

# The future of neutrino astronomy

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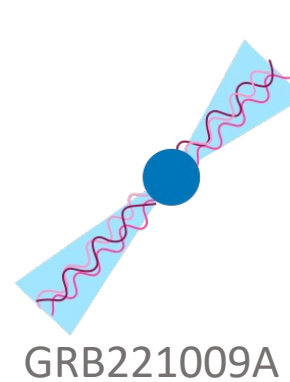
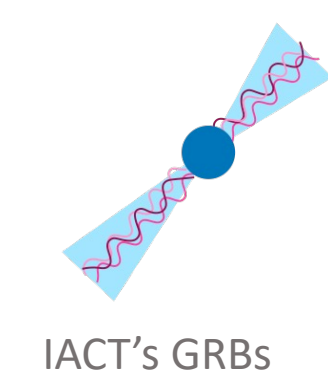
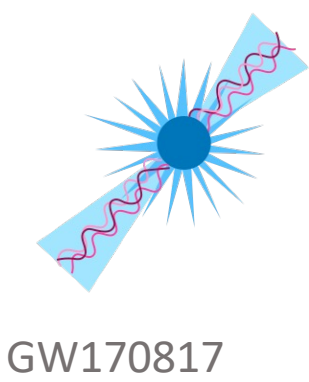
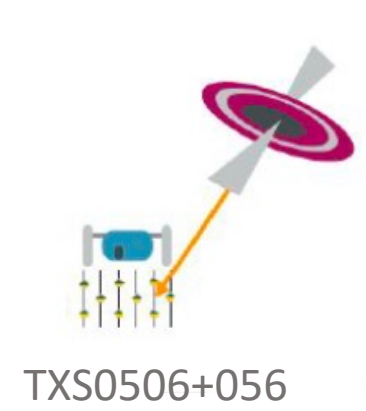
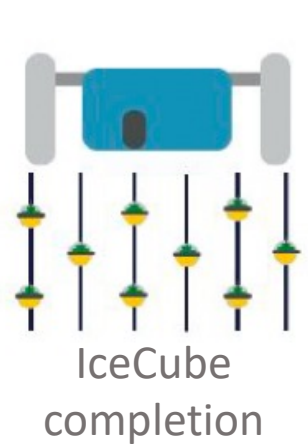
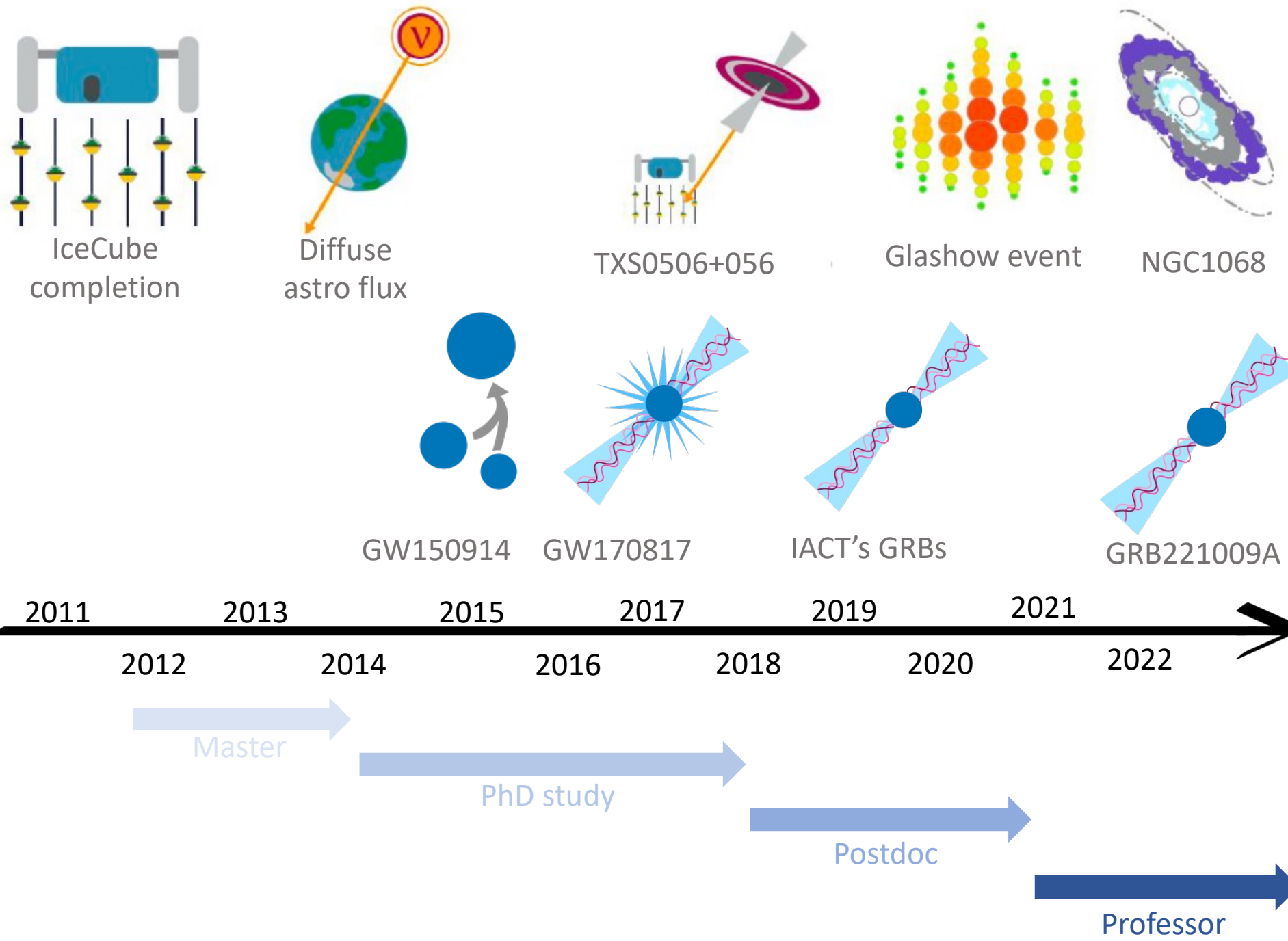
Pwd: neutrinos

# Neutrinos in the Multi-Messenger Era



20 talks last week

10 talks summarized in this contribution



2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Master

PhD study

Postdoc

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# Summary



- Astroparticle Physics is a booming and blooming field
- In search of the wonders of the cosmos
- Going to understand the fundamental law of Nature
- Plenty of opportunities for young scientists
- APP RI are central for the forthcoming Multi-Messenger Era

## APPEC:

- Publication of Roadmap Update in 2022
- Coordination of European Astroparticle Physics strategy...
- ...in cooperation with neighboring fields
- APPEC Newsletter: <https://www.appec.org/latest-news/newsletters>

**...and further foster and coordinate the European Astroparticle Physics!**

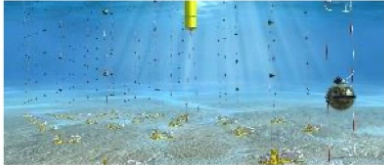


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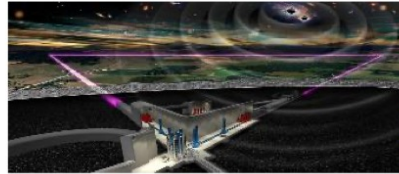
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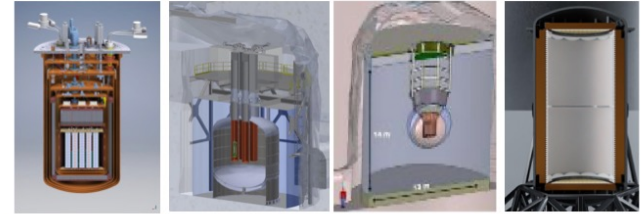
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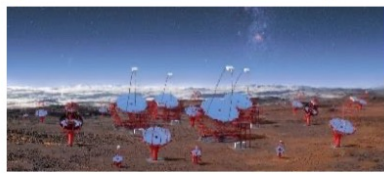
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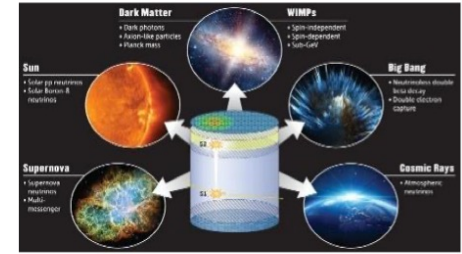
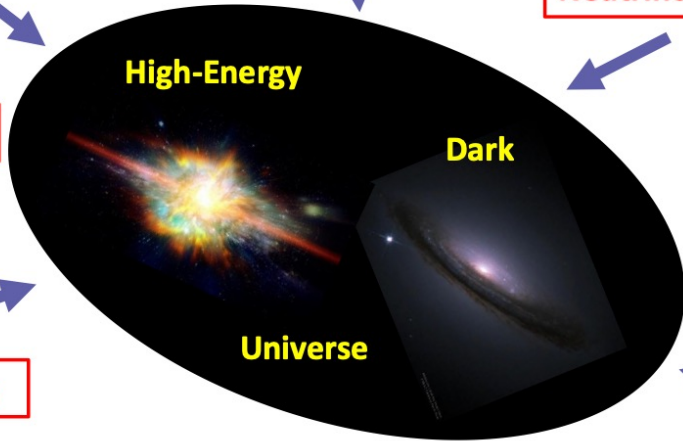
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HE Gamma Rays



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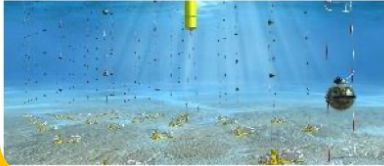


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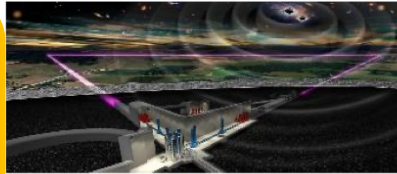
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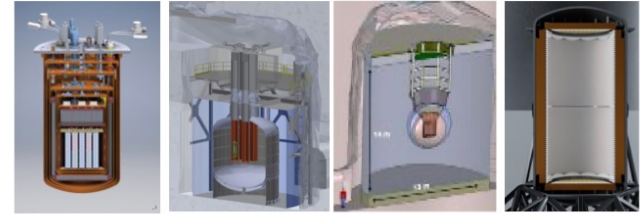
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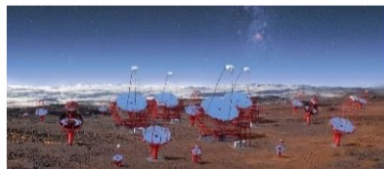
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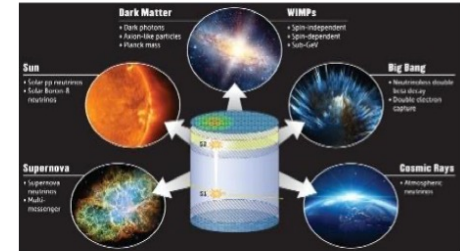
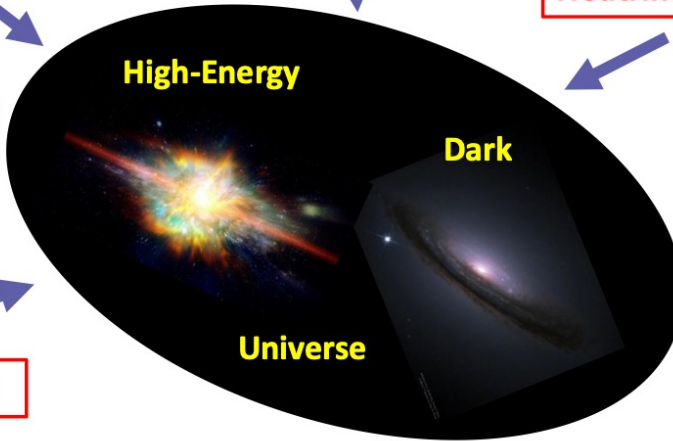
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# Why neutrinos?

## Multi-messenger synergies

**Optical telescopes: TAROT, GRANDMA, MASTER, LCOGT, ZTF, LSST...**

- Easy access follow-up of large error box
- Characterisation of the potential counterpart with spectroscopy (nature, redshift...)

**X-ray telescopes: Swift, INTEGRAL, SVOM, ATHENA...**

- Very clean sky
- Provide transient triggers (GRB, AGN, Novae...)
- ToO program (not so easy access)

**$\gamma$ -ray telescopes: Fermi-LAT**

- All-sky complete monitoring
- Provide transient triggers (GRB, AGN...)

**VHE  $\gamma$ -ray telescopes: HESS, MAGIC, CTA...**

- Most natural common science case
- Follow-up (not easy access)

**VHE  $\gamma$ -ray telescopes: HAWC, LHAASO...**

- All-sky monitoring
- Provide triggers

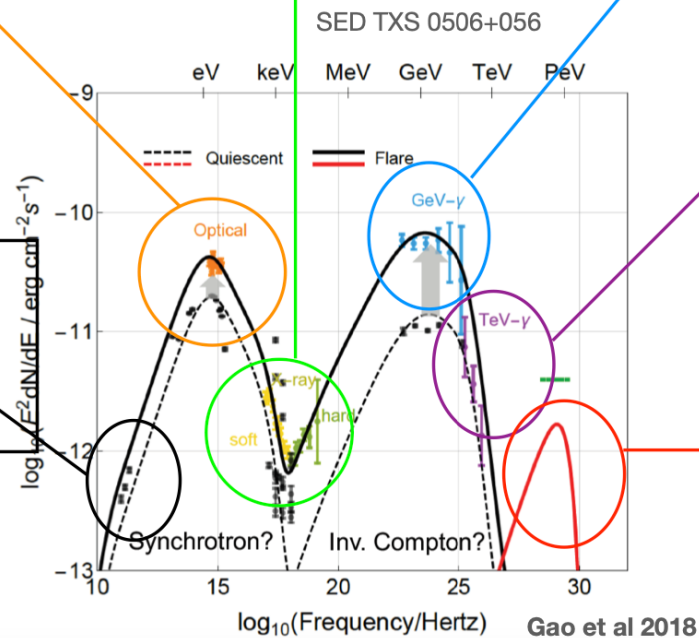
**Neutrino telescopes: ANTARES, IceCube, KM3NeT, GVD...**

- Mutual follow-up
- Confirmation of sources, improve significance

**Radio telescopes: Parkes, MWA, Lofar, Nenufar, ASKAP, SKA, VLBI...**

- Provide triggers (FRB...)
- Follow-up

+ link with LIGO/VIRGO  
+ SK, SNEWS



# Why neutrinos?

## New-physics menu

- 1 Neutrino-matter cross section
- 2 Unstable neutrinos
- 3 New neutrino interactions  
*(If time allows)*
- 4 Neutrinos & dark matter
- 5 Flavor composition
- 6 Physics with individual sources
- 7 ANITA mystery events

# APPEC organisational & societal issues



## Organisational:

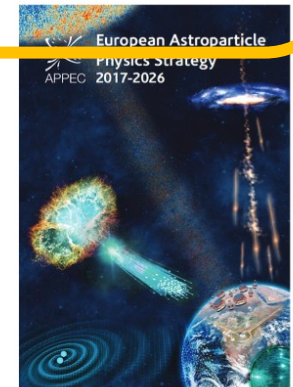
- European and global collaboration and coordination
- Neighboring communities
- European Commission
- Unique infrastructures
- Interdisciplinary opportunities

## Societal:

- Diversity
- Education and outreach
- Open Science and Citizen Science
- Transfer Knowledge
- Connection to industry
- Ecological impact



<https://indico.cern.ch/e/JENAS2022>





# REINFORCE

REsearch INfrastructures FOR Citizens in Europe



[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIRYiYJN\\_jb7dtPVi\\_J5QdYiOUP27ugtXObn7G-gGFGFRHkA/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfIRYiYJN_jb7dtPVi_J5QdYiOUP27ugtXObn7G-gGFGFRHkA/viewform?usp=sf_link)



# Speeding up

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Cascades + Tracks  
+ Double cascades

Upgoing track searches

All-sky all-flavour searches

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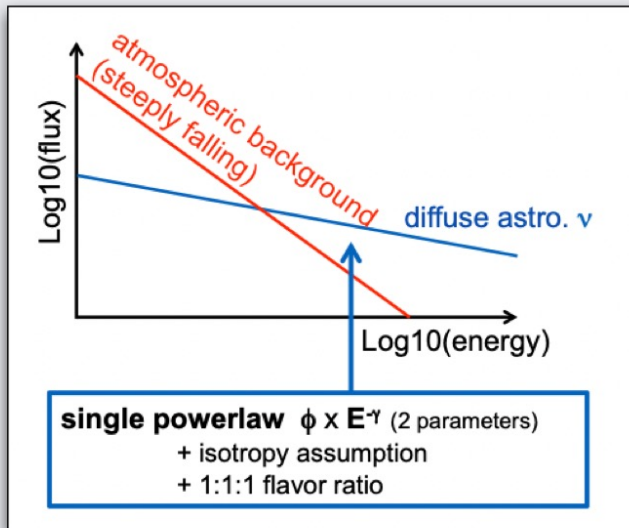
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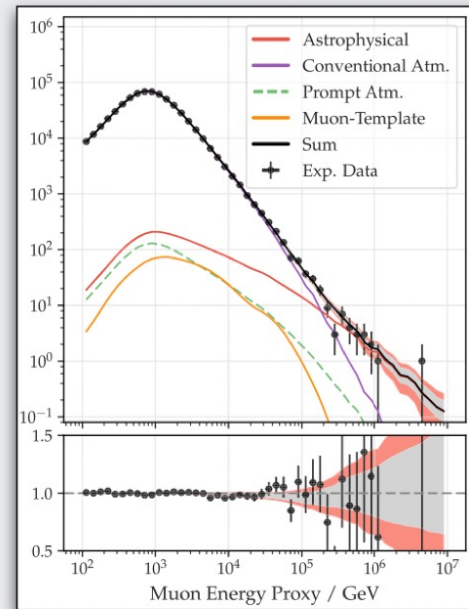
## Introduction

- Diffuse  $\nu^{\text{astro}}$ : excess at high  $E_\nu$
- Give insights into acceleration and propagation of high- $E$  cosmic rays



H. Niederhausen | XVIII Intl. Workshop on  $\nu$  Telescopes

- Possible sample slices: Contained, Upgoing, Track-like, Cascade-like, Tau-like
- Possible sources: AGNs, choked GRBs, TDEs, Starburst galaxies...



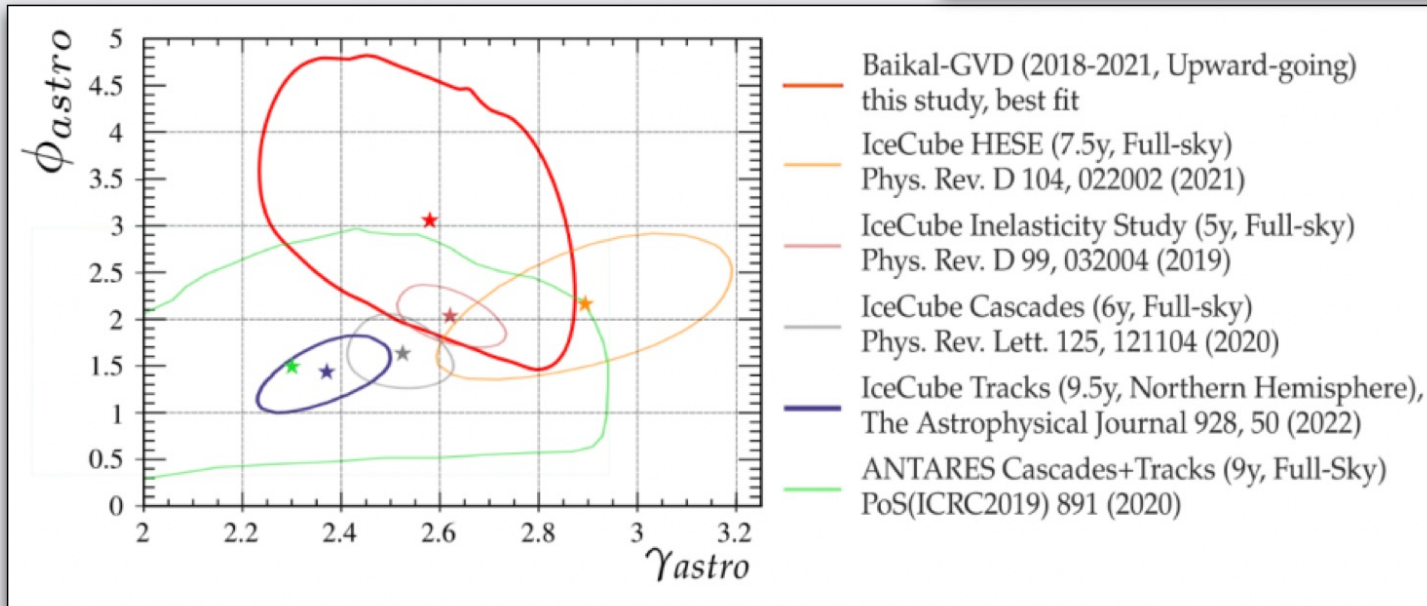
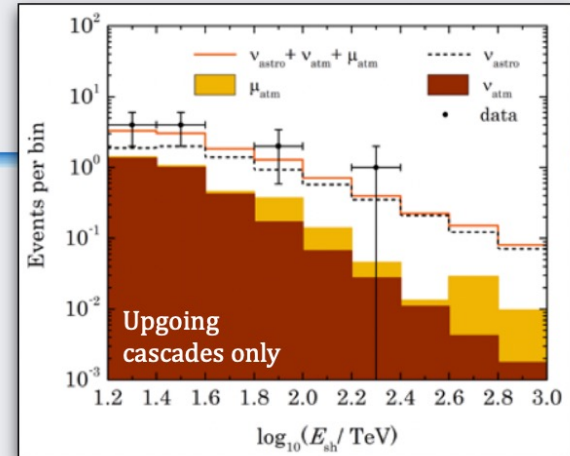
IceCube, *Astrophys. J.* 928, 50 (2022)



# Cascades + Tracks + Double cascades

## New Results: GVD

- Based on cascade-like events
- Consistent with other msmts.



<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2211.09447.pdf>

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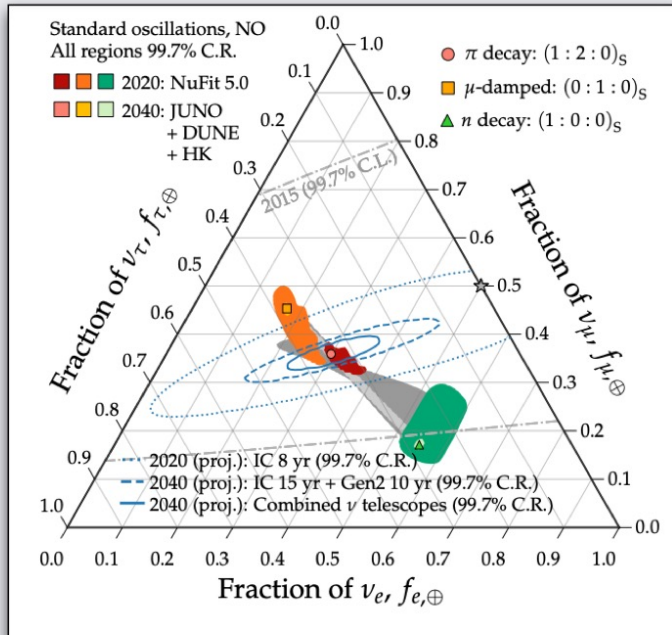
## $\nu_{\tau}^{\text{astro}}$ : A New (Multi-)Messenger?

- Detection of  $\nu_{\tau}^{\text{astro}}$  is very challenging. Why bother?
  - Can help pin down flavor ratio  $\nu_e : \nu_{\mu} : \nu_{\tau}$  at sources
    - More insight into acceleration environment
  - Improves access to cosmic baseline  $\nu$  oscillations
    - Strong deviations from 1:1:1 at detector  $\rightarrow$  new physics?

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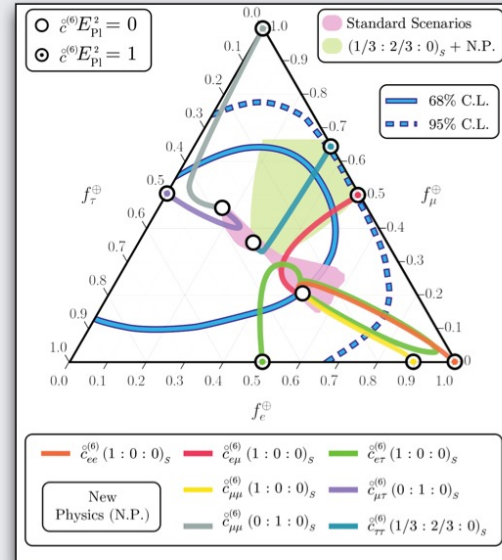
## Importance of Flavor ID for $\nu^{\text{astro}}$

At Earth,  $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau$  could tell us about the source...



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.12893>

...while strong deviations from 1:1:1 could mean new physics.




<https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.04654v1>

Example: Effect of quantum gravity.

For more examples, see Refs. 22-59 in IceCube, PRD 104, 022002 (2021).

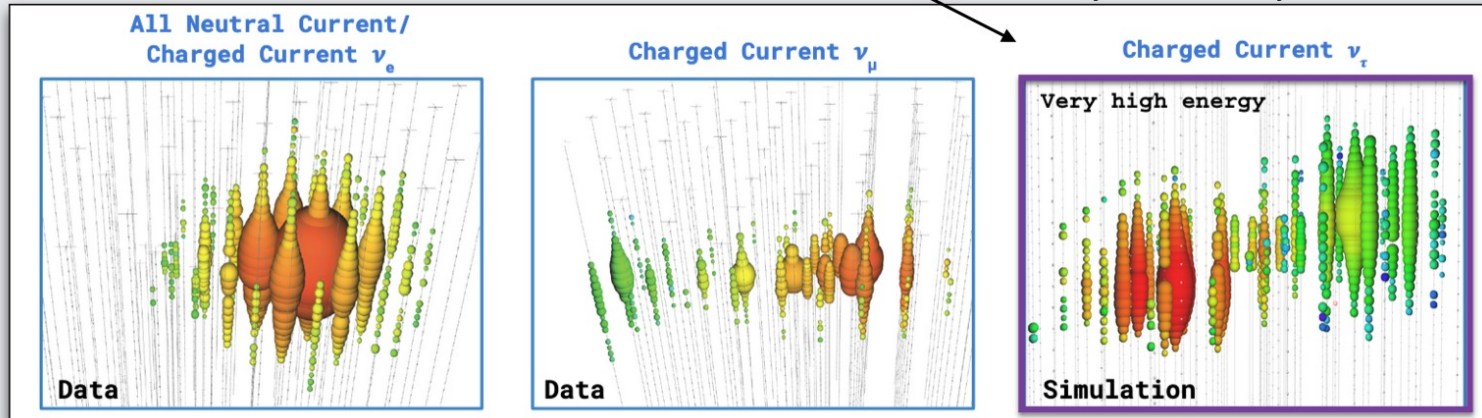
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## $\nu_{\tau}$ astro: Signatures

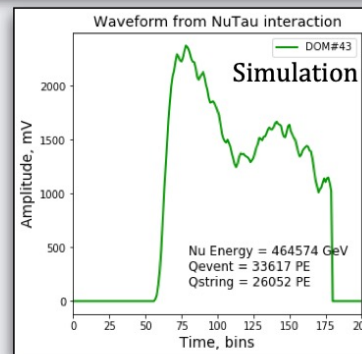
Spheres: DOMs  
White: recorded no light  
Color: recorded light  
Size: light collected  
Color shows time information:  
Early  Late

At high energies: “Double Bang.”  
Unfortunately, very rare.

$$L_{\tau} \simeq 50\text{m} \cdot E_{\tau} / \text{PeV}$$



More flux at lower energies!  
Look for subtler signature(s)  
in one or more modules.



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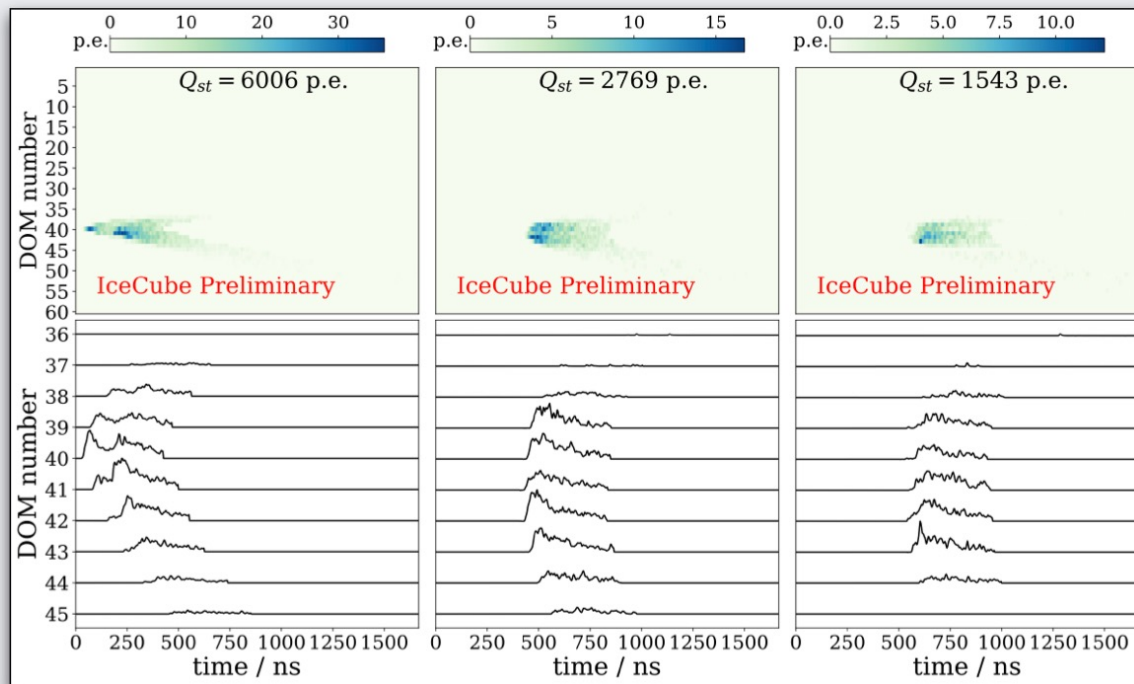
## $\nu_{\tau}^{\text{astro}}$ : Results

- Saw 7 candidate  $\nu_{\tau}^{\text{astro}}$  events
  - $\sim 0.5$  events estimated total background
  - 4 of 7 candidates not selected by previous analyses
  - 3 of 7 candidates previously selected
    - 1 of which was identified as a  $\nu_{\tau}$  candidate
  - $\Phi(\nu_{\tau}^{\text{astro}})$  consistent with measured  $\Phi(\nu^{\text{astro}})$  from published analyses
    - $(\phi_0, \gamma) = [(2.23, 2.5), (1.36, 2.37), (2.12, 2.87), (2.04, 2.62)]$   
(GlobalFit, Diffuse, HESE and Inelasticity, respectively)
- Exclusion of  $\Phi(\nu_{\tau}^{\text{astro}}) = 0$  will be reported soon.
  - Pre-unblinding, predicted  $\sim 50\%$  chance of  $\sim 5\sigma$  result.

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## $\nu_{\tau}$ Candidate Event Pics

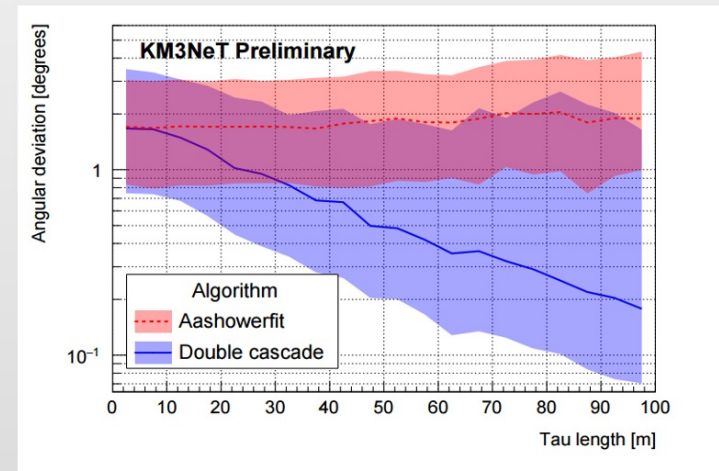
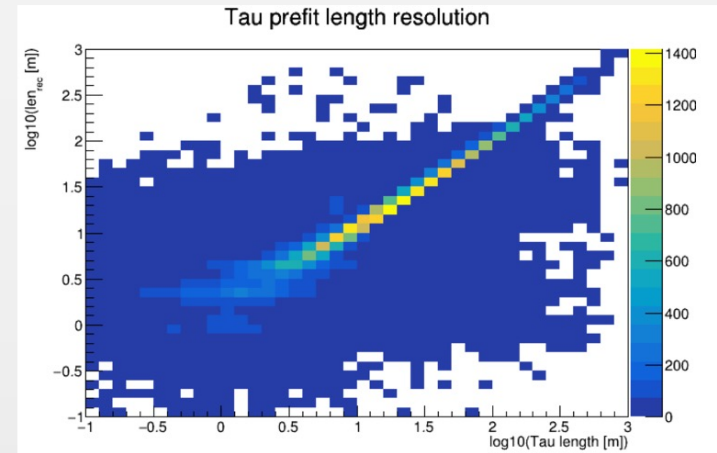
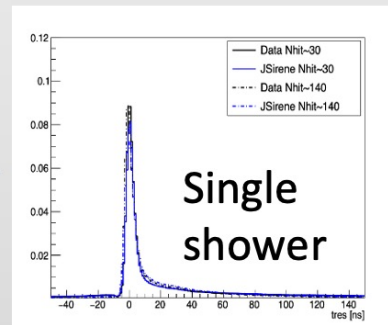
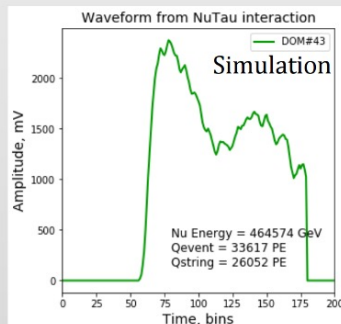
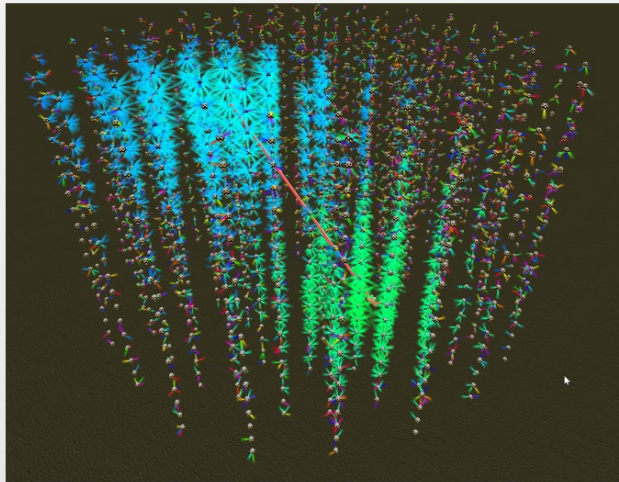
Here's "Scarlet Macaw," a new event:



Clear  $\nu_{\tau}$  signature. Detected in 2019 (too recent for previous analyses to have seen).

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## Tau neutrinos @ KM3NeT





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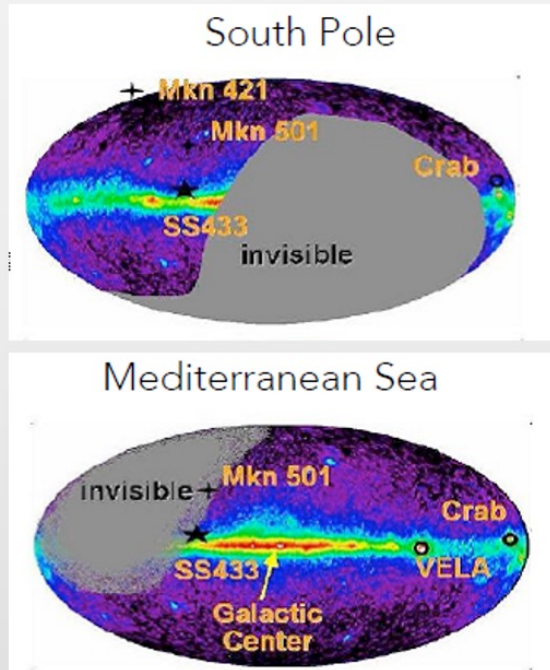
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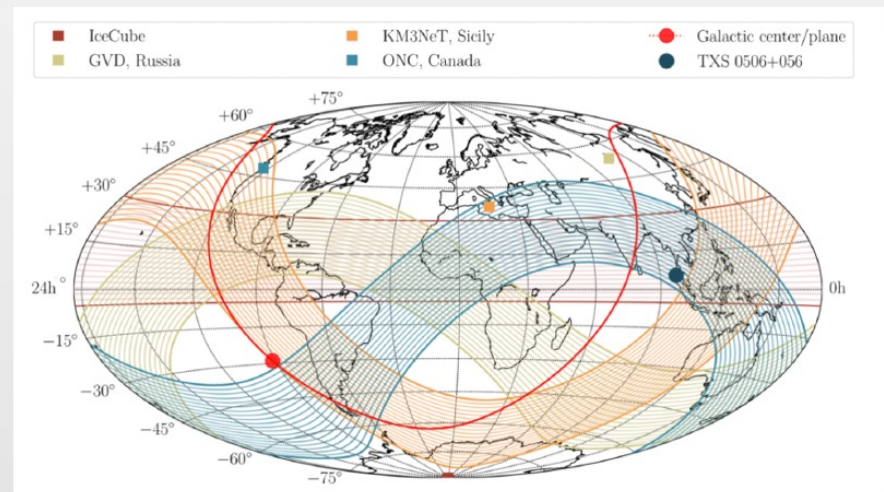
# All-sky all-flavour searches

## Introduction



Galactic sources expected at 1-10 TeV energies.

### Field of view with horizontal tracks



At highest energies : neutrinos don't make it through the Earth: horizontal tracks are golden channel. Instantaneous field of view complementary.

# All-sky all-flavour searches

## Lessons from the ANTARES follow-up

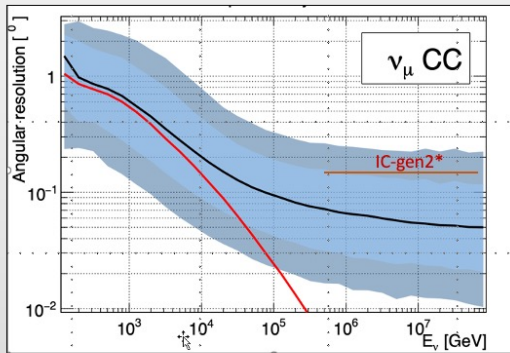
### **Key points to be improved:**

- Important to have all-flavor neutrino reconstruction and classifier
- Reduce the systematics on the angular direction of the alerts (good control of the pointing accuracy)
- Private / public neutrino alerts (how to optimize the follow-up)
- Uniformise the alert format: only VO event
  
- Increase the scientific interest of the neutrino alerts (provide more astro content)
- Automate the astro counterpart search directly at the alert level (crossmatch catalogs, LC...)
  
- Automate the real-time correlation analyses as much as possible
- Have a real organized team to manage the online analyses, not only a few persons. Reinforce the MWL follow-up expertise in the collaboration. Provide some centralized tools for the shifters

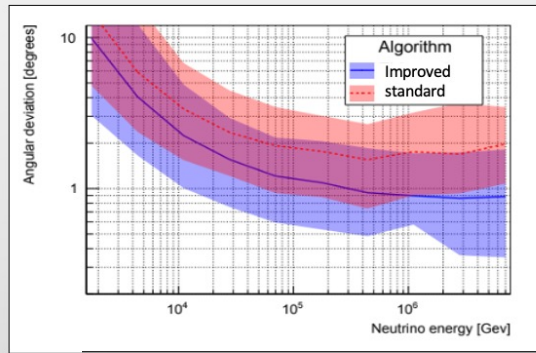
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## KM3NeT Resolutions

Tracks



Cascades



\* 10 arcmin is quoted in 2008.04323v1

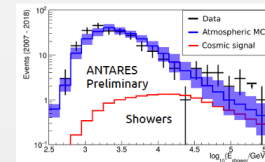
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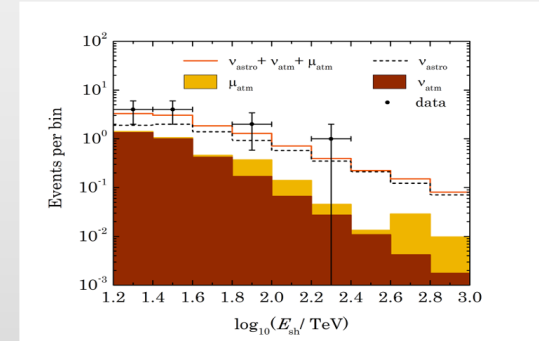
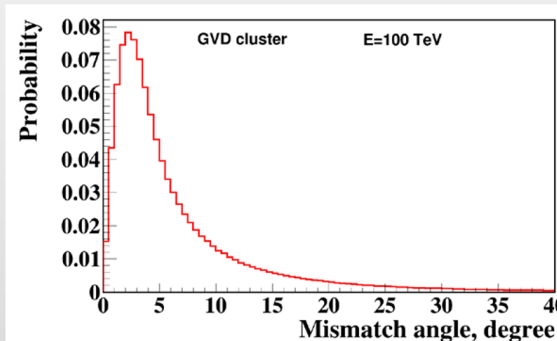
## Baikal-GVD performance showers

Directional resolution for cascades:  
median mismatch angle  $\sim 4.5^\circ$

Energy resolution :  $\delta E/E \sim 30\%$



P-value = 0.0024 ( $3.05\sigma$ )





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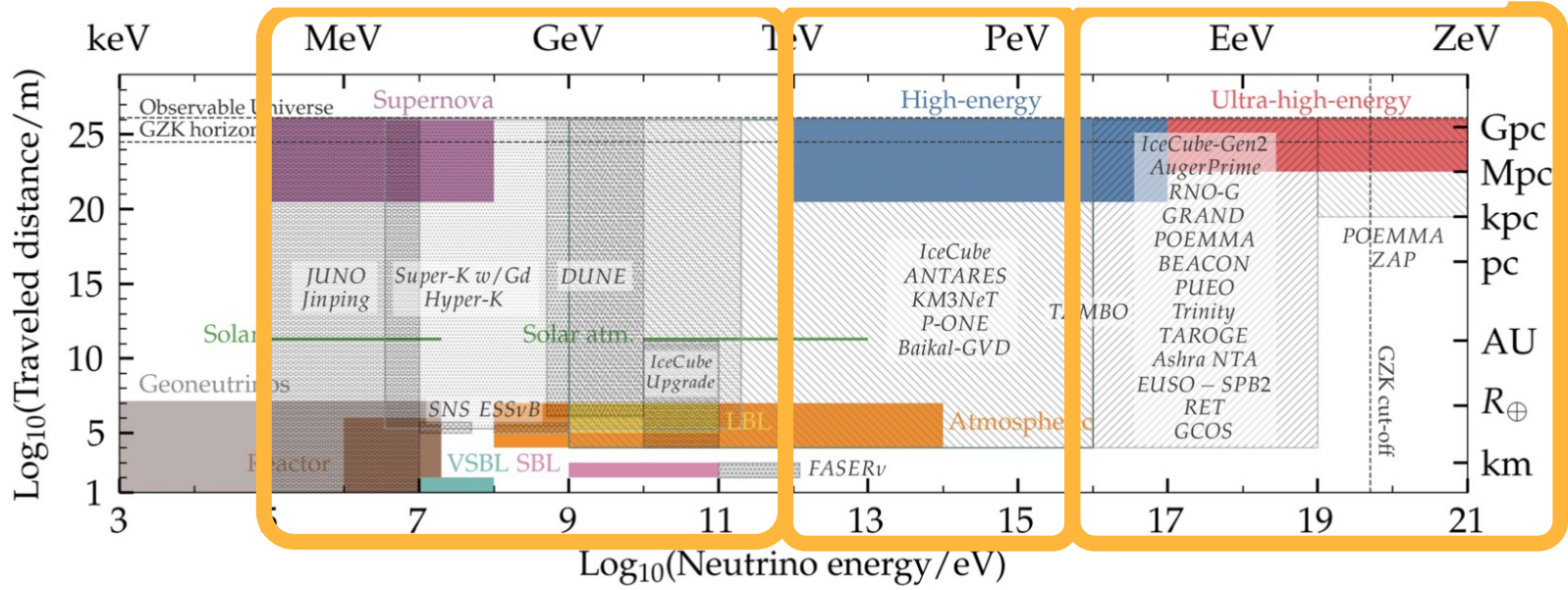
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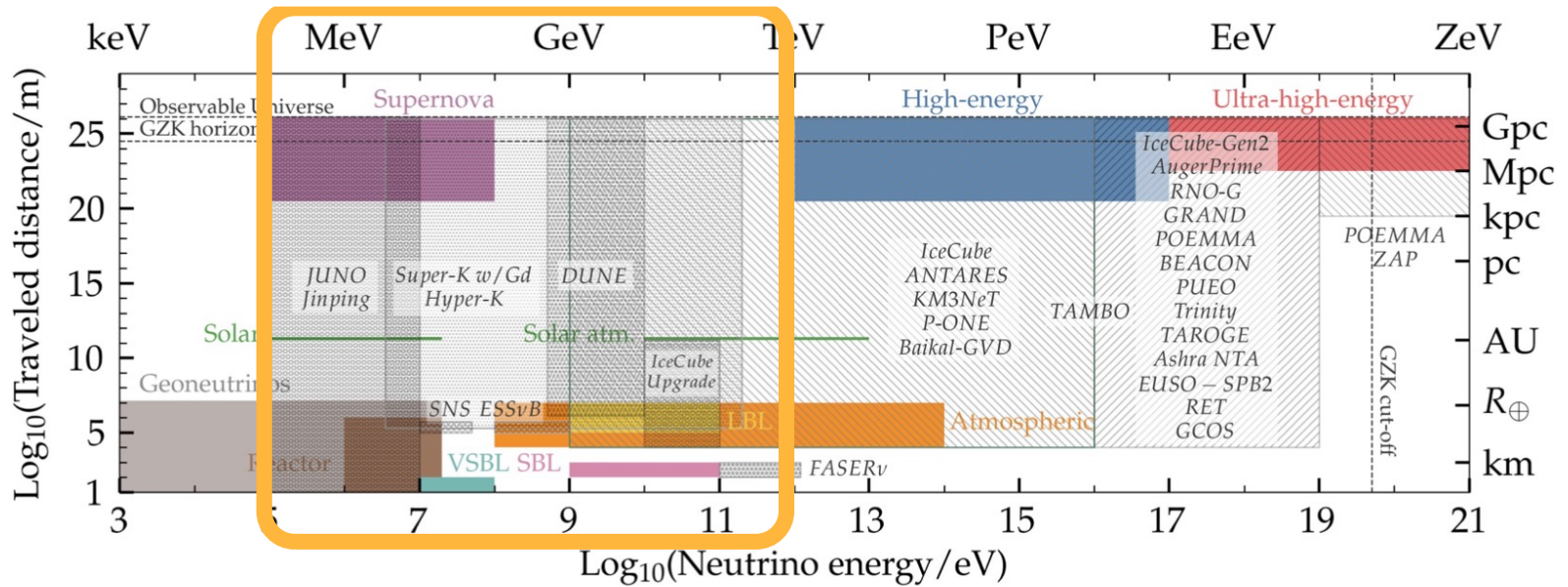
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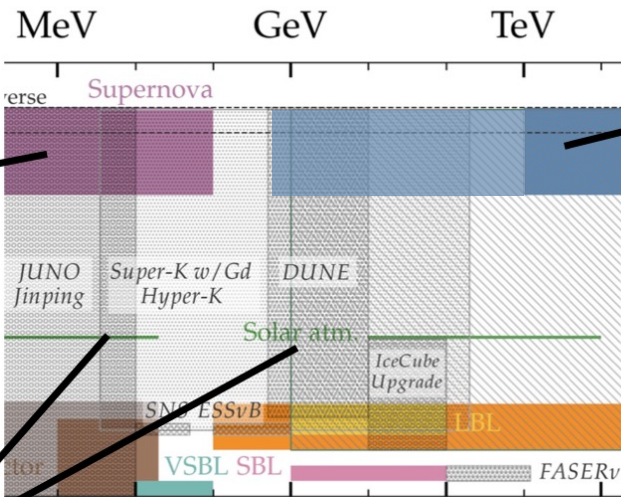
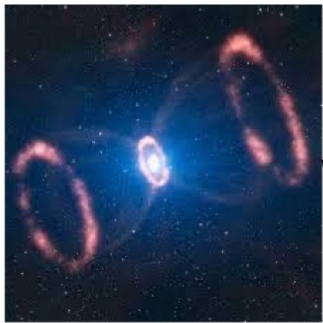
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# Neutrino sources in the MeV-TeV energy range

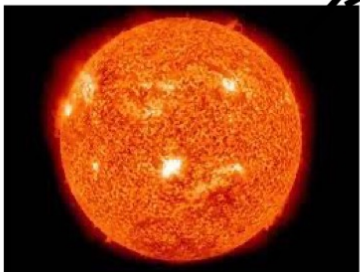
Supernova

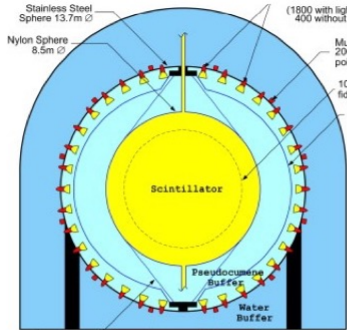


Low energy (GeV-TeV)  
cosmic sources

- GRBs
- Novae
- Solar flares

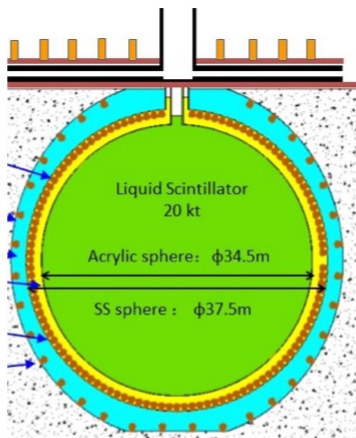
Solar





Borexino (finished)

100 Ton



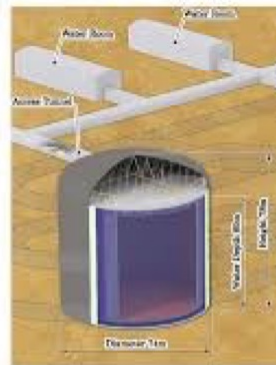
JUNO (future)

20 kTon



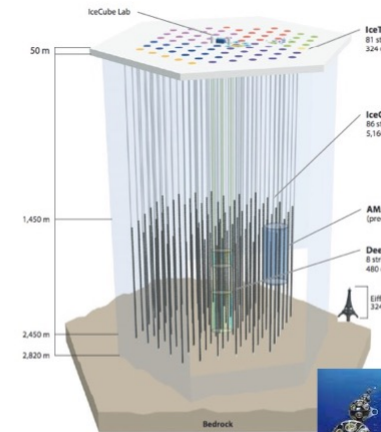
Super-Kamiokande (current)

50 kTon



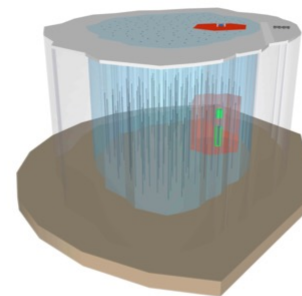
Hyper-Kamiokande (future)

250 kTon



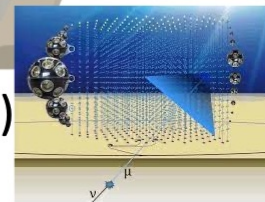
IceCube (current)

1 GTon



IceCube-Gen2 (future)

10 GTon



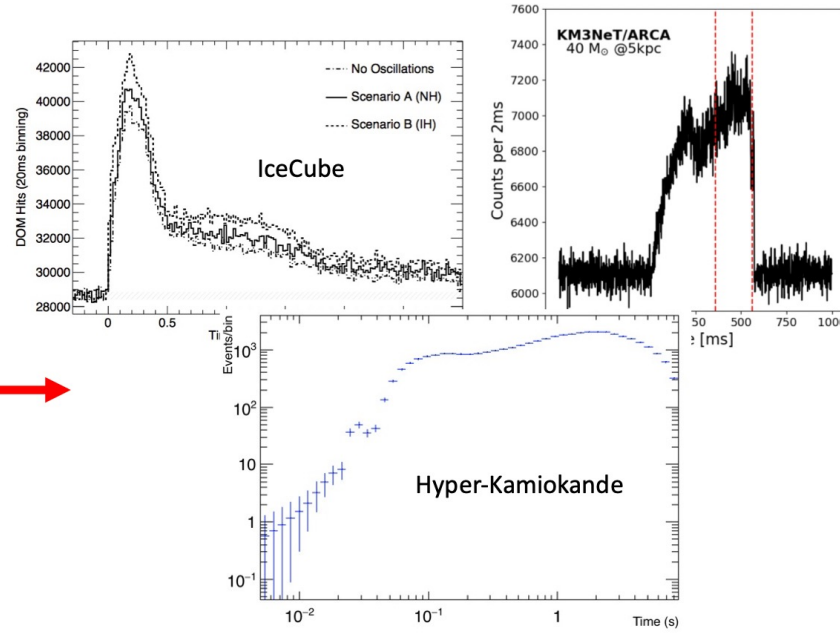
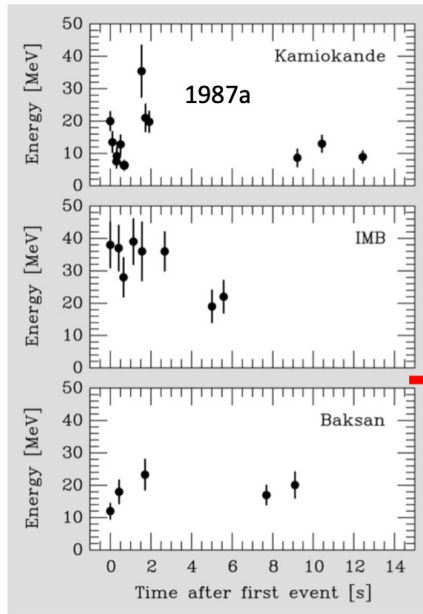
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(coming online)



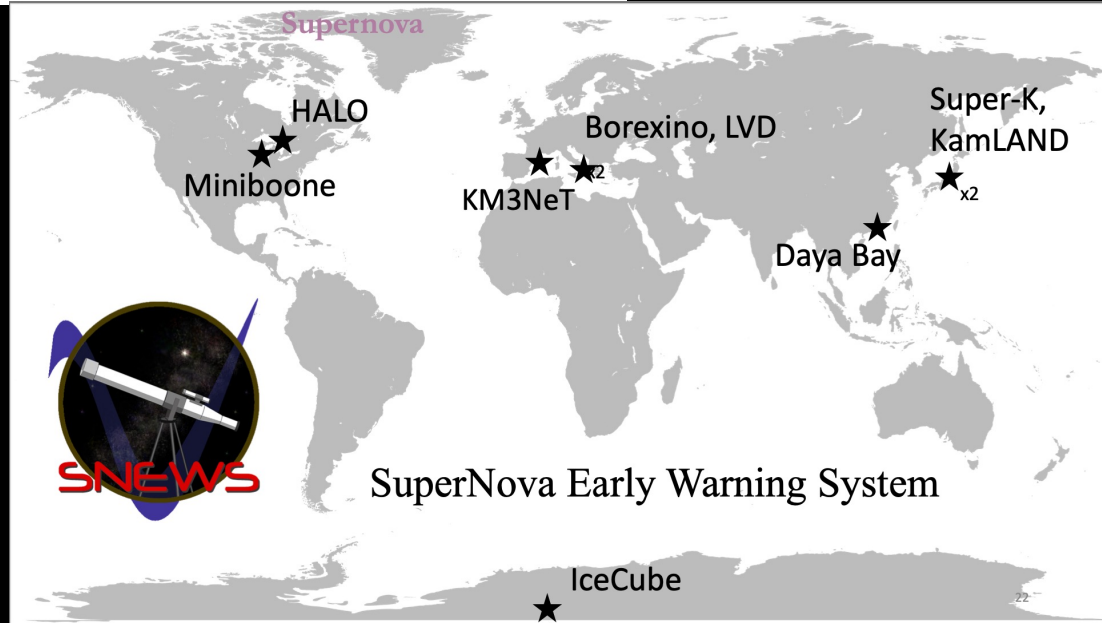


# Supernova

## Supernova light curve in neutrinos



+ GW counterpart!

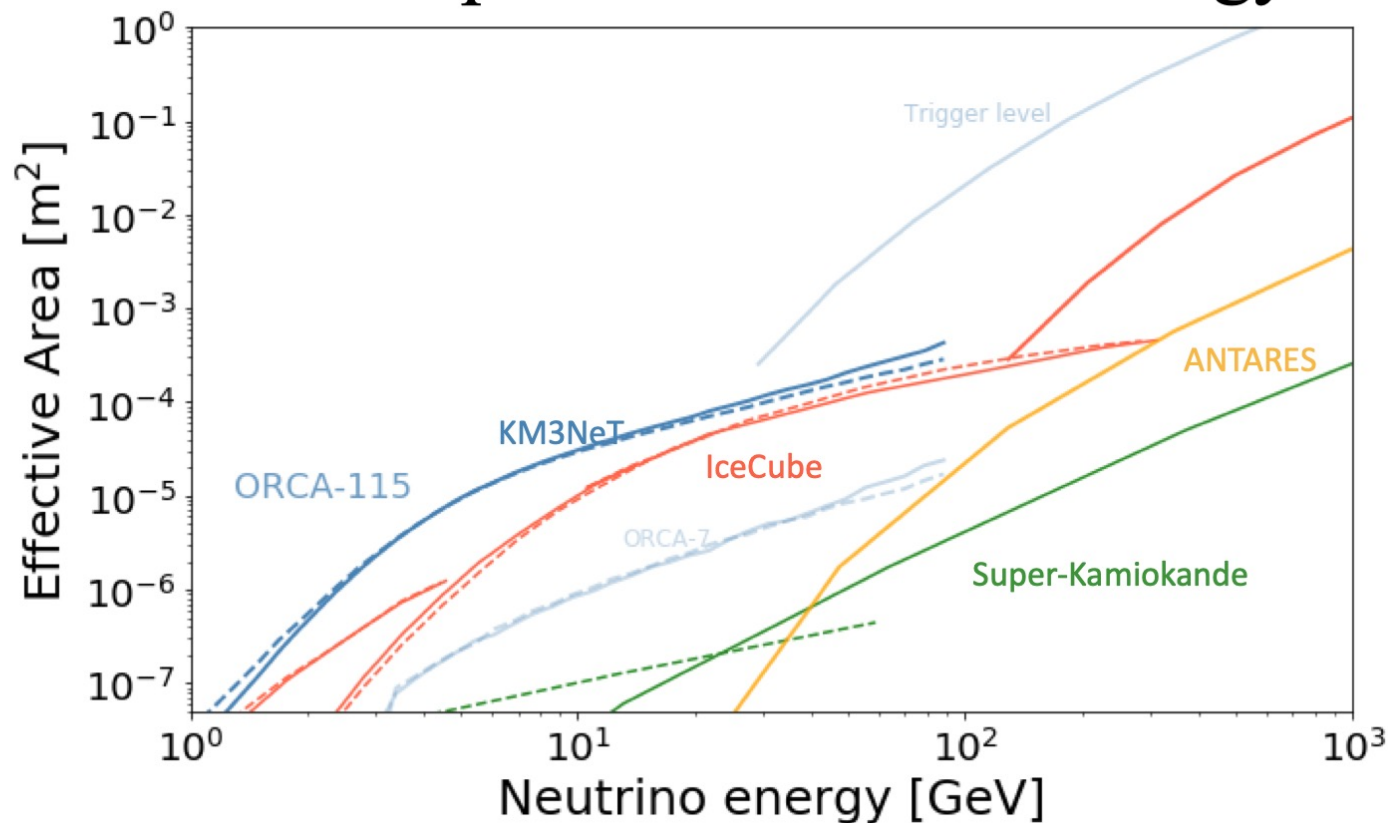


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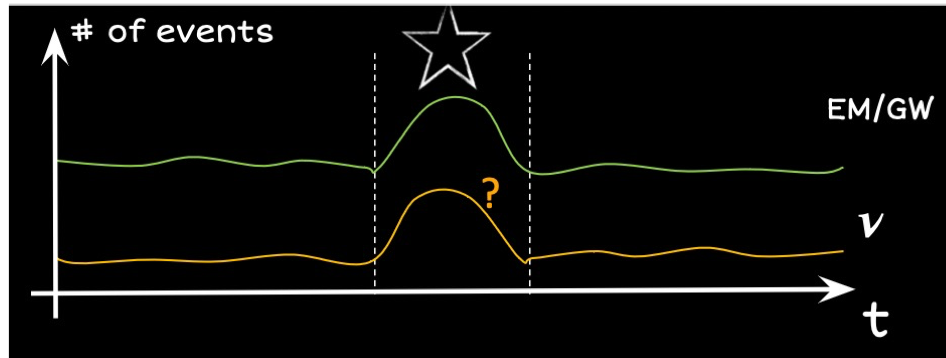
## GeV-TeV transients:

# How do we capitalize on our full energy range?

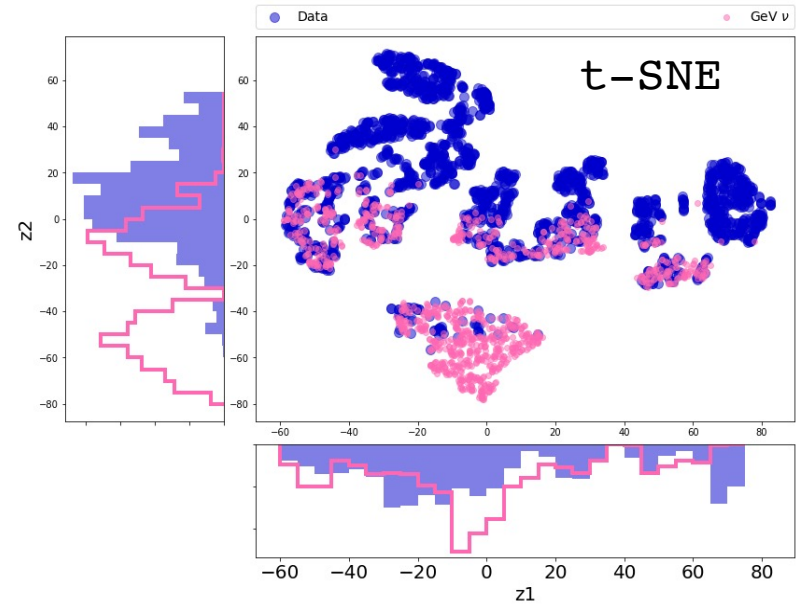


Thanks, Gwen!

## Low energy (GeV-TeV) cosmic sources



Tight timing coincidence with transients  
– suppress the (huge) atmospheric background



Weak and hard to reconstruct events  
- Big benefit with machine learning

# Motivation for low-energy neutrino searches

$$N_{events} = \int dE A_{eff} \times \Phi$$

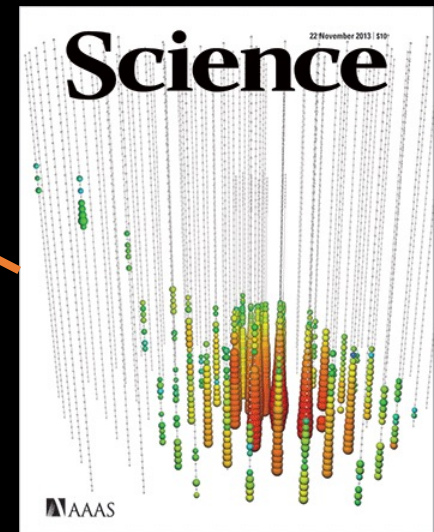
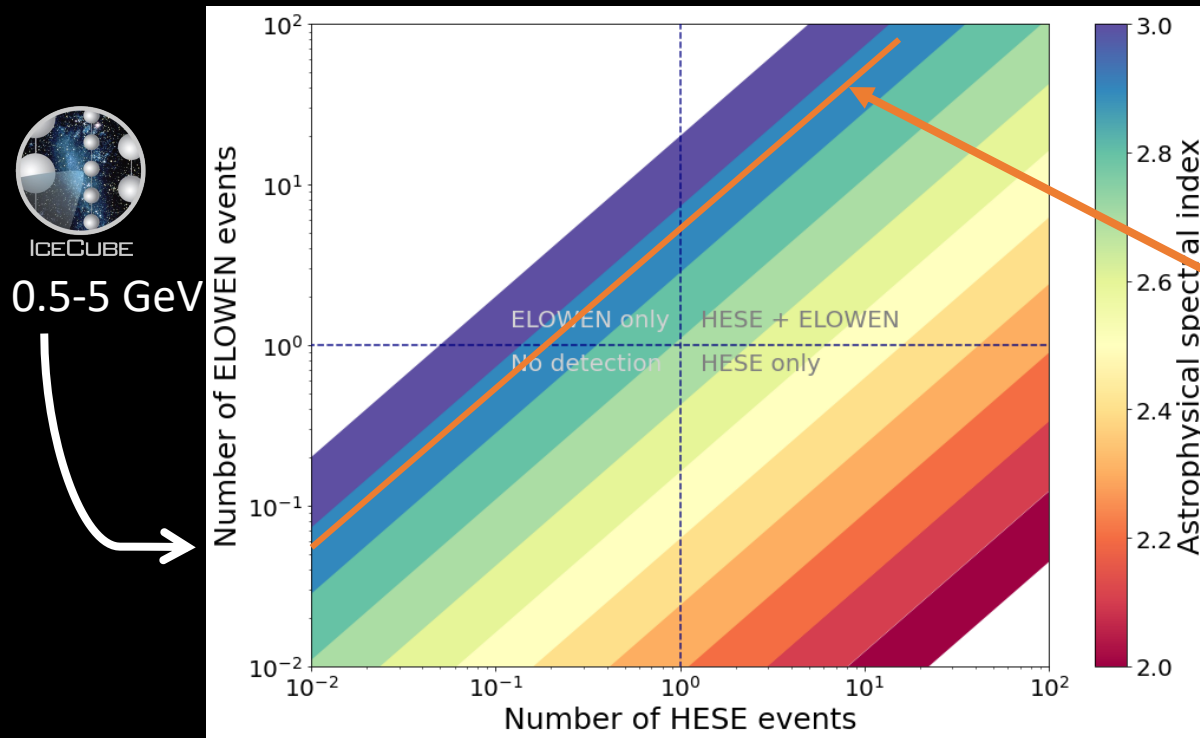
$$= \int dE (A \times E^b) \times (C \times E^{-d})$$

## We know:

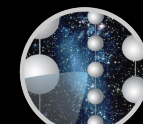
- $A_{eff}$  of HESE selection
- $A_{eff}$  of low-energy selection

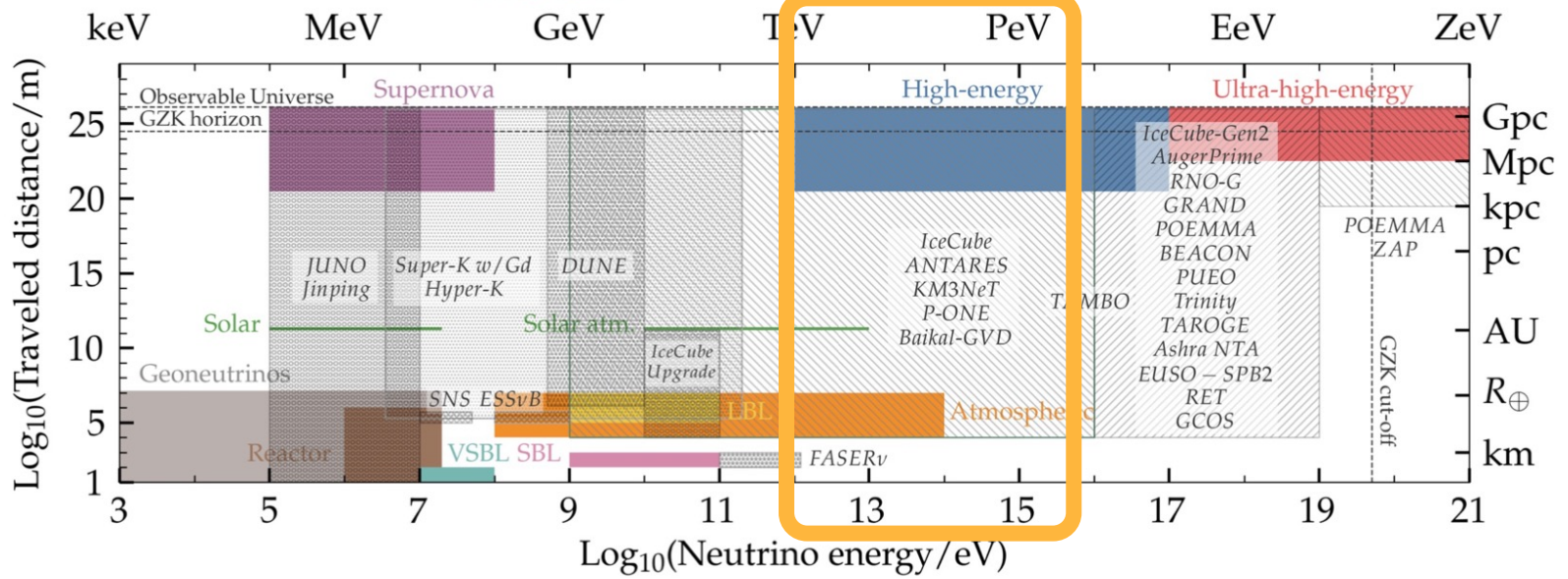
## 2 steps:

- 1- What is the flux producing 1 high-energy event
- 2- What is the number of low-energy events produced by this flux



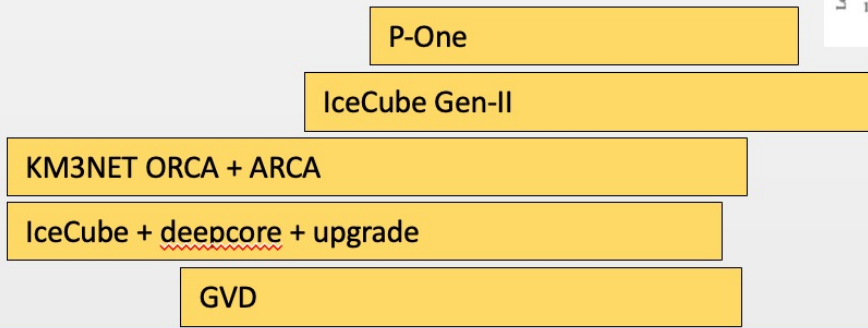
TeV-PeV scale



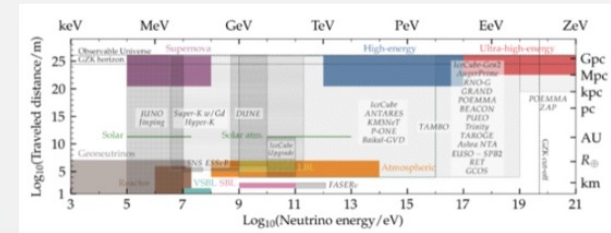
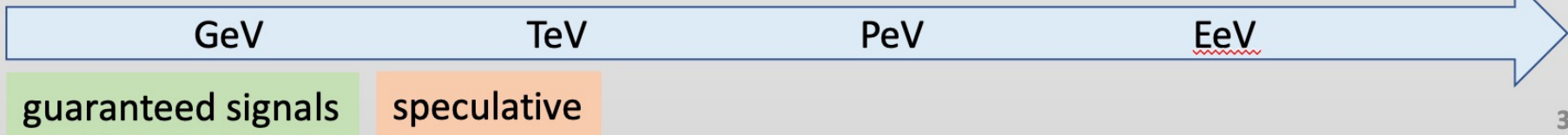
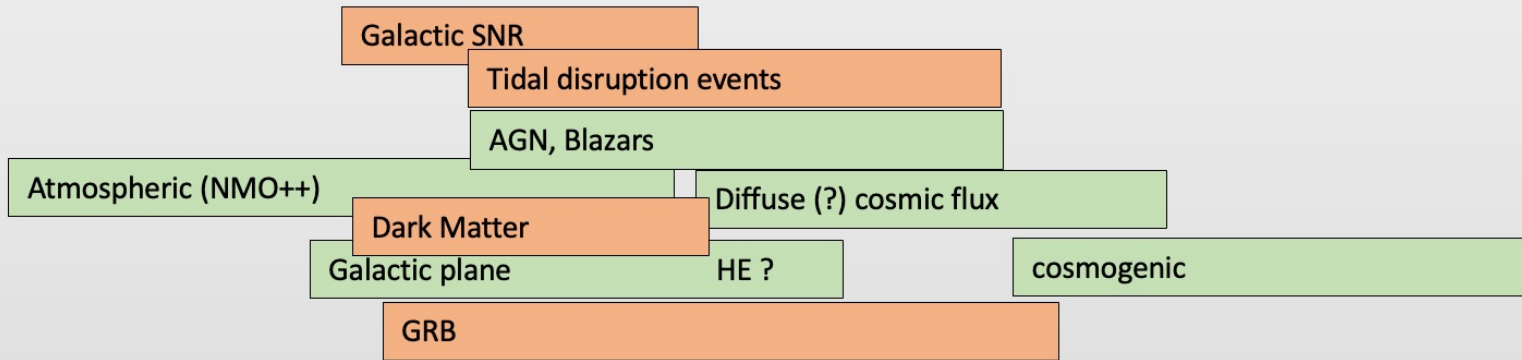


# Rich landscape

Instruments



sources

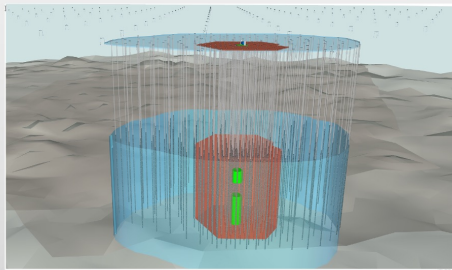


# Very near future

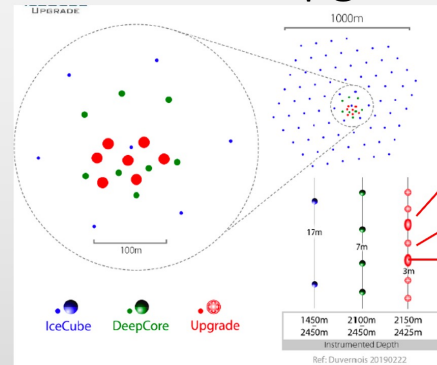
## IceCube gen-II



- Gen-II : current design emphasizes high energies.
- Deployment: possibly after 2027
- Not yet funded
- In short term: Upgrade!



## IceCube + upgrade



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## KM3NeT: Technology

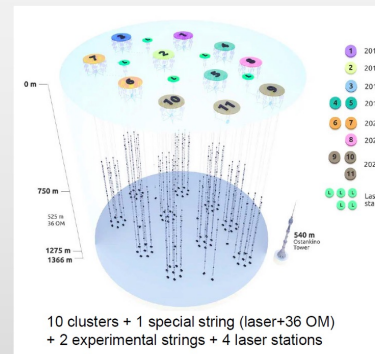


- Digital Optical Module (DOM)
- Multi-PMT : 31 x 3" PMTs
  - Gbit/s on optical fiber
  - Positioning & timing



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## Baikal GVD



10 clusters + 1 special string (laser+36 OM)  
+ 2 experimental strings + 4 laser stations

Deployment schedule

Year	Number of clusters	Number of strings	Number of OMs
2016	1	8	288
2017	2	16	576
2018	3	24	864
2019	5	40	1440
2020	7	56	2016
2021	8	64	2304
2022	10	80 + 3	2880 + 84
2023	12	96	3456
2024	14	112	4032

Large volume instrumented.  
0.5 km<sup>3</sup> for cascades above 100 TeV

Multi-cluster  $\nu_\mu$  events in progress

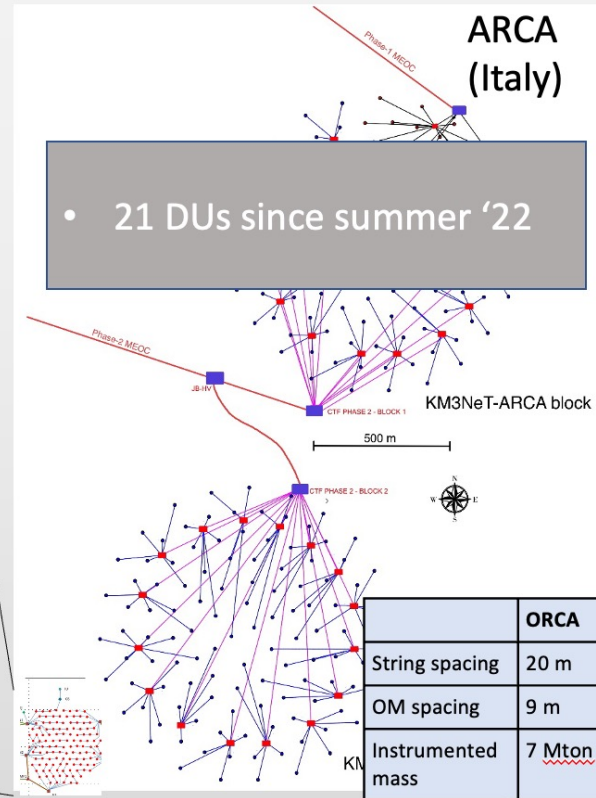
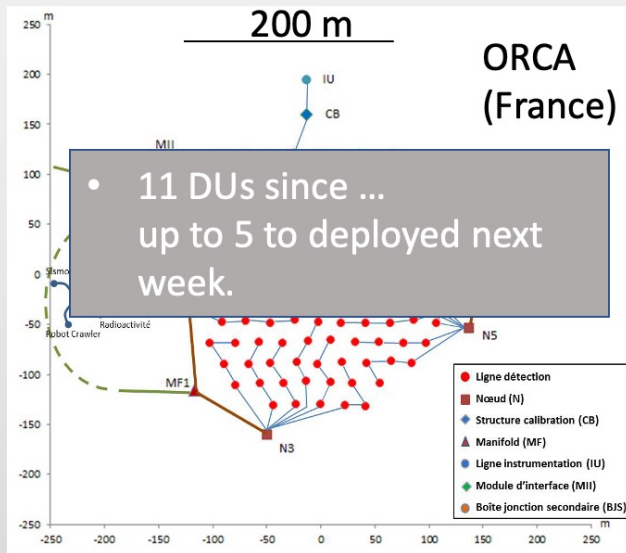
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# Very near future

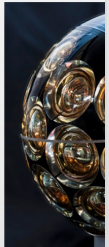
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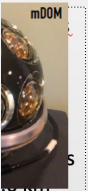
## Building blocks



KM3



- Digital Optic
- Multi-PV
  - Gbit/s on optical fiber
  - Positioning & timing



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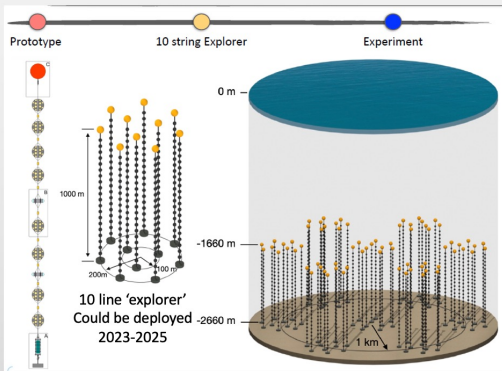
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## P-one



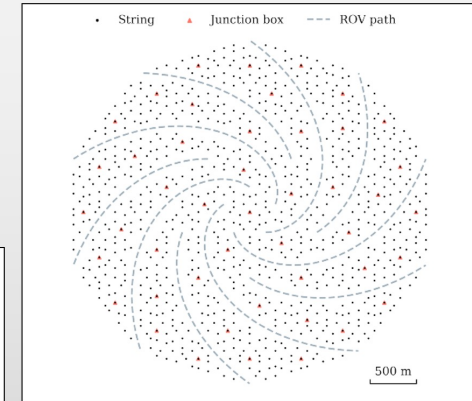
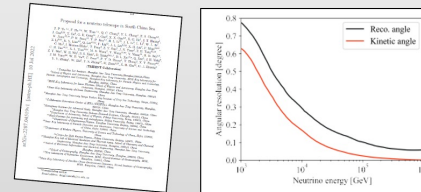
- Hosted within the oceanographic infrastructure of Ocean Networks Canada.
- Goal: neutrino astronomy from the TeV to the PeV
- To be optimised for optimal acceptance, volume and resolutions
- To be optimised for maximal complementarity with other telescopes



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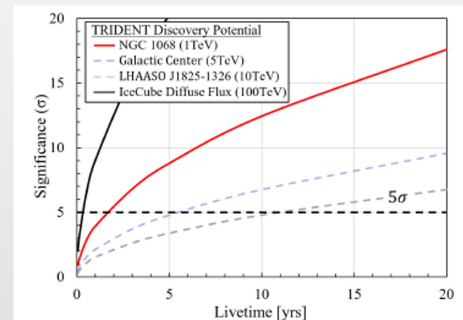
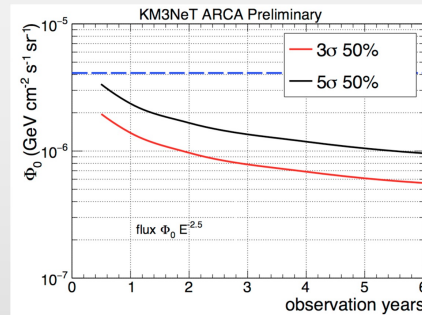
## Trident

- arXiv:2207.04519
- Proposal for a neutrino telescope in South China sea.
- 1211 strings x 20 DOMs
- ~ 7.5 km<sup>3</sup>, 1211 strings



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## (sources of) Diffuse neutrinos



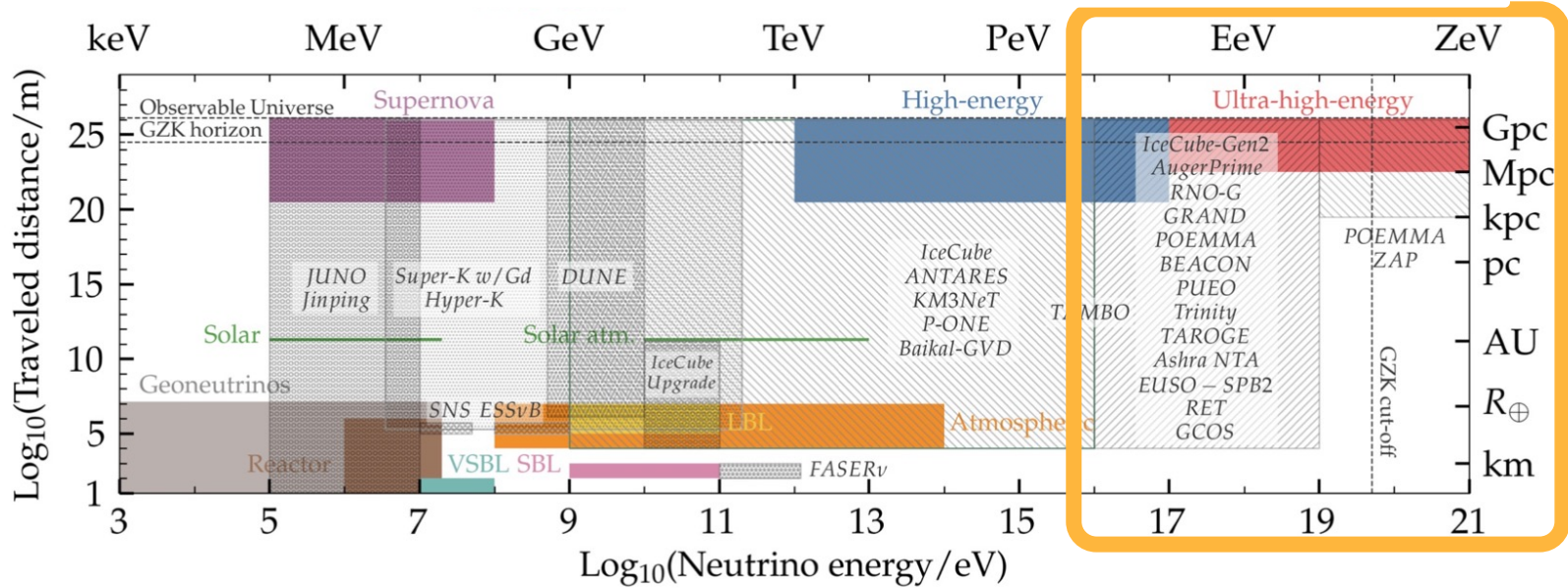
Already seen in GVD, ANTARES. KM3NeT will quickly “rediscover.”  
Then we’ll have catalog searches with 0.1/1 degree resolutions.

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# Conclusions

- Interesting times!
  - ‘Many’ discovered or guaranteed signals!
  - New generation coming online and starting to produce science
  - New initiatives
    - Optimisation will be key (TeV or PeV?)
- GVD: volume for cascades, looking forward to tracks
- KM3NeT: great resolution, will grow in next years.
- IC Upgrade : may (greatly) enhance all data already on tape
- IC Gen-II & P-one: ... let’s hope for funding (&KM3NeT)





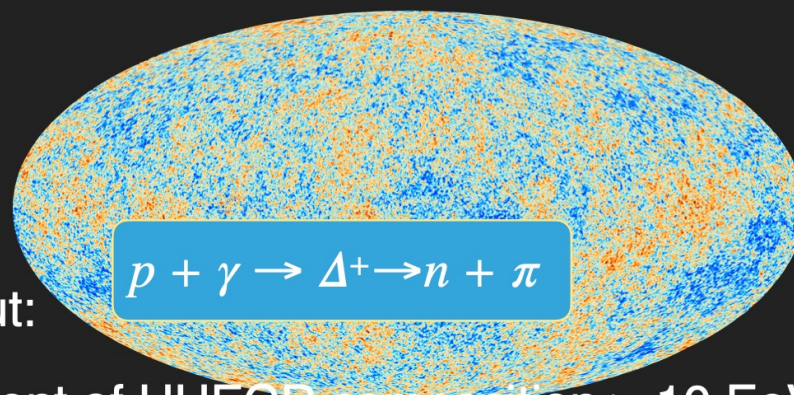
# The neutrino sky: what are we hunting?

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⚡ Astrophysical > 10 PeV

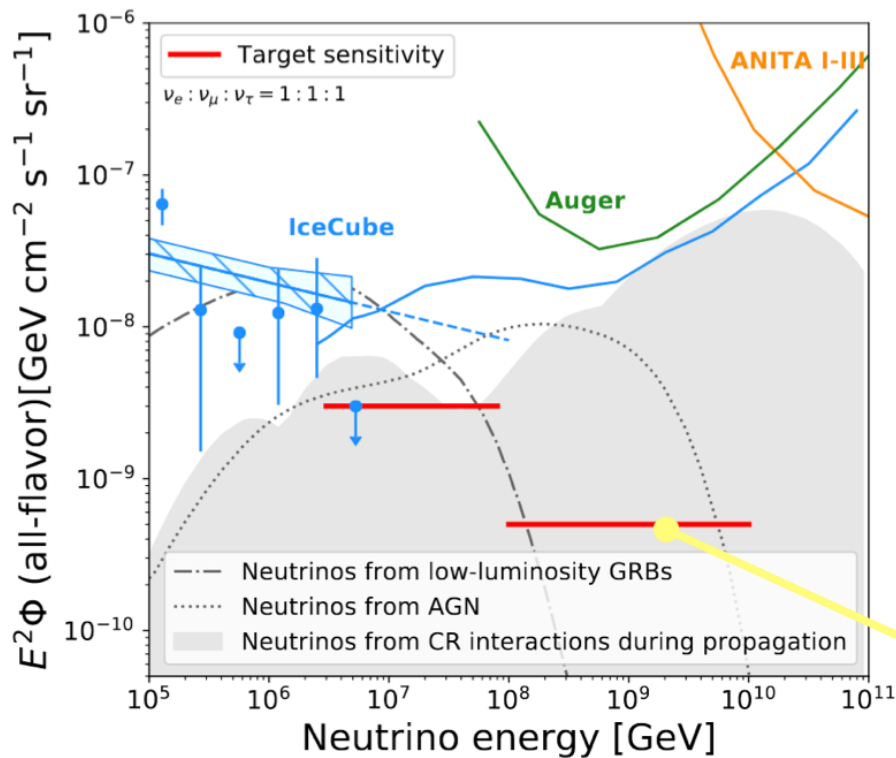
⚡⚡ Cosmogenic (GZK) > EeV

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UHE neutrinos can give information about:

- \* Cosmogenic flux serves as measurement of UHECR composition > 10 EeV. Direct link to highest energy CRs (carry 5% of primary energy)
- \* Astrophysical neutrino sources (transient multi-messenger astronomy is a powerful tool with low statistics).
- \* Fundamental physics at energies not accessible at Earth (covered by Mauricio and Carlos this morning)



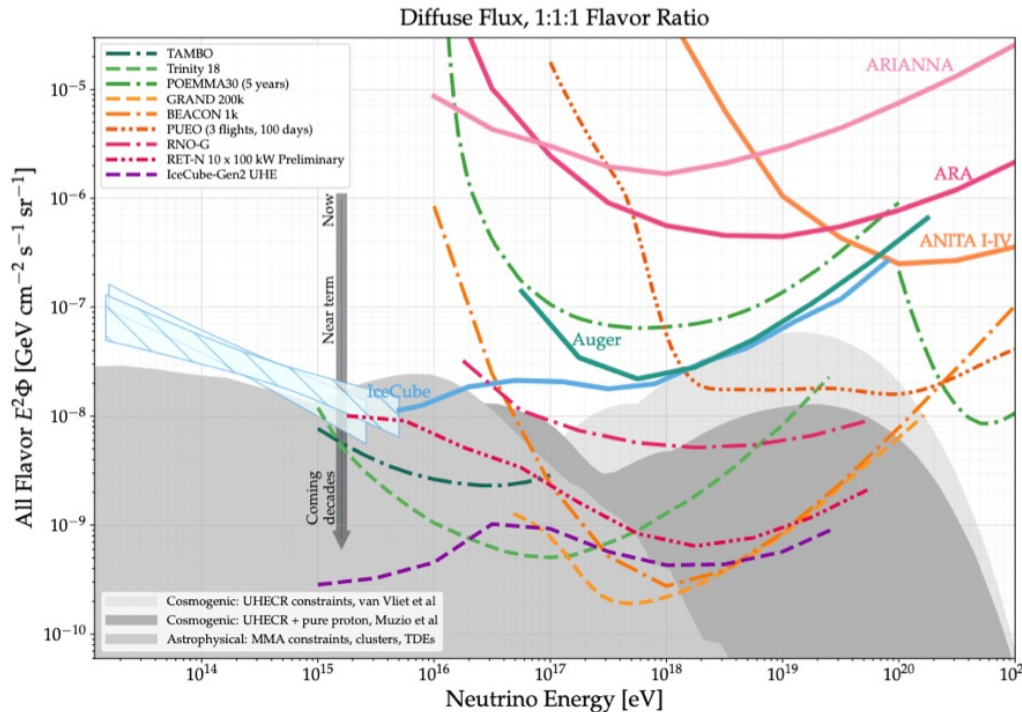
[Ackerman et al., Astro2020 White Paper, arXiv:1903.04334.pdf]

- ▶ Very large effective volumes (Teraton) needed.
- ▶  $E > 10$  PeV is an uncovered territory.

Study of the source evolution and propagation mechanism needs  $\sim 2$  orders of magnitude improvement in sensitivity (to reach more pessimistic scenarios).

# The experimental landscape: diffuse neutrino flux

UHE neutrinos Snowmass White Paper: [arxiv.org/pdf/2203.08096.pdf](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2203.08096.pdf)



- Particle detectors
- Optical Cherenkov and fluorescence
- Earth-Skimming in-air radio
- In-ice radio
- Optical Cherenkov

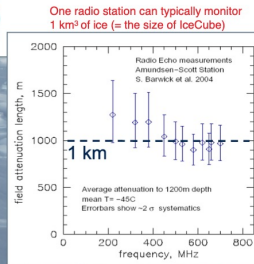
IceCube, Auger, and ANITA experiments already constrain the cosmogenic neutrino parameter space. Major goal for next-generation observatories is detection (reaching pessimistic predictions: flux sensitivity near  $10^{-10} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$  @ 1 EeV).

**COMMON FEATURE: INSTRUMENTING HUGE EFFECTIVE VOLUMES TO REACH EXTREMELY LOW FLUX**

# IN-ICE RADIO DETECTION OF NEUTRINOS

**BIG EFFECTIVE VOLUME WITH SMALL NUMBER OF DETECTION UNIT ( $\lambda_{att} \sim 1$  km)**

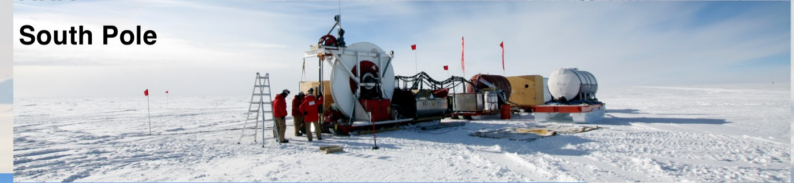
**CHEAPEST OPTION (BOTH IN HARDWARE AND DEPLOYMENT)**



## CURRENT DETECTORS: pilot radio arrays



**ARA South Pole**



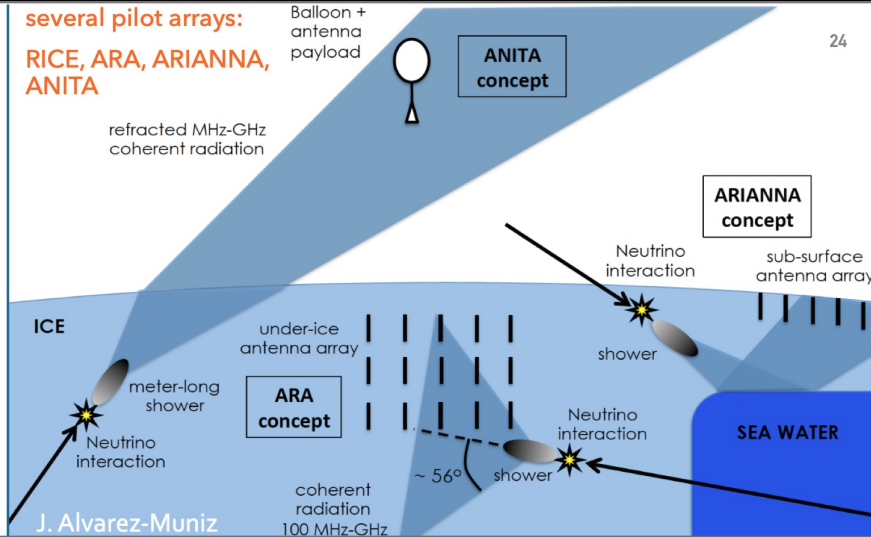
**ARIANNA Antarctica**



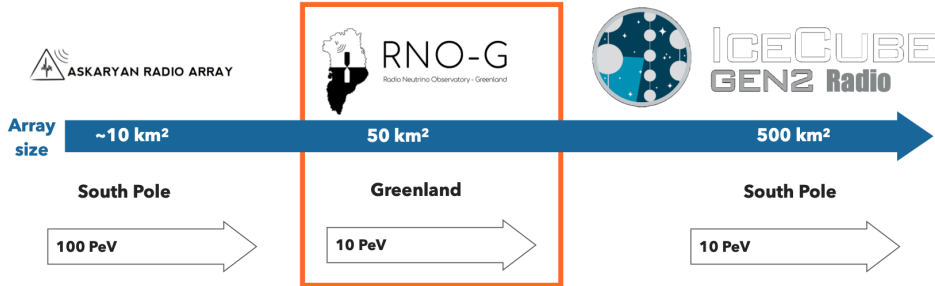
In-ice Radio detection

several pilot arrays: **RICE, ARA, ARIANNA, ANITA**

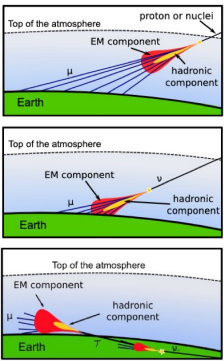
Balloon + antenna payload



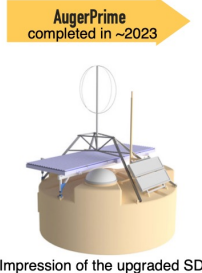
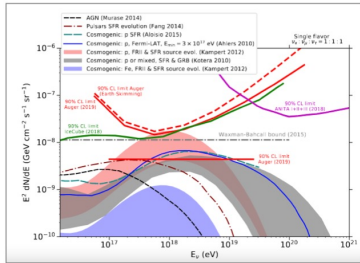
## RNO-G: the road towards Gen2-Radio



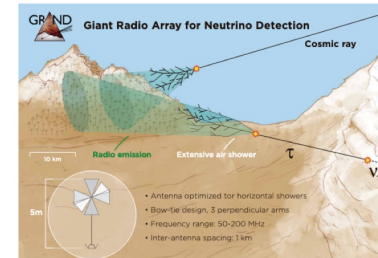
- © RNO-G is a middle-scale **discovery** instrument
- © RNO-G **design will inform** IceCube-Gen2 Radio design (now preparing for TDR).



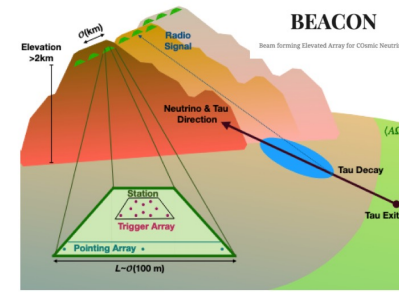
- Mostly Earth-skimming but also very inclined down-going (dominated)
- Looking for young showers (rich in electromagnetic component).
- Strong limits constraining already several cosmogenic and astrophysical scenarios.



- 200k radio antennas over 200k km<sup>2</sup> : ~ 20 hotspots of 10k antennas at various favorable sites around the world
- Phased approach:
  - prototype GRANDProto300 - hardware developed, but site search delayed (COVID)
  - GRAND 10k (> 2025) - 1 sub-array
  - GRAND 200k (> 203x) - 20 sub-arrays

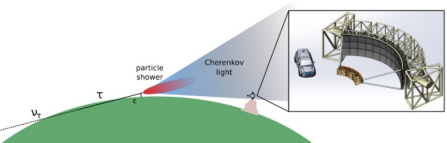


- 100-1000 stations with ~10 antennas each, viewing shower from top of mountain.
- Interferometer concept: clustered phased-array for triggering, and long-baselines for pointing.
- Prototype: 4 dual-polarized dipole already searching for CR signals (California).



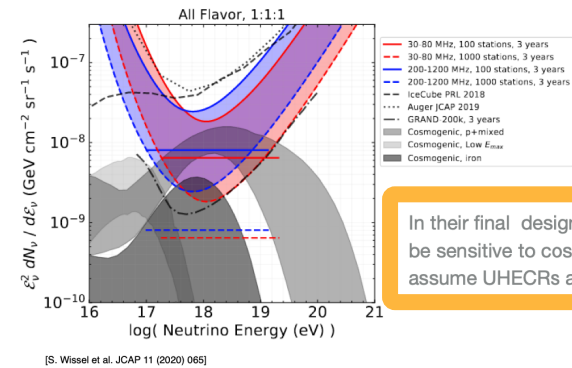
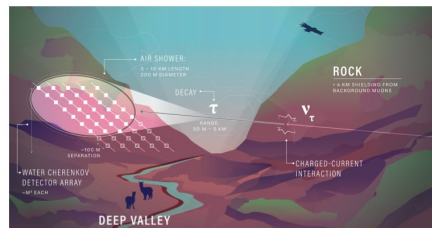
Trinity

- 8 air-shower Cherenkov telescopes optimized for detecting Earth-Skimming neutrinos in 10-1000 PeV range.
- Wide-FoV (60deg)
- Located at 2-3 km altitude
- 20% duty cycle compensated by detection of very distant showers (as far as 200 km)



TAMBO

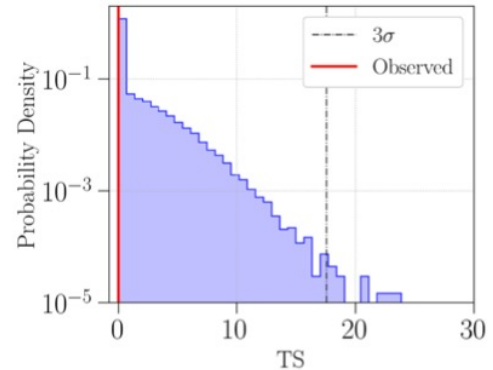
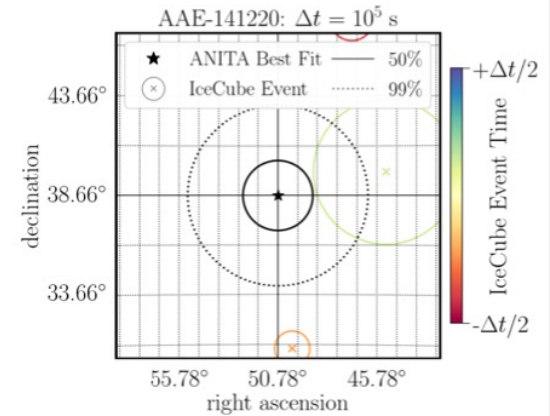
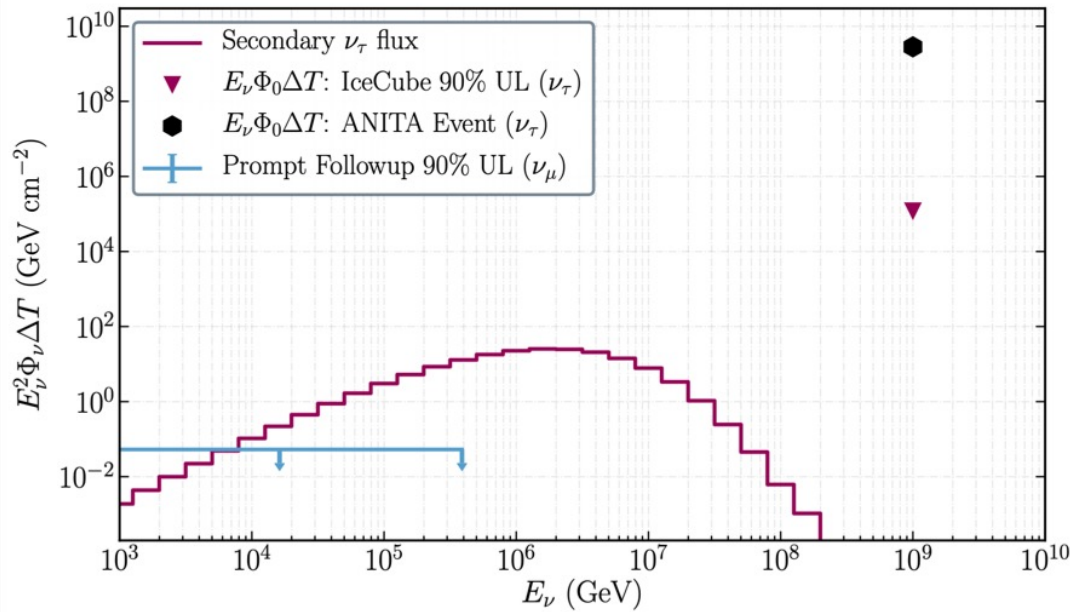
- 22k water tanks deployed in slope
- characterization of astrophysical neutrino flux in 1-10 PeV range ( $\nu_\tau$  component)
- small tank separation: low-energy threshold



In their final designs BEACON and GRAND will be sensitive to cosmogenic neutrino models which assume UHECRs are iron only



# Ruling out ANITA Neutrino Interpretation





# Speeding up

Cascades vs tracks

Cascades + Tracks  
+ Double cascades

Upgoing track searches

All-sky all-flavour searches

1 km<sup>3</sup> detector

At least 3 km<sup>3</sup> detectors around  
the globe

Seeing the diffuse flux

Resolving sources

*We may have pass  
the point of using catalogs.  
Sources may/will start popping up.*

Chad Finley

*Neutrino astronomy is  
at the same point  
as Cosmology in the 90's*

Mauricio Bustamante



Towards Multi-Detector and Multi-Energy  
neutrino astronomy  
in the Multi-Messenger Era!