 2013) in the [100 TeV, 100 PeV] and [10 PeV, 2000 PeV] energy ranges, respectively, while maintaining agreement with proton and helium measurements by CREAM (Ahn et al. 2010), cutoffs at 5 and 50 PeV per nucleon are considered. The resulting models are referred to as KRA_γ^5 and KRA_γ^{50} , respectively. The direction dependence of the energy-integrated KRA_γ^5 neutrino

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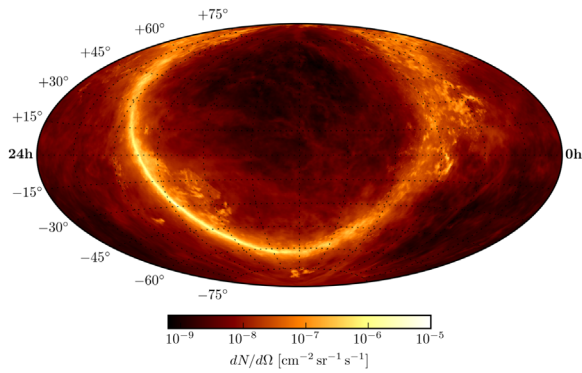


Figure 1. Neutrino flux per unit of solid angle of the KRA_{γ}^5 model (Gaggero et al. 2015a), shown as a function of direction in equatorial coordinates (Hammer projection).

flux prediction is shown in Figure 1. Compared to the conventional model of the Galactic diffuse emission, the KRA_{γ} models predict modified spectra and enhanced overall γ -ray and neutrino fluxes in the southern sky, especially in the central ridge where a hardening of the CR spectra is reproduced. Hence, neutrinos offer a unique opportunity to independently test the model assumptions of Galactic CR production and transport, accessing energies far beyond the reach of current γ -ray experiments.

The KRA_{γ} predictions have already been tested separately with Astronomy with a Neutrino Telescope and Abyss environmental REsearch (ANTARES; Albert et al. 2017) and IceCube (Aartsen et al. 2017a) data. ANTARES and IceCube achieved sensitivities of $1.05 \times \Phi_{KRA_{\gamma}^{50}}$ and $0.79 \times \Phi_{KRA_{\gamma}^{50}}$, respectively; both analyses obtained 90% confidence level (CL) upper limits of $1.2 \times \Phi_{KRA_{\gamma}^{50}}$. ANTARES additionally examined the 5 PeV cutoff model, obtaining a sensitivity of $1.4 \times \Phi_{KRA_{\gamma}^5}$ and an upper limit of $1.1 \times \Phi_{KRA_{\gamma}^5}$ due to an underfluctuation of the fitted signal flux in the track channel.

This Letter presents a combination of these two maximum-likelihood analyses exploiting the advantageous field of view of ANTARES as well as the high statistics of IceCube.

2. Detectors and Data Samples

The IceCube Neutrino Observatory (Aartsen et al. 2017b) is located at the South Pole between 1.45 and 2.45 km below the surface of the ice. It consists of 5160 photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) instrumenting one cubic kilometer of ice. The ANTARES neutrino telescope (Ageron et al. 2011) consists of 885 PMTs deployed in the Mediterranean sea, 40 km off the coast of Toulon, France. It is installed at depths between 2.01 km and 2.47 km below sea level, instrumenting a volume of $\sim 0.01 \text{ km}^3$.

Neutrinos interacting with matter produce charged particles that generate Cerenkov light in the detectors. From the collected Cerenkov light, the energy and direction of the incoming neutrinos are reconstructed. A muon neutrino¹⁰¹ undergoing a charged current interaction produces a muon that can travel large distances through the medium, leading to a *track* event topology in the detector. Most other interactions produce a nearly spherical *shower* event topology. In this

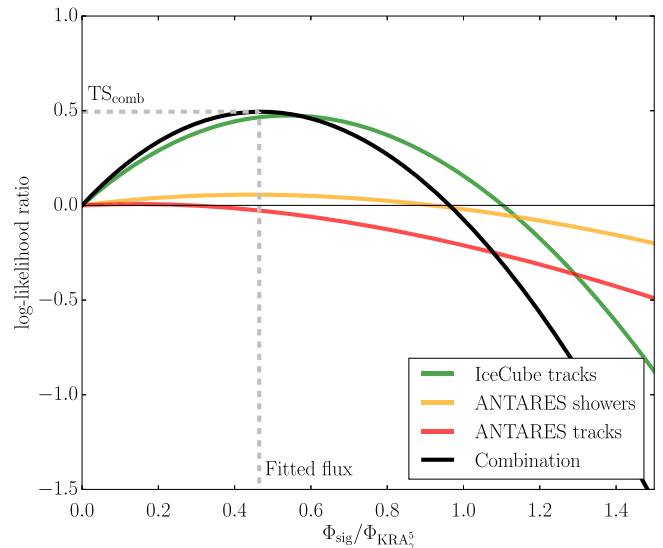


Figure 2. Combination of the log-likelihood ratio curves and fitting of the flux on the combined test statistic. These curves correspond to the unblinded data using the likelihood for the KRA_{γ}^5 model.

analysis, ANTARES events of both topologies are used, while only track events are taken from IceCube data.

The ANTARES event sample used in this Letter includes the one used in Albert et al. (2017) extended by the data collected in 2016. These data use the most recent offline-reconstructed data set, incorporating dedicated calibrations of positioning, timing, and efficiency (Adrián-Martínez et al. 2012). The sample is taken from a total of 2780 days of detector livetime, over a total of 10 calendar years. Part of the sample was collected with partially completed detector configurations. Here, 218 shower(-like) events are selected, while 2.6 signal events are expected from the KRA_{γ}^5 model. For these signal events we have a median angular resolution of 2.4° . The track selection includes 7,850 events, with 10.2 signal events expected to have an angular resolution of 0.5° . The energy ranges including 90% of signal events are [2.1 TeV, 150 TeV] for showers and [360 GeV, 130 TeV] for tracks.

The IceCube seven-year track selection used in this analysis is detailed by Aartsen et al. (2017c). It results in a total of 730,130 events with 191 events expected from the KRA_{γ}^5 model. The data set was collected over a total of 2431 days of detector livetime, some of which took place during the construction phase of the detector. The IceCube signal events are expected to have median angular resolution of 0.8° . The energy range containing 90% of the expected signal events is [390 GeV, 110 TeV].

The energy range in which the combined analysis is valid is [90 GeV, 300 TeV]. This range is defined as containing 90% of the sensitivity. It is calculated by finding the low- and high-energy thresholds where removing simulated signal events outside of these values worsens the sensitivity by 5% each.

3. Search Method

The present analysis uses an unbinned likelihood ratio test. The likelihood functions for each sample—ANTARES tracks,

¹⁰¹ In the following, particles also refer to the corresponding anti-particles.

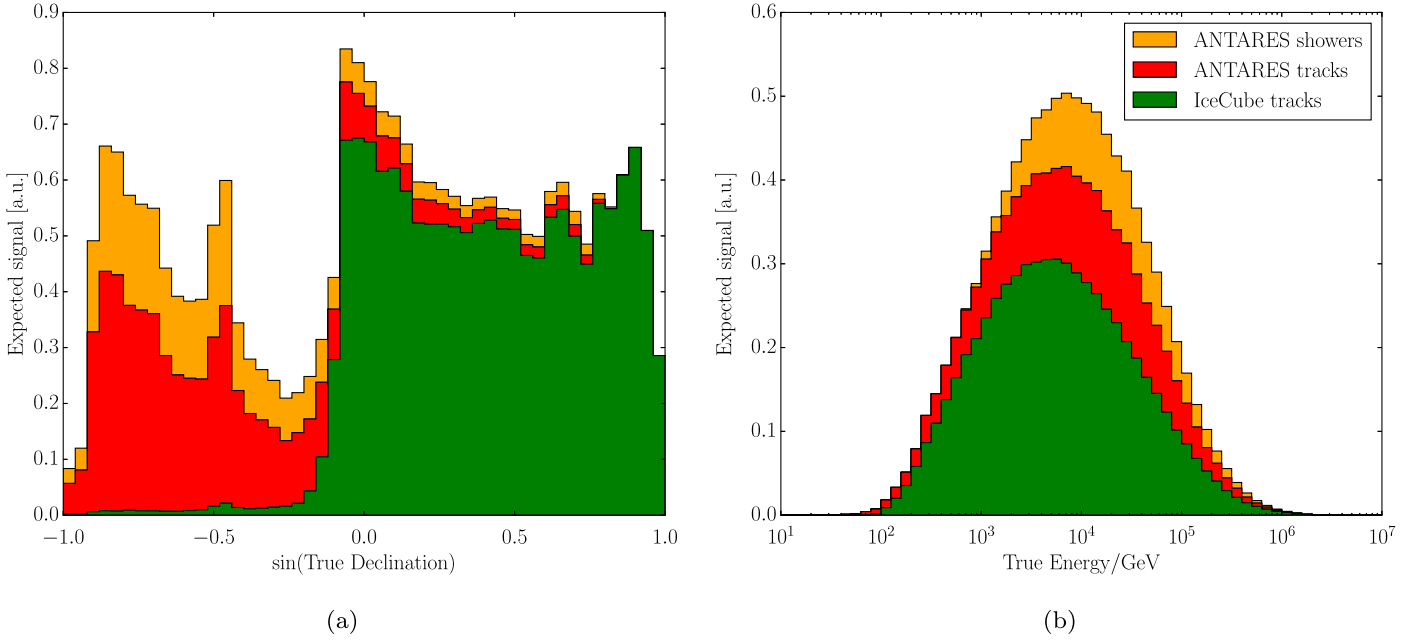


Figure 3. Stacked histograms (i.e., every bin shows the fractional contribution of every sample summed on top of each other) of the signal expected from the KRA_γ^5 model as function of the declination (a) and energy (b) Monte Carlo truth. The colored area of each histogram represents the relative contribution to the sensitivity of this event sample. The relative contribution to the sensitivity is defined as the difference in the sensitivity flux resulting from the addition of a certain event sample divided by the combined sensitivity flux.

Table 1
Sensitivities and Results of the Analysis on the KRA_γ Models with the 5 and 50 PeV Cutoffs

Energy Cutoff	Sensitivity [Φ_{KRA_γ}]			Fitted Flux [Φ_{KRA_γ}]	p -value [%]	Upper Limit (UL) at 90% CL [Φ_{KRA_γ}]
	Combined	ANTARES	IceCube			
5 PeV	0.81	1.21	1.14	0.47	29	1.19
50 PeV	0.57	0.94	0.82	0.37	26	0.90

ANTARES showers, and IceCube tracks—are defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{sig+bkg}}(n_{\text{sig}}) = \prod_i \left[\frac{n_{\text{sig}}}{N} \cdot \mathcal{S}(E_i, \alpha_i, \delta_i) + \left(1 - \frac{n_{\text{sig}}}{N} \right) \cdot \mathcal{B}(E_i, \delta_i) \right], \quad (1)$$

where N is the total number of events, n_{sig} is the number of signal events, and \mathcal{S} is the signal probability density function (PDF) for an event i at the equatorial coordinates (α_i, δ_i) with energy E_i . It is obtained from Monte Carlo simulations of the detectors with the model flux as input, and is proportional to the expected signal rate at a given reconstructed energy and direction. \mathcal{B} is the PDF of the background.

Minor differences in the original, separate ANTARES and IceCube PDF constructions are preserved in this Letter. For IceCube tracks, the background term \mathcal{B} comes from the data with a correction for the signal contamination expected for n_{sig} signal events (Aartsen et al. 2017a). For the ANTARES samples, this is approximated by ignoring the signal correction term (Albert et al. 2017). In addition, the IceCube signal PDF accounts for the estimated point-spread function of each event, while average point-spread functions are used for track and shower ANTARES events.

In order to account for the different acceptances of each sample as well as any bias in the fitted signal

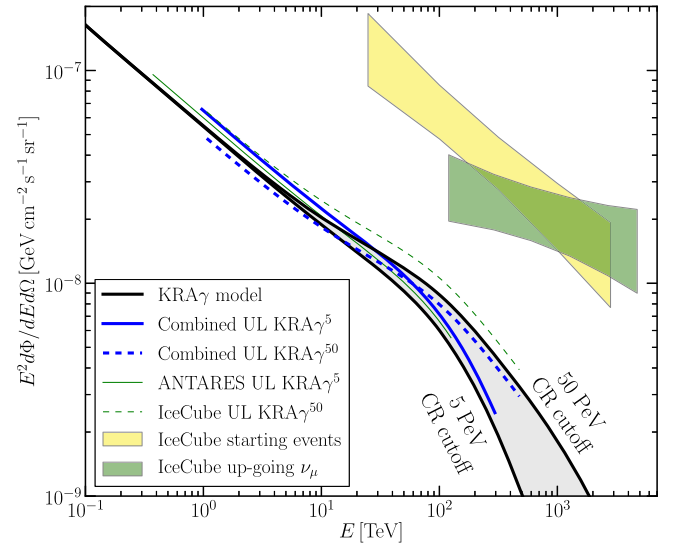


Figure 4. Combined ULs at 90% confidence level (blue lines) on the three-flavor neutrino flux of the KRA_γ model with the 5 and 50 PeV cutoffs (black lines). The boxes represent the diffuse astrophysical neutrino fluxes measured by IceCube using an isotropic flux template with starting events (yellow) and upgoing tracks (green).

normalization, we forward-fold the signal flux Φ_{sig} into the individual likelihoods using a response function obtained from simulated pseudo-experiments.

Then the combined likelihood is simply the product over the per-sample likelihoods. The combined test statistic is the log-likelihood ratio evaluated for that Φ_{sig} , which maximizes the combined likelihood

$$\text{TS}_{\text{comb}} = \max_{\Phi_{\text{sig}}} \left\{ \sum_{\text{sample}} \ln \left[\frac{\mathcal{L}_{\text{sig+bkg}}(\Phi_{\text{sig}})}{\mathcal{L}_{\text{bkg}}} \right] \right\}, \quad (2)$$

where TS_{comb} is the combined test statistic, and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{bkg}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{sig+bkg}}(\Phi_{\text{sig}} = 0)$ is the likelihood to have only background and the sum runs over the event samples. This is illustrated in Figure 2 with the combined log-likelihood ratio and TS_{comb} fit for the KRA_{γ}^5 model.

The combined and independent sensitivities are summarized in Table 1. They are defined as the median upper limit.¹⁰² The combination is not only a way to exploit more data with different systematics, but also an opportunity to benefit from the complementarity of the two detectors. While IceCube has much higher statistics than ANTARES, we show in Figure 3(a) that ANTARES offers enhanced sensitivity in the southern sky where a larger flux is expected. This favorable view is coupled with relatively better angular resolution for ANTARES than IceCube. In Figure 3(b) we show that while IceCube can in principle detect higher energy events compared to ANTARES, the direction-dependent model spectra studied here result in similar energy ranges being tested by both detectors. Overall, the relative contribution of IceCube to the sensitivity is 61%; for ANTARES tracks and showers the relative contributions are 25% and 14%, respectively.

4. Results and Discussion

This analysis combines seven years of IceCube tracks and ten years of ANTARES tracks and showers using a likelihood ratio test. The results are summarized in Table 1. Systematic uncertainties on the ANTARES detection efficiency (due to the uncertainty on the acceptance of the ANTARES PMTs) are included in the analysis as in the paper by Albert et al. (2017). As described by Aartsen et al. (2017c), systematic uncertainties in the modeling of the Antarctic ice and the optical module efficiency lead to an uncertainty on the IceCube detection efficiency of at most 11%, which is not included here.

The maximum-likelihood estimate yields a non-zero diffuse Galactic neutrino flux for both models with a p-value of 29% for KRA_{γ}^5 and 26% for KRA_{γ}^{50} . As neither of these results is statistically significant, we place upper limits on both model normalizations. The KRA_{γ}^{50} model is constrained at the 90% CL (with an upper limit of $0.9 \times \Phi_{\text{KRA}_{\gamma}^{50}}$), while the KRA_{γ}^5 model is not yet constrained by our analysis. This was expected as the 50 PeV cutoff represents an extreme tuning of the acceleration parameters for the Galactic CRs, while the 5 PeV cutoff in light CR can be considered a more reliable case for the Galactic accelerators.

Figure 4 represents the combined upper limits in comparison to the all-flavor full-sky energy spectrum of the KRA_{γ} models as well as the previous IceCube and ANTARES upper limits. The present upper limit on the 5 PeV model is higher than the previously published upper limit for ANTARES alone, although the sensitivity is much better. This is due to the

overfluctuation observed in the IceCube data sample as well as the difference in the definition of the test statistic. In the ANTARES stand-alone analysis it was the sum of the shower and track test statistics, computed independently, instead of computing one test statistic from the combined log-likelihood ratio curve (Equation (2)).

The results presented here provide for the first time a combined constraint on diffuse Galactic neutrino emission by IceCube and ANTARES. The limit on the KRA_{γ} model with 50 PeV cutoff extends the energy range of the constraint on the model from 10 GeV with *Fermi*-LAT up to hundreds of TeV. Based on the limit on the KRA_{γ}^5 -model, this analysis limits the total flux contribution of diffuse Galactic neutrino emission to the total astrophysical signal reported by Aartsen et al. (2015) to 8.5%. In the future, the sensitivity of this analysis can be further improved by including IceCube showers (Aartsen et al. 2017d). This will allow for a powerful test of the KRA_{γ}^5 model, thereby constraining the diffusion mechanisms, the maximal energy injected by supernova remnants and the Galactic gas distributions considered in the model.

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¹⁰² It is defined as the average upper limit in the ANTARES-only analysis (Albert et al. 2017). This and the addition of 2016 data account for the difference in the ANTARES sensitivities.

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