

Acoustic Neutrino Detection In a Adriatic Multidisciplinary Observatory (ANDIAMO)

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Askaryan Effect appears on 1957

HYDRODYNAMIC RADIATION FROM THE TRACKS OF IONIZING PARTICLES IN STABLE LIQUIDS

G. A. Askaryan

When ionizing particles pass through liquids the molecules of the medium are entrained by singly - charged ion aggregates which are pushed apart; in addition, small micro-explosions, due to localized heating, occur close to the tracks of the particles. These processes can lead to the formation of localized cavities and nuclei or "seeds" at which the transition to the vapor or gas phase is possible. (The development of these nuclei into bubbles of visible dimensions, which takes place if the liquid is sufficiently unstable, is used in new devices for studying ionizing radiation – so-called "vapor" and "gas" bubble chambers [1-3].)

The sudden motion of the ion-complexes, the micro-explosive production of the nuclei, the further expansion and contraction and subsequent disappearance or rapid growth (depending on the initial local factors, the properties and state of the medium) should be accompanied by intense localized pulses of radiation of supersonic waves which, in the initial stage, should be quasi-microspherical shock waves. The intensity of this radiation should depend on the properties of the medium which determine the effectiveness of bubble initiation and the dynamics of bubble development (surface tension, stability of the liquid state, etc). It should be noted that similar radiation will occur in solid bodies and compressed gases but its intensity will be considerably smaller than that found in liquids.

First ideas to build a acoustic
array for neutrinos in:

G. A. Askaryan and B. Dolgoshein, JETP Lett. 25 (1977) 213
T. Bowen, Proc. 15th ICRC, Plovdiv, 1977, V6, p. 277

Acoustic Signal Propagation

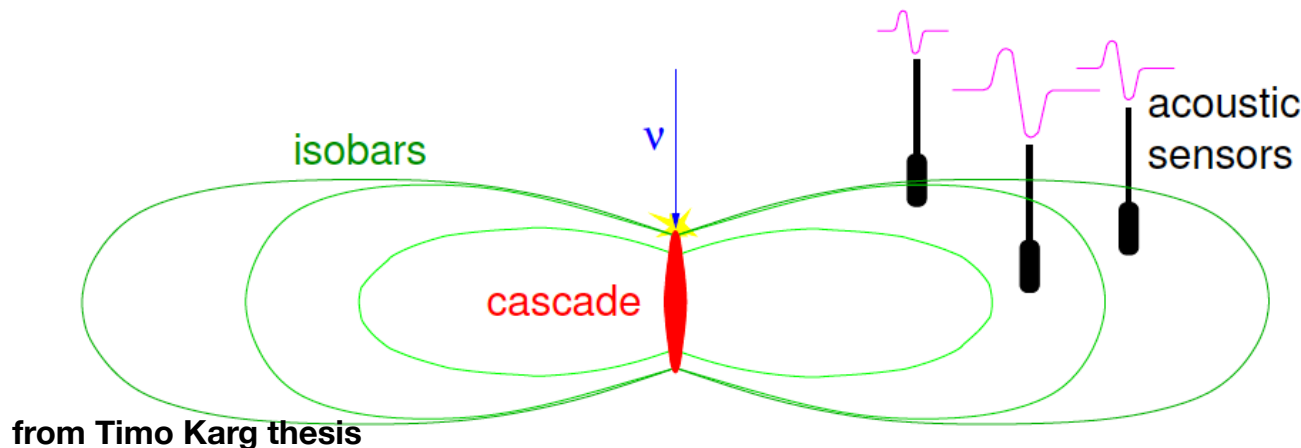
Inhomogeneous wave equation

The sound wave can be described by a pressure field $p(\vec{r}, t)$ related to the energy density $\varepsilon(\vec{r}, t)$ deposited in the medium through this equation:

$$\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 p}{\partial t^2} - \Delta p = \frac{\alpha}{C_p} \frac{\partial^2 \varepsilon}{\partial t^2}$$

solution assuming instantaneous energy deposition

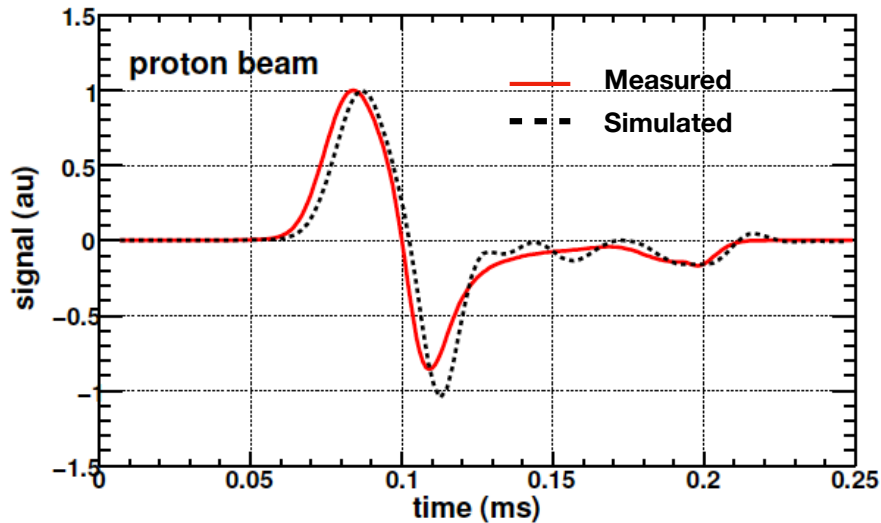
α = bulk expansion coefficient C_p = specific heat capacity c = sound speed (in w 1500 m/s)



“pancake” like signal propagation

In water absorption length of sound wave \sim Km

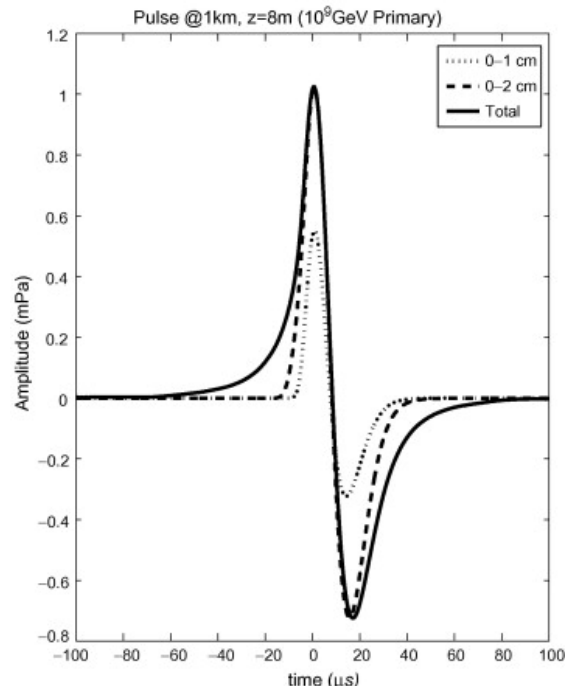
Bipolar signal measurements/simulation



Astroparticle Physics
Volume 65, May 2015, Pages 69-79
R.Lahmann et al.

177 MeV protons beam
distance ~ 20 cm

good match between measured signal and
simulated signal (GEANT 4), discrepancy ~10%

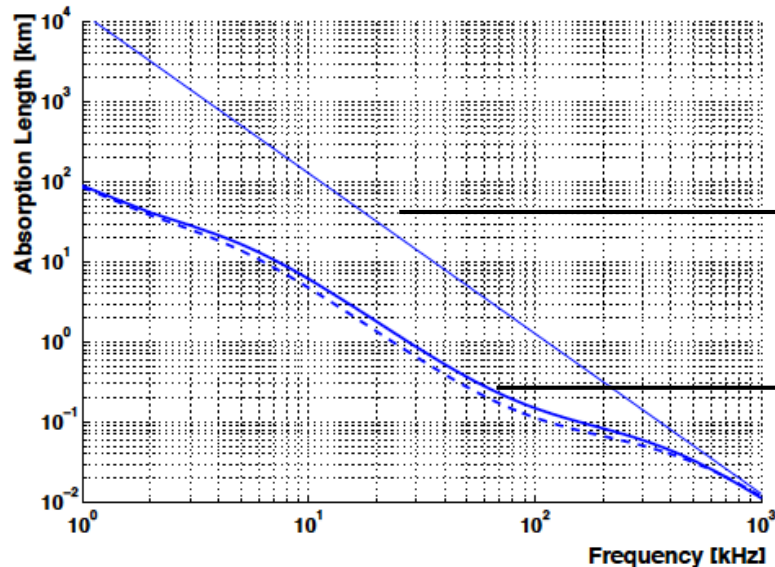
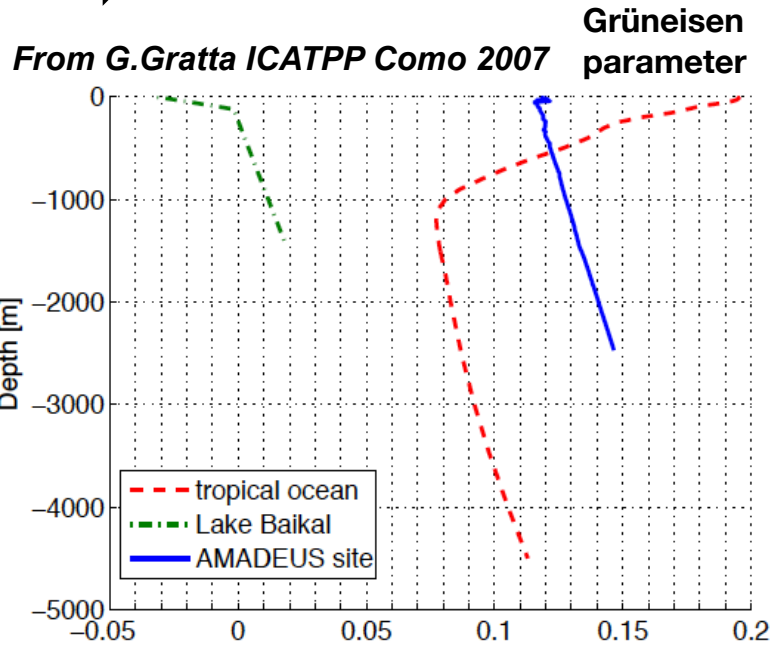


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Volume 28, Issue 3, November 2007, Pages 366-379
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Most of the signal comes from the inner core of
the produced shower.

$$P(r = 200 \text{ m}) \approx 10 \times \frac{E_{casc}}{1 \text{ EeV}} \text{ mPa}$$

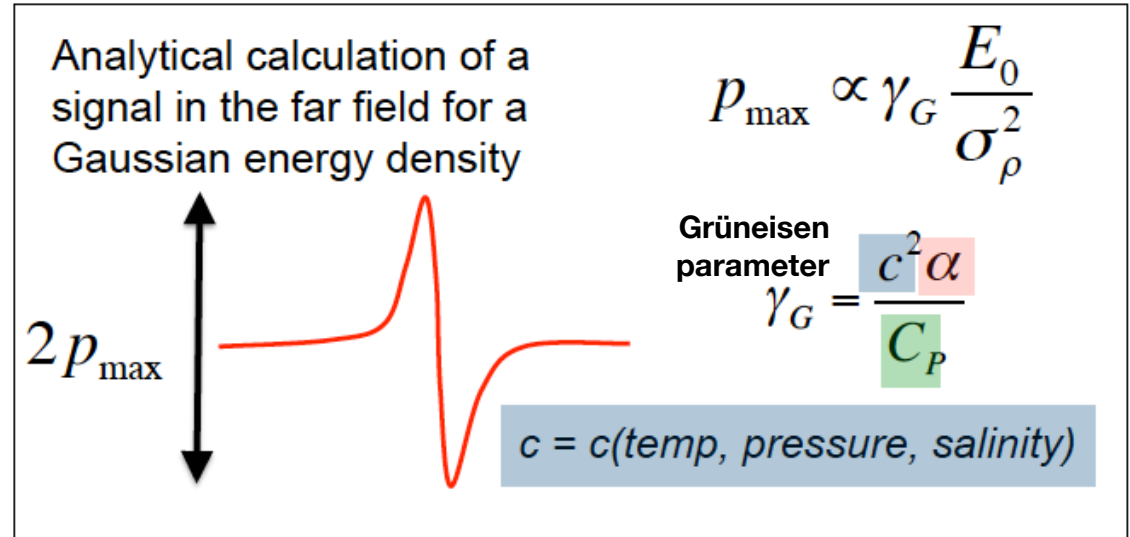
Absorption length in the Mediterranean sea



Absorption length for the salinity case of 3.8%

Pure Water case

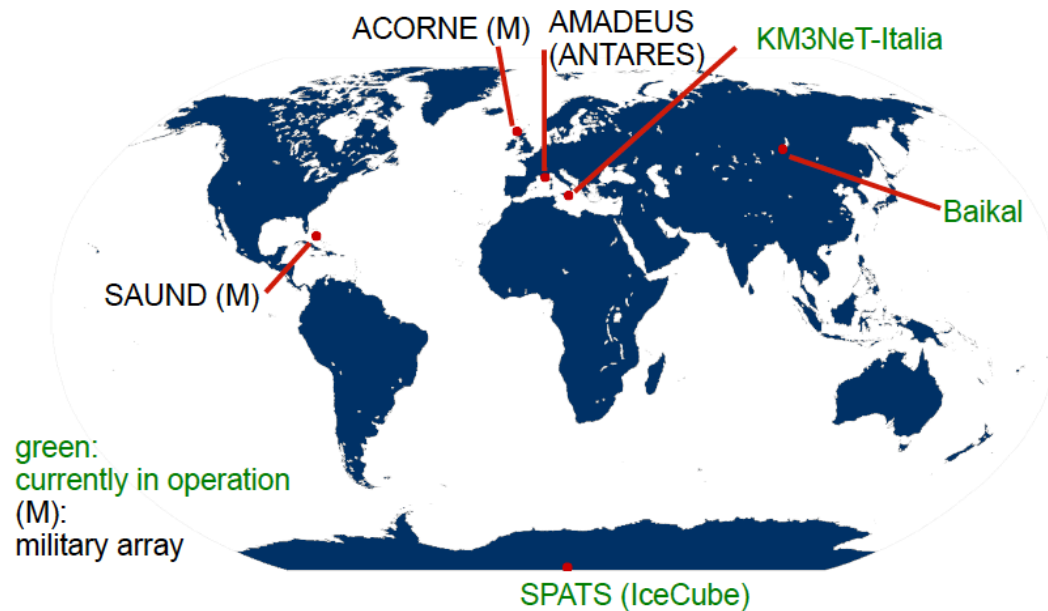
Solid at 2000 m deep
Dashed at 100 m deep



Previous radio arrays

Test Setups in ice and water

From R.Lahmann ARENA 2018



Most of the acoustic configuration setups installed up to now were linked to Cherenkov telescopes or to already existing military arrays

A dedicated large volume undersea/ice acoustic neutrino telescope would be preferred

Experiment	Location	Medium	Sensor Channels	Host Experiment
SPATS [19, 20]	South Pole	Ice	80	IceCube
Lake Baikal [7]	Lake Baikal	Fresh Water	4	Baikal Neutrino Telescope
OvDE [21]	Mediterranean Sea (Sicily)	Sea Water	4	NEMO
AMADEUS [22]	Mediterranean Sea (Toulon)	Sea Water	36	ANTARES
ACoRNE [23]	North Sea (Scotland)	Sea Water	8	Rona military array
SAUND [24]	Tongue of the Ocean (Bahamas)	Sea Water	7/49 ^(★)	AUTEC military array

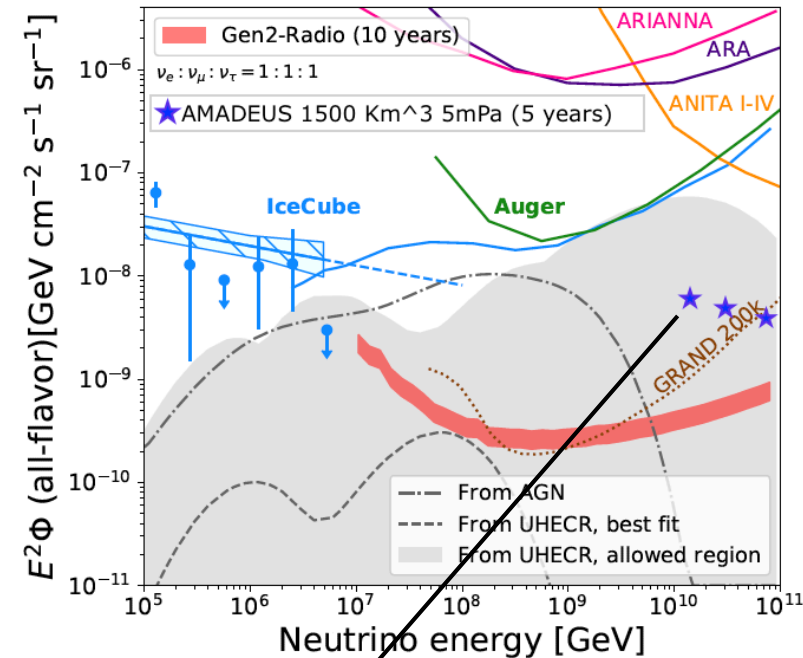
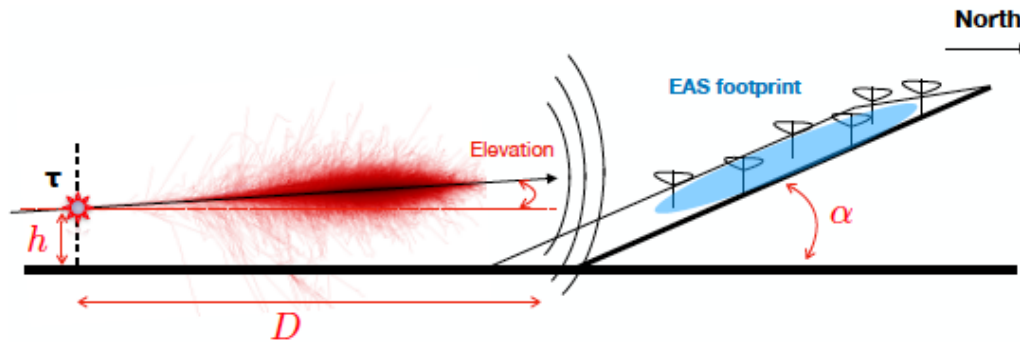
(★) The number of hydrophones was increased from 7 in SAUND-I to 49 in SAUND-II

Complementarity with radio arrays

Decoene V. et al.
NIM Vol. 986 2021

Aartsen et al. J. Phys. G 48 (2021)

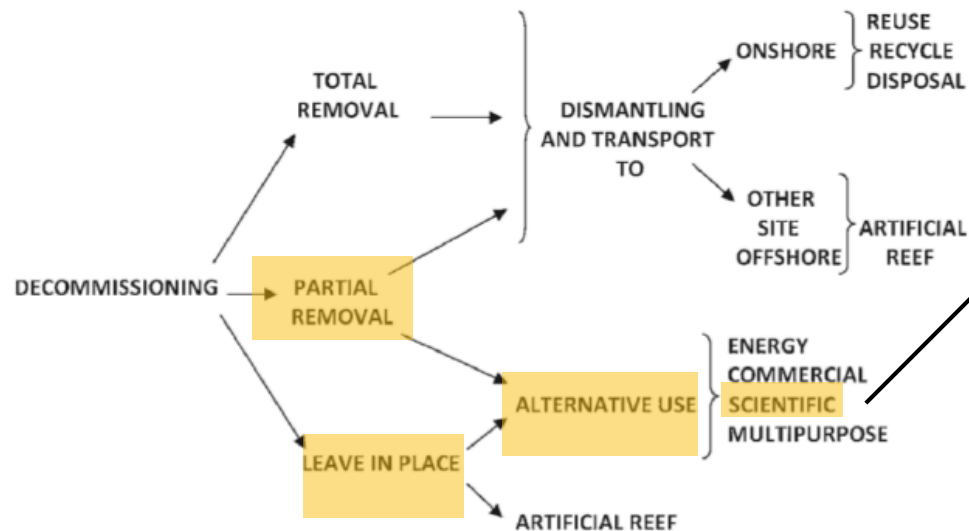
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A MC simulation of a cylindrical volume of 44 Km of diameter and a high of 1Km, hydrophone density (200 AM/Km³) (T.Karg Thesis)

A new dedicated acoustic undersea array looking for down-going events would be complementary to most of the radio arrays and air shower arrays focused on near horizontal or earth skimming events.

Taking advantages of existing infrastructures



- Very Interesting the case of inactive oil rig platforms in the Adriatic sea.
- Convey with the ENI company and the EU founding agencies about this preferential decommissioning path.
- Build a dedicated acoustic neutrino detector.

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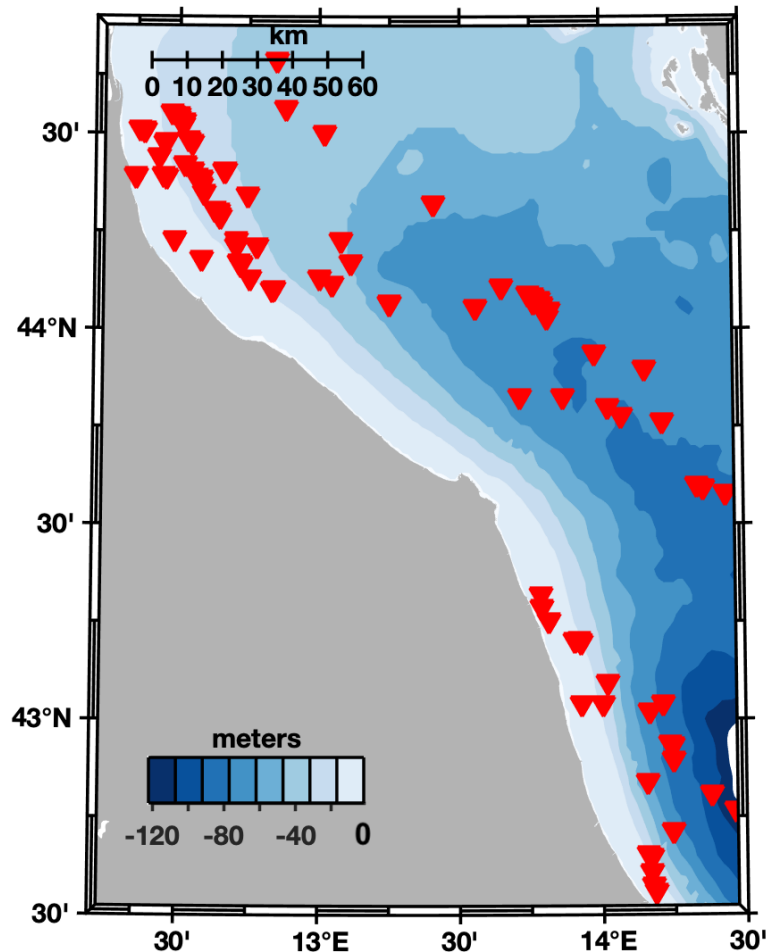


Archetti and Paci 2018



ANDIAMO: the concept

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ENI dismissed oil rigs platform
Variable depth from 25 to 80 m



- Reuse the powered ENI oil rig platforms
- Take advantage of the Adriatic favorable temperatures
- Use the ray tracing techniques in a shallow water environment
- Exploit the presence of the SOFAR channel range
- Possibility to reach a instrumented surface ~ 10000 Km² and a volume ~ 500 Km³ with low costs

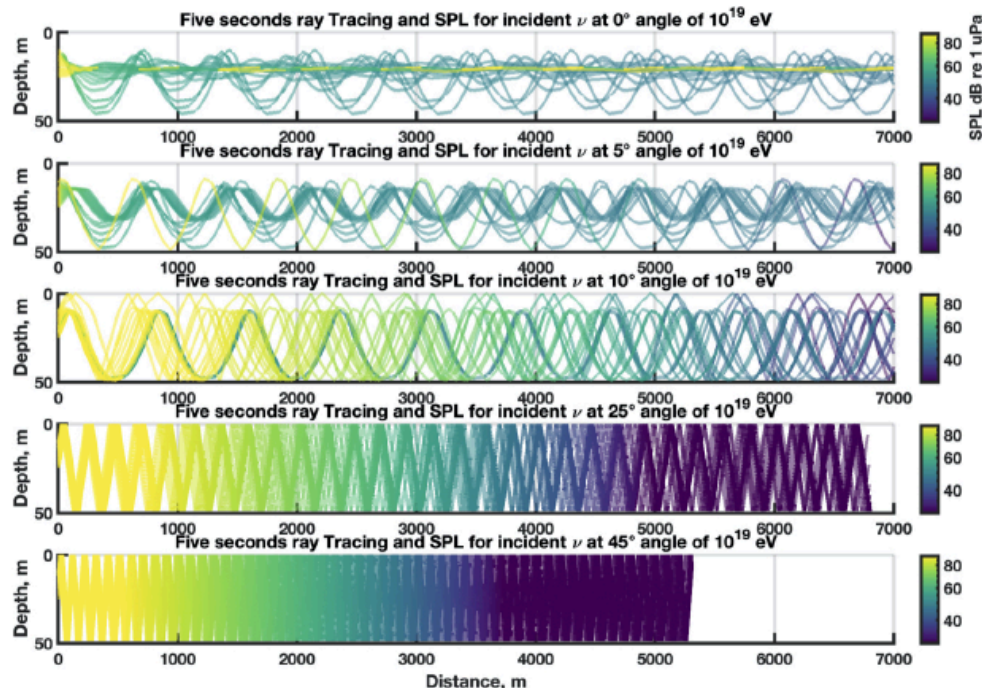
ANDIAMO vs previous undersea acoustic arrays

- Easier DAQ since we don't need any deep based power network.
- Possibility to digitize the signal directly on the powered platforms (small distances to transport the signal).
- Easier expansion of the detector through buoyant lines , platforms will remain the basement for the DAQ system.
- Have a dedicated hydrophone for the expected signal instead of standard piezo-hydrophones used for calibration on the Cherenkov telescopes.

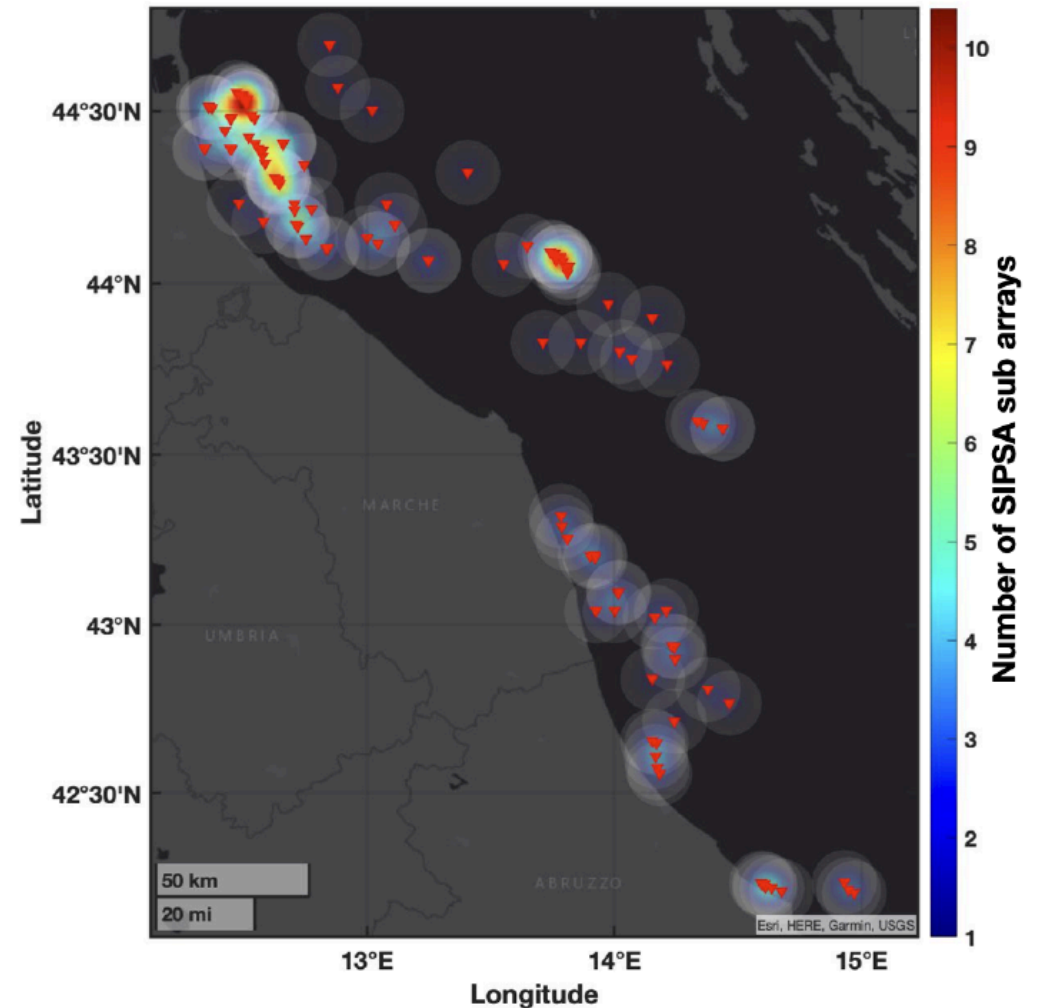
Ray tracing technique and surface covered

Importance of signal reflection in a shallow water env.

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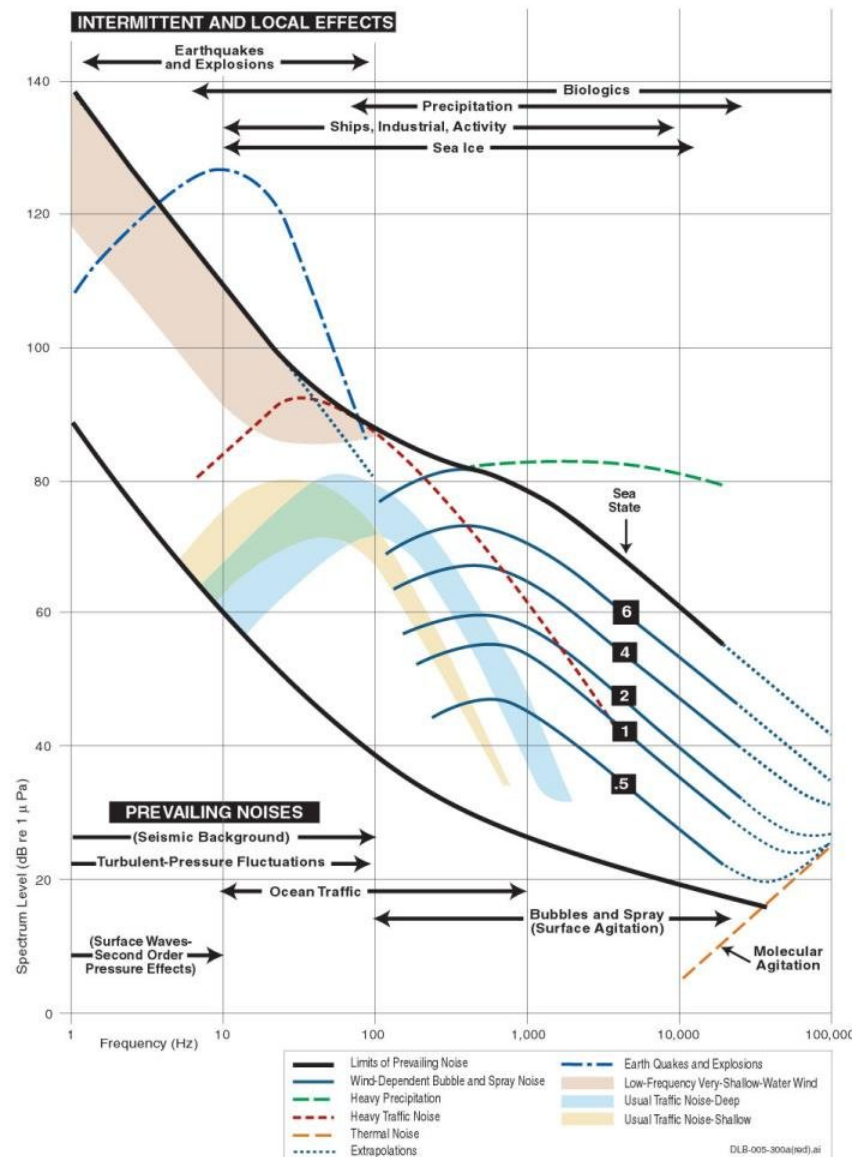
Simulated ray-tracing in the Adriatic shallow water for different neutrino incident angles. Corresponding sensitive area from 2800 Km² (45°) to 10000 Km² (0°)



Triggering SIPSA for near vertical neutrinos

Importance of background sea noise level

Oceanographic Technical report K.Sieger et al. 2013



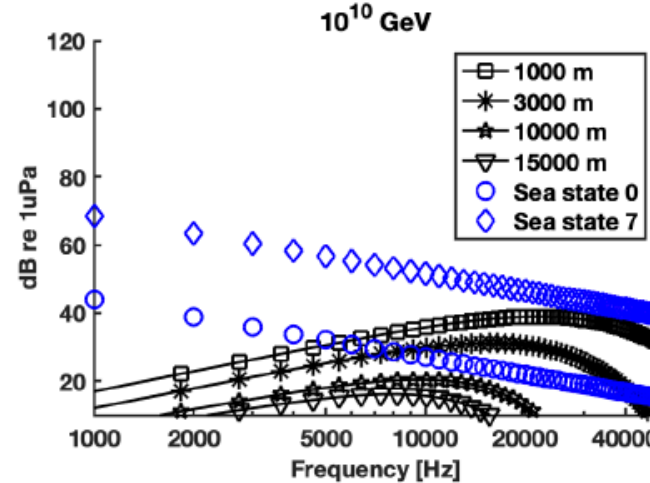
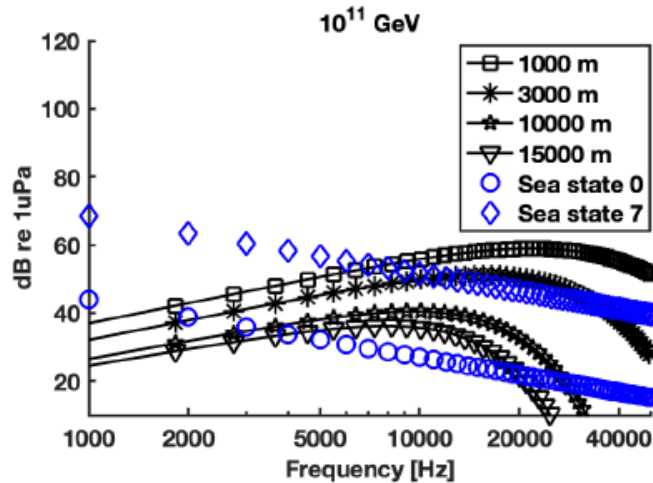
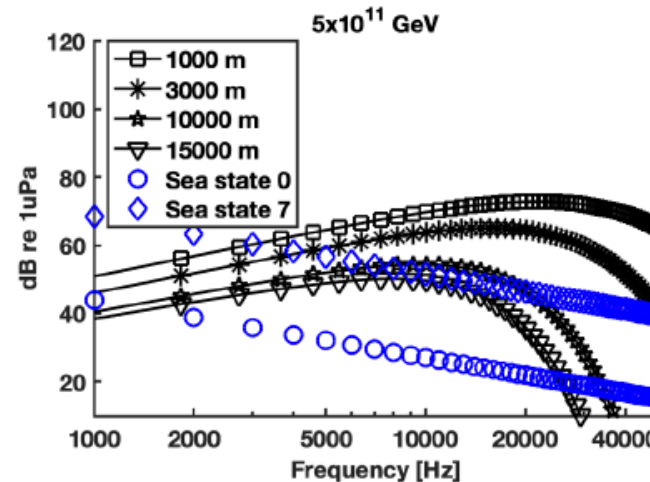
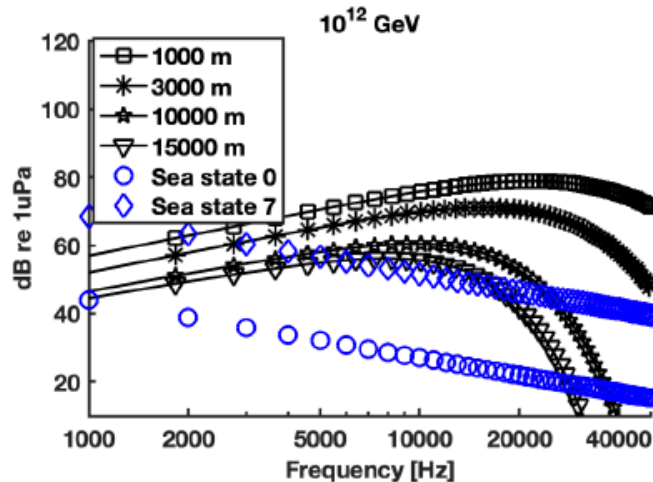
Ambient and human activity contribute to create a background acoustic noise that the neutrino signal should overcome to be observed.

Part of these backgrounds can be variable with time.

The Adriatic sea background level will be studied in details with a dedicated acoustic measurements campaigns.

ANDIAMO observable event energies

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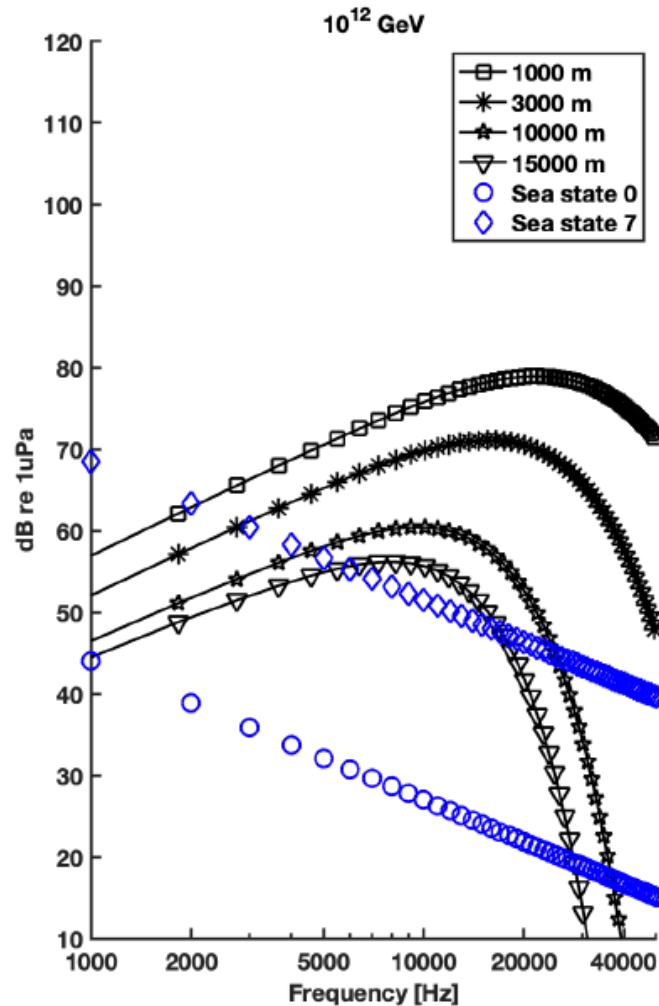


For a low background
sea states ANDIAMO
could allow the
detection of signal
even below 10^{19} eV

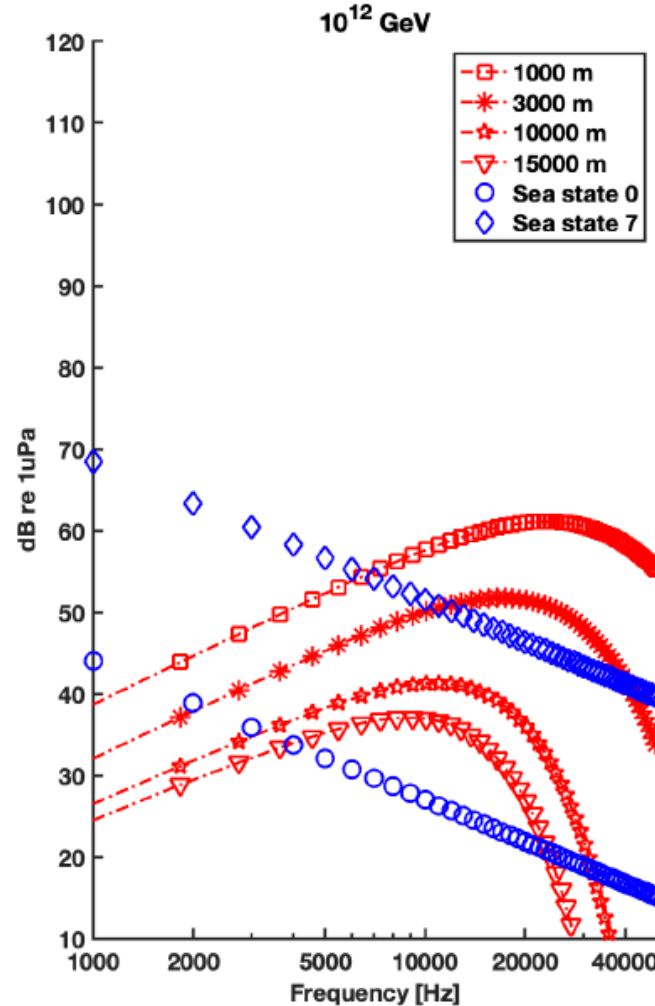
Different energy events simulated

ANDIAMO: the advantages of shallow water

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30 m deep sea simulated



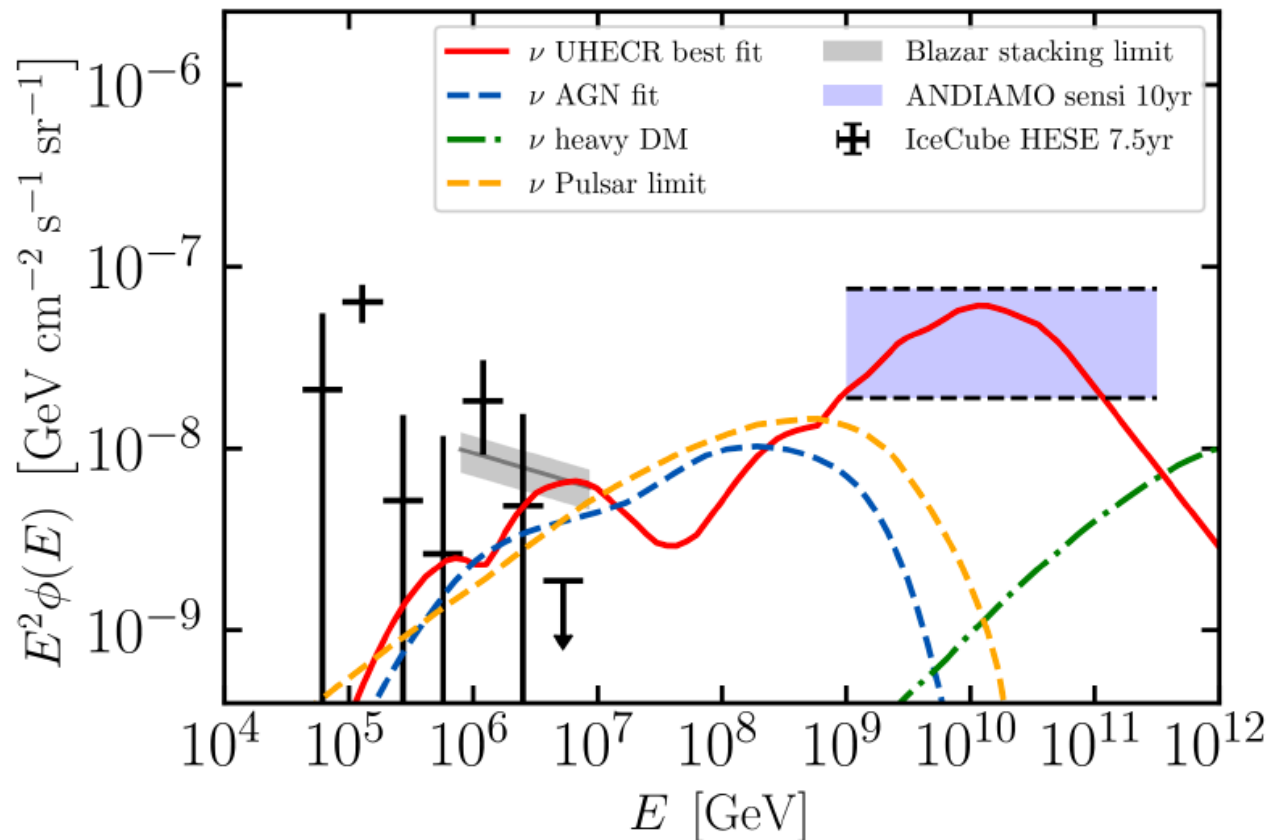
3000 m deep sea simulated

In this plot we can see the advantages of the shallow water environment for a neutrino energy event of 10^{21} eV

Easier to see the signal respect to a deep water installation

ANDIAMO: possible sensitivity

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A back-of-the-envelope ANDIAMO sensitive assuming a detection efficiency and a sensitive area and volume linked to the actual platform distribution.

A dedicated Monte Carlo simulation available soon.

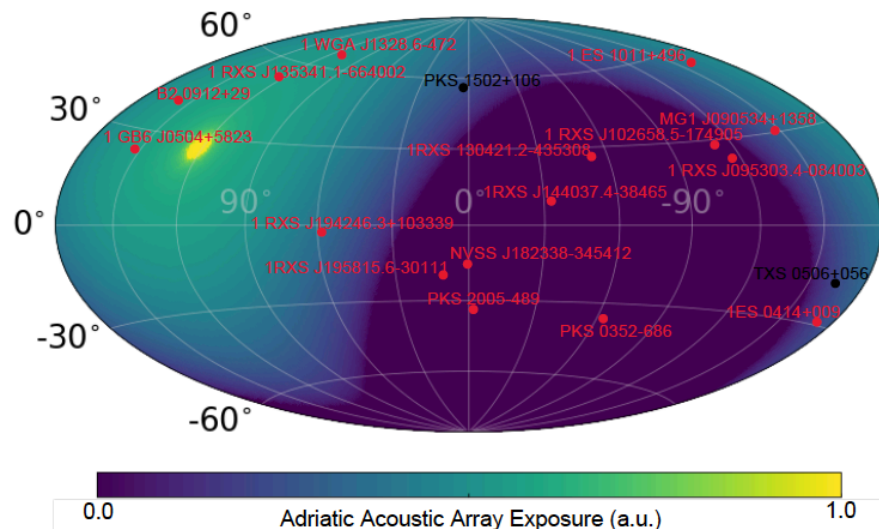
At zero level ANDIAMO sensitivity allows the observation of cosmogenic neutrino flux within a decade of data taking.

ANDIAMO field of view

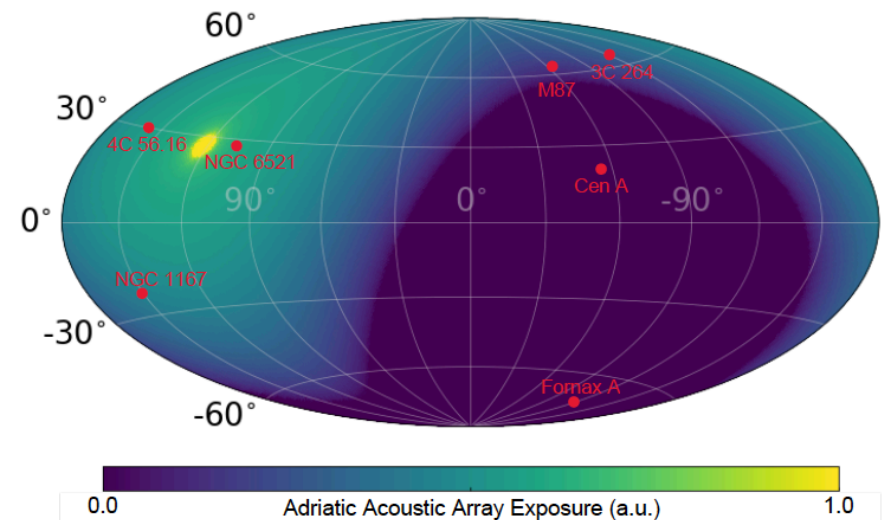
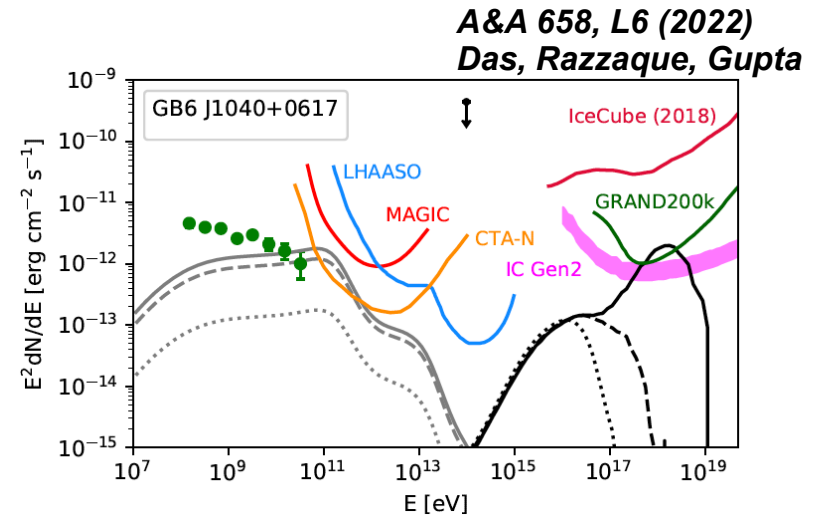
Even though a direct correlation of a UHE neutrino with a known accelerator will be challenging
possible extension of ANDIAMO can explore also this possibility

Identify powerful accelerators through
the observation of direct UHE neutrino
or through the interaction of CR with
CMB & EBL for closer ones.

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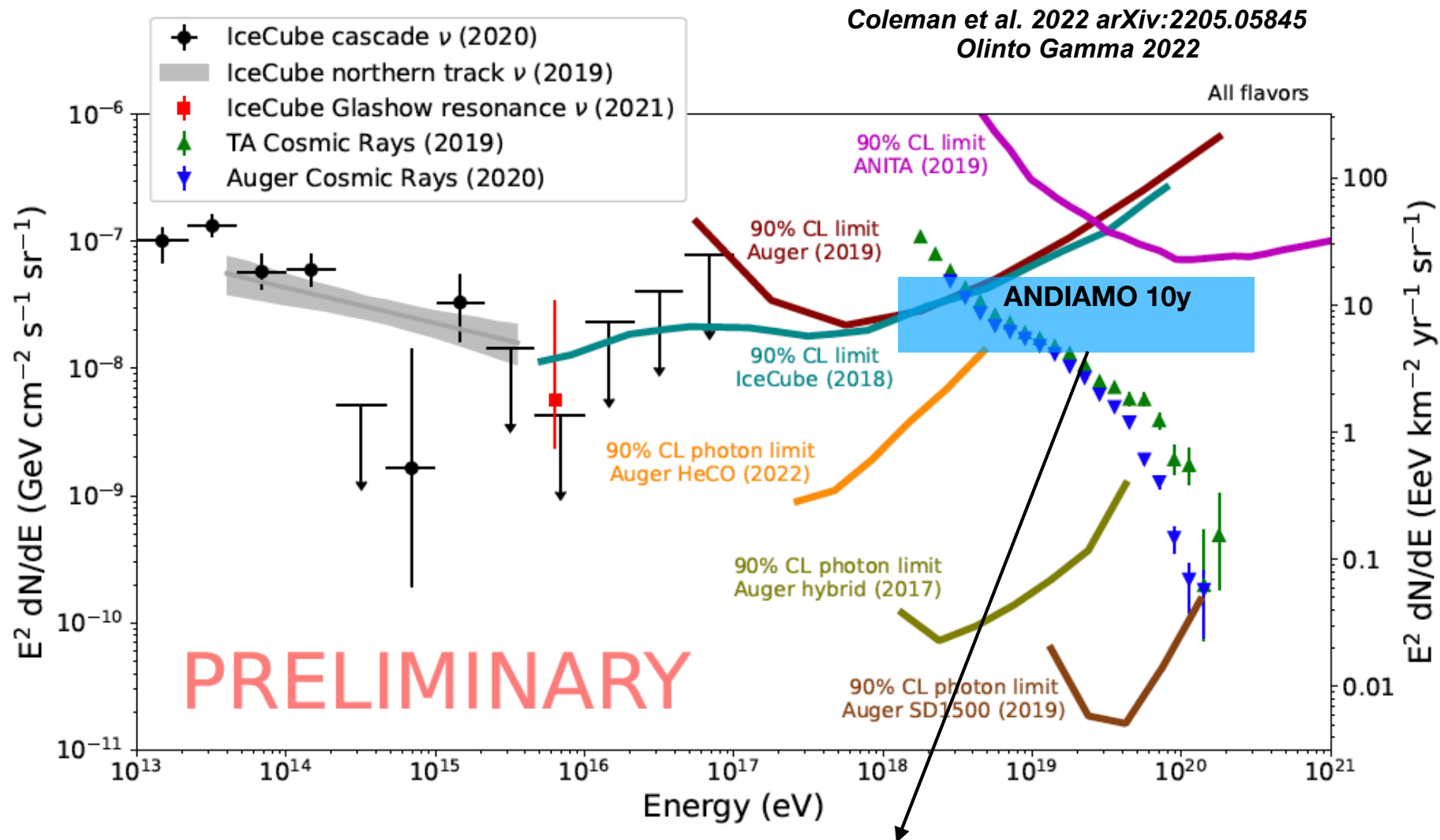


Promising Blazars in the ANDIAMO FoV



Promising Radio galaxies in the ANDIAMO FoV

ANDIAMO discovery potential



The energy region that can be explored by the ANDIAMO array in the next years.
An increased number of hydrophone lines can do even better!

SUMMARY

- Most of the past undersea acoustic neutrino detectors have been based on already placed hydrophone installations (military arrays, acoustic calibration of Cherenkov telescopes...).
- We explore the possibility to build a new dedicated large scale undersea acoustic array (ANDIAMO) taking advantages of already powered non operative oil rigs.
- We show the advantages of the shallow water environment of the Adriatic sea.
- We will proceed now to better define the geometry of the array and obtain a detailed Monte Carlo simulation.
- We will perform in situ measurements as well, for a better understanding of the local background with dedicated hydrophones and a proper DAQ.
- We hope for a positive answer from founding agencies.