



Indirect search of Dark Matter with the ANTARES High Energy Neutrino Telescope.

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Talk outline

- ANTARES: the 1st undersea Cherenkov detector for High Energy Astrophysical neutrino detection
- The ANTARES main physics goals and selected results
- Indirect search for Dark Matter:
 - using the SUN
 - using the Galactic Plane
 - using the Earth
- Perspectives for the future
- Conclusions & Summary

The evolution of astronomy

 From Traditional Astronomy (Optics) to Multi-Wavelength Astronomy:

observations of light in the visible band are complemented by radio, X-ray and γ astronomy



Galileo Galilei showing the Doge of Venice how to use the telescope (1858), fresco by Giuseppe Bertini (1825–1898)



http://mwmw.gsfc.nasa.gov/

... and to Multi-Messengers Astronomy: HE-CR, photons, neutrinos, GW ... The search for different messengers from the Cosmos (originated at an astrophysical site)

- Cosmic rays (protons, nuclei)
- Neutrinos
- Gravitational waves

can complement the information provided by photons at any wavelength

Cherenkov v Telescope: Detection principle

Search for neutrino induced events, mainly $v_{\mu} N \rightarrow \mu X$, deep underwater

Down-going μ from atm. showers S/N ~ 10⁻⁶ at 3500m w.e. depth

p, nuclei

Neutrinos from cosmic sources indµce 1-100 muon evts/y in a km³ Neutrino Telescope

p, nuclei Up-going µ from neutrinos generated in atm. showers S/N ~ 10⁻⁴

ios ers - Atmospheric neutrino flux ~ E_v^{-3}

- Neutrino flux from cosmic sources $\sim E_v^{-2}$
 - Search for neutrinos with $E_v > 1 \div 10$ TeV
- ~TeV muons propagate in water for several km before being stopped

• go deep to reduce down-going atmospheric µ backg.

• long µ tracks allow good angular reconstruction

For $E_v \ge 1TeV$ $\theta_{\mu\nu} \sim \frac{0.7^\circ}{\sqrt{E_v[TeV]}}$



ANTARES: Astronomy with a Neutrino Telescope and Abyss environmental RESearch



The ANTARES search for point-like v sources based on two kind of events

• Tracks: CC ν_{μ} or $\nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \mu$



- Interaction can occur far from the detector providing a large *Effective Volume*
- Angular resol. $< 0.4^{\circ}$ for $E_{\nu} > 10 TeV$
- Energy resol. ~ factor 3

Electronic or hadronic showers: NC and CC v_e or $v_{\tau} \rightarrow$ showers



- Events contained in the detector: smaller *Effective Volume,*
- Energy resolution ~ 5-10%
- Median angular resolution ~ 3°



ANTARES physic's goals Search for point-like cosmic Neutrino Sources



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ANTARES physic's goals

Search for point-like cosmic Neutrino Sources

9 years of ANTARES data – all neutrino flavours – "tracks" + "shower" events



so far no significant excess has been found

Joint IceCube + ANTARES search for v sources

Skymap of pre-trial p-values for the combined ANTARES 2007/12 and IceCube 40, 59, 79 point-source analyses.



ANTARES physic's goals

Search for Diffuse flux of Cosmic Neutrinos

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10¹⁶

Cosmological v

- Neutrinos from:
 - Unresolved AGN
 - "Z-bursts"
 - "GZK like" proton-CMB interactions
- **Top-Down models Neutrinos**

Their identification out of the more intense background of atmospheric neutrinos (and μ) is possible at very high energies $(E_u >> TeV)$ and requires good energy reconstruction.

Found 8 "shower events" for 10 TeV<E_{SH}<100 TeV when 5 expected. Compatible with IceCube signal



10⁶

Latest ANTARES results on the search for diffuse v flux

Tracks

Data: 2007-2015 (2451 live-days) Above E_{cut} : Bkg: 13.5 ± 3 evts, IC-like signal: 3 evts

Observed: 19 evts

Cascades

Data: 2007-2013 (1405 live-days) Above E_{cut} : Bkg: 5 ± 2 evts, IC-like signal: 1.5 evts **Observed: 7 evts**



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... not only neutrino astrophysics...

... also open problems in particle physics ...

- Dark Matter searches:
 - Neutralino annihilation in Sun, Earth, Galactic Center
- Magnetic Monopoles
- Particle acceleration mechanisms
- Search for Sterile Neutrinos



Indirect search for Dark Matter in the Sun

6 years of ANTARES data: 2007-2012

Distribution of the angular distance between reconstructed the track direction of events and the Sun position for two different track reconstruction algorithms in order to maximize the event reconstruction for single line and multi-lines events.





Neutrino fluxes from $WIMP + WIMP \rightarrow b\overline{b}, W^+W^-, \tau^+\tau^$ evaluated for 50 GeV/c² < M_{WIMP} < 5 TeV/c² $\overline{\nu} \nu$ +

→ limits to v fluxes and to WIMP-nucleon cross sections

The analysis strategy

Maximization of a likelihood function based on the knowledge of the probability density functions, for the contribution of a background event, $B(\Psi, N_{hit}, \beta)$, or a signal event, $S(\Psi, N_{hit}, \beta)$, to the observed distribution.

$$\mathcal{L}(n_s) = e^{-(n_s + N_{\text{bg}})} \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{tot}}} \left(n_s S(\psi_i, N_{hit,i}, \beta_i) + N_{\text{bg}} B(\psi_i, N_{hit,i}, \beta_i) \right)$$

N_{hit} = number of hit used for the track reconstruction

 β = the angular error estimate for the reconstructed track

N_{tot} = tot. Number of reconstructed events

 n_s and N_{bq} are the number of signal and background events in the maximization procedure

B(Ψ , N_{hit} , β) obtained by the collected data randomising the right ascension of the event **S**(Ψ , N_{hit} , β) obtained from MC simulation using the *v* energy spectra given by WIMPSIM

High statistics Pseudo-MC experiments are performed for each combination of M_{WIMP}, annihilation channel:

- with only background $n_s = 0 \rightarrow allow$ to evaluate $\mathcal{L}(0)$
- with a given value of simulated signal-like events $n_s > 0$. For each one of these pseudo-MC experiment a maximum likelihood analysis is performed searching for the value of n_s that maximize the likelihood. We then get $\mathcal{L}(n_{max})$

We can now **evaluate a Test Statistic** $TS = log_{10} \frac{\mathcal{L}(0)}{\mathcal{L}(n_{max})}$ that gives us a measure of the probability to assume a fluctuation of the background as a distribution of events with $n_s \neq 0$.

Indirect search for Dark Matter in the Sun

No excess observed over the expected background: evaluate 90% C.L. upper limits for expected signal



Indirect search for Dark Matter in the Galactic Centre

9 years of ANTARES data: 2007-2015 - ANTARES "observes" the G.C > 66% time Search performed for:

- 50 GeV/ c^2 < M_{WIMP} < 100 TeV/ c^2
- $WIMP + WIMP \rightarrow b\overline{b}, W^+W^-, \tau^+\tau^-, \mu^+\mu^-, \nu\overline{\nu}$





The expected v flux depends on the DM distribution around the GC. 3 halo models have been considered

Parameter	NFW	Burkert	McMillan
r _s [kpc]	$16.1^{+17.0}_{-7.8}$	$9.26^{+5.6}_{-4.2}$	17.6 ± 7.5
$ ho_{local}$ [GeV/cm ³]	$0.471^{+0.048}_{-0.061}$	$0.487^{+0.075}_{-0.088}$	0.390 ± 0.034



Distribution of measured angles between reconstructed tracks and the Galactic Centre (crosses). The red line describes what is expected from background event.

The integrated J-Factor, J_{int}, for a cone-shaped region centred on the G.C. with an opening angle Ψ

Indirect search for Dark Matter in the Galactic Centre



Indirect search for Dark Matter in the Galactic Centre



90% C.L. limits on the thermally averaged annihilation cross-section $\langle \sigma v \rangle$ obtained only for the channel *WIMP* + *WIMP* $\rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ but for different models of the DM halo around the G.C.

Indirect search for Dark Matter in the Earth

- WIMPS can be gravitationally bound to the Earth if $v_{WIMP} < v_{escape}^{Earth}$
- $v_{escape}^{Earth} \sim 14 \frac{km}{s}$; $v_{WIMP} = \overline{v}_{270}$ following a Maxwell-Boltzmann distr. with r.m.s. velocity 270 km/s \rightarrow only a small fraction of WIMPS captured on the Earth.
- WIMPS-nucleons collision described by spin-independent cross section σ_p^{SI} .
- Fe and Ni most abundant in the Earth \rightarrow effective capture for $M_{WIMP} \sim 50 \ GeV$.
- In the Earth the capture $(\Gamma_c(t))$ and annihilation $(\Gamma_A(t))$ rates would reach the equilibrium in $\tau \sim 10^{11}$ y >> Earth age $(t_{Earth} = 4.5 \ 10^9 \text{ y})$
- In these conditions:



6 years of ANTARES data: 2007-2012

$25 \text{ Gev/c}^2 < M_{\text{WIMP}} < 1 \text{ Tev/c}^2$

 $WIMP + WIMP \rightarrow b\overline{b}, W^+W^-, \tau^+\tau^-, \nu\overline{\nu}$

No excess found over the expected background Limits on the WIMP-WIMP annihilation rate in the Earth Limits on the spin independent WIMP-nucleon cross-section



Indirect search for Dark Matter in the Earth



The future of Neutrino Astronomy in the Mediterranean Sea

ANTARES → KM3NeT

12 Lines, 885 OM



3 Building Blocks on 2 Sites 3*115 lines, ~6210 OMs, ~ 192510 PMTs



KM3NeT Neutrinoo Telescope science scopes



The future of Neutrino Astronomy in the Mediterranean Sea



KM3NeT ARCA

ARCA detector

- ARCA: 2 blocks
- 115 strings per block
- 90m horizontal spacing
- 36m spacing
- 18 optical modules





KM3NeT sensitivities for indirect D.M. searches Indirect Detection of Dark Matter



Spin Dependent

Spin Independent



Summary

- Neutrino Telescopes can contribute, via the DM indirect search, to understand the D.M. existence/nature
- ANTARES did not observe so far a signal from D.M. annihiltion and did set limits to:
 - thermally averaged annihilation cross-section $\langle \sigma v \rangle$
 - spin-dependent and spin-independent WIMP-nucleon scattering cross-section as a function of WIMP mass
- ANTARES will be decommissioned end of 2017, then smooth transition to KM3NeT
- KM3NeT is under construction in Europe (2 sites: South of Italy and South of France).

KM3NeT Building Blocks



	ARCA	ORCA
Location	Italy – Capo Passero	France - Toulon
Detector Lines distance	90m	20m
DOM spacing	36m	9m
Instrumented mass	500Mton	5,7 Mton

Phase	Building Blocks		Number of DUs		Phisics Goals		Status	
	ARCA	ORCA	ARCA	ORCA	ARCA	ORCA	ARCA	ORCA
1	0.2	0.06	24	7	Proof of feasibility and first science results. Joined analysis with ANTARES.		Fully funded. First 2 DUs acquiring data in Capo Passero.	
2.0	2	1	230	115	Study of the IceCube signal.	Determination of neutrino mass hyerarchy.	Not yet funded.	Not yet funded.
3	6	1	690	115	All flavour neutrino astronomy.			

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Indirect search for Dark Matter in the Earth

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$$v_{escape}^{Earth} \sim 14 \frac{km}{s}$$
; $< v_{WIMP} > \sim 270 \ km/s$

Only a small fraction of WIMPS captured on the Earth.

WIMPS-nuclei collision process described by spin-independent cross section Iron and Nichel nuclei most abundant in the Earth \rightarrow most effective capture for $M_{WIMP} \sim 50 \ GeV$

