

Observing cosmic neutrinos in water



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Birth of multimessenger astrophysics (1987)

The SN1987A

- Water Cherenkov detectors
 - Kamiokande (Japan)
 - IMB (Ohio)
- Liquid scintillation telescopes
 - Baksan USSR Academy of Sciences, in North Caucasus Mountains, Russia
 - Mont Blanc Italian Soviet collaboration, in Mont Blanc Laboratory, France

IMB

- Located in the Morton Thiokol mine in Ohio
- 580m underground
- Rectangular tank
 - 18 by 17 by 23 m
- 2048 8" photomultipliers
- 2.5 million gallons of water
- Compared to Kamiokande II: Larger Volume, but not as deep



Kamiokande II

- Located in the Kamioka mine in Japan
- 1000m underground
- Cylindrical tank
 - d = 15.6m, h = 16m

- omultipliers
- Large (D = 20 inches) photomultipliers
 Volume of water weighs 3000 metric tons
- Results
- Feb 23, 7:36 UT:
 - K II records 9 neutrinos within 2 sec, 3 more neutrinos 9-13 seconds later
 - IMB records 8 neutrinos within 6 seconds
 - Baksan records 5 neutrinos within 5 seconds
- 25 neutrinos detected!



Neutrino masses through oscillations (1998)



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Observation of cosmic HE neutrinos (2013)





Recipes for a Neutrino Telescope (NT)



M. Markov:

"We propose to install detectors deep in a lake or in the sea and to determine the direction of the charged particles with the help of Cherenkov radiation"

1960, Rochester Conference

M.A. Markov and B.M. Pontecorvo at the International conference on neutrino physics and astrophysics. Baksancanyon, Cheget, the Caucasus, 1977

Deep in a transparent medium

Water and frozen water (deep ice):

- large and inexpensive target for v interaction
- transparent radiators for Cherenkov light;
- large deep: protection against the cosmic-ray muon background



Two topology (track/showers) of events



Detection principle: Optical Cherenkov radiation

- 6 order of magnitude in energy (GeV-PeV)
- All flavour detection



Energy resolution: $(E_v) \sim 25\%$

Shower- and track-like events



- Cherenkov photons emitted by charged particles are correlated (space/time)
- Event Reconstruction based on timespace correlations of fired PMTs (hits) in the PMTs
- Tracks (CC v_{μ}): Long pattern
- Cascades (CC v_e + NC): Short pattern
- Neutrino Direction reconstructed from time-space correlation between *hits* produced by Cherenkov photons
- Neutrino Energy reconstructed from signal amplitudes of the detected hits





France

Bosnia and Herzegovina Serbia

Hungar

Austria

Croatia

ANTARES

Junction Box

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↓ 70 m 2500m

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Interlink cables

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The ANTARES v telescope in numbers:

- Stable data taking since 2008 with high duty cycle (93-96%)
- Large field of view (2π instantaneously, upgoing)
- Quite good angular resolution: 0.3° -0.4° (median)
- But it is also small: $A^{eff} \approx 1m^2 @ 30 \text{ TeV} [O(12000) \text{ detected } v's]$
- Real-time data processing
- Decommissioning: 2021 (due COVID)

450 m

40 km to shore

Junction Box

70 m

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The future: KM3NeT



Deep-sea array of photo-sensors

 31x3"-PMTs in one
 digital optical module (DOM)

 18 DOMs per Detection Unit, DU
 115 DUs per building block
 All data to shore

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Detecting cosmic neutrinos

- I. Excess in the sky map (point sources). Rely on the detector angular resolution and the measurement of the <u>v direction</u>
- II. Excess of HE neutrinos over the background of atmospheric events (diffuse flux)
 +"self veto" for down events. Based on the estimation of the <u>v energy.</u>
- III. Coincident event in a restricted time/direction windows with EM/ γ /GW. Relaxed ν energy/direction measurement + <u>transient/ multimessenger</u> information



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\checkmark II. Excess of cosmic neutrinos in IceCube (2013 \rightarrow)



I. Neutrinos from the blazar TXS 0506+056 (2018)

Sept. 22, 2017: A neutrino in coincidence with a blazar flare



Science 361 (2018) no. 6398, eaat1378

- An electromagnetic follow-up campaign of the event IceCube-170922A* indicated that this event came from the direction of a known AGN blazar named TXS 0506+056.
- TXS 0506+056 is a BL Lac object, found at redshift z=0.3365±0.0010
- It was at that time flaring at multiple wavelengths.
- In particular, TXS 0506+056 was monitored by FERMI-LAT and observed by MAGIC after the IC trigger
- * muon neutrino, angular resolution < 1°

I. Why we do not have a "neutrino map"?



CRs, γ -rays and neutrinos



The CR, gamma and neutrino connection



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• Galactic "TeV-PeVatrons": requires a 1 km3 v telescope in the Northern hemisphere

Example: neutrinos from a Galactic source

TeV γ-rays and v's can be produced from photoproduction <u>hadronic processes</u>:

 $p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^{+} \rightarrow \pi^{o} + p$ $p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^{+} \rightarrow \pi^{+} + n$

• The same occurs in **beam-dump collisions** of CRs with matter

 $p + p \rightarrow many hadrons (mostly \pi^+, \pi^-, \pi^o)$

- Neutral mesons: $\pi^{\circ} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
- Charged mesons:

 $\begin{array}{ll} \pi^{+} \rightarrow \ \nu_{\mu} + \mu^{+} & \mu^{+} \rightarrow \ \nu_{\mu} + \nu_{e} + e^{+} \\ \pi^{-} \rightarrow \nu_{\mu} + \mu^{-} & \mu^{-} \rightarrow \ \nu_{\mu} + \nu_{e} + e^{-} \end{array}$

• At first order:

$$\frac{d\Phi_{\gamma}}{dE} \cong \frac{d\Phi_{\nu}}{dE}$$

 Refer to: F.L. Villante , F. Vissani , Phys. Rev. D 78 (2008) 103007



Signal and background for a Point Source



Detecting v: effective area A_{eff}



(Median) Angular resolution- present detectors



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Positioning of the detector in seawater



KM3NeT: Track angular Resolutions



KM3NeT/ARCA: Cascade Resolutions



Are they enough?







Expectations for KM3NeT



Ratio of the **discovery potential** $\Phi_{3\sigma}$ (left) and **sensitivity** Φ_{90} (right) to the expectation flux Φ_0 as a function of the observation time for the three fluxes assumed.

Question for further discussion: do you know a definition of *sensitivity* of an experiment and its *discovery potential* (at a given C.L.) ?

U.L. and Sensitivities (also $E_v < 100$ TeV)





Note: these plots depend on the

- assumed spectral index of the source
- differential energy sensibility of the detector

Neutrino telescopes in the Mediterranean sea

- **Upgoing events**: O(0.1°) **angular resolution** for tracks; O(3°) for showers
- **Complementary f.o.v.** for Mediterranean and South Pole detectors. Most of the Galactic plane seen as "upgoing events"
- Online analysis, fast response (few seconds), immediate alert
- Water is an homogeneous medium, but detectors need **for positioning calibrations** due to sea currents
- Very high **duty cycle** (~100%)
- Large observation **solid angle** (2π upgoing events, 4π in fiducial volume)
- Telescopes in water optimized for E_v <100 TeV
- v's not significantly absorbed by the Earth for E_v <100 TeV



The near future: KM3NeT

- **KM3NeT** is the neutrino research infrastructure in the deep Mediterranean Sea
 - Study of high neutrino sources in the Universe **ARCA** (off shore Capo Passero, It @ 3500 m depth)
 - Determine neutrino mass hierarchy
 ORCA (off shore Toulon, Fr @2500 m depth)
- Same collaboration, same technology, two installation sites
 Cities and Sites

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- 15 Countries
- 55 Institutes
- >240 Scientists
- Number of Institutes and
 Scientists constantly increasing
- Here, <u>A</u>RCA (<u>A</u>strophysics) features presented







KM3NeT: A Phased Approach

KM3NeT

PHASE	BLOCKS	PRIMARY DELIVERABLES	FUNDS	
1	0.2	Proof of feasibility and first science results 24 ARCA strings + 6 ORCA	Fully funded	KMINET 2.0 KMINET 2.0 Letter of Intert for ARCA and ORCA -semantics & Outloom Remonit with Counce in the Agen- Table State of Counce in the Agen- Table State of Counce in the Agen- State of Counce in the Agen- State of Counce in the Agen- Market State of Counce
2	2+1	All flavor neutrino physics and astronomy 2 x 115 ARCA strings 1 x 115 ORCA strings	Funding in progress	
3	6	Neutrino astronomy including Galactic sources	Not yet	

- **KM3NeT** Lol: *J. Phys. G*, **43** (2016) 084001
- H2020: funds to prepare the ERIC
- Since 2016 (2018) KM3NeT is back in the ESFRI (APPEC) roadmap
- The process to build the **KM3NeT** ERIC is in progress

More information available

My "preprint" version of the book freely available:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/31mhpdxrgc2qse0/astroparticle-Iledc.pdf?dl=0

- 1. An Overview of Multimessenger Astrophysics
- 2. Charged Cosmic Rays in Our Galaxy
- 3. Direct Cosmic Ray Detection
- 4. Indirect Cosmic Ray Detection
- 5. Diffusion of Cosmic Rays in the Galaxy
- 6. Galactic Accelerators and Acceleration Mechanisms
- 7. The Extragalactic Sources and UHECRs
- 8. The Sky Seen in γ -rays
- 9. The TeV Sky and Multiwavelength Astrophysics
- **10. High-Energy Neutrino Astrophysics**
- **11. Atmospheric Muons and Neutrinos**
- **12.** Low-Energy Neutrino Physics and Astrophysics
- 13. Basics on the Observations of GravitationalWaves
- 14. Microcosm and Macrocosm



Probes of Multimessenger Astrophysics

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

EXTRAS ONLINE

Second Edition

Springer

Summary and Perspectives

- ν fundamental probe to identify the production sites of high energy cosmic particles and test the neutrino sector of the SM and BSM
- v are key ingredient of multi-messenger astronomy
- A ${\bf v}$ telescope in the Mediterranean Sea is fundamental to understand the origin of IceCube HE astrophysical neutrinos
- v telescopes: opportunities for precision measurements in v physics
- ANTARES: more than 10 years of continuous data taking! Data taking up to the end of GW O3 (COVID-19 postponed the May 2020 start of decommissioning)
- ANTARES results from various searches of astrophysical v emission.
 - (point-like, diffuse, extended regions, dark matter, ...)
- ANTARES/KM3NeT active multi-messenger program
- Best practice and multi-messenger collaborations ported to KM3NeT!
- Galactic "TeV-PeVatrons": necessary a $\boldsymbol{\nu}$ telescope in the Northern hemisphere

Work in progress...



Spares

Neutrino have been discovered in water (1955)

• Neutrinos (v_e) have discovered in water by the Cowan & Reines experiment (1955) , see:

https://permalink.lanl.gov/object/tr?what=info:lanl-repo/lareport/LA-UR-97-2534-02



Neutrinos from the Cosmos



Flux of neutrinos at the surface of the Earth.

- Atmospheric neutrinos
- Solar neutrinos
- v's from stellar gravitational collapse
- HE cosmic neutrinos

Neutrinos from the blazar TXS 0506+056 (II)

2014-2015: A (orphan) neutrino flare found from the same object in historical data



Fermi-LAT data; Padovani et al, MNRAS 480 (2018) 192



PoS(ICRC2019)1032

- A further analysis of archival IceCube
 data revealed that this blazar was
 emitting neutrinos before;
- Within Oct. 2014-March 2015 an excess of 13±5 events over background was found.
- During this period, there was no significant EM flaring activity
- Not simple theoretical interpretation

IceCube conclusion: **Compelling** evidence of a HE ν from a blazar

Open questions for neutrino astrophysics



- Neutrino: fundamental probe to identify galactic and extragalactic
 Cosmic Ray (CR) sources
- **Origin** of IceCube HE astrophysical neutrinos
- Production sites of high energy cosmic particles
- Study of galactic and extra galactic propagation of CR with neutrinos as tracers
- Test the neutrino sector of the SM and BSM physics
- Galactic "TeV-PeVatrons": necessary a v telescope in the Northern hemisphere

KM3NeT online alert system



ANTARES Performances: Online, no calibrated, reconstruction within 5 s, median angular resolution 0.4°.

Time and charge of all PMTs over threshold to the computer farm (100 km away)

> Data filter



The Detection Units (DUs)





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