Outline



• Cherenov detectors in APP:

Xenon Muon veto

RICH:

(S)IACT:

Neutrino Telescopes:

Radio Cherenkov

Super/Hyper – Kamiokande HAWC, LHAASO, SWGO, PAO

Hegra, Veritas, Cangaroo, Magic, Hess, CTA

Bakal GVD, Antares, IceCube, KM3NeT

Medical physics

Dark Matter detectors: XENON muon veto





- Dual phase TPC to Search for Nuclear Recoil (NR) events generated by DM interaction on LXe
- nVeto used to tag multiple and single scatter NR events in the TPC
- data-driven estimation of the neutron background

120 x 8" high-QE low-radioactivity PMTs installed in water 1m away from the cryostat

High-reflectivity ePTFE panels confine nVeto region (33 m³) with large light-collection efficiency





LED calibrations for PMT gain check Laser calibrations for transparency monitor





Early 1980's Kamiokande and IMB



FIG. 1. Schematic view of the Kamiokande II detector. The inner detector contains 3000 tons of water of which 2140 tons are fiducial volume. It is viewed by 948 20-in-diameter PMT's mounted on a 1-m grid on the inner surface. The outer (veto) counter surrounds the inner detector and is viewed by 123 PMT's. Dimensions in the figure are in millimeters.



Proton decay (NDE) and neutrinos \rightarrow SN1987A (Nobel prize!) Main detection channel v_e+p \rightarrow e⁺+n



RICH ideal technique for detecting v and PID (μ , e)

large mass (target and transparent radiator) large active volume low background

> Use ultra pure water (water purification system) Use very large area PMTs

Good timing resolution for vertex and direction reconstruction Good imaging resolution for PID and particle counting Good energy resolution



Super-Kamiokande 50k tonnes H₂0 1 km underground 11000 large area PMTs

Detection of atmospheric neutrino oscillation (Nobel prize)







Event Reconstruction (for high energy events) Momentum → Amount of light-yield inside a ring Vertex →Timing of the PMT at the ring edge Particle ID → Cherenkov ring edge and the opening angle.

Energy response (SK detector: ~50 m path length)

Muon energy loss in water = $\sim 2 \text{ MeV} / \text{ cm } @ \sim \text{GeV}$ Maximum energy loss = $\sim 10 \text{ GeV} / \text{ particle}$

Low-energy response in SK: ~6 hit PMT / MeV Rough estimation for 10 MeV electron 5 cm path length \rightarrow ~1700 photon



Ring Imaging Water Cherenkov pixel detector





No momentum charge sign measurement

PID from sharpness of ring: muon sharper edges; electron showers: fuzzy edges

Timing response of PMTs used to determine particle direction

The number of hit PMTs is a better energy scale than total charge of hit PMTs



Vertex resolution Timing calibration using laser accuracy 0.5 ns (10 cm)



c_{water} ~23 cm/ns in water

Energy resolution

Mainly depends on the number of photo-electrons (p.e.) detected. Rough figure from 6 p.e. / MeV: 10 MeV \rightarrow 60 hit PMT $\rightarrow \sigma(E)/E = \sim 13\%$ 1 GeV \rightarrow 6000 p.e. $\rightarrow \sigma(E)/E = \sim 1.3\%$

10 MeV electron 14 % 1 GeV electron 3 % 1 GeV muon 2 %

















Next Step

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Hyper Kamiokande (2027):
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260 kT (190 kT fiducial)
40.000 PMTs
8.4 x SK
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E_{th} \sim 6.5 \text{ MeV}
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Cherenkov on ground: Shower detection



Use atmosphere as calorimeter

$$ho_{\rm atm}(h) pprox
ho_0 {
m e}^{-h/h_0}
ho_0 pprox 1.225 \ {
m kg/m^3}$$

> TeV CR Showers: Cherenkov counters/RICH over ground GeV-TeV Gamma showers Imaging Air Cherenkov Telescopes



Cherenkov on ground: Shower detection





Atmospheric Cerenkov Detectors (ACTs)

Limited field of view instrument (few degrees) Dish must follow the source displacement in the sky \rightarrow only work at clear sky moonless nights \rightarrow need γ -hadron discriminating power

Surface detectors (charged particles and γ secondaries at ground level)

Large field of view (≈ steradian) instrument High duty cycle →need γ-hadron discriminating power

Cherenkov on ground





overground Cherenkov particle counting:

LHAASO Pierre Auger HAWC SWGO

Cherenkov on ground: HAWC





High Altitude Water Cherenkov (HAWC): CR/gamma Air Shower Detector

22,000 m² air shower array
300 Water Cherenkov detectors (WCD)
200,000 liters of purified water per WCD
4 sensors (photo-multiplier tubes) per WCD

Cherenkov light recorded by 4 PMTs at the bottom of each WCD



Cherenkov on ground: HAWC



HAWC detects a few thousand γ rays per day and 20,000 hadronic cosmic rays per second (~2 billion/day)



Cherenkov on ground: LHAASO





4500 m altitude, Sichuan Total area: 1.3 km²

Water Cherenkov Detector Array (WCDA) 3600 cells 90,000 m²









Cherenkov Telescope Array: LHAASO



24 telescopes (Cherenkov/Fluorescence)

- ► 5 m² spherical mirror
- ► 16 × 16 PMT array
- pixel size 1°
- ► FOV: 14° × 14°
- Elevation angle: 60°

G. Di Sciascio, Roma Tor Vergata, July 13, 2015









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Cherenkov on ground: Pierre Auger



designed to detect UHE CR > 10^{18} eV



Solar panel and electronic box Three 9" PM Tubes White light Utilitisina De-ionized water Plastic tank

PAO, Combination of: Surface detector (1600 water Cherenkov tanks 1.2 km²) Array of Fluorescence Detectors

Hybrid detection





Cherenkov on ground: Pierre Auger





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Cherenkov on ground: SWGO







Located in Atacama Astronomical Park, Chile. altitude of 4770 m. Gamma-ray observatory based on ground-level particle detection close to 100% duty cycle 1 steradian field of view. 100 GeV : PeV

Water Cherenkov detector units high fill-factor core area considerably larger than HAWC low density outer array

Use of multi PMT







optimal site conditions (air quality, altitude, optical bkg)











Shower develops in the atmosphere charged relativistic particles emit Cherenkov radiation

Photons get reflected by a mirror to a camera

High reflectivity mirrors High sensitivity light detectors good time resolution











Detection of IC433 (MAGIC)

Air Cherenkov: backgrounds





geomagnetic field impact

 $^{\circ}$ 450 GeV γ -rays, 100 m impact parameter, ZA = 40°, Az = 0° and 180°,

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800 900 1000

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night sky background





Each showers seen by several telescopes

improved hadron shower rejection factor axial symmetry + narrow 3D width + punctual source pointing

Improved angular resolution wrt 1 telescope (≈ 4' with 4 telescopes)



Energy resolution (≈15%)







Experiment	# pixels	Pixels size	Field of view
CANGAROO III	552	0.115°	3°
HESS I	960	0.16°	5°
MAGIC	396+180	0.08°-0.12°	4°
VERITAS	499	0.15°	3.5°







CTAO: Cherenkov Telescope Array Observatory North (Canaria) and South (ESO) sites

Three types of telescopes: 20 GeV : 300 eV.

23 Medium-Sized Telescopes

4 Large-Sized Telescopes in the Northern hemisphere (Threshold 150 GeV) 37 Small-Sized Telescopes in the southern array (threshold 5 TeV)

Energies below 150 GeV and above 5 TeV, respectively.

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----- CTAO Northern Array



0.2

Angular Resolution (°) 1.0

0.05

 1^{-2}











P-ONE

2500 m w.d. Victoria (Canada) Ocean Network Canada Infrastructure multi km3 for UHE event Prototyping phase (technology in definition) possible limitation: seawater depth and background

ANTARES Toulon 2500 m w.d. KM3NeT (ARCA) Capo Passero 3500 m





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Baikal

Lake Baikal 1250 m w.d. 1km³ with 18 clusters in 2026 Water quality limits TeV data Quality for mass production improved wrt the past. Detector behaviour not fully understood. "Heroic effort" in the past international situation limiting collaboration growth

IceCube xtension to IceCube Gen 2: x8 Active Volume wrt IceCube











Cherenkov photons emitted by the muon track are correlated by the causality relation:

$$\mathbf{c}(\mathbf{t}_{j} - \mathbf{t}_{0}) = \mathbf{I}_{j} + \mathbf{d}_{j} \operatorname{tg}(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_{c})$$

The track can be reconstructed during offline analysis of space-time correlated PMT signals (hits).

Main indetermination is the size of PMT

(≈ 20 cm \rightarrow ≈ 1 ns)

Required resolution: ≈ 1 ns PMT TTS

 \approx 10 cm in position of the PMT







...Icecube in Antarctica



5160 PMTs in Optical Modules
1 km³ volume
86 strings
17 m vertical spacing
125 m string spacing
Completed in 2010
Fully operational since 2011



no ⁴⁰K background, fixed strings "standard" data transport and time calibration light scattering in ice



...Icecube in Antarctica





TXS Multimessenger detection during a source flare IceCube-170922 (~290 TeV) • NGC 1068 2 Declination [deg] 0 NGC1068 -1-2 39 42 40 Right Ascension [deg]

Neutrino flux Consistent with an isotropic distribution Galactic plane emission < 14% no signal from GRBs but 4 interesting candidate sources (2 in particular)

Special AGN: not jetted, neutrinos prodcued in the AGN corona, gamma «hidden» source

KM3NeT



ARCA @ Capo Passero Astronomy Research with Cosmic Rays in the Abysses 3500 m water depth, 100 km from shore

2 building blocks (few km among the blocks) 115 Detection Units(DU) / block 18 DOMs (36 m inter-DOM) 90 m inter-DU distance >1 km³ volume

ORCA @ Toulon Oscillation Research with Cosmic Rays in the Abysses 2500 m water depth, 40 km from shore

building block
 115 detection Units
 18 DOMs (9 m inter-DOM)
 0.01 km³ volume



Network of cabled observatories located in deep waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

Centrally managed: common hardware, software, data handling and control

KM3NeT: detector elements





Plus:

compass, acoustic sensor, front-end and data transmission electronics

1 hydrophone at each Detection Unit base



Detection Unit a vertical string with 18 DOMs



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Angular resolution





Hit Time (T0)

Angular resolution (in ARCA):

- Rejection of atmospheric muons
- Source identification



Time Synchronisation and DOM position calibration is the key parameter to optimise angular resolution



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Ice optical properties





Absorption length is about 100 m Scattering length is few cm (effective is few metres)

Light propagation in water



Spacing of optical sensors inside the instrumented volume must be of the order of the light absorption lenght in seawater (\approx 70 m for blue light)



About 5000 optical modules are needed to fill up one km³

Water Optical properties







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Backgound Light in water



 ${}^{40}\text{K} \rightarrow {}^{40}\text{Ca} + e^- + v_e$ (B.R. = 89.28%) ${}^{40}\text{K} + e^- \rightarrow {}^{40}\text{Ar} + v_e + \gamma$ (B.R. =10.72%)

Induces a Constant rate 30 kHz (10" PMT @ 0.5 spe)



Bioluminescence Increases average rate and produces bursts...





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Underwater Positioning system



Digital acoustic receivers (192 kHz/24 bits) synchronised with detector master clock (<1 μ s) All data to shore in real time

 \rightarrow the largest (scientific) phased array of acoustic receivers subsea

Long baseline of acoustic emitters and receivers

- reconfigurable beacons on selected DU bases and (in ARCA) on Junction Boxes
- autonomous beacons on tripods at the subsea field rim (retrievable)
- hydrophones on each DU base and (in ARCA) on Junction boxes
- acoustic sensors glued to the inside of each DOM (close to south pole)







KM3NeT: Acoustic positioning system



Goal 20 cm accuracy (1ns / DOM radius)

- Two reconstruction methods in action:
- 1) Measurement of time of emission (ToE, beacon/hydro) and Time of arrival (ToA, beacon/piezo) plus multi-lateration; independent measurement of DOM position
- 2) Global fit of ToAs (only DOM receivers) [used at present for data analysis for ARCA and ORCA]





KM3NeT Time distribution underwater: White Rabbit network



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...And the super-HE neutrino event





The event is horizontal (about 1° above the horizon)

ARCA: the highest energy neutrino event



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Radio Cherenkov: Choerent dipole radio emission





Radio Cherenkov: Choerent dipole radio emission





ANITA: The SLAC experiment (2001,2004,2006)







Coherent radio emission P E²

Production and detection of Askaryan radiation in salt and ice.

balloon borne

- 32 dual polarization antennas
- Altitude of 37km (120,000 ft)
- Horizon at 700km
- Over 1 million km³ of ice visible



Cosmic Ray showers (reflected) phase inversion, H-polairisation ice-skimming neutrinos: V-Polarisation (geometry of emission cone)

Neutrino detection with radio arrays



Ground-based air shower detectors	shower detectors Direct (CR,v) or reflected*			
AERA@PAO, Lofar, GRAND, Taro	ge* Inclined young showers (v)	Come an a come when the the		
O(>10 ³ km ²) instrumented, Obser	Bas fick			
Ice surface-based detectors	Direct and reflected signal	area ar		
ARIANNA, GNO	(v)			
O(>10 ² km ²) instrumented, Observed volume 10 ² km ³ , E th ≈10 ^{16:17} eV				
In ice detectors	Direct and reflected signal			
ARA (RICE)	(v)			
O(>10 ² km ³) instrumented volumes, Observed volume 10 ² km ³ , E th ≈10 ¹⁷ eV				
Balloon and Satellites detectors	Refracted (v) and reflected	0		
Anita, Forte, EVA	(CR,v) signal, upgoing (v_{τ})	release UK2		
O(m ³ , 1000 m ³) instrumented areas, Observed Volume 10 ⁶ km ³ , E th ≈10 ¹⁸ eV				
Ground-based lunar observatories	Refracted signal in lunar regolith (v)			
GLUE, NuMoon, SKA, LOFAR	Skimming events (CR)	18 C 18 V		
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Medical Physics imaging with Cherenkov light



Cherenkov light generated inside patient's eyeball



Real Time Imaging Cherenkov during radiotherapy allows the visualization and recording of frame-by-frame relative maps of the dose being delivered to the tissue





almost 90 years from discovery

simple and cheap application
widely used in particle and astroparticle physics experiments (and many Nobel prizes)
Brigth future ahead, also in technological applications!

...polarisation still not exploited



Particle ID (electron vs muon)

- Need separate measurements between v_e and v_{μ}
- Electron-like / Muon-like separation is possible from event pattern
- SK: use likelihood function \rightarrow Good agreement

	SK-III	SK-IV w/ fiTQun
ν_{e} mis-ID as ν_{μ}	1.5%	0.05%
ν_{μ} mis-ID as ν_{e}	0.5%	0.02%

