Status and perspectives of KM3NeT

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High energy neutrino telescopes



- IceCube 1 km³ running => first
 evidence of HE cosmic
 neutrino in 2013
- Antares 0.01 km³ running
- KM3NeT in construction (1 km³)
- Baikal in construction (1 km³)

Visibility for upgoing v_{μ} from South Pole (left) and Mediterranean Sea (right)





ICECUBE SKY MAP



Multimessanger v astronomy

The IceCube Collaboration et al. Science 2018;361:eaat1378



Alert sent by IceCube on 22 September 2017

The coincident observation of a IceCube high energy neutrino with gammas from Fermi and Magic indicate, with 3σ significance, that blazars may be sources of cosmic rays



Antares limits on ν flux from point-like sources and Galactic Ridge

Enhanced γ emission observed in Fermi data and also by HESS around the Galactic Center



Fermi-LAT - M. Ackermann et al. Astrophys. J., 2012



HESS- F. Aharonian et al. Nature, 2006





Antares puts the strongest limits in a large part of the southern hemisphere, especially at high energy

All flavour GR neutrino search ANTARES with 9 years data taking (2007-2015) show upper limit close to KRA- γ model with 50 PeV cut off and put a limit on percentage of IceCube events from Galactic Plane

THE KM3NET TELESCOPE

KM3NeT is a network of neutrino telescopes, using the same technology, under construction in the deep Mediterranean Sea aiming at

- observe high energy cosmic neutrinos and discover their sources with KM3NeT/ ARCA @ 3500 m depth off shore Capo Passero, Italy
- determine Neutrino Mass Hierarchy with KM3NeT/ORCA @2500 m depth off

shore Toulon, France



Very hostile environment due to huge pressure (350 bar), corrosion, very difficult access (installation, mantainence) ... ARCA - 1 km³ of sea water equipped with a 3D array of innovative optical sensors (multi-PMT)

- two building blocks of 115 Detection Units (DU)
 - each DU hosts 18 multi-PMT Digital Optical Modules (DOM) with 36 m spacing
 - a backbone cable with breakouts at DOMs distributes power and data
- Sea network of submarine cables and Junction Boxes provide power and data transmission to shore via a main electro-optical cable
- All data to shore data transmission
- KM vs IC

KM3NeT sensitivity to IceCube neutrino flux



Discovery at 5 σ significance (50% probability) in few months with combined analysis *KM3NeT Letter of Intent*

Galactic ridge, galactic sources and extragalactic point-like sources

Discovery potential at 3 σ



Southern hemisphere for equivalent exposure

Collaboration and integration sites



KM3NeT Organigram



ARCA Data analysis: S. Biagi and R. Coniglione

KM3NeT Digital Optical Module (DOM)



- 31 x 3" PMTs
- LED & acoustic piezo inside
- Tiltmeter/compass
- Gbit/s fibre DWDM
- Hybrid white rabbit

• Digital photon counting

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- Improved rejection of optical background
 - Directional information and wide angle of view
 - high acceptance (nearly 4π)
 - good reconstruction (also for down-going events)
- Compact and cost effective design: 1 DOM equivalent to 3 Antares/IceCube OMs
- Photocatode Area ARCA = 2.35 X IceCube



KM3NeT DETECTION UNIT (DU)







LOM deployed to seabed Released by ROV Unfurled Frame recovered



The KM3NeT/ARCA detector

To be installed in the Italian site of the KM3NeT infrastructure 115 detection units per building block 18 DOM per DU Vertical DOM spacing 36 m Inter-DU spacing 90 m 2 building blocks Total volume ≈1 km³

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1st DU at 3500 m depth off-shore CapoPassero, IT





































Validation, construction, reviews => mass production



Main activities at LNS

- Simulation and data analysis
- ARCA operation, data transmission and data taking
- Power system design production and tests, PFE
- ARCA Sea floor network
- DU integration
- Calibration
- Establishment of an ERIC as legal entity for KM3NeT



KM3NeT - atmospheric events

Two ARCA DUs installed at nominal position at 3500 m depth more than one year data collected data analysis in progress system off due to short circuit







ORCA DU2 recovered to repair cable

Status and perspectives

- Two ARCA DUs have been installed in Capo Passero
 - sea campaign foreseen in early January to recover functionality after a short cut occurred in 2017
- One ORCA DU was installed in Toulon in September 2017
 - to be redeployed after repair of main cable (December 2018)
- Data analysis on atmospheric muons (and neutrinos) ongoing
- Mass production will start soon incorporating review outcome

Conclusions

- Neutrino telescopes provide a unique probe for high energy Universe and neutrino physics
- IceCube discovered a cosmic neutrino flux and detected the first neutrino HE event in coincidence with gamma telescopes (plus follow-up in several other wavelenght)
 - Coincidence with Gravitational Waves not detected yet
- KM3NeT will measure neutrinos with unprecedented angular resolution and large sky coverage including most of galactic plane and Galactic Center
- Mass production and detector installation is the main effort of the collaboration in the near future and LNS has key roles and responsibilities in almost all the items