

Summary

on Radio Detection of UHECR

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Apologize.....

ARENA 2008:

33 contributions related to Radio detection of UHECR



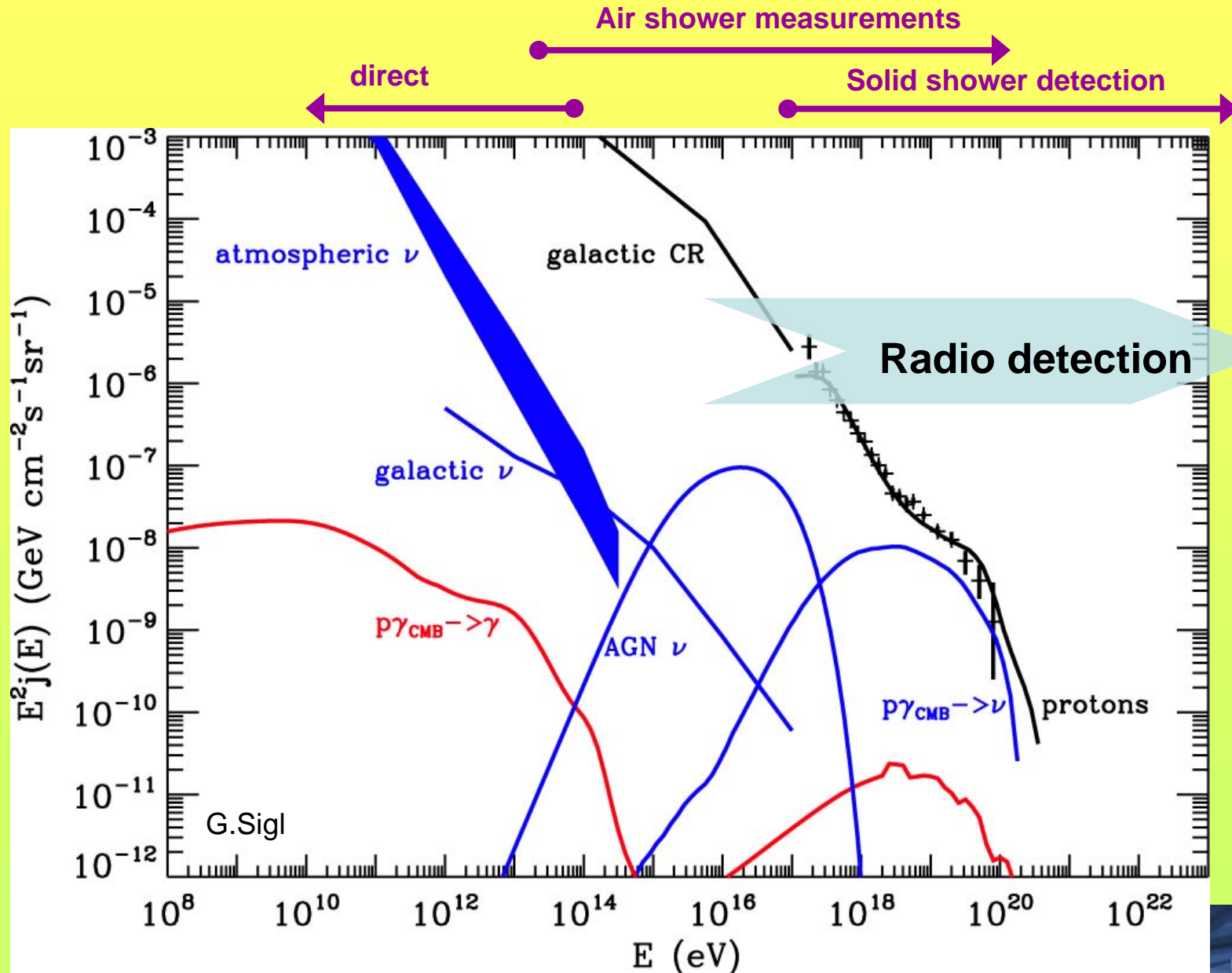
- personal selection of “highlights”!
- concentration on experimental results and concepts
- intro related to our “ working frame”

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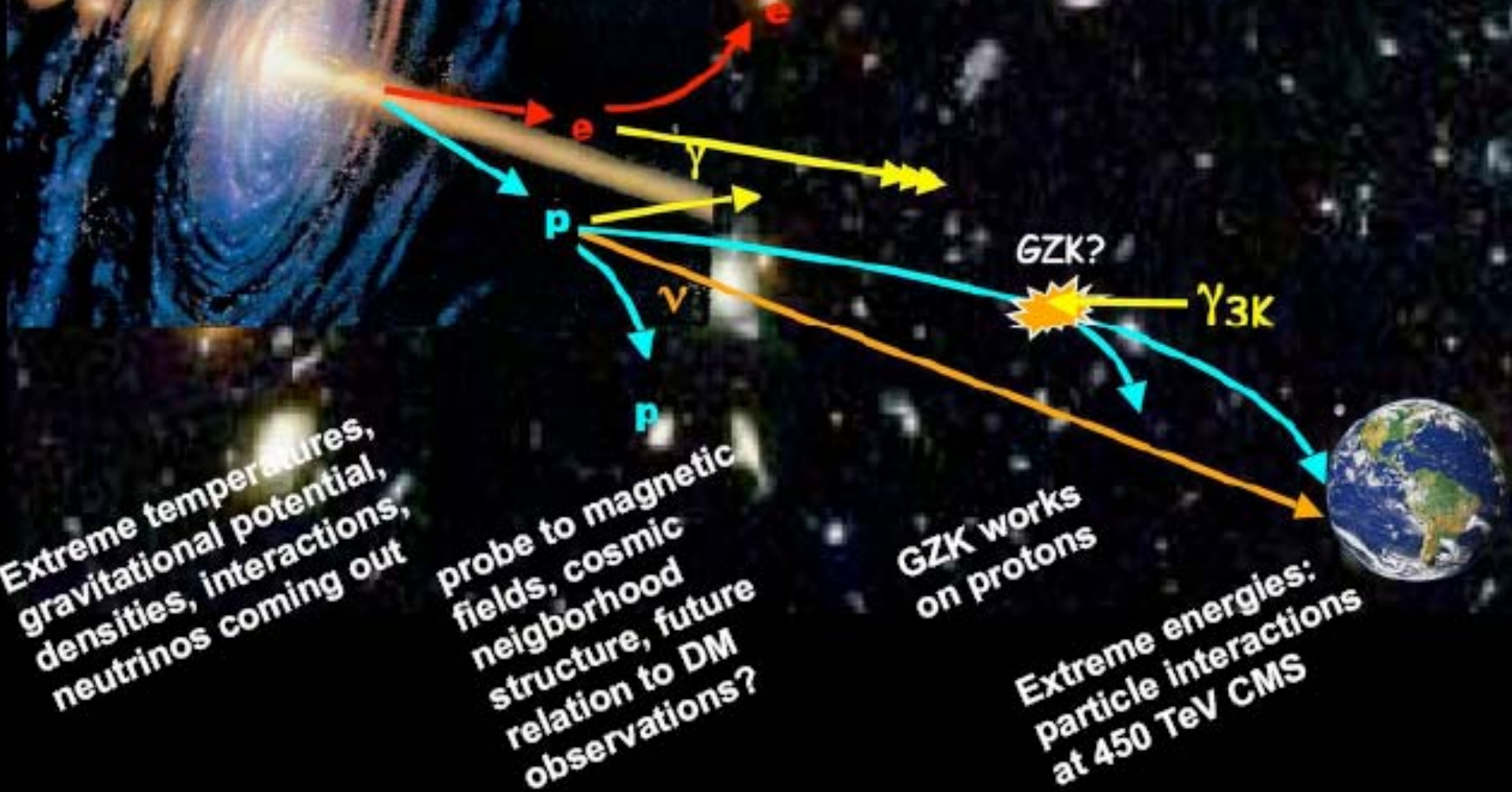
food and conference dinner too good, Germany too successful in the European championship, and the discussions too productive to spend much time for the summary.....



The High Energy Universe



The High Energy Universe: Multi-Messenger Approach



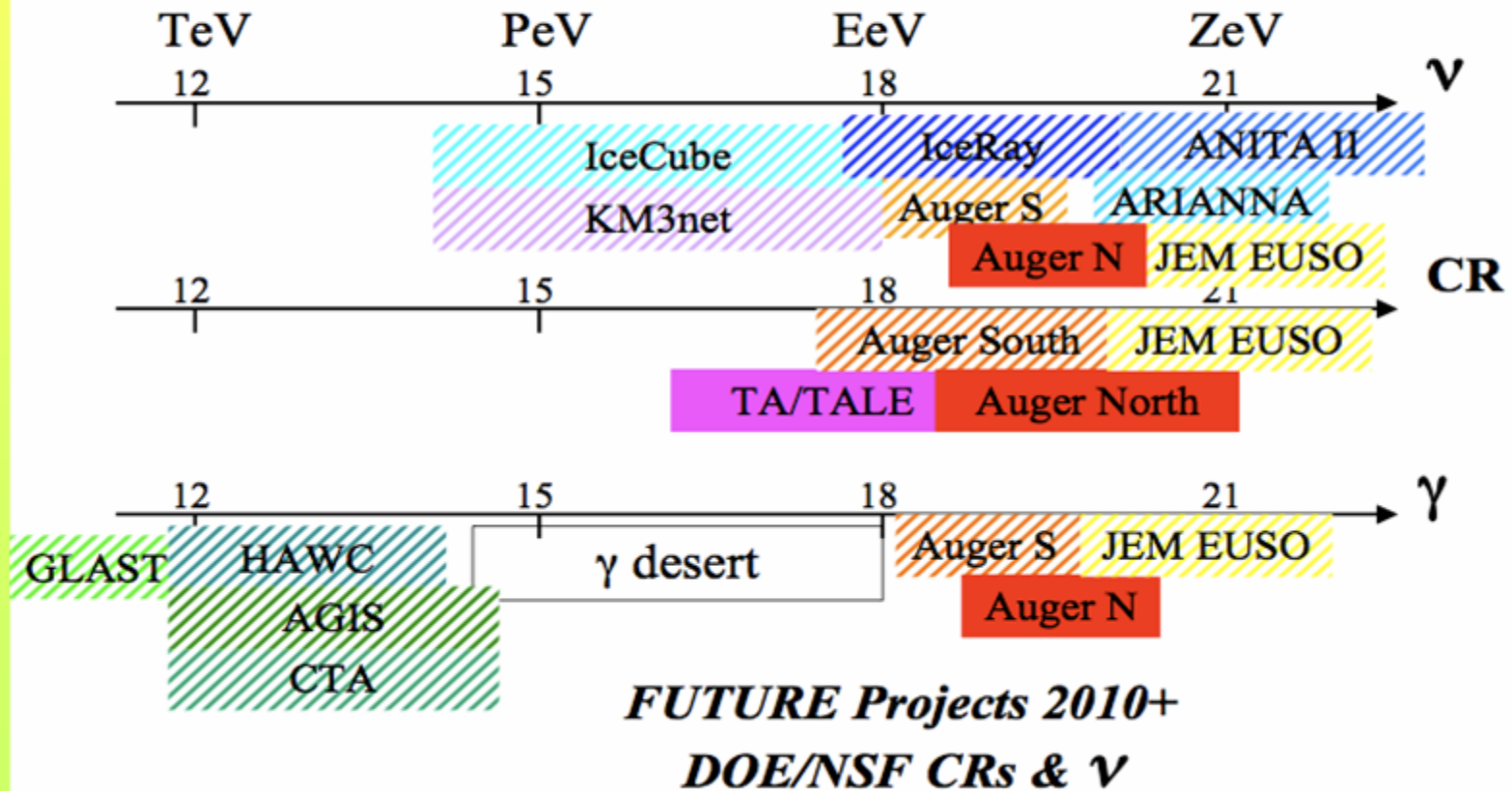
FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES OF PARTICLE AND ASTROPARTICLE PHYSICS

J. Blümer

The High Energy Universe

Particle Astrophysics @ UHEs

The Energy Frontier



Angela Olinto



The High Energy Universe: Future Projects in Europe

Three priorities:

Charged CR, neutrinos, TeV γ

Data taking:

Auger South

≥ 2010 :

Auger North

≥ 2018 : EUSO ?

under construction/
data taking:

IceCube

≥ 2011 :

KM3NeT

Data taking/upgrade
H.E.S.S., Magic

2012: CTA

**• radio R&D embedded in
large projects !!
(also acoustic detection)**

ASPERA

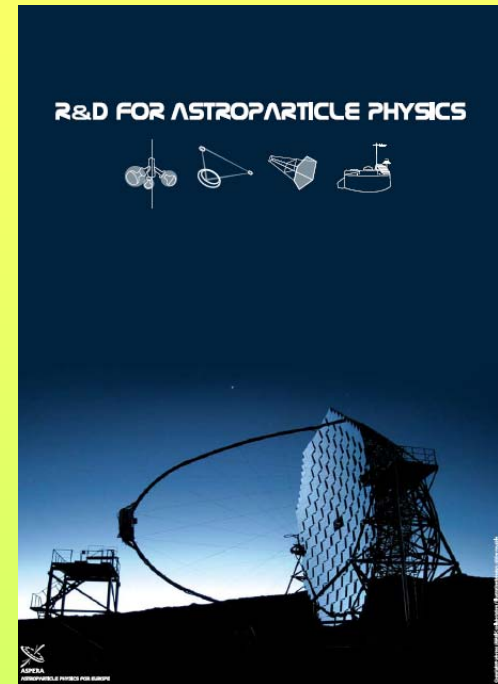
European strategy for astroparticle physics



Motivation

ASPERA R&D Recommendations:

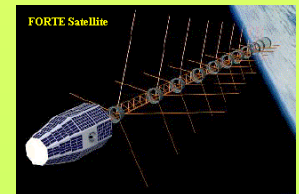
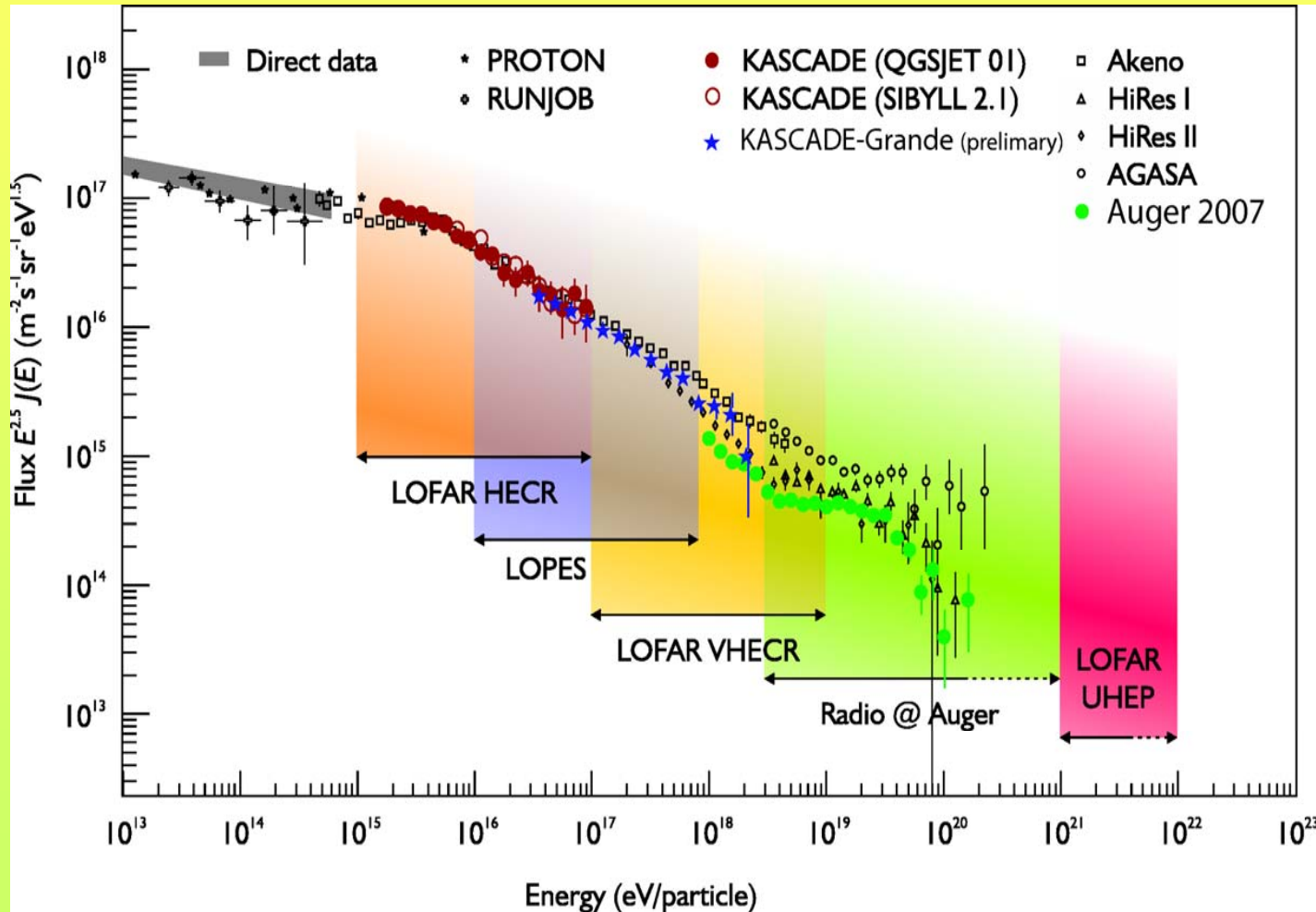
An active and timely R&D effort is needed on a European scale to improve and further develop the radio detection technique to incorporate current detector stations into large detector arrays, specifically designed for ultra-high energy cosmic and neutrino astrophysics.



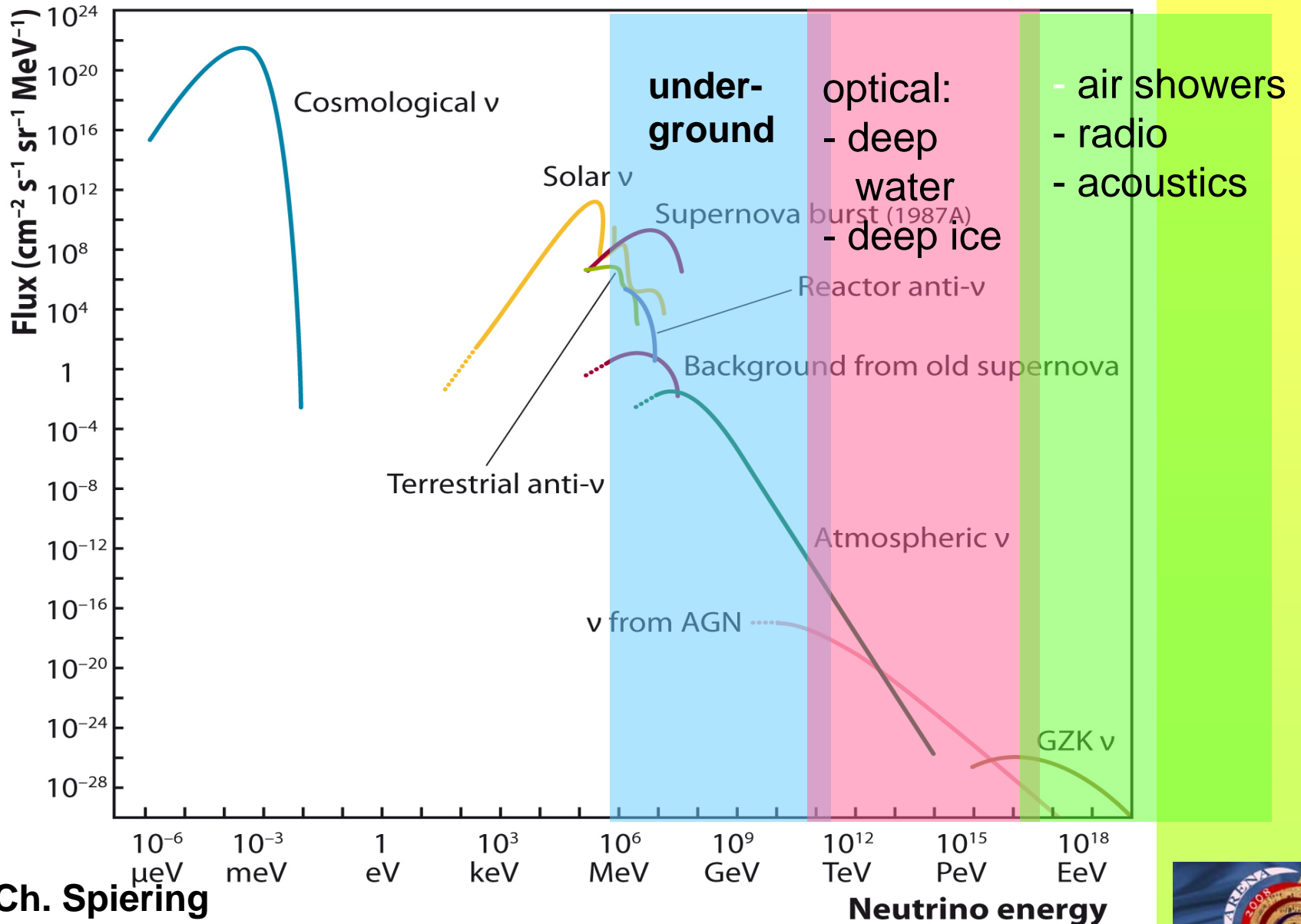
ASPERA - European strategy for astroparticle physics
Roadmap Phase III - will be submitted to European funding agencies



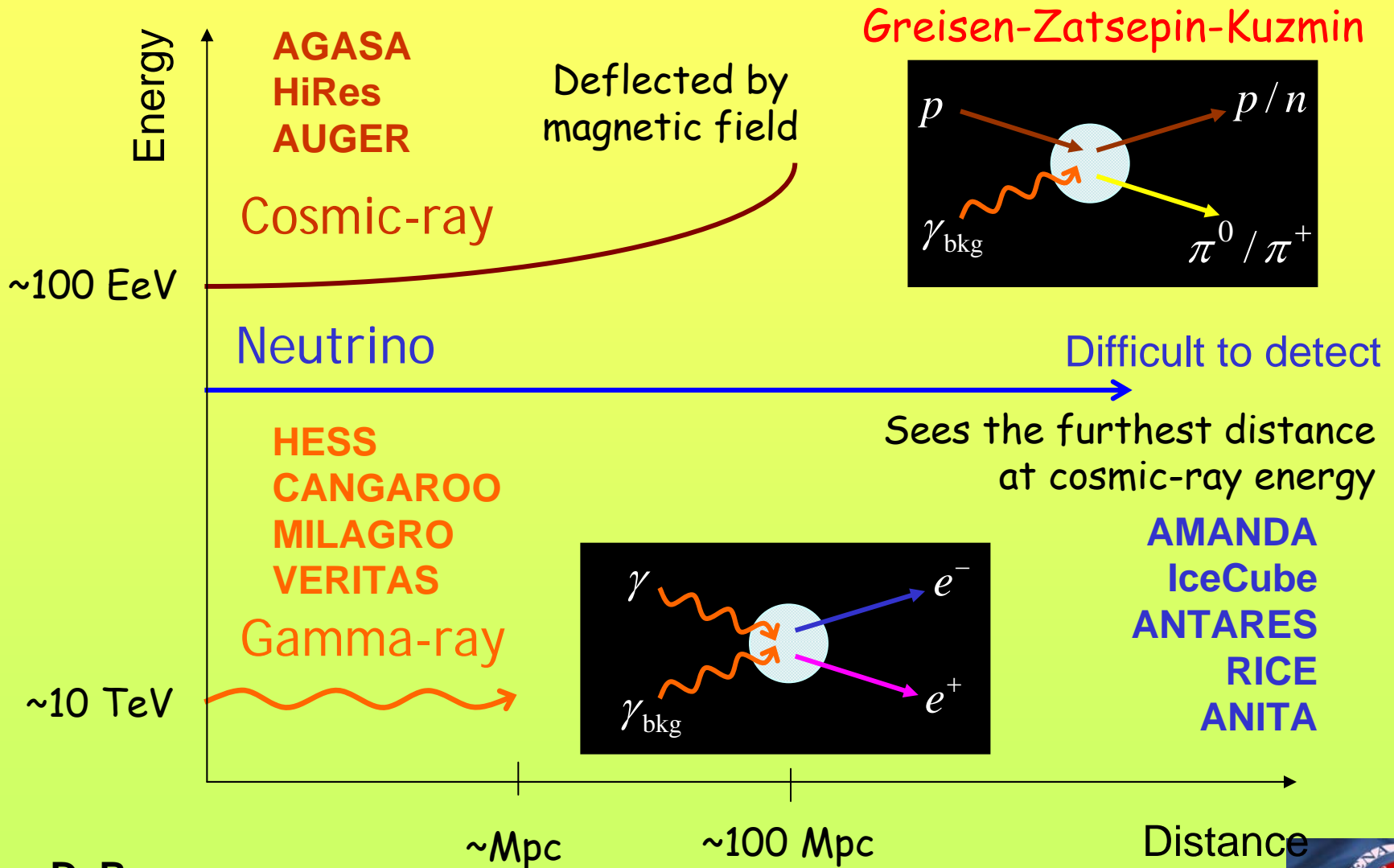
Cosmic Rays (+ Gamma Rays)



Neutrinos: the High Energy Frontier



Probing Very High Energy Distant Universe



D. Besson



The High Energy Universe observed with Radio

UHECR

Particles:	Charged CR	Gamma Rays	Neutrinos
Targets:	Air	Solids	Moon
Experiments:	LOPES CODALEMA R-Auger LOFAR R-ICETOP 21CMA	ICERAY AURA ANITA RICE ARIANNA RAMAND SALSA	LUNASKA NuMoon (WRST/LOFAR/SKA) LORD ASTROPEILER GLINT RAMHAND
Theorie:	Geo-synchrotron		Askaryan

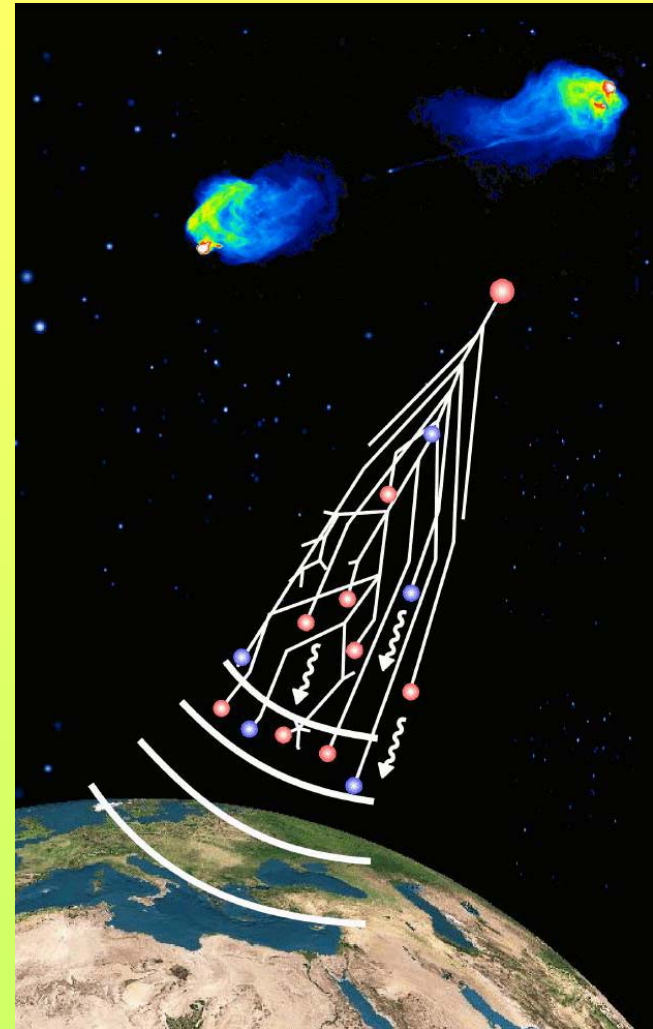


Radio from Air Showers

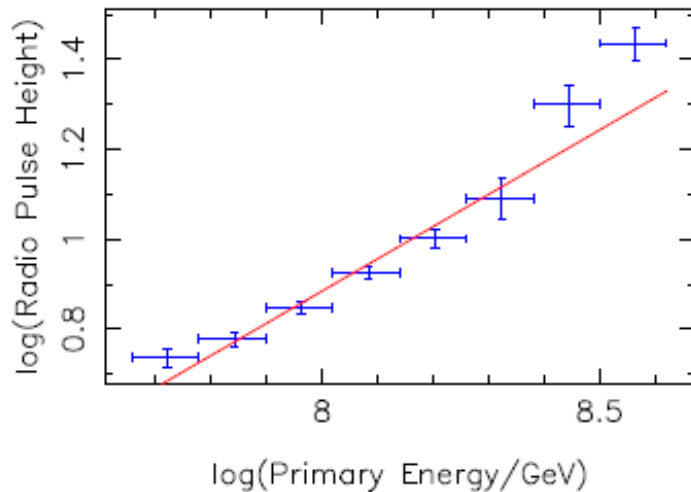
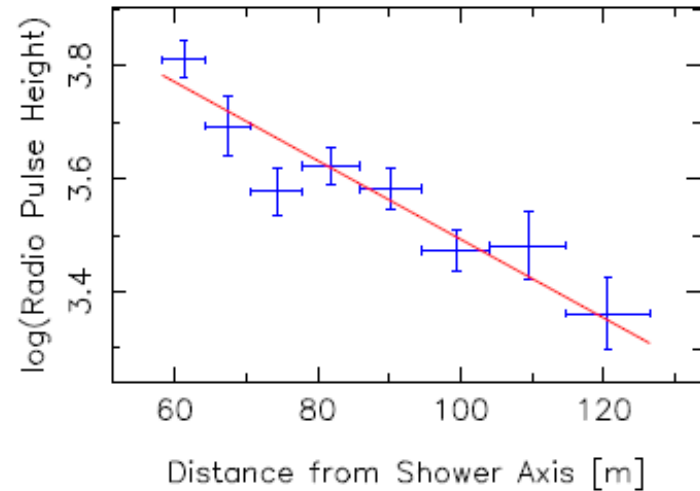
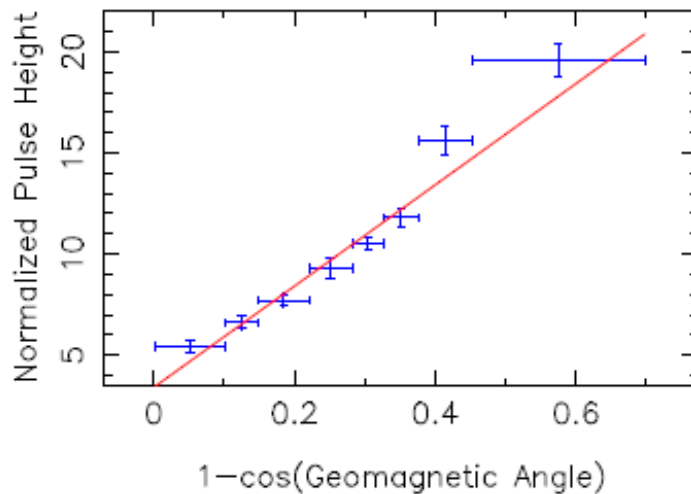
Detection principle:

Geomagnetic field lead to coherent emission in air showers in the MHz frequency range !

~1000 events detected!
→ Now: do we understand the signals?



LOPES 30 results (parameterization):



$$\epsilon_{\text{est-EW}} = A \cdot (1 + B \cdot \cos \alpha) \cdot \cos \theta \cdot \exp(-R/R_0) \cdot (E / 10^{17} \text{eV})^\gamma$$

[$\mu\text{V} / \text{m MHz}$]

$$A = 10.9 \pm 1.1$$

$$B = 1.16 \pm 0.02$$

$$R_0 = 202 \pm 64 \text{ m}$$

$$\gamma = 0.94 \pm 0.03$$

A. Horneffer, LOPES coll, ICRC 2007

A. Haungs / LOPES



LOPES, CODALEMA, Radio-AUGER agree on general results but questions:

- lateral distribution of signal
 - polarization effects
- influence of frequency band
 - efficiencies
 - geomagnetic effects?
 - thresholds?
- structure of wave front?
- composition sensitivity?
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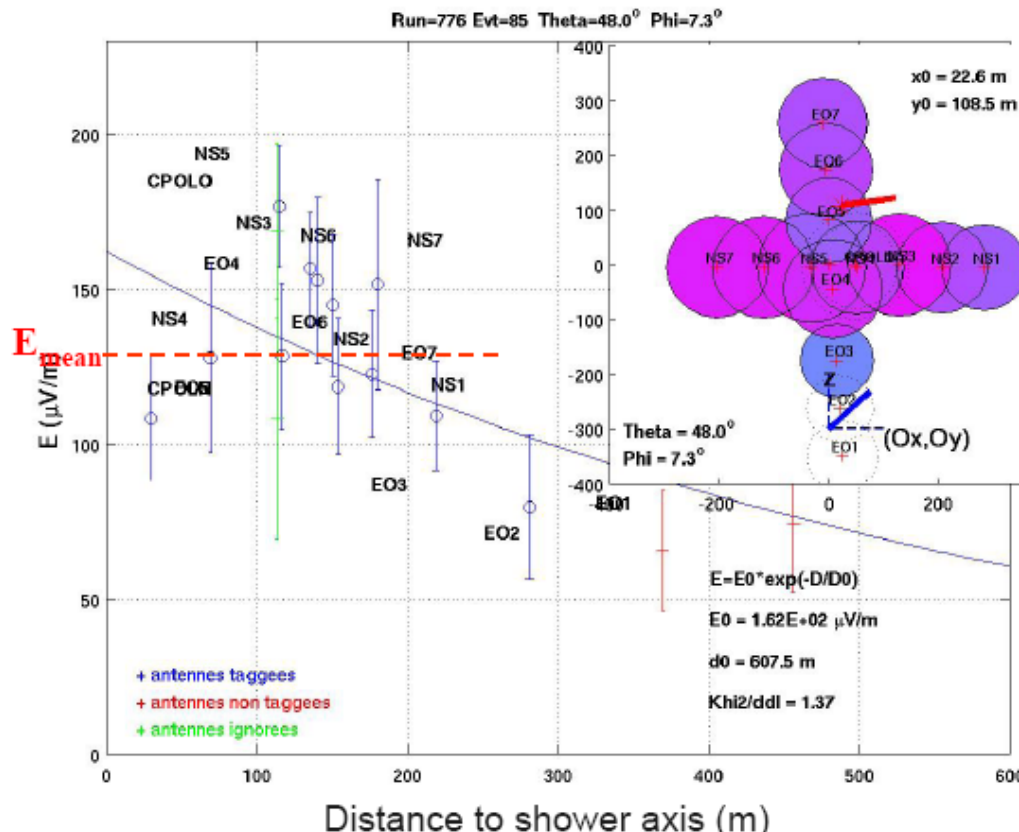
**→ continuation of precisi~~s~~on measurements
will help to find answers!!**



But around 50% of internal events (especially when Signal/Noise declines) don't exhibit clean exponential dependences at small impact parameters...

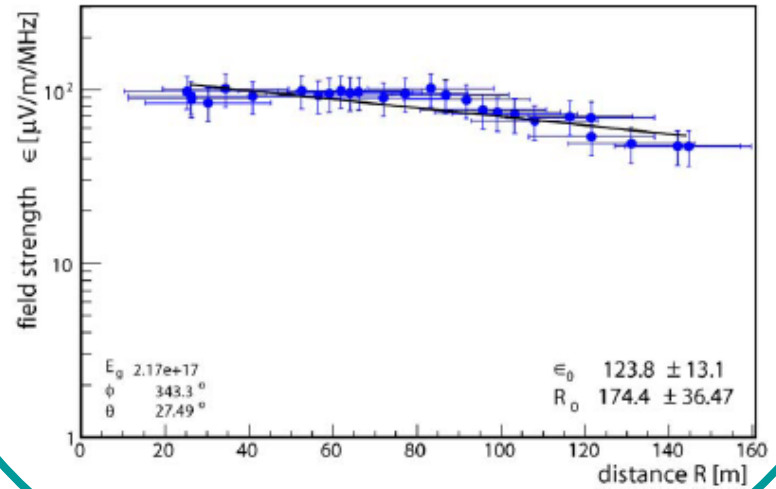
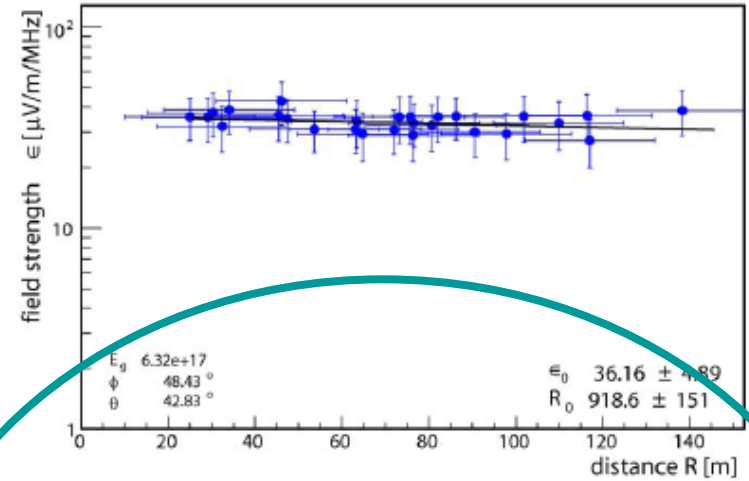
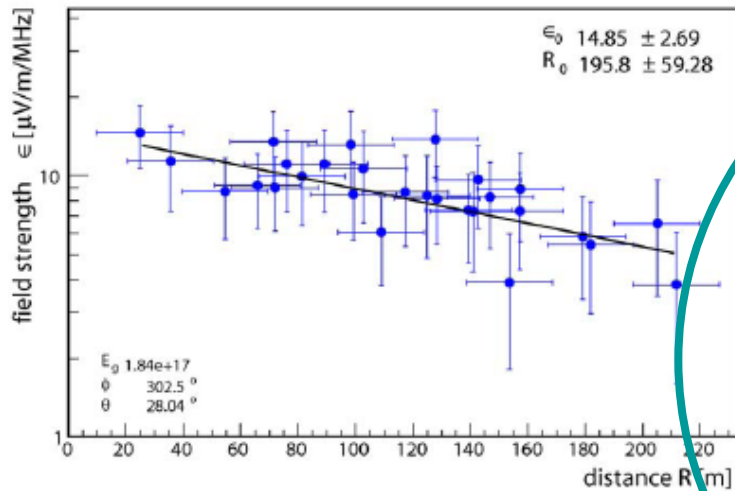
- Polarization effect ?
- Intrinsic to the electric field ?

=> Try a « minimum » estimator E_{mean}
 (but no explicit concept of distance for this observable!)



LOPES 30: lateral distribution

-some more examples
(remember: all measurements with east-west oriented antennas only)

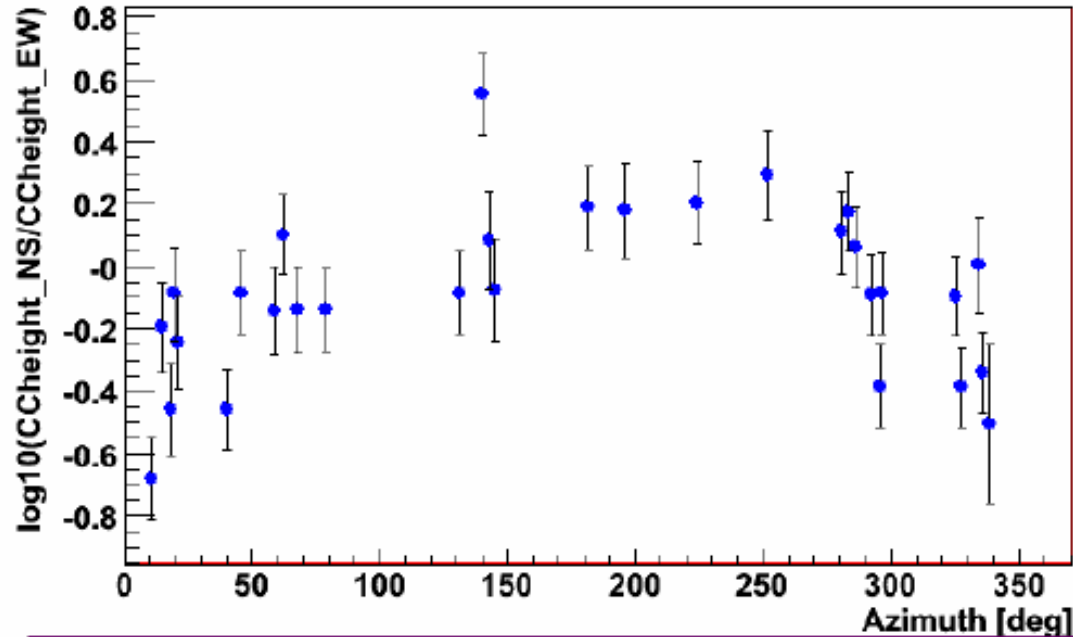


S. Nehls et al. – LOPES collaboration, PhD-thesis 2008 next week!

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III. Dual-Polarization



-> Azimuth dependence of the pulse height ratio!

- > 0: N-S component dominant
- < 0: E-W component dominant

Epilogue

⇒ Various detector systems tested ⇒ Antenna designs not crucial except for mechanical considerations & horizontal detection capabilities

but:

- Most relevant frequency bands not firmly established (wide?, narrow?)
- Effects of the polarization not fully understood

⇒ Well advised to consider for the near time full polarization measurements!

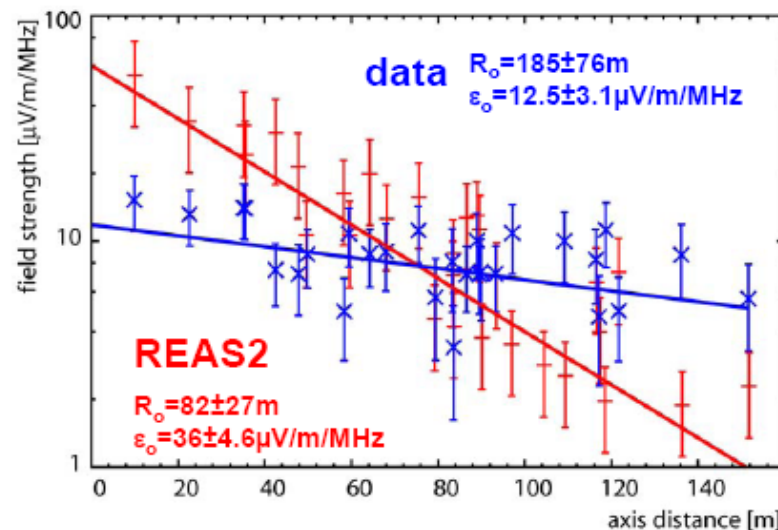
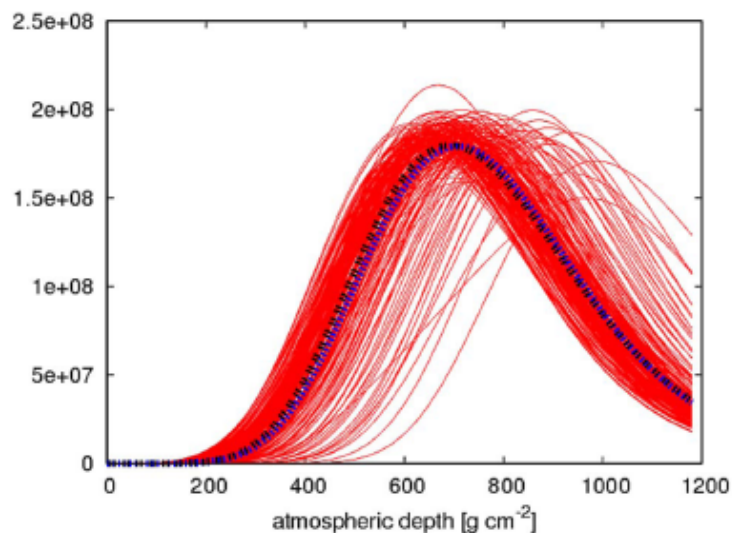
Pascal Lautridou / CODALEMA



Radio in Air: new: direct comparisons data vs. sims

lateral distributions vs. simulations

- REAS2: CORSIKA based Monte Carlo simulations of radio emission
- performed for individual shower by using KASCADE parameters
- 250 CONEX shower → for one „typical“ full REAS2 simulation
- Expected field strength per antenna position of LOPES30



ev# 1143070602 $x_c = -44.3 \text{ m}$ $y_c = -22 \text{ m}$ $E_0 = 2.3 \cdot 10^{17} \text{ eV}$ $\phi = 19.3^\circ$ $\theta = 5.9^\circ$

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Radio in Air further „hot topics“: self-contained radio-station

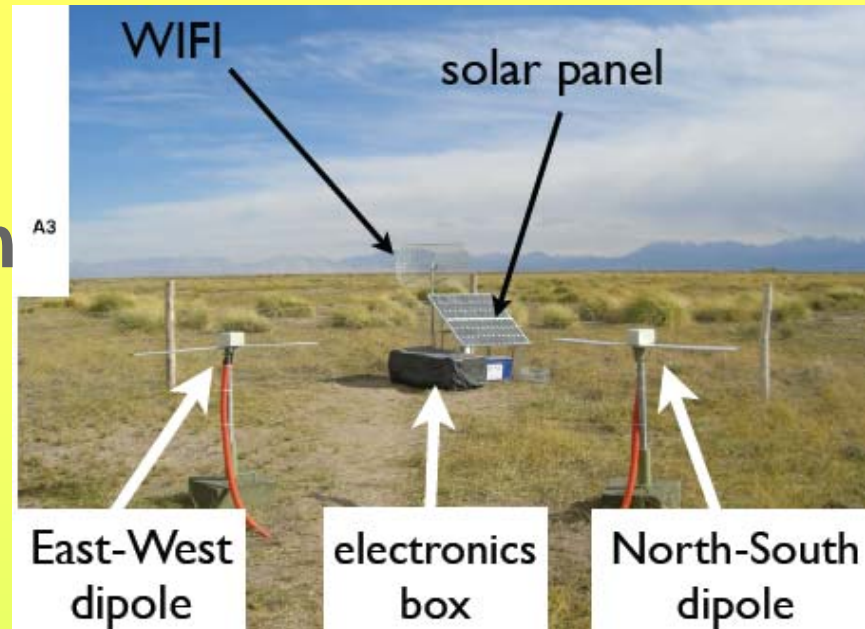
Evolution of the captor concepts from 2002 to 2008

Log-Spiral Antennas (2005)
Circular polarization
Diameter = 5m
Height = 6m

Active Short (2006)
Fat Dipoles
length = 1.21m
height = 1m

Self-Contained Radio Station (2008)
Multi polarization
 $f_{\text{middle}} \sim 65 \text{ MHz}$
length = 3.22m
height = 1.40m

Pascal Lautridou / CODALEMA
Jose Coppens / Radio-Auger
Benoit Revenue / Radio-Auger



MAXIMA
Multi Antenna Experiment In Malargüe Argentina

- stand-alone stations
- Spider LPDA + LNA (Aachen/Karlsruhe)
- solar-powered
- wireless ethernet comms (Hopling)
- self-triggering
- deployment and testing in Argentina right now

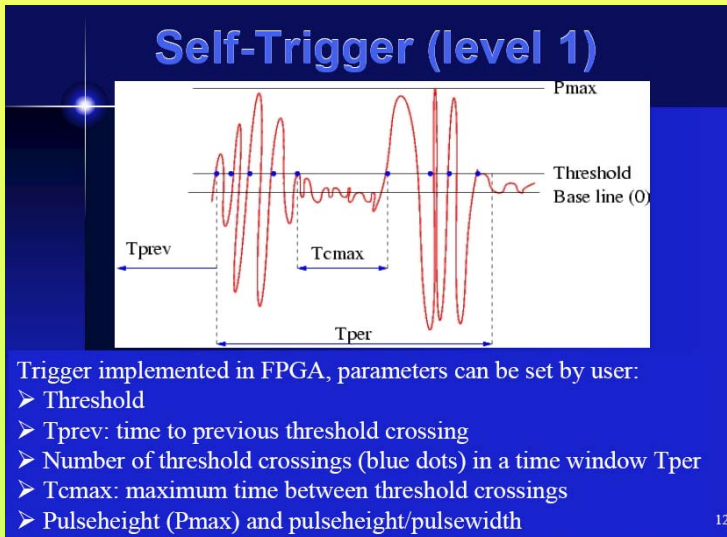


Radio in Air, further „hot topics“: self-triggering

Conclusion

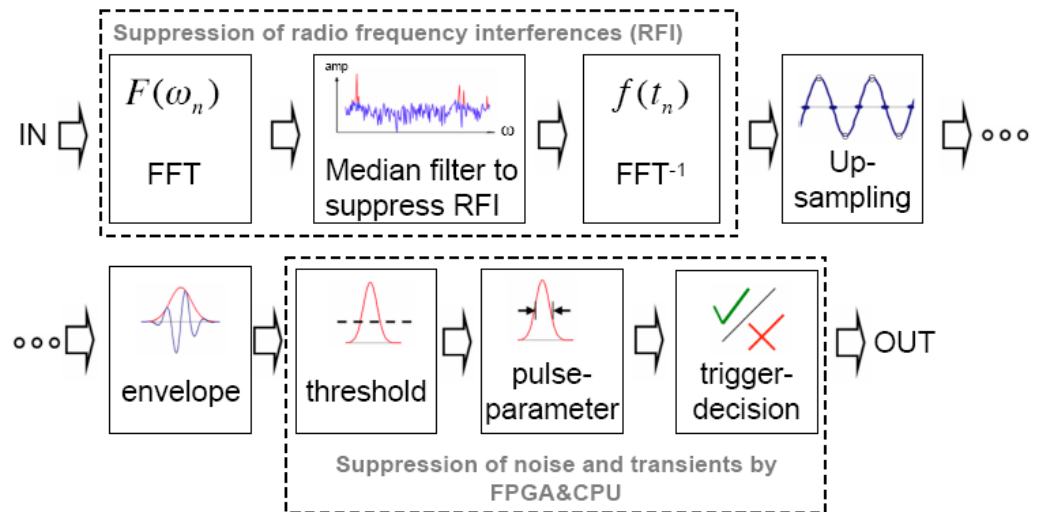
- **for the first time**, an autonomous radio detector is able to trigger on EAS

Benoit Revenue / Radio-Augur



Jose Coppens / Radio-Augur

Schematic of Trigger in FPGA

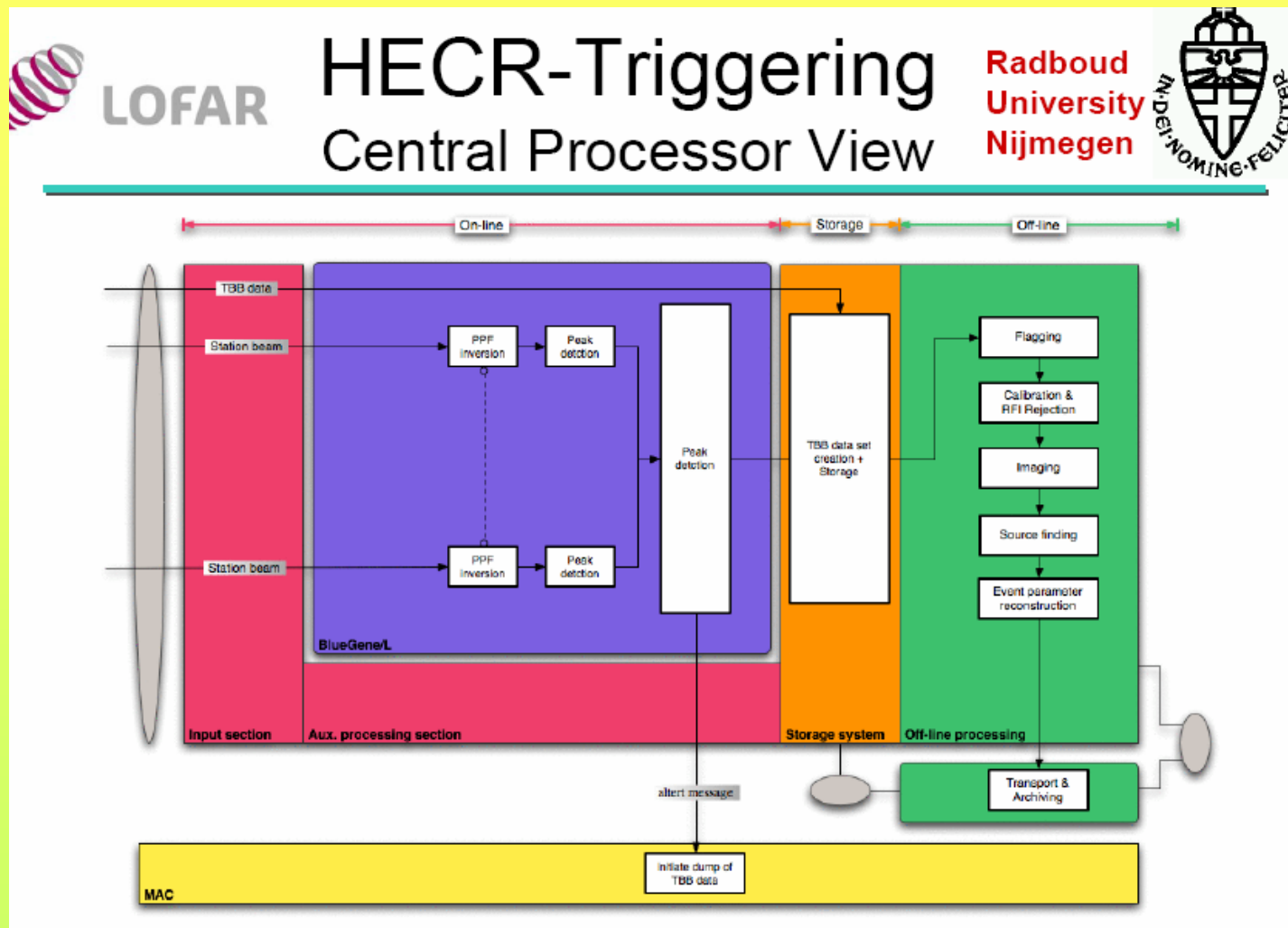


First version of a complex trigger for radio trigger

H.Gemmeke / LOPES + Radio-Augur



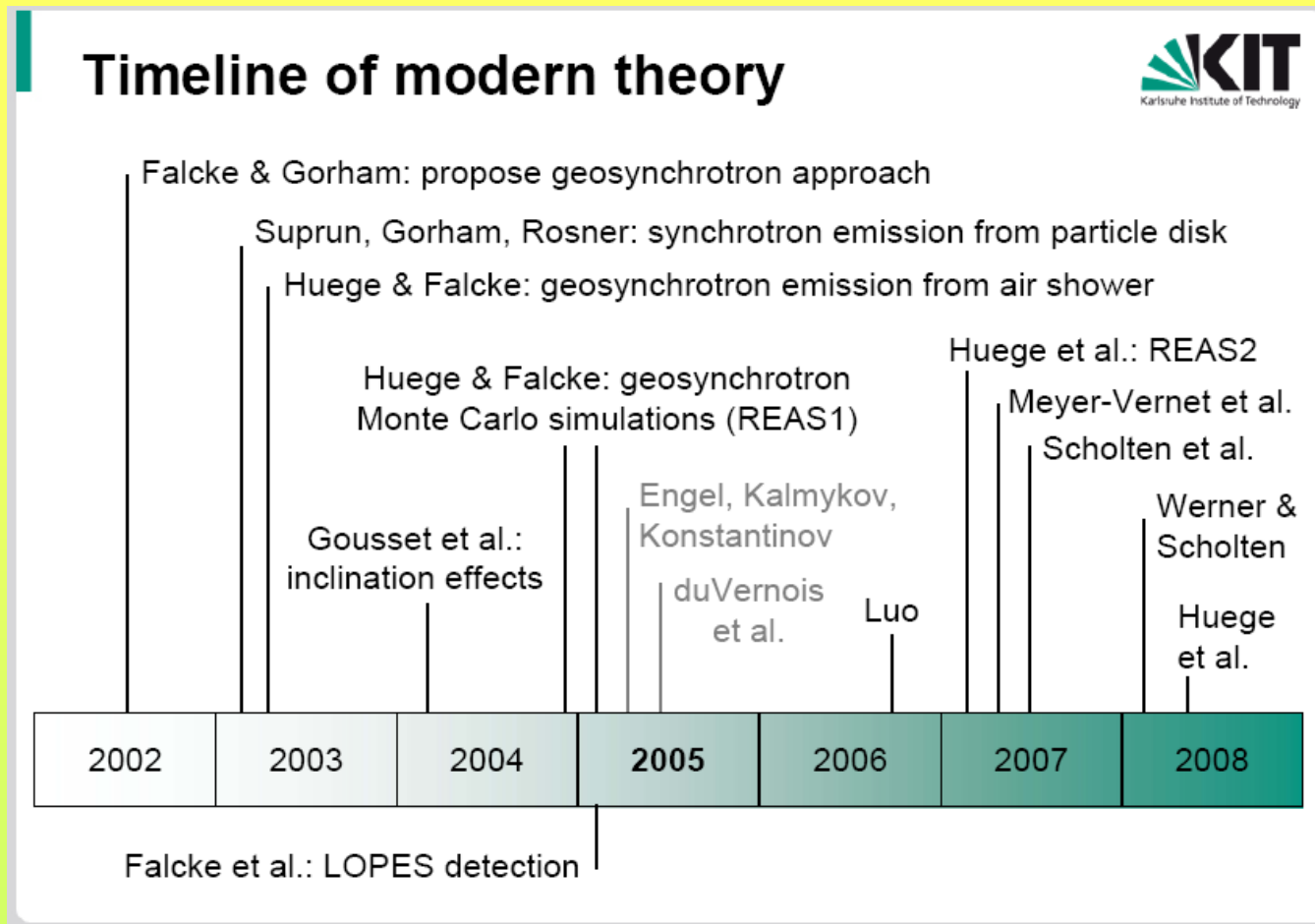
Radio in Air, further „hot topics“: self-triggering



Andreas Horneffer / LOFAR



Radio in Air, further „hot topics“: simulations!



**.. A lot of progress, triggered by the measurements....
→ important: detector simulations!**

Tim Huege

Olaf Scholten, Stefan Fliescher / R-Auger



Radio in Air, new arrays...

Summary

- Externally-triggered setup:
 - galactic background
 - LDF studies
 - set of parameters for the self-trigger
- Next phase of testing (MAXIMA) right now
- Towards 20 km² ...



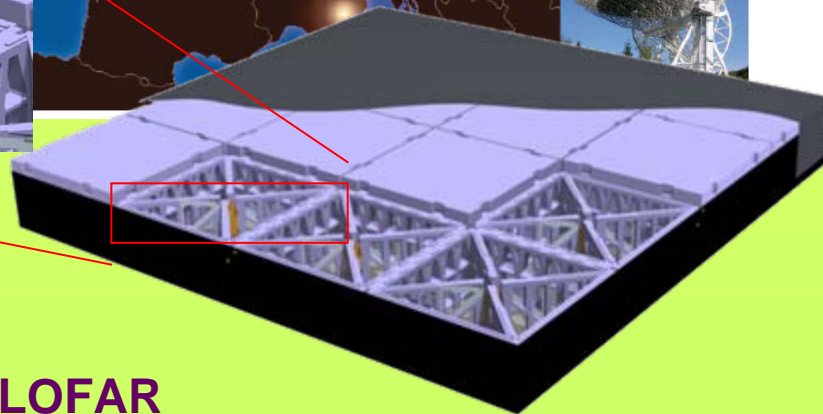
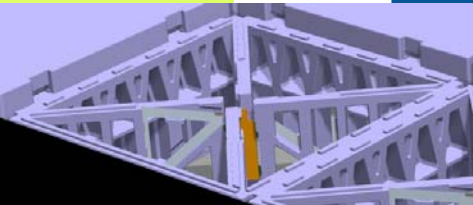
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Radio in Air, new arrays...

E-LOFAR

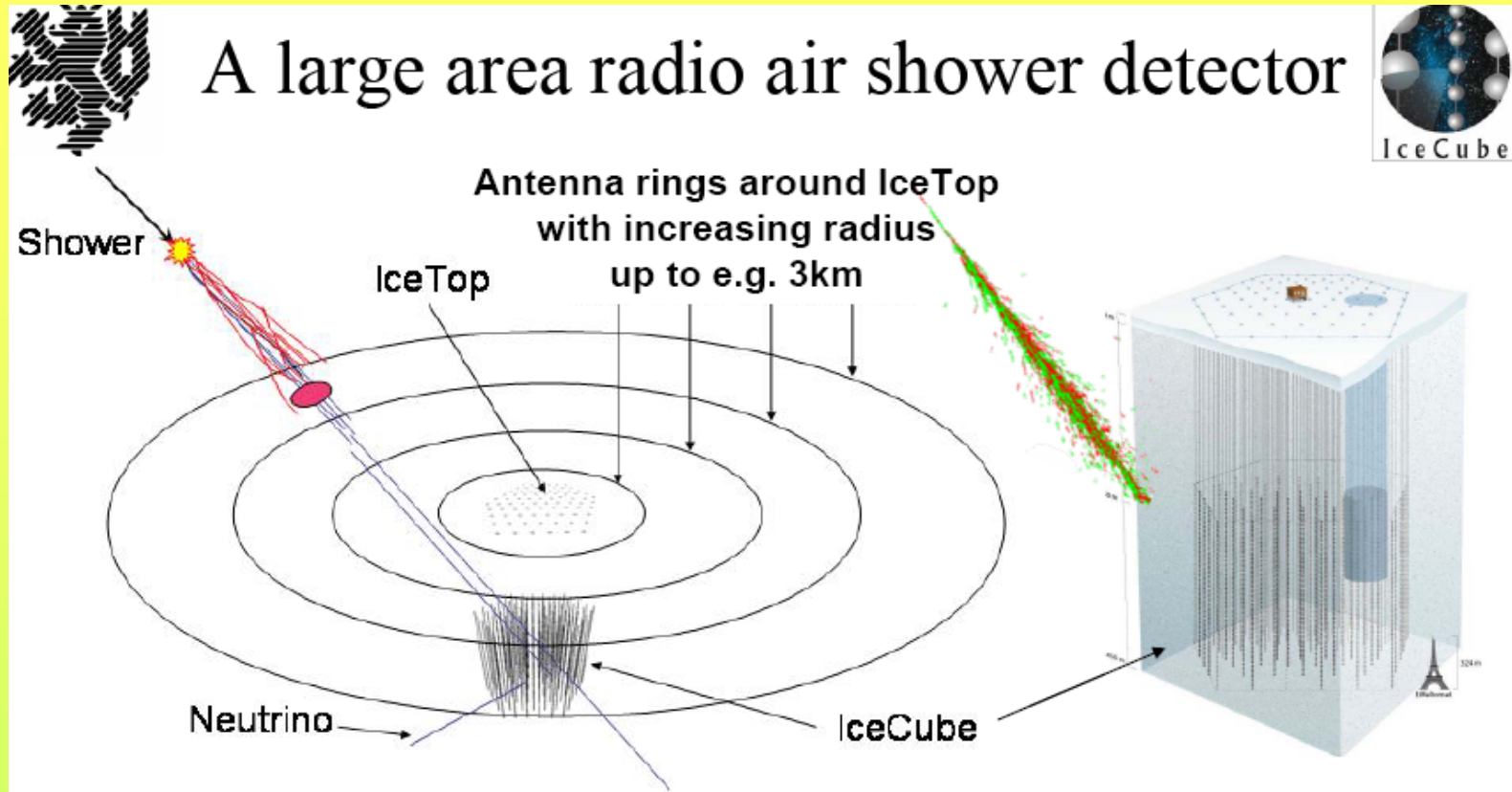
ASTRON



Heino Falcke / LOFAR



Radio in Air, new arrays...



Is the detector working as a background veto for EHE ν analysis?
What is the energy threshold to detect air showers with radio?

Radio in Air: Other techniques

- Bremsstrahlung (not discussed here)
molecular Bremsstrahlung; AMBER

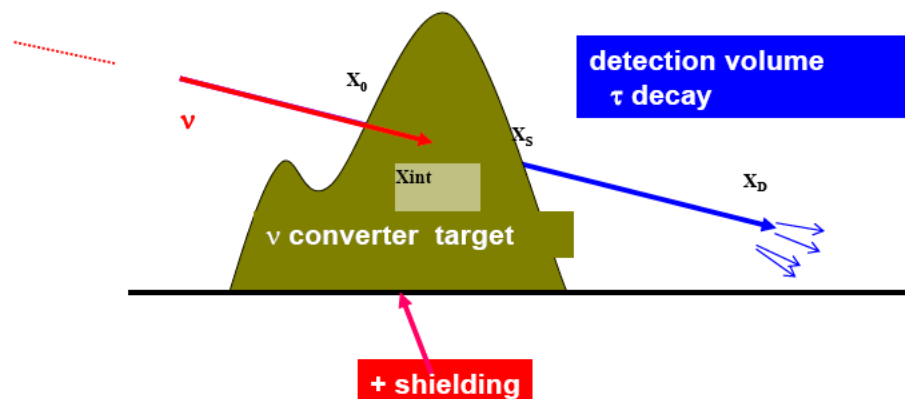
- Active and Passive Radar (not discussed here)
tested at various places

- looking to a mountain
for ν_τ -showers
e.g. 21CMA



- 2 constraints above PeV energies : limited medium thickness and large detection area to follow-up lepton-decay

=> Earth skimming or through-mountains neutrino trajectories
(cf D Fargion- F Vannucci)



Conditions met at 21CMA
combined with radio-technique
characterisation of air -showers

Daniel Ardouin / 21CMA



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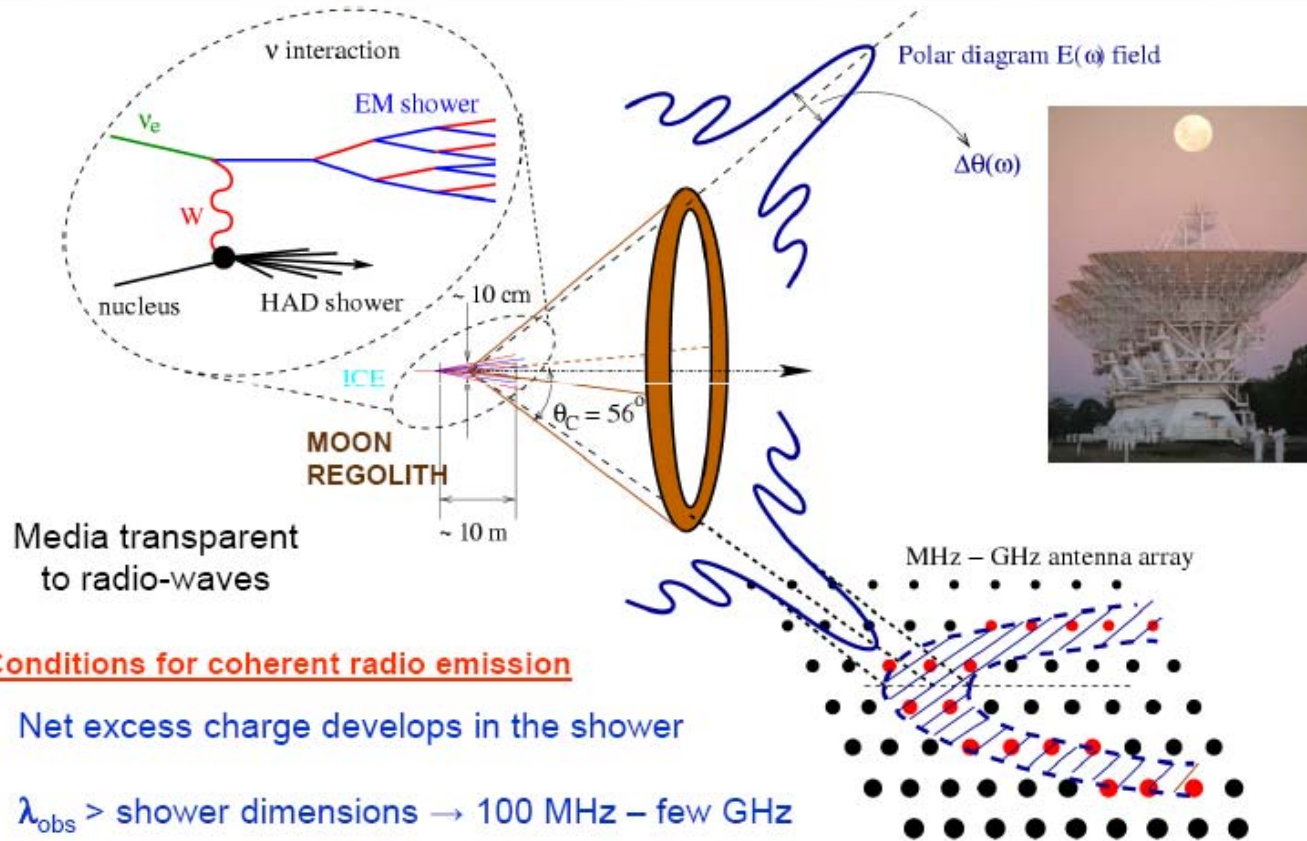
Radio in Solids and Moon

- **Strong emission process given in nature by the so-called Askaryan-effect**
 - **Large attenuation lengths (up to ~km) for radio emission in different dense media like Antarctic ice or salt in salt domes**
 - **Large detector volumes can be equipped with relatively small detector sampling**
 - **Different concepts for the detection of high-energetic neutrinos by their radio emission in dense media**
- But, no positive detection yet!**






Radio in Solids - Simulations

The radio technique in dense media



Simulations with thinning options
➔ Saving considerably CPU-time!

Radio in Solids – Target Characteristics

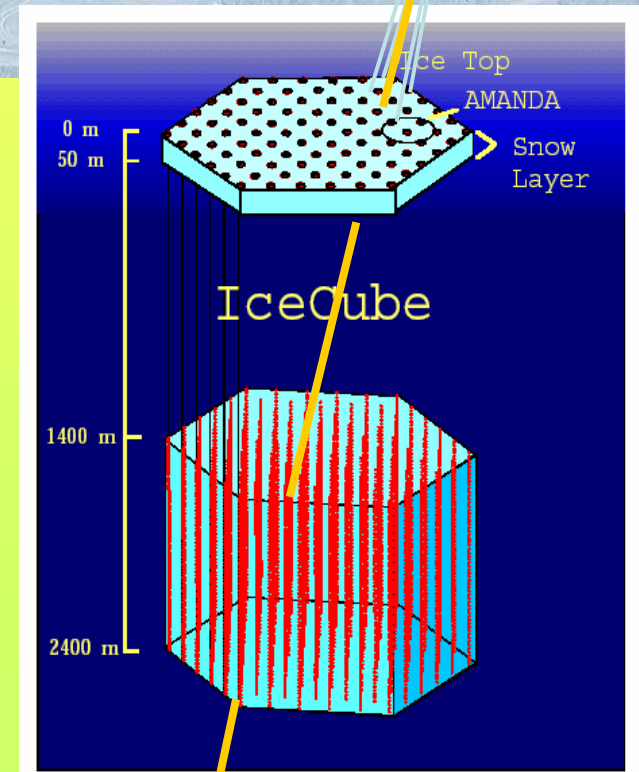
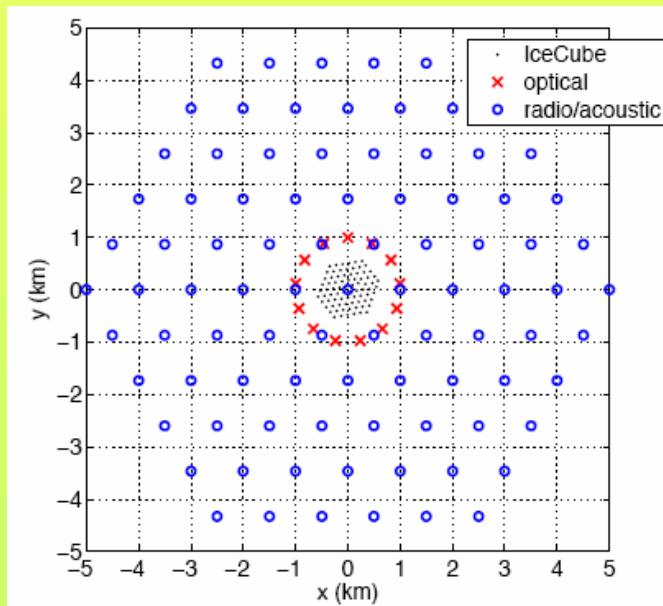
Material	 Ice	 Rock Salt	 Lunar Regolith
Density (g/cm ³)	0.92	2.2	1.8
Radiation Length (cm)	39	10	13
Cherenkov Angle (°)	56	66	55
Attenuation Length (m) at 250 MHz	~1000	~250 ?	~10



Radio in Ice

Detection principle:
Askaryan-(Cherenkov)
emission of radio in MHz-GHz
frequency range by ν -
interactions in ice

**Aim: with radio to higher
energies?**



Radio in Ice: AURA

IceCube

- Pressure vessel
- Connectors
- Main board
- DAQ
- Cables
- Holes



ANITA

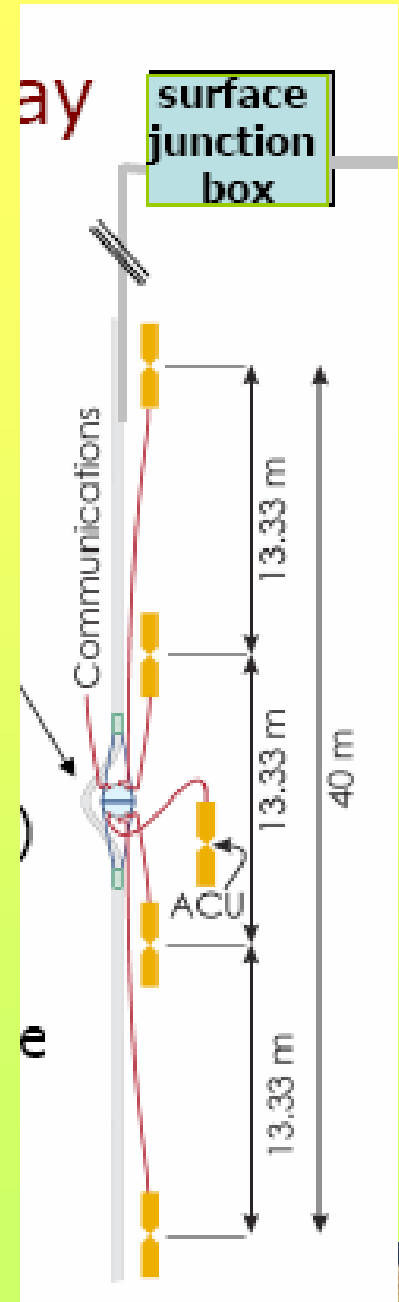
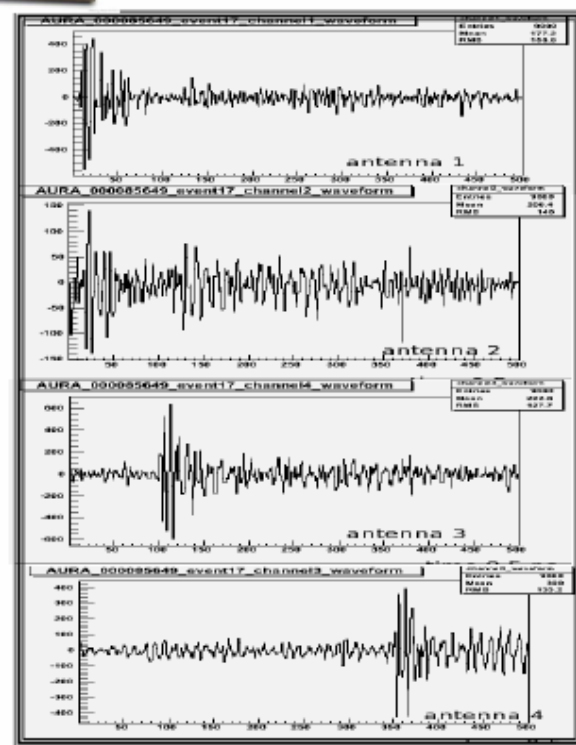
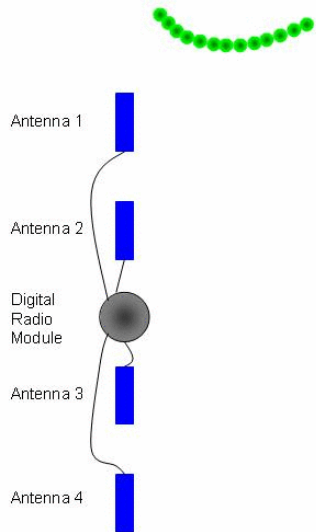
- LABRADOR chip:
- low power consumption
 - low dead time
 - large bandwidth
 - cold rated

AURA

RICE

- Concept
- Antennas
- Data analysis
- Electronics and control

400MHz



Hagar Landsman / AURA



Radio in Ice: AURA

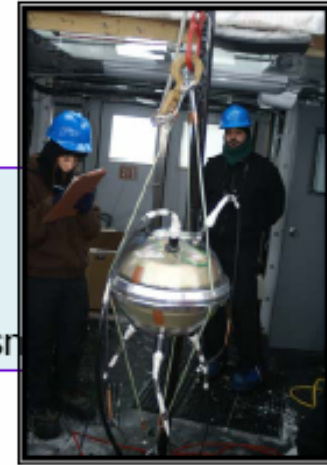
Deployment 2006-2007



Hole 78 : "rock"
1st deployment,
Deep ~-1300 m
4 Receivers, 1 Transmitters

Hole 57: "scissors"
2nd deployment,
Shallow ~-300 m
4 Receivers, 1 Trans

Hole 47: "paper"
3rd Deployment,
Deep
1 Transmitter



- * 2 clusters deployed 2006-2007 at 1400m and 300m
- * 3 clusters to be deployed this coming season

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Optimal depth?



Radio in Ice: ICERAY

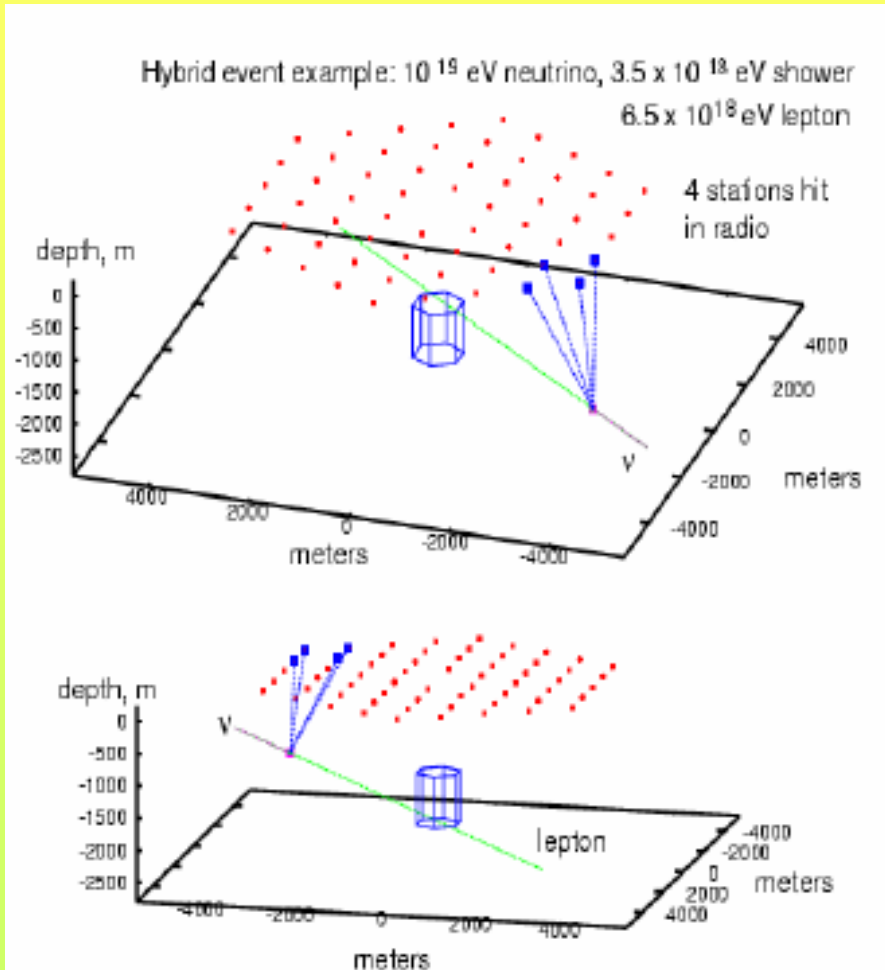
Goals

- Extend IceCube into the EeV range via a radio array (detecting Askaryan emission)
 - 50 km² (initial phase) to 300-1000 km² (final target)
 - substantial rates of GZK ν / year
- O(1°) angular resolution
- Subset of events which trigger both radio and optical arrays
 - Allows calorimetry of both shower and outgoing lepton
 - Invaluable for cross-calibration / unambiguous GZK identification

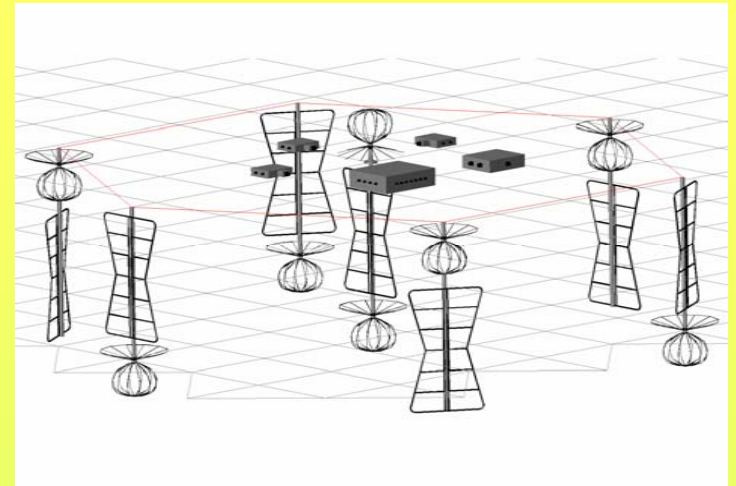


Radio in Ice: ICERAY

“Golden” Hybrid Events



John Kelley / ICERAY



Attenuation length of ice is better at low frequency (< 500 MHz)

Drilling: **Optimal depth?**

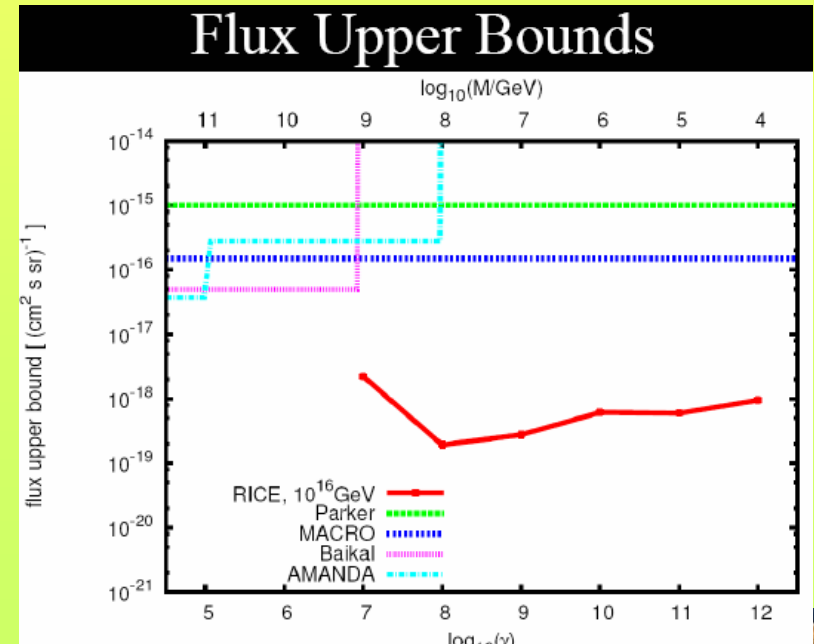
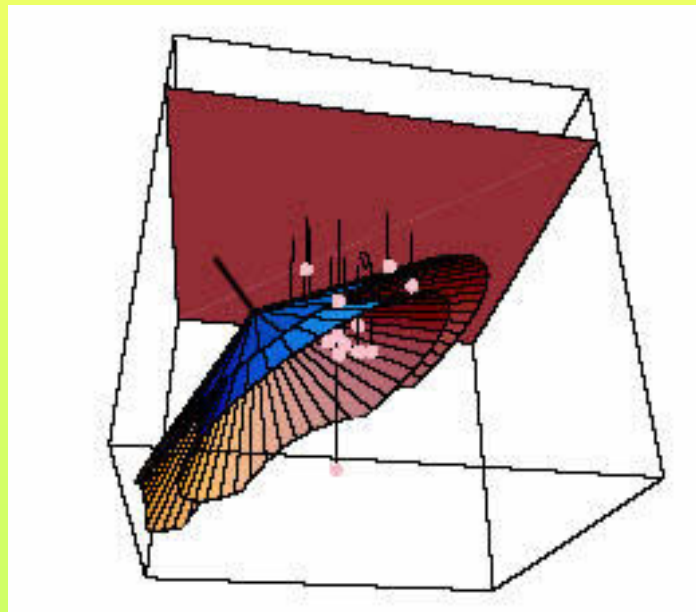
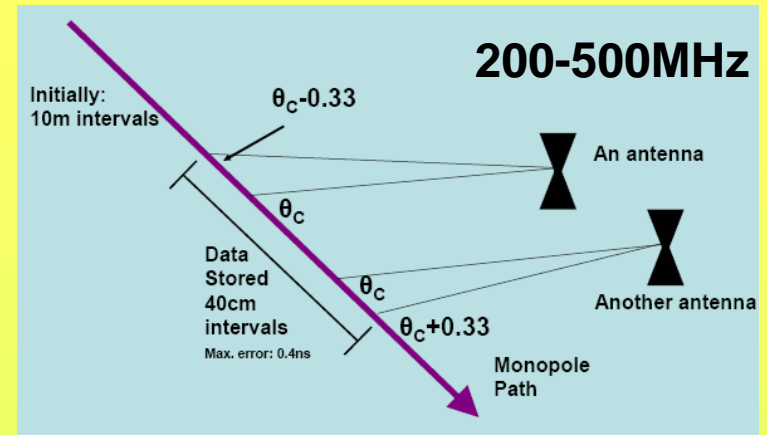
Realistic goal: 200m

Triggering both IceRay and IceCube: rates are low, but extremely valuable for calibration



Radio in Ice: RICE

- Radio experiments at the Soutpole profit from RICE experience!
- RICE is stopped, but data are still useful!
- ➔ Monopole search



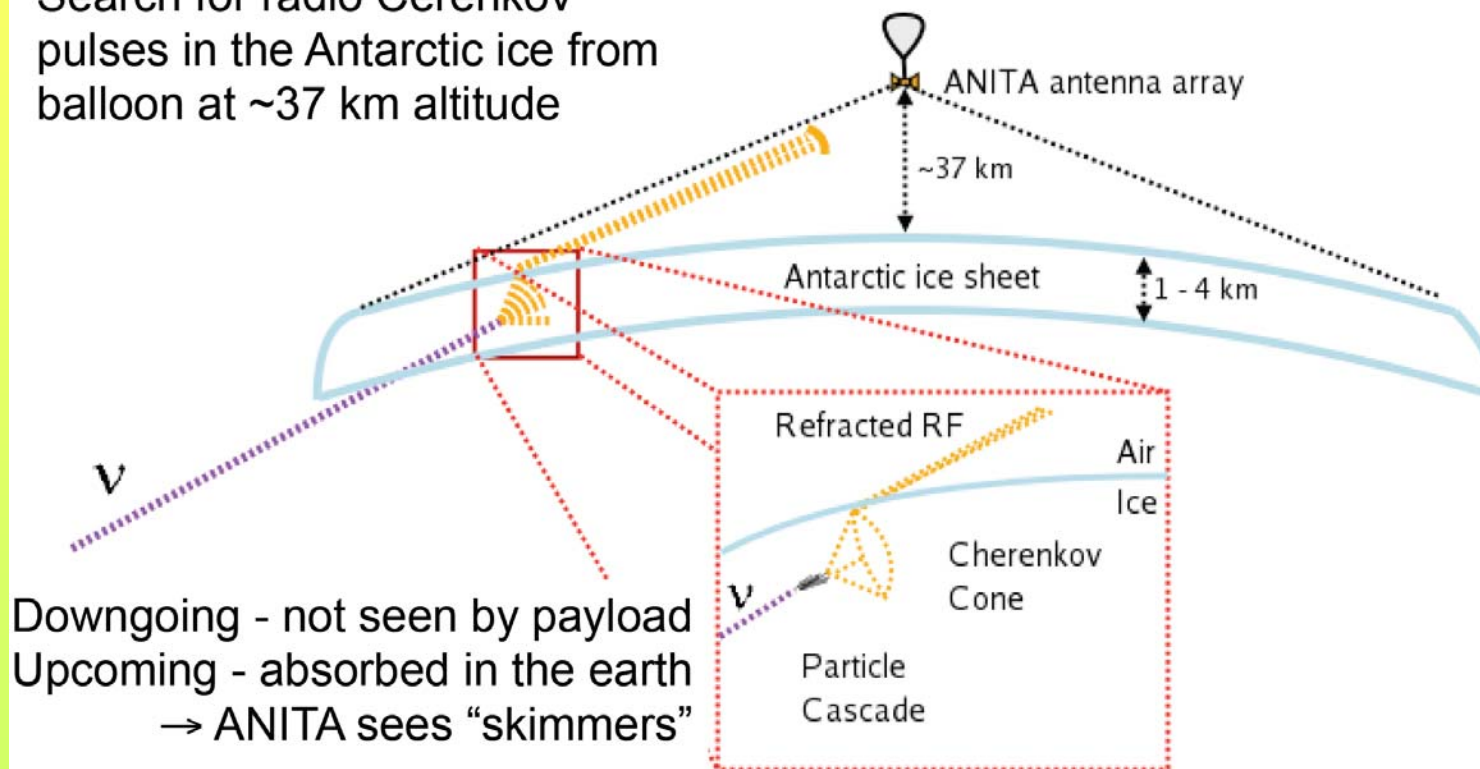
Daniel Hogan / RICE



Radio in Ice: ANITA

The Detector Concept

Search for radio Cerenkov pulses in the Antarctic ice from balloon at ~37 km altitude



ANITA observes $\sim 1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$ of ice at once!

Amy Connolly / ANITA



Radio in Ice: ANITA

The Face of ANITA

GPS Antennas

Solar cells for NASA equipment

Battery box
(Art by residents of McMurdo)

32 Quad-ridge horn antennas in 3 layers
- 200 MHz to 1200 MHz
- 10 degree down angle

8 low gain antennas to monitor payload-generated noise

ANITA electronics box (mirrored to minimize solar heating)

Power for science mission

Stephen Hoover, APS April Meeting 2008

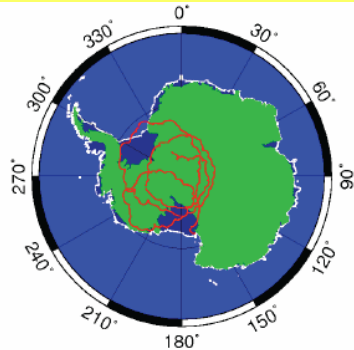
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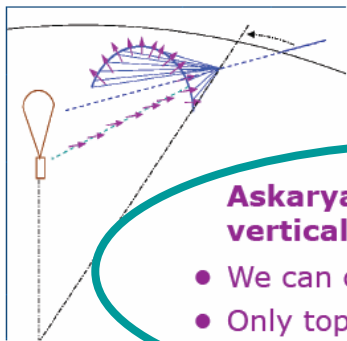
Radio in Ice: ANITA

The Flight

- Dec. 15th 2006 - Jan 18th 2007
- 3.5 trips around Antarctica
- Further "west" than average
- In view of radio noise (S. Pole and McM) 50% of time
- 18 days good livetime
- 1.2 km average depth



Horizontal Polarization?



Cerenkov radiation is:

- Linearly polarized
- In the plane containing particle cascade momentum and Poynting vector

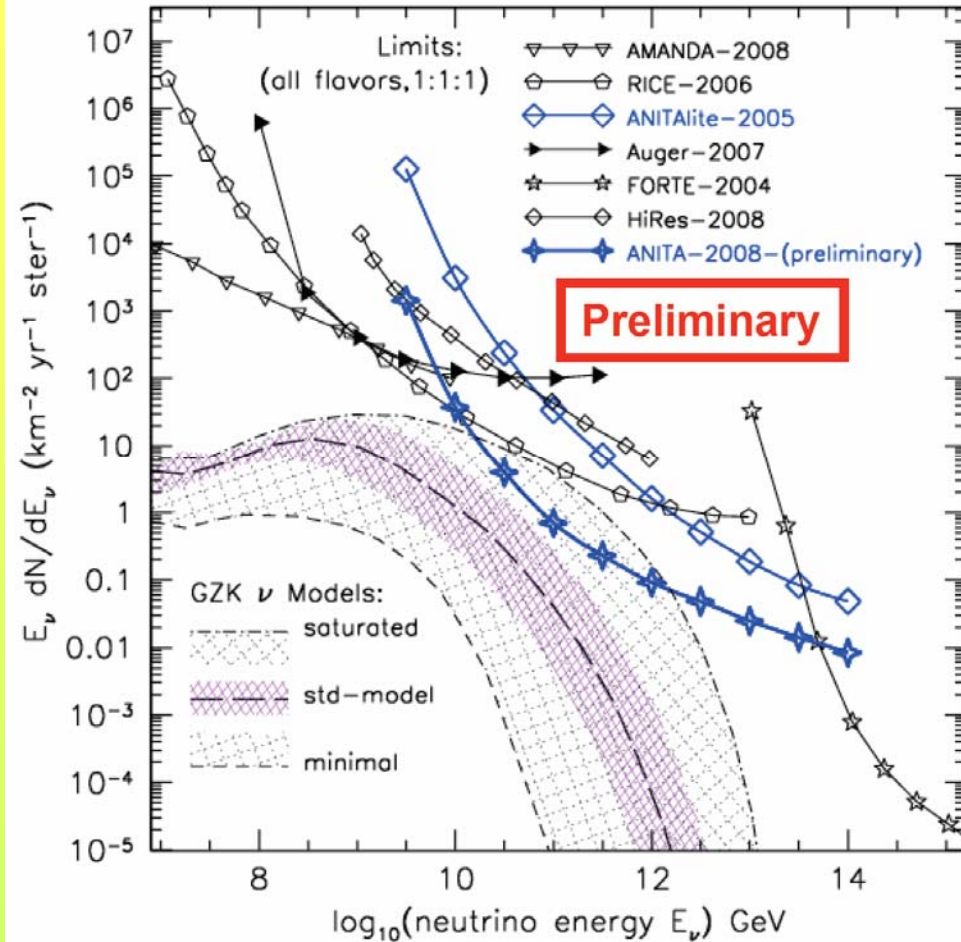
Askaryan signals strongly favor vertical polarization

- We can only see "skimmers"
- Only top of the cone escapes total internal reflection

Fresnel coefficients: Reflections from above strongly favor horizontal polarization (3:1) Could be:

- Air shower radio (geo-synchrotron)
- Solid state relays on satellites

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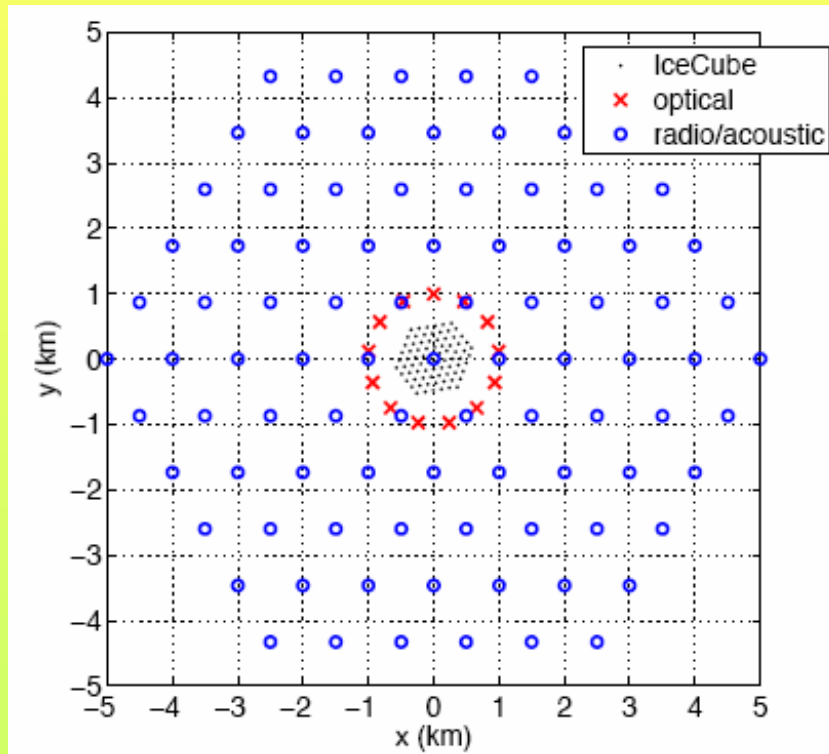


**No signal detected!
(fortunately?)**



Icecube as Hybrid Detector: Simulations

Delia Tosi /
ICECUBE



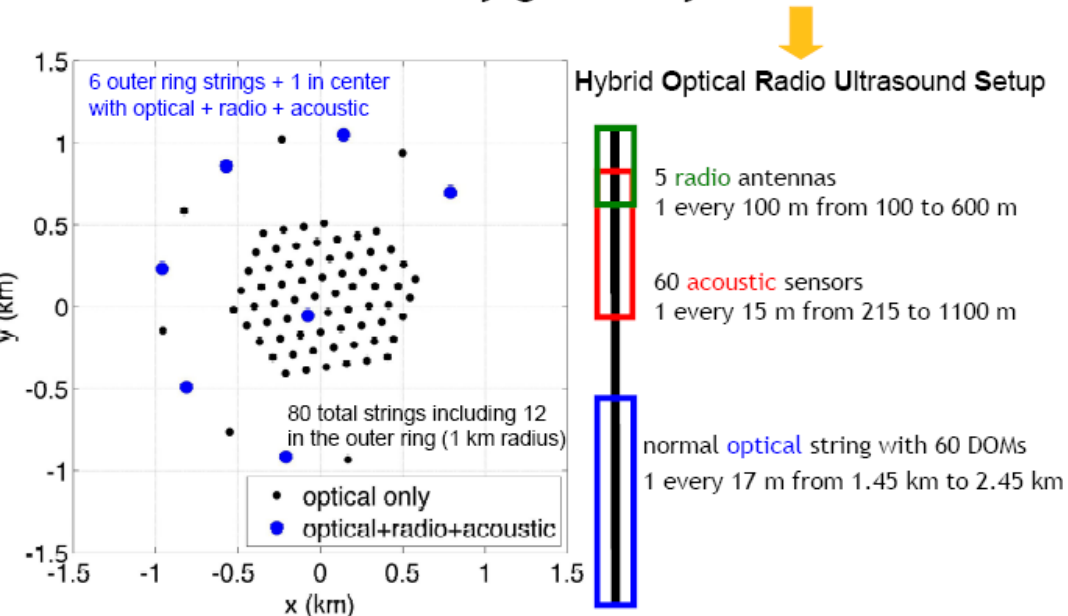
Detection option	GZK events/year ^{a)}
IceCube	0.7
Optical	1.2
Radio	12.3
Acoustic	16.0
Optical+Radio	0.2
Optical+Acoustic	0.3
Radio+Acoustic	8.0 !!!
Opt.+Rad.+Acou.	0.1
TOTAL	21.1



Icecube as Hybrid Detector: Simulations

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Simulated array geometry: HORUS



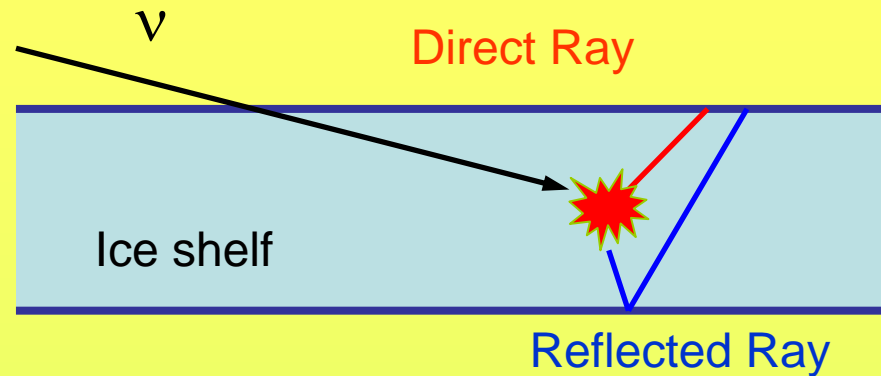
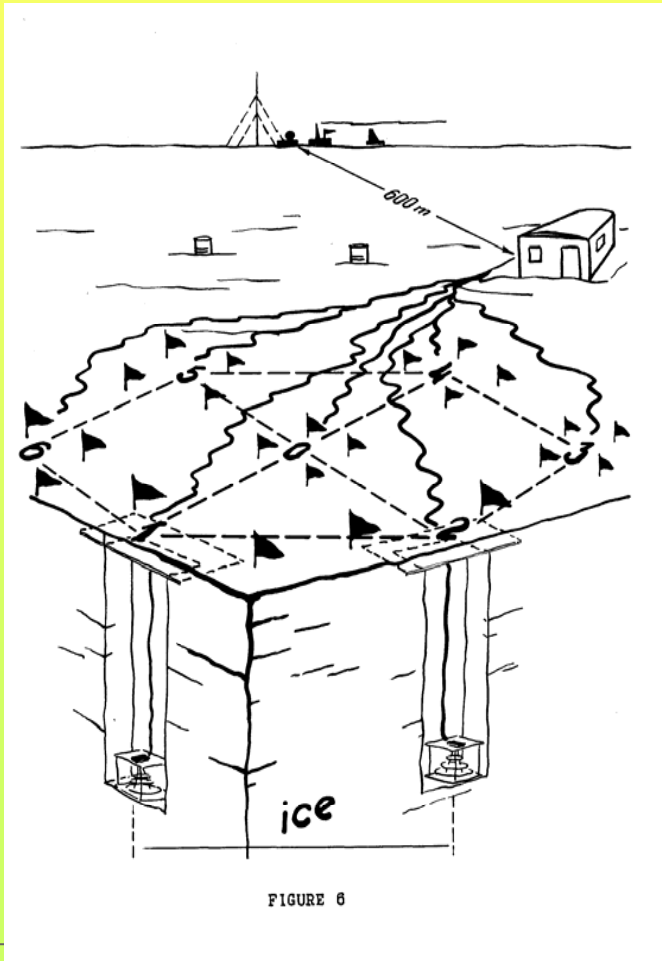
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Radio	1.68
Acoustic	0.43
Optical+Radio	0.098
Optical+Acoustic	0.043
Radio+Acoustic	0.089
Opt.+Rad.+Acou.	0.012
TOTAL	5.568

Preliminary!



Radio in ICE: Other techniques

- **ARIANNA**
(not discussed ARENA08)



- **RAMAND**
Radio Antarctic Muon And Neutrino Detection
Historic idea (1980ies)

Igor Zheleznykh



Radio in ICE: further ideas

- Permafrost

Radio Signal Detection in Permafrost

G. A. Askaryan JETP (48)988 (1965)

“... possible working layers are: for internal radio detection – substances which absorb or scatter radio waves weakly (an ice layer, **permafrost**, very dry rock etc)...”

Permafrost covers ~20% of land on earth
There are regions with > 500 m thick layers

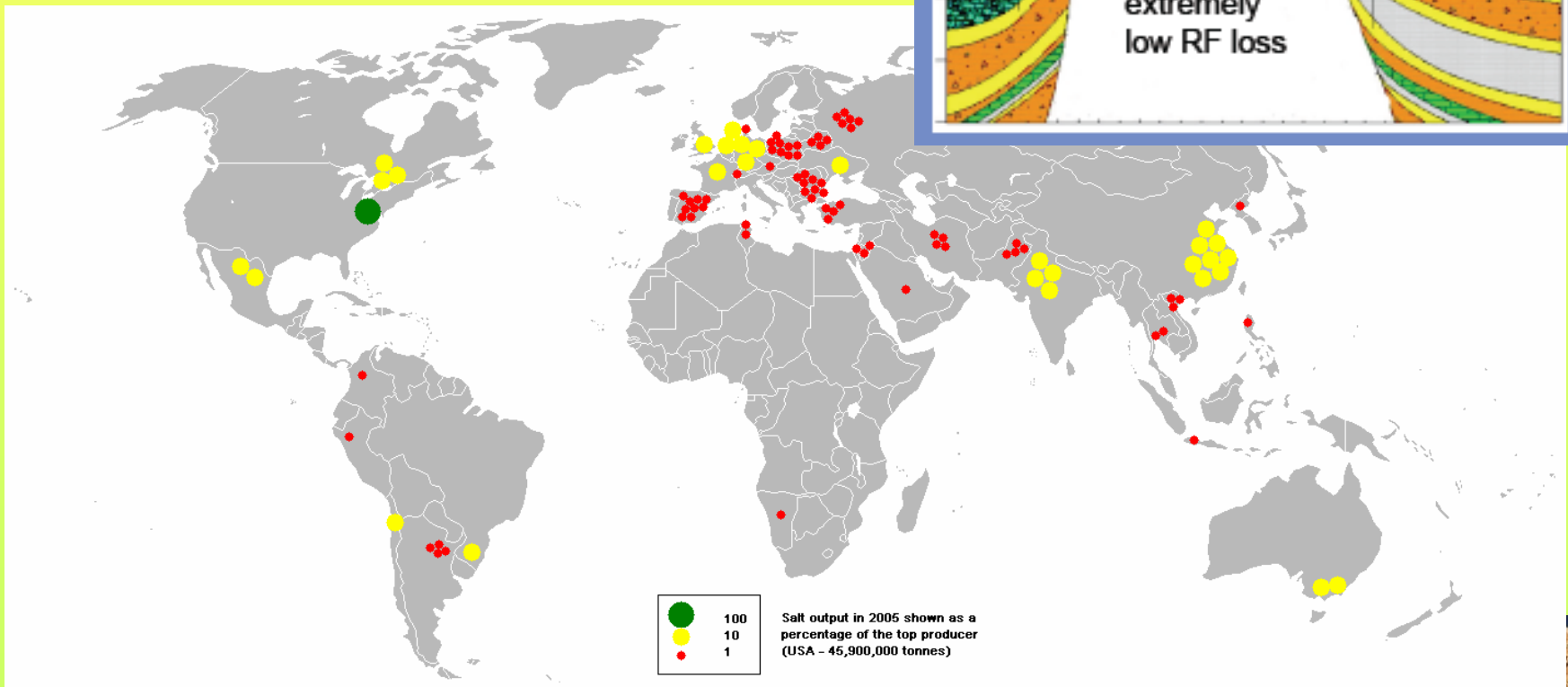
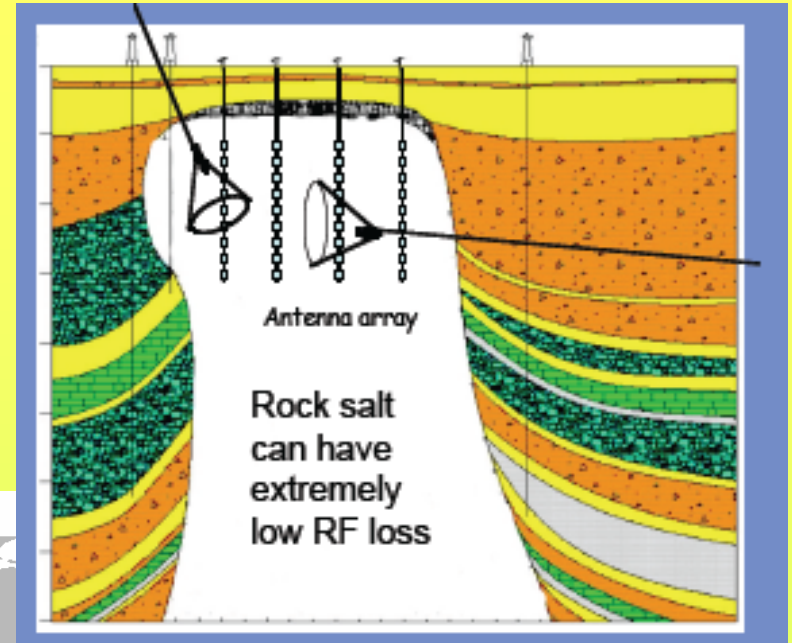
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Test **A**skaryan **I**nstallation for **G**eology and **A**strophysics



Radio in Salt

- Salt domes are extremely transparent for radio waves (as well as Antarctic ice)
- Factor ~2,4 more dense than ice
- Simpler environment conditions



Radio in Salt: Salsa

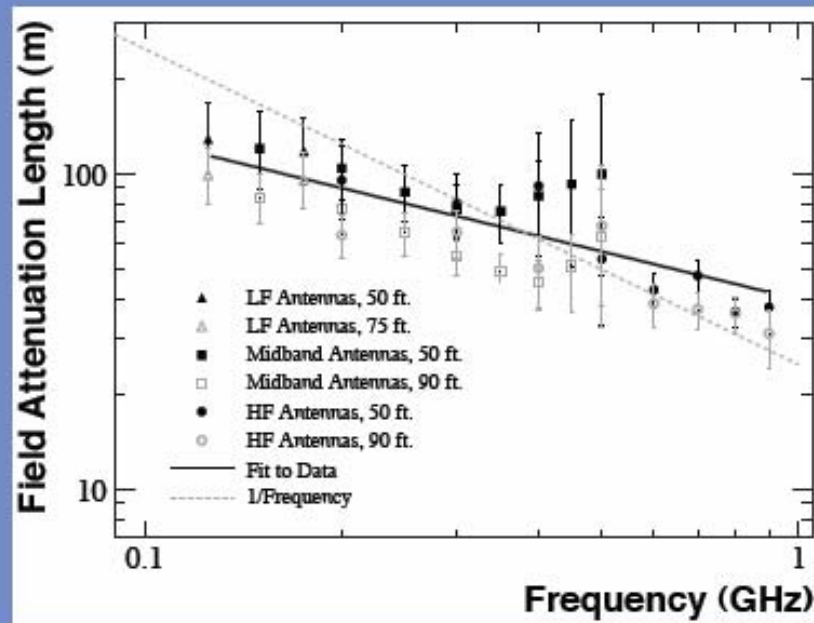
Attenuation Lengths

Fit to
$$L_{\alpha}(\nu) = a \cdot \left(\frac{\nu}{1 \text{ GHz}} \right)^b$$

$b = -0.57 \pm 0.06$

$\chi^2 / \text{dof} = 25.6 / 36$

- 150 MHz: 93 ± 7 m
- 300 MHz: 63 ± 3 m
- 800 MHz: 36 ± 2 m



Recall: We estimate from Cote Blanche GPR result
 $L_{\alpha} > 139$ m @ 440 MHz have been observed

Radio in Salt: Salsa

Future / Conclusions

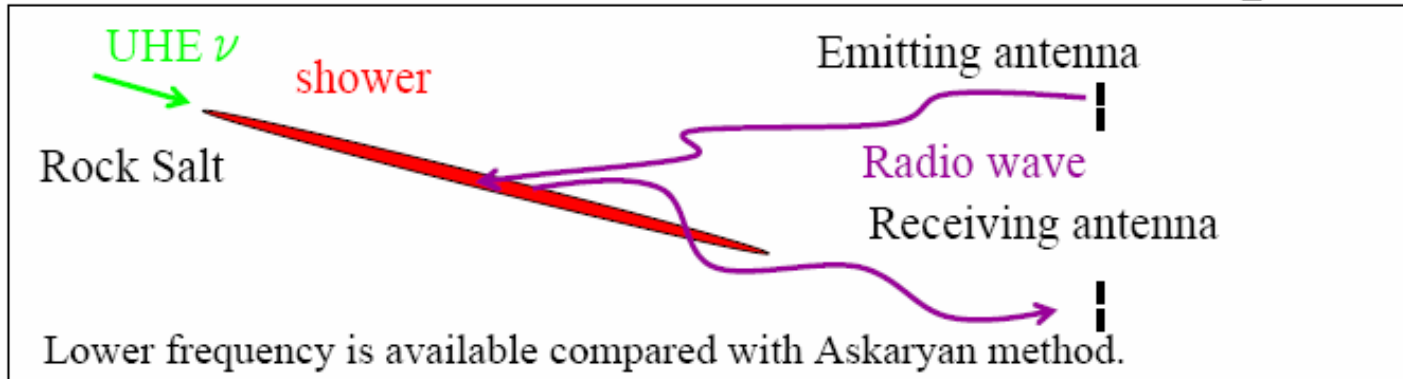
- Before a SaSA can proceed, affordability aside, we need to definitively measure long attenuation lengths in salt ($> \approx 250$ m)
- Borehole method works well, but only allows to sample limited region of salt per mine visit
- Would like to construct a GPR system to sample salt more efficiently
- Currently it looks difficult for salt to compete in sensitivity with any future detector in ice, but
 - It is important to explore new media
 - Salt could complement ice (Northern sky, accessibility)

Amy Connolly / Salsa



Radio in Salt (maybe also Ice): by Radar technique

Radar method: microwave reflection experiment



- Radar method does not require expensive boreholes.

- # of GZK neutrinos/year is estimated by a simulation.

[W exchange] + [W-Gluon fusion] processes:

6~18 GZK neutrinos/year $> 10^{17}$ eV

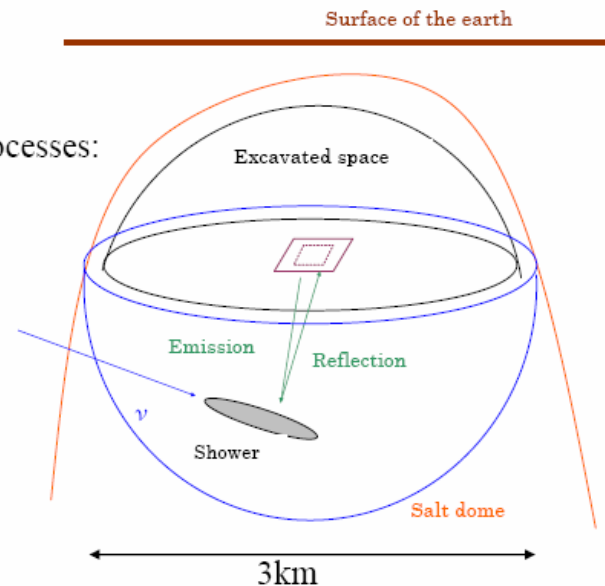
- Minimum setup:

of GZK neutrinos could be counted.

High peak power radar of 1GW, otherwise array antennas of lower power are needed.

- If the reflection is due to local thermal blobs, Antarctic ice would be utilized. Acoustic wave would be reflected in a similar way.

Minimum setup



Masami Chiba



The High Energy Universe observed with Radio

UHECR

Particles:	Charged CR	Gamma Rays	Neutrinos
Targets:	Air	Solids	Moon
Experiments:	LOPES CODALEMA R-Auger LOFAR R-ICETOP 21CMA	ICERAY AURA ANITA RICE ARIANNA RAMAND SALSA	LUNASKA NuMoon (WRST/LOFAR/SKA) LORD ASTROPEILER GLINT RAMHAND
Theorie:	Geo-synchrotron		Askaryan

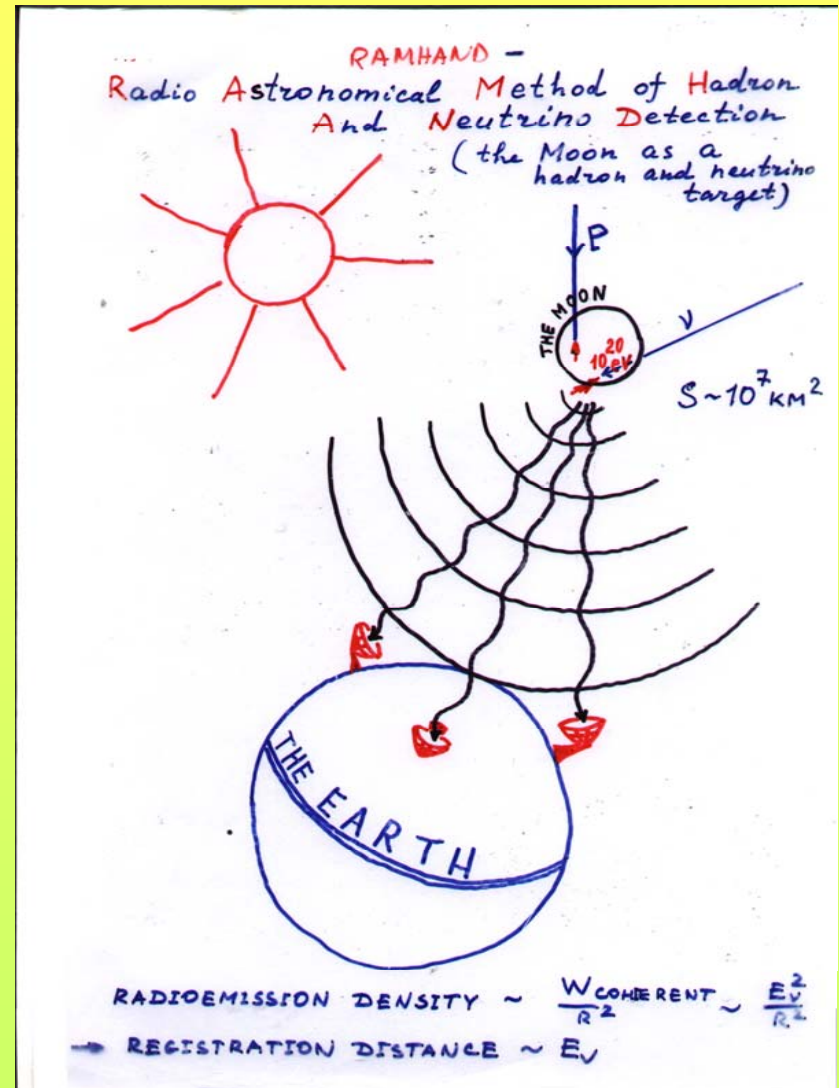


Radio at the moon

Detection principle:

Askaryan-emission from the regolith of the moon by ν AND cosmic rays interactions!

Strategy is to use or optimize existing infrastructures



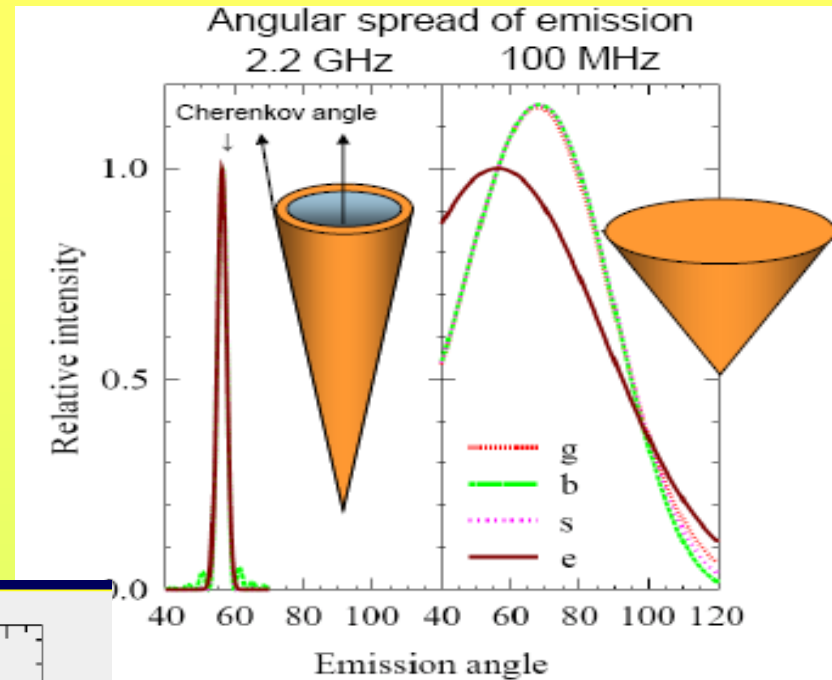
Igor Zheleznykh / RAMHAND



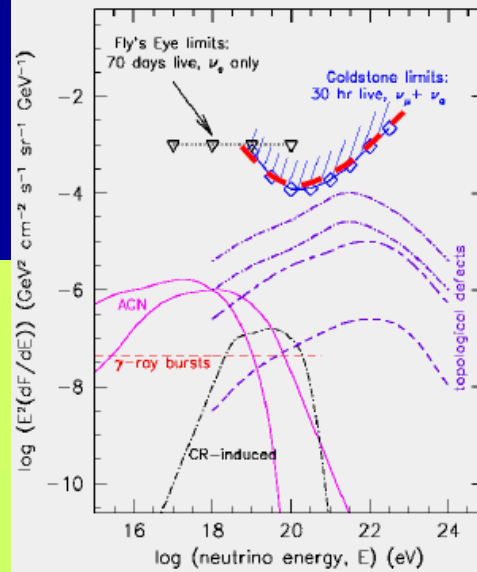
- Fruitful interaction between radio astronomy and high energy particle communities
 - Some culture differences
- Big improvements in signal processing technology
- Significant sensitivity improvements since 1995
 - Sensitivity estimates have been improved
 - Sensitivity estimates don't all agree (many assumptions)
 - High v low frequency?
- Future sensitivity improvements will need antenna arrays or focal plane arrays
- Proposed future radio facilities will probe all UHE models
- Strategy for targeted experiments is different

Radio at the moon: which frequency?

- **Minimum neutrino energy**
 - Determined by pulse detection threshold, hence radio telescope sensitivity
 - GHz frequencies better
 - **Moves curve to left**
- **Neutrino flux limit determined**
 - Volume of neutrino detector
 - Acceptance solid angle
 - » Lower frequency better
 - Observing time
 - **Moves curve down**



Scholten, et al. (2006, in press)

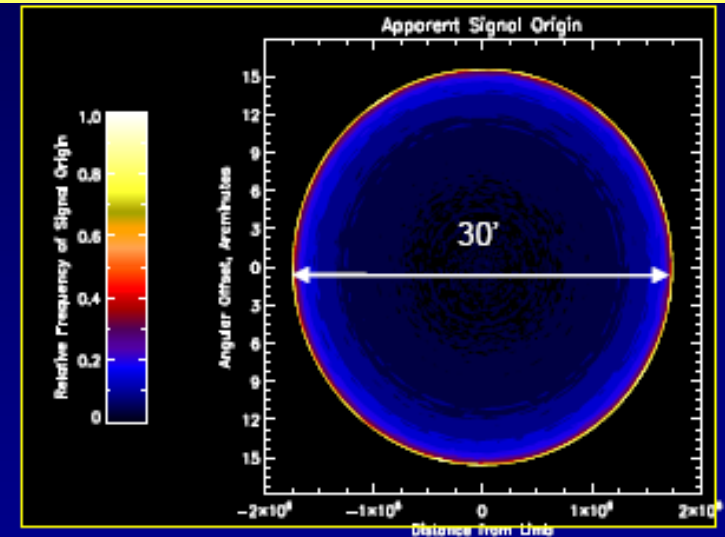


Ron Ekers



Radio at the moon: zoom to the limb?

- Event rates highest at the limb
- Noise contribution from all moon
- We want to observe the entire lunar limb



20m dish



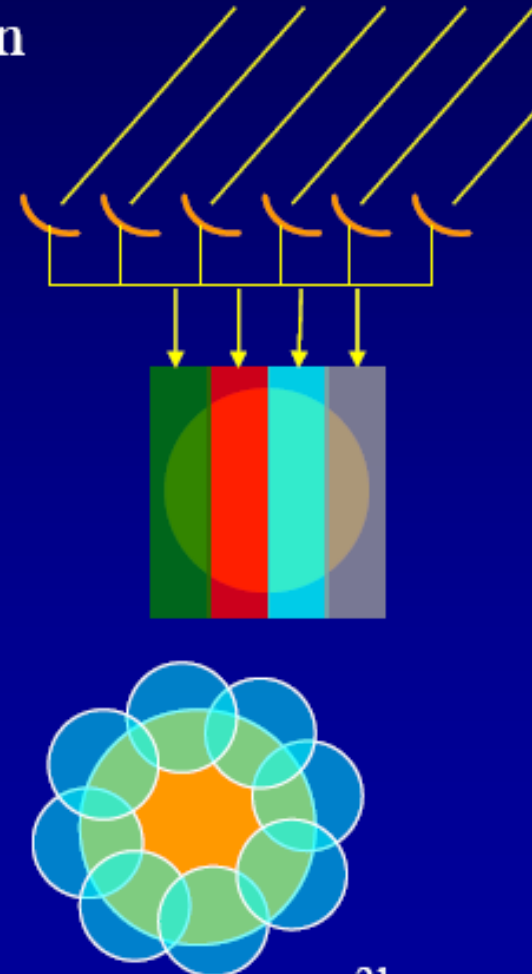
64m dish



array

Radio at the moon: Imaging and beamforming array!

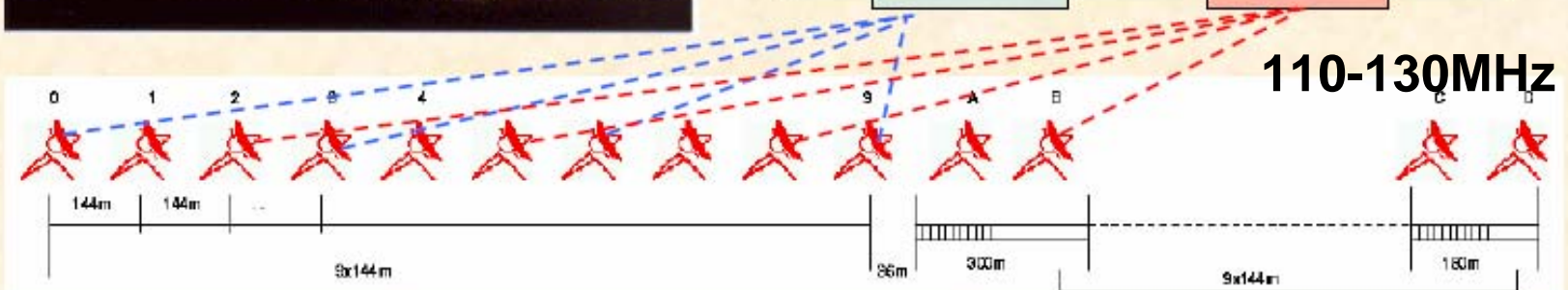
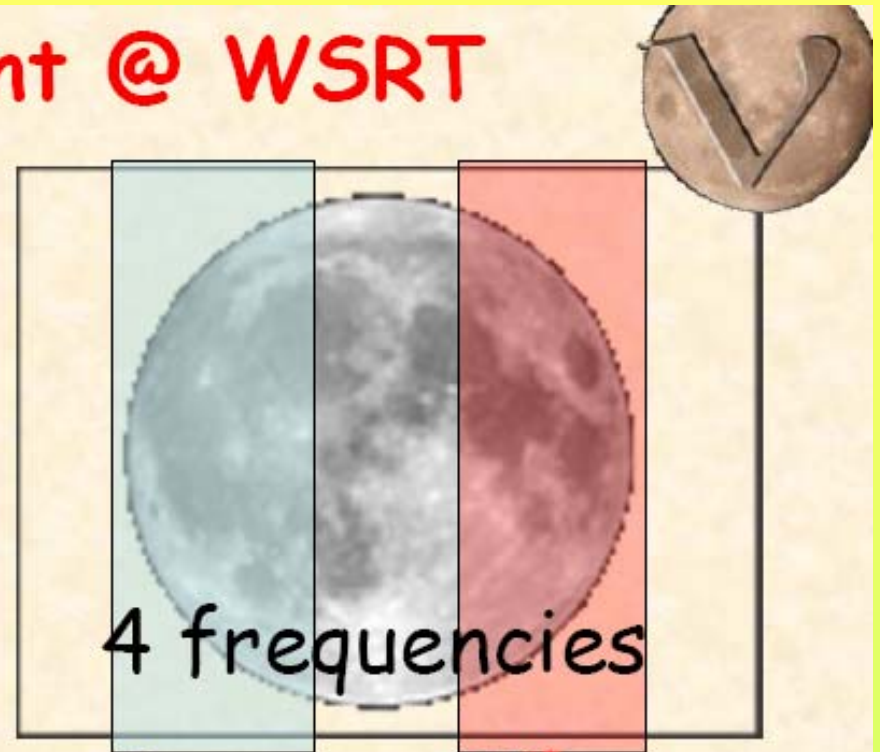
- Noise dominated by thermal emission from moon
 - Increasing antenna size doesn't help
- Aperture plane or Focal plane
- Arrays of small antenna (eg ATCA-SKA)
 - Form multiple beams from multiple antennas
 - Coherent addition of signals
 - Enough beams to cover all moon
- Multiple beams in a large dish
 - Eg Parkes + focal plane array
 - Max signal from limb of moon
 - Needs fully sample focal plane array
 - Beam former to illuminate whole limb



Radio at the moon: NuMoon

NuMoon Experiment @ WSRT

Use Westerbork radio observatory



Olaf Scholten / NuMoon



Radio at the moon: NuMoon

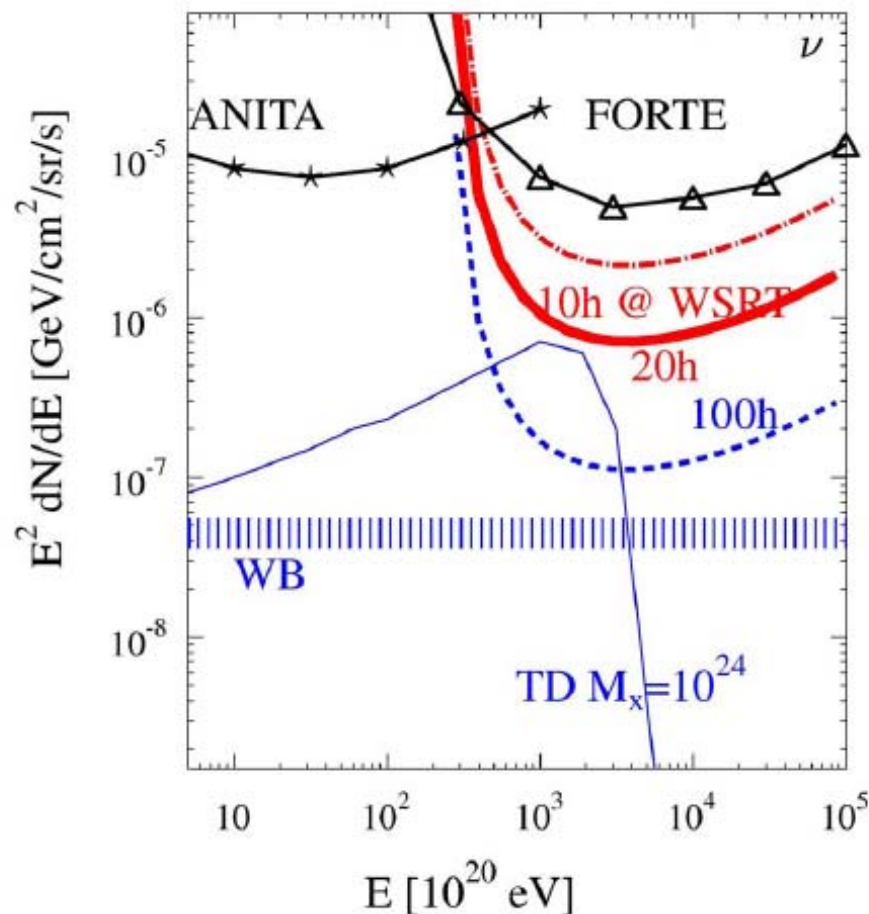


Preliminary Results

Analysis of
10 h 40 min data

Additional observation
time: 7 June +10h

June 25-27, 2008



Olaf Scholten / NuMoon



Radio at the moon: NuMoon

Conclusions

NuMoon @ WSRT

Future:

NuMoon @ LOFAR

NuMoon @ SKA

**Competitive sensitivity for
cosmic rays and neutrinos**



Olaf Scholten / NuMoon



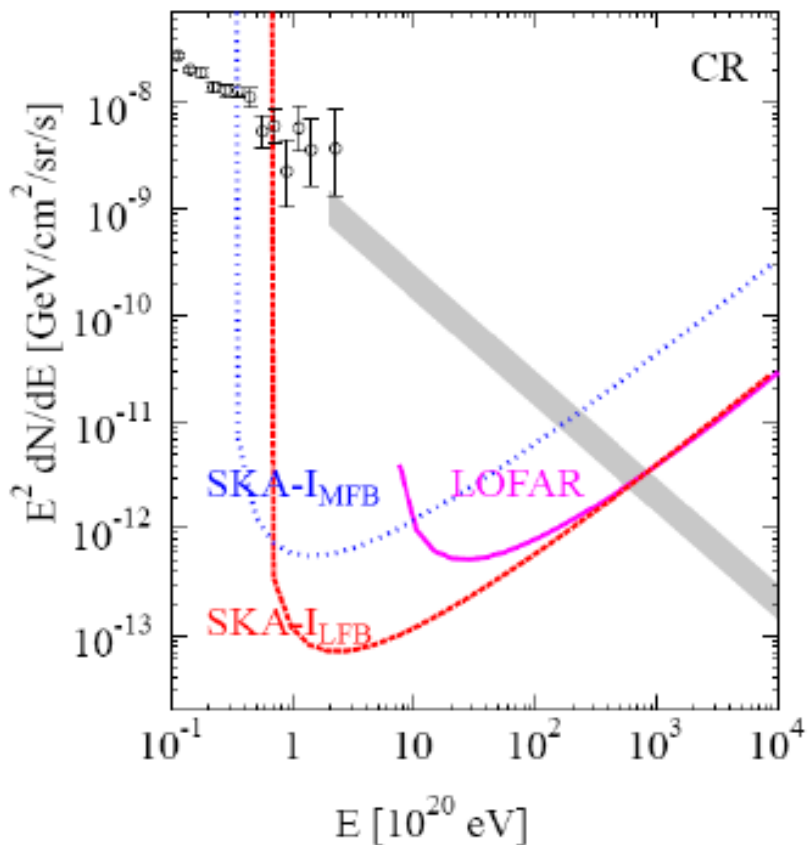


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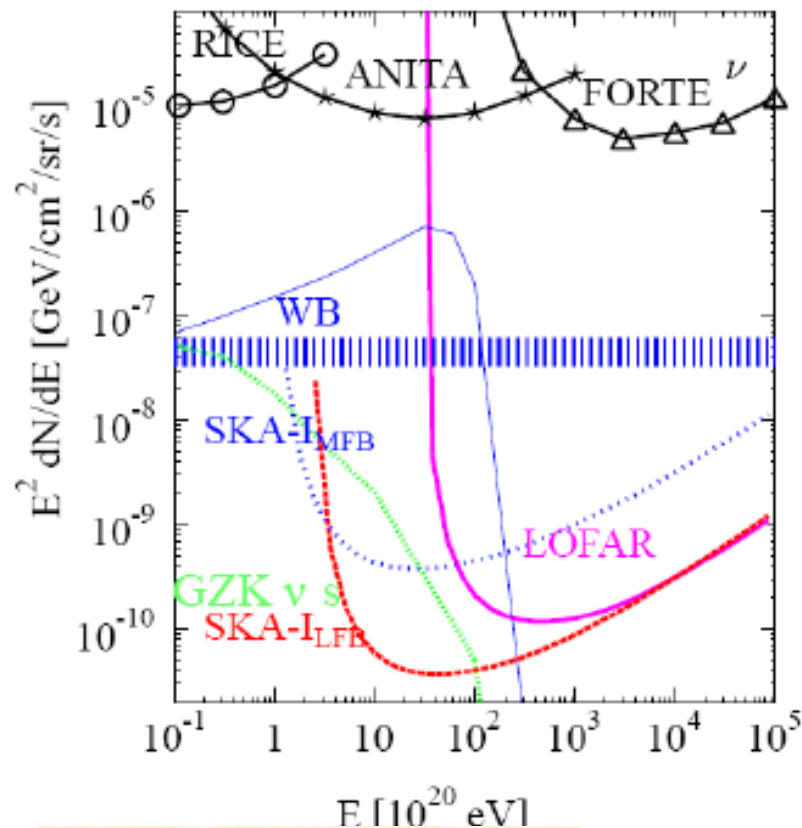


1 year, 10% SKA

Cosmic Rays



Neutrinos



Olaf Scholten / NuMoon - SKA
Heino Falcke / LOFAR - SKA

SKA:

LFB: 100-300 MHz

MFB: 300-500 MHz



Radio at the moon: LUNASKA

ATCA

- 6x22m dishes in NSW, Australia
- Aperture synthesis antenna
- 6km E-W Baseline



- We are using this to develop methods and technology scaleable to the SKA

Development

- Dedispersion
- Triggering (fast logic)
- RFI discrimination
- Observations!

Clincy James / LUNASKA



Radio at the moon: LUNASKA

May 5th-7th 2007 (5 hr)

- 10pm-6am.
- Simultaneous baseband recording (64 Mhz at 1.2 GHz).
- Targeted Sag A region.
- Centre-pointing.
- Only ms timing available!

Feb 26th-28th 2008 (14 hr)

- Repeat of '07 set-up.
- 14 hrs stable configuration.

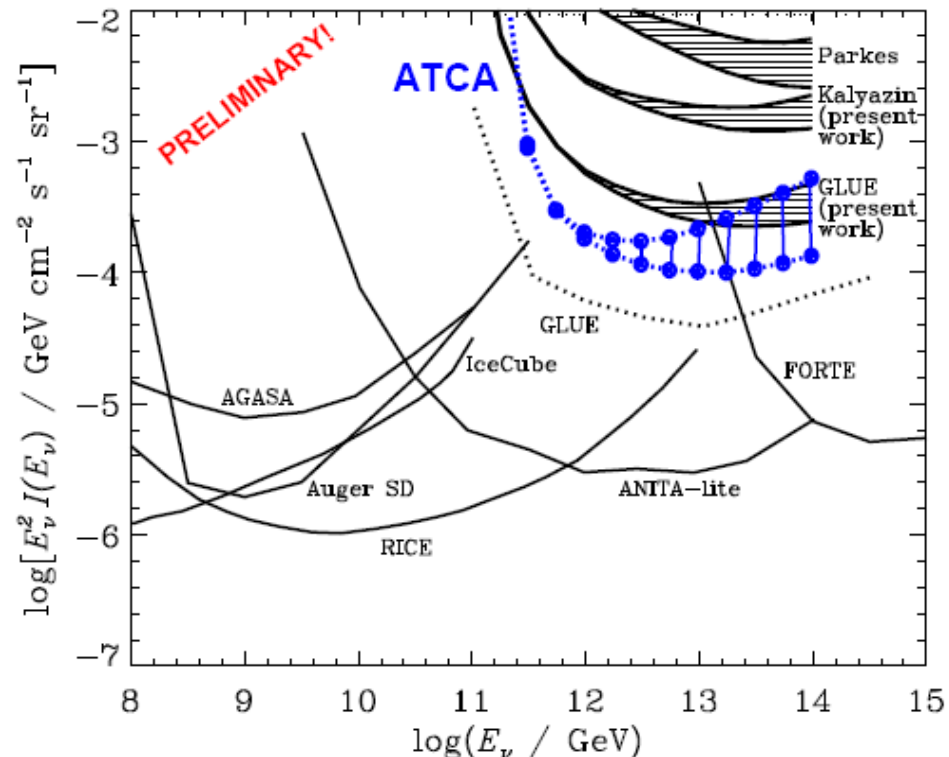
March 17th-19th 2008 (20 hr)

- Targeted Cen A.
- Pointed at limb to maximise Cen A sensitivity.

Clincy James / LUNASKA

Expected ATCA Limit

- We have not finished analysing 2008 data.
- Plot approximate limit on an isotropic flux assuming no detections.
- Range reflects the regolith depth (upper: 10m, lower: $\sim\infty$)



Radio at the moon: GLINT

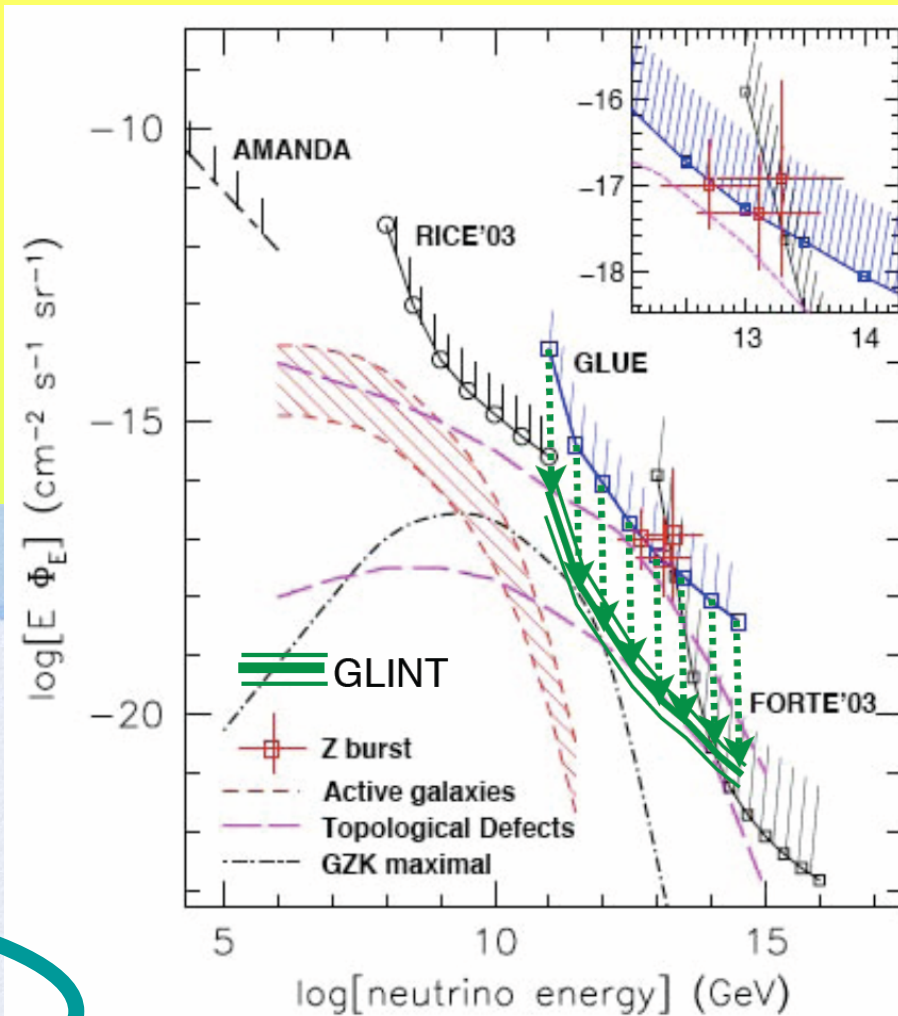
Green Bank LuNAr Interferometer for Neutrino Transients

Factor of 300 improvement in sensitivity over original experiment

Group	Freq. (MHz)	Band-Width (MHz)	Diam-eter (m)	System Temp (K)	Neutrino Beam (degree)	Relative System Sensitivity	Obs. Duration (hours)	Rel. Counts
Parkes	1400	200	84.0	100	3.1	131	10	1
GLUE	2200	70	48.1	110	2.0	33	120	3
Westerbork	140	20	93.6	200	30.9	40	200	6
							500	16
GLINT	1300	2000	63.6	110	3.3	337	2000	513
							4000	1026

The GLINT interferometer will have very wide frequency coverage and the ability to determine the point of origin of radio transients generated by neutrinos.

Our proposed system will operate for two or more years, in order to detect a statistically significant number of neutrino transients.



Glen Langston / GLINT



Radio at the moon: ASTROPEILER

Search for UHE neutrinos using a refurbished 25-m telescope

25 m diameter
Astropeiler Stockert
built 1956
operated by University
of Bonn and MPIfR

shut down 1997
got private property
industrial monument 1999

since 2005 owned by
NRW foundation

At present
in reconstruction!



1.4 GHz; 140MHz bandwidth

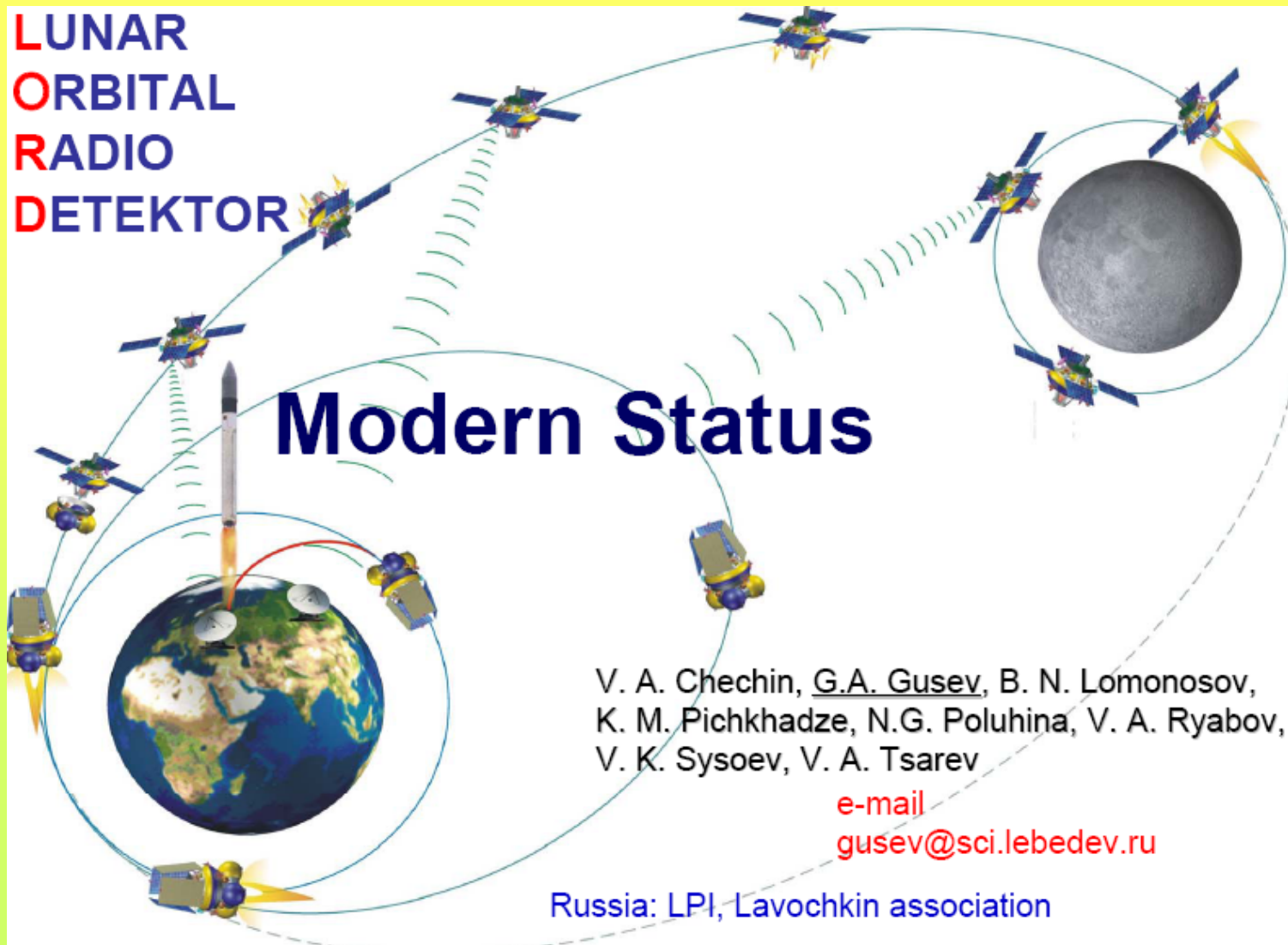
Perfect for outreach!
Main problem: sponsoring!

Peter Kalberla / Astropeiler



Radio at the moon: LORD

**LUNAR
ORBITAL
RADIO
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Radio at the moon: LORD

CONCLUSIONS

1. For CR spectrum E^{-3} statistics per year in the LORD experiment :

- for CR – one hundred events;
- for GZK neutrino (maximum flux model) – several units events.

2. Conception of radio detector (first generation) is developed and optimized.

3. There are principle possibilities for selection of the events from the radio pulse background and separation between CR and neutrino cascades.

4. The LORD experiment is included in LUNA-GLOB mission, to be launched at about 2012 year.



500 MHz Antenna

Gusev German / LORD



Conclusion of Summary.....

Radio in Air

- Air-shower observations are becoming “standard”
- coincidences with EAS arrays !!

Radio in Solids

- Proof-of-Principle in the lab
- No correlation (yet) in hybrid detection
- Application to larger scales in work (engineering, physics)
- R&D on new and alternative targets

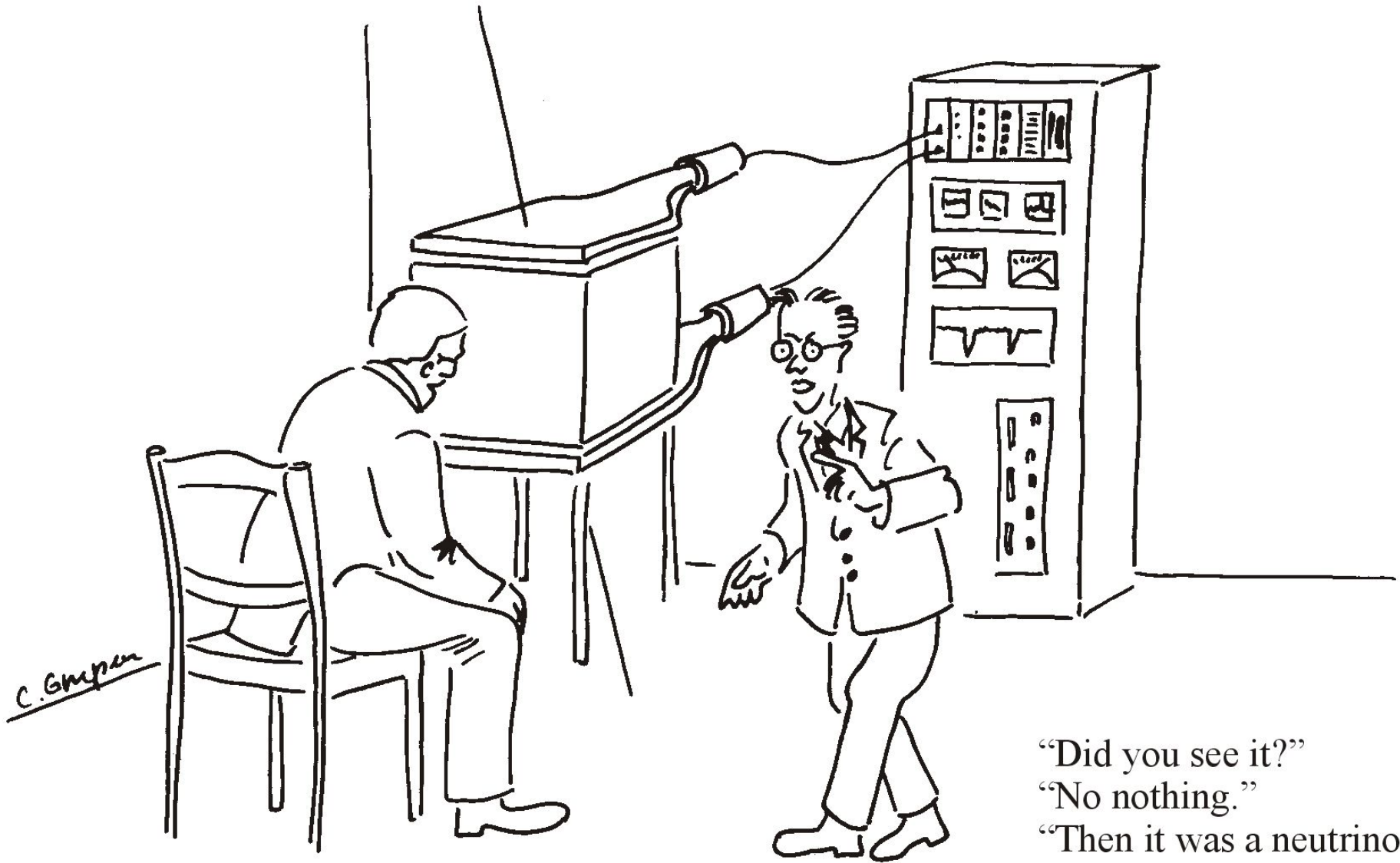
Radio in the Moon

- Boom in experiments (measurements and proposals)
- R&D for optimization

For all...

- Simulations are more and more important...
- The science is compelling for construction of a large-scale array
- Expect maturation of initial round of experiments (R-AUGER, ANITA, LOFAR, AURA, e.g.) in next few years, with possible first indications of UHE neutrinos





“Did you see it?”
“No nothing.”
“Then it was a neutrino!”

But we will hear it!!

