



Very-High Energy event detected by KM3NeT/ARCA

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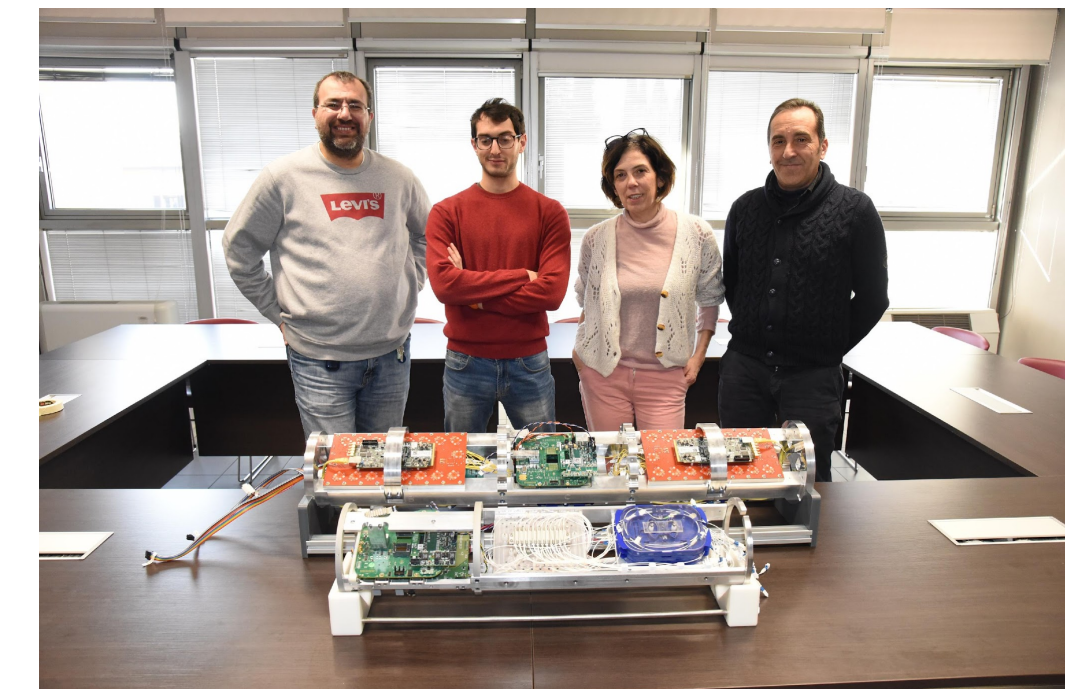


KM3NeT-Bo group presentation

Nome	Ruolo	Attività principale
F. Benfenati	Tecnologo TD PNRR PhD - 37° ciclo	DAQ - Laboratorio BLU Analisi dati
F. Carenini	PhD - 38° ciclo	Analisi dati - Calibrazioni temporali
P. Castaldi	PA UniBO - Ingegnere	Calibrazioni - posizionamento acustico
T. Chiarusi	Primo ric. INFN	Coord. DAQ - Analisi dati
F. Filippini	Post – doc INFN	RAMS (Reliability Availability Maintainability Security) Analisi dati
G. Illuminati	Ric. INFN	Coord. Astronomy & MultiMessenger Analisi dati
G. Levi	Ric. UniBO	KM3DIA – DAQ
A. Margiotta (Resp. Locale)	PA UniBO	Chair PC KM3NeT; Chair IB ANTARES Analisi dati Base Module ISR (Lab. BILBO)
R. Muller	Post-doc INFN	Analisi dati
M. Spurio	PO UniBO	Dep. Spokesperson ANTARES Analisi dati
I. Del Rosso	PhD - 38° ciclo	Analisi dati

KM3NeT/ARCA + PNRR = KM3NeT4RR ~ 67 Meuro
 completamento "Building Block" 1 (115 DUs = 0.5 km³) + 10 DUs del BB 2
Ringraziamento all'amministrazione per il supporto nella gestione del KM3NeT4RR

Integrazione e test moduli di base WWRS
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 S. Ragonesi, C. Valieri**

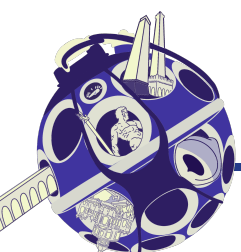


Riproduce il sistema DAQ/readout di KM3NeT
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 F. Filippini, G. Pellegrini, S. Ragonesi**

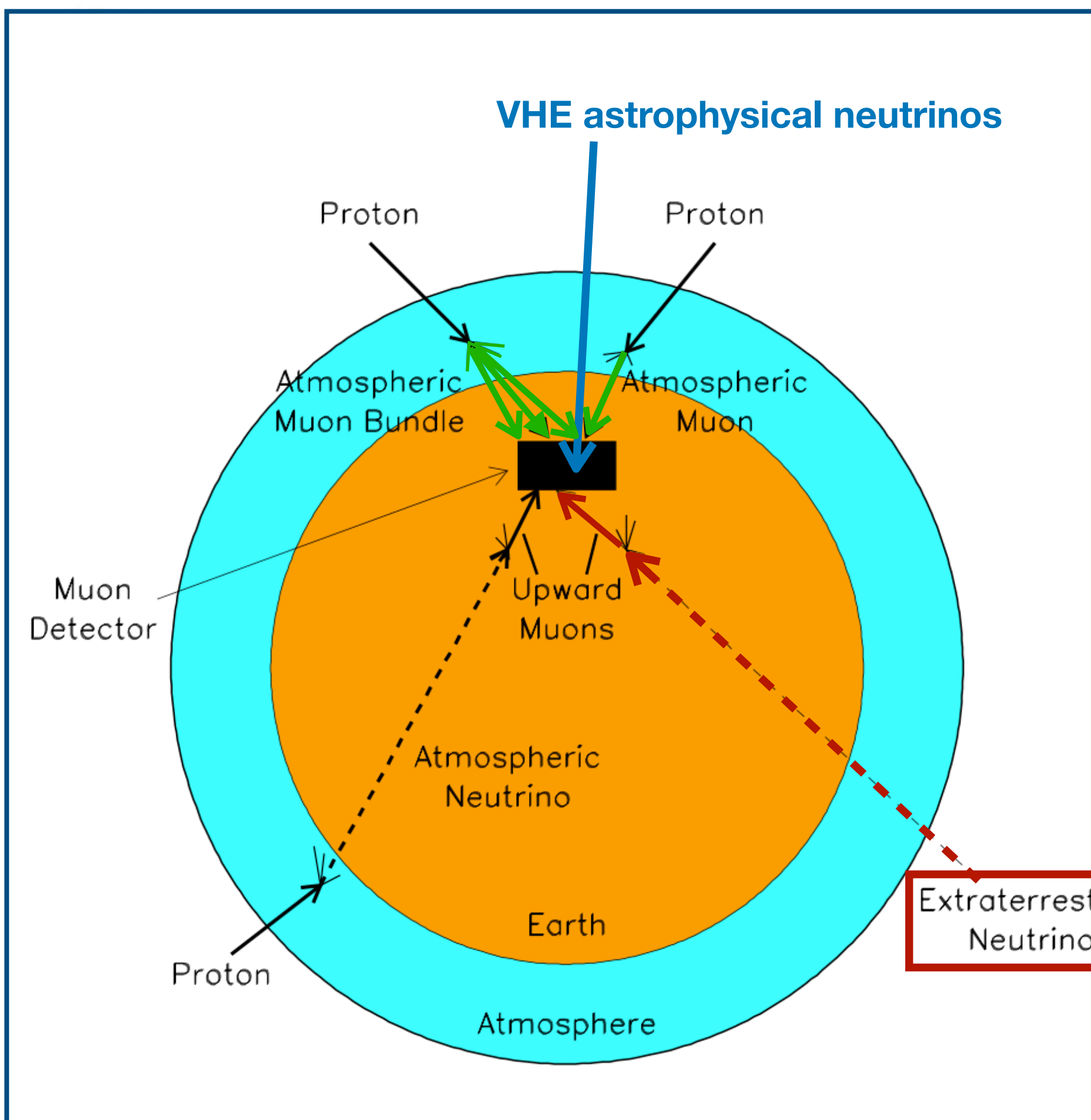


Tutti i fisici sono impegnati in INTENSA ATTIVITA' di analisi dei dati di KM3NeT
+ Completamento analisi dati ANTARES legacy papers
+ Analisi congiunte ANTARES-KM3NeT

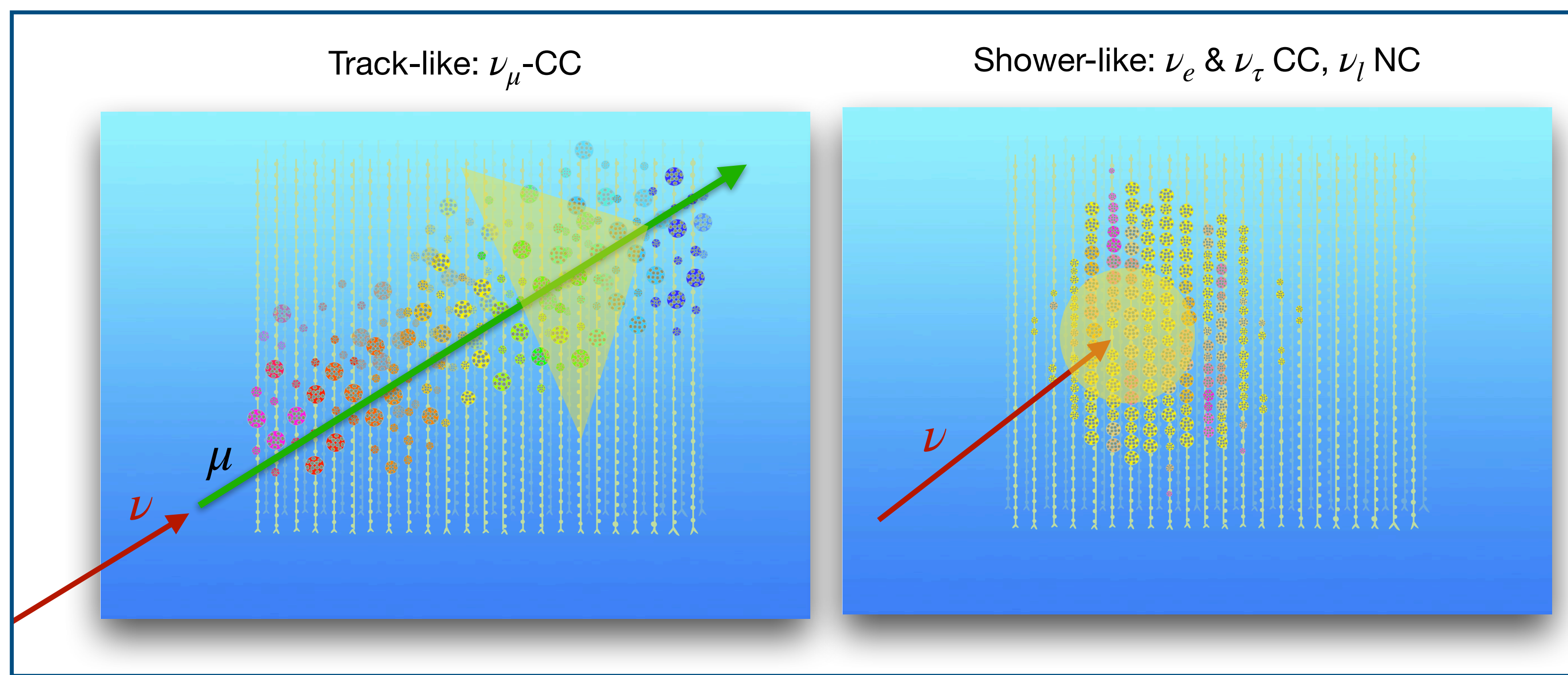
Detection principle and event topology



Detection principle



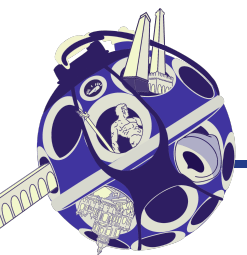
Event topology



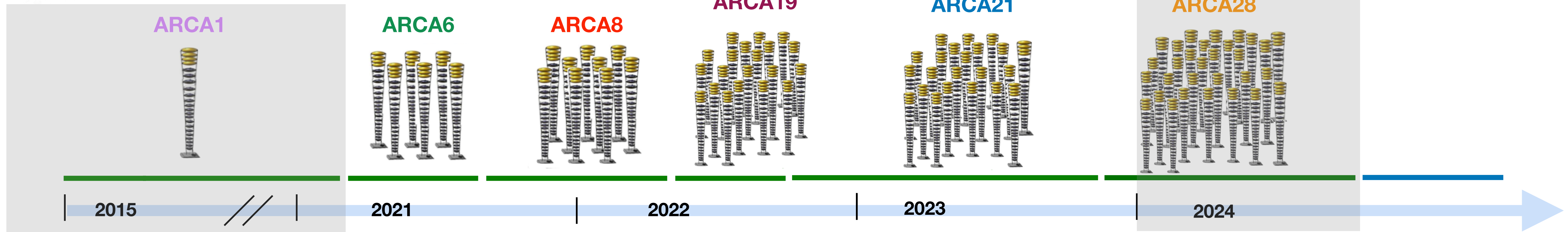
- ν_μ -CC: outgoing muon. Precise direction determination ($< 1^\circ$): **track-like events**;
- ν_e -CC, ν_l -NC: electromagnetic and hadronic showers. Precise energy determination. Poorer direction determination: **shower-like events**;
- ν_τ -CC: outgoing τ that decay. If both showers contained in the detector: **double-bang** topology.

- Atmospheric muon flux $\sim 10^6$ bigger than neutrino flux;
- Earth becoming opaque for $E_\nu > 200 \text{ TeV}$.

KM3NeT/ARCA data-taking



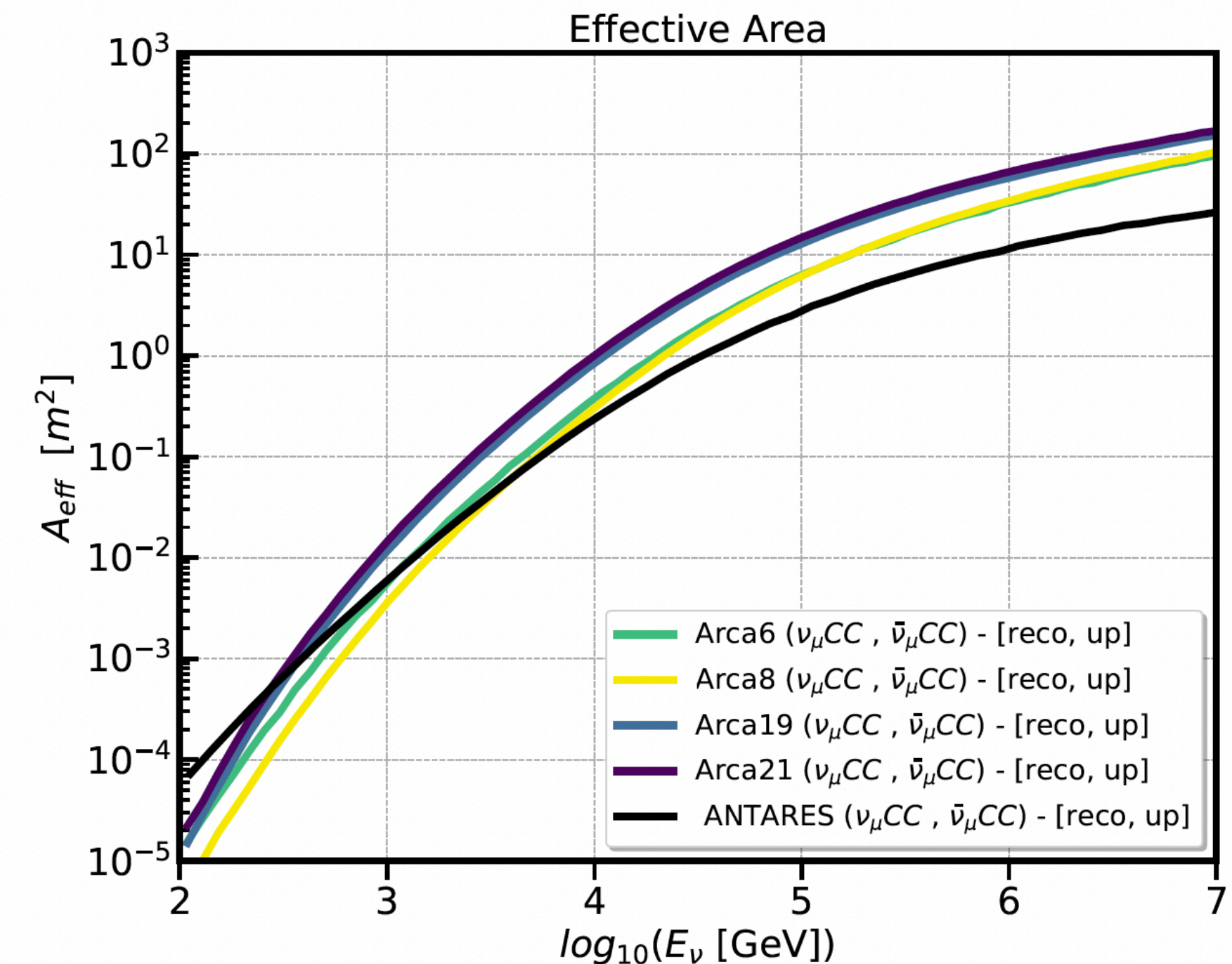
☐ Data livetime not included in the analysis



- **Arca6** data-taking period : May 2021 - September 2021 (~102 days);
- **Arca8** data-taking period : September 2021 - end of May 2022 (~212 days);
- **Arca19** data-taking period : May 2022 - September 2022 (~51 days);
- **Arca21** data-taking period : September 2022 - September 2023 (~287 days).

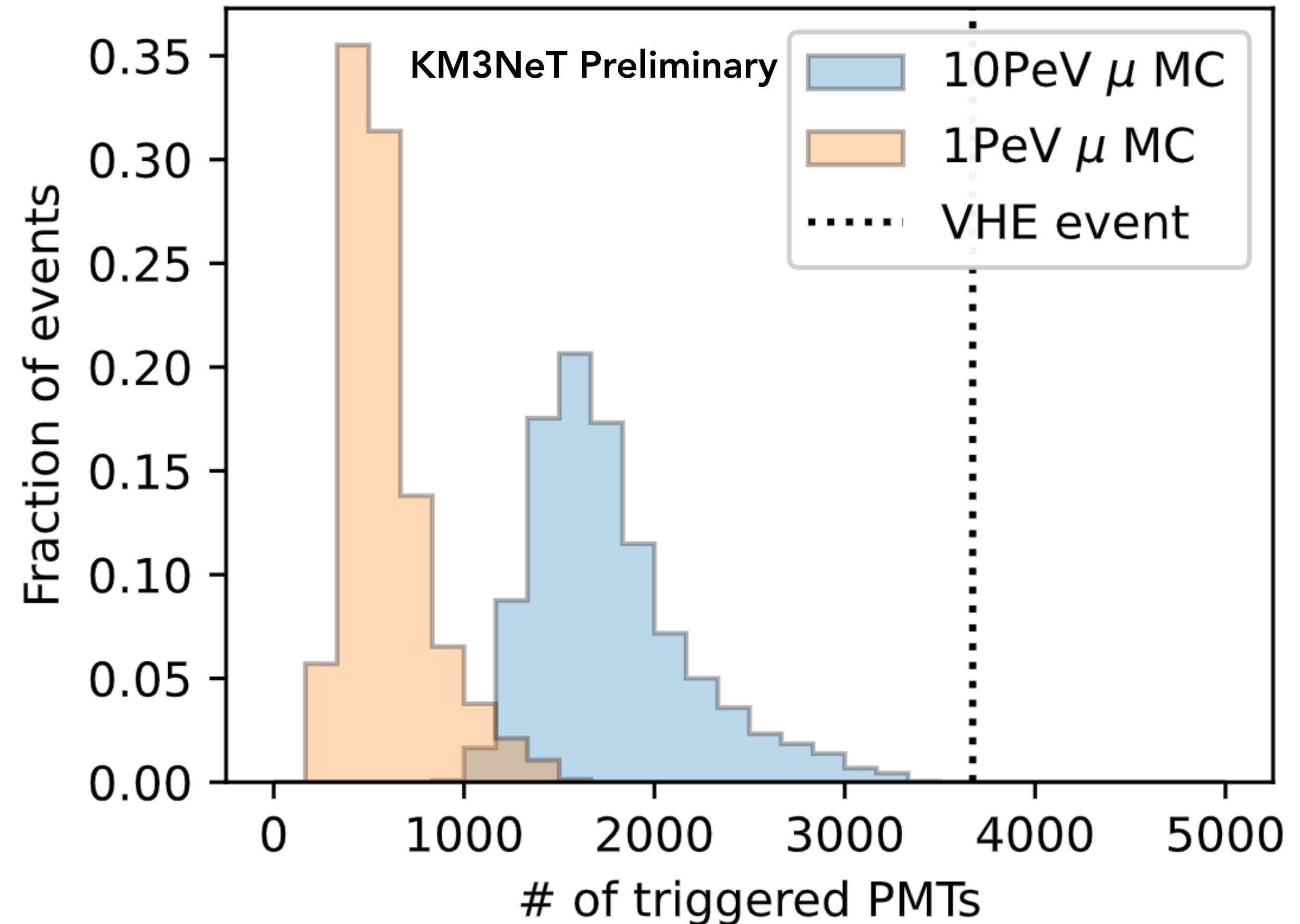
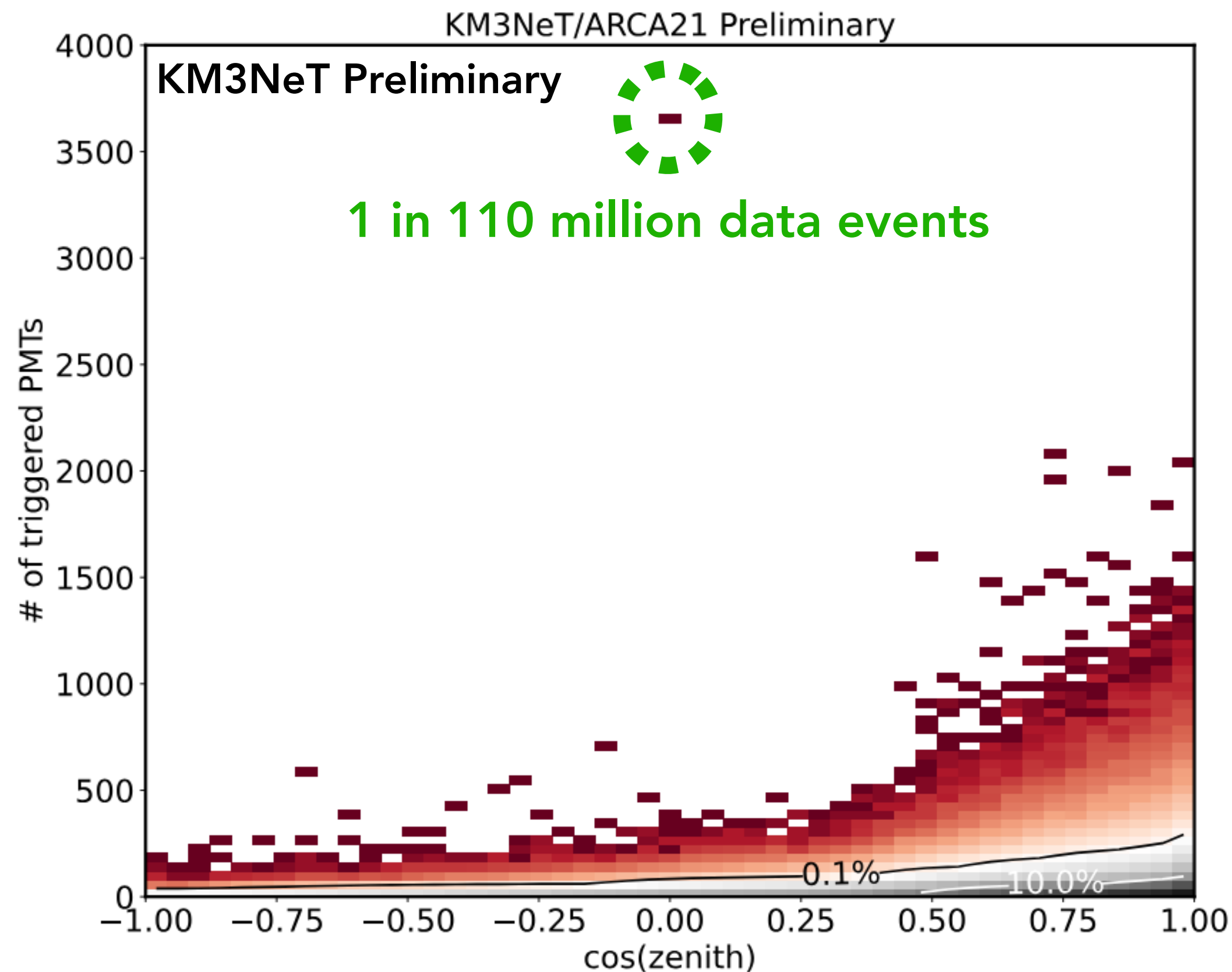
KM3NeT detectors: high duty cycle,
stable data-taking over long periods
(from December 2022 up to September 2023, efficiencies above 91%)

KM3NeT/ARCA21 × 3 effective area of KM3NeT/ARCA6

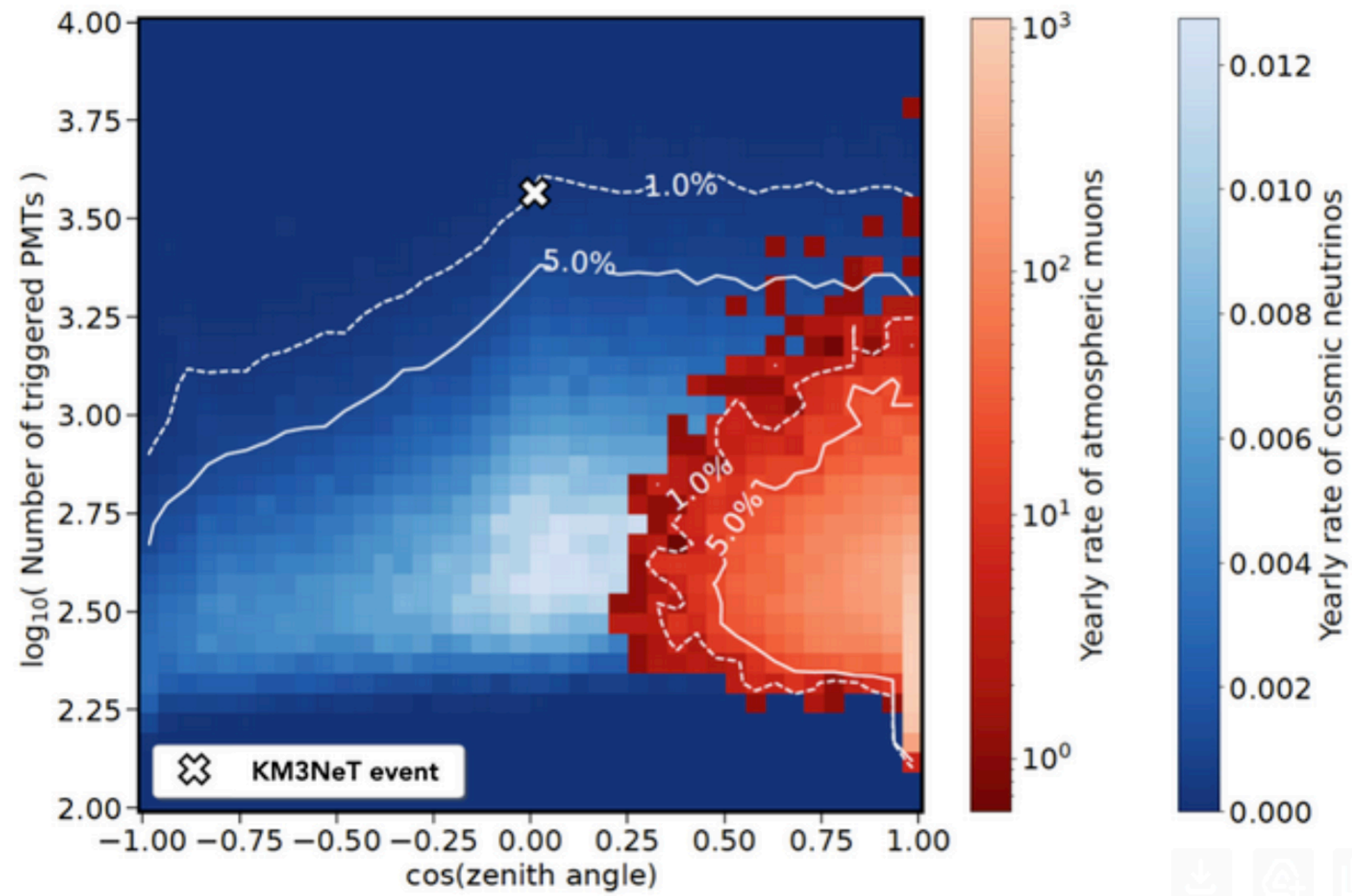
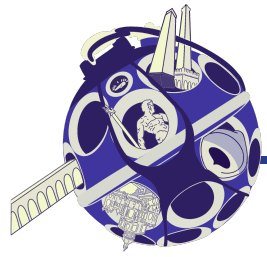


Very high energy event

- Significant event observed with huge amount of light;
- Horizontal event (1° above horizon) as expected since earth opaque to neutrinos at PeV scale;
- 3672 PMTs (35%) were triggered in the detector;
- Muons simulated at 10 PeV almost never generate this much light;
- Likely multiple 10's of PeV.



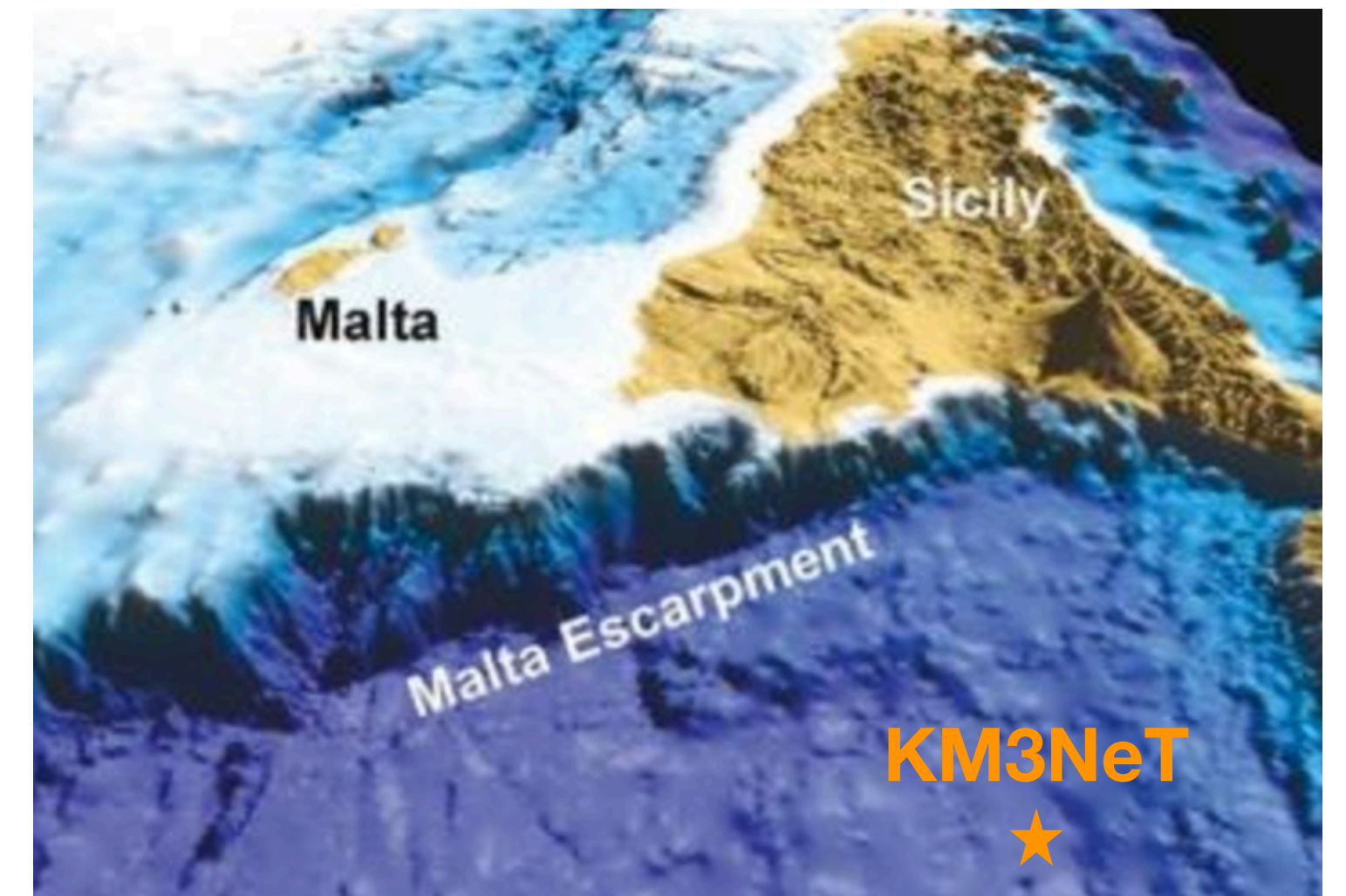
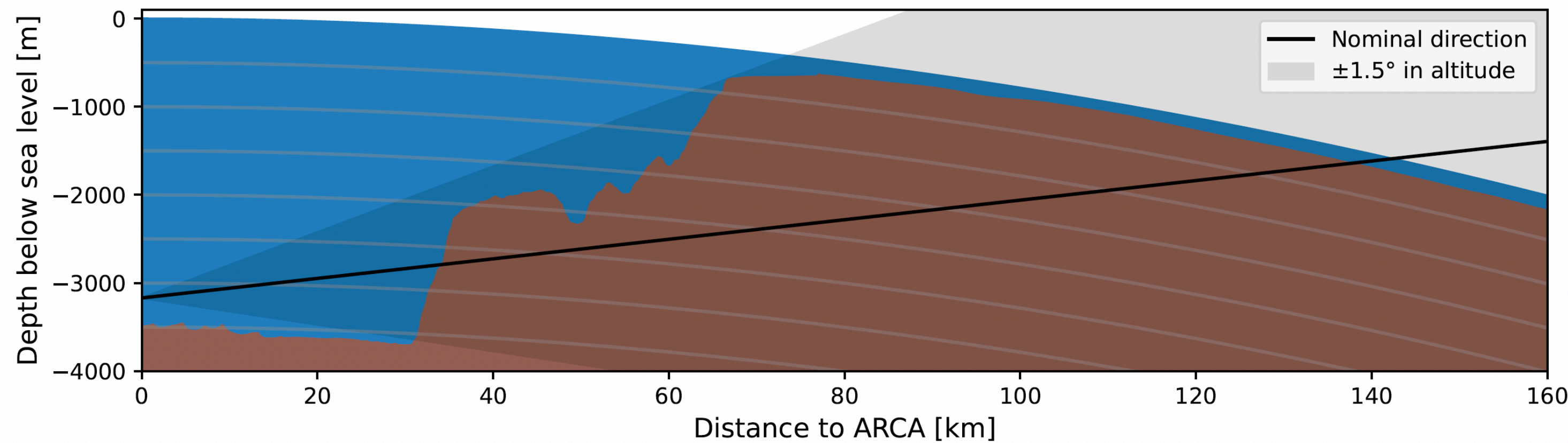
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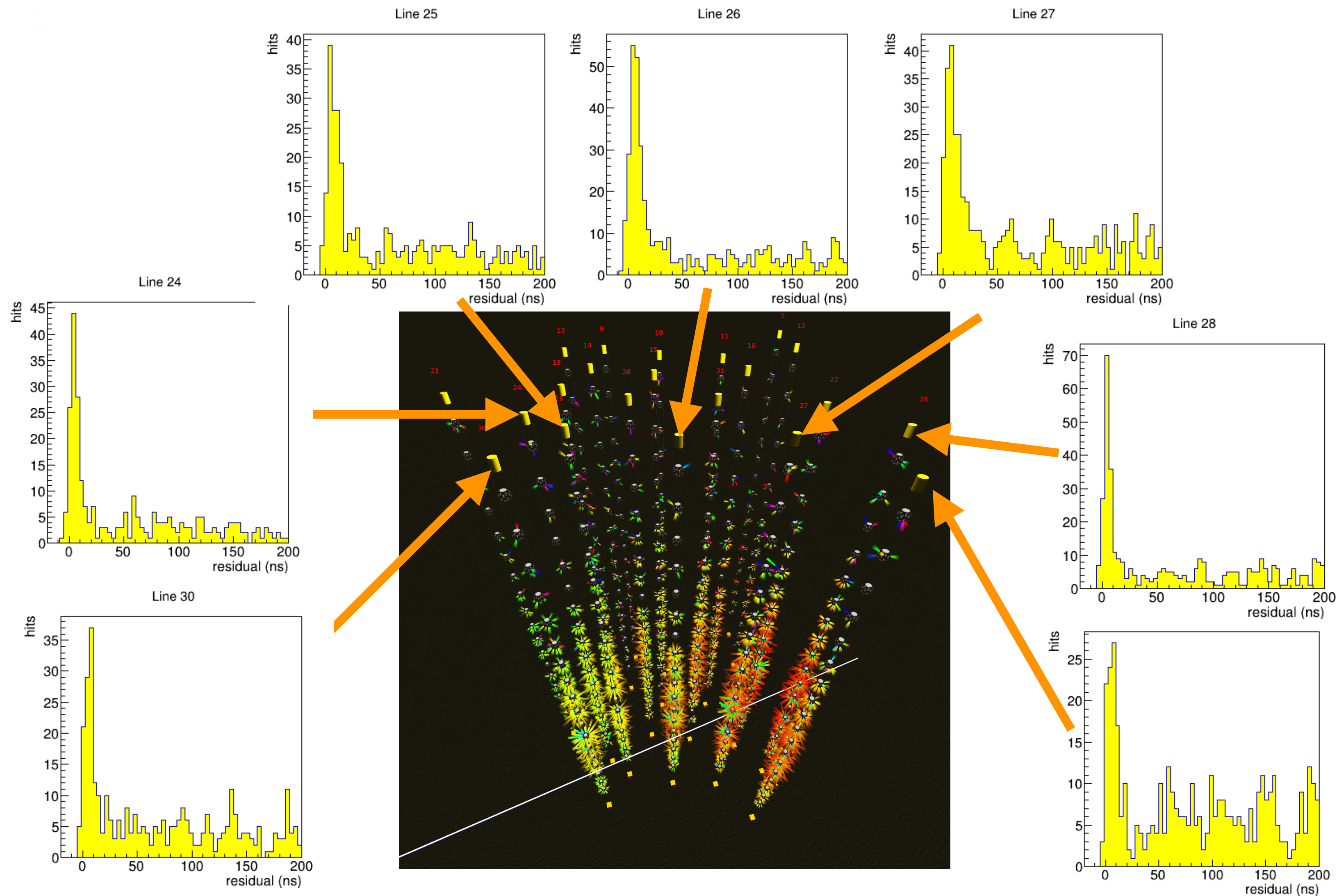
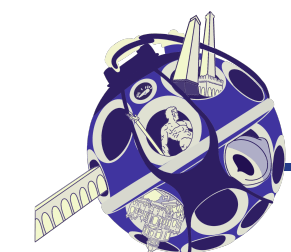
Event direction pointing back to Malta Escarpment.

Total amount of matter = 140 km:

- contribution from atmospheric muons is therefore negligible;
- contribution from prompt atmospheric neutrinos is also tiny.



Reconstruction



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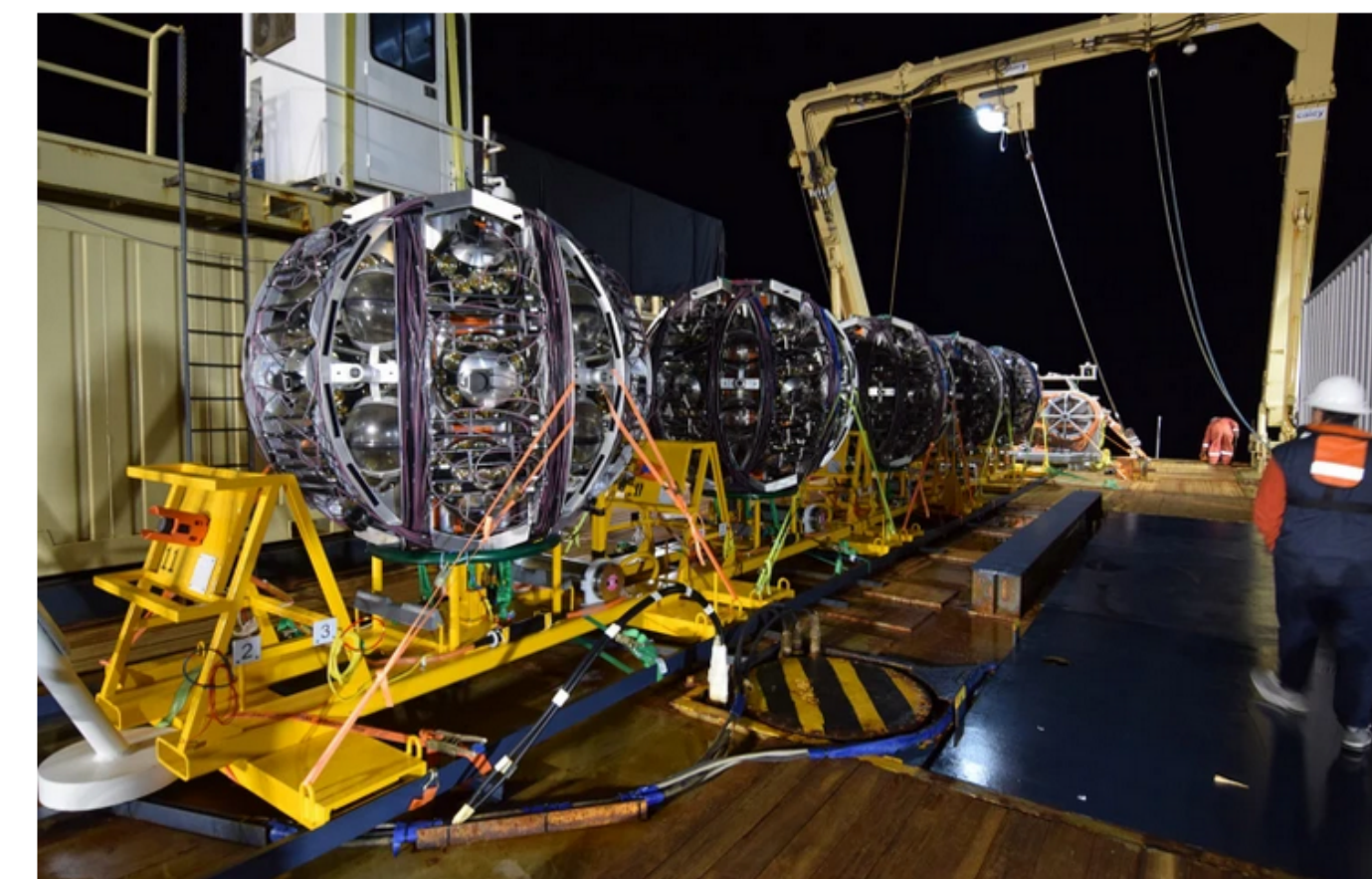
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'Fantastic' particle could be most energetic neutrino ever detected

The ultra-high-energy neutrino was spotted by deep-sea detectors and could point to a massive cosmic event.

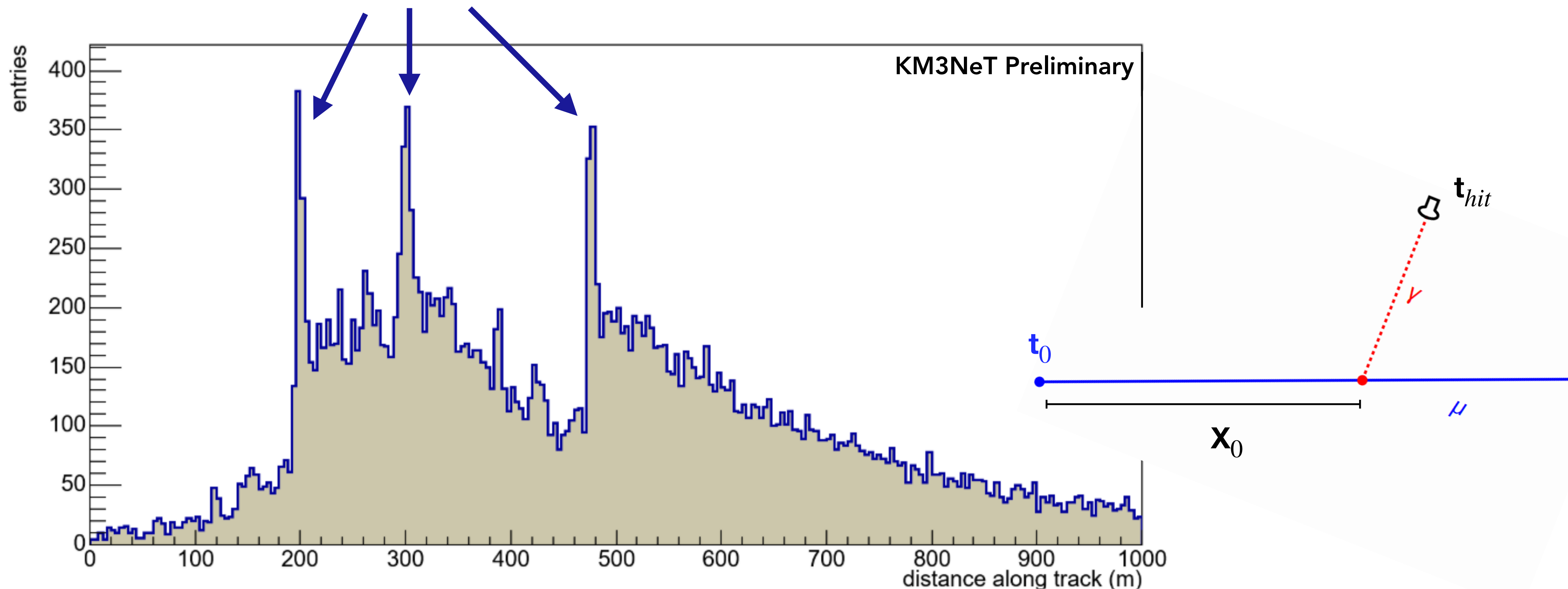
By [Davide Castelvecchi](#)



Five ARCA detectors on board a ship, ready for deployment. Credit: KM3NeT Collaboration

Stochastic losses

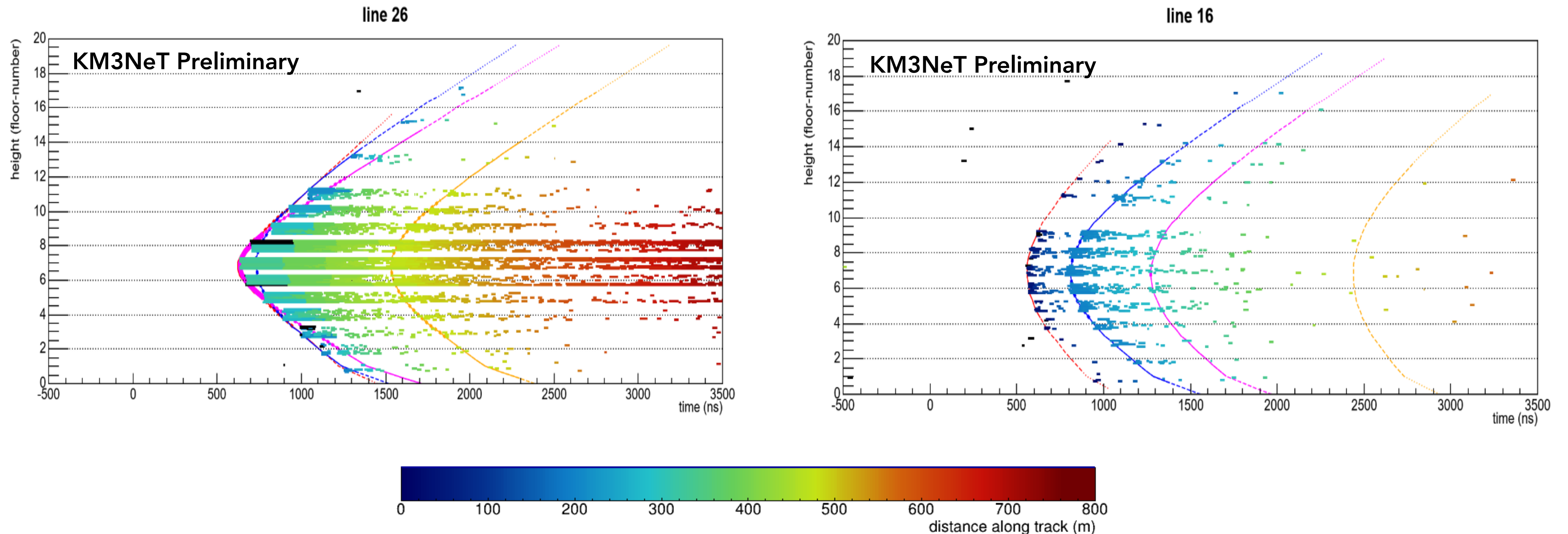
- Light profile consistent with **at least 3 large energy depositions** along the muon track;
- Characteristic of stochastic losses from very high energy muons.



Position of light emission along track consistent with hit time assuming direct light

Height vs time distribution

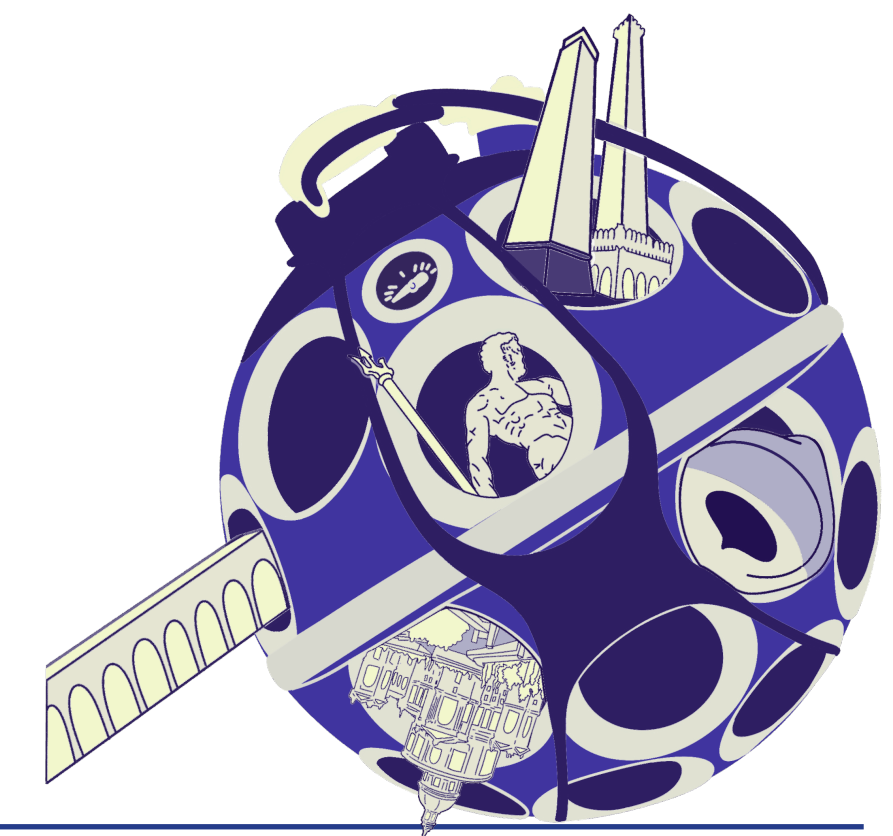
- Light profile consistent with at least 3 large energy depositions along the muon track;
- Characteristic of stochastic losses from very high energy muons;
- Space-time distribution of light consistent with shower hypothesis associated with these energy depositions;
- Low scattering is key to observing this richness of detail.

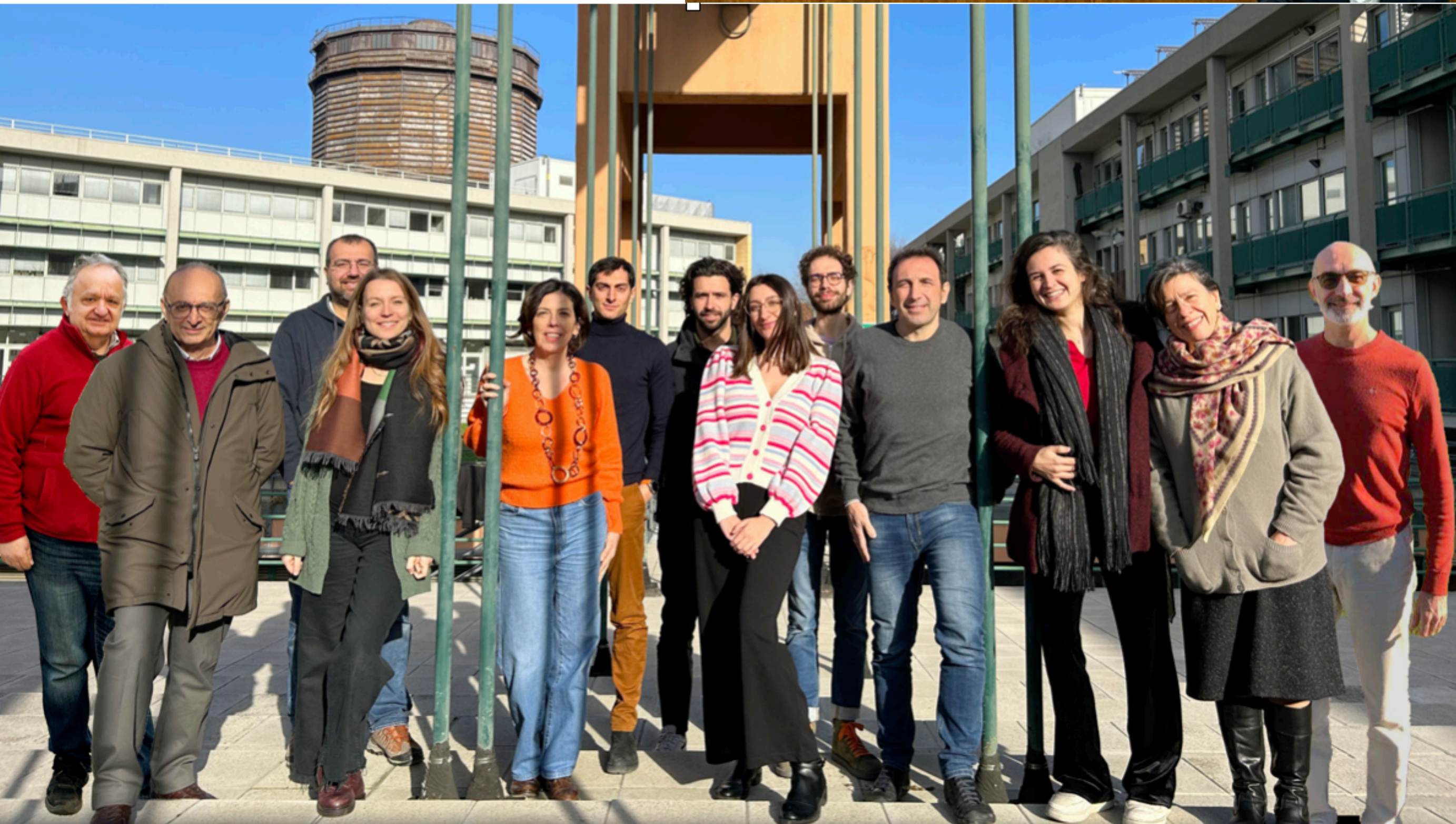


Conclusions and outlook

- KM3NeT has been taking high quality data during construction phase;
- The KM3NeT detectors explore the physics of multiple layers of light seen by the multi-PMT DOM design;
- Searches for astrophysical sources are under way;
- An unprecedented event was observed in rich detail;
- Likely multiple 10's of PeV;

Thanks for your attention!



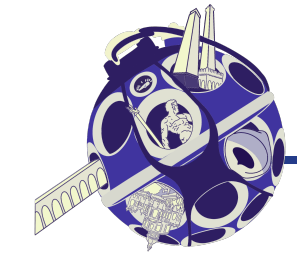


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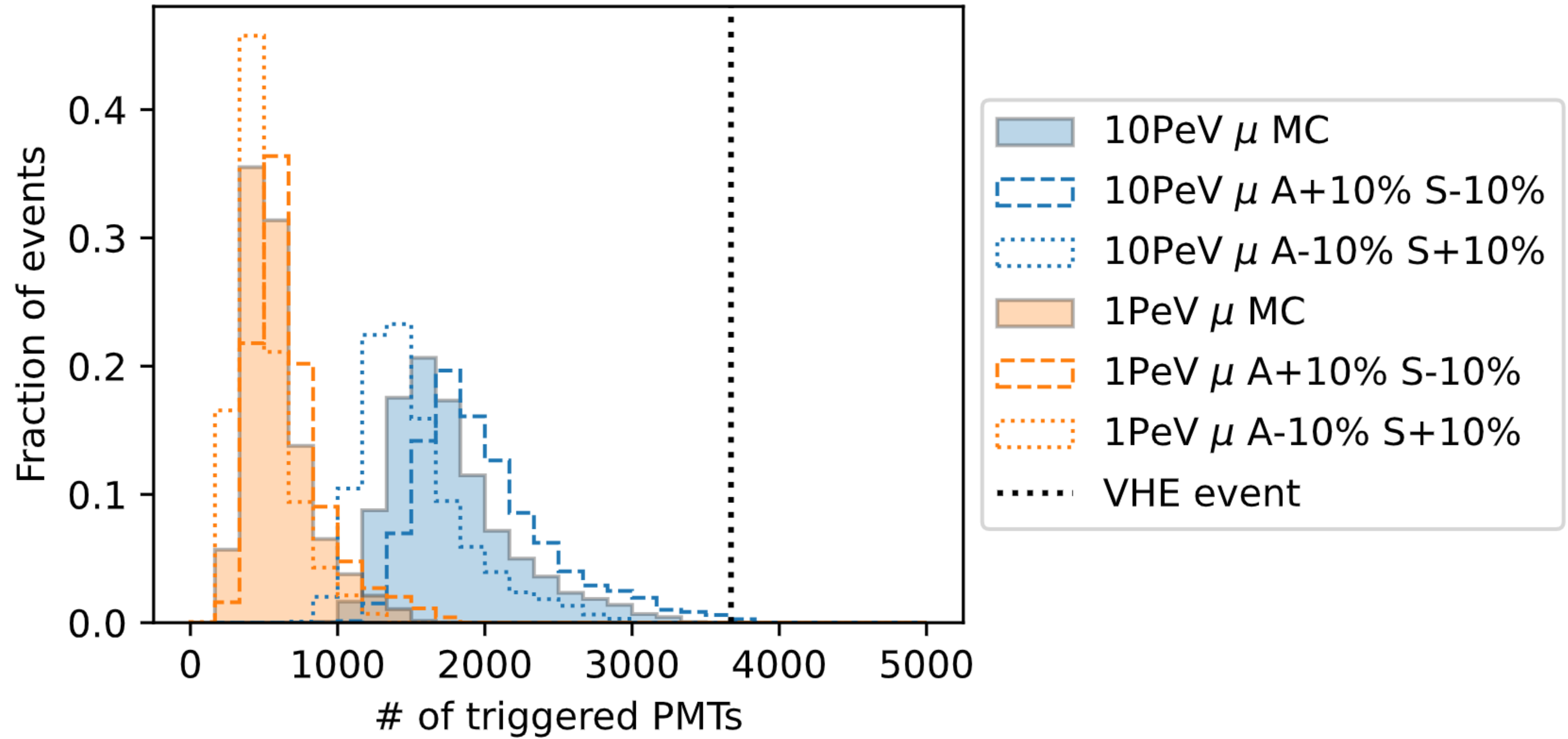
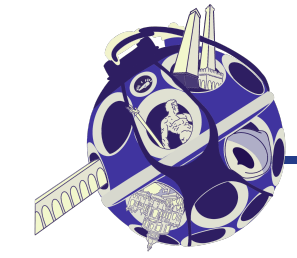
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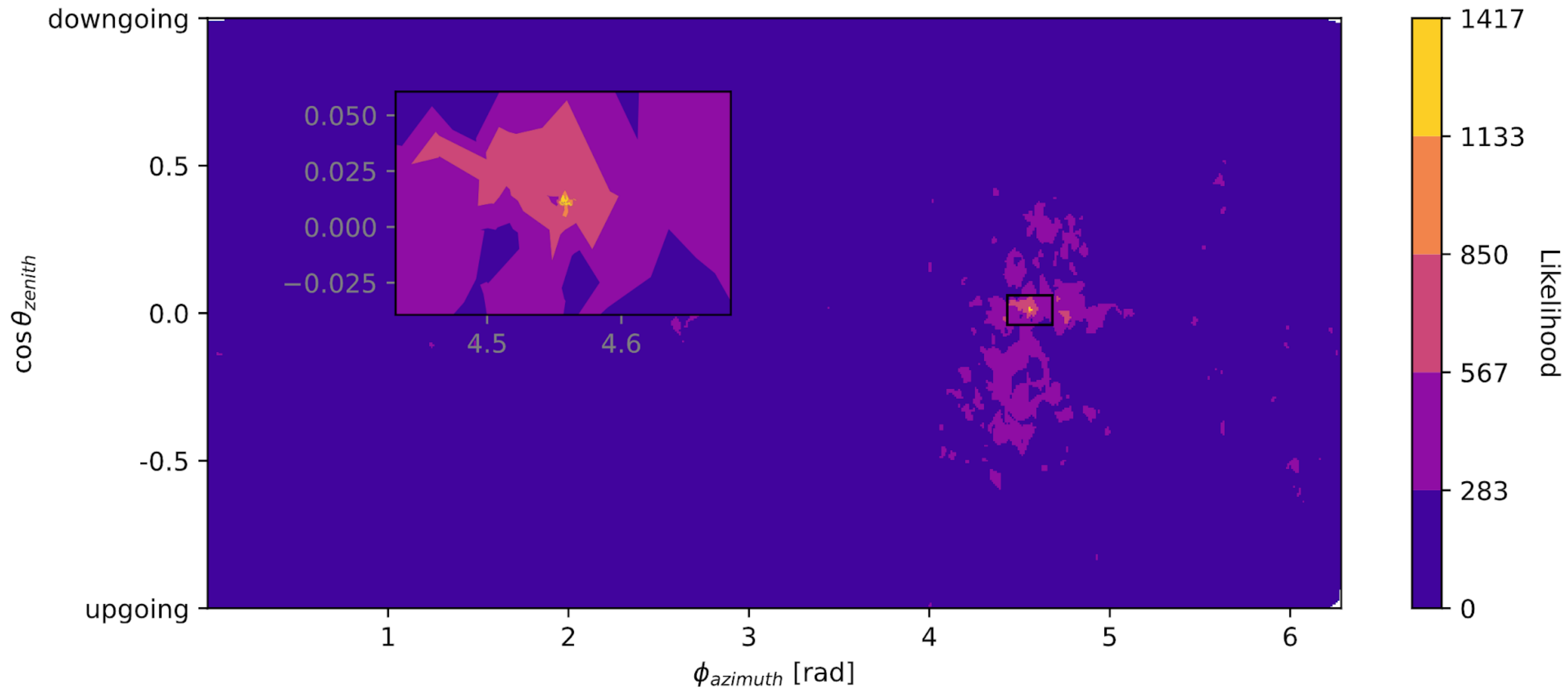
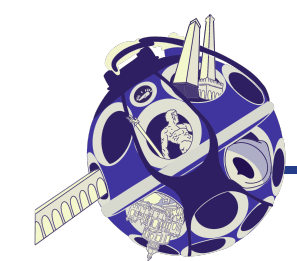




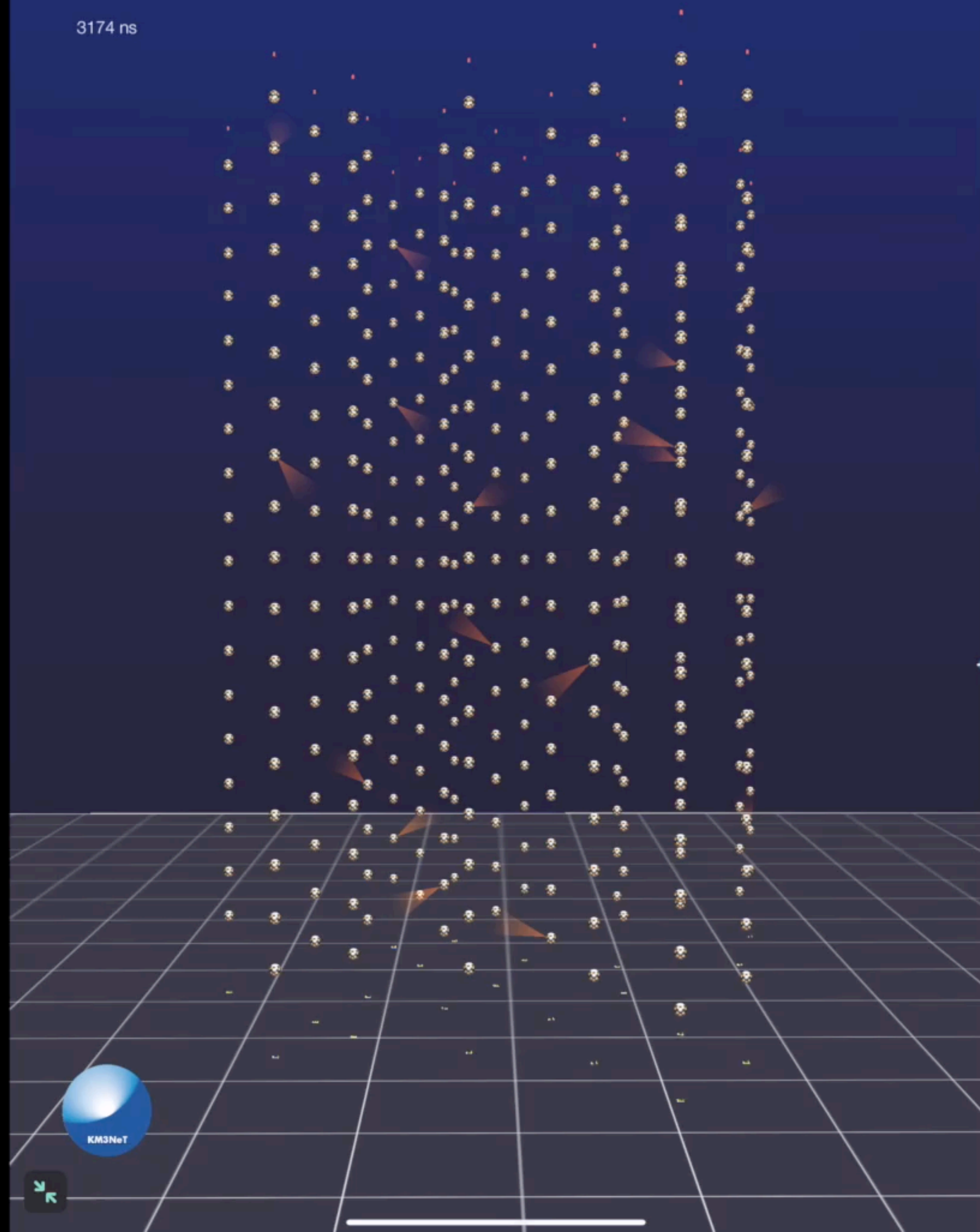
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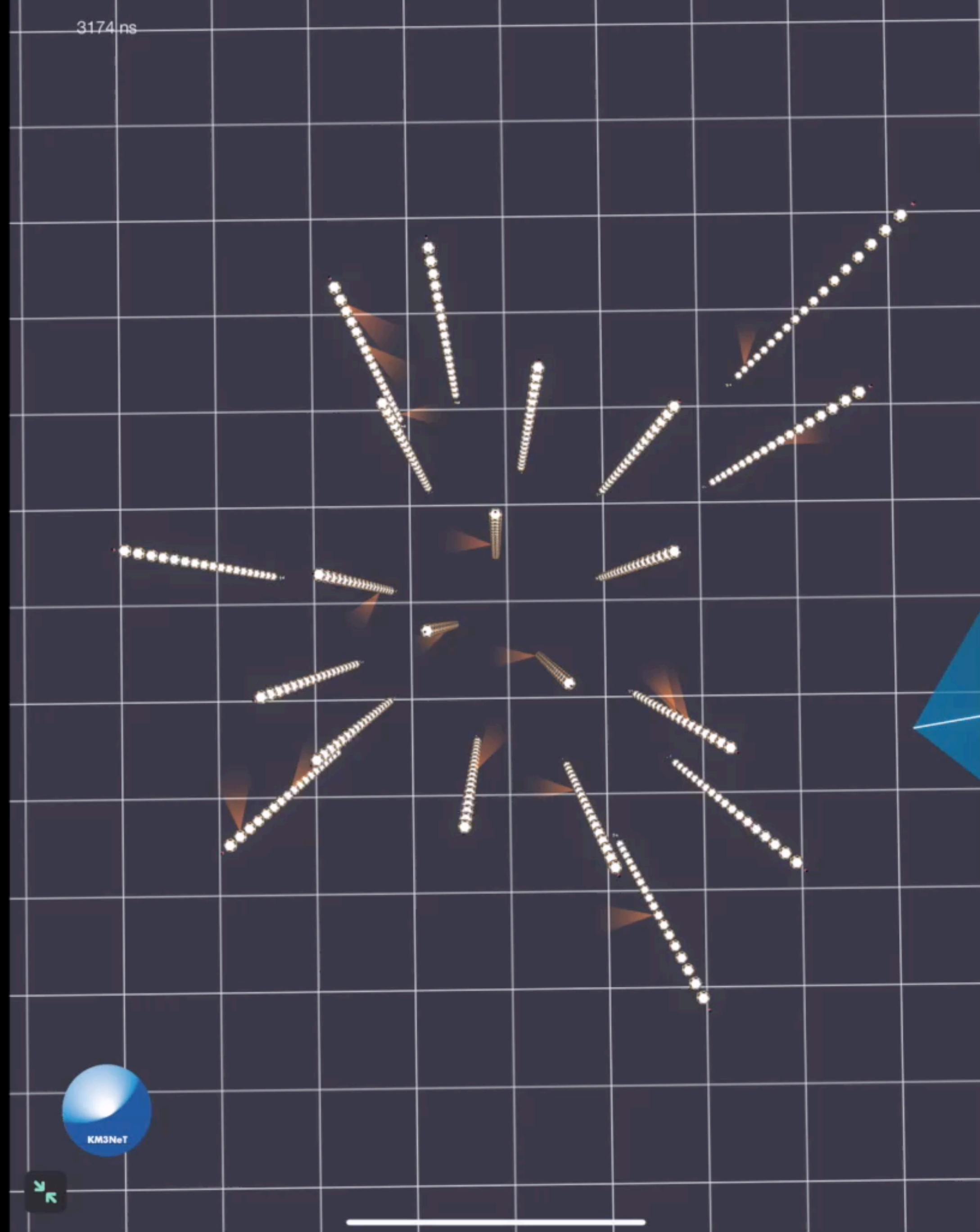




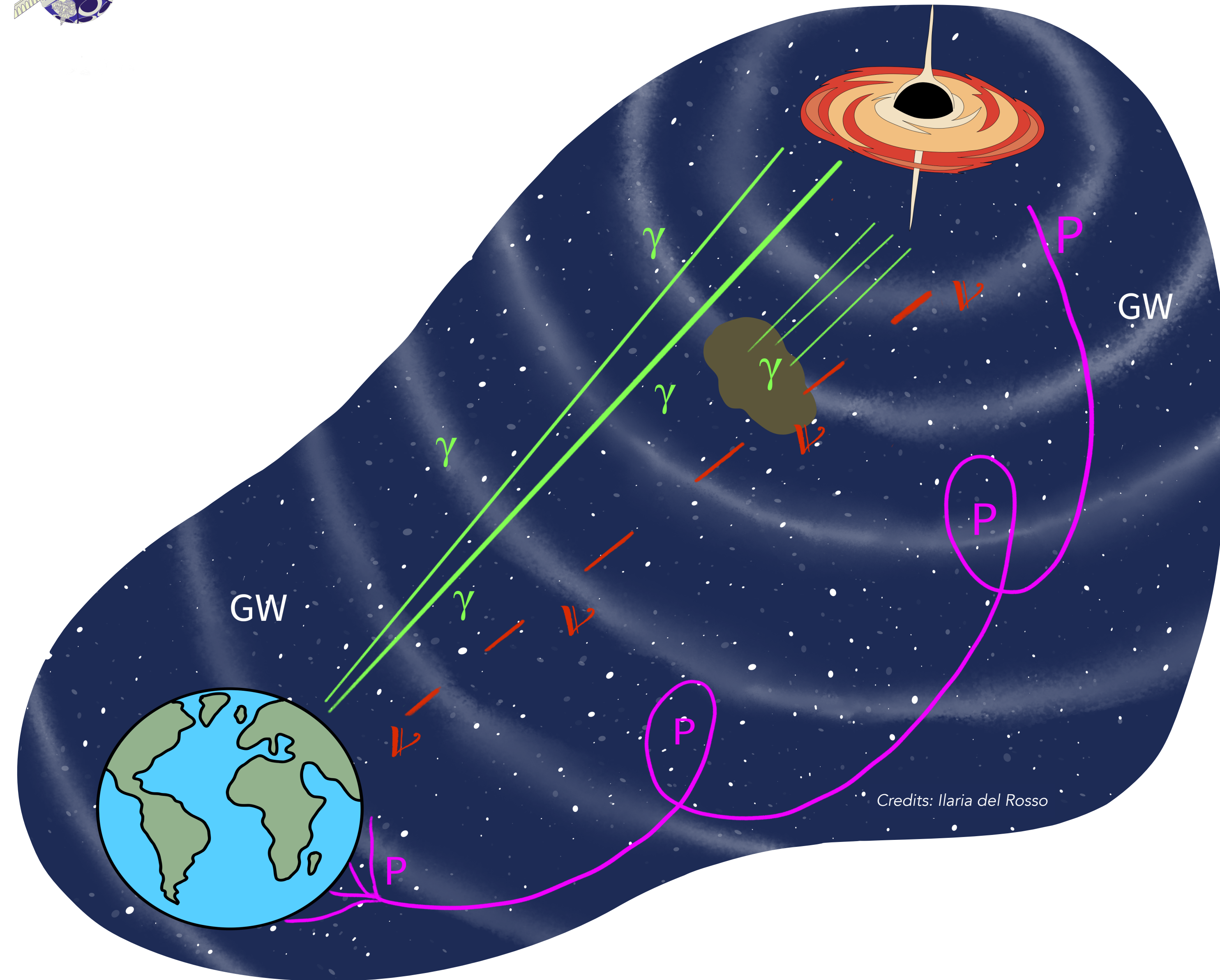
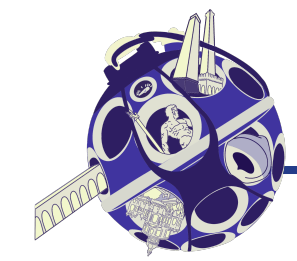
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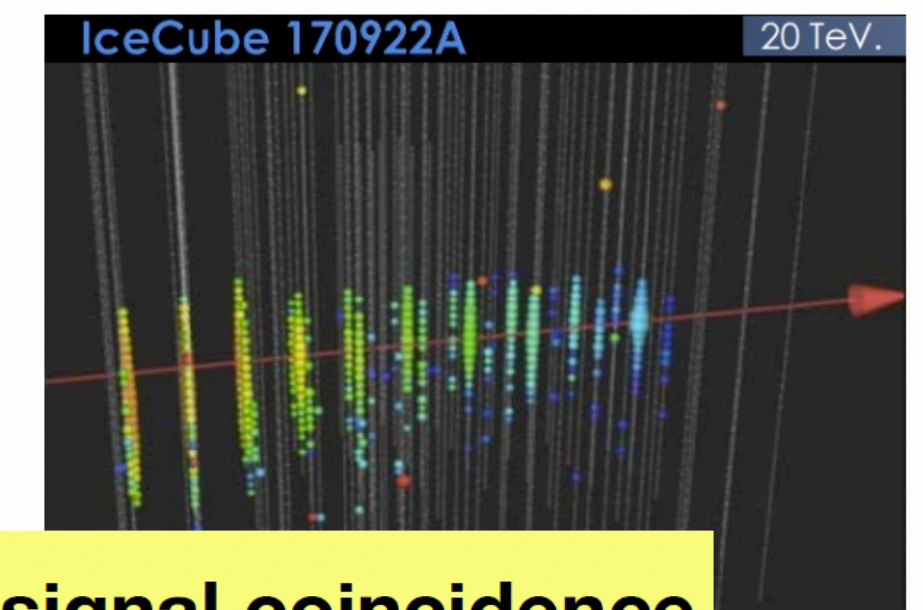
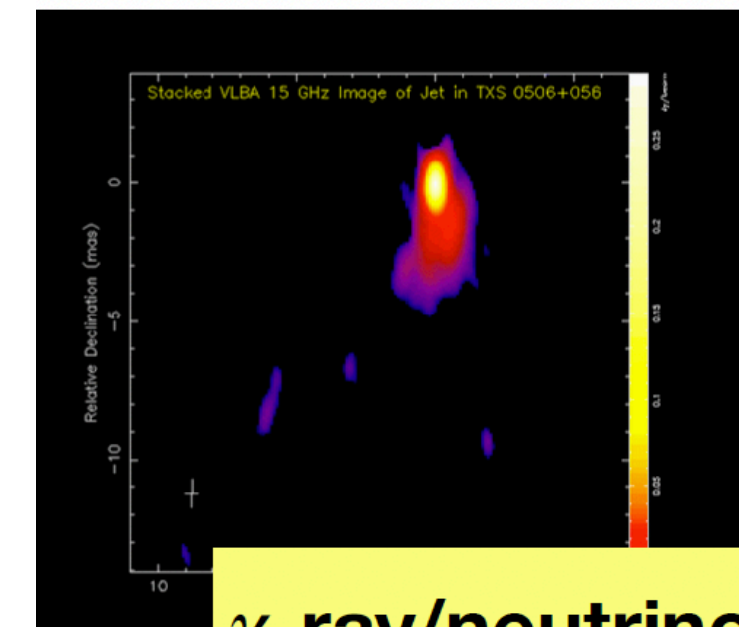
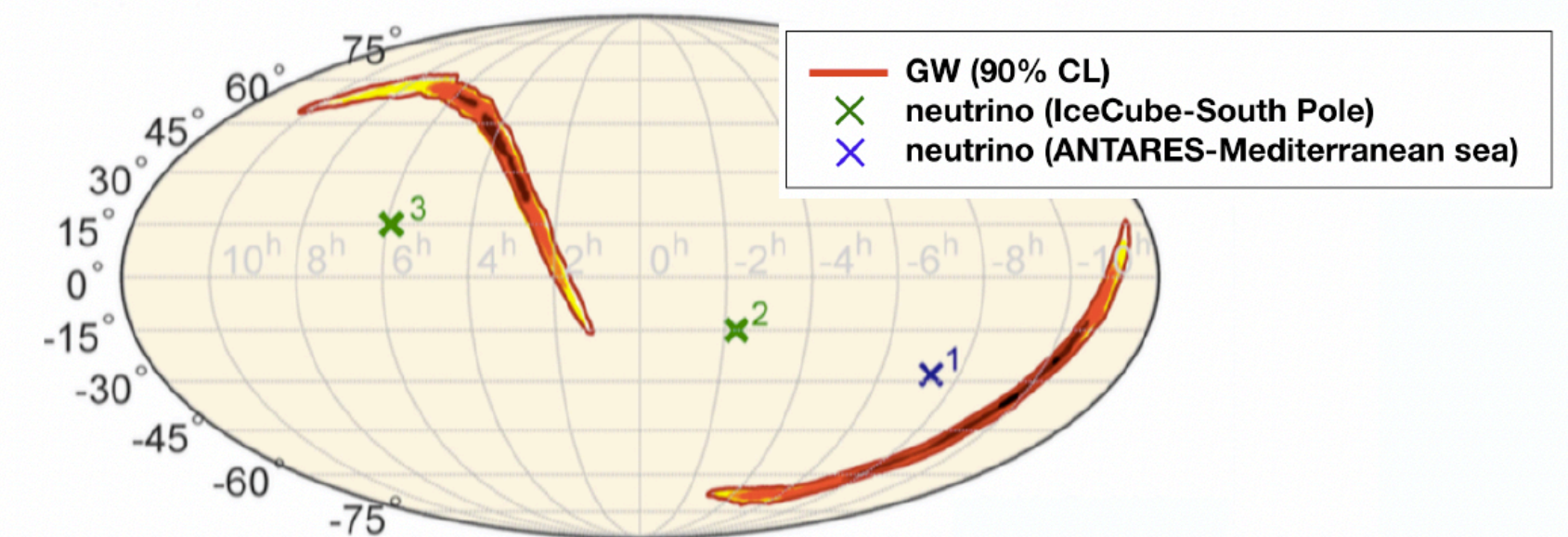
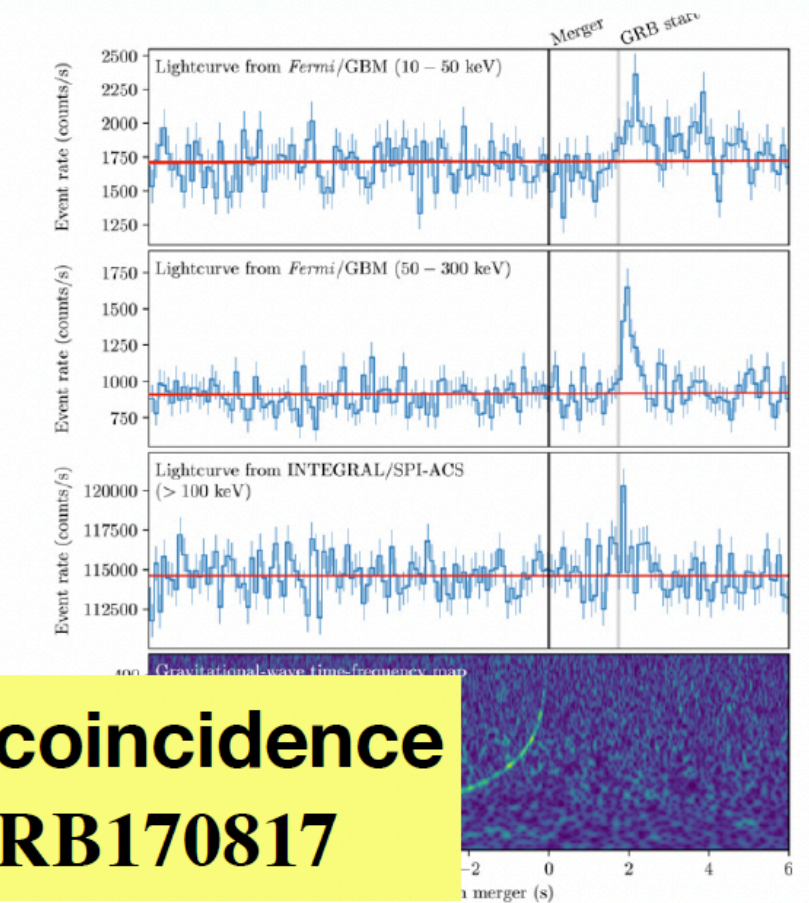
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Multi-messenger astronomy: the beginning of an era

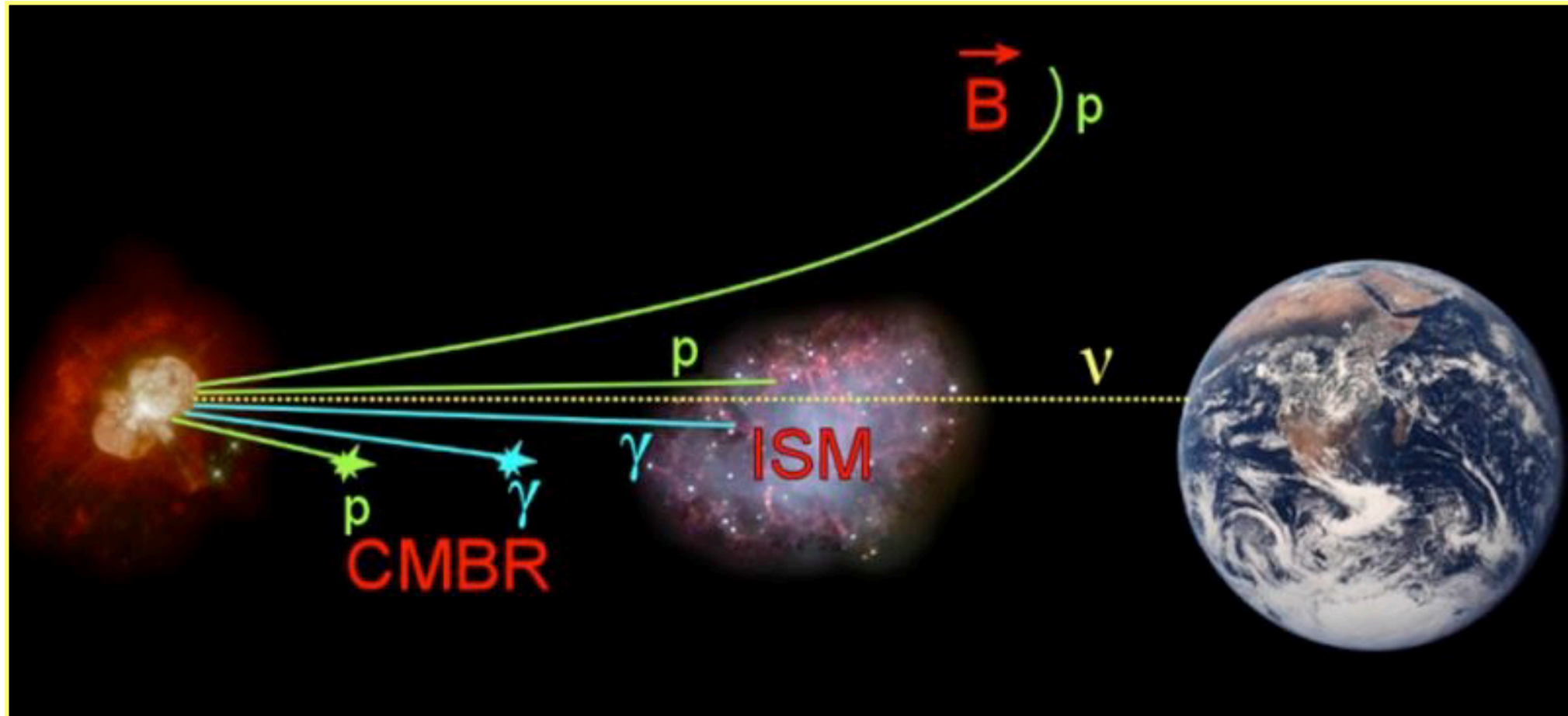


**GW/GRB signal coincidence
GW170817 / GRB170817**

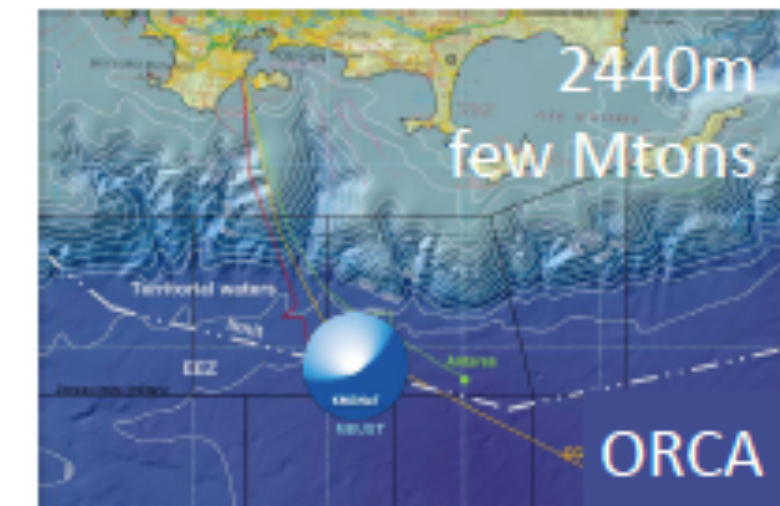
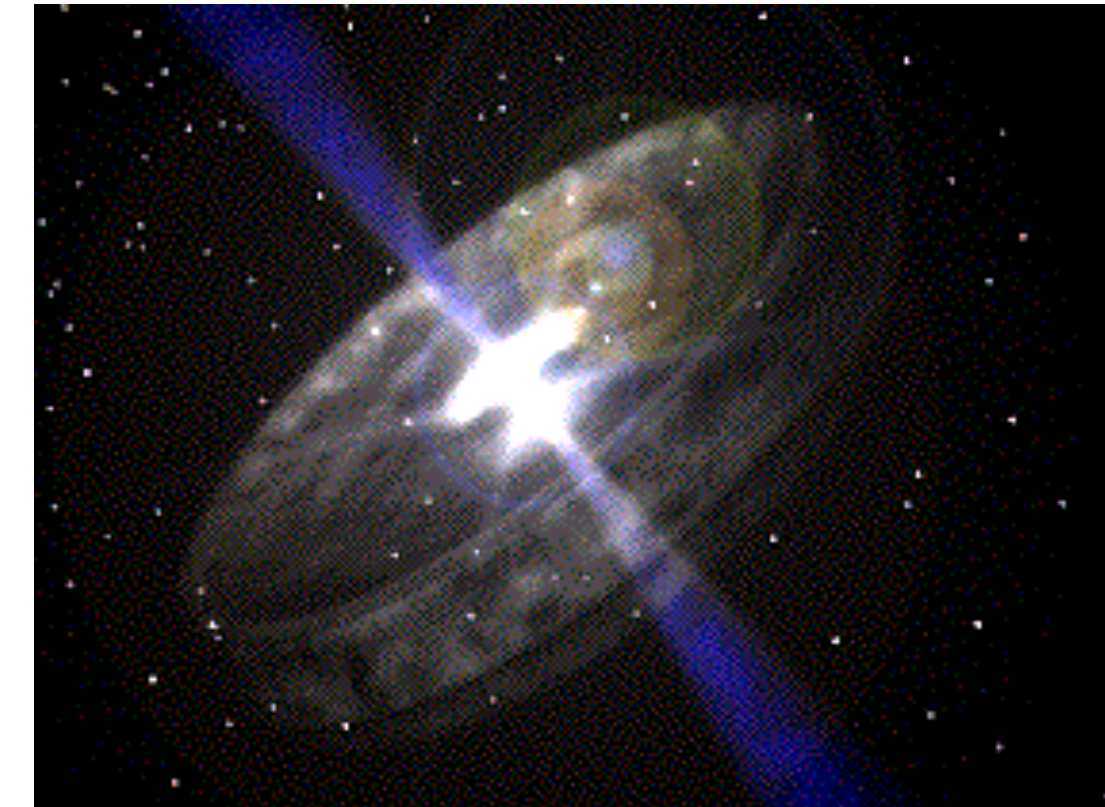
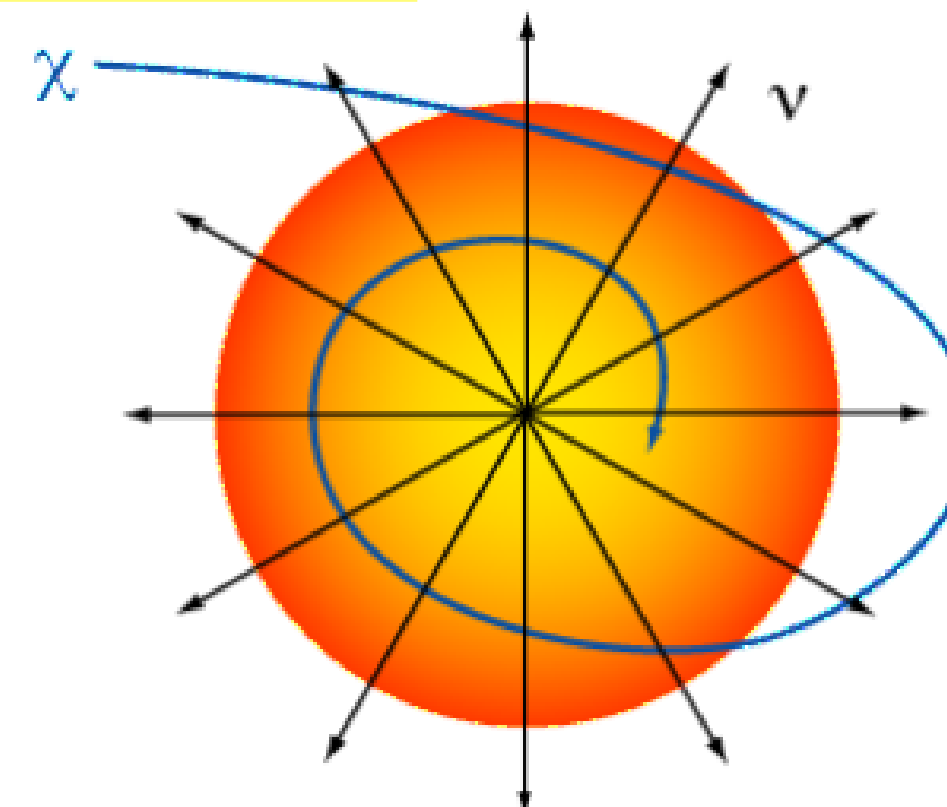
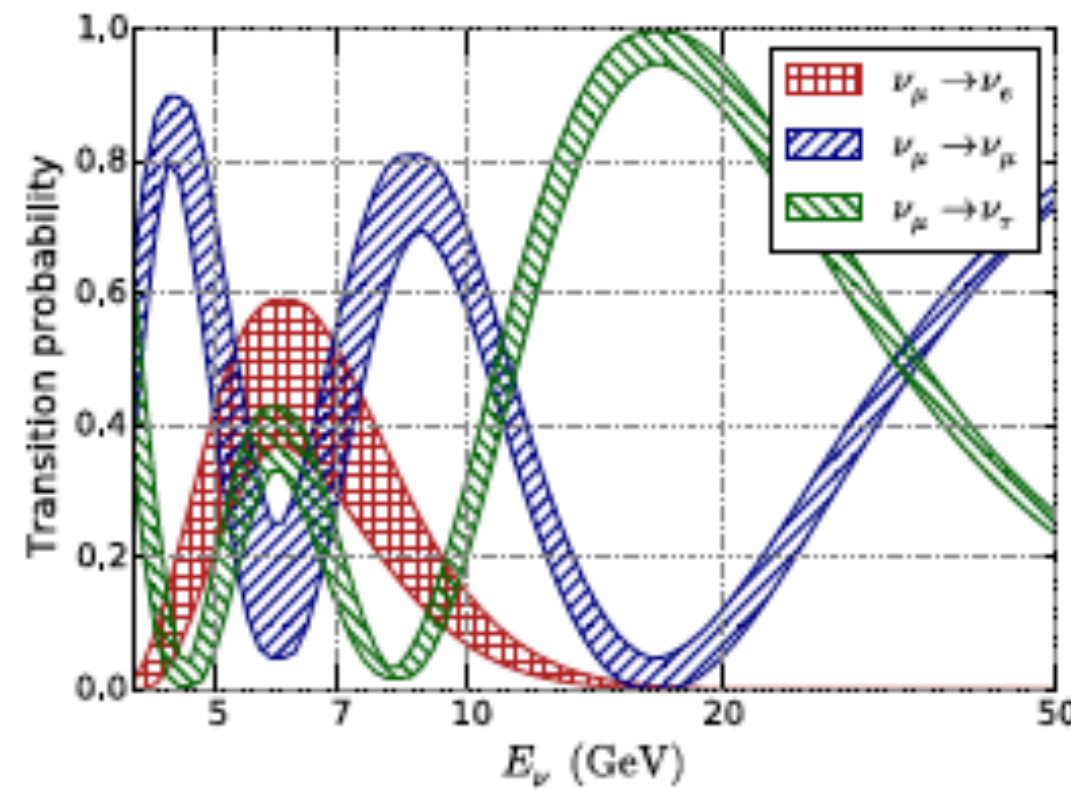
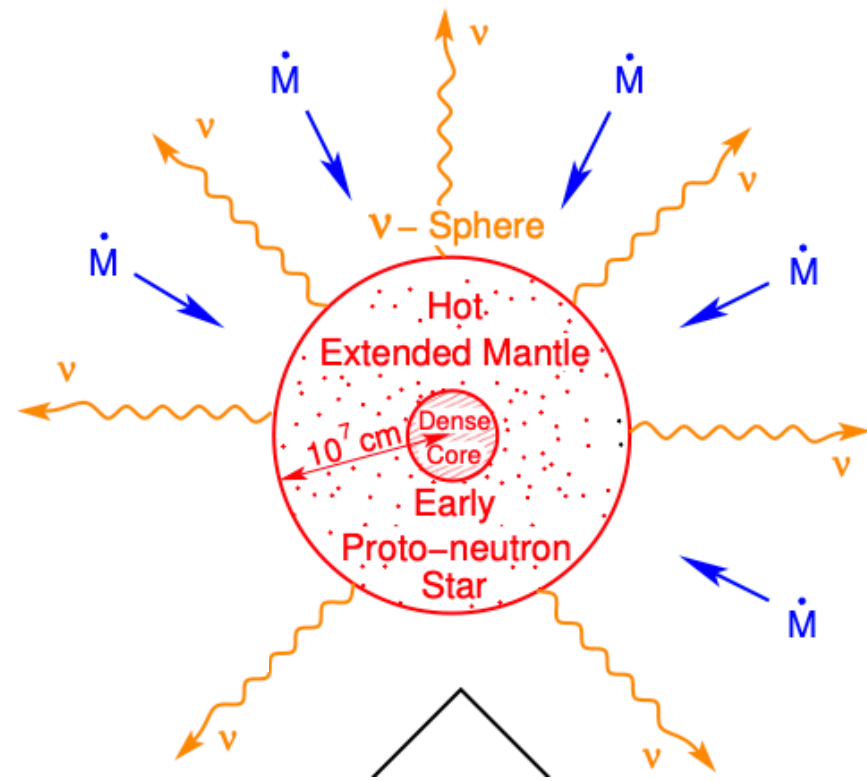


**γ-ray/neutrino signal coincidence
IC170922 / TXS 0506+056**

Neutrino astronomy: astrophysics cases



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



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Oscillation Research with Cosmics in the Abyss



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Astroparticle Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

Super Novae explosion
MeV

Neutrino oscillation
GeV

Dark Matter
GeV-TeV

HE neutrinos, CRs
Multi-messenger program
TeV-PeV

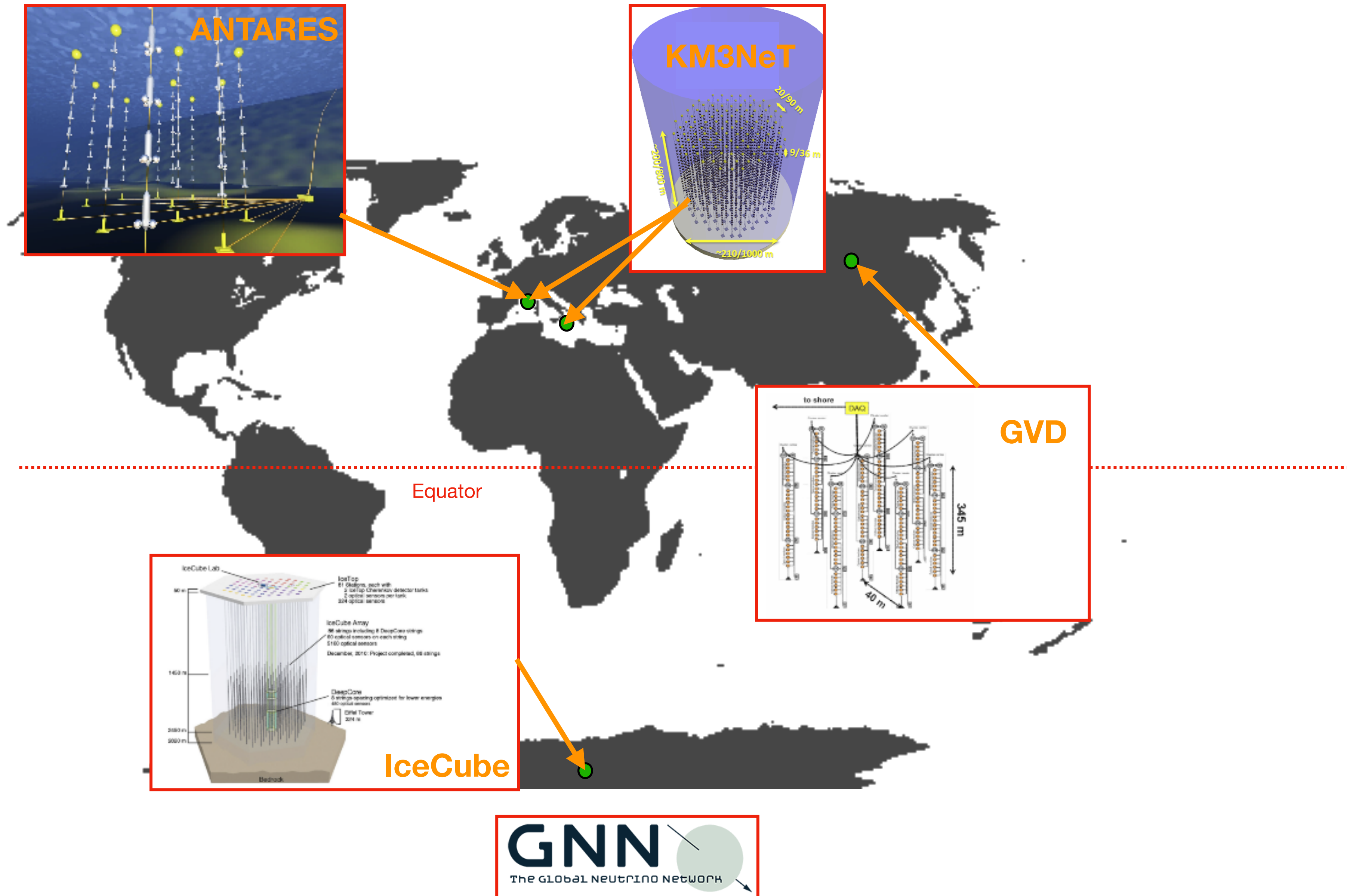
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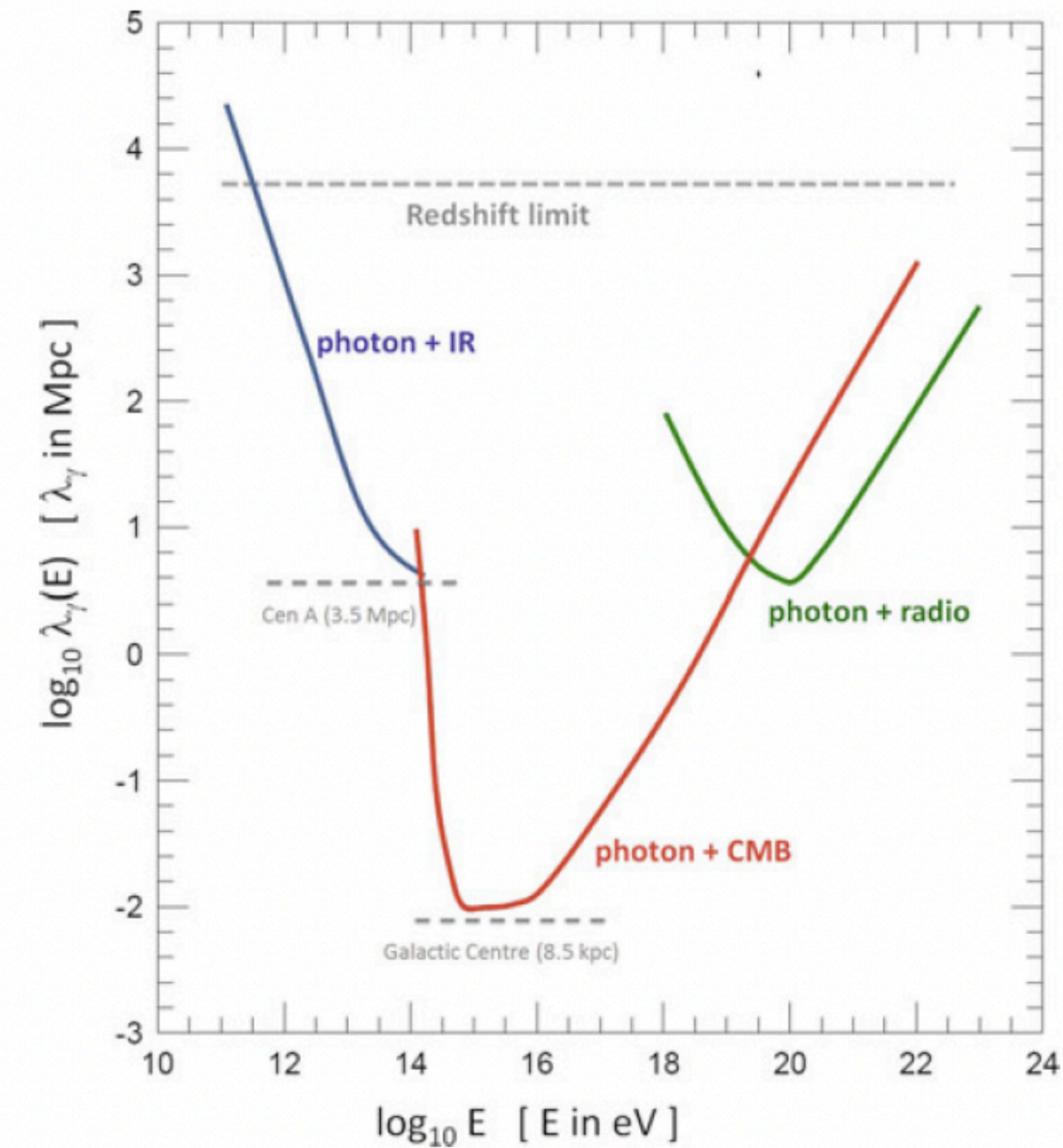
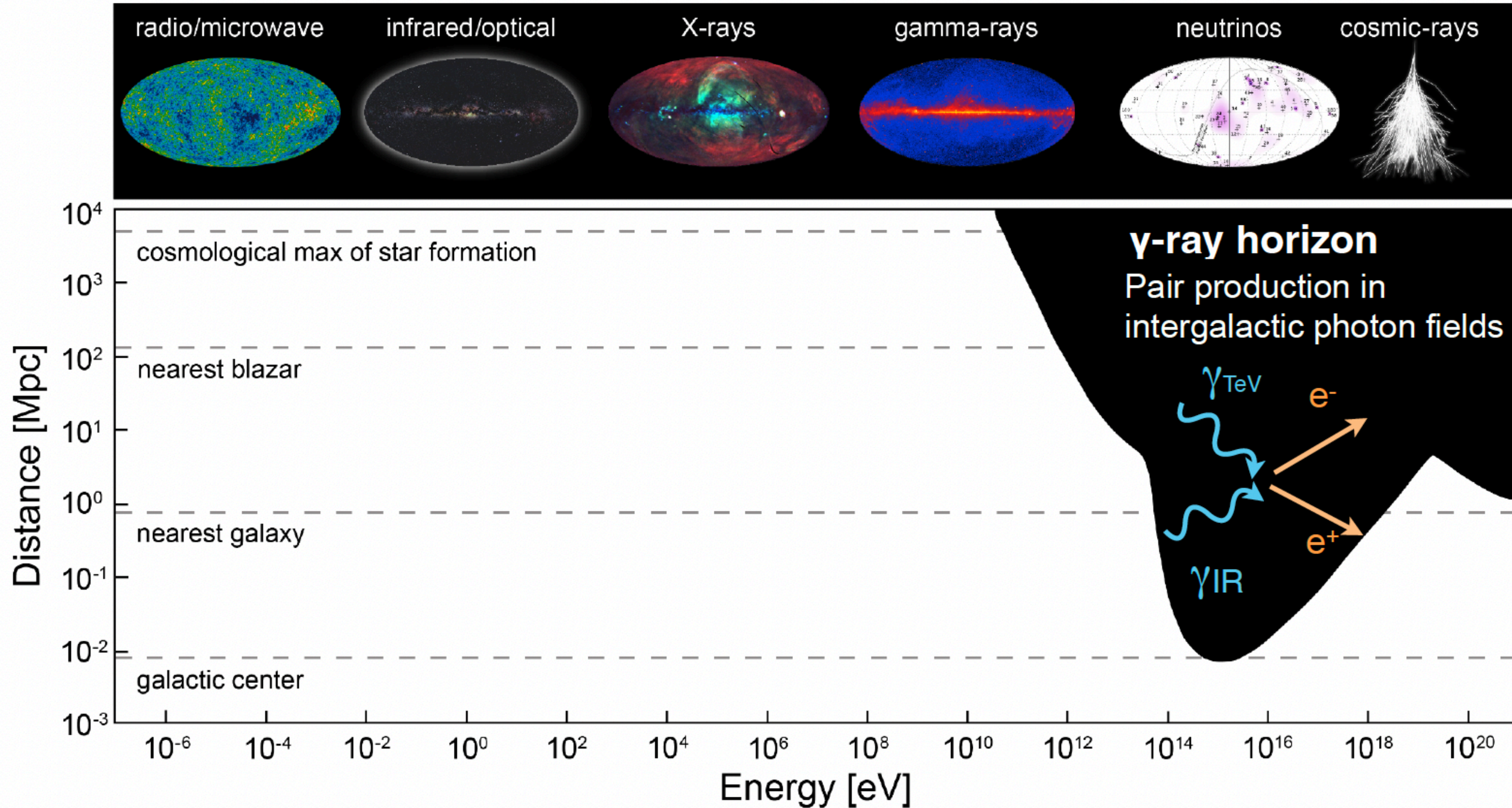
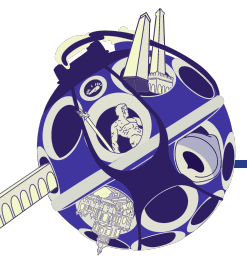
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Data from neutrino telescopes



Gamma ray absorption



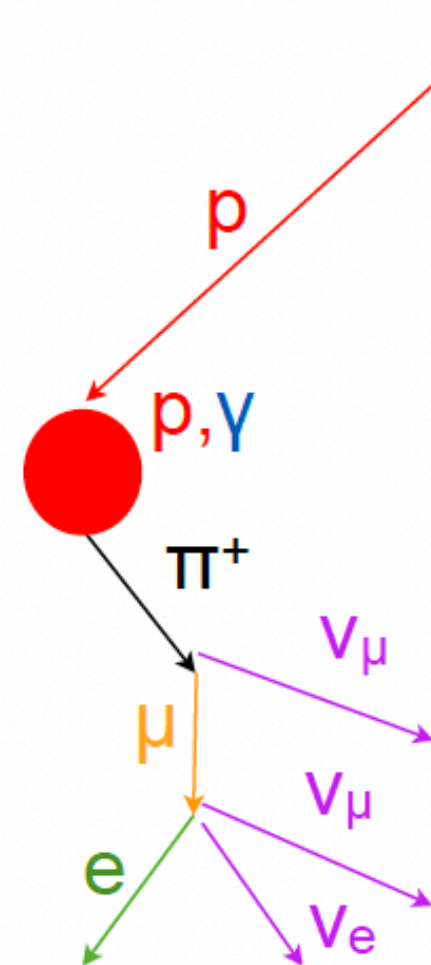
Oscillation astronomical distances - flavor ratio

- Neutrinos are produced when high-energy hadrons interact with gas or photons in astrophysical sources



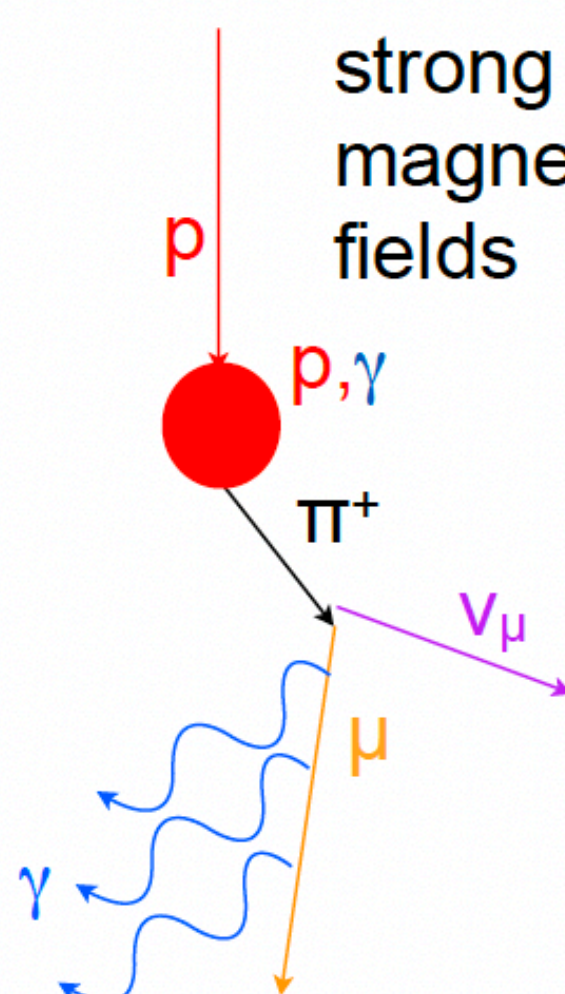
- Study of flavor ratios can help to distinguish production processes and environments

free decay of secondaries



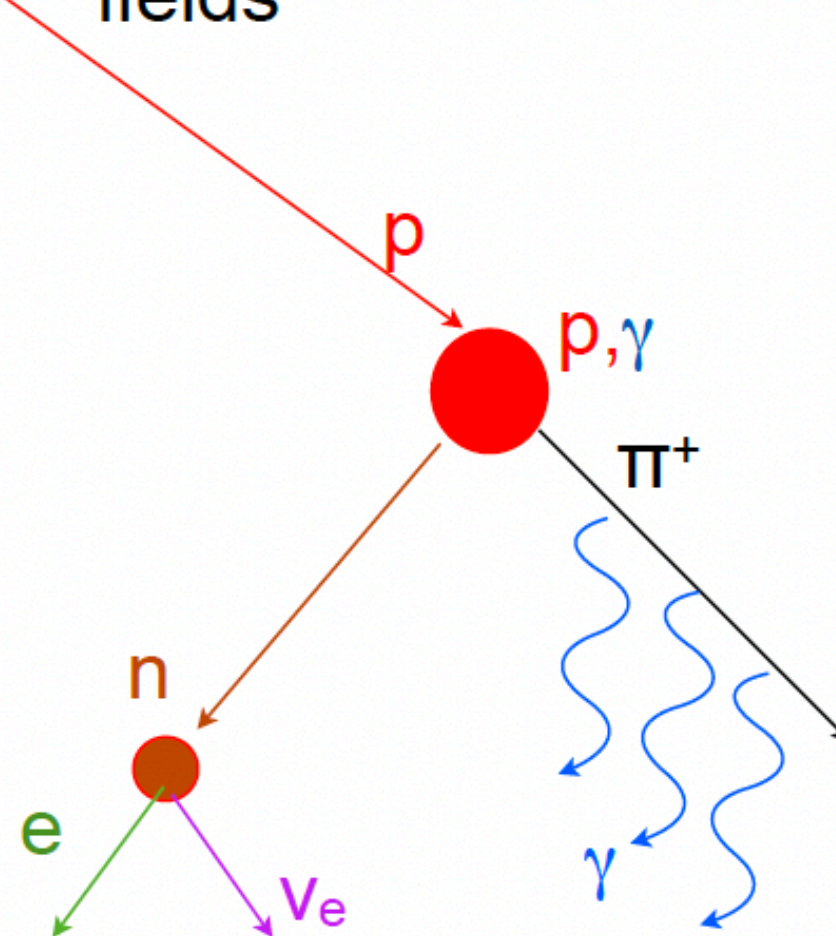
Flavor ratio
 $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau$
1 : 2 : 0

strong magnetic fields

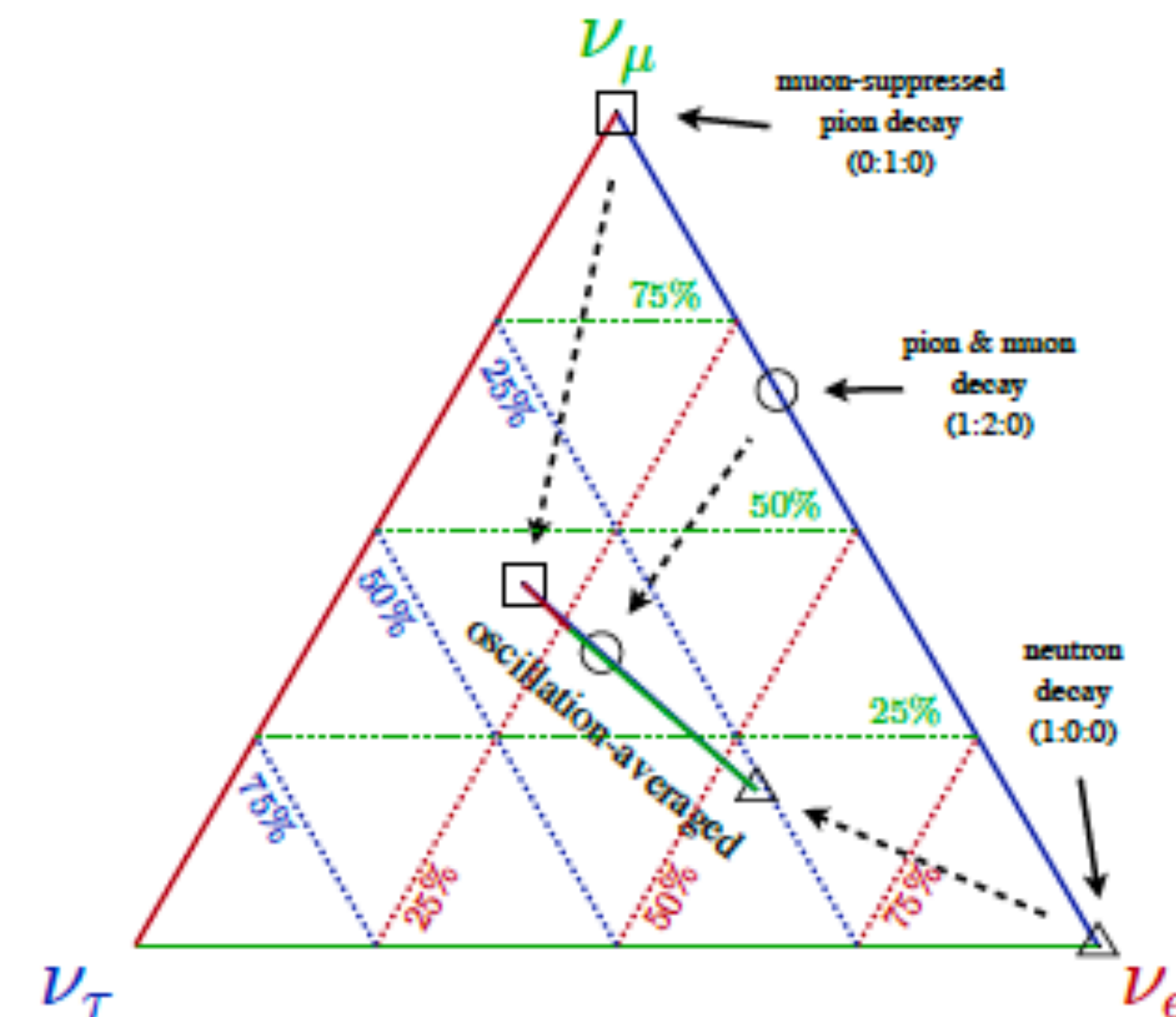


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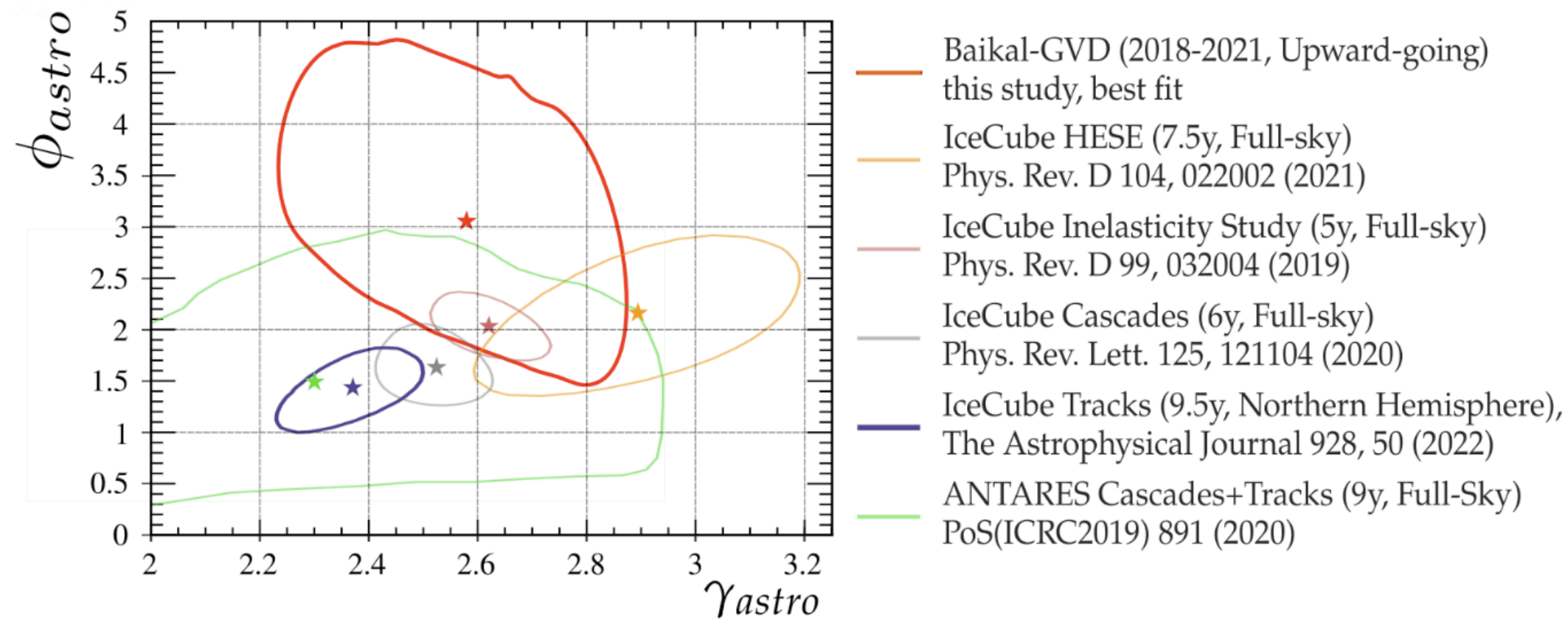


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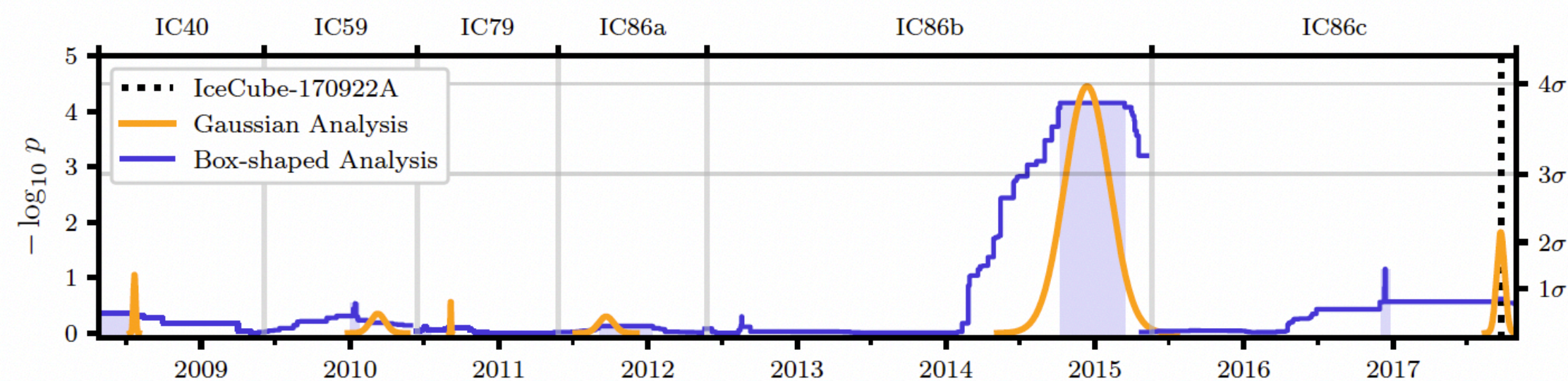
Status and prospects for neutrino astronomy

All-sky neutrino emission



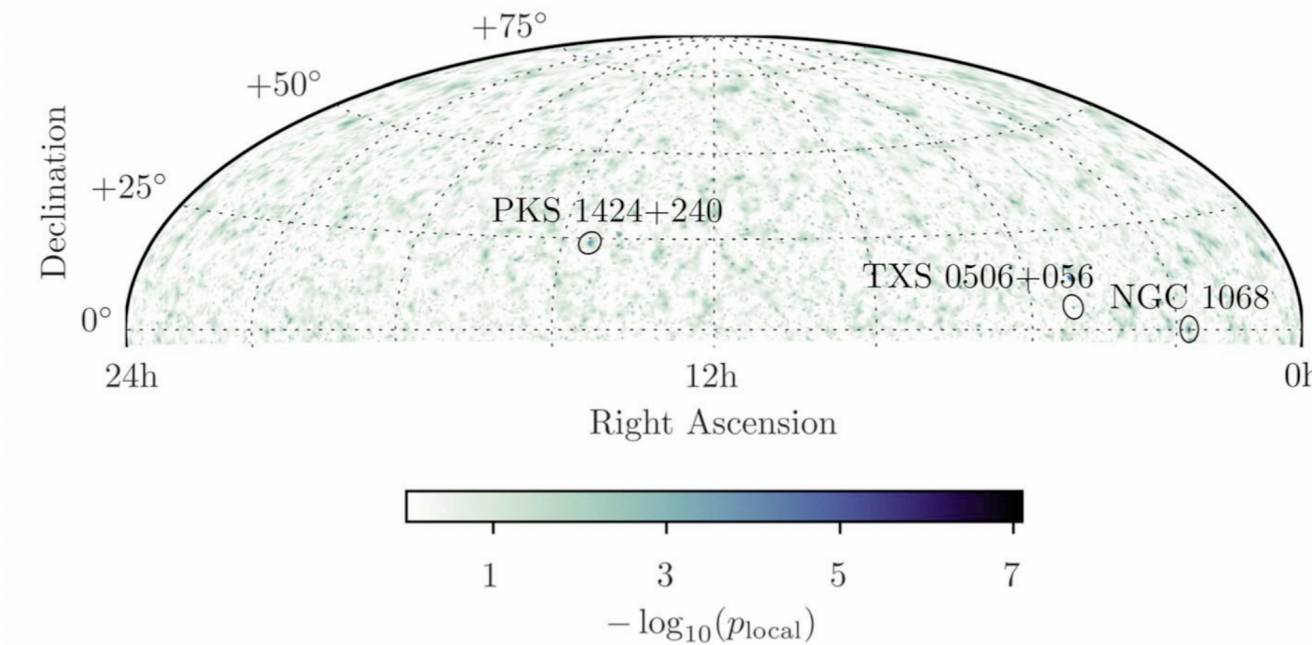
Different detectors with different data sets observed it;
Tension over 3σ concerning single power-law fitted parameters.

Untriggered flaring searches: TXS0506+056



Searches for clusters of events in time in coincidence of well-known sources.
Search performed for the source TXS0506+056. Observed cluster back in time,
December 13th 2014 with 3.5σ significance.

Point-source searches and catalogue correlation

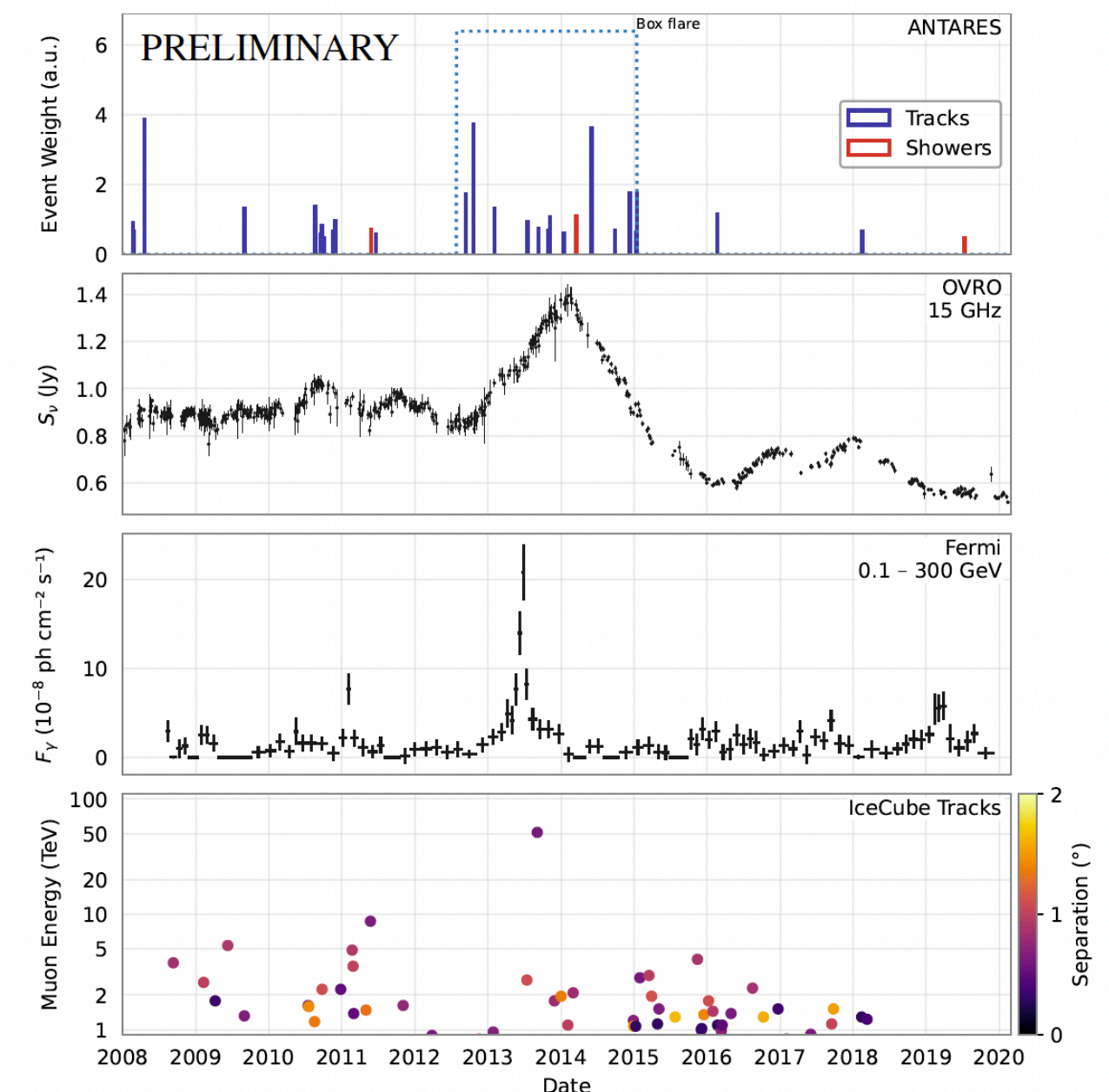


Time integrated observation with IceCube data set, at the level of 4.2σ , of a possible neutrino emission from the source **NGC1068**.

Searches of neutrino directional association with catalogues of known sources.
Two main categories found in the recent years showing striking evidence:

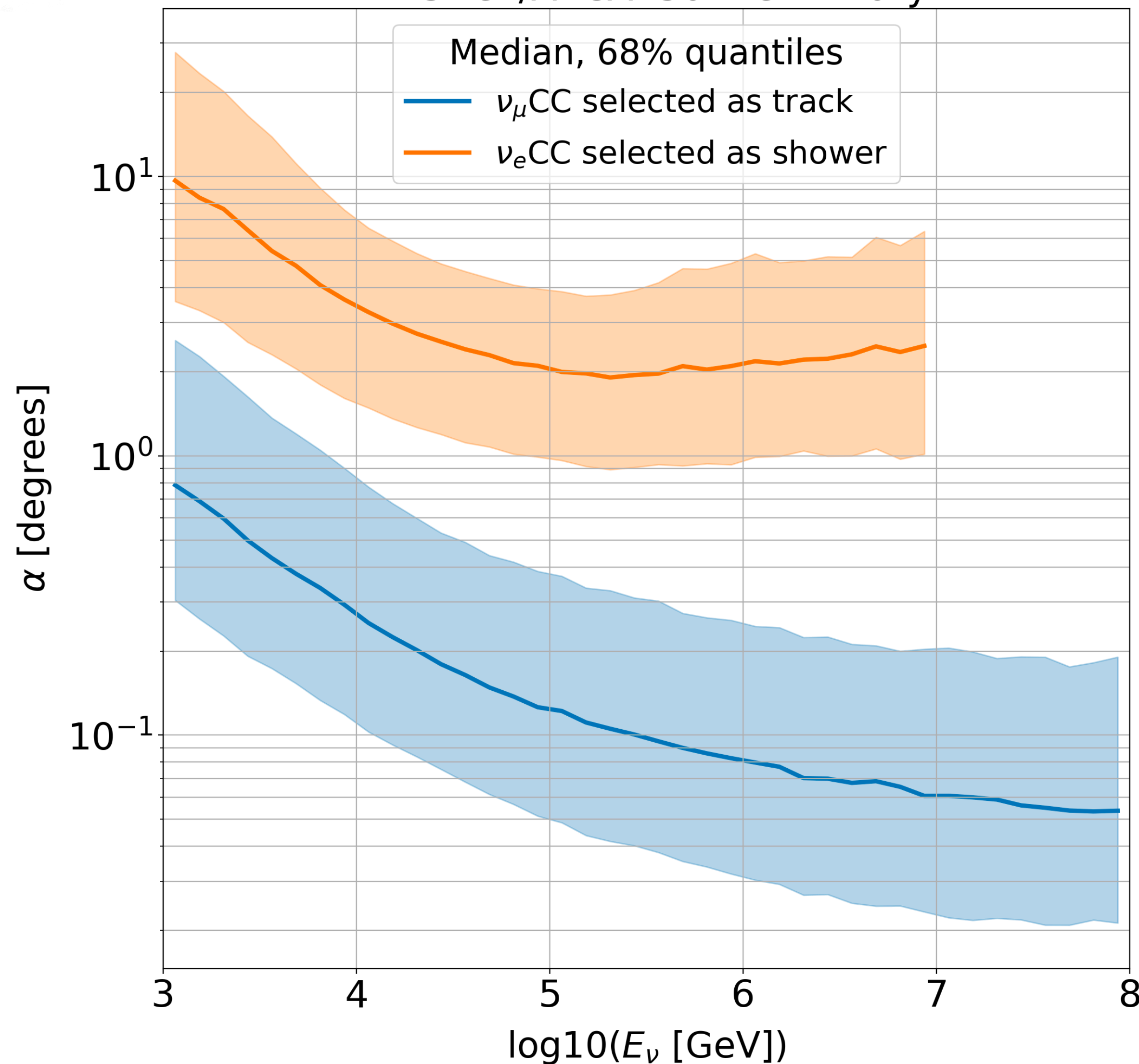
- **Tidal Disruptive Events:** association at the level of 3.7σ ;
- **Blazars:** association at the level of 4.1σ ;

Association performed also with ANTARES data. Intriguing coincidence of the triggered signal by ANTARES with the most significant flaring status of the source **J0242+1101** in radio, gamma ray and neutrino emission.

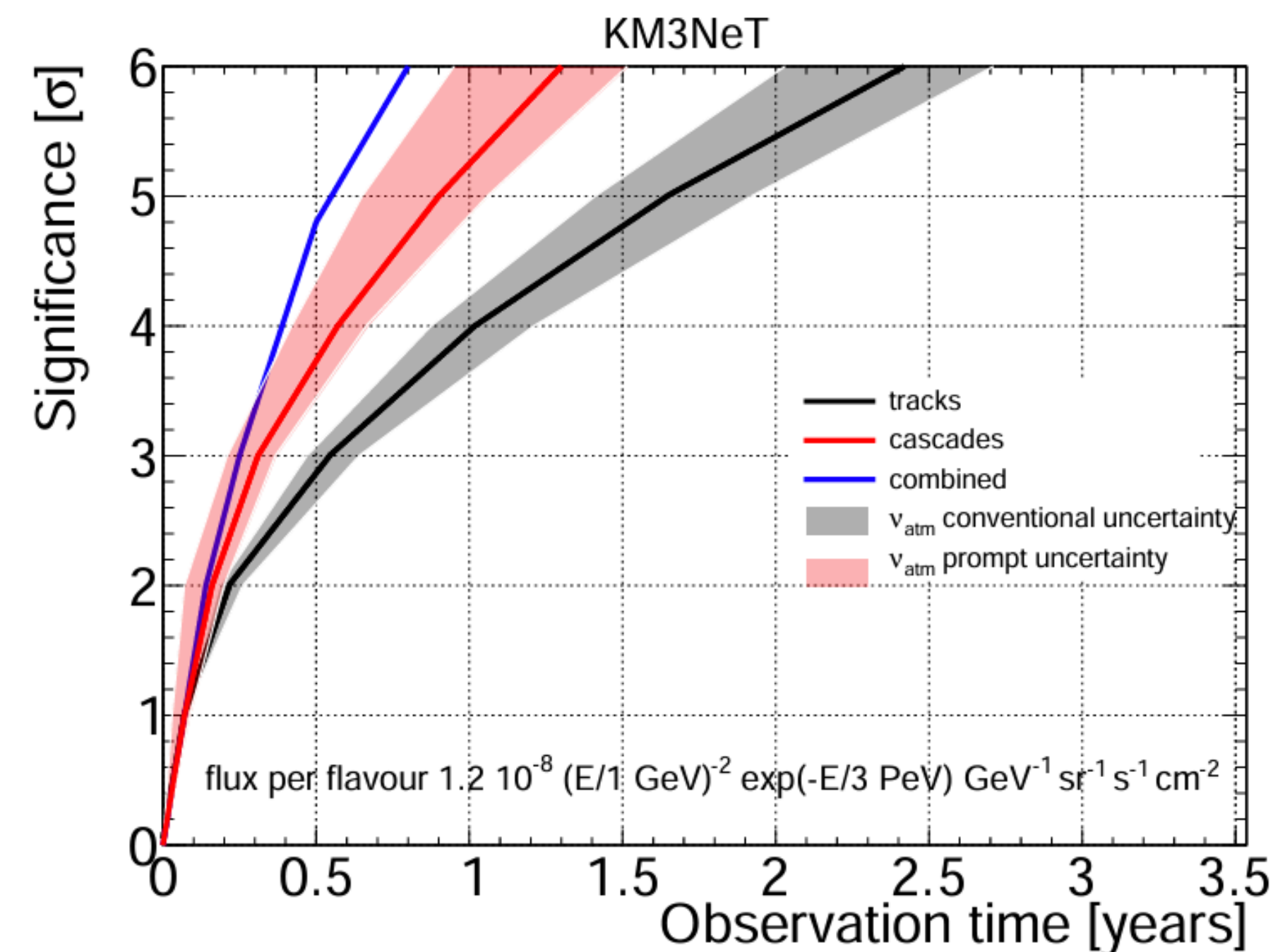


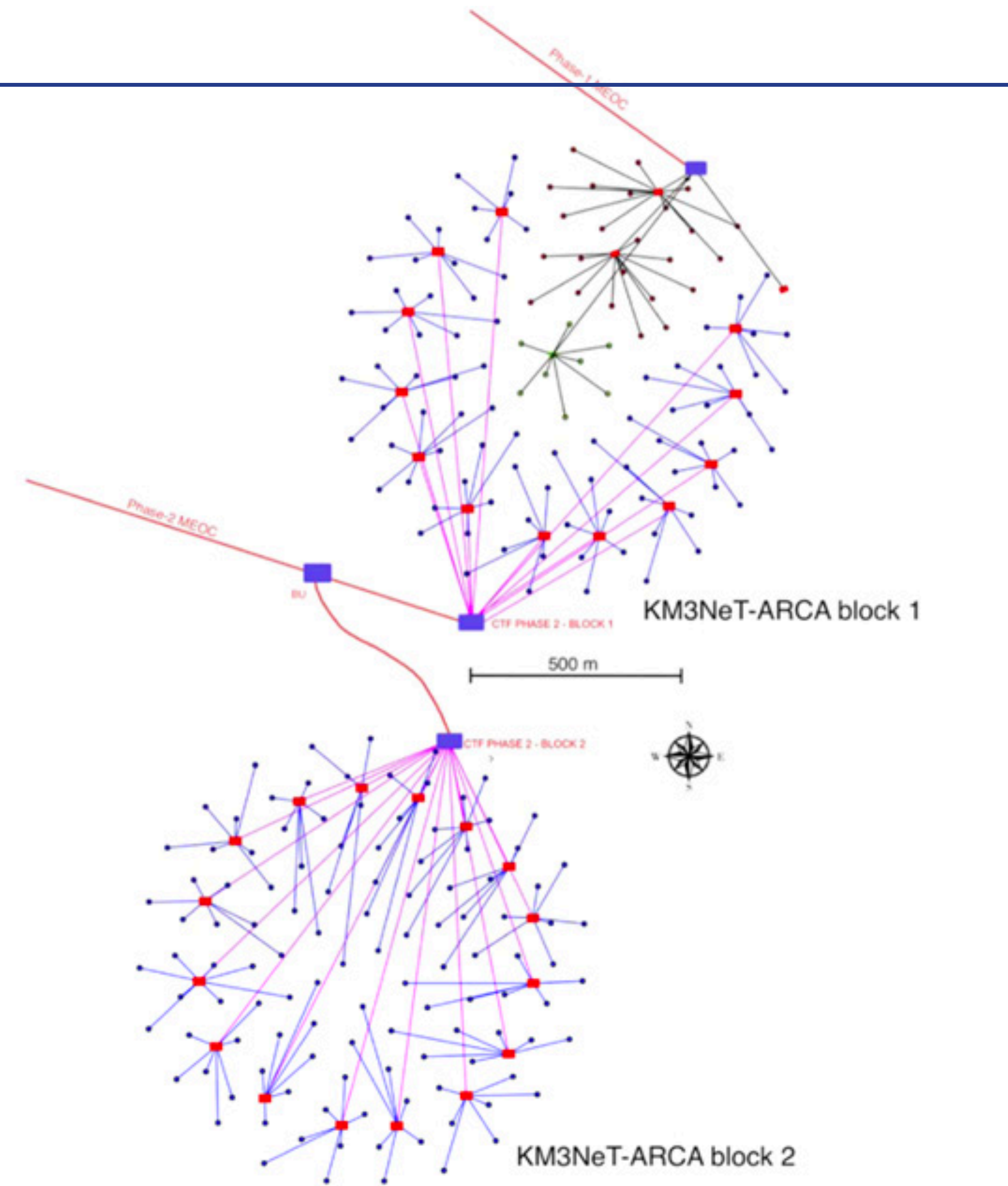
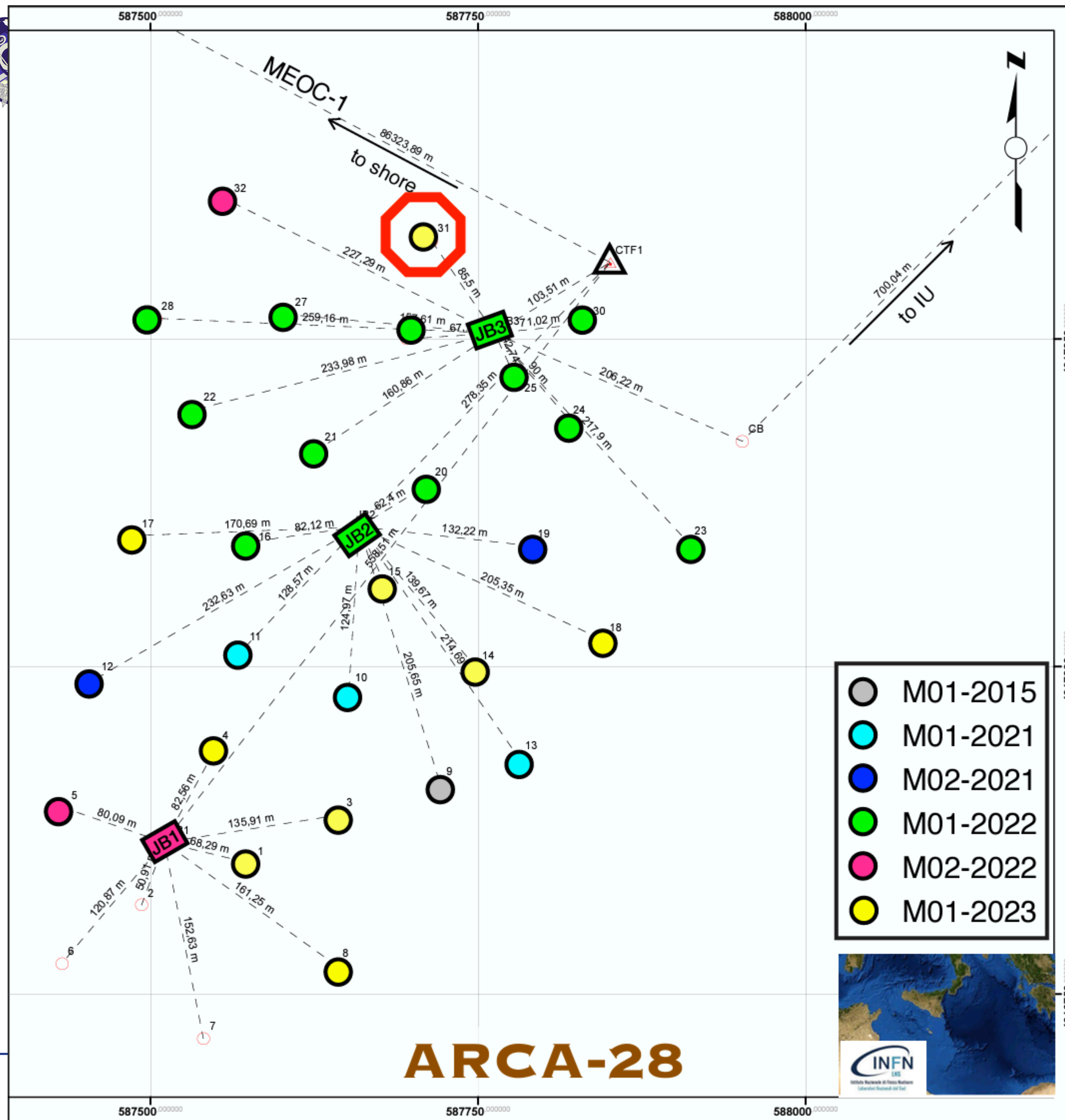
FULL ARCA Resolution

KM3NeT/ARCA230 Preliminary



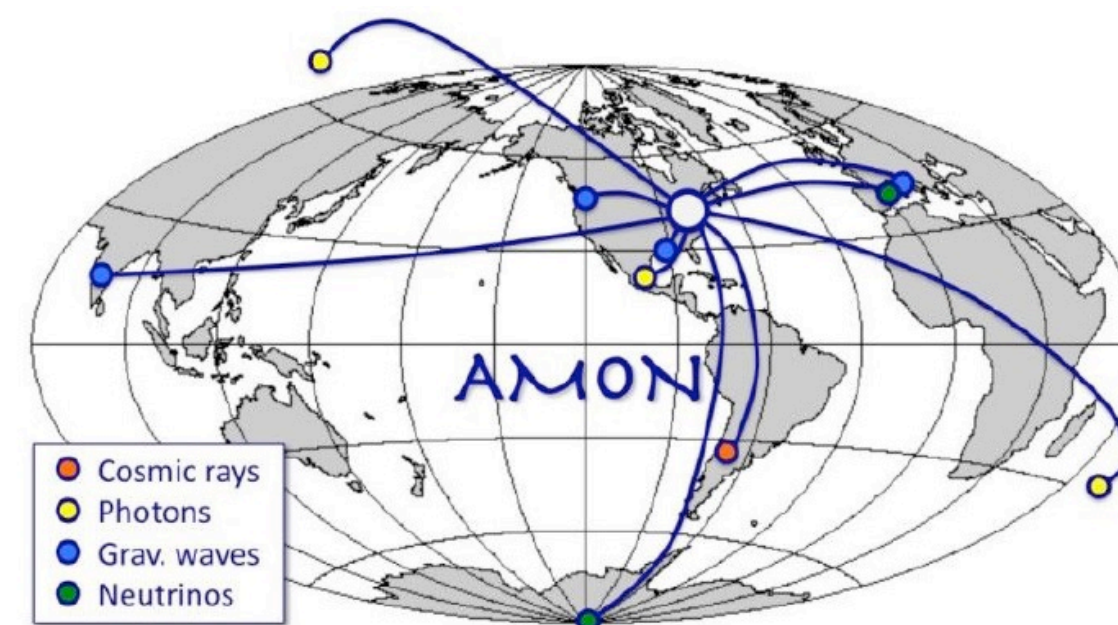
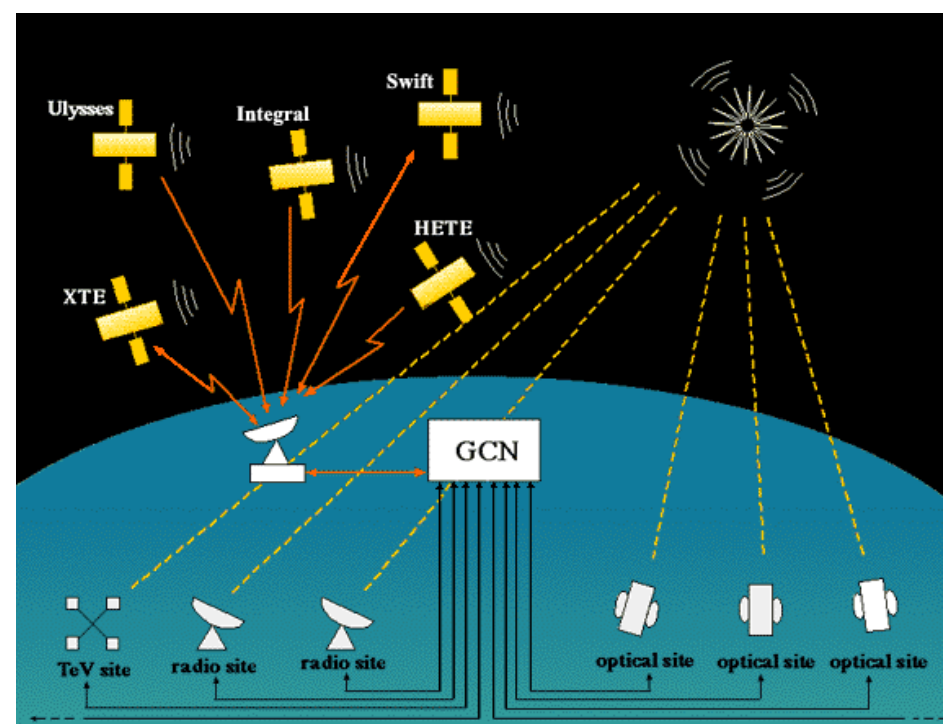
Shower expected energy resolution 5%
Angular resolution at 1.5 deg





Online follow-up strategies for KM3NeT

- IC170922A event and subsequent follow-up (see first slide) showed the potentiality of combined rapid observations;
- Detector constantly exchanging informations through circulars on interesting events;
- Specific "brokers" can be subscribed to receive alert stream (GCN, AMON, SNEWS and many others);



Worldwide effort of the astroparticle community. Many detectors involved in different areas:

<p>GW interferometers</p>	<p>Neutrino telescopes</p>	<p>γ-ray telescopes and ground based detectors</p>	<p>...and many others.</p>
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