



(pre)proposal for a Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection

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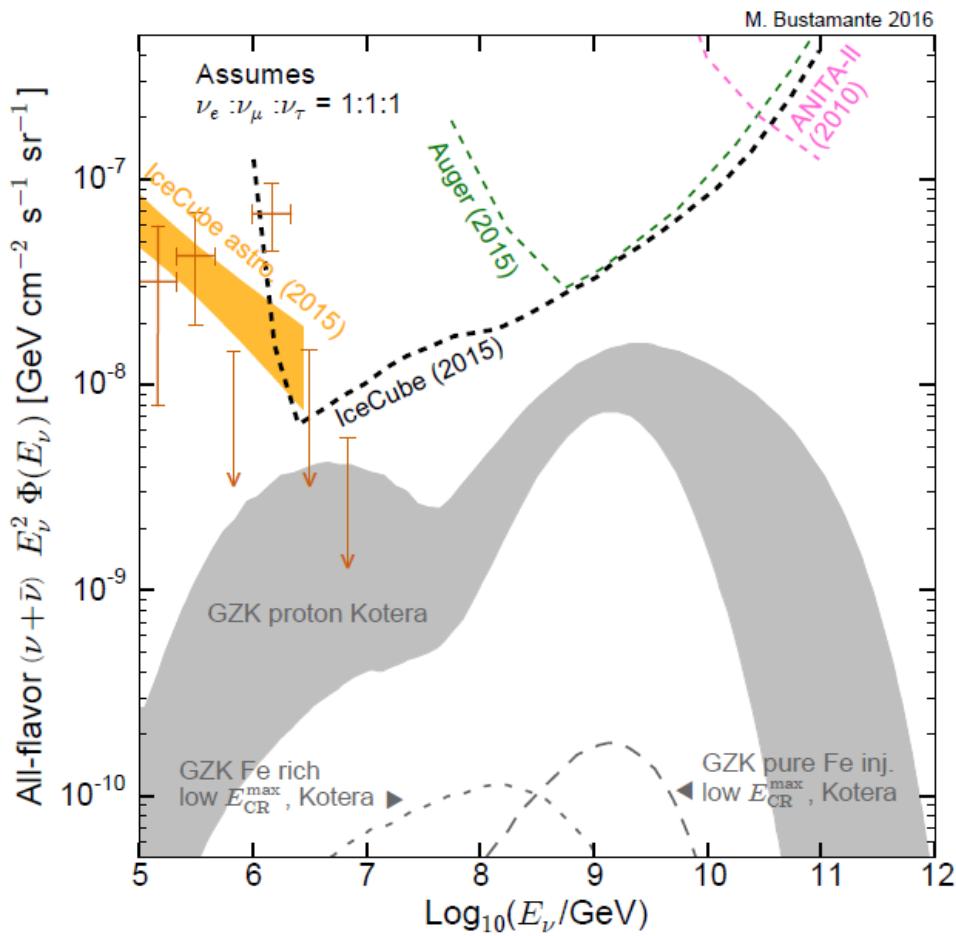


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GRAND science case: cosmogenic neutrinos

$$UHECR_{E>10^{19.5}eV} + \gamma_{CMB} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_e$$

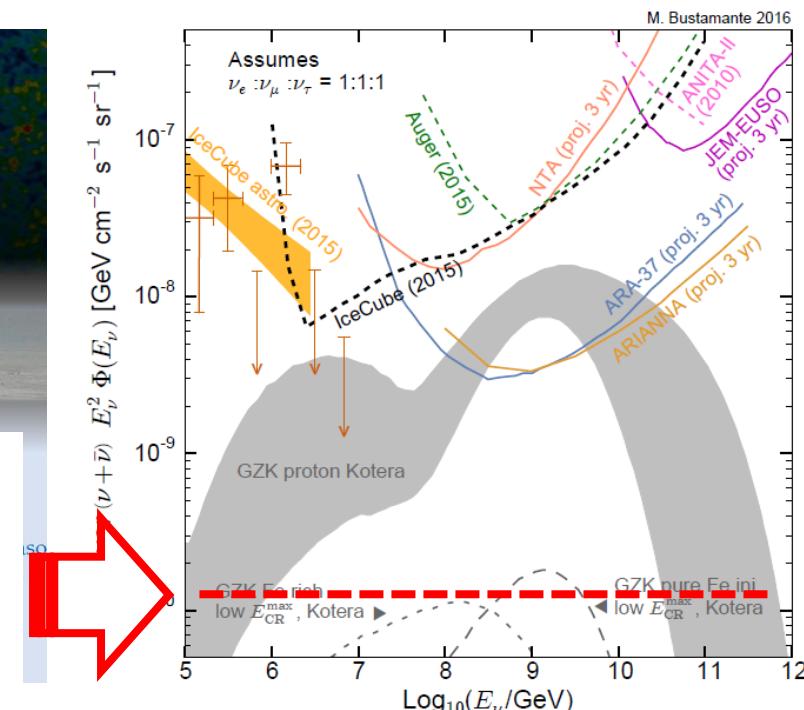
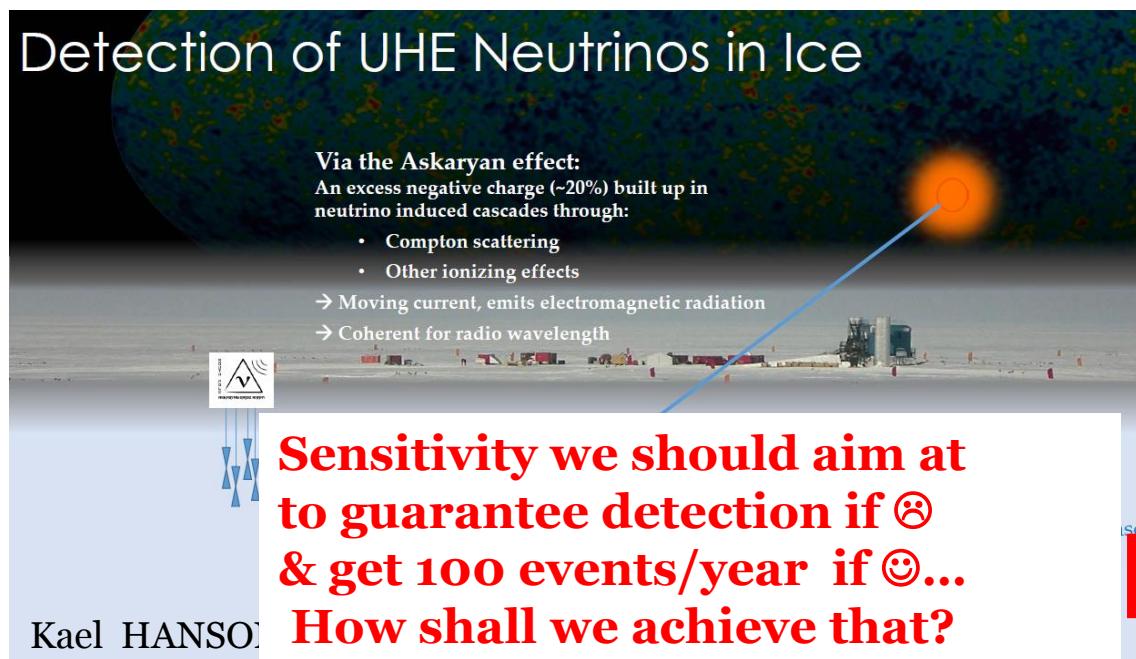
- Why are they worth looking for?
 - Sensitive to the UHECR composition (fewer's if nuclei)
 - Probe the high-redshift UHECR sources evolution
 - Probe neutrino properties at previously unexplored energies
 - (Because they are out there)





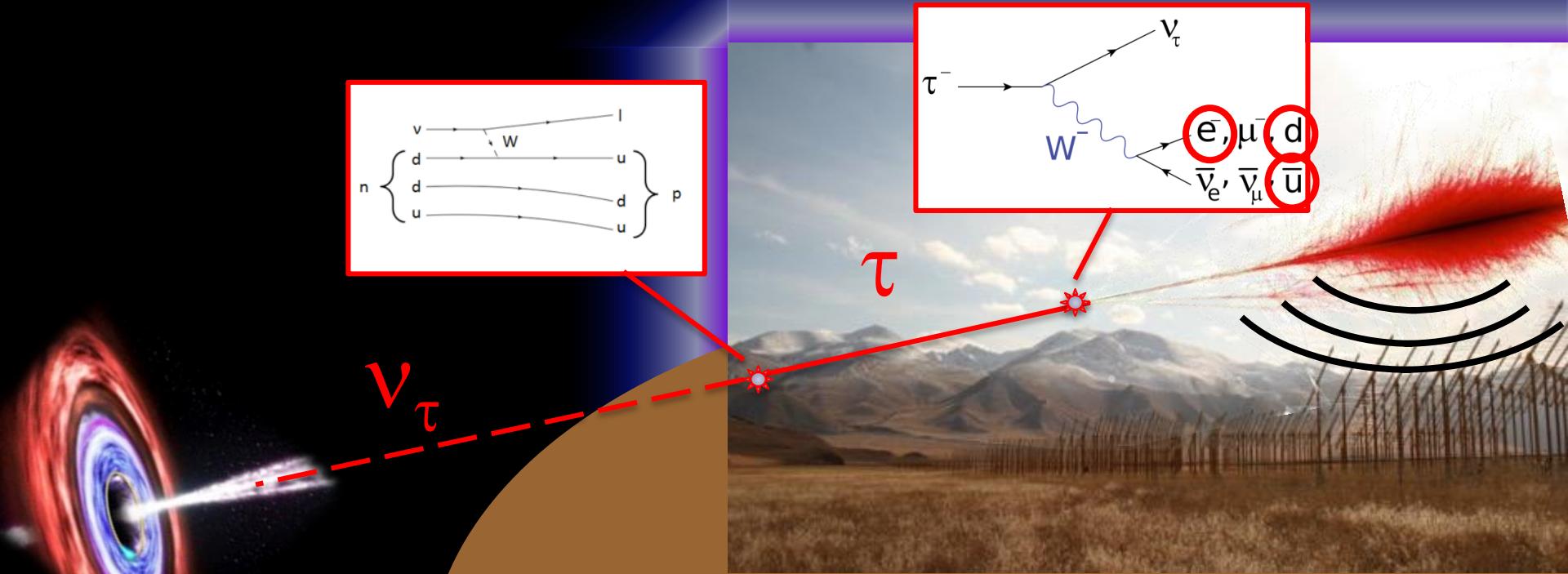
EeV neutrino detection

- Challenge: how to gain order(s) of magnitude in sensitivity?
- Go for a BIG detector. One (popular) option: radio in Antarctica (ANITA, ARA & ARIANA)
 - Principle: in-ice interaction → shower → radio emission
 - ☺ Antarctica: large target volume + ice transparency + low background
 - ☹ Antarctica: complicated access & environment, expensive.





EeV neutrino detection

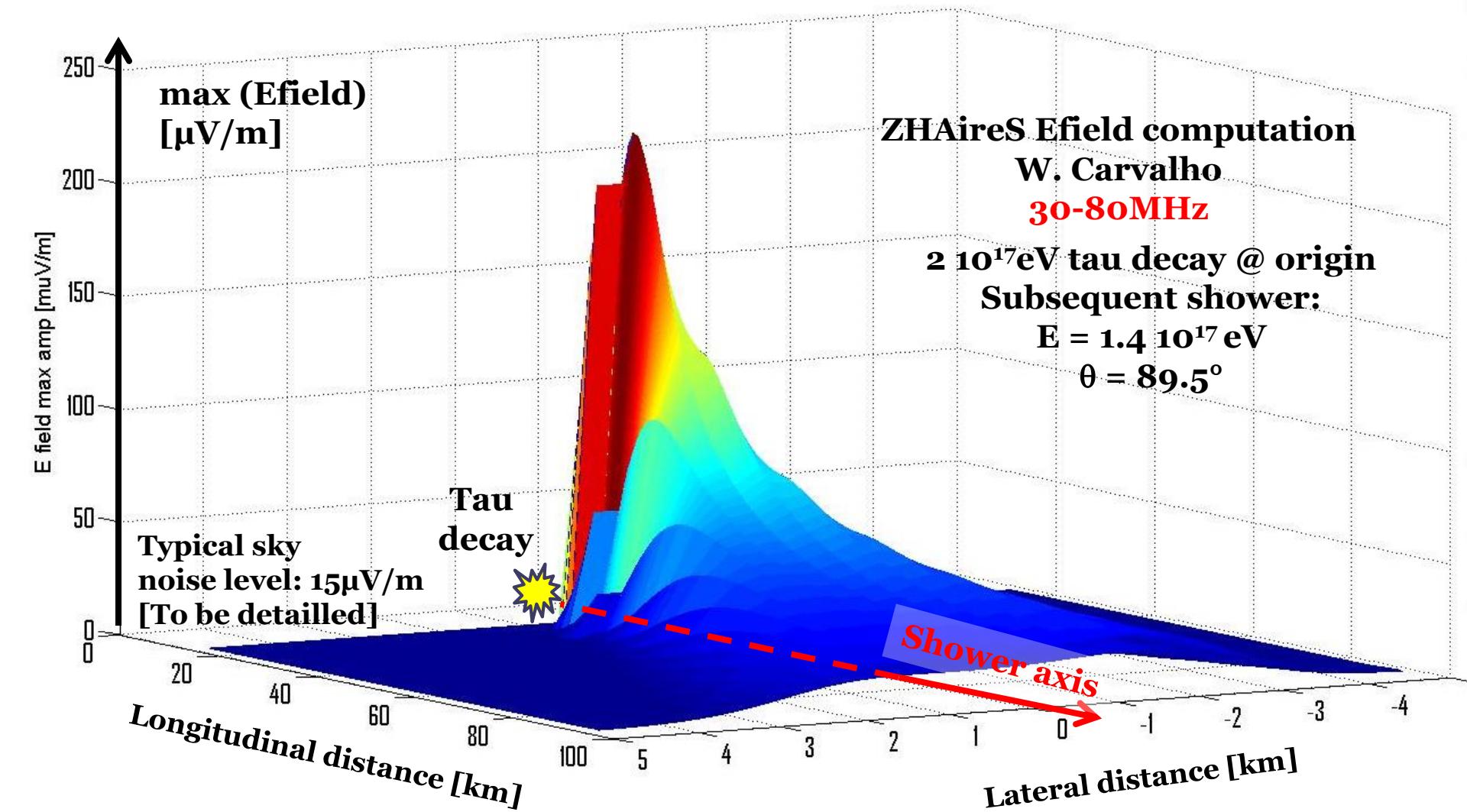


Rock target:

- Principle:
 - ν -induced tau decays in atmosphere generate ~horizontal extensive air showers.
[Fargion astro-ph/99066450, Bertou astro-ph/0104452]
- Issues:
 - VERY seldom events
 - Earth-skimming trajectories



(Very) inclined EAS radio emission

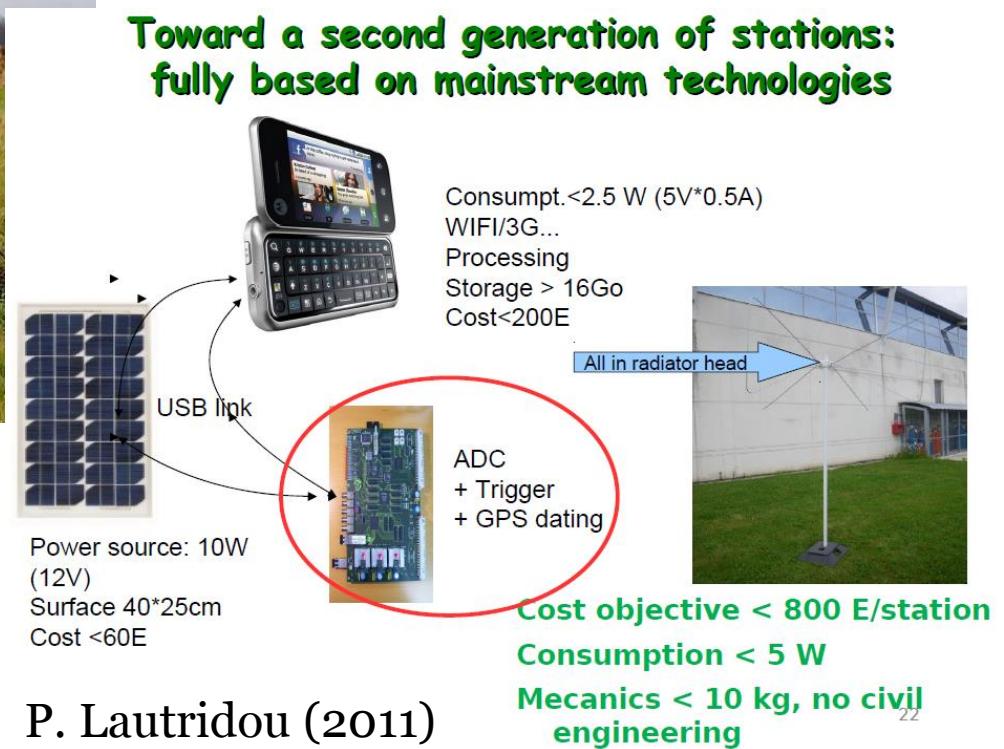




A cheap EAS radio detection unit?



Basic ⇔ cheap



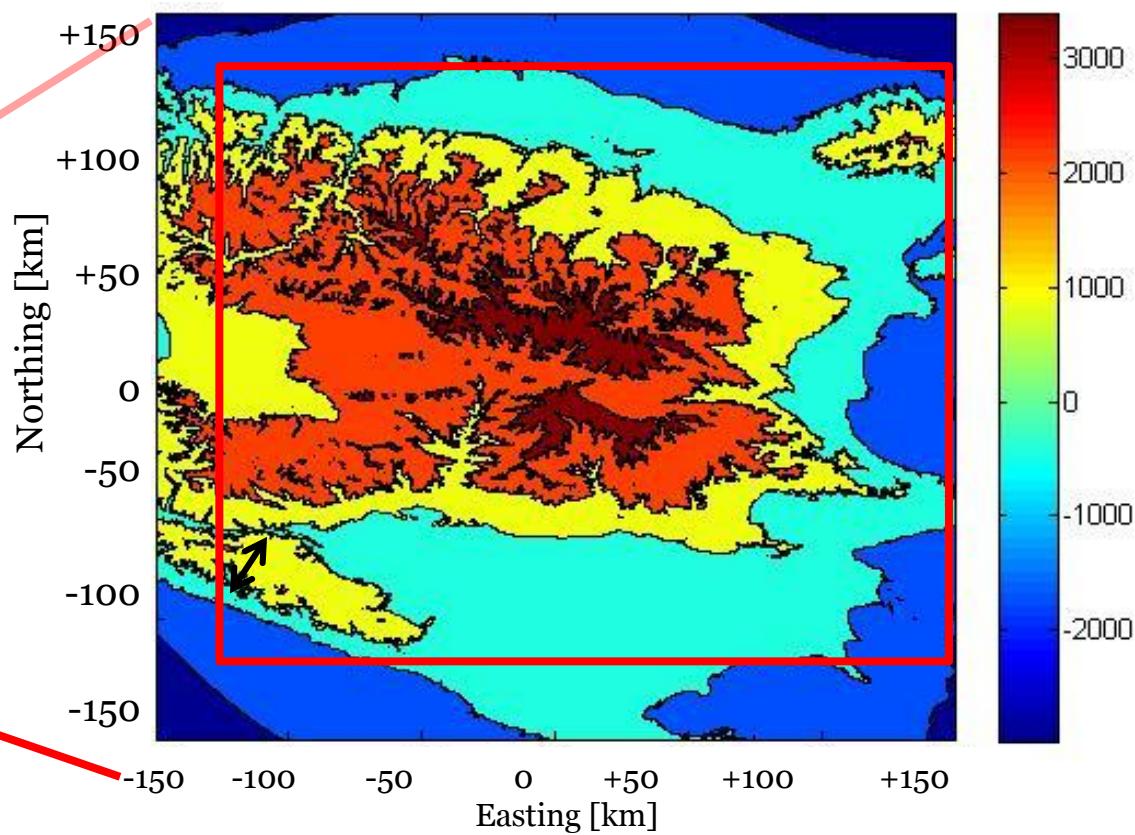
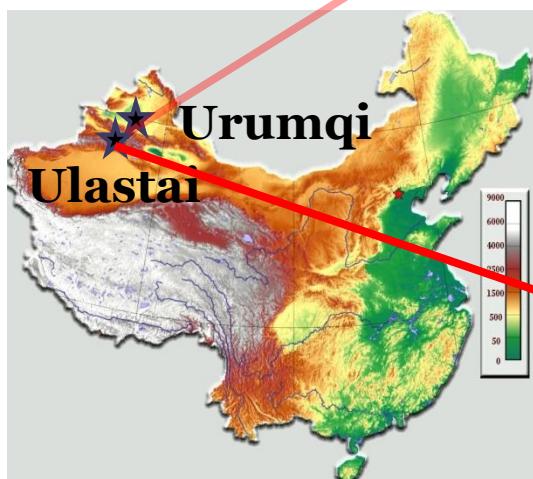


a GIANT array may be technically & financialy feasable!
... How well would it perform?



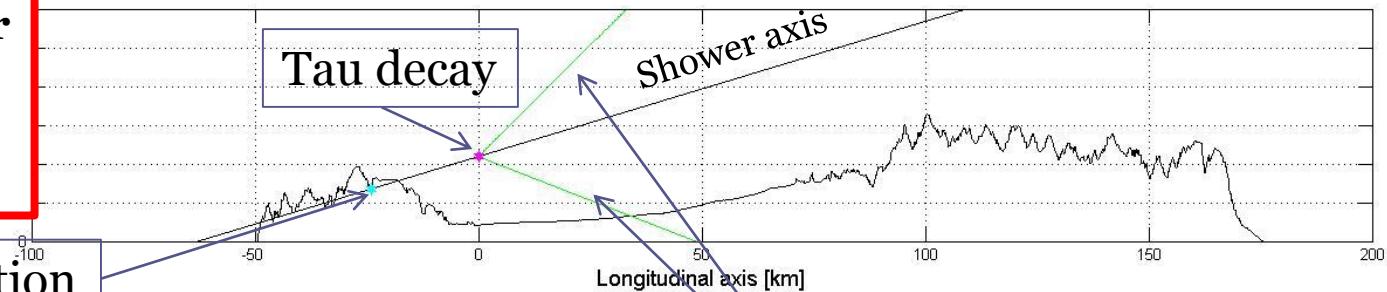
GRAND v sensitivity study - Setup

- Simulation layout of 90'000 antennas over **60'000km²** (800m step size square grid)
- MC down to τ decay (E_ν in 10^{17} - 10^{21} eV, θ in [85-95°])
- Shower radio emission:
 - Not yet validated for very inclined showers
 - (Very) time consuming
- Preliminary study with **radio signal parametrization** (trigger volume = cone with shape = $f(E)$ determined through ZHAireS simulations).

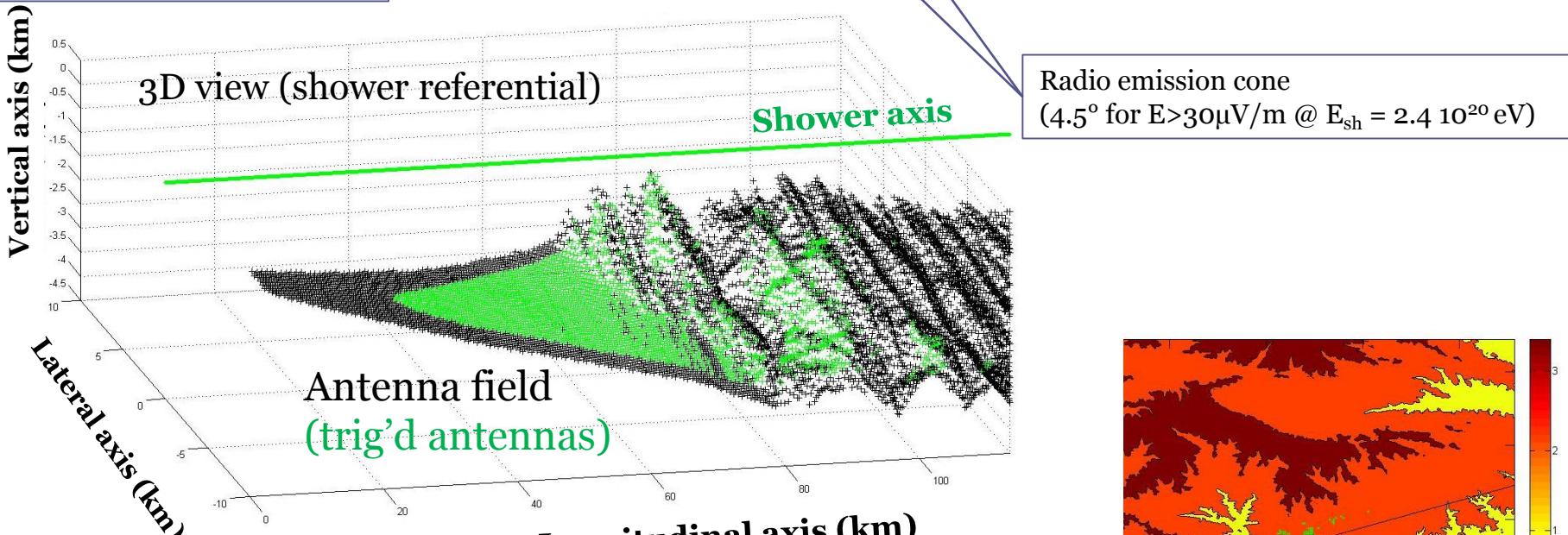


3 10^{20} eV neutrino
2.4 10^{20} eV shower
 $\theta = 88^\circ$
2114 antennas triggered

Cut view (Earth referential)



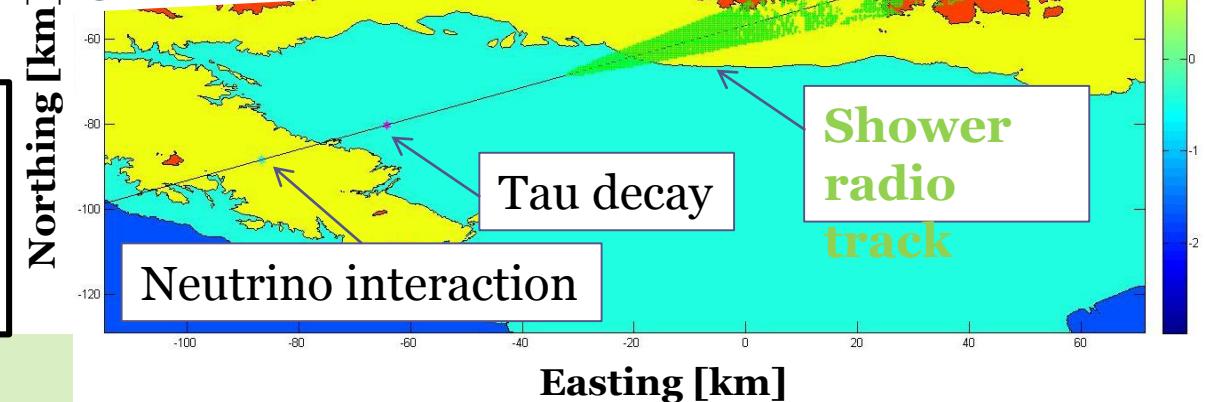
Neutrino interaction



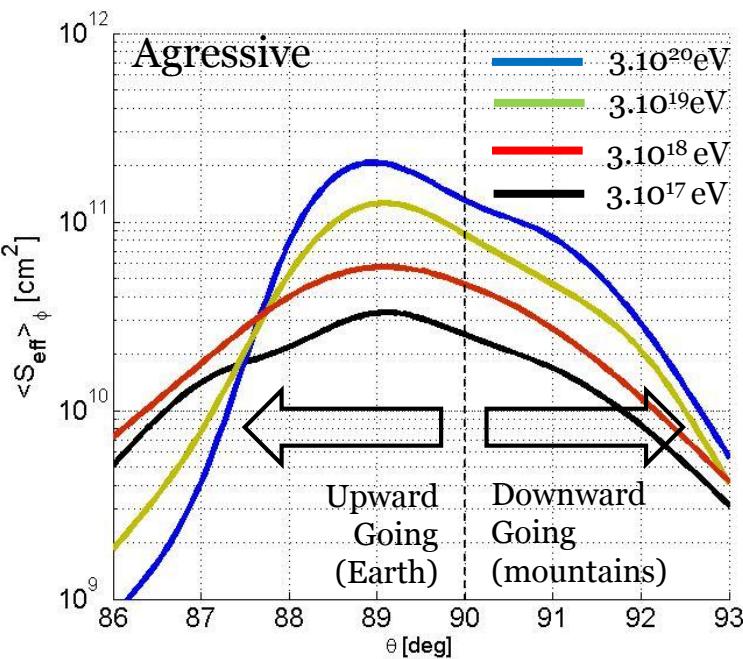
Top view (Earth referential)

Shower tagged as « detected » if a cluster of 8+ antennas is inside the radio detection cone.

Longitudinal axis (km)

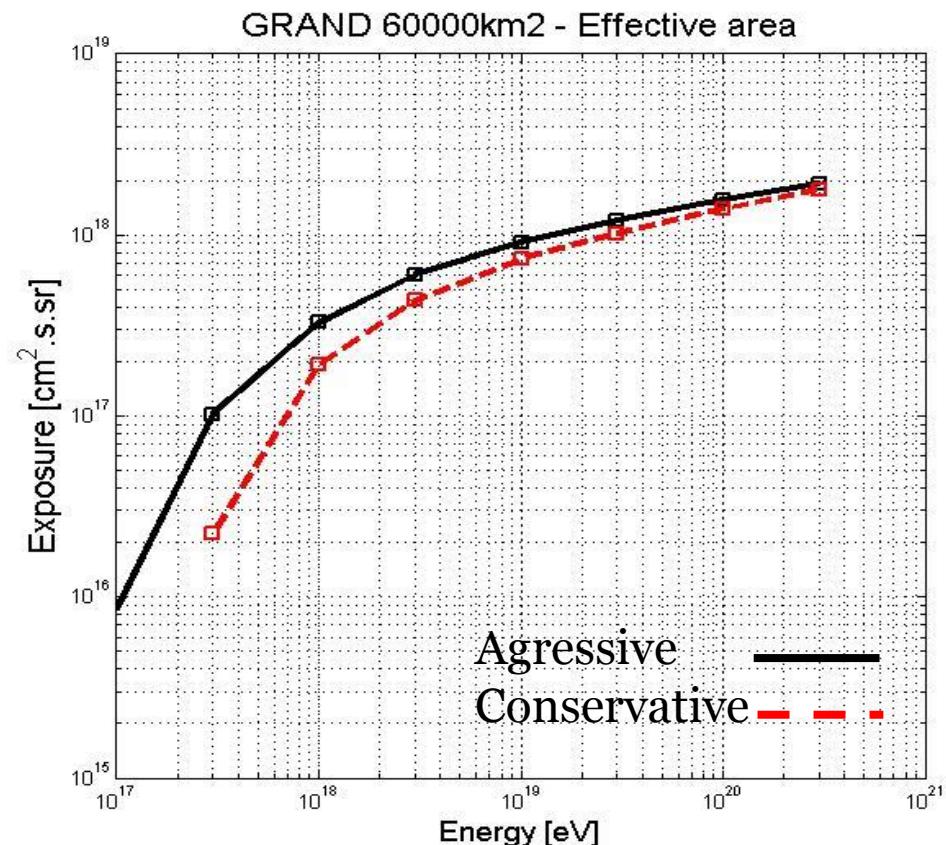


GRAND ν sensitivity study - Results



- 60'000 km² simulation setup
 - single flavor flux $\phi(E) = \phi_0 E^{-2}$
 - no candidate in 3 years
 - \Rightarrow 90% CL integral limit:
- $$\phi_0 < 8 \cdot 10^{-10} - 2 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ GeV/cm}^2/\text{sr/s}$$

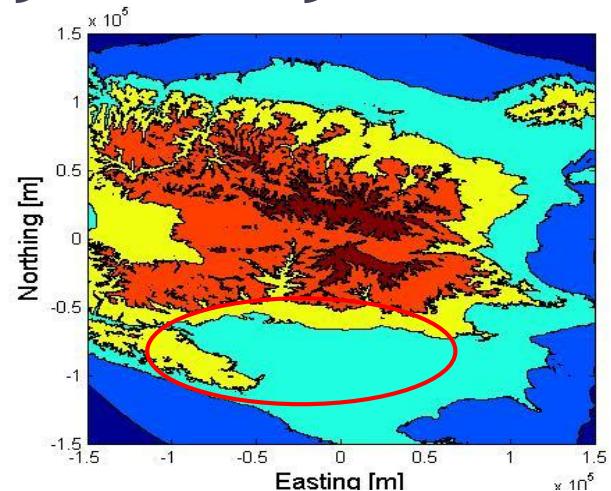
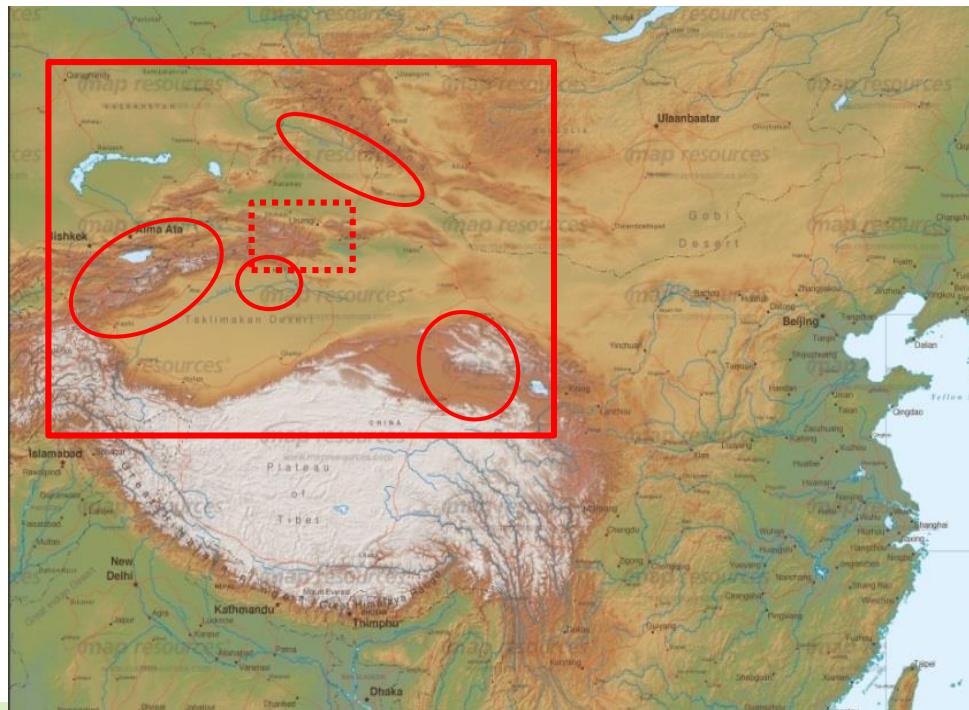
- Sensitivities > 0 for zenith values $= \pm 4^\circ$ around horizontal \Rightarrow Earth-skimming trajectories only.
- Mountains are sizable targets ($\sim 40\%$ of total).
- Earth becomes opaque at higher energies



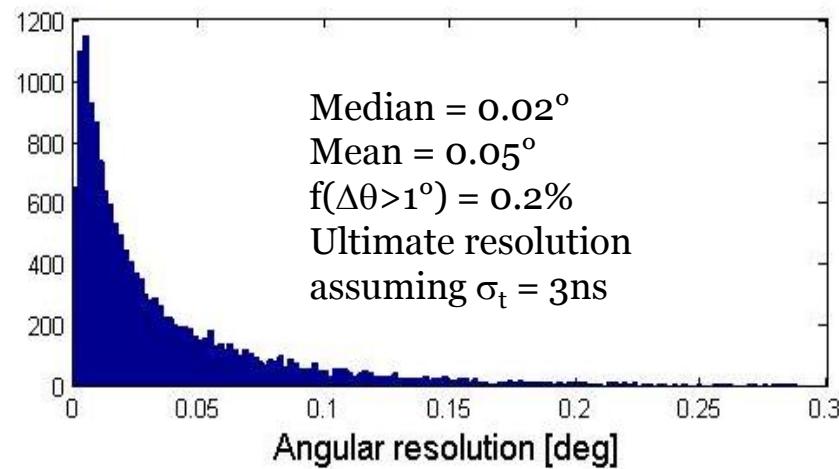


GRAND ν sensitivity study

- Target sensitivity: $\phi_0 = 5 \times 10^{-11} \text{ GeV/cm}^2/\text{sr/s}$
(~10 times better than 60000km² simu result)
- **Driver: go for hotspots!** Then 200000km² may be enough to reach target sensitivity
- Giant simulation area (1'000'000 antennas over 1'000'000 km²?) to identify hotspots (using « generic » showers)
- On-going work (K. De Vries & W. Carvalho)

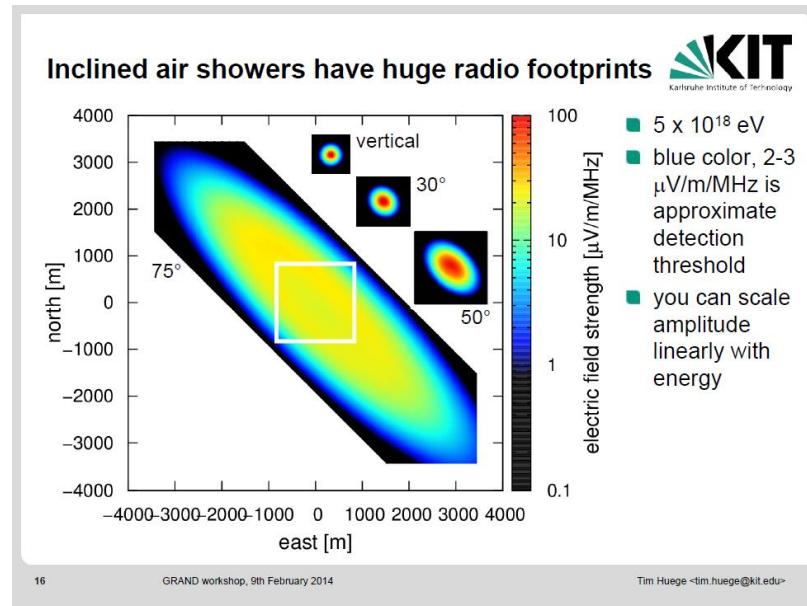


Atop of that: (potentially) great angular resolution ... thanks to mountains.

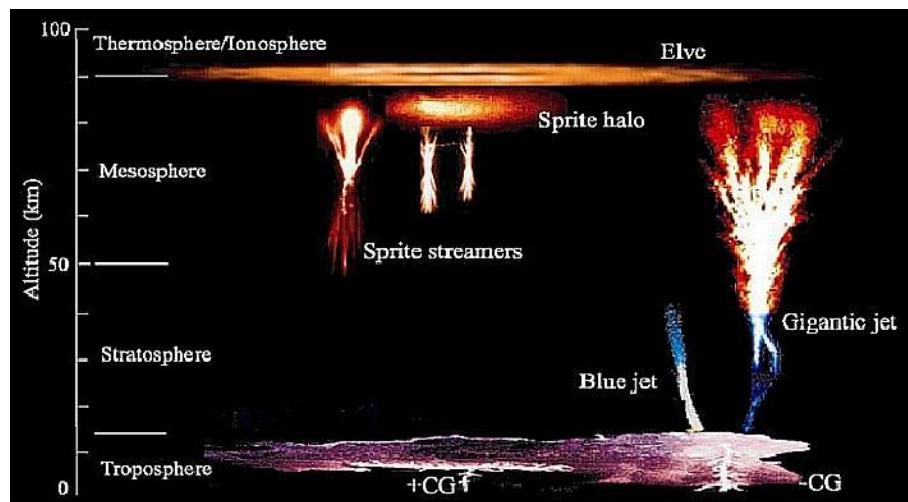


Other science cases for GRAND

- **Trans-GZK UHECRs:** significant stat achievable above 10^{19} eV thanks to huge effective area AUGER x 10 (?)...



- Epoch of Reionization (?)
- Fast Radio Bursts (?)
- Extreme electromagnetic atmosphere events (Elfs, Sprites, etc.)





GRAND challenges

- Autonomous radiodetection of \sim horizontal showers?
- Background rejection / event identification
- Technological challenges: trigger, data collection, maintenance, ...

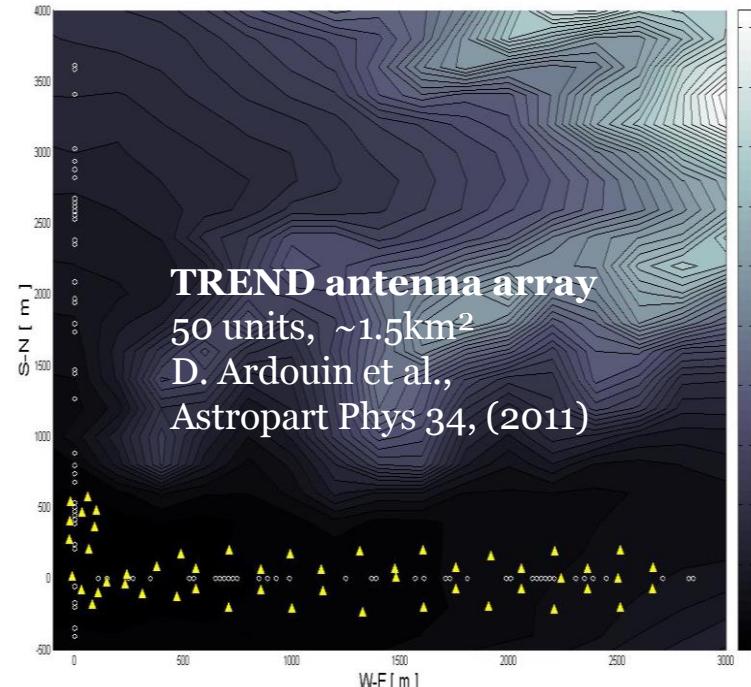


The TREND project (2008-2014)

- **TREND** proposed in 2008 with Wu Xiang Ping (NAOC), P. Lautridou & D. Ardouin (Nantes)
- 1st goal: **autonomous EAS radio detection & identification**. Site: 21CMA radio-interferometer (Ulastai, XinJiang province).
- **Economic setup**: 50 independant monopolar antennas, transfert of analog signal to DAQ room, on-the-fly digitization, soft trigger ($\text{th} = 8x\sigma_{\text{noise}}$). DAQ $\sim 100\%$ duty cycle up to 200Hz trigger / antenna.
- **Small team**: NAOC (Wu XiangPing + 2), IHEP (1), OM (@Beijing, 2009-2013) & V. Niess

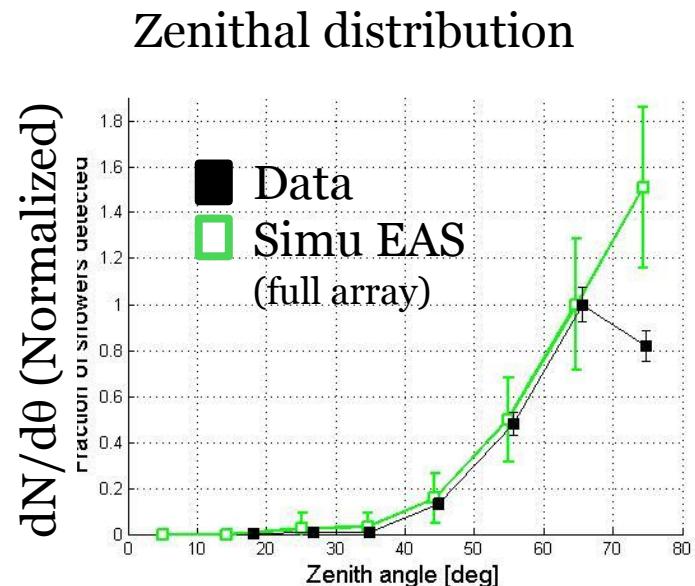
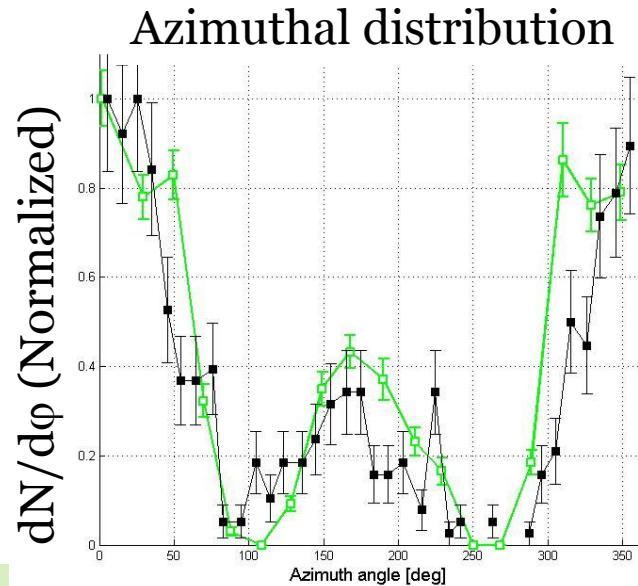
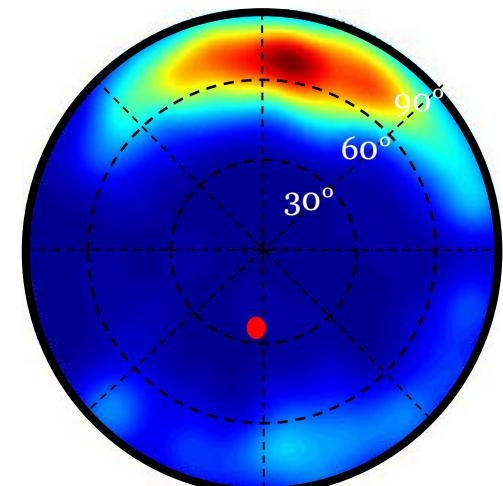


Zhao Meng, Wu XiangPing, P. Lautridou,
D. Charrier & D. Ardouin
Nantes, April 2008



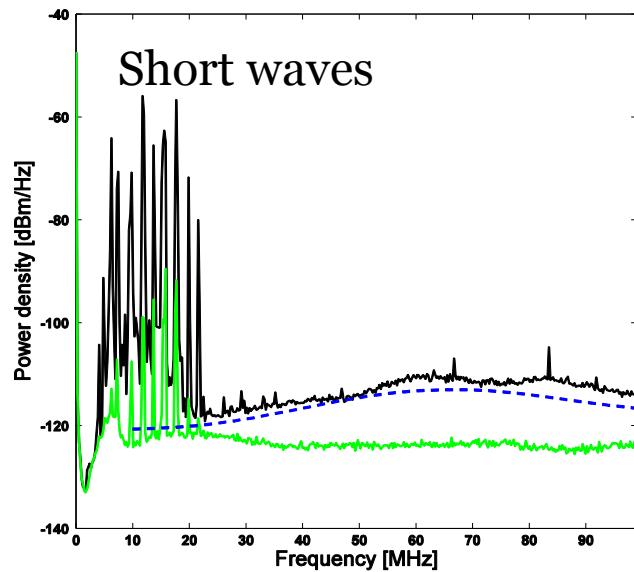
TREND-50 results

- Off-line selection of EAS candidates based on specific criteria (wavefront, trigger pattern at ground, direction & time correlation...)
 - 465 EAS candidates selected in 317 live days. **Direction distribution similar to simulated EAS.**
- ⇒ **TREND goal reached:** autonomous EAS detection & identification with radio antennas is possible
- ⇒ Issue: limited efficiency (<10% if threshold @ 10^{17}eV).
DAQ duty cycle + selection cuts? [Work in progress]



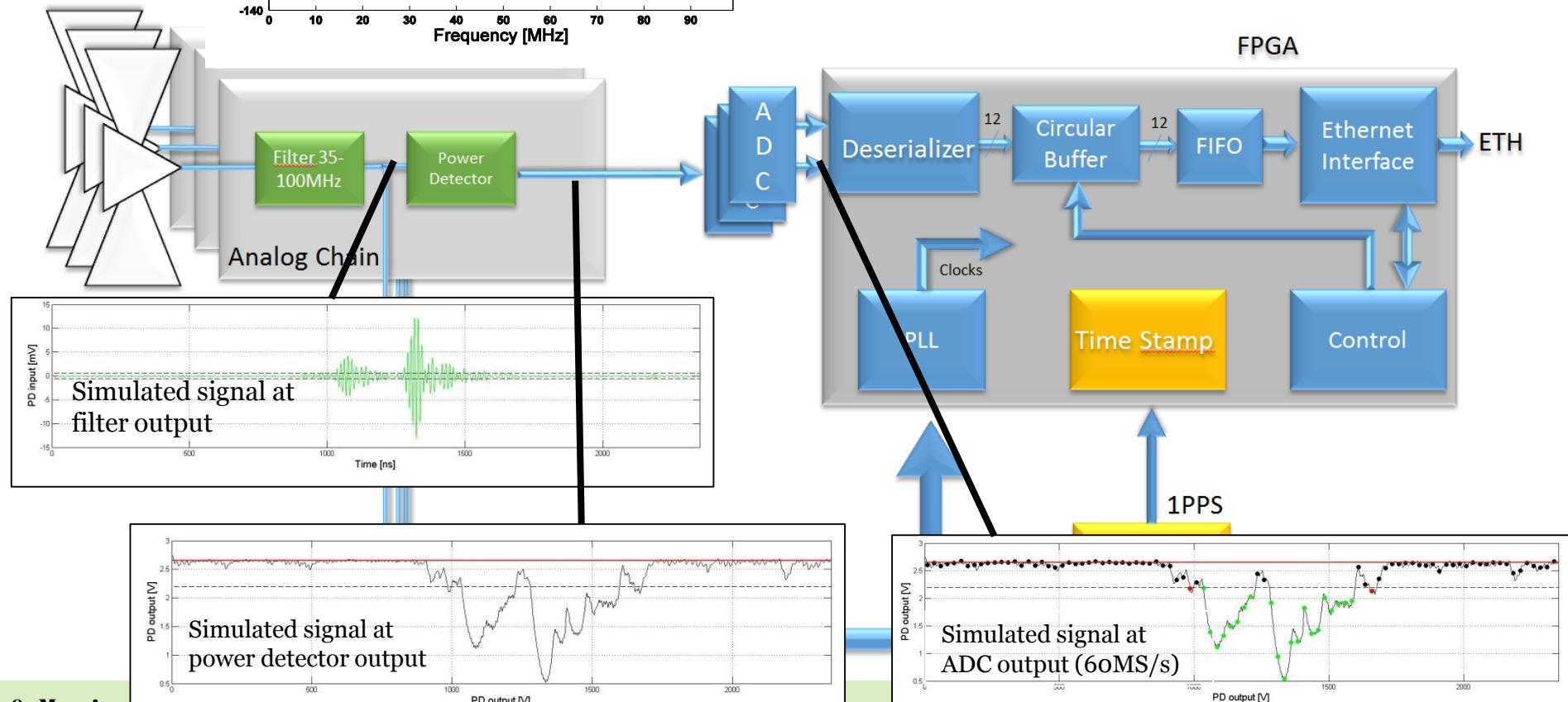


- Hybrid
- Principle
- → detector
- DAQ duty



proto array (2014-...)

antennas + 21 scintillators.
es & use scintillator data as a cross check
ity.
(, French company prod) designed for **100%**





GRANDproto

- 6 antennas + 6 scintillators deployed summer 2015 for tests.
- Radio DAQ card tested on site in April 2016. Full deployment expected before end 2016.
- Sandra Le Coz (Auger-Easier PhD) in NAOC for 2 years since October 2015 (CAS fellowship).
- **3 units of AUGER-AERA Nijmegen DAQ to be deployed on site in summer 2016.**



Charles Timmermans + René Habraken introducing AERA DAQ to GRANDproto antenna in LPNHE (May 2016)



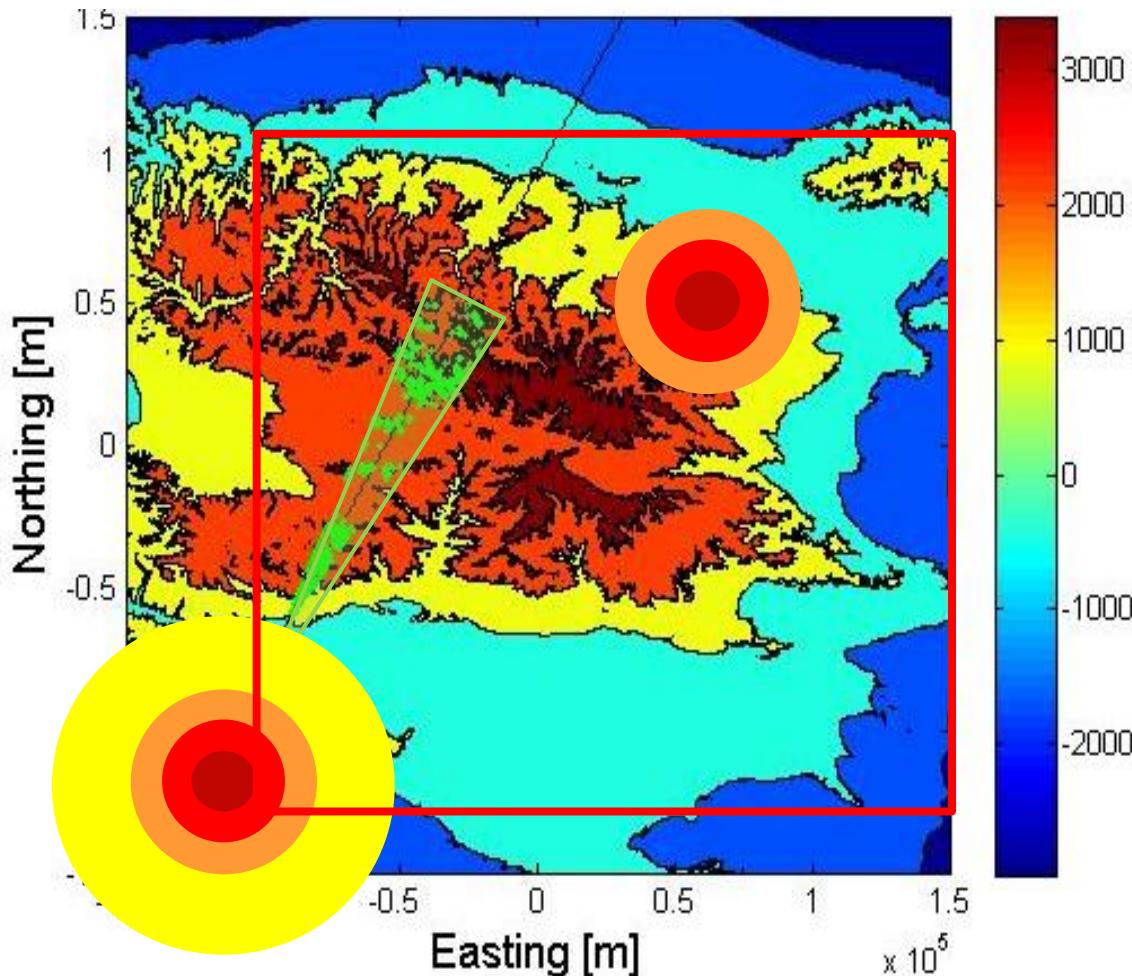
GRAND trigger & data transfer

- Estimation of expected coinc rate:
 - Coinc rate between 6 antennas from TREND setup with 800m spacing: 1 event in 52 live days.
 - Scaling: **~2500 events/day in GRAND**
- Possible strategies:
 - L2 trigger: validate antenna triggers only if coincs with neighbouring (<1km) antennas. More complex but kills trig rate.
 - Minimal data: save very few info (amplitude & trig time) and transfer all for each antenna L1 trigger. Cheap & easy... but dangerous & limited.
 - Cluster station: group 3 antennas (<100m) and perform direction recons to filter out (most) background. More costly (Nants x 3) but better data quality.
- **Probably too early to be too specific at this stage. Loads of (exciting) work ahead, but solutions surely exist.**



GRAND background discrimination

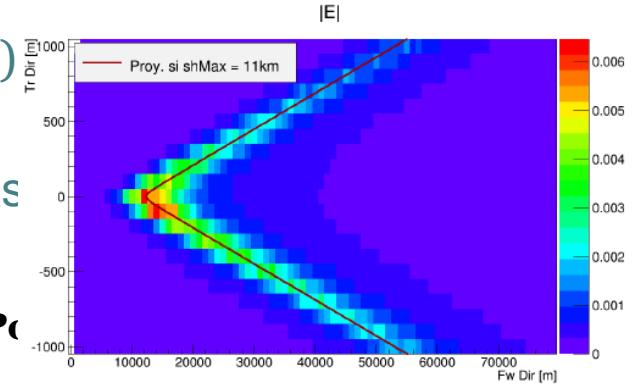
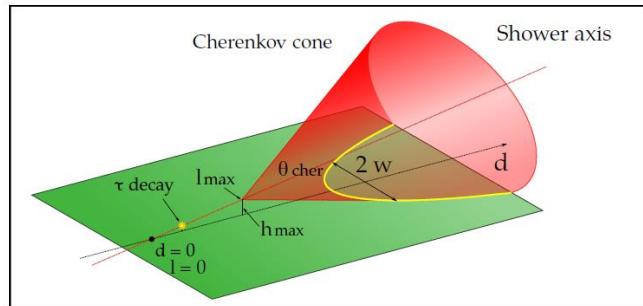
- GRAND estimation (scaled TREND event rate): $\sim 10^6$ background event/year.
- Trigger pattern @ ground + waveform + direction reconstruction provide **VERY POWEFULL** means of discrimination
- Clustering analysis in ANITA: 5 candidates survive out of 270000 reconstructed events...



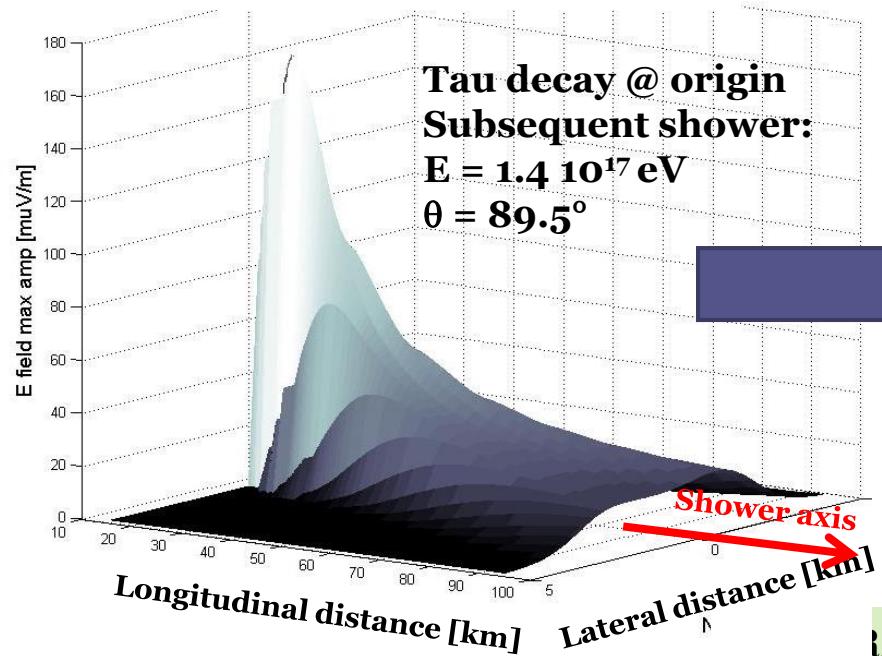


Terrestrial background rejection

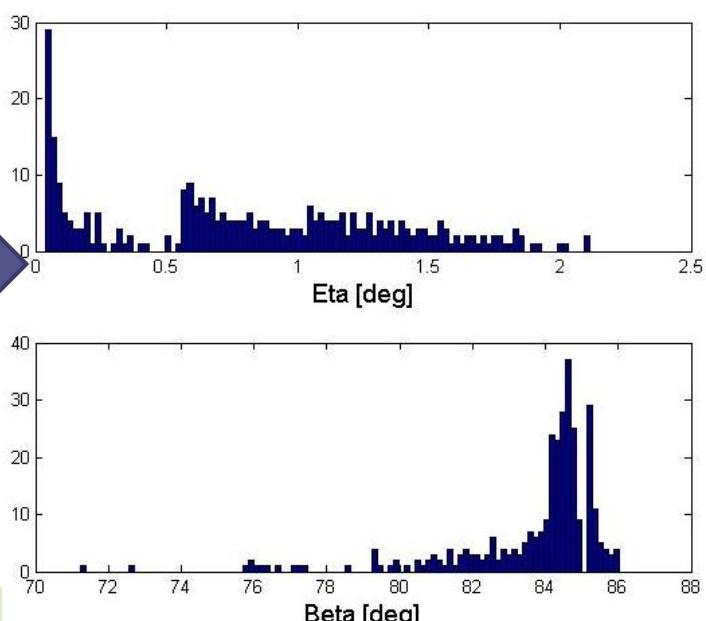
- EAS signatures
 - Trigger pattern at ground
(beamed emission with flat wavefront & lateral drop)
 - Cerenkov cone
 - Polarization : $\perp B_{\text{geo}}$ & $\perp v$ at 1st order on all antennas



30-80MHz Efield computation
ZHAireS simulation code



GRAND proposal



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Timeline & budget

- Goal: <500\$/antenna → 100M\$ project budget range
- Timeline impossible to define today. Possible steps:
 - GRANDproto (2017-2020 (?)): establish efficient autonomous radio detection + R&D for autonomous stations with optimized sensitivity to inclined showers
 - GRAND engineering array: several 100s to few 1000 antennas: validate very inclined shower detection, trigger & data transfer. UHECRs detection.
 - First GRAND hotspot: full scale deployment (few 10000) on one hotspot for final validation. Begin neutrino search.
 - Full setup (200'000): could very well be in different sites in the world.



GRAND people

- GRAND study initiated (2012-2014) with very limited resources (OM+ V. Niess for ν sensitivity study, K. Kotera for science case)
- Seminal GRAND workshop @ LPNHE (February 2015)
 - 38 participants (AUGER, IceCube, ANITA, ARA, ...) → ICRC paper
- 2nd GRAND workshop at KICP Chicago (December 2015)
- Presentations at ICRC2015, VLVNT2015, VEHPA2016 and other workshops.
- Obvious interest, individuals getting involved... at various rate! → Slow progress...
- **Join us!**



PROCEEDINGS
OF SCIENCE

The Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection

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Take-home message

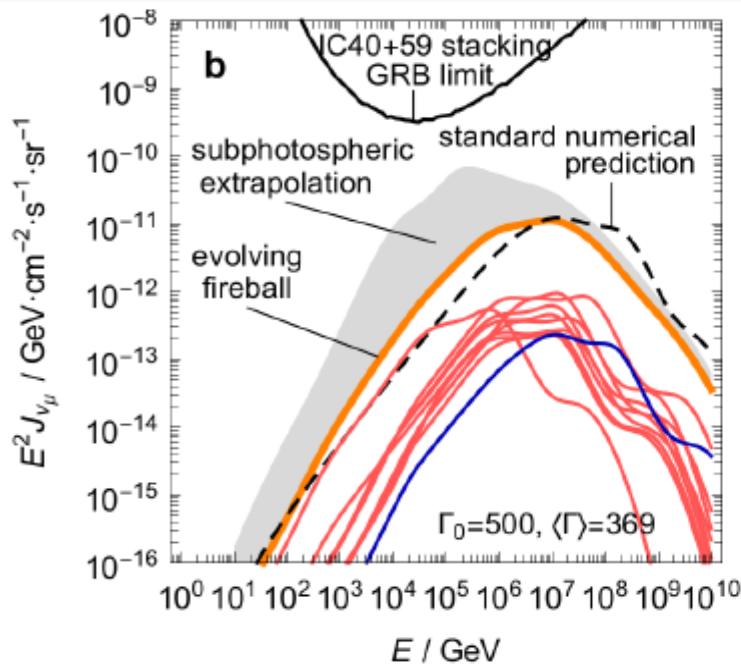
- GRAND proposal designs a discovery instrument (a EeV neutrino scenario) and a precision* instrument (a precision neutrino scenario).
*: large statistical degree resolution.
 - Probably takes 200'000 antennas to reach that goal.
 - Loads of exciting things:
 - White paper (based on achievable performance status).
 - Optimise detection efficiency.
 - ...
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- WE WANT YOU!



GRB prompt vs. afterglow neutrinos

Prompt neutrinos

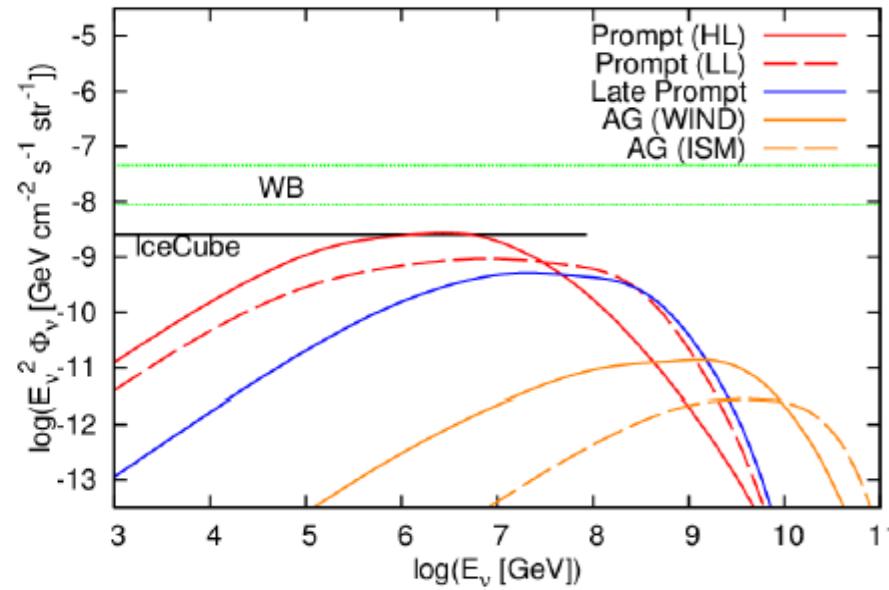
- ▶ Modeled via $p\gamma$ in internal in-jet collisions
- ▶ Flux peaks at \sim PeV
- ▶ Use IceCube, ANTARES, KM3NeT



[MB, K. MURASE *et al.*, *Nat. Comm.* 6, 6783 (2015) [1409.2874]]

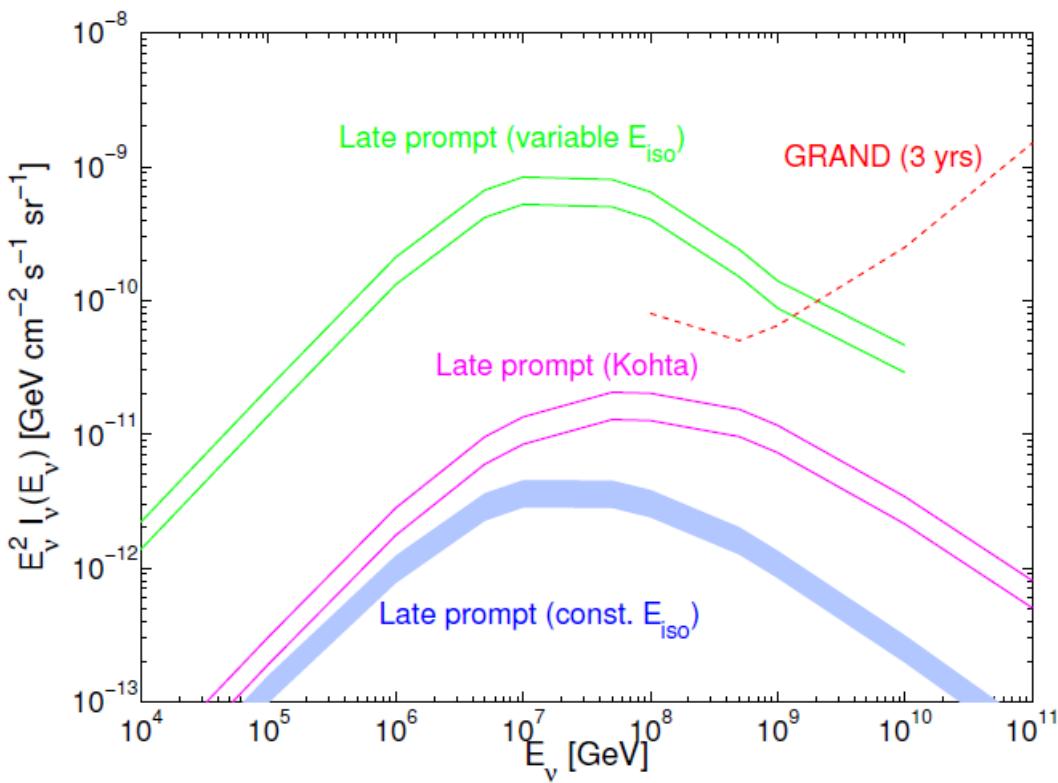
Afterglow neutrinos

- ▶ Modeled via $p\gamma$ in jet-medium collisions
- ▶ Flux peaks at \sim EeV
- ▶ Use ARA, ARIANNA, ANITA, **GRAND**



[K. MURASE, *PRD* 76, 123001 (2007) [0707.1140]]

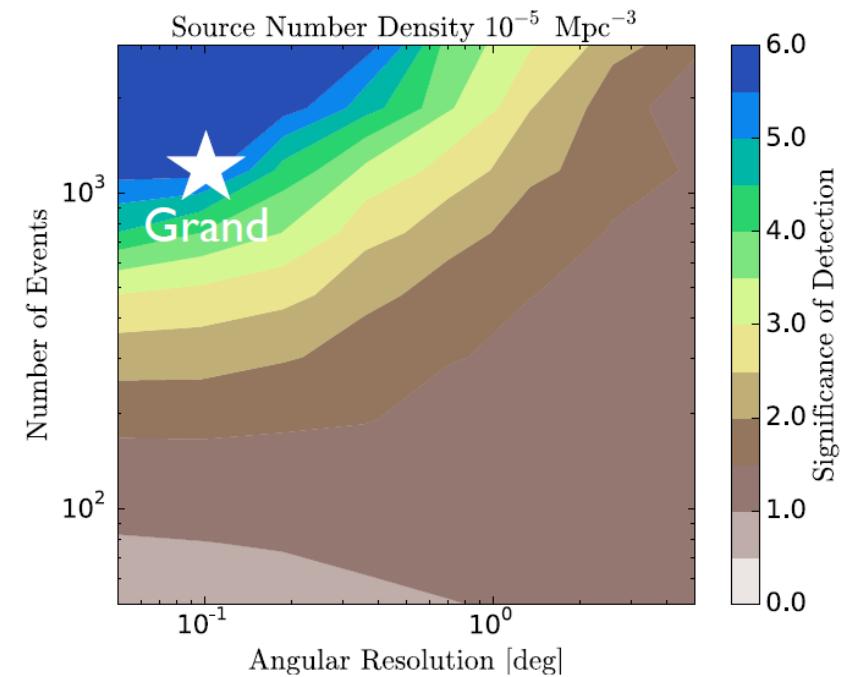
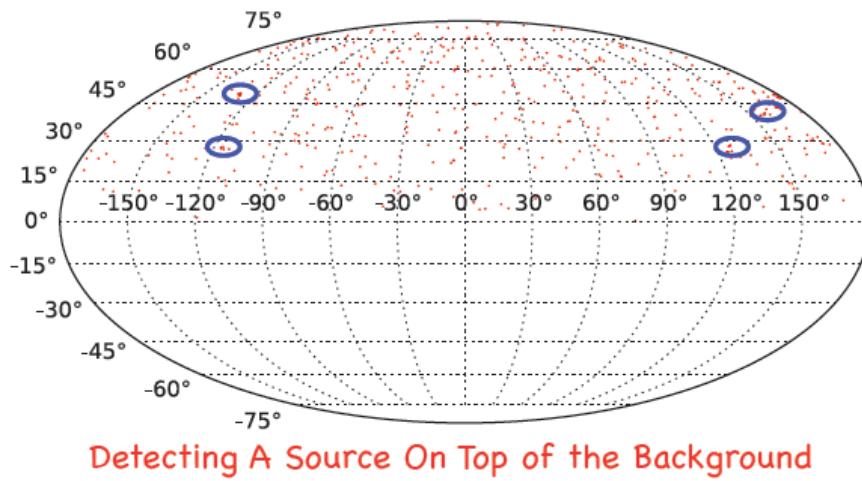
Updated late prompt predictions



- ▶ **Variable E_{iso} :** Energy emitted \propto afterglow luminosity
 $\lesssim 10$ events in 3 yr of GRAND
- ▶ **Late prompt (Kohta):** MURASE 2007 with different parameters
 ~ 1 event
- ▶ **Constant E_{iso} :** Fixed 10^{50} erg (source frame)
 ~ 0.1 events

Multiplet analysis

- Identifying individual sources from diffuse background...
...may be possible thanks to optimal angular resolution & large stats.



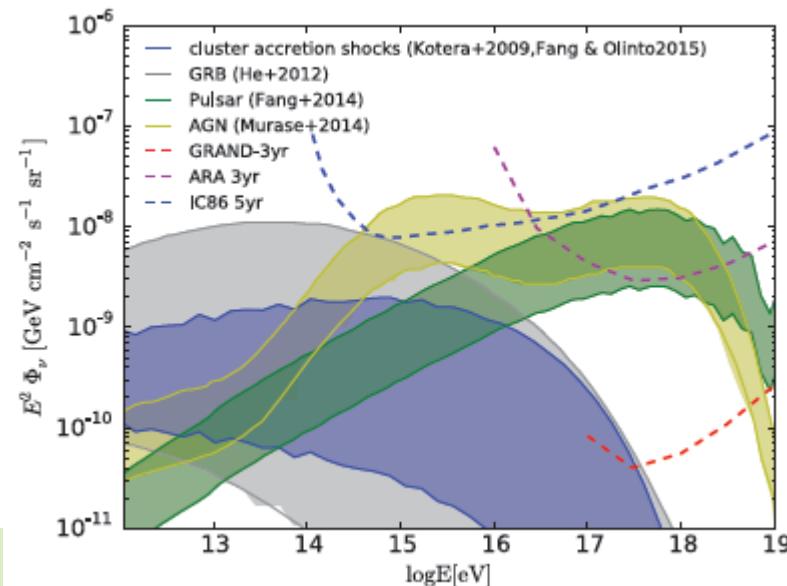
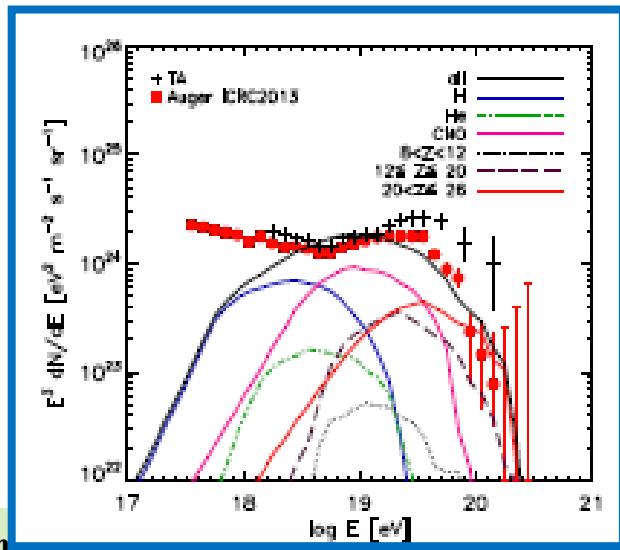
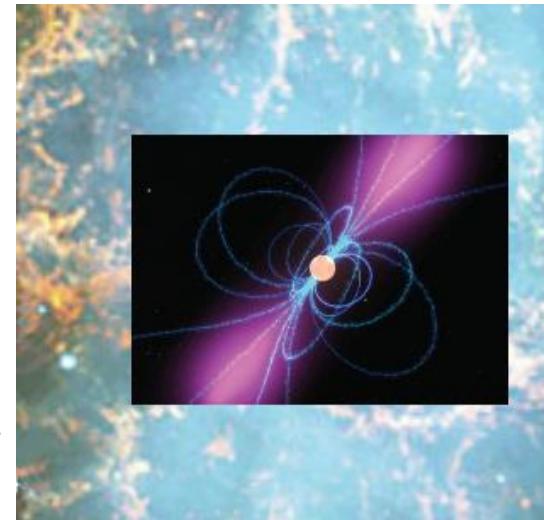
Fang, Kotera, Miller, Murase & Oikonomou, *in prep*

-- The GRAND proposal --



Young extragalactic pulsars

- Very possible source for UHECRs:
[K. Fang et al., arXiv:1311.2044]
 - Matches AUGER spectrum
 - UHE heavy nuclei emitted
 - Production of neutrinos through nuclei interaction with supernova ejecta. Then
 $\pi^+ \longrightarrow l + \nu_l$ (= **UHE neutrinos**)



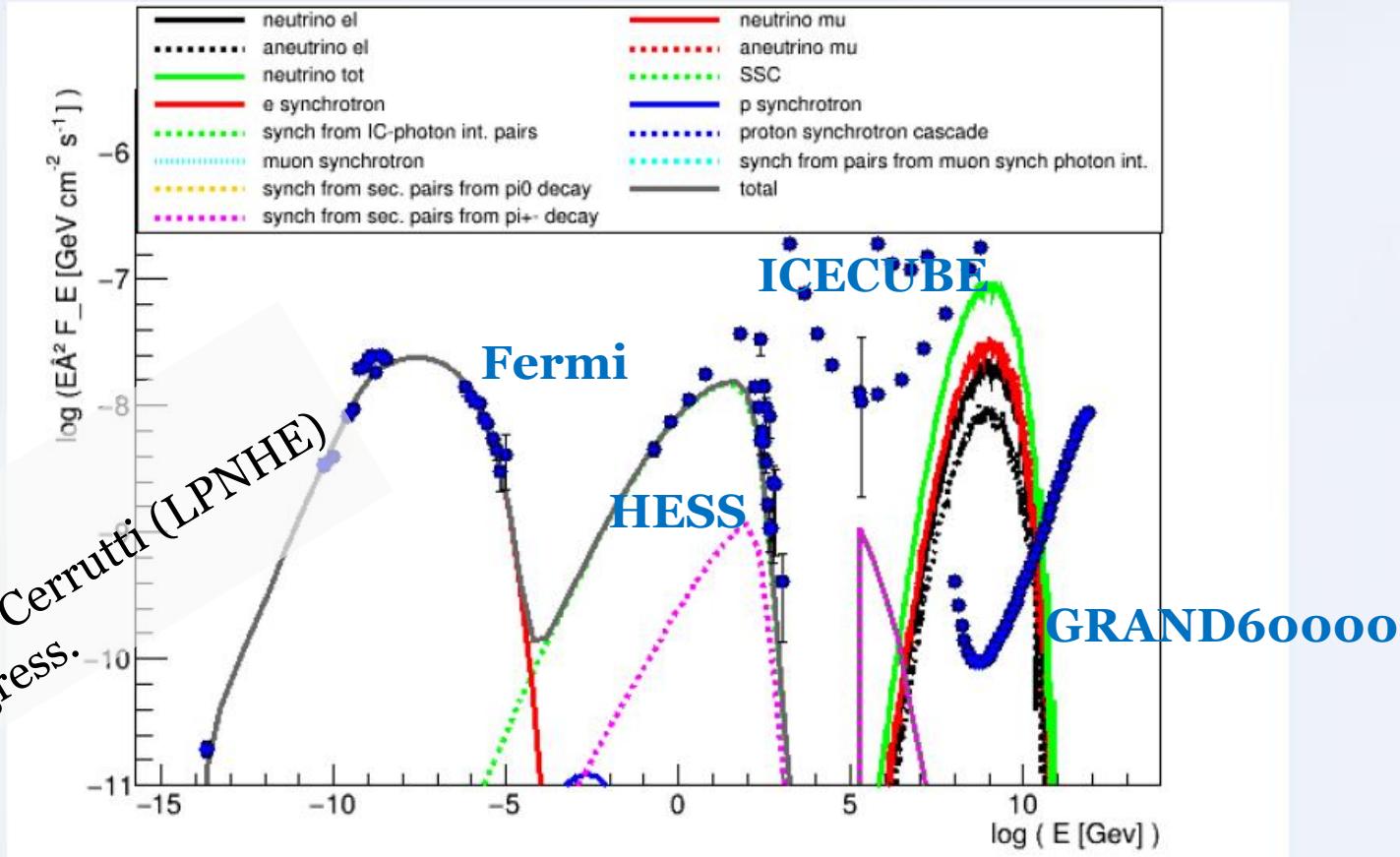
10s of events/year expected in GRAND!

Résultats PG 1553+113

Modèle: production des photons de haute énergie
par rayonnement synchrotron des protons.

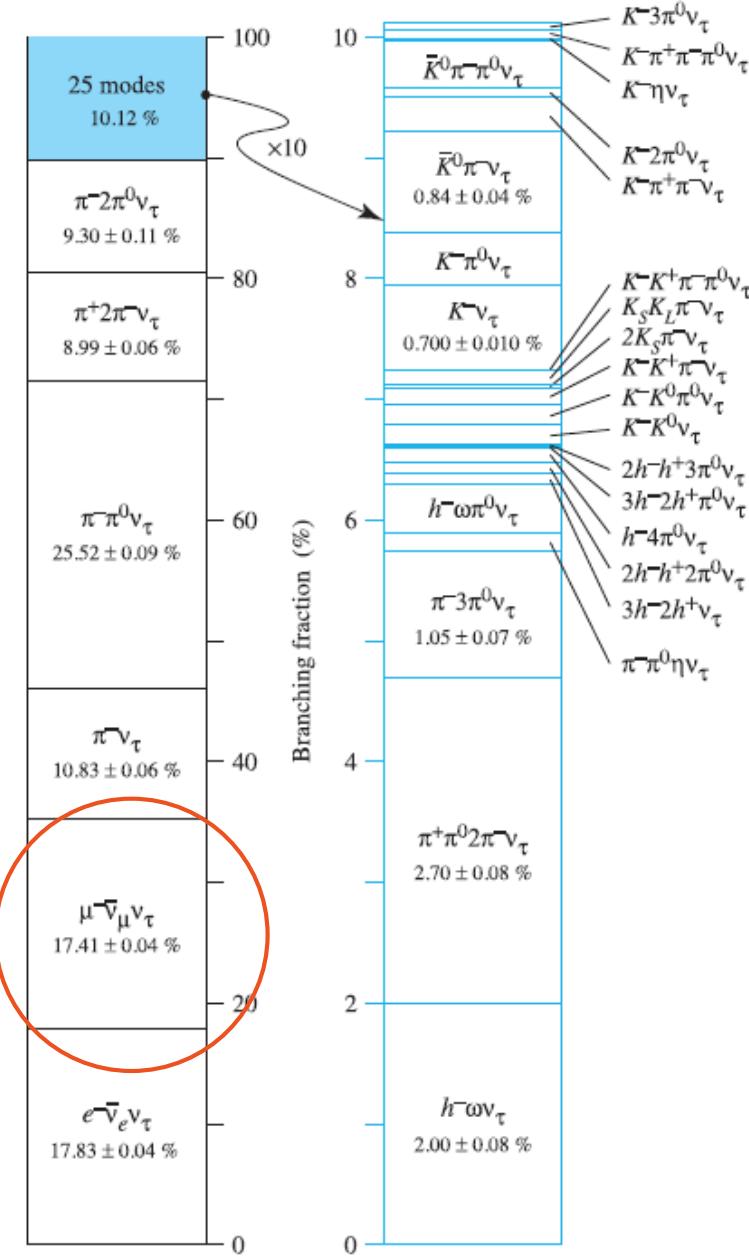
Nb événements GRAND : $1.8 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ s}^{-1}$ (S_{eff} @ 89°)
→ 5.6 evts/an attendus (ouverture angulaire de 4°)

Blazars
G. Emery & M. Cerruti (LPNHE)
Work in progress.



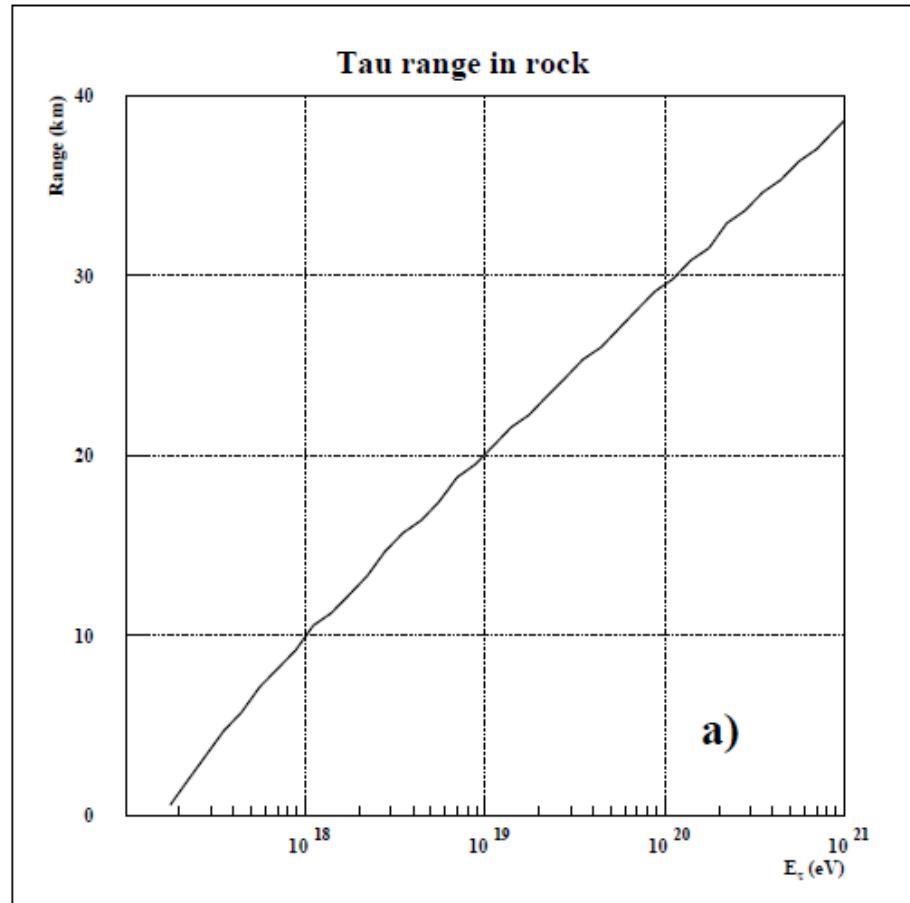
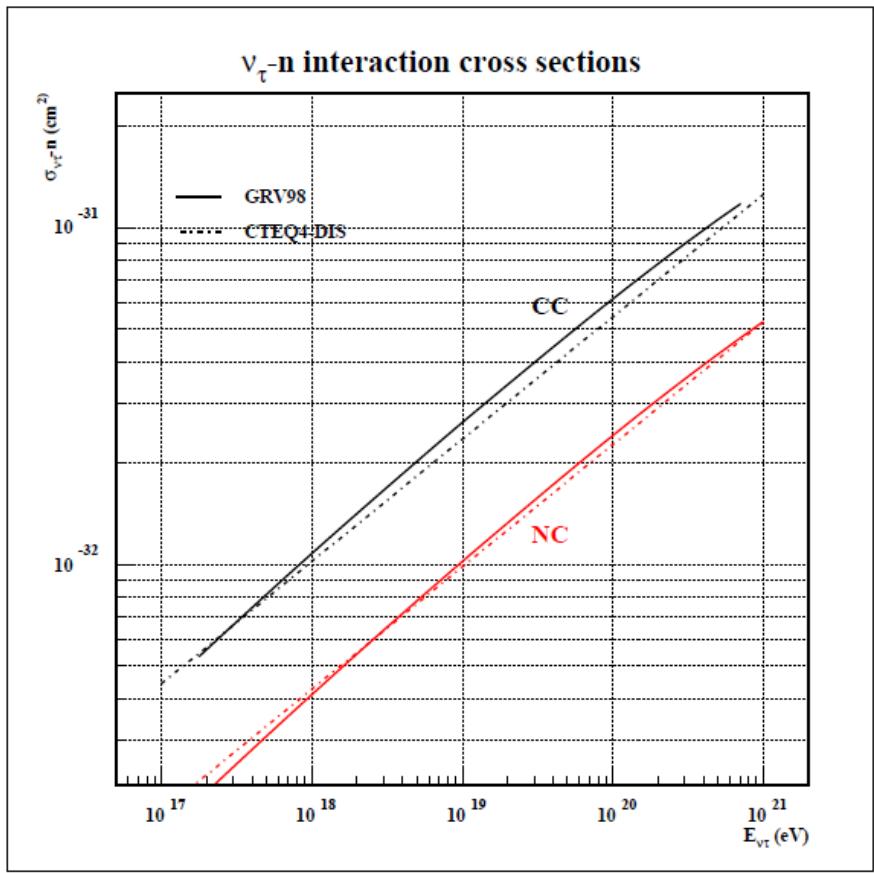


τ decay branching ratio



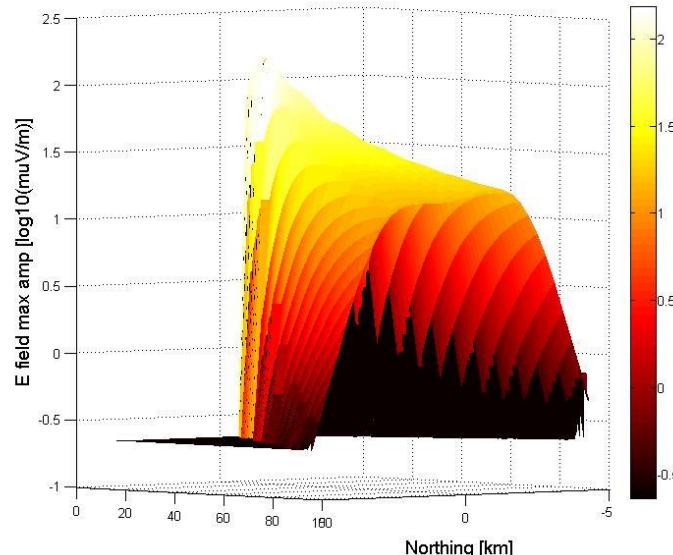
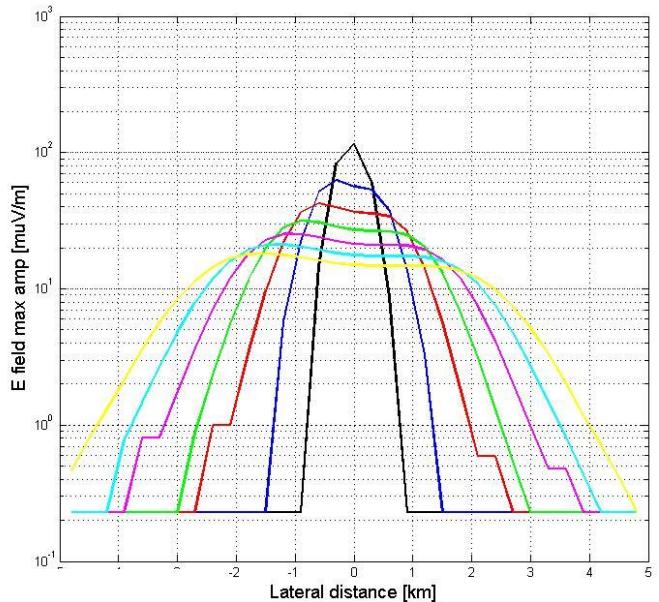
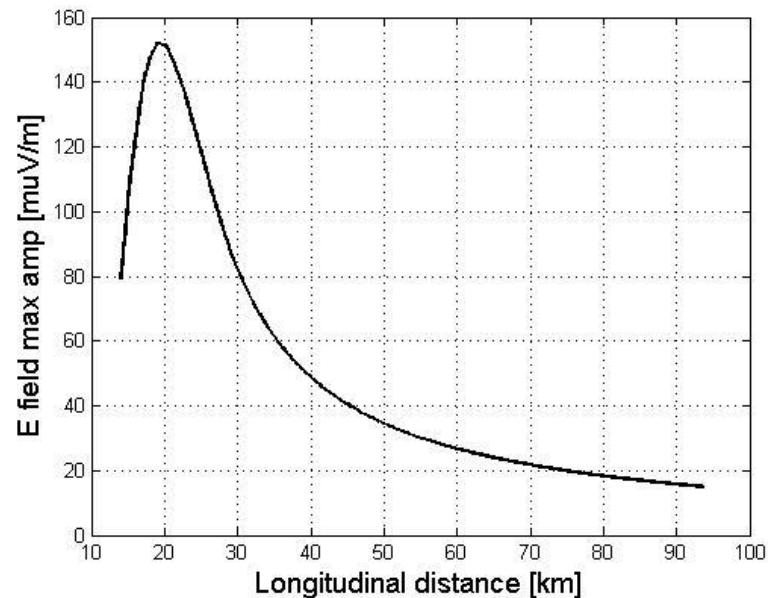
The neutrino simulation ingredients

- **ν Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS) in the rocks:**
 - Integrated cross sections from Gandhi et al. (CTEQ4-DIS), but inelasticity randomised with Pythia CTEQ5d pdf.
 - The neutrino is tracked until a CC interaction occurs, its energy falls below a threshold (1 PeV typically) or it escapes the simulation volume.
- **τ propagation in rocks (energy loss+proper time) :**
 - **Detailed studies** of the τ energy loss in rocks **with GEANT4 simulations** for various τ initial energies. The τ photonuclear interactions, dominant energy loss process at UHE, have been coded in GEANT4 following Dutta et al.
 - **Parameterisation** of the τ energy loss and of the proper time spectrums according to the distance d (0-60 km) and the initial energy, E_0 .
 - For the simulation, use an **hybrid Monte-Carlo scheme** for the τ propagation in rocks (energy loss, decay) according to the parameterisations derived from GEANT4.
- **τ decays :**
 - Simulated with Pythia+TAUOLA.
 - The decay daughters are logged to a file which would be served as input to the shower simulation. The daughter ν_τ is further simulated.





ZHAireS shower profile

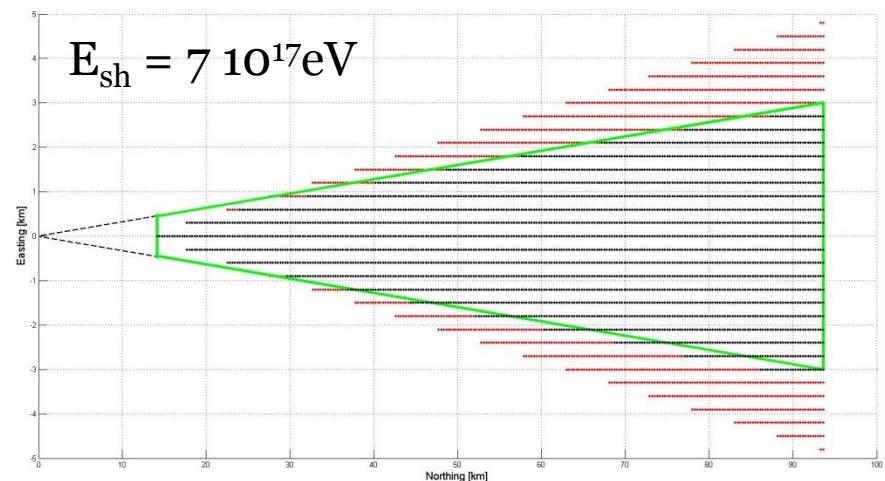
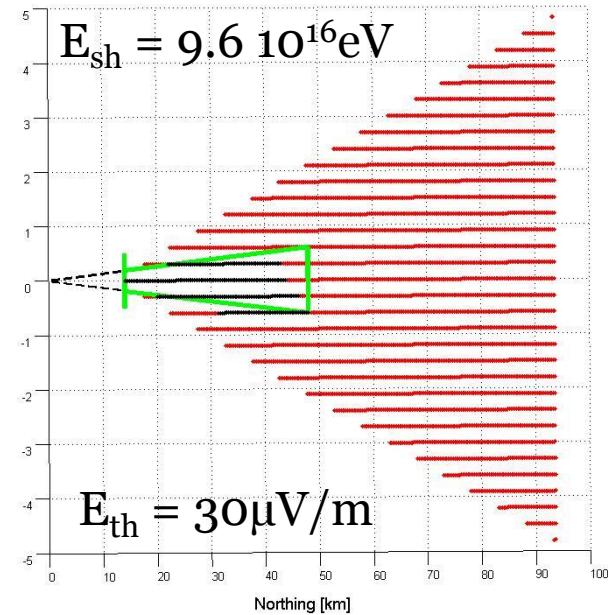
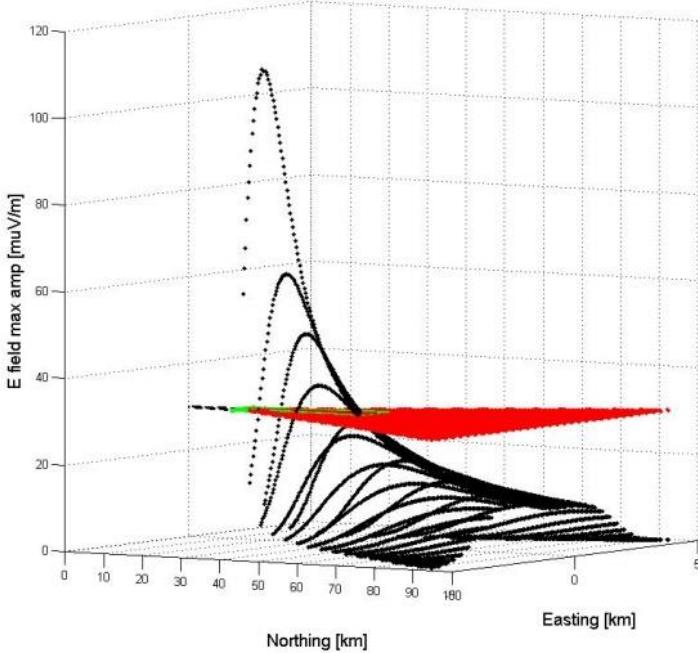


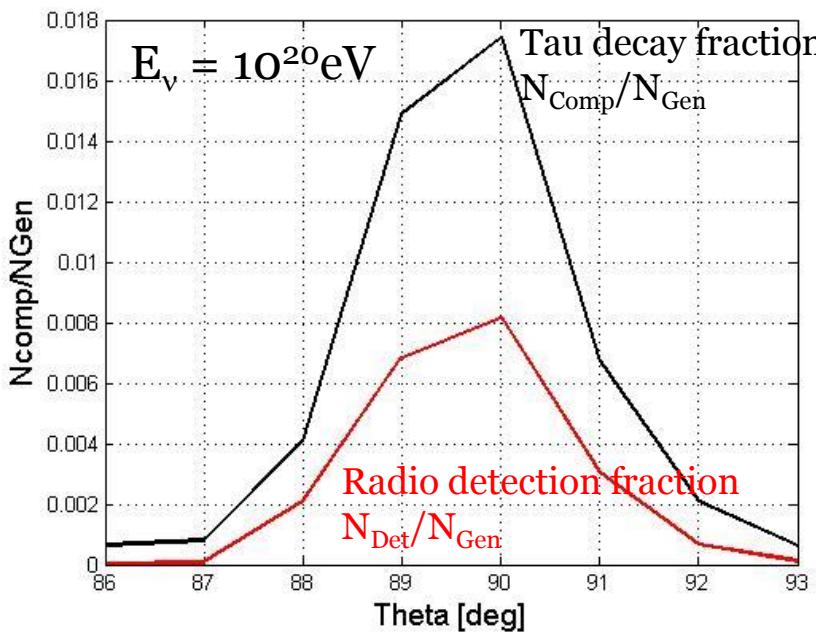
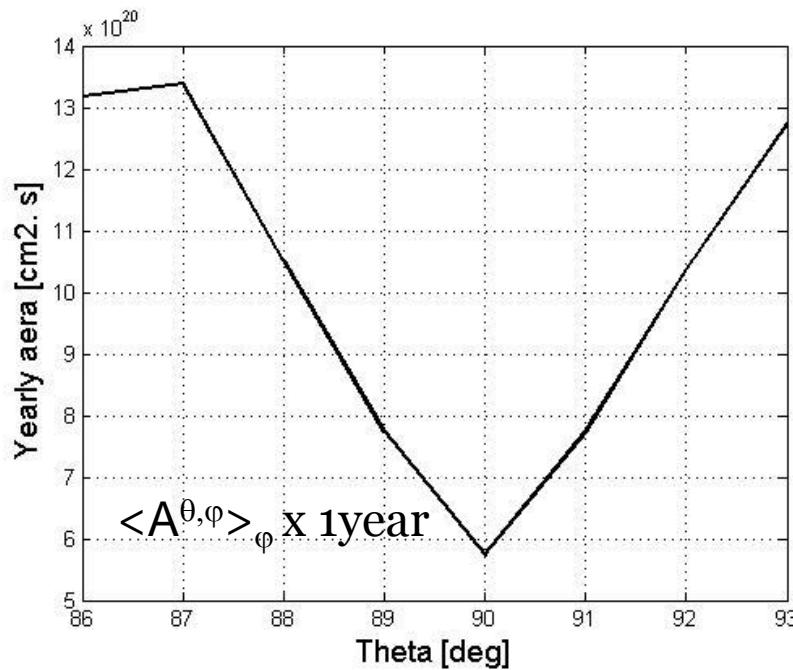


GRAND shower parametrization

- Determine volume with $\mathcal{E} > \mathcal{E}_{\text{th}}$
($\mathcal{E}_{\text{th}} = 30$ or $100 \mu\text{V/m}$)
- **Conical parametrization** of this «trigger volume»

	Agressive: $\mathcal{E}_{\text{th}} = 30 \mu\text{V/m}$		Conservative: $\mathcal{E}_{\text{th}} = 100 \mu\text{V/m}$	
	Ω (deg)	Range (km)	Ω (deg)	Range (km)
10^{17} eV	0.9	[14,55]	0.45	[14,22]
10^{20} eV	3	[14,234]	2.3	[14,146]

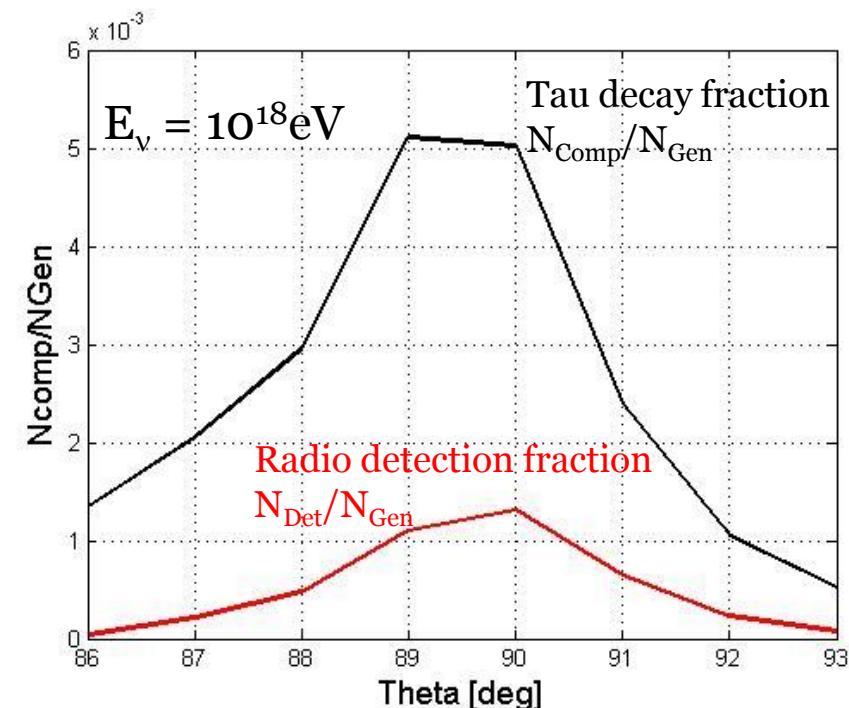




GRAND preliminary ν sensitivity study

$$2\pi \int \langle A^{\theta,\varphi} \rangle \frac{N_{Det}}{N_{Gen}} \sin \theta d\theta \times 1\text{year} = 1.7 \cdot 10^{18} \text{ cm}^2.\text{sr.s} @ 10^{20} \text{ eV}$$

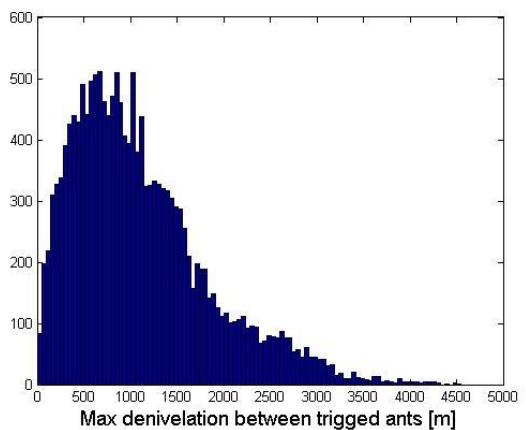
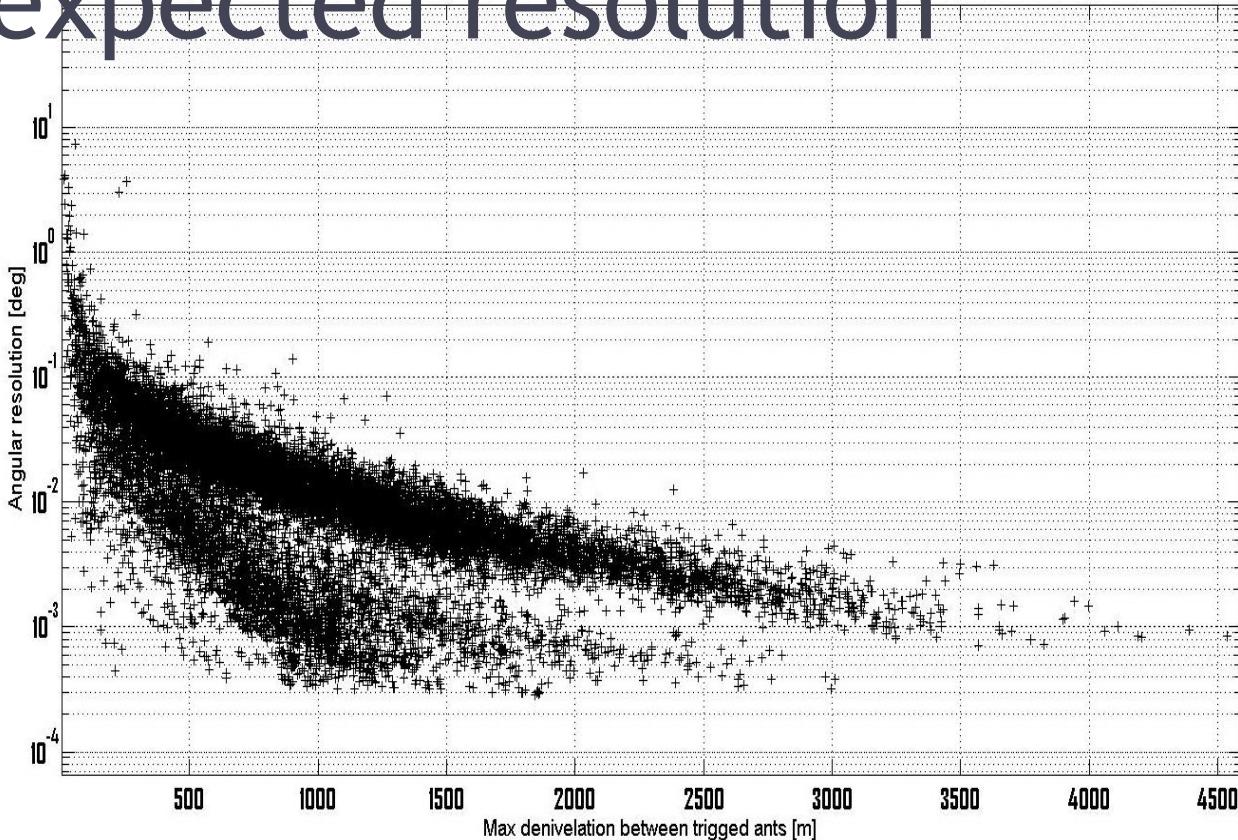
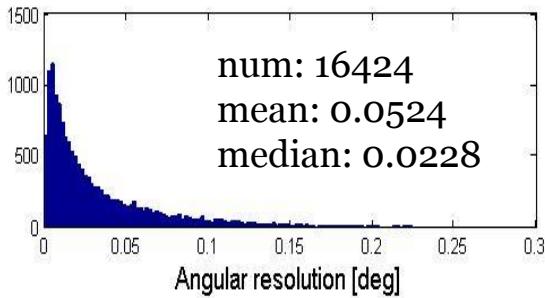
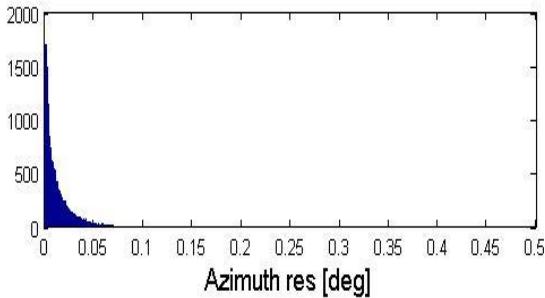
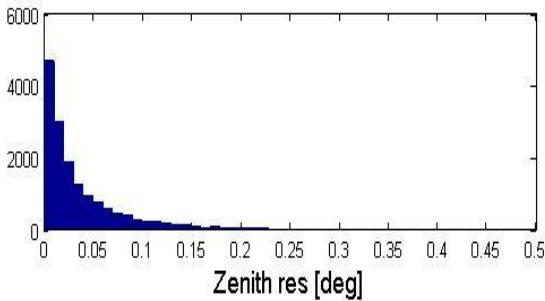
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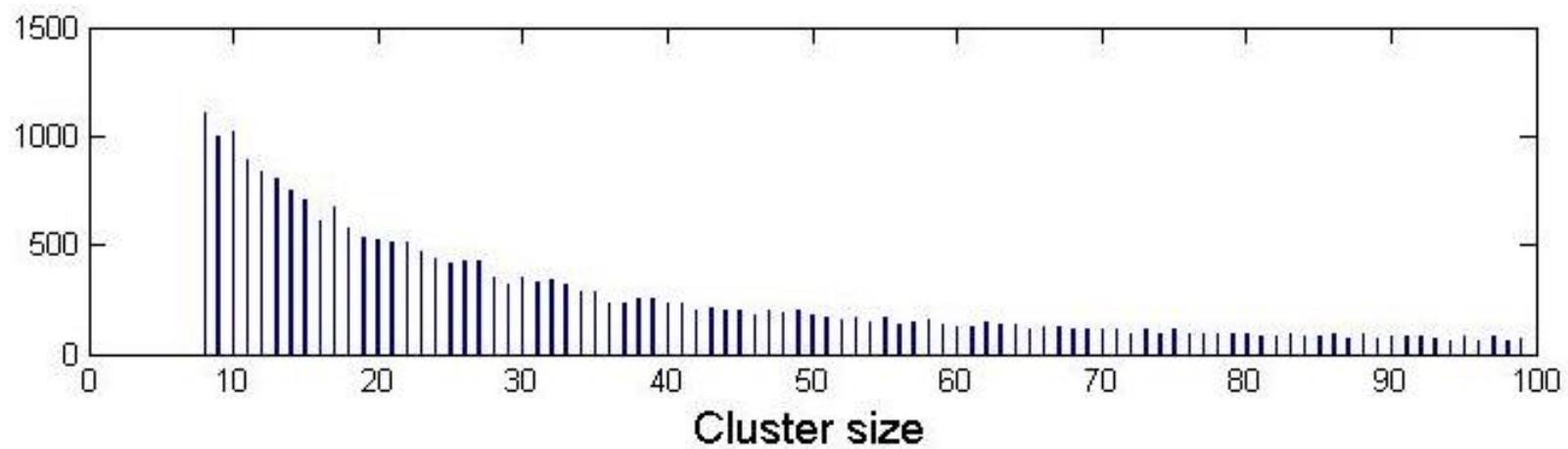
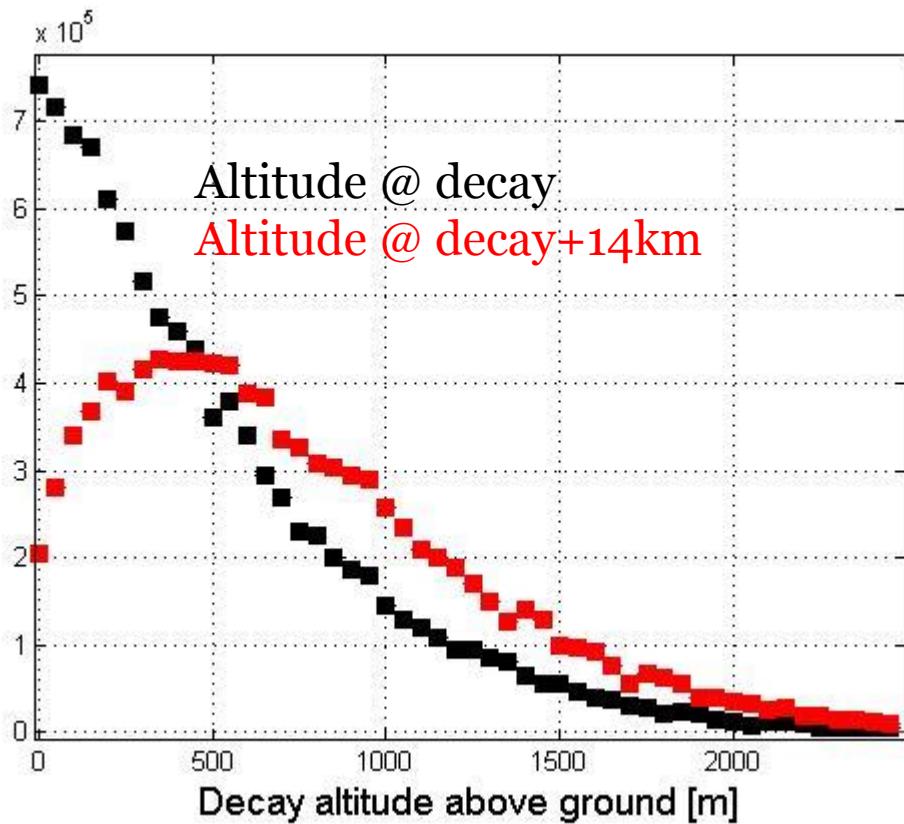




GRAND expected resolution

Cut out events with max deniv<100m
(2% of events)

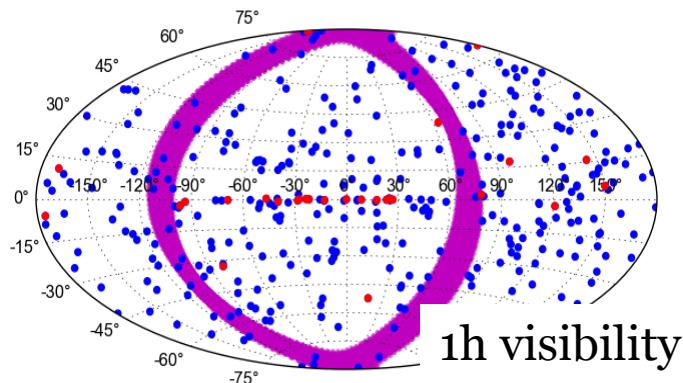




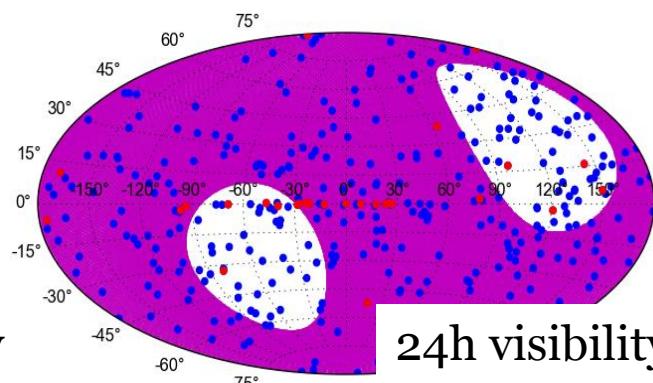


GRAND v sensitivity study - Results

- Field of view
(JP Lenain)
- Energy reconstruction
 - ... is not possible
 - But at least we know $E_\nu > E_{\text{sh}}$
 - Do better thanks to E_ν correlation with τ time of flight (?)

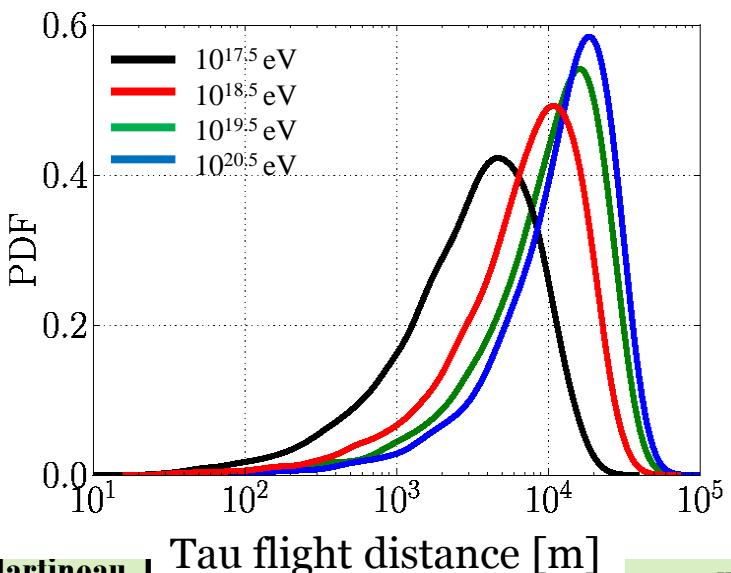


1h visibility

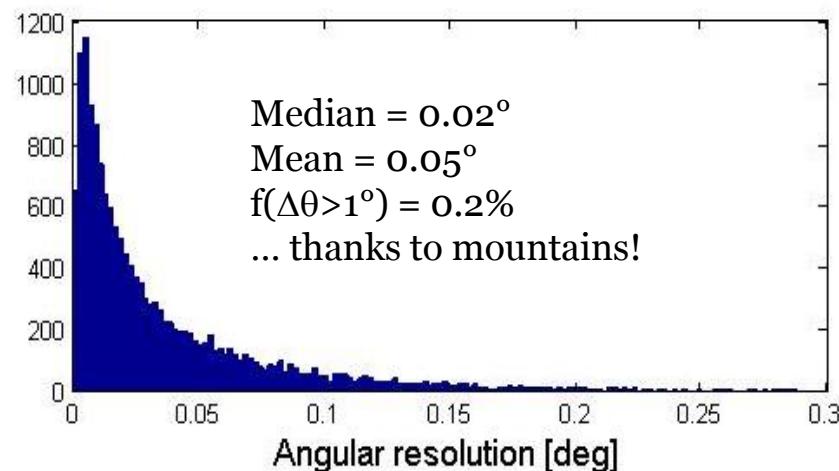


24h visibility

- Angular resolution
 - Analytical computation assuming 3ns trigger timing precision (no noise).
 - Mean = 0.05° : full benefit of extended trigger zone & denivelation.



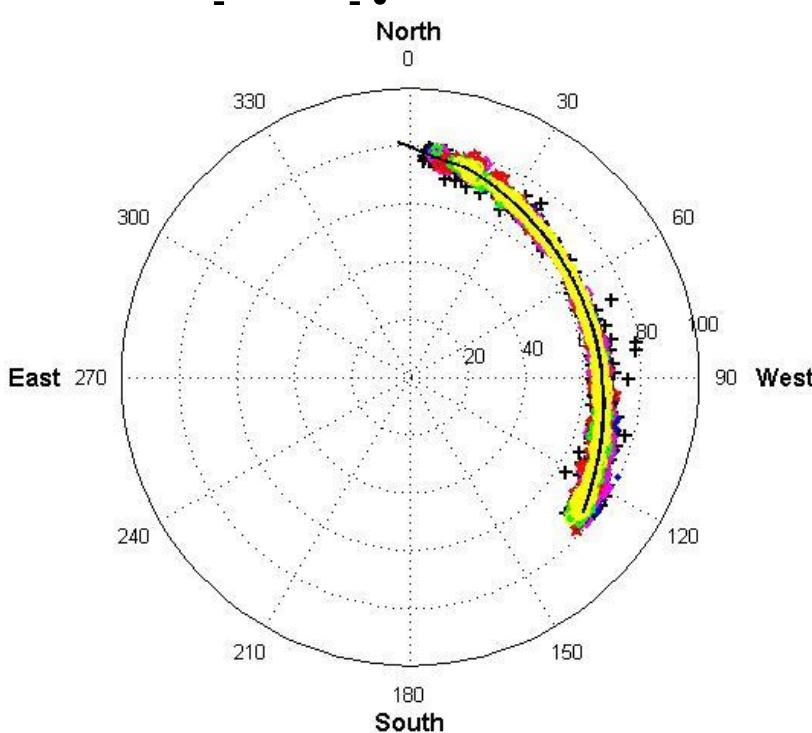
Tau flight distance [m]



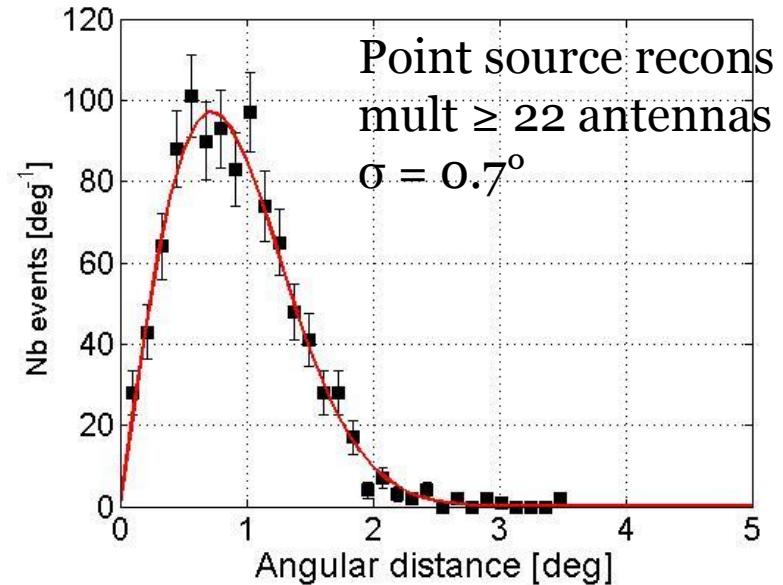
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RADIO PERFORMANCES: DIRECTION RECONSTRUCTION

• Plane track



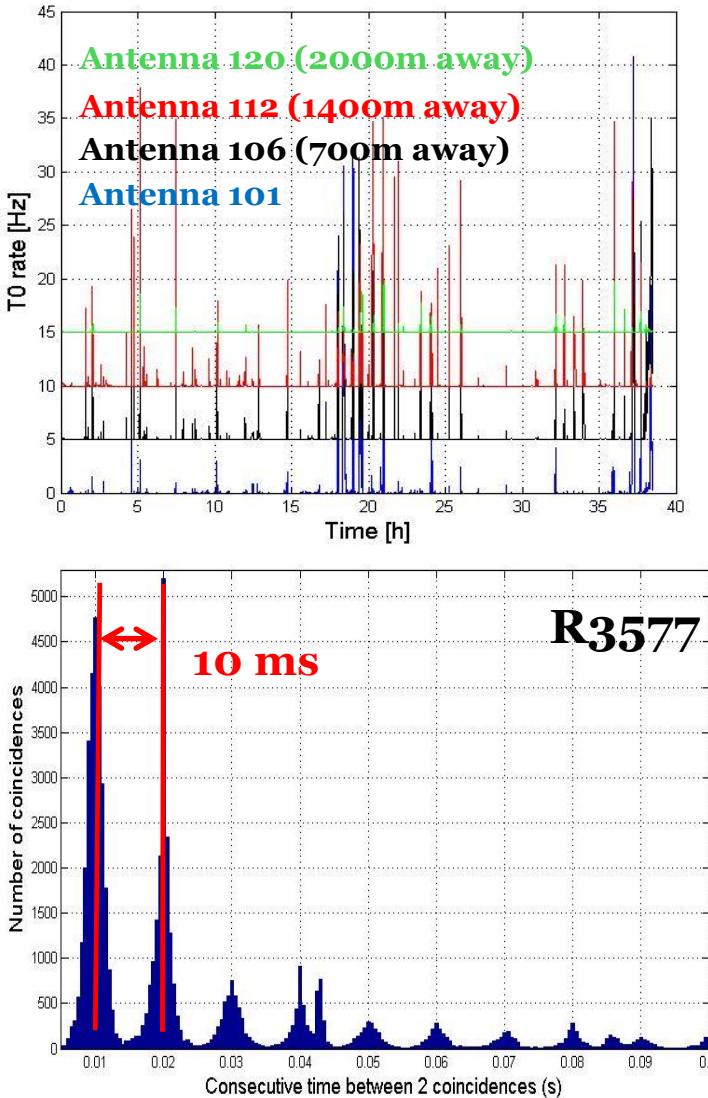
- 3037 events in 4 minutes
- $\Theta > 60^\circ$
- Max multiplicity: 40



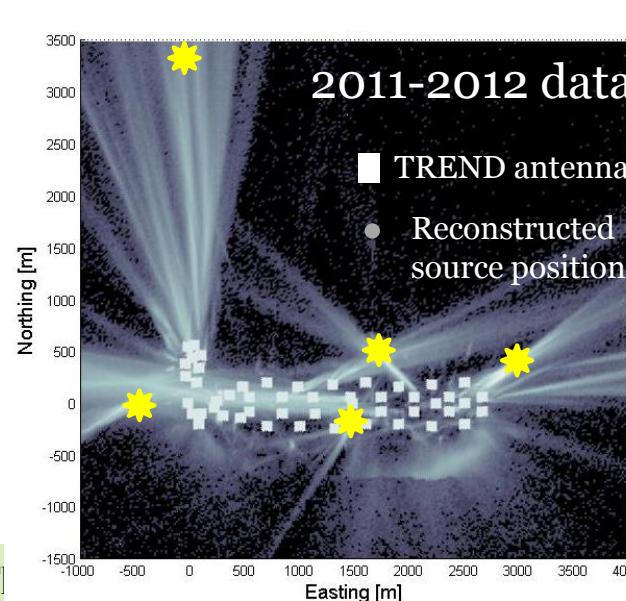
Total angular resolution $<1.5^\circ$ on the track
(and improves with smaller zenithal angle)



TREND trigger performances



- To rate <100Hz for 90% of the time on all antennas.
- **DAQ efficiency ~ 70%.**
- Large trigger rate variations at all time scales on all antennas: «**noise bursts**»
- **Noise is correlated between antennas: common (physical) origin.**
- Time delay between consecutive events & point reconstruction points dominantly towards **HV sources**.



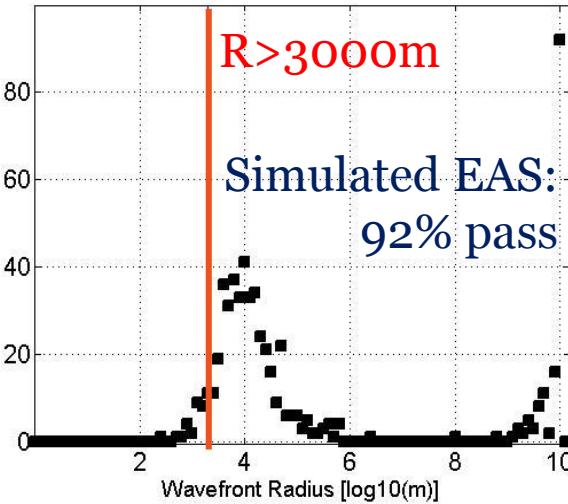
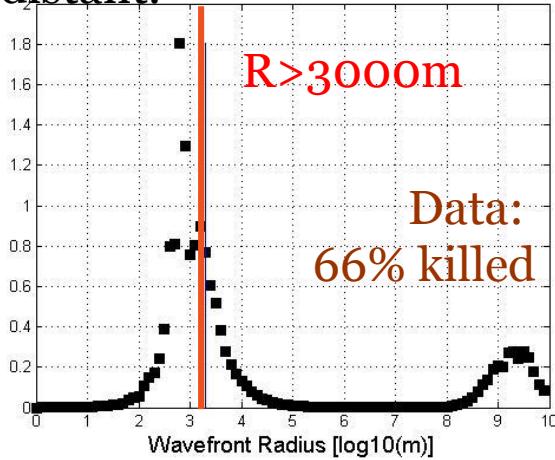
3.7 10^9 triggers recorded
2.4 10^8 coincidences
~10Hz average coinc rate over whole array

(~20 EAS/day expected) ARENA2016

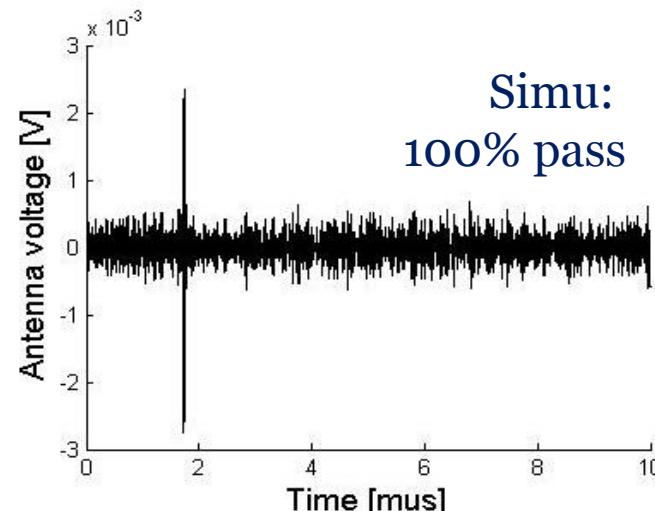
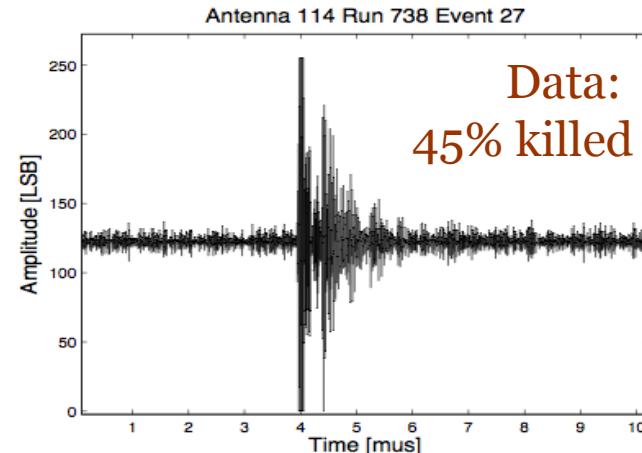


Discriminating parameters

- Spherical wave recons: point source reconstruction of background sources close to array, EAS more distant.

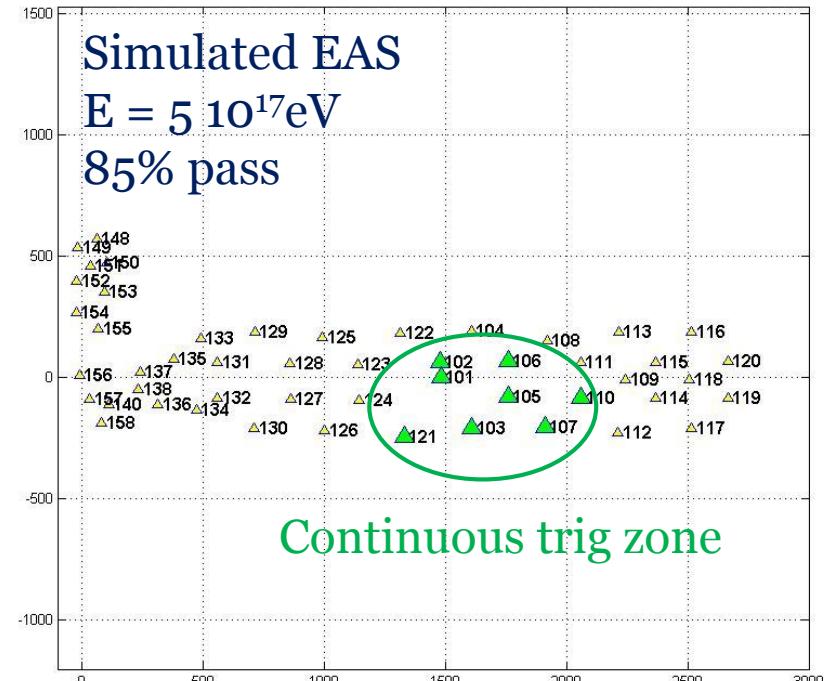
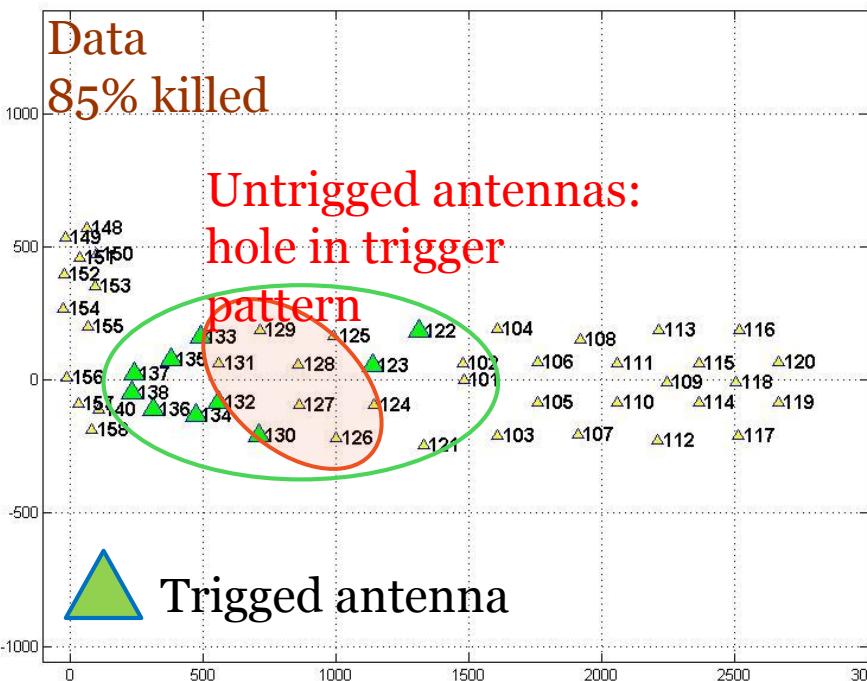


- Signal shape: prompt signal for EAS



Discriminating parameters

- Array trigger pattern should be continuous for EAS (E-field linear polarization at 1st order, random for bckgd)

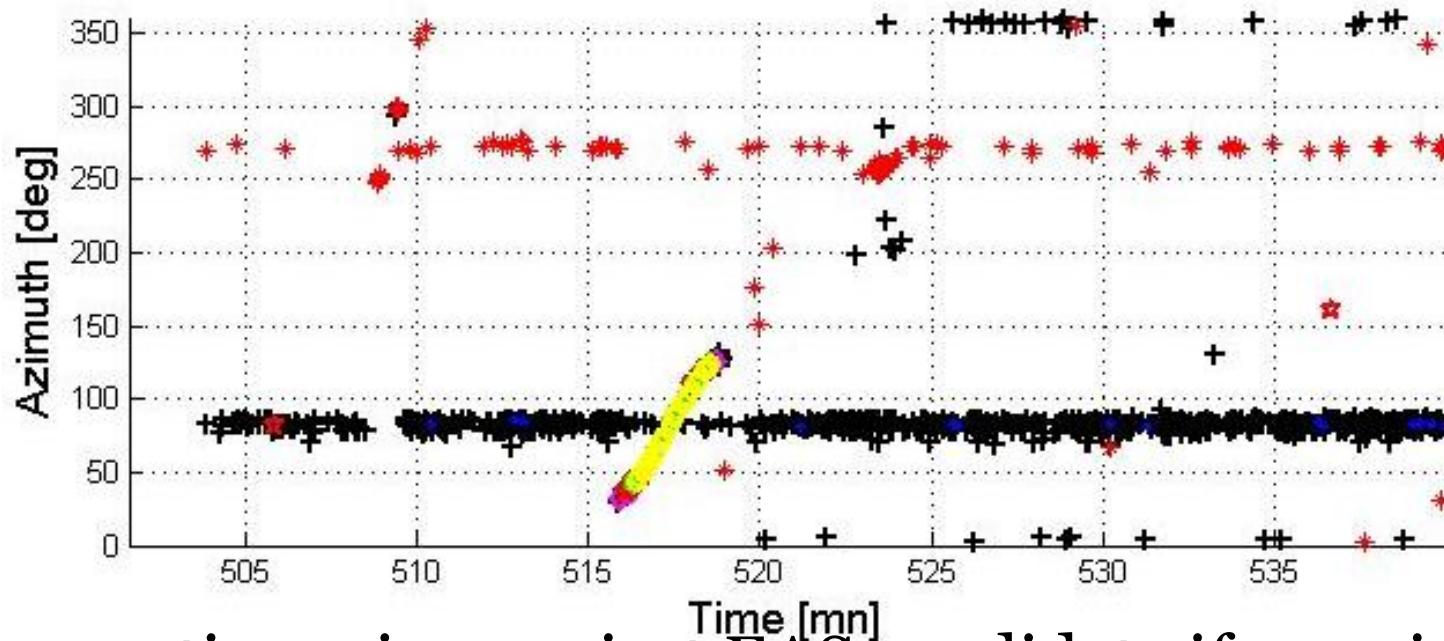


Limited array size + monopolar antennas

(+ system unreliability) reduce cut efficiency.
= The channel proposal =

GRAND Environment cuts

- Bckgd events strongly correlated in time & space



- Consecutive coincs: reject EAS candidate if 1+ coinc with 4+ antennas in common within 30s.
- Same direction events: reject EAS candidate if 1+ coinc with 2+ antennas in common and $|\Delta\phi| < 10^\circ$ within 10 minutes.



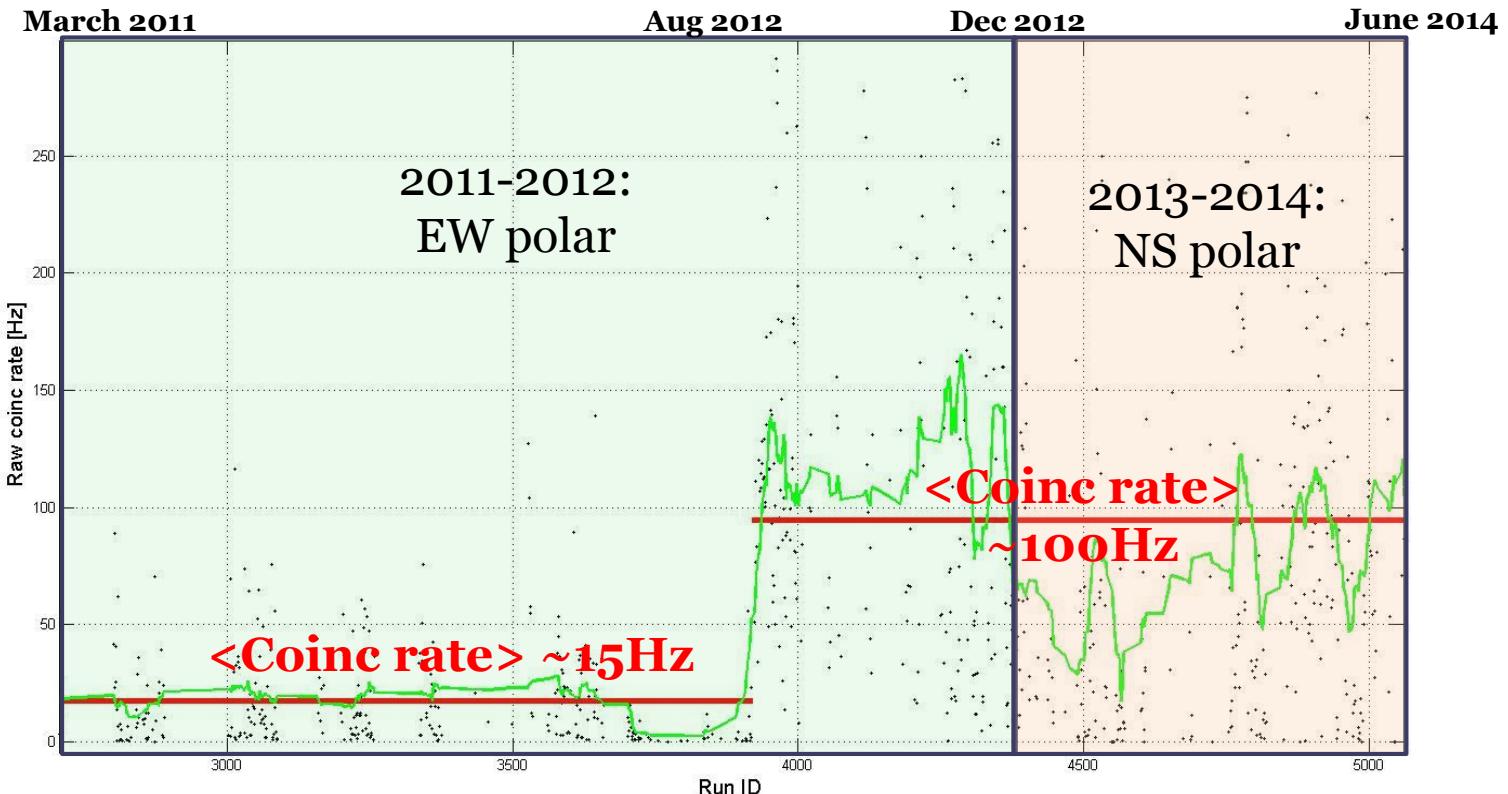
Cut efficiency: from $2.4 \cdot 10^8$ to 465 events

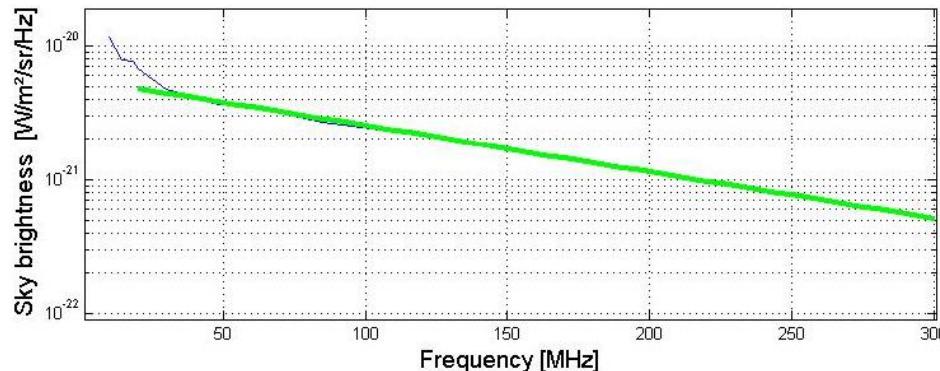
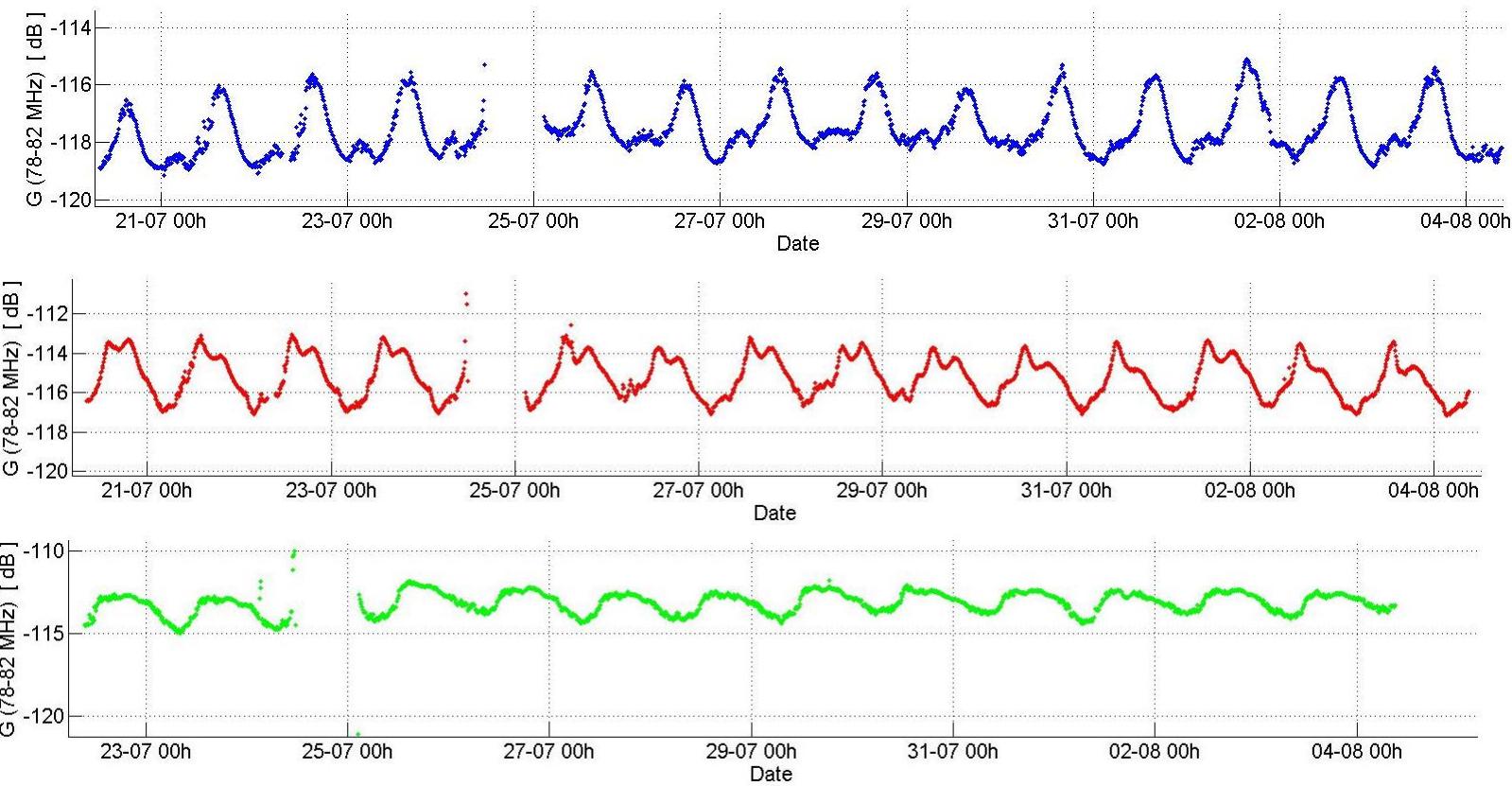
Cut	% survival	N_{coincs} final	Simu % survival
« 50Hz » cut	24%	$5.9 \cdot 10^7$	To be determined
Pulse duration	56%	$3.3 \cdot 10^7$	100%
Multiplicity > 4	57%	$1.9 \cdot 10^7$	-
Valid direction reconstruction	79%	$1.5 \cdot 10^7$	100%
Radius > 3000m	33%	$5 \cdot 10^6$	92%
$\Theta < 80^\circ$	14%	$7 \cdot 10^5$	/
Trigger pattern/ Extension	15%	10^5	85%
Neighbours (direction)	3%	2600	To be determined
Neighbours	18%	465	To be determined

No cut is related to wave (absolute) arrival direction

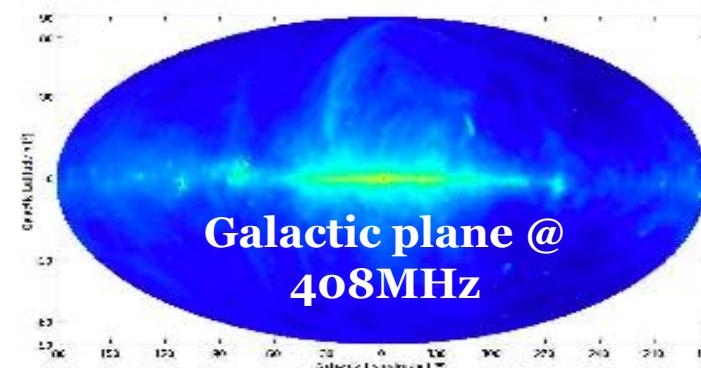
GR TREN-D-50 2013-2014

- Possible causes for much fewer candidates:
 - Array maintenance degraded (>30% antennas off)
 - Bckgd noise significantly higher, affects DAQ duty cycle & acceptance (environment cuts)





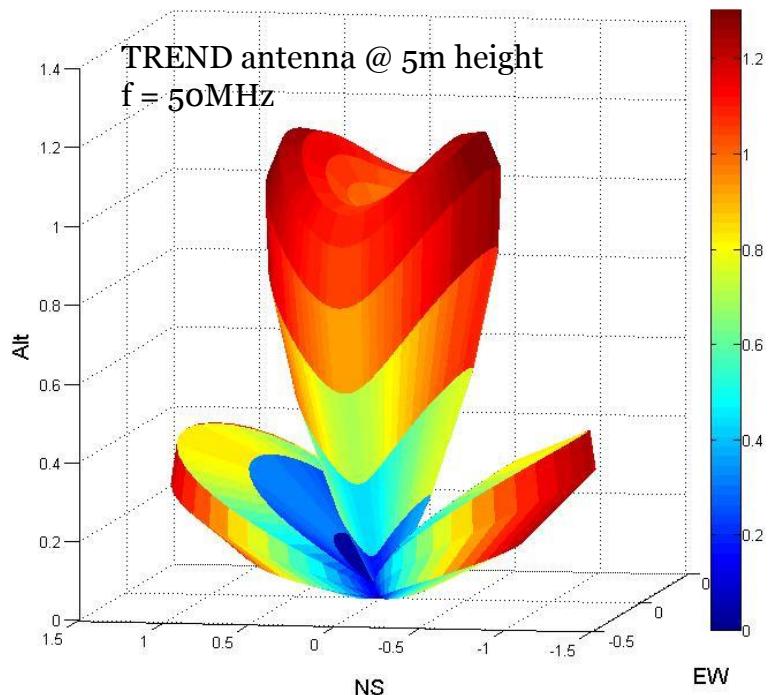
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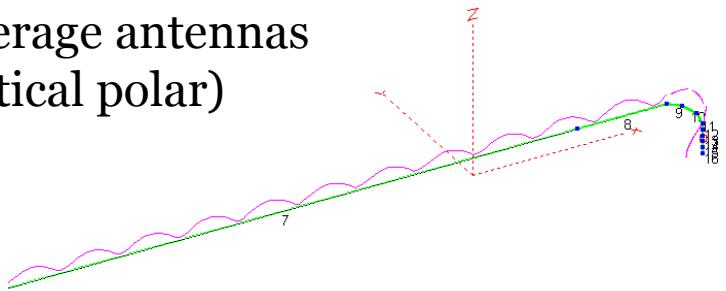


GRAND antennas

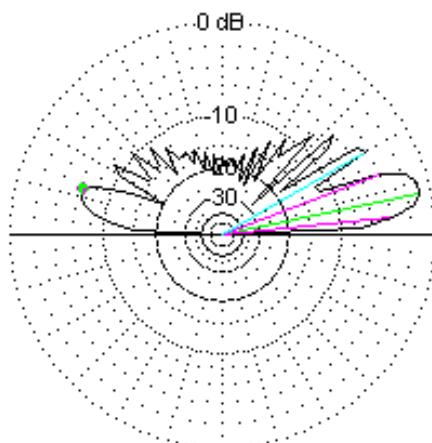
- Define optimal GRAND antenna design:
 - Good sensitivity at large zenith angle.
 - Azimuthal directivity?
 - (No) sensitivity towards zenith (\leftrightarrow background noise level)?
 - Frequency range?
 - Robustness & simplicity (200000 units)
 - ... Requires serious R&D by experienced specialist.



Beverage antennas
(vertical polar)



* Total Field



Elevation Plot

Azimuth Angle 0,0 deg.
Outer Ring 10,62 dBi

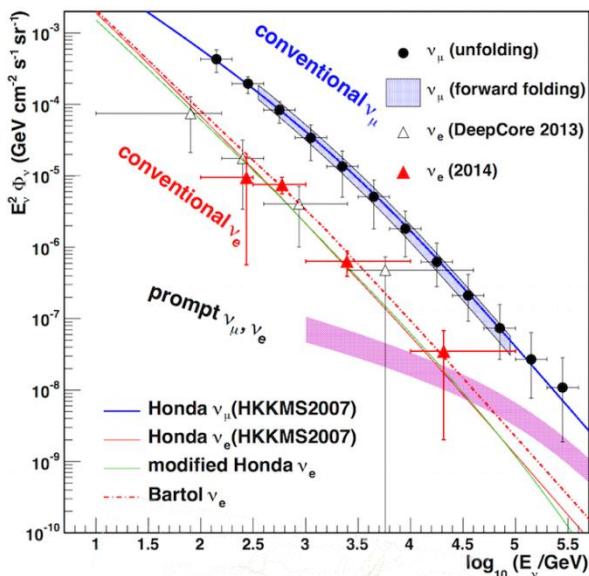
Cursor Elev 162,0 deg.
Gain 4,21 dBi
-5,56 dBmax
-6,41 dBmax3D

3D Max Gain 10,62 dBi
Slice Max Gain 9,77 dBi @ Elev Angle = 12,0 deg.
Beamwidth 15,3 deg.; -3dB @ 5,5, 20,8 deg.
Sidelobe Gain 6,24 dBi @ Elev Angle = 30,0 deg.
Front/Sidelobe 3,53 dB



Neutrino cosmic background

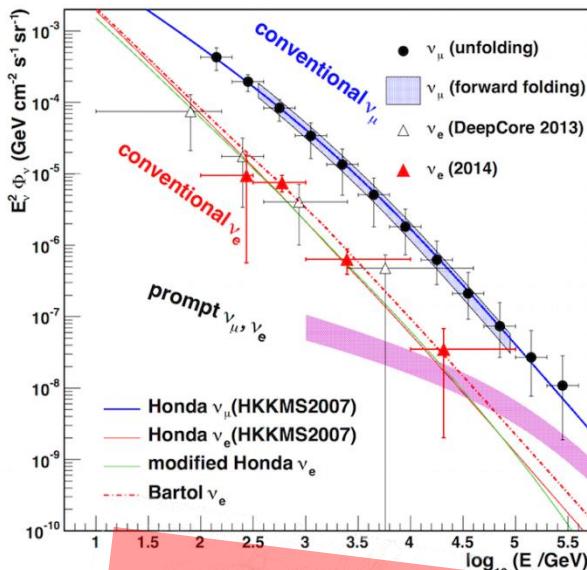
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=> Background rejection is a major challenge.**



- «Cosmic» background sources:
 - Atmospheric ν and μ fluxes negligible beyond 10^{16} eV.
 - UHECRs wrongly reconstructed below the horizon
 - «Old» showers
 \Rightarrow larger X_{\max}
 - \Rightarrow wider footprint at ground
 - Cut on reconstructed zenith angle $\theta >$ horizon - 1° kills large fraction of background thanks to angular resolution.

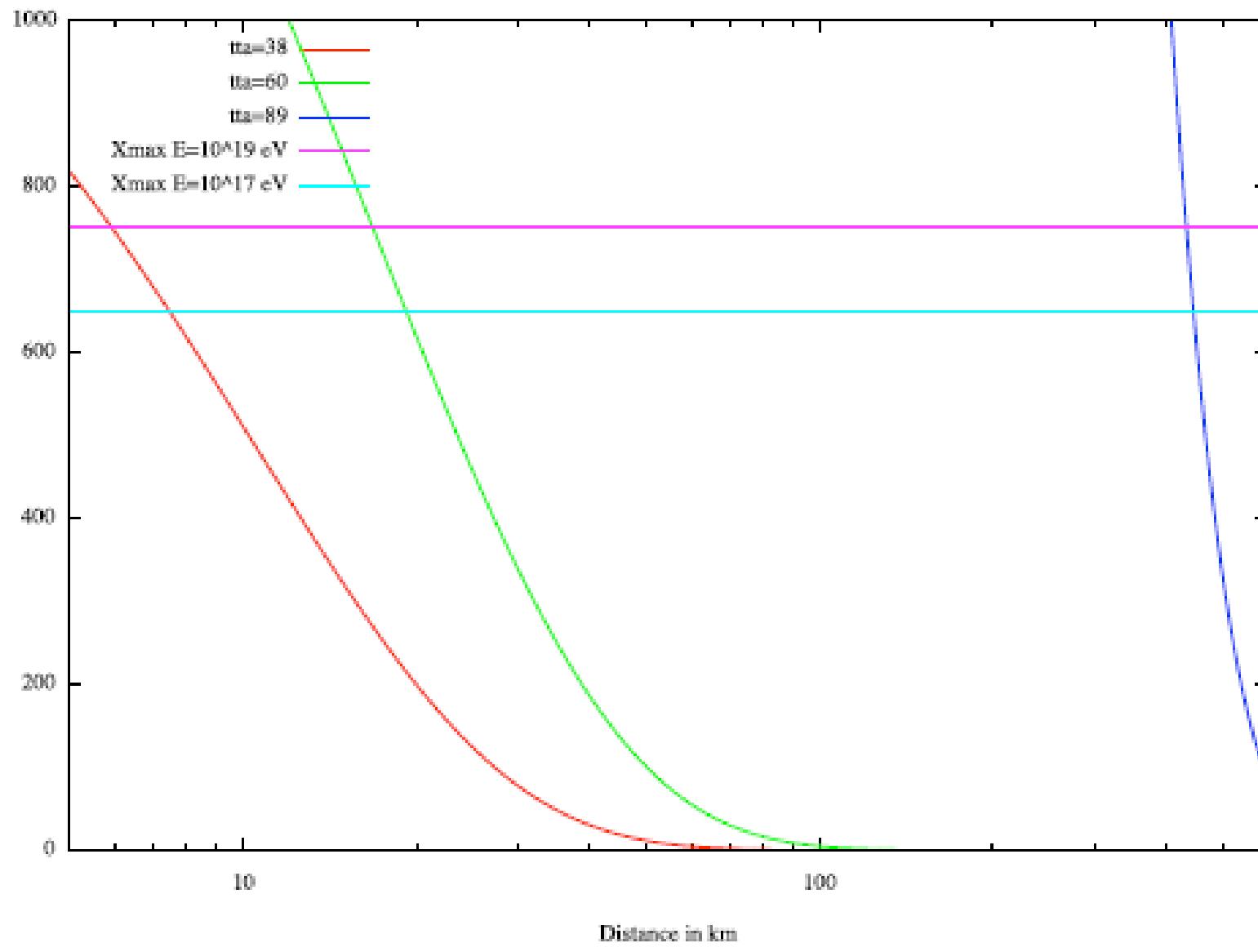
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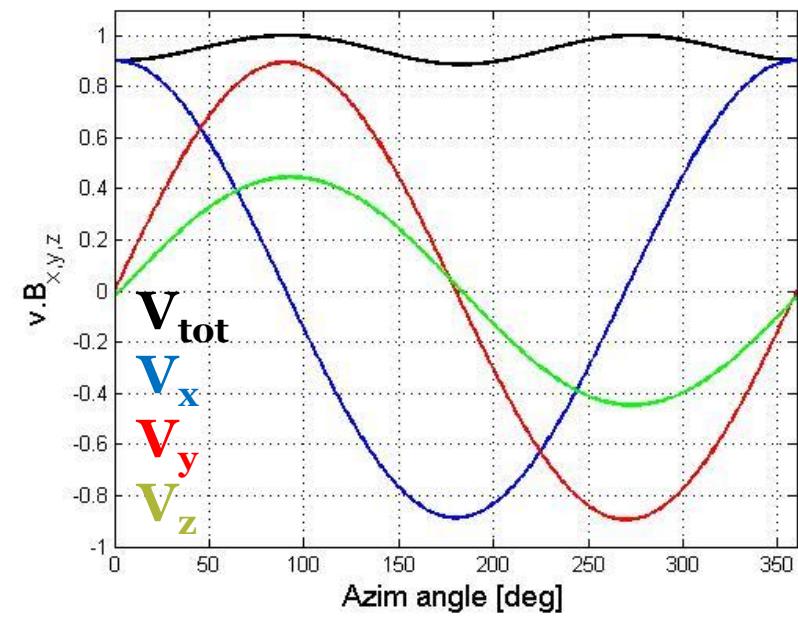
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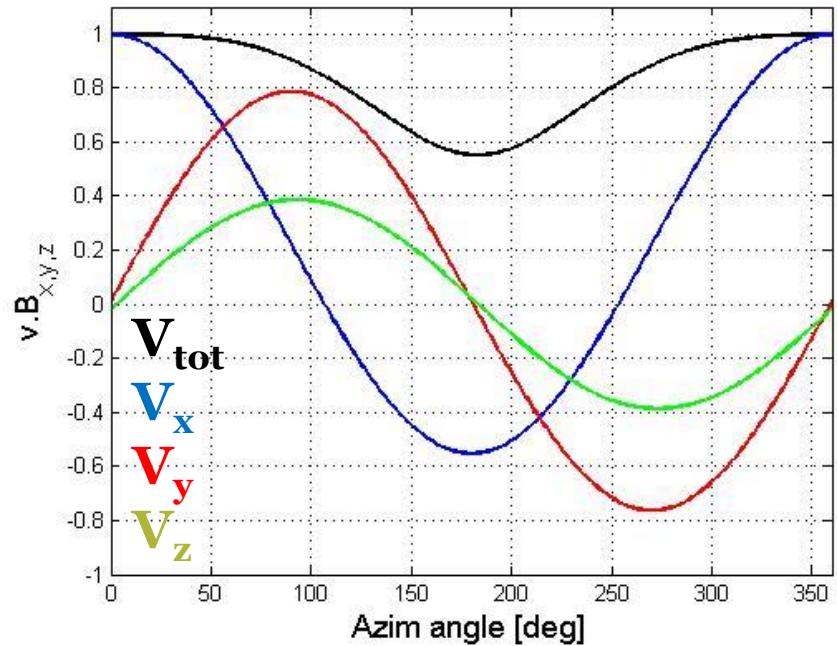




$\theta = 89^\circ$



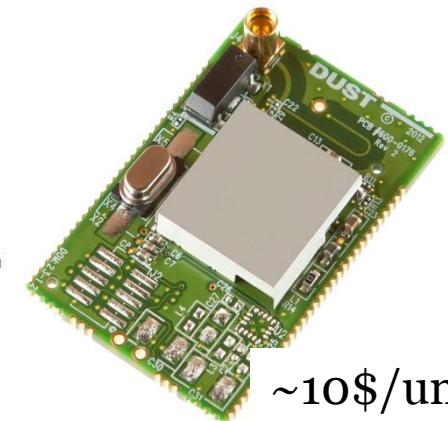
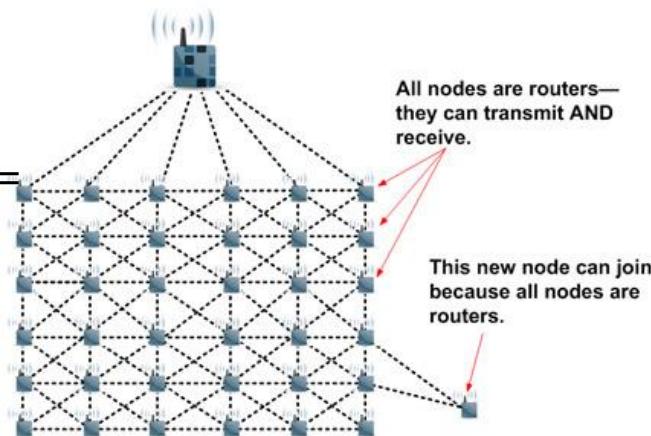
$\theta = 60^\circ$





GRAND data format & transfer

- IF we save minimal info: $5 \times 16 = 80$ bits per trigger
 - Trig time (32bits \leftrightarrow 4s)
 - Amplitude (16 bits)
 - Polarization info (2 angles: 2x8 bits)
 - Others (ID, monitoring...)
- Assuming trig rate = 100Hz
- 800bytes/antenna/s \Rightarrow **200MBy/s** data rate for full array
- Solution for data transfer? Many development in recent years for commercial applications may be usefull/
usefull
 - Smart Mesh + Wireless HART
 - Wifi (802.11xx), WiMax
 - GSM
 - ...



~10\$/unit

5 GHz Commercial Wireless COMMS

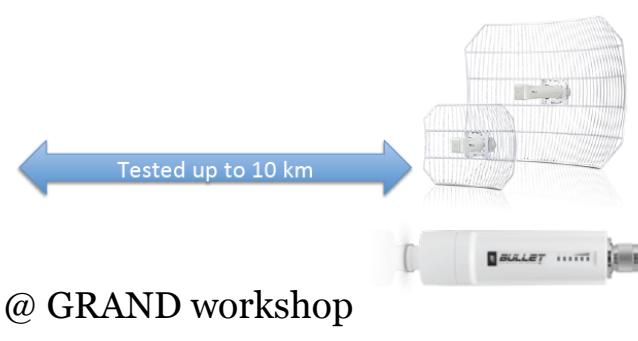


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20 dBi 90° sector antenna +
Ubiquity 5 GHz Rocket M access point



Stations: 30 dBi parabolic dish antenna +
Ubiquity 5 GHz Bullet M subscriber unit



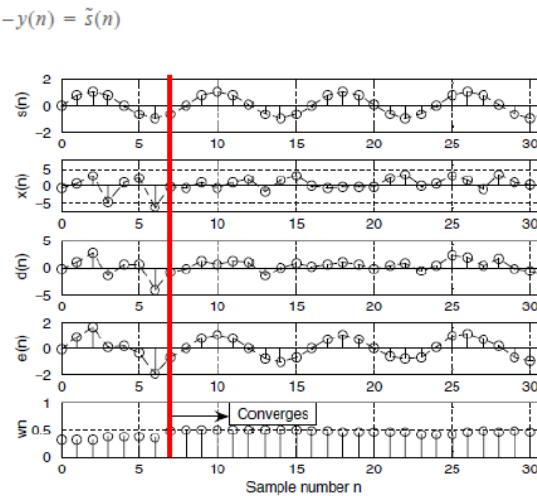
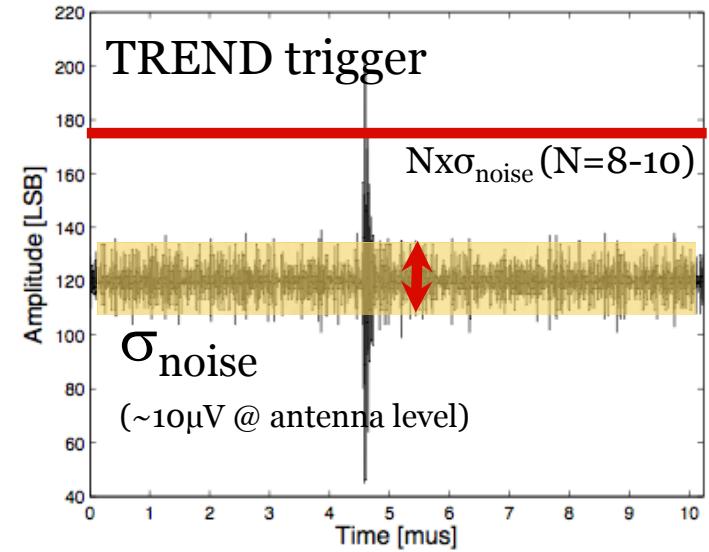
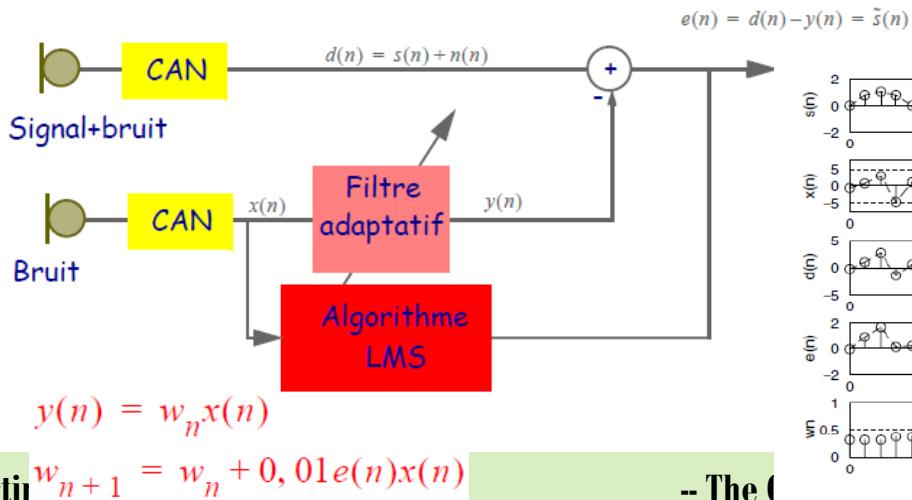
C. Timmermans @ GRAND workshop

For 150 subscribers: two 40 MHz channels in 5 GHz band gives 2 Mbps per station,
required ~0.5 Mbps



GRAND trigger

- Investigate online enhanced signal processing @ FPGA level:
 - Very little done on the topic so far... Could be improved because we KNOW expected signal (simulations) AND background (data).
 - Adaptative filter
 - Signal correlation
- ⇒ 2nd level trigger @ FPGA level
- ⇒ better threshold, better background rejection





(Temptative) budget for the detection unit

Element	Power consumption	Price
Antenna+Mechanics	-	50\$
LNA	~500mW	20\$ (3 channels)
Filter	-	30\$ (3 channels)
Signal detection (shape selection & trigger)	negligeable	~10\$
ADC+FPGA	~150mW	50\$
GPS	~100mW	<50\$
Com.	~100mW	10\$ or ?
Solar pannel	-	50\$
Cables, connectors & PCB	-	30\$
Total	~ 1W	300\$

300x200000 = 60M\$ → 100M\$ budget project