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STATUS AND PERSPECTIVES OF KM3NET

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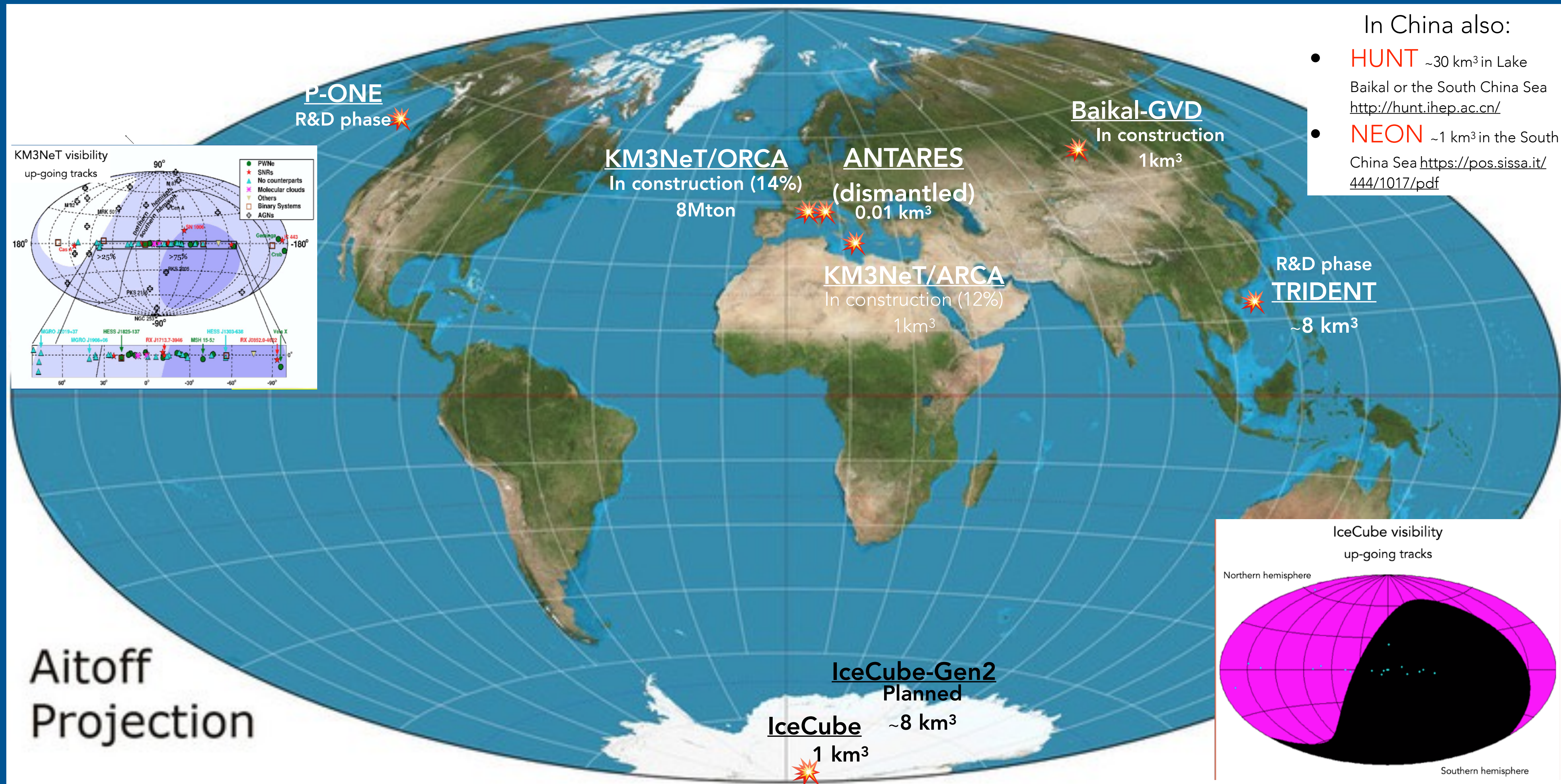
KM3NeT is a research infrastructure hosting two neutrino detectors in the Mediterranean Sea

- **KM3NeT/ARCA** (**A**stroparticle **R**esearch with **C**osmics in the **A**byss)
 - observation of high energy (GeV ÷ PeV) neutrino sources 📍 a telescope offshore Capo Passero (Sicily-Italy) is in construction at a depth of 3500m
- **KM3NeT/ORCA** (**O**scillation **R**esearch with **C**osmics in the **A**byss)
 - determination of the neutrino mass hierarchy 📍 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

THE HIGH ENERGY NEUTRINO DETECTORS

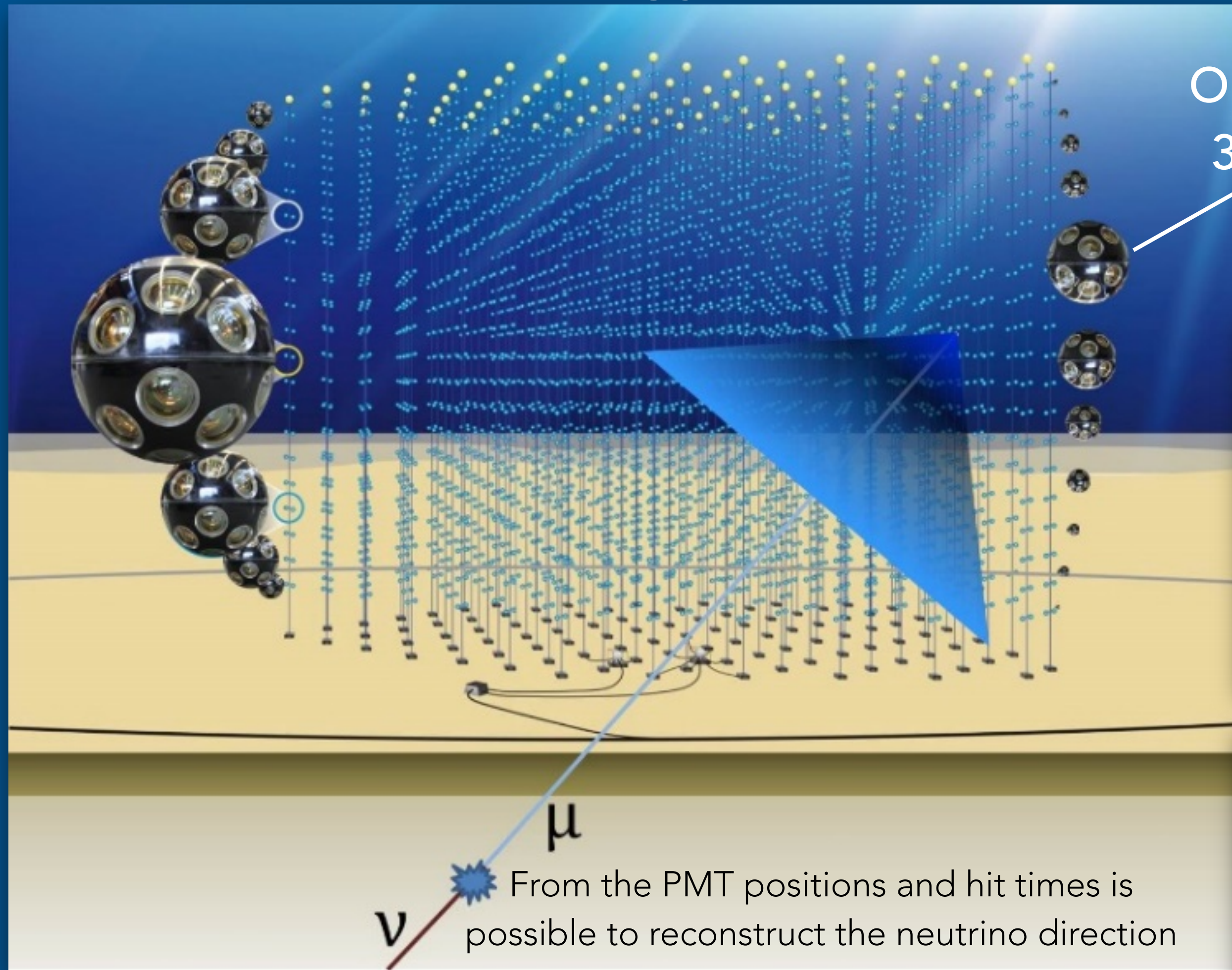
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THE KM3NET DETECTORS

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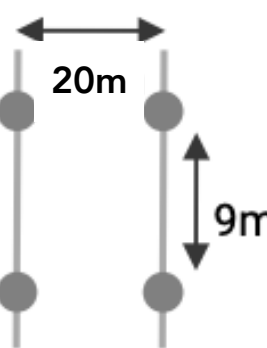
Same technology for the two detectors



Optical sensor (DOM)
31 PMTs of 3 inches

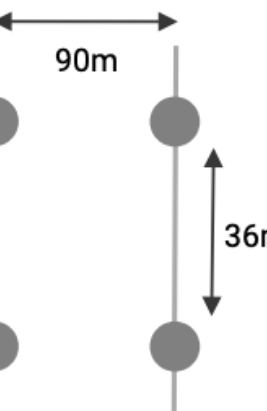
ORCA

- Depth ~2500 m
- One block of 115 Detection Units
- Average distance between Detection Units ~20 m
- Average vertical distance between DOMs ~9 m
- **≈8 Mton**



ARCA

- Depth ~3500 m
- Two blocks of 115 Detection Units each
- Average distance between Detection Units ~90 m
- Vertical distance between DOMs ~36 m
- **Volume (0.5 × 2) km³**

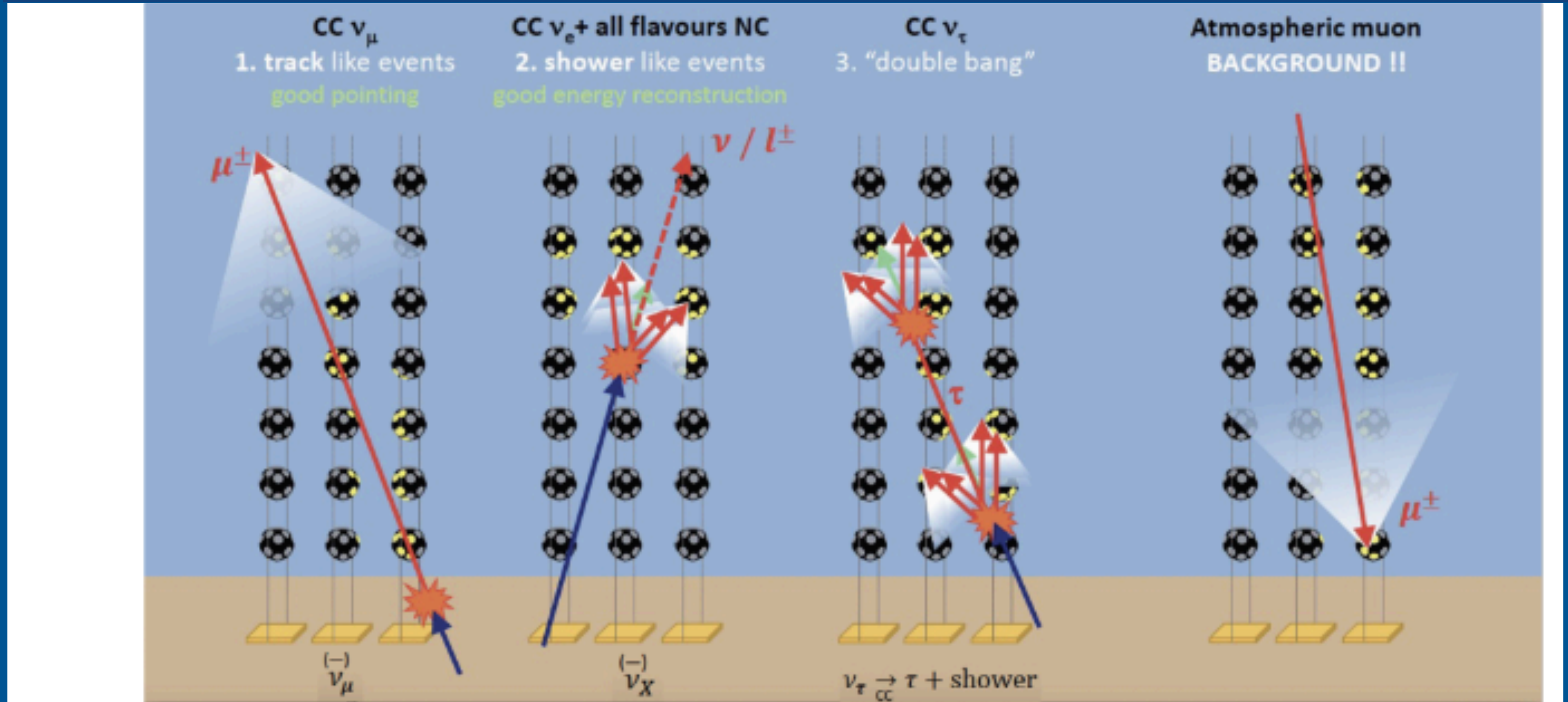


Detection Unit (DU)

Detectors in construction

DETECTION PRINCIPLE

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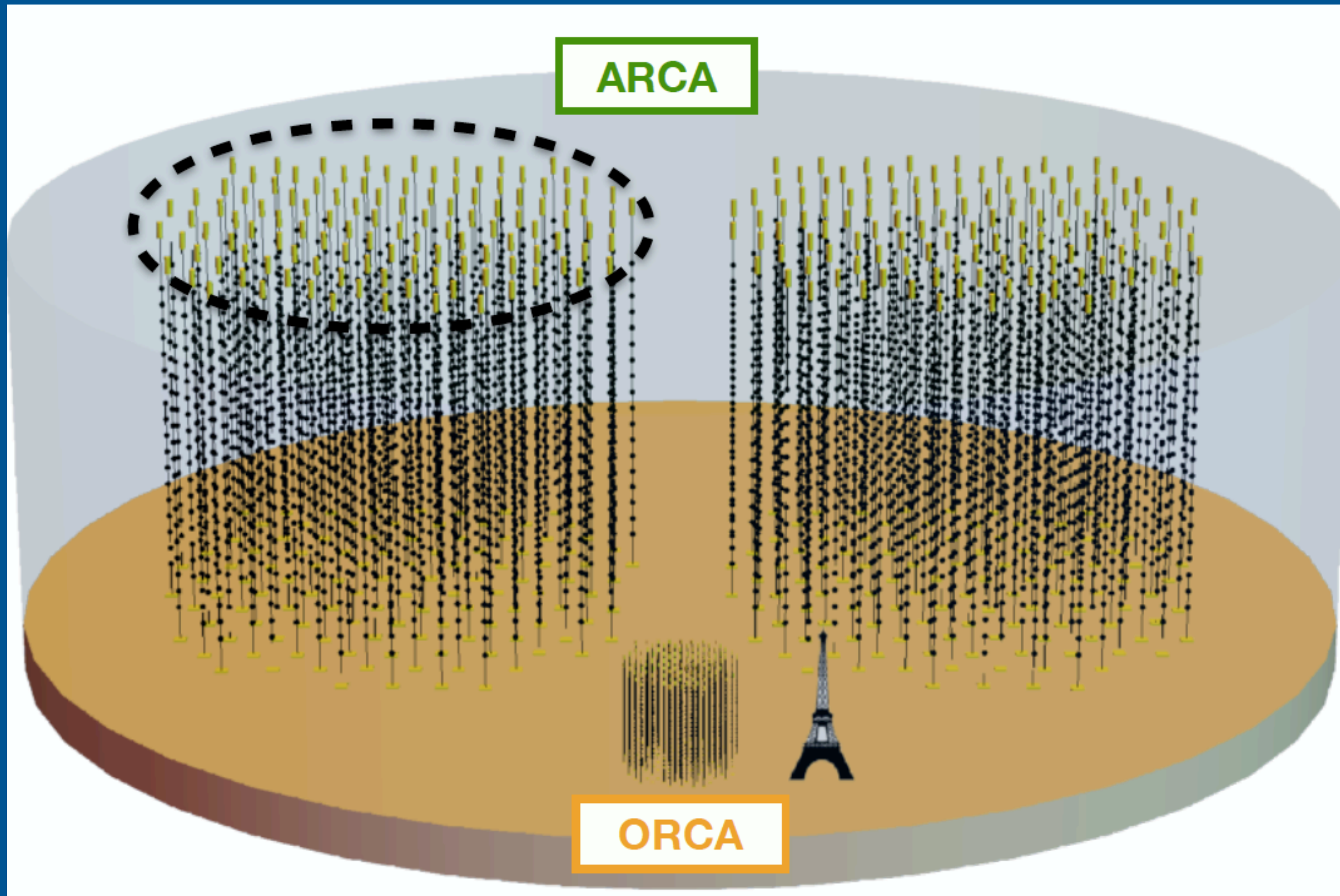


Tracks 🙌 @ $E_\nu > 100$ TeV Ang. res. below 0.1° - Energy res. \sim factor 2

Shower 🙌 @ $E_\nu > 100$ TeV Ang. res. below 2° - Energy res. $\sim 6\%$

THE KM3NET DETECTORS

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1 Building Block (BB) ➡ 115 Detection Units
ARCA 2 BB
ORCA 1BB

Difference in the spatial distance of optical sensors

THE TECHNOLOGY

7 The basic elements:

- Optical sensors 🖱️ DOMs (Digital Optical Module)
- Strings 🖱️ DU (Detection Unit)
- Seafloor network 🖱️ Electro-optical cables and JBs (Junction Boxes)

The Digital Optical Module



DOM

It is a 17" glass sphere containing:

- 31 3" PMTs (photocathode area $\approx 3 \times 10$ " PMTs)
- LED and Piezo
- Front-end electronics -> FPGA

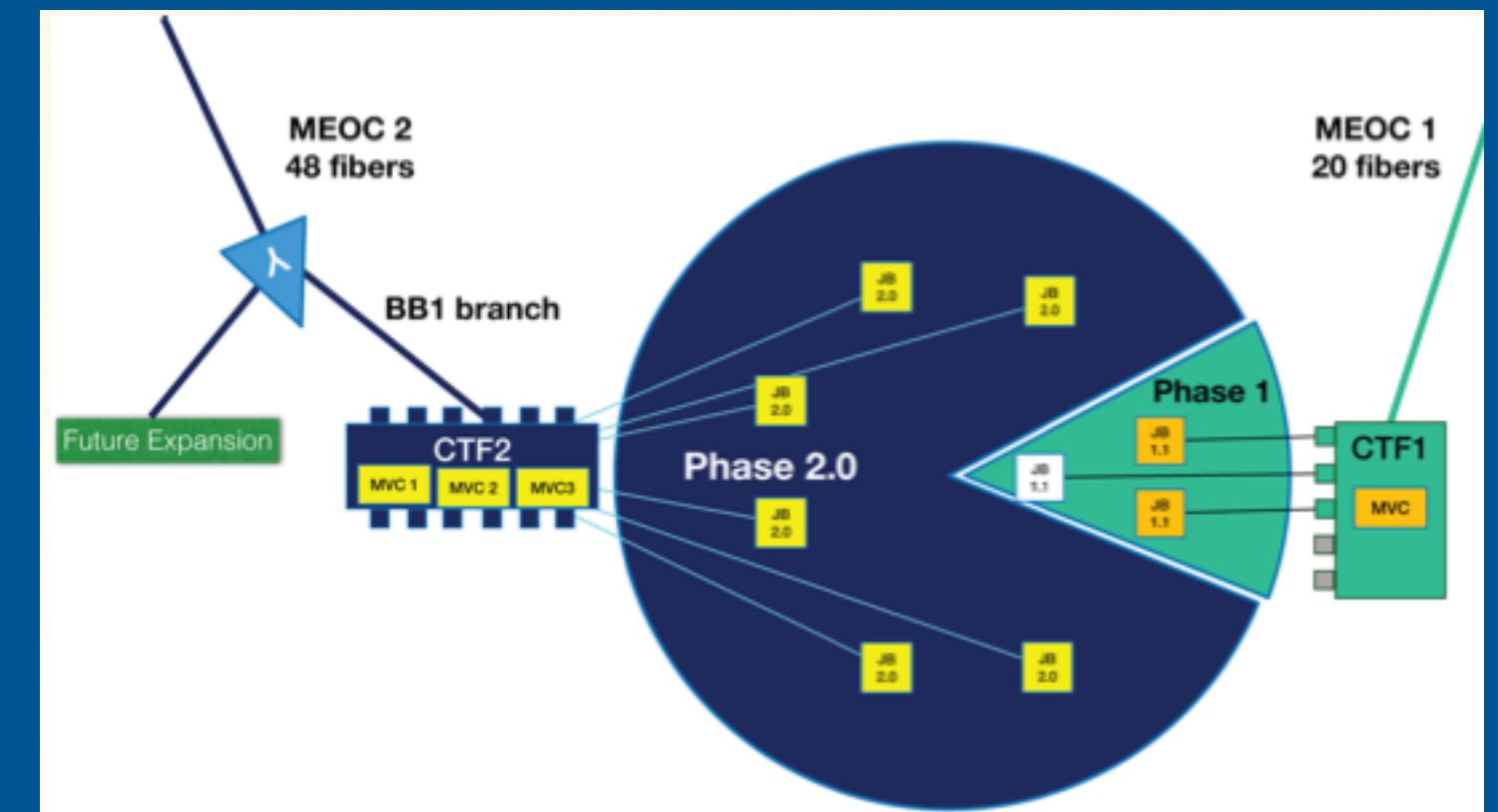
[Video of the DOM integration](#)

The Detection Unit



[Video of a DU integration](#)

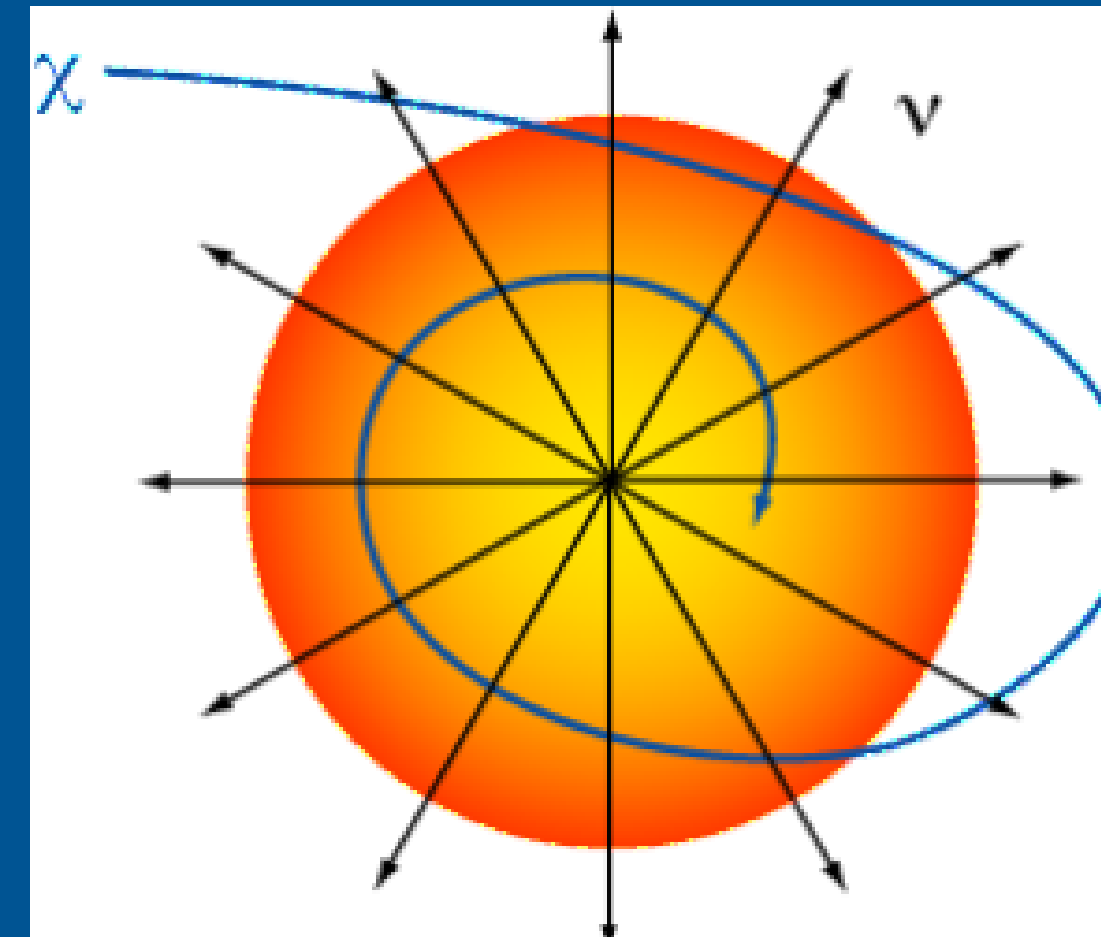
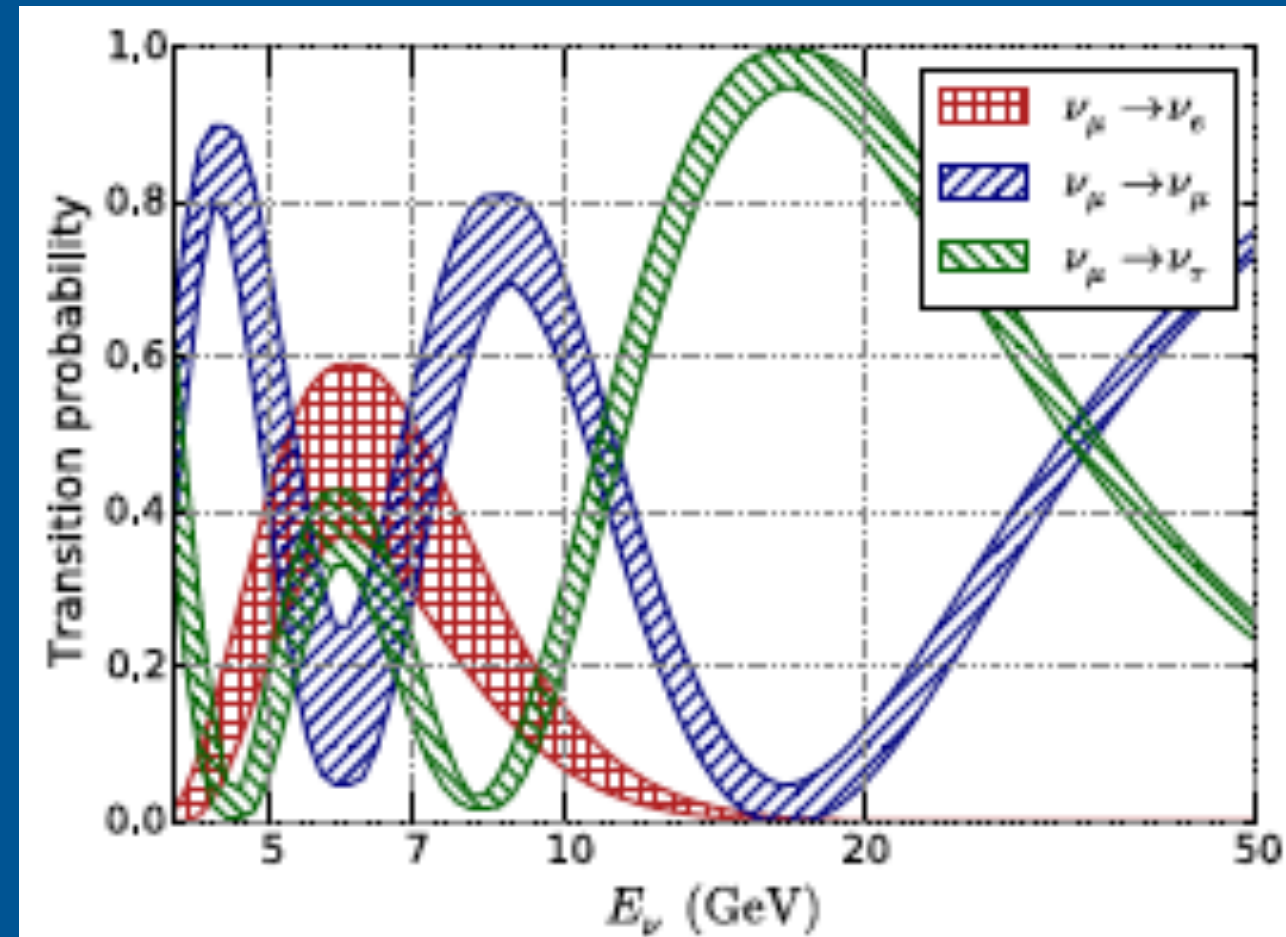
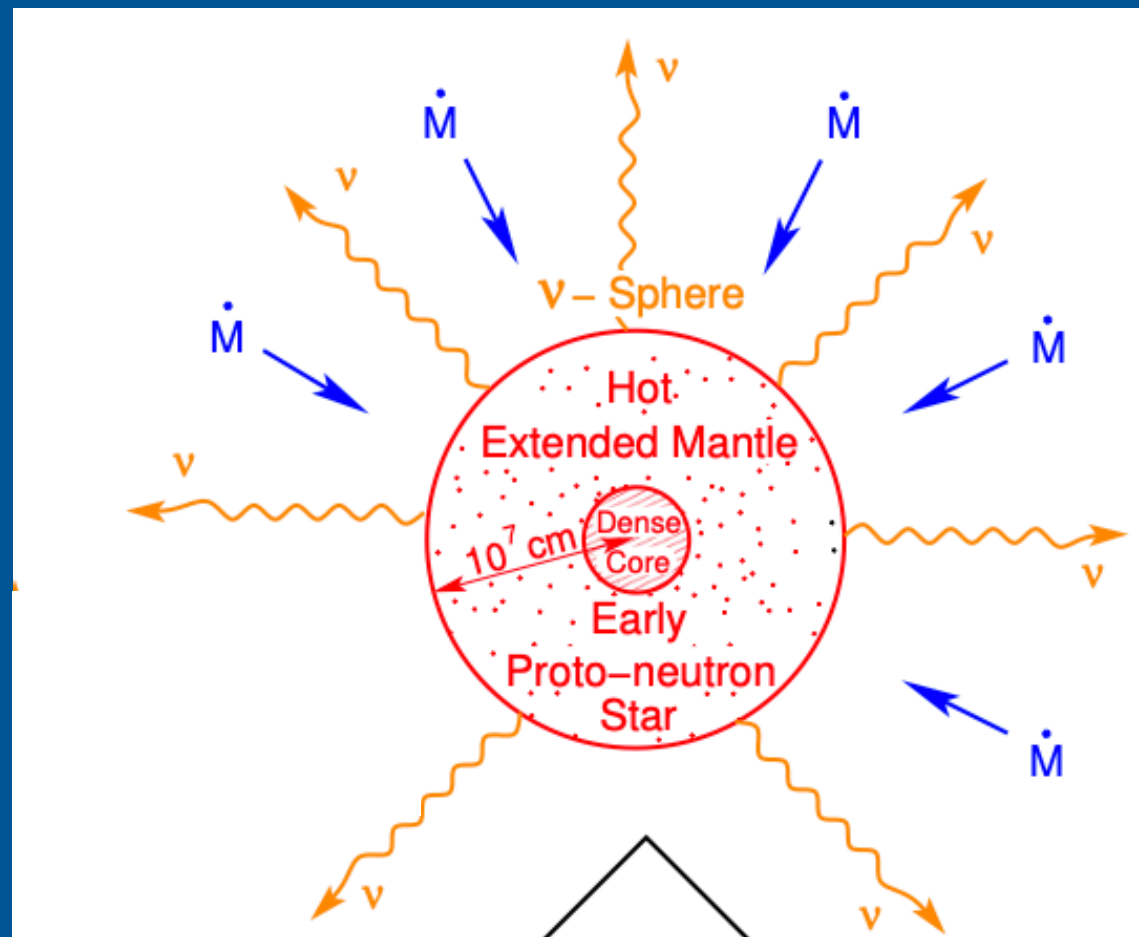
Sea floor network: JB+IL+CTF



See S. Biagi talk

THE PHYSICS

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Supernova explosions

Neutrino oscillation

Dark Matter

HE neutrinos
Multi-messenger program

From MeV ...

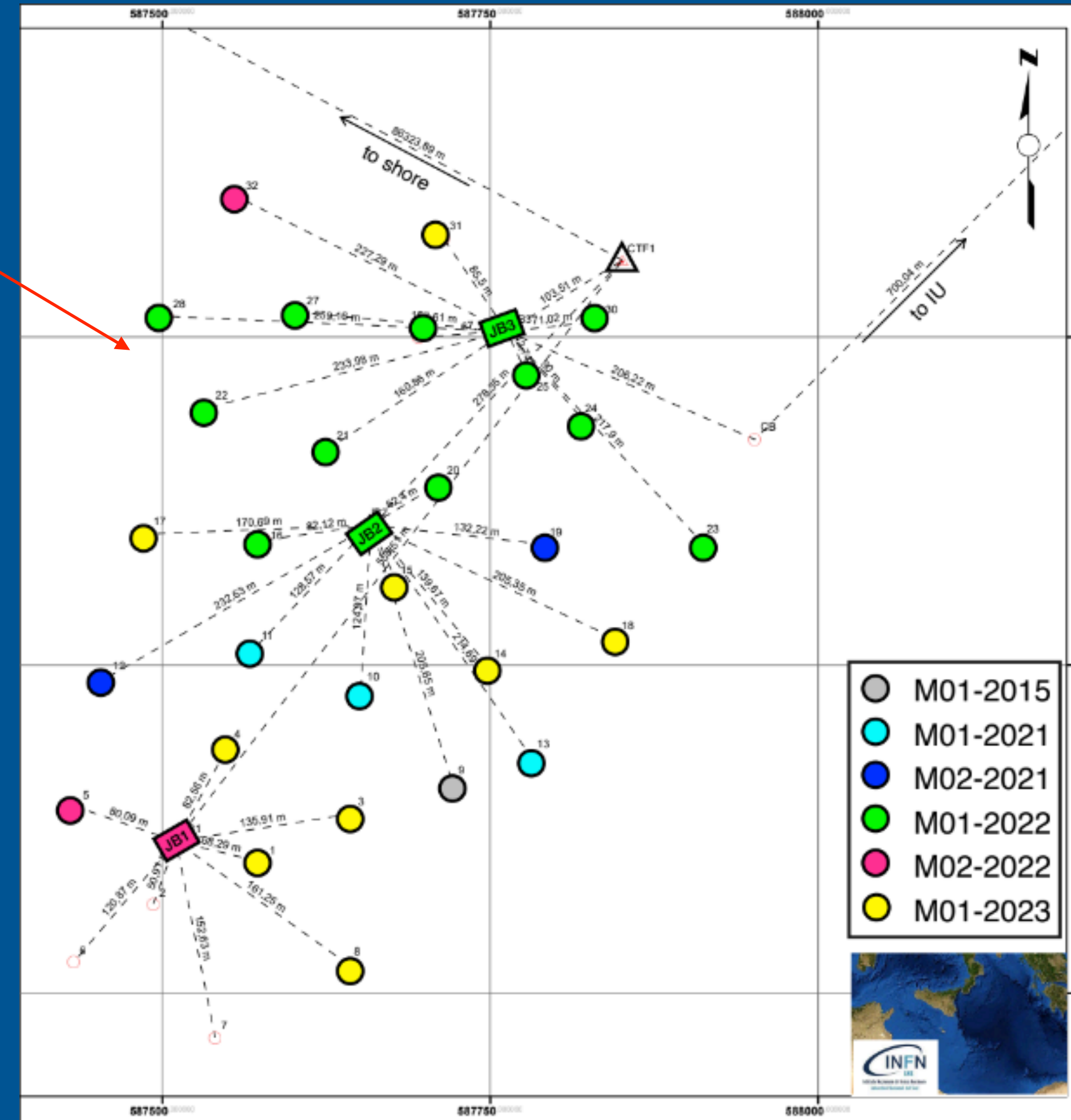
.... to PeV

ORCA & ARCA

THE KM3NET/ARCA STATUS

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Current status 28 DUs deployed
+ 3 JB



1-2 sea campaigns per year.

The last one in
September 2023 🙌 recovered 2 DUs
not working and deployed 9 DUs
Data taking on-going



ARCA
(Italy)

Main electro-optical cable

Main electro-optical cable

JBs

BLOCK 1



BLOCK 2

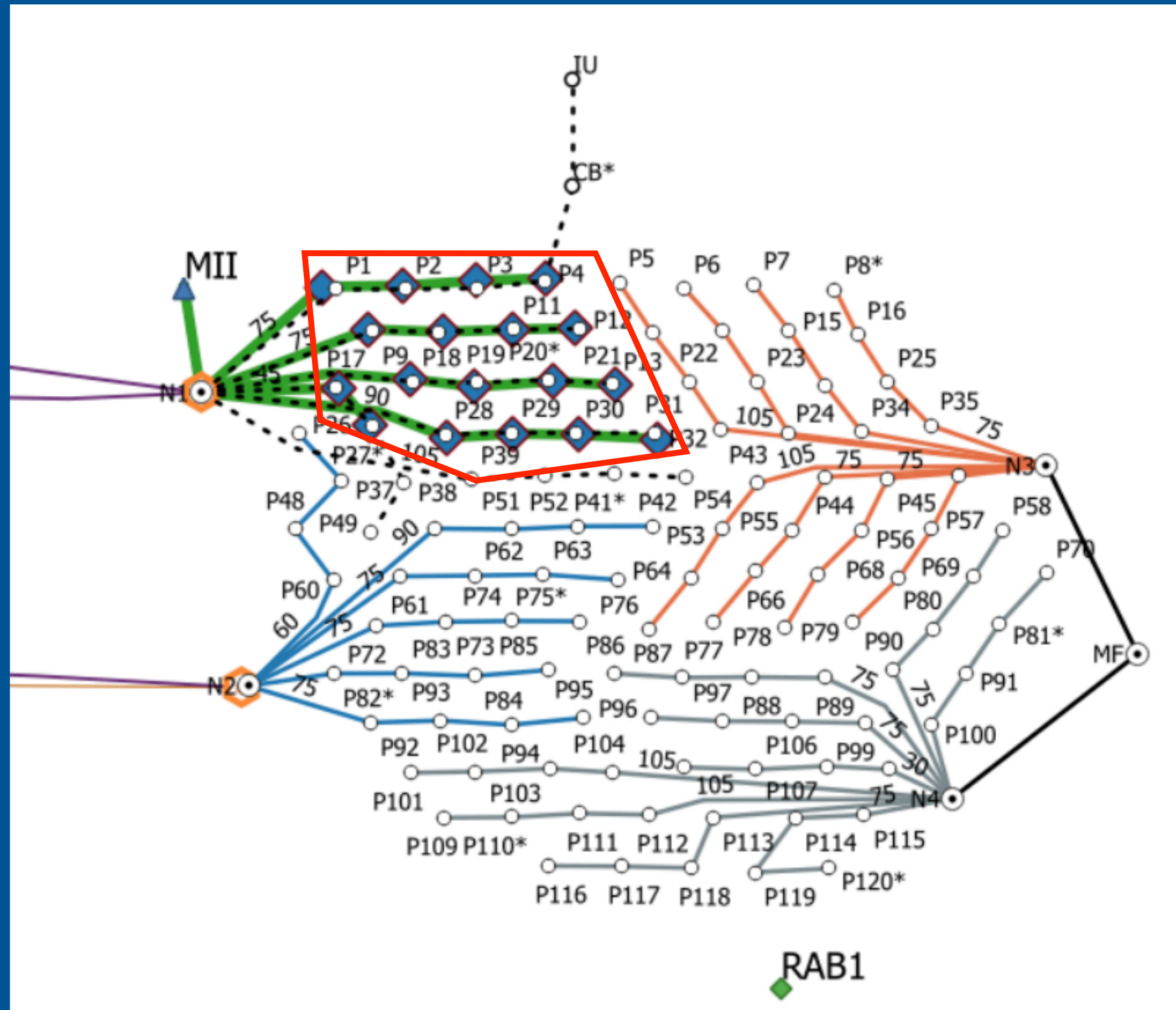
THE KM3NET/ORCA STATUS

Current status 18 DUs deployed
16 DUs taking data

Many sea campaigns/year

Next campaigns

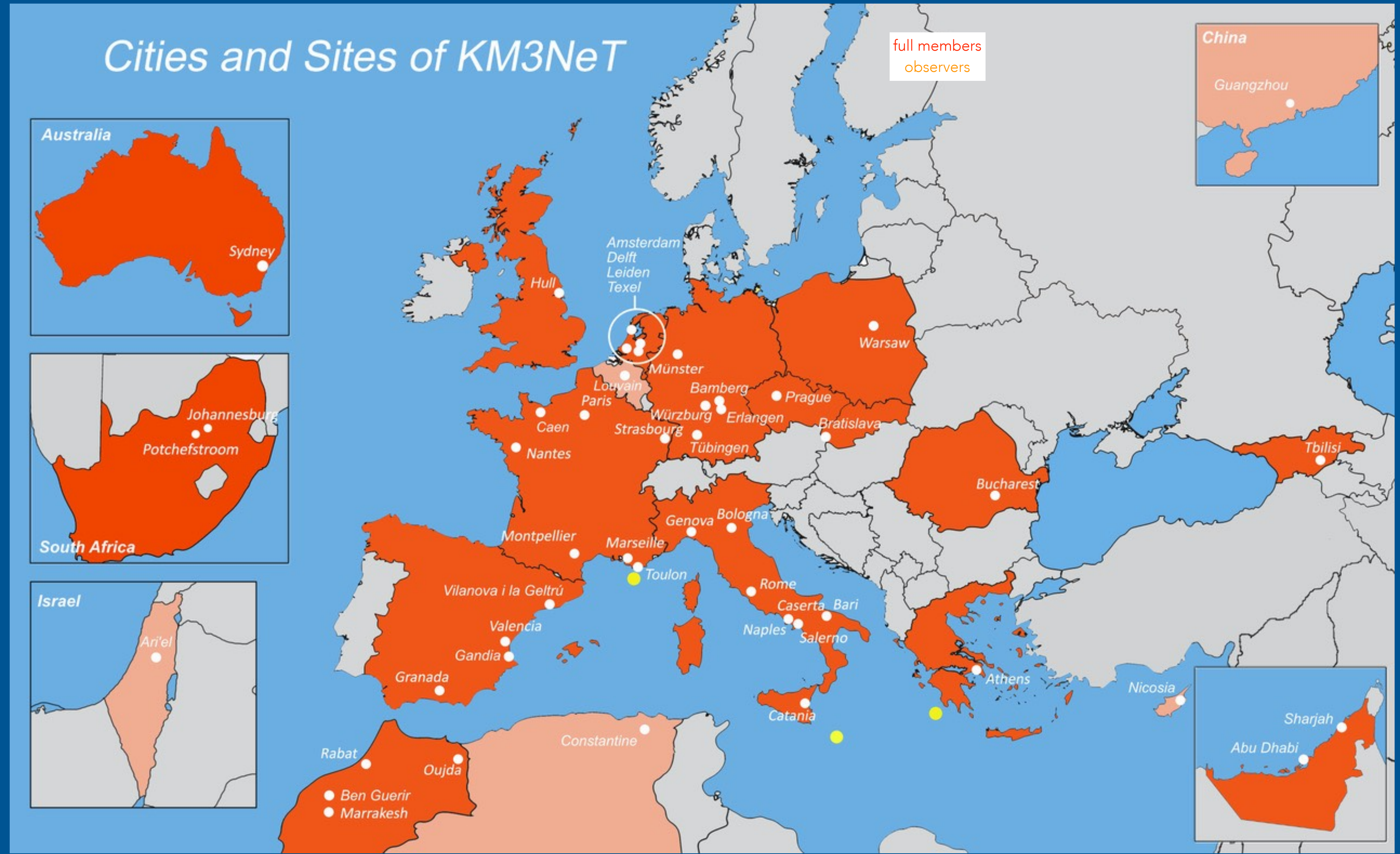
- November 2023 sea campaign 📍 Replace the two not working DUs and add 4 DUs 📍 22 DUs
- December 2023 sea campaign 📍 + 2 DUs 📍 24 DUs



For the end of 2023 completion of first node 📍 24 DUs

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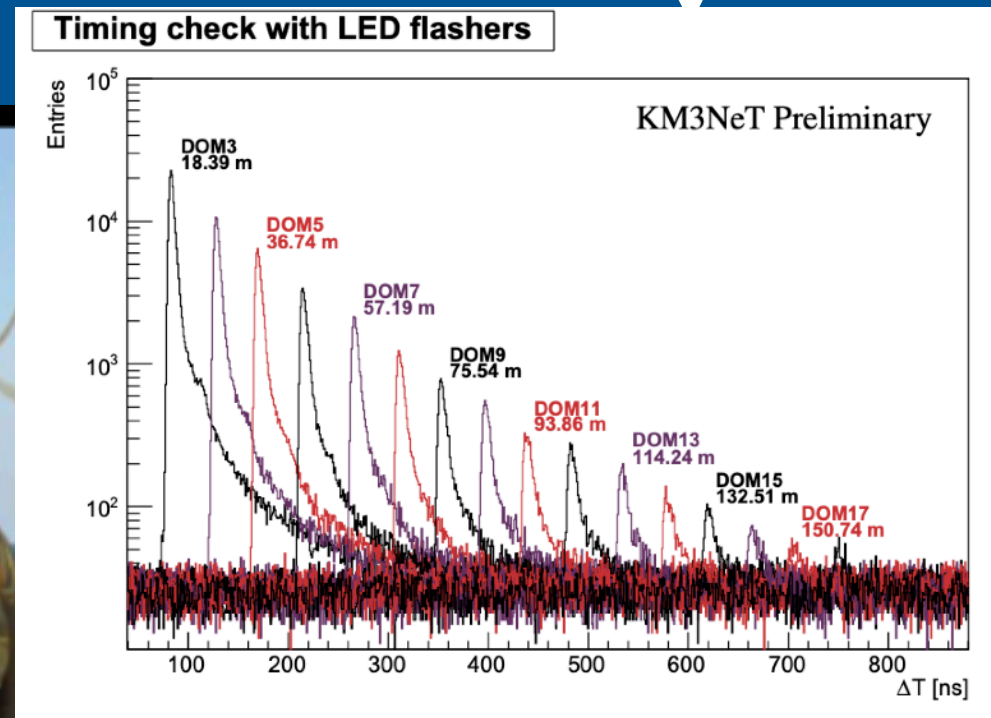
Harvard
University (USA)
just joined



Time calibration

Time offsets:

- Intra DOM PMT time offset 🖱️ K40
- Inter DOM time offset 🖱️ LED beacon
- Inter Line time offset 🖱️ White Rabbit based + laser beacon



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From ^{40}K also PMT efficiency and time spread

^{40}K e^- (β decay)

Up to 150 Cherenkov photons per decay;

^{40}Ca

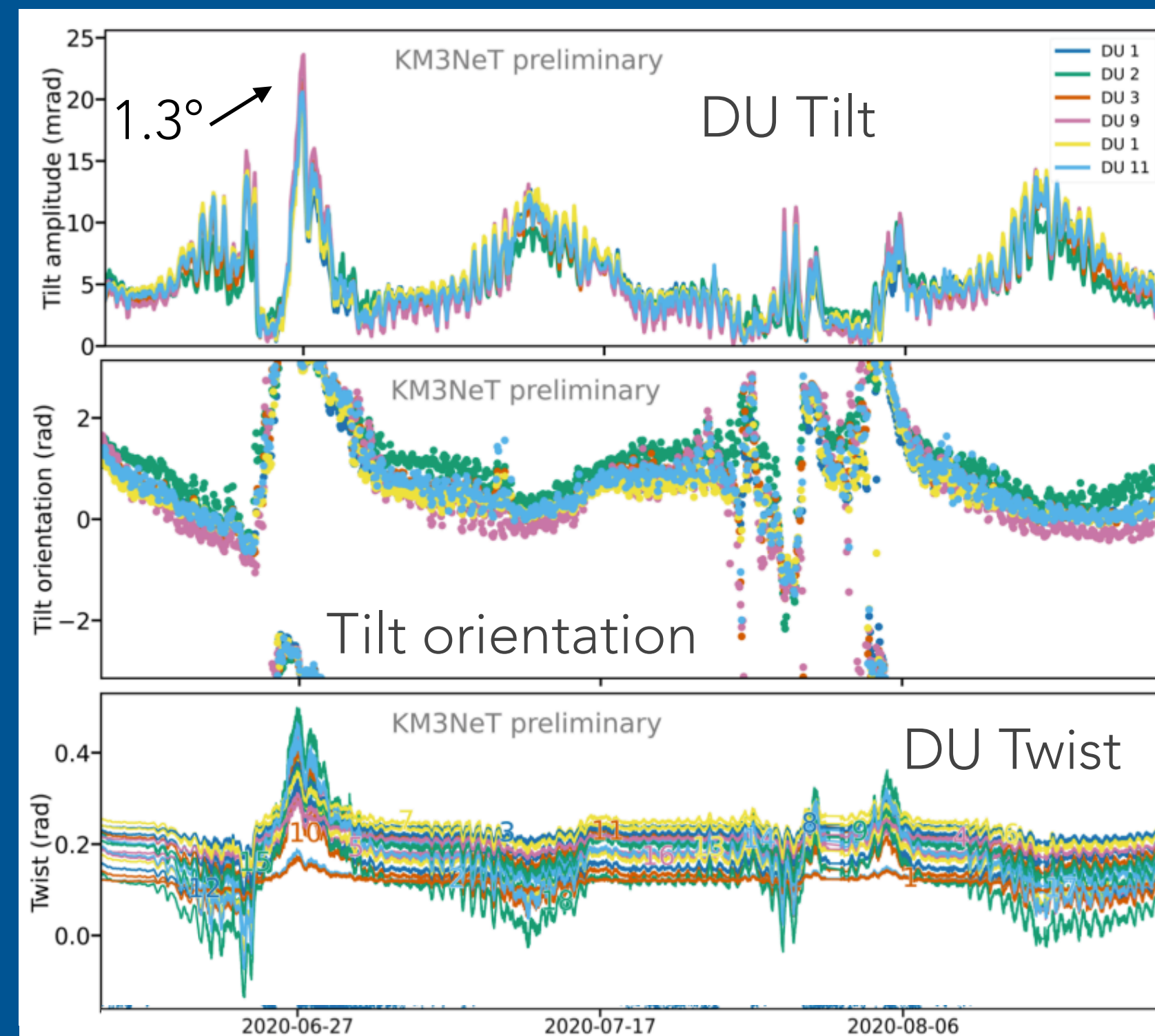
Positioning

Based on the acoustic positioning system

Receivers are located in each DOM (Piezo-electric acoustic sensors)
Emitters are located in autonomous tripod and JB and some DUs (Beacon)

ORCA 4 months

A measurement each 10 minutes

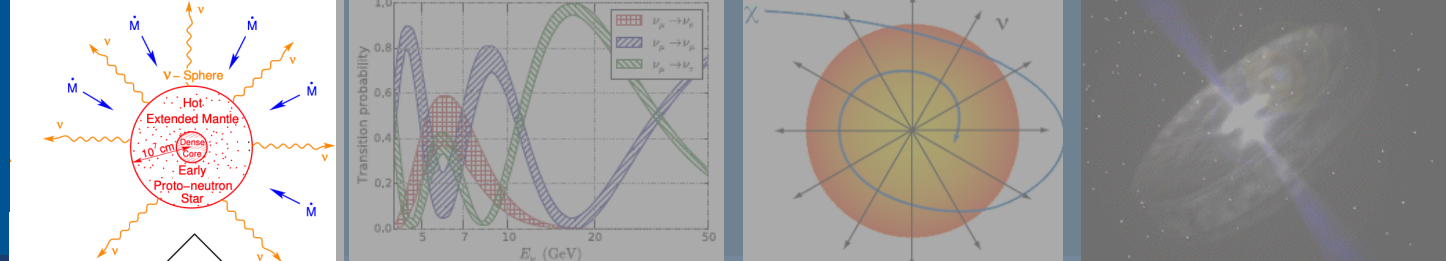


Dynamic positioning taken into account in the event reconstruction

DU Twist with compasses

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Time, position and orientation verified also with atmospheric muons ICRC2023 PoS 218

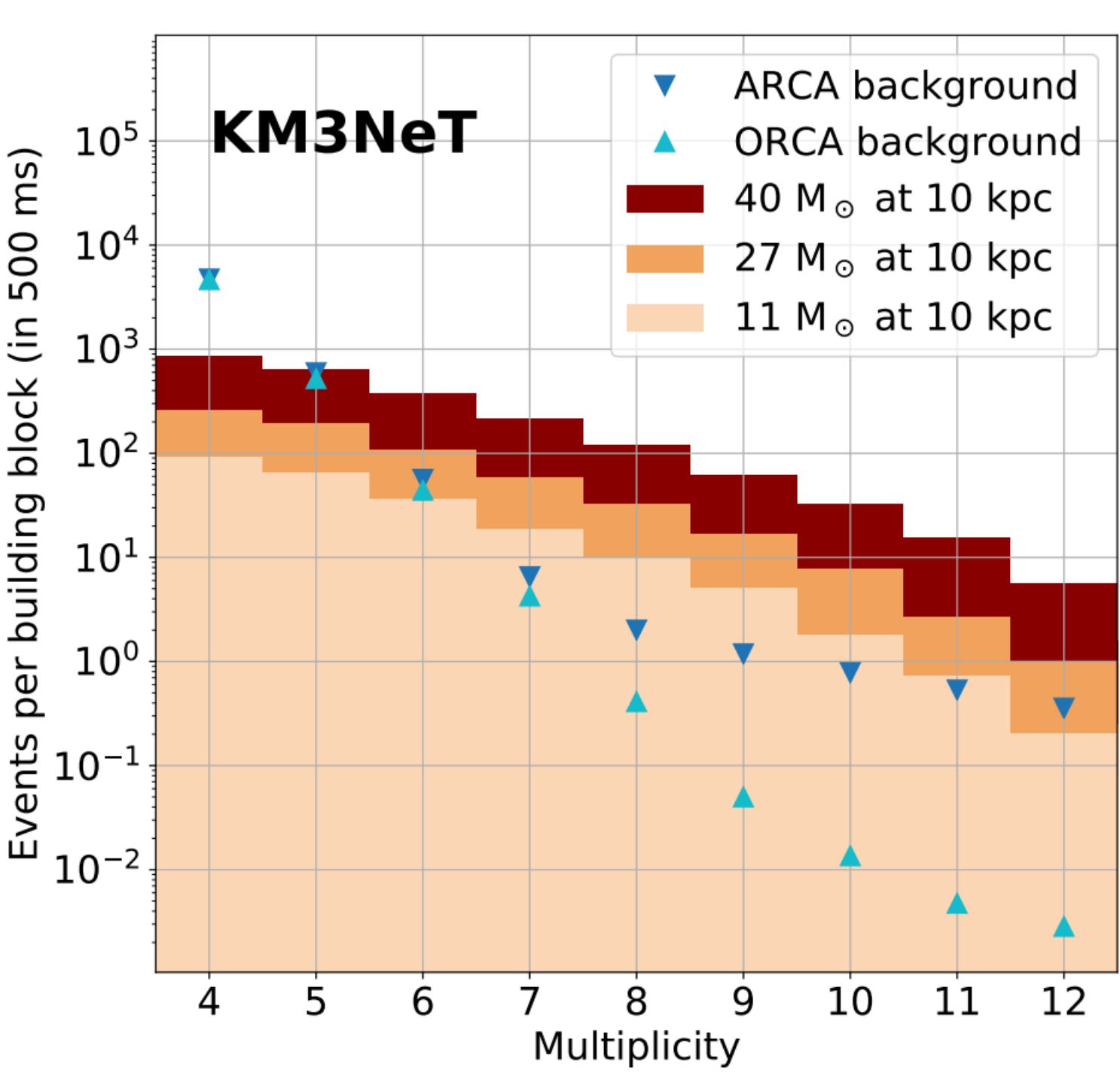


SUPERNOVA EXPLOSION

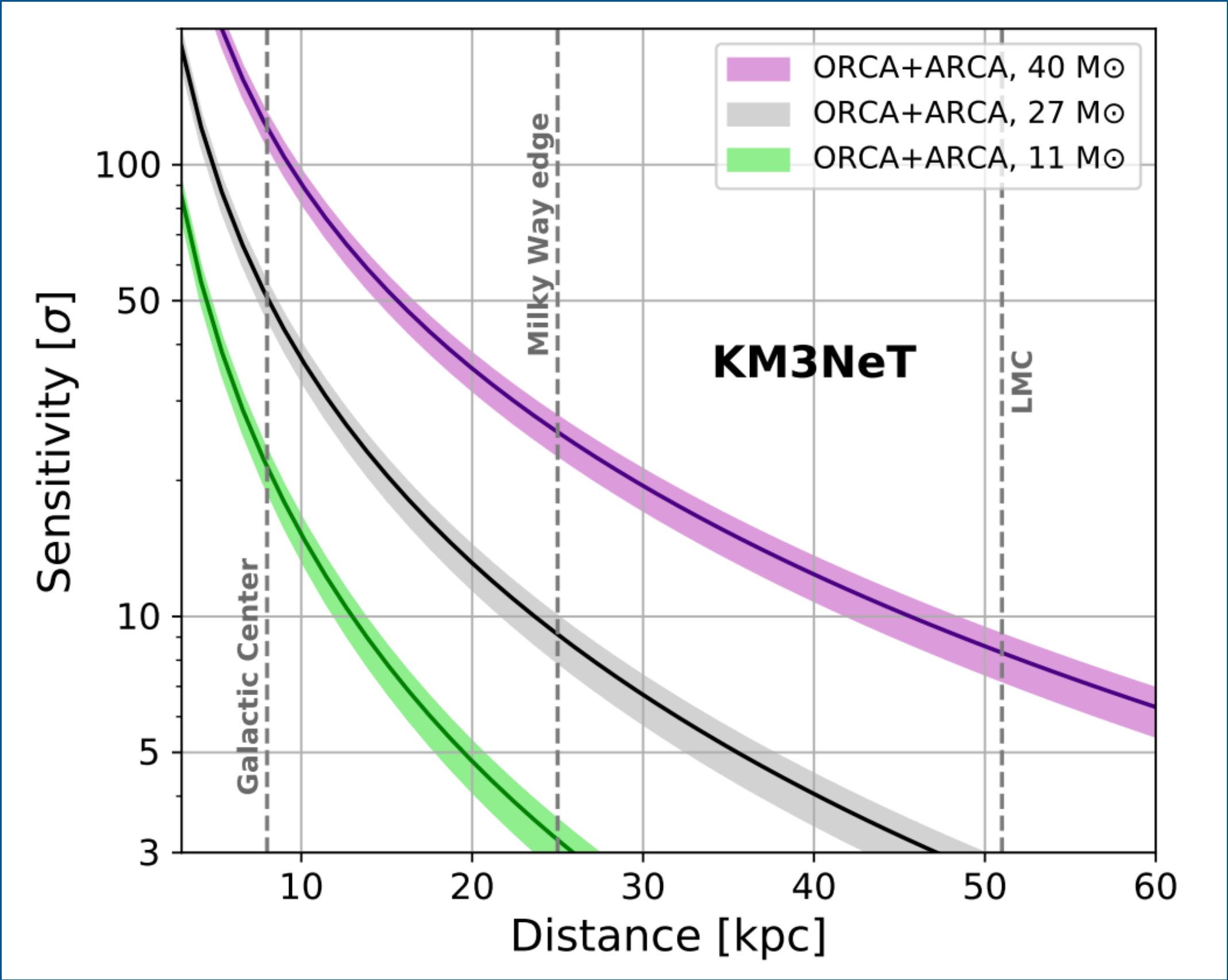
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PMT multiplicity plot



ARCA230+ORCA115



$>5\sigma$ for ARCA+ORCA for 27 M_{\odot} at a distance <35 kpc

Prediction for
ARCA29+ORCA18
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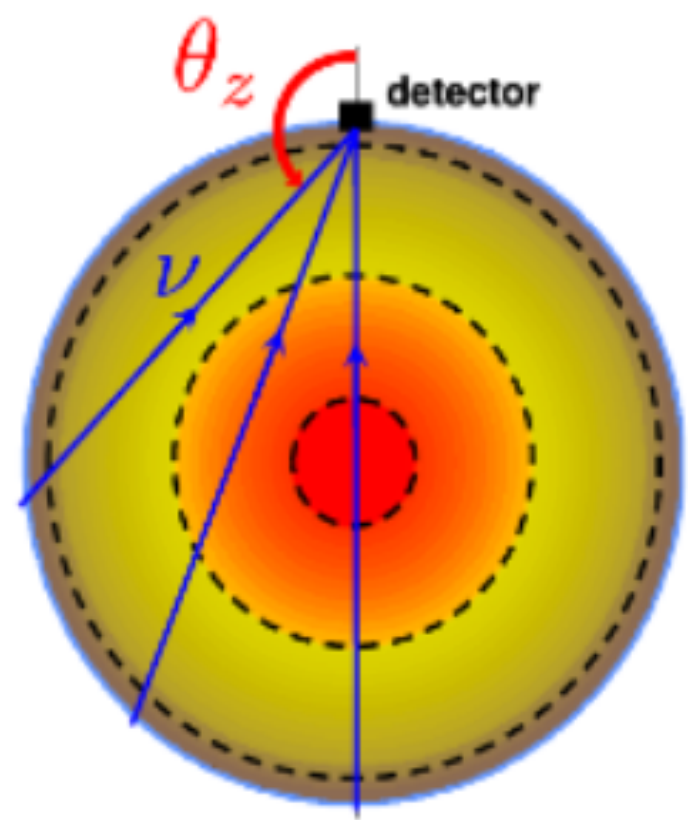
An on-line alert system for CCSN already
implemented
Integrated in SNEWS

NEUTRINO OSCILLATION WITH ORCA

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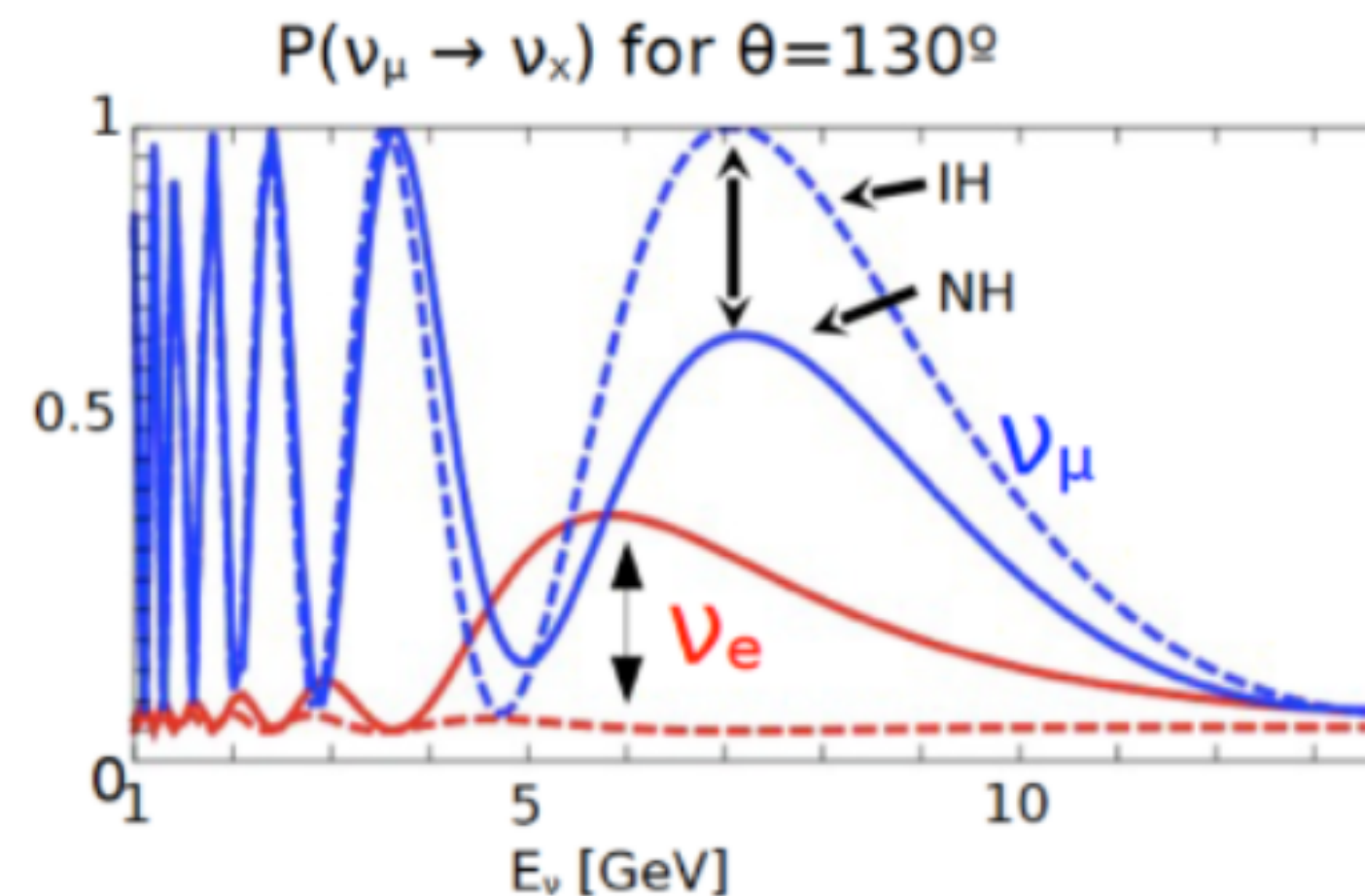
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Baseline from 50 to 12800 km

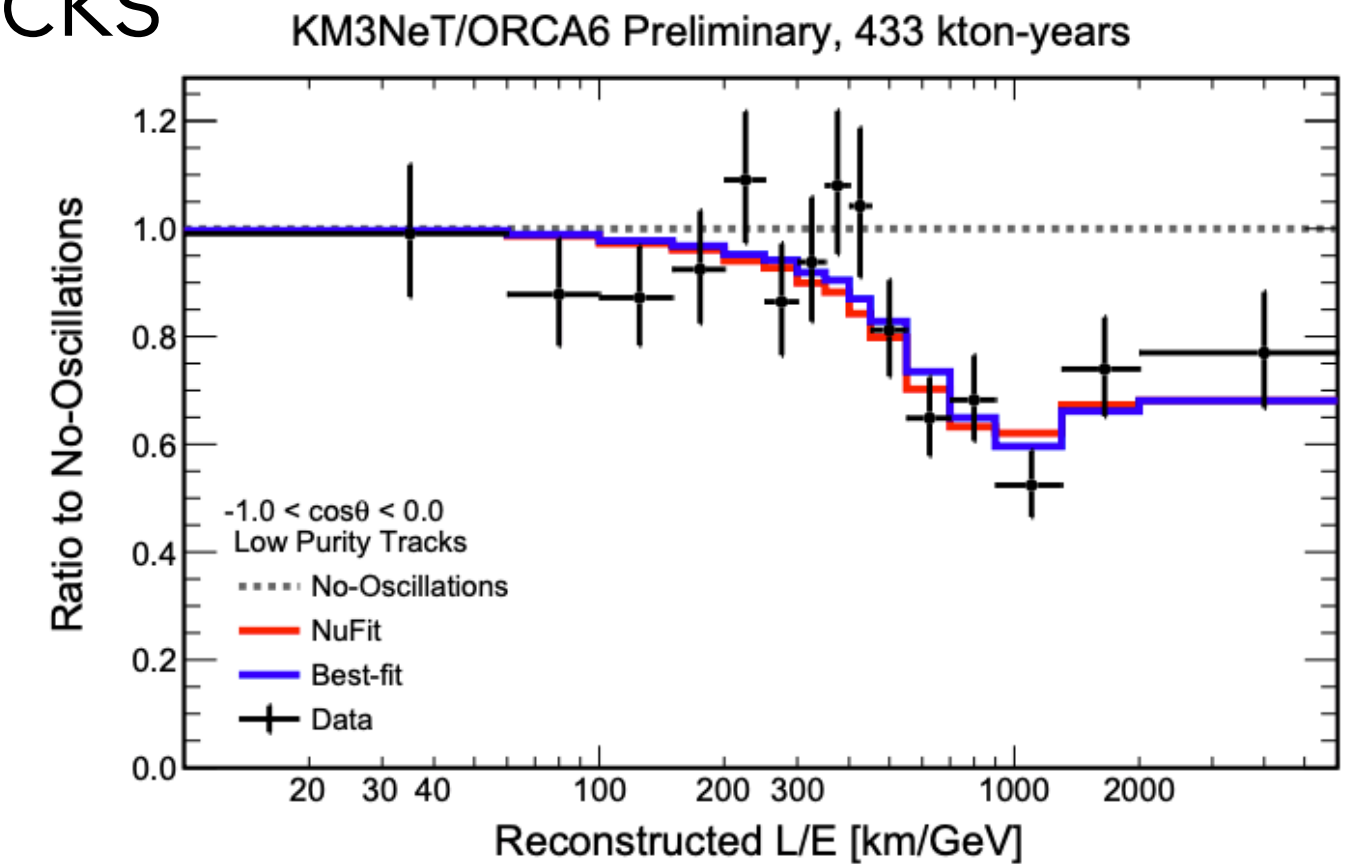
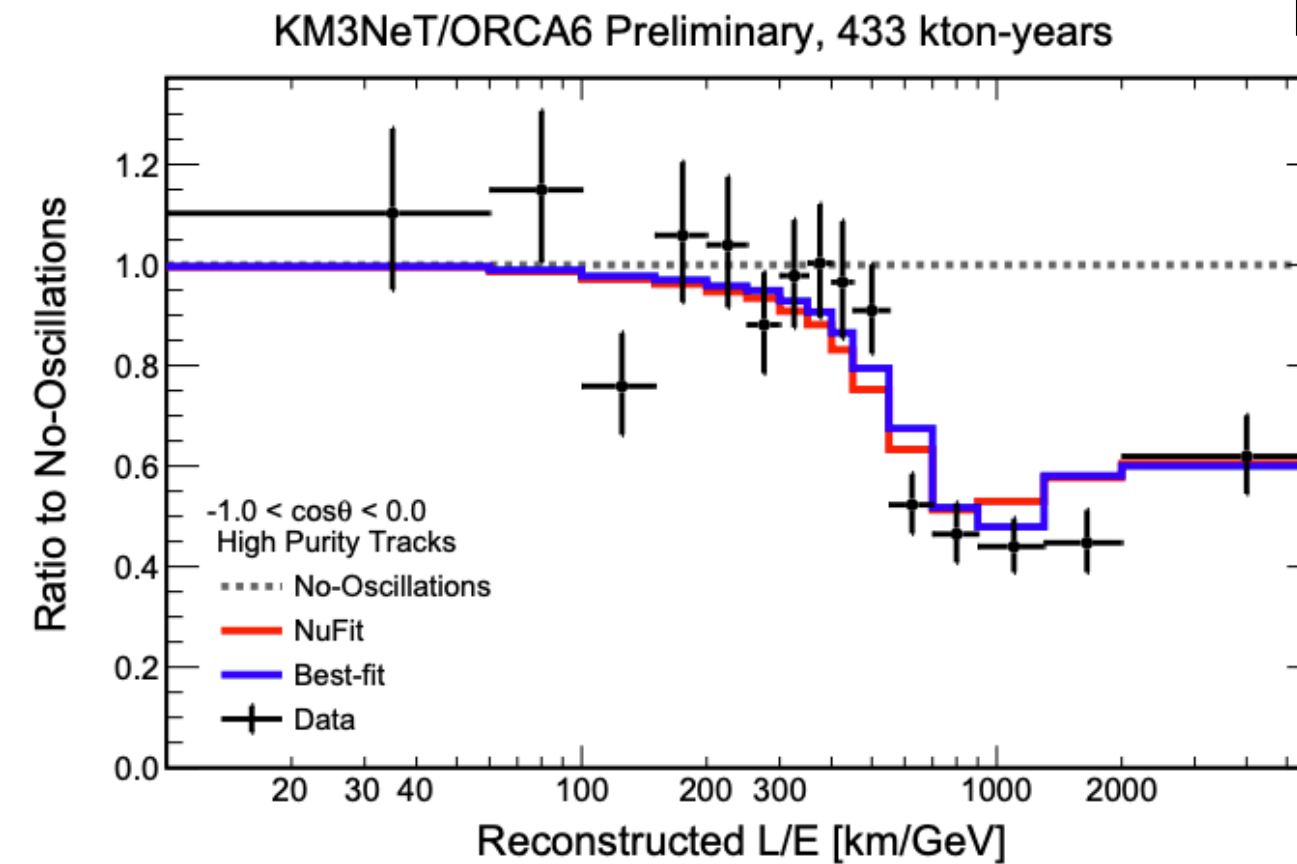


Neutrino Mass
Ordering measuring
atmospheric
neutrinos crossing
the Earth

Energy range of interest 5-15 GeV

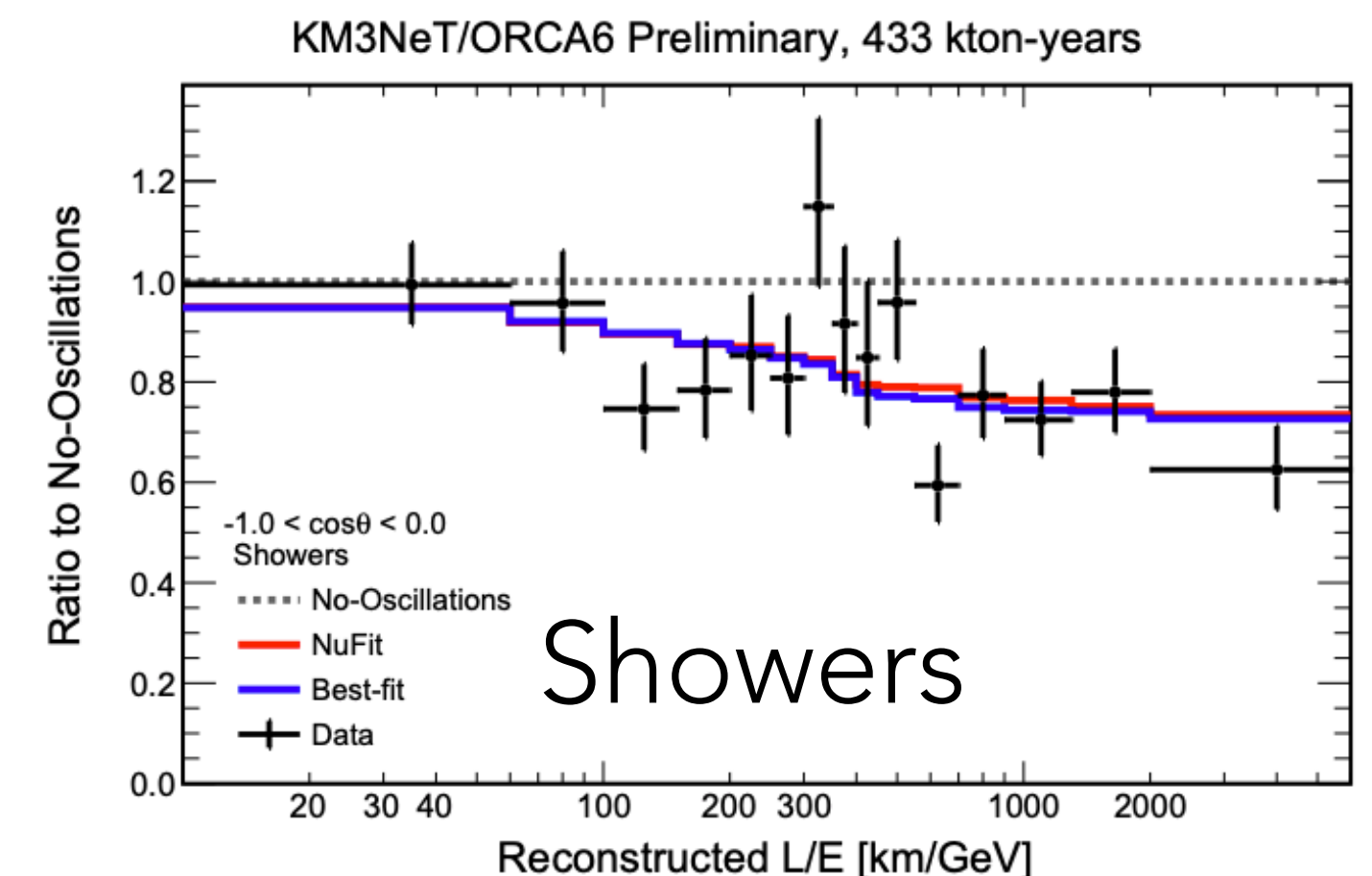


Tracks



ORCA6 data
Oscillation clearly seen both
in track and shower events

Showers



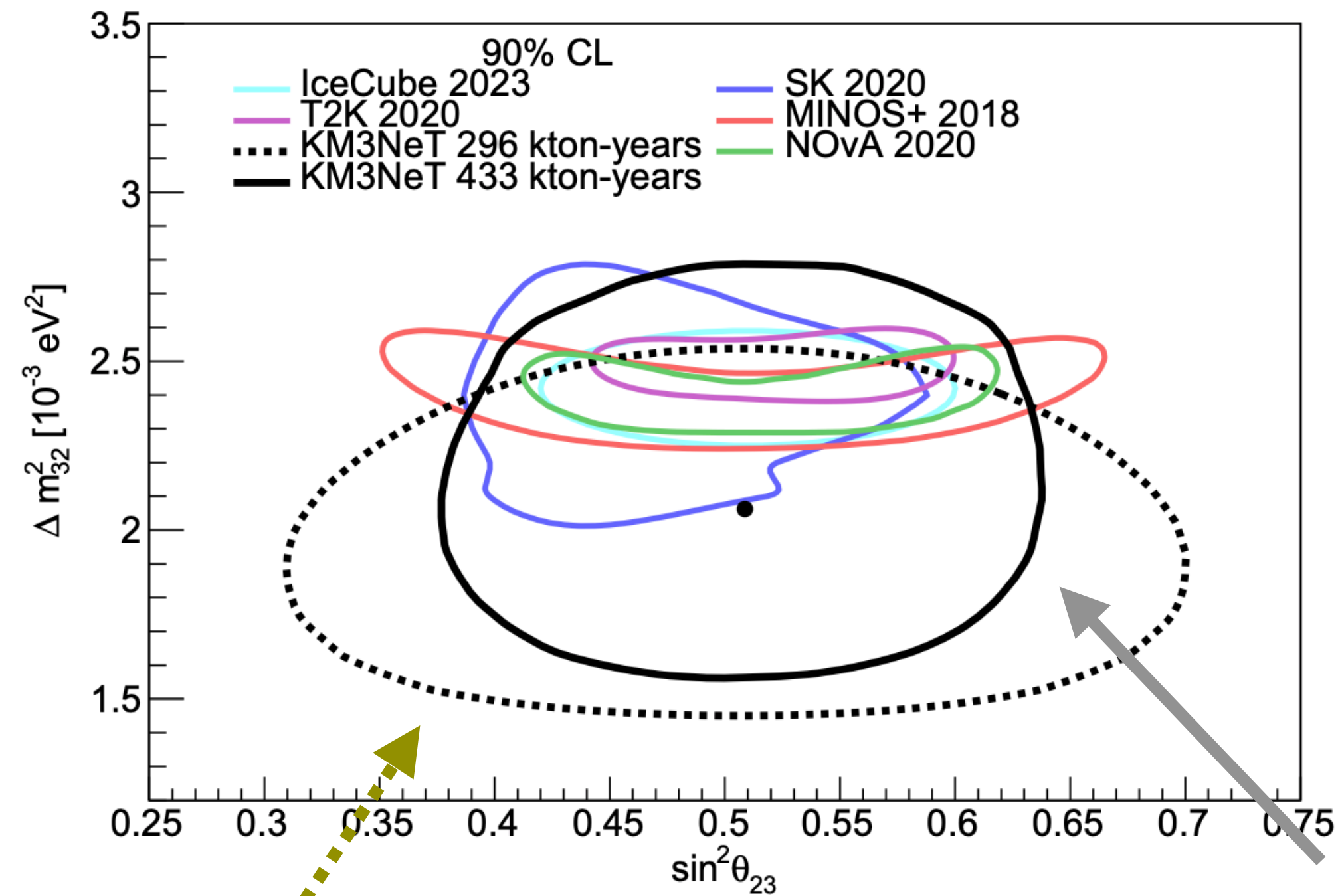
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Δm^2_{32} vs $\sin^2\theta_{23}$

KM3NeT/ORCA6 Preliminary

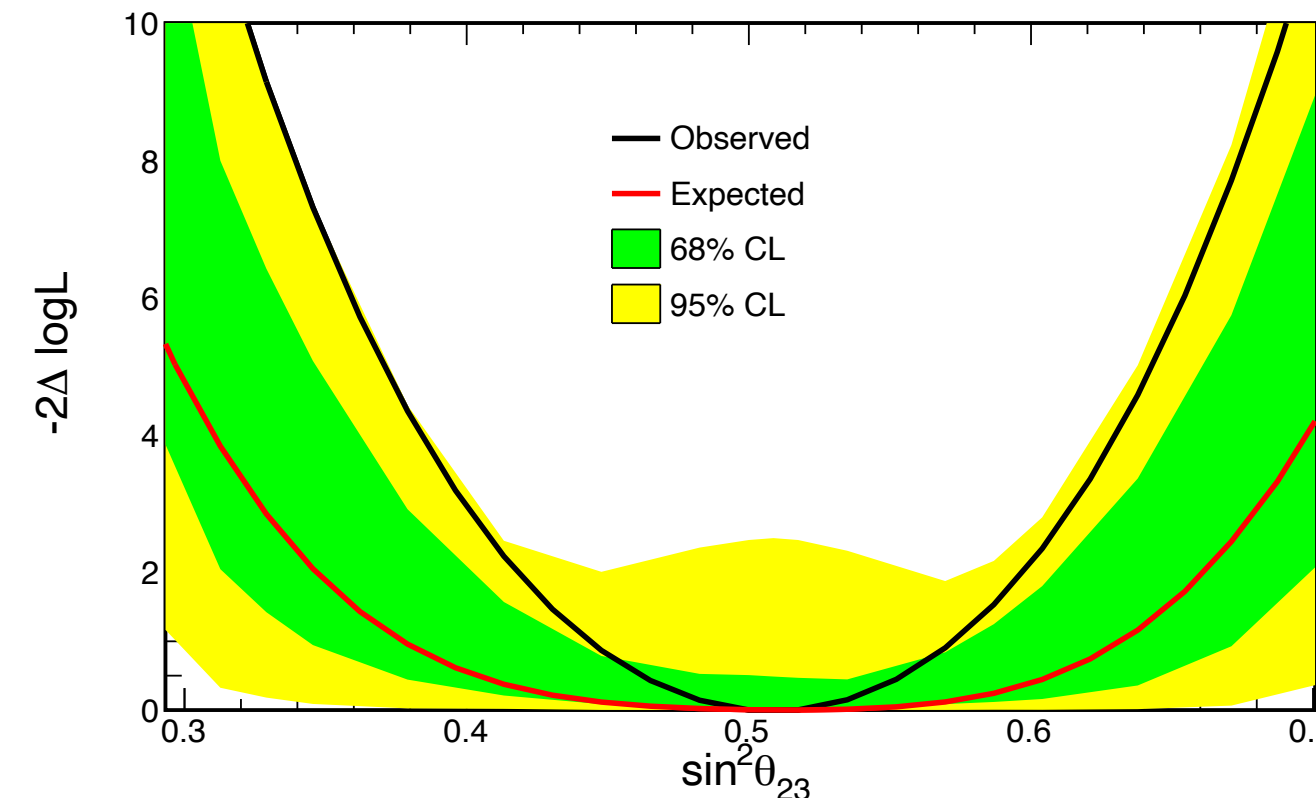


ORCA6 DUs 354days

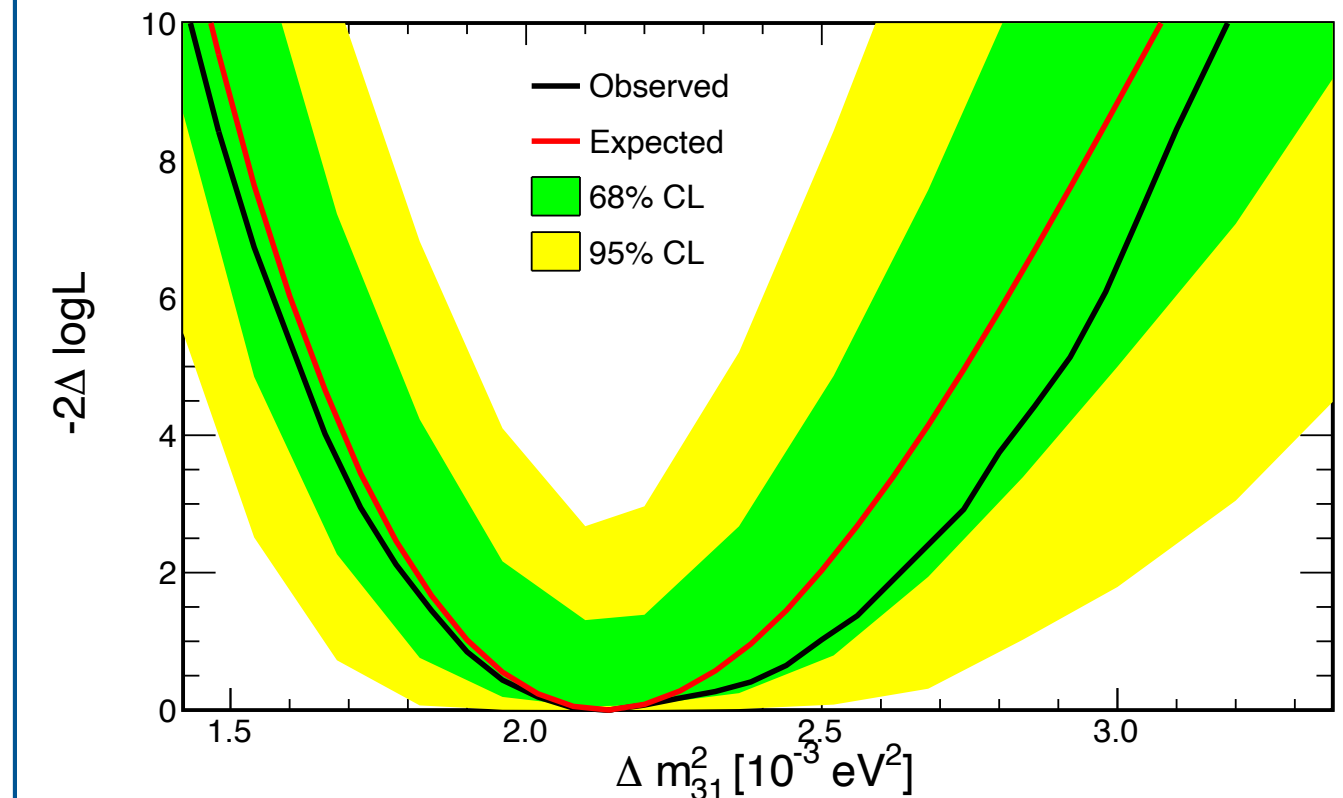
ORCA 6 DUs 510days

KM3NeT/ORCA competitive

KM3NeT/ORCA6 Preliminary, 433 kton-years



KM3NeT/ORCA6 Preliminary, 433 kton-years



With respect to Neutrino 2022 conference



Increased event sample of a factor 5:

- Better selection track/shower 🖐 ICRC2023 PoS 1191
- Added showers
- Livetime + 40%

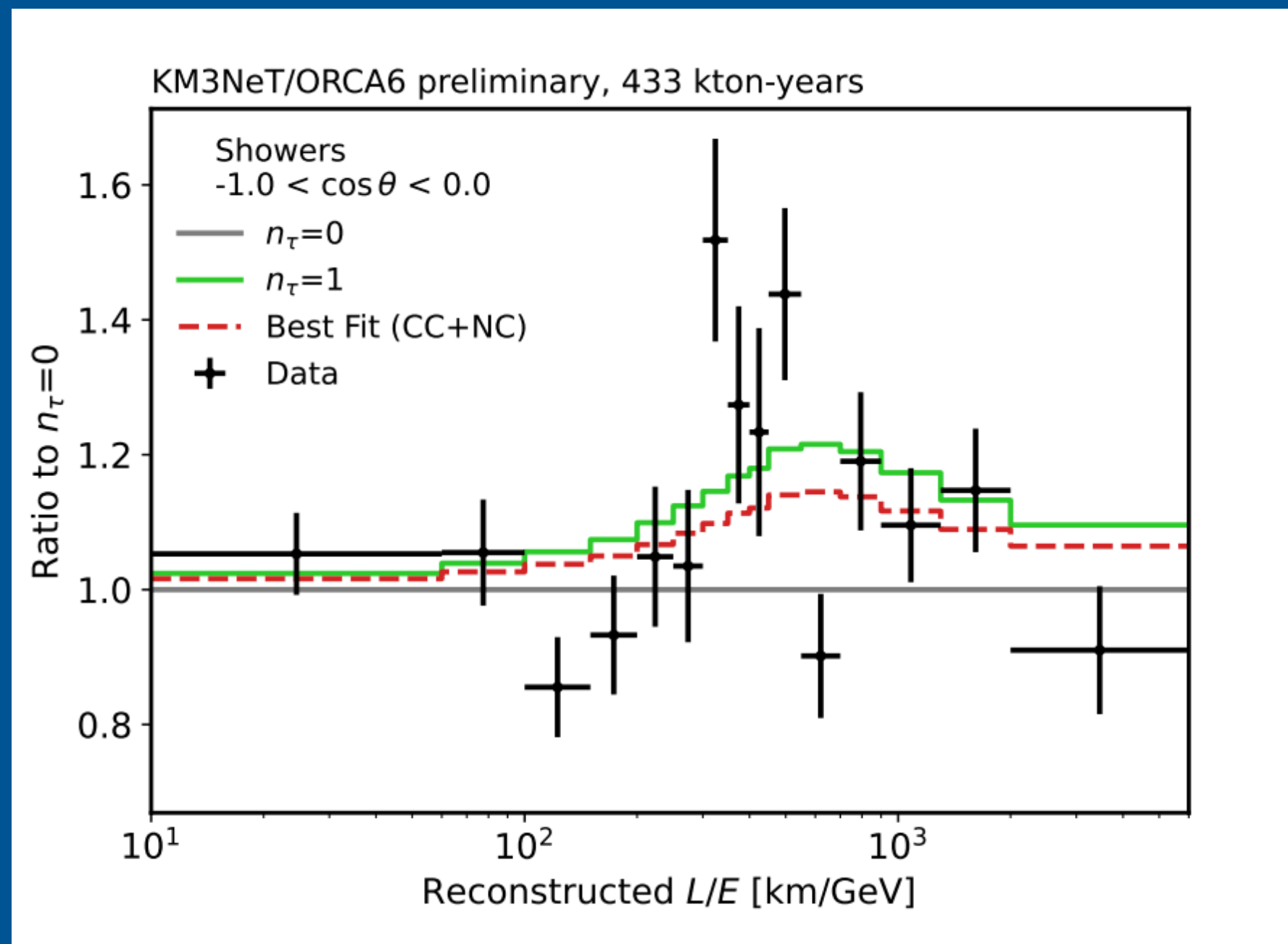
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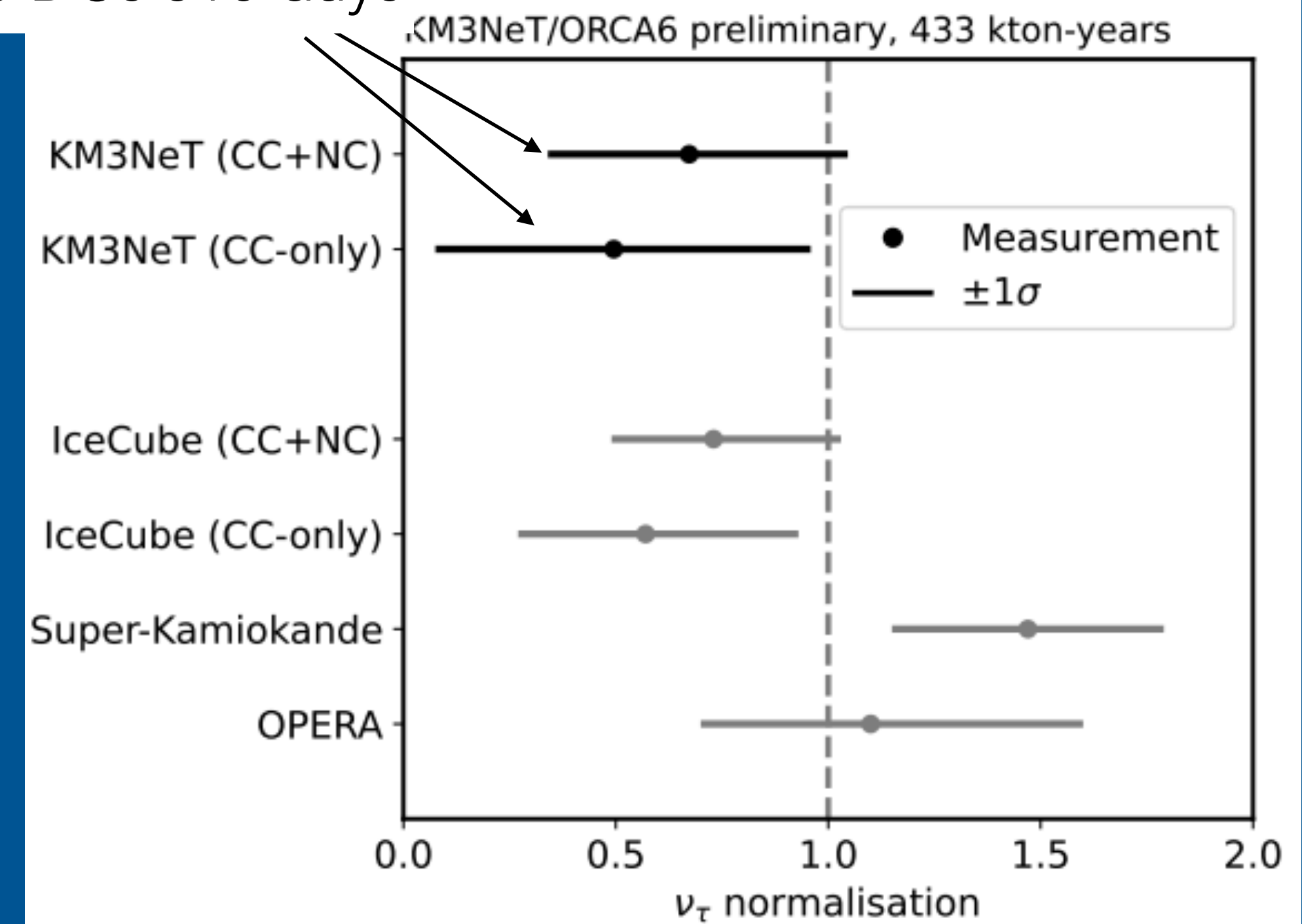
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ν_τ appearance

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ ➡ search for a statistical excess of shower-like events



ORCA6 DUs 510 days



Also competitive results in:

- Non standard interactions ➡ ICRC2023 PoS 998
- Neutrino decay ➡ ICRC2023 PoS 997
- Lorentz invariance violation ➡ ICRC2023 PoS 1086

DARK MATTER

From the sun

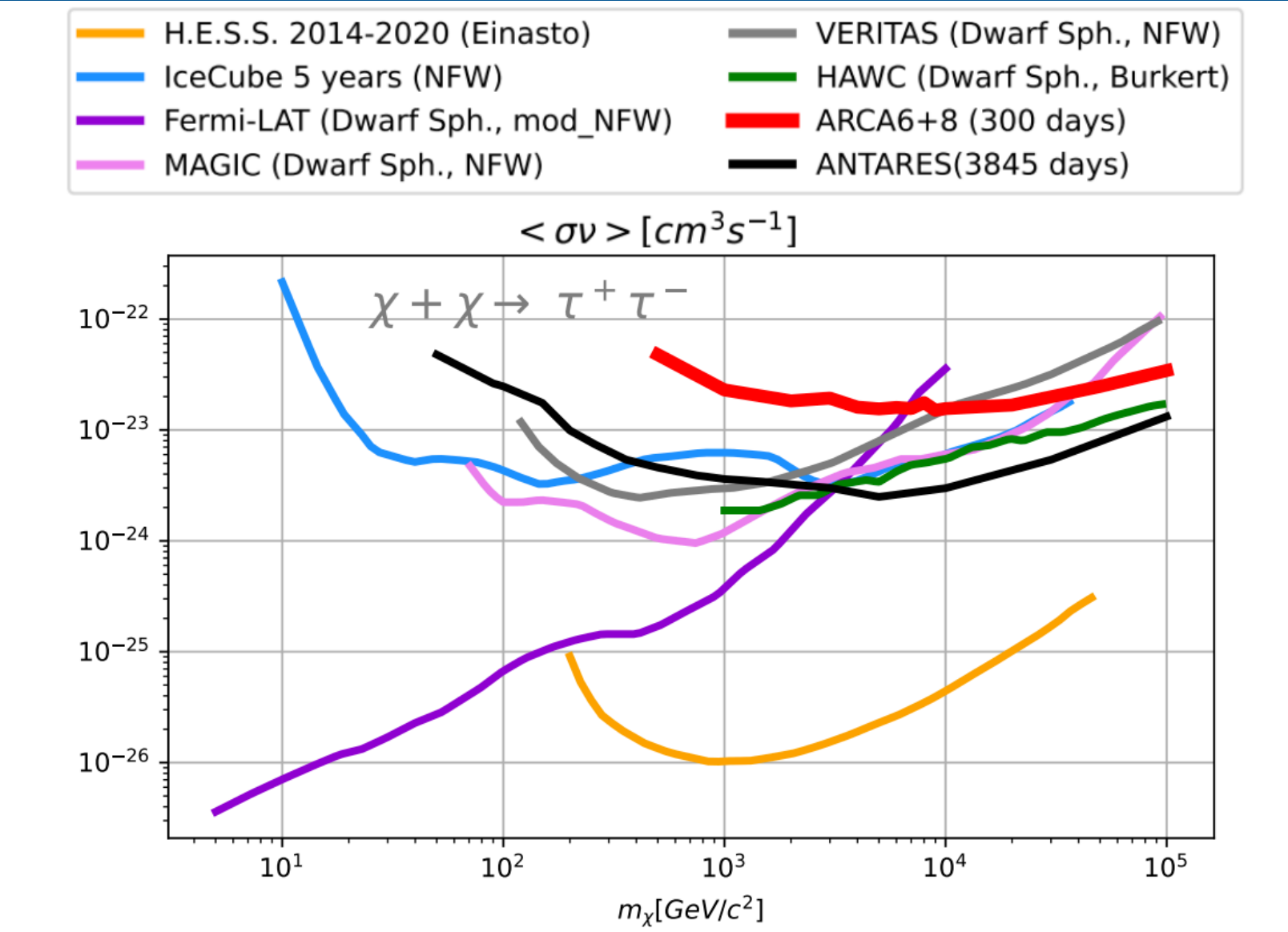
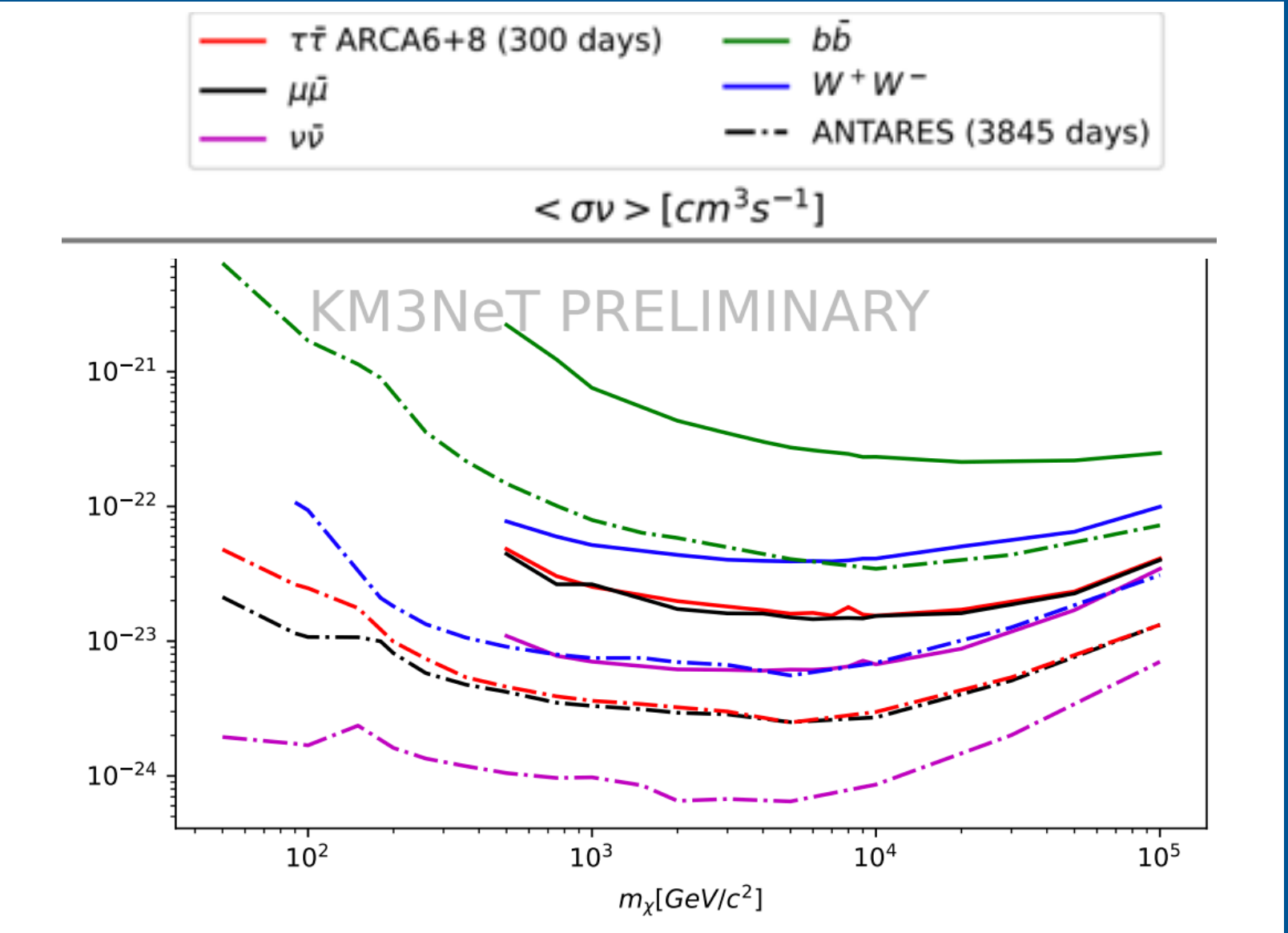
ORCA6 analyzed

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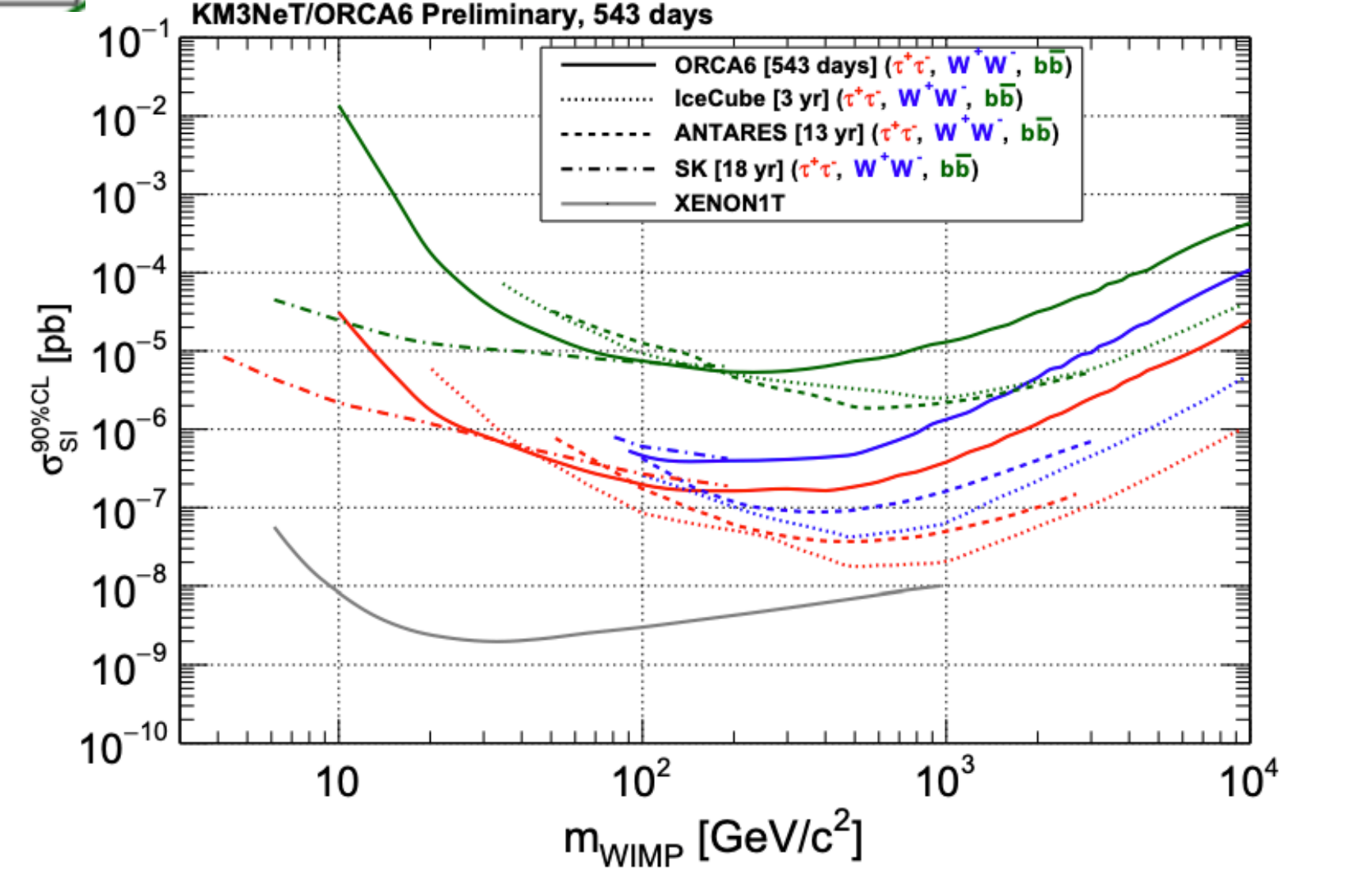
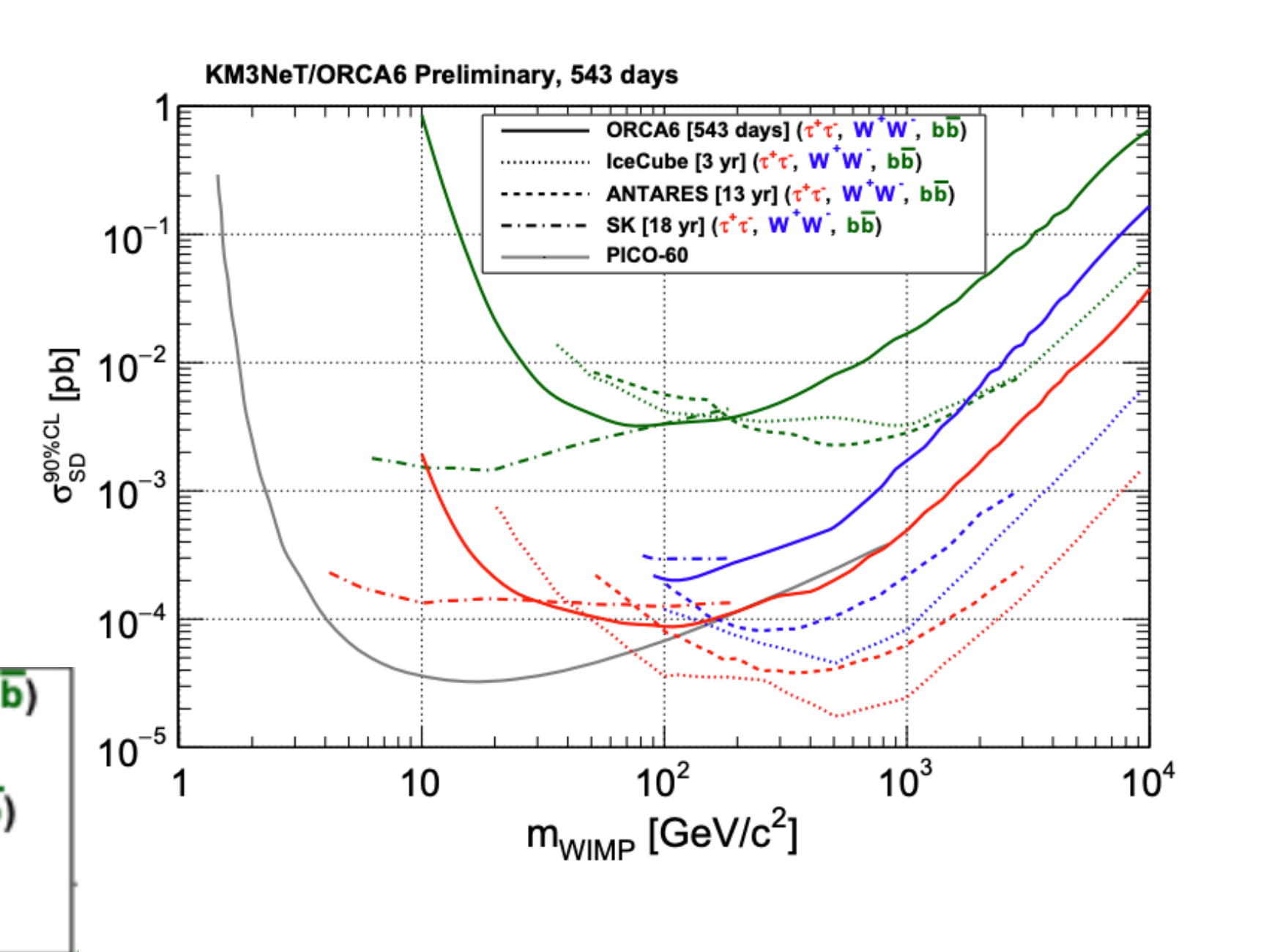
17 From the Galactic Center

ARCA6 & ARCA8 analyzed

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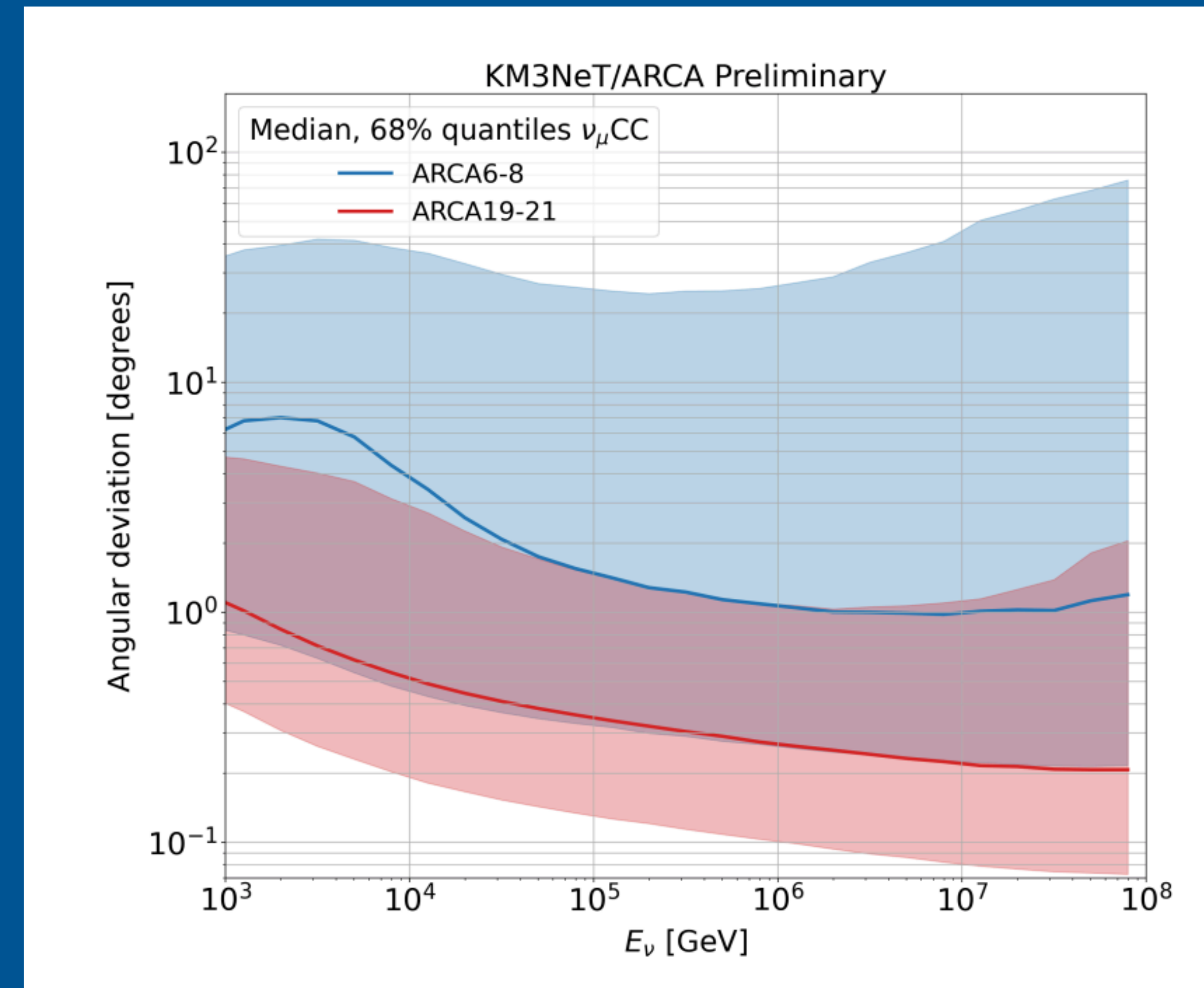
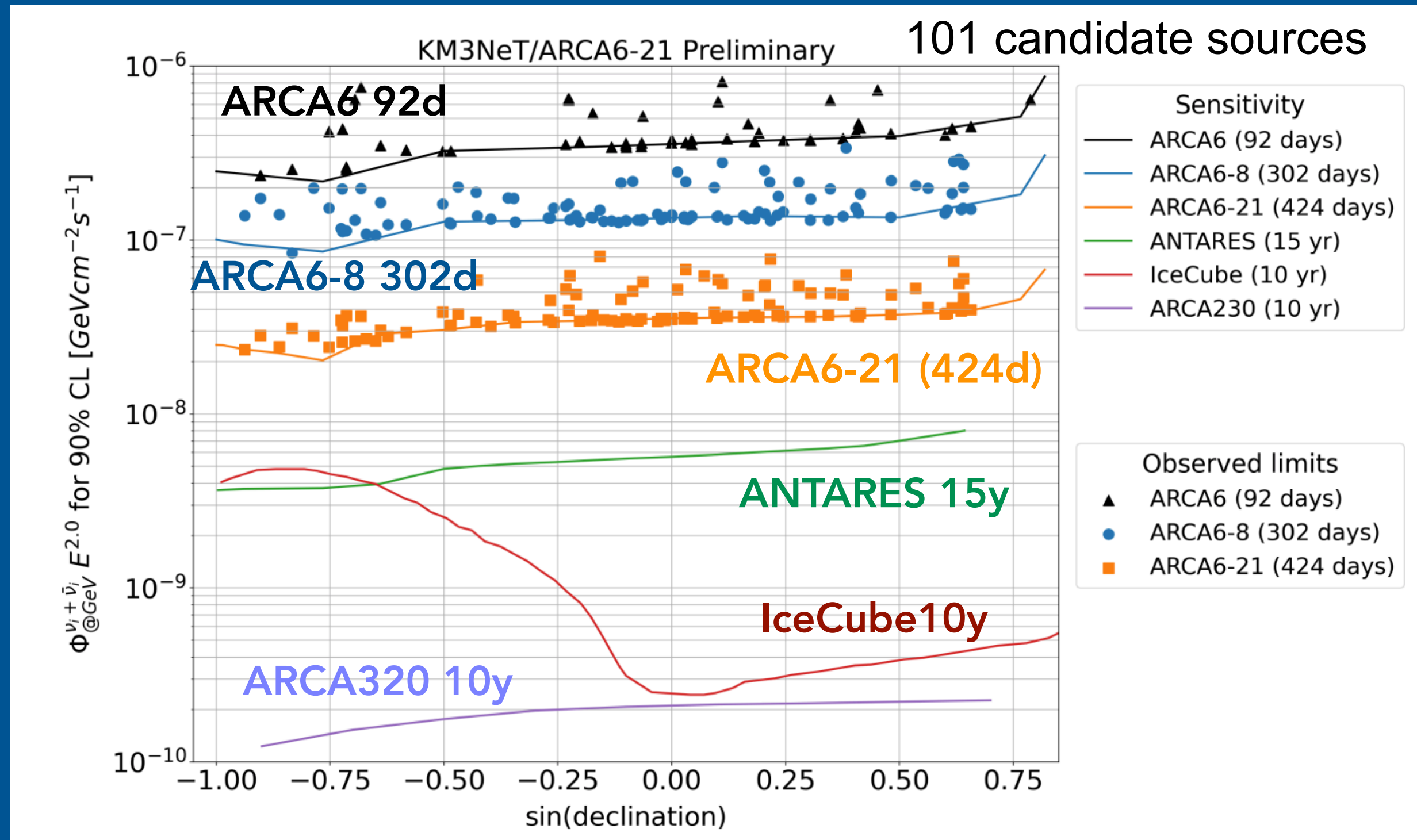


KM3NeT quickly reaching the ANTARES limits



ARCA6 & ARCA8 & ARCA19 fully analyzed
ARCA21 partially analyzed (until December 2022)

Angular resolution



Large improvement in sensitivity is expected. For the next year:
+ 9 months of unprocessed ARCA21 data
+ extended detector (ARCA28 from sept 2023)

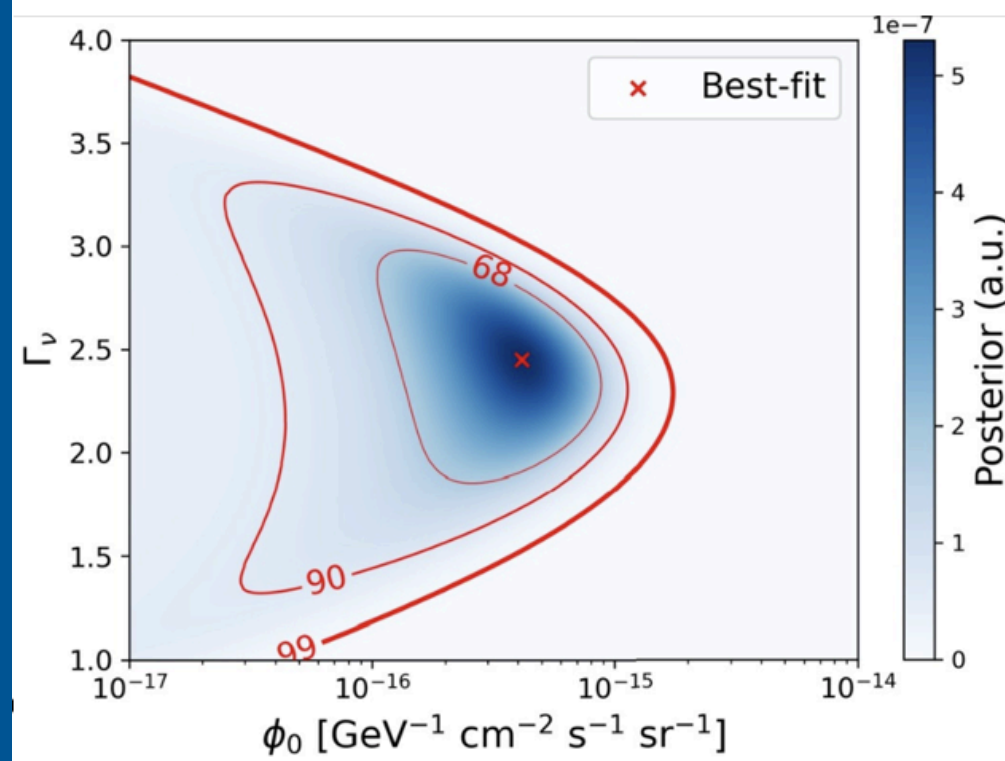
KM3NeT upper limits are quickly reaching the ANTARES 15yr limits

Improvements also in angular resolution

First results also for joined ARCA-
ANTARES point-like searches
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See M. Sanguineti talk

ANTARES 2007-2020 data Phys. Lett. B 841 (2023), p. 137951
 2 σ excess in tracks and showers \rightarrow hint for Galactic signal

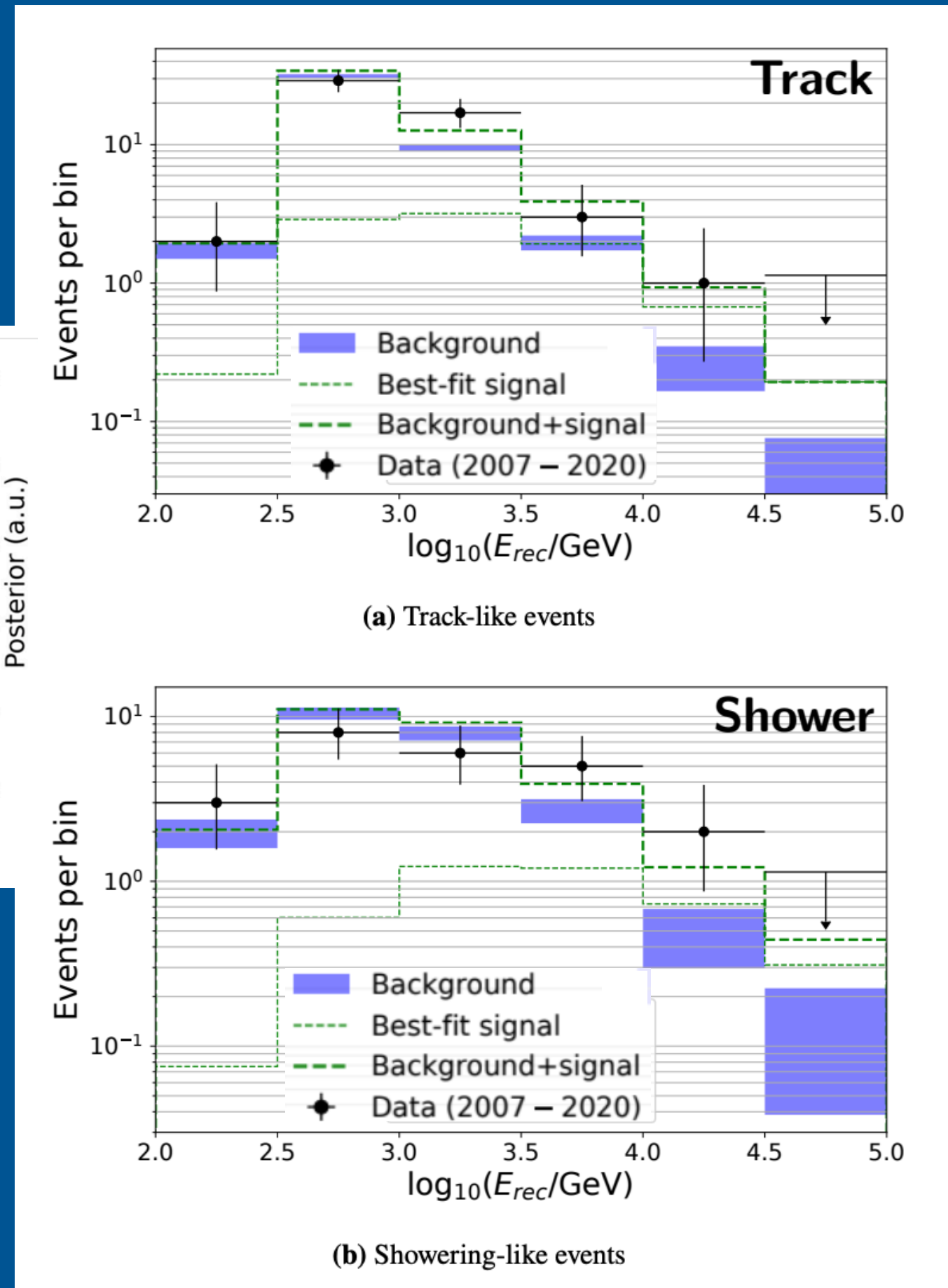
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See talk of C.
 Poiré for an
 overview on
 ANTARES results

For $E_\nu > 1$ TeV

21 track events observed $\rightarrow 11.7 \pm 0.6$ back. expected
 13 shower events observed $\rightarrow (11.2 \pm 0.9)$ back. expected

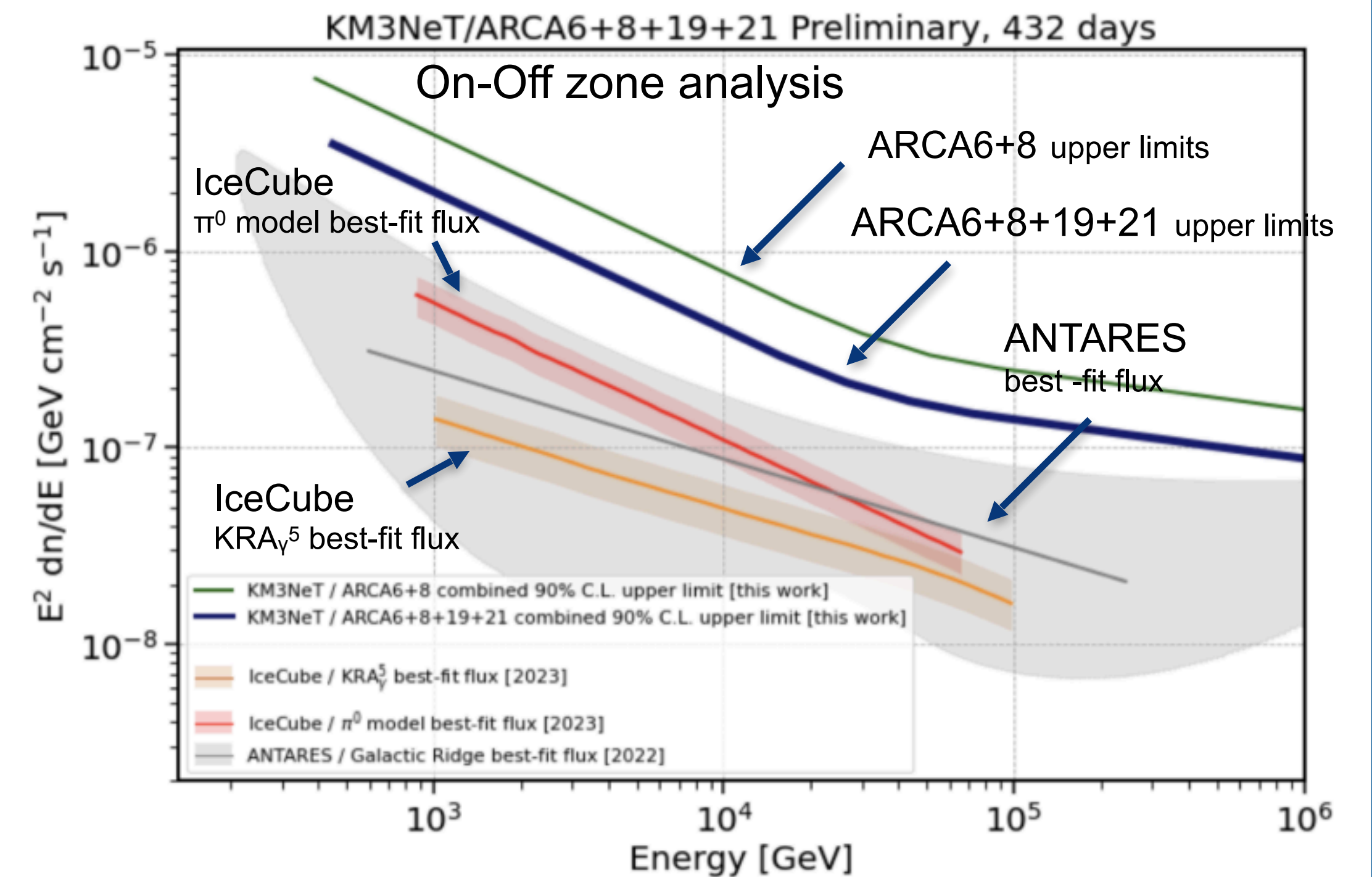


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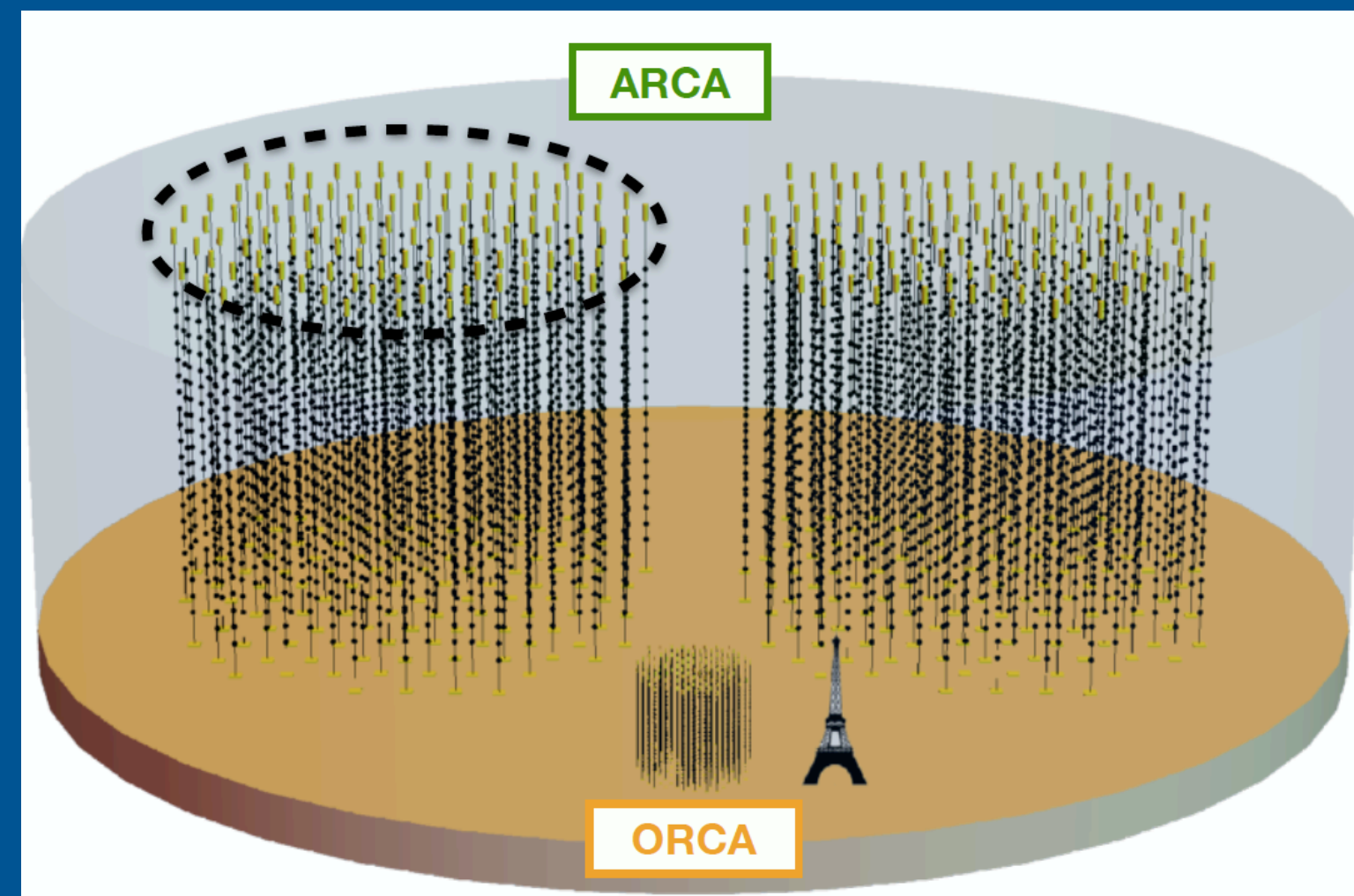
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KM3NeT

$|| < 31^\circ$ and $|b| < 5^\circ$ for KM3NeT/ARCA6-8 and
 $|| < 31^\circ$ and $|b| < 4^\circ$ for KM3NeT/ARCA19-21



A dedicated software is installed at the shore stations for Real-Time Analysis (RTA)



Send neutrino alert to external communities



Receive alert from external communities - on-line analysis and follows ups



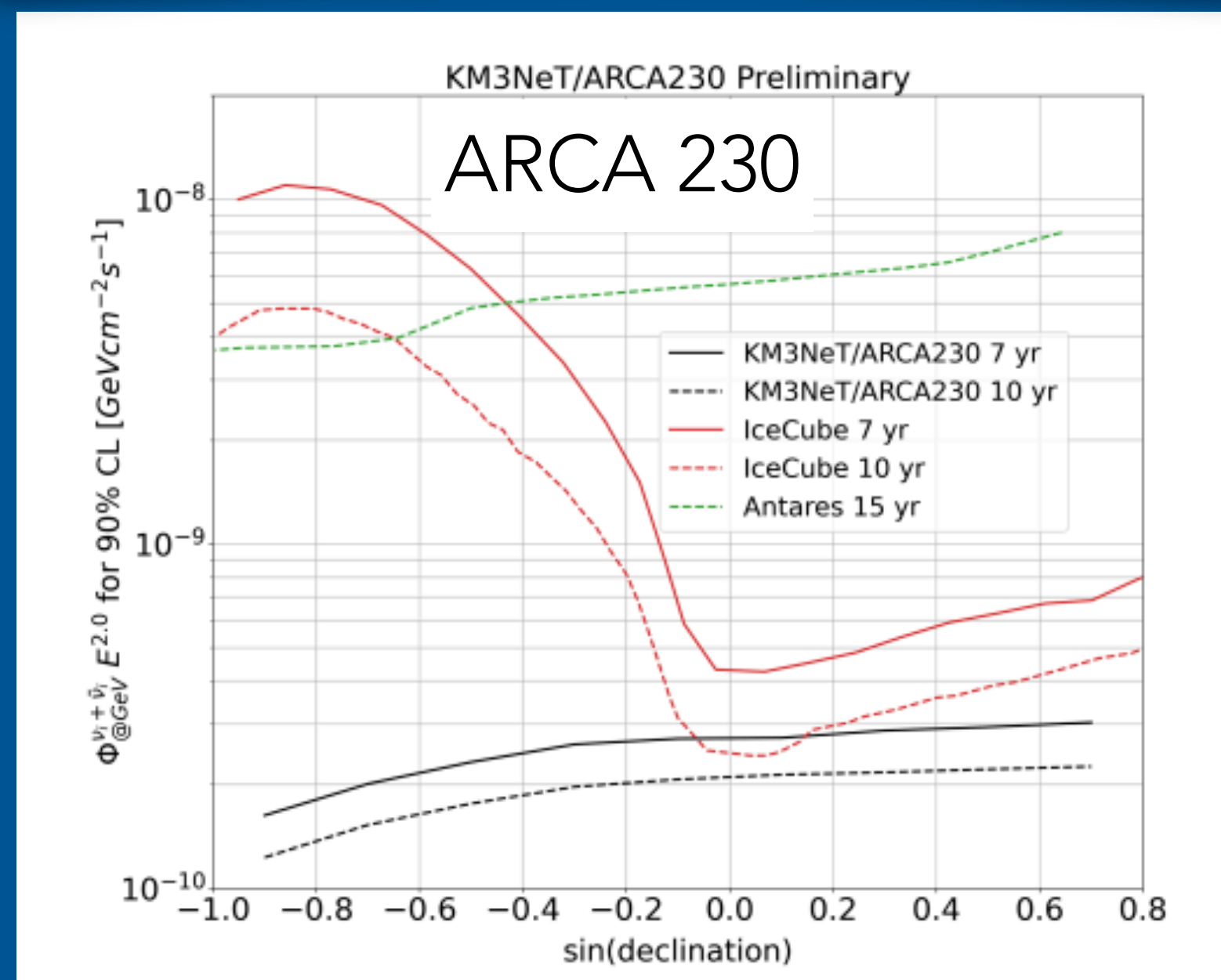
Sending alert system on going 👉 High-energy neutrino alerts will be sent in real-time by end of 2024.

KM3NET PERSPECTIVES

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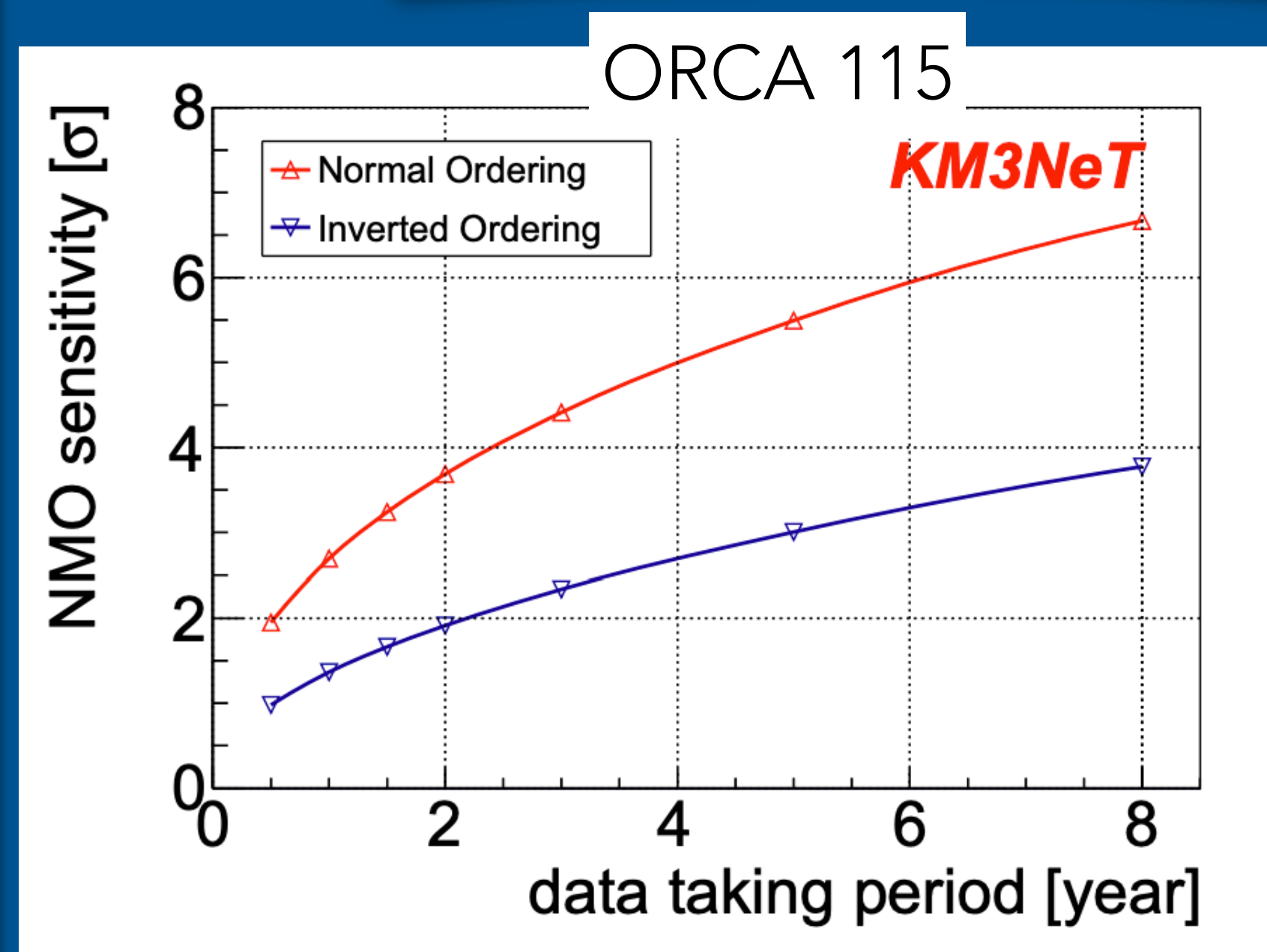
ARCA - Sensitivity for point-like searches



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ORCA - Neutrino mass ordering

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With
ORCA6
Normal
Ordering
preferred at
 1σ level

2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029

↑
ANTARES
decommissioning

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ARCA28DUs
ORCA 24DUs

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ORCA
completion

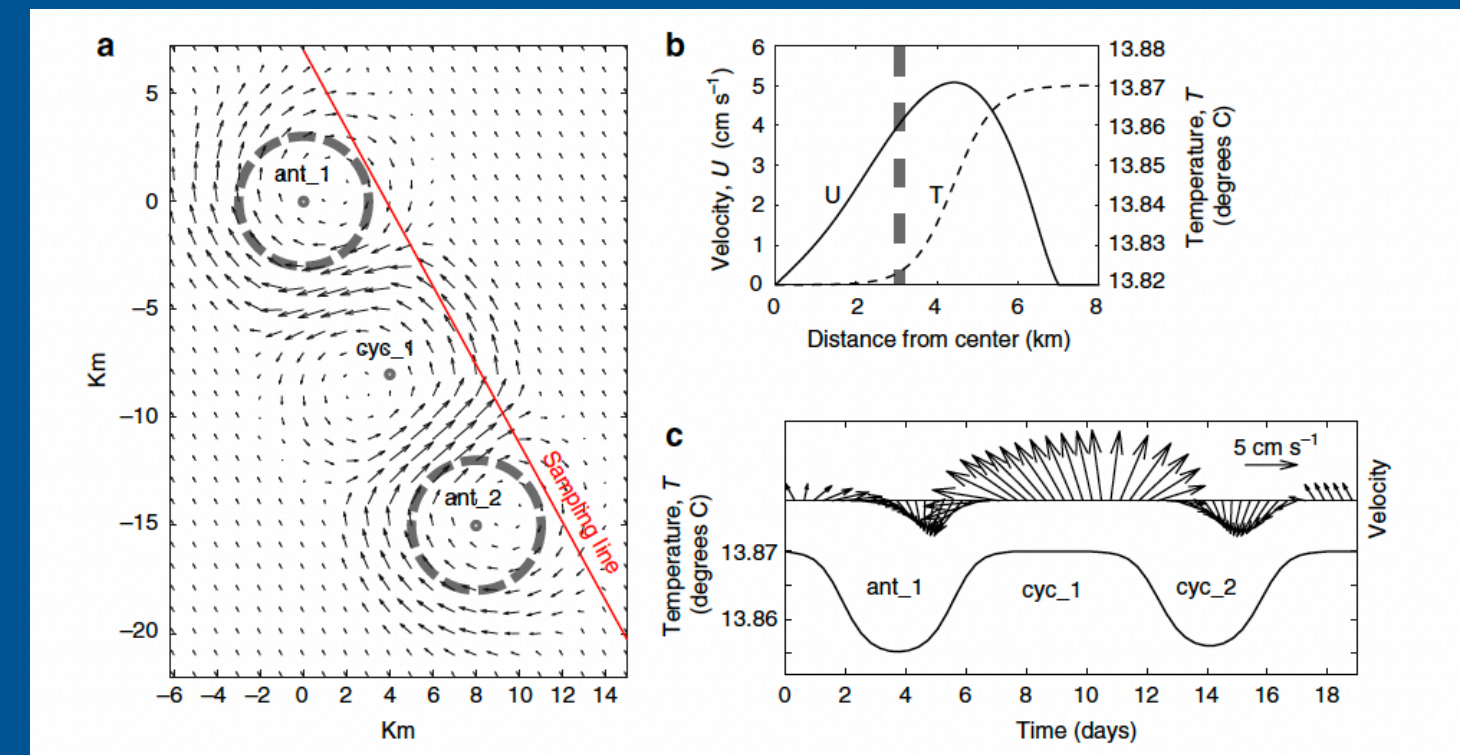
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MULTI-DISCIPLINARY SCIENCE AT ARCA SITE

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Real-time marine data harvesting in Capo Passero



Optical time domain reflectometry (BOTDR and DAS)

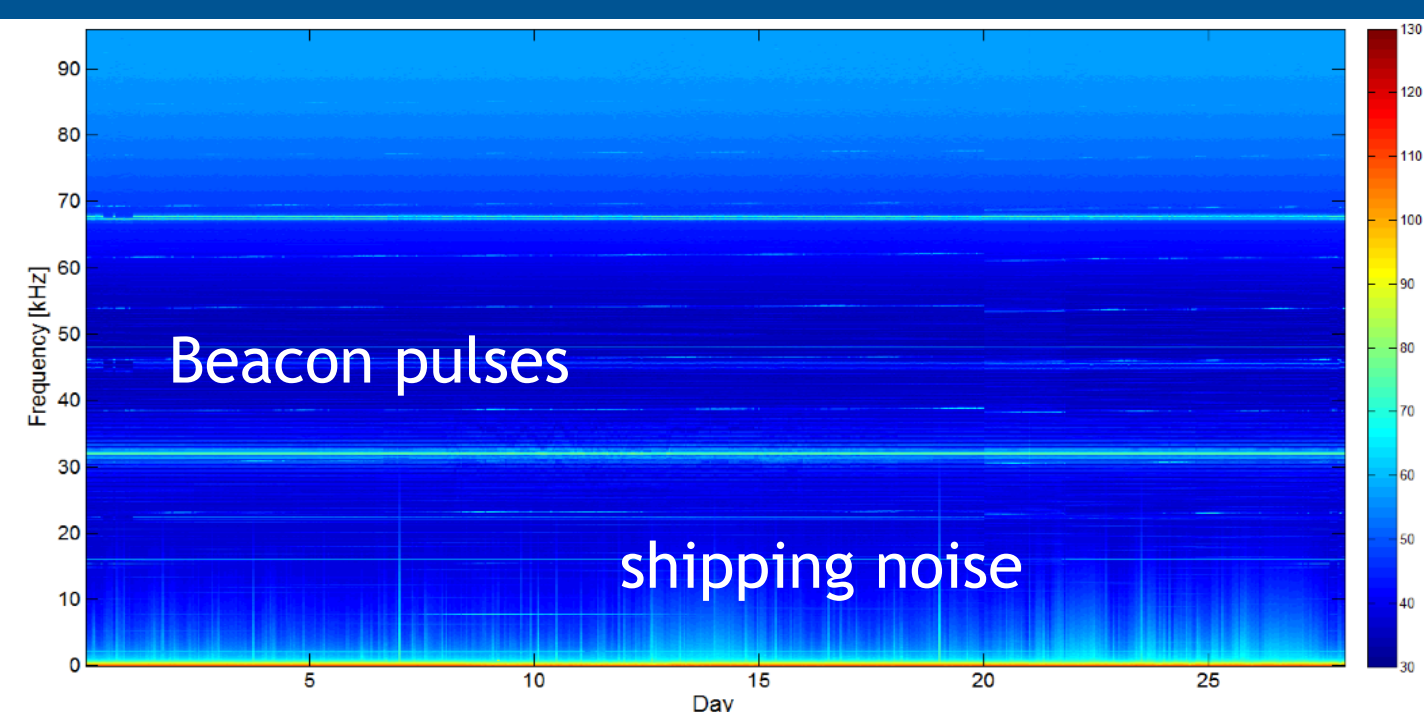
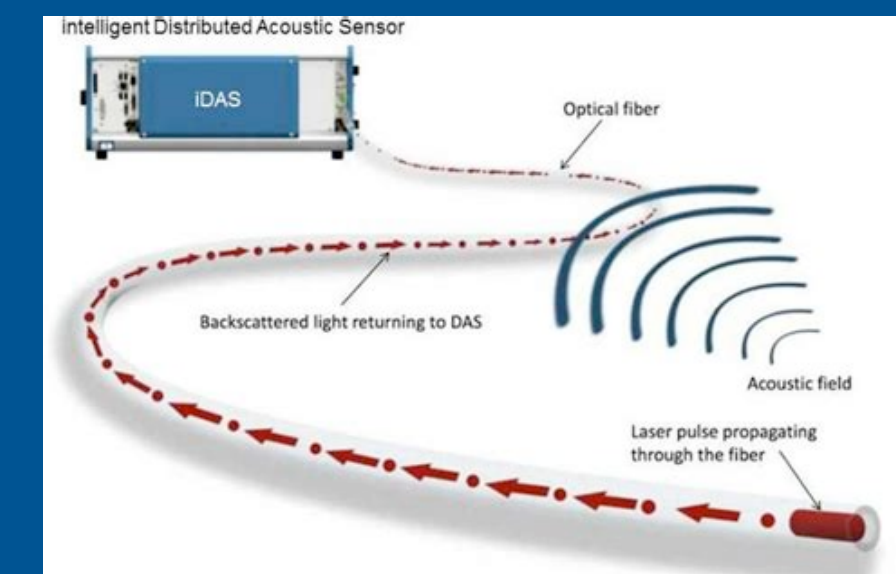
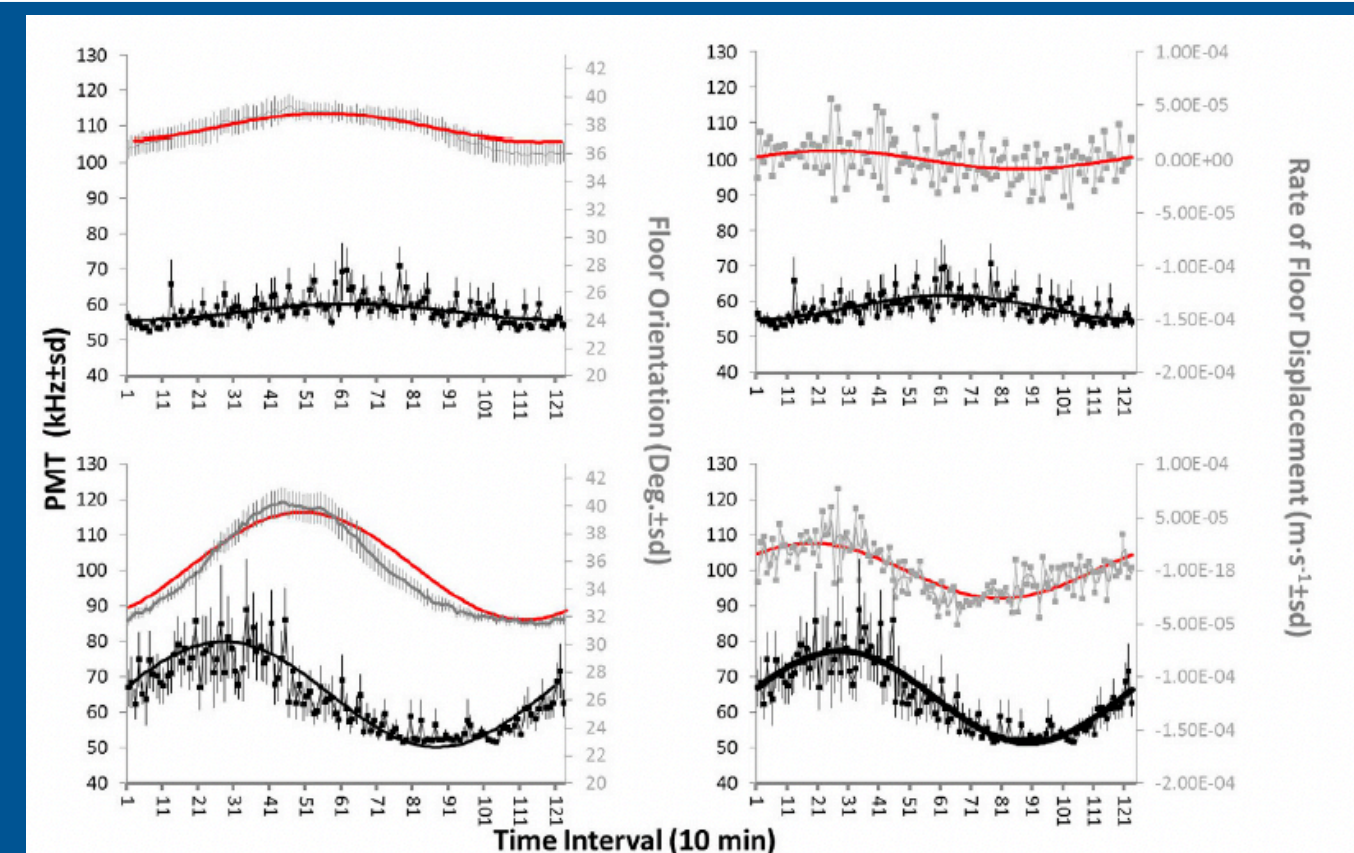
Geophysics and Volcanology
Marine hazards real time alert
Surveillance
Marine Spatial Planning

SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

OPEN Inertial bioluminescence rhythms at the Capo Passero (KM3NeT-Italia) site, Central Mediterranean Sea

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Hydrophone data stream real-time:
Anthropogenic (shipping, airguns, ...) noise monitoring
Presence of Cetaceans
Geophysical noise monitoring
Wind/rain (noise) monitoring offshore



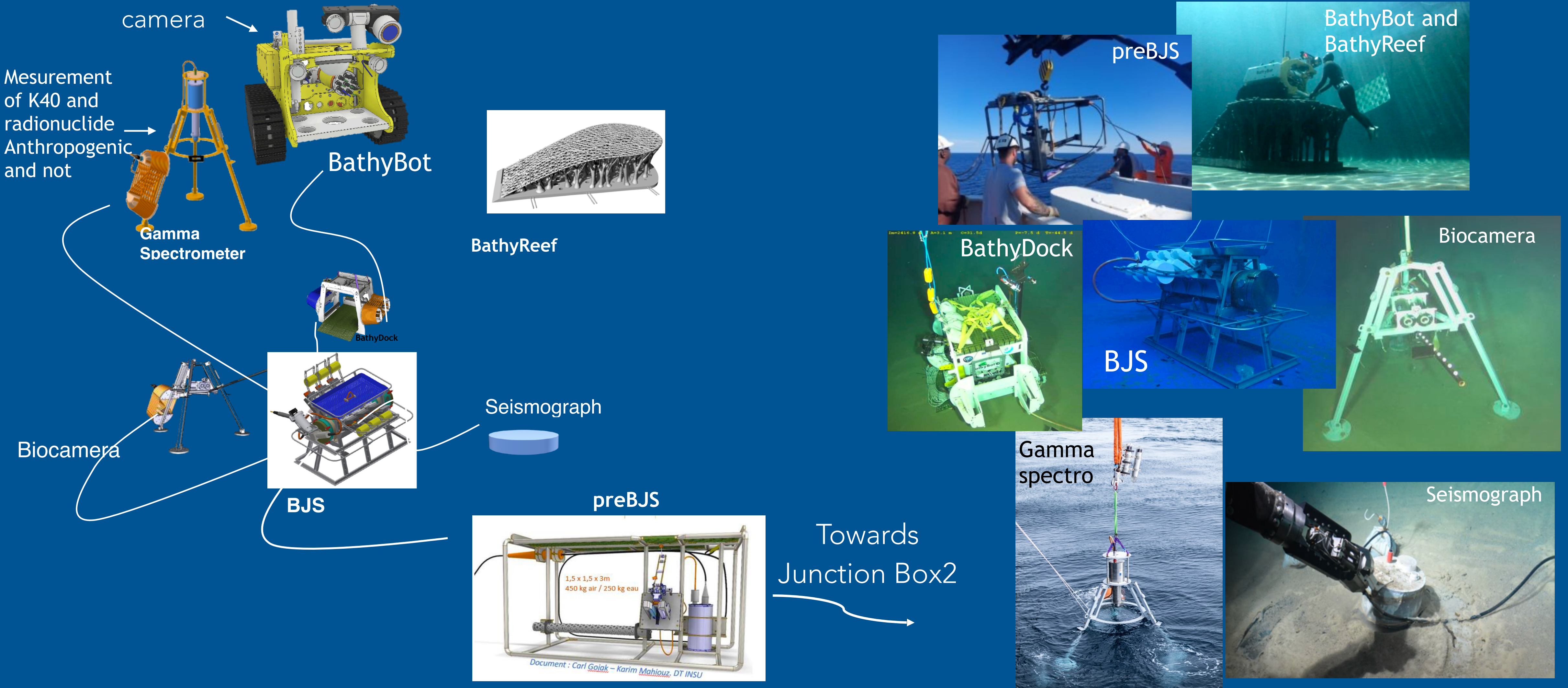
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Temperature, salinity,
Oxygen measurements

Instrumentation for marine science



SUMMARY

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KM3NeT under construction 🙌 present status: ARCA 28 DUs (12% of full detector) and ORCA 18 DUs (14% of the full detector) ... next week ORCA22

First results presented at ICRC2023 🙌 about 40 contributions (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.05016>)

KM3NeT upper limits are rapidly approaching the ANTARES limits

Online multi-messenger analysis framework for KM3NeT in progress and already operative



Exciting results expected in a few years especially in the exploration of the southern sky

Promising results also in the neutrino oscillation 🙌 KM3NeT/ORCA in the race for mass hierarchy

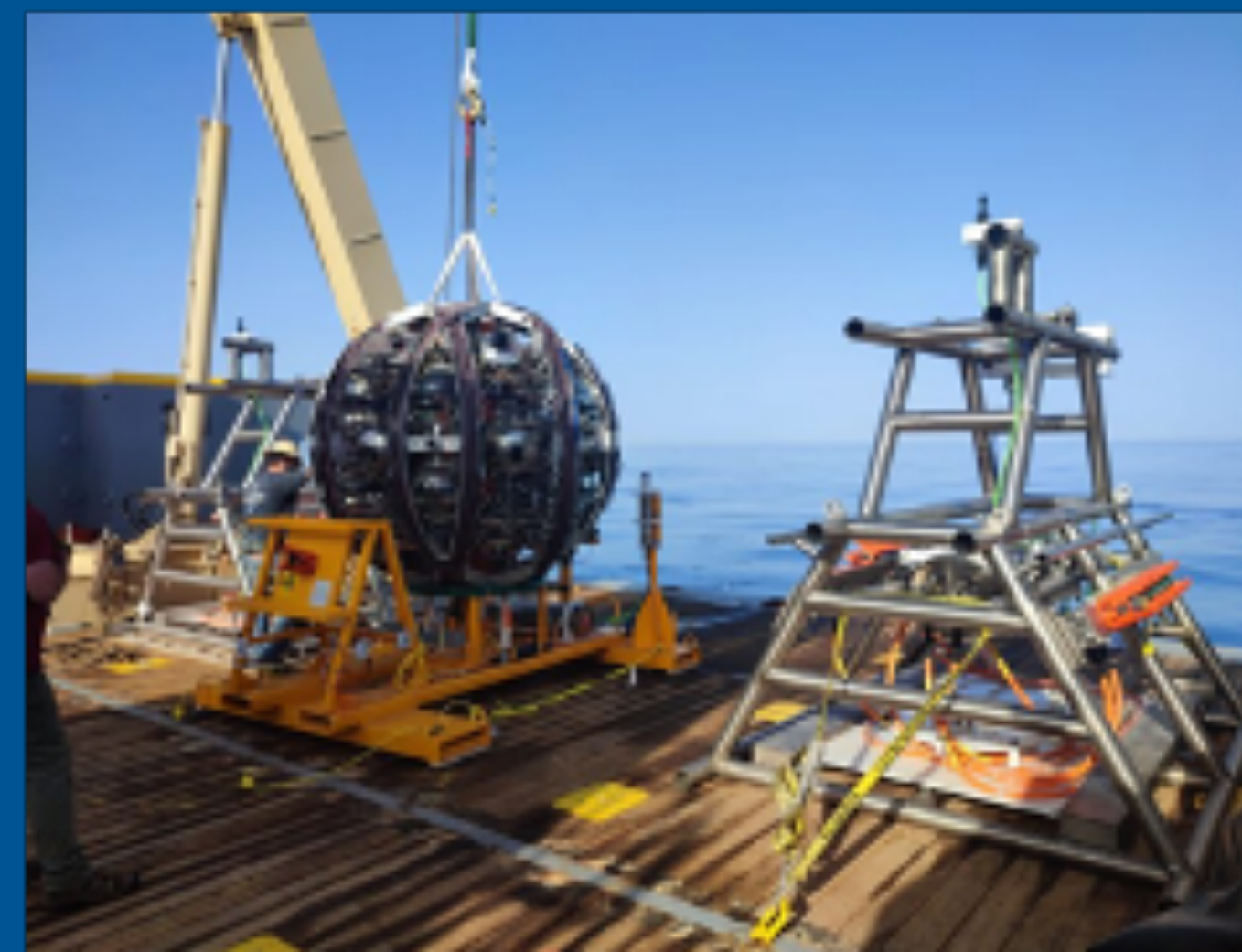
We are building two underwater laboratories 🙌 unique multidisciplinary opportunities

STAY tuned and .. join us!

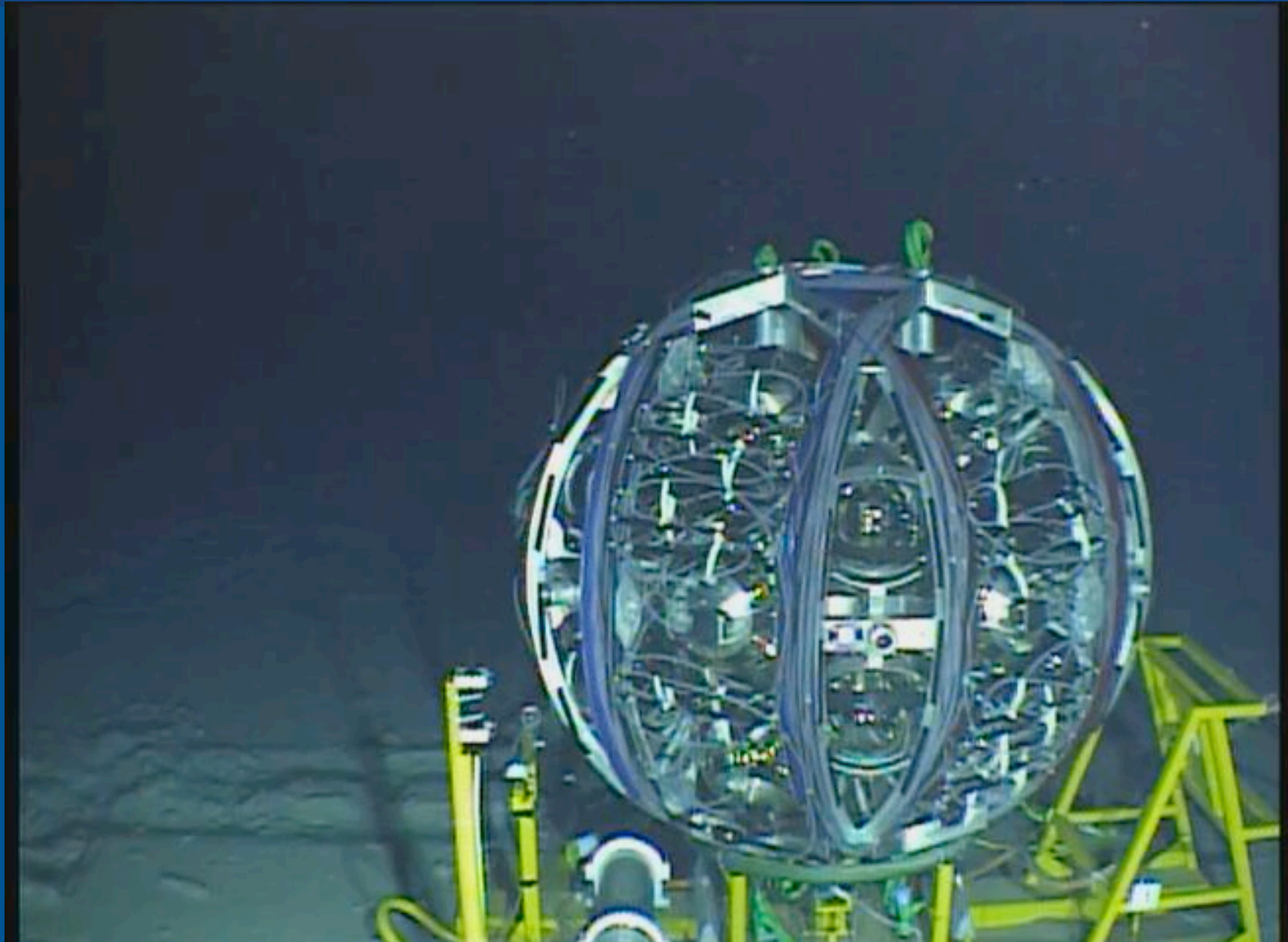
DU DEPLOYMENT

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June 2022 sea campaign:
11 DUs and 2 JBs + recovery of TJB



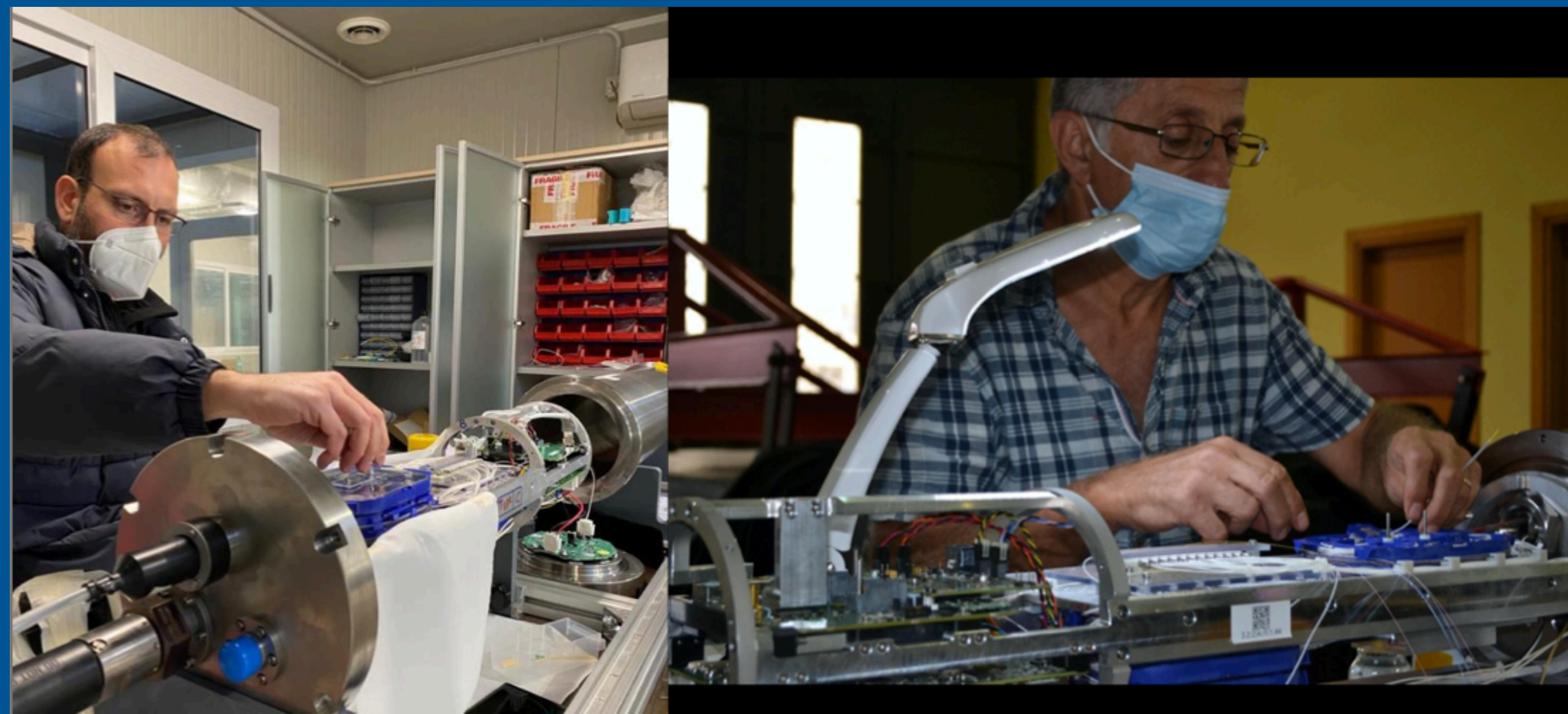




THE INTEGRATION

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DOM integration



Base Module integration

THE INTEGRATION

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Key-word and topic of your presentation (eg.: “cross section”, “Neutrino Properties” etc. according to the topics of the Workshop) -> Neutrino telescopes, Neutrino properties, Neutrinos from cosmos

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