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First results on UHE Neutrinos from the NuMoon experiment

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Abstract content

When high-energy cosmic rays impinge on a dense dielectric medium, radio waves are produced through the Askaryan effect. At wavelengths comparable to the typical longitudinal size of showers produced by Ultra-High Energy cosmic rays or neutrinos, radio signals are an extremely efficient way to detect these particles [1]. These can be detected using the Westerbork Synthesis Radio Telescope (WSRT) which consists of fourteen 25m parabolic dishes. The low frequency band which concerns us here covers 115-170MHz. In tied-array mode the system noise at low frequencies is $F_n=600\text{Jy}$. To observe radio bursts of short duration, the new pulsar backend (PuMa II) is used. It provides dual-polarization baseband sampling of eight 20MHz bands. In the used configuration, four frequency bands will observe the same part of the moon with the remaining four a different section.

A first analysis of the present 100 hour observations at the WSRT will be presented.

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Reference

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