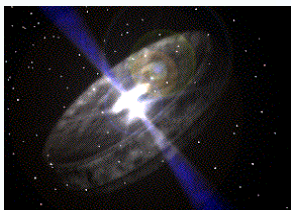


## Astroparticle & Oscillations Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

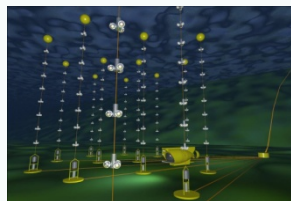


# Outline



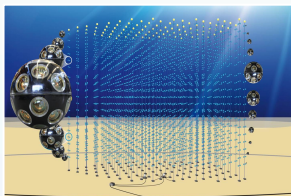
## The High-Energy Physics Case – The cosmic endeavour

Historical aspects & Scientific motivations & Detection principles  
Today's context & IceCube discovery



Status of ANTARES and KM3NeT/ARCA  
Selected results

Prospects



## The Low-Energy Physics Case – A new endeavour

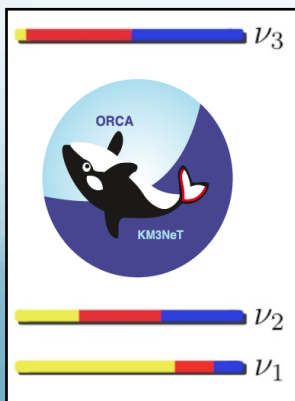
Phenomenological reminder

KM3NeT/ORCA

Proposed detector & performances

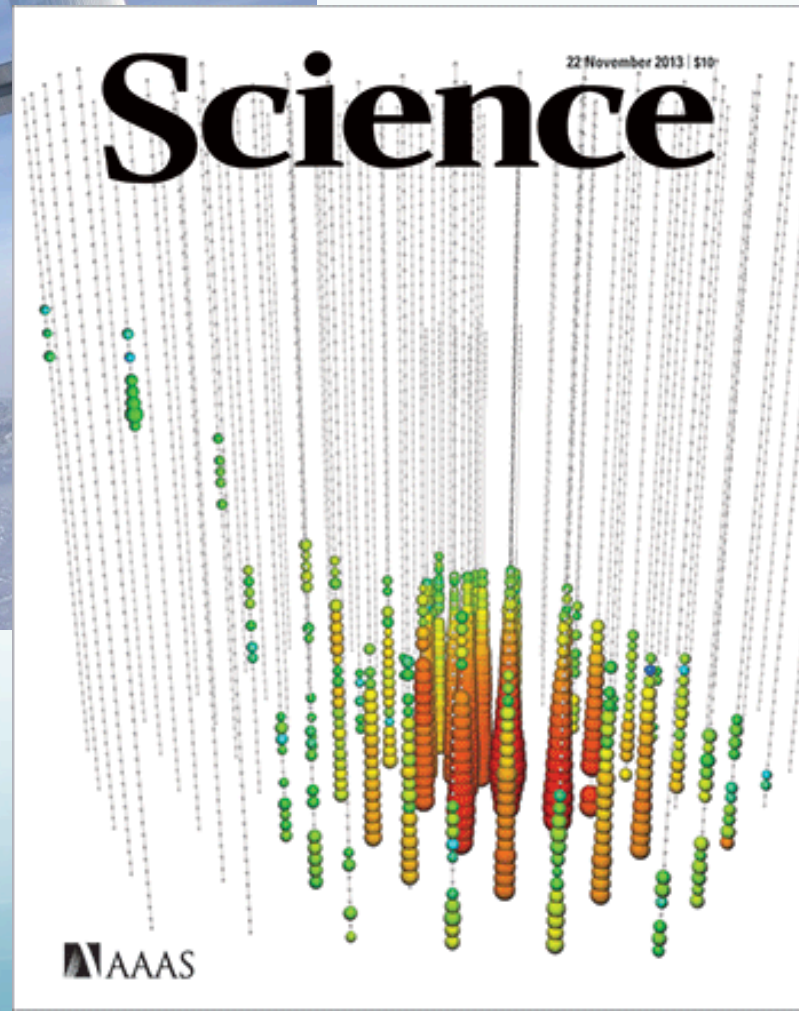
Sensitivity study

Planning



**Conclusion**

# First HE detection ... 2013!



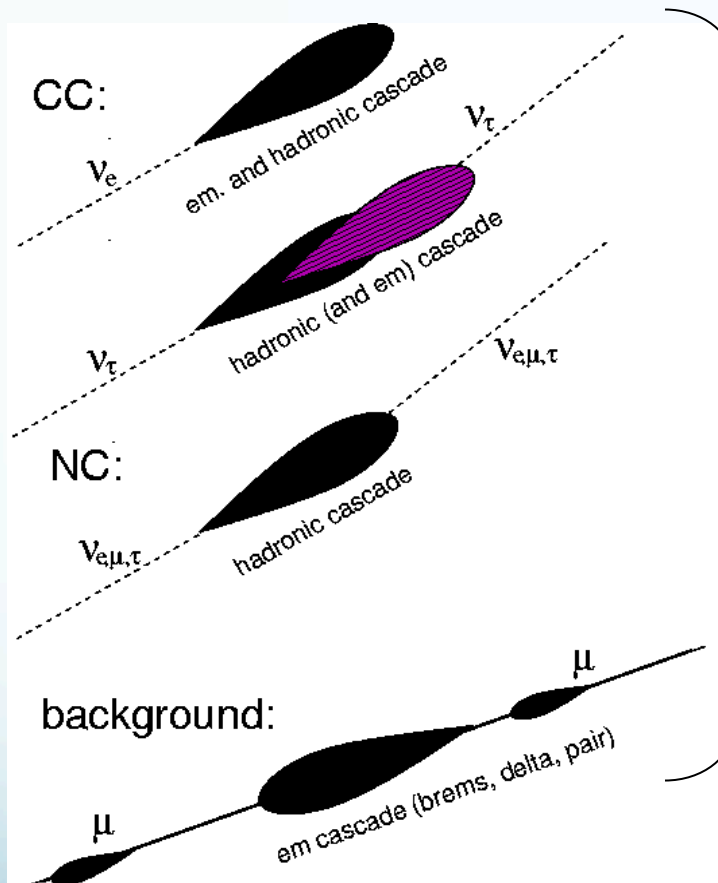
*The field is now truly open !*

# Cascade topology

$\nu_e:\nu_\mu:\nu_\tau=1:2:0$  at source

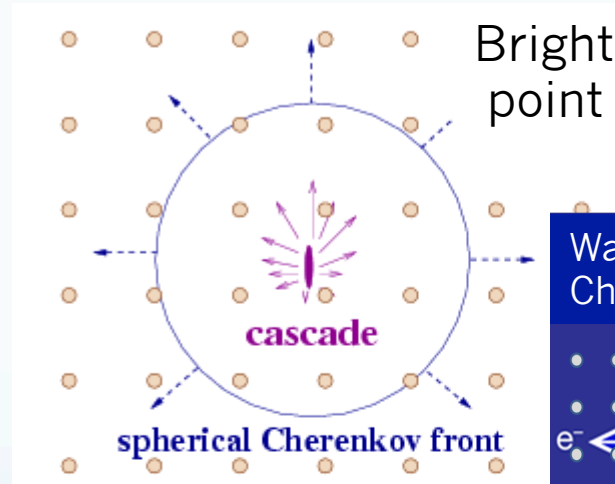
oscillation  $\rightarrow$

$\nu_e:\nu_\mu:\nu_\tau=1:1:1$  at Earth !

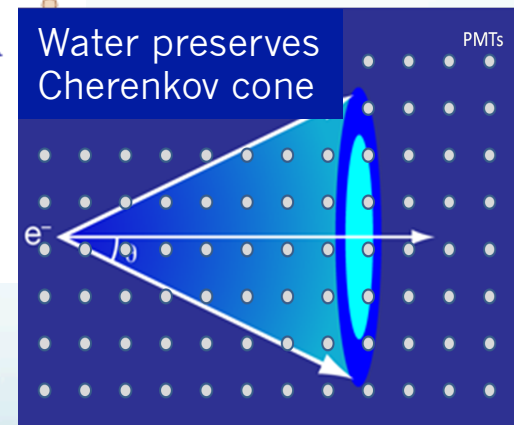


*IceCube discovery channel*

Generic reconstruction:



Use for astronomy in water

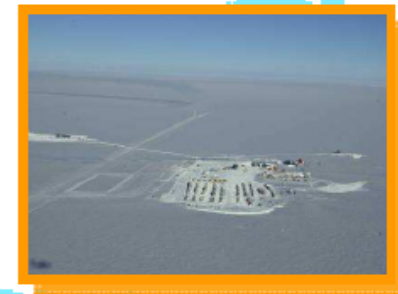
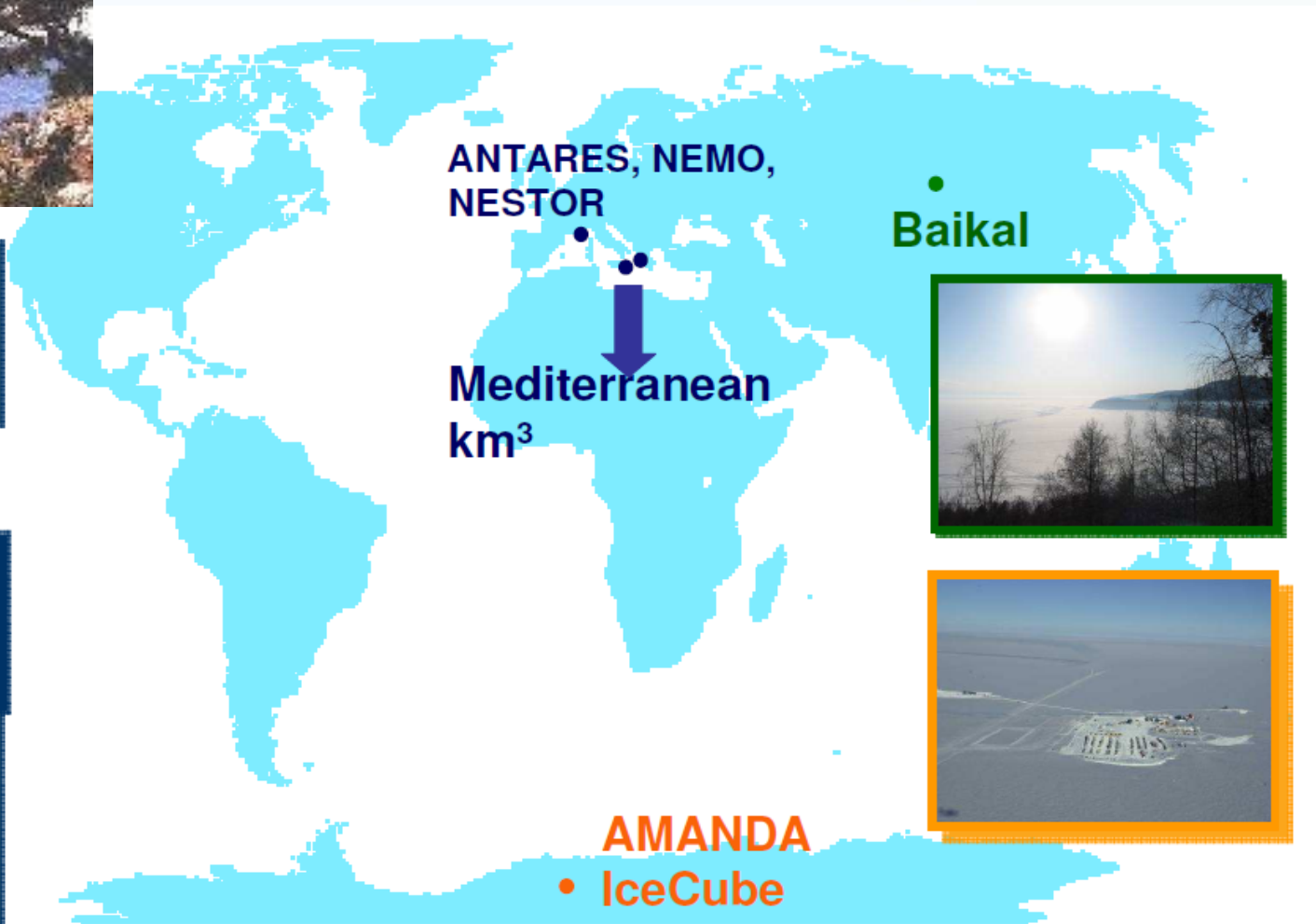


$\rightarrow$  Provide sensitivity to all neutrino flavours – Increase overall detector sensitivity

- Angular resolution  $10^\circ - 30^\circ / 1^\circ - 5^\circ$  at 100 TeV for ice / water
- Energy resolution  $\sim 15\%$

# (TeV) Neutrino telescopes

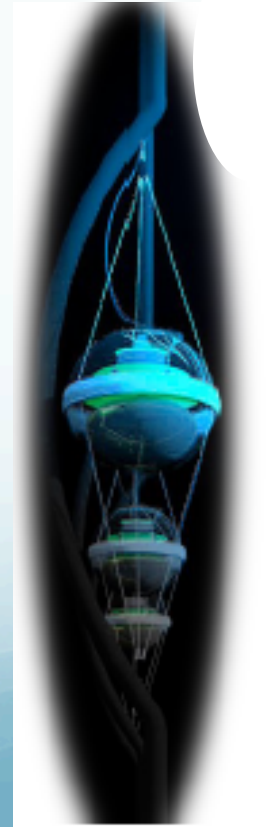
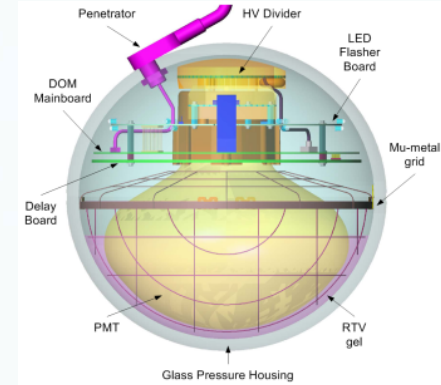
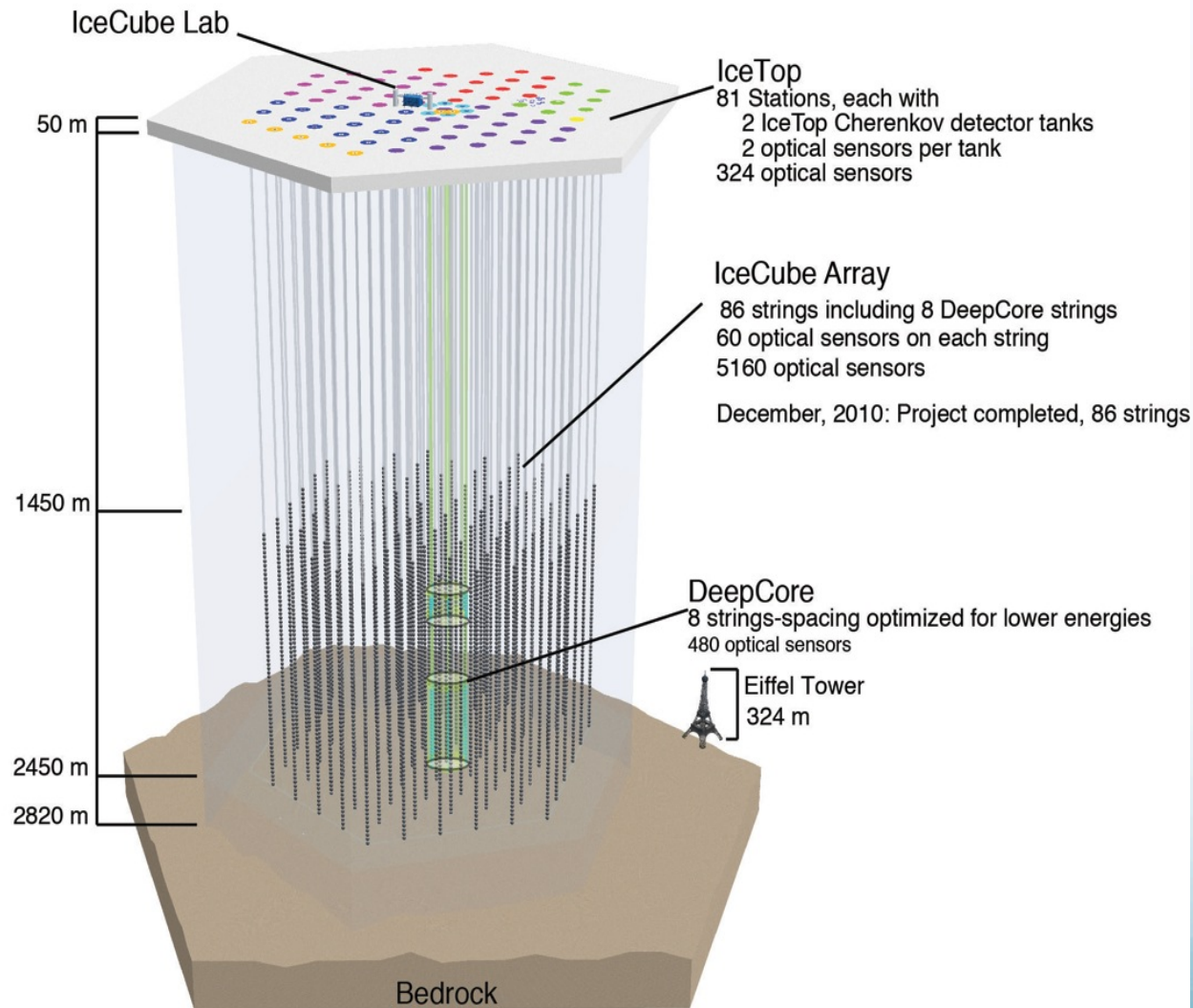
{ANTARES, BAIKAL, ICECUBE} currently working



{ANTARES, NEMO, NESTOR} now in KM3NeT collaboration

# IceCube: the biggest NT in the world

Completed since December 2010.



# The ANTARES collaboration



NIKHEF Amsterdam  
KVI Groningen  
NIOZ Texel



University of  
Erlangen  
Bamberg  
Observatory  
Univ. of Wurzburg



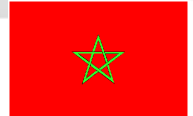
Moscow  
(ITEP, MSU)



APC Paris  
IFREMER, Brest  
IRFU, Saclay  
GRPHE Mulhouse  
IReS, Strasbourg  
CPPM Marseille  
IFREMER, Toulon  
COM, Marseille  
OCA, Nice



Barcelona  
València  
Rabat  
Granada  
Oujda



ANTARES site

Marseille  
(CPPM, LAM, COM)

Toulon  
Villefranche-sur-Mer  
Genova  
Bologna  
Pisa  
Roma



Bucharest



Bari

Catania  
(Univ., LNS)

8 countries  
31 institutes  
~150 scientists + engineers

# The ANTARES neutrino telescope

12 line detector completed in May 2008



Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's day



©Montanet

- 25 storeys / line
- 3 PMTs / storey
- 885 PMTs



Deployed in 2001

14.5 m

40 km

Junction box (since 2002)

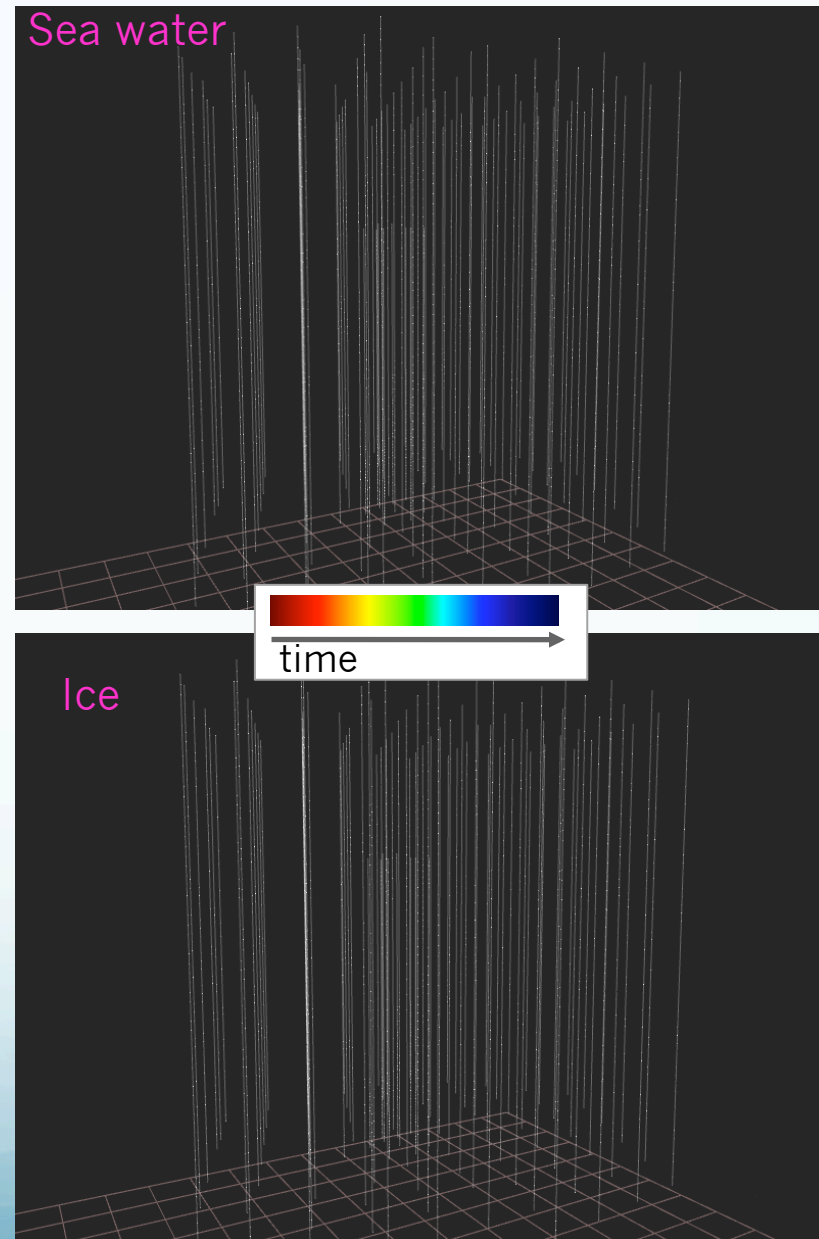
Anchor/line socket

Interlink cables



# Water versus Ice

- Long (homogeneous) scattering length
- Good pointing accuracy
- Deep sites: 2500→5000m
- Shielding from downgoing muons
- Logistically attractive
- Close to shore (deployment / repair)
- Complementarity to IceCube South Pole
- Excellent view of Galaxy
- K40 optical background
- Useful calibration, but requires causality filters

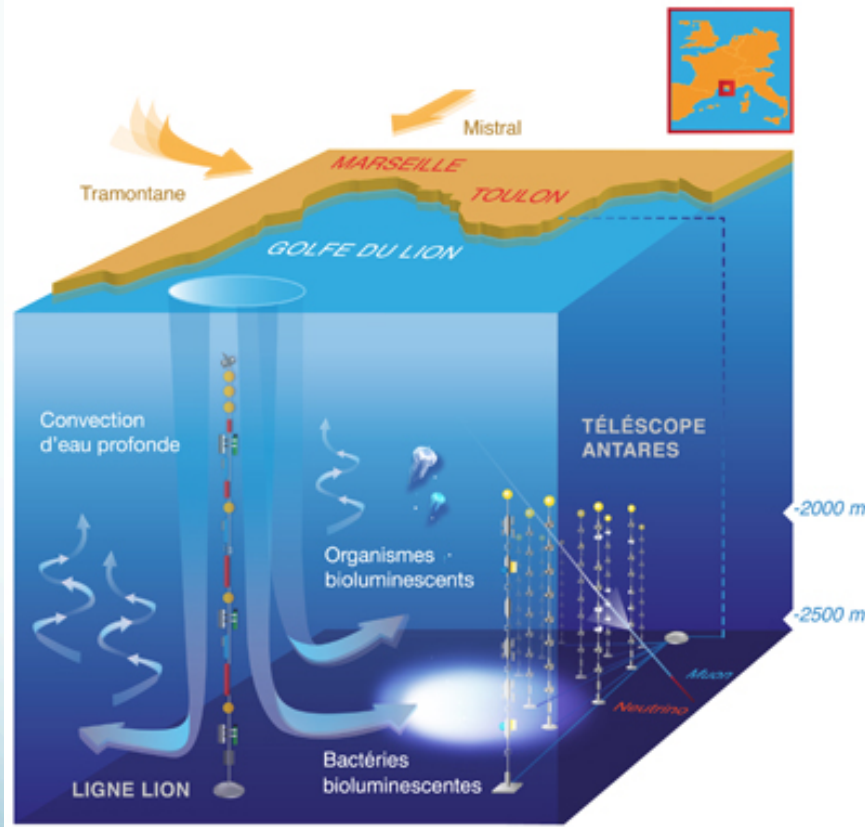


# Interest for deep-sea science

ANTARES awarded "La Recherche Prize" category "Coup de Coeur"

📖 C. Tamburini, S. Escoffier et al., PLoS ONE 8(7) 2013

*Deep-sea bioluminescence blooms after dense water formation at the ocean surface*

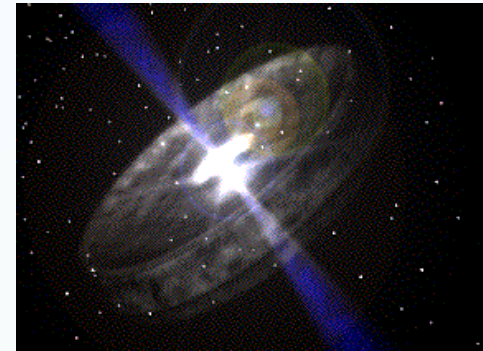
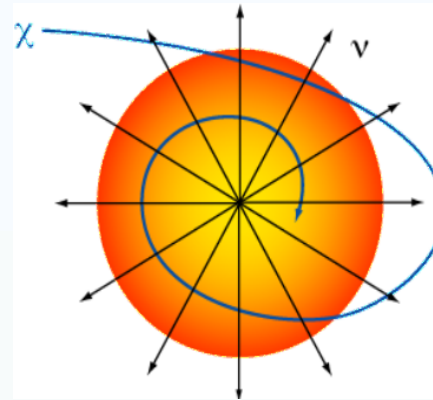
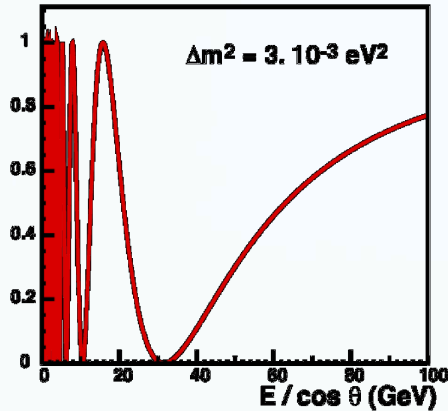


📖 H. van Haren et al., Ocean Dynamics, April 2014, Volume 64, Issue 4, pp 507-517

📖 H. van Haren et al., Deep-Sea Research I 58 (2011) 875–884

📖 To come: Sperm whale diel behaviour

# Physics scope



Low Energy  
 $3 \text{ GeV} < E_\nu < 100 \text{ GeV}$

Medium Energy  
 $10 \text{ GeV} < E_\nu < 1 \text{ TeV}$

High Energy  
 $E_\nu > 1 \text{ TeV}$

$\nu$  Oscillations  
 $\nu$  Mass hierarchy

Dark matter search

$\nu$  from extra-terrestrial sources

Exotic particle physics  
Monopoles, nuclearites,...

Origin and  
production  
mechanism of HE  
CR

# IceCube Discovery of HE neutrinos

## ❖ Two interesting cascade events found in IC79/IC86:

analysis targeting GZK neutrinos ( $\sim$ EeV)

significance  $2.8\sigma$  (expected  $0.08 \pm 0.05$ )

📖 Phys. Rev. Lett. 111, 021103 (2013)

## ❖ Re-tuned on high-energy starting events:

total deposited charge  $> 6000$  p.e.

track-like + shower-like events

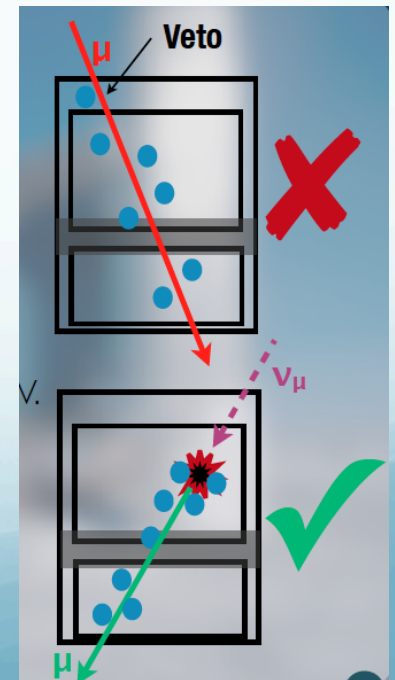
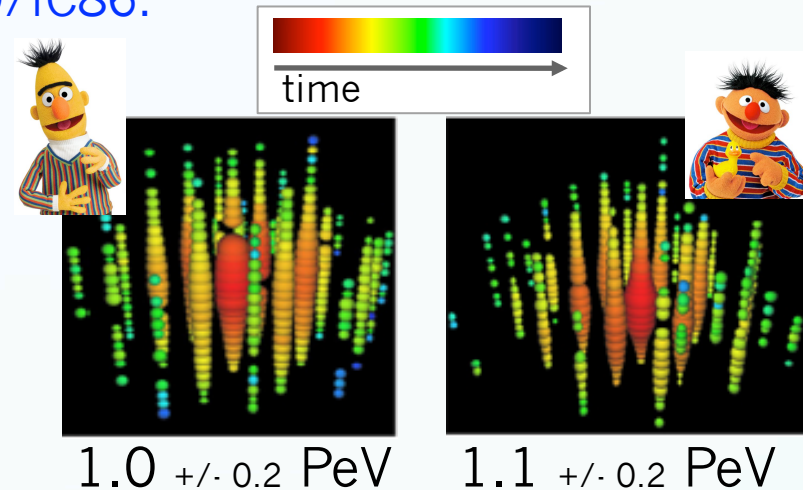
outer layer used as veto against  $\mu_{\text{atm}}$  &  $\nu_{\text{atm}}$

28 events selected (2-year data sample)  
11 expected from  $\mu_{\text{atm}}$  &  $\nu_{\text{atm}}$  background:

first signal of high-energy  
astrophysical neutrinos!  
 $4.1\sigma$  statistical significance

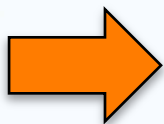
... and a Science cover

High Energy Starting Events (HESE)

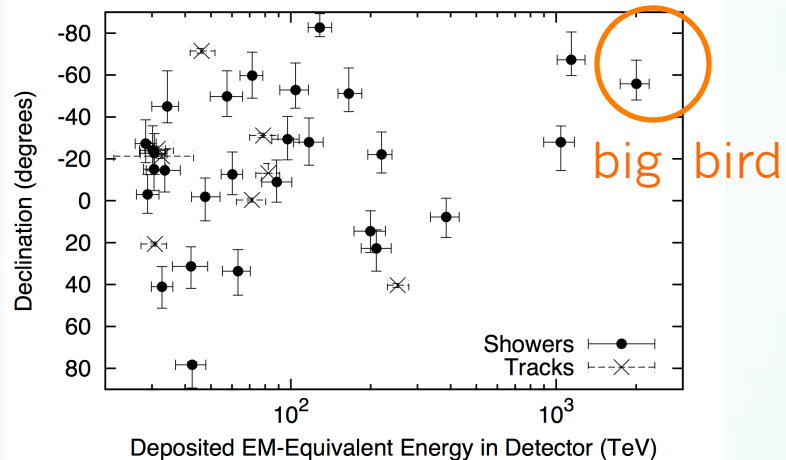


# Follow up analysis: the IceCube signal

**2 year analysis:**  
**28 events**  
**4.1  $\sigma$**   
(Science 342, 2013)



**3 year analysis:**  
**37 events**  
**5.7  $\sigma$**   
(PRL, 113, 101101, 2014)

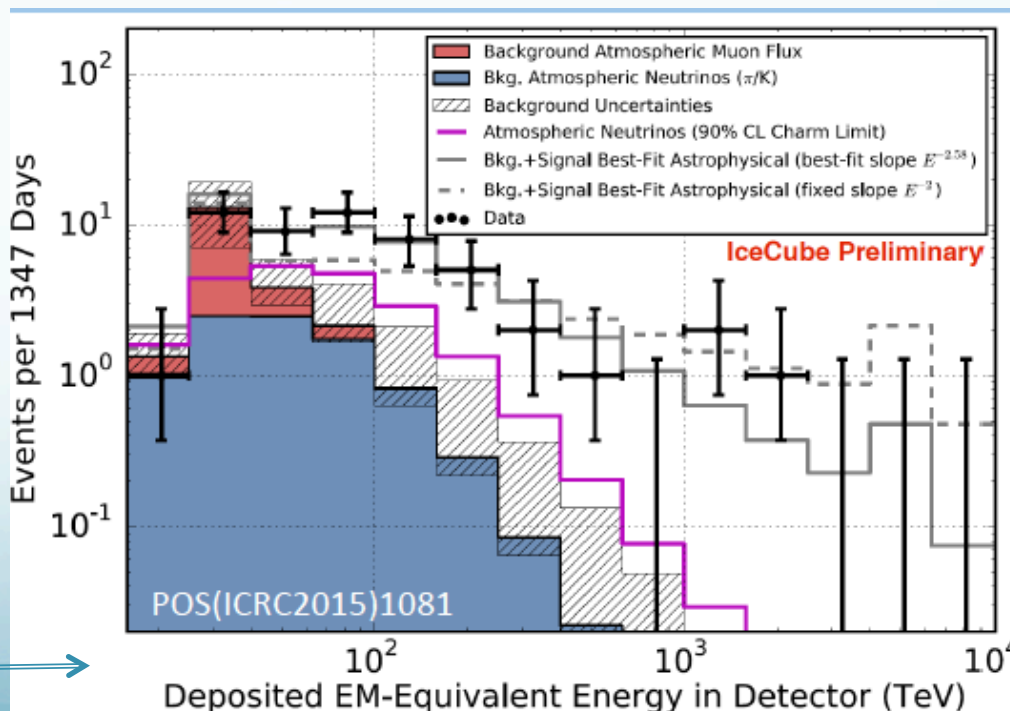


**7** **9** track-like events  
1° angular resolution  
muon takes some energy away  
total expected background: 11 events

**21** **28** cascade-like events  
10° - 45° angular resolution  
15% visible energy reconstruction

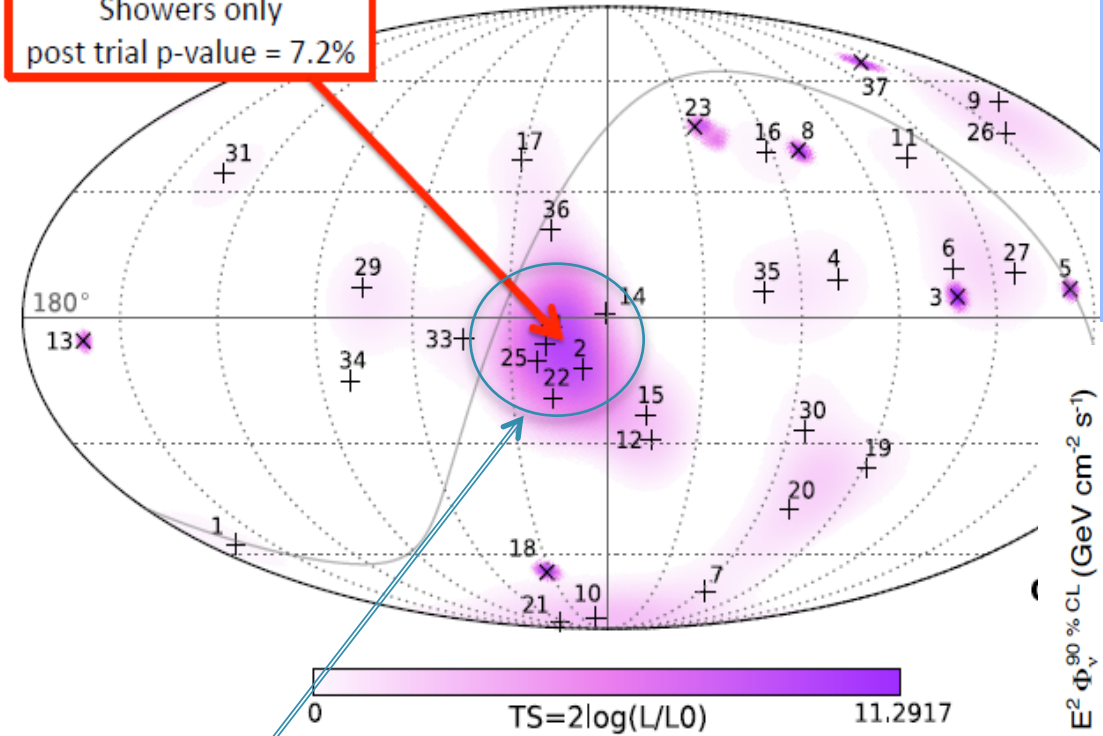
highest energy event @ 2 PeV  
cutoff at ~2.3 PeV ?

Now 4 years of data (6.5  $\sigma$ )  
Best fit spectral index 2.58



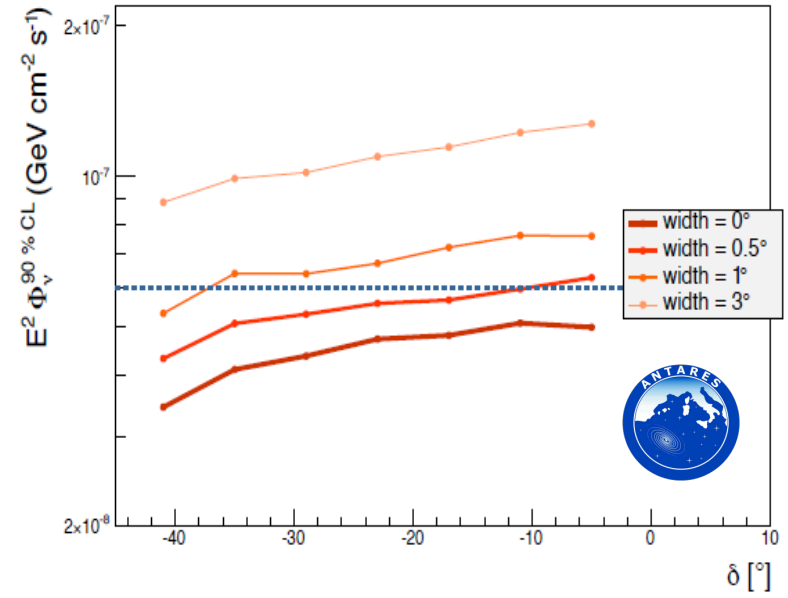
# A source near the Galactic Center?

Showers only  
post trial p-value = 7.2%



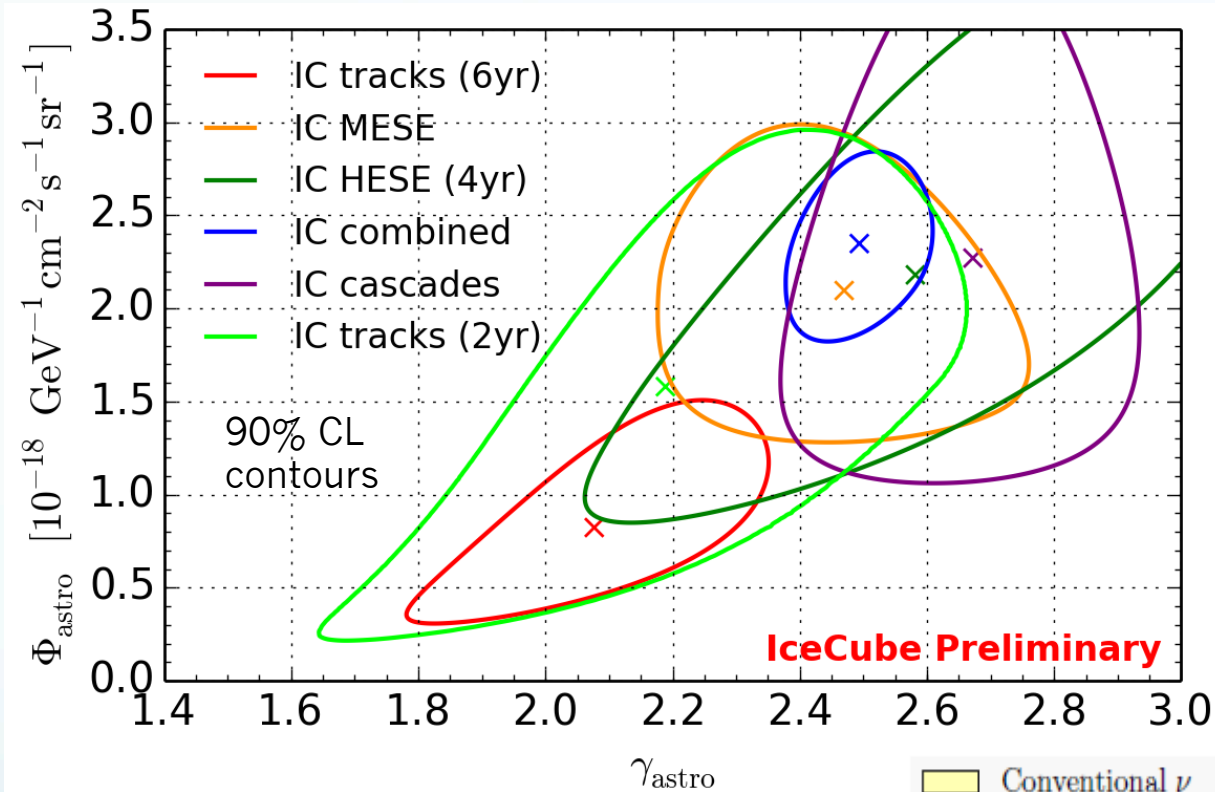
Hypothesized Galactic Source ?  
*Gonzalez-Garcia et al, APP 57 (2014)*

Point Source at  $(\alpha, \delta) = (-79^\circ, -23^\circ)$ :  
 $\Phi = 6 \times 10^{-8} E^{-2} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



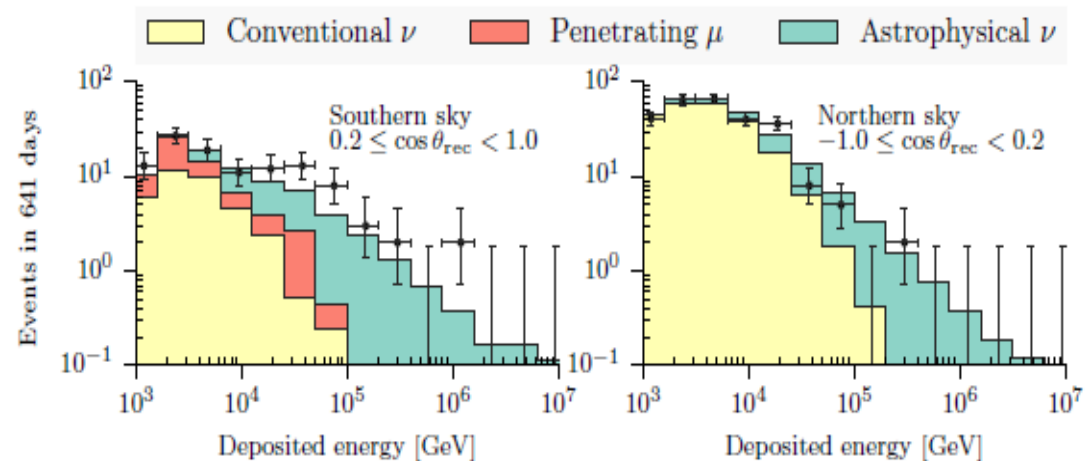
**ANTARES** excludes single point source ( $E^{-2}$  spectrum) as origin of the cluster within  $20^\circ$  off GC  
*Astrophys. J. Lett. 786:L5 (2014)*

# Summary of recent IC results



Results of IC tracks(6yr) and IC combined not compatible at  $> 3.6\sigma$  level

Medium Energy Starting Events



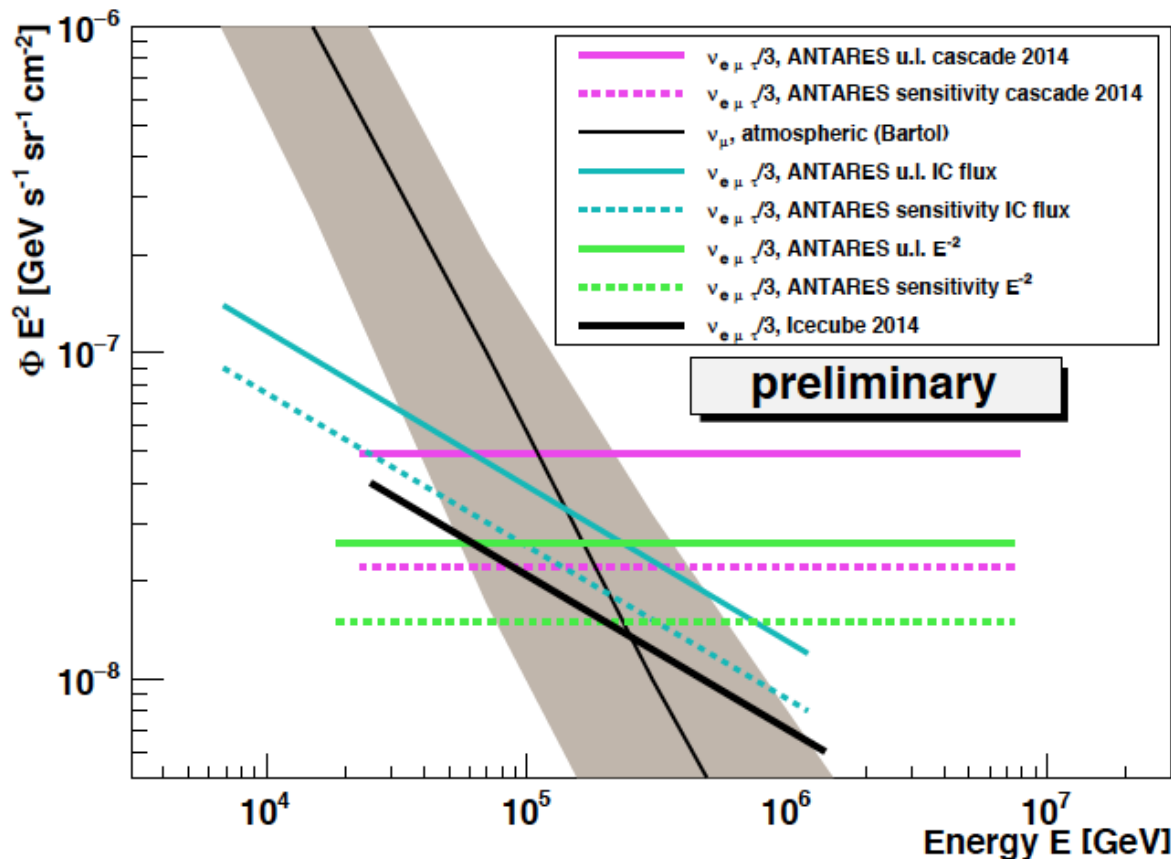
Indication of spectral break (different energy thresholds) ?

Indication of galactic and extra-galactic contributions (different hemispheres) ?

# ANTARES Diffuse Neutrino Searches

Data sample 2007 – 2013, strong quality cuts (data/MC agreement):  
913 days effective lifetime (= about half available sample)

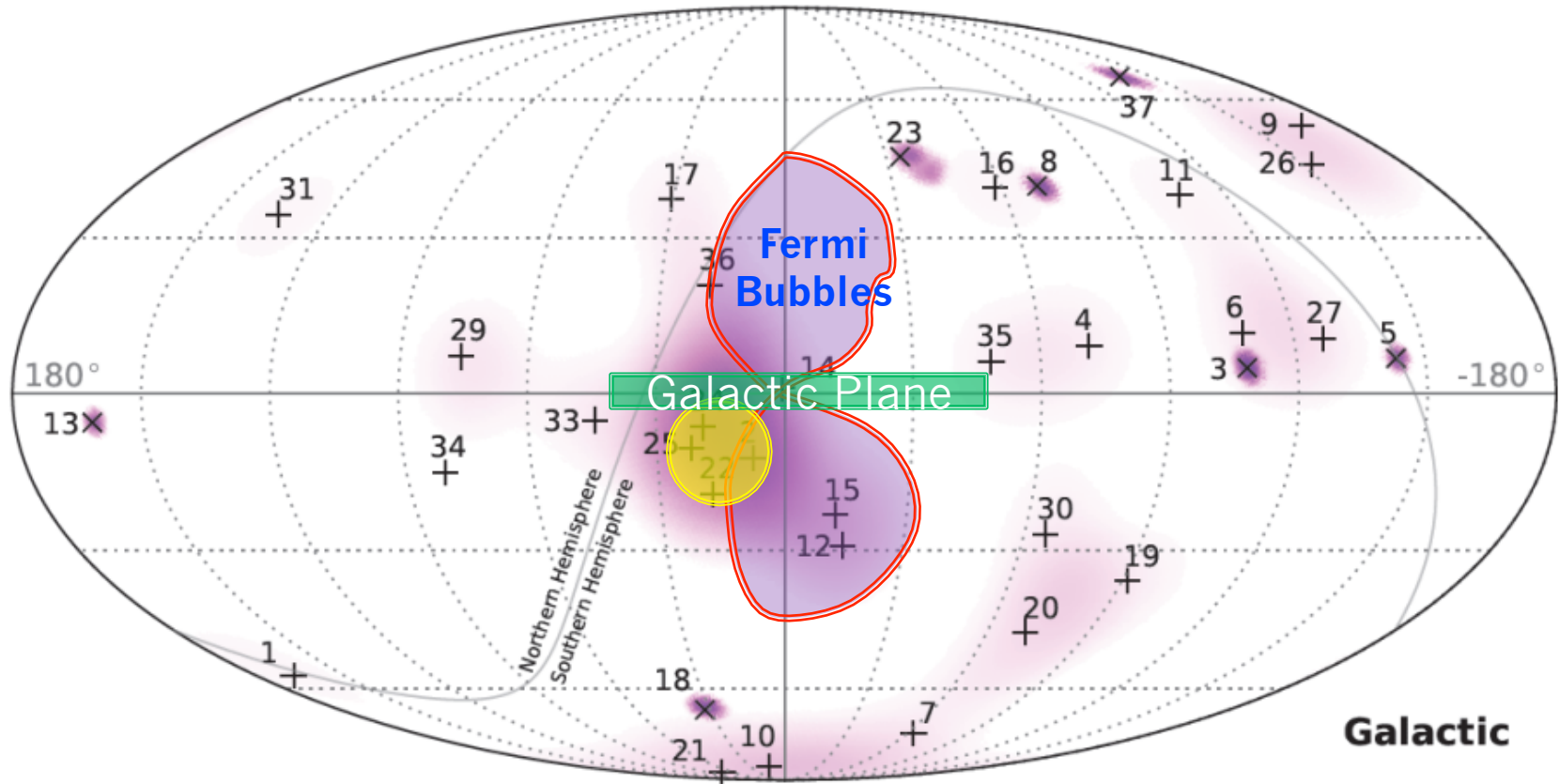
2-steps multivariate analysis: - removal of atmospheric muon background  
- track/shower classification



- Expected:
  - $9.5 \pm 2.5$  bkgd
  - $5.0 \pm 1.1$  IC flux
- Observed:
  - 12 events
  - $1.75\sigma$  excess
- Results:
  - Consistent with bkgd
  - Consistent with IC



# Reducing the search window

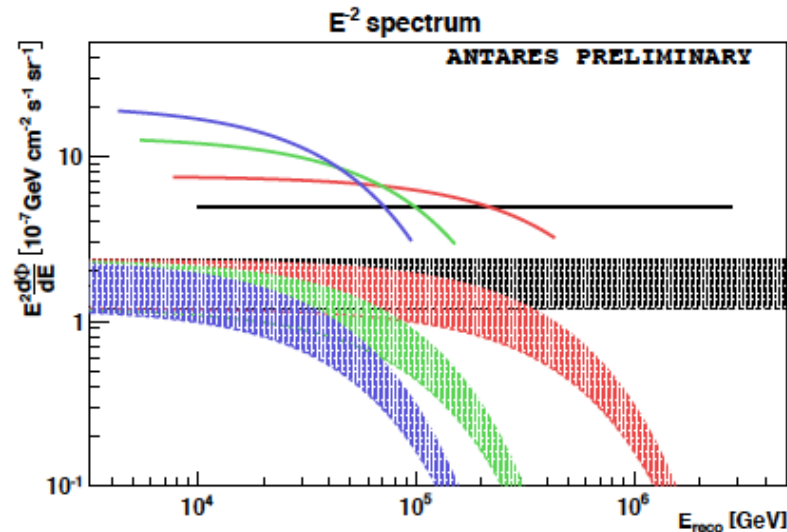
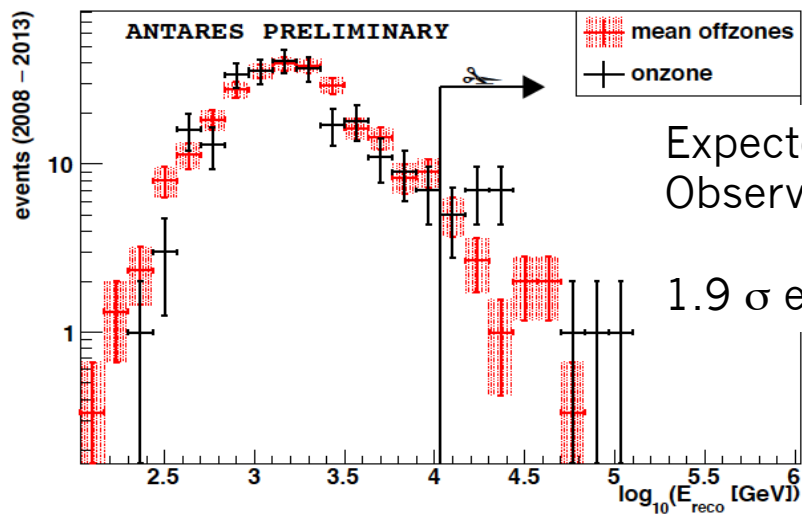
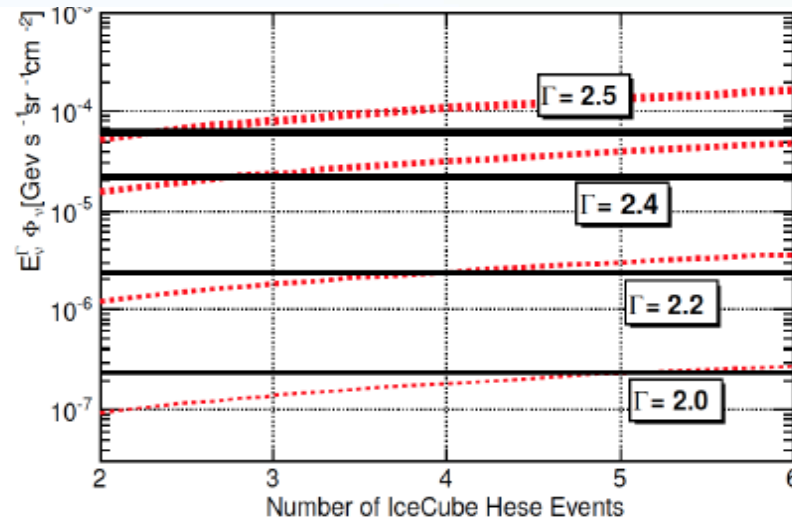
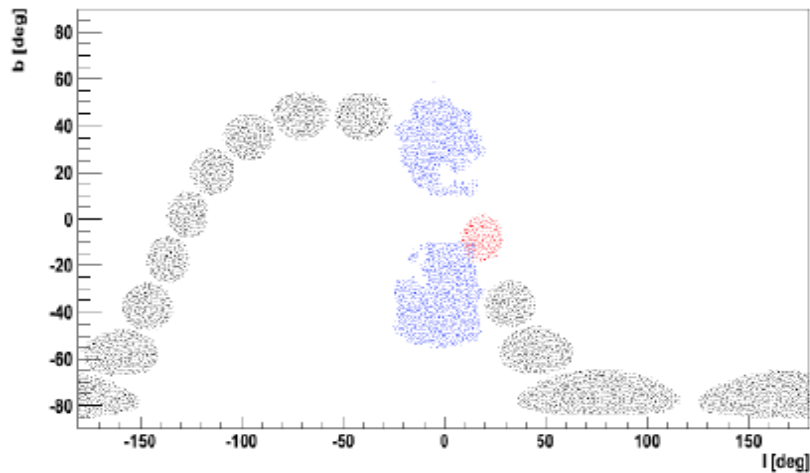


- Fermi-Bubble region.
- Galactic Center region.
- IC hot spot.

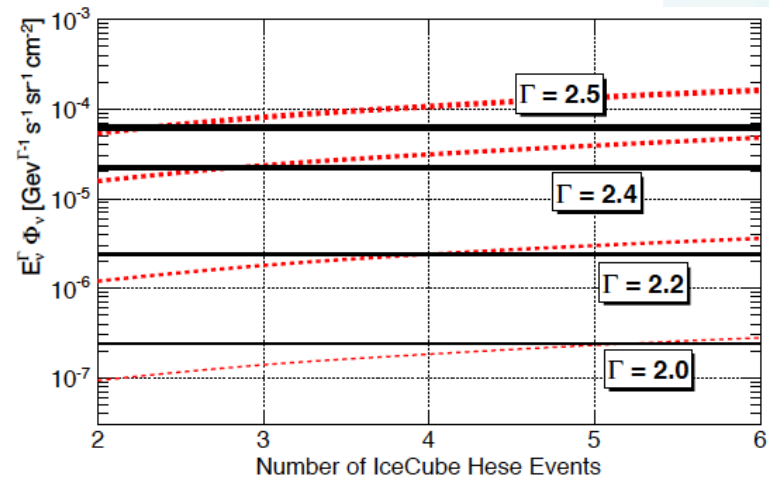
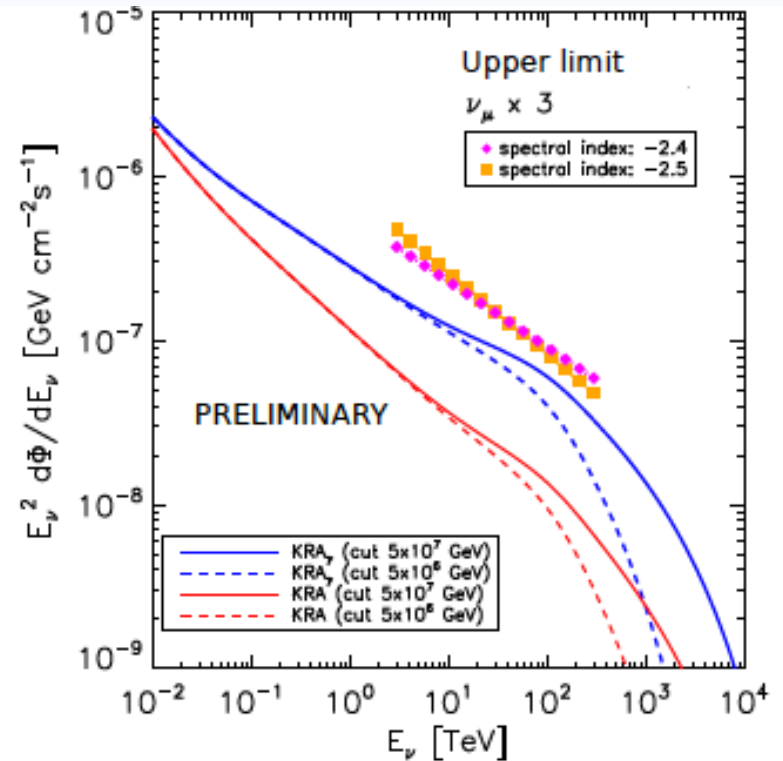
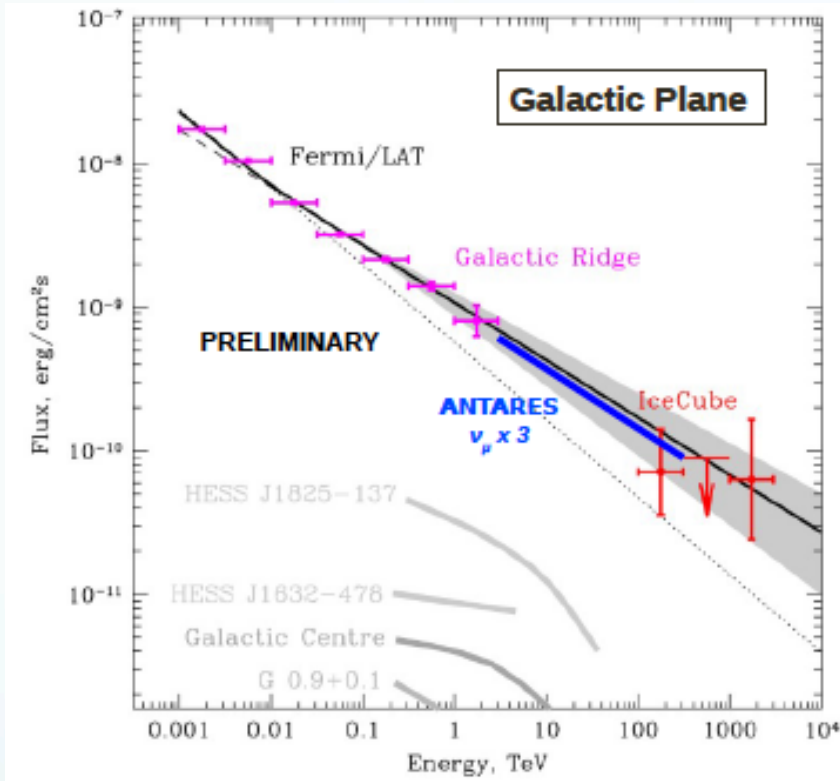
} Muons only !

# IC hotspot and FB

➤ May 2008- Dec 2013 (1172 days livetime);  $\nu_\mu$  only



# New vision of Galactic Ridge?



A. Neronov et al. Phys. Rev. D89, 103002 (2014)

D. Gaggero et al., The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 815:L25 (2015)

ANTARES arXiv:1602.03036, submitted to PLB

# AGNs close to Ernie and Bert?

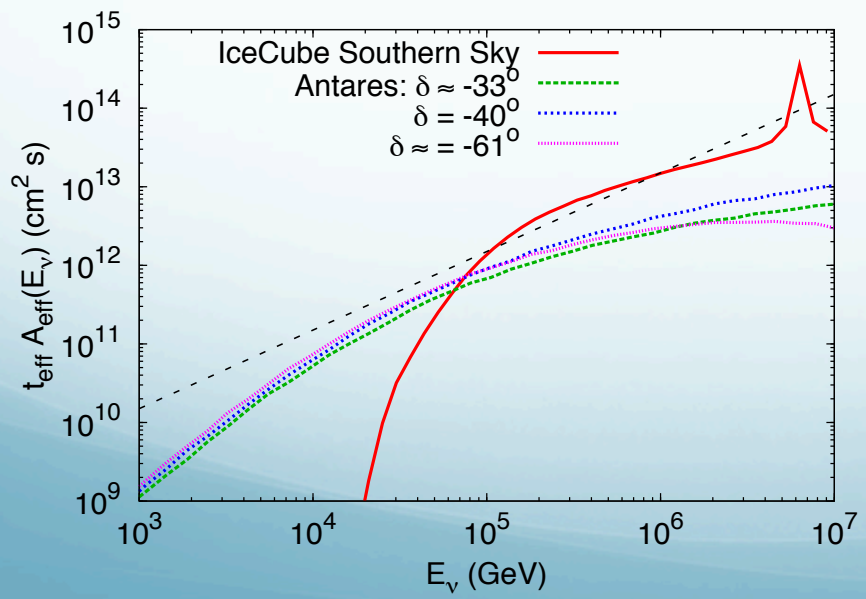
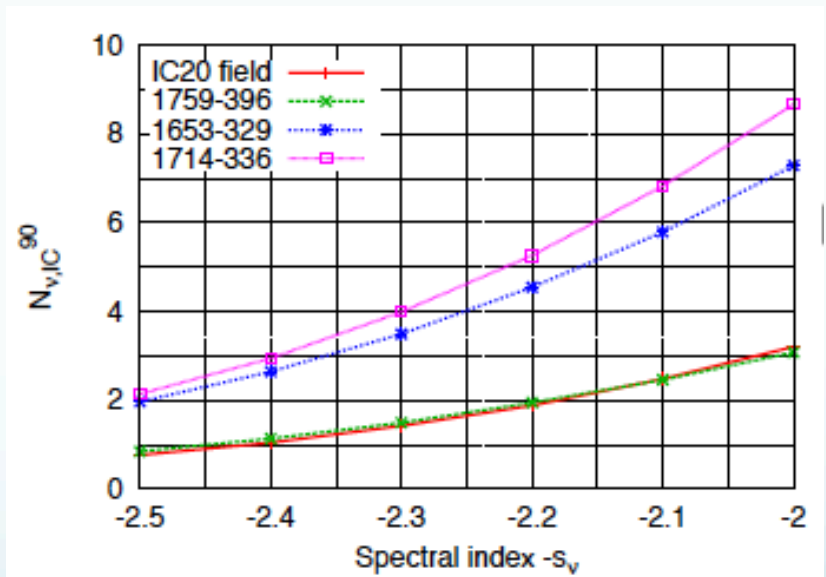
TANAMI collaboration reported observations of 6 bright blazars locally compatible with the 2 first PeV IceCube events IC14 and IC20.

📖 Krauß, F. et al. 2014, A&A, 566, L7



Source	$N_{sig}$	$p$	Limit $10^{-8} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$
0235-618	0	1	1.3
0302-623	0	1	1.3
0308-611	0	1	1.3
1653-329	1.1	0.10	2.9
1714-336	0.9	0.04	3.5
1759-396	0	1	1.4

## ANTARES inferred limits



→ Relevant constraints on spectral index of potential source

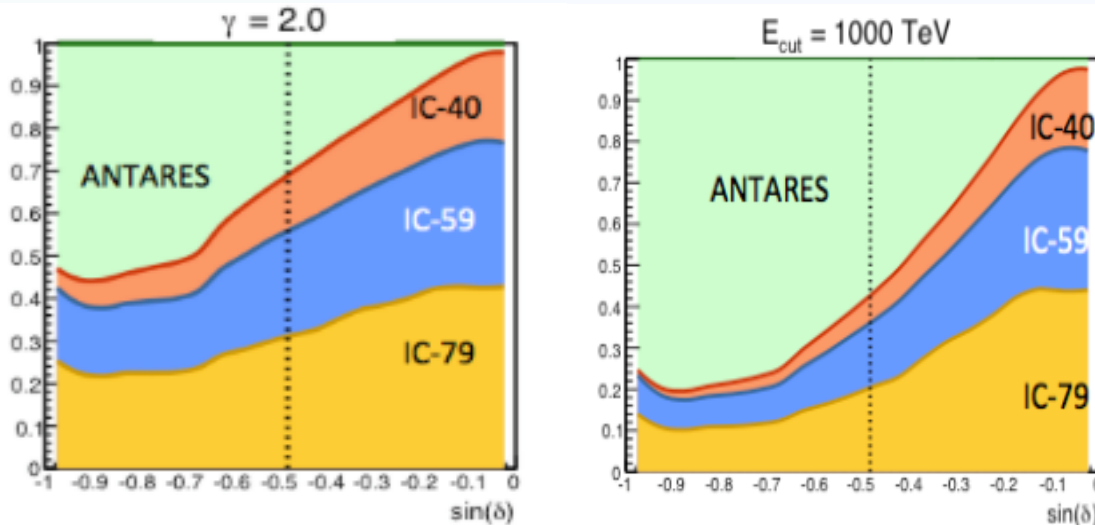
📖 Antares, A&A 576, L8 (2015)

[Highlighted in the Nature vol 520, April 2015](#)

# Join ANTARES-IceCube search

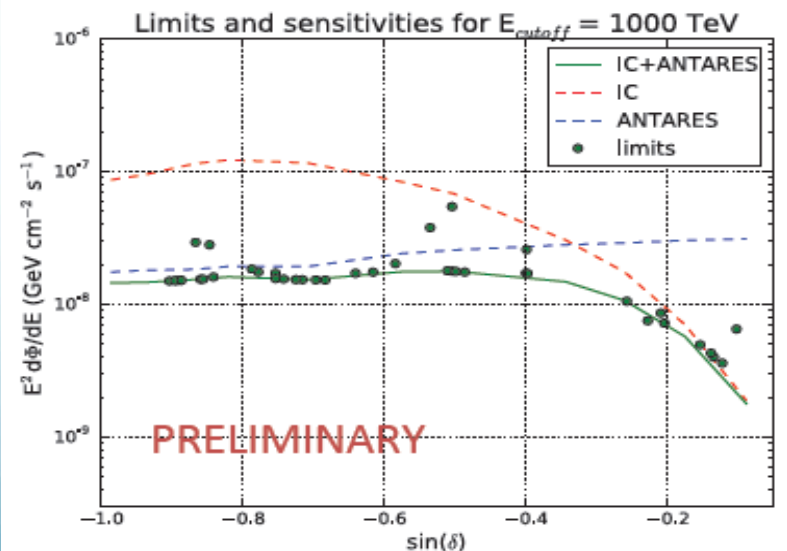
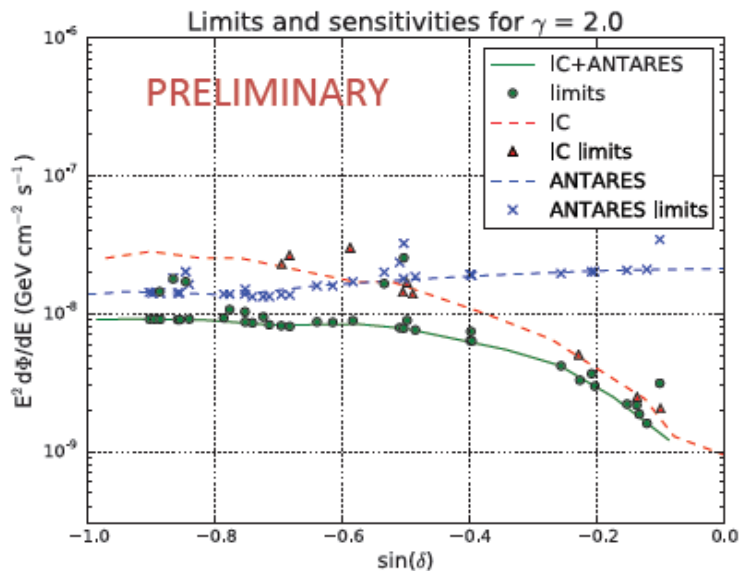
ANTARES 2007-2012 and the IC40, IC59, and IC79 samples for the Southern Hemisphere

📖 1511.02149v1 accepted in ApJ



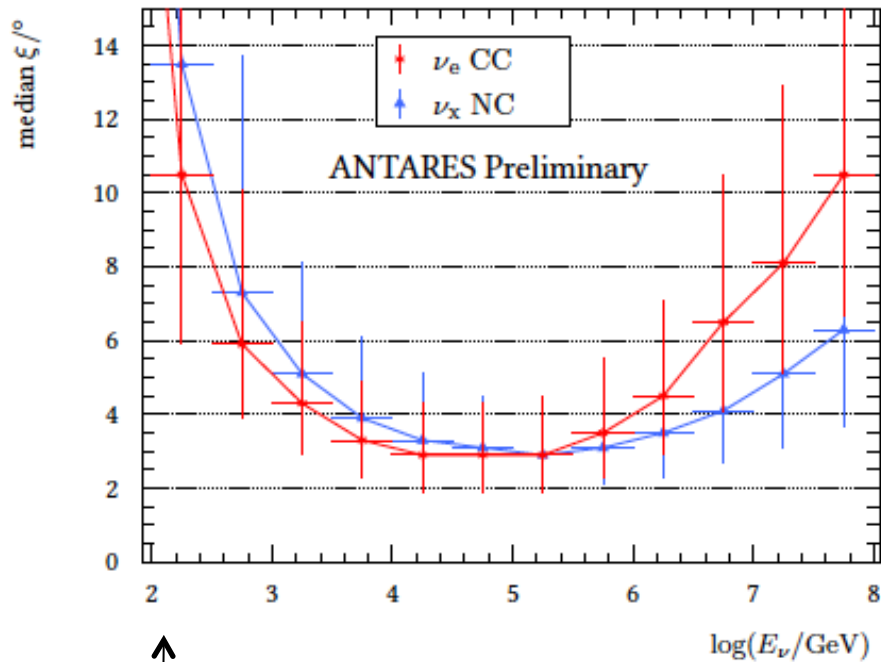
Fraction of signal events which would be detected by each sample ( $E^{-\gamma}$ ):

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dE} = \Phi_0 E^{-2} e^{-\sqrt{\frac{E}{E_{\text{cutoff}}}}}$$



# ANTARES can add the cascades

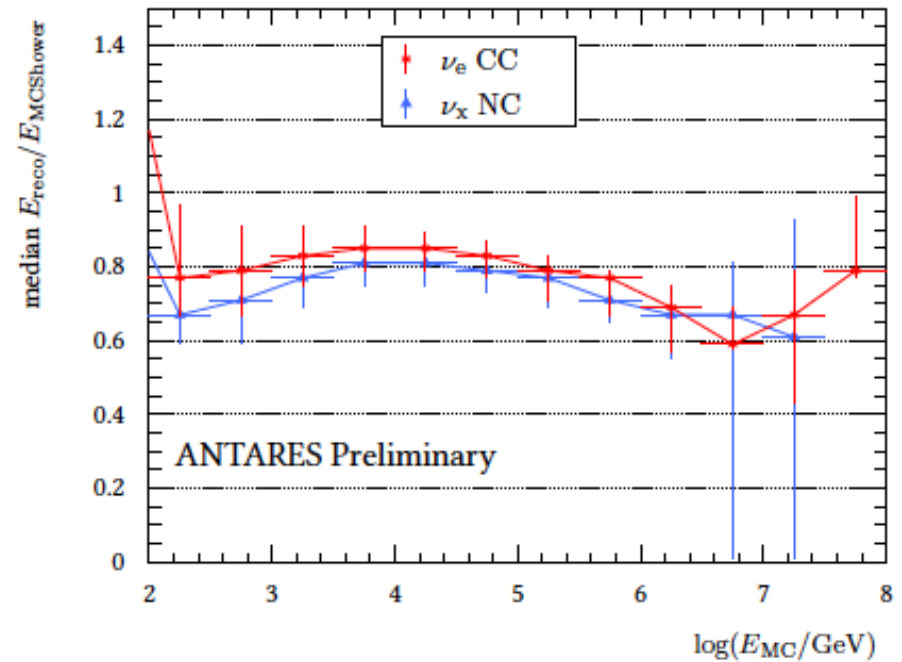
Median angular resolution  
(shower vs. neutrino)



3° median resolution  
10 TeV  $\rightarrow$  1 PeV

PMT saturation,  
limited size of  
detector

Median shower energy resolution



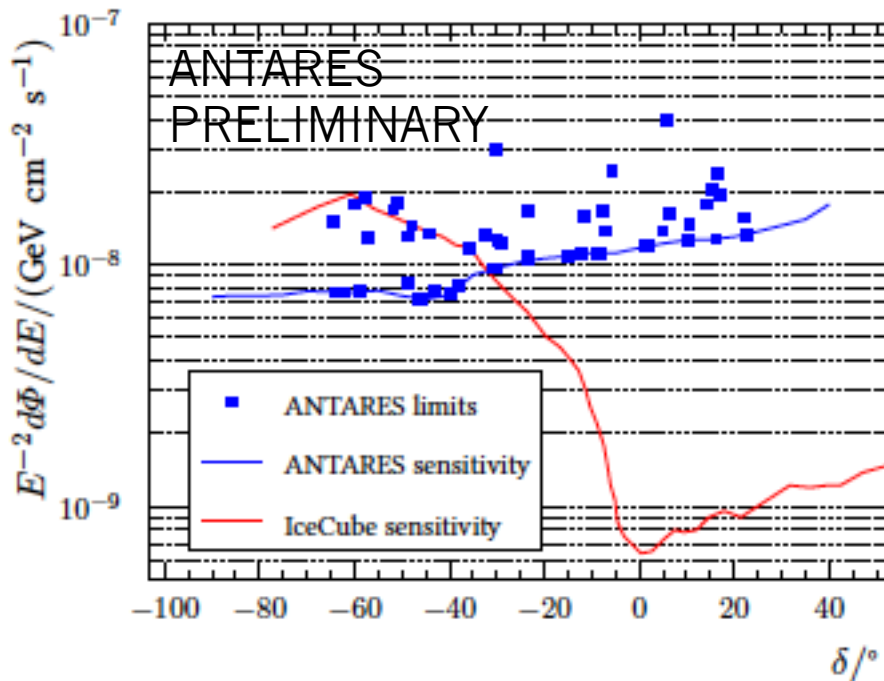
~5% resolution

~20% systematic underestimation  
bias corrected a posteriori

Too few photons,  
too sparse detector

# Latest ANTARES PS search

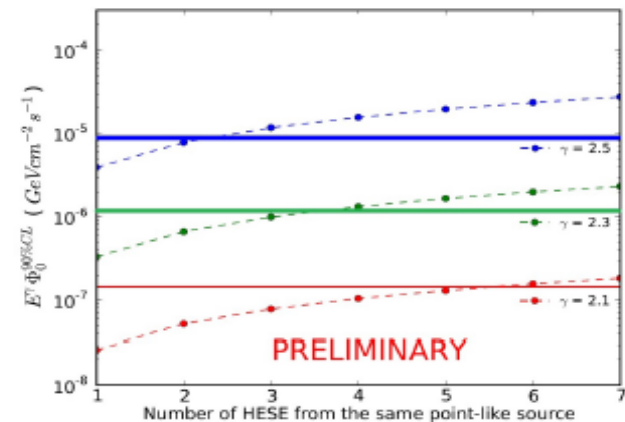
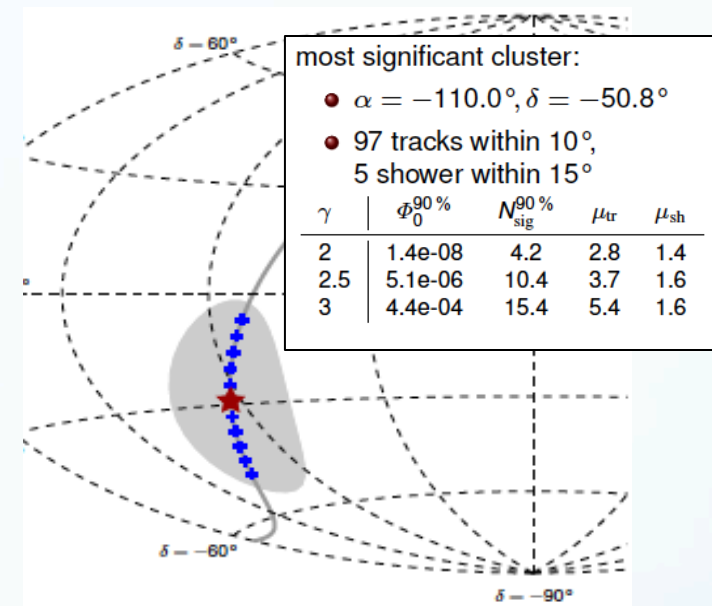
Fixed point source search sensitivity



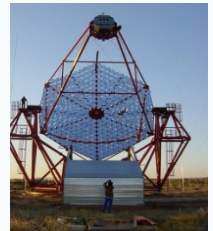
Best limits in Southern Sky in TeV-PeV

Rules out any single PS close to the GC with spectral index of -2.5 as having a flux corresponding to more than 2 HESE.

Scan in Galactic centre region:



# The Multi-messenger Program



GeV-TeV  $\gamma$ -rays  
Fermi /  
HESS...

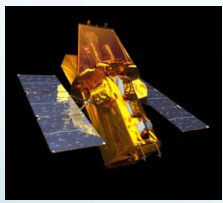
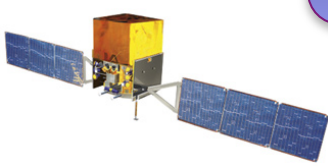
UHECR  
Auger



HE neutrinos

Optic / X-ray

Gravitational  
Waves  
Virgo / Ligo



- ➔ A way to better understand the sources and the related physics mechanisms
- ➔ A way to increase the detector sensitivities (uncorrelated backgrounds)



# GW150914 follow-up



# LIGO

Laser Interferometer  
Gravitational-Wave Observatory

Supported by the National Science Foundation  
Operated by Caltech and MIT

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## Detection Papers

Scientific paper describing the detection published in *PRL* 116, 061102 (2016).

## Companion Papers

"Unmodeled Searches Used for First LIGO Gravitational Wave Detection"

"A Search for Gravitational Waves from Compact Binary Coalescences in 16 Days of Advanced LIGO Data associated with GW150914"

"GW150914: A Merging Binary Black Hole at Redshift  $\sim 0.1$ "

"Constraints on the Rate of Binary Black-hole Coalescences from 16 Days of Advanced LIGO Observations"

"Astrophysical Implications of the Binary Black-hole GW150914 Detected by LIGO"

"GW150914: A Black-hole Binary Coalescence as Predicted by General Relativity"

"The Stochastic Gravitational-wave Background from Black Hole Binaries: The implications of GW150914"

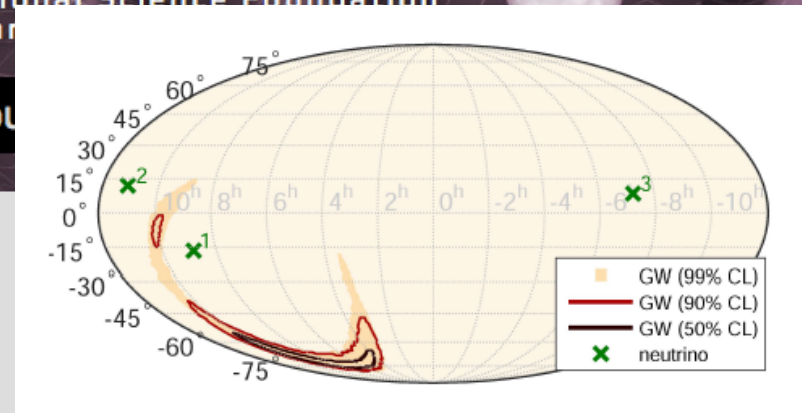
"Calibration Uncertainty of the Detectors in Early Advanced LIGO"

"Characterization of Transient Noise in the Advanced LIGO Interferometers Relevant to Gravitational Wave Signal GW150914"

"Localization and Broadband Follow-up of the Gravitational-wave Candidate G184098"

"High-energy Neutrino Follow-up Search of the First Advanced LIGO Gravitational Wave Event with IceCube and ANTARES" ←

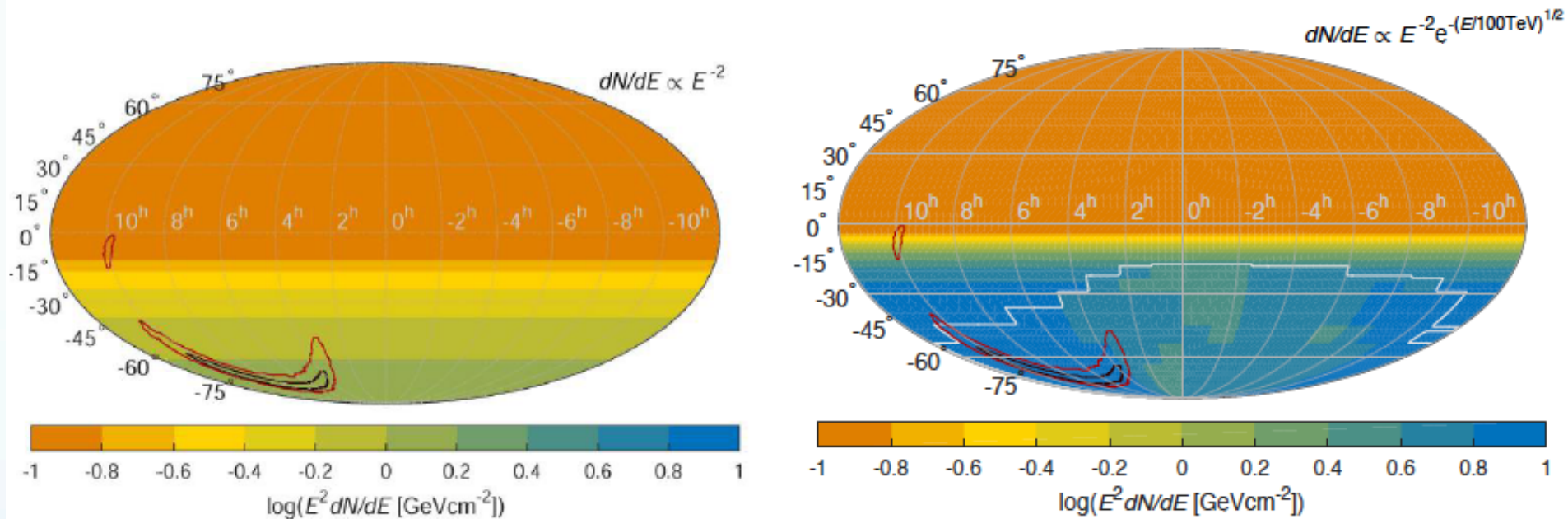
"The Advanced LIGO Detectors in the Era of First Discoveries"



arXiv:1602.05411 – submitted to PRD

# GW150914 follow-up

=> (best )Limits on the neutrino spectral fluence ( $E^{-2}$  spectrum)



=> Limits from ANTARES dominates below  $O(100 \text{ TeV})$  (white line)

→ Integrating emission between [100 GeV; 100 PeV] and [100 GeV; 100 TeV]:

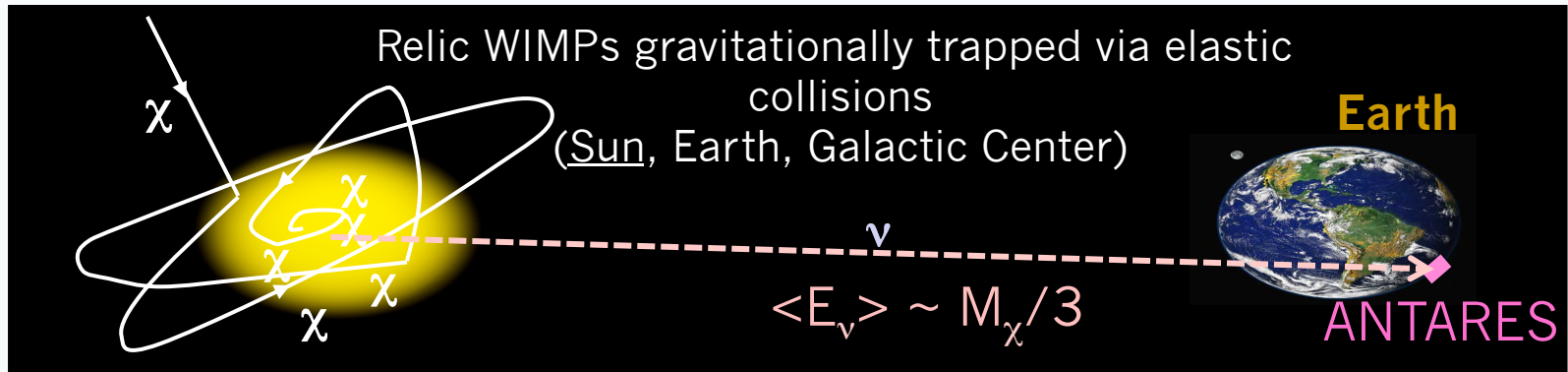
$$E_{\nu, \text{tot}}^{\text{ul}} \sim 10^{52} - 10^{54} \left( \frac{D_{\text{gw}}}{410 \text{ Mpc}} \right)^2 \text{ erg}$$

Size of GW160914 :  $590 \text{ deg}^2$

ANTARES resolution:  $< 0.5 \text{ deg}^2$

A rapid observation of counterpart would help a better localization for further follow-up

# Dark matter indirect searches

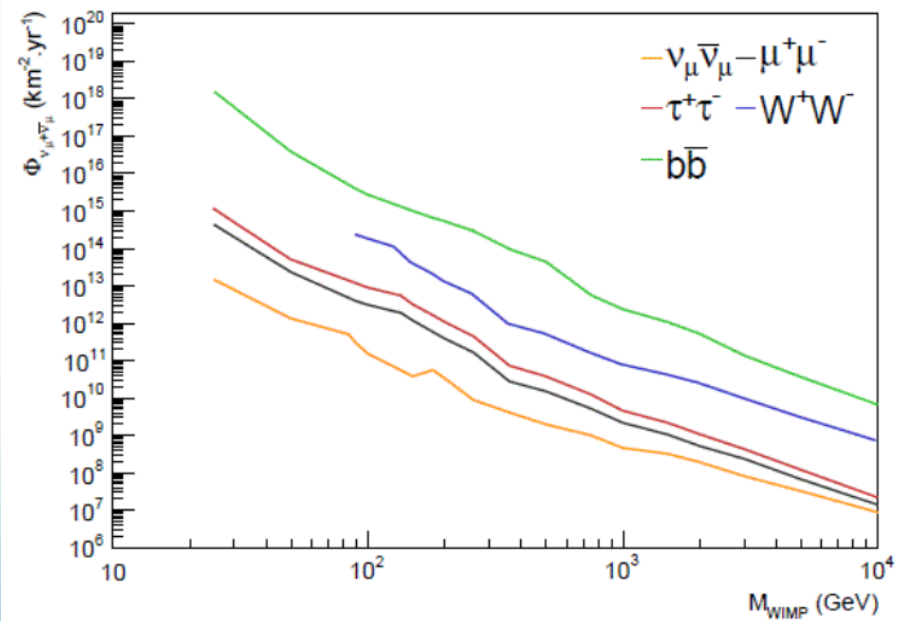
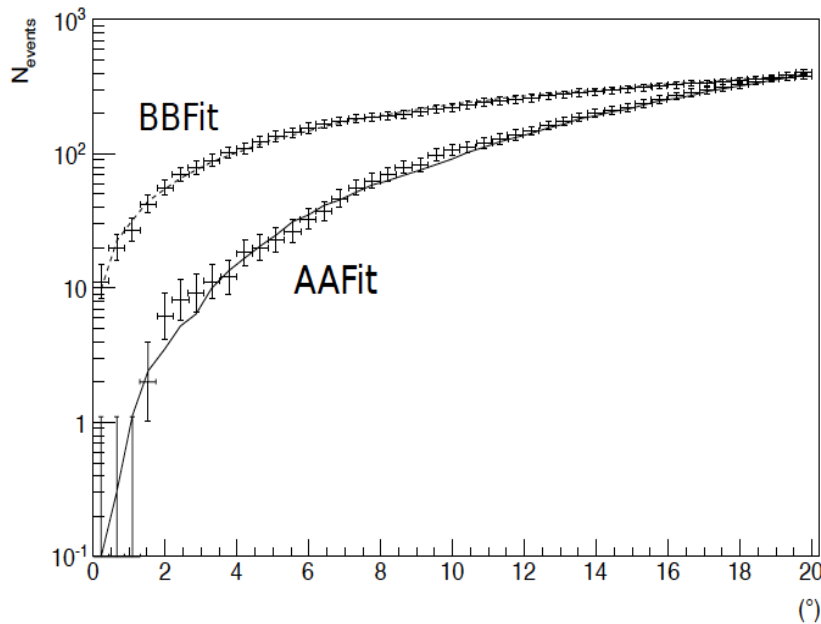


- AAFit (likelihood based)
  - \* Better for high energies ( $>250$  GeV)
  - \* Event selection parameters are  $\lambda$  (reconstruction quality) and  $\beta$  (angular error estimate)
- BBFit ( $\chi^2$  based)
  - \* Better for low energies ( $<250$  GeV)
  - \* Can reconstruct single-line events (only zenith angle provided)
  - \* The main event selection parameter is  $tchi2$  ( $\sim \chi^2$ )

# The Galactic Center

- In our analysis this background estimate is generated from time-scrambled data.
- The sensitivities are optimised with respect to the cone and reconstruction quality parameter cut.
- The limits are then generated using the same cone and quality cuts used for the sensitivities.

No excess  
found in  
2007-2012 data  
1321 days of livetime



# The Galactic Center

- The J-Factor is the integral along the line of sight of the dark matter density squared.

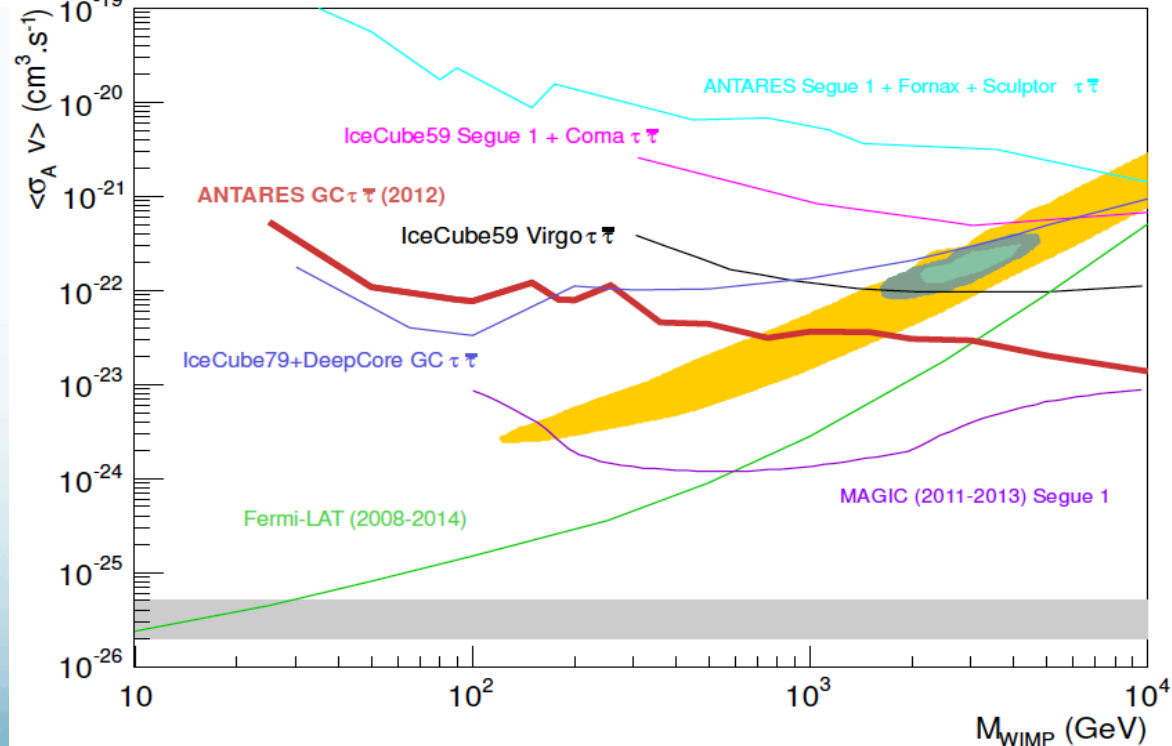
$$J(\theta) = \int_0^{l_{\max}} \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}^2 \sqrt{R_{\text{SC}}^2 - 2lR_{\text{SC}} \cos(\theta) + l^2}}{R_{\text{SC}} \rho_{\text{SC,DM}}^2} dl$$

- The J-Factor is necessary to convert a flux into a thermally averaged annihilation cross section  $\langle \sigma v \rangle$

$$\frac{d\phi_\nu}{dE} = \frac{\langle \sigma v \rangle}{2} J \Delta\Omega \frac{R_{\text{SC}} \rho_{\text{SC}}^2}{4\pi m^2} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE}$$

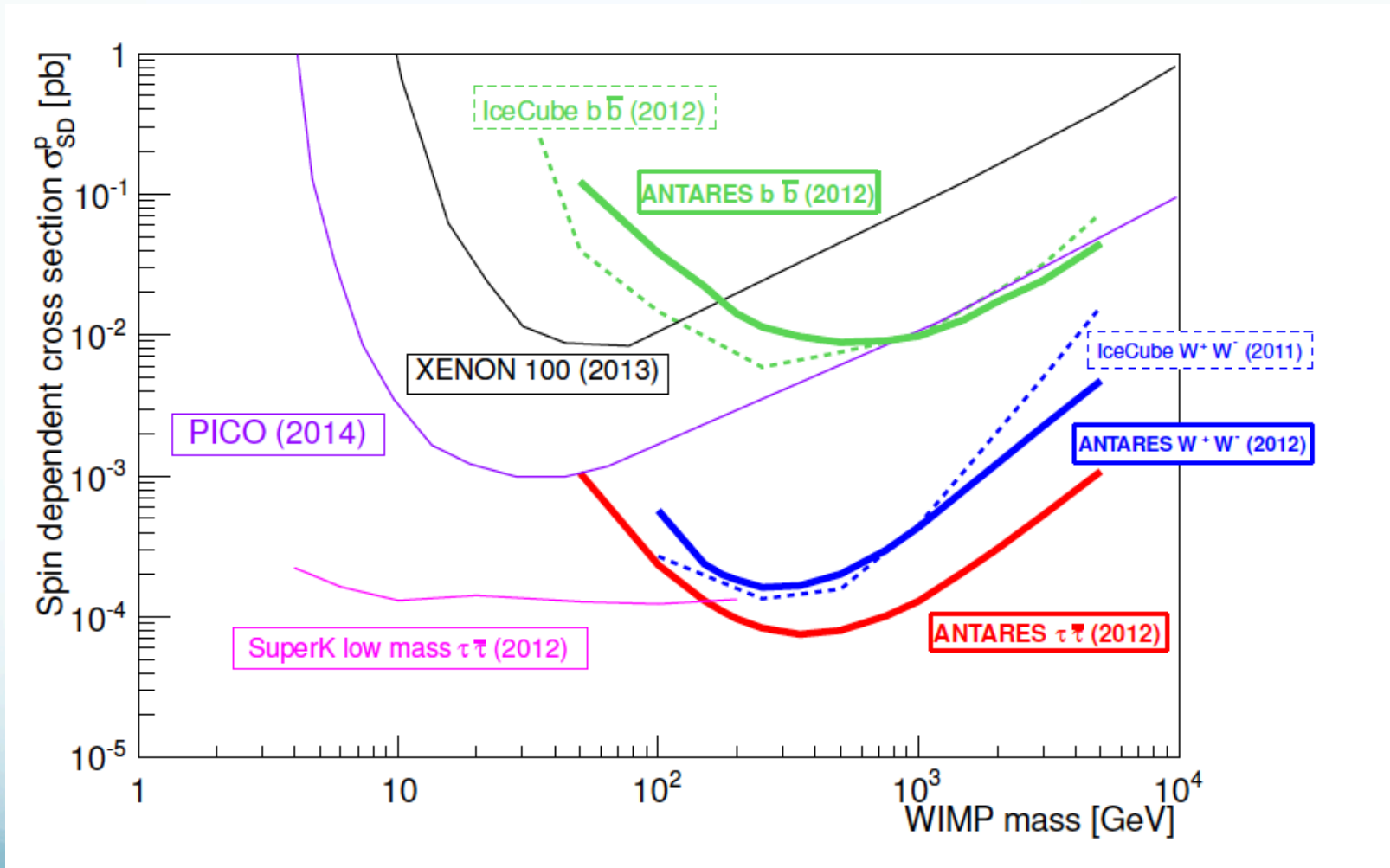
ANTARES has the best neutrino limits

📖 JCAP 10 (2015) 068



# The Sun

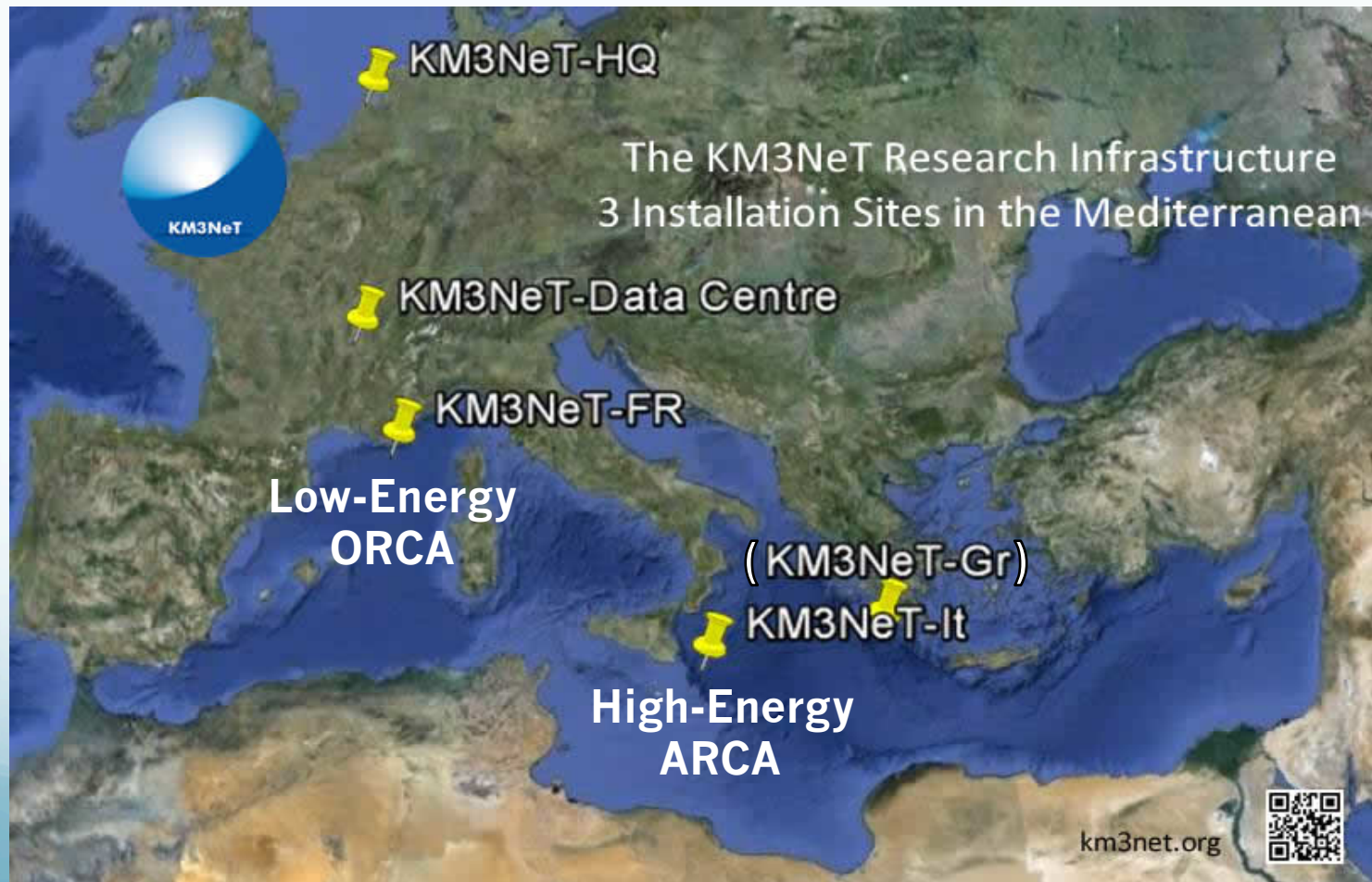
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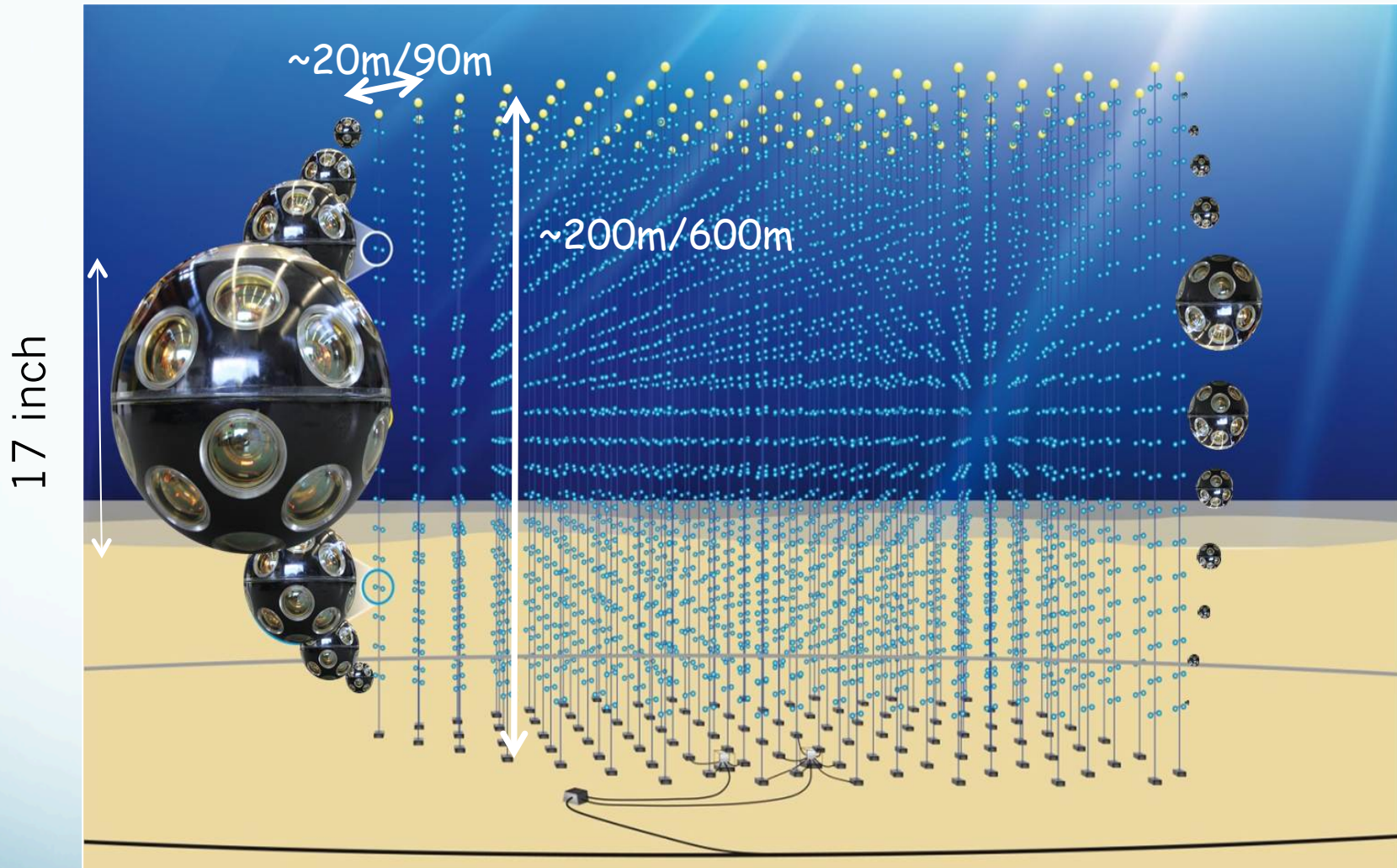
Very competitive limits from the Sun as well (angular accuracy)

# KM3NeT: Next generation detectors

KM3NeT is a distributed research infrastructure with 2 main physics topics:  
Low-Energy studies of atmospheric neutrinos – High-Energy search for cosmic neutrinos  
Single Collaboration -- Single Technology



# Detector technology



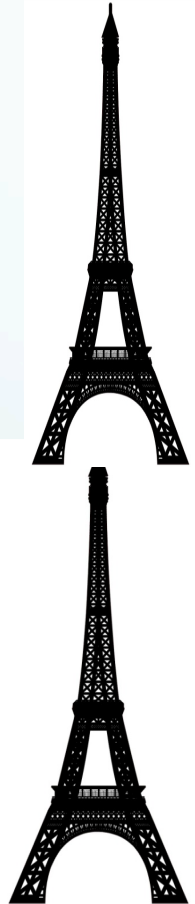
- 31 3" PMTs
- Digital photon counting
- Directional information
- Wide angle of view
- More photocathode than 1 ANTARES storey
- Cost reduction wrt ANTARES



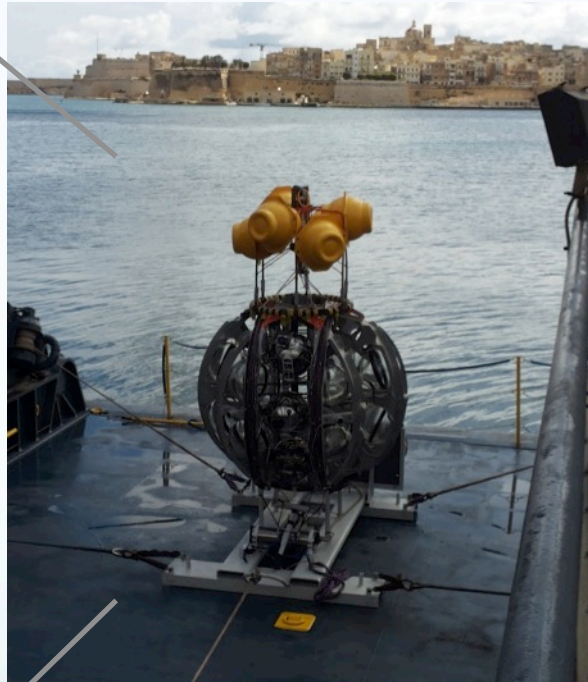
# KM3NeT design

String

Launcher Vehicle



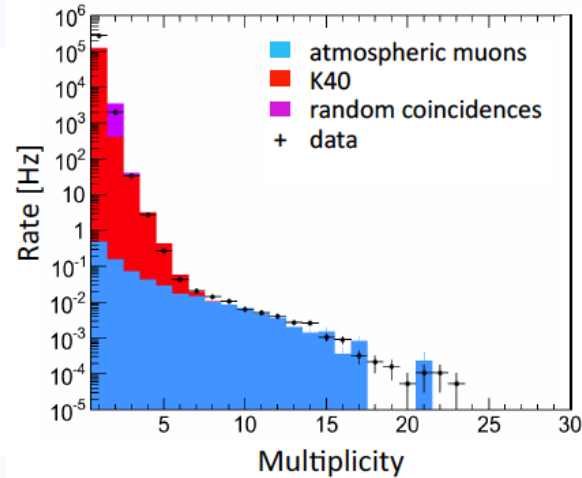
~ 600 or 200 m



- *Rapid deployment*
- *Compact*
- *Autonomous unfurling*
- *Recoverable*

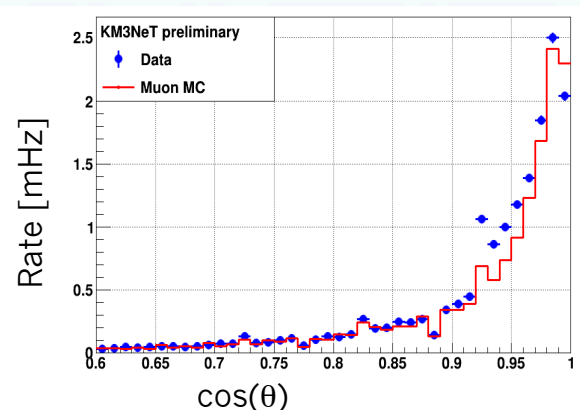
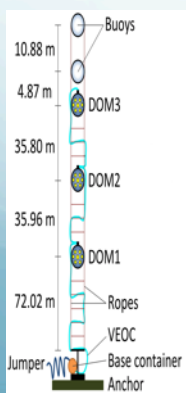
# KM3NeT Prototypes

## 1) Optical Module deployed at Antares, April 2013 (2500 m)



📖 Eur. Phys. J. C (2014) 74:3056

## 2) Mini string deployed at Capo Passero, May 2014 (3500 m)



📖 arXiv:1510.01561  
Accepted by  
Eur. Phys. J. C

# A phased implementation

Parallel to ORCA (+40M€)

## PHASE 1:

Shore and deep-sea infrastructure at KM3NeT-Fr & KM3NeT-It  
31 lines deployed by end 2016 (**3-4 x ANTARES sensitivity**)

*Proof of feasibility of network of distributed neutrino telescopes and more?*

**31 M€  
FUNDED  
ONGOING**

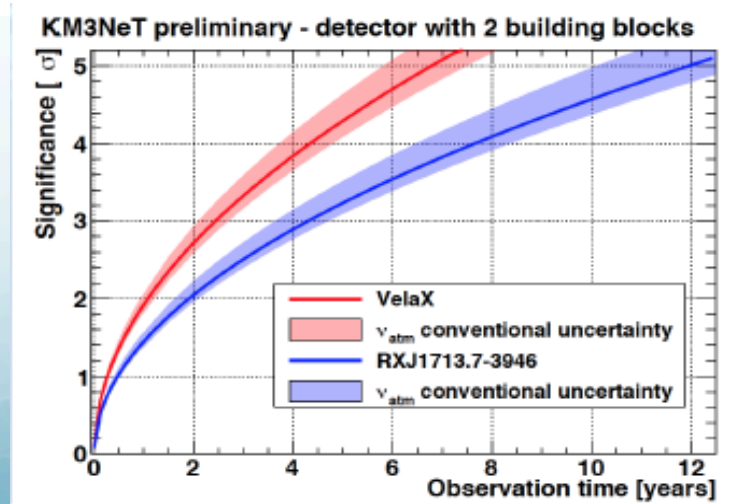
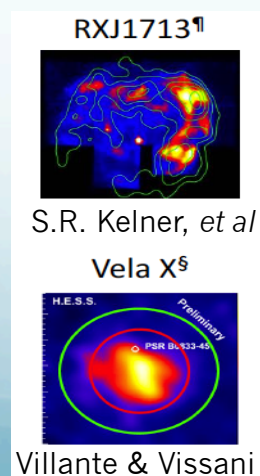
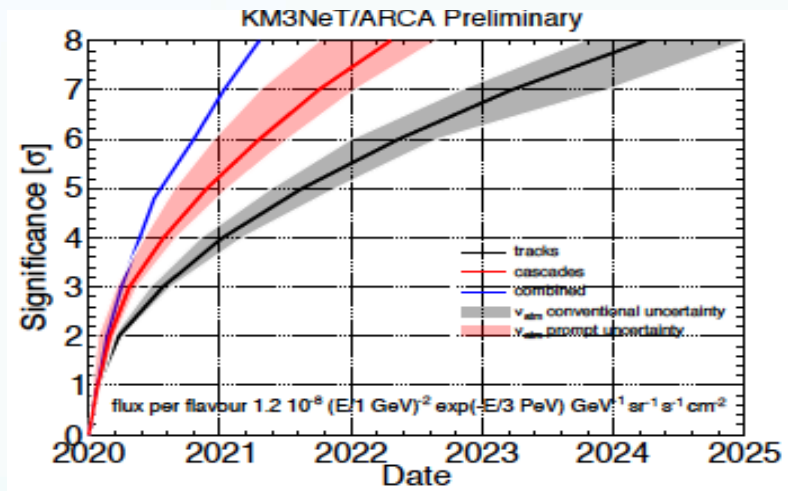
## 2016 PHASE 2:ARCA

230 lines (2 building blocks)  
*Investigation of IceCube signal*

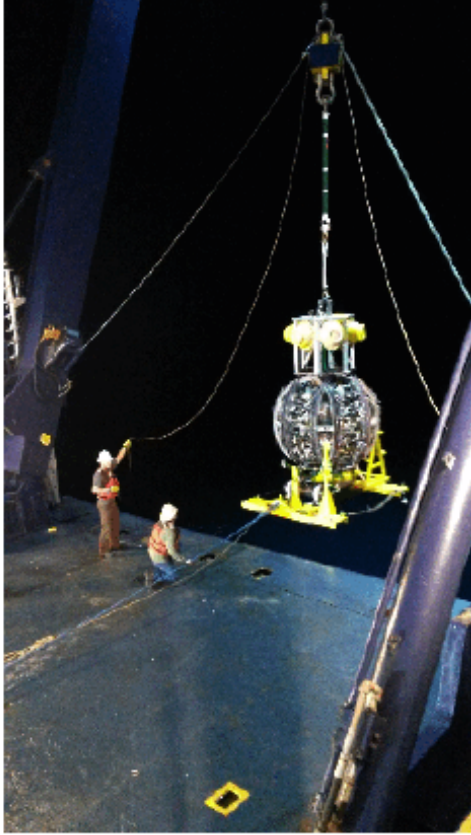
**Letter of Intent**  
arXiv:  
**1601.07459**

## 2020 KM3NeT NEXT:

6 building blocks  
*Neutrino astronomy*



# A first string working



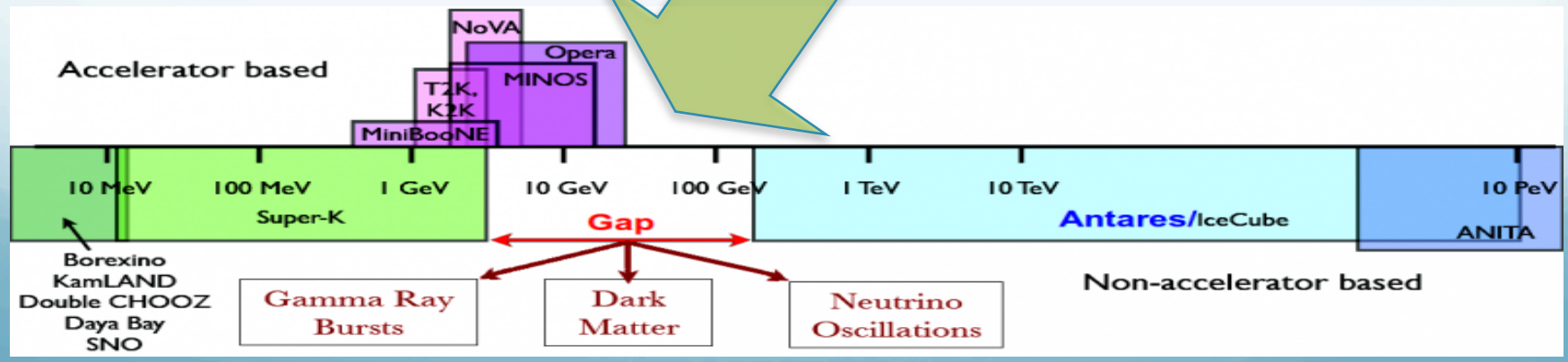
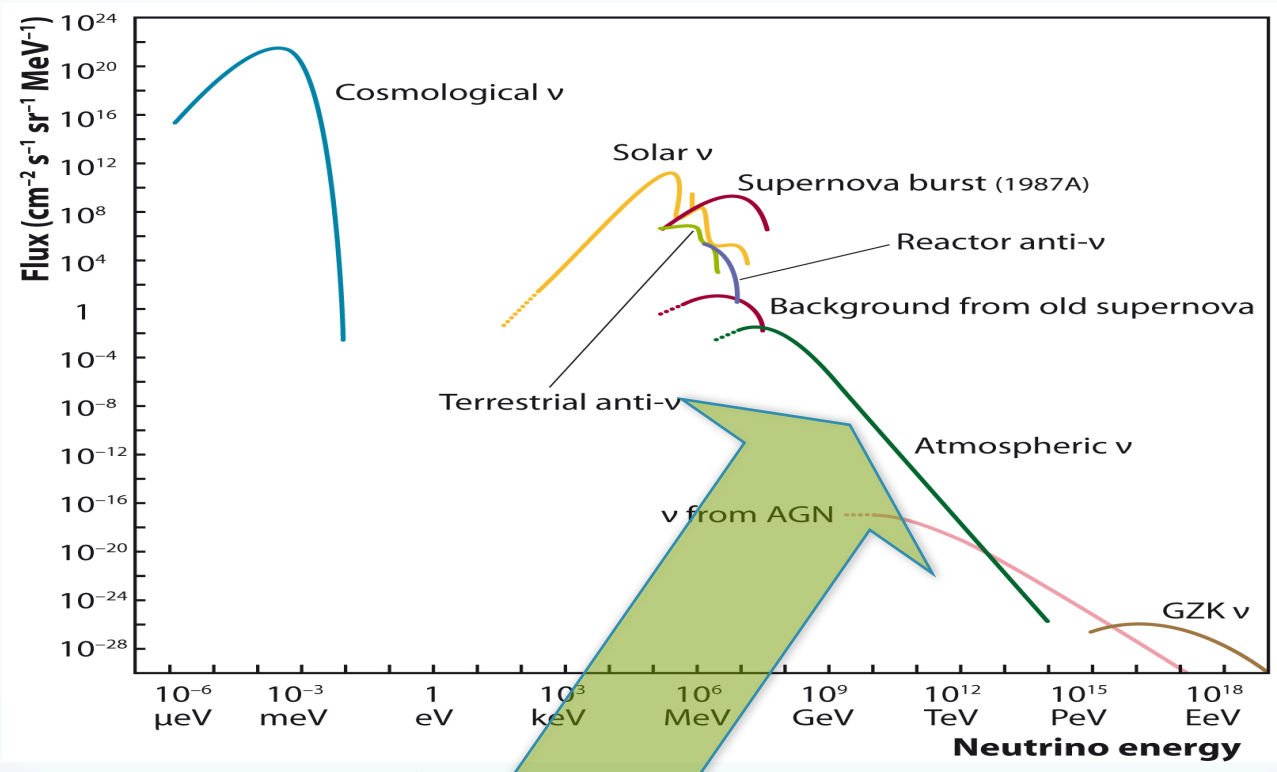
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Unfurled  
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Taking data !



First reconstructed  $\mu$  seen!



# LE neutrinos with deep-sea detectors



# Oscillations of Massive Neutrinos

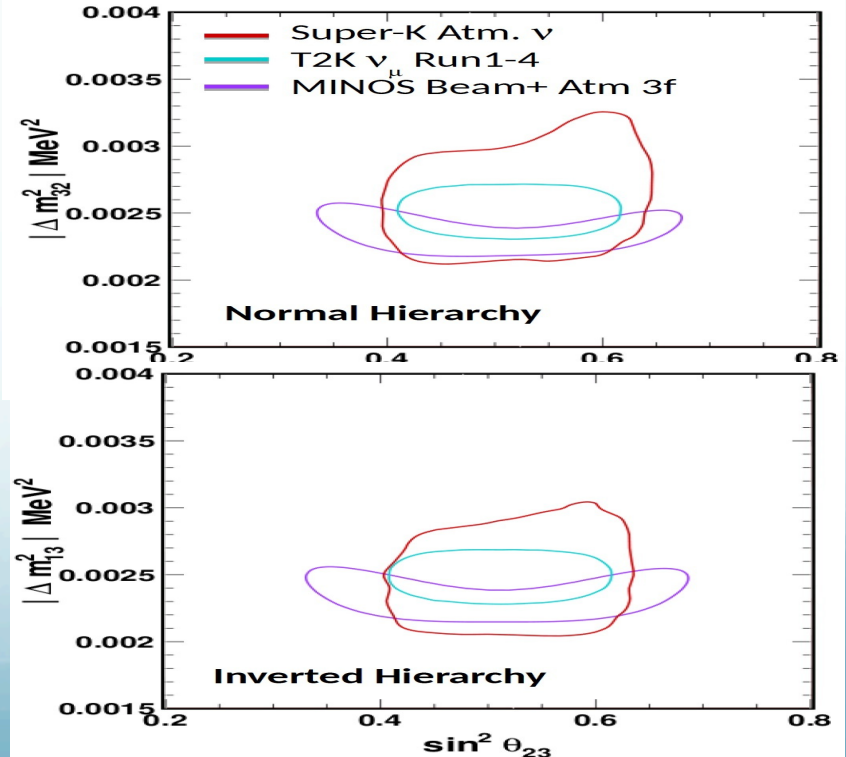
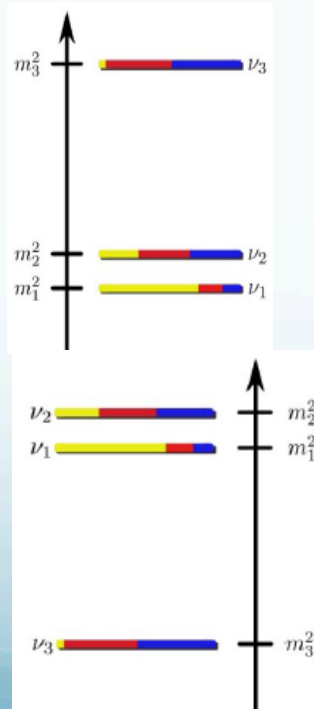
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$$m_1^2 < m_2^2$$

$$m_2^2 - m_1^2 \ll |m_3^2 - m_{1,2}^2|$$

CP violating phase  $\delta_{CP}$

All parameters measured to fair precision except:  
mass hierarchy  
 octant of  $\theta_{23}$   
 CP phase



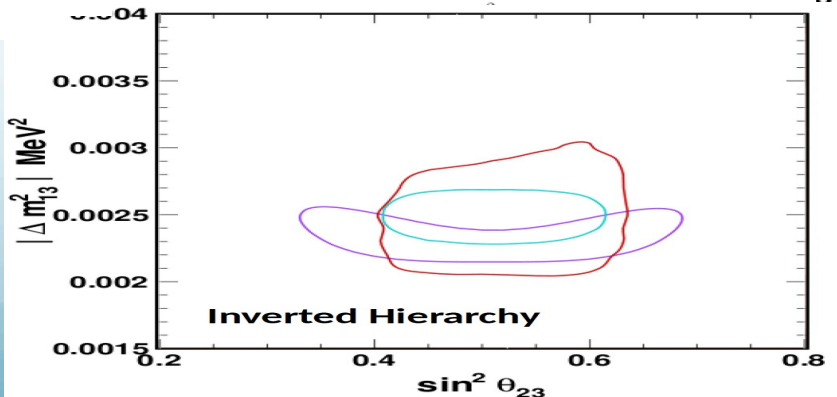
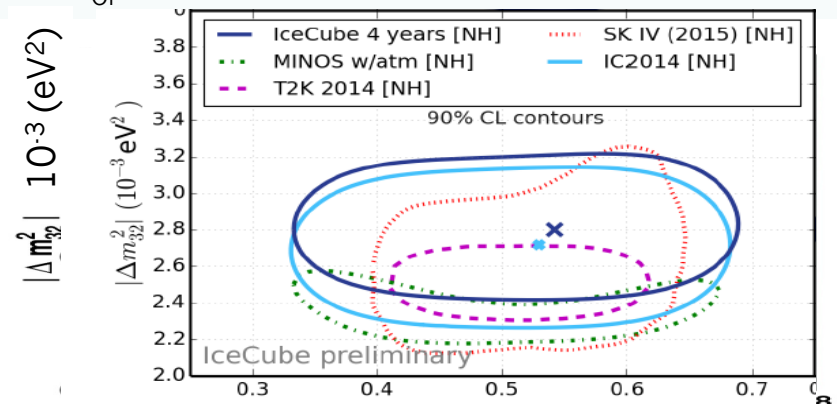
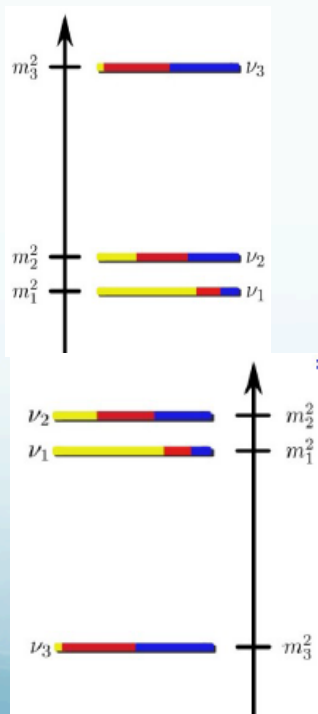
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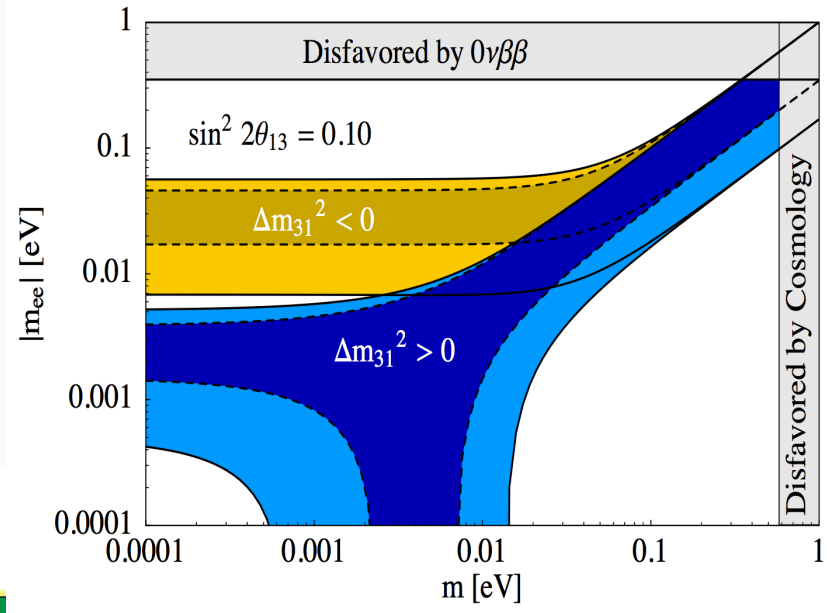
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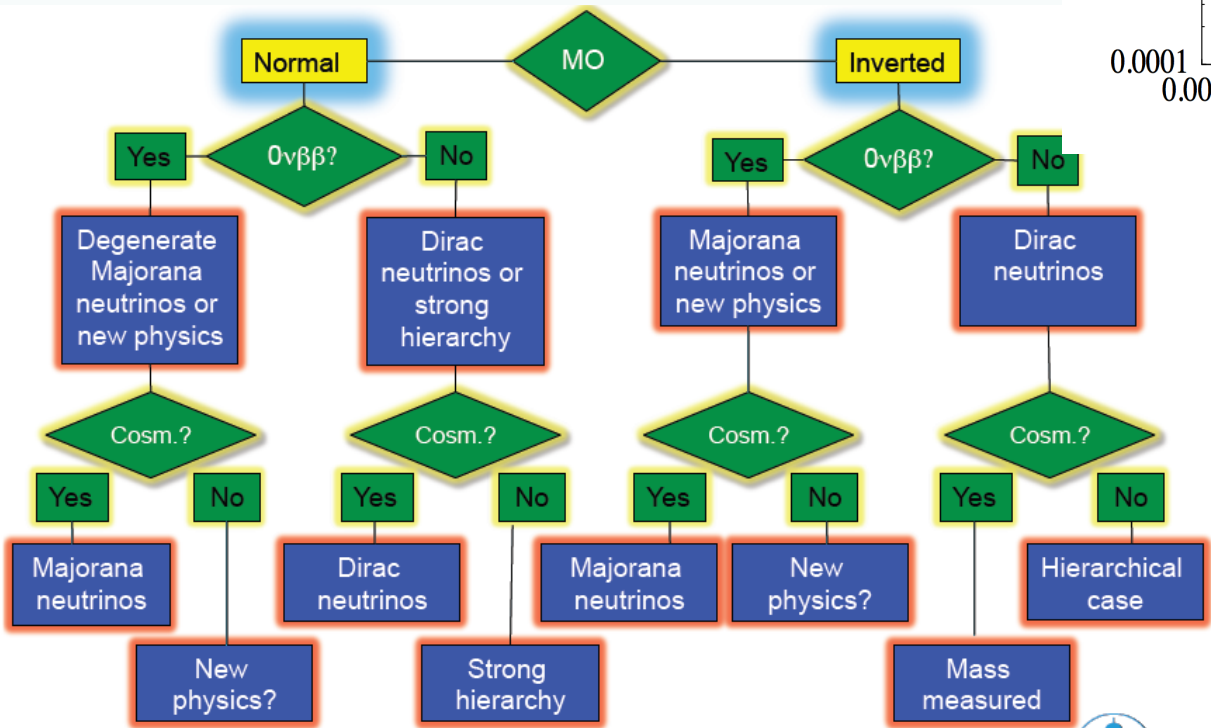


# Why knowing the mass hierarchy?

- Prime discriminator for theory models
- Help measuring the CP phase
- Absolute mass scale
- Nature (Dirac vs Majorana)
- Origin of neutrino mass and flavor
- Core-Collapse Supernovae Physics



## Impact of direct mass ordering measurement





# MH with LBL experiments

- « Standard approach » : probe  $\nu_\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_e$  governed by  $\Delta m_{31}^2$

$$P_{3\nu}(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 \theta_{23} P_{2\nu} = \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13}^m \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

[Neglecting solar (> a few GeV and >1000's km) and CP violation effects]

- Insensitive to the sign of  $\Delta m_{13}^2$  at leading order.
- Matter effects (MSW) come to the rescue

$$P_{3\nu}^m(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e) \approx \sin^2 \theta_{23} \sin^2 2\theta_{13}^m \sin^2 \left( \frac{\Delta^m m_{31}^2 L}{4E_\nu} \right)$$

$$\sin^2 2\theta_{13}^m \equiv \sin^2 2\theta_{13} \left( \frac{\Delta m_{31}^2}{\Delta^m m_{31}^2} \right)^2$$

$$\Delta^m m_{31}^2 \equiv \sqrt{(\Delta m_{31}^2 \cos 2\theta_{13} - 2E_\nu A)^2 + (\Delta m_{31}^2 \sin 2\theta_{13})^2}$$

→ Additional potential A in the Hamiltonian

$$A \equiv \pm \sqrt{2} G_F N_e \quad (-)+ \text{ for (anti-)neutrinos}$$

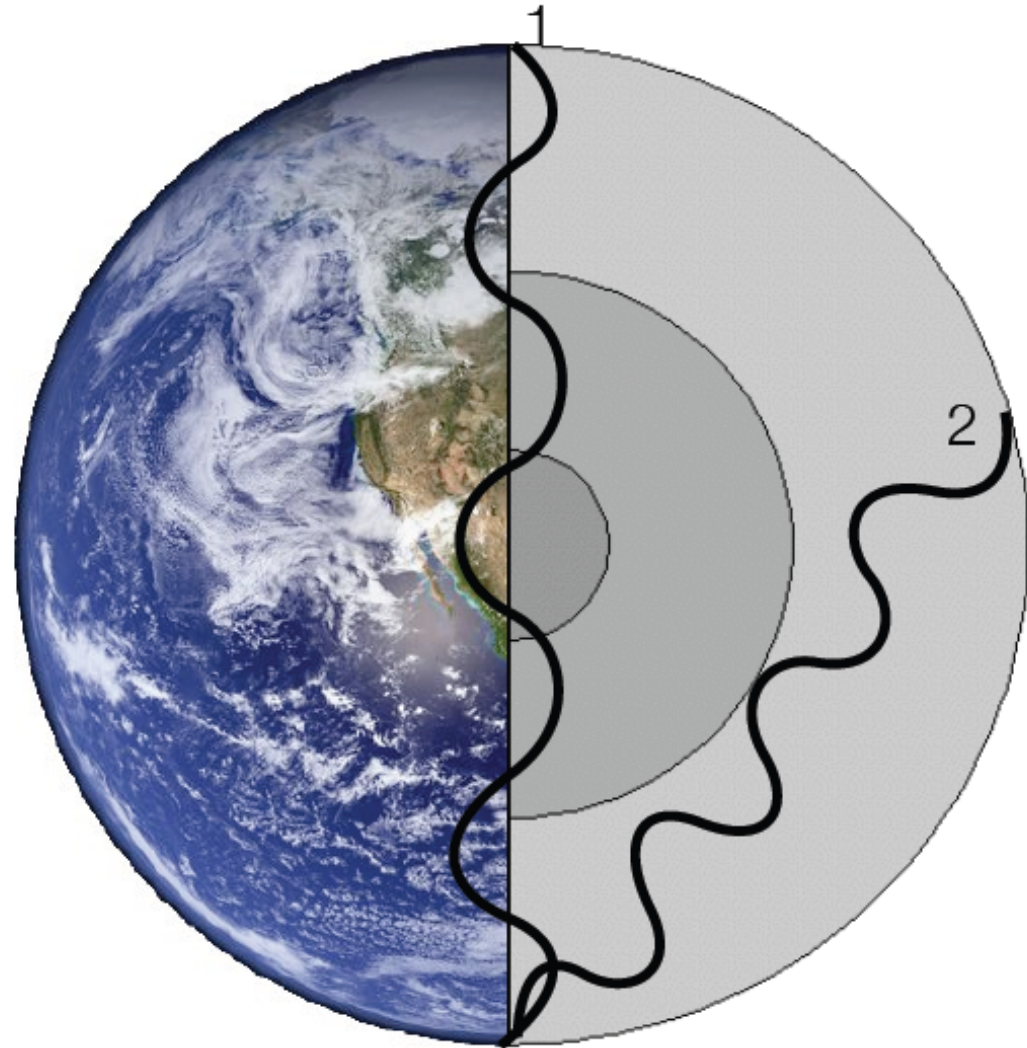
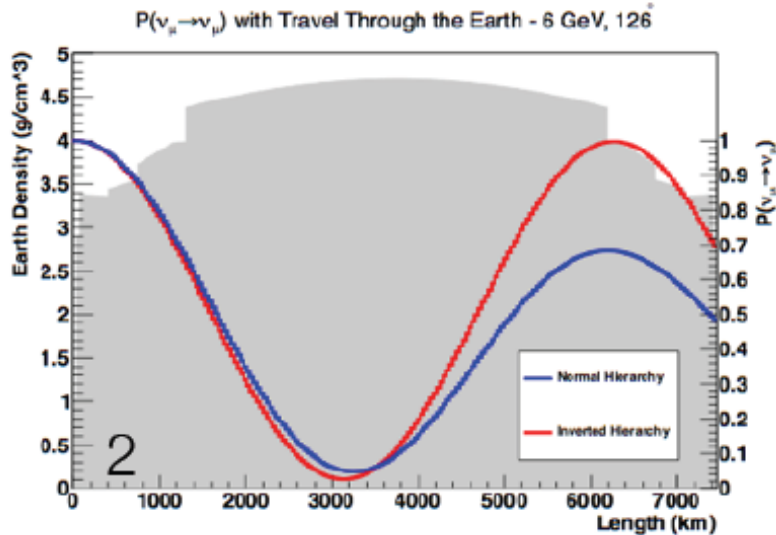
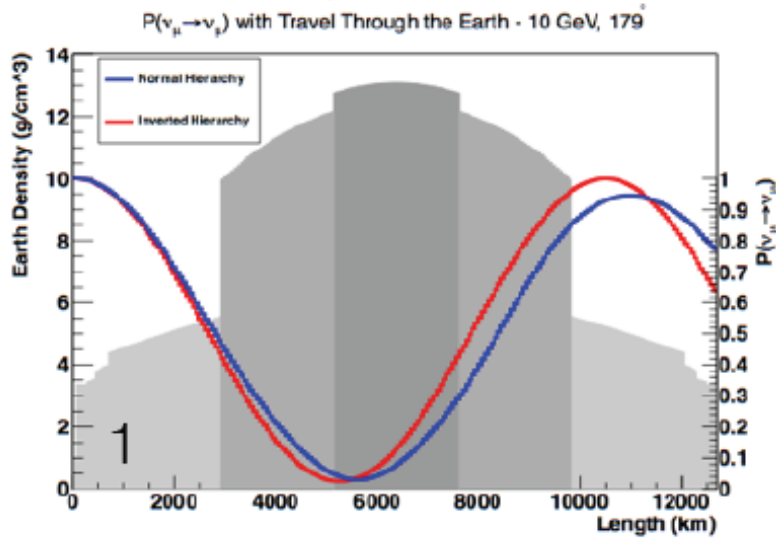
→ Modify the oscillation probability

Resonance energy Earth:

- Mantle  $E_{\text{res}} \sim 7 \text{ GeV}$
- Core  $E_{\text{res}} \sim 3 \text{ GeV}$

- Earth density variations (e.g. mantle-core) also affect the oscillations (*parametric resonance*)

# Matter effect in the Earth

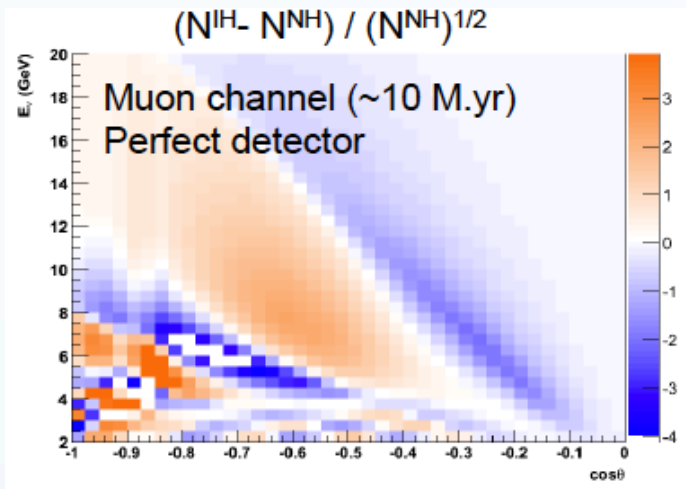


## Requirements:

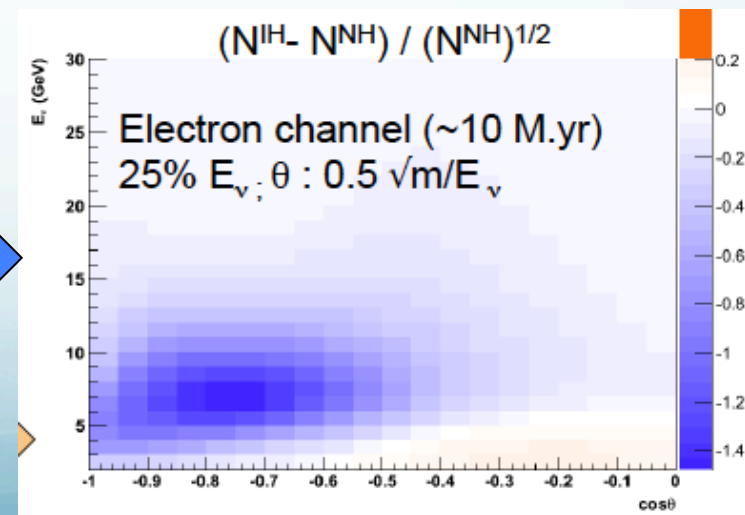
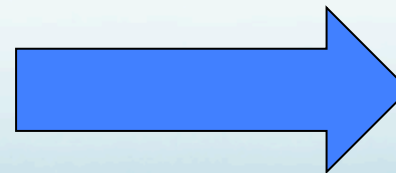
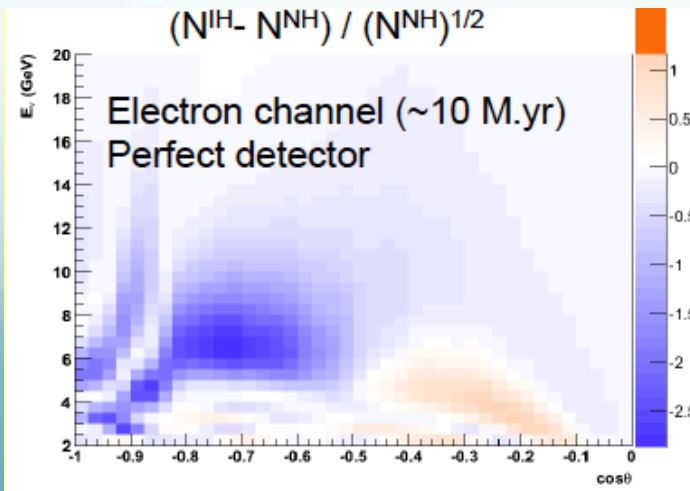
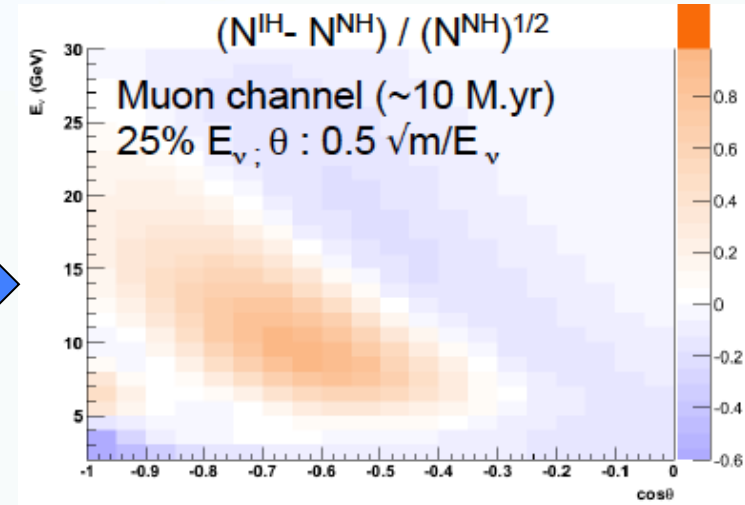
- $\Delta_{13} \sim A$  matter potential must be significant but not overwhelming
- $L$  large enough – matter effects are absent near the origin
- Distinction between neutrinos and anti-neutrinos → [different flux and cross-sections!](#)

# Muon versus Electron channels

Both muon- and electron-channels contribute to net hierarchy asymmetry  
**electron channel more robust against detector resolution effects:**  
 (Significances a la Akhmedov et al. [JHEP 02 \(2013\) 082](#))

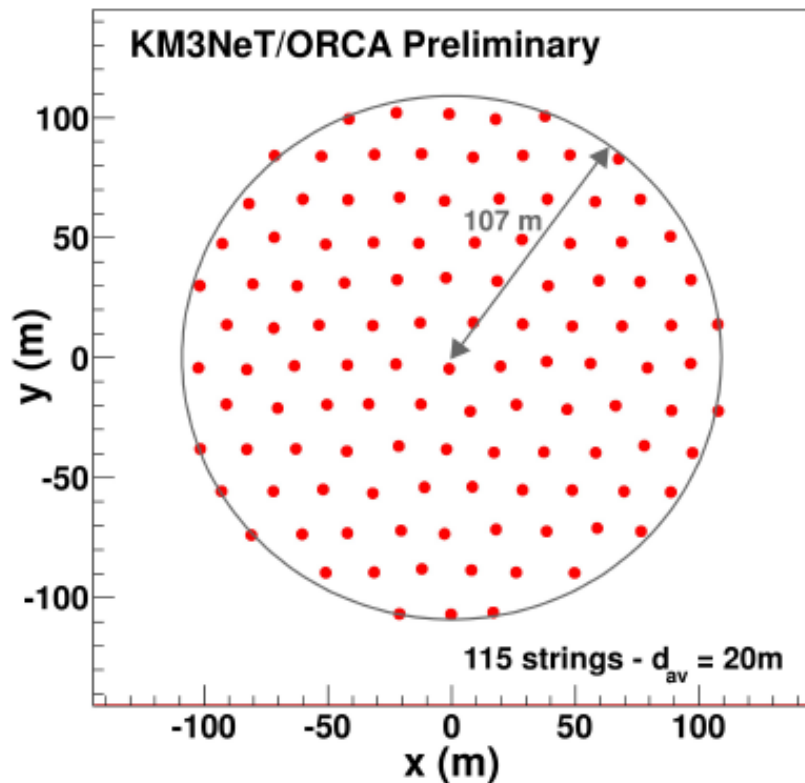


$E_e, \theta$  smearing  
 (kinematics  
 + detector  
 resolution)



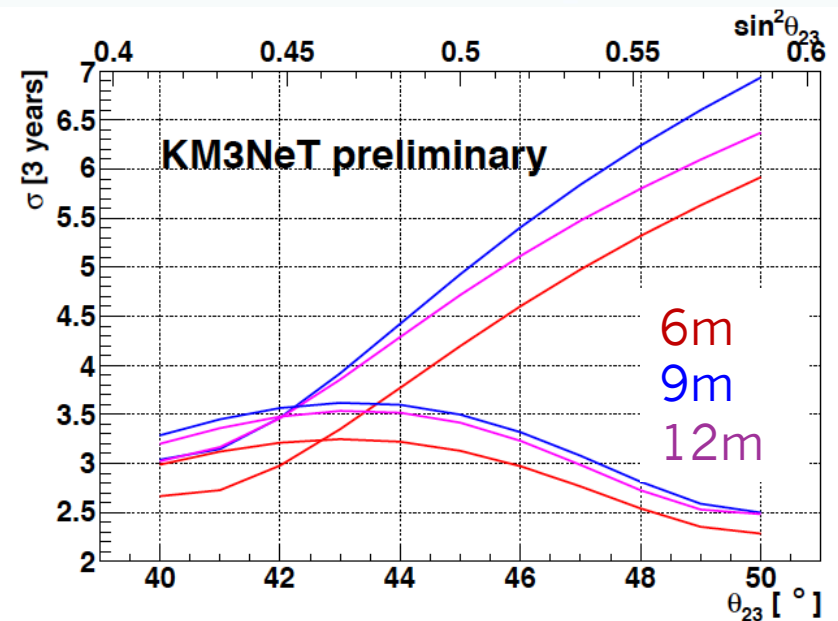
# The ORCA detector

115 lines, 20m spaced,  
18 DOMs/line 9m spaced



Instrumented volume  $\sim 6.5$  Mt,  
2070 OM

Optical background:  
10kHz/PMT & 500Hz coincidence



Vertical spacing optimized  $\sim 9m$  -- Horizontal spacing constrained by deployment

# Shower reconstruction ( $\nu_e$ )

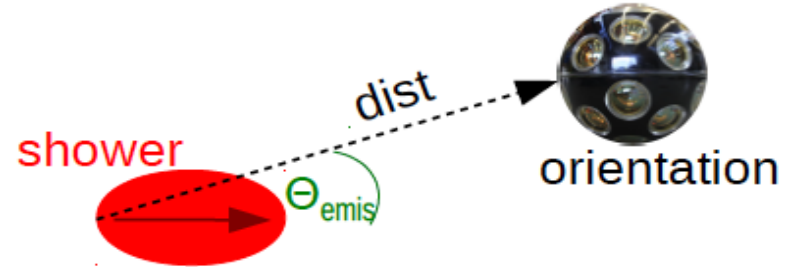
- 1. Vertex fit:

- maximum likelihood method based on time residuals
- two fits: first robust prefit then more precise fit

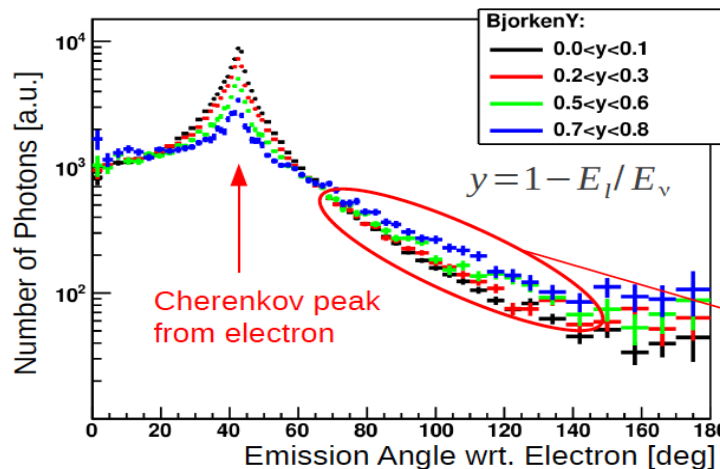
Res. ( $\sigma$ ): 0.5-1 m

- 2. Energy + direction fit:

- PDF for number of expected photons depending on:  
 $E_\nu$ , Bjorken  $y$ , emission angle,  
OM orientation, distance(OM,vertex)



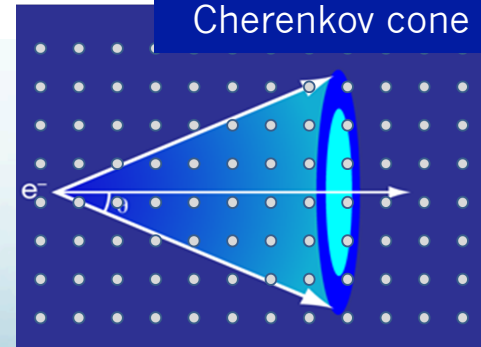
- maximum likelihood method based probability that hits have been created by certain shower hypothesis ( $E_\nu$ , Bjorken  $y$ , direction)



Example bin:  
 $8 < E_\nu/\text{GeV} < 9$   
 $40 < \text{dist}/\text{m} < 50$

Bjorken  $y$   
sensitivity  
from ratio:  
peak/off-peak

Water preserves  
Cherenkov cone

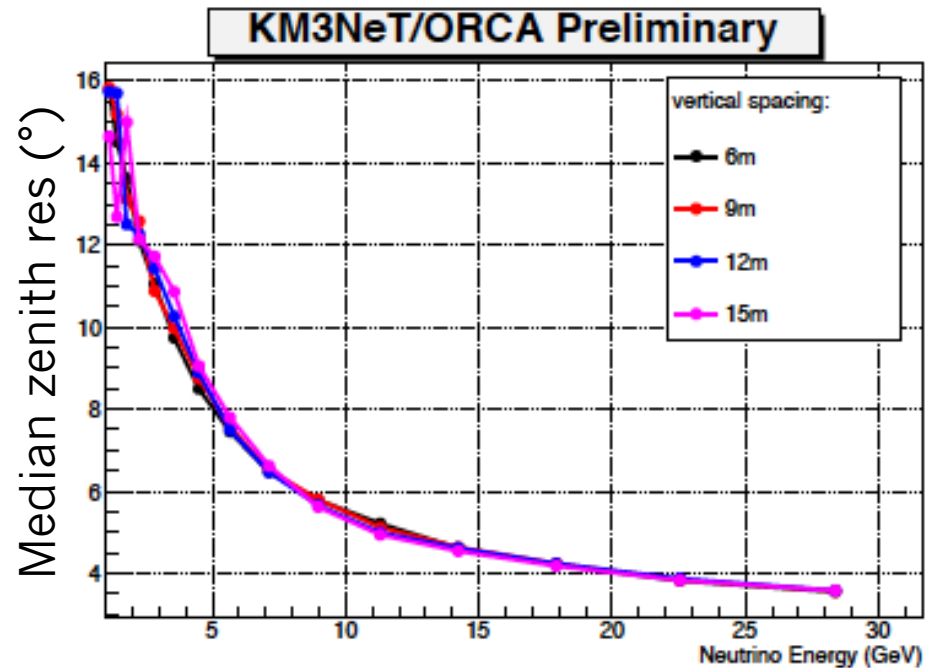
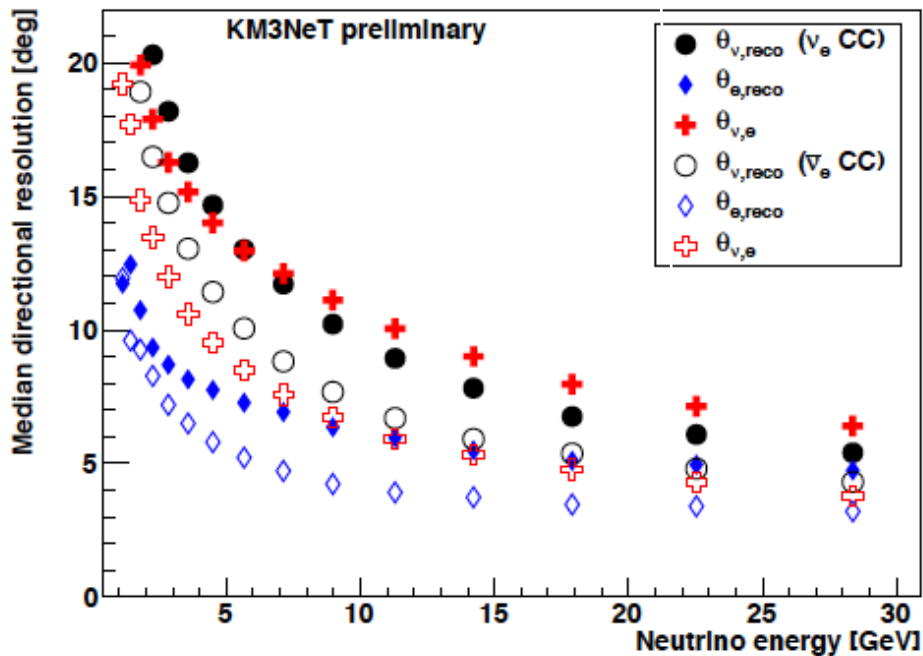


Much more  
challenging in Ice

# Angular Resolutions

cascade

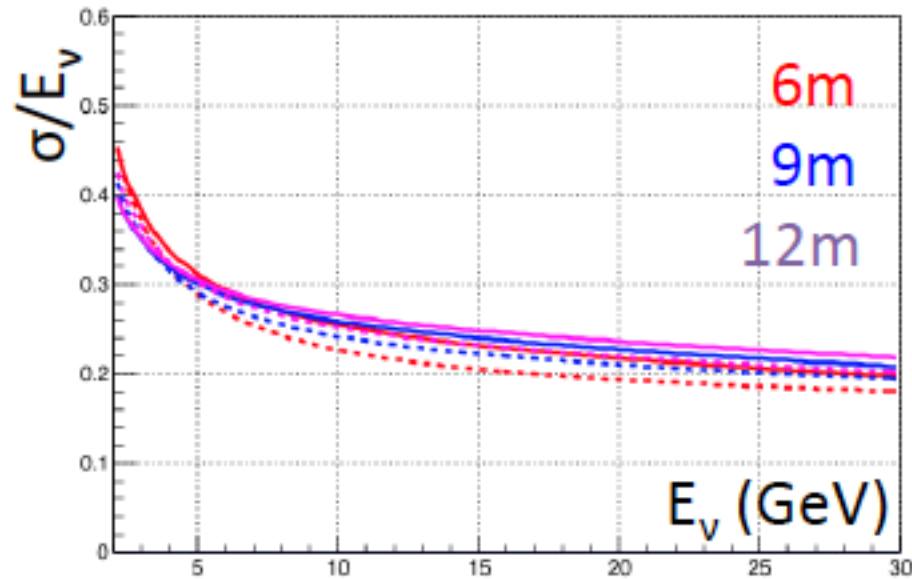
track



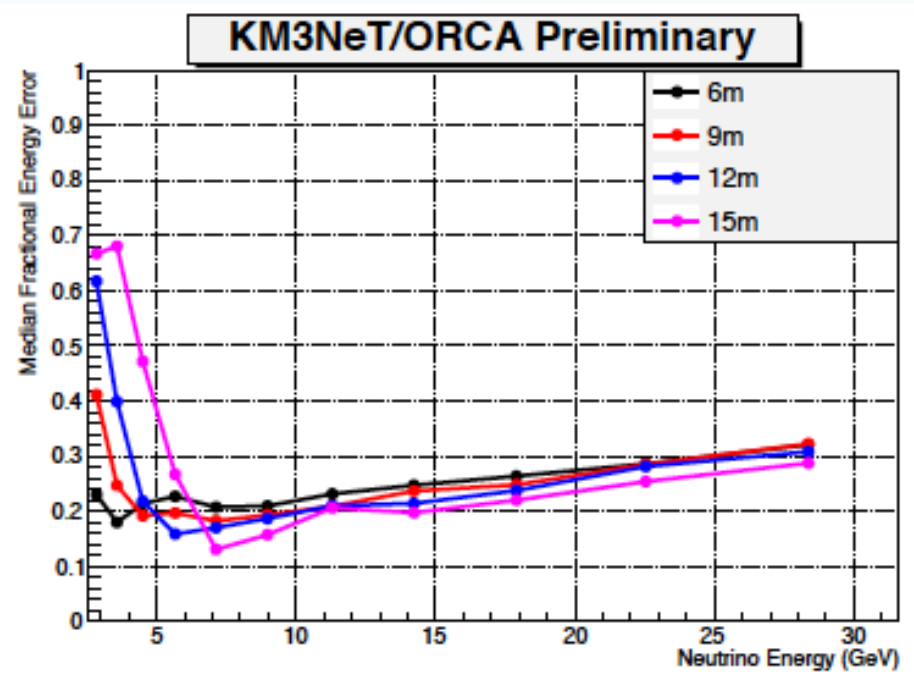
Excellent angular resolution  
 Dominated by kinematics  
 Largely independent of vertical spacing

# Energy Resolutions

cascade



track

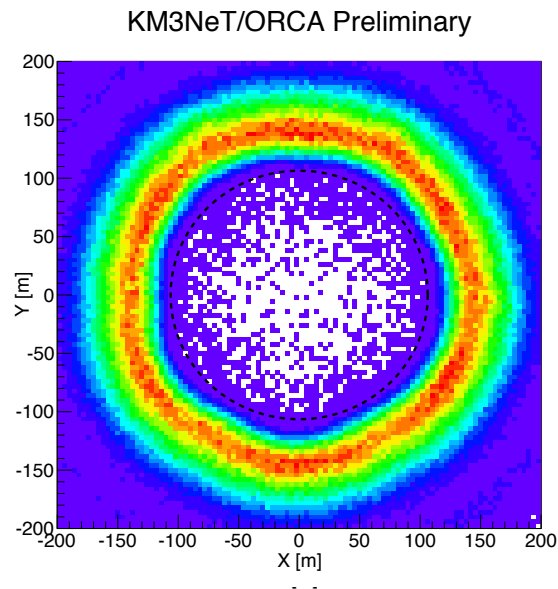
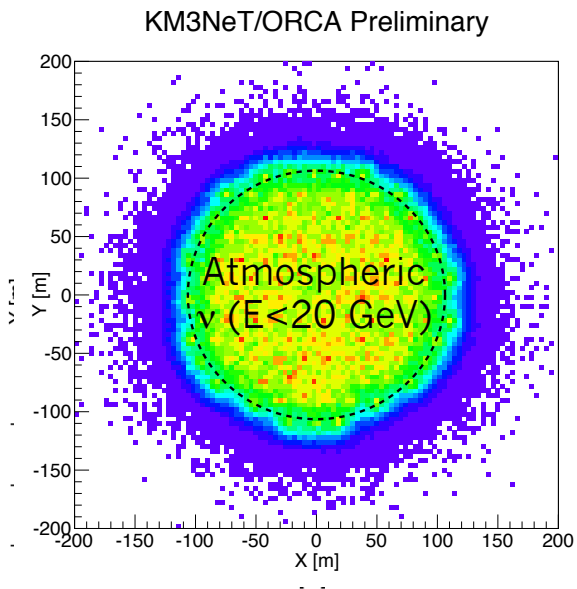


Energy resolution better than 25% in relevant range

close to Gaussian

# Atmospheric muon rejection

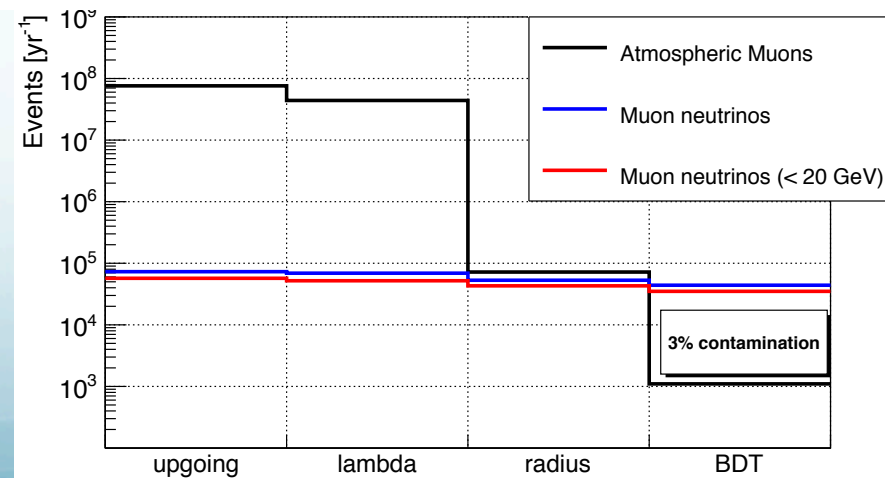
- Simulation based on MUPAGE (📖 Astropart. Phys. 25 (2006) 1) at depth 2475 m
- $\nu_\mu$  reconstruction: cut on the reconstructed pseudo-vertex and quality parameters + BDT



Instrumental  
veto not  
mandatory

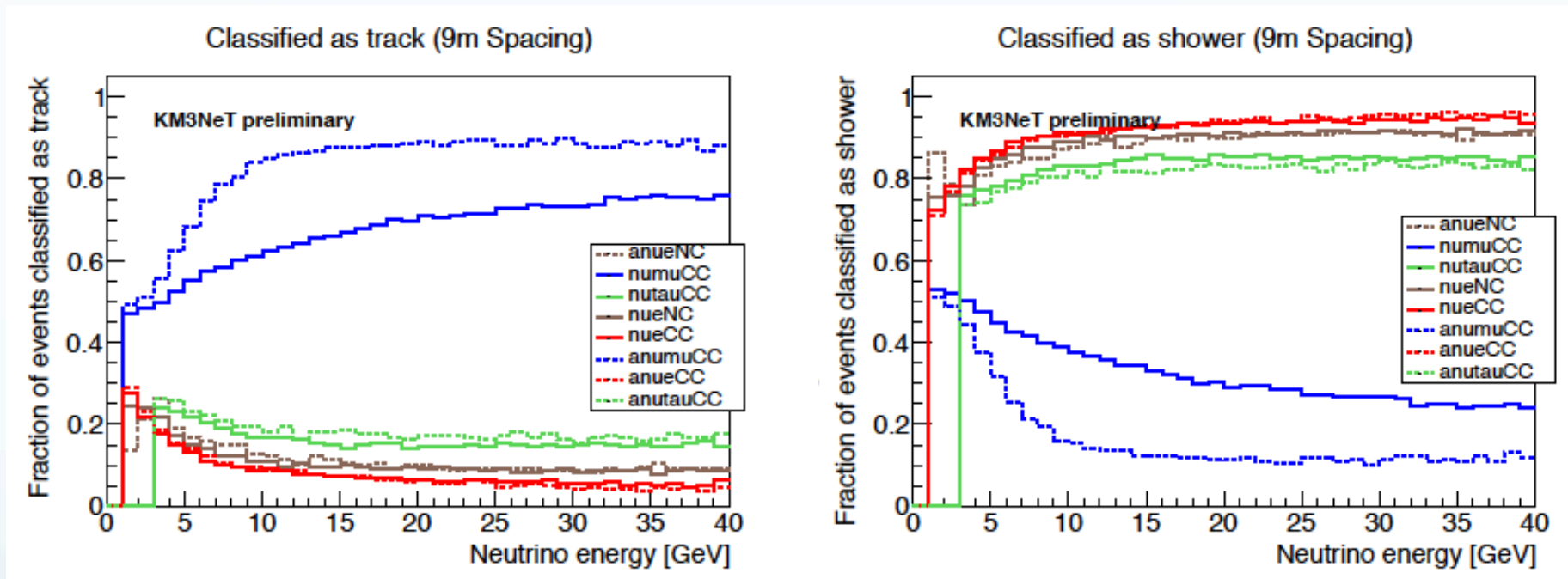
KM3NeT/ORCA Preliminary

Tunable few % contamination  
achievable without too strong  
signal loss





# Flavour (mis)-identification



- Discrimination of track-like ( $\nu_{\mu}^{CC}$ ) and cascade-like ( $\nu^{NC}$ ,  $\nu_e^{CC}$ ) events
- Classification uses “Random Decision Forest”
- Better than 80% above 10 GeV for all channels but  $\nu_{\mu}^{CC}$

# Sensitivity studies

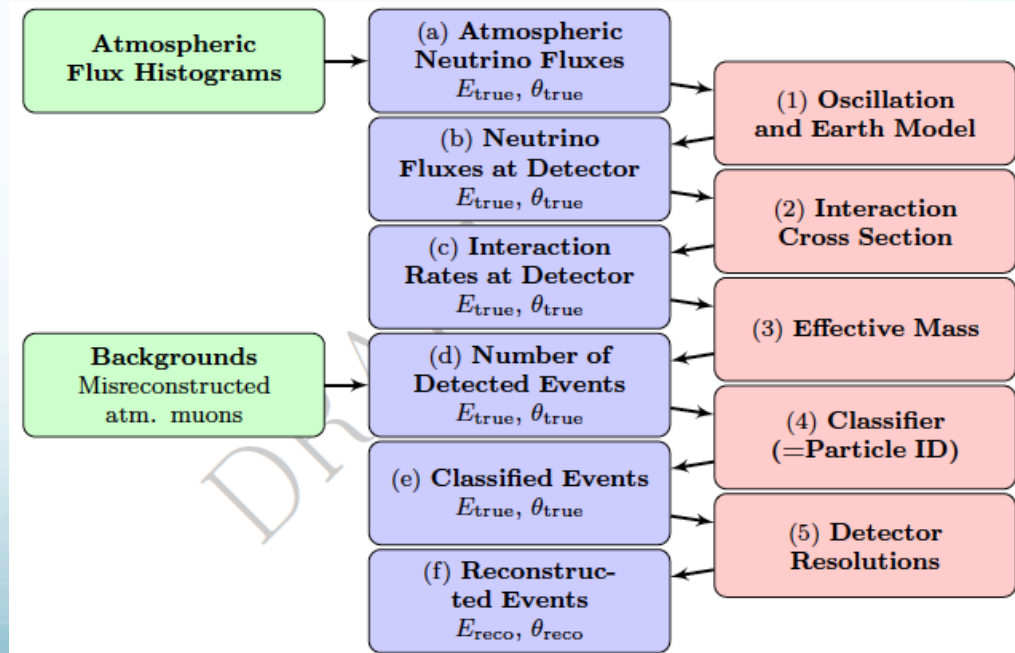
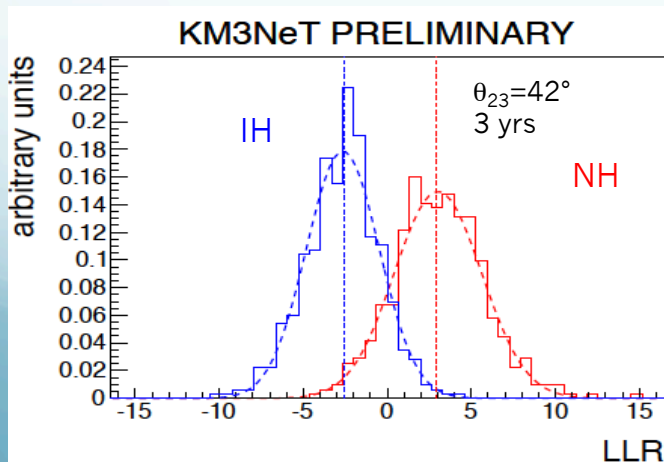
## Global Fit Approach

The performance of ORCA for the determination of the NMH is assessed by means of a likelihood ratio test:

$$\Delta \log(L^{\max}) = \sum_{\text{bins}} \log P(\text{data} | \hat{\theta}^{\text{NH}}, \text{NH}) - \log P(\text{data} | \hat{\theta}^{\text{IH}}, \text{IH})$$

$\hat{\theta}^{\text{H}} =$  Maximum likelihood estimates for  $\Delta m^2$ 's and angles.

- 1) fit mixing parameters assuming NH
- 2) fit mixing parameters assuming IH
- 3) compute  $\Delta \log L = \log( L(\text{NH})/L(\text{IH}) )$



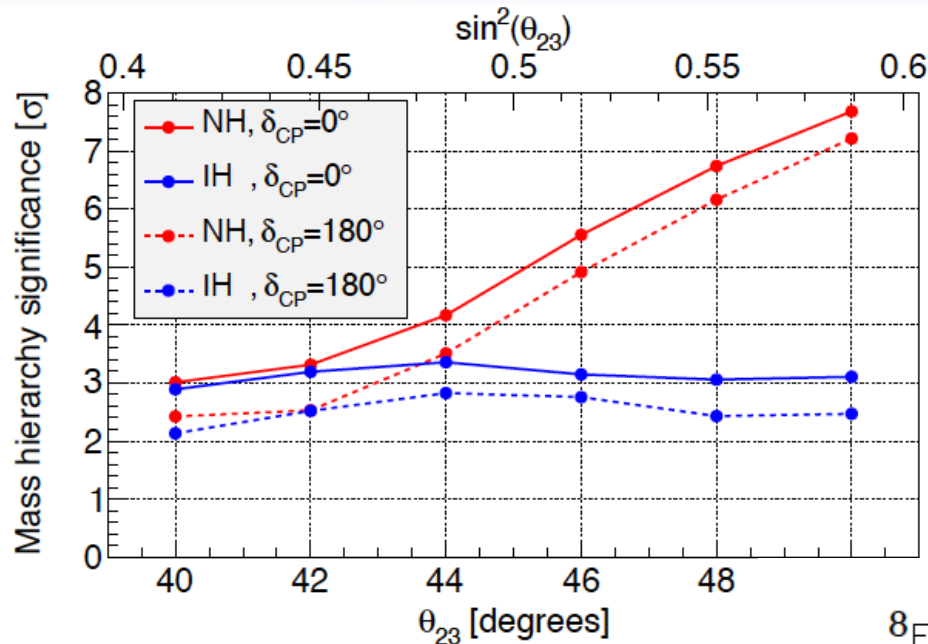
# Sensitivity studies

## Systematics

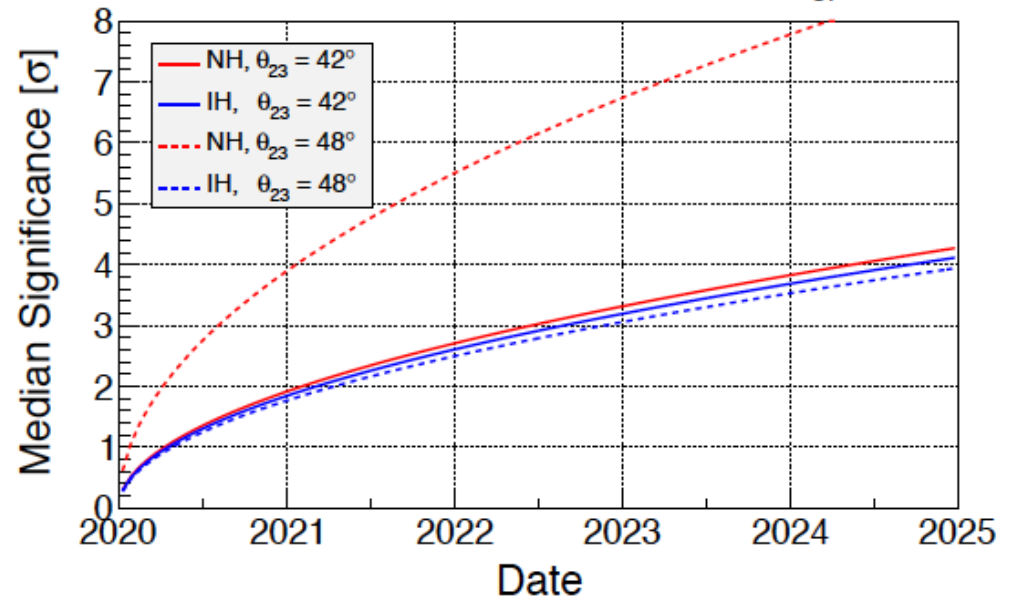
- Various systematic effects taking into account
  - Oscillation parameters
    - $\Delta m^2$ ,  $\theta_{12}$  fixed;  $\theta_{13}$  fitted within its error
    - $\Delta M^2$ ,  $\theta_{23}$ ,  $\delta_{CP}$   $\rightarrow$  fitted **unconstrained**
  - Flux, cross section, detector related
    - (average fluctuation w.r.t. nominal)
    - Overall normalisation (2.0%)
    - $\nu / \bar{\nu}$  ratio (4.0%)
    - e/ $\mu$  ratio (1.2%)
    - NC scaling (11.0%)
    - Energy slope (0.5%)
    - $\rightarrow$ Fitted **unconstrained**

Impact consistent with what (now) reported by PINGU

# Sensitivity to Neutrino Mass Hierarchy



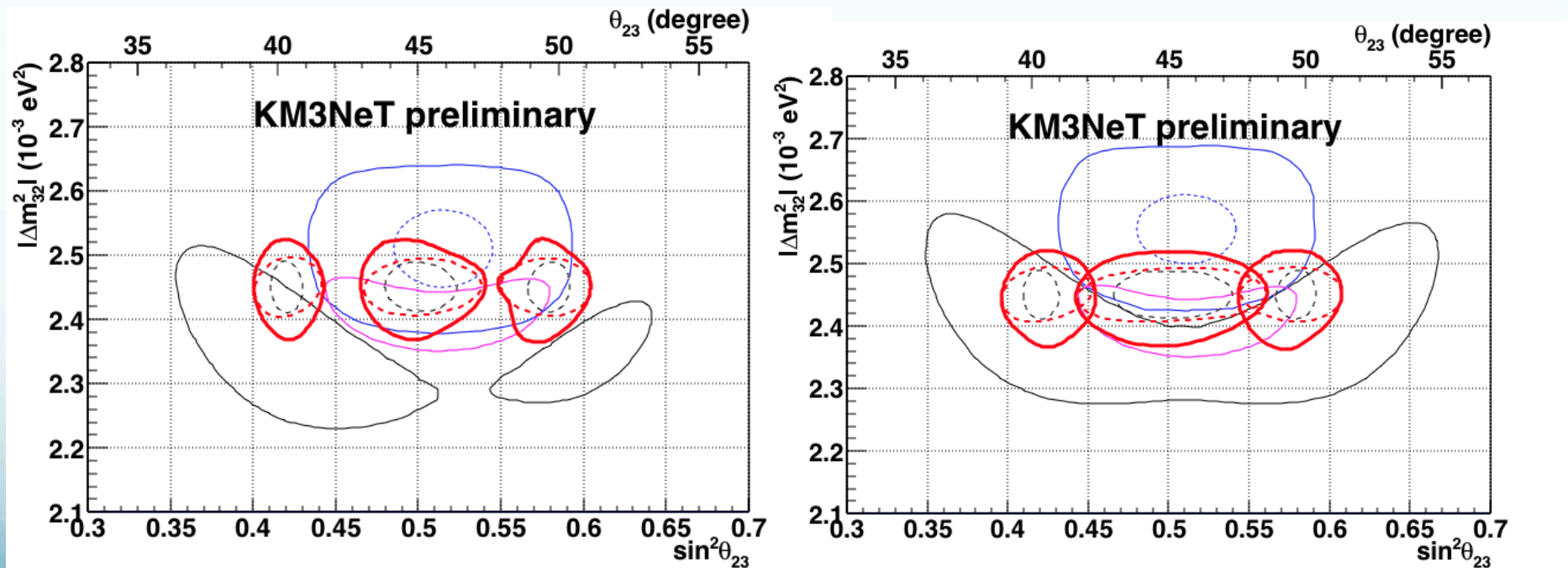
ORCA Mass Hierarchy Significance for  $\delta_{CP}=0^\circ$



# Sensitivity to PMNS parameters

3 year sensitivity to the atmospheric parameters

**ORCA:** red ellipses (solid/dashed=with/wo additional E scale)  
 1  $\sigma$  contour: 3% in  $\Delta M^2$ , 4-10% in  $\sin^2 \theta_{23}$



ORCA, MINOS, T2K, NovA 2020

# Additional ORCA physics topics

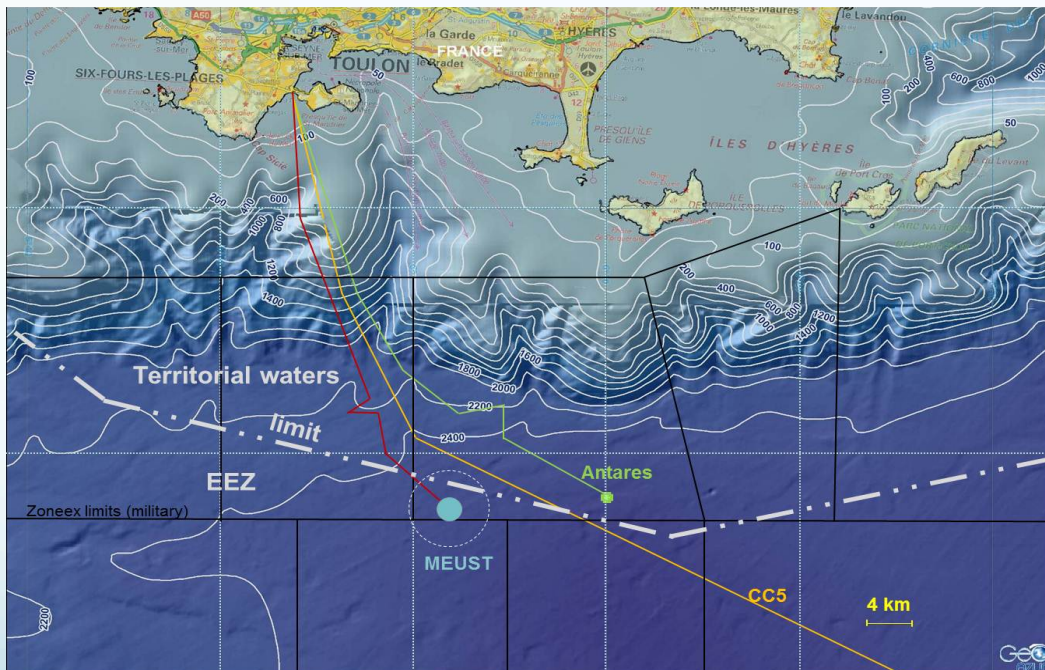
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- Sterile neutrinos & tau appearance
- Indirect Search for Dark Matter
- Earth tomography and composition
  - 📖 Gonzales-Garcia et al., Phys.Rev.Lett.100:061802,2008,
  - 📖 Agarwalla et al., arXiv:1212.2238v1
- Test NSI and other exotic physics
  - 📖 Ohlsson et al, Phys. Rev. D 88 (2013) 013001
  - 📖 Gonzales-Garcia et al., Phys.Rev. D71 (2005) 093010
- Sensitivity to CP phase (Threshold  $<1\text{GeV}$ , MH known)
  - 📖 Razzaque & Smirnov, arXiv:1406.1407
- Supernovae monitoring (takes advantage of new DOM features)
- Low Energy Neutrino Astrophysics
  - Gamma-ray bursts, Colliding Wind Binaries
    - 📖 J. Becker Tjus, arXiv:1405.0471 ...
- A Neutrino beam to ORCA (NMH and CP phase)
  - 📖 Lujan-Peschard et al, Eur. Phys. J. C (2013) 73:2439
  - 📖 Tang & Winter, JHEP 1202 (2012) 028
  - 📖 J. Brunner, AHEP, Volume 2013 (2013), Article ID 782538.

# ORCA timeline

**Phase 1 (funded- 11M€)** : deploy a 6 string array in the ORCA configuration to demonstrate detection method in the GeV range.

+ ANR DAEMONS [APC-CPPM-IPHC]



**Phase 2 (+40 M€)**: deploy 1 building block  
115 strings in French KM3NeT site  
Completion in 2020  
Funds: 9M€ (France)+5M€(Netherlands)+...



Main cable: Dec 2015



node: April 2016



ORCA string: June 2016

# Summary and perspectives (I)

- IceCube has just opened the field of neutrino astronomy suggesting a higher level of hadronic activity in the non-thermal universe than previously thought.  
→ Exciting times ahead !
- Sources remain to be identified.
- **ANTARES: first undersea Cherenkov detector**
  - Excellent angular resolution, view of Southern sky
  - Competitive sensitivities (especially for Galactic neutrino component, Dark matter searches)
  - Improvements still to come: include showers in all analyses
  - Taking data until superseded by KM3NeT in 2017
- **KM3NeT: phased approach to next-generation neutrino telescope**
  - Letter of Intent ready
  - Prototypes performing well
  - Deployment of the first detection unit (Phase 1).
  - **ARCA → HE neutrino astronomy (tracks & showers)**
  - **ORCA for the measurement of NMH**





# Summary and perspectives (II)

- Atmospheric Neutrinos have still a major role to play for precision measurements and determination of unknown parameters such as the mass hierarchy and the search for exotic phenomena.
- Proposed detectors include Iron Calorimeter, Liquid Argon and Cherenkov detectors. None of these projects being firmly funded.
- Low energy (GeV) extensions of Neutrino Telescopes may be faster and cheaper than other alternatives...
- ...but challenging, as systematics must be carefully controlled.
- Preliminary ORCA sensitivities are quite promising.
- Combination with LBL/reactor experiments may provide the first high significance MH determination...

