Oscillation Research with Cosmics in the Abyss



Status report on the feasibility of measuring the neutrino mass hierarchy with an underwater Cherenkov detector



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Forewords

KM3NeT is a distributed research infrastructure with <u>2 main physics topics</u>: Low-Energy studies of atmospheric neutrinos – High-Energy search for cosmic neutrinos

KM3NeT-HQ The KM3NeT Research Infrastructure 3 Installation Sites in the Mediterranean KM3Ne¹ KM3NeT-Data Centre KM3NeT-FR Low-Energy (ORCA) KM3NeT-Gr KM3NeT-It **High-Energy** km3net.org

Many unofficial preliminary material shown today

Outline







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Event topologies



Track-like contains both a cascade and one track



No track is identified



The IceCube HE cosmic signal

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A phased implementation

PHASE 1:

Shore and deep-sea infrastructure at KM3NeT-Fr & KM3NeT-It 31 lines deployed by end 2016 (**3-4 x ANTARES sensitivity**) *Proof of feasibility of network of distributed neutrino telescopes*



2016 PHASE 1.5: 230 lines (2 building blocks) Investigation of IceCube signal

> + 50-60 M€ Letter of Intent In prep

2020 PHASE 2: 6 building blocks *Neutrino astronomy*





S.R. Kelner, *et al* Vela X[§]





VOarc

Towards an all-flavour astronomy



2° median angular resolution with ANTARES (10 times better than IceCube) → Actively being worked out for next year physics studies updates

Detector technology



The Multi-PMT Digital Optical Module

----- 17 inch -

- Digital photon counting
- Directional information
- Wide angle of view
- Single pressure transition
- Cost reduction wrt ANTARES

1st prototype @ ANTARES

April 2013: First DOM installed on ANTARES instrumented line

Validates photon counting and directionality performances

String deployment

- Fast mounting of optical modules
- Rapid deployment
- Autonomous unfurling
- Recovery of launcher vehicle

Multiple deployments with a single cruise

KM3NeT mini-line @ Capo Passero

Integration Nikhef & CPPM

> Deployment KM3NeT-It May 2014

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Water/Ice Cherenkov

Magnetized Trackers

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Oscillations of Massive Neutrinos

Current Status of unknowns

Why knowing the mass hierarchy?

MH with LBL experiments

• « Standard approach » :probe $v_{\mu} \leftrightarrow v_{e}$ governed by Δm^{2}_{31}

 $P_{3\nu}(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{e}) \approx \sin^{2}\theta_{23} P_{2\nu} = \sin^{2}\theta_{23} \sin^{2}2\theta_{13}^{\rm m} \sin^{2}\left(\frac{\Delta_{m_{31}}^{\rm m}L}{4E_{\nu}}\right)$

[Neglecting solar (> a few GeV and >1000's km) and CP violation effects]

- Insensitive to the sign of Δm_{13}^2 at leading order.
- Matter effects (MSW) come to the rescue

Through matter, neutrinos interact acquiring an effective mass (forward scattering) Only electron neutrinos interact through CC with electrons

 \rightarrow Additional potential A in the Hamiltonian

 $A\equiv\pm\sqrt{2}G_FN_e~$ (–)+ for (anti-)neutrinos

→ Modify the oscillation probability

Earth density variations (e.g. mantle-core) also affect the oscillations (parametric resonance)

(Constant Density) Matter Effects

Requirements:

- $\Delta_{13} \sim A$ matter potential must be significant but not overwhelming
- L large enough matter effects are absent near the origin
- Distinction between neutrinos and anti-neutrinos

→ different flux and cross-sections!

Phenomenological Summary

Inverted Hierachy

- Normal Hierachy

In each case, CP-phase is varied in steps of 30 degrees

 Hierarchy differences disappear at around 15 GeV

Fluxes and cross sections

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Oscillograms & sensitivity for NT

With exceedingly large PINGU effective volume

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$$\rho V_{\text{eff}}(E_{\nu}) = 14.6 \times [\log(E_{\nu}/\text{GeV})]^{1.8} \text{ Mt}$$

$$S^{tot} = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} S_{ij}^2} = \sqrt{\sum_{ij} \frac{(N_{ij}^{IH} - N_{ij}^{NH})^2}{\sigma_{ij}^2}}$$

 $\sigma_{ij}^2 = N_{ij}^{NH} + (fN_{ij}^{NH})^2$

Uncorrelated systematics

Perfect resolutions $\sigma E=4 \text{ GeV}, \sigma \theta= 22.5^{\circ}$ S=45.5\sigma (f=0%)S=7.2\sigma (f=0%)S=28.9\sigma (f=5%)S=4.5\sigma (f=5%)S=18.8\sigma (f=10%)S=3.0\sigma (f=10%)

The ORCA feasibility study

- Launched in September 2012 (Coord. A. Kouchner)
- KM3NeT technology
- Regularly presented at GDR Neutrino since then
- First focus on neutrino muon channel
- Independent study
 - hard to reconcile with PINGU first studies
 - Consistent with other estimates

PINGU collaboration, arXiv:1306.5846

Muon versus Electron channels

Both muon- and electron-channels contribute to net hierarchy asymmetry electron channel more robust against detector resolution effects:

Additional ORCA physics topics

- Indirect Search for Dark Matter
- Sensitivity to CP phase (Threshold <1GeV, MH known)

Razzaque & Smirnov, arXiv:1406.1407

• Earth tomography and composition

Gonzales-Garcia et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.100:061802,2008, Agarwalla et al., arXiv:1212.2238v1

• Test NSI and other exotic physics

Ohlsson et al, Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 013001
 Gonzales-Garcia et al., Phys.Rev. D71 (2005) 093010

Supernovae monitoring (takes advantage on new DOM features)

Low Energy Neutrino Astrophysics
 Gamma-ray bursts, Colliding Wind Binaries
 J. Becker Tjus, arXiv:1405.0471 ...

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Proposed Low Energy Extensions

*First performances evaluated with a 50 string detector

Optimised layouts still under study

60 OMs/string

Preliminary performances (v_{μ})

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Improvements in energy reconstruction

Work in progress

Old:

Energy reconstructed from reconstructed track length

New:

Energy reconstructed using a function dependent on reconstructed track length and #hits

Shower reconstruction (v_e)

1. Vertex fit:

Work in progress

- maximum likelihood method based on time residuals
- two fits: first robust prefit then more precise fit
- 2. Energy + direction fit:
 - PDF for number of expected photons depending on: E_v, Bjorken y, emission angle, OM orientation, distance(OM,vertex)

 maximum likelihood method based probability that hits have been created by certain shower hypothesis (E_v, Bjorken y, direction)

Shower reconstruction (v_e)

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Towards a statistical separation of v & $\overline{\mathbf{v}}$

Work in progress

Shower reconstruction applied to electron v has some sensitivity to Bjorken y

Should be studied on muon channel Possible improvement in PID (flavour)

"With the inelasticity, the total significance of establishing mass hierarchy may increase by (20 · 50)%, thus effectively increasing the volume of the detector by factor 1.5 · 2"

Ribordy & Smirnov PRD, 87. 113007 (muon channel only)

Flavour (mis)-identification

0.55

0.65

0.7

0.75

0.8

0.85

0.95 Purity

hit distance to vertex...

 $\hat{\theta}^{H}$

Sensitivity studies

To optimally distinguish between IH and NH: likelihood ratio test with nuisance parameters \rightarrow deal with degeneracies by fitting!

$$\Delta \log(L^{\max}) = \sum_{\text{bins}} \log P(\text{data}|\hat{\theta}^{\text{NH}}, \text{NH}) - \log P(\text{data}|\hat{\theta}^{\text{IH}}, \text{IH})$$

maximum-likelihood estimates for the ∆m²'s and angles using
 both data and constraints from global fit.
 nb: constraints are different for H=IH and H=NH

1) fit mixing parameters assuming NH 2) fit mixing parameters assuming IH 3) compute $\Delta \log L = \log(L(NH)/L(IH))$

 θ_{23} , $\Delta m^2~$ and $~\delta_{CP}$ can be fitted from data.

	with proposed detector (S.75Mton)			
Error on	current	1.5 yr	2.5 yr	≺ 5 yr
θ ₂₃ [deg]	1.6*	0.6	0.4	0.3
Δm^2_{tarma} [10 ⁻⁵ eV ²]	8*	7.2	5.8	4.3

The proper way to do ?

Fisher Information Matrix (FIM)

- Used in PINGU analysis
- Use 'fiducial' values (fixed true values)
- Evaluate bin-by-bin first-order derivatives of expected number of events
 - \Rightarrow probe small region around fiducial values
- Covariance matrix from derivatives
- Yields individual and combined uncertainties

Runs much faster \rightarrow easier for sys. studies

KM3NeT Collaboration

Quite similar results Both collaboration currently investigating details

Current ORCA Sensitivity

Pros & expected improvements

- Full correlations of osc. parameters
 ^{cr} uncertainties will reduce in future
- Most influential parameters fitted
- Improvement in the muon channel for energy
- Add reconstructed inelasticity (y)
- Try statistical separation of neutrinos (shower-like) from anti-neutrinos (track-like)
- Geometry optimisation

Cons & expected degradations

The sensitivity study does not yet account for:

- The overall flux normalization

 The bins without physical affects
- Neutral Currents and tau neutrinos
- Atmospheric muon background
- Other systematics
 - Flux polarity uncertainties
 - Flux flavour uncertainties
 - Cross sections
 - Energy scale
 - Exposure
 - Acceptance

Work in progress

Layout optimisation (ex. Shower)

Other sensitivity studies

No fit

Extrapolated from 50 string detector

- Includes same reconstruction resolutions
- Same particle ID mis-identification
- Tracks includes muon and tau neutrinos (17%)
- Cascades includes NC, electron and tau neutrinos (83%)

- Change hierarchy by $\Delta m^2_{\ 13} \to \ -\Delta m^2_{\ 13} + \Delta m^2_{\ 12}$, with $\Delta m^2_{\ 12} = 7.6 E\text{-}5 \ eV^2$
- Best fit osc. parameters from Fogli et al. (thus theta_23 ~ 38 deg)

• δ_{cp}=0

Atmospheric muon rejection

Cut on the reconstructed pseudo-vertex and quality parameters of reconstruction

<u>Boosted Decision Tree</u> reconstruction quality, vertex distance to center

Instrumental veto is not mandatory (though not impossible)

1% contamination achievable without strong signal loss

Room for improvement

Studies of systematics

Project timelines

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"Detector construction can be completed five years after funding starts, or as early as 2020."

"The PINGU share of the facility cost is roughly \$55M (US cost, including contingency) plus \$25M (foreign contribution) for a total of 80M\$."

P5 report:

"[...]cannot go forward as major projects at this time, due to concept maturity and/or program cost considerations. However, further development of PINGU is recommended [...]" "...we encourage continued work to understand systematics. PINGU could play a very important role as part of a larger upgrade of lceCube, or as a separate upgrade, but more work is required." ORCA is part of the KM3NeT program

Phase 1 (funded) : deploy a 6-7 string array In the ORCA configuration to demonstrate detection method in the GeV range.

Phase 1.5 (+31 M€) : deploy 1 building block 115 strings in French KM3NeT site. Completion in 2019

ORCA can be first !

MEUST infrastructure

Submarine infrastructure of 2nd generation (wrt ANTARES) shared between the European neutrino (KM3NeT/ORCA) and Sea Science (EMSO) communities.

MEDITERRANEAN EUROCENTRE FOR UNDERWATER SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES

MEUST infrastructure

- Modular ring of up to 6 nodes with double connection to shore
- Up to 120 ν DUs + Sea Science instruments
- Electrical power in HV AC (as ANTARES) and data optical transfer with dense multiplexing (DWDM KM3NeT)

Possibility to redirect the ANTARES cable to MEUST as Main Cable 2.

CNRS-FEDER contract of 7 M€ (2011-15) for engineering of main components : 1 Main Cable, 1 node, 1 v DU and SS devices

<u>New</u>: 6 more v DUs financed by KM3NeT to be deployed in the ORCA dense configuration to exercise low E v reconstruction !

MEUST components

Main Cable stored at La Seyne/ Mer, to be deployed in December

Finance

Existing funds (Phase 1)

France:	7 M€	(MEUST-CNRS/FEDER, 4 yrs)
Italy:	16 M€	(PON-ERDF, 3 yrs)
The Netherlands:	8 M€	(FOM)
Germany:	0.15 M€	(Univ. Erlangen)

? M€ (ERDF)

Requested fu	Inds (ORCA, high energy)
France:	12.4 M€ (NUMerEnv-CNRS/CPER/FEDER, 5 yrs)
	2.5 M€ (ERC-advanced grant: Coyle)
	1 M€ (ANR: Kouchner, Dornic)
Italy:	10 M€ (INFN, 5 yrs)

The Netherlands: 5+5 M€ (FOM, 5 yrs)

Greece, Germany, Spain, Romania, Poland, UK, ...- under discussion

Summary

- Atmospheric Neutrinos have still a major role to play for precision measurements and determination of unknown parameters such as the mass hierarchy.
- Low energy (GeV) extensions of Neutrino Telescopes faster and cheaper than other alternatives...
- ...but challenging. So far no showstopper identified. ORCA will proceed with a demonstrator array.
- ORCA broadens the scientific scope of KM3NeT. Full support of the collaboration. Lol soon next year.
 - Positive signals for funding requests

We need the support of the French Neutrino community!

KM3NeT/ORCA is a great opportunity for France (among IN2P3 priorities):

- Host a detector
- Provide a first measurement clearly identified as a need by the scientific community