A global approach to Neutrino Astronomy



Christian Spiering, DESY

1960

Markov proposes underwater neutrino detection

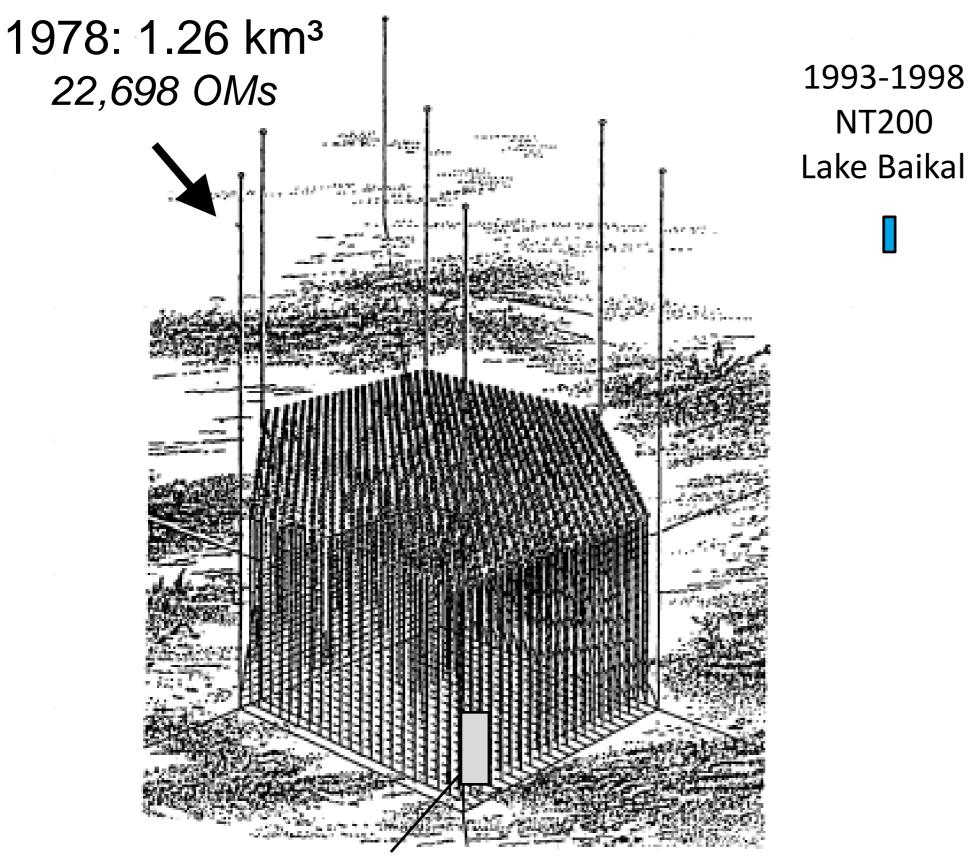
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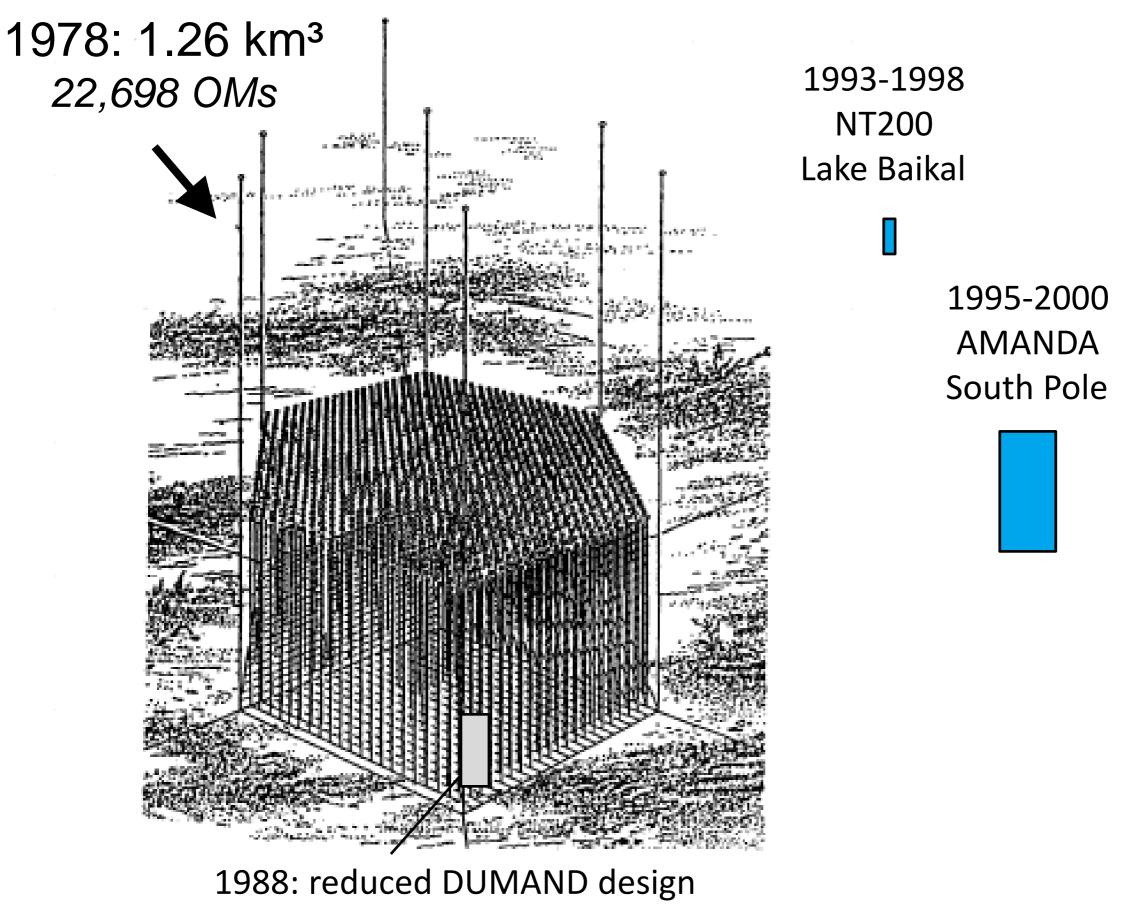
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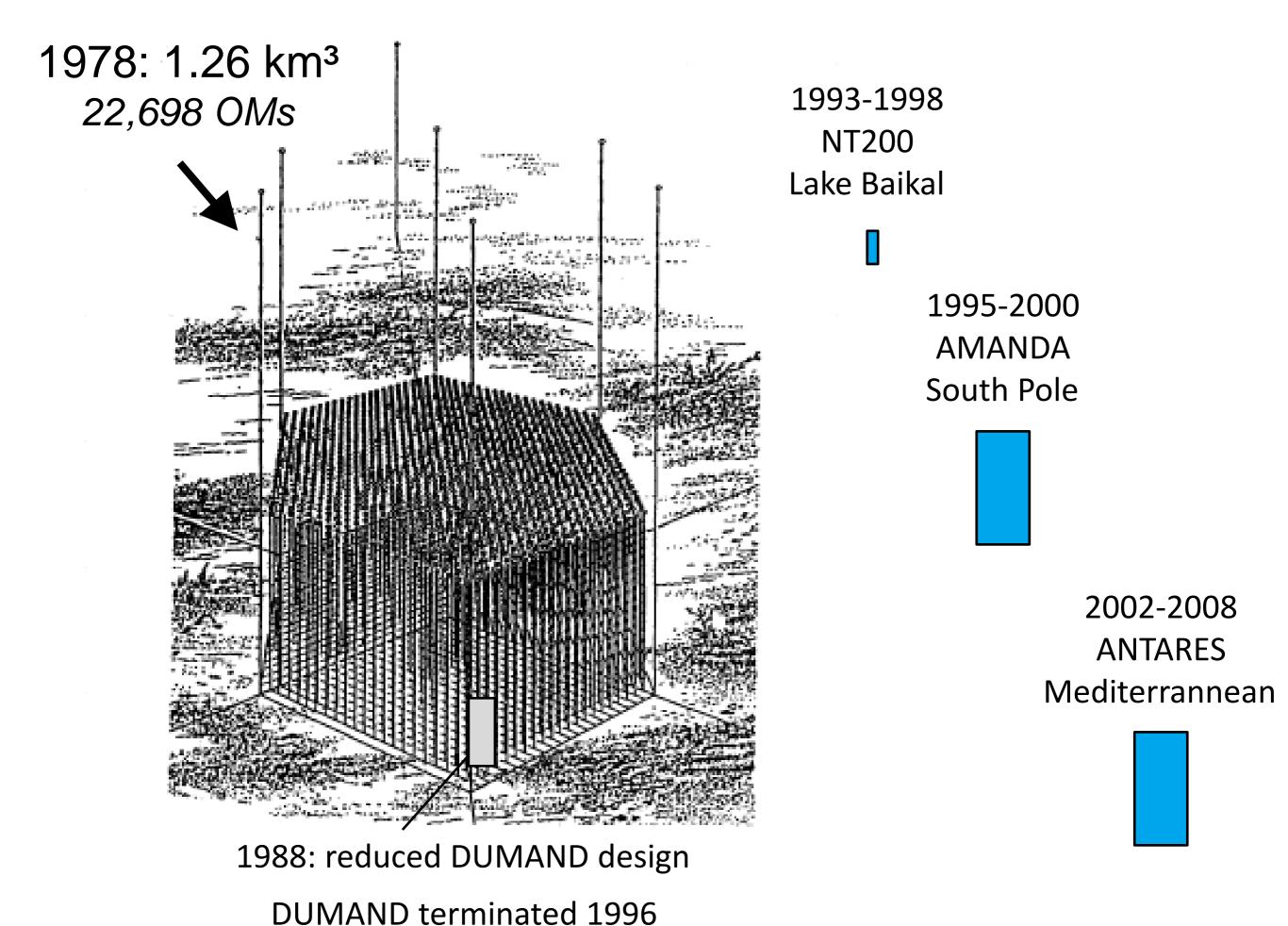
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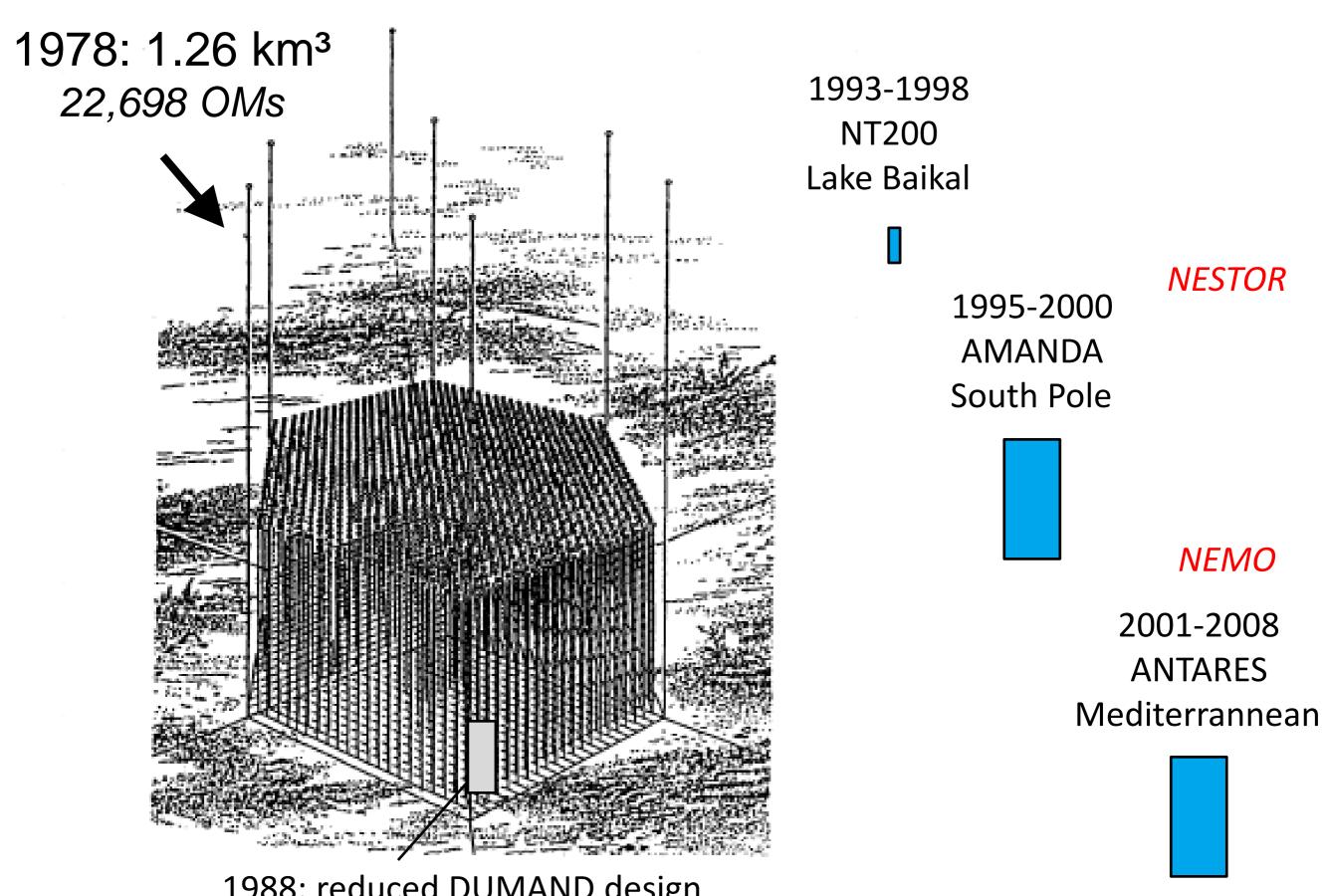


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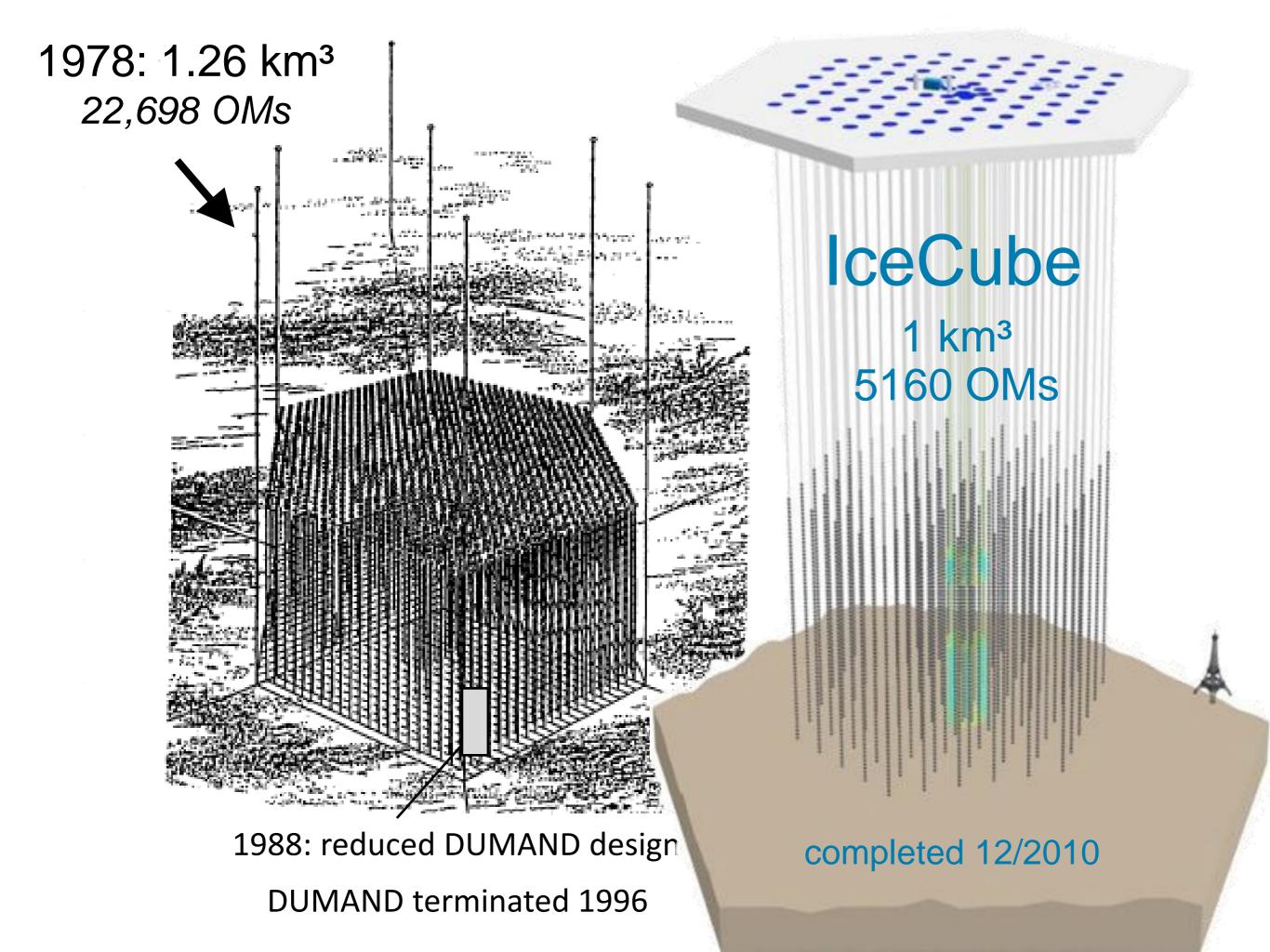


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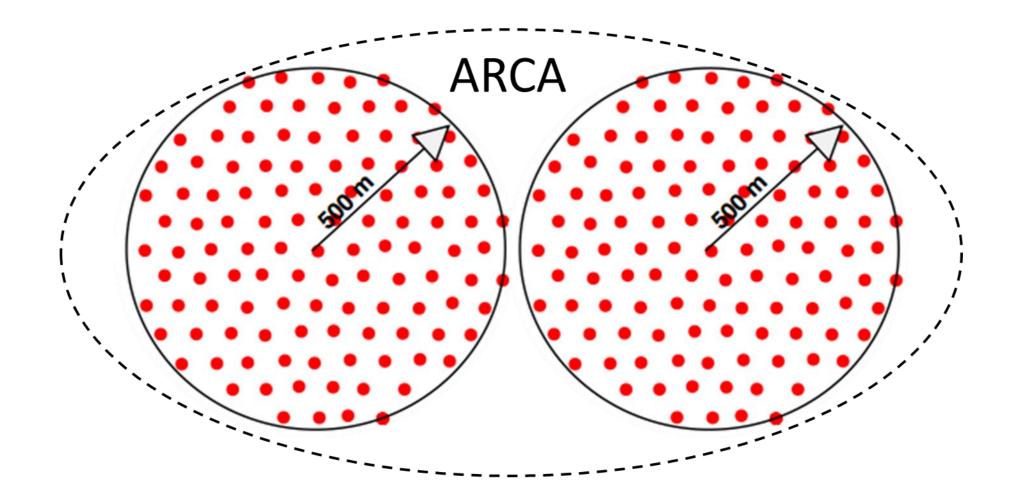
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KM3NeT Phase 2

first cluster to operational 2021/22

2 blocks for high-energy neutrino astronomy close to Sicily (~1.2 km³)



1 block for oscillation physics close to Toulon



Phase 3: still open

→ ARCA × 2 (or 3)

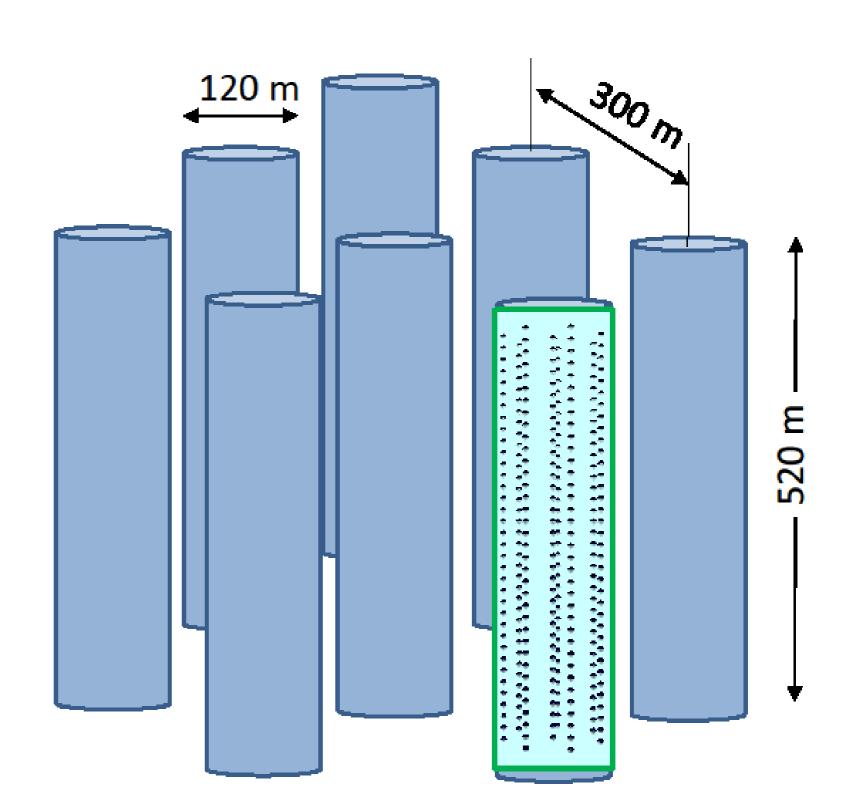
Baikal GVD Phase 1

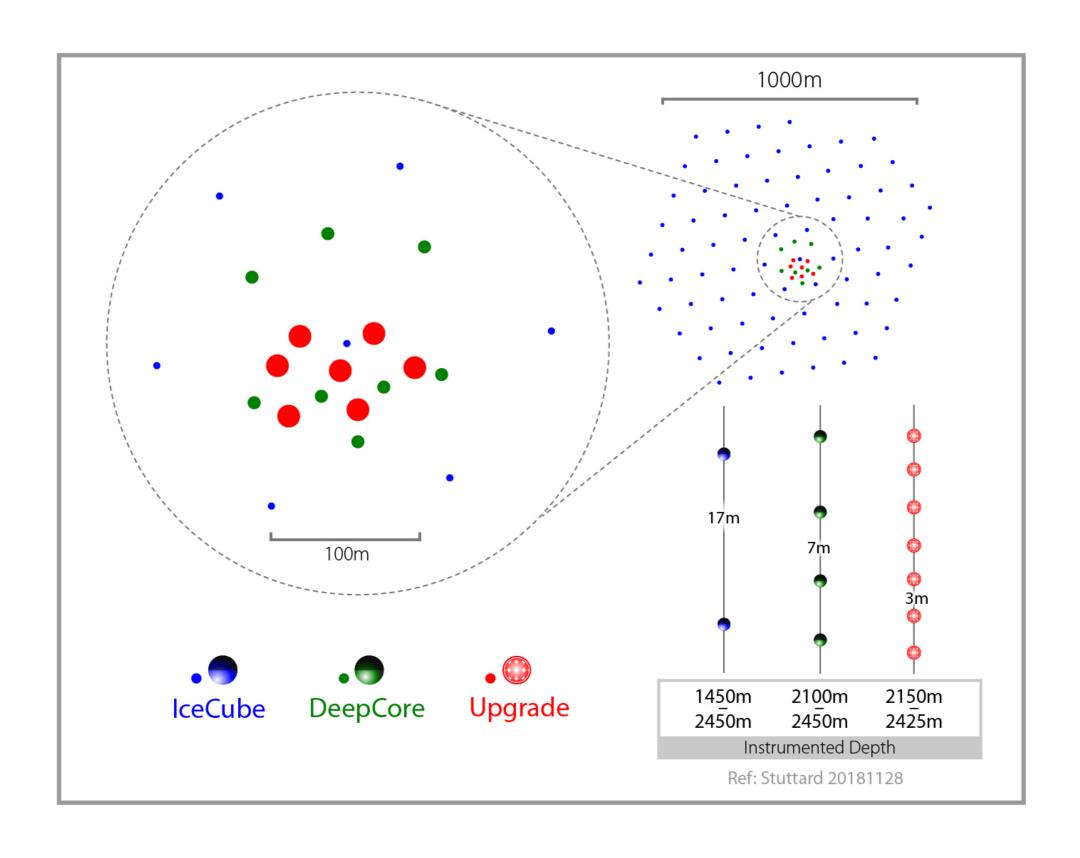
8 clusters (~0.4 km³)

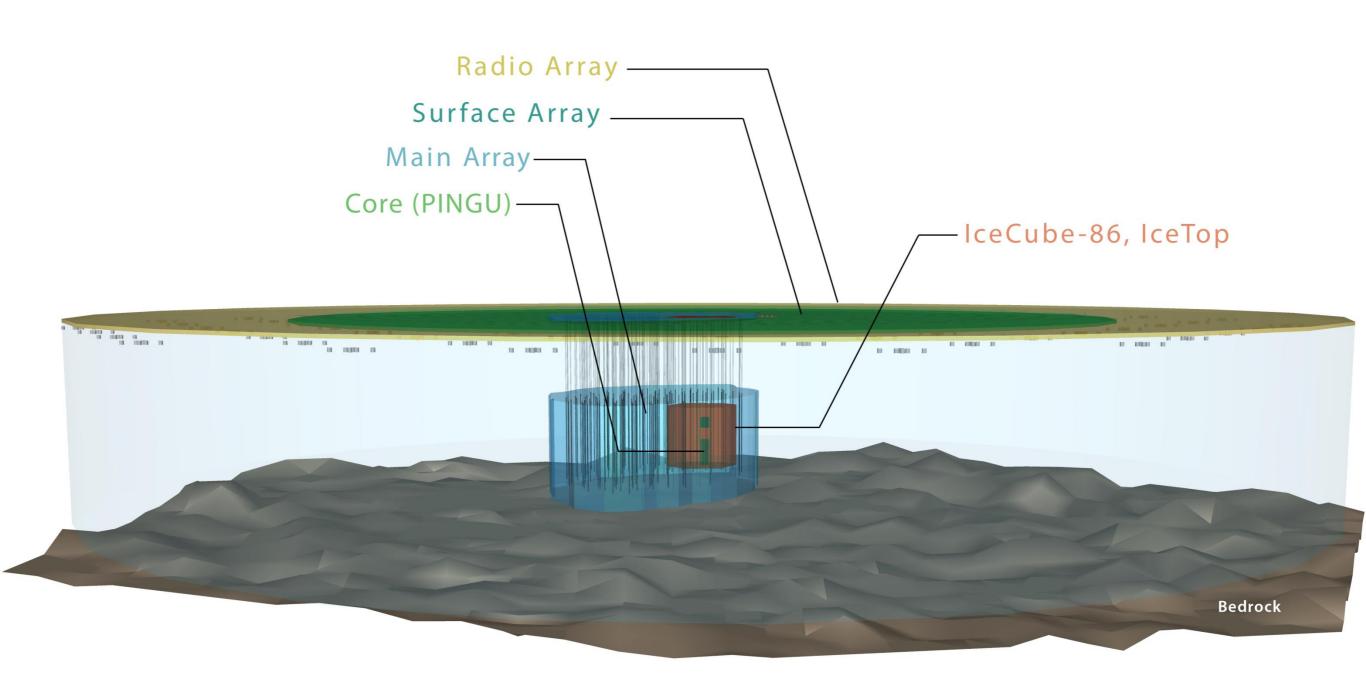
4½ clusters deployed

Completion 2021

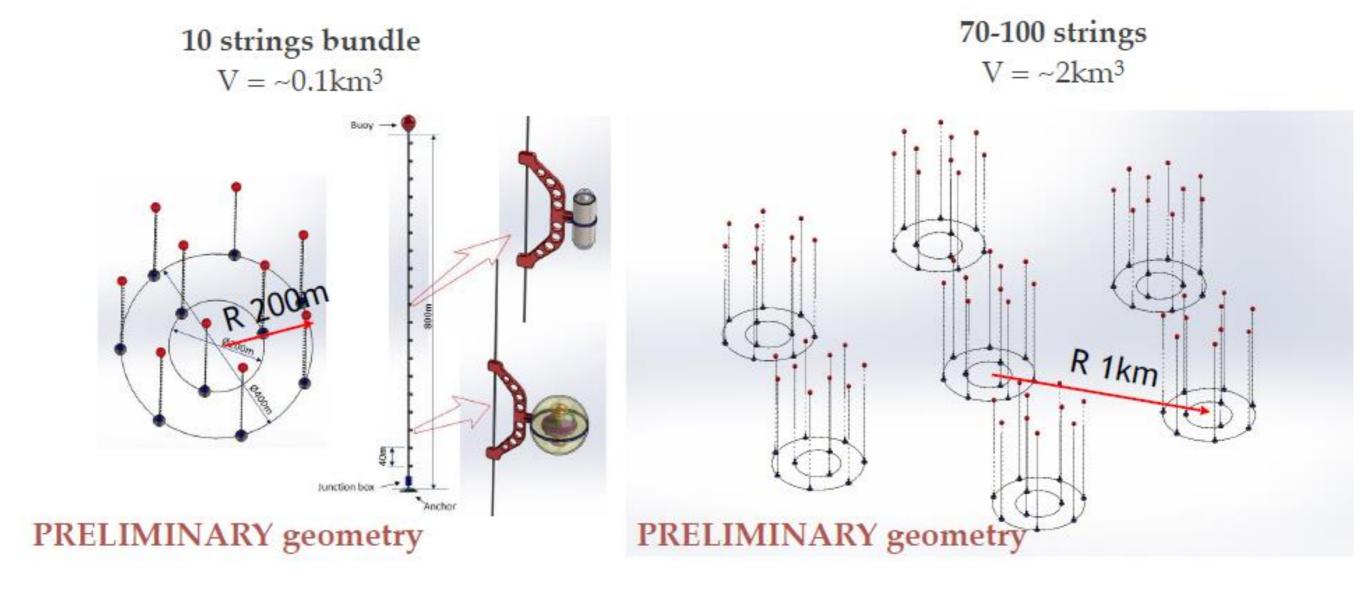
Later: Phase 2 (1.5 km³)







A new potential site: ONC in Canada

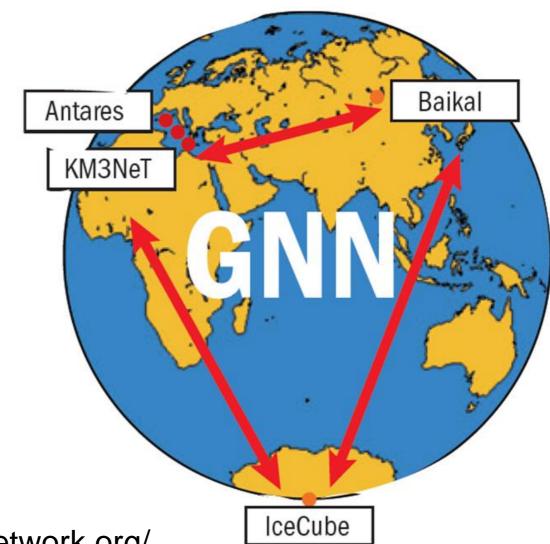


See talk of E. Resconi



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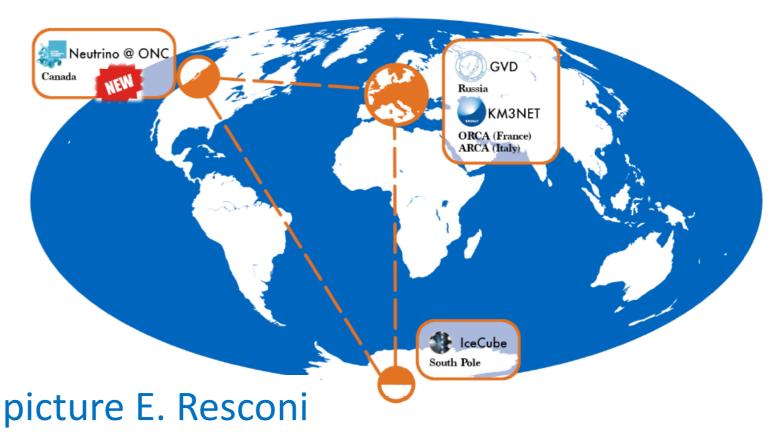


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After signing the MoU on GNN:

Christian Spiering, Maarten de Jong, Tyce de Young, Zhan-Arys Dzhilkibaev, Juan-José Hernandez-Rey, Paschal Coyle, Olga Botner, Uli Katz





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Goals of GNN

Develop coherent strategy to maximize the synergistic effects: exchanging information, analysis methods, cross-checking results, defining common ways of presenting data

Work toward framework for coordination of cooperative actions and self-organization of the neutrino astronomy community

Fostering future technological developments

Facilitate preparation of a "Global Neutrino Observatory": future detectors of similar scale in both North and South.

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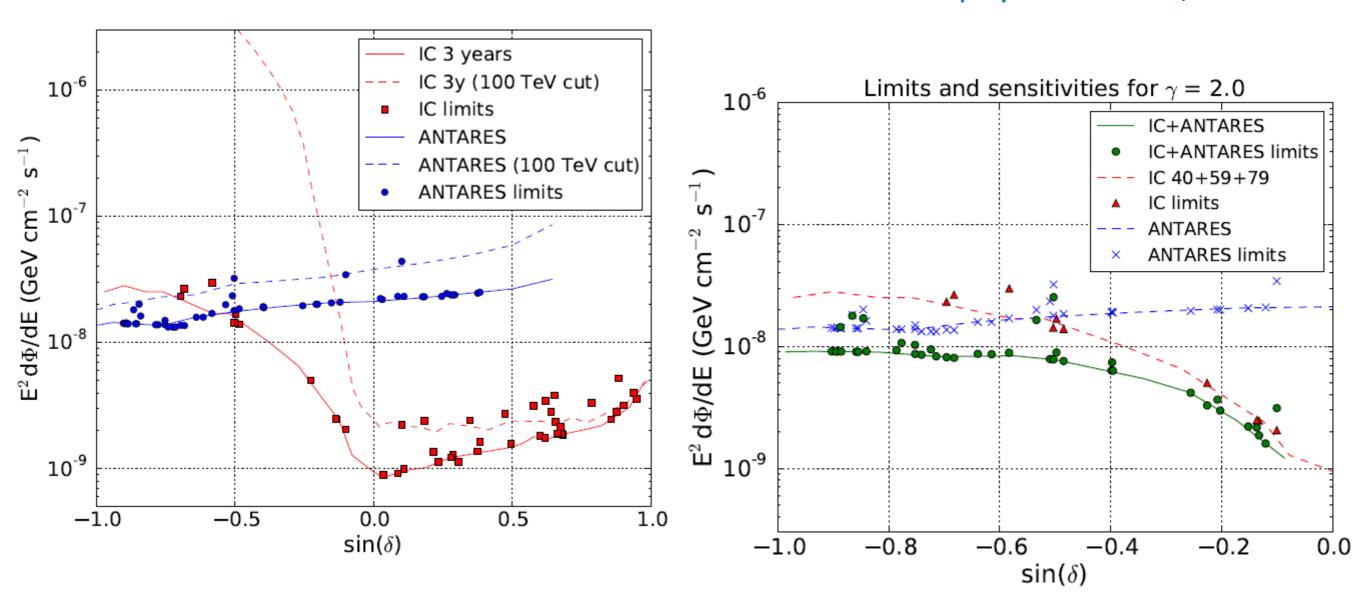
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Combination of skymaps: point sources

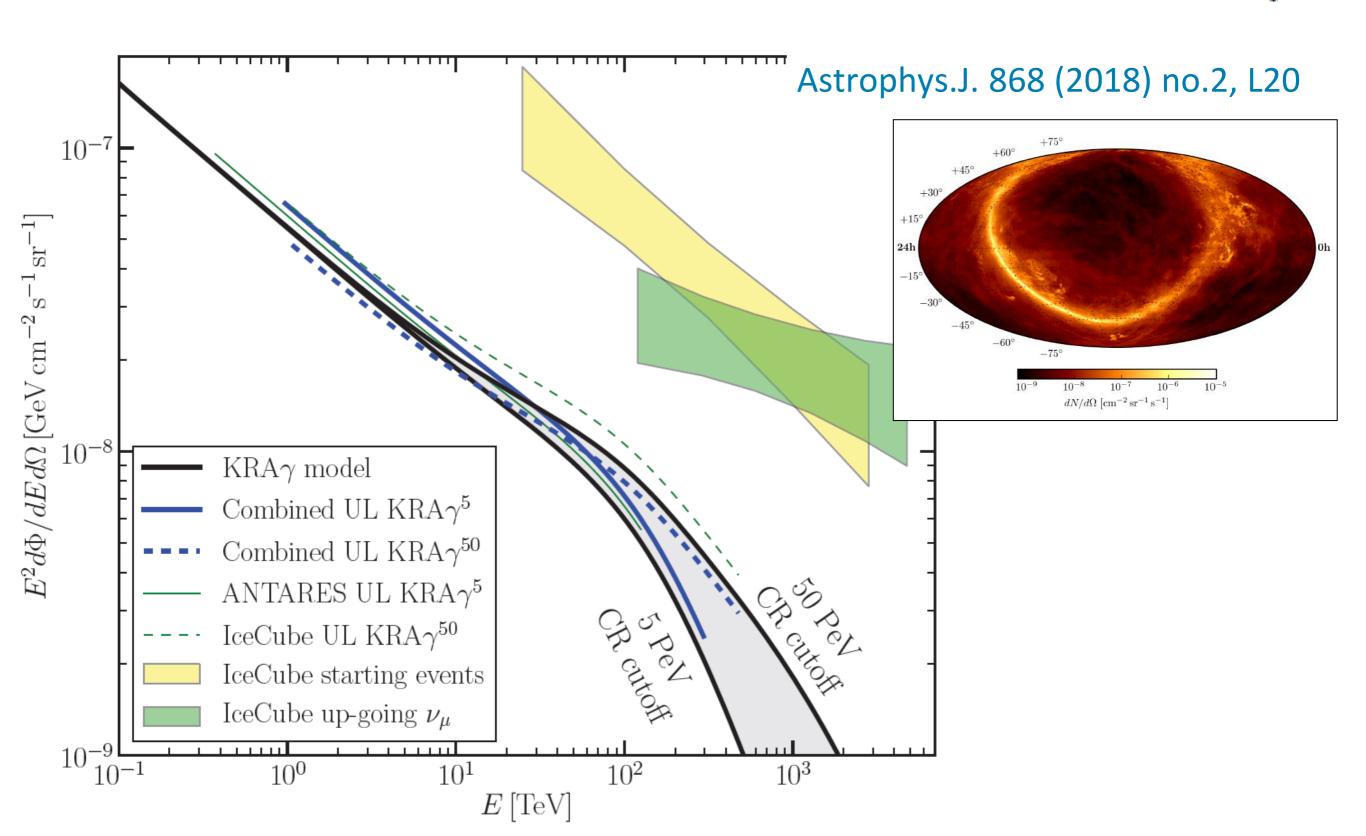
First combined search for neutrino point-sources in the Southern Hemisphere with the ANTARES and IceCube neutrino telescopes

Astrophys. J. 823:65,2016



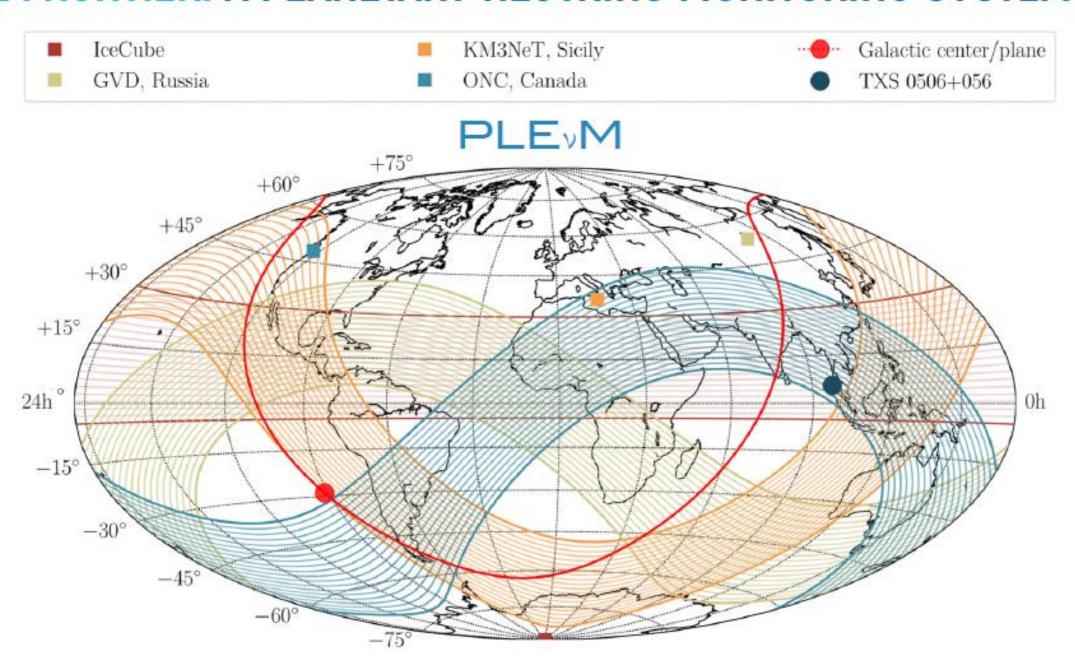
Galactic diffuse emission

Joint constraints on Galactic diffuse neutrino emission from the ANTARES and IceCube neutrino telescopes



New conceptional considerations ...

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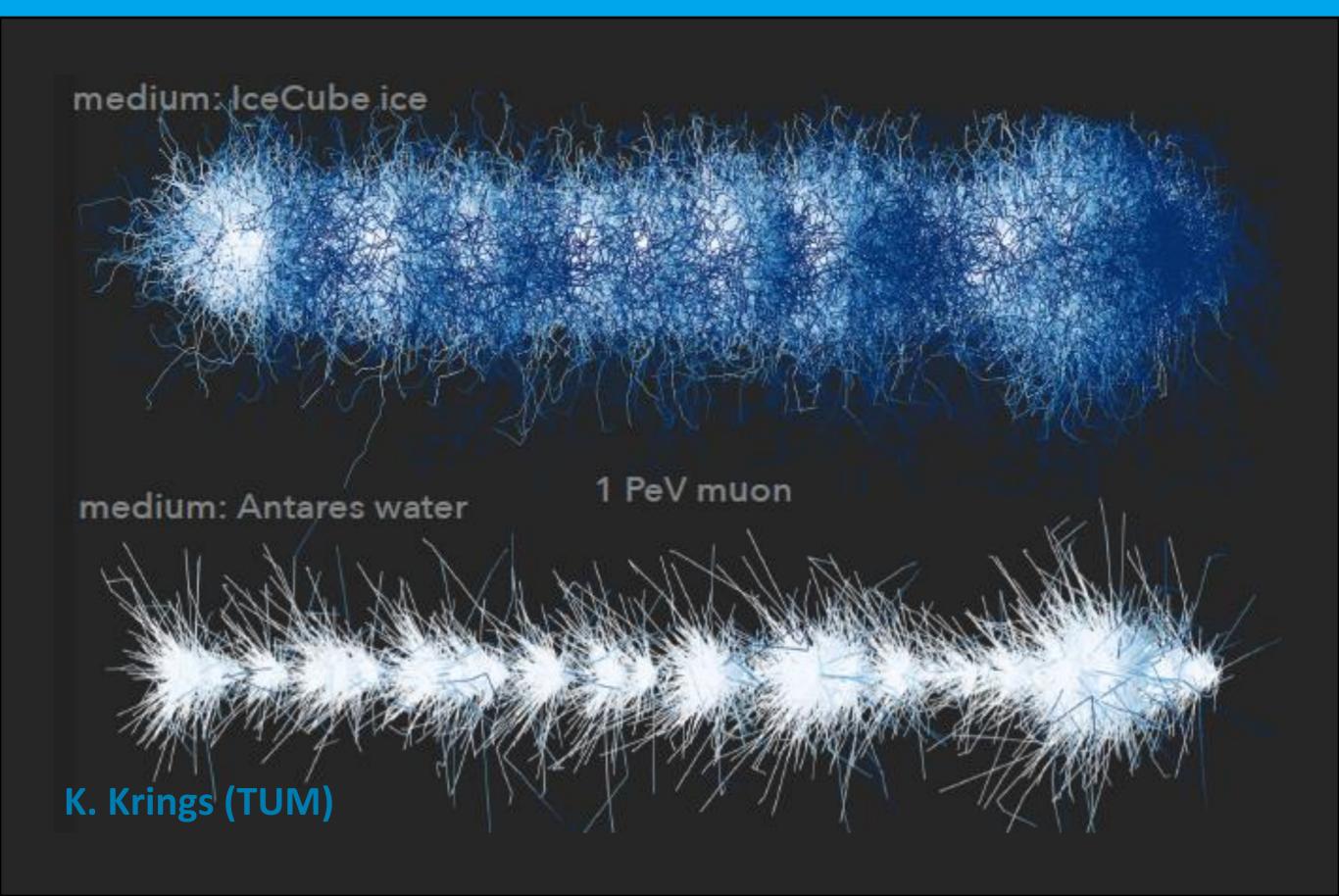


From talk of Elisa Resconi

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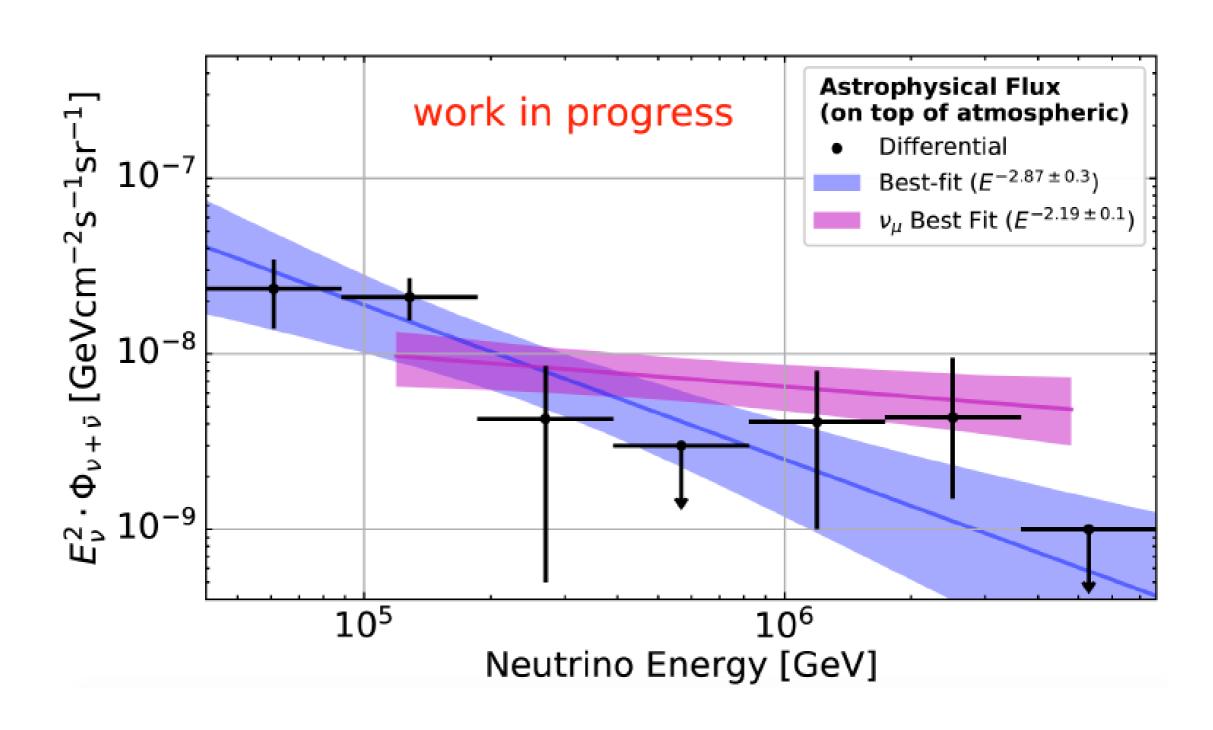
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Cross checks with different media



Cross checks: spectral shape

Looking forward to similar data from KM3NeT and GVD!

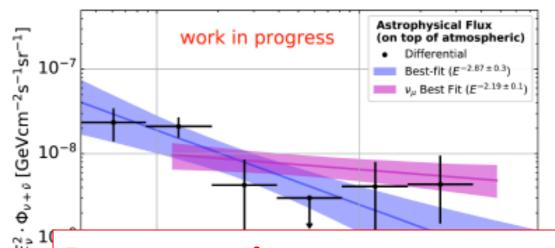


Cross checks: spectral shape

Detecting cosmic neutrinos: a threefold way



- Excess of HE neutrinos over the background of atmospheric events. Estimate of the neutrino energy (shower-dominated).
- No real improvement expected w.r.t. IceCube



But a very important cross check!

Neutrino Energy [GeV]

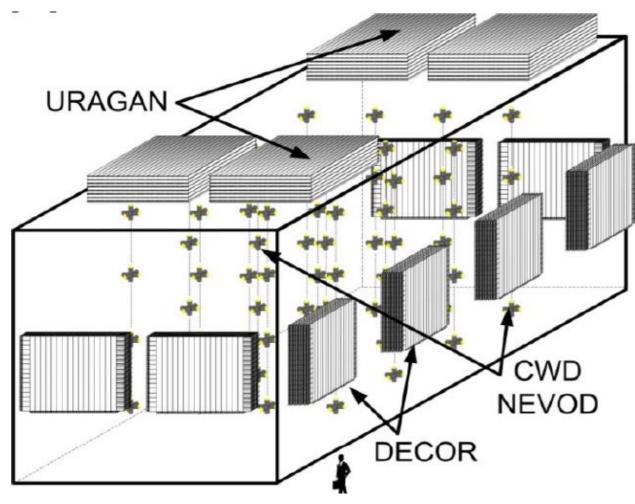
- Point-like events, excess in the sky map. Rely on the precision of the neutrino direction (track-dominated) and background suppression.
- Unsurpassable sensitivity for Galactic sources for E_ν<100 TeV and part
 of the Southern sky
- Coincident event in a restricted time/direction windows with EM/γ/GW counterparts. Relaxed energy/direction measurement + transient/ multimessenger information
- Real complementarity w.r.t. IceCube

Slide taken from Maurizio Spurio's talk

Calibration campaigns ("technology cross checks")

POCAM's first in site test in Lake Baikal, 2017





NEVOD in Moscow as calibration detector

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VLVvT (open) and MANTS (internal)

- Amsterdam 2003
- Catania 2005
- Toulon 2008
- Athens 2009
- Erlangen 2011
- Stockholm 2013
- Rome 2015
- Dubna 2018



MANTS Meeting

"Mediterranean-Antarctic Neutrinos Telescopes"

GNN internal workshop alternating with VLVvT

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Monthly newsletter: GNN Monthly



News from Baikal

On February 21, a transport with all remaining equipment for the winter expedition left Moscow. With great sadness, however, we had to hear that Andrei Panfilov, one of the very pioneers of the Baikal experiment and also this time already at the Lake, passed away at February 27. Please read the obituary at the end of this newsletter.

News from IceCube

The official closing of the South Pole station was already last week. The "snow eagle" (see the picture) was the very last plane to visit the South Pole at February 25. From now on, the winterovers will be left themselves until the end of October.



With an uptime of 99.8% in the first week of isolation, IceCube performed rather pleasantly.

News from ANTARES and KM3NeT

From February 25 to March 1, an ANTARES/KM3NeT Meeting took place in Tbilisi, Georgia. The meeting coincided with the good news that the Tbilisi group of Revaz Shanidze will get financial support.

On February 15/16, after an agonizingly long period of bad weather, the KM3NeT Collaboration successfully deployed and connected the first of the four available ORCA detection units (DU) to the refurbished main electro-optic cable. Unfortunately, after the deployment of the first DU, the winch of the heavy liftine failed and the other three DUs could not be deployed. The next campaign is planned for mid of April.



Four rolled-up detection units waiting for deployment

All 18 optical modules of the connected detection ur are providing good quality data, see the figure on the next page.



Depth versus time plot for a down-going muon recorded with the first ORCA Detection Unit

Neutrino Meeting at ONC

On the 19th and 20th of February, Ocean Network Canada (ONC) has hosted a meeting on neutrino telescopes. The existing NEPTUNE infrastructure operated by ONC could in fact host a new telescope. The meeting covered preliminary results from STRAW, the planning of a new mooring line STRAW-b for 2020 and a longer-term construction. A modular approach based on bundle of 10-strings has been discussed and a budget plan has been proposed to finance the first bundle. A conceptual design report is under preparation to cover in details the goal of the new installation. The institutions involved at the moment are ONC-Univ. Victoria, Univ. Alberta, Queens, and TU Munich.

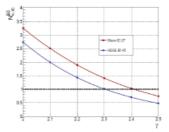


Publications

ANTARES neutrino search for time and space correlations with IceCube high-energy neutrino events (https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.09462). Giulia Illuminati (IFIC Valencia) as corresponding author examined arrival time and direction of 6894 track-like and 160 shower-like events recorded by ANTARES over 2346 days of lifetime and looked for coincidences with 54 IceCube high-energy track-like neutrino events (HESE and through-going muons). For steep spectra one may hope for a correlation since for the Southern hemisphere ANTARES is much more effective at lower energies (see, however, the paper below on a lowered threshold for IceCube). She finds no significant correlation and derives upper limits on the one-flavor neutrino fluence from the direction of the IceCube candidates. Special attention is given to the two most energetic IceCube events. The absence of time and space correlation within a time window of 0.1 days between ANTARES events and these two IceCube events constrains the spectral index γ of a possible point-like flaring neutrino source to be harder than -2.3 for the first and -2.4 for the second event, see

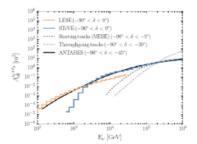
The ANTARES Collaboration has posted a paper

For the two cases of spectral index γ equal to -2.0 and -2.5 respectively, fluence limits for all 54 events are given – about 20/(GeV cm²) for γ = -2.0, slightly dependent of the declination.



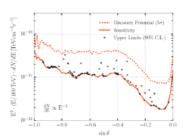
90% C.L. upper limits on the expected number of IceCube events originated from a transient E^T point-like source emitting in a time window ≤ 0.1 days as a function of the spectral index γ for the most energetic IceCube events of the through-going muon sample and of the HESE sample, respectively. The dotted line corresponds to the number of events detected by IceCube for each of these directions (i.e. 1).

Another low-energy look to the Southern hemisphere is taken by the IceCube Collaboration in their paper Neutrinos below 100 TeV from the southern sky employing refined veto techniques to IceCube data (https://arxiv.org/abs/1902.05792, submitted to Astroparticle Physics). Every reader of GNN Monthly knows what HESE means: High Energy Starting Events. The domain of HESE is the energy range above several tens of TeV. Three new selection strategies have been developed to improve the sensitivity to track-like events at energies below 100 TeV: MESE (Medium Energy Staring Events), STeVE (Starting TeV Events) and - moving into the region below 1 TeV - LESE (Low Energy Starting Events). Using an online filter which selects track-like events starting inside the detector, plus the two veto-based strategies LESE and STeVE, the atmospheric background could be reduced from order 10¹¹ triggered events to a few thousand events per year in the final event samples. The figure below shows the effective areas of the different samples for the Southern hemisphere, compared to the ANTARES effective area. (Note however that the ANTARES angular resolution is about 5 times better at these energies. Therefore IceCube cannot compete with the ANTARES analysis presented above!)



Effective areas of the LESE (light blue) and STeVE (dark blue) selections compared to other IceCube selections using tracks the through-going event selection (dashed light gray) and the starting event selection (MESE) (dashed gray). Also shown is the effective area for ANTARES (black). The effective areas are shown for a neutrino flux ν_{μ} + anti- ν_{μ} and averaged over the solid angle in the indicated declination range.

Rickard Ström (Uppsala), David Altmann (Erlangen) and Alexander Kappes (Münster) have used these samples to search for point-like neutrino sources in the southern sky at energies between 100 GeV and several TeV, using four years of IceCube data. No significant deviations from the background-only hypothesis were found. Upper limits at 90% C.L. were calculated for all 96 sources of a pre-defined list (see the following figure). The most significant source was HESS J1616-508, with a post-trial p-value of 6.1%, again compatible with the background-only hypothesis.



Sensitivity and 5σ discovery potential as functions of declination, with flux upper limits for each object in the source catalog assuming a soft spectrum (spectral index y = -3).

This analysis is the first of IceCube to search for pointlike sources of neutrinos in the track channel at these energies in the southern sky. The samples are also well suited for searches for extended sources or neutrino emission in the Galactic plane (where the drawback of the moderate pointing is less important).

The paper A search for transient optical counterparts to high-energy IceCube neutrinos with Pan-STARRS1 was submitted to Astronomy and Astrophysics and posted at https://arxiv.org/abs/1901.11080. Pan-STARRS is a 1.8-m telescope located at the Haleakala Observatory in Hawaii. It is equipped with a 1.4 Gigapixel CCD camera with ~ 7 deg2 FoV and automatic real time data processing. Anna Franckowiak Llakob van Santen (both DESY) and Claudio Kopper (Michigan State Univ.) for IceCube together with several Pan-STARRS scientists have used Pan-STARRS1 to follow-up five of the 2016/17 IceCube alerts to search for any optical transients that may be related to the neutrinos. Typically 10-20 faint extragalactic transients are found within the Pan-STARRS1 footprints and are generally consistent with being unrelated supernovae (SNe) and AGN. The figure shows the landscape of sources around one of

Long-term vision

~ 2030

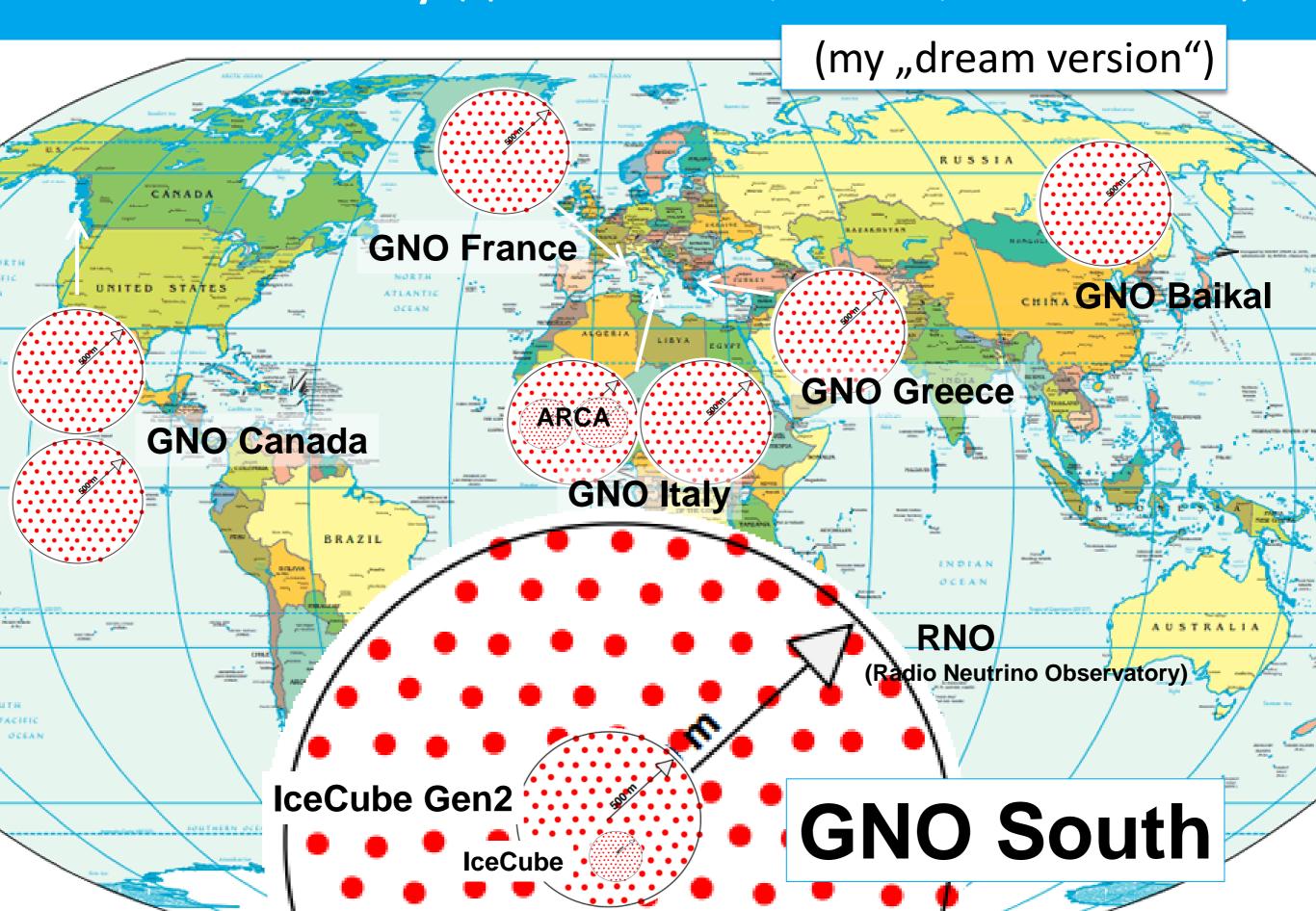
- 6-8 km³ optical detectors both in the South and in the North
 - IceCube Gen2
 - KM3NeT/ARCA + GVD, + + Canada ?
- [■] ~100 km² radio detector at the South Pole (RNO_{100 km²} ~ 2024 ?)

Beyond 2030

(depending on the outcome of the Σ 6-8 km³ phase !!!)

- > 10 1000 km³ scale
 - Optical ?
 - Radio
 - (Acoustic ?)

Global v Observatory (Optical: North 7 x 3 km³, South 8 km³, radio: South ≥100 km²)



GNN: strategic considerations

- In the future, big and expensive projects in fundamental science will compete with each other across disciplines, nations and communities: not "IceCube vs. KM3NeT", but may be astronomy vs. gene technology.
- Need to speak with one common voice (similar to GWIC which was instrumental in steering and synchronising gravitational wave research on a global scale, and with a time horizon of decades)
- A coherent effort including neutrino astronomy as well as neutrino physics may have good prospects in the "global science league".
- GNN is a good starting point for this coordination process. If used with care and courage, GNN can be the right instrument for building our future strategy.

GNN Input to CERN Strategy Process

18 December 2018



A memorandum by the Global Neutrino Network as input to the update of the European Strategy for Particle Physics

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The Global Neutrino Network is an association of the neutrino telescope projects targeting the investigation of cosmic and atmospheric neutrinos in the energy range from GeV to beyond PeV. The main scientific objectives are the exploration of high-energy cosmic neutrinos from non-thermal astrophysical sources (neutrino astronomy), the investigation of fundamental questions of particle physics with atmospheric, but also cosmic neutrinos (neutrino physics), and further particle physics topics such as the search for dark matter. In this document we focus on the particle physics aspects and provide information that we consider useful in linking neutrino telescopes to the European Strategy for Particle Physics.

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Conclusions

Given the particle and in particular neutrino physics capabilities of the current and upcoming neutrino telescopes, we suggest to consider these instruments as an element of the future European Particle Physics Strategy and to exploit synergies both on the scientific and instrumental level. In particular, a mutually beneficial cooperation between the neutrino telescope projects and the CERN neutrino platform might be an option to explore. We note that the neutrino telescope community is deeply involved in technology, computing and data science developments which are also relevant for accelerator-based experiments – examples are photo-detection, GPU-based scientific computing and open data provision.