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ANTARES recent results

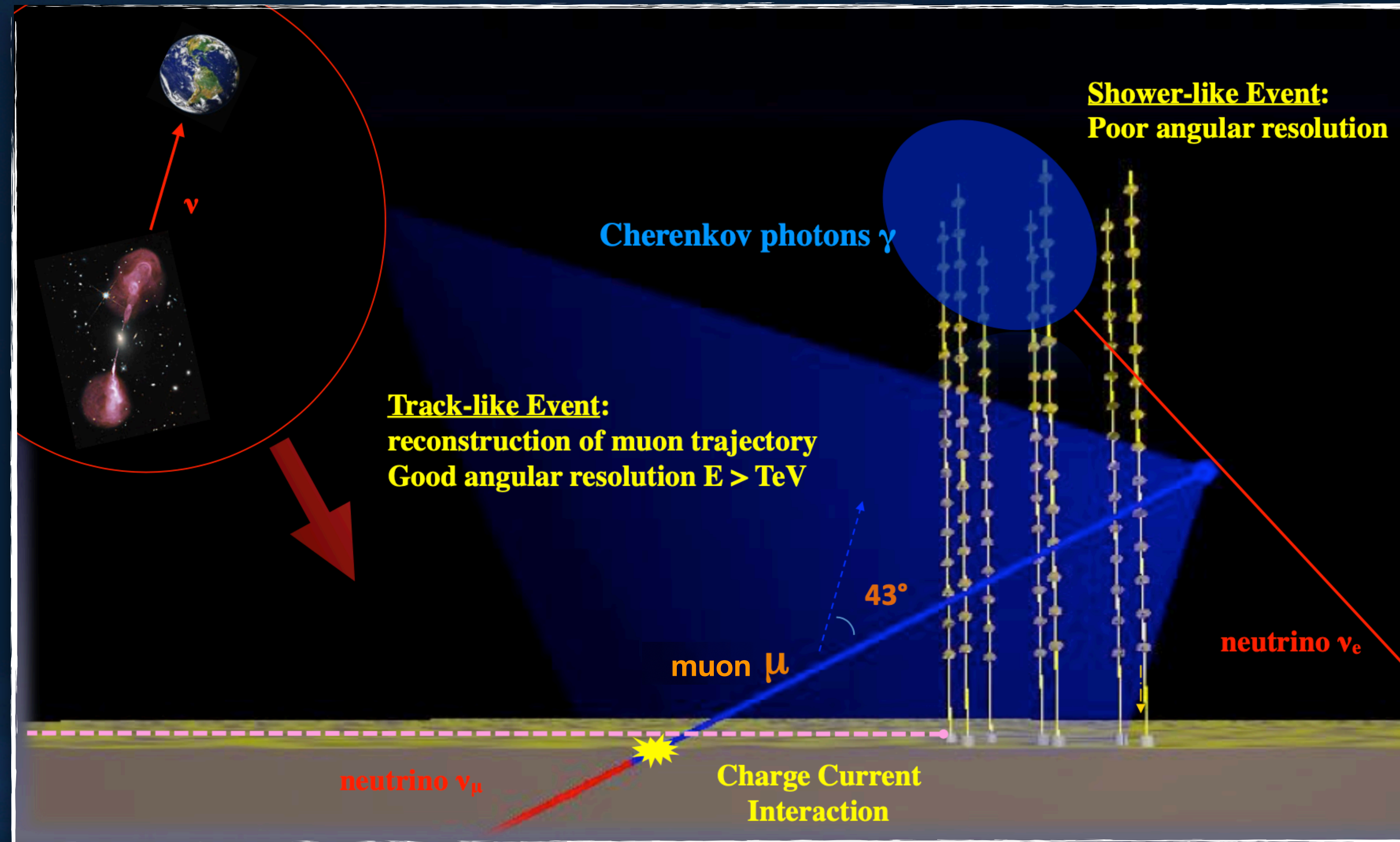
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Cosmic neutrino detection principle

- ▶ Neutrinos: neutral, stable, weakly interacting
 - not absorbed by background light/CMB (access to cosmological distances)
 - not absorbed by matter (access to dense environments)
 - not deviated by magnetic fields (astronomy over a wide energy range)
- ▶ ‘Smoking gun’ signature for hadronic processes
- ▶ Correlated in time/direction with electromagnetic and gravitational waves: Multi Messenger Astronomy



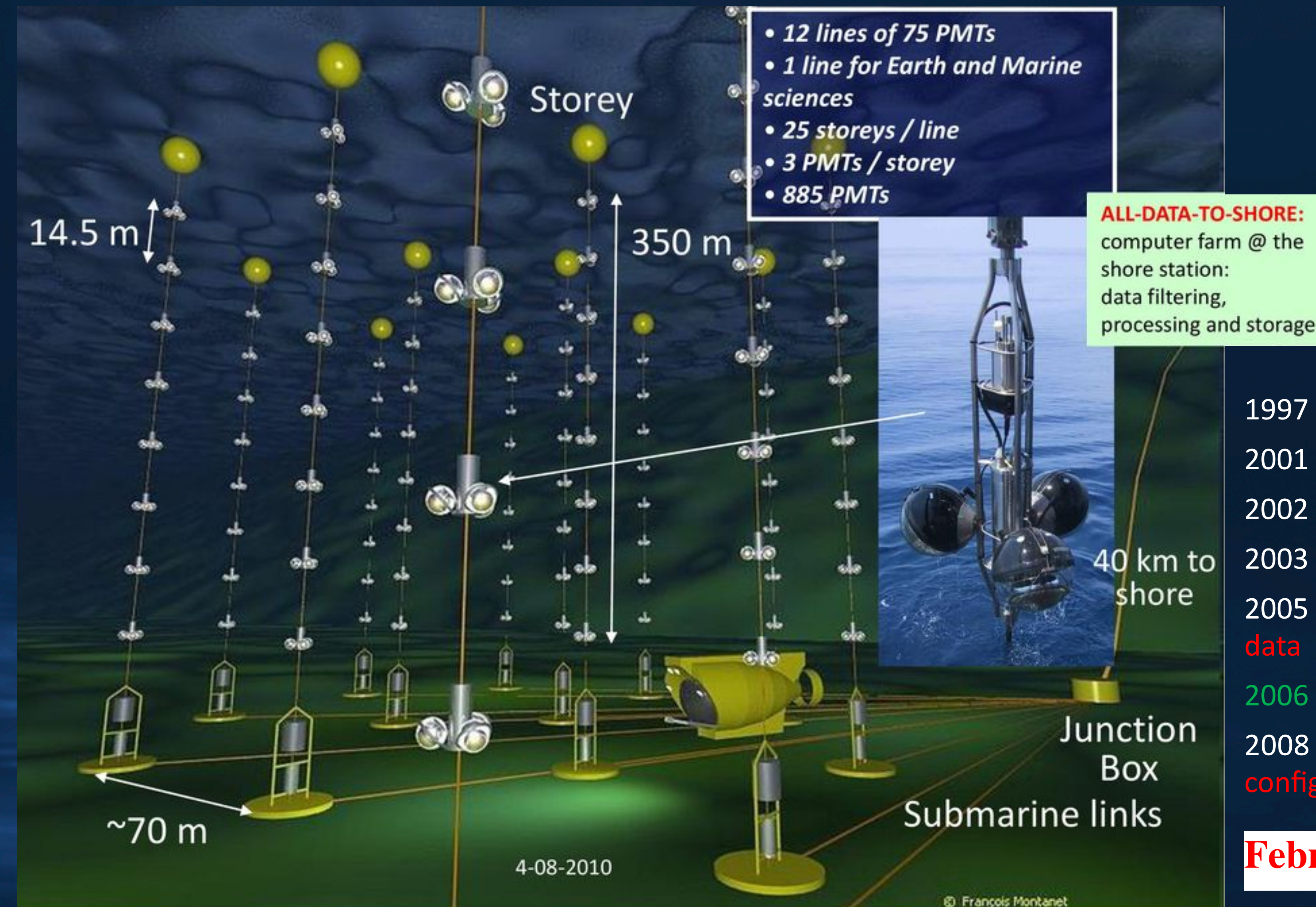
- ▶ Detection of Cherenkov photons induced by the neutrino interaction products using a 3D array of optical sensors
- ▶ Large volume of transparent medium to detect cosmic neutrinos \rightarrow water/ice
- ▶ Time, position and amplitude of PMT pulses (hits) allow both direction and energy reconstruction

The ANTARES detector

Astronomy with a Neutrino Telescope and Abyss environmental REsearch

Scientific goals:

- Search for TeV-PeV neutrino sources in the Universe
- Dark Matter searches
- Multimessenger observations
- Neutrino oscillation studies
- Beyond the SM: Sterile Neutrinos
- Exotic particles



1997 Proposal

2001 Main Electro-Optical Cable deposition

2002 Junction box deployment

2003 Prototype Sector Line - **First data**

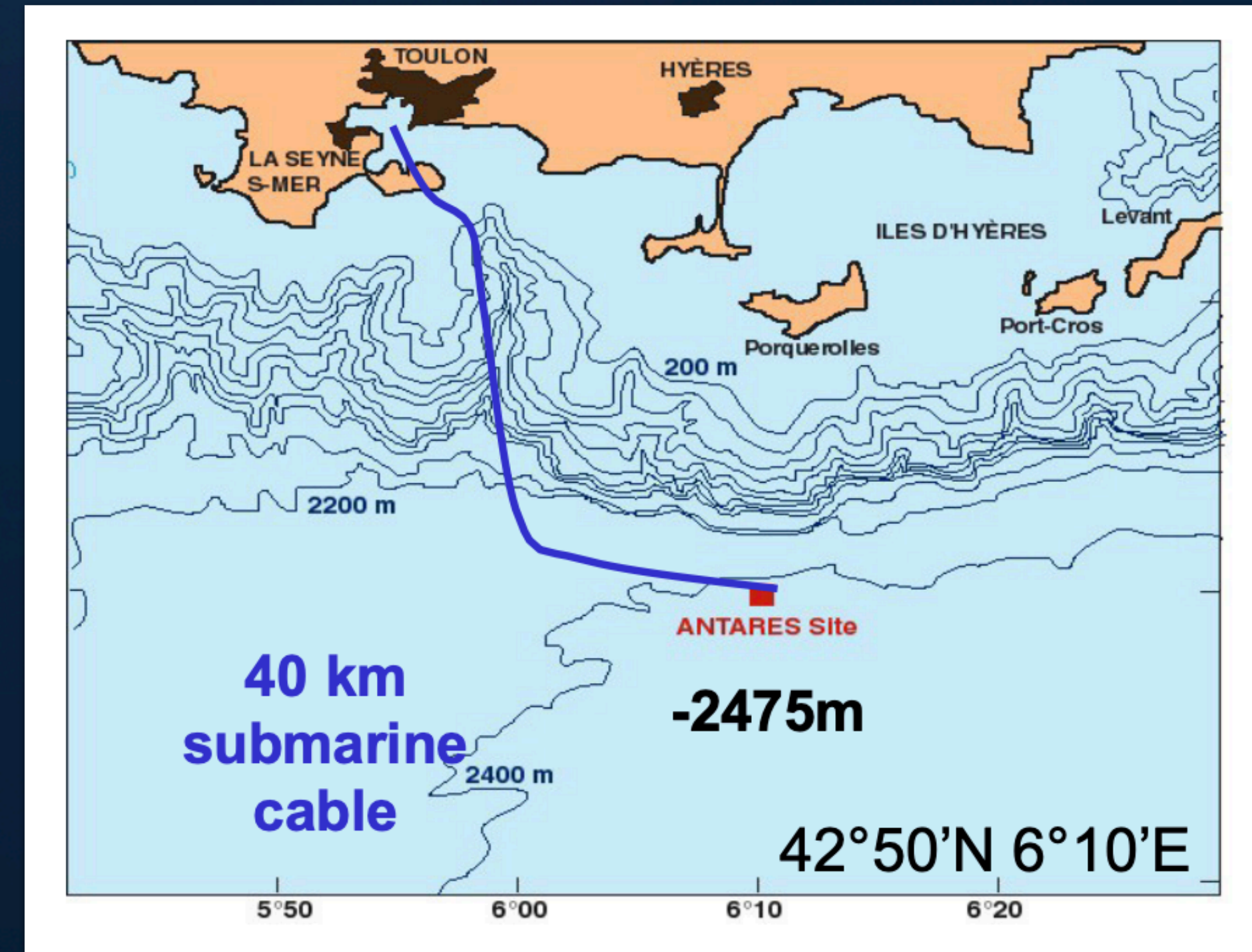
2005 Mini Instrumentation Line with OMs - **environmental data**

2006 First complete detector line

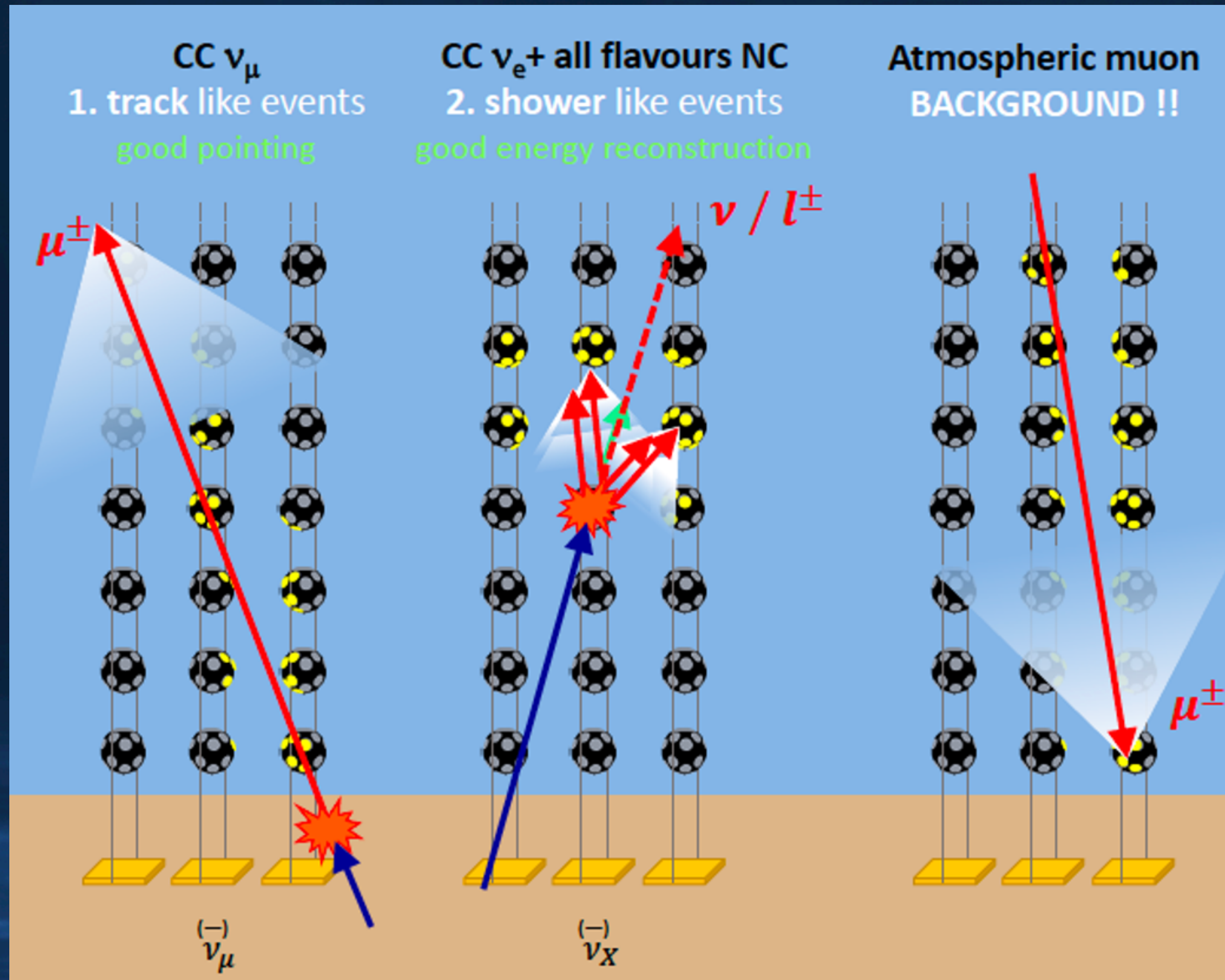
2008 Detector with 12 lines completed - **complete configuration**

February 2022 Data taking terminated

The ANTARES site

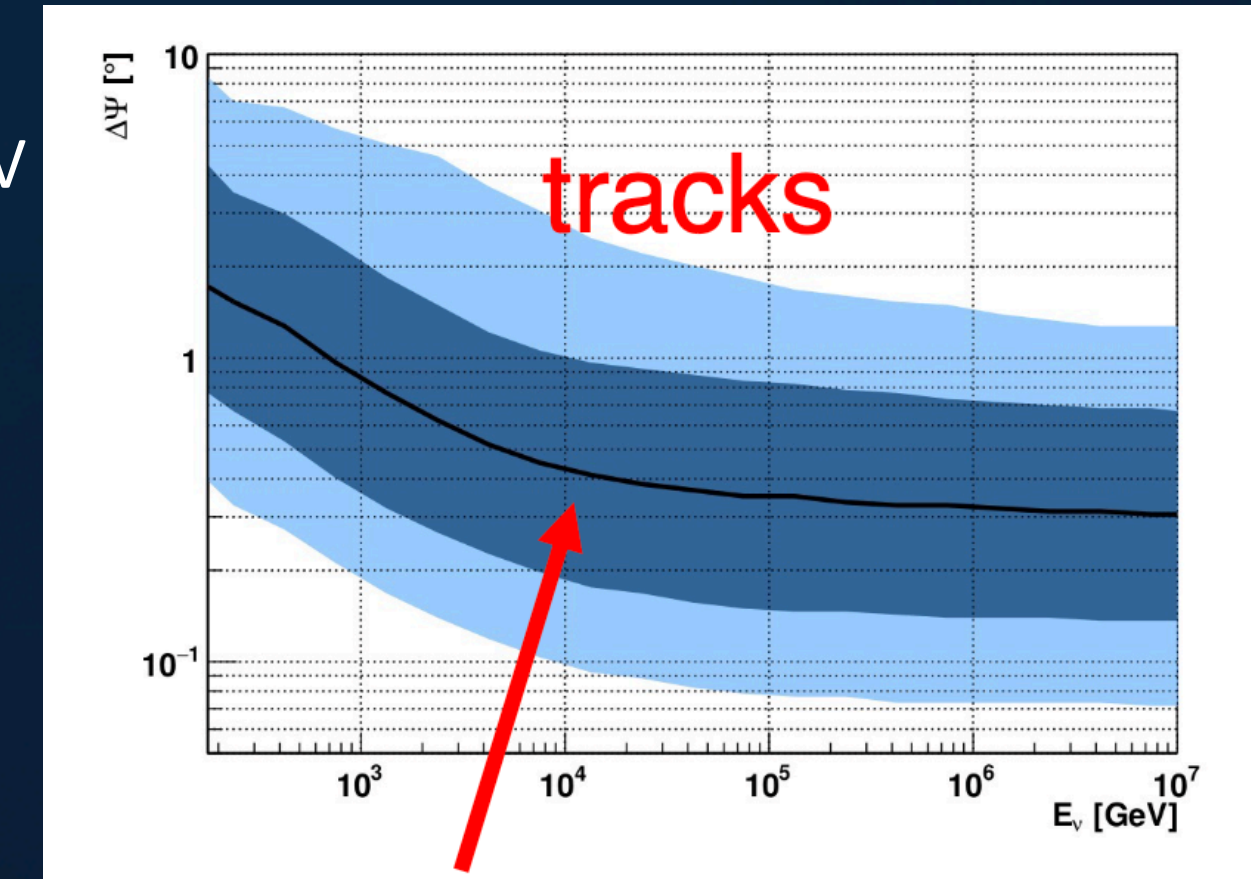


Event topologies and reconstruction performances



► track channel: the golden channel for source identification

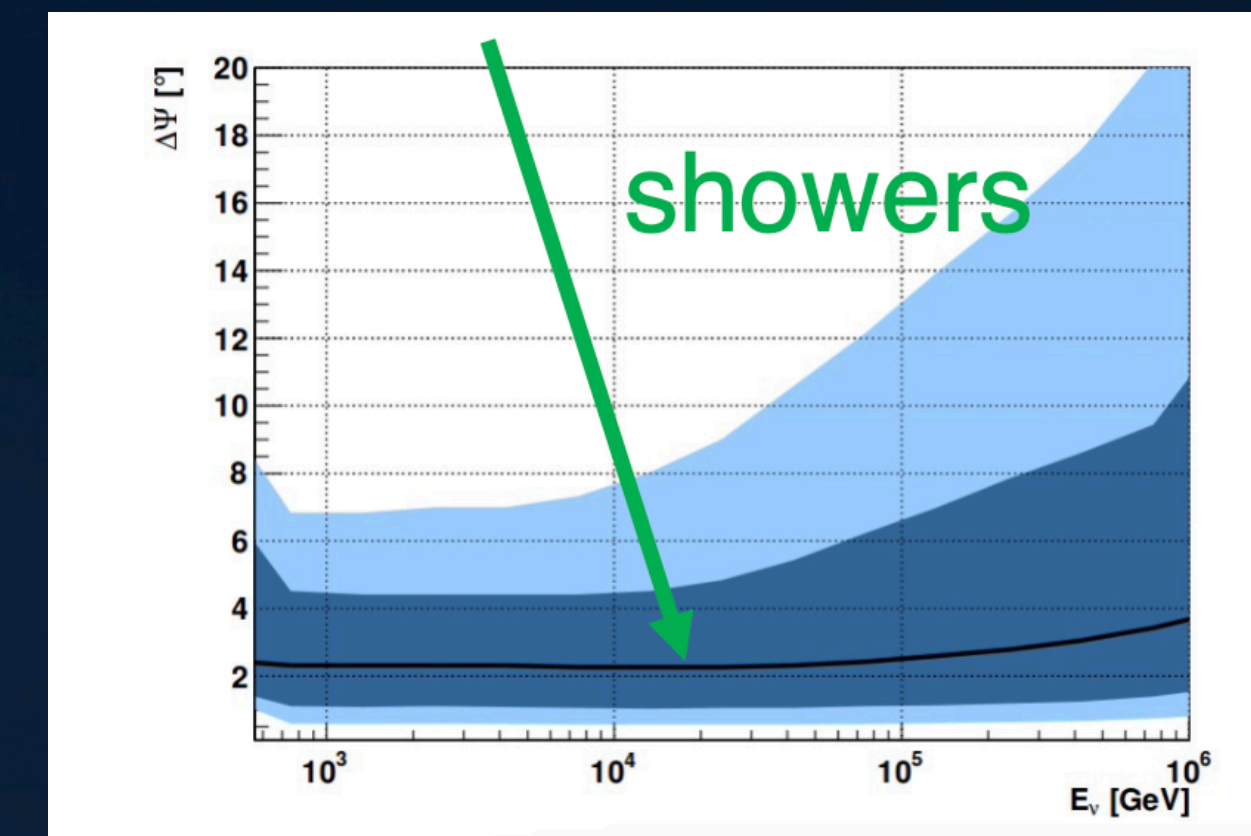
Upgoing track events ($\nu_\mu CC$)
 Angular resolution $< 0.4^\circ$ for $E > 10$ TeV
 Energy resolution \sim factor 2



Median resolution

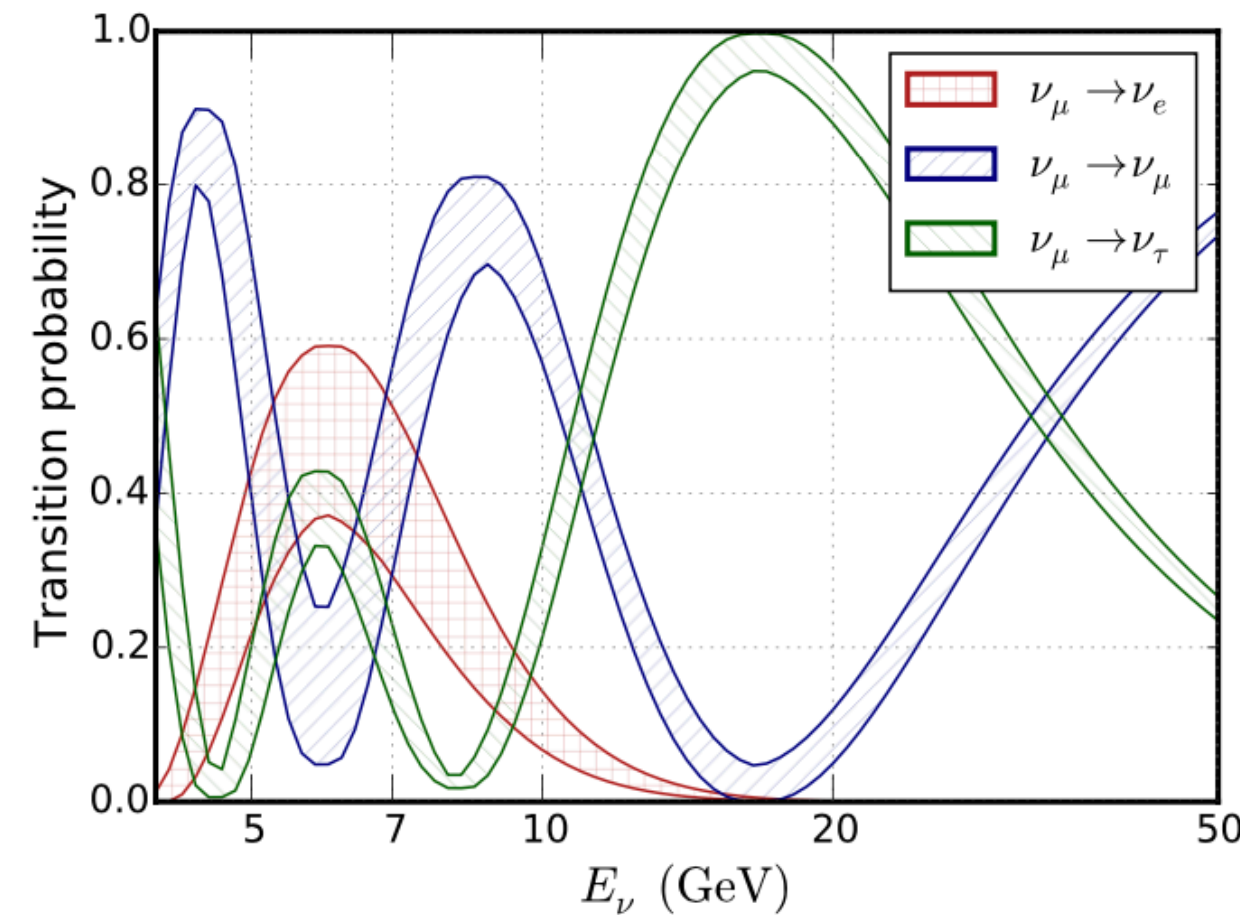
► shower channel: good energy resolution

Upgoing shower events ($\nu_{e,\tau} CC, NC$)
 Angular resolution $< 4^\circ$ for $E > 10$ TeV
 Energy resolution better than 10%

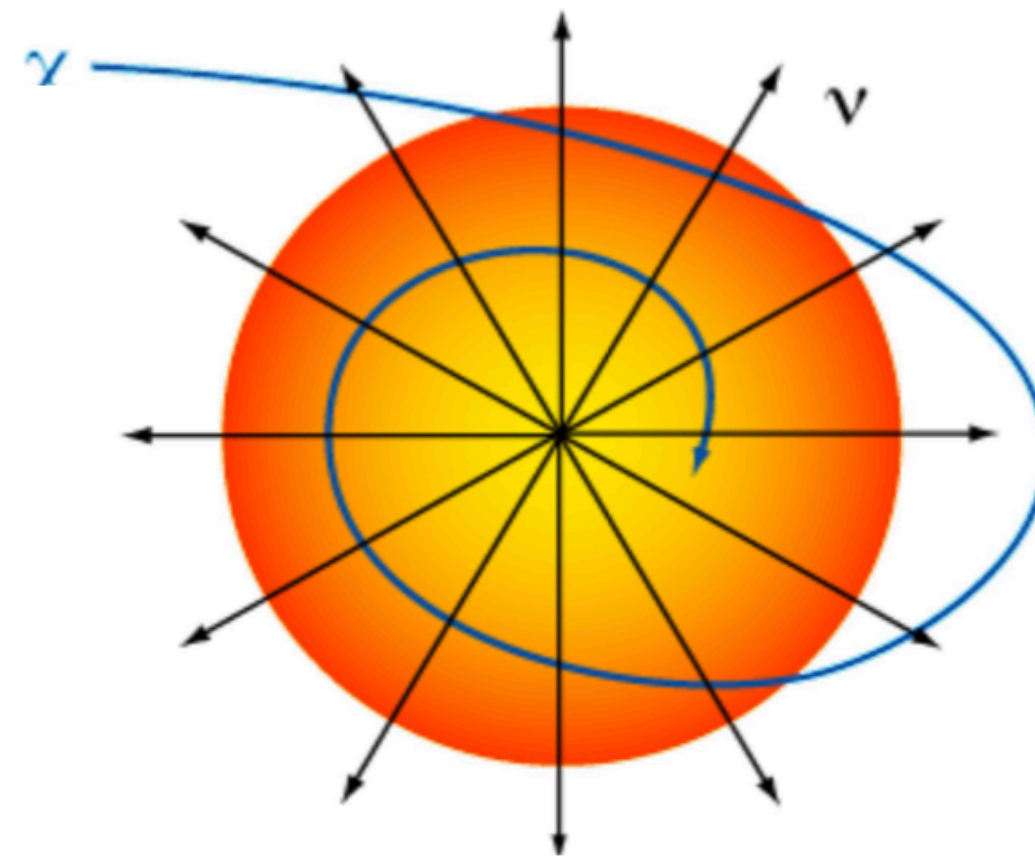


ANTARES science with a multi-energy scale

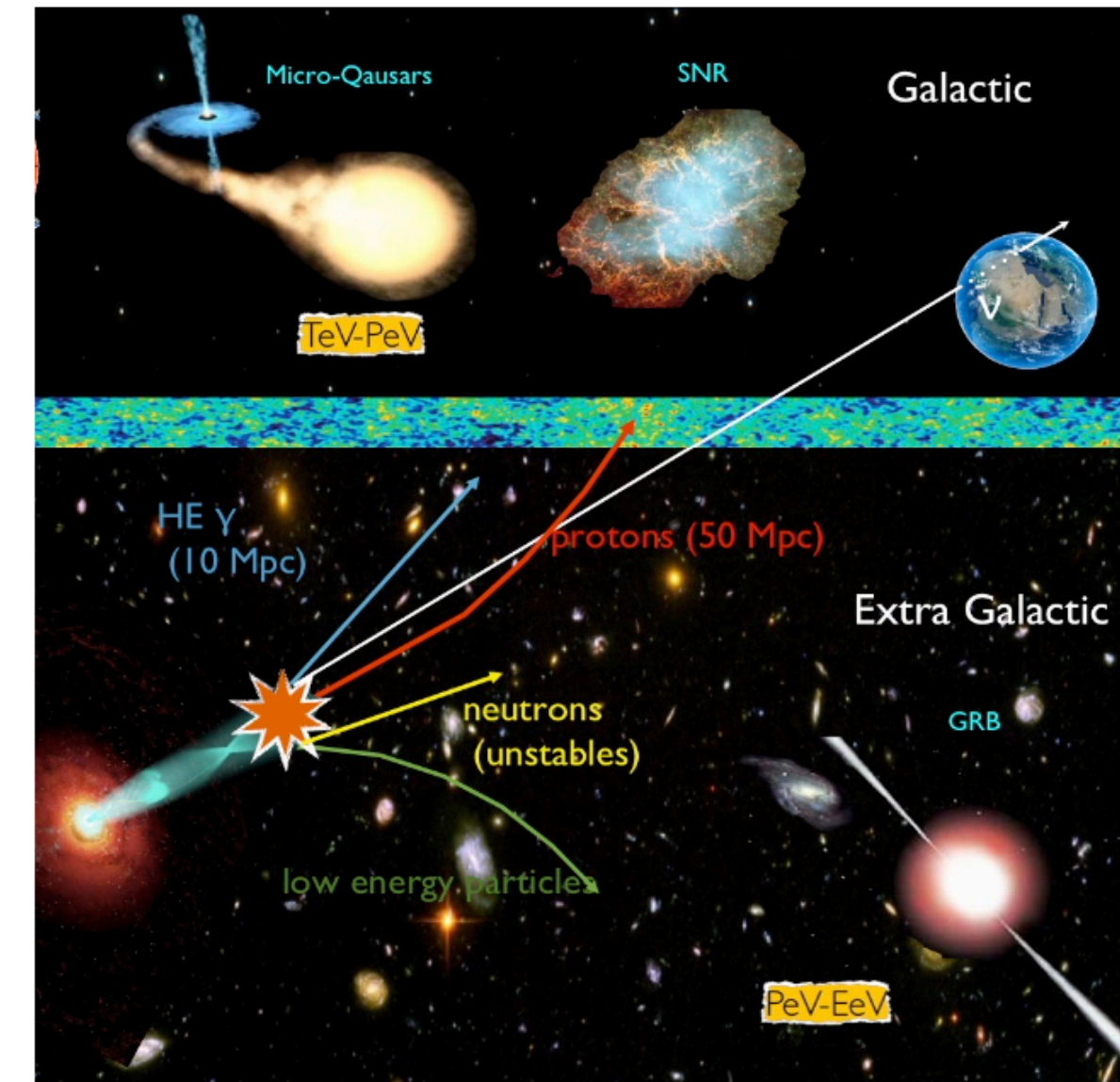
Neutrino: undeflected and unabsorbed → excellent probes



Low Energy
> 10 GeV



Medium Energy
10 GeV < E_ν < 10 TeV



Galactic → Extragalactic
High Energy, E_ν > TeV → PeV



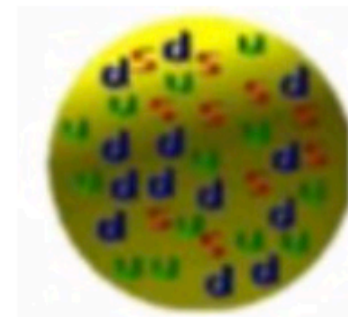
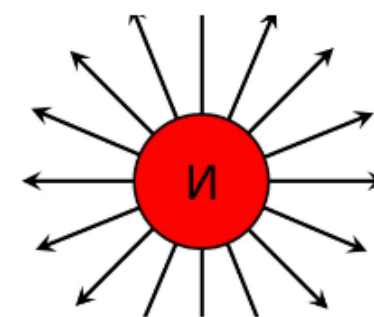
Dark matter search

ν Oscillations

ν from cosmic sources
origin and production
mechanism of HE CRs

Energy

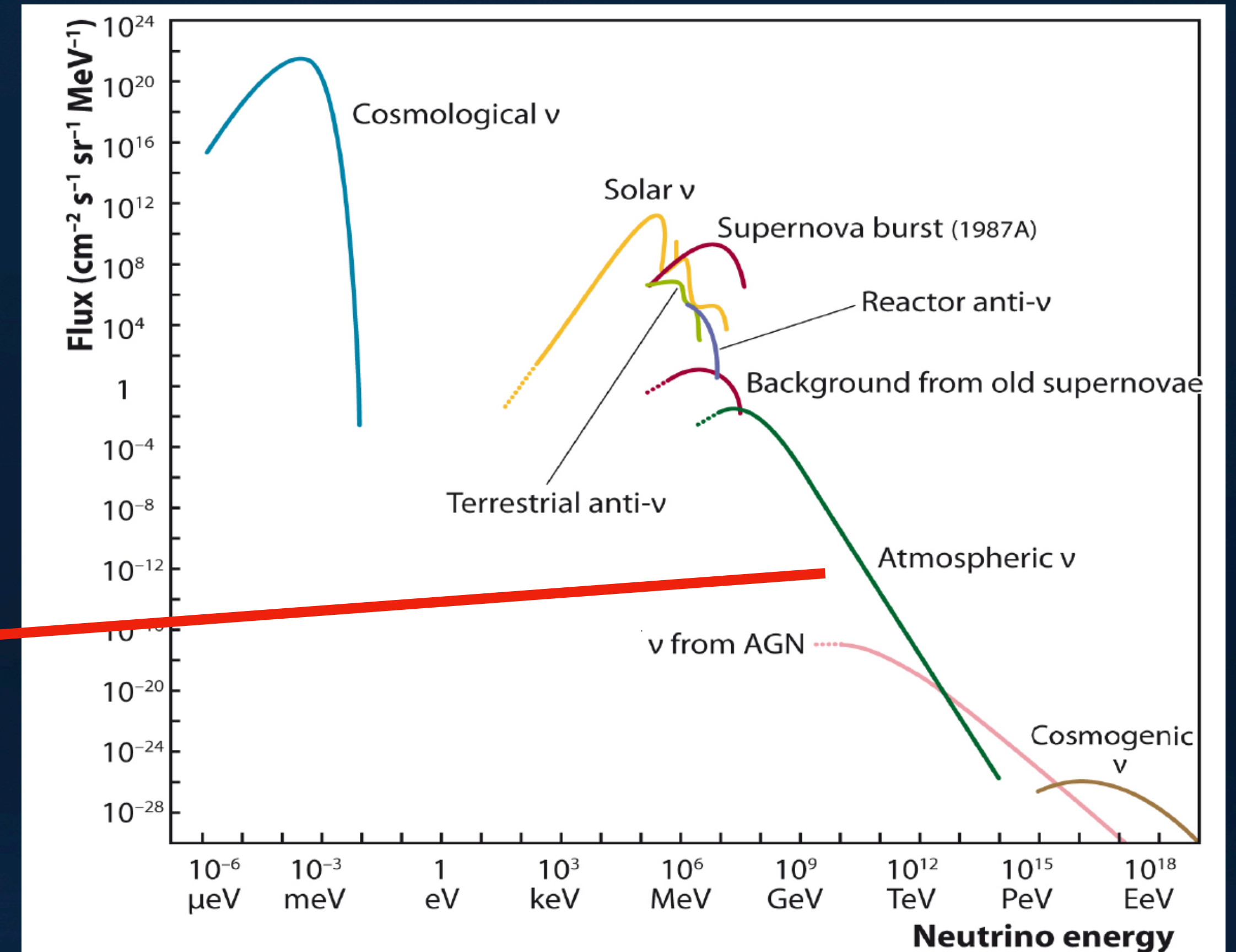
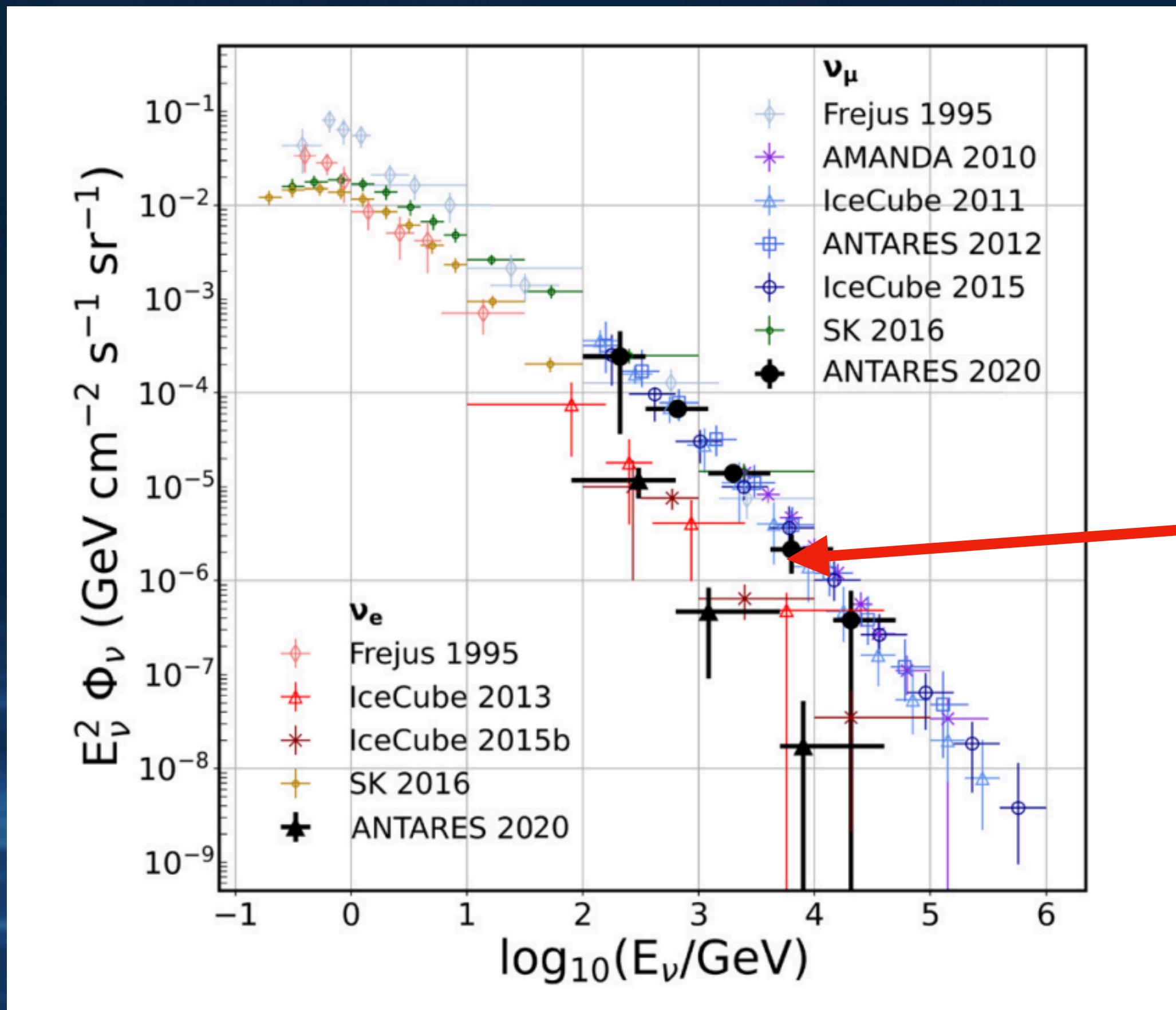
+ Exotic searches - Nuclearites, Magnetic monopoles...



Atmospheric neutrino background

Atmos-to-Cosmic transition 30-200 TeV

Energy estimator accounts for detector systematics



EPJ 73: 2606 (2013),

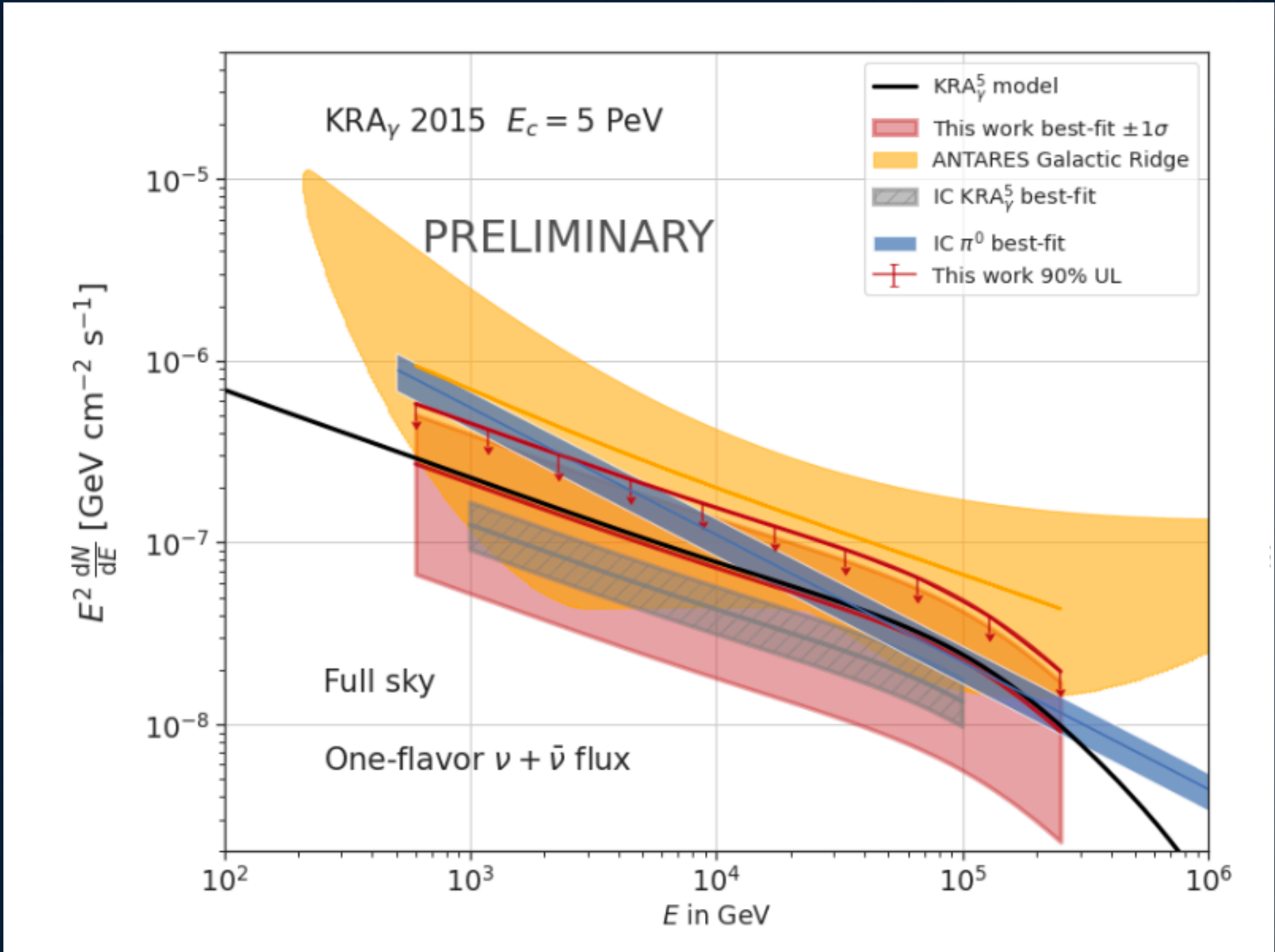
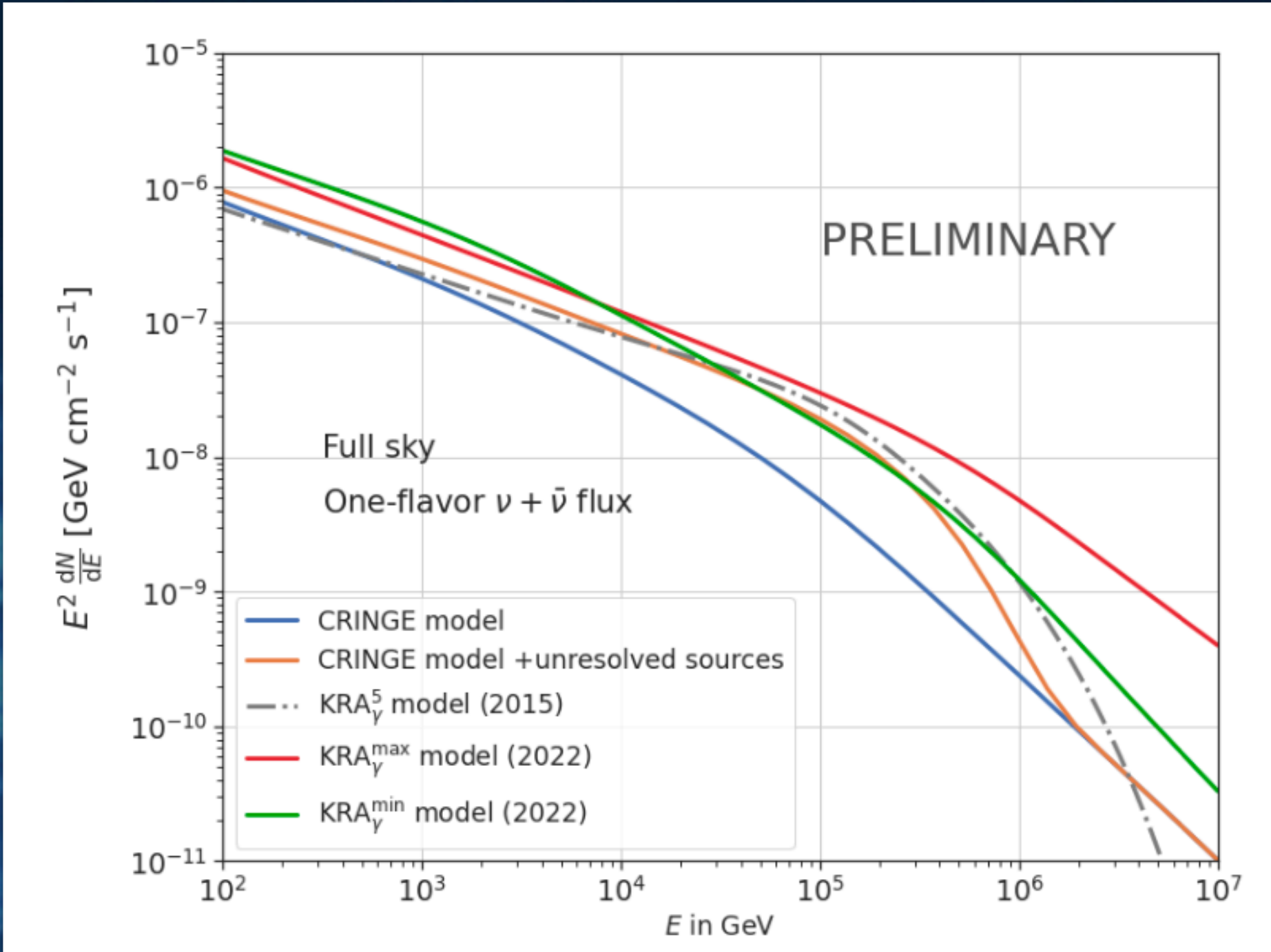
PLB 816: 136228 (2021)

Search for a diffuse neutrino emission from the Milky-Way with ANTARES

(Diffuse flux of cosmic neutrinos see L. Fusco's talk)

- ▶ Data sample (2007-2020)
- ▶ 7500 track-like and 1145 shower-like events selected (quality cuts /Neural Network and Boosted Decision Tree classifiers)
- ▶ Models of neutrino emission, KRA_γ / CRINGE
- ▶ Unbinned likelihood method
- ▶ The higher significance: $KRA5_\gamma$ with a post-trial p-value 1.7σ

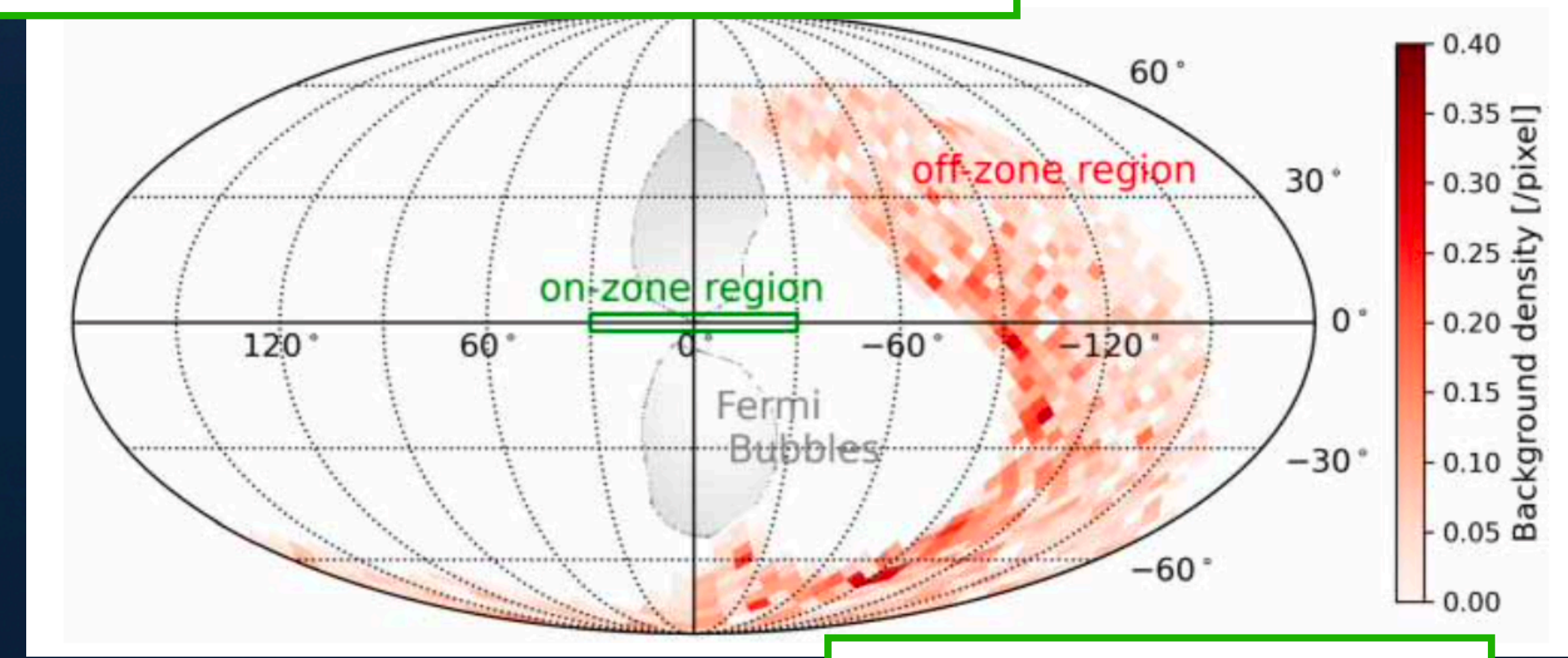
ICRC (PoS(ICRC2023)1084/1103)



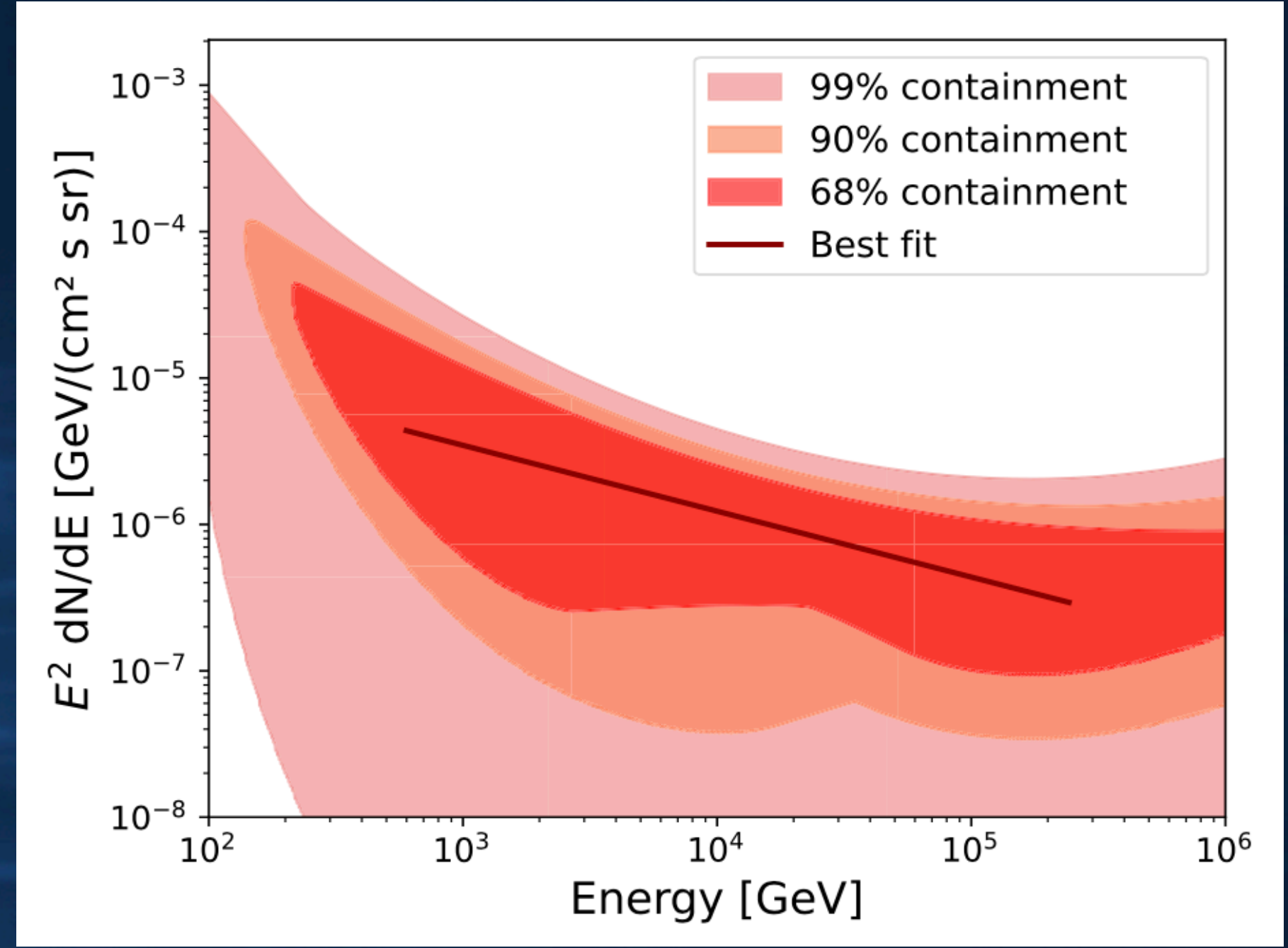
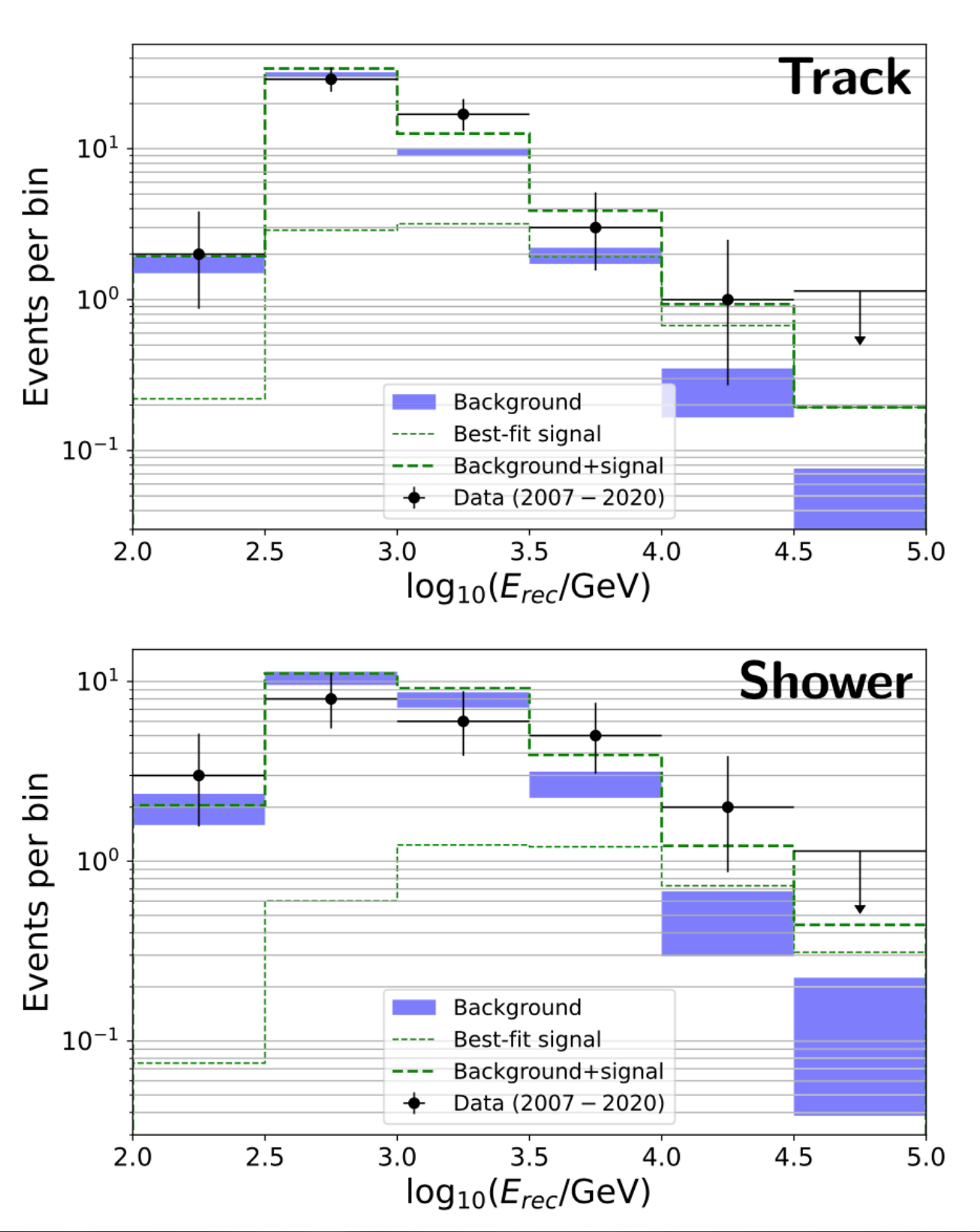
Flux from the Galactic Ridge

- ▶ neutrino signal expected from the Galactic Ridge (1-100 TeV)
- ▶ Data sample (2007-2020) 7500 track-like/ 1145 shower-like events selected (quality cuts)
- ▶ ON/OFF approach
- ▶ ν from a power-law energy spectra with spec. Index in [1, 4]

Galactic ridge region:
 $||l| < l_{ridge} \approx 30-40^\circ$ and $|b| < b_{ridge} \approx 2-3^\circ$



Simple approach ON/OFF



Number of events above 1 TeV: 21 tr (13 sh)
 Expected background: 11.7 ± 0.6 (11.2 ± 0.9)
 Background rejection significance of 98% (56%)
 corresponding to 2.2σ (0.2σ) one-tailed excess

Search for cosmic sources: tracks+cascades

Data set 15 year (from Jan 2007 to Feb 2022); Livetime: 4541 days

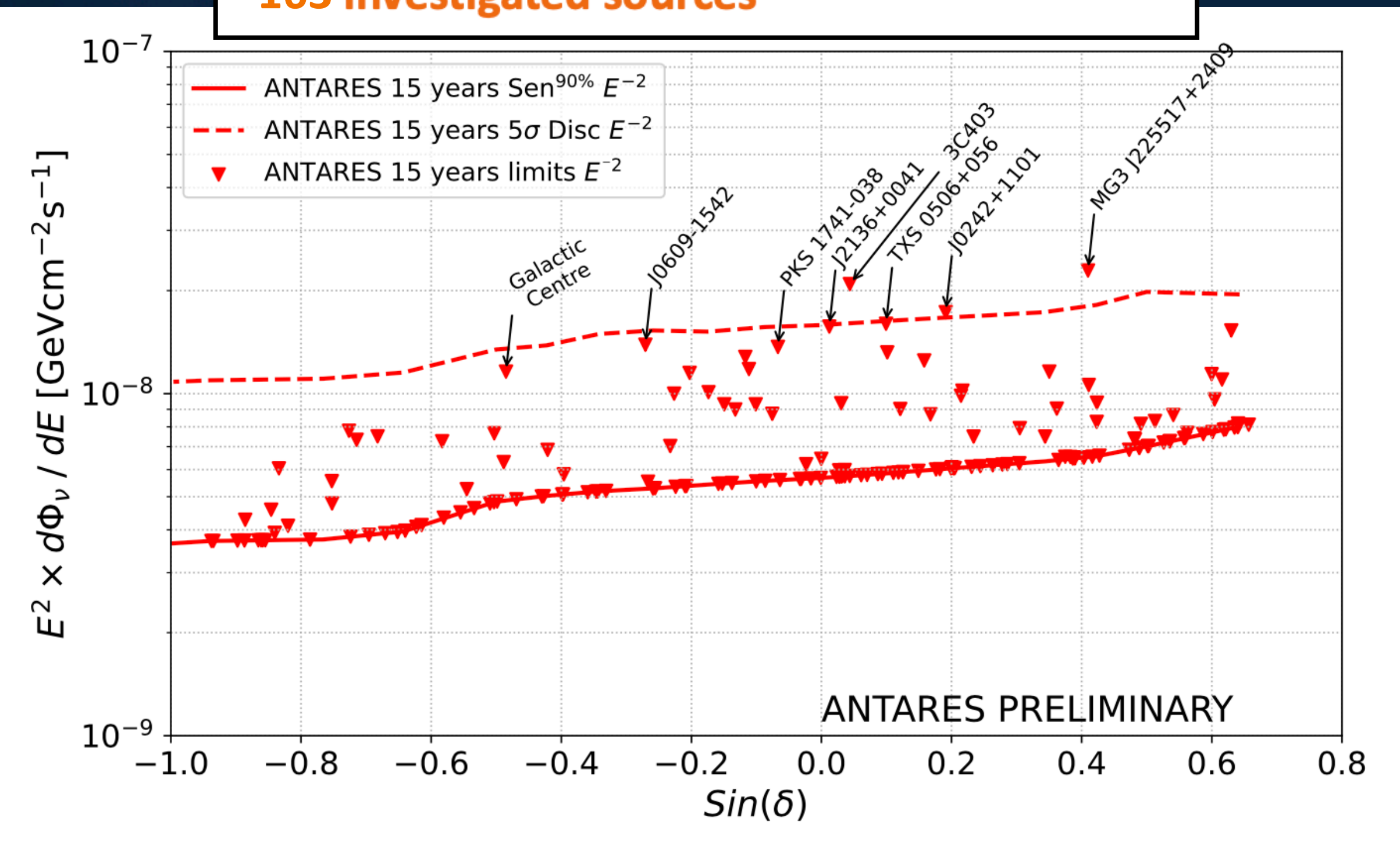
Search for an excess of events from a particular sky direction

PRD 96, 082001 (2017)

PoS(ICRC2021)1161

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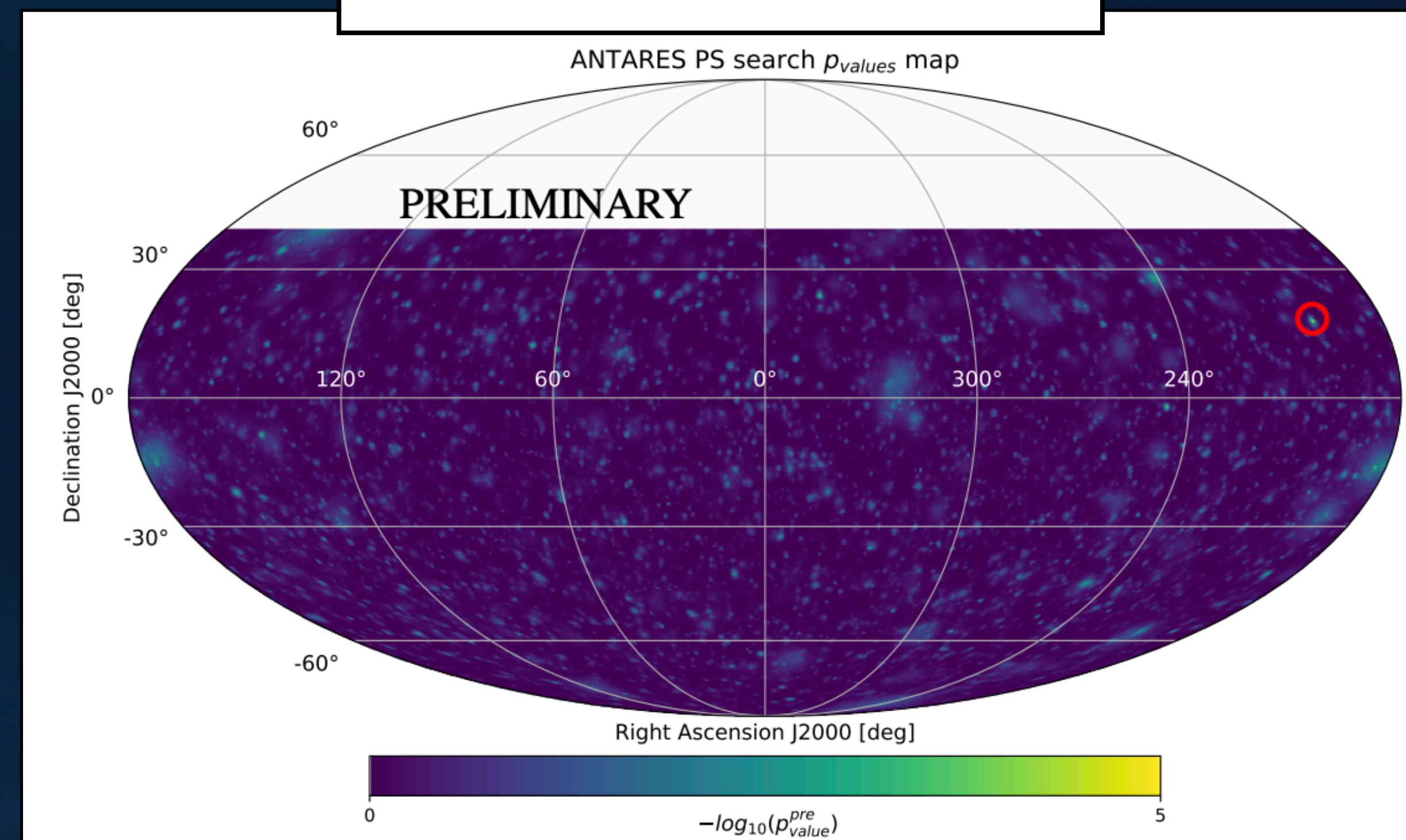
Using a pre-definite candidate-list search:
163 investigated sources



Most significant source: **MG3 J225517+2409**

pre-trial significance: **3.4 σ** ; post-trial: **1.7 σ**

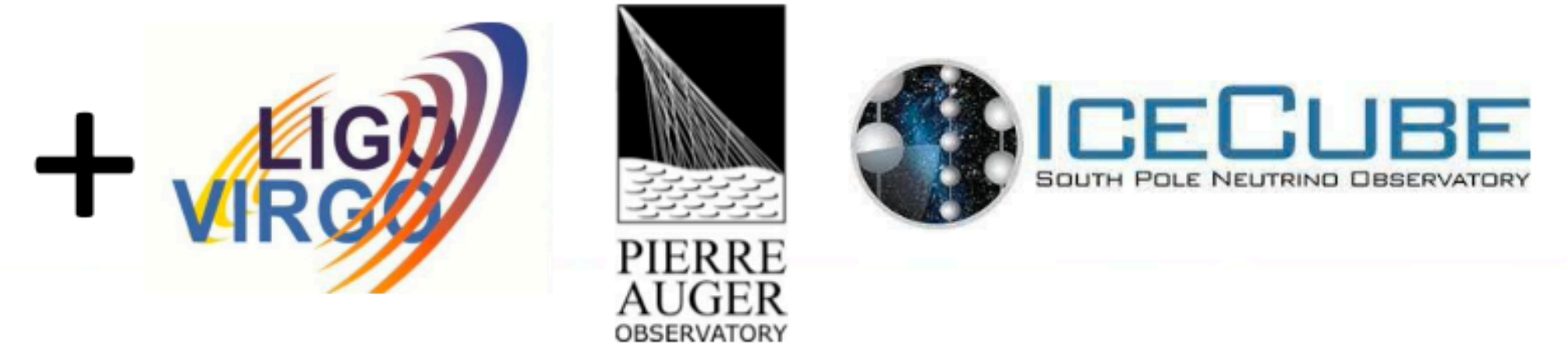
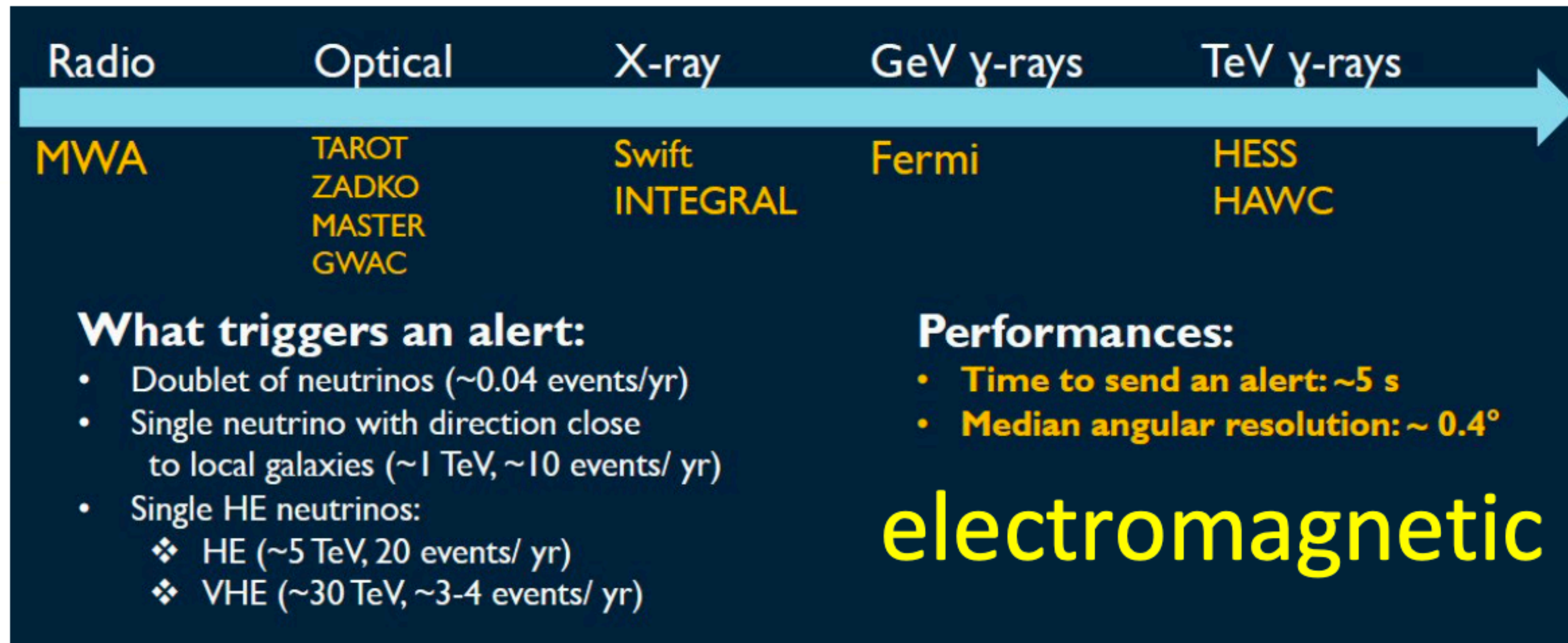
With a unbinned full-sky search



1st significant cluster $(\alpha, \delta) = (200.5^\circ, 17.7^\circ)$

a pre-trial significance **4.0 σ** ; post-trial **1.2 σ**

Multi-messenger program

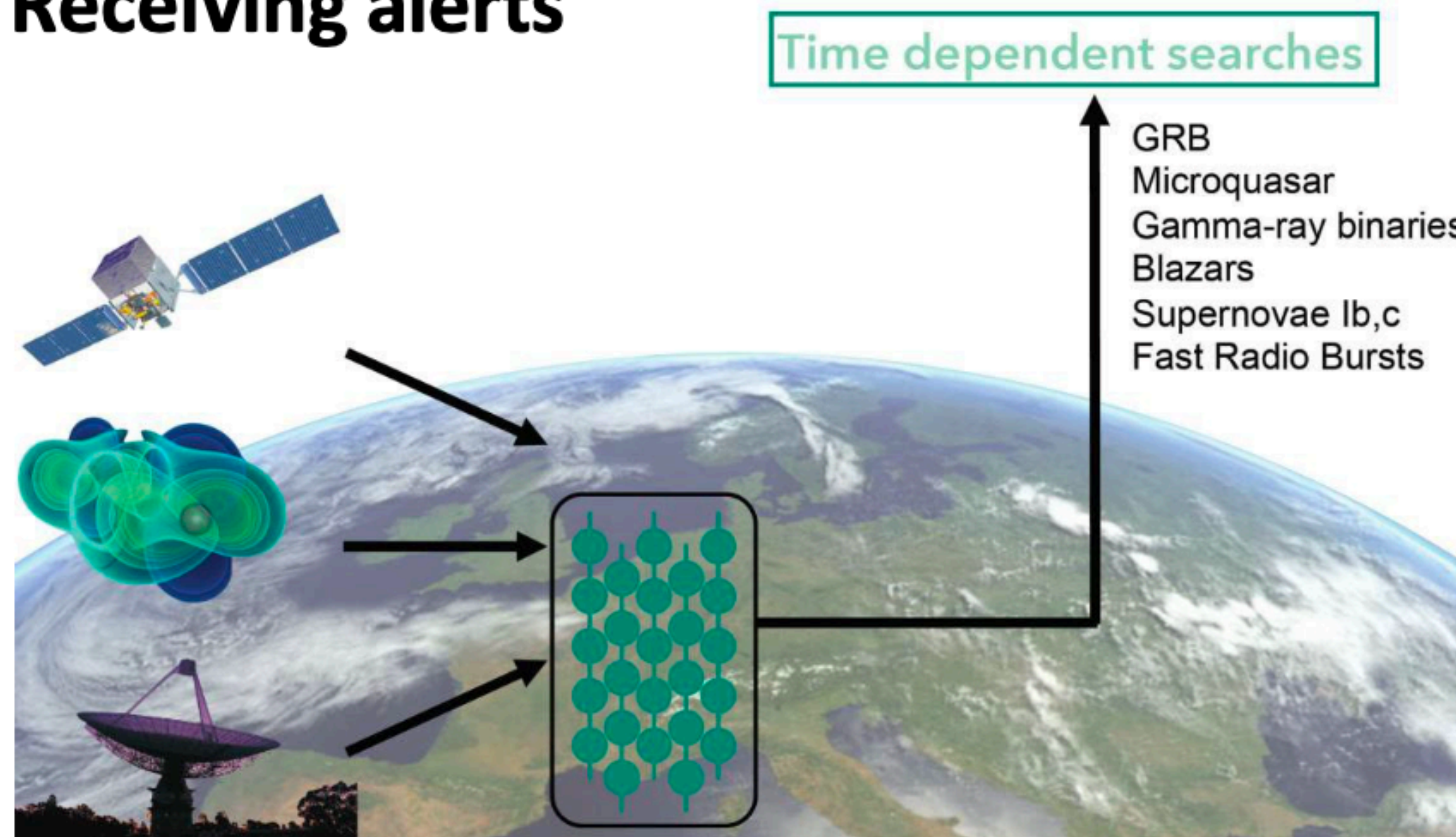


Alert system (**TAToO: Telescopes and Antares Target of Opportunity**)

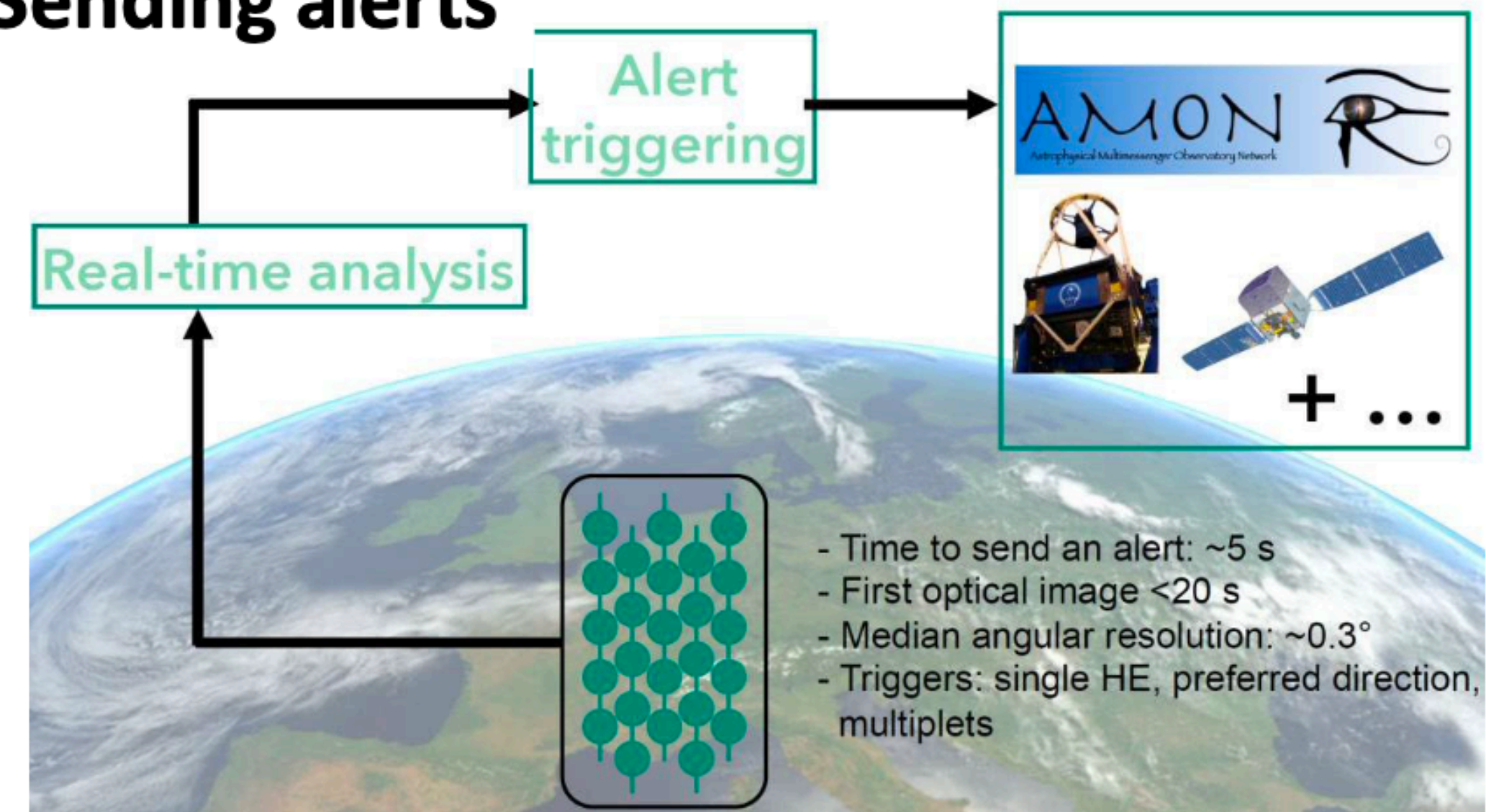
active since 2009

APP 35 (2012) 530

Receiving alerts



Sending alerts

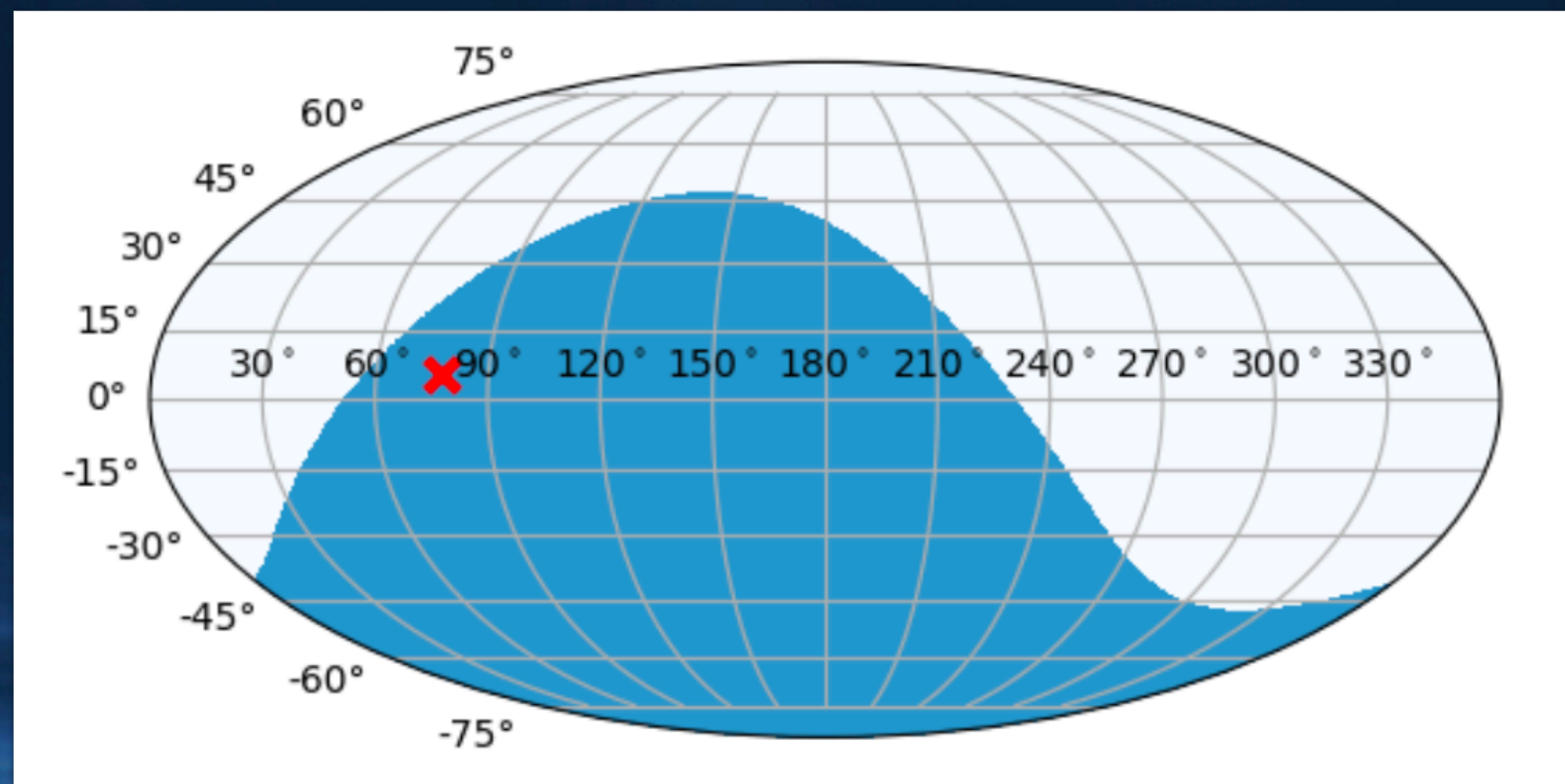


Real-time searches with the ANTARES

Follow-up performed between January 2014 and February 2022

Follow-up of IceCube neutrino alerts

ANTARES followed 37 alerts (7 HESE, 3 EHE, 10 gold and 17 bronze)

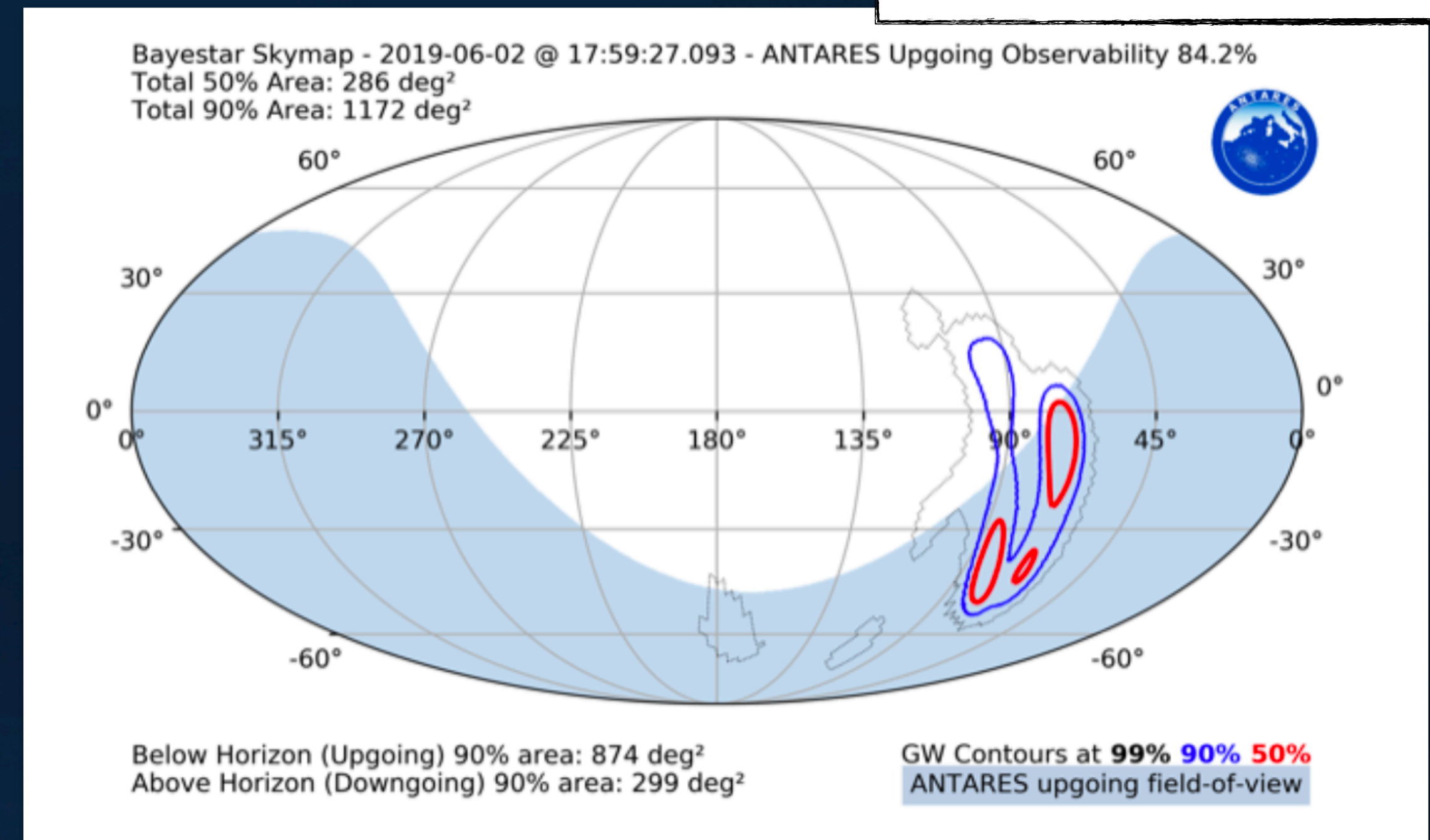


IC170922 and the ANTARES visibility

No neutrino candidates found within a cone of 3° centred on the IceCube event coordinates and a time window of ± 1 hour, further extended to ± 1 day.

Follow-up of LIGO/Virgo gravitational wave alerts

GW event S190602aq



Observing run O1 three GW alerts but only one ANTARES offline analyses

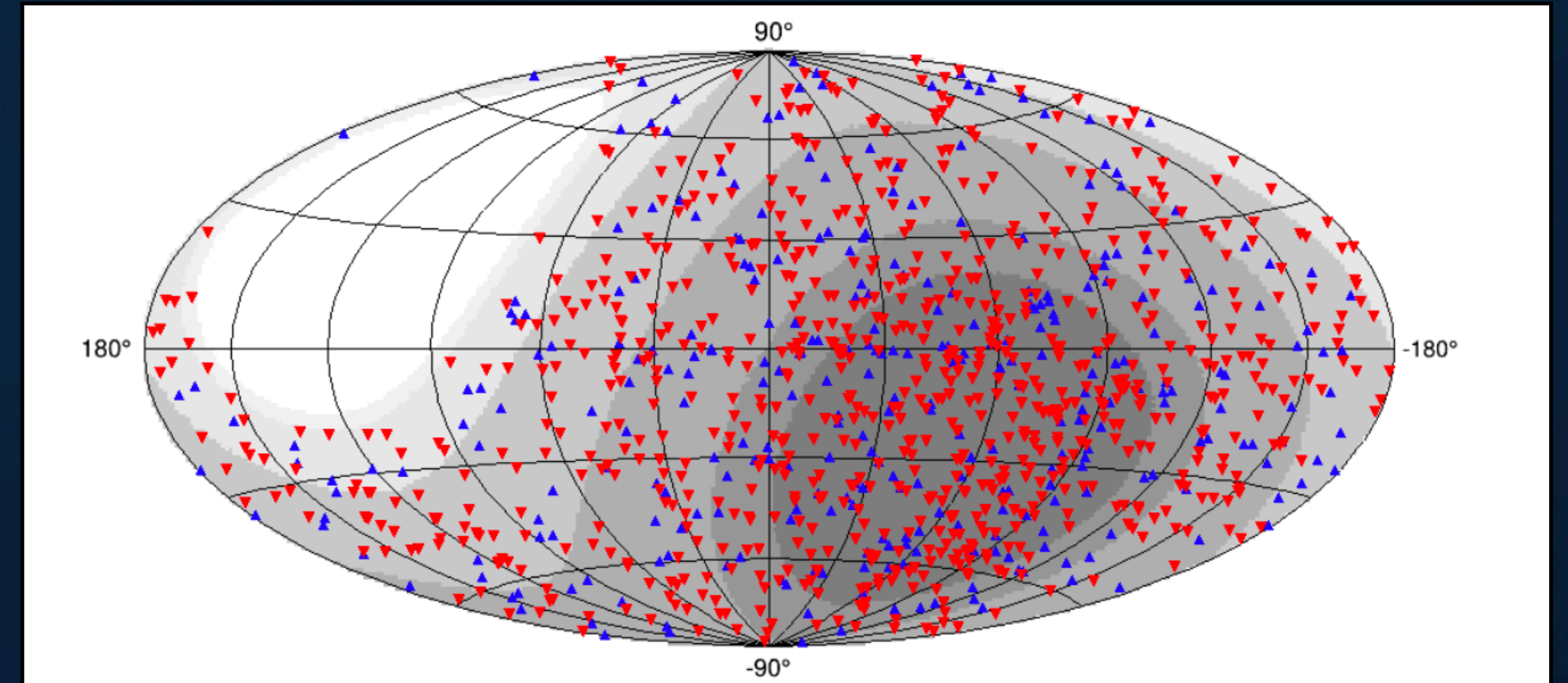
Observing run O2 15 alerts → ANTARES online analyses

Observing run O3: real-time analysis has been performed for 51 GW triggers

Real-time searches with the ANTARES

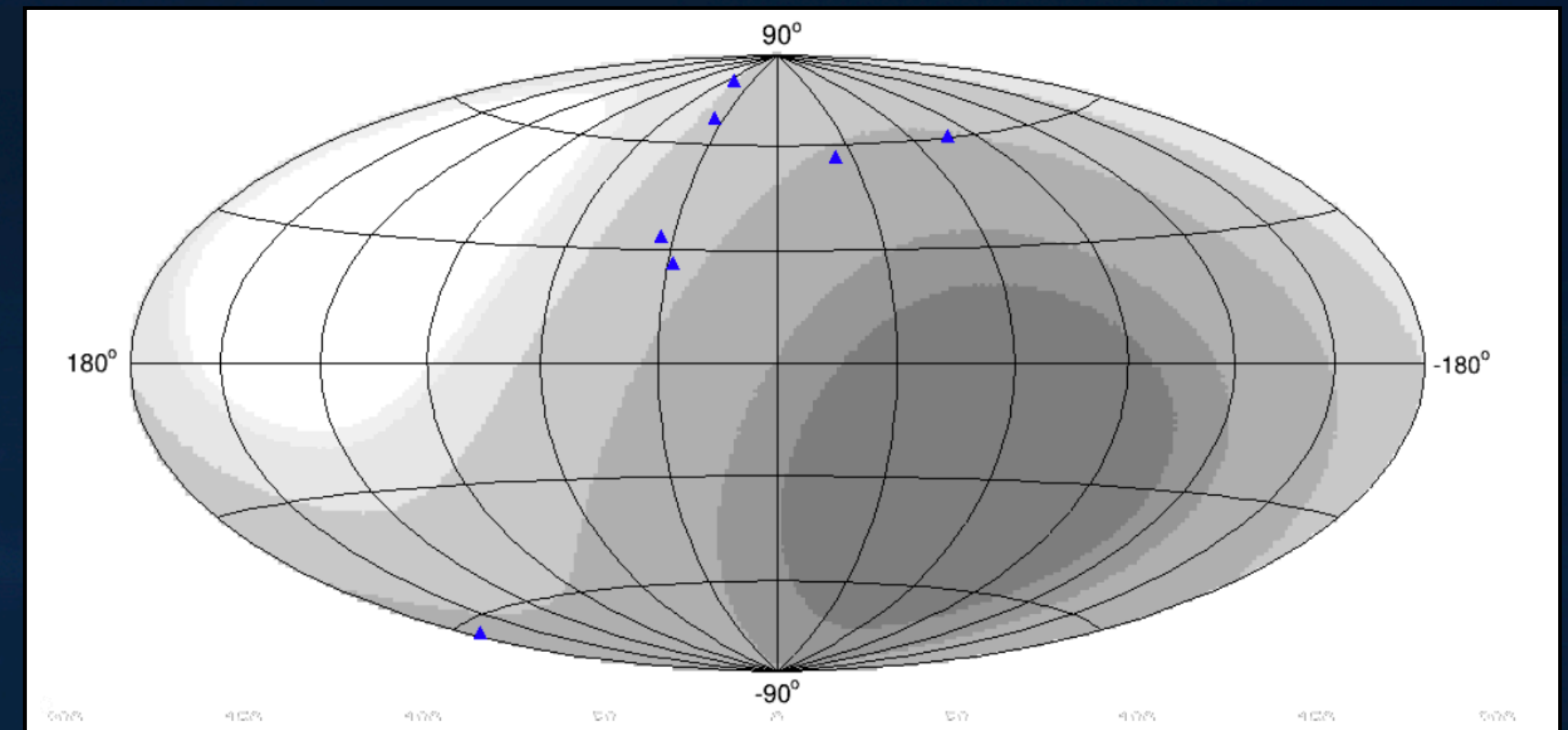
Follow-up of gamma-ray bursts

- ▶ Search for neutrino-induced muons in the online data-set performed in real-time within a time window $[-250 \text{ s}; +750 \text{ s}]$ around the detection time and in a cone centred on the GRB position
- ▶ 317 Swift and 770 Fermi-GBM bursts alerts processed
- ▶ No online neutrino signals have been detected

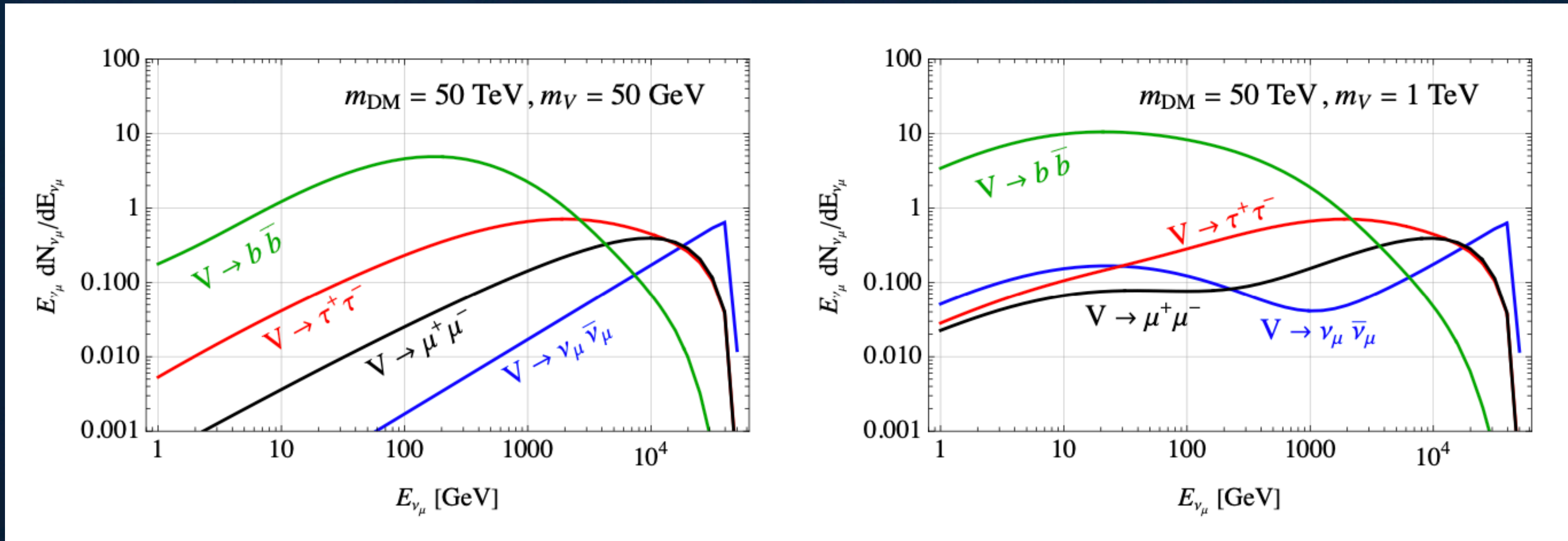


Follow-up of HAWC alerts for transient phenomena

- ▶ 22 triggers, 7 of them with a direction within the ANTARES field of view at the time of the alert.
- ▶ No online neutrinos have been identified in coincidence with the HAWC transients



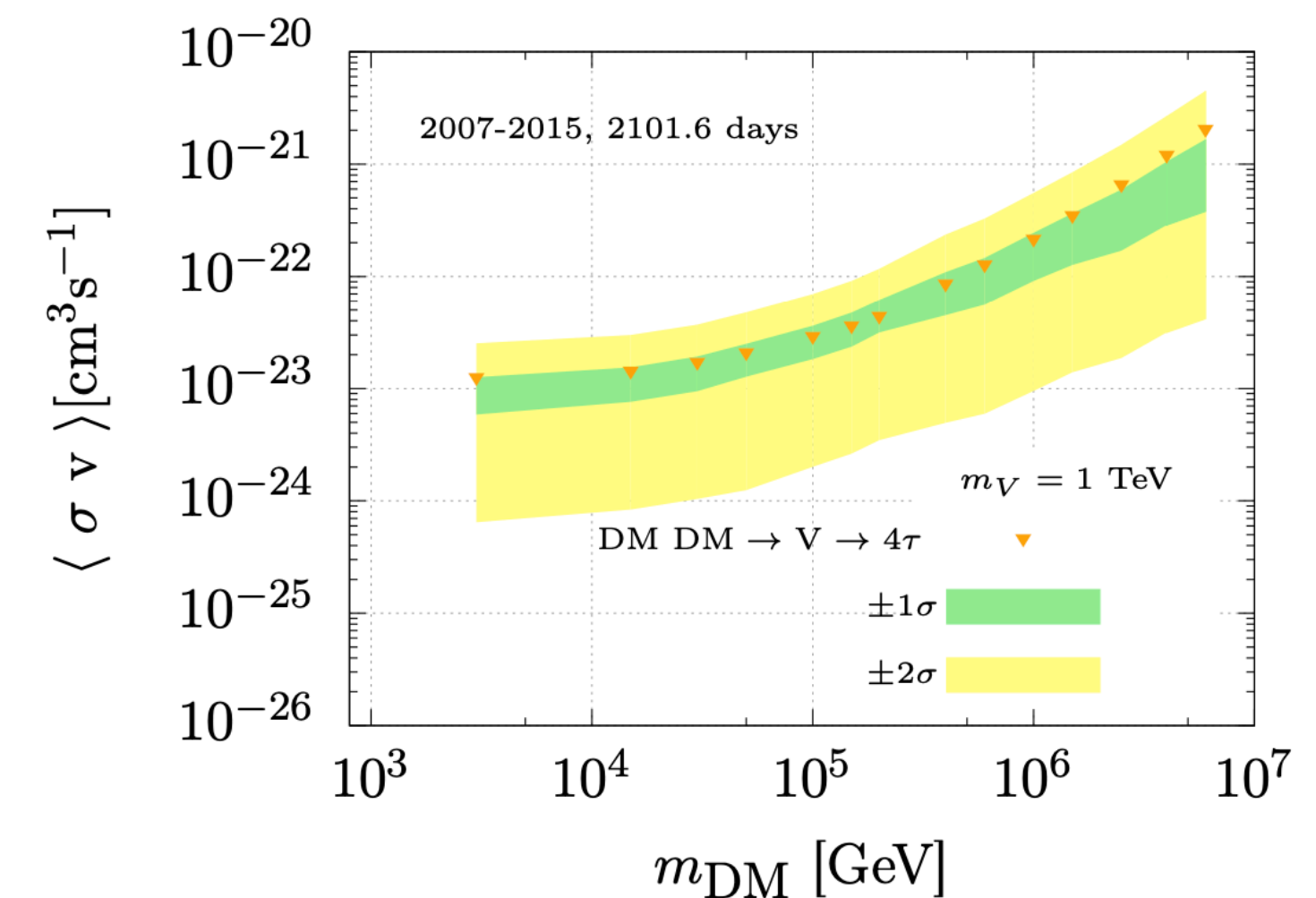
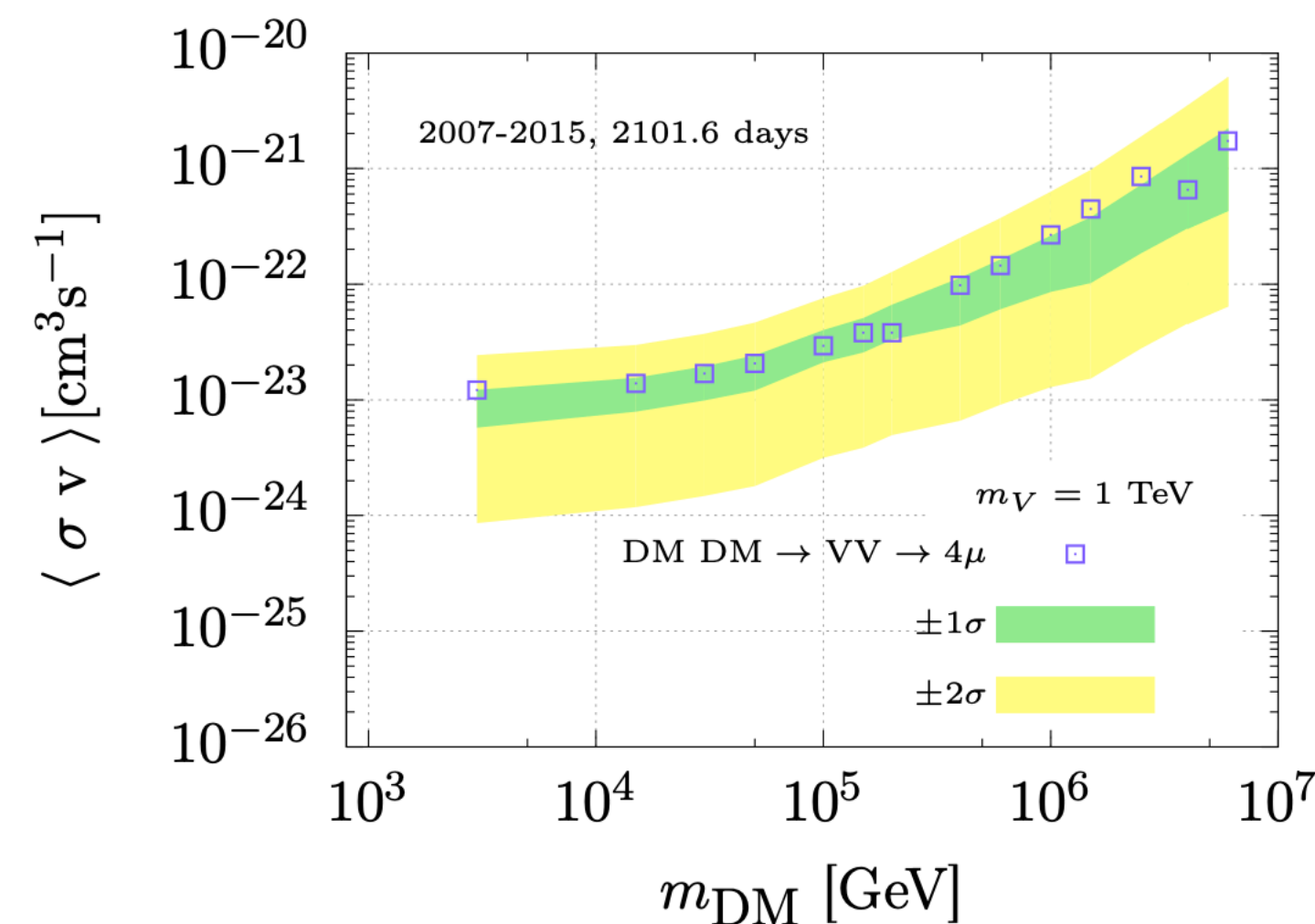
Indirect search for Dark Matter from Galactic Centre



- ▶ Data sample (2007-2015)
- ▶ muon tracks from upward-going ν_μ charged current (CC) interactions
- ▶ 7637 reconstructed tracks recorded over 2101.6 days of effective livetime
- ▶ unbinned maximum likelihood method

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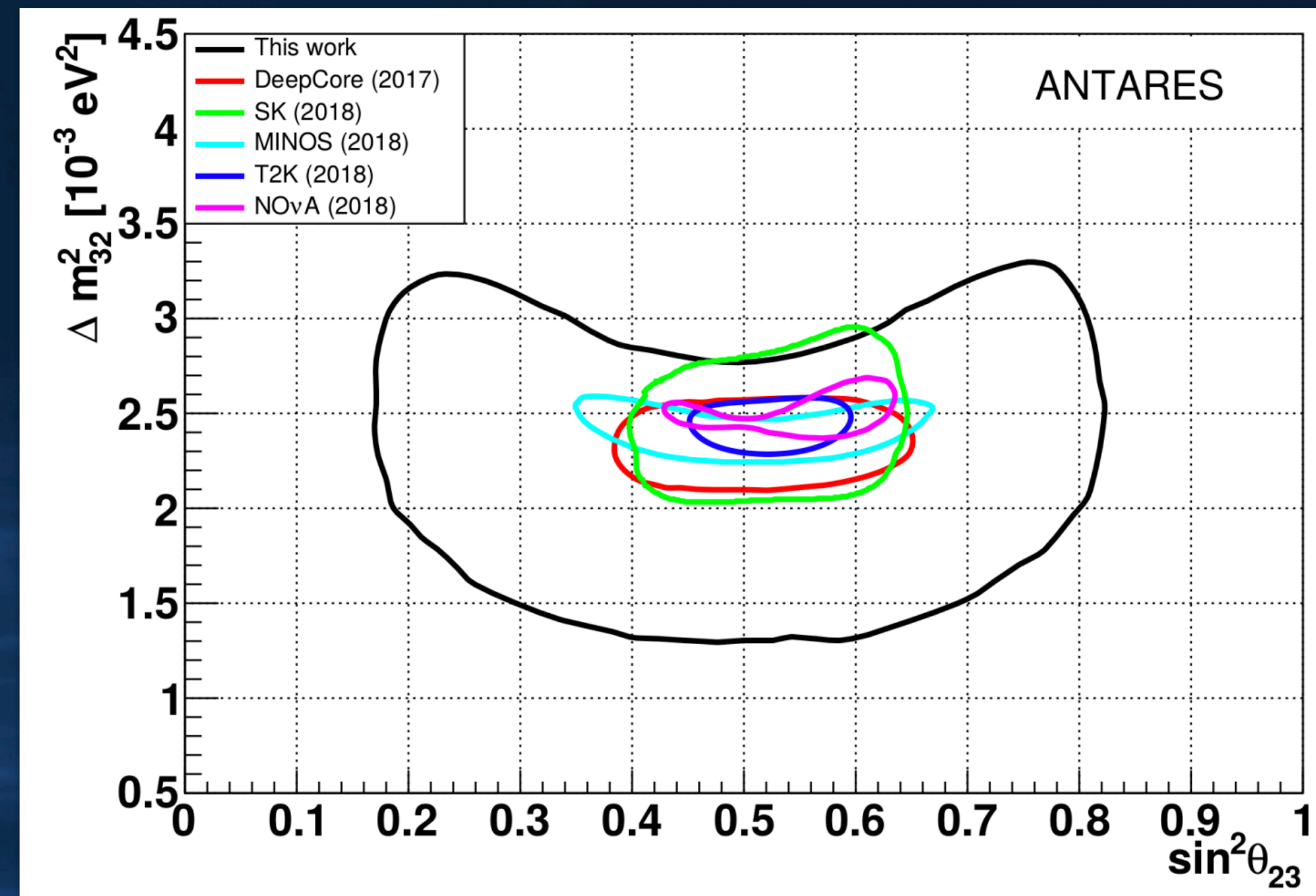
Data consistent with the background-only hypothesis



ν - oscillation studies

- ▶ Data sample (2007-2016) - 2830 days of lifetime
- ▶ 7710 events selected, two reconstruction procedures
- ▶ Track channel only, E_{reco} from muon range
- ▶ Binned likelihood fit (Poisson stat.) performed in two dimensions ($\log_{10}(E_{\text{reco}})$, $\cos\theta_{\text{reco}}$)

No-oscillation hypothesis
excluded at 4.6σ



ANTARES: a multidisciplinary observatory

📖 Deep-Sea Research I 58 (2011) 875–884

Acoustic and optical variations during rapid downward motion episodes in the deep North Western Mediterranean

📖 PLoS ONE 8 (7) 2013

Deep-sea bioluminescence blooms after dense water formation at the ocean surface

📖 Ocean Dynamics, April 2014, 64, 4, 507-517

High-frequency internal wave motions at the ANTARES site in the deep Western Mediterranean

📖 Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans, Vol 122, 3, 2017

Deep sediment resuspension and thick nepheloid layer generation by open-ocean convection

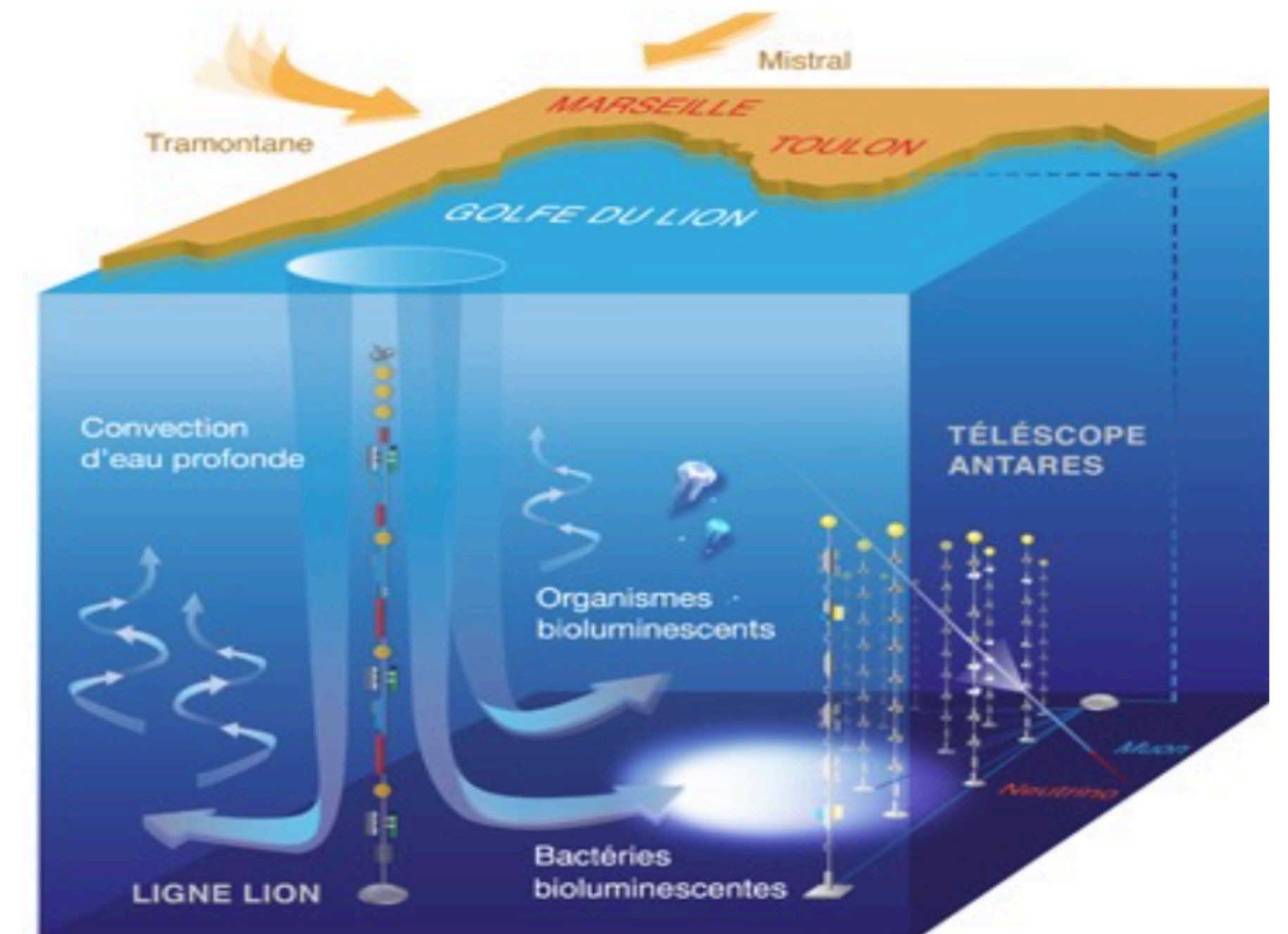
📖 Sci. Rep. 7 (2017) 45517

Sperm whale diel behaviour revealed by ANTARES, a deep-sea neutrino telescope

📖 <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.08063>

Studying Bioluminescence Flashes with the ANTARES Deep Sea Neutrino Telescope

📖 A new paper on pressure measurements at the sea bottom in preparation

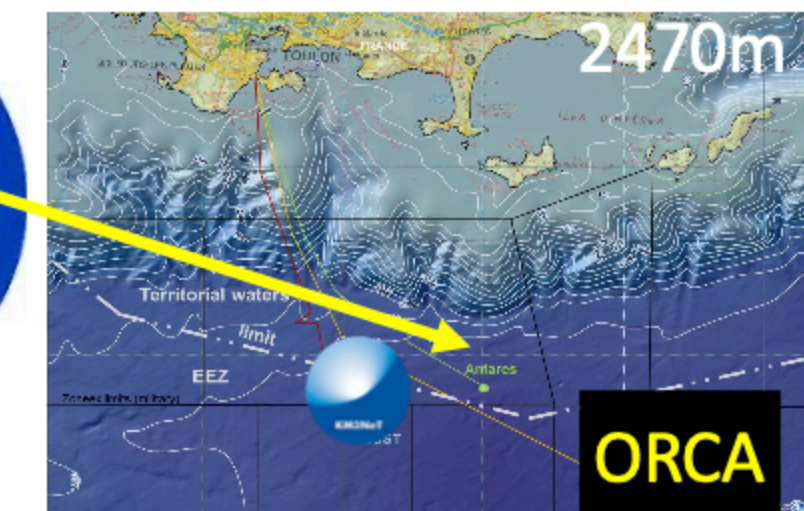
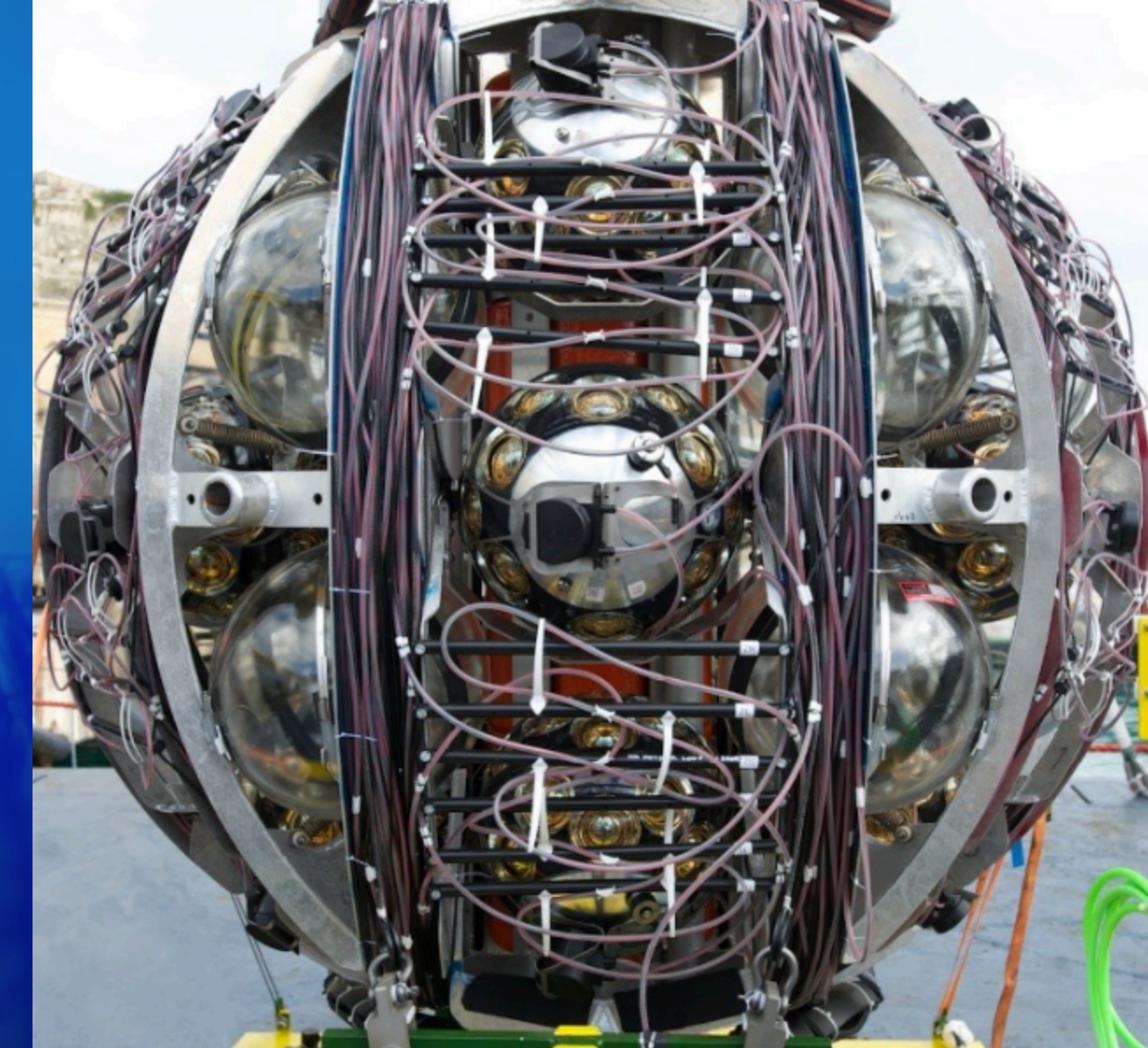


Summary and Outlook

- ▶ ANTARES pioneered the field of undersea neutrino telescopes
- ▶ The ANTARES experiment has demonstrated the feasibility and reliability of the undersea Cherenkov technique for long-term data acquisition.
- ▶ Competitive physics results & intriguing hints
- ▶ Constraints on neutrinos as seen by IceCube
- ▶ Extensive multi-messenger program
- ▶ Multi-disciplinary observatory (Earth and sea sciences)
- ▶ Joint studies with several partners
- ▶ ANTARES dismantled on February 2022 → KM3NeT infrastructure (*R.Coniglione's talk*)

ANTARES, a truly extraordinary experience...but the adventure is far from over!

Thank you for your attention



**Oscillation Research
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Backup slides