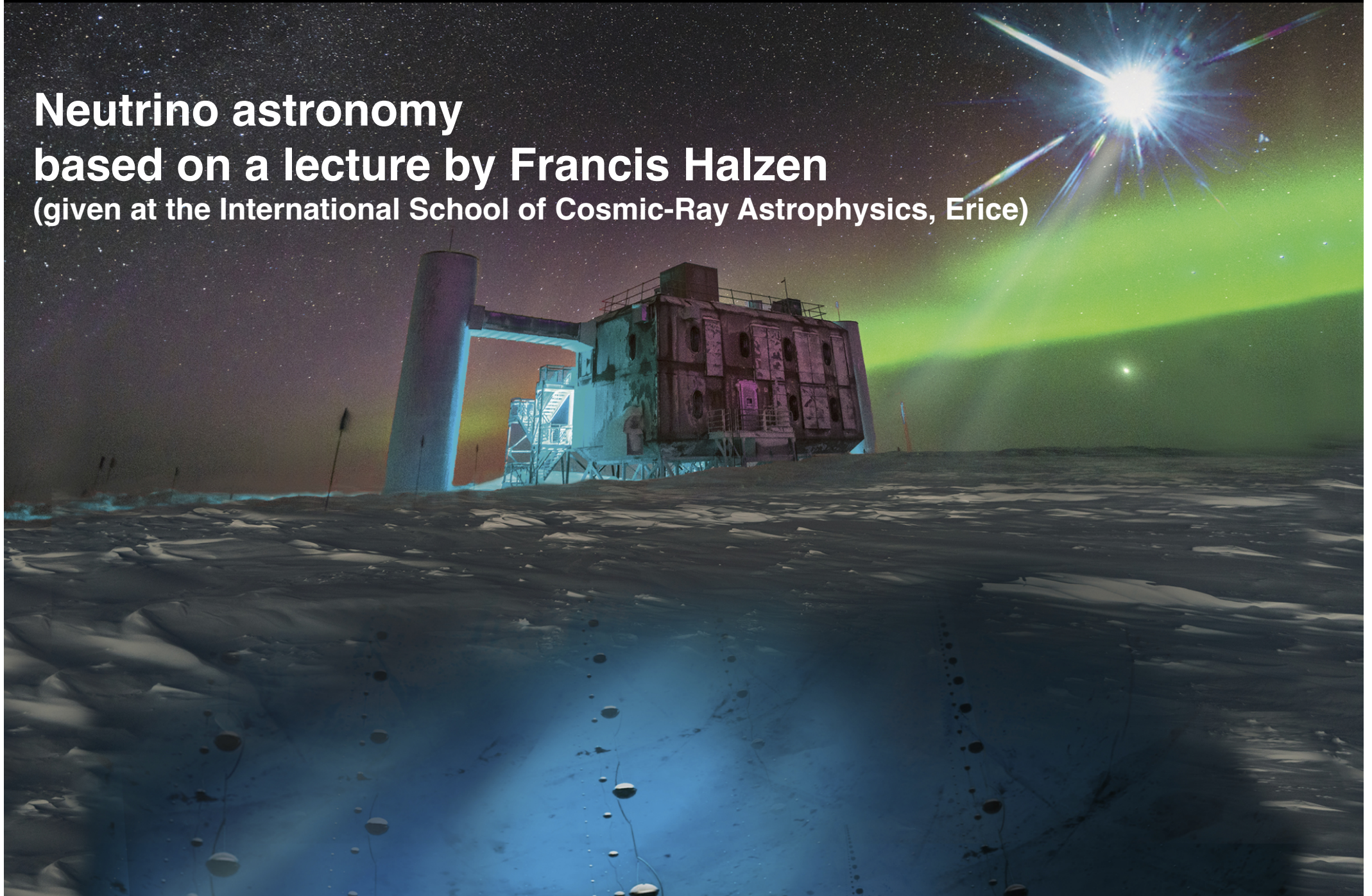


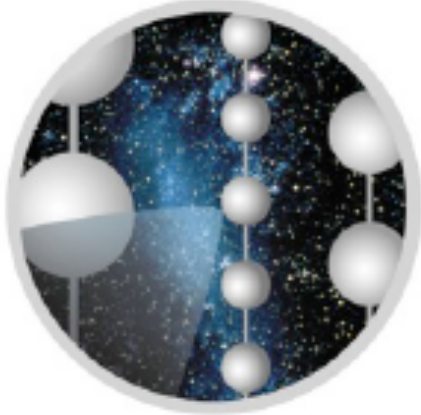
Astroparticle Physics

2021/22

1. **Historical introduction - basic properties of cosmic rays**
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Neutrino astronomy
based on a lecture by Francis Halzen
(given at the International School of Cosmic-Ray Astrophysics, Erice)





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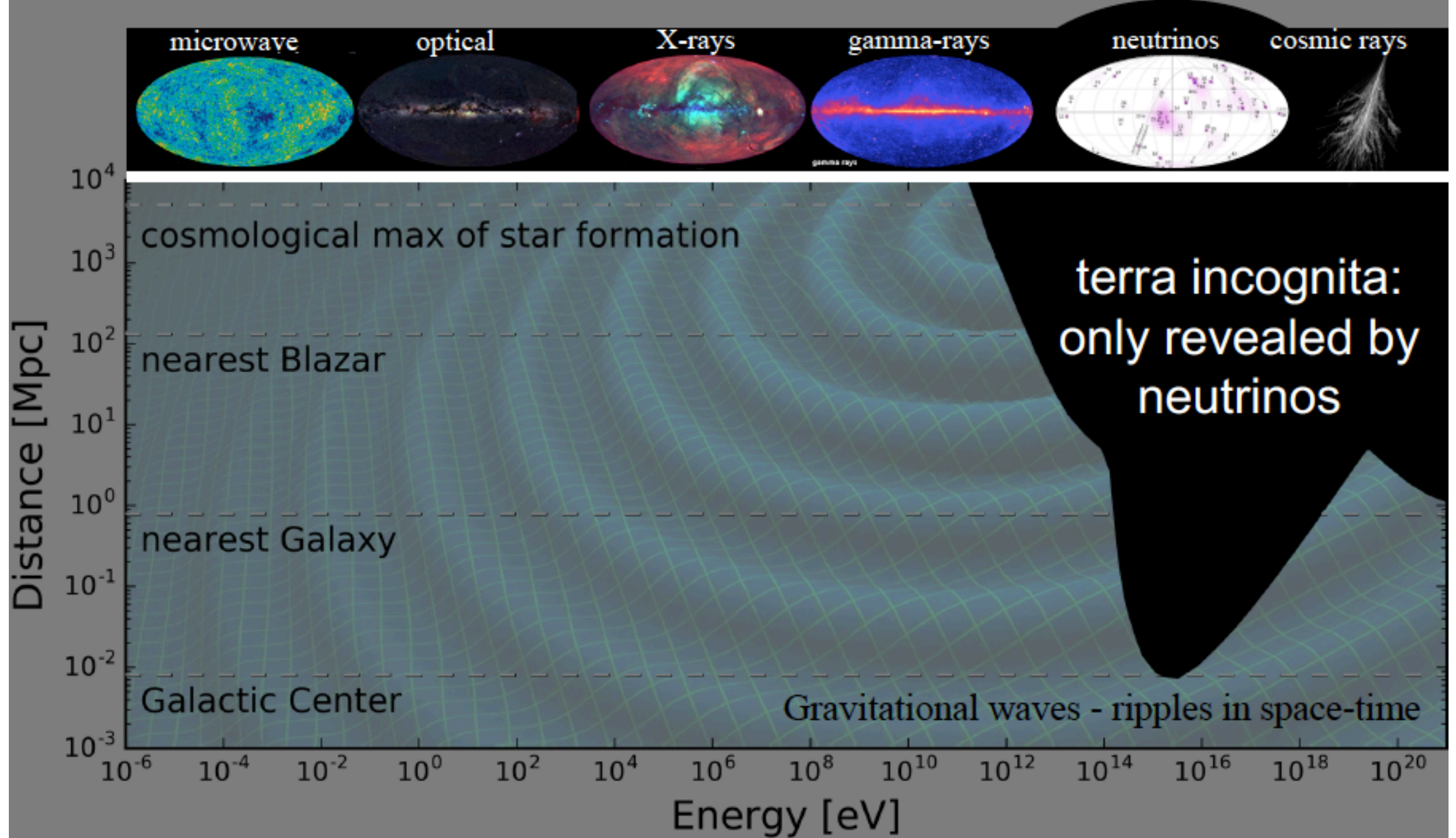


IceCube:

Building a New Window on the Universe

francis halzen

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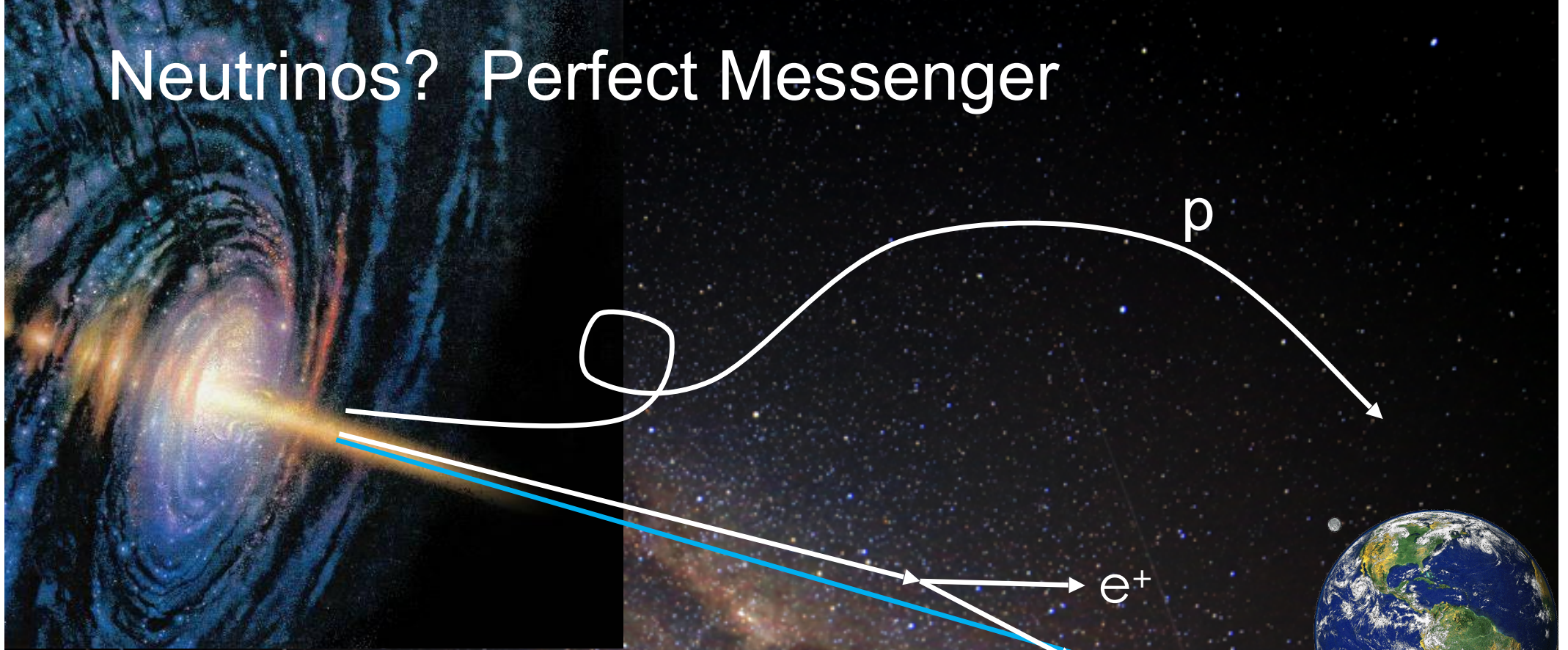
- 20% of the Universe is opaque to the EM spectrum
- non-thermal Universe powered by cosmic accelerators
- probed by gravity waves, neutrinos and cosmic rays

The opaque Universe



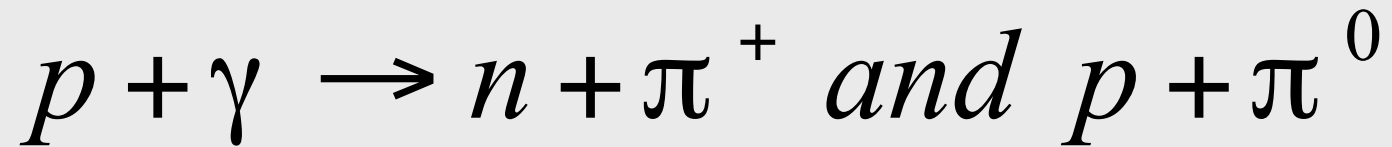
PeV photons interact with microwave photons ($411/\text{cm}^3$) before reaching our telescopes
enter: neutrinos

Neutrinos? Perfect Messenger

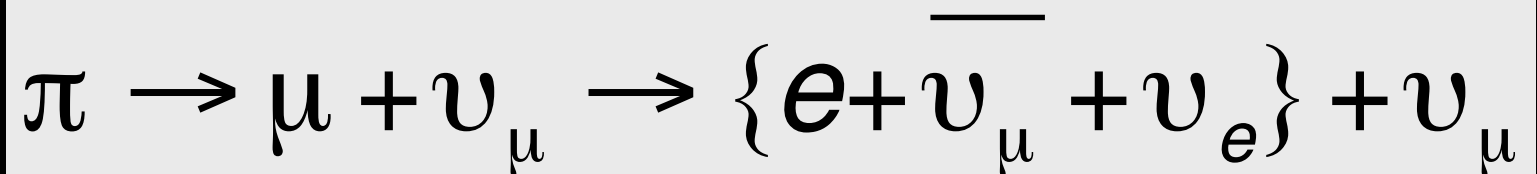


- electrically neutral
- essentially massless
- essentially unabsorbed
- tracks nuclear processes
- reveal the sources of cosmic rays
- ... but difficult to detect: how large a detector?

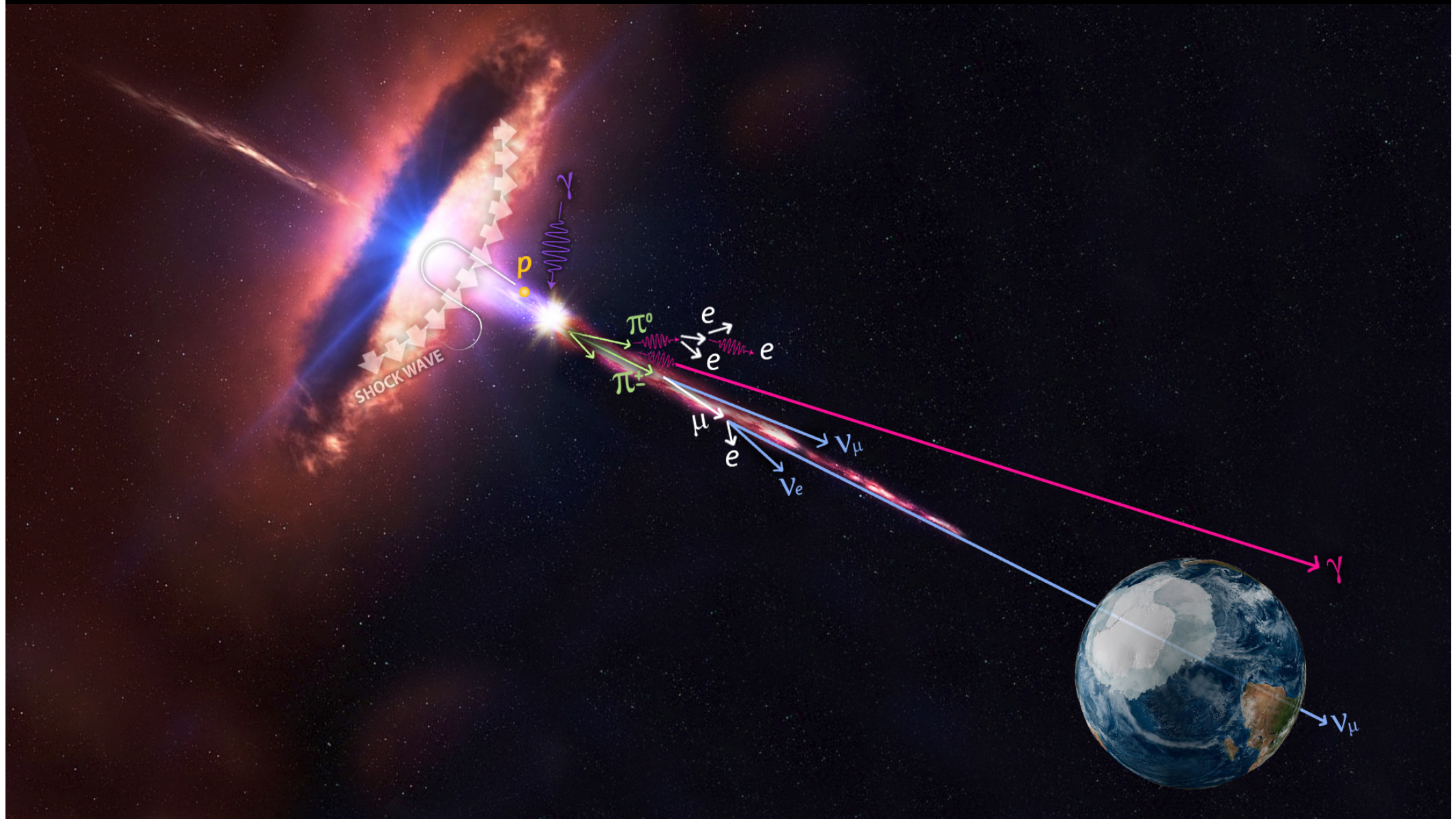
cosmic rays interact with the
microwave background



cosmic rays disappear, neutrinos with
EeV (10^6 TeV) energy appear

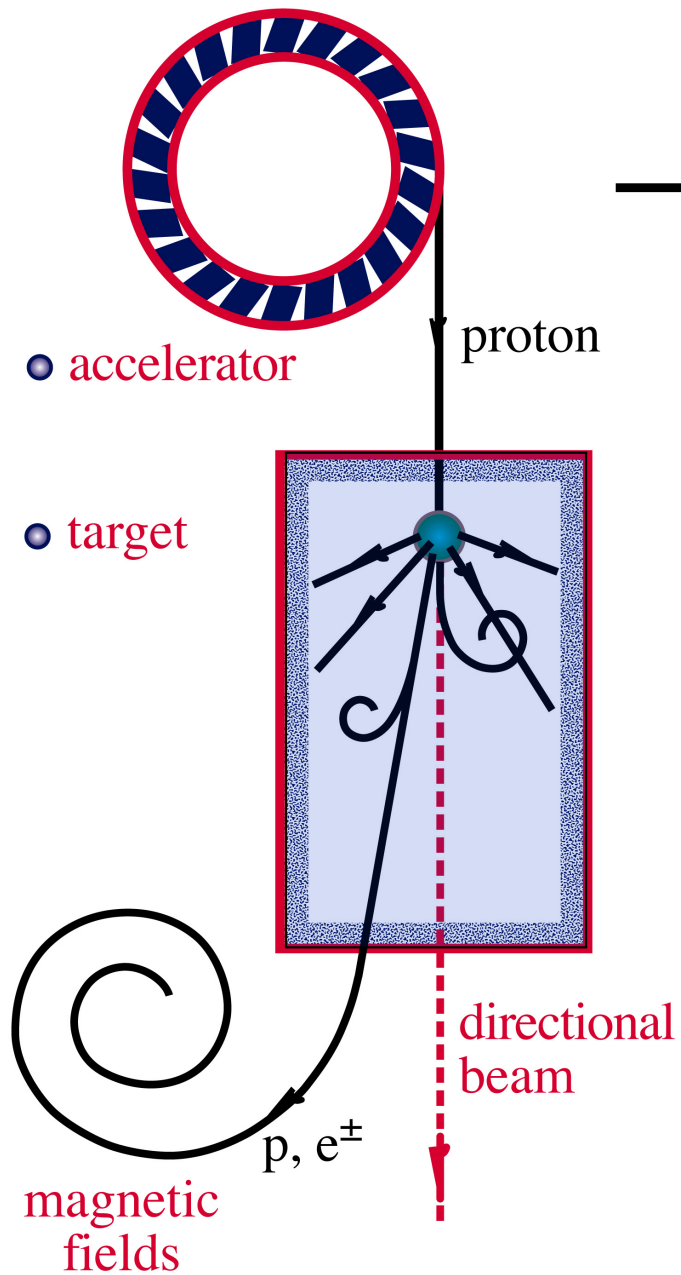


1 event per cubic kilometer per year
...but it points at its source!



blazar geometry

ν and γ beams : heaven and earth



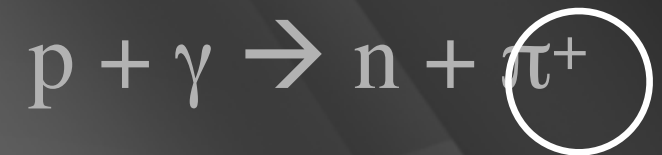
accelerator is powered by large gravitational energy



black hole
neutron star



radiation
and dust



~ cosmic ray + neutrino



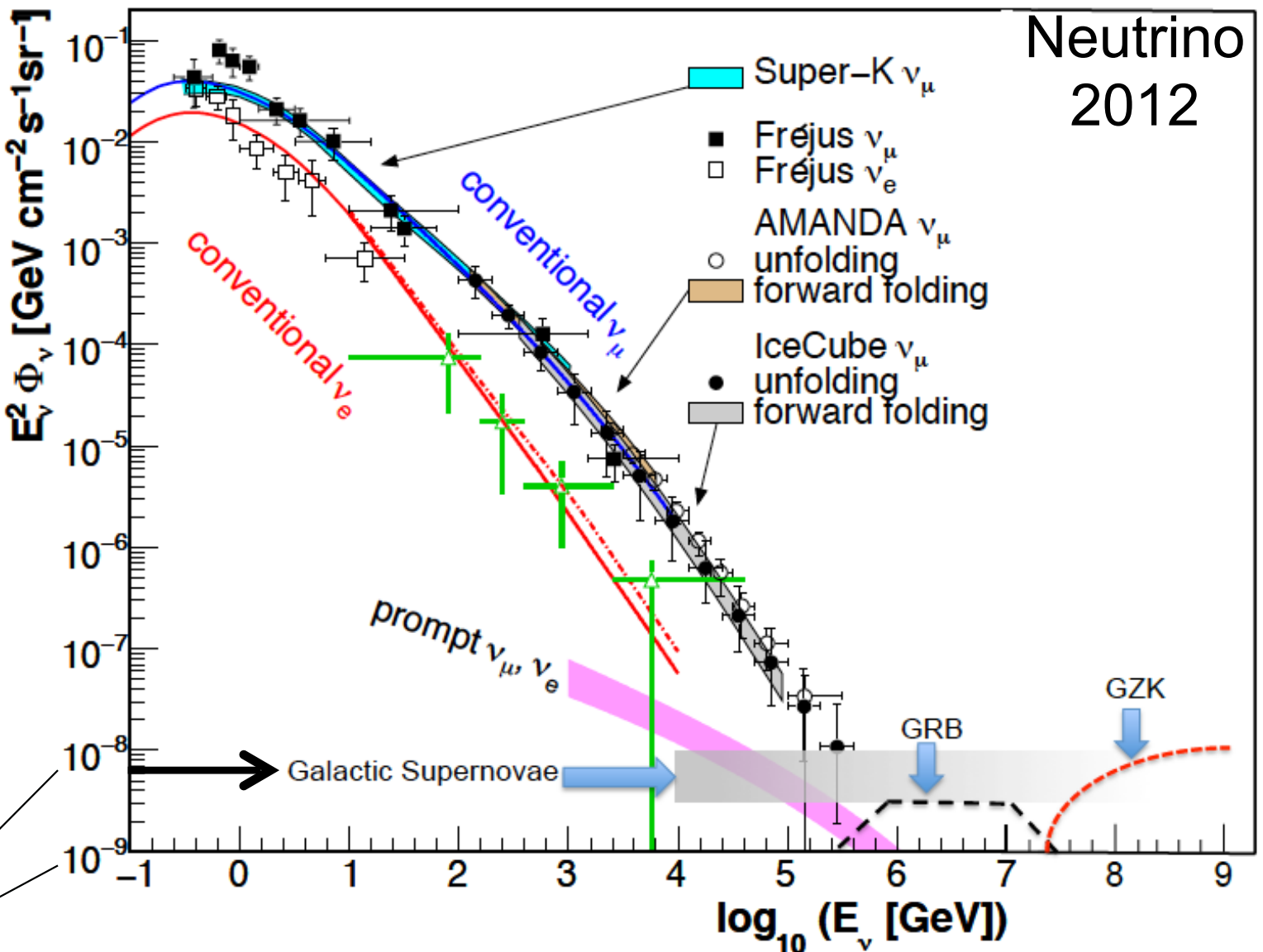
~ cosmic ray + gamma

above 100 TeV

- cosmic neutrinos
- atmospheric background disappears

$dN/dE \sim E^{-2}$

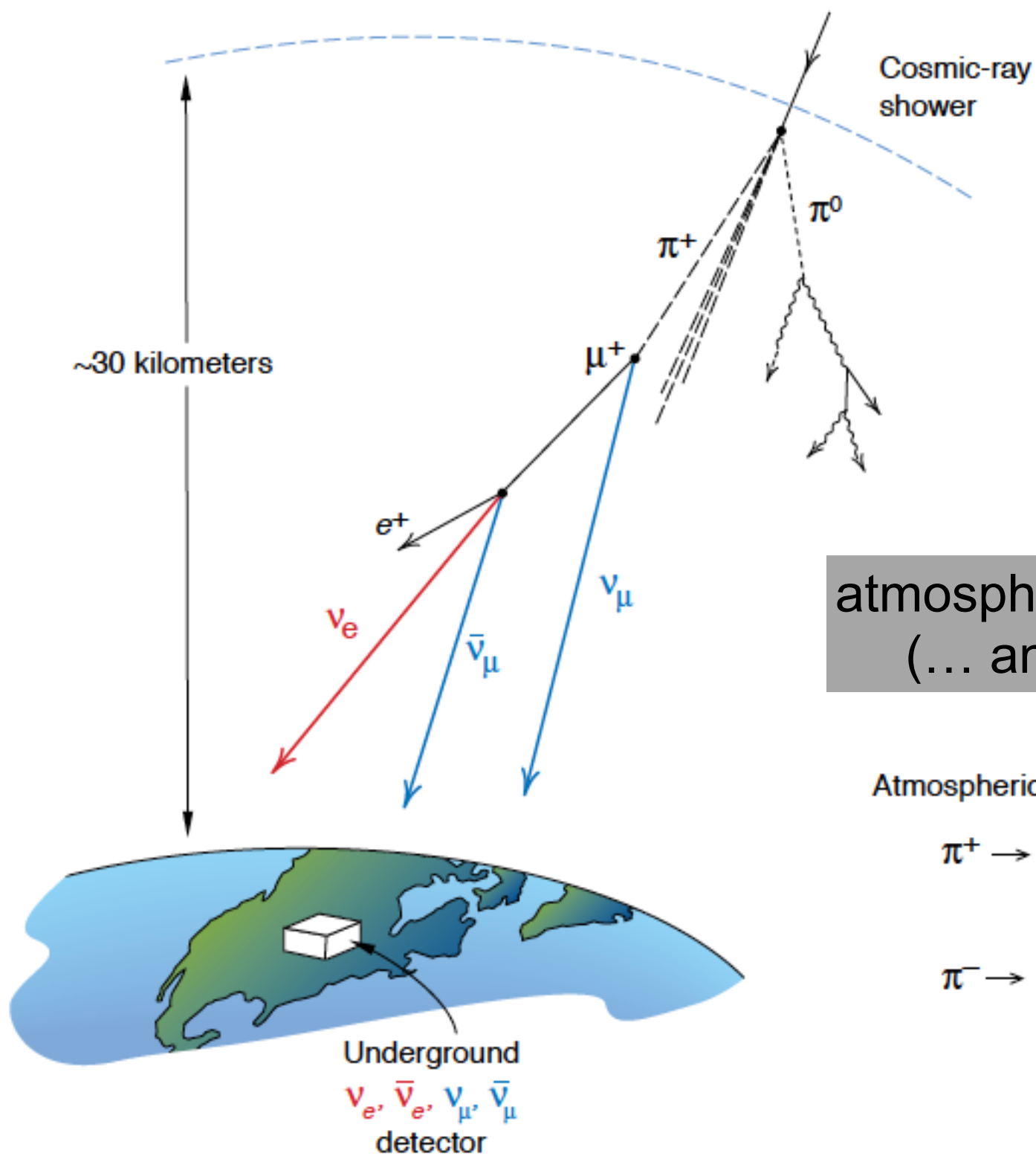
10—100 events per year for fully efficient detector



atmospheric

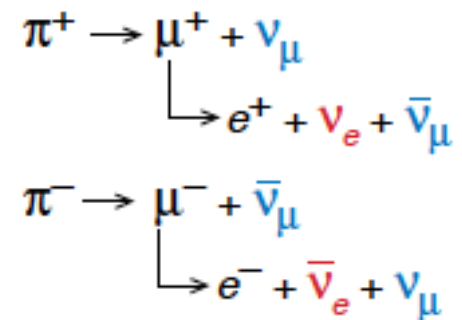
cosmic

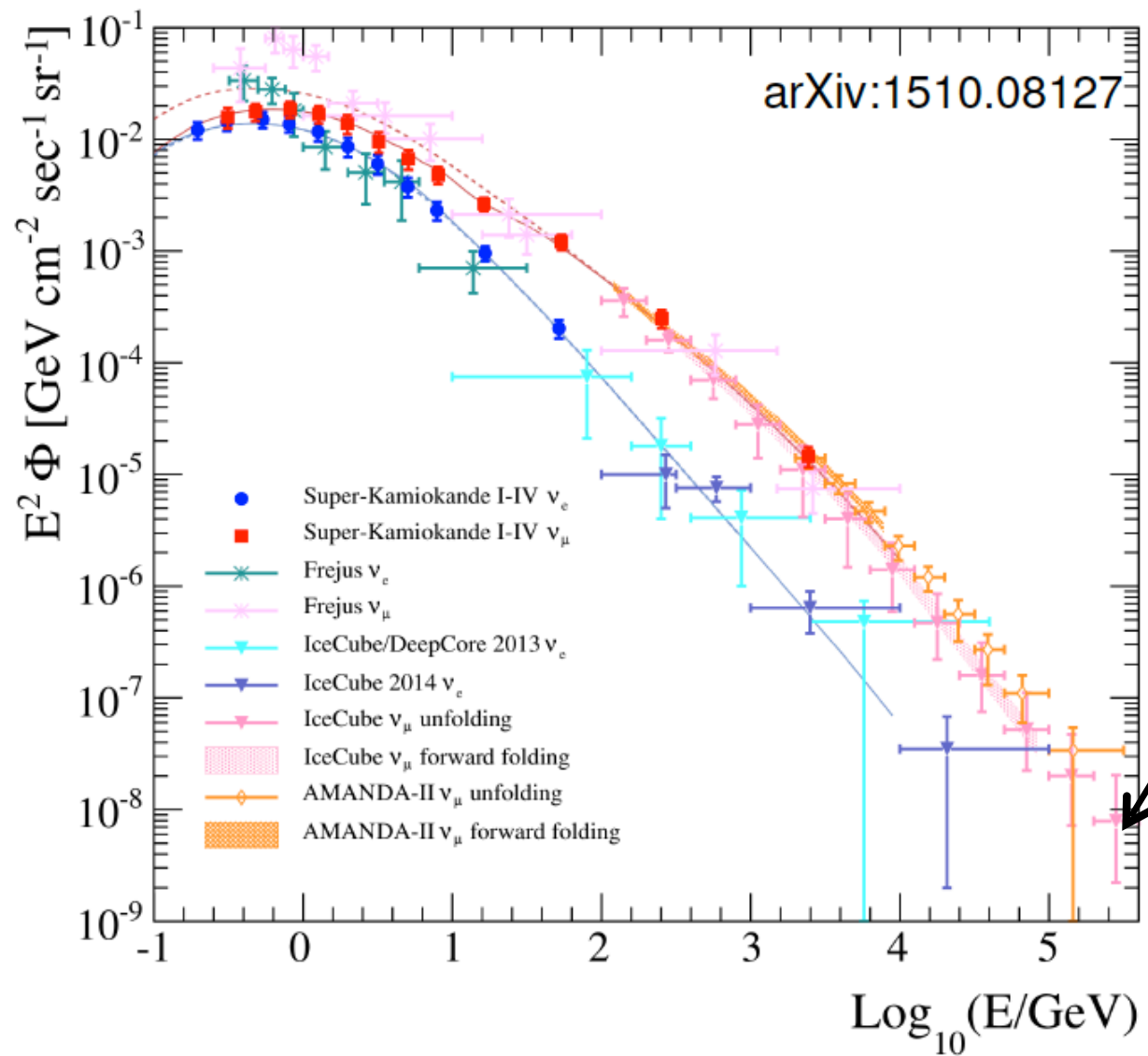
↑
100 TeV



atmospheric neutrinos
(... and muons!)

Atmospheric neutrino source





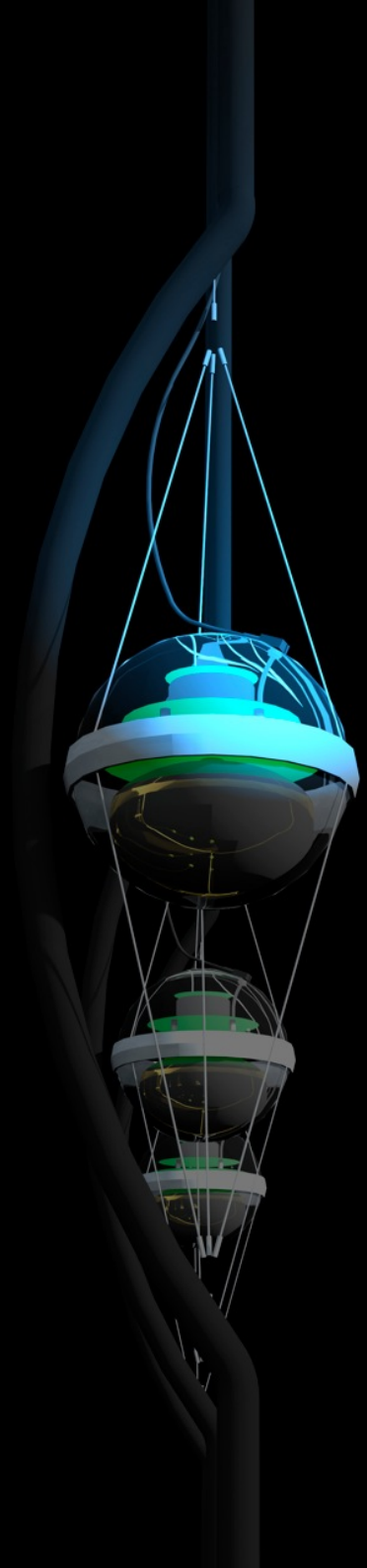
< 1 atmospheric neutrino event per cubic kilometer per year

atmospheric neutrino spectrum (energy measurement) well understood

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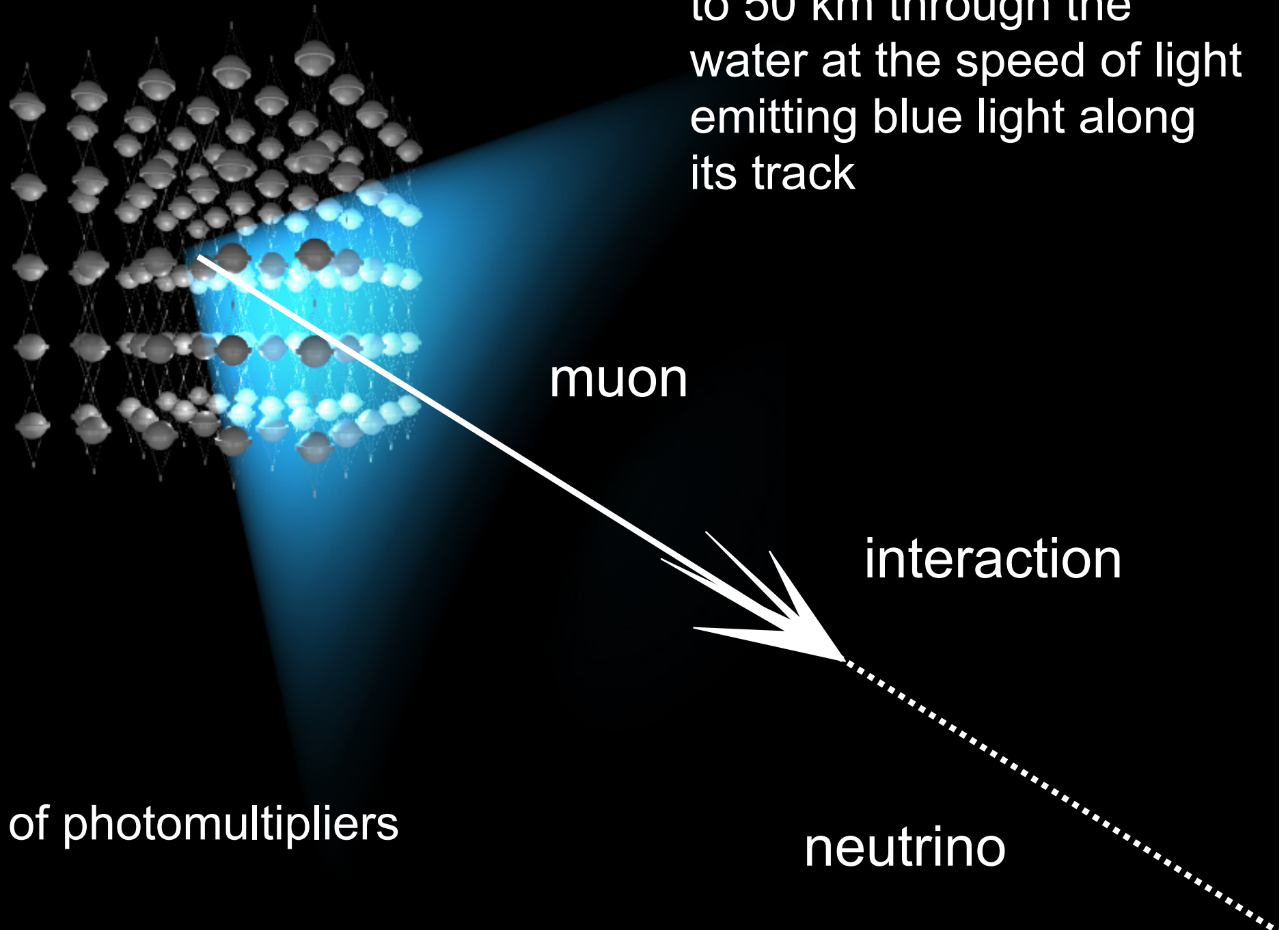


M. Markov 1960



M. Markov :
we propose to install detectors
deep in a lake or in the sea and
to determine the direction of
charged particles with the help
of Cherenkov radiation.

- speed of light in water $< c$
- muon travels from 50 m to 50 km through the water at the speed of light emitting blue light along its track



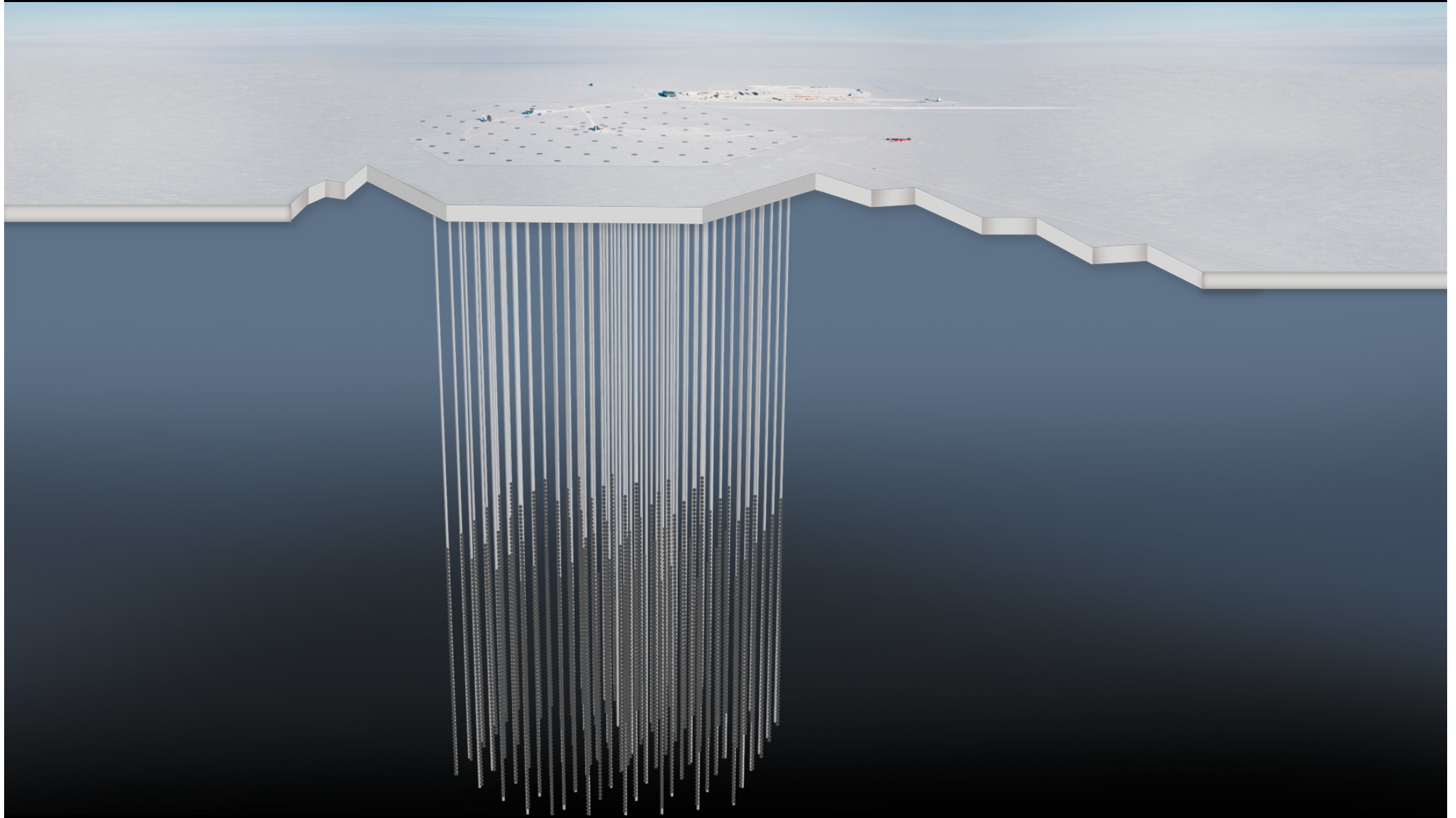
• lattice of photomultipliers

neutrino



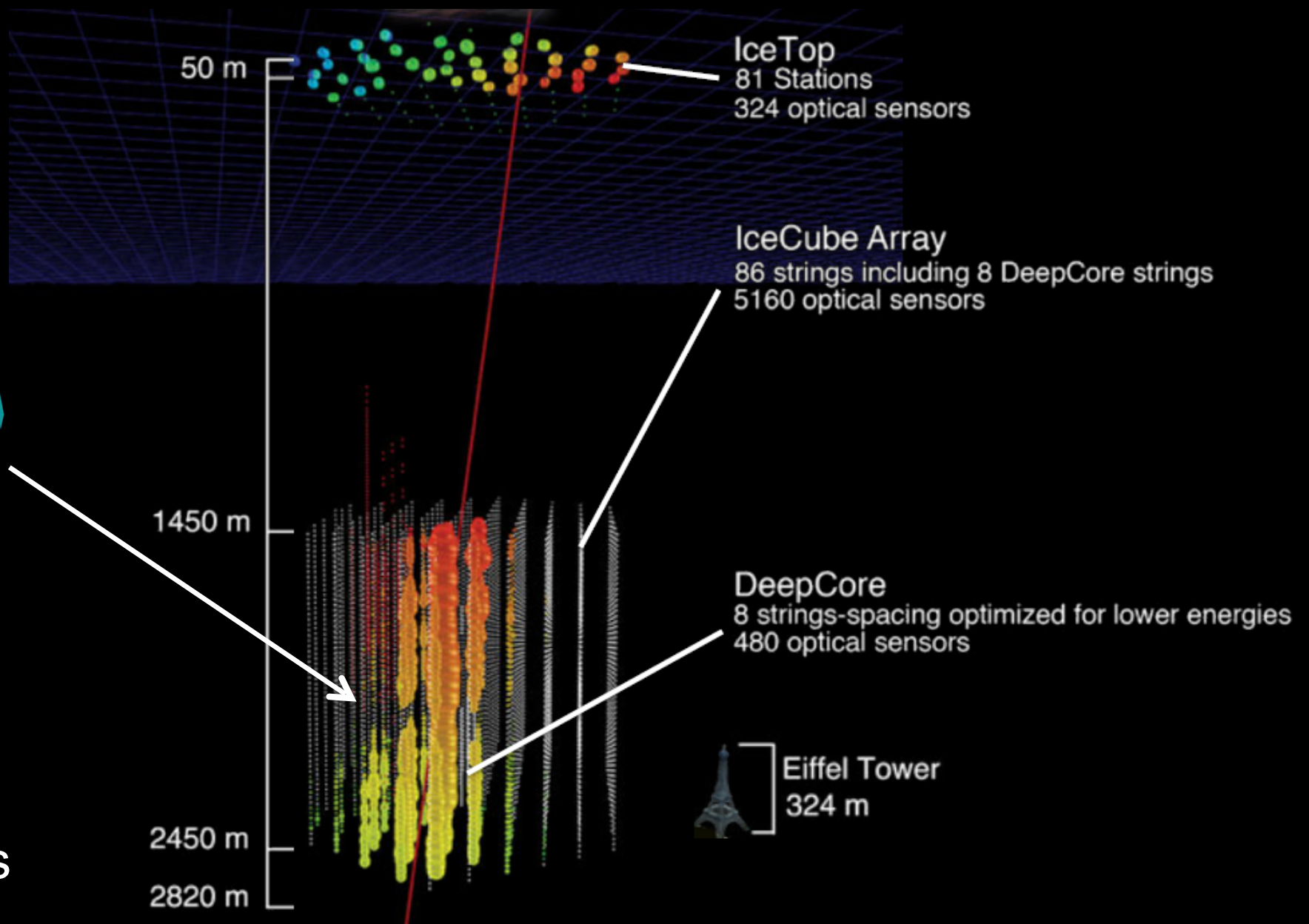
ultra-transparent ice below 1.5 km

instrument 1 cubic kilometer of natural ice below 1.45 km



IceCube

5160 PMs
in 1 km³



photomultiplier
tube -10 inch

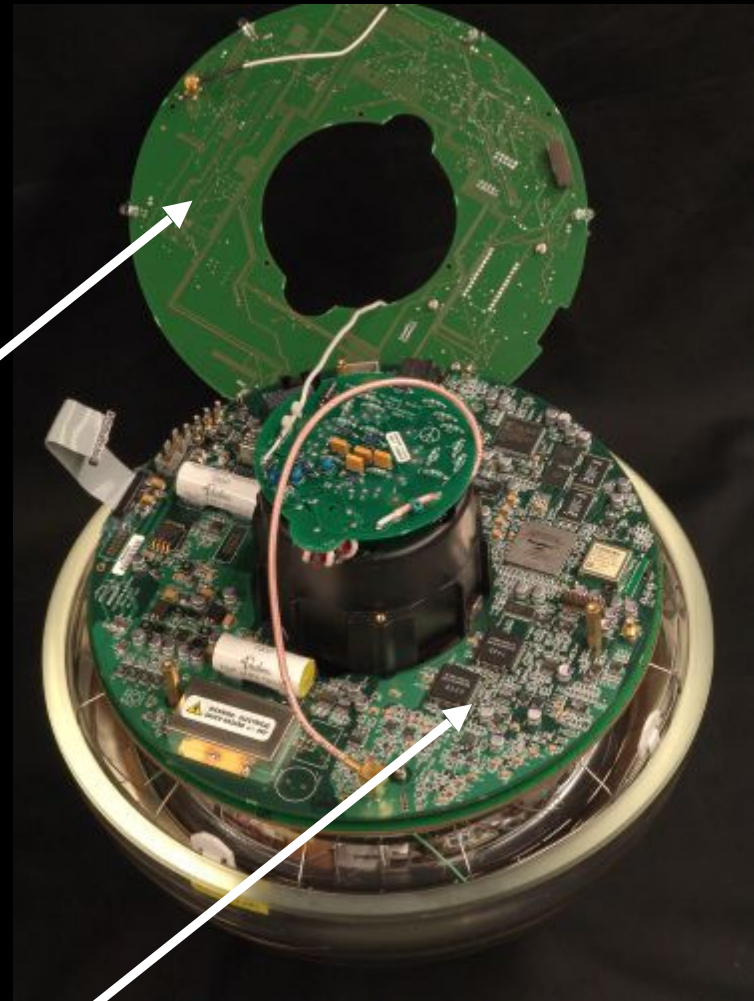


architecture of independent DOMs

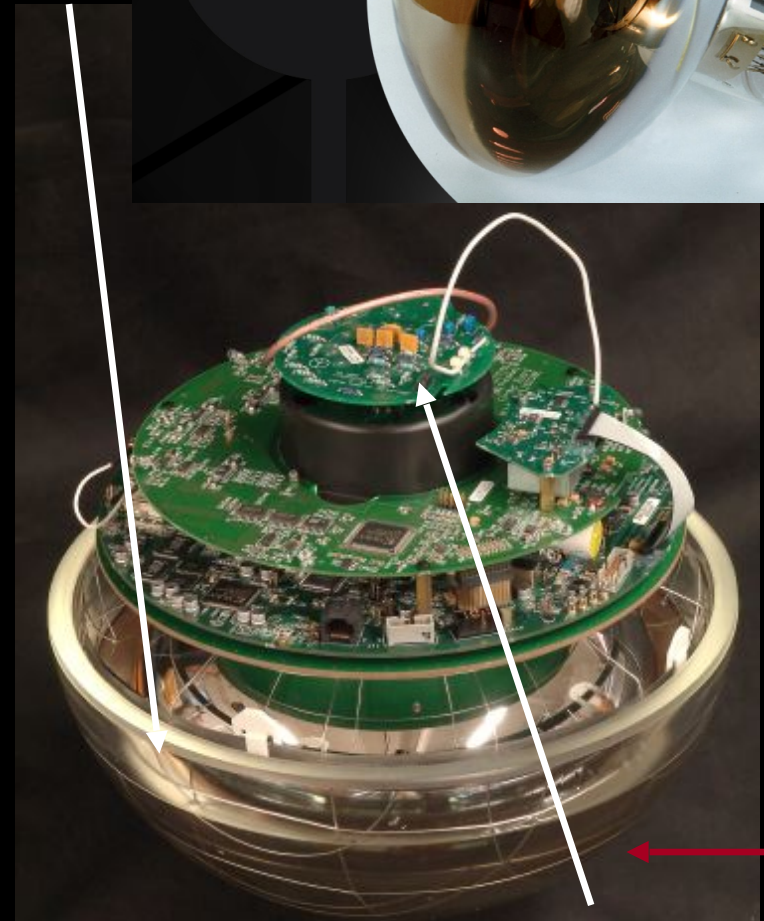
10 inch pmt



LED
flasher
board

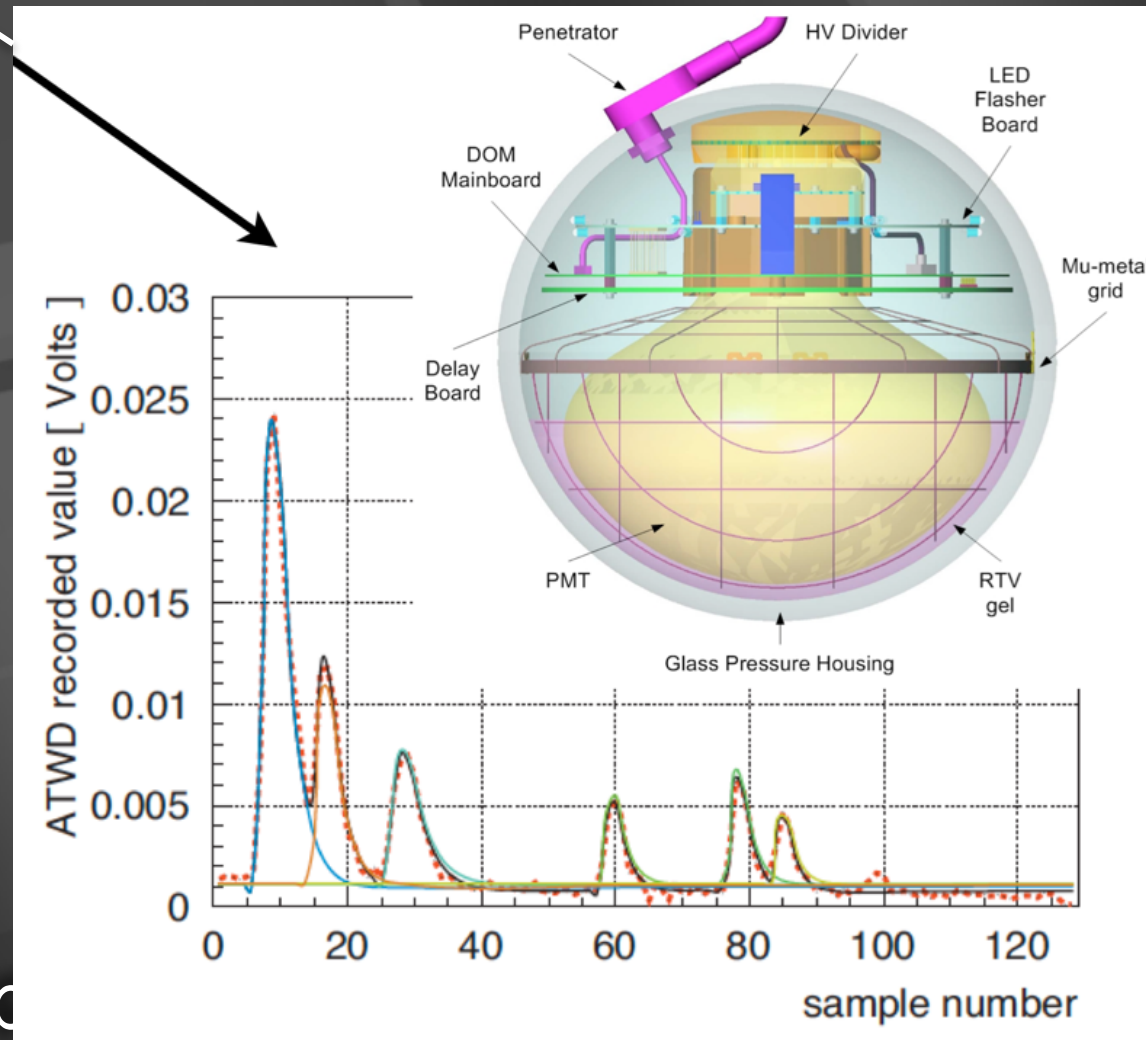


main
board

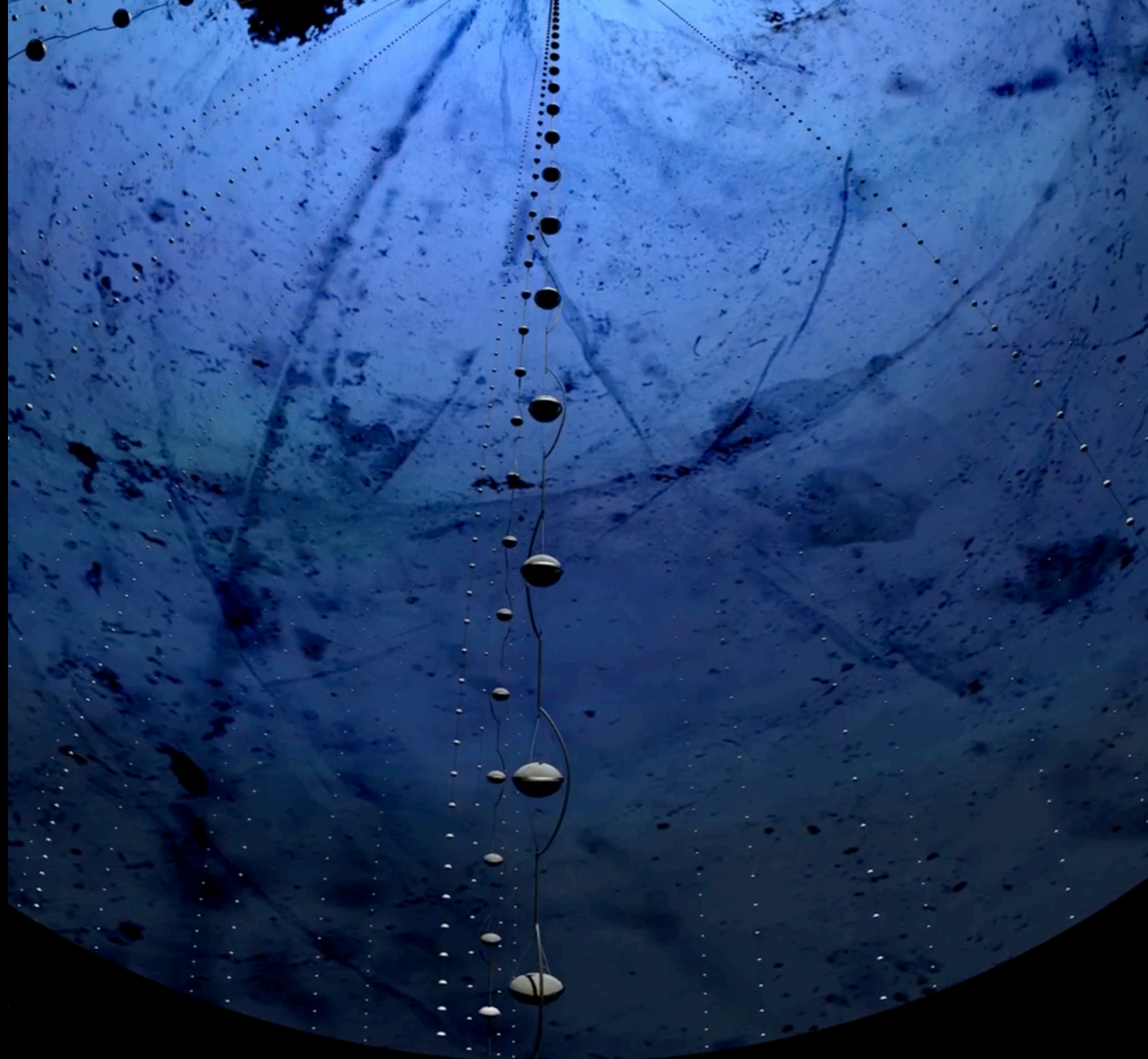


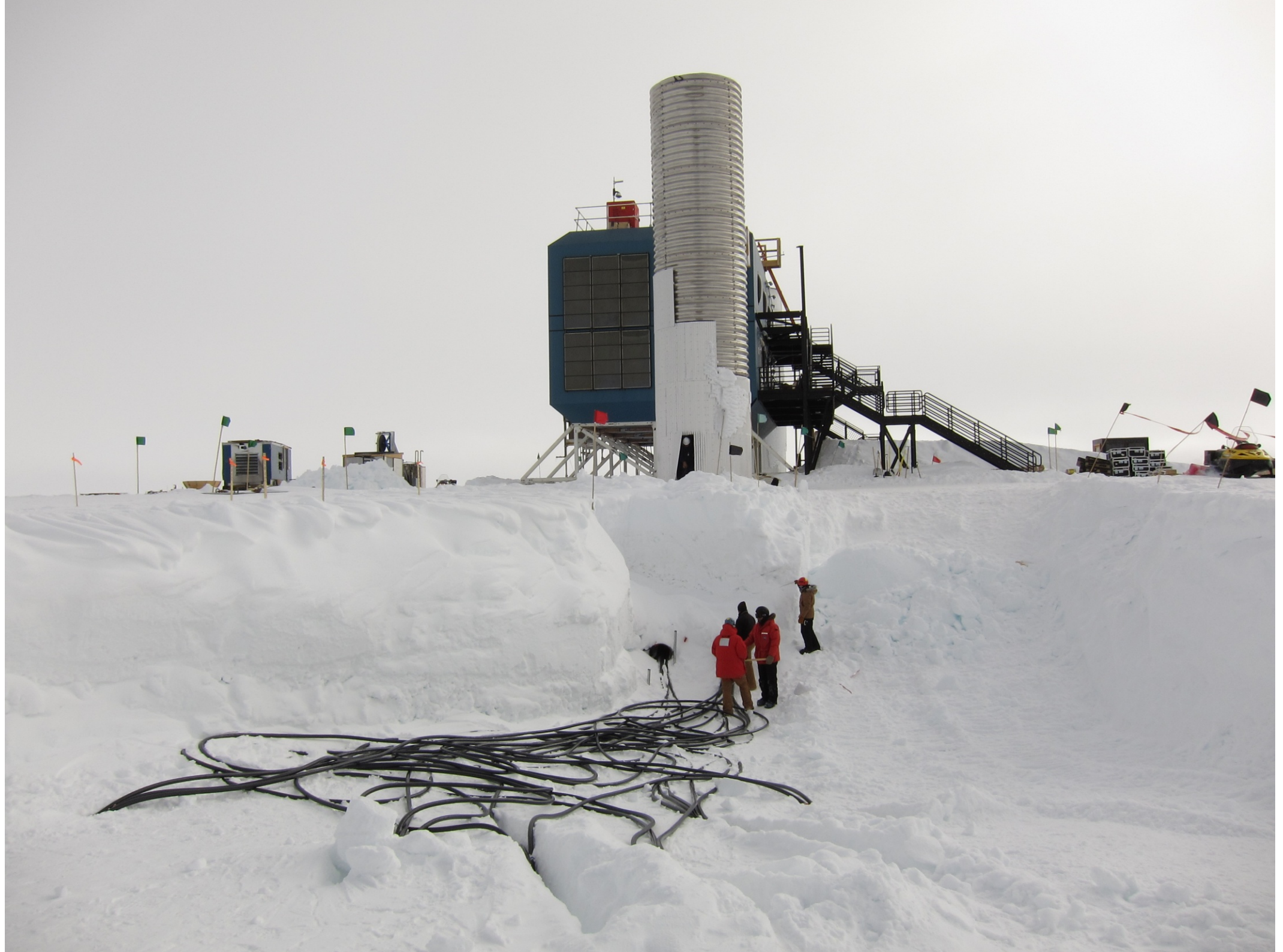
HV board

... each Digital Optical Module independently collects light signals like this, digitizes them,

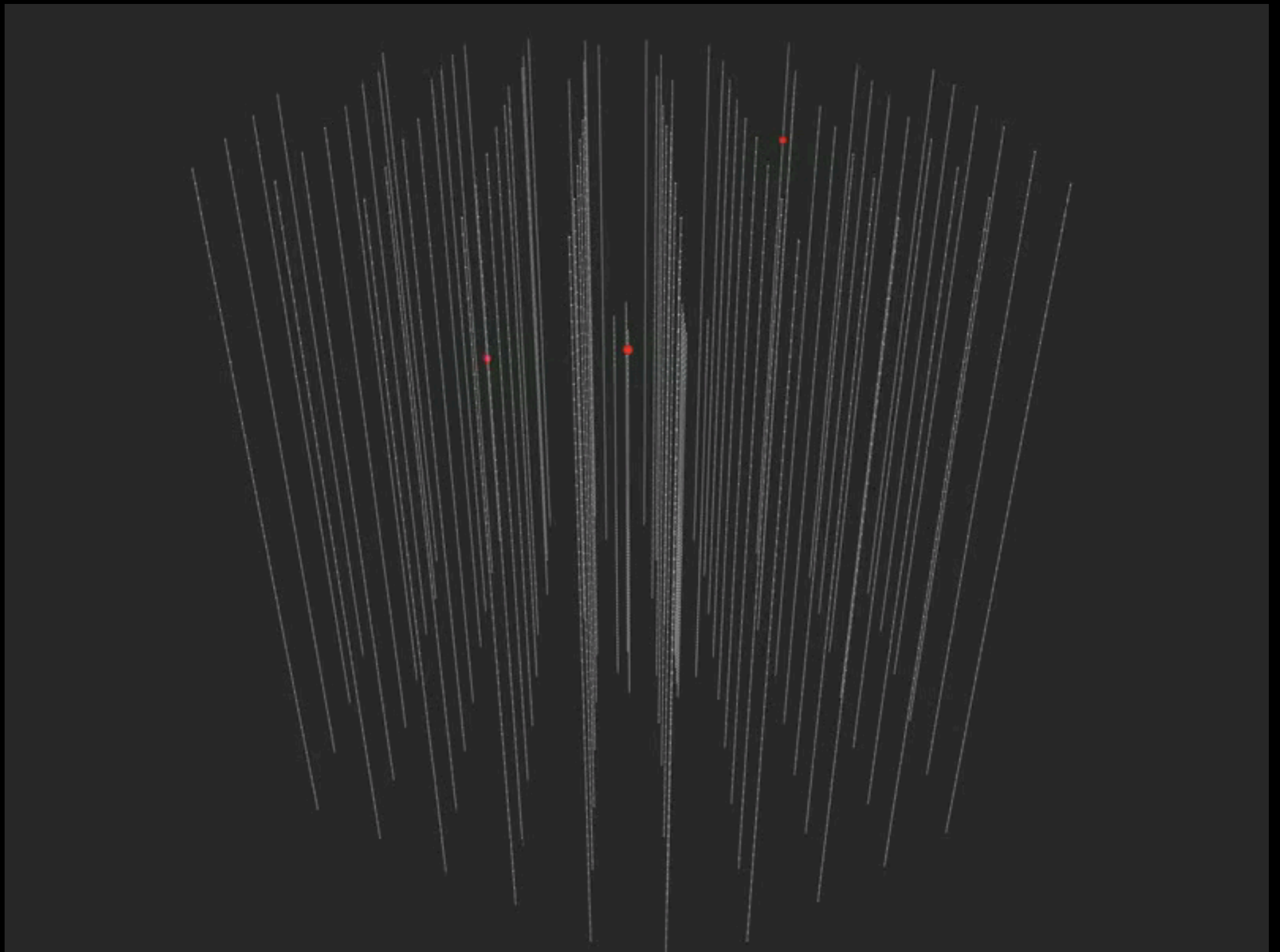


...time stamp
sends them to a computer that sorts them events... precision, and



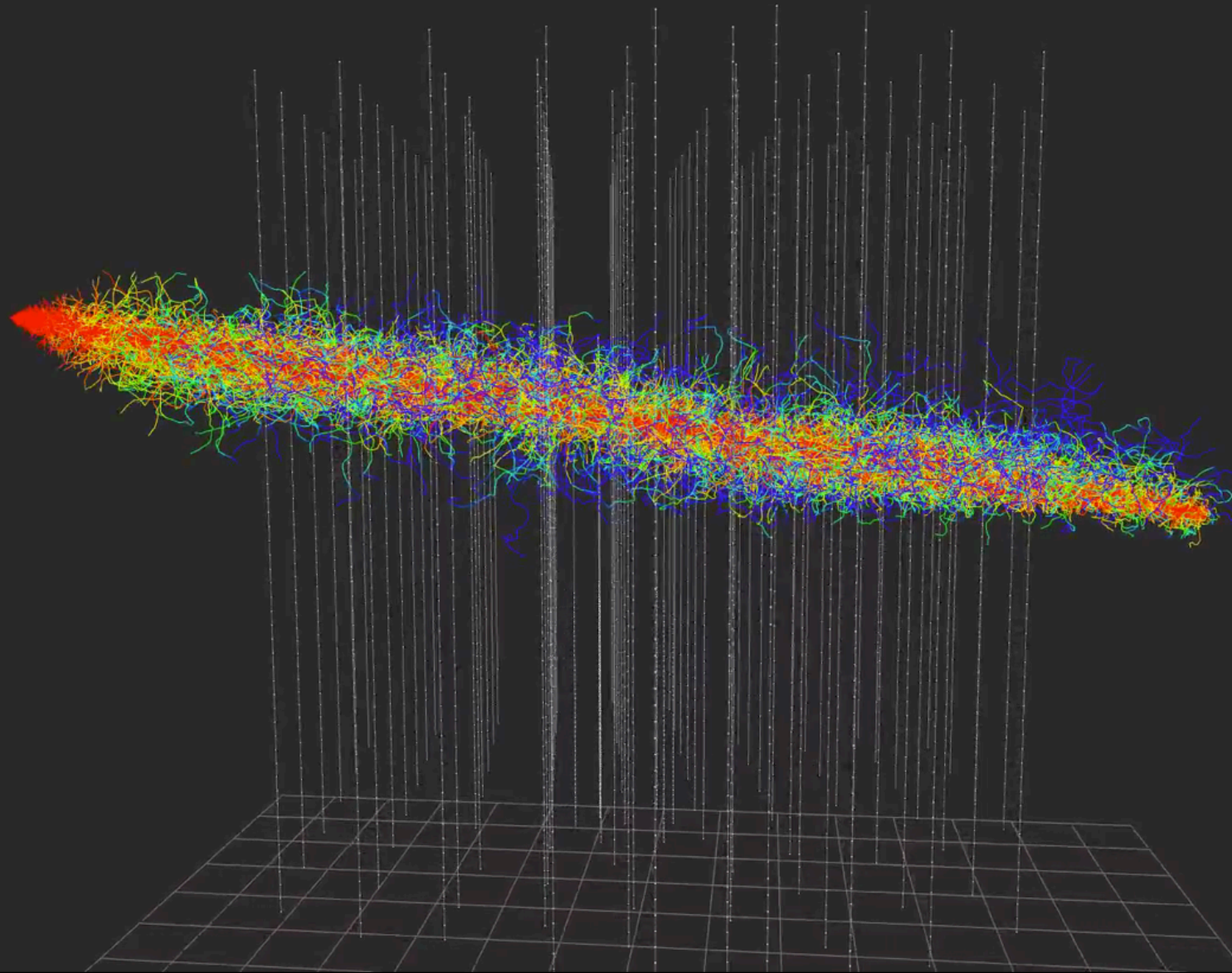


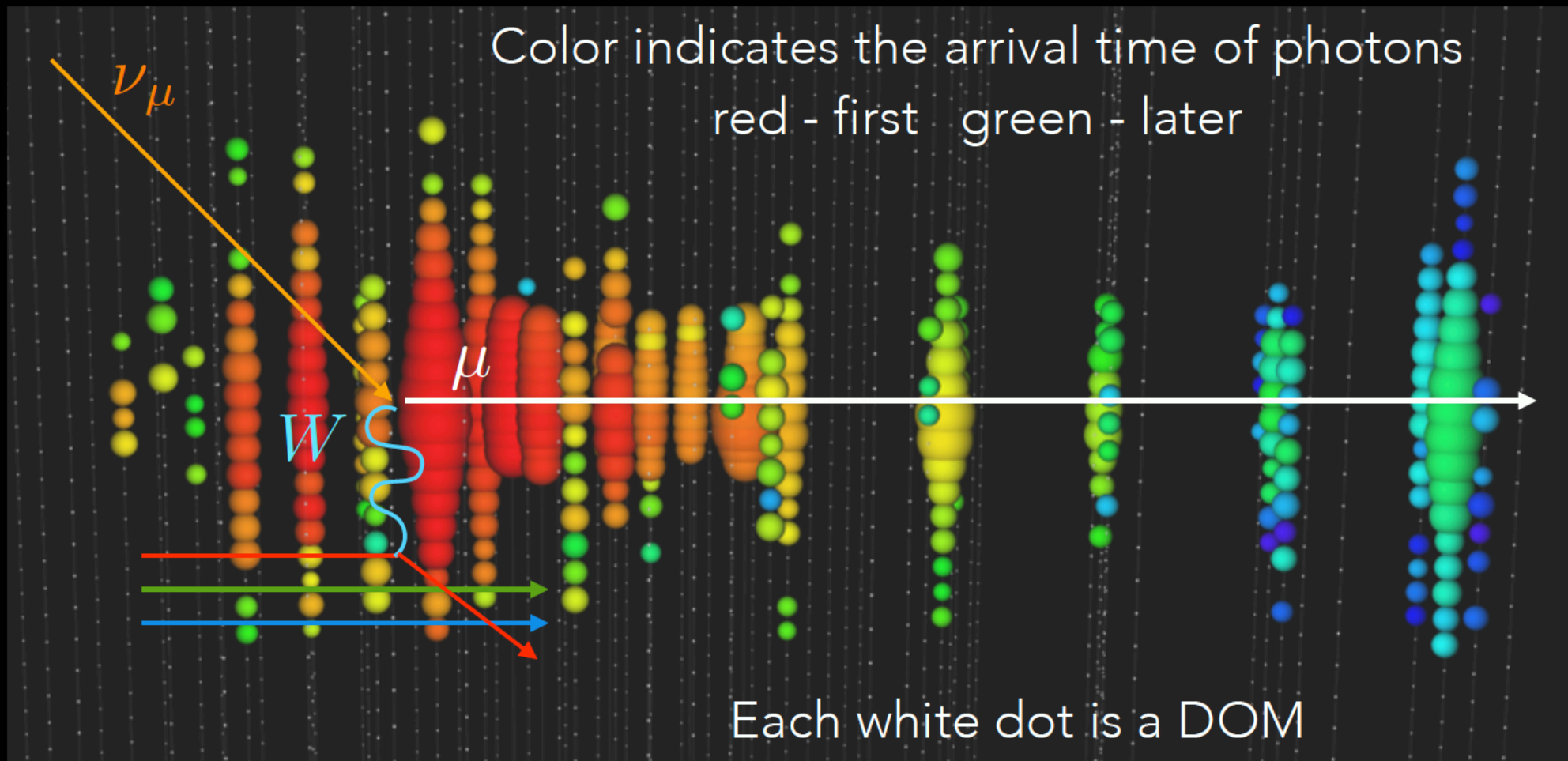




muon track: color is time; number of photons is energy

neutrinos are detected by looking for Cherenkov radiation from secondary particles (muons, particle showers)



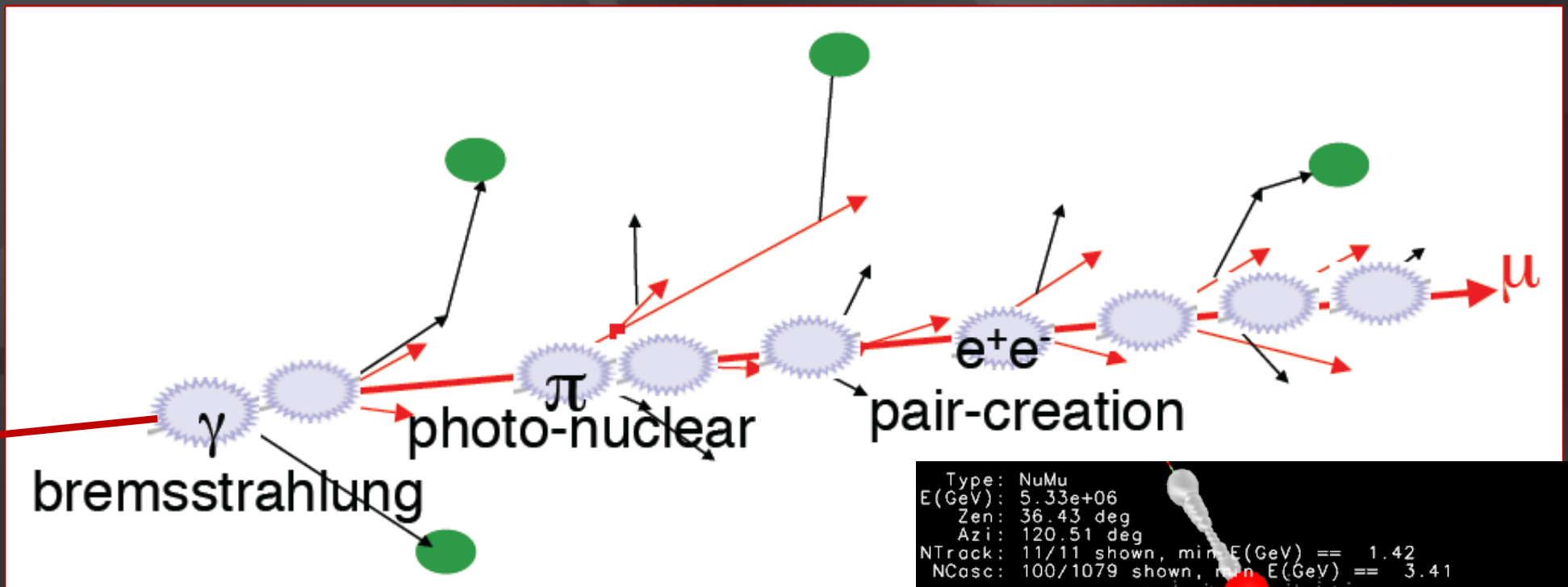


Nov.12.2010, duration: 3,800 nanosecond, energy: 71.4TeV

93 TeV muon: light ~ energy

```
Type: NuMu  
E(GeV): 9.30e+04  
Zen: 40.45 deg  
Azi: 192.12 deg  
NTrack: 1/1 shown, min E(GeV) == 93026.46  
NCasc: 100/427 shown, min E(GeV) == 7.99
```

energy measurement (> 1 TeV)

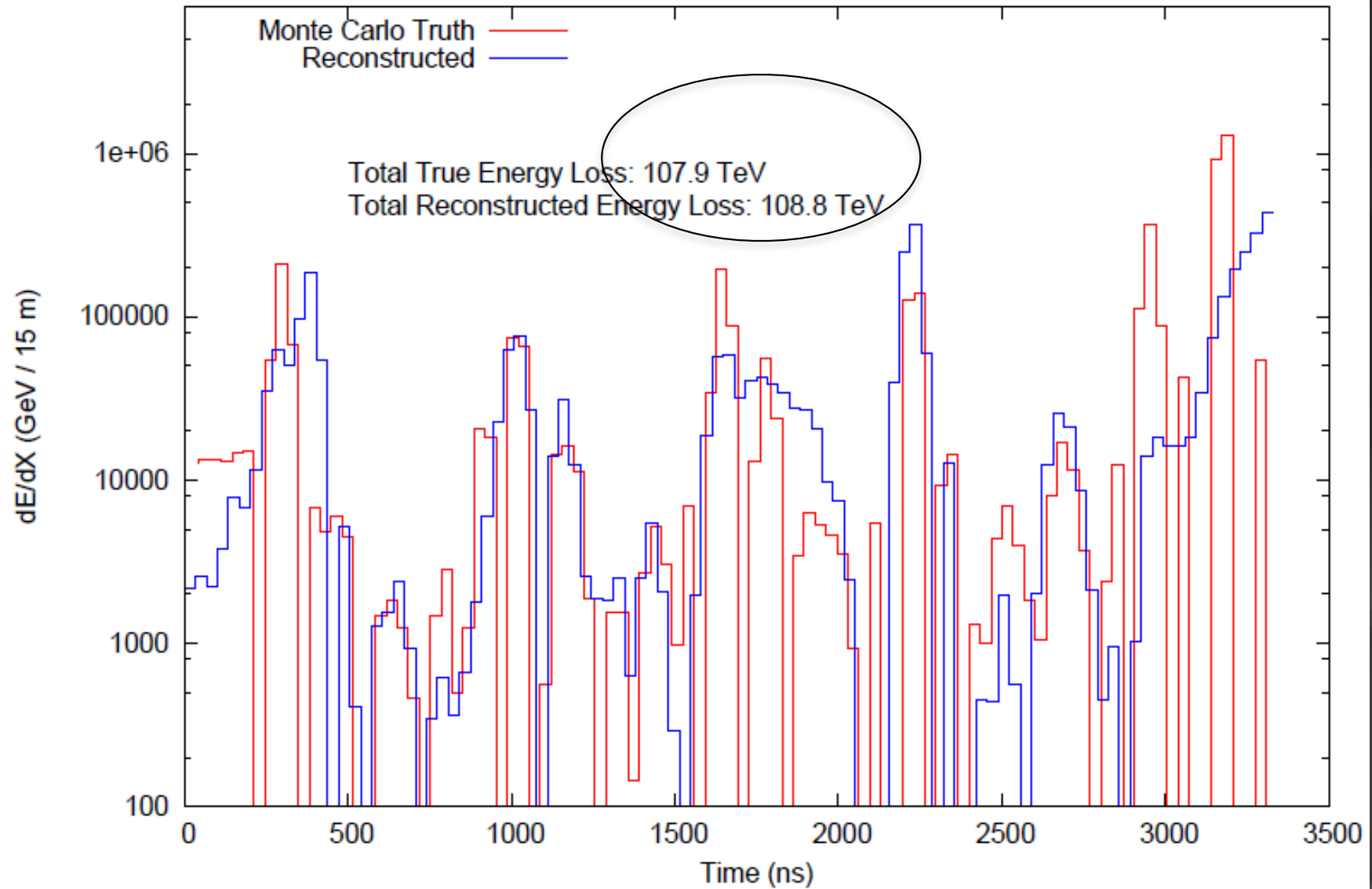


convert the amount of light emitted to a measurement of the muon energy (number of optical modules, number of photons, dE/dx , ...)

```
Type: NuMu  
E(GeV): 5.33e+06  
Zen: 36.43 deg  
Azi: 120.51 deg  
NTrack: 11/11 shown, min E(GeV) == 1.42  
NCasc: 100/1079 shown, min E(GeV) == 3.41
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Run 433700001 Event 0 [0ns, 4000ns]

Differential Energy Reconstruction of 5 PeV Muon in IC-86

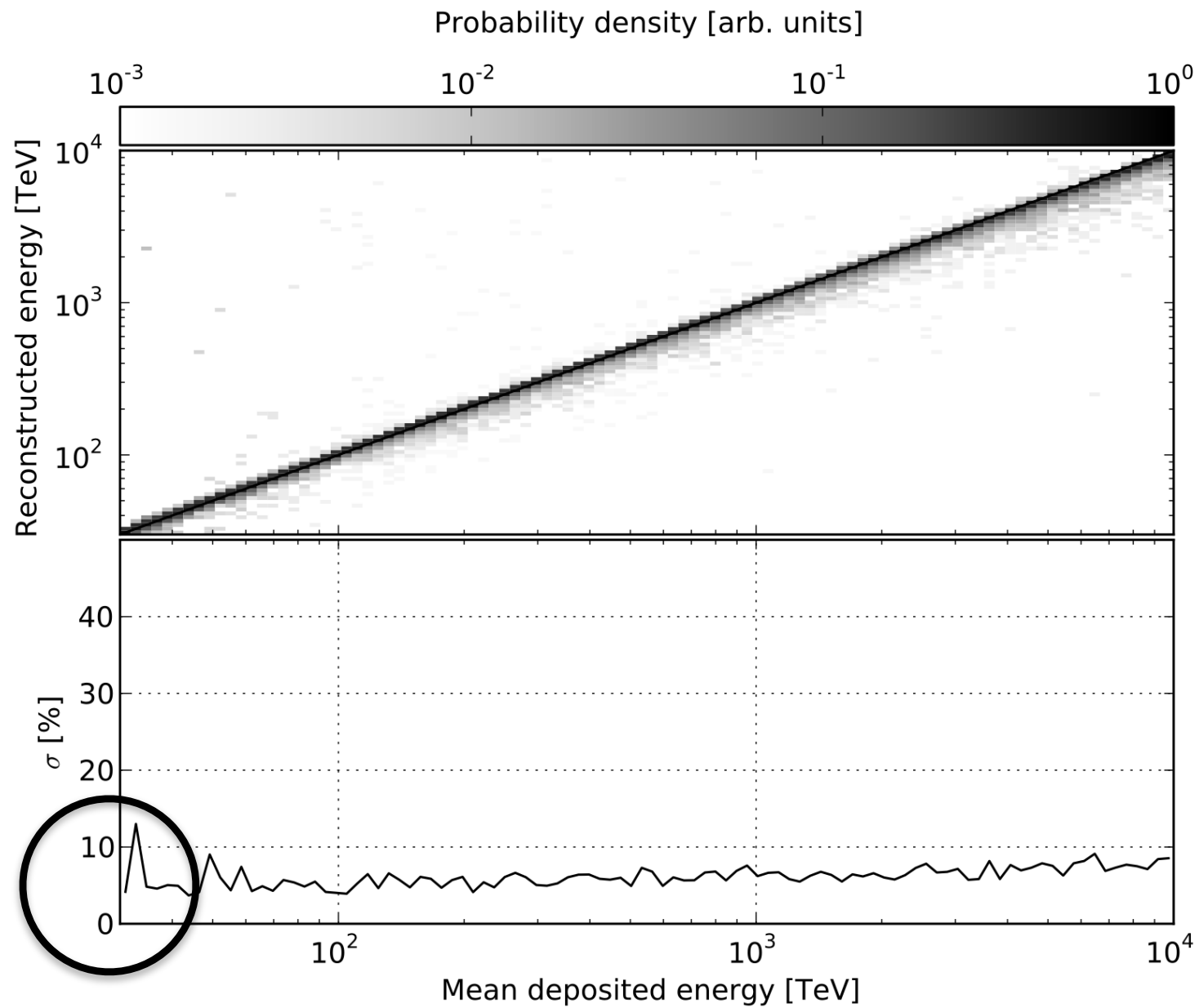


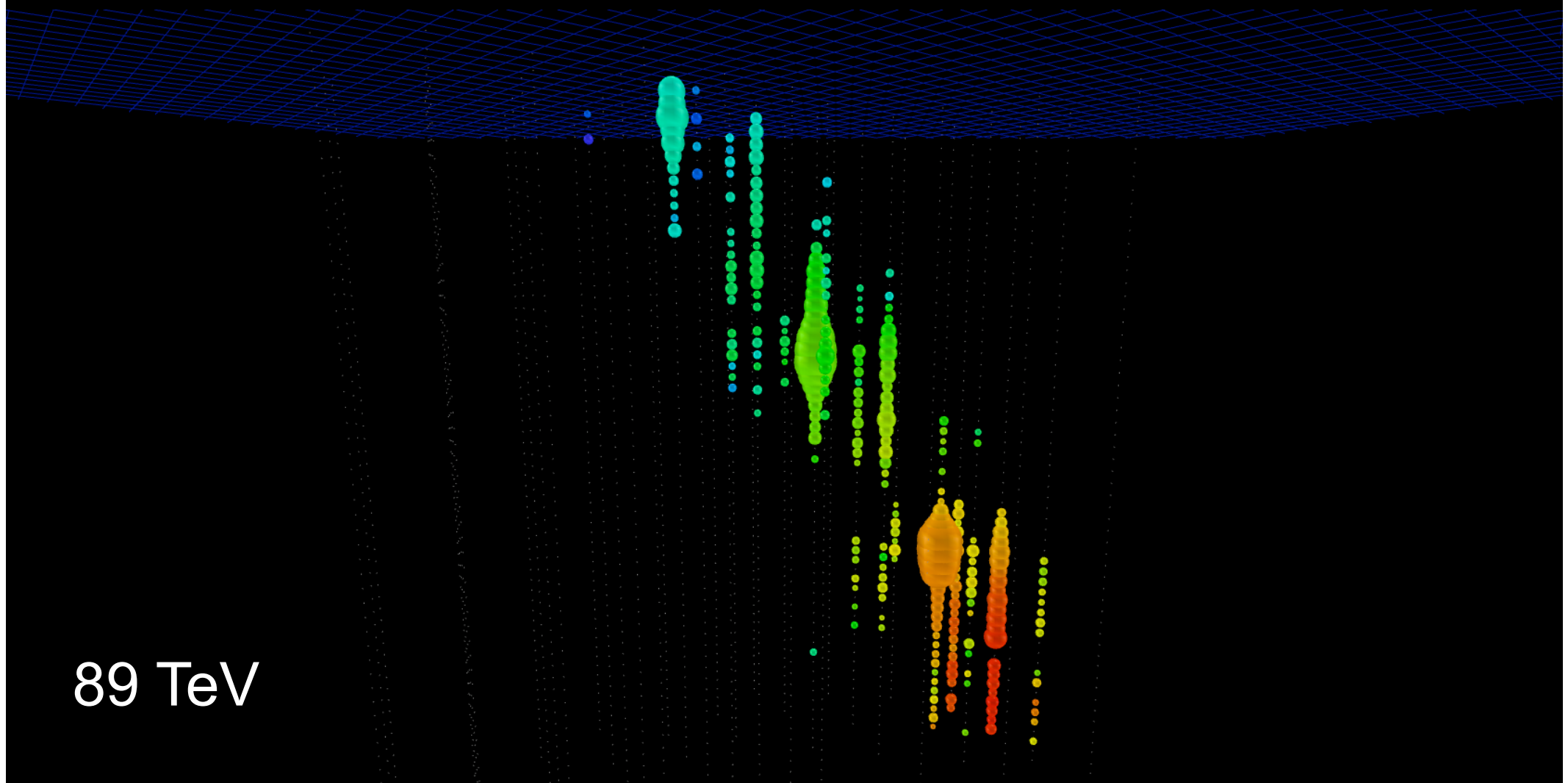
1.1 km



limited angular and energy resolution: computing → ice properties

energy reconstruction of electromagnetic showers





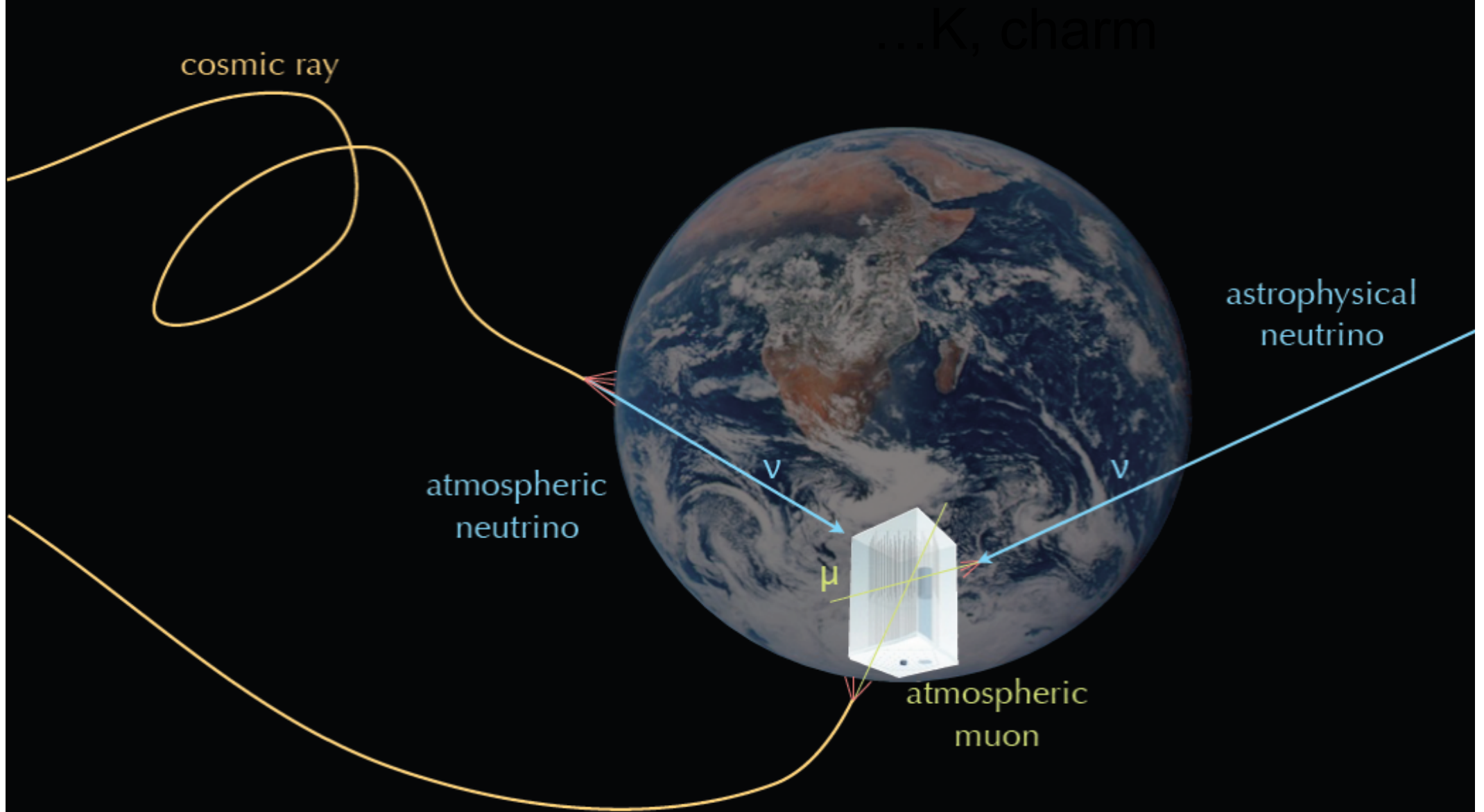
89 TeV

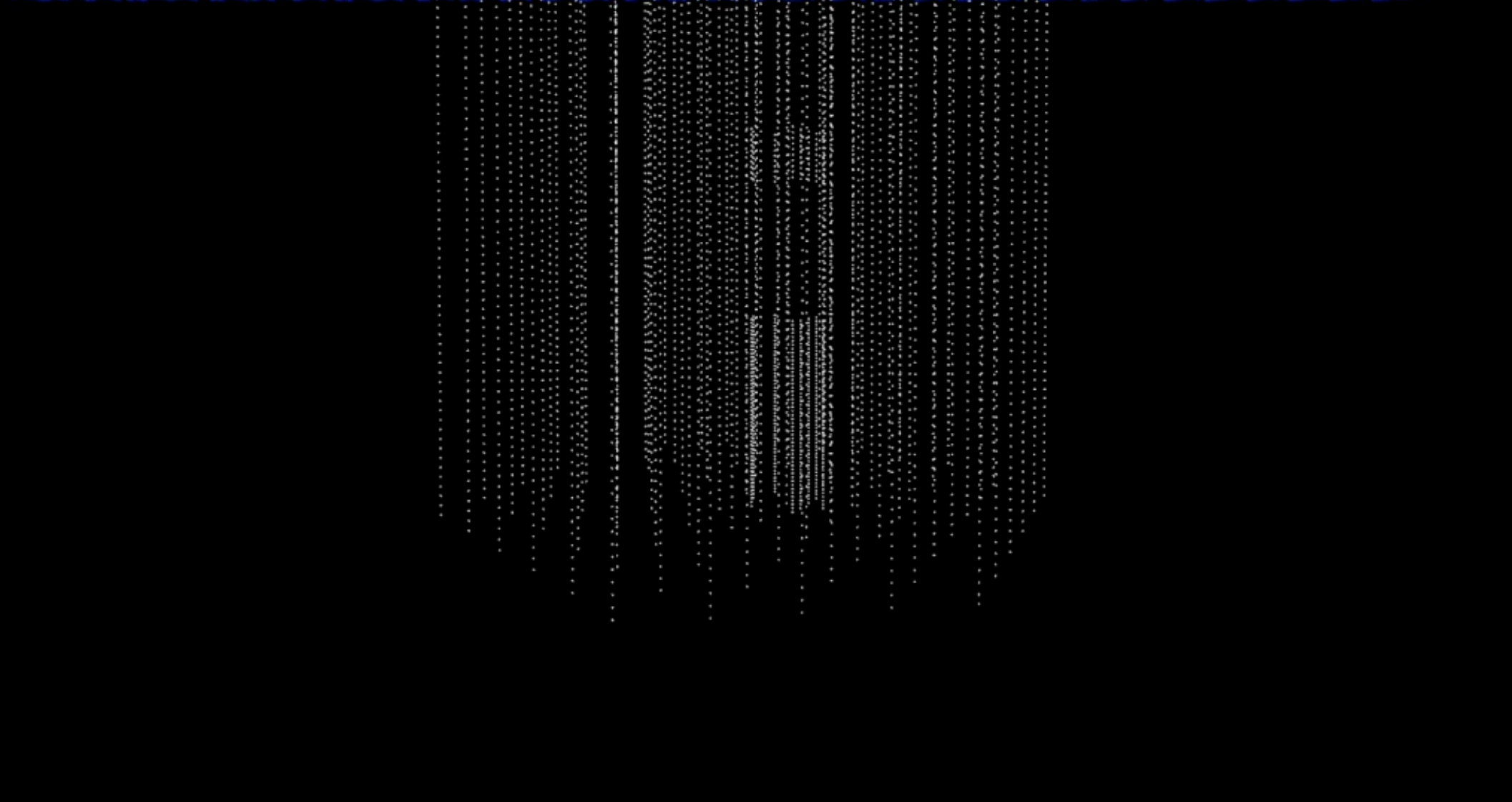
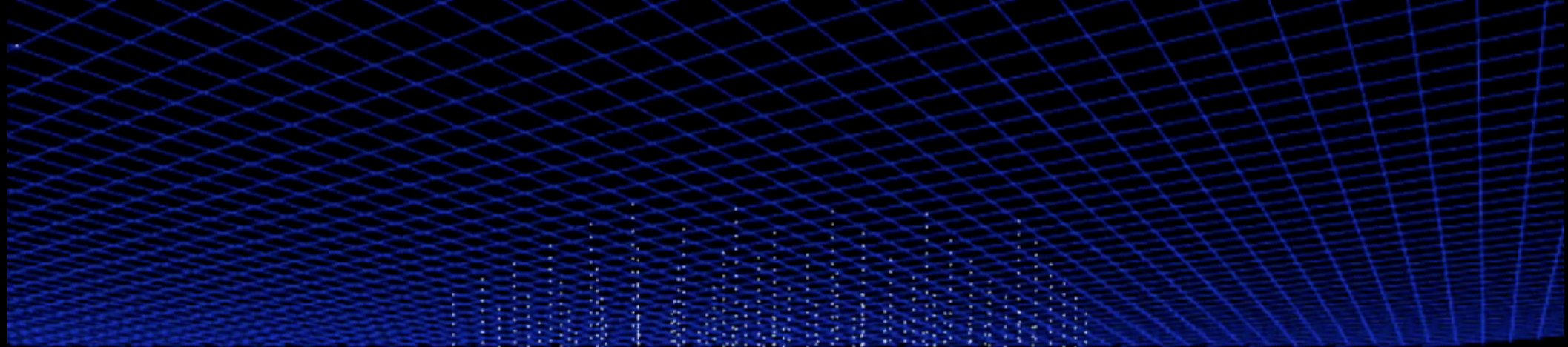
radius \sim number of photons

time \sim red \rightarrow purple 

Run 113641 Event 33553254 [0ns, 16748ns]

Signals and Backgrounds





... you looked at 10msec of data !

muons detected per year:

• atmospheric* μ $\sim 10^{11}$

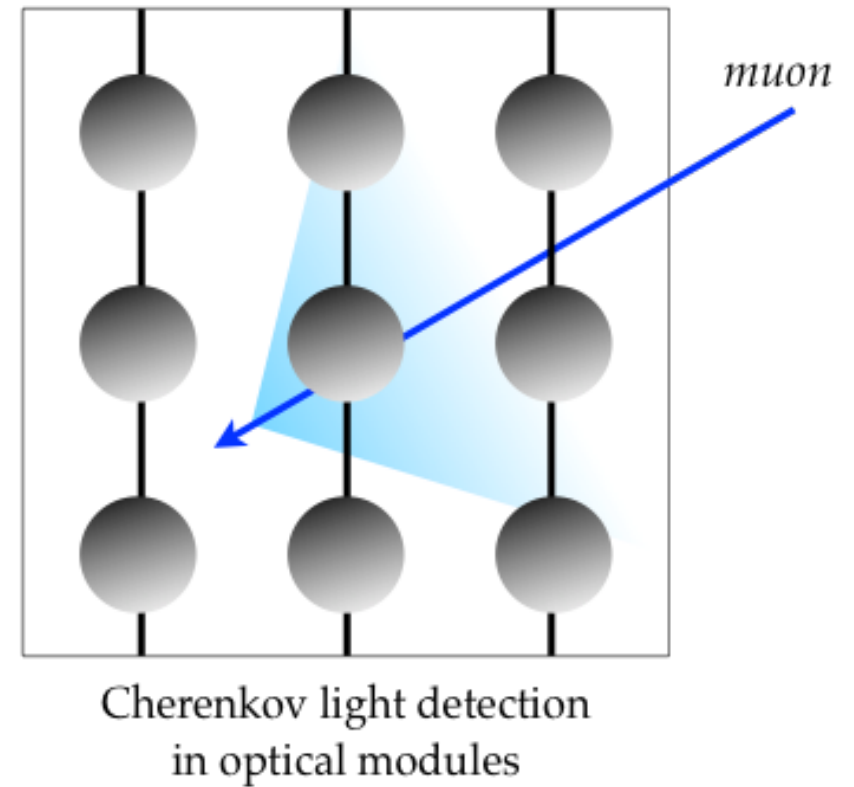
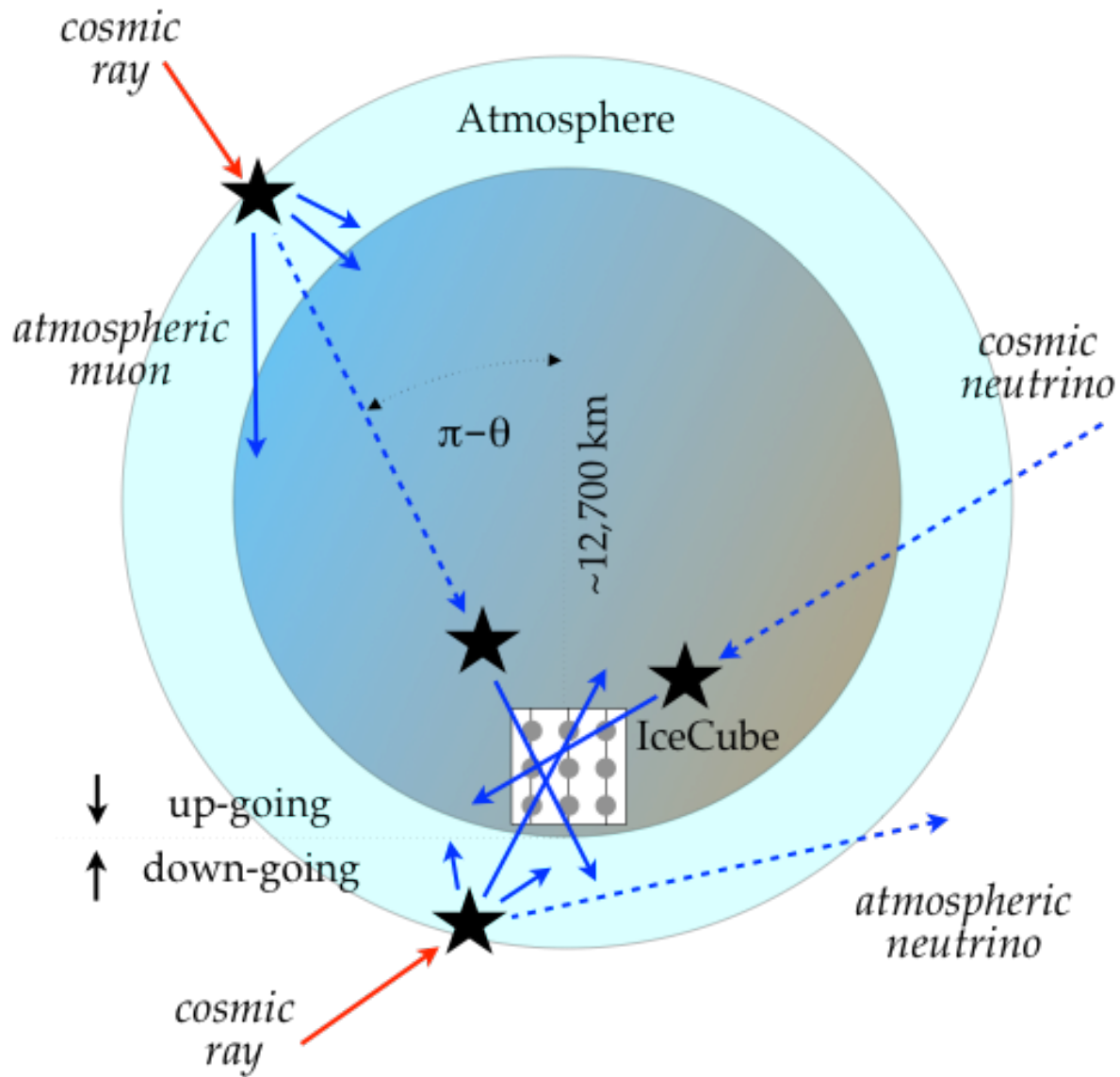
• atmospheric** $\nu \rightarrow \mu$ $\sim 10^5$

• cosmic $\nu \rightarrow \mu$ ~ 10

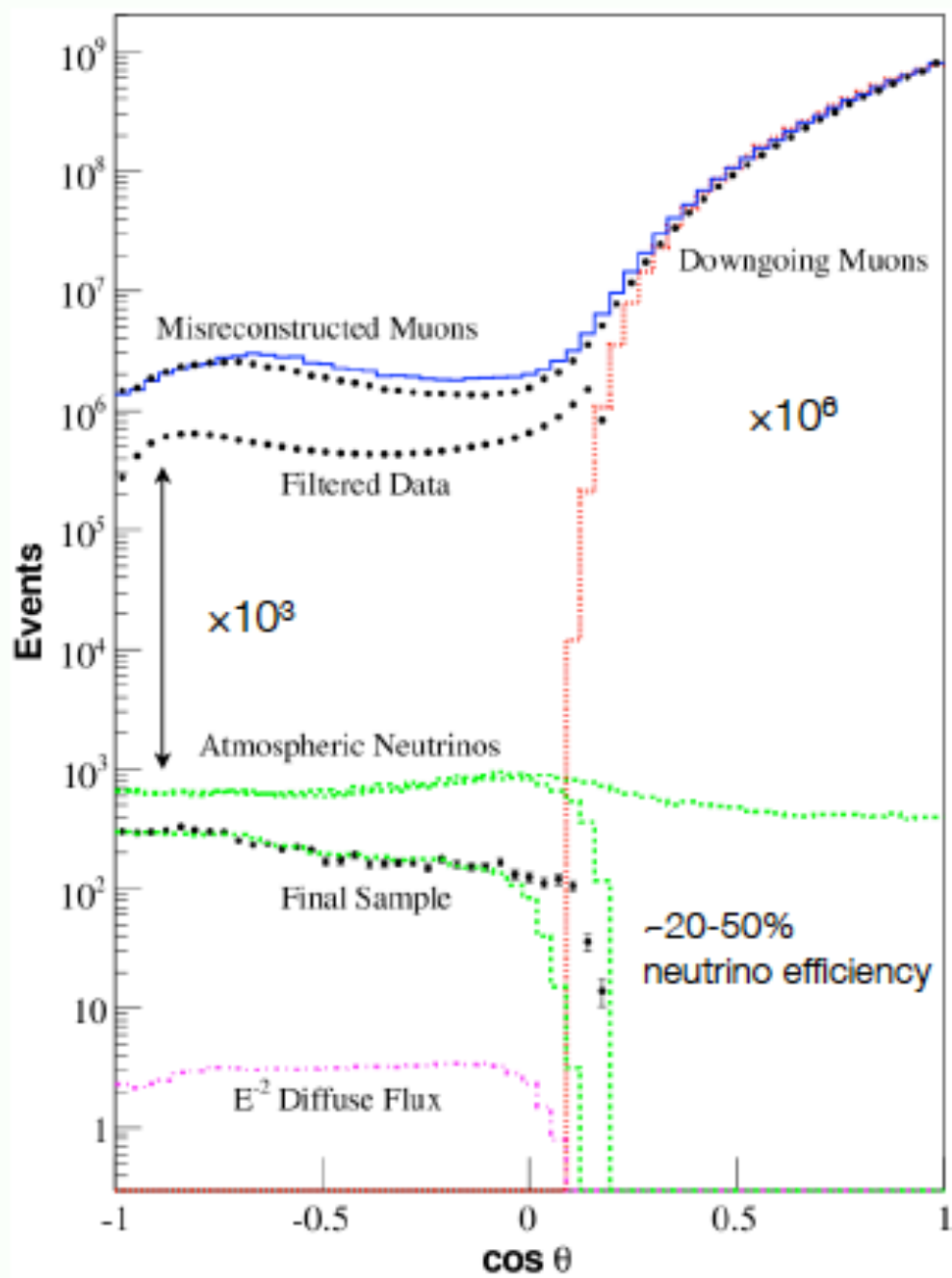
* 3000 per second

** 1 every 6 minutes

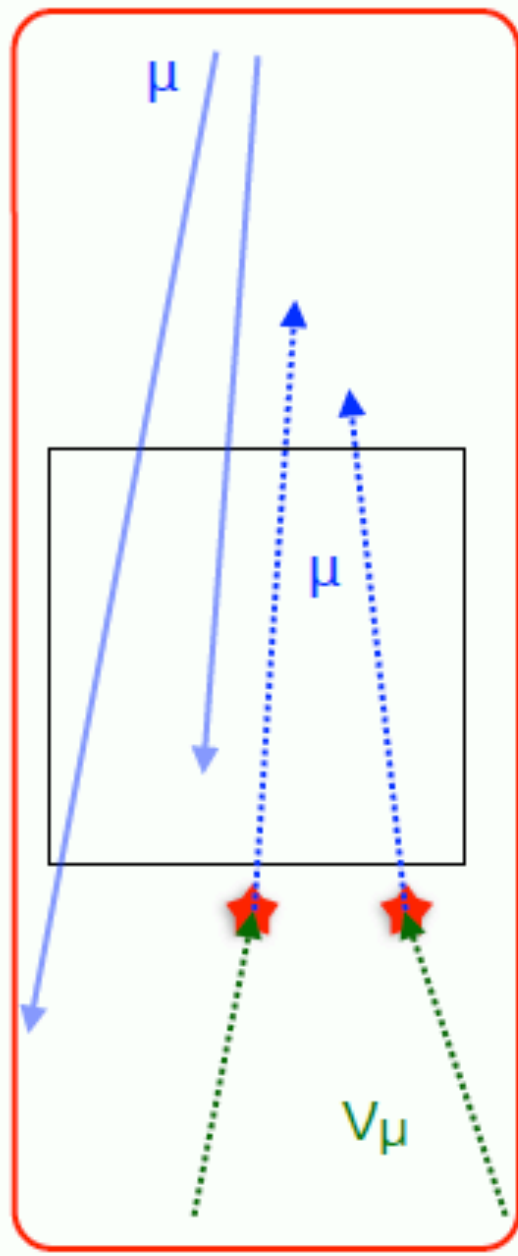
- rejecting atmospheric muons



- rejecting atmospheric neutrinos

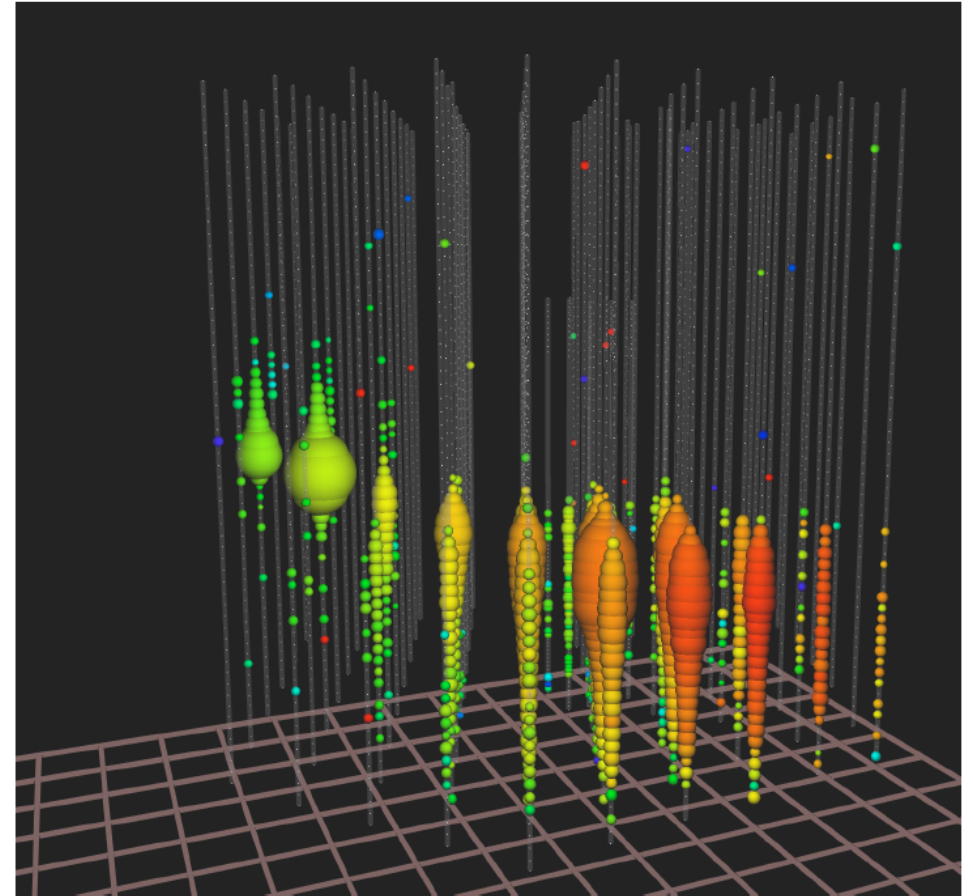
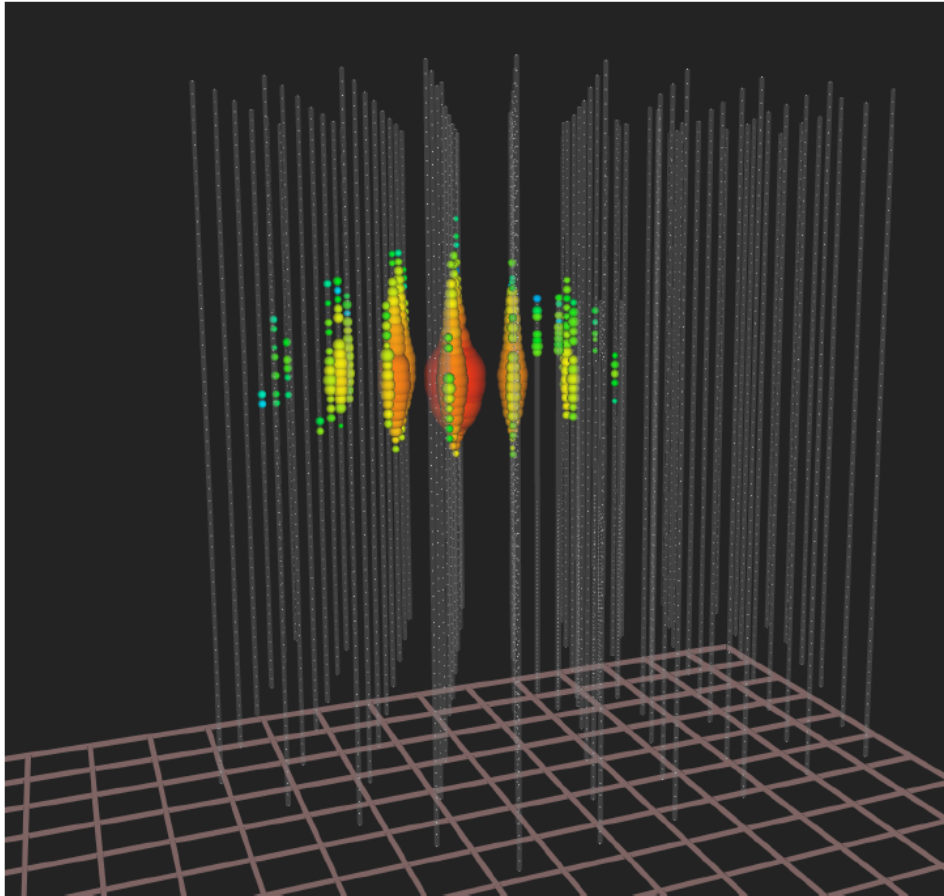


through-going
(tracks)



isolated neutrinos interacting
inside the detector (HESE)

up-going muon tracks
(UPMU)



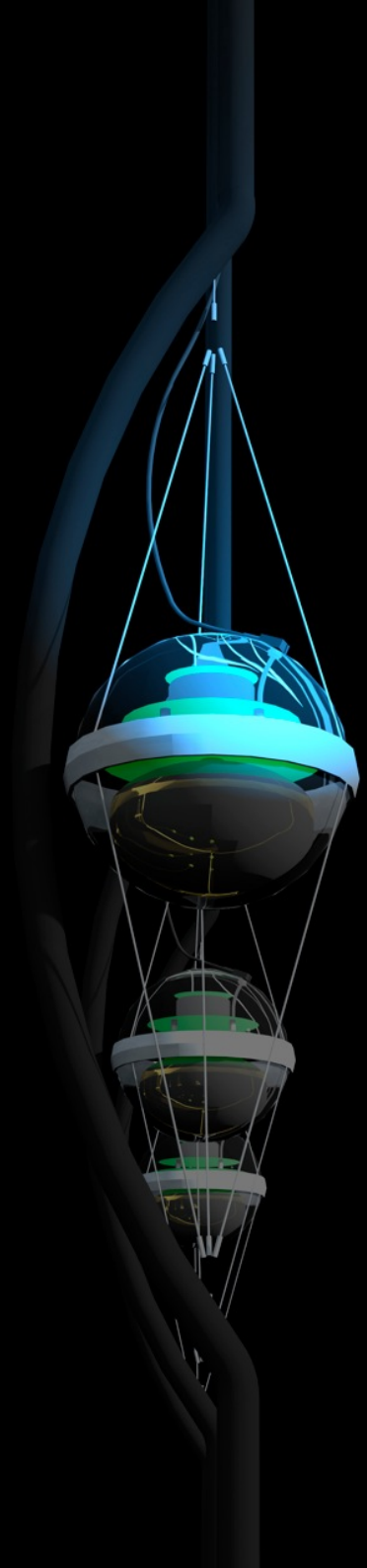
total energy measurement
all flavors, all sky

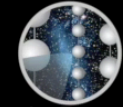
astronomy: angular resolution
superior ($<0.5^\circ$)

IceCube

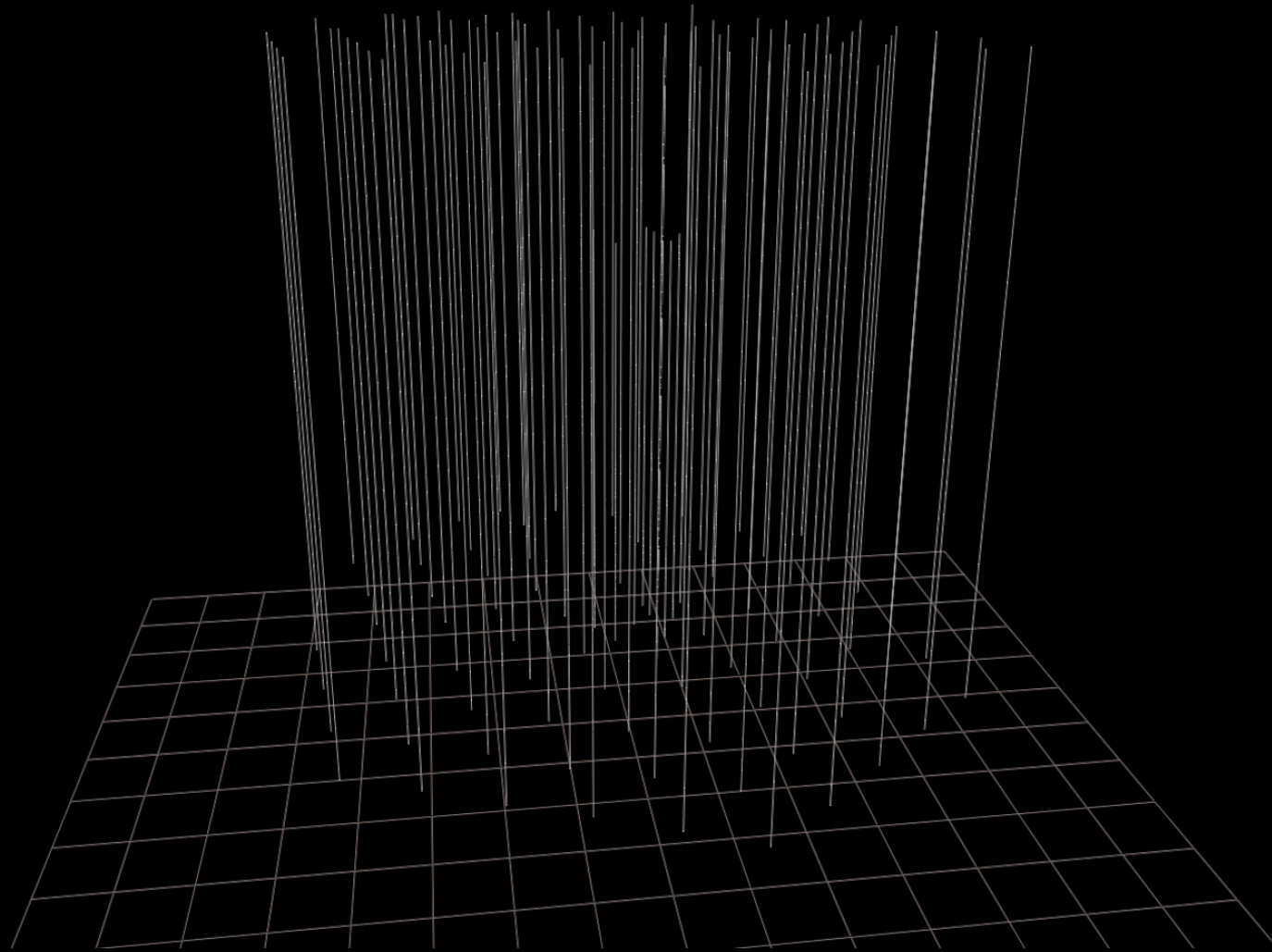
francis halzen

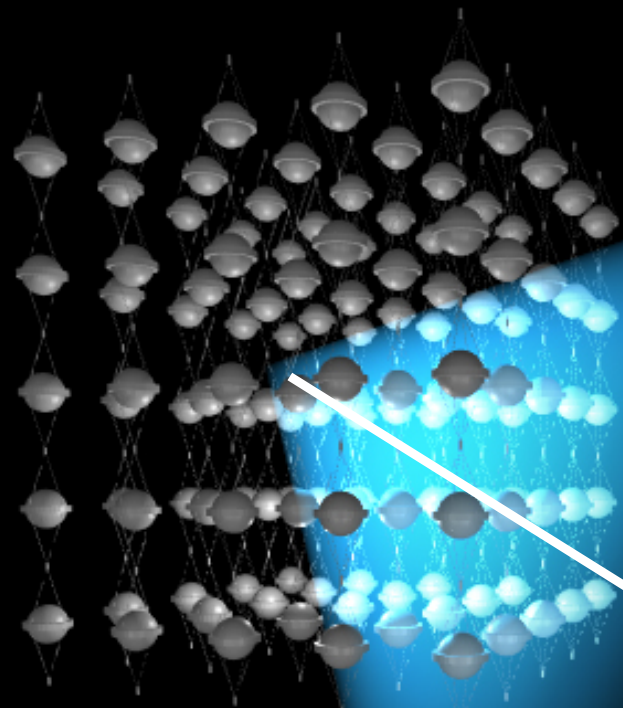
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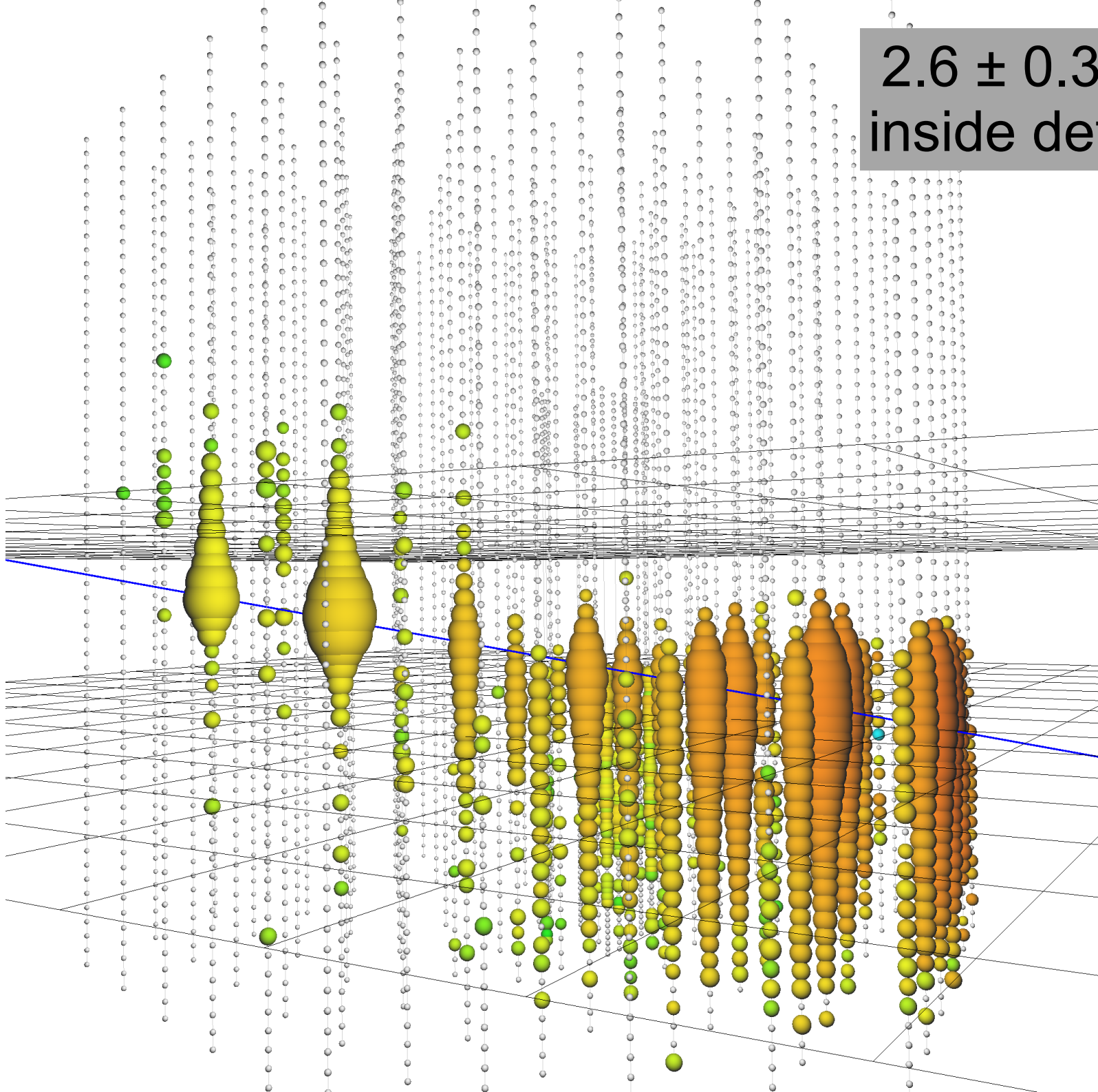
muon

interaction

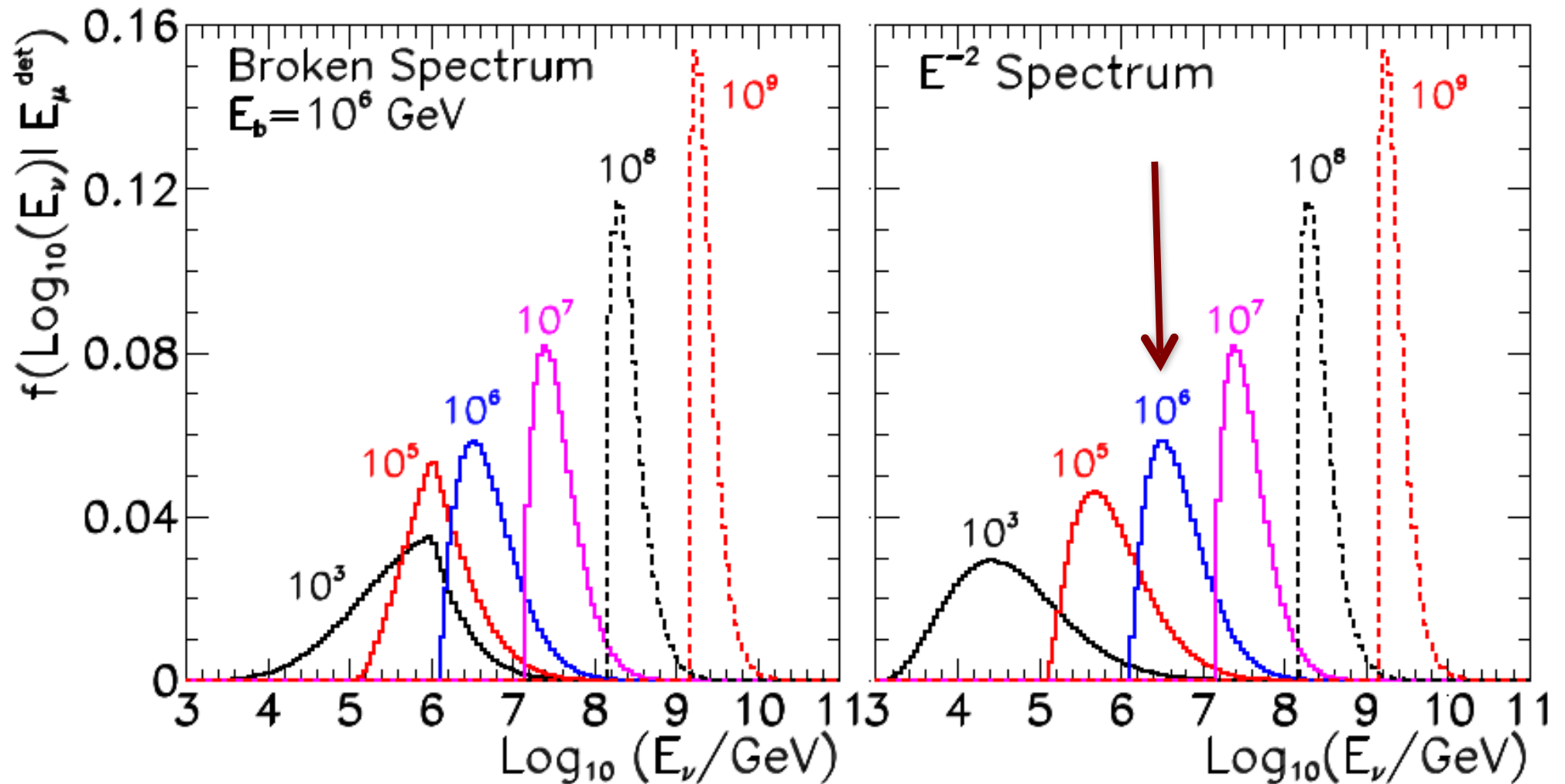
neutrino

• lattice of photomultipliers

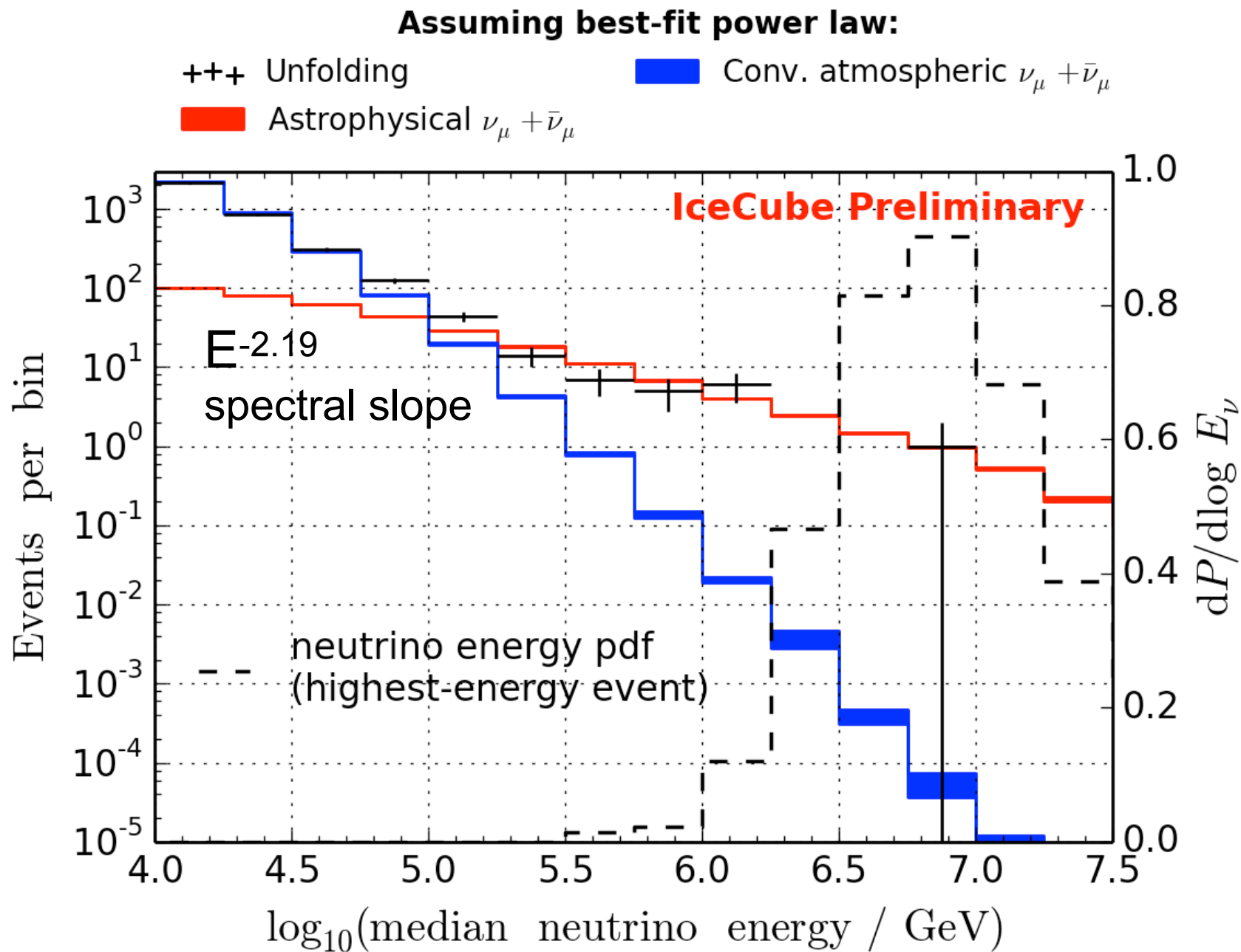
2.6 ± 0.3 PeV
inside detector



distribution of the parent neutrino energy corresponding to the energy deposited by the secondary muon inside IceCube

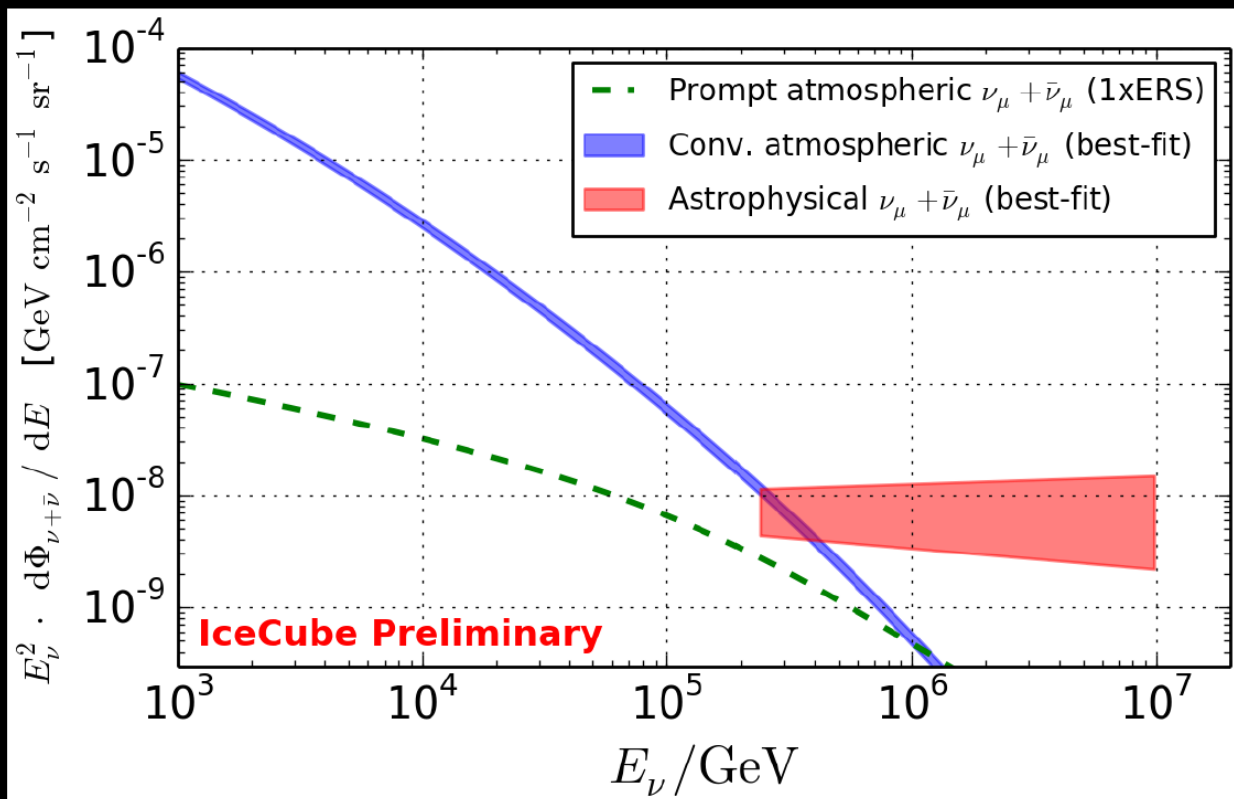
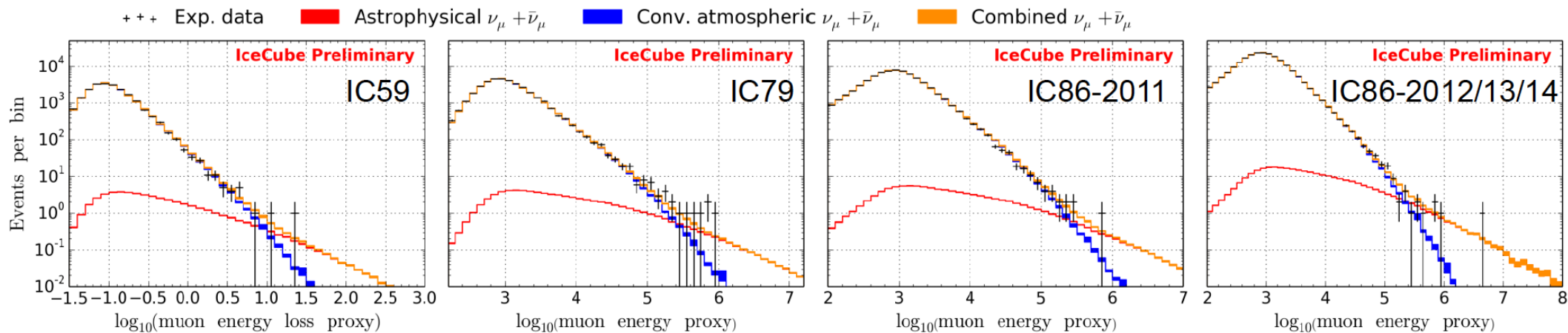


~ 550 cosmic neutrinos in a background of ~340,000 atmospheric
atmospheric background: less than one event/deg²/year



after 7 years \rightarrow 6.4 sigma

120 cosmic neutrinos/year/flavor



Best-fit astrophysical normalization:

$$0.97^{+0.27}_{-0.25} \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$$

Best-fit spectral index:

$$\gamma_{\text{astro}} = 2.165 \pm 0.11$$

Energy ranges:

240 TeV – 10 PeV

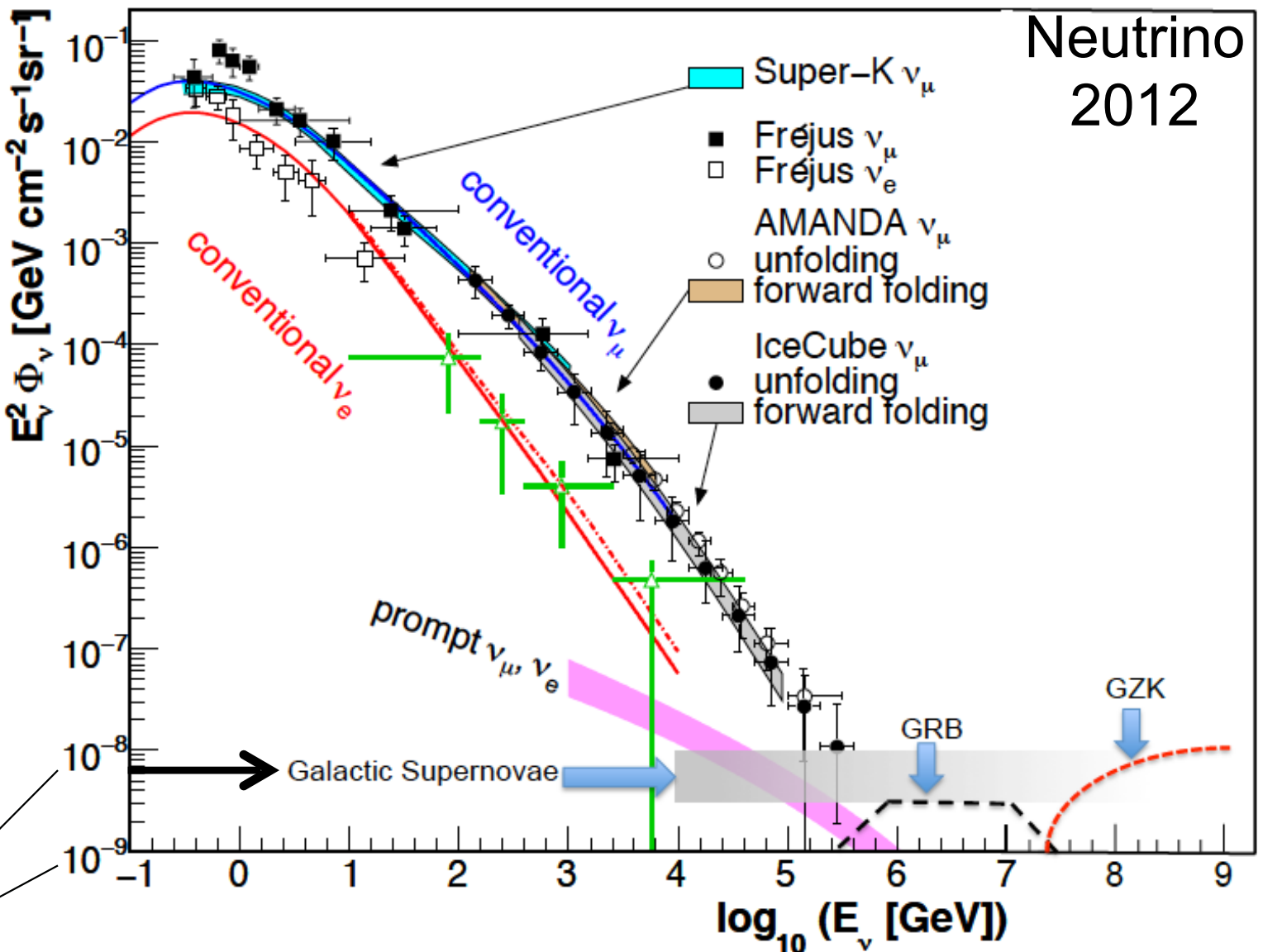
Atmospheric-only hypothesis excluded by 6.0σ

above 100 TeV

- cosmic neutrinos
- atmospheric background disappears

$$dN/dE \sim E^{-2}$$

10—100 events per year for fully efficient detector



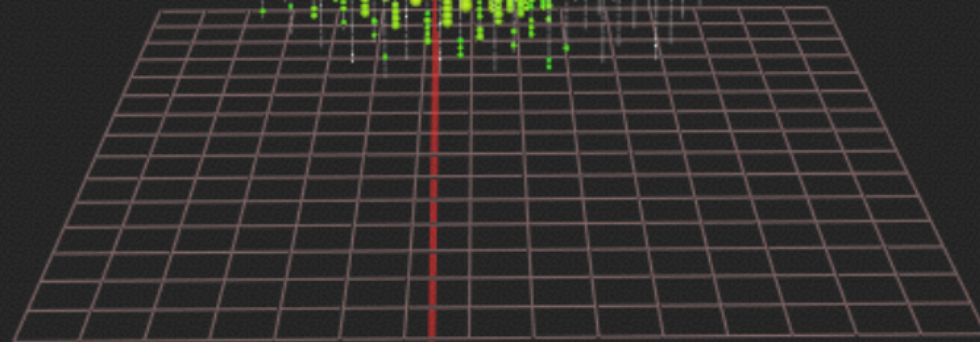
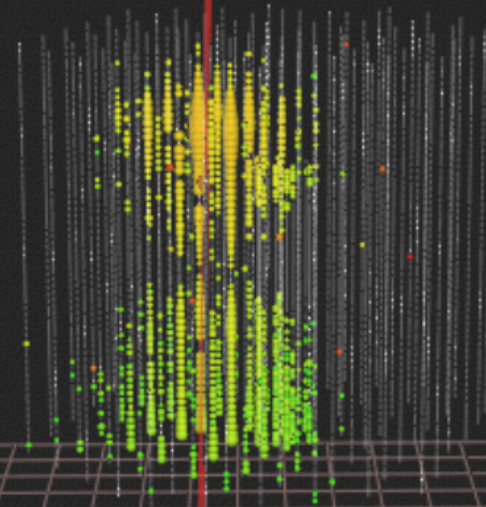
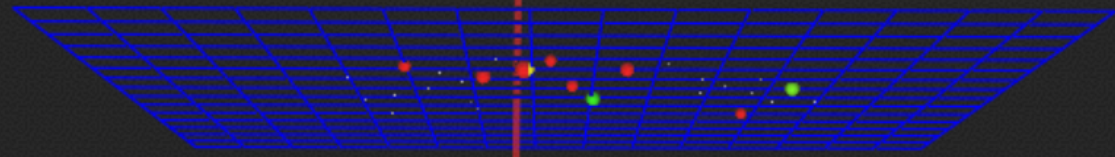
atmospheric

cosmic

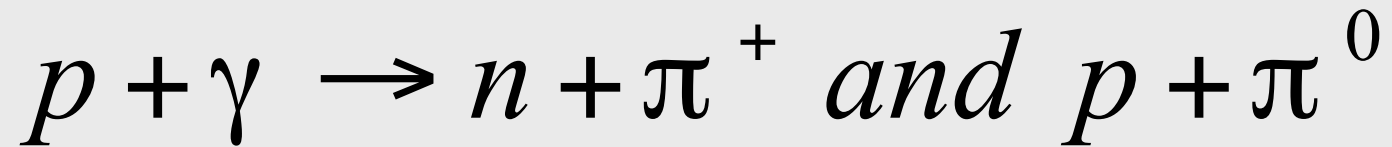
↑
100 TeV

430 TeV inside
detector
PeV ν_{μ}
no air shower

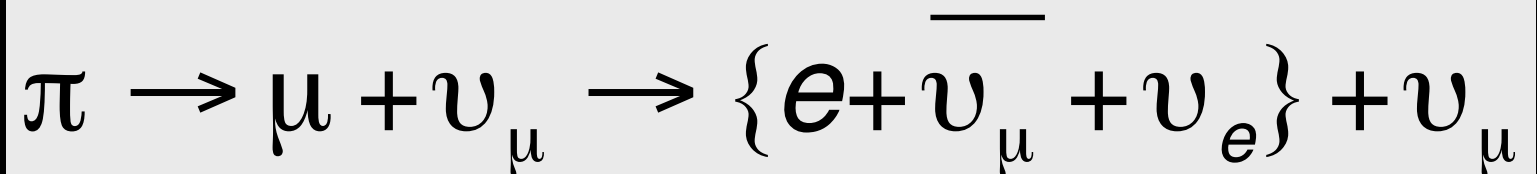
all cosmic
neutrinos are
isolated by
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...but it points at its source!

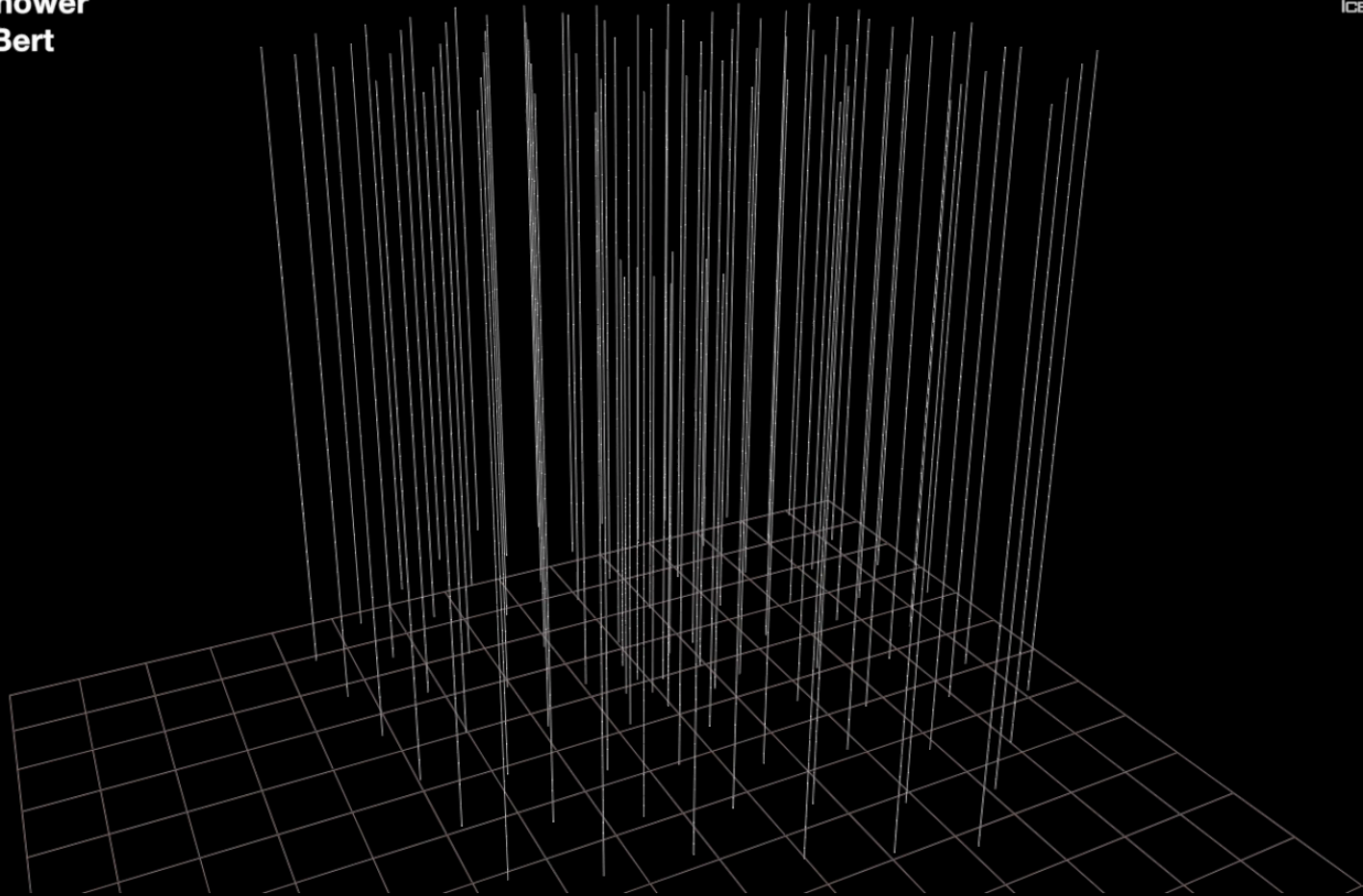
GZK neutrino search: two neutrinos with $> 1,000$ TeV

date: **August 9, 2011**

energy: **1.04 PeV**

topology: **shower**

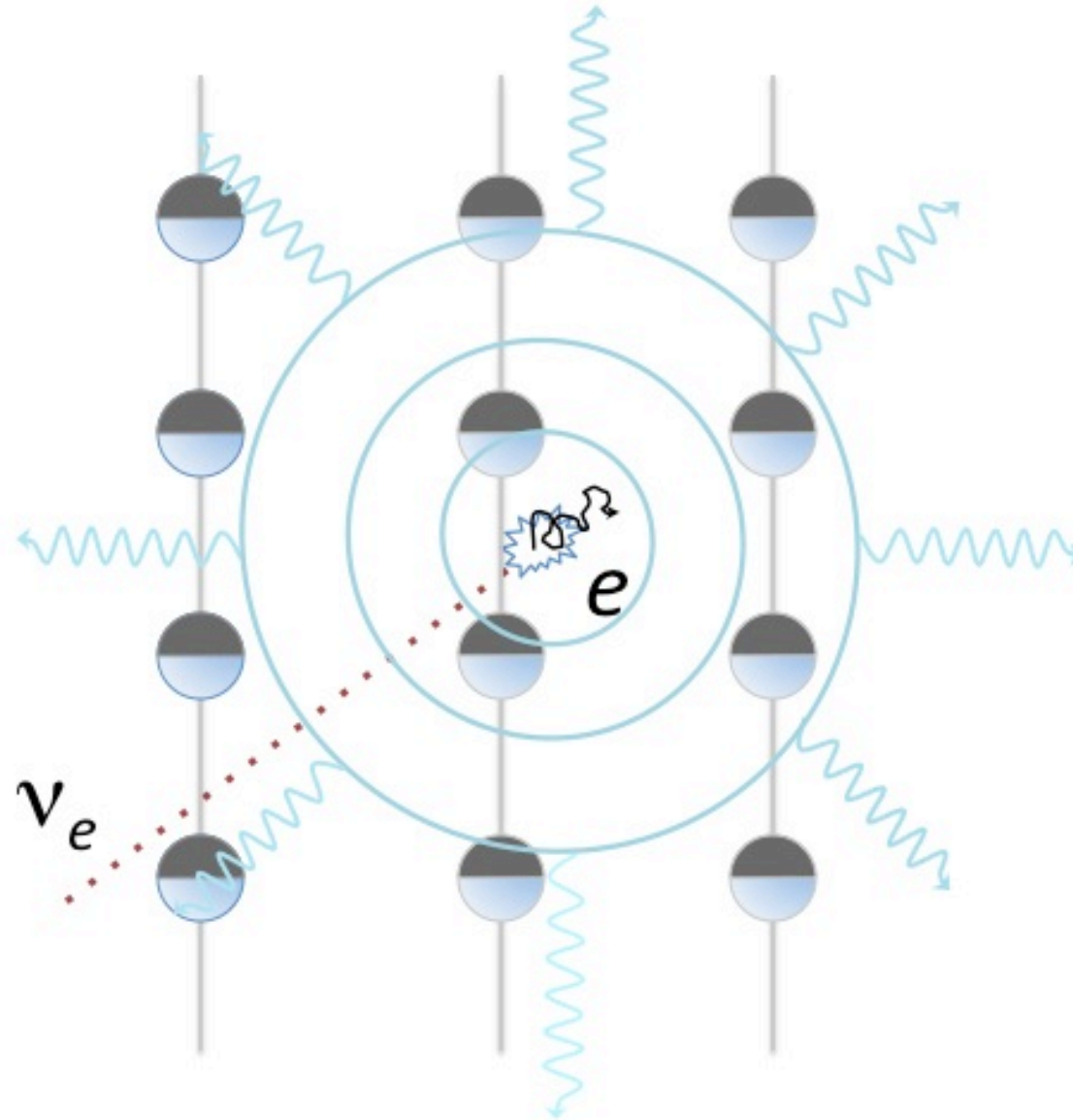
nickname: **Bert**

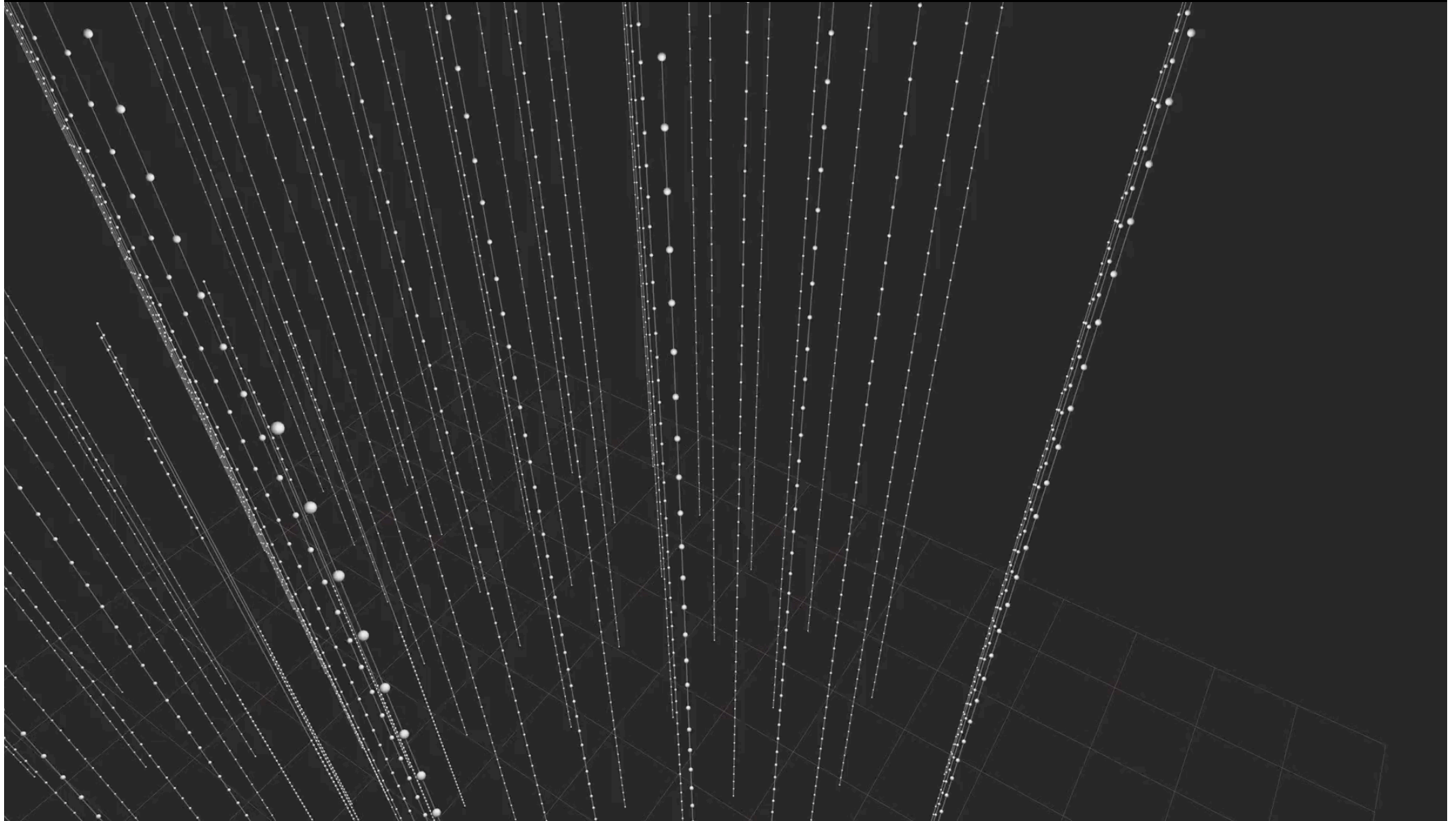


electron showers versus muon tracks

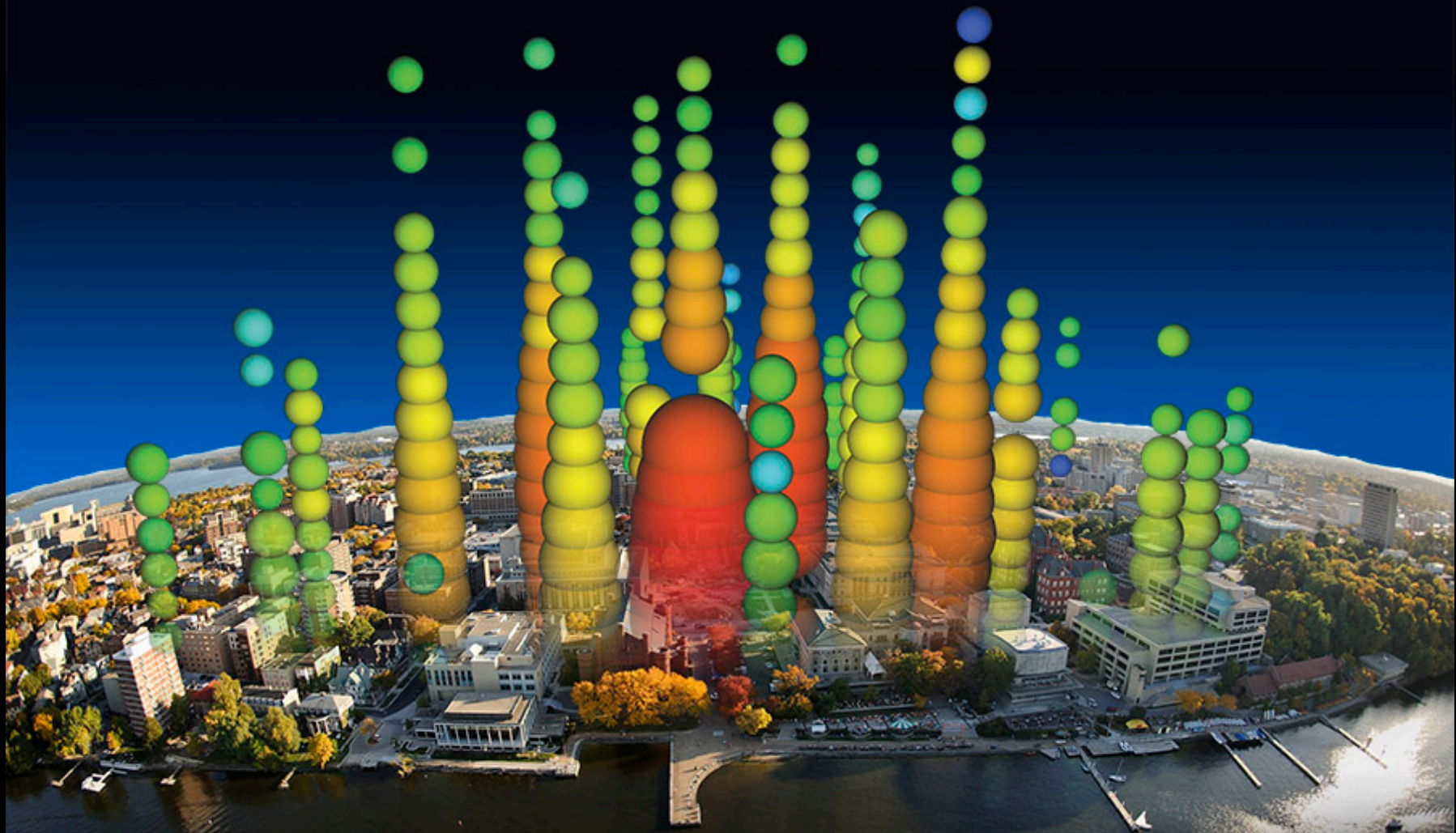
PeV ν_e and ν_τ
showers:

- 10 m long
- volume $\sim 5 \text{ m}^3$
- isotropic after 25~50 m





size = energy & color = time = direction

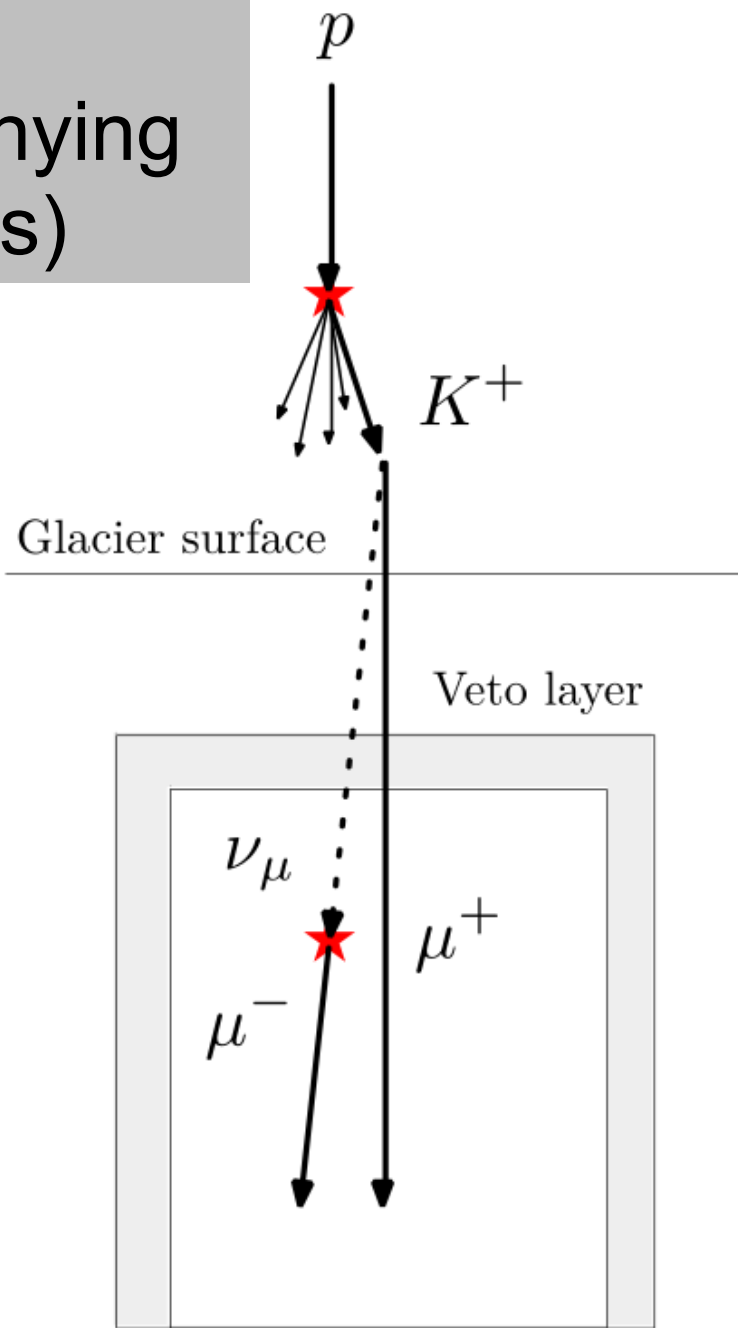


- > 300 sensors
- > 100,000 pe reconstructed to 2 nsec

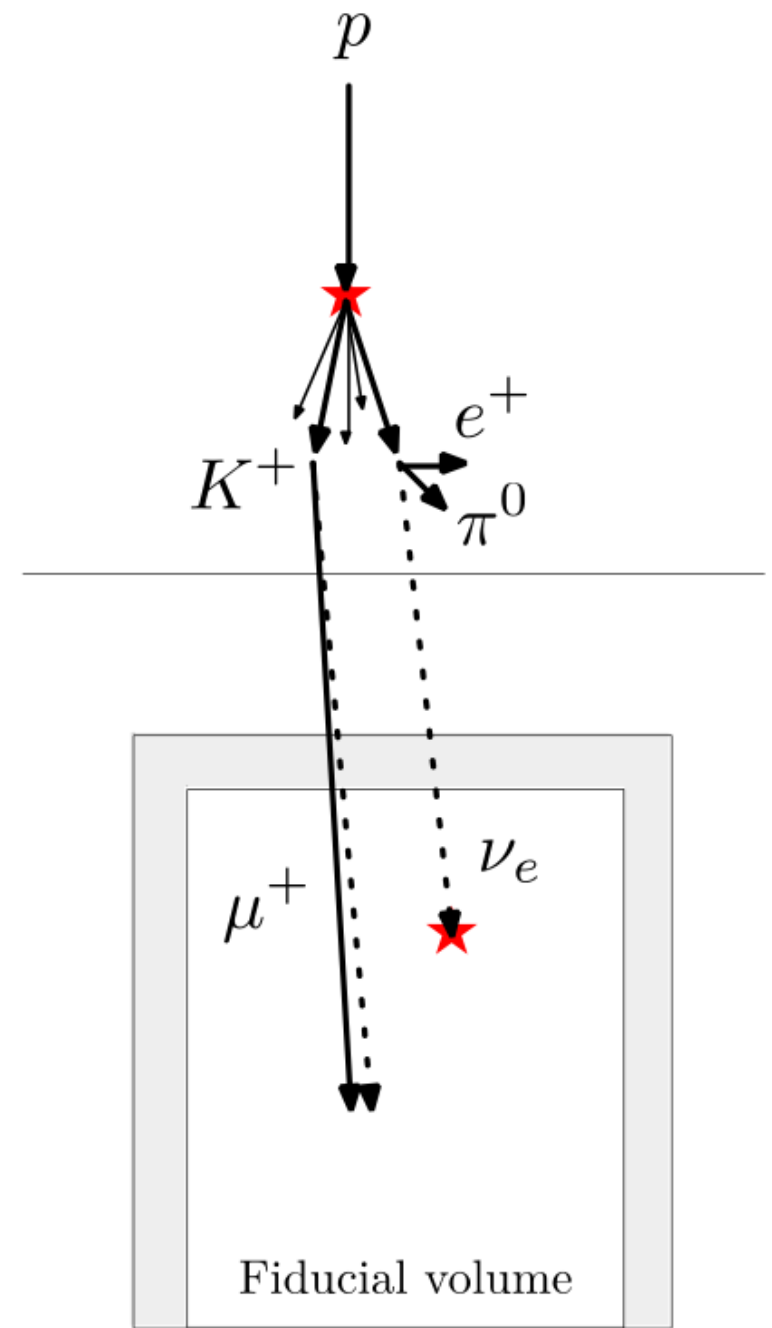
- ✓ select events interacting inside the detector only
- ✓ no light in the veto region
- ✓ veto for atmospheric muons and neutrinos (which are typically accompanied by muons)
- ✓ energy measurement: total absorption calorimetry



no
accompanying
muon(s)

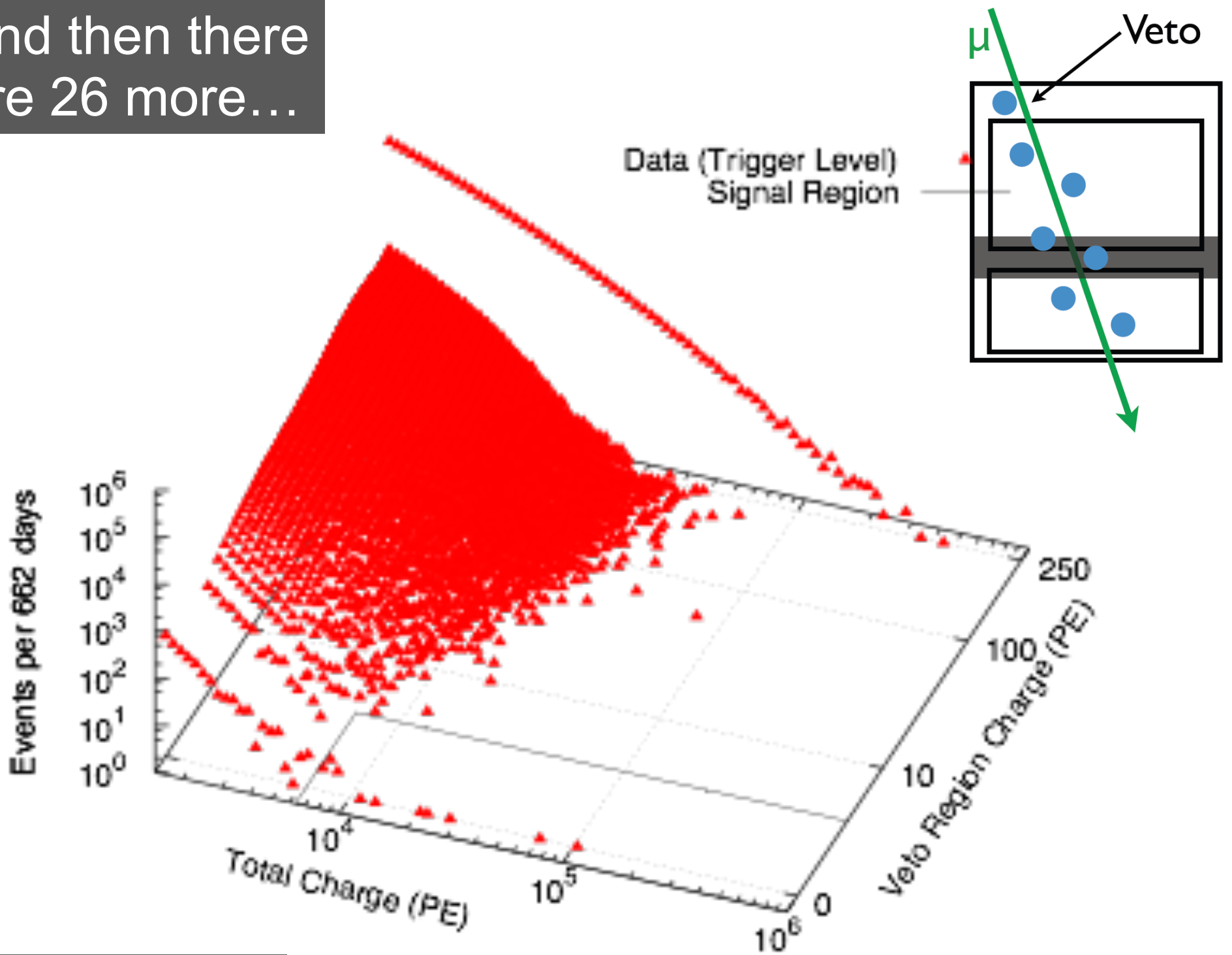


Veto by correlated muon



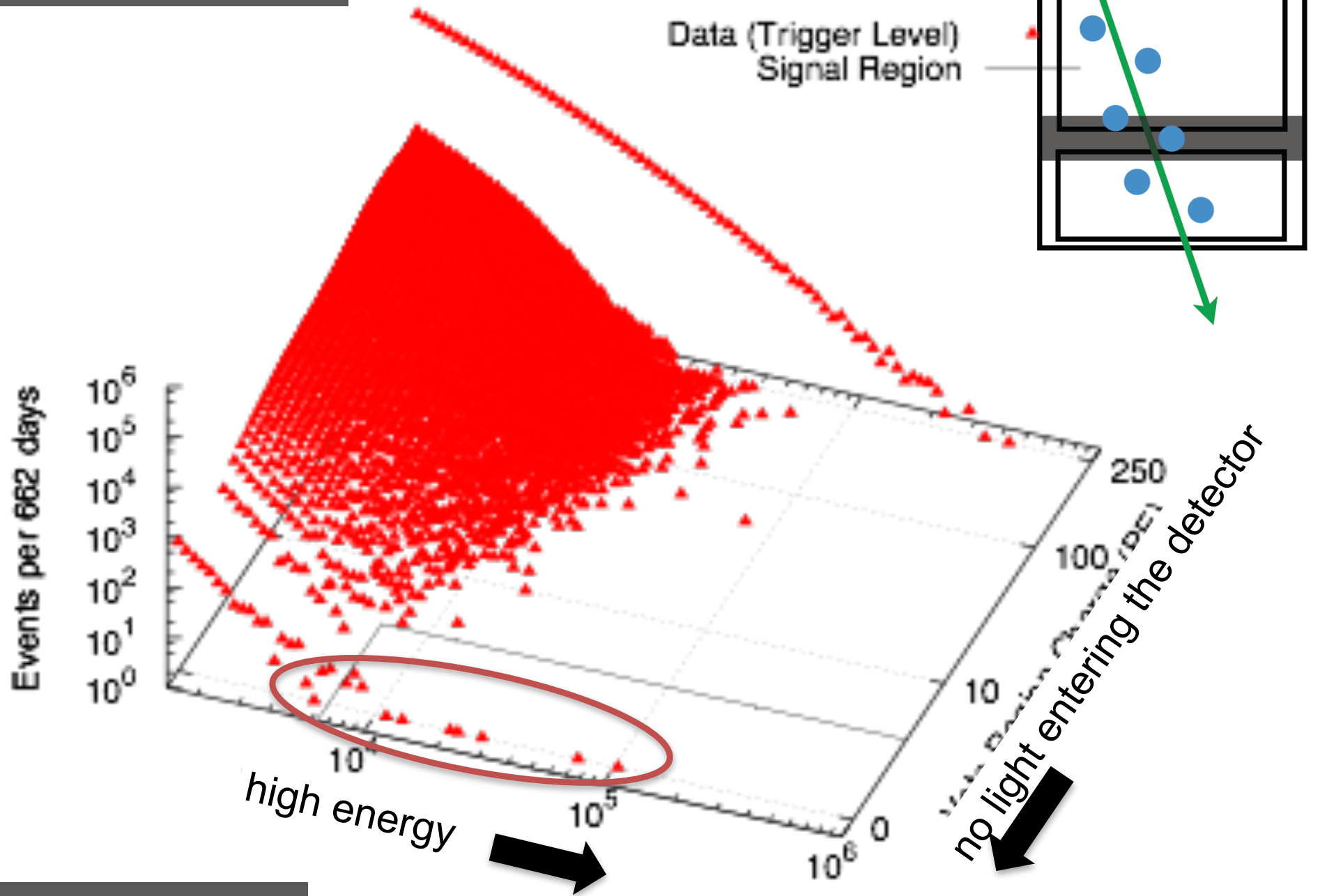
Veto by uncorrelated muon

...and then there were 26 more...



data: 86 strings one year

...and then there were 26 more...



data: 86 strings one year

2 old + 26 new events

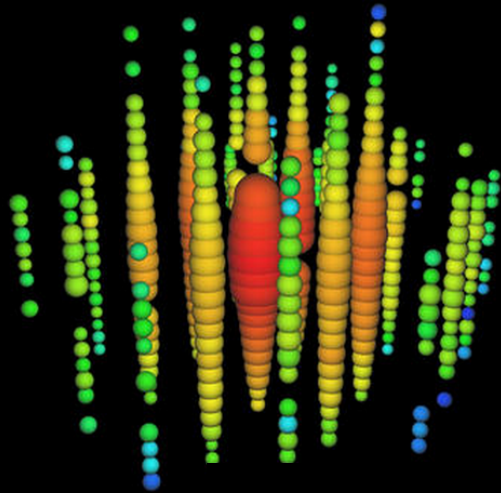
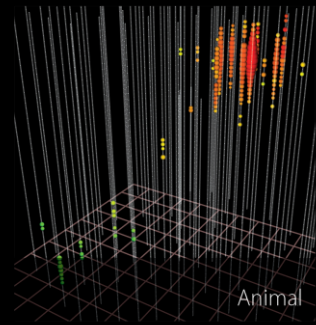
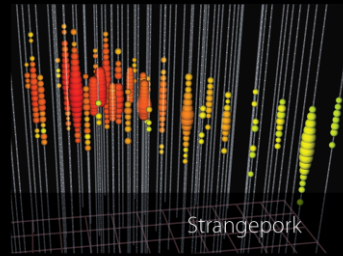
RESEARCH

Evidence for High-Energy Extraterrestrial Neutrinos at the IceCube Detector

IceCube Collaboration*

Introduction: Neutrino observations are a unique probe of the universe's highest energy

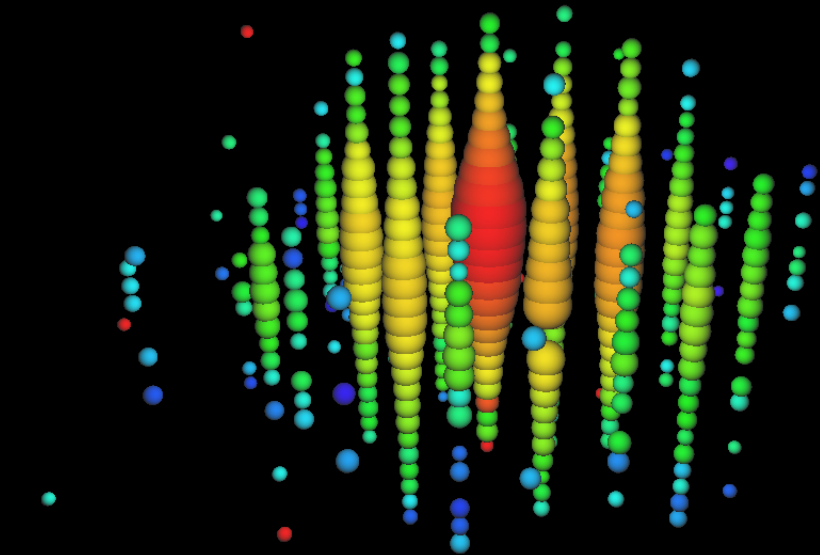
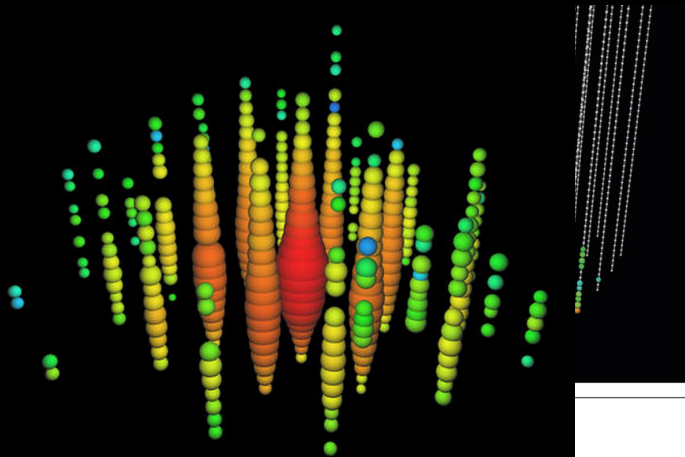
28 High Energy Events



tified high-energy galactic or accelerators.

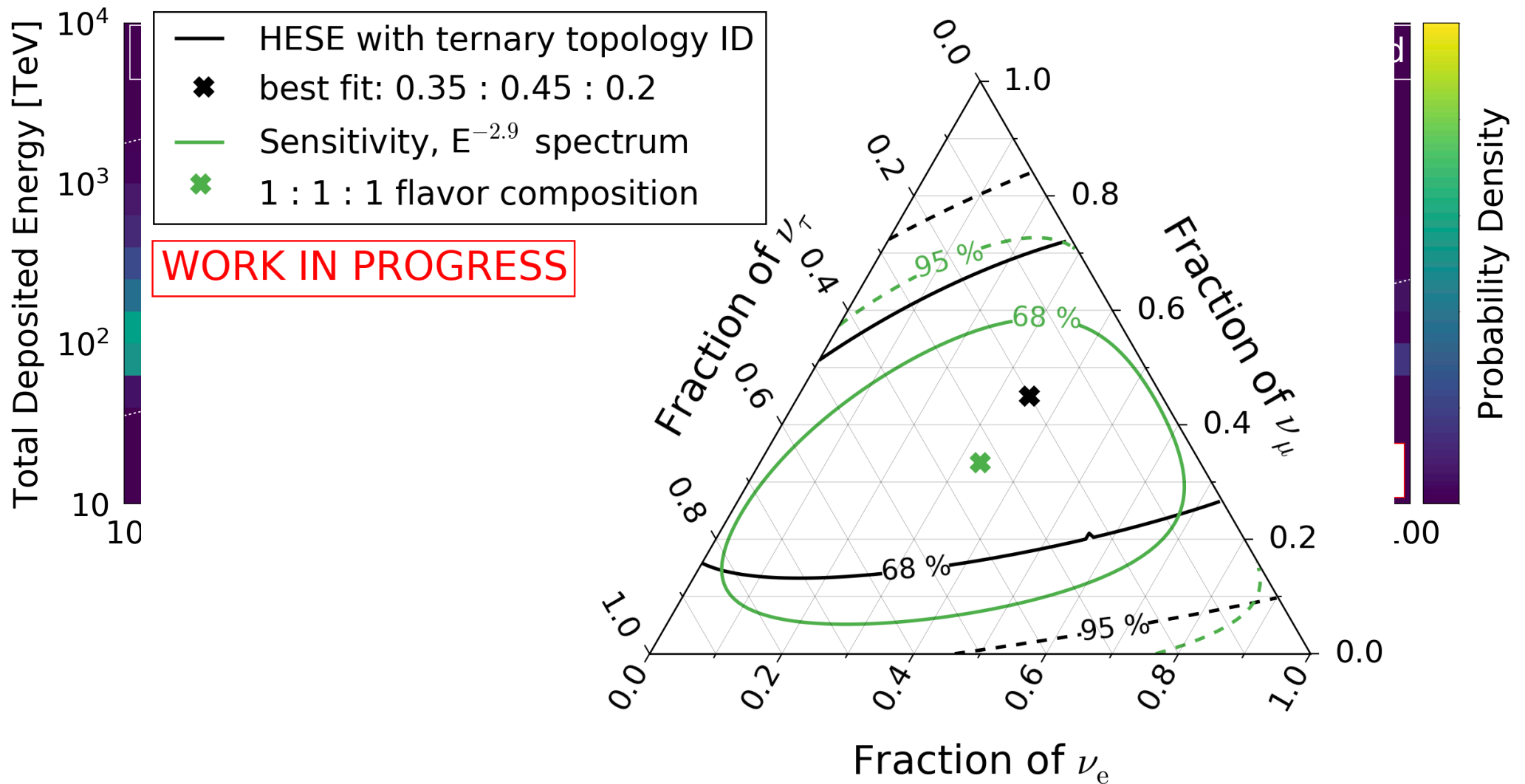
A 250 TeV neutrino interaction in interaction point (bottom), a large with a muon produced in the interac left. The direction of the muon indi original neutrino.

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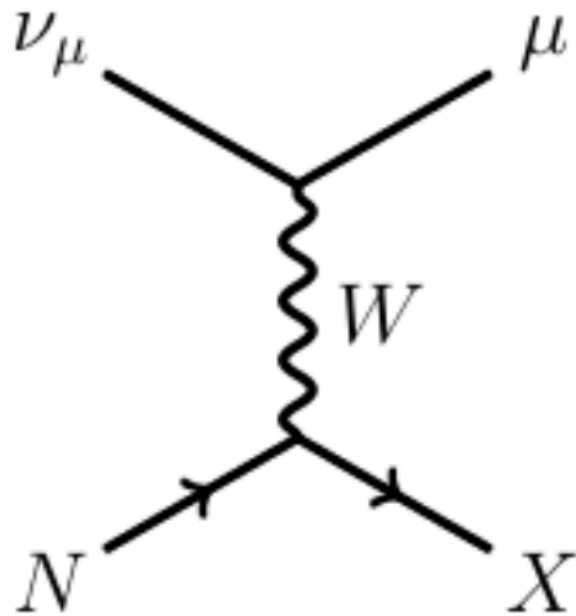
2000 TeV event in year 3

high-energy starting events – 7.5 yr

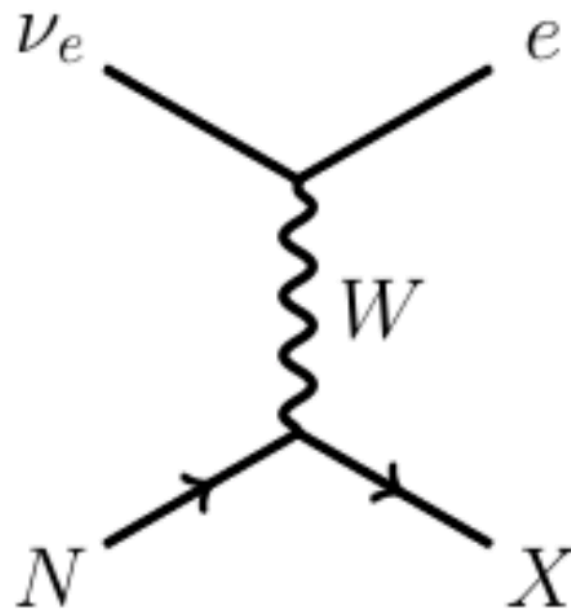
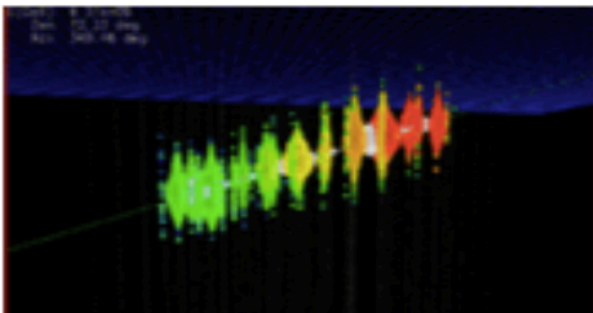


oscillations of PeV neutrinos over cosmic distances to 1:1:1

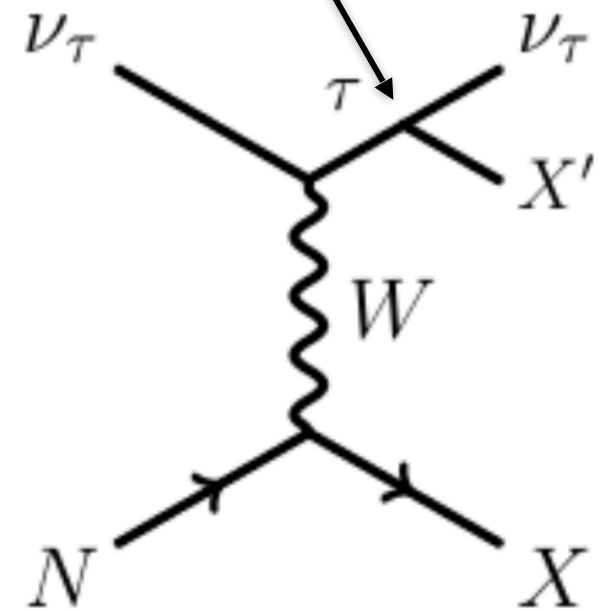
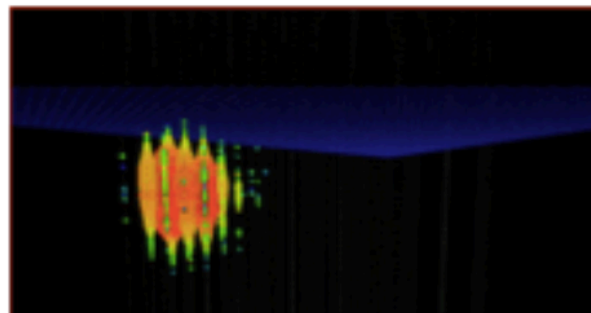
tau decay length:
50m per PeV



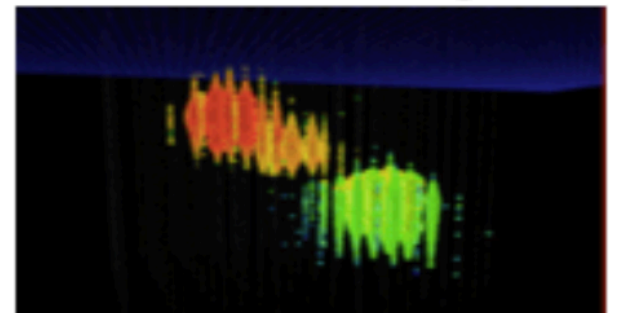
track



shower

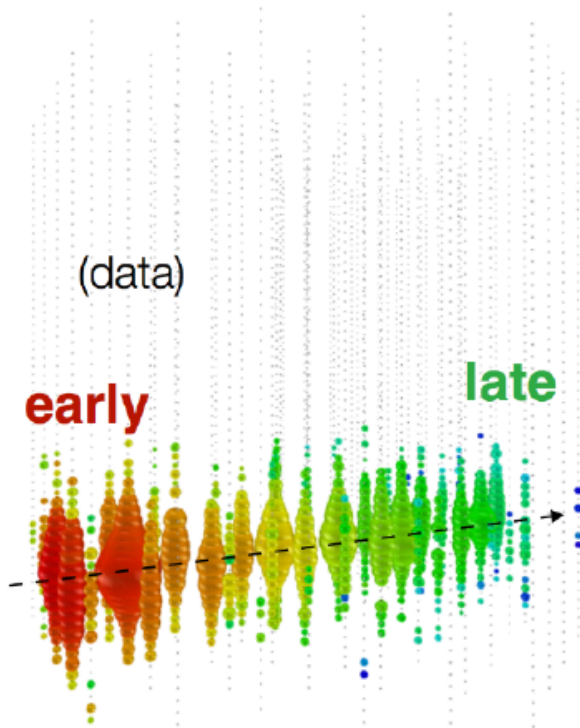


double bang*



event topologies

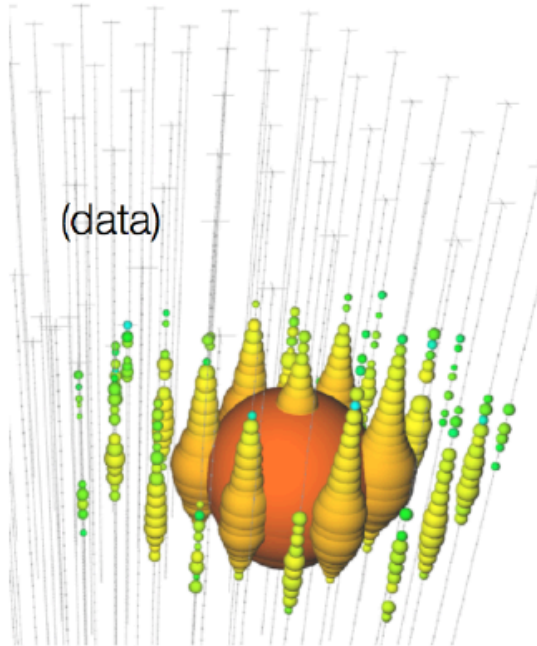
Charged-current ν_μ



Up-going track

Factor of ~2 energy resolution
< 1 degree angular resolution

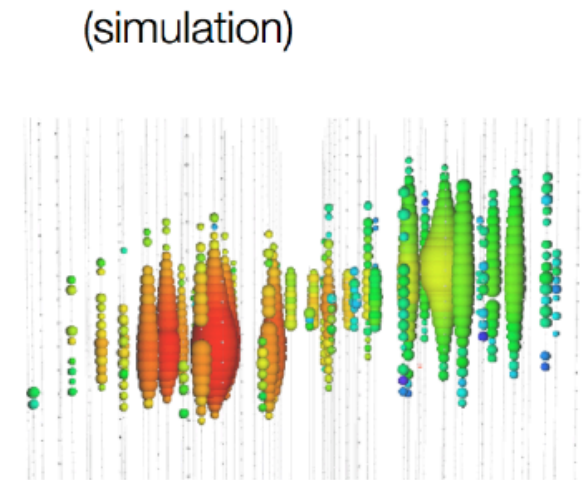
Neutral-current / ν_e



Isolated energy
deposition (cascade)
with no track

15% deposited energy resolution
10 degree angular resolution (above
100 TeV)

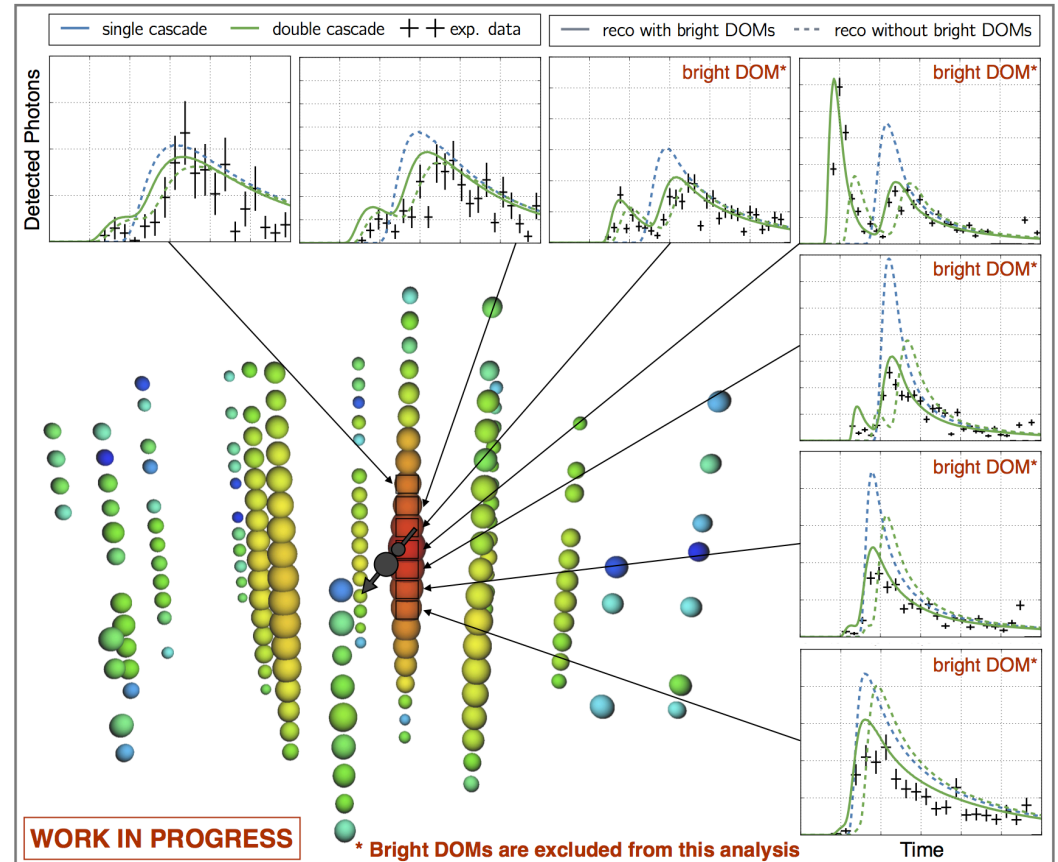
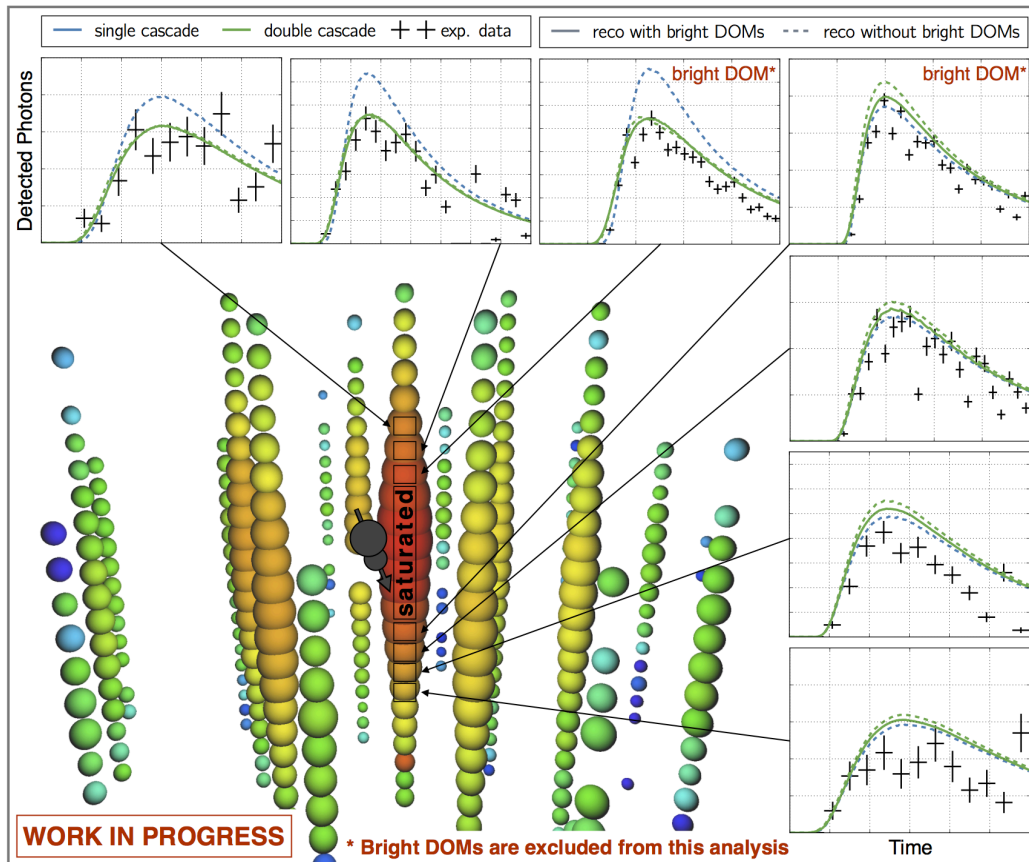
Charged-current ν_τ



Double cascade

(resolvable above ~100 TeV
deposited energy)

high-energy starting events (starting) – 7.5 yr



Double cascade Event #1

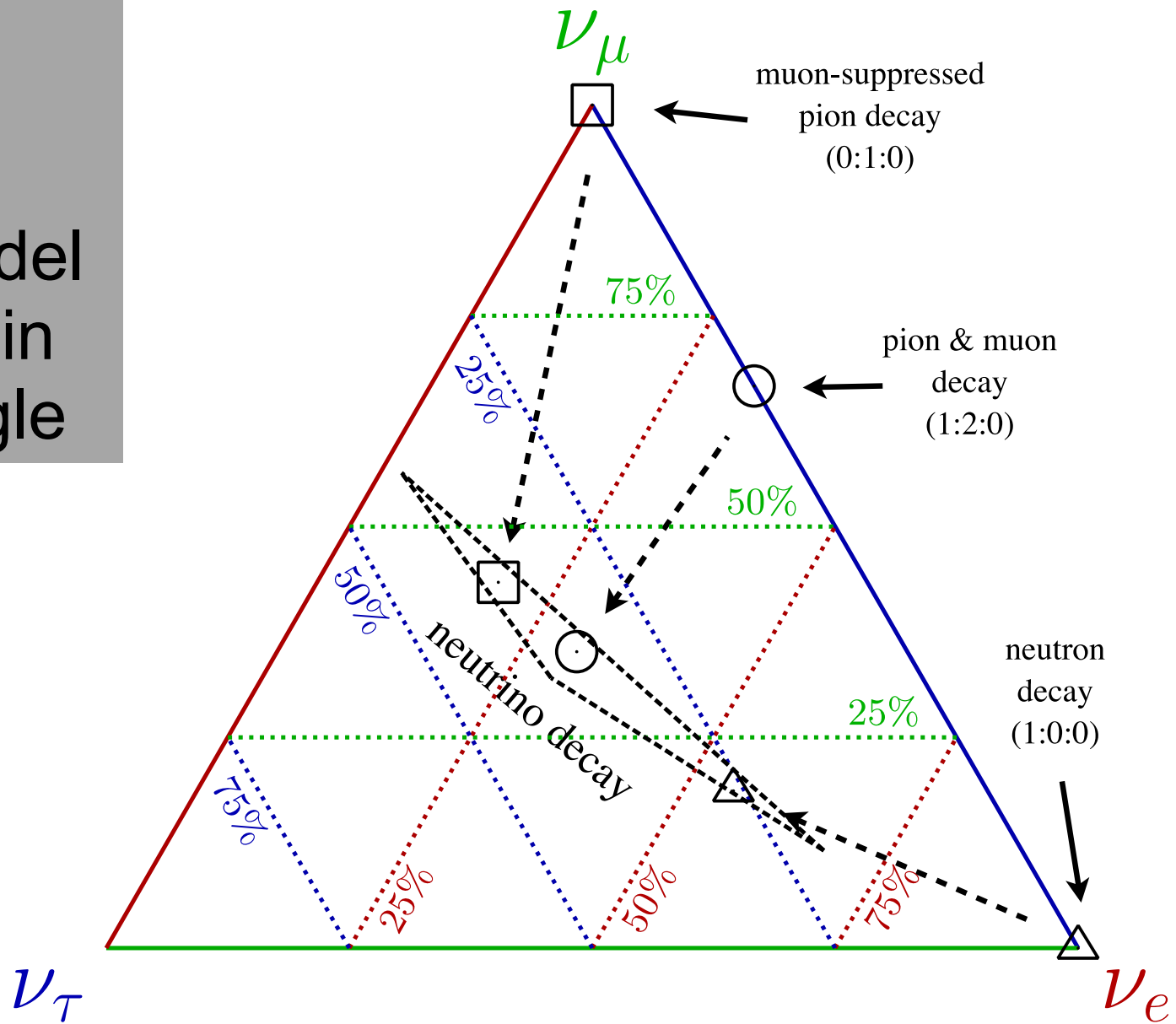
Double cascade Event #2

“Bright” DOMs not used in reconstruction
Direction and two reconstructed cascades shown in dark gray

new physics ?

if not...

every model ends up in the triangle

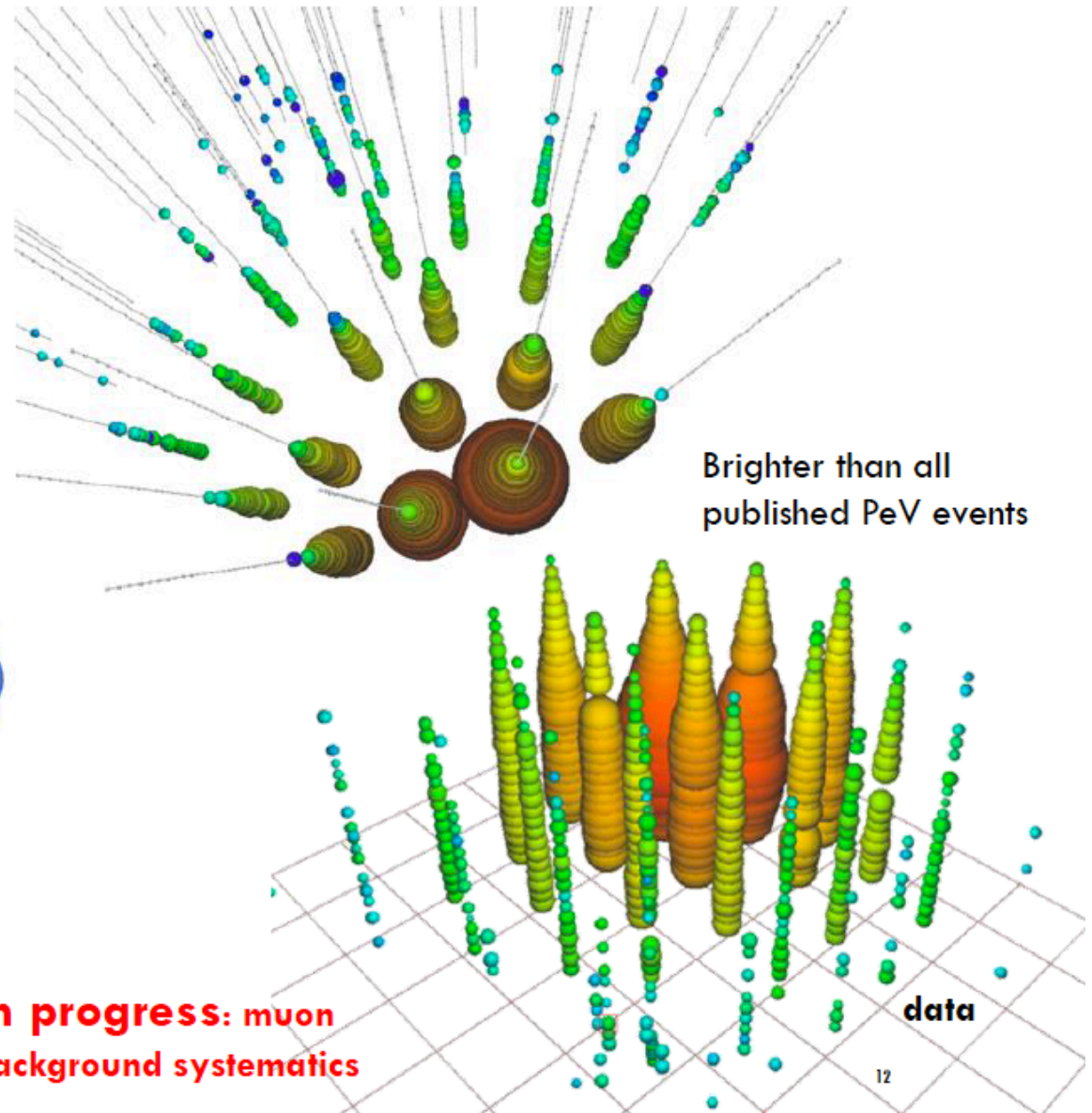
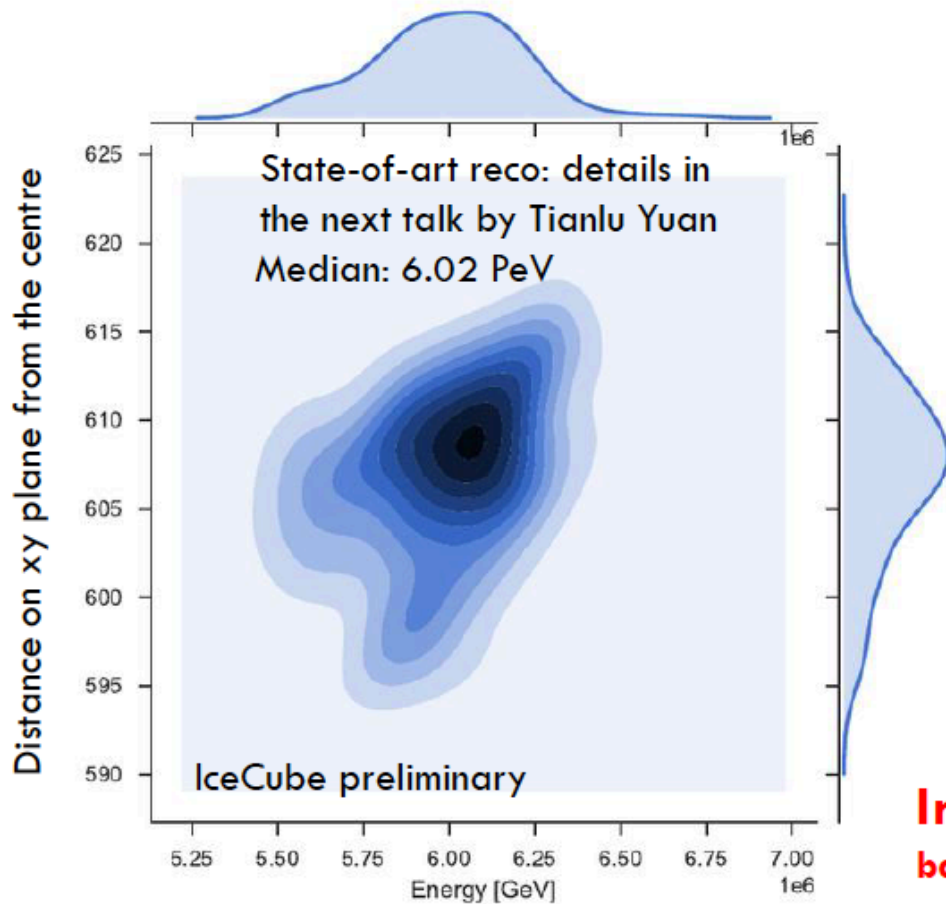


the first Glashow resonance event:

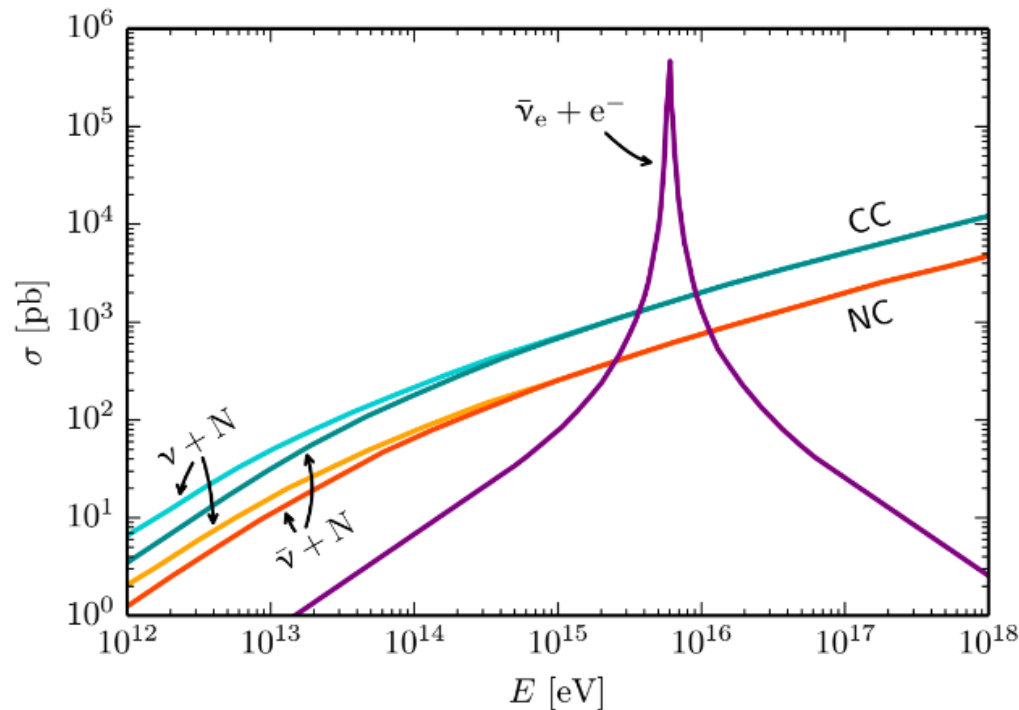
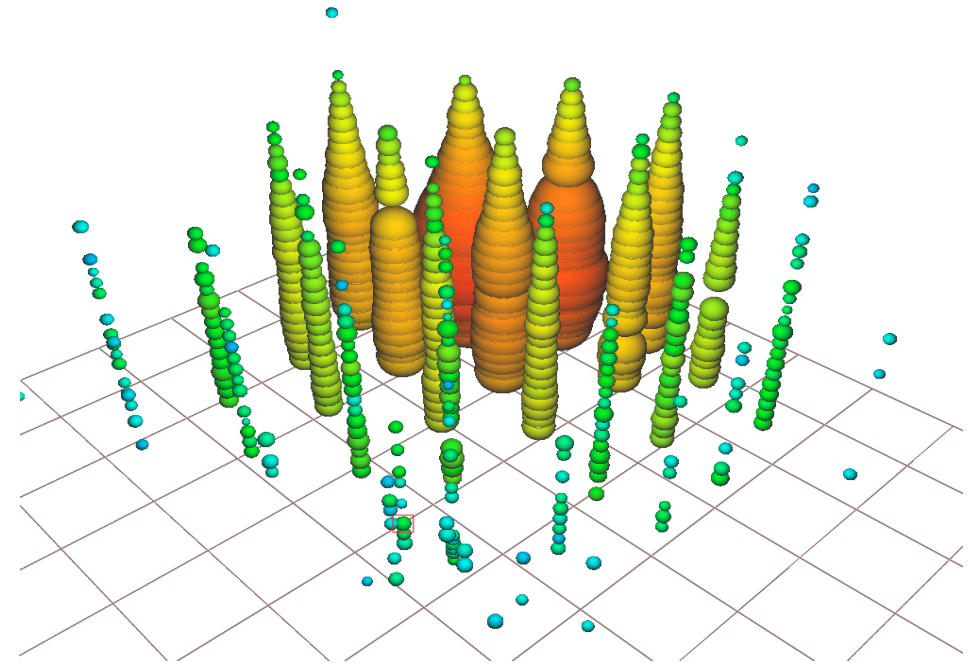
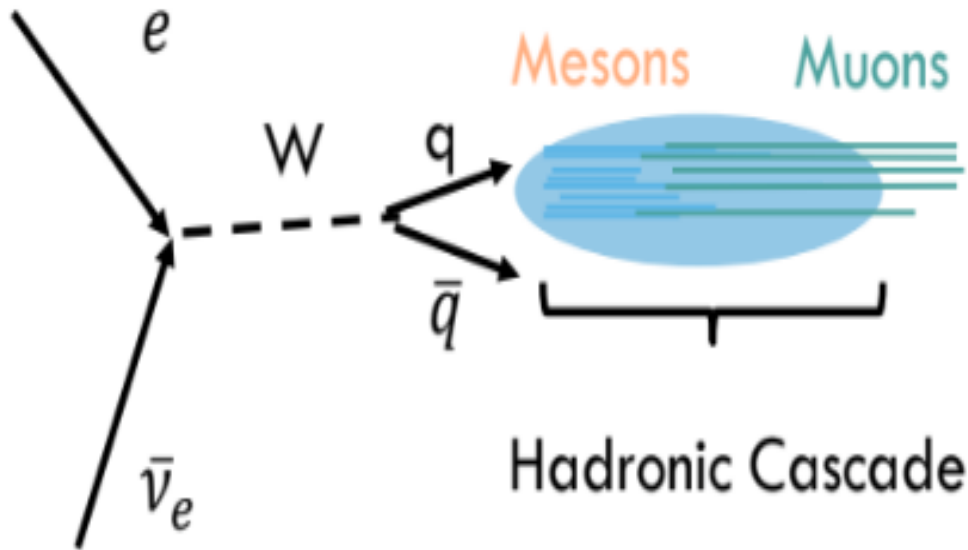
$\text{anti-}\nu_e + \text{atomic electron} \rightarrow \text{real } W \text{ at } 6.3 \text{ PeV}$

Partially contained event with energy ~ 6 PeV

HIGHEST-ENERGY NEUTRINO CANDIDATE



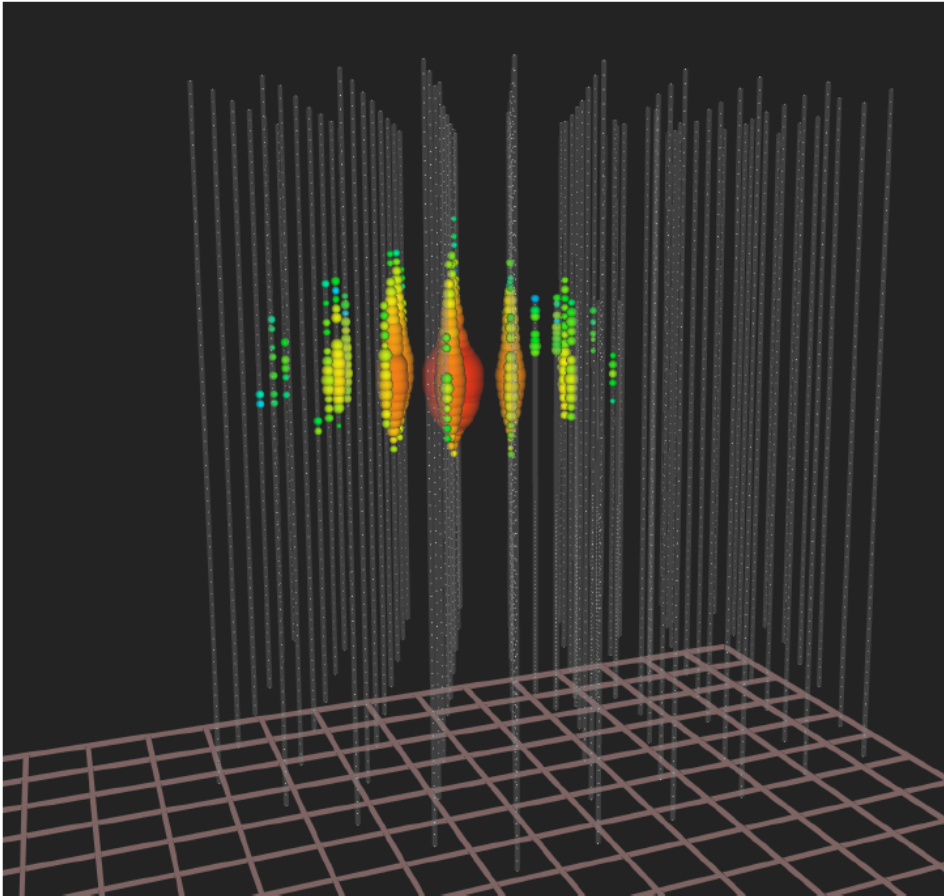
Glashow resonance: anti- ν_e + atomic electron \rightarrow real W



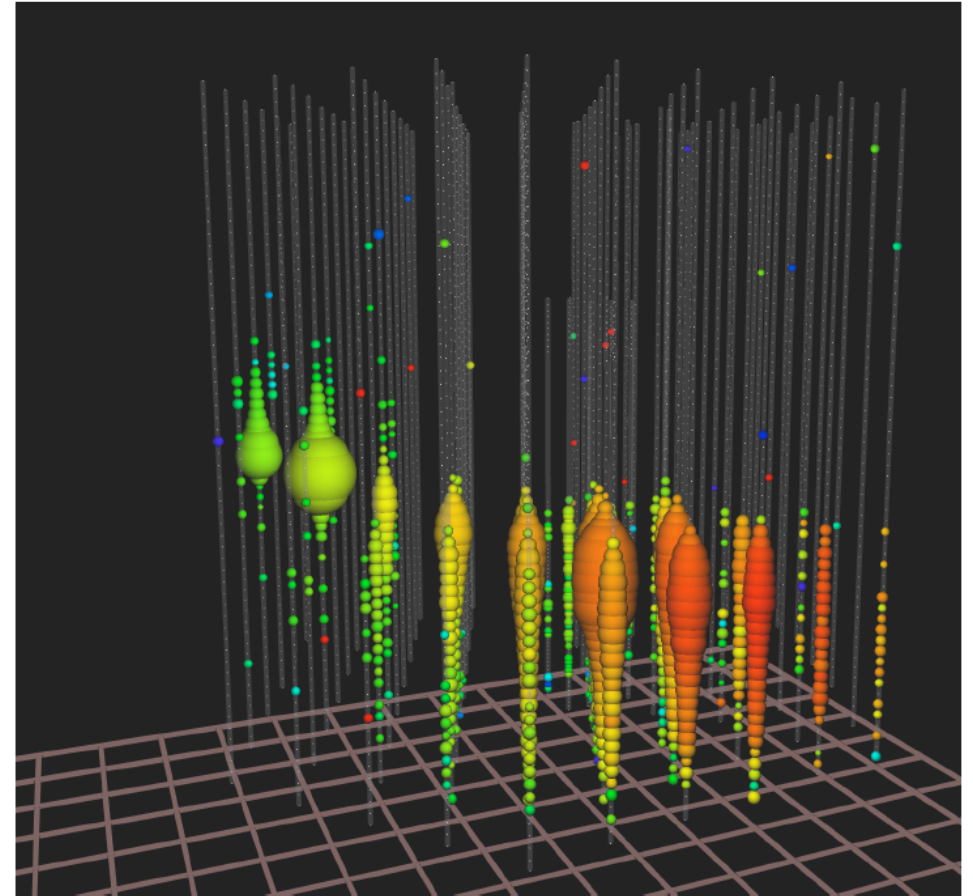
- partially-contained PeV search
- deposited energy: 5.9 ± 0.18 PeV
- typical visible energy is 93%
- \rightarrow resonance: $E_\nu = 6.3$ PeV

work on-going

are the two observations consistent?

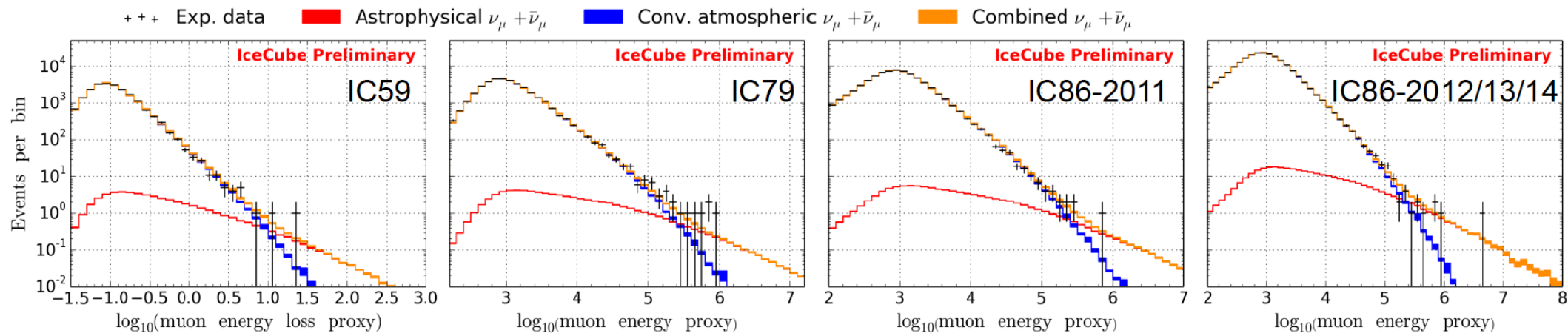


total energy measurement
all flavors, all sky



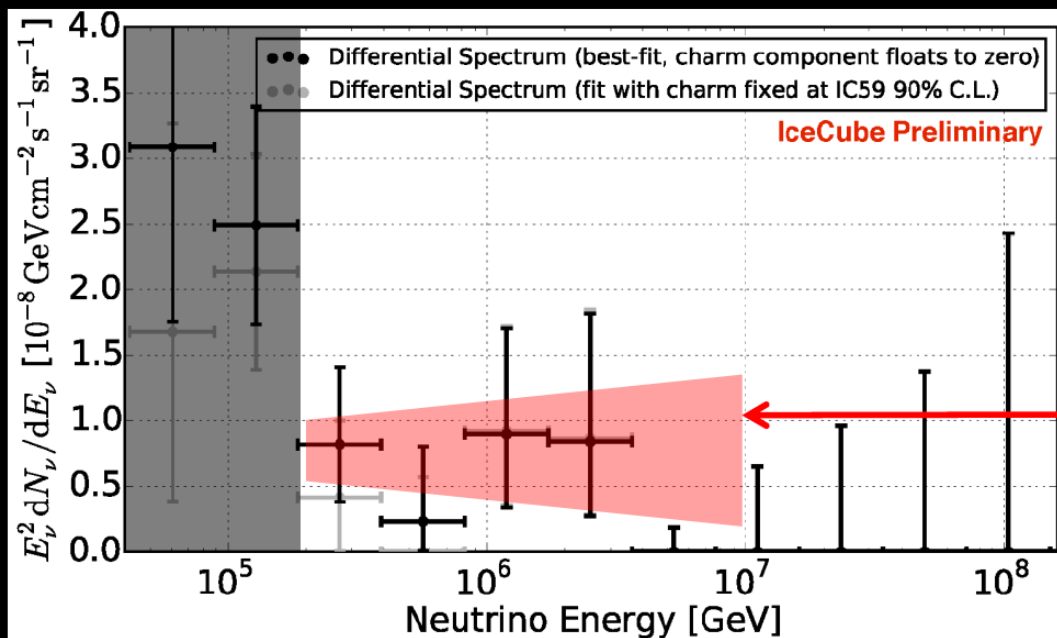
astronomy: angular resolution
superior ($<0.4^\circ$)

after 6 years: 3.7 → 6.0 sigma

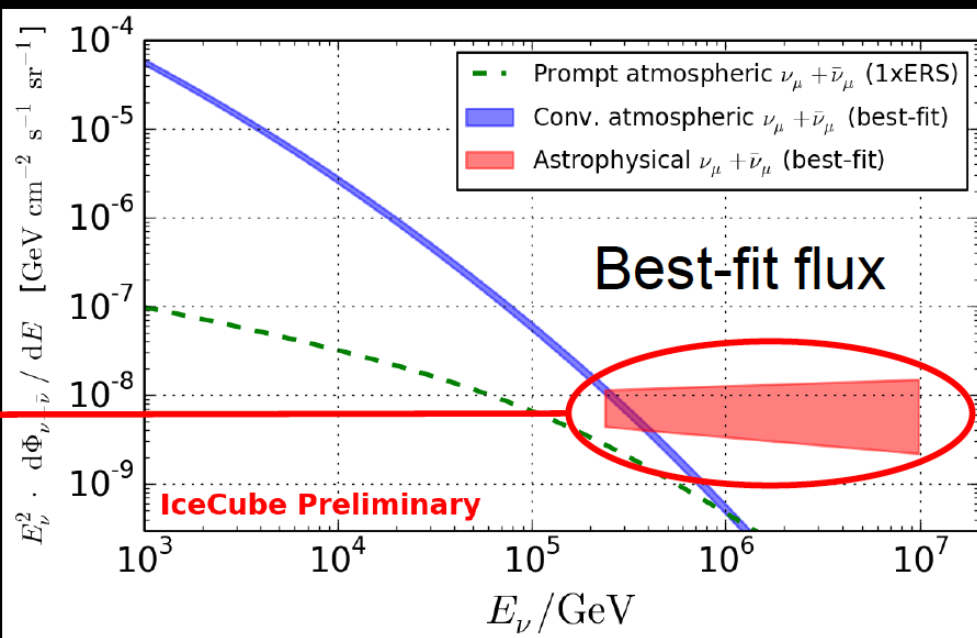


HESE 4 year unfolding

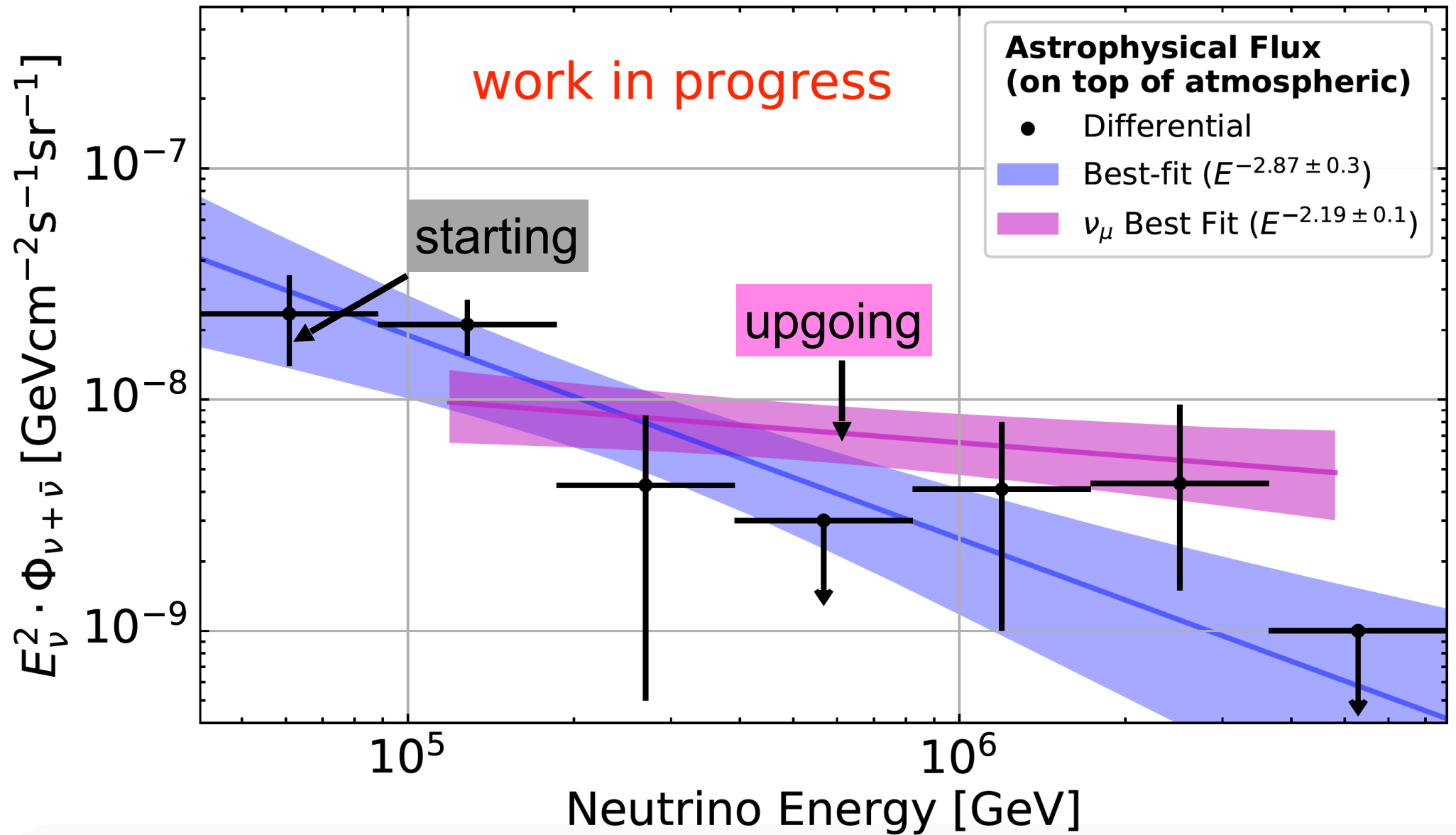
(→ dominated by shower-like events)



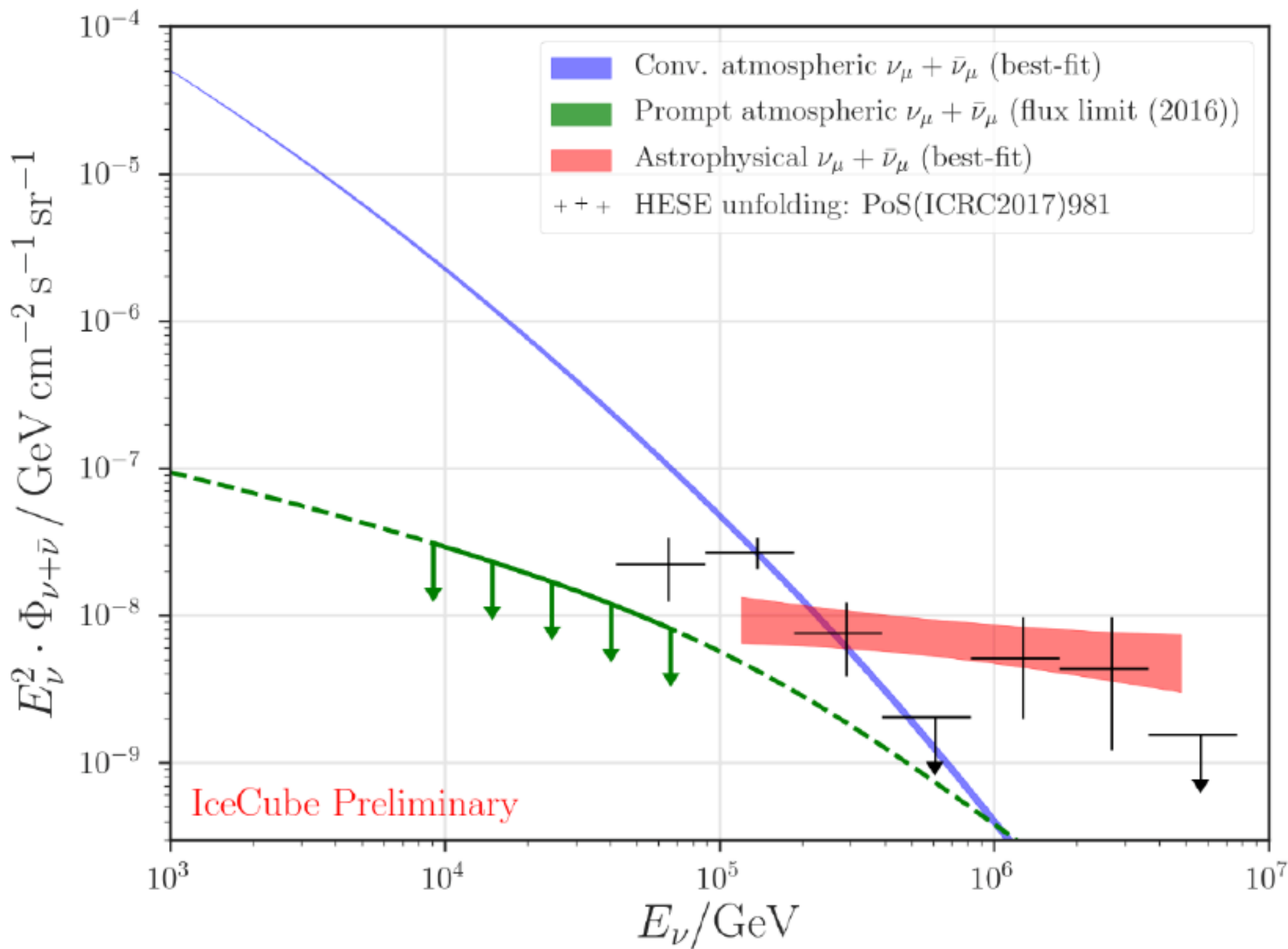
6 year up-going numu analysis



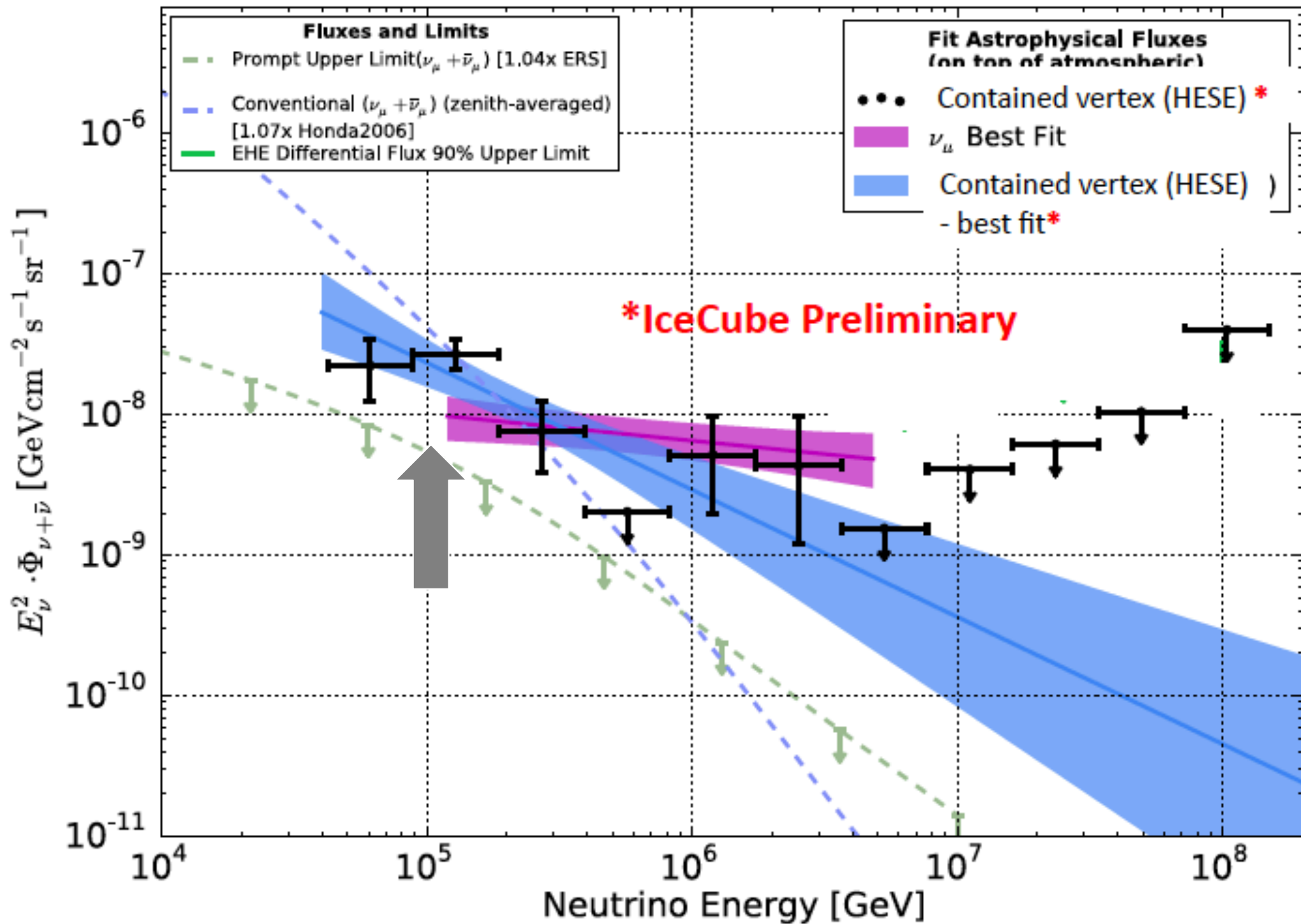
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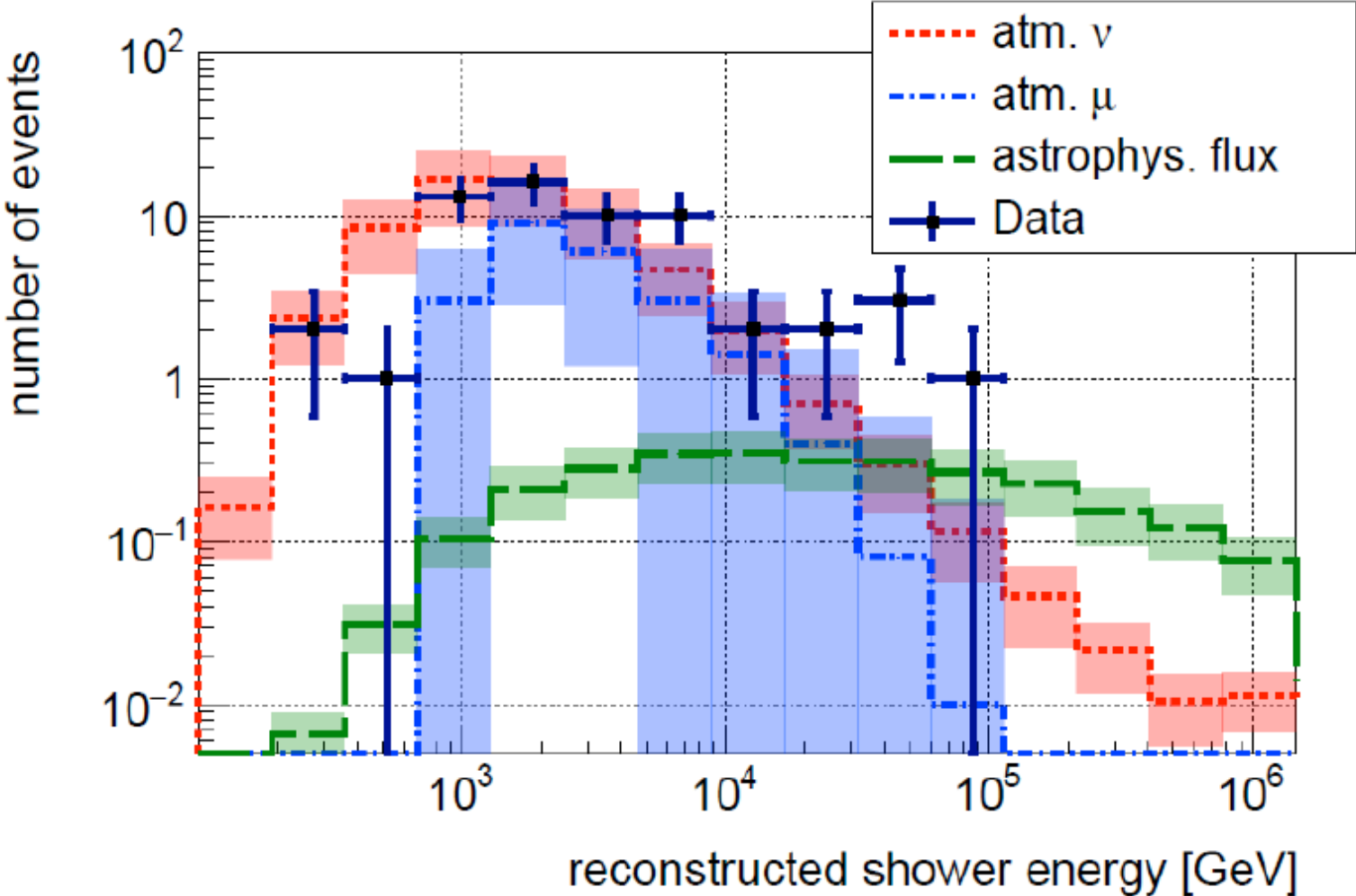
- two methods are consistent
- excess cosmic flux < 100 TeV?

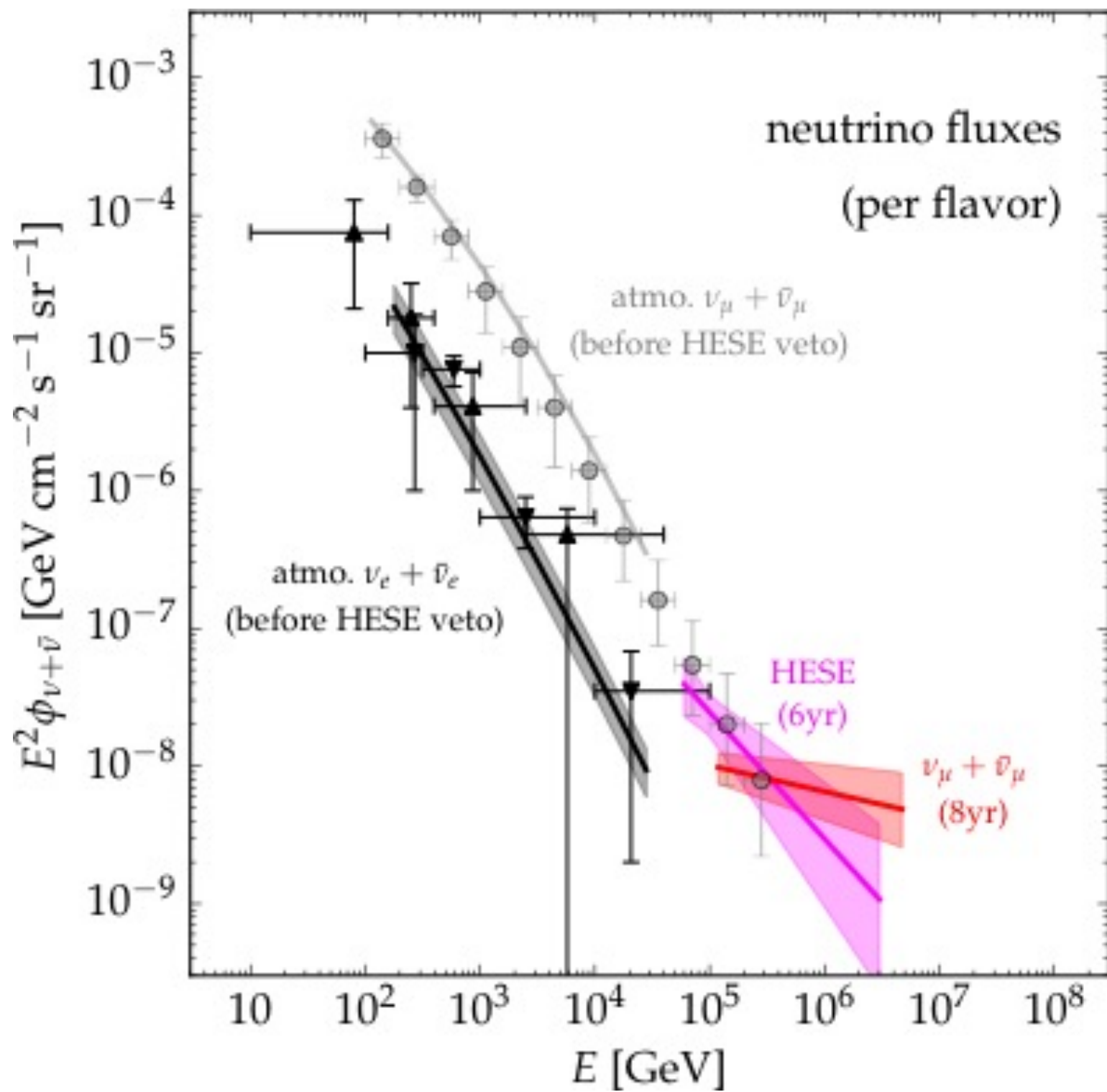


- cosmic neutrinos below 100 TeV ?

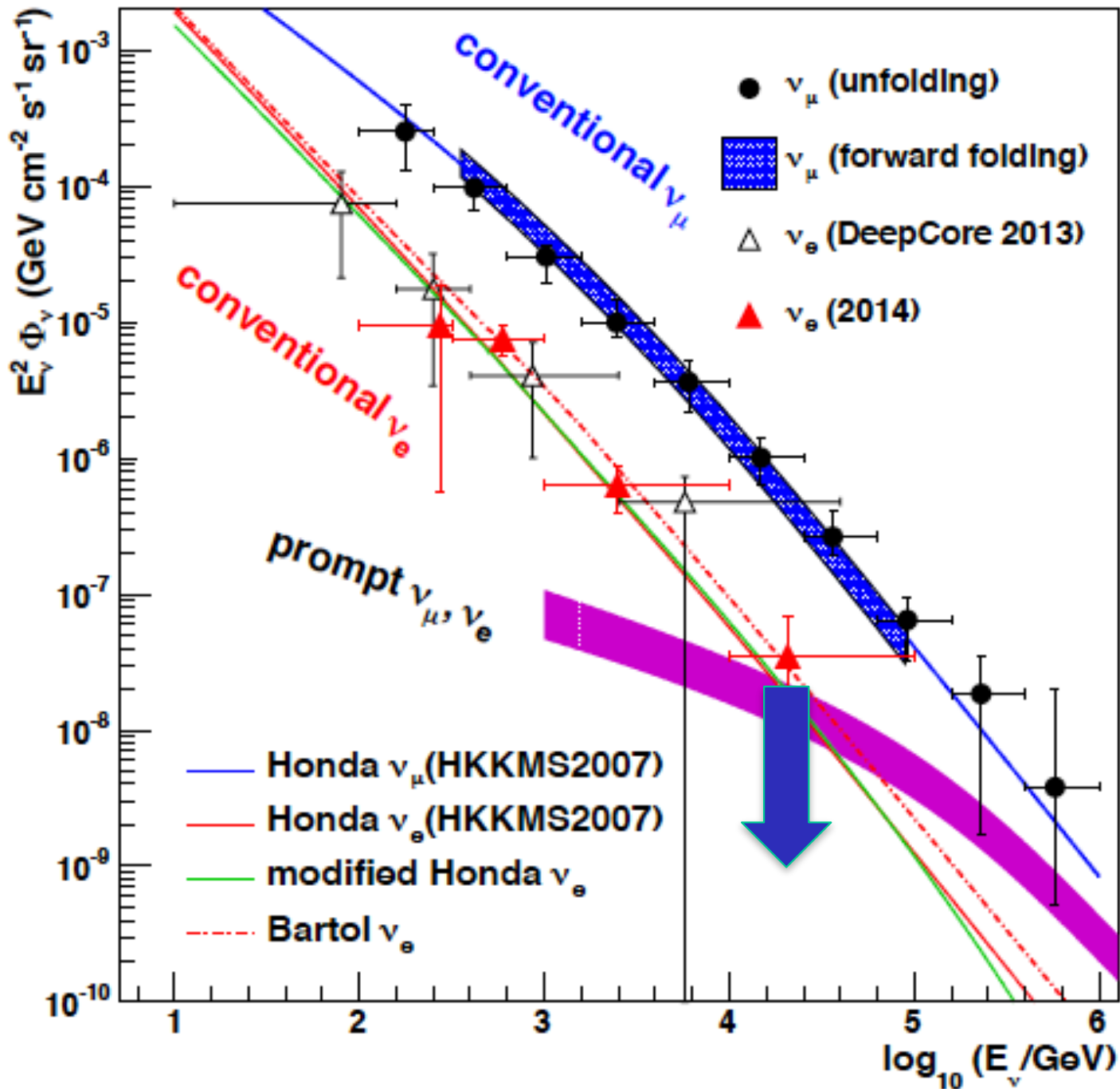


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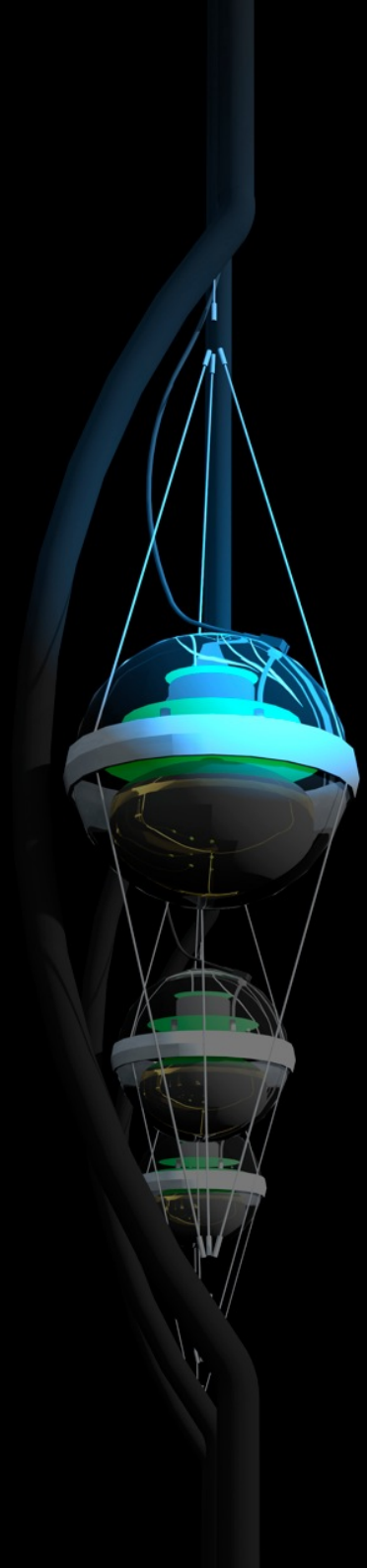
charm limited by atmospheric electrons

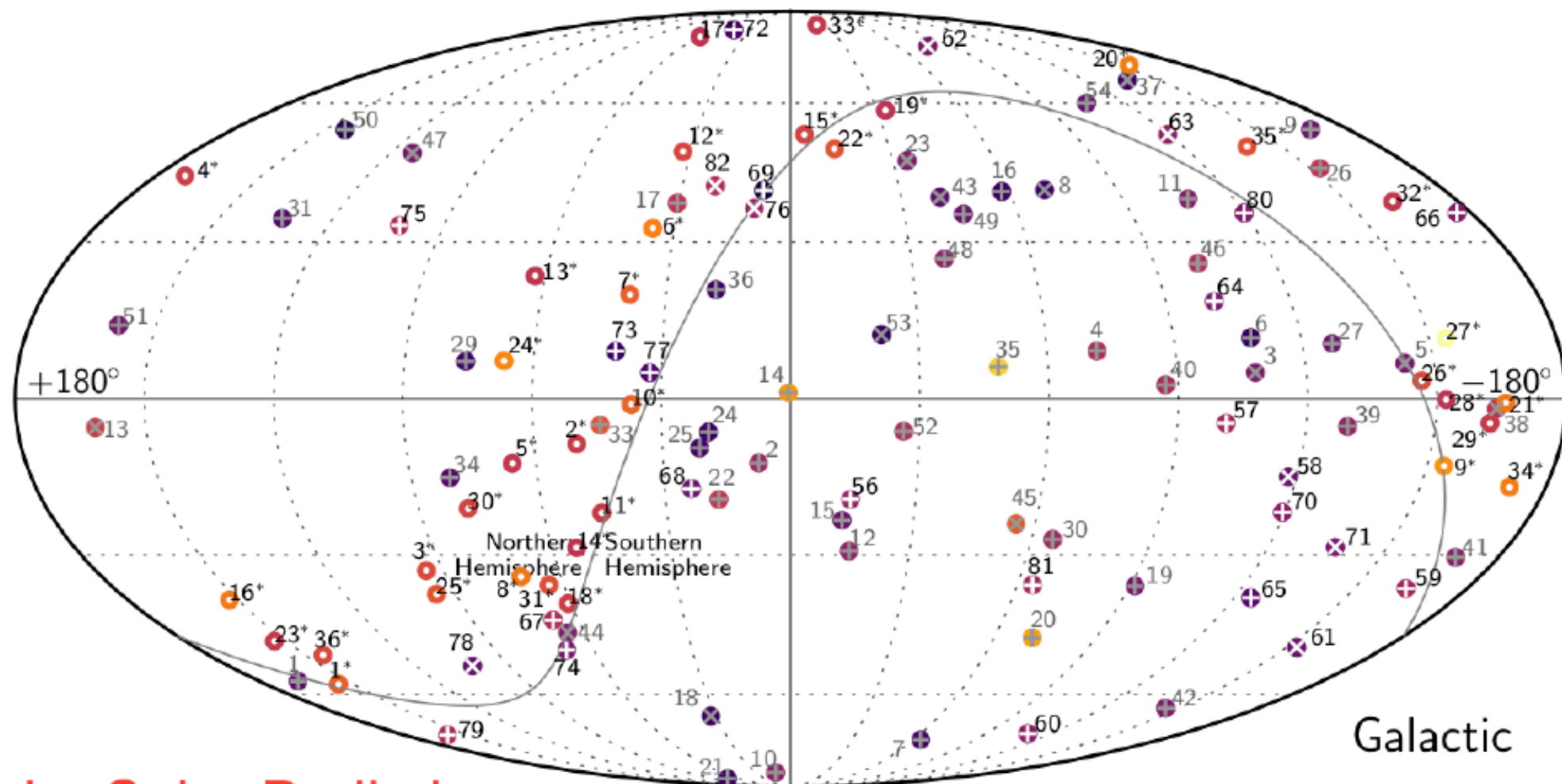


IceCube

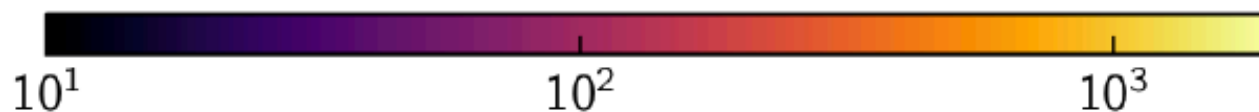
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IceCube Preliminary



Deposited Energy or Muon Energy Proxy [TeV]

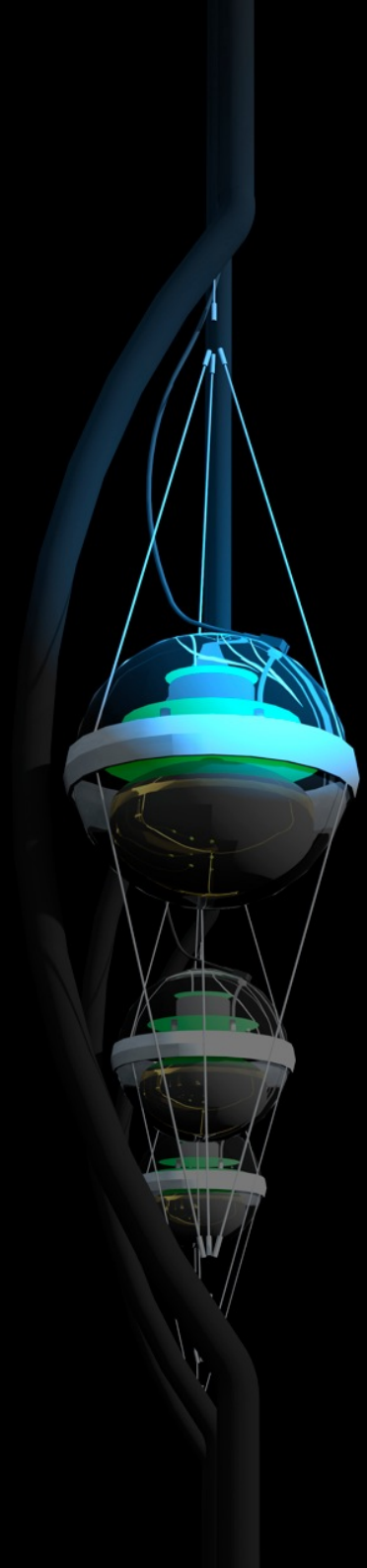
- ⊗ N New Starting Tracks
- ⊗ N Earlier Starting Tracks
- ⊕ N New Starting Cascades
- ⊕ N Earlier Starting Cascades
- N^* Throughgoing Tracks

- we observe a diffuse flux of neutrinos from extragalactic sources
- a subdominant Galactic component cannot be excluded (no evidence reaches 3σ level)
- [decay of halo dark matter particles?]

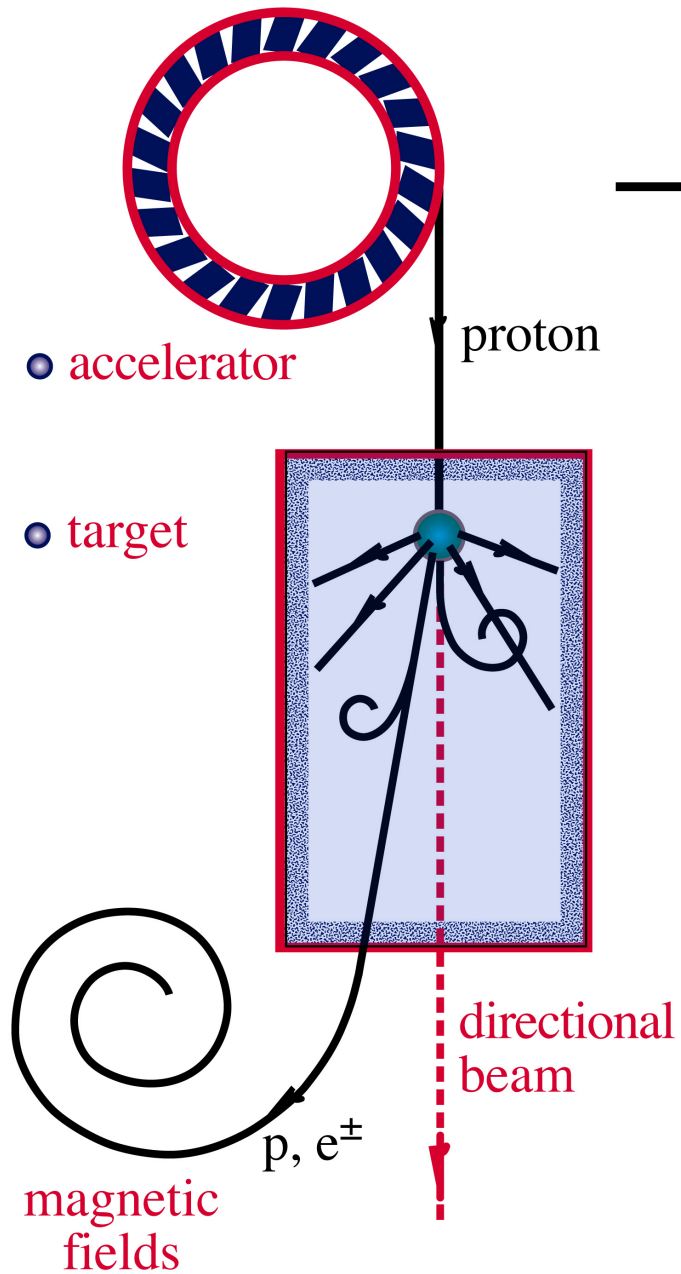
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ν and γ beams : heaven and earth



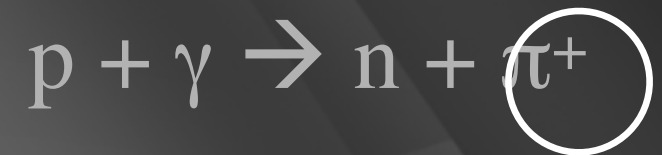
accelerator is powered by large gravitational energy



black hole
neutron star



radiation
and dust



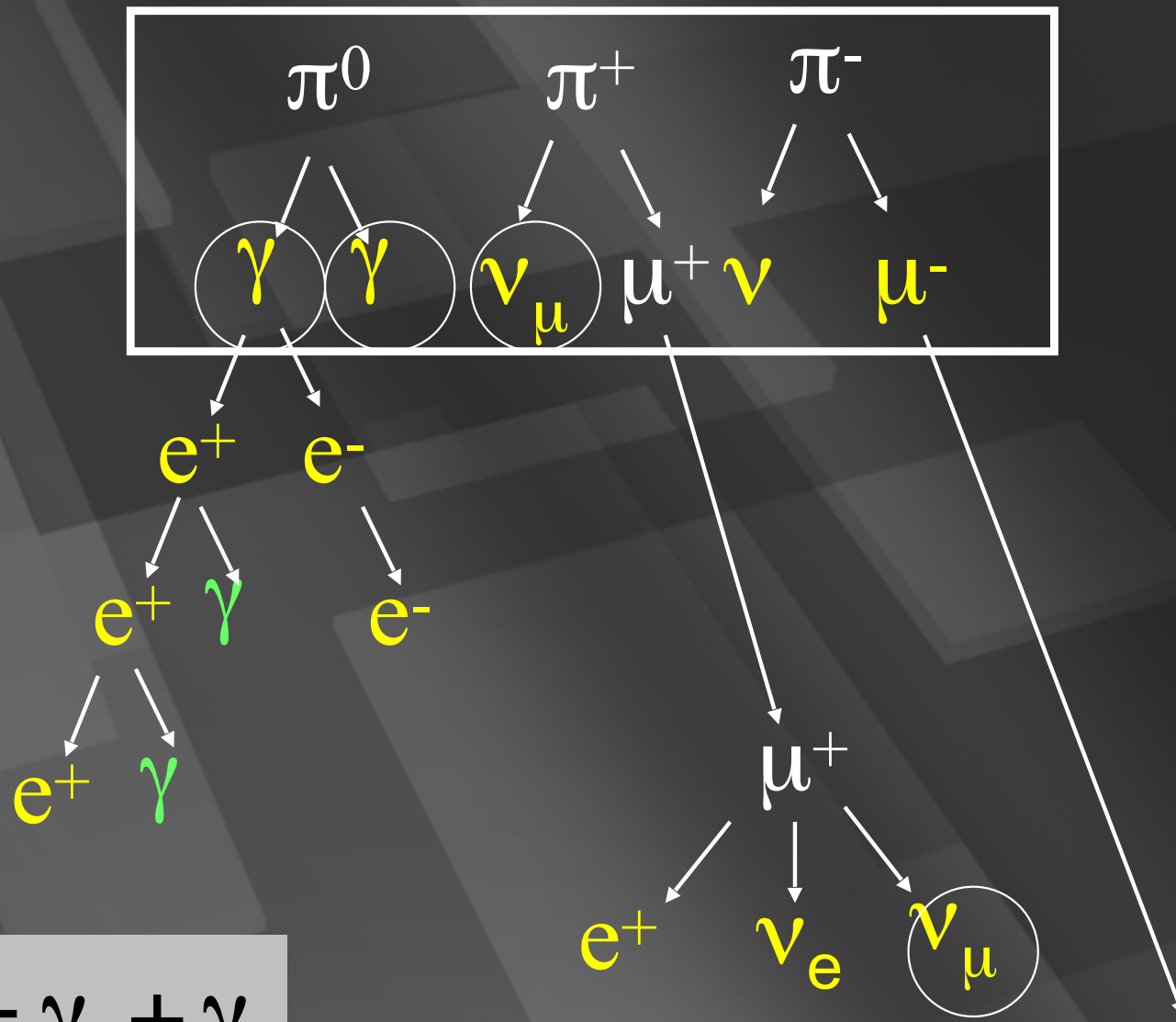
~ cosmic ray + neutrino



~ cosmic ray + gamma

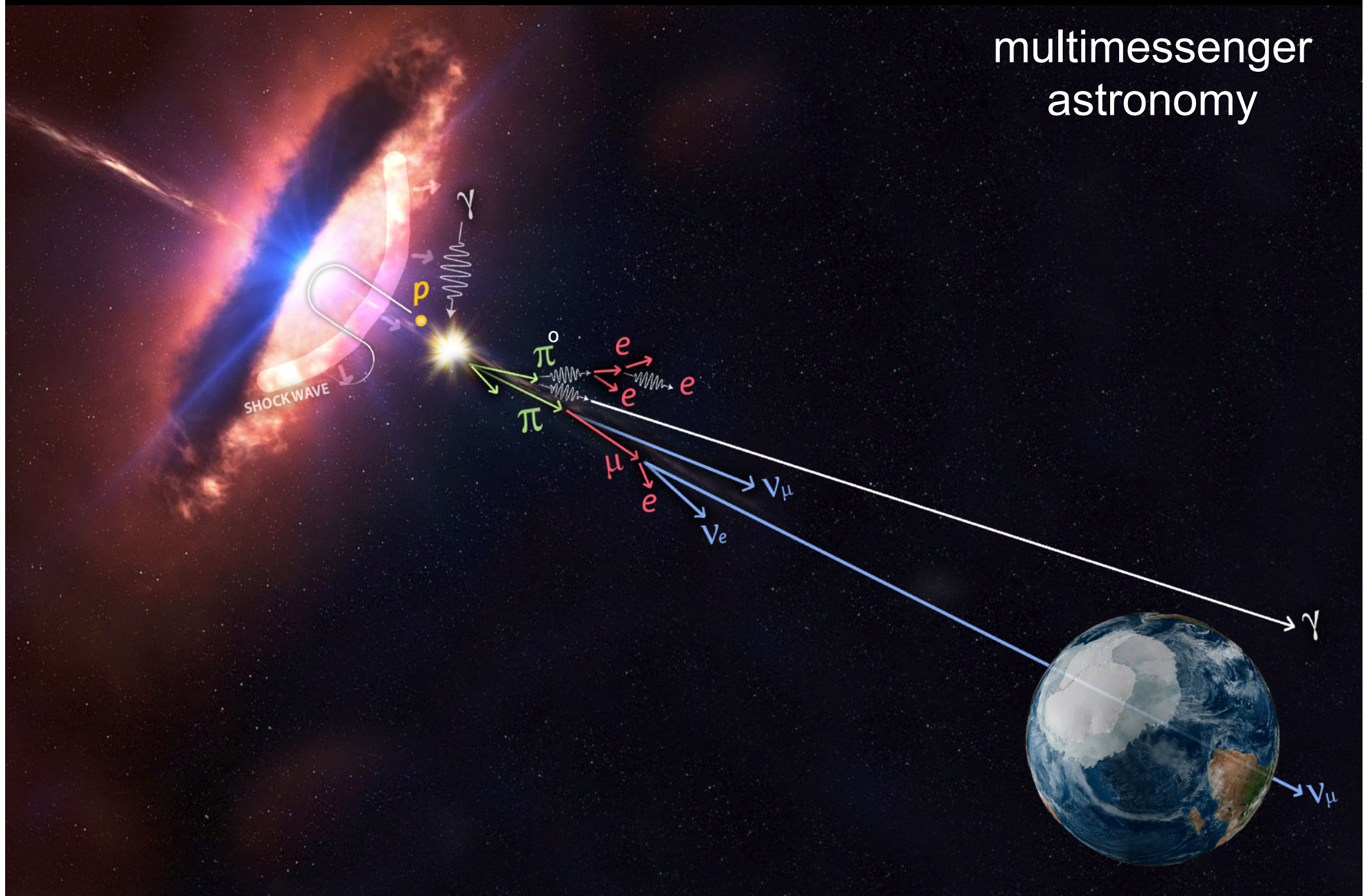
neutral pions
are observed as
gamma rays

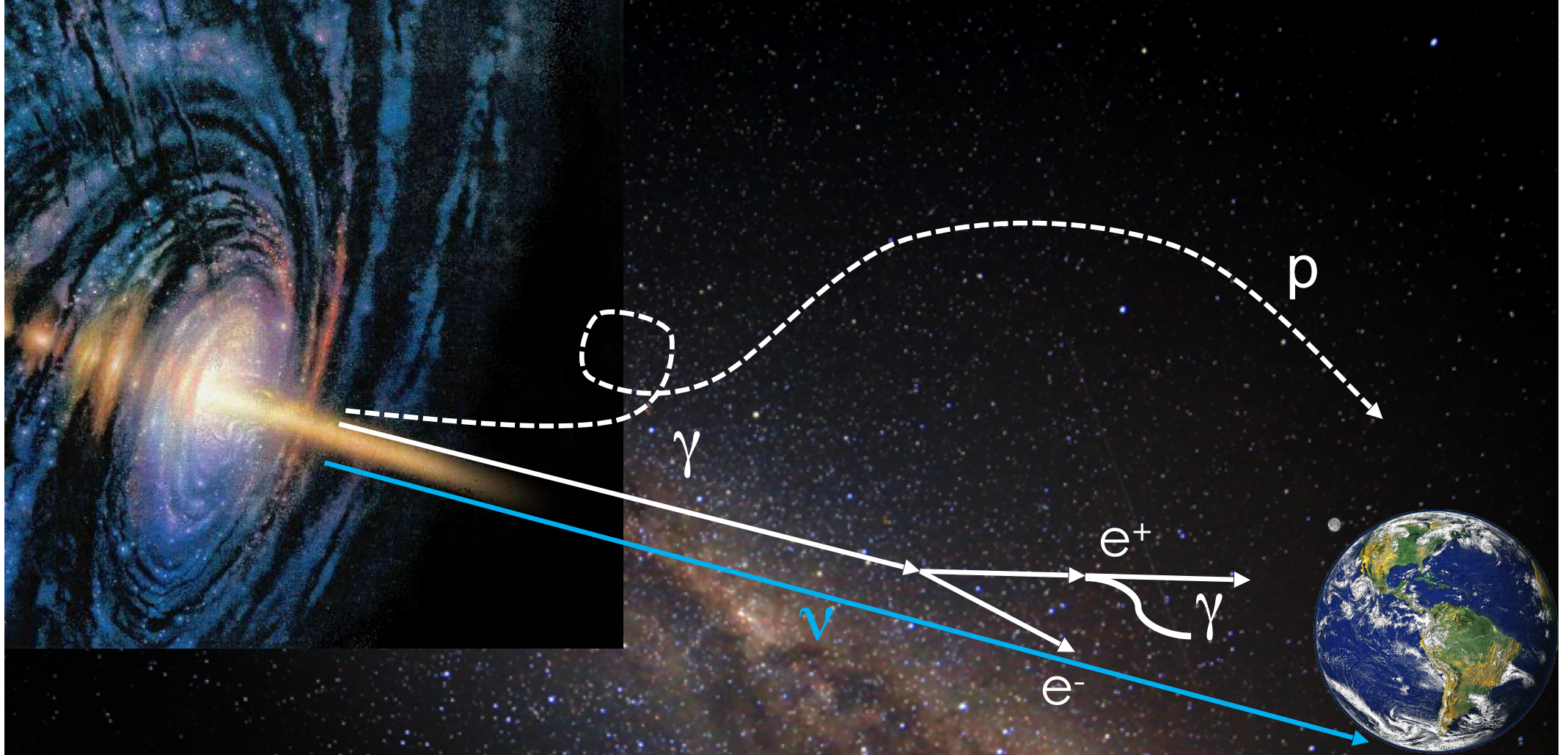
charged pions
are observed as
neutrinos



$$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu = \gamma + \gamma$$

multimessenger astronomy



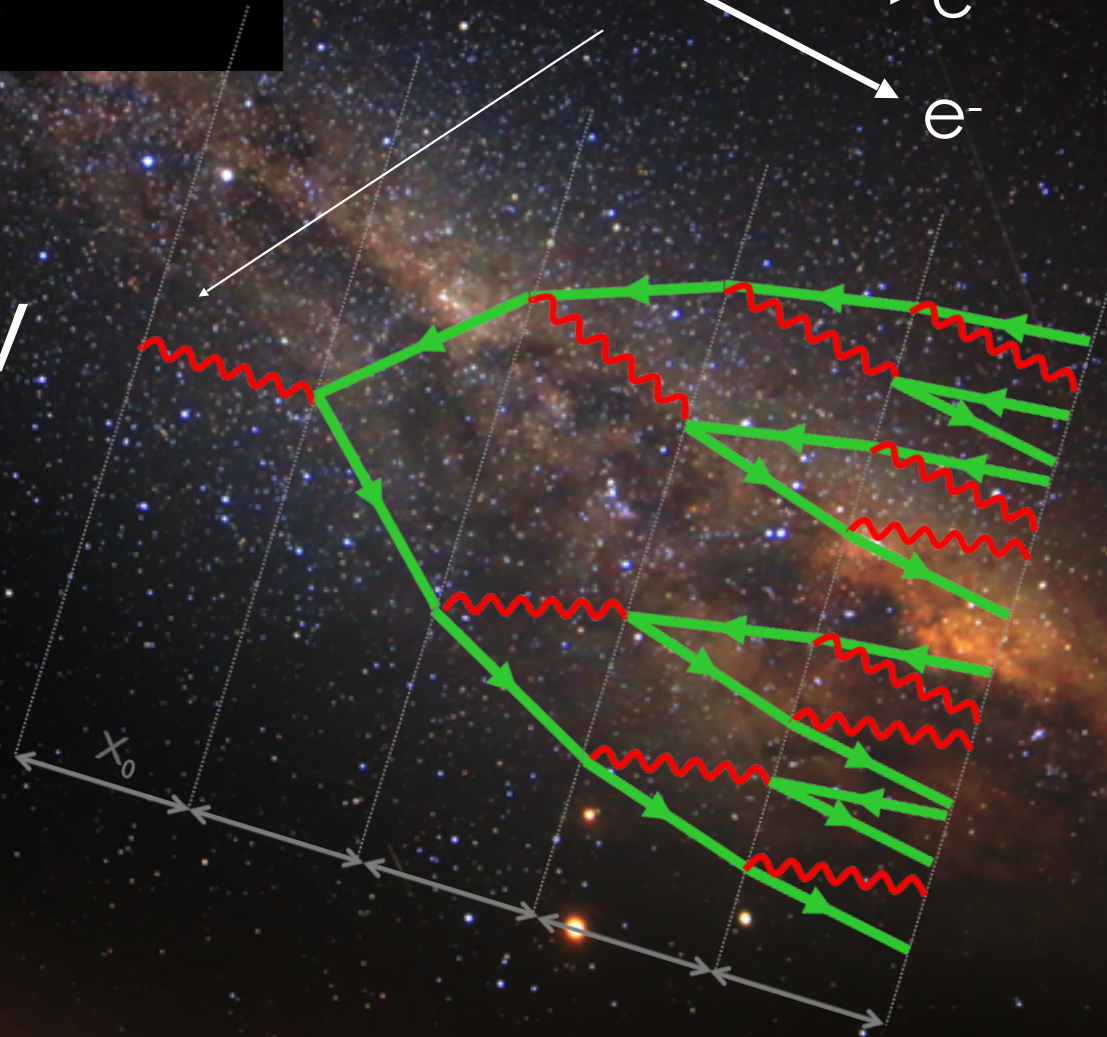


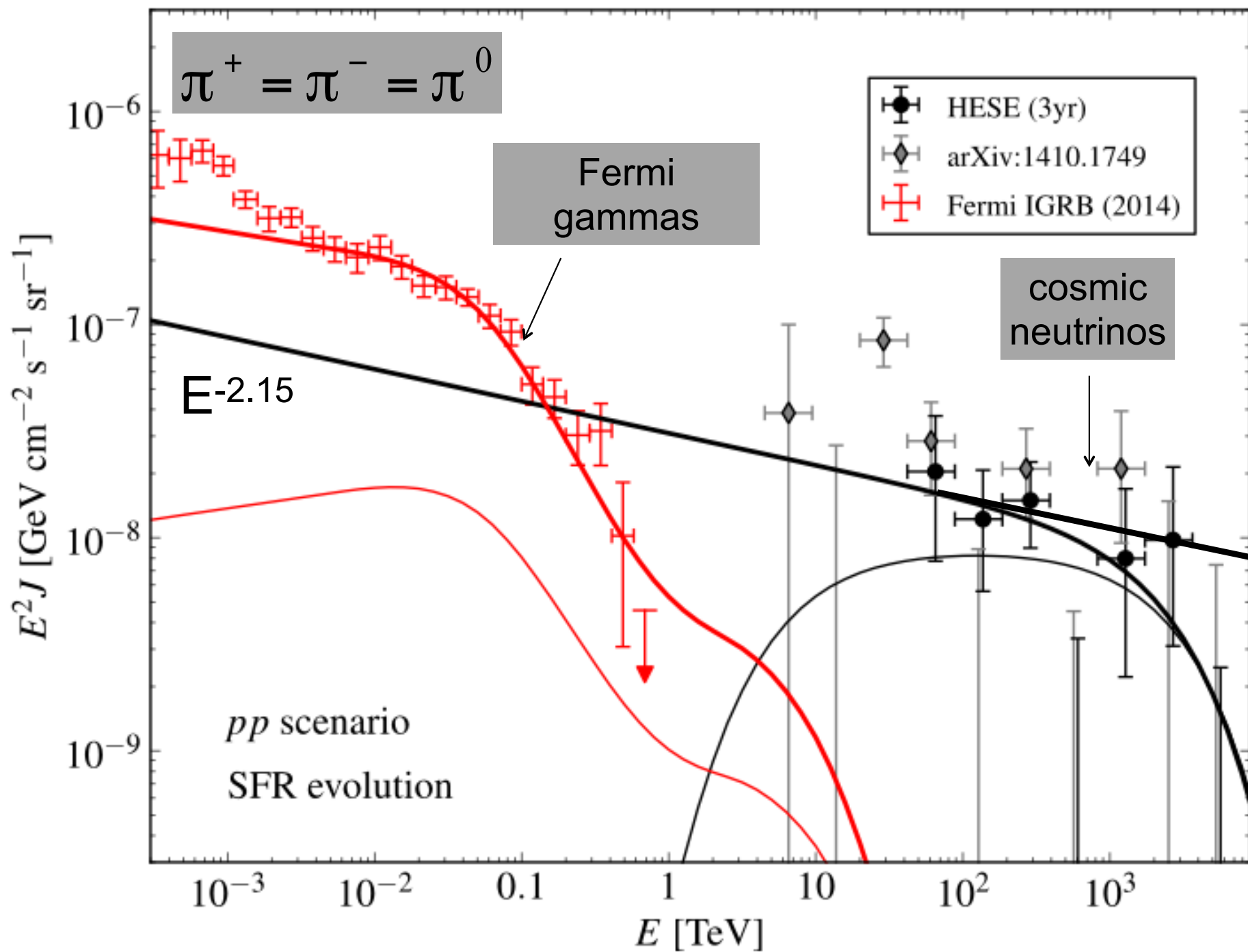
gamma rays accompanying IceCube neutrinos interact with interstellar photons and fragment into multiple lower energy gamma rays that reach earth

 γ e^+ e^- 

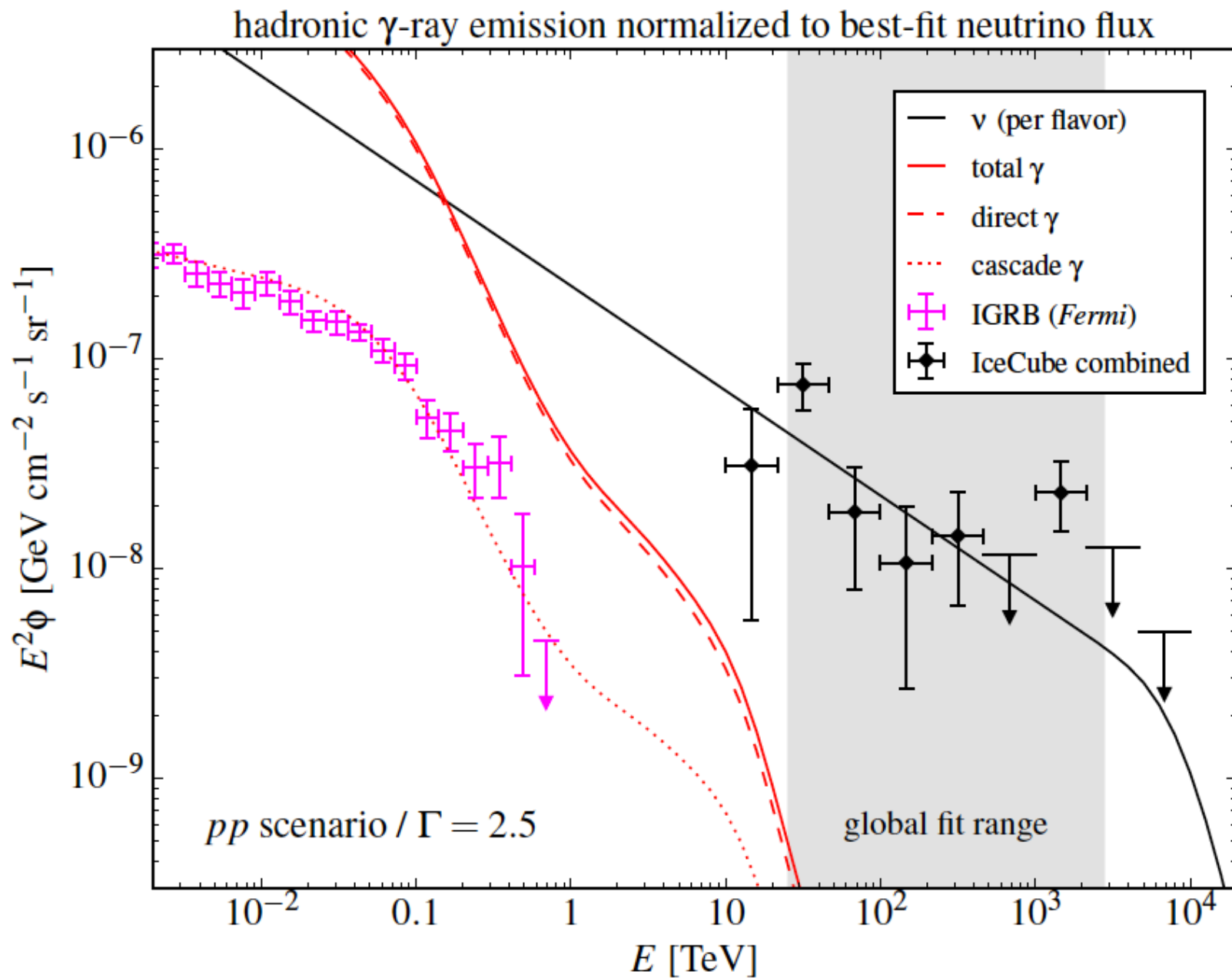
PeV

GeV

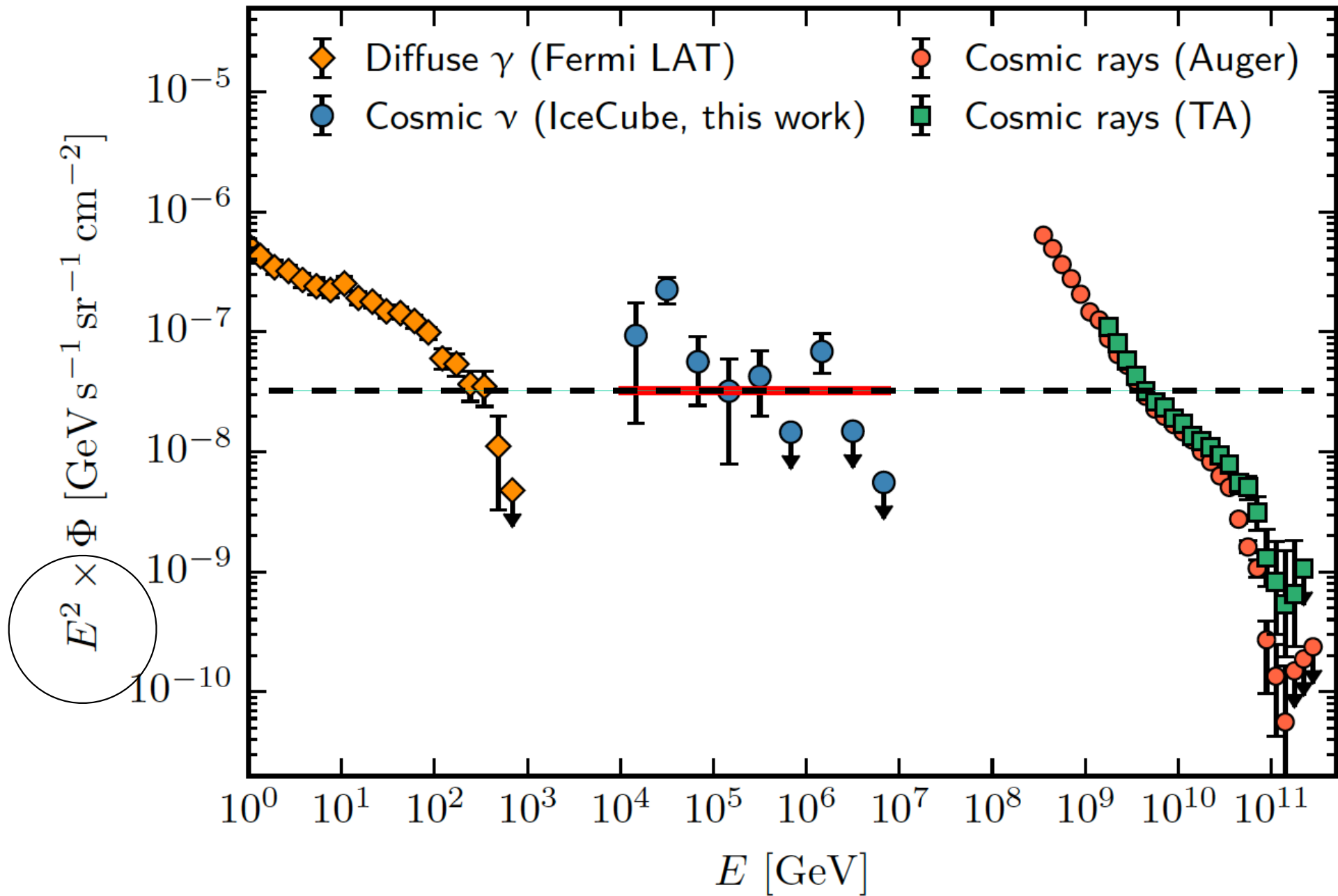
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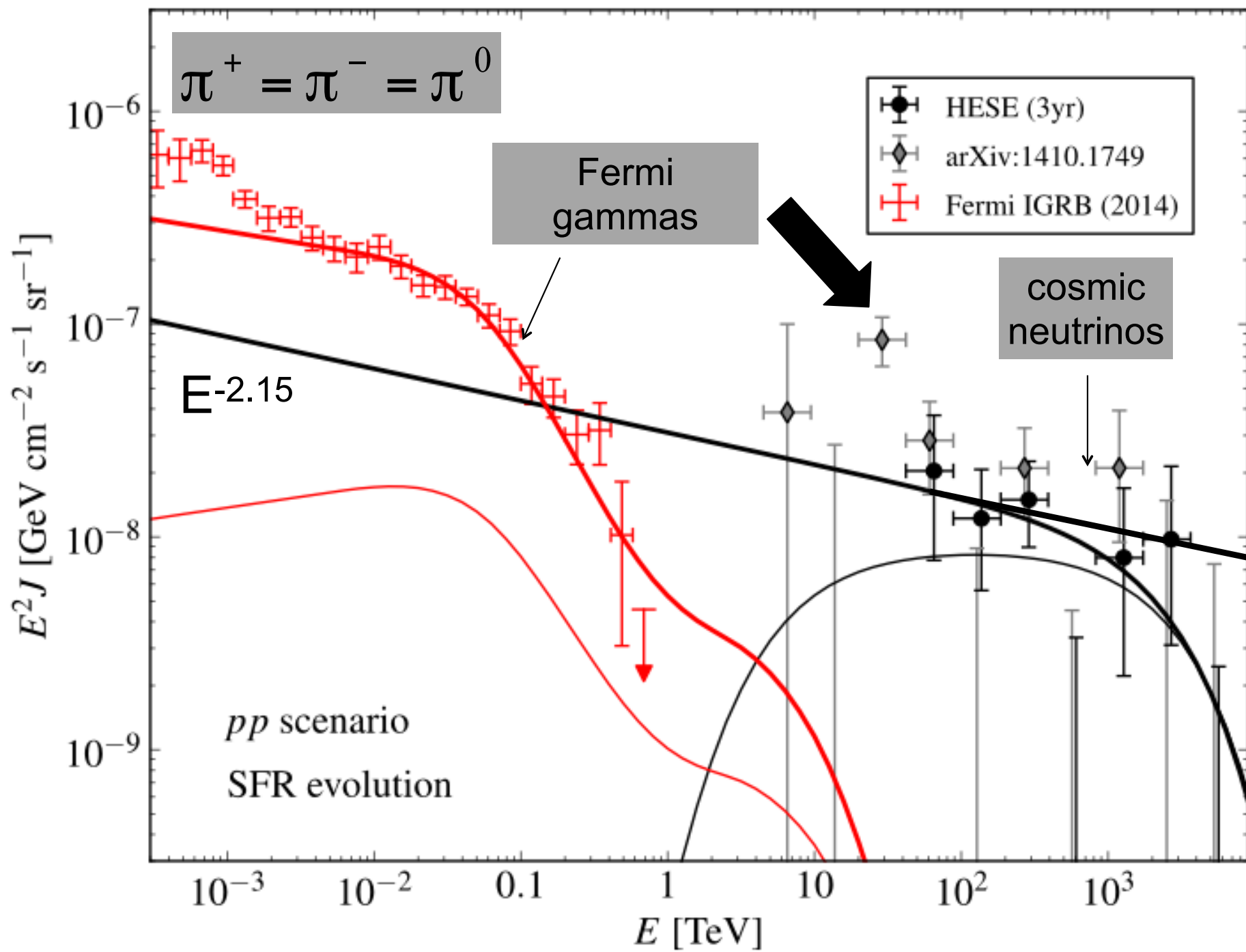
- energy density of neutrinos in the non-thermal Universe is the same as that in gamma-rays



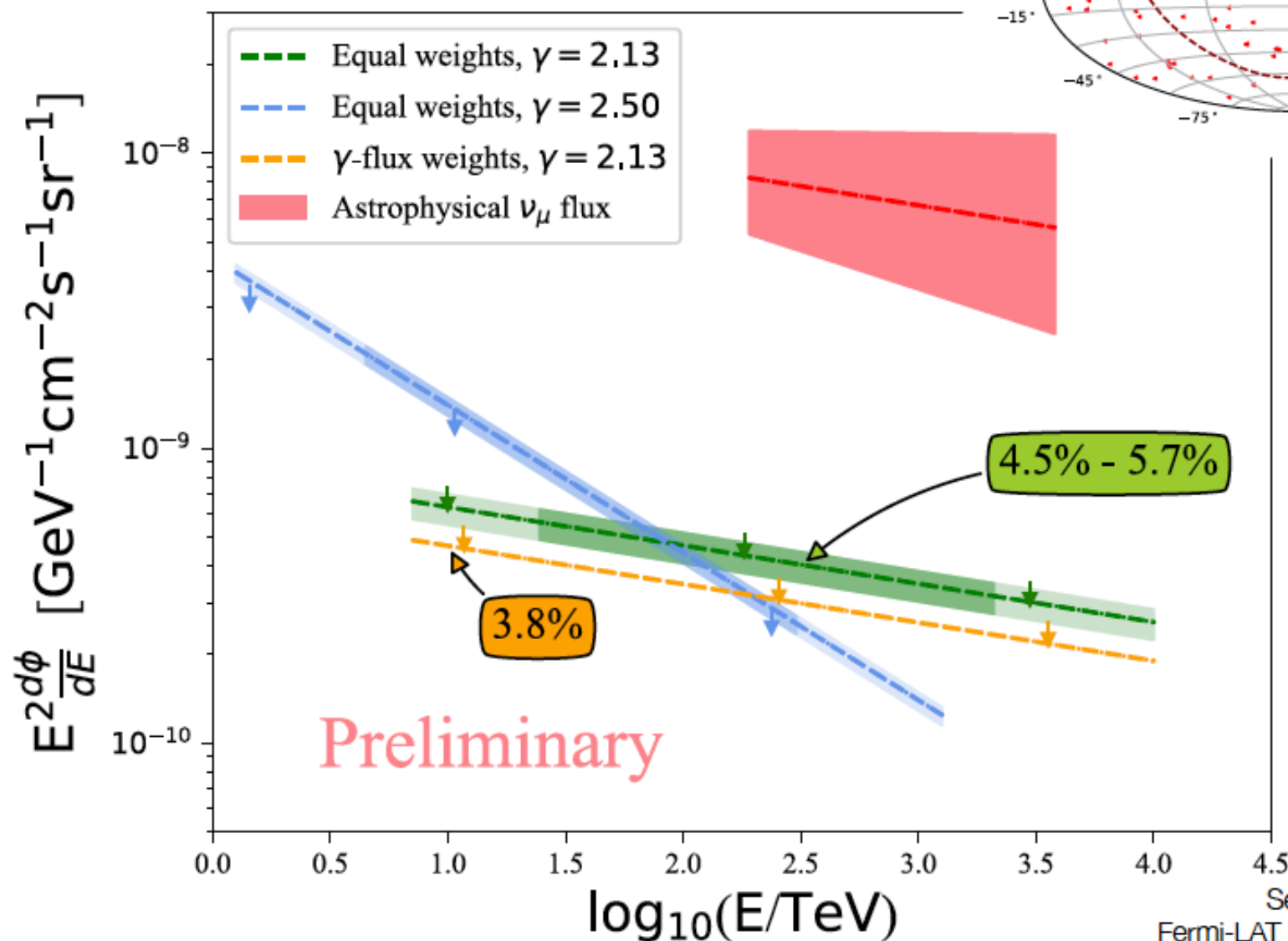
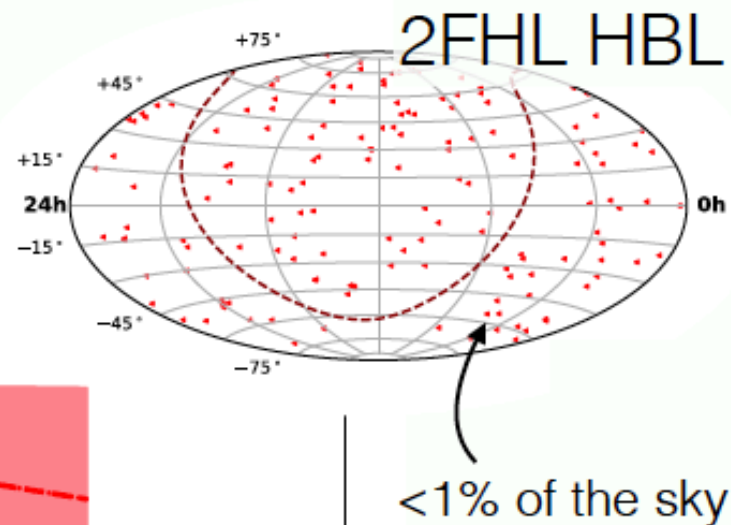
dark sources: a “problem” ?
 gamma rays cascade in the source to $< \text{GeV}$ energy

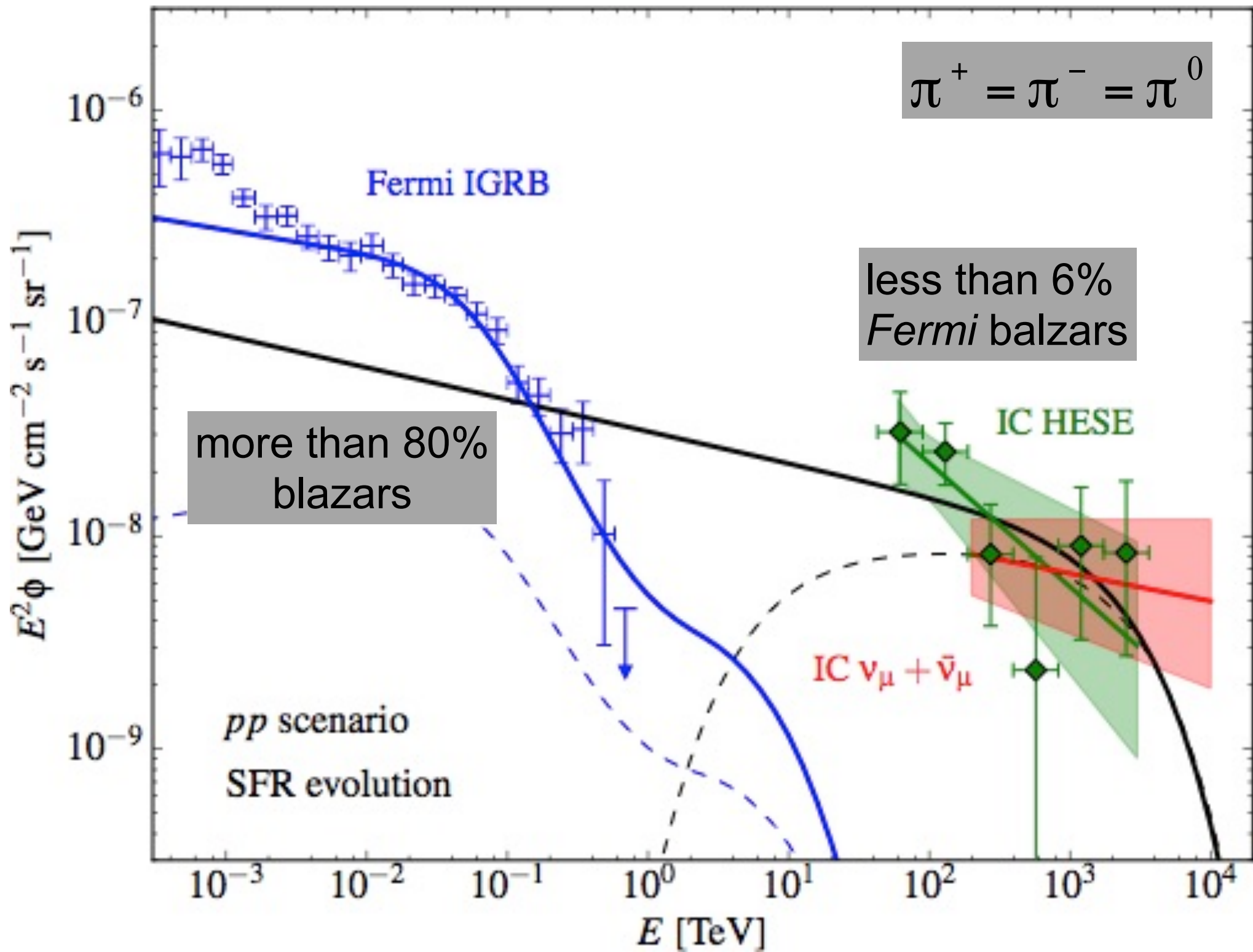


energy in the Universe in gamma rays, neutrinos and cosmic rays



Blazars account for:
 85% of extragalactic γ background
 < 6-27% of the IceCube neutrino flux



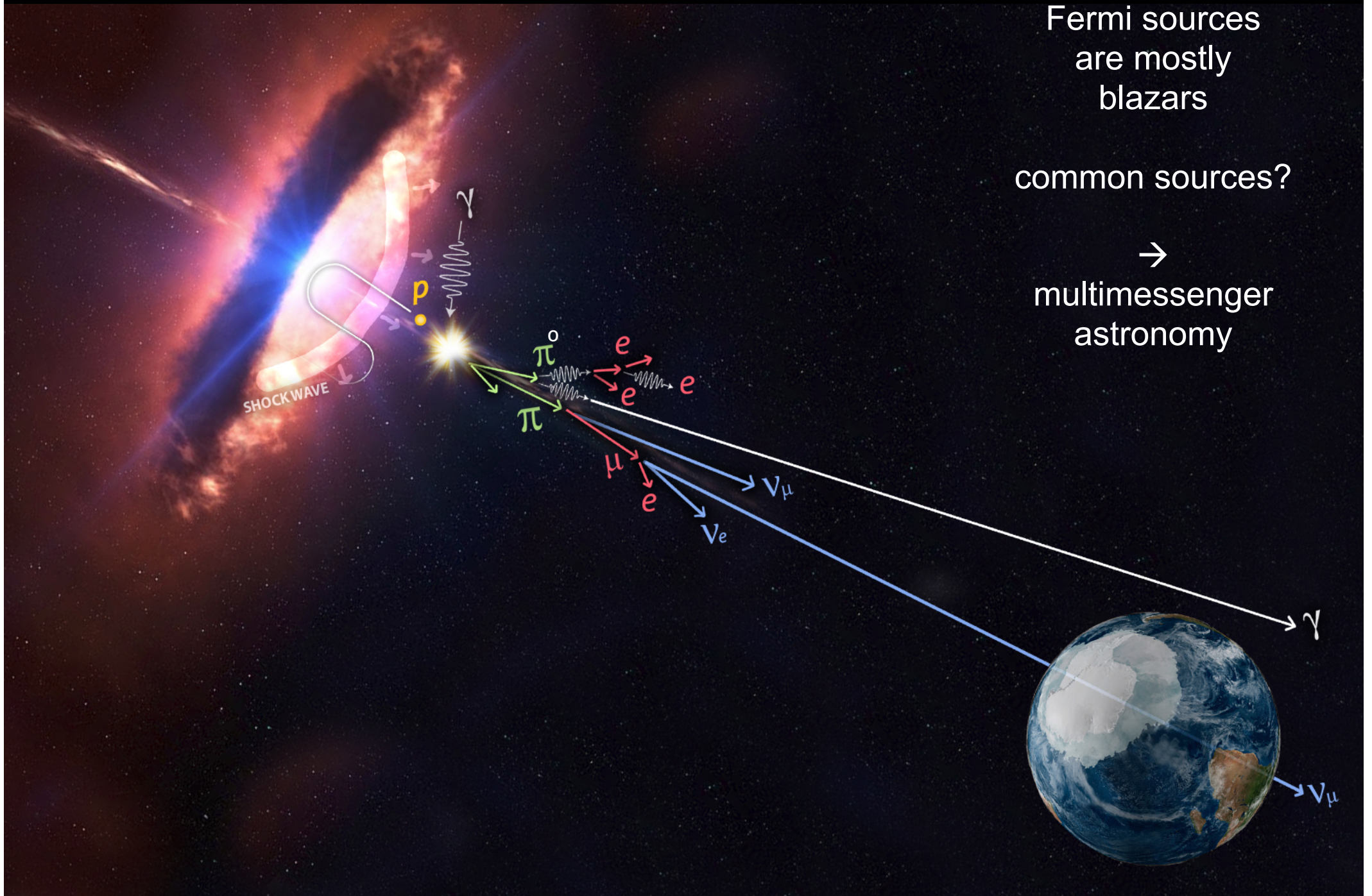


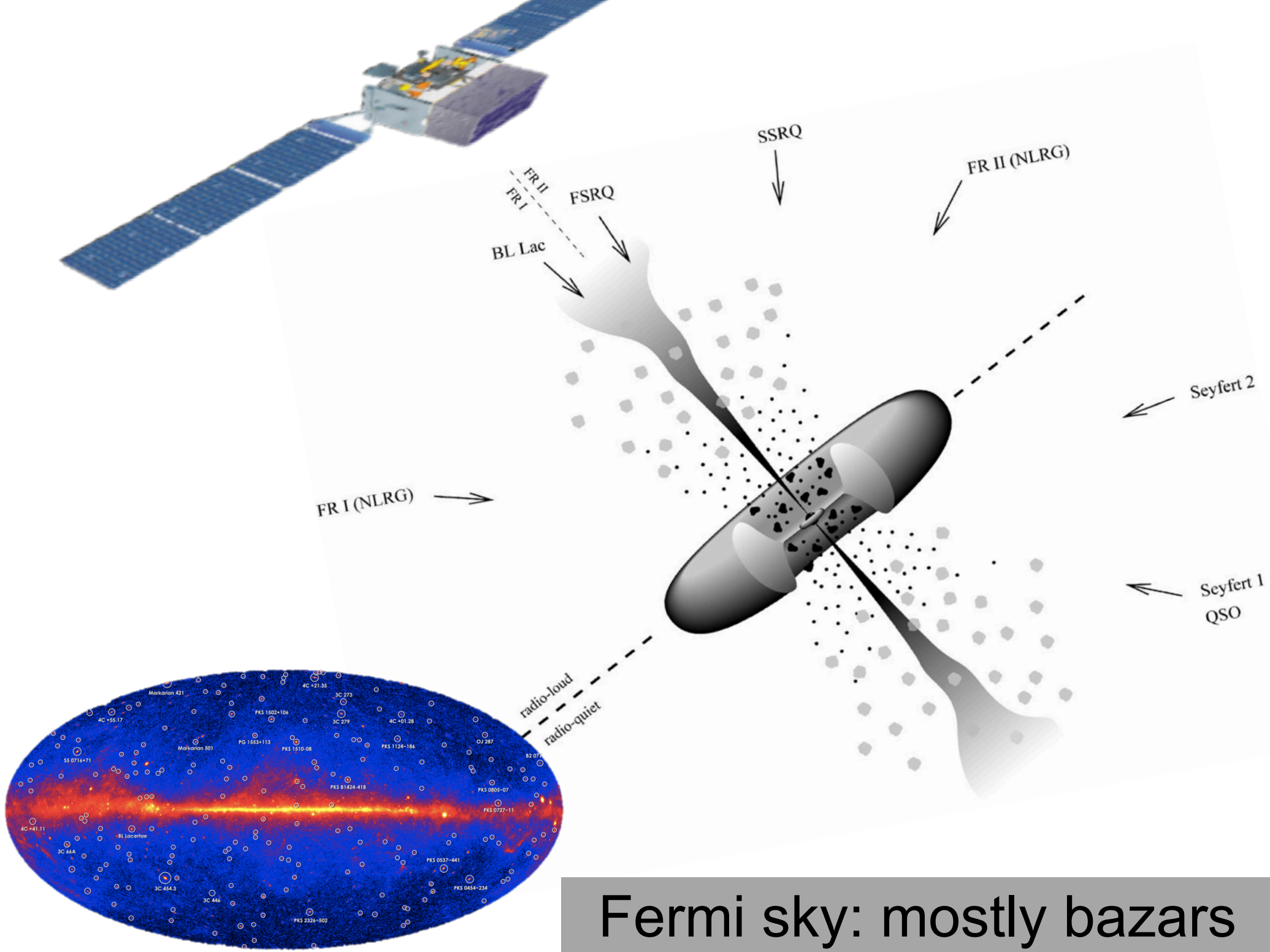
note that the gammas rays accompanying < 100 TeV neutrinos are not seen suggesting a hidden source(s)

Fermi sources
are mostly
blazars

common sources?

→
multimessenger
astronomy



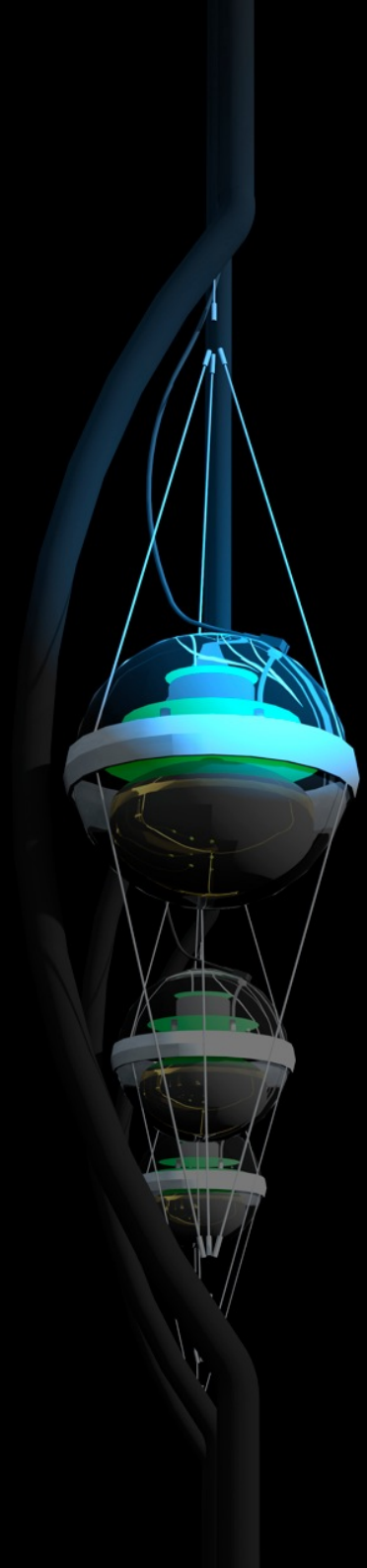


Fermi sky: mostly bazars

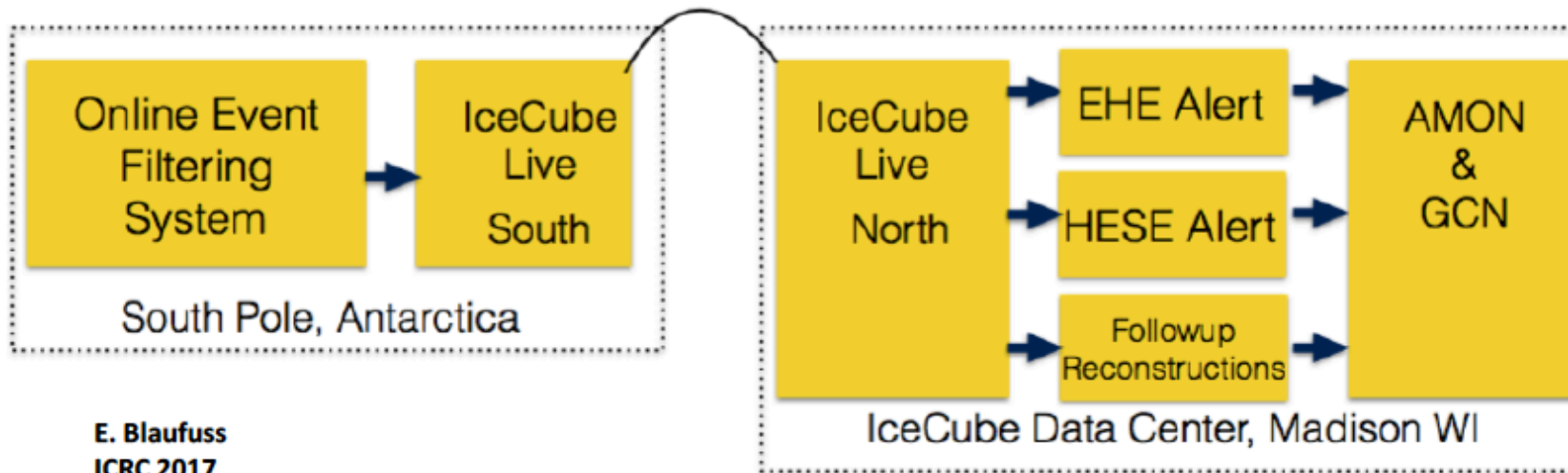
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Realtime alerts from IceCube

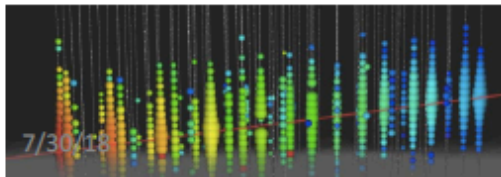


- Upcoming improvements:**
- New starting event selections
 - Cascades
 - Higher astrophysical purity
 - Improved event information in alerts

E. Blaufuss
ICRC 2017

Median alert latency: 33 seconds

13 alerts sent since 2016
First alert sent within 1 minute
Detailed follow-ups after a few hours



	Starting Tracks	Throughgoing tracks
Energy	> 60 TeV	> 500 TeV
Alerts per year	4.8	4 - 5
Signal events per year	1.1	2.5 - 4

Williams - RICH 2018 - IceCube

IceCube Coll.: *Astropart. Phys.*, 92, 30 (2017) 13



HIGH-ENERGY EVENTS NOW PUBLIC ALERTS!

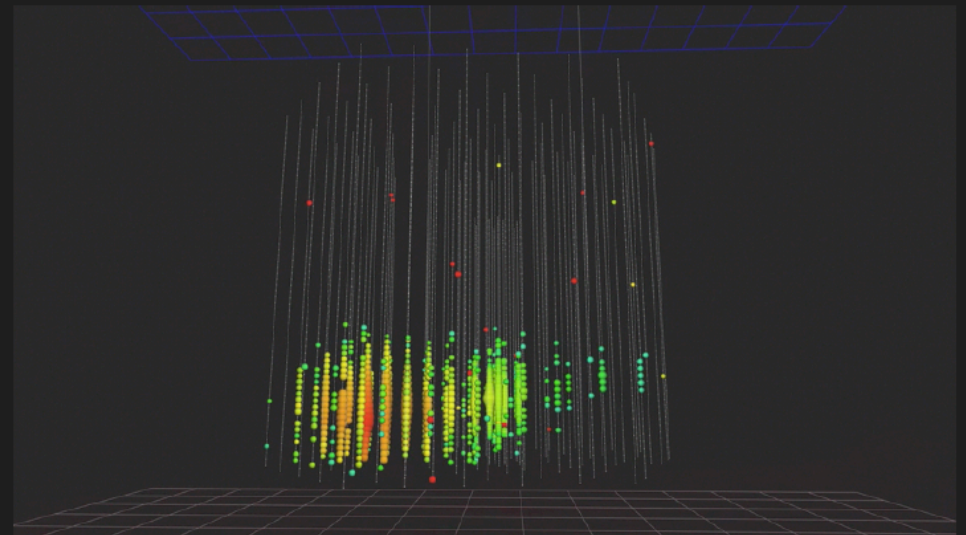
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We send our high-energy events in real-time as public GCN alerts now!

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240.7644d {+16h 03m 03s} (current),
239.9678d {+15h 59m 52s} (1950)
SRC_DEC: +9.3417d {+09d 20' 30"} (J2000),
+9.2972d {+09d 17' 50"} (current),
+9.4798d {+09d 28' 47"} (1950)
SRC_ERROR: 35.99 [arcmin radius, stat+sys, 90% containment]
SRC_ERROR50: 0.00 [arcmin radius, stat+sys, 50% containment]
DISCOVERY_DATE: 17505 TJD; 118 DOY; 16/04/27 (yy/mm/dd)
DISCOVERY_TIME: 21152 SOD {05:52:32.00} UT
REVISION: 2
N_EVENTS: 1 [number of neutrinos]
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SIGMA_T: 0.0000 [sec]
FALSE_POS: 0.0000e+00 [s^-1 sr^-1]
PVALUE: 0.0000e+00 [dn]
CHARGE: 18883.62 [pe]
SIGNAL_TRACKNESS: 0.92 [dn]
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GCN notice for starting track sent Apr 27

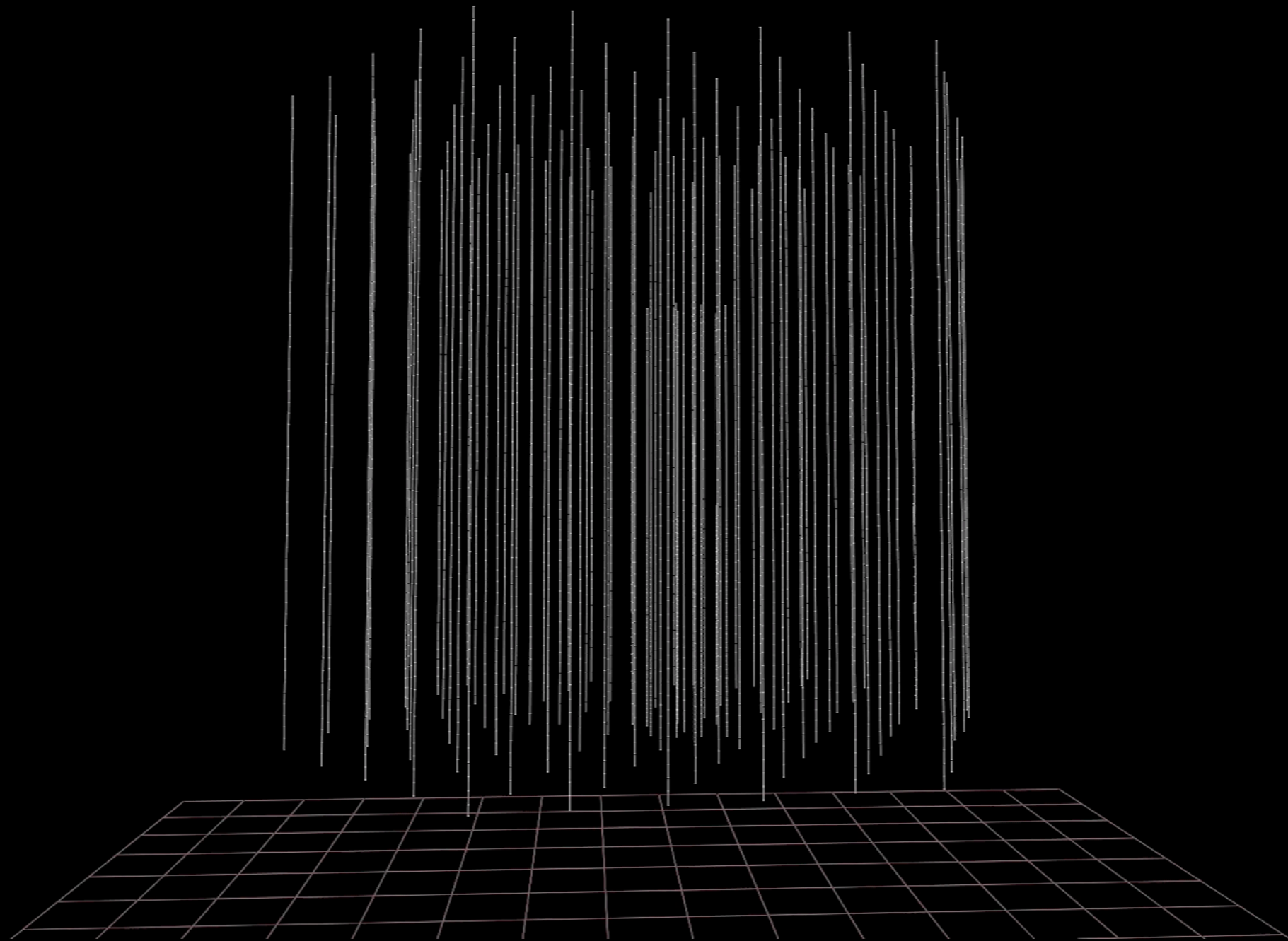
We send **rough reconstructions first** and then **update them**.



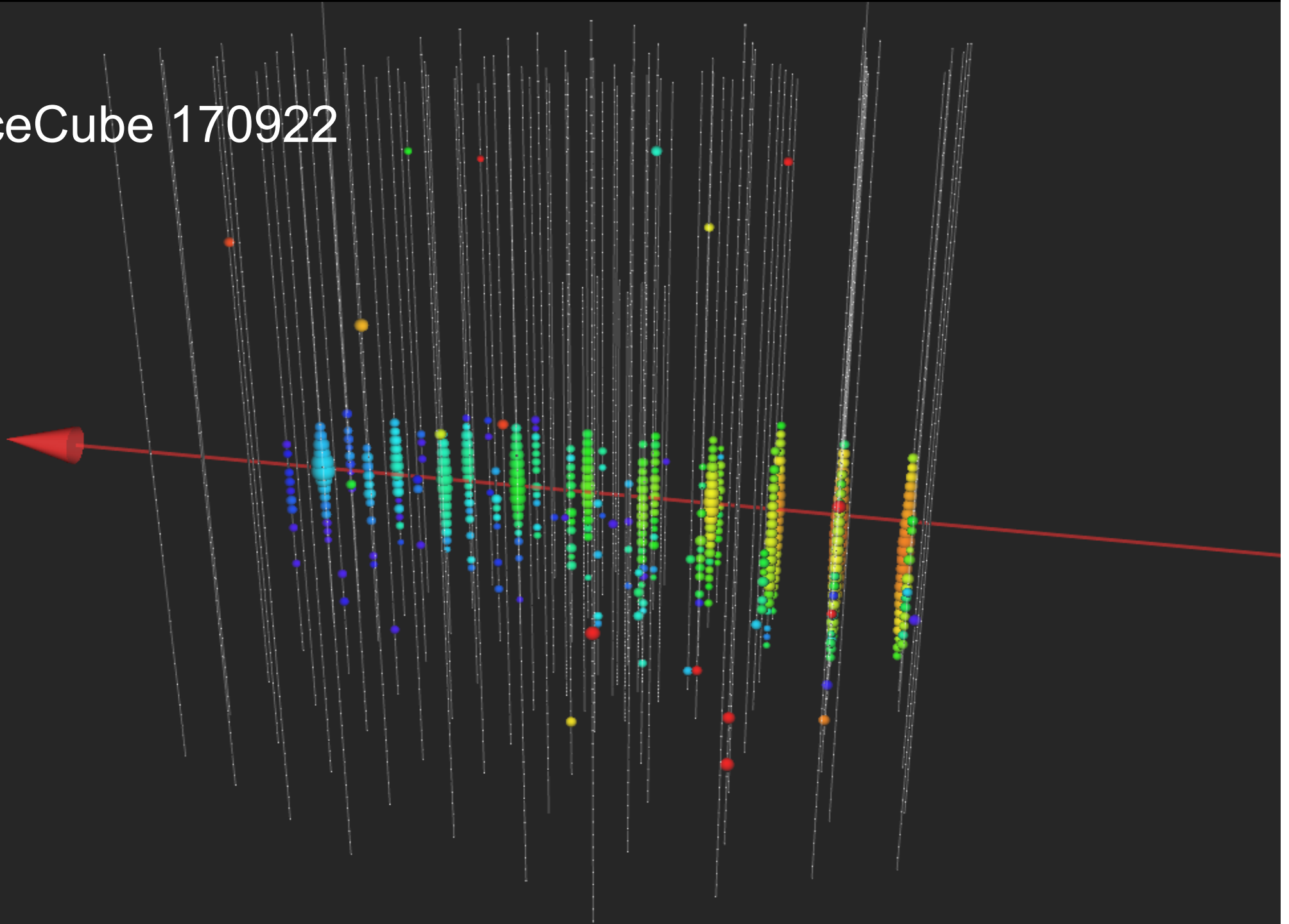
IceCube Trigger

43 seconds after trigger, GCN notice was sent

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SRC_DEC:              +5.7517d {+05d 45' 06"} (J2000),  
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SRC_ERROR:            14.99 [arcmin radius, stat+sys, 50% containment]  
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IceCube 170922



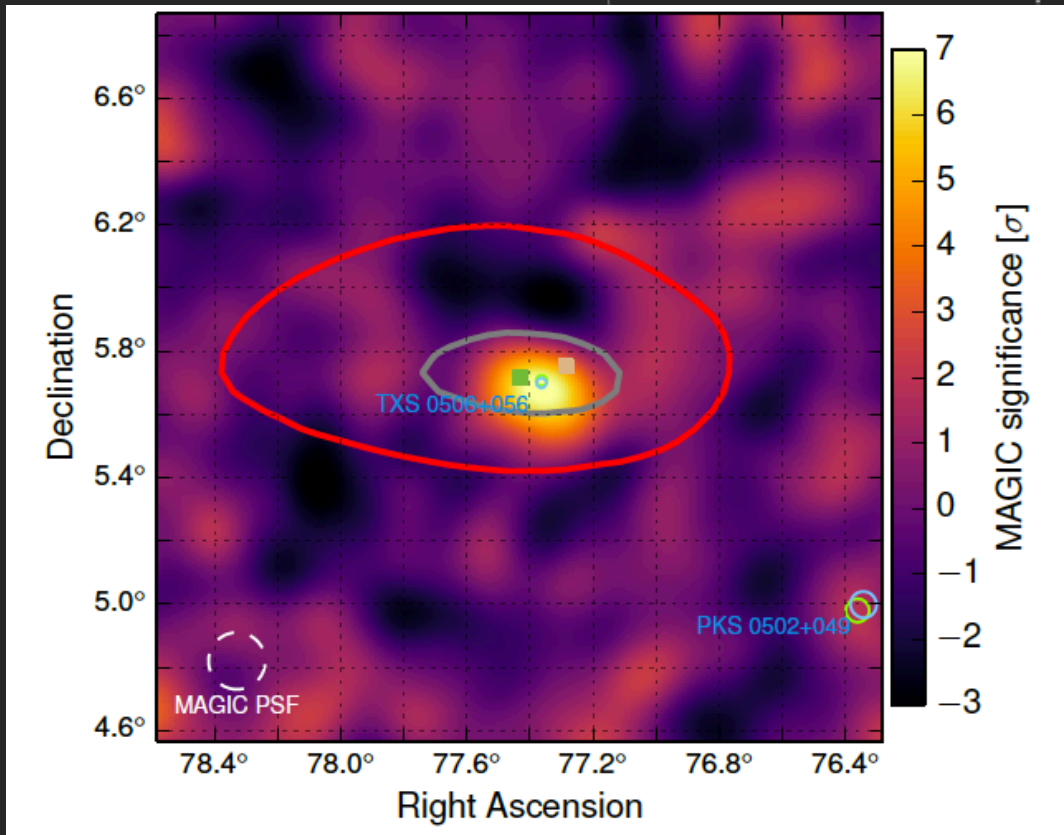
multiwavelength campaign launched by IC 170922

IceCube, *Fermi* –LAT, MAGIC, Agile, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S., INTEGRAL, Kapteyn, Kanata, KISO, Liverpool, Subaru, *Swift*, VLA, VERITAS

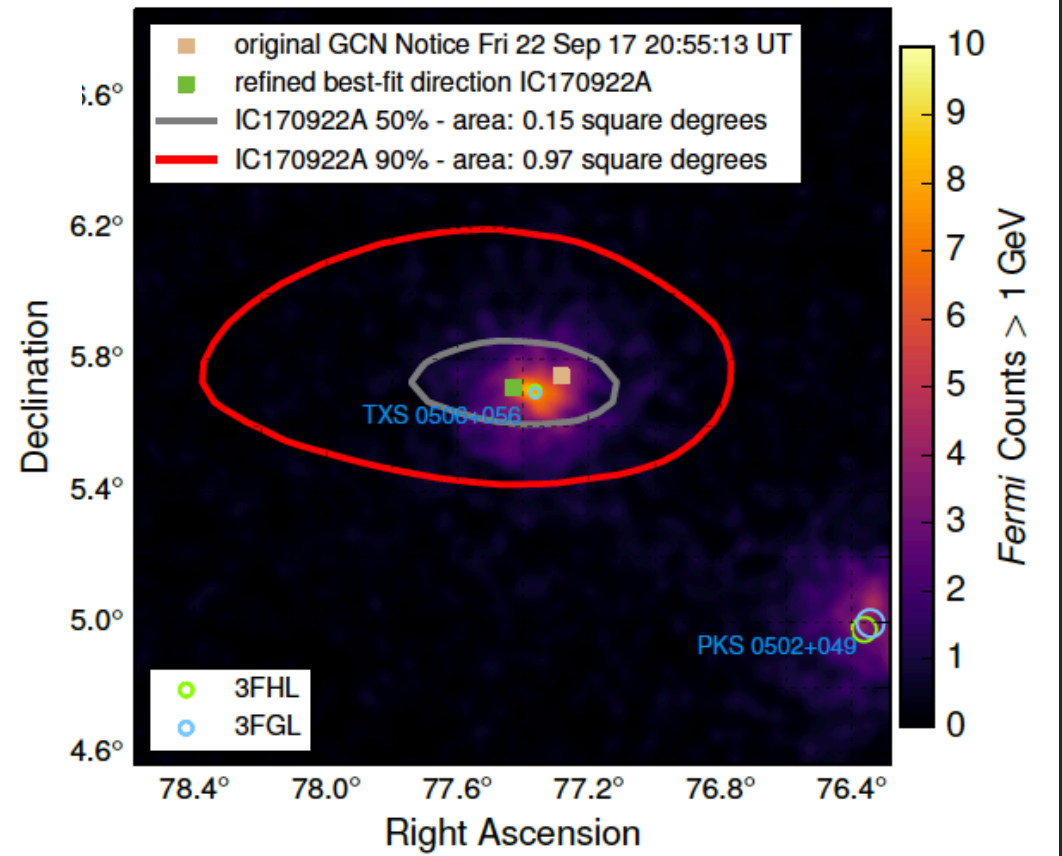
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energy 290 TeV
direction RA 77.43° Dec 5.72°
- Fermi-LAT: flaring blazar within 0.1° (6x steady flux)
- MAGIC: TeV source in follow-up observations
- follow-up by 12 more telescopes
- → IceCube archival data (without look-elsewhere effect)
- → Fermi-LAT archival data

IceCube 170922

Fermi
detects a flaring
blazar within 0.1°

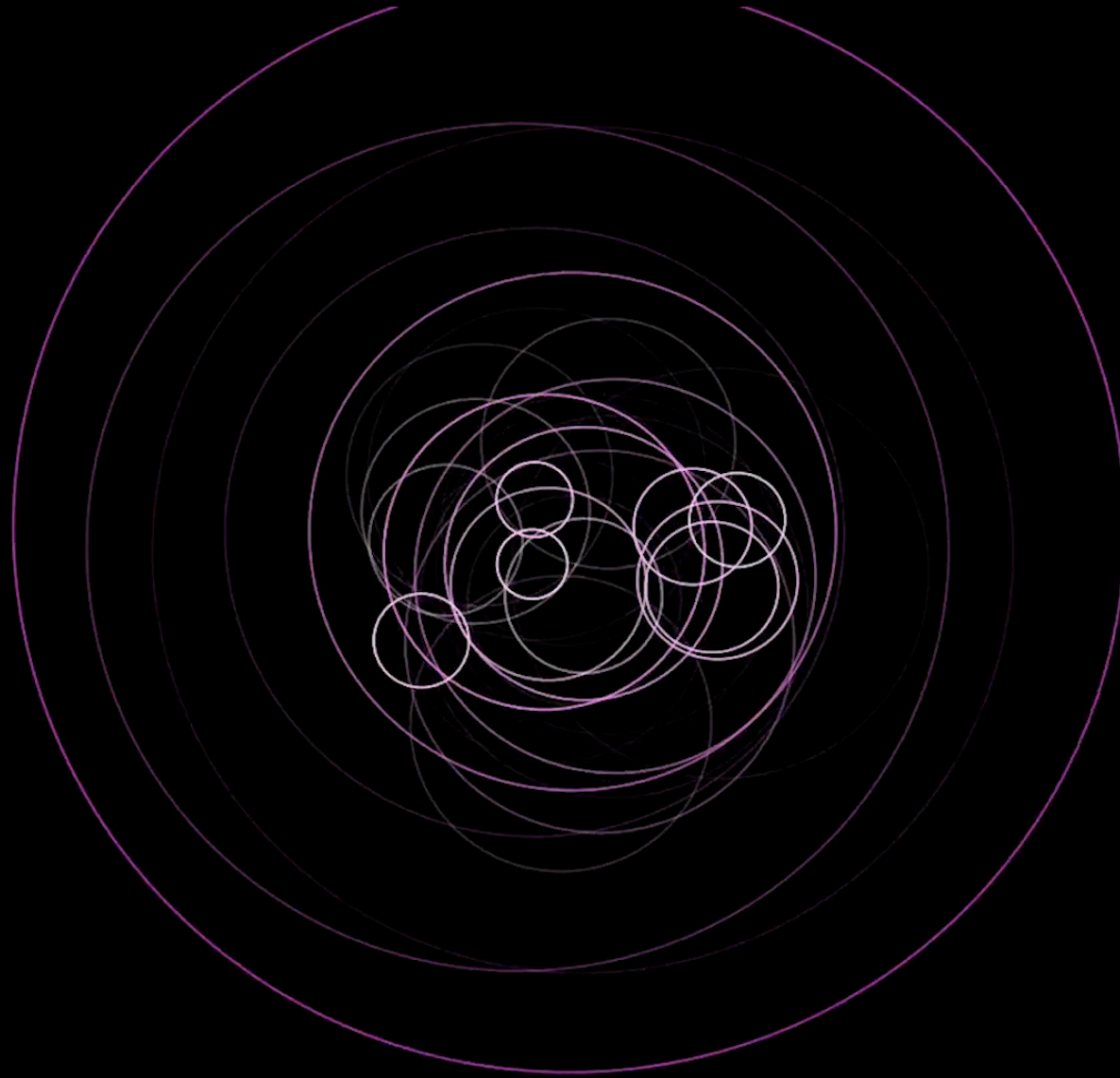


MAGIC
detects emission of
> 100 GeV gammas



build-up over several months followed by rapid daily variability

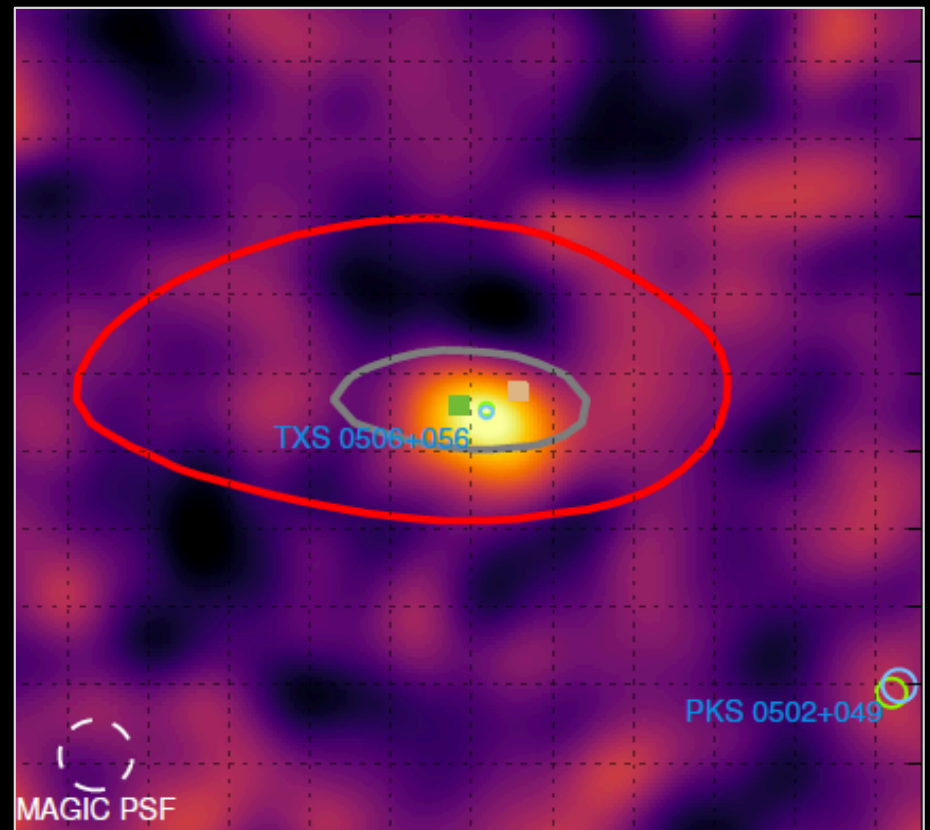
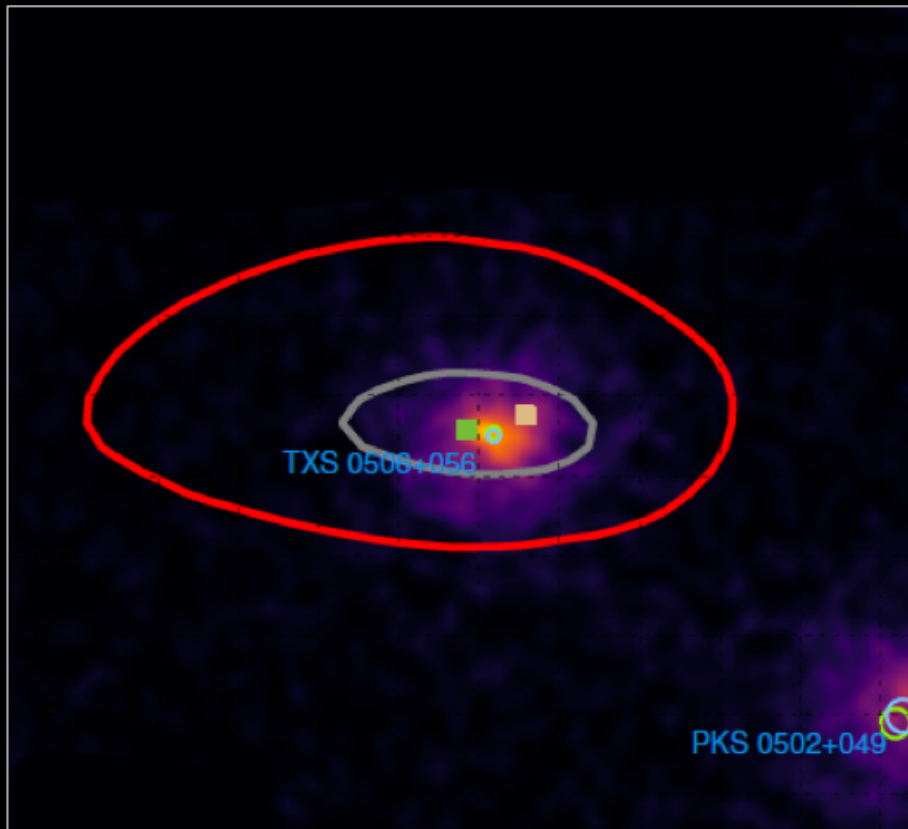
20 Feb 2017





Neutrino points within 0.06° of a known Fermi blazar

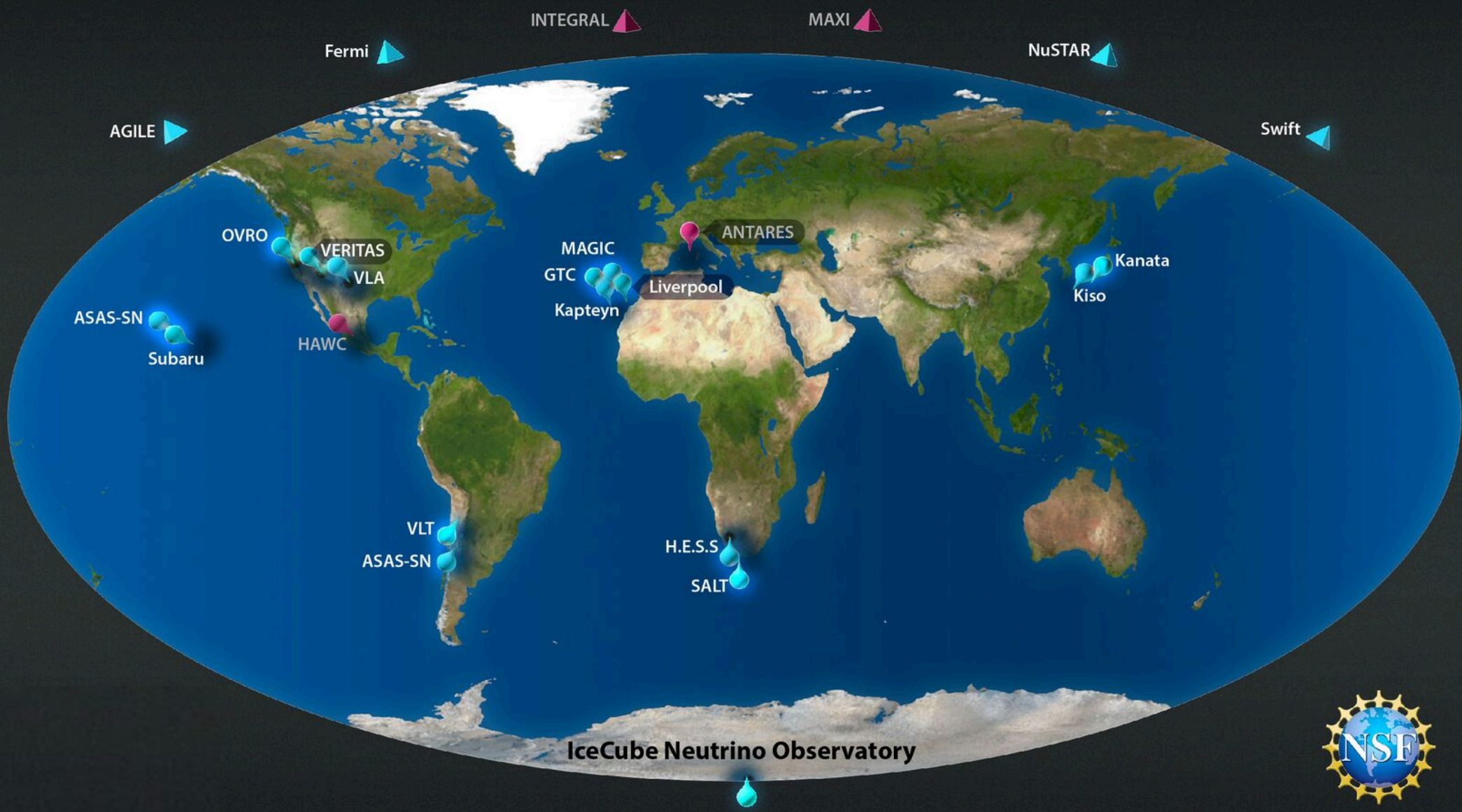
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MAGIC atmospheric Cherenkov telescope







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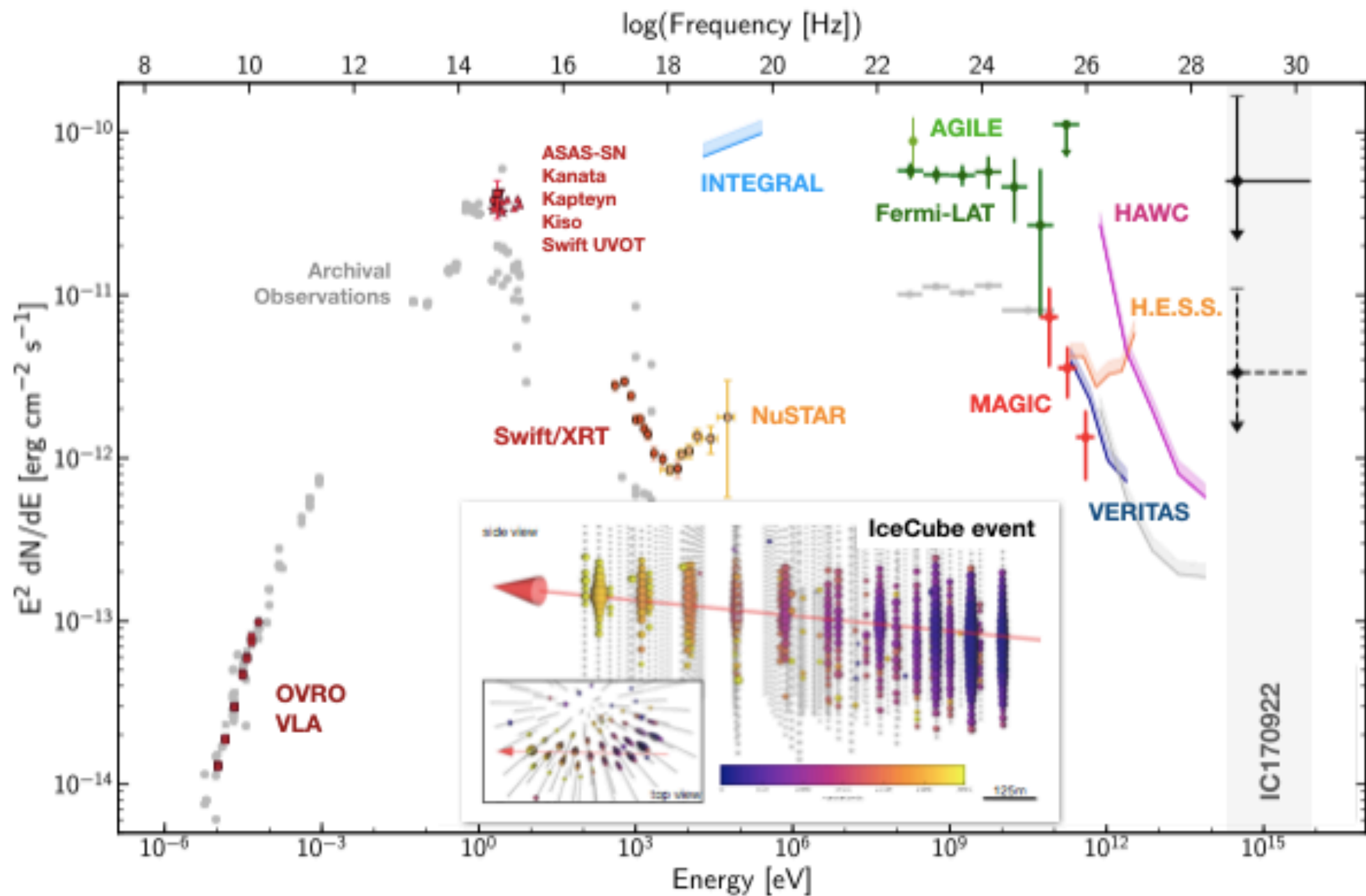
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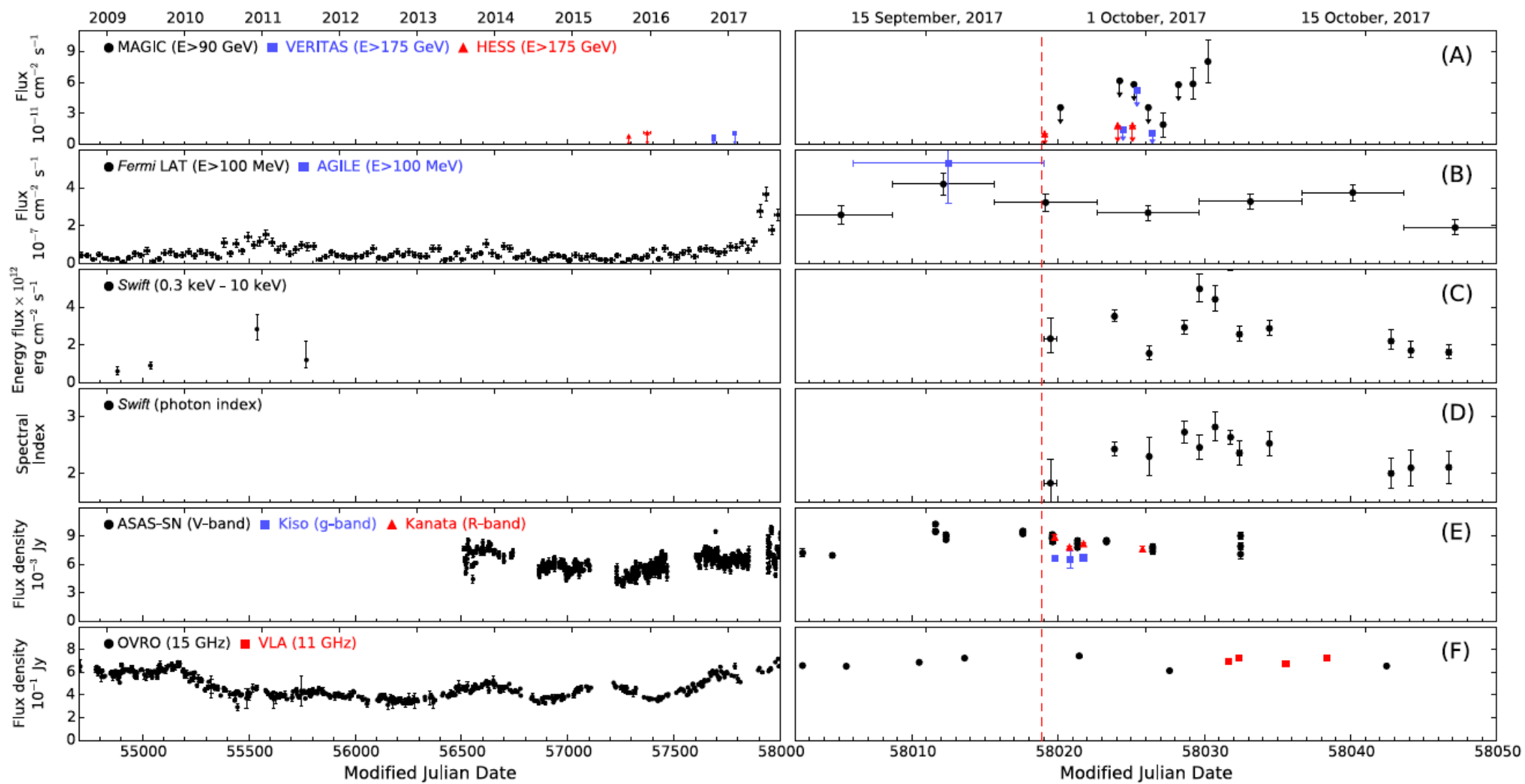
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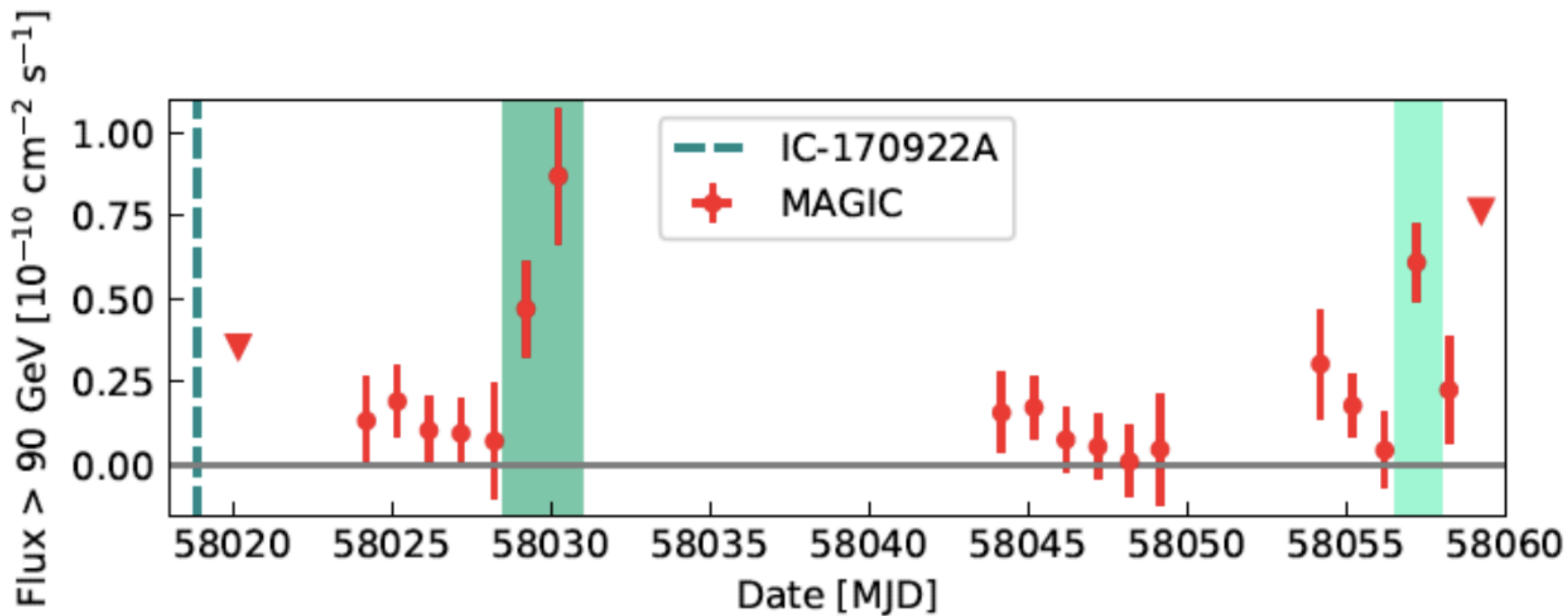
- Redshift 0.3365 ± 0.0010 (S. Paiano et al. 2018)
- Among 50 brightest blazars in 3LAC

- Outshines nearby blazars like Mrk421, Mrk 501, and 1ES 1959+650 by more than an order of magnitude

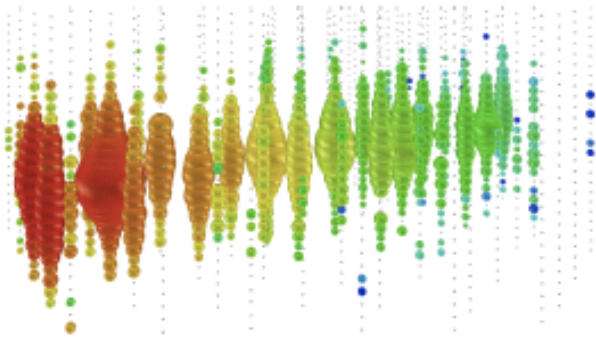




MAGIC finds variability on a 1-day scale
→ compact emission region

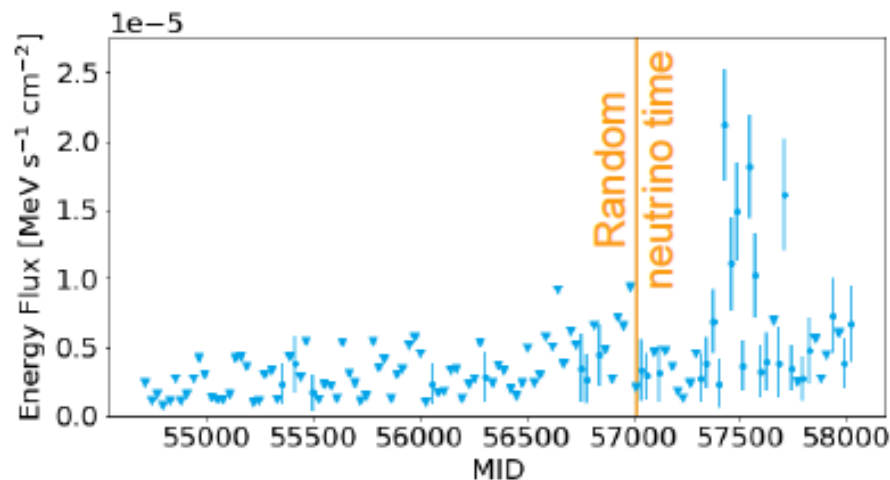
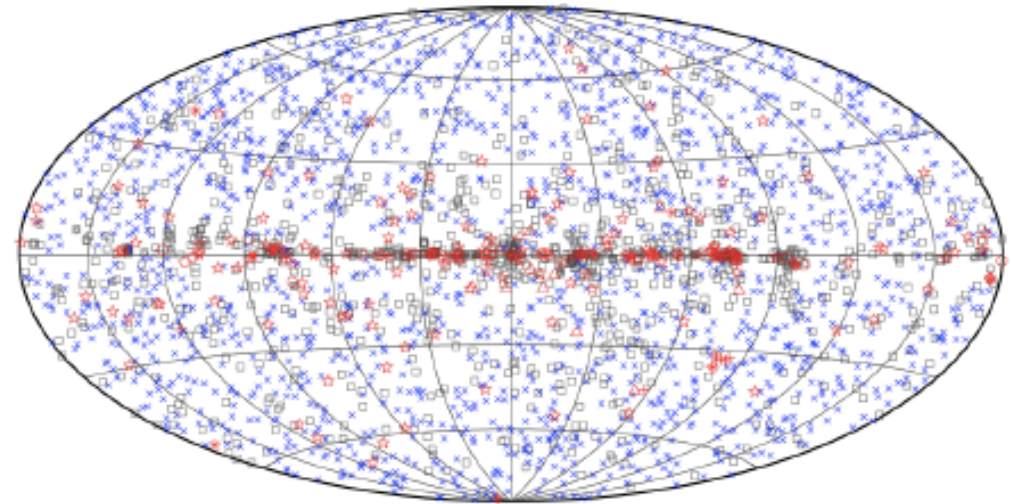


How Likely is it a Chance Probability?



Step I: Draw a random neutrino from a representative sample of high-energy muon-track events

Step II: Are there any extragalactic Fermi source close in space to the neutrinos?



Step III: What is the gamma-ray energy flux in the time bin when the neutrino arrives?

Neutrino emission correlates with

1. gamma-ray energy flux in the range 1-100 GeV

$$w_s(t) = \phi_E(t) = \int_{1 \text{ GeV}}^{100 \text{ GeV}} E_\gamma \frac{d\phi_\gamma(t)}{dE_\gamma} dE_\gamma$$

2. relative gamma-ray flux variations in the range 1-100 GeV

$$w_s(t) = \phi_\gamma(t) / \langle \phi_\gamma \rangle$$

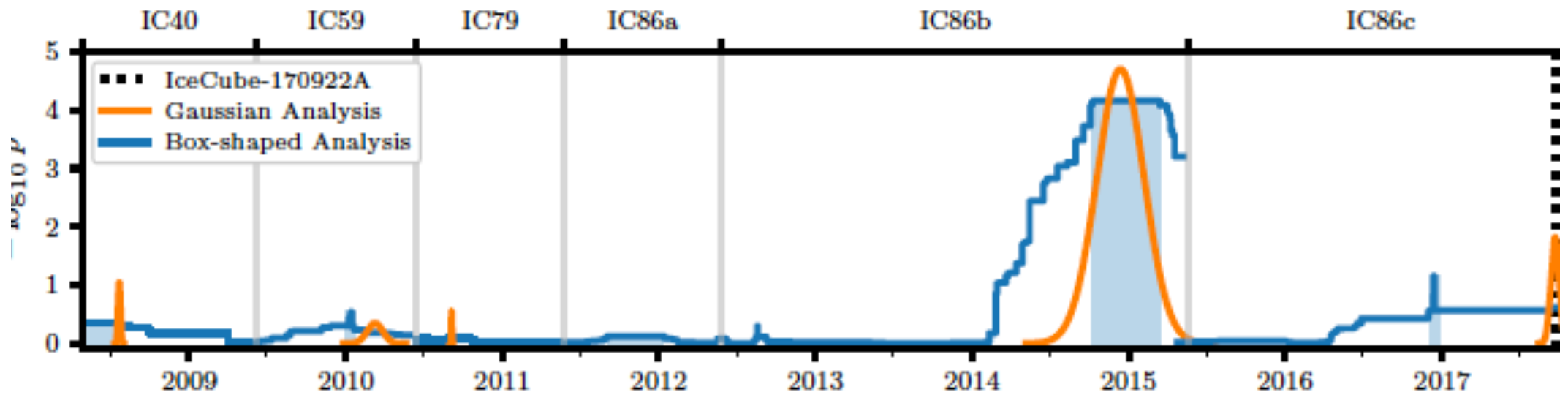
3. very high-energy gamma-ray energy flux in the range 100GeV-1TeV (extrapolated from Fermi energy range)

$$w_s(t) = \phi_E(t) = \int_{100 \text{ GeV}}^{1 \text{ TeV}} E_\gamma \frac{d\phi_\gamma(t)}{dE_\gamma} dE_\gamma$$

multiwavelength campaign launched by IC 170922

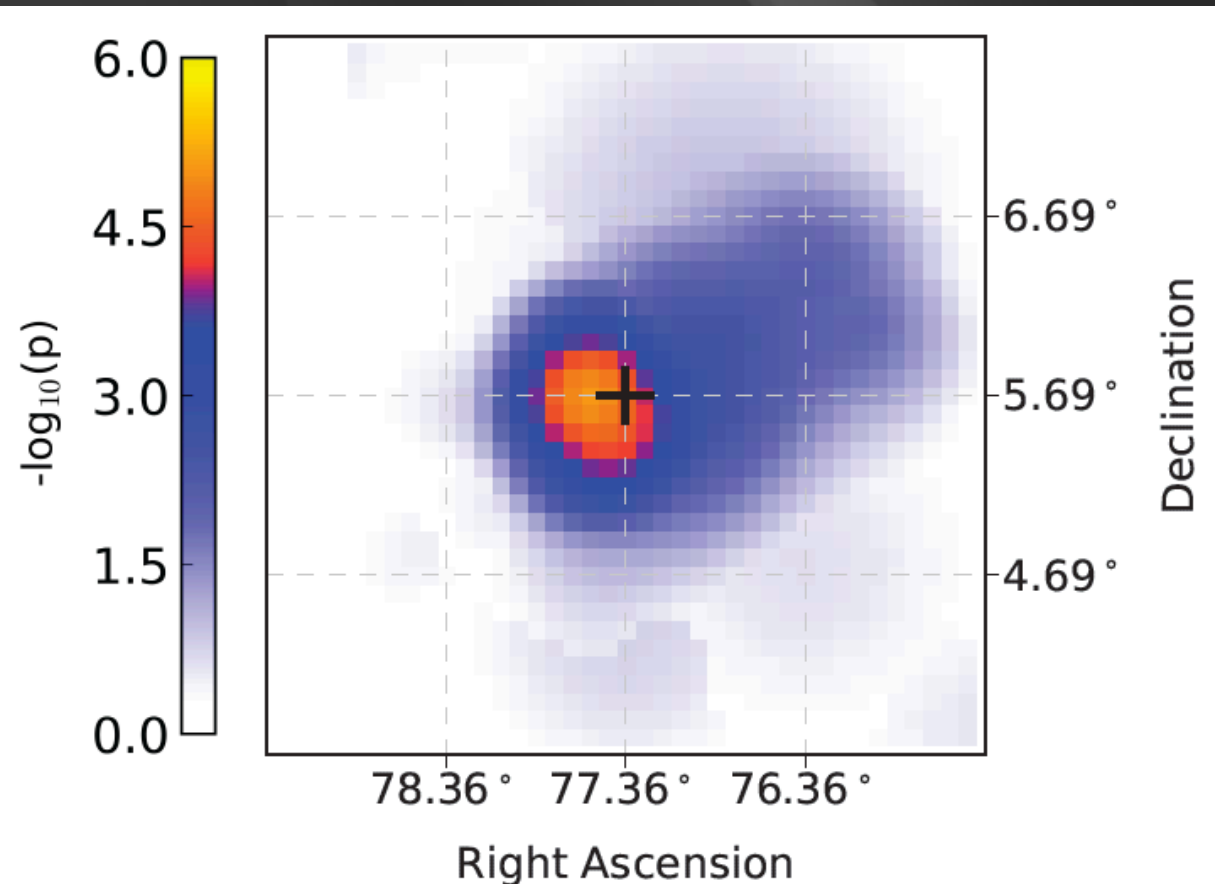
IceCube, *Fermi* –LAT, MAGIC, Agile, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S., INTEGRAL,
Kapteyn, Kanata, KISO, Liverpool, Subaru, *Swift*, VLA, VERITAS

- neutrino: time 22.09.17, 20:54:31 UTC
energy 290 TeV
direction RA 77.43° Dec 5.72°
 - Fermi-LAT: flaring blazar within 0.1° (7x steady flux)
 - MAGIC: TeV source in follow-up observations
 - follow-up by 12 more telescopes
- → IceCube archival data (without look-elsewhere effect)
 - → Fermi-LAT archival data



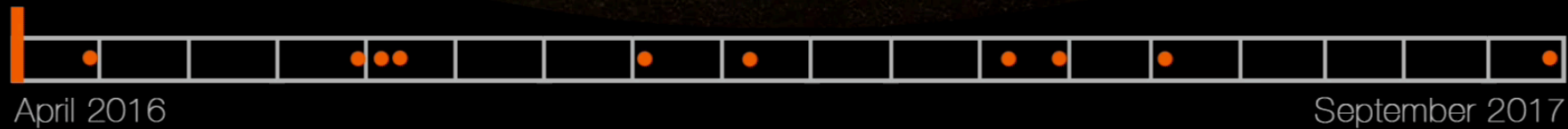
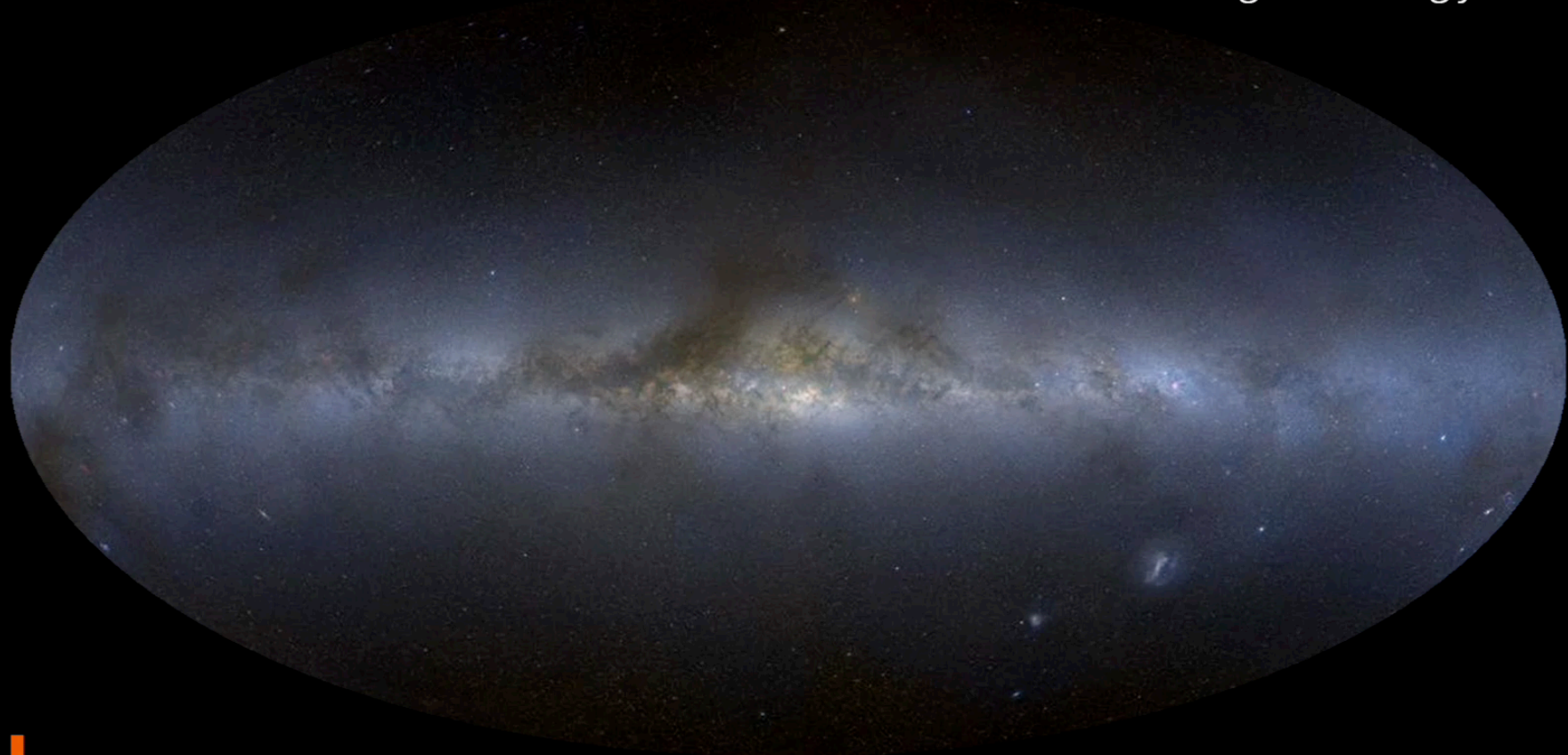
search in archival IceCube data:

- ~100 day flare in December 2014
- accompanied by hardest Fermi spectrum in 10 yrs ($E^{-1.7}$)



IceCube

High-Energy Alerts



19 events on a background < 6 in 150 days

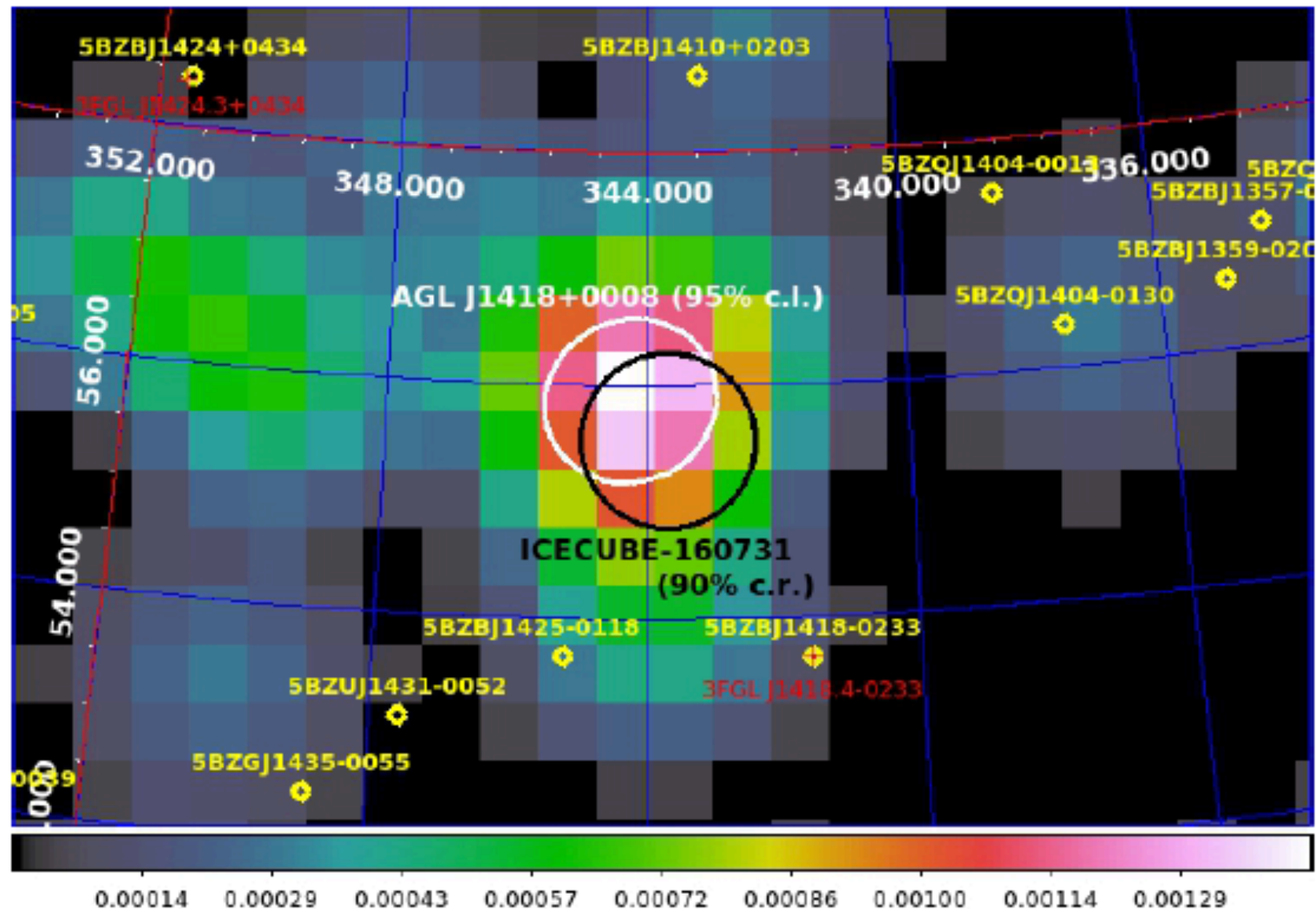
we identified a source of high energy cosmic rays:

the active galaxy (blazar) TXS 0506+056 at a
redshift of 0.33

extensive multiwavelength campaign will allow us
to study the first cosmic accelerator

AGILE DETECTION OF A CANDIDATE GAMMA-RAY PRECURSOR TO THE ICECUBE-160731 NEUTRINO EVENT

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ABSTRACT

The IceCube Collaboration has announced the discovery of a neutrino flux in excess of the atmospheric background. Owing to the steeply falling atmospheric background spectrum, events at PeV energies most likely have an extraterrestrial origin. We present the multiwavelength properties of the six radio-brightest blazars that are positionally coincident with these events using contemporaneous data of the TANAMI blazar sample, including high-resolution images and spectral energy distributions. Assuming the X-ray to γ -ray emission originates in the photoproduction of pions by accelerated protons, the integrated predicted neutrino luminosity of these sources is high enough to explain the two detected PeV events.

Key words. neutrinos – galaxies: active – quasars: general

The Highest Energy Emission Detected by EGRET from Blazars

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Abstract. Published EGRET spectra from blazars extend only to 10 GeV, yet EGRET has detected approximately 2000 γ -rays above 10 GeV of which about half are at high Galactic latitude. We report a search of these high-energy γ -rays for associations with the EGRET and TeV detected blazars. Because the point spread function of EGRET improves with energy, only ~ 2 γ -rays are expected to be positionally coincident with the 80 blazars searched, yet 23 γ -rays were observed. This collection of > 10 GeV sources should be of particular interest due to the improved sensitivity and lower energy thresholds of ground-based TeV observatories. One of the blazars, RGB0509+056, has the highest energy γ -rays detected by EGRET from any blazar with $z > 40$ GeV, and is a BL Lac type blazar with unknown redshift.

Victor Hess 1912

