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Astroparticle

Cosmology

Muography

Gravitational waves

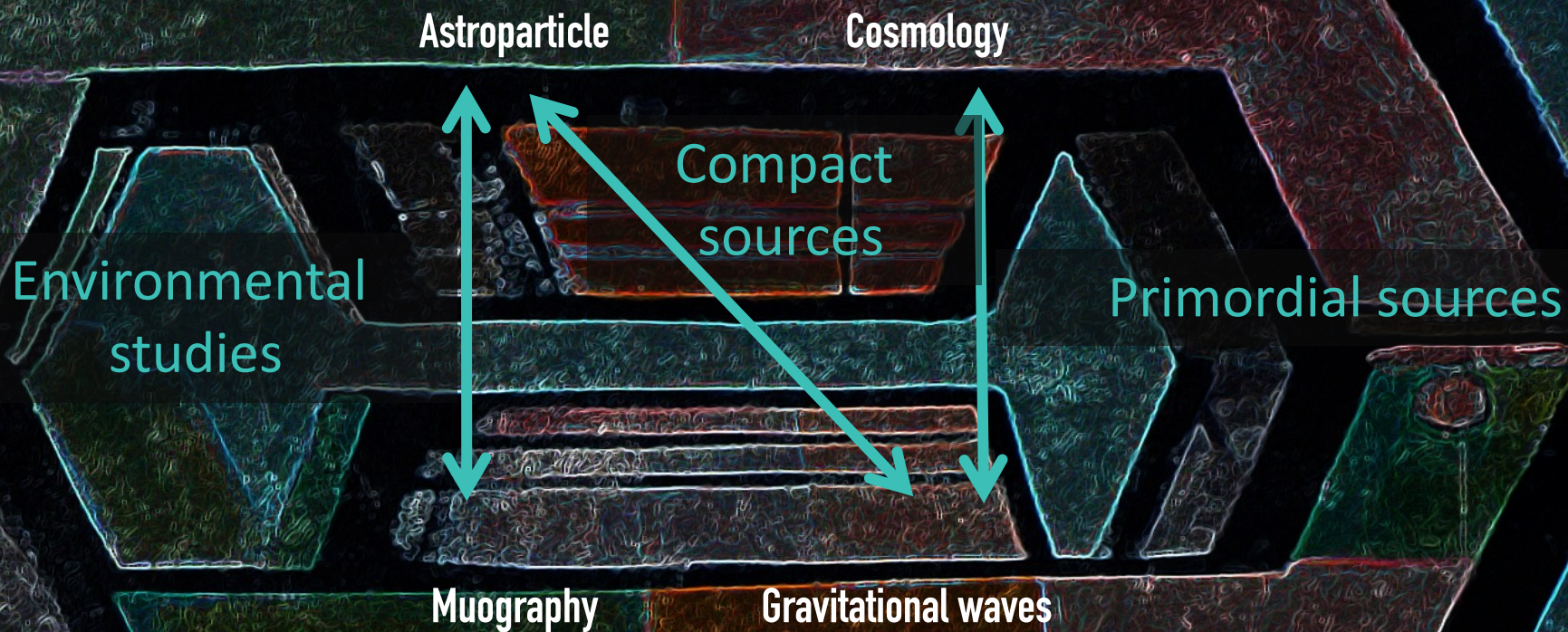
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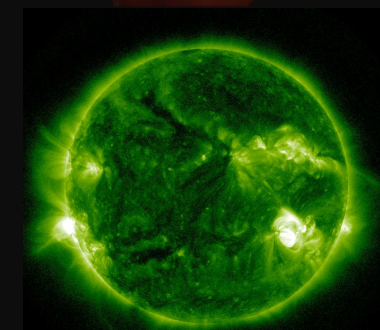
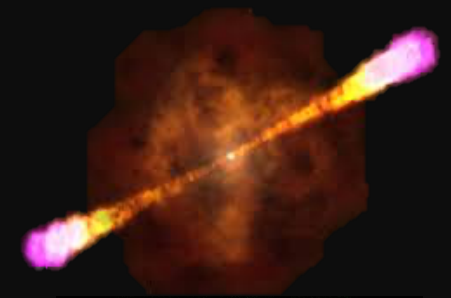
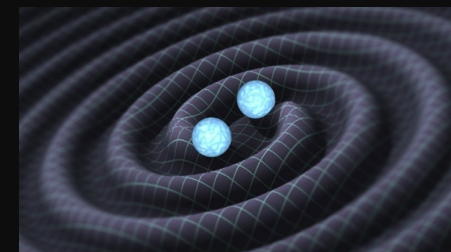


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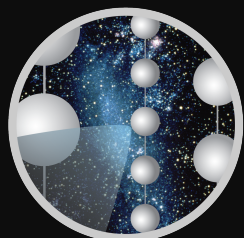


Neutrino



Astrophysical
transients

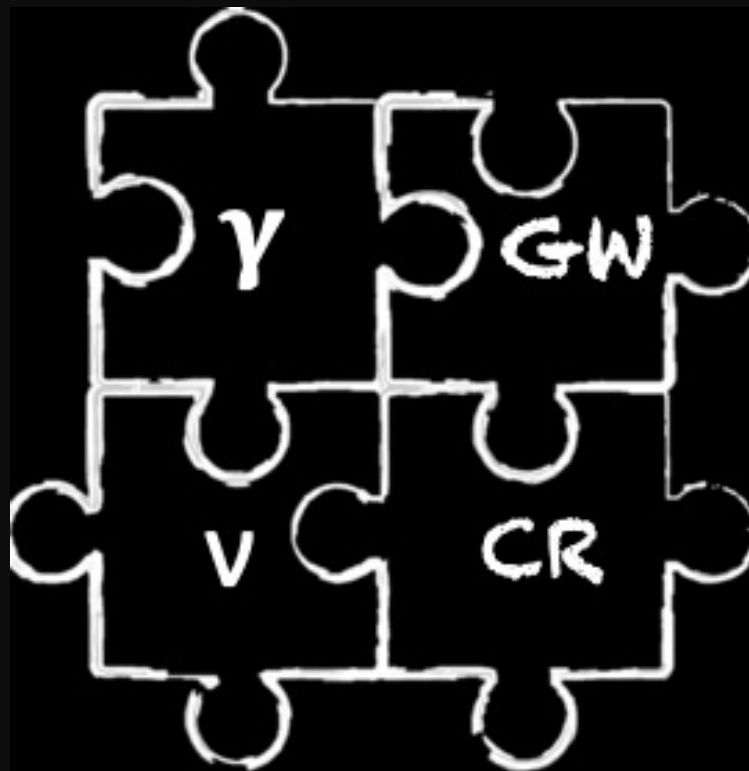
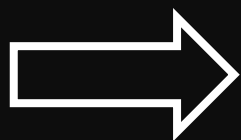
In short:



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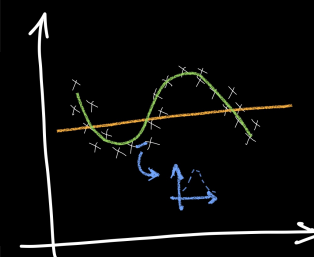
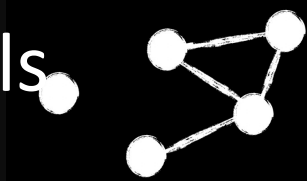


KM3NeT

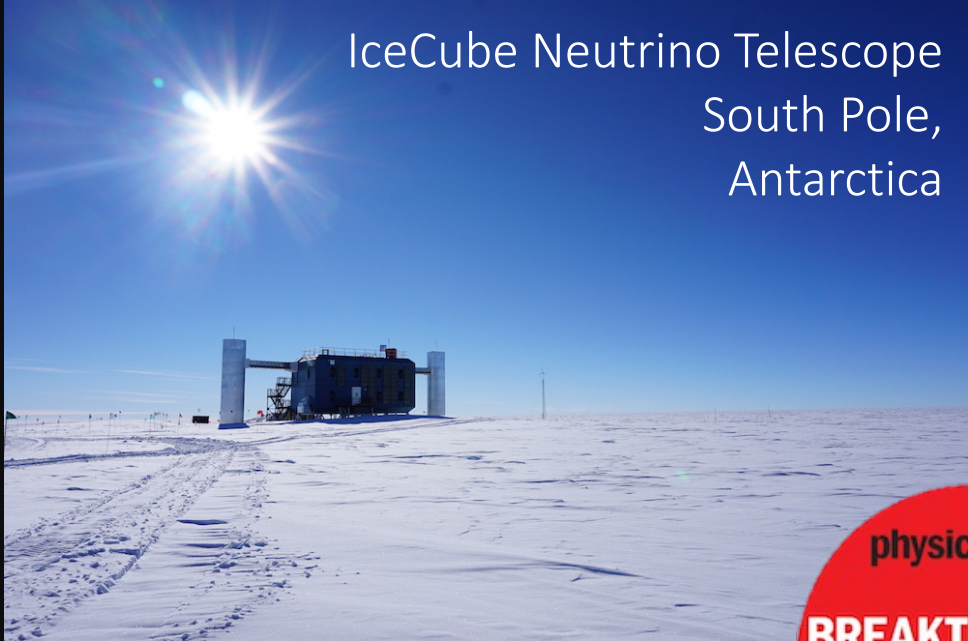


- Reconstruction tools
- Event selections
- Data analyses
- Alert systems
- Science communication

Data science
tools



IceCube Neutrino Telescope
South Pole,
Antarctica

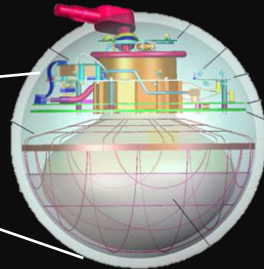


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**BREAKTHROUGH
OF THE YEAR
2013**

5160 sensors

1 km³

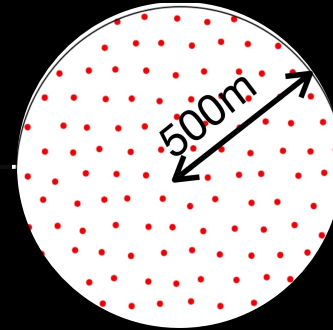


Running for 10 years in its full configuration

Coming extensions:

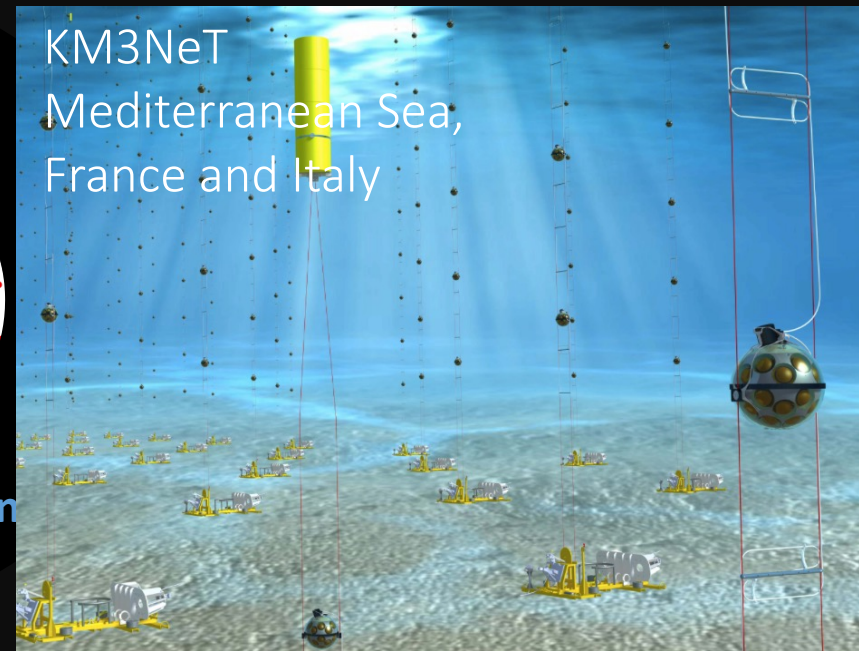
Upgrade + Gen2

ARCA

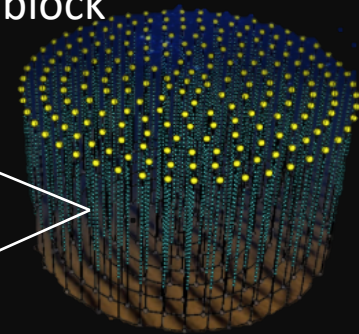


8 ARCA in operation
+ 15 in April

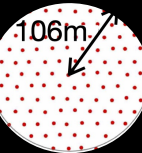
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Mediterranean Sea,
France and Italy



2070 sensors/block



6 ORCA in operation
+ 7 in November
+ 2-3 in April

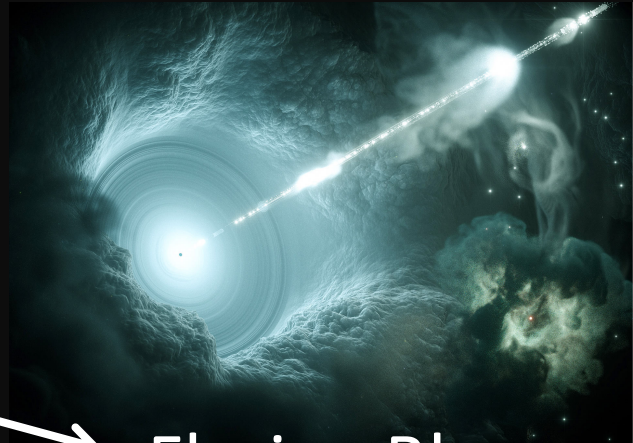
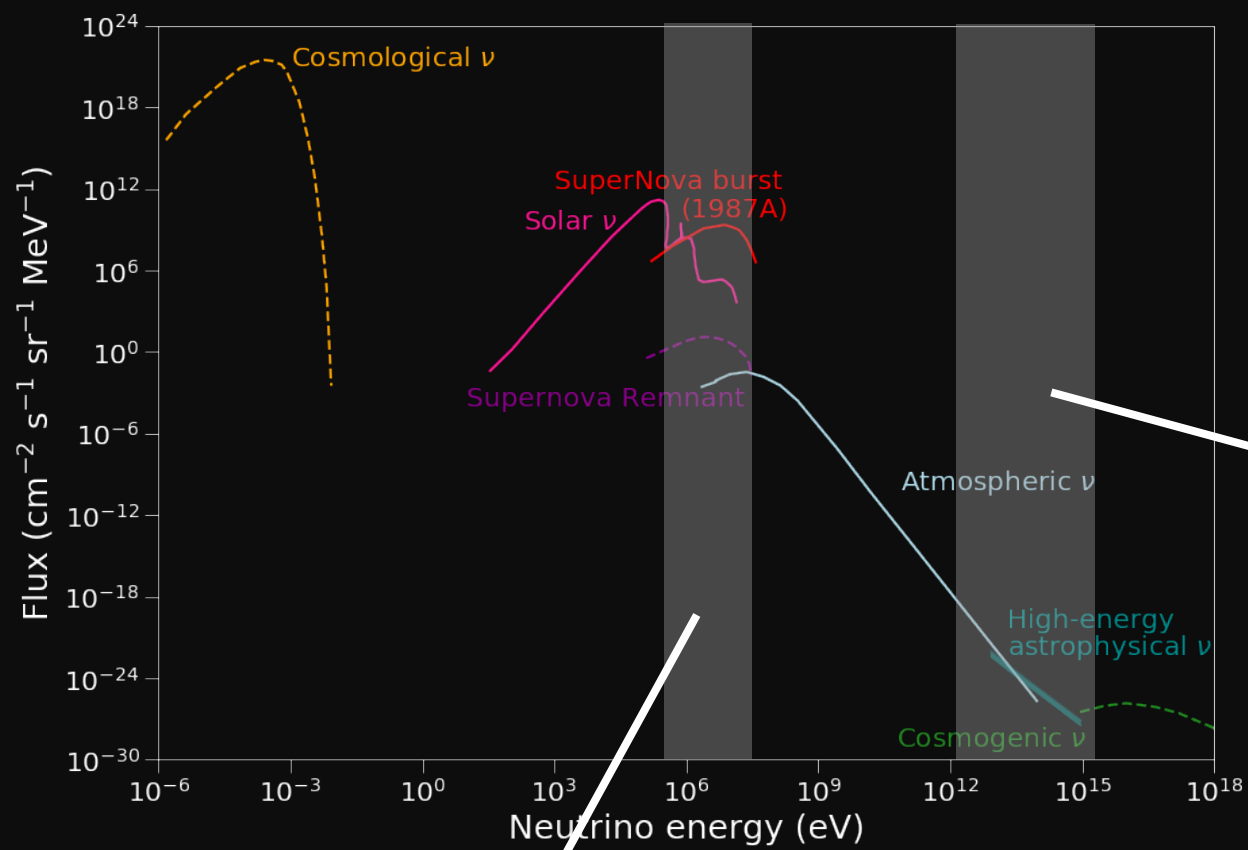


ORCA

Final configuration:

ORCA 115 Detection Units (DUs)

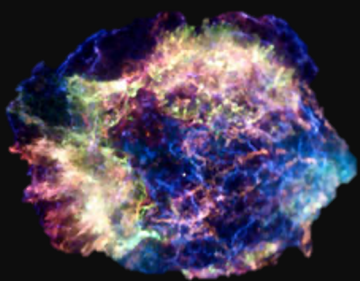
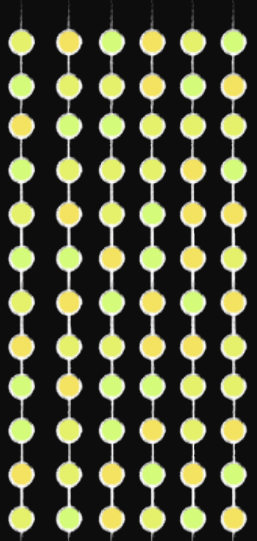
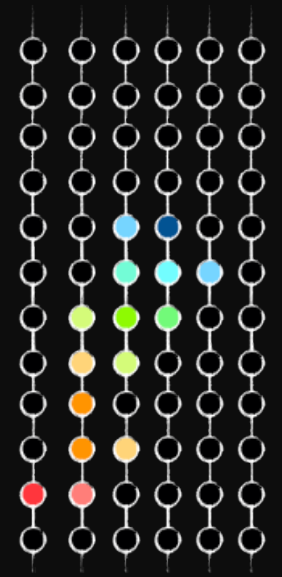
ARCA 2 X 115 DUs



Flaring Blazar



Tidal Disruption Event

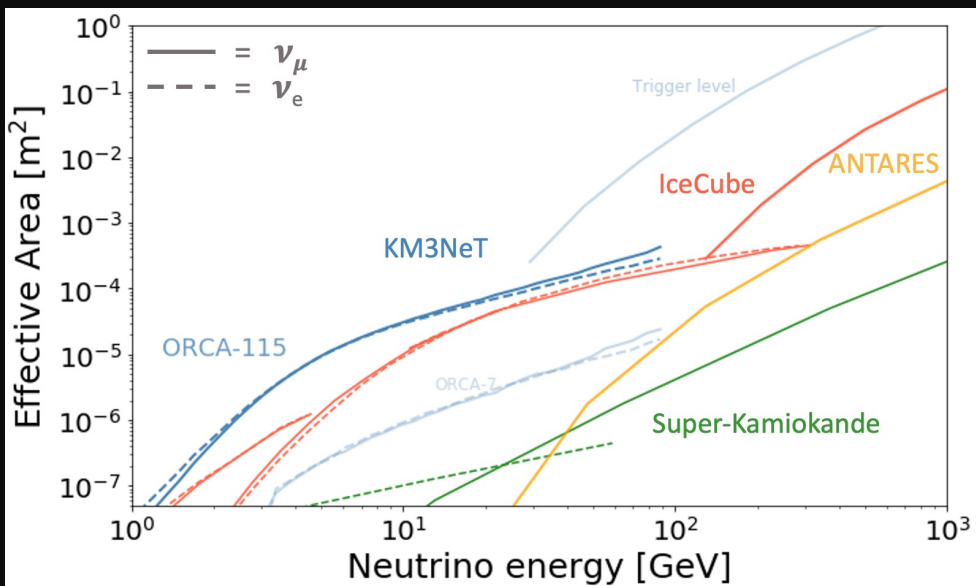
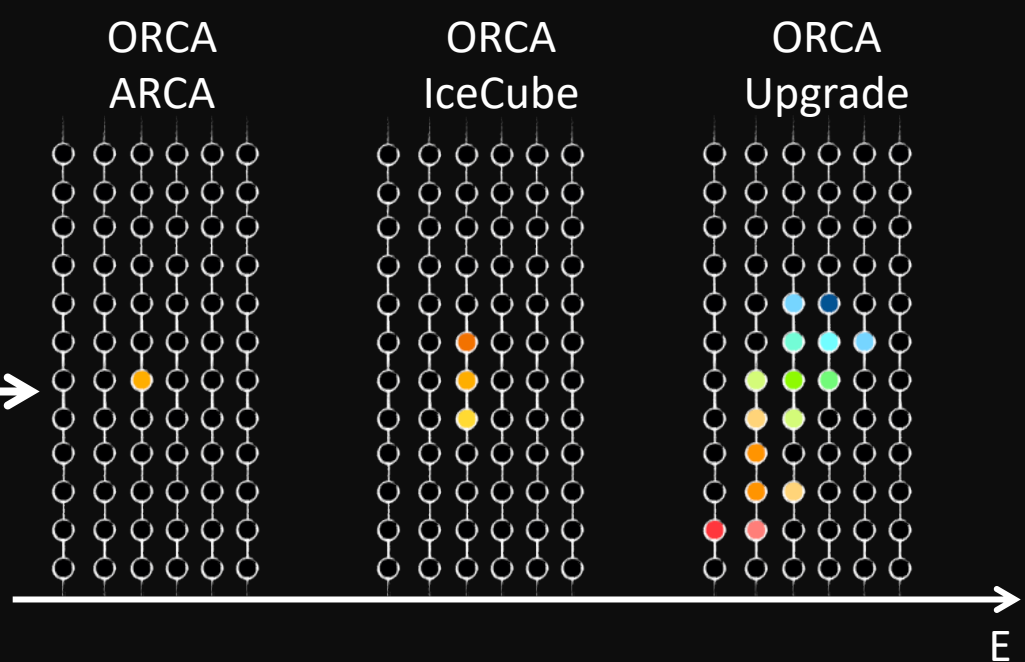
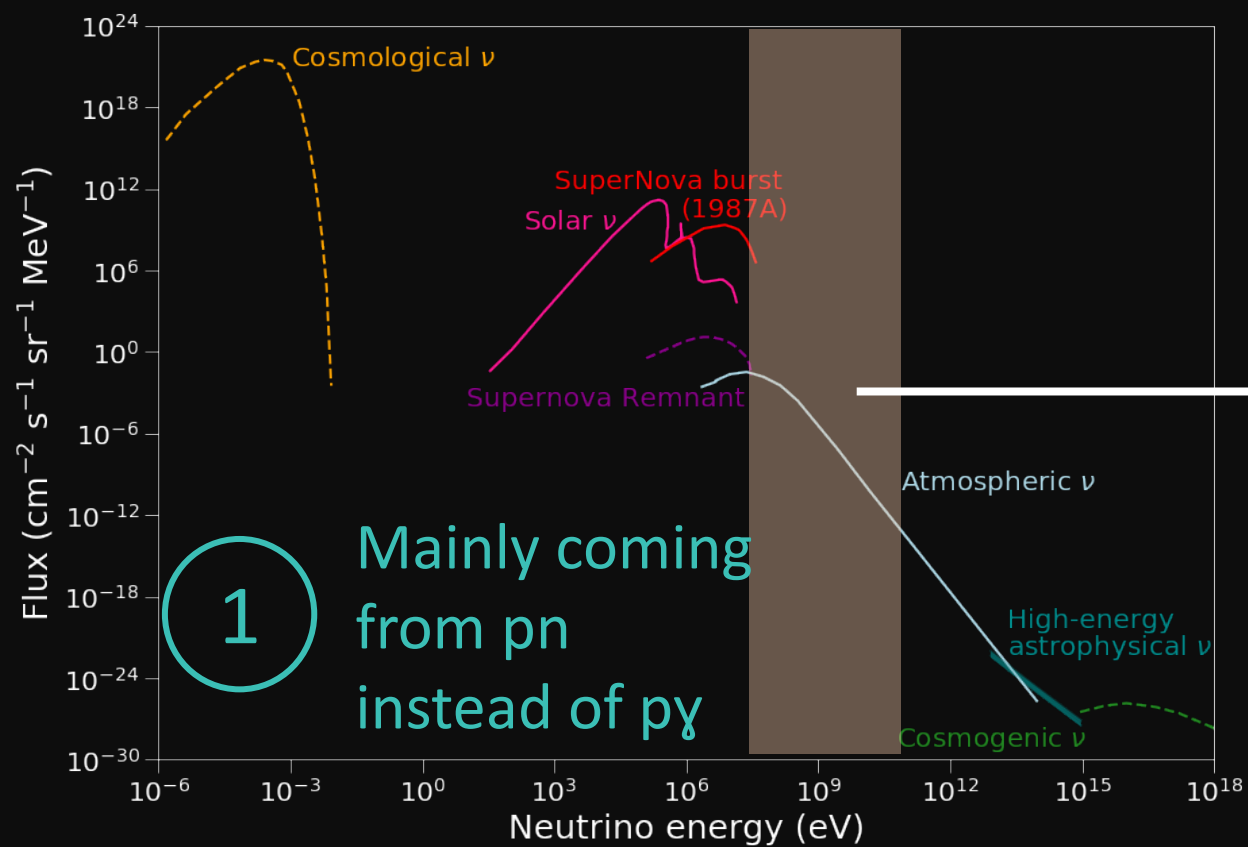


Core Collapse Supernova

Identification of other sources

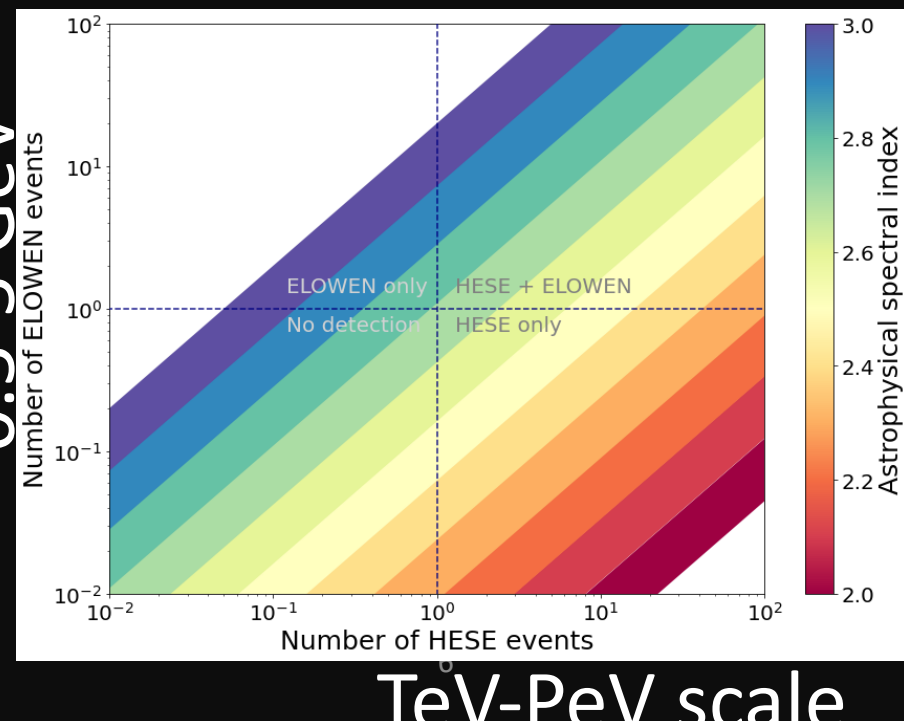
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Why going to lower energies?

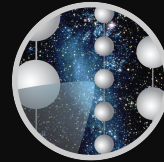
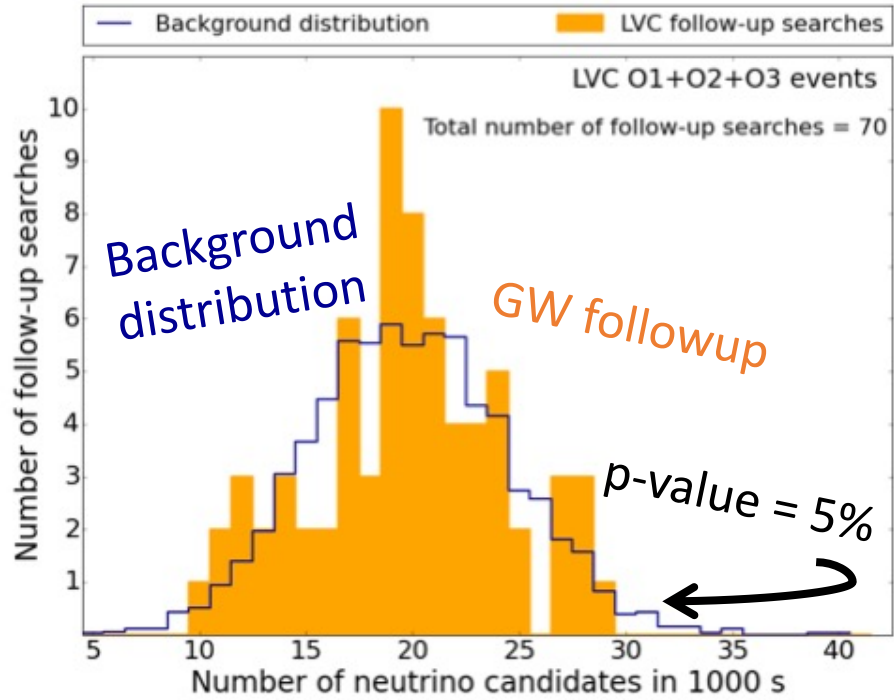
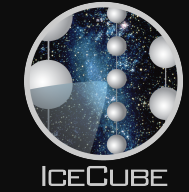
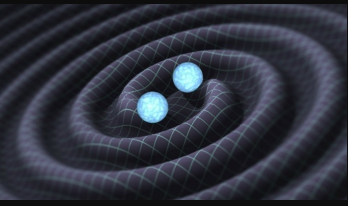
0.5-5 GeV



2

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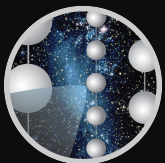
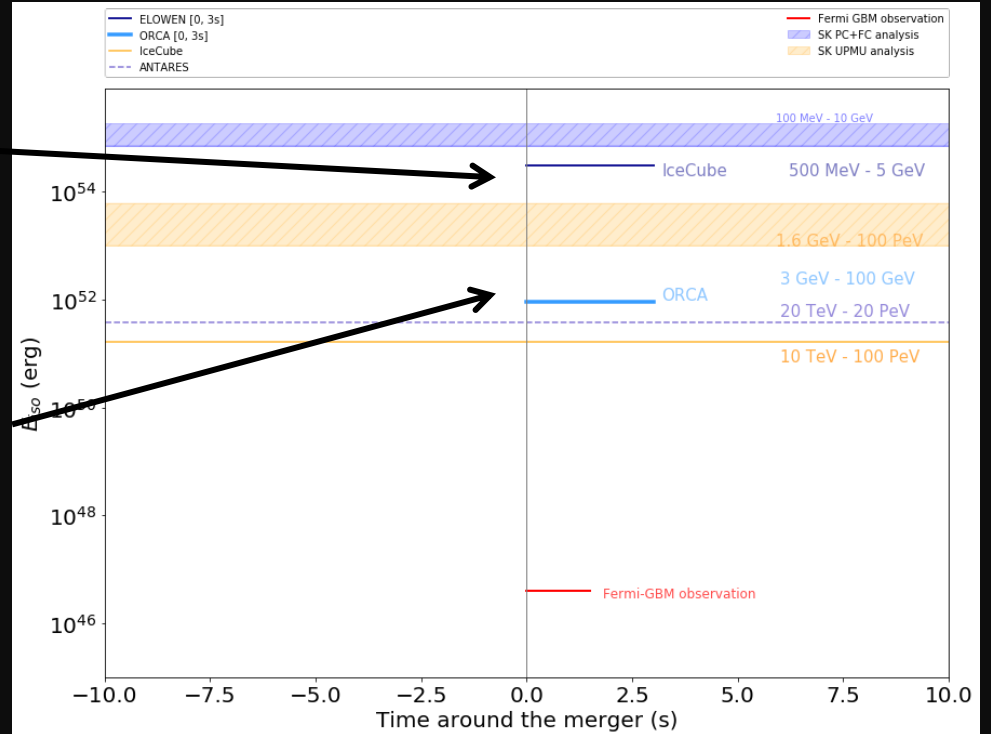
Compact binary mergers



Upper limit



Sensitivity

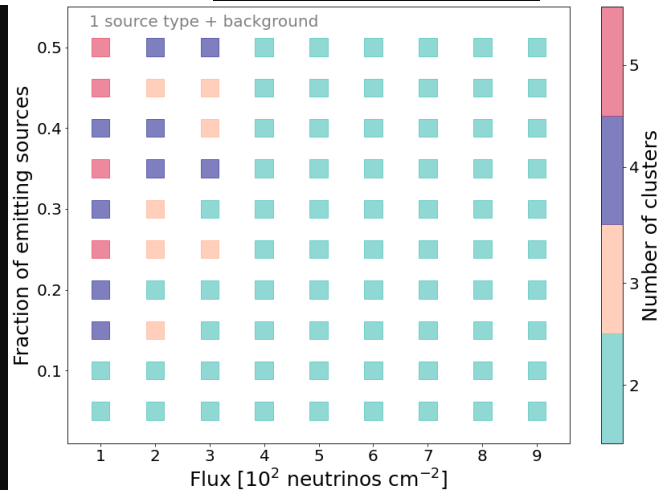


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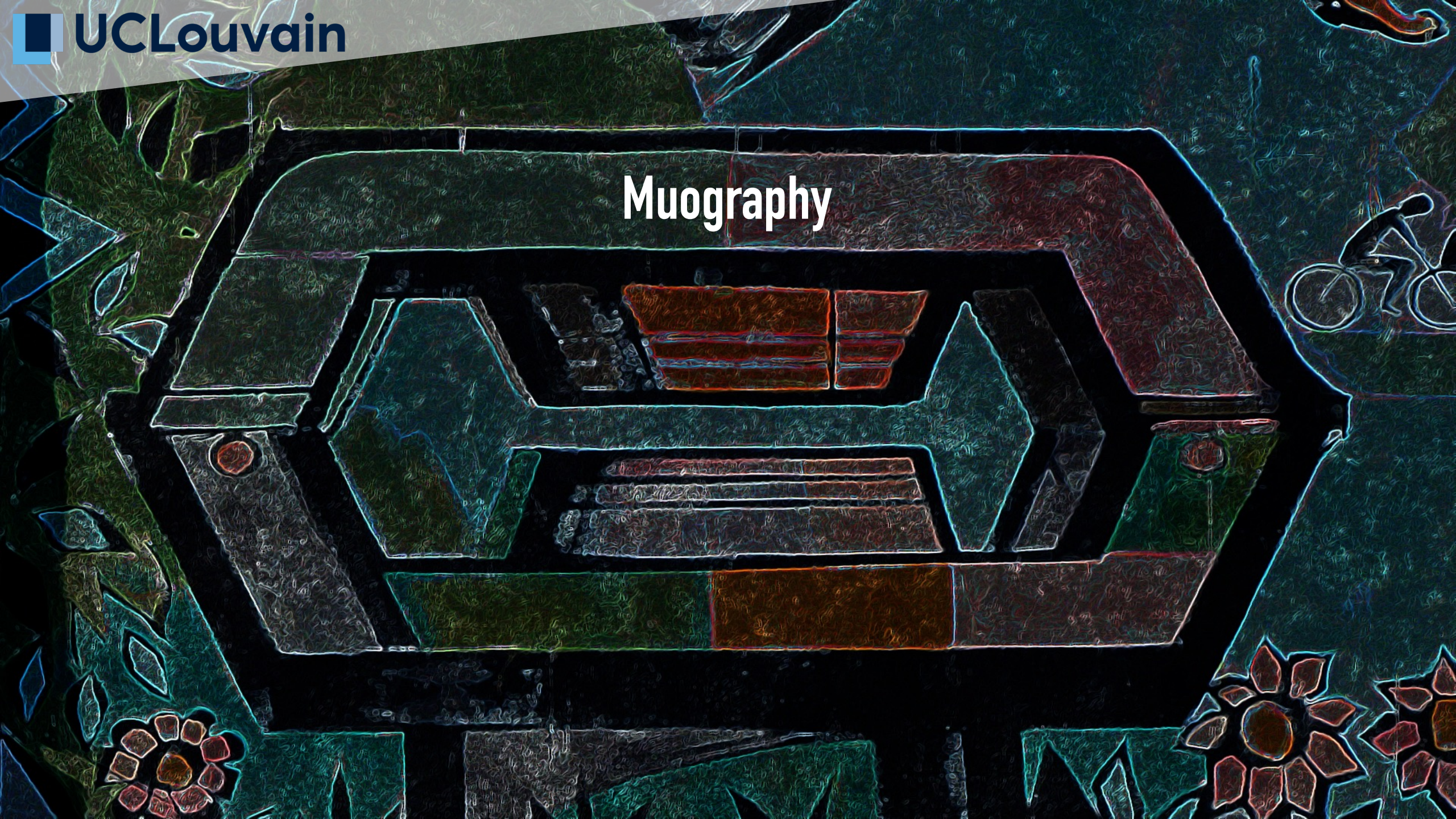
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Combination of different sites
= reduce the background
+ boost the astrophysical signal

Muography



The CP3 muography team

<https://cp3-git.irmp.ucl.ac.be/muographycp3>

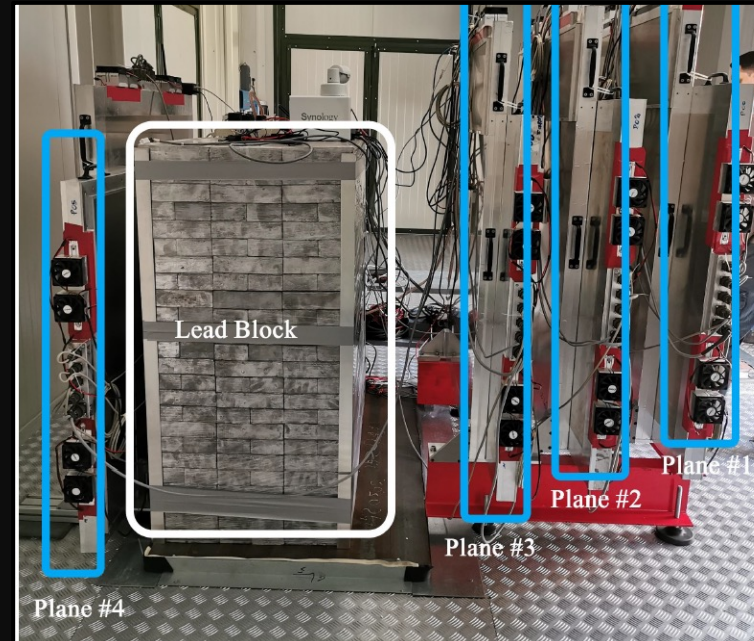
- Samip Basnet (PhD student)
- Eduardo Cortina (Professor) - also NA62
- Ishan Darshana (PhD student)
- Andrea Giammanco (Senior researcher) - also CMS
- Raveendra Karnam (Postdoc)
- Maxime Lagrange (PhD student)
- Marwa Moussawi (PhD student)
- Ilker Topuz (PhD student, *jointly with Tartu & GScan*)
- *New postdoc* funded by SilentBorder (H2020 project)
- (+ part-time contributions by other CP3 staff)



Muography to keep an eye on Mt. Vesuvius

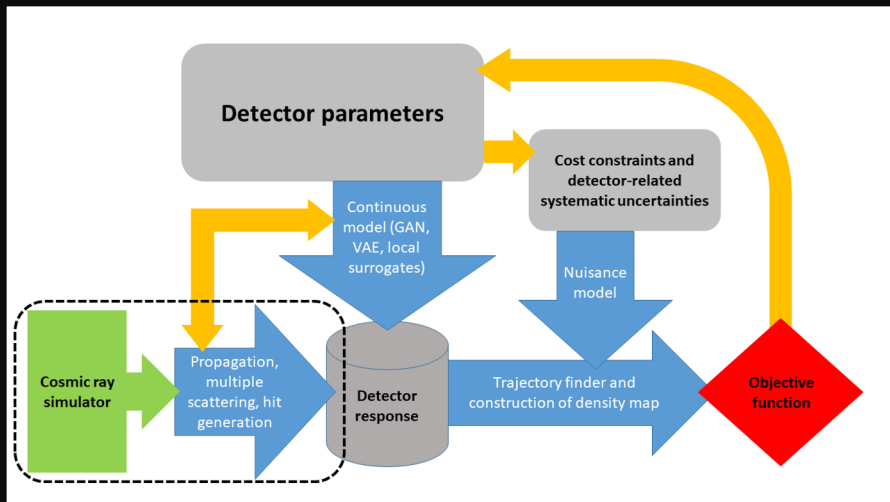
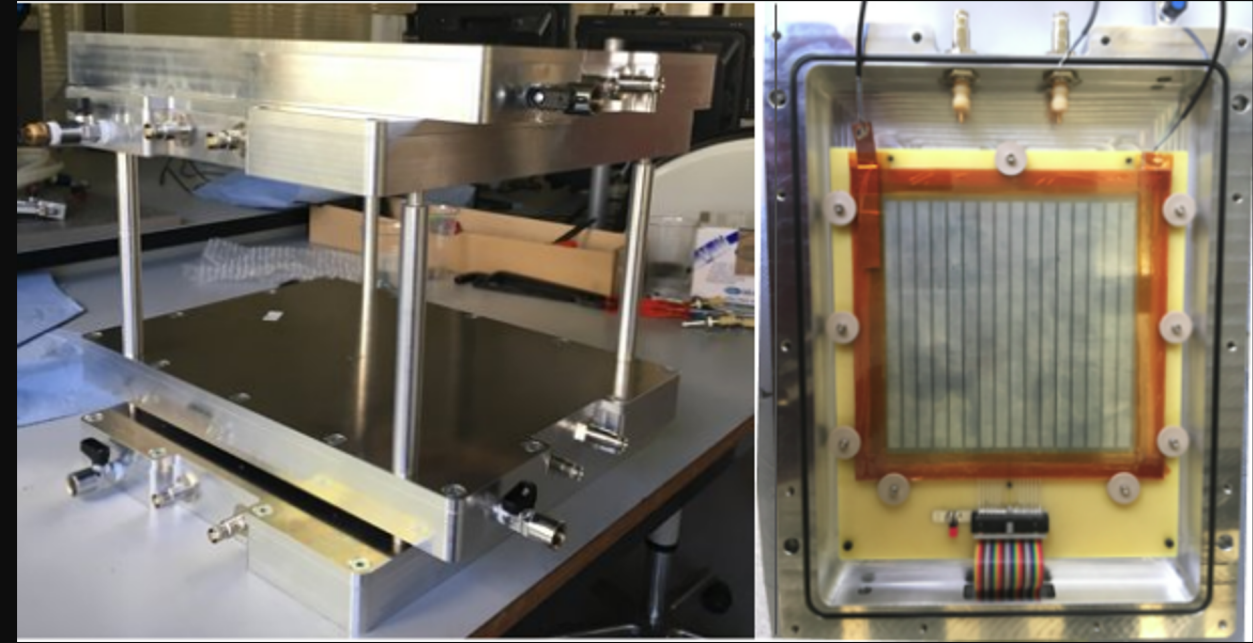
- Members of CP3 are participating to the MURAVES experiment in Italy: MUon RAdiography of VESuvius, taking data since Dec. 2019
- MURAVES is a consortium of volcanologists of INGV and physicists of INFN, University Federico II Naples, University of Florence, UCLouvain (since 2019), UGent (since 2019)

CP3 is taking care of end-to-end Monte Carlo simulations, and some analysis tasks.



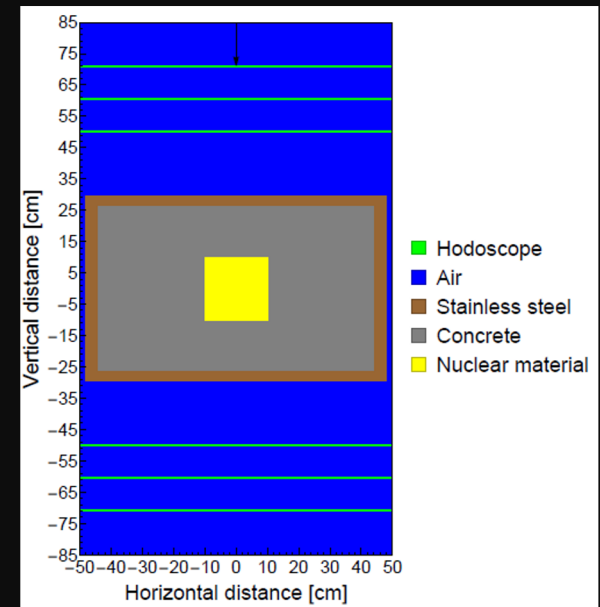
Portable muon telescope

- Modular, compact, light detector based on Resistive Plate Chambers;
- Use cases: confined spaces with unfriendly logistics;
- Local R&D project for detector and electronics;
- Very recently submitted two patents related to this project.



MODE collaboration:

- Machine-learning Optimized Design of Experiments
- Developing general parametric simulation pipeline for muon tomography case studies



Gravitational wave research



The CP3 gravitational wave team

- **Permanent staff:** G. Bruno (V, A), C. Lauzin(I), C. Ringeval (T), J. van Heijningen (V, I)
- **Support:** A. Tanasijczuk (V, computing)
- **Postdoc:** P. Auclair (Th), F. Badaracco (V, I), E. Ferreira (I), A. Miller (V, A), M. Sieniawska (V, A), J. Suresh (V, A), D. Da Cunha (Th)
- **PhD student:** R. Cabrita (I, V), A. Depasse (V, A), F. De Lillo (V; A)

V = Virgo Member
A = Analysis
Th = Theory
I = Instrumentation



Anisotropic search in the stochastic GW background

- The SGWB is a superposition of unresolved sources;
- Searches by correlating detector outputs;
 - Anisotropic: spherical harmonics (extended sources), **broadband radiometer** (point-like sources), narrowband radiometer (point-like, known sources);
 - Also search for specific signatures of cosmic strings models.

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Jishnu Suresh

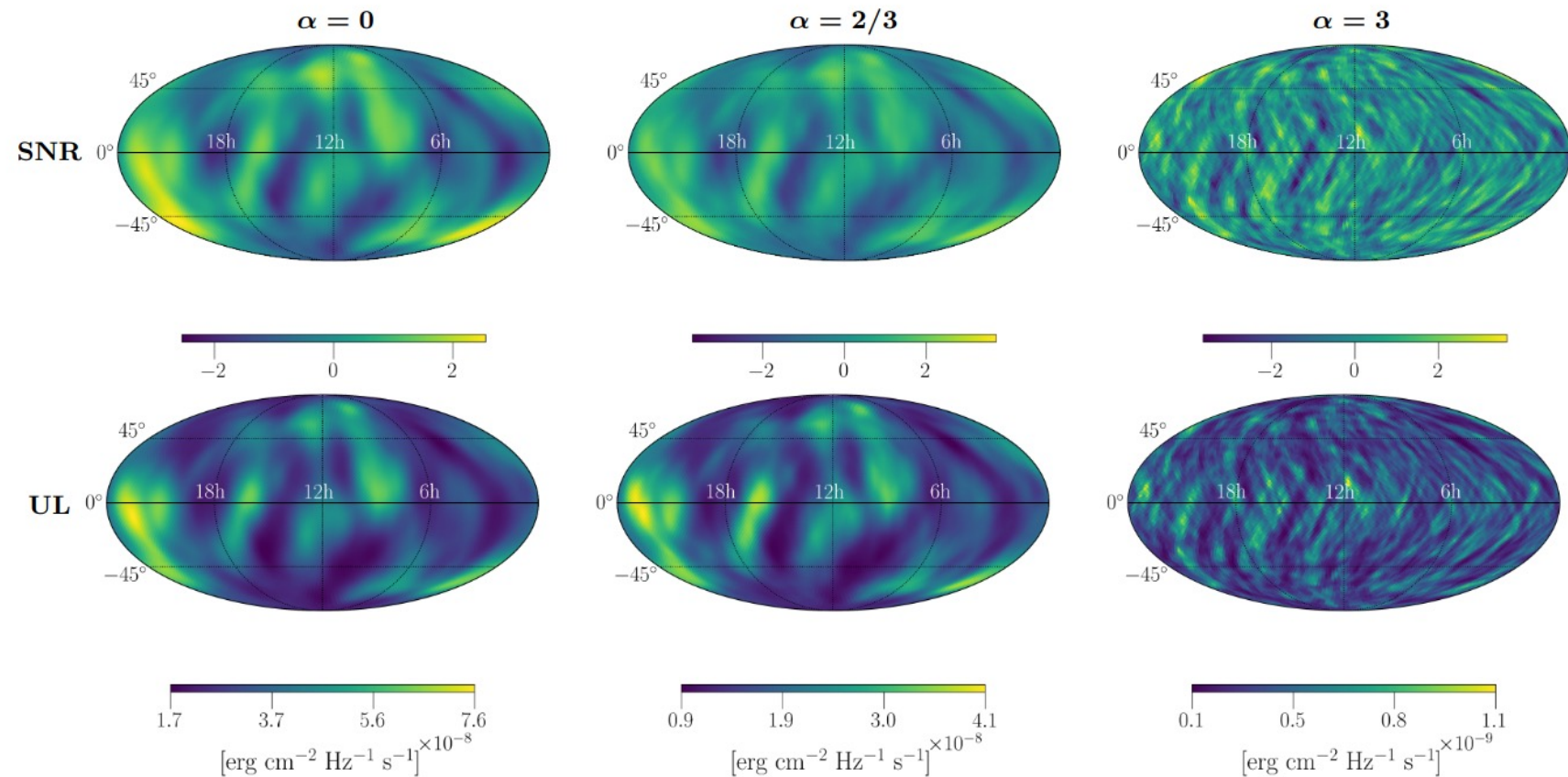
GW flux using O1,O2,O3 from LIGO only and GW energy flux model:

$$\mathcal{F}(f, \Theta) = \mathcal{F}_\alpha(\Theta) \left(\frac{f}{f_{\text{ref}}} \right)^{\alpha-1}$$


, with

$$\mathcal{F}_\alpha(\Theta) = \frac{c^3 \pi}{4G} f_{\text{ref}}^2 \mathcal{P}(\Theta)$$

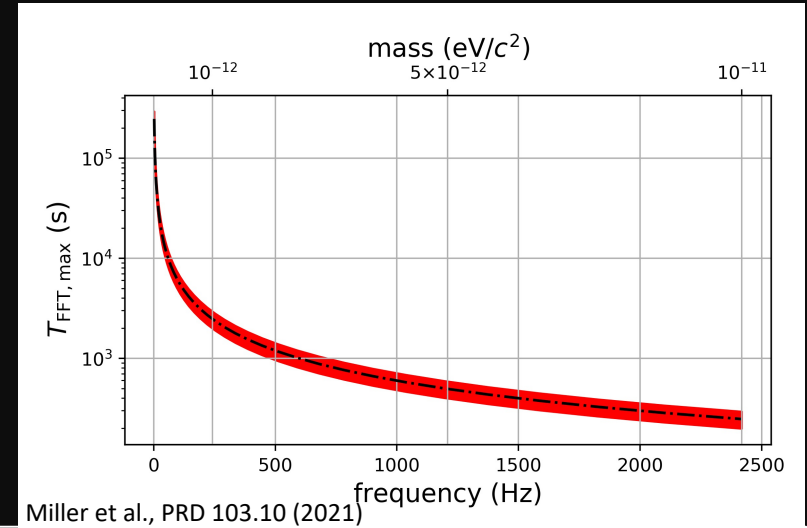
LVK collaborations,
arXiv:2103.08520



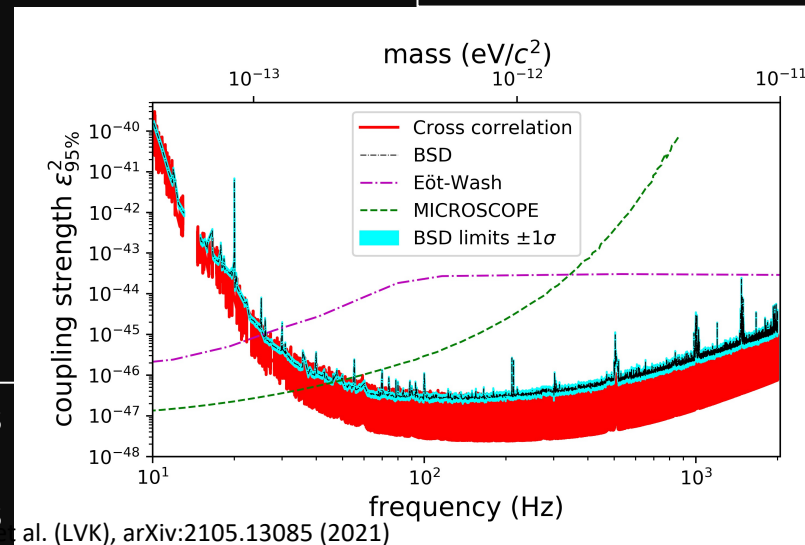
Searching for dark photon dark matter

- Developed a method that carefully varies the Fast Fourier Transform length as a function of the expected frequency modulation caused by a dark photon signal;
- Ran a search for dark photon dark matter in LIGO/Virgo/KAGRA data using a cross-correlation and excess power method (BSD), producing the best constraints on the coupling of dark photons to baryons for a wide range of ultralight dark photon dark matter;
- Developing Wiener filter method to distinguish among types of dark matter interactions and better follow-up candidates returned in future searches ( Miller and Badaracco, in prep.)

Constraints on the coupling strength of dark photons to baryons for each method used in the search, in comparison to existing dark matter experiments

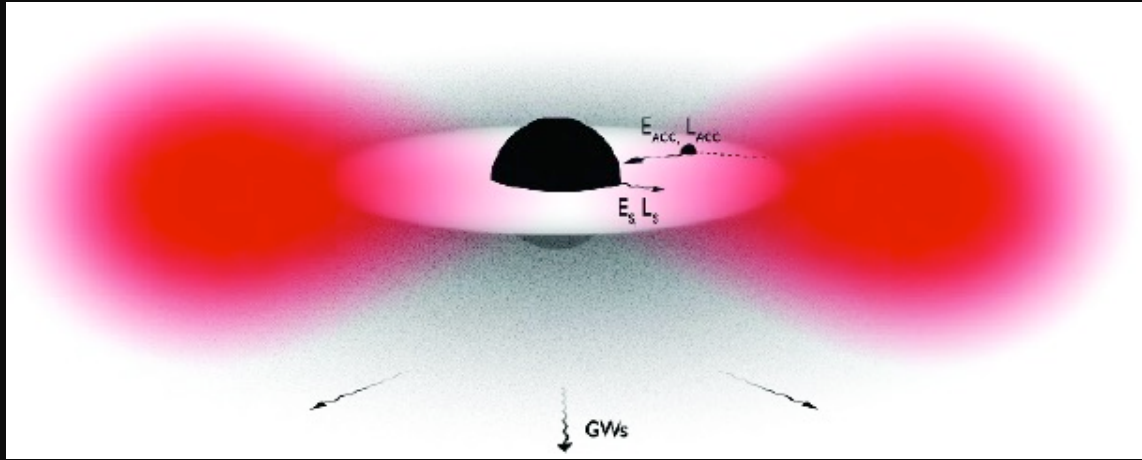



FFT length accounts for Maxwell-Boltzmann distributed velocities of dark photons, such that this modulation is confined to one frequency bin

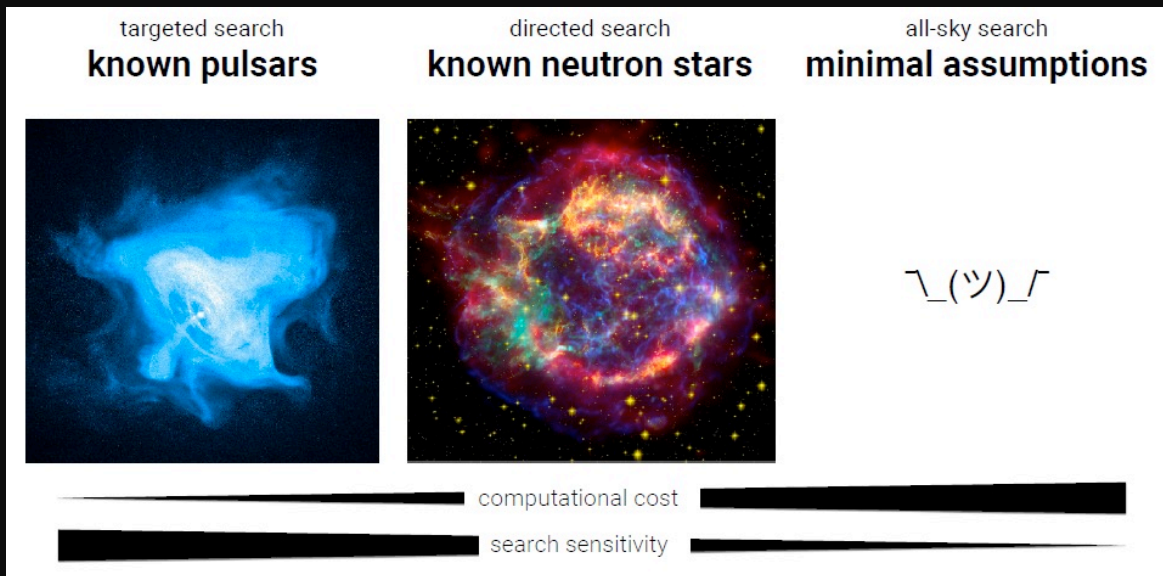


Francesca Badaracco
Andrew Miller

Continuous waves from boson clouds




- Dark matter can form clouds around black holes if its Compton wavelength is comparable to the size of the black hole
- Boson clouds can emit continuous gravitational waves as they annihilate after superradiance ($\Omega_b < \Omega_{BH}$)
- This system will emit quasi-continuous GW;
 - $v_{GW} \approx 2 m_b$;
 - m_b sensitivity around $[10^{-13} - 10^{-11}]$ eV;
- Methods  on vector boson clouds and search in advanced detector data for nearby galactic binaries is planned.

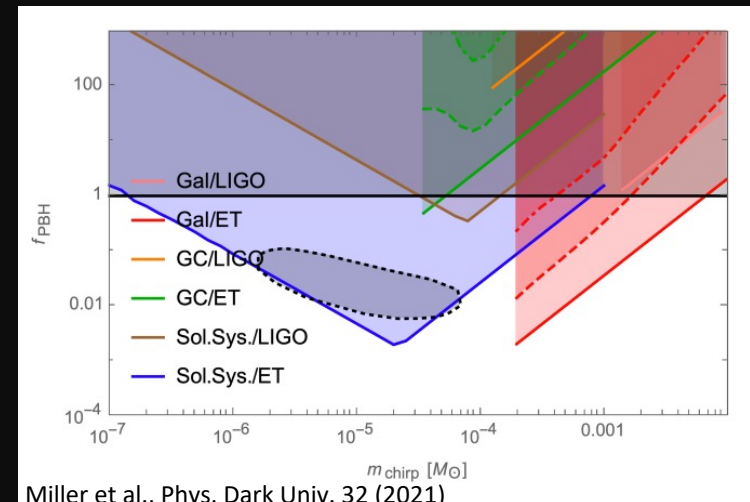


[NASA/CXC/SAO/F.Seward et al.][Courtesy NASA/JPL-Caltech]

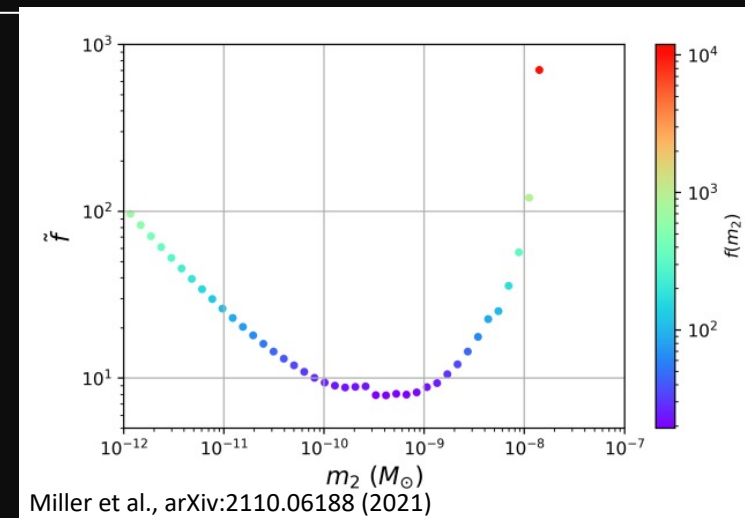
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Constraining subsolar PBHs with CW searches

- Adapted (Generalized) Hough Transform to search for inspiraling sub-solar systems with chirp masses between $10^{-7} - 10^{-3} M_{\text{sun}}$
 - Projected constraints on fraction of dark matter PBHs could compose, f_{pbh} , with Einstein Telescope
- Using continuous-wave upper limits from O3a, derived model-independent merger rates, and constrained quantity related to f_{pbh} for chirp masses of $10^{-7} - 10^{-4} M_{\text{sun}}$ for equal-mass and asymmetric mass ratio binaries
- Working on applying the Hough to “mini-EMRI” systems detectable with LIGO/Virgo (with H. Guo,  in prep.)



Projected constraints at three distances: solar system, galaxy and galactic center for two PBH mass functions (solid and dashed lines)



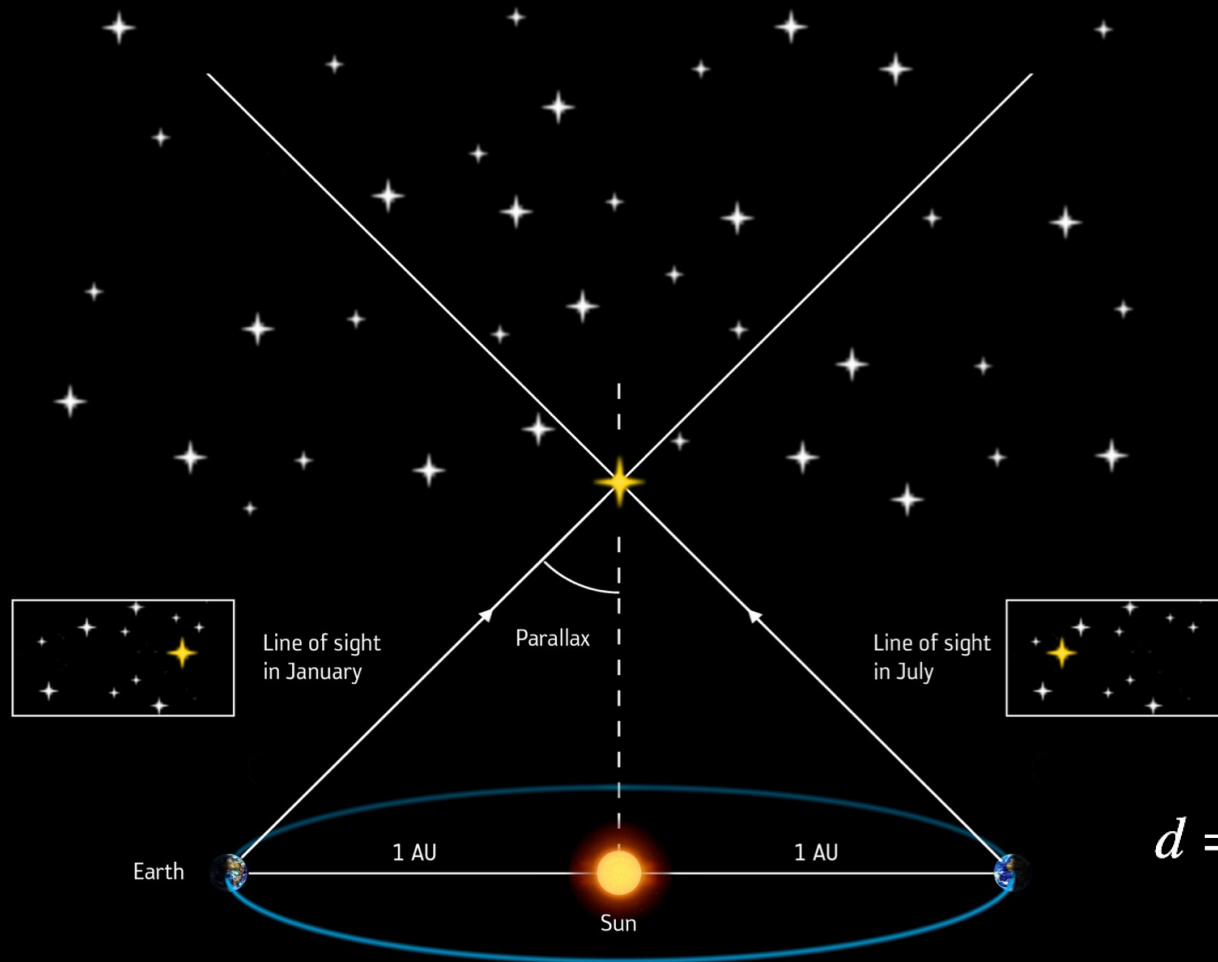
Actual constraints from O3a upper limits $m_1 = 2.5 M_{\text{sun}}$ $f(m_2)$: PDF for m_2 ; assumes $f(m_1) = 1$ and no rate suppression

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Gravitational wave parallax

Magdalena Sieniawska
Andrew Miller

- Distance estimation method for the continuous gravitational wave sources;



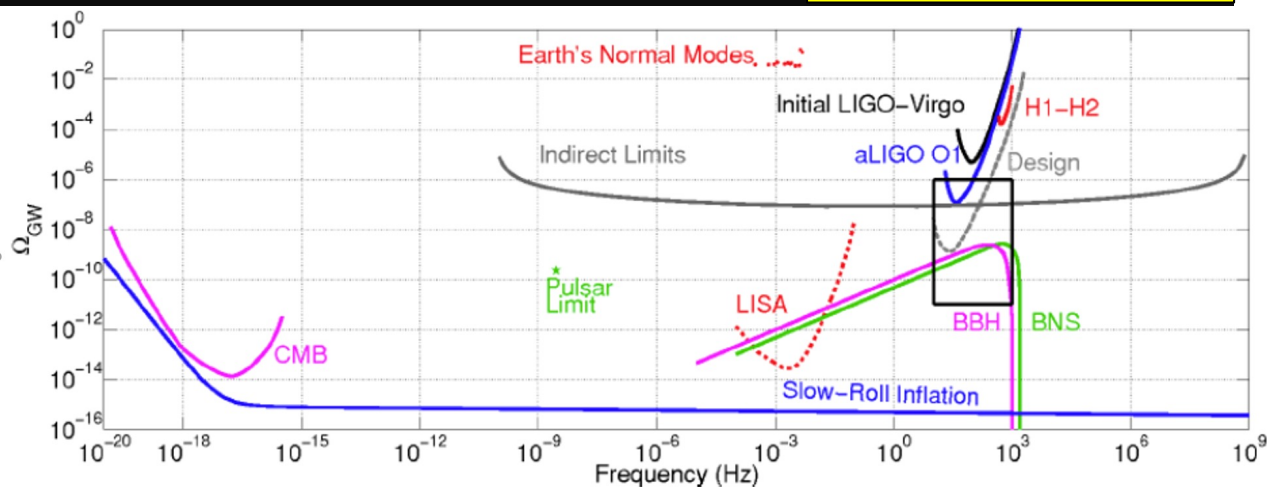
- Suitable for the near sources (how near?);
- Is it possible to measure parallax with the Frequency-Hough analysis method?
- What search grid/sky resolution do we need?

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{K_{sky}}{\pi}} R_{orb} T_{FFT} \left[\frac{\dot{f}}{\Omega_{orb} \cos(\beta)} + \frac{f_0 \Omega_{orb} R_{orb}}{c} \right] SNR$$

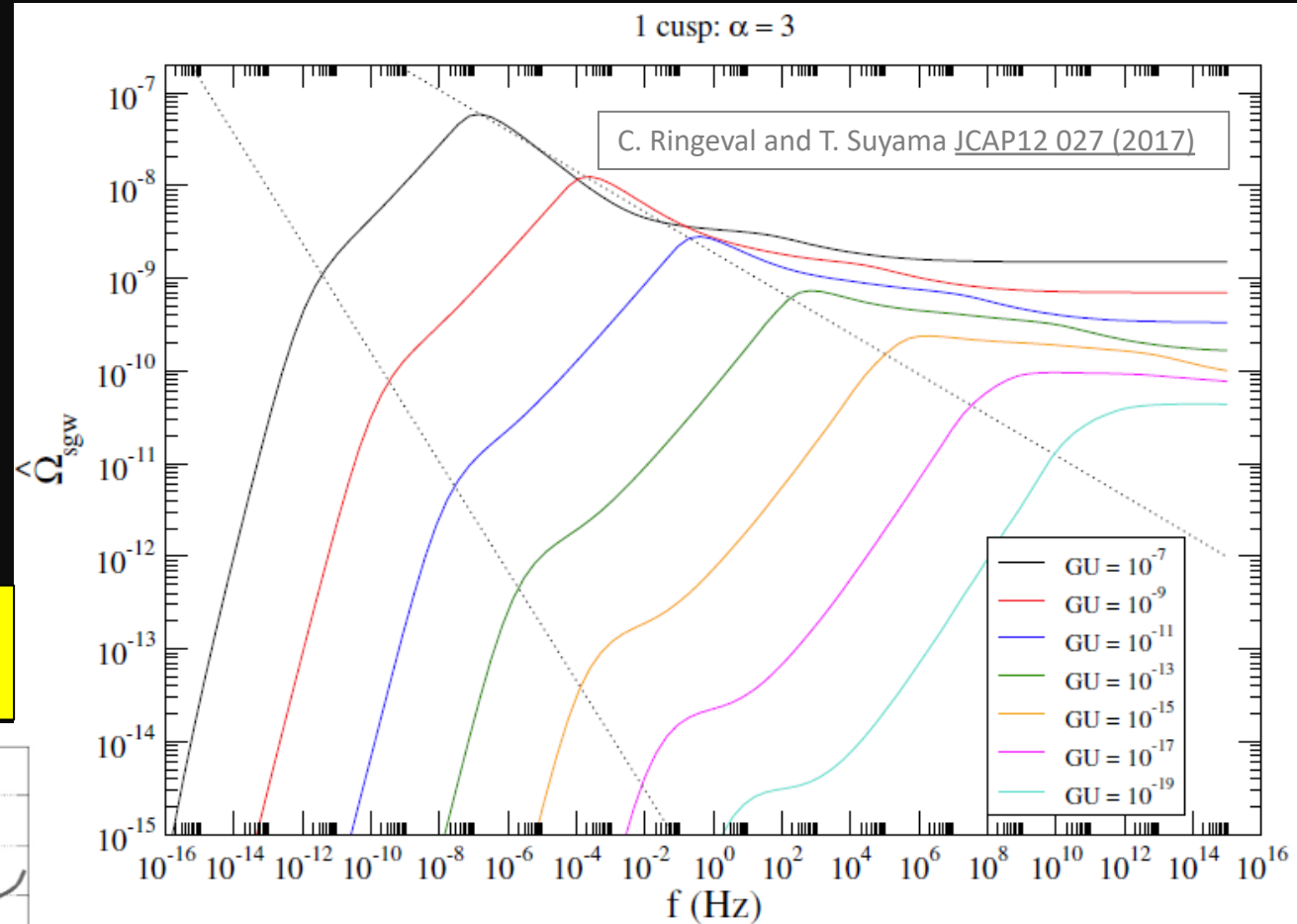
Stochastic GW Background from Cosmic Strings

- Topological defects that could have formed in the early Universe;
- Predictions on average GW energy density in the universe from cosmic strings.

Christophe Ringeval
Disrael da Cunha



B.P. Abbott et al., *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **118**, 121101 (2017)



Model	LIGO	EPTA	LIGO + EPTA
2C	$GU \leq 1.1 \times 10^{-10}$	$GU \leq 3.4 \times 10^{-11}$	$GU \leq 1.0 \times 10^{-11}$
LNK	—	$GU \leq 6.8 \times 10^{-11}$	$GU \leq 7.2 \times 10^{-11}$
HNK	$GU \leq 8.8 \times 10^{-14}$	$GU \leq 6.4 \times 10^{-12}$	$GU \leq 6.7 \times 10^{-14}$
MIX	$GU \leq 1.4 \times 10^{-8}$	$GU \leq 1.1 \times 10^{-11}$	$GU \leq 5.9 \times 10^{-12}$

Computing efforts for the LIGO Virgo collaboration

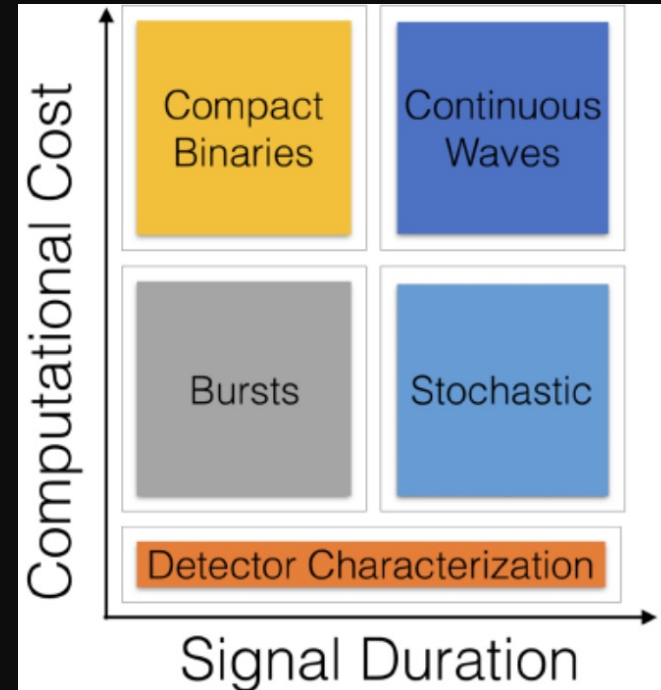
Virgo online computing at EGO;

- Data collection, calibration and monitoring ($O(10^5)$ auxiliary channels)
- DetChar and data validation
- Low-latency searches (for public alerts)

Virgo offline computing at several centers, including UCLouvain;

- Common distributed computing
- Contribute CPU for opportunistic use

- Our **WLCG Tier2** accepts LVK jobs and was extended with 512 CPUs in March 2021 (ARC funded, +funding requested);



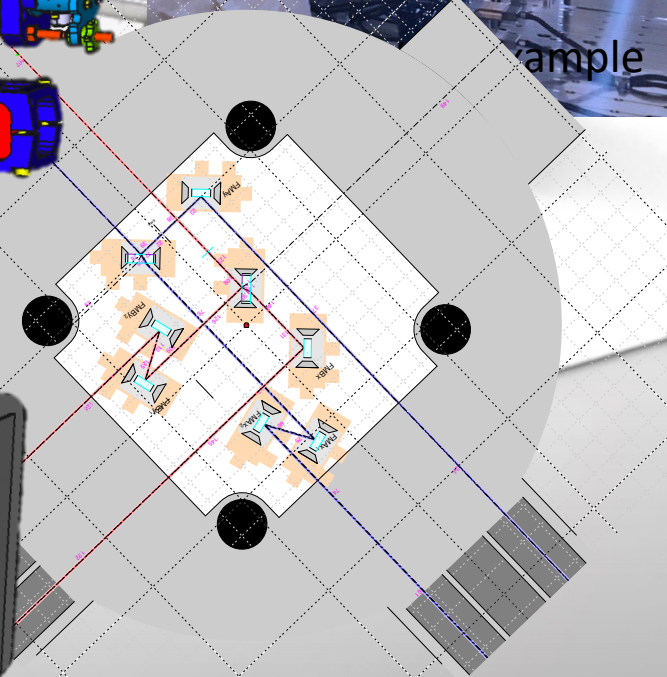
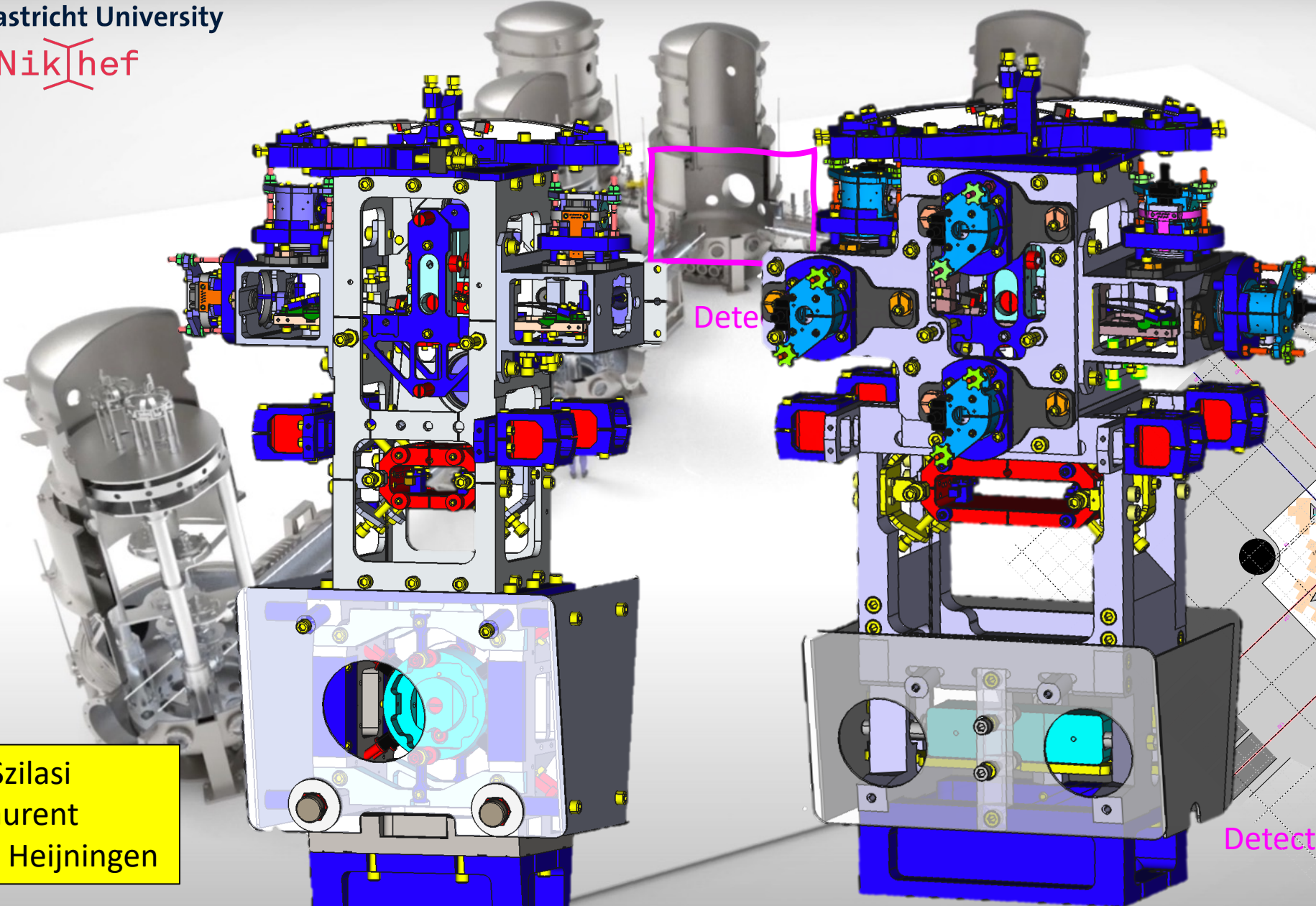
<https://github.com/AndresTanasijczuk/SlurmDagman>

- **StashCache** origin deployed at UCLouvain in 100 TB storage server (ARC funding) – data transfer tests ongoing

June 2020 LIGO/Virgo CPU hours

accounting (core hours)	total
➔ SURFsara	381 K
➔ Nebraska-CMS	360 K
➔ INFN-T1	349 K
➔ PIC	200 K
➔ LIGO_US_LSU_SuperMIC	179 K
➔ UCSD CMS Tier2	171 K
➔ MWT2 ATLAS UC	128.7 K
➔ Georgia Tech	72.3 K
➔ BelGrid-UCL	54.2 K
➔ IN2P3-CC	33.5 K
➔ SU ITS	22.8 K
➔ AGLT2	20.8 K
➔ LIGO-WA-CE	8.44 K
➔ LIGO_US_LSU_QB2	7.81 K
➔ LIGO-CIT-CE	7.50 K
➔ Nebraska-Omaha	6.77 K
➔ UWM - NEMO	5.42 K
➔ ND_CAML	2.591 K
➔ NIKHEF-ELPROD	1.541 K
➔ LIGO-LA-CE	1.166 K

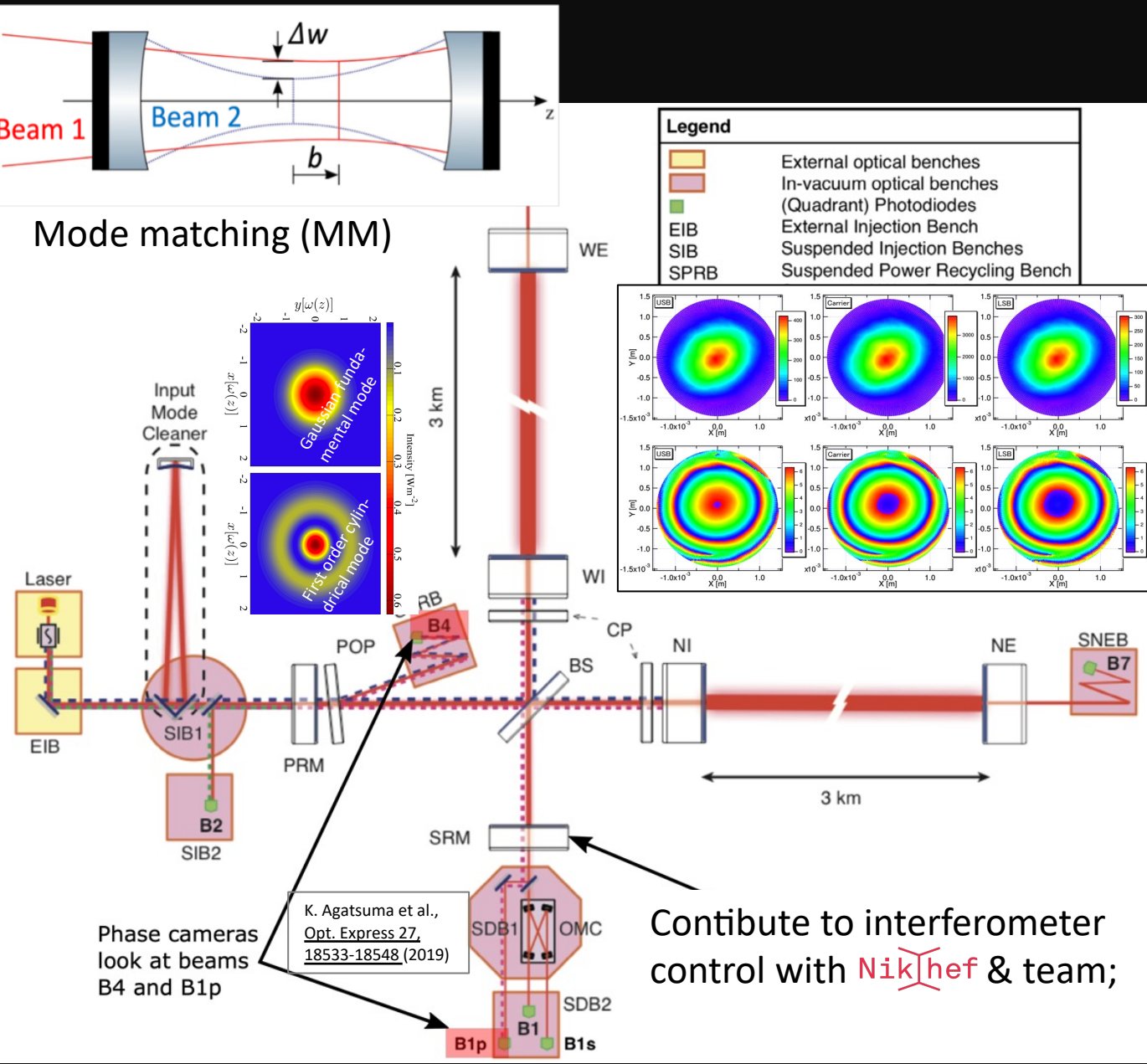
Benchtop suspensions for ETpathfinder



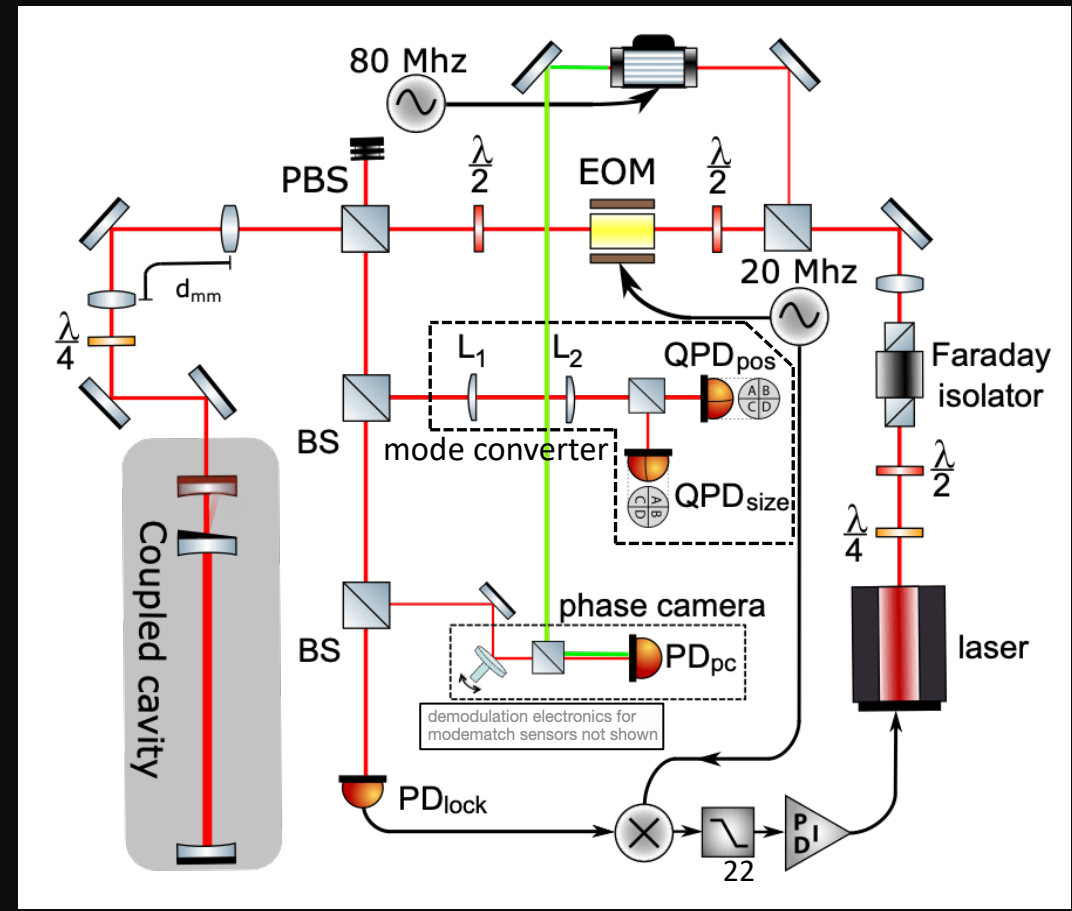
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Detection bench layout

Mode mismatch mitigation for Advanced Virgo



- Setup at UCLouvain to test MM techniques at 1550nm;
- Phase camera to identify out-of-phase cylindrical modes.

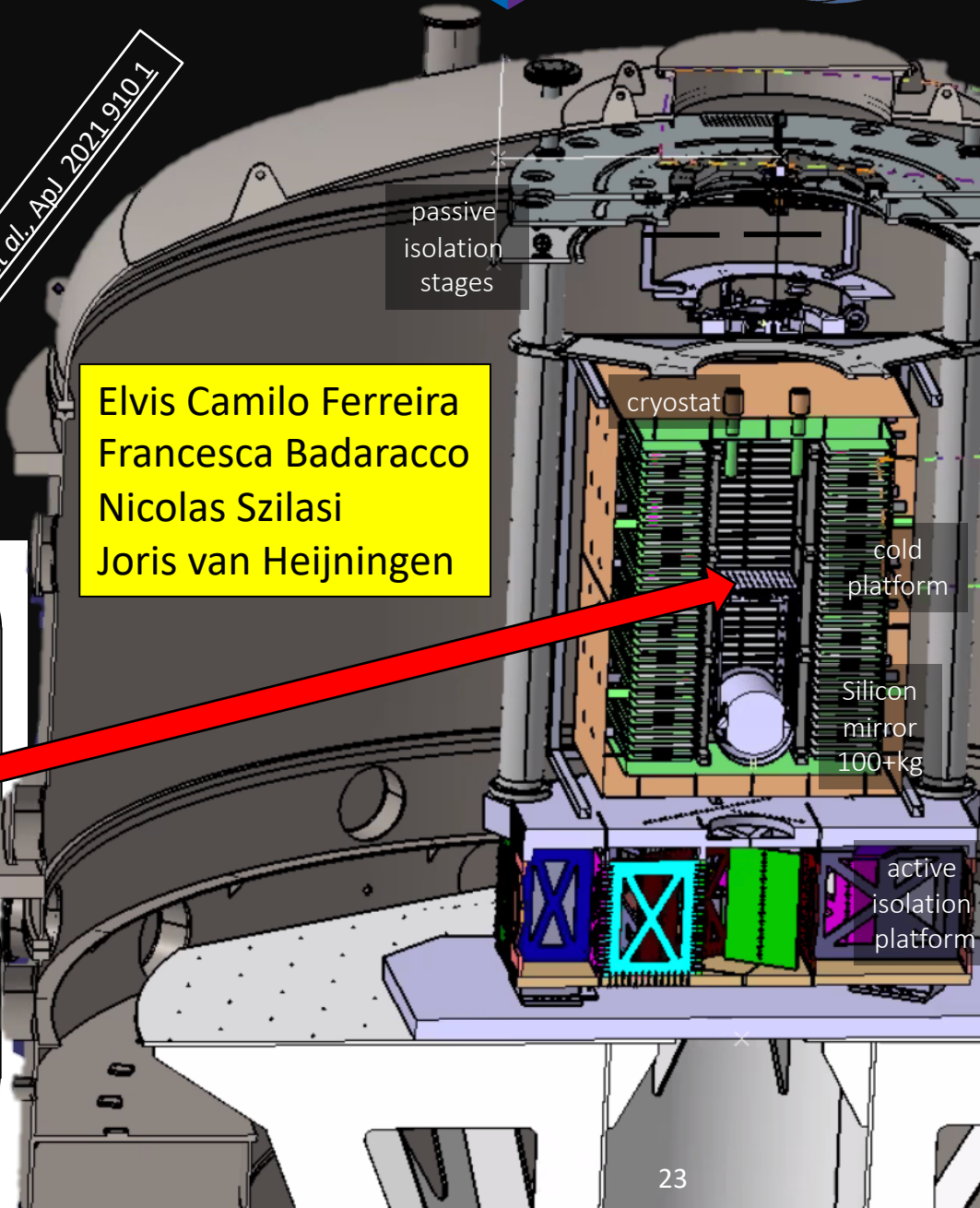
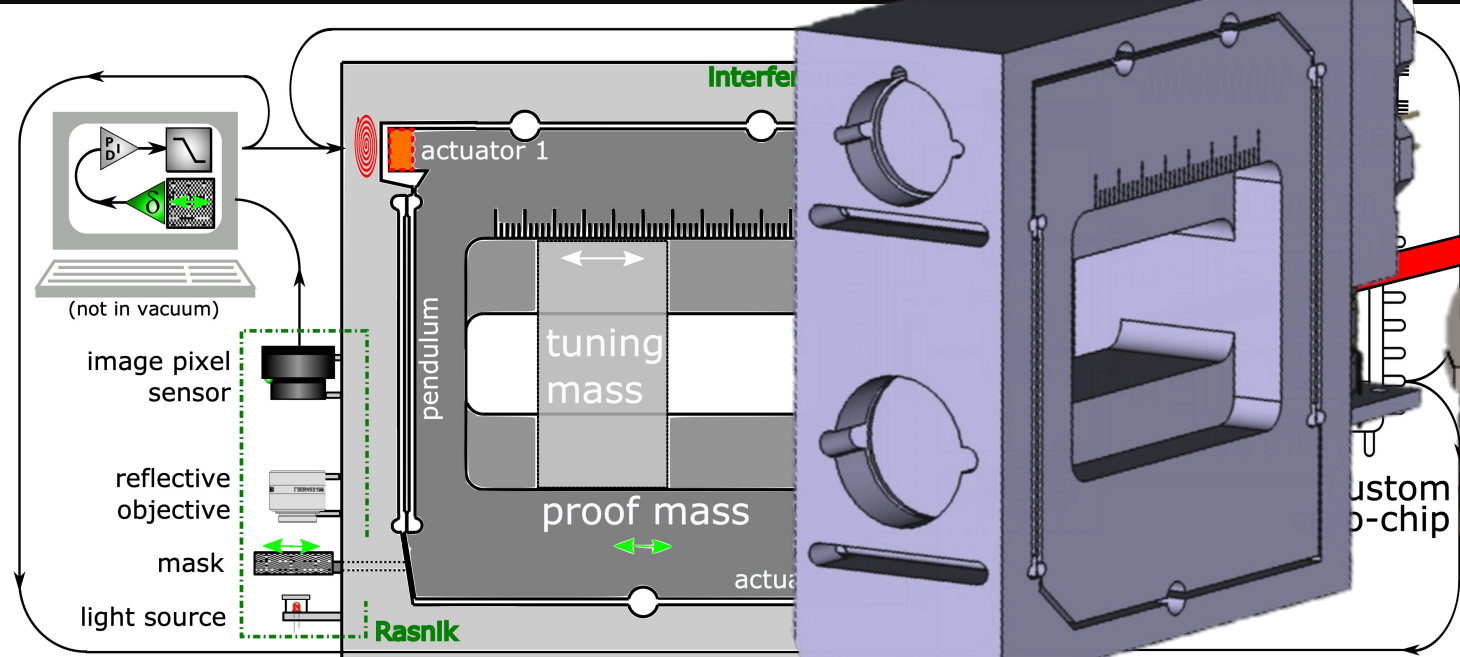


Cryogenic inertial sensors for E-TEST

- Mechanics made out of Niobium (Nb), fully superconducting at $T = 5\text{ K}$;
- We expect fm/√Hz sensitivity from 1 Hz onwards, interesting for ET and LGWA;
- Can monitor impact of cryocoolers.

J. Harms et al., *ApJ* 2021, 910, 1

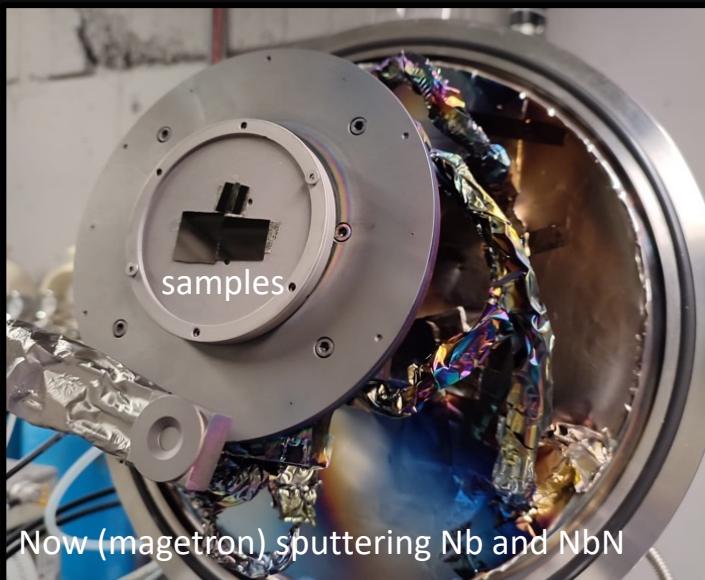
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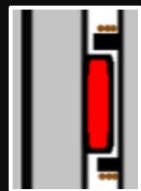
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JVvH, 2020, *INSTR* 15 P06034

Current research on inertial sensor

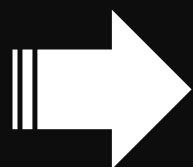
Collaboration with Innovative Coating Solutions (Belgium) for custom superconducting coils.



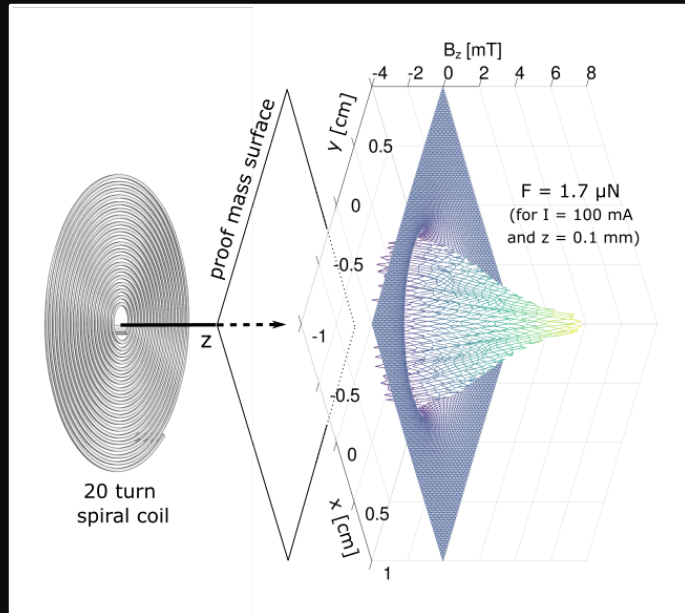
Superconductivity collaboration and testing with Andrea Perali (UniCam) and Filip Tavernier (KULeuven), respectively



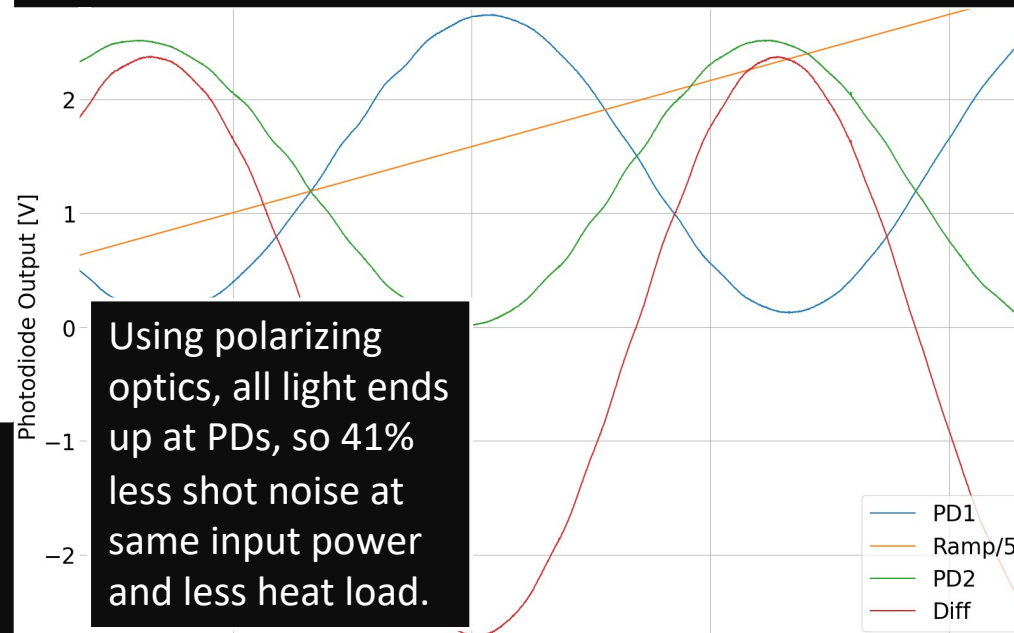
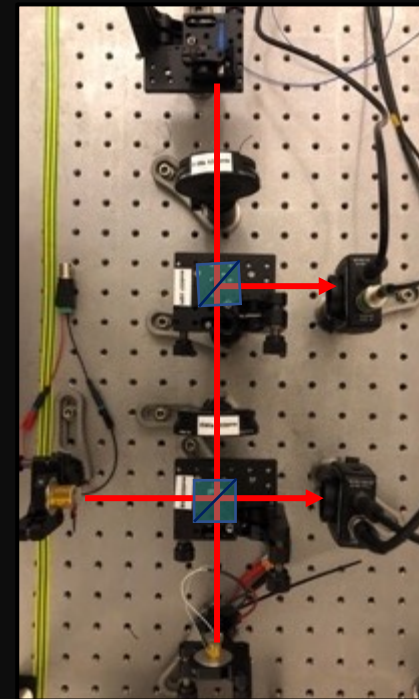
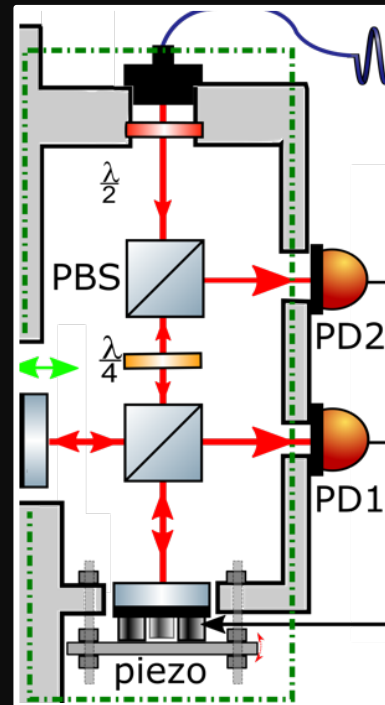
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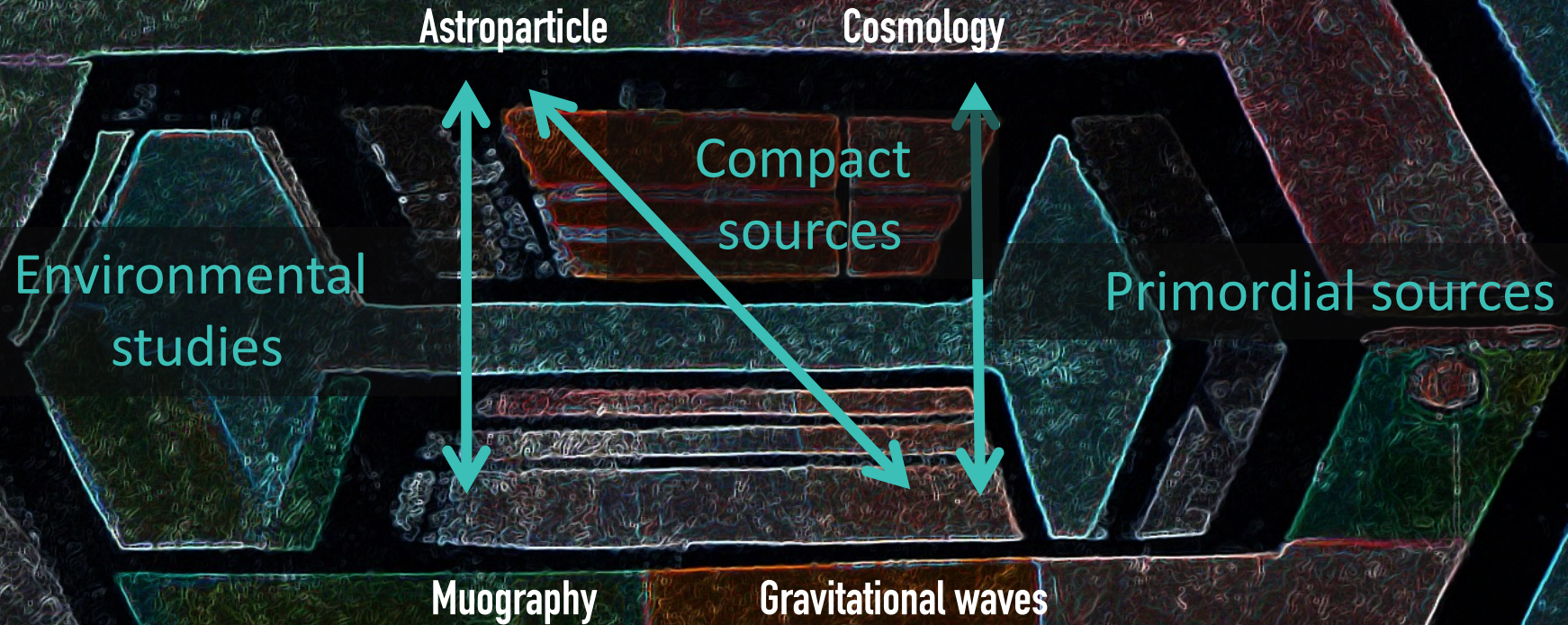


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