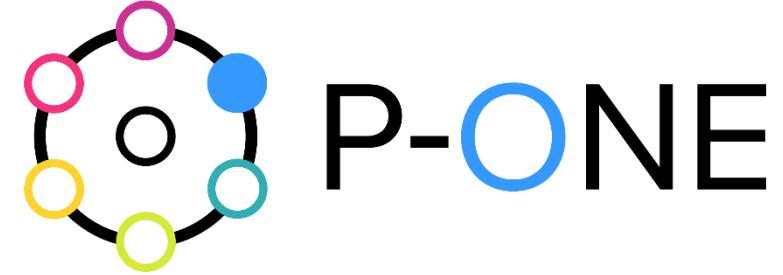




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Pacific Ocean Neutrino Experiment: overview and recent developments

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Neutrino astronomy

- ❖ Multi-messenger astronomy
- ❖ Universe transparent to neutrinos
- ❖ Point straight to the source

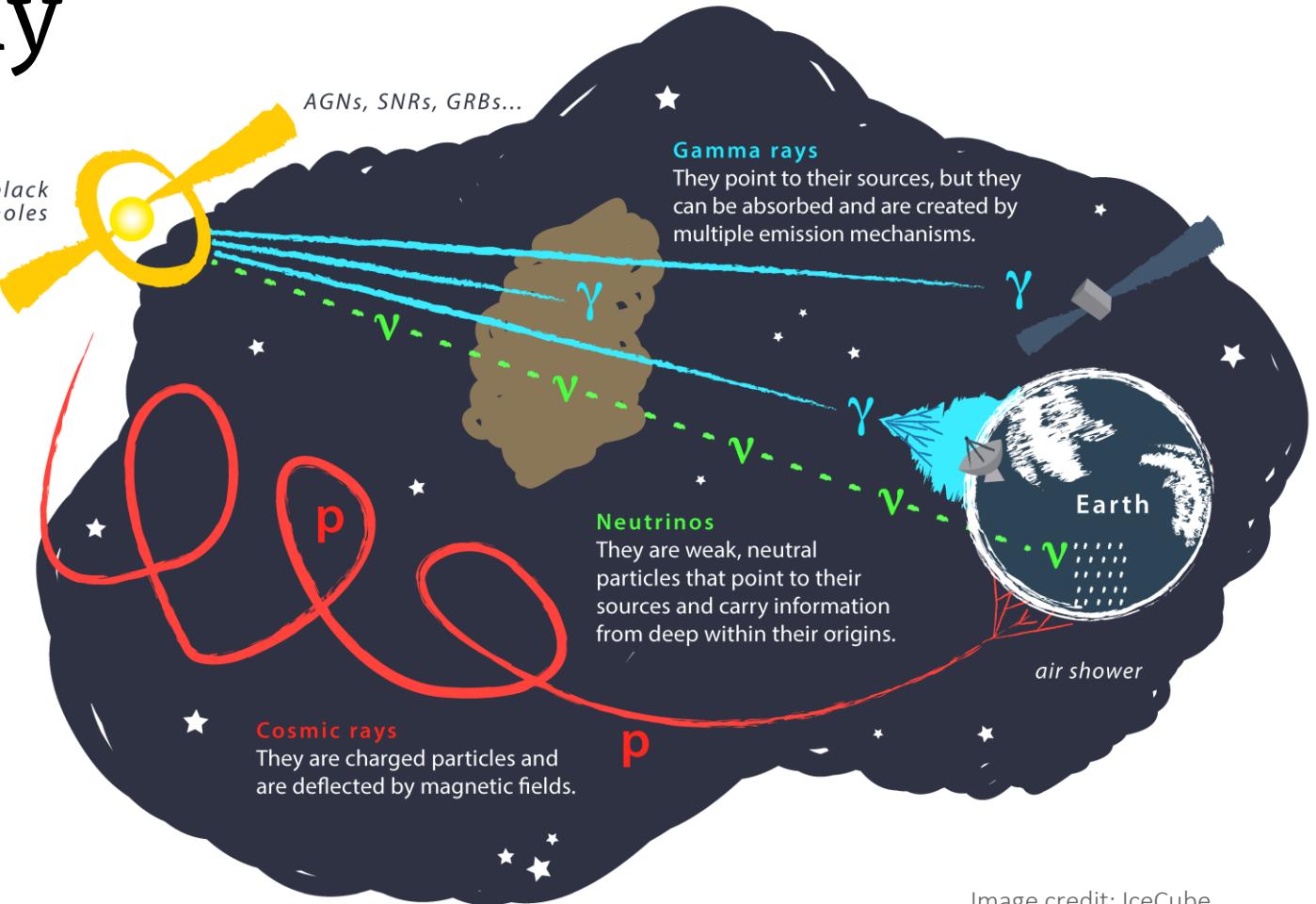
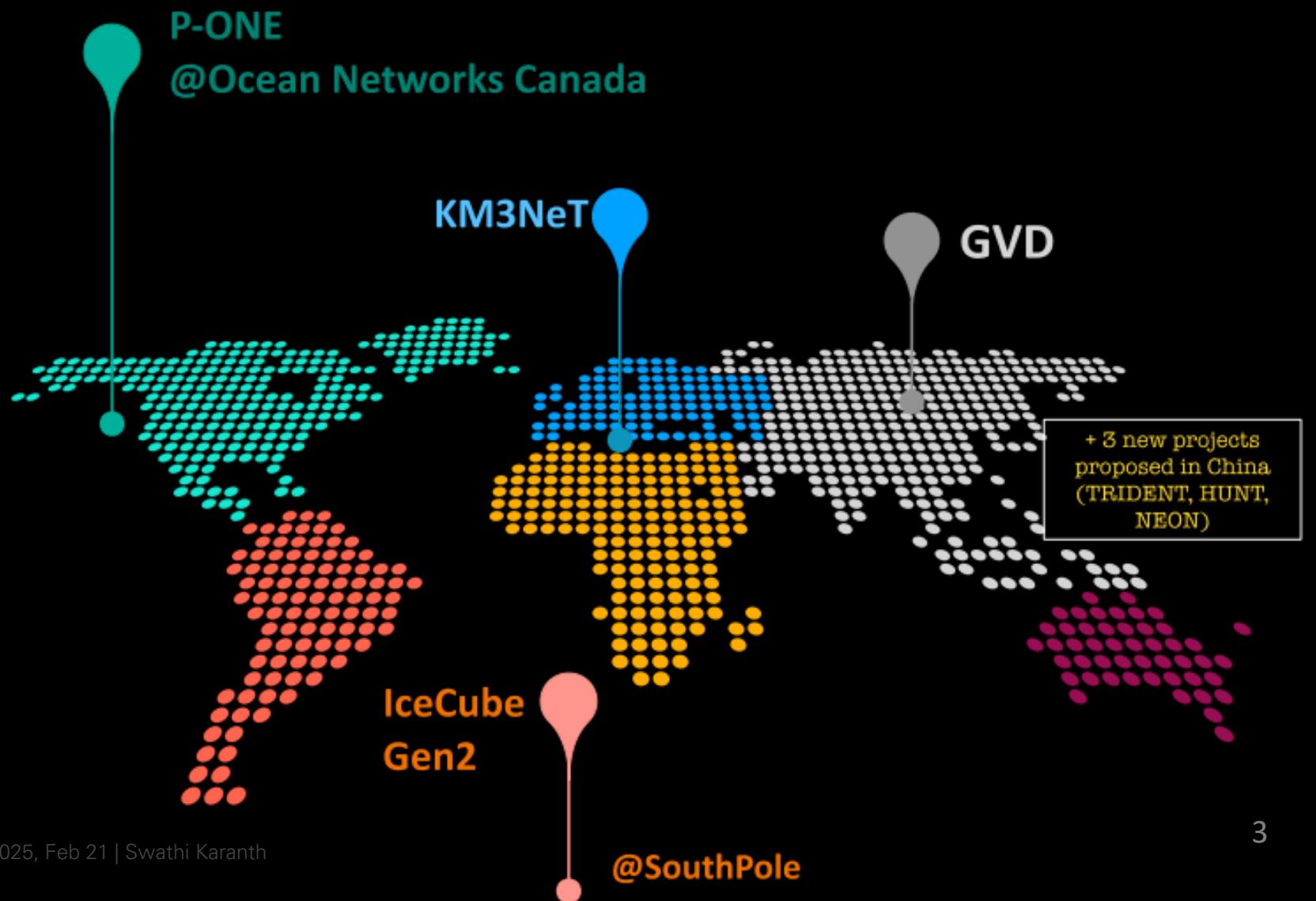


Image credit: IceCube



Neutrino telescopes

- ❖ IceCube: astrophysical neutrinos from
 - ❖ diffuse emission and identified sources
- ❖ Need more neutrinos
- ❖ Expand the Neutrino Net





Pacific Ocean Neutrino Experiment

Exploring the
Universe from the
bottom of the Ocean

- ❖ Georgia Institute of Technology, USA
- ❖ Simon Fraser University, Canada
- ❖ Michigan State University, USA
- ❖ University of Alberta–Edmonton, Canada
- ❖ Queen's University, Canada
- ❖ University College London, UK
- ❖ University of Chicago, USA
- ❖ Duke University, USA

- ❖ Elmhurst University, USA
- ❖ Los Alamos National Laboratory, USA
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- ❖ TRIUMF, Canada
- ❖ Ocean Networks Canada, Canada
- ❖ IFJPAN



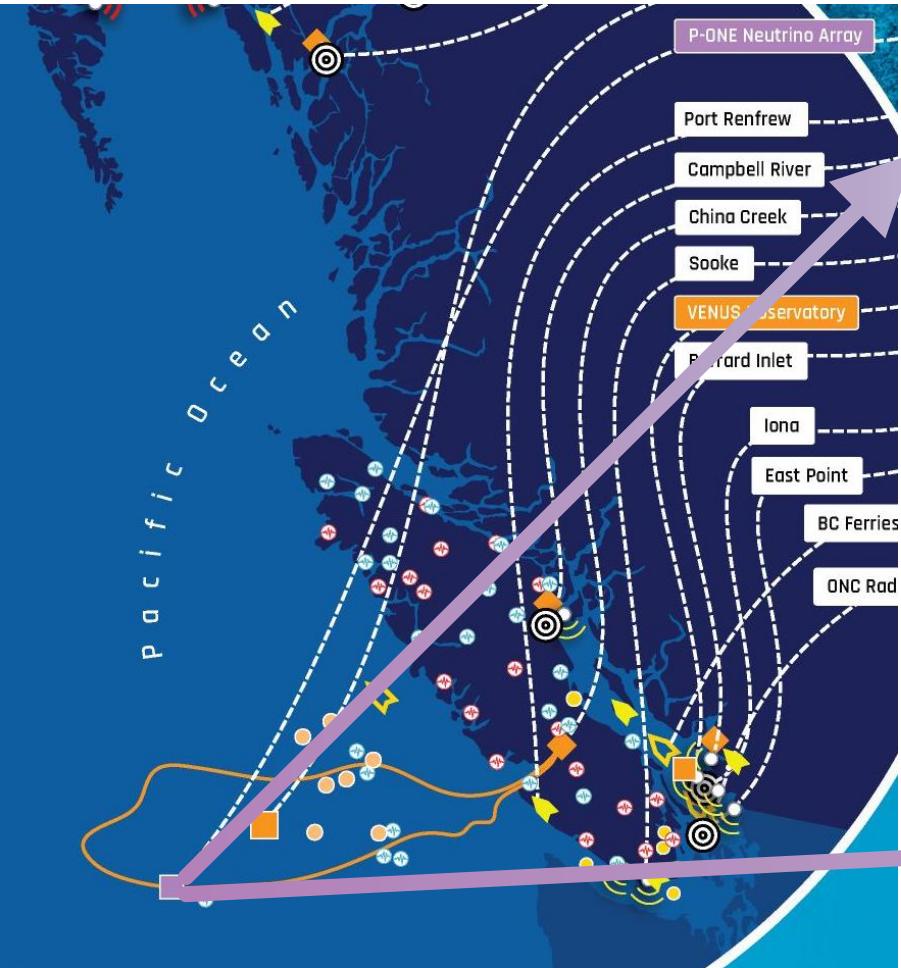
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DATA MANAGEMENT PORTAL

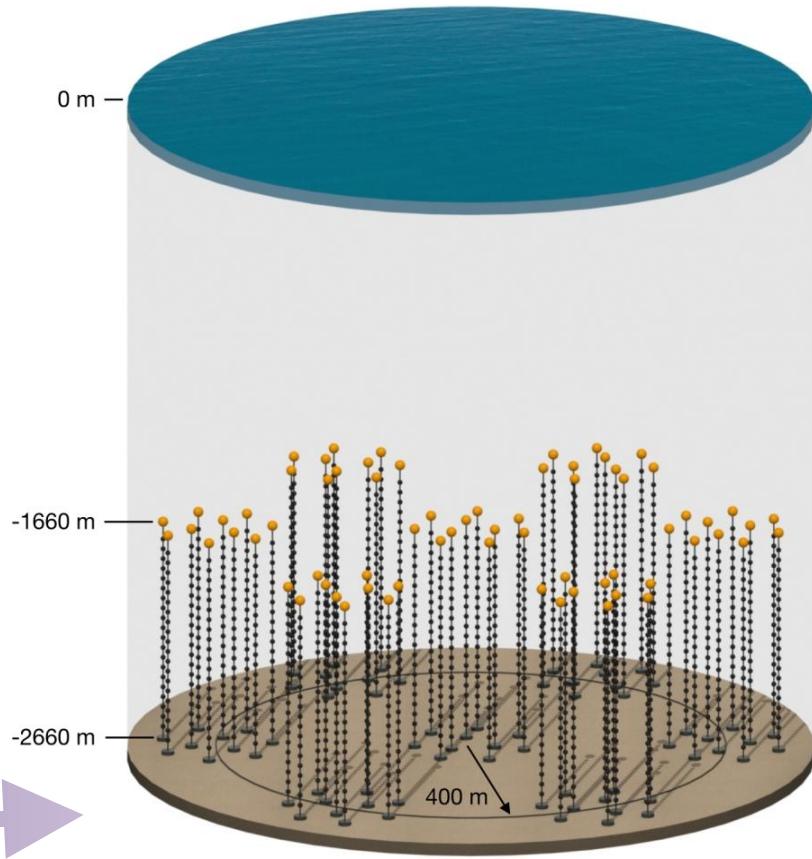
Off the coast of Vancouver Island
ONC infrastructure + expertise
840 km of underwater fibre optic cable



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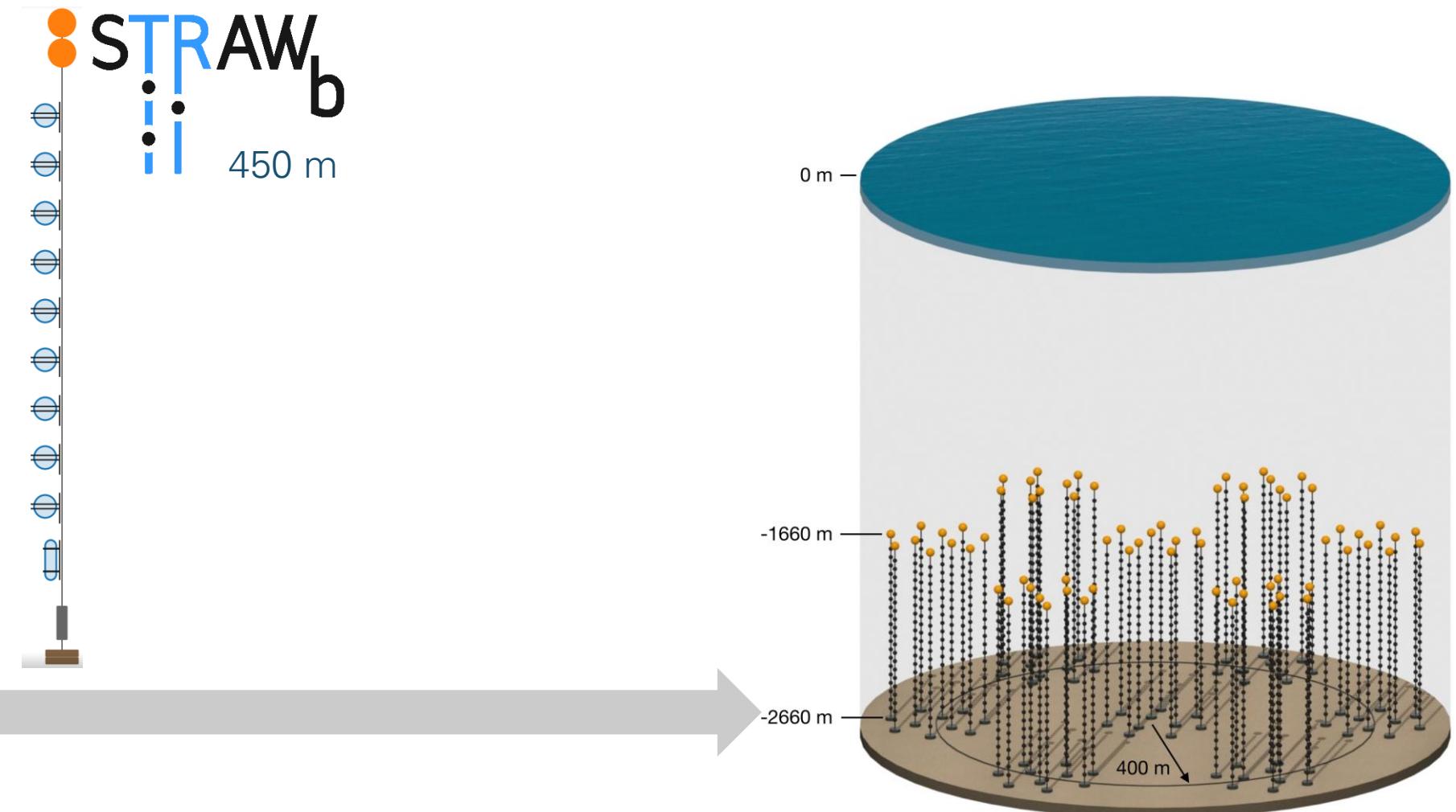
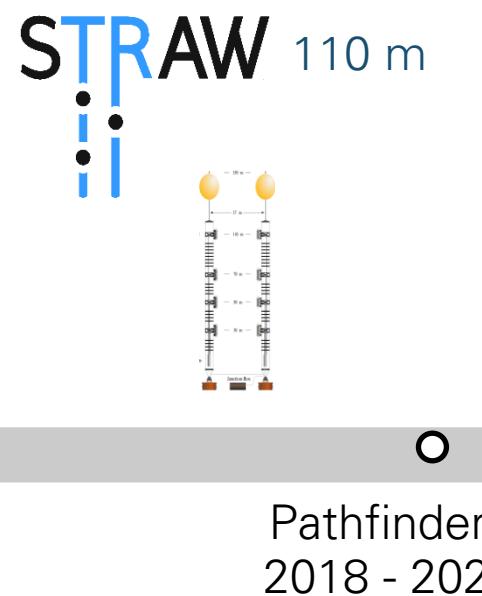


- ❖ Cascadia Basin
2°C year around
Low currents (0.1m/s)
- ❖ Cubic km volume telescope
concept
7 clusters
10 strings in each cluster
20 modules per string



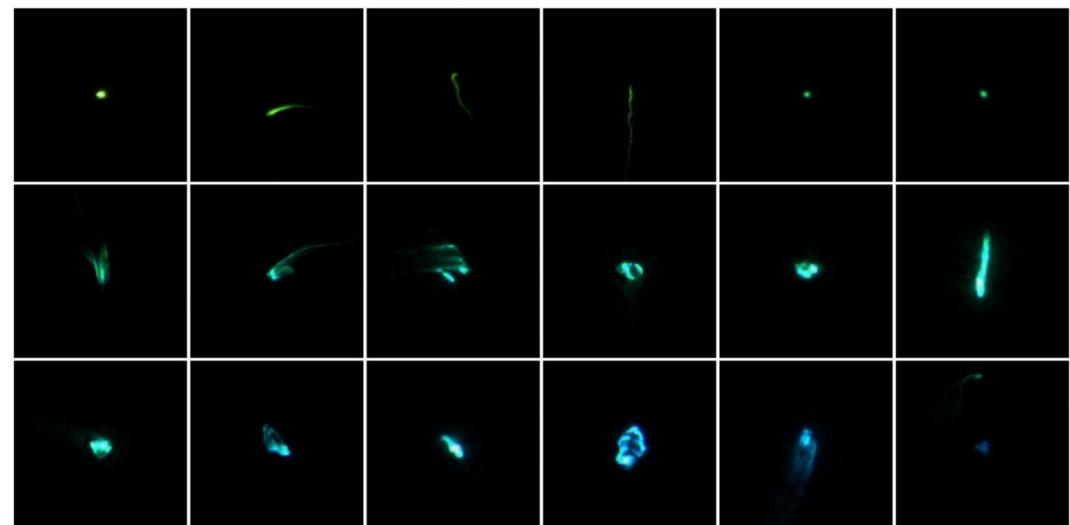
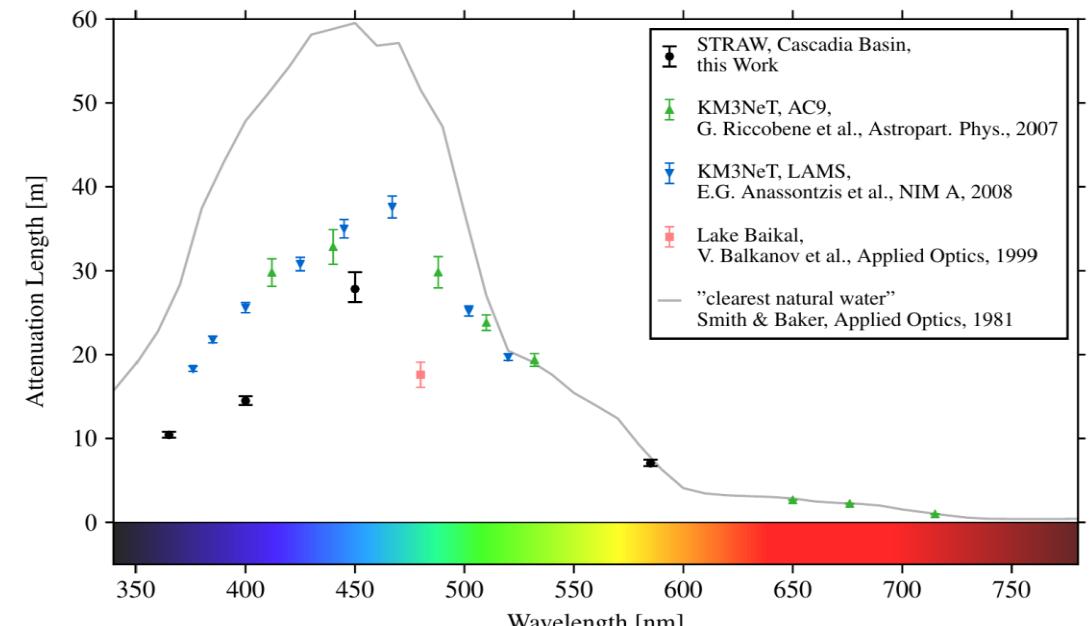


P-ONE project timeline: so far



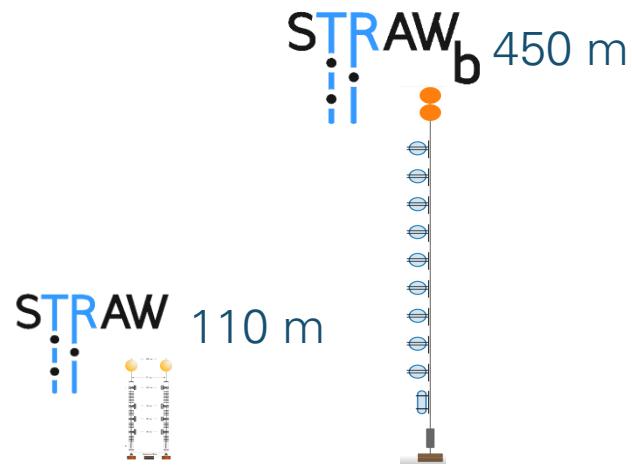
Pathfinders: probing the site for P-ONE

- ❖ STRings for Absorption length in Water – STRAW 5-years operation (98% uptime)
- ❖ Attenuation length ~30m @ 420nm
- ❖ K-40 background quantified
- ❖ Bioluminescence, sedimentation and biofouling identified as main challenges

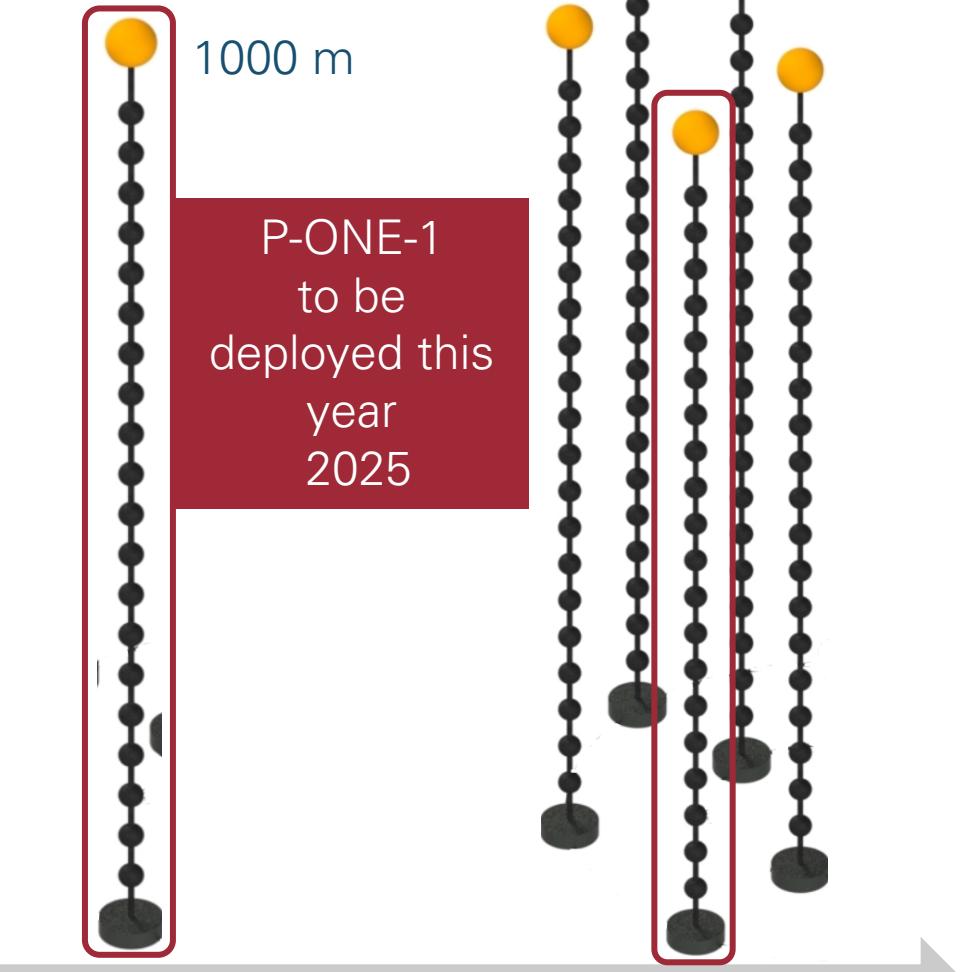




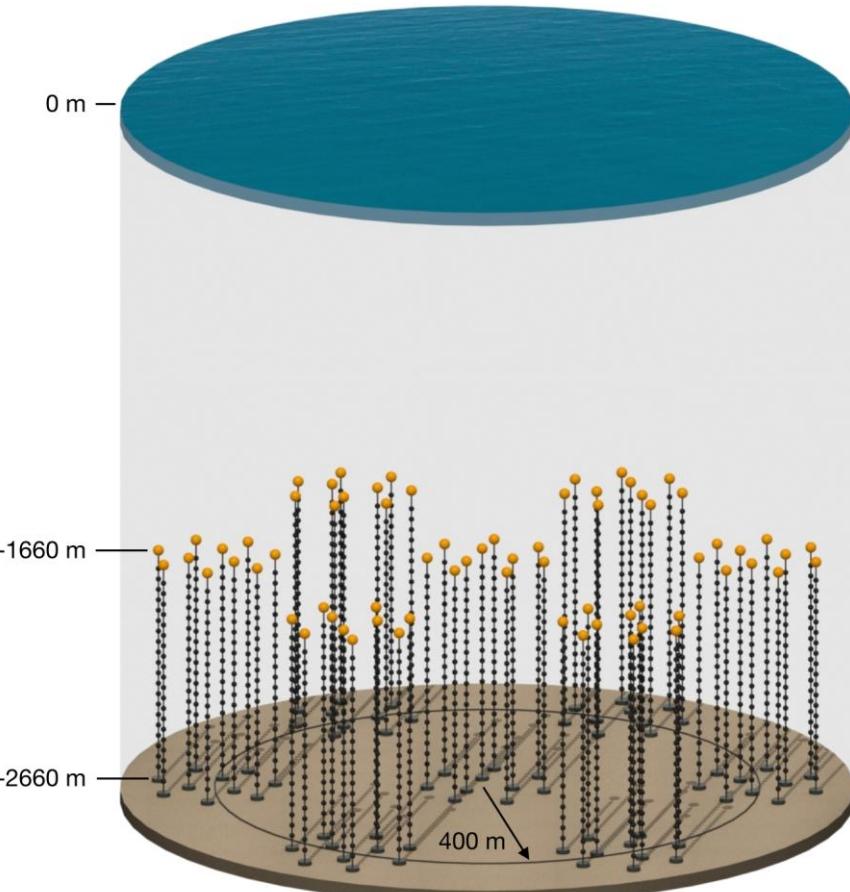
P-ONE project timeline



Pathfinders
2018 - 2023



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P-ONE-1 overview and objectives

- ❖ First line of P-ONE
- ❖ Optical and calibration module development
- ❖ Sub-ns time synchronization
- ❖ Development and proof of deployment concept
- ❖ Collect as much data as possible

Provides benchmark for new technology to be used in P-ONE



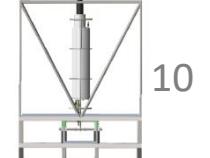
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P-ONE group at IFJ PAN

- ❖ Paweł Malecki (staff),
- ❖ Konrad Kopański (staff),
- ❖ Wojciech Noga (PhD student),
- ❖ Rafał Wroński (PhD student),
- ❖ Shreya Sharma (PhD student),
- ❖ me (post-doc).



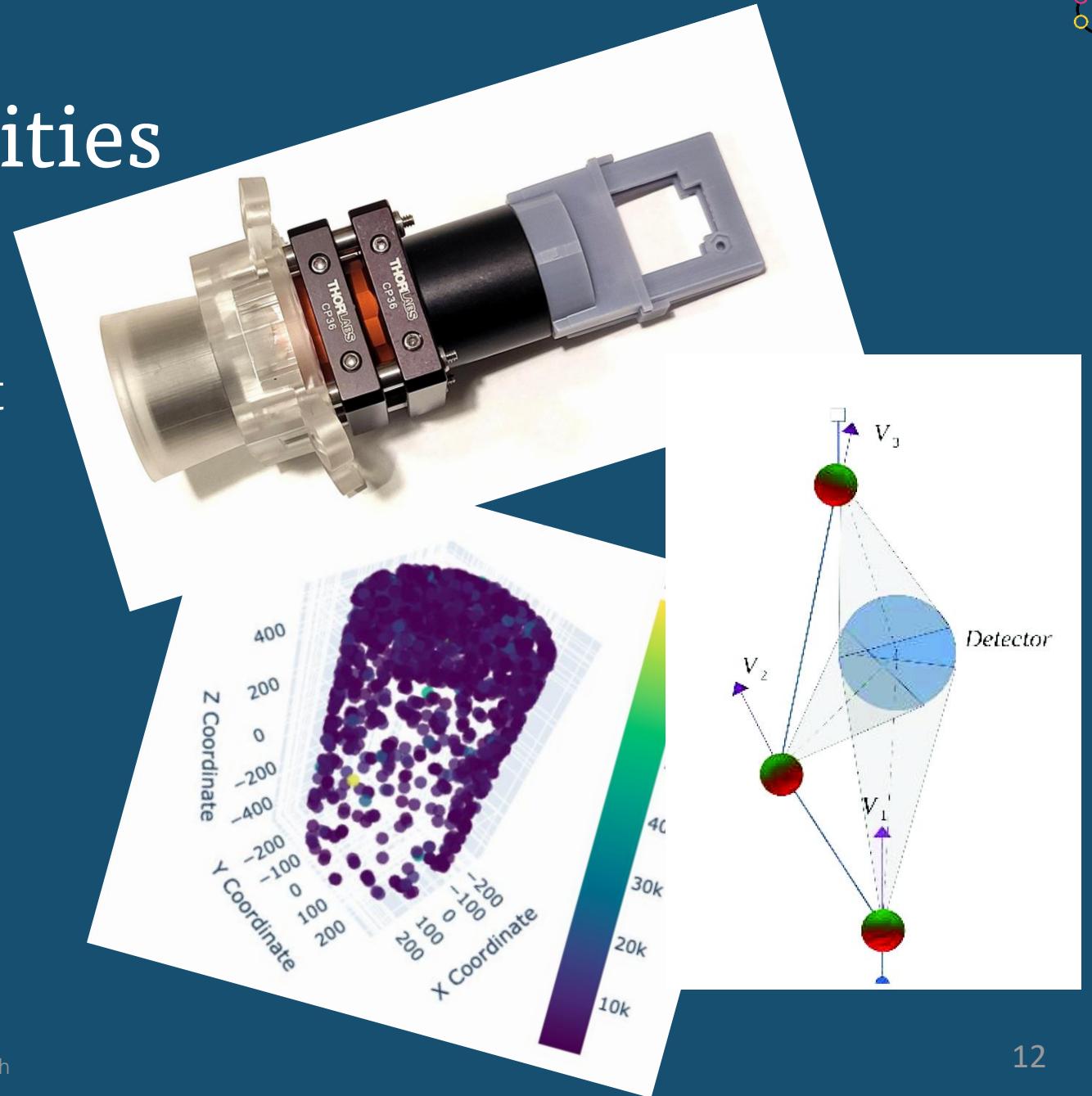
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Look forward to open positions on INSPIRE



P-ONE group: our activities

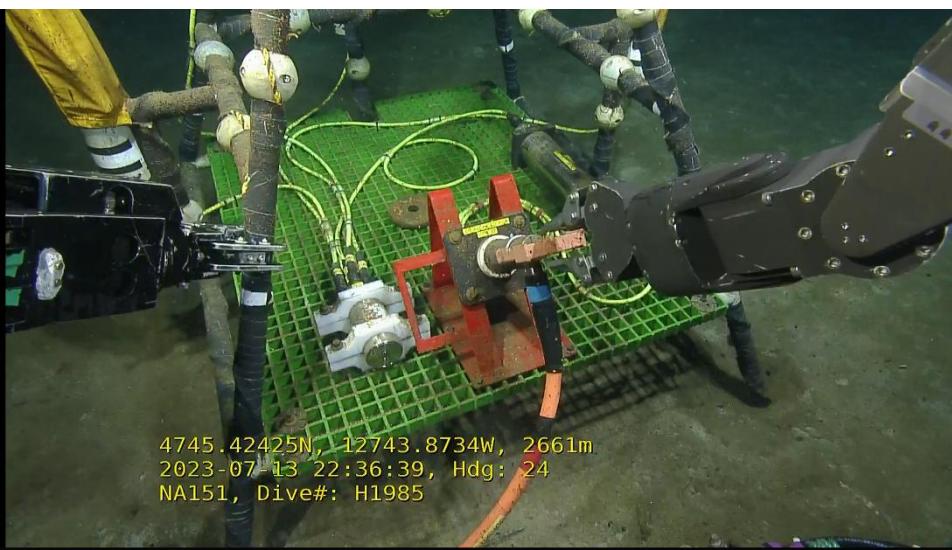
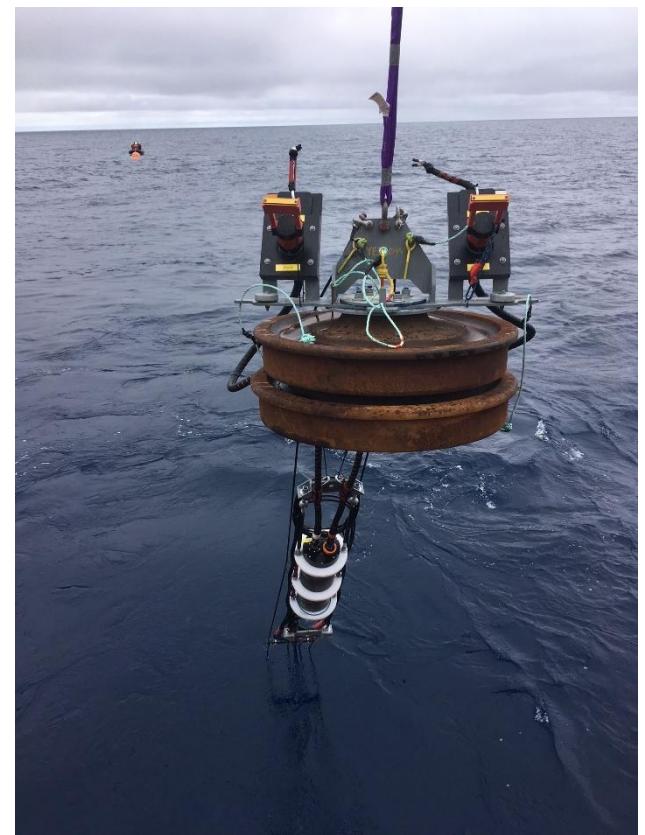
- ❖ Laser calibration system
- ❖ Development and validation of fast photon propagation simulation - Pretorian
- ❖ Geant4 detector simulations - Machine learning based cascade generator
- ❖ Analysis and simulations for muon observations with first line



Summary



- ❖ P-ONE – an exciting potential for new discoveries and observations
- ❖ Infrastructure and deployment support from ONC simplifies the development
- ❖ P-ONE-1 – deployment **2025** – crucial milestone for a future km³ array in the Pacific Ocean



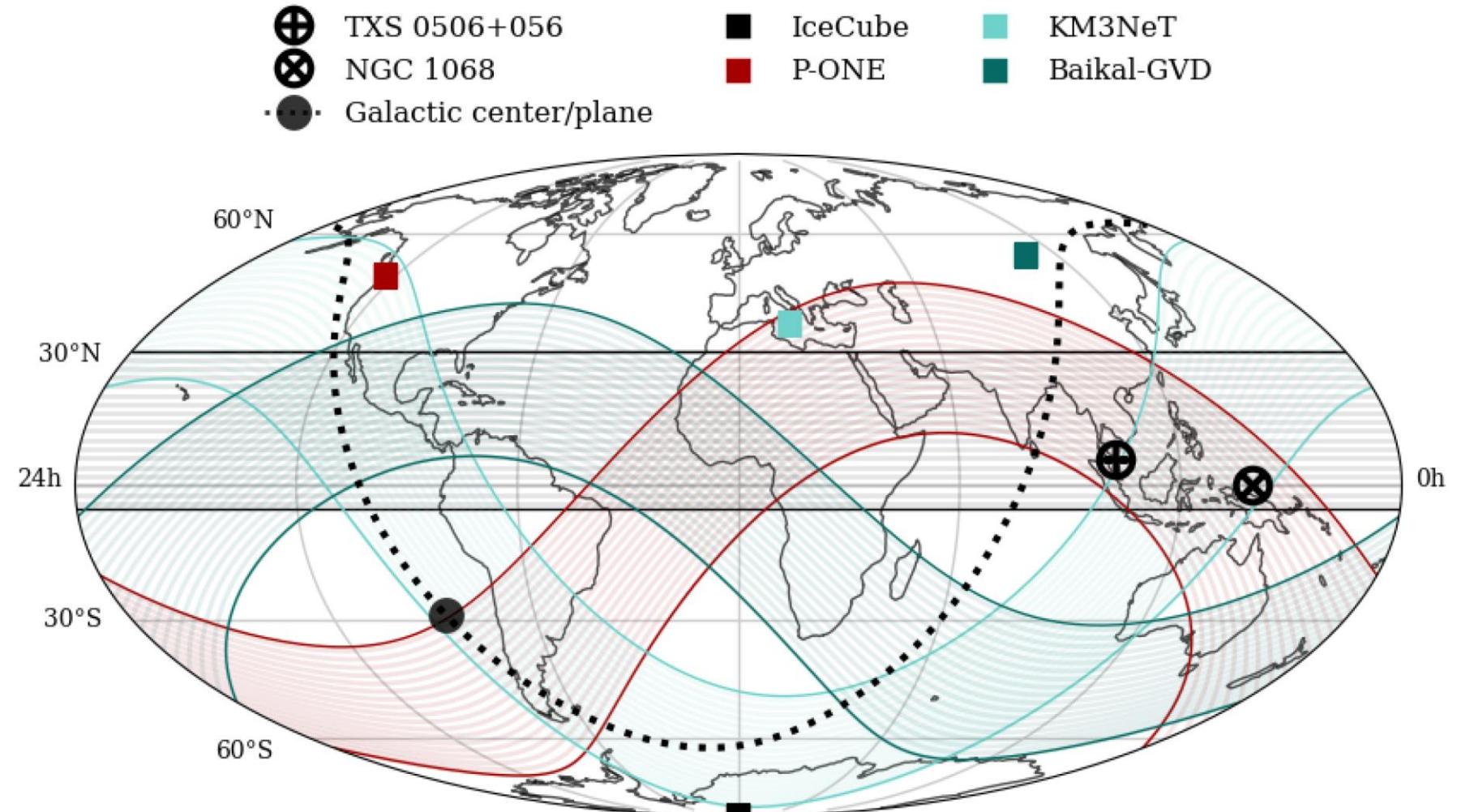
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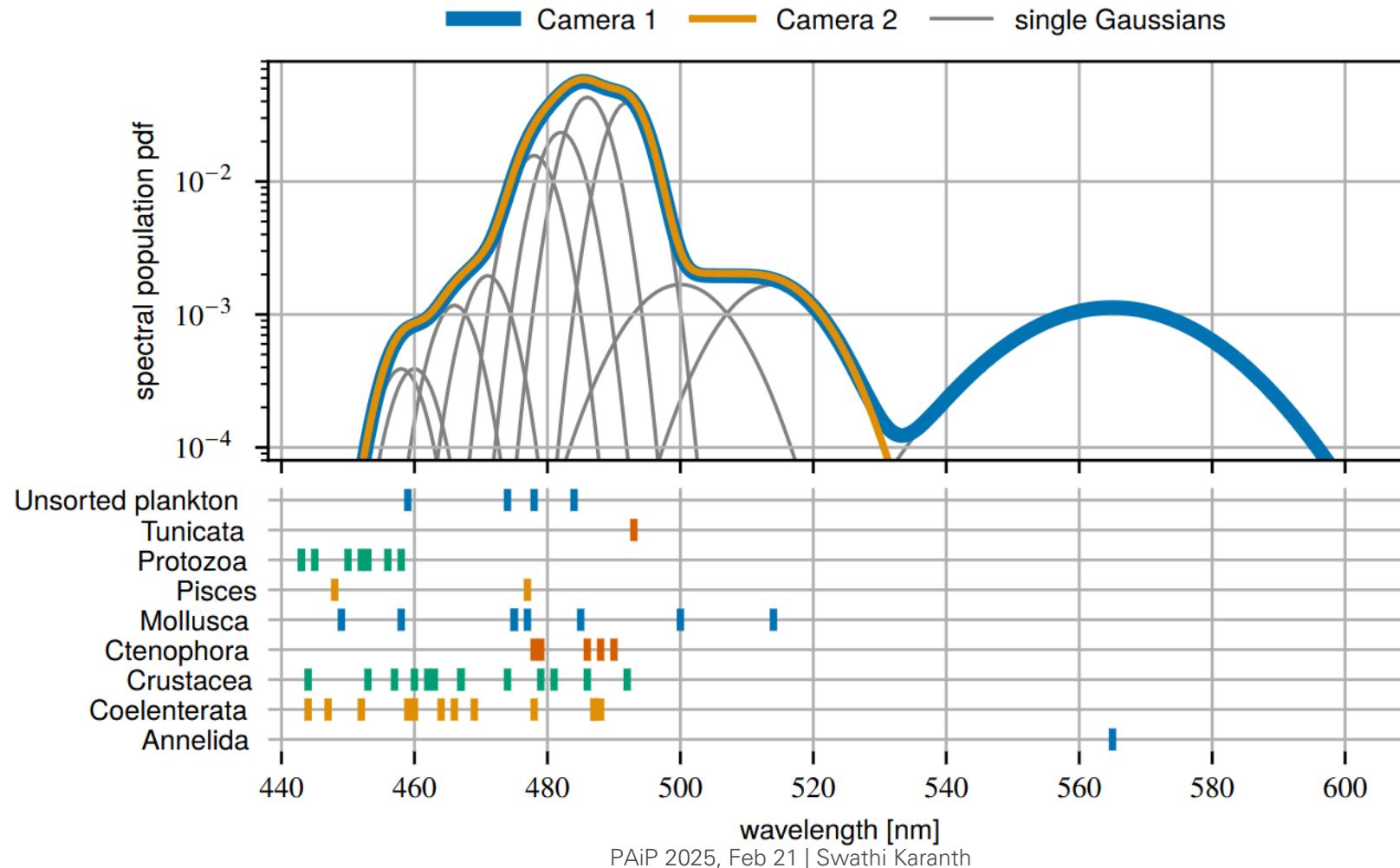
Neutrino telescopes – sky coverage



<https://github.com/PLEnuM-group/Plenum>



Spectral bioluminescence population



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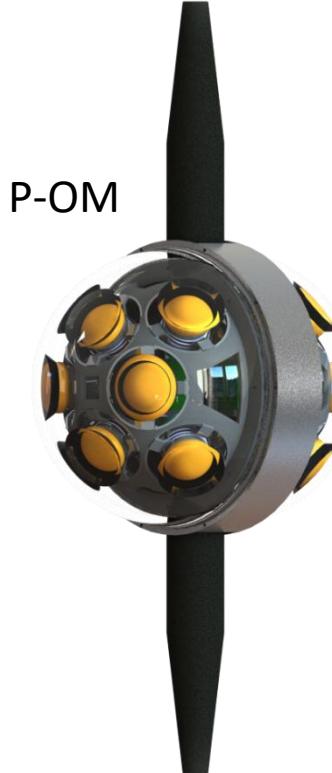


P-ONE calibration and optical module

- ❖ Optical module
 - ❖ 16 PMTs and optical flashers
 - ❖ Modular, spring loaded mounting structure
 - ❖ Optical gel pads used to increase light yield
- ❖ Calibration module
 - ❖ Dual purpose: optical and position calibration
 - ❖ Includes a camera with a fisheye lens
 - ❖ monitor bioluminescence and sediments



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