Neutrino Telescopes in Water and Ice

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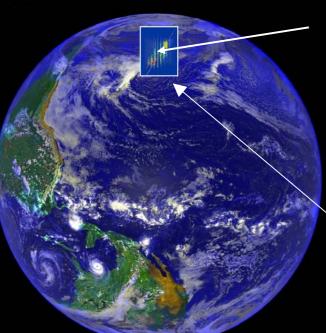
Another Approach to Search for the Origin of Cosmic Rays

Why Neutrinos?

Travel straight (different to protons) Are not absorbed (different to gamma rays and protons) Can be generated only by protons, neutrons and nuclei (different to gammas which may be due to accelerated electrons)

$$p + \gamma \rightarrow n + \pi^+$$

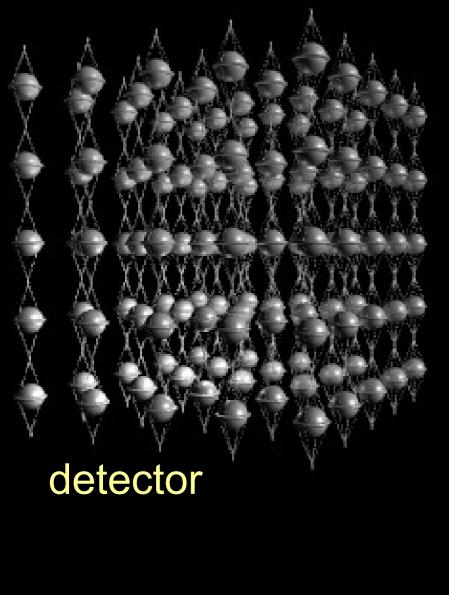
$$\rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu$$



Neutrino Telescope deep in water or ice

> Only neutrinos can cross Earth. → for unambigeous signature: Look down ! (take Earth as a filter)

Active Galaxy hundred million light years away



infrequently, a cosmic neutrino crashes into a nucleus in the ice and produces a muon

muon nuclear reaction

neutrino

muon can travel kilometers in water or ice ...

... and generates a cone of Cherenkov light

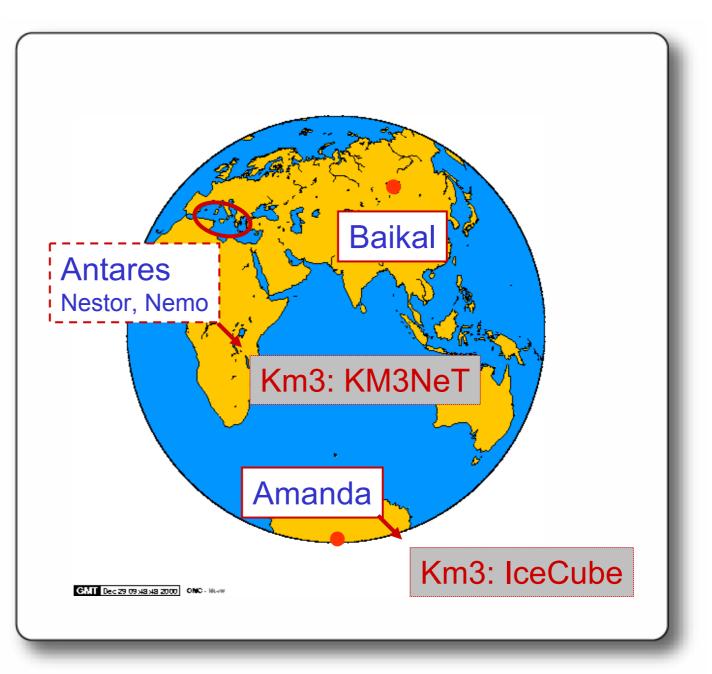
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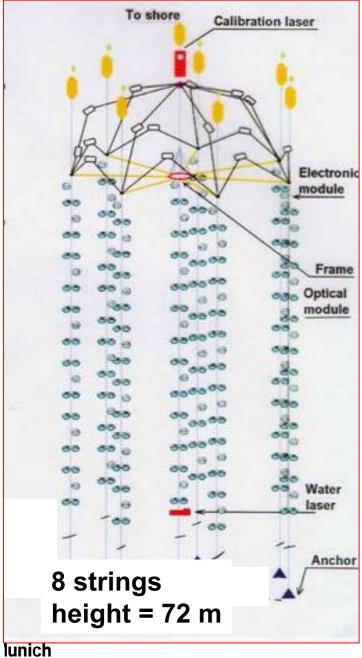


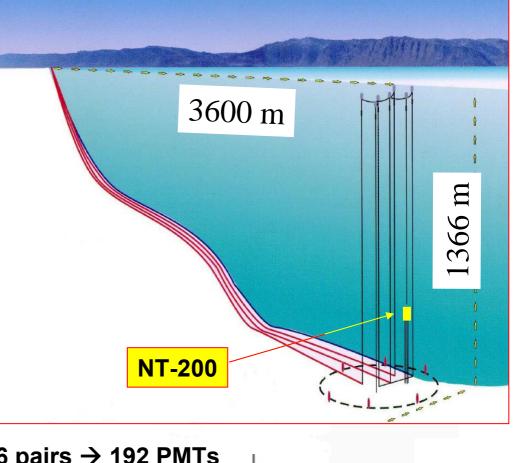
NT-200 Lake Baikal

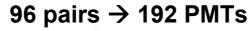


Built 1993-1998

Gold-plated neutrino event from 4-string stage (1996)









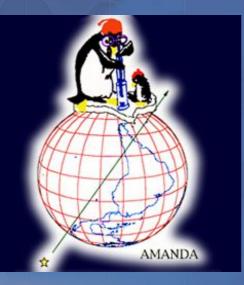
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Ice – a perfect natural deployment platform





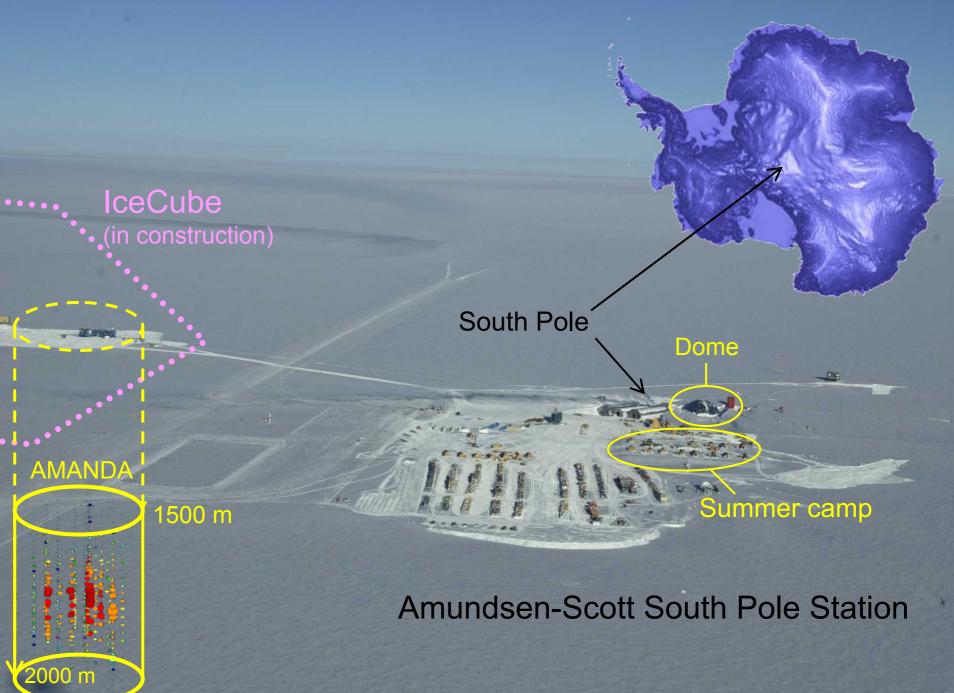
AMANDA South Pole



Built 1996-2000

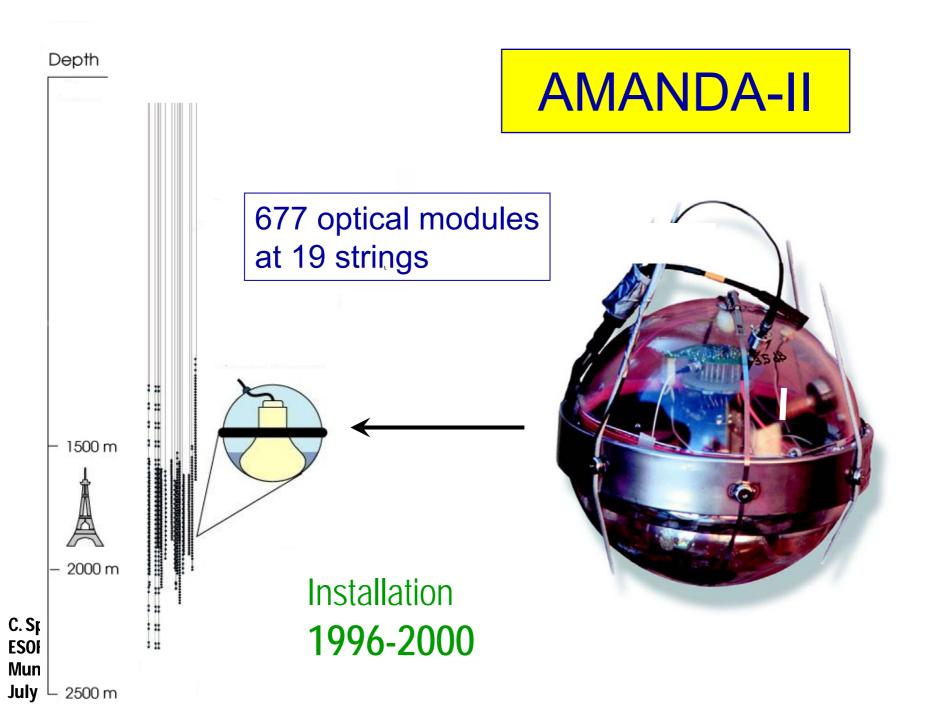
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First gold-plated neutrino event Amanda-B10

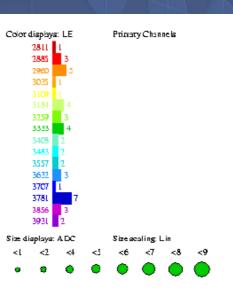


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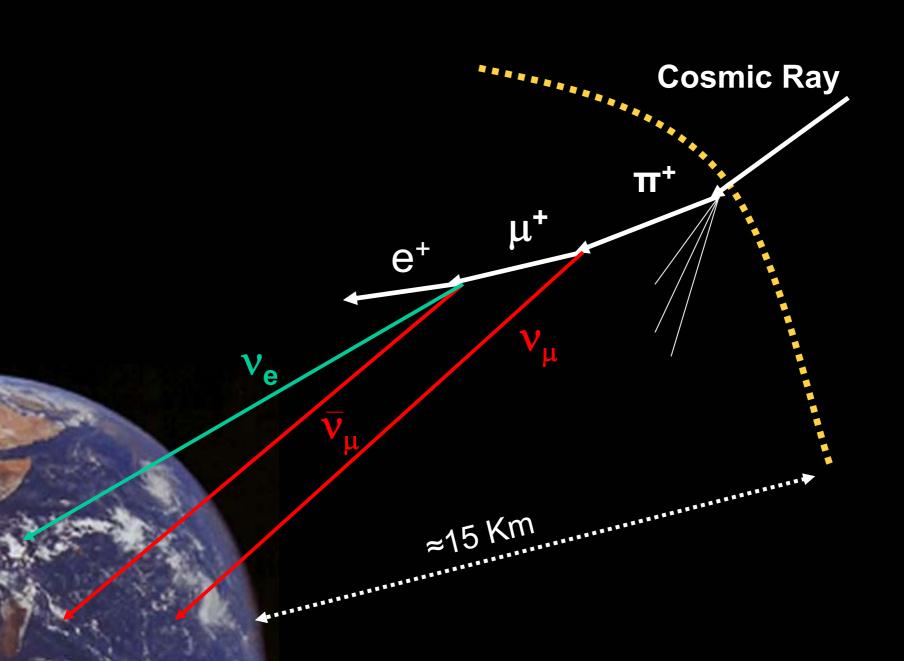
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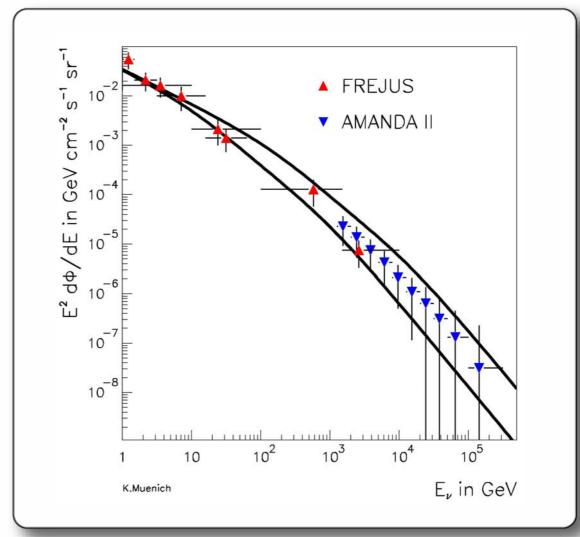
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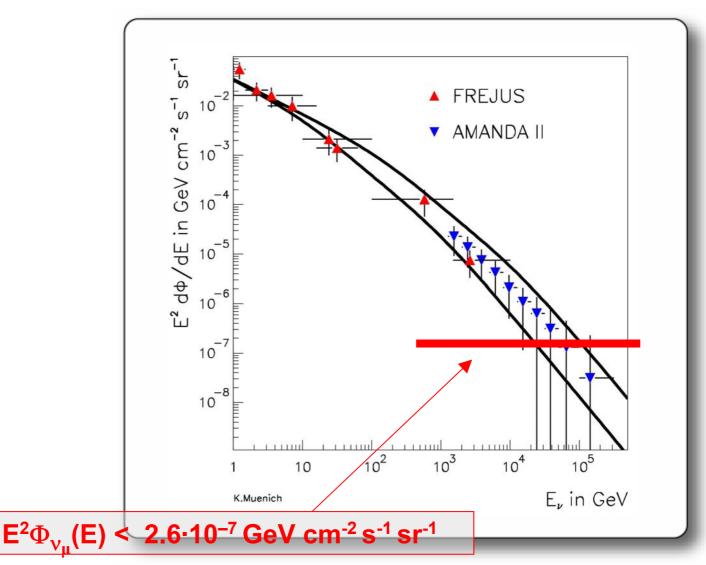
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Energy spectrum of first 700 neutrinos detected by AMANDA

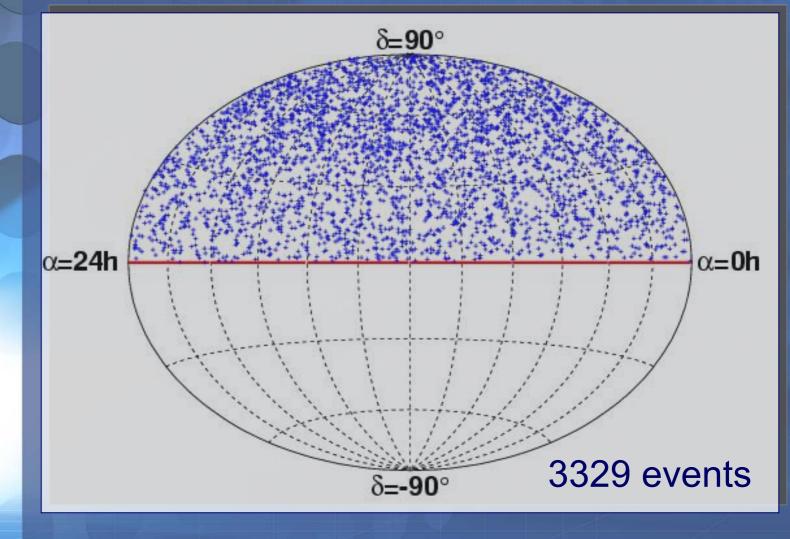


A Limit on the Extraterrestrial Flux (assuming E⁻² shape)

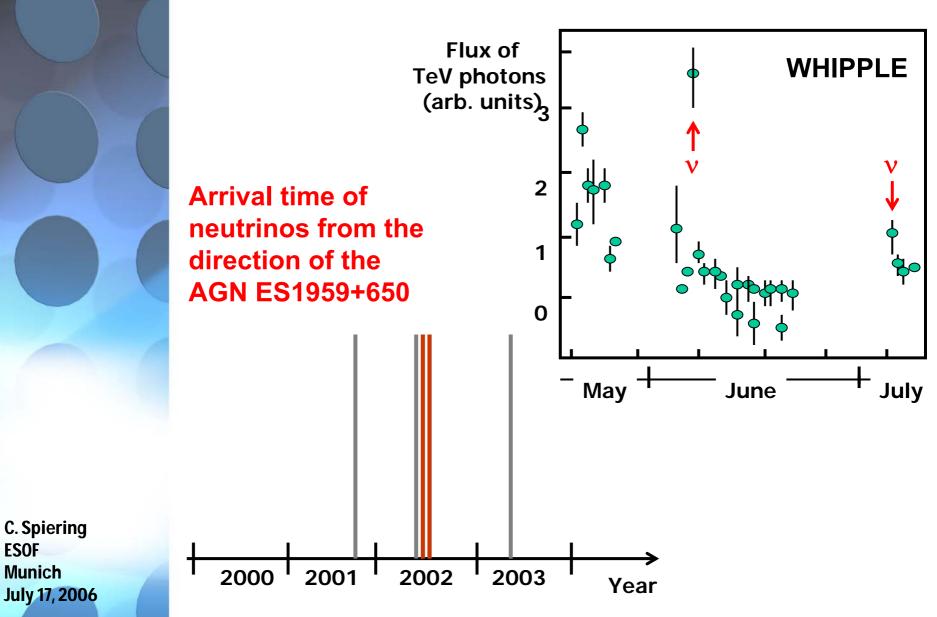


AMANDA Sky 2000-03

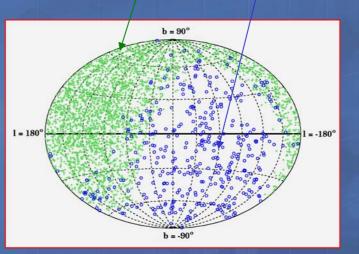
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A Curious Coincidence



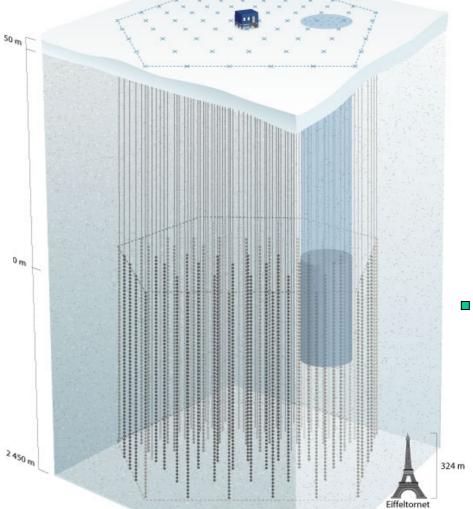
Lake Baikal





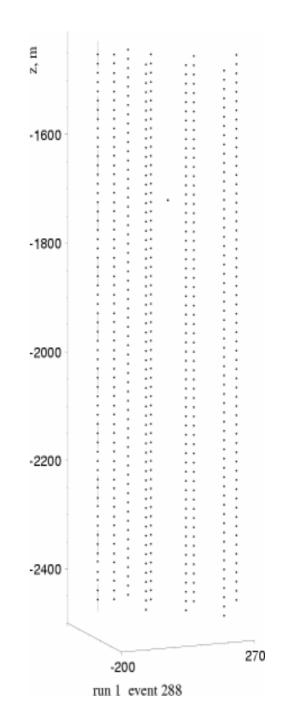
IceCube

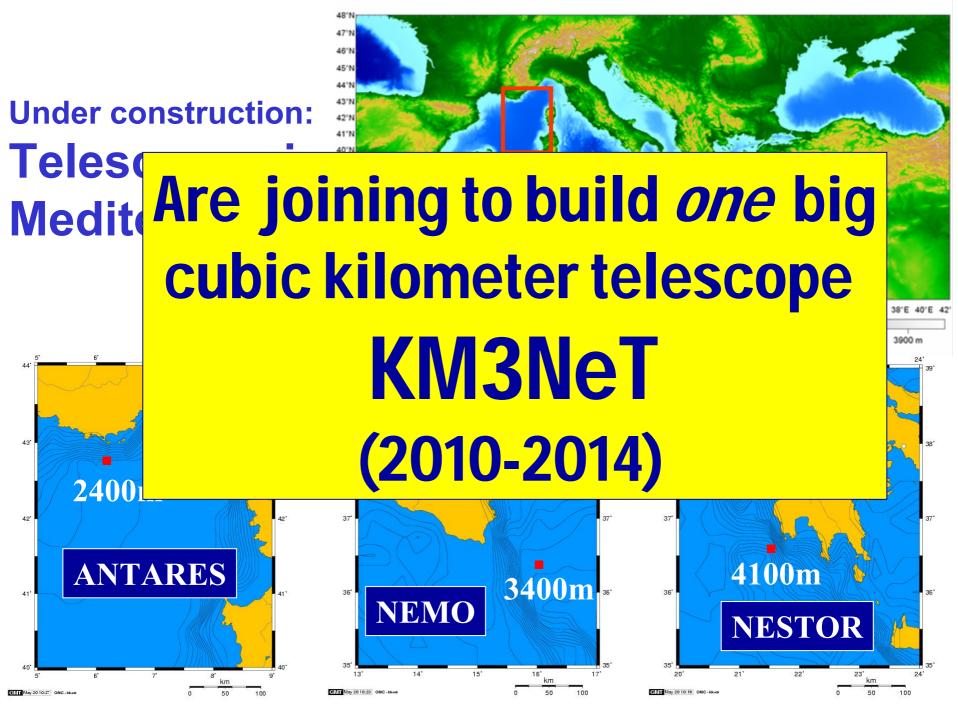
- 80 Strings
- 4800 PMTs
- Instrumented
 Volume: 1 km³
- Installation: 2005-2011

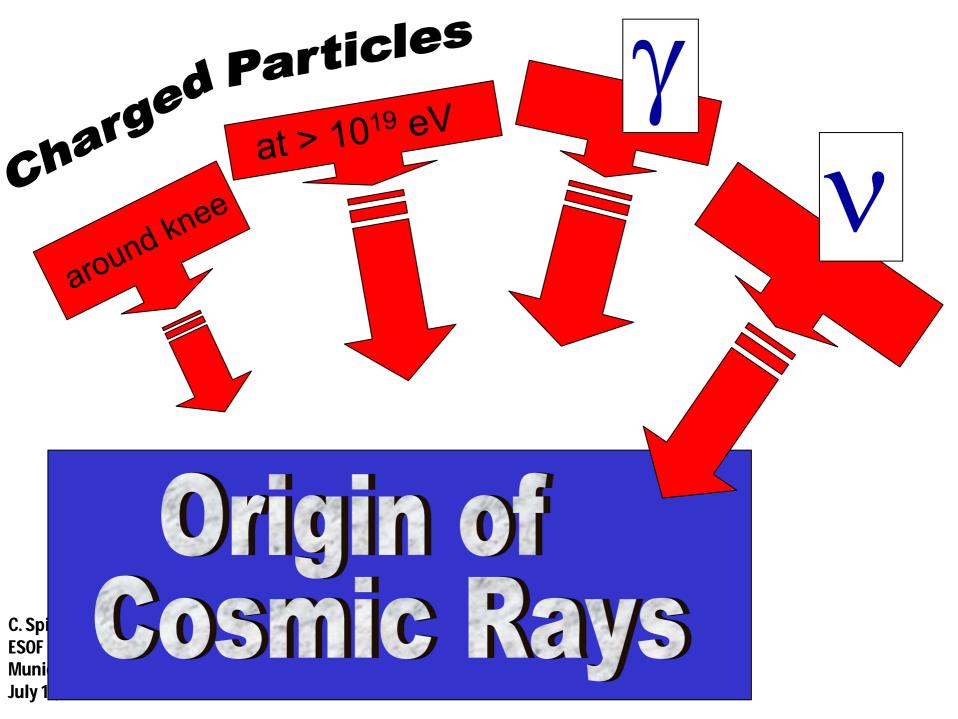


9 strings installed

C. Spiering ESOF Munich July 17, 2006 One of the first Neutrino candidates seen with the nine deployed IceCube strings







Will the puzzle of Cosmic Rays last for 100 years ?

My guess:

We will solve it before 2012!