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# Astroparticle Physics at LNS

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# CSN2\* @LNS

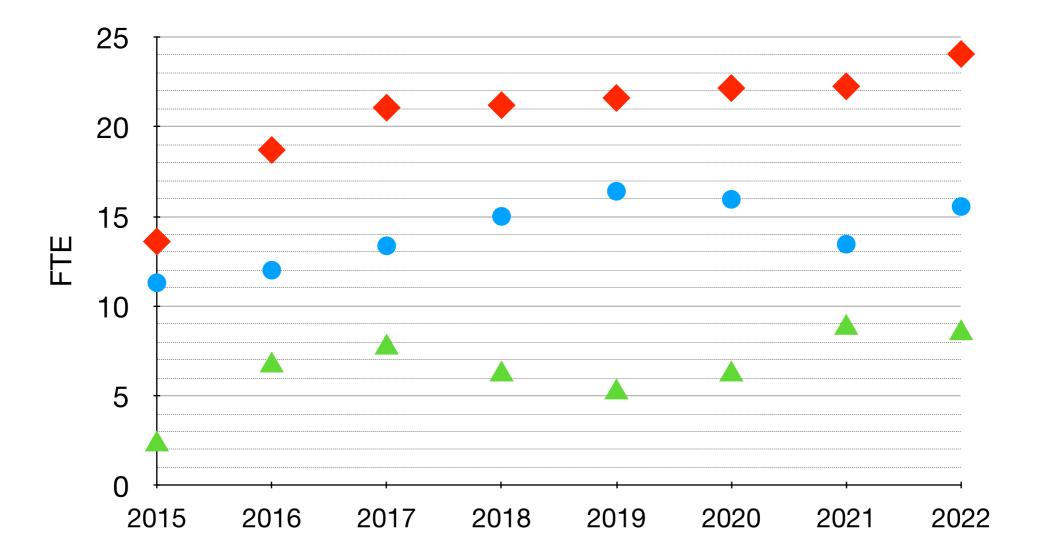
- 19 researchers (including associated professors from Uni-CT)
- 11 engineers
- 5 post-DOCs
- 3 retired (0 FTE)

- 5 experiments: large (>100 people) international collaborations
- Università di Sassari: associated group linked to LNS

\*CSN2 = INFN Astroparticle Committee

## Interest in astroparticle growing!

Res. A Eng. + Tot.



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# KM3

#### Loc. coord. Rosa Coniglione Nat'l coord. Giacomo Cuttone





## KM3NET

KM3NeT is a research infrastructure hosting two neutrino detectors in the Mediterranean Sea

- KM3NeT/ARCA (Astroparticle Research with Cosmics in the Abyss)
  - observation of high energy (GeV ÷ PeV) neutrino sources r a telescope offshore Capo Passero (Sicily-Italy) is in construction at a depth of 3500m
- KM3NeT/ORCA (Oscillation Research with Cosmics in the Abyss)
  - determination of the neutrino mass hierarchy r a detector offshore Toulon (France) able to detect neutrinos of tens of GeV is in construction at a depth of 2500m

### 1 collaboration 1 technology *-* 2 detectors

## **ESFRI Roadmap Mid-term Evaluation**

<u>https://www.esfri.eu/latest-esfri-news-project-landmarks-news/esfri-monitoring-2016 < https://www.esfri.eu/latest-esfri-news-project-landmarks-news/esfri-monitoring-2016></u>

#### 2016 ESFRI Projects

Overall conclusions and recommendations from the ESFRI monitoring exercise

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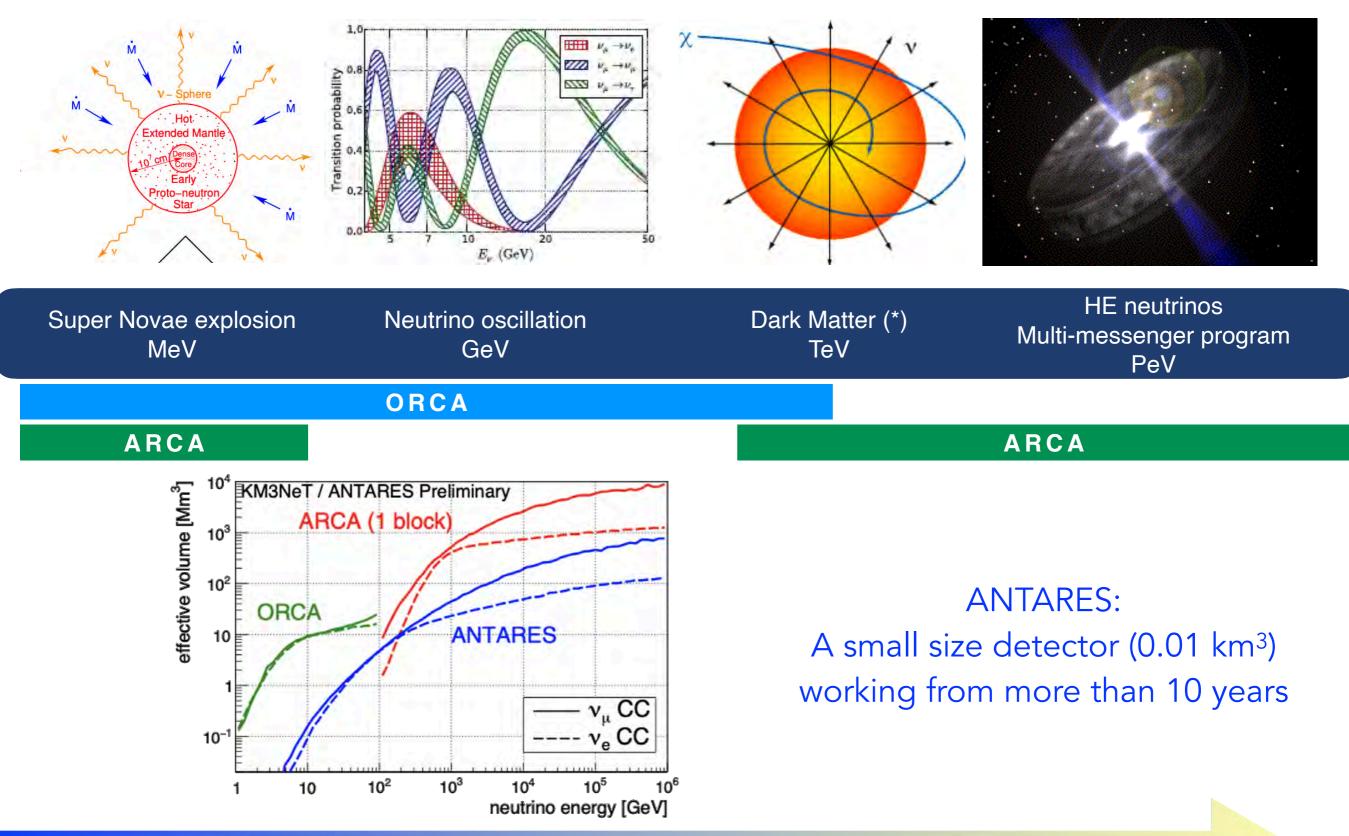
#### KM3 Neutrino Telescope 2.0 (KM3NeT)

The ESFRI WGs consider that KM3NeT project has been developing very well toward implementation in the 10-year framework. The WGs do not identify any critical issues. A particular recommendation highlights the need to keep the timeline of the project, since the scientific impact is expected to be very significant if the project is implemented on time.

MONITORING OF ESFRI 2016 PROJECTS							
	cientific Case	mplementation Case	Overall				
CTRIS	High	High	High				
ANUBIUS	ledium/High	Medium	Medium				
RIHS	Medium	Medium	Medium				
ST	High	Medium	Medium/High				
MPHASIS	tedium/High	Medium/High	Medium/High				
M3NeT	Very High	High	ligh/Very High				

- ACTRIS Aerosols, Clouds and Trace gases Research Infrastructure (Main SWG: Environment)
- DANUBIUS-RI International Centre for Advanced Studies on River-Sea Systems (Main SWG: Environment)
- EMPHASIS European Infrastructure for Multi-scale Plant Phenomics and Simulation (Main SWG: Health & Food)
- E-RIHS European Research Infrastructure for Heritage Science (Main SWG: Social and Cultural Innovation)
- EST European Solar Telescope (Main SWG: Physical Sciences & Engineering)
- KM3Net KM3 Neutrino Telescope 2.0 (Main SWG: Physical Sciences & Engineering)

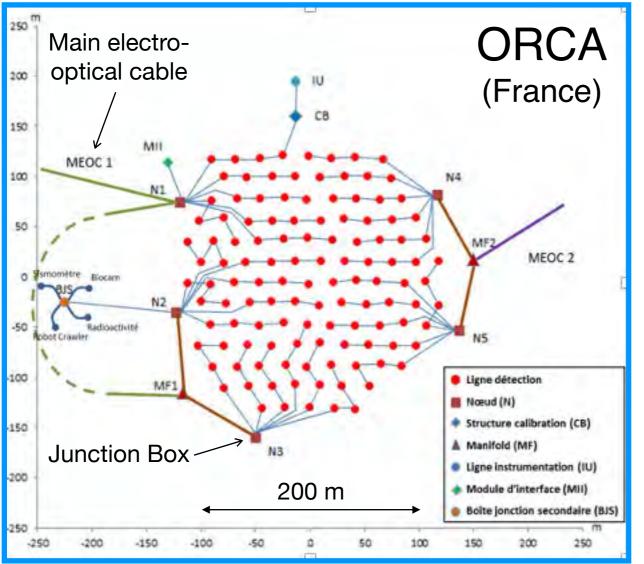
## The physics case



Neutrino Energy from MeV to PeV

# The neutrino telescopes of KM3NeT

**ORCA: Oscillation Research with Cosmics in the Abyss** 

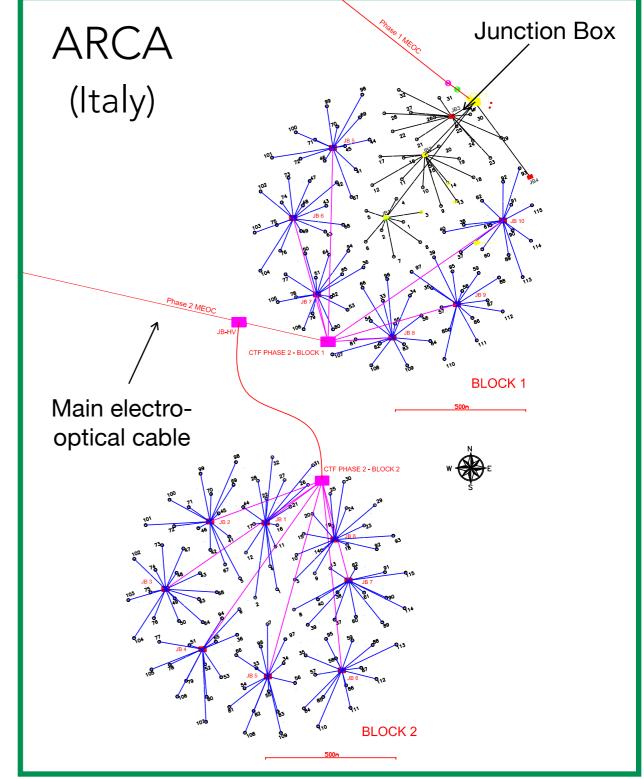


- 1 Building Block
- 115 Detection Units (DU), interspacing ~20 m
- 18 Digital Optical Modules (DOM) per DU, inter-DOM spacing 9 m
- Active volume  $\approx$  7 Mton
- 2500 m depth, close to Toulon

# The neutrino telescopes of KM3NeT

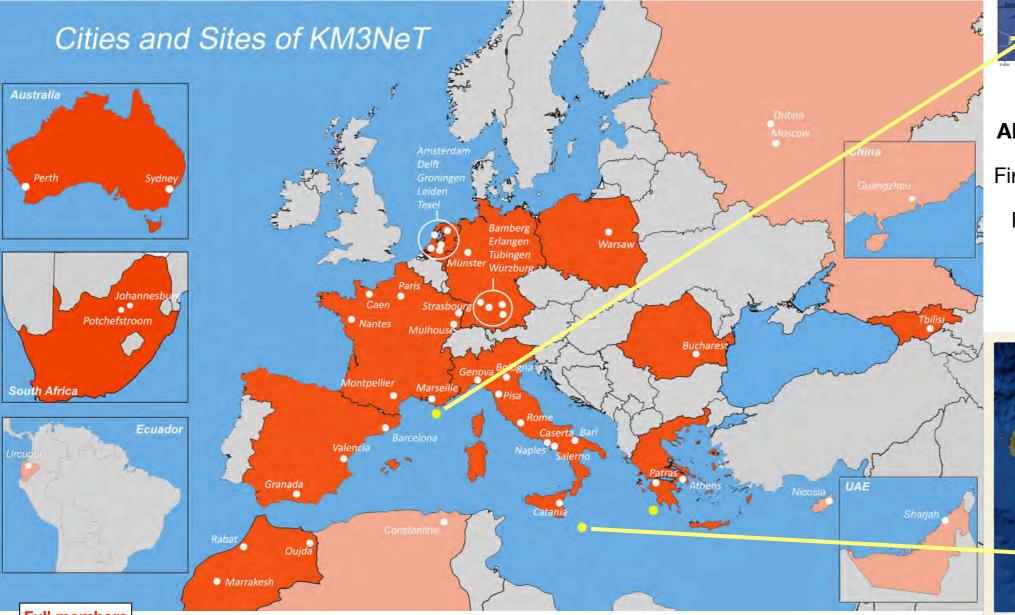
**ARCA: Astroparticle Research with Cosmics in the Abyss** 

- 2 Building Blocks
- 115 Detection Units each, interspacing ~90 m
- 18 Digital Optical Modules (DOM) per DU, inter-DOM spacing 36 m
- Total active volume 1 km<sup>3</sup>,  $\approx$  500 Mton/block
- 3500 m depth, SE the Sicilian coasts
- 2 Main Electro-Optical Cables (MEOC) for connection to shore of a network of 9+8 junction boxes and inter-link cables



# The KM3NeT collaboration

### 56 institutes in 17 countries



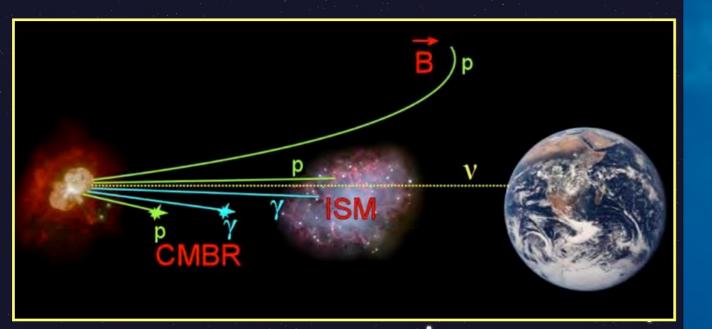
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ANTARES in operation since 2008 First-generation neutrino telescope Instrumented volume ~10 Mton



Full members Observers

## Neutrino Astrophysics in the Mediterranean Sea



- Origin of Cosmic Rays
- Neutral messengers point back to their sources
  - Neutrons are short-lived, photons are likely to interact ⇒ Neutrinos as cosmic probe
- Neutrinos are produced at sources via hadronic interactions
  - Cosmic diffuse flux
  - Point-like sources
  - Multi-messenger approach

- Detection principle: large volume of transparent medium instrumented with PMTs
- Located in the Northern Hemisphere
  - Complementary to IceCube
  - Southern sky sources, "Milky-Way optimised"
- Medium: Deep Sea Water
  - Very small light scattering = good angular resolution
  - Natural background (<sup>40</sup>K and bioluminescence) taken into account.

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# **KM3NeT Technology in a nutshell**

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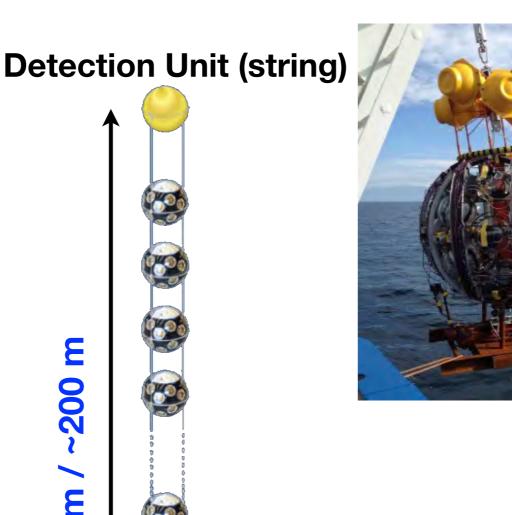
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700 m /

#### **Digital Optical Module**

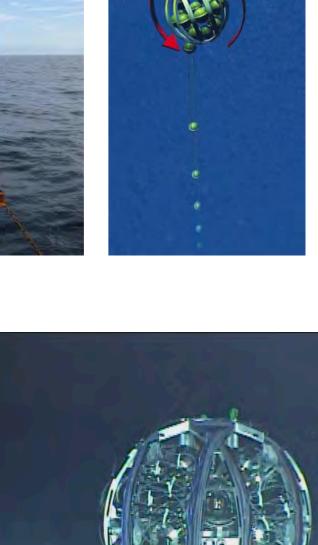


- DOM: 31 x 3" PMTs
- Digital photon counting
- Directional information
- Wide acceptance angle
- All data to shore
- Gbit/s on optical fiber
- **Custom White Rabbit**
- 18 DOMs / String

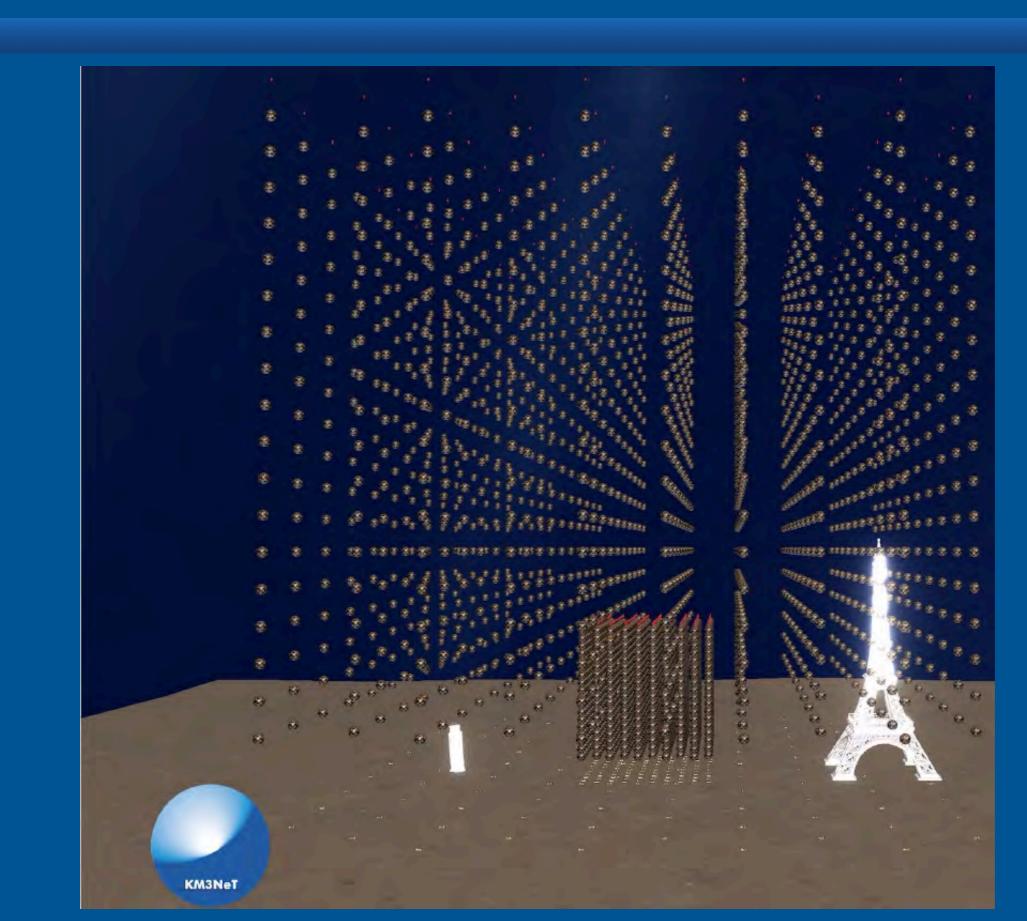


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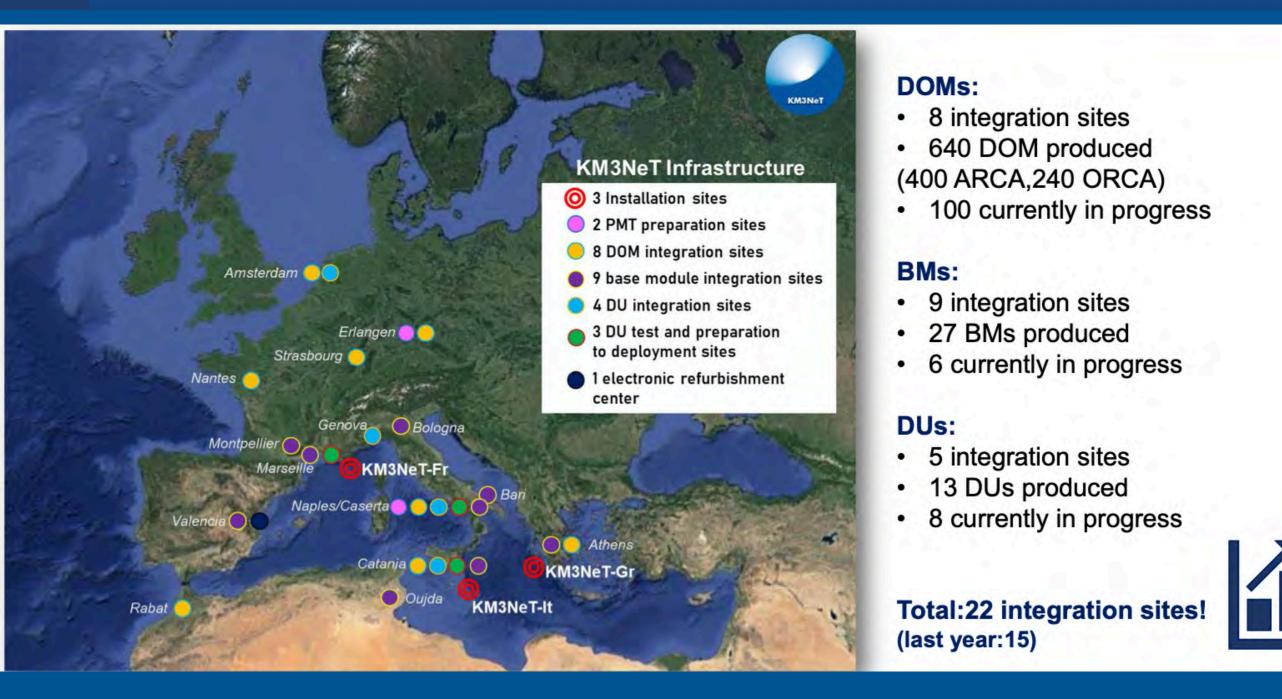
- Unfurling by autonomous ROV
- Rapid deployment
- Multiple strings in one sea campaign



## THE KM3NET DETECTORS



## THE DETECTOR CONSTRUCTION



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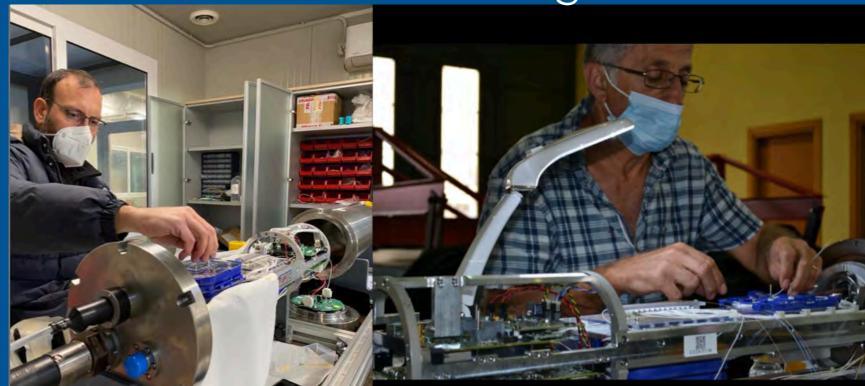
- BM integration site (resp. G. Larosa)
- DU integration site (resp. P. Sapienza)
- Alla Sezione Catania
- DOM integration site (resp. E. Leonora)

## THE INTEGRATION

### DOM integration



### Base Module integration



## THE INTEGRATION





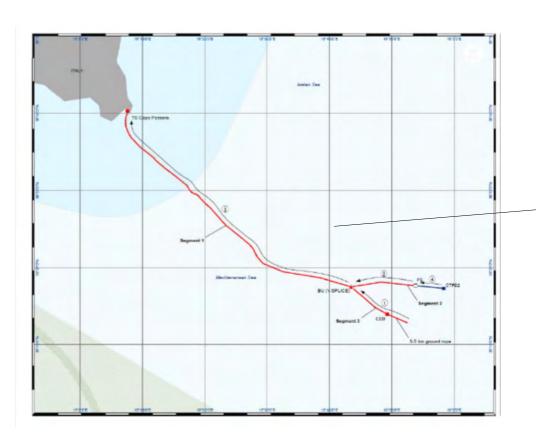


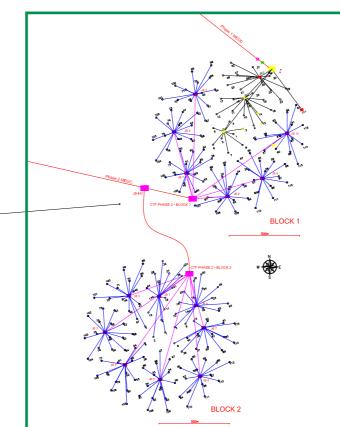
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## **ARCA Status**

### Nov 2020: Successful laying of the second MEOC







With two main cables it is possible to connect the full ARCA detector (2 building blocks)

#### **A: Construction Phase** OKRDEMOKRITOS DEMOKRITOSOKRITOS ARCA **ARCA6** ARCA1 **ARCA2 ARCA1** CA1 AR electrical problem in 000 0 0 0 0 0 0 000 00000000000 000000000 00000000000000 000000 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 000000000000 00000000000 AA QOO upgrade of the seabed infrastructure shore station 2016 2017 2019 2020 2021 // 2021 wle/EventFiles/New.Sel3.Run9332.2021.20.04.23.42.44.200.is copm in2r Tue, 20 Apr 2021 23:42:44 ۲ • 28 0 0 0 0 \* \* \* \* 4016800 N ٠ 0 4016700 N Atm. µ

**Phase-1 completion = 32 Detection Units** 

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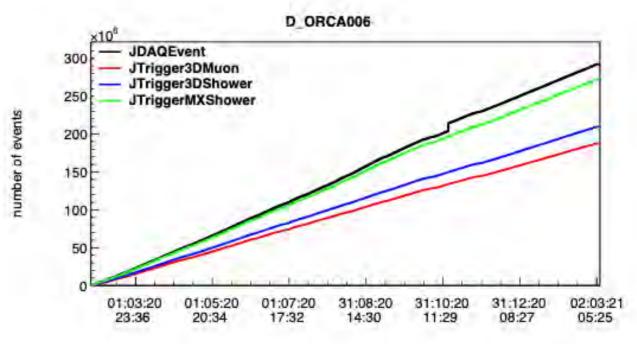
## **ORCA** STATUS

#### From February 2020 six detection units in operation

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## THIS WEEK: A campaign for deployment of +7 Detection Units!

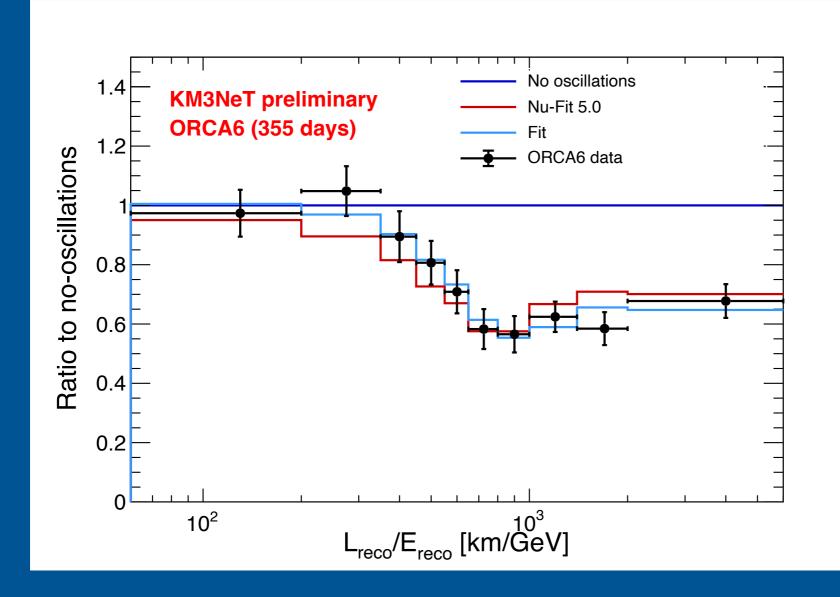
# More than one year of data available



Data Taking efficiency of 98.8%

### ORCA FIRST RESULTS

#### ORCA6



no-oscillation hypothesis disfavoured at ~ 6 sigma

#### Very good agreement Data /MC

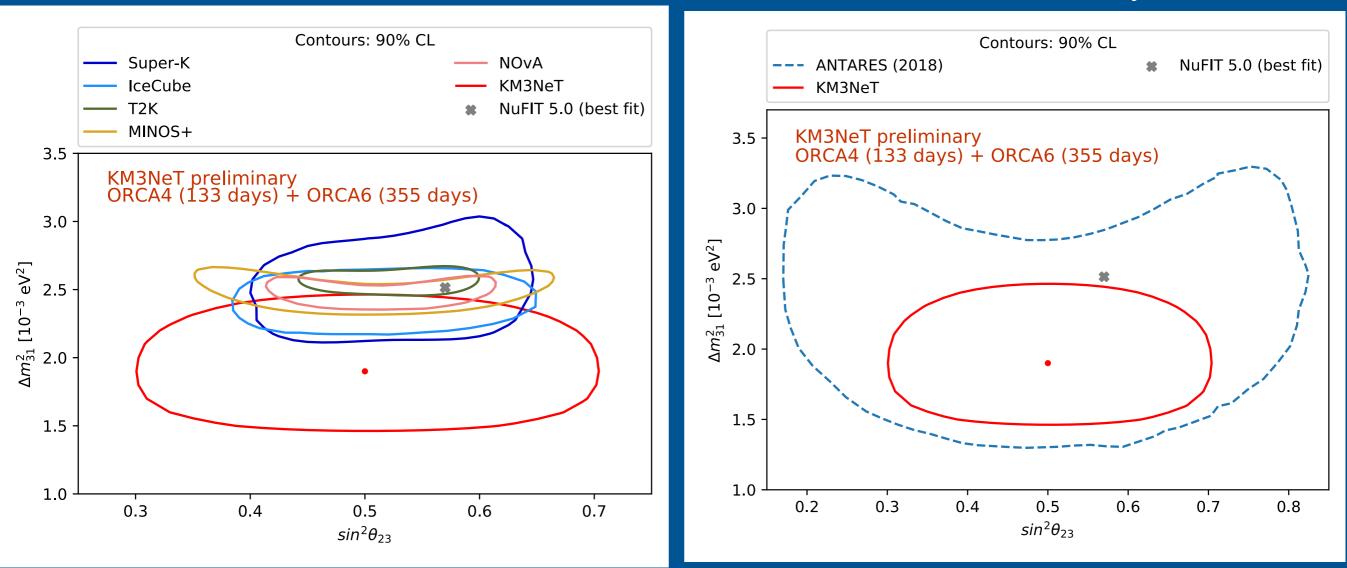
We see neutrino oscillation

### **ORCA6 FIRST RESULTS**

#### To be presented at ICRC2021

#### ORCA6

Antares 8 years of data



Results competitive with the other experiments even with a small size detector

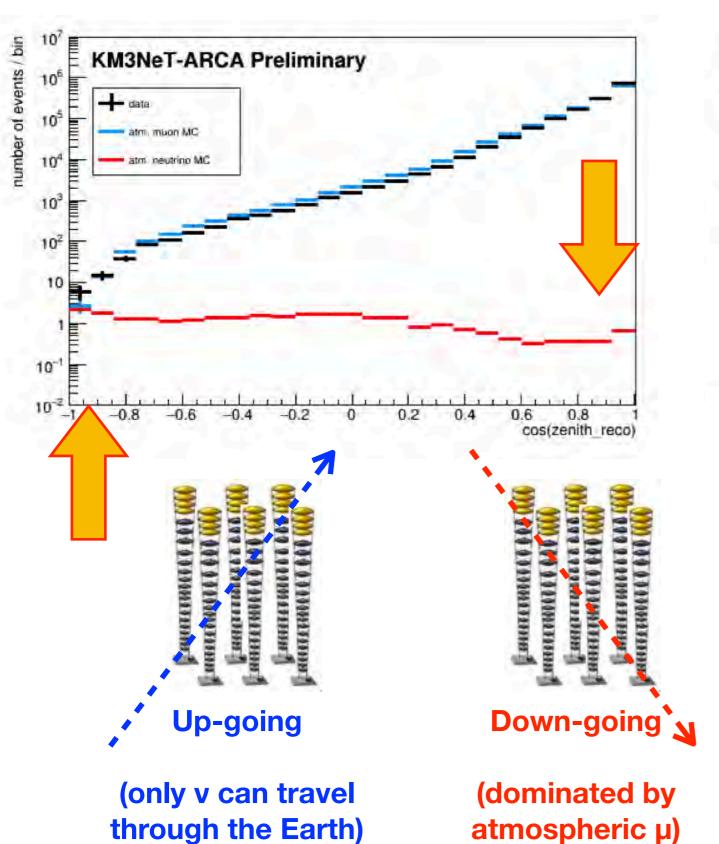
Much better than Antares after about 1 year of data taking

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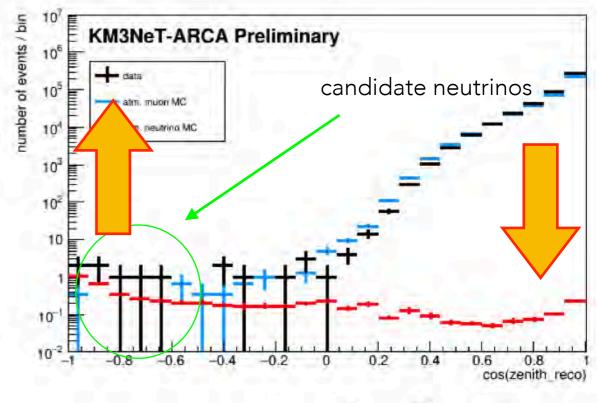
## ARCA6: FIRST RESULTS

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#### Data: 19 days ARCA 6 strings

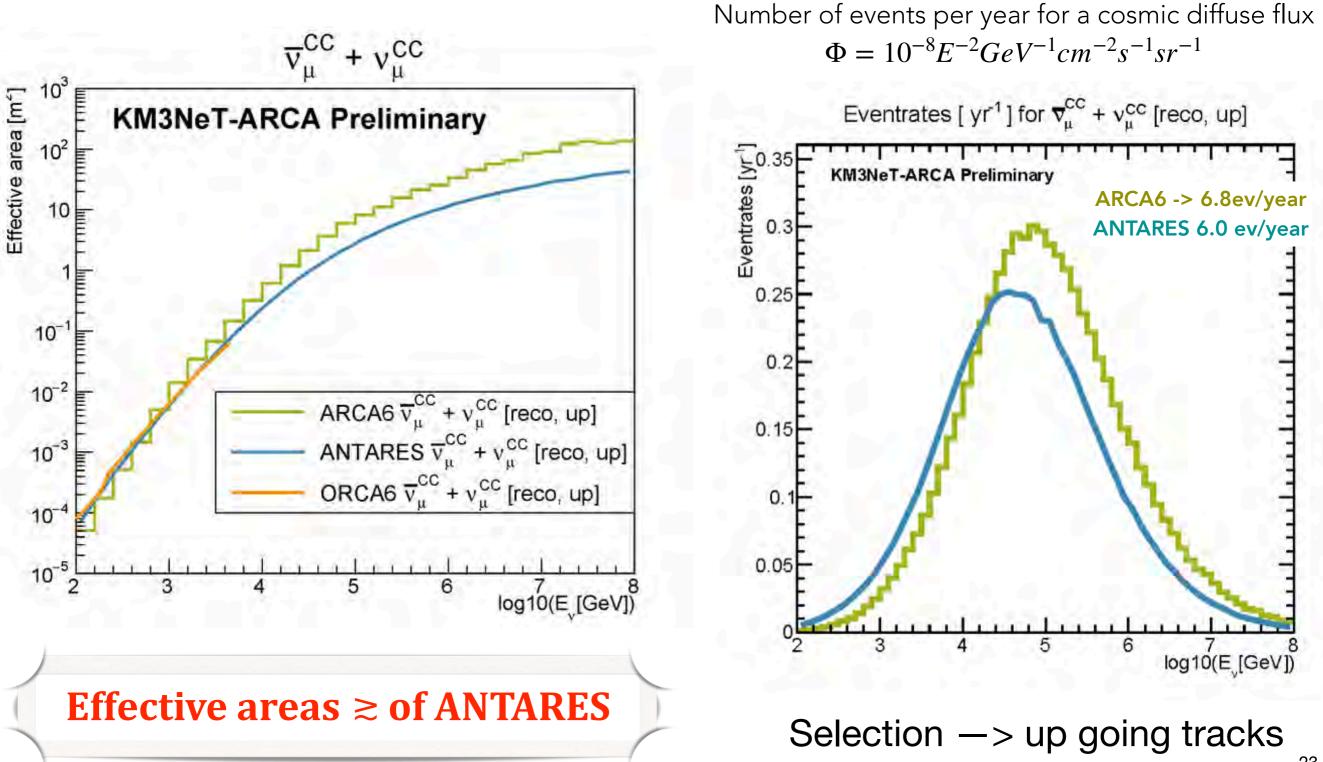


#### Quality cuts applied to select upgpoing-neutrinos



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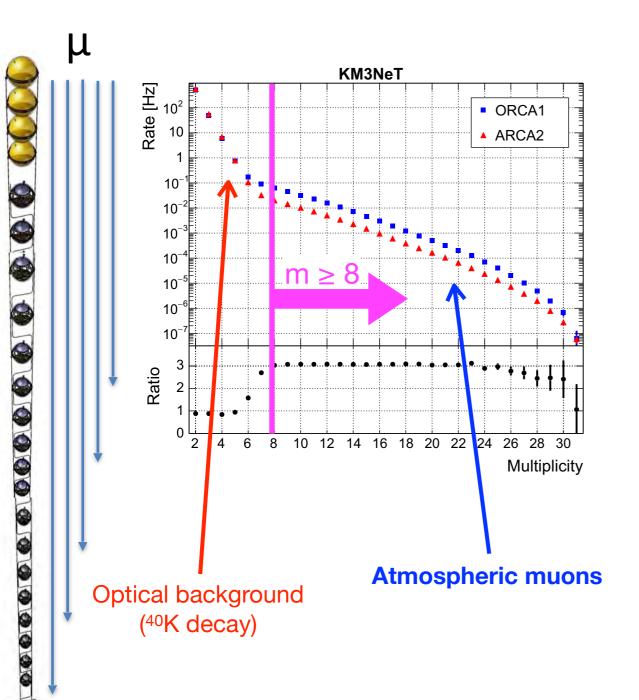
## **KM3NeT Effective Areas** ARCA6 + ORCA6 compared to ANTARES



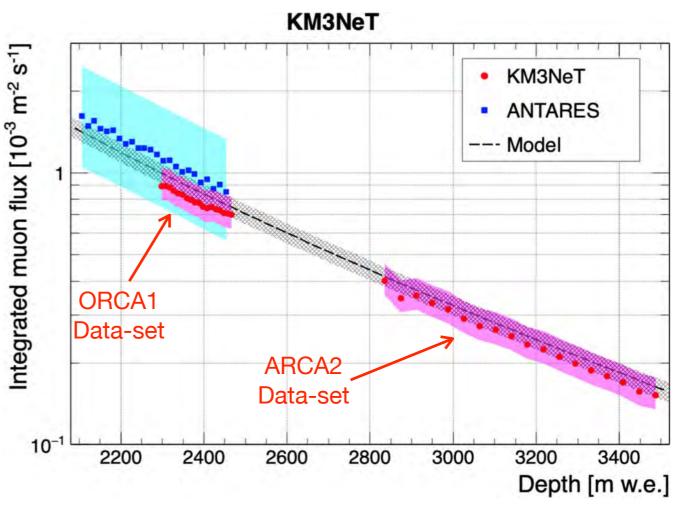
ARCA2

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## Atmospheric muon flux ARCA2 + ORCA1

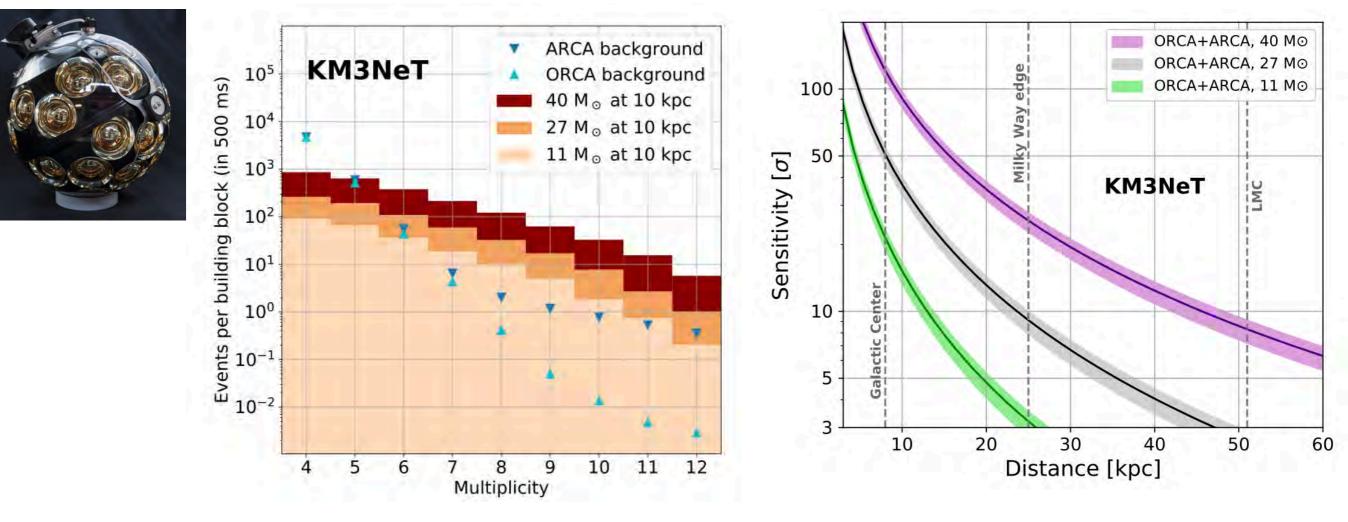


- Single-DOM measurement
- Useful to validate the calibration process
- Results compared with ANTARES and Bugaev model



# **Core Collapse Supernovae**

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ORCA 1 BB + ARCA 1BB

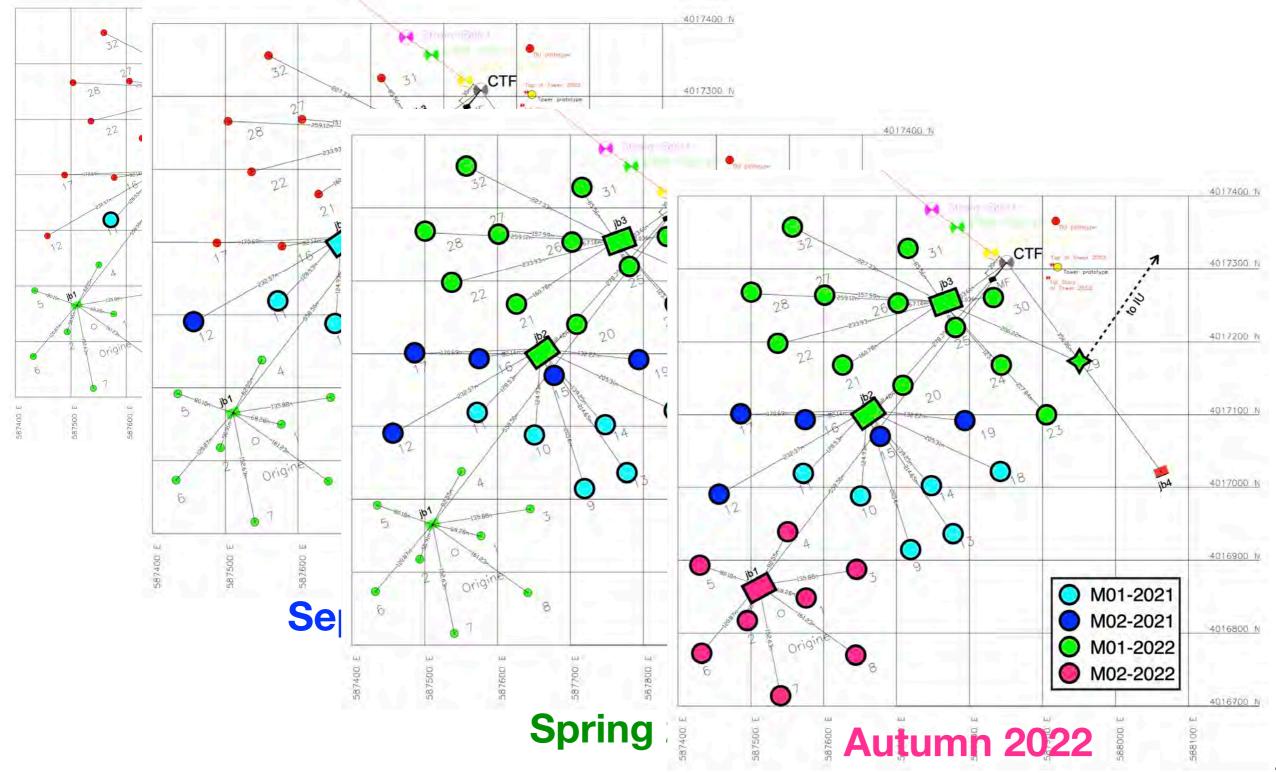
 $> 5\sigma$  for ARCA+ORCA for  $27M_{\odot}$ 

at a distance < 25 kpc

ARCA6+ORCA6 already sensitive to 60% of Galactic CCSNe (<11 kpc) Joint real time trigger operational for SNEWS since early 2019

## Next steps

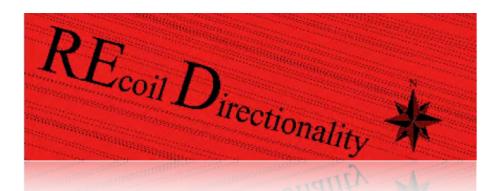
### Planned ARCA sea campaigns



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# DarkSide

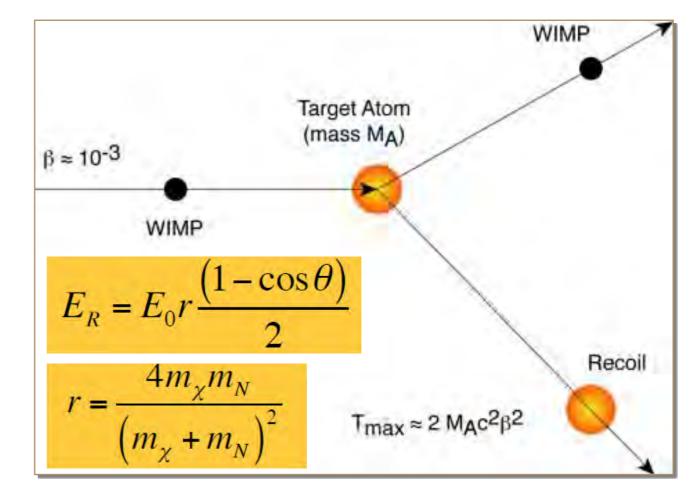
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## Physics background

- Search for dark matter in the form of Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs), using a dual-phase TPC with low-radioactivity LAr
  - WIMP is a favourite candidate, but there are many others
- <u>Signature</u>: low energy (< 100 keV) nuclear recoil produced by WIMP elastic scattering
  - <u>Backgrounds</u>: e<sup>-</sup> recoils, neutron-induced recoils
  - Global effort worldwide:
    - Rates in the range from 10<sup>-1</sup> to 10<sup>-6</sup> events / (kg·day)
    - next generation experiments should eventually reach exposures in the range of kton day
    - Need very low background level (and underground site)



# DS activities@ LNS

- Main involvement is in the ReD project, whose goals are:
  - demonstrate that a dual phase LAr TPC has a potential sensitivity to the direction of Ar recoil;
  - characterize the response of the LAr TPC to very low-energy recoils (< few keV) → recently became a hot topic (S2-only)</li>
  - act as a test bench of the technical solutions for DarkSide-20k TPC
- Nuclear recoils of known directions can be produced by neutron elastic scattering
- Beam at LNS: we hosted the measurement by delivering a neutron beam via <sup>7</sup>Li+p reaction and by taking care of the logistics; provide the ΔE/E Si Telescope
  - Beam run (tailored to *directionality*): done in February 2020 (<sup>7</sup>Li beam)
- During the **beam stop**:
  - run a dedicated calibration with a fission neutron source (<sup>252</sup>Cf) → focus on low-energy recoils
  - Cooperation with the DarkSide group @Sezione

## Timeline of the ReD project – three phases **TPC** (Naples) Commissioning and characterization Monte Carlo Measurement (LNS) Analysis «Directionality» phase Monte Carlo and preparation «Low-energy» phase Measurement (Ct) 2021 2019 2020

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# Phase 1 – Commissioning (Naples)

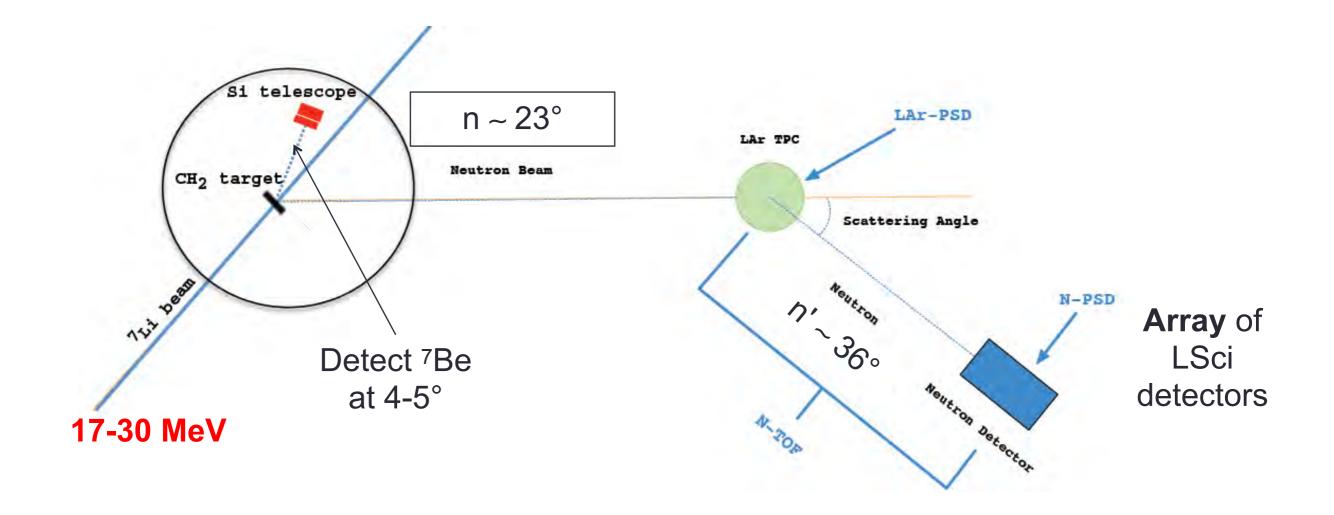
- TPC Commissioning (at INFN Naples)
- Key results:
  - System (w/ cold SiPM) stable for many months (< 1% rms in SER)</li>
  - Light response good 9.80(21) PE/keV at <sup>241</sup>Am and stable (< 2%)</li>
  - TPC performance (g1, g2,  $\sigma_{S2/S1}$ ) appropriate for the directionality runs
  - g1 and g2, S1-S2 anti-correlation, fit of recombination model
- Paper available with the summary of results
  - arXiv 2106.13168 (June 24th)
  - submitted to Eur. Phys. J. C

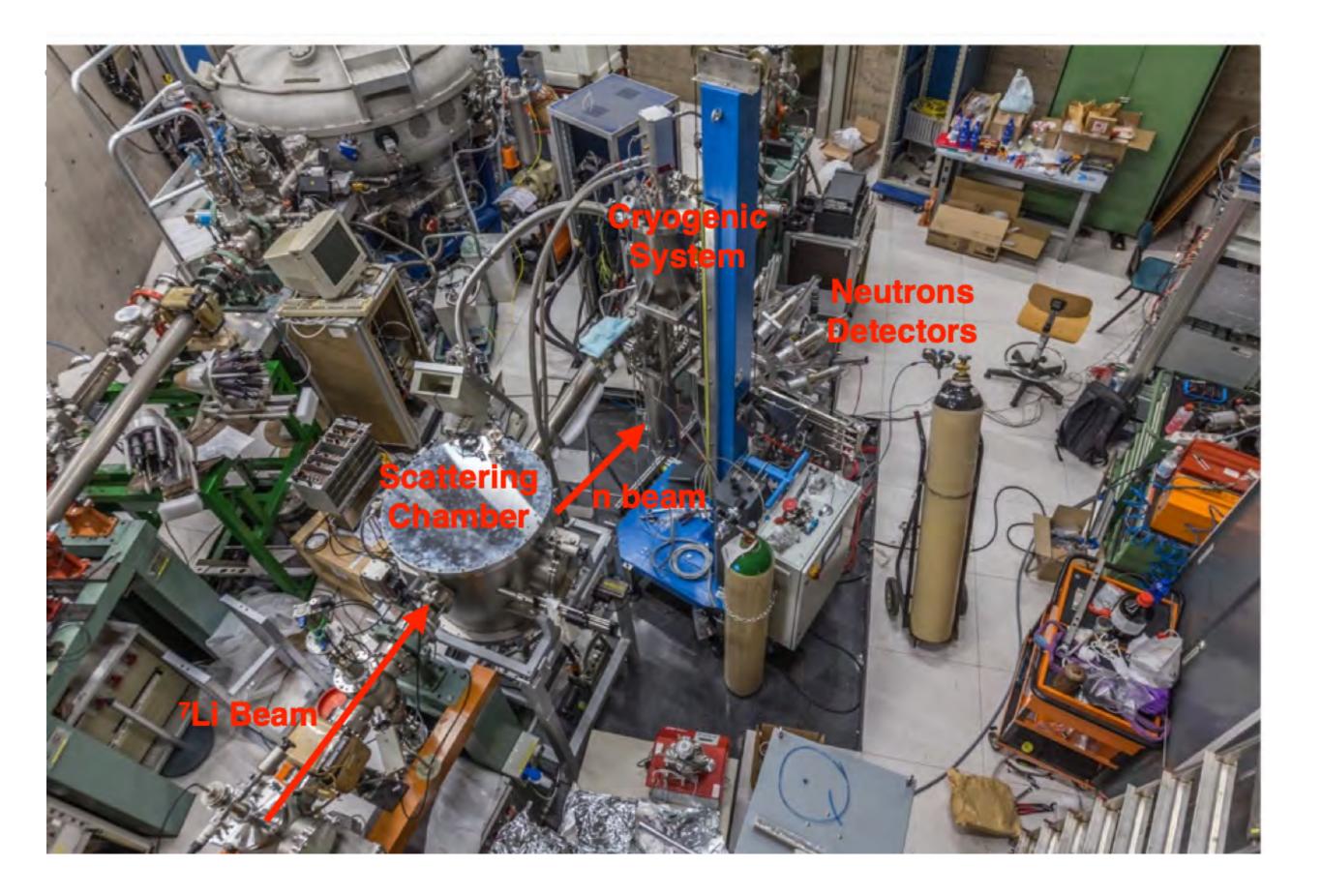
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Performance of the ReD TPC, a novel double-phase LAr detector with Silicon Photomultiplier Readout

## ReD measurement@LNS – recap

- Use a neutron beam produced via p(7Li,n)
  - TANDEM accelerator at LNS, Catania
- Detect the associate particle (<sup>7</sup>Be) and ToF to tag neutron energy event by event (fixed by kinematics)

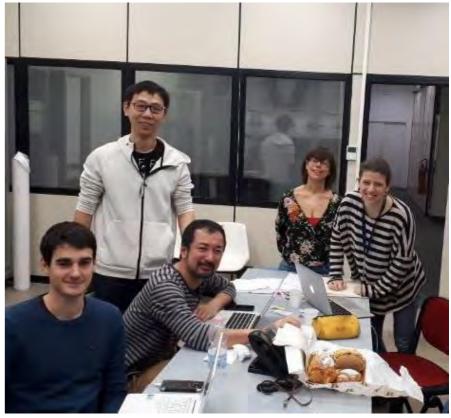


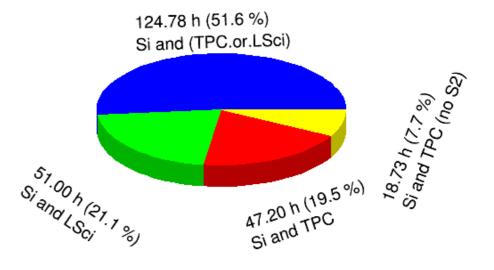


## Phase 2– Directionality run (LNS)

- Neutron beam run at LNS, shortly before the lockdown (Feb 1<sup>st</sup> to Feb 14<sup>th</sup>)
- In total, 124 runs are selected for the final analysis
  - Total time: 241.7 h (= 10.07 days)
- Daily calibrations with laser and <sup>241</sup>Am
  - Special laser runs w/ source and beam on
- Data analysis finalized, under internal review
- Report results about directionality in a scientific paper
  - Submit abstracts and presents results (or at least appetizers) in the fall conferences







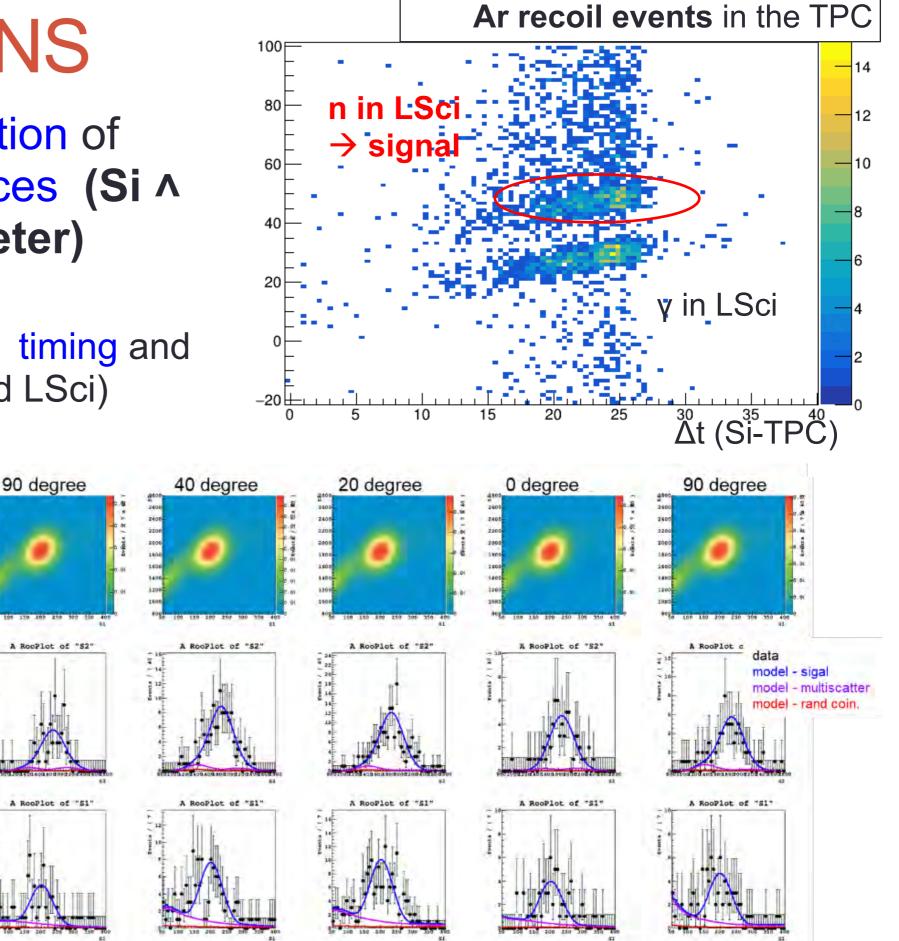
# ReD run @ LNS

- Very clean identification of three-fold coincidences (Si ^ TPC ^ n-Spectrometer) events
  - based on: <sup>7</sup>Be tagging, timing and possibly PSD (TPC and LSci)

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projection

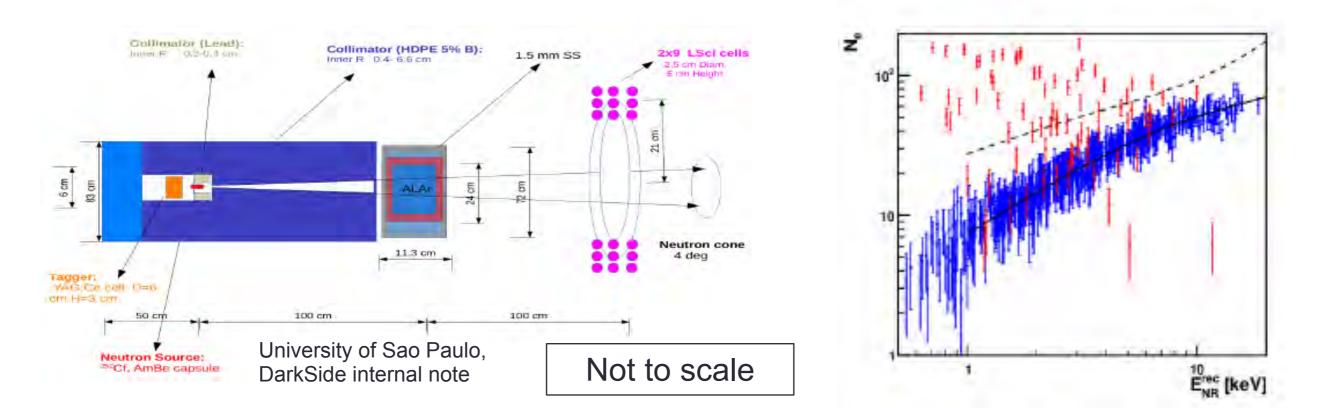
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Statistical analysis (unbinned likelihood)

## Phase 3 – Low-energy phase (INFN-Ct)

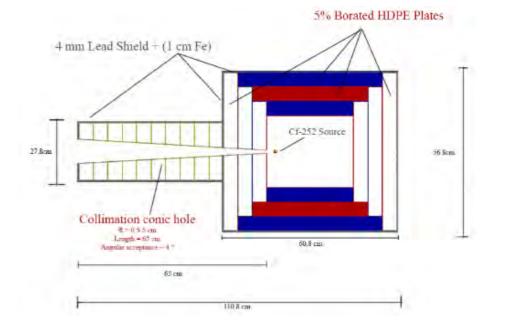
- Low-energy recoil measurements (< few keV) by using neutrons from a <sup>252</sup>Cf fission source
  - Neutrons O(2 MeV), more appropriate for  $E_{rec} \sim few \ keV$
  - Directionality not possible
  - Use close fission tagger (BaF<sub>2</sub>) and time of flight
- Implement conceptual design from Sao Paulo group
  - Neutron spectrometer to detect neutrons scattered off-Ar re-designed
    - Use 1-inch plastic scintillators, instead of 3-inch liquid scintillators



## Phase 3 – Low-energy phase

- ReD setup moved to INFN Sezione di Catania to continue the programme
- Plan 2-3 weeks of data taking with <sup>252</sup>Cf and 4-6 weeks of background →fall of 2021
  - Expected O(1) cpm of triple-coincidences (1.5 MBq source)
- Sensitivity down to  $2-5 \text{ keV}_{NR}$ 
  - Limited by accidental coincidences
  - Possible improvements but need bigger TPC and better layout
    - Application submitted for a PRIN
- Calibrate with <sup>37</sup>Ar and <sup>83m</sup>Kr before warm-up
  - Response to ER in the same energy range
  - Slipping to 2022





## **URANIA Facility**

- The URANIA plant will extract and purify the underground Ar (low in <sup>39</sup>Ar) from the CO<sub>2</sub> wells at the Kinder Morgan Doe Canyon Facility, Colorado
  - Plant built at the Company site
  - 95% completed
- Expected production: 50 tons
  - To be purified and further depleted by distillation in the ARIA facility
- LNS actively involved in the design and construction of the plant (G. Schillaci)





# Nu\_at\_FNAL

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## NU\_AT\_FNAL

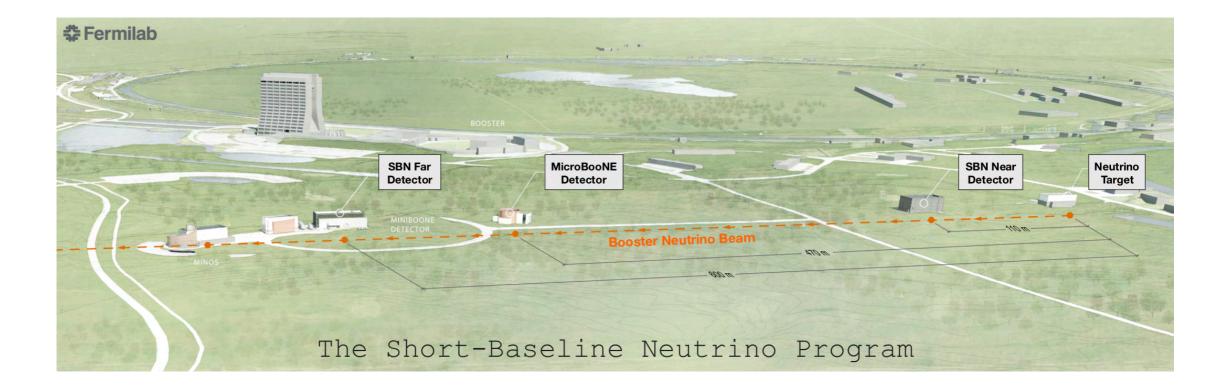
Research program funded by CSN2, including two experiments related to neutrino physics at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (FNAL):

SBN (Short Baseline Neutrino) Experiment  $\rightarrow$  sterile neutrinos (eV-scale)

DUNE (Deep Underground Neutrino) Experiment  $\rightarrow$  CP violation

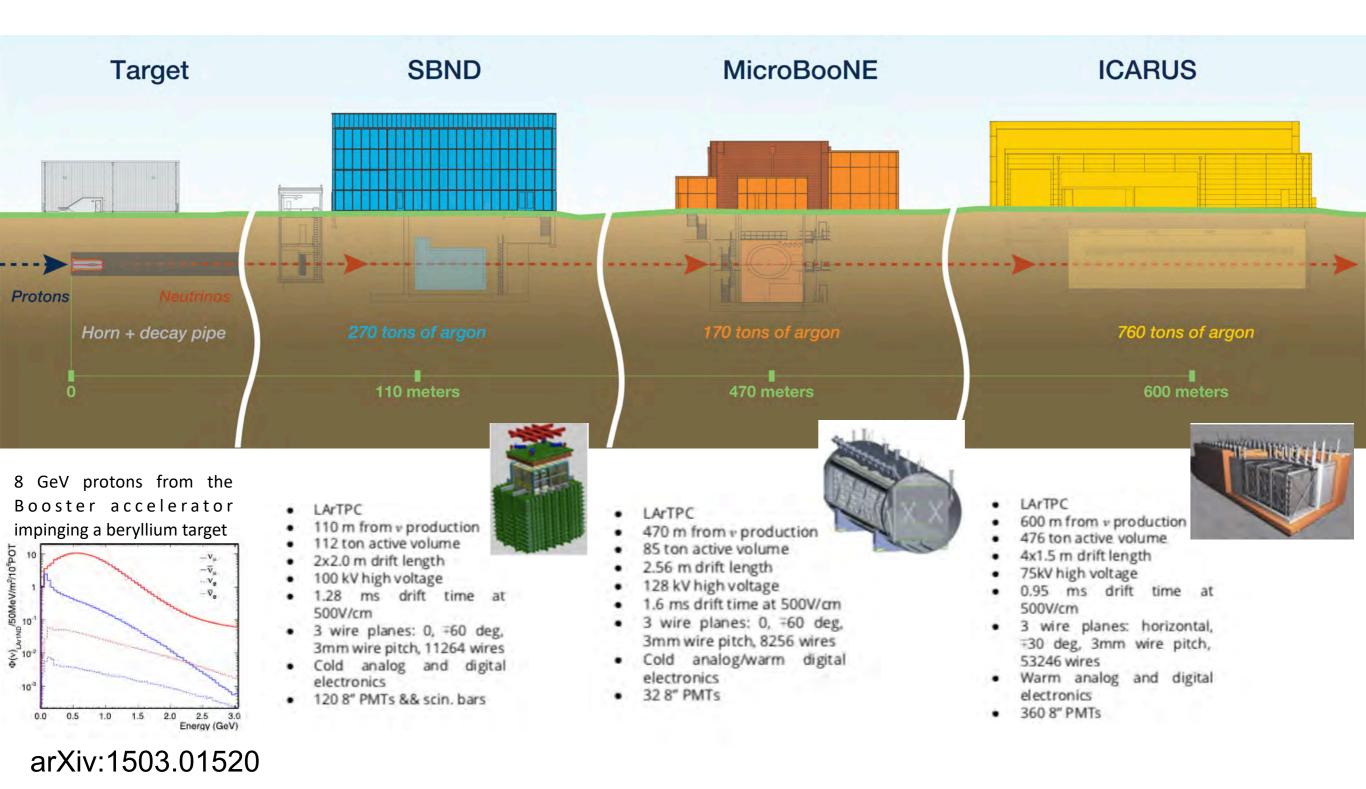
### **SBN: lay-out**

Three liquid argon time projection chamber (LArTPC) detectors in the Booster Neutrino Beam (BNB) at Fermilab.



 using the same target/technology for near, medium and far detector reduces systematic uncertainties

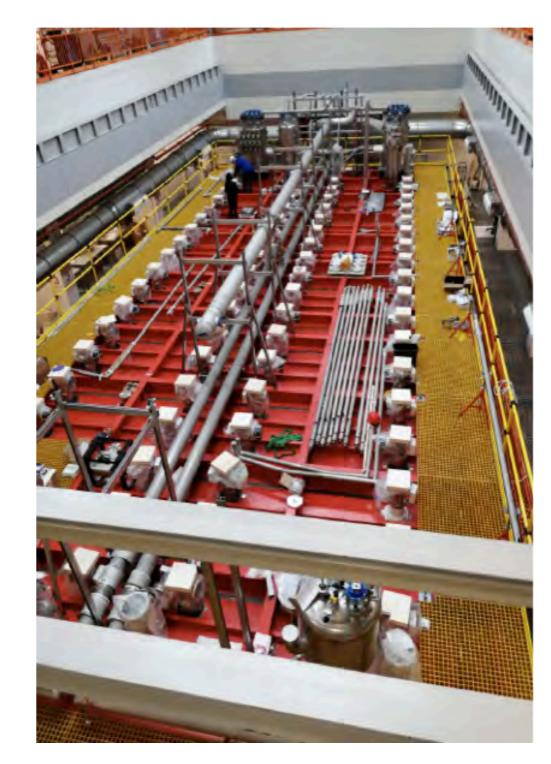
- $\circ$  make a high precision measurement on v-Ar cross sections (1 yr: 1.5 million v<sub>u</sub> and 12,000 v<sub>e</sub>)
- develop LArTPC technology for future large neutrino experiments like DUNE



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# ICARUS

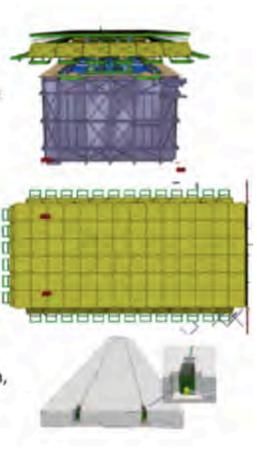
- LNS group in ICARUS Collaboration
- Commissioning is going on
  - started in mid 2020 with cosmic rays
  - first runs with neutrino beam earlier this year
- LNS group in shift since July 2020
- CRT installation and commissioning to be completed



## **ICARUS Cosmic Ray Tagger**

#### **Cosmic Ray Tagger**

- Top Cosmic Ray Tagger (CRT) system deployed above the ICARUS detector to tag cosmic ray events
- Array of 1.9 x1.9 m<sup>2</sup> modules : 84 modules below concrete plug + 38 modules on sloping parts +spares
- Module design
  - 2 crossed layers of scintillator bars (8 bars/layer)
  - Scintillator bar: 1.84 m long, 23 cm wide , 1 cm (top layer)/1.5 cm (bottom layer) thick ,
  - 2 WLS fibers (Kuraray Y11) SiPM (Hamamatsu) at one end
  - Light-tight Al boxes
  - Weight: 159 kg
  - Module Readout: 32 channels FEB (Bern design, as SBND) Logical OR of 16-paired channels + coincidence between layers



#### At the nominal BNB intensity of $5 \times 10^{12}$ pot/spill:

- 1 neutrino CC interaction every 240 spills
- expected cosmic rays rate of 1 every 55 spills

LArTPC (slow technology): drift times in the msec range, detectors at the surface record significant cosmic activity with each readout (5-15 muons per readout in SBN detectors)

Cosmic Ray Tagger (CRT)

#### LNS participated at

construction and test of the ICARUS CRT (2019-2020)

CRT modules are at FNAL ready for installation (delay to Covid-19) Start of installation and testing in summer (completed by the end of the year)  $\rightarrow$ participation of the LNS group limited by COVID-19

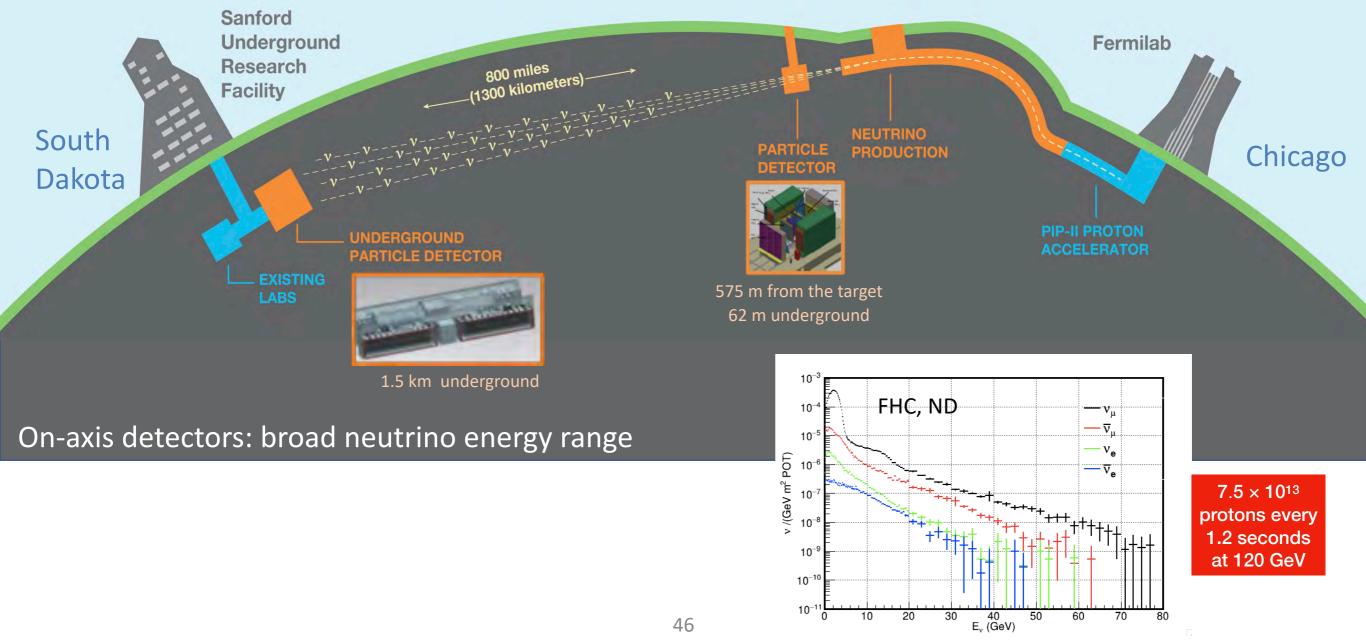
# **DUNE: science program**

- Neutrino Oscillation Physics  $\rightarrow$  Universe is made of matter
  - Search for leptonic (neutrino) CP Violation (matter-antimatter asymmetry)
  - Resolve the mass ordering  $(m_3 > m_{1,2} \text{ or } m_{1,2} > m_3)$
  - Precision oscillation physics
    - Parameter measurements,  $\theta_{23}$  octant
    - Testing the current 3-neutrino model, non-standard interactions, ...
- Nucleon Decay → force unification
- Supernova burst physics (3000  $v_e$  events in 10 sec from SN at 10 kpc)
  - $\rightarrow$  birth of a neutron star or a black hole

+ many other topics (v interaction physics with near detector, atmospheric neutrinos, sterile neutrinos, WIMP searches, Lorentz invariance tests, etc.)

# **DUNE: overview**

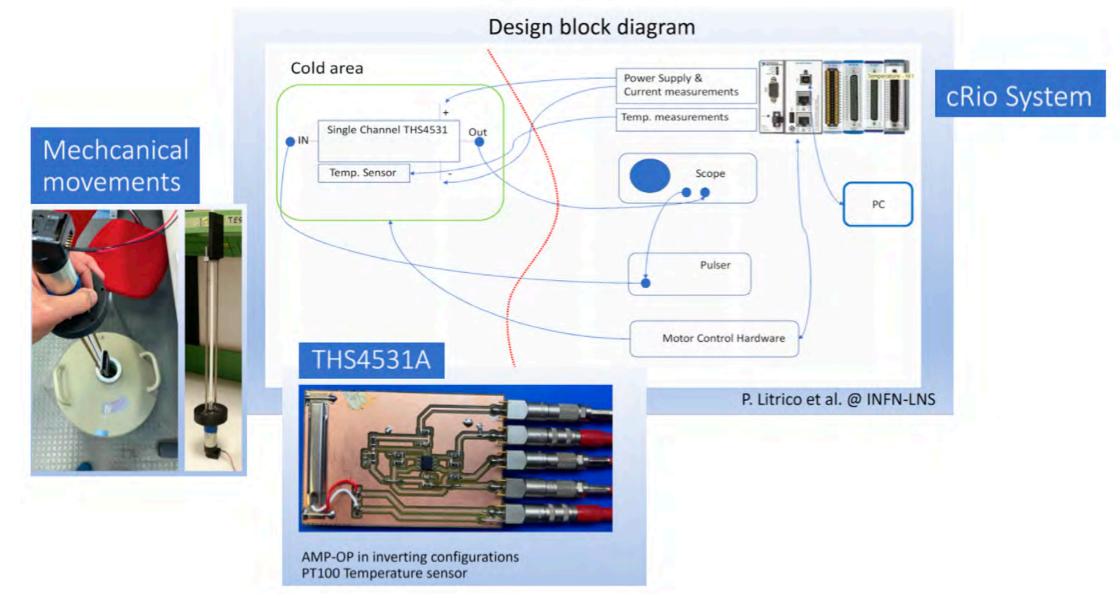
- Neutrinos from high-power proton beam: 1.2 MW from day one; upgradeable to 2.4 MW
- Massive underground Liquid Argon Time Projection Chambers: 4 x 17 kton fiducial mass of > 40 kton
- Near detector to characterize the beam (100s of millions of neutrino interactions)



# **Photon Detection System**

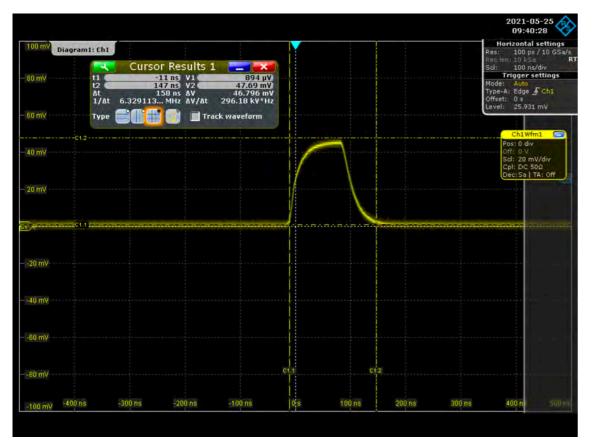
# LNS responsible for Qualification of electronic components at cryogenic temperatures for the <u>Far Detector</u>

Prototype complete and working

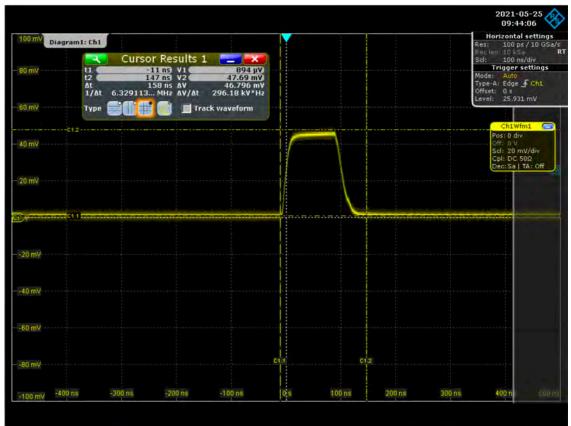


# **First results**

#### THS4531 output @ ambient temperature



#### THS4531 output @ 77K



#### Next step: finalisation of full system for mass production

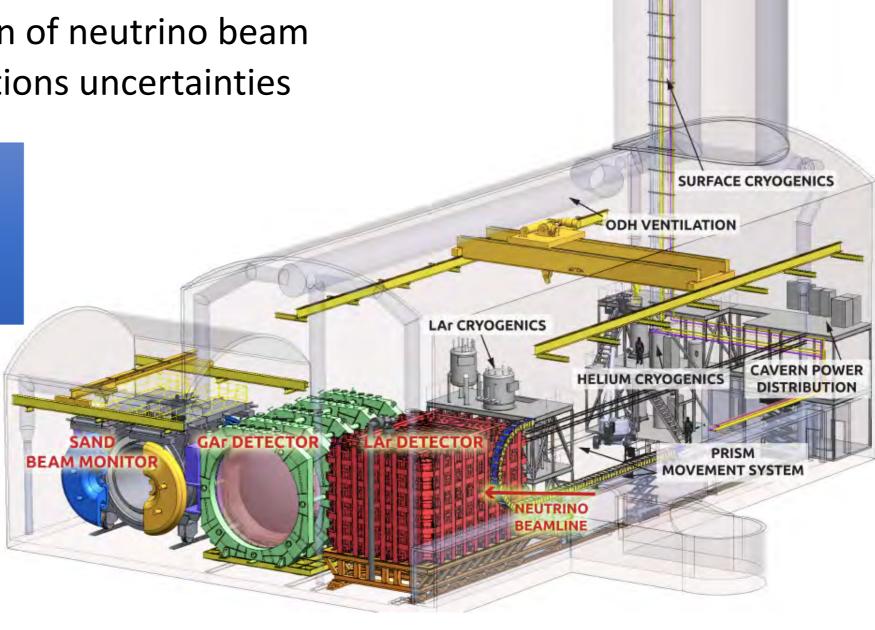
### The Near Detector complex

Multi-technology Near Detector, focused on:

- Precise characterisation of neutrino beam
- Limitation of cross sections uncertainties

### Italian group mainly involved in SAND

SAND will continuously monitor the rate, spectrum and profile of the neutrino beam  $\rightarrow$  real time variations of the beam operating conditions



SAND is the only component that will be permanently located on-axis along the neutrino beam (the other systems will move off-axis for about 50% of the time).

## LNS activities in SAND

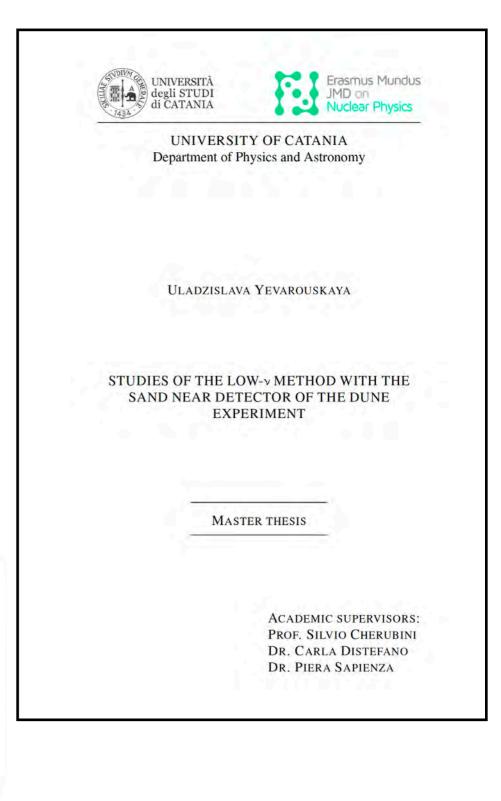
Monte Carlo simulations: generation of neutrino events with GENIE, mass production

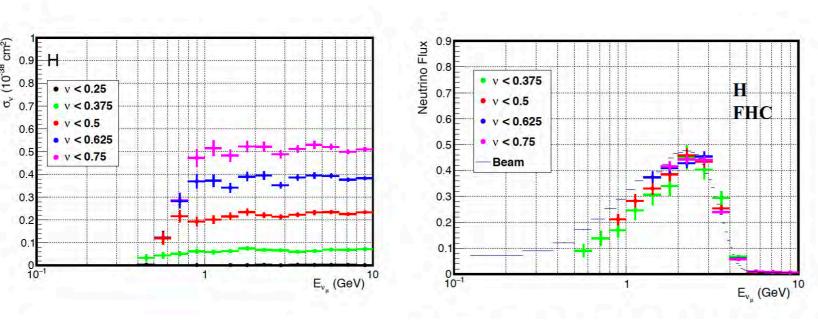
Possible application of low-nu method:

cm<sup>2</sup>)

(10<sup>-38</sup>

Inclusive CC neutrino cross section does not depend on the neutrino initial energy in the limit of low neutrino energy transfer to the hadronic system ( $v \rightarrow 0$ )





# Virgo/ET

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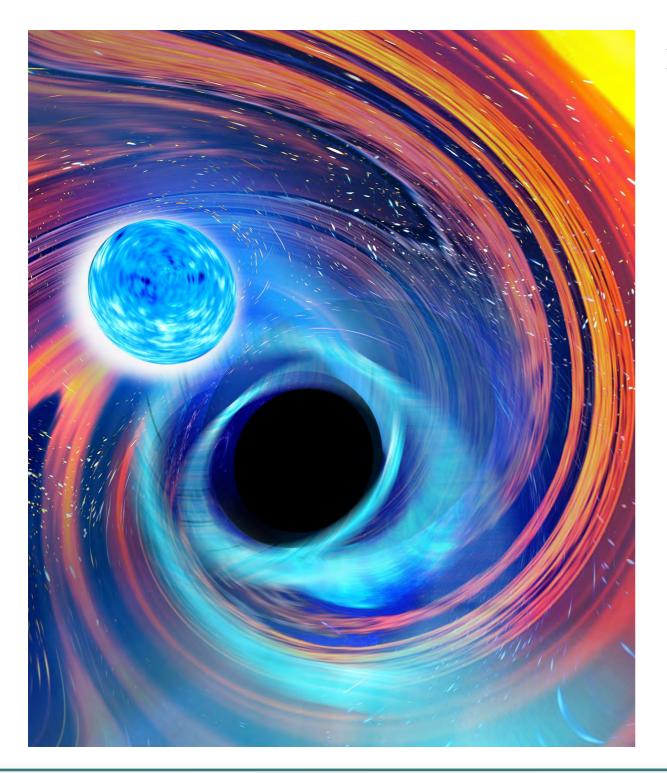
### **INFN UNISS Role**

VIRGO: Data analysis. Search for Burst Multi-messenger event candidates

> ET: Sos Enattos Characterization and Candidature

## **VIRGO: Status**

- Detector upgrades on going (Ad Virgo+, Phase I)
  - Quantum noise reduction: implementation of a frequencydependent squeezing system
  - Newtonian noise cancellation system installed
  - installation of the instrumented baffles around Input Mode Cleaner mirror, in order to reduce the diffused light
  - testing the new suspensions for heavier mirrors



- First observation of GW associated to the merge of a Neutron Star and a Black Hole:
  - GW200105 (8.9 and 1.9 solar masses)
  - GW200115 (5.7 and 1.5 solar masses)

## **VIRGO: UniSS/LNS Contribution**

Burst Multi-messenger events: Search for transient GWs signals associated with GRB and FRB during LIGO-Virgo third observational run

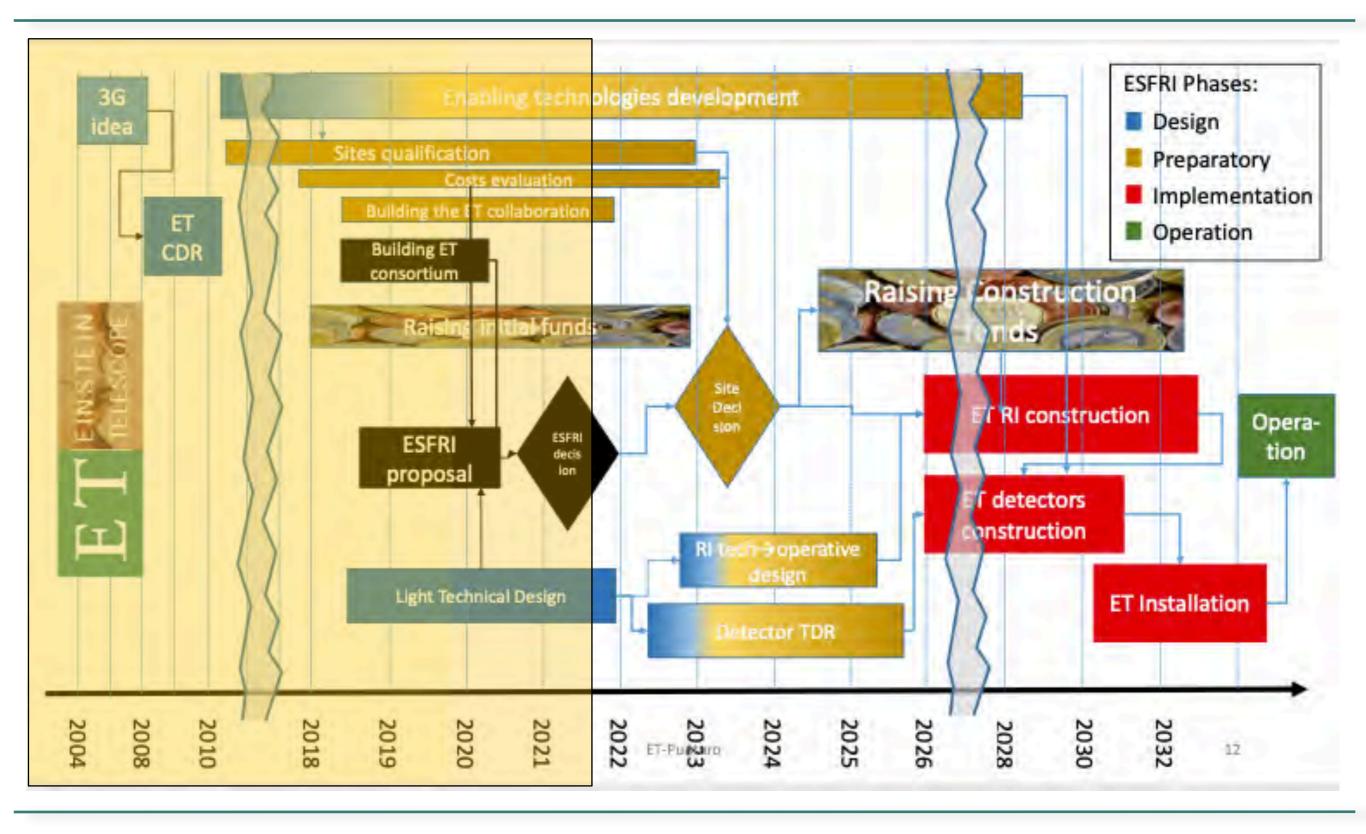
- Implementation of pre-filter trigger to distinguish event candidates by means of machine learning techniques
  - Hierarchical approach
  - Test on Monte Carlo data with very promising results.

### **VIRGO: Burst Multi-messenger events**

• <u>GRB search</u>			• FRB search	
October 2019 July 2021	<ol> <li>Training X-pipeline</li> <li>Analysis O3a</li> <li>Opening boxes GRB O3a: Results</li> <li>Run coordination team</li> <li>GRB O3b network set</li> <li>Testing newest version of X- pipeline</li> <li>GRB O3b analysis</li> <li>GRB O3b opening boxes</li> <li>Results review</li> <li>GRB O3b paper (ongoing work)</li> </ol>	January 2020 July 2021	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11.	Responsible for FRBs configuration analysis FRBs to be analyzed Setting the parameters of the search Setting waveforms for FRB search Minimum sky position uncertainty CHIME's localization sky uncertainty set Latests modifications in the configuration file .ini review New set of FRBs (official FRB O3a analysis Analysis (ongoing work) Review of the entire FRB analysis (ongoing work) Paper (ongoing work)

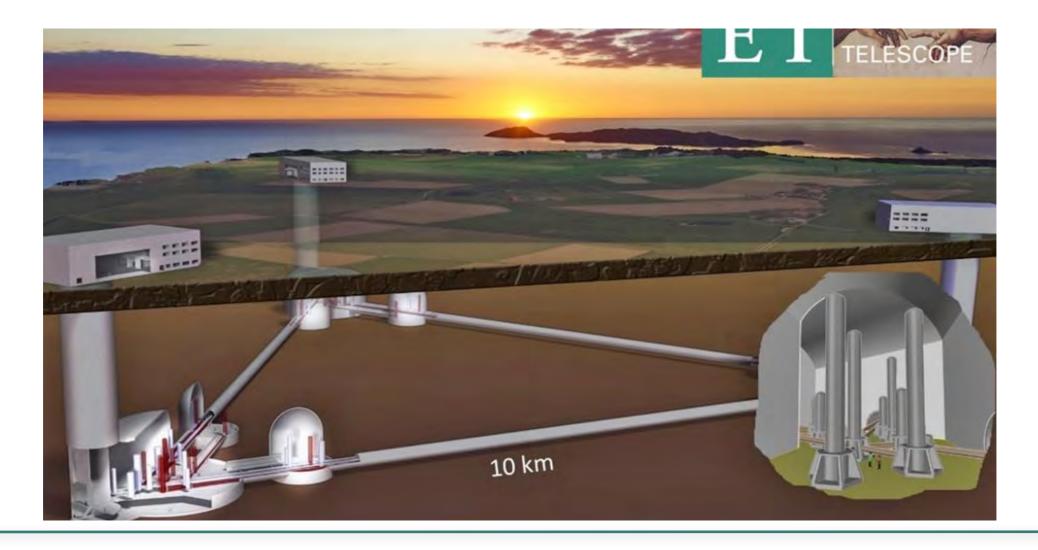
250 GRBs reported by Fermi and Swift, ~30 analyzed by LNS group

## ET Roadmap



## ET: ESFRI Proposal approved

On 30 June, the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) decided to include ET in the update of its roadmap for 2021.

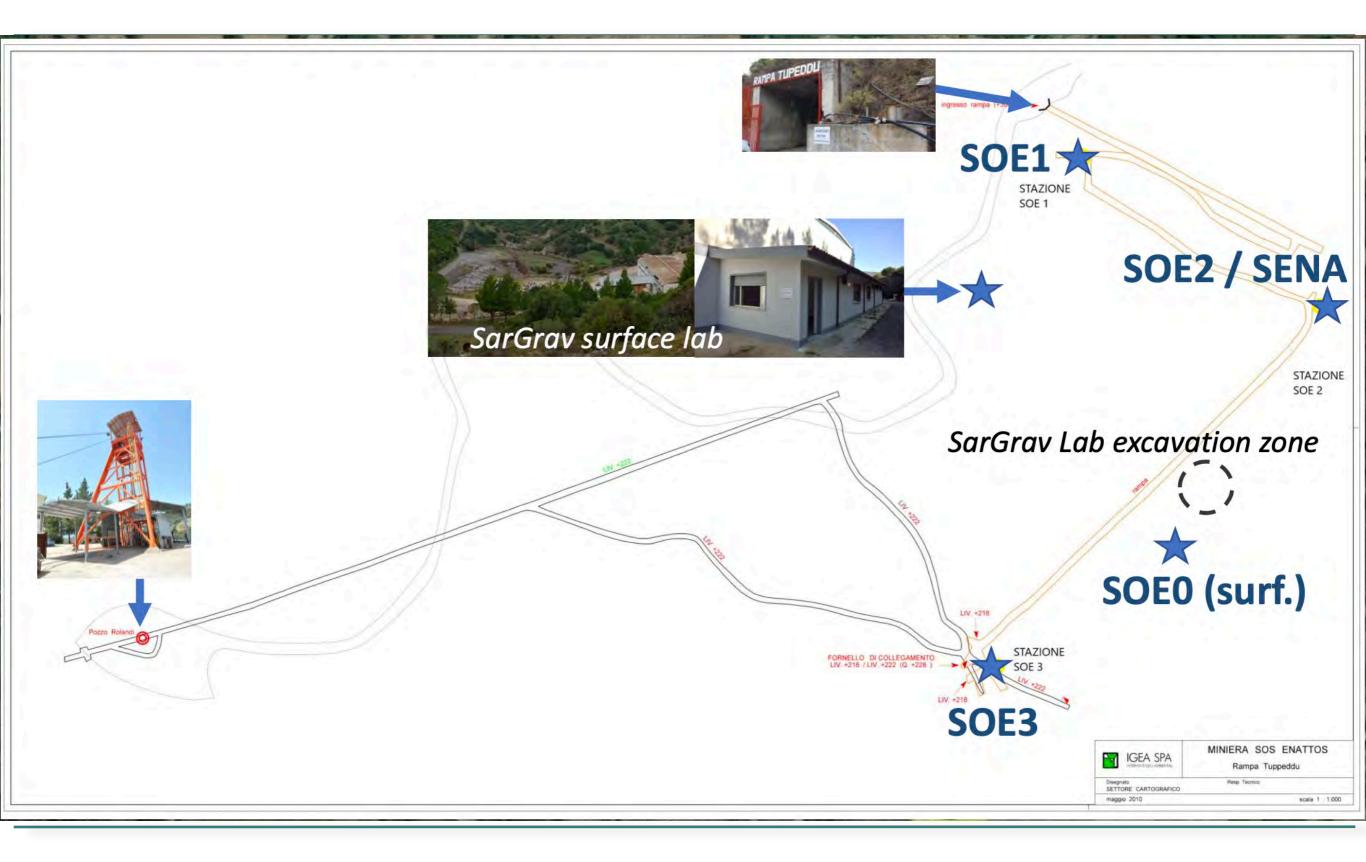


### **ET: Sos Enattos Characterization**

#### Sensors on site

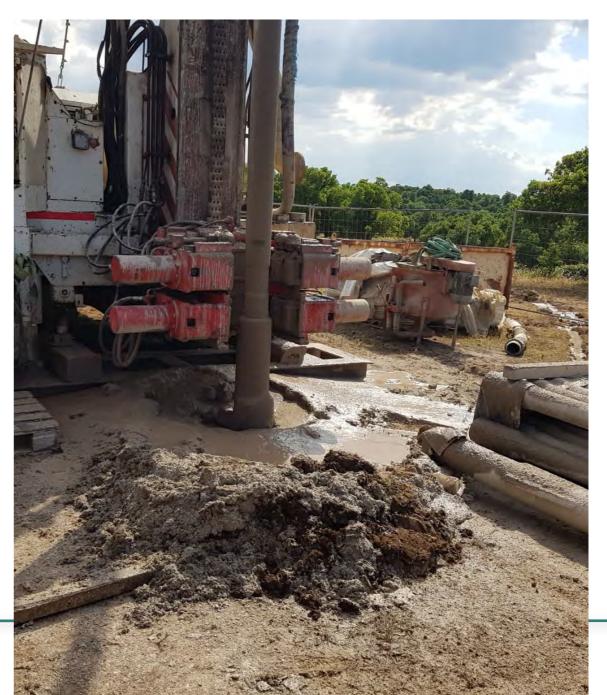
- □ 4 broadband triaxial seismometers (1 surface vault installation + 3 underground)
- □ 3 short-period triaxial seismometers (first seed of a new array)
- □ 2 magnetometers (1 buried at surface, 1 underground)
- □ High precision tiltmeter (Archimedes prototype)
- Weather station
- ➤ Data acquired at the SarGrav control room, transmitted via UMTS link to remote server (INGV-PI server → ET repository) and through an INFN access point
- Underground station equipped with GPS signals for DAQ

### **Sos Enattos Measurement Stations**

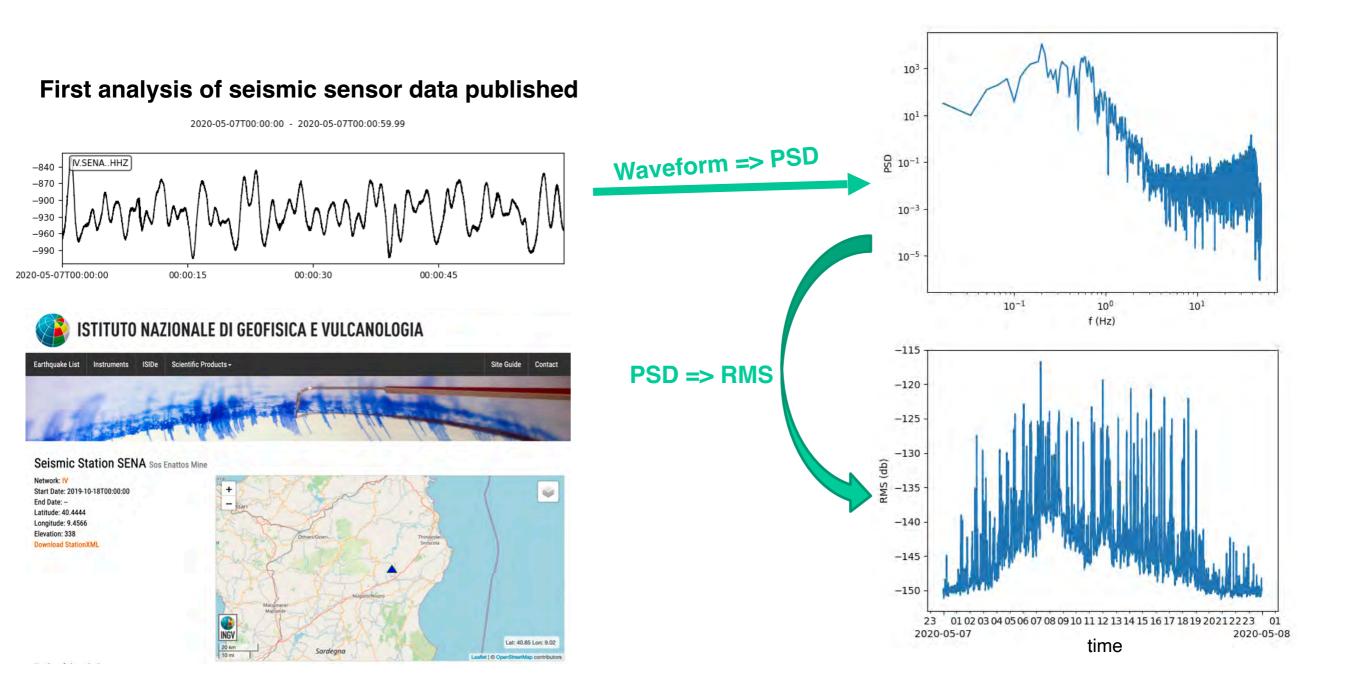


### **ET Sos Enattos Candidature: Next Steps**

- Infrasound microphone arrays to be deployed in surface and underground;
- $\succ$  Geological survey along the ET "triangle" with georesistivimeter probe.
- Borehole excavation at the corner P2 and P3 completed
- Long-period borehole microseismic measurements at depth 250-300m with broadband borehole seismometers (*Nanometrics Trillium120 BH Slim*);
- Surface seismic measurements at the corners close to the boreholes with broadband seismometers (*Nanometrics Trillium120H*).

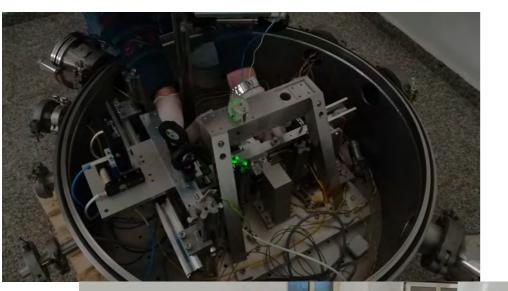


## **ET: LNS-UNISS Role**



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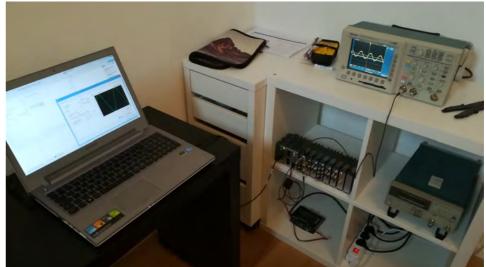
- Control room preparation
- Optical components assembly for the Archimedes balance prototype

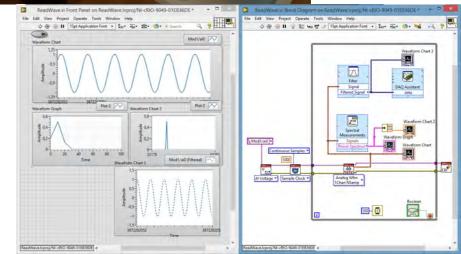




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 Configuration of NI-cRIO-9049 electronic system for Archimedes balance (founded by SarGrav project)





### SPARE

#### MOVIE: DU DEPLOYMENT

### Deployment DU



### MOVIE: THE UNROLLING

