



Hunting neutrinos in the Deep Sea

Status and prospects of KM3NeT

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News announced April 2018: 12.7 Mio Euro for KM3NeT
NWO's 'Nationale Roadmap Grootchalige Wetenschappelijke Infrastructuur'

What can the neutrino do for us?

- Unique messenger from the distant Universe
- Can unveil new physics
- Could play a role in the issue of Dark Matter

⇒ Observations of neutrinos from cosmic sources (TeV-PeV energies)

⇒ Observations of neutrinos from interactions of cosmic rays with the atmosphere (GeV-TeV energies)

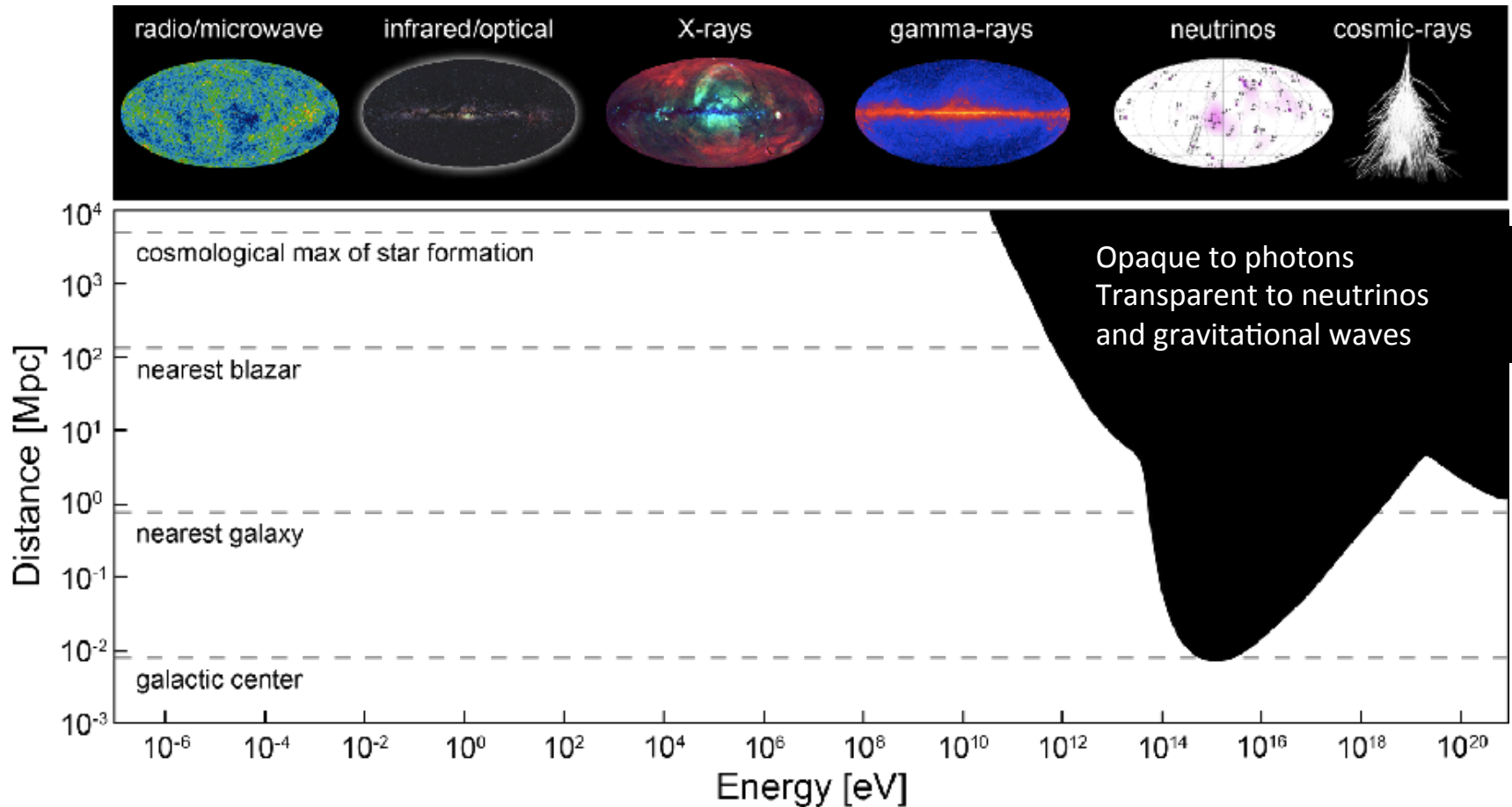
- Cosmic Neutrinos
- Atmospheric neutrinos

- KM3NeT ARCA/ORCA
- First Data

- ARCA prospects
- ORCA prospects
- Beam option for ORCA (P2O)

Cosmic neutrinos

The visible Universe



$\gamma + \gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$
 $p + \gamma \rightarrow \Delta^+$

Large part of the Universe can not be observed with high energetic photons and protons

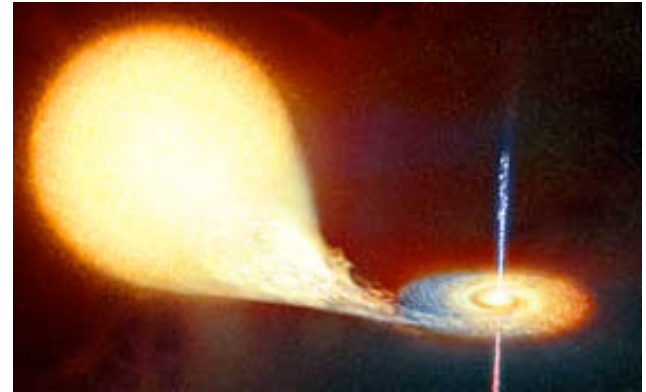
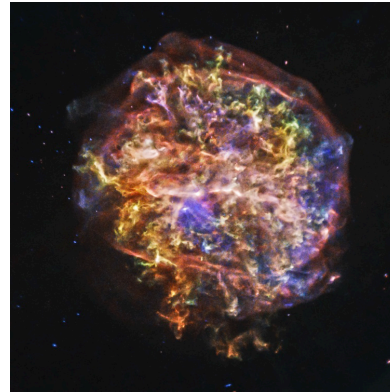
Cosmic accelerators provide energy to particles orders of magnitude beyond accelerators on Earth

- What are the sources of the high energy cosmic rays?
- How are particles accelerated?

Multimessenger observations crucial

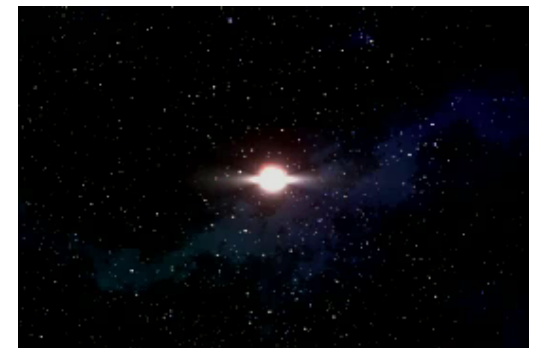
Galactic:

Supernova Remnants (SNRs), Microquasars,...



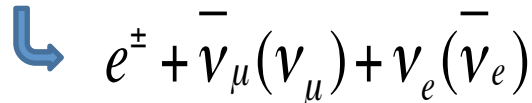
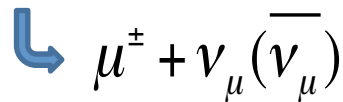
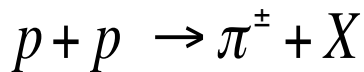
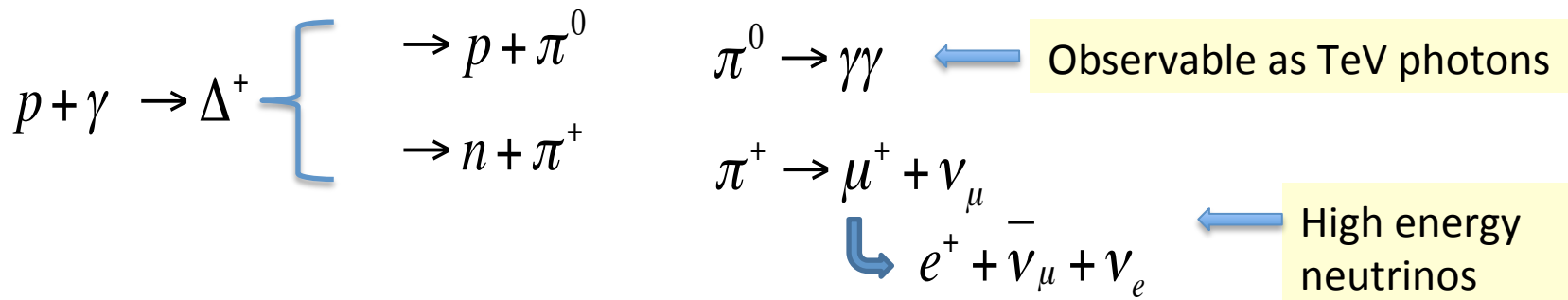
Extragalactic:

Active Galactic Nuclei (AGNs),
Gamma Ray Bursts (GRBs), ...



Gamma ray – neutrino connection

- Gamma ray photons can originate from pion decay (hadronic scenario) or synchrotron radiation or inverse Compton scattering (leptonic scenario)
 - Currently origin of observed TeV gamma rays from cosmic sources not well known
- => Neutrino detection unique probe to prove hadronic scenario (presence of protons)



Neutrinos travel undeflected from the sources
=> Direct identification of cosmic accelerators

Different source scenarios

$$\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau$$

'Standard'

-> charged pion decay, muon decay

$$1 : 2 : 0$$

Muon damped source

-> strong magnetic fields, muon decay suppressed

-> pion decay dominant

$$0 : 1 : 0$$

Neutron beam source

-> extremely strong magnetic field

-> cosmic rays heavy nuclei

$$1 : 0 : 0$$

Neutrino oscillations during propagation from source to Earth

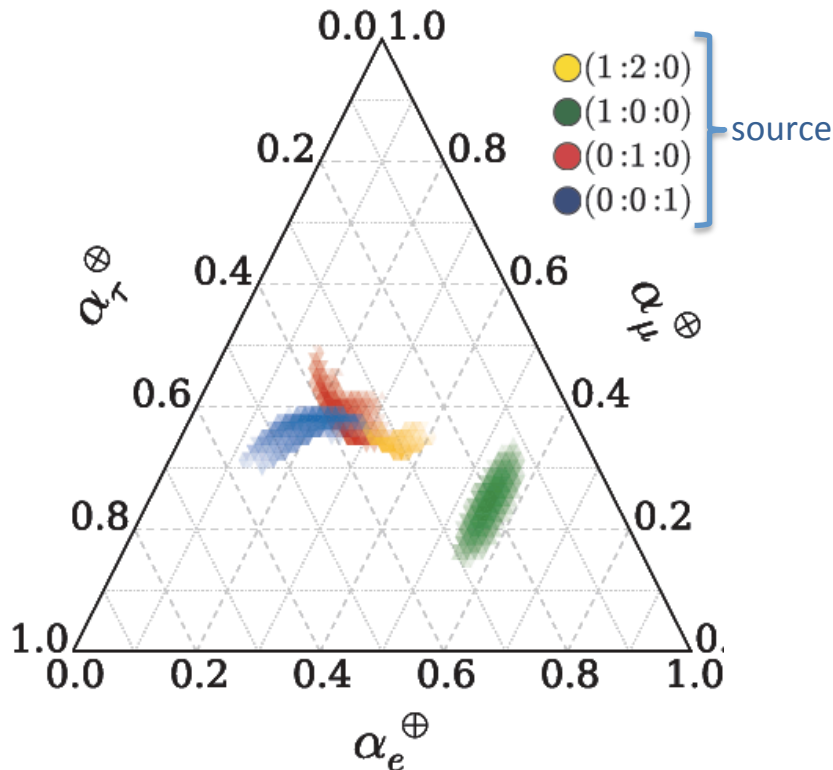
=> Flavour ratio not conserved

Note: Also different neutrino/antineutrino ratios

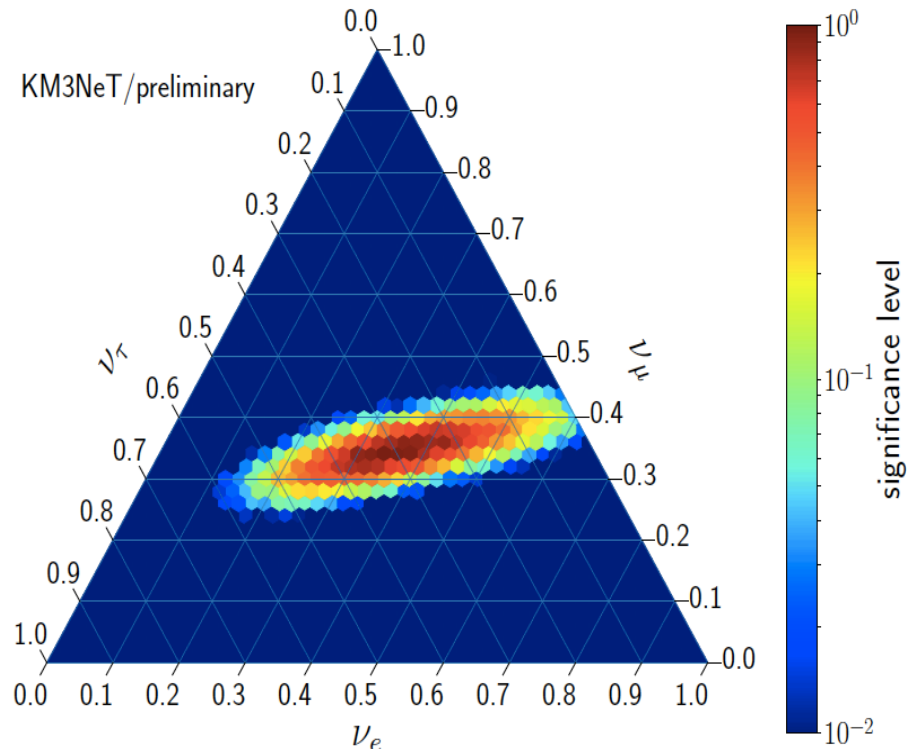
Neutrino flavor ratio

'Standard' phase space
 -> Deviations indicate new physics

First preliminary estimate for KM3NeT sensitivity
 (reconstruction improvements e.g. in tau
 double bang reconstruction not yet included)



C. Argüelles, T. Katori and J. Salvado
 Phys.Rev.Lett. 115 (2015) 161303



T. Eberl, T. Heid, ICRC 2017
 PoS(ICRC2017)1006

Rapidly developing field:

2013++ : IceCube detects cosmic neutrinos
(excess of high energy neutrinos)

2018: IceCube announces discovery of first
cosmic high energy neutrino source

=> For the first time multimessenger observations
including neutrinos!



1) High energy neutrino detected at similar time as
enhanced gamma-ray flaring of a blazar TXS0506
(independent alerts) -> 3σ

2) IceCube scanned archival data at given position
-> 3.5σ discovery of a flaring period
13 signal events in 5 months period

Search in the Mediterranean Sea (ANTARES)

Search for neutrino signal at given position in 9 years

- Fit for signal: $n_{\text{sig}} = 1.03$
- Pre-trial p-value of 3.4% to be compatible with background only
- In the list of 107 pre-selected sources, only two have smaller p-value
- Search for flaring coincident with IceCube flaring periods: No signal found (consistent with flux estimates by IceCube)

Independent verification of IceCube observations desirable

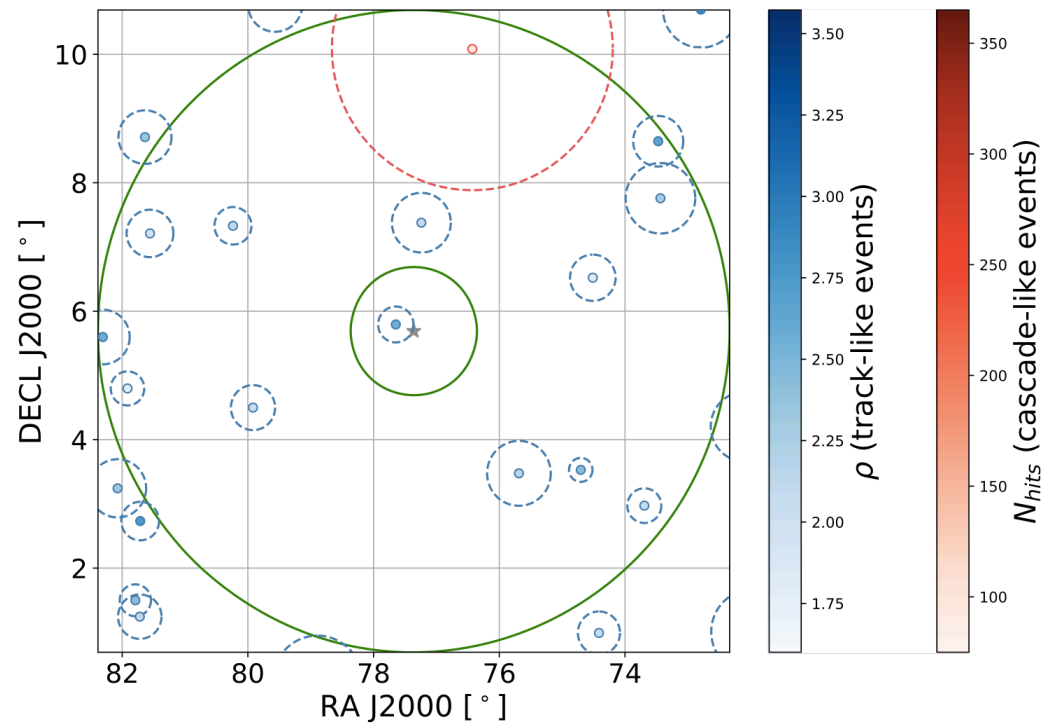
More statistics needed also with full sky coverage

Blue: Track candidates

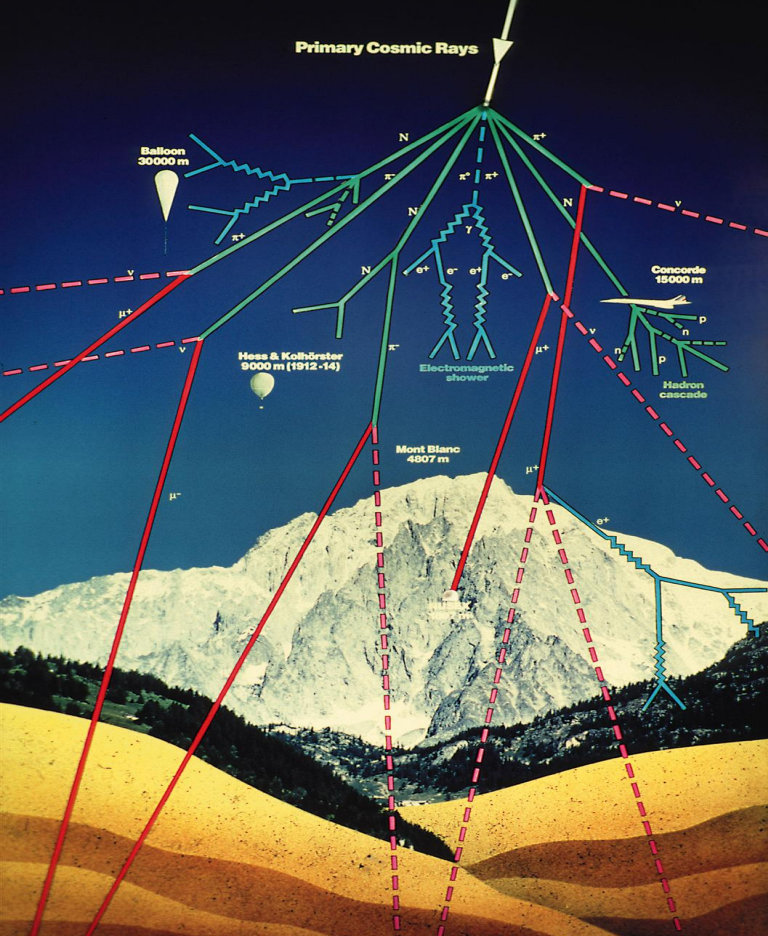
Red: Cascade candidates

Circles provide error regions

Green circles: 1 and 5 degrees



Atmospheric neutrinos

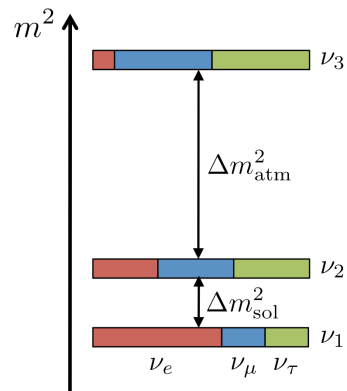


Neutrino beam for free

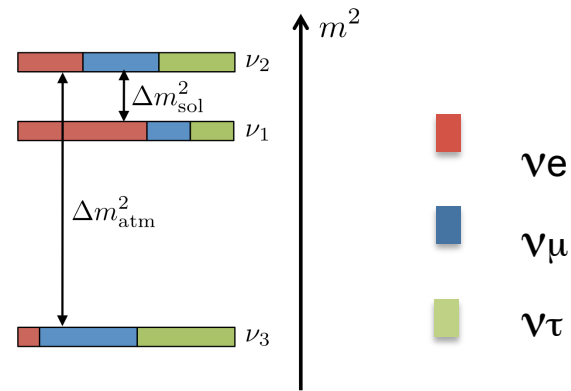
-> *Cosmic ray interactions with the atmosphere*

- Large statistics for oscillation studies
=> Access to subtle signatures in oscillation patterns
- Neutrino Mass ordering
 - Tau neutrino appearance
 - Non-Standard-Interaction
 - Sterile Neutrinos
 - Earth Tomography
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Normal Ordering (NO)



Inverted Ordering (IO)



Neutrino Oscillations

Flavor eigenstates are not equal to mass eigenstates

Flavor eigenstate

Mass eigenstate

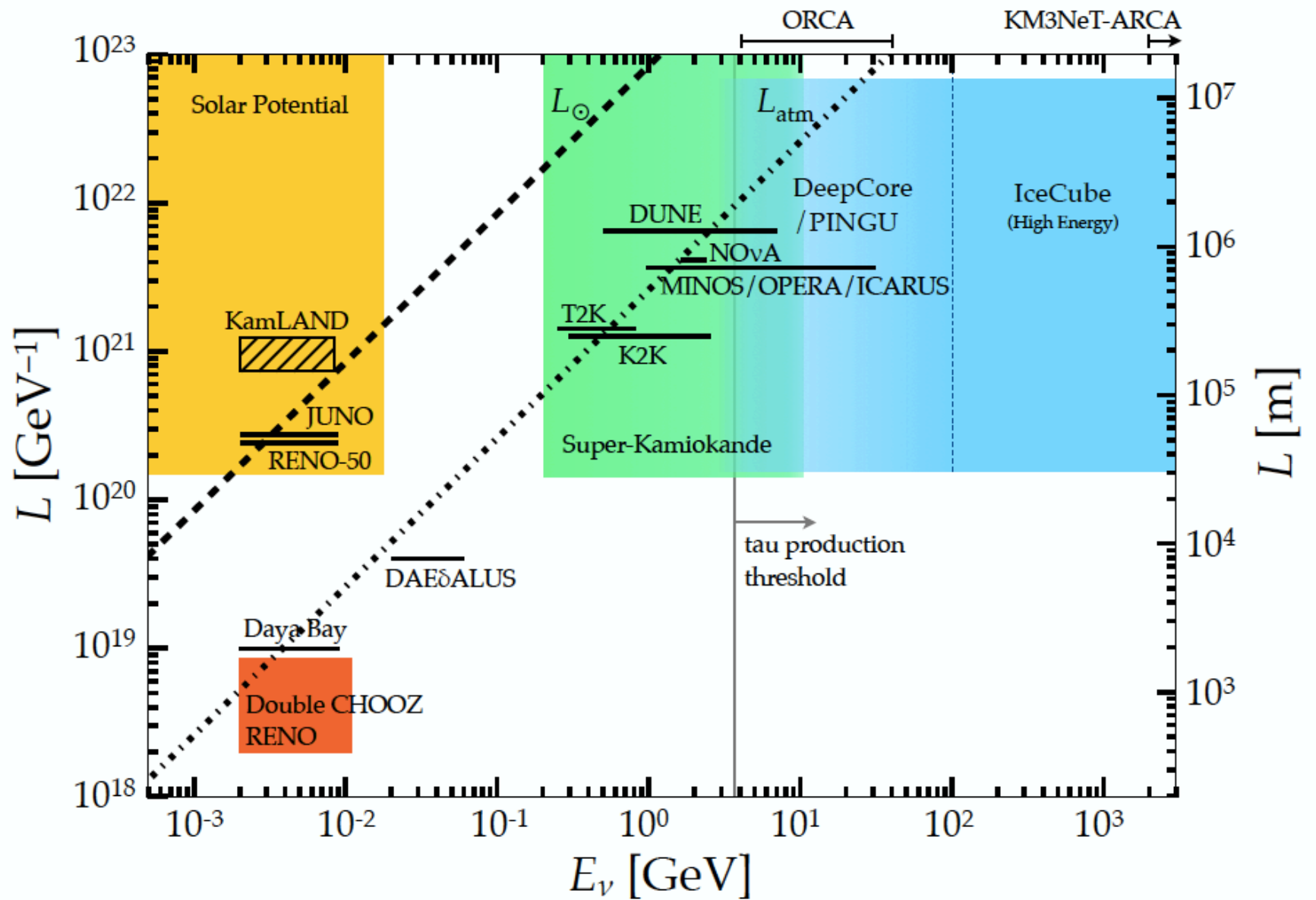
ν_e
 ν_μ
 ν_τ

Mixing
matrix



ν_1
 ν_2
 ν_3

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Neutrino telescope energy and baselines in comparison to accelerator/reactor experiments

Neutrino oscillations in matter

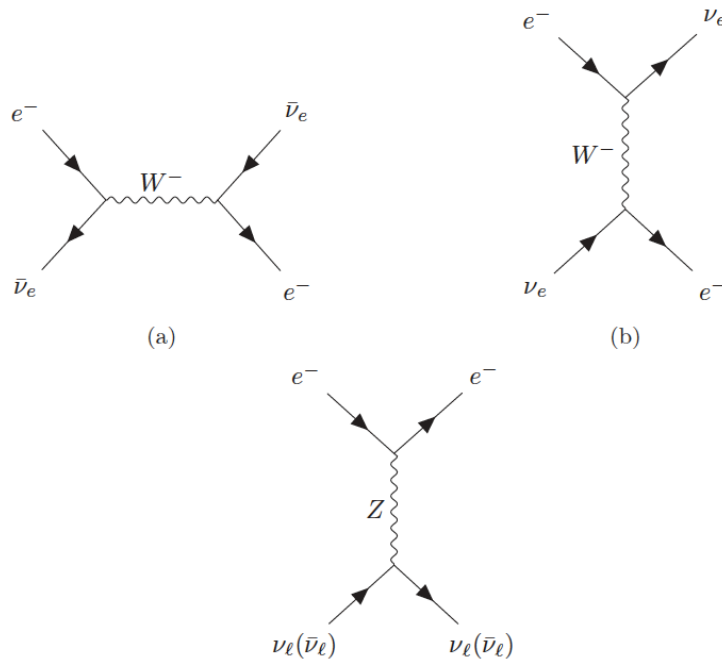
Propagation of electron (anti-)neutrinos in the Earth affected by matter potential (Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein effect)

Forward scattering on electrons

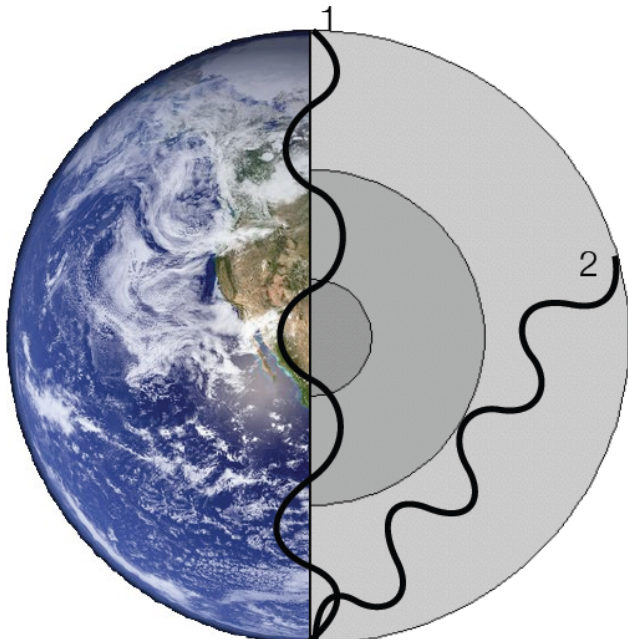
⇒ change of effective mass for the electron neutrinos

⇒ change of oscillation pattern

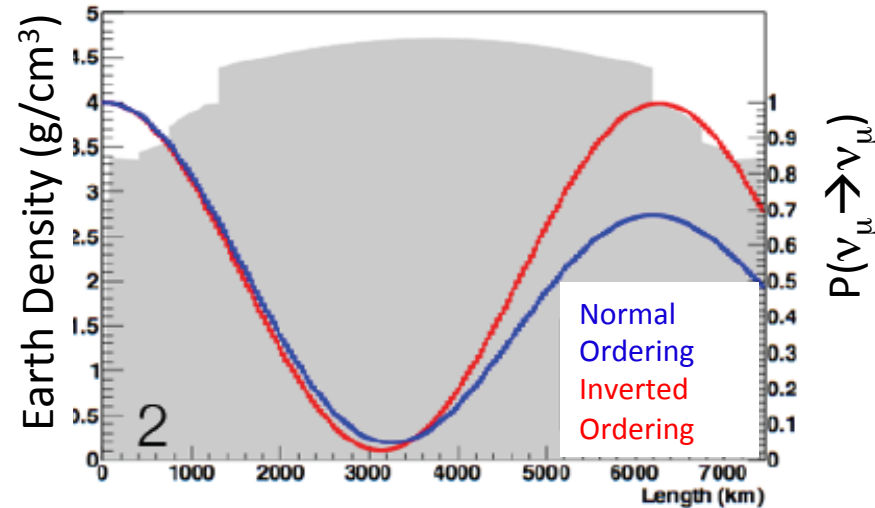
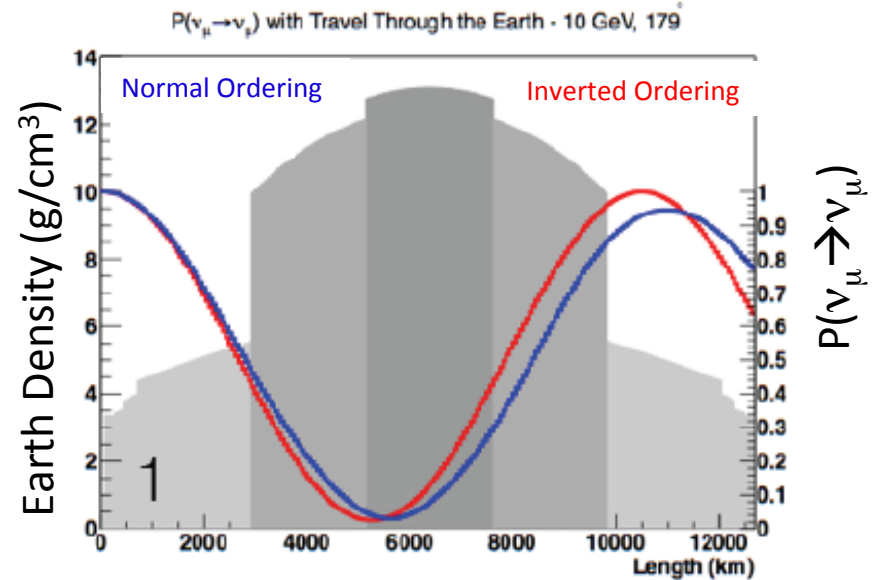
⇒ Sensitive to Neutrino Mass hierarchy



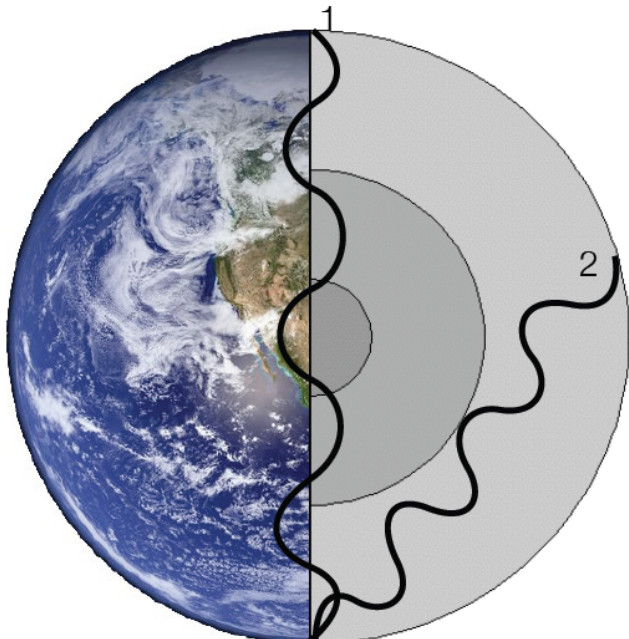
Matter effects



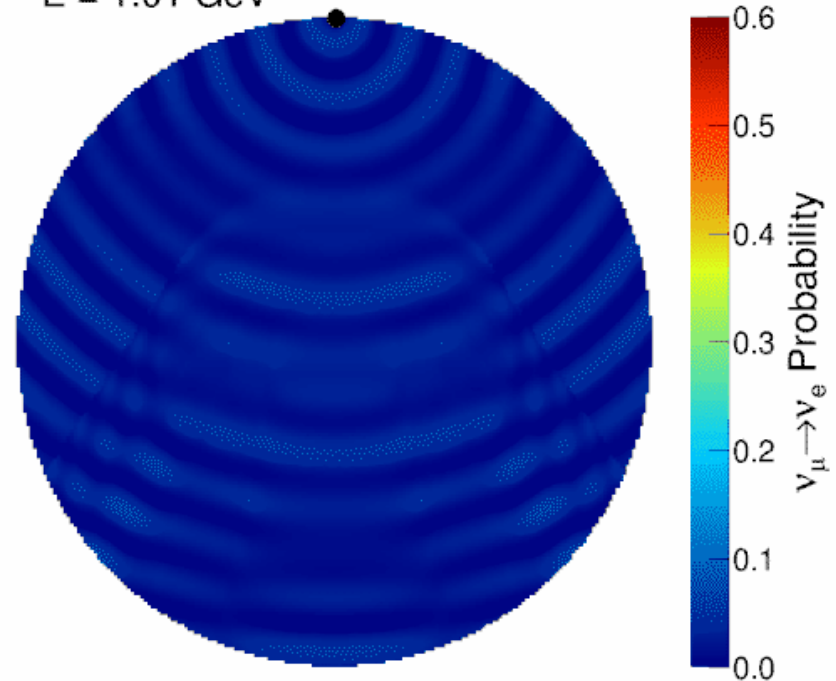
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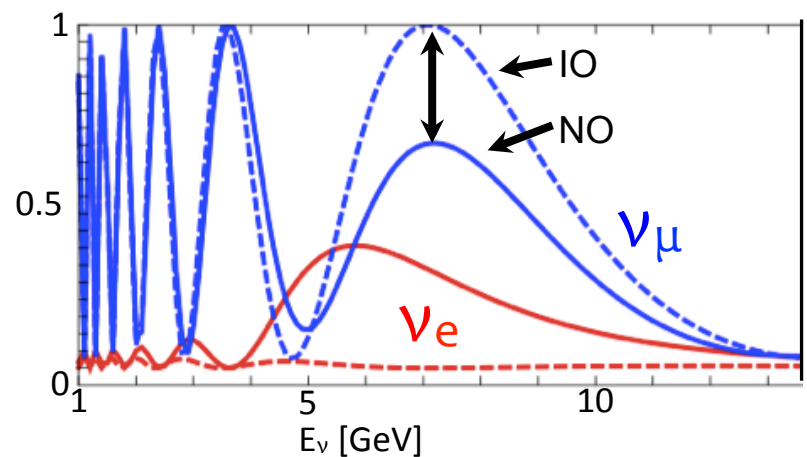
$E = 1.01 \text{ GeV}$



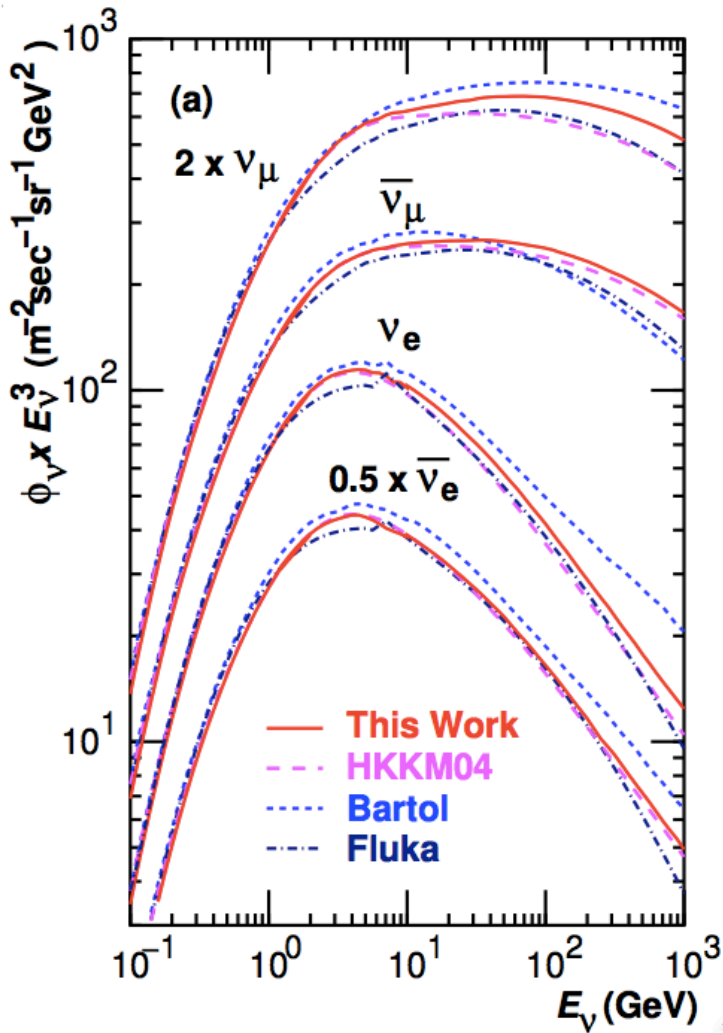
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$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\mu)$ for $\theta=126$



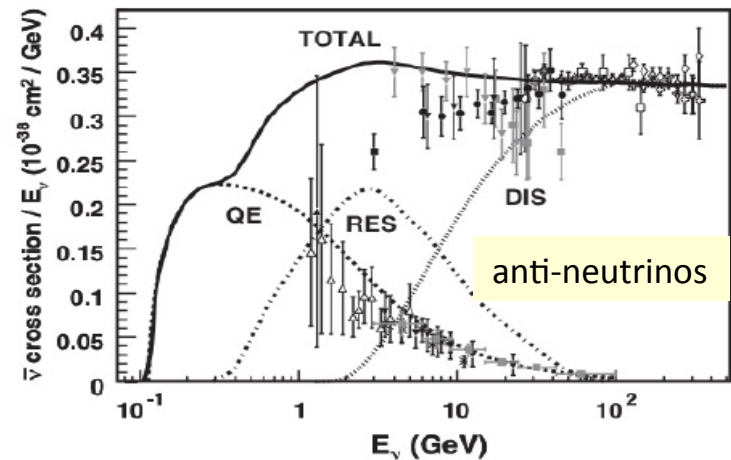
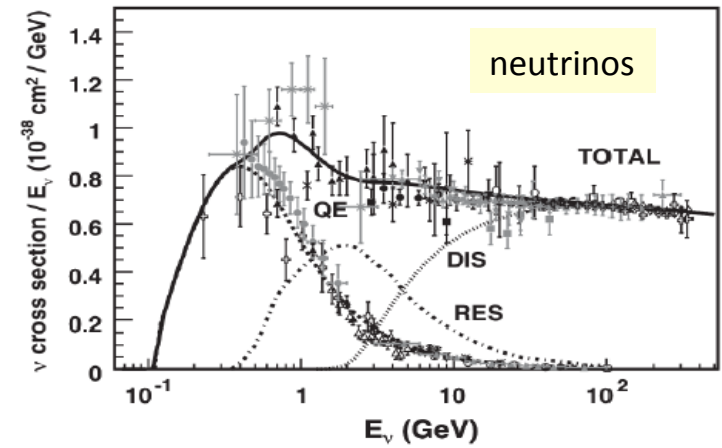
Atmospheric neutrino flux



Honda et al, Phys. Rev. D75, 043006 (2007)

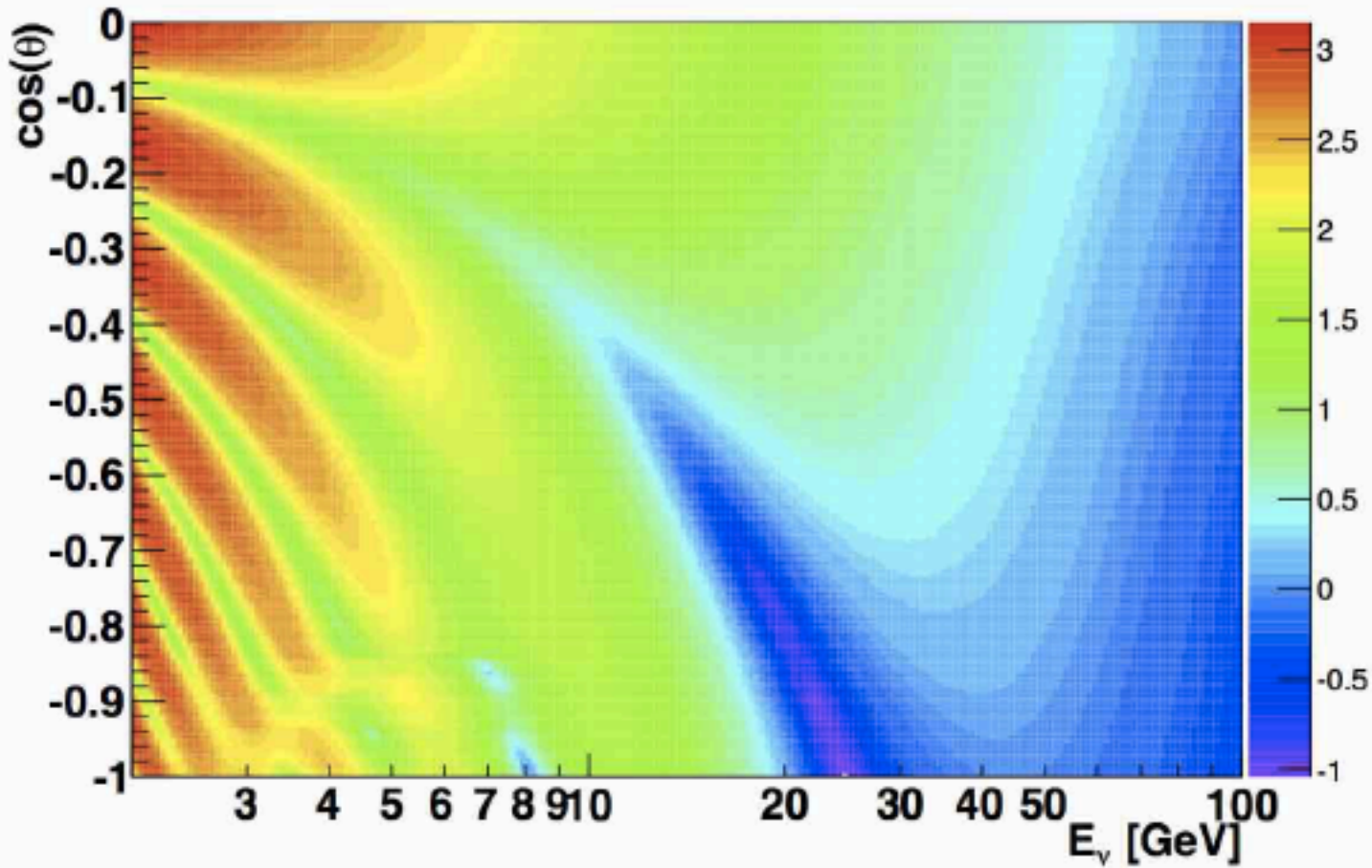
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Interaction cross sections



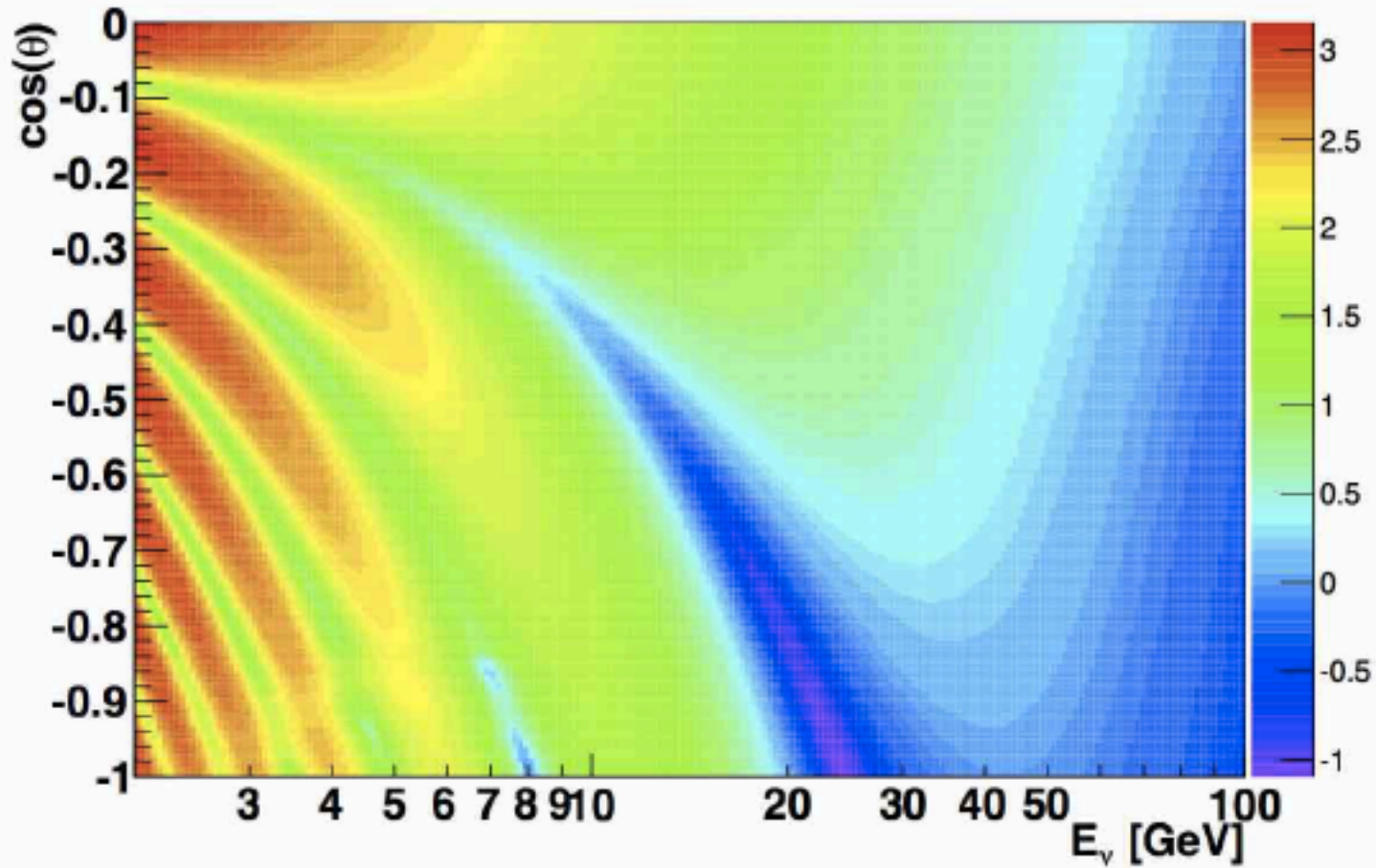
- Neutrino flux ~ 1.3 times higher than anti-neutrino flux
- Neutrino cross section ~ 2 times higher than for antineutrinos

ν_μ event rate
Normal Ordering



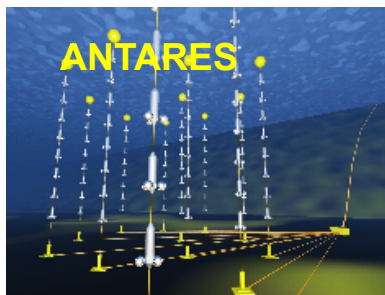
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ν_μ event rate Inverted Ordering

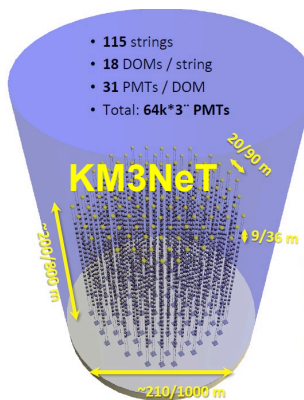


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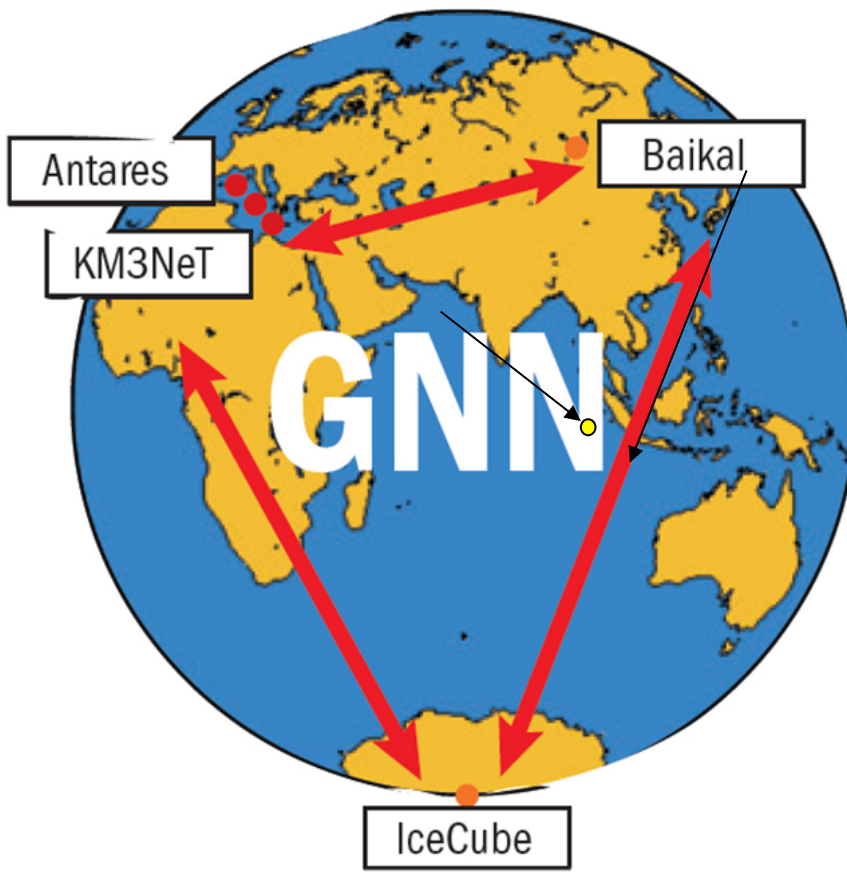
0.01 km³



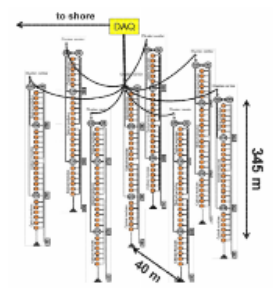
1 + 0.008 km³

GNN

THE GLOBAL NEUTRINO NETWORK



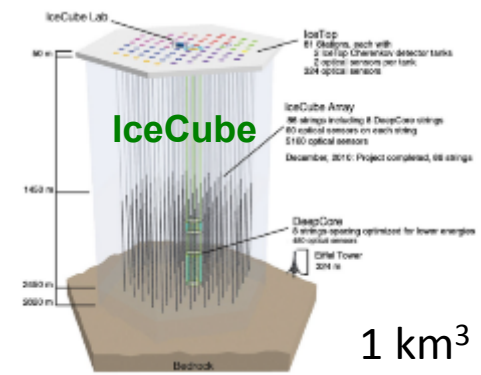
GVD (Baikal)



1 km³

3 of 8 clusters installed
2015-2018
(to be finished 2021)

Running since 2009

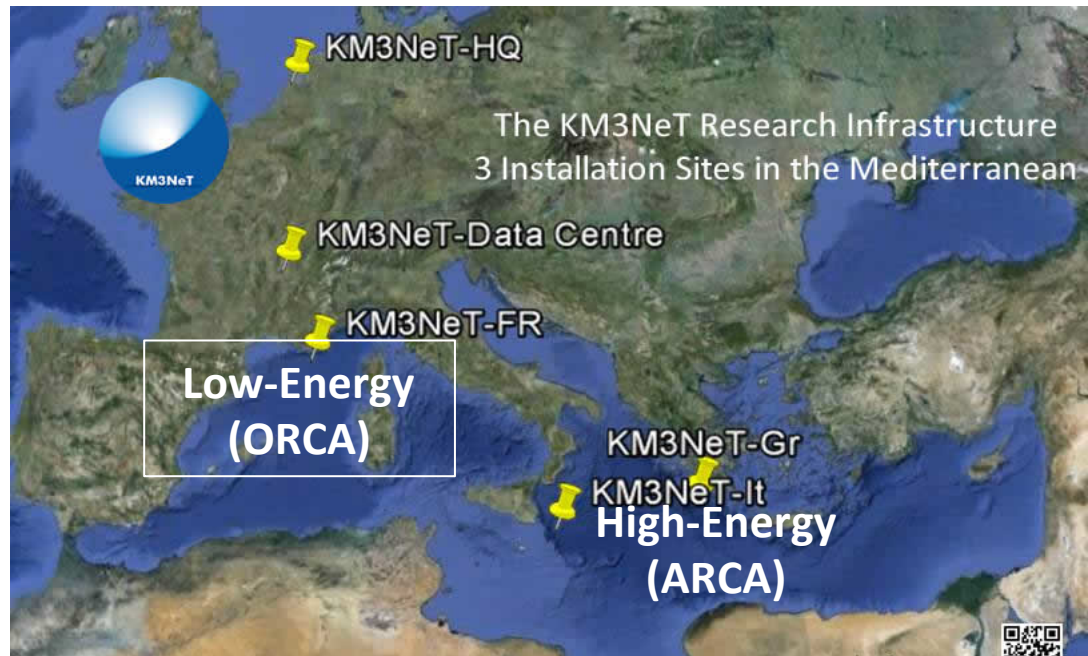


1 km³

KM3NeT

KM3NeT is a research infrastructure:

- Study of the origin of cosmic neutrinos (high energy neutrinos)
- Measurement of fundamental neutrino properties (low energy neutrinos)
- Deep Sea Observatory (Oceanography, bioacoustics, bioluminescence, seismology)



Single Collaboration
Single Technology
Single Management

ARCA- Astroparticle Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

ORCA- Oscillation Research with Cosmics in the Abyss

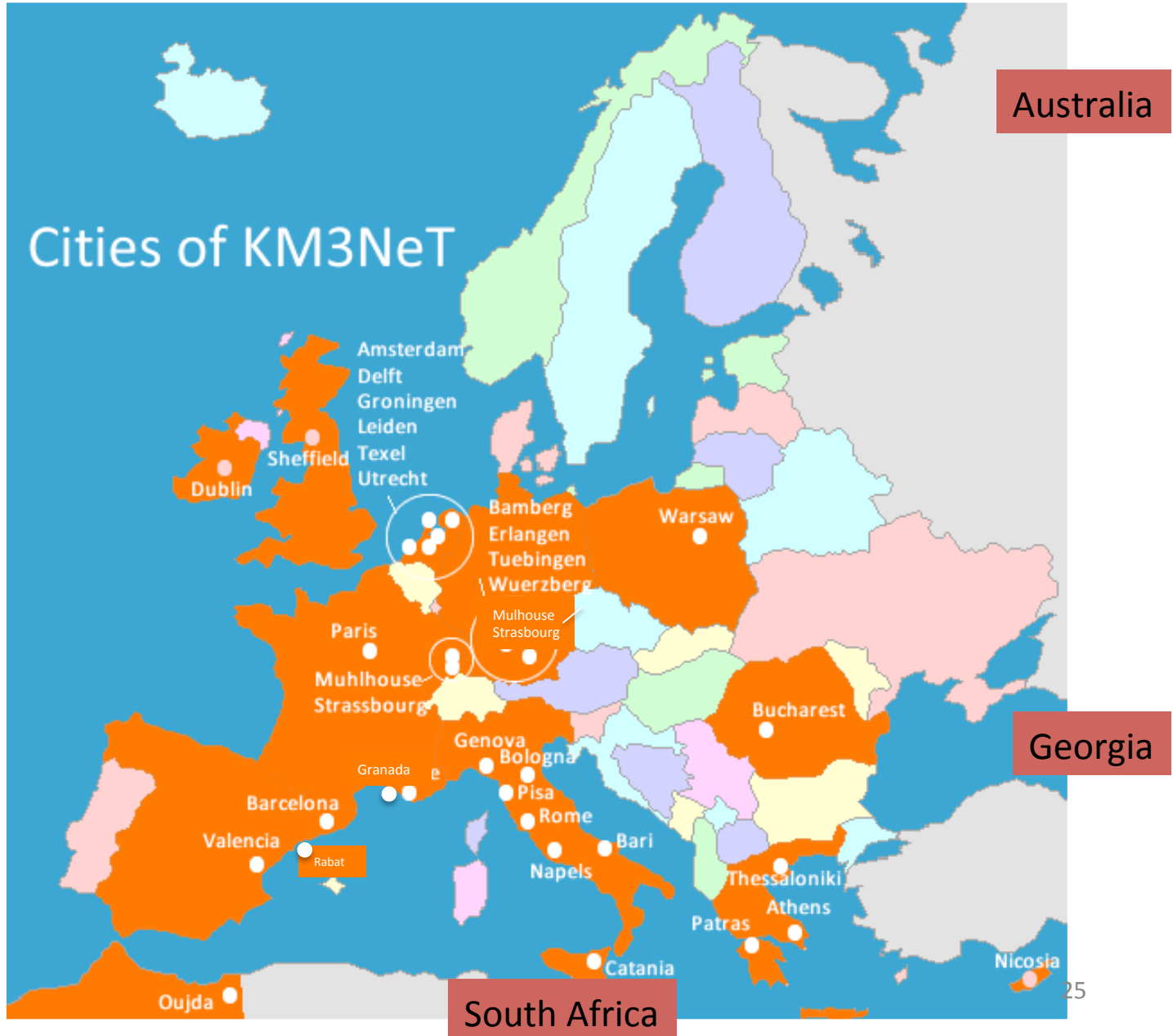
KM3NeT Lol , [arXiv:1601.07459](https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.07459) [astro-ph.IM]

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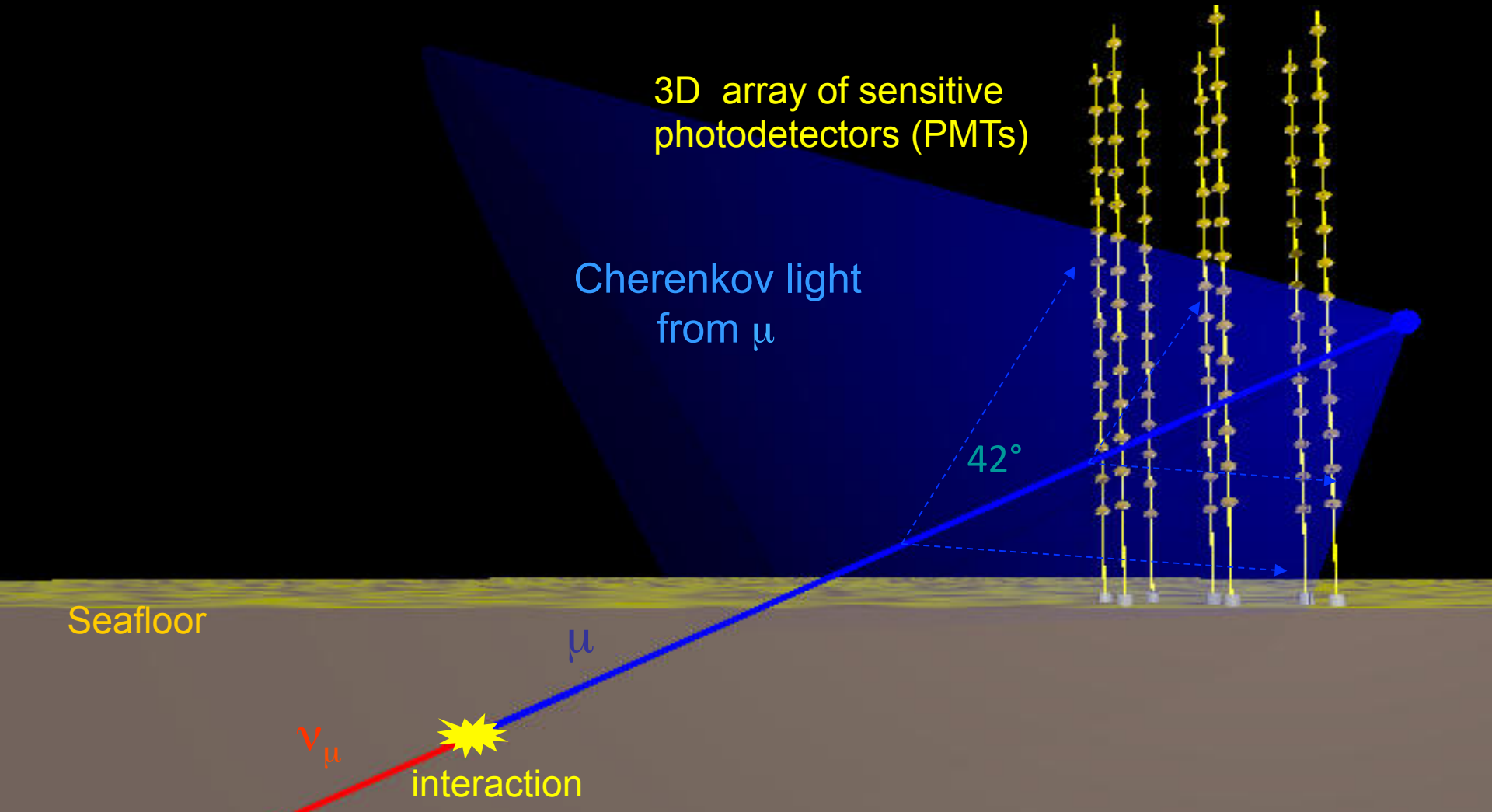
KM3NeT Collaboration

15 Countries
>40 Institutes
>220 Scientists

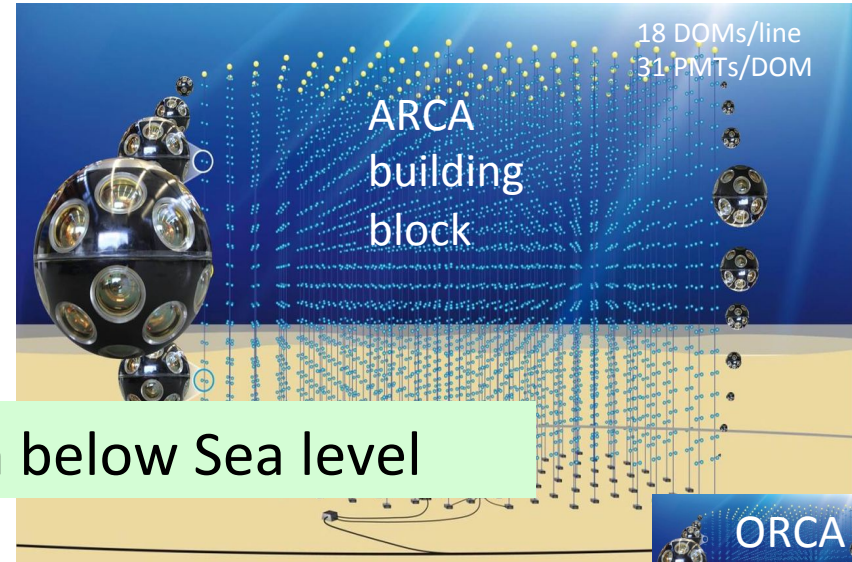
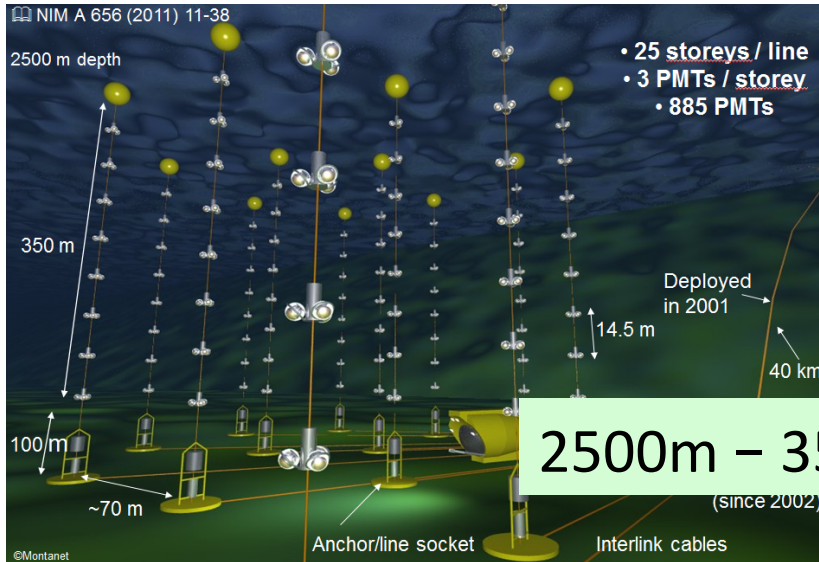
Expanding!



Neutrinos are only weakly interacting -> Large detection volume required
-> Use natural Ice/Water resources



The ANTARES/KM3NeT Neutrino Telescopes



2500m – 3500m below Sea level

- Running since 2007
- 40km from French coast
- 12 lines,

- First strings deployed 2016
- 2x115 strings Italian site (ARCA)
- 1x115 French site (ORCA)

ORCA

Low energy
3 GeV – 50 GeV

ANTARES

Medium energy
10 GeV < E < 1 TeV

ARCA

High energy
E > 1 TeV

← Earth and Sea sciences: Oceanography, Biology, Geology, Climate monitoring →

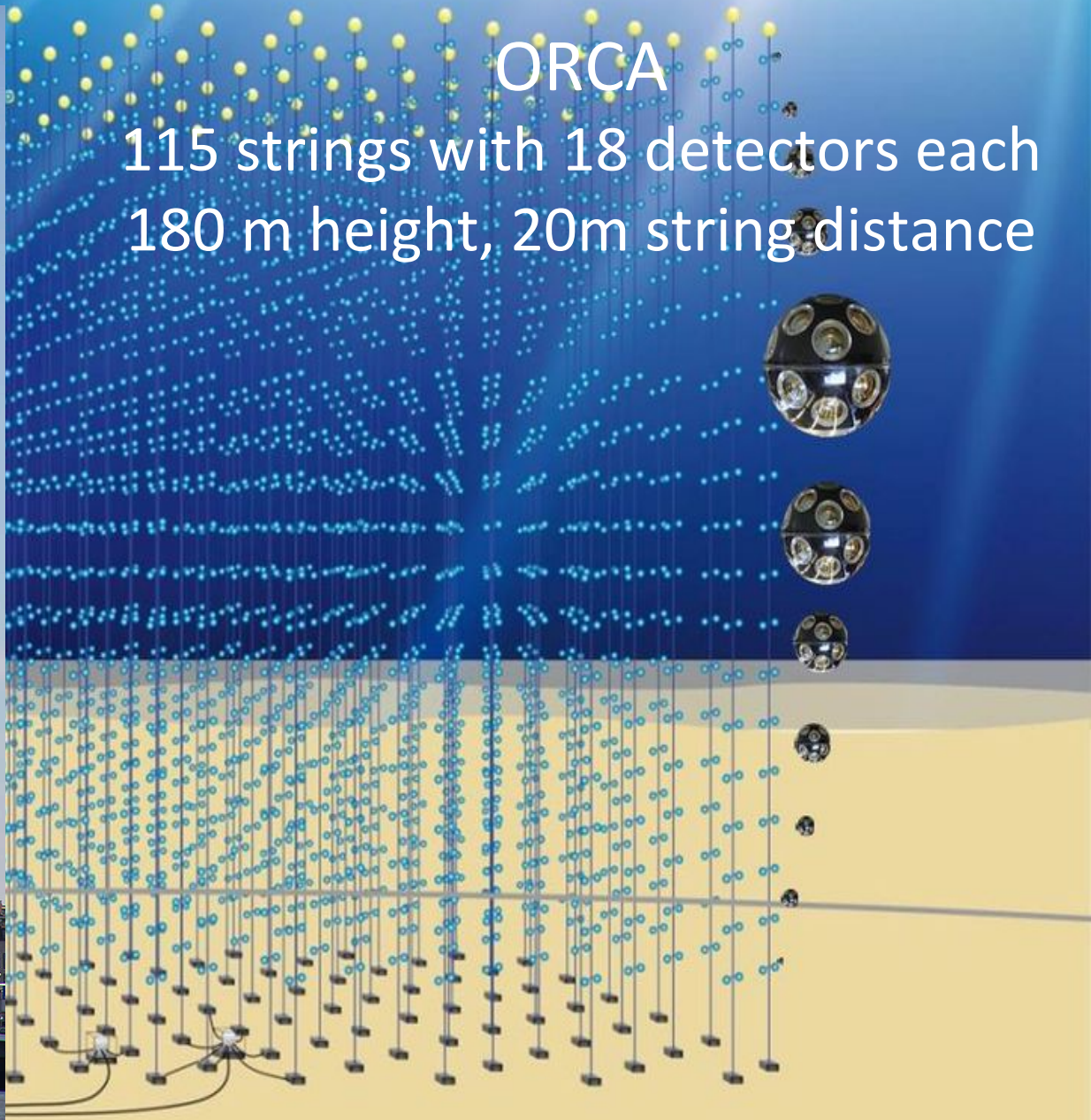
Atmospheric neutrinos
Neutrino oscillations
Neutrino mass ordering

Dark Matter
Exotics

Cosmic Sources



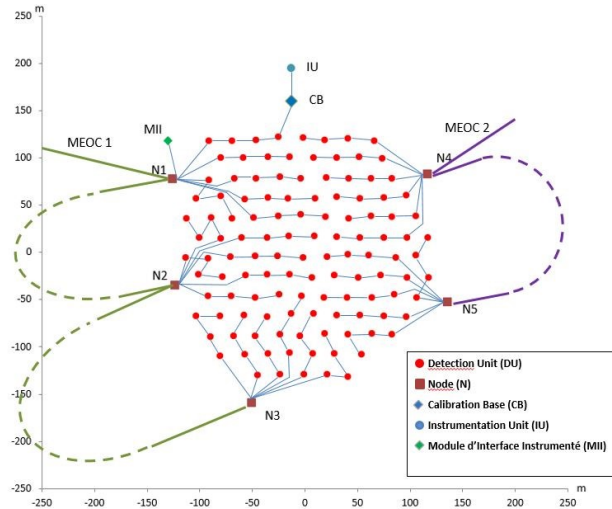
Highest building in the Netherlands:
Maastoren (164m)
Rotterdam



ORCA

115 strings with 18 detectors each
180 m height, 20m string distance

ORCA Phase-2 footprint

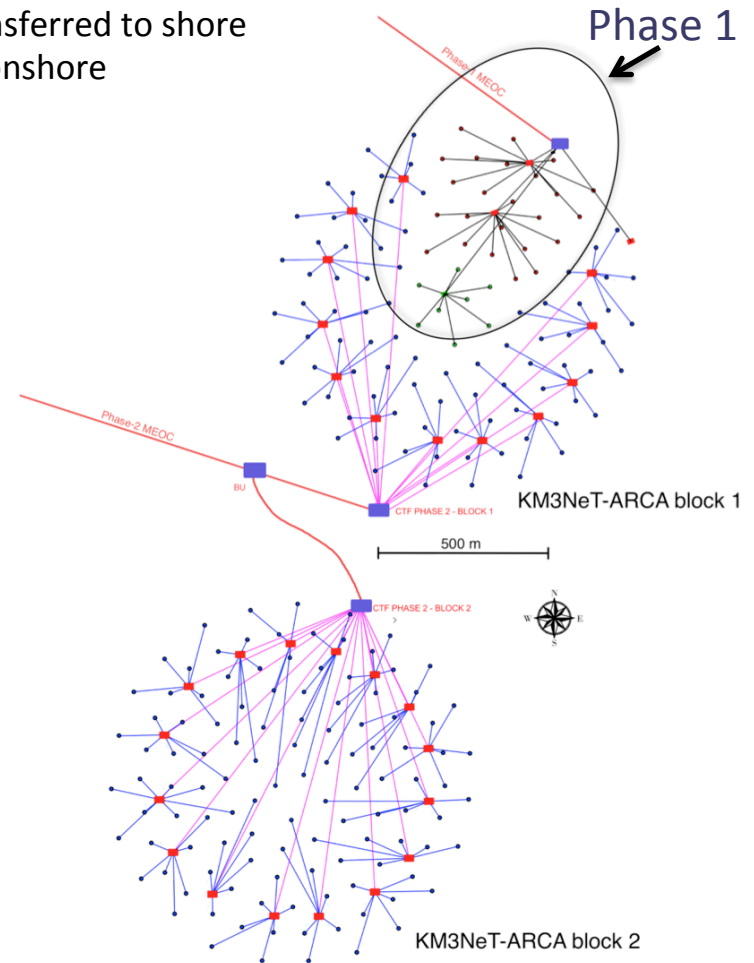


Phase-1: 24 / 6 strings for ARCA/ORCA
Phase-2: 2*115 / 115 strings

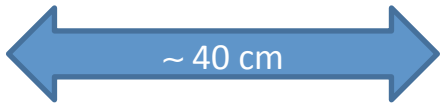
String distance 90m / 23m
 DOM distance on a string: 35m / 9m

ARCA Phase-2 footprint

All data transferred to shore
 -> filtering onshore

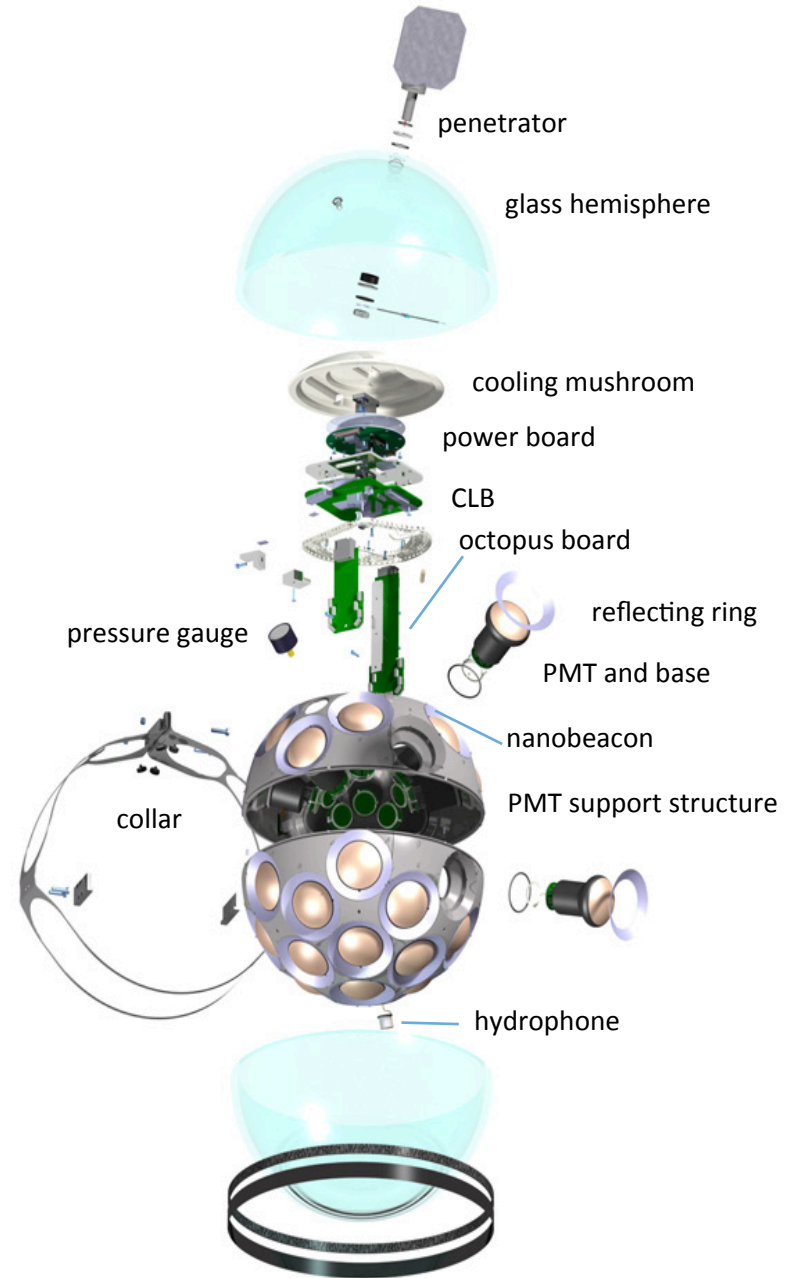


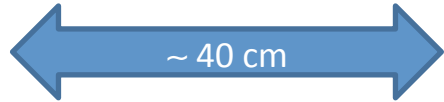
ARCA phase-1 will be $\approx 0.1 \text{ km}^3$



- 31 3" PMTs
- Light reflector rings
- LED beacon
- acoustic piezoelectric
- Tiltmeter/compass
- Gbit/s fibre DWDM for data transmission
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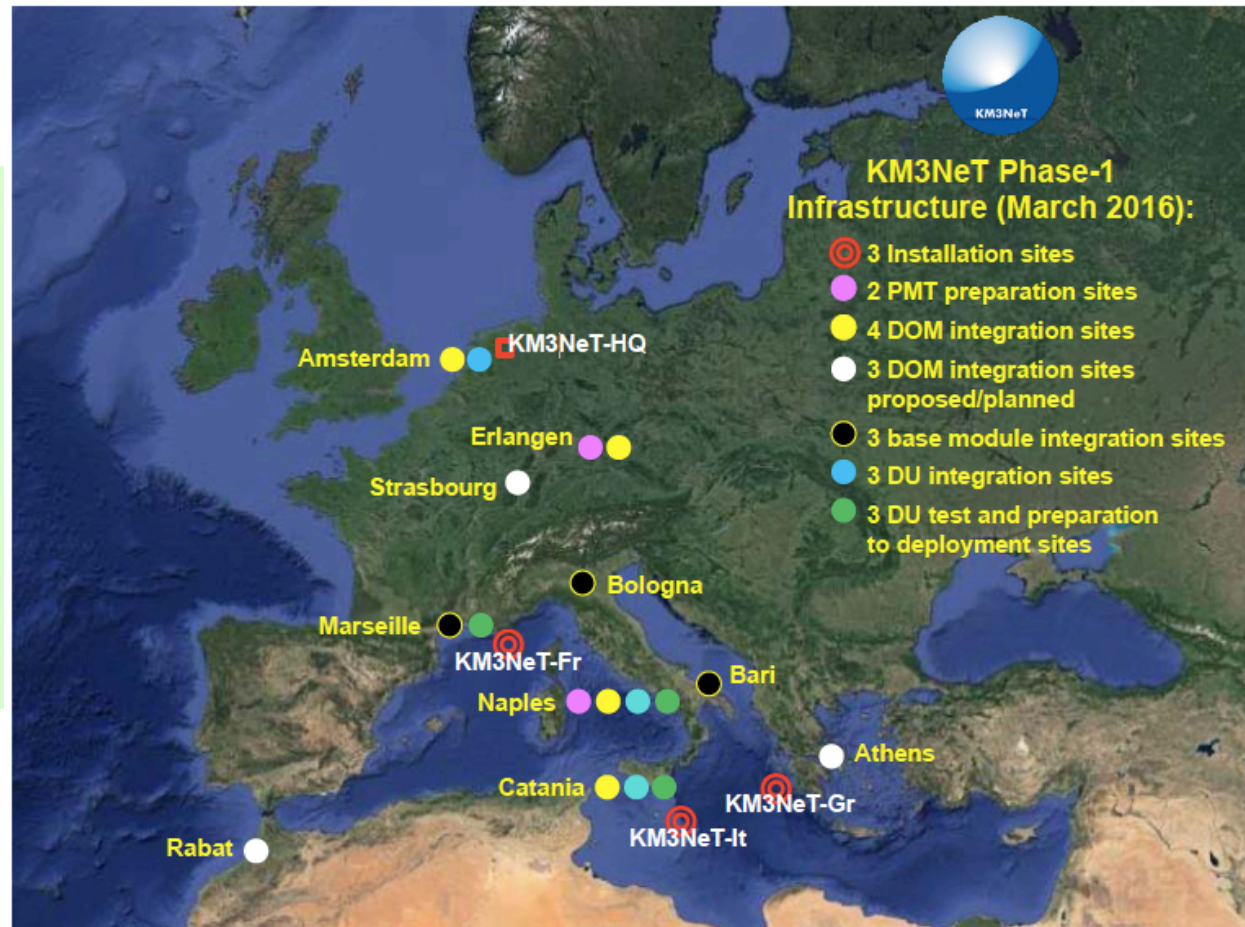


Detector production

Currently:

- 7 DOM production sites
-> 5-12 DOMs/week/site
- 4 DU production sites
-> 1 DU/month/site

More sites getting ready





... first steps of the first DOMs (2014)

2018: Detector mass production at Nikhef



218 of 392 DOMs produced at Nikhef
6 of 9 strings produced at Nikhef



First light for the first full string at the ARCA site (December 2015)



Deployment of first ORCA string
September 2017



After successful deployment of first ORCA line



ORCA's friends:
Pilot whale escort!





ARCA

- 3 strings deployed Dec 2015 & May 2016
- 2 out of 3 operated, string #3 with short in power system, recovered
- Improvements in seabed network on going; String deployment will resume end 2019

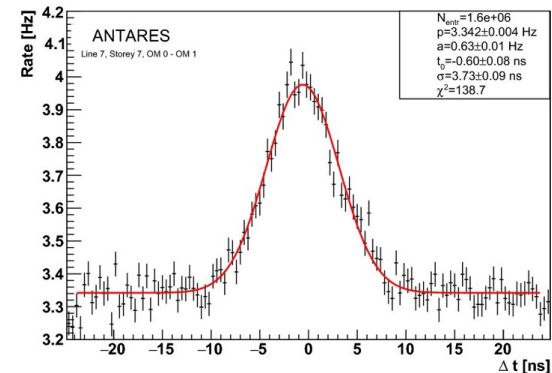
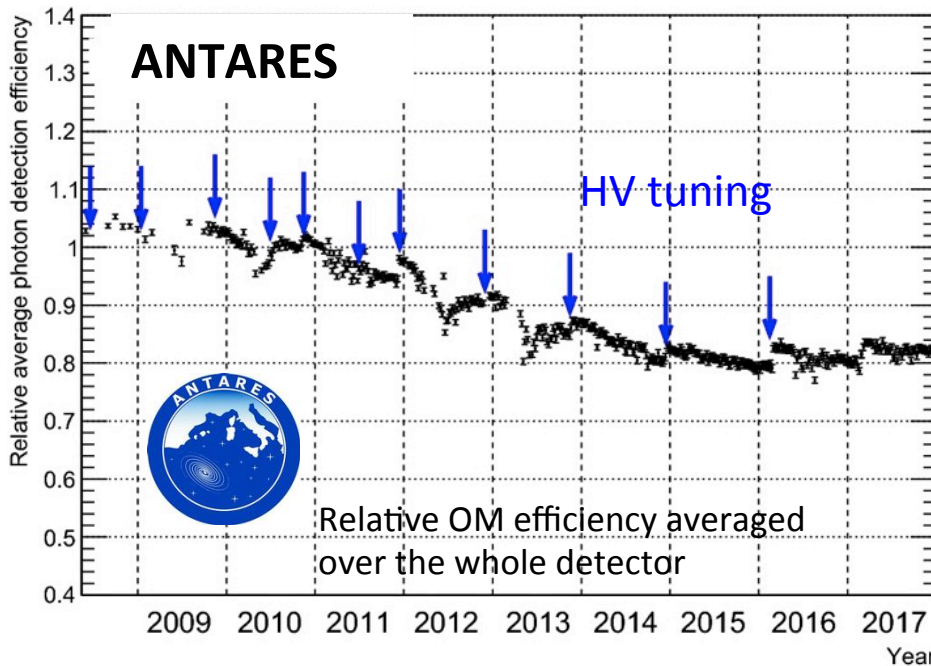
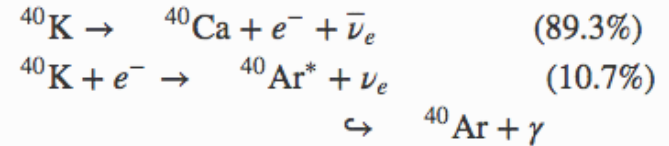
ORCA

- First string deployed in Sept 2017
- Cable problem, replacement October 2018
- Deployment of 5 (existing) lines planned afterwards this year

Background in the Seawater

Cherenkov light related to the radioactive decay of ^{40}K dissolved in the sea water

- ⇒ Main signal on PMTs from ^{40}K
- ⇒ Homogeneous/isotropic signal
- > excellent calibrator!



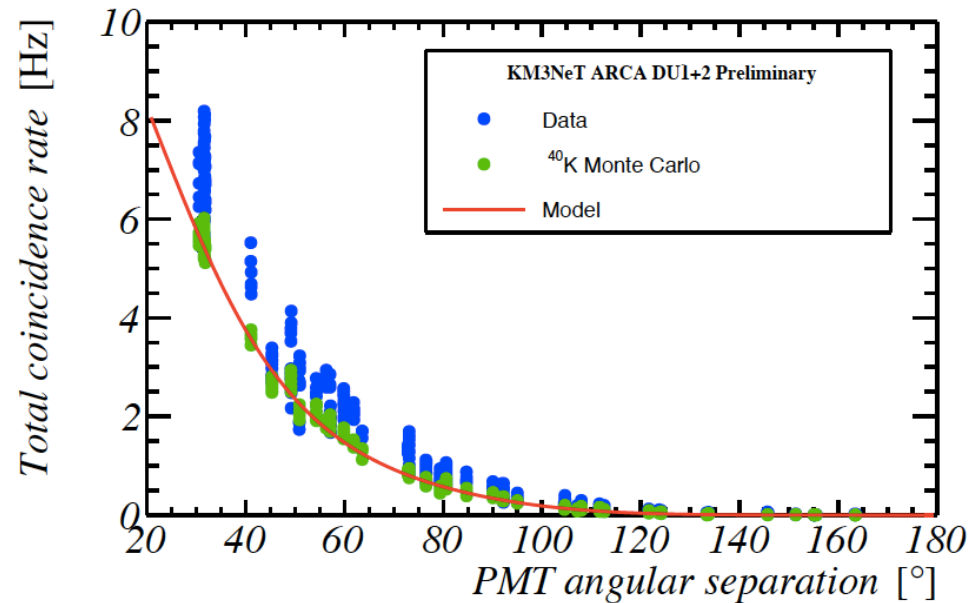
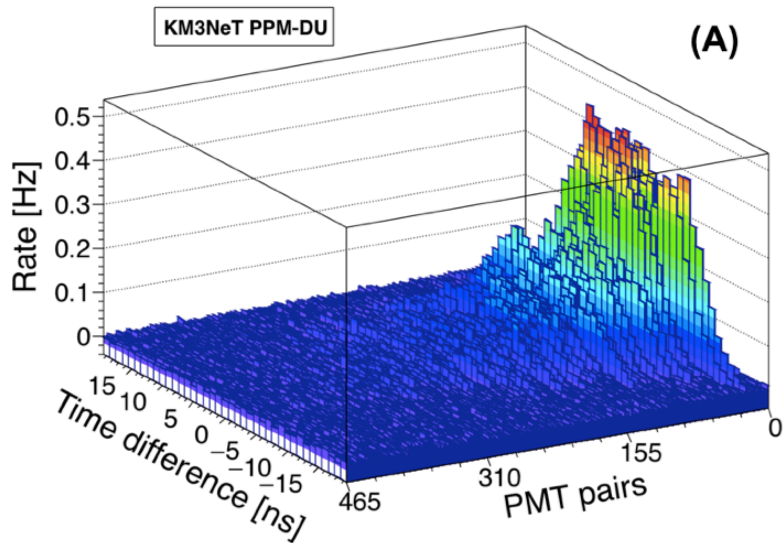
distribution of the time difference between hits on two adjacent OMs (ANTARES)

A. Albert et al., EPJC 78 (2018) 669

Longterm monitoring of efficiencies in ANTARES (9 years)
 -> Excellent stability, ~20% efficiency loss

KM3NeT: Calibration using potassium decay in sea water

Hit time differences –
all PMT pair combinations on a DOM



Single rate on one PMT: 6kHz

2-fold coincidence rate on a DOM: 500Hz

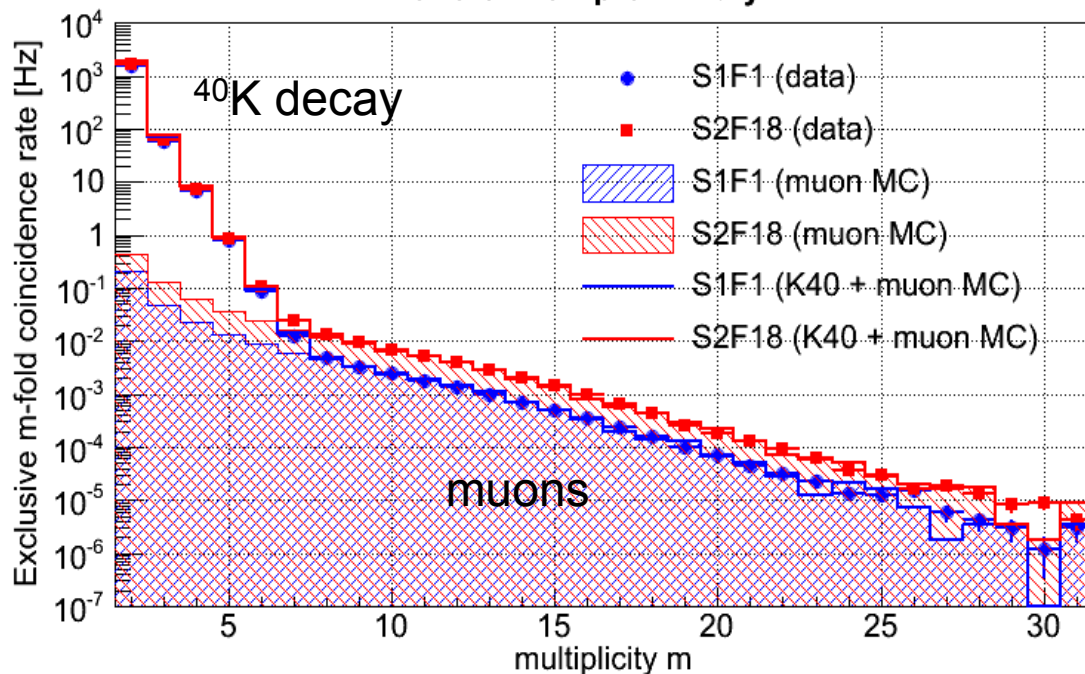
Correlated signal between PMT pairs:

- Height => Efficiency determination
- Position => Time calibration (nanosecond accuracy)
- Width => Time spread of PMT

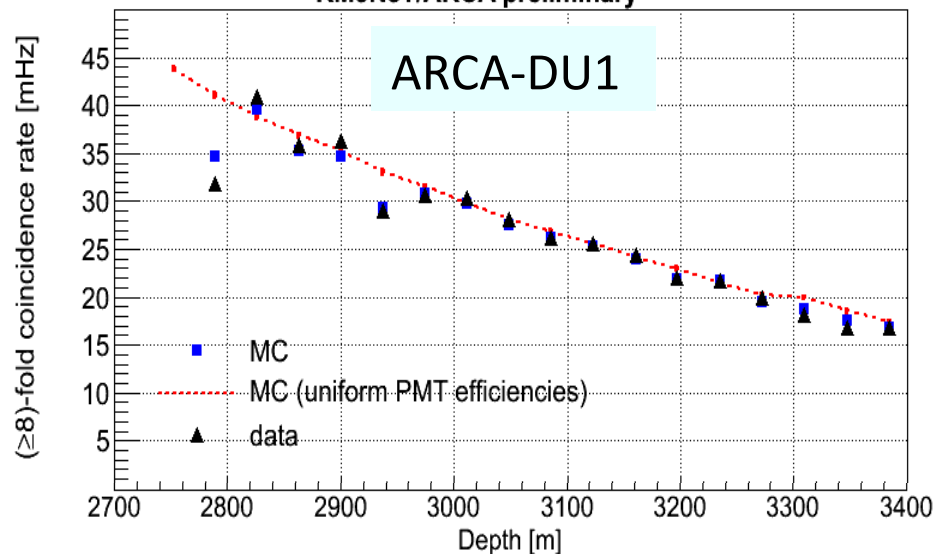
Coincidence size on a DOM:
Low coincidences: ^{40}K
High coincidences: muons

Rate of high coincidences
Proportional to muon rate
=> Measure depth
dependence of muons

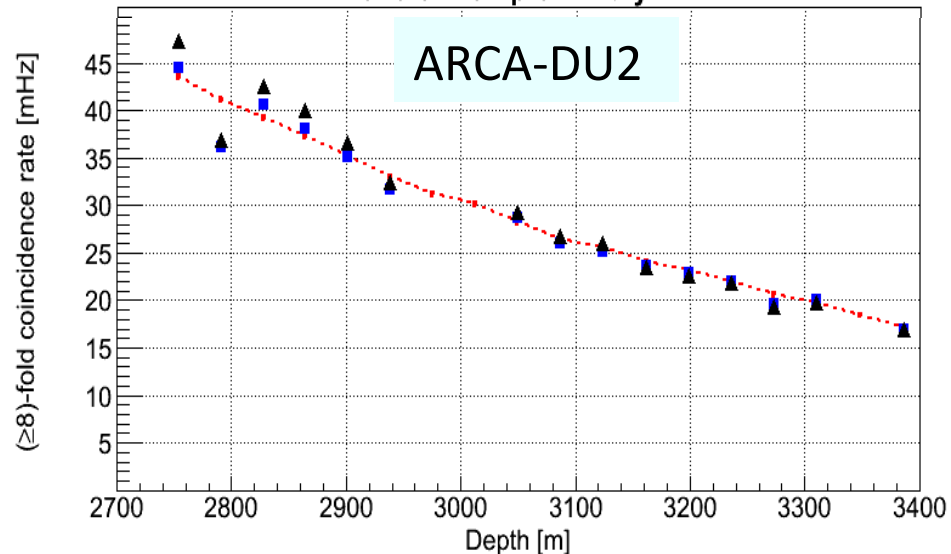
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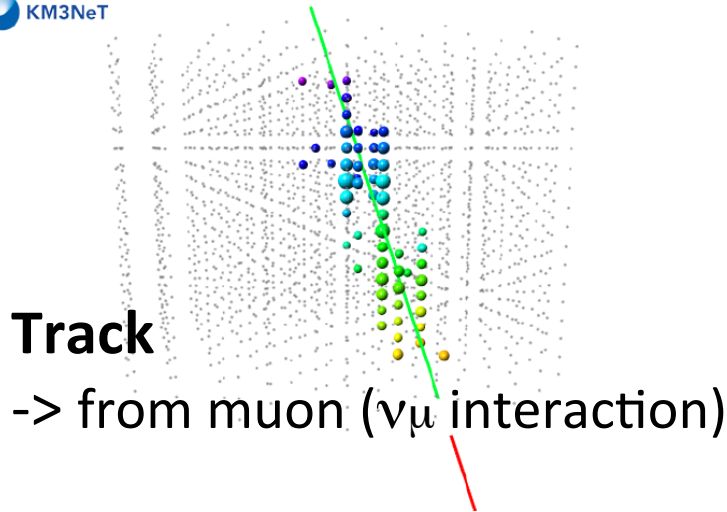
KM3NeT/ARCA
Muon track



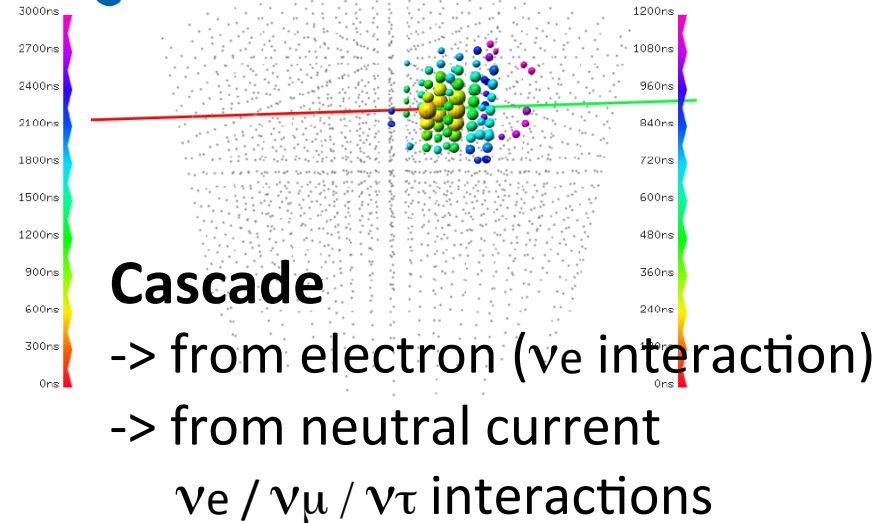
Event display by Aart Heijboer
(see also cherenkov.nl)

Different neutrino flavor signatures

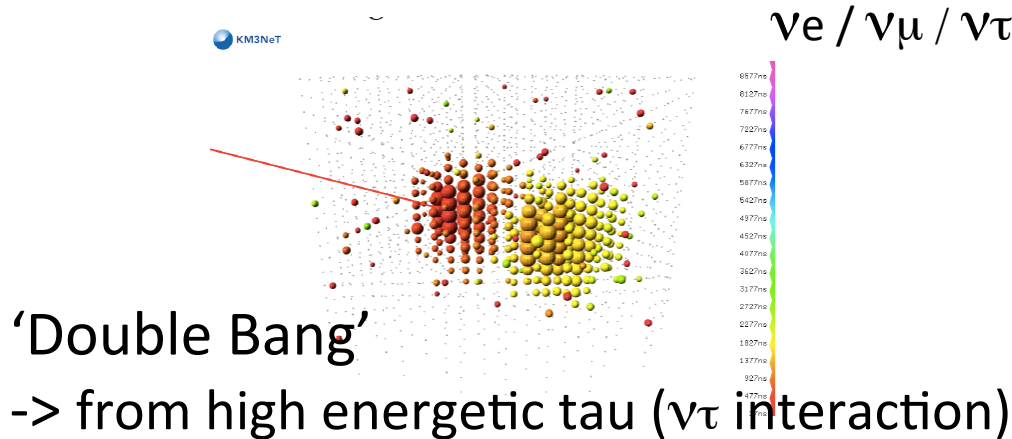
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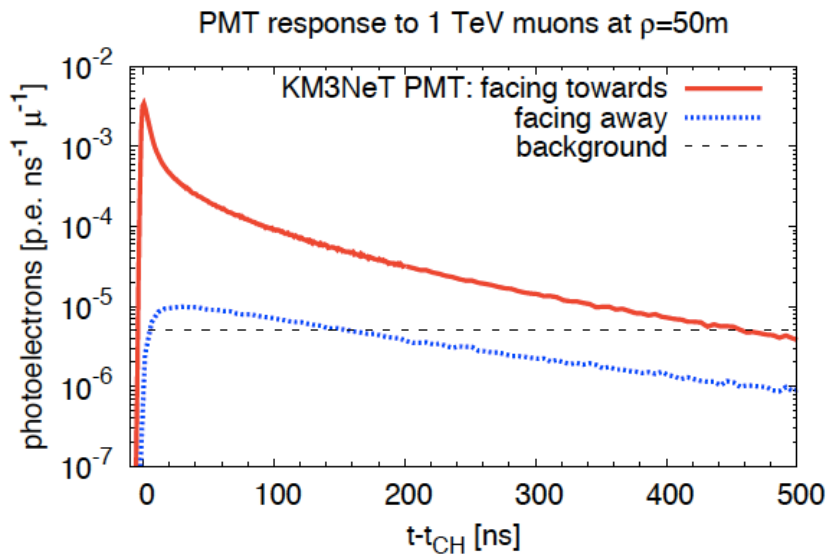


No distinction between neutrinos/antineutrinos
Flavor identification not always uniquely possible

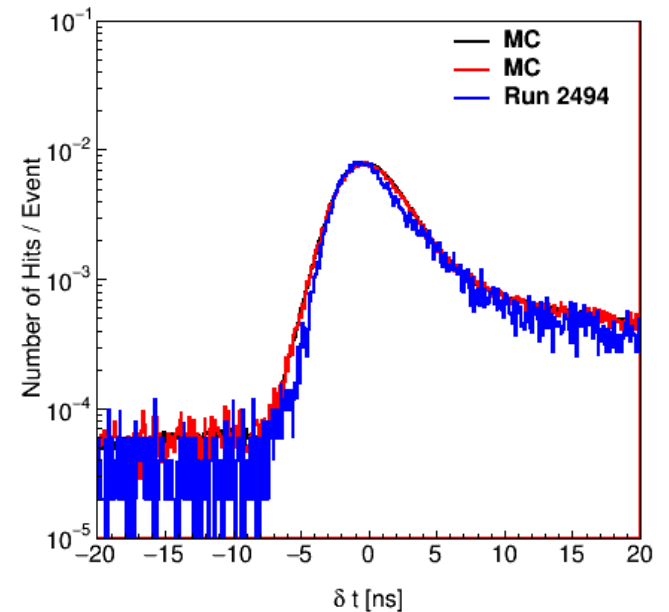
Excellent scattering properties in water:

Narrow time residuals (comparing expected time of direct signal with measured time)

Simulation of high energy muon



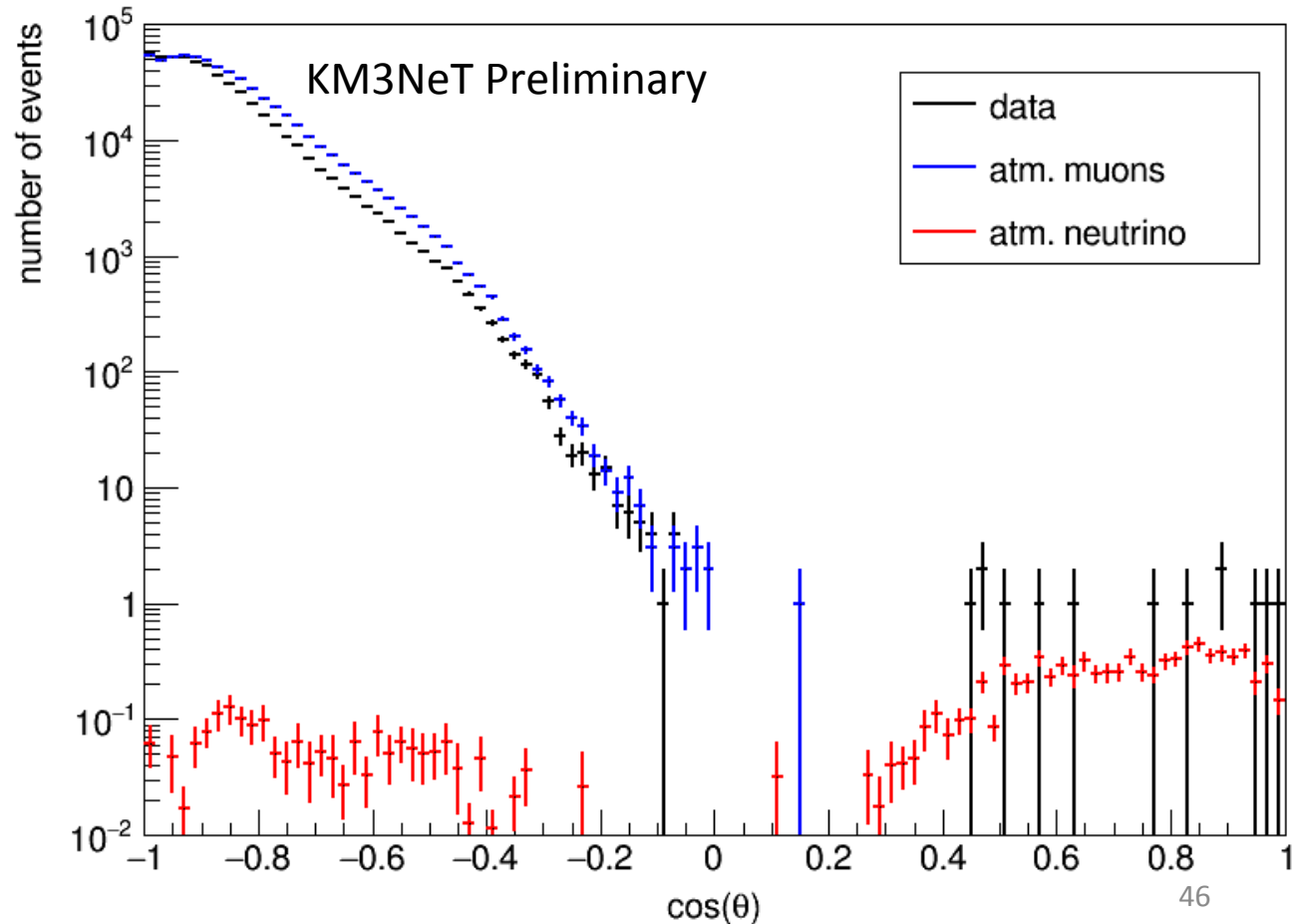
ORCA data - preliminary



First neutrino analysis

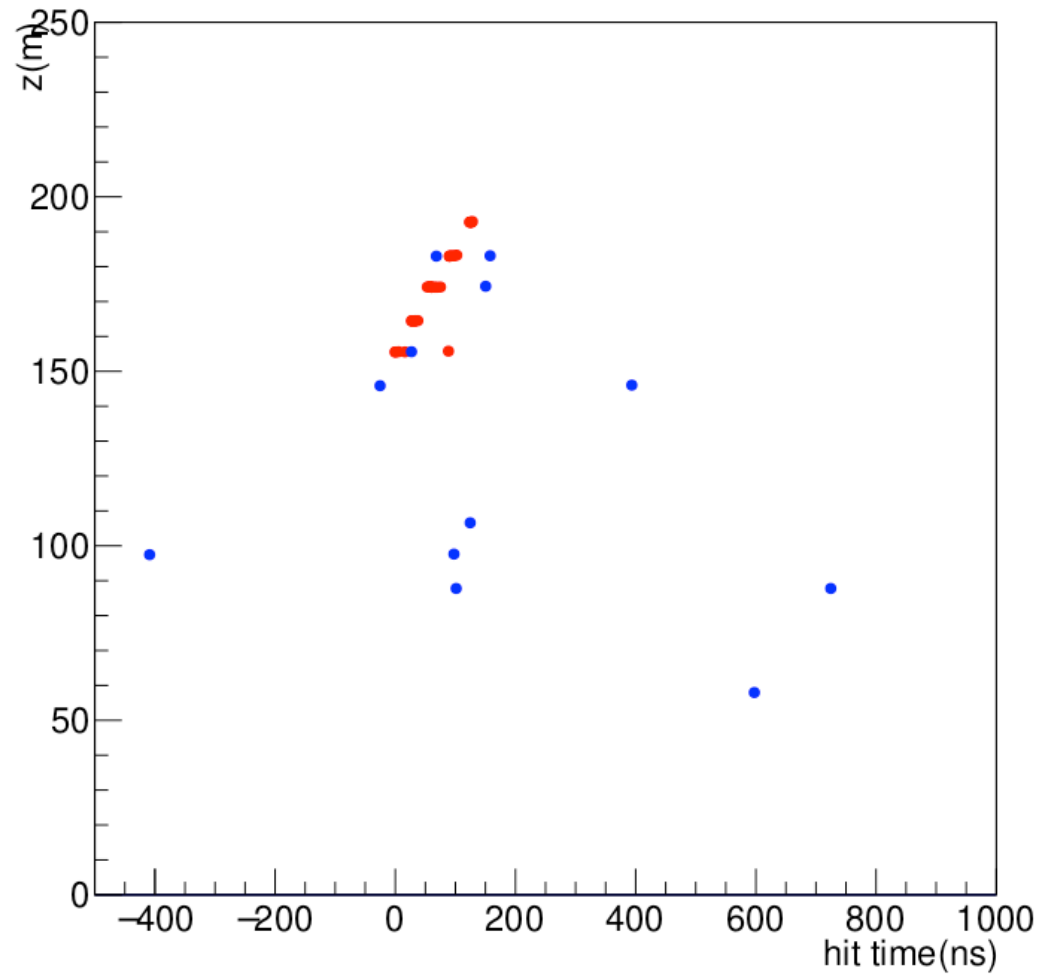
82 days of data taking with first ORCA line

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| $\cos(\theta) > 0$ | [0.5] |
| ----- | |
| observed : 13 | [10] |
| atm. muon: 1 | [0] |
| neutrino : 8.33 | [7.36] |
| ν_μ : | 5.44 [4.89] |
| ν_e : | 1.36 [1.17] |
| ν_τ : | 0.96 [0.83] |
| ν_{NC} : | 0.57 [0.47] |



Selected Neutrino Candidate

Evt: id=11163 run_id=2973 #hits=46 #mc_hits=0 #trks=0 #mc_trks=0

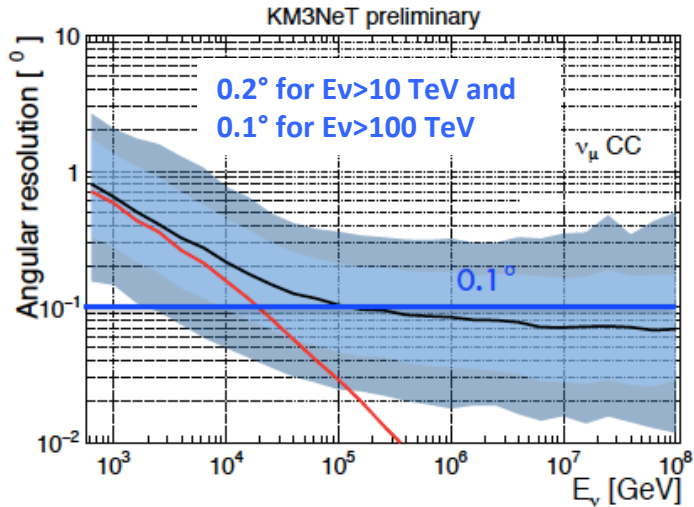


Estimated energy 5-15 GeV

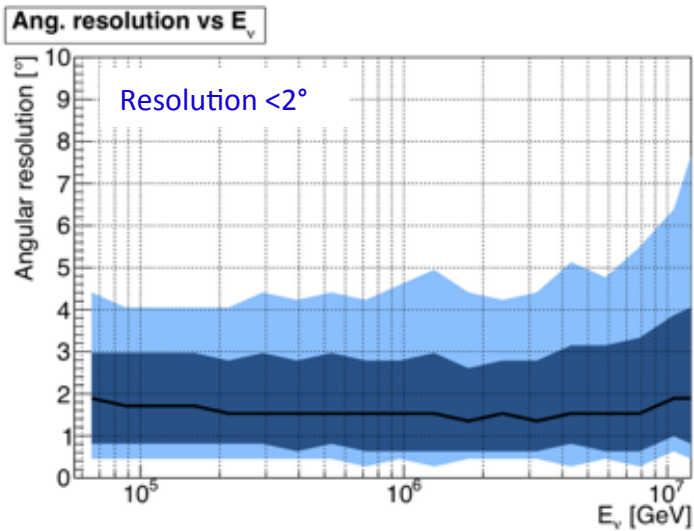
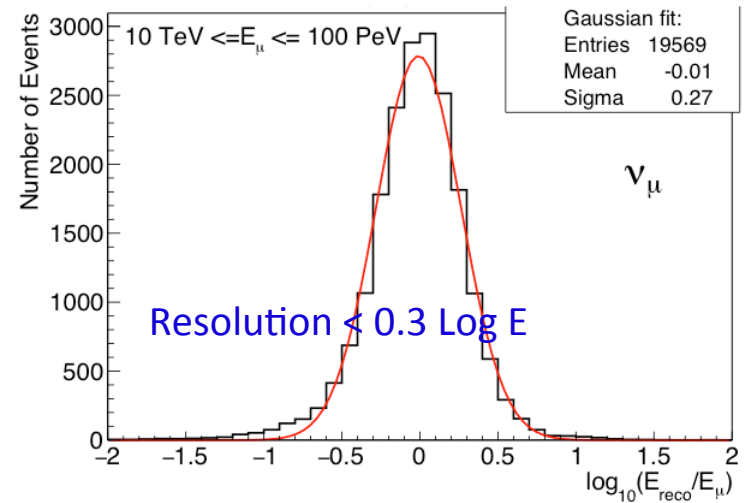
KM3NeT/ARCA prospects

Angular resolution

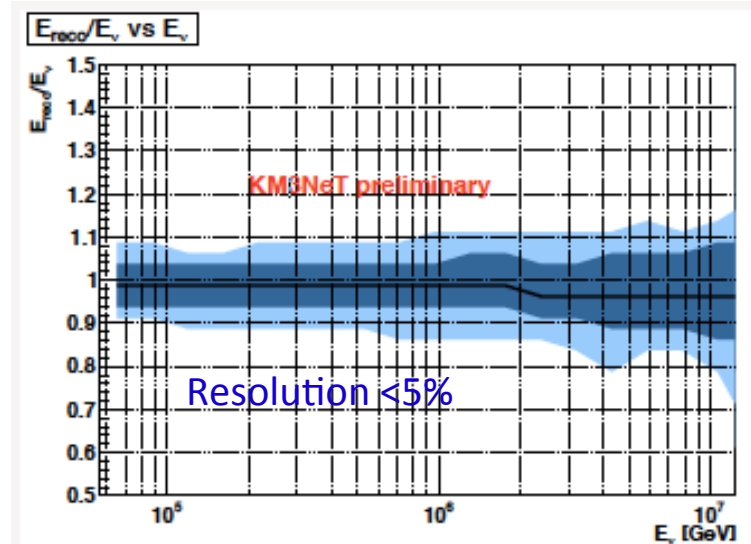
Energy resolution



Tracks

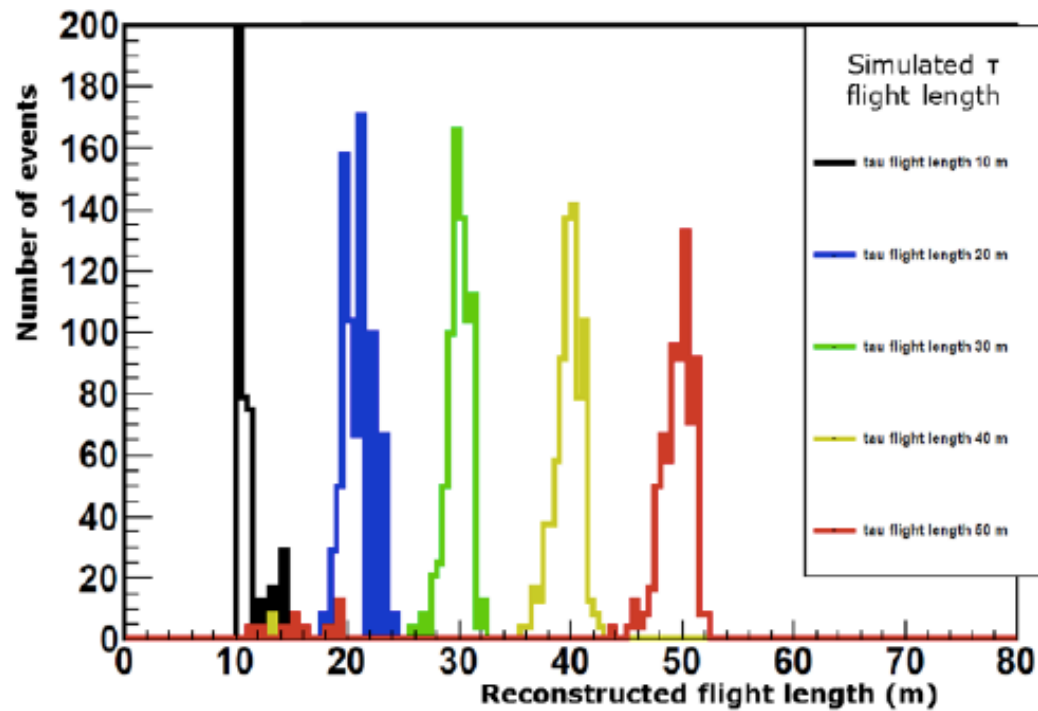


Showers

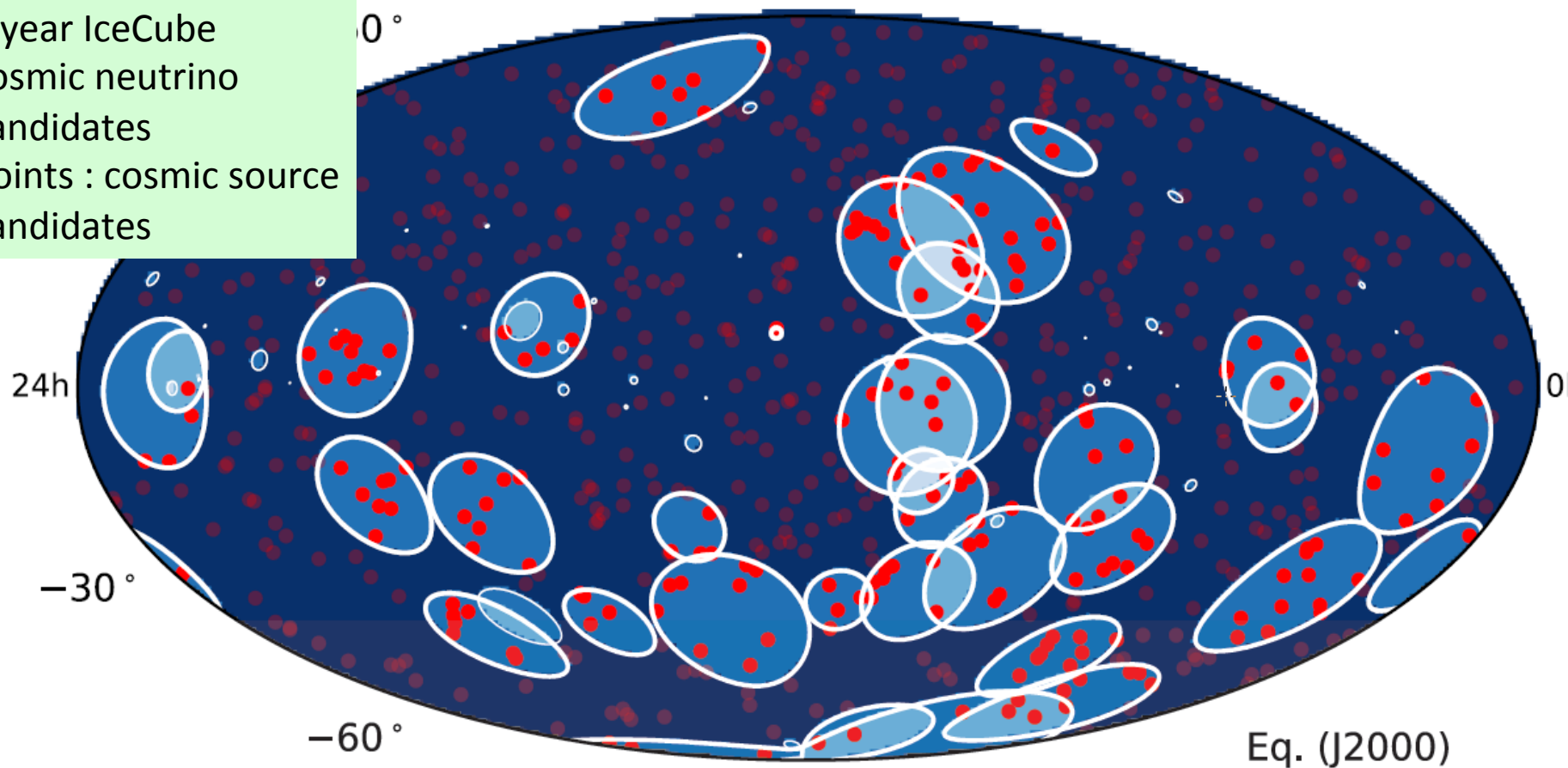


KM3NeT/ARCA

'Double Bang' Tau neutrino signature identification:
Resolution of flight distance



6 year IceCube
cosmic neutrino
candidates
Points : cosmic source
candidates



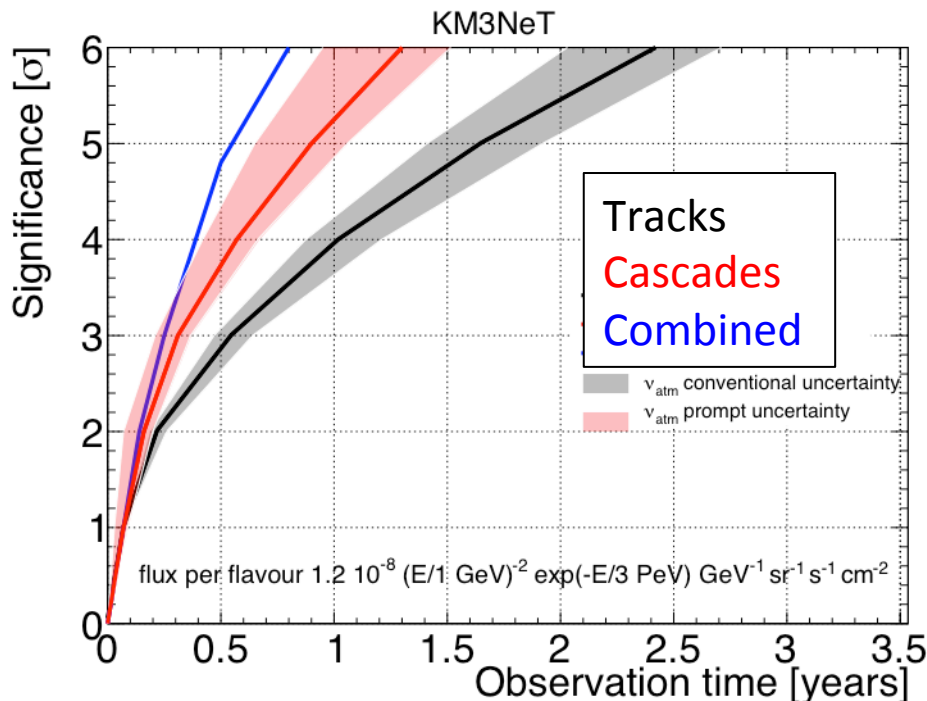
Resolution for ν_e
ANTARES ○
KM3NeT ◦

Resolution for ν_μ
ANTARES ·
KM3NeT ·

Cosmic diffuse flux

Investigate IceCube flux (assume isotropic and flavour symmetric)

$$\Phi(E) = 1.2 \cdot 10^{-8} (E / 1 \text{ GeV})^{-2} \exp(-E / 3 \text{ PeV}) \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$$



- **Tracks**

Pre-cuts on $\theta_{\text{zen}} > 80^\circ$,
reconstruction quality
parameter, number of hits
(proxy for muon energy)

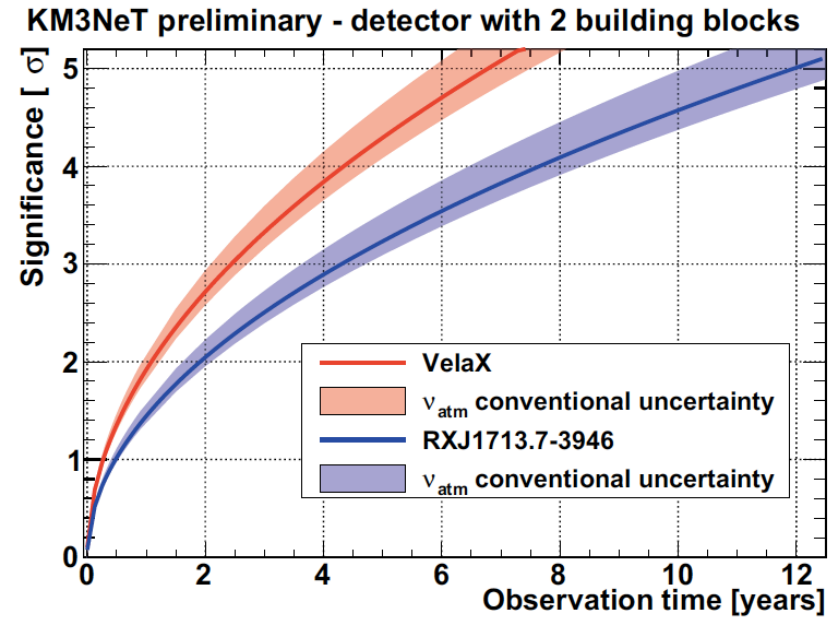
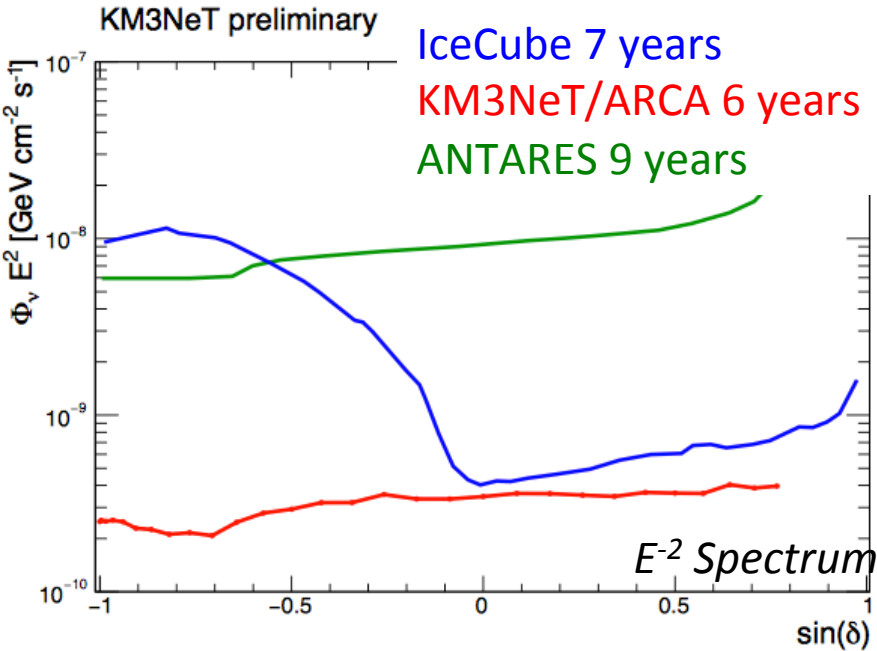
- **Cascades**

Containment of vertex

All sky analysis based on BDT
and maximum likelihood.

Discovery at 5σ (50% probability) in 6 months of ARCA

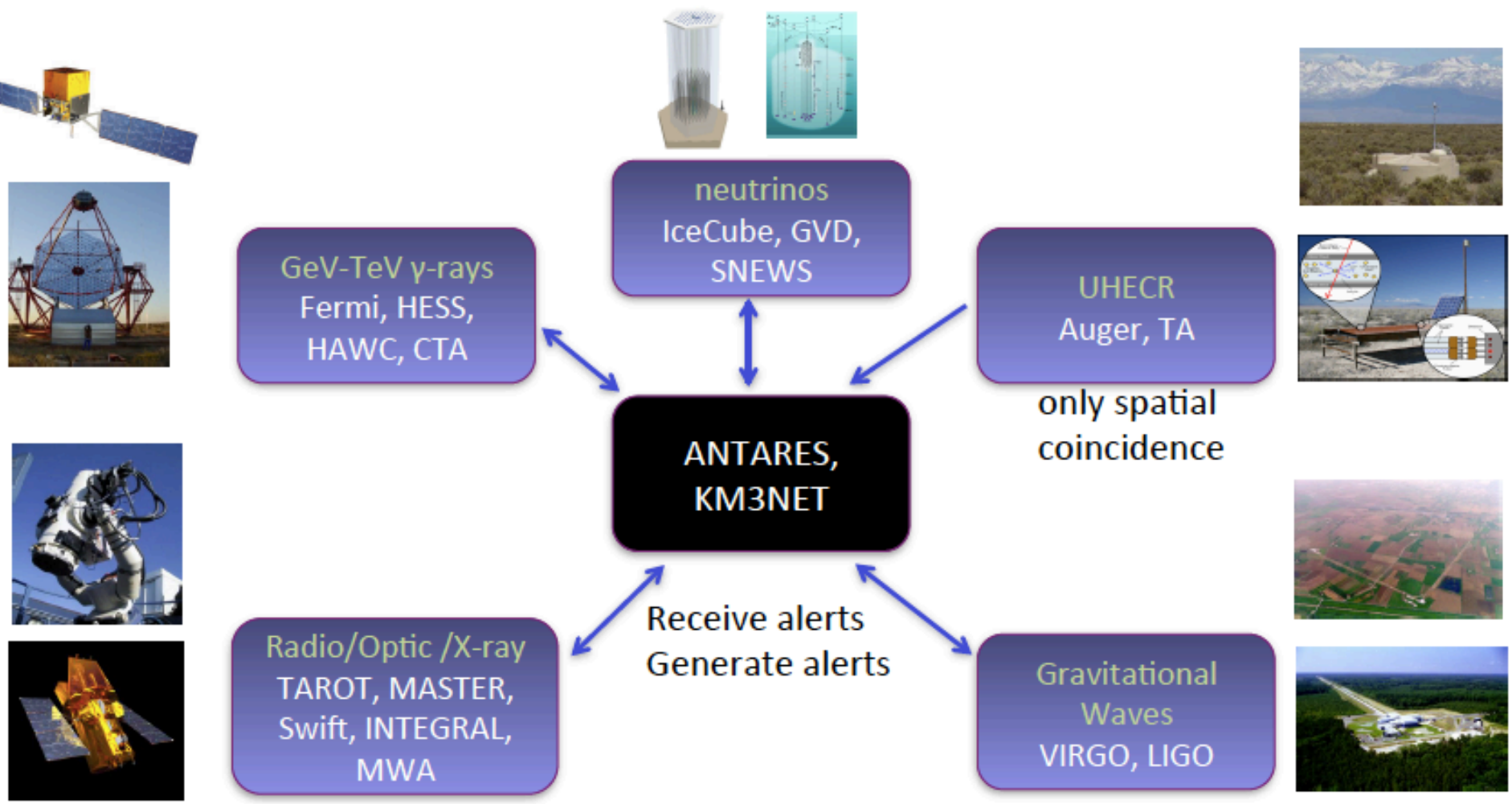
Sensitivity to Point Sources



KM3NeT:

- Complementary view on the sky to IceCube
- Better angular resolution for all flavours than IceCube
- Detection of sources feasible within 5 years

Multimessenger network

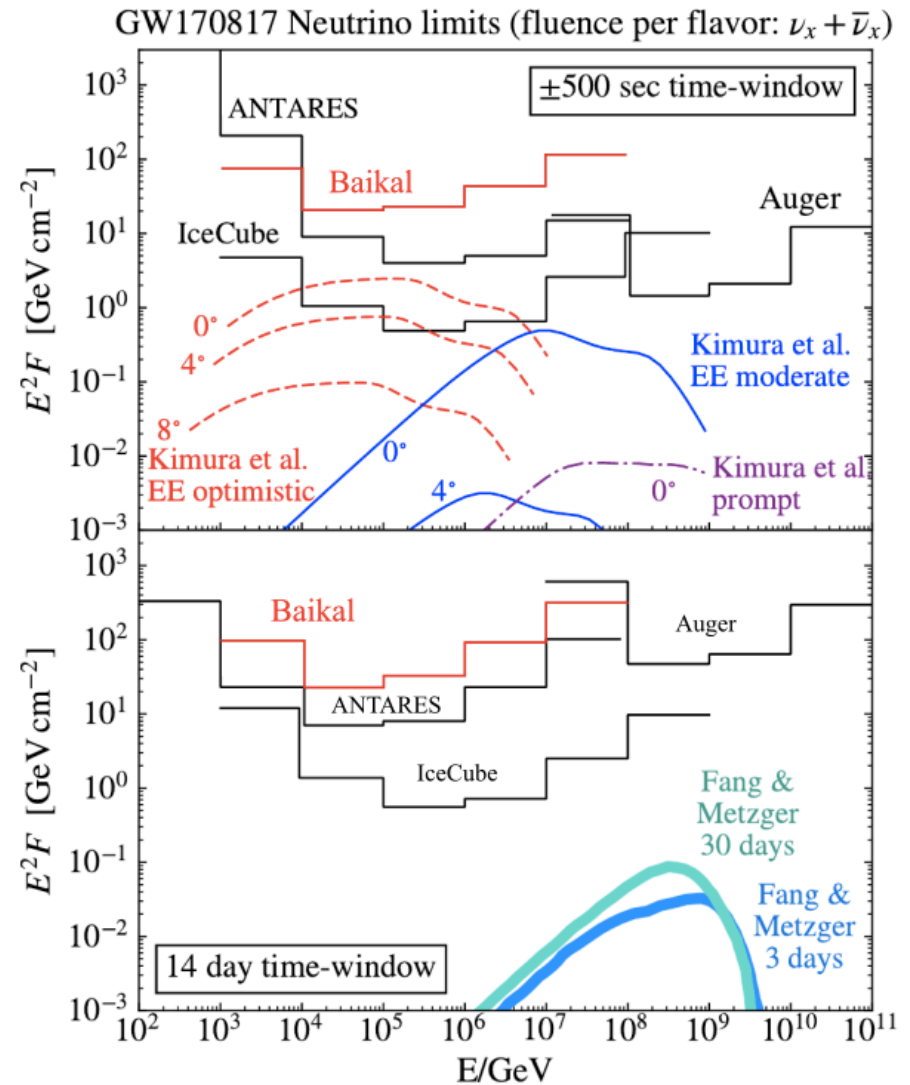


Follow-up also of Gravitational Wave Candidates:

Binary neutrino star merger
GW170817:

Depending on assumed environment model predictions for neutrino observations can vary (jet angle)

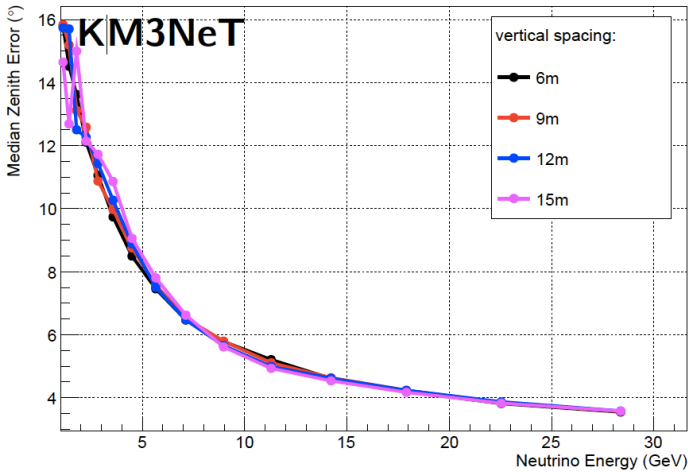
=> Optimistic scenarios close to current sensitivity limits



KM3NeT/ORCA prospects

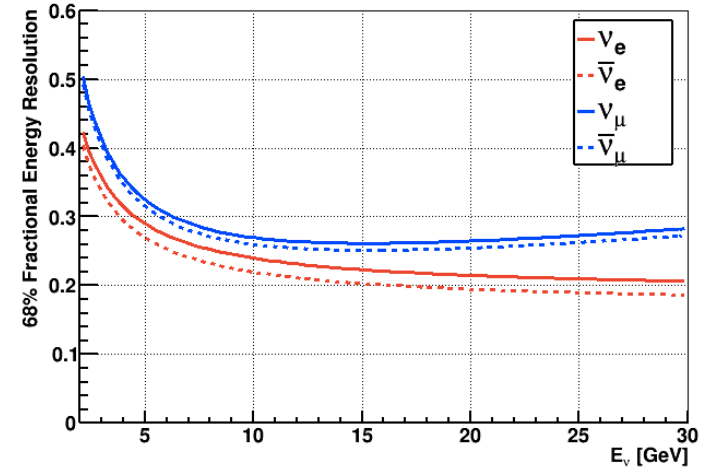
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Energy resolution

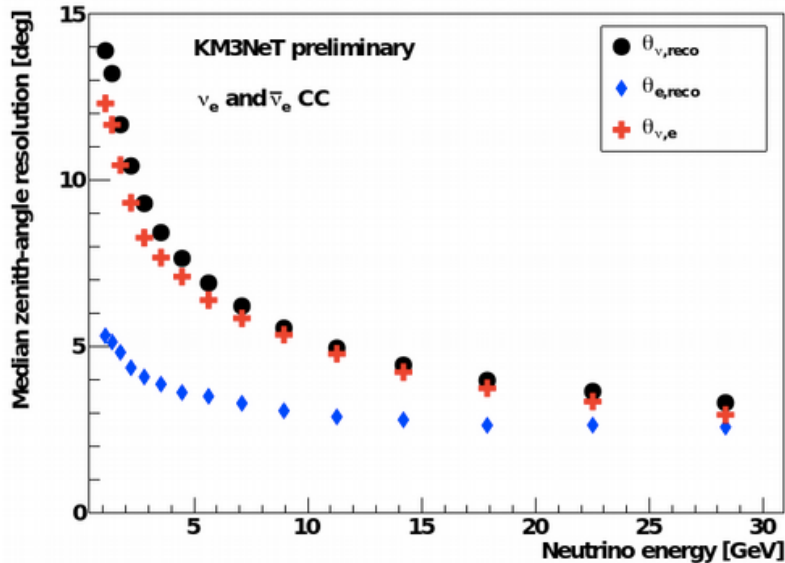


Tracks

Dominated by kinematical limit
<5deg for E>10 GeV

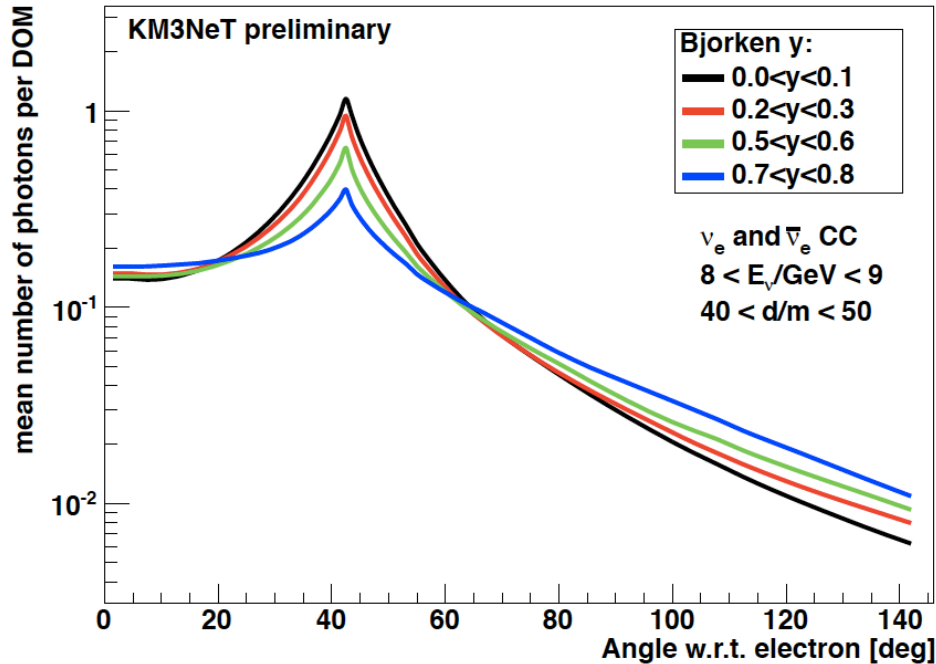


<25% for E>10 GeV for both tracks
and showers

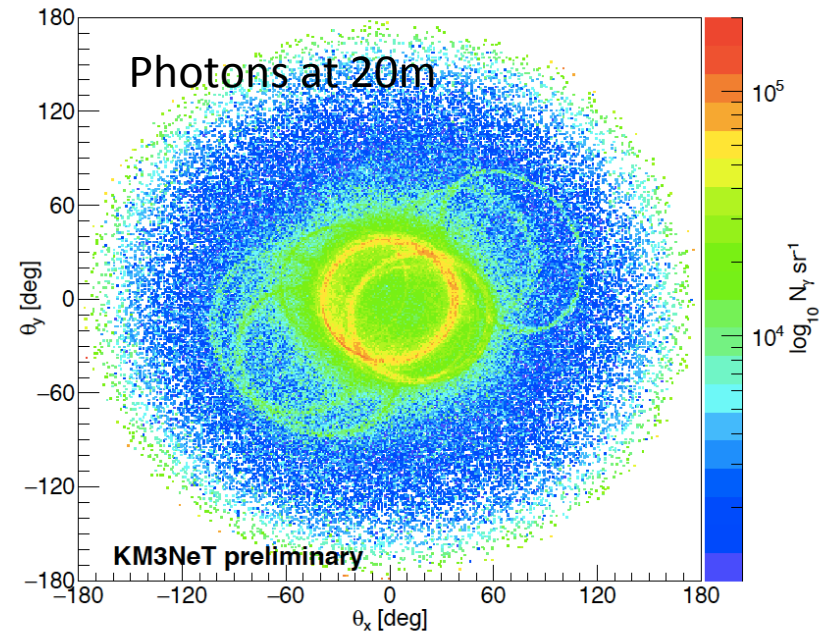


Showers

Inelasticity (shown for ν_e CC events)



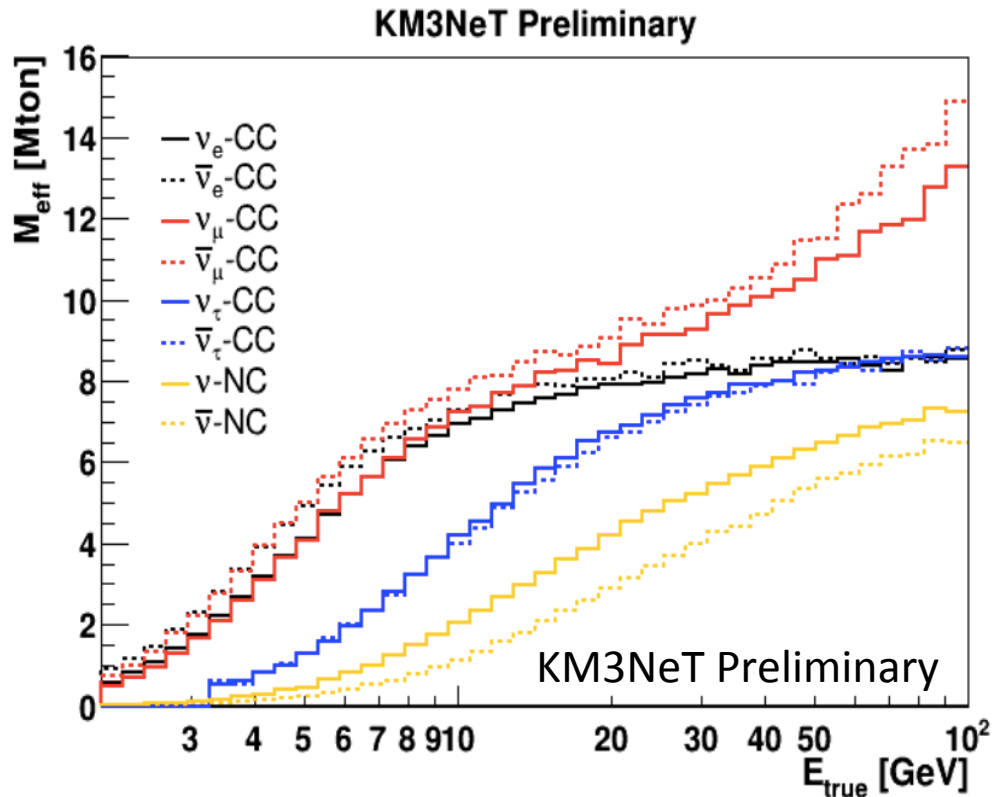
Simulated ν_e^{CC} event with $E=10\text{GeV}$, $y=0.5$



Neutrinos and antineutrinos have different inelasticity distributions
=> Distinction neutrino/antineutrino could be (limited) feasible

Not yet used in ν NMO evaluation, improvement for sensitivity expected

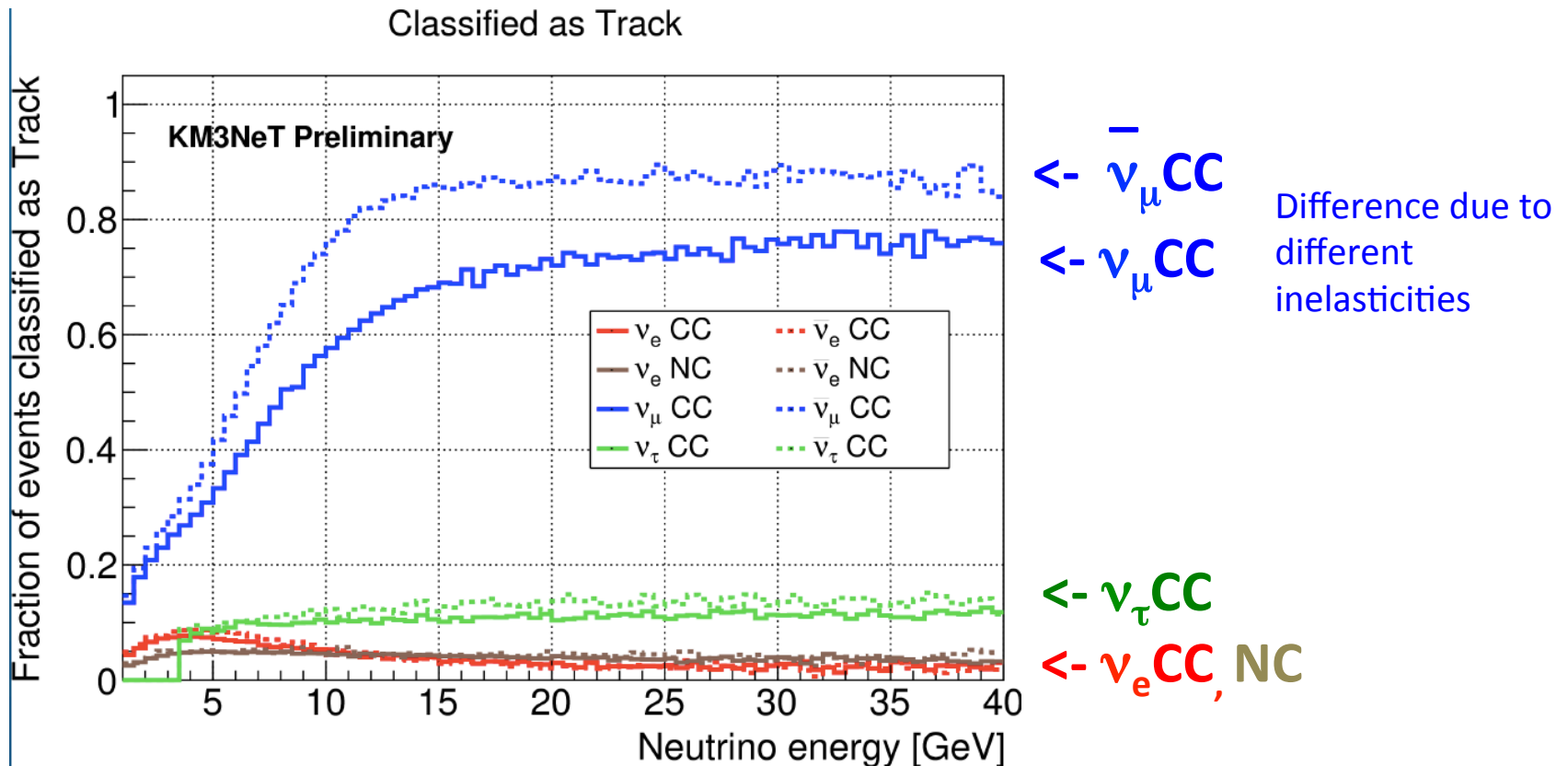
Effective Mass



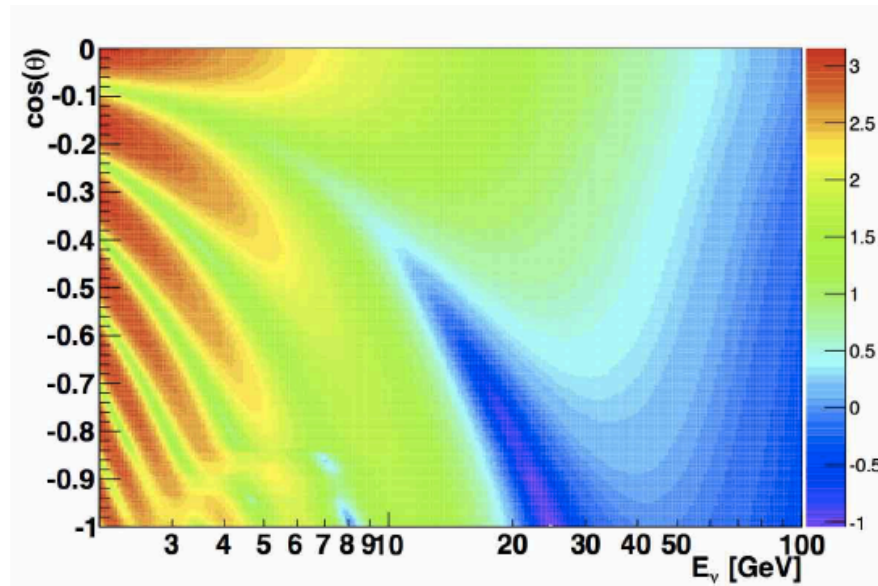
- New trigger -> enhanced sensitivity at lower energies
- ν_μ, ν_e reaching instrumented mass (8Mton) at 10GeV
- ν_μ larger effective mass at higher energies due to long track length (sensitive to larger volume around the detector)

Flavour Identification

- Discrimination of track-like (ν_{μ}^{CC}) and cascade-like ($\nu^{NC}, \nu_{e/\tau}^{CC}$) events
 - Classification uses “Random Decision Forest”
 - Better than 80% above 10 GeV for all channels but ν_{μ}^{CC}
 - Improvements with Deep Learning underway



Recap: Oscillation pattern to measure (ν_μ)

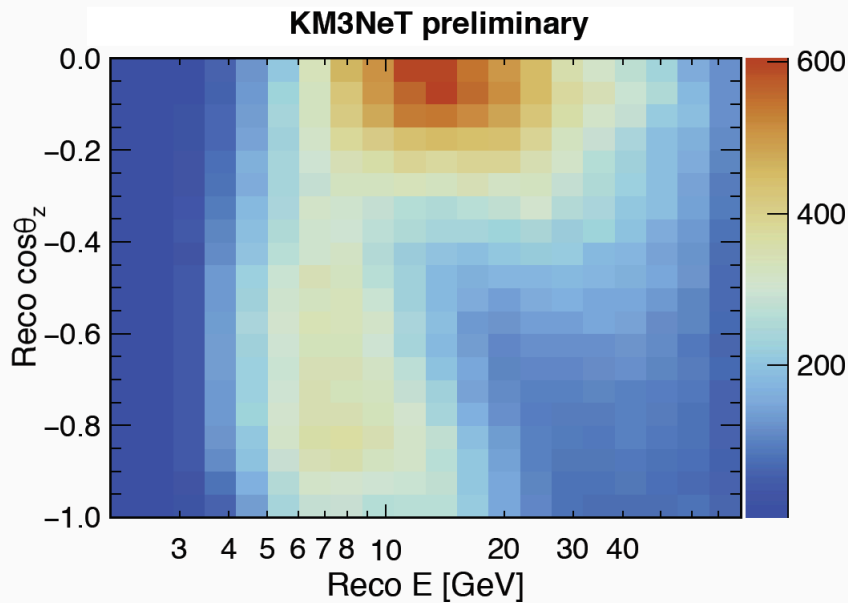


- Detector effects will smear the pattern:
- Energy/Angular resolution
 - Flavour identification

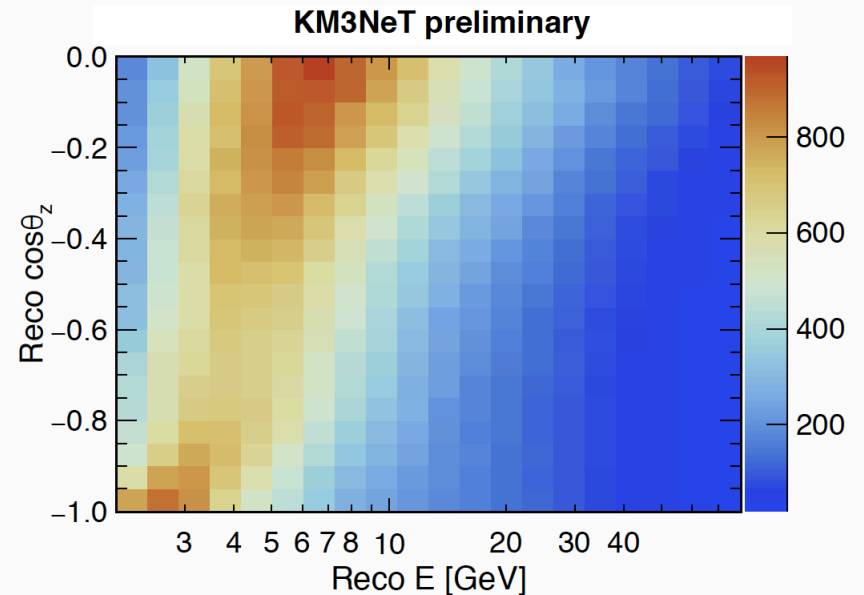
Reconstructed events

| channel | events/y | channel | events/y |
|--------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| ν_e CC | 14700 | ν_τ CC | 2900 |
| $\bar{\nu}_e$ CC | 5700 | $\bar{\nu}_\tau$ CC | 1300 |
| ν_μ CC | 21300 | ν NC | 5300 |
| $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC | 9900 | $\bar{\nu}$ NC | 1500 |

Classified as Track



Classified as Cascade

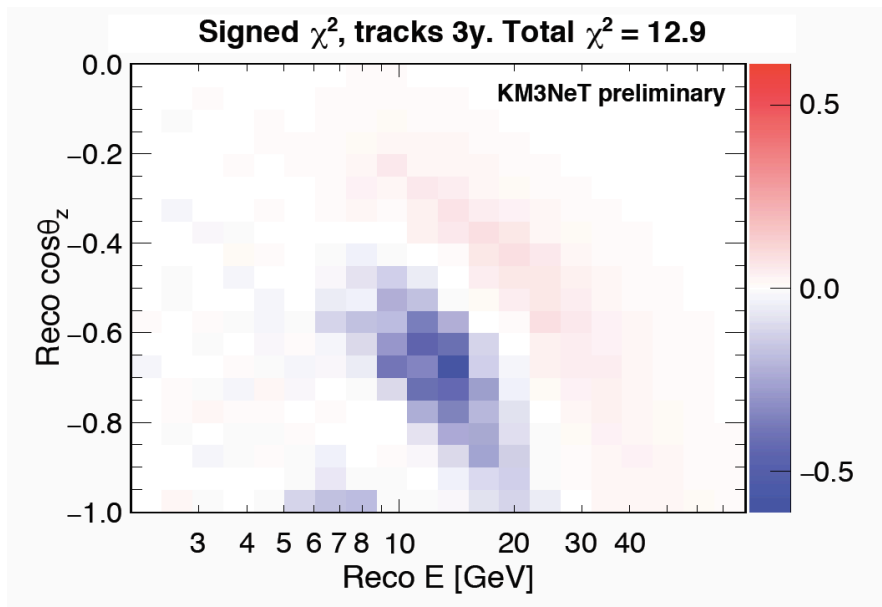


Event distribution for 3 years

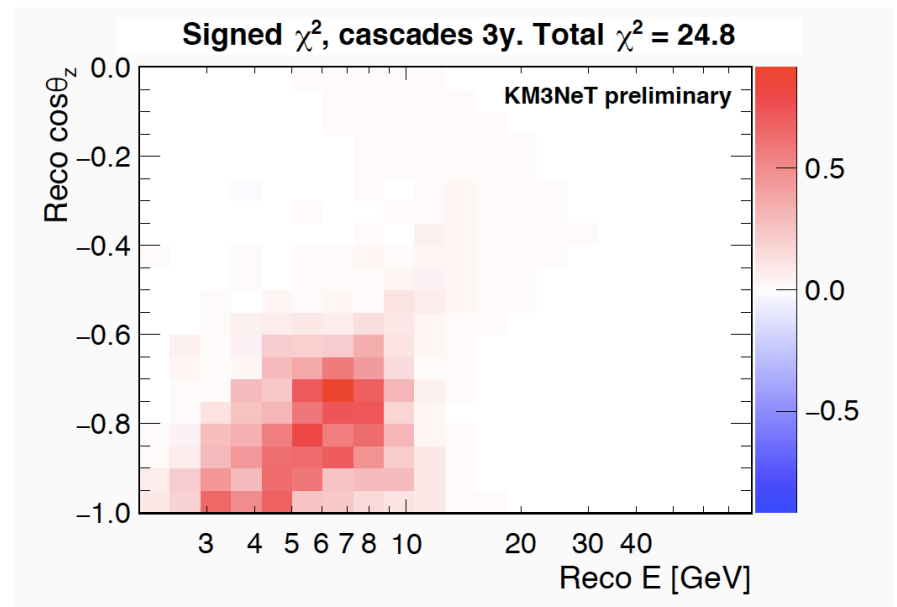
Asymmetry between NO and IO

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(N_{NO} - N_{IO}) |N_{NO} - N_{IO}|}{N_{NO}}$$

Track-like events



Cascade-like events



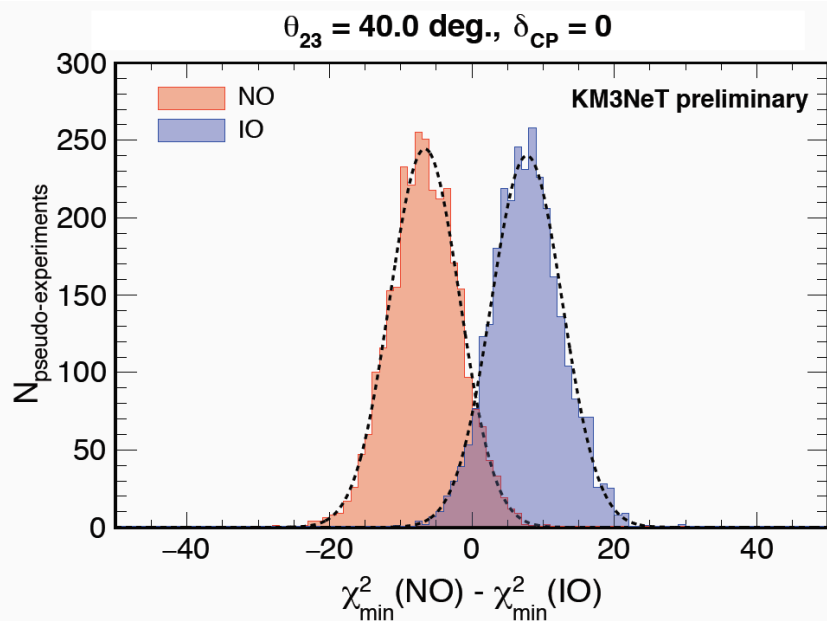
Cascades contribute most of sensitivity to the neutrino mass ordering

Sensitivity determination

To optimally distinguish between IH and NH:

Likelihood ratio test with nuisance parameters

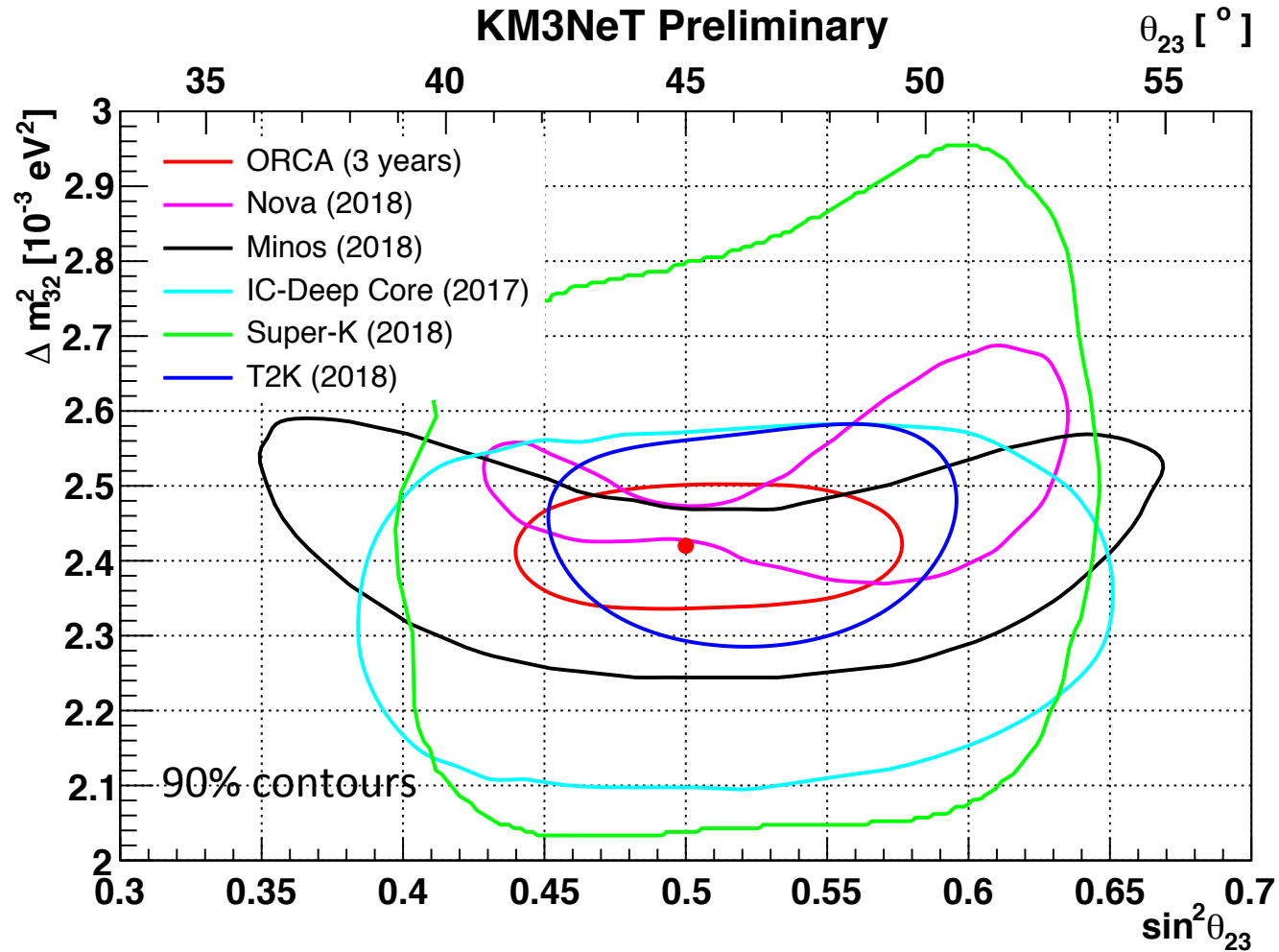
- 1) Create pseudo-experiments for given set of oscillation parameters
- 2) Fit parameters assuming **NH**
- 3) Fit parameters assuming **IH**
- 4) Evaluate Test statistics distribution: $\chi^2_{\text{NO}} - \chi^2_{\text{IO}}$



Systematics

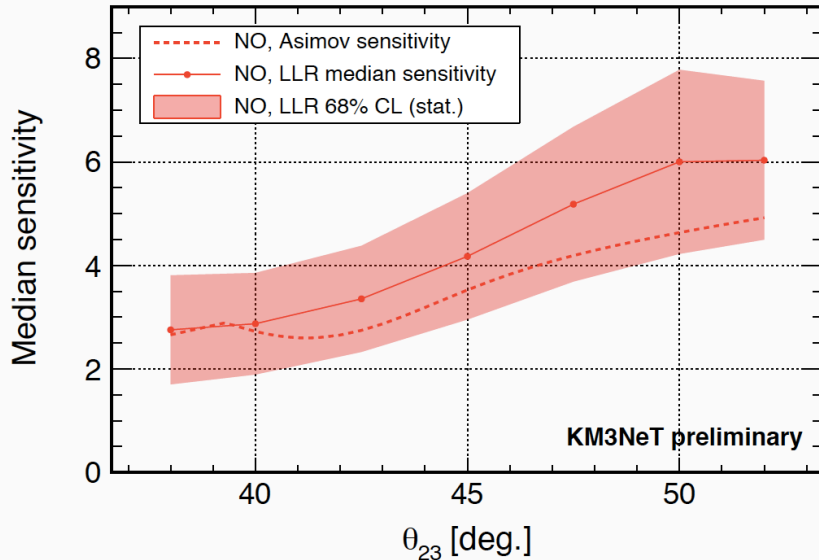
| | | true value | constraint |
|--|--------|----------------------|------------|
| $ \Delta M^2 $ (eV ²) | fitted | $2.48 \cdot 10^{-3}$ | free |
| $ \Delta m_{21}^2 $ (eV ²) | fix | $8.53 \cdot 10^{-5}$ | - |
| θ_{13} (°) | fitted | 8.42 | 0.26 |
| θ_{12} (°) | fix | 33.4 | - |
| θ_{23} (°) | fitted | 38-52 | free |
| δ_{CP} | fitted | $0, 2\pi$ | free |
| Flux spectral index | fitted | 0 | free |
| ν/ν skew | fitted | 0 | 0.03 |
| Tracks normalization | fitted | 1 | free |
| Cascades normalization | fitted | 1 | free |
| NC events normalization | fitted | 1 | 0.1 |

Constraints on oscillation parameters

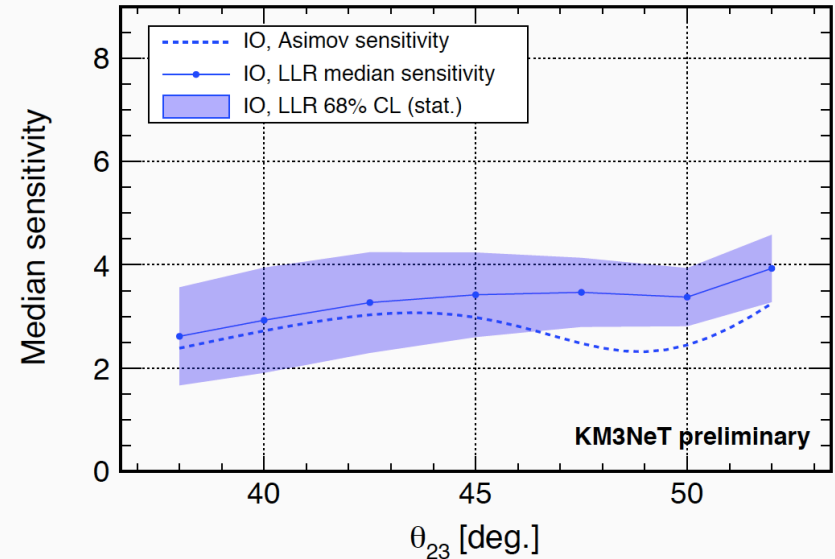


Asimov ($\Delta\chi^2$) and LLR sensitivities as function of θ_{23}

Asimov and LLR sensitivities after 3 years, true $\delta_{CP} = 0$



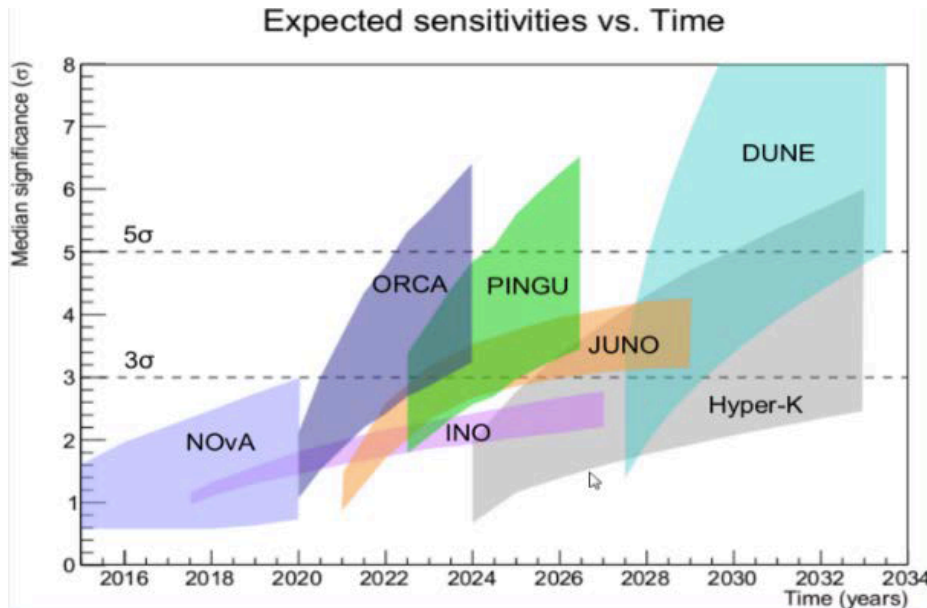
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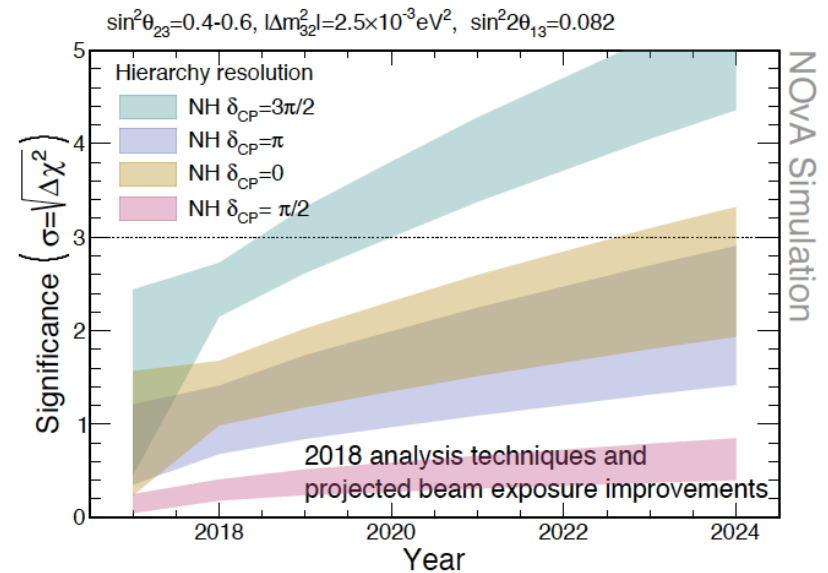
Fit in 2 'flavour' bins (track/shower), no separation by inelasticity
⇒ Improvements expected by increasing number of bins
(e.g. flavour 'probability', inelasticity, energy resolution, ...)

2-6 σ median sensitivity after 3 years depending on oscillation parameters
⇒ External constraints on oscillation parameters can help improving the sensitivity

Timelines (to be updated)



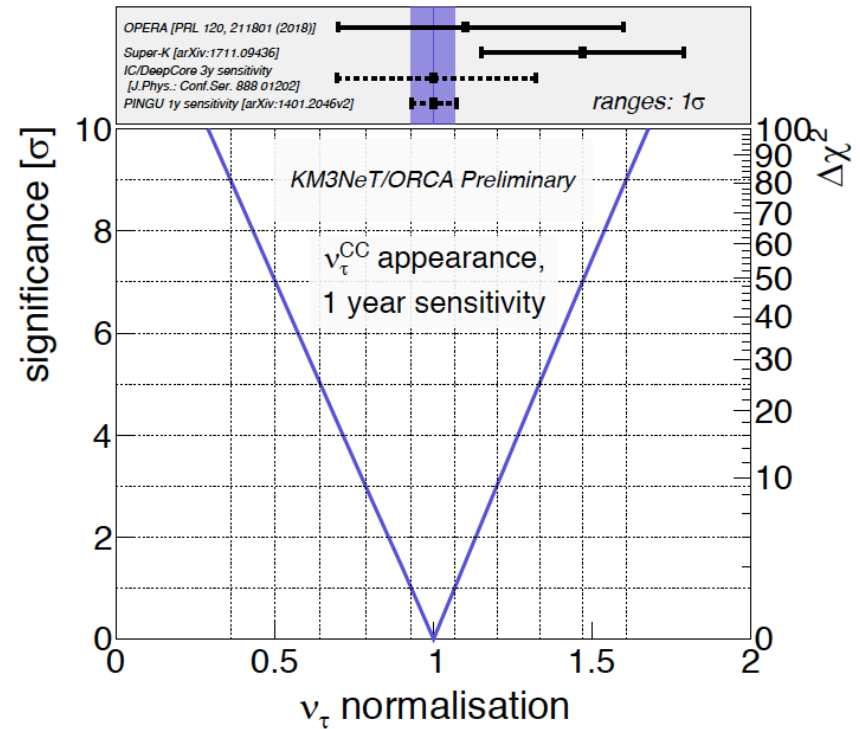
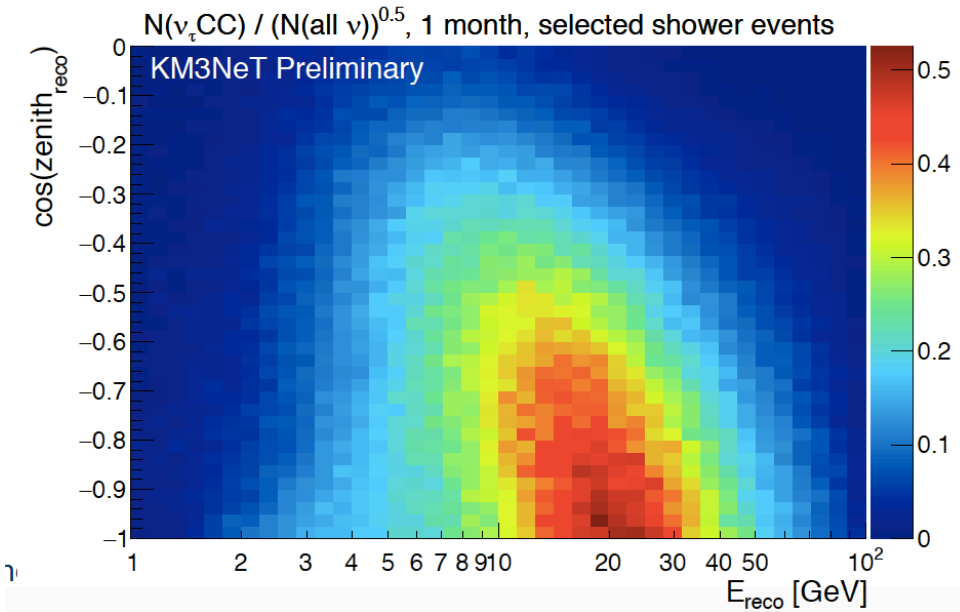
NOVA



Currently NOVA: 1.8σ preference for NO and θ₂₃ upper octant

For normal hierarchy 3σ for > 30% of true δ values by 2024

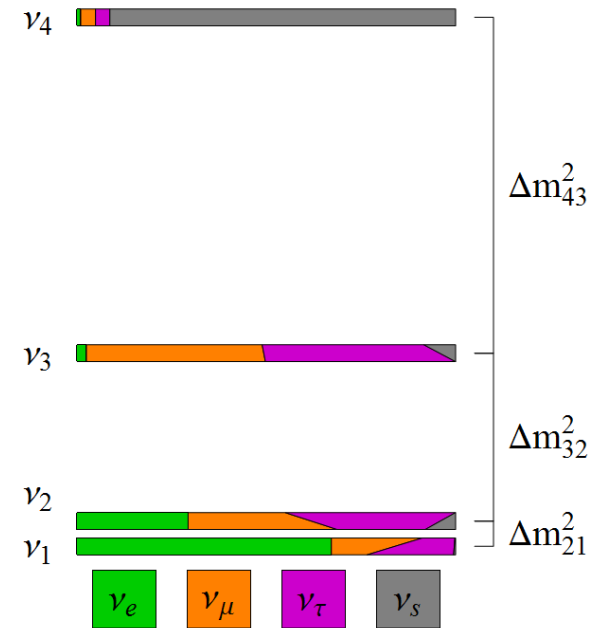
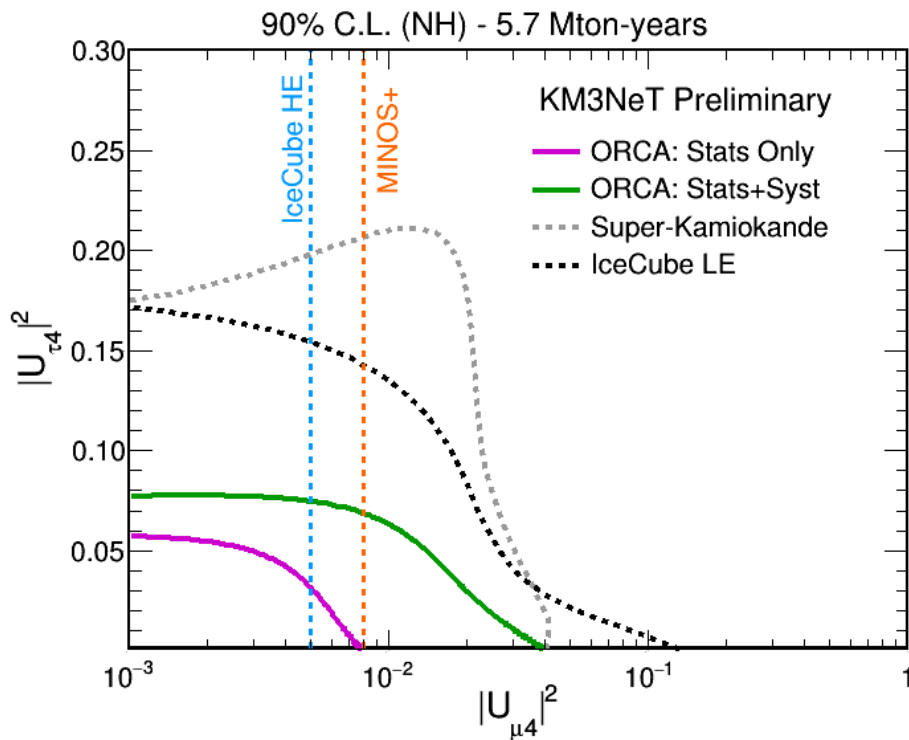
ν_τ appearance



- Flux normalisation constrained (3σ) within 20% after 1 year
- Exclusion of 20% deviation from expected standard model flux normalisation with 5σ after 3 years

Sterile neutrinos

- Adding eV scale sterile neutrino
=> **suppression of $\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$ oscillation** at ~ 20 GeV
- With 1 year of data ORCA is sensitive to $|U_{\tau 4}|^2$ values smaller than current limits set by SK



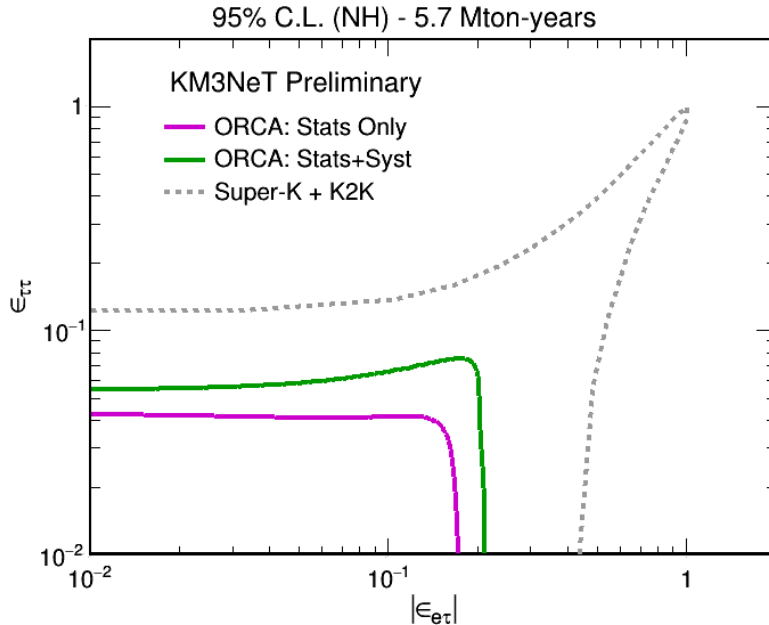
- Fitted: 4 syst. + 2 osc. (θ_{23} , ΔM^2)
- $U_{e4} = 0$

Non-Standard Interactions (NSI)

$$\begin{pmatrix} |\varepsilon_{ee}| < 4.2 & |\varepsilon_{e\mu}| < 0.33 & |\varepsilon_{e\tau}| < 3.0 \\ & |\varepsilon_{\mu\mu}| < 0.068 & |\varepsilon_{\mu\tau}| < 0.33 \\ & & |\varepsilon_{\tau\tau}| < 21 \end{pmatrix}$$

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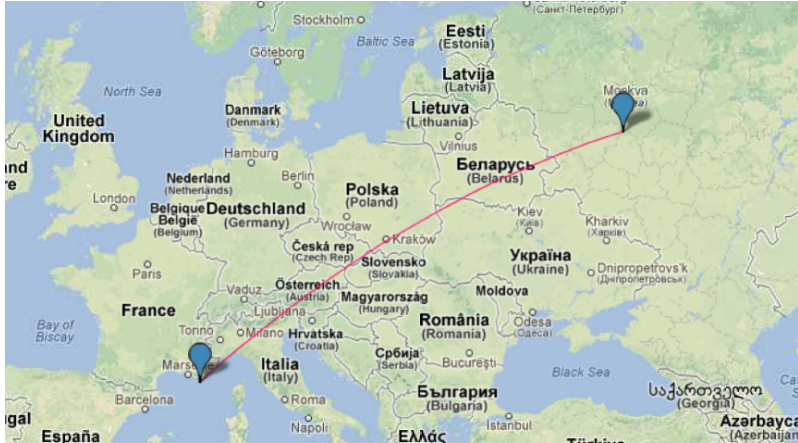
With only 1 year of data, ORCA sensitive to NSI effects below these limits:



- Fitted: 4 syst. + 2 osc. (θ_{23} , ΔM^2)
- 95% C.L. in $(|\varepsilon_{ee}|, |\varepsilon_{e\tau}|, |\varepsilon_{\tau\tau}|)$ space
→ 2D projection for $|\varepsilon_{ee}| = 0$
- SK + K2K limits from *arXiv:0506143*

Beam option for ORCA

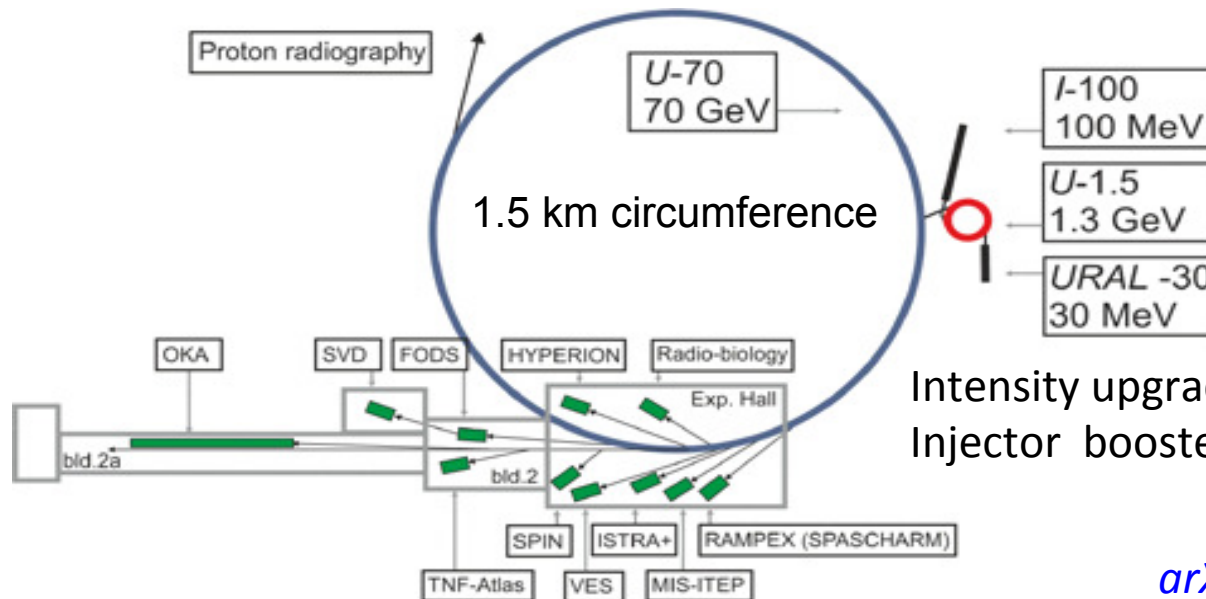
Neutrino Beam: Protvino – ORCA (P20)



IHEP/Protvino, founded 1967
100km South of Moscow

Baseline 2588km
Beam inclination : 11.7° ($\cos\theta = 0.2$)

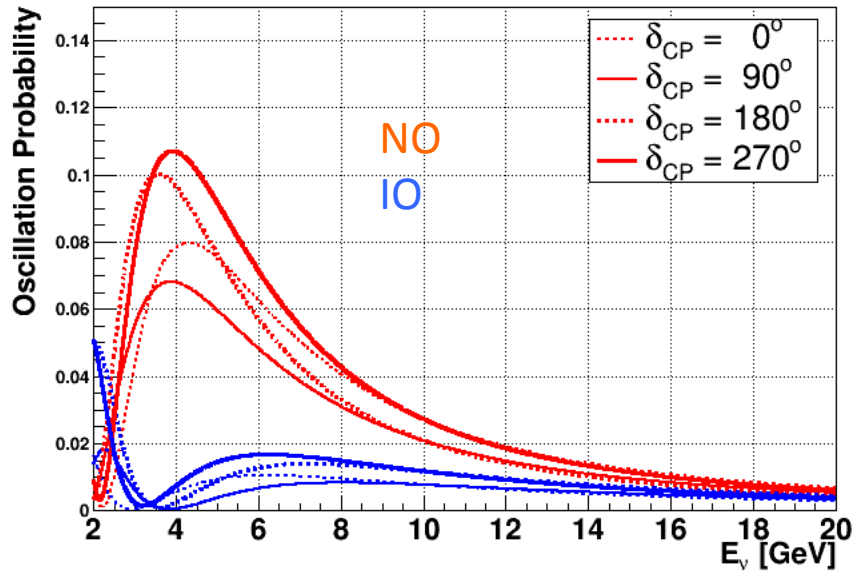
First meetings at the site with KM3NeT delegation
At VLNT 2018 (1-4 October in Dubna)
further planning for future steps



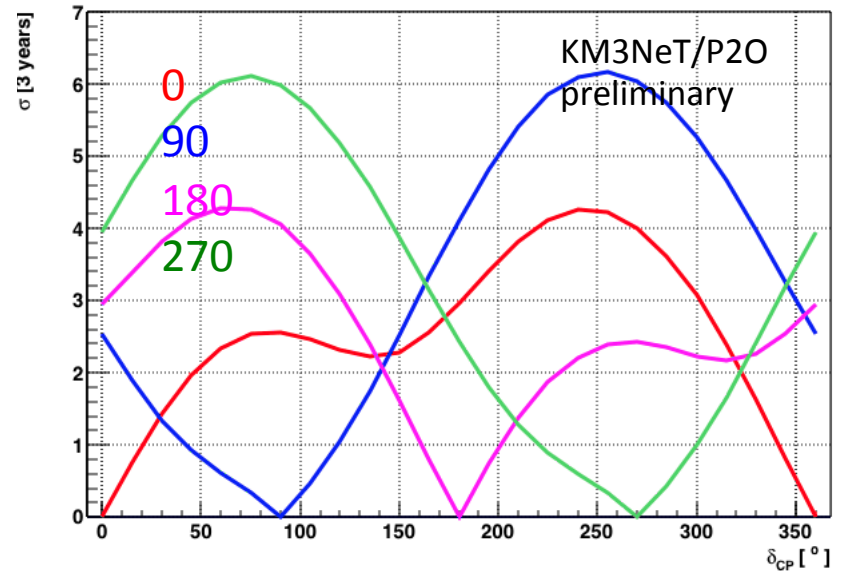
Intensity upgrade 15kW->90kW
Injector booster ->450kW

[arXiv:1803.08017](https://arxiv.org/abs/1803.08017)

$$P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$$

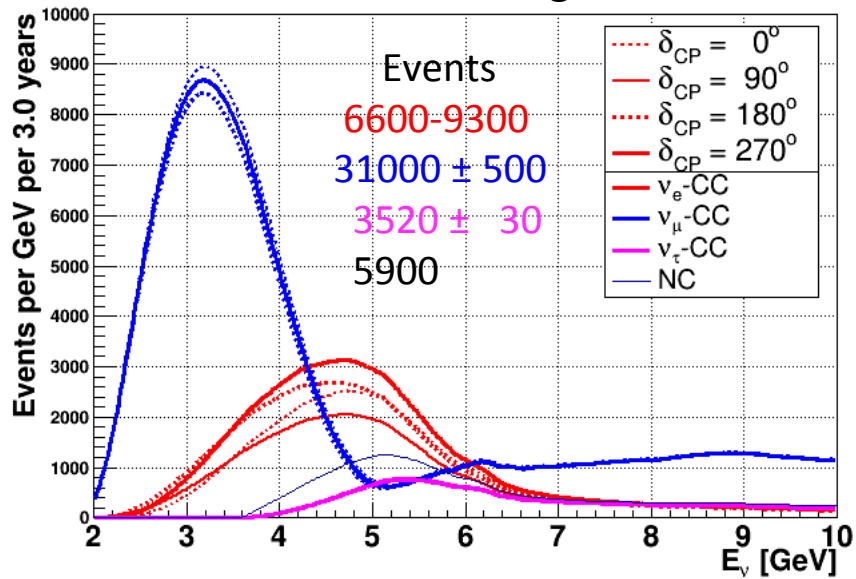


σ contours of 4 test points

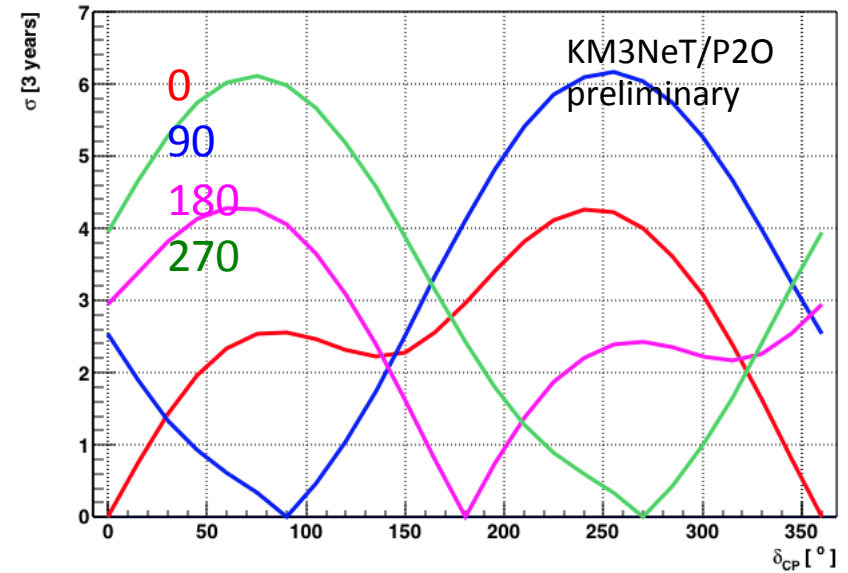


- Both Neutrino Mass Hierarchy and CP violation accessible
- No degeneracies, small cross section systematics
- After 6 years non CP-violation excluded for 35% of δ_{CP} values at about 3σ
- High precision measurement of δ_{CP} within few years (with 450kW)

Normal Ordering

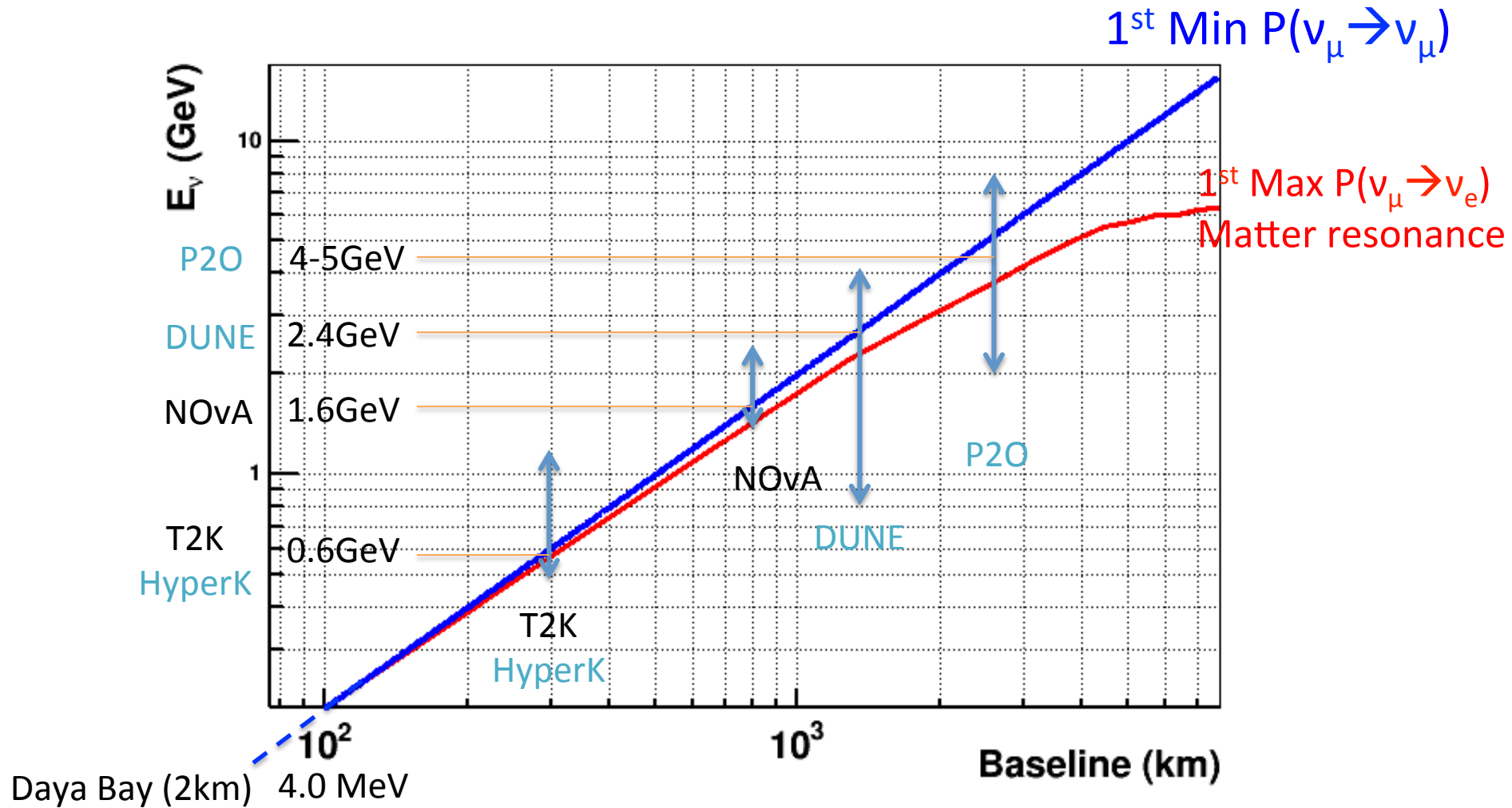


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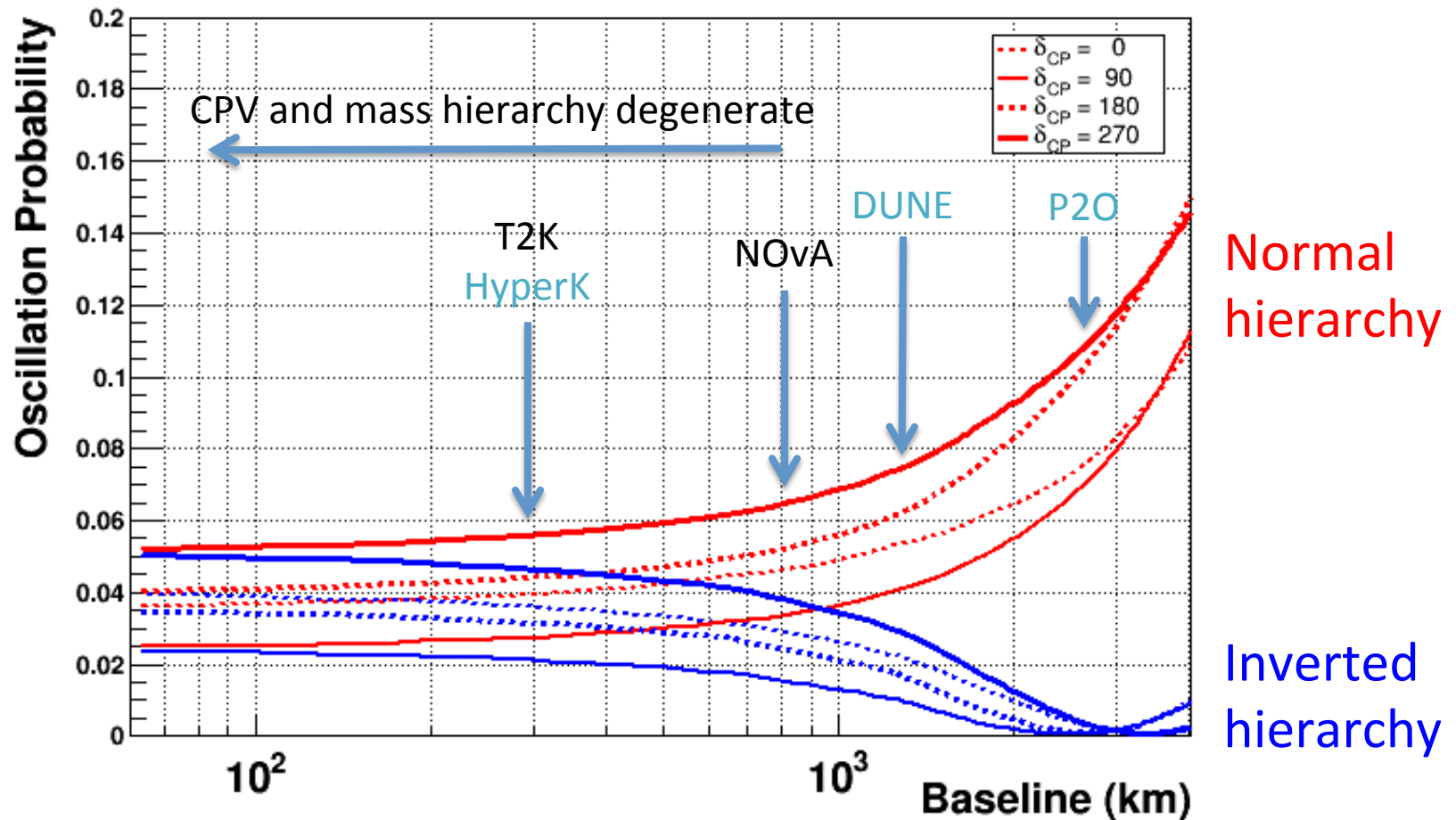
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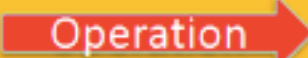
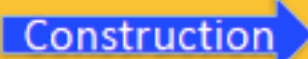
Main Signal : Appearance of ν_e : $P(\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_e)$

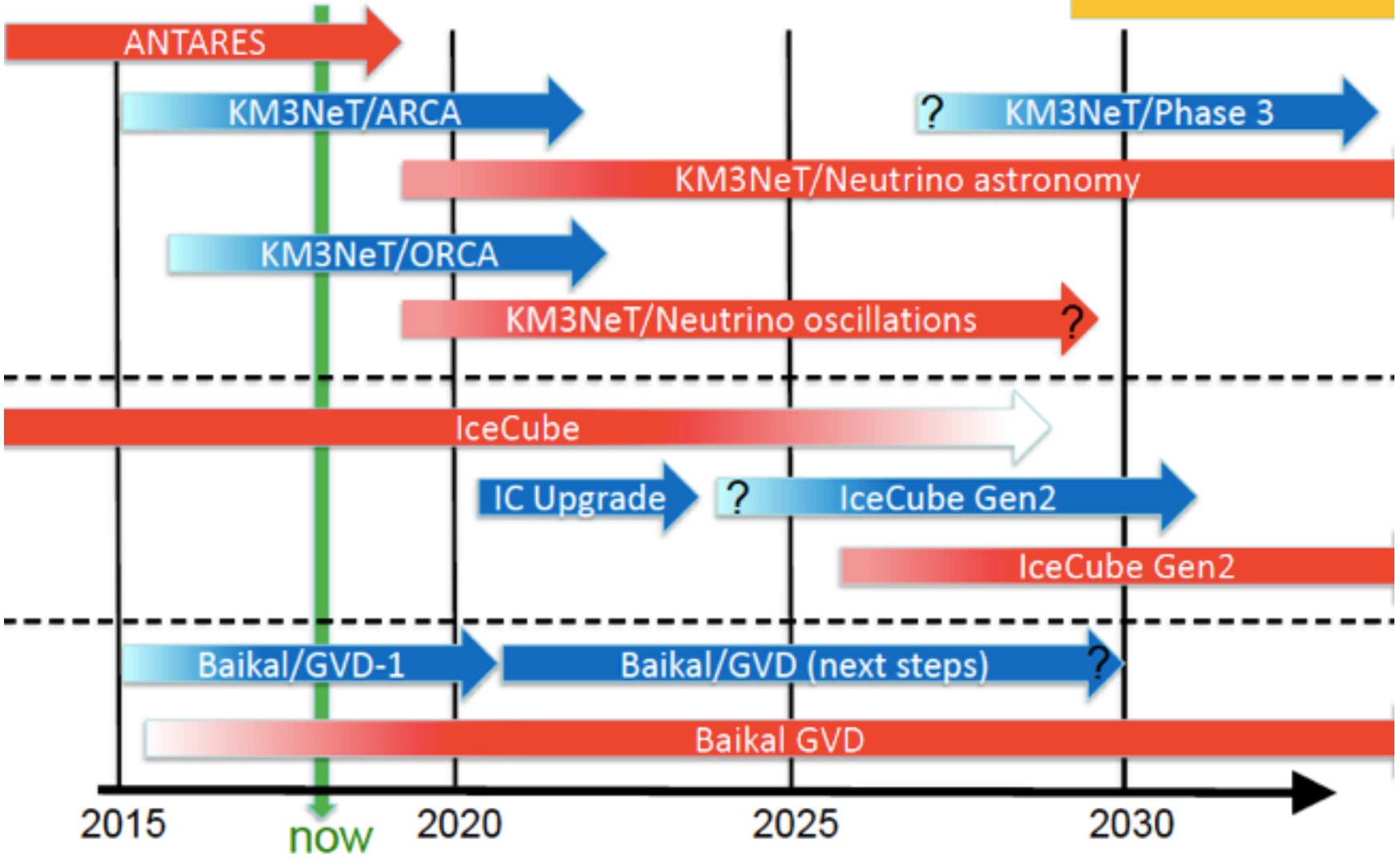


Summary

- Construction of the KM3NeT detector started
- Good prospects for measurements of neutrino mass ordering on competitive time scale and to detect cosmic neutrino sources
- KM3NeT will offer new options to explore many further topics
 - Galactic Supernovae, Dark Matter, Non-standard interactions, Earth tomography, surprises ...

The neutrino telescope timeline

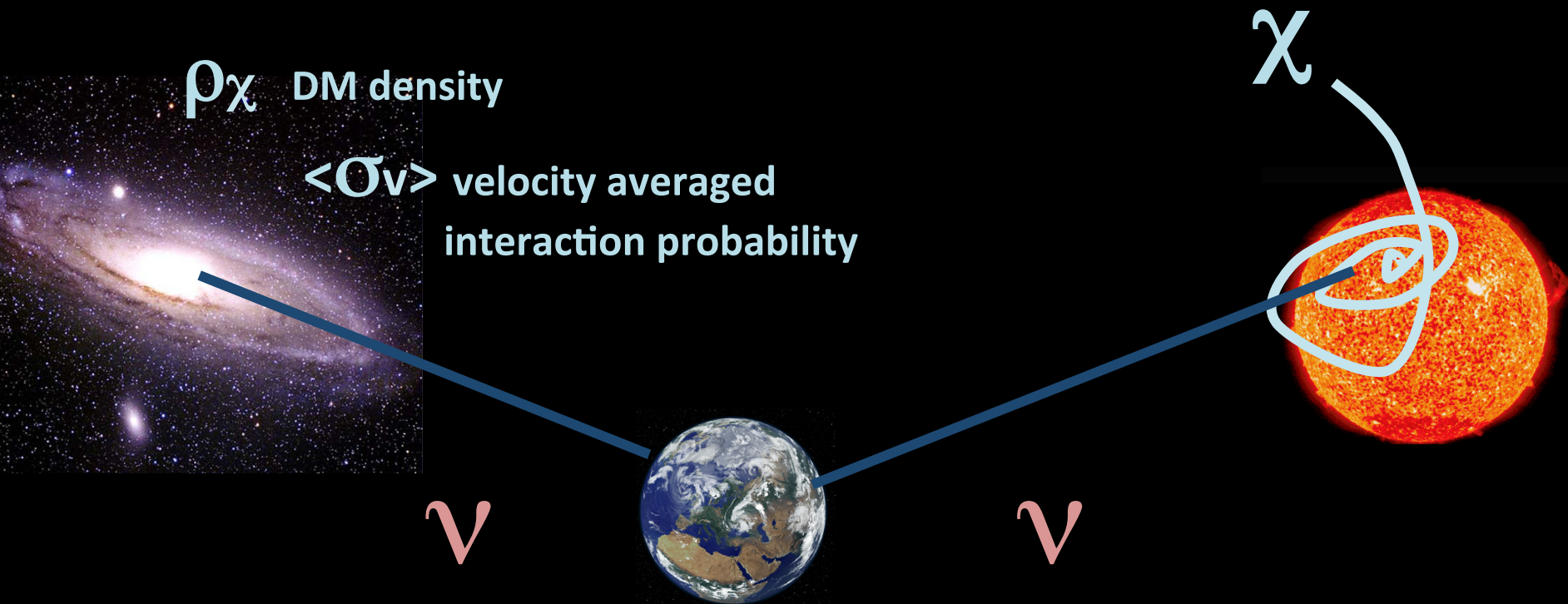
Operation 
Construction 



Search for Dark Matter

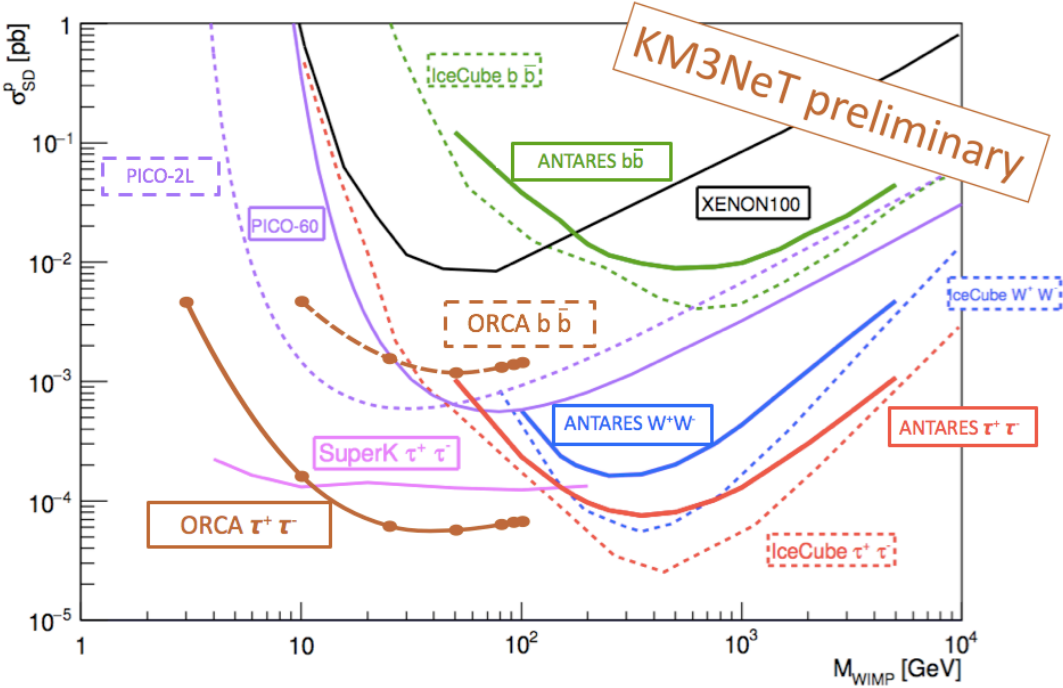
Dark Matter particles accumulate in heavy objects (Sun, Galactic Center, Earth)

→ Annihilation will produce 'standard' particles -> decays produce neutrinos



Dark Matter

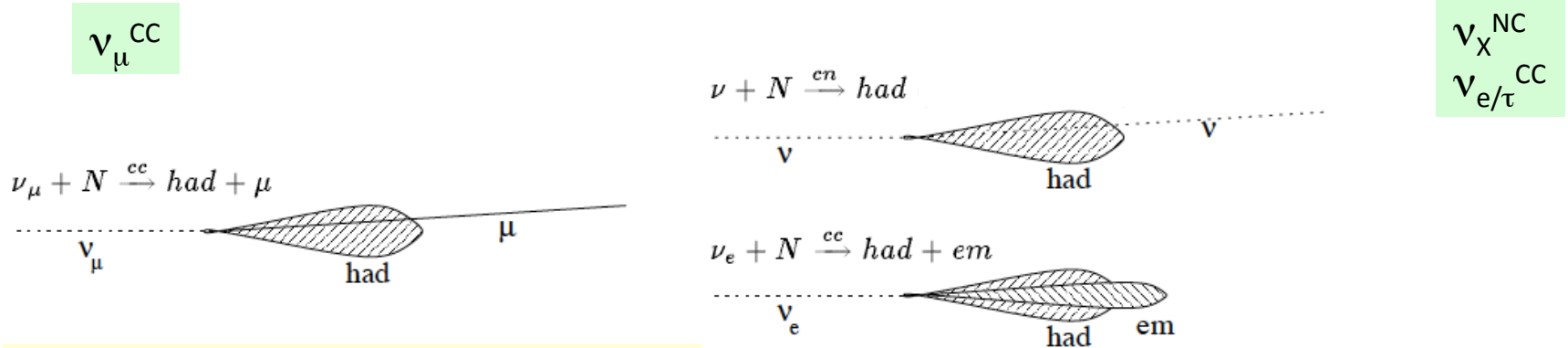
Sensitivity on cross section vs mass of WIMP



Competitive for Spin Dependent coupling

Reconstruction Methods

Different flavours and interactions lead to different signatures in the detector



Energy loss $\sim 0.2 \text{ GeV/m} \rightarrow 50 \text{ m}$ length for 10 GeV

- Dedicated reconstruction methods for tracks and cascades
- 8 parameters are determined:
 - Time, position (3), direction (2), energy, inelasticity
- Step by step procedure
 - Hit selection (time correlations)
 - Vertex & Directional fit (timing)
 - Energy & inelasticity fit (light yield & direction/vertex)

Share of costs

