



Highlights from the ANTARES neutrino telescope (with an attention for KM3NeT)



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ANTARES history

NIM A656(2011) 11-38

First Under-Sea neutrino telescope

Precursor to KM3NeT

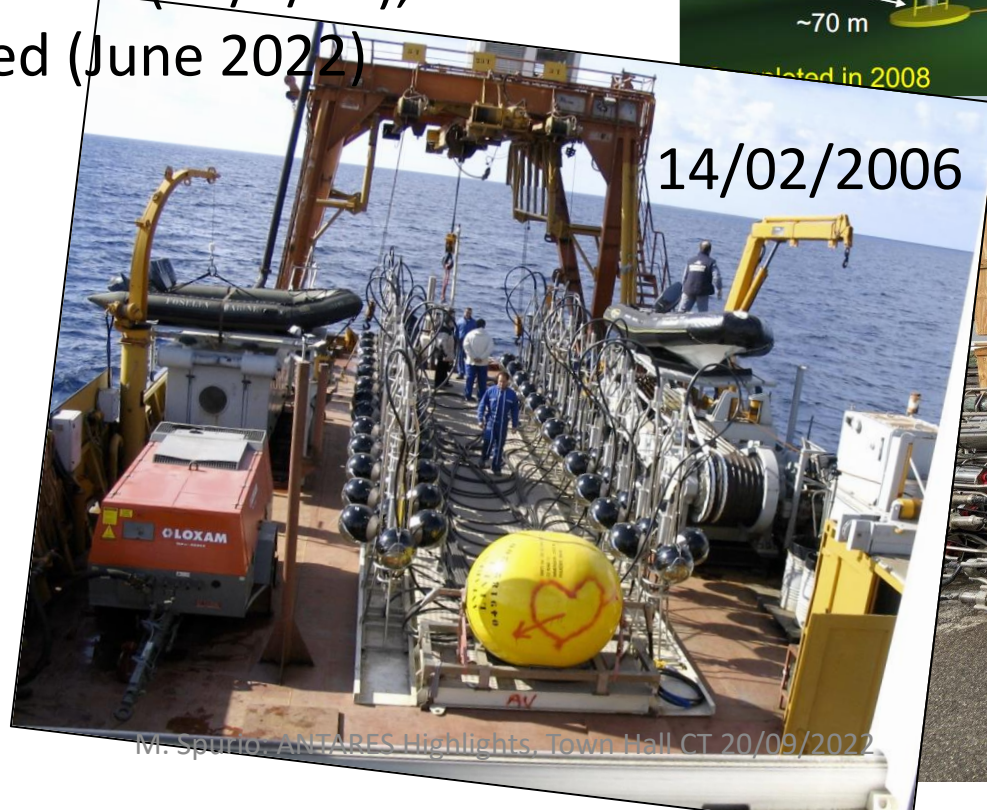
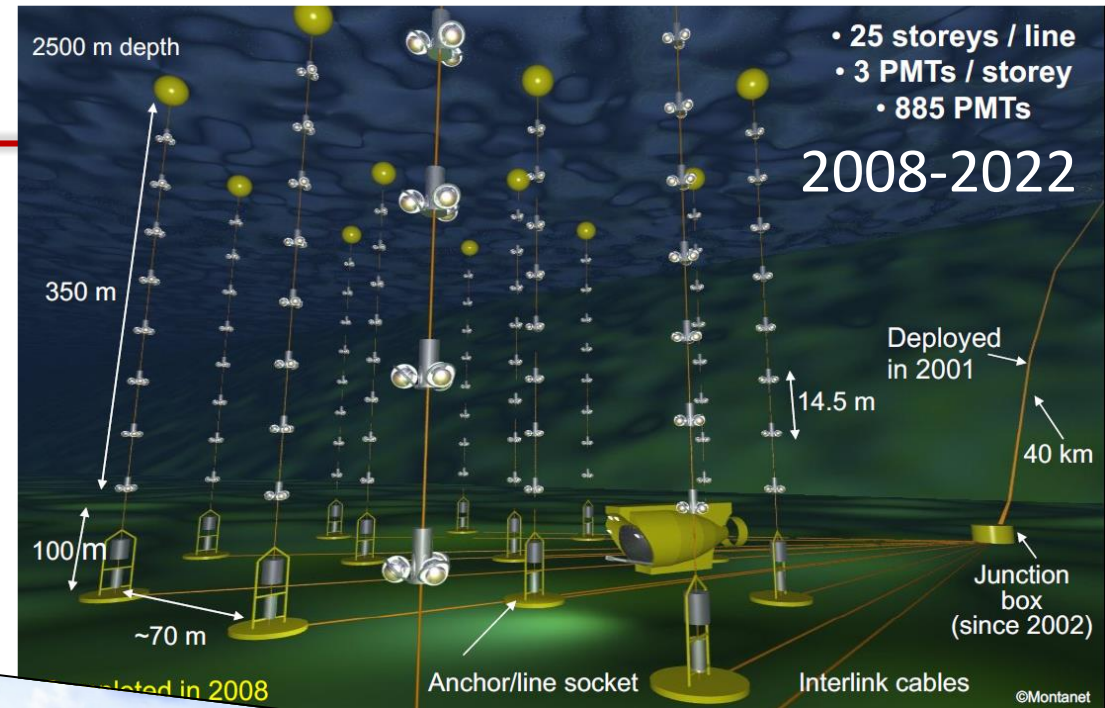


- 2006 First complete detector line
- 2008 Detector with 12 lines completed
- 2022 Data taking terminated (12/2/22), and detector decommissioned (June 2022)

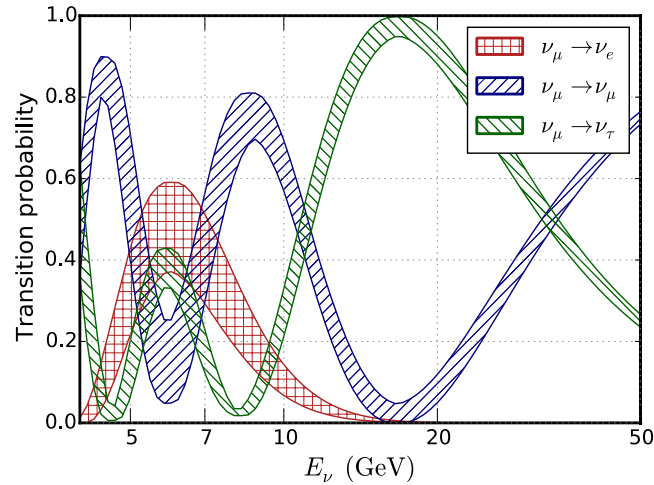
Results on cosmic ν from

- northern hemisphere
- galactic plane
- indirect DM production

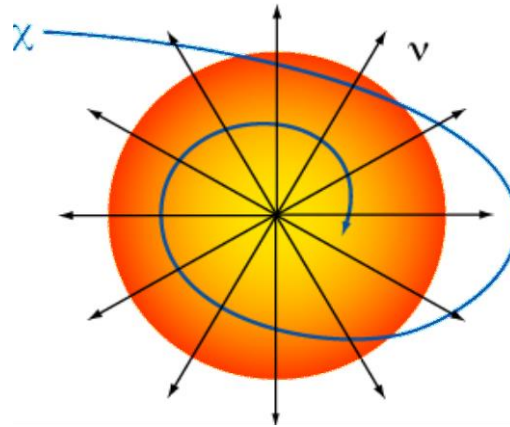
PMTs available for new experimental projects



Science with Neutrino Telescopes



Low Energy
> 10 GeV



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



Galactic → Extragalactic
High Energy, $E_\nu > \text{TeV} \rightarrow \text{PeV}$

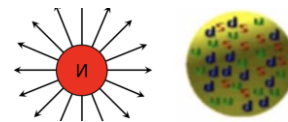
ν Oscillations

Dark matter search

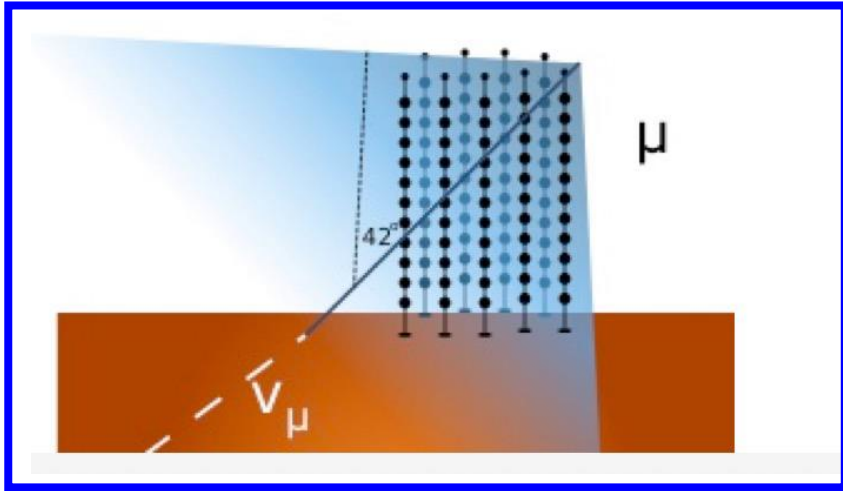
ν from cosmic sources
Origin and production
mechanism of HE CRs

Energy

+ Exotic searches



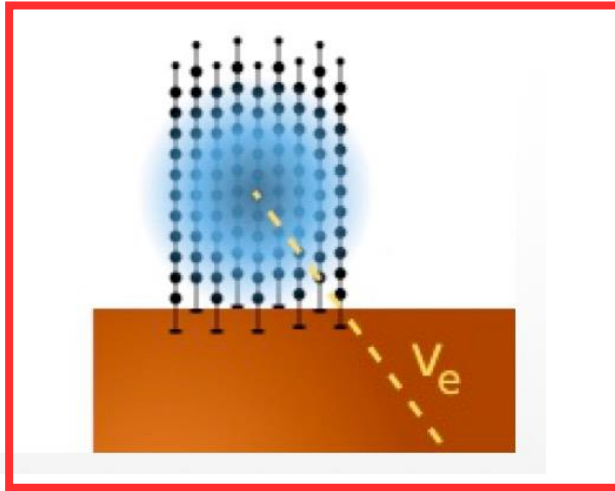
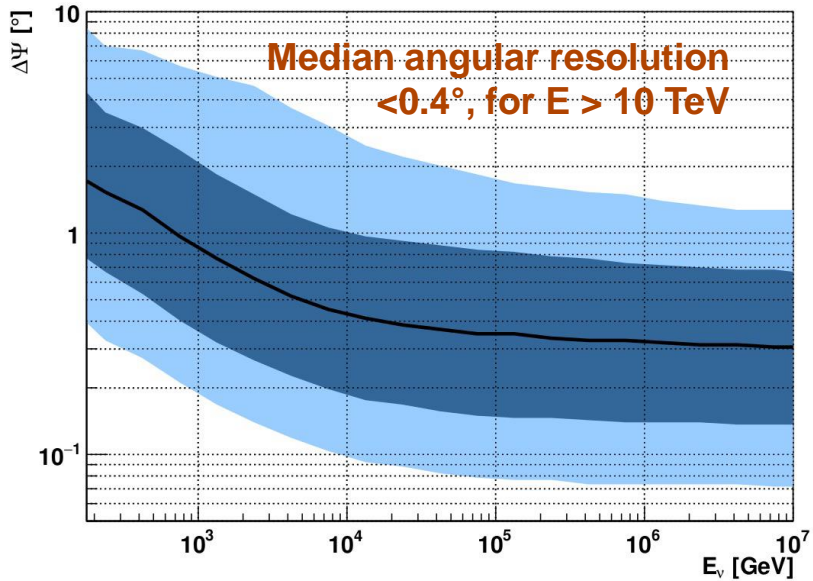
Detection principles: muon tracks ($CC\nu_\mu$) + cascades ($NC+\nu_e$)



Track-like events:

ν_μ (ν_τ) CC interaction near the detector

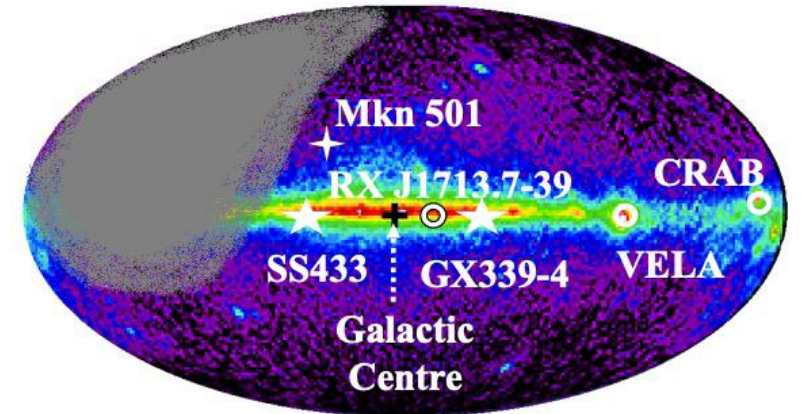
Topology used in online analyses



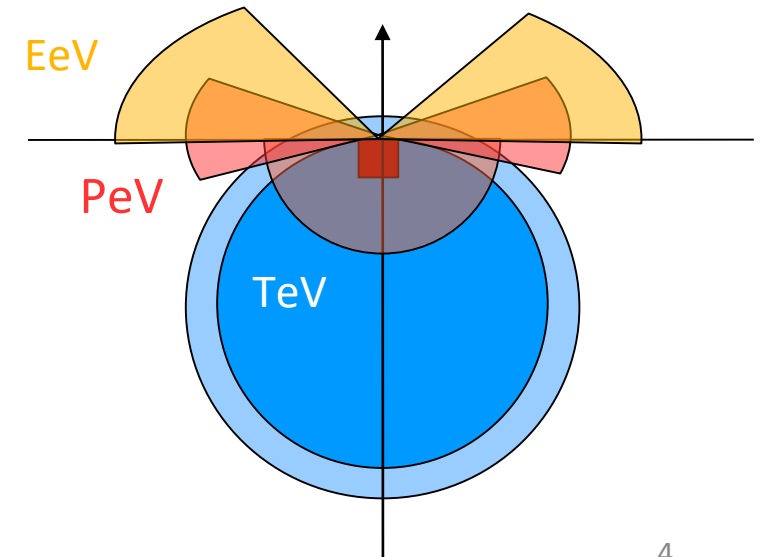
Shower-like events:

ν_e , most ν_τ CC interaction + NC inside or very close to the detector volume.

- Better energy
- Worse angular resolution



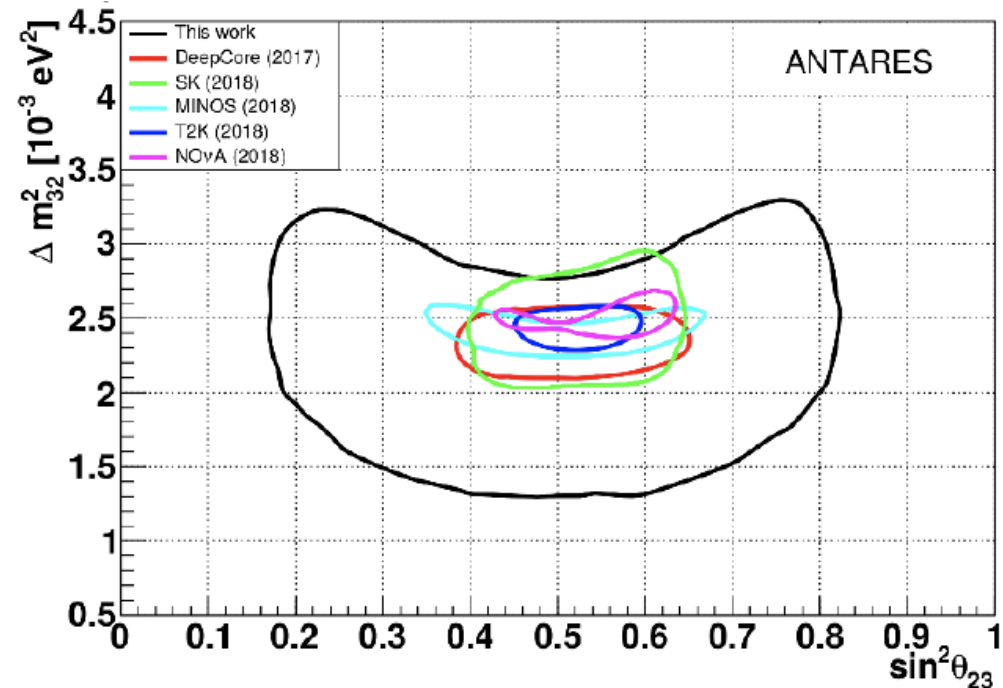
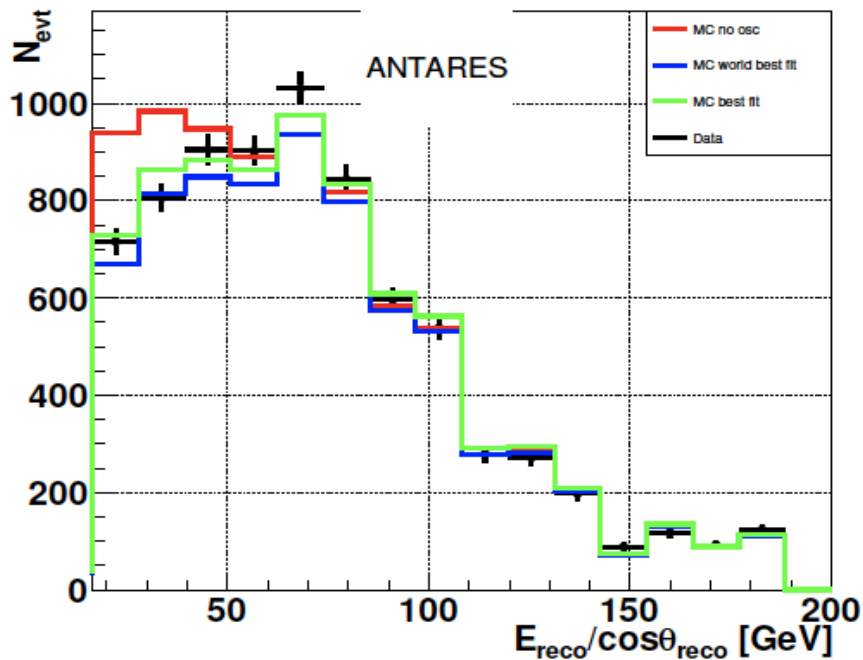
- Visibility: $\frac{3}{4}$ of the sky (<100 TeV)
- most of the Galactic plane
- ~95% duty cycle



ν -oscillation (ν_μ - disappearance)

- A binned likelihood fit (Poisson stat.) is performed in two dimensions ($\log_{10}(E_{\text{reco}})$, $\cos\theta_{\text{reco}}$)
- Priors and fitted values obtained from minimization for all the parameters of standard 3 flavor oscillations.
- **No-oscillation hypothesis excluded at 4.6σ**
- **Data sample available on the ANTARES site**

Parameter	Prior	Fit result
Δm_{32}^2 [10^{-3} eV^2]	none	$2.0^{+0.4}_{-0.3}$
θ_{23} [$^\circ$]	none	45^{+12}_{-11}
n_ν	none	$0.81^{+0.10}_{-0.09}$
$\nu/\bar{\nu}$ [σ]	0.0 ± 1.0	$1.10^{+0.64}_{-0.56}$
$\Delta\gamma$	0.00 ± 0.05	-0.003 ± 0.036
N_μ	740 ± 120	414^{+48}_{-24}
θ_{13} [$^\circ$]	8.41 ± 0.28	8.41 ± 0.28
M_A [σ]	0.0 ± 1.0	0.0 ± 1.0

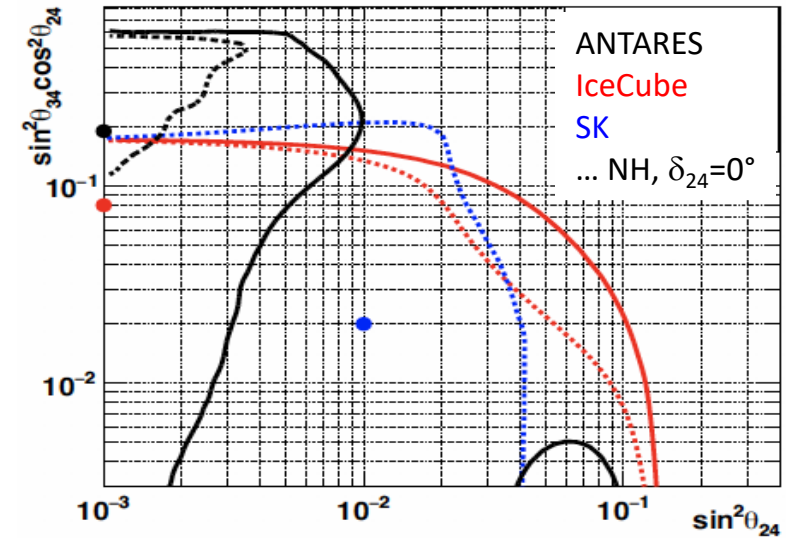


ν -oscillation studies: Sterile & NSI

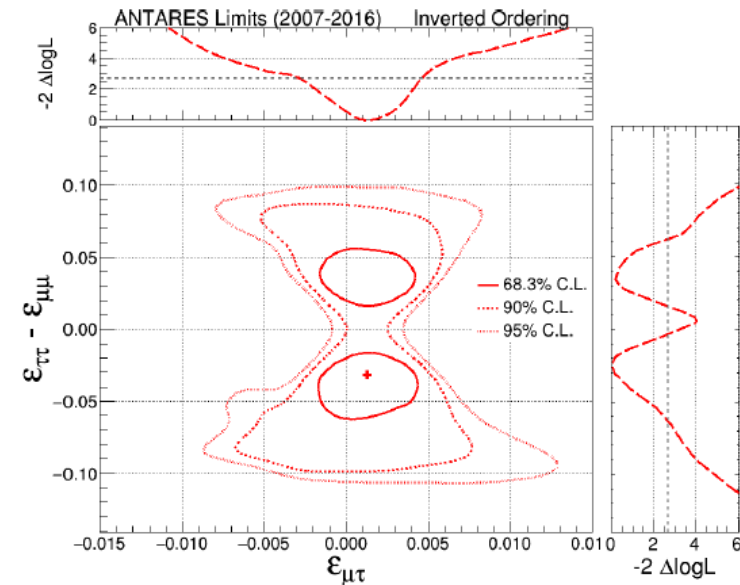
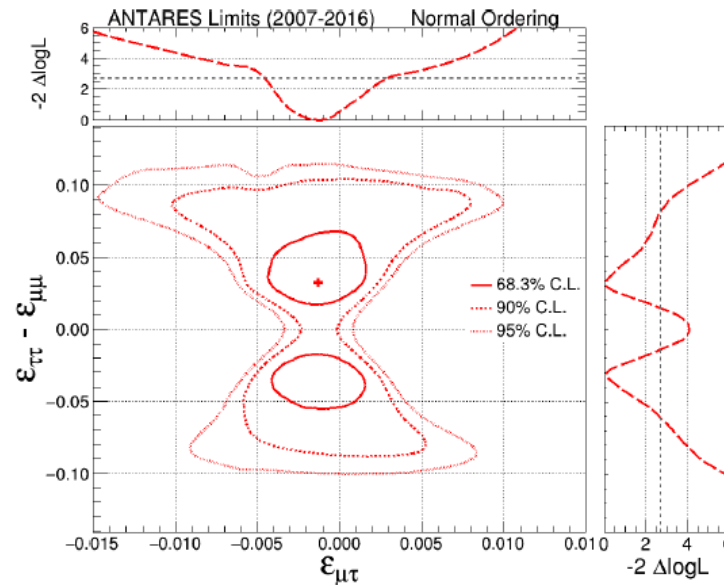
JHEP (2019) 113

JHEP (2022) 48

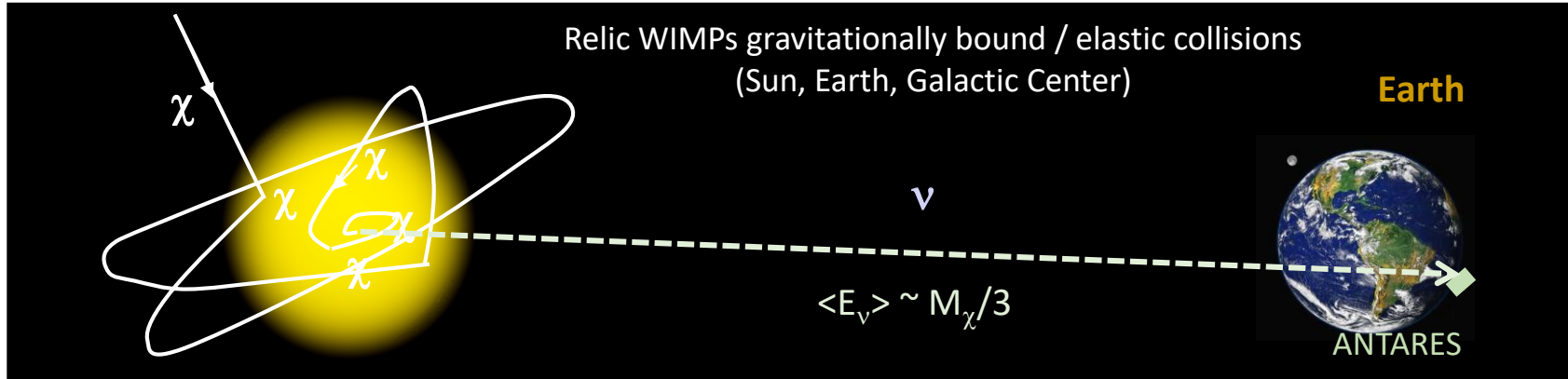
- (3+1) sterile neutrino models $\Delta m_{41}^2 > 0.5 \text{ eV}^2$
- Tight complementary information to eV-scale sterile neutrino searches
- Our results (90% CL) exclude regions of the parameter space not yet excluded by other experiments.



- Non-standard interactions signature in neutrino oscillation patterns are detectable
- A log-likelihood ratio test of the dimensionless coefficients $\epsilon_{\mu\tau}$ and $\epsilon_{\tau\tau} - \epsilon_{\mu\mu}$ does not provide clear evidence of deviations from standard interactions.
- The non-NSI hypothesis is disfavored with a significance of 1.7σ (1.6σ) for the normal (inverted) mass ordering scenario.



Indirect Search for Dark Matter: The Sun



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Phys. Dark Un., 16 (2017) 41–48

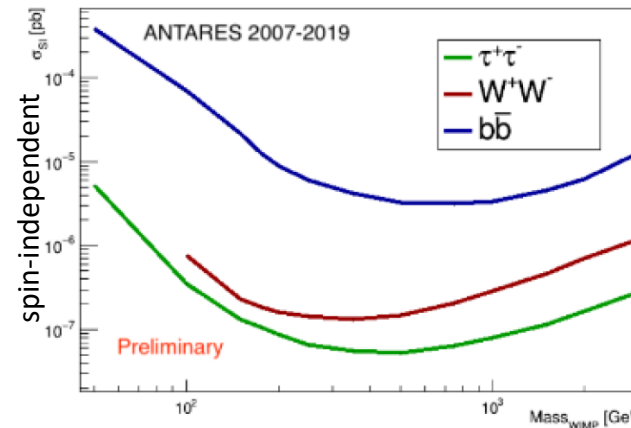
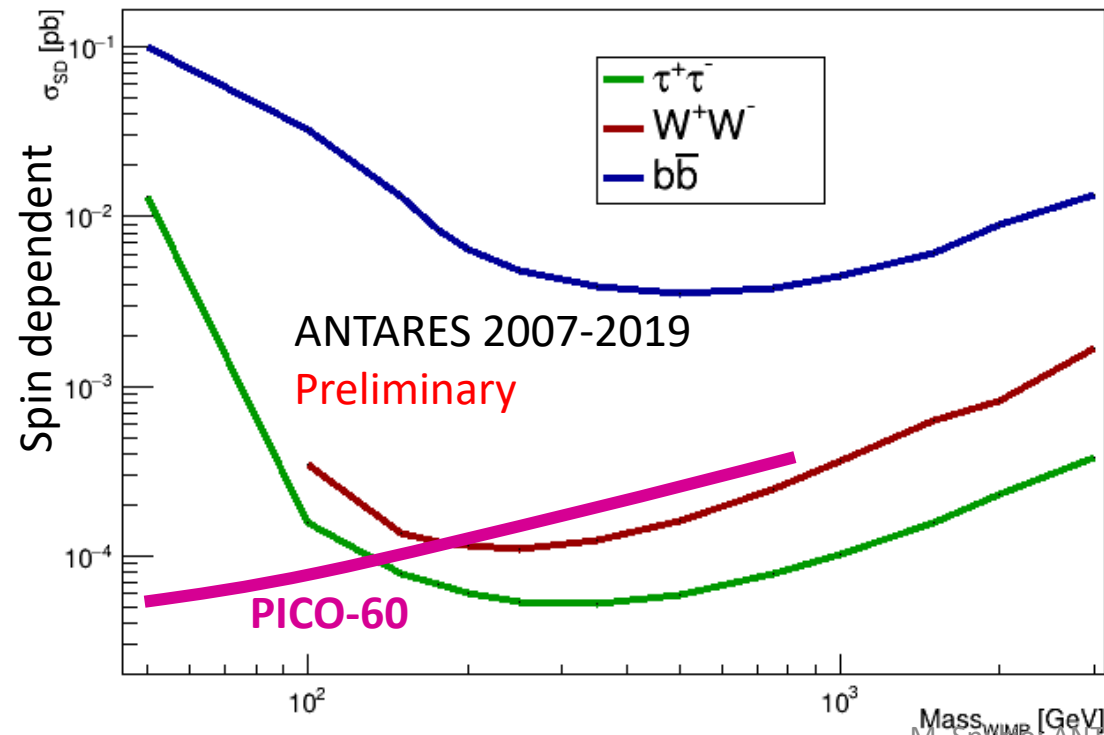
📖 [Sun](#)

Phys. Lett. B759 2016

JCAP 05 (2016) 016

JCAP 11 (2013) 032

- DM In equilibrium between capture and annihilation
- The Sun has known isotopic abundance \Rightarrow sensitive to WIMP-nucleon cross section for **spin-dependent** and spin-independent case (odd or even atomic number)
- Competitive limits w.r.t. direct experiment **for spin-dependent**



Dark Matter from the Galactic Center

Galactic Center

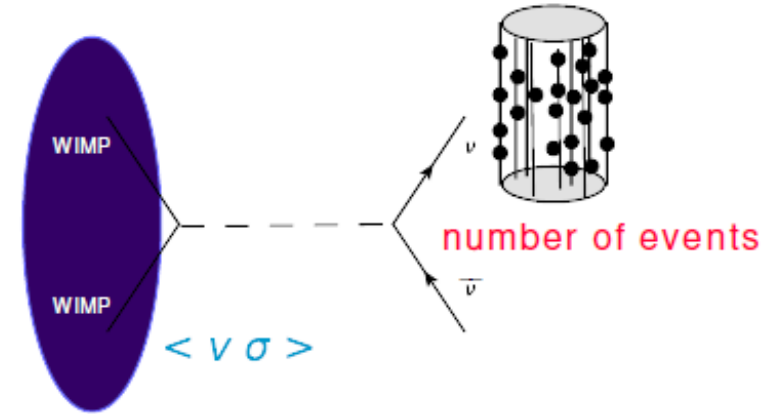
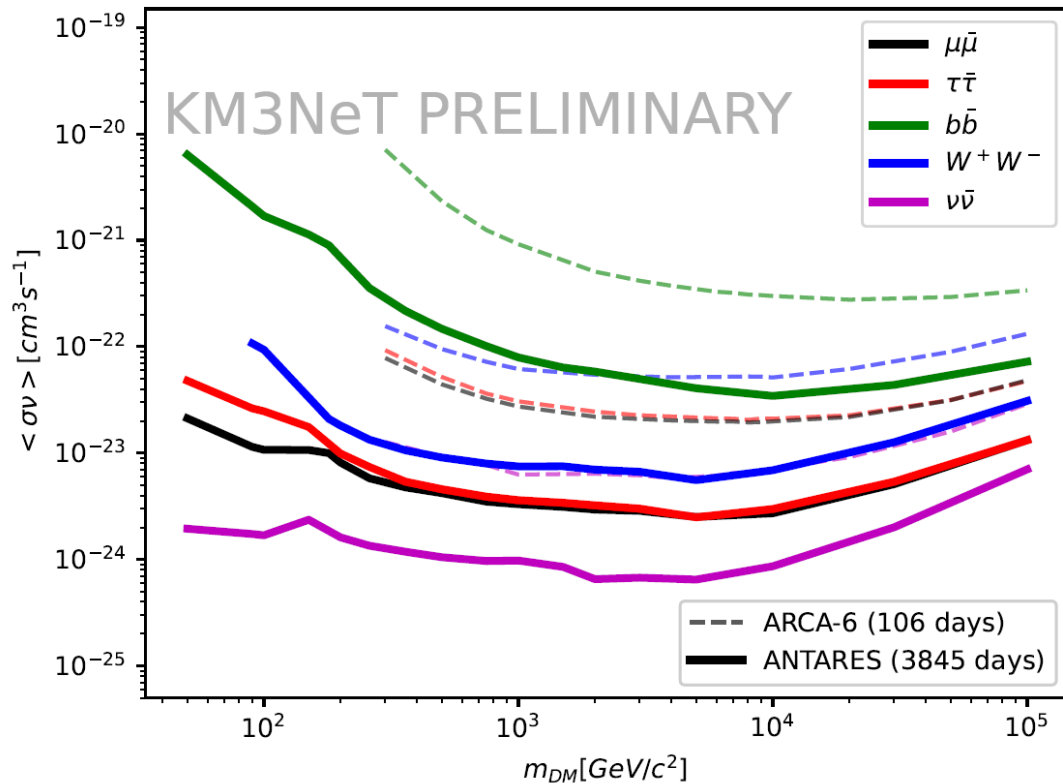
JCAP 06 (2022) 06, 028 (secluded DM)

Phys. Lett. B 805 135439 (2020).

Phys. Rev. D 102, 082002 (2020) (with IceCube)

Phys. Lett. B 769 (2017) 249

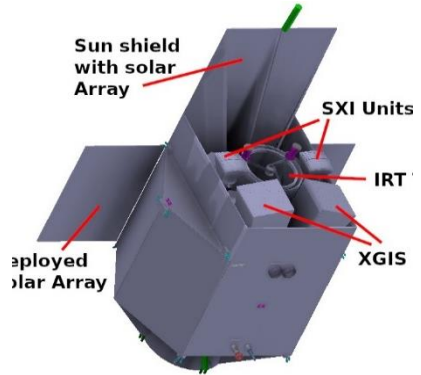
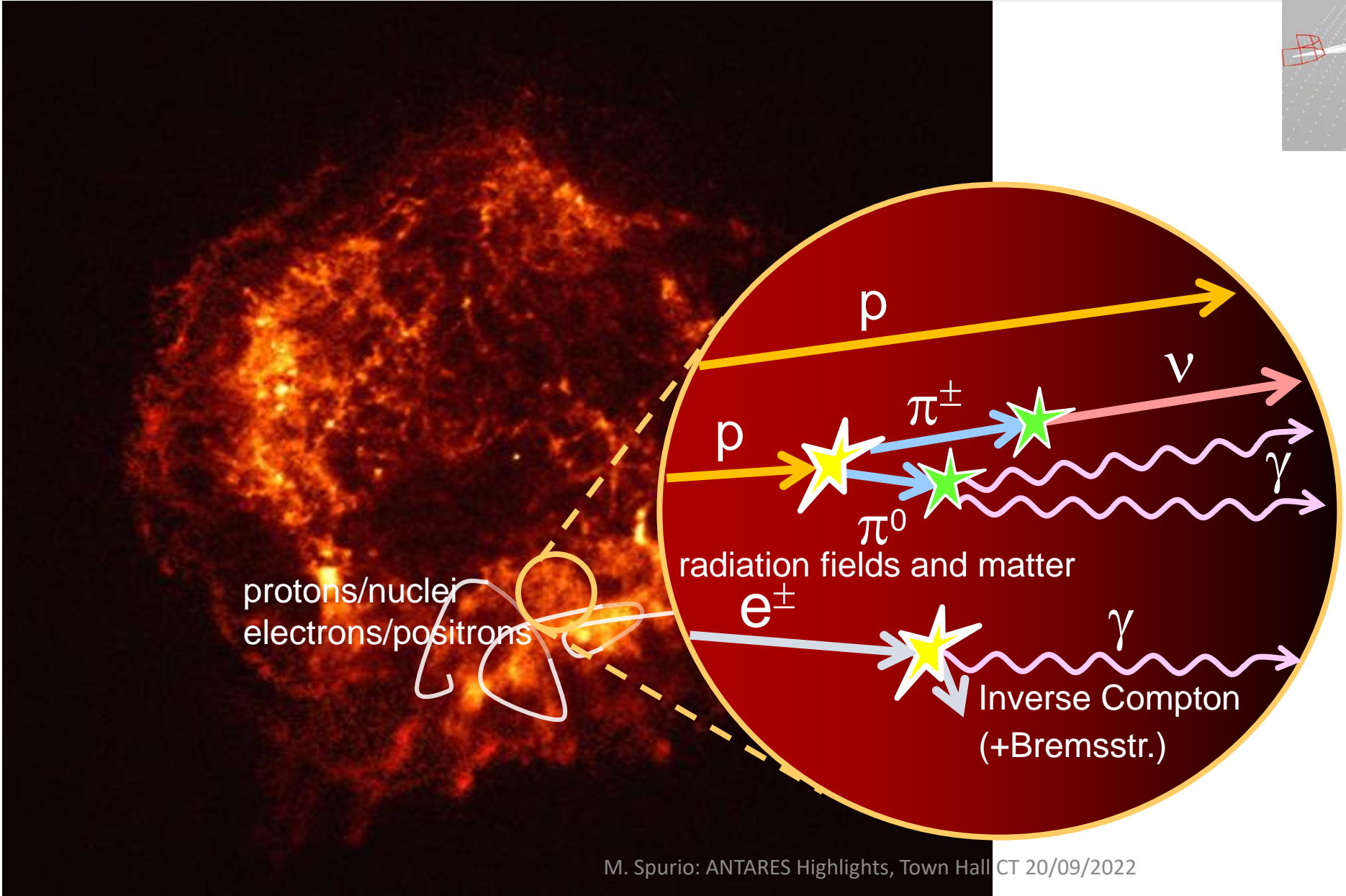
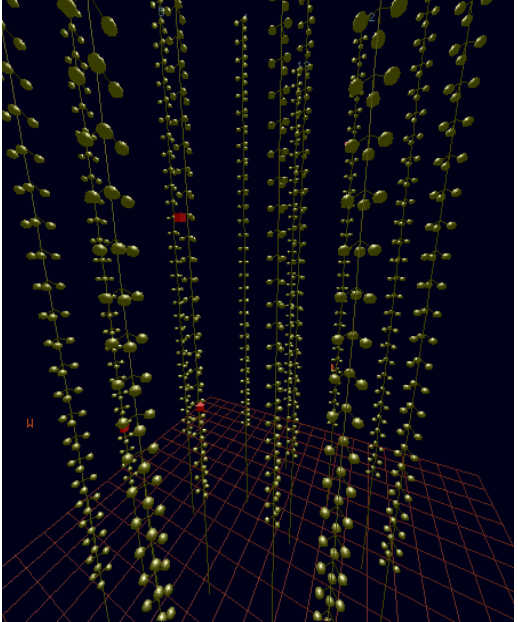
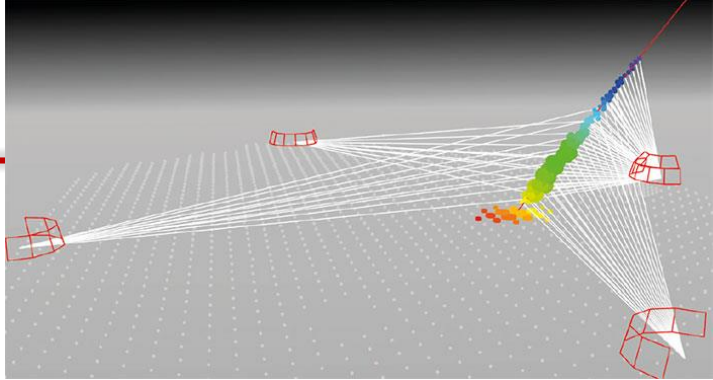
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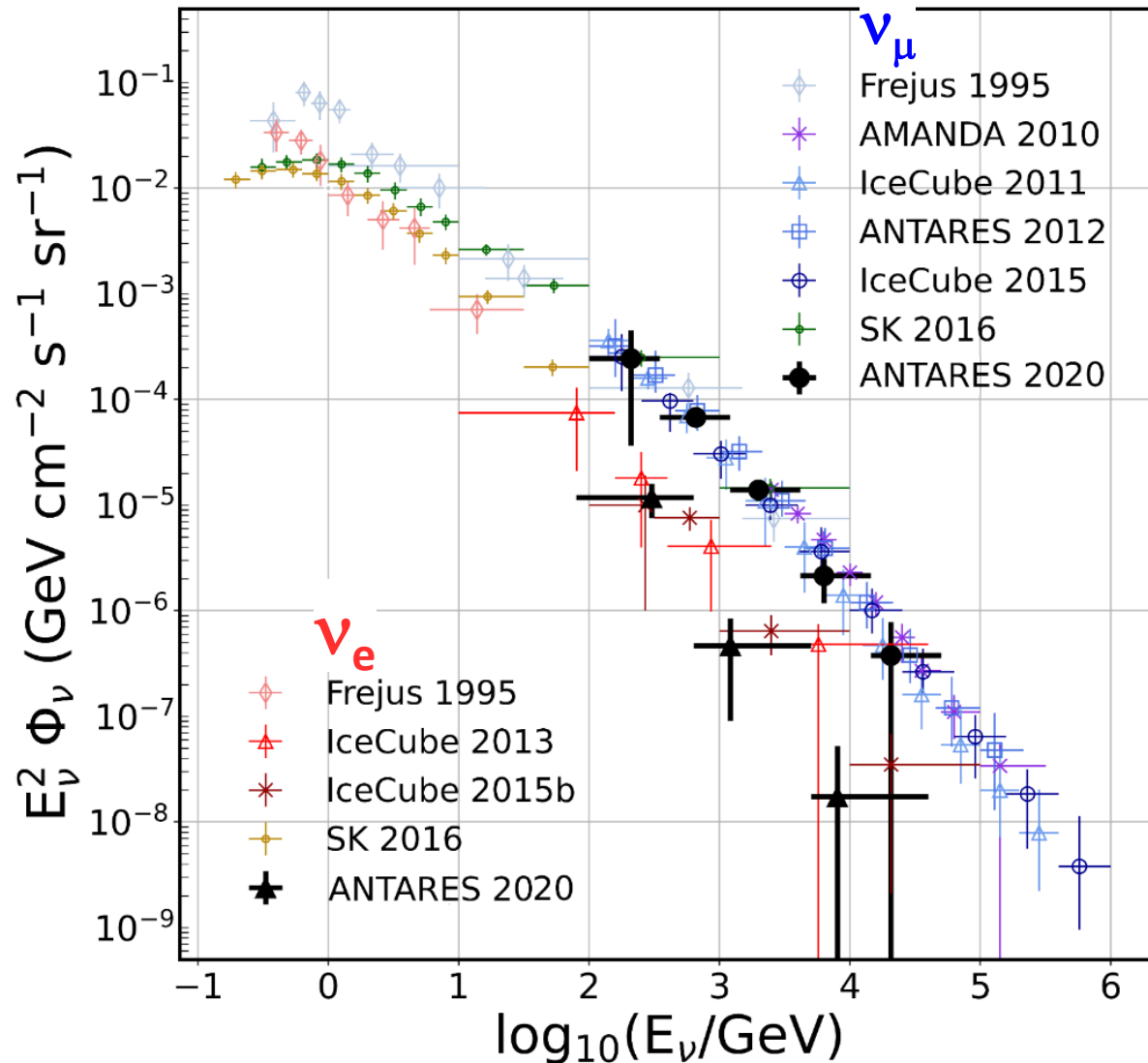
$$n = \frac{1}{2} \langle \sigma v \rangle \int_0^{M_{\text{DM}}} \frac{dN}{dE} dE \frac{1}{4\pi} J \frac{1}{M_{\text{DM}}^2} \mathcal{A}(M_{\text{DM}}) t$$

- The probability for one process to happen depends on $\langle \text{velocity} \times \text{cross section} \rangle$.
- Translate limit on flux into limit on velocity-averaged pair annihilation cross-section $\langle \sigma v \rangle$.

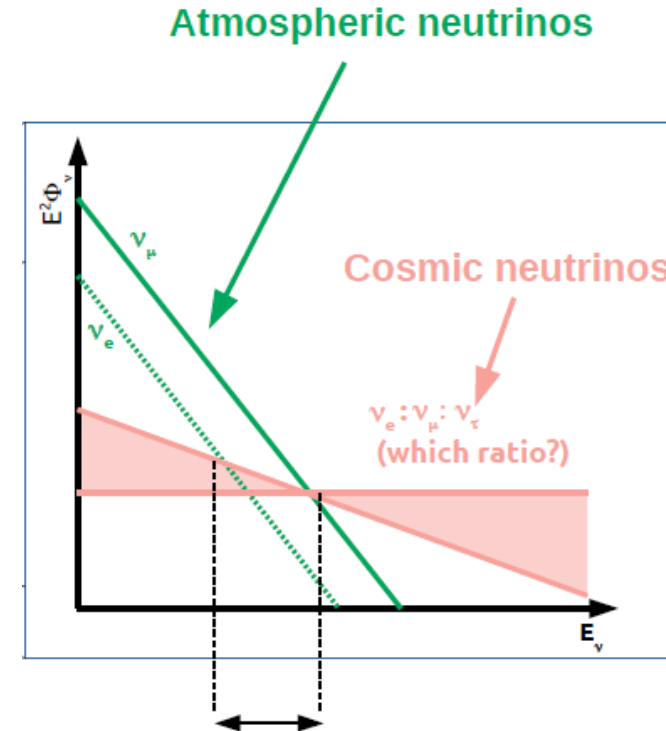
Cosmic sources of CRs, γ -rays and ν 's



The atmospheric neutrino background



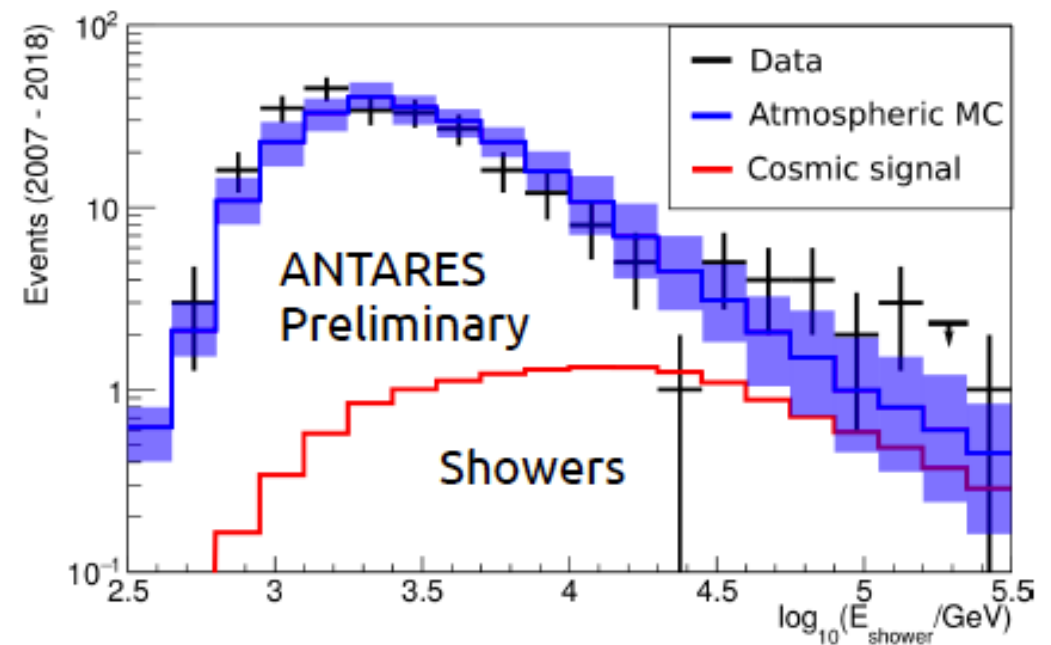
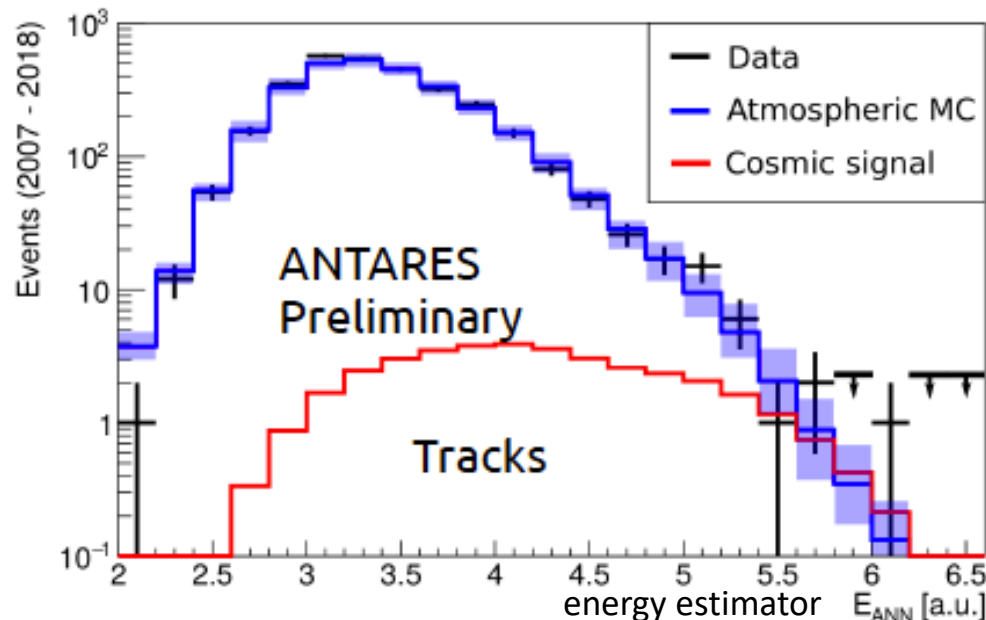
- Atmospheric ν_μ and ν_e energy spectra can be measured
 - energy estimation
 - detector systematics



Cosmic neutrinos: diffuse flux

Search for an excess of high-energy events w.r.t atmospheric neutrinos

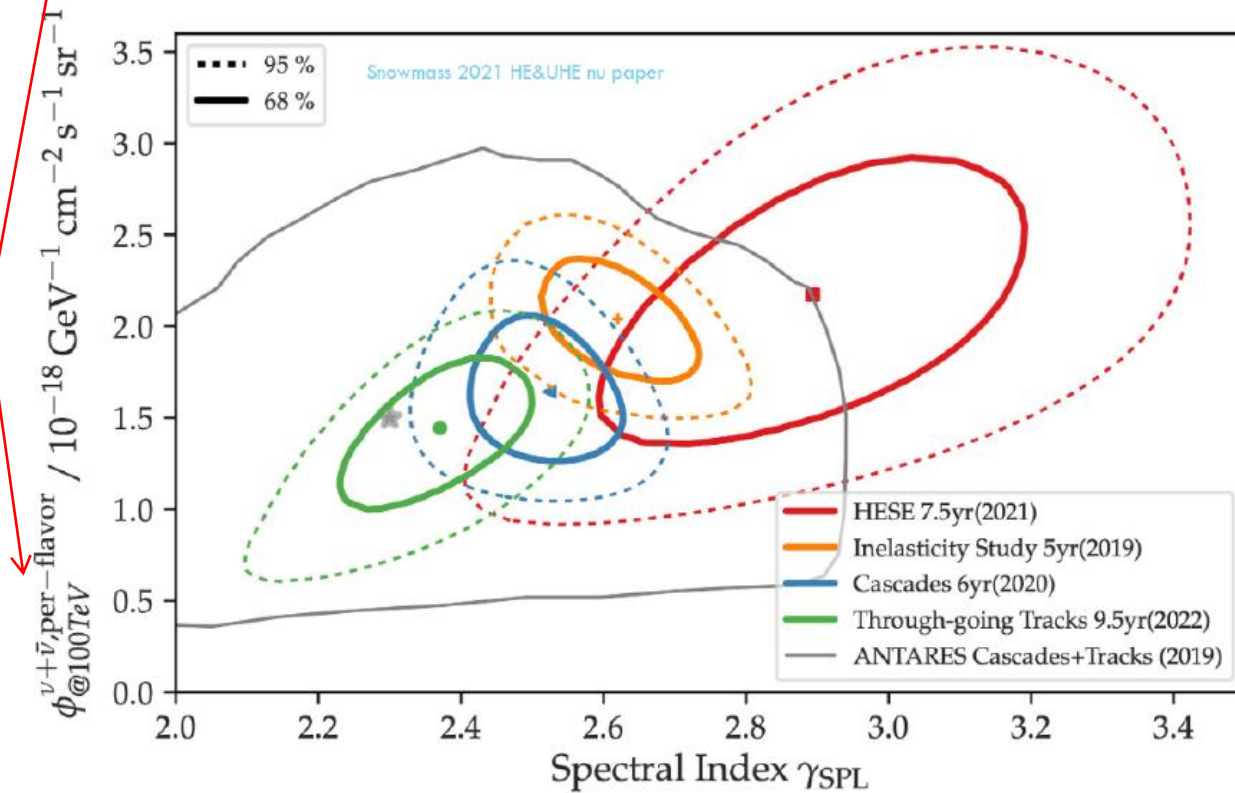
- Selection cuts optimized with MRF procedure (assumed spectral index $\Gamma=2.5$)
- Look for event excess above a given E_{th} both for track & shower samples
- Data with $E > E_{th}$: **50 events (27 tracks + 23 showers)**
- Background with $E > E_{th}$ (atm. Flux=HONDA + Enberg): **36.1 ± 8.7 (19.9 tracks +16.2 showers)**
- **$\rightarrow 1.8\sigma$ excess** of events with $E > E_{th}$, assumed as cosmic flux (red histogram)



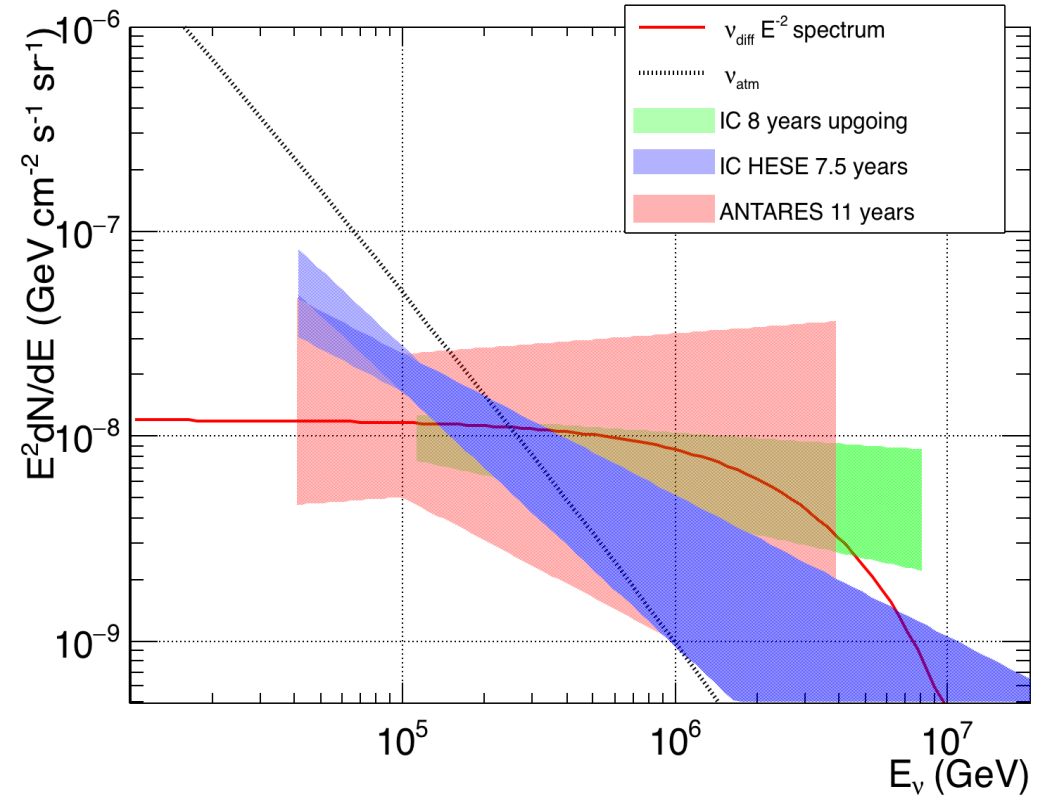
Cosmic neutrinos: diffuse flux

Cosmic: Combined (tracks+showers) likelihood fitting:

$$\Phi_{100 \text{ TeV}} = \Phi_0 \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^\gamma$$



Results not really constraining... but fully compatible with IceCube



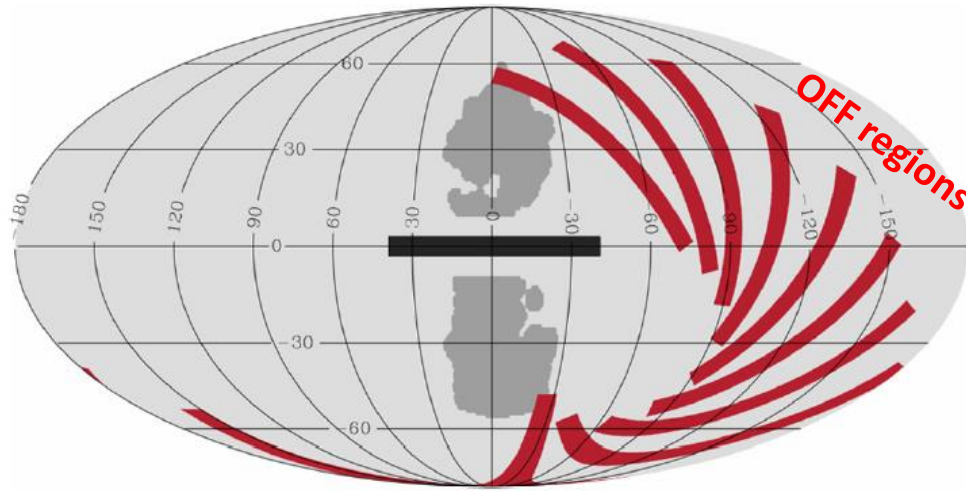
Search for diffuse flux from Galactic ridge

PLB 760 (2016) 143

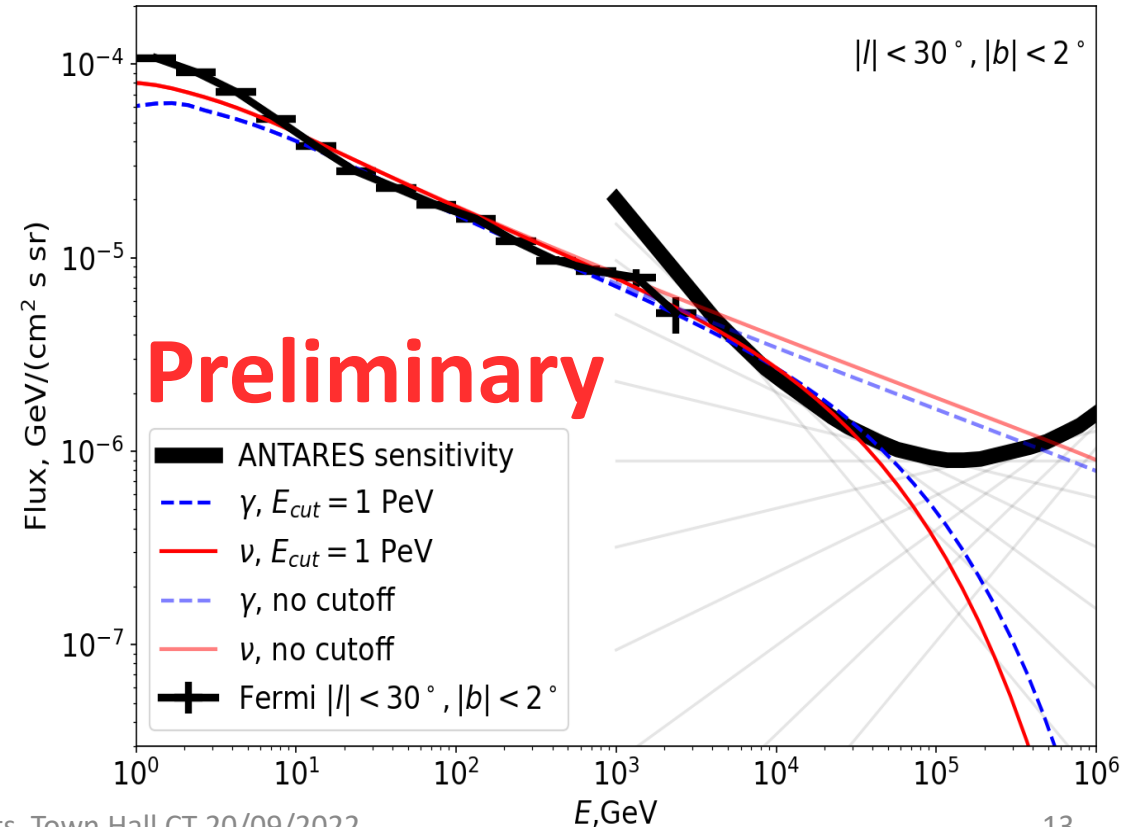
ApJ 868 (2018) L20

new paper in preparation

- A neutrino signal is expected from the Galactic Ridge, as suggested by gamma-ray data
- ν flux relates to the spectrum of primary CRs, if CR flux does not have a cut-off below 1 PeV
- Analysis in 2016 (7 y data 2007-2013) gives limits close to expectation without cutoff
- Using the full ANTARES dataset, we expect a sensitivity below the extrapolated gamma-ray



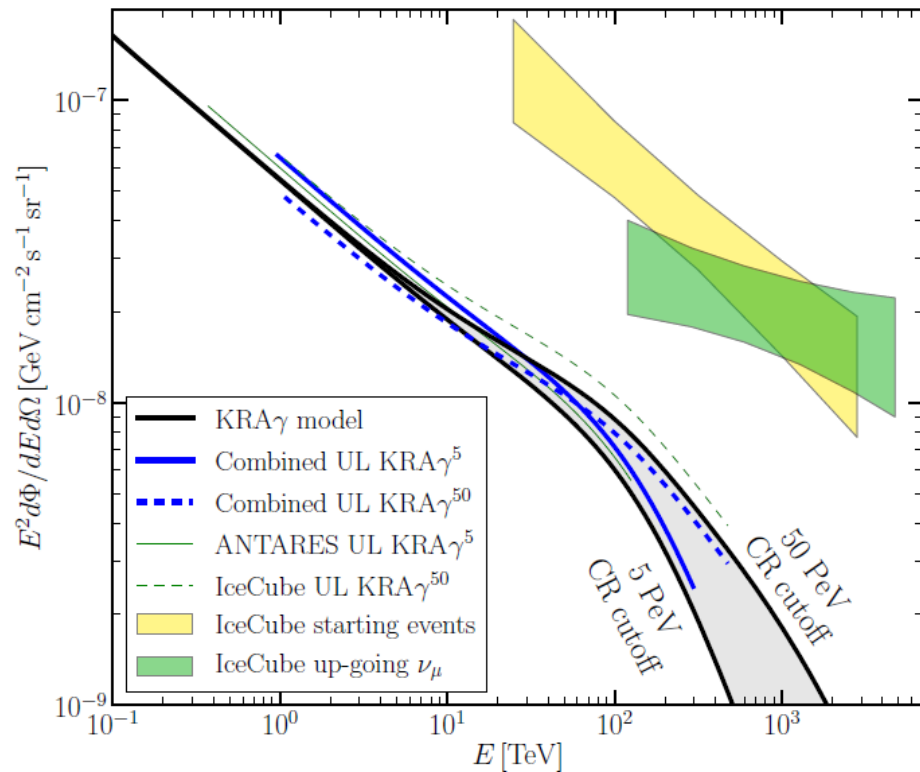
Galactic ridge:
 $||l| < l_{\text{ridge}} \approx 30\text{-}40^\circ$ and $|b| < b_{\text{ridge}} \approx 2\text{-}3^\circ$



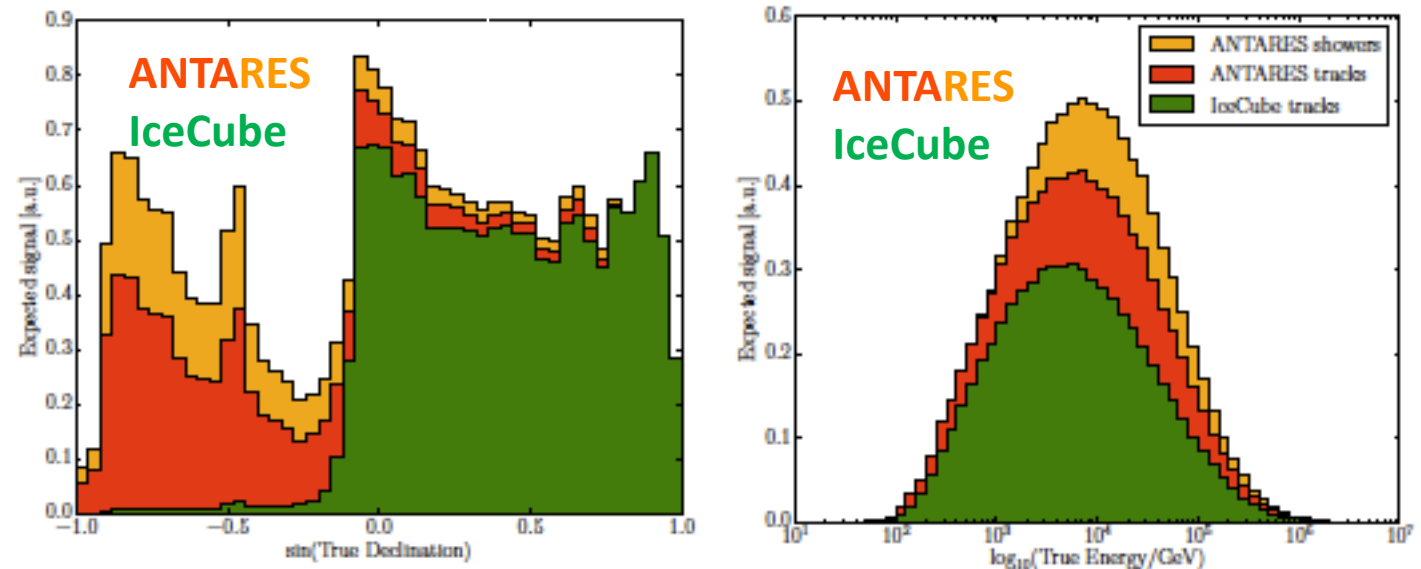
Search for diffuse flux from Galactic ridge

- Improved knowledge of the primary CR spectrum in the knee region in the last years
- Searches (also in combination with IceCube) using a template model (KRA) of cosmic ray diffusion
- **Result:** total flux contribution of **diffuse Galactic neutrino** emission $<9\%$ of the total diffuse IC signal ($E_\nu > 30$ TeV)

Combined U.L. at 90% CL (blue line) on the 3-flavor neutrino flux of the KRA γ model (5-50 PeV cutoff)



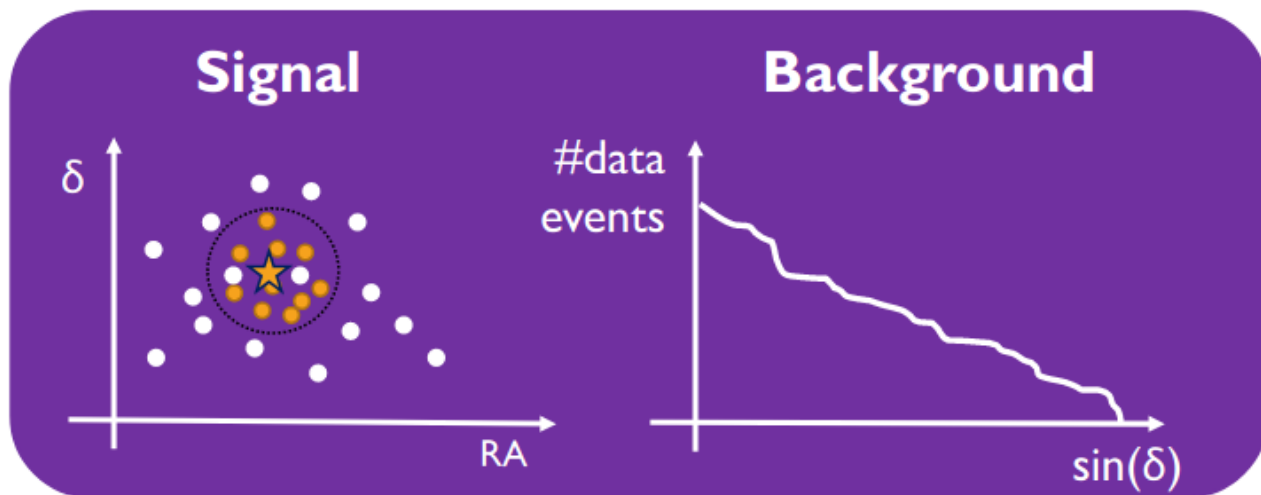
Stacked expected signal vs. δ (top) and energy (bottom). Colors relative contribution to the sensitivity



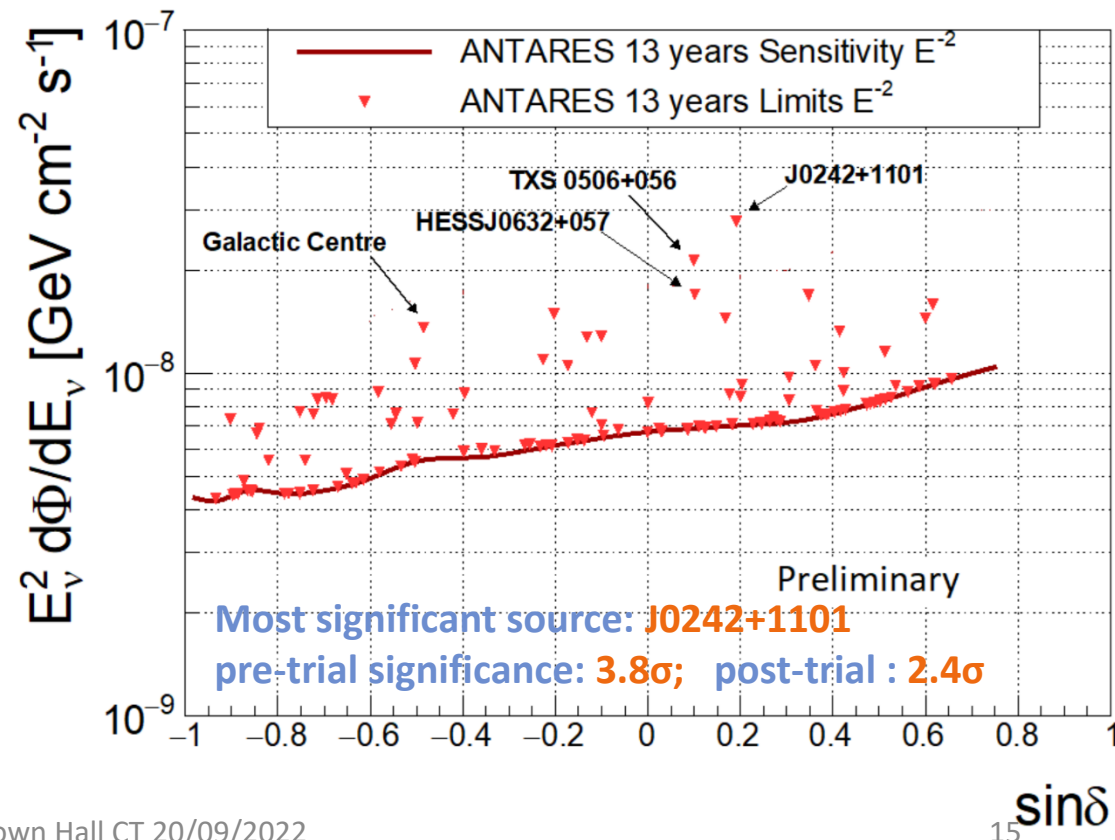
Search for cosmic sources: tracks+cascades

- Search in data for spatial clustering of events with respect to atmospheric (\sim isotropic) foregrounds
 - Self-clustering of neutrinos
 - Following templates for emission (point-source, extended, diffuse)

Data set 13 year (from Jan 2007 to Feb 2020); Livetime: 3845 days



Using a pre-definite candidate-list search:
121 investigated sources

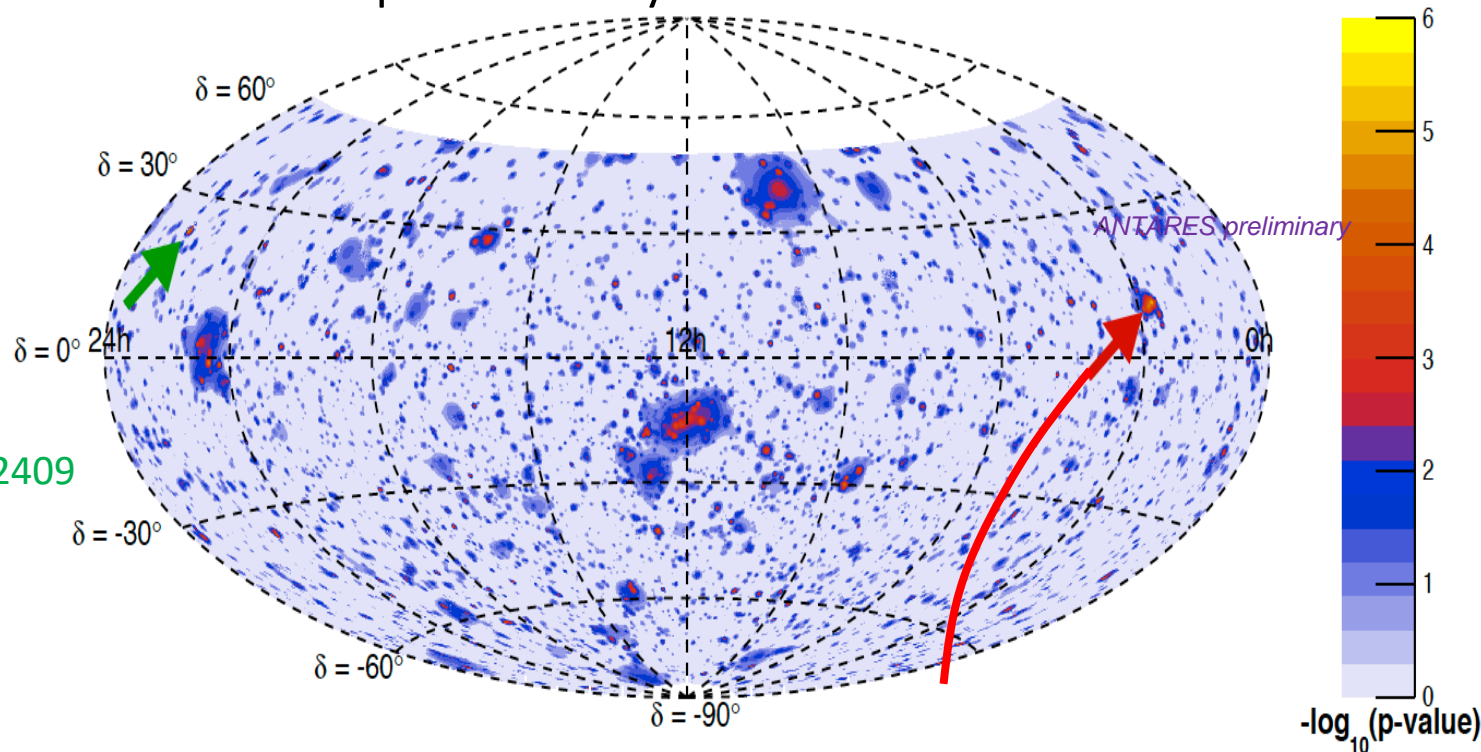


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Search for an excess of events from a particular sky direction

2nd most significant cluster:
RA=343.8° δ =+23.5°
Pre-trial: 4.2 σ
Close to blazar MG3 J225517+2409



With a unbinned full-sky search

The most significant cluster:
RA=39.6° δ =+11.1°
Pre-trial: 4.3 σ (48% post)
Within 1 degree of J0242+1101

Catalog-based searches (stacking sources)

- Based on Promising associations between IceCube neutrinos and radio galaxies [Plavin+, ApJ 894 (2020) 101; ApJ 908 (2021) 157]
- Likelihood based stacking approach using data from 11 years (2008-2017)

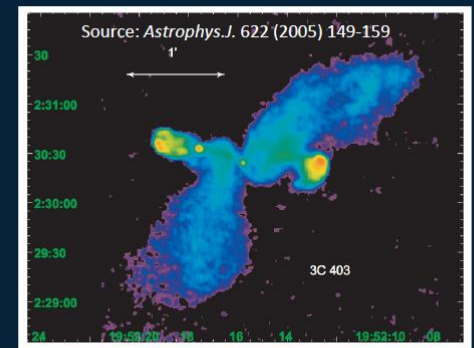
CATALOG	PRE-TRIAL	POST-TRIAL	DOMINANT SOURCE
Fermi 3LAC All Blazars	0.19	0.83	
Fermi 3LAC FSRQ	0.57	0.97	
Fermi 3LAC BL Lacs	0.088	0.64	MG3J225517+2409
Radio-galaxies	$4.8 \cdot 10^{-3}$	0.10	3C403
Star Forming Galaxies	0.37	0.93	
Obscured AGN	0.73	0.98	
IC HE tracks	0.05	0.49	

BLLac MG3 J225517+2409



p-value: **3.8σ**
chance probability ($N_{\text{sources}} = 1255$) = **1.4σ**

Radio galaxy 3C403



p-value: **3.7σ**
chance probability ($N_{\text{sources}} = 56$) = **2.5σ**

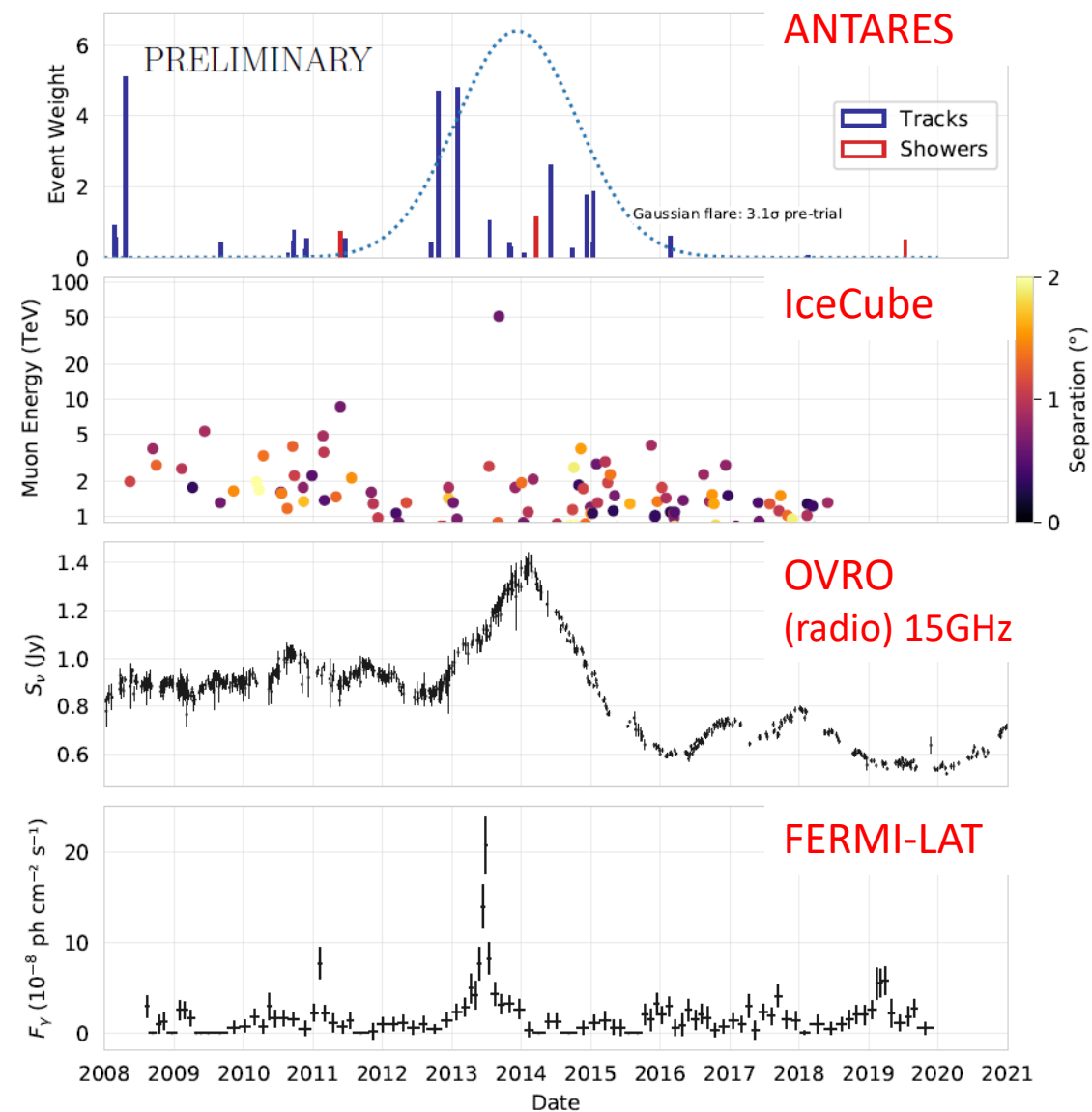
- Association with blazars of the 5th Roma-BZCat catalog as for IC events in [Buson+, ApJ 933 (2022) 2, L43]: **work in progress**

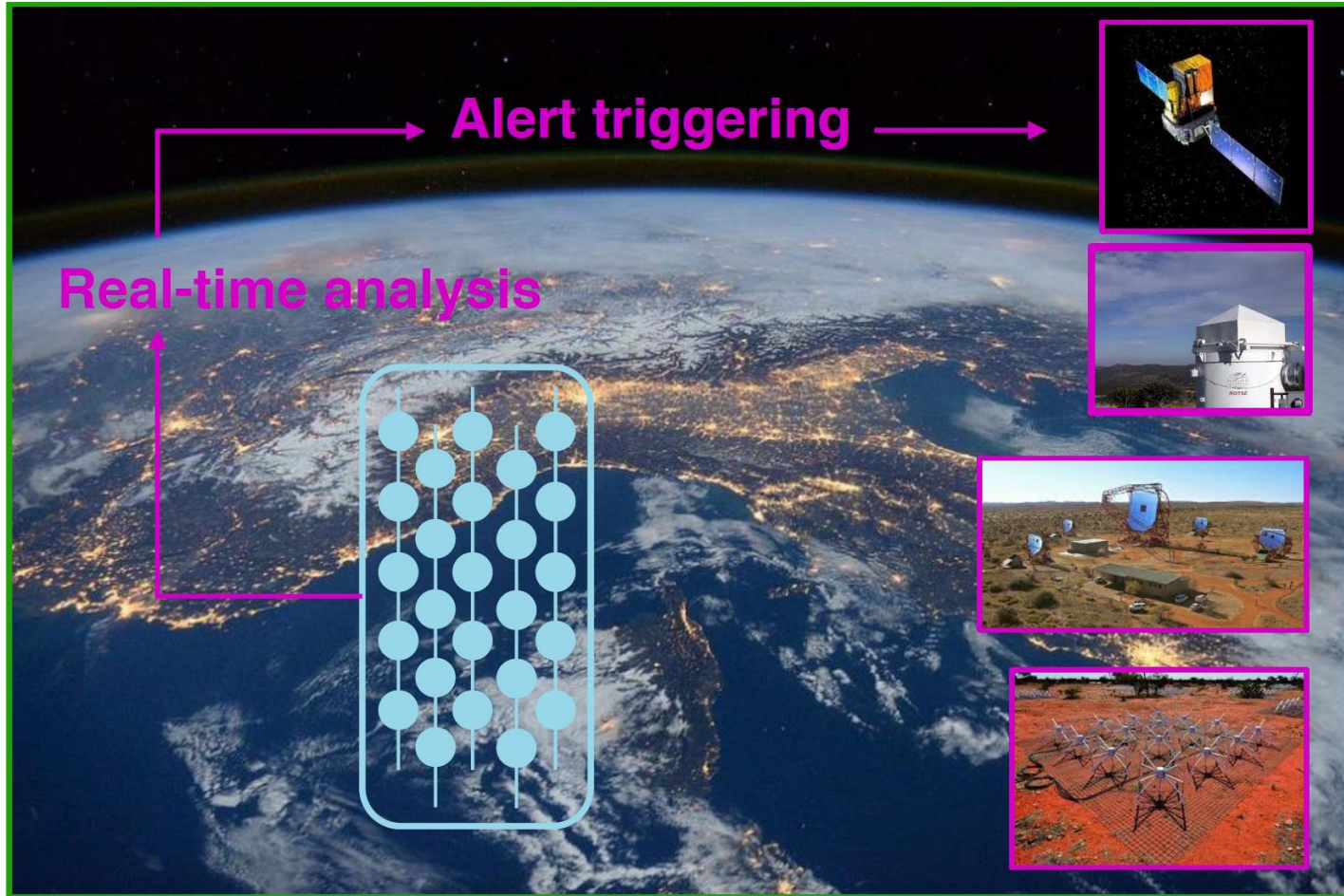
Notable case of J0242+1101 (PKS0239+108)

Intriguing overlap in time of the flaring emission in radio, γ -ray and neutrino found from the direction of the blazar **J0242+1101** studied from **2008 to 2021**.

- First panel: weighted time distribution of the **ANTARES** tracks (showers) within $5^\circ(10^\circ)$ from J0242+1101 and best-fit Gaussian time profile.
- Second panel: weighted time distribution of the **IceCube** tracks closer to J0242+1101 than 50% angular error. Weight=energy of each event. The color scale indicates the event angular distance from the source.
- Third panel: **OVRO** (Owens Valley Radio Observatory) radio light-curve @15 GHz for J0242+1101.
- Fourth panel: adaptive binned γ -ray light-curve obtained from **Fermi LAT** data for J0242+1101.

Chance probability of the multi-messenger association under study.





Alert system (**TATO: Telescopes and Antares Target of Opportunity**) operating since 2009:

- **High energy (HE)**: single neutrino with an energy ≥ 5 TeV. **Rate: ~ 1 /month**
- **Very high energy (VHE)**: single neutrino with an energy ≥ 30 TeV. **Rate: ~ 3 -5/year**
- **Directional trigger**: single neutrino from the direction ($\leq 0.4^\circ$) of a local galaxy (≤ 20 Mpc). Mainly introduced to enhance the chance to detect a local CCSN. **Rate: ~ 1 /month**
- **Doublet trigger**: at least two neutrinos coming from close directions ($\leq 3^\circ$) within a predefined time window (15 min). **No doublet trigger ever been issued**

Multi-messenger approaches: receiving alerts



Follow-up of IceCube neutrinos:

- 115 IceCube events received, 37 analyzed (7 HESE, 3 EHE, 10 gold and 17 bronze)
- No ANTARES candidates found compatible with any of the IceCube alerts
- 90% confidence level upper limits on the neutrino fluence

Dedicated offline follow-up of IC events:

- TXS0506+056 (*ApJL* 863 (2018) 2, L30)
- AT2019dsg and AT2019fdr (*ApJ* 920 (2021) 1, 50)
- HESE and EHE events (*ApJ.* 879 (2019)2, 108)

Follow-up of LIGO/Virgo GWs

- No candidates associated with GWs

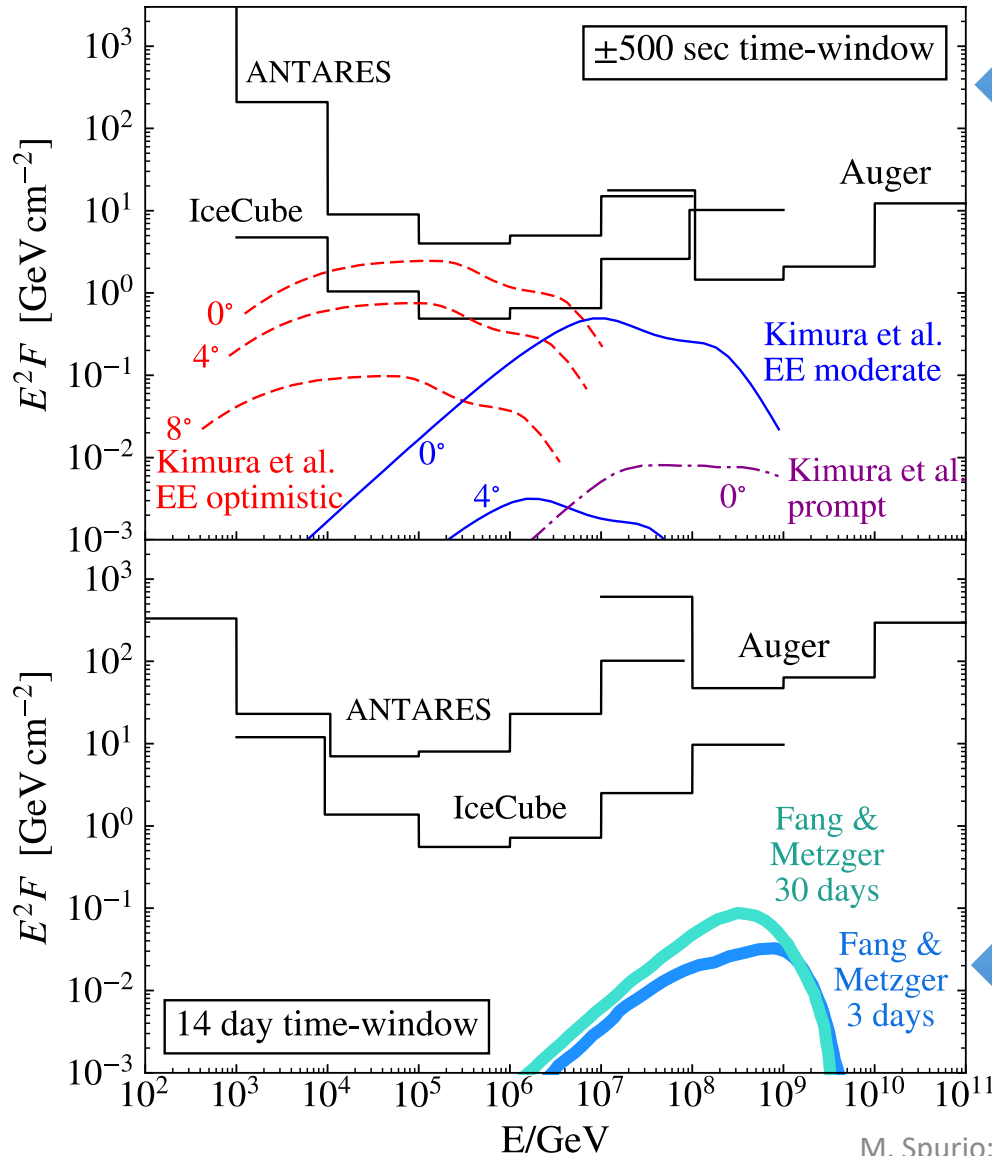
Follow-up of Fermi-GMB and Swift GRBs

Follow-up of HAWC alerts

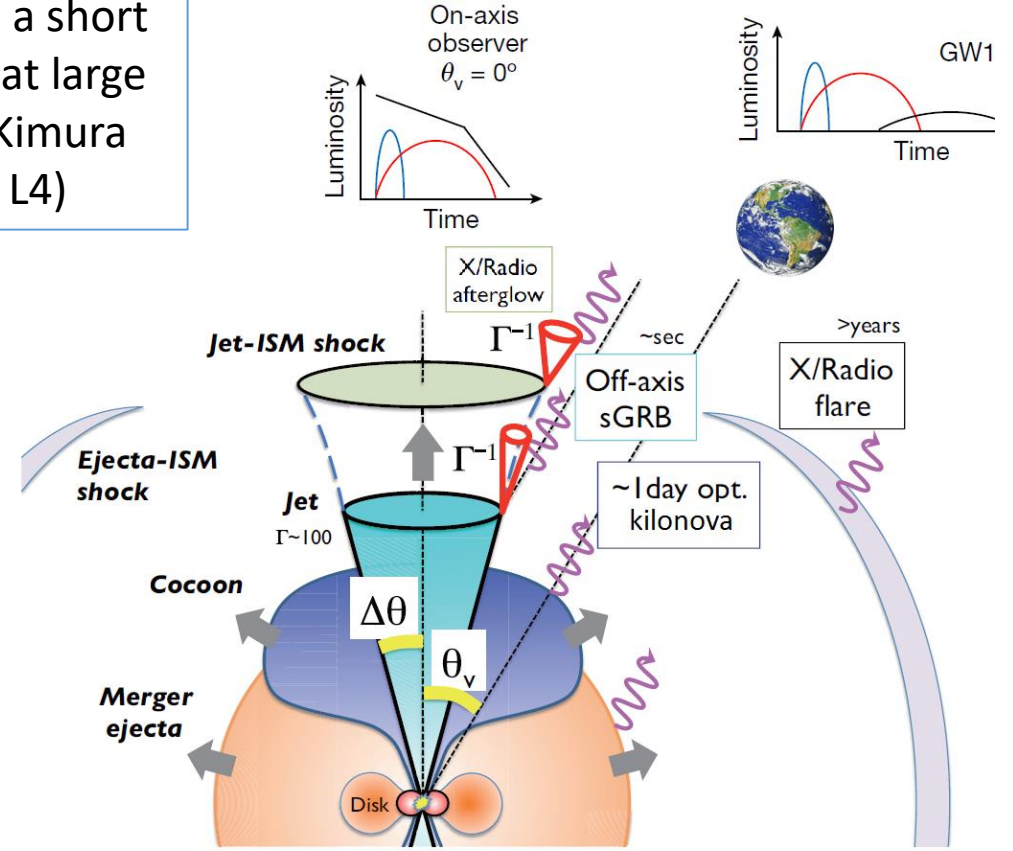


Neutrino Follow-up of GW170817

GW170817 Neutrino limits (fluence per flavor: $\nu_x + \bar{\nu}_x$)



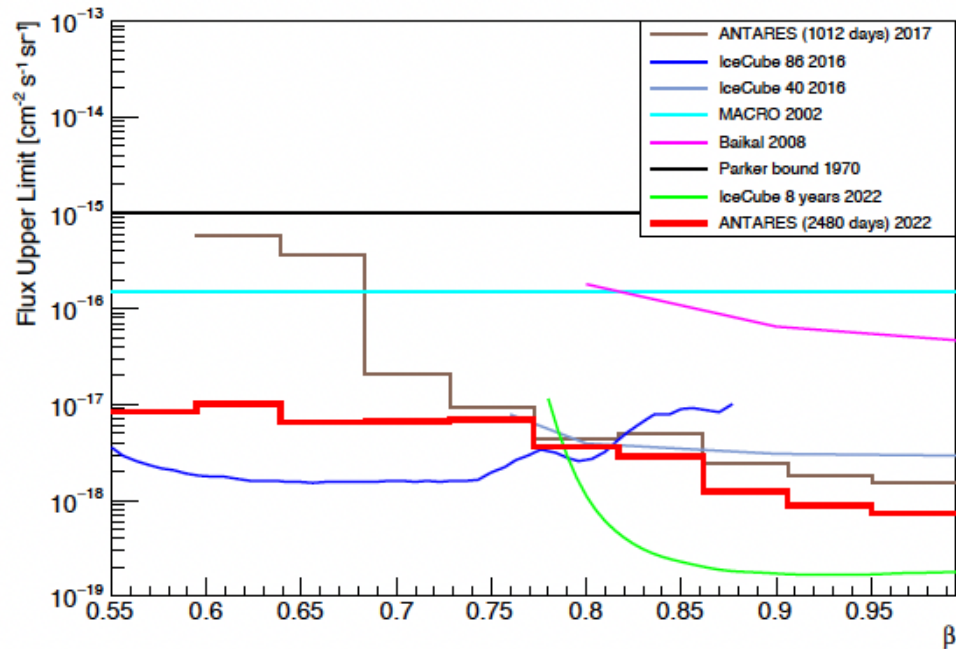
Non-detection: consistent with a short GRB observed at large off-axis angle (Kimura et al. ApJL 848, L4)



No detection during extended time period of 14 days after the GRB (Fang & Metzger, arXiv:1707.04263)

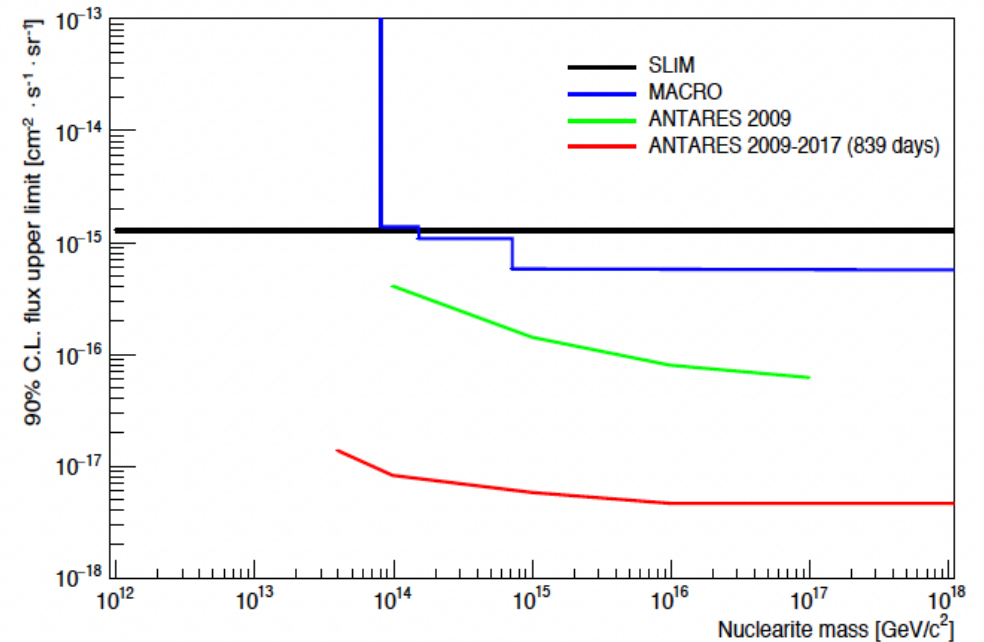
Magnetic Monopoles

- Limits for fast MM with Dirac magnetic charge and velocity $>0.55 c$
- Kasama, Yang and Goldhaber interaction cross section (secondary particles produce the light)



Nuclearites

- Nuclearites made of strange quark matter
- Down going flux with Galactic velocities ($v/c=10^{-3}$)
- dE/dx according to de Rujula & Glashow model
- Limits as a function of the nuclearite mass



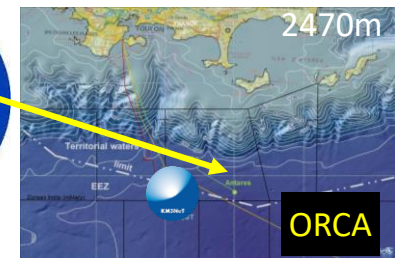
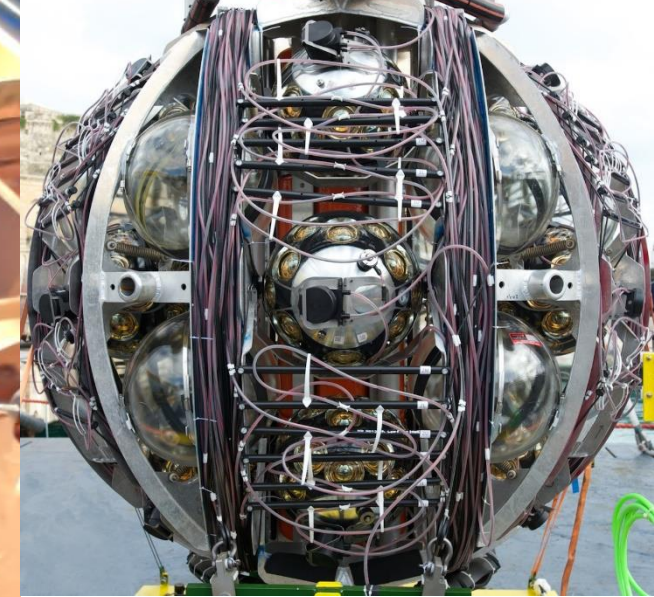
ANTARES



KM3NeT

- ANTARES was the first and largest NT in the Sea.
- First line deployed 2006, construction completed 2008, decommissioned May-June 2022
- Although smaller than 1 km³ scale, it has provided competitive physics results & intriguing hints
- Constraints on the sources of neutrino observed by IceCube.
- Extensive multi-messenger program and joint studies with several partners (electromagnetic+ GWs + Cosmic Rays + Neutrinos).
- About 100 papers published & 100 PhD.
- A multi disciplinary observatory (associated sciences)
- Public sample (with increasing details in the future) available on the website.

- **QUITE AN ADVENTURE ! But only the beginning ...**



Oscillation Research
with Cosmics In the Abyss



Astroparticle Research
with Cosmics² in the Abyss

KM3NeT started!

Next generation neutrino telescope in the Mediterranean Sea

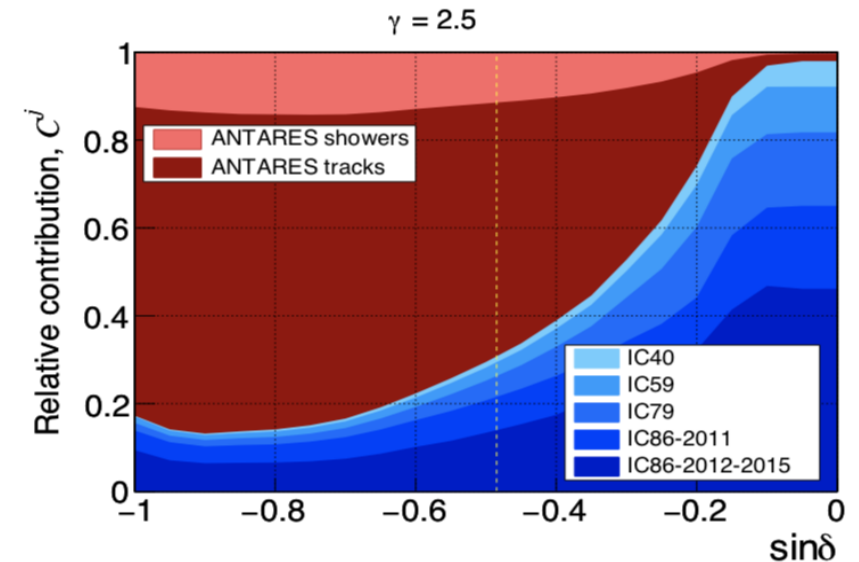
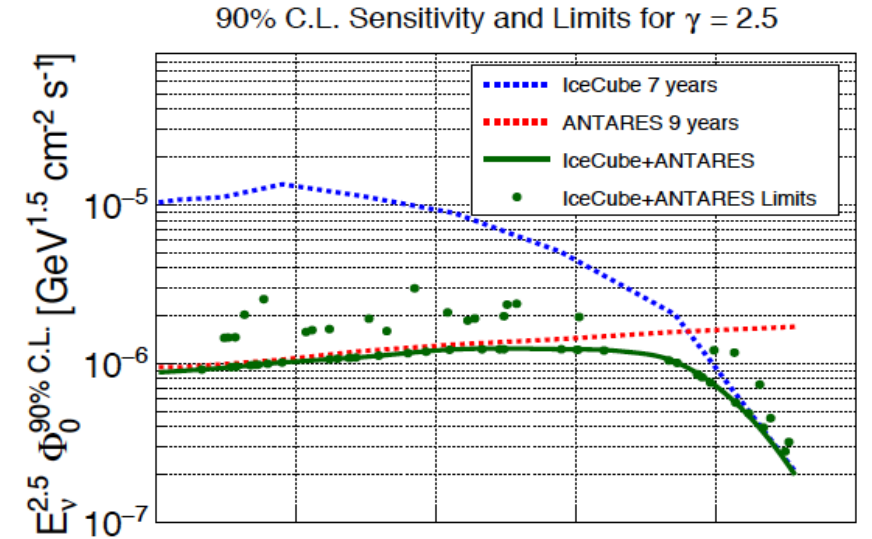
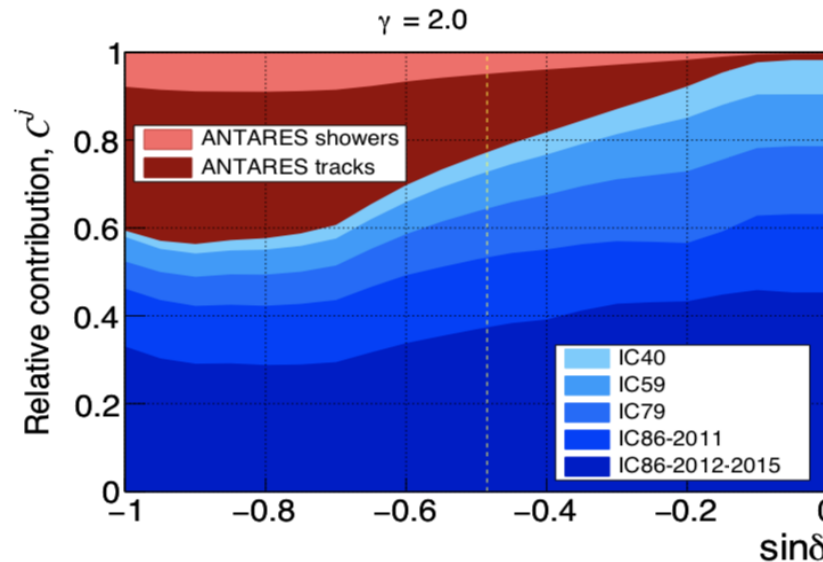
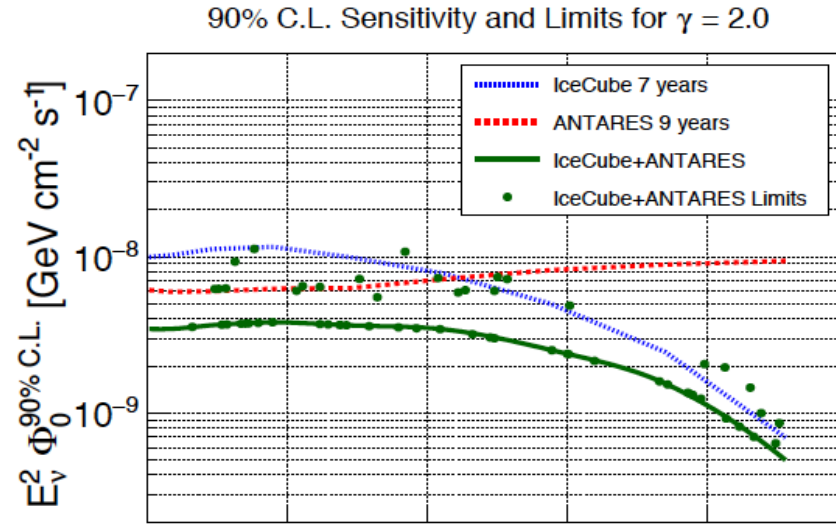
- Under construction: currently running with 19 DUs (ARCA) and 10 DUs (ORCA)
- ARCA reached a comparable sensitivity to cosmic neutrinos as ANTARES
- Better median angular resolution ($\sim 0.1^\circ$ @1 PeV) and x100 ANTARES instrumented volume (ARCA)
- Will allow multi-flavour neutrino detection in real-time over an extended energy range (ARCA+ORCA)
- Real-time framework in preparation, enter the multi-messenger game soon!
- ARCA detector: burst in 2022 from the Italian PNRR (Infrastrutture di ricerca)

Spares →

Search for cosmic sources: ANTARES+IceCube

- ANTARES data= 9 year (2007 to 2015)
- Cosmic source= excess of events from one direction
- ν_μ golden channel
- ANTARES sensitivity optimized for the Southern Hemisphere
- No significant excess also combining results with IC

ANTARES data set is public : see <https://antares.in2p3.fr>



ANTARES: a multidisciplinary observatory

📖 PLoS ONE 8 (7) 2013

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

📖 *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans*, Vol 122, 3, 2017

Deep sediment resuspension and thick nepheloid layer generation by open-ocean convection

📖 *Deep-Sea Research I* 58 (2011) 875–884

Acoustic and optical variations during rapid downward motion episodes in the deep North Western Mediterranean

📖 *Sci. Rep.* 7 (2017) 45517

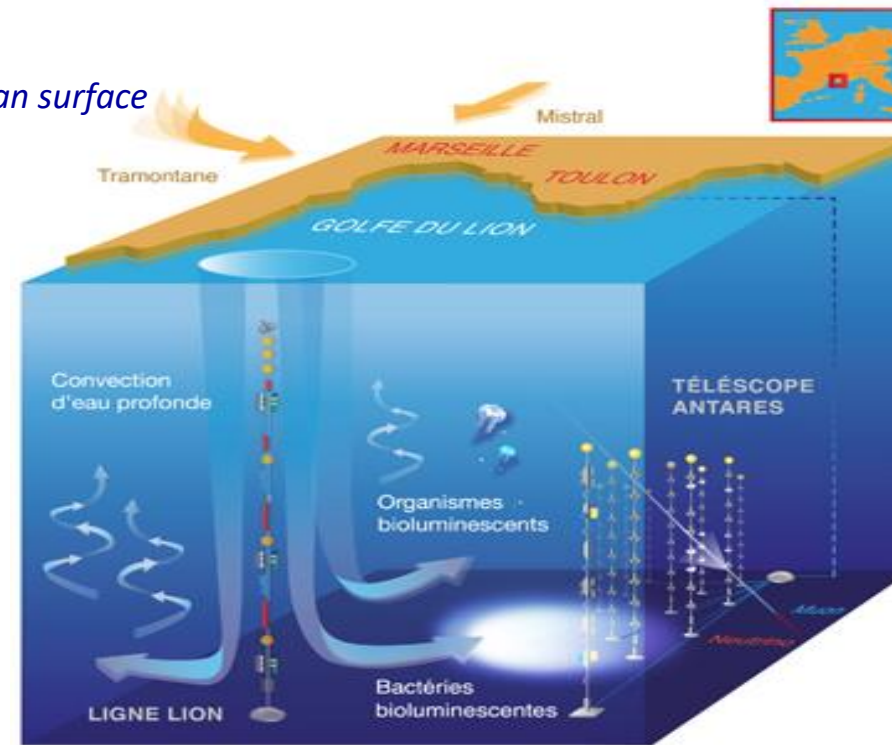
Sperm whale diel behaviour revealed by ANTARES, a deep-sea neutrino telescope

📖 *Ocean Dynamics*, April 2014, 64, 4, 507-517

High-frequency internal wave motions at the ANTARES site in the deep Western Mediterranean

📖 <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.08063>

Studying Bioluminescence Flashes with the ANTARES Deep Sea Neutrino Telescope



ANTARES: before and after the sea

First complete detector line - 2006



Junction Box 2022, after 20 y in seawater



Recovery line - 2022

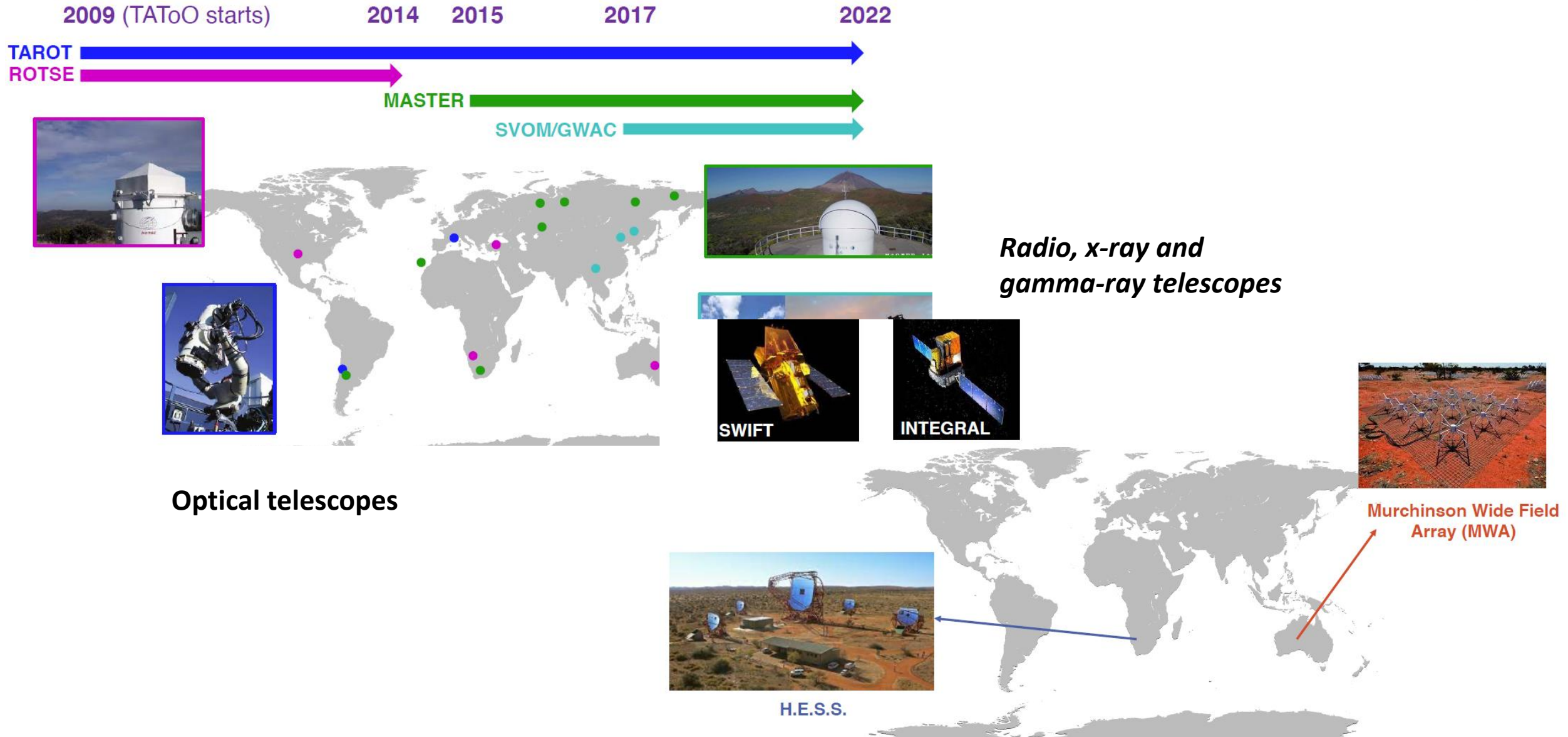


OMs (PMTs) after 16 y in water - 2022

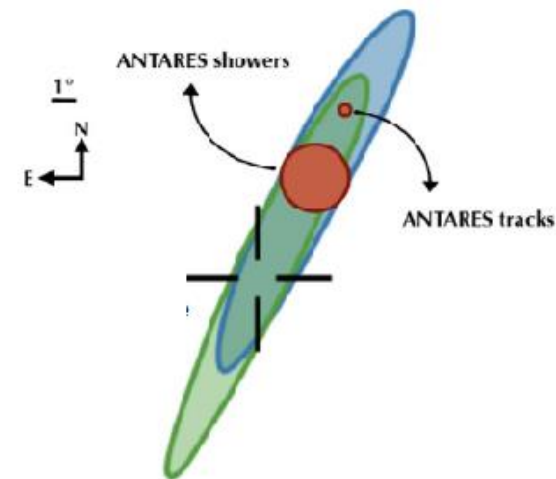


ANTARES partner followers

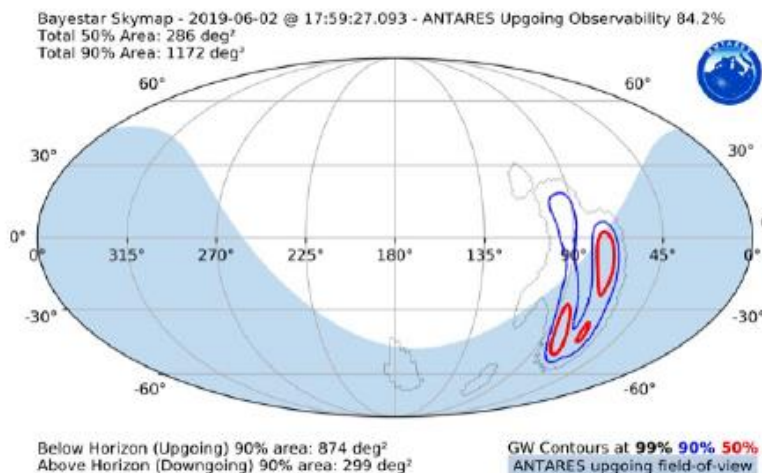
APP 35 (2012) 530–536
Results: Paper in preparation



Follow-up of LIGO/Virgo GWs

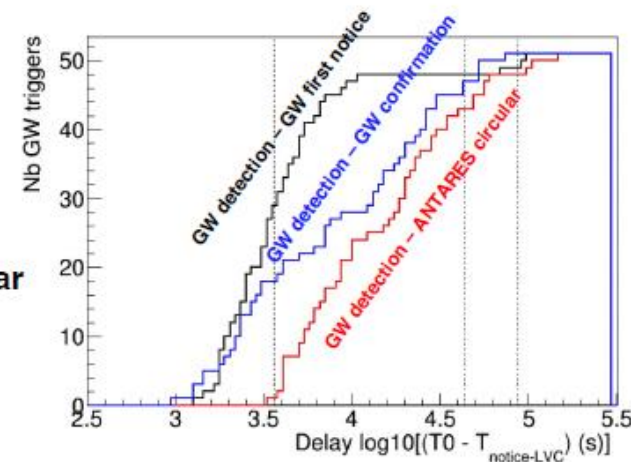


- RunO1 (2015): **3 GW events** detected, all followed **offline** (online analysis not ready)
- RunO2 (2016-2017): **15 GW alerts**, all followed **online** (manually)
- RunO3 (2019-2020): **78 GW alerts** (22 retracted, 3 terrestrial noise, 2 non visible) → **51 followed online** (fully automatised)



Search in
Spatial overlap between 90% GW contour and ANTARES visibility region ±500 s and ±1 hour

- **No time&space coincidence found**
- Results communicated through **GCN circular**
- **~4.5h from GW detection**
- **< 2h from GW signal confirmation**



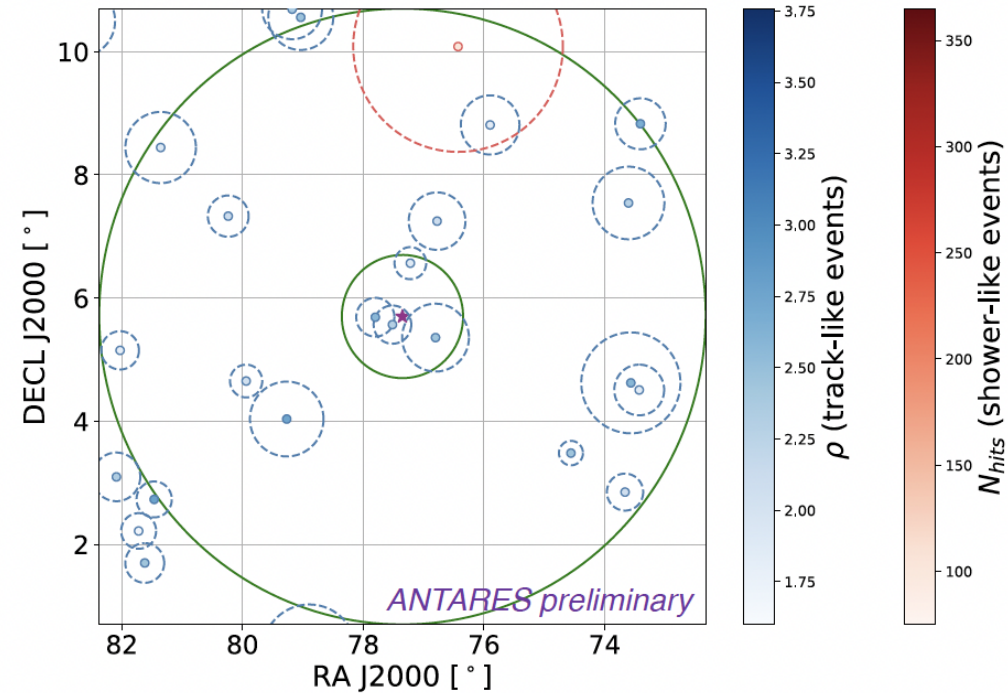
Refined offline analyses:

- Phys.Rev. D93 (2016) no.12, 122010, → Phys.Rev. D96 (2017) no.2, 022005
- Eur.Phys.J. C77 (2017) no.12, 911, → Astrophys.J. 850 (2017) no.2, L35

ANTARES Follow-up of ICECUBE-170922

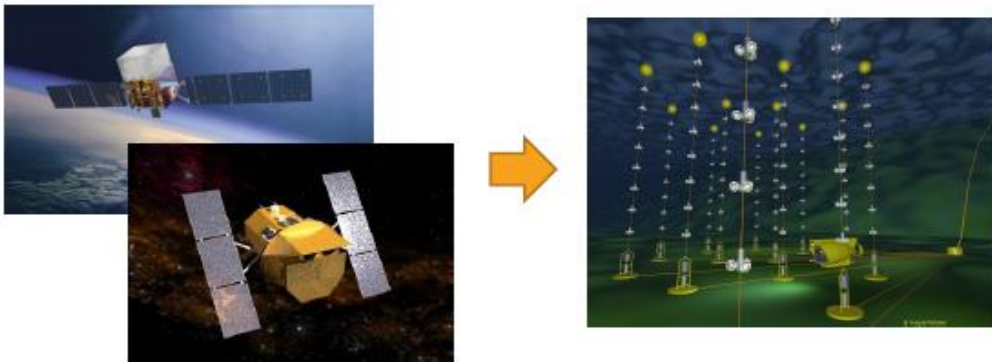
ANTARES Time integrated search

- Same analysis method used for PS study
- Expected background (3136 days) :
 - 0.23/deg² for track-like
 - 0.005/deg² for shower-like events
- # of events fitted the likelihood signal function for the source: $\mu_{\text{sig}} = 1.03$
- **Pre-trial p-value of 3.4%** (post-trial 87%)
- Updated 2007-2020, recalibrated
- 4 events within 1° $\mu_{\text{sig}} = 2.9$
- Pre-trial: 2.9 σ (1-sided)



📖 ApJL 863, L2 (2018) updated at ICRC 2021

Follow-up of Fermi-GMB and Swift GRBs



Fermi/Swift alert message sent via the **GCN** within a **few tens of seconds** after GRB detection



- **Automatic** analysis of ANTARES online data
- Run for **9 years** (01/2014–02/2022)
- **317** Swift and **230** Fermi-GBM bursts followed
- **No** significant **coincidence** detected

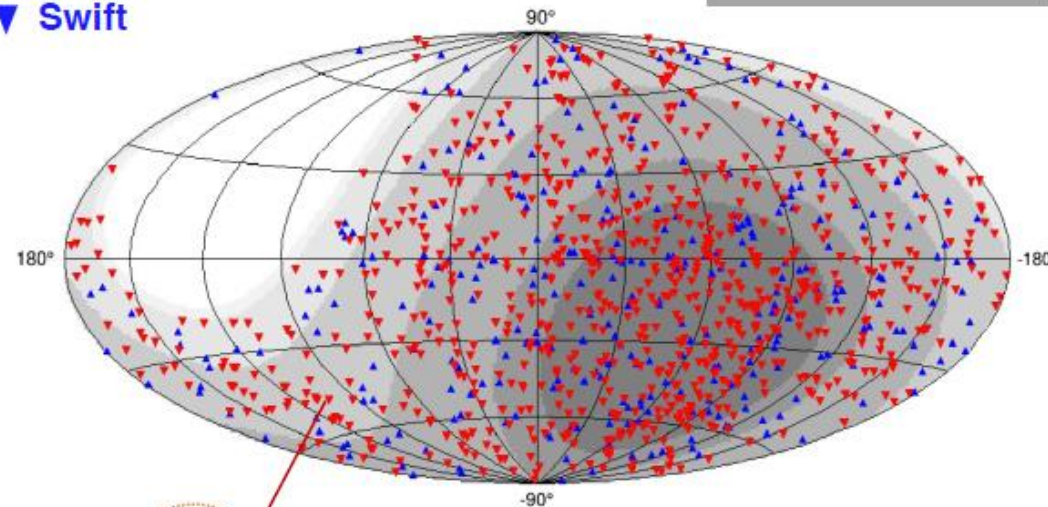
Offline analyses:

- Eur. Phys. J. C 77.1 (2017)
- Mon. Not. Roy. Astron. Soc. 469 (2017)
- MNRAS 500 (2021) 5614

Skymap in Galactic coordinates with the positions of the **GRBs followed by ANTARES**:

- ▼ **Fermi**
- ▼ **Swift**

ANTARES visibility



Search in

Opening angle:

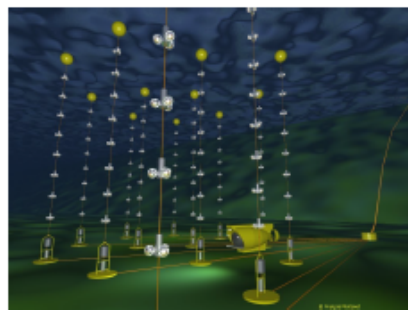
- Fermi trigger: maximum between 2° and size of the GRB error box
- Swift trigger: 2°

Time window:

[−250 s; +750 s] around the GRB time

→ **One coincidence event = p-value of $2\text{-}5 \times 10^{-5}$**

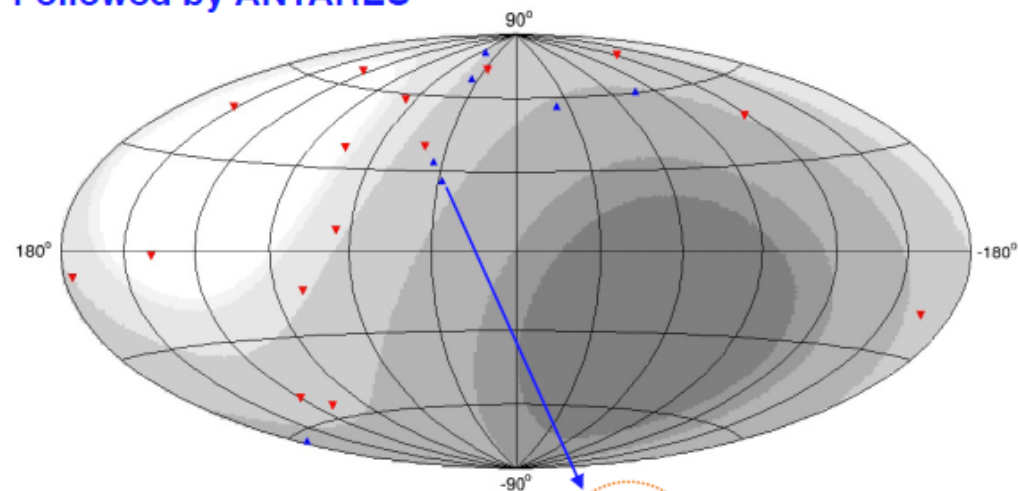
Follow-up of HAWC alerts



Skymap in Galactic coordinates with the positions of the HAWC alerts:

- ▼ Not followed by ANTARES
- ▼ Followed by ANTARES

ANTARES visibility



Search in 3° cone ±1 hour and ±1 day

- Alerts of **short (0.2 to 100 s) TeV transients** sent by the **HAWC** Collaboration since mid 2019 (→ [link to alert list](#))
- Targeting in particular GRBs
- Alerts channeled via the **AMON** framework and then distributed by the **GCN**
- Up to Feb. 2022, 22 triggers sent, **7 followed by ANTARES (in FoV)**
- No coincidence found

- Additional follow-up of **the IceCube + HAWC coincidences** (NuEM) provided by AMON (→ [link to alert list](#))
- No coincidence found