# Astrophysical and Atmospheric Neutrinos in Neutrino Telescopes

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# Leptons

### Where do we get neutrinos from?



J.A. Formaggio, G.P. Zeller, Rev. Mod. Phys. 84, 1307 (2012)

#### Neutrino cross section



Gazizov, Kowalski Comput. Phys. Commun. 172 (2005)



# Science for Neutrino Telescopes

#### Astrophysics

Neutrinos can surpass dense media and long distances -> new information

Multimessenger information (combine with electromagnetic/gravitational wave/cosmic ray observations)

#### **Particle Physics**

Dark Matter annihilation products possibly visible

Potential new physics signatures in rates/flavor ratios

Atmosphere acts as 'beam dump' for cosmic rays => neutrinos for oscillation studies

### **Different Messengers**



Neutrinos from galactic and extragalactic sources (supernovae, gamma ray bursts, active galactic nuclei...)



Neutrino beam 'for free': Showers from cosmic ray interactions in the atmosphere





## 1936 Nobelprize for Victor Francis Hess (1883-1964)



The results of my observation are best explained by the assumption that a radiation of very great penetrating power enters our atmosphere from above."

### High energy cosmic ray spectrum



Note: Several measurements before LHC => far extrapolations used in the data evaluation for hadronic interaction

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$$\pi^{\circ} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$$

$$\pi^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu}$$

$$e^{+} + \overline{\nu}_{\mu} + \nu_{e}$$

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pγ Cross section



- $n \rightarrow e^- + p + v_e$  Neutron lifetime: 881 s Energy 10<sup>18</sup> eV -> long flight path
- ⇒ Expectation of very high energetic neutrinos (cosmogenic neutrinos)

#### Cosmogenic neutrino spectra (left proton assumption, right nuclei) Colors show different source evolution models (bottom: no evolution over time)



Only scattering on CMB (not Extragalactic Background Light)

Aloisio, JCAP 10 (2015) 006

### Waxman Bahcall Bound

Use measured Cosmic Ray spectrum => Constraint on neutrino flux (optically thin sources)



Waxman & Bahcall 1998



Murase & Waxman 2016

Cosmic particle accelerators

## Galactic e.g. Supernova remnants









SN 1993J radio observations of 7 years ~10 Mly away Starting with ~20000km/s expansion

Image courtesy of NRAO/AUI and N. Bartel, M. Bietenholz, M. Rupen, et al

### Fermi Acceleration



Acceleration:  $\Delta E = \alpha E$ Probability:  $P = \beta$ k Iterations:  $E = E_0 (1+\alpha)^k$  $N = N_0 (\beta)^k$ 

 $\alpha,\beta$  determined by shock dynamics, relativity => Power Law E<sup>-2</sup> expected

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### Extragalactic sources

#### **Blazars**

(subclass of Active Galactic Nuclei - AGN)

Radio-loud active galactic nuclei with relativistic jets pointing towards Earth

- -> Flat Spectrum Radio Quasars (FSRQ, strong/broad optical emission lines)
- -> BL Lacertae (weak optical emission lines)

Also classified according to synchrotron peak position (associated to the energy of the accelerated electrons)

- -> high synchrotron peaked (HSP)
- -> low and intermediate synchrotron peaked (LSP)

HSP BL Lacs (rare) very powerful  $\gamma$  emitters

### Different blazar models



massive black hole accreting

Jacobsen et al, MNRAS 451, 4 2015

Intense γ ray flashes first detected 1967 (US military satellites) -> published only 1973

Short Gamma Ray Bursts

Likely NS-NS mergers, less energetic

Long Gamma Ray Bursts Core collapse of massive star to black hole

Seen up to z~8 Luminosities 10<sup>53</sup>-3\*10<sup>54</sup> erg/s

10<sup>-7</sup>/yr/galaxy

Highly relativistic outflows  $\Gamma$  factors >=100



http://www.daviddarling.info/encyclopedia/G/gamma-ray\_burst.html



Confinement constraints for cosmic particle accelerators:

Magnetic field as function of size of sources

$$E_{\max} \approx 0.9\beta Z \frac{B}{\mu G} \frac{R}{kpc} EeV$$

R: Accelerator size B: Magnetic field strength

Red line: GZK energies

Grey line: synchrotron losses in the sources

Aartsen et al, arXiv 1701.03731



Source and luminosity evolution with redshift

-> Different redshifts z contribute differently to neutrino yield

RG RG 10 dN/d log Lx zp 10 / Np  $\log L_X < 43.5$  $\log L_X < 45.0$ 10  $45.0 < \log L_X < 47.0$ 2.5 < z < 5 <z<7.5 10 16 2 -2 2 log [L<sub>X</sub> / L<sub>44</sub>] Redshift Blazar Blaza 10 10 44.0 < log L<sub>x</sub> < 46.5 7 10 Bol 10 46.5 × log Lx × 47.3 zp 10<sup>3</sup> Np 10<sup>3</sup> P 47.5 < log La < 48.3 10 ¥10 <2<23 2.5 < 2 < 5 2<75 10 10 2 3 2 3 8 1 4 -5 6 7 0 4 Redshift log [LX / L44] FSRO FSRQ 10 Ň zp / Np 10 La = 45.3 d log Clog La + 47.5 -~ log Ly ą 2<25 5<2<5 < 2<75 10 15<2<10 2 3 4 5 6 8 log [L<sub>X</sub> / L<sub>44</sub>] Redshift BL Lac BL Lac d log L<sub>X</sub> 10 zp 10<sup>3</sup> Np 10<sup>3</sup>  $\log L_X < 45$ Ž 10  $\log L_X < 46$ . 2.5 < z < 5 10 5<2<75 7.5 < a < 10 2 3 R 2 3 4 Redshift log [L<sub>X</sub> / L<sub>44</sub>]

Jacobsen et al, MNRAS 451, 4 2015

### Neutrino connection with $\gamma$ rays

Highly energetic particle acceleration needed to explain observed cosmic ray energy spectrum, expect then:

- $\gamma$  from inverse Compton scattering
- $\gamma$  from synchrotron radiation of electrons, Bremsstrahlung
- $\gamma$  from pion decay

Neutrino fluxes can be derived from  $\gamma$  emission by assuming pion decay as origin of  $\gamma$  $\Rightarrow$  Neutrino detection unambiguous proof of hadron acceleration in source

$$p + p/\gamma \quad \dots \quad X + \begin{cases} \pi^0 \to \gamma\gamma \\ \pi^+ \to \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \\ e^+ + \overline{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e \end{cases}$$



Data PDG (plot: Ahlers)

#### Energy distribution of photons/neutrinos from pp interactions



Kelner, F. A. Aharonian, V.V. Bugayov, 2006

### **Inverse Compton Scattering:**

Relativistic electrons in astrophysical sources ( $\Gamma \simeq 100-1000$ ) Interact in source radiation fields

#### Waveband

Radio Far-infrared Optical

#### **Scattered Waveband**

UV X rays (100eV – 100keV)  $\gamma$  rays (GeV-TeV)



#### Supernova remnant RX J1713.7-3946



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#### Path lengths for particles & photons

 $\gamma + \gamma$  background -> e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> p +  $\gamma$  ->  $\Delta^+$ 

Large part of the Universe can not be observed with high energetic protons/photons



### **Neutrino Oscillations**



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- Neutrino is created in single flavor eigenstate (superposition of different mass eigenstates)
- Propagation of the different mass eigenstates depends on energy and mass

=> Leads to differences in the composition of the superposition

=> Leads to flavor changes, depending on travel length/energy/mass differences

Flavor changes ONLY if neutrinos have mass

Oscillation pattern determined by mass differences (thus no mass measurement)

Flavor distribution at astrophysical source is different from detected flavors on Earth

### Diffferent source scenarios

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^{+} - \begin{bmatrix} \rightarrow p + \pi^{0} & \pi^{0} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \\ \rightarrow n + \pi^{+} & \pi^{+} \rightarrow \mu^{+} + \nu_{\mu} \\ e^{+} + \overline{\nu}_{\mu} + \nu_{e} \end{bmatrix}$$

 $n \rightarrow e^- + p + v_e$  Neutron lifetime: 881 s

$$p + p \rightarrow \pi^{\pm} + X$$

$$\downarrow \mu^{\pm} + \nu_{\mu}(\overline{\nu_{\mu}})$$

$$\downarrow e^{\pm} + \overline{\nu_{\mu}}(\nu_{\mu}) + \nu_{e}(\overline{\nu_{e}})$$
#### Different source scenarios

 $v_e: v_\mu: v_\tau$ 



Note: Also different neutrino/antineutrino ratios

# Neutrino flavor ratio at Earth

'Standard' phase space-> Deviations indicate new physics



C. Arg uelles, T. Katori and J. Salvado, Phys. Rev. Lett. 115 (2015) 161303

Atmospheric Neutrinos



# 'Moving' Target: The Atmosphere Air density profile

Air density profile compared to 'reference' constant model Changing mostly at pole region



Honda et al, Phys. Rev. D83 (2011) 123001

#### Collisions of primary cosmic rays with atmosphere (N, O, C ...) -> pions, kaons, ... -> decay -> neutrinos

#### Production height distribution at the site of Superkamiokande



#### Flavors and neutrino/antineutrinos



Honda et al, Phys. Rev. D92 (2015) 023004

#### **Seasonal Variations**



Regions close to poles:

- >100 GeV: Air density at high altitudes higher
  - -> shorter interaction length (pions, >100 GeV)
- >10 GeV: Muons created at lower altitudes, hit faster rock
  - -> very low energetic neutrinos

# Geomagnetic effect



#### Geomagnetic effect





Prompt atmospheric neutrino flux

Neutrinos from D<sup>±</sup> (B<sup>±</sup>) decays Fast decay, no energy loss in interactions -> hard energy spectrum -> background to astrophysical neutrinos

> Total cross sections ct and bo Bands indicate modelling uncertainties



Jeong et al, arXiv 1611.05120

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Energy spectrum



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# Neutrino telescopes

#### First neutrino sky map (1971)

Kolar Gold Field (India)



~GeV neutrinos from cosmic ray interactions in the atmosphere

Search for cosmic sources: Probability of 4 arches crossing: 10<sup>-3</sup>, no cosmic ray source (strong radio/pulsar) closeby identified

Krishnaswamy et al, Proc. R. Soc. Lond. A 1971 323, 489





#### https://www.globalneutrinonetwork.org

Small interaction probability -> Huge detectors -> Use natural resources (ice, water)



(Muon) Neutrino CC interaction in Earth => Muon passes detector



=> Background showers,

-> muons passing downwards-> neutrinos from all directions

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# The sky seen in gamma rays (galactic coordinates)



Rolf Bühler, ICRC 2015, Den Haag

#### Field of view for medium latitude site (ANTARES)



#### Absorption in the Earth



Probability to transverse the Earth as function of energy and zenith

Cross section rises with energy -> Earth becomes opaque for high energy neutrinos

Exception: Tau neutrinos (regeneration:  $\tau^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \nu_\mu + \nu_\tau$ )

#### Neutrino interaction signatures



#### KM3NeT 3000ns 1200ns 2700ns 1080ns 2400ns 960n 2100ns 840ns 1800ns 720ns 1500ns 600ns 1200ns 480ns 900ns 360ns 600ns 240ns 300ns 120ns 0ns 0ns

Track

-> muon (vµ interaction)

Shower

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-> electron (CC  $v_e$  interaction)

-> all flavors (NC  $\nu_e$  /  $\nu_\mu$  /  $\nu_\tau$  interactions



#### 'Double Bang'

KNON+1

-> from high energetic tau ( $v_{\tau}$  interaction)

'long'  $\tau$  lifetime (10<sup>-13</sup>s)-> 50m/PeV (visible for very high energies)

# Energy loss of muons



PDG 2017

### Range of $\mu,\!\tau\,$ and showers in water



- -> a, b slightly dependent on energy a ~ 2 MeV/cm
- -> TeV muons travel several kilometers in water



Chiarusi, Spurio, 2009

#### **Cherenkov Light**

$$\frac{dN_{\gamma}}{dxd\lambda} = \frac{2\pi\alpha}{\lambda^2} (1 - \frac{1}{\beta^2 n^2})$$

 $\Rightarrow$  3.5 \* 10<sup>4</sup> photons emitted between 300-600nm per meter of a muon track

 $\Rightarrow$  Transparency of detector housing relevant

### Photomultipliers

#### Relevant characteristics:

- Quantum Efficiency
- Dark Count
- Time spread

Glass sphere surrounds PMTs as pressure housing

Large PMTs require also shielding from Earth magnetic field -> mu metal grid





Typical gain 10<sup>7</sup> Quantum efficiency ~25% Noise rate ~500Hz ~2ns time precision

### **Optical Modules**









Small PMTs: -> Photon counting -> Directional resolution

# Further developments



#### D-Egg module





Higher efficiency, lower noise

Smaller radius Upwards sensitivity Glass with improved UV transparency

### Baikal: NT200(+) ----> Gigaton Volume Detector (GVD)

Lake with 1.3km depth

**1981:** Start of first underwater neutrino telescope in the Baikal Lake (1 string)

Since 1998 NT200 (8 strings)

2005: +3 strings (NT200+)

Since 2011: Upgrade to GVD





Picture: Cern Courier 2005

Deployment of first cluster of the Baikal Gigaton Volume Detector (GVD)

Cern Courier 2015

- First of 8 clusters
- in total 0.4 km<sup>3</sup>
  volume
- to be deployed til2020



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IceCube Operations

Full detector in operation since 2011 (now in IC86-V) Stable behavior except for seasonal variations, equilibration of DOM noise levels after installation

DeYoung, VLVNT205




5 MW power 16 m<sup>3</sup> kerosin per hole 2500m in 35 hours

#### 1.14 PeV shower ('Ernie')





# One of the extraterrestrial neutrino events in IceCube - moved to Paris



Picture by Doug Cowen, Rencontres de Blois 2013





# ANTARES

- Running since 2007 at 2475m depth
- 885 10" PMTs
- 12 lines
- 25 storeys/line
- 3 PMTs / storey





## Acoustic positioning system



#### Line movements in 3 months period



Typical sea currents <7cm/s Monitoring every 2 minutes

## Optical backgrounds in the Sea



Optical background due to

- <sup>40</sup> K decay (salt in water)
  - -> can be used for calibration
- bioluminescent organisms
   (e.g. megaplankton, pyrosoma, size 0.2-2000mm)

Baseline hit rate 50-120kHz Short bursts/flashes with higher rates

Video from biocam installed 2010





# New telescope will be 'second biggest structure created by mankind' after Great Wall of China

- Detector uses 'towers' taller than Burj Khalifa in Dubai
- 'Watches' for light flashes in 2.2 billion kg of water
- Detects tiny, fast-moving particles which usually pass straight through matter

By ROB WAUGH UPDATED: 10:58 GMT, 27 December 2011

## The ANTARES/KM3NeT Neutrino Telescopes



- Running since 2007
- 40km from French coast
- 12 lines, 885 10" PMTs

- First strings deployed 2016
- 2x115 strings (128k 3" PMTs) Italian site (ARCA)
- 1x115 strings (64k 3" PMTs) French site (ORCA)

ORCA	ANTARES	ARCA
Low energy	Medium energy	High energy
3 GeV – 50 GeV	10 GeV < E < 1 TeV	E >> 1 TeV
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	es. Oceanography, Biology, Geo	iogy, climate monitoring
tmospheric neutrinos	Dark Matter	Cosmic Sources
eutrino oscillations	Exotics	
eutrino mass ordering		

## Status of ARCA/ORCA

#### ARCA

- 2 strings operated til April 2017, interruption, attempt to repower again later this year
- Full restoration of sea-bed network by mid-2019

## ORCA

- Successful deployment & operation of first string (Sept 2017)
- Cable problem, replacement in summer 2018, resume operations thereafter

#### Construction

- DOM and detector string assembly proceeding
- Construction & Deployment feasible til -2023 (depending on funds)

#### KM3NeT Digital Optical Module









#### Deployment



#### Multifold coincidences



#### Signal time differences between 2 DOMs



#### First results from mini-string with 3 DOMs

Muon identification with a single DOM (high multiplicity of coincident signals)



#### Results from 2 full ARCA strings

Muons identified by high multiplicity on single DOMs

⇒ Muon rate as function of depth

Efficiency correction from K40 calibration







## Calibration using potassium decay in sea water



<sup>40</sup>K beta - decay (salt in seawater) -> light signal can be used for calibration

Correlated signal between PMT pairs:

- Height => Efficiency determination
- Position => Time calibration (nanosecond accuracy)
- Width => Time spread of PMT

#### Antares K40 measurements

- After 7 years, 20% efficiency drop (blue : HV tuning)
- Long-term operation in deep sea possible



## Different absorption/scattering properties at the different sites



#### absorption

scattering

For Ice properties are depth dependent -> different dust layers

For Lake Baikal significantly lower absorption/scattering lengths than in Mediterranean water (~20m)

Time residual distribution for signals from a muon in water



Large scattering length => at 50m still extremely precise time information

#### Track reconstruction performance



### Track reconstruction performance



#### Shower reconstruction performance



IceCube, JINST 9 (2014), P03009



#### Shower reconstruction performance





From Resconi/Heijboer ICRC 2017

## Pointing: Only calibration source: The Moon (Sun)

Cosmic ray 'hole' in direction of moon -> look at downward going muons

IceCube measurement of the moon
-> cross check of pointing,
 angular resolution





### A. CPU performance requirements of major current and future astroparticle physics projects Towards a Model

Unit is HS06

Towards a Model for Computing In European Astroparticle Physics

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(Selected) Measurements

#### Atmospheric flux measurement



## Neutrino sky seen by Antares (9 years, equatorial coordinates)

#### Antares

~10<sup>6</sup> atmospheric muons per day

~3 atmospheric neutrinos per day **IceCube** 

~10<sup>8</sup> atmospheric muons per day ~300 atmospheric neutrinos per day

Quality important to eliminate misreconstructed muon signals



## IceCube 7 year Skymap (probabilities)



#### No significant excess -> Upper limits on point source fluxes

IceCube most sensitive In Northern Sky

ANTARES most sensitive at low energies in Southern Sky

Common analysis can improve limits in the Southern Hemisphere


### **Prospects for KM3NeT**



### Excess in number of 'warm' spots?

### IceCube: Probabilities for number of high-probability clusters



No significant excess identified

# Cosmic neutrino detection by IceCube

2013: IceCube reports detection of
 two ~PeV energy cascades
 ('Ernie & Bert')
-> no atmospheric background

2013++: Reducing atmospheric background with veto in top of the detector -> High Energy Starting Events (HESE)

-> Access to Southern Hemisphere





Atmospheric downward going neutrino background reduced with veto

J. v. Santen, 2017

# HESE Energy distribution 6 years

2 yrs 28 evts 4.1 σ 3 yrs 37 evts 5.9σ 4 yr 54 evts ~7σ 6 yr 82 evts

### 6 year analysis with 10 TeV threshold



Kopper, ICRC 2017

### IceCube Diffuse flux analysis using throughgoing muons



IceCube, Astrophys.J. 833 (2016) no.1, 3

### Comparison of different models



# The highest energy event (track)



Deposited energy 2.6+-0.3 PeV

Most probable v energy ~ 7PeV

## Skymap for high energy neutrinos (IceCube, ICRC 2017)





Single Power Law in 3.3  $\sigma$  tension between HESE events and throughgoing muons

Astrophys. J. 833 (2016) 3

### Could be e.g. explainable by

- the different energy ranges of the two event samples (assuming broken power law)
- the different sky coverage of the two event samples (different impact of galactic or other non-isotropic emission

### Recent 8 year track analysis







Tension already reduced (p=0.04)

*PoS(ICRC2017)968* 

# Checking on source classes

Example 7 year of IC data, stacking of Blazars from Fermi 2FHL HBL catalogue



Huber, Krings, PoS(ICRC2017) 994

### Constraints on contributions of different source populations



Kowalski, 2014

# Constraints on the flux from Galactic Plane (IceCube and ANTARES common analysis)



Limits close to the model expectation

# Multi-messenger connections (online and offline)



### Shown for ANTARES, similar for IceCube

# Multi-messenger connections (online and offline)



## Transient studies: Example of flare analysis (ANTARES)

Most significant correlation with blazar 3C 279 1 event in spatial/temporal neighbourhood 3.3% probability (post-trial probability 67%)

P<sub>bk</sub>(dE/dX) (b) Out of flare Events within 3\* During flare (c) During flare  $\gamma$ -ray curve Out of flare Flux (E > 100 MeV) (Ph Iodified Julian Date

ANTARES, JCAP 1512 (2015)

Both IceCube and ANTARES:

No significant correlation seen with X-ray / gamma-ray flares of selected sources

No significant flare in all sky

IceCube high energy alerts

April 2016-End of 2017: 6 EHE alerts, 8 HESE alerts (1 overlapping event)



MET

High Energy Light Curve (800 MeV - 300 GeV)

Flare with neutrino event closeby

# Neutrino follow-up of GW150914, GW151226, LVT151012

joint ANTARES/IceCube/LigoSC/Virgo. Phys.Rev. D93 (2016), 122010, Phys.Rev. D96 (2017), 022005



- From binary black hole mergers in a few environments neutrino emission expected -> could pinpoint source
- Within ±500 s detected amount of events compatible with background:
- IC/ANTARES events: 0/3 (GW150914), 2/1 (GW151226), 4/0 (LVT151012)
- Limits from ANTARES dominate for Ev < 100 TeV









 $\log(E^2 dN/dE [GeVcm^{-2}])$  $dN/dE \propto E^{-2} e^{-(E/100 \text{TeV})^{1/2}}$ 15<sup>°</sup> 0° -15 -0.5 0 0.5 -1.5 log(E<sup>2</sup>dN/dE [GeV cm<sup>-2</sup>])

 $dN/dE \propto E^{-2} e^{-(E/100 \text{TeV})^{1/2}}$ 

 $dN/dE \propto E^{-2} \mathrm{e}^{-(E/100 \mathrm{TeV})^{1/2}}$ 



 $\log(E^2 dN/dE [GeV cm^{-2}])$ 

### Search for neutrinos from GW170817





No events detected

Model predictions vary largely -> consistent with expectation

### Search for event correlations IceCube-Pierre Auger-TA



No significant correlations found

Most significant correlation for IC cascades with UHECR

IceCube cascades (dots) IceCube HESE tracks (diamonds) IceCube throughgoing tracks (diamonds) Pierre Auger Telescope Array



- Dark Matter WIMPs accumulate in heavy objects (Sun, Galactic Center, Earth)
- Capture/Annihilation in equilibrium at the Sun core

### Dark Matter in the Sun

Accumulation and annihilation in massive objects

$$X_{\text{WIMP}}\overline{X}_{\text{WIMP}} \rightarrow b\overline{b}, W^-W^+, \tau^-\tau^+, \mu^-\mu^+, \nu\overline{\nu}$$

=> Look for excess in the direction of the Sun=> Selection cuts tuned separately for different channels and WIMP masses



# Search for Magnetic Monopoles

MM produces significantly more light than a muon in the detector

=> Scan data for bright events





### Cross section at high energies



### IceCube

Fit to the expected absorption depending on the zenith angle and energy



Nature 551, 596–600 (30 November 2017)

### Neutrino Oscillations – IceCube DeepCore measurements

$$P(\nu_{\mu} \to \nu_{\mu}) \approx 1 - 4|U_{\mu3}|^2 \left(1 - |U_{\mu3}|^2\right) \sin^2\left(\frac{\Delta m_{32}^2 L}{4E}\right)$$



Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 071801 (2018)

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### Constraints on oscillation parameters



### Sterile neutrinos





IceCube, Phys. Rev. Lett. 117, 071801 (2016)

## Sterile neutrinos





### $\nu_{\tau}$ appearance

 $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$  measurement valuable to check unitarity of PMNS matrix

### Prospects for IceCube/Deepcore and Phase-1



Koskinen (NEUTRINO 2016)

### $\nu_{\tau}$ appearance

 $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \nu_{\tau}$  measurement valuable to check unitarity of PMNS matrix

### Deepcore result and prospects for Phase-1



Deepcore result presented in Moriond 2018

Koskinen (NEUTRINO 2016)

Opera (90%)

### Neutrino oscillations in matter

Propagation of electron (anti-)neutrinos in the Earth affected (Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein effect)

=> Sensitive to Neutrino Mass hierarchy


## Earth reference model





http://www.apc.univ-paris7.fr/Downloads/antares/Joao/animations/

#### Neutrinos

#### Antineutrinos

**νμ -> νμ** νe -> νe

Solid: NH Dashed: IH

Neutrinos IH pattern corresponds to antineutrinos NH

⇒ Effect would cancel with equal neutrino/antineu trino rates



# Normal hierarchy

### NH : event rate



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### Inverted hierarchy

### IH : event rate



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NH : event rate  $-\sigma(E) = 25.0 \%$ ,  $\theta(\mu)$ , >=15 hits



IH : event rate -  $\sigma(E) = 25.0 \%$ ,  $\theta(\mu)$ , >=15 hits

#### Asymmetry between pattern of normal and inverted hierarchy: ( NIH-NNH ) / NNH



Small differences in pattern

- -> large statistics needed
- -> good control of systematics
- -> energy/angular resolution crucial
- -> flavor identification crucial

# Evaluation of prospects for KM3NeT/ORCA



Effective mass

Events/yr (atm): ν<sub>e</sub>CC: 17300 ν<sub>μ</sub>CC: 24800 ν<sub>τ</sub>CC: 3100 NC: 5300

Low energy turn-on determined by DOM spacing -> optimization of distances (design now 9m)

# **Energy Resolution**

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- Energy resolution better than 30% in relevant range
- Close to Gaussian



## **Flavor identification**

Discrimination of track-like and shower-like events via Random Decision Forest

Classified as track (9m Spacing)

Classified as shower (9m Spacing)



At 10 GeV:

- 90% correct identification of ve<sup>CC</sup>
- 70% correct identification of  $v_{\mu}^{CC}$

# Sensitivity determination

Pseudo-experiments created using as input

- atmospheric neutrino flux
- neutrino cross sections
- 3-flavour earth matter oscillations
- track vs shower event classification
- full MC detector efficiency / resolution response matrices including misidentified and NC events
- atmospheric muon contamination

To optimally distinguish between IH and NH: likelihood ratio test with nuisance parameters

1) Fit parameters assuming NH

- 2) Fit parameters assuming IH
- 3) Compute  $\Delta \log L = \log(L(NH)/L(IH))$





#### Sensitivity (3 years) for different $\theta_{23}$

#### Expected parameter constraints



90% CL contours (3 years)

# IceCube Gen2

Plans for extending IceCube with sparse array (2025-31)

250m string distances

10km<sup>3</sup> volume

-> Increased high energy sensitivity



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ORCA's friends: Pilot whale escort!

After the successful deployment of the first ORCA string