Baikal GVD experiment

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4. Skobeltsyn Institute of Nuclear Physics MSU, Moscow, Russia.
5. Nizhny Novgorod State Technical University, Russia.
6. St.Petersburg State Marine University, Russia.
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8. Institute of Experimental and Applied Physics, Czech Technical University, Prague, Czech Republic.
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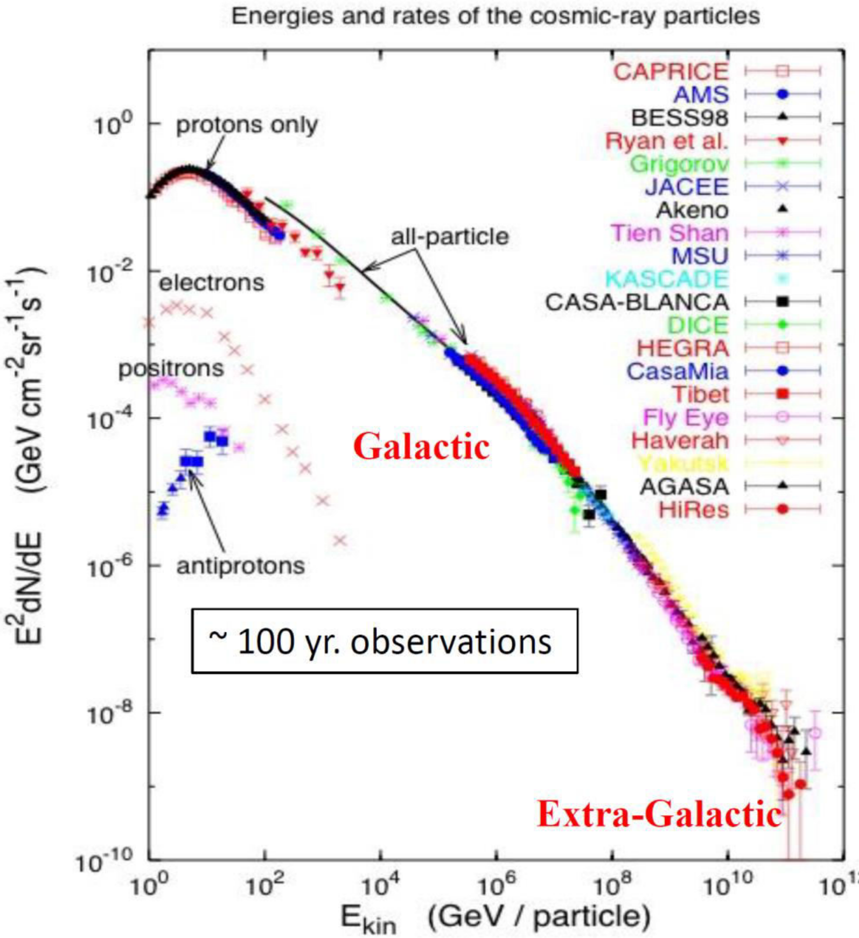
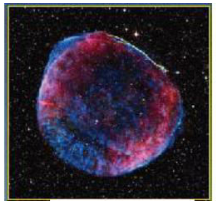
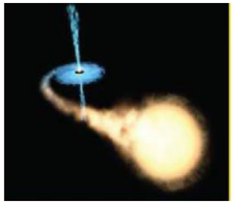
Cosmic rays:



Galactic sources: TeV – EeV ?

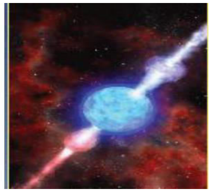
SNR, micro-quasars, pulsars





Extra-Galactic sources: EeV–PeV…

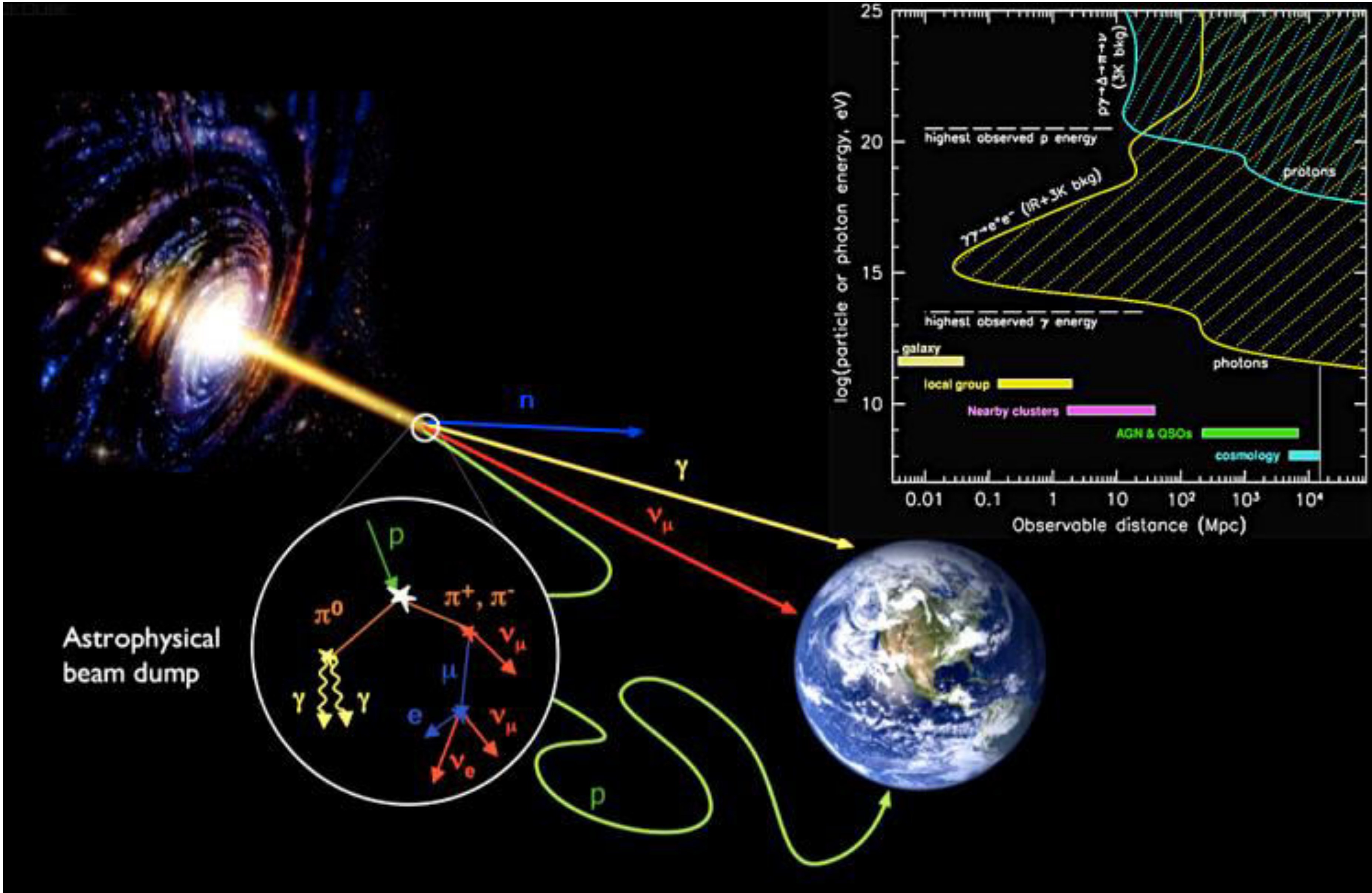
AGN, GRB,…



Energy spectrum and mass composition ☺

Sources location ?

Charged cosmic rays vs. γ rays vs. neutrinos



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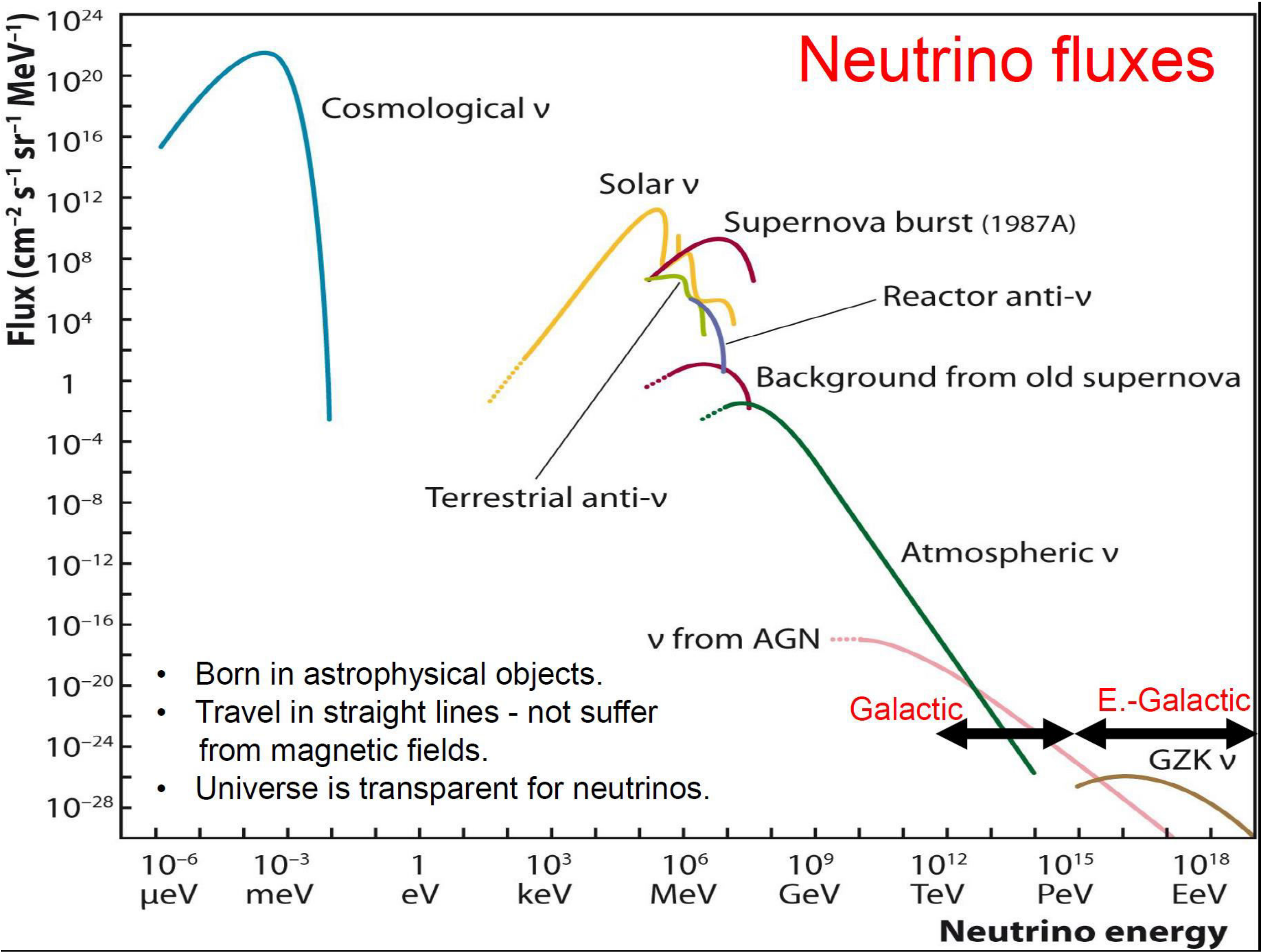

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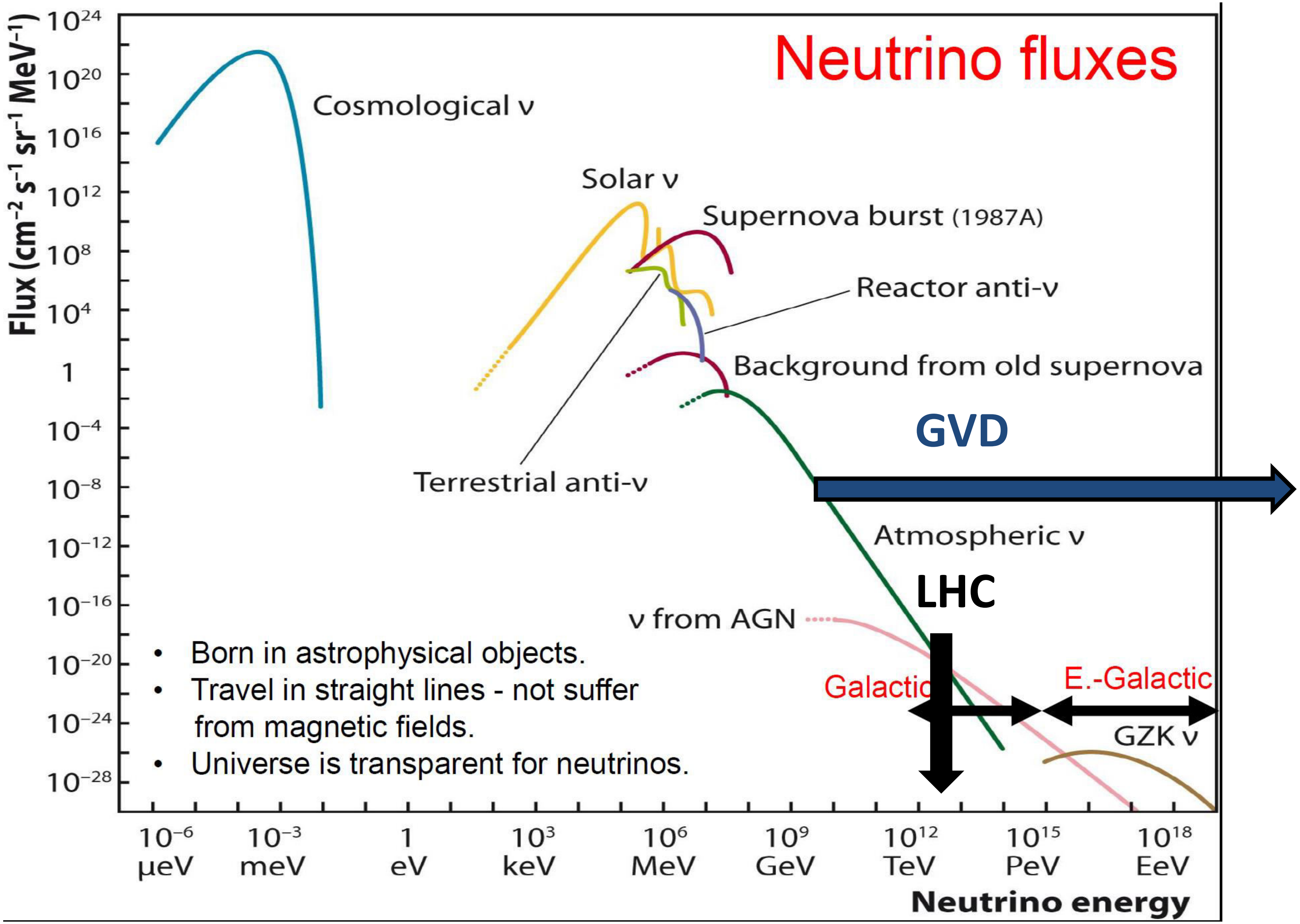

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M. Markov (1960): We propose to install detectors deep in a lake or in the sea and to determine the direction of charged particles with the help of Cherenkov radiation.

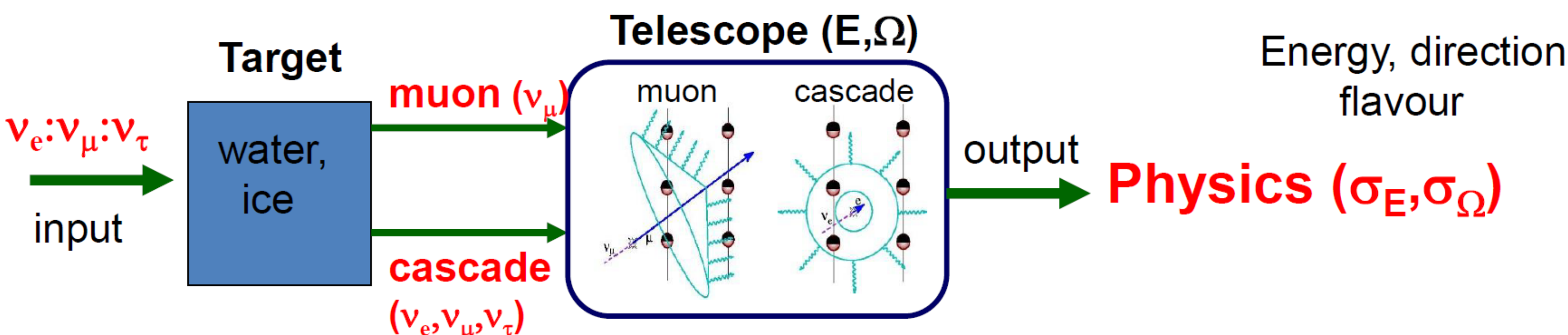
Detection Principle – M. Markov 1960

Flux
From local sources, diffuse flux

Detection modes
muons, cascades

Environment properties
absorption, scattering, light background – K^{40}, bioluminescence

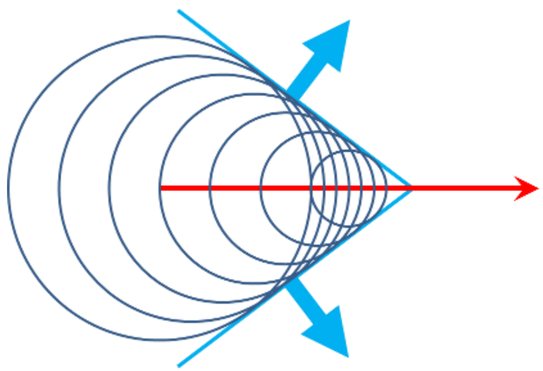
Background
downward going atm. muons, atm. neutrinos



Arrival times & amplitudes,
PMTs arrangement and orientation

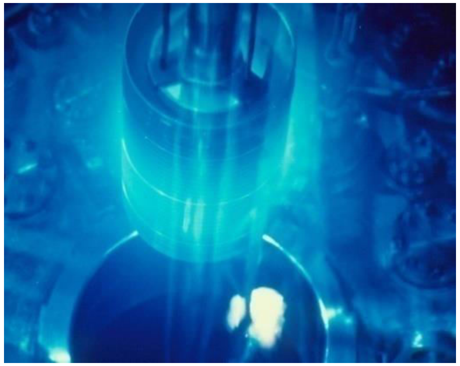
Cherenkov light

- Charged particle travelling faster than the speed of light in a particular environment radiates Cherenkov light



- Effect known for ultrasonic airplanes

- Pale blue light



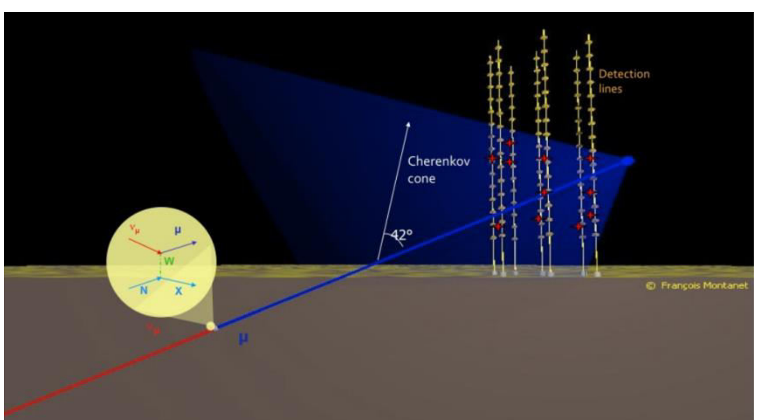
Detection principle

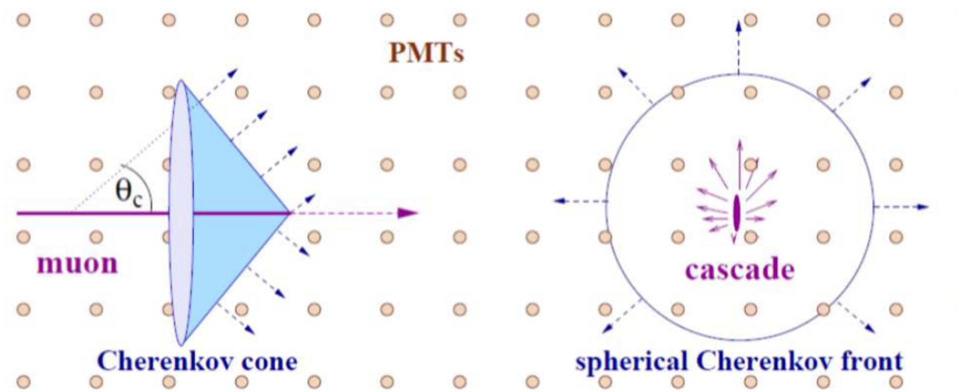
$$\nu_l + N \rightarrow^{CC} \begin{cases} e^- + X \rightarrow cascades \\ \tau^- + X \rightarrow cascades \\ \mu^- + X \rightarrow track + cascades \end{cases}$$

- Cherenkov radiation is detected by an array of photo-sensors

$$\nu_l + N \rightarrow^{NC} \nu_l + cascade$$

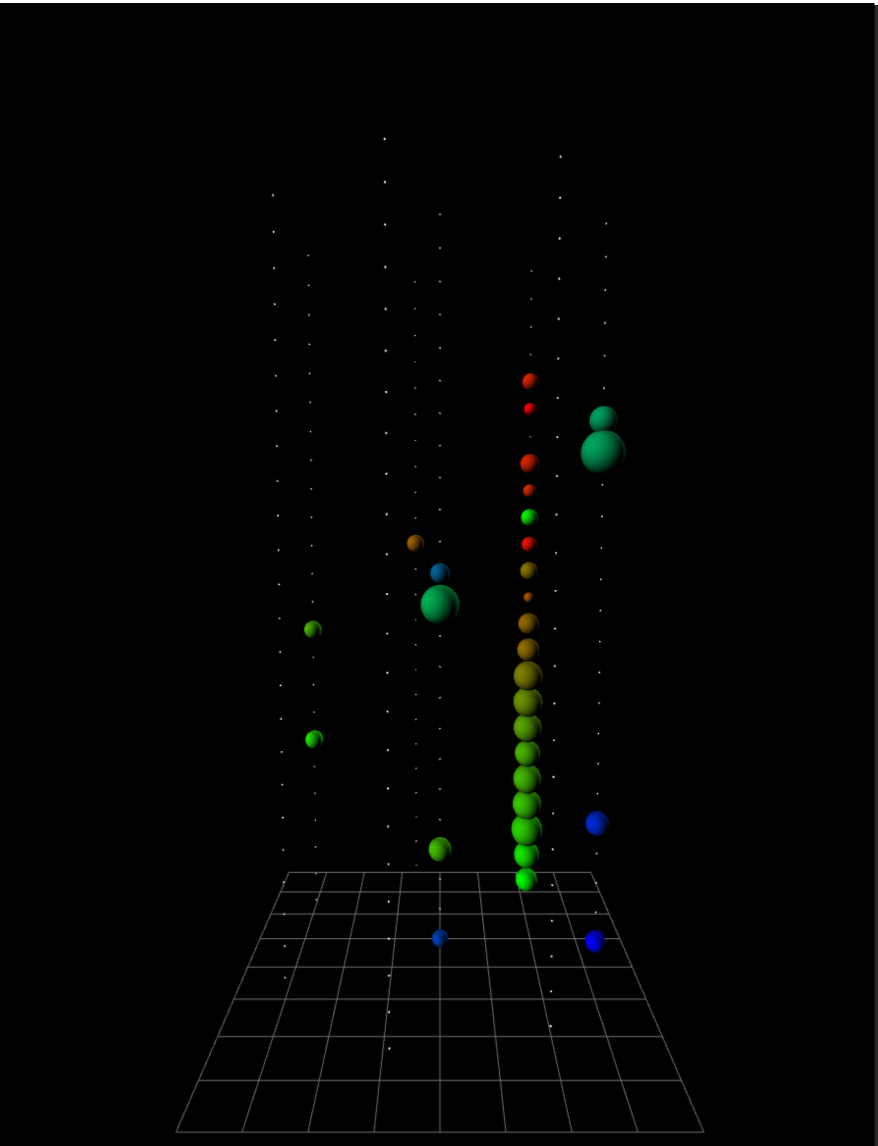
- Optical Module

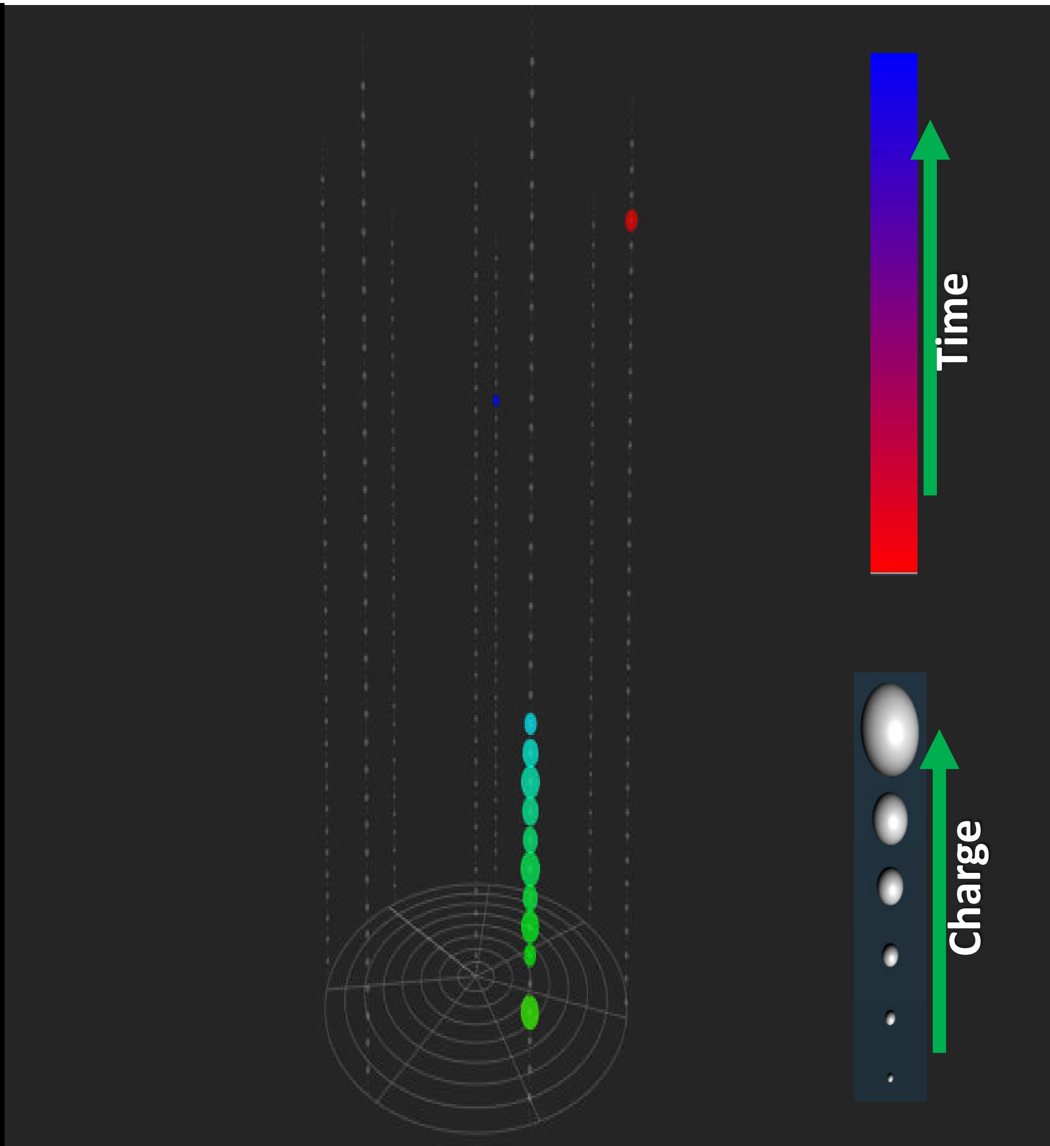




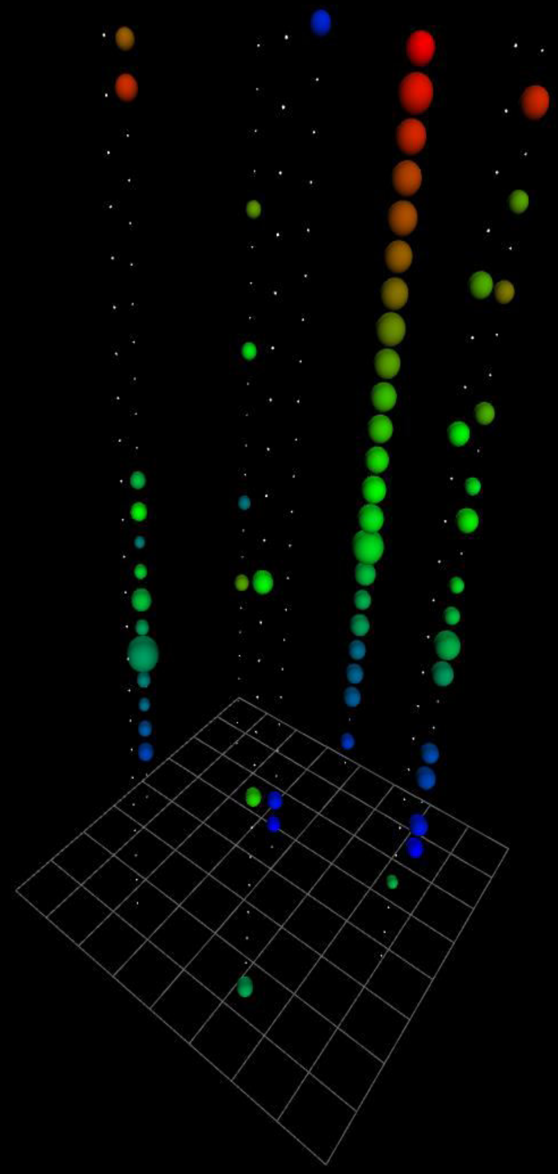
Downward going muon

Upward going neutrino

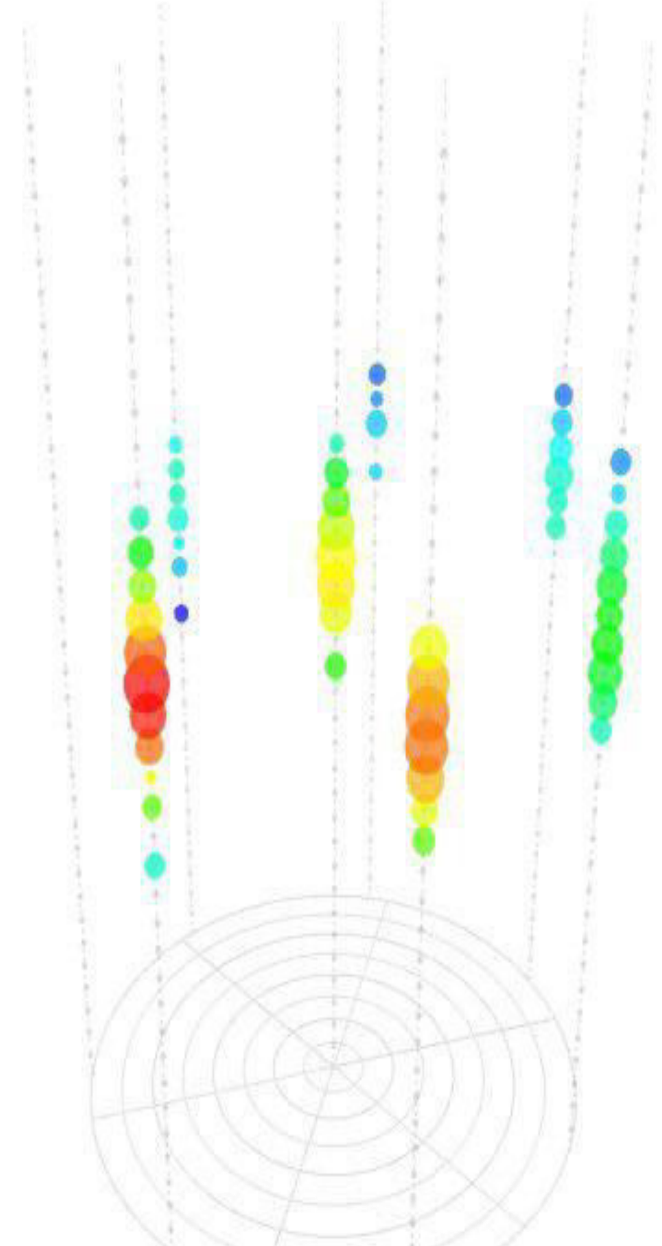




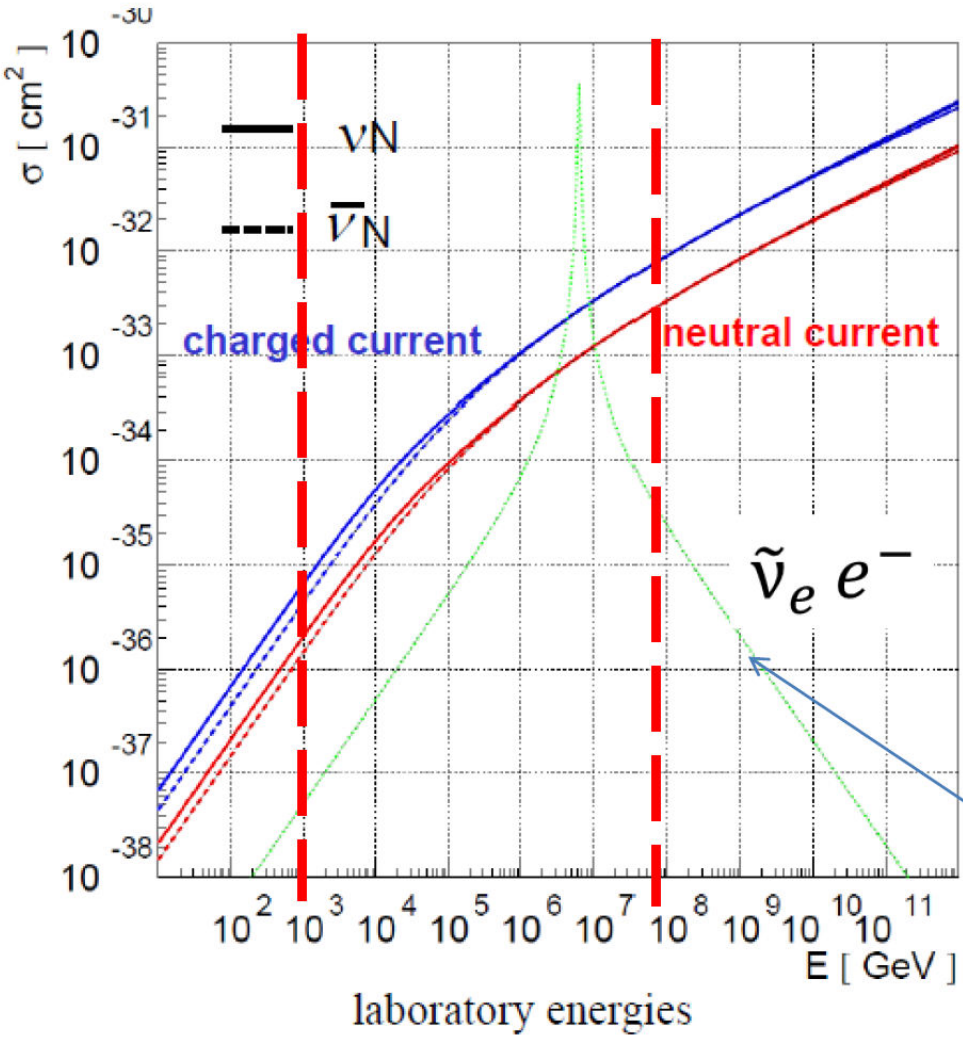
Background muon bundle

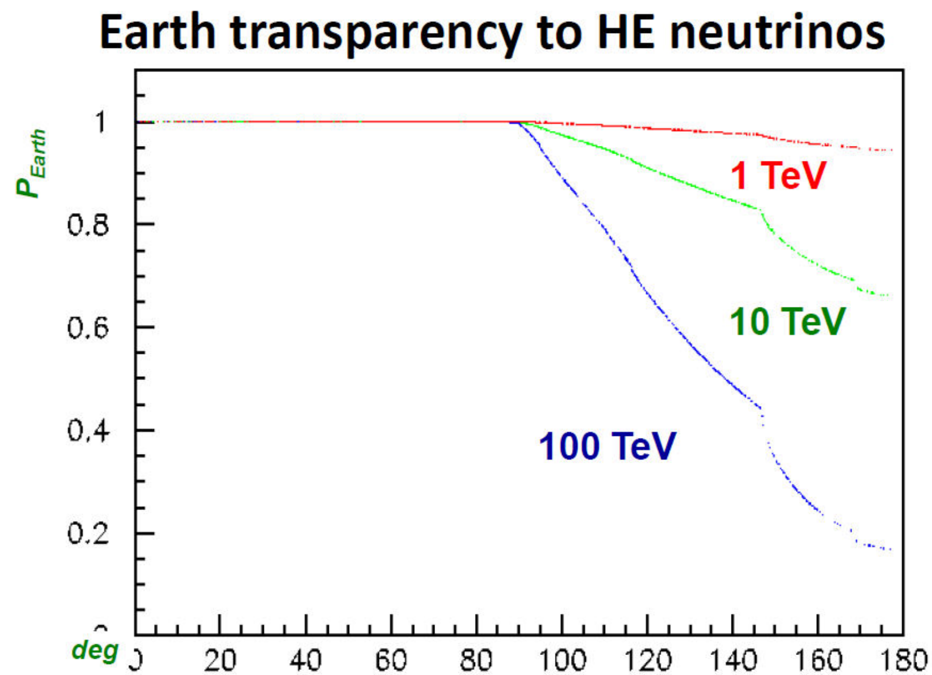


High-energy cascade



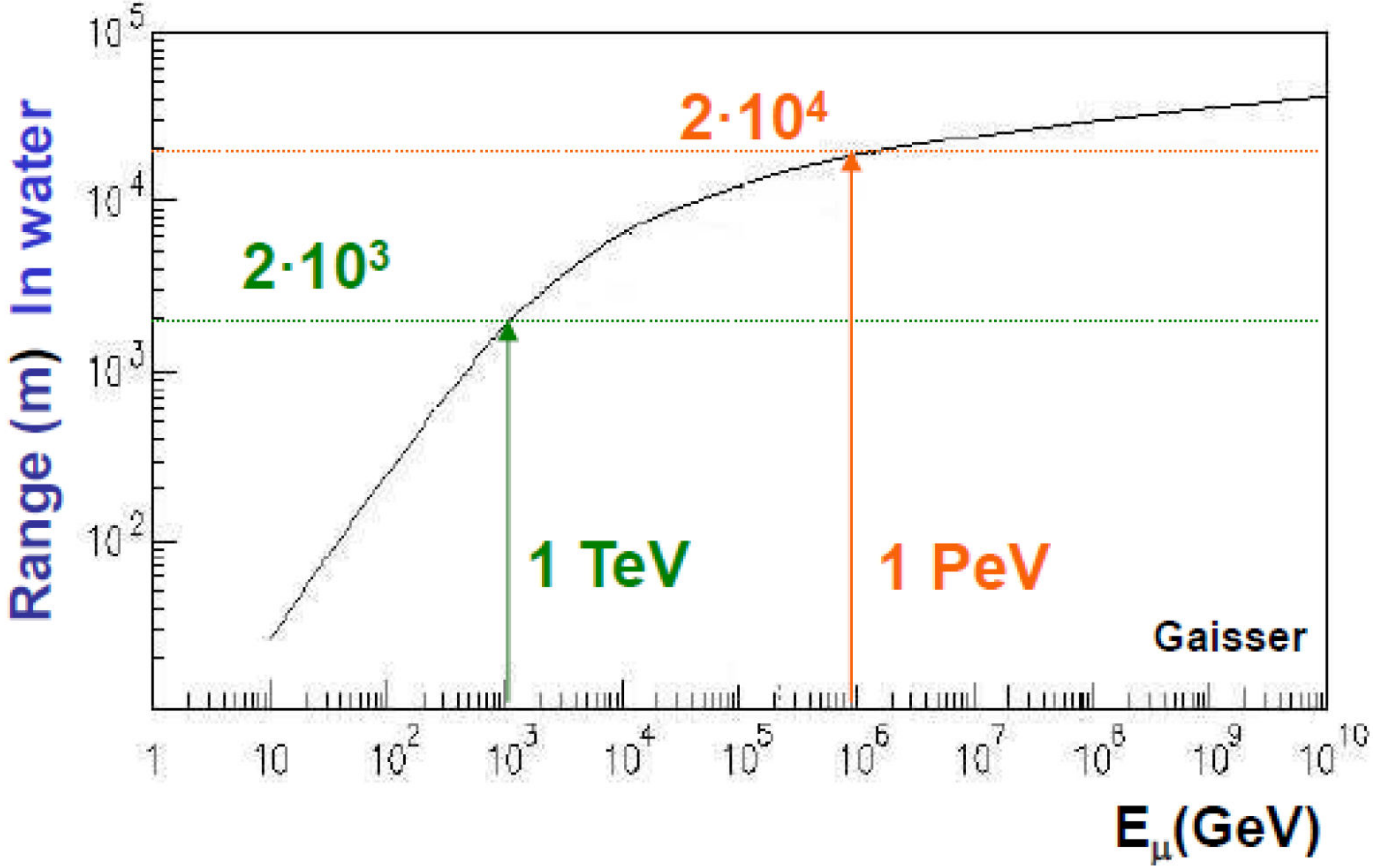
• Neutrino cross sections





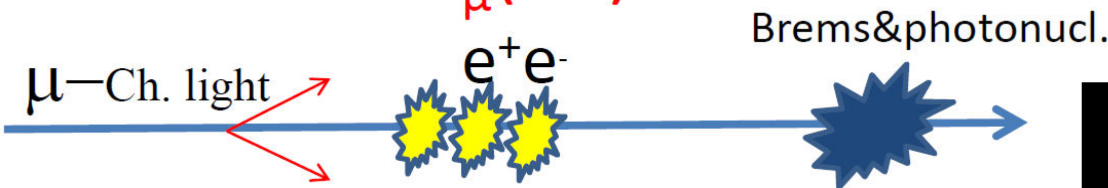
"Glashow resonance"
neutrino energy: $6.3 \cdot 10^{15}$ eV,
resonance width: ±130 TeV,
peak cross section: $5 \cdot 10^{-31}$ cm^2

Muon energy loss and range in water

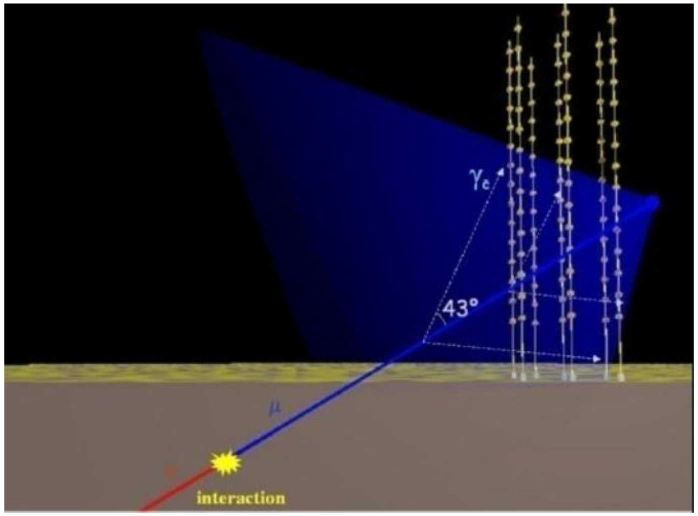


• Muon Detection Mode

✓ Muons from ν_μ(CC):



$$N_{ch} = n_\mu (1 + 0.6E(TeV))$$



- High angular resolution ~0.1°- 1°
  (depends on visible track length)
- Enlarged effective volume
  (water/ice & bedrock for up-going ν_μ)
- Emits strongly in the Cherenkov angle

Baikal GVD - Gigaton Volume Detector

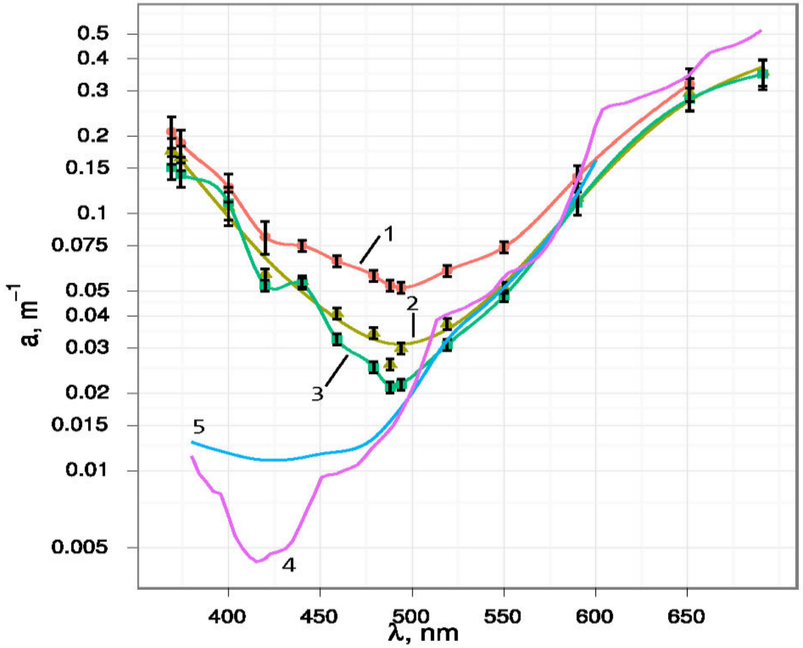
Objectives:

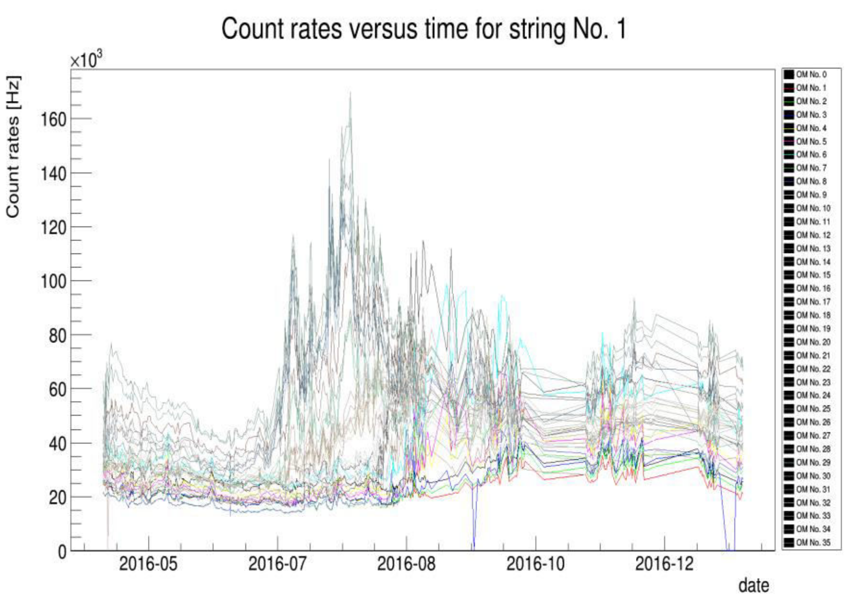
- km3-scale 3D-array of photo sensors
- flexible structure allowing an upgrade and/or a rearrangement of the main building blocks (clusters)
- high sensitivity and resolution of neutrino energy, direction and flavor content

Central Physics Goals:

- Investigate Galactic and Extragalactic neutrino “point sources” in energy range E > TeV
- Diffuse neutrino flux – energy spectrum, local and global anisotropy, flavor content
- Transient sources (GRB, …)
- Dark matter – indirect search
- Exotic particles – monopoles, Q-balls, …

Water properties



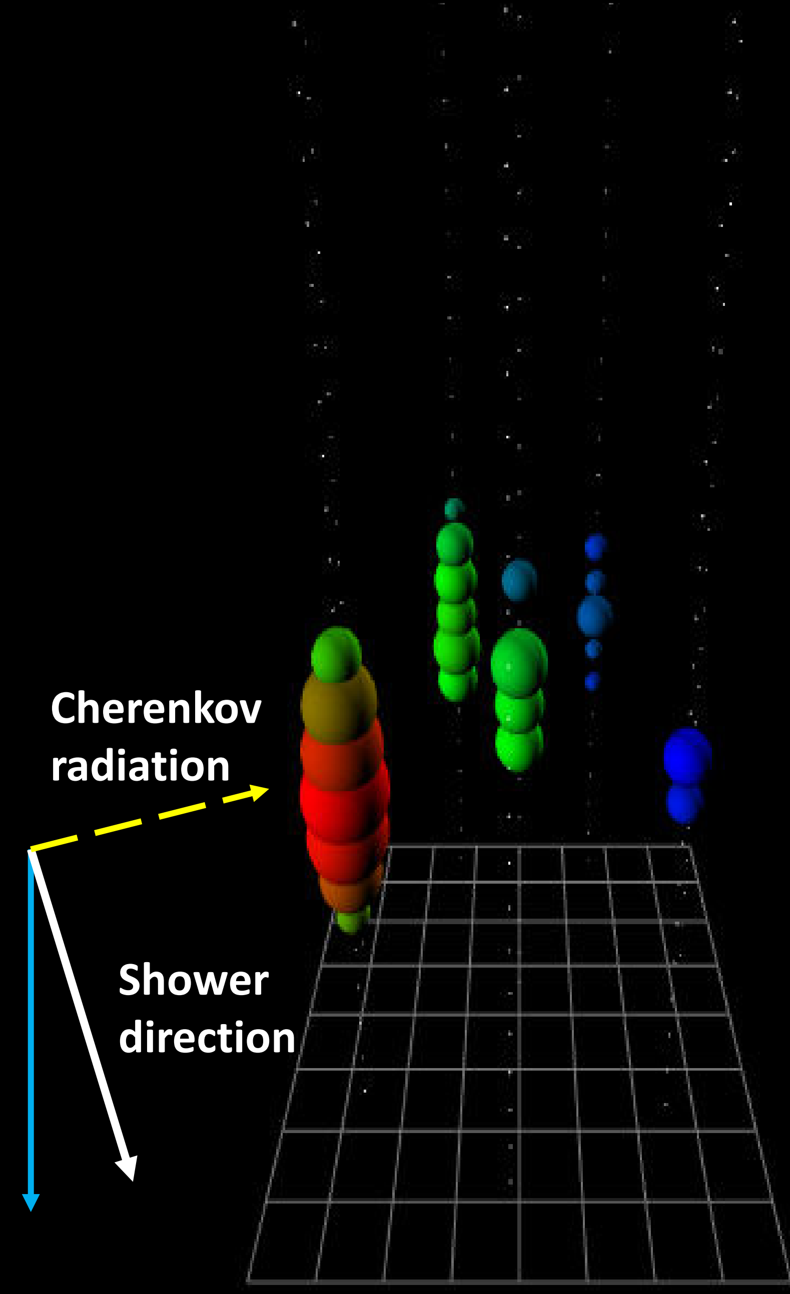


- **Absorption length: ~ 22-24 m**
- **Scattering length: L_s ~ 30-50 m**
  $L_{eff} = L_s /(1- <\cos\theta>)$ ~ 300-500 m
- **Strongly anisotropic phase function:**
  $<\cos\theta>$ ~ 0.9

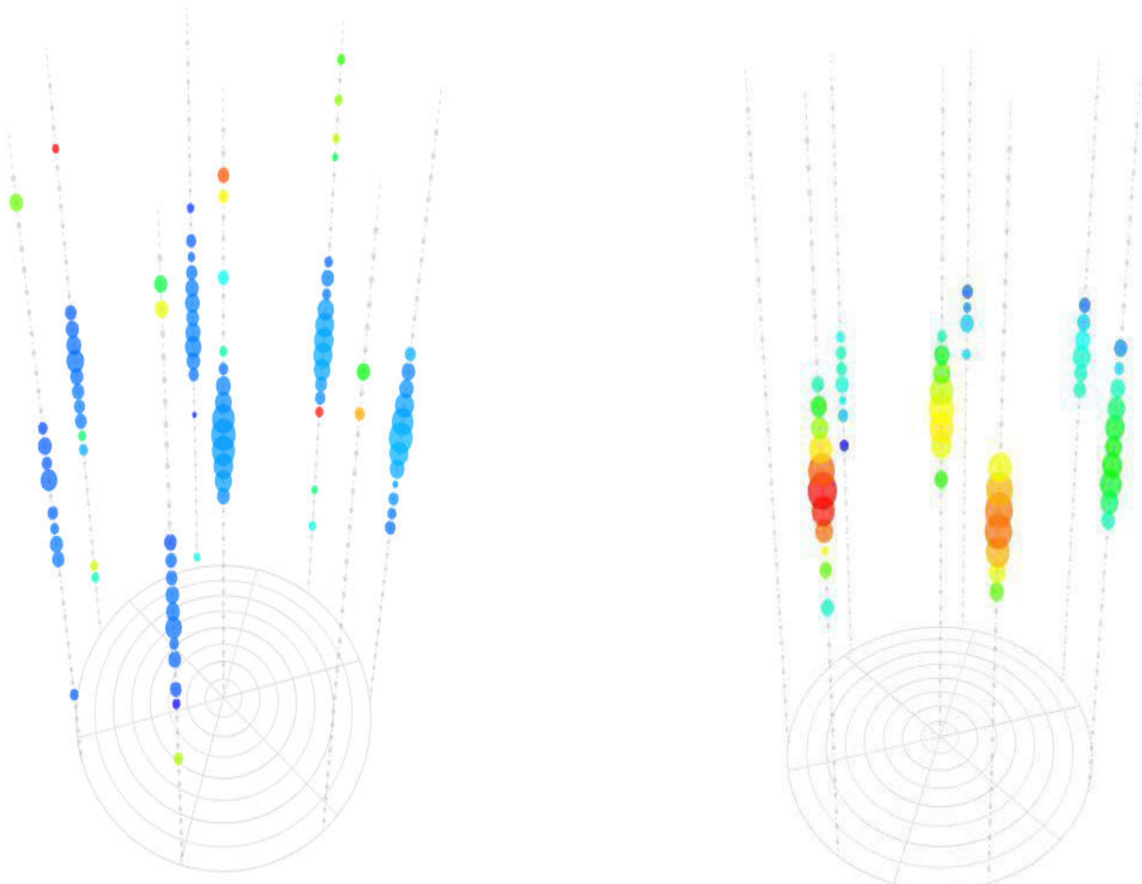
- **Moderately low background in fresh water:**

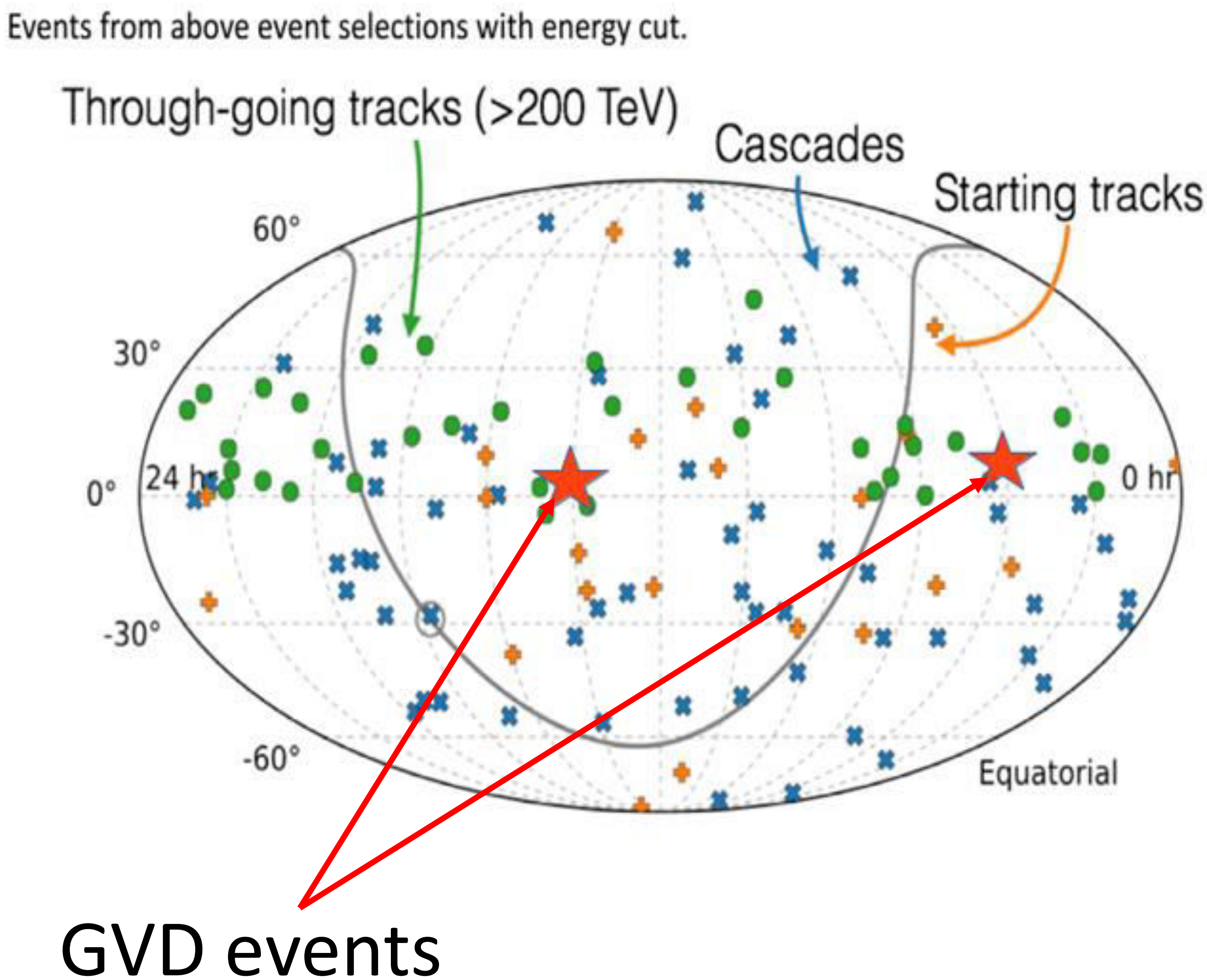
  15 – 40 kHz (R7081HQE)
  absence of high luminosity bursts from biology and K^{40} background.

E = 107 TeV, θ = 56.6°, ρ = 68 m, z = -59 m



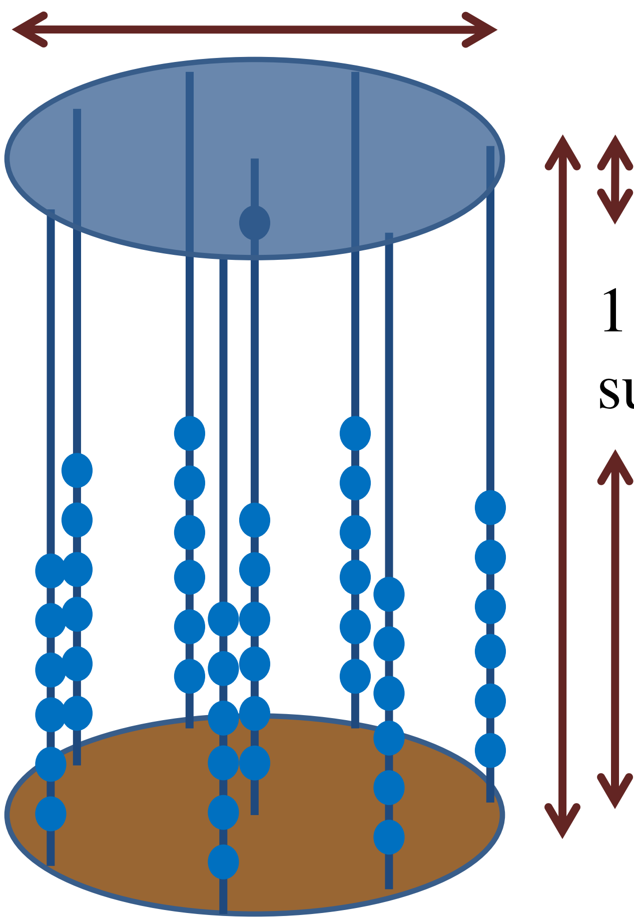
Cascade: E=157 TeV, θ = 57°, φ = 249°
x=-25m, y=-37m, z=11m, ρ=44m




Events from above event selections with energy cut.
Through-going tracks (>200 TeV)
Cascades
Starting tracks
60°
30°
0°
-30°
-60°
24 hr
0 hr
Equatorial
GVD events

Site properties – 106 km КБЖД

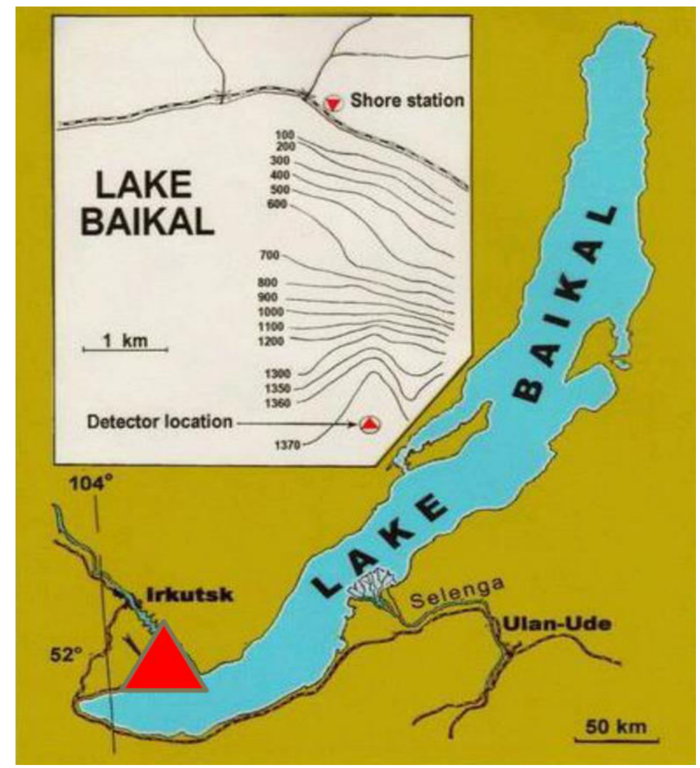
120 m



15 m–DAQ center

1 366 m – from
surface to bottom

525 m - height



Location: 104°25’ E, 51°46’ N

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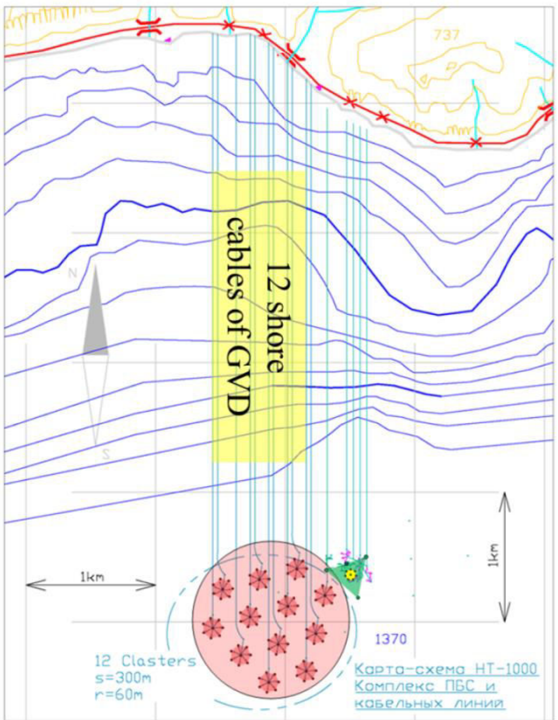
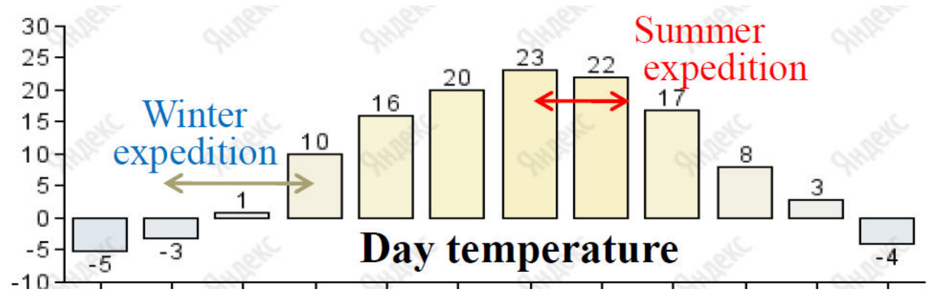
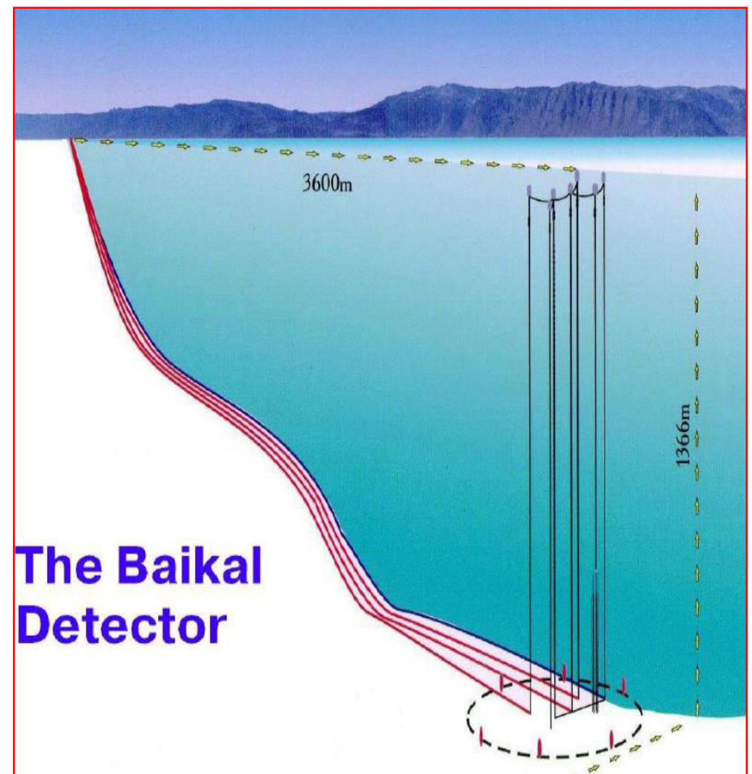
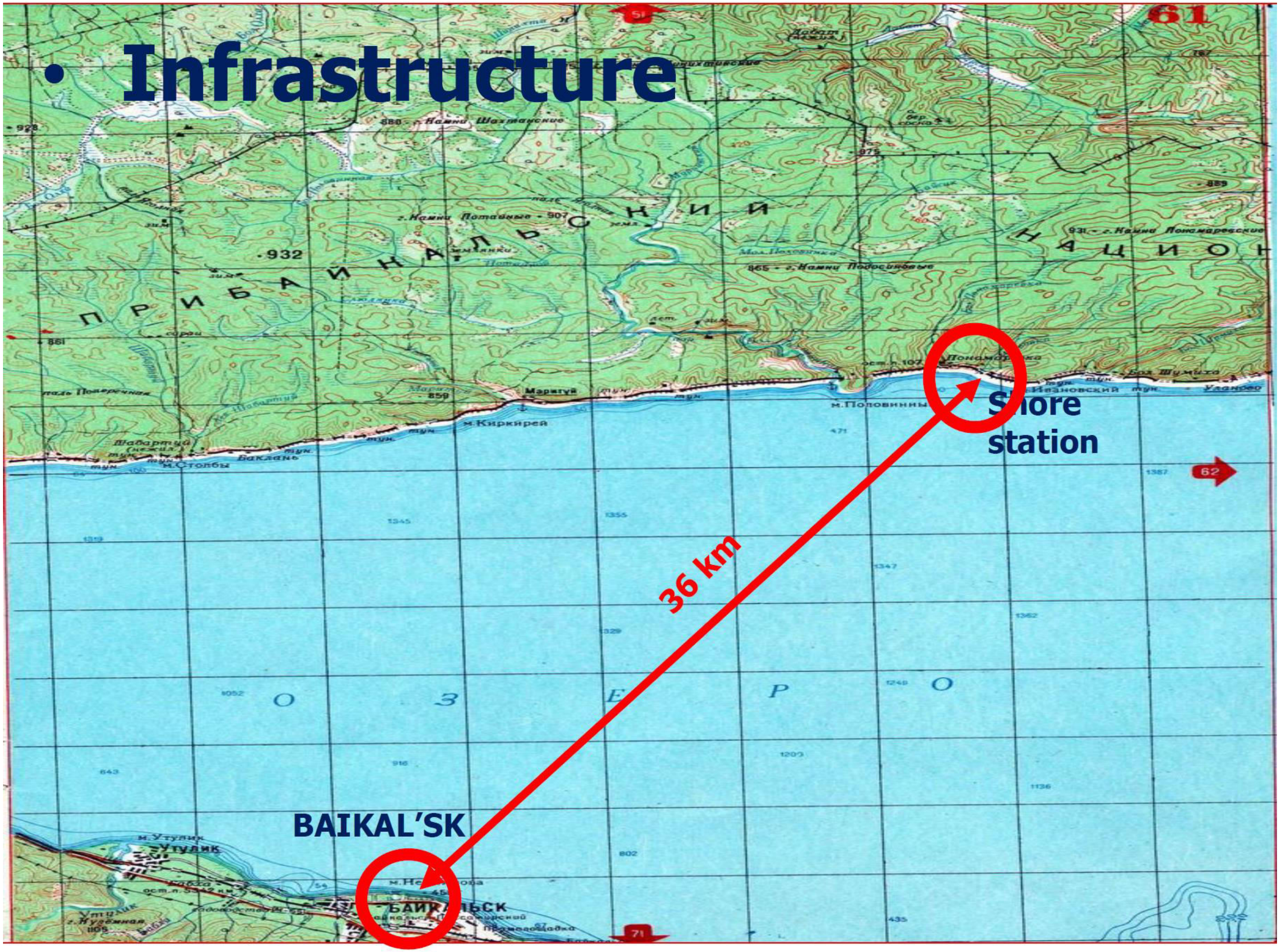






Depth – 1360 m; Flat the lake bed at >3 km from the shore – allows > 250 km3 Instrumented Water Volume!

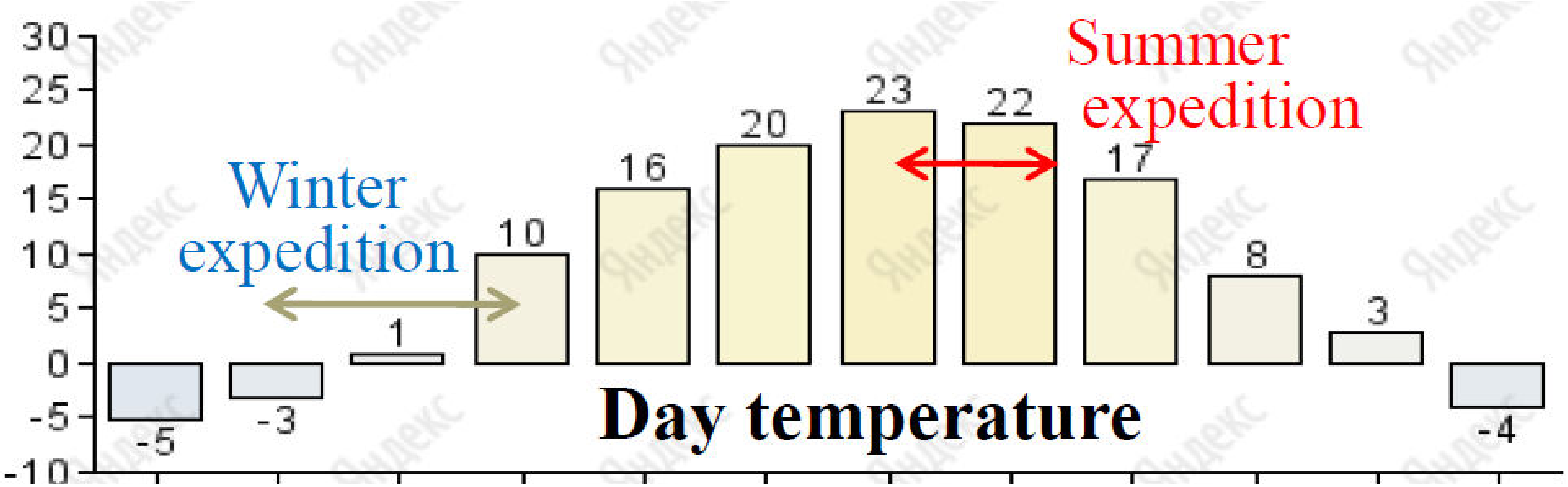
Distance is shorter during the winter period



- Infrastructure

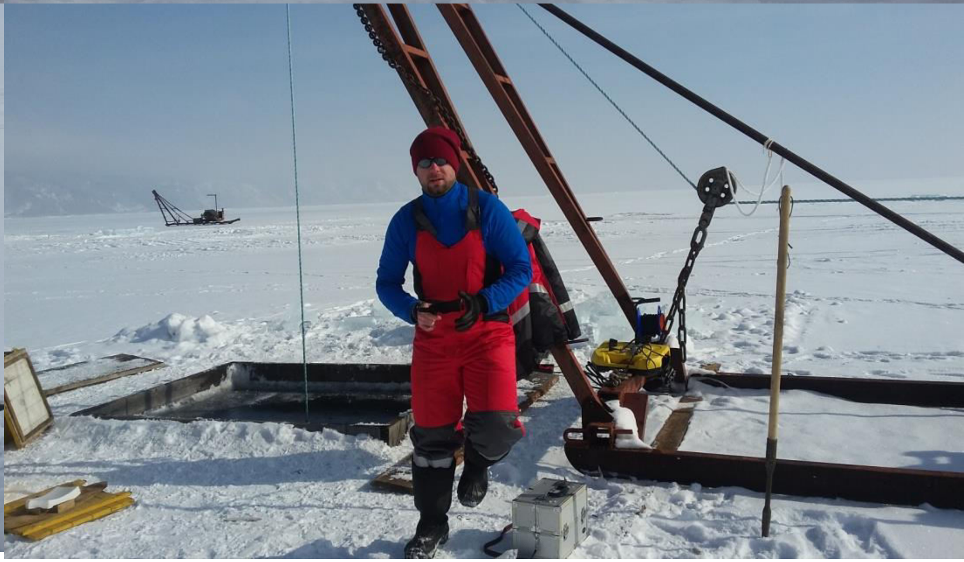
Upgrade: control center in a new cabin

Winter expedition



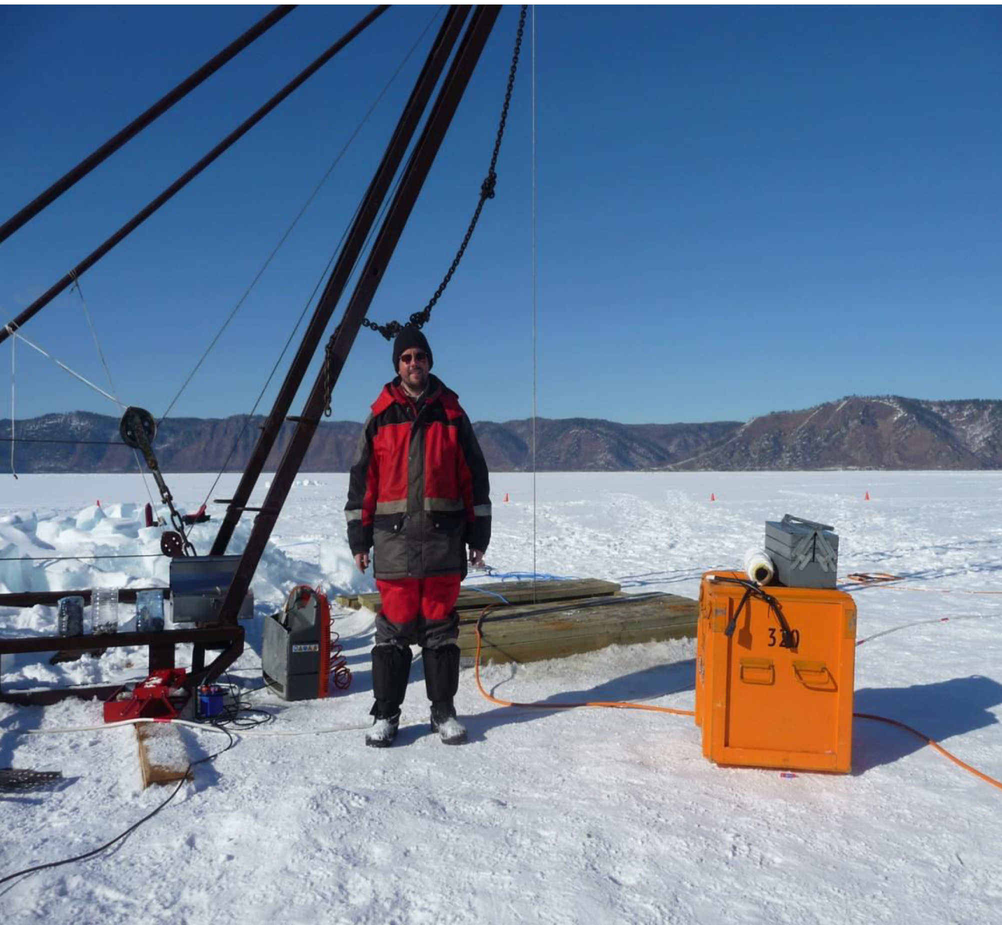
Making ice holes

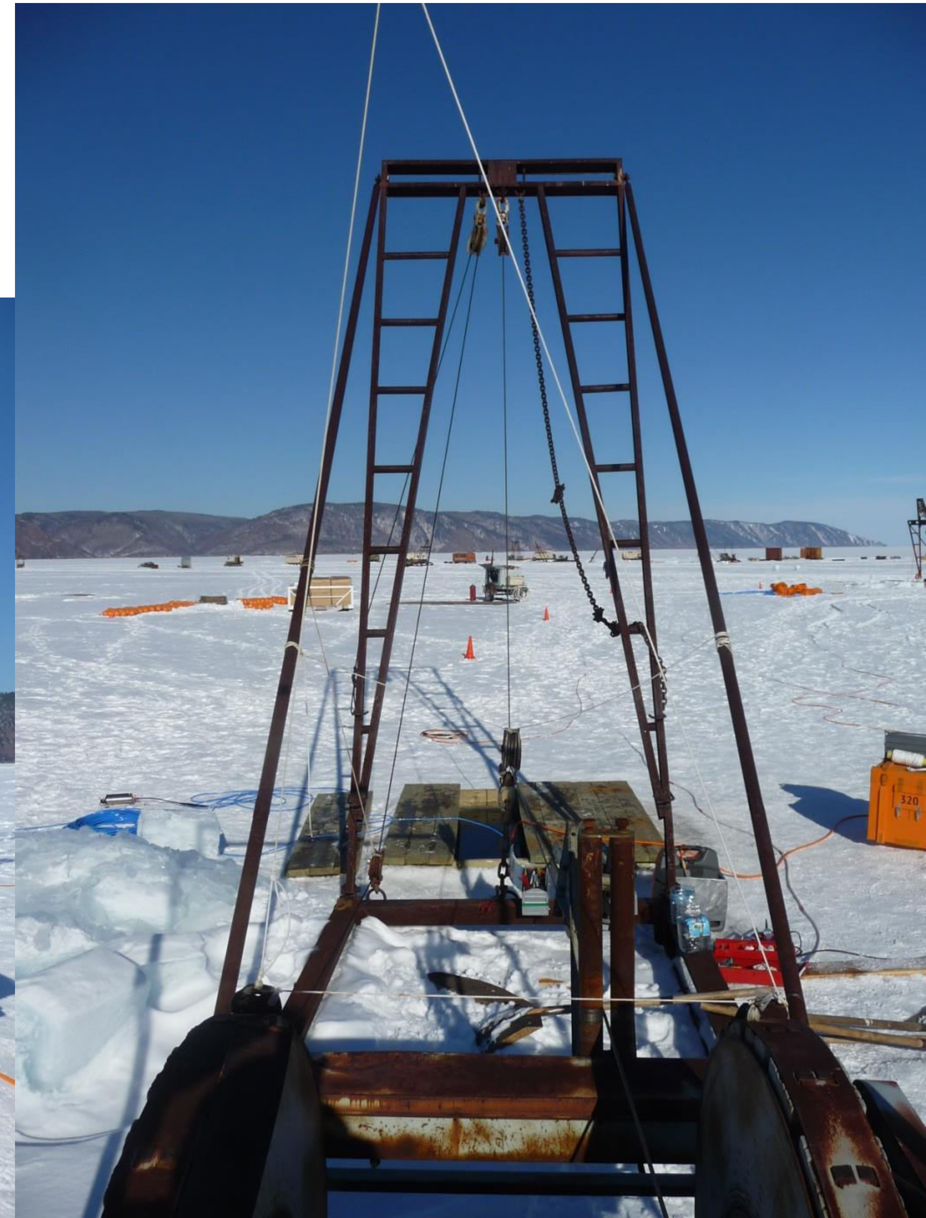


Dismantling the string

String attachment





Deployment of the string

Tea break to warm up a little bit

Cables to the shore station

The end of the winter expedition

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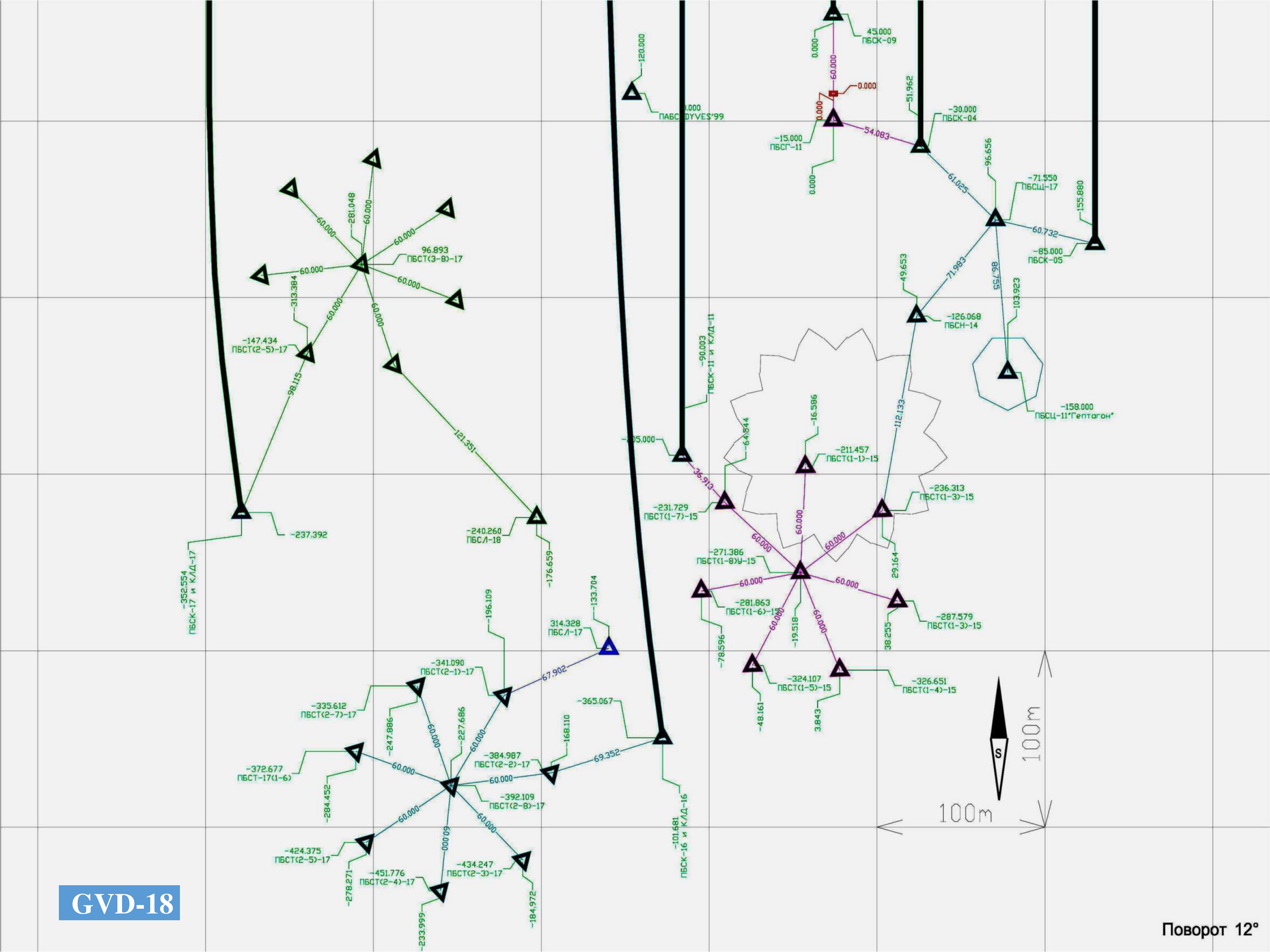


GVD-18

Поворот 12°

Third cluster April 2018
All 3 clusters taking data

Old NT200:
volume ~ 0.0001 km³

Now clearly bypassed ANTARES

No. PMTs:

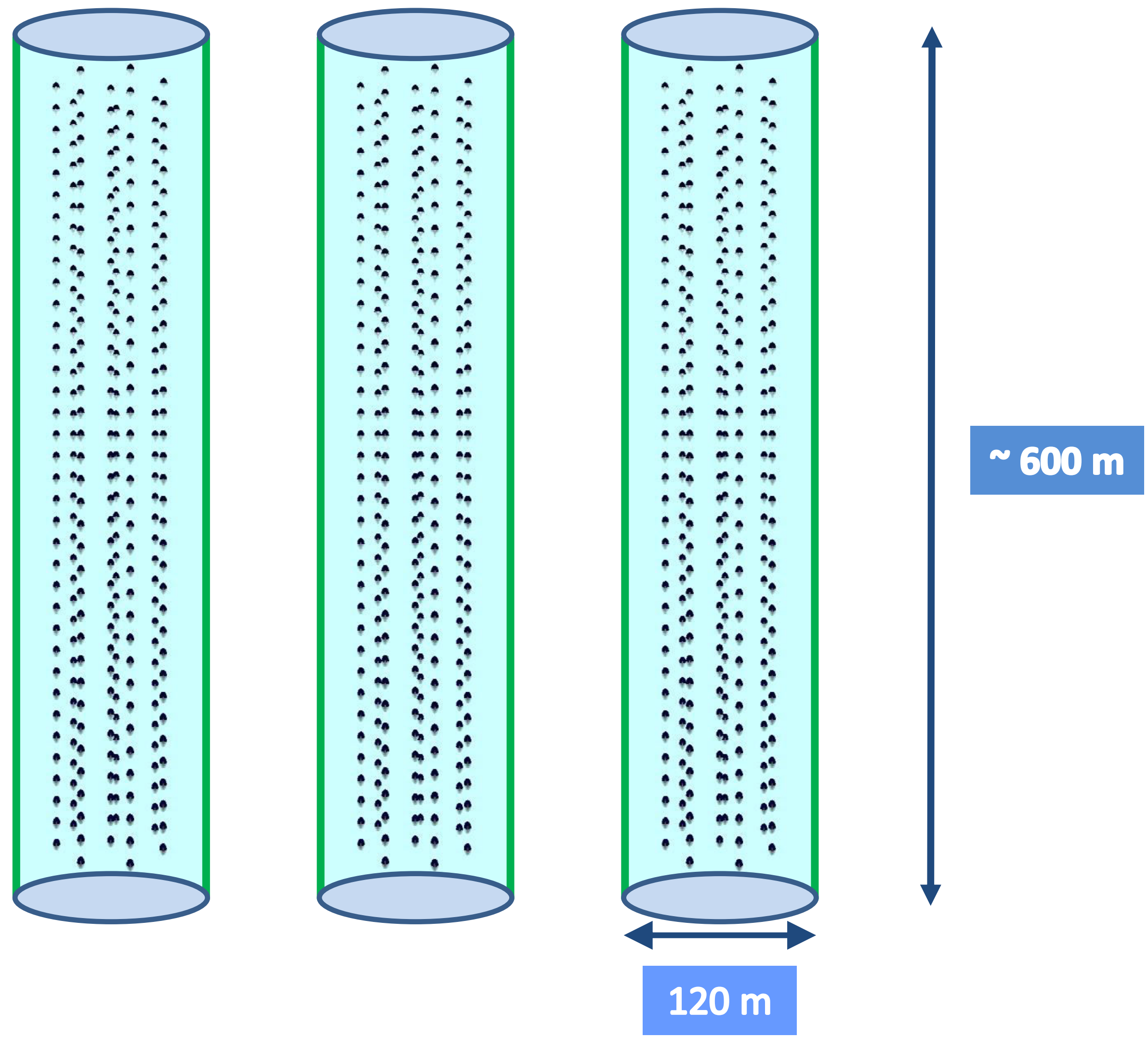
ANTARES: 885

GVD 2018: 864

No. space points:

ANTARES: 295

GVD 2018: 864



Stages of deployment of the Baikal-GVD

Configuration	2015	2016	2017	2018
The number of OMs	192 (8str×24)	288 (8str×36)	576	864
Geometric sizes	∅80m×345m	∅120m×525m	2×∅120m×525m	3×∅120m×525m
Eff. Vol. (E > 100TeV)	0.03 km^3	0.05 km^3	0.1 km^3	0.15 km^3

Timeline GVD 1

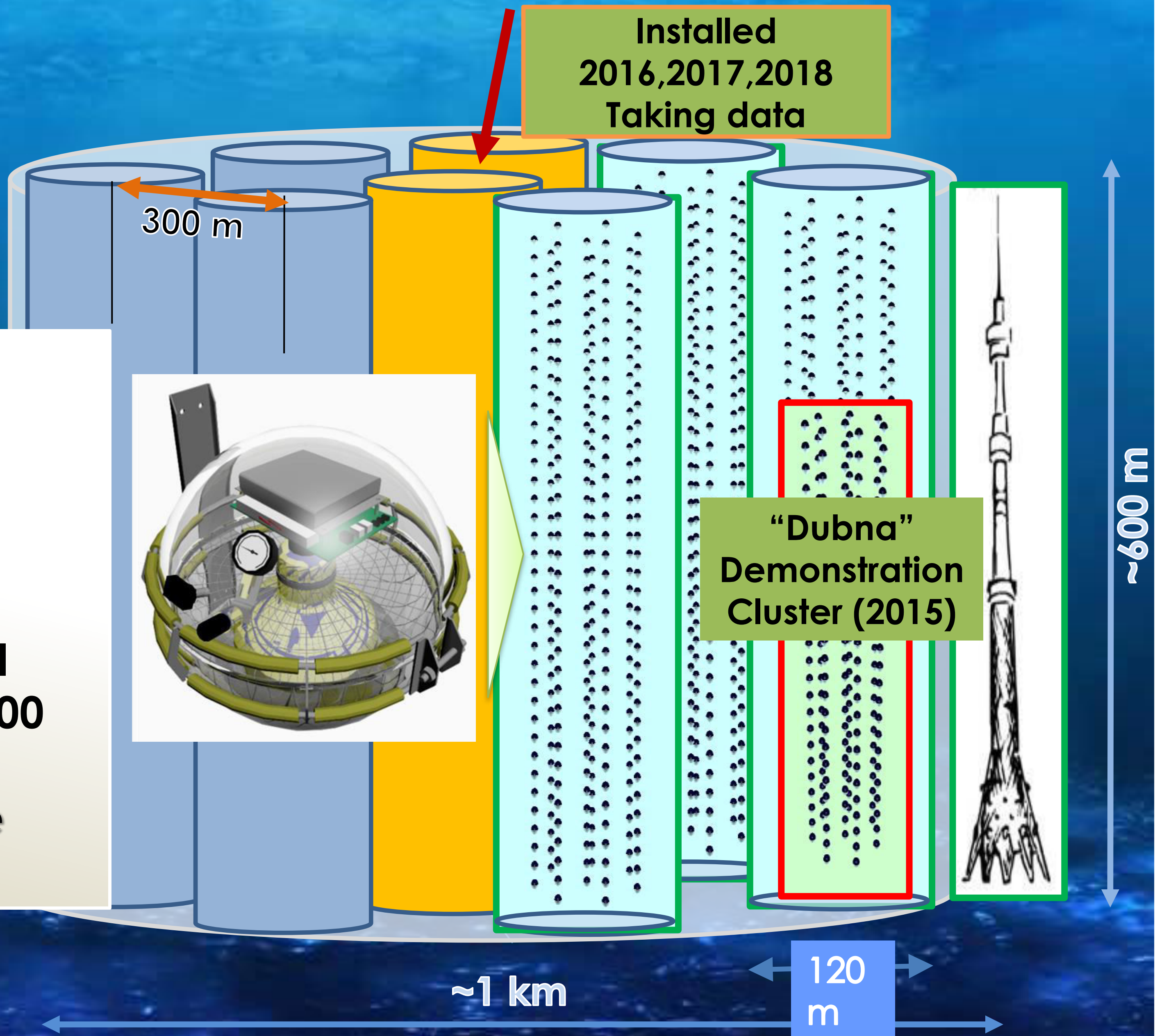
Cumulative number of clusters vs. year

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
No. of clusters	*1*	*2*	*4*	*6*	*8*	*10*
No. of OM	*288*	*576*	*1152*	*1728*	*2304*	*2592*
Recent numbers			**3**	**5**	**7**	**9**

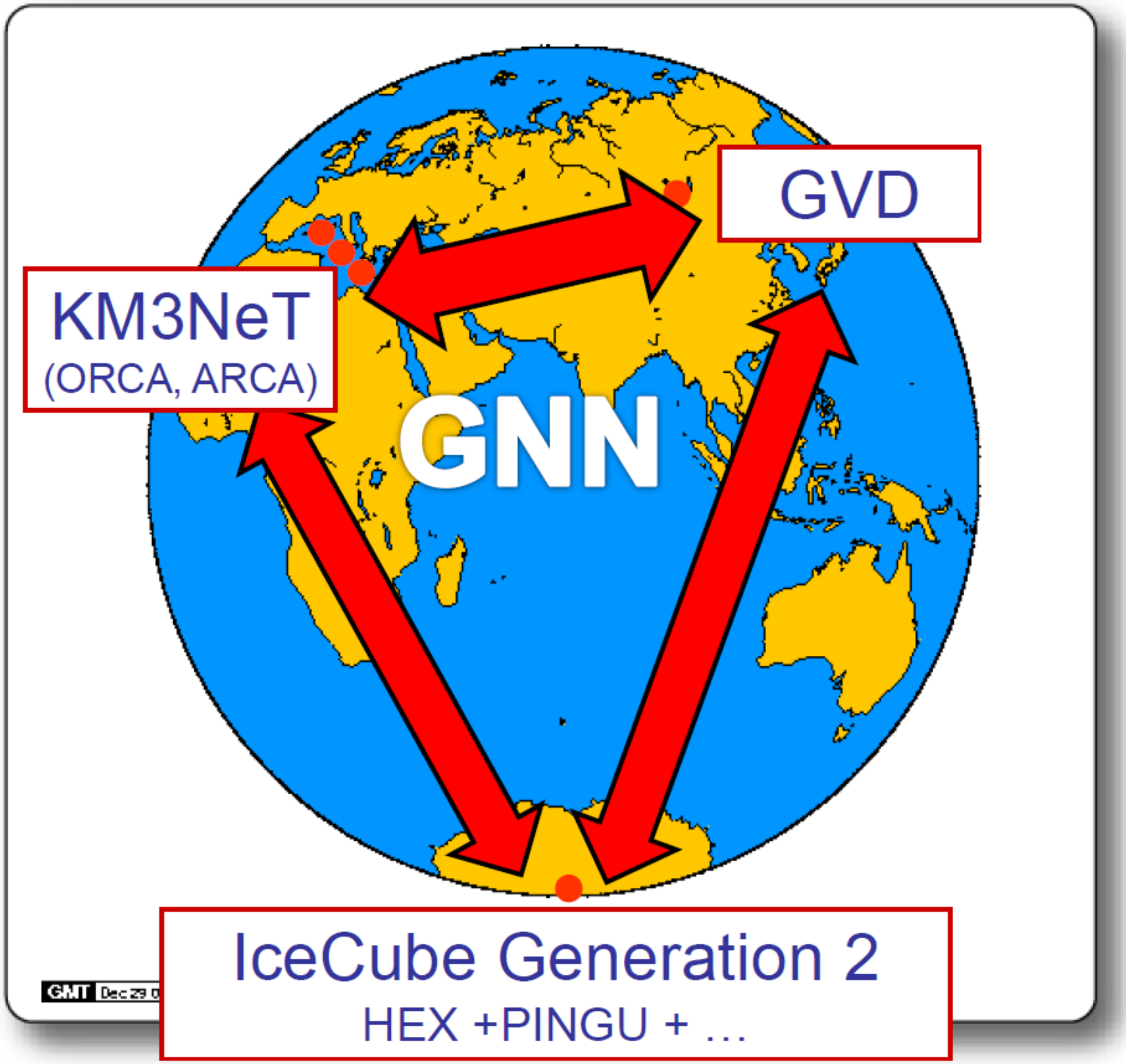
Deployment plan for expedition 2019

BAIKAL GVD-1

2304 light sensors combined in 8 clusters of vertical strings at 750 – 1300 m depths.
Detection volume 0.4km^3



Baikal, Mediterranean Sea, South Pole



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