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Neutrino is one of the most elusive particles but also very abundant in the universe

Neutrino flux at Earth covers over 24 orders of magnitude for energy and 50 orders for the flux

Special neutrino features:

- no deflected and absorbed
- brings memory of energy and direction of source
- able to escape from dense environment

Neutrino probes many different fields of Physics

- fundamental particle physics
- dark-matter detection
- Solar physics
- neutrino astronomy
- geophysics
- ...other related topics.

\rightarrow Require many different experimental approaches

Flux of neutrino and antineutrino at Earth of different sources vs. energy integrated over directions and summed over flavors





Cosmic Neutrinos Background are a thermal relic from the hot early Universe when in was about 1s old.

Temperature: $T\nu$ =1.95 K = 0.168 meV; Number density: $n\nu$ =112/cm3

The CNB consists essentially of an equal mixture of all flavors.

It is the largest neutrino density at Earth, but yet it has never been measured.

The CNB detection issues are :

- Baryon asymmetry
- Dark energy and dark matter
- Cosmological constant and inflation

Experimental realization for directly measuring the CNB remains currently extremely challenging

One of the most realistic approach uses inverse β decay notably on tritium pursued by the PTOLEMY project at LNGS









In the keV range, the Sun produces <u>neutrino pairs of all flavors</u> by thermal processes: plasmon decay, Compton process, electron bremsstrahlung <u>Thermal solar neutrinos has never been shown even if is the dominant v v⁻flux at Earth at Ev ≤ 4 keV</u>

The Sun emits 2.3% of its nuclear energy production in the form of <u>MeV-range electron neutrinos</u>

The Sun produces nuclear energy by hydrogen fusion to helium that proceeds through pp chains (exceeding 99%) and the rest through the CNO cycle.

Flux change by 3.4% in the course of the year due to the ellipticity of Earth's orbit.





At the Neutrino 2020 conference Borexino announced the first measurement of solar CNO neutrinos (significance of $\sim 7\sigma$)



Solar neutrino measurements historically was connected with the discovery of flavor conversion and matter effect

Prime targets of future solar neutrino precision experiments:

- Neutrino is a powerful tool to directly revealing solar physical processes
- detailed chemical abundances in the solar core
- precision study for Solar Standard Model (SSM) and Stellar models

The largest neutrino observatory will be Hyper-Kamiokande

SNO+, 1kton of WC and 0.8 kton of LS (decommissioned SNO detector)

JUNO, in China a 20 kton reactor LS neutrino experiment

DUNE: LAr scintillator, built for long-baseline neutrino oscillations, have also solar neutrino detection capabilities

WIMP direct detection experiments will be competitive in the detection of solar neutrinos

XENON NT at LNGS already measured solar neutrino !!!

the XENONnT collaboration announced the first measurement of low-energy nuclear recoils from neutrinos produced in nuclear reactions inside the sun, particularly those involving the element boron







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Geoneutrinos: detection and perspective

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Geoneutrinos are primarily v_e produced in decays of radio-active elements with lifetime comparable to the age of Earth (so-called heat-producing elements HPEs) Around 99% of geoneutrinos comes from the decay chains of 232Th, 238U, and 40K.

The main detection channel is the inverse beta decay, with a kinematical Thr= 1.806 MeV The large flux from 40K is not detectable \rightarrow The large fraction arises from ₂₃₂Th, ₂₃₈U

The first reported geoneutrino detection was by KamLAND in 2005 1000t LS detector A second experiment that detected geoneutrinos was Borexino 300t LS.



Geoneutrinos observation in KamLAND and Borexino was highly significant, but better statistics is needed → Several experiments, in different stages of development, will improve our knowledge.

SNO+ in Canada expects a geoneutrino rate of 20/yr

JUNO in China also plans to measure geoneutrinos

Proposed: Hanohano (Hawaii Anti-Neutrino Observatory) 5 kton detector on the oceanic crust (*arXiv:0810.4975*)

Geoneutrinos detection carry information on:

- plate tectonics Earth model
- mantle convection
- planetary heat budget and composition
- magnetic-field generation



Reactor Neutrinos



In nuclear power reactors a few percent of their energy production is released in the form of MeV-range V_{ρ} from the β decay of neutron-rich nuclei ($_{235}U$, $_{239}Pu$, $_{238}U$, $_{241}Pu$)

In contrast to accelerators, reactors produce a diffuse flux.

Reactor neutrino flux is a few percent of the geoneutrino flux, but can dominate in some geographic regions.

Reactor neutrinos have been always fundamental to the study of neutrino properties: such as mixing angles and mass differences

Several reactor neutrino experiments (KamLAND, Daya Bay, RENO, and Double-Chooz) have been designed.

The frontier of reactor neutrino measurements will be the JUNO detector



Global map of v_e from U and Th in Earth and from reactors Spots are due to Power Reactors 7



 $E_{\rm b}/E_{\rm v} \rightarrow \simeq 3 \times 10^{57}$ particles for each of the six v and v species.

Feb 23 1987. Type II SN1987A was the first supernova from which neutrinos were observed. In the Large Magellanic Cloud, a small galaxy satellite of our Milky Way ($\simeq 50 \pm 5$ kpc from Earth)

Two Water Cherenkov Detectors observed neutrino events, in a 13 s interval : Kamiokande-II (12 events) and the Irvine Michigan Brookhaven experiment (IMB) (8 events)



the gravitational core collapse of a massive star within a few seconds releases the binding energy in form of neutrinos burst

 $E_{\rm b} \simeq \frac{3}{5} \frac{G_{\rm N} M_{\rm NS}^2}{R_{\rm NS}} \simeq 3 \times 10^{53} \text{ erg} \simeq 2 \times 10^{59} \text{ MeV}$

This large amount of energy appears in the form of neutrinos:

 $E_v \simeq 10 - 15 \text{ MeV}$





Relative time (s)





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- Neutrino burst from the next SN explosion is one of the most targets of next neutrino astronomy
- Neutrinos provide very early a direct view into the core collapse process without being altered

Next SN detector properties:

- rare rate: ~1-3 SN expected explosion per century
- long term observation
- neutrino flavor, energy, time and direction, event-by-event
- large mass: event rates scale ~ linearly with detector mass
- The next nearest SN would provide high statistics in Super-Kamiokande, IceCube, or upcoming large detectors such as Hyper-Kamiokande or DUNE.
- The SuperNova Early Warning System (SNEWS): an international network of detectors.

At LNGS LVD has been stopped (however it is still on-going) and also XENON NT and Darkside at LNGS could detect SN neutrinos









All collapsing stars (few per seconds) in the Universe provide a neutrino cosmic background (DSNB) It dominates neutrino flux at Earth for energy range 10 – 25 MeV

The DSNB has not yet been detected.

Restrictive upper limits exist, based on inverse beta-decay experiments Super-Kamiokande I, II, and III water Cherenkov detector Super-Kamiokande phase IV with neutron tagging KamLAND liquid-scintillator detector

Next DSNB detectors: identification and rejection of several backgrounds that can mimic DSNB events.





Cosmic rays entering the atmosphere scatter and produce secondary particles. Decay of charged mesons (mainly pions and kaons) produce neutrinos in range 0.1 GeV and 10 TeV

Atmospheric neutrinos are used to measure neutrino mass and mixing parameters with high precision

The main experimental facilities sensitive to atmospheric neutrinos are so far IceCube, Super-Kamiokande, SNO and MINOS.

Next atmospheric neutrino detectors:

IceCube DeepCore : a denser detector added to the IceCube array and dedicated to the detection of neutrinos with energy below 100 GeV

The deep-sea Cherenkov detectors Km3NeT ORCA is dedicated to measure atmospheric neutrinos in order to study flavor-oscillation physics.









High Energy neutrino (Tev - PeV energy range)

- Neutrinos is a perfect astrophysical messengers:
- unabsorbed by matter
- not deviated by magnetic fields
- adronic signature: unlike gamma-rays (also produced in leptonic processes)
- neutrinos are created only in hadronic processes
- multi Messenger Astronomy: correlated in time/direction with electromagnetic and gravitational waves

Neutrino probe for astrophysical sources and processes





Detector layout (M. Markov , 1960)

Large volumes of water/ice instrumented with 3D-arrays of photodetectors into optical modules

Detection of Cherenkov photons emitted by relativistic charged secondary leptons from v

Tracks: very long path (~ km) High angular resolution

Cascades: small path (some tens of meters) Good Energy resolution



The High Energy neutrino detectors around the world





Operating: ICECUBE since 2011 (1 km³), ANTARES since 2008 (0.01 km³) (dismantled) In construction: KM3NeT ORCA/ARCA (1 km³), GVD-Baikal (1 km³), Next designed : ICECUBE-Gen2 (8 km³), P-One (R&D Canada), Trident (R&D China, 8 km³)

Data from Northern Hemisphere needed for full sky coverage



Cosmogenic neutrinos



HE cosmogenic neutrinos is expected produced by GZK effect of the UHECRs (up to 10²⁰ eV) through CMB and EBL according two models (Berezinsky, Zatsepin)

<u>Never been detected.</u> Cosmogenic neutrinos are an important complementary measurement to charged UHECR Strongly depends on the cosmic-ray composition and the cosmological evolution of the sources

Neutrino E < 10 PeV range IceCube and IceCube-Gen2 is currently under planning KM3NeT (better sensitivity to Galactic sources).

Neutrino E > 10 PeV range expected fluxes are too low for km3-scale detectors \rightarrow different techniques than Cherenkov are needed Identification of radio (Ev>10¹⁷eV) or acoustic (Ev>10¹⁹eV) emissions from neutrino interactions

GRAND. 200 000-antenna array is currently being developed, Mongolia, China. [arXiv:1708.05128].) **ARIANNA** a hexagonal radio array, in Antarctica. (Astropart. Phys. 70, 12.), **The Askaryan Radio Array** is currently being developed at the SouthPole (Astropart. Phys. 35, 457.)

Using existing arrays of acoustic receivers in water or ice in Cherenkov neutrino telescopes **ICECUBE**, **BAIKAL-GVD** and **KM3NeT** (*Nucl. Part. Phys. Proc. 273–275, 406–413 (2016)*)







Cosmic reaching the Earth's atmosphere with an approximatively isotropic flux with energy that varies from 10^9 eV up to 10^{20} eV,

The flux of CR entering the Earth's atmosphere above 10^{15} eV drops below a few tens of particle per square meters per year \rightarrow It is no possible to detect directly the incident particles above the atmosphere before they interact.

Above 10¹⁵ eV direct experiments are thus replaced with groundbased instruments that cover up to thousands of km²: the extensive air shower (EAS) arrays

The main techniques used to measure EAS can be classified as follows: - detectors that measure the particle componet of the shower at the ground - detectors that measure the radiation produced by the propagation of the EAS in the atmosphere (Cherenkov light, Fluorescence light, radio signals) - detectors underground that measures muons component







- Understanding of cosmic-ray origin in the energy region around the knee need a next generation of high altitude, high resolution, high statistics expriments able to detect CRs and TeV γ -ray.
- Increasing in quality results from higher experimental precision and studies of systematic uncertainties.
- Theoretical models used for the interpretation of the measurements get tested by cosmic-ray measurements

- Most of the upgrades and new experiments combining two or more detection techniques. Higher statistics alone may be insufficient for further progress
- Several efforts to increase the accuracy for the measurement of the energy and mass composition





Gamma rays astronomy at energies of TeV is outside the possibility of space-based experiment VHE (100 GeV-100TeV) gamma rays can only be studied by means of ground based detector Two separate methods measure indirectly VHE gamma rays.

- Surface arrays of particle detectors
- Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes (IACTs)
 - oCherenkov Atmospheric Telescopes
 - → 20% duty-cycle
 - → Pointing (few degrees FoV)
 - → Energy threshold down to 10s GeV
 - $\ensuremath{\scriptstyle \rightarrow}$ Good energy and angular resolution

LHAASO







- → 100% duty-cycle
- → Wide-field of View (~ steradian)
- → Energy range 100s GeV up to 100s TeV
- → Long exposure and accurate background determination

Meeting CSN2-14 Aprile 2021



- TeV gamma ray measurements allow researching of galactic sources able to accellerate CR beyond PeV energies (PeVatrons)
- To open the 100 TeV range of observations detectors with a very large effective area, wide field of view, operating with high duty-cycle, is required.

- > In the next years CTA and LHAASO are expected to be the most sensitive instruments to study γ -ray astronomy in Northern hemisphere
- Proposed new gamma ray detector in the Southhern hemisphere





A complete picture of the high-energy Universe is necessarily multi-messenger in nature



Coincident detections of different messengers





General Cordinates Network (GCN)

Astrophysical Multimessenger Observatory Network (AMON)

- collaborating observatories to astrophysical transients
- enabling rapid follow-up of astrophysical sources
- alert from neutrinos detectors
- searching for coincidences in sub-threshold data