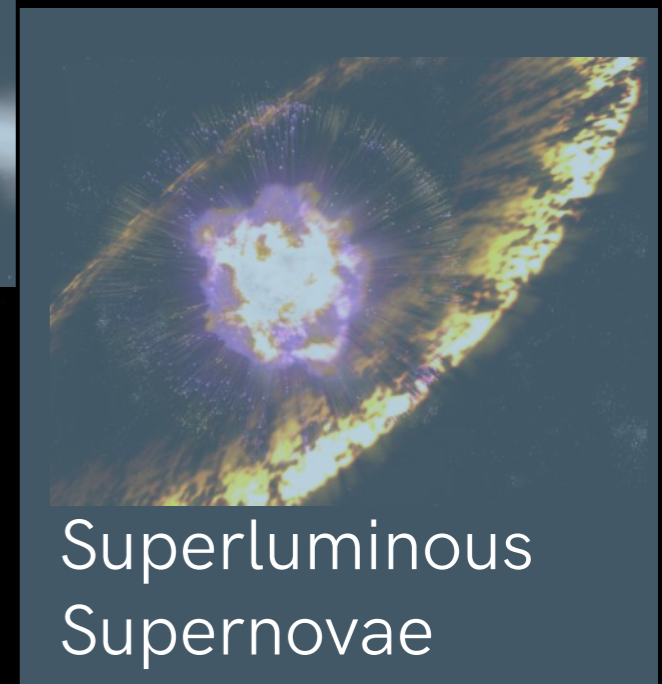
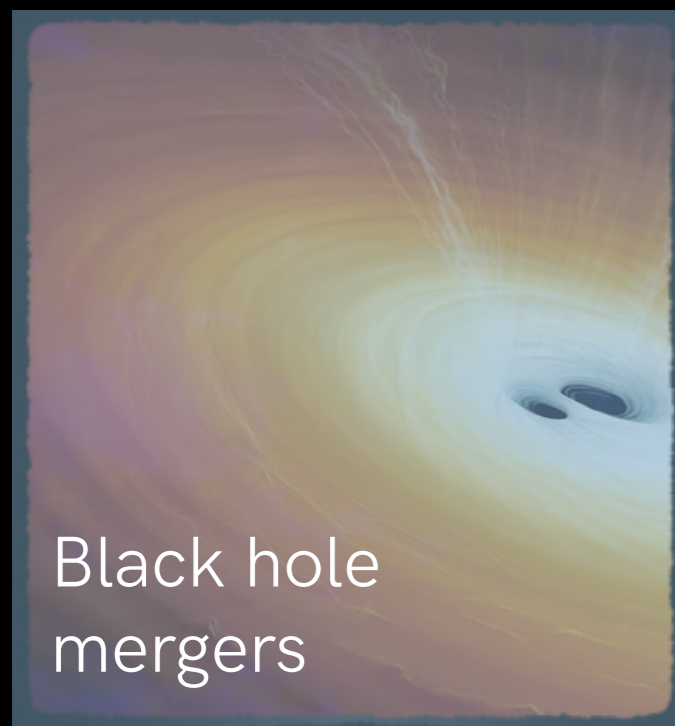
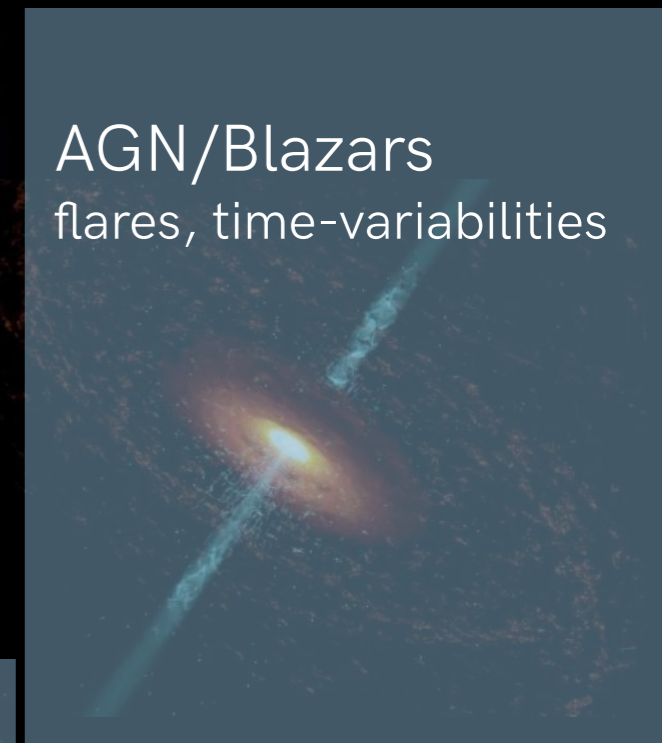
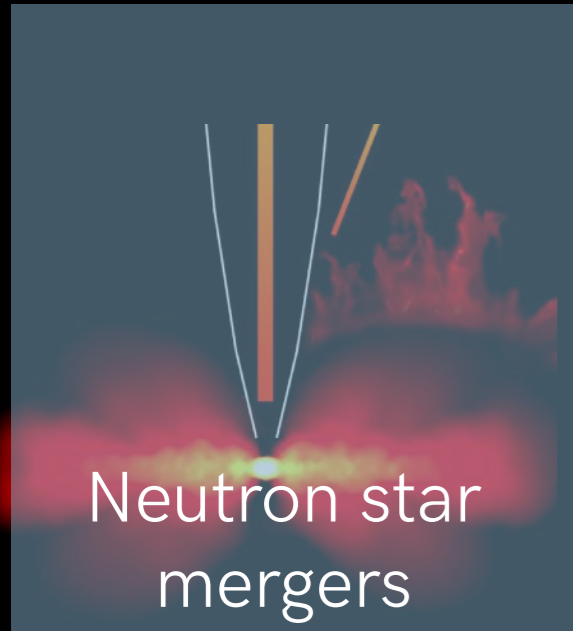




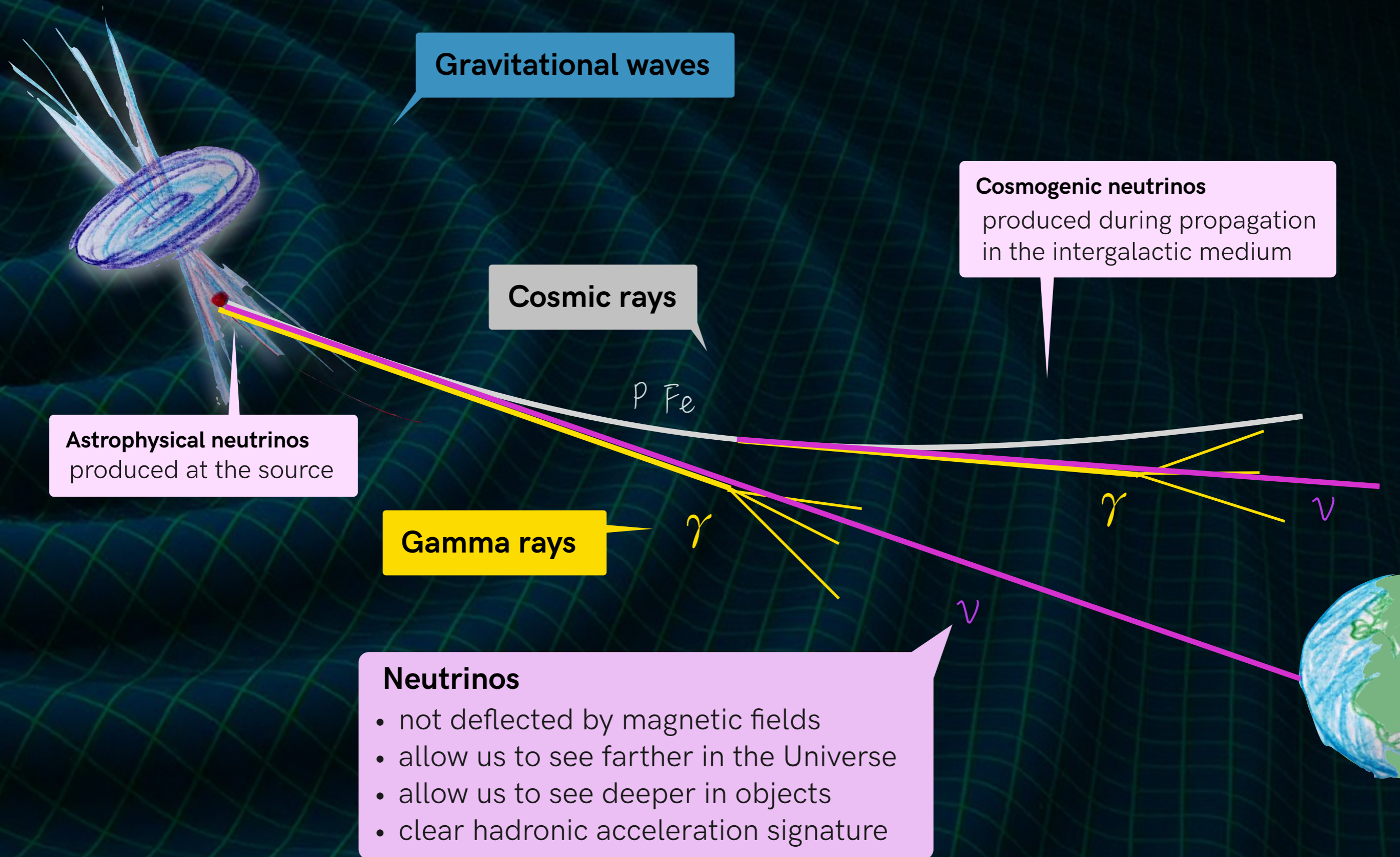
# Towards EeV Neutrino Astronomy with GRAND

(Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection)

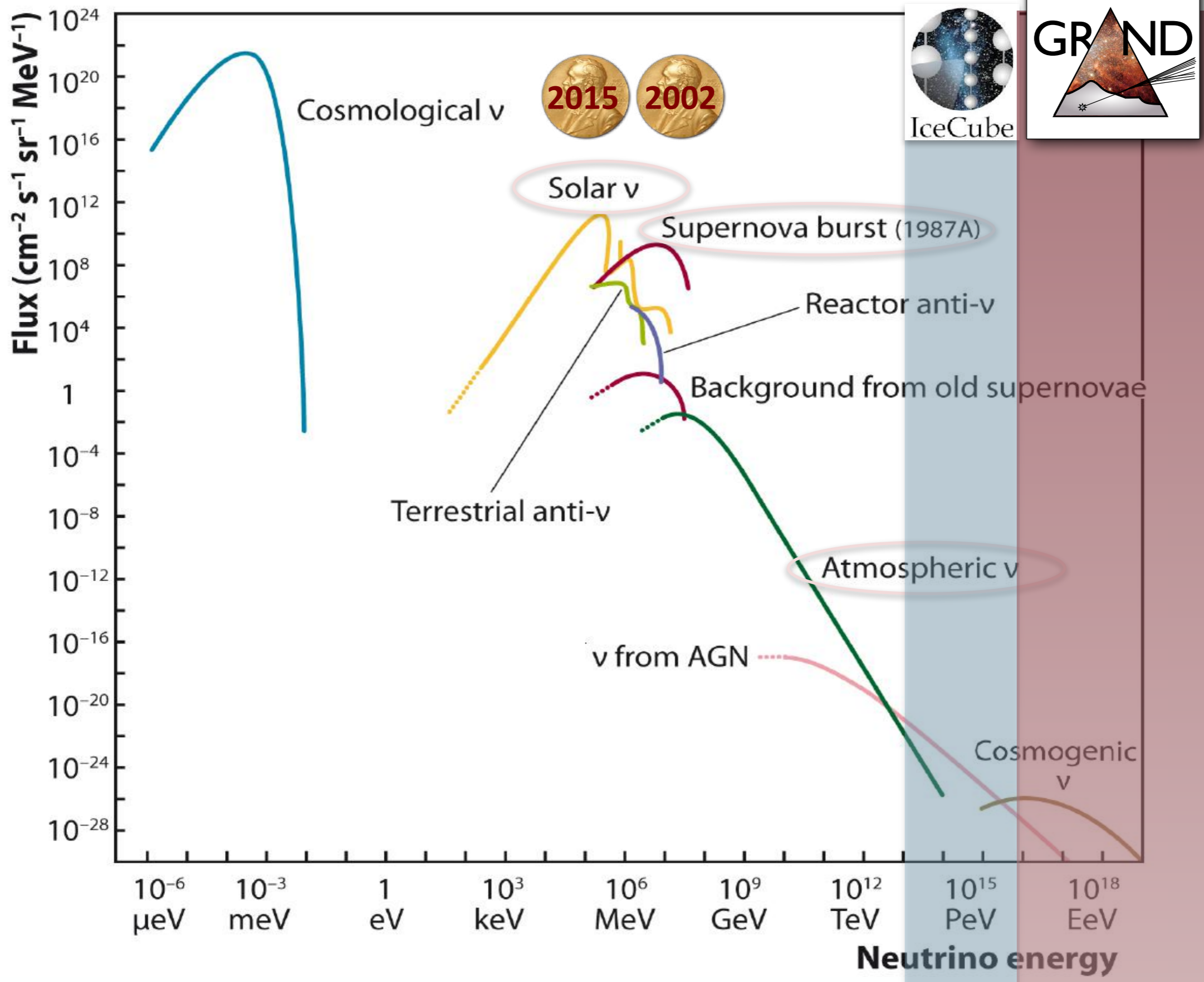
# Understanding the violent Universe?



# Exploring the high-energy Universe with multi-messengers



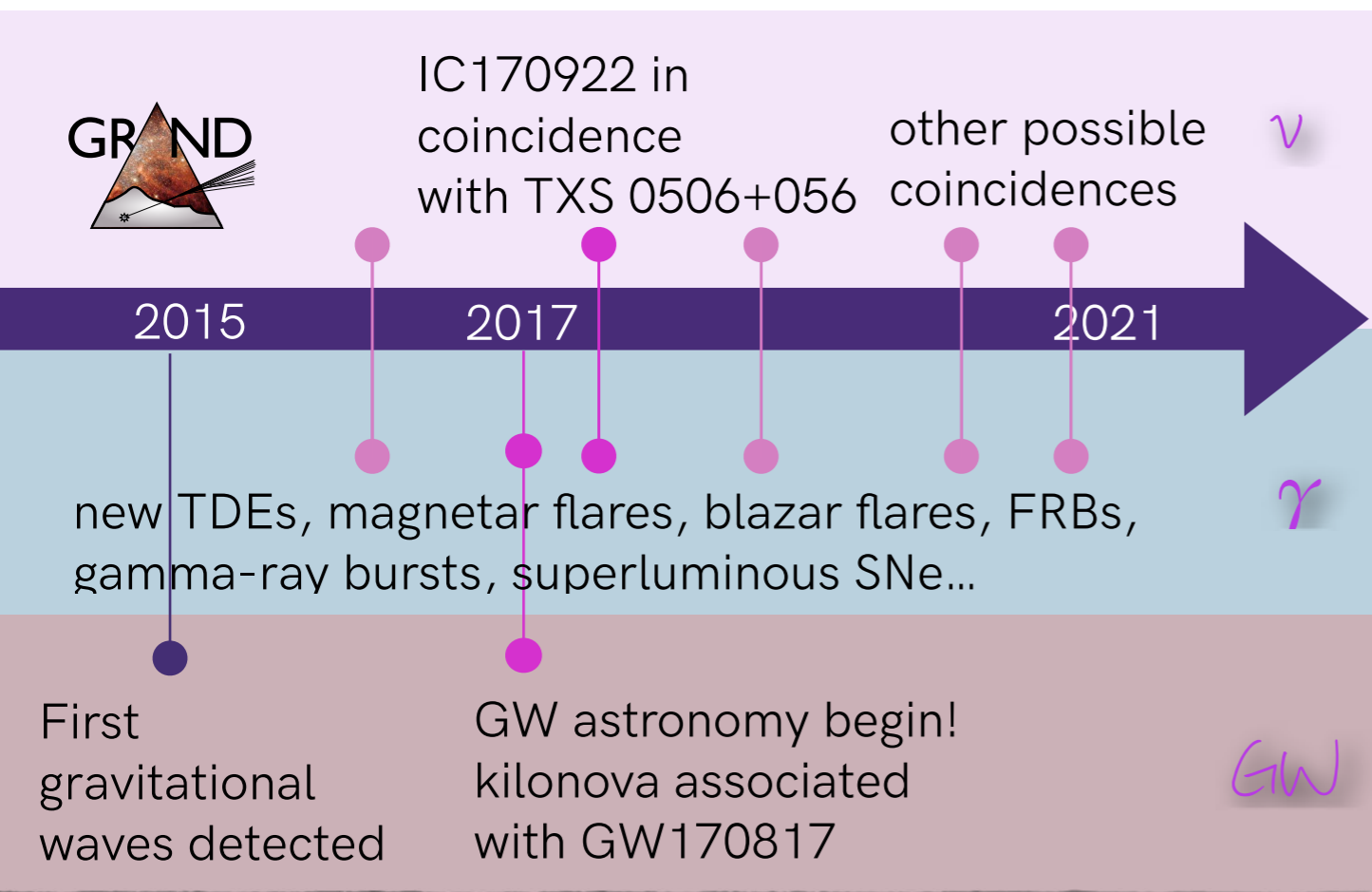
# ✳ UHE neutrinos: the uncharted territory!



# 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


$$X_{\max}$$

~400 m

**τ**

>30 km

few kms

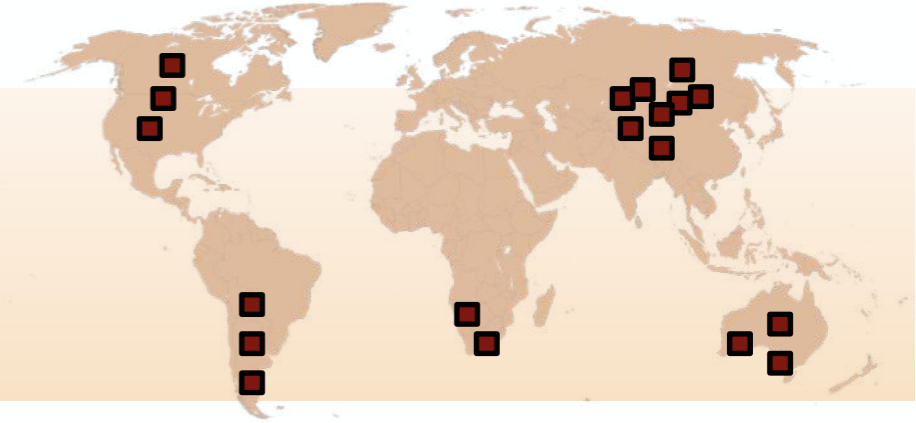
geomagnetic effect:  
radio signal  
few 10s to 100s MHz

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

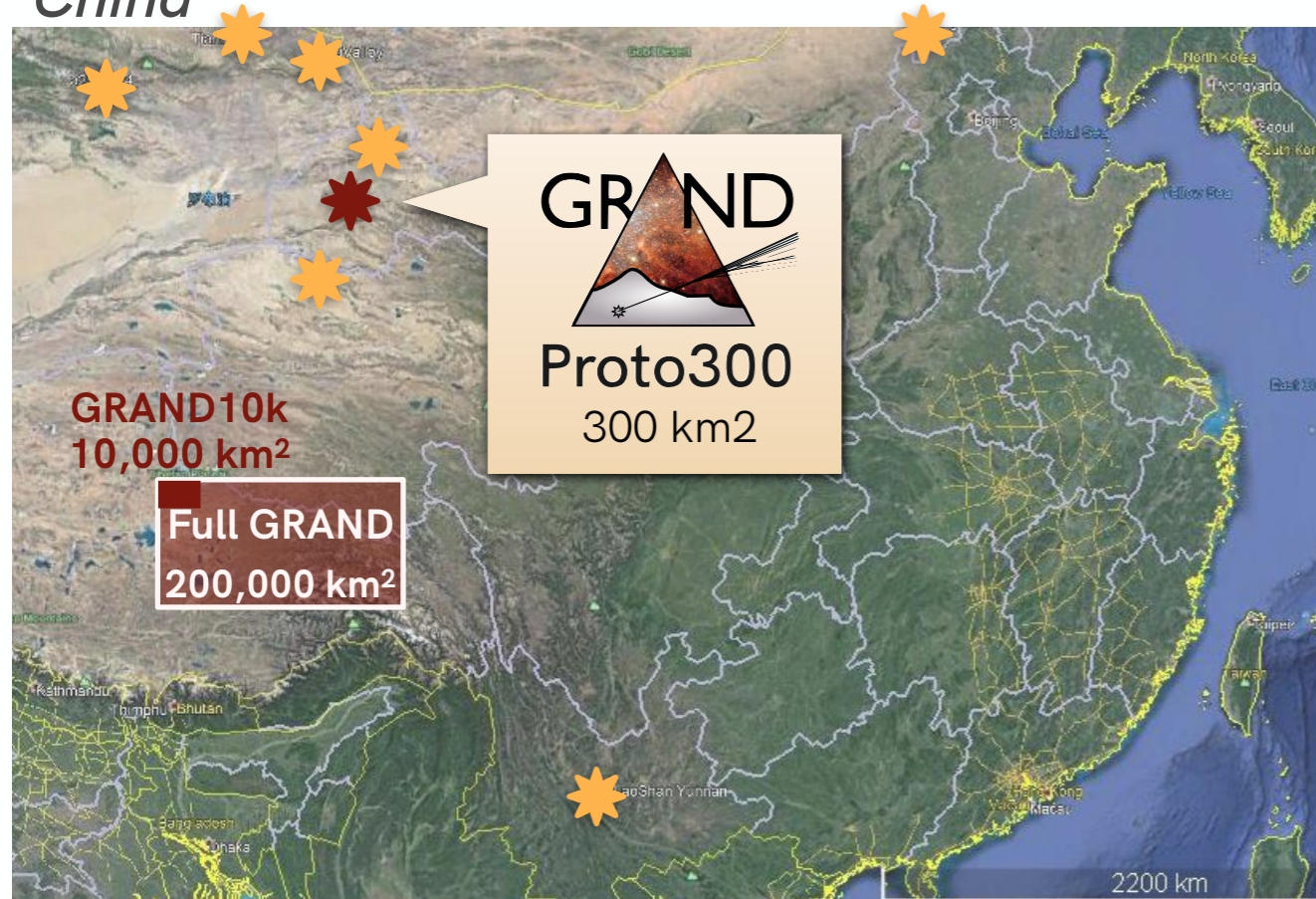
# Le concept de GRAND

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

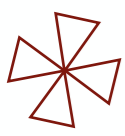


- ✓ Radio environment: radio quiet
- ✓ Topography: mountains/slopes
- ✓ Access, Installation and Maintenance
- ✓ Other issues (e.g., political)



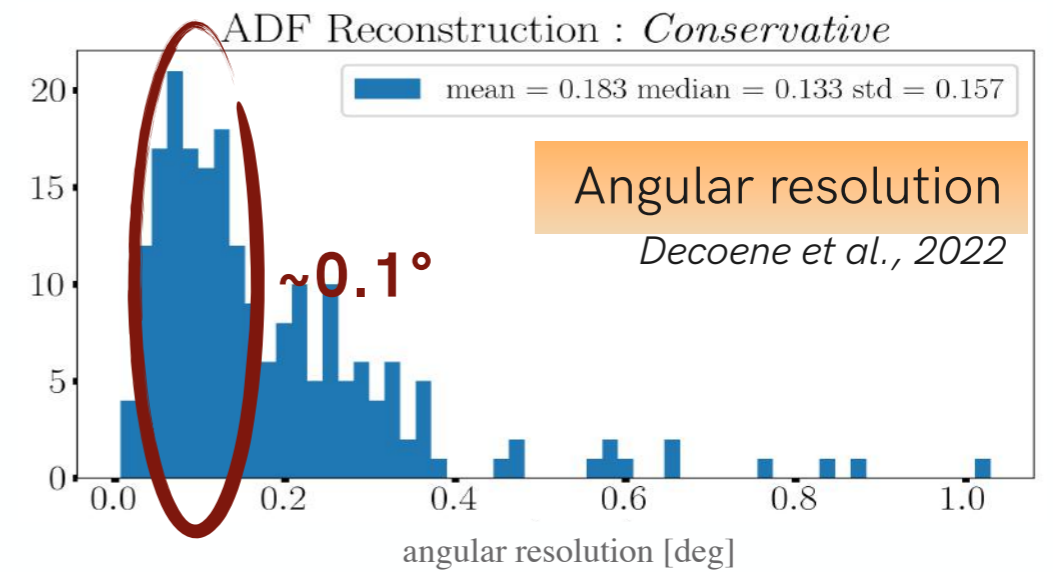
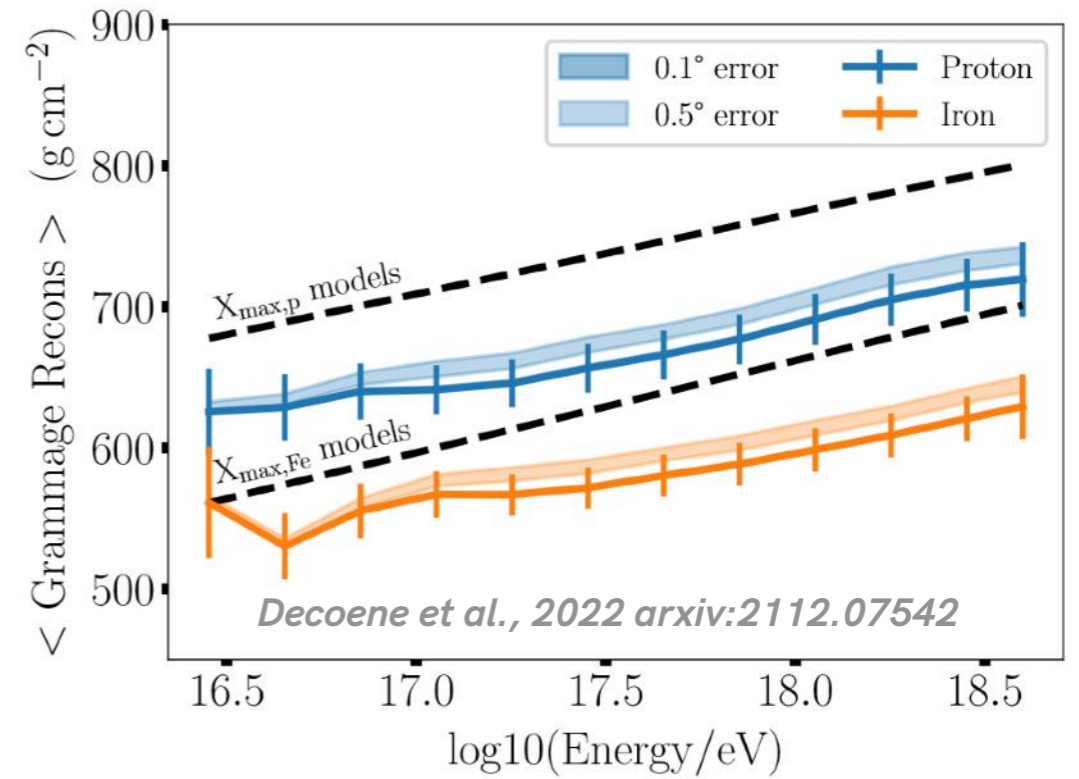
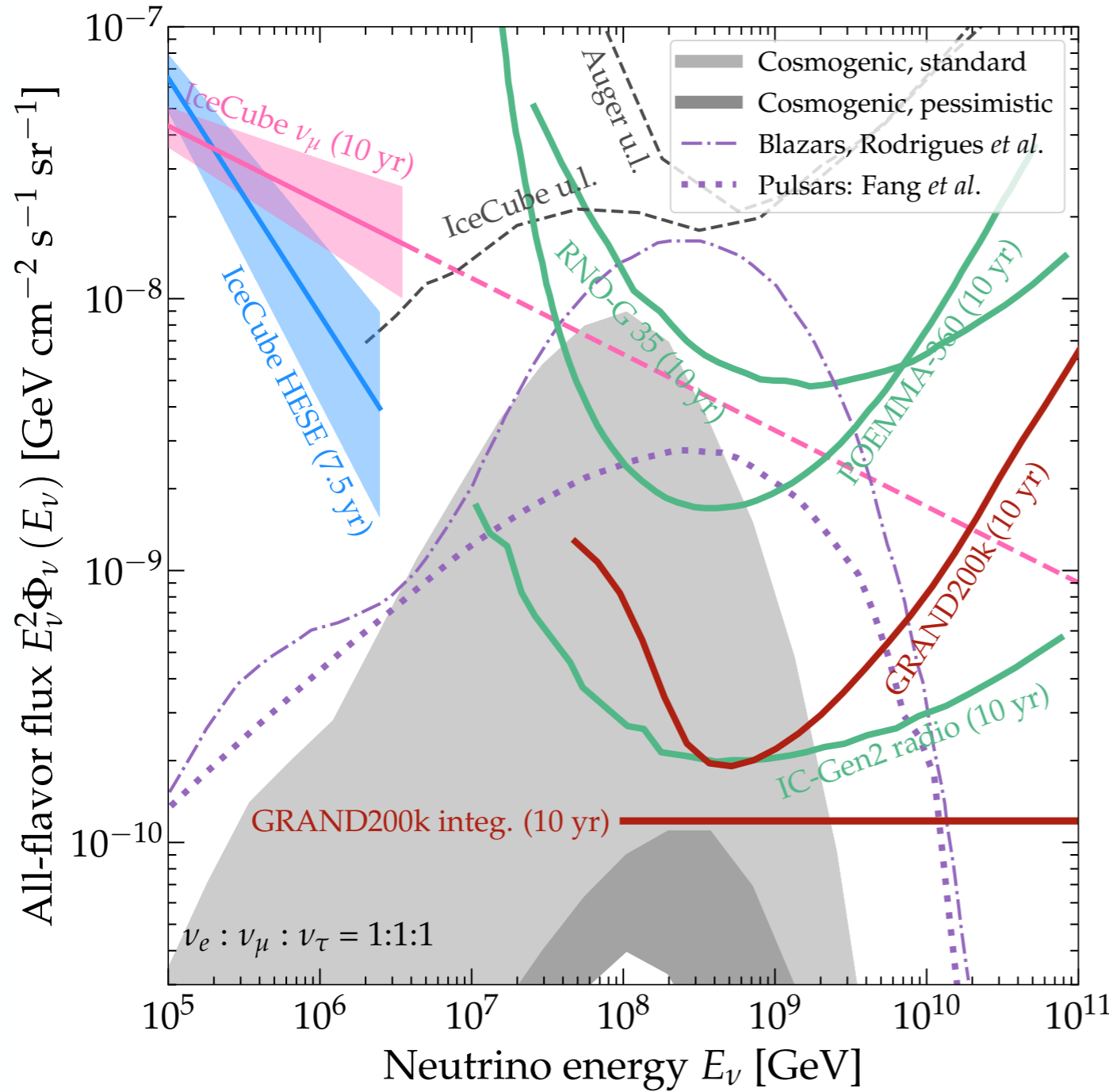
several excellent sites identified  
in Argentina & China  
(~100 measurements, 14 campaigns)





# Simulated performances

GRAND Science & Design, GRAND Coll.  
Science China, arXiv:1810.09994



• **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

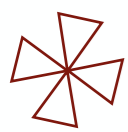
*Decoene et al., 2022*

• **Energy resolution**  $< 10\%$  on air-showers for GP300 & GRAND

*B. Lago & Rio GRAND team*

•  **$X_{\text{max}}$  resolution**  $< 40$  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

2021	2025	>2030	Diff. sens. lim. in $\text{GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$	iFoV in sky %	ang. res.
	PUEO		$4.2 \times 10^{-8}$	6	$< 2.8^\circ$
ARA			$3 \times 10^{-8}$	6	$5^\circ$
RNO-G			$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	6	$2.8^\circ$
	ARIANNA-200		$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	6	$2.8^\circ$
	RET-N		$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$	6	$2.8^\circ$
	IceCube-Gen2 Radio		$4 \times 10^{-8}$	6	$2^\circ \times 10^\circ$
	BEACON		$1.2 \times 10^{-8}$ in 5 yr	6	$0.3^\circ - 1^\circ$
	GRAND10k		$1 \times 10^{-8}$ in 5 yr	6	$0.1^\circ$
	GRAND		$4 \times 10^{-10}$ in 5 yr	45	$0.1^\circ$
Auger			$[1.5 \times 10^{-8} (2019)]$	30	$< 1^\circ$
	TAMBO		?	27	$1^\circ$
	POEMMA Cerenkov		$7 \times 10^{-8}$ in 5 yr	0.6	$0.4^\circ$
	Trinity		$1 \times 10^{-10}$ in 5 yr	6	$< 1^\circ$
	Ashra-NTA		$2 \times 10^{-10}$ in 5 yr	30	$0.1^\circ$

difficult to reach sub-degree resolution for in-ice instruments

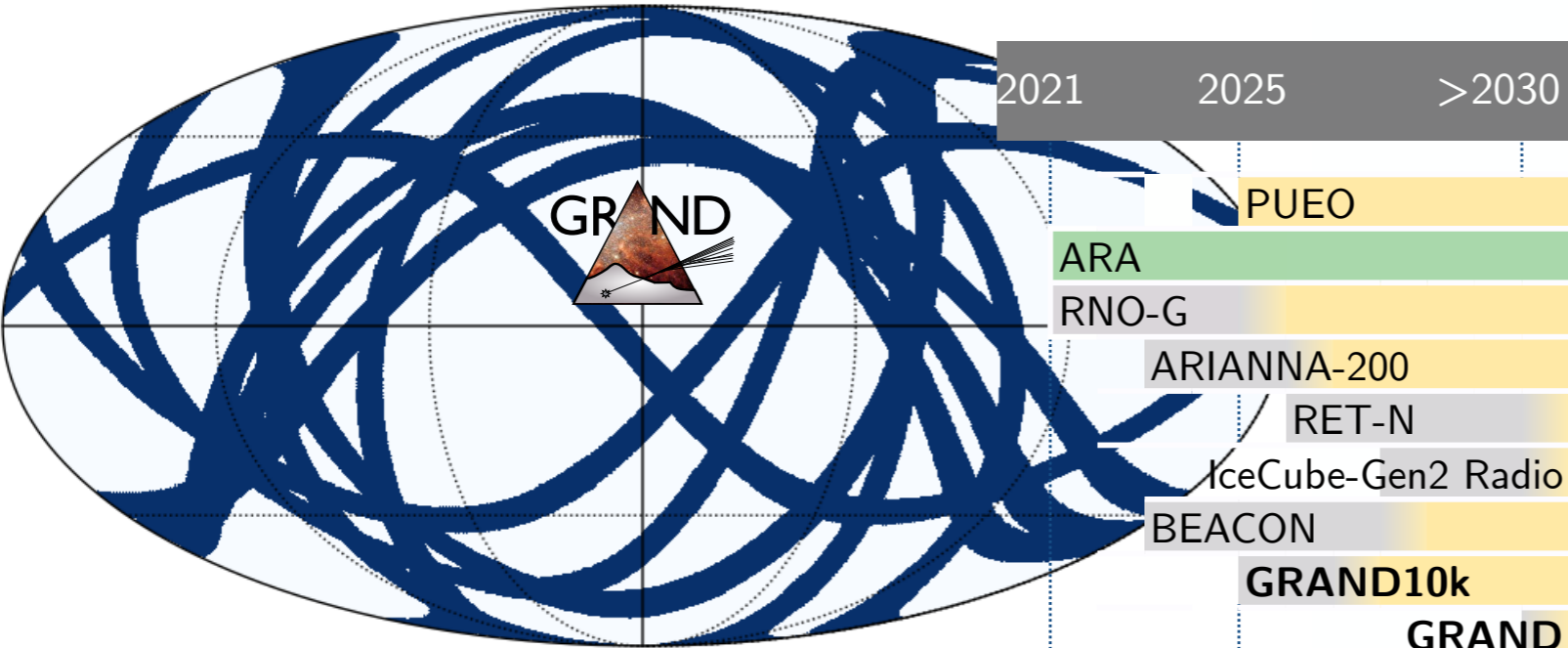
	2021	2025	>2030	FoV	ang. res.
gamma	LHAASO			2 sr	$0.3^\circ$
		CTA		10–20°	$< 0.15^\circ$
	HAWC			2 sr	$0.1^\circ$
	H.E.S.S.			5°	$0.1^\circ$
	MAGIC			3.5°	$0.07^\circ$
	VERITAS			3.5°	$0.1^\circ$
	Fermi LAT			2.4 sr	$0.15^\circ$
	GBM			9 sr	$10^\circ$
X	INTEGRAL	IBIS		64 deg <sup>2</sup>	$0.2^\circ$
		SPI-ACS		4π	-
multi	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"
IR/optical/UV		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>	$< 1''$
radio	ASAS-SN			72 deg <sup>2</sup>	7.8"
	ATLAS			29 deg <sup>2</sup>	2"
	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
	VLA			0.16 deg <sup>2</sup>	0.12"
radio	MWA			610 deg <sup>2</sup>	0.9'
		SKA1(2)-MID		1(10) deg <sup>2</sup>	$0.04^\circ - 0.7^\circ$

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



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



by Foteini Oikonomou

instantaneous FoV (45% sky)  
10 random\* site locations

	2021	2025	>2030
PUEO			
ARA			
RNO-G			
ARIANNA-200			
RET-N			
IceCube-Gen2 Radio			
BEACON			
GRAND10k			
GRAND			
Auger			
TAMBO			
POEMMA Cerenkov			
Trinity			
Ashra-NTA			

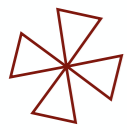
No gain from Earth rotation  
for South Pole instruments  
(but iFoV very good!)

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

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

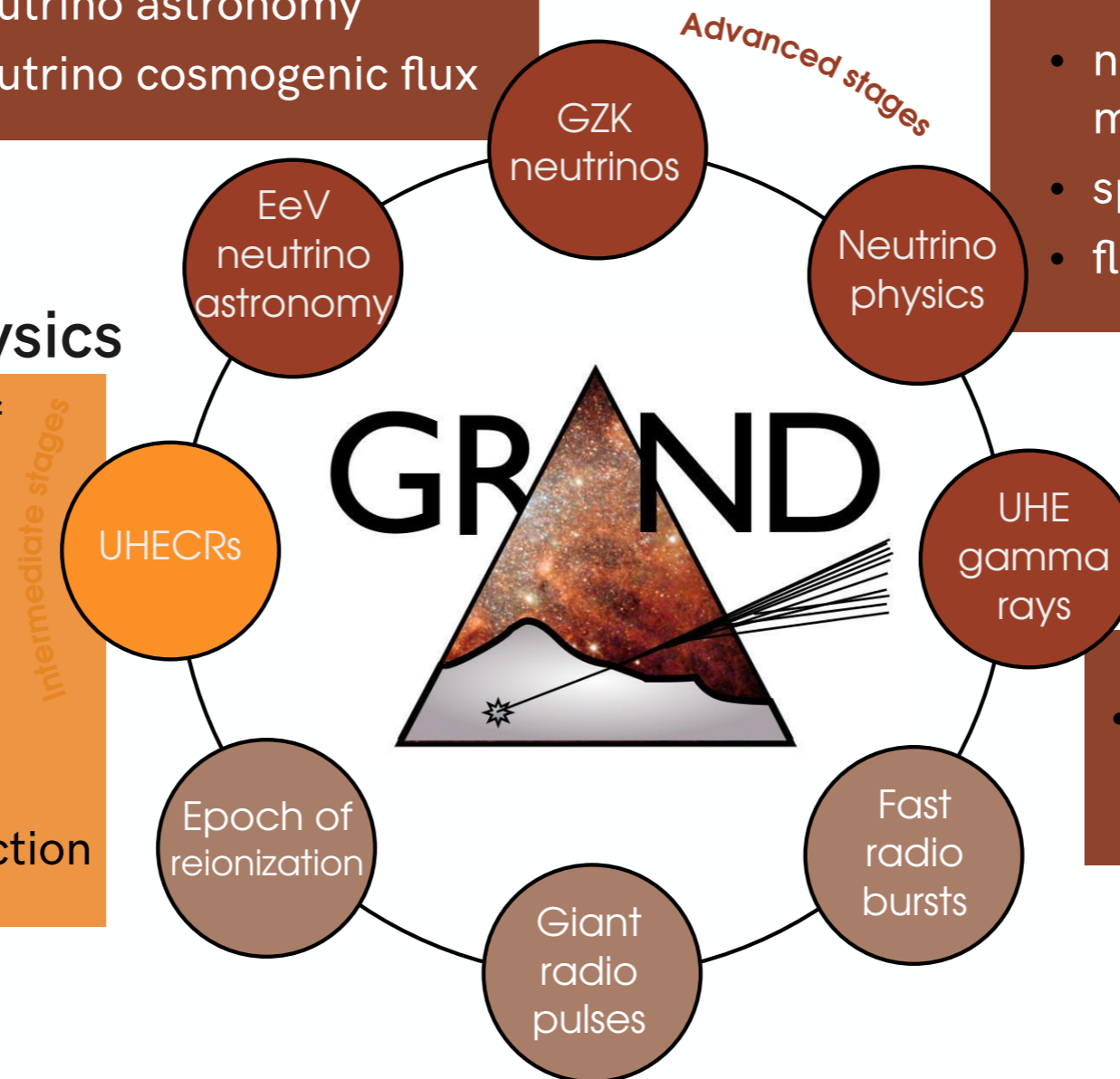
- 20-80 times the exposure of Auger!
- GRANDProto300: transition from Galactic/extragalactic
- hadronic physics: muon discrepancy, UHECR mass composition, p-air cross-section

### UHE gamma rays

- competitive with Auger at GRANDProto300 stage

### radio-astronomy in a novel way

- *Early stages*  
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

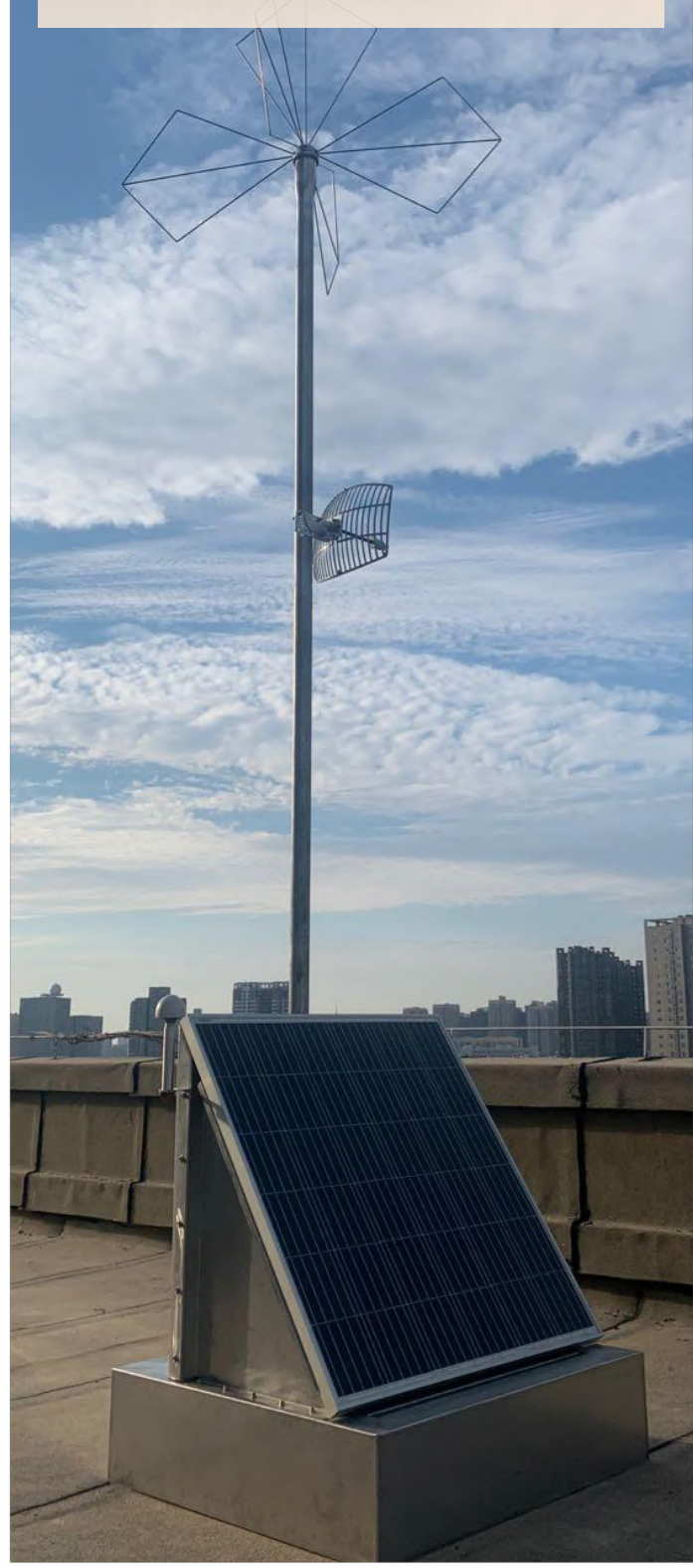


# A staged approach with self-standing pathfinders

		Prototyping	GRAND10k	GRAND200k
		2022	2025	203X
Goals		<b>autonomous</b> radio detection of <b>very inclined</b> air-showers  <b>cosmic rays <math>10^{16.5-18}</math> eV</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Galactic/extragalactic transition</li> <li>muon problem</li> <li>radio transients</li> </ul>	<b>1st GRAND sub-array</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>discovery of EeV neutrinos</b> for optimistic fluxes</li> <li>radio transients (FRBs!)</li> </ul>	sensitive <b>all-sky</b> detector  <b>1st EeV neutrino detection and/or neutrino astronomy!</b>
Setup		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GRAND@Nançay</b>: 4 antennas for trigger testing</li> <li><b>GRAND@Auger</b>: 10 antennas for cross-calibration</li> <li><b>GRANDProto300</b>: 300 HorizonAntennas over 200 km<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10,000 radio antennas over 10,000 km<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200,000 antennas over 200,000 km<sup>2</sup></li> <li>20 sub-arrays of 10k antennas</li> <li>on different continents</li> </ul>
Budget		<b>2 M€</b> 100 antennas produced funded by China + ANR PRCI NUTRIG (France) + Radboud University	<b>13 M€</b>	<b>300M€</b> 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 month ago!**

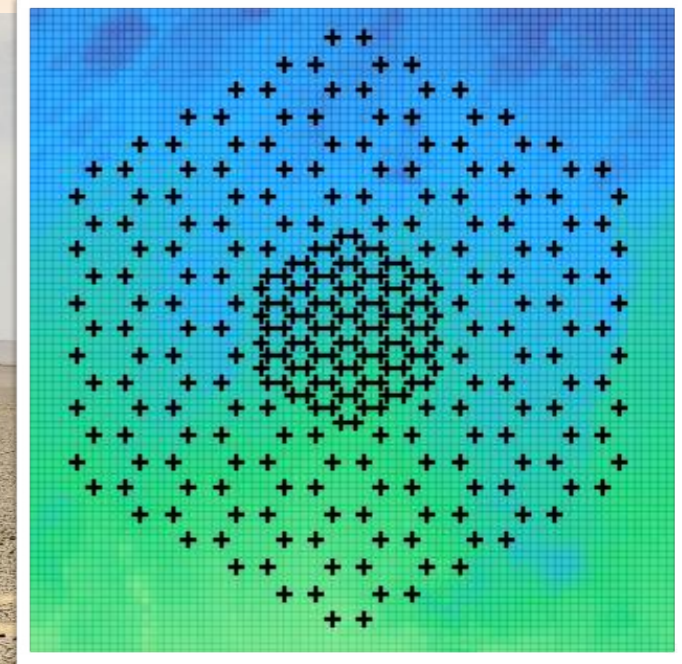
**Layout:** 300 antennas, 200km<sup>2</sup>,  
1km step size with denser infill  
Erange = 10<sup>16.5</sup>-10<sup>18</sup>eV

**Deployment of 4 antennae  
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  
3 weeks ago!**



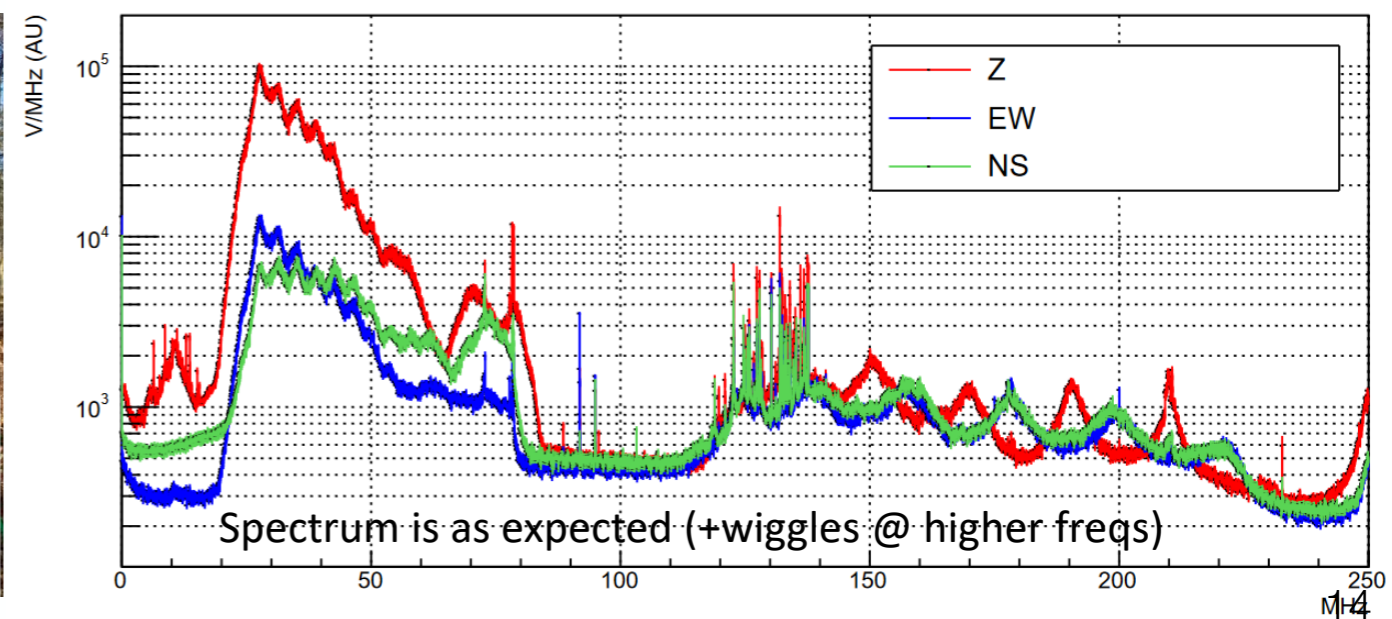
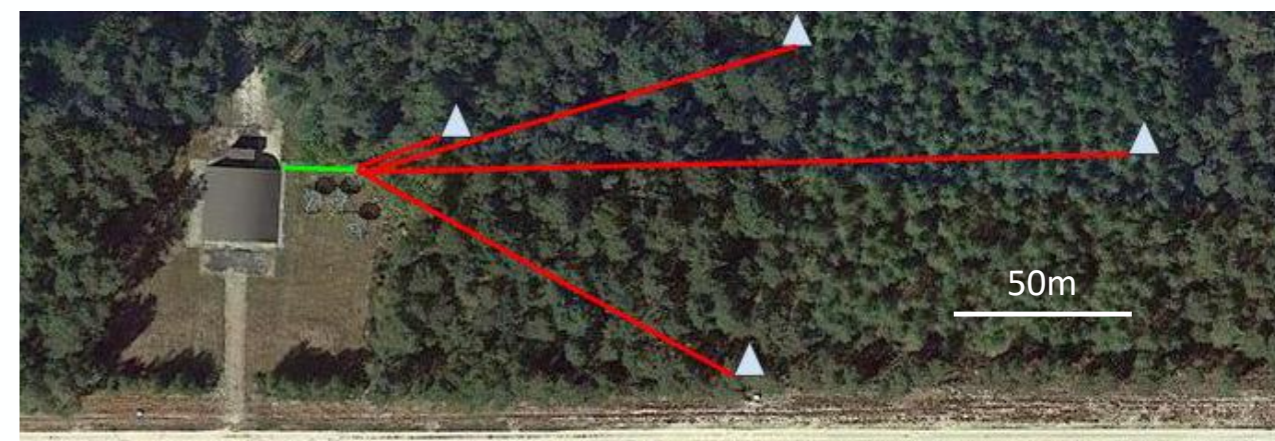
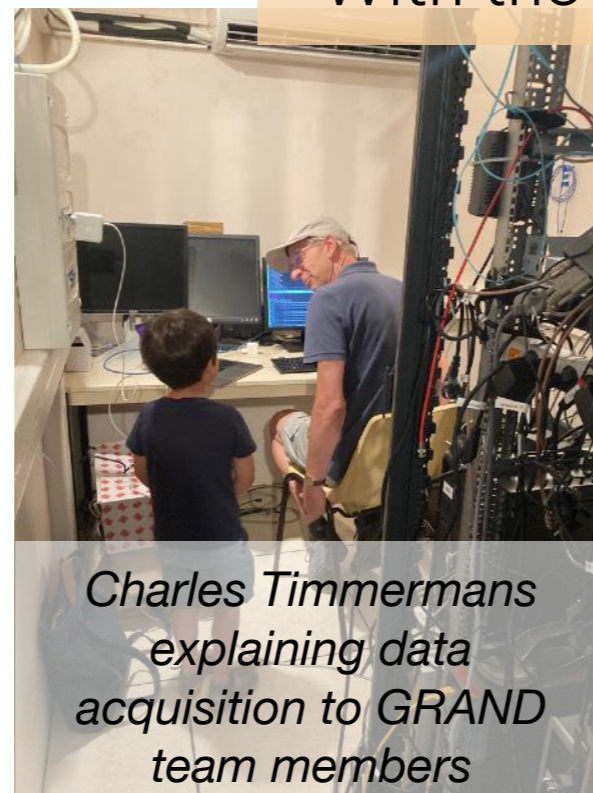
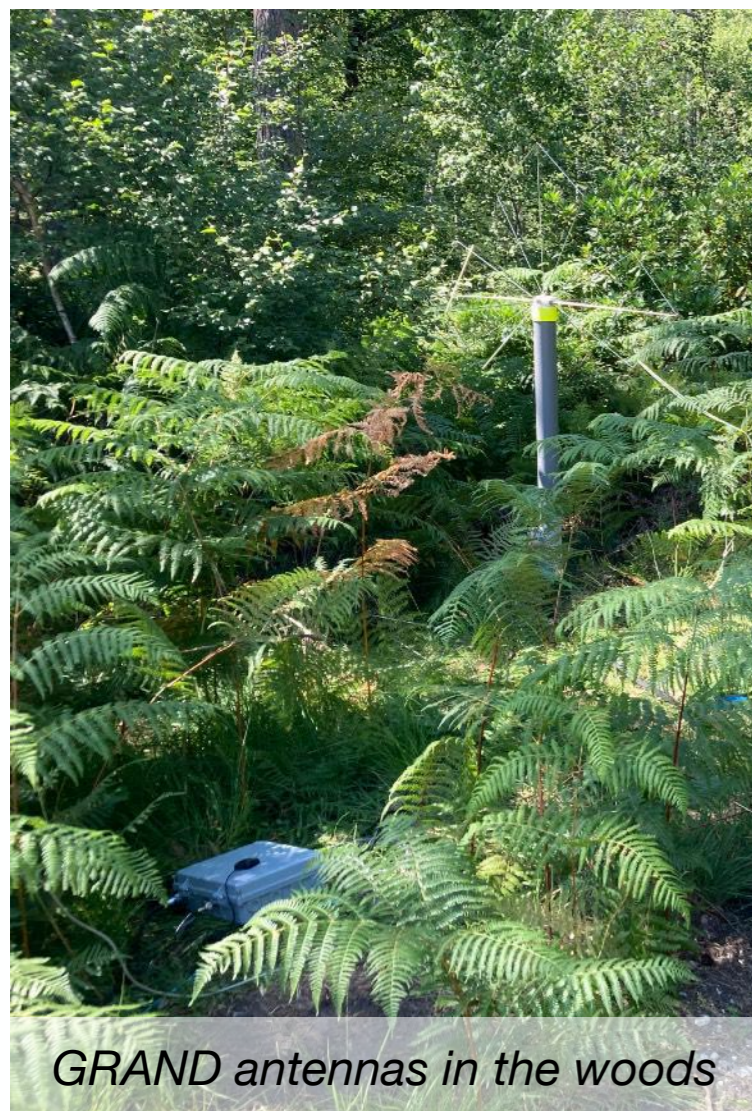
**Electronics:**  
50-200MHz analog  
filtering,  
500MSPS sampling  
FPGA+CPU  
Bullet WiFi data  
transfert

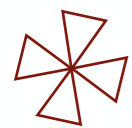




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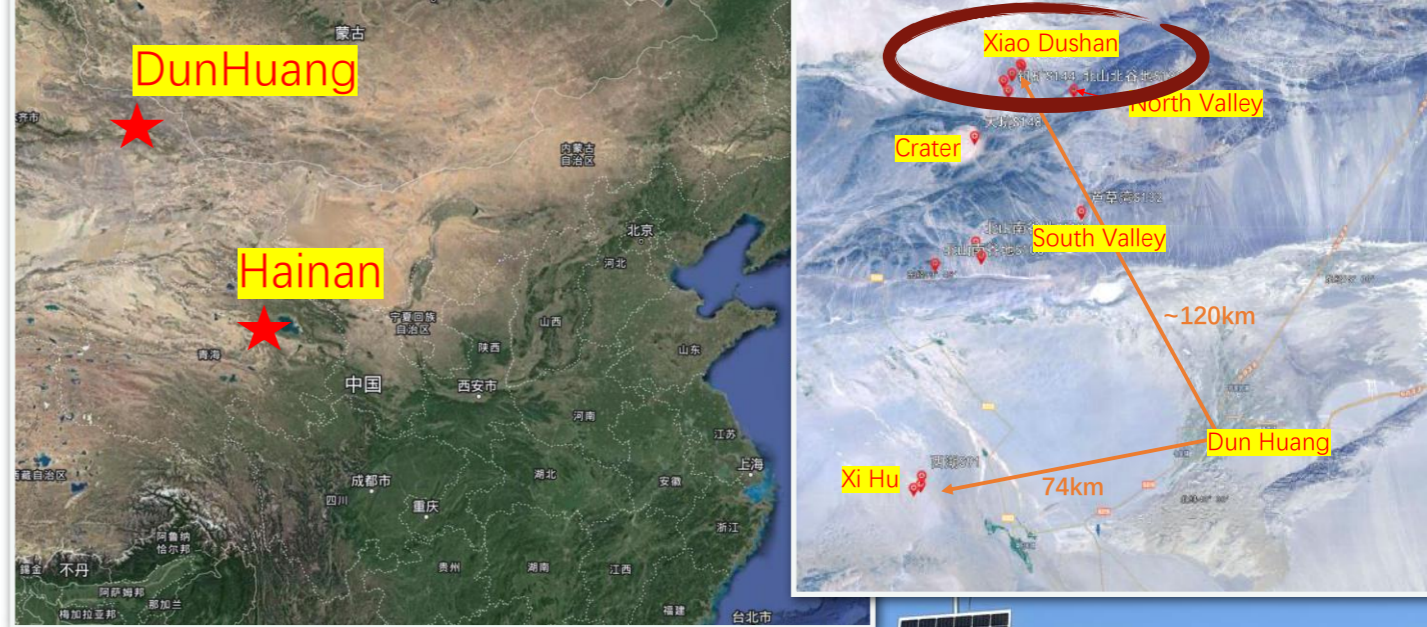
- **4 antennas deployed in Nançay!** by LPNHE and Radboud University
- Test bench for triggering and hardware
- Currently working on lowering radiation of stations





# GRANDProto13 in Xiao Dushan

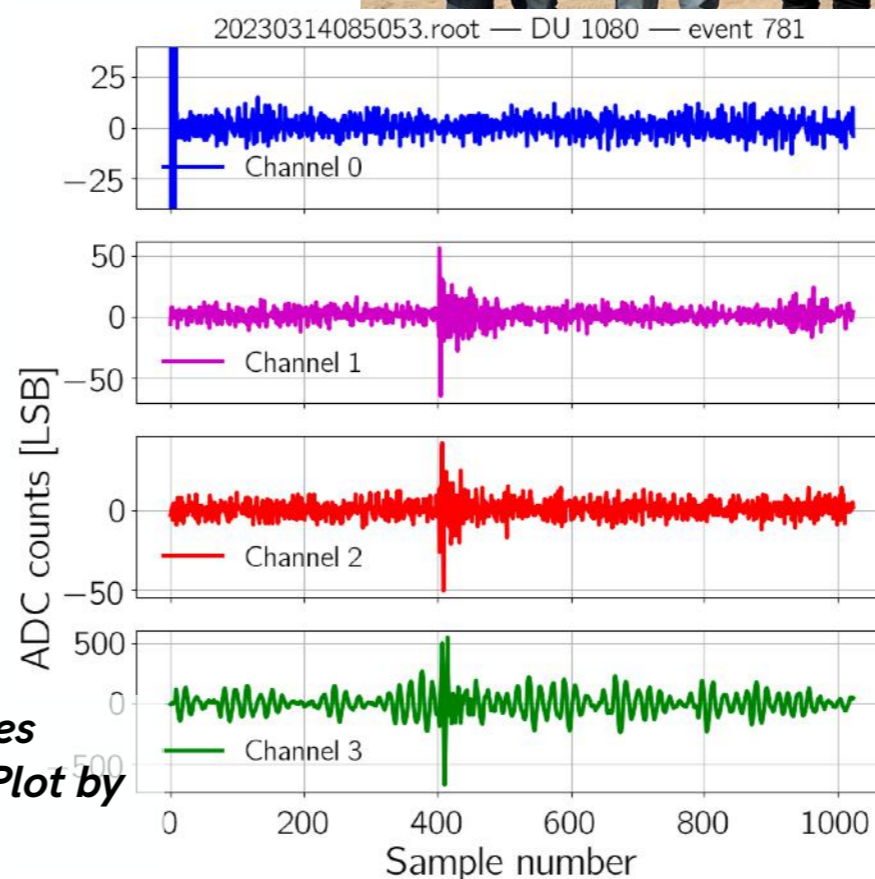
- **13 antennas deployed in Xiao Dushan!**  
by Xidian U. & Purple Mountain Observatory
- Data being taken
- Data being processed/analyzed by PMO, Xidian, Paris groups



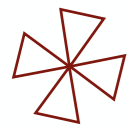
*Few nice transient pulses identified in the data - Plot by Pablo Correa*



*Yiren Chen, Bohao Duan, Pengxiong Ma, Pengfei Zhang, Yu tang, Shen Wang, Xiaoyuan Huang*



*Shen Wang and Bohao Duan taking data*

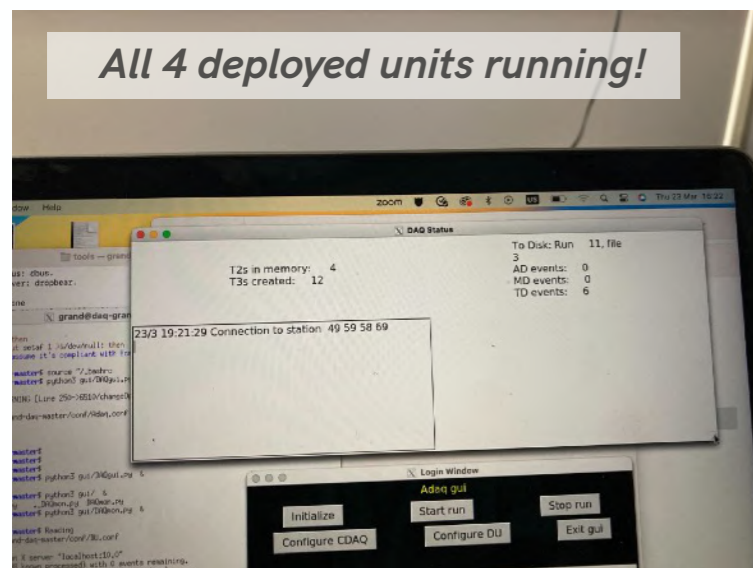


# GRAND@Auger - Malargüe, Argentina

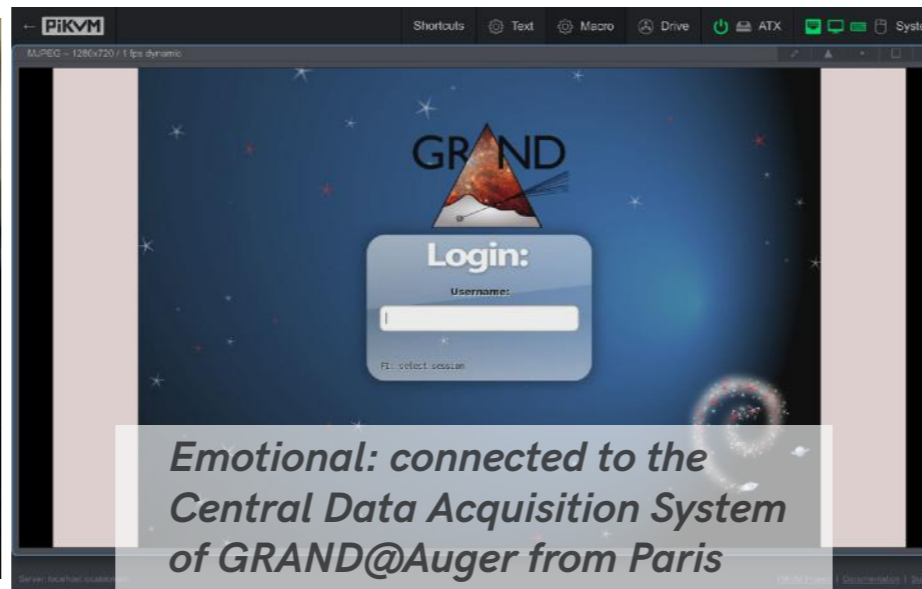
- **Deployment of 4 units** by Radboud U. + U. Federal do Rio de Janeiro
- Data transfer will be possible by 4G  
remote access to the Central DAQ possible



*All 4 deployed units running!*



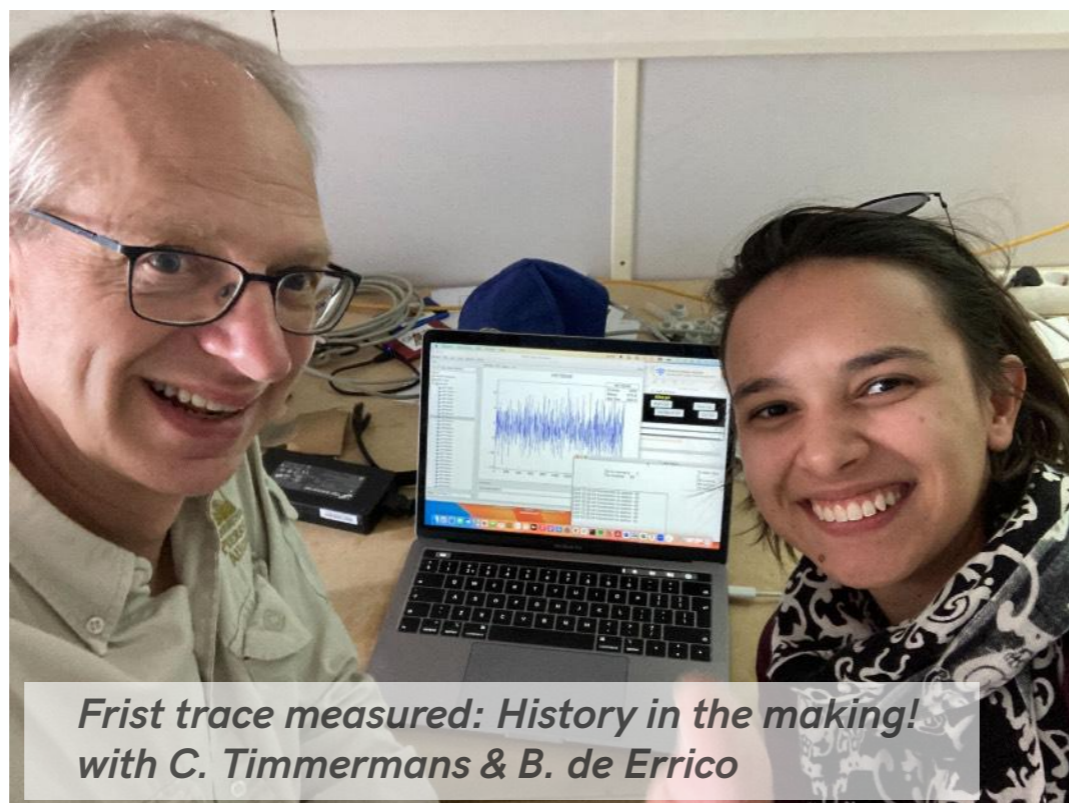
*Emotional: connected to the  
Central Data Acquisition System  
of GRAND@Auger from Paris*



*Fred Magnard installing a  
PiKVM to the DAQ at IAP*

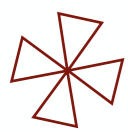


*Frist trace measured: History in the making!  
with C. Timmermans & B. de Errico*



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





# GRAND@Auger: an international prototyping effort

International agreement for the GRAND@Auger project

amended 22/12/2022



For Fundación Ahuekna

Ruben Denza, Director

Dec 14th, 2022

date



For Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris

François Bouchet, Director

Dec 13th, 2022

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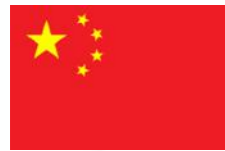


For Karlsruher Institut für Technologie - Institut für Astroteilchenphysik

Ralph Engel, Director

2022-12-14

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For National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Jin Chang, Director

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For Radboud University

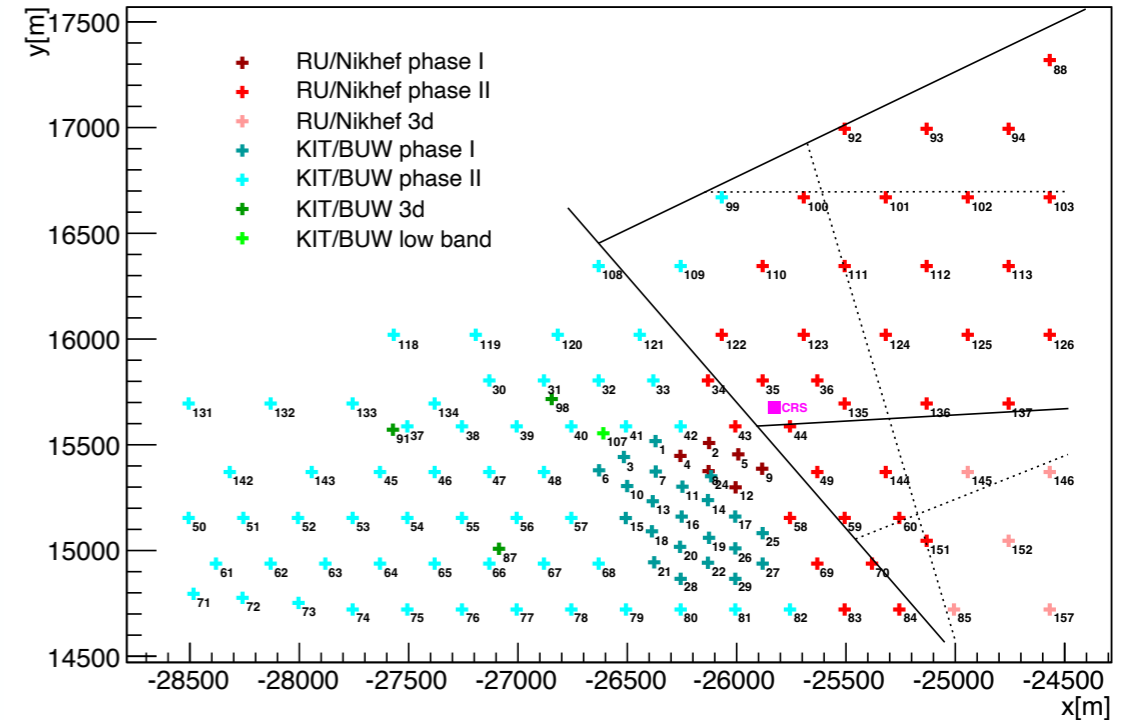
Charles Timmermans, Chair of Department of High-Energy Physics

14-12-2022

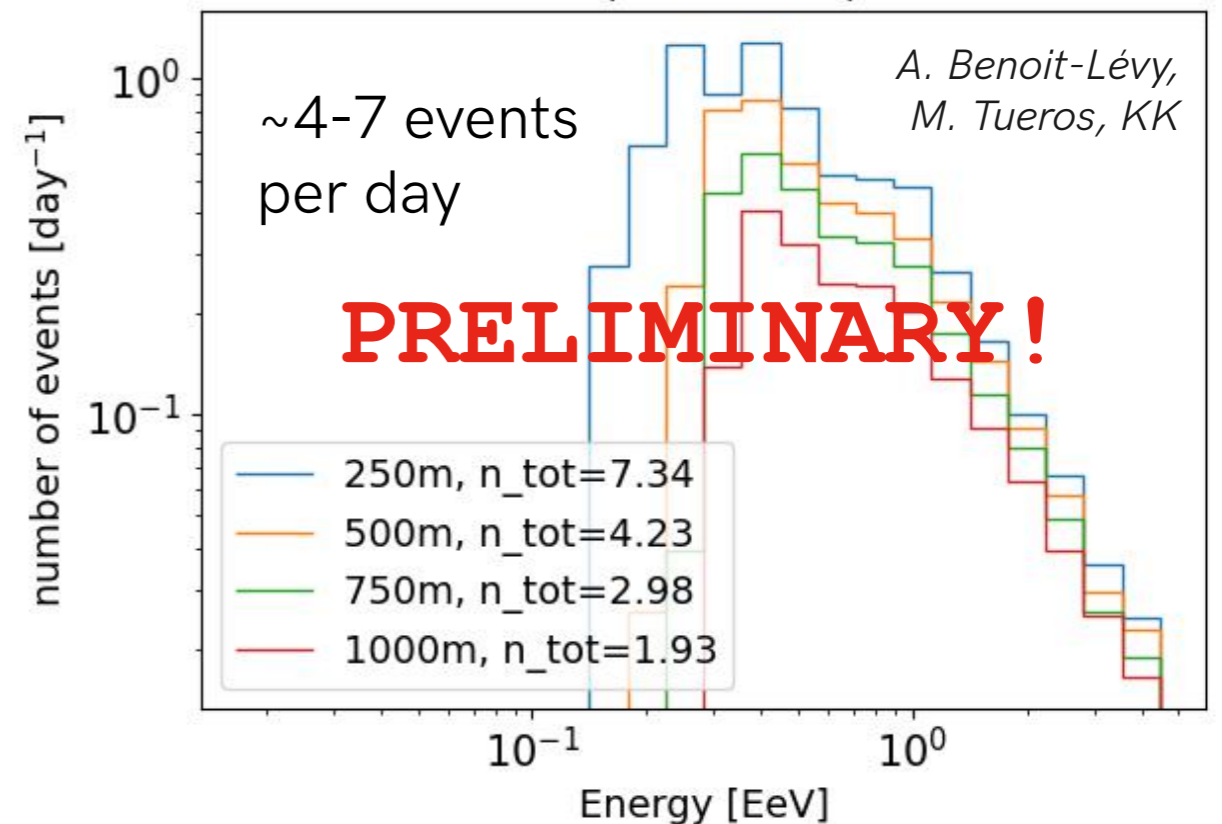
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## Deployment at the AERA (Auger) site



## 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

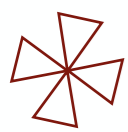
How to deploy/run 200k units over 200k km<sup>2</sup>?  
How much will it cost? Who will pay for it?



Need for an  
experimental setup  
to test and optimize

  
@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)

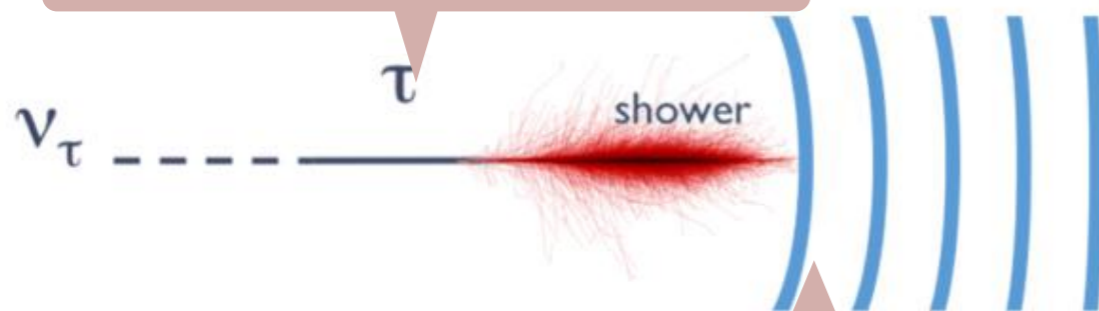
DC2 (Electric field computation & shower reconstruction)

## DANTON

$\nu \rightarrow \tau$  decay

backward MC over realistic topography

**Niess & Martineau 1810.01978**



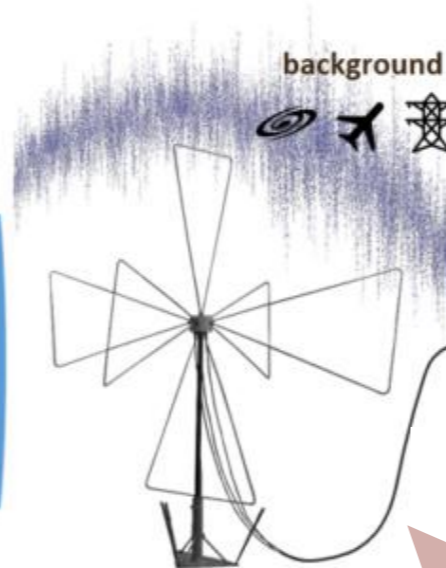
## Signal modeling

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

**Chiche et al. ICRC 2021**

**Tueros & Zilles**

**arXiv:2008.06454**



## Antenna response

*HorizonAntenna*

$h=5\text{m}$ ,  $f = 50\text{-}200\text{MHz}$ , 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)

S. Chiche, M. Guelfand,  
K. Kotera, **S. Prunet**, C. Zhang  
et al.

## IFLP (Argentina)

M. Tueros

## KIT

T. Huege

## PMO

Kewen Zhang

## VUB (Belgium)

K. de Vries, F. Schlüter

## Radio-signal modeling (theory)

for very inclined air-showers

*Chiche et al. 2022*

*Chiche, Zhang et al. in prep.*

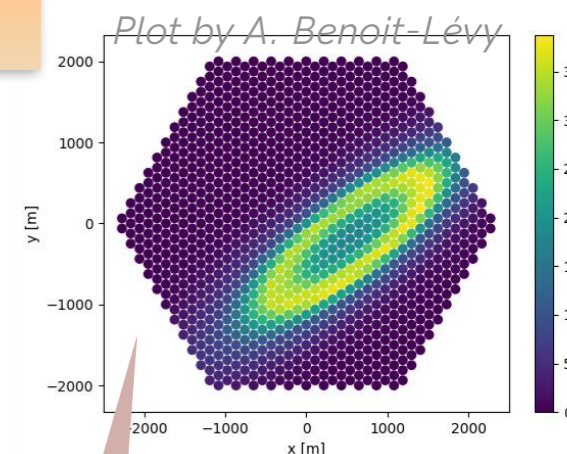
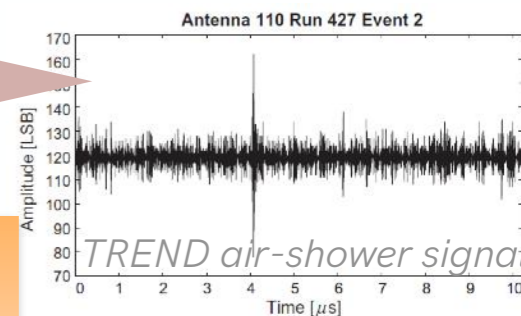
*Guelfand et al. in prep.*

## Signal modeling for triggering

within the  
NuTRIG project

## KIT

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## 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*

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# GRAND in Japan?

## data analysis, signal treatment & MM opportunities

### Data analysis preparation

- Development of data analysis pipeline
- Signal treatment - trigger
- Methods and tools for air-shower parameter reconstruction

### Scintillators on GRANDProto300? (Gansu, China)

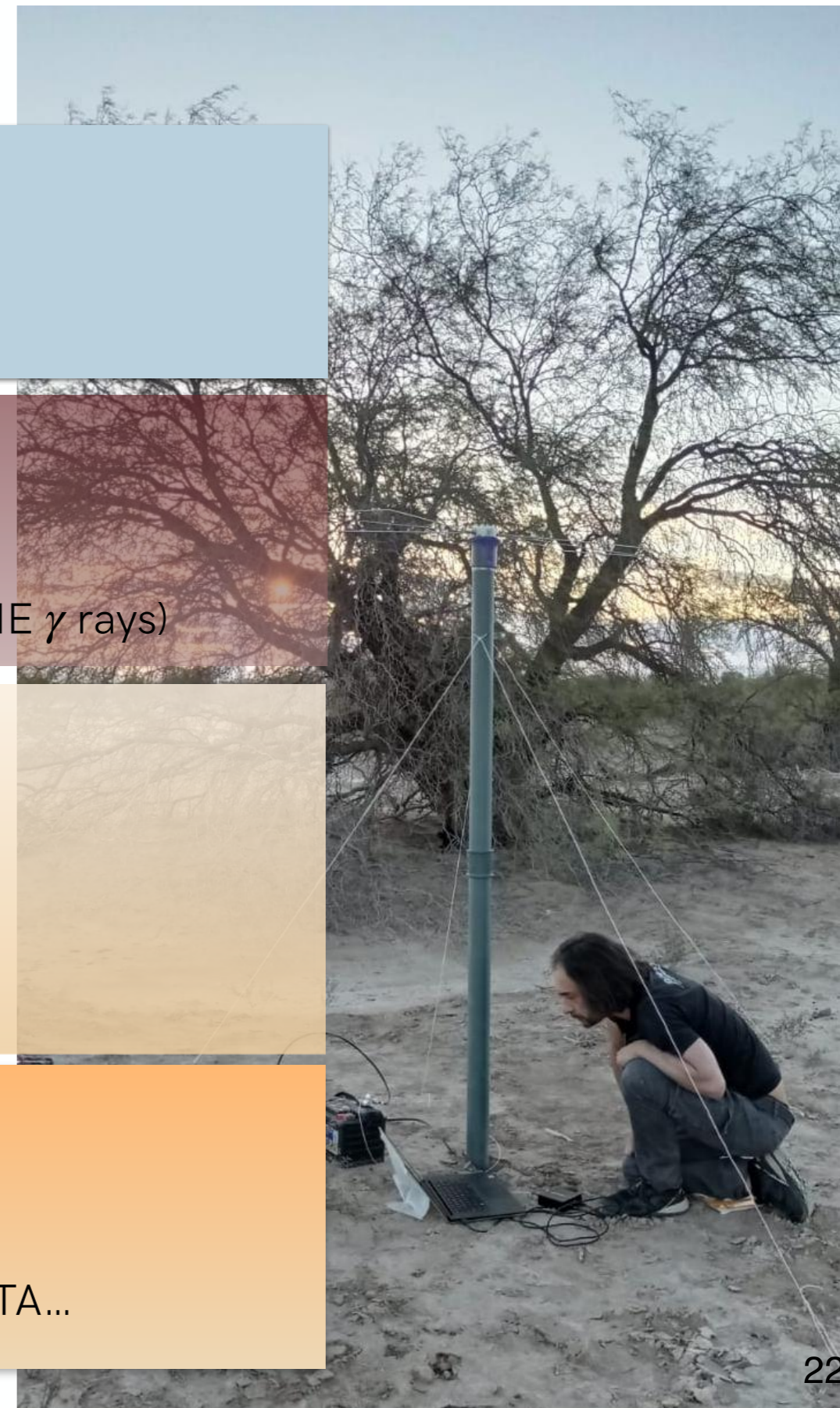
- Development and installation of particle detectors
- Testing coincident events
- Drastically improved science case (muon discrepancy, UHE  $\gamma$  rays)

### GRAND10k R&D

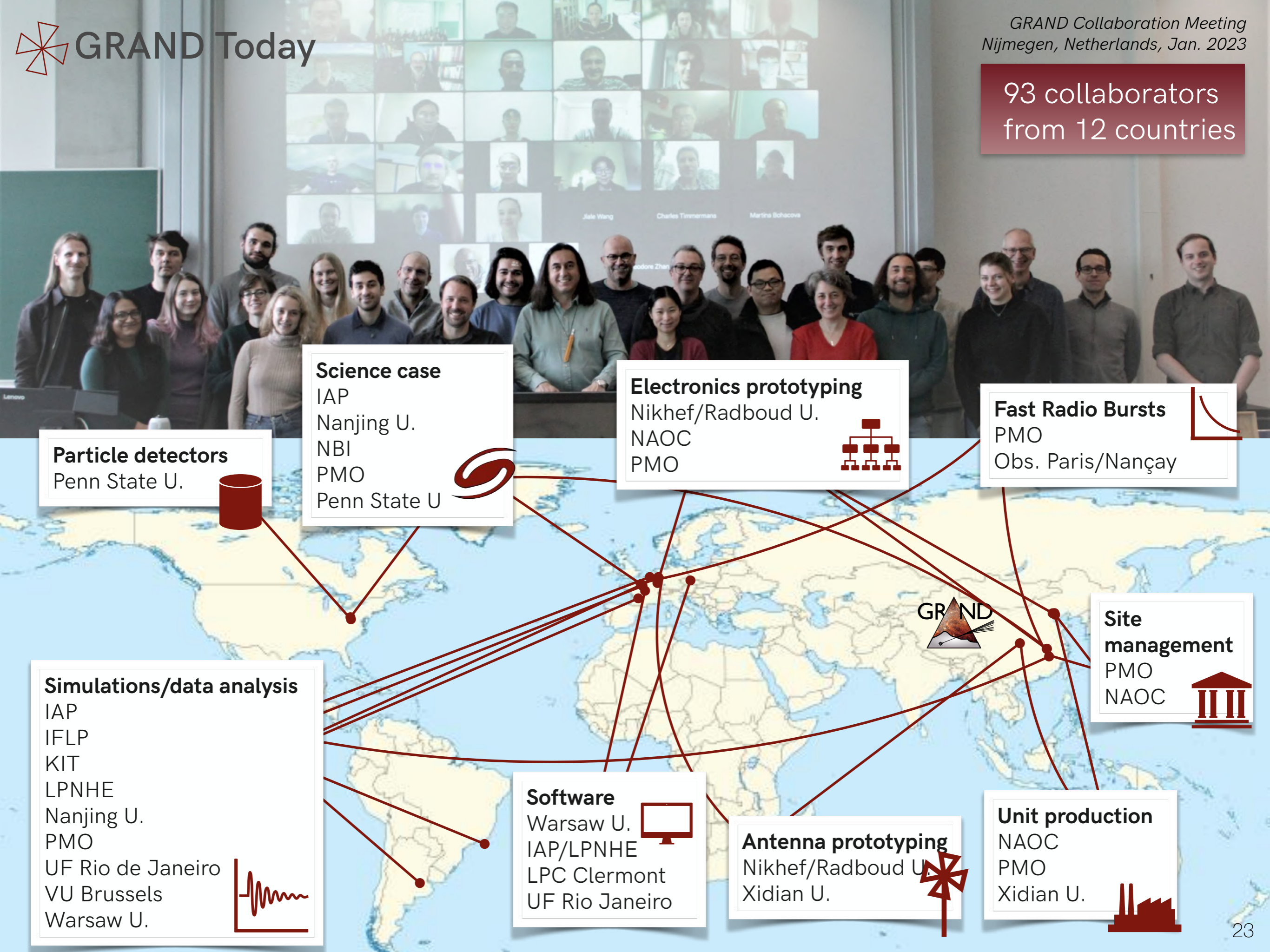
- Optimisation of mechanical design
- Optimisation of power management
- Optimisation of communications & trigger
- Reconstruction of very inclined air-showers
- Trigger and shower identification

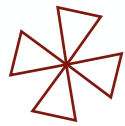
### Developing multi-messenger analysis in GRAND

- Messenger discrimination
- Developing the alert system
- Synergies with other instruments: IceCube, JEM-EUSO, TA...



93 collaborators  
from 12 countries





# GRAND Memorandum of Understanding

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

2022 version

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François Bouchet, Director

Nov 26th 2021

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Jorgen D'Hondt, Director

27 JAN 2022  
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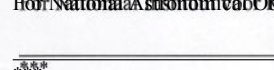
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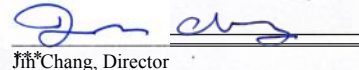
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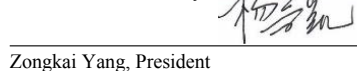
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Zongkai Yang, President

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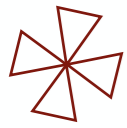
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# GRAND in the international community

## 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  
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- **Latin American** Strategy for Research Infrastructures for High Energy, Cosmology, Astroparticle Physics LASF4RI for HECAP <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)*

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Website:

<http://grand.cnrs.fr>

GRAND White Paper

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

Github

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

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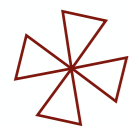
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Documentary by Jean Mouette *The Road to the Neutrino:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8tDnwwq8gAe4>







# GRANDProto300: a self-standing pathfinder

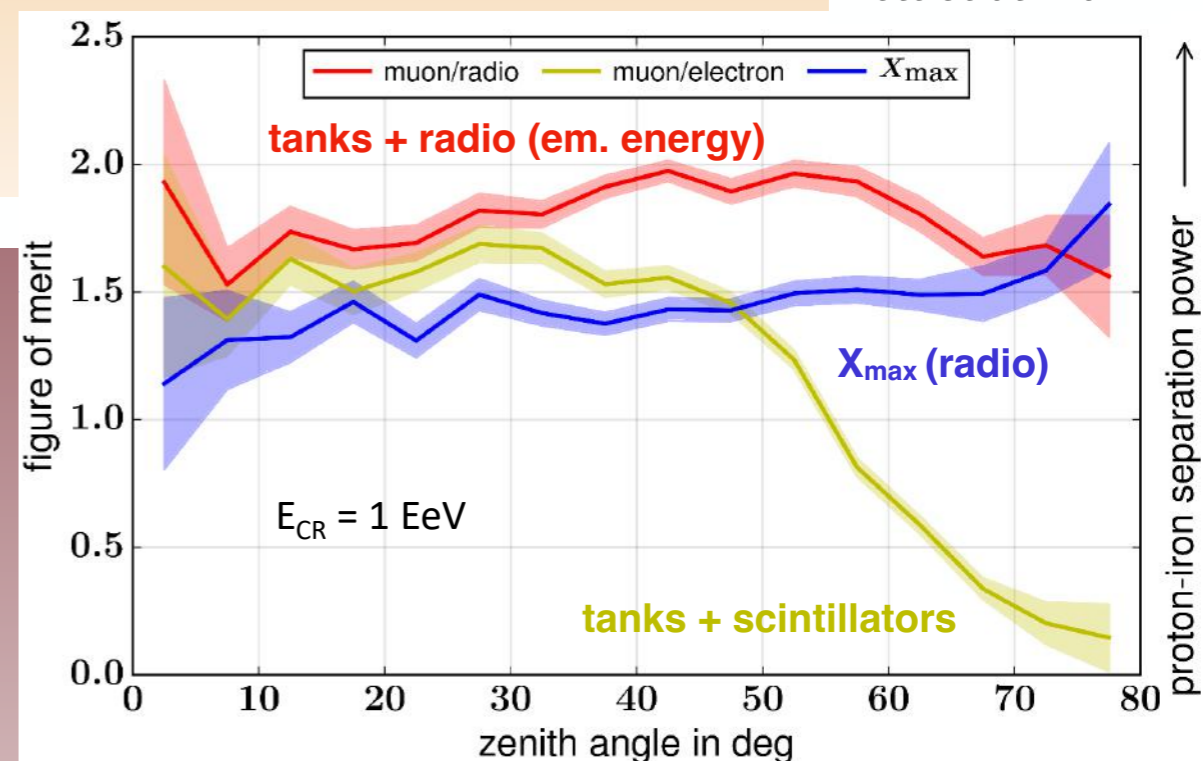
**Autonomous** detection of **very inclined cosmic rays**  $E = 10^{16.5} - 10^{18}$  eV

1- reconstructing spectrum, arrival direction & composition

validation via comparison to known results

2 - test bench for further GRAND stages

*Holt et al. 2019*



**Proficient physics instrument**

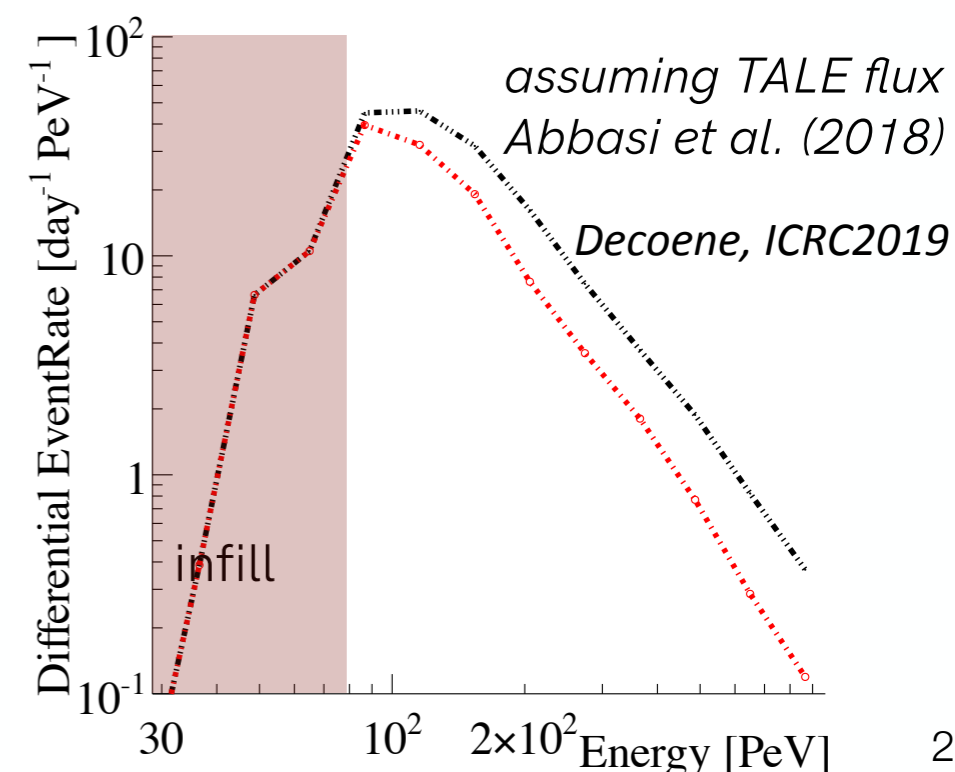
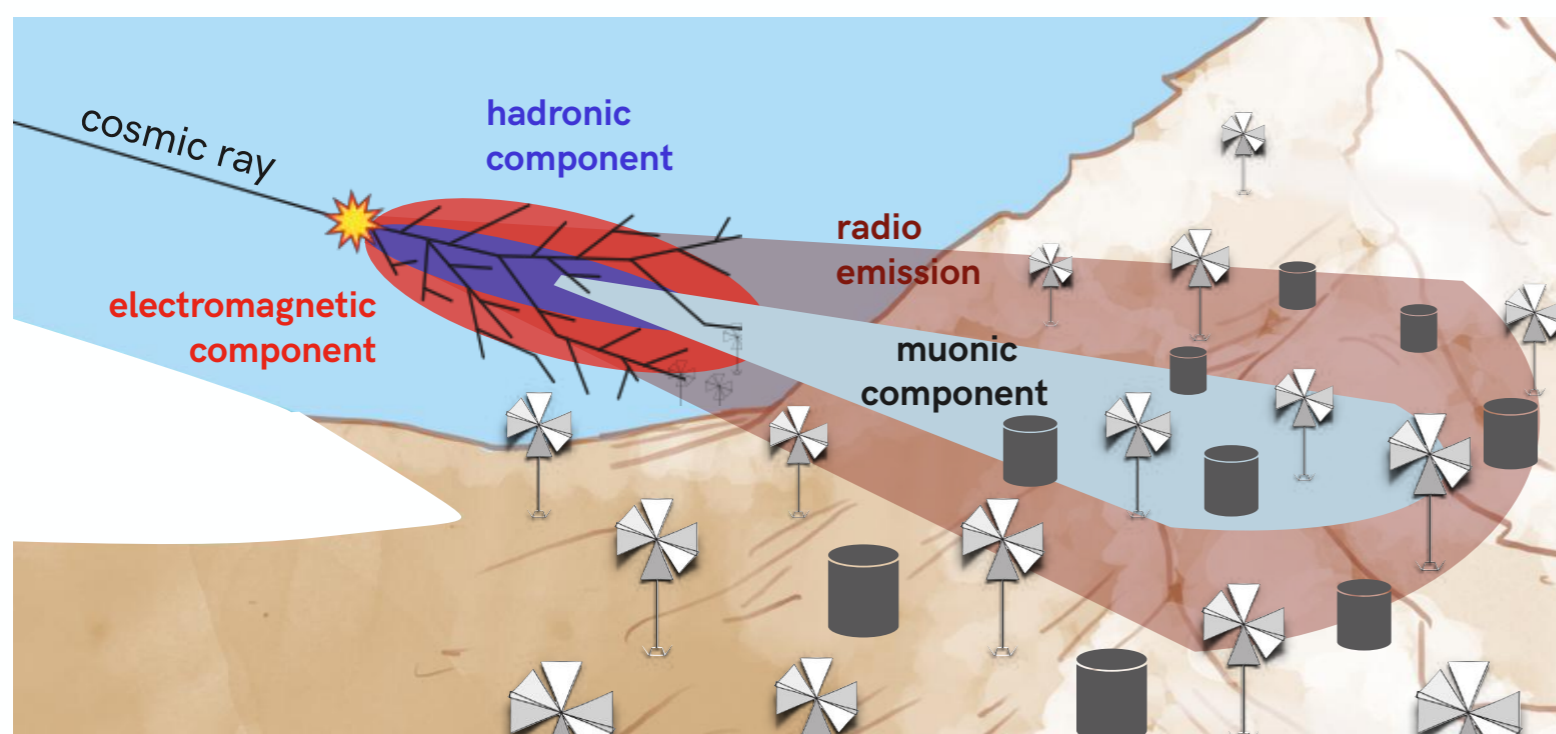
if complemented by **particle detector array**

Galactic/extragalactic transition

hadronic physics (muon content in EAS)

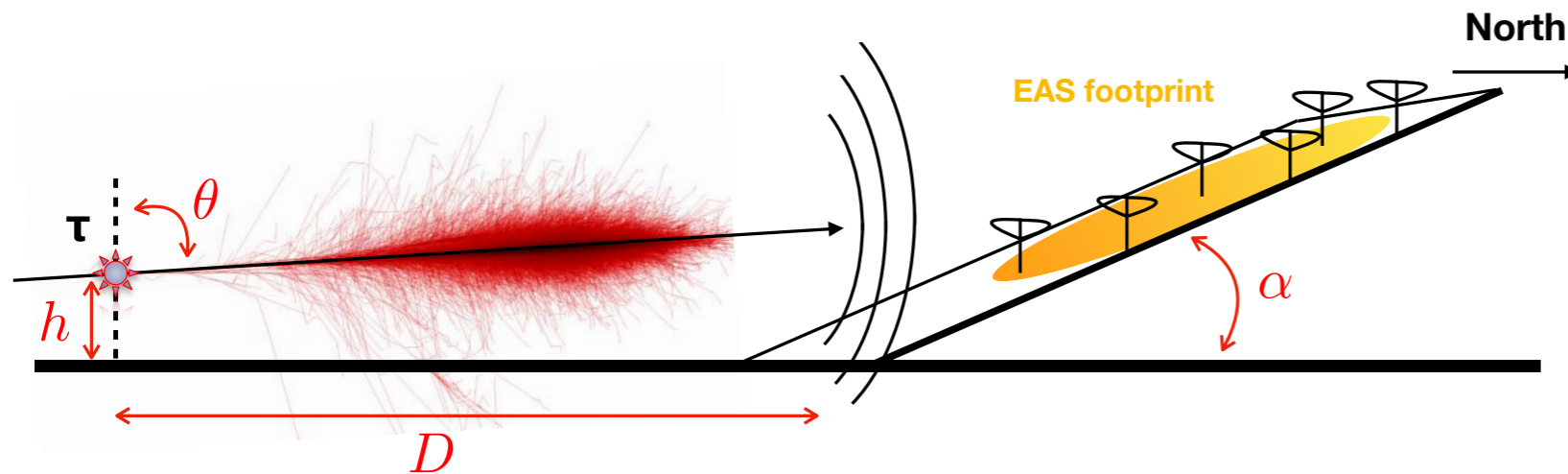
UHE gamma-rays

Fast Radio Bursts



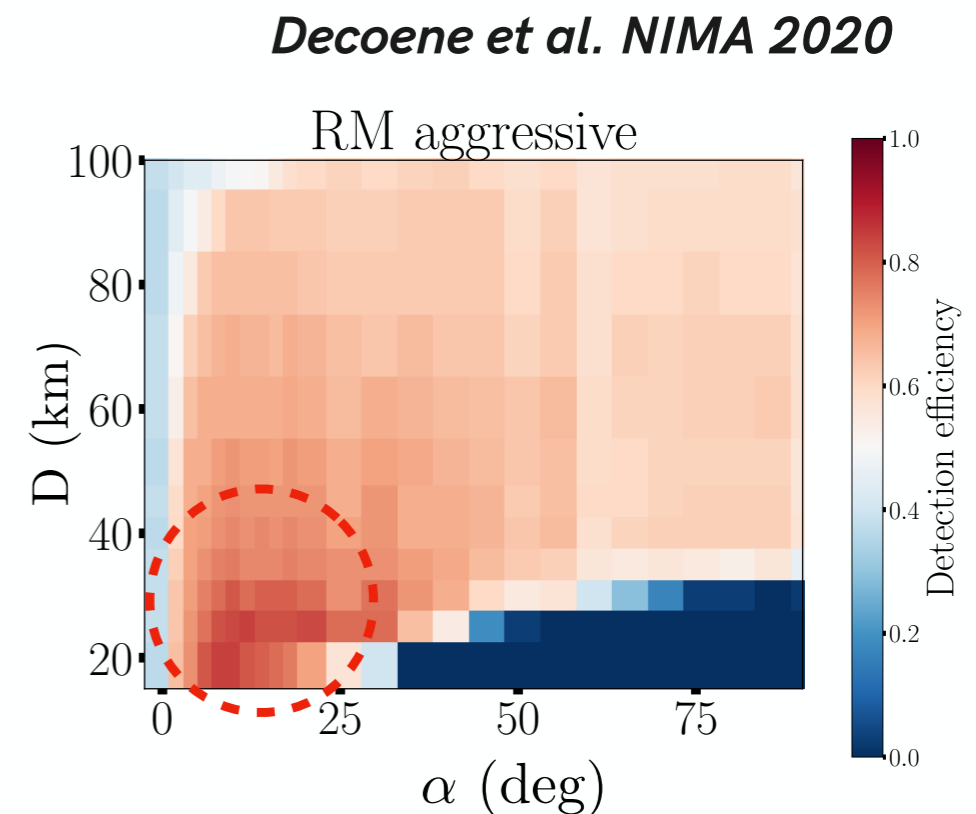
# Air-shower parameter reconstruction

- Additional asymmetries for very inclined showers (shower age, atmospheric conditions,...)  
→ **Dedicated reconstruction methods necessary!**



## Effects of topography

- Mild slopes ( $5^\circ$ - $20^\circ$ ) can optimise the UHE neutrino radiodetection efficiency by a factor 3  
*Decoene et al. 2020*

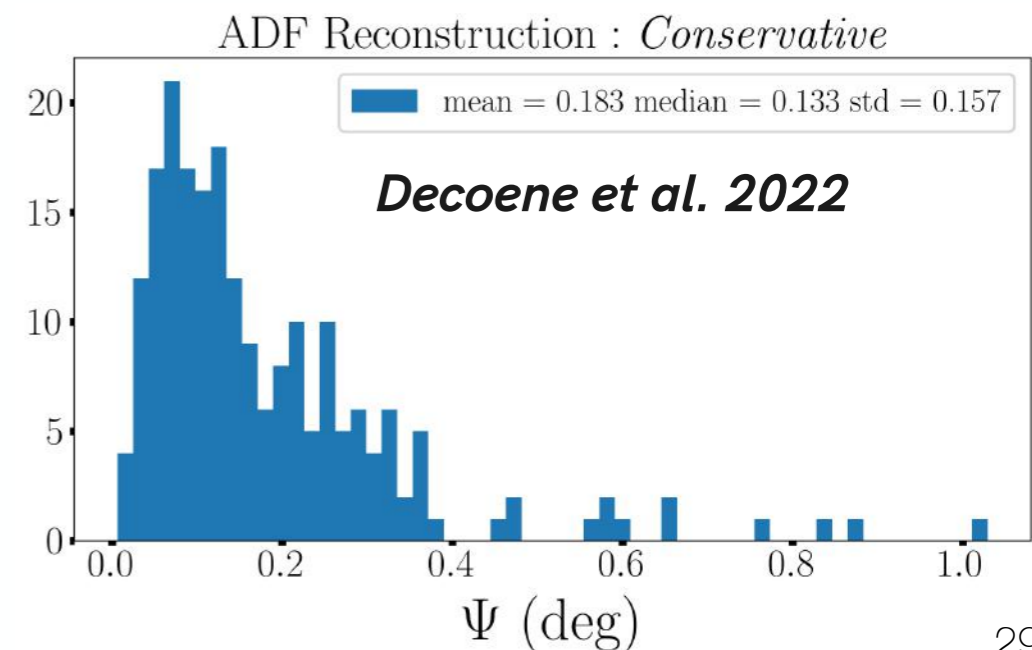


## Angular resolution

- Neutrino astronomy is possible:  $0.1^\circ$  angular resolution on arrival direction achieved  
*Decoene et al. 2022*

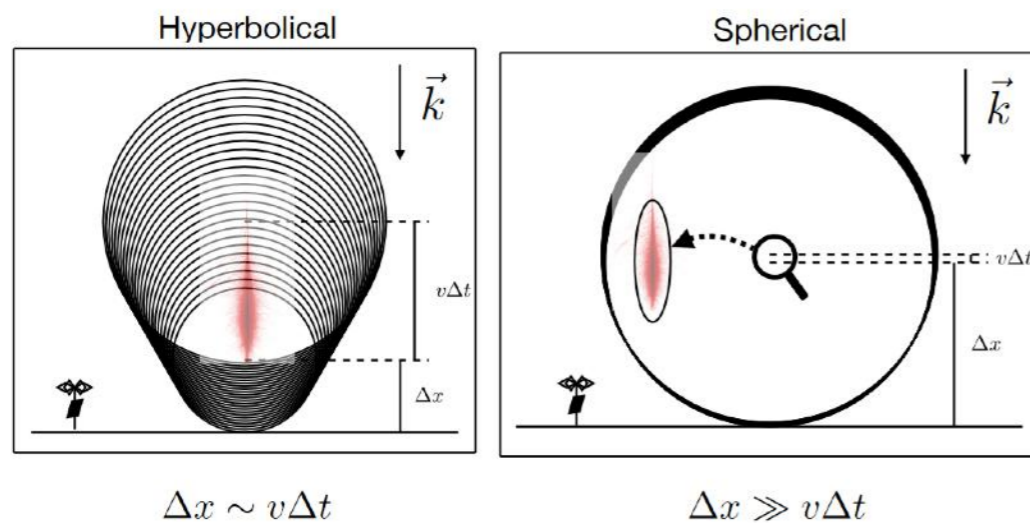
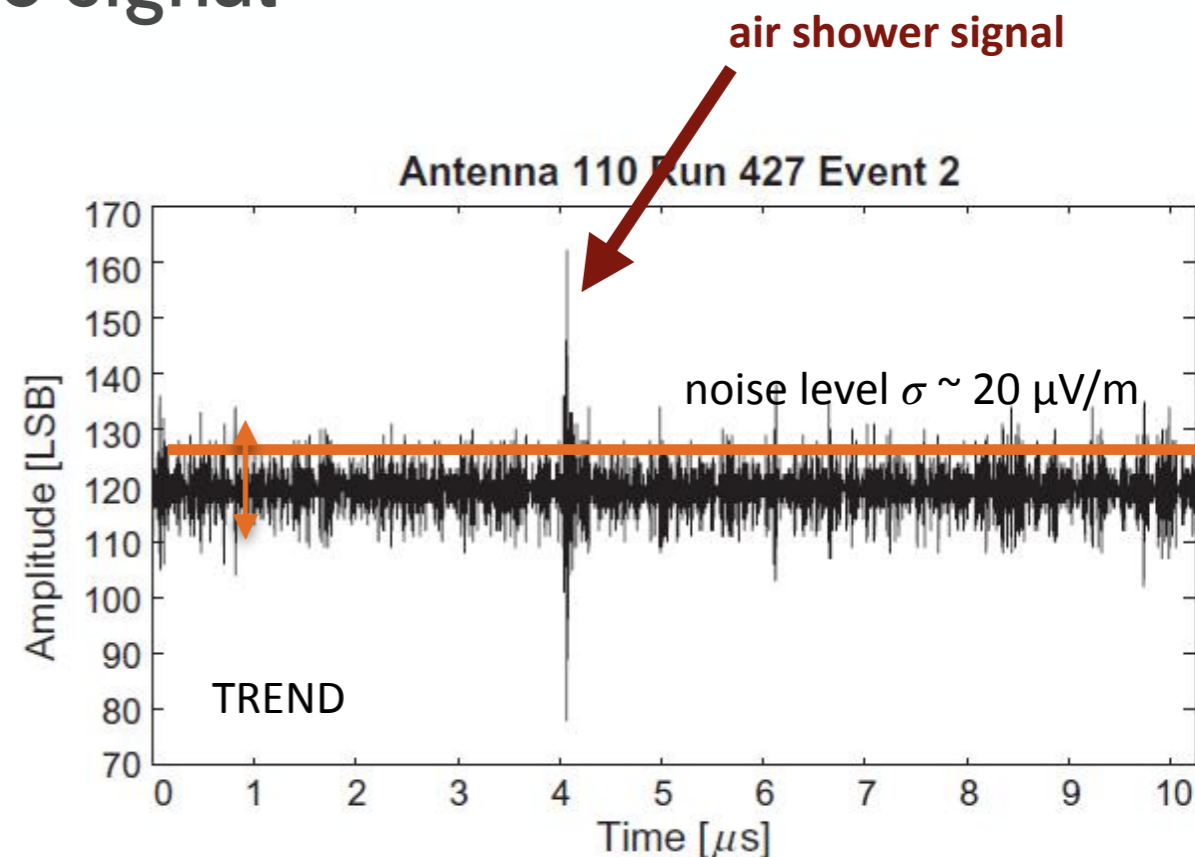
## Parameter reconstruction framework

- Preliminary framework for global signal reconstruction (direction, composition, energy)  
*V. Decoene PhD 2020*



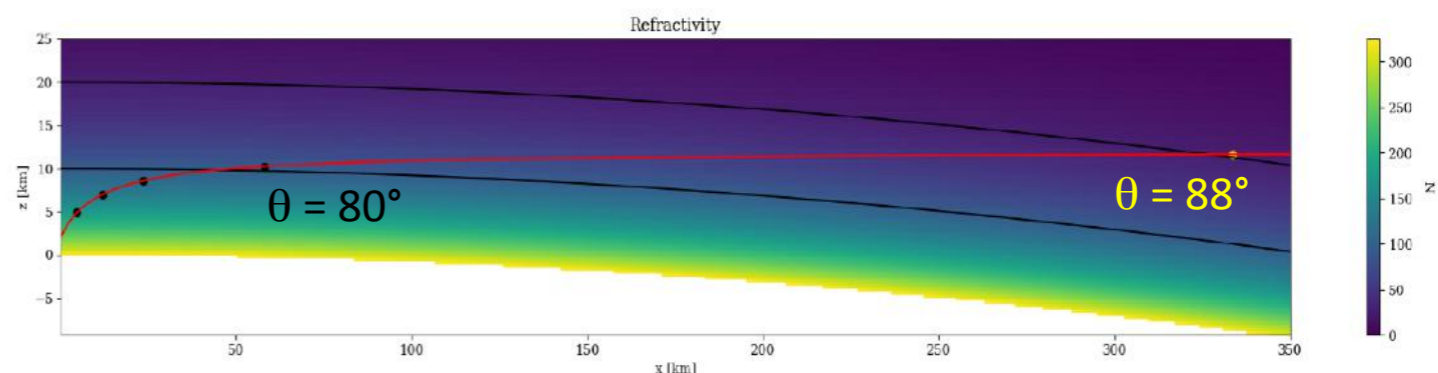
# ✱ Building on features of the EAS radio signal

- Frequency range : **30-200 MHz**
- Transient pulses, duration:  **$< \sim 100\text{ns}$**
- Amplitude of detectable signals at unit level:  
 $> 3-5 \sigma$  above the stationary Galactic background  
 $(\sigma[\text{Galactic emission}] \sim 20 \mu\text{V/m in } [50-200\text{MHz}])$   
 amplitude scales linearly with primary particle energy
- Detection energy threshold with 5 units in common:  $10^{16.5} \text{ eV}$



Adapted from Corstanje et al., arXiv:1404.3907

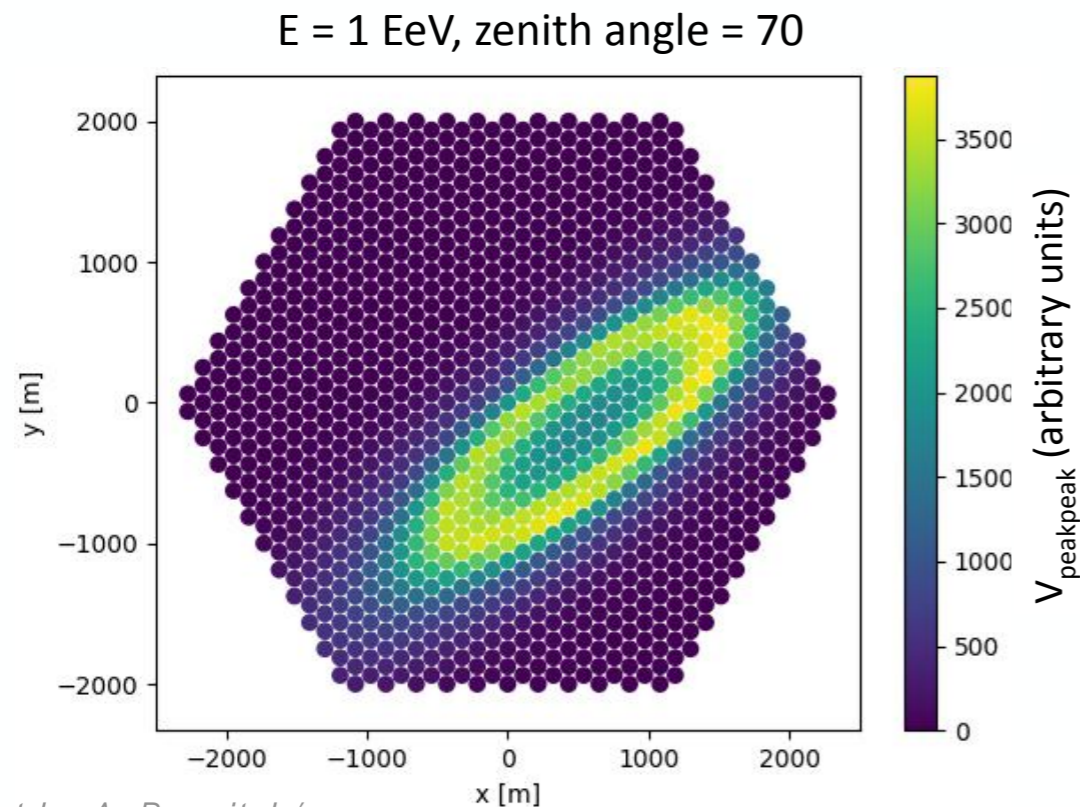
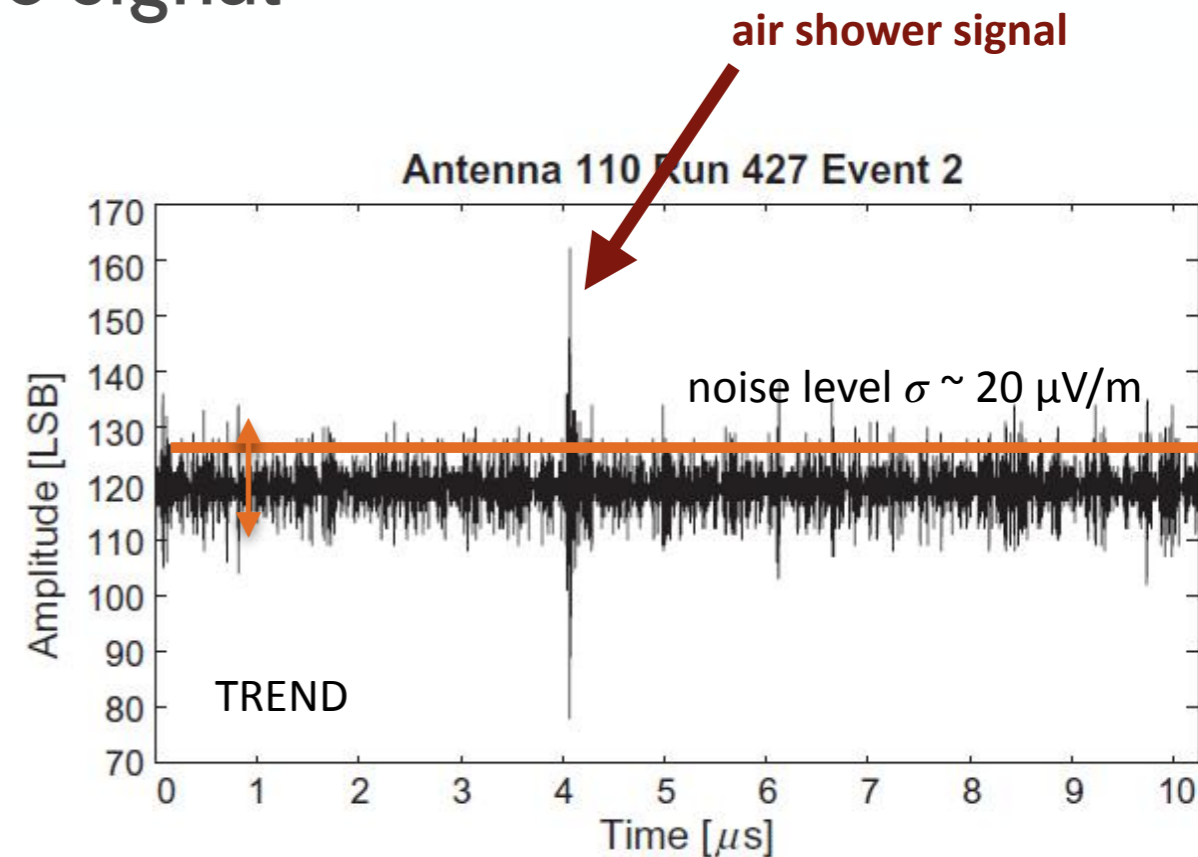
- Emission  $\sim$  point-like around shower maximum  $\rightarrow$  spherical wavefront
- Emission focused in  $1^\circ$  cone around shower axis
- "Cerenkov ring": enhancement around  $1^\circ$  at highest frequencies



Plot by M. Tueros

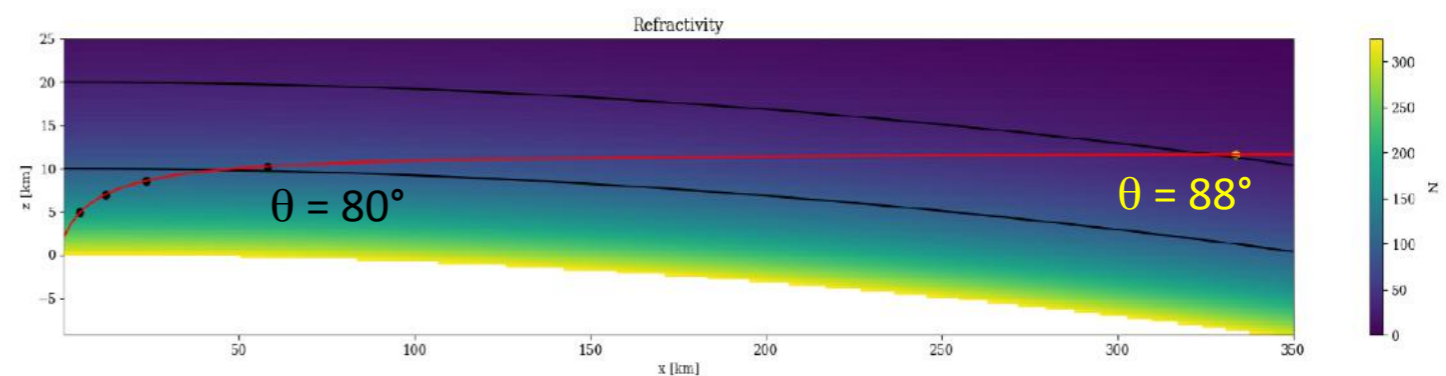
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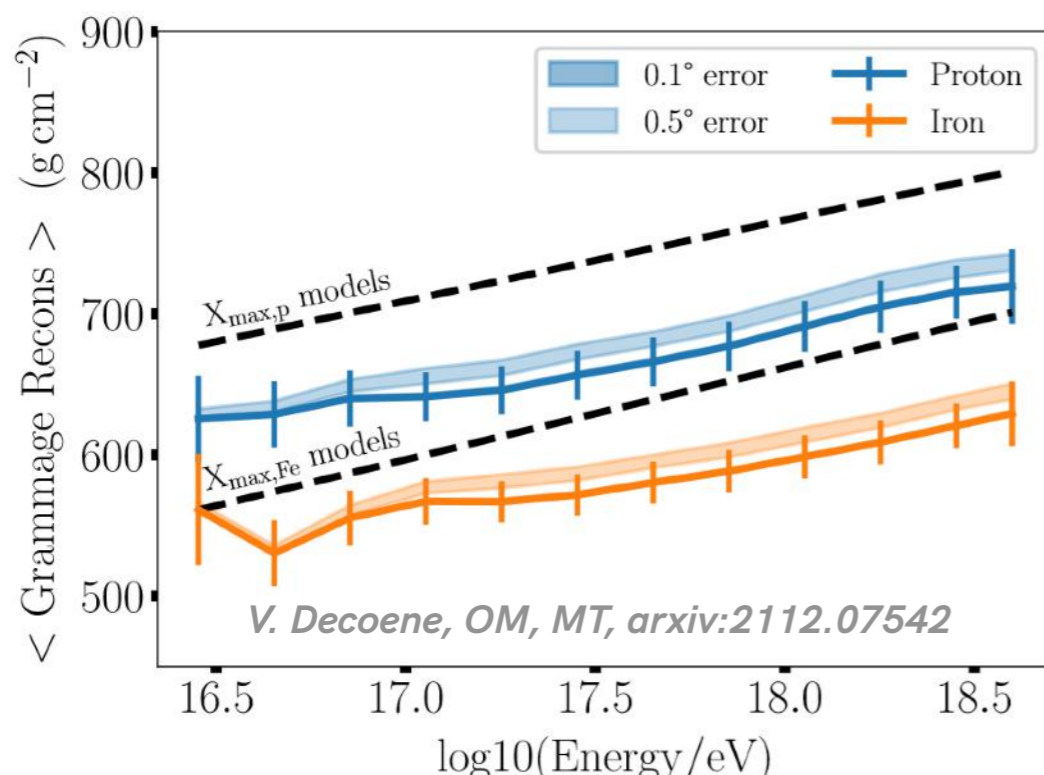
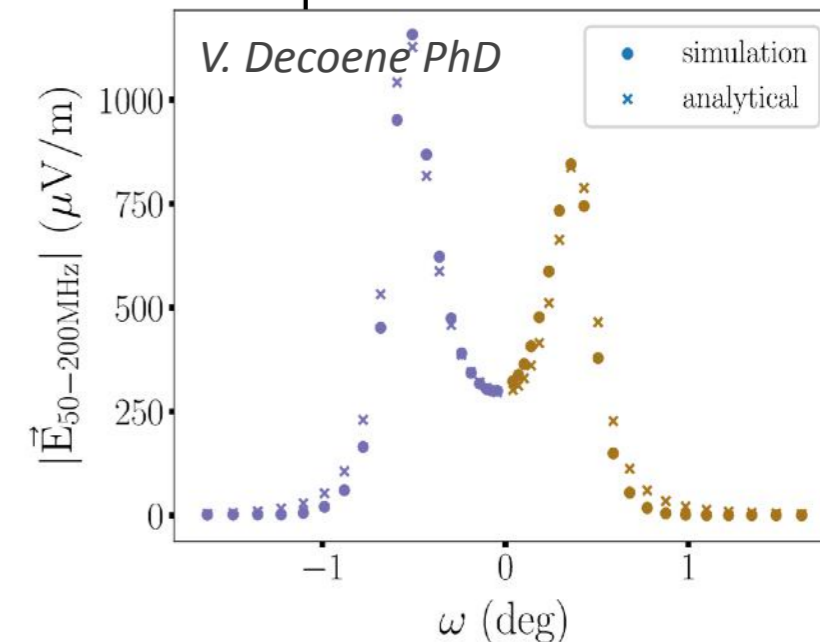
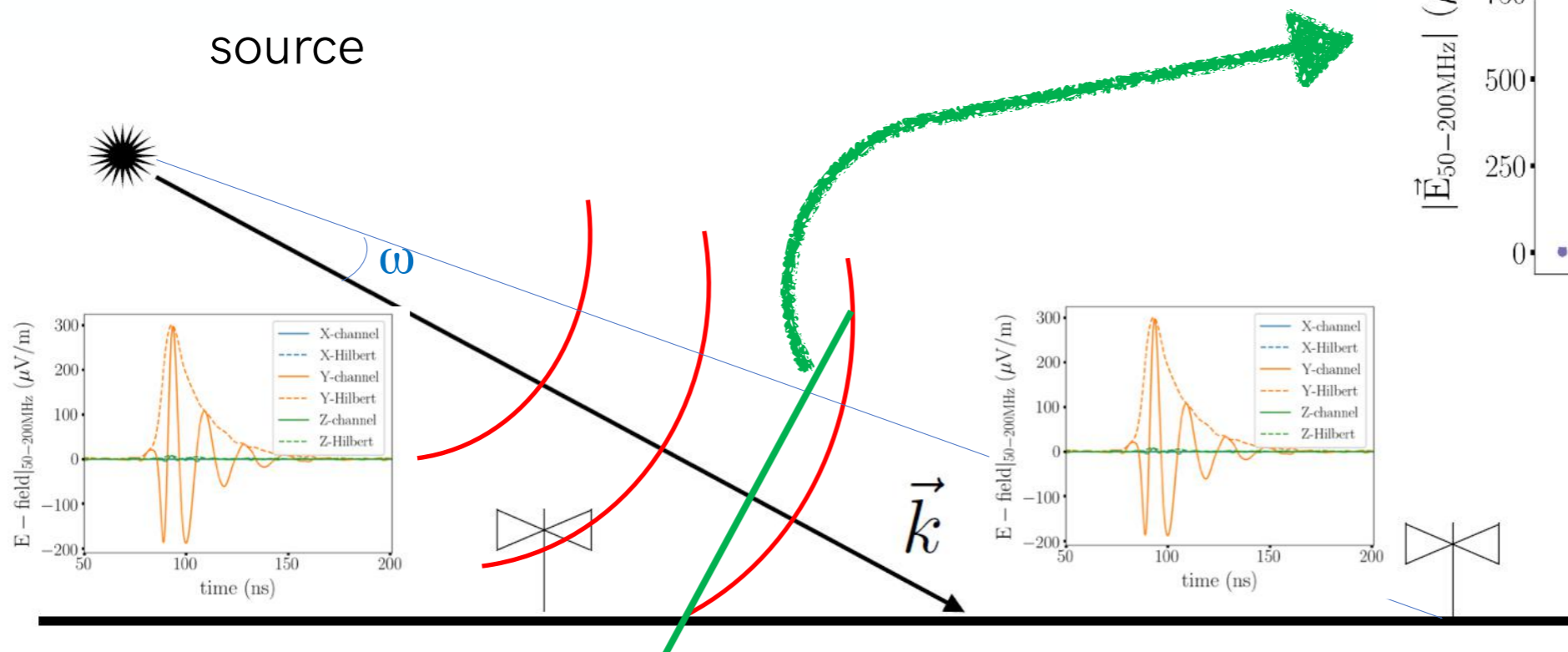


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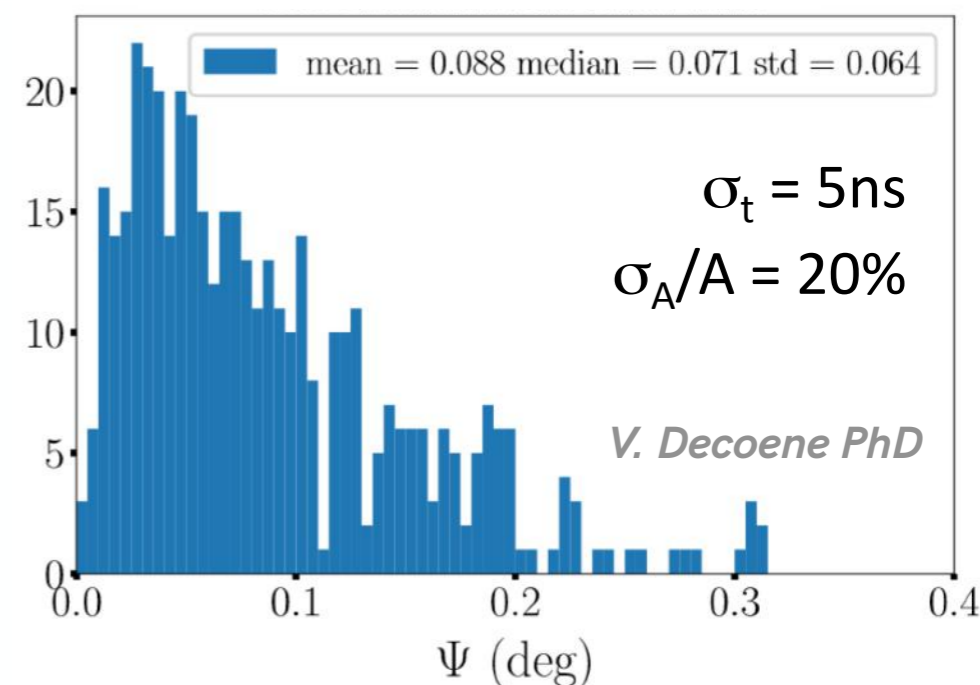
# ✳️ Challenge 1: Air shower reconstruction

Analytical description of amplitude distribution

Center of spherical  
fit of trigger times  
⇔ radio emission  
source

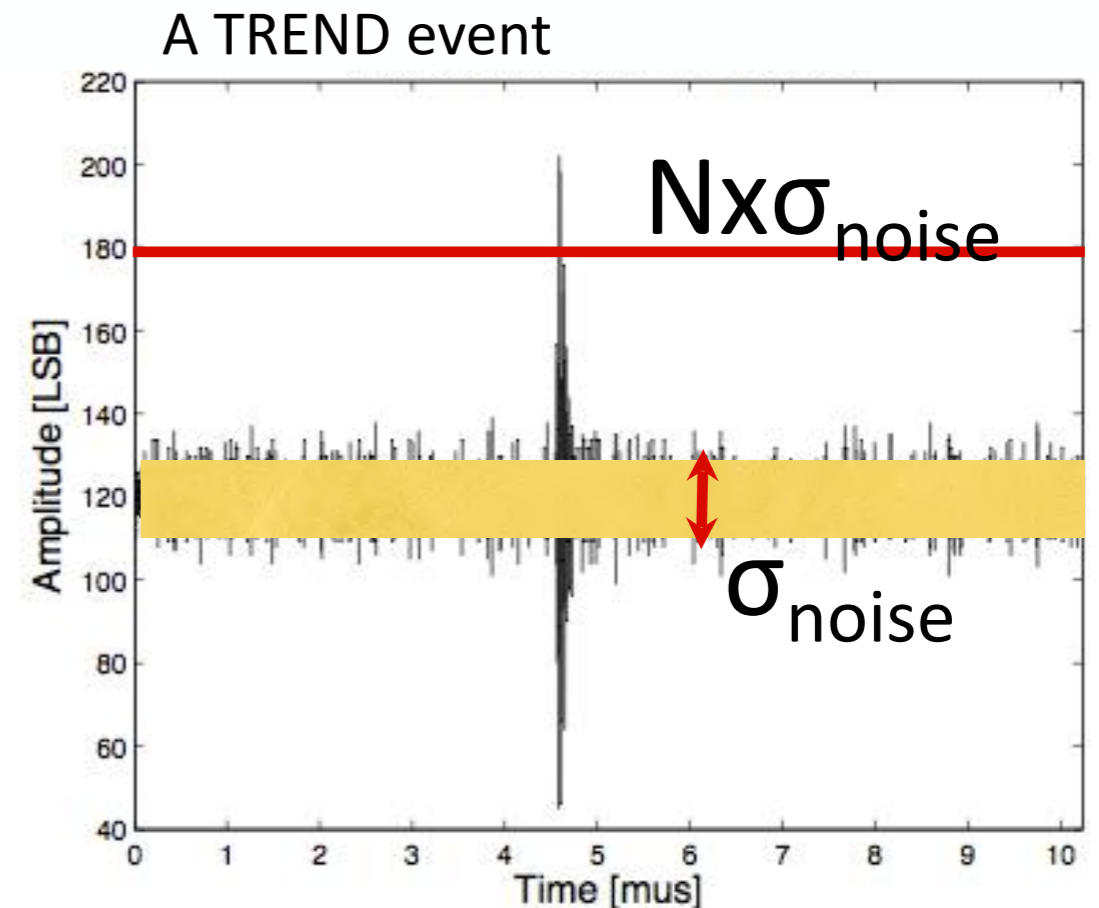


GP300 simulations



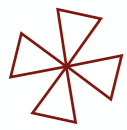
## ✳️ Challenge 2: self-triggered radio arrays

- Only realistic solution for GRAND size
- **At present** (including GP300), only standard methods for triggering:
  - L1 @ unit level: (mostly) signal-over-threshold  
EAS signal known from simulation, background continuously measured
  - L2 @ DAQ level: select causal coins between L1s (GPS timetags)  
Background is mostly waves rather than random coins
  - Full time trace collected  
Huge data volume (~10kBy/trigger), while offline treatment reduced to few infos (trig time, amplitude, polar)...



GRANDProto300: large volumes of data → Large bandwidth needed → WiFi  
→ High cost, high power consumption, low range

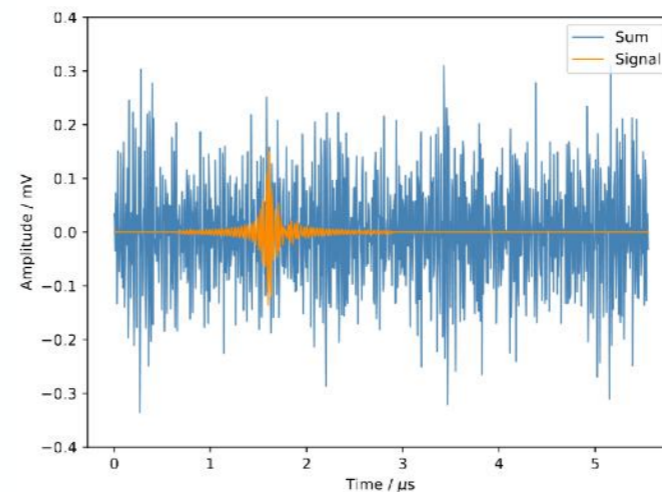
**Need for a low-rate, low-power, low-price solution for giant arrays (e.g. GRAND10k)**



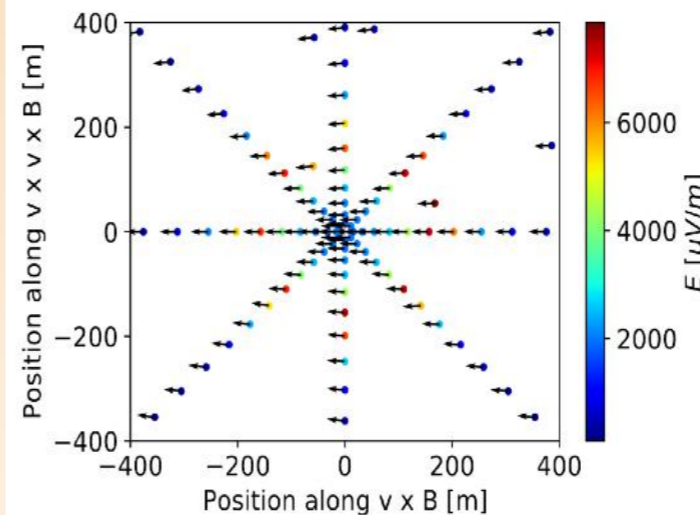
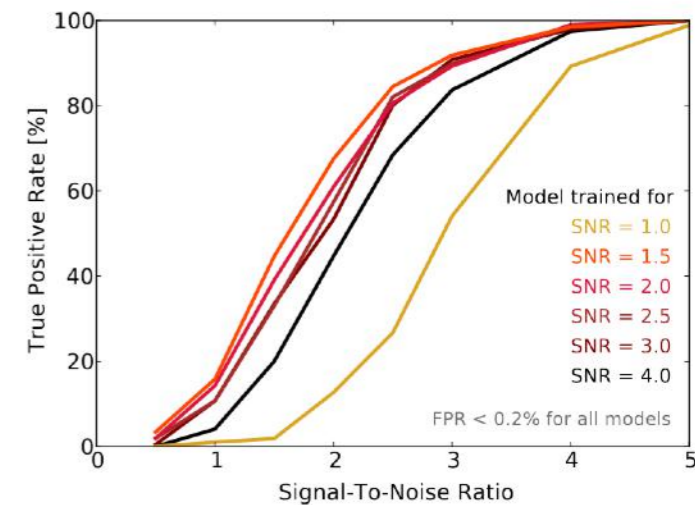
# The NUTRIG proposal

Karlsruhe & Paris (T. Huege, M. Roth, KK & OM)

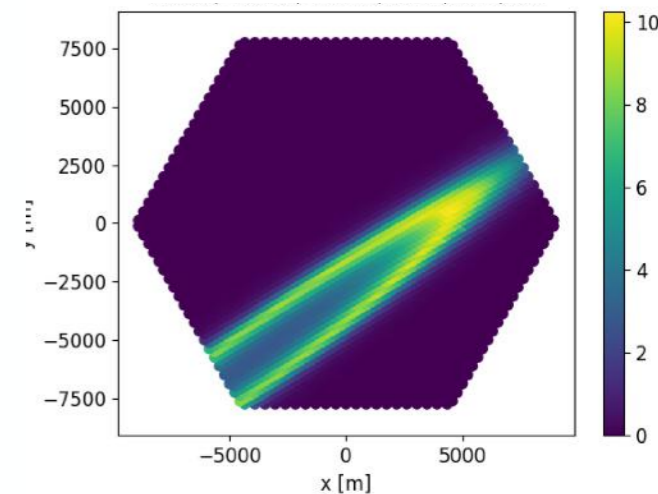
- L1 trigger (LPNHE lead)
  - Developing innovative methods for:
    - Signal identification (ie fighting against transient noise) → improve purity
    - Signal extraction (ie fighting against stationary noise) → improve threshold
  - Specific constraints:
    - Online treatment (ie faster than data rate)
    - « Frugality »: low power & limited CPU
    - Noise variability: large range of background pulses, not-so-stationary baseline conditions
- L2 trigger (KIT lead): use EAS signatures
- Data format (LPNHE + IAP + KIT):
  - Optimize balance between data volume and quality using offline (blind) analysis based on reduced info.

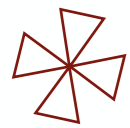


*M. Erdmann et al., arXiv:1901.04079*



*S. Chiche et al., arXiv:2202.06846*





# The NUTRIG proposal Karlsruhe & Paris

GP300 (nominal) rate:

L1: 4kBy/s/unit

L2: 100kBy/s/unit

→ 104kBy/s/unit

NUTRIG target:

L1: 1kBy/s/unit

L2: 500By/s/unit

→ 1.5kBy/s/unit

**NUTRIG goal (2025):**

Optimized trigger  
methods for  
autonomous radio  
arrays

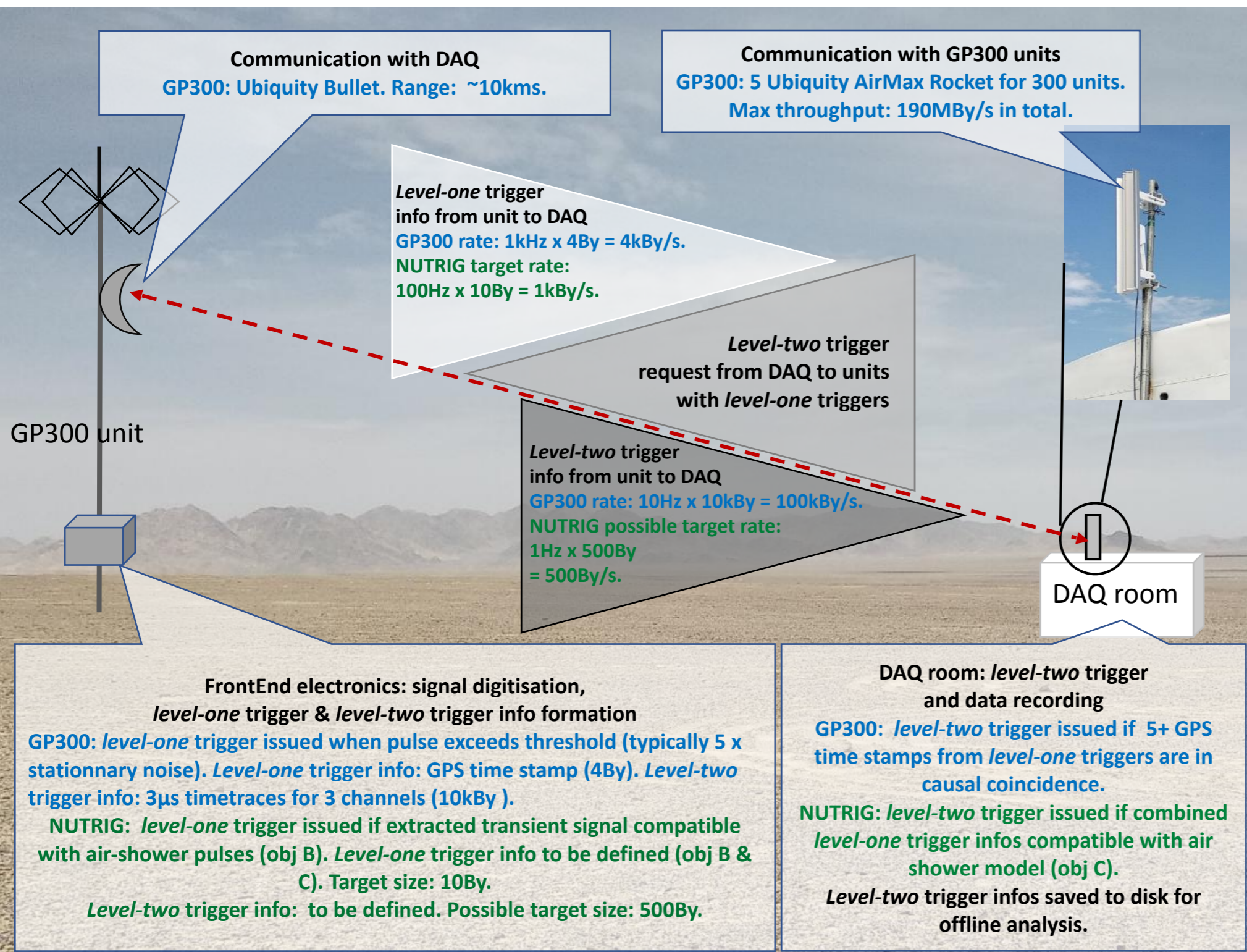
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Precise quantitative  
evaluation of data rate

**Following step**

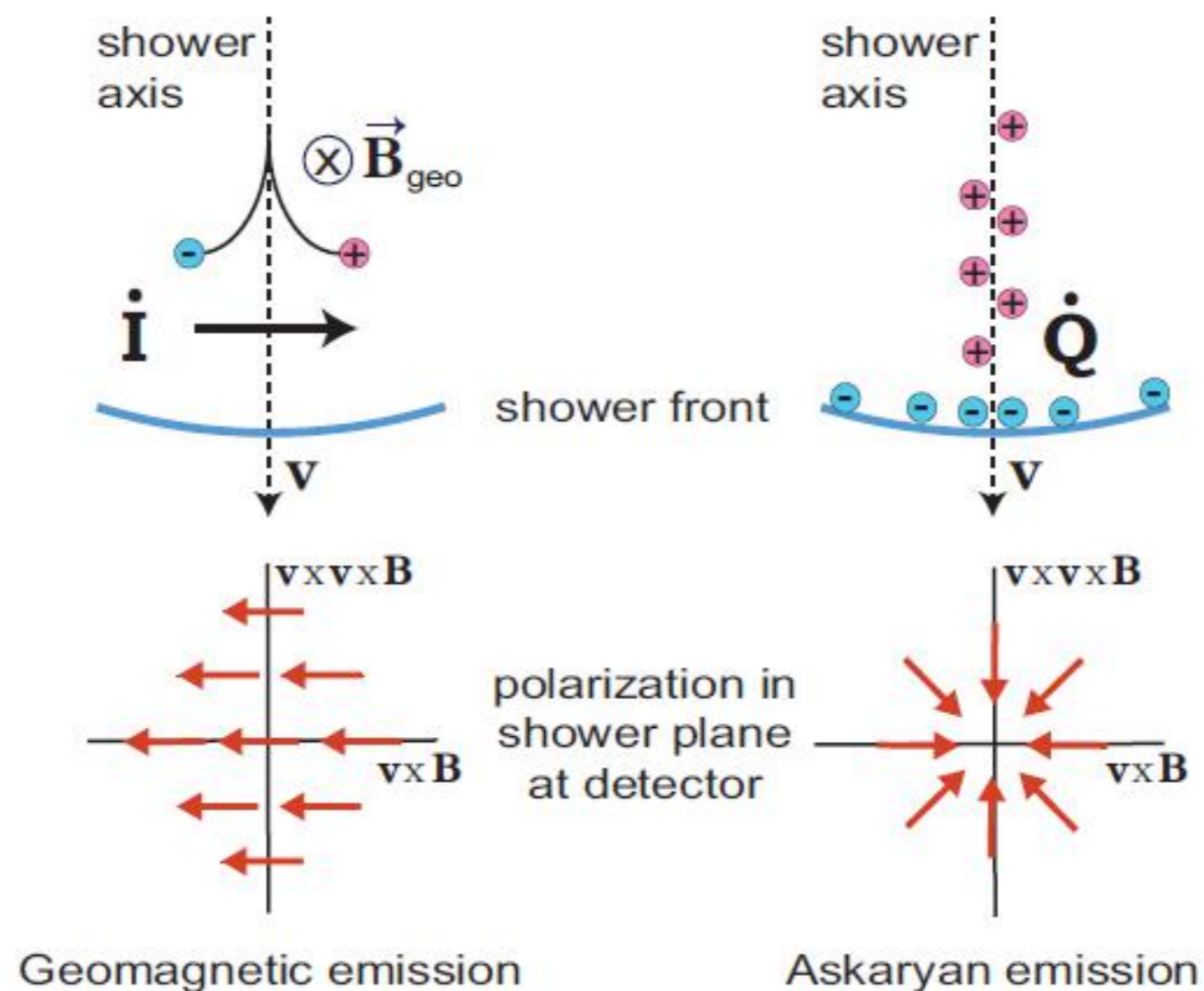
(starting 2024): define  
hardware layer  
adapted to data rates

→ GRAND10k



# ✳ CLASSICAL picture for radio emission

## 2 main sources for the radio emission

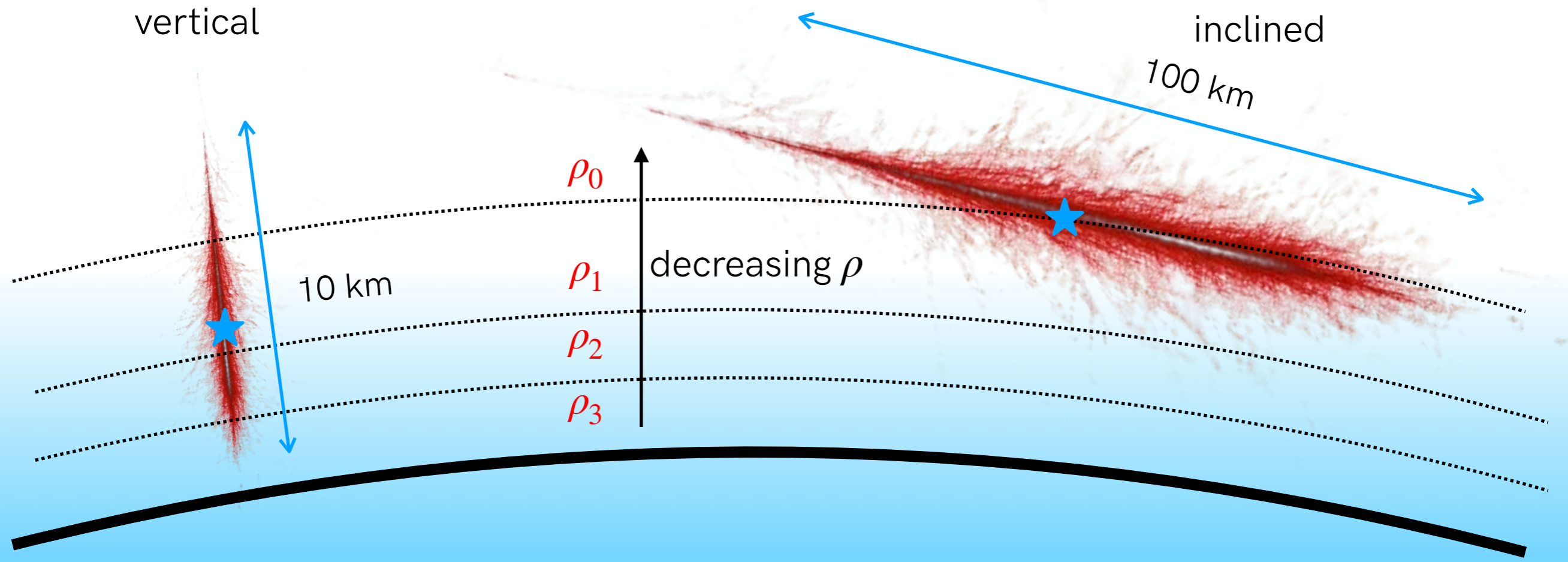


Vertical air-showers: well known, mature and verified  
Inclined air showers: still several challenges, trending topic

*e.g., Schlüter et al. 2022, Chiche et al. 2022*

# ✳ Characteristics of inclined air showers

- development at **lower air density**
- development over **longer trajectories**



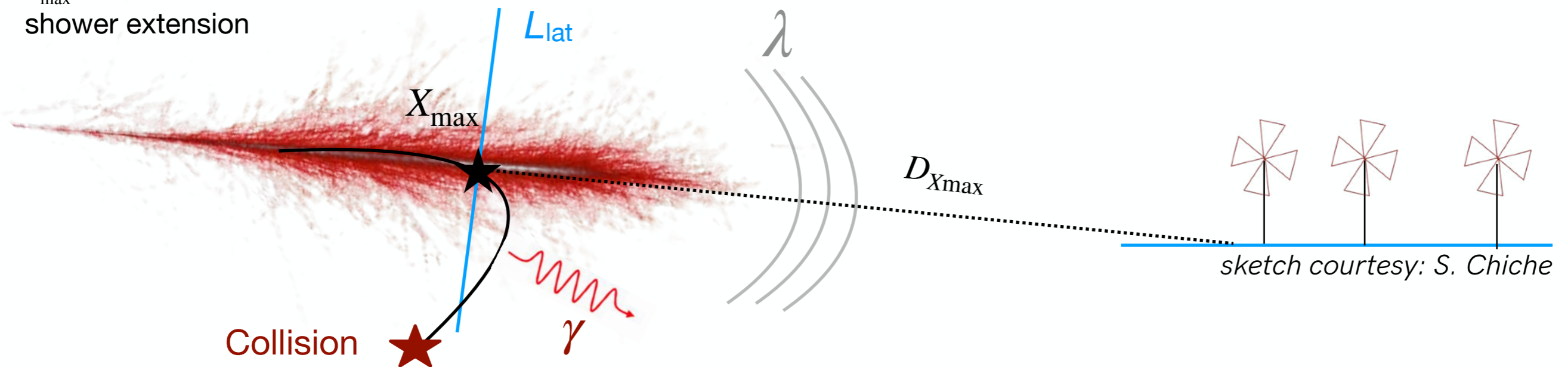
How do all these characteristics affect the radio emission?

**Enhanced effect of B!**

- particles more deflected —> larger lateral shower extension —> **coherence loss?**
- particles more deflected —> **synchrotron emission?**

# Coherence and synchrotron conditions

$X_{\max}$  : maximum shower extension



Condition for coherent emission

$$L_{\text{lat}}(\rho_{\text{air}}, B_{\text{Earth}}) < l_{\text{coh}}$$

Condition for synchrotron emission

$$l_{\text{syn}}(B_{\text{Earth}}) < l_{\text{rad}}(\rho_{\text{air}})$$

Spatial coherence length:

$$l_{\text{coh}} = \lambda D_{X_{\max}} / L_{\text{lat}}$$

Shower lateral extent:

$$L_{\text{lat}} = x_{\text{transverse}}(t = \tau)$$

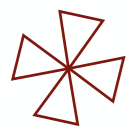
$\tau$ : characteristic time of inelastic collision

Inelastic collision radiation length

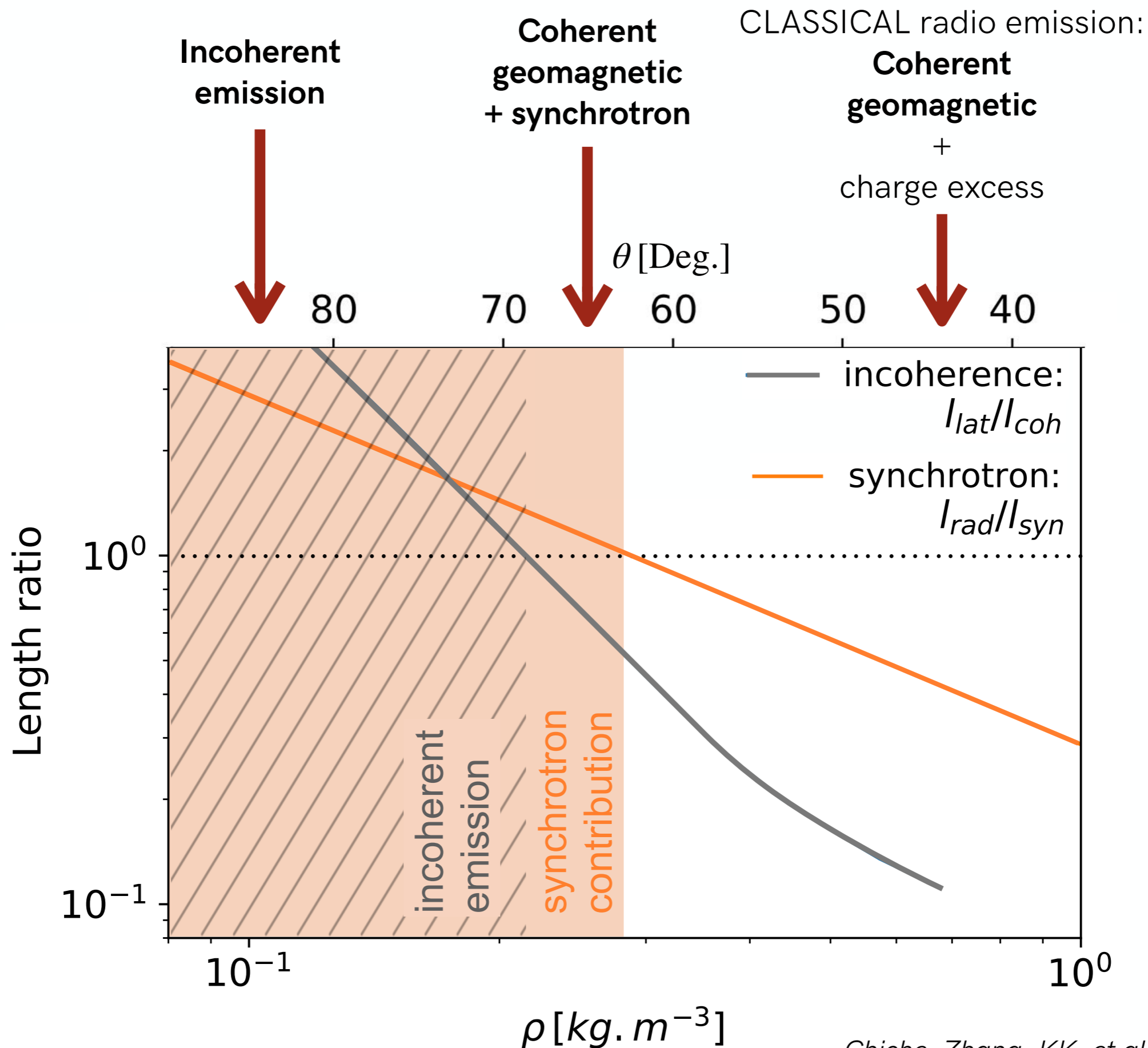
$$l_{\text{rad}} = X_0 / \rho_{\text{air}} \\ \sim 3.67 \times 10^3 \text{ m } (\rho_{\text{air}} / 1 \text{ g cm}^{-3})^{-1}$$

Synchrotron cooling length

$$l_{\text{syn}} = (\epsilon_e / 88 \text{ MeV})^{\frac{2}{3}} (B / 50 \mu\text{T})^{-\frac{2}{3}} (\nu / 80 \text{ MHz})^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$



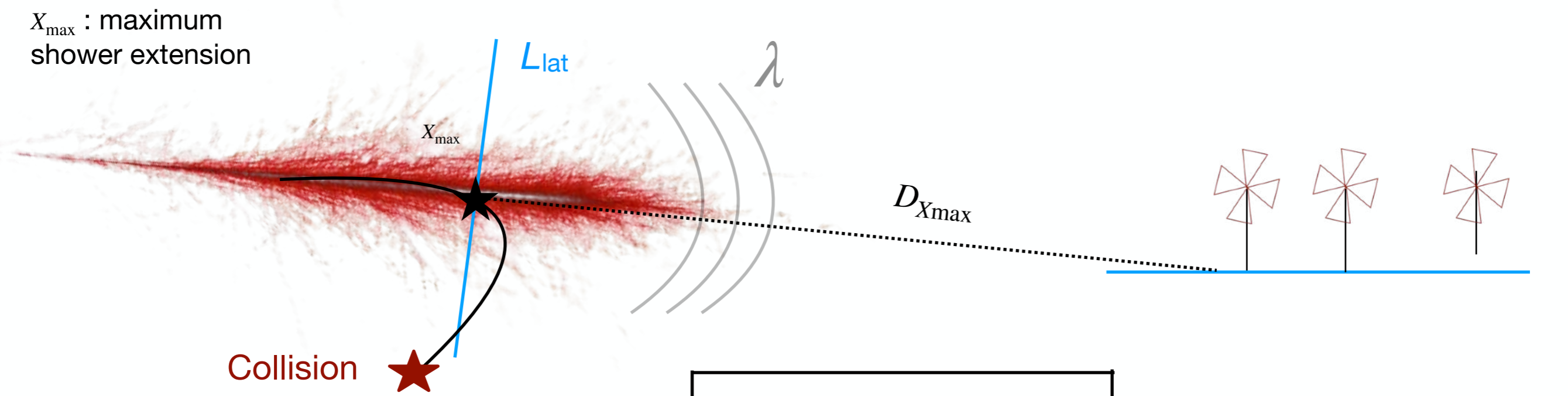
# New paradigm for inclined air-showers



# Conditions for a coherent radio signal

➔ Strong radio emission only if shower lateral extent shorter than coherence length

$$L_{\text{lat}}(\rho_{\text{air}}, B_{\text{Earth}}) > l_{\text{coh}}$$



**Spatial coherence length:**

$$l_{\text{coh}} = \lambda D_{X_{\text{max}}} / L_{\text{lat}} \text{ ?}$$

From ZHAireS simulations

**Shower lateral extent:**

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$\tau$ : characteristic time of inelastic collision

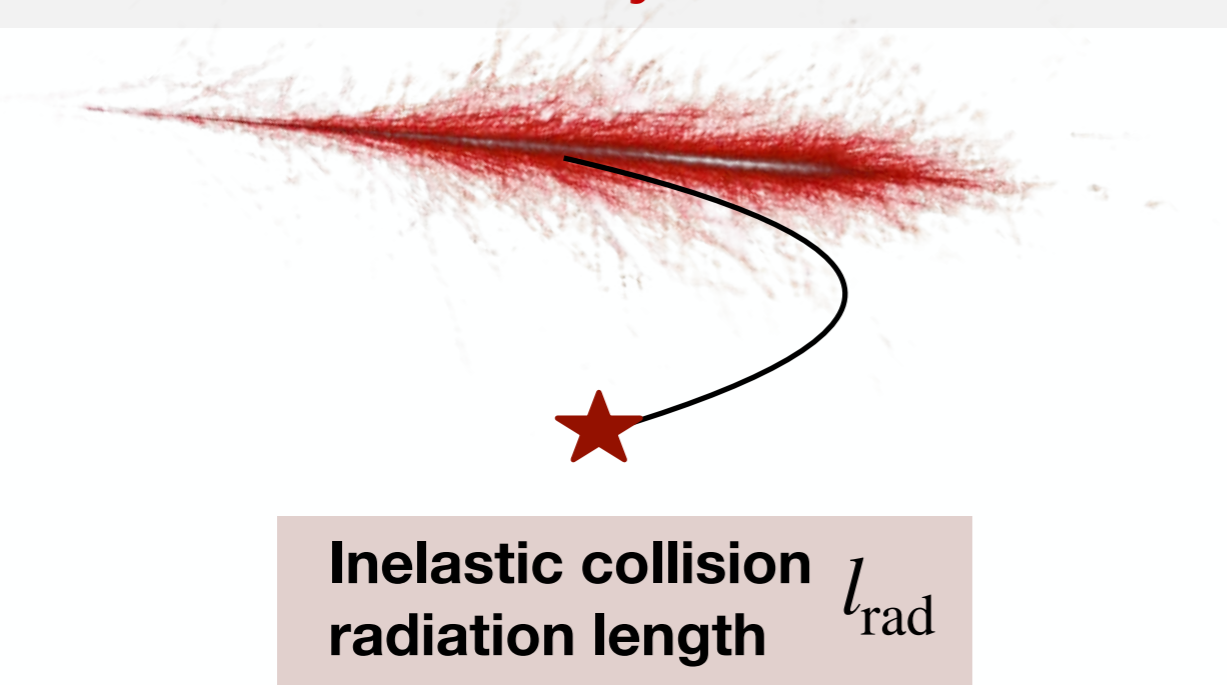
Transverse velocity: 
$$v_{\text{transverse}}(t) = \frac{\tau c^3 e B_{\text{Earth}}}{\mathcal{E}(t)} (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \quad (\text{Scholten et al., 2007})$$

Transverse position: 
$$x_{\text{transverse}}(t) = \frac{\tau^2 c^3 e B_{\text{Earth}}}{\mathcal{E}_0} (e^{t/\tau} - 1 - \frac{t}{\tau})$$

see also  
Marion's  
studies on  
particle  
distribution in  
air-showers!

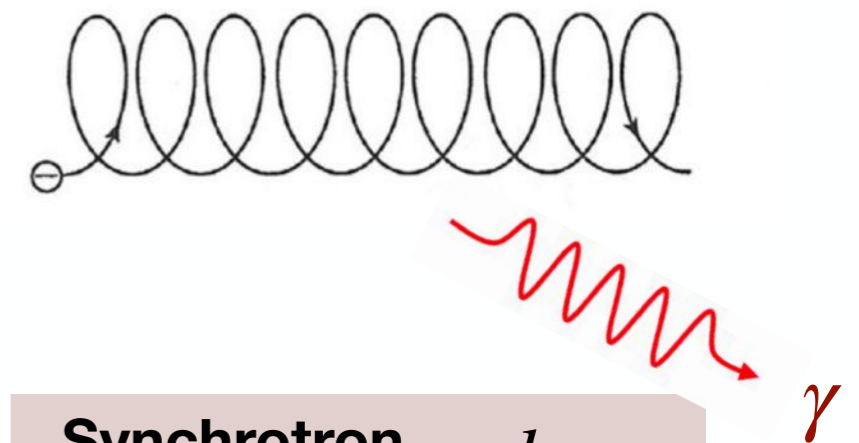
# Condition for synchrotron emission

see also C. James (2022)



**Inelastic collision  
radiation length**  $l_{\text{rad}}$

$$l_{\text{rad}} = X_0 / \rho_{\text{air}} \\ \sim 3.67 \times 10^3 \text{ m } (\rho_{\text{air}} / 1 \text{ g cm}^{-3})^{-1}$$



**Synchrotron  
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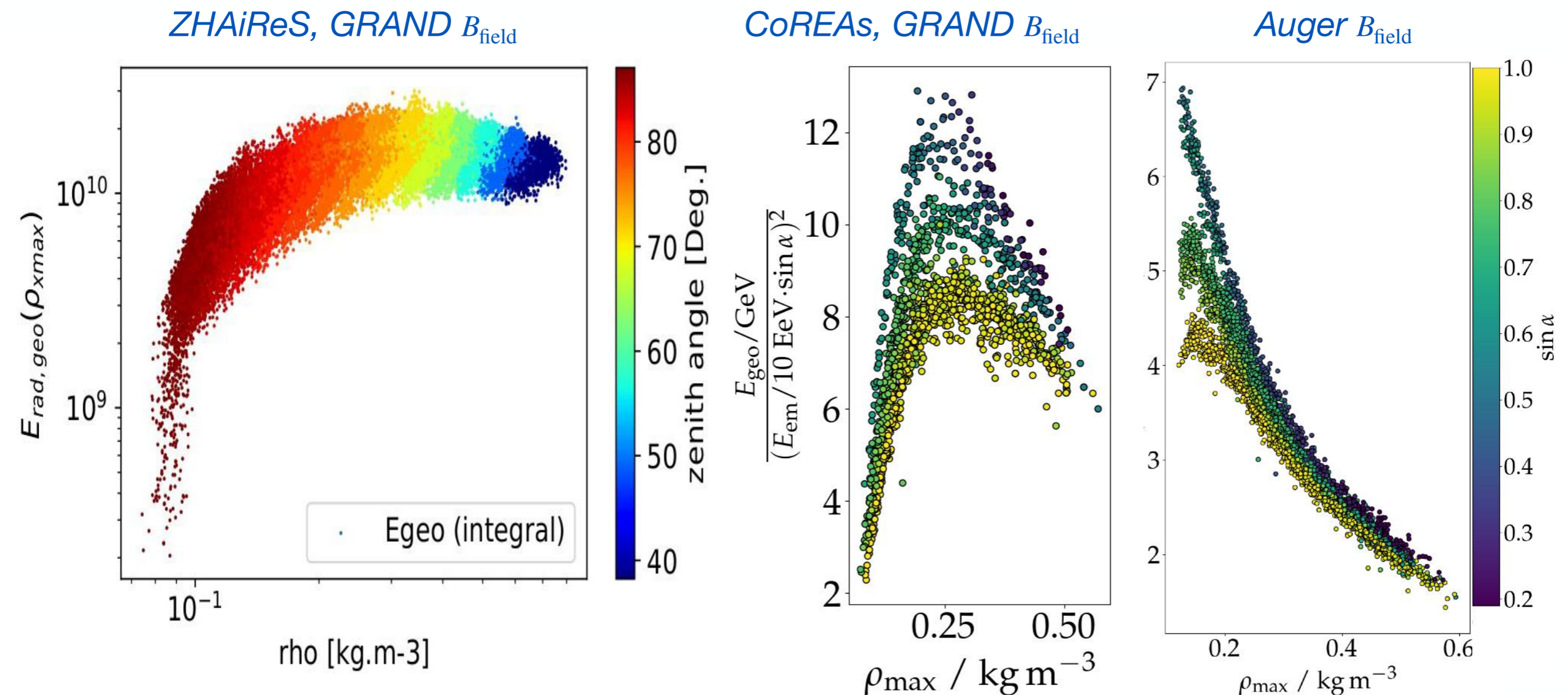
Synchrotron emission becomes important if  
the synchrotron cooling length is shorter than the inelastic collision length

$$l_{\text{syn}}(B_{\text{Earth}}) < l_{\text{rad}}(\rho_{\text{air}})$$

$$\frac{l_{\text{syn}}}{l_{\text{rad}}} \sim 3.15 \left( \frac{\epsilon_e}{88 \text{ MeV}} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{B}{50 \mu\text{T}} \right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left( \frac{\nu}{80 \text{ MHz}} \right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left( \frac{\rho}{1 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}} \right)$$

# Signature of coherence loss

Tests for 2 different  $B_{\text{Earth}}$  values @GRAND/Auger sites, with ZHAiReS and CoREAS simulations

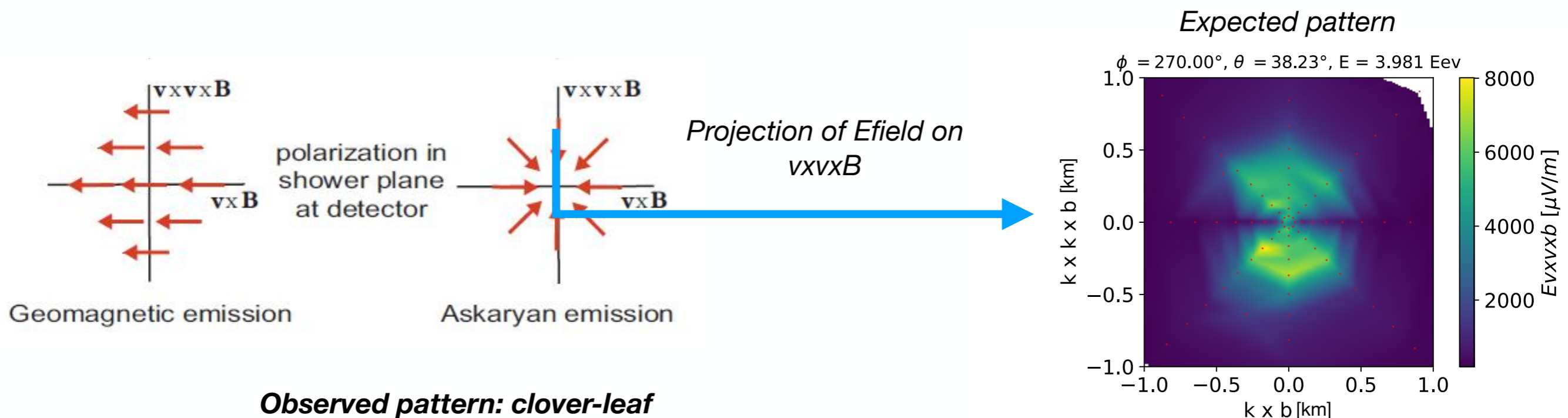


**Almost 1.5 order of magnitude cut-off in the signal for GRAND  $B_{\text{field}}$ !**

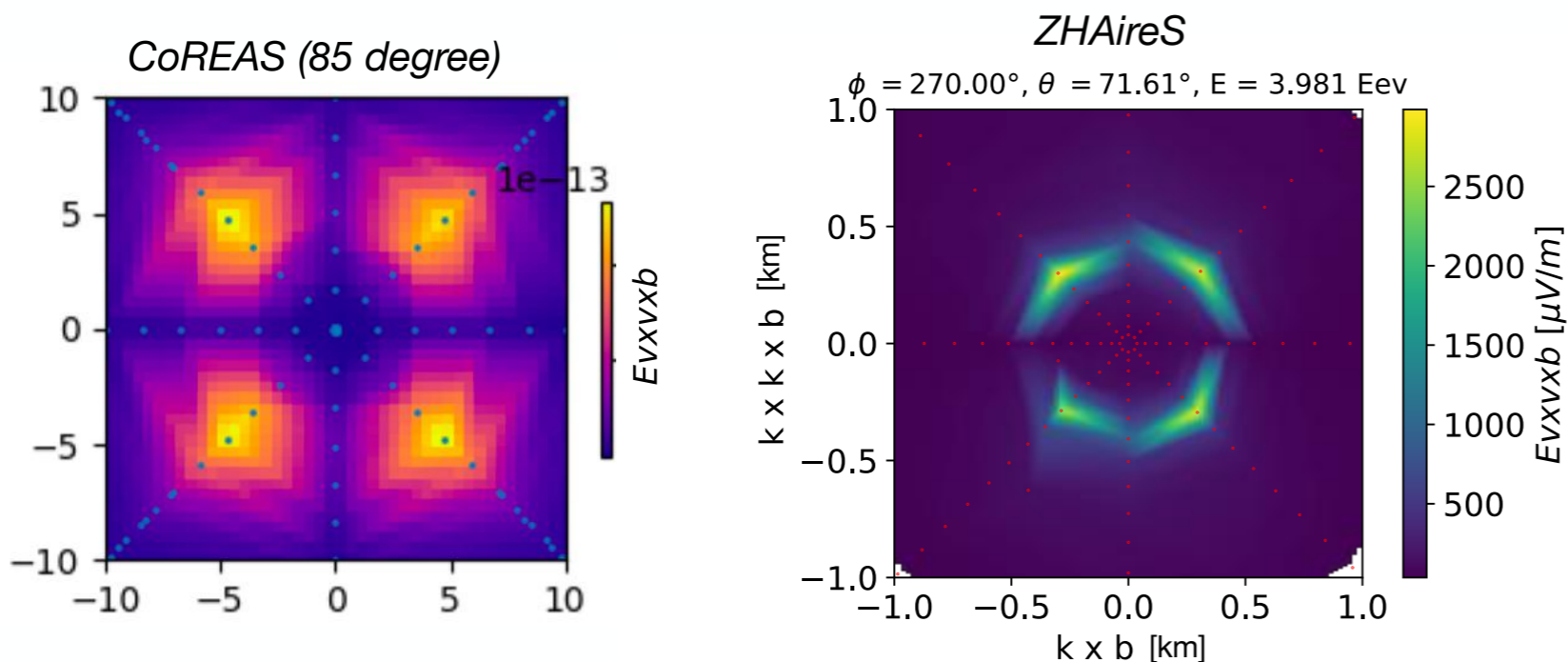
Almost no cut-off in the geomagnetic emission for Auger  $B_{\text{field}}$

# Synchrotron signature: the clover-leaf pattern

$\nu \times \nu \times B$  component: dominant contribution of Askaryan emission?



**Observed pattern: clover-leaf**



**New polarization signature on the  $\nu \times \nu \times B$  component!**

- $\sim 10\%$  of the total emission for inclined showers
- Observed in simulations for the 3.4-4.2 GHz band only here  $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ MHz})$

(Huege 2013, CROME data)

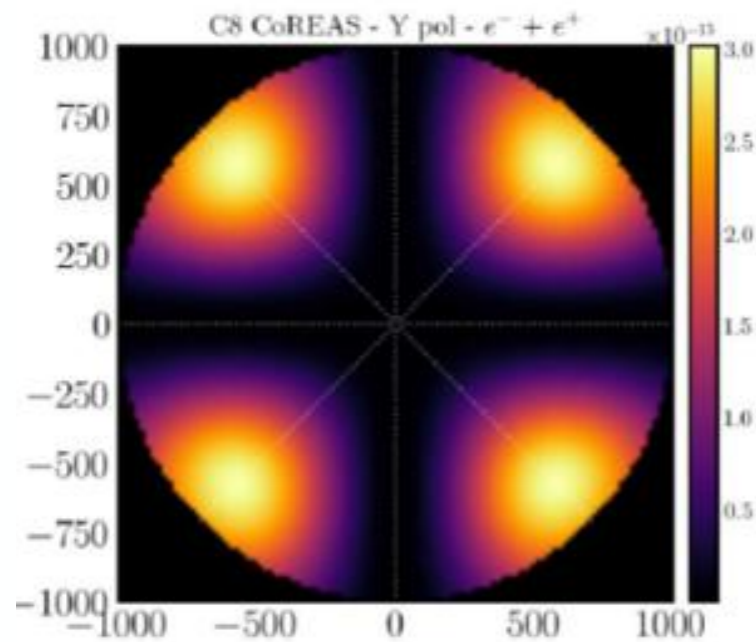
**Clover-leaf pattern: hints for a third type of emission dominant over the charge excess for inclined EAS**

# The clover-leaf pattern: hints of a synchrotron emission

## Simulation of an $e^{+/-}$ pair in a uniform $B_{\text{field}}$ with Corsika8

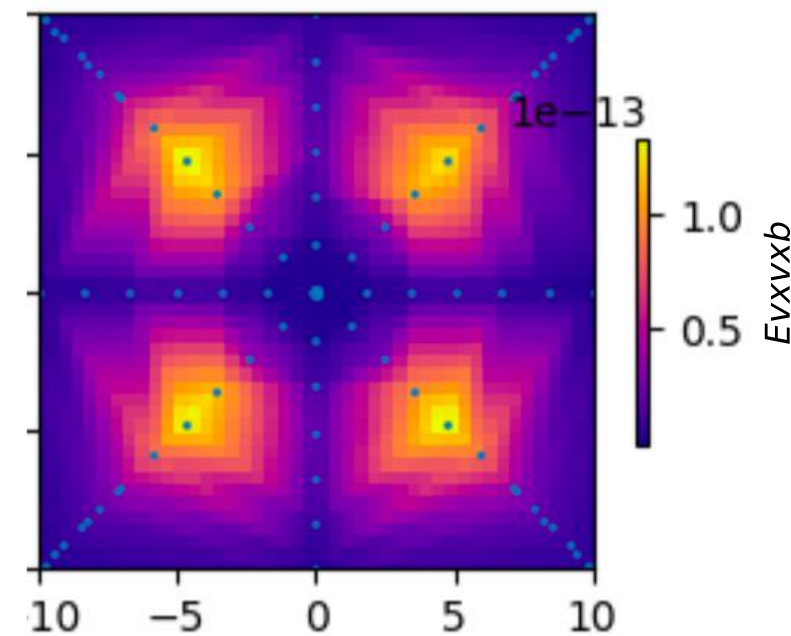
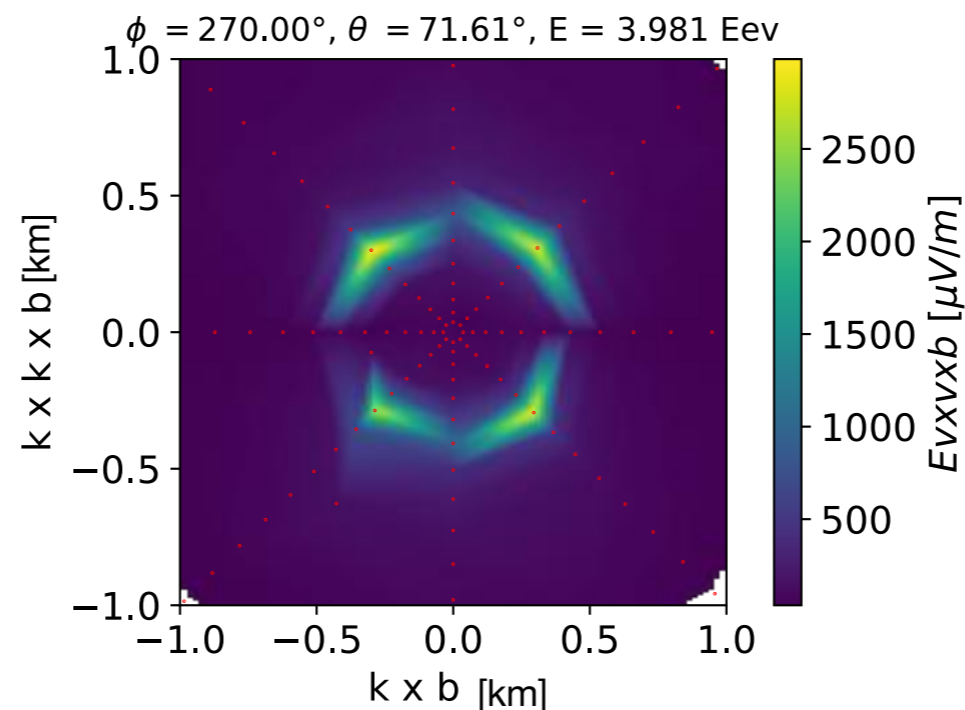
Particles with same energy, starting vertically downwards, observer on the symmetry axis

*Synchrotron predictions*

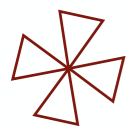


Credits to Nikolaos Karastathis

*Clover-leaf pattern*



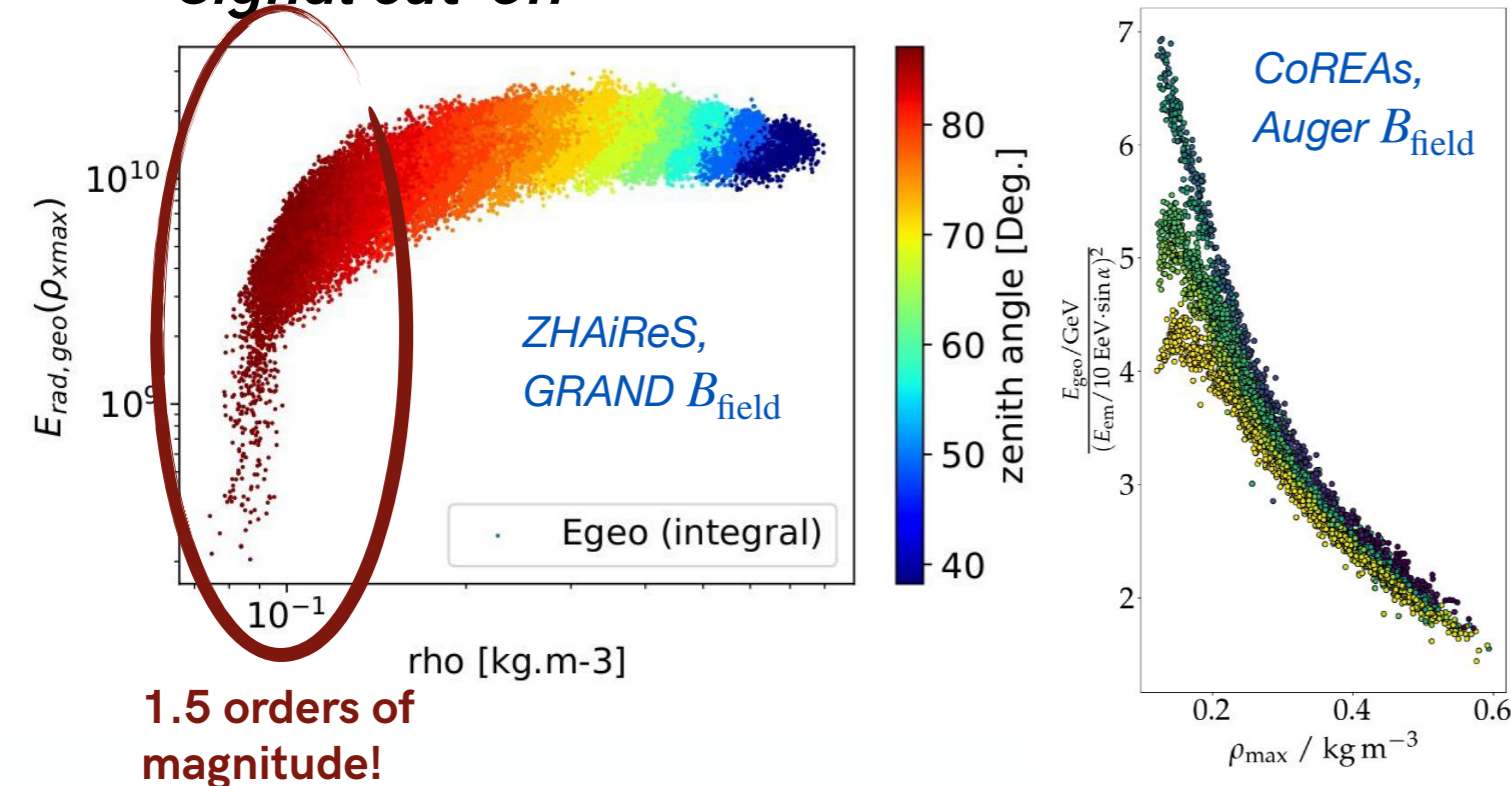
**Synchrotron emission of an  $e^{+/-}$  pair leads to a clover-leaf like polarization pattern!**



# New signatures in the radio signal!

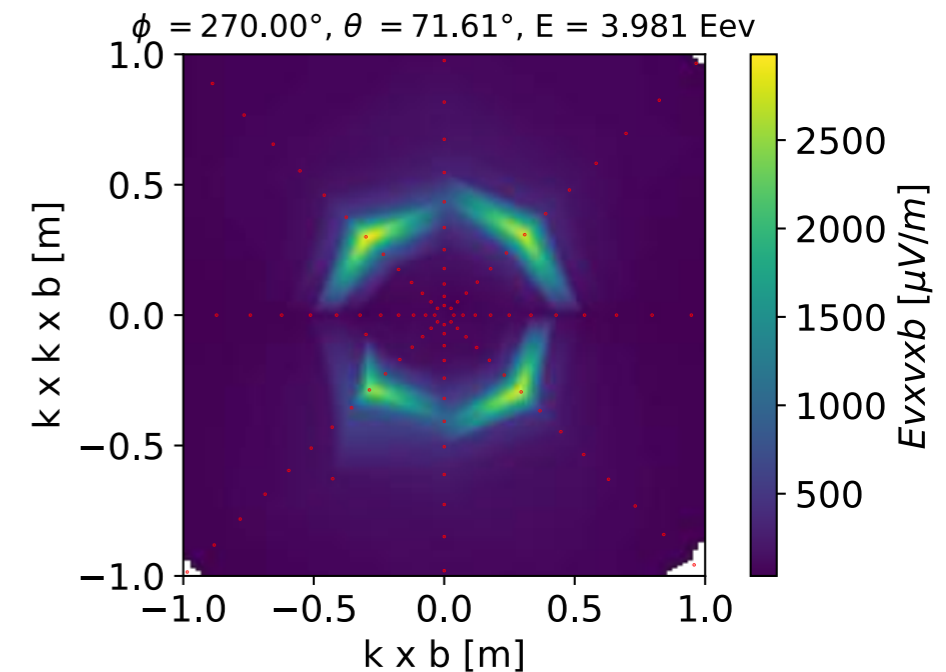
slide adapted from S. Chiche

## Signal cut-off



Linked to a loss of coherence

## Clover-leaf pattern



Linked to synchrotron radiation

Geomagnetic + Askaryan description no longer valid for very inclined air-showers

Could strongly affect detection strategies of future experiments

Could help for cosmic-ray/neutrino discrimination



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