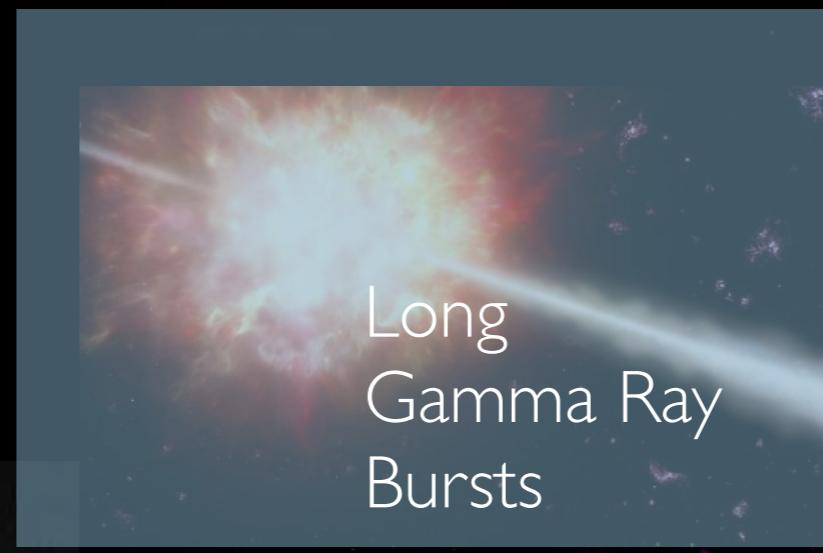
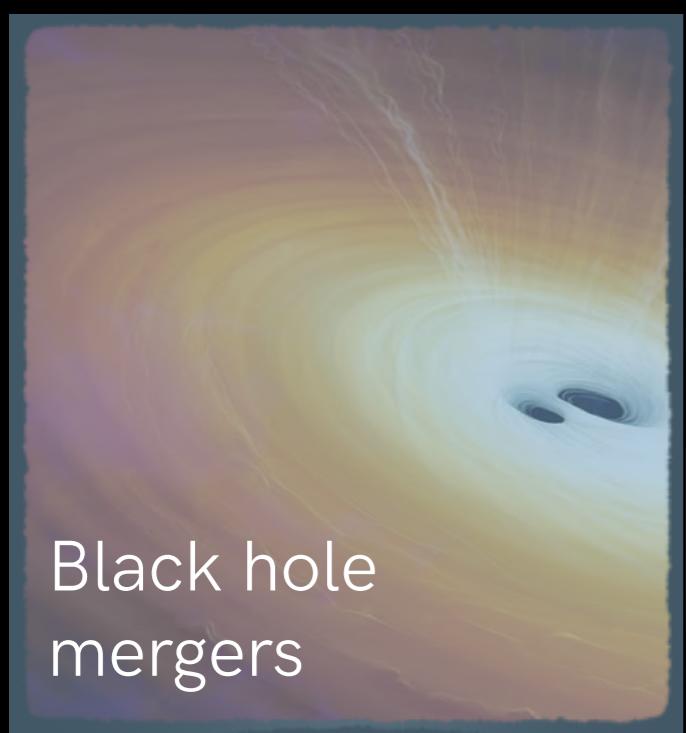
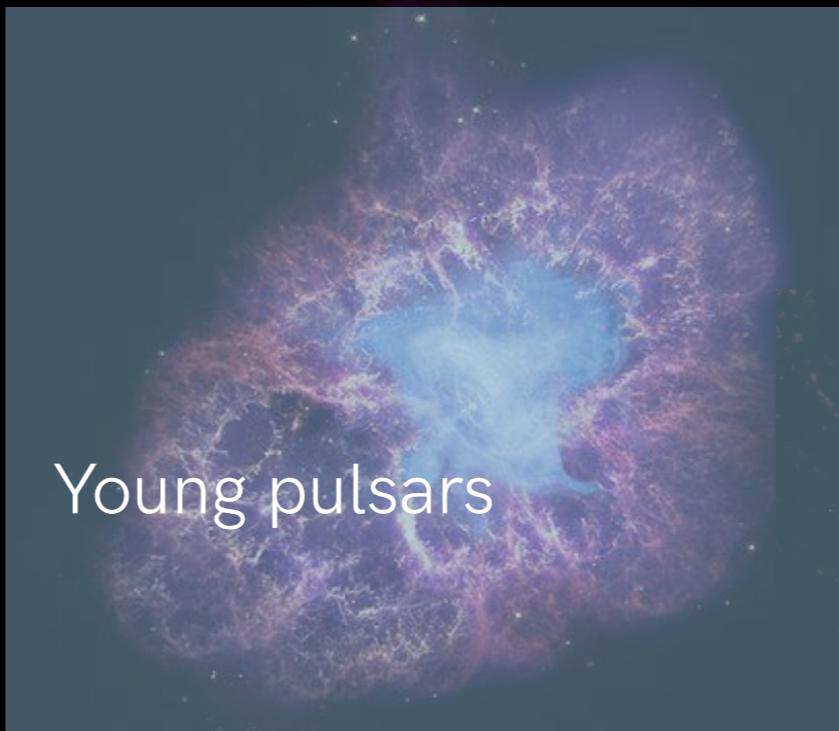
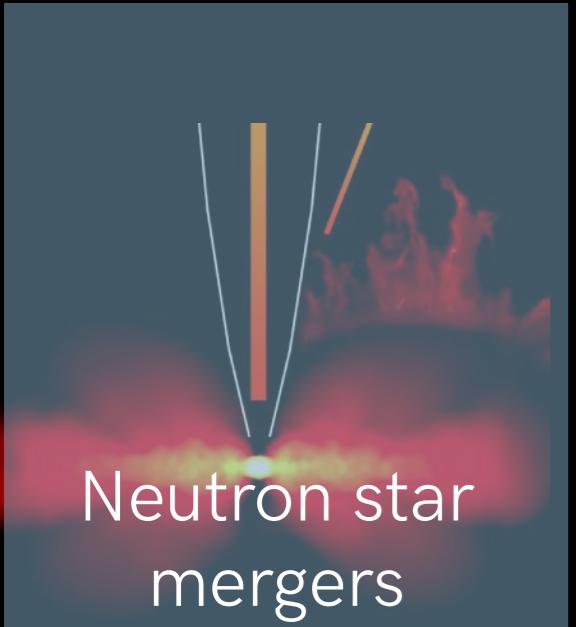




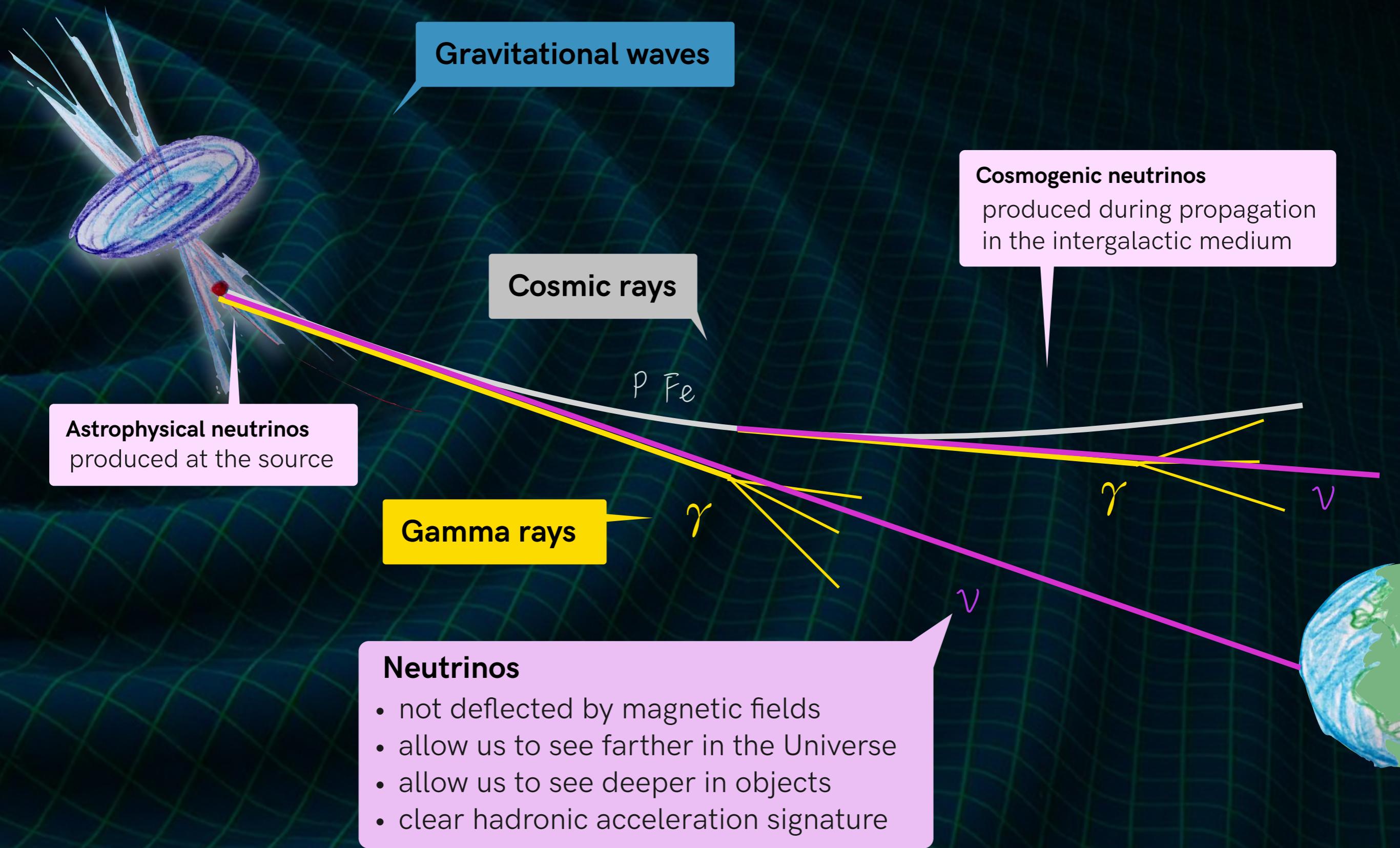
# Towards EeV Neutrino Astronomy with GRAND

(Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection)

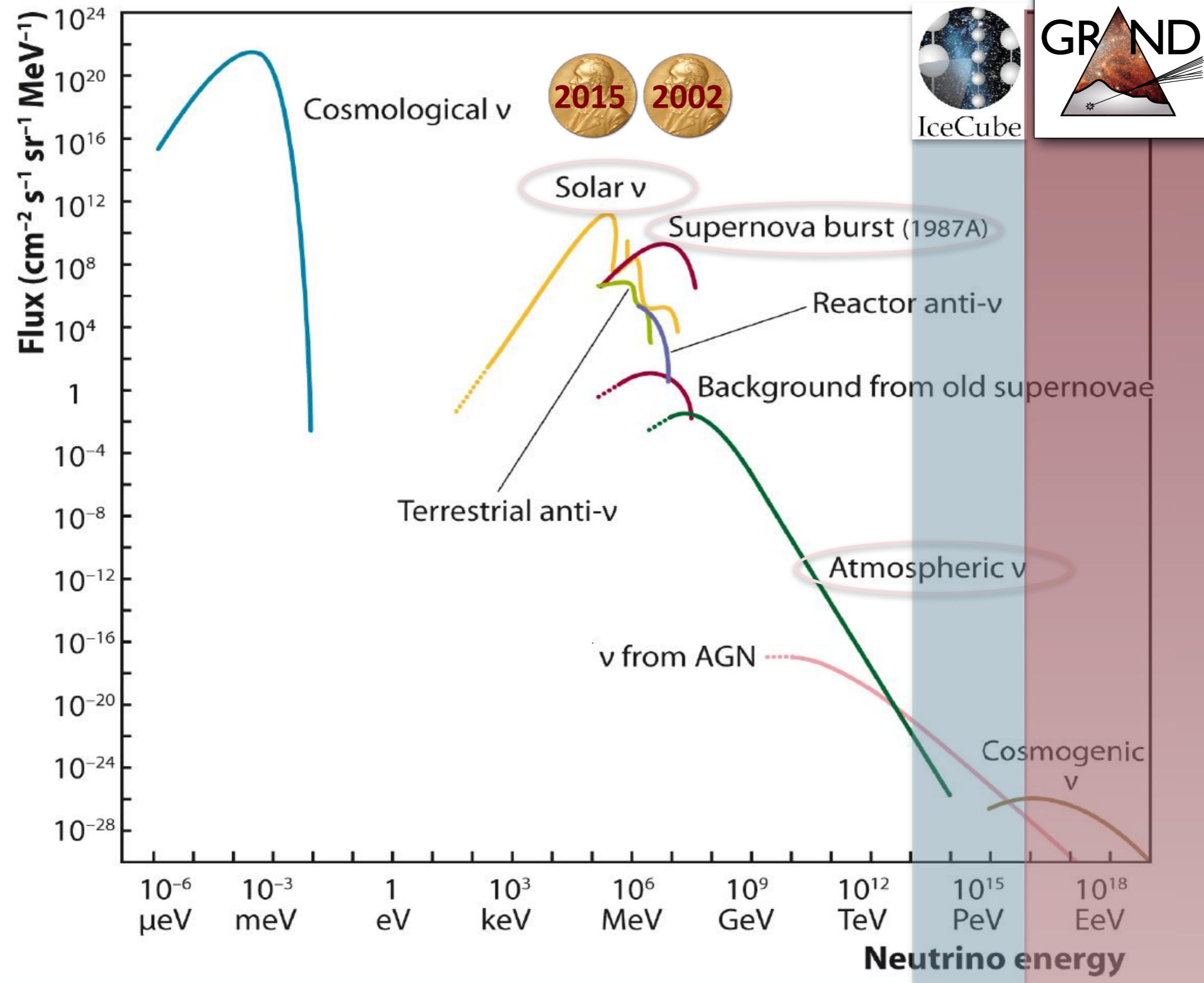
# Understanding the violent Universe?



# Exploring the high-energy Universe with multi-messengers



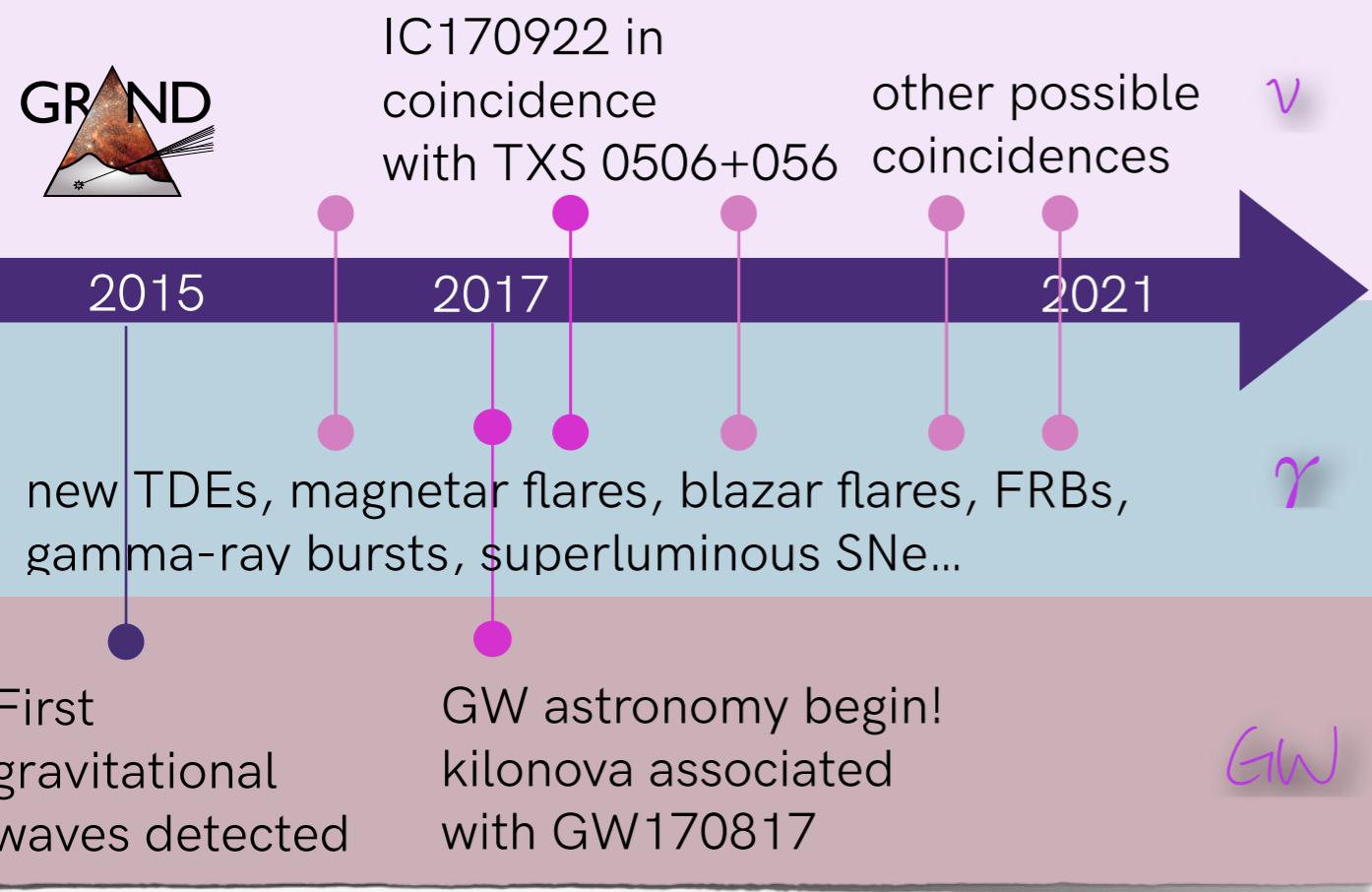
# UHE neutrinos: the uncharted territory!



# Evolution of UHE neutrino science case

e.g., Møller et al. 2018,  
van Vliet et al. 2019

## BOOM of multi-messenger astronomy + time domain astronomy at HE



of course very interesting, but less of a priority?

~~Let's catch the diffuse cosmogenic neutrino flux!~~

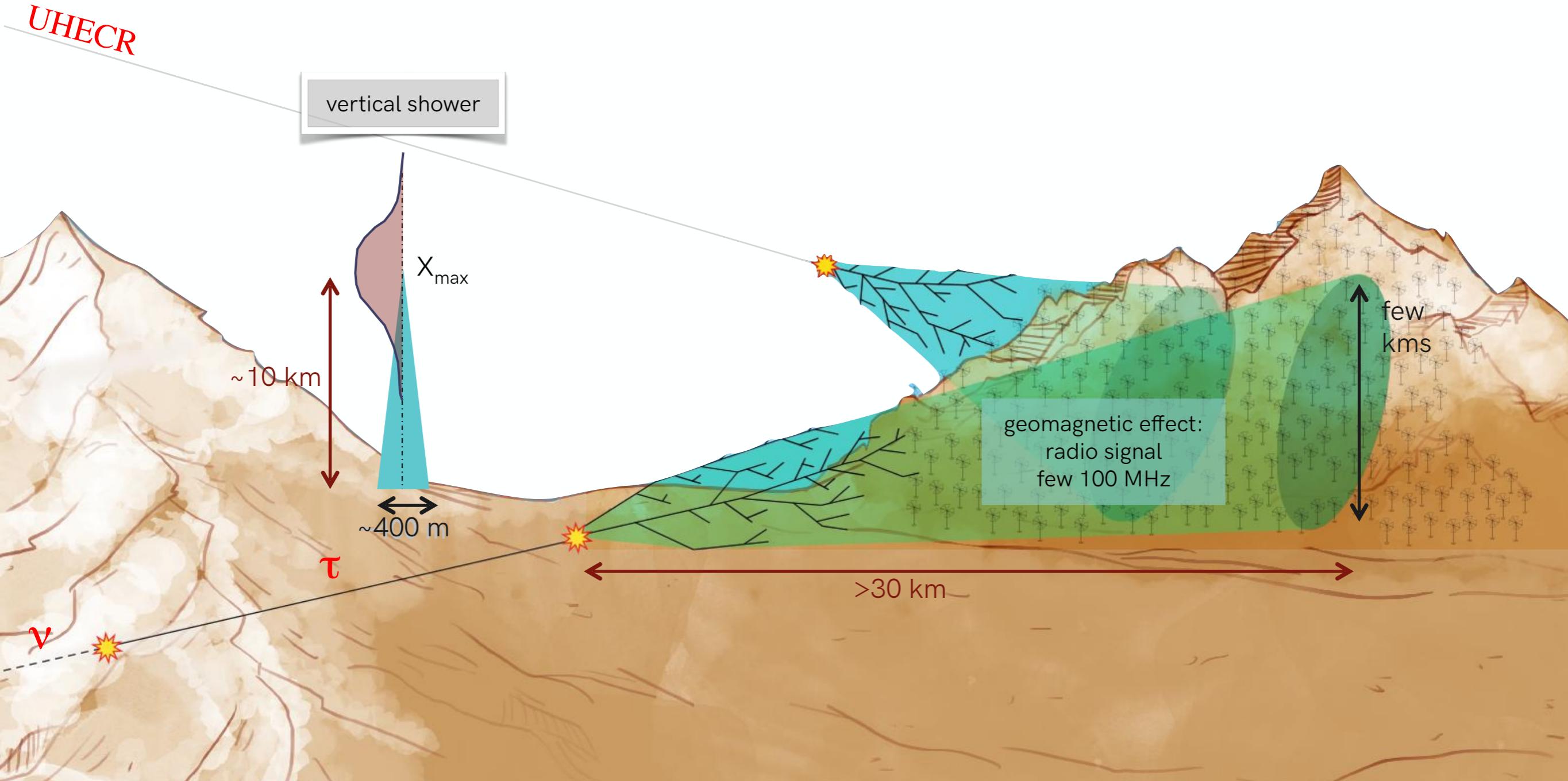
Point sources!  
Transient neutrino sources!

## What will we need?

- ✓ Excellent sensitivity
- ✓ Sub-degree angular resolution
- ✓ Wide instantaneous field of view



# Radio detection of ultra-high-energy air-showers



radio detection: **a mature technique**  
AERA, LOFAR, CODALEMA, Tunka-Rex, TREND

radio antennas: **scalable, cheap, robust**  
ideal for **giant** arrays

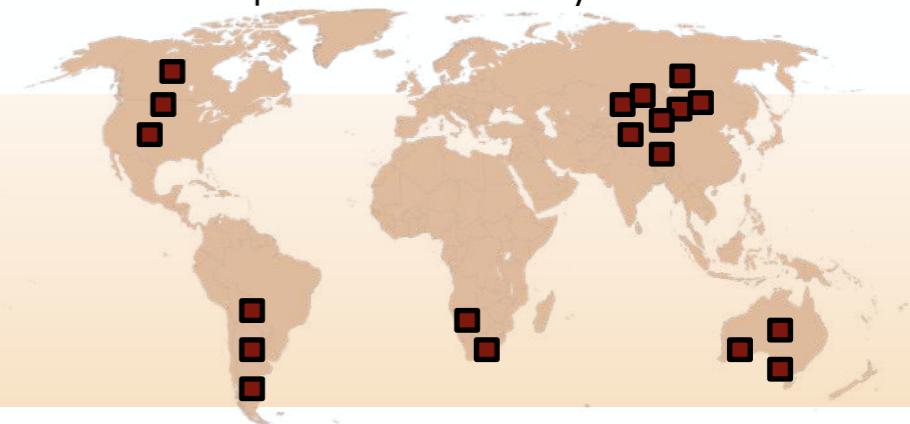


# Le concept de GRAND

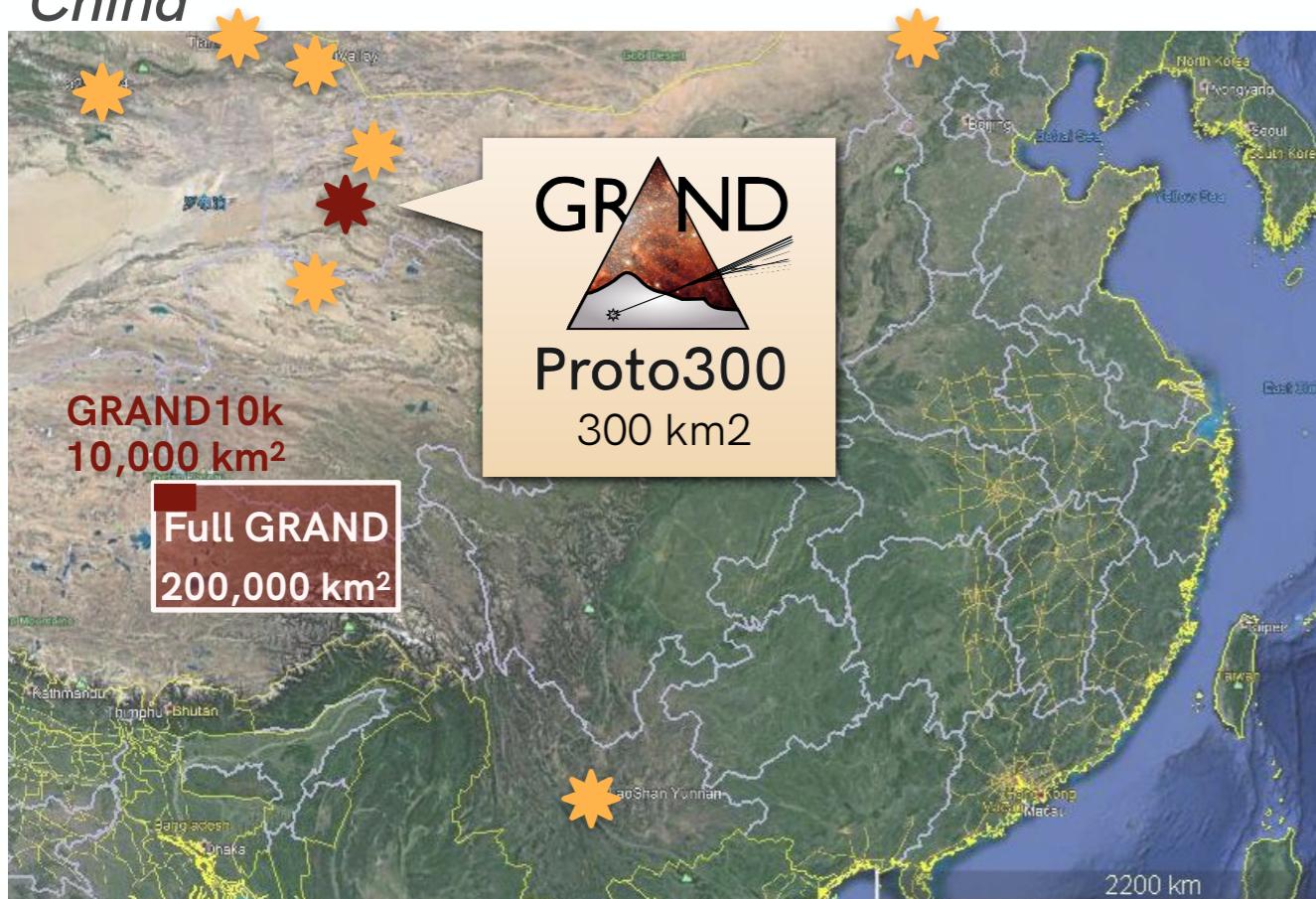
200'000 radio antennas over 200'000 km<sup>2</sup>

~20 sub-arrays of 10'000 antennas  
over favorable sites worldwide

example of sub-array locations



China



Argentina



- ✓ Radio environment: radio quiet
- ✓ Topography: mountains/slopes
- ✓ Access, Installation and Maintenance
- ✓ Other issues (e.g., political)

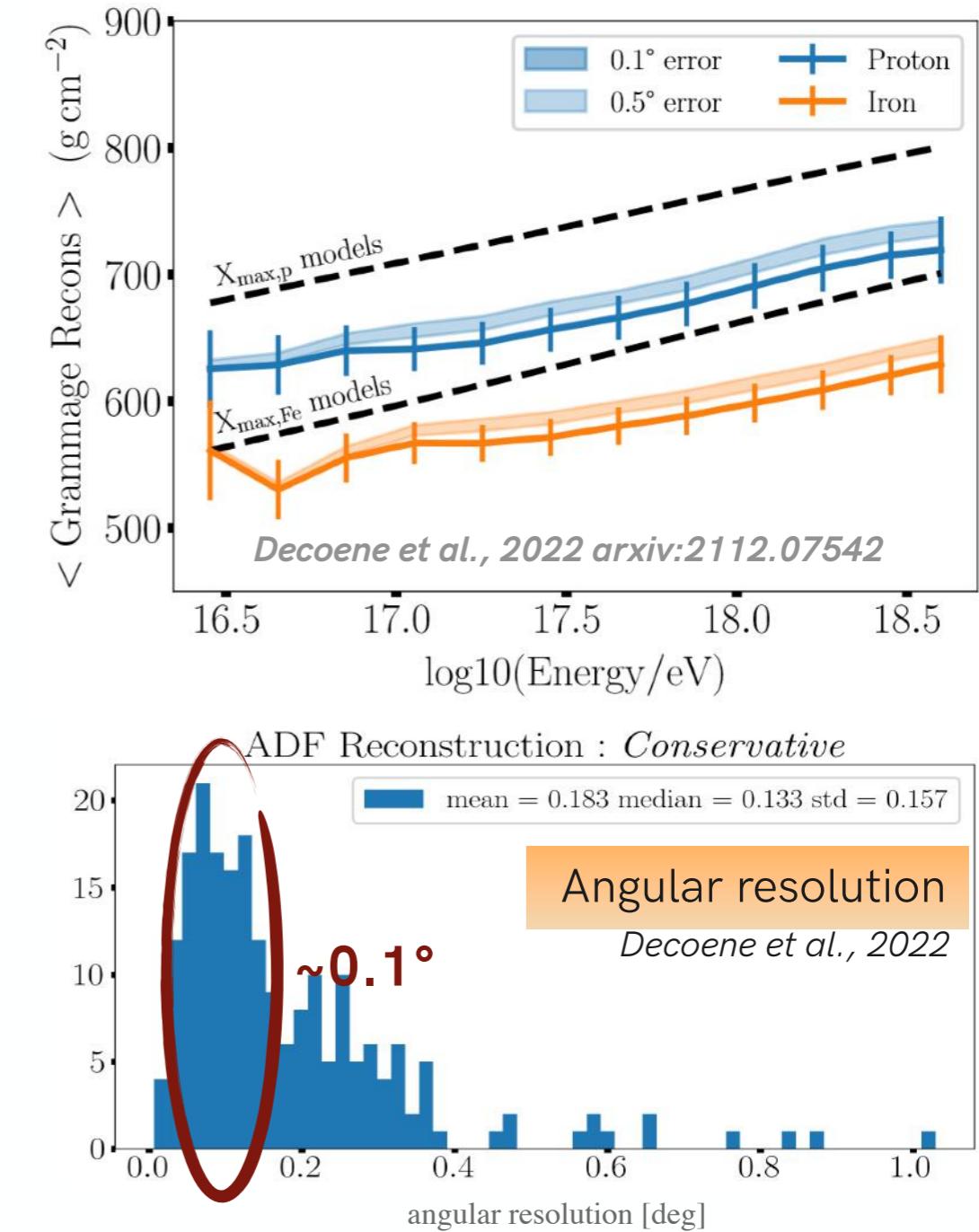
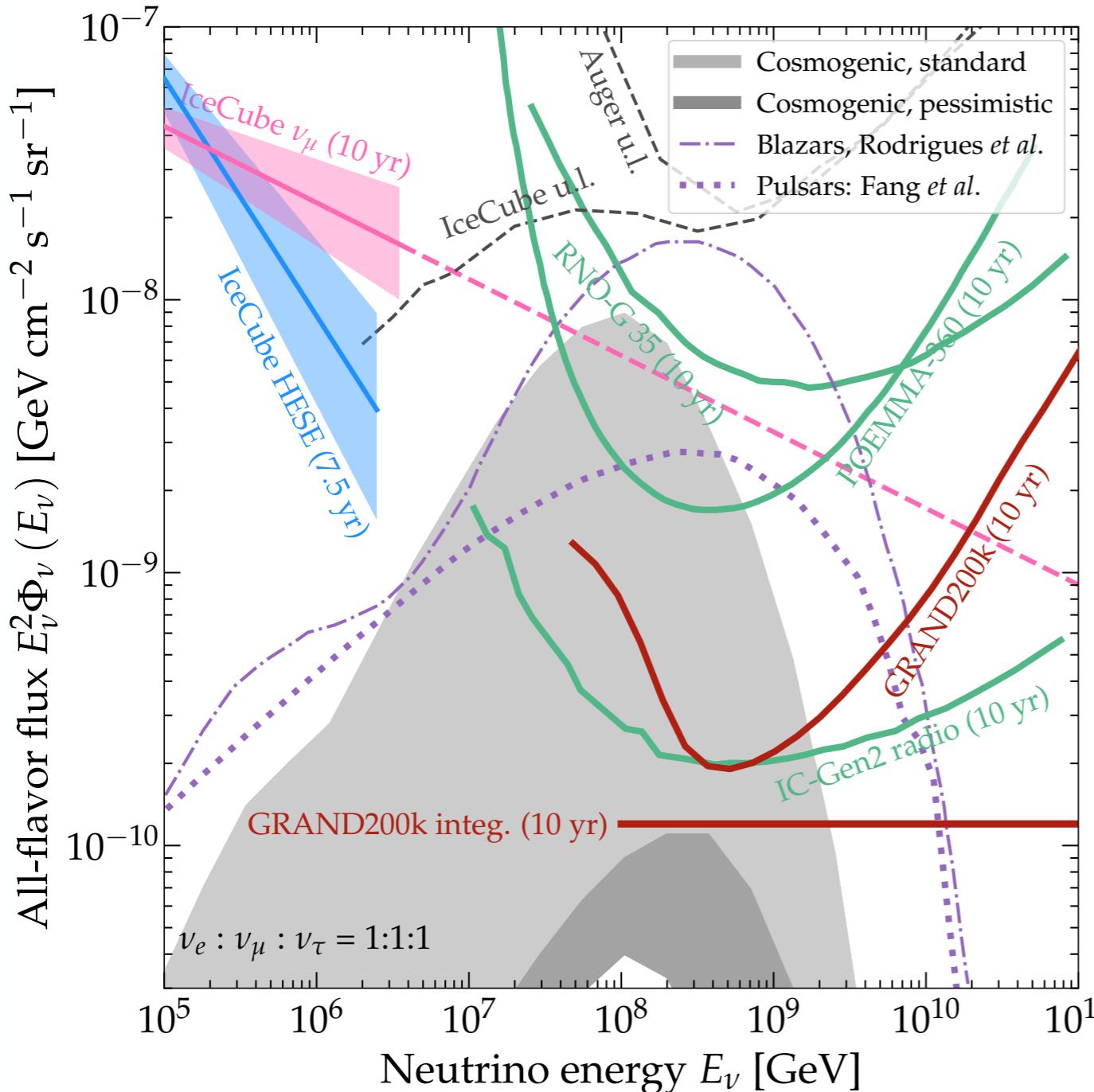


several excellent sites identified  
in Argentina & China  
(~100 measurements, 14 campaigns)





# Simulated performances

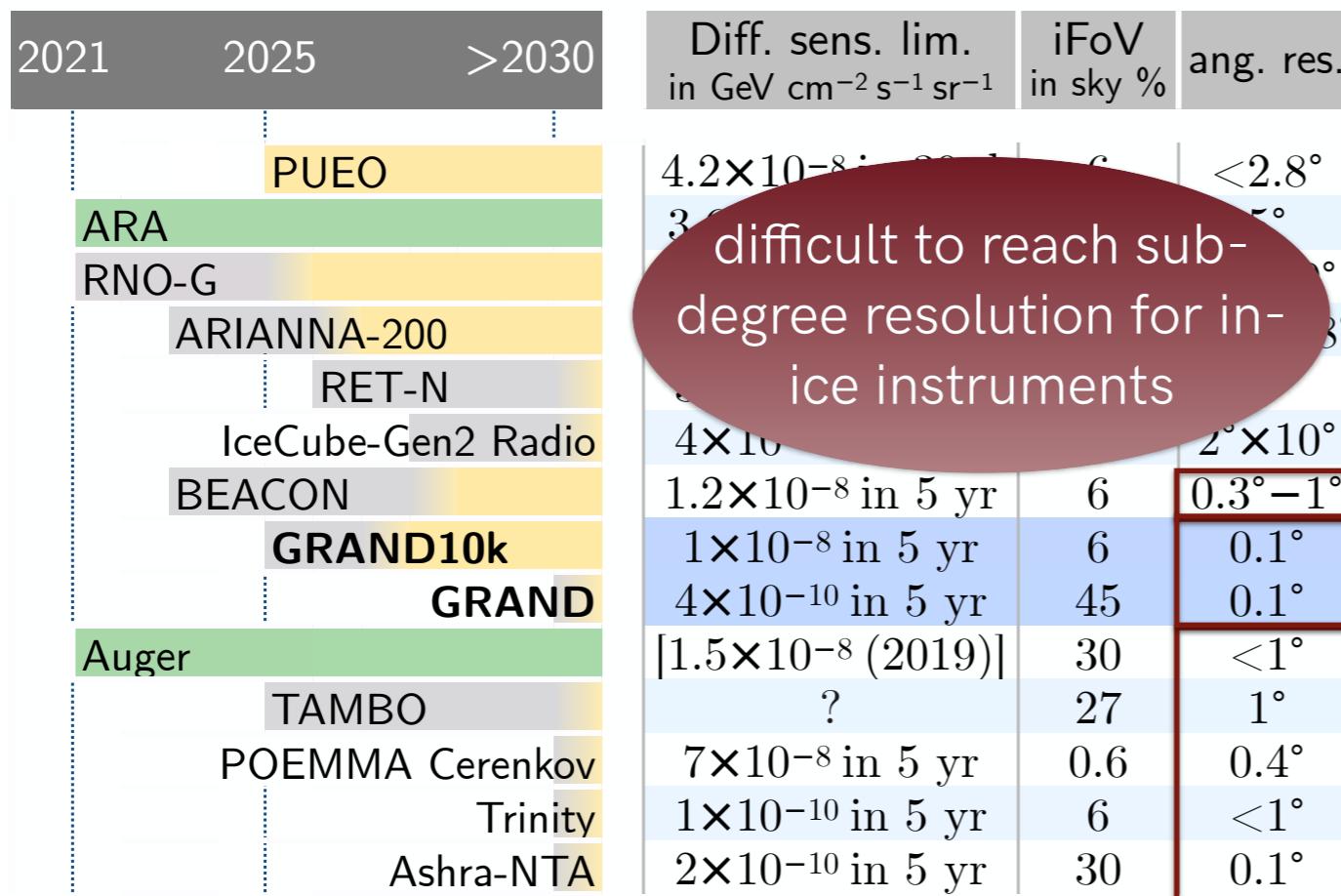


- **GRAND full sensitivity to neutrinos** ( $E > 10^{17}$  eV)  $\sim 4 \times 10^{-10} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$
- **Angular resolution**  $\sim 0.1^\circ$  for GP300 & GRAND Decoene et al., 2022
- **Energy resolution**  $< 10\%$  on air-showers for GP300 & GRAND B. Lago & Rio GRAND team
- **$X_{\max}$  resolution**  $< 40 \text{ g/cm}^2$  for  $E > 10^{17}$  eV (comparable to other methods) Decoene et al., 2022



# The angular resolution is key for multi-messenger networks

- development of MM-networks, of EM instruments  
—> false associations will be extremely common
- skim interesting events + narrow down search area  
—> requires angular resolution



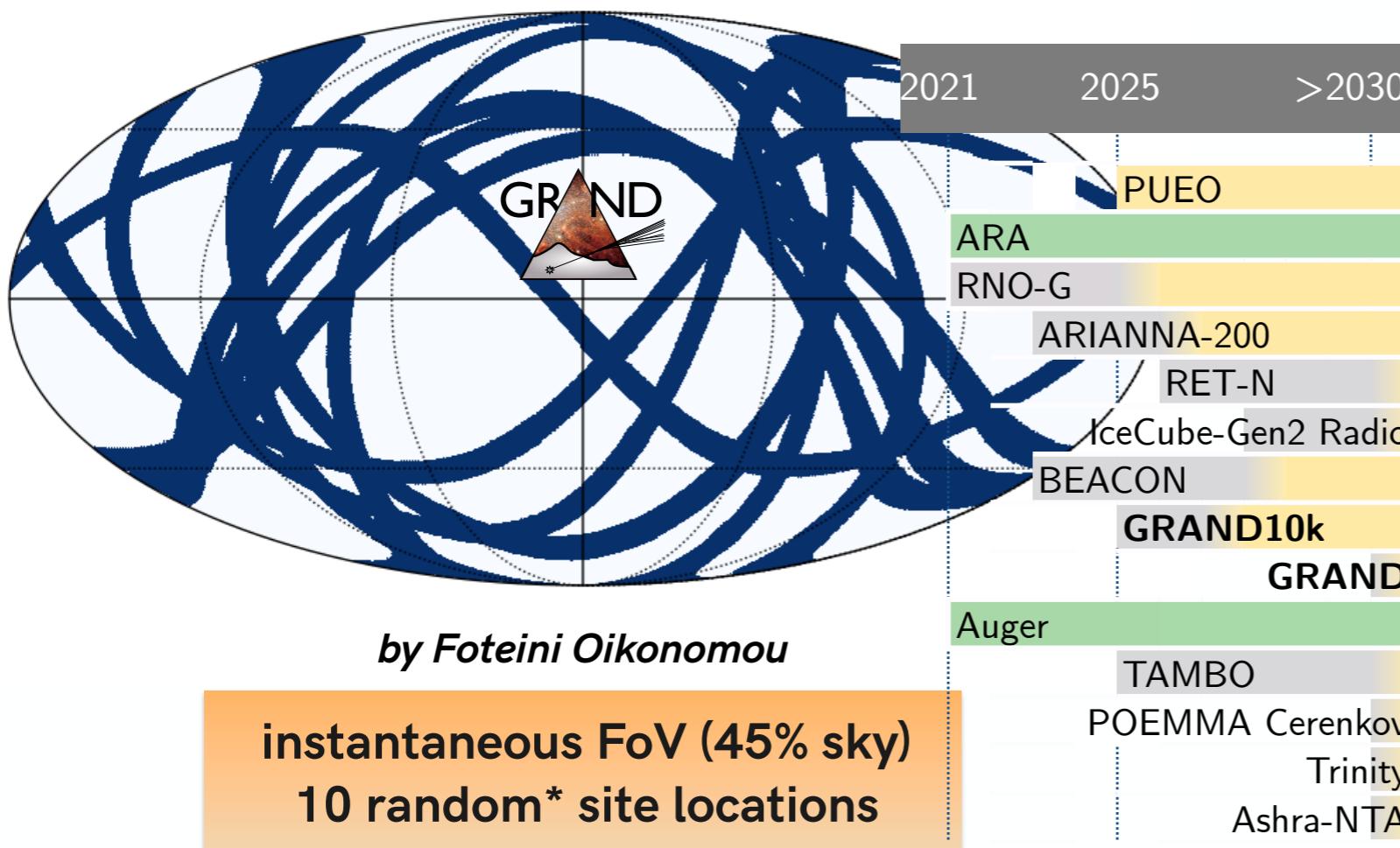
adapted from **Guépin, KK, Oikonomou, Nature Phys. Rev. 2022**

|               | 2021                   | 2025       | >2030 | FoV                     | ang. res.                |
|---------------|------------------------|------------|-------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| gamma         | LHAASO                 |            |       | 2 sr                    | $0.3^\circ$              |
|               |                        | CTA        |       | $10-20^\circ$           | $< 0.15^\circ$           |
|               | HAWC                   |            |       | 2 sr                    | $0.1^\circ$              |
|               | H.E.S.S.               |            |       | 5°                      | $0.1^\circ$              |
|               | MAGIC                  |            |       | 3.5°                    | $0.07^\circ$             |
|               | VERITAS                |            |       | 3.5°                    | $0.1^\circ$              |
|               | Fermi LAT              |            |       | 2.4 sr                  | $0.15^\circ$             |
|               | GBM                    |            |       | 9 sr                    | $10^\circ$               |
|               | INTEGRAL               | IBIS       |       | 64 deg <sup>2</sup>     | $0.2^\circ$              |
|               |                        | SPI-ACS    |       | $4\pi$                  | -                        |
| X             | XMM-Newton             |            |       | 0.5°                    | 6"                       |
|               |                        | Athena-WFI |       | 0.4 deg <sup>2</sup>    | $< 5''$                  |
|               | Swift                  | BAT        |       | 1.4 sr                  | $0.4^\circ$              |
|               |                        | XRT        |       | 0.1 deg <sup>2</sup>    | 18"                      |
|               |                        | UVOT       |       | 0.1 deg <sup>2</sup>    | 2.5"                     |
|               | SVOM                   | ECLAIRs    |       | 2 sr                    | $< 0.2^\circ$            |
|               |                        | MXT        |       | 1 deg <sup>2</sup>      | 13"                      |
|               |                        | VT         |       | 0.2 deg <sup>2</sup>    | $< 1''$                  |
|               | ASAS-SN                |            |       | 72 deg <sup>2</sup>     | 7.8"                     |
|               | ATLAS                  |            |       | 29 deg <sup>2</sup>     | 2"                       |
| IR/optical/UV | Pan-STARRS             |            |       | 14 deg <sup>2</sup>     | 1.0–1.3"                 |
|               | ZTF                    |            |       | 47 deg <sup>2</sup>     | 2"                       |
|               | Vera Rubin Obs. (LSST) |            |       | 9.6 deg <sup>2</sup>    | 0.7"                     |
|               | MASTER-II(VWF)         |            |       | 8(400) deg <sup>2</sup> | 1.9" (22")               |
|               | TAROT                  |            |       | 4 deg <sup>2</sup>      | 3.5"                     |
|               | GEMINI (GMOS)          |            |       | 30.23'2                 | 0.07"/pix                |
|               | GTC (OSIRIS)           |            |       | 0.02 deg <sup>2</sup>   | 0.127"/pix               |
|               | Keck (LRIS)            |            |       | 46.8'2                  | 0.135"/pix               |
|               | VLT (X-shooter)        |            |       | 2.2'2                   | 0.173"/pix               |
|               |                        |            |       |                         |                          |
| radio         | VLA                    |            |       | 0.16 deg <sup>2</sup>   | 0.12"                    |
|               | MWA                    |            |       | 610 deg <sup>2</sup>    | 0.9'                     |
|               | SKA1(2)-MID            |            |       | 1(10) deg <sup>2</sup>  | $0.04^\circ - 0.7^\circ$ |



A wide **instantaneous** field of view  
for more chances of spotting short transients

A wide **daily** field of view for more chances of spotting longer transients



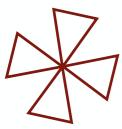
No gain from Earth rotation  
for South Pole instruments  
(but iFoV very good!)

| in GeV                        | Energy res. | GRAND   | GRAND10k                  | GRAND10k                  |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| $4.2 \times 10^{-8}$ in 30 d  | 6           | 19      | <2.8°                     | <2.8°                     |
| $3.6 \times 10^{-9}$ (2030)   | 35          | 20      | 5°                        | 5°                        |
| $1 \times 10^{-8}$ in 5 yr    | 30          | 35      | $2^\circ \times 10^\circ$ | $2^\circ \times 10^\circ$ |
| $8 \times 10^{-9}$ in 5 yr    | 50          | >50     | $2.9 - 3.8^\circ$         | $2.9 - 3.8^\circ$         |
| $3 \times 10^{-10}$ in 5 yr   | 50          | >50     | ?                         | ?                         |
| $4 \times 10^{-10}$ in 5 yr   | 43          | 43      | $2^\circ \times 10^\circ$ | $2^\circ \times 10^\circ$ |
| $1.2 \times 10^{-8}$ in 5 yr  | 6           | 19.5    | $0.3^\circ - 1^\circ$     | $0.3^\circ - 1^\circ$     |
| $1 \times 10^{-8}$ in 5 yr    | 6           | 80      | 0.1°                      | 0.1°                      |
| $4 \times 10^{-10}$ in 5 yr   | 45          | 100     | 0.1°                      | 0.1°                      |
| $[1.5 \times 10^{-8} (2019)]$ | 30          | 92.8    | <1°                       | <1°                       |
| ?                             | 27          | 62      | 1°                        | 1°                        |
| $7 \times 10^{-8}$ in 5 yr    | 0.6         | 18 - 36 | 0.4°                      | 0.4°                      |
| $1 \times 10^{-10}$ in 5 yr   | 6           | 62      | <1°                       | <1°                       |
| $2 \times 10^{-10}$ in 5 yr   | 30          | >50     | 0.1°                      | 0.1°                      |

adapted from Guépin, KK, Oikonomou, Nature Phys. Rev. 2022

\*uniformly spaced between 60N and 40S

impossible to reach full-sky with a single site



# A rich science case

## UHE neutrinos

- UHE neutrino astronomy
- UHE neutrino cosmogenic flux

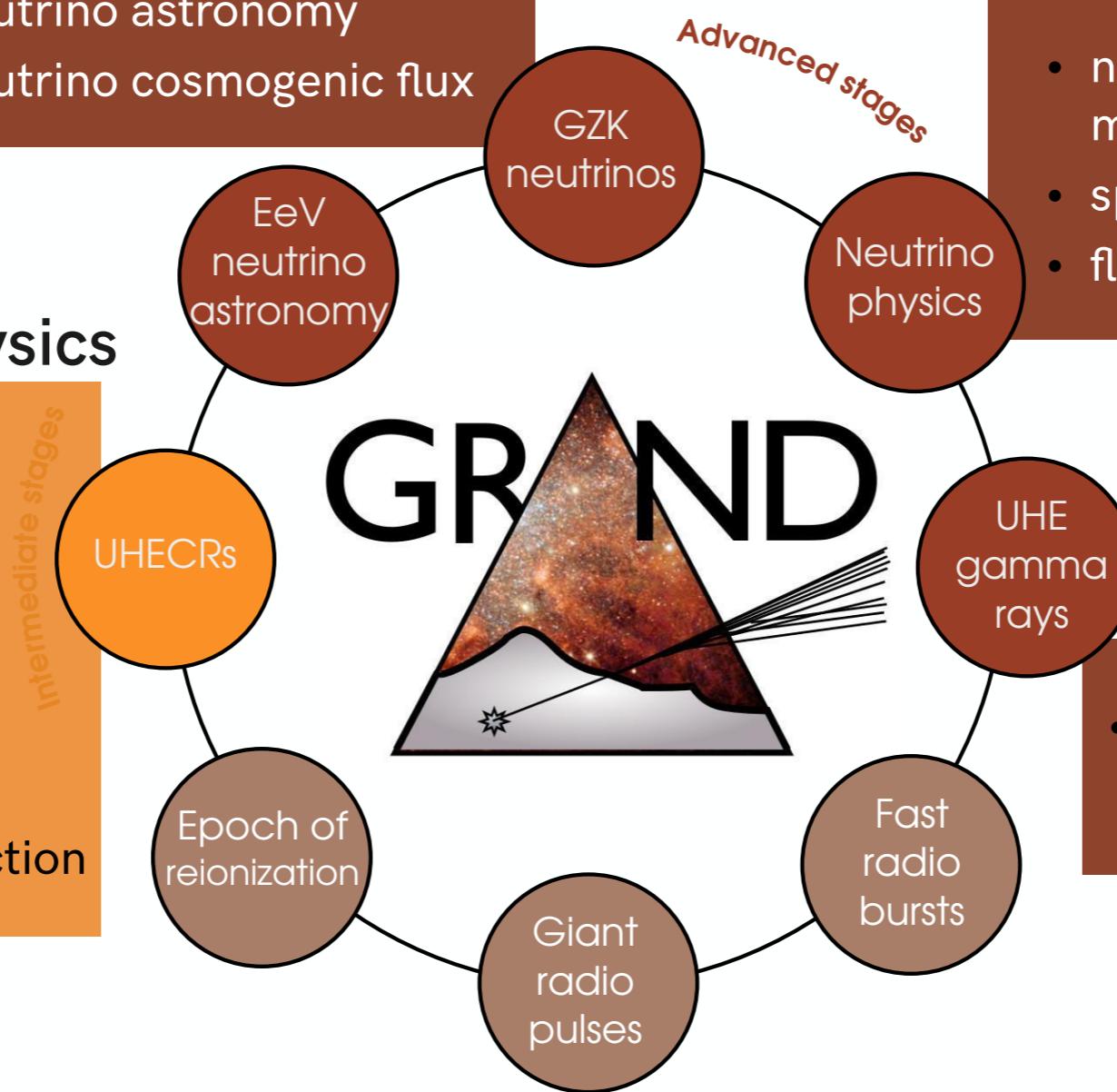
## neutrino physics

- neutrino cross-section measurements
- spectral, angular distortions
- flavor ratios

## UHECR, hadronic physics

- 20-80 times the exposure of Auger!
- GRANDProto300: transition from Galactic/extragalactic
- hadronic physics: muon discrepancy, UHECR mass composition, p-air cross-section

radio-astronomy  
in a novel way



## UHE gamma rays

- competitive with Auger at GRANDProto300 stage

- unphased integration of signals: an almost full-sky survey of radio signals
- can detect FRBs and Giant Radio pulses of the Crab already at the GRANDProto300 stage



# A staged approach with self-standing pathfinders

## Prototyping

Goals

**autonomous** radio detection  
of **very inclined** air-showers

**cosmic rays  $10^{16.5-18}$  eV**

- Galactic/extragalactic transition
- muon problem
- radio transients

- **GRAND@Nançay**: 4 antennas  
for trigger testing

- **GRAND@Auger**: 10 antennas  
for cross-calibration

- **GRANDProto300**: 300  
HorizonAntennas over 200 km<sup>2</sup>

Setup

**2 M€**

100 antennas produced  
funded by China  
+ ANR PRCI NUTRIG (France)  
+ Radboud University

Budget

## GRAND10k

2022

## 1st GRAND sub-array

- **discovery of EeV neutrinos**  
for optimistic fluxes
  - radio transients (FRBs!)
- 
- 10,000 radio antennas over  
10,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**13 M€**

1500€/unit

## GRAND200k

203X

sensitive **all-sky** detector

**1st EeV neutrino detection  
and/or neutrino astronomy!**

- 200,000 antennas  
over 200,000 km<sup>2</sup>
- 20 sub-arrays of 10k antennas
- on different continents

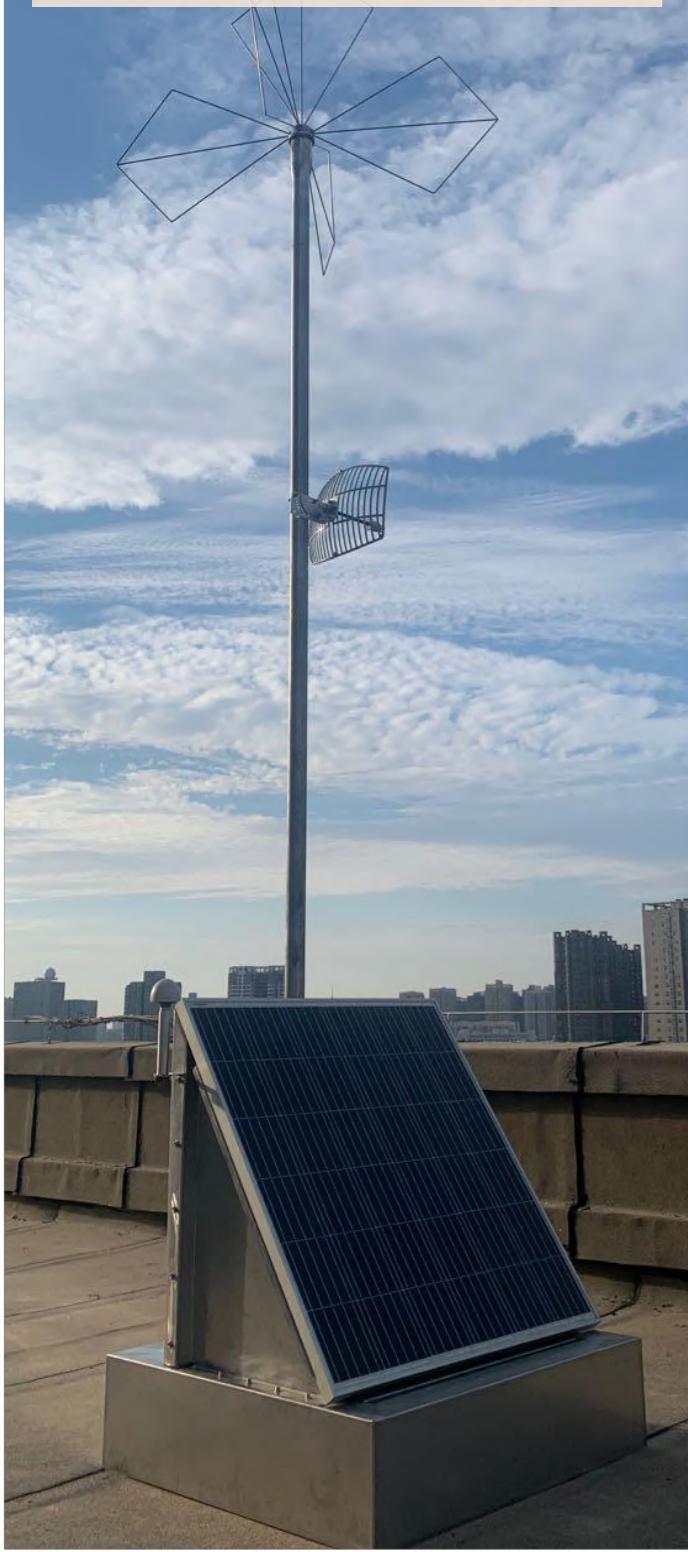
**300M€** in total      500€/unit

to be divided between  
participating countries



# GRANDProto300 & other prototypes: experimental setup

**HorizonAntenna**,  
successfully tested in the  
field (Aug., Dec. 2018)



**Deployment of 13  
antennas in Gansu (China)**

deployed  
2 weeks ago!

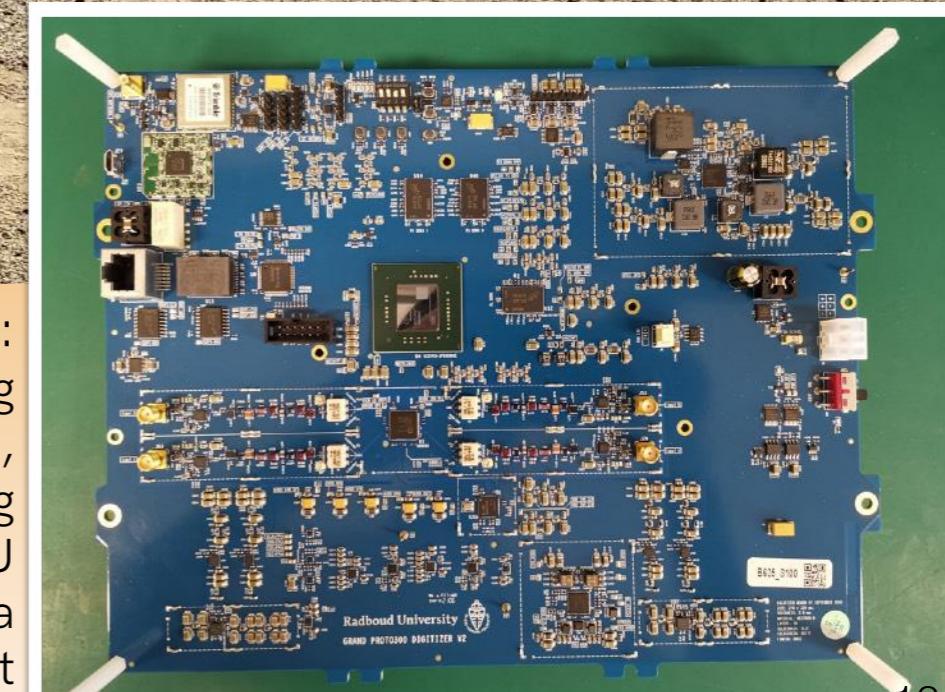
**Deployment of 4 antennas  
this summer in Nançay  
radio observatory (France)  
trigger testing**

deployed  
6 months ago!

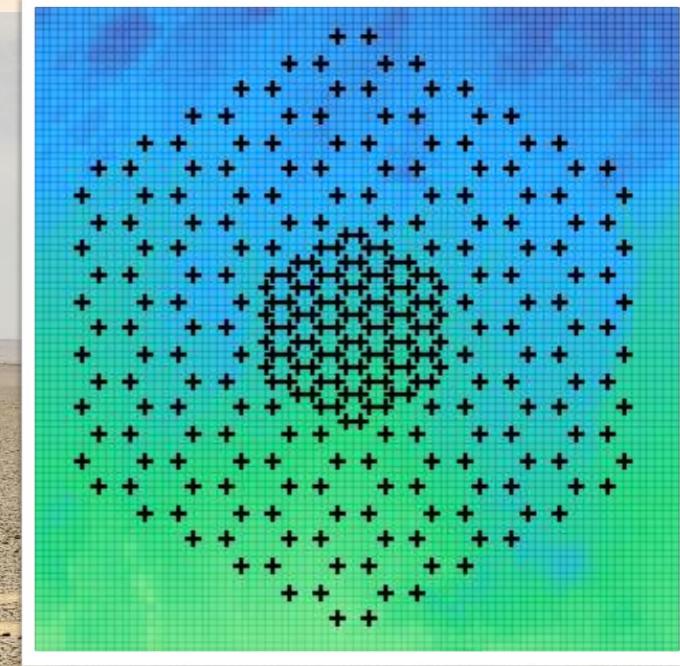
**Deployment of  
10 antennas  
on the Auger site in  
Malargüe, Argentina  
cross-calibration**

deployed  
last week!

**Electronics:**  
50-200MHz analog  
filtering,  
500MSPS sampling  
FPGA+CPU  
Bullet WiFi data  
transfert



**Layout:** 300 antennas, 200km<sup>2</sup>,  
1km step size with denser infill  
Energy =  $10^{16.5}$ - $10^{18}$ eV





# GRAND@Nançay



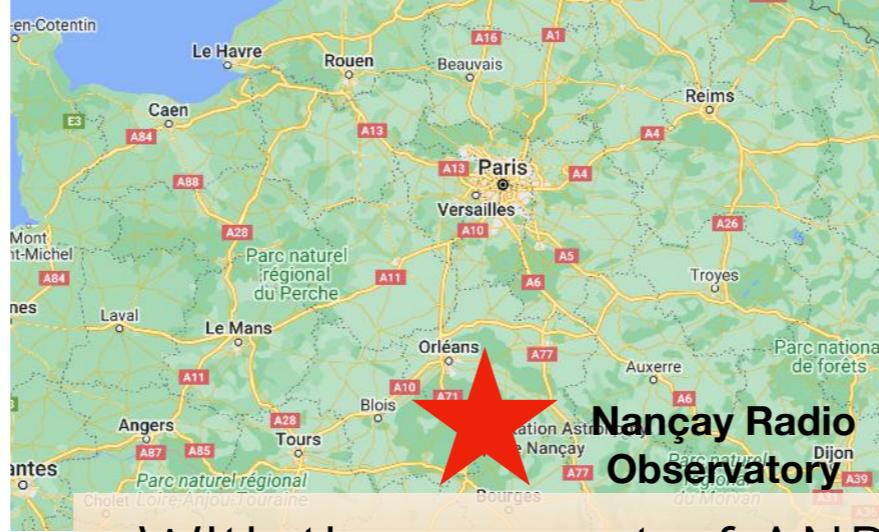
GRAND antennas in the woods



Marion Guelfand installing cables



Pablo Correa & Olivier Martineau & a GRAND antenna

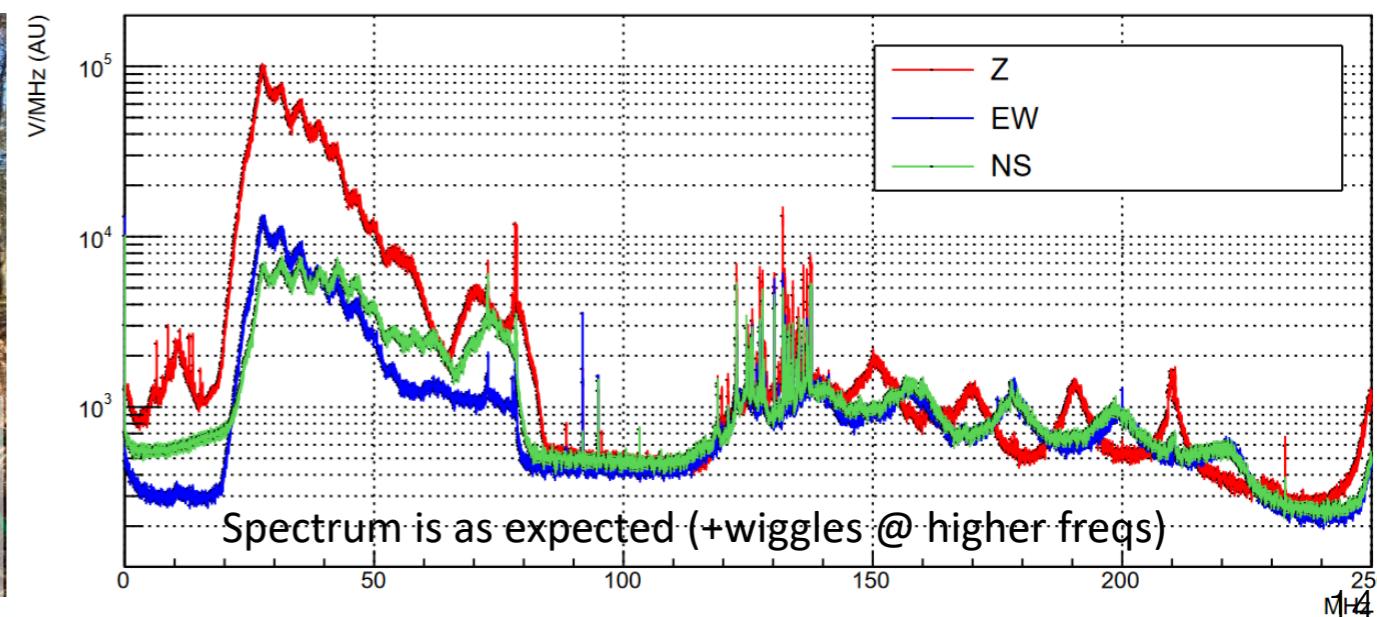


Nançay Radiotelescope



With the support of ANR-DFG "NUTRIG" program

- **4 antennas deployed in Nançay!**  
by LPNHE and Radboud University
- Test bench for triggering and hardware
- Currently working on lowering radiation of stations



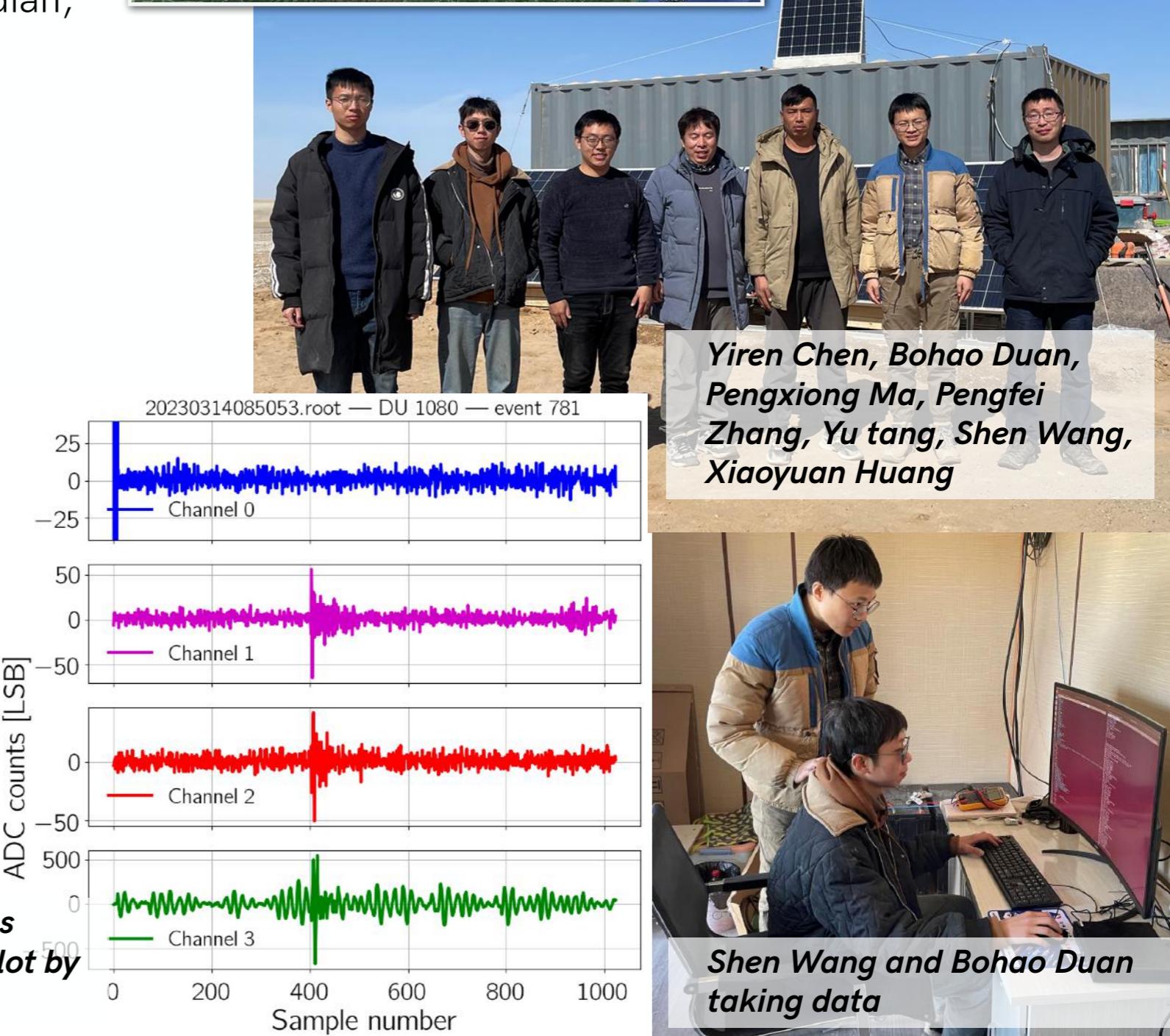
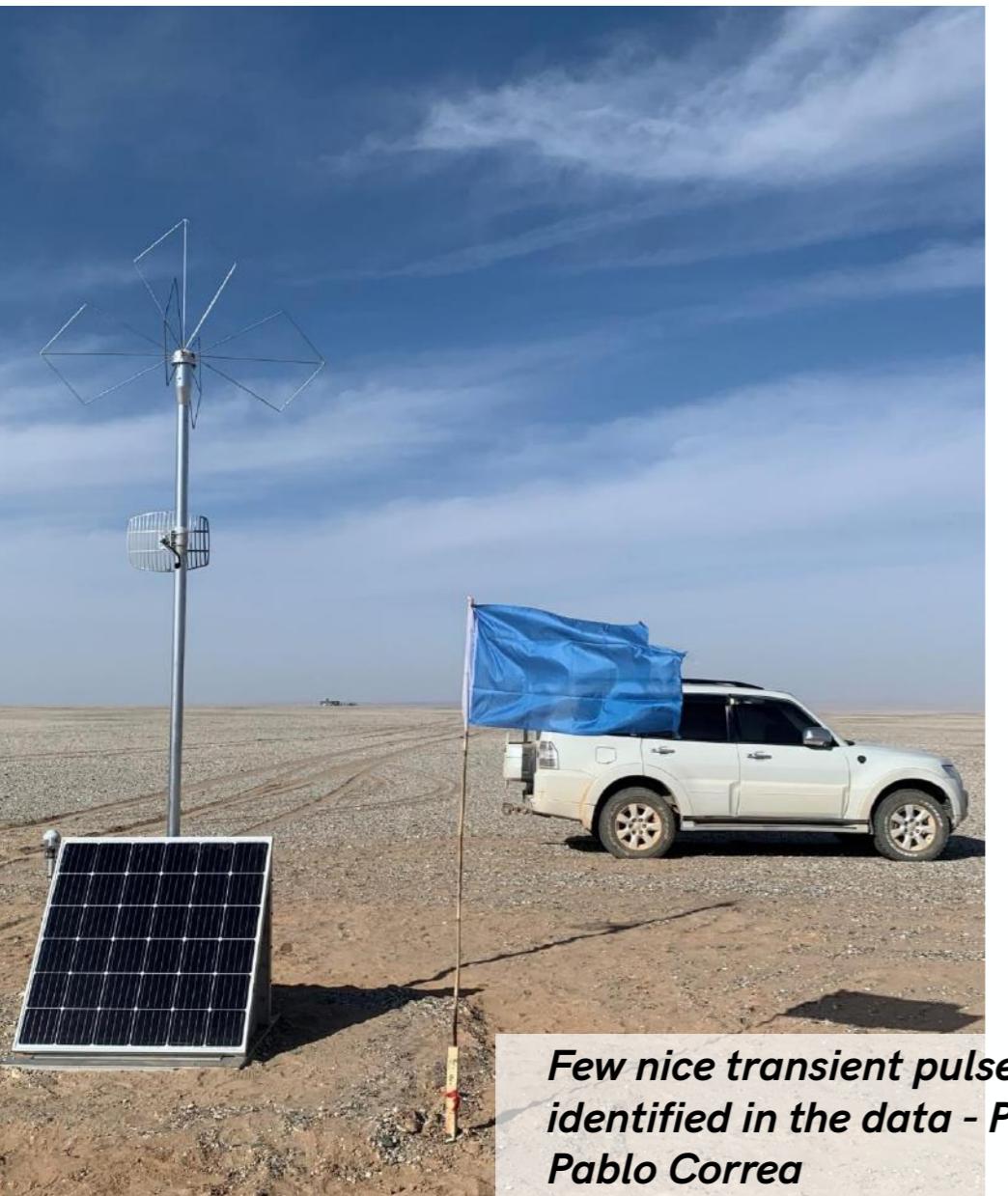


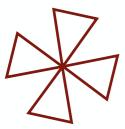
# GRANDProto13 in Xiao Dushan

- **13 antennas deployed in Xiao Dushan!**

by Xidian U. & Purple Mountain Observatory

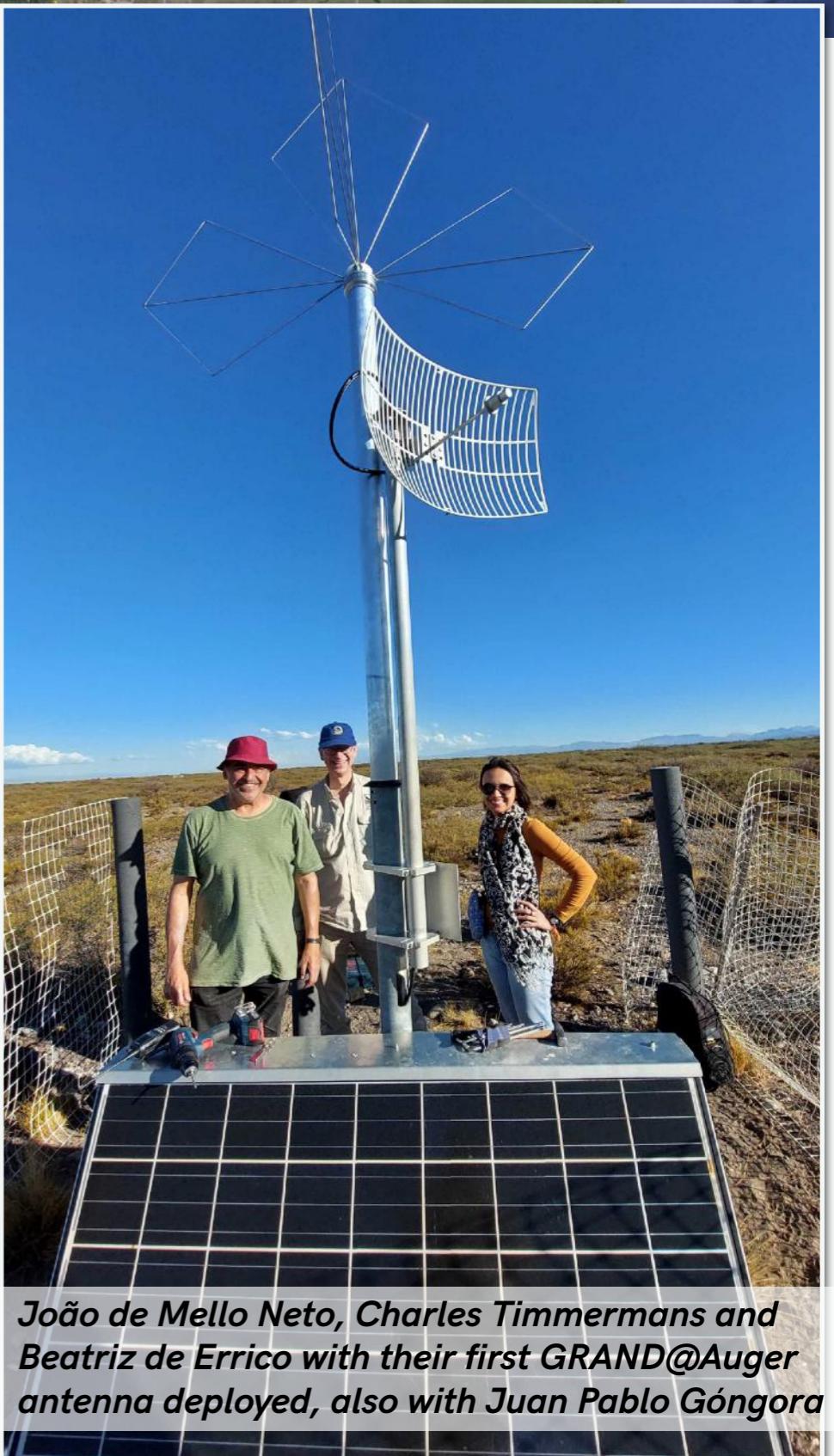
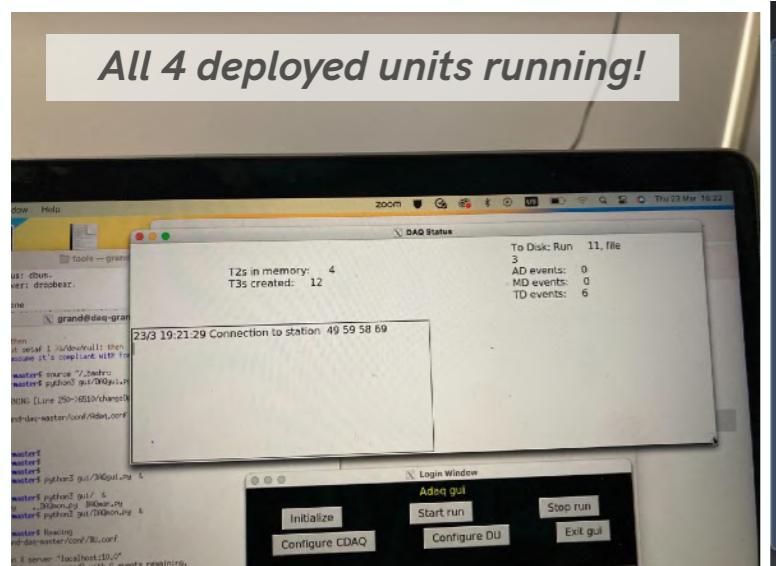
- Data being taken
- Data being processed/analyzed by PMO, Xidian, Paris groups





# GRAND@Auger - Malargüe, Argentina

- **Deployment of 4 units last week** by Radboud U.  
+ U. Federal do Rio de Janeiro
- Data transfer will be possible by 4G  
remote access to the Central DAQ possible



João de Mello Neto, Charles Timmermans and Beatriz de Errico with their first GRAND@Auger antenna deployed, also with Juan Pablo Góngora



Fred Magnard installing a PiKVM to the DAQ at IAP

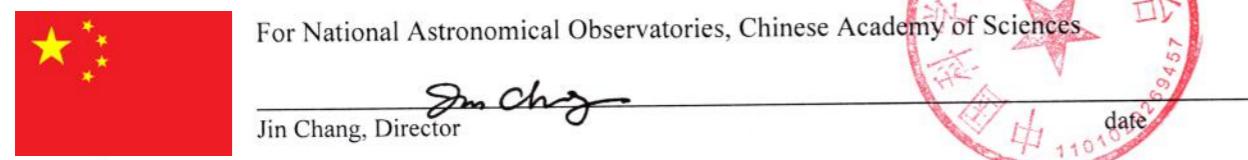
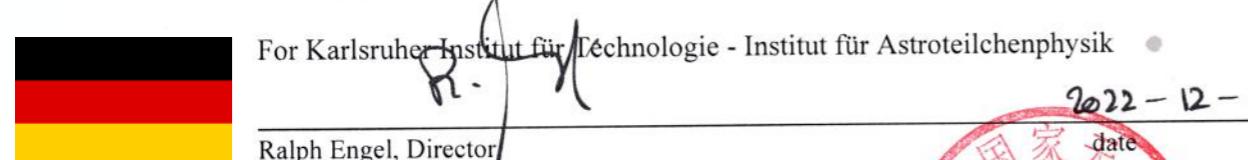


First trace measured: History in the making!  
with C. Timmermans & B. de Errico

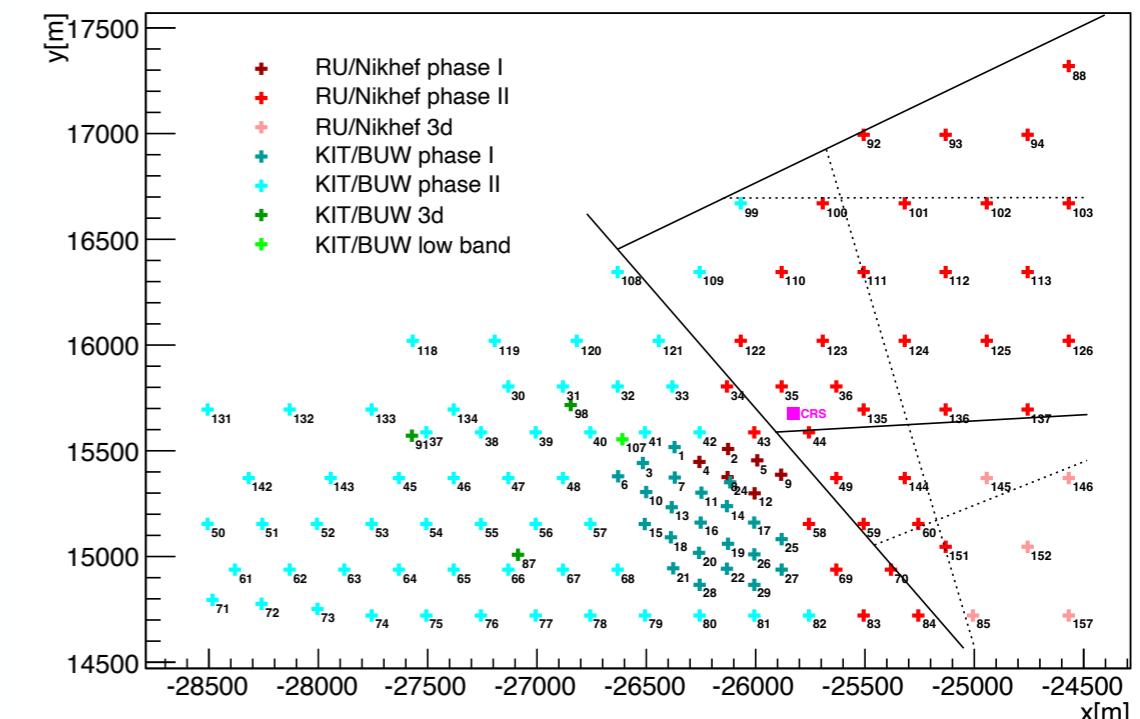
# GRAND@Auger: an international prototyping effort

## International agreement for the GRAND@Auger project

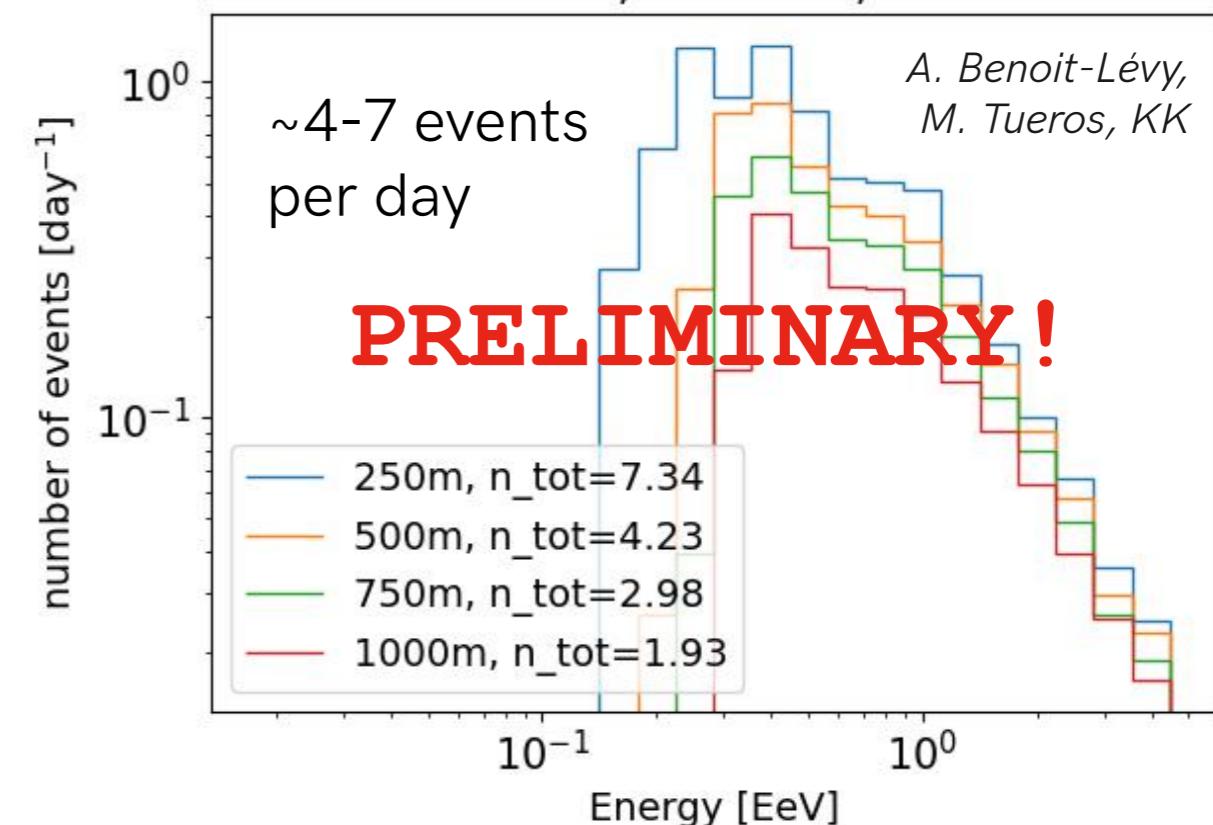
amended 22/12/2022



## Deployment at the AERA (Auger) site



## Detection rate, 150 muV, 5 antennas





# GRAND in Argentina



With the support of CNRS IEA Argentina program

Deployment of 10 GRAND antennas at the Pierre Auger Observatory site

Perspectives: hosting one or more GRAND10k sites in Argentina





# GRAND Technical Challenges

## Autonomous trigger on radio signals

- TREND: ~32% offline identification efficiency
- Noise = ultra-dominant: rejection  $1/10^8$
- Identification of signals at various trigger levels, methods to be developed *e.g., Chiche et al. 2022*
- Optimization of data collection



## Reconstruction of primary particle parameters

- good performances for vertical air-showers
- no-man's land for inclined air-showers

## Develop new "conventional" and machine learning methods

How to deploy/run 200k units over 200k km<sup>2</sup>?  
How much will it cost? Who will pay for it?

Need for an experimental setup to test and optimize

GRAND  
@Nançay  
@Auger  
Proto300

Industrial approach!  
low failure rates  
deployment ~ electric poles

Developing tools to manipulate GRAND data:

- A (ROOT) file structure
- A database to manage simulations and data
- End-to-end simulation and reconstruction pipeline in development

→ **Data challenges** to foster developments with 3 segments:

DC0 (Electric field simulations → GRAND file)

DC1 (Voltage computation)

DC2 (Electric field computation & shower reconstruction)

## DANTON

$\nu \rightarrow \tau$  decay  
backward MC over realistic  
topography

**Niess & Martineau 1810.01978**



## Signal modeling

A. Zilles et al. 2020,  
**1809.04912**

Chiche et al. ICRC 2021

Tueros & Zilles

arXiv:2008.06454

## Antenna response

*HorizonAntenna*  
h=5m, f = 50-200MHz, optimized for  
very inclined trajectories Response  
simulated in NEC4

## Layout

For GP300 with/without infill, for G10k  
Effects of topography **Decoene et al.**  
**NIMA 2020**

# Signal modeling & air shower reconstruction

**GRANDPa team** (IAP-Obs. Nice)

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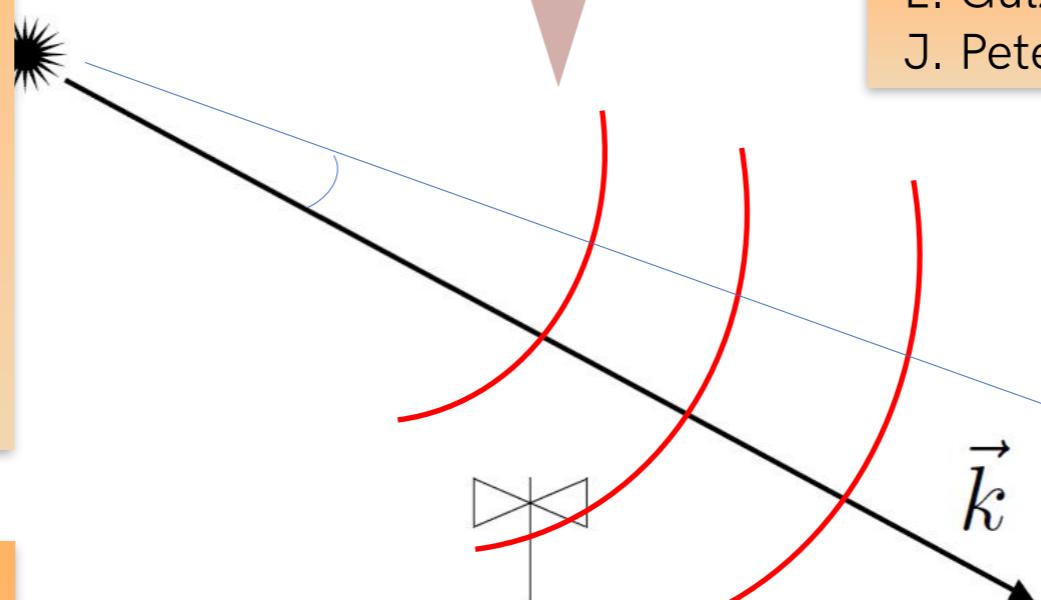
## Radio-signal modeling (theory)

for very inclined air-showers

*Chiche et al. 2022*

*Chiche, Zhang et al. in prep.*

*Guelfand et al. in prep.*

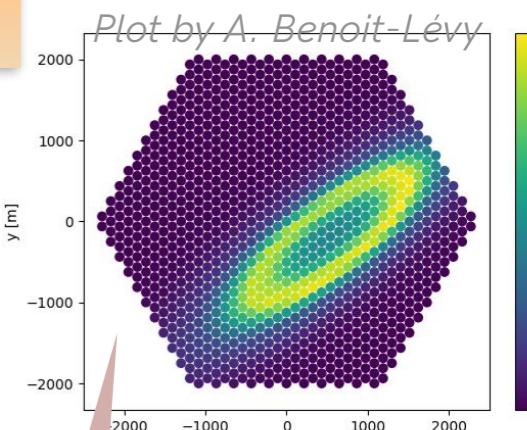
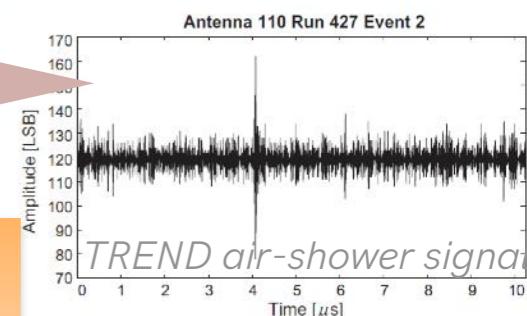


## Signal modeling for triggering

within the  
NuTRIG project

**KIT**

L. Gültzow, T. Huege,  
J. Petereit



## Parameter reconstruction framework

Methodology development

*Decoene PhD 2020*

*Decoene et al. 2112.07542*

Implementation for a fast code

## Machine Learning methods for trigger & reconstruction

*Führer, Charnock &  
Zilles, 2019*

*Le Coz ARENA 2022*

**GRANDPa team**

(CEA-List, LPNHE)

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**U. Chicago/LUPM**

C. Guépin

**Rio-GRAND team**

B. Errico, B. Lago



# GRAND at OCA? data analysis, signal treatment & MM opportunities

## Data analysis preparation (already @OCA via Simon Prunet)

Development of data analysis pipeline

Methods and tools for air-shower parameter reconstruction

Science Case: GRANDProto300, multi-messenger for GRAND10k, with synergies with GRANDMA, SKA, LIGO-Virgo...

## Triggering: GRAND@Nançay

- Developing & testing the triggering system
- Development of trigger criteria for different levels
- Instrumental/signal modeling points of views



## GRAND10k R&D

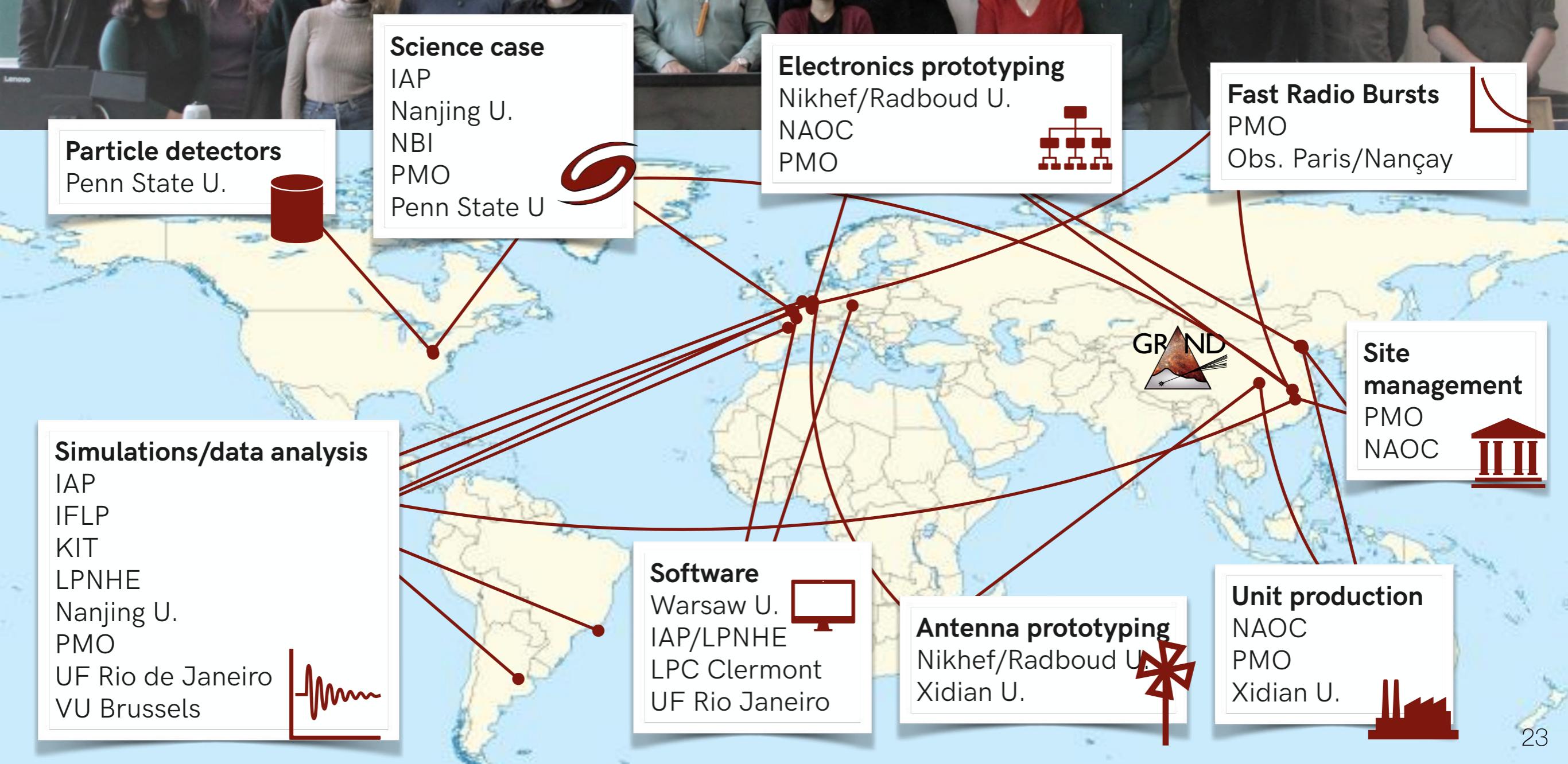
- Optimisation of mechanical design
- Optimisation of power management
- Optimisation of communications & trigger
- Reconstruction of very inclined air-showers
- Trigger and shower identification



## Developing multi-messenger analysis in GRAND

- Messenger discrimination
- Developing the alert system
- Chaire Professeur Junior at Sorbonne Université IAP/LPNHE on GRAND, deadline April 17th!

93 collaborators  
from 12 countries





# GRAND Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding  
for the Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection (GRAND) Collaboration

2022 version

## 1. Parties (listed in alphabetical order)

committing themselves to the agreement including the full names, the names of their organisations, and their addresses

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Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Pleinlaan 2, 1050 Brussels, Belgium
- C. Laboratoire de Physique Nucléaire et des Hautes Énergies (LPNHE)  
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# GRAND in the international community

## GRAND appears in several roadmaps

- Mid-term review of the **APPEC** strategy
- Physics briefing book: Input for the **European Strategy for Particle Physics** Update 2020, section 7.3  
<http://cds.cern.ch/record/2691414>
- **Nikhef** strategic plan 2017-2022 and beyond, p. 43  
<https://www.nikhef.nl/strategisch-plan/>
- **CNRS** Prospective INSU Astronomie & Astrophysique 2020-2025, p. 34  
[https://www.insu.cnrs.fr/sites/institut\\_insu/files/news/2021-04/Prospective\\_INSU\\_AA\\_2019.pdf](https://www.insu.cnrs.fr/sites/institut_insu/files/news/2021-04/Prospective_INSU_AA_2019.pdf)
- **Latin American** Strategy for Research Infrastructures for High Energy, Cosmology, Astroparticle Physics LASF4RI for HECAF <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1muqdLMMQaZ-yBxFdYLPuCpOQgeSfsvtV/view>
- White Paper in the **Decadal Survey** 2020, **Snowmass** 2022

## Environmental responsibility

GRAND evaluates its environmental impact

One R&D goal: reduce the environmental impact of the detector

*GRAND Carbon Footprint Study*

[arXiv:2101.02049](https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.02049)

[arxiv:2105.04610](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.04610) (*Nature*)

## References:

Website:

<http://grand.cnrs.fr>

GRAND White Paper

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.09994>

Github

<https://github.com/grand-mother/>

GRAND Carbon Footprint Study

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.02049>

Documentary by Jean Mouette *The Road to the Neutrino*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tDnwq8gAe4>

