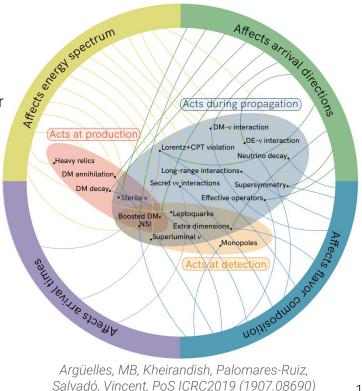


## Key physics deliverables of future neutrino telescopes:

- particle physics:
  - **highest energy fixed-target** neutrino experiments (cross sections)
  - measurement of neutrino properties at the highest accessible energies and cosmological baselines (BSM physics will affect their production/propagation/detection in a variety of ways, see plot)
- particle astronomy and astrophysics:
  - characterisation of the Milky Way's galactic centre for its future usage as a unique laboratory for particle and astrophysics
  - all-sky monitoring of astrophysical neutrino sources (alerts)
  - understanding of astrophysical sources (multimessenger)
- cross disciplinarity:
  - oceanographic science (e.g., monitor temperatures and currents)
  - herefore a marine biology (e.g., study of bioluminescent organisms)



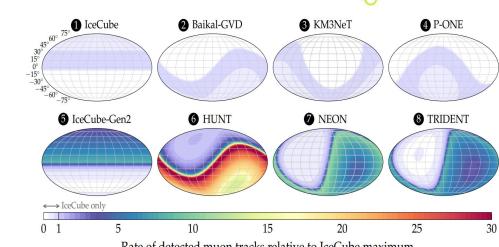
## Comparison of physics goals with the current state of the art in the area

- state of the art is IceCube at the south pole:
  - ↓ detected two neutrino sources
  - detected neutrinos from the Milky Way's galactic plane
  - does not have the Milky Way's centre in its muon neutrino field of view
- towards a planetary network of neutrino telescopes
  - need to increase number of telescopes and sky coverage to observe multiple sources per year
  - need for different specialised telescopes to broaden our searches

# Project's main advantages compared to competitor projects

- Does not rely on access to South Pole infrastructure (heavily oversubscribed)
- relies on existing, world-leading oceanographic infrastructure that minimises risks
- detector **deployment and maintenance delegated to specialised personal** and equipment
- more scalable technological solutions building on the experience of KM3NeT and GVD
- geometry optimised for ultra-high-energy neutrinos

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Rate of detected muon tracks relative to IceCube maximum

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## **Preferred location for the project**

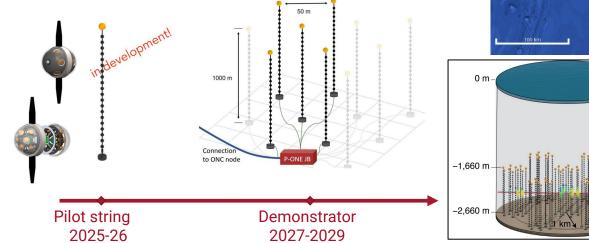
P-ONE will be hosted by Ocean Networks Canada (Vancouver)

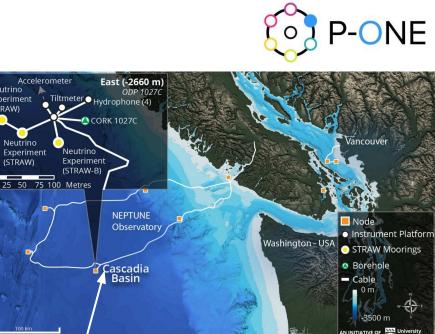
## Phased project timeline (if possible provide separate by the R&D, construction and exploitation periods)

- **Pilot** (first string): 2025-2026
- **Demonstrator** (first string cluster): 2027-2029
- Full detector (70-100 strings): 2030+

All phases include installation, commissioning and exploitation.

# Exploitation will start already during detector construction





P-ONE full detector's beginning exploitation (next decade)

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Neutrino

Experiment (STRAW)

> Neutrino Experiment

(STRAW)

#### Main risks/obstacles for realisation of physics goals



- main risks identified is hardware long-term performance in marine environment (hostile conditions and biofouling)
- risks are strongly mitigated by gaining early experience and testing concepts with pilot and demonstration phase

#### Anticipated area(s) of UK involvement and financial, FTEs and financial costs

- P-ONE has become the **baseline experiment for the future of neutrino astronomy in the UK** 
  - gives the UK a leading role in one of most important particle and astrophysics experiments of next decade, and the option to contribute to its design, development and exploitation
  - gives the UK the opportunity to become a leading player in the fast developing field of multimessenger astronomy, connecting STFC communities and enhancing cross disciplinarity
- areas of UK involvement: trigger, module design and assembly, PMT and optical module characterisation, event reconstruction, monitoring and analysis tools
- **Demonstrator phase:** £1-2M over the next 5 yr to contribute to the **design, testing and exploitation of first string cluster**
- Construction and Exploitation: £10M to contribute to ~25% of the total project costs and lead its physics exploitation

#### Environmental sustainability during construction and operation

- minimal environmental impact as P-ONE relies on existing infrastructure and deployment will rely on Ocean Network Canada's procedures and its commitments to environmental suitability
- carbon-neutral in operations; full carbon accounting and optimisation in preparation