GRAND the giant radio array for neutrino detection (GRAND)

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science case



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a multi-messenger glimpse into the high-energy universe



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science case: UHE particles

source neutrinos

- interactions of UHECRs with radiations fields and matter produce UHE neutrinos
- cosmogenic neutrinos: produced during the intergalactic propagation of UHECRs via interactions
- source-produced neutrinos: generated via interaction os UHECRs with the immediate vicinity of astrophysical objects



cosmogenic neutrinos

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detection principle



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UHECRs with GRAND



GRANDProto300





- 300 detection units (radio antennas + surface detectors) over ~200 km² with denser infill array
- prospective site: QingHai province, China
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timeline

fully funded

	GRANDProto300			
	GRANDProto35		GRAND10k	GRAND200k
	2018	2020	2025	203X
Goals	standalone radio array: test efficiency & background rejection	standalone radio array of very inclined showers $(\theta_z > 70^\circ)$ from cosmic rays (>10 ¹⁸ eV) + ground array to do UHECR astro/hadronic physics	first GRAND subarray, sensitivity comparable to ARA/ARIANNA on similar time scale, allowing discovery of EeV neutrinos for optimistic fluxes	first neutrino detection at 10 ¹⁸ eV and/or neutrino astronomy!
Setup	35 radio antennas 21 scintillators	 300 HorizonAntennas over 300 km² Fast DAQ (AERA+ GRANDproto35 analog stage) Solar panels (day use) + WiFi data transfer Ground array (à la HAWC/Auger) 	DAQ with discrete elements, but mature design for trigger, data transfer, consumption	200,000 antennas over 200,000 km ² , ~ 20 hotspots of 10k antennas, possibly in different continents Industrial scale allows to cut down costs: 500€/unit → 200M€ in total
Budget & stage	160k€, fully funded by NAOC+IHEP, deployment ongoing @ Ulastai	1.3 M€ to be deployed in 2020	1500€ / detection unit	ASIC Cost ~ 10M€ → few 10€/board Consomption < 1W Reliability



- **GRAND200k:** ~20 arrays of ~10000 km² with all-sky coverage
- expected timeline for completion: 2030s
- radio detection: cheap and efficient way to detect air showers
- science cases: ultra-high-energy cosmic particles, fundamental neutrino physics, cosmology, and radioastronomy
- **GRANDProto300:** pathfinder for GRAND with a well-defined science case of its own
- GP300 will start taking data within the next couple of years
- **major technical challenge**: improve self-triggered detection rate