

Latest Results with the KM3NeT Neutrino Telescope

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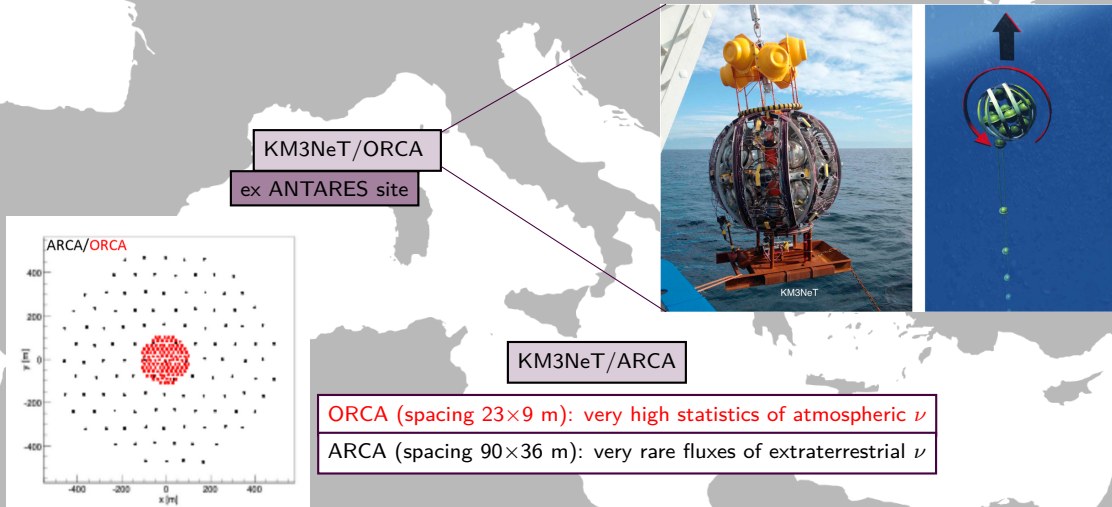
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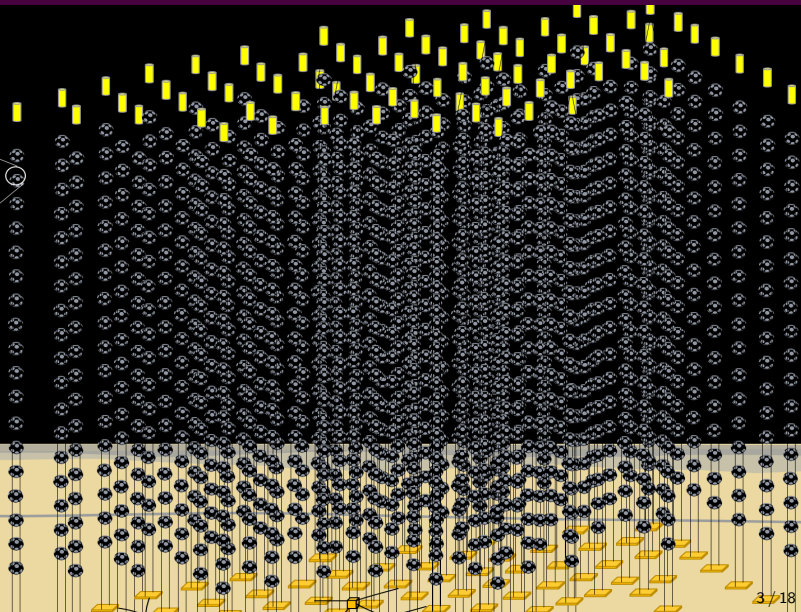
Neutrino detectors in the Mediterranean Sea



KM3NeT: currently taking data with 21 lines ARCA + 19 lines ORCA



Optical module: 31 3" PMTs
Digital photon counting
Directional information
Wide angle of view



Neutrino astronomy in the making: experimental challenge

Astrophysical ν : atmospheric ν : atmospheric $\mu = 1:10^4:10^{10}$

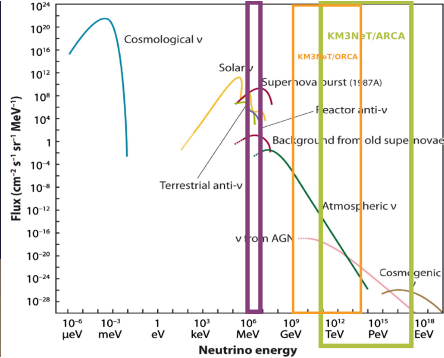
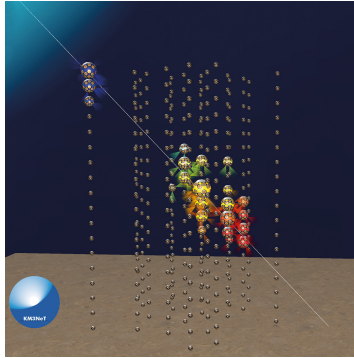
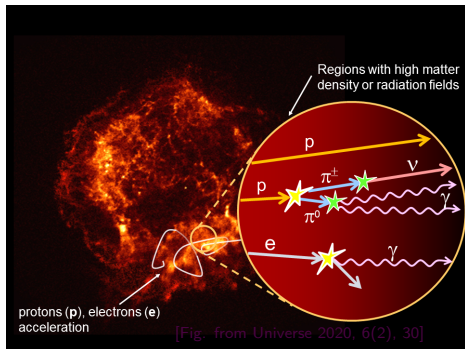


Figure: Left: A muon neutrino candidate recorded with ARCA21 [CERN Courier (2022)]. Right: Fig. adapted from U. Katz and C. Spiering [<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ppnp.2011.12.001>]

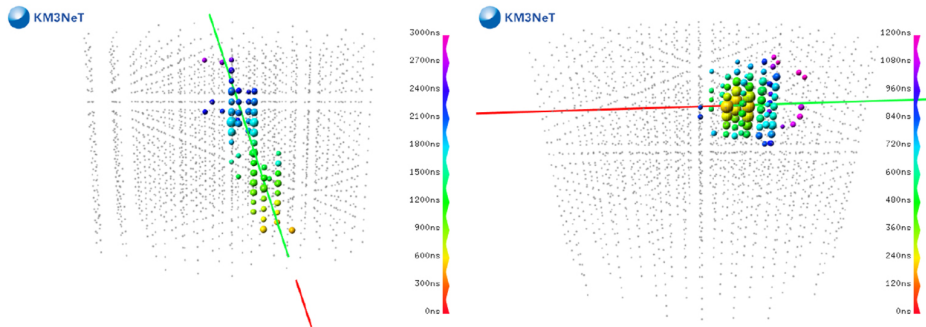
Physics case 1: extraterrestrial neutrinos

High energy cosmic neutrinos are expected from collisions yielding particles such as π^\pm and μ^\pm , through pp and $p\gamma$ scattering, taking place in different environments, steady or with flares



- Neutrino astronomy: backtracking sources
 - ① As a correlation with underlying catalogue
 - ① Jets of active galactic nuclei (AGNs)
 - ② Starburst galaxies
 - ③ Tidal disruption events (TDEs)
 - ④ Expanding front of supernova remnants
 - ⑤ Gamma-ray bursts
 - ② As autocorrelation or clusters in space (-time)
- Search for a diffuse excess and measurement of its spectrum. Accelerator properties.
- Search for prompt multimessenger coincidences

Performance: pointing



Tracks: predominantly ν_μ CC; angular resolution down to 0.1° at 1 PeV

Showers: predominantly ν_e CC or any NC; angular resolution 1° at 1 PeV

Performance: coverage

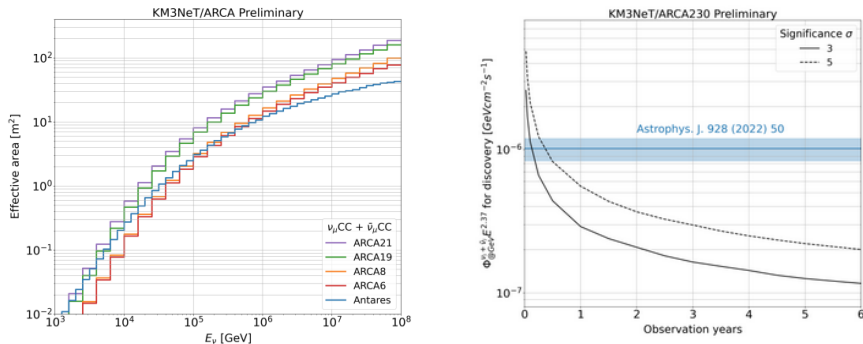
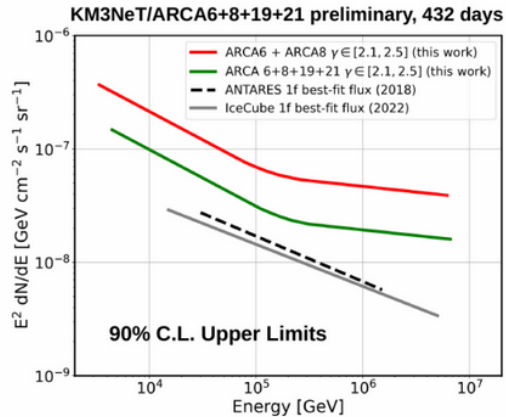
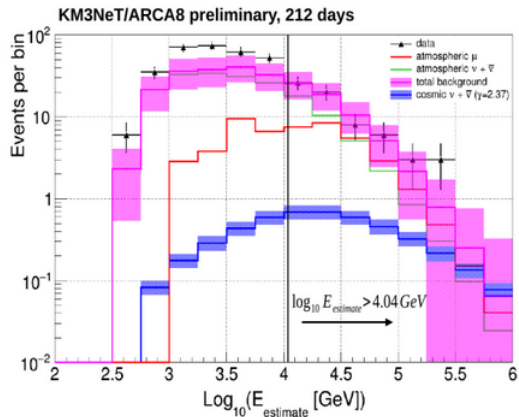


Figure: Left: The current configuration of KM3NeT has reached the effective area of ANTARES. Right: Assuming flux parameters from IceCube, KM3NeT/ARCA will observe same flux in half a year with 5σ significance, using both track and shower events [PoS(ICRC2023)1018]

Measurement of diffuse ν flux

Upper limits to diffuse flux of astrophysical neutrinos assuming IceCube best fit $\gamma = 2.37$
 $\Phi_{90} = 3.06 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$ [PoS(ICRC2023)1195].



Search for single sources

Different search modes

① point-like sources (extra-Galactic)

- **auto-correlation**: search for clusters of events: space or space-time coincidences
- correlation with underlying **catalogue of preselected sources** upon astrophysical motivation

AGNs catalogued by Fermi, star-forming Galaxies, IceCube HE sample

② extended sources (Galactic)

- disk-shaped, fitted or based on extension seen in γ -ray emission
- assuming **shape of γ -ray emission**, when morphology is resolved

Neutrinos and γ rays are strictly connected as they are daughters of π^{\pm} , π^0 .

③ follow-up of prompt **multi-messenger** alert

Search for point sources (all-sky)

Assuming ν flux $\propto E^{-2}$, KM3NeT/ARCA will reach comparable level to IceCube for the Northern Hemisphere, and improve by almost a factor 2 for the Southern Hemisphere

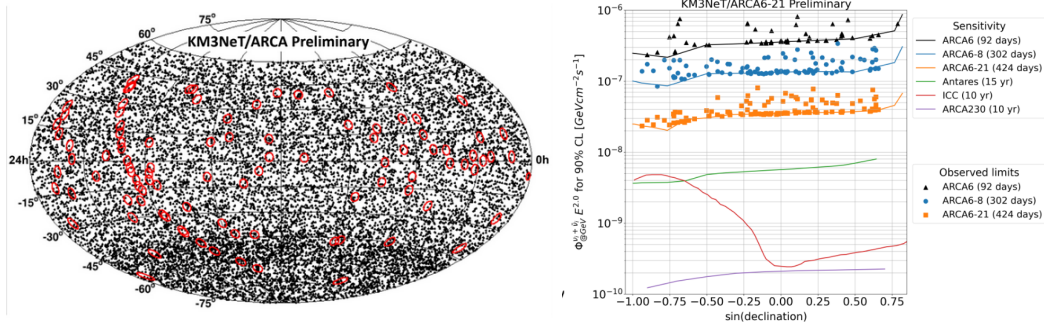
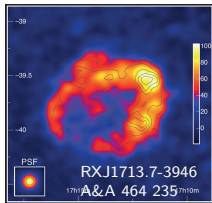


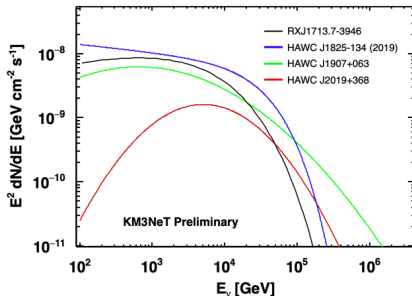
Figure: Upper limits at 90% C.L. reached with KM3NeT/ARCA [PoS(ICRC2023)1018]. Red circles are 2.5° around the candidate source positions.

Sensitivity to strongest Galactic sources

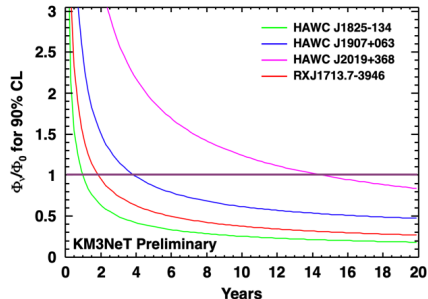
In hypothesis of hadronic emission, computing ν flux from γ -ray flux, several **extended Galactic sources** will be observable in a few years of operation.



Example of γ -ray emission as seen by H.E.S.S.



Expected ν fluxes
(assumed 100% hadronic scenario)



Sensitivity at 90% CL as a
function of the observation time

Physics case 2: fundamental neutrino properties

From analysis of **atmospheric neutrinos** at very high statistics.

① Neutrino oscillations

- Measurement of flavour oscillations through ν rate count and best-fit Δm_{23}^2 and $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$
- Matter effects in propagation through the Earth and different interaction cross section $\sigma_\nu/\sigma_{\bar{\nu}}$
→ differences in neutrino rates for normal and inverted ordering
- ν_τ appearance → see talk by C. Lastoria

② Physics beyond the Standard Model

- Non-standard oscillations (NSI) → see talk by A. Lazo
- Neutrino quantum decoherence
- Neutrino decay
- Sterile neutrinos
- Violation of Lorentz Invariance
- Heavy Neutral Leptons

Neutrino oscillations with ORCA-6 lines

Oscillations are seen with significance $> 6\sigma$ in L/E distributions [PoS(ICRC2023)996] with ORCA-6 data set 433 kton-years (540 days)

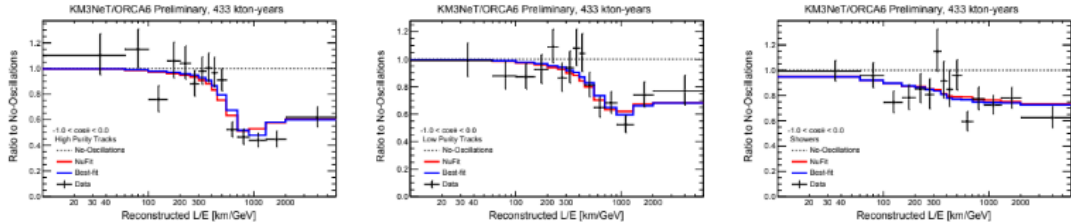
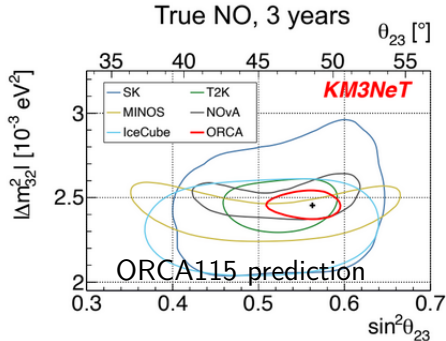
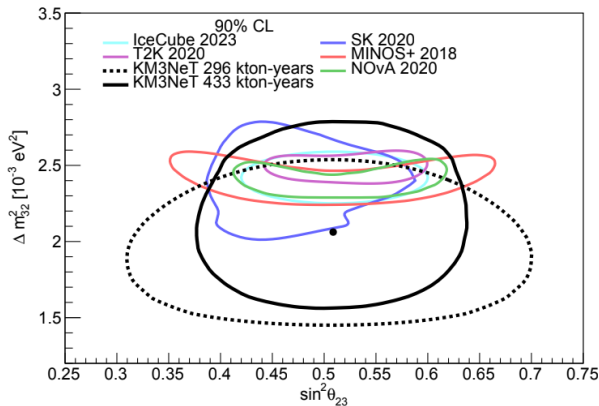


Figure: L/E distributions. Left: high-purity tracks; middle: low purity tracks; right: showers.

Atmospheric oscillation parameters

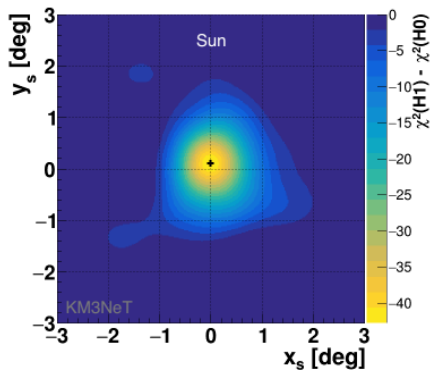
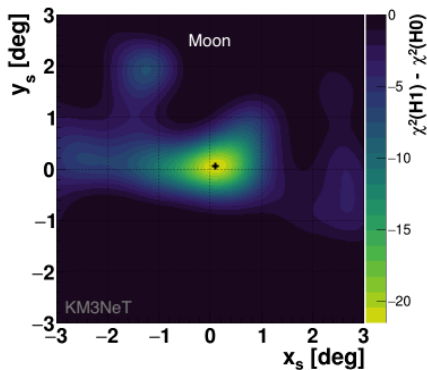
Best fit: $\sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.51^{+0.06}_{-0.07}$ $\Delta m_{31}^2 = 2.14^{+0.36}_{-0.25} \cdot 10^{-3} \text{eV}^2$. Normal ordering is preferred.

KM3NeT/ORCA6 Preliminary



Measurements with atmospheric muons

Sun shadow seen with 6.2σ significance (extension 0.65°), moon shadow seen with 4.2σ significance (extension 0.49°) [Eur. Phys. J. C 83, 344 (2023)].



Core-collapse supernova ν

Produced in stellar core collapse at the end of stellar evolution like SN1987A. Real-time search for simultaneous rate raise in DOMs [PoS(ICRC2021)941]

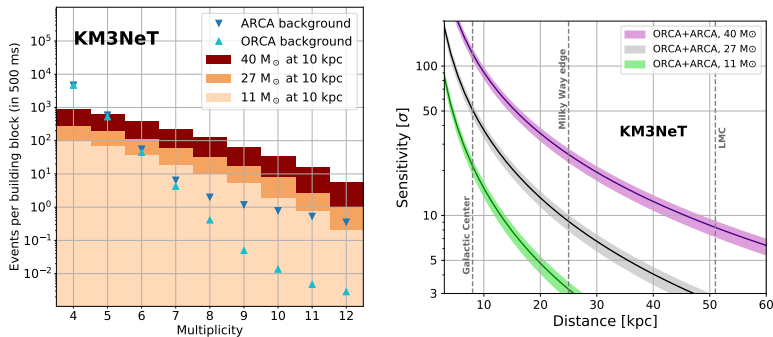


Figure: Left: SN events expected from 3 simulated progenitors at ORCA and ARCA as a function of different multiplicity values compared with BG rates. Right: Sensitivity as a function of distance.

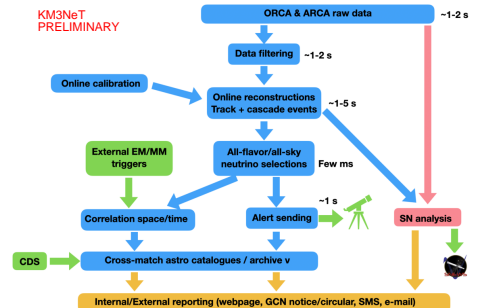
Multi-messenger networking

Flares, transients and other sources with time variability (GRBs, gravitational waves, SN)

Including the case of mixed hadronic/leptonic emission, where flares are caused by hadronic emission on top of quiescent state → Prompt alerting system between experiments, associated with rapid online analysis (and pointing directions for telescopes)

KM3NeT is getting ready to send and receive alerts in multi-messenger network

- 1 SN pipeline already active for real-time analysis
- 2 KM3NeT will replace ANTARES in follow up of alerts (ATel, GCN via AMON)



Summary

KM3NeT/ARCA - current status: 21 lines, topping up ANTARES effective area

- ① able to detect the **diffuse flux** observed by IceCube with 5σ significance in **half a year**
- ② sensitivity to **astrophysical sources** in the Southern Hemisphere improves by almost 2 orders of magnitude with respect to IceCube
- ③ participation in **multi-messenger** prompt alert network

KM3NeT/ORCA - current status: 19 detection line, recording data at ~ 400 kton year

- ① Measurement of **neutrino oscillations** and best fit of oscillation parameters
- ② Search for new physics: ν_τ normalization factor, NSI, quantum decoherence, violation of Lorentz invariance, neutrino decay, dark matter through indirect detection