



# Neutrino astronomy with KM3NeT/ARCA

## First results and perspectives

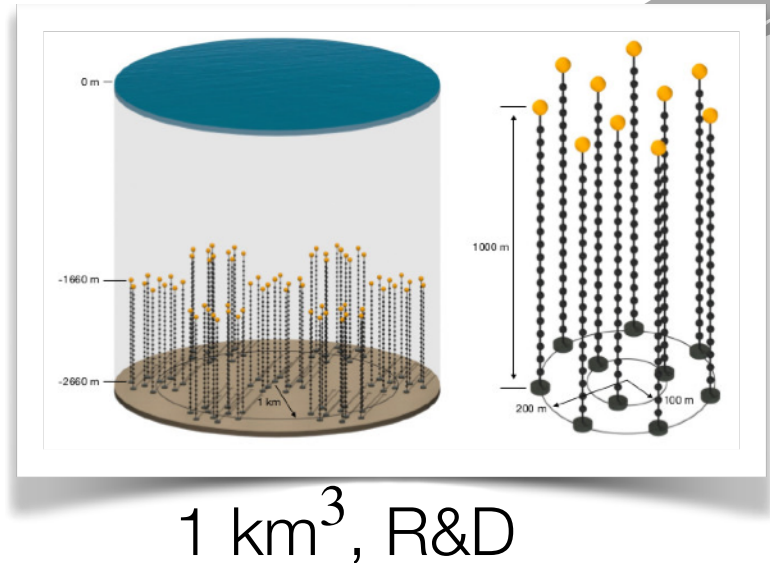


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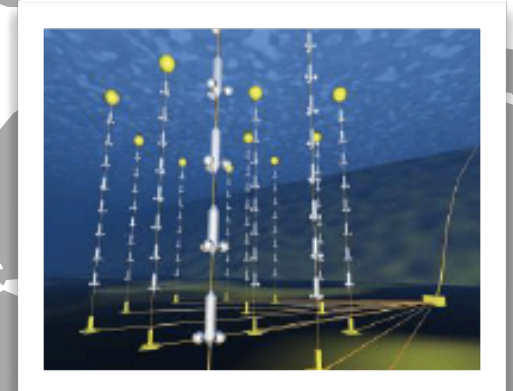


# High-energy neutrino telescopes: World map

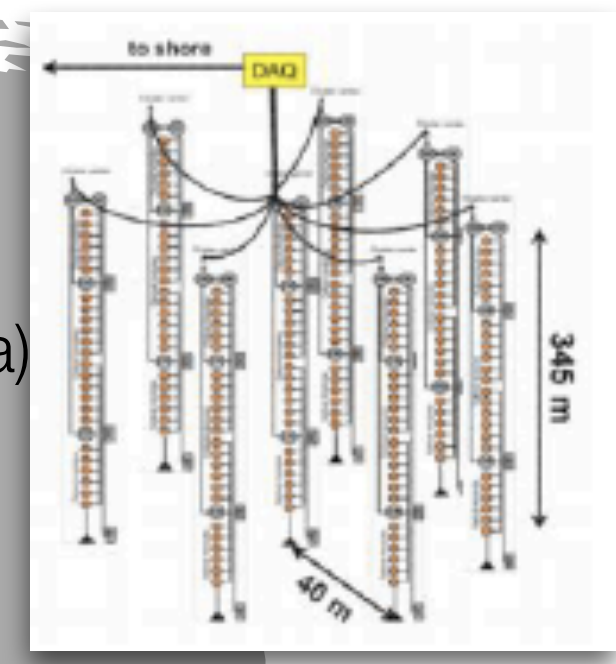


P-ONE (Canada)

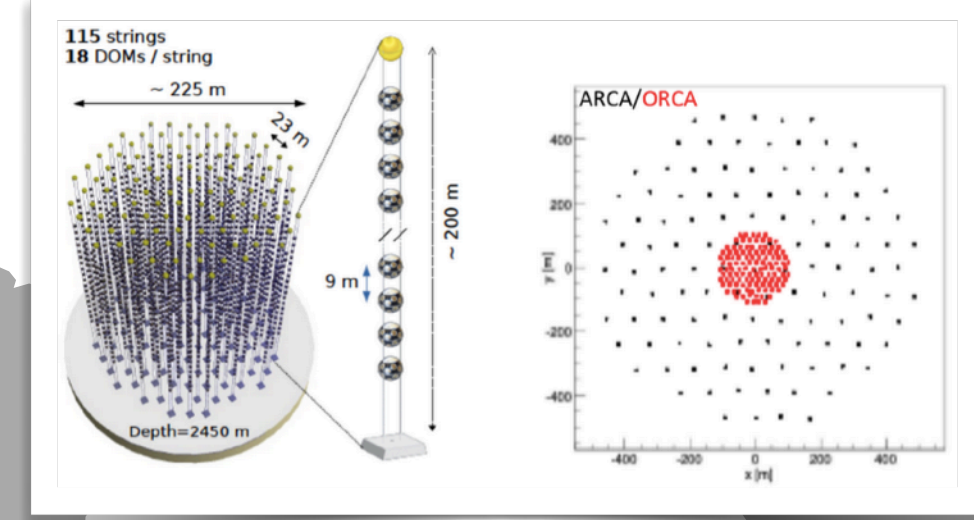
**ANTARES, dismantled**  
 >0.01 km<sup>3</sup>, 2008-2022



Baikal/GVD (Russia)  
 1 km<sup>3</sup>, in construction

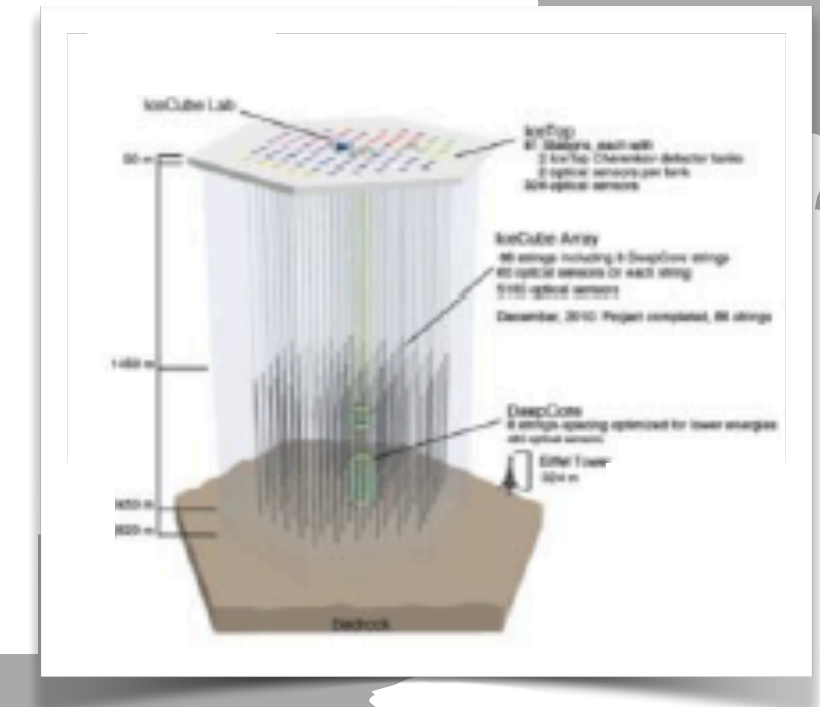


**KM3NeT-ORCA (France)**  
**KM3NeT-ARCA (Sicily, Italy)**  
 >1 km<sup>3</sup>, data taking, **in construction**



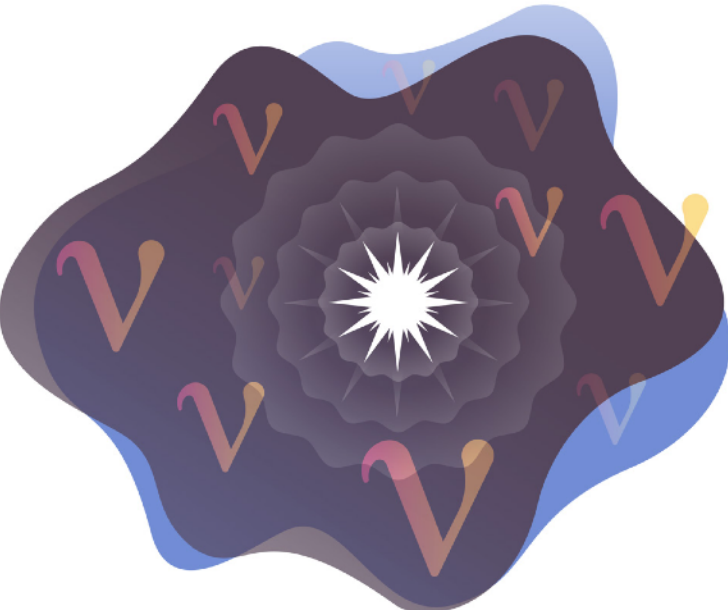
IceCube (South Pole)  
 1 km<sup>3</sup>, 2011-data taking

IceCube-Gen2 (South Pole)  
 10 km<sup>3</sup>, R&D

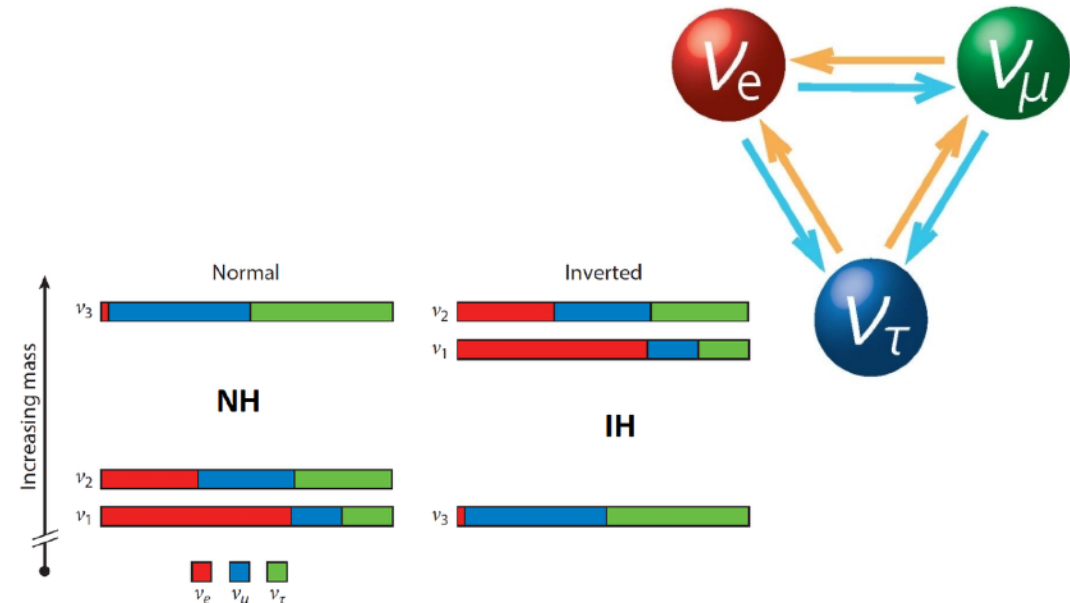


# High-energy neutrino telescopes: science

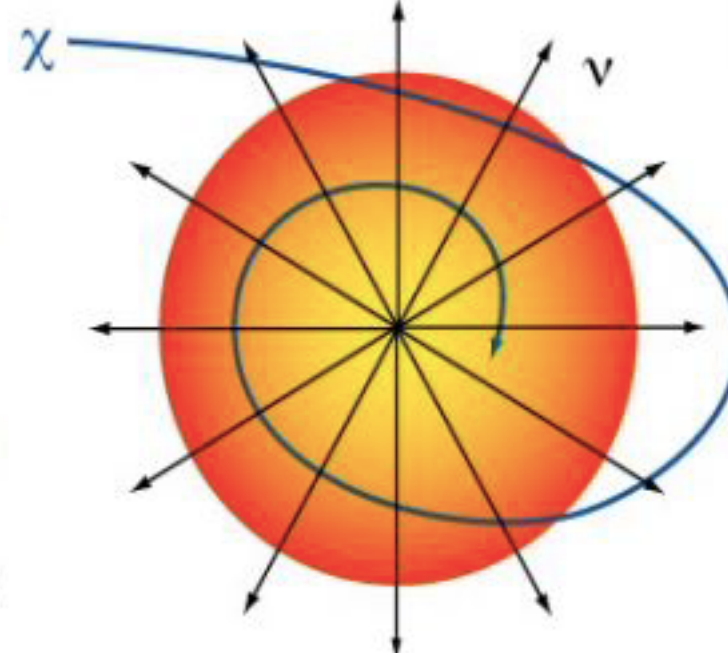
Supernova neutrinos



Neutrino mass hierarchy  
Neutrino oscillations



Dark matter

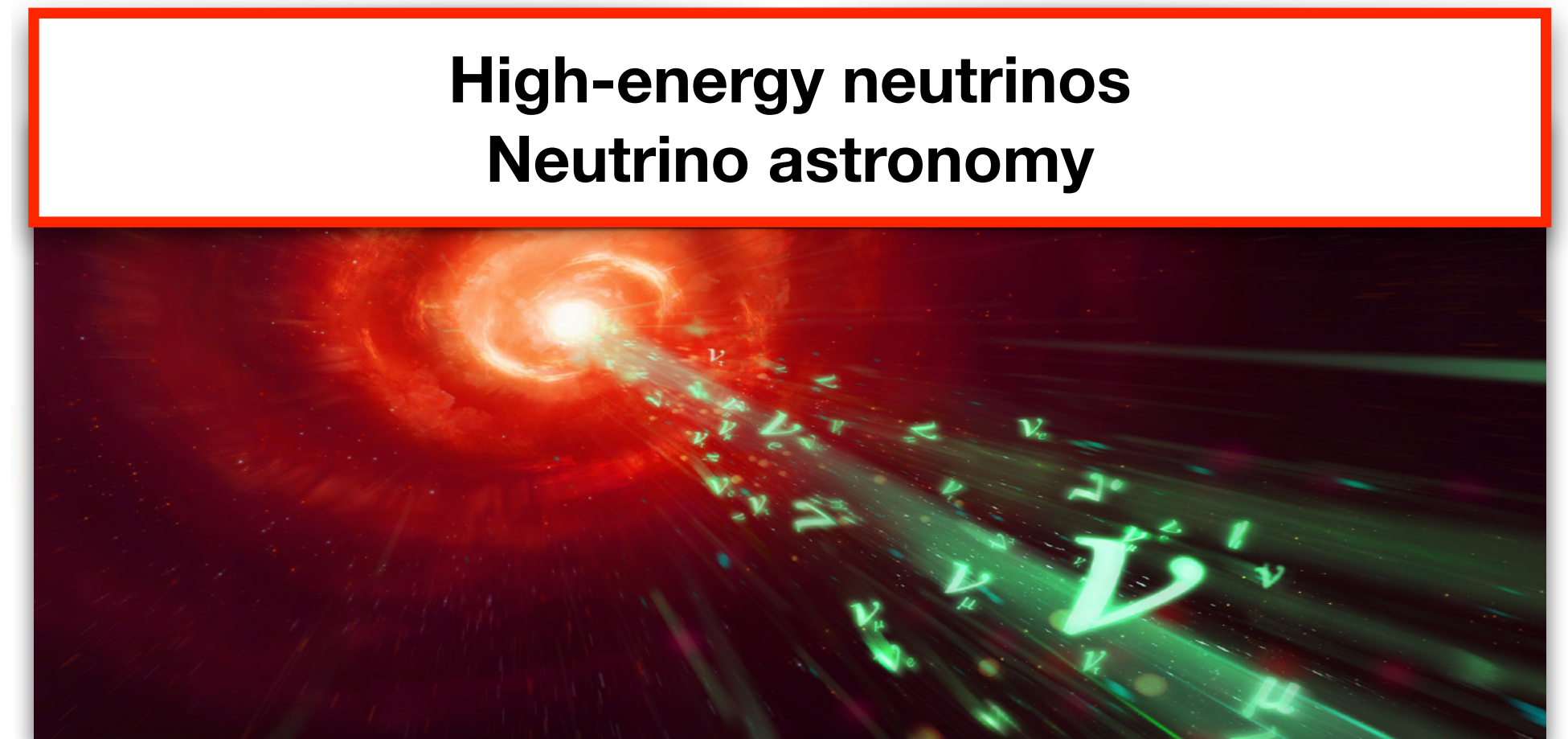
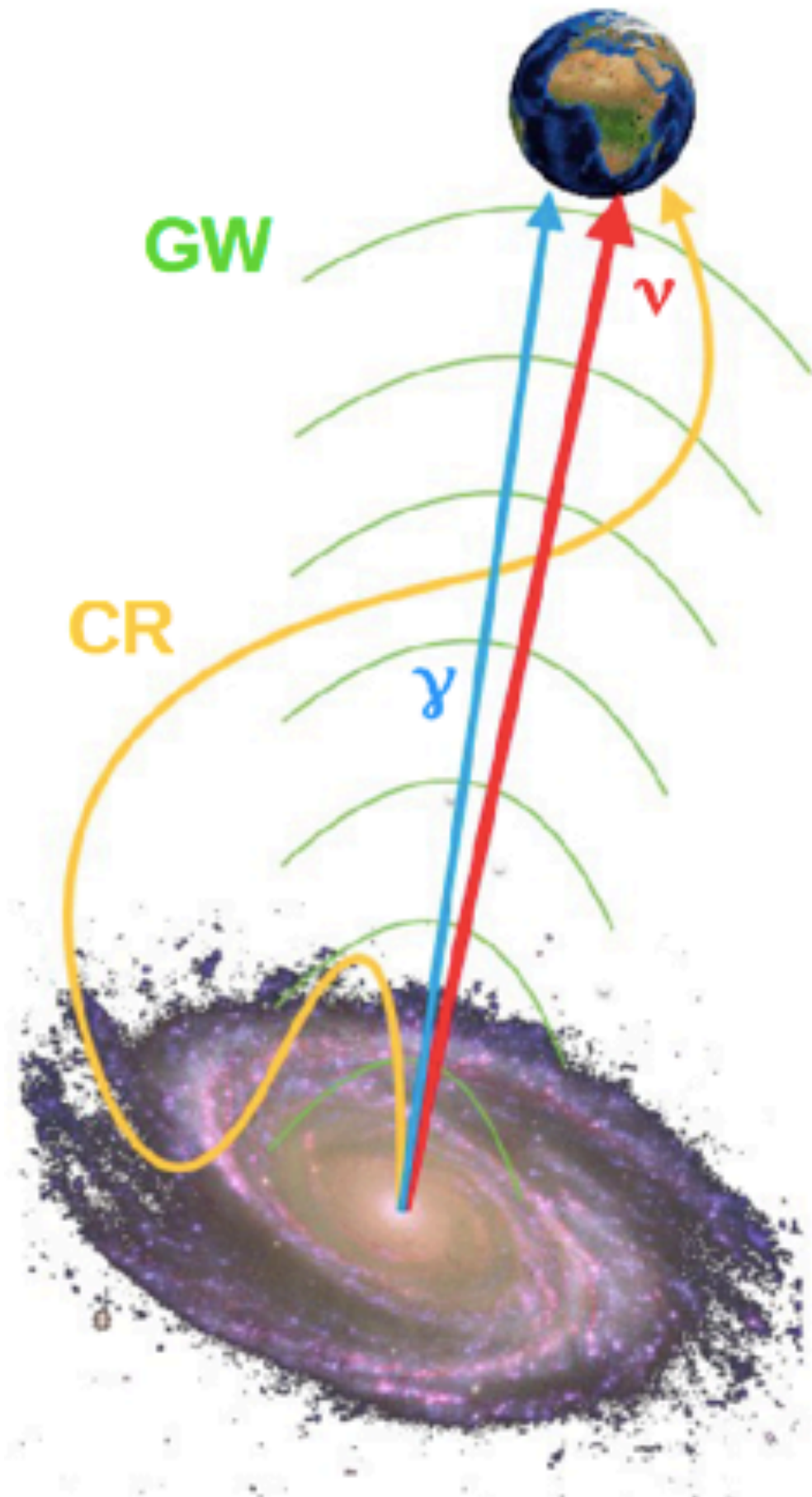


High-energy neutrinos  
Neutrino astronomy



# This talk...

- Why neutrinos to do astronomy
- What is KM3NeT
- Focus on KM3NeT/ARCA
- Detection principle
- Performances for the full detector
- Some results obtained with first KM3NeT/ARCA data
- Multi-messenger framework of KM3NeT



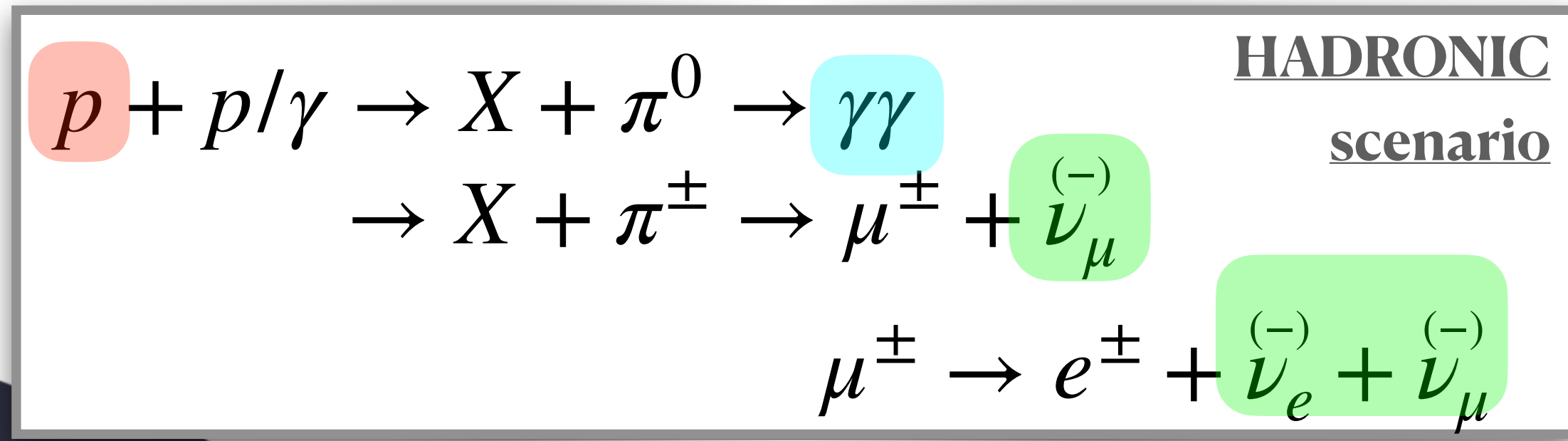
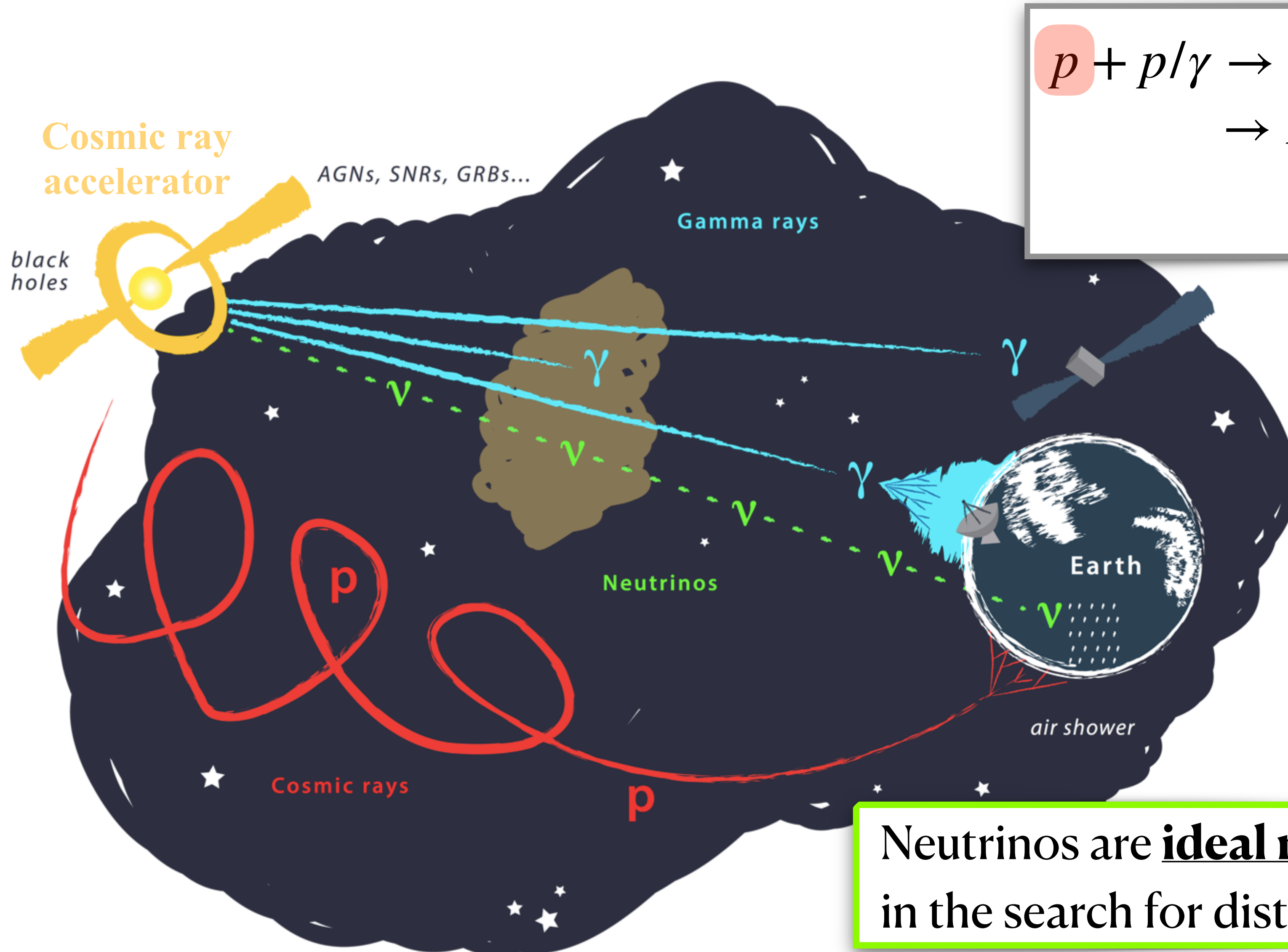
TeV

High-energy (PeV scale)



**KM3NeT/ARCA**

# Multi-messenger astronomy and role of neutrinos

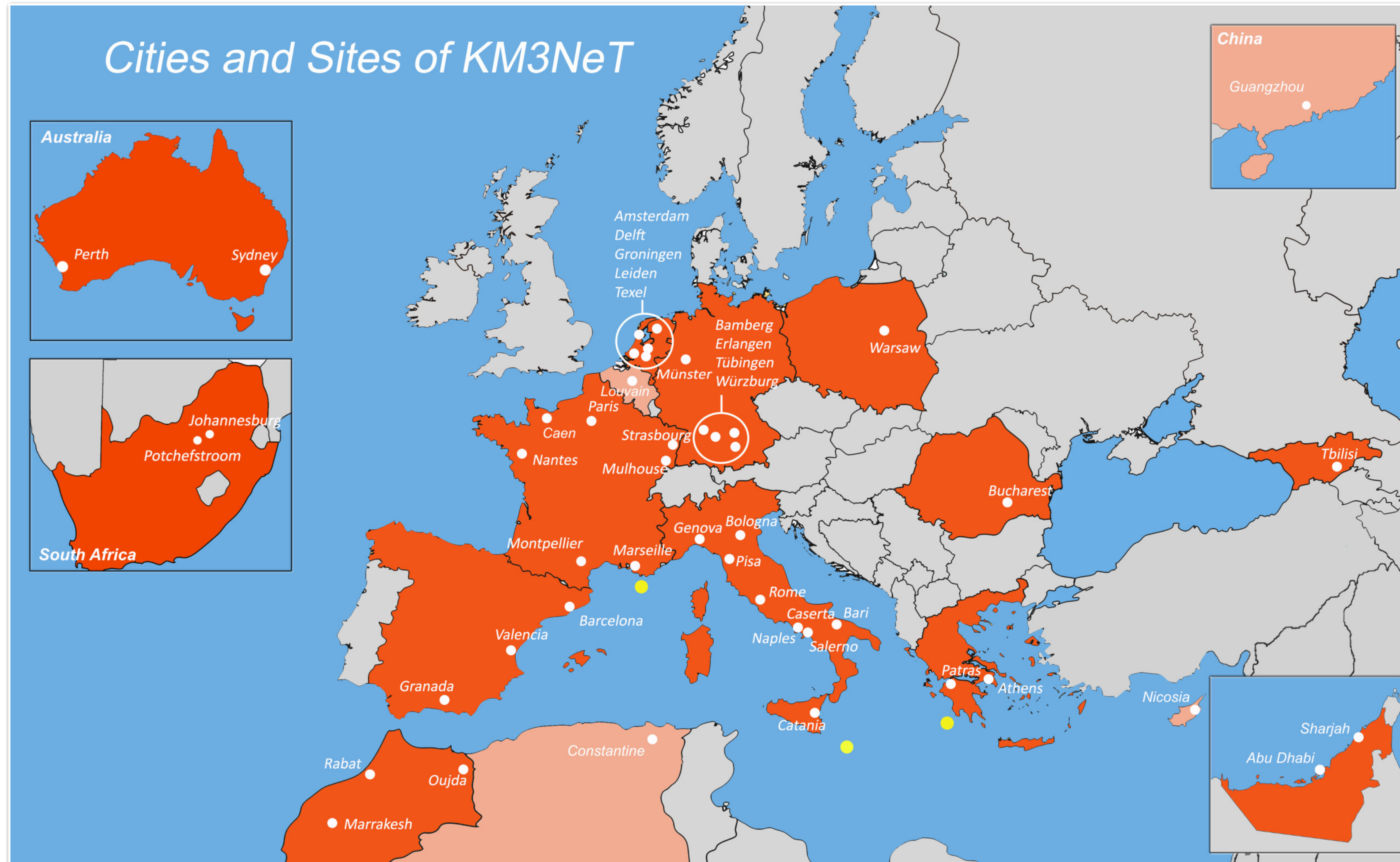


Unique properties of **neutrinos**:  
electrically neutral, stable, and weakly interacting particles

- ★ **No deflection** in magnetic field (unlike **cosmic rays**)
- ★ **No absorption** in cosmic backgrounds, as Extragalactic Background Light (unlike **gamma-rays**)

Neutrinos are **ideal messengers**  
in the search for distant astrophysical objects

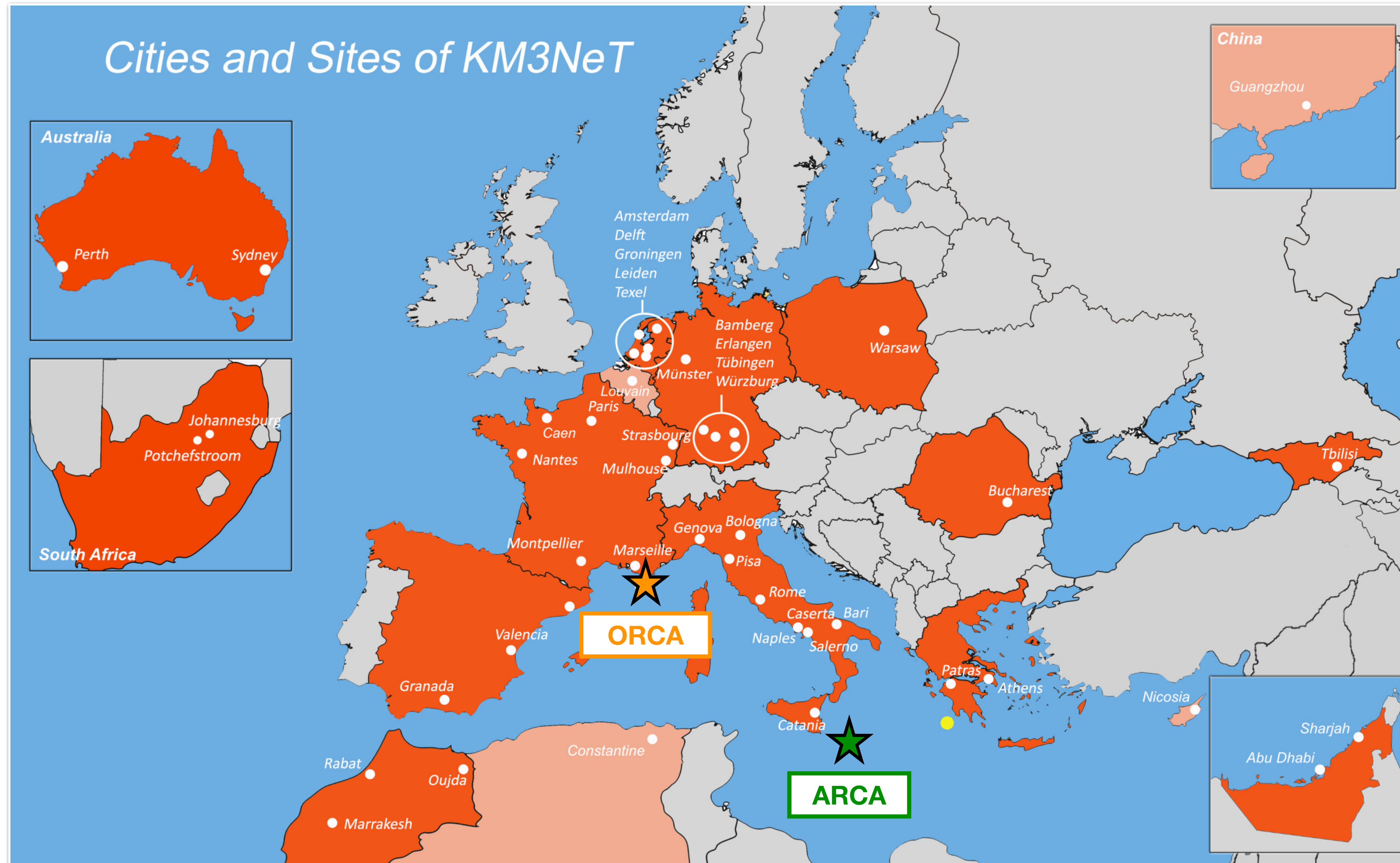
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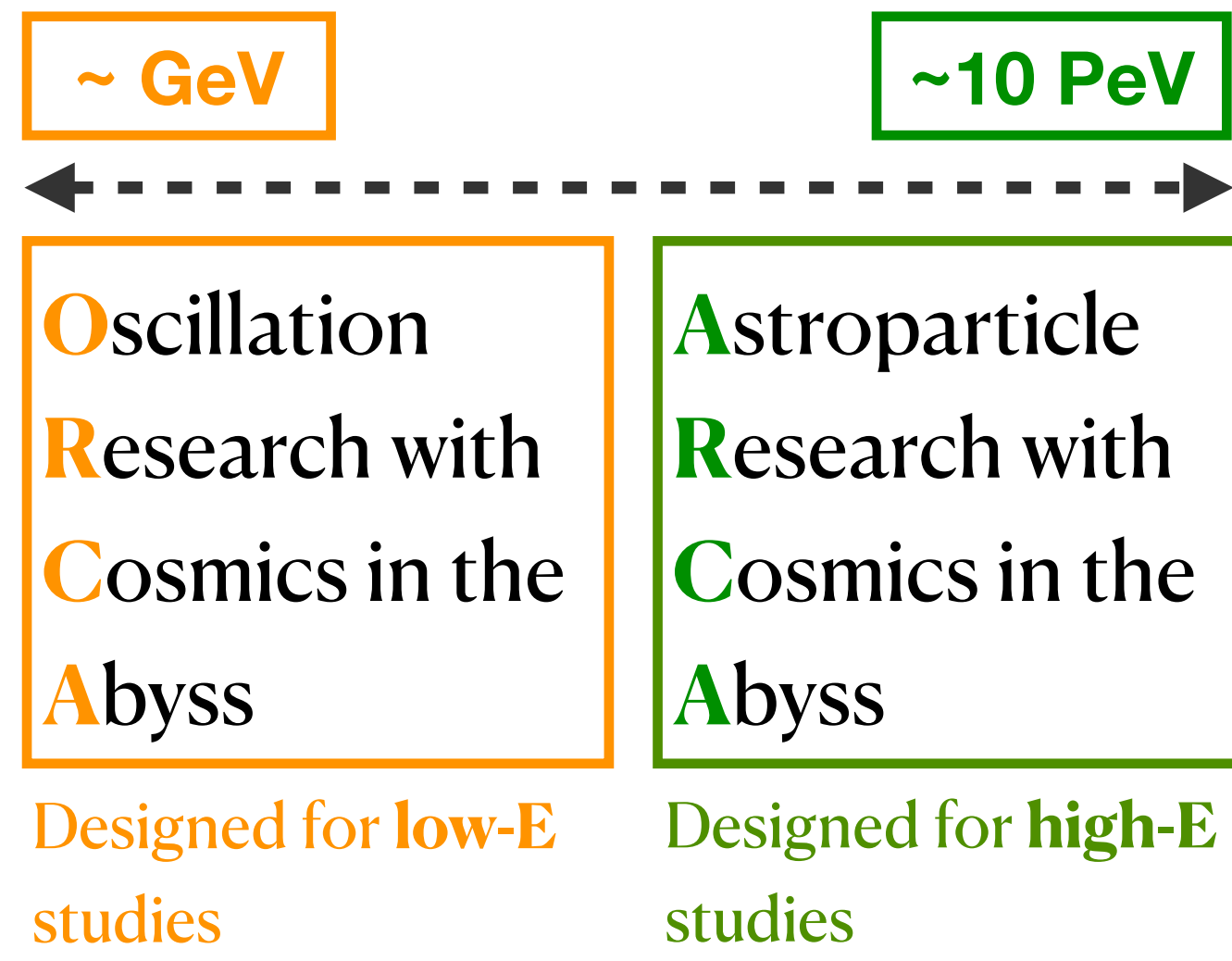
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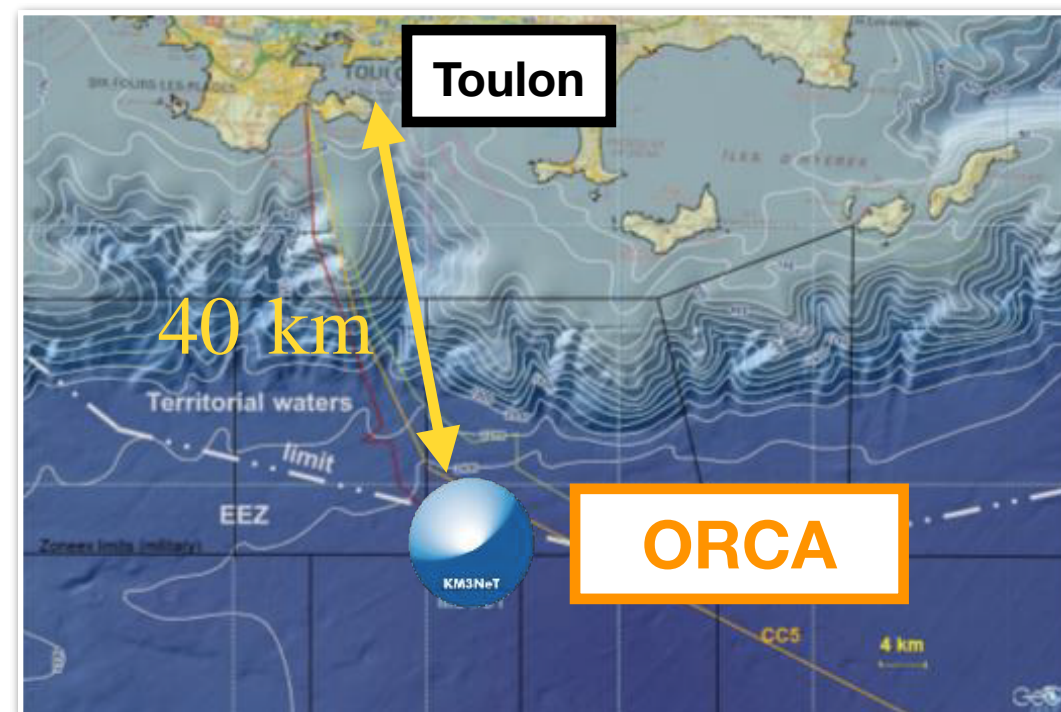
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# The KM3NeT neutrino telescope

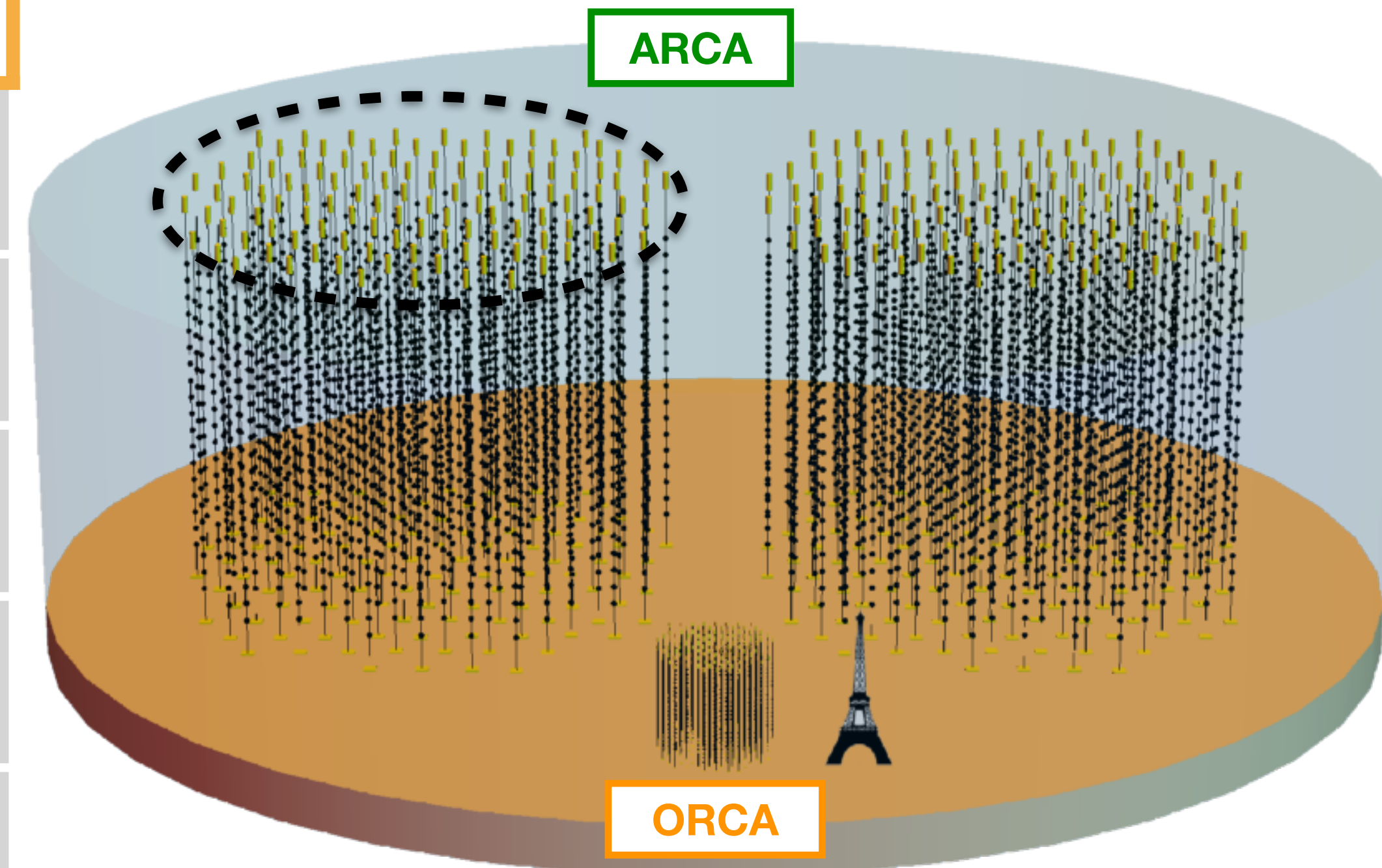
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- Two instrument sites: ORCA (France) and ARCA (Italy) → **Same technology** used for both detectors but **different physics**



|                     | <b>ARCA</b>               | <b>ORCA</b>                 |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Location            | Italy<br>(Sicilian coast) | France<br>(coast of Toulon) |
| Depth               | 3450 m                    | 2450 m                      |
| Distance from shore | 100 km                    | 40 km                       |
| Number of DUs       | 115 x 2 (2 BB)            | 115 (1 BB)                  |
| Instrumented volume | ~ 1 Gton                  | ~ 7 Mton                    |

**> 1 km<sup>3</sup> neutrino telescope**

3D array of optical sensors

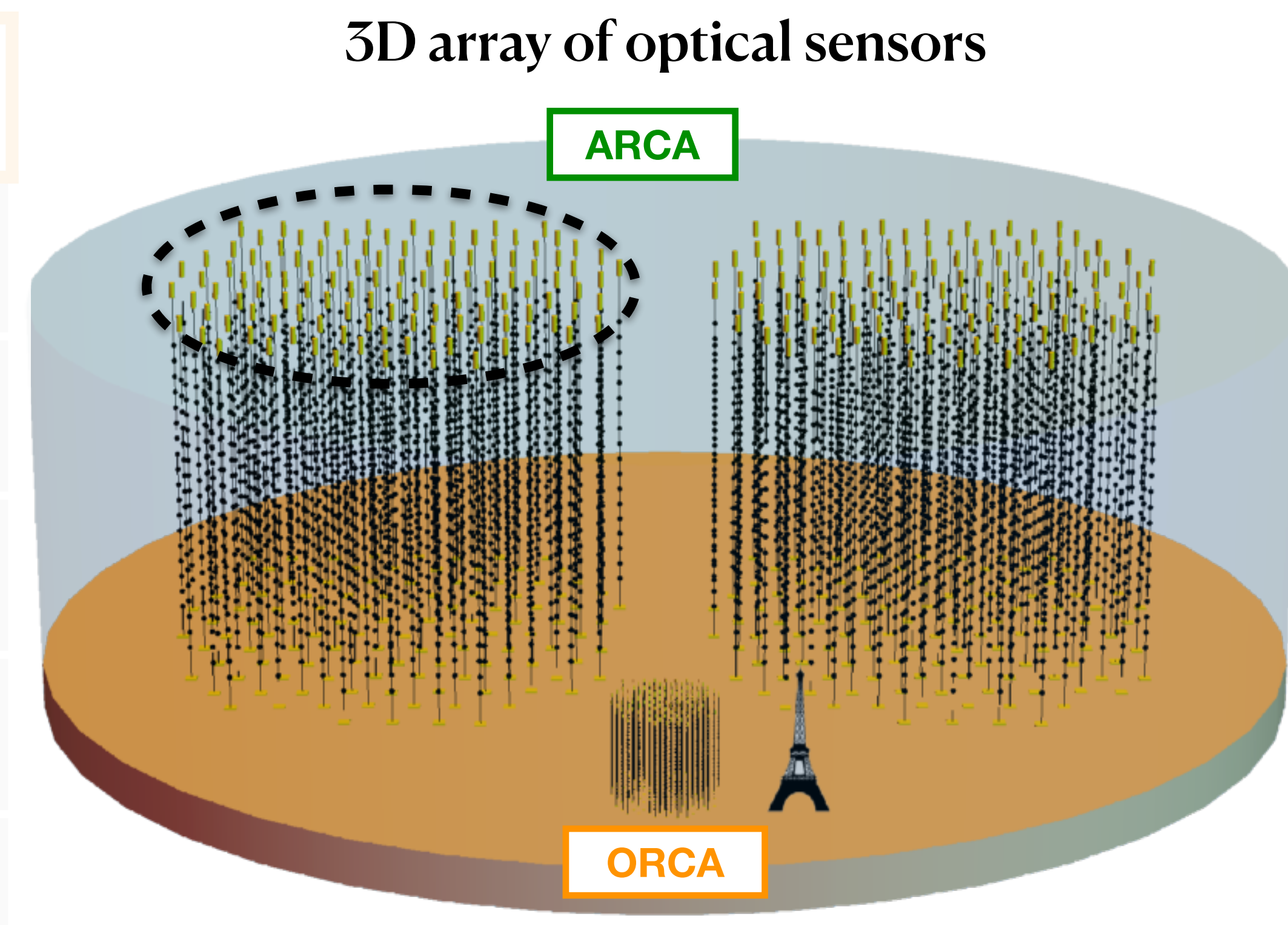
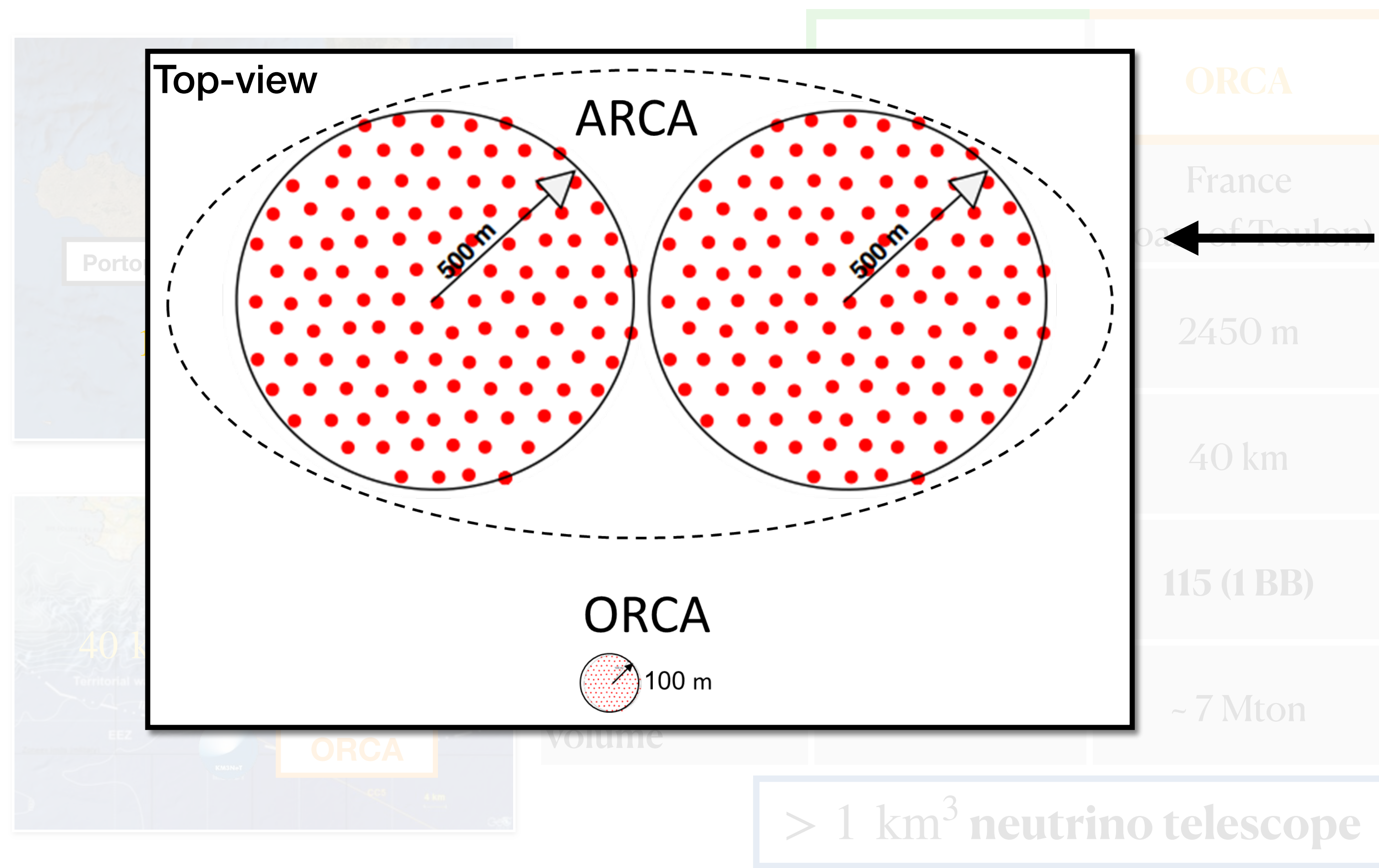


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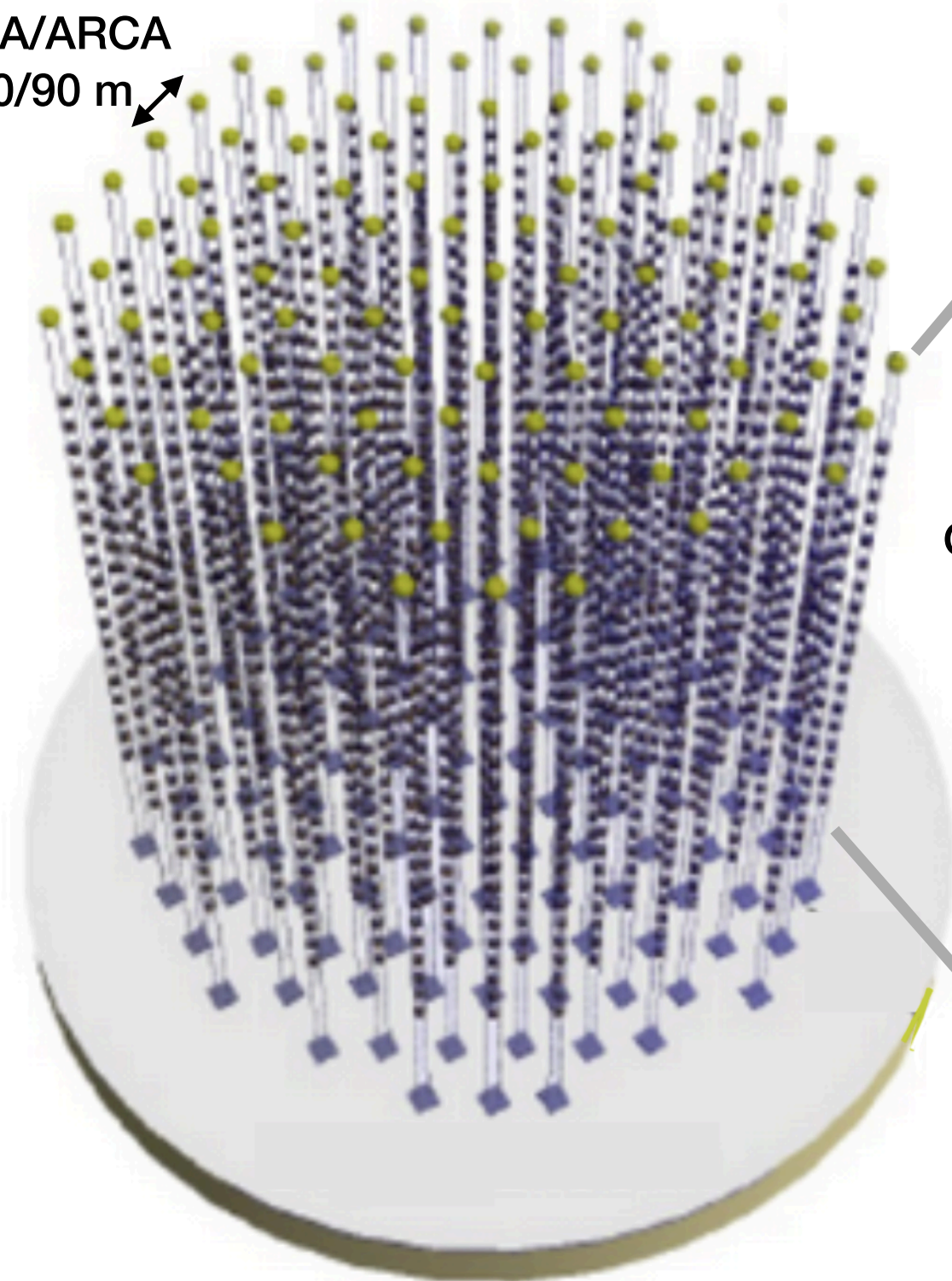


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# KM3NeT: detector design

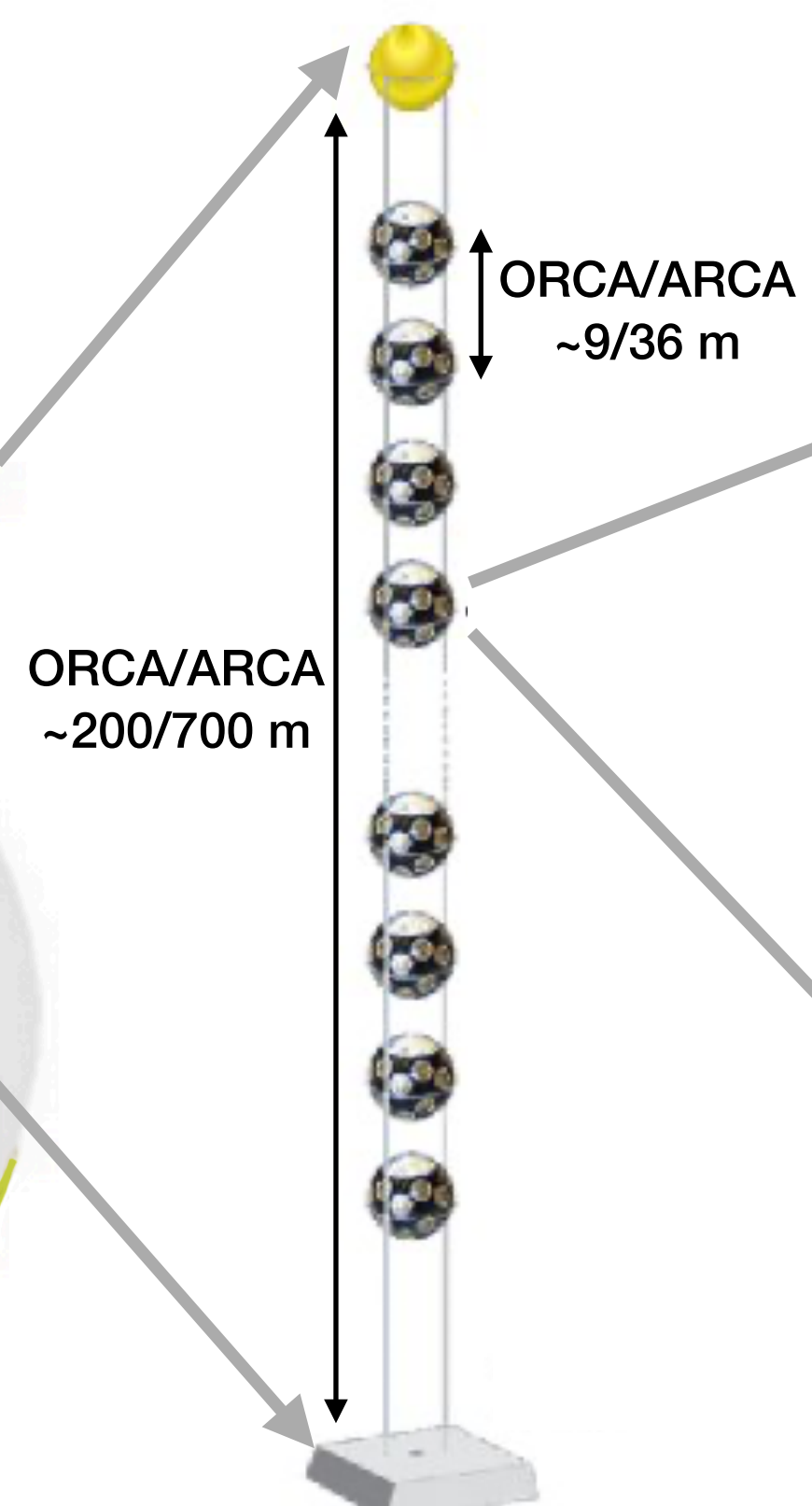
## Building Block

ORCA/ARCA  
~20/90 m



**1 BB = 115 DUs**

## Detection Unit



**1 DU = 18 DOMs**

## Digital Optical Module



17" glass sphere containing:

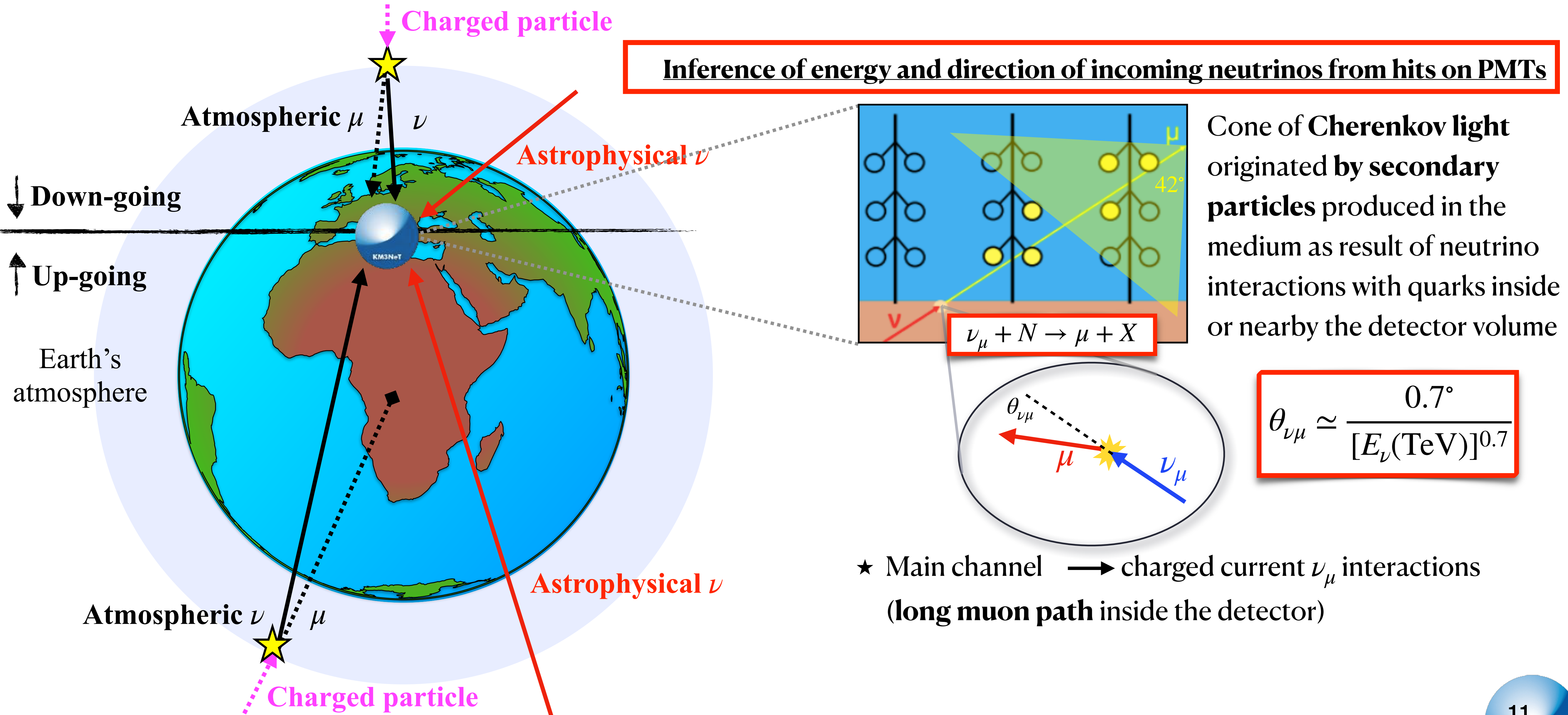
- 31x3" PMTs
- LED and Piezo
- Front and electronics

**1 DOM = 31 PMTs**

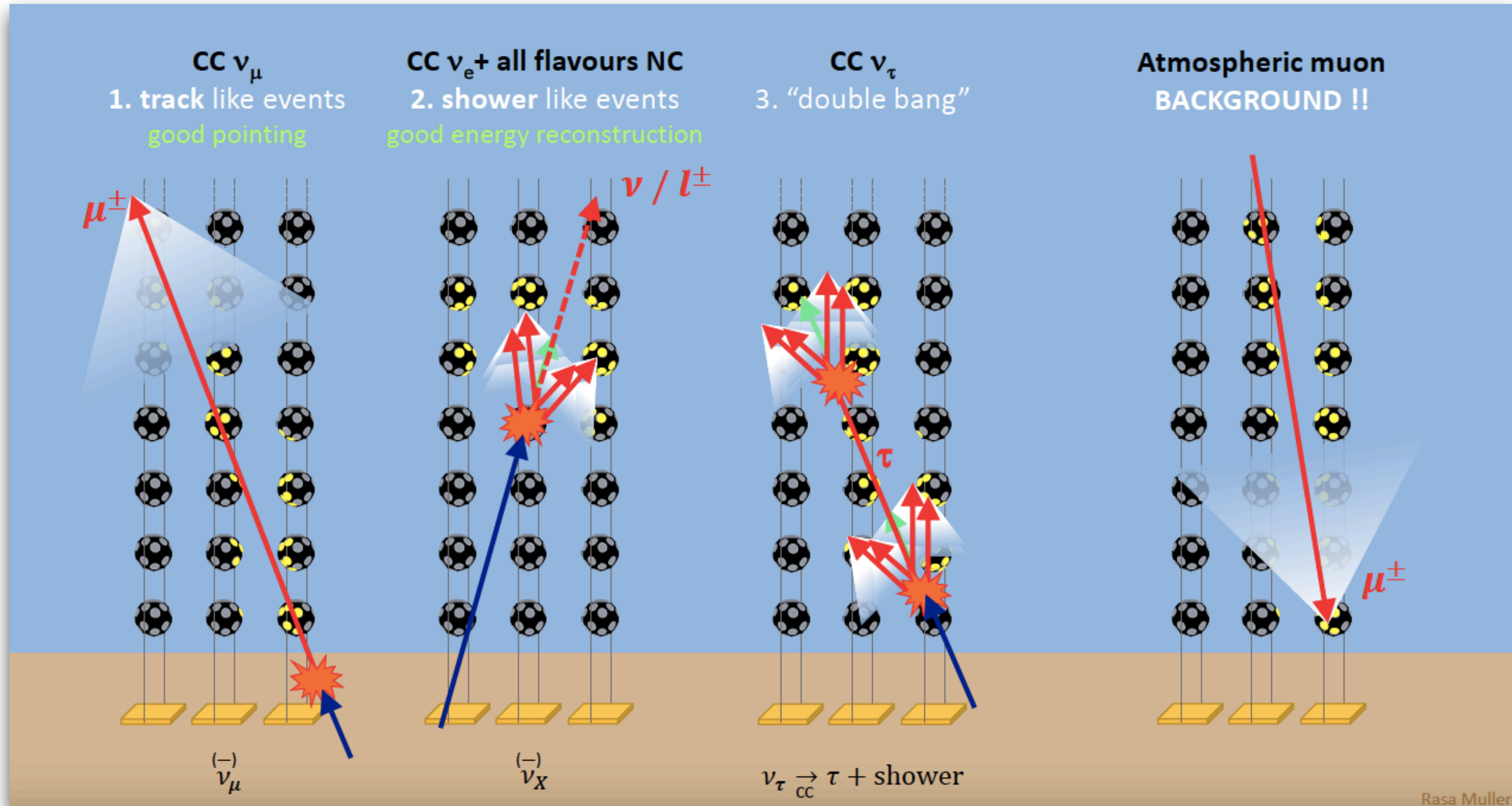


**71 unique components  
(in solid or liquid phase)**

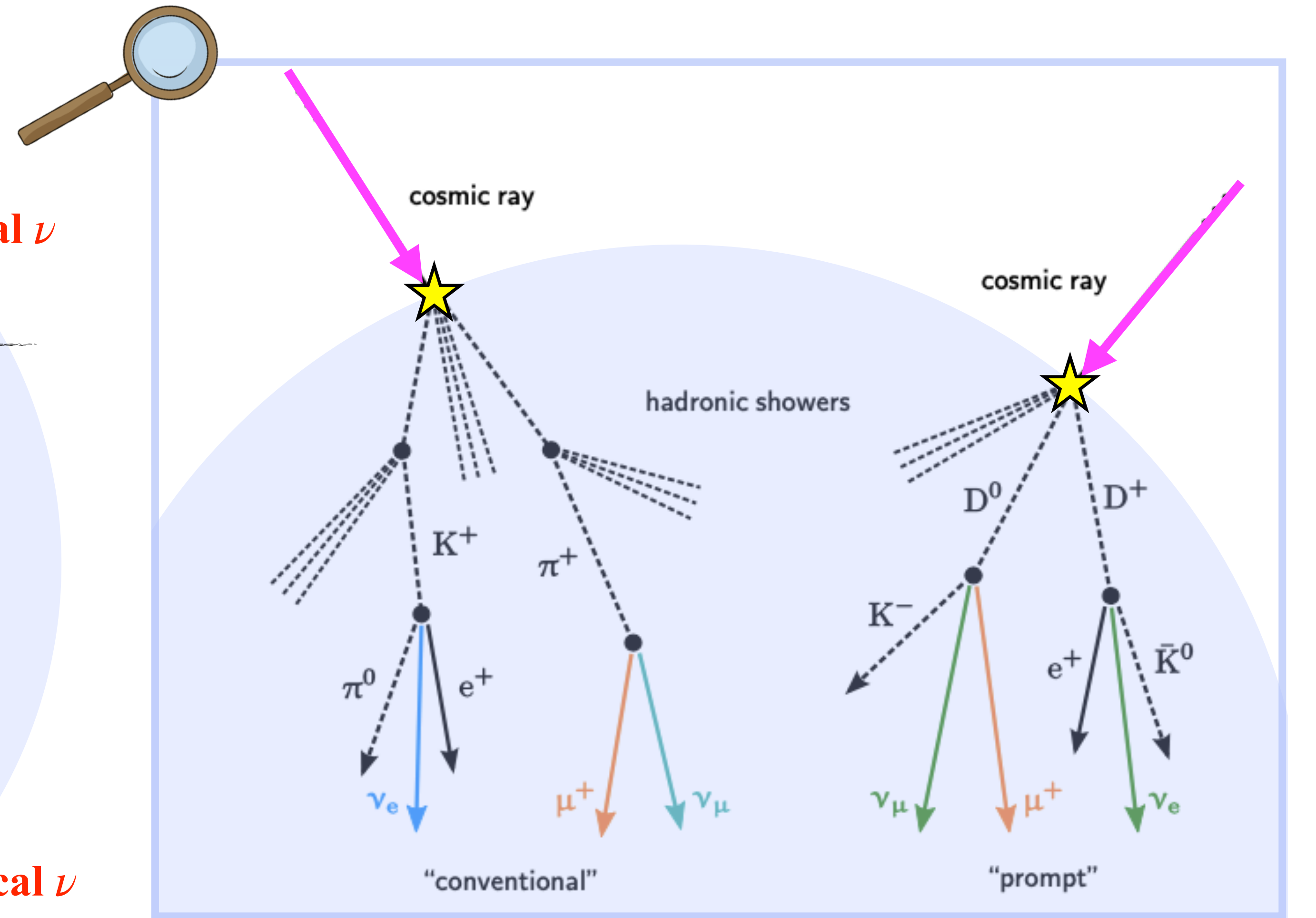
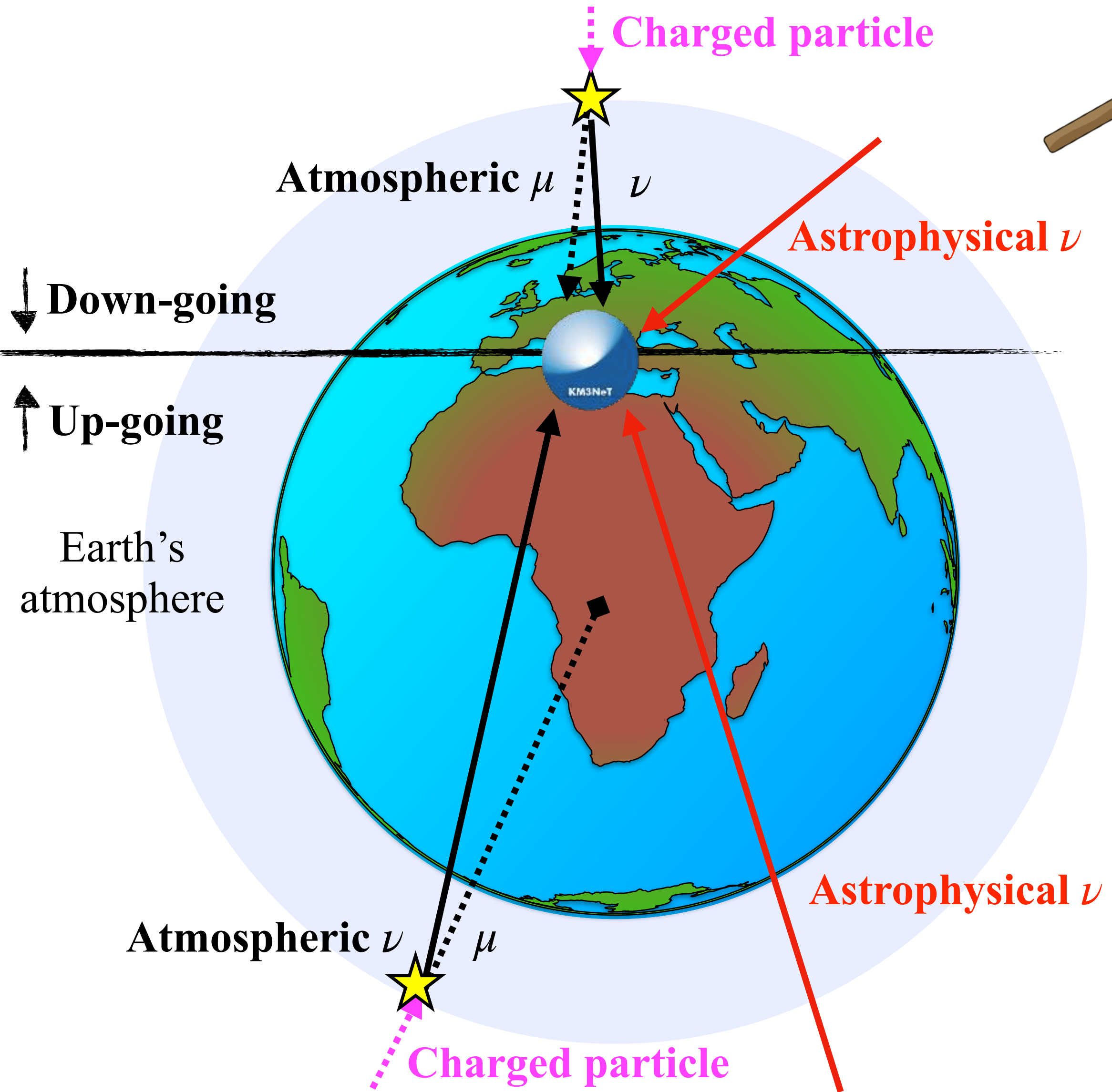
# Neutrino telescopes: detection principle



# Neutrino telescopes: event topologies

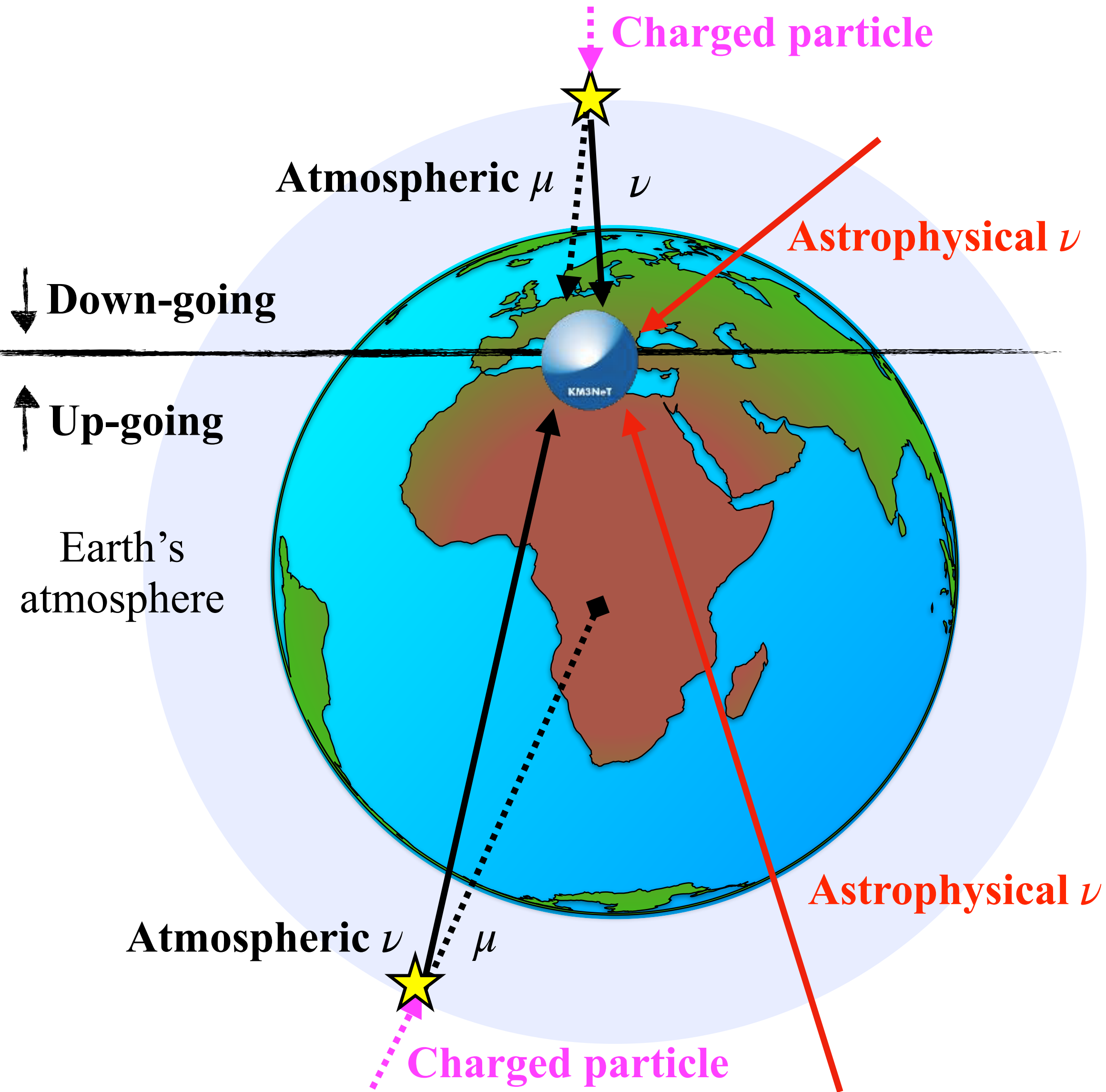


# Neutrino telescopes: atmospheric background

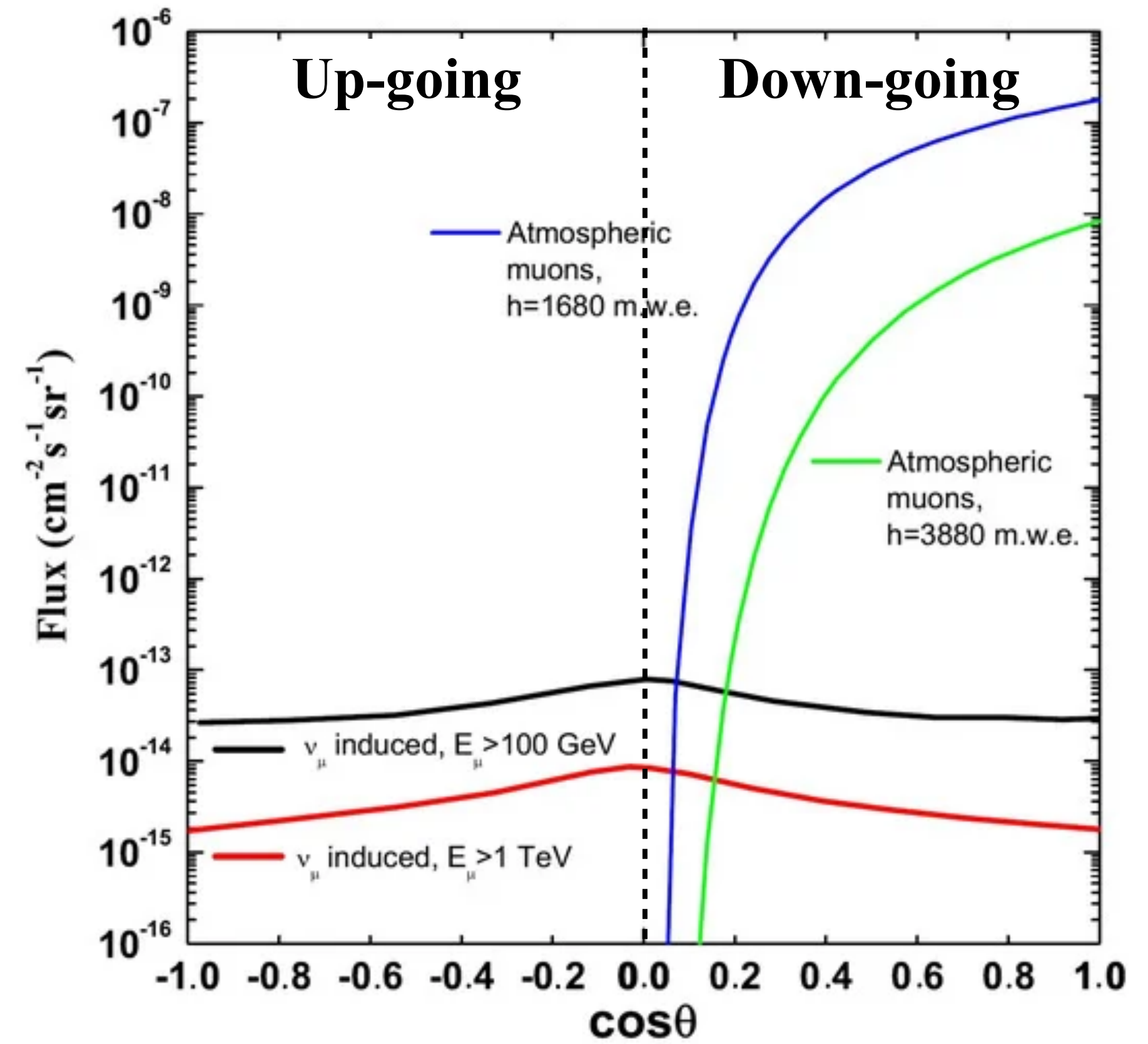


Atmospheric muons and neutrinos can reach neutrino telescopes

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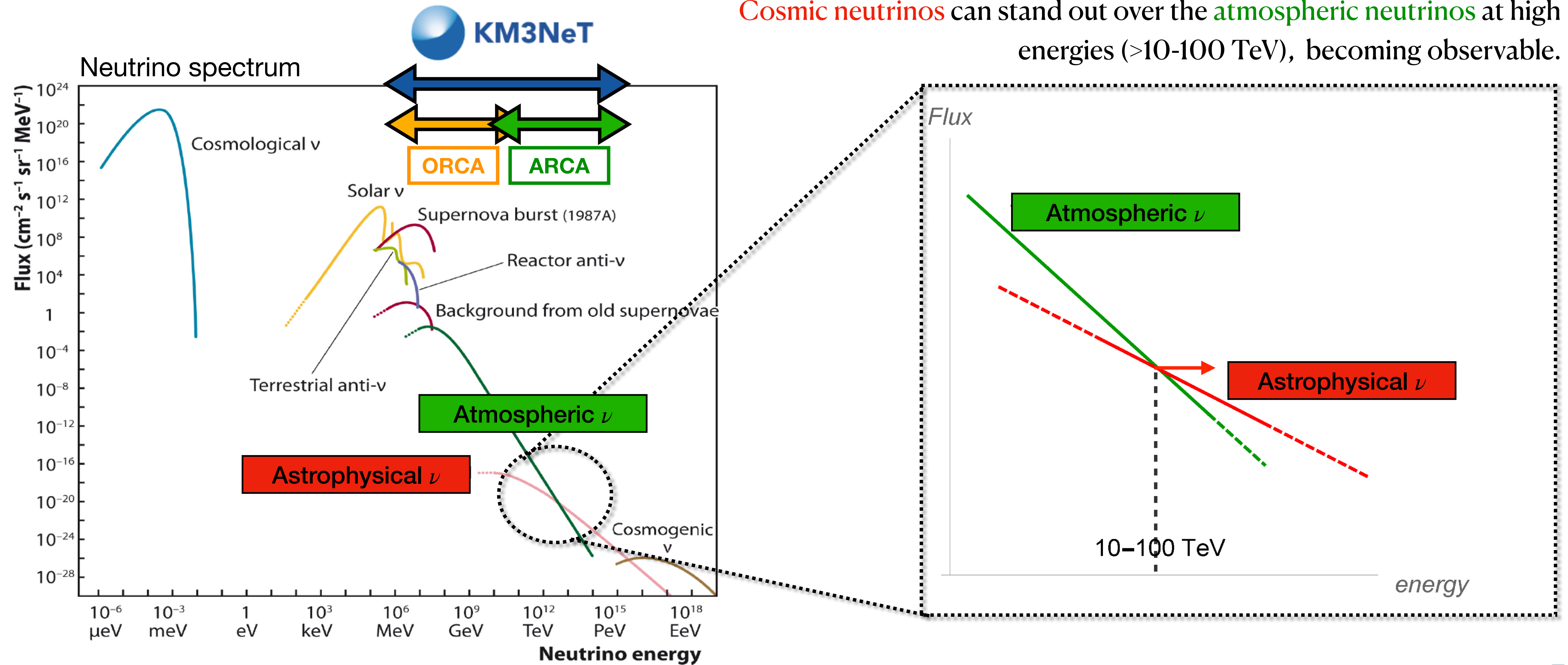


The Earth is used as screening against all particles, except neutrinos that can traverse the Earth



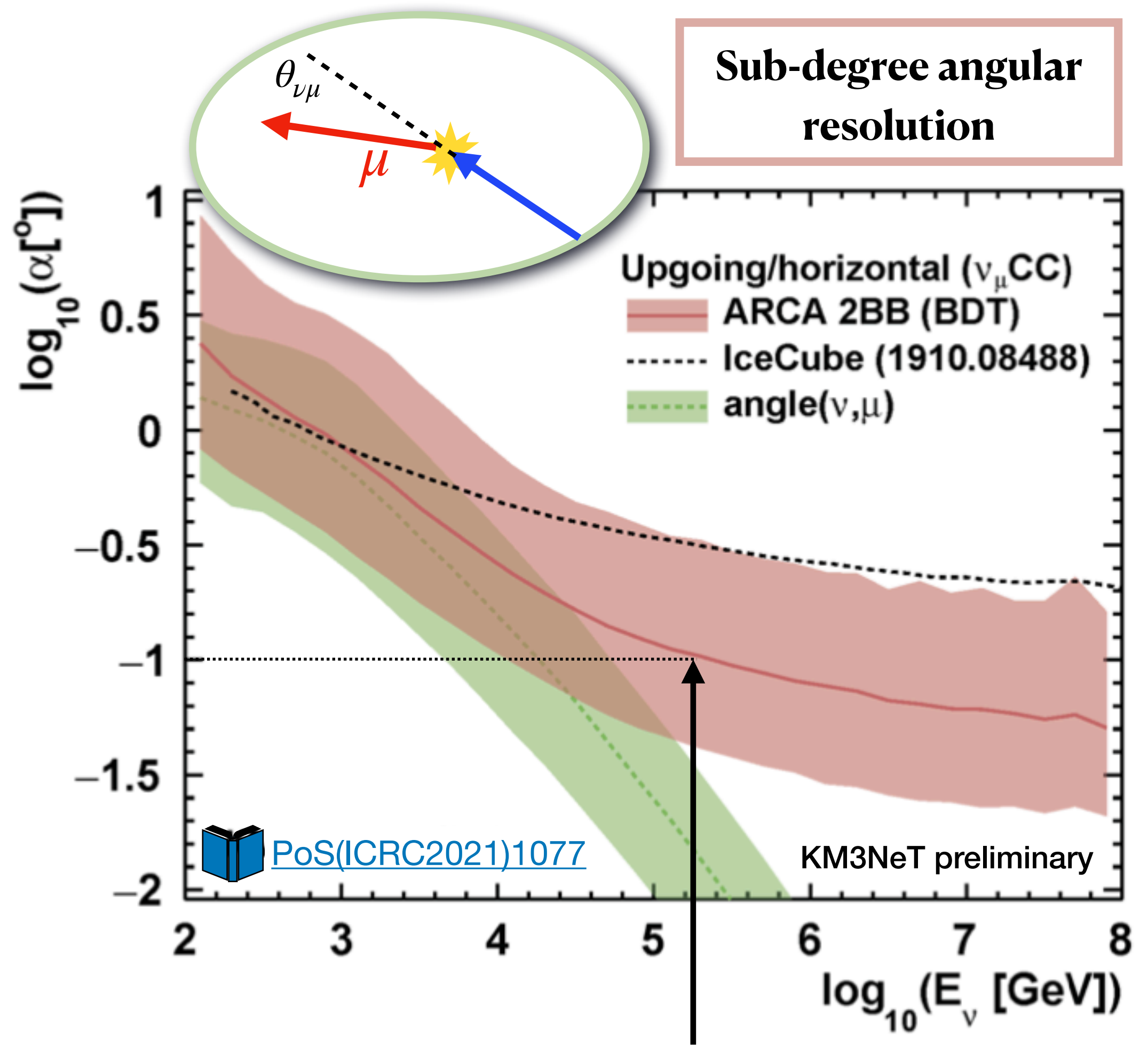
# Neutrino telescopes: $\nu_{\text{astro}}$ VS $\nu_{\text{atm}}$

Cosmic neutrinos can stand out over the atmospheric neutrinos at high energies (>10-100 TeV), becoming observable.



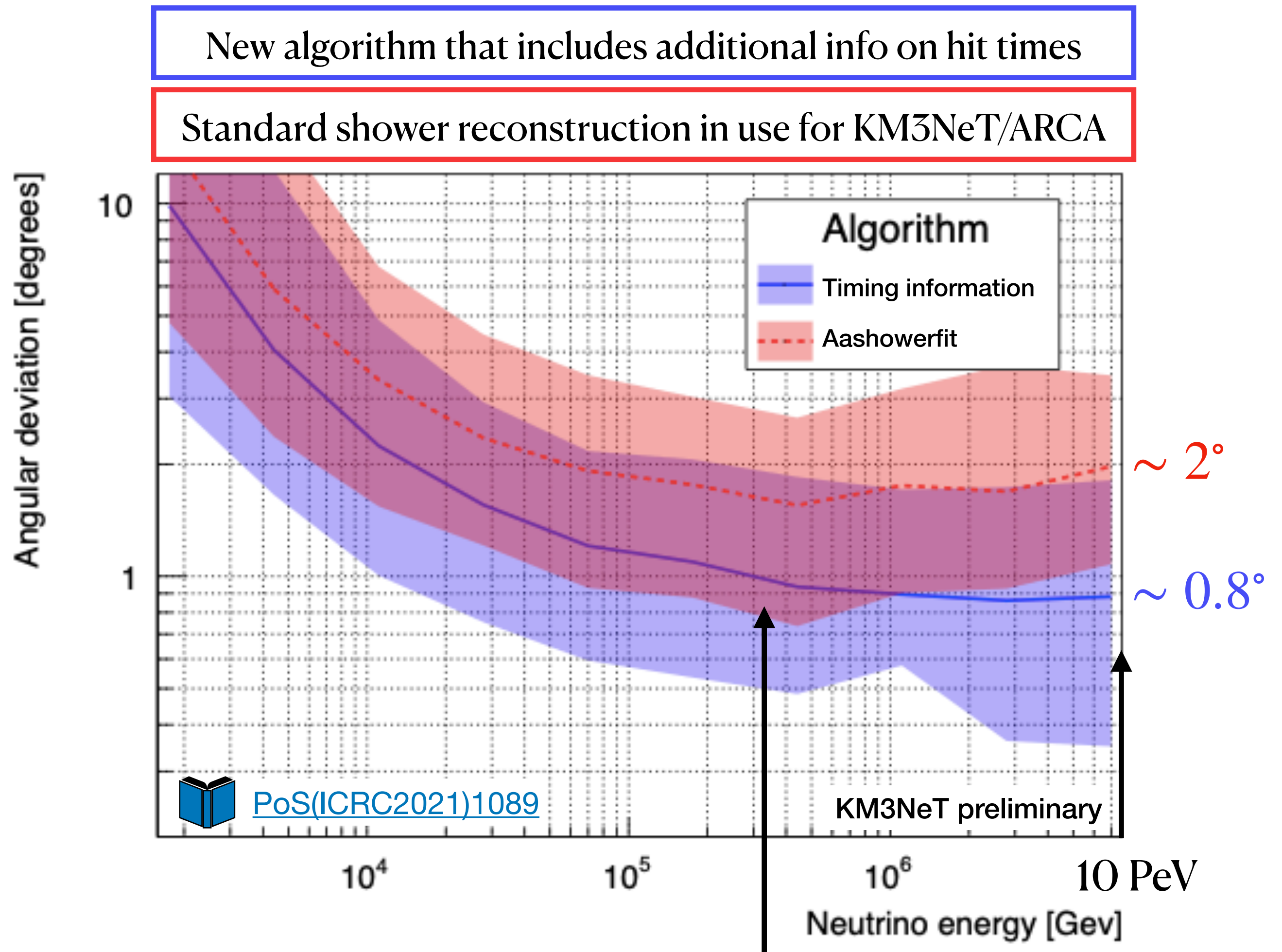
# KM3NeT/ARCA performances: angular resolution

## Tracks



Better than  $0.1^\circ$  at 100 TeV

## Showers



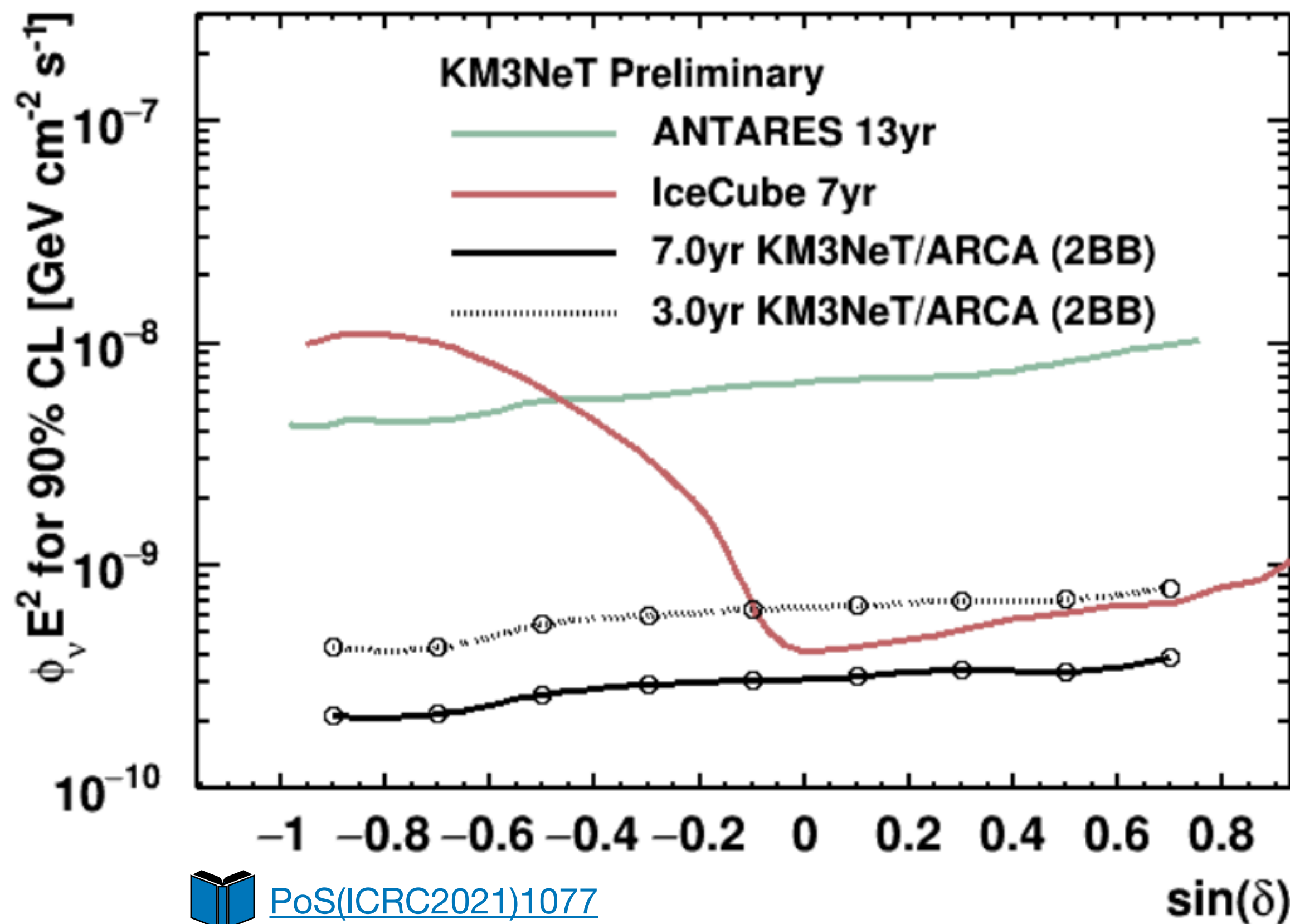
Better than  $1^\circ$  at 30 TeV



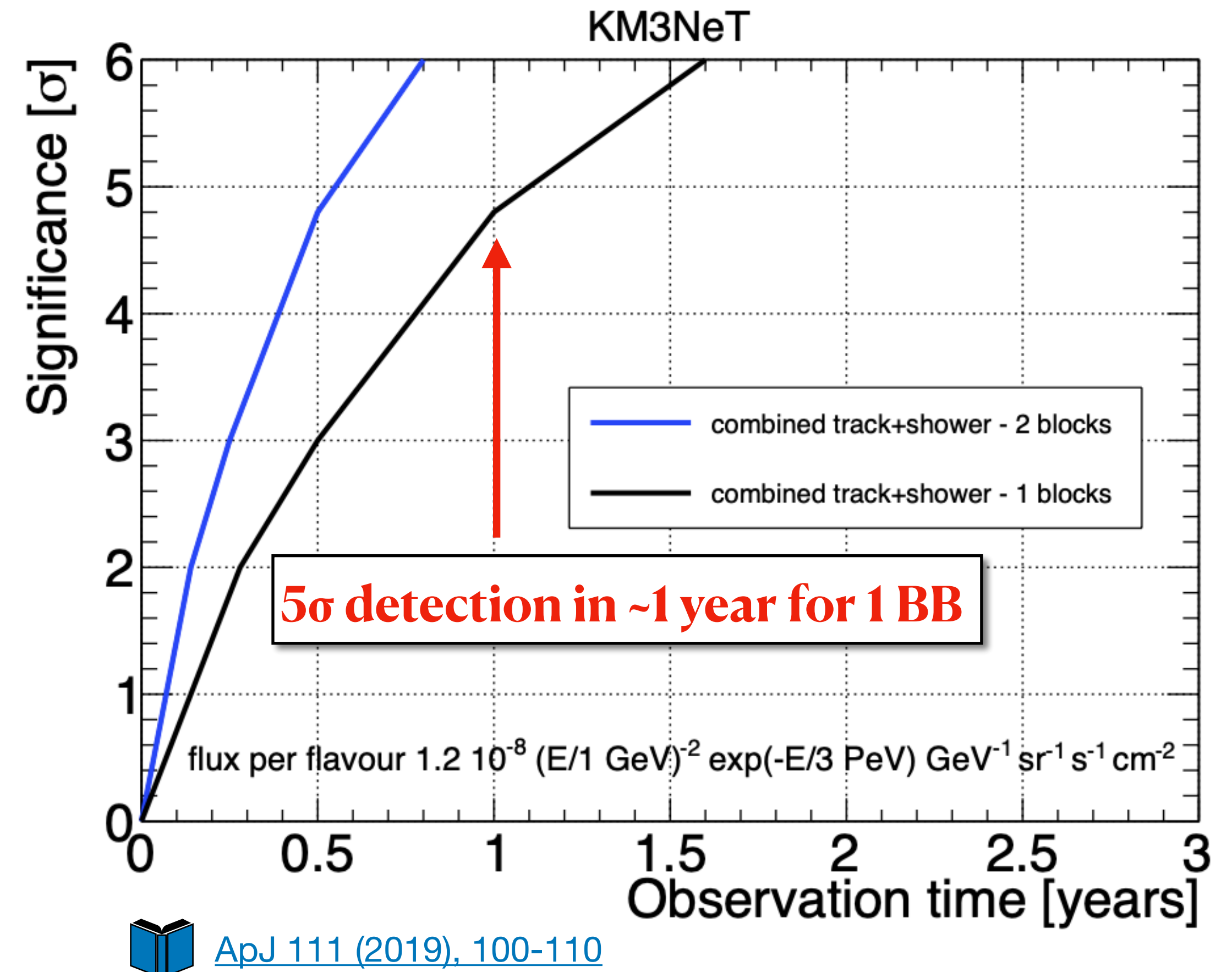
# KM3NeT/ARCA sensitivity to cosmic sources

Full detector

Point-like source with spectrum  $\propto E^{-2}$   
 Upgoing/horizontal  $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$  tracks

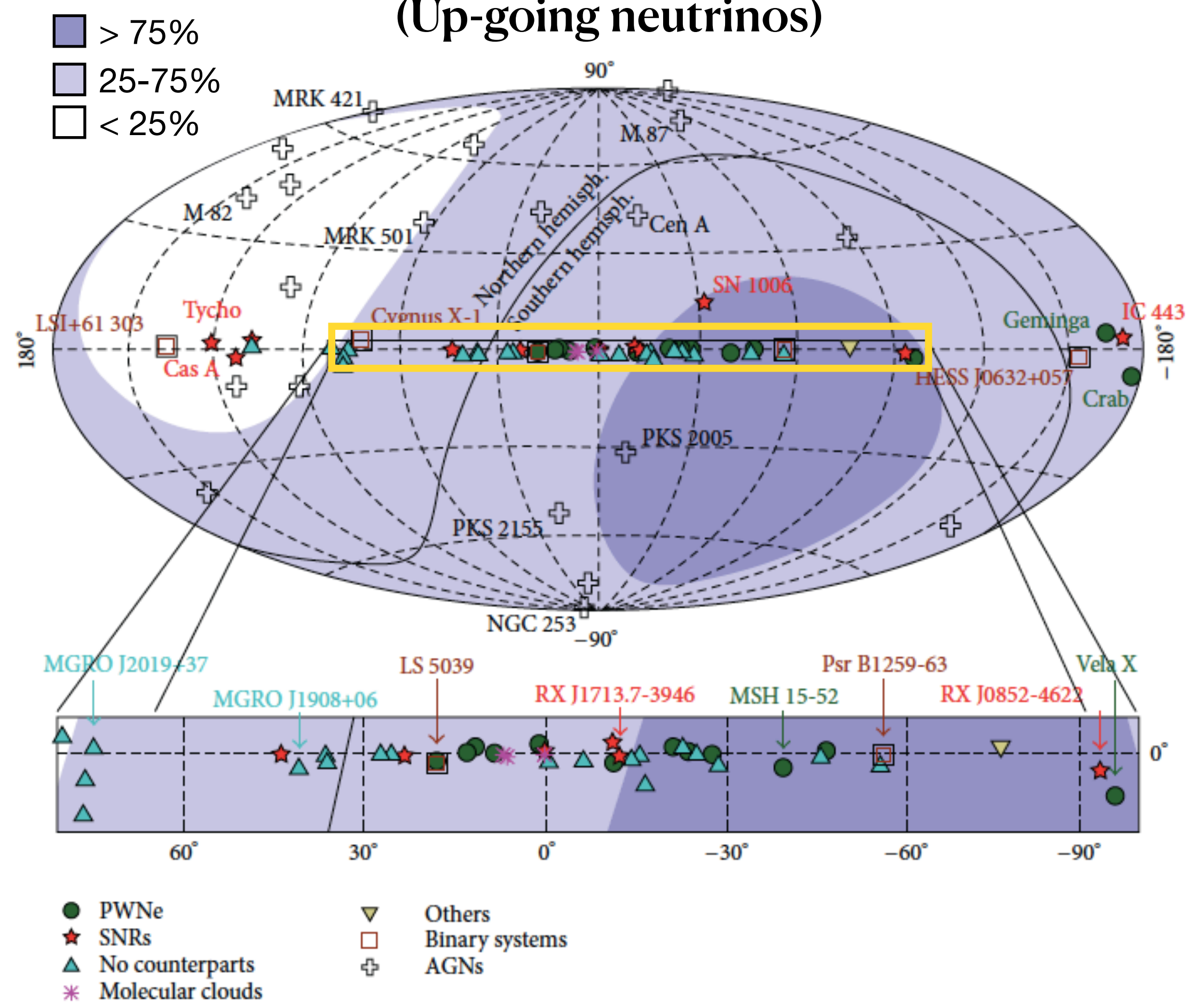


Diffuse astrophysical flux

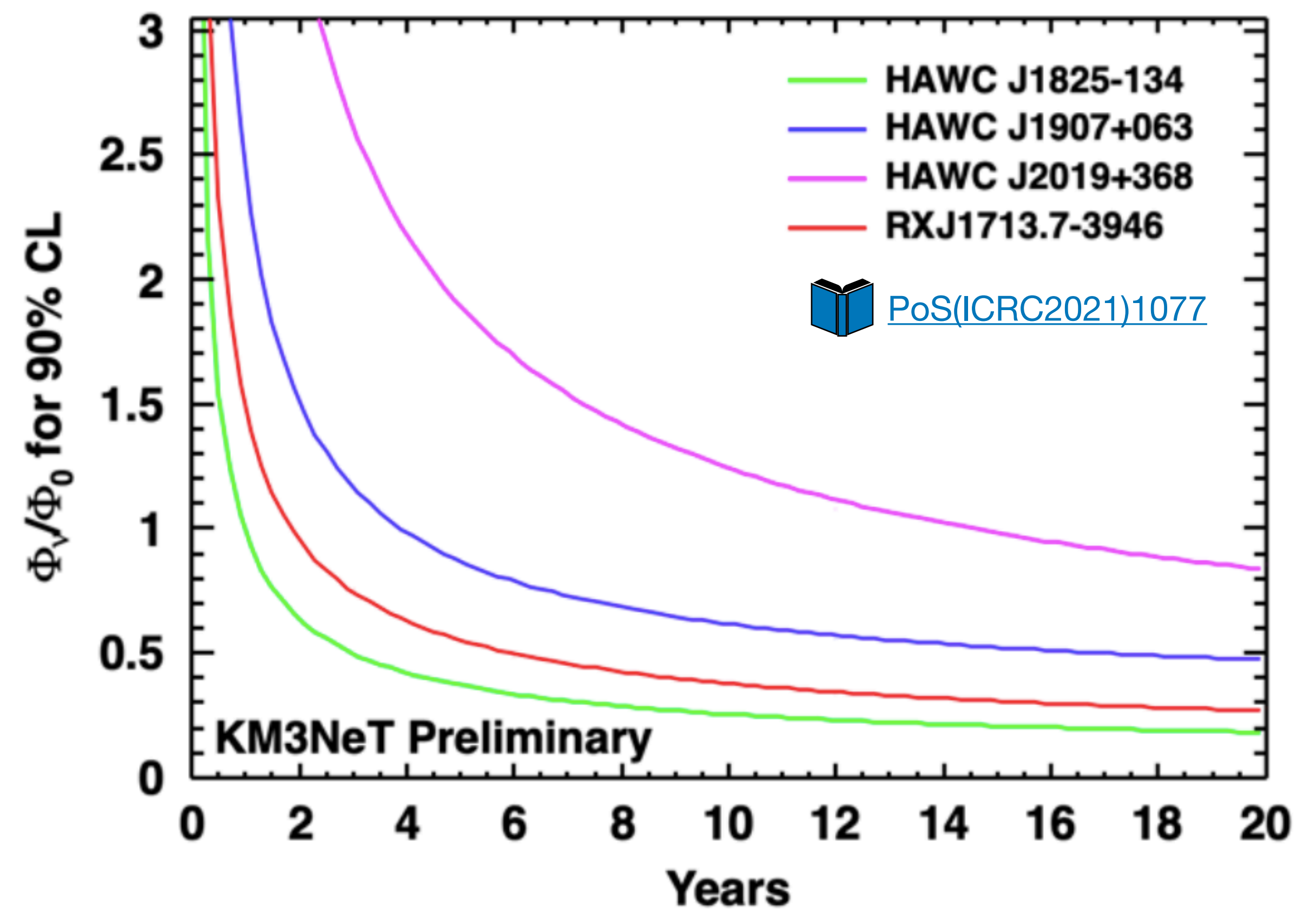


# KM3NeT/ARCA sensitivity to galactic sources

Visibility KM3NeT  
(Up-going neutrinos)



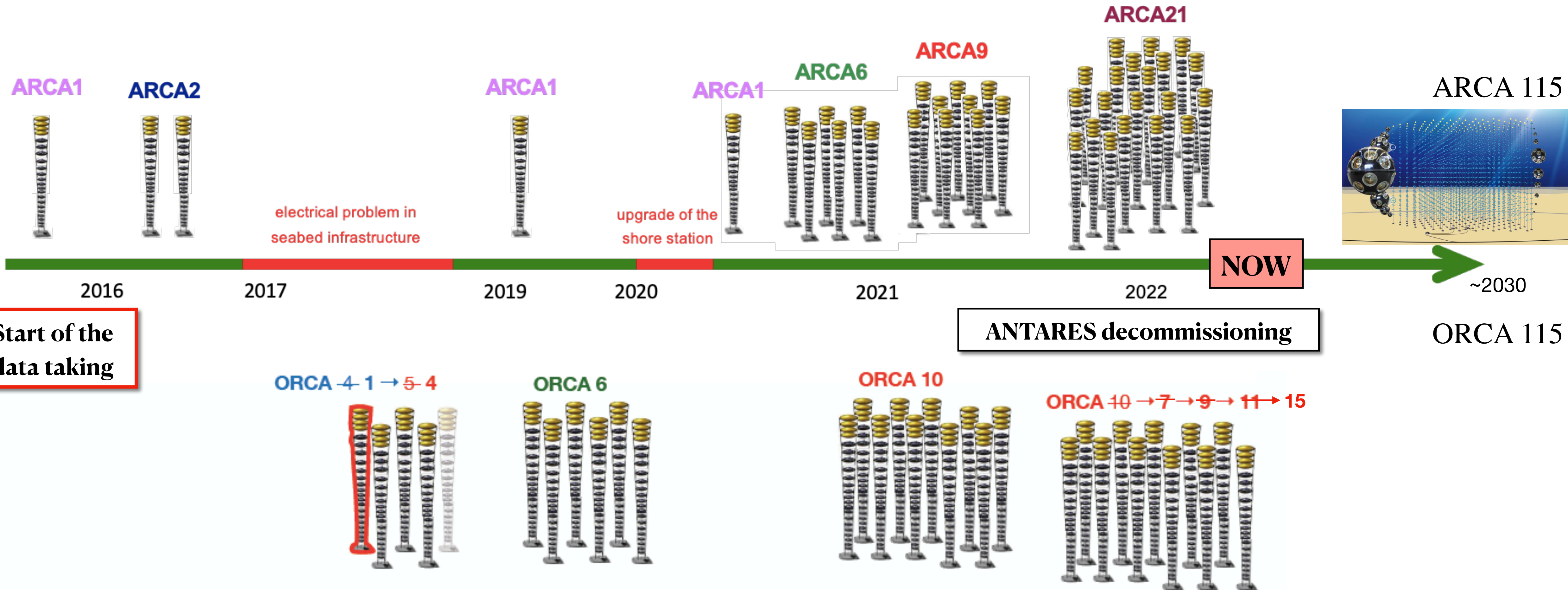
Visibility of most of the Galactic Center



Investigation of neutrino emissions from Galactic sources in few years

# KM3NeT: current status

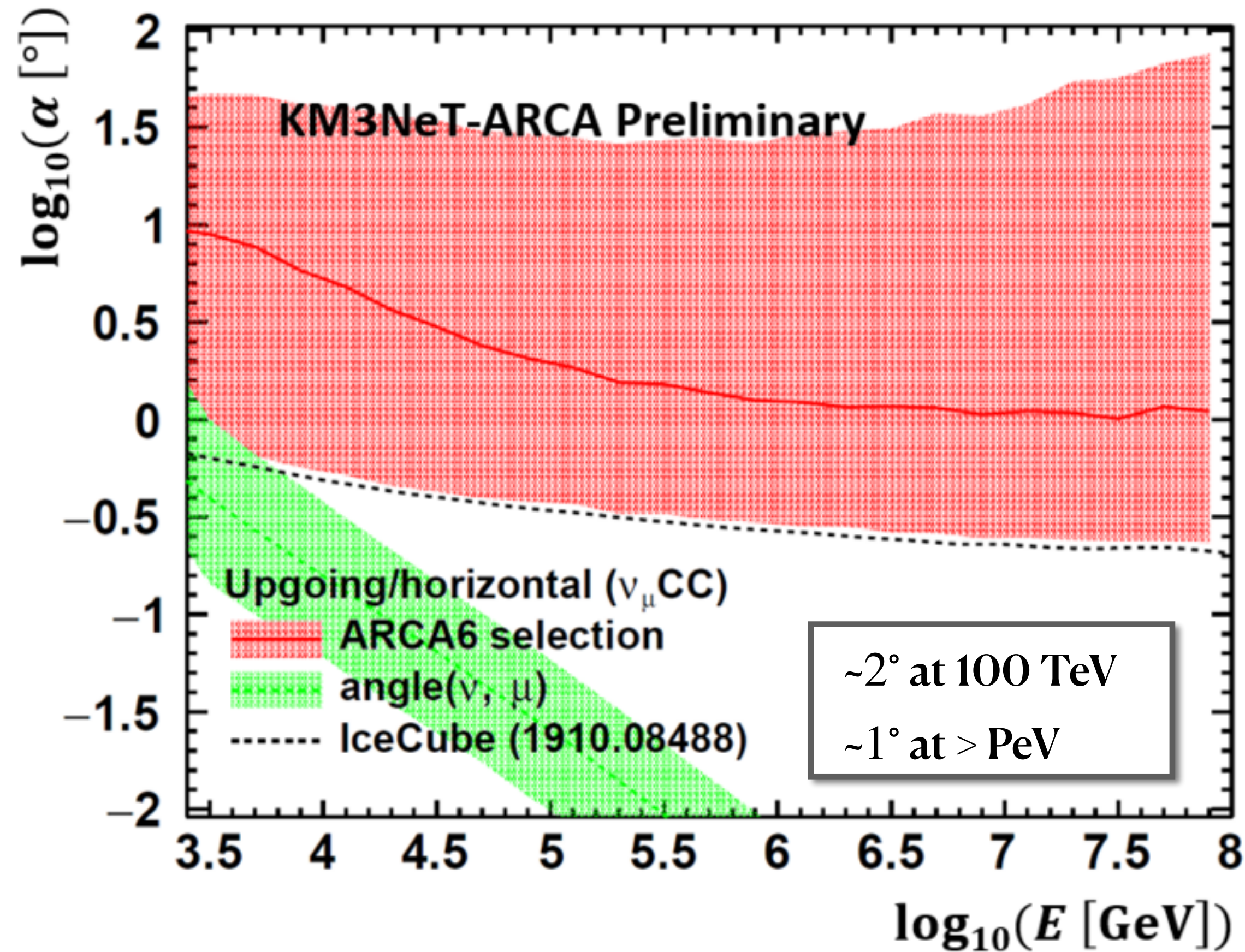
We are now in the construction phase



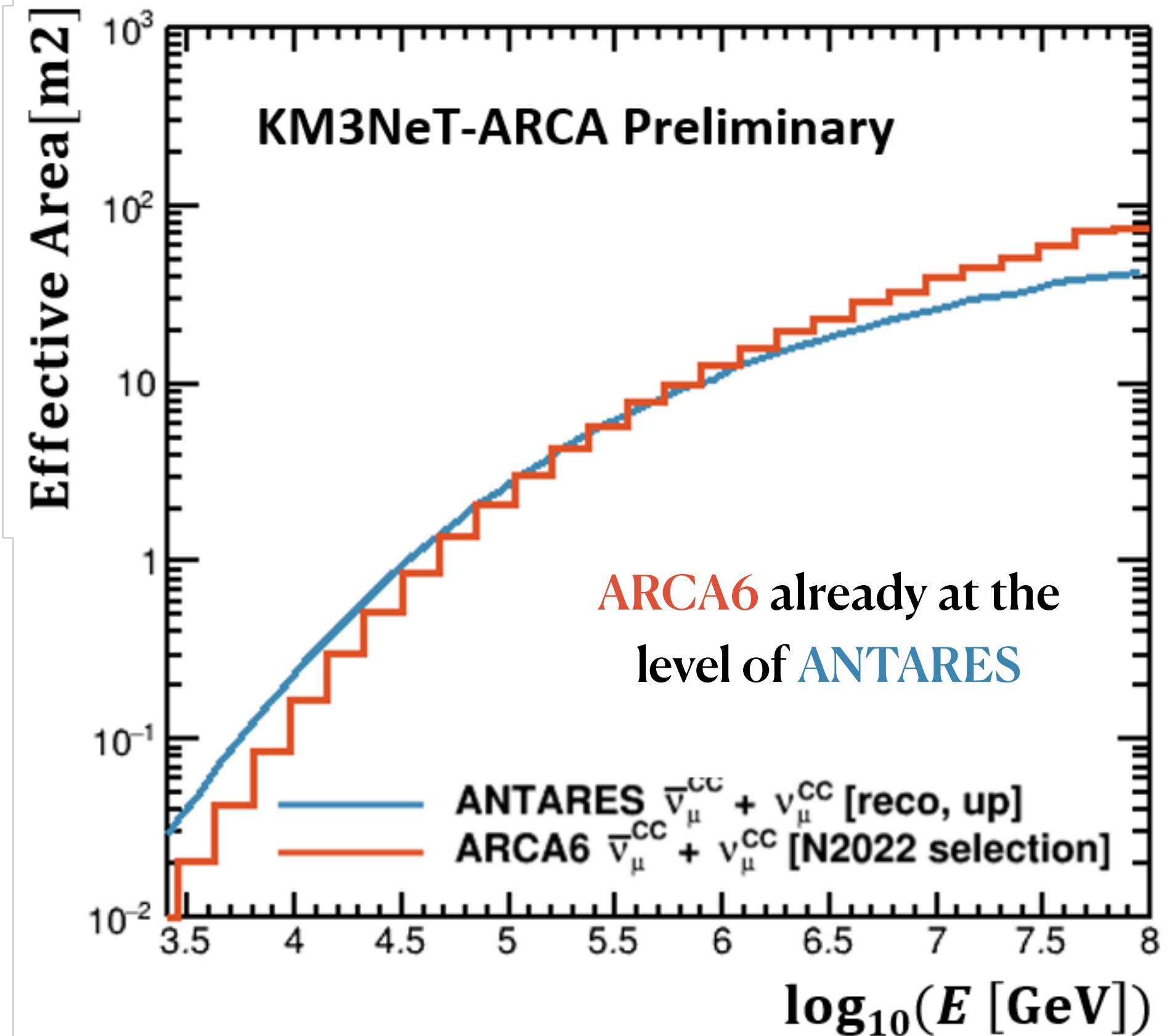
**Let's look at data...**

# ARCA6: Search for cosmic point sources and extended sources

Angular resolution



Effective area



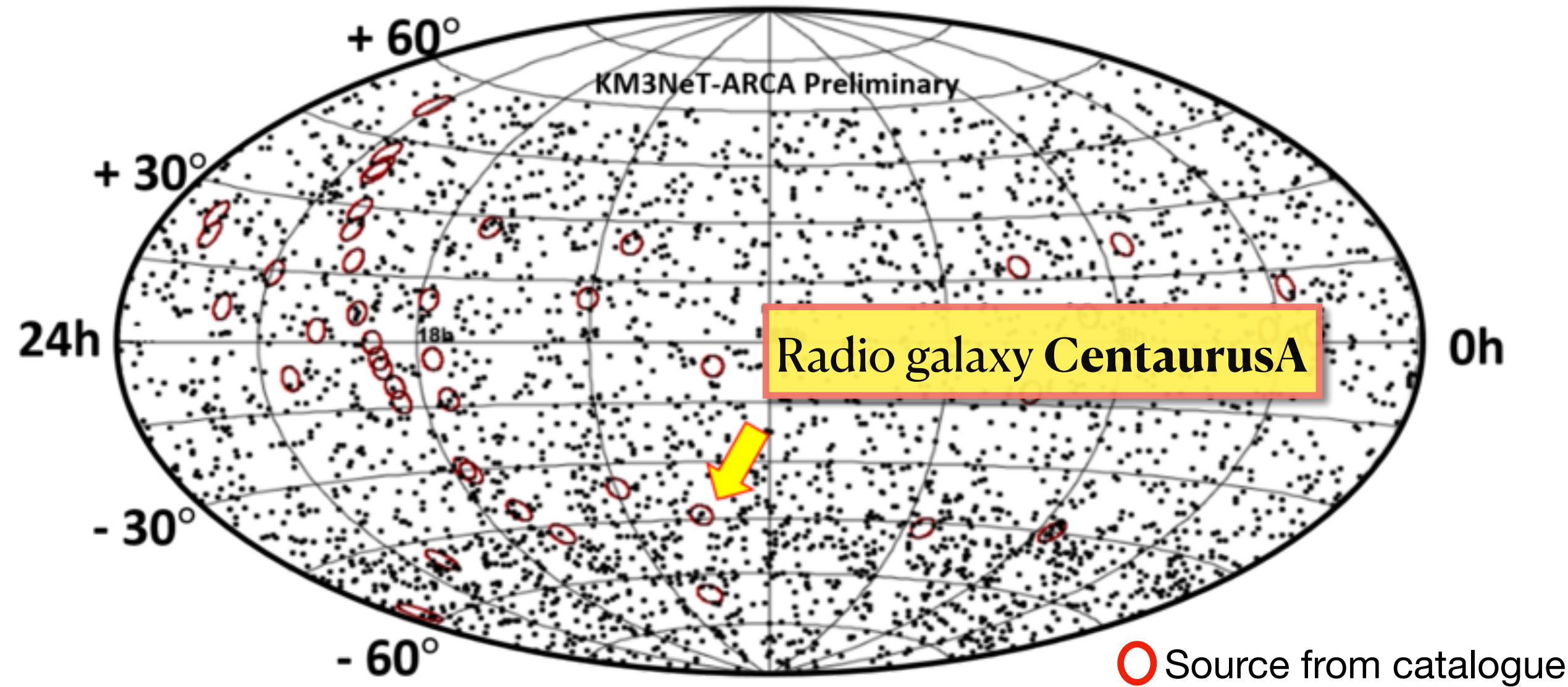
$$A_{\text{eff}}(E_\nu) = V_{\text{eff}}(E_\nu) \sigma_{\nu N}(E_\nu) \rho N_A = \frac{N_{\text{detected}}}{\int \phi dE d\Omega dt}$$

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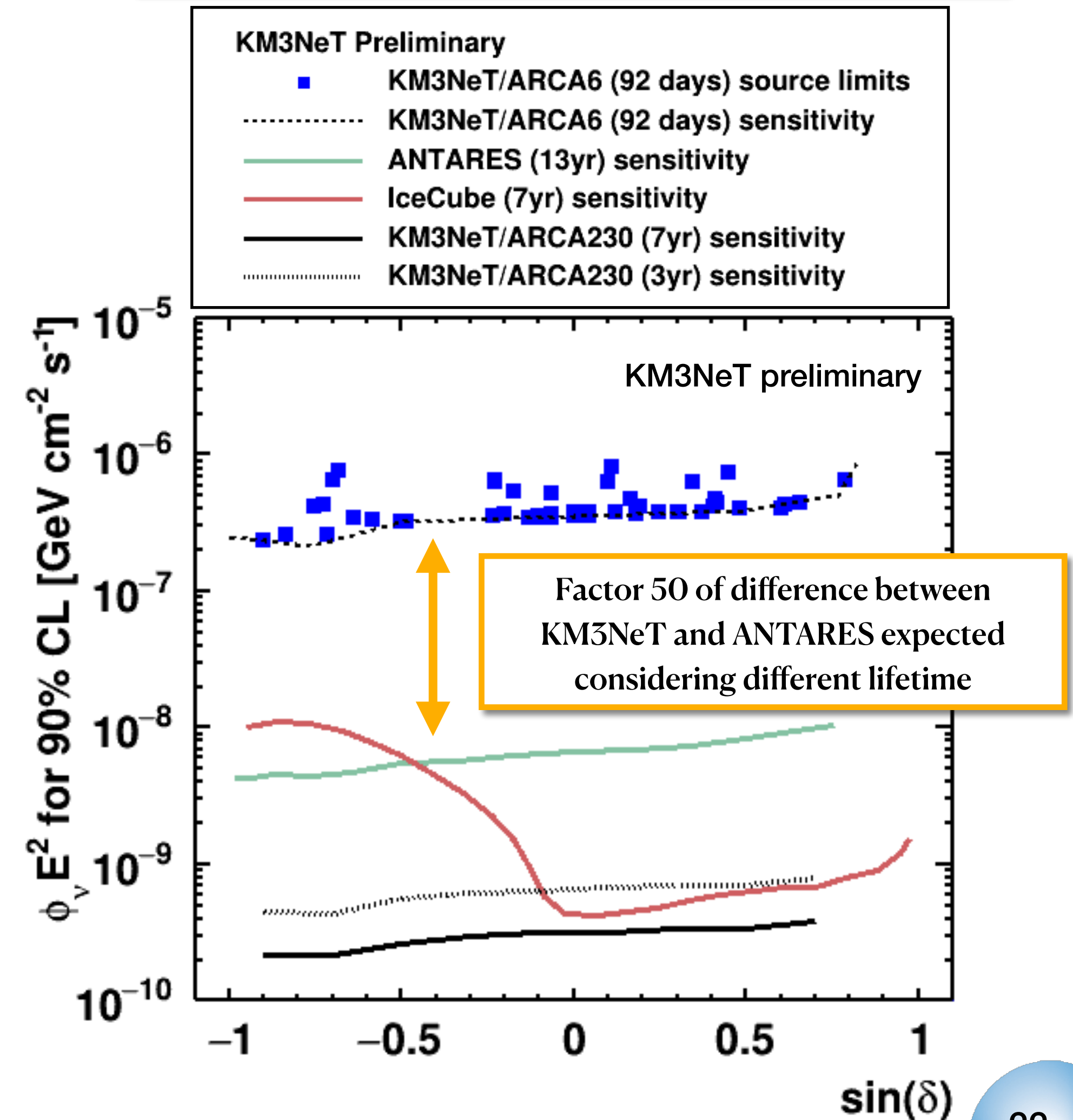
- 92 days of data (May 2021-September 2021) with KM3NeT/ARCA 6 lines
- Time integrate point-like search for neutrino excess (spectrum  $\propto E^{-2}$ ):
  - 40 known point sources
  - 6 extended sources

**CentaurusA with smallest p-value (~0.02) but still compatible with background**

Skymap with unblinded data



**No strong neutrino emission observed**



# ARCA6: diffuse all-sky emission

- 101 days of data with KM3NeT/ARCA 6 lines
- Background: atmospheric muons + atmospheric neutrinos
- Simulated flux for cosmic neutrinos corresponding to the diffuse astrophysical  $\nu_\mu$  spectrum with 10 years of IceCube data ([PoS\(ICRC2019\) 1017](#))

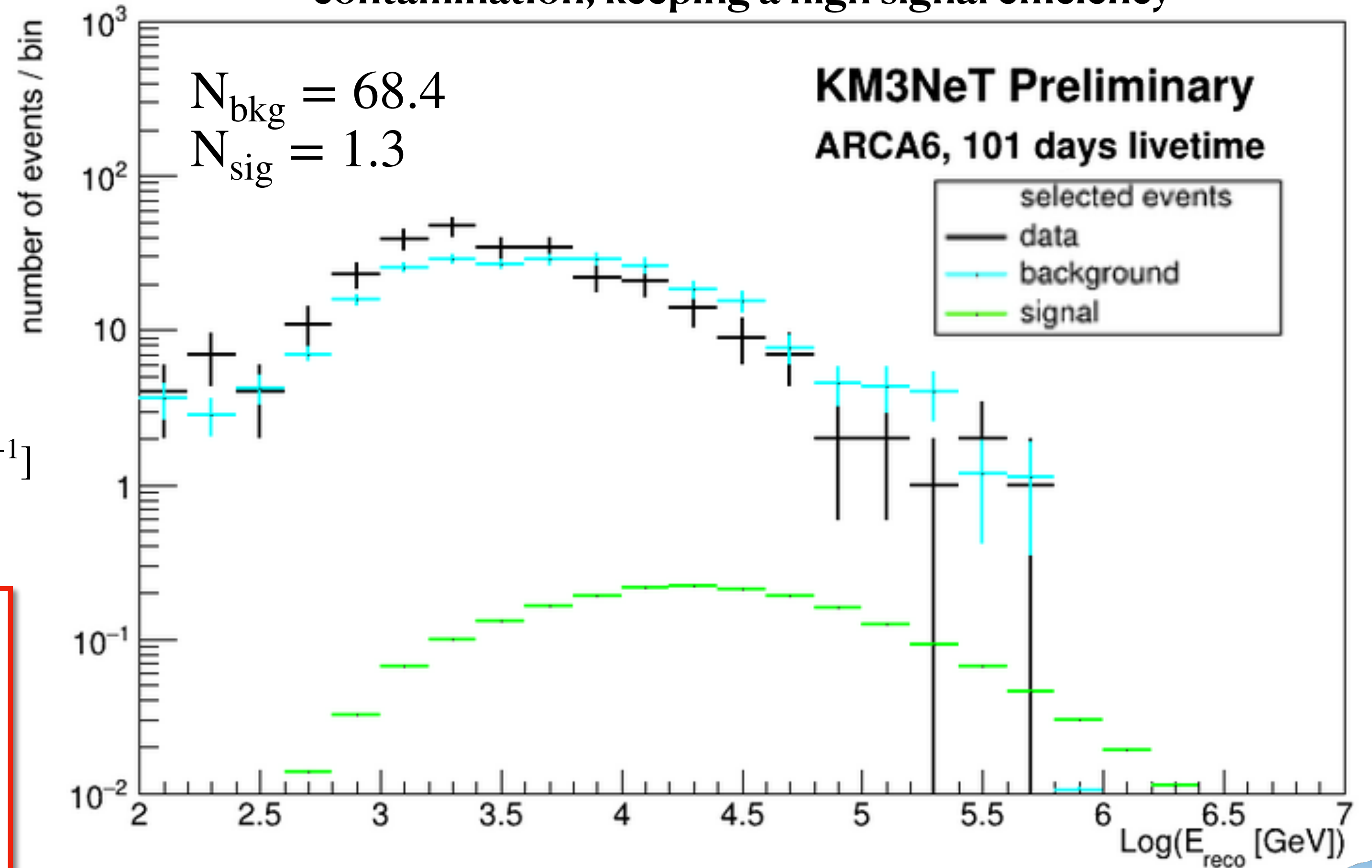
$$1.44 \times 10^{-18} \left( \frac{E_{\nu_\mu}}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{-2.28} [\text{GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}]$$

Obtained sensitivity for the corresponding flux

$$\phi_{90\%,\text{CL}} = 17.3 \times 10^{-18} [\text{GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}]$$

**Factor 12 more than the simulated signal flux**

Multi-variate technique adopted to reduce the atmospheric muon contamination, keeping a high signal efficiency

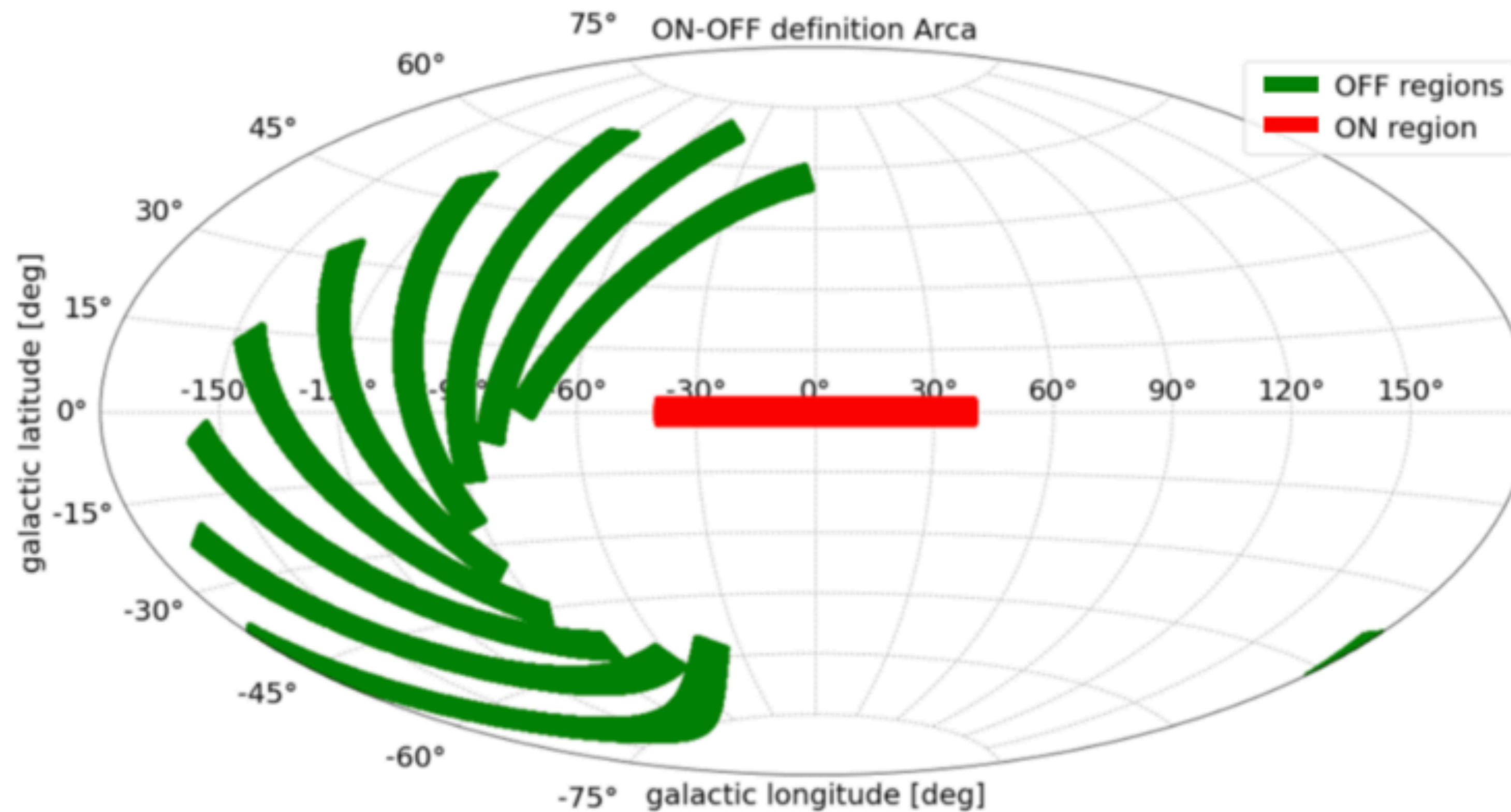


# ARCA6: Galactic ridge diffuse emission

- 101 days of data with KM3NeT/ARCA 6 lines
- Spectrum  $\propto E^{-2.4}$

Galactic ridge  $|L_{\text{gal}}| < 40^\circ$ ,  $|B_{\text{gal}}| < 3^\circ$

Shift in time of the ON region, avoiding the Fermi bubbles



No statistically significant excess found



Upper limit:  $6.2 \times 10^{-4} [\text{GeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}]$



# IceCube alert follow-ups (ARCA8 + ORCA10)

- Follow-ups in  $\pm 1$  day around the IC alert
- Spectrum assumed  $\propto E^{-2}$

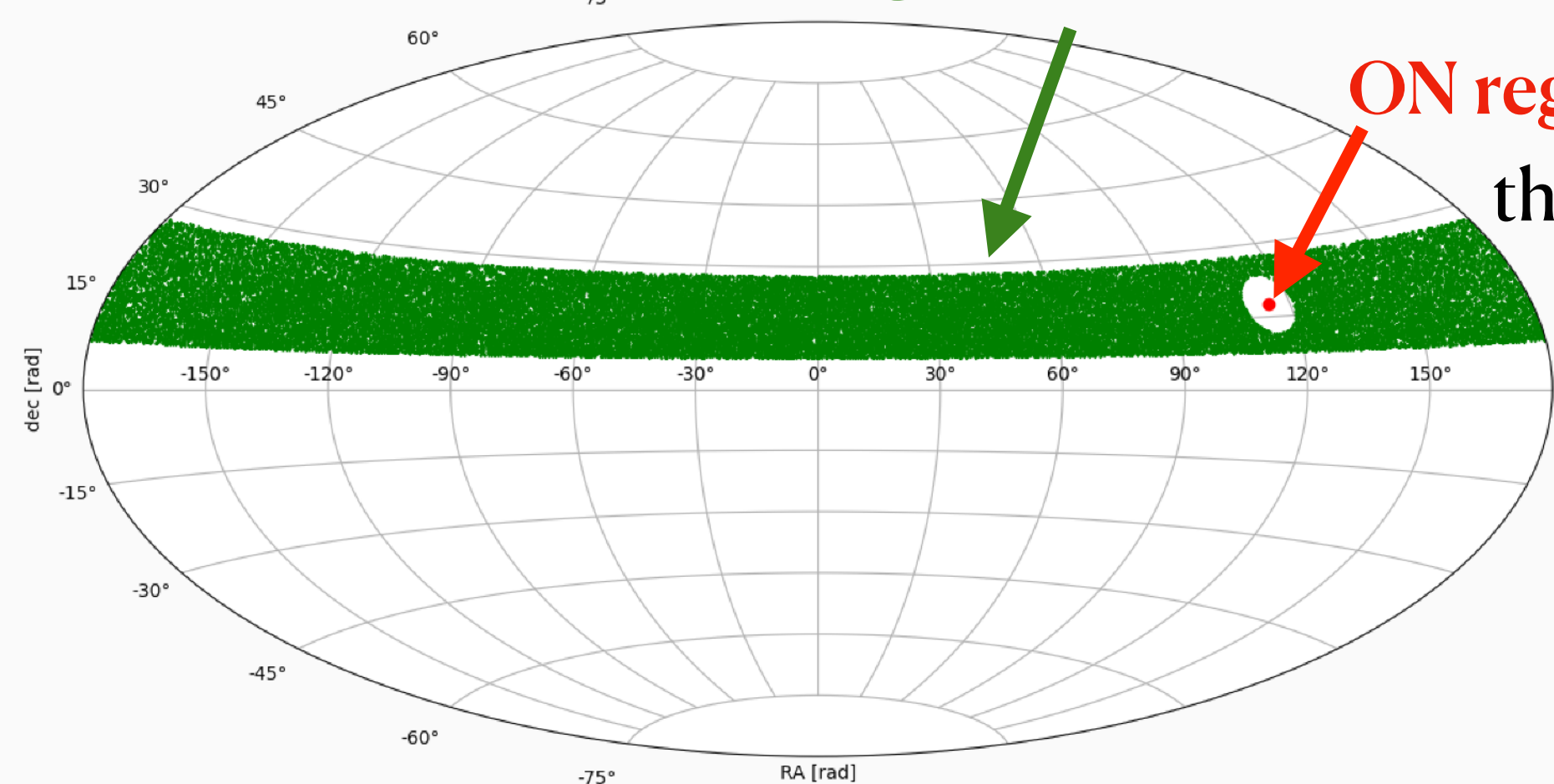
**No significant discovery**

 [Poster 0739, Neutrino2022](#)

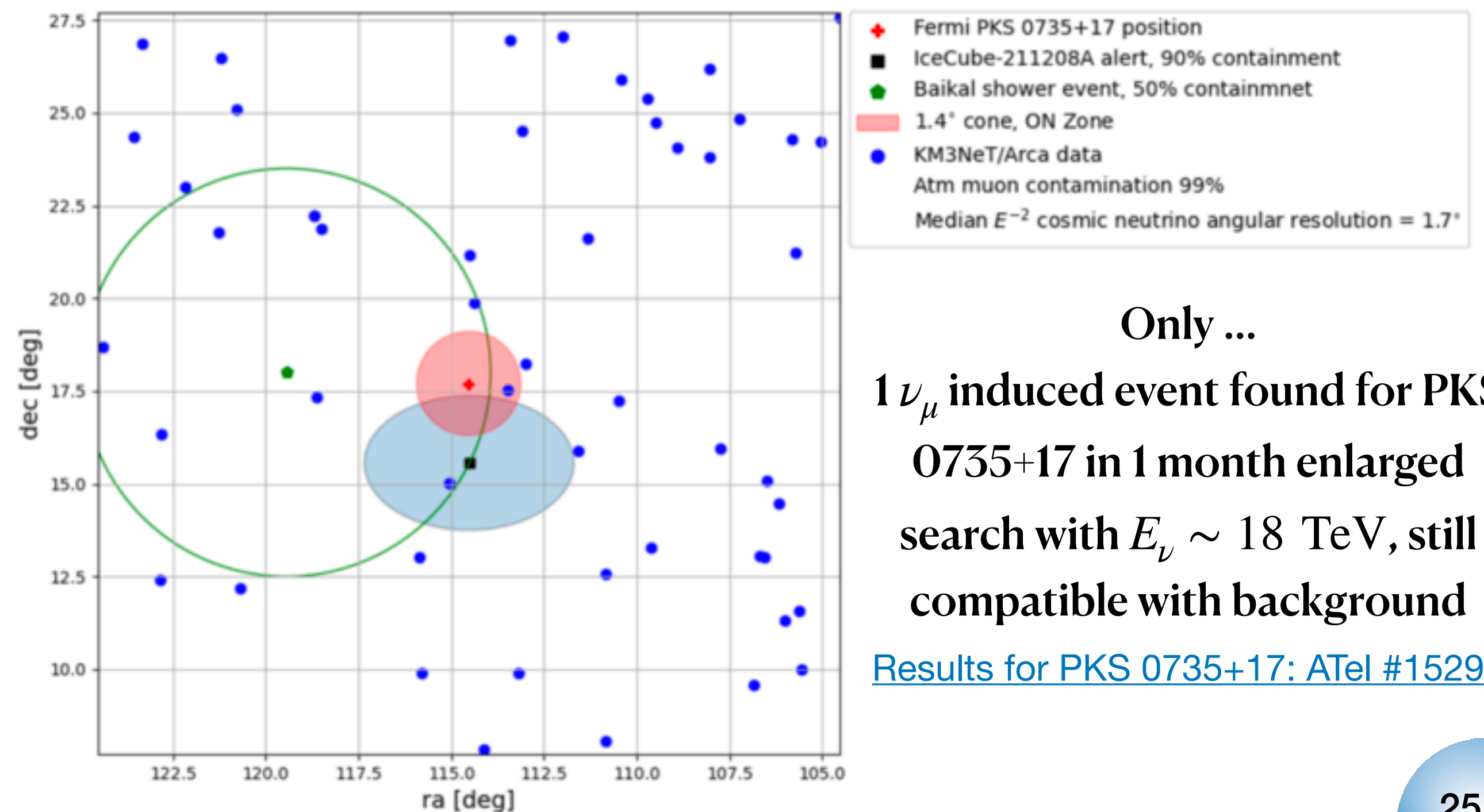
- IC 211208A (bronze alert): blazar PKS 0735+17
- IC 220205B (gold alert): radio blazar PKS 1741-03
- IC 220225A (bronze alert): quasar PKS 0215+015
- IC 220304A (gold alert): TXS 0310+022

**OFF region:** declination band for background

**ON region:** cone centered at the source position



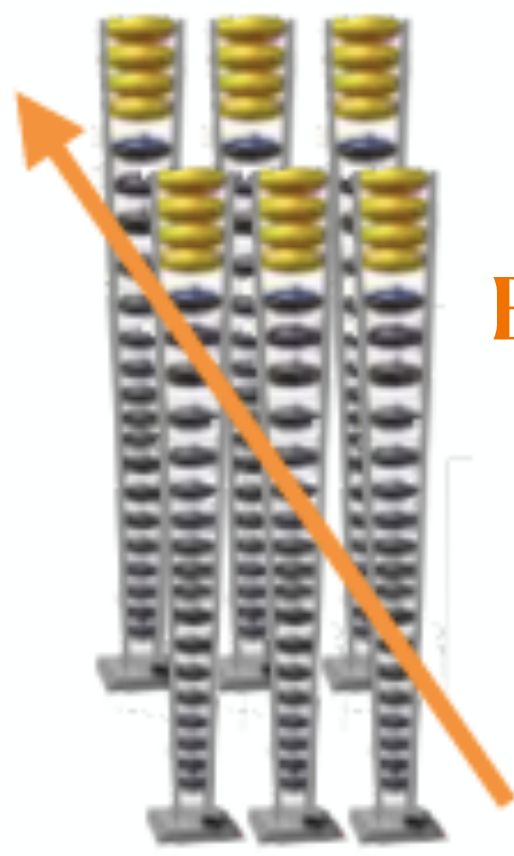
**PKS 0735+17:** also enlarged search in 1 month around the alert



Only ...  
**1  $\nu_\mu$  induced event found for PKS 0735+17 in 1 month enlarged search with  $E_\nu \sim 18$  TeV, still compatible with background**

[Results for PKS 0735+17: ATel #15290](#)

**Event selection:** upgoing track-like events

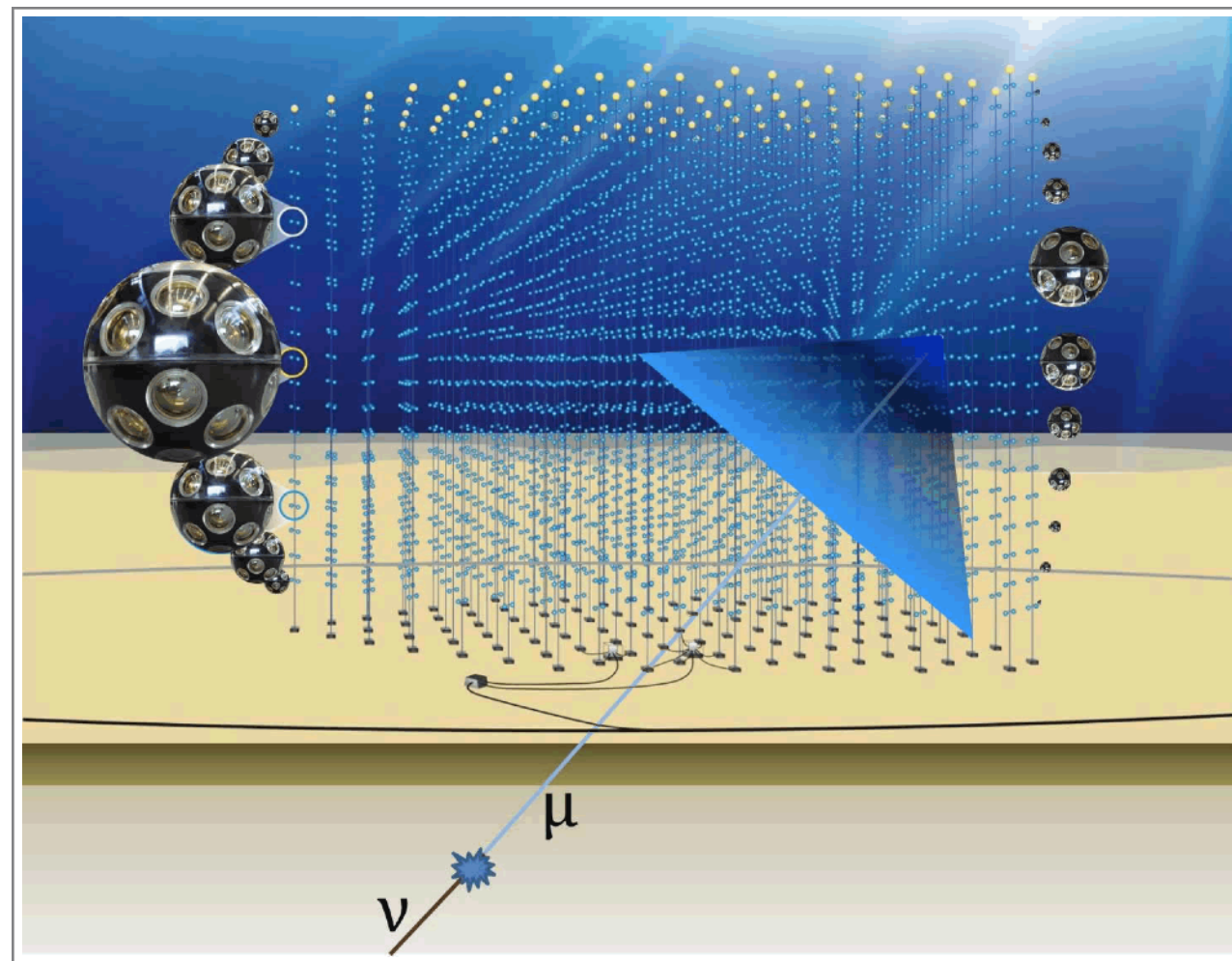


# KM3NeT: the multimessenger program



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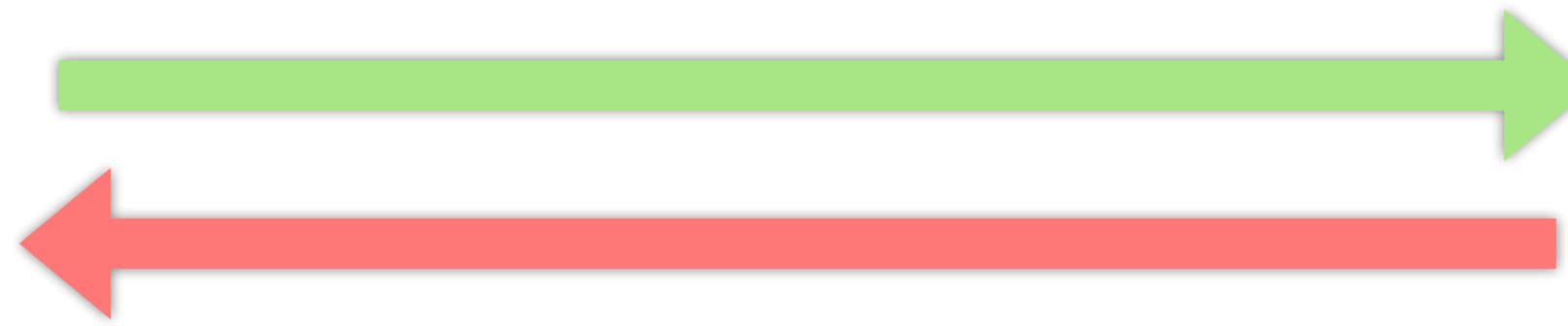
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KM3NeT ORCA and ARCA

## SENDING ALERTS

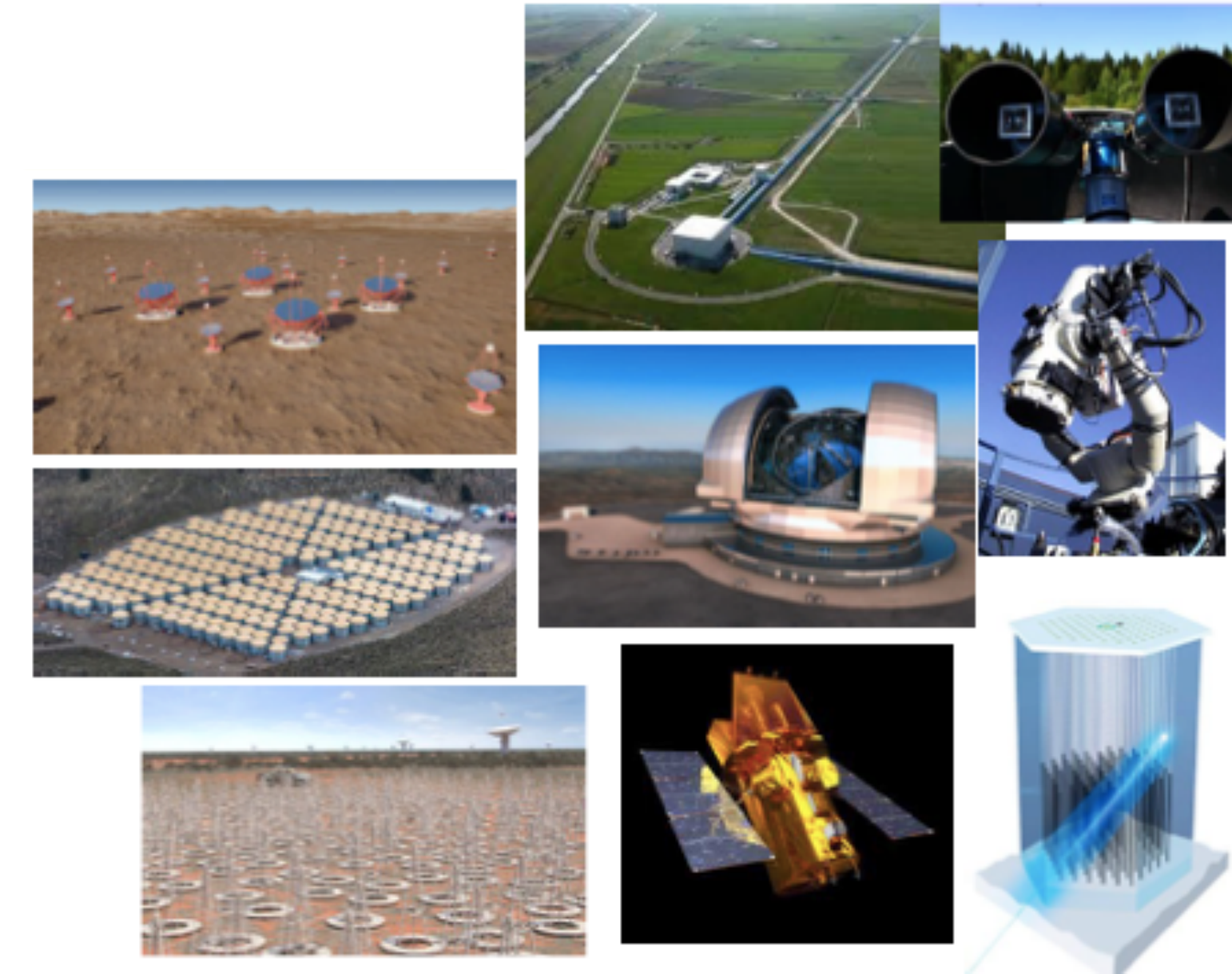
Send neutrino alerts to external communities for subsequent follow-ups



- Follow-up of EM/GW alerts
- Offline time/space correlation search with catalogues (GRB, AGN, SN, etc.)

## RECEIVING ALERTS

EM/MM external communities

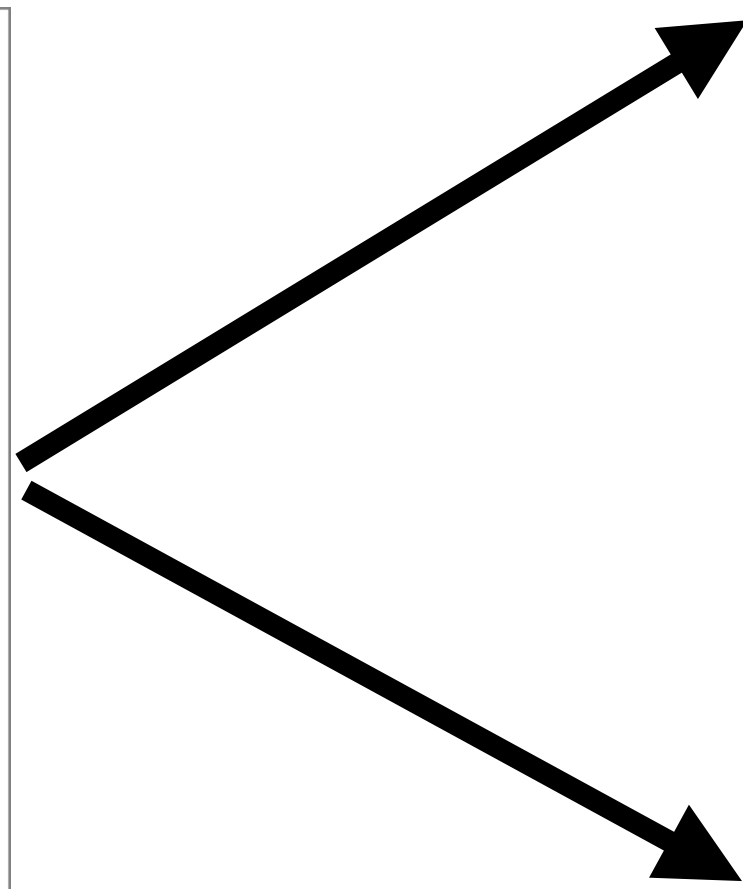
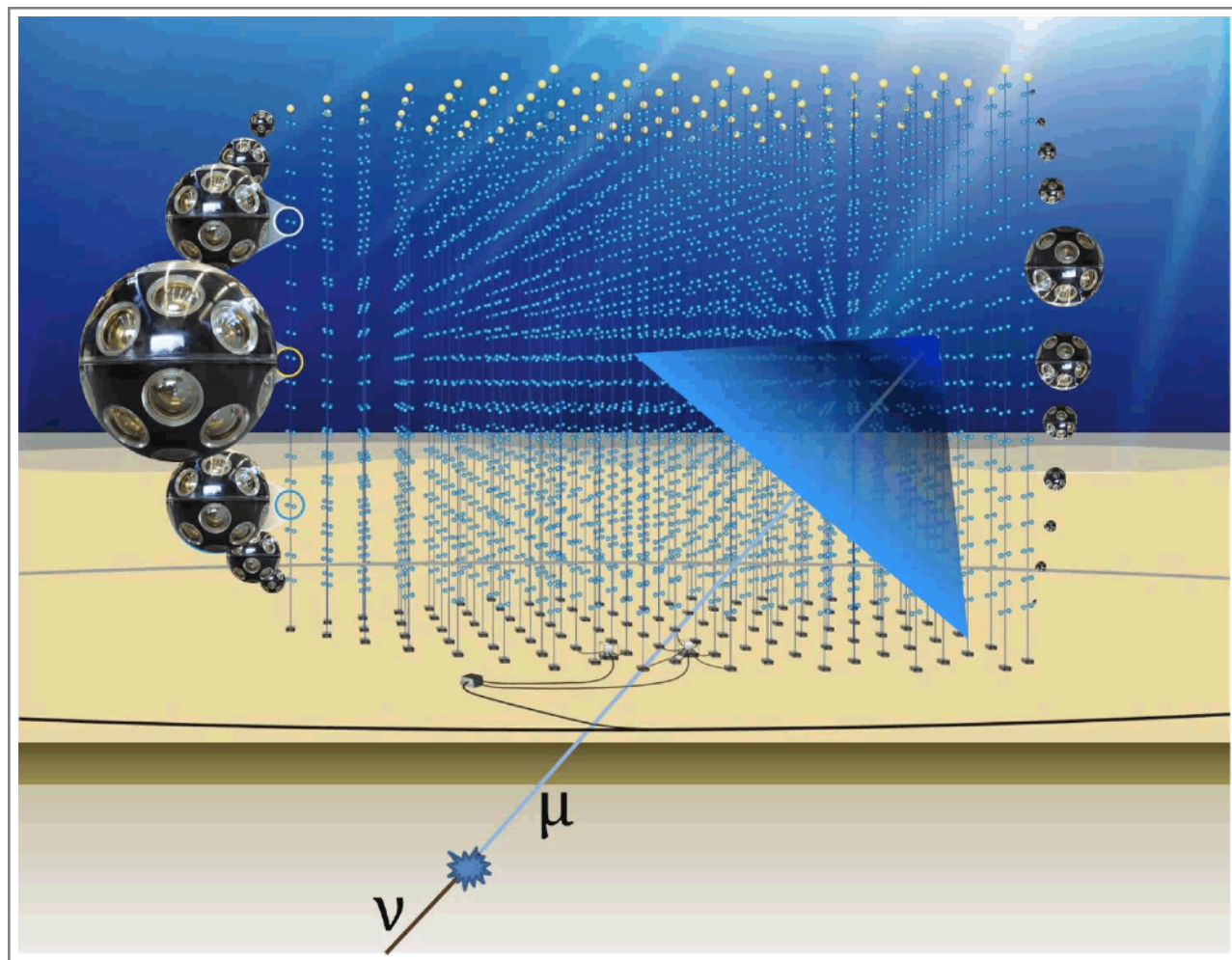


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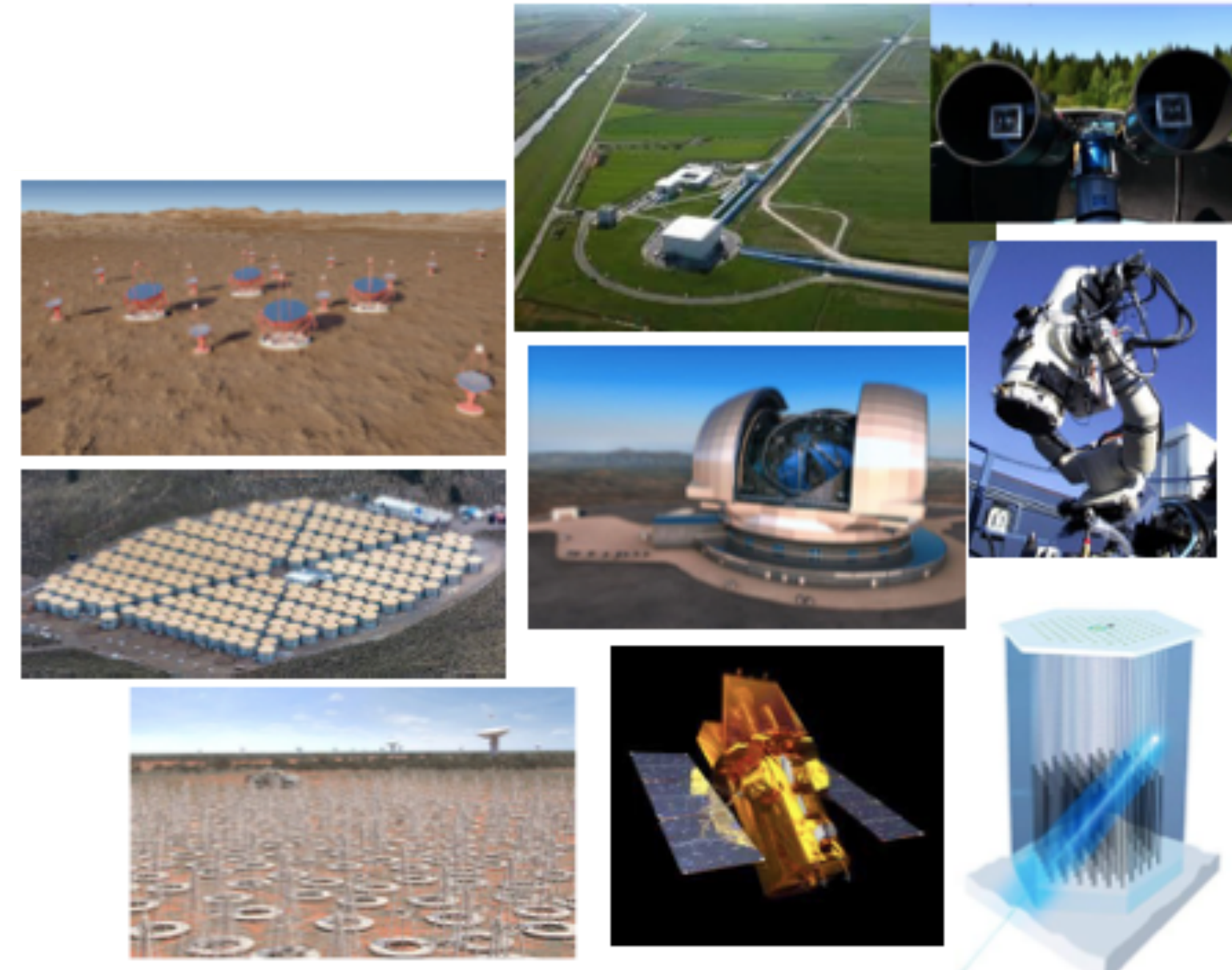
**ARCA:**  
Portopalo di Capo Passero  
(Sicily)



**ORCA:**  
Toulon (France)



EM/MM external communities



KM3NeT ORCA and ARCA

1) Neutrino induced events inside the detectors

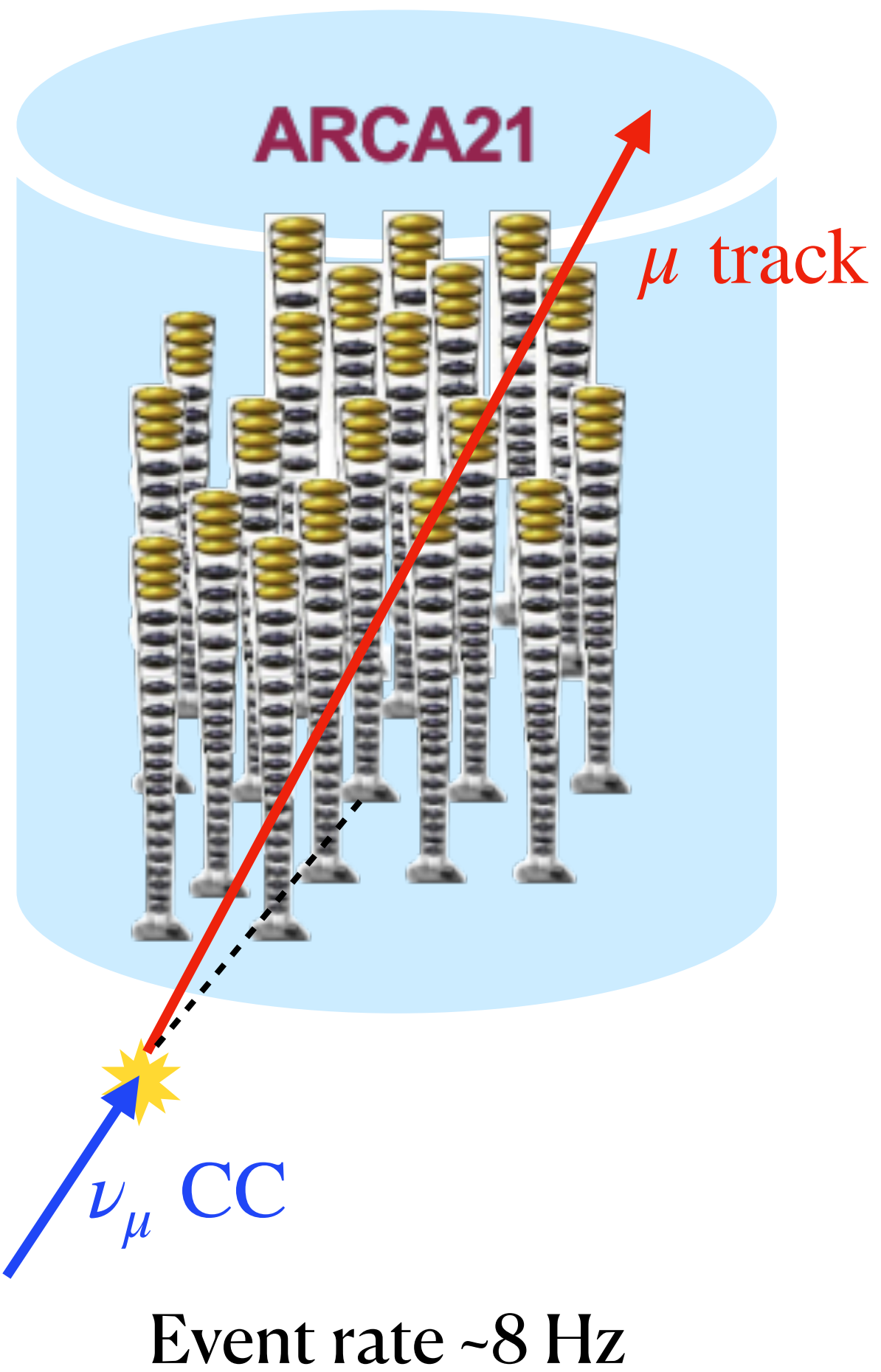
2) All data are immediately sent to the shore stations

3) All the events are reconstructed, selected and classified

4) Interesting events are sent to other multi-messenger instrumentations

# KM3NeT/ARCA: real-time multimessenger analysis framework

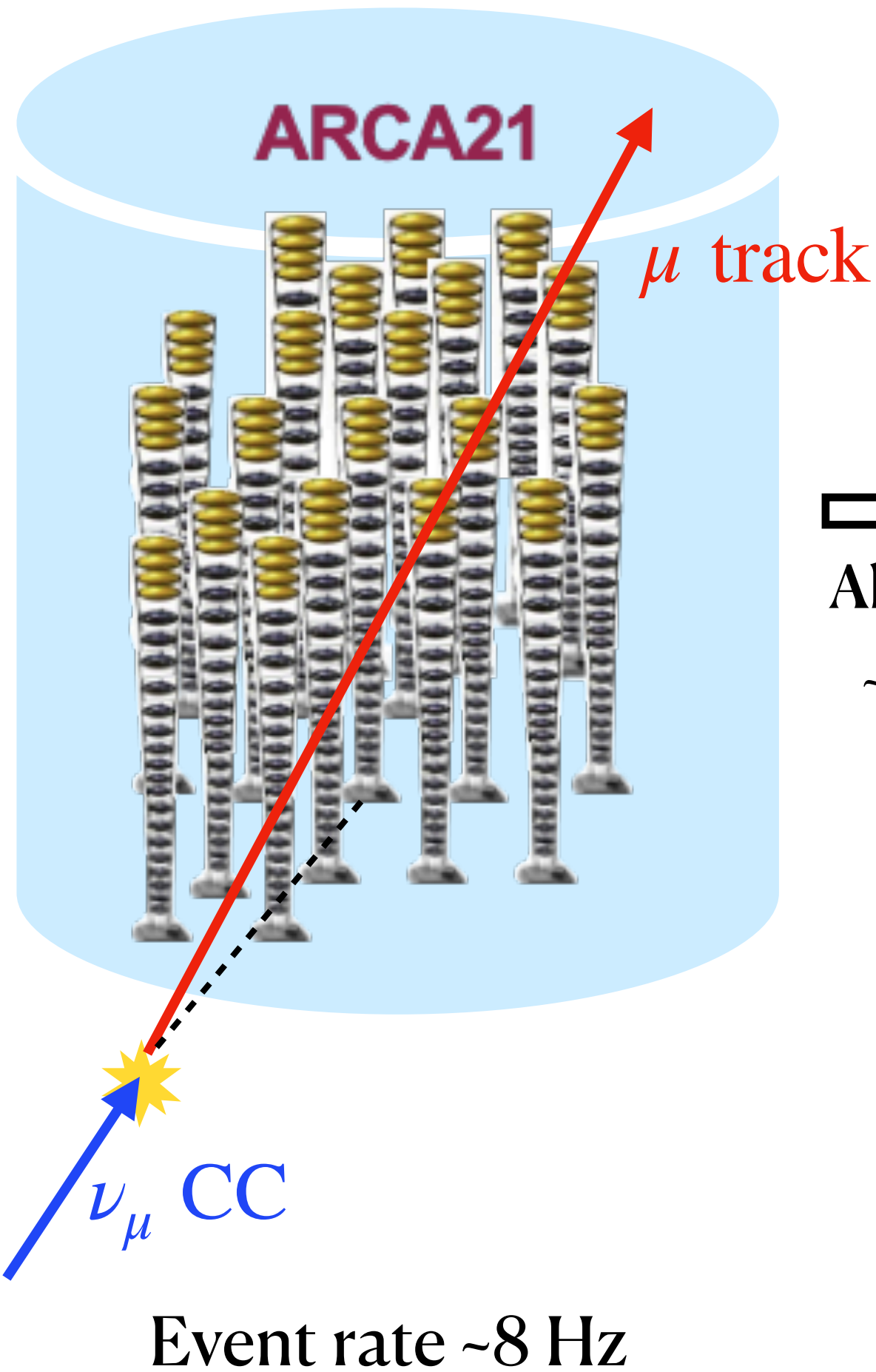
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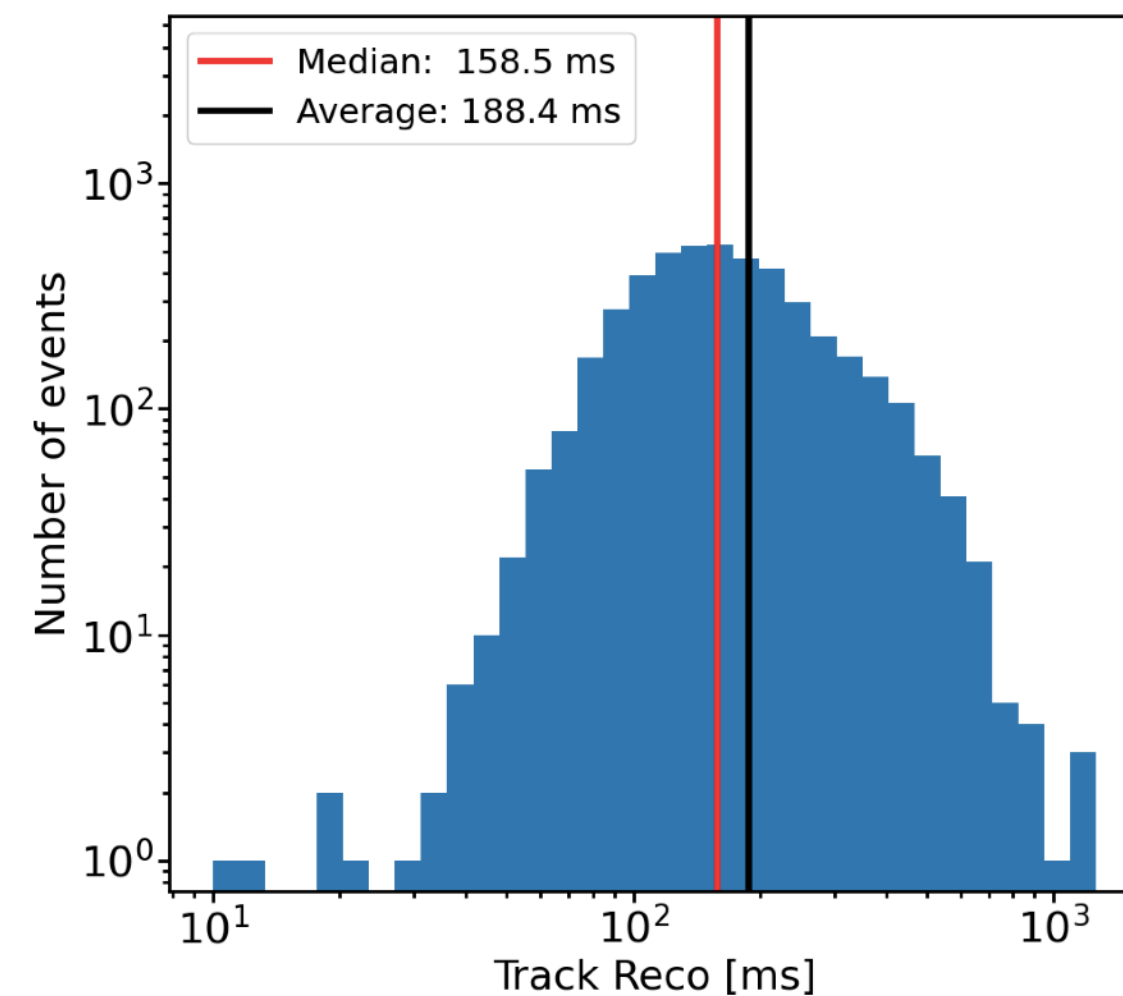
SHORE STATION



All data to shore  
~ 4 seconds

Event reconstruction

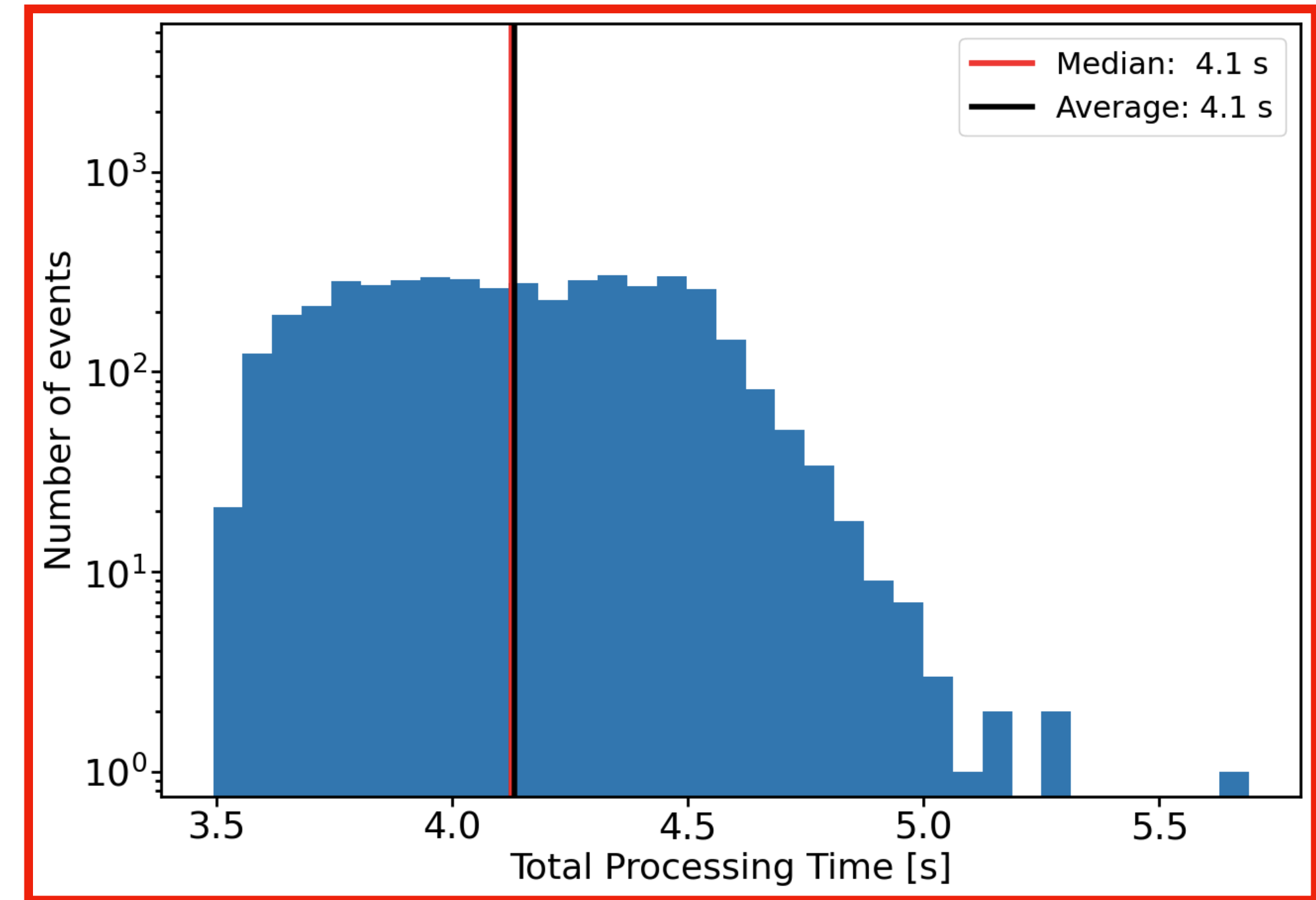
Portopalo di Capo Passero  
(Sicily)



Track reco

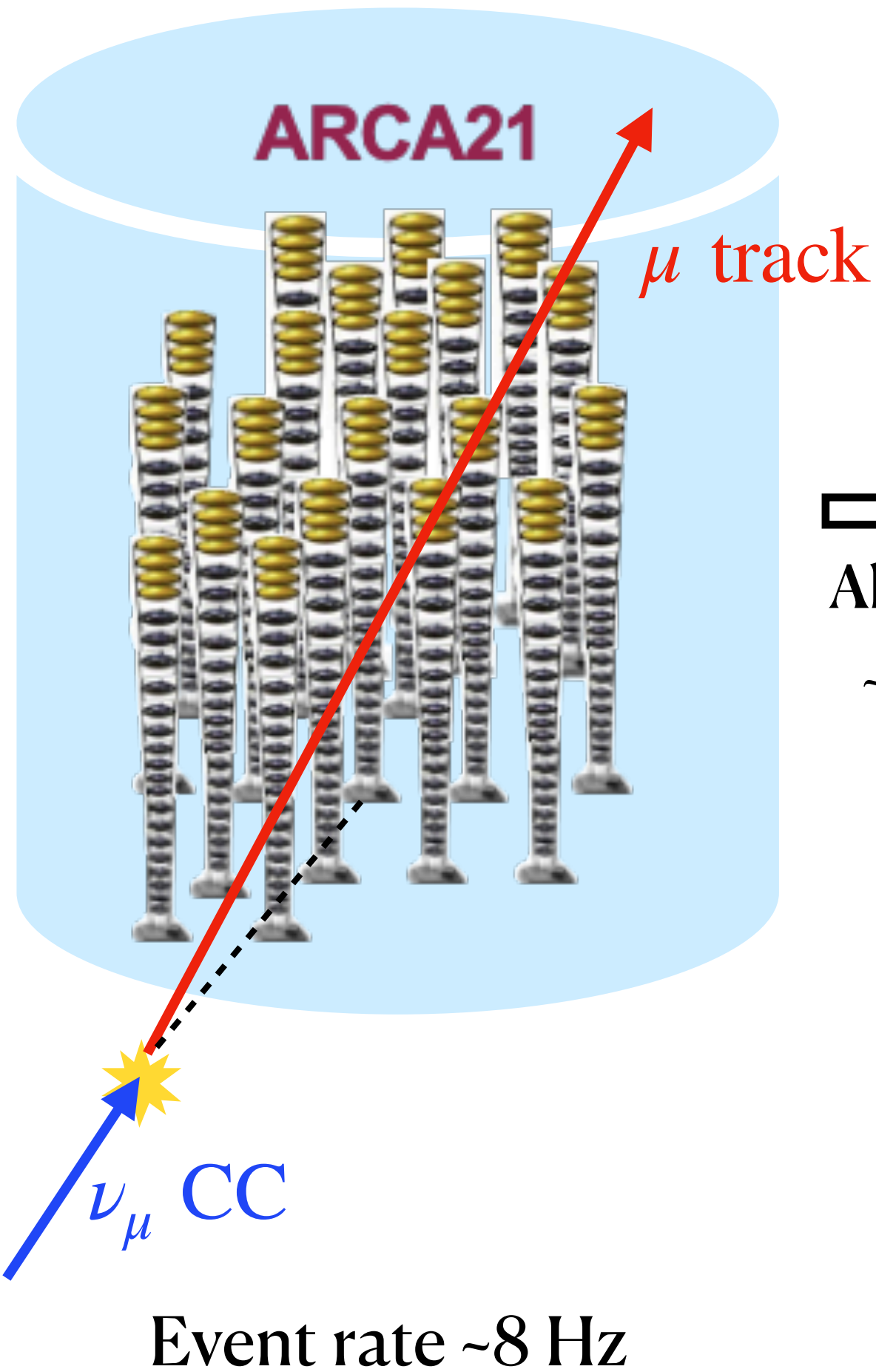
Rate ~5 Hz

Time ~160 ms



# KM3NeT/ARCA: real-time multimessenger analysis framework

OFF-SHORE



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SHORE STATION

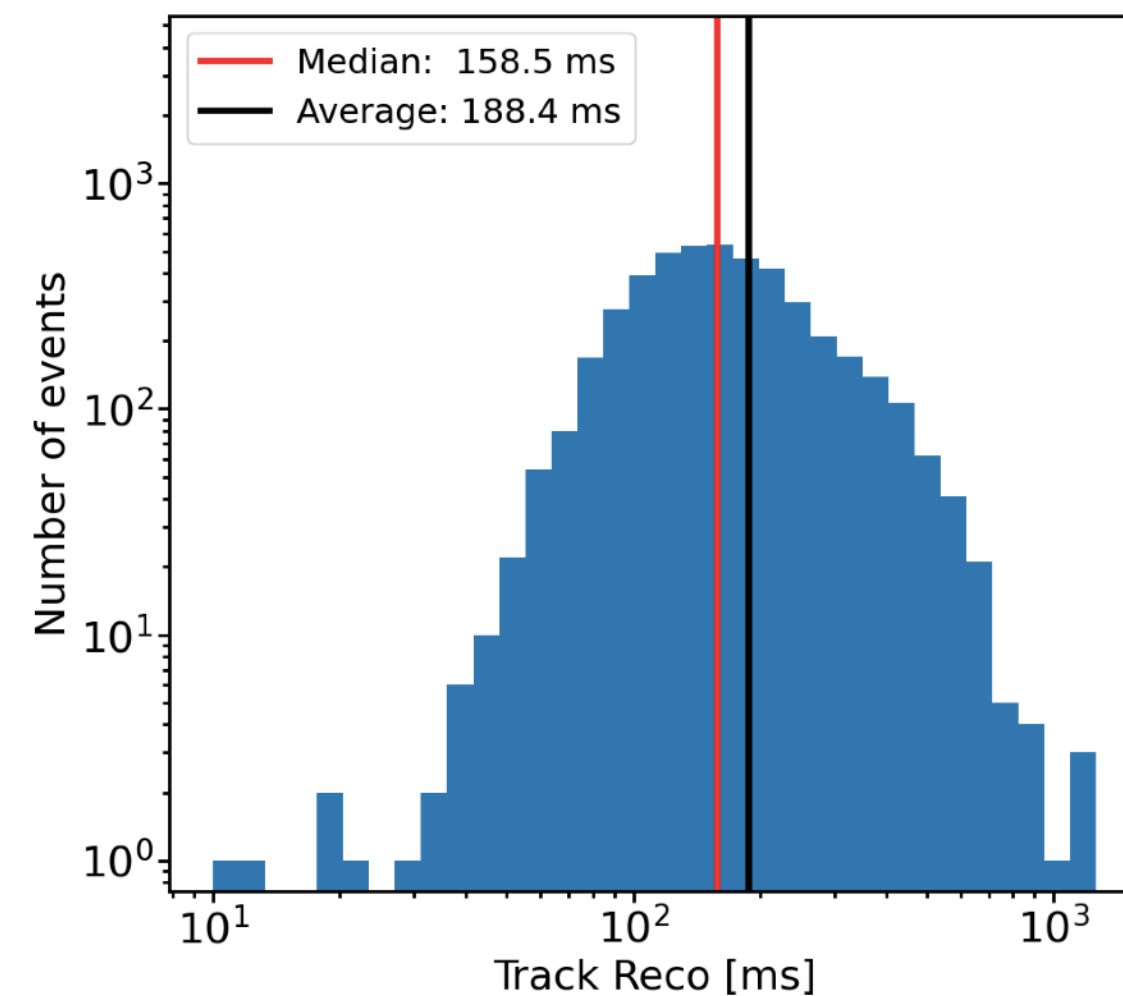
Event reconstruction



Reconstructed data  
transfer



Automatic analysis pipeline



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# KM3NeT real-time analyses: the recent case of GRB 221009A

- ~ 3 months ago the **brightest long GRB** ever detected was observed, relatively close to us ( $z \sim 0.15$ , corresponding to 2.4 billion light-years away), at 13:16.59 UT
- This event produced the **most energetic GRB photon ever seen by Fermi LAT** (ATel #15656), that of **99 GeV**
- LHAASO during 2000 sec after the GRB trigger detected **photons up to 18 TeV, highest energies ever detected from a GRB** (GCN #32677)

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TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR
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SUBJECT: GRB 221009A: search for neutrinos with KM3NeT
DATE: 22/10/13 18:57:37 GMT
FROM: Damien Dornic at CPPM,France <dornic@cppm.in2p3.fr>
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## KM3NeT GCN Circular 32741

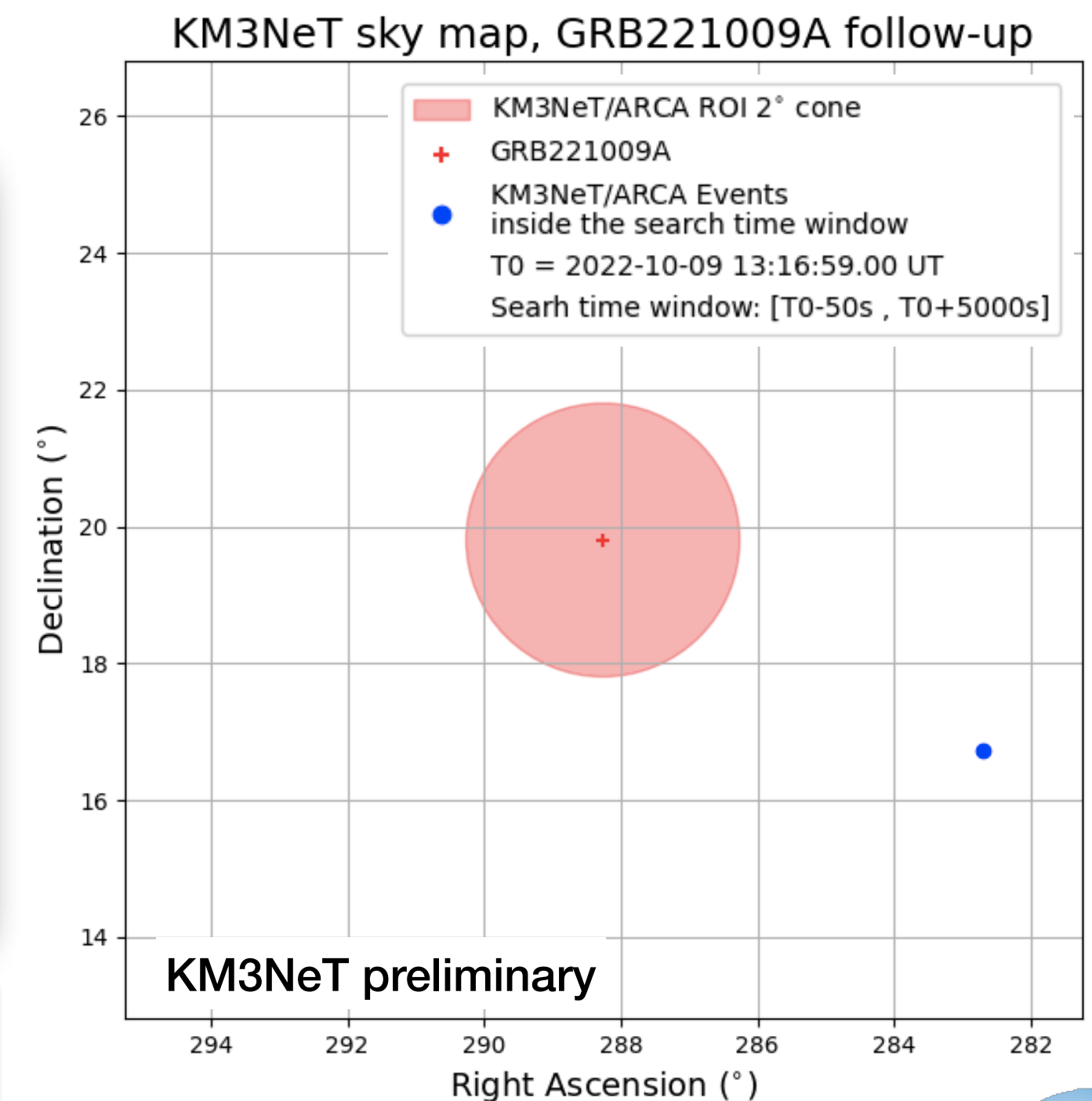
The KM3NeT Collaboration (<https://www.km3net.org/>) reports:<br><br>

Using the data from the online fast processing chain, the KM3NeT Collaboration has performed a dedicated search for track-like muon neutrino events arriving from the direction of GRB 221009A (Dichiara et al. GCN 32632 (Swift); Veres et al. GCN 32636 (Fermi-GBM)). The search covers the time range of [T0-50s, T0+5000s], with T0 being the trigger time reported by Fermi-GBM (T0=2022-10-09 13:16:59.00 UTC), during which both KM3NeT detectors were collecting good quality data. However, the GRB location was above the KM3NeT horizon (mean elevation of about -40deg) during the search time window, significantly reducing the point-like source sensitivity. In both detectors, zero events were observed in the search window, while  $o(0.1)$  were expected from the background. The online fast processing uses preliminary calibrations and detector alignment, which will be superseded in a future elaborated analysis.<br><br>

A parallel search has been performed in the MeV range (Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 4, 317) without any significant neutrino coincidence.<br><br>

KM3NeT is a large undersea (Mediterranean Sea) infrastructure hosting two neutrino detectors, sensitive to burst of supernova neutrinos in the MeV range and to astrophysical neutrinos in the GeV-PeV energy range: ARCA at high energy and ORCA at low energy. A total of 21 and 11 detection lines are currently in operation in ARCA and ORCA, respectively.

**No events found in the signal region. More elaborated analysis ongoing!**



# KM3NeT real-time analyses: the recent case of GRB 221009A

- ~ 3 months ago the **brightest long GRB** ever detected was observed, relatively close to us ( $z \sim 0.15$ , corresponding to 2.4 billion light-years away), at 13:16.59 UT
- This event produced the **most energetic GRB photon ever seen by Fermi LAT** (ATel #15656), that of **99 GeV**
- LHAASO during 2000 sec after the GRB trigger detected photons up to 18 TeV, highest energies ever detected from a GRB (GCN #32677)

**KM3NeT has started to play his role in the field of the real-time multimessenger astronomy!**

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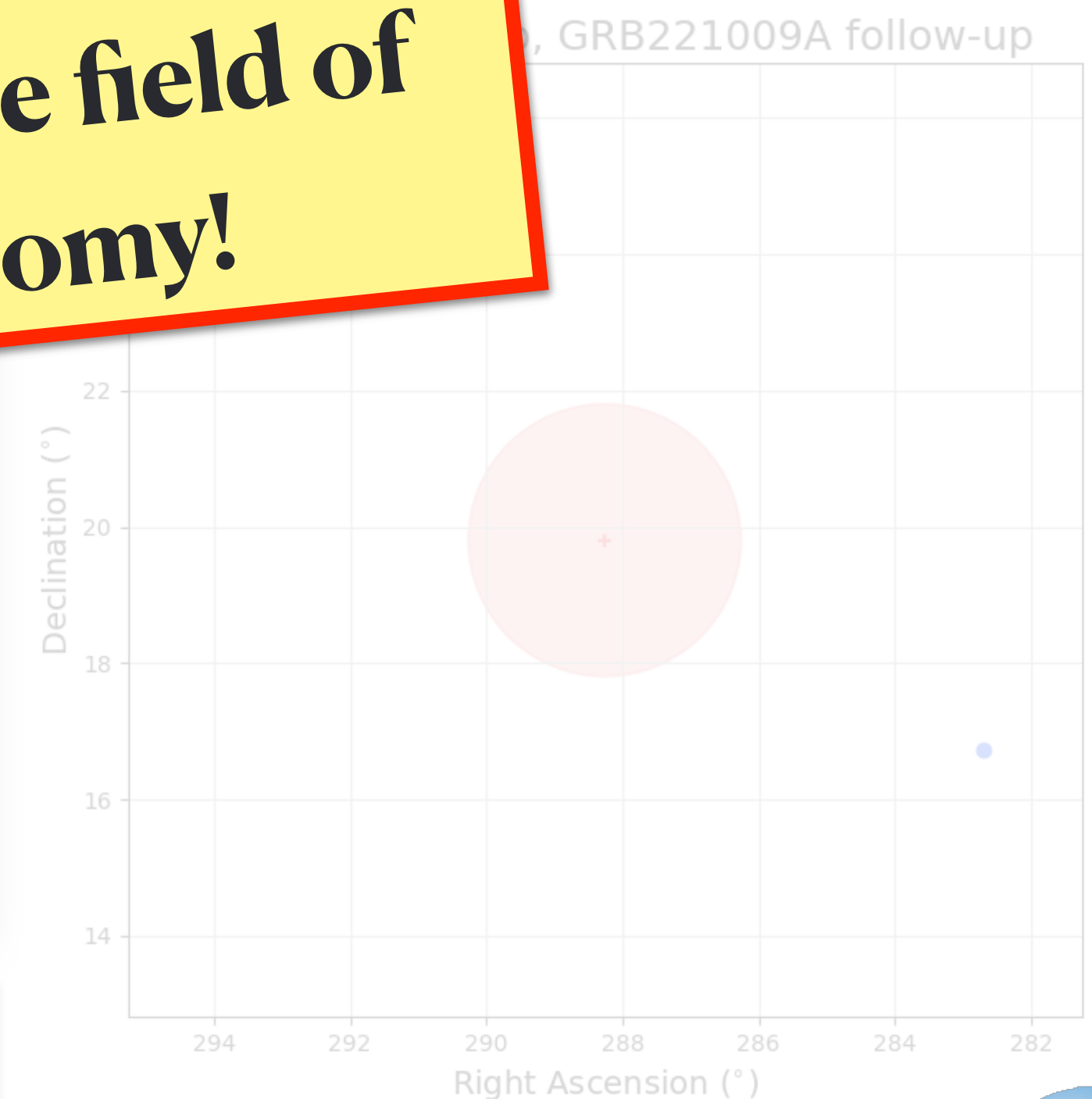
The KM3NeT Collaboration (<http://www.km3net.org>)

Using the data from the online KM3NeT database, we performed a dedicated search for track-like muon neutrino events arriving from the direction of GRB 221009A (ATel #15656; Veres et al. GCN 32632 (Swift); Veres et al. GCN 32636 (Fermi-GBM)). The search covers the time range of [T0-50s, T0+50s], where T0 is the trigger time reported by Fermi-GBM (T0=2022-10-09 13:16:59.00 UTC), during which both KM3NeT detectors were collecting good quality data. However, the GRB location was above the KM3NeT horizon (mean elevation of about -40deg) during the search time window, significantly reducing the point-like source sensitivity. In both detectors, zero events were observed in the search window, while  $o(0.1)$  were expected from the background. The online fast processing uses preliminary calibrations and detector alignment, which will be superseded in a future elaborated analysis.

A parallel search has been performed in the MeV range (Eur.Phys.J.C 82 (2022) 4, 317) without any significant neutrino coincidence.

KM3NeT is a large undersea (Mediterranean Sea) infrastructure hosting two neutrino detectors, sensitive to burst of supernova neutrinos in the MeV range and to astrophysical neutrinos in the GeV-PeV energy range: ARCA at high energy and ORCA at low energy. A total of 21 and 11 detection lines are currently in operation in ARCA and ORCA, respectively.

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# Summary

- The next generation neutrino telescope KM3NeT (ORCA + ARCA) is under construction in the Mediterranean Sea
- KM3NeT/ARCA (in Sicily, Italy) is designed for the detection of high-energy neutrinos (from  $\sim 100$  GeV to PeV), thus is optimized for neutrino astronomy & multimessenger studies
- First string is operating since more than 6 years
- First results in the field of neutrino astronomy published by using data taken with KM3NeT/ARCA 6 lines configuration (May-September 2021)
- KM3NeT/ARCA is taking data with 21 strings since September 2022
- KM3NeT/ARCA is already better than ANTARES
- Real-time multimessenger analysis framework for KM3NeT in progress and already operative
- KM3NeT/ARCA will be able to provide information about the origin and acceleration mechanisms of extragalactic and Galactic cosmic rays (optimal visibility of the Galactic center being located in the Northern hemisphere)

# More works in place ...

Starburst diffuse analysis

Gamma-Ray Bursts

Periodic sources (pulsars)

Core Collapse Supernovae

Combined  $\gamma - \nu$  analysis

Double bang  $\nu_\tau$  reconstruction

Analysis updates with new data on-going ...  
**STAY TUNED!**

Thank you for the attention!

