

# A new method to decode messages from the universe

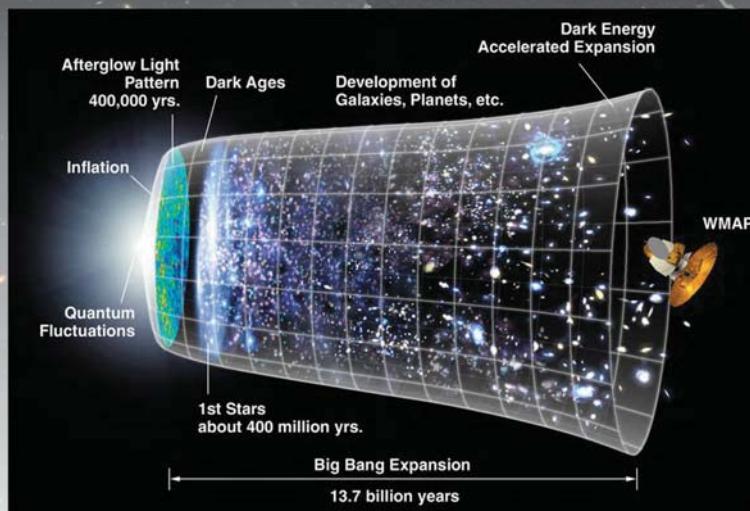
Rolf Nahnauer  
DESY

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## The Universe



# of galaxies:  
~ $100 \times 10^9$   
#stars/galaxy:  
~ $100 \times 10^9$   
observation horizon:  
~ $40 \times 10^9$  ly

Milky Way:  
diameter: 100000 ly

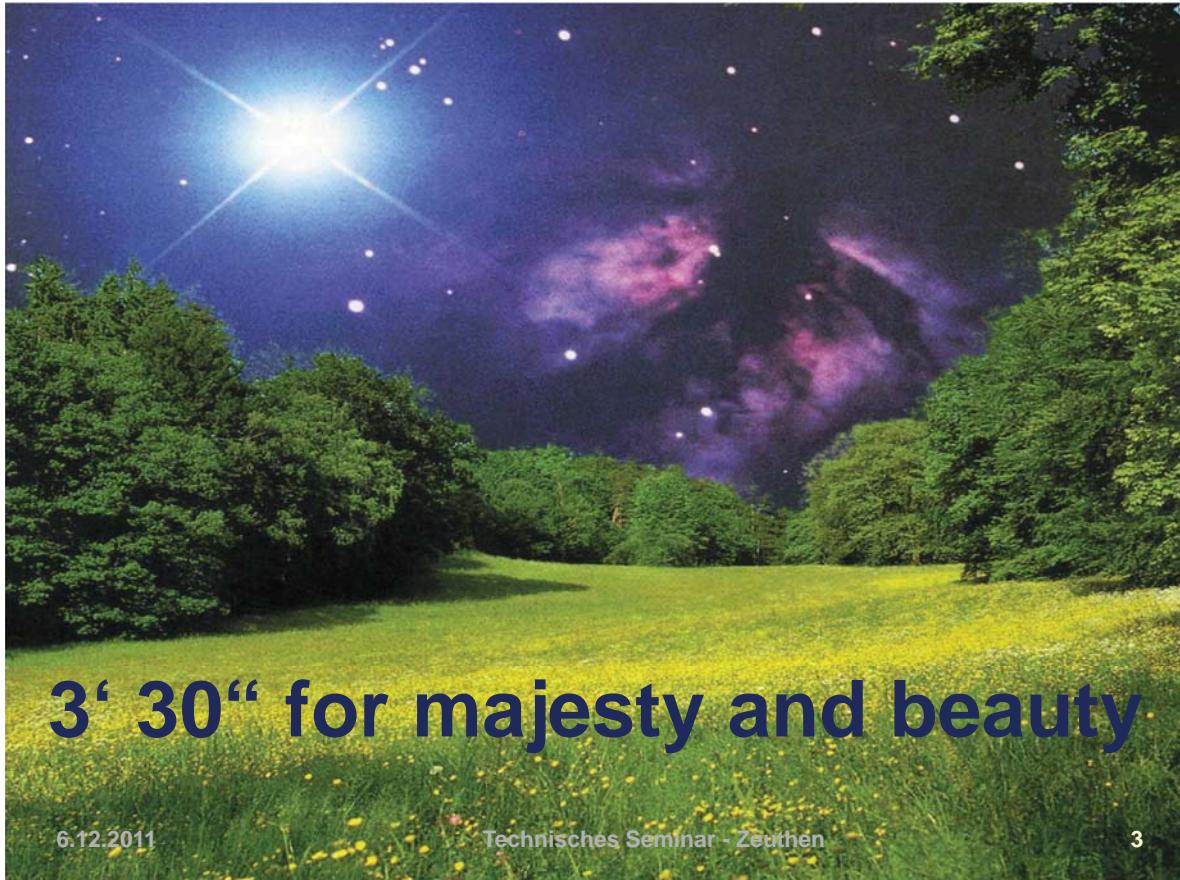
Next star (Proxima Centauri):  
4.2 ly

1 light year: 9.5 000 000 000 000 km = 9.5 quadrillion km

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**3' 30“ for majesty and beauty**

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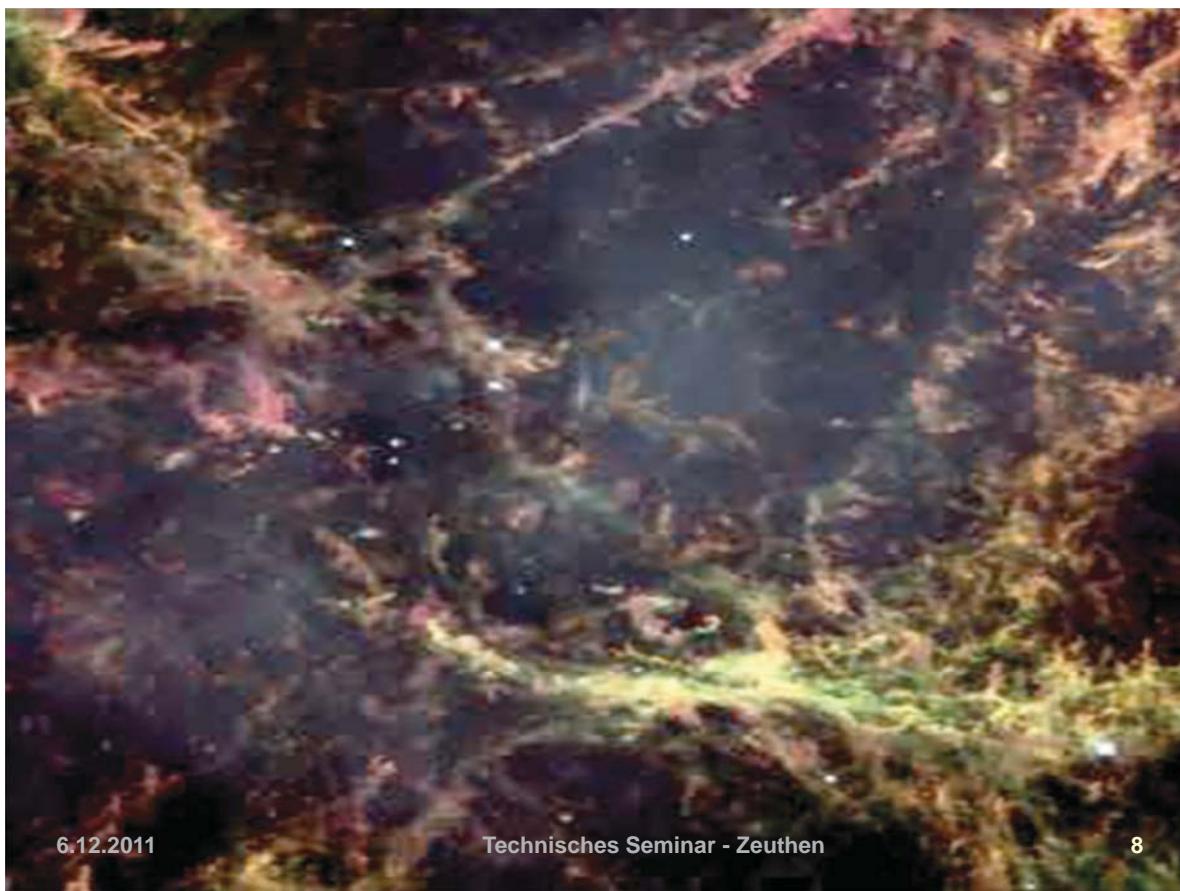
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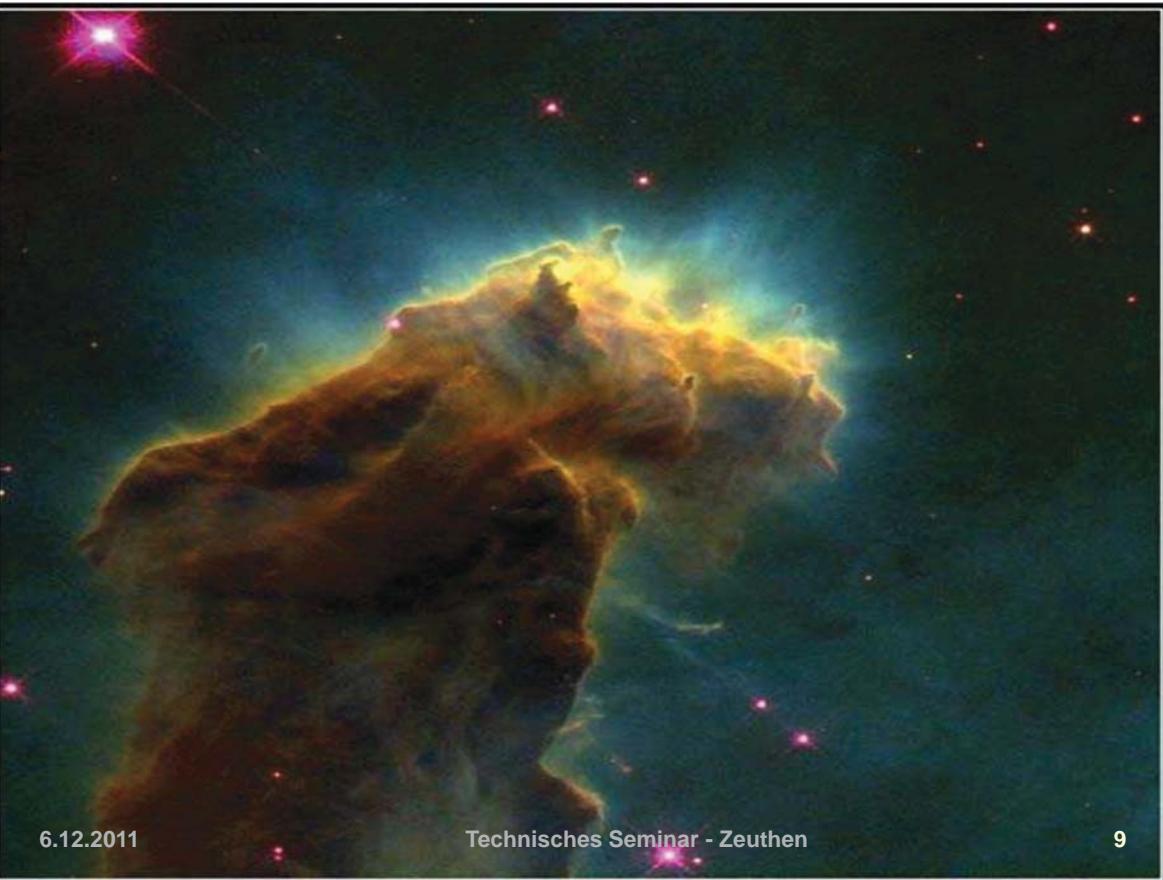
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## Supernova 1987A Rings

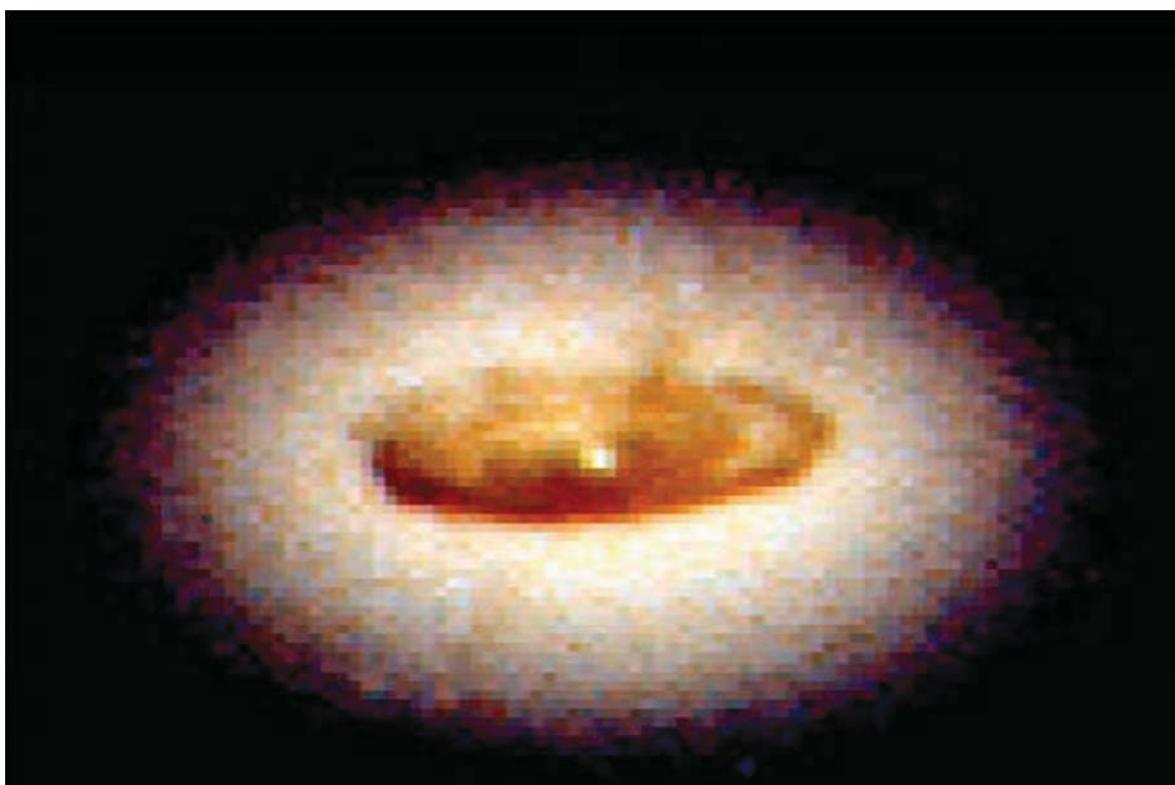


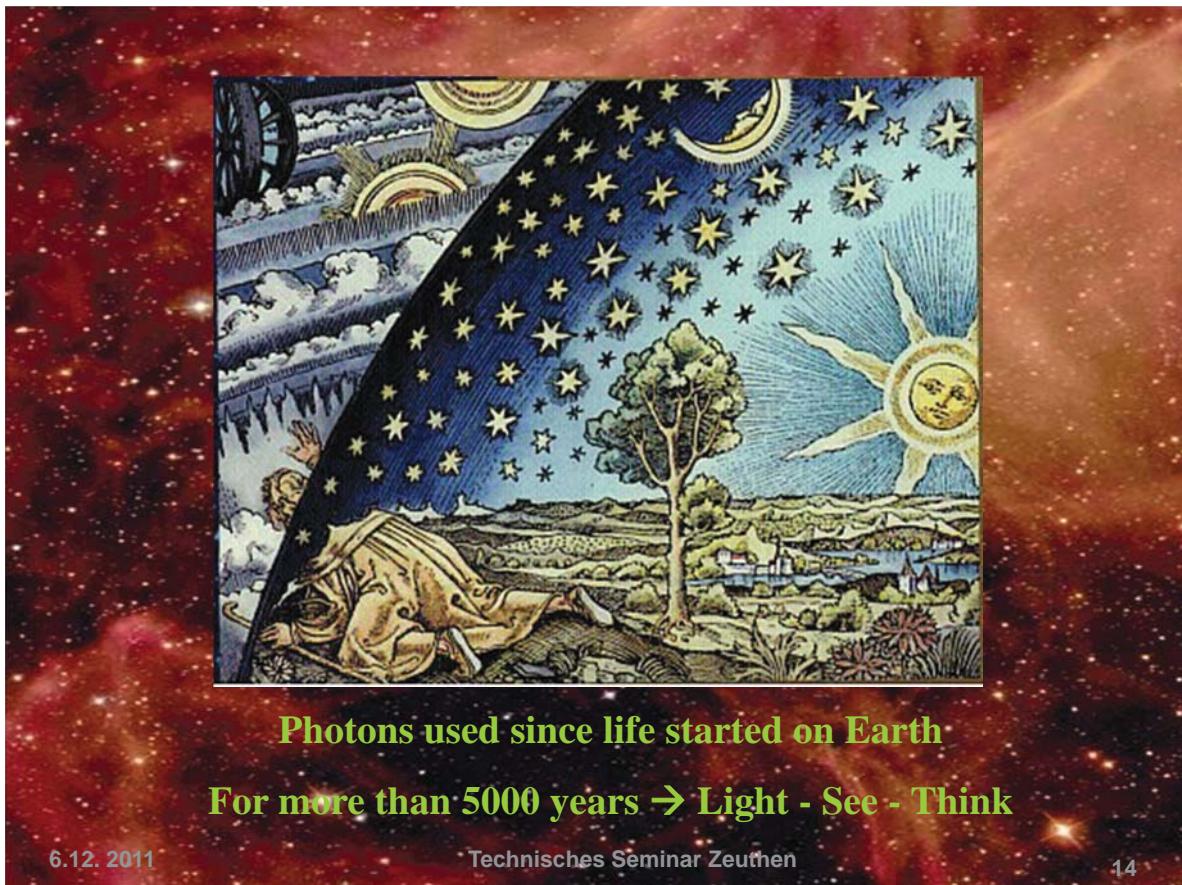
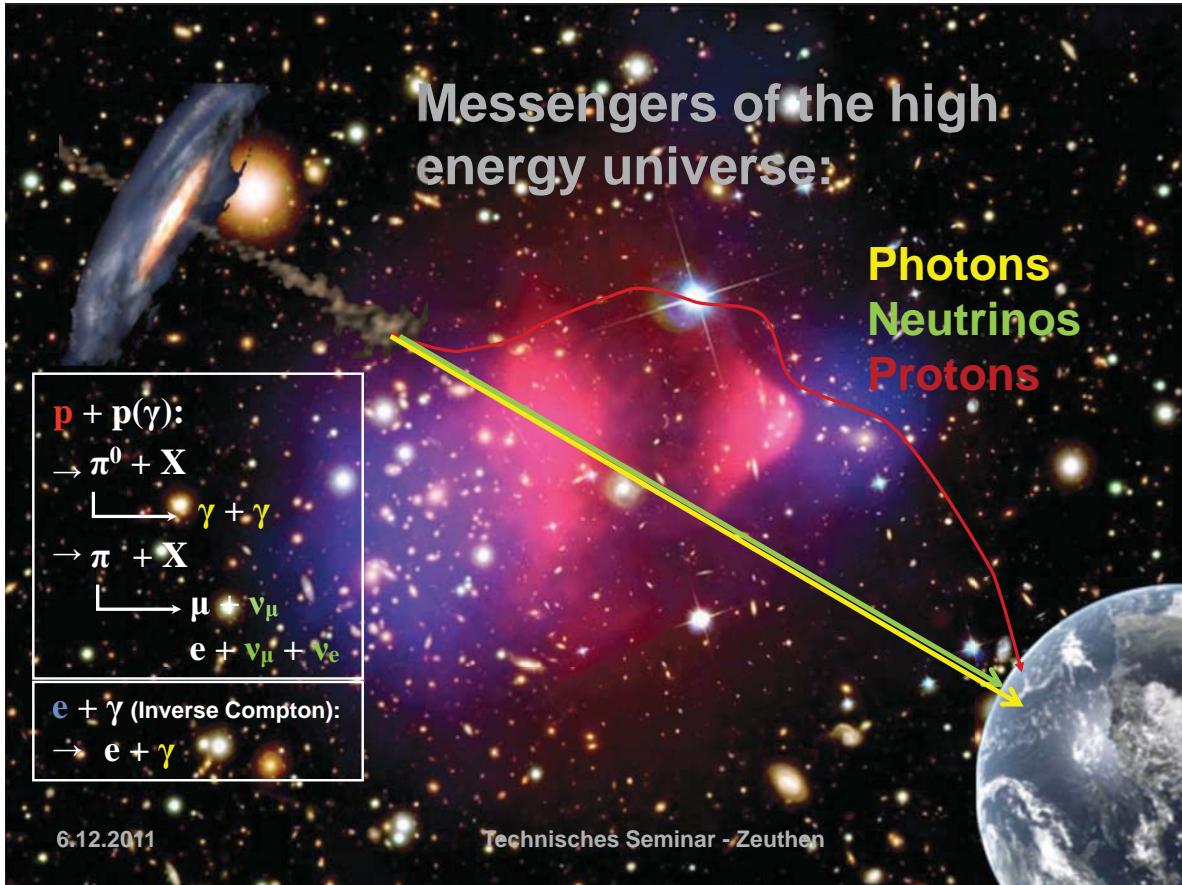
Hubble Space Telescope  
Wide Field Planetary Camera 2



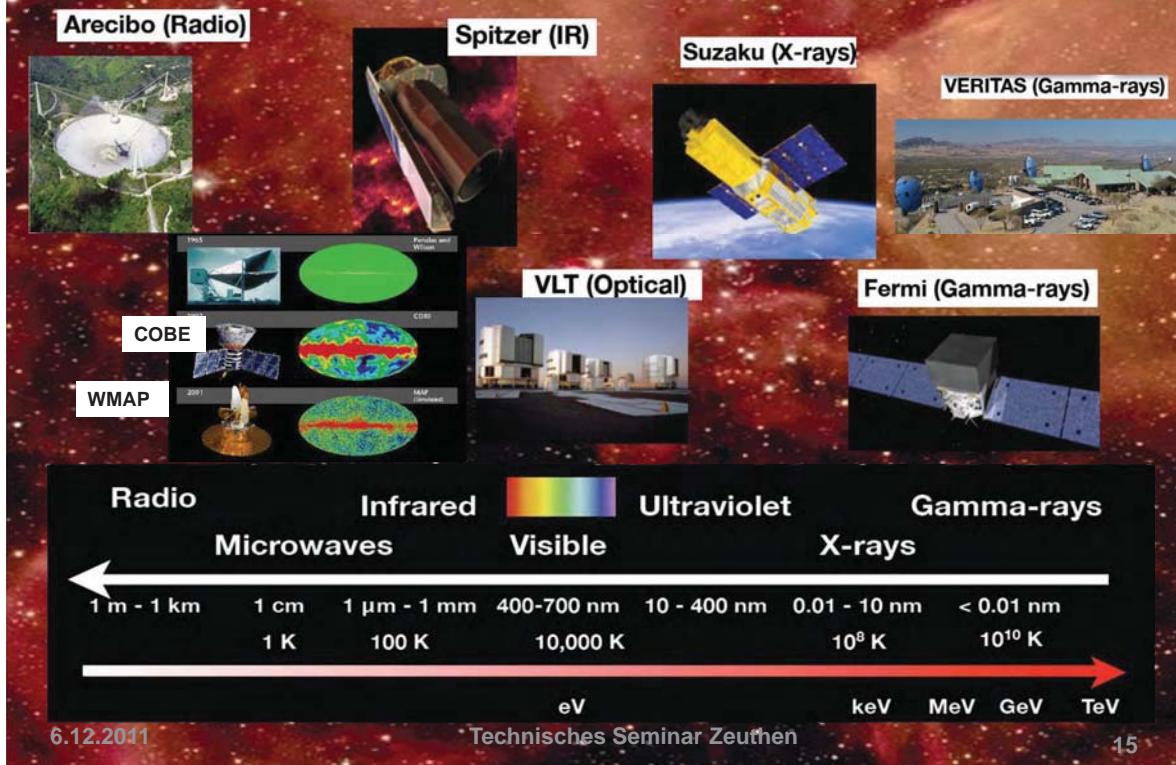
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# Visible and „Invisible“ Light used today



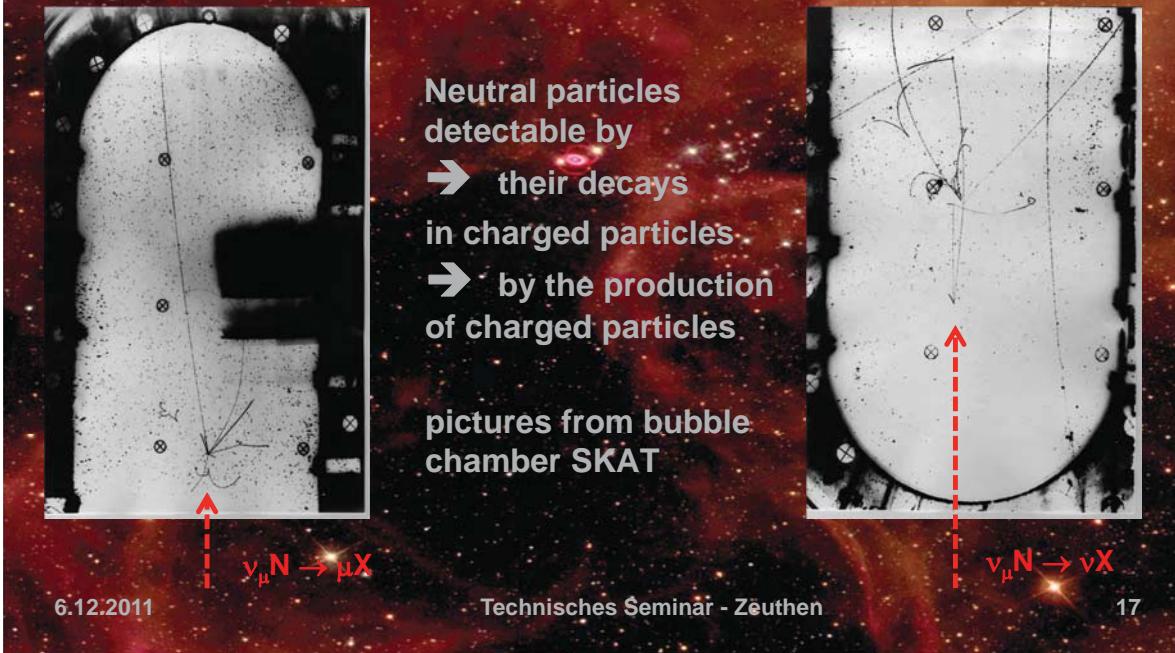
But we don't see neutrinos

The human senses originate from the need to increase the chances to survive in the outside world, not to do complex studies of nature

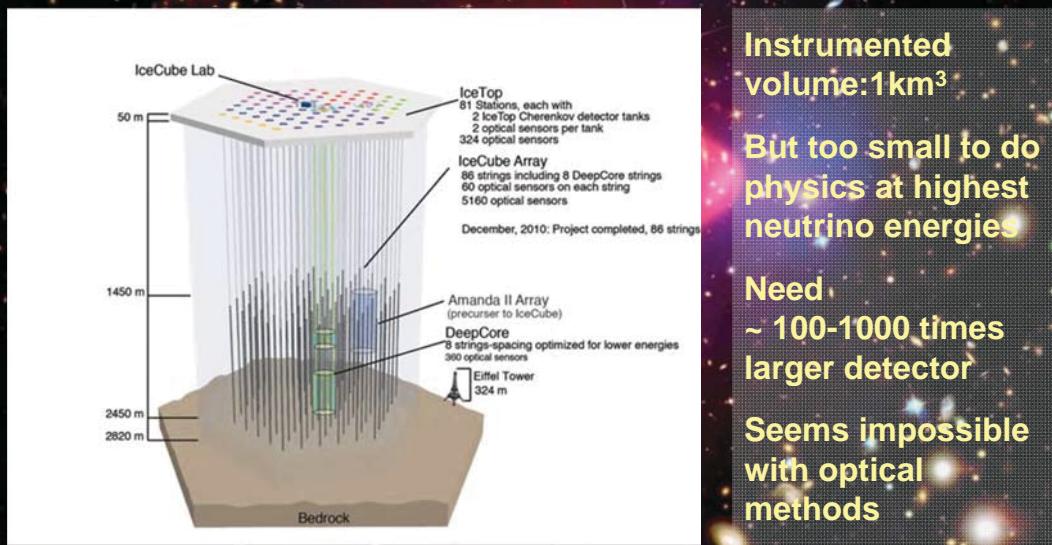
We „see“ only charged particles and their electro-magnetic radiation

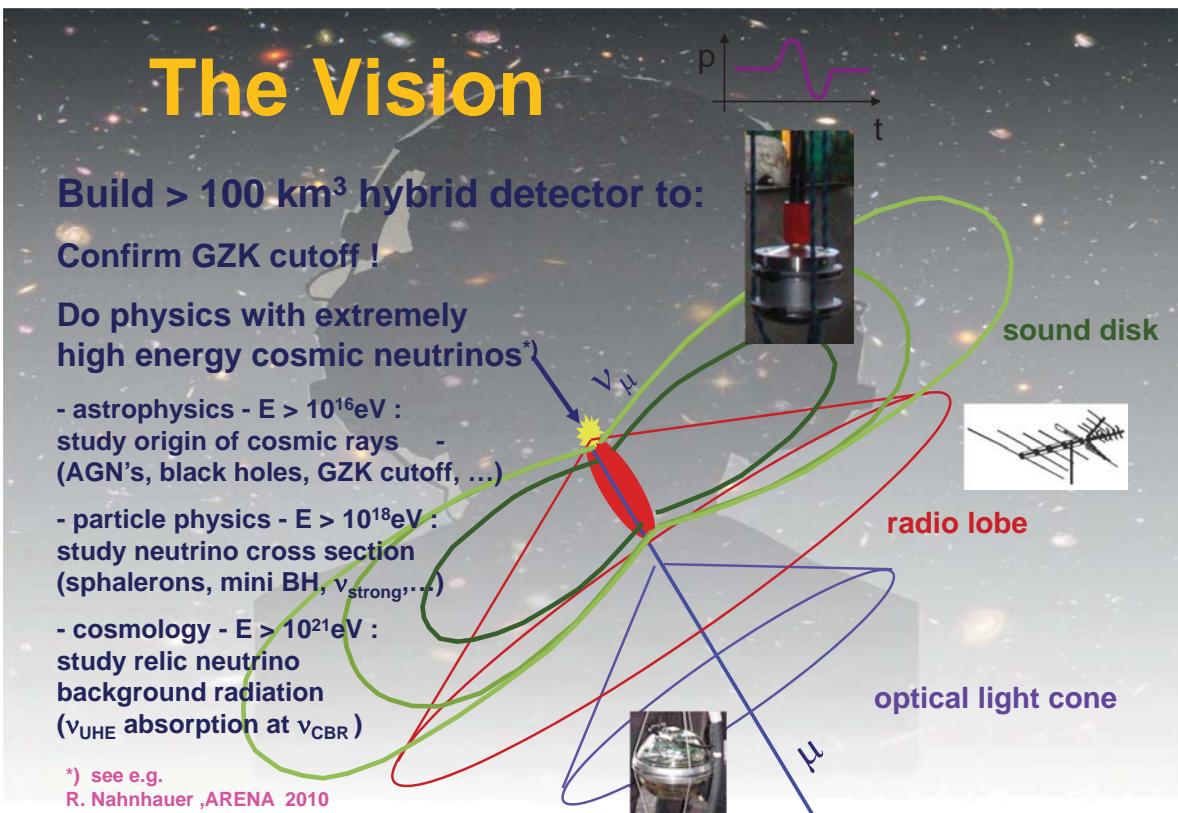
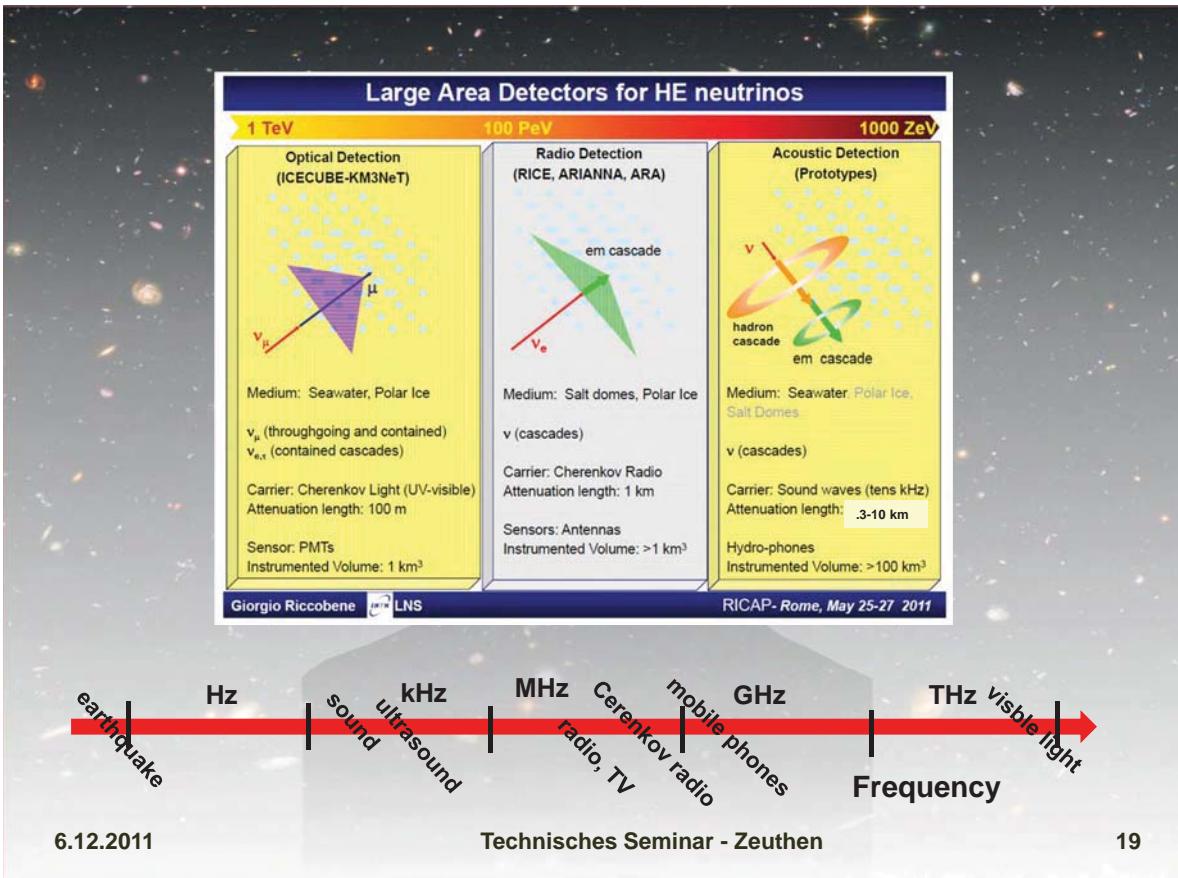
Photo: B.Koch - 19447 www.fotos.online.de

## Make neutrino(interactions) visible:



## The biggest optical neutrino detector build so far → IceCube







**Some Effects of Ionizing Radiation on the Formation of Bubbles in Liquids\***

DONALD A. GLASER  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
(Received June 12, 1952)

**Nobel prize 1960:  
"for the invention of the [bubble chamber](#)"**

**Гидродинамическое излучение от треков ионизирующих частиц в стабильных жидкостях**

**G. A. Askaryan**

**Atomnaja Energija V3(1957)152**

**Hydrodynamic radiation from tracks of ionizing particles in stable liquids**

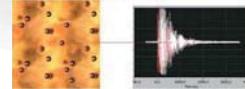
**Прохождение ионизирующих частиц в жидкостях сопровождается увлечением молекул среды расталкивающимися скоплениями одноименно заряженных ионов и микровзрывами при локальных нагревах, создаваемых близи треков частиц. Эти**

The passage of ionizing particles in liquids is accompanied by entrainment of molecules of the medium by mutually repelling accumulations of like-charge ions and microexplosions upon local heating near the particle tracks. These processes

### First mentioning of an acoustic particle detection possibility

**A modern application:**  
[PICASSO - searching for Dark Matter](#)

If a dark matter particle hits a nucleus in a tiny superheated droplet, the atom recoils and deposits its energy in a heat spike, which in turn triggers a phase transition.



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### First experimental detection of acoustic particle signals ?



#### GENERATION OF MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS BY PENETRATING PARTICLES\*

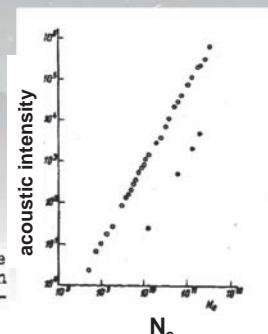
B. L. Beron and R. Hofstadter

Department of Physics and High Energy Physics Laboratory, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305  
(Received 11 June 1969) [Phys. Rev. Lett. 23, V4 \(1969\)184](#)

Mechanical oscillations of lead-zirconate-titanate piezoelectric disks have been observed when penetrating high-energy (1.0-BeV) beams of electrons impinge on the disks. Radial and compressional modes of vibration have been observed in the frequency range 40-158 kHz. Possible applications of this observation to particle detection at very high energies are discussed. The observed phenomenon also has a possible connection with measurements of gravitational waves.

We have recently observed mechanical, or sound, vibrations in ceramic piezoelectric disks of lead-zirconate-titanate (PZT) struck by high-energy electrons. Four  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. thick disks of PZT

modes. Electrons of energy 1.00 and 0.20 BeV were used in pulses, each lasting about 1.0  $\mu$ sec and containing  $10^4$ - $10^6$  electrons. The cross section of the incident 1.00-BeV beam was about  $9 \text{ mm}^2$



EXCITATION OF ULTRASONIC WAVES BY PASSAGE OF FAST ELECTRONS THROUGH A METAL  
I. A. Borshkovskii, V. D. Volovik, I. A. Grishaeve, G. P. Dubovik, I. I. Zalyubovskii, and V. V. Petrenko  
Khar'kov State University [V. D. Volovik et al., Sov. JETP Lett. 13 \(1971\) 390](#)  
Submitted 15 April 1971  
ZhETF Pis. Red. 13, No. 10, 546 - 549 (20 May 1971)

Using the electron accelerator of the Physico-technical Institute of the Ukrainian Academy of Sciences, with  $E_0 = 300$  MeV, experiments were undertaken aimed at observing ultrasonic oscillations in solids excited by passing elec-

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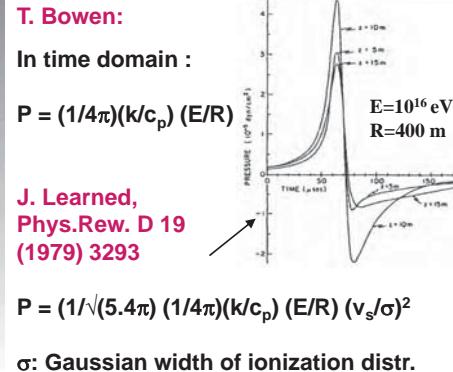
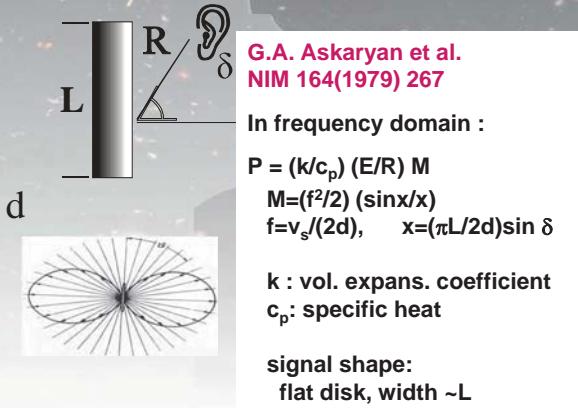
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# The Thermo-acoustic Model

First ideas presented at the 1976 DUMAND workshop independently by T. Bowen and B.A. Dolgoshein,  
Proceedings not accessible (to me) but see:

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



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## Target material influence on signal strength :

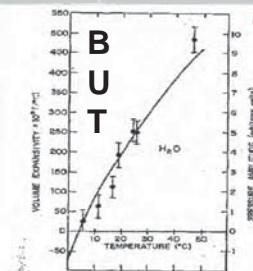
signal strength ~ Gruneisen parameter  $\gamma$

	water	South Pole ice	salt
c (m/s)	1530	3880	4560
k (1/K)	25.5e-5	12.5e-5	11.6e-5
C <sub>p</sub> (J/kg/K)	3900	1720	839
$\gamma = c^2 k / C_p$	0.153	1.12	2.87
f <sub>max</sub> (kHz)	7.7	20	42
refraction	moderate	very small	small?
$\lambda_{att}$	> 1000 m	~300 m	> 100 m
noise	variable	stable, < 14 mPa	small?

adapted from B. Price, ARENA2005  
using SPATS results

Ice is the only medium where optical, radio and acoustic signals can be used simultaneously

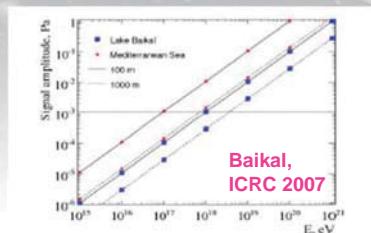
What about permafrost?  
R. Nahnhauer et al.,  
NIMA 587 (2008) 29



G.Sulak et al.  
NIMA 161(1979)203

$T_{ANTARES} = 13^{\circ}\text{C}$   
 $T_{Baikal} = 3^{\circ}\text{C}$

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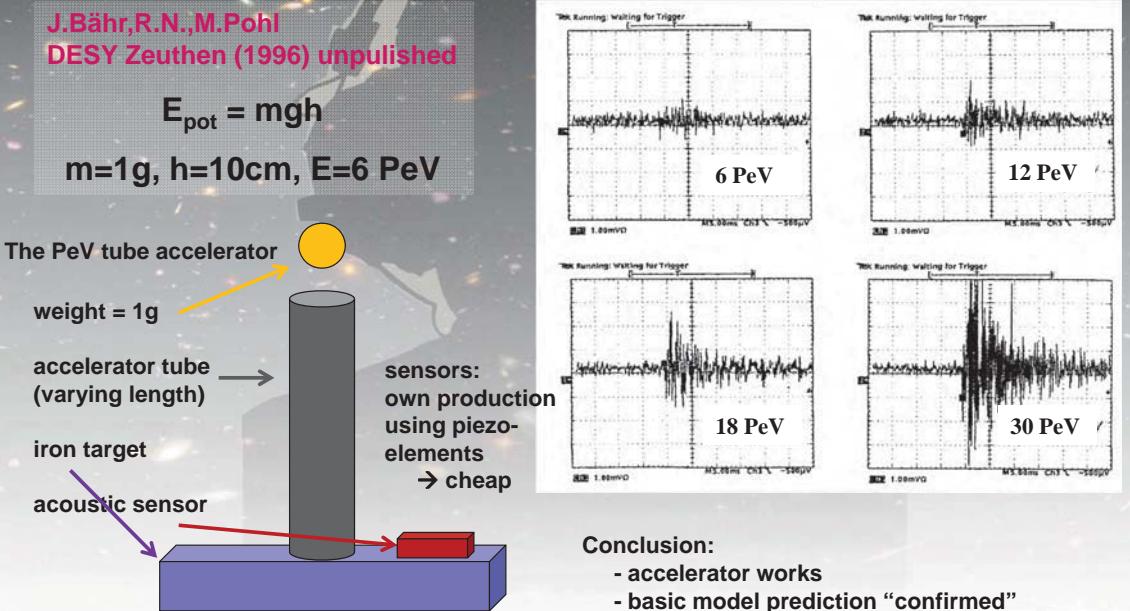
Real signal strength depends strongly on local conditions

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# How to get PeV particles for model testing



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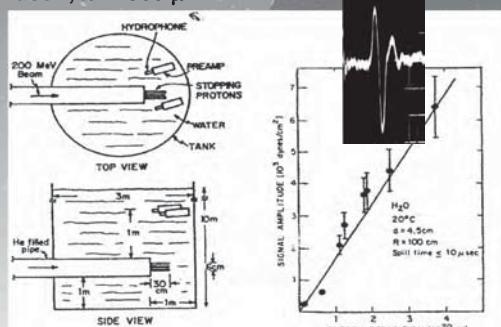
## What do refined measurements say?

### Early experimental checks 1979-80

Sulak et al. NIM 161(1979) 203

BNL: 200 MeV and 28 GeV protons,  $E_{\text{min}} = 10^{20} \text{ eV}$   
Harvard: 158 MeV Protons,  $E_{\text{min}} = 10^{15} \text{ eV}$

P.I. Golubnichy et al. Proc. DUMAND-1979, 148  
Laser,  $\lambda = 1060 \mu\text{m}$



Other questions studied

- A = f(d), varying beam diameter
- A = f(K/c\_p), varying liquids
- A = f(R), varying distance
- A = f(p), varying static pressure

### Similar studies from the last decade

V.I. Albul et al. Instr. and Exp. Techn. 44 (2001) 327  
125 Mev+200 MeV, p, H<sub>2</sub>O, ITEP Moscow

S. Böser et al. unpublished  
(Dipl.-Thesis J. Stegmaier, Mainz 2004)  
177 MeV, p, ice, TSL Uppsala

K.Graf et al., Int.J.Mod.Phys. A21(2006)127  
177 MeV, p, H<sub>2</sub>O, TSL Uppsala  
Laser, 1064 nm, H<sub>2</sub>O, Erlangen

R. Nahnhauer et al., NIMA 587 (2008) 29  
Laser, 1064 nm, "permafrost", Zeuthen

G.De Bonis et al. NIMA 604 (2009) 199  
100 MeV+200 MeV, p, H<sub>2</sub>O, ITEP

### Conclusions

- many Thermo-acoustic Model predictions confirmed
- dominant mechanism is thermal expansion
- other contributions (microbubbles, ???) can not be completely excluded

No comparison of absolute amplitude strength between data and model(s) available up to 2011

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## Relative comparison of signal strength

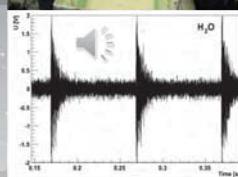
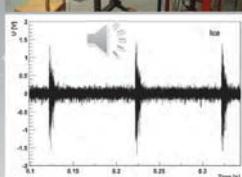
### TSL Uppsala 2003

S. Böser et al. unpublished

Ice



$\text{H}_2\text{O}$



Beam:  $p, \phi = 2\text{cm}, E = 110 \text{ PeV} R = 40\text{cm}$

Detectors: First generation glaciophones mounted to 13 inch IceCube glass half-spheres

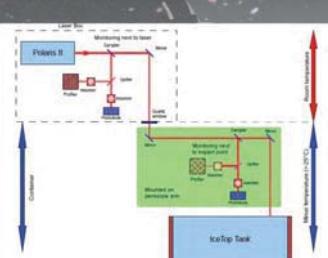
unexpectedly:

$$S_{\text{water}} \geq S_{\text{ice}}$$

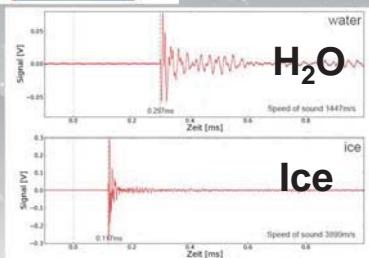
but many experimental uncertainties

### Aachen Acoustic Lab. 2011

D. Heinrich et al. to be published



laser beam  
with excellent  
monitoring



as expected:

$$S_{\text{ice}} \approx 6 * S_{\text{water}}$$

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## Piezo-ceramic based acoustic sensors

commercial production

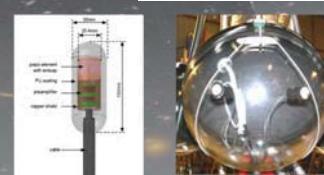


G. Riccobene  
talk at ARENA2005,

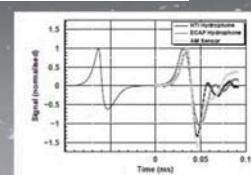


AMADEUS: HTI

home made



J.A. Aguilar et al.,  
NIMA 626-627(2011) 128



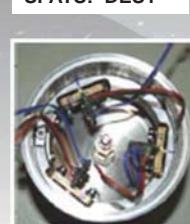
BAIKAL: H2020C

N. Budnev talk at ARENA2010,



Sound  
absorb. hats

SPATS: DESY



Y. Abdou et al.,  
arXiv: 1105.4339  
submitted to NIMA



S. Böser talk at ARENA2005,



HADES: Wuppertal

Special cases: military applications  
RONA – ACORNE  
AUTEC - SAUND

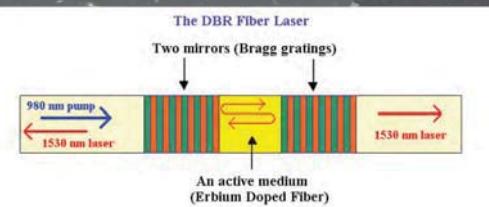
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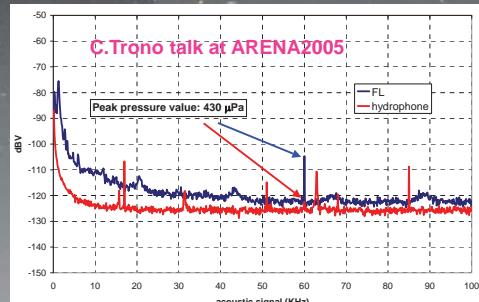
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# "New" sensor ideas

## fibre acoustic sensors – first ideas go back more than 30 years



**pressure wave on fibre :**  
→ modulation of cavity size, leading to modulation of laser wavelength detectable by interferometer



Proven to work at static pressure of 35 MPa (3500 m depth) with higher sensitivity than PZT devices

P.E. Bagnoli et al., NIMA 567(2006) 515, E. Maccone et al., NIMA 572 (2007) 490,  
A. Cotrufo et al. NIMA 604 (2009) 219 (fiber wrapped on a mandrel)

For other recent publications see e.g.:

J. Wang et al., Optoelectronic letters V3 No 4 (2007) doi: 10.1007/s11801-007-6169-1  
S. Goodman et al., Proc. SPIE V 7004 (2008), doi: 10.1117/12.785937  
B. Guan et al., Optics Express Vol 17 No.22 (2009) 19544 and references therein

**Another approach:  
use intensity variations instead of phase modulation**

### Coupled waveguide acoustooptic hydrophone

J. N. Fields  
Hughes Research Laboratories, Malibu, California 90265.  
Received 29 August 1979.  
Sponsored by Emanuel Marom, Tel Aviv University.  
0003-6935/79/213533-06\$00.50/0.  
© 1979 Optical Society of America.

The purpose of this Communication is to propose an intensity-modulated transducer that can detect displacements several orders of magnitude smaller than the earlier scheme,<sup>4</sup> the new mechanism being acoustic modulation of the distance separating a pair of evanescently coupled optical waveguides.

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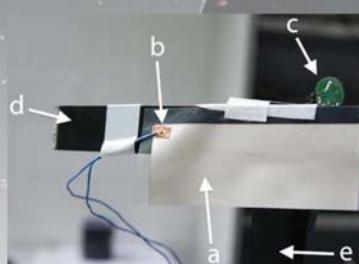
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## Piezo-foils as acoustic sensors



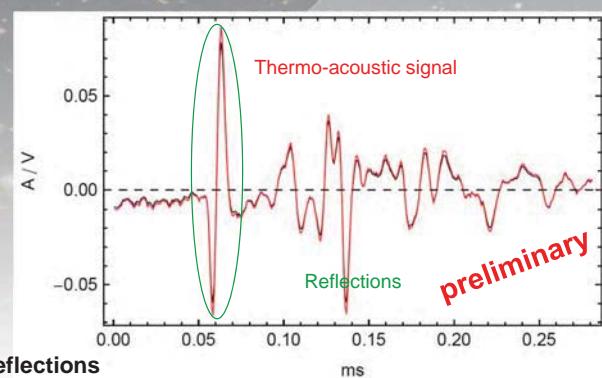
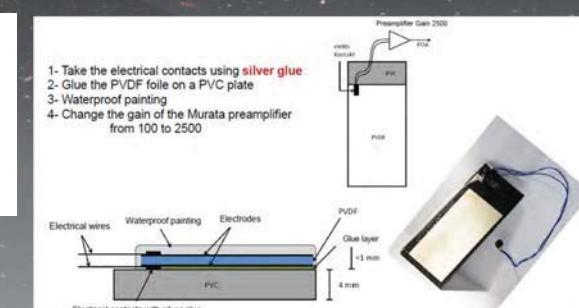
- a- PVDF foil
- b- Electrical contact (Copper tape + Silver glue)
- c- Preamplifier
- d & e - PVC Support



Test with laser in water tank → Will be tested in ice next



Clean bipolar signal (thermo-acoustic)  
Nice separation between direct signal and reflections  
Frequency of the bipolar signal related to the laser beam width



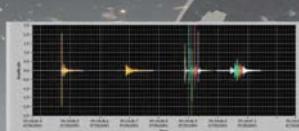
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# Acoustic transmitter

## Saund I calibration sources



21 events per light bulb

Bulb	Depth (m)	P (kPa)	E <sub>s</sub> (J)
1	160	1563	234
2	107	1047	157
3	139	1360	204
4	166	1626	244
5	126	1237	186
6	101	990	148
7	86	838	126
8	135	1324	199
9	188	1842	276
10	290	2846	427

J.Vandenbroucke at  
Stanford Acoustic  
Miniworkshop ,2003

measure energy and location

**SPATS transmitter:**  
measure sound speed,  
sound attenuation length,  
produced shear waves



own production  
used in ice



commercial ITC1001  
use in water filled holes

R. Abbasi et al., APP 33(2010)277  
R. Abbasi et al., APP 34(2011)382

## Position monitoring

Problem for all deep water optical neutrino telescopes  
Solution : fix strong acoustic transmitters at known  
positions of the sea bed, add hydrophones to optical  
strings, ping every 1-2 minutes, triangulate pulses

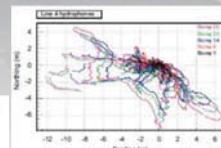
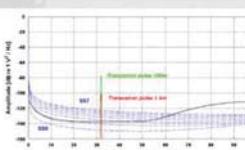


Fig. 5. Horizontal tracking of the hydrophones of line A.  
R&D for KM3NeT →  
F.Amelia et al.,  
NIMA 626(2011)211

Example: ANTARES  
precision < 10 cm  
M. Ardid,  
NIMA 602(2009)174

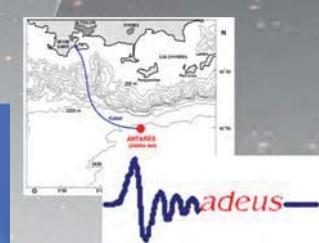


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## Recent experimental test sites



SAUND II

Study of Acoustic Ultra-high energy  
Neutrino Detection  
Phase II



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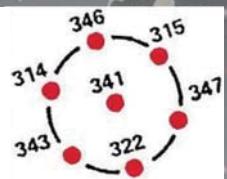
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# AUTEC - SAUND

## Study of Acoustic Ultrahigh-energy Neutrino Detection

**SAUND I**  
15 km<sup>3</sup>

Data taking:  
 $65 \times 10^6$  trigger  
in 195 days



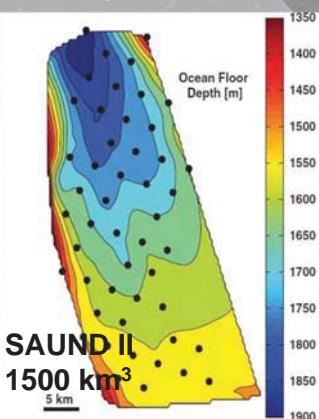
first flux limit  
from acoustics

J. Vandenbroucke et al.,  
Astrophys.J. 621 (2005) 301

SAUND II  
1500 km<sup>3</sup>

5 km

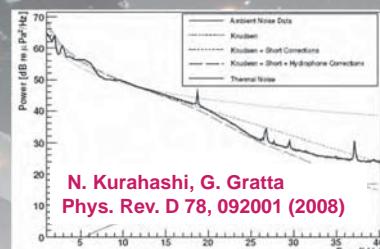
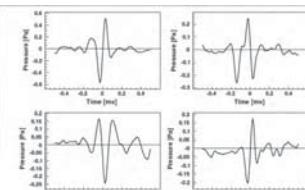
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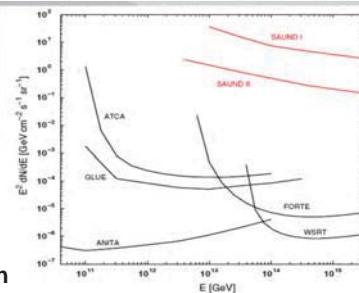
Data taking:  
 $328 \times 10^6$  trigger  
in ~130 days

Two events after all cuts  
(one example below)

N. Kurahashi et al.,  
Phys. Rev. D 82, 073006 (2010)



N. Kurahashi, G. Gratta  
Phys. Rev. D 78, 092001 (2008)



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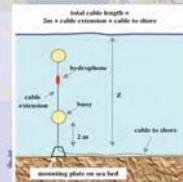
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# RONA - ACoRNE

## Rona hydrophone array

- North-West Scotland (ranging hydrophones)
- Good test bed for future deep sea experiments

- Existing infrastructure ✓
- Wideband hydrophones ✓
- Omnidirectionality ✓
- Unfiltered data ✓
- All data to shore ✓
- Control over DAQ ✓
- No remote access X



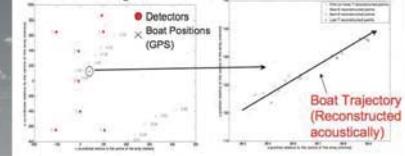
Use 8 hydrophones  
at sea bed

## Boat Reconstruction

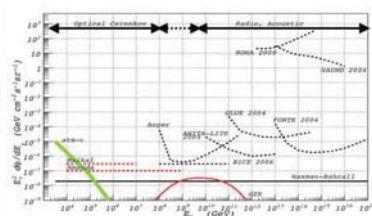
- Using the known detector positions and the time of arrival of the pulse on each hydrophone, each detected pulses' origin (if detected on > 4 detected) could be calculated.

• The boat, and drift, was successfully reconstructed

- Plots show the detector positions, the boat positions, and the reconstructed origins.

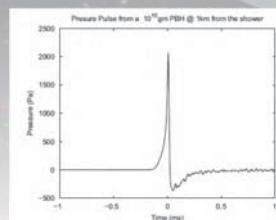


## Rona Limit



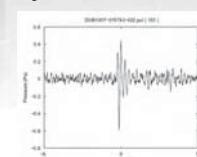
L. Thompson,  
ARENA2008  
and S. Bevan, Theses

## Search for primordial black holes



S. Danaher, ARENA2010,  
doi:10.1016/j.nima.2010.11.075

In 50 TB of data  
81 trigger survived cuts  
Only two events with  
“bipolar” waveform  
(excluded by other  
reasons)

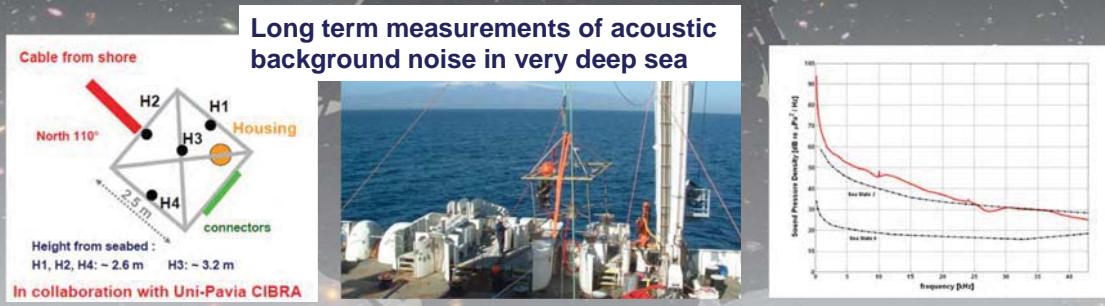


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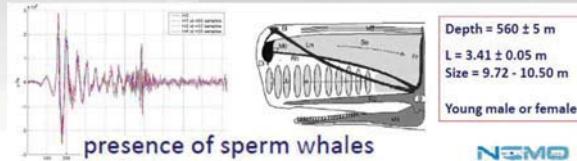
# OvDE



**4 hydrophones (10 Hz-40 kHz bandwidth) synchronized.**  
**Acoustic signal digitization (24bit@96 kHz) at 2000m depth.**  
**Data transmission on optical fibers over 28 km.**  
**On-line monitoring and data recording on shore.**  
**Recording 5' every hour.**  
**Data taking from Jan. 2005 to Nov. 2006 (NEMO Phase 1 deployed).**

**The average noise in the [20:43] kHz band is  $5.4 \pm 2.2_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.3_{\text{syst}}$  mPa**

From G. Riccobene:  
 ARENA2008, VLNT2009  
 also: arXiv: 0804.2913



**Next step:**

**R&D for an innovative acoustic positioning system for the KM3NeT neutrino telescope**

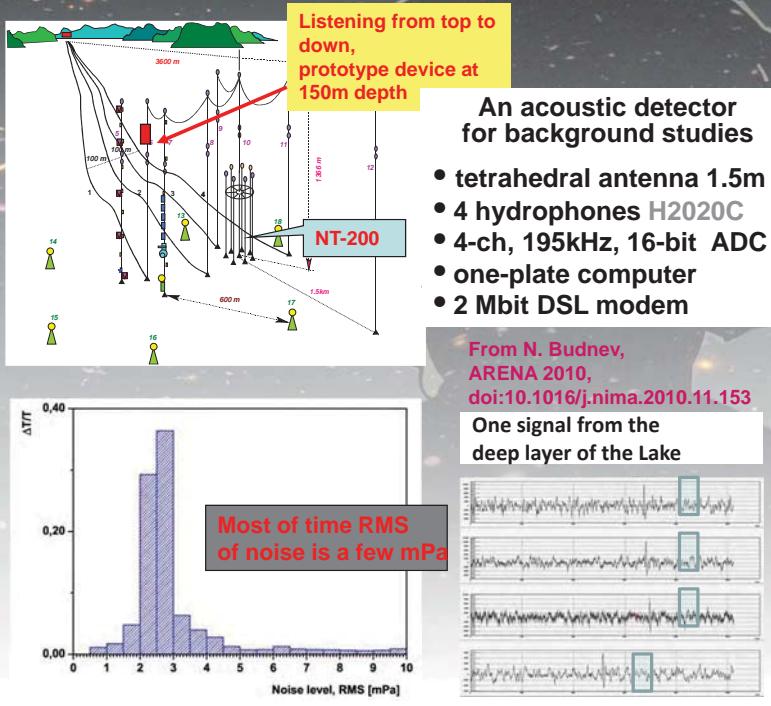
**See also G. Riccobene's talk at this conference**

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# BAIKAL



**March 2011 : prototype acoustic string deployed**



**Antenna with 4 waveguide hydrophones made in Vladivostok State University**

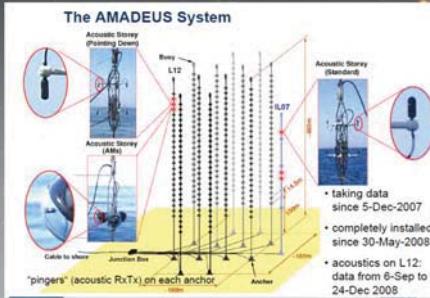
**Data taking ongoing, first results soon**

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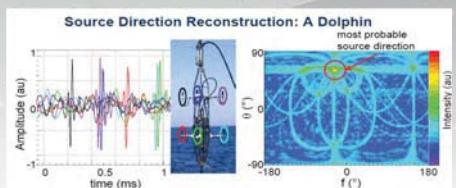
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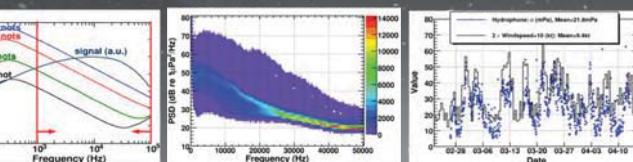
# AMADEUS



36 sensors at 6 storeys  
(1 – 350m distance, 34 active)  
16bit @ 250kSps sampling  
~ -125dB re 1V/ $\mu$ Pa sensitivity  
~85-90% uptime

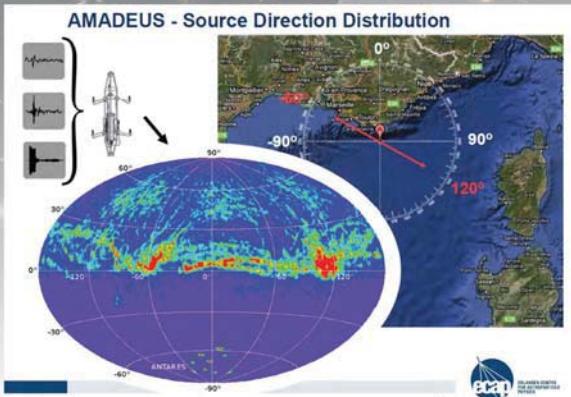


Beam forming or time difference algorithms used, uncertainty < 1 degree



J.A.Aguilar et al., NIMA 626-627(2011) 128

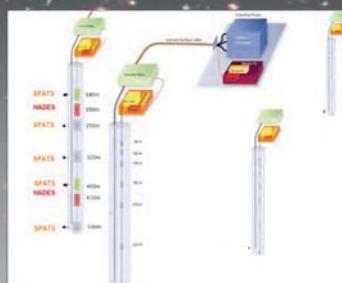
Noise strongly correlated with weather conditions



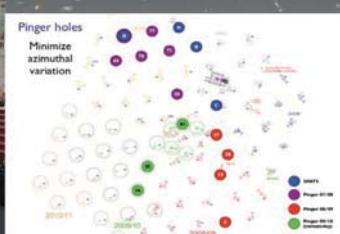
R.Lahmann, ARENA2010  
doi:10.1016/j.nima.2010.11.157

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# SPATS



4 strings in IceCube holes  
instrumented depth:  
80 m - 500 m  
per string:  
7 stations with  
sensors +  
transmitters

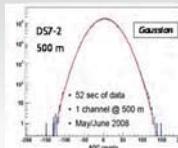


R. Abbasi et al., APP 33(2010)277  
R. Abbasi et al., APP 34(2011)382  
R. Abbasi et al., APP 35(2012)312

See also talk of K. Laihem at this conference

Noise conditions: Sound speed:  
~ 2 years monitoring

Gaussian,  
Stable,  
Below 200 m  
≤ 14 mPa

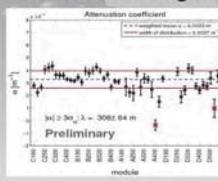


- two combinations at 125 m distance
- accuracy < 1%
- first in situ measurements for P and S waves at SP

$$v_p(375m) = 3878 \pm 12 \text{ m/s}$$

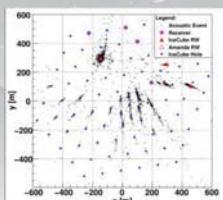
$$v_s(375m) = 1975.8 \pm 8.0 \text{ m/s}$$

Attenuation length:



5 methods:  $\lambda = 300 \pm 60 \text{ m}$   
No evidence for depth or frequency dep.

Transient events



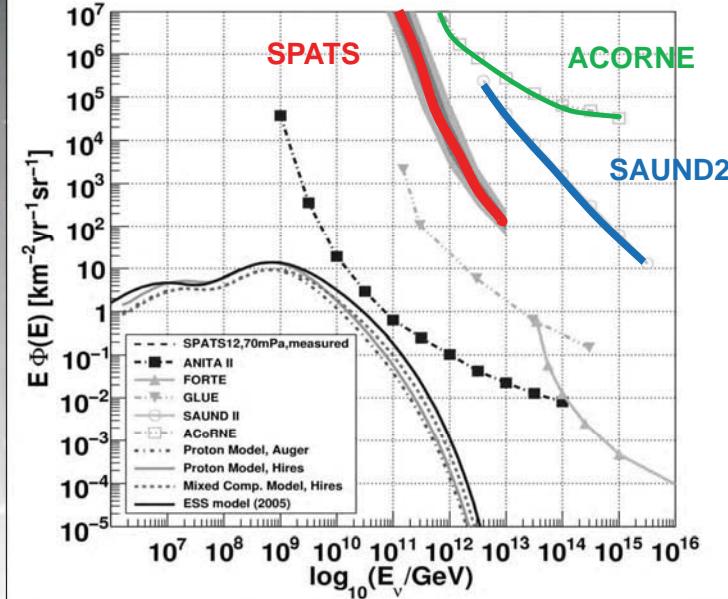
Only from identified sources, connected to IceCube detector construction

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# Acoustic neutrino flux limits



R. Abbasi et al., APP 35 (2012) 312

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## Why all these efforts?

The scientific case for acoustic and radio detection of ultra-high energy neutrinos

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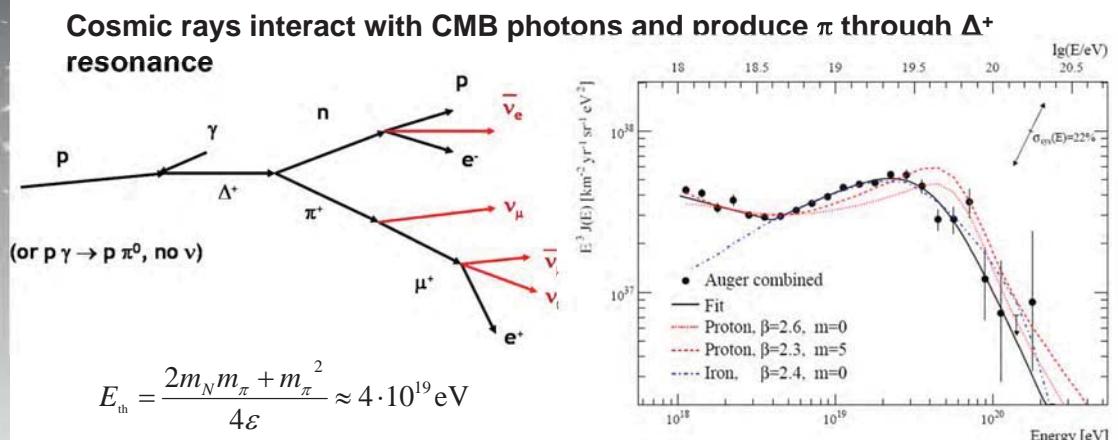
Get new insights from the study of ultra-high energy neutrinos above  $\sim 10^{17}$  eV about:

- Astrophysics
- Particle Physics
- Cosmology
- Basic symmetries

Considered sources:

- AGN's
- neutrinos from GZK-effect
- topological defects

## One example – the GZK mechanism: a guaranteed source of neutrinos



If UHE-CR exist they should undergo GZK mechanism

If GZK happens a neutrino flux is guaranteed

GZK neutrinos  $\rightarrow$  BZ neutrinos

V. S. Berezinsky, G.T. Zatsepin, Phys Lett B 28 (1969) 423

- Missing statistics?

- No more sources?

- No more power?

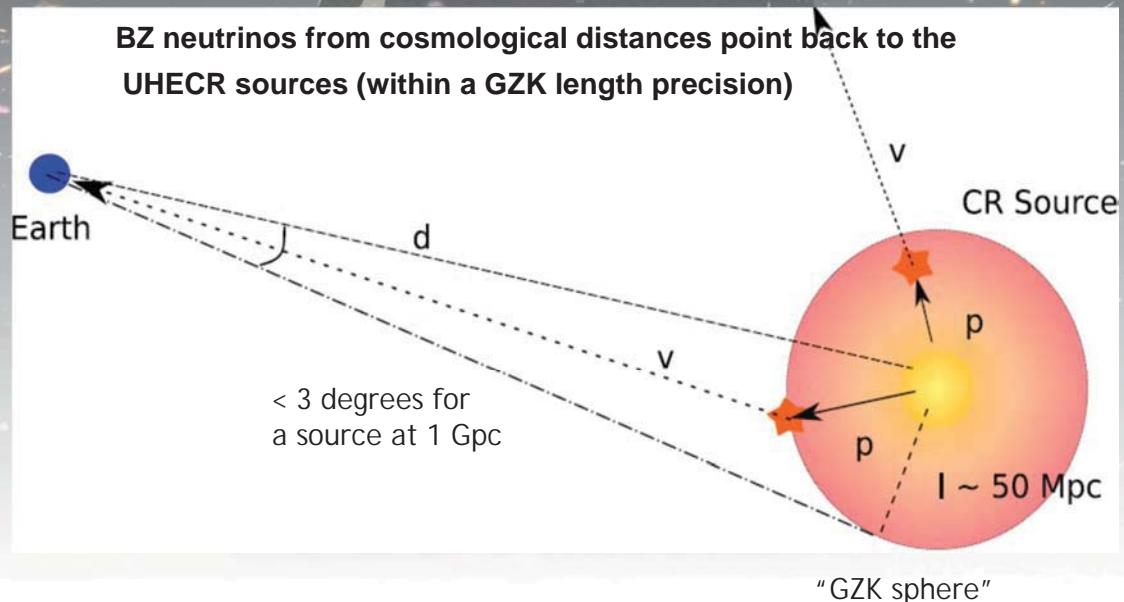
- or real GZK?

$\rightarrow$  detect neutrinos

## BZ neutrinos:

astronomy for UHE proton sources  
throughout the universe

BZ neutrinos from cosmological distances point back to the  
UHECR sources (within a GZK length precision)



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<http://youtu.be/evRtecaHj1w?t=52s>

Be happy,  
eavesdrop up to the  
borders of the universe

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# Use for daily life? science fiction 1983

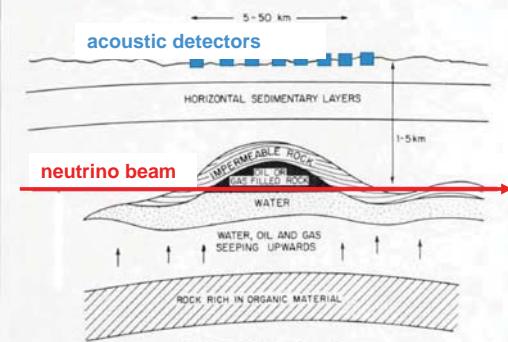
A. De Rujula, S. L. Glashow, R. R. Wilson, G. Charpak

PHYSICS REPORTS (Review Section of Physics Letters) 99, No. 6 (1983) 341–396.

## THE GENIUS PROJECT

Geological  
Exploration by  
Neutrino  
Induced  
Underground  
Sound

use the „geotron“ to send a neutrino beam pulse  
location and time of pulse are known  
measure  $V_s = f(\rho_i, \Delta d_i)$



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## After successful oil digging: → two possibilities

Buy something for  
your pleasure.

Don't buy anything  
for the next couple  
of years



Nothing is more difficult to  
predict than the future !

Niels Bohr

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