

# Panorama de l'astronomie neutrino d'Ultra Haute Energie ( $E > 10^{16}$ eV)

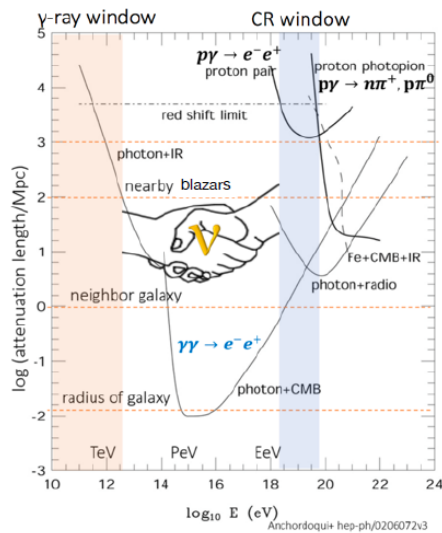
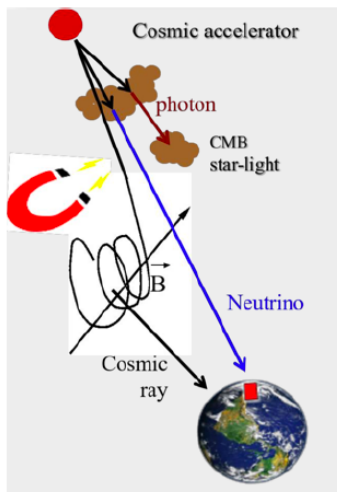
Atelier de la communauté française de  
recherche sur le rayonnement  
cosmique

APC, 26-28 mars 2018

# Why neutrinos?

- Clean probe of the Violent Universe & direct bound to UHECRs

## NEUTRINO AS COSMIC MESSENGER



Neutrino: Neutral and weak, point to the source carrying information from the deepest parts.

## HE NEUTRINO PRODUCTION

**Hadronuclear (e.g. star burst galaxies and galaxy clusters)**

$$pp \rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma \\ \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^+ \nu_e \nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu \\ \pi^- \rightarrow \mu^- \bar{\nu}_\mu \rightarrow e^- \bar{\nu}_e \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu \end{cases}$$

**Photohadronic (e.g. gamma-ray bursts, active galactic nuclei)**

$$p\gamma \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow \begin{cases} p \pi^0 \rightarrow p \gamma \gamma \\ n \pi^+ \rightarrow n \mu^+ \nu_\mu \rightarrow n e^+ \nu_e \bar{\nu}_\mu \nu_\mu \end{cases}$$

cosmic ray + gamma  
cosmic ray + neutrinos

Neutrino flavour ratio at source:  
pion-muon decay  
 $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau \sim 1 : 2 : 0$

Oscillations average out over cosmic baselines  
 $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau \sim 1 : 1 : 1$

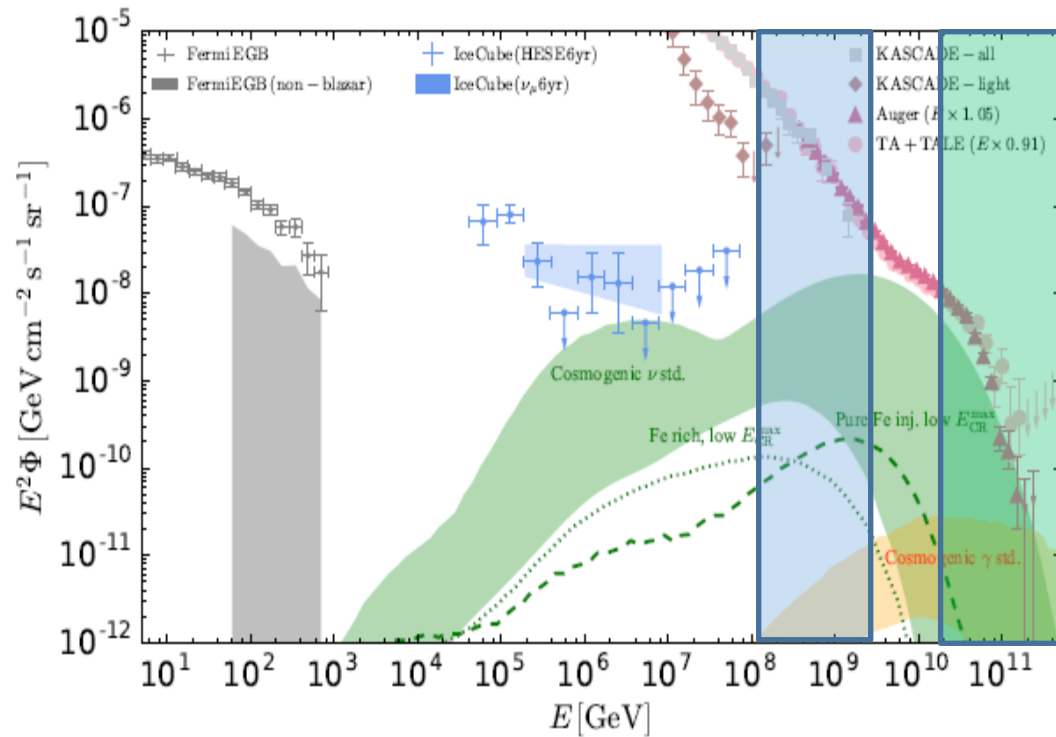
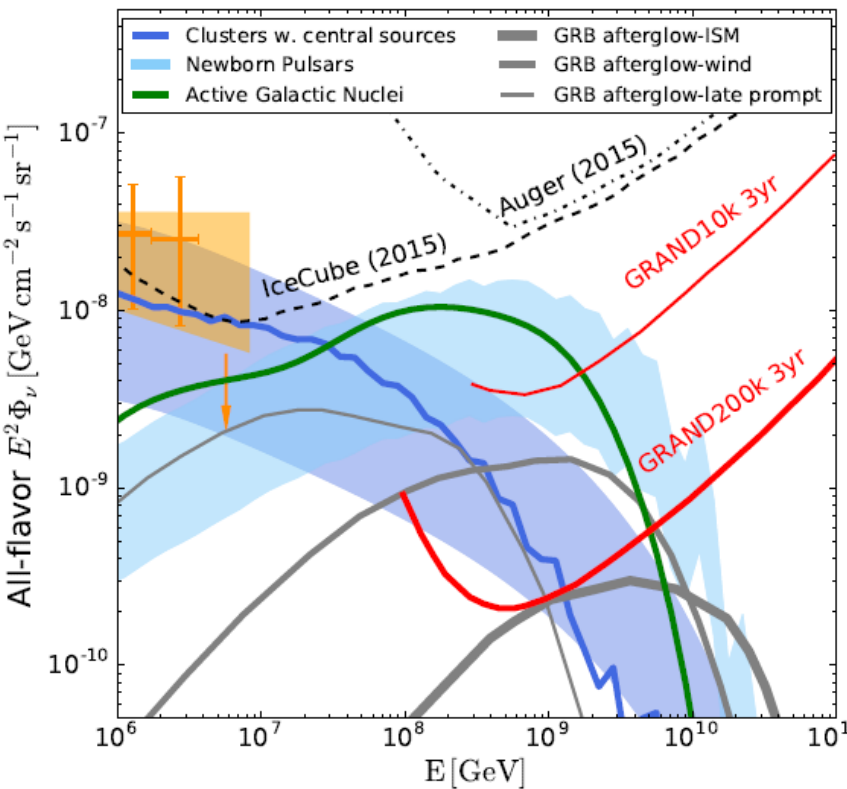
The sources of HE  $\nu$  are not necessary the sources of UHECR

Also through interaction of UHECRs with CMB during propagation: cosmogenic neutrino (**guaranteed flux**)

See D. Dornic presentation

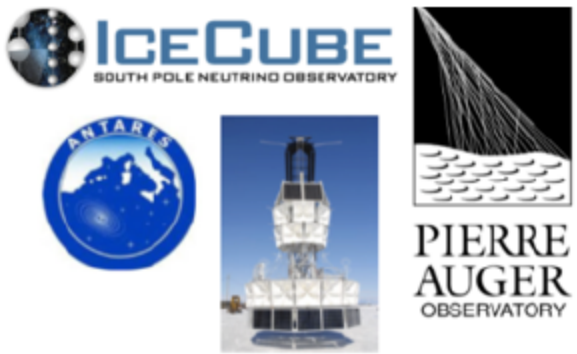
# Why UHE neutrinos?

- Extend energy range to UHE to better constrain models.
- Direct link to UHECRs ( $E_\nu \sim 5\% E_{CR}$ ).



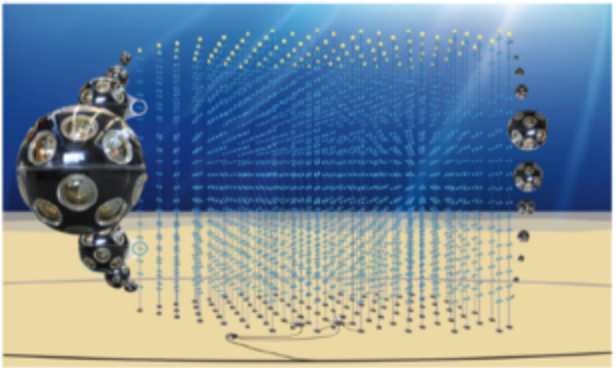
# Future project overview

complementarity,  
sensitivity to  
neutrino sources  
“**precision frontier**”



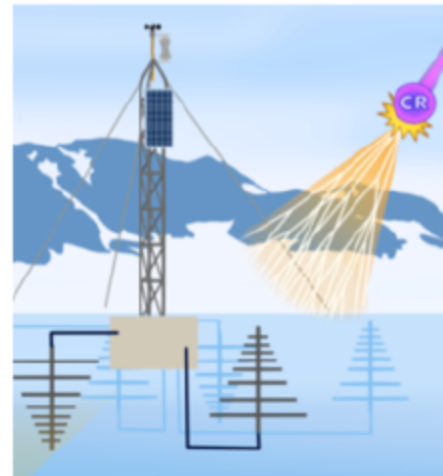
Present neutrino detectors

sensitivity at EeV  
and beyond  
“**energy frontier**”

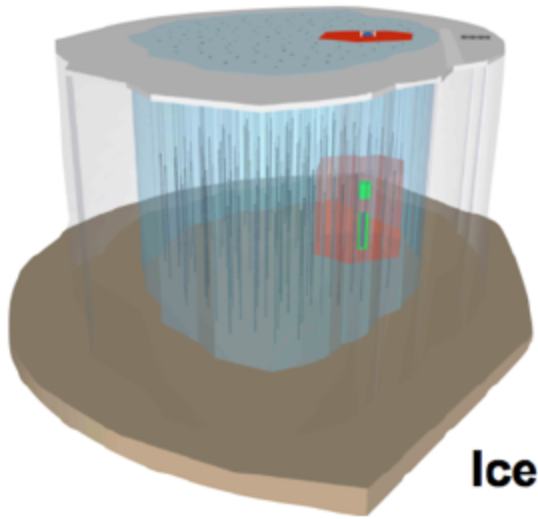


**KM3NeT, GVD**

sensitivity at  
PeV energies  
“**intensity frontier**”



**ARA, ARIANNA,  
EVA, GRAND**

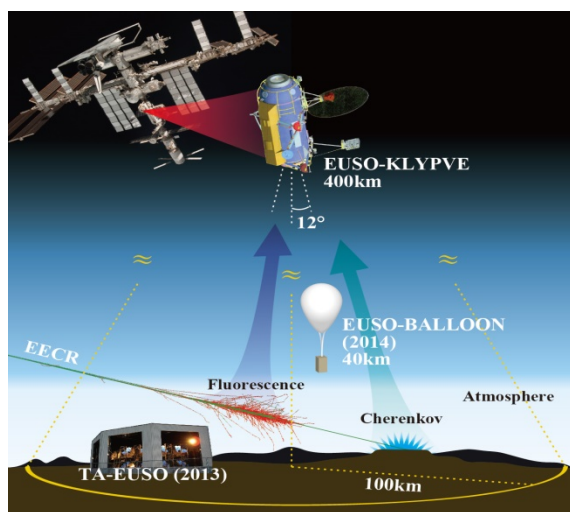


**IceCube-Gen2**

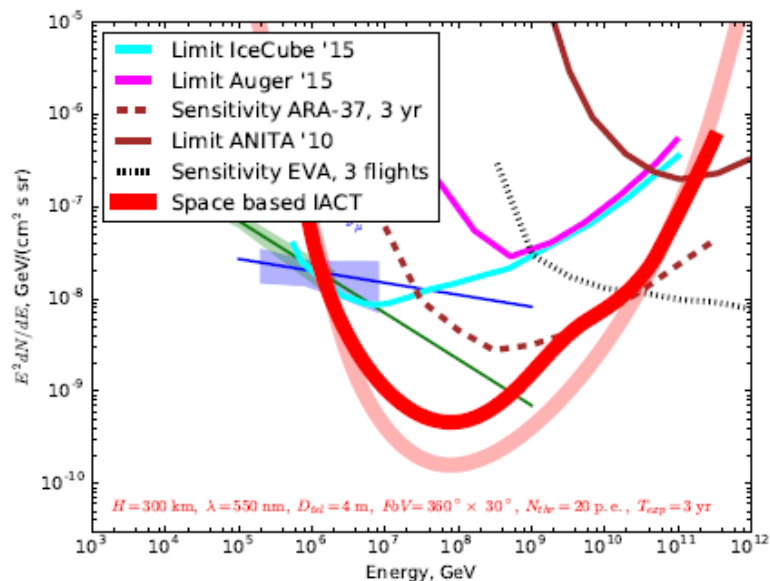
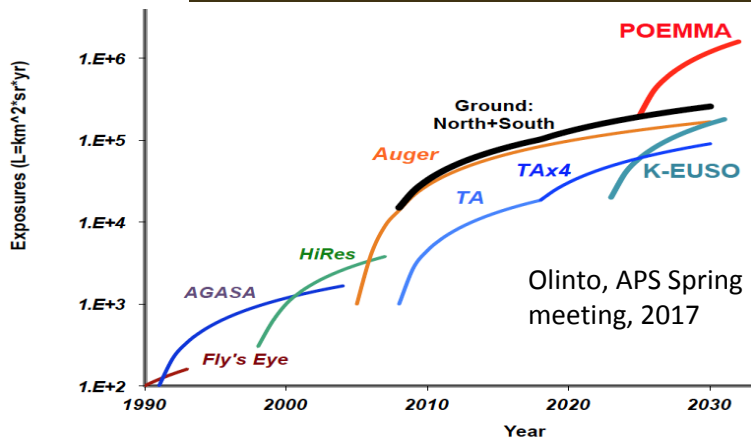
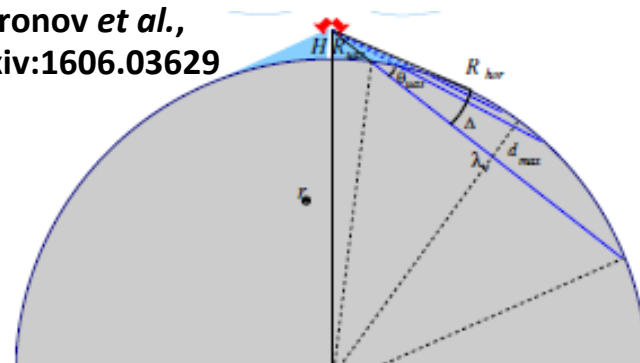
*Kowalski@TeVPA2017*

# Satellites projects

- POEMMA, K-EUSO & pathfinder EUSO-SPB



Neronov *et al.*,  
arxiv:1606.03629



# Antarctica projects

## Detection of UHE Neutrinos in Ice

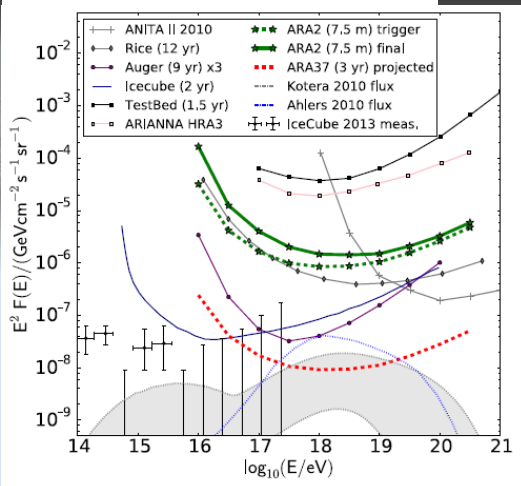
Via the Askaryan effect:

An excess negative charge (~20%) built up in neutrino induced cascades through:

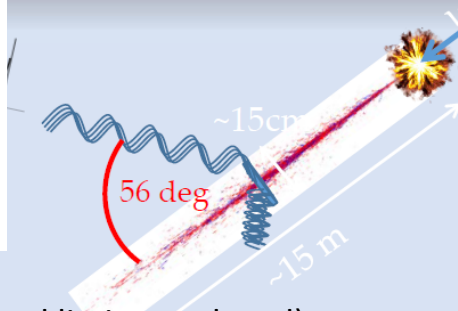
- Compton scattering
- Other ionizing effects

Moving current, emits electromagnetic radiation  
coherent for radio wavelength

Allison et al., arxiv:1507.0899



coherent for radio wavelength



The advantages of RF detection schemes:

- RF attenuation length in ice ~ 1 km
- Observe big detector volume with few sensors
- Very cost effective means to instruments 100's of Gton of target.

Beautiful principle

Already a lot of expertise gained (and limits produced)

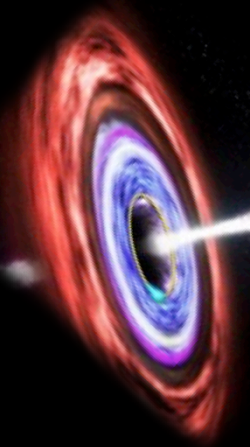
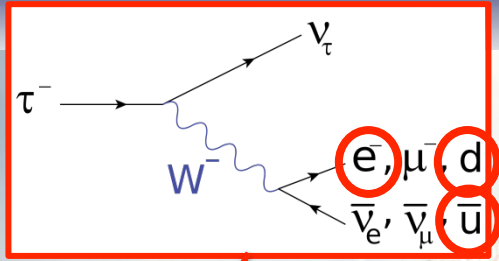
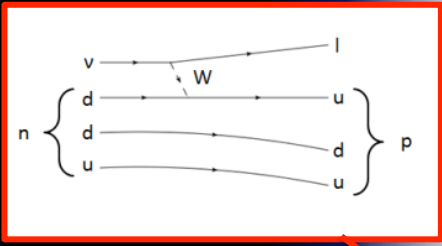
Tough polar environment → high cost (& limited area)

Uncertainties on signal propagation → poor angular resolution

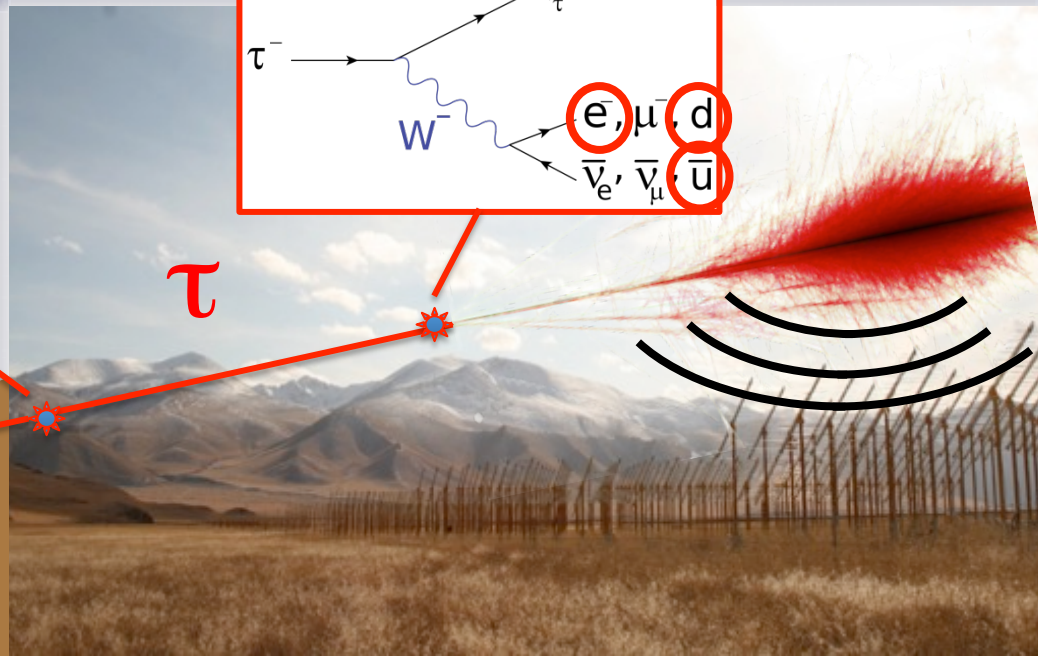
ARENA 2016 - Groningen, NL | Kael HANSON UW Madison



# Earth-skimming neutrino detection



$\nu_\tau$



$\tau$

- Goal: search for cosmic neutrinos
- Detection principle:
  - $\nu$ -induced tau decays in atmosphere generate  $\sim$ horizontal extensive air showers.
  - [Fargion astro-ph/99066450, Bertou astro-ph/0104452]
  - Issues:
    - VERY seldom events
    - Earth-skimming trajectories ( $mfp_\nu < 1000\text{km}$ )

# Why radio? Because it works!

- MHz radio-detection of air showers becoming a mature technique

- $\sigma(X_{\max}) \sim 20\text{g/cm}^2$

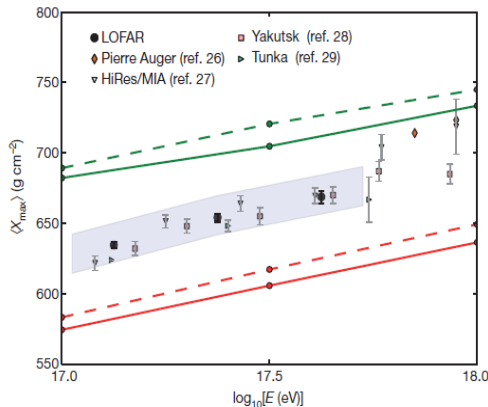
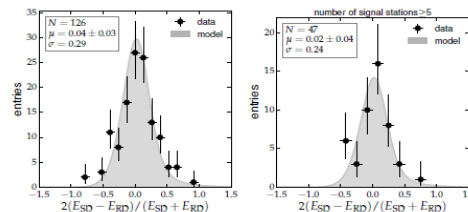
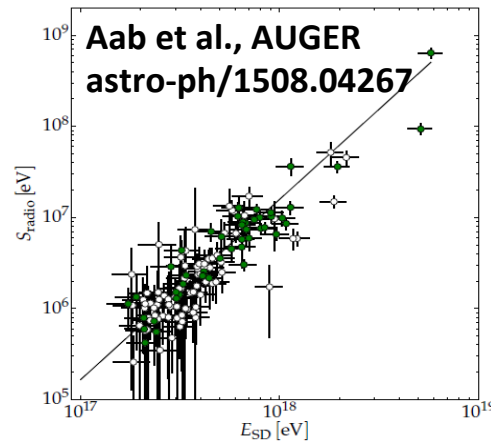


Figure 2 | Measurements of  $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$ . Mean depth of the shower maximum  $X_{\max}$  as a function of energy  $E$  for LOFAR, and for previous experiments that used different techniques<sup>26–29</sup>. Error bars indicate  $1\sigma$  uncertainties. The systematic uncertainties are  $^{+14}_{-10}\text{g cm}^{-2}$  on  $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$  and 27% on  $E$ , as indicated by the shaded band. The Pierre Auger Observatory<sup>26</sup> measures the fluorescent light emitted by atmospheric molecules excited by air-shower particles. HiRes/MIA<sup>27</sup> used a combination of this fluorescence technique and muon detection. The Yakutsk<sup>28</sup> and Tunka<sup>29</sup> arrays use non-imaging Cherenkov detectors. The green (upper) lines indicate  $\langle X_{\max} \rangle$  for proton showers simulated using QGSJETII.04 (solid) and EPOS-LHC (dashed); the red (lower) lines are for showers initiated by iron nuclei.

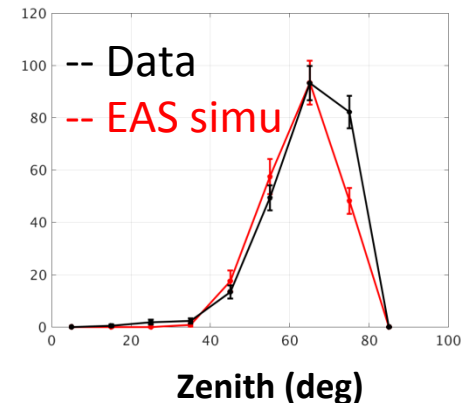
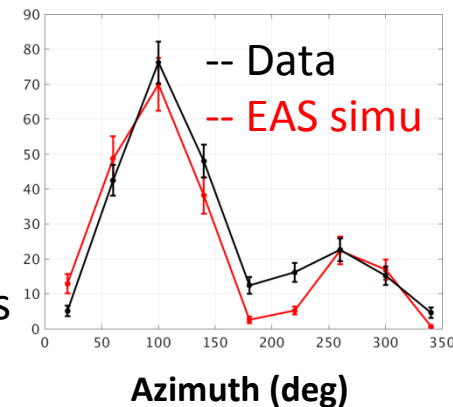
Buitink et al., LOFAR, Nature

- $\Delta E/E < 20\%$



- Autonomous radio-detection & identification of air showers

Le Coz et al.,  
TREND  
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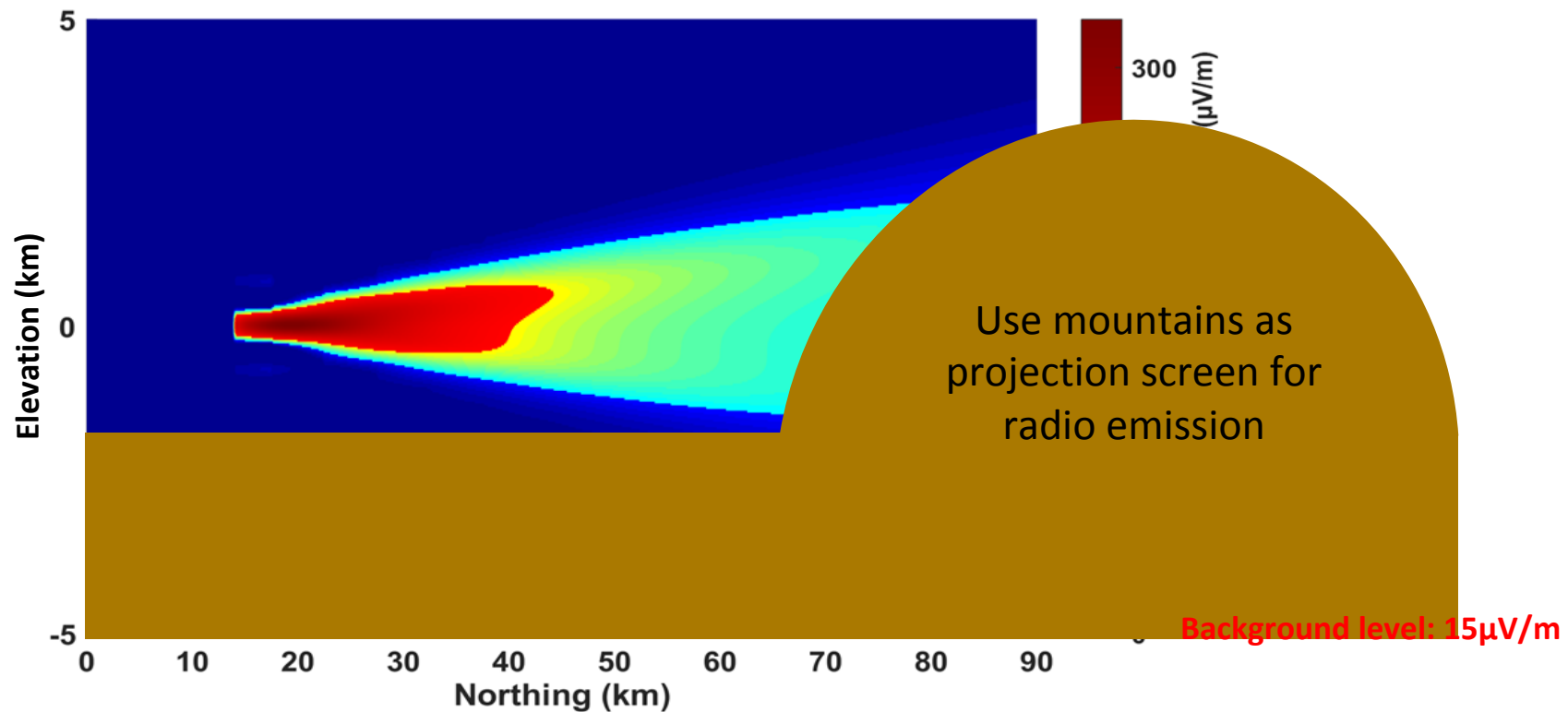




# Why radio?

Because it is perfect for horizontal air showers!

50-200MHz radio emission of a  $10^{17.5}$ eV shower viewed from the side:  
**~10s of km<sup>2</sup> detectable footprint @ ~100 km!!**

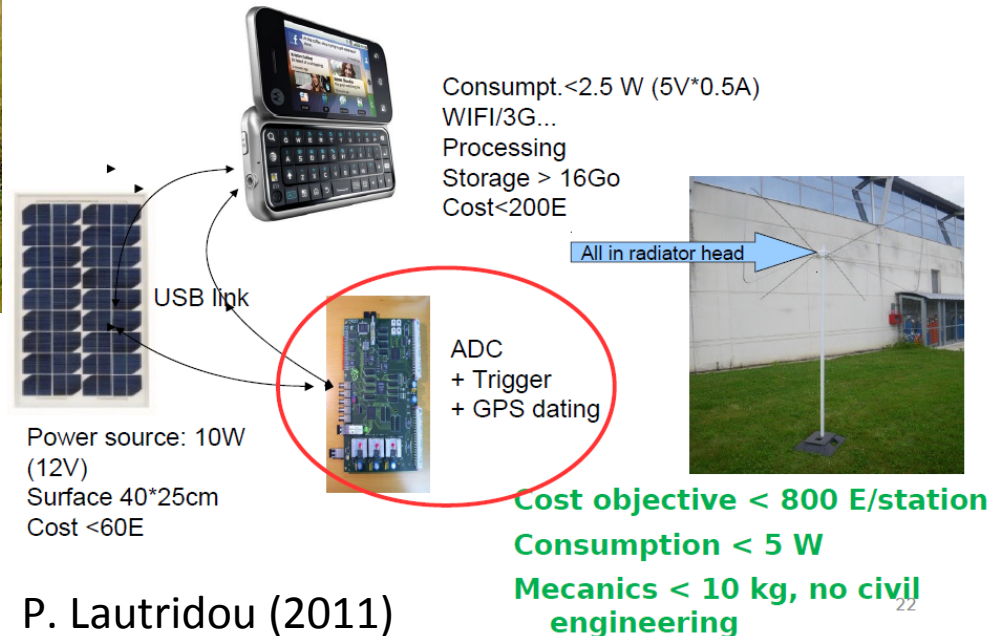


# Why radio? Because it is cheap!



Basic ↔ cheap

**Toward a second generation of stations:  
fully based on mainstream technologies**



P. Lautridou (2011)

# The GRAND project

## Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection



## Science and Design

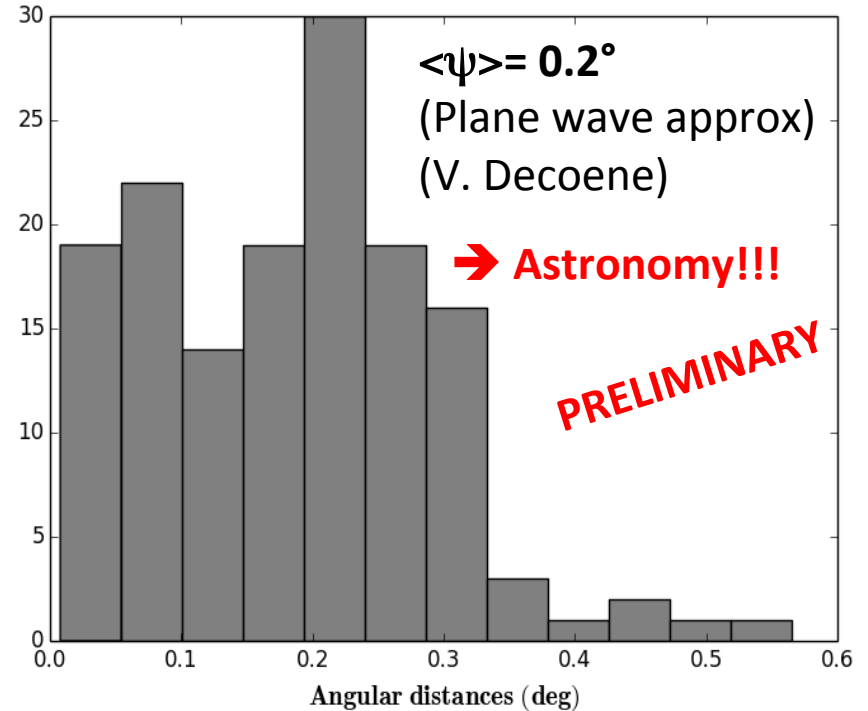
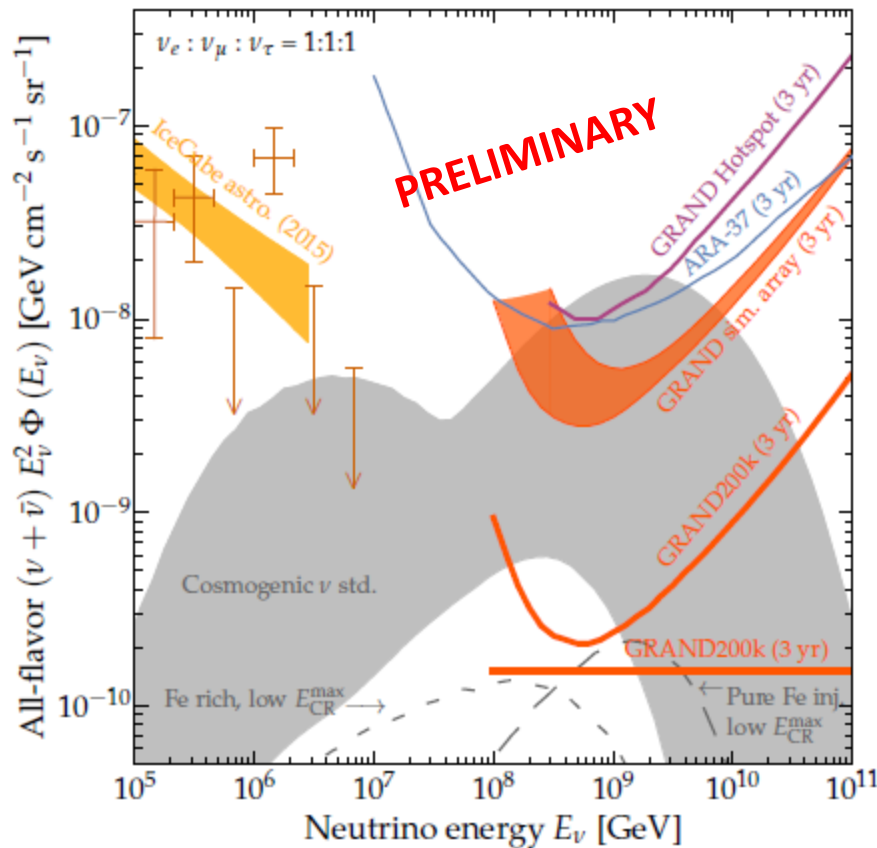
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# GRAND goal

- Large enough to guarantee detection of UHE

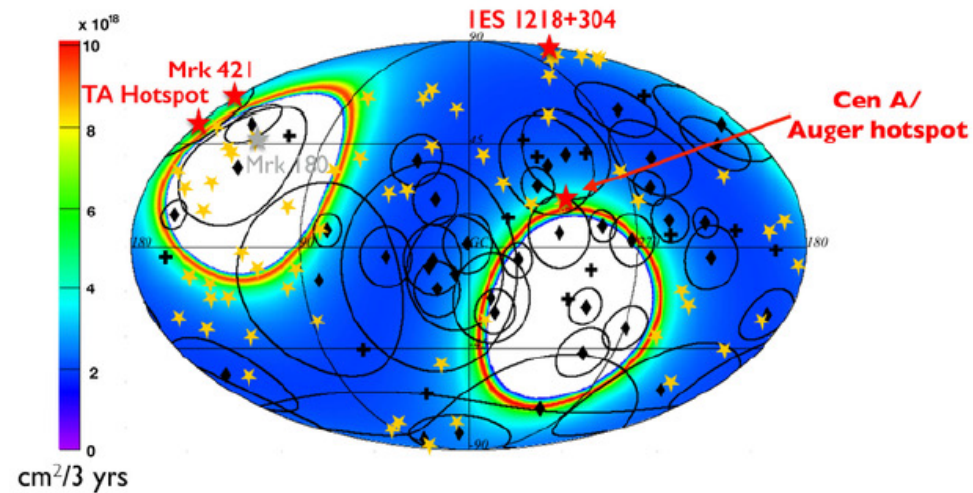
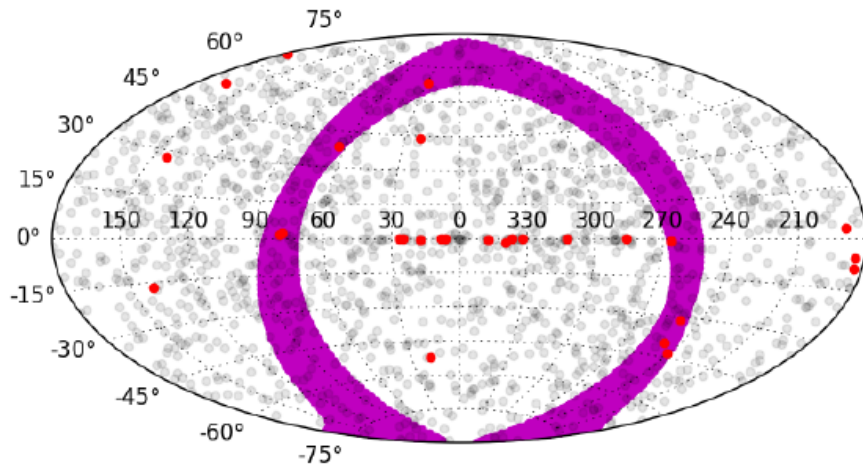


o(10-20) hotspots of o(20-10) kAntennas  
 deployed over o(20-10'000) km<sup>2</sup> hotspots with  
 favorable topographies around the world.

→ total area: 200'000km<sup>2</sup>

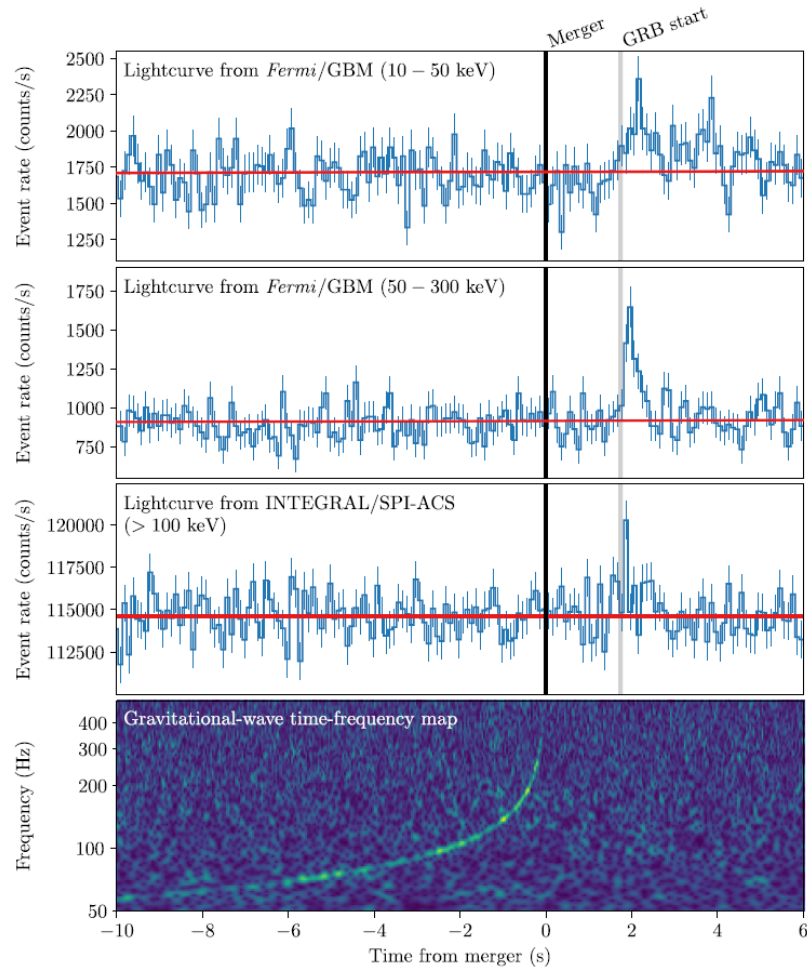
# GRAND FoV

- $85 < \theta < 95^\circ$  but all azimuth  $\rightarrow$  large fraction of sky covered in 24h



Here computed for one single 200'000km<sup>2</sup> array located at TRENDS site.

# GRAND aims at taking part in the MultiMessenger Astronomy Era



## SEARCH FOR HIGH-ENERGY NEUTRINOS FROM BINARY NEUTRON STAR MERGER GW170817 WITH ANTARES, ICECUBE, AND THE PIERRE AUGER OBSERVATORY

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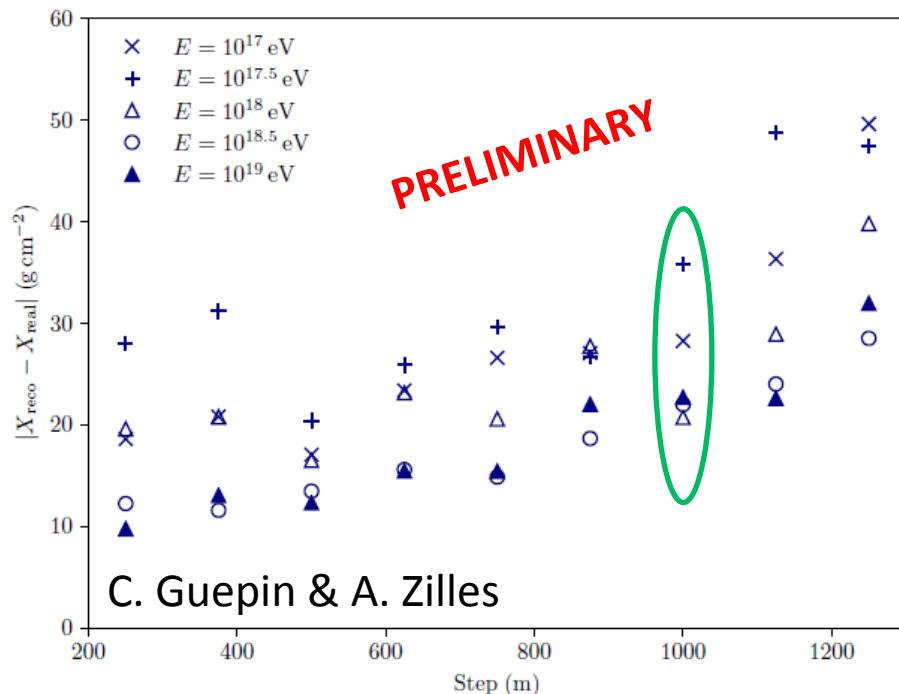
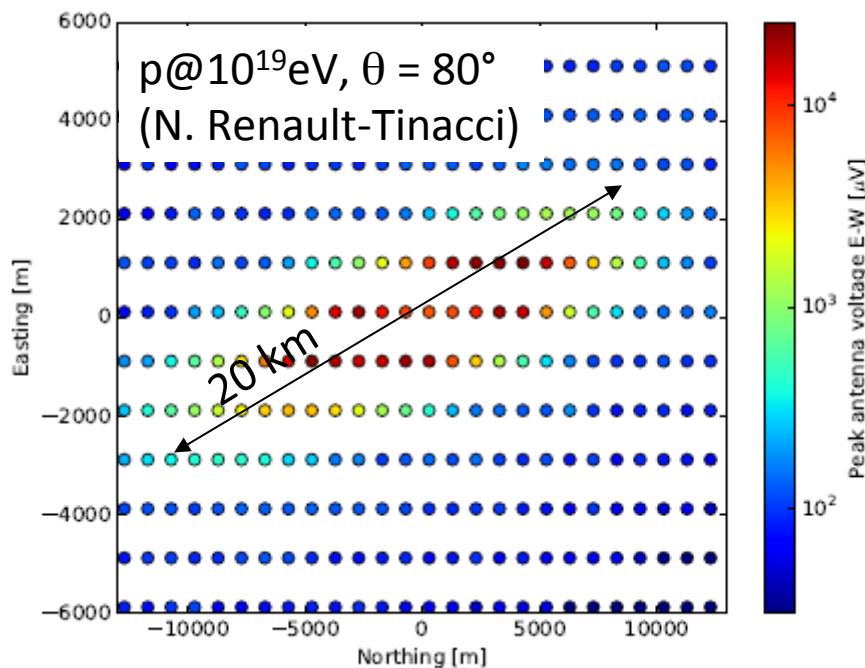
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**More generally:  
France wide variety of experimental projects  
IS a strength... and should be presented as such!**

# GRAND & CRs

- Very large footprint for inclined air showers
- ➔ good detection efficiency & good  $X_{\max}$  resolution (20g/cm<sup>2</sup>?)
- ➔ Precision + stat (aperture  $\sim 15x$  AUGER)@highest energies
- ➔ **Great tool for UHECRs & UHE  $\gamma$**



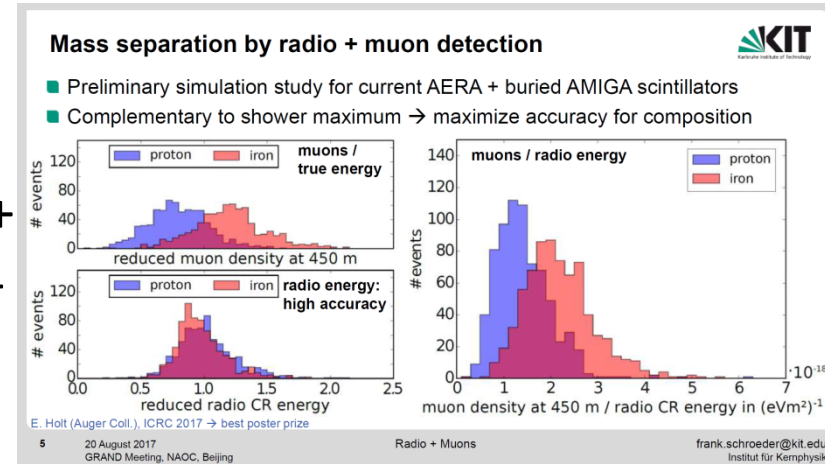
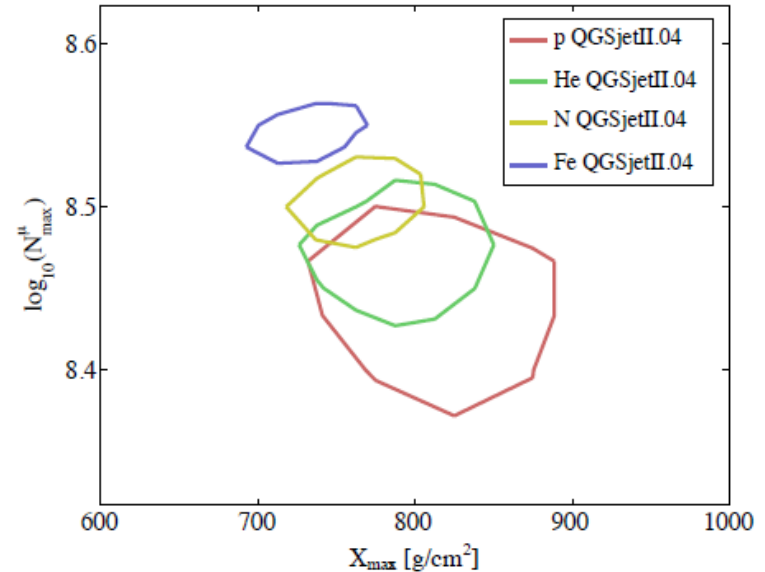
# GRAND in practice

- Huge technical challenge: Trigger? Data collection? Reconstruction of  $\sim$ horizontal showers? Background rejection?
- Need for:
  - time (full array not before 2030) to develop a staged approach.
  - Important step: an engineering array with dedicated design → **GRANDproto300**: 300 antennas over  $\sim 150\text{km}^2$



# GRANDproto300

- 300 antennas, half with 200m step, half with 1km step
- GRAND antennas + dedicated electronics (*a la* AERA), with bullet WiFi data transfer.
- Site: XinJiang. **Funding secured.** **Expected start date: 2020.**
- Goal:
  - Demonstrate identification & reconstruction of inclined CR-induced air showers (2020-1)
  - Develop, optimise and validate trigger+data transfer strategies (2022+)
  - **Physics program as well:** study of Gal-Extragal CR origin transition when complemented by surface array (stat: 10s of kEvents/year above  $10^{17}$ eV).



# Conclusion

- UHE neutrino as a natural & powerful tool for multimessenger study of violent phenomena in the Universe.
- Several projects in early development stages. Nothing to be expected before mid-2020's.
- GRAND aiming at gigantic antenna network. First stage = 300km<sup>2</sup> engineering array, allowing for CR physics @ Gal-Extragal transition