Astrophysical neutrinos and atmospheric leptons

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IceCube measurements of the neutrino flux from TeV to PeV show the signal of astrophysical neutrinos standing out at high energy well above the steeply falling foreground of atmospheric neutrinos. The astrophysical signal appears both in measurements of neutrino-induced muons and in the starting event sample, which responds preferentially to electron and tau neutrinos, but which also includes muon neutrinos. Searches for point sources of astrophysical neutrinos have, however, not yet identified a single source or class of sources for the astrophysical component. In this talk I will describe some constraints on astrophysical sources implied by the current observations. I will also review uncertainties in the fluxes of atmospheric leptons resulting from incomplete knowledge of the primary cosmic-ray spectrum and from limited understanding of meson production, including charm. The ultimate goal is to improve the understanding of the astrophysical spectrum in the transition to lower energy where atmospheric neutrinos dominate.