

# Matter and Radiation from the Universe

## Highlights

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*MU Days, Oct. 20-21, 2022*



# Research program in a nutshell



ULTRASAT



**Strong interplay of  
theory and experiment**

*High-energy  
Universe*

*Neutrino  
properties*

*Dark Matter*

CTA

IceCube

Pierre-Auger Observatory

Gravitational Waves

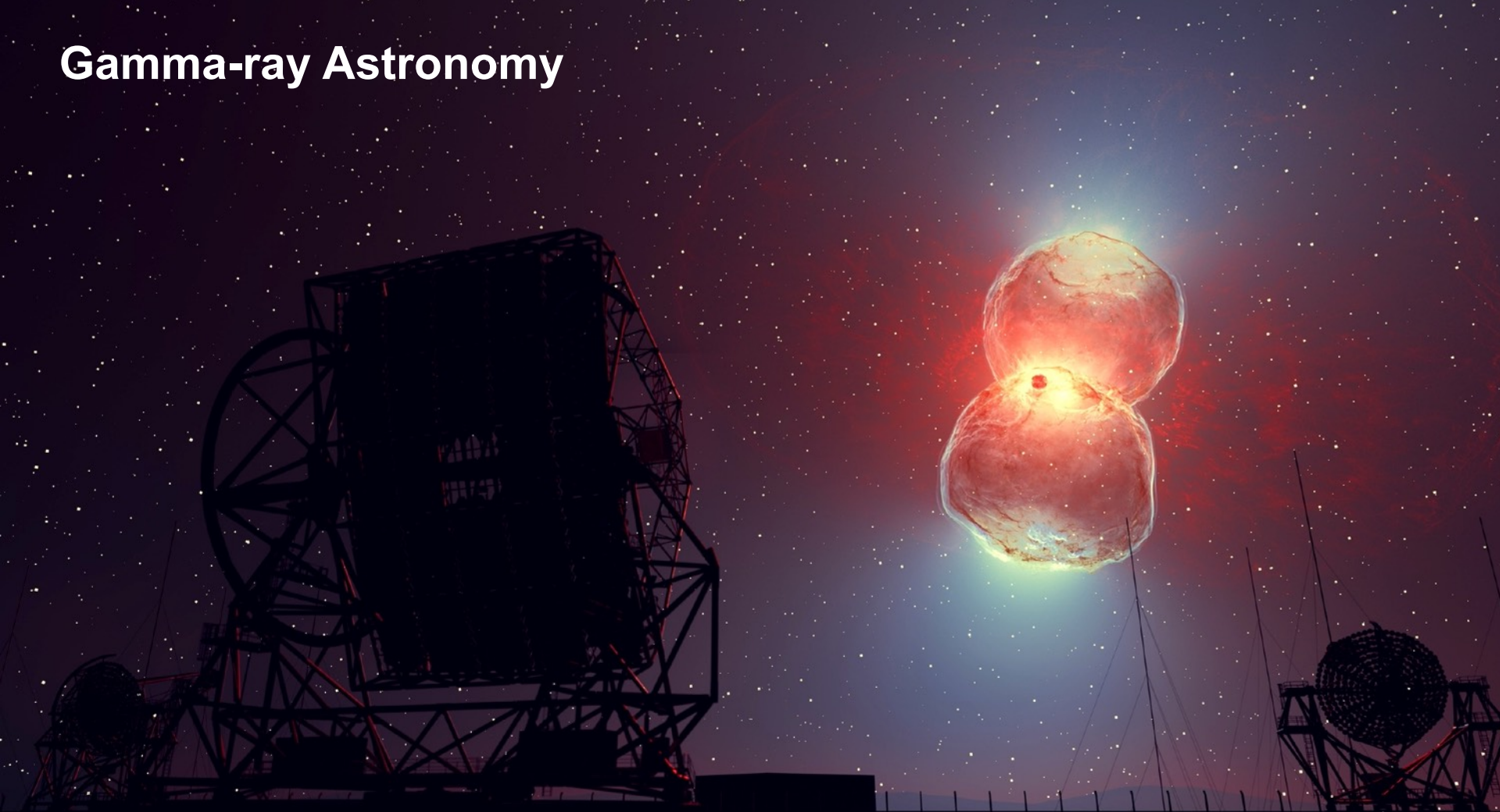
KATRIN

DARWIN

Theory

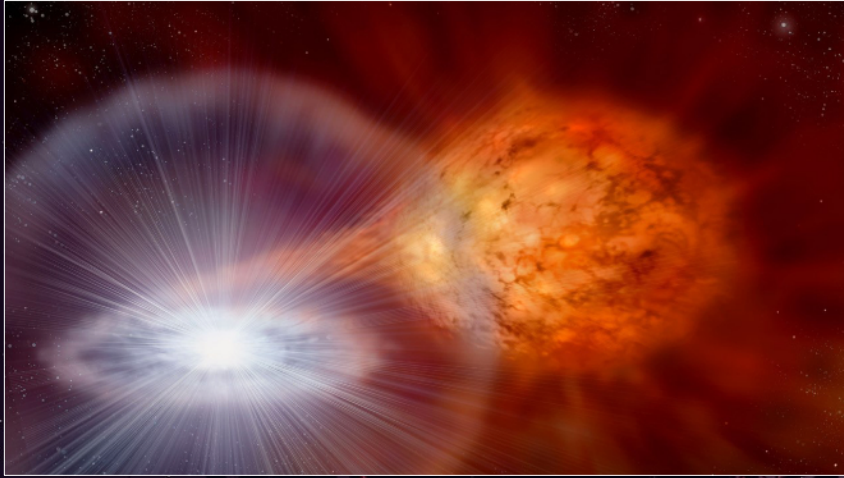



# Gamma-ray Astronomy



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## Efficient particle acceleration in a recurrent nova



RS Ophiuchi: White Dwarf matter accretion leads to recurrent nova from thermonuclear explosion every 9-26 years

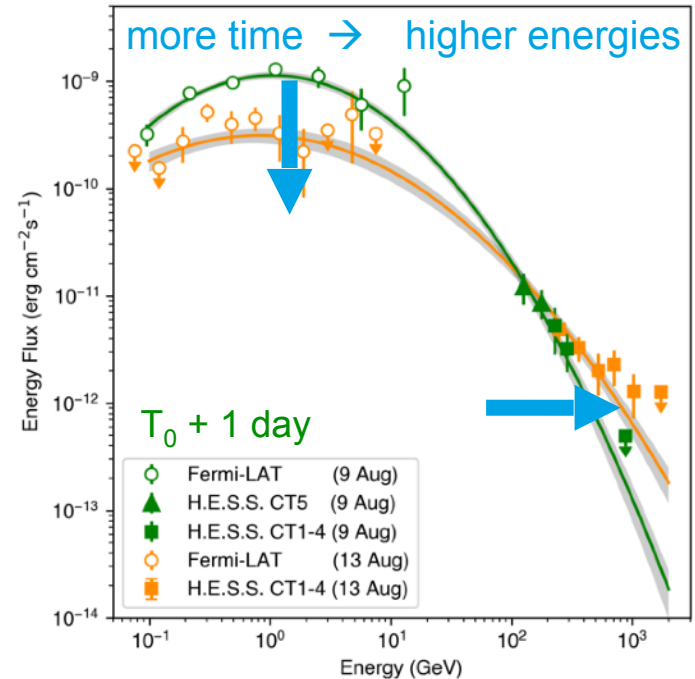
*H. E. S. S. Collaboration et al., Science 376, 6588, 77-80, 2022*



# Gamma-ray Astronomy

## Efficient particle acceleration in a recurrent nova

- 2021: Discovery of VHE gamma rays ( $> 100$  GeV) with H.E.S.S.
- Observation of acceleration over time scale of a month
- Spectral evolution with time points to cosmic hadron (not lepton) accelerator
- Particle acceleration at theoretical limit in astrophysical shocks, support for supernova remnant paradigm of cosmic rays



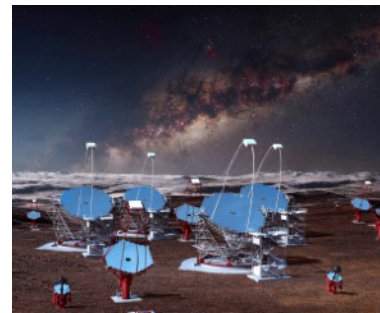
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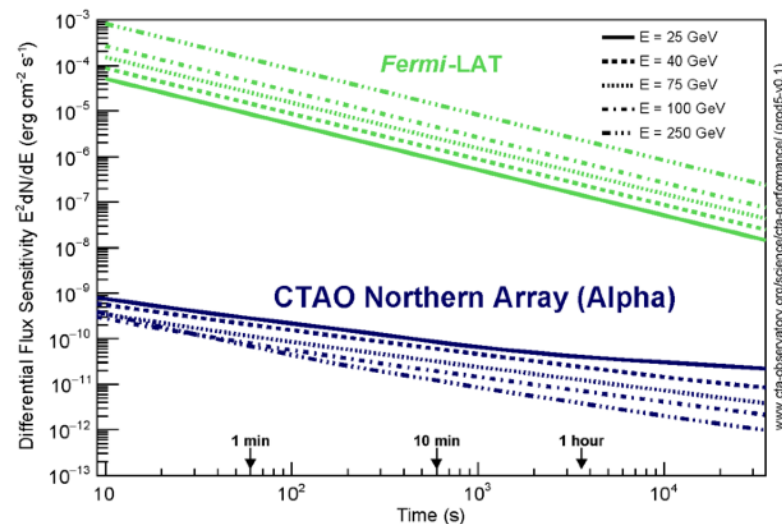
# Gamma-ray Astronomy

## CTA: The future global open observatory

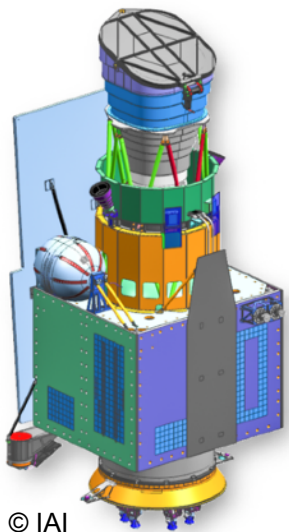
- La Palma (N) and Paranal (S), 5-year construction to start in 2023
- The funded Alpha Configuration meets many of the original requirements
- Low-energy extension of Southern array recently funded (Corona recovery funds, Italy)



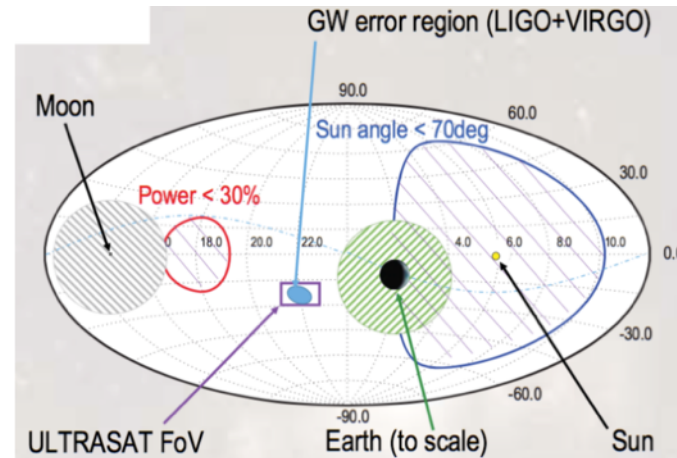
- Science Data Management Center under construction at DESY Zeuthen (from 2024 on: up to 30 persons)
- SDMC hosts data and software services of CTA and will provide user support and data access



## Exploring the dynamic ultraviolet sky

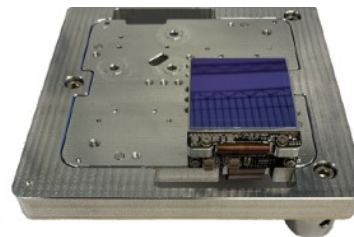
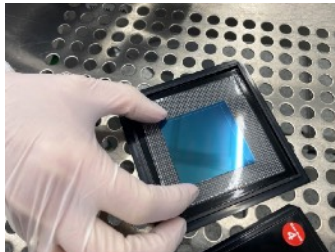
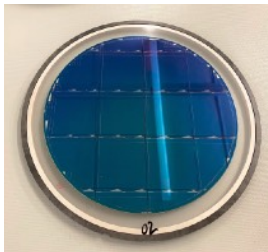


- 200 deg<sup>2</sup> field of view
- 5 min transients published within < 30 min
- Mission by Israel Space Agency, Weizmann Institute, DESY (camera) and NASA (launch)
- In orbit for O5 of LIGO-VIRGO-KAGRA (2025)

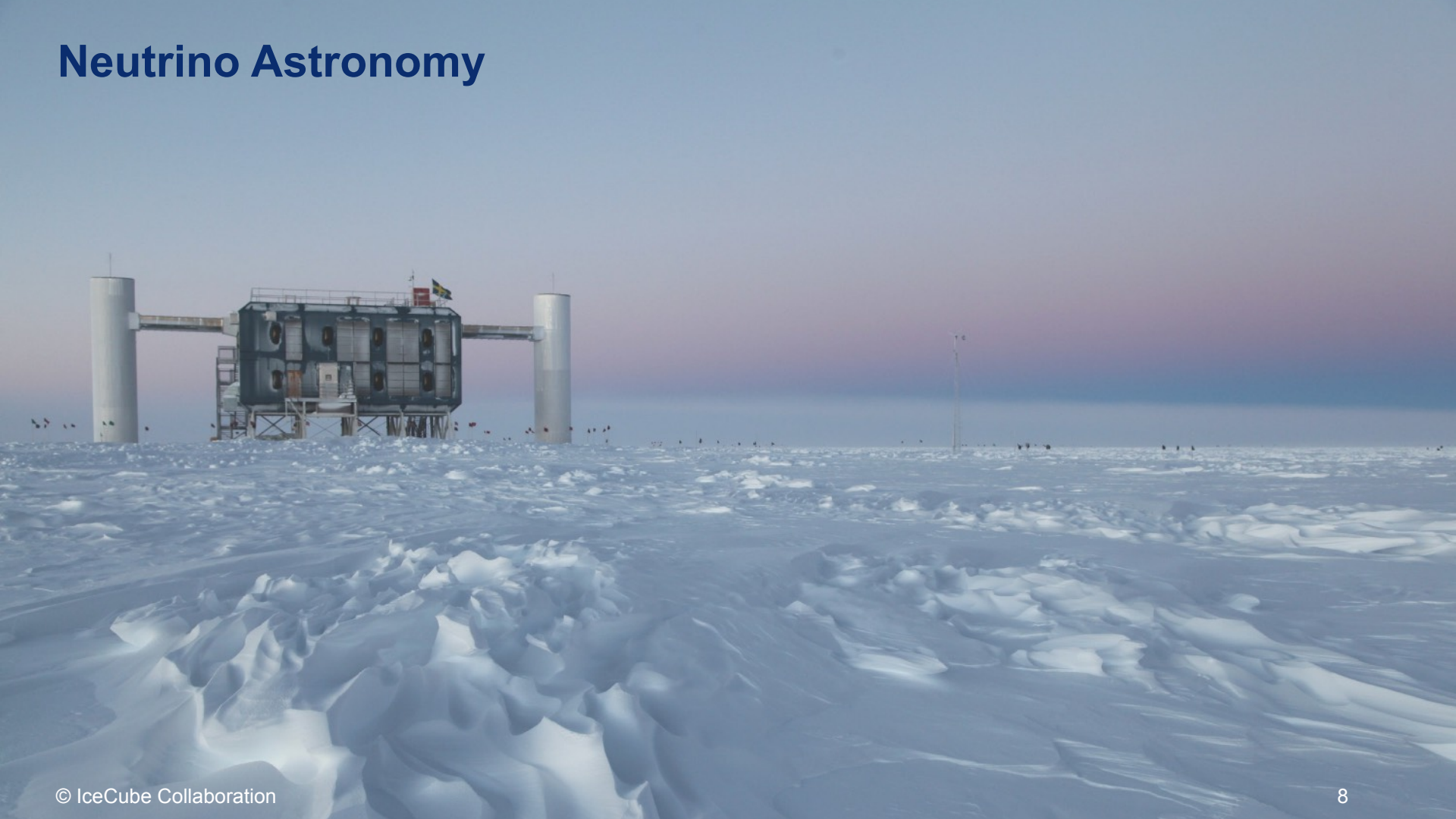


See > 50% of the sky at any time, rapid localisation of NS mergers and SNe for alerts

UV sensors  
ULTRASAT  
camera:



# Neutrino Astronomy





## Highlight: Tidal Disruption Events (TDEs)

### Candidate Tidal Disruption Event AT2019fdr Coincident with a High-Energy Neutrino

*Reusch et al., PRL 128 (2022) 221101*

- **Recap:** First TDE discovered in coincidence with an IceCube neutrino (*Stein et al., Nature Astronomy, 2021*).
- **Now:** Second TDE in coincidence with a high-energy neutrino → data from **IceCube & Zwicky Transient Facility** (ZTF), along with **AMPEL** multi-messenger framework operated at DESY.
- Close collaboration between theory and experiment (see MU Days 2021).



# IceCube Upgrade

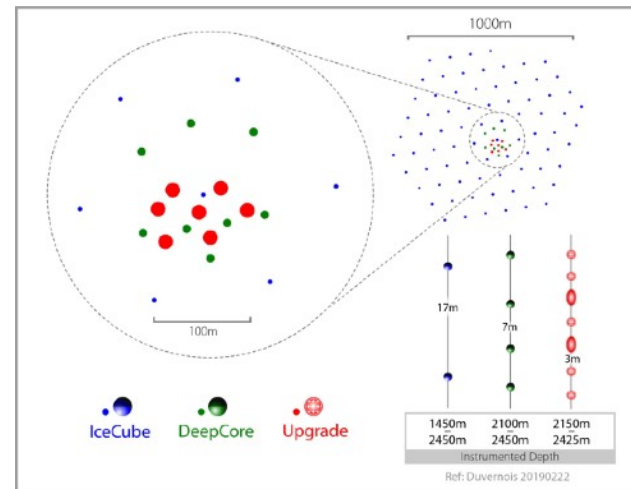


## Extending the GeV neutrino physics programme

- Seven new, densely instrumented strings inside the DeepCore volume:
  - GeV neutrino physics (unitarity of PMNS matrix, search for sterile neutrinos, neutrino mass ordering)
  - Improved calibration for re-analysis of 10+ years of IceCube data
  - R&D for IceCube-Gen2
- Field seasons 2020/21, 21/22, and 22/23 canceled due to COVID, but the project has been successfully re-baselined for deployment in 2025/26.
  - Main sensor (mDOM) now being produced in a collaboration of German Universities with DESY and KIT.



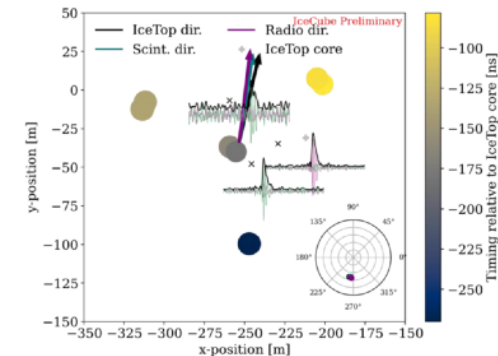
See talk by **Summer Blot** (Fri)



## Enhancing IceTop with hybrid stations of scintillation detectors and radio antennas

### Goals:

- Improve cosmic ray physics (0.1 PeV – 1 EeV)
- Calibrate IceCube and improve veto capabilities
- Test hadronic interaction models
- R&D surface array for IceCube-Gen2
- Plan 30 stations: each 8 scintillation detectors, 3 radio antennas and hybrid DAQ
- Fully funded; one third now produced
- First station in operation at South Pole, 6 further stations are on site
- Due to COVID delays we installed one station at the Pierre Auger Observatory in Argentina and one station at the Telescope Array in Utah, US.





# Radio Neutrino Detection



ICECUBE  
SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY



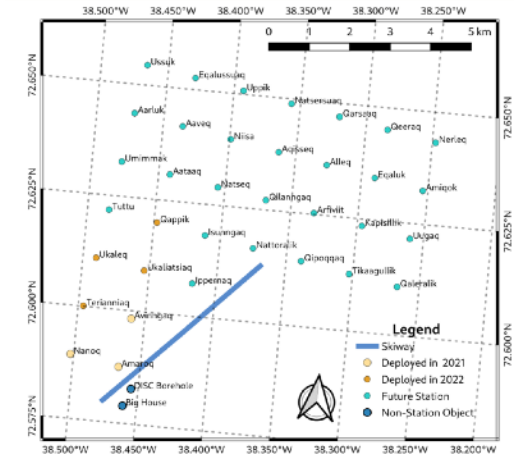
## RNO-G - now already the world's largest neutrino detector

- A “small” project (for astroparticle physics): < 70 authors
- Lead institutions: U Chicago, DESY, VU Brussels
- Pathfinder mission for IceCube-Gen2

### Progress as of now:

- Second installation season just finished, 7 stations (of 35) running
- 2 stations equipped with wind-turbines, very promising, success will add 35% more live time
- Hardware availability will determine schedule for 2023 and onwards, 35 stations anticipated for 2025
- Factor 10 sensitivity gain over current instruments!

RNO-G will have the sensitivity to detect high-energy neutrinos at  $\sim 10^{18}$  eV



# Cosmic Rays



# CORSIKA 8 – the next-generation simulation framework

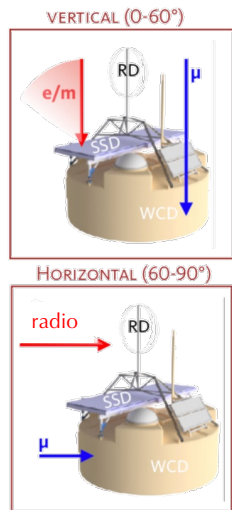
## Complete rewrite of CORSIKA in modern C++



- Community effort coordinated by KIT
  - ~35 on-site participants at recent workshop
  - for details see [GitLab webpage](#)
- Many milestones have been reached, such as
  - full hadronic and electromagnetic cascades
  - radio-emission simulation
  - Cherenkov-light simulation
  - cross-media showers
  - multi-threaded simulations
- Experts are very welcome to join us already now, first beta release ideally before ICRC2023

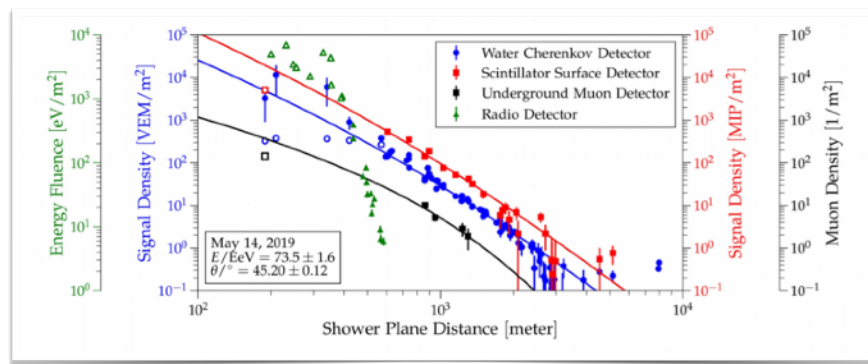


## The upgrade (= phase II) of the Pierre Auger Observatory



**Key goal:** Event-by event primary mass information

- Composition-enhanced anisotropy studies
- Improved test of hadronic interactions



Water Cherenkov Detectors enhanced by

- **Surface Scintillation Detector** (SSD,  $<60^\circ$ )
- **Radio antenna** (RD, inclined showers  $>60^\circ$ )
- Small PMTs to increase dynamic range
- New electronics (faster, more channels)

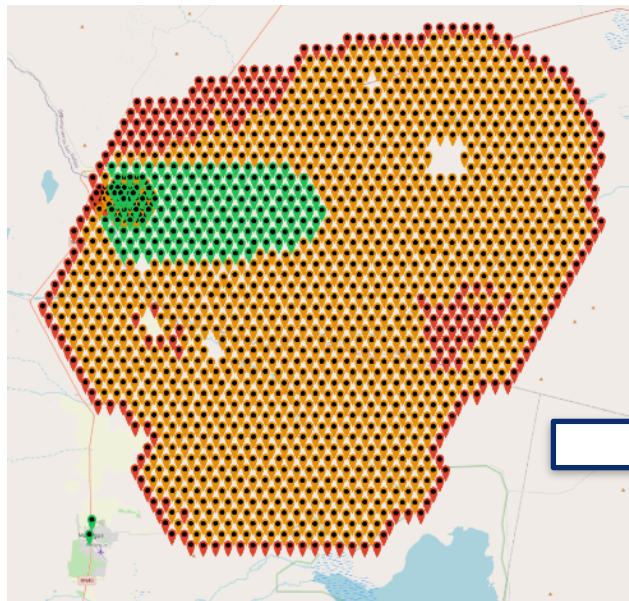
Plus:

- Underground muon counting array
- Increased duty cycle of Fluorescence Detectors

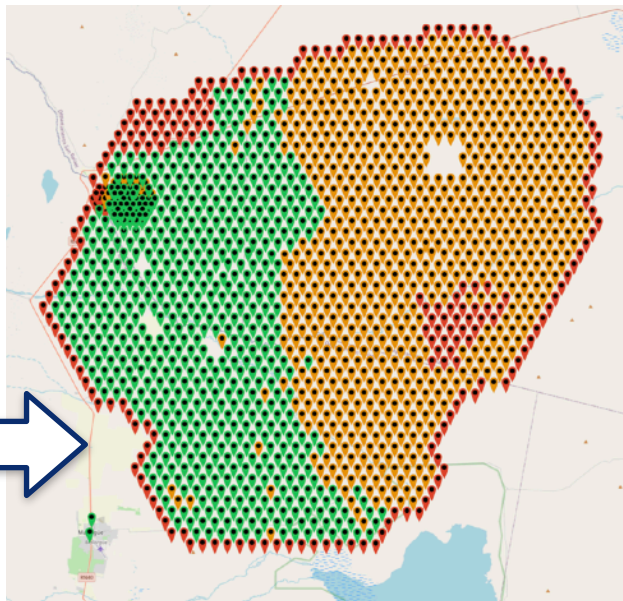
# AugerPrime

Goal: 8 years of operation starting in 2022/23

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Status MU Days **2022**



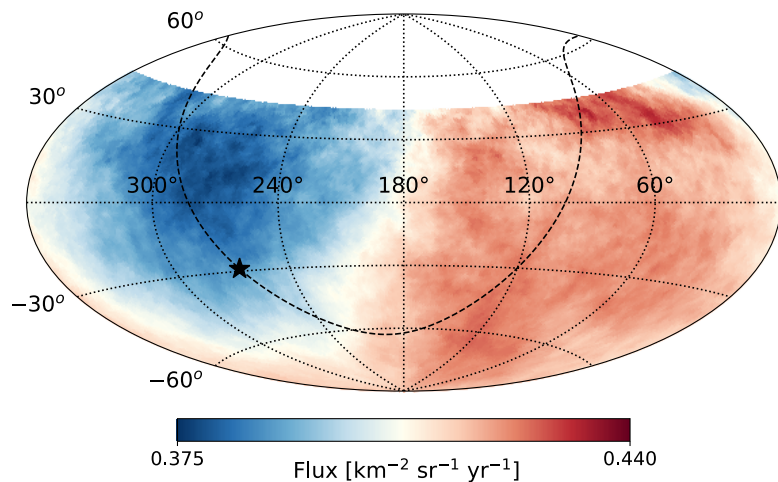
Legend:

Scintillator deployed  
+ acquiring data

Radio array (*not shown*):  
full 3000 km<sup>2</sup>  
(1660 antennas)  
to be completed in 2023

# Anisotropies

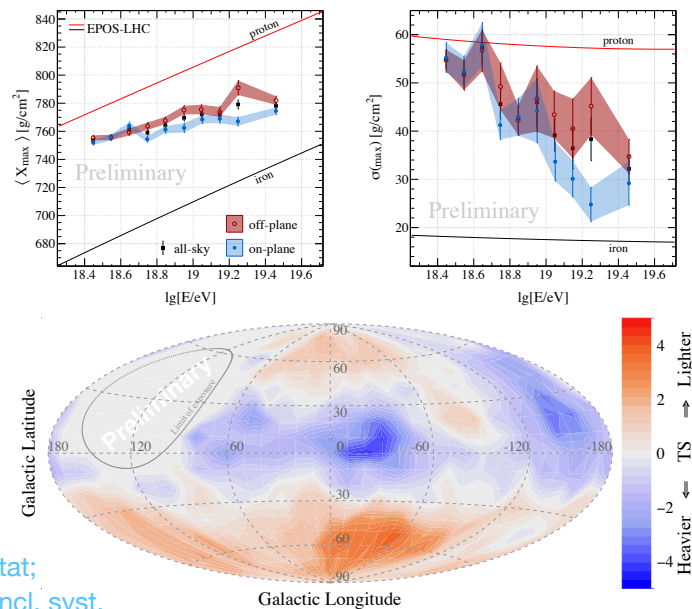
## Dipolar anisotropy at 6.6 $\sigma$ ( $E > 8$ EeV)



- Increase of the dipole amplitude as function of energy. No evidence for quadrupolar structure.
- Dipole structure remains centered in same region.
- Location of the dipole is consistent with mixed composition deflected by galactic magnetic fields.

*E. Mayotte for the Pierre Auger Collaboration, ICRC 2021 #321  
Paper to be submitted to JCAP*

## Composition-enhanced anisotropy using FD data



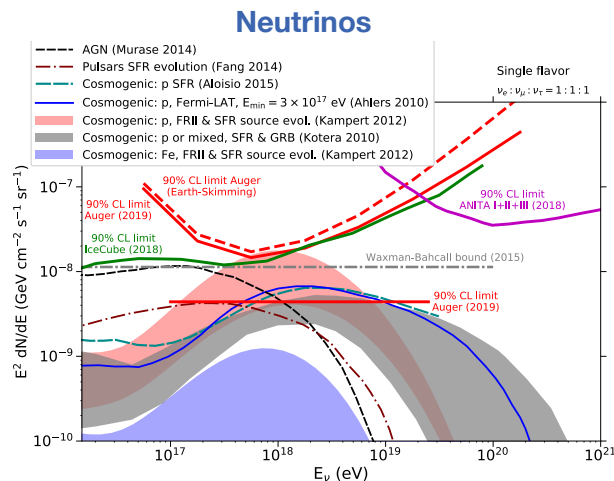
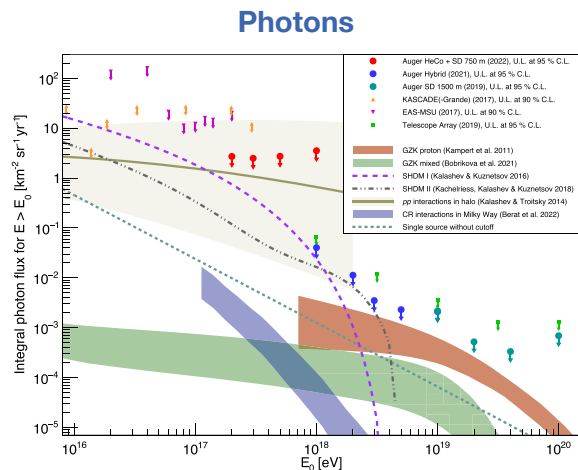
4.9 $\sigma$  stat;  
3.3 $\sigma$  incl. syst.

- Indication of lighter composition far from galactic plane ( $|b| > 30^\circ$ ).
- Interpretation is likely complex. Local source distribution, mass-dependent horizons, propagation effects may all play a role.

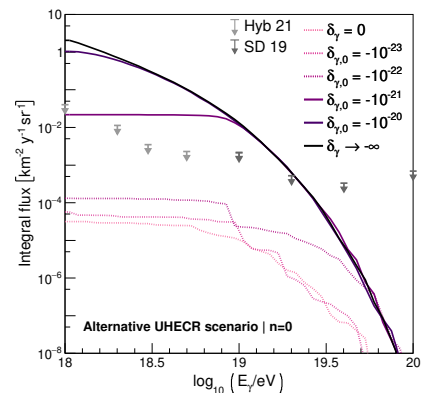
# Photons and neutrinos and super heavy Dark Matter

## Auger is also a UHE photon and neutrino detector, placing competitive limits

- Unambiguous detection of one UHE photon or neutrino can be a game changer
- Photon and neutrino limits **strongly constrain pure proton models** in particular
- SHDM limits **derived from photon limits**



## Estimated photon fluxes for particular SHDM model assumptions



**Phase II: Event-by-event primary mass information allows for tighter cuts for photons especially.**

Photons: Pierre Auger Collaboration, *Astrophys. J.* 933 (2022)  
 Neutrinos: Aab et al., *JCAP* 10 (2019), *JCAP* 11 (2019)  
 SHDM: Pierre Auger Collaboration, *JCAP* 23 (2022)



KATRIN



# Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino experiment (KATRIN)

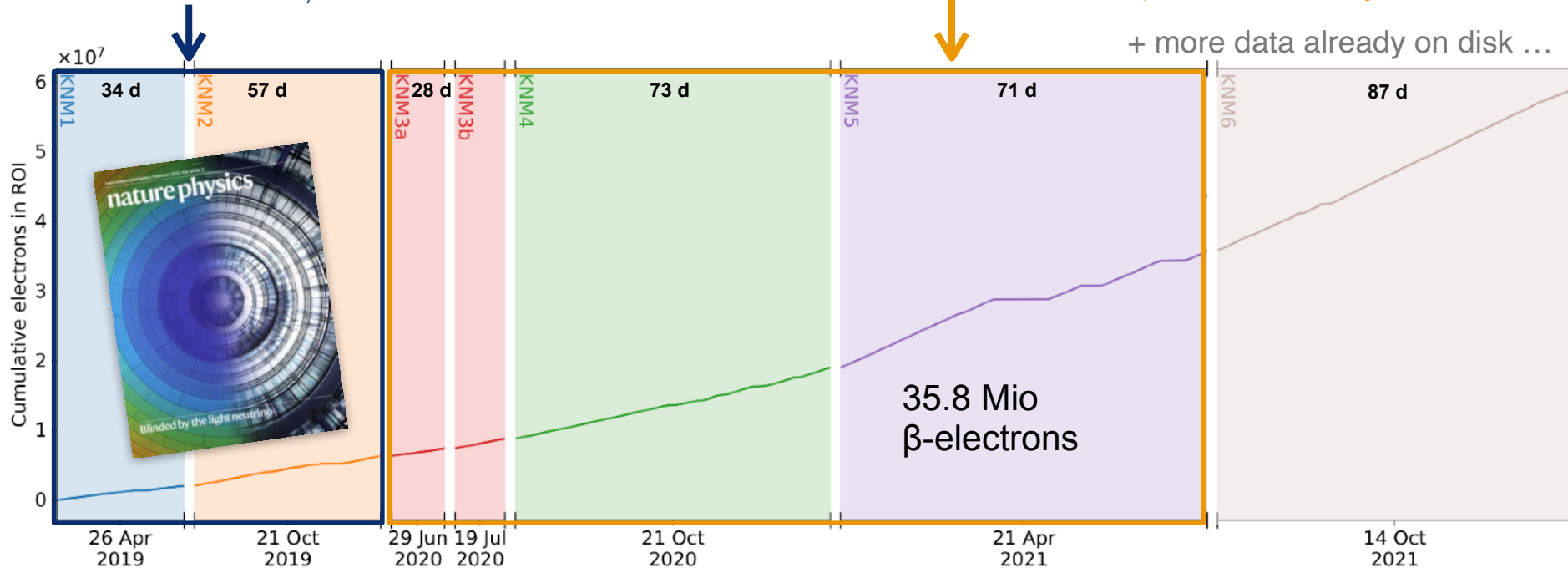
## Direct neutrino-mass measurement at endpoint of tritium $\beta$ -spectrum

**2022:** analyzed first 91 days  $\rightarrow m_\nu < 0.8$  eV (90% CL)

*KATRIN Coll., Nat. Phys. 18 (2022) 160*

**Now:** Combining runs 1-5 (total 263 days)  
for expected sensitivity  $\sim 0.5$  eV

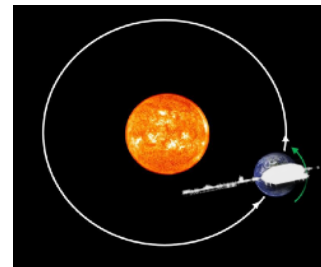
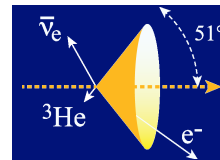
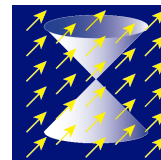
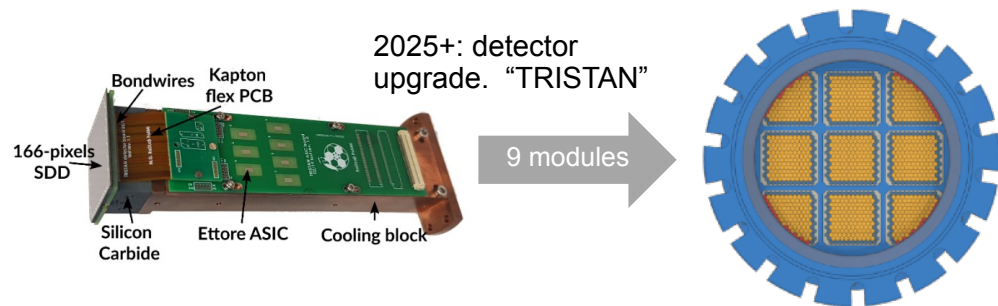
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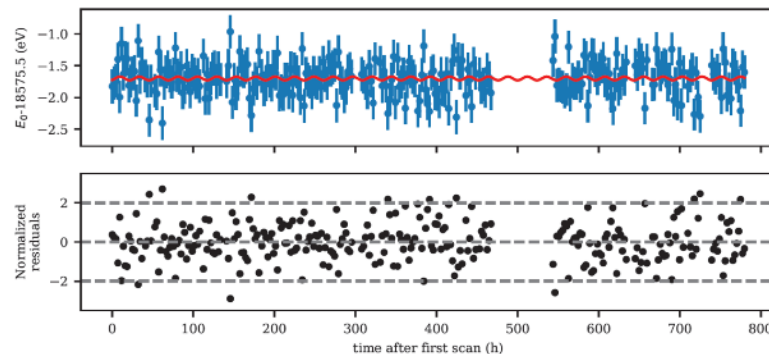
# Karlsruhe Tritium Neutrino experiment (KATRIN)

## Physics program beyond the neutrino mass

- Test of light (eV scale) sterile neutrino hypothesis:  
*Phys. Rev. D* 105 (2022) 072004
- Probe of local overdensities of cosmic relic neutrinos:  
*Phys. Rev. Lett.* 129 (2022) 011806
- Test of Lorentz invariance violation in weak decays:  
[arXiv:2207.06326](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.06326)
- Probe of non-standard neutrino interactions (in prog.)
- Search for keV sterile neutrinos in first KATRIN data:  
[arXiv:2207.06337](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.06337)



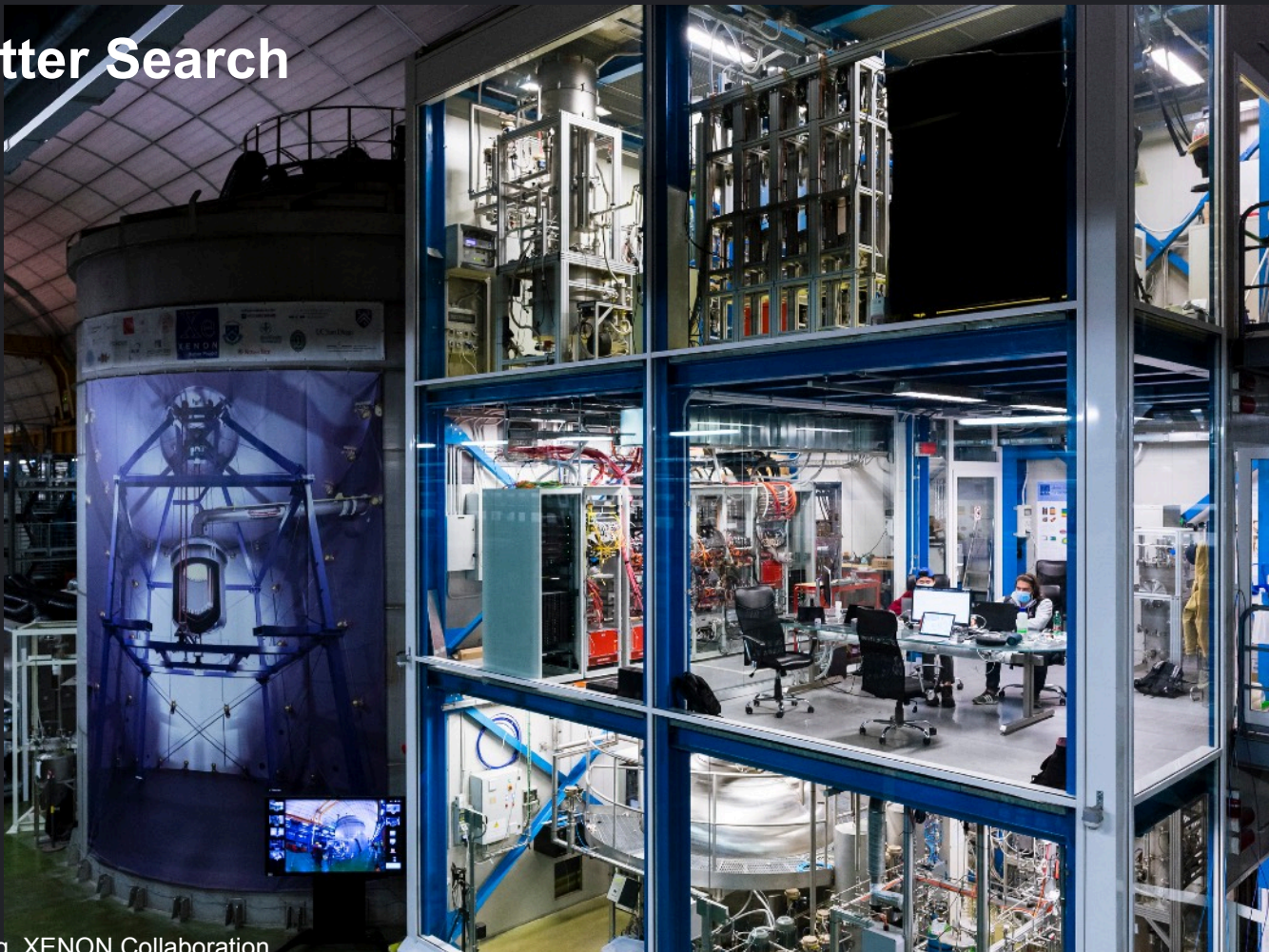
“oscillation-free” parameters  
only accessible through  
kinematics:  
search for sidereal oscillation of endpoint  $E_0$



Snowmass report - “KATRIN: Status and prospects for the neutrino mass and beyond”, *J. Phys. G* 49 (2022) 100501



# Dark Matter Search

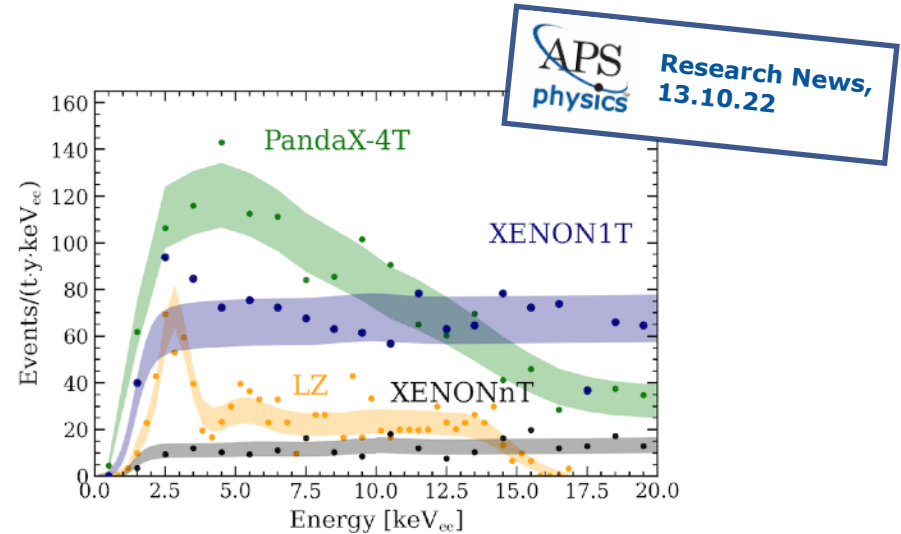
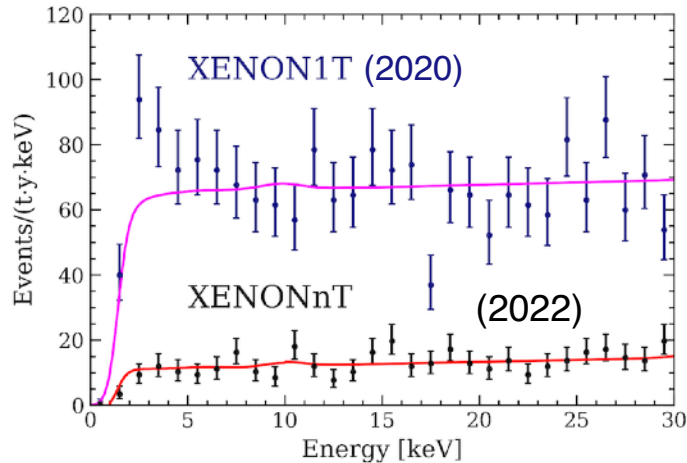


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# Direct Dark Matter Search

## Search for new physics in electronic recoil data from XENONnT

XENON Collaboration, PRL 129 (2022) 161805



- First science run of XENONnT demonstrates lowest background ever reached by a xenon TPC in low-energy electronic recoil region (5x lower compared to XENON1T)
- New results do not confirm low-energy excess seen in 2020 and set stringent constraints on solar axions, enhanced neutrino magnetic moment, bosonic dark matter

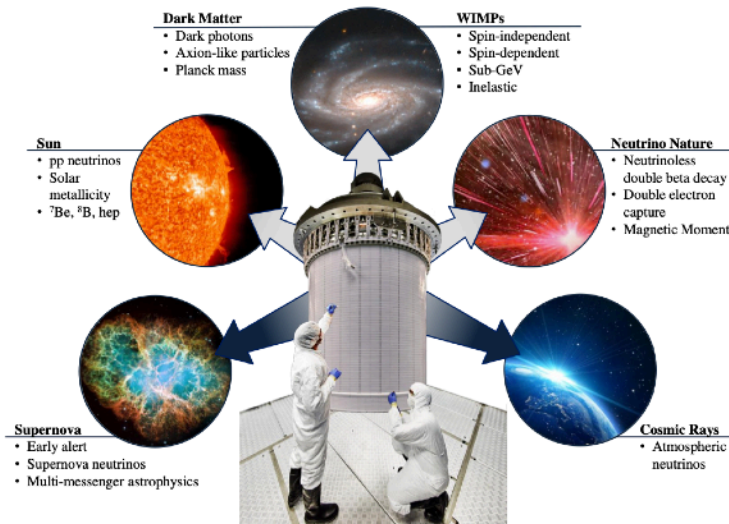
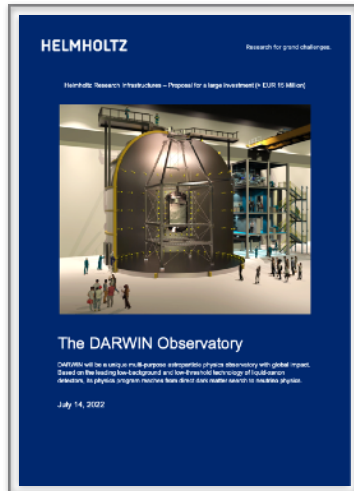
# Direct Dark Matter Search

## Towards the future observatory for rare-event searches

The challenge: go from **~6 tonnes** active xenon mass to **40+ tonnes** at ultra-low background to extend sensitivity down to the “neutrino fog”

DARWIN: First-stage research infrastructure proposal submitted to Helmholtz in July 2022

Community white paper (600+ authors), 2203.02309, acc. in J. Phys. G  
“A Next-Generation Liquid Xenon Observatory for Dark Matter and Neutrino Physics”



Meeting of the XLZD Consortium  
at KIT, June 2022



# Theory

$$D = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{l} \frac{dl}{dt} = \frac{1}{c} \frac{1}{P} \frac{dP}{dt}$$

$$D^2 = \frac{1}{P^2} \frac{P_0 - P}{P} \sim \frac{1}{P^2} \quad (1a)$$

$$D^2 = \frac{KQ}{3} \frac{P_0 - P}{P} \sim \frac{1}{3} KQ \quad (2a)$$

$$D^2 \sim 10^{-53}$$

$$Q \sim 10^{-26}$$

$$P \sim 10^8 \text{ G.J.} \dots$$

# Evidence for new gamma-ray burst physics



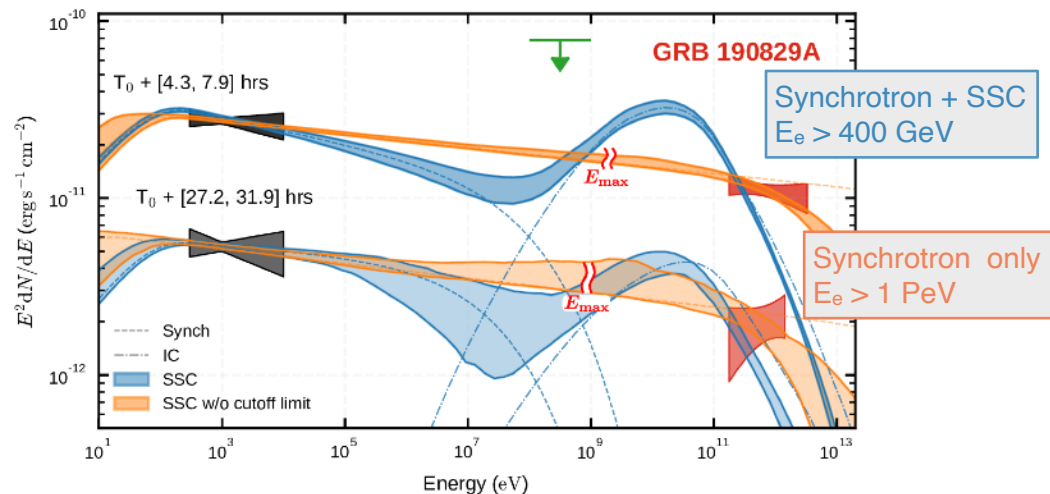
## Detection of a local GRB (d < 350 Mpc) by H.E.S.S. over 3 days

... demands a change to the one-zone acceleration/emission description used for GRB physics



H.E.S.S. Collaboration, A. Taylor et al., *Science* 2021  
D. Khangulyan, A. Taylor, F. Aharonian, *Astrophys. J.* 2021

New results appear consistent with an extension of the synchrotron emission up to the VHE range, possible if the magnetic field possesses small-scale structure



## Recent research highlights:

- **Axion/ALP dark matter**

Axion minicluster in our galaxy:

[Dandoy, Schwetz, Todarello, JCAP'22](#)

ALP DM freeze-in from lepton-flavor violation:

[Panci, Redigolo, Schwetz, Ziegler, arXiv:2209.03371](#)

- **Neutrino oscillations**

Model-independent test for T-violation:

[Segarra, Schwetz, PRL'22, PRD'22](#)

- **Neutrino cosmology**

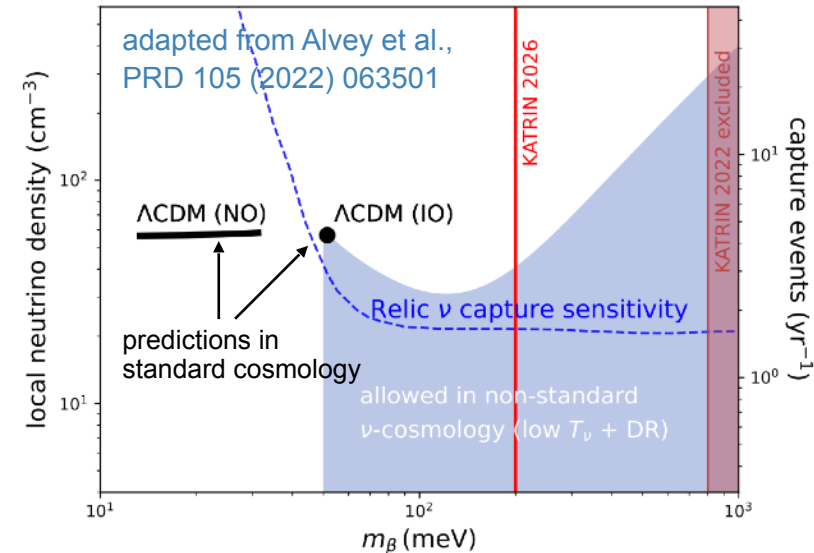
Mass measurements & relic neutrinos:

[Alvey, Escudero, Sabti, Schwetz, PRD'22](#)

Neutrino mass ordering:

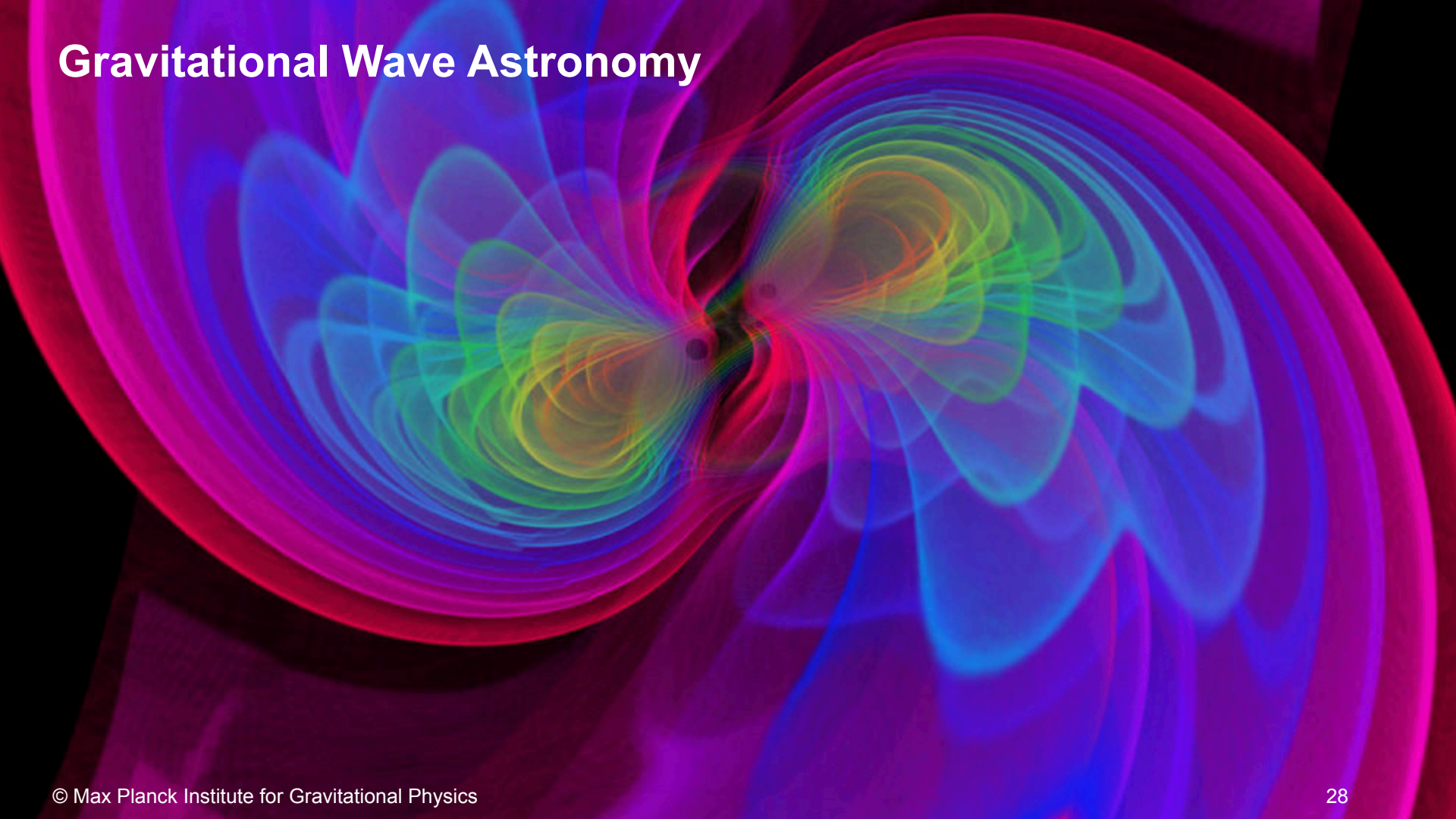
[Gariazzo, Gerbino, Schwetz, et al., JCAP'22](#)

Ex.: potential of neutrino mass measurements and future relic neutrino search ideas in a non-standard cosmological scenario





# Gravitational Wave Astronomy

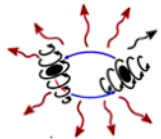
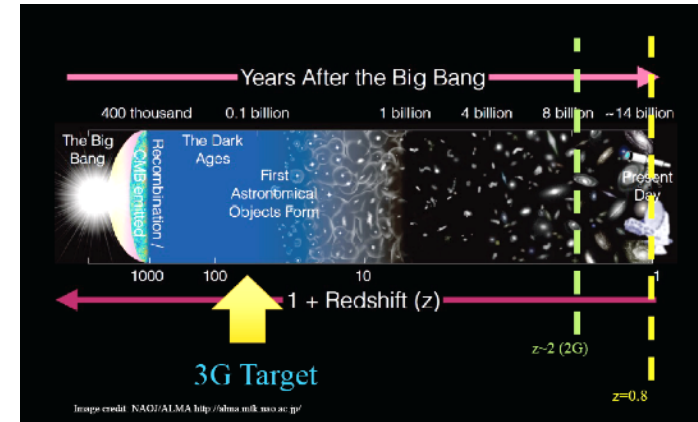


# Gravitational Wave Astronomy



## Science case - very interdisciplinary!

- Formation of Black Holes at the center of galaxies?
- Is General Relativity (GR) right or do we need new physics?
- Is Dark Energy the cosmological constant?
- Understanding the dynamics of ultra dense matter!
- ... *and many more questions!*



### Recent works by GW Theory Group (R. Porto, DESY)

PHYSICAL REVIEW LETTERS **128**, 161104 (2022)

#### Conservative Dynamics of Binary Systems at Fourth Post-Minkowskian Order

Christoph Dlapa<sup>a</sup>, Gregor Kälin<sup>a</sup>, Zhengwen Liu<sup>a</sup>, and Rafael A. Porto<sup>a,\*</sup>  
*Deutsches Elektronen-Synchrotron DESY, Notkestr. 85, 22607 Hamburg, Germany*

Dynamics of binary systems to fourth Post-Minkowskian order from the effective field theory approach

Christoph Dlapa<sup>a,b</sup>, Gregor Kälin<sup>a</sup>, Zhengwen Liu<sup>a</sup>, Rafael A. Porto<sup>a,\*</sup>

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Physics Letters B **831** (2022) 137203



- Discovery potential: High-precision waveform models for present and future detectors
- Transfer of methods from high-energy physics (ERC grant “LHC to LISA and ET”)
- Physics programme raises experimental challenges: **luminosity** and **frequency frontiers**



# Gravitational Wave Astronomy



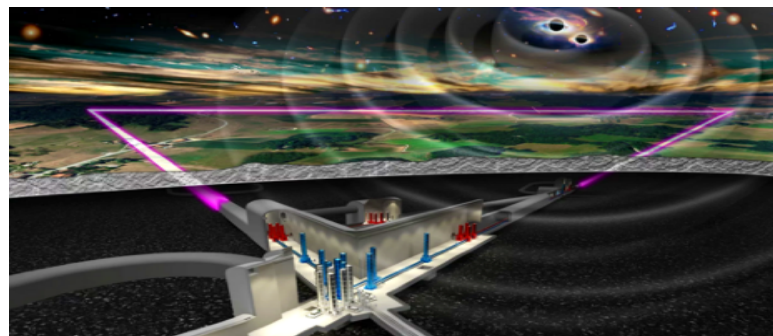
## Towards the Einstein Telescope



<http://www.et-gw.eu>

- **ESFRI Roadmap:** ET is listed in the June 2021 Update (I, NL, B, E, PI).
- **Organisation:**
  - Due to science case, the interest on ET is rapidly growing.
  - Boards have been formed: Instrument Science (ISB), Observational Science (OSB), Site Preparation (SPB), E-Infrastructure (EIB).
  - The ET collaboration had its kick-off meeting in July 2022 (79 Research Units).
  - KIT is one of the RU with activities in all four boards (cryo & vacuum; seismic; computing; MM), DESY is about to join ET.
- **R&D:**
  - Helmholtz active in adv. Virgo (I) and ETpathfinder (NL)
  - MoU with CERN on common vacuum R&D
  - Foreseen cooperative activity with the DZA (D)

More news on Fri, live from the ET meeting in Hannover!



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Find out more in the Flash Talks  
on Friday:

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Maksym Ovchynnikov





# Supplementing material

# The Multimessenger School

## - up and running!

- Topics: Gamma rays, neutrinos, gravitational waves, and theory
- ... spanning from fundamental physics to particle acceleration to plasma physics, compact objects, dark matter, particle cosmology, ...
- Core partners: DESY, Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS), HU Berlin, U Potsdam
- Associated partners since 2021: U Erlangen-Nürnberg and U Bochum

IceCube H.E.S.S. RNO-G ULTRASAT CTA LAST

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# The Multimessenger School

- Key elements:
  - i) supervision by international group of supervisors
  - ii) research stays at WIS
  - iii) broad range of transferable skills courses
  - iv) many scientific and social events
- 4 application rounds concluded: currently 34 doctoral candidates and 5 alumni
- **Call for applications** for new PhD projects open until Nov. 6, 2022 → [web link](#)
- 2019-25: Funded through Helmholtz Initiative and Networking Fund (1.8 M€)  
Agreement on keeping the established structures after funding ends
- Future plan: extension to international partners that meet the scientific scope of the school (especially gravitational wave physics)
- For questions, contact Wiebke Schubotz (DESY)