

New Physics With (high-energy) Neutrinos From The Sky



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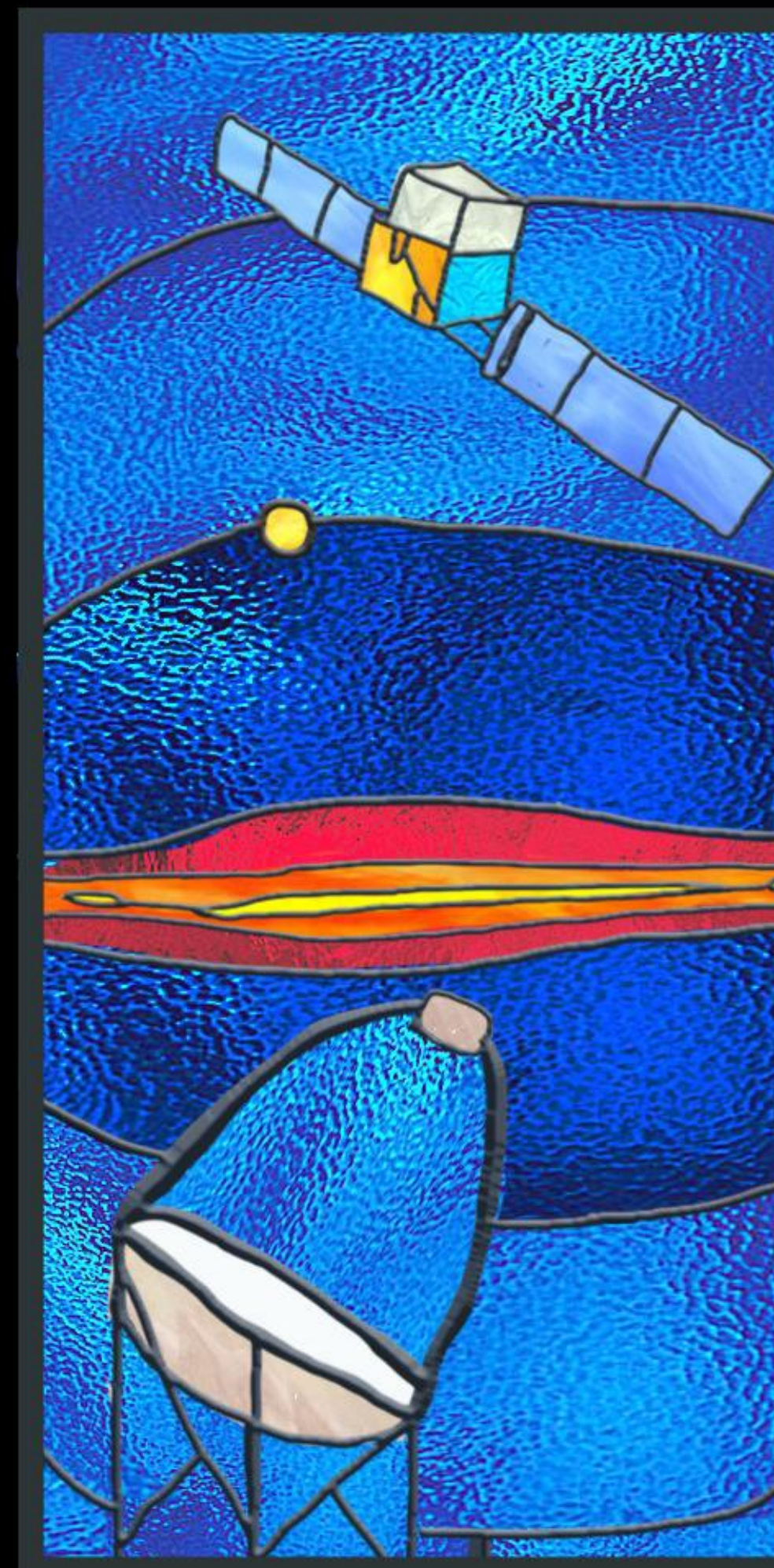
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How does the Universe look in neutrinos?



“These **sources** are complicated ... Unless you have many ways to **look** at them you’re not going to figure them out”

Francis Halzen on Multimessenger Astronomy, *Scientific American*

See CA, Kurahashi, and Halzen (arXiv:2405.17623)

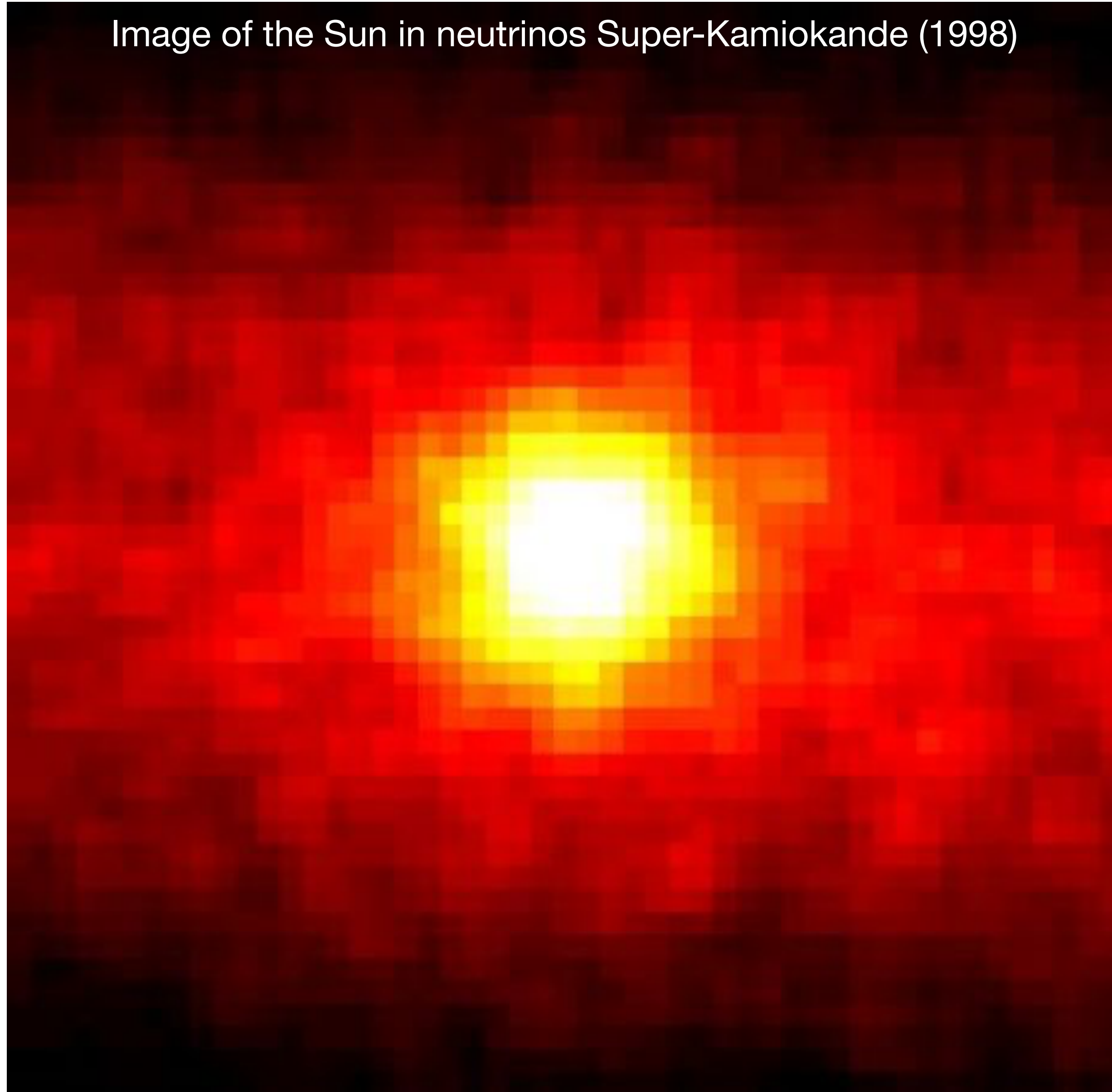
“... reality may avoid the obligation to be interesting, but hypotheses may not.”

Jorge Luis Borges, *La Brújula y la Muerte*

How do high-energy neutrinos behave?



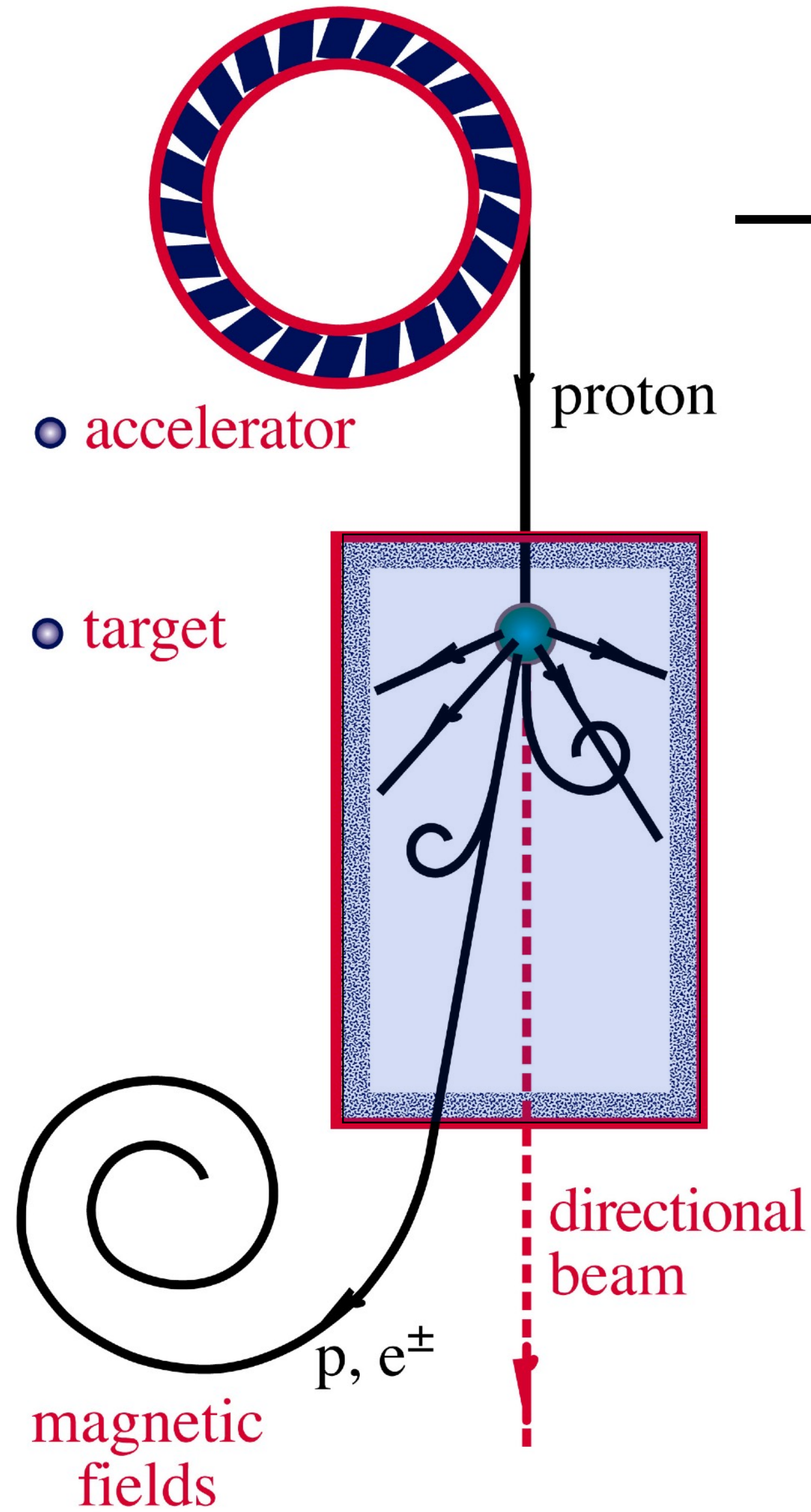
Image of the Sun in neutrinos Super-Kamiokande (1998)



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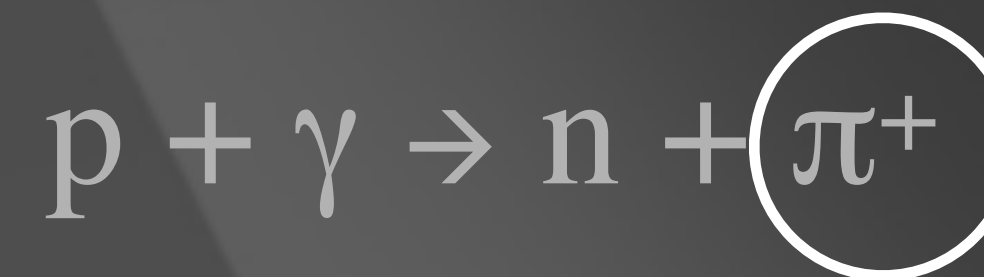
ν and γ beams : heaven and earth



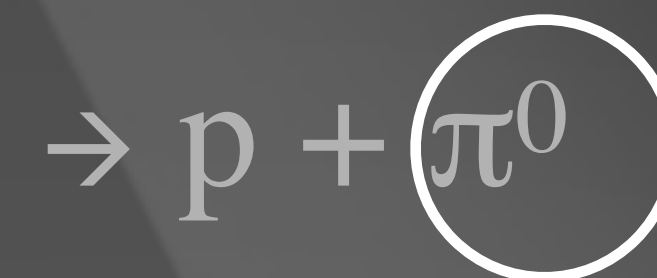
accelerator is powered by large gravitational energy

supermassive black hole

nearby radiation



~ cosmic ray + neutrino

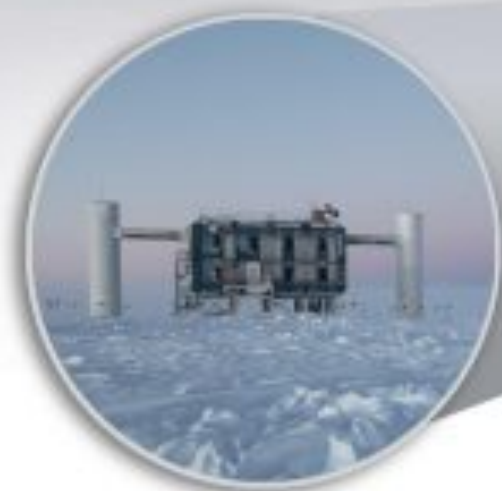


~ cosmic ray + gamma



50 m

Ice Top



IceCube Laboratory

Data is collected here and sent by satellite to the data warehouse at UW-Madison

1450 m



Digital Optical Module (DOM)

5,160 DOMs deployed in the ice

2450 m

IceCube detector

86 strings of DOMs, set 125 meters apart

Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica
A National Science Foundation-managed research facility

60 DOMs on each string

DOMs are 17 meters apart

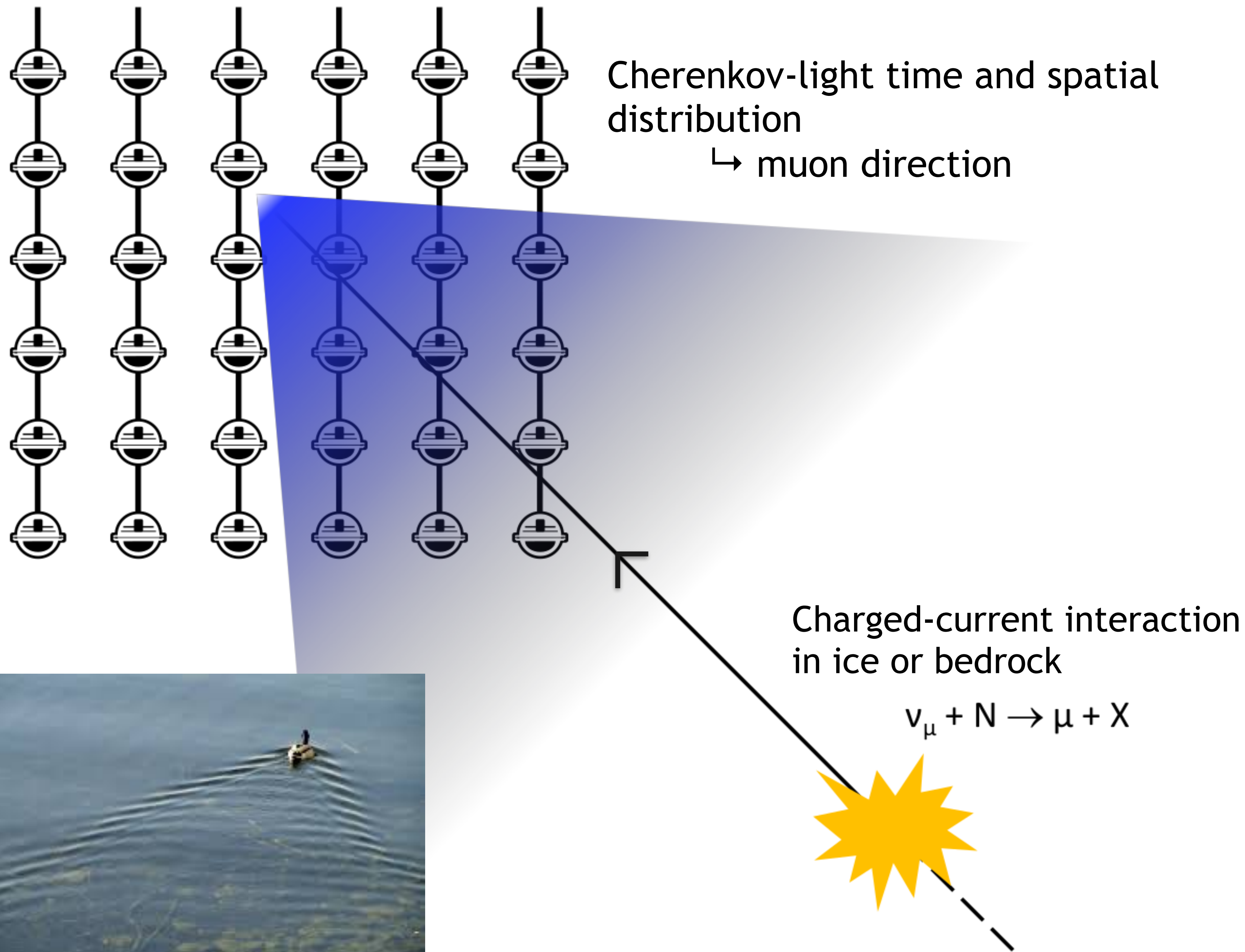
DeepCore

Antarctic bedrock



A cubic-kilometer of clear ice instrumented with photo sensors.

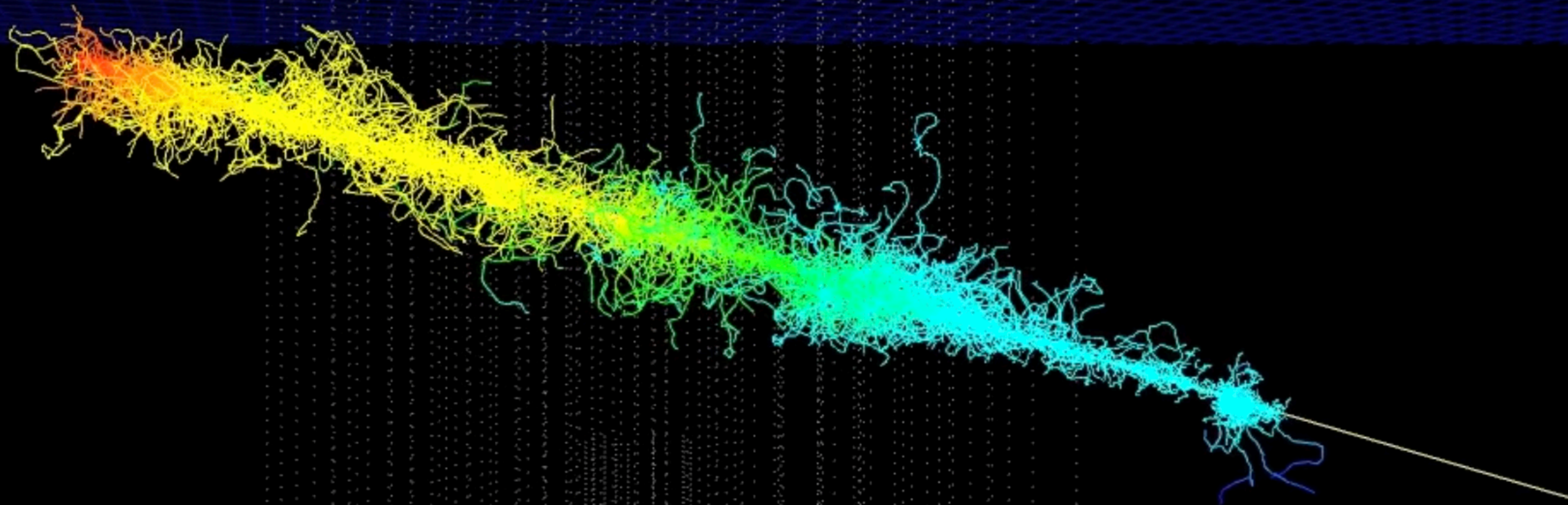
~1 Gigaton target mass for neutrinos to interact.



Principle detection mechanism of neutrino telescopes is Cherenkov light.

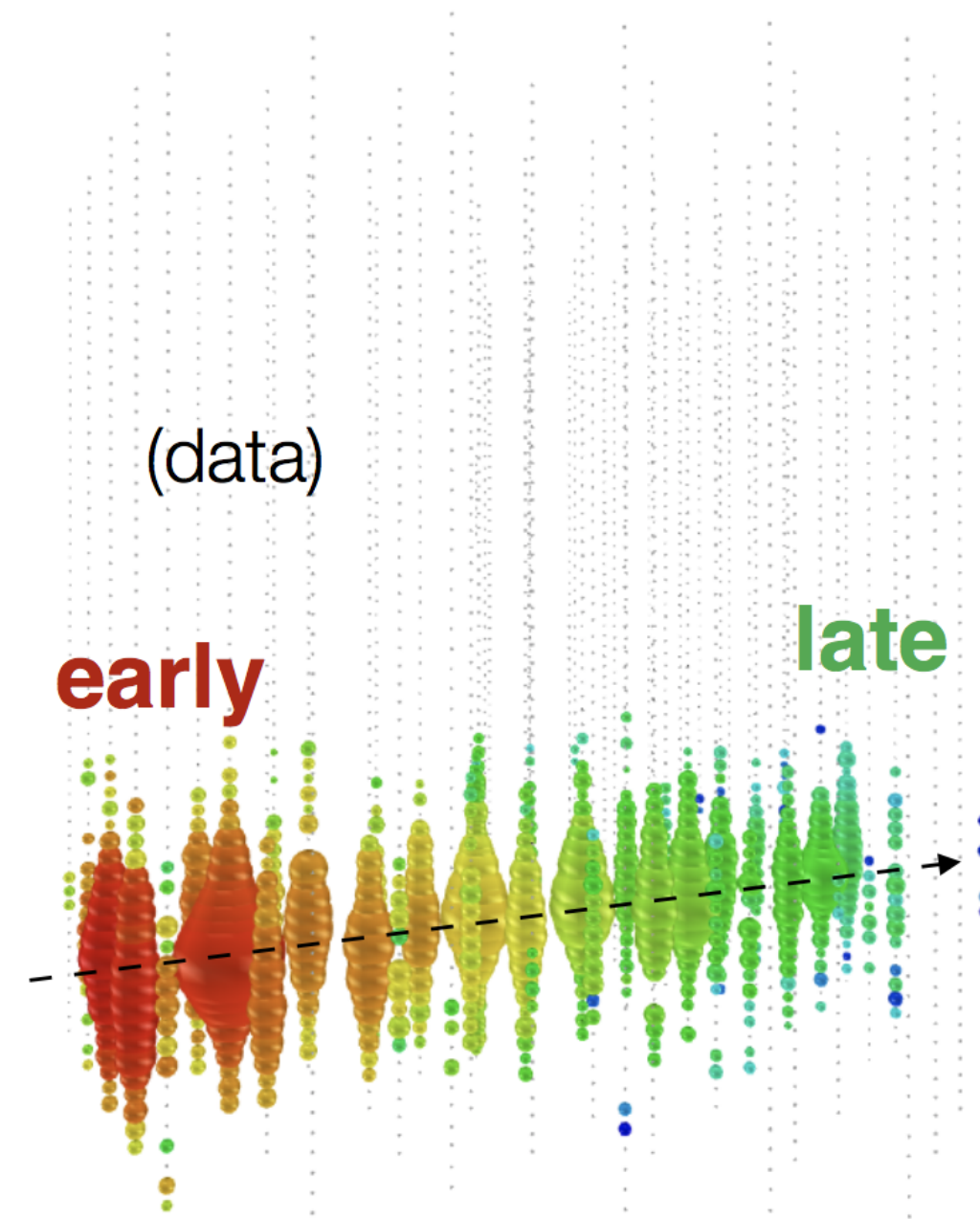


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wn, max E (GeV) == 1206.72
nown, max E (GeV) == 1.42



All event morphologies

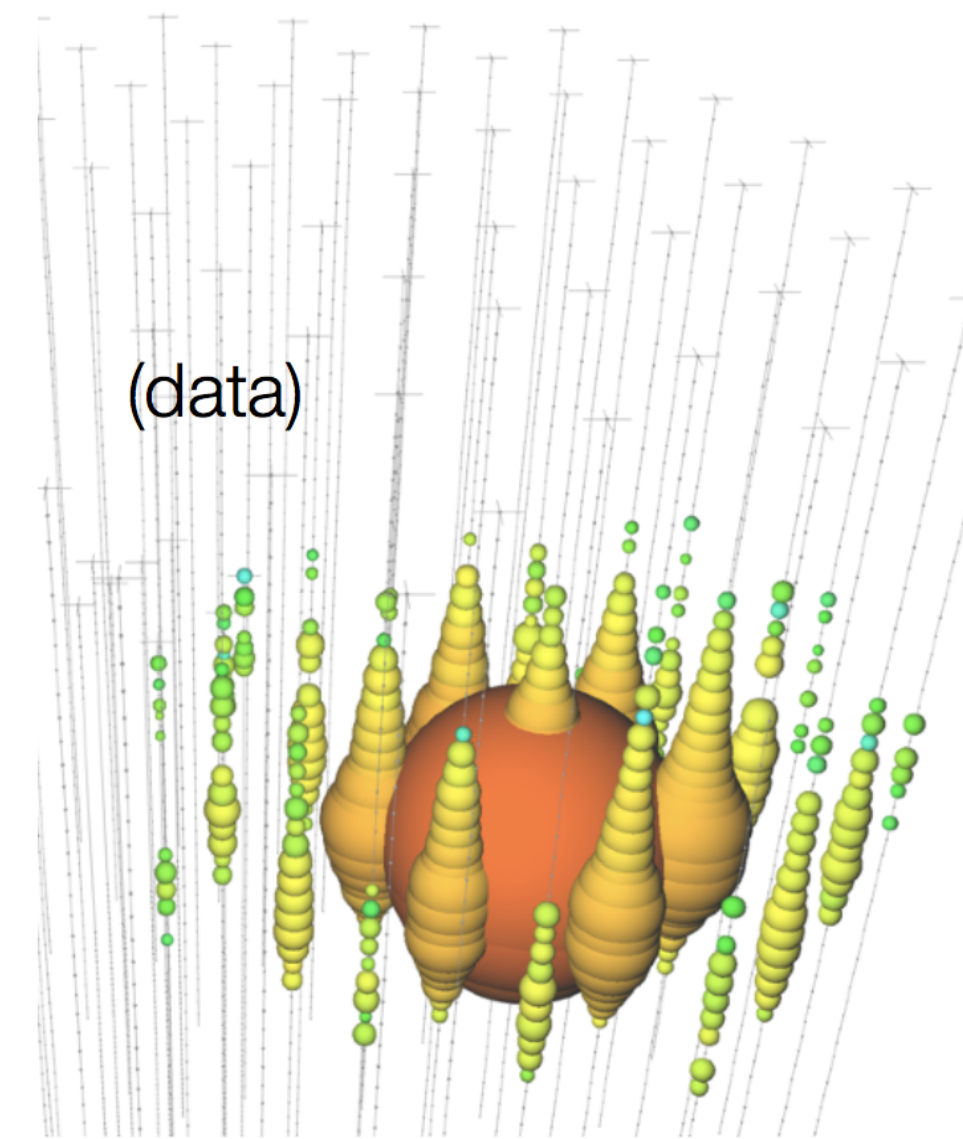
Charged-current ν_μ



Up-going track

Factor of ~ 2 energy resolution
< 1 degree angular resolution

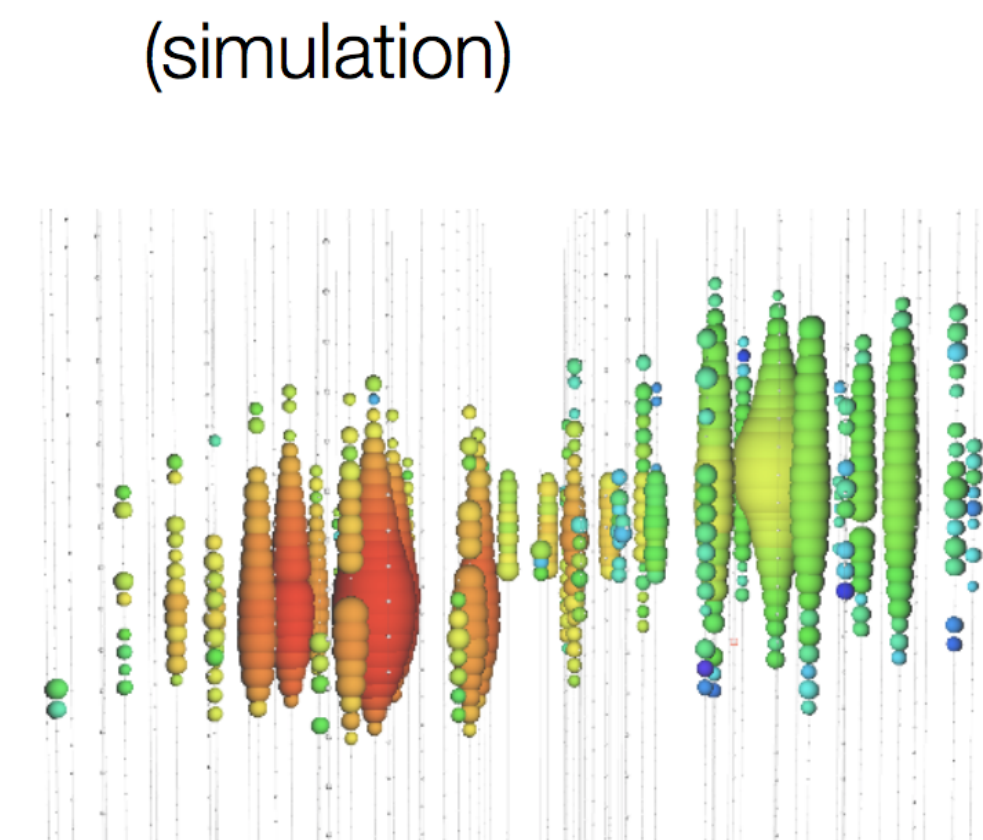
Neutral-current / ν_e



Isolated energy deposition (cascade) with no track

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

Charged-current ν_τ

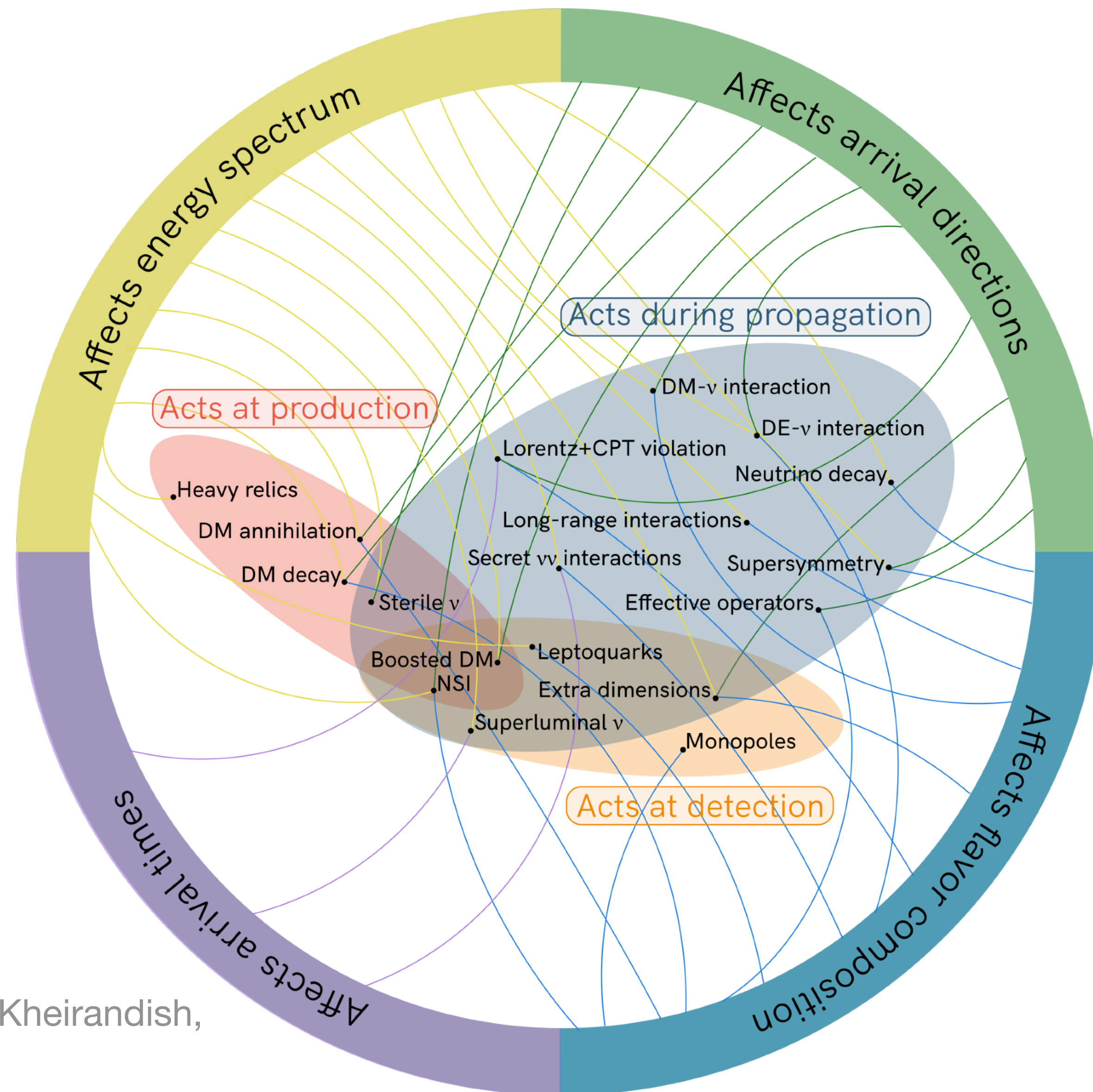


Double cascade

(resolvable above ~ 100 TeV deposited energy)

Neutrino telescopes can identify tau neutrinos on an *event by event* basis.

Observables and Models



More: 1907.08690 CA, Bustamante, Kheirandish, Palomares-Ruiz, Salvadó, Vincent

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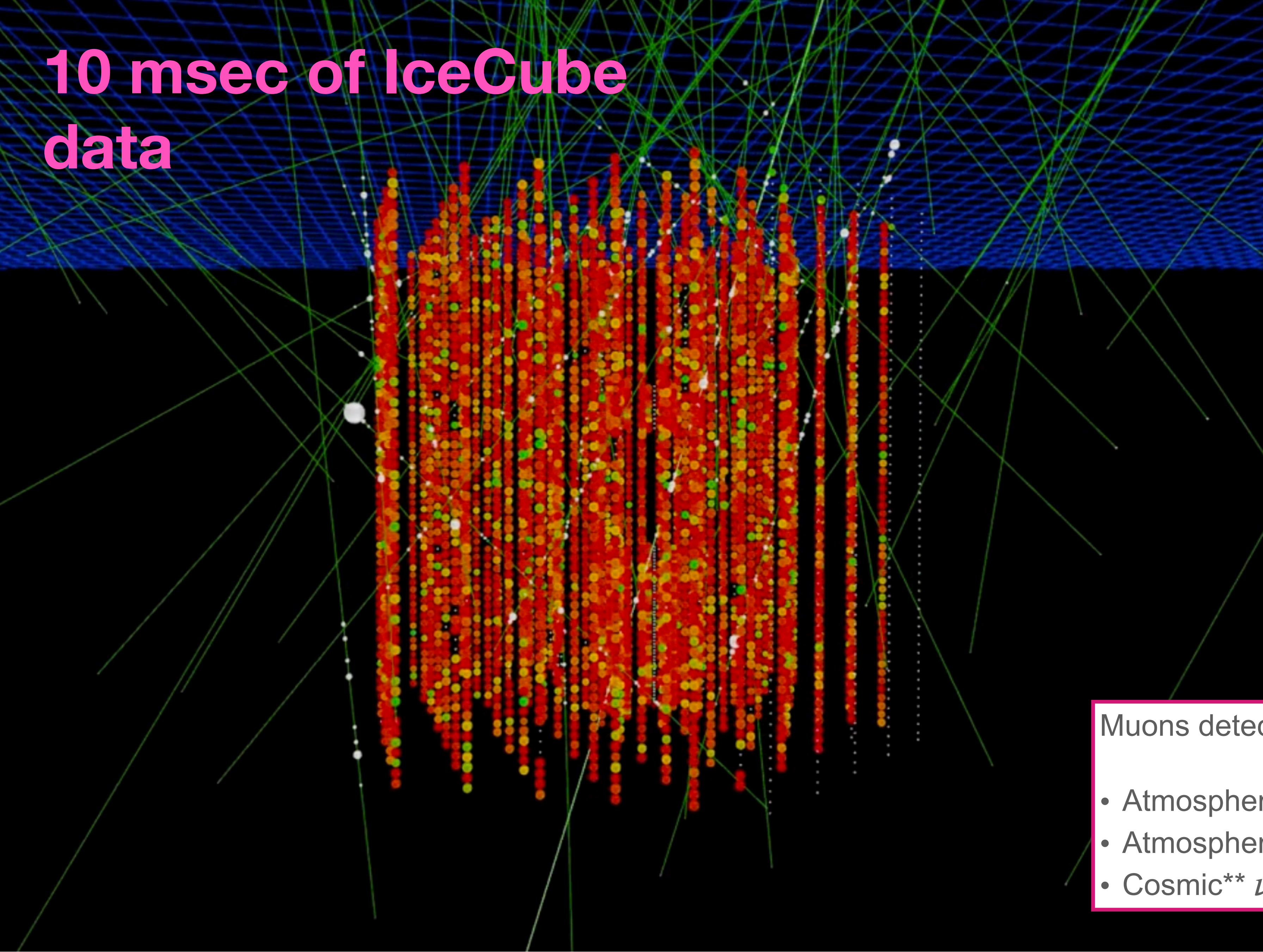
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10 msec of IceCube data

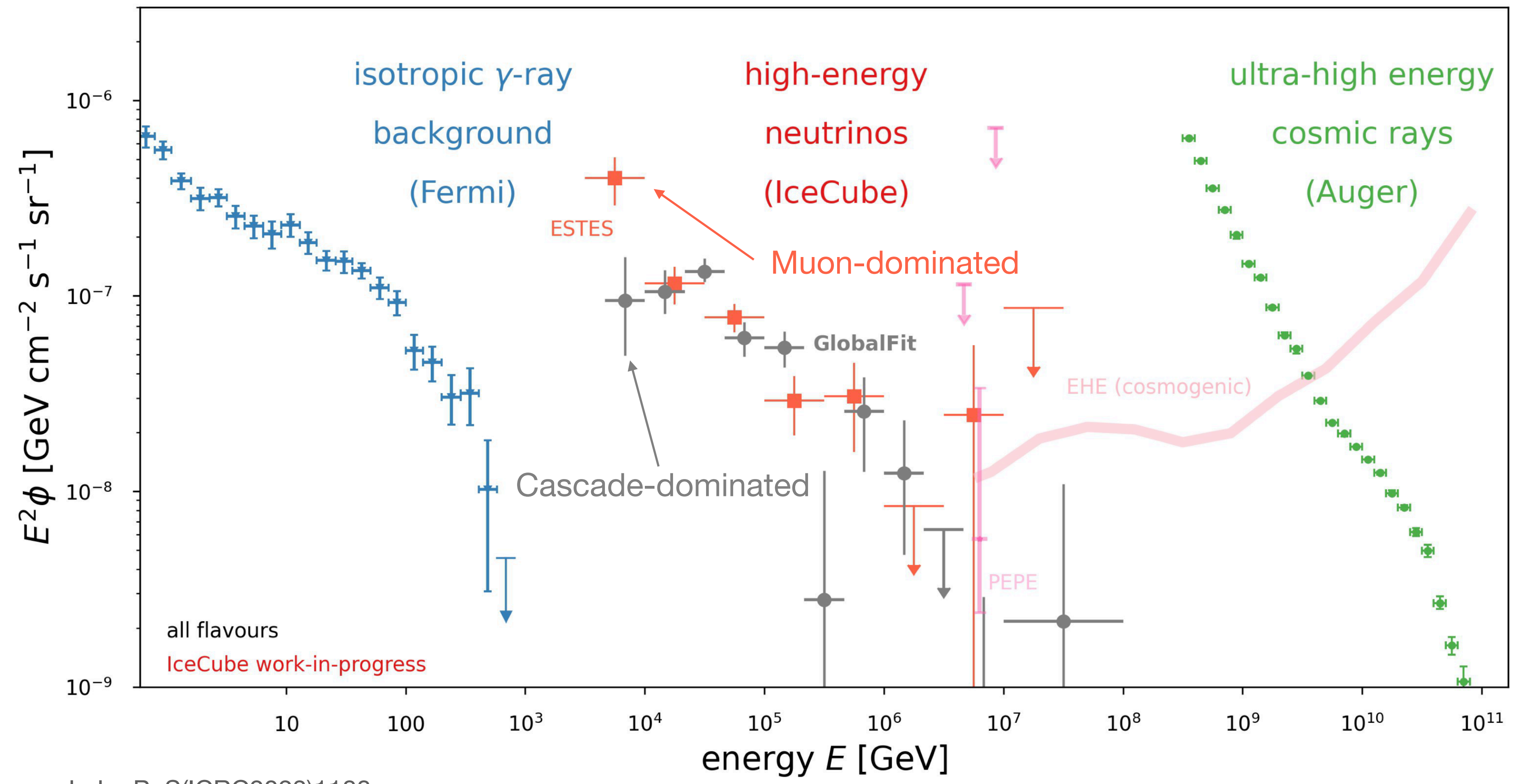


Muons detected per year:

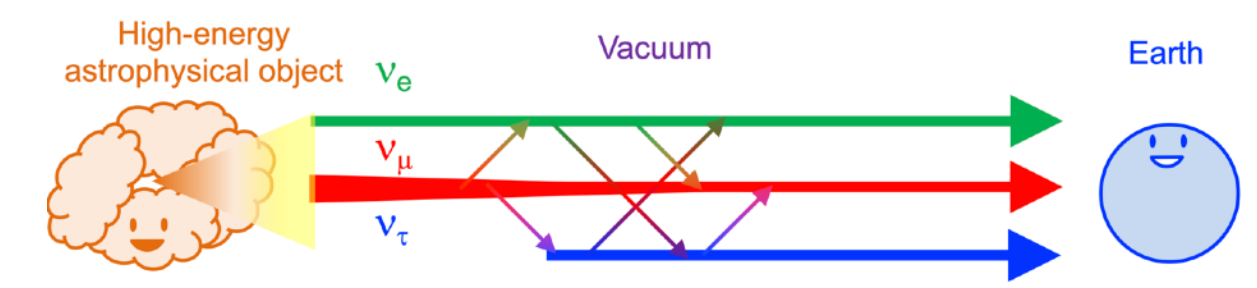
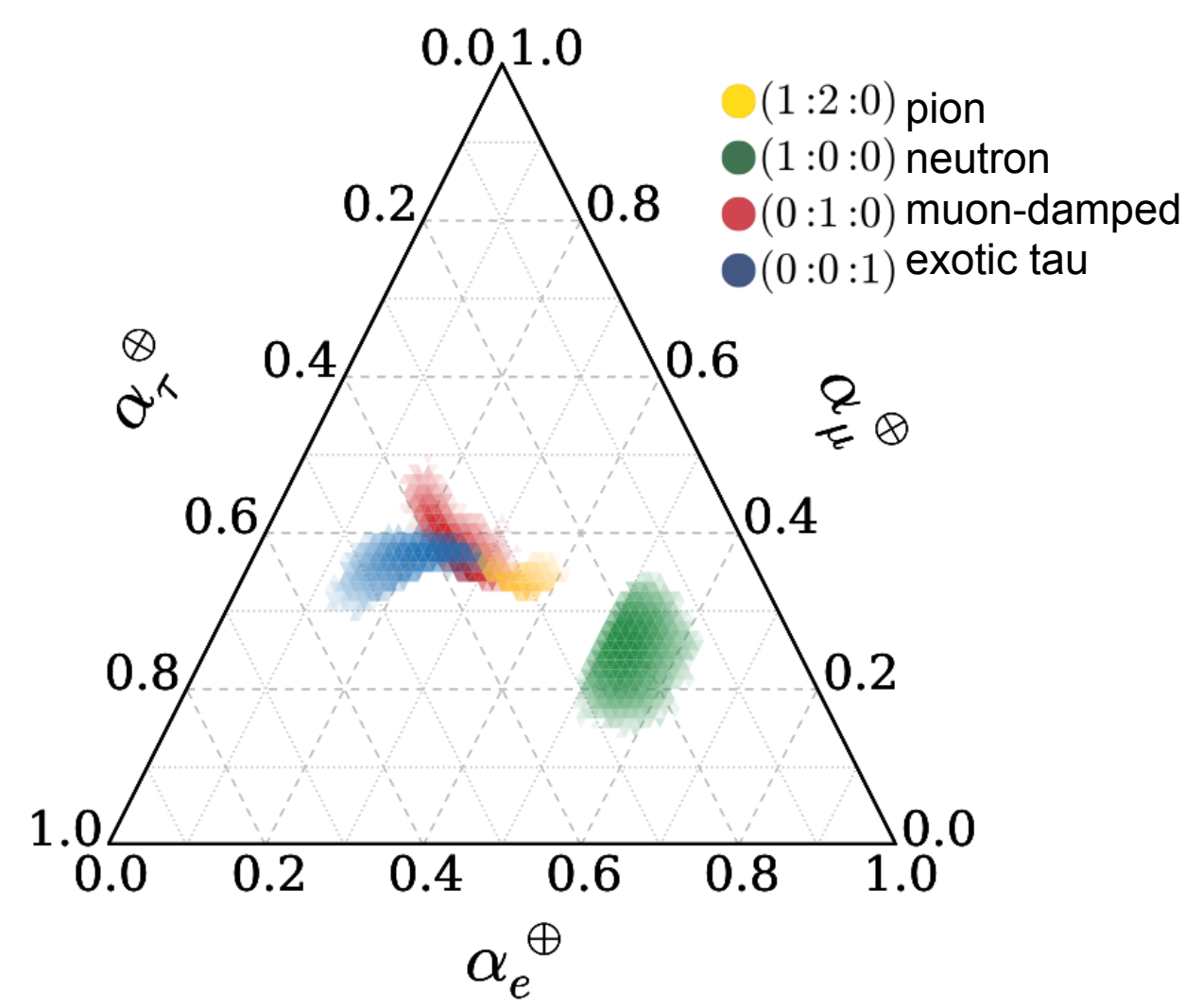
- Atmospheric $\mu \sim 10^{11}$ (3000 per second)
- Atmospheric* $\nu \rightarrow \mu \sim 10^5$ (1 every 6 minutes)
- Cosmic** $\nu \rightarrow \mu \sim 10^2$

Diffuse Measurement of the Neutrino Sky

- IceCube ν EHE limit (2019)
- + Fermi gamma-ray (2014)
- + IceCube ν Glashow (2021)
- + Pierre Auger cosmic rays (2013)
- IceCube ν globalfit (2023)
- + IceCube ν ESTES (2023)



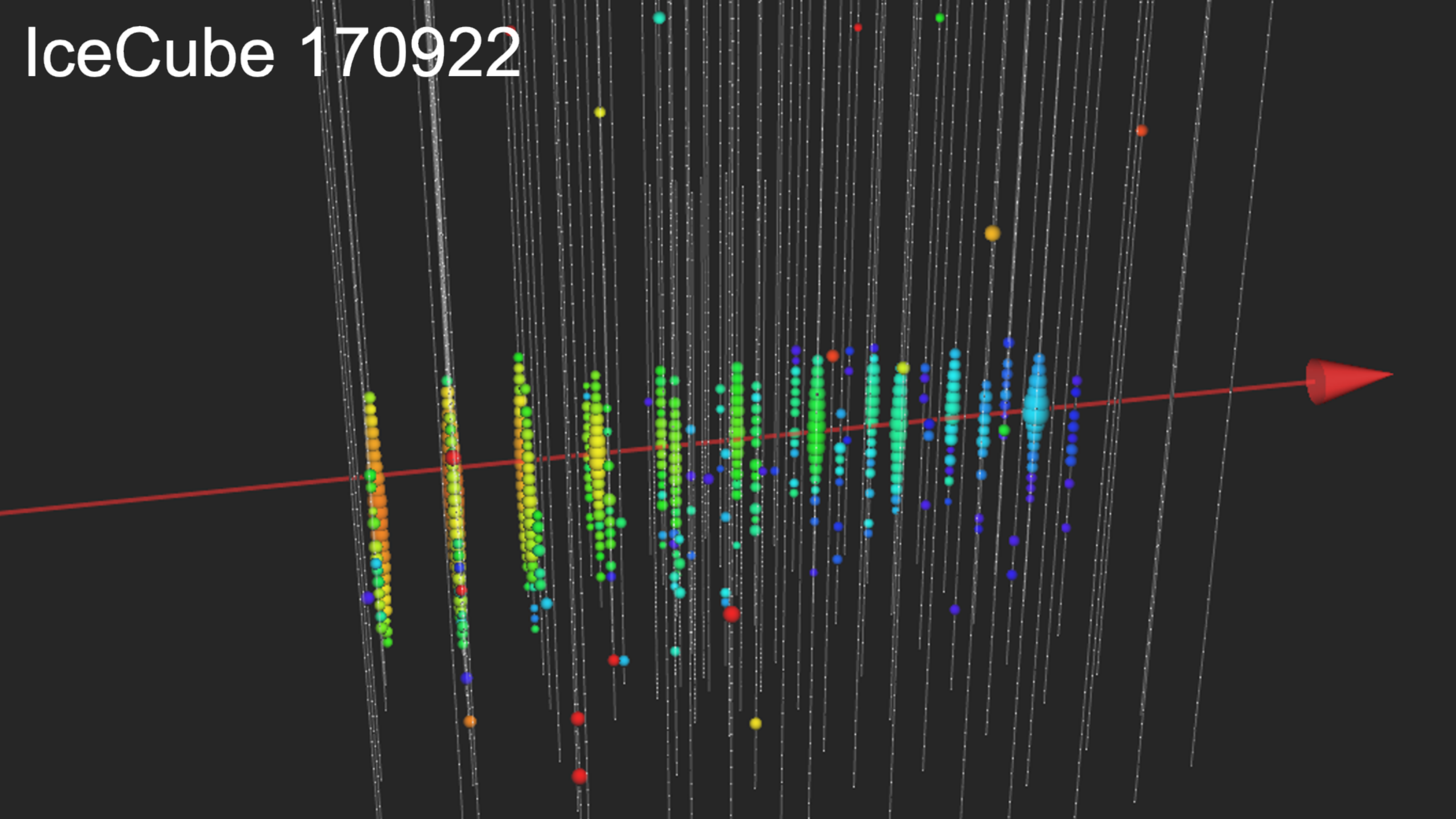
CA, T. Katori, J. Salvado
(Phys. Rev. Lett. **115**, 161303)



See also Bustamante et al. PRL 115, 161302 (2015);
Rasmussen et al. 1707.07684; Palomares-Ruiz
1411.2998; Palladino et al 1502.02923; Bustamante et
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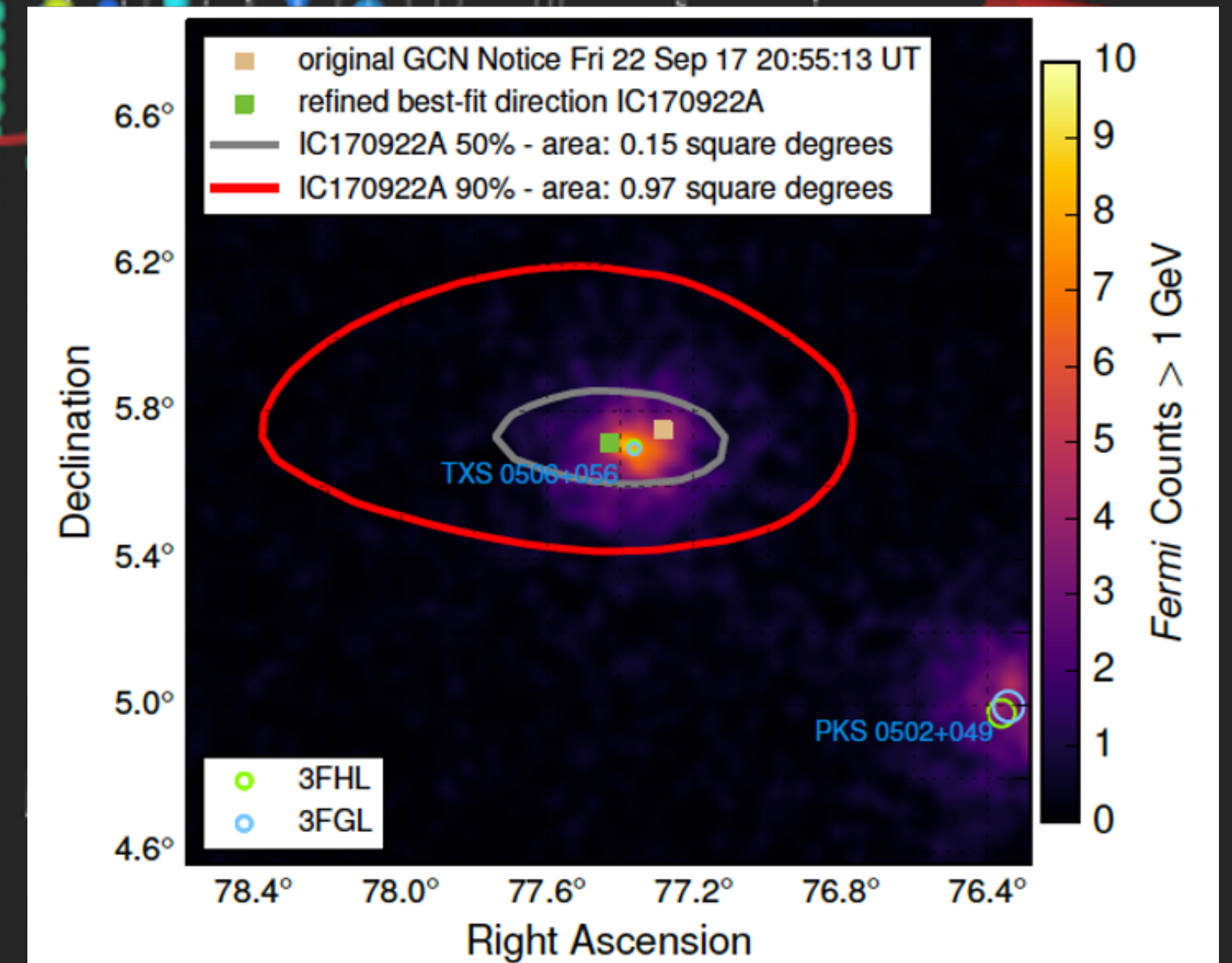
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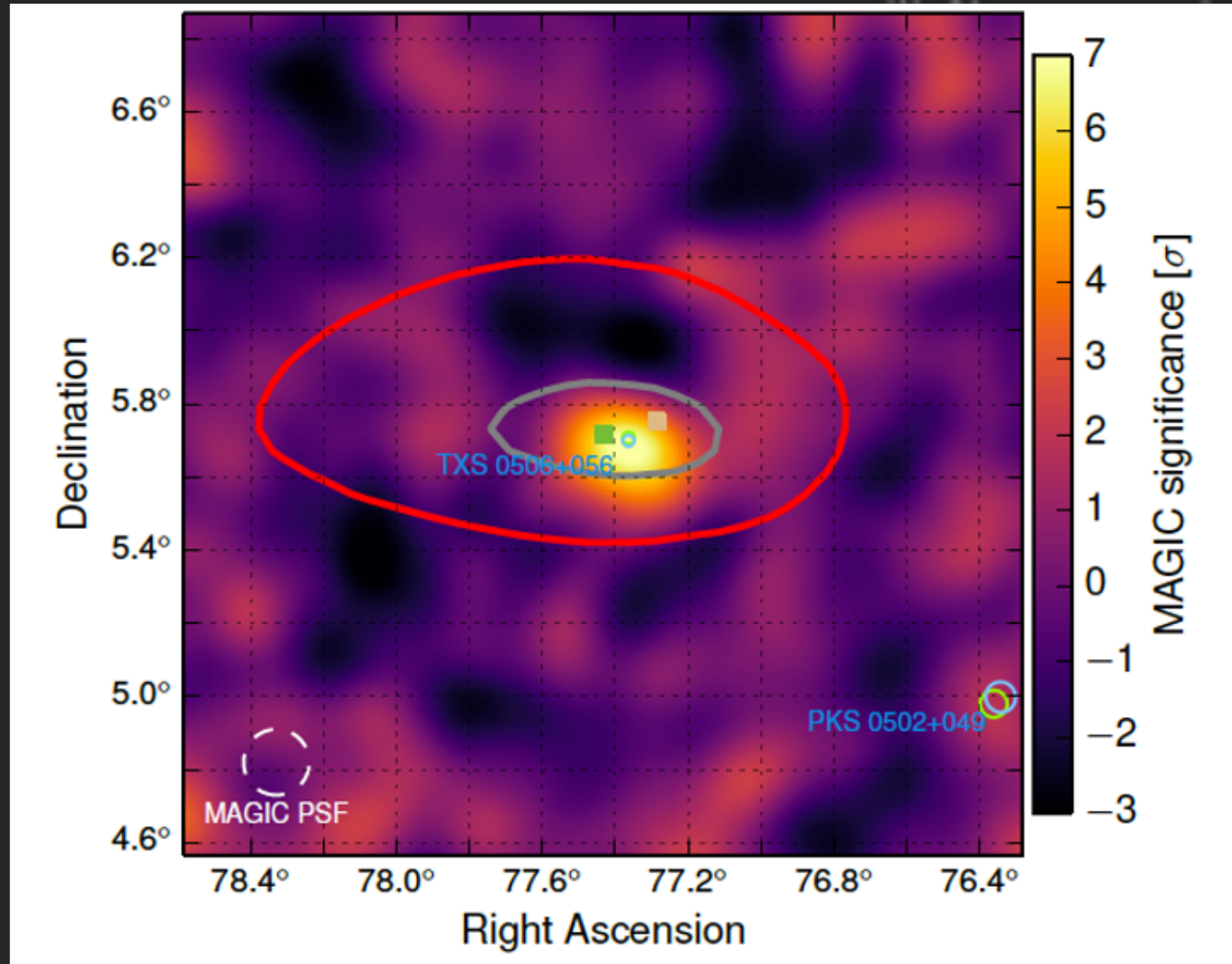


IceCube 170922

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detects a flaring
blazar within 0.1°

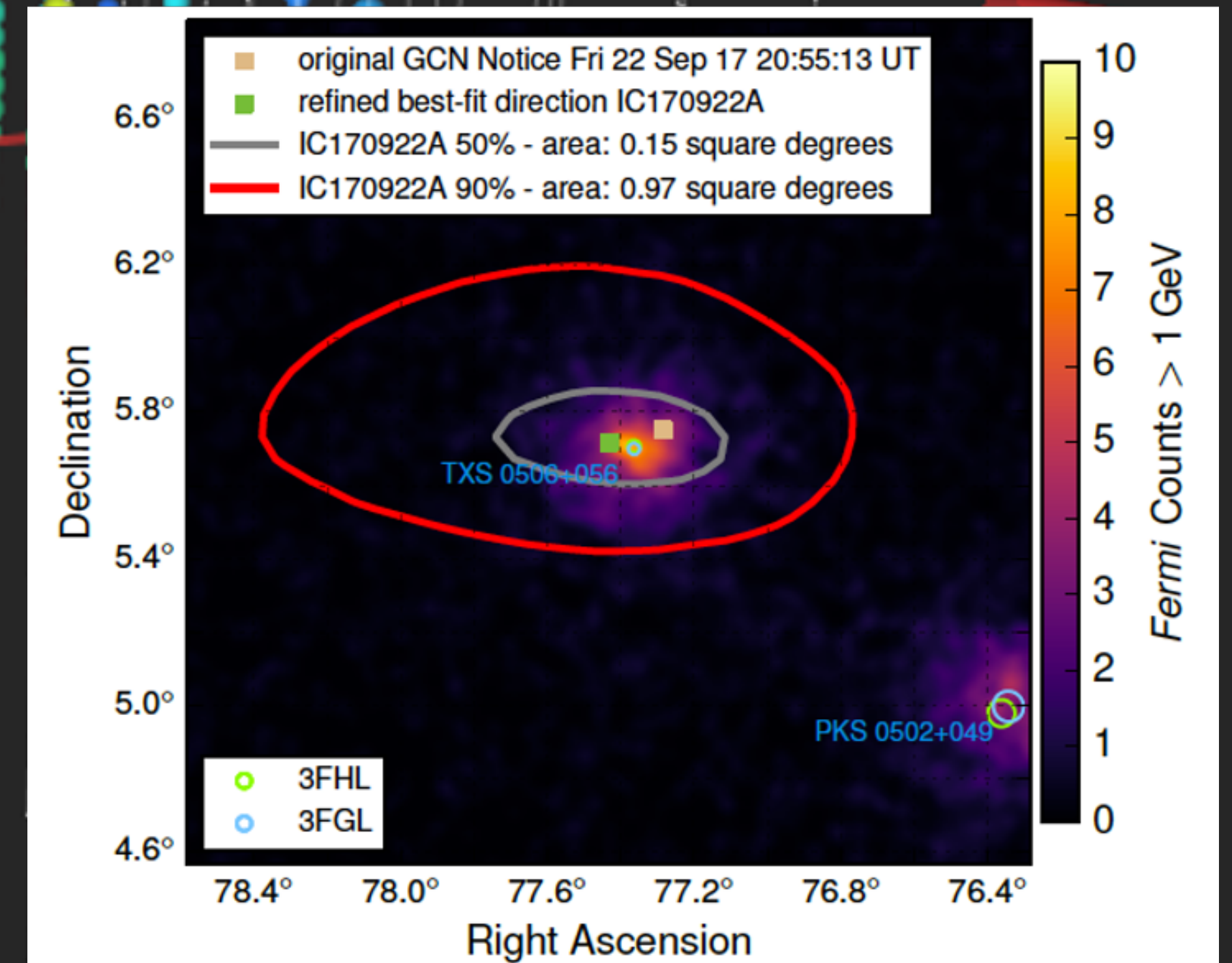


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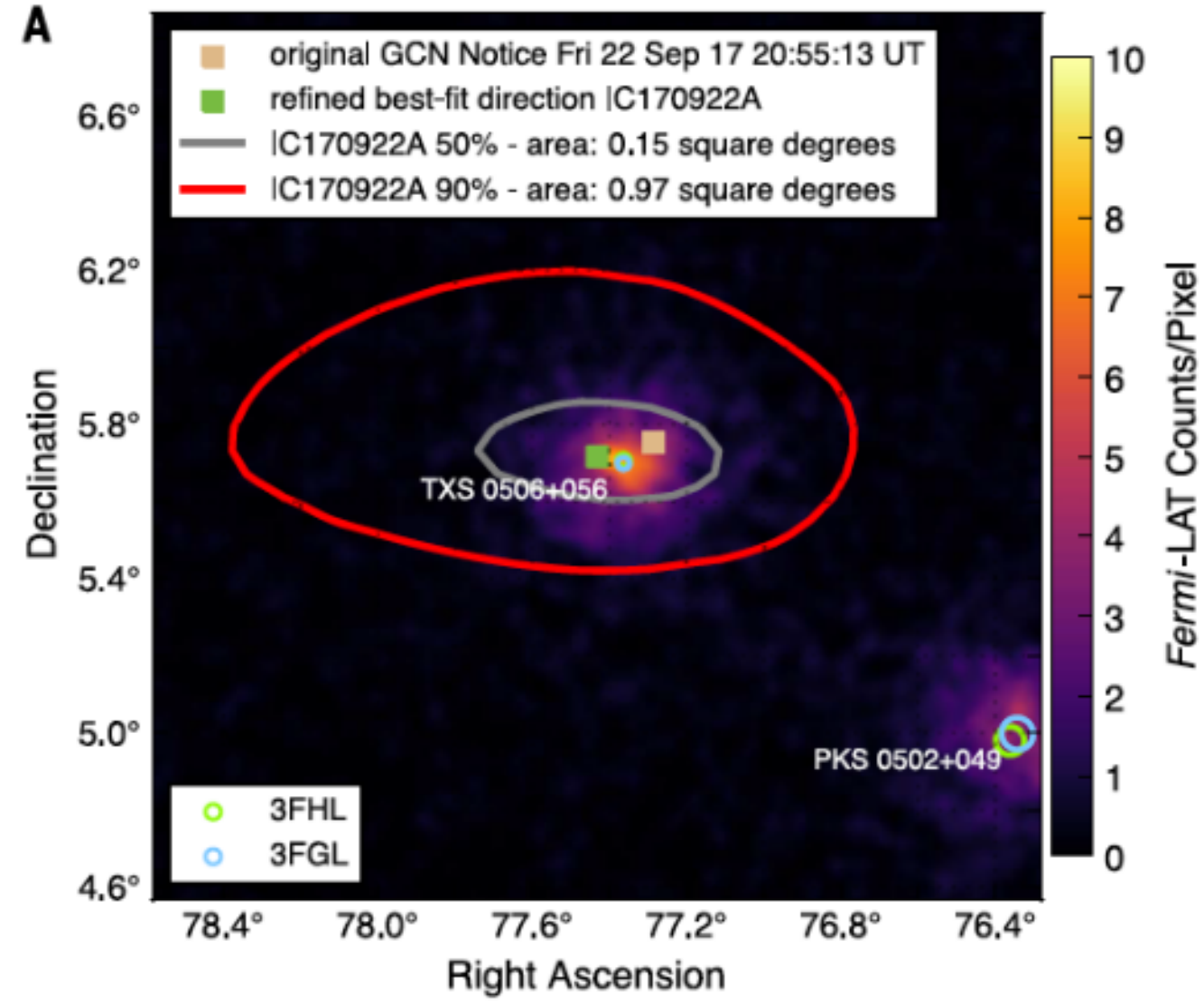
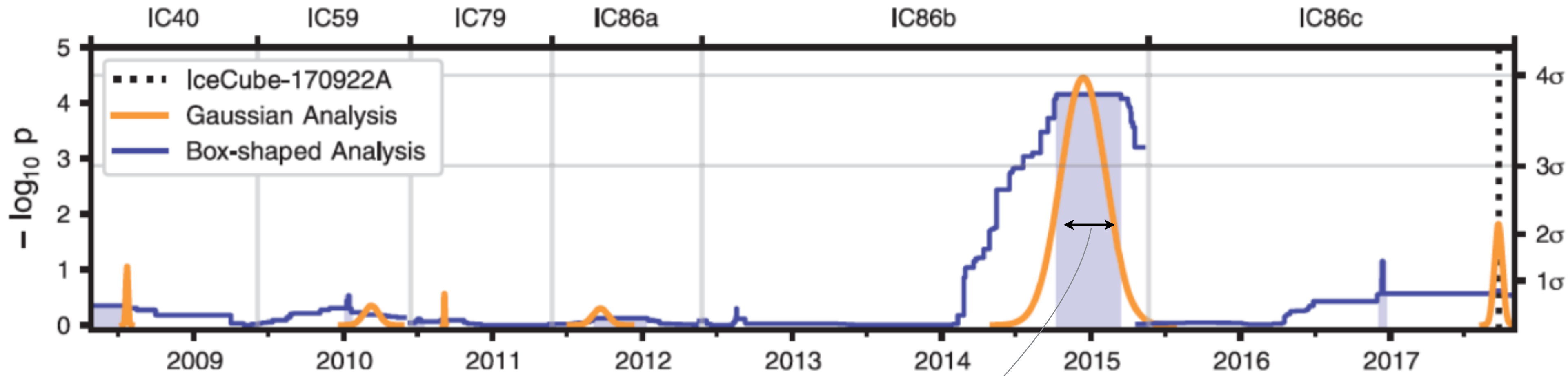


MAGIC
detects emission of
> 100 GeV gammas

Fermi
detects a flaring
blazar within 0.1°



Looking at the archival data in the TXS 0506+056 direction



$$T_W = 110^{+35}_{-24} \text{ days}$$

$$\Phi_{100} = (1.6^{+0.7}_{-0.6}) \times 10^{-15} \text{ TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

13±5 signal events rejecting background hypothesis at 3.5σ

No significant gamma-ray emission at earlier flaring time!

[E. Kun, I. Bartos, J. B. Tjus et al 2009.09792](#)

Gamma-neutrino anti-correlation?

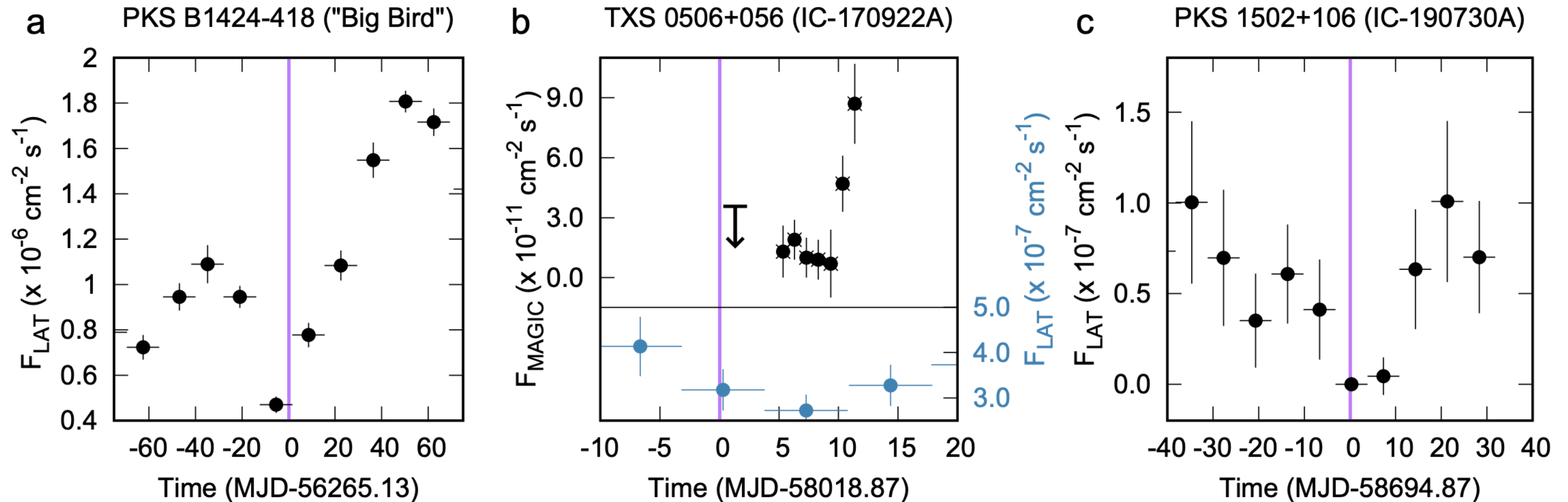
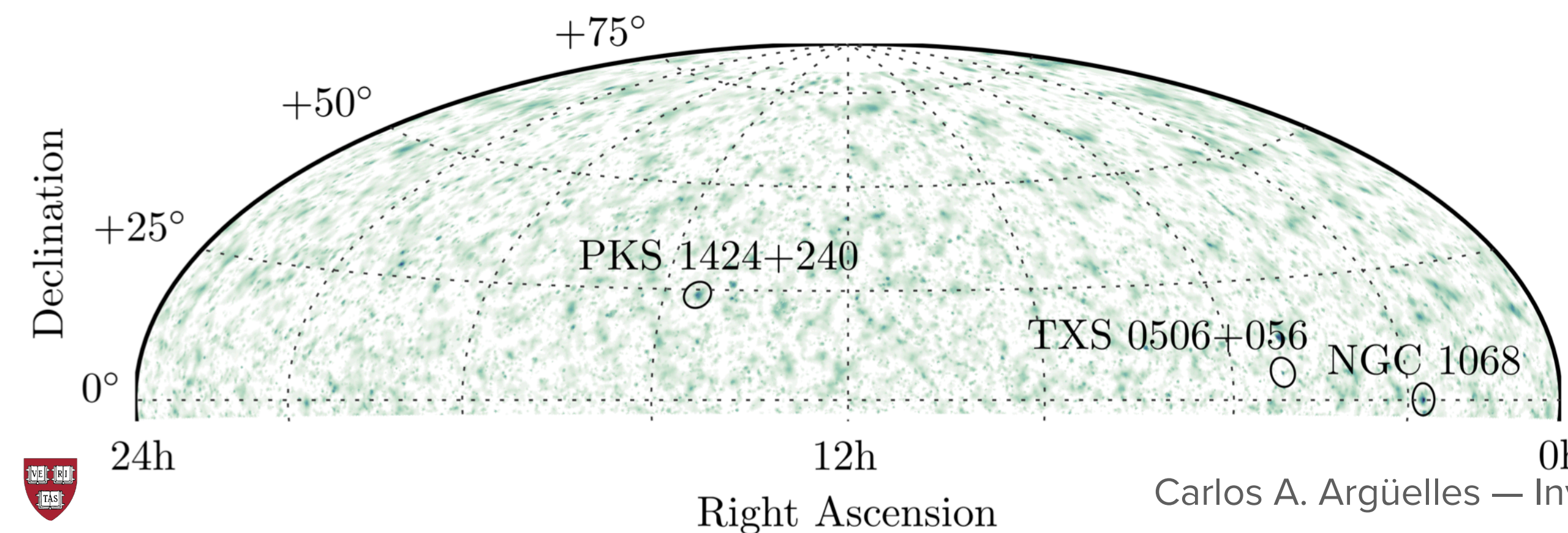
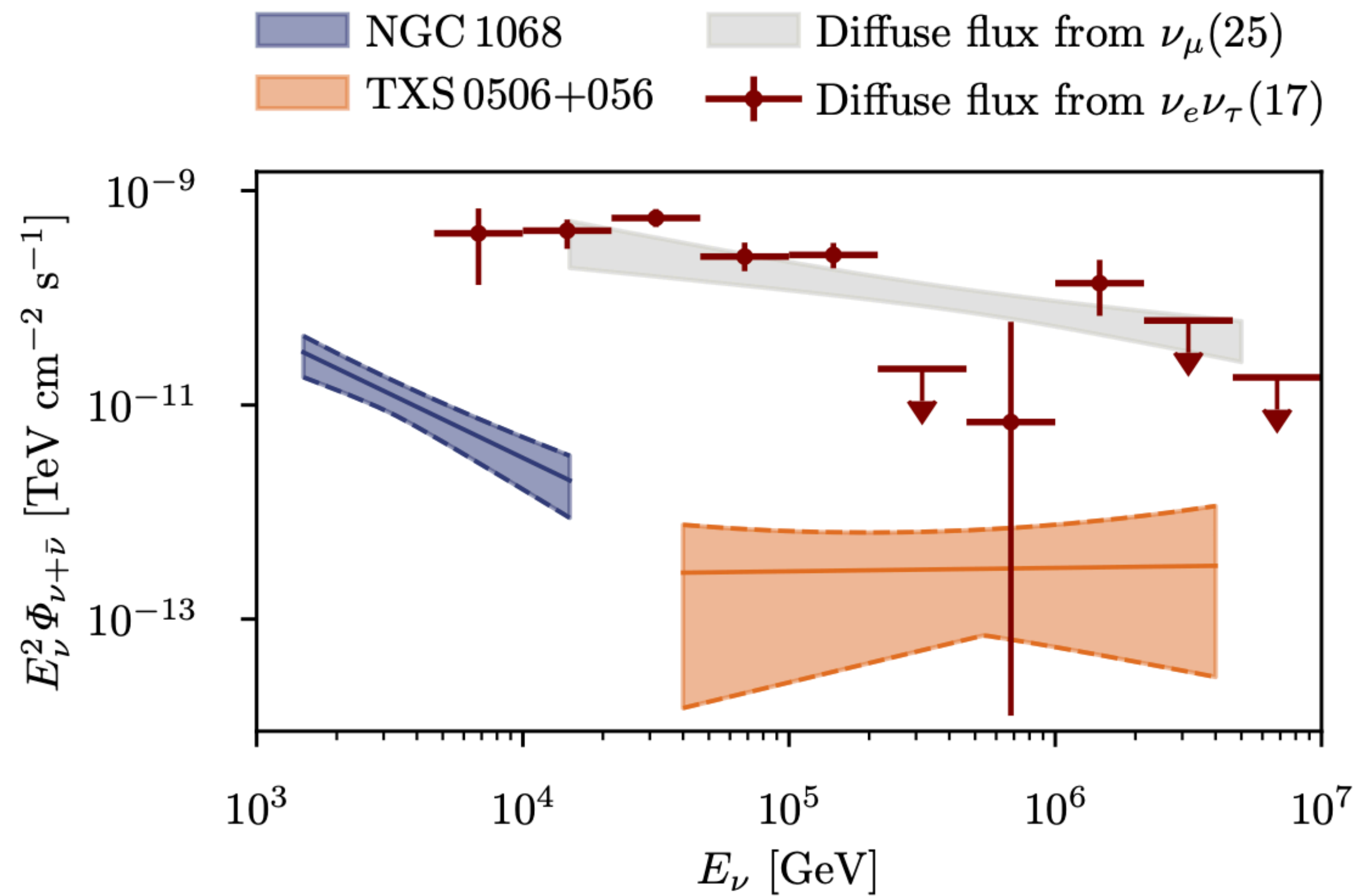
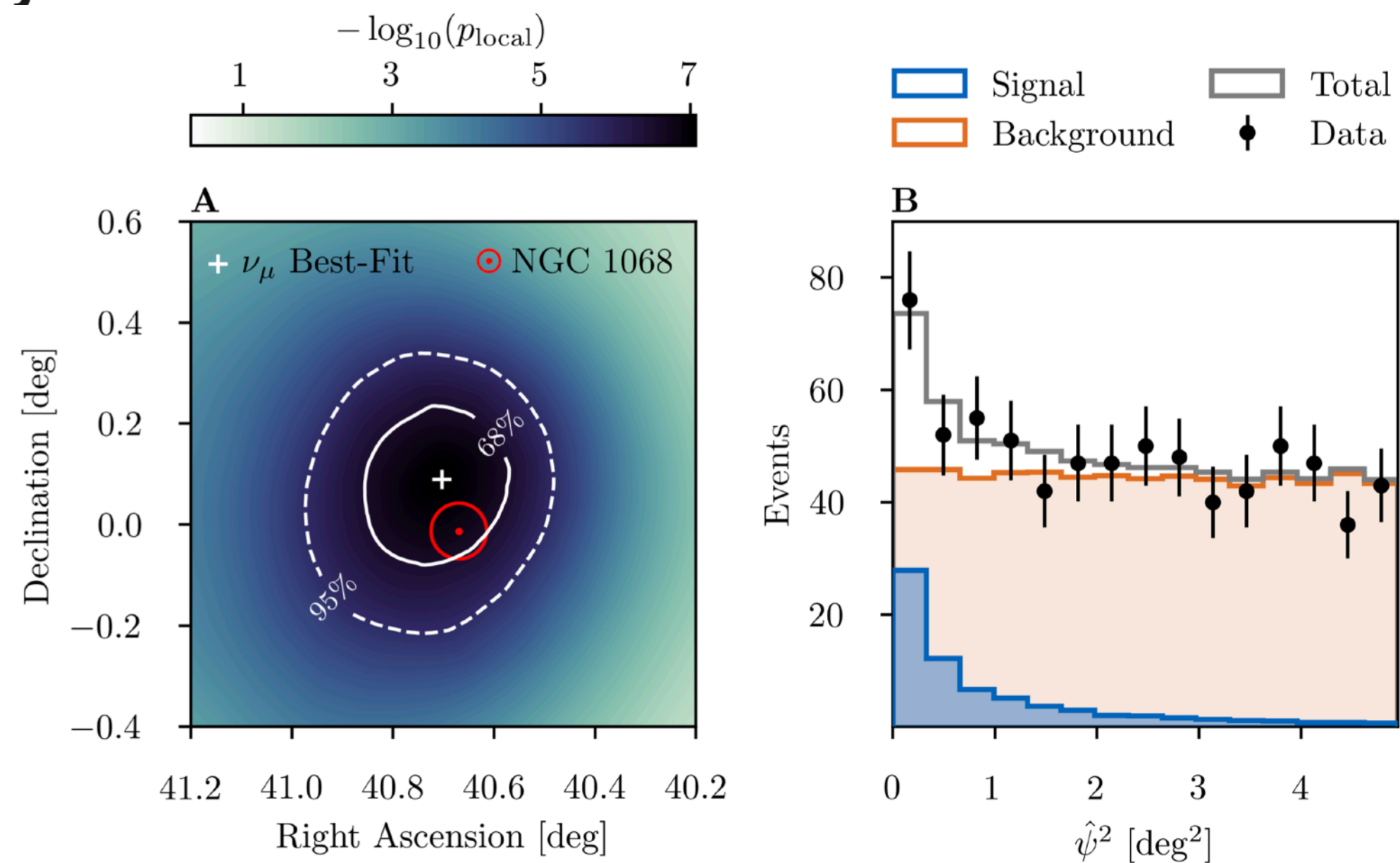


Figure 3. γ -ray light curves for three blazars with coincident high-energy neutrinos. a: PKS B1424-418 as mea-

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The gamma-ray correlation is not so direct/obvious

Evidence for neutrino emission from the nearby active galaxy NGC 1068

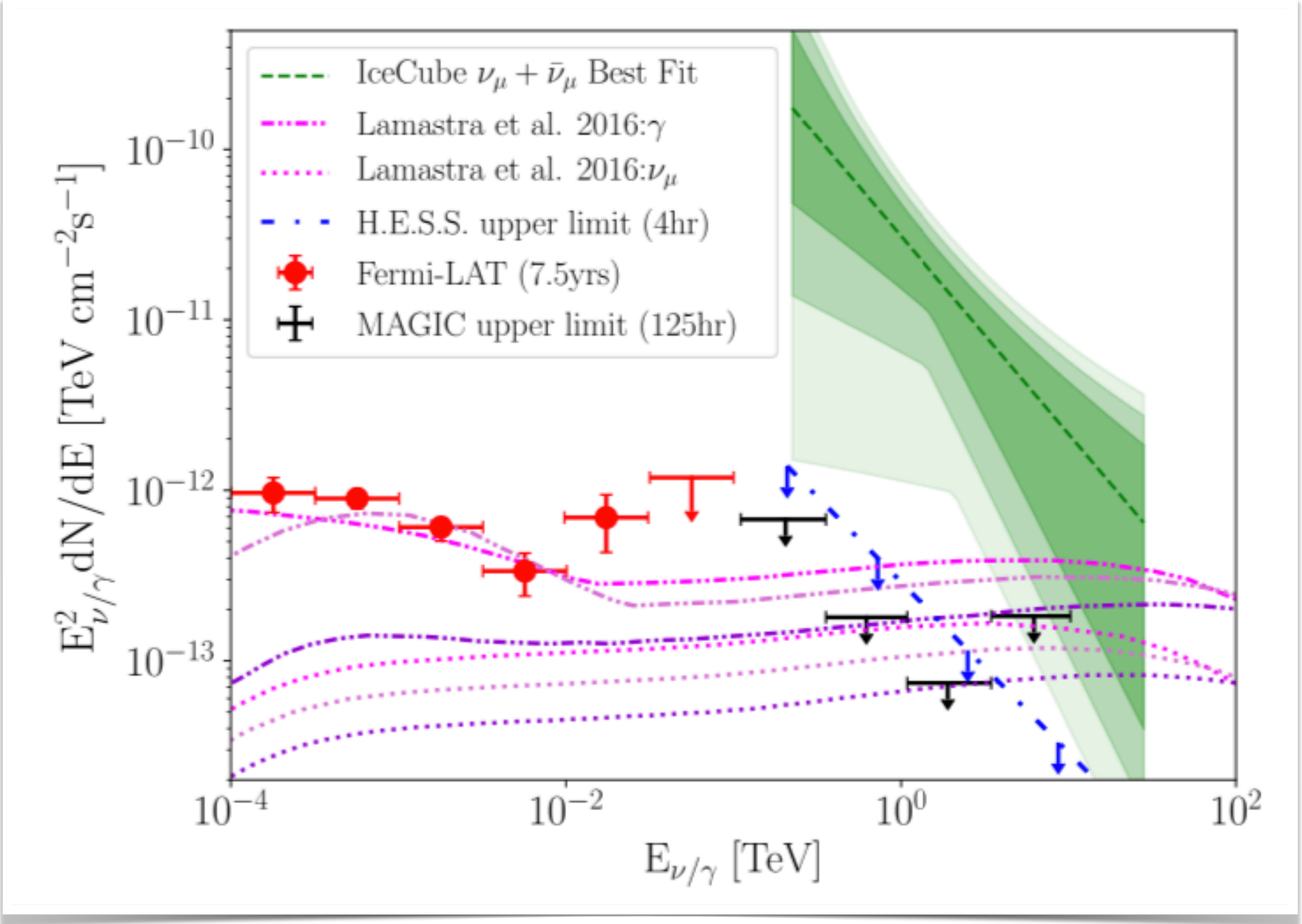


See more details in J. Lazar talk (Tuesday)

Gamma-ray's and Neutrinos From NGC 1068

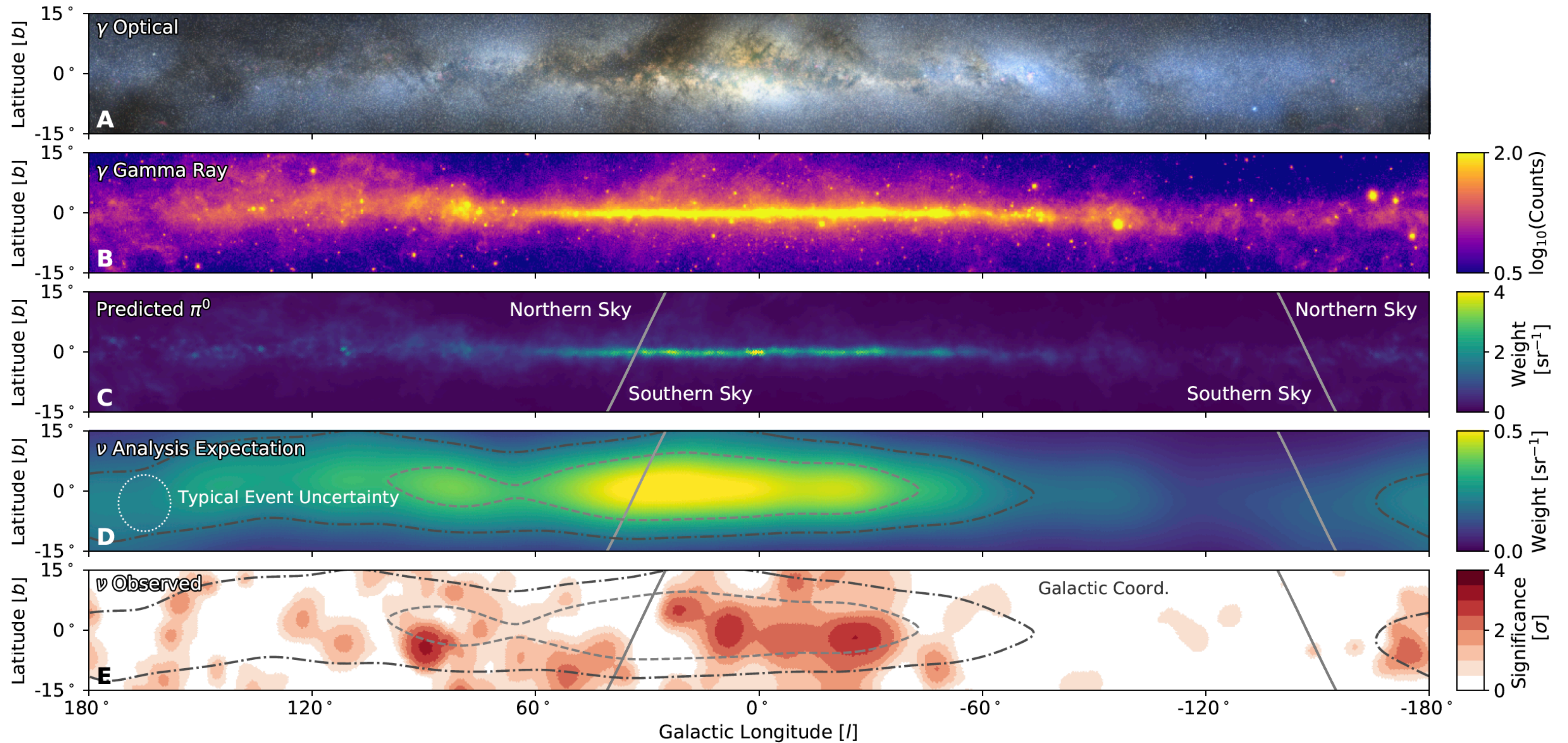
$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \propto \frac{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}}{\sigma_{p\gamma}} \tau_{p\gamma}$$

the gamma rays that accompany the neutrinos lose energy in the source



Neutrinos from Our Galaxy

IceCube Collaboration, Science, 2023

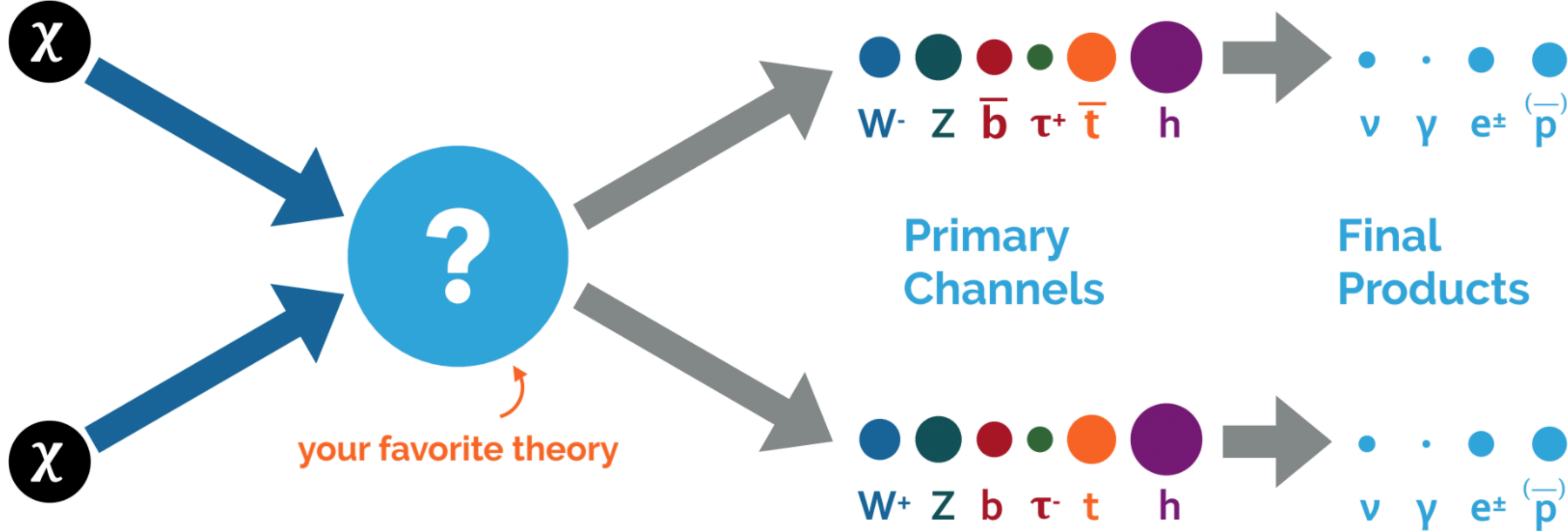


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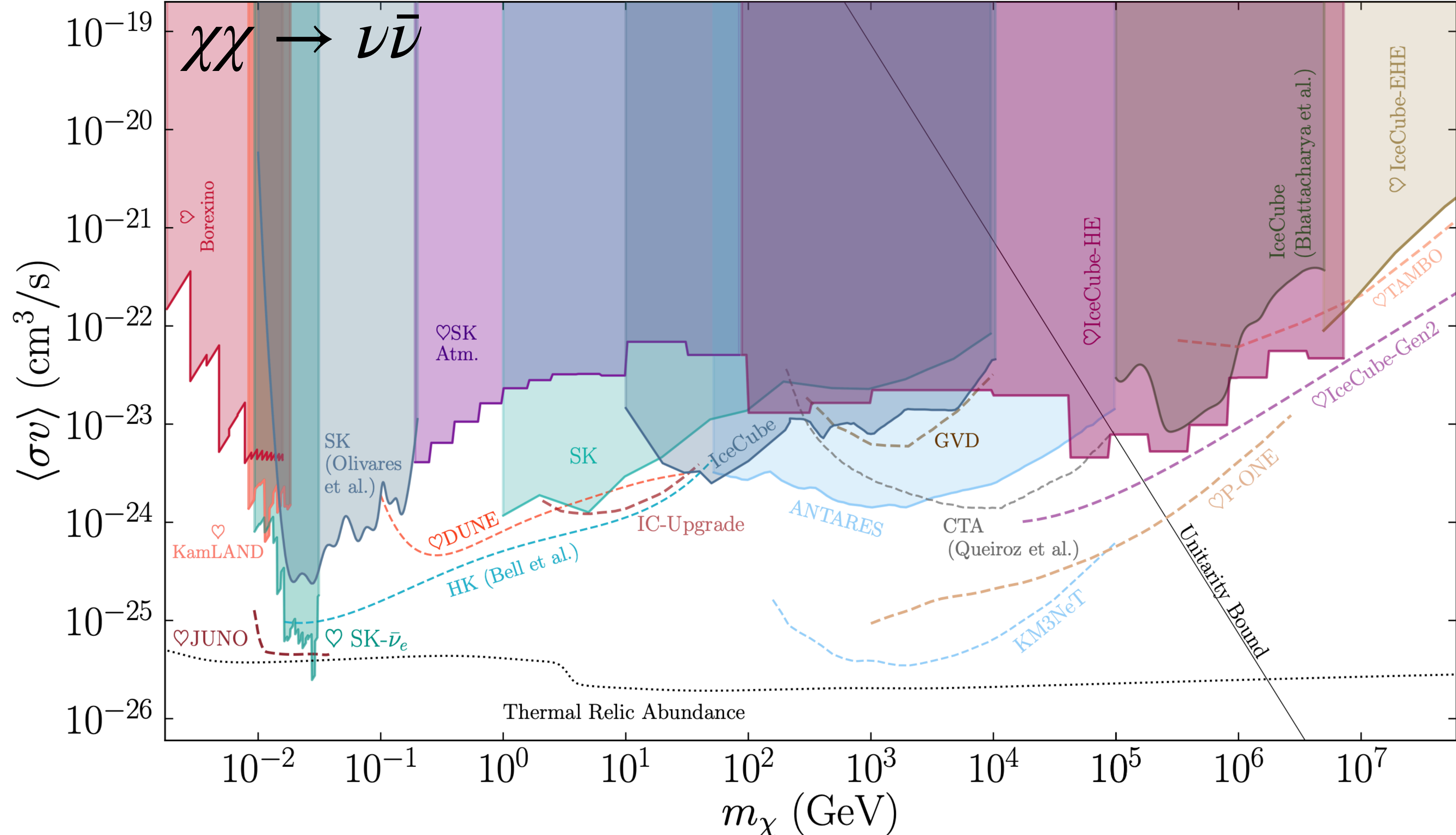


Dark matter annihilation



IceCube Collaboration 2205.12950.
 See also CA, H. Dujmovic arXiv
 1907.11193, Dekker et al
 1910.12917; Chianese et al.
 1907.11222; Sui & Bhupal Dev
 1804.04919; Feldstein et al
 1303.7320; Murase et al 1503.04663,
 Murase & Beacom 1206.2595 ...

Dark matter annihilation to neutrino: a largely unexplored frontier



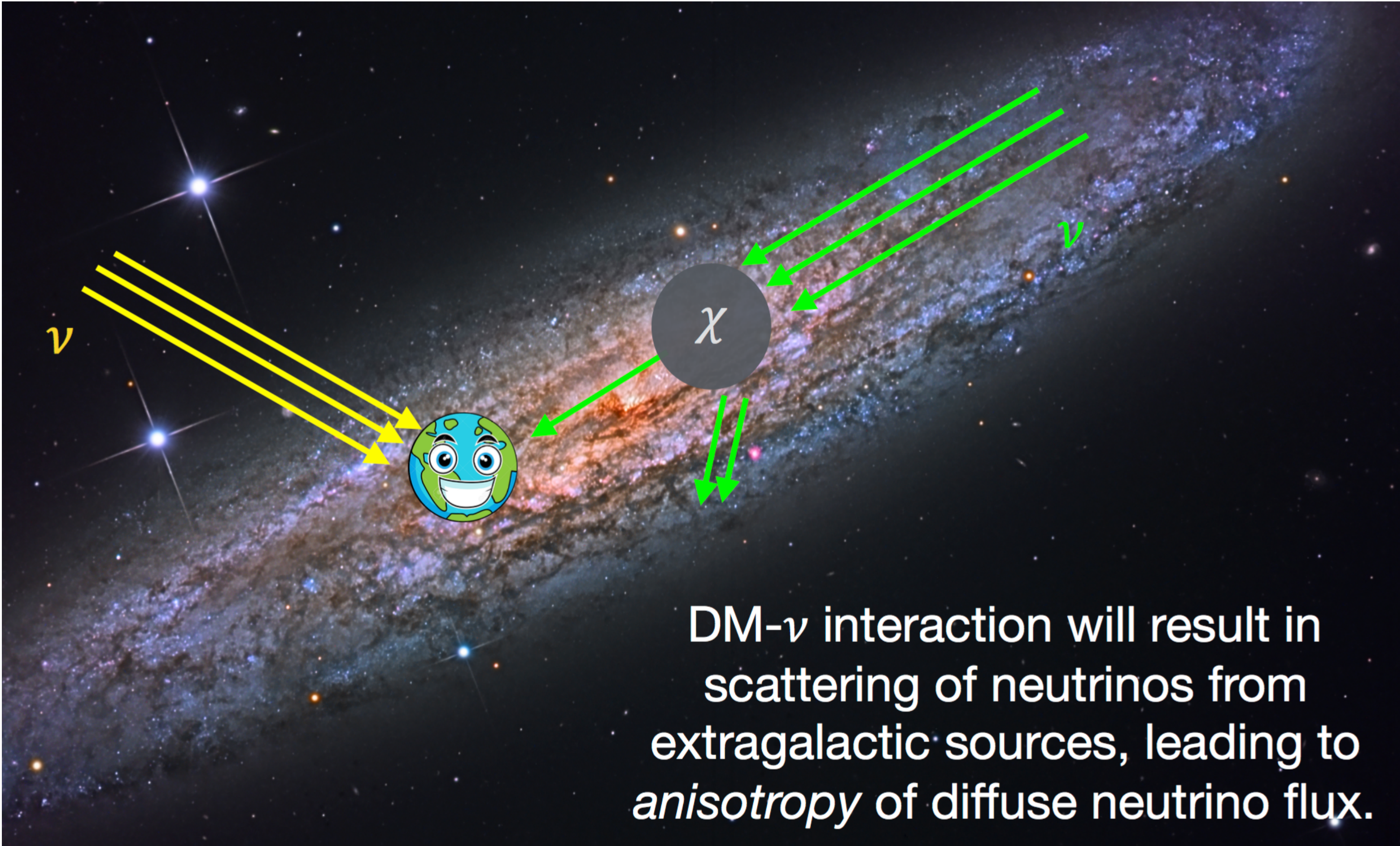
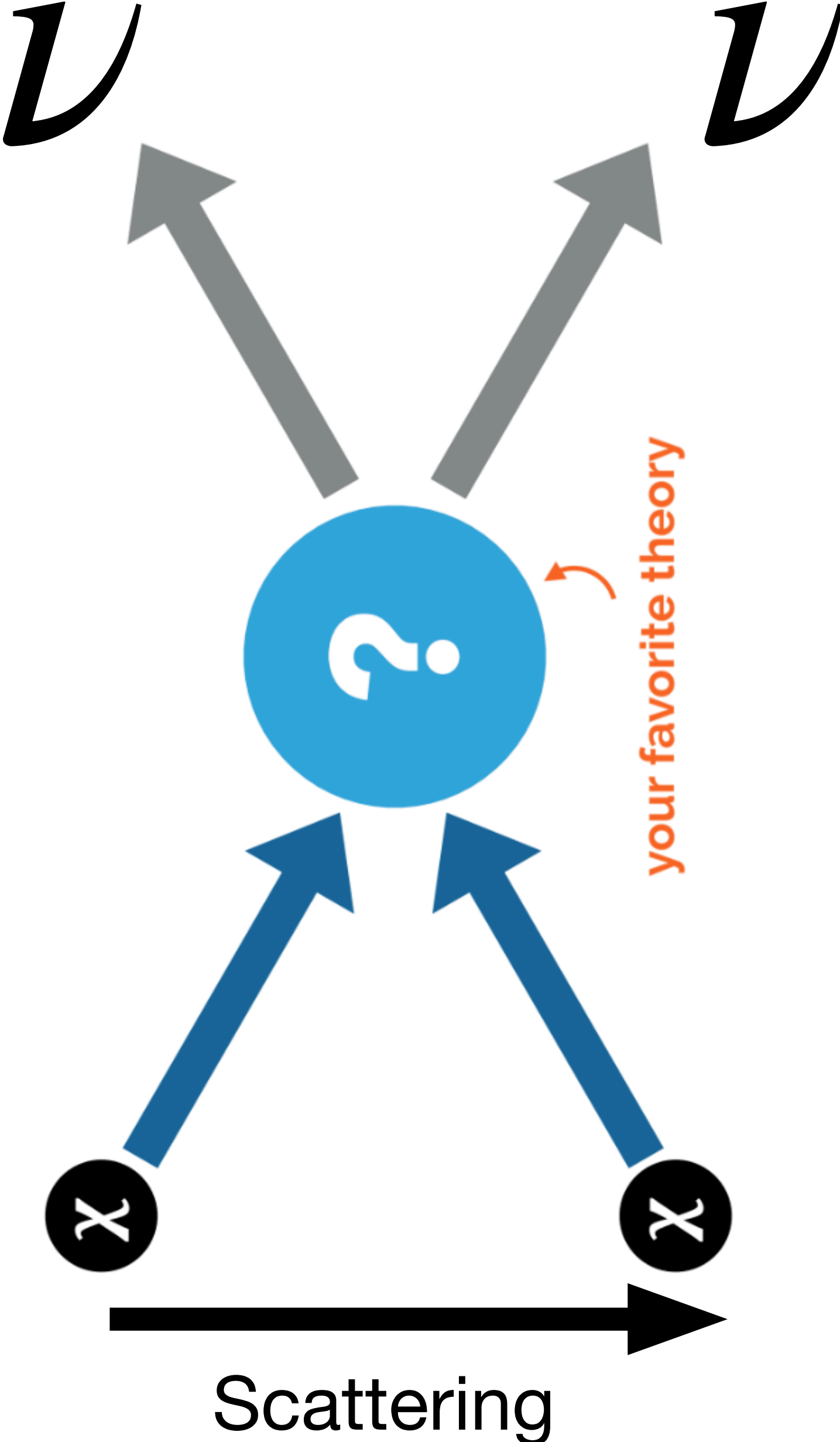
CA, A. Diaz, A. Kheirandish, A. Olivares-Del-Campo, I. Safa, A.C. Vincent *Rev. Mod. Phys.* 93, 35007 (2021);

See also Beacom et al. *PRL* 99: 231301, 2007.

See also CA, D. Delgado, A. Friedlander, A. Kheirandish, I. Safa, A.C. Vincent, H. White (arXiv:2210.01303) for a recent review focused on dark matter decay



Dark matter scattering with neutrinos

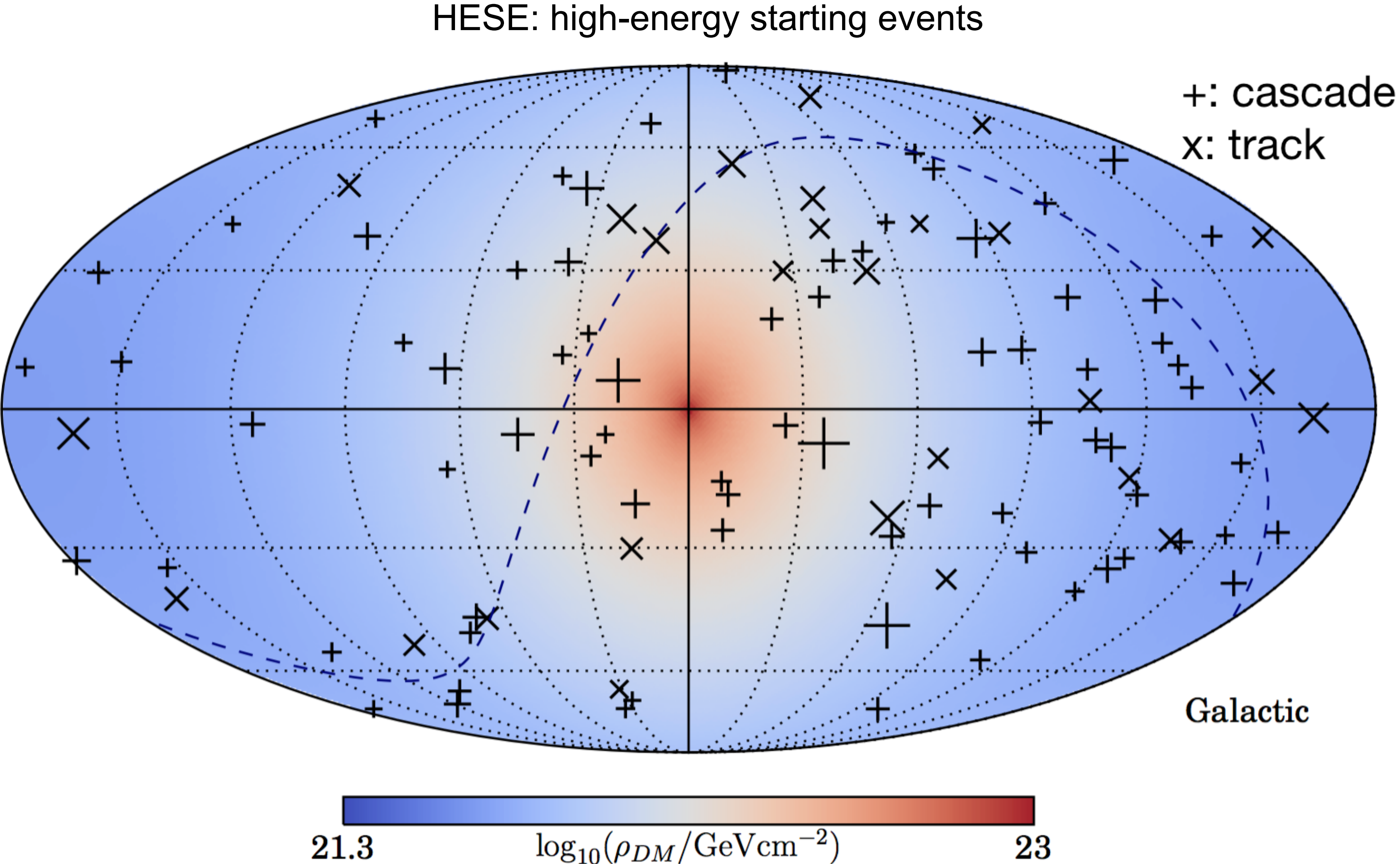
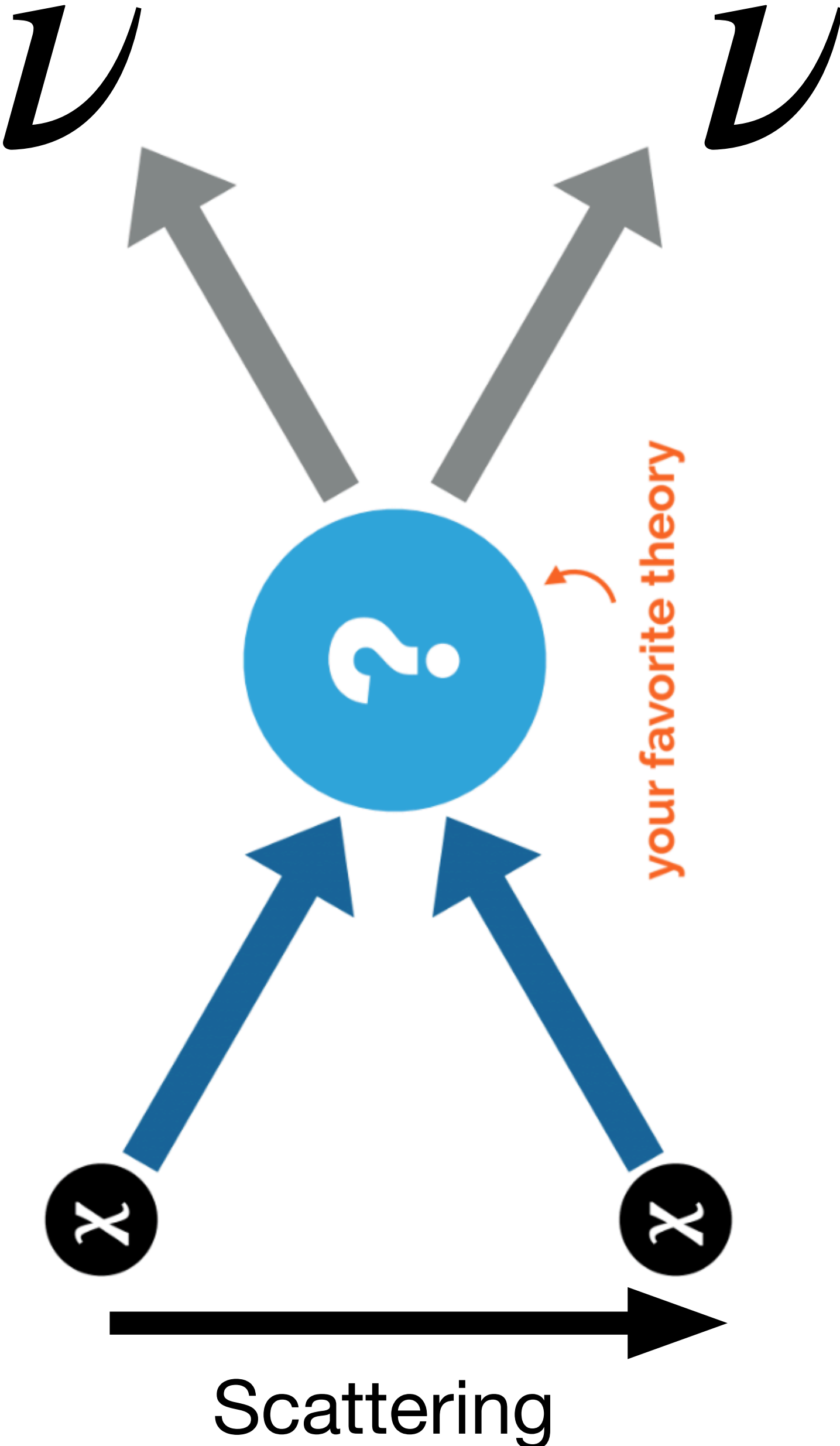


CA, A. Kheirandish & A. Vincent Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 201801



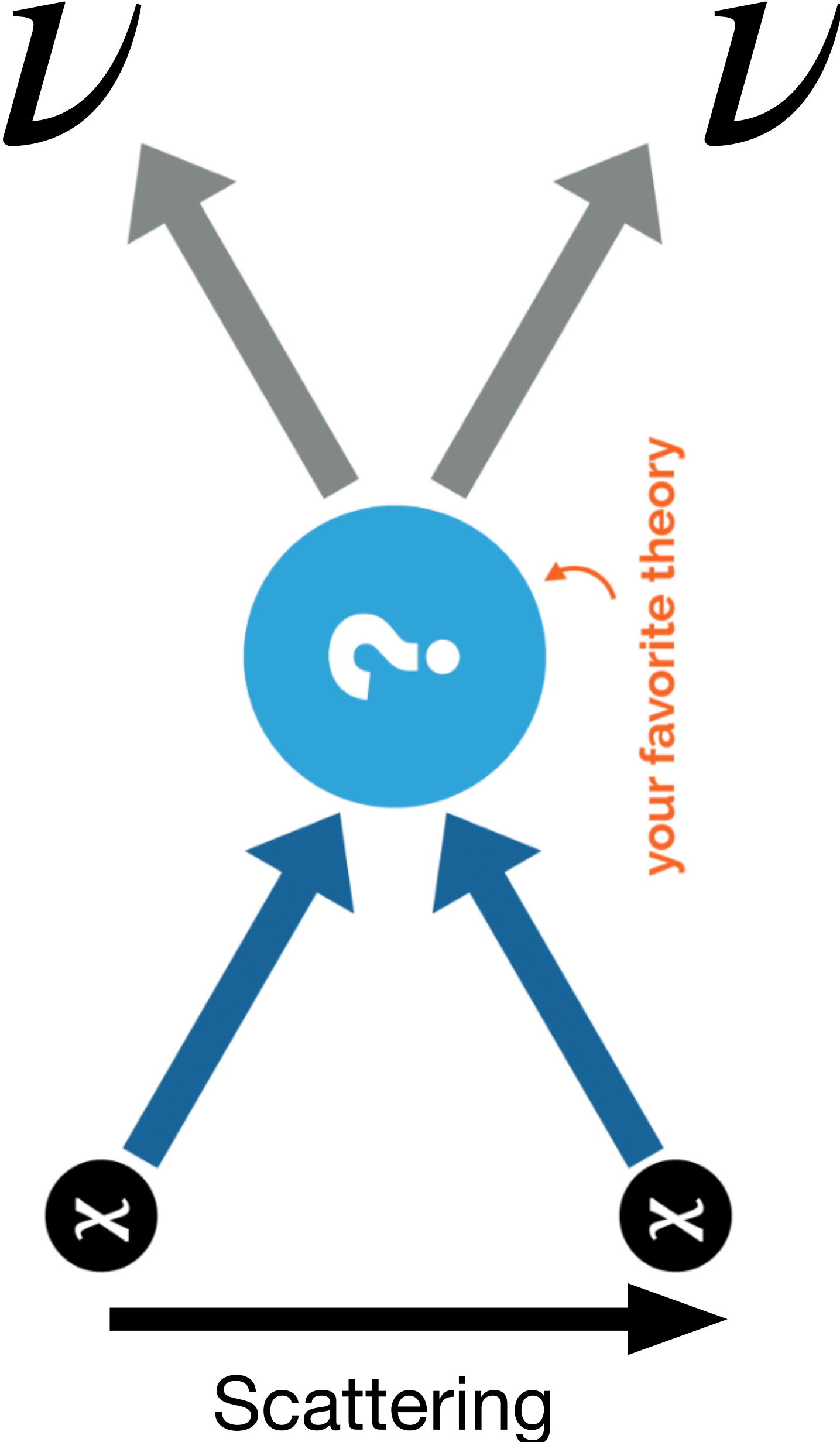
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IceCube Collaboration, arXiv:2205.12950

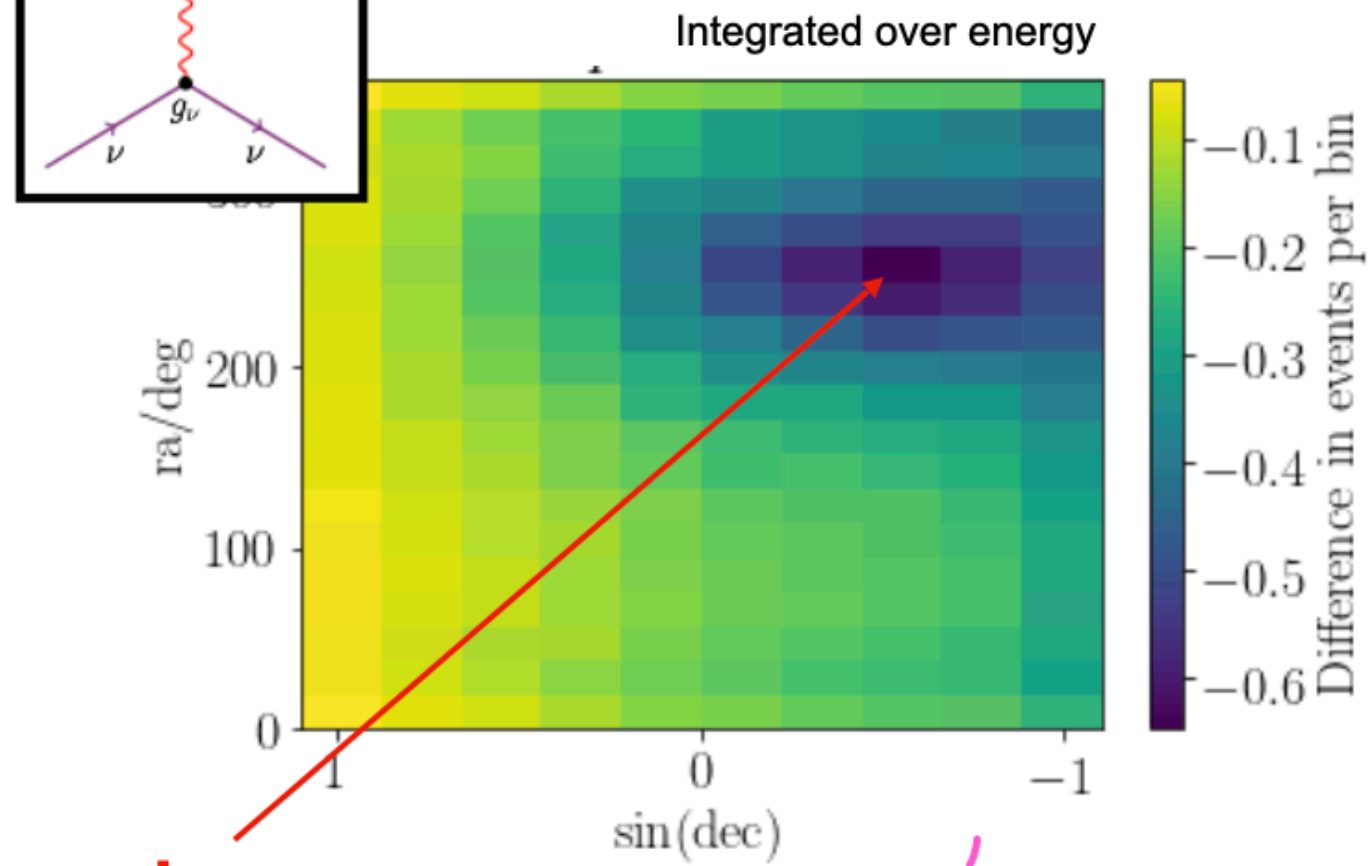
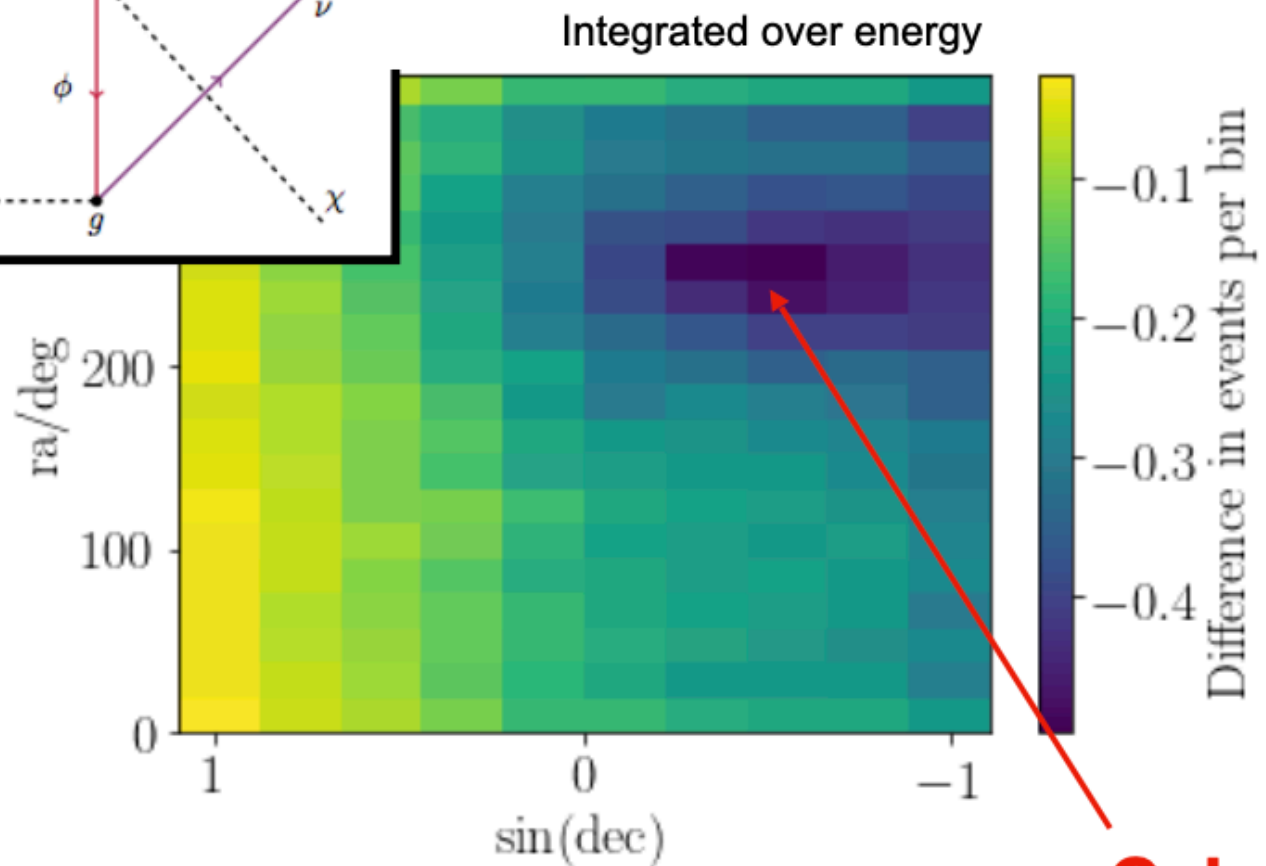
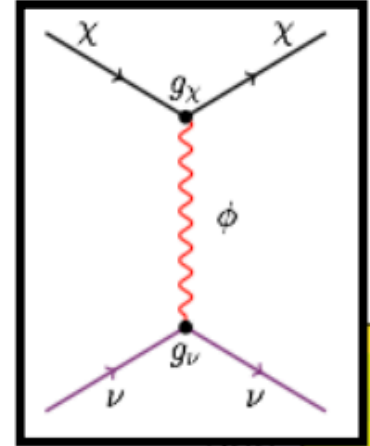
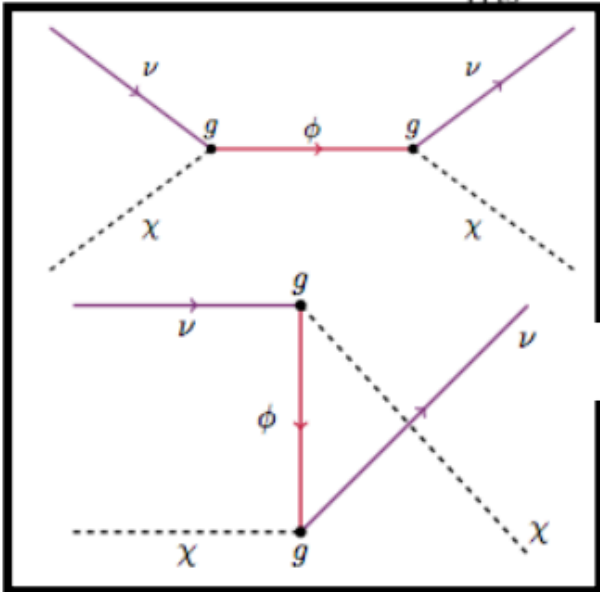
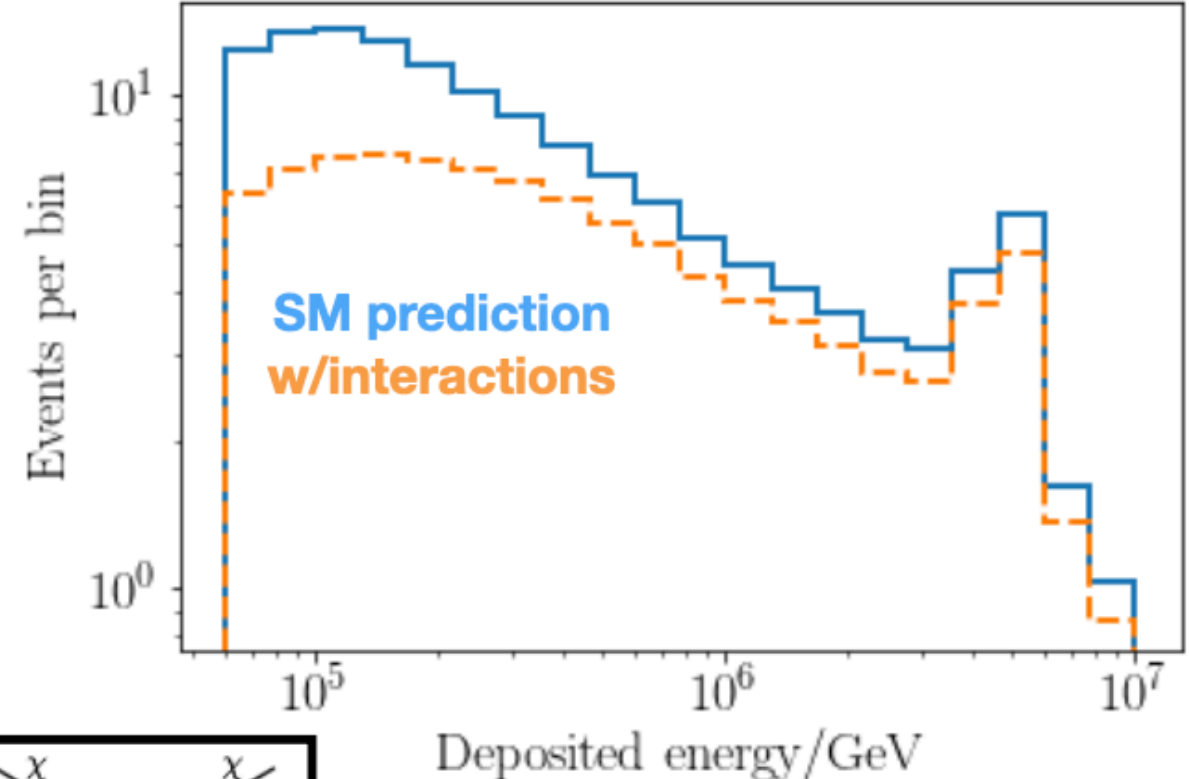
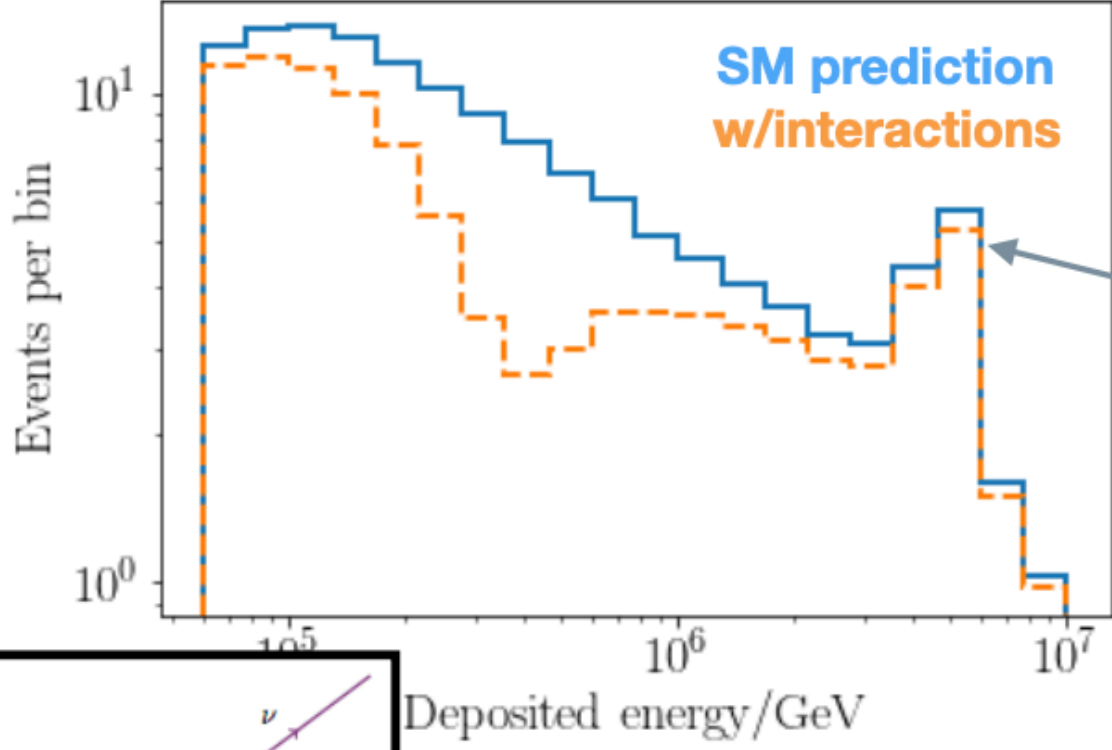


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Dark matter scattering with neutrinos



your favorite theory



Galactic center

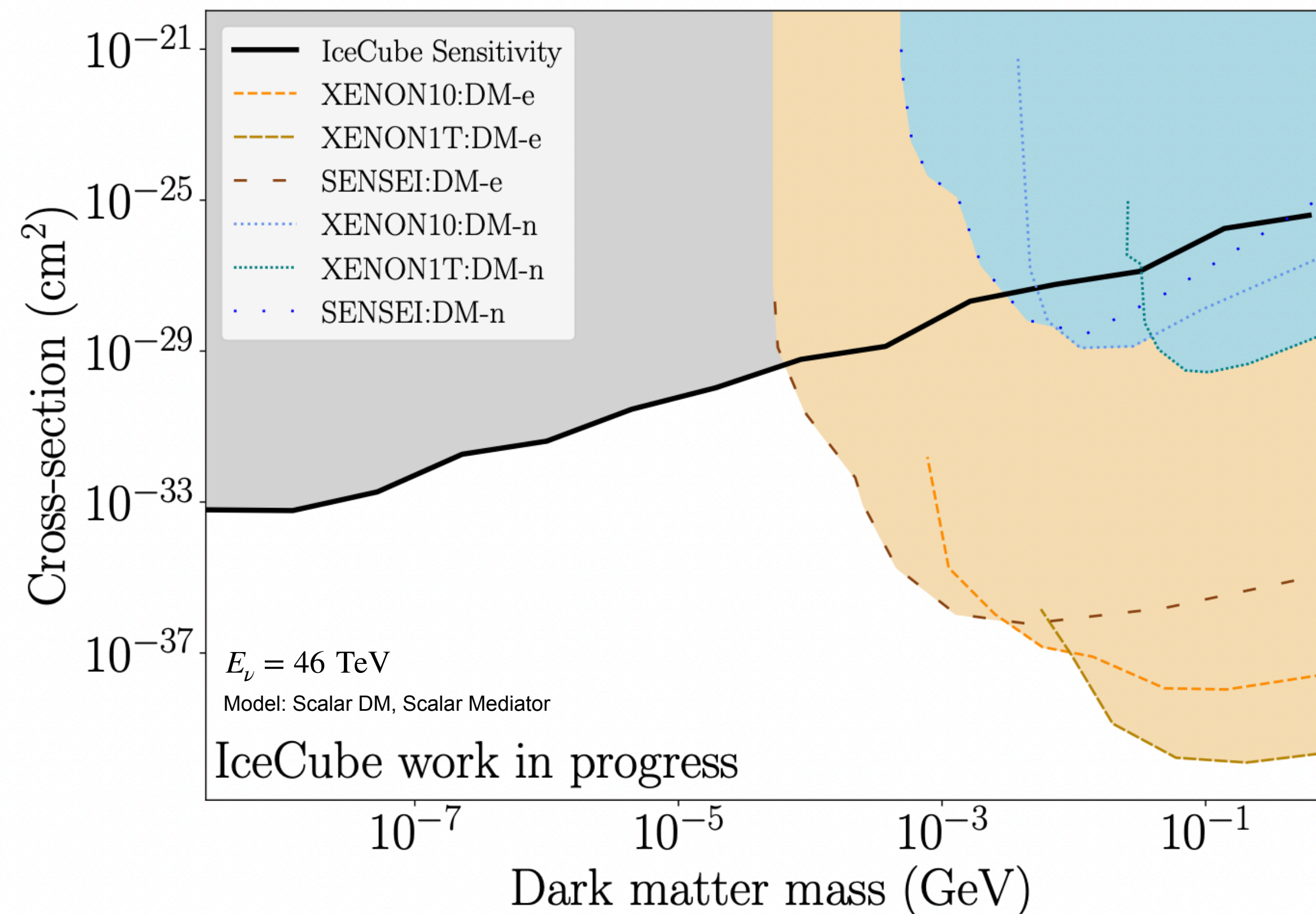
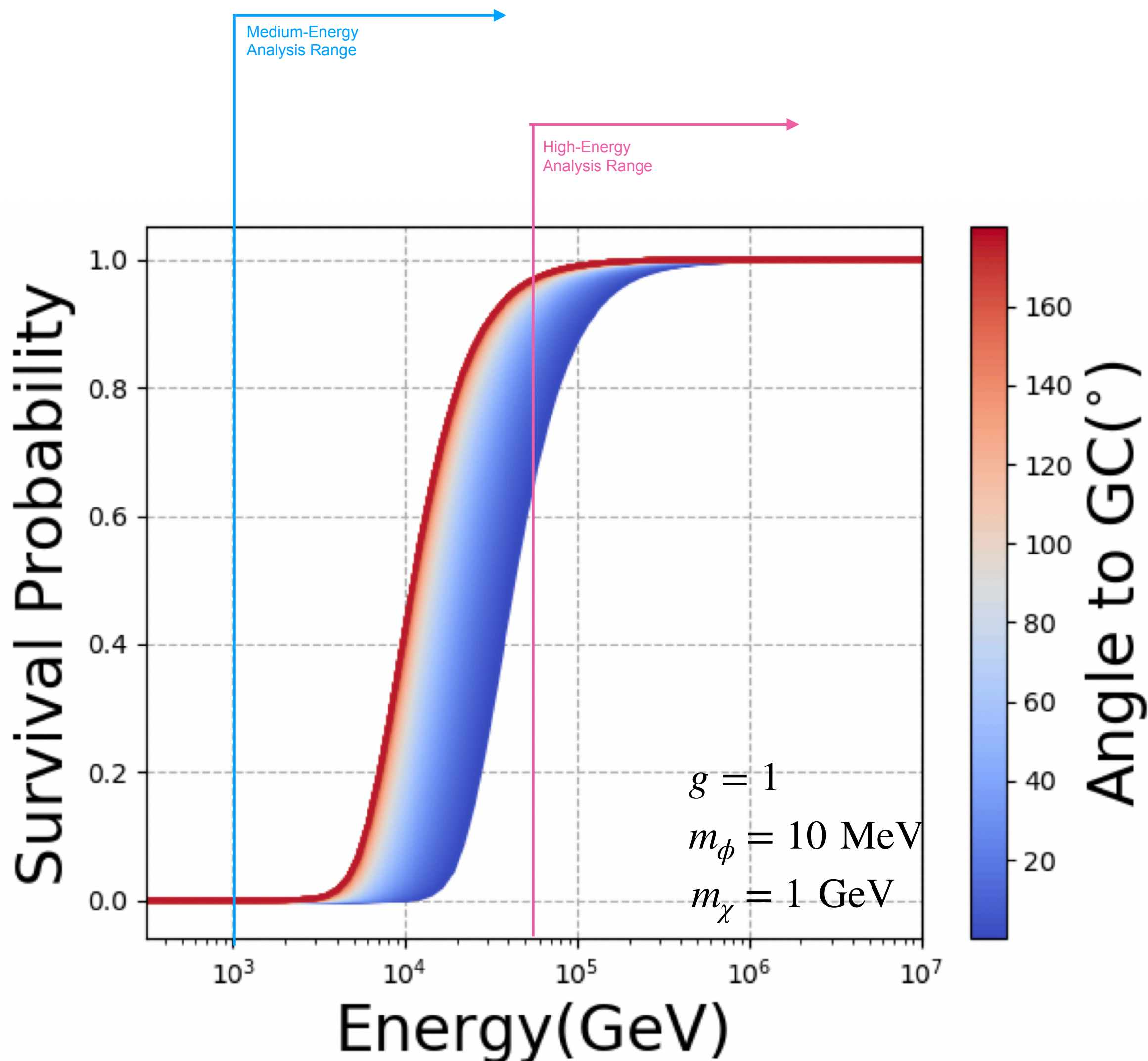
Constraints comparable to cosmology

Dark matter scattering with neutrinos: new analysis!



Work by Diya Delgado

A. McMullen, A. Vincent, CA, A. Schneider arXiv:2107.11491

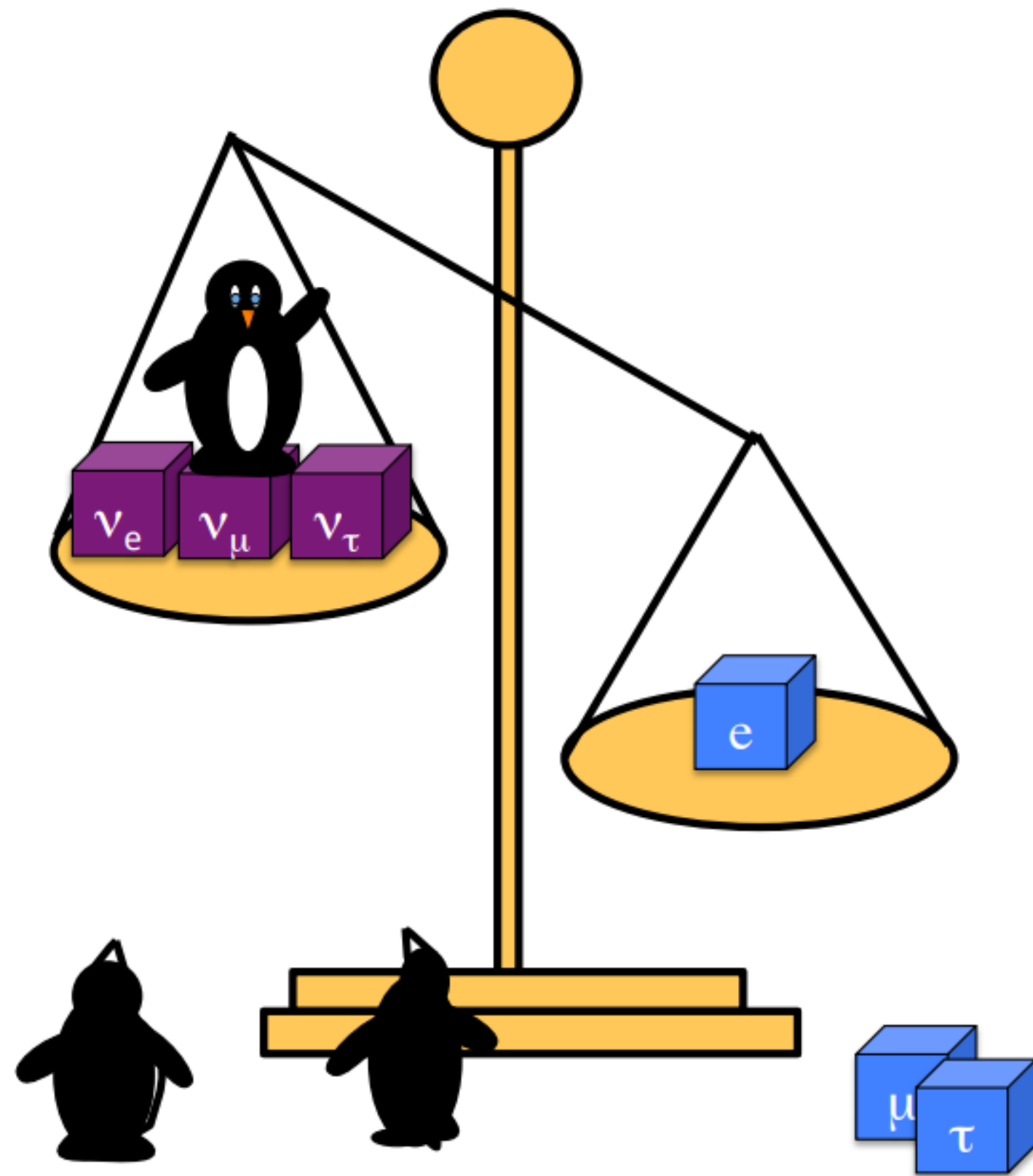


Larger sample sizes data sets yet to be used for these searches.
 Only IceCube's High-Energy Starting Events used so far.

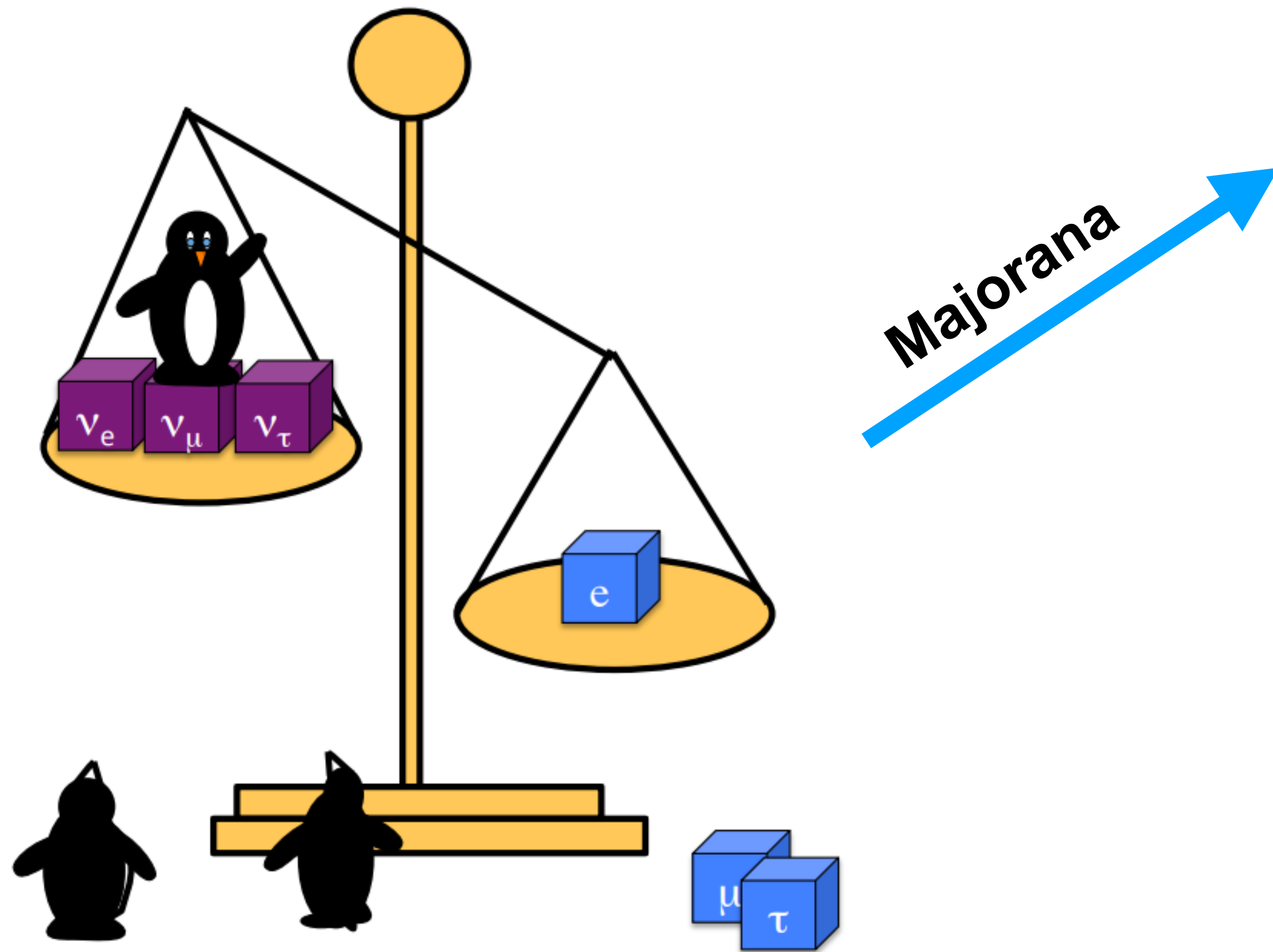
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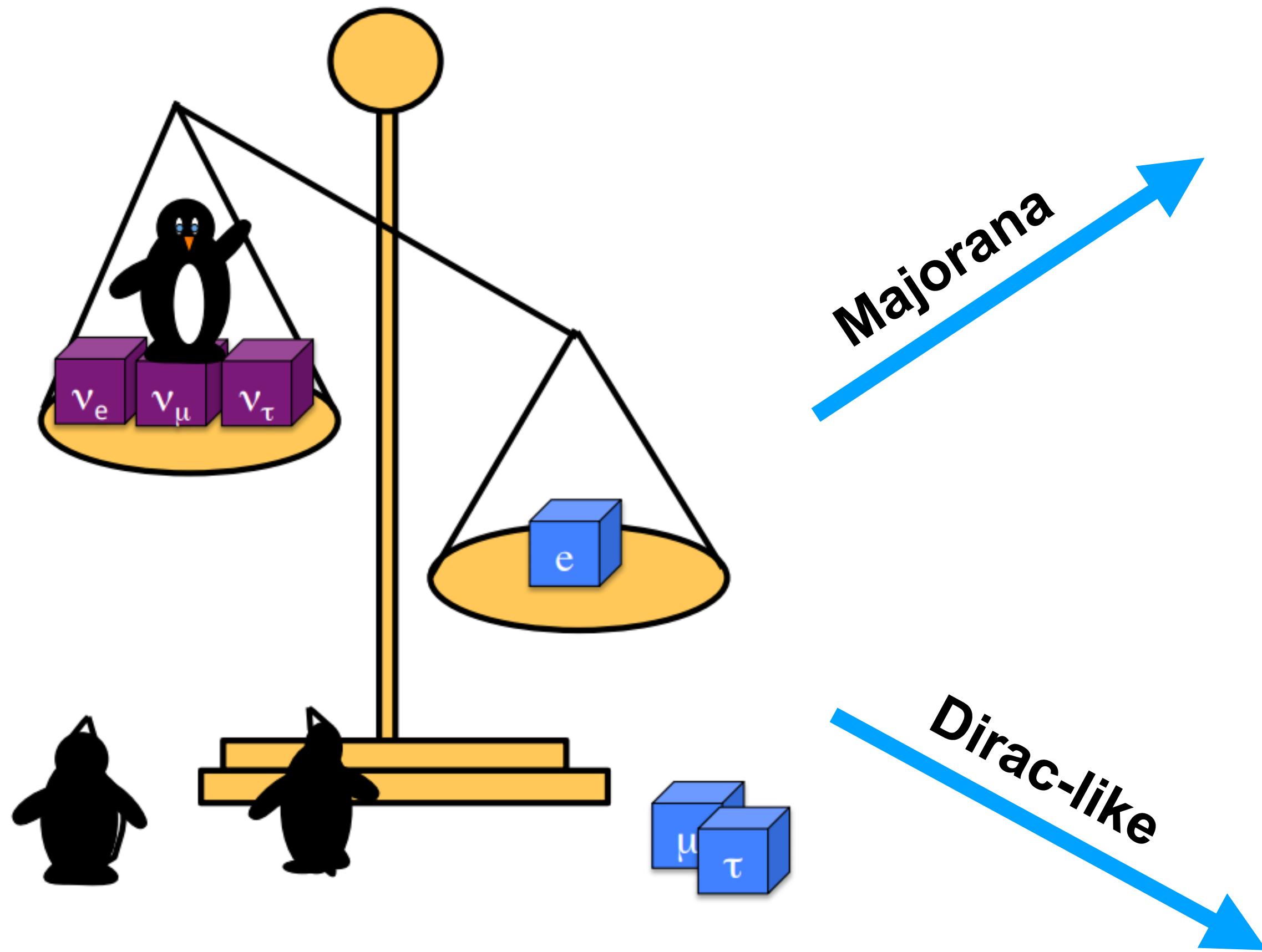
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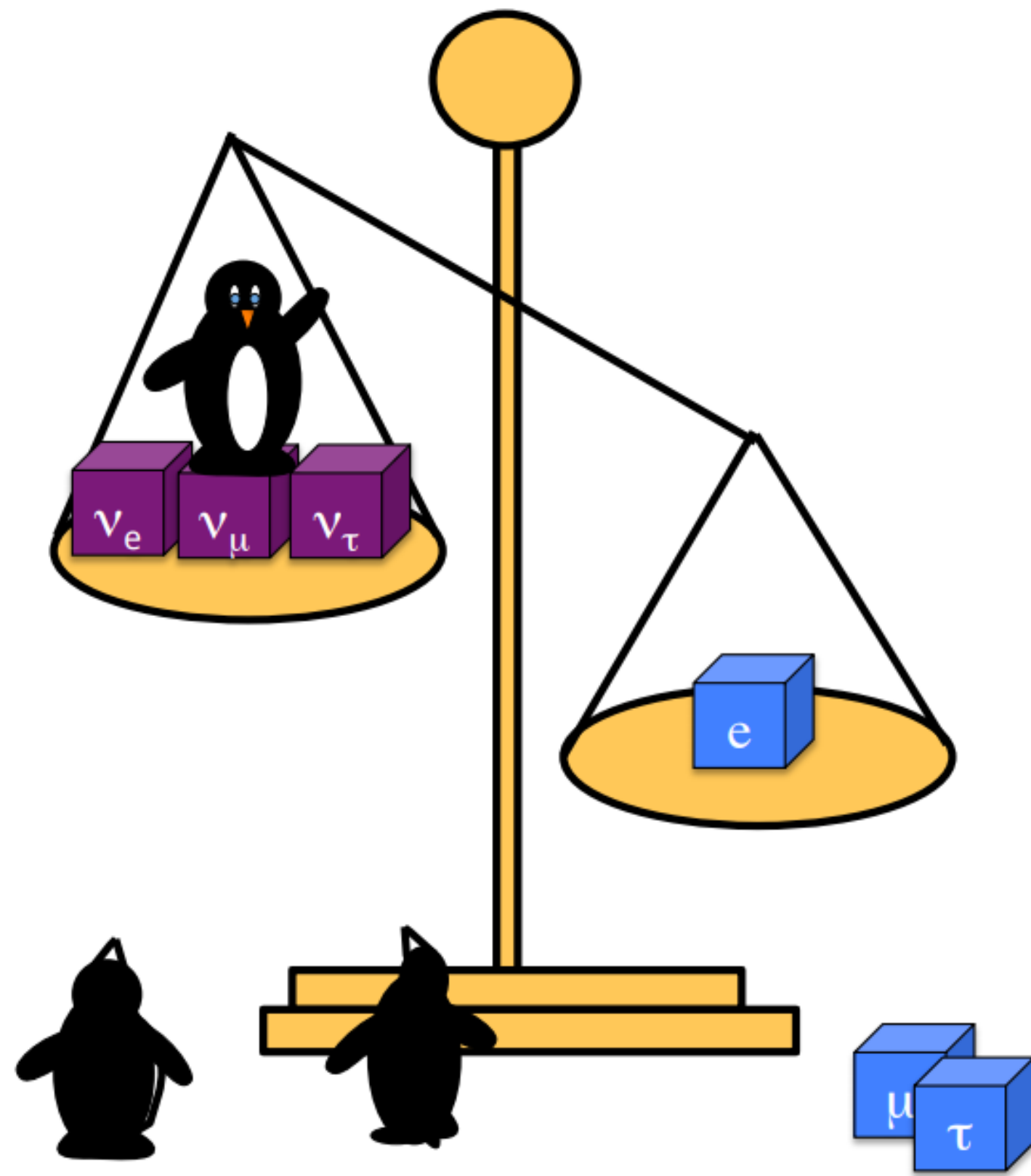
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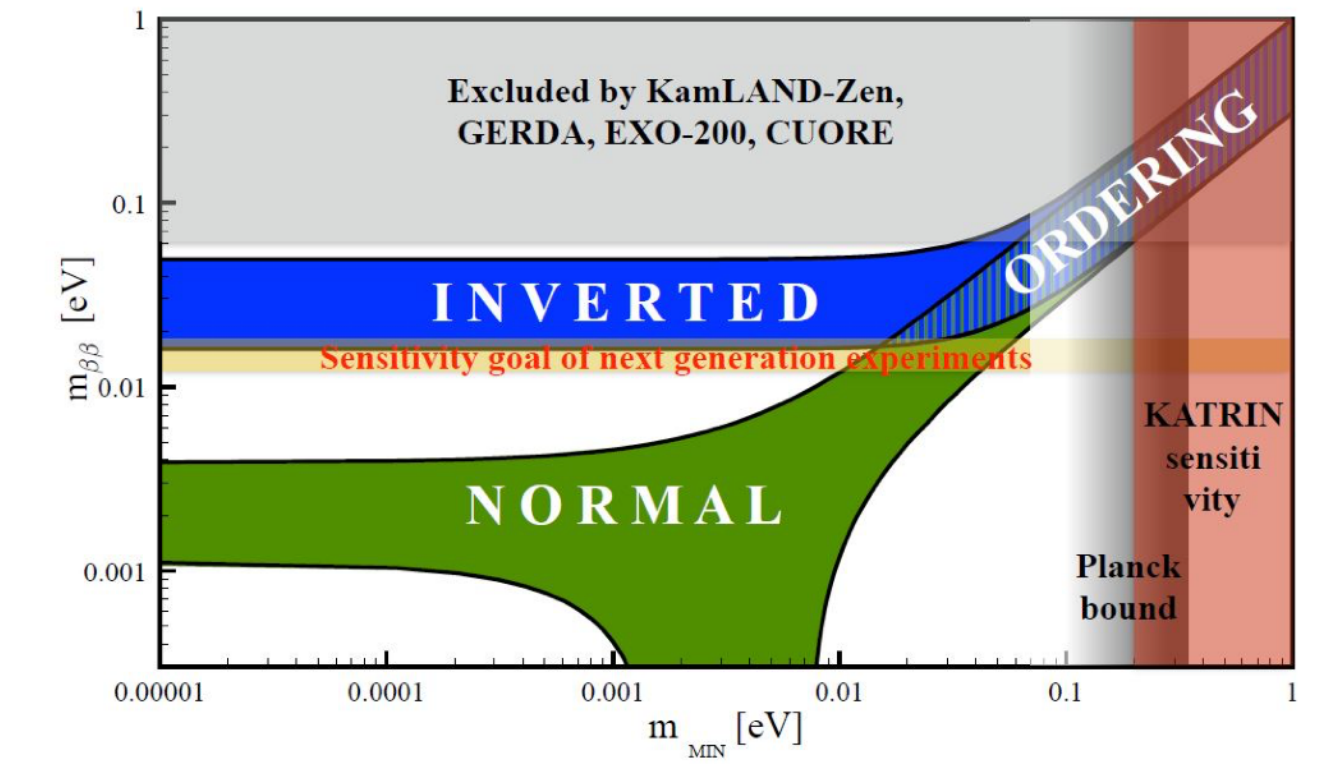
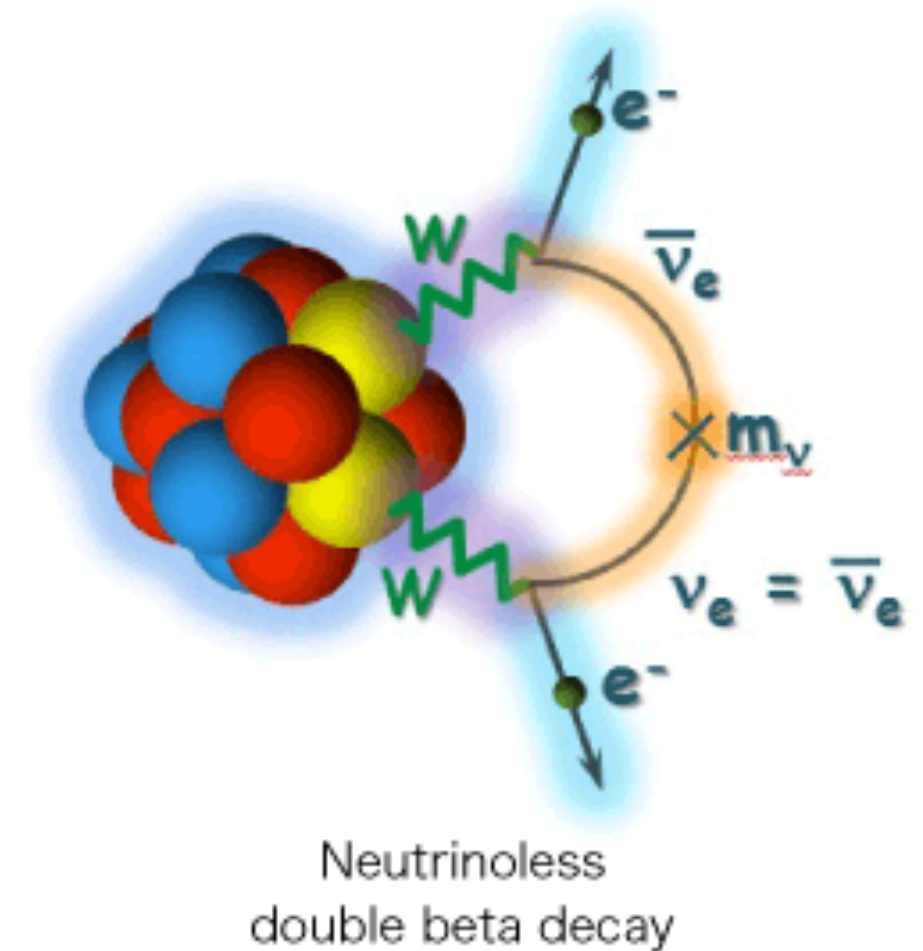


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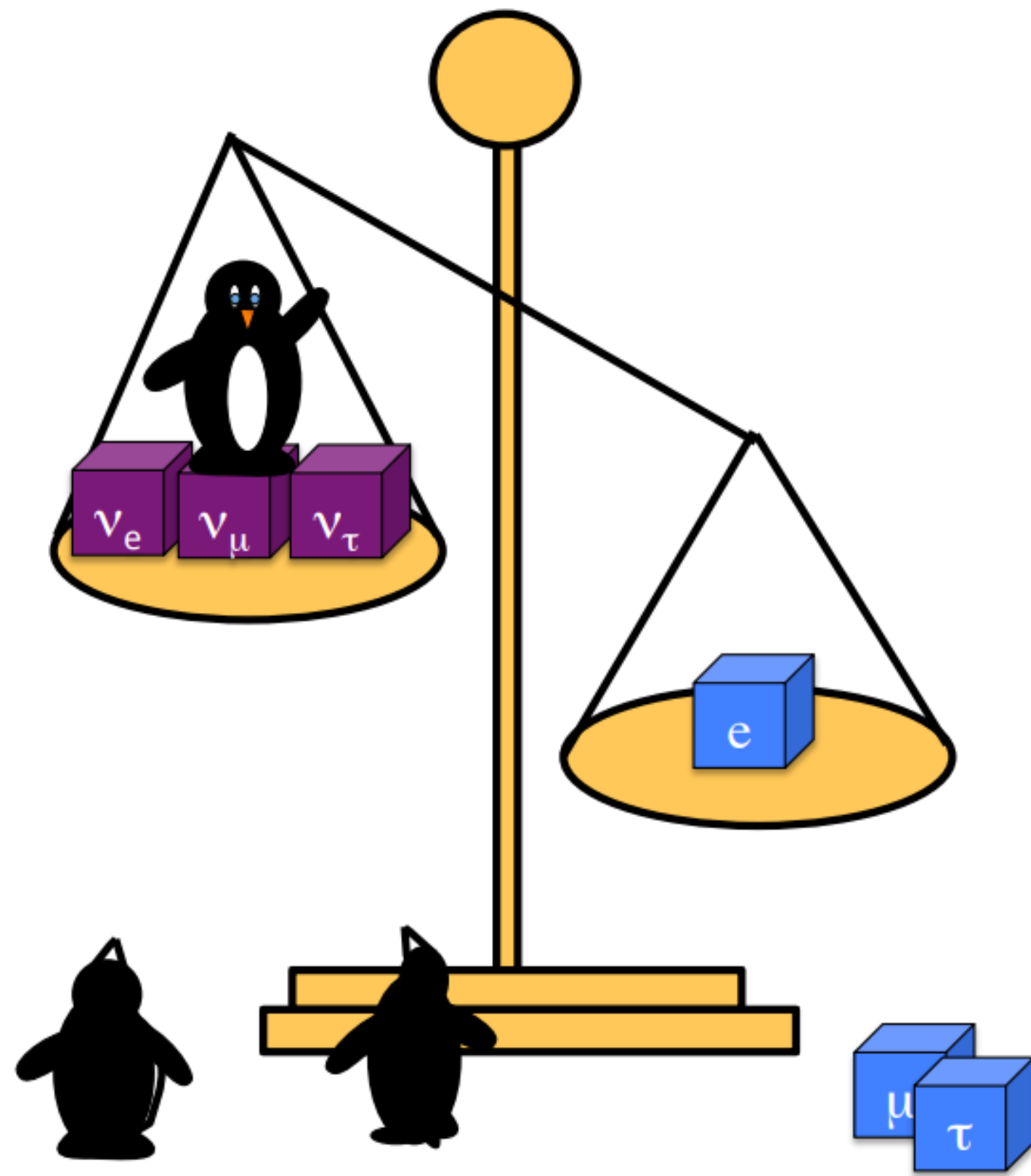


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Dirac-like

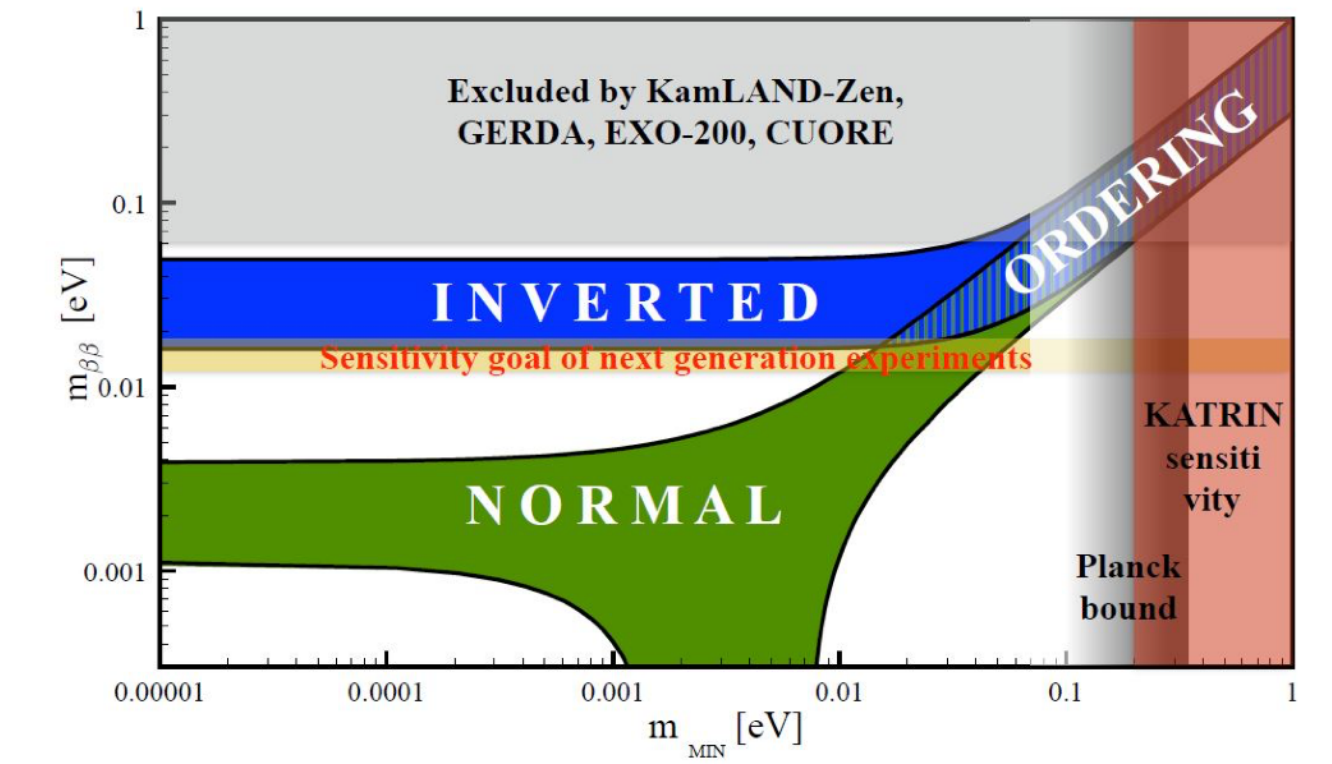
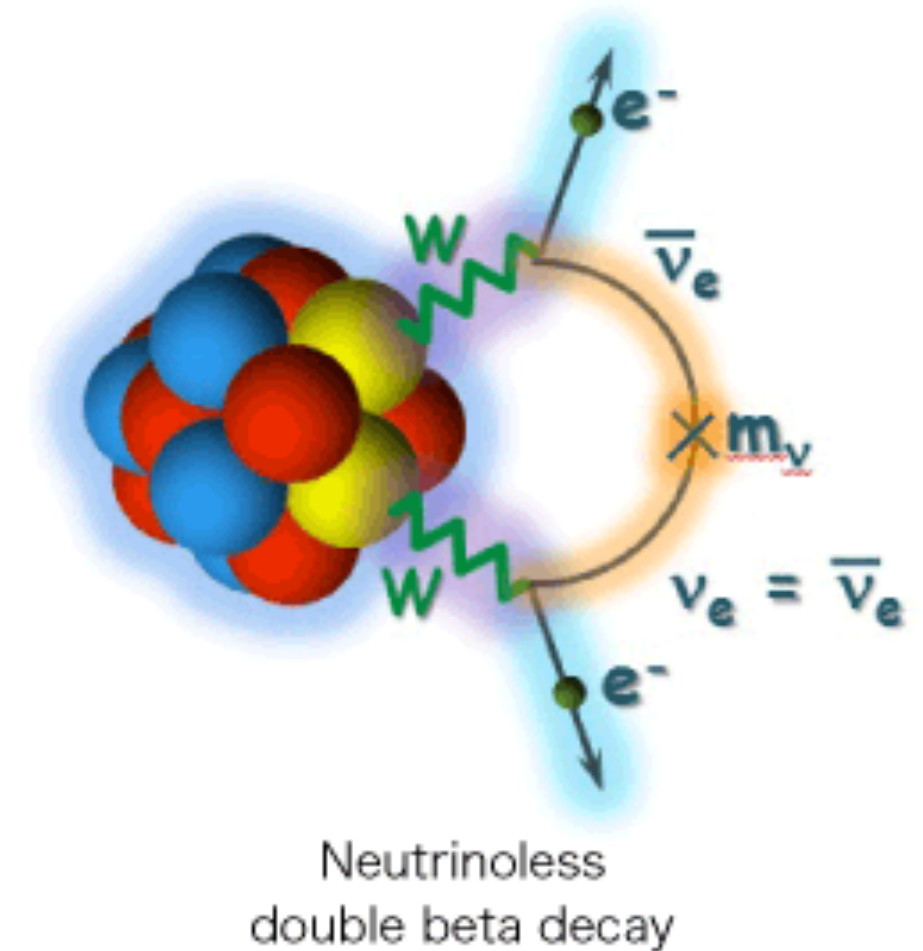


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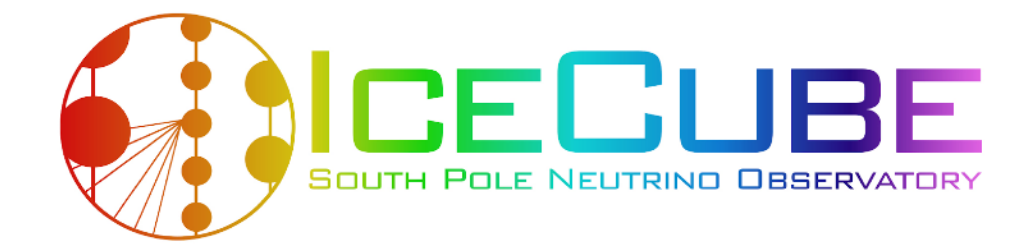
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Dirac-like



If exactly Dirac: combine measurements from Cosmology or direct neutrino mass measurements and neutrinoless double beta decay.

If Quasi-Dirac: ultra long-baseline neutrino oscillation measurements



Quasi-Dirac Neutrino Model

Carloni, Martínez-Soler, CA, Babu, Bhupal Dev arXiv:2212.00737

Beacom et al, 2003 (arXiv:hep-ph/0307151)

Shoemaker & Murase, 2015 (arXiv:1512.07228)

Esmaili, 2012

$$L_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} \Psi_L^\dagger C M \Psi_L \quad \Psi_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\alpha L} \\ (\nu_{\alpha R})^c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0_3 & M_D \\ M_D & M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Expected to be the dominant contribution if neutrinos are Dirac-like

Lepton-number breking term.

Dirac neutrinos: $M_R = 0$

See-saw scenario: $M_R \gg M_D$

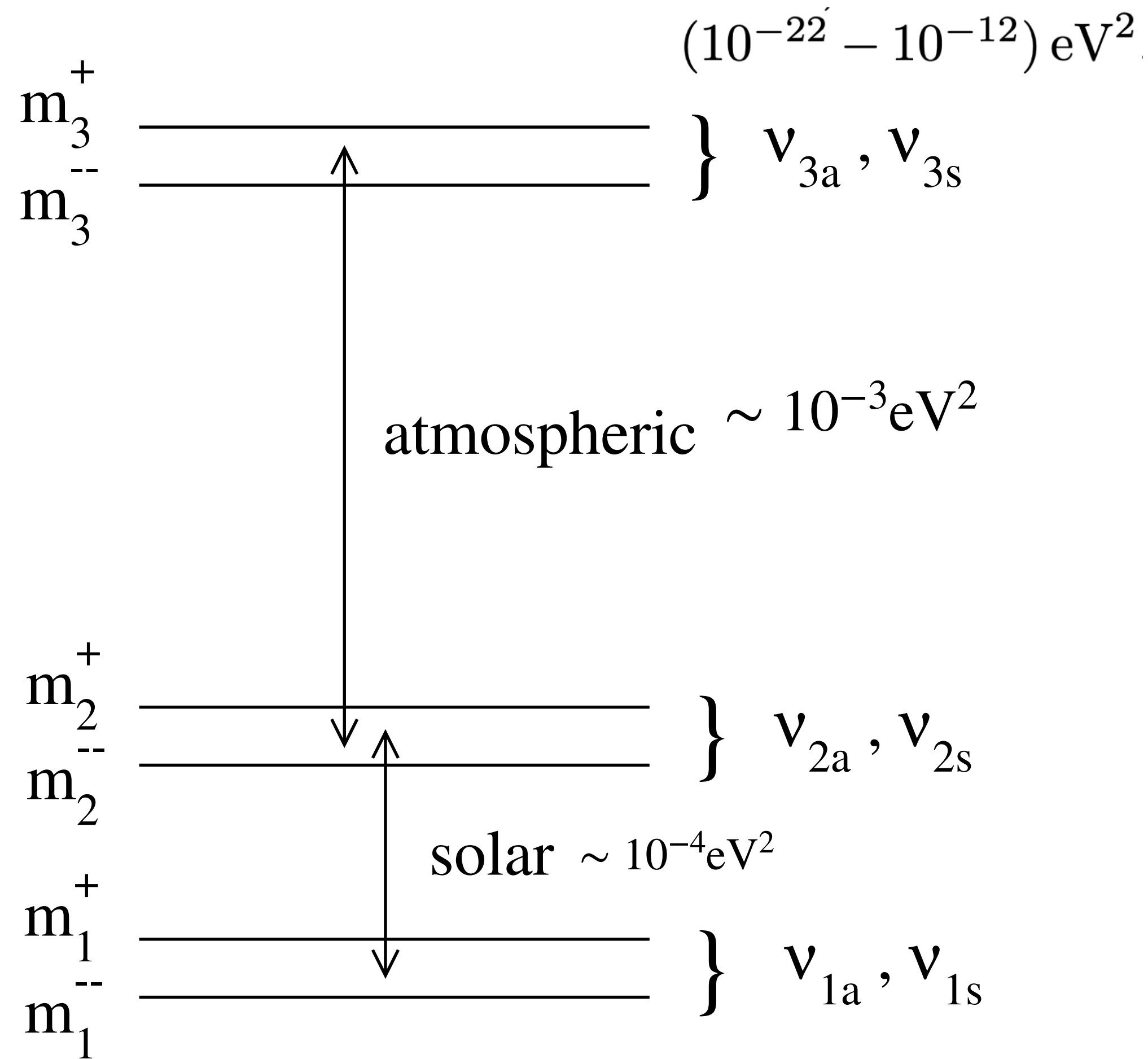
Quasi-Dirac scenario: $M_R \ll M_D$

J. W. Valle Phys.Rev.D 28 (1983) 540

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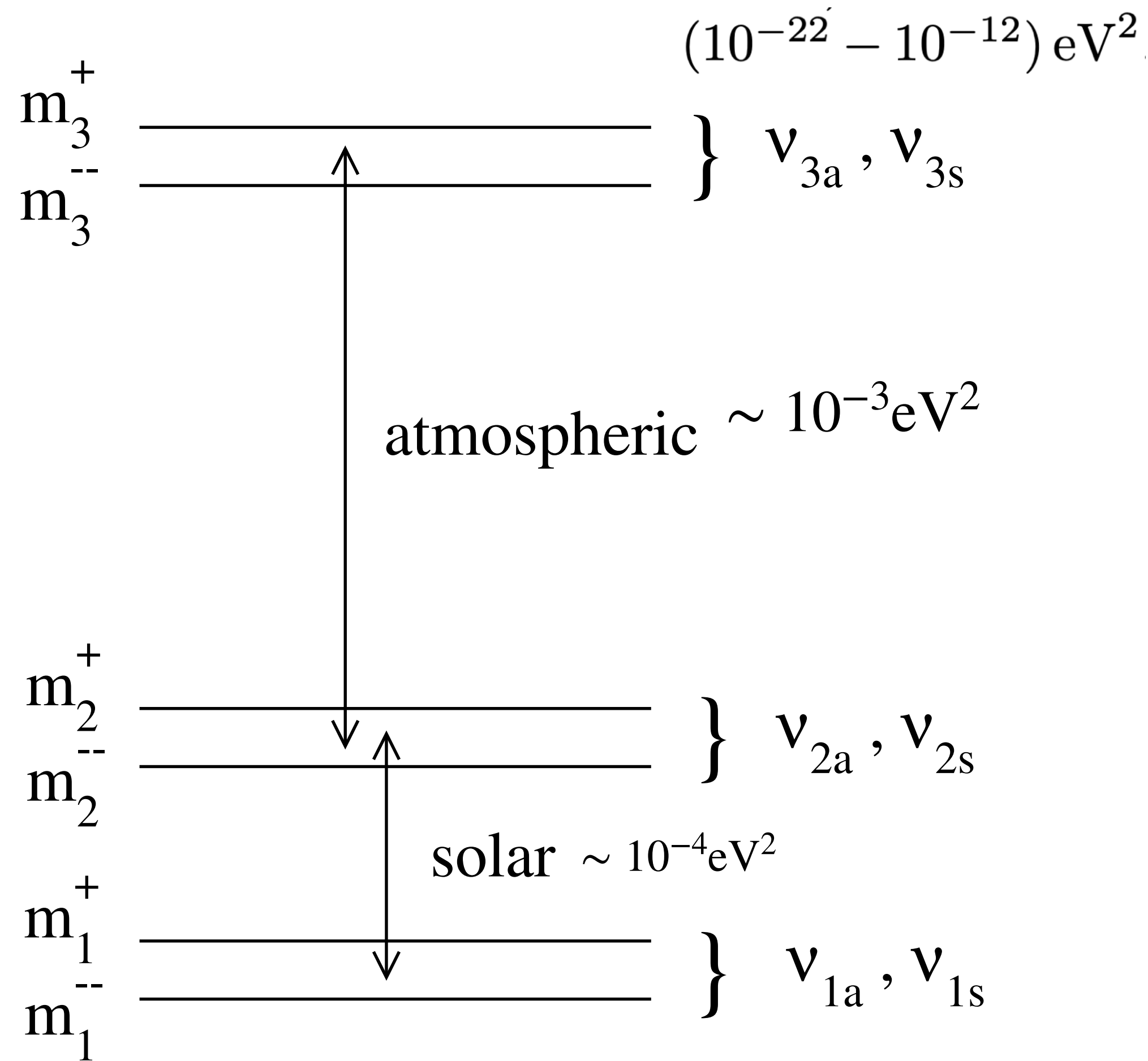
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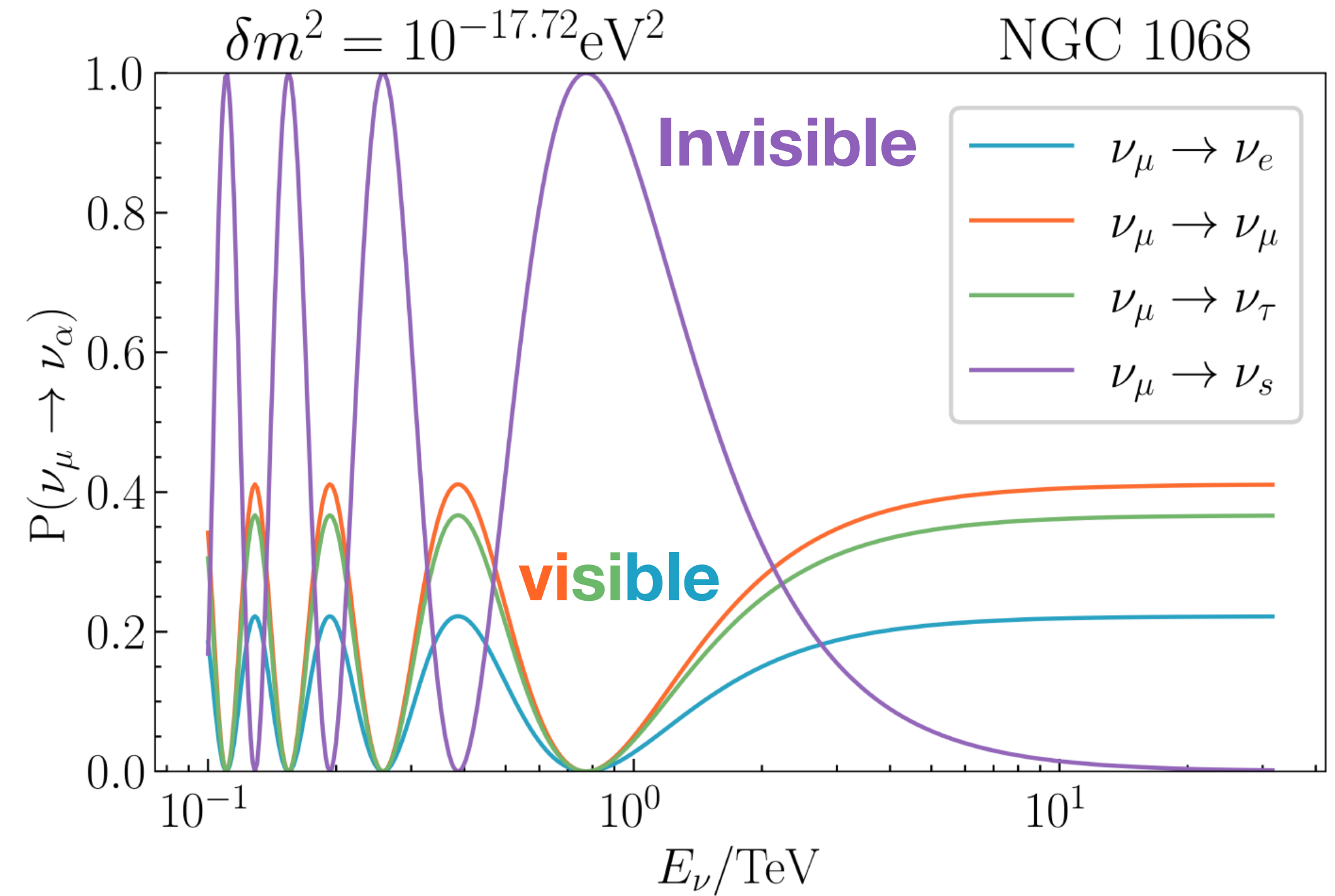


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$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 |U_{\beta j}|^2 |U_{\alpha j}|^2 \left[1 + \cos \left(\frac{\delta m_j^2 L_{\text{eff}}}{2E_\nu} \right) \right]$$



Carlioni, Martínez-Soler, CA, Babu, Bhupal Dev arXiv:2212.00737

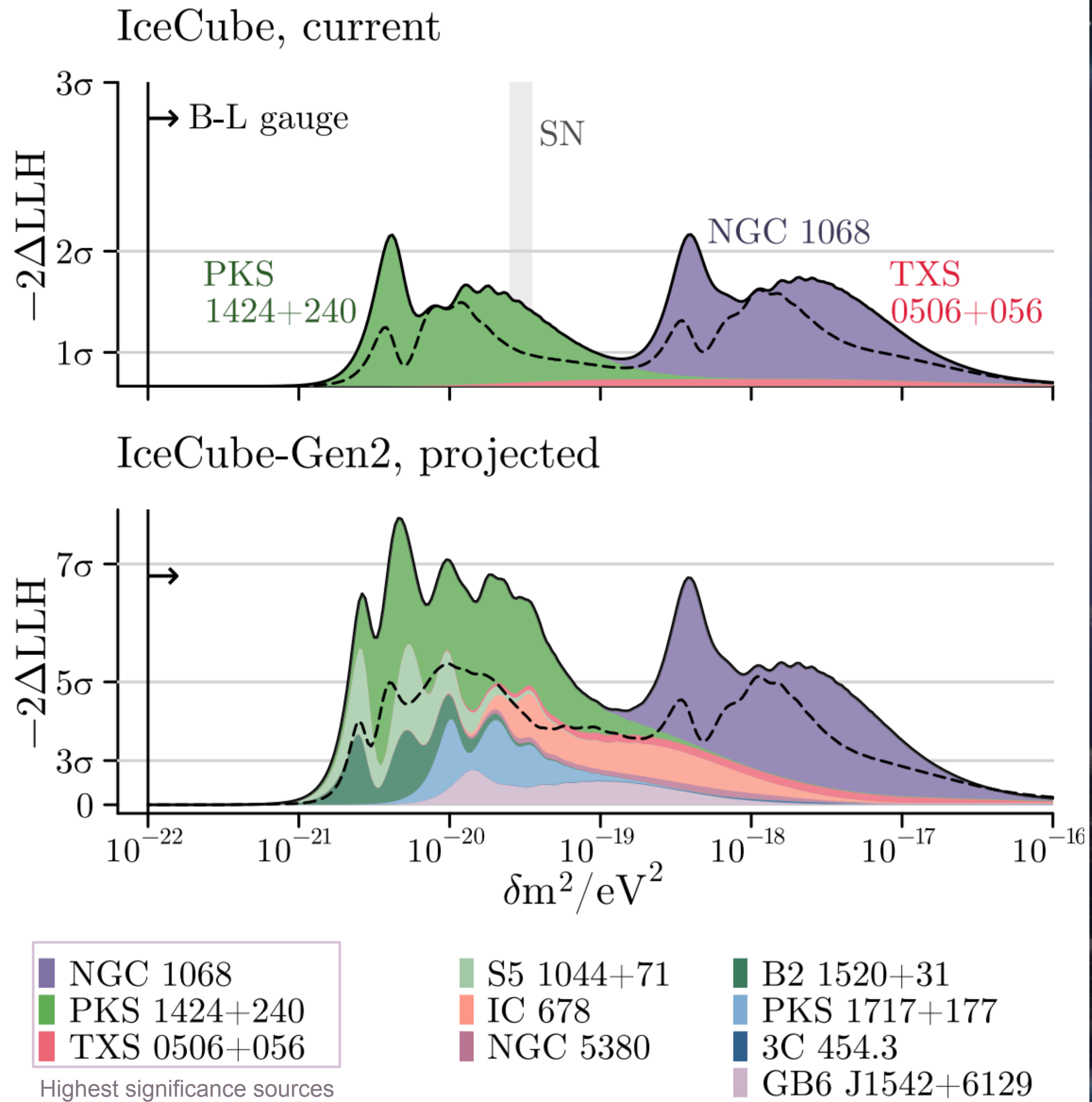
Neutrino Oscillations At Cosmic Scales

NGC 1068

$$L_{\text{osc}}^{\text{eff}} \sim E / \delta m^2$$



Neutrino Oscillations At Cosmic Scales



Work by Kiara Carloni and Ivan Martinez-Soler

Search for Lorentz Violation via Flavor Morphing

As neutrinos travel from their far away source they can interact with fields in space.

Example: spontaneous Lorentz violation.

Effects expected at the Planck Scale.

Space-time effects

J. Ellis et al arXiv:1807.051550

K. Wang et al. arXiv:2009.05201

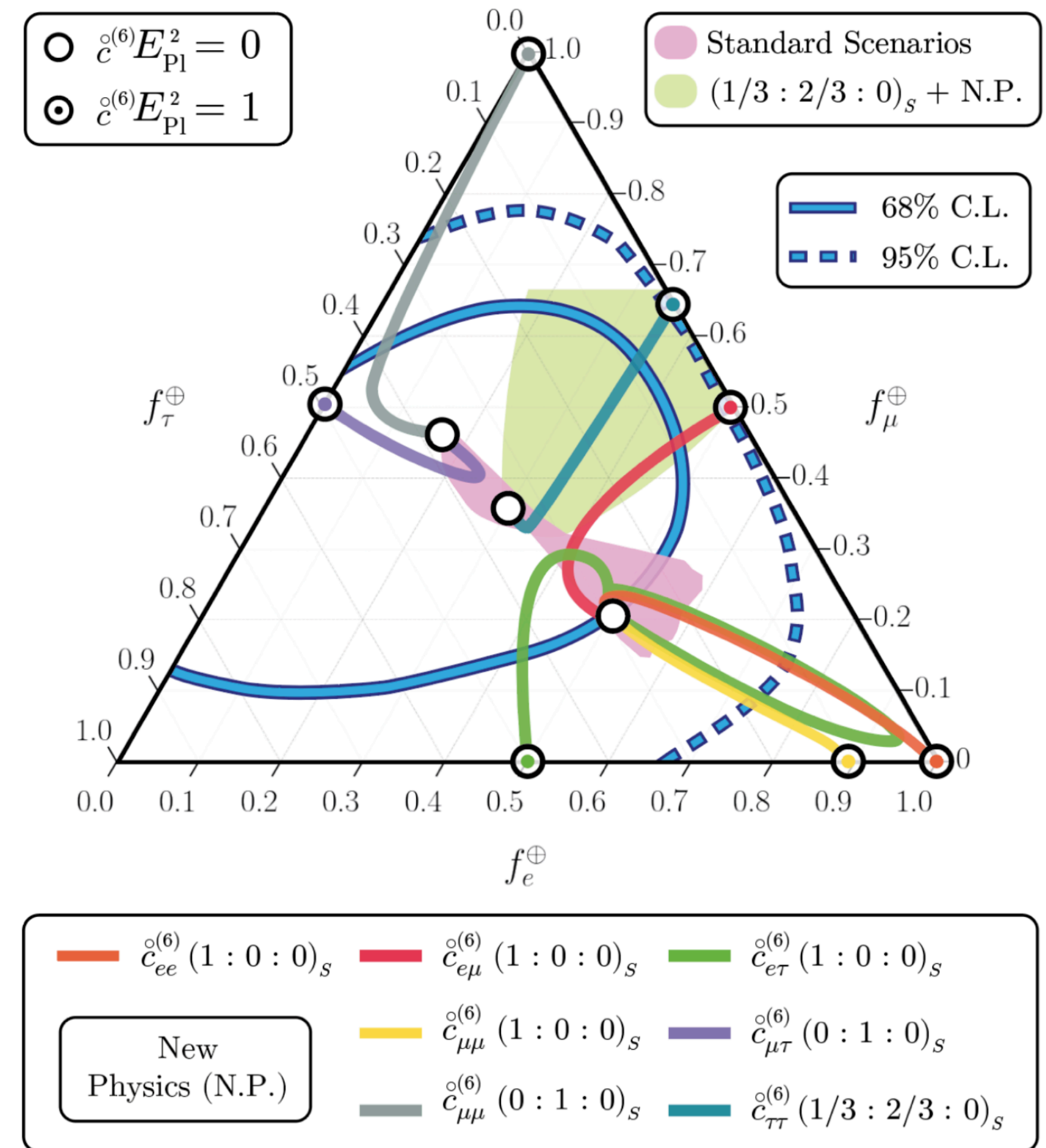
Zhang & Ma arXiv:1406.4568

Trajectories in the flavor triangle in the presence of Lorentz Violation (LV)

$$H_d = \frac{1}{2E} U M^2 U^\dagger + \frac{E^{d-3}}{\Lambda_d} \tilde{U}_d O_d \tilde{U}_d^\dagger$$

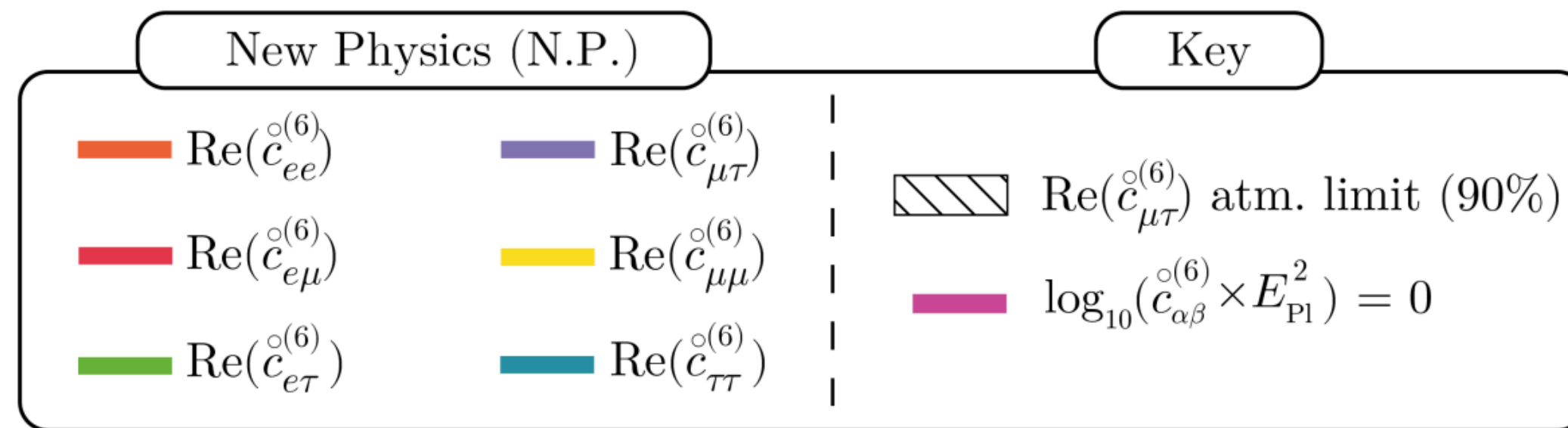
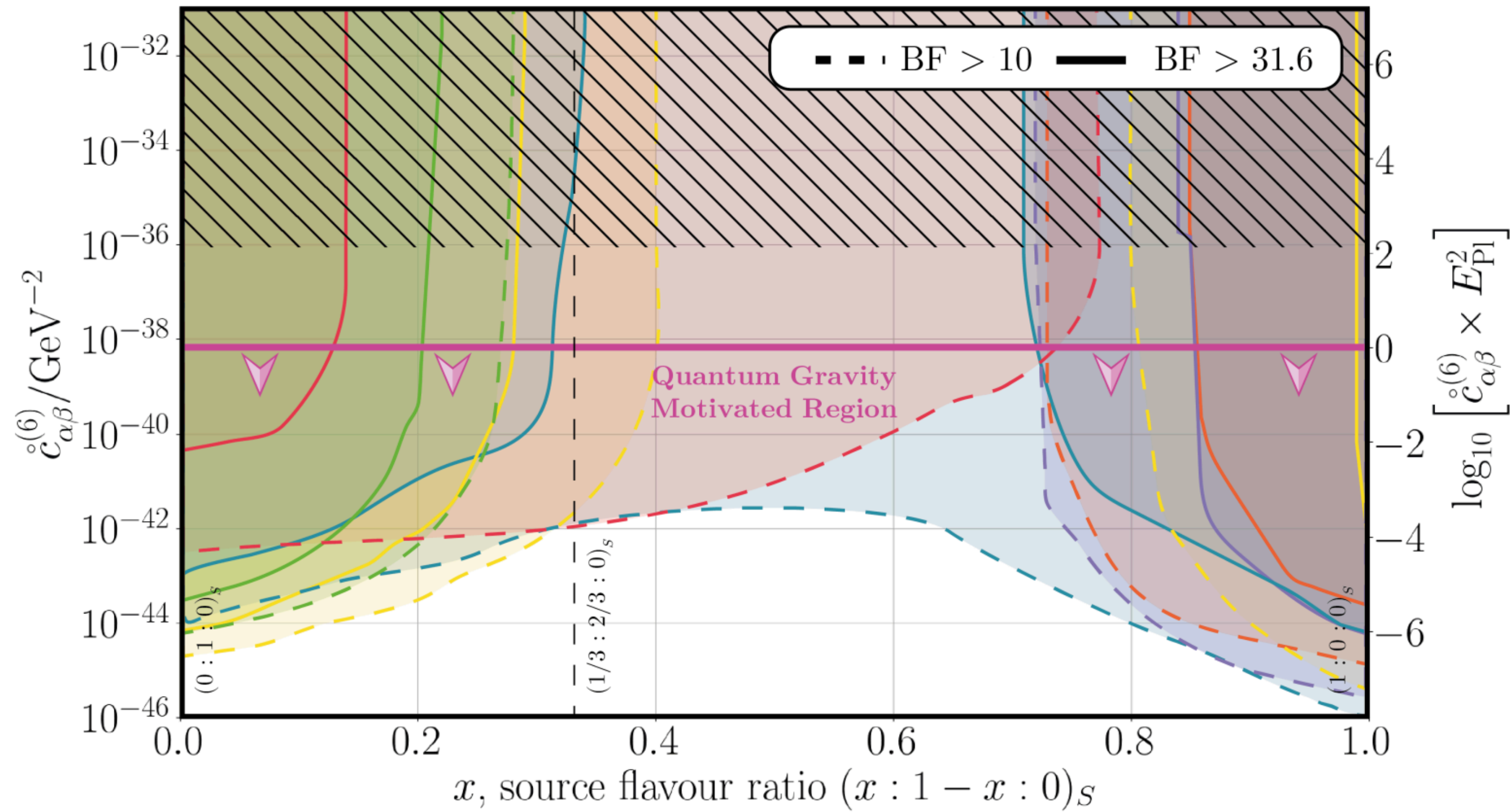
Dimension Standard Mixing New Physics Terms

- (1 : 2 : 0) pion
- (0 : 1 : 0) neutron
- (1 : 0 : 0) muon-damped



IceCube collaboration *Nature Physics* (2022) arXiv:2111.04654

Results on high-dimensional LV operators



Constraints of neutrino flavor transition can be interpreted in various models

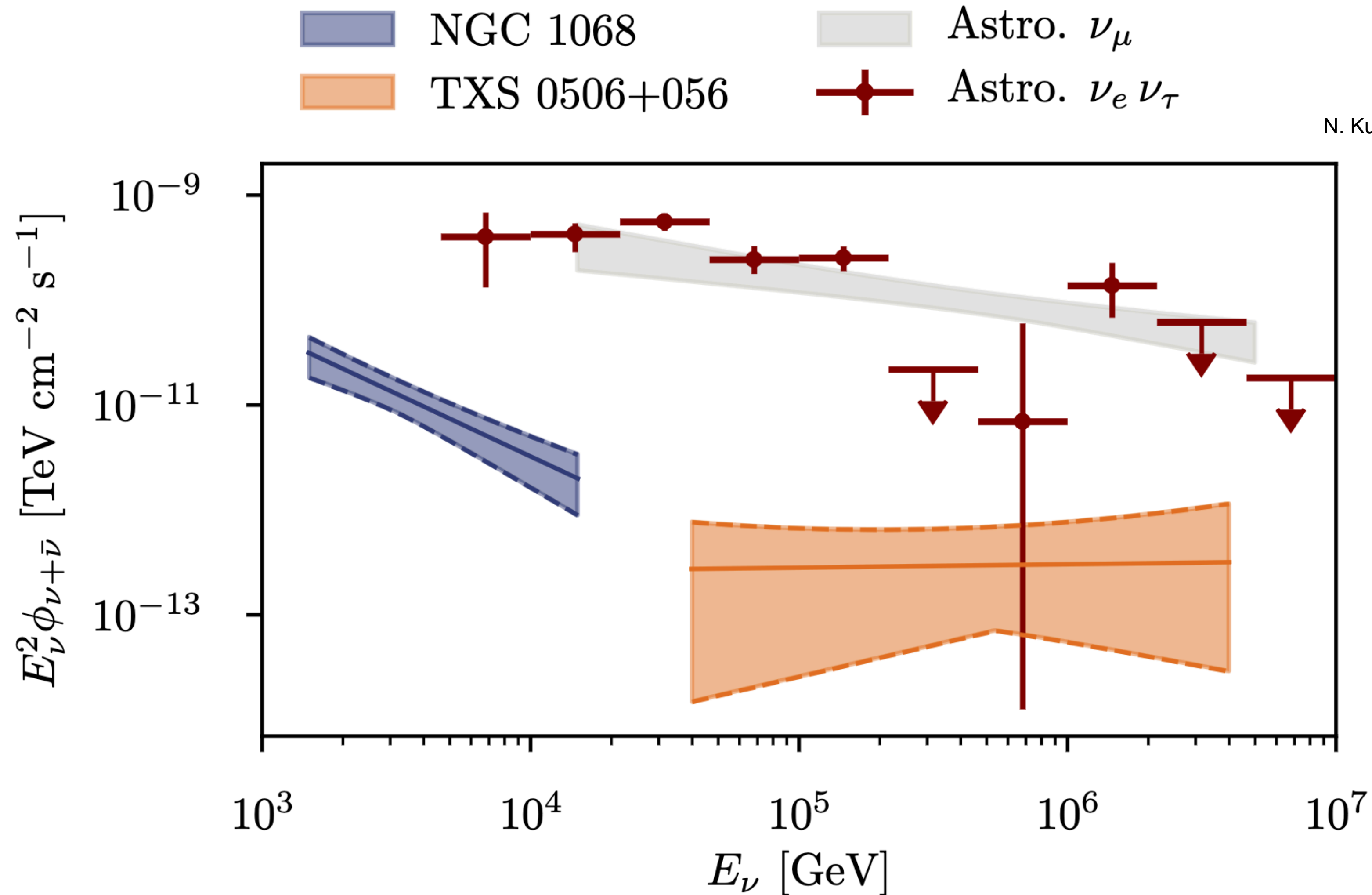
Model	Limits
IceCube Lorentz violation limit	$\tilde{a}_{\tau\tau}^{(3)} < 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ GeV}$
Dark matter potential	$V_{\tau\tau} < 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ GeV}$
Dark matter effective Fermi coupling	$G'_F < 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-2} (m_\phi / 10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Dark matter non-standard interaction	$\epsilon_{\tau\tau} < 8 \times 10^{-9} (m_\phi / 10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Vector dark matter coupling	$g_{\tau\tau} < 3 \times 10^{-33} (m_\phi / 10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Axion dark matter coupling	$g_{a\tau\tau} < 3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV}^{-1}$

CA, Farrag, Katori arXiv:2404.10926

Outline for the rest of this talk

1. Neutrino astrophysics and IceCube
2. Most significant observations in neutrino astrophysics
3. New opportunities for particle physics
- 4. Future detectors & new ideas**

Big Question: Where are these neutrinos coming from?



IceCube Collaboration, Science, 2022
N. Kurahashi ICRC204 for the IceCube Collaboration



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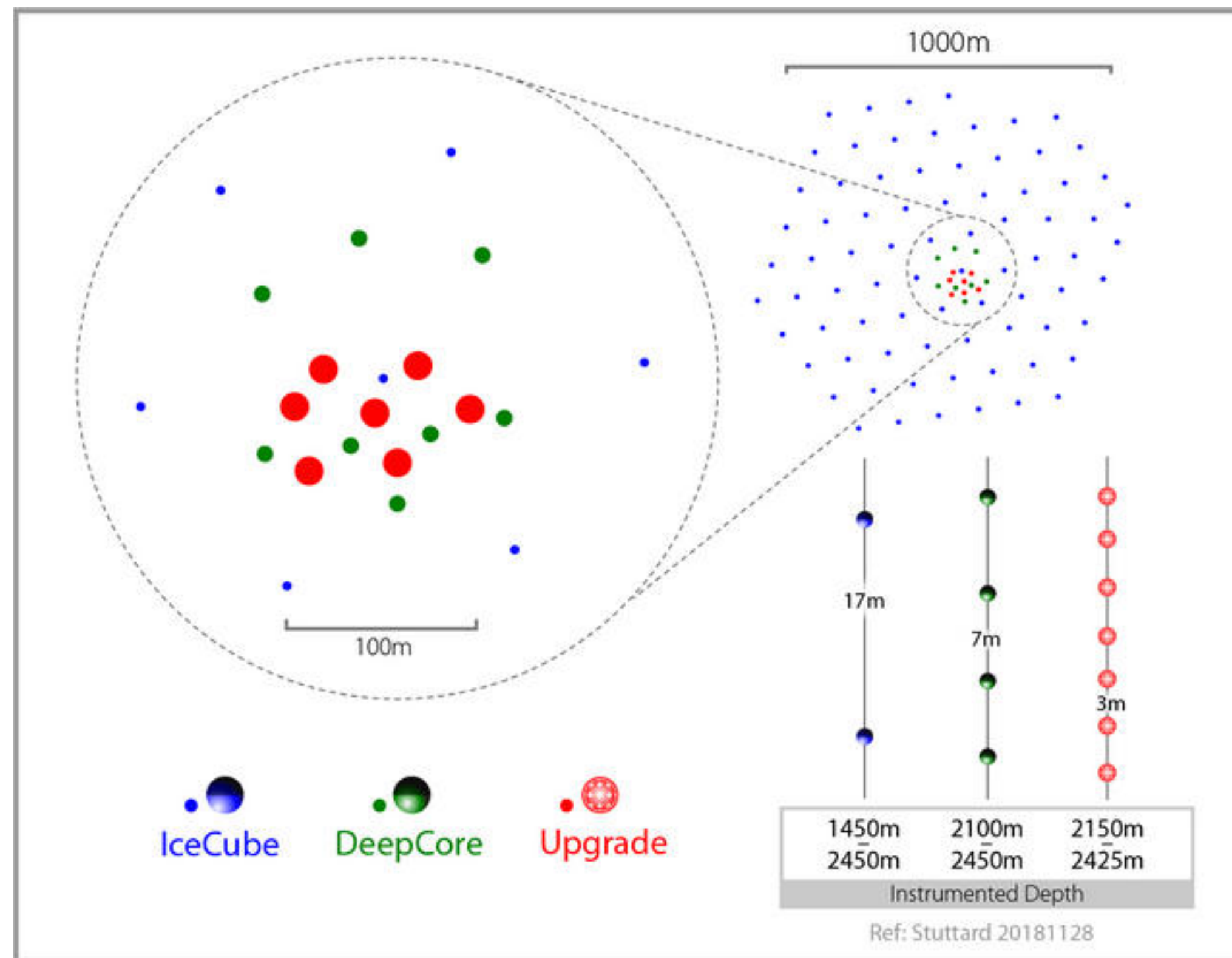
Many Neutrino Telescopes On Our Way



Non-exhaustive list

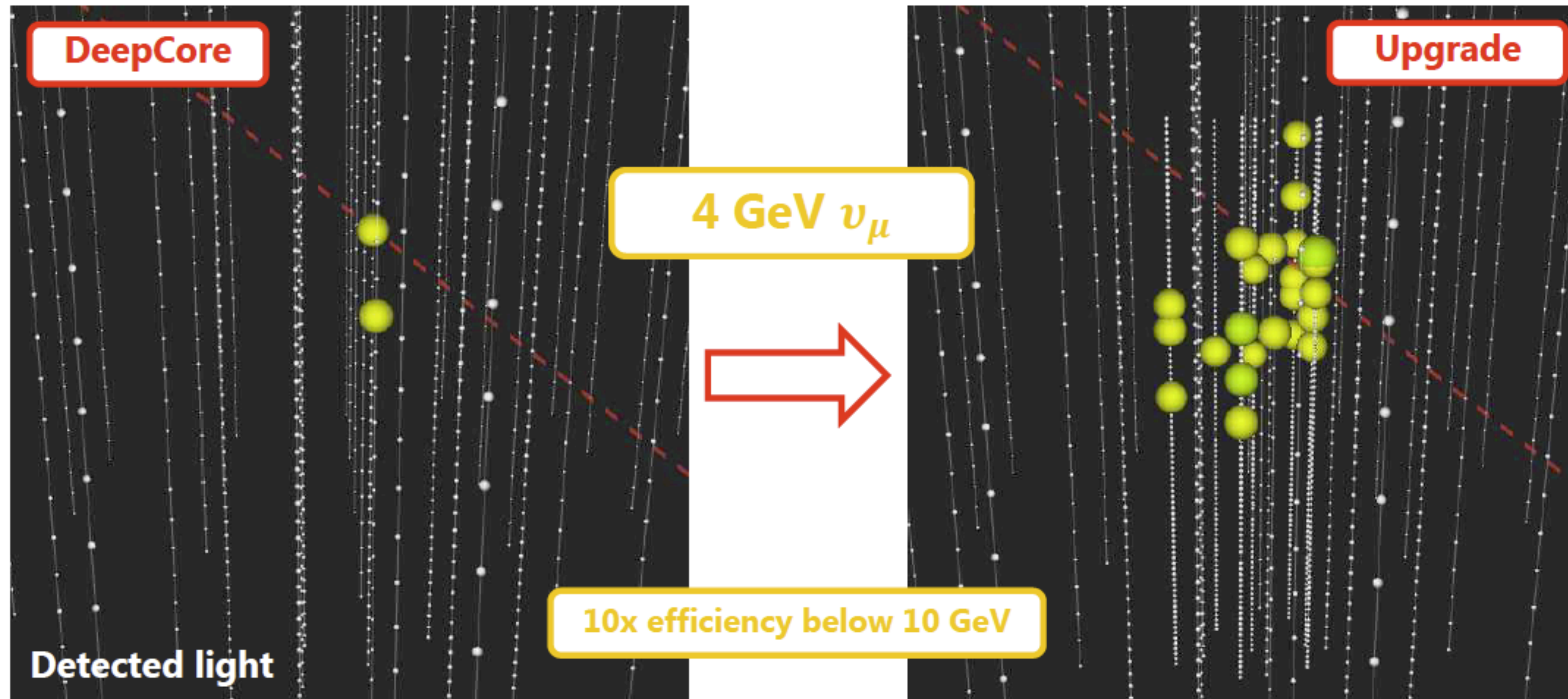
IceCube is growing: The Upgrades

Phase 1: 7 new, high-precision strings in the central, densely instrumented region. Funded, installation in 2025.



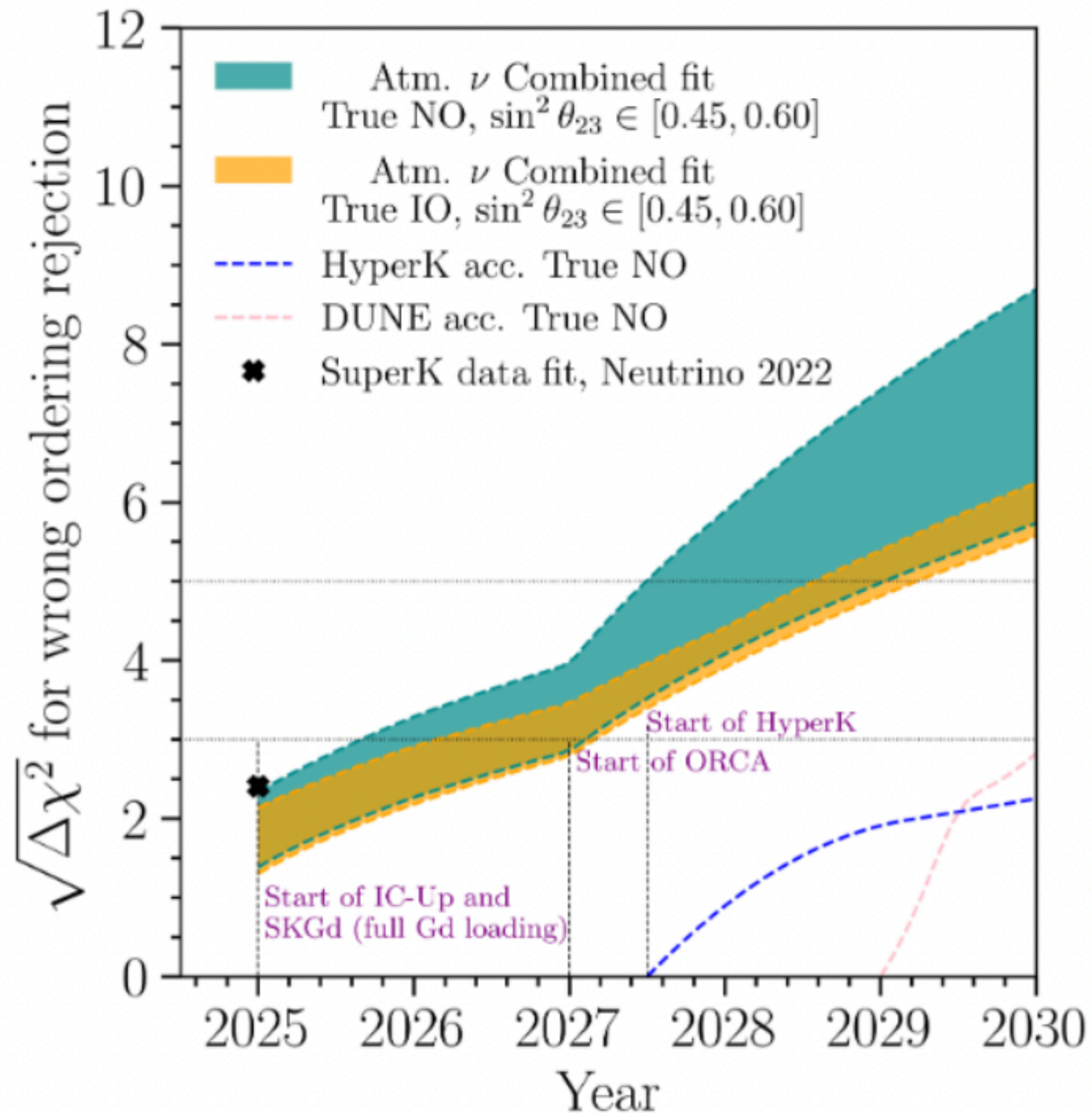
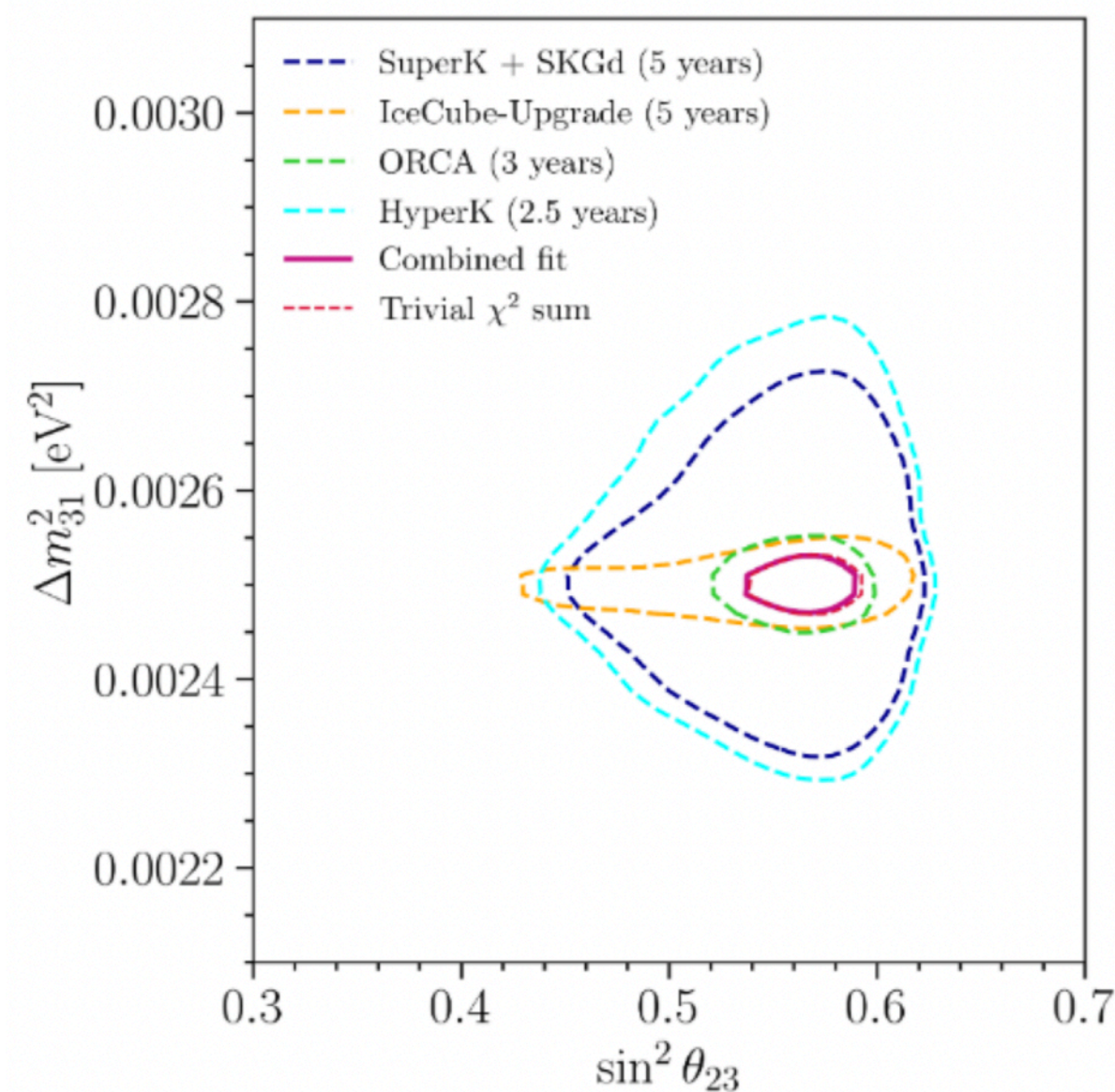
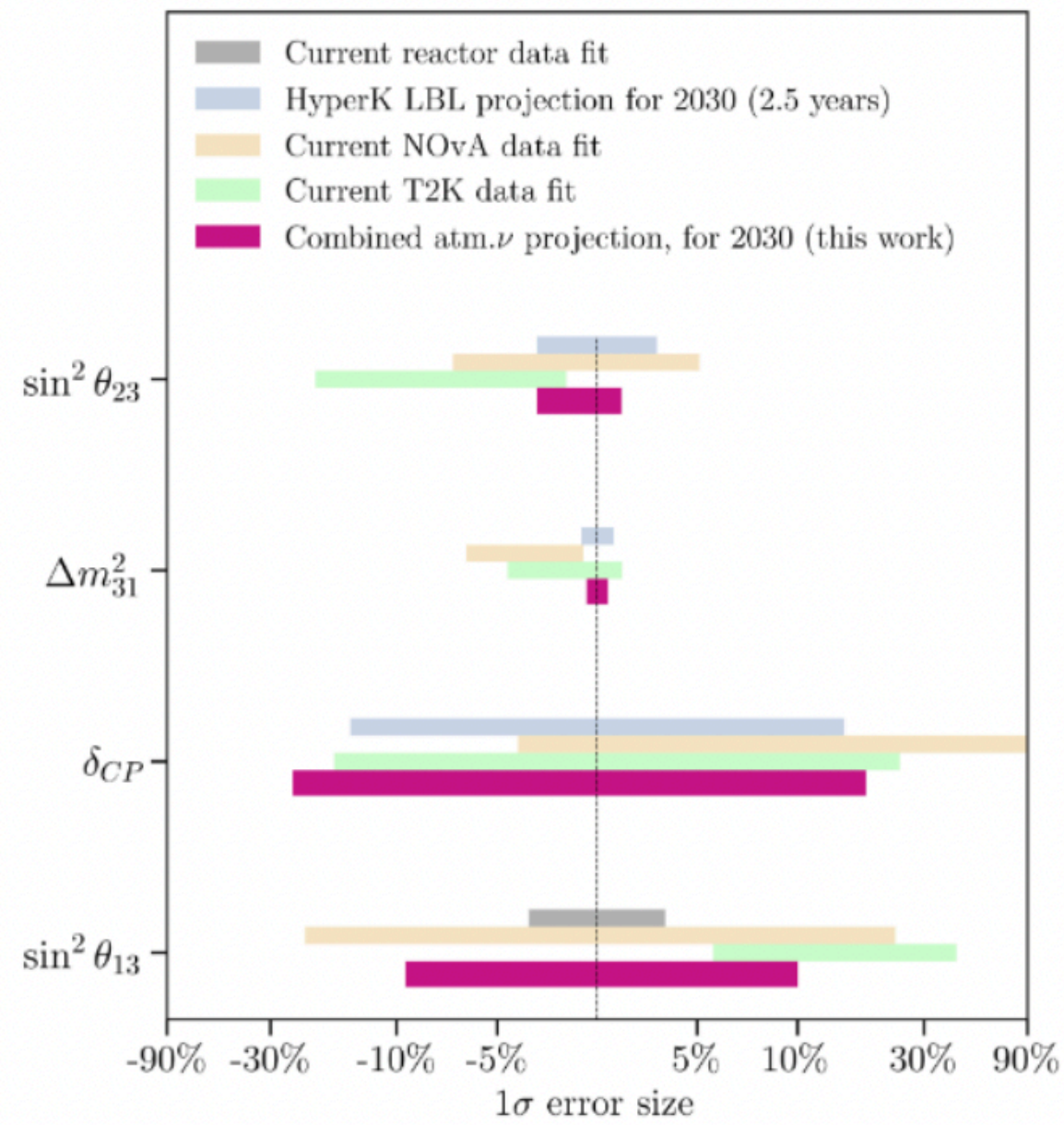
New detector technologies.
Better low energy reconstruction.
Improved flavor identification.

Improved light-collection for low-energy events



*DeepCore (shown on the left) is the current low-energy extension of IceCube

Near-term atmospheric neutrinos together

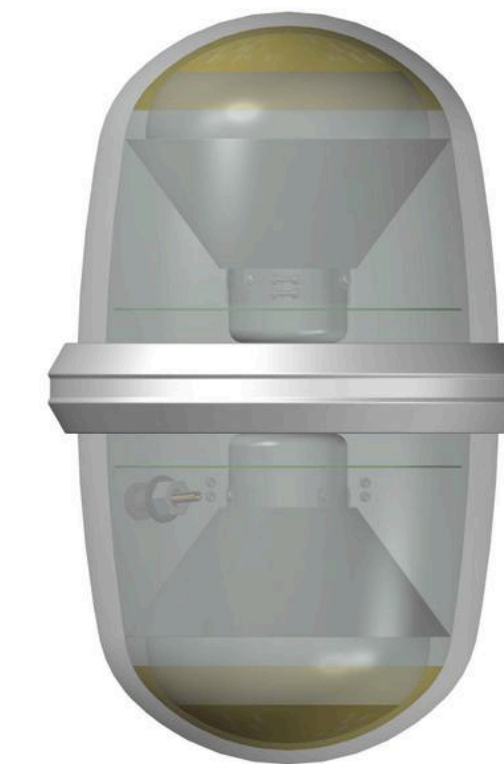
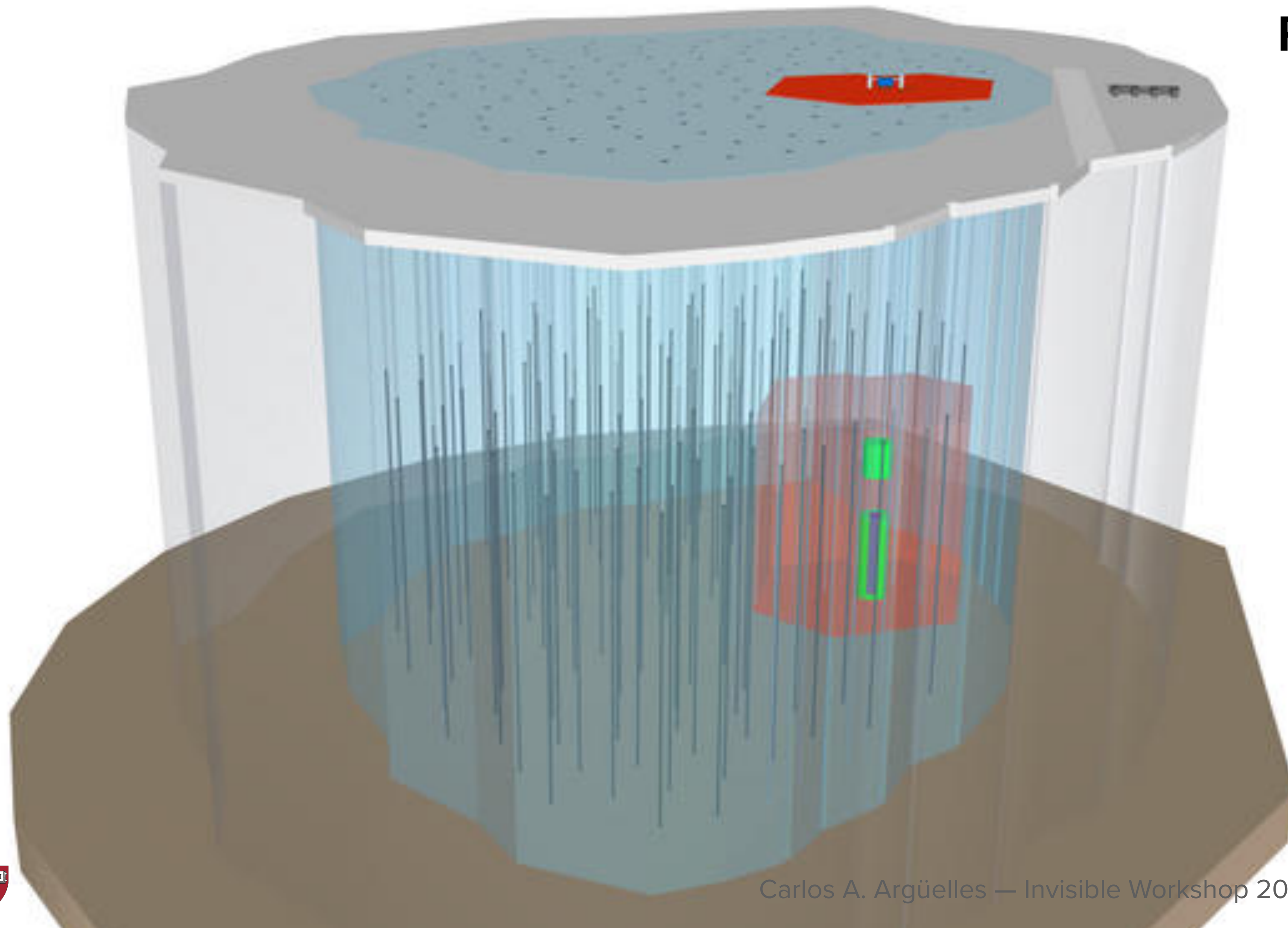


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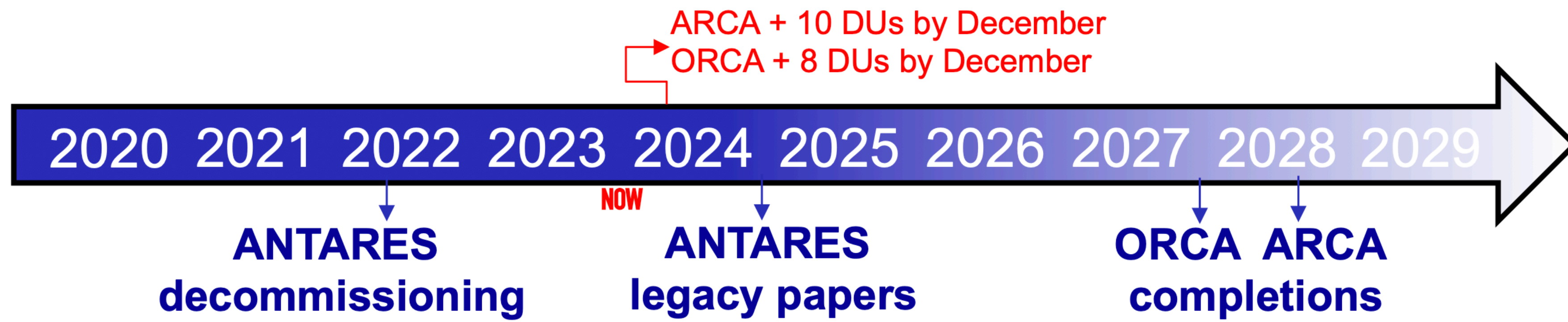
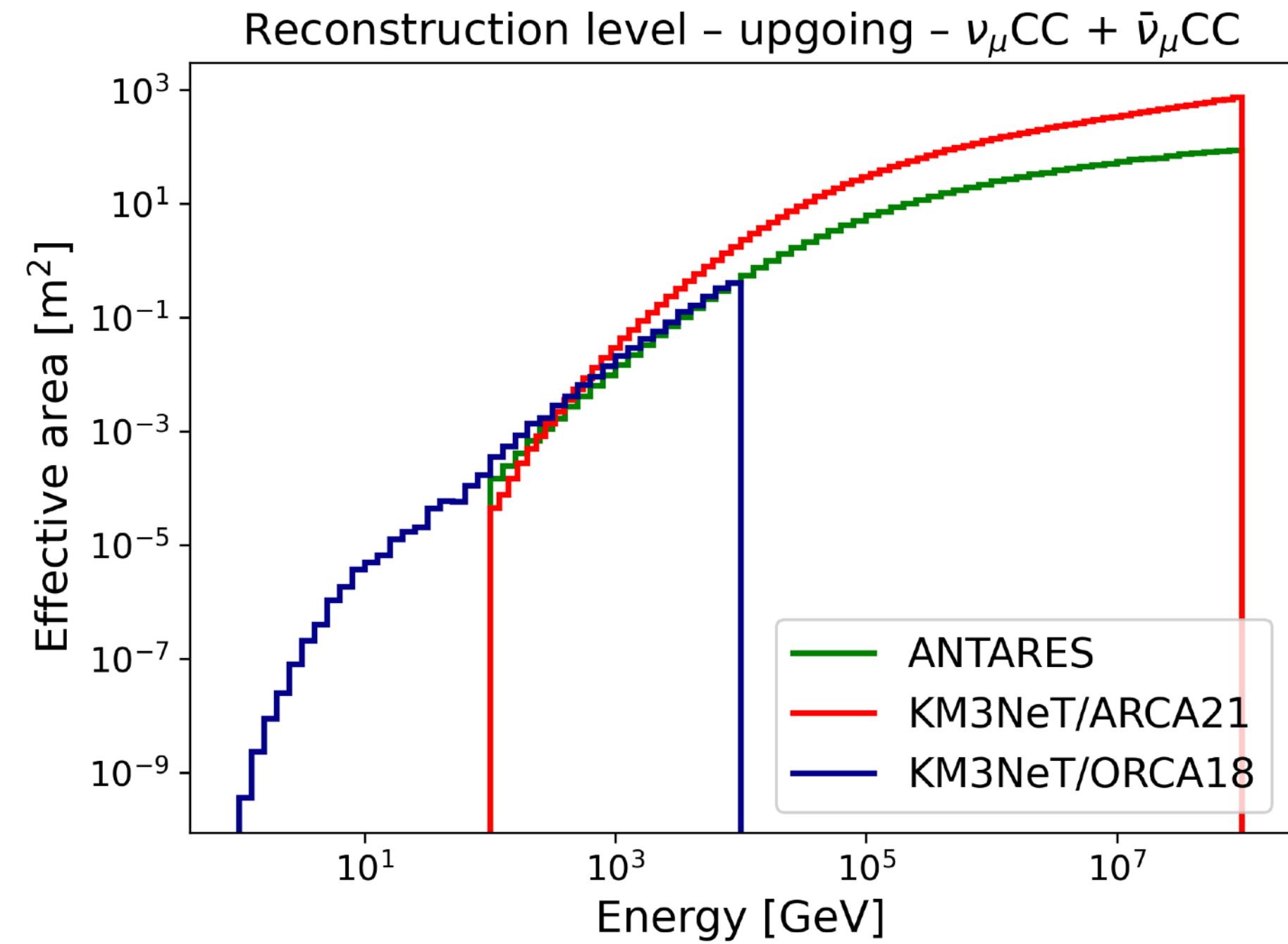
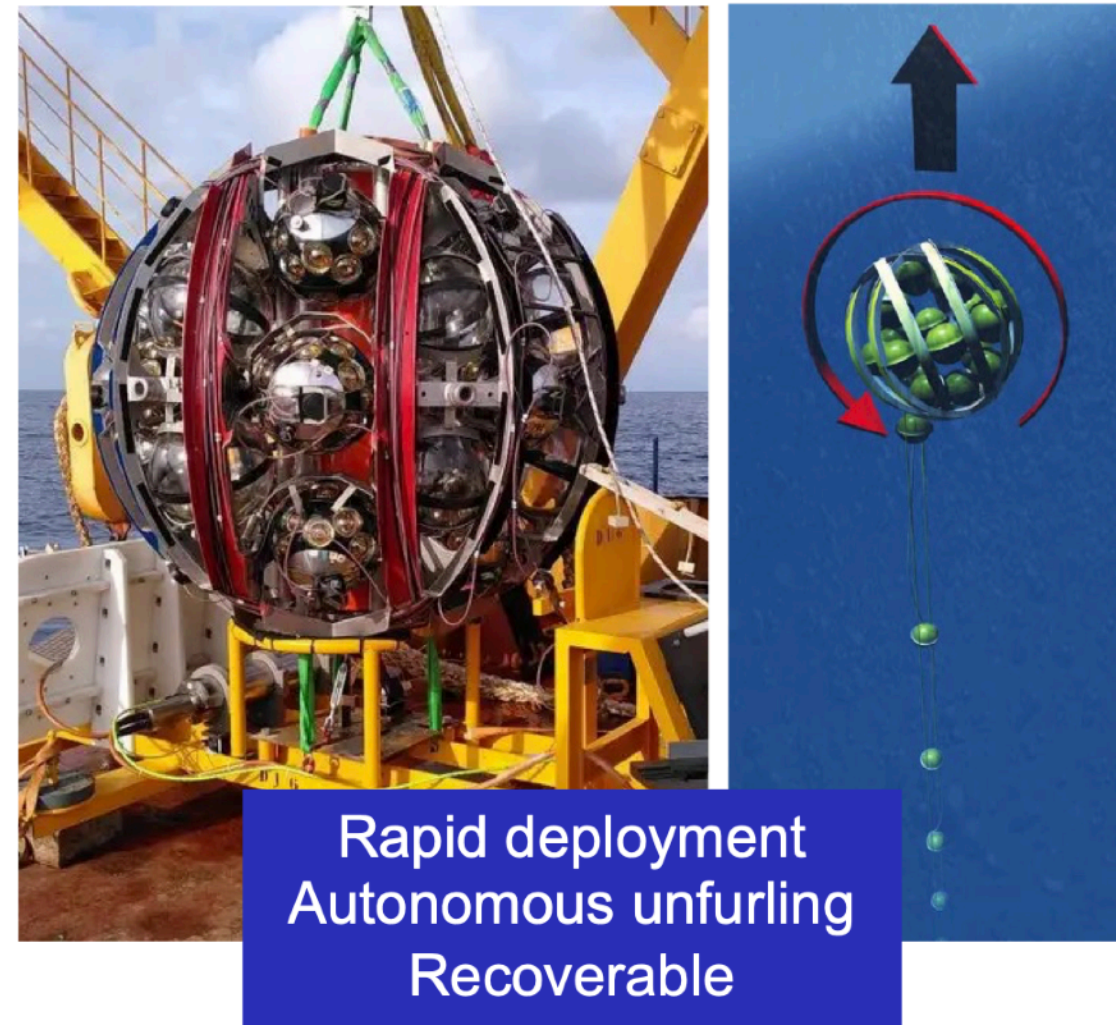
See also Giner-
Olavarrieta, Jin, CA,
Fernandez, Martínez-
Soler (2402.13308)

IceCube is growing: The Upgrades

Phase 2: x10 the volume of present IceCube, plus additional detectors.

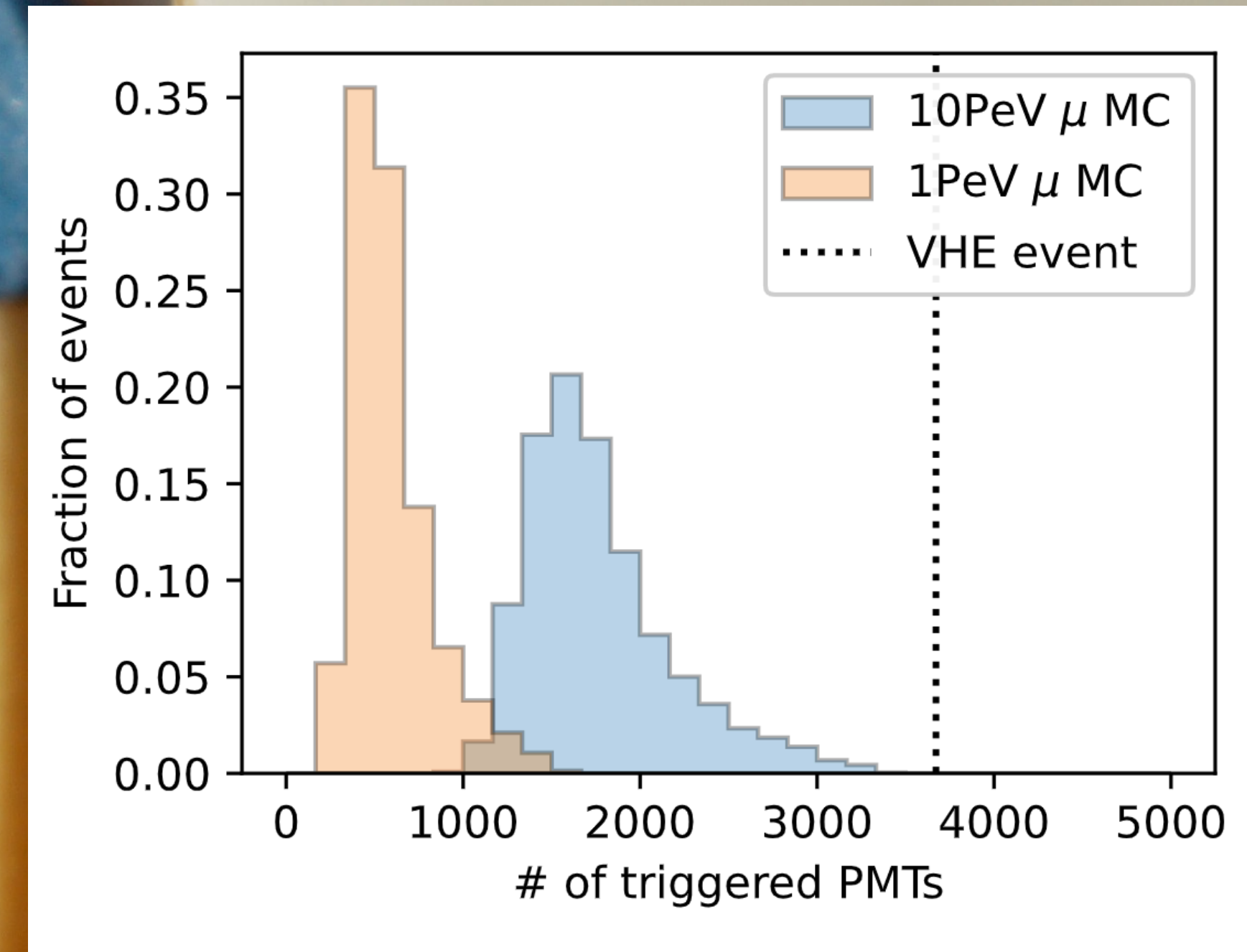
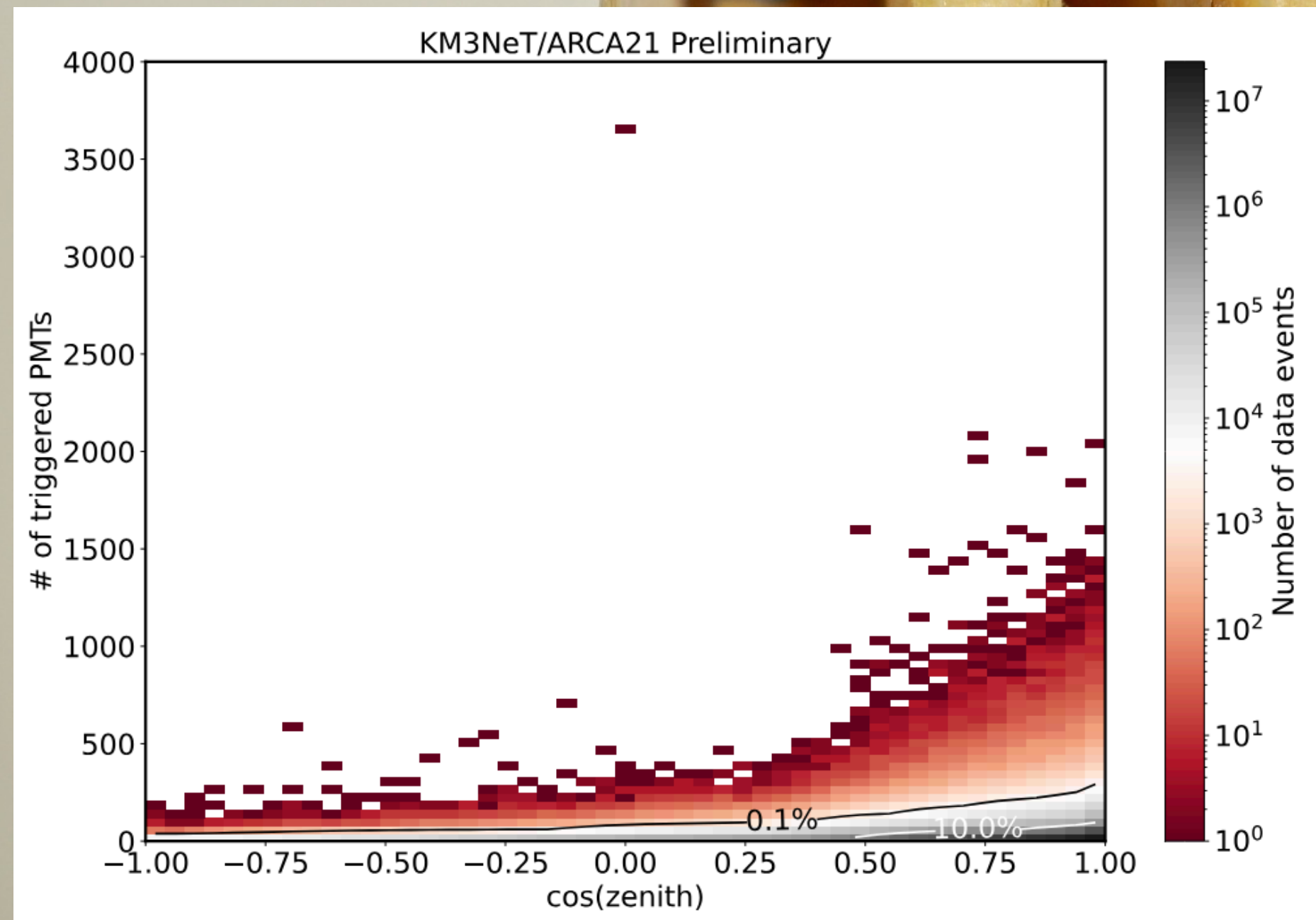


Next Neutrino Telescope: KM3NeT



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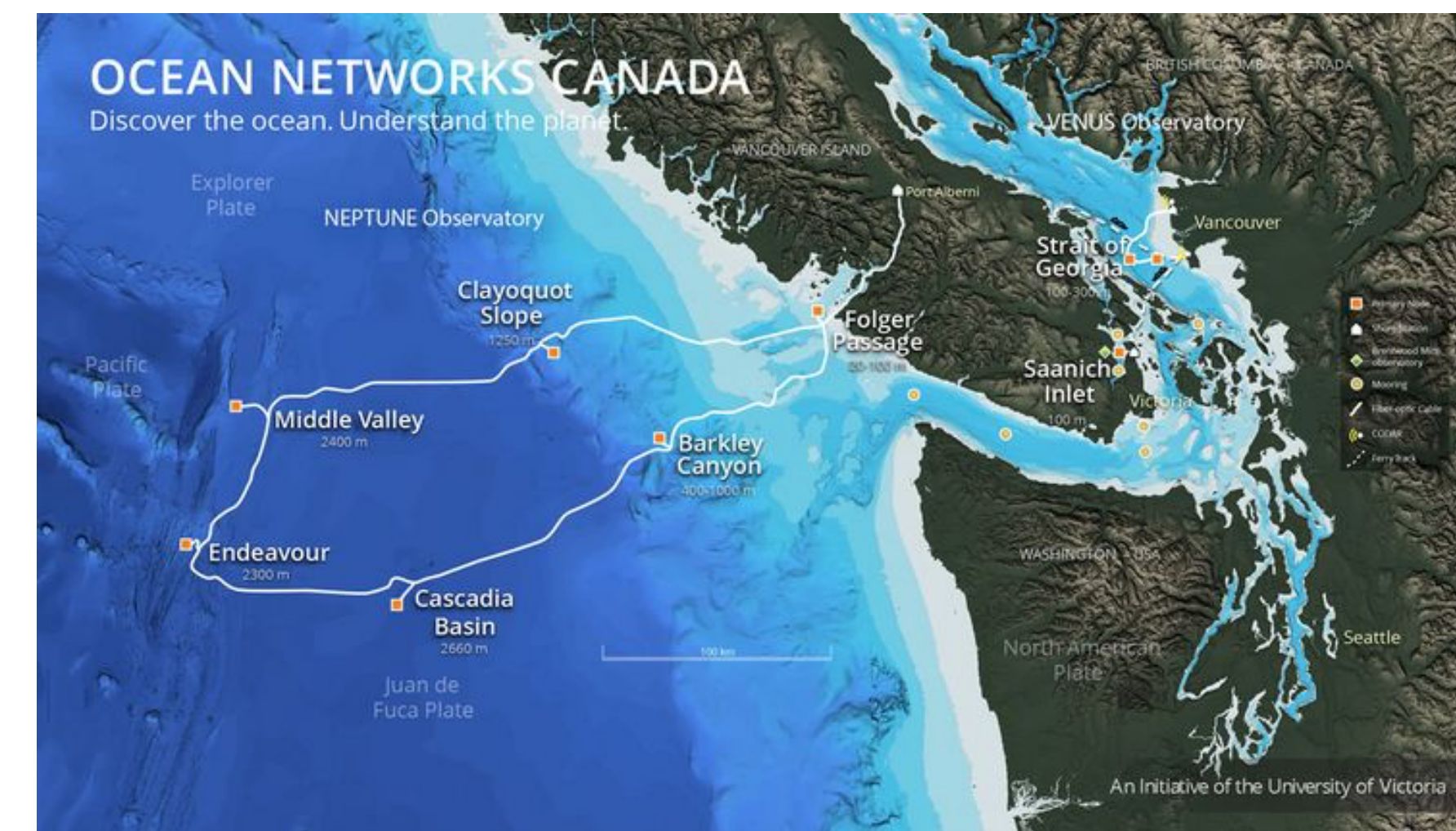
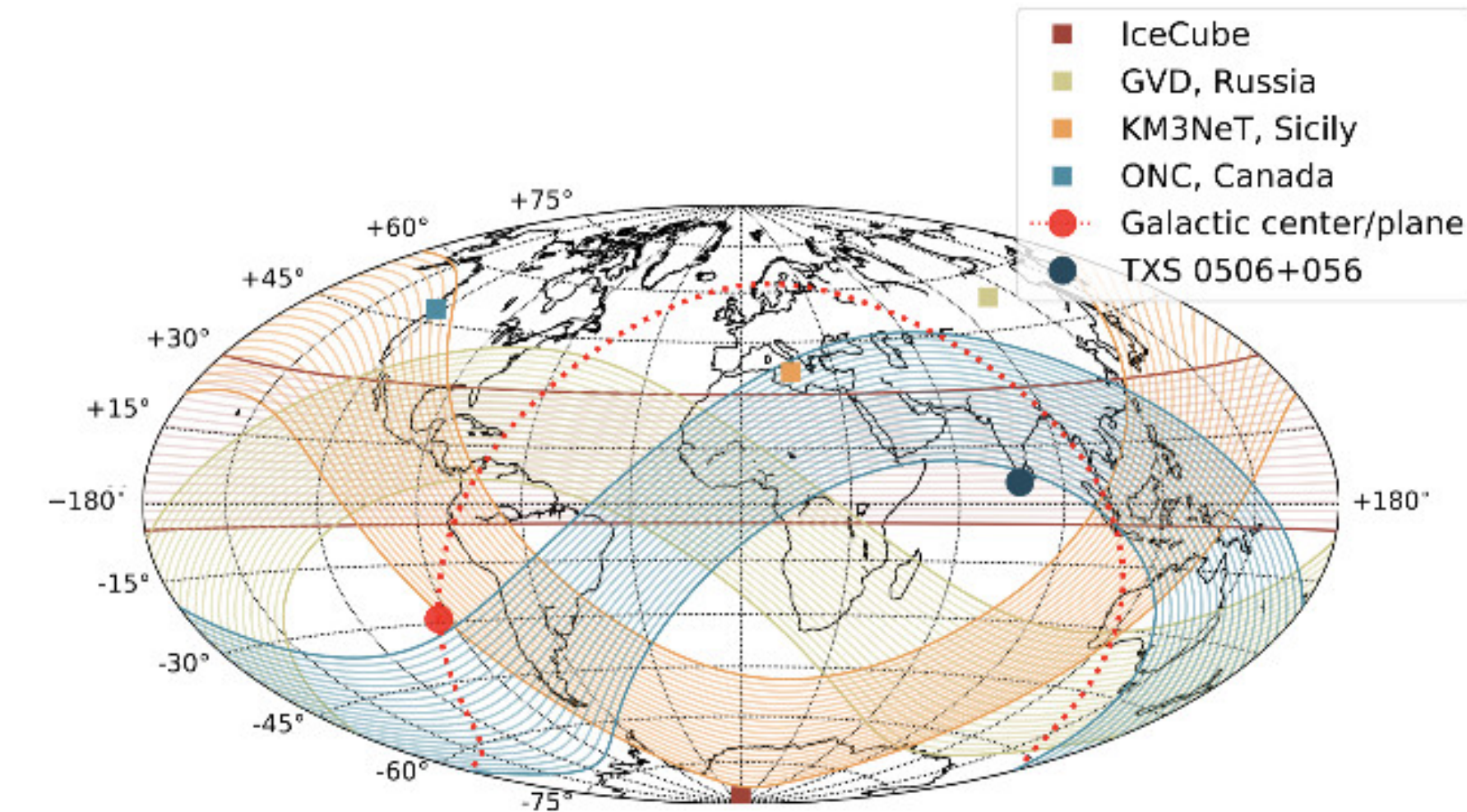
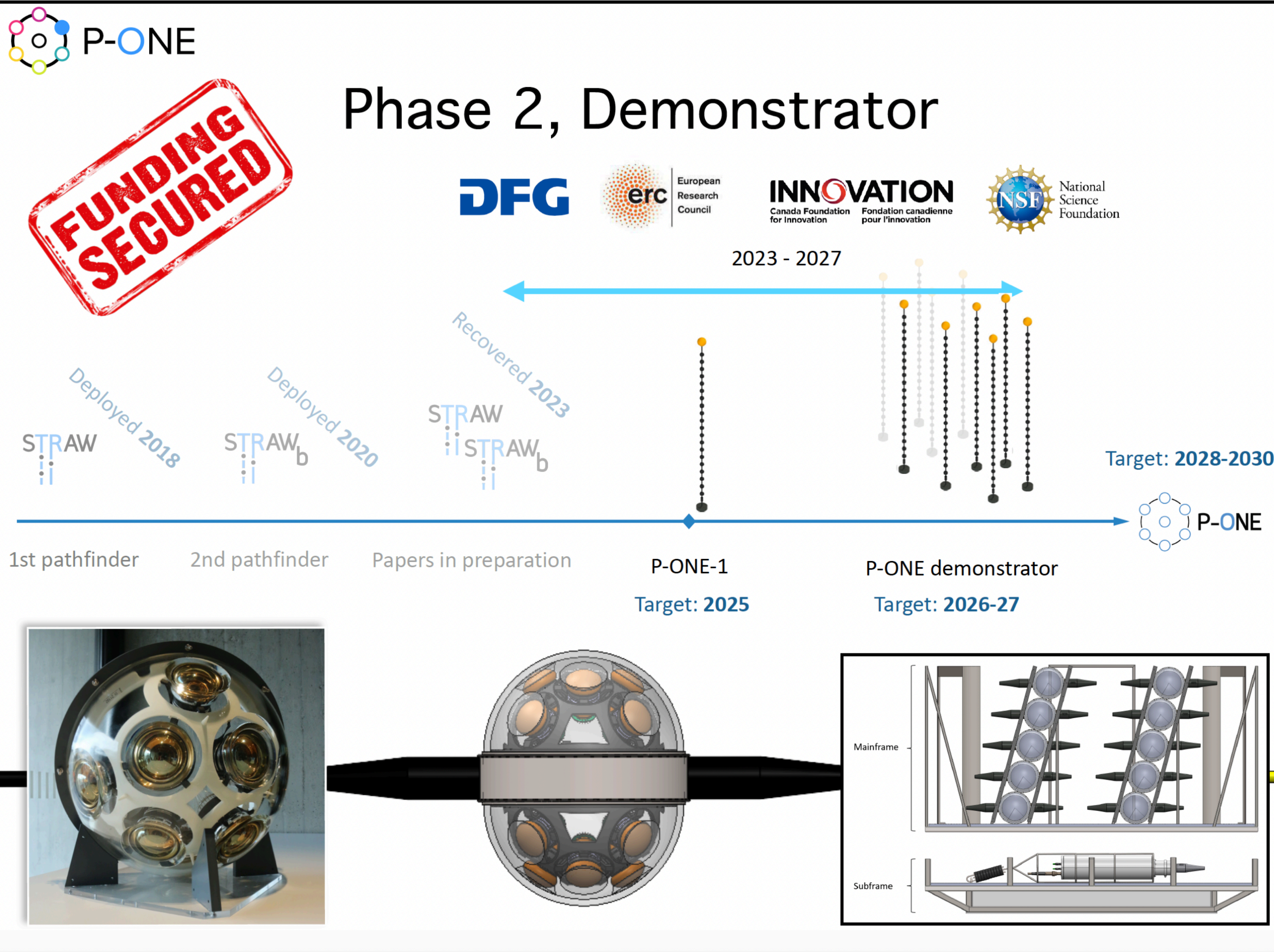
KM3NeT see first nu-light?



...DEVELOPING STORY...

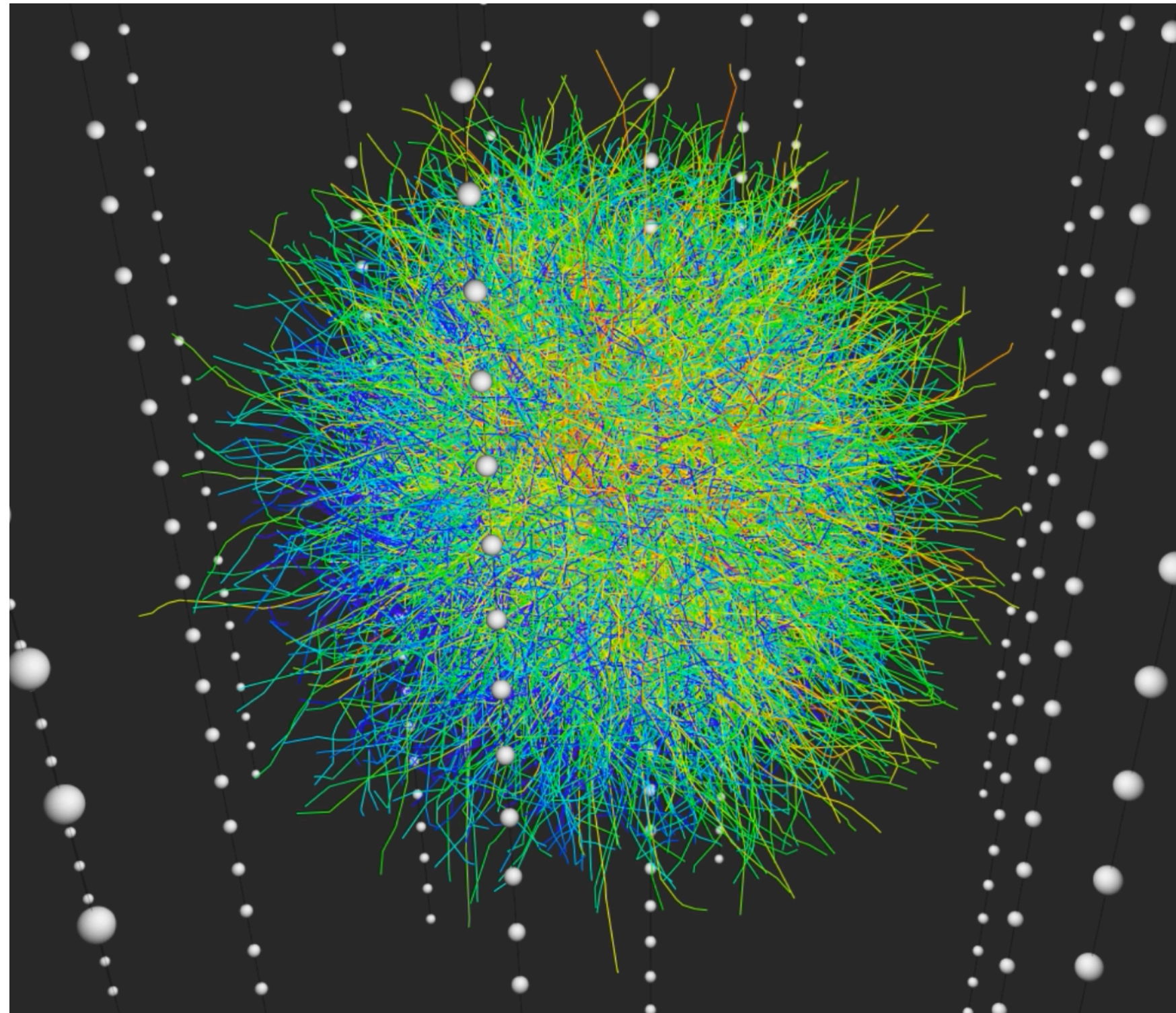
Muons simulated at 10 PeV almost never generate this much light
–Likely multiple 10's of PeV!!!

Future, Water Neutrino Telescope: P-ONE

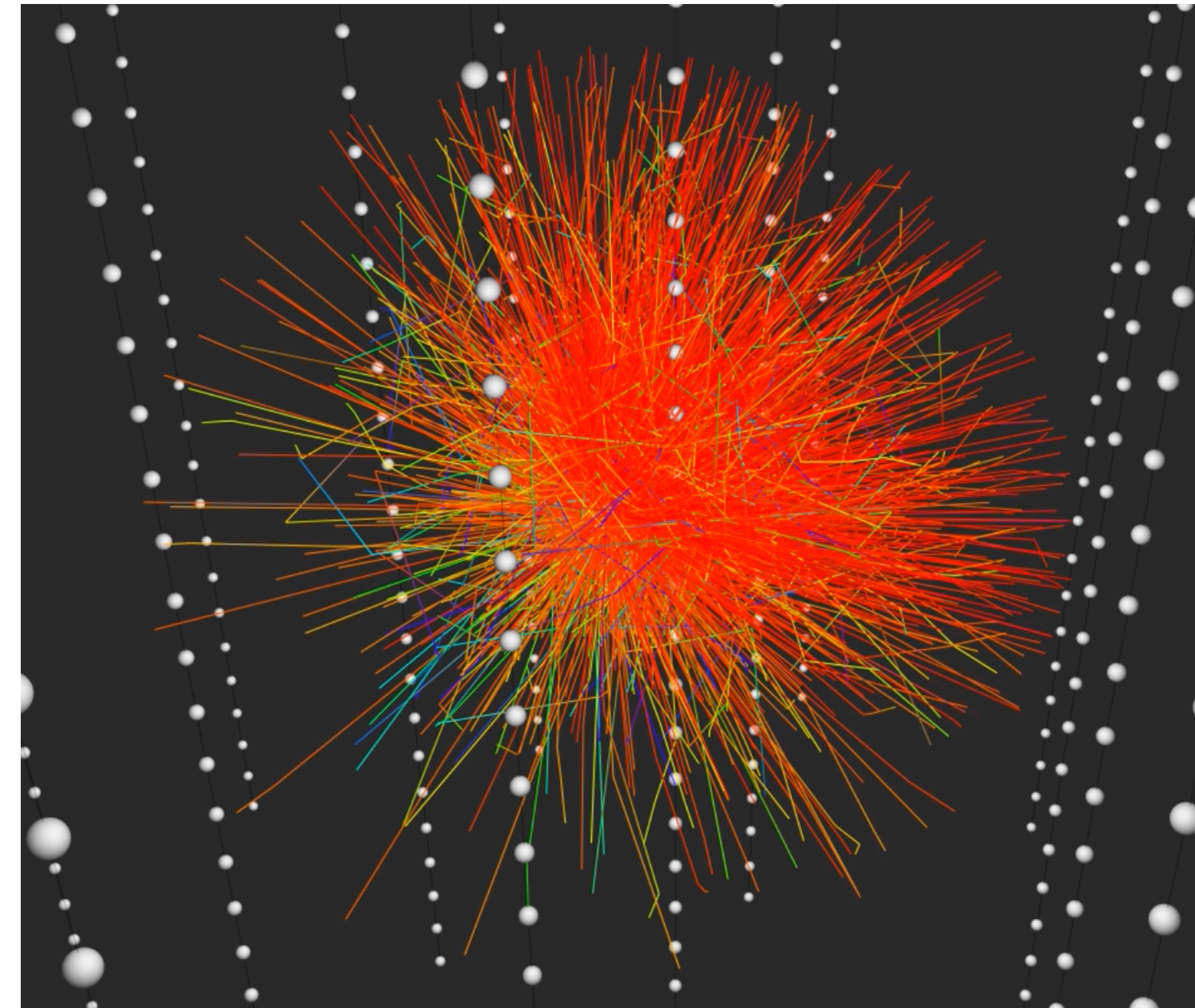


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Cascade in Water and Ice Compared



10 TeV in ice



10 TeV in water

Water detectors are expected to have better particle identification capability.

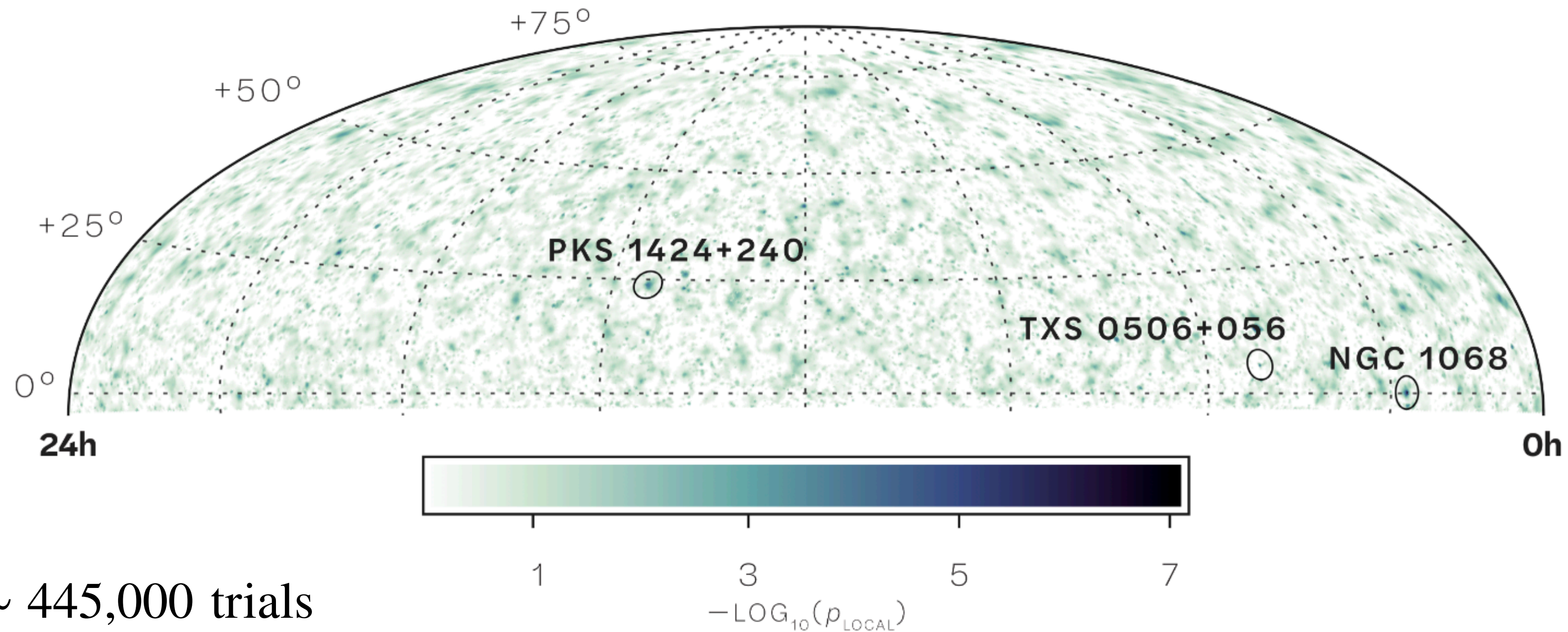


**All is that is very good, but ...
why we can't find the sources right now?**

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Trials and tribulations

Test type	Pre-trial p-value (p_{local})	Post-trial p-value (p_{global})
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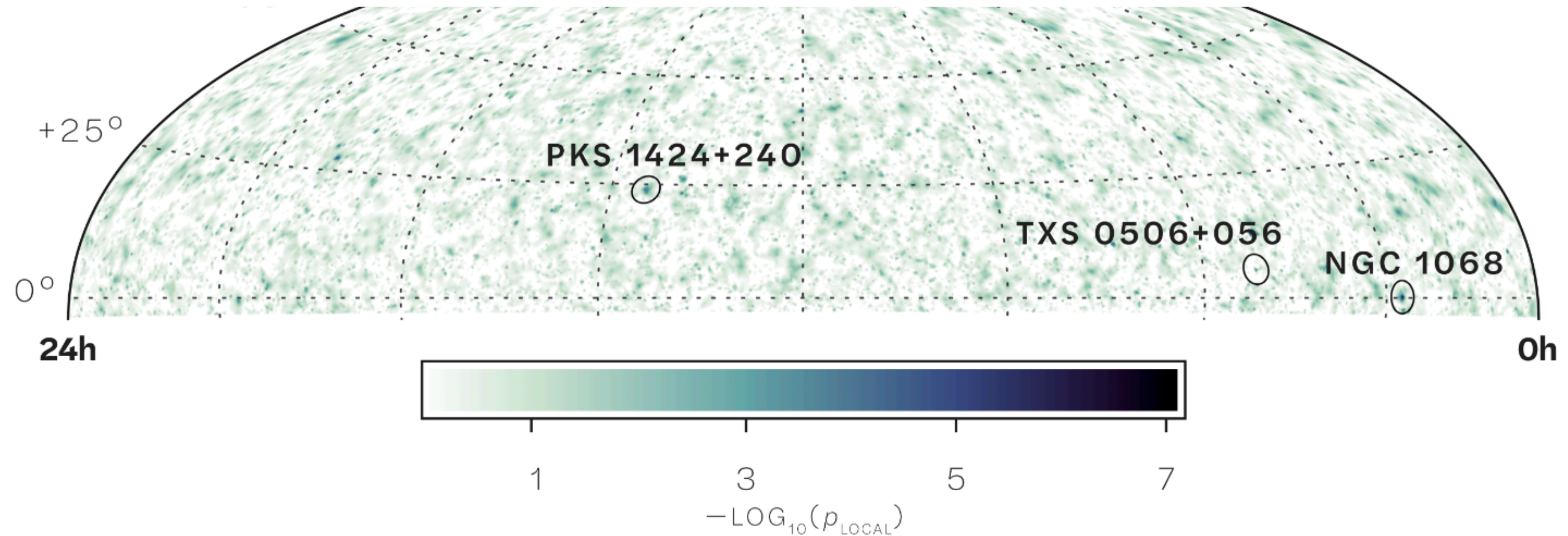


$$\sim 445,000 \text{ trials} \\ \Rightarrow 19.8 \frac{\text{trials}}{\sigma^2}$$

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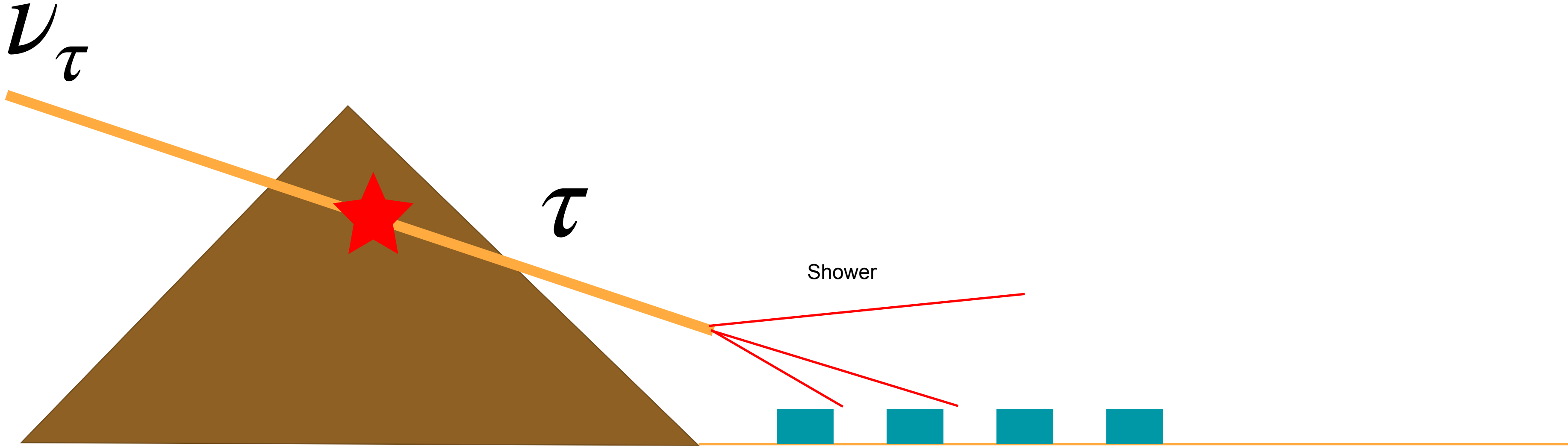
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Test type	Pre-trial p-value (p_{local})	Post-trial p-value (p_{global})
Northern Hemisphere scan	5.0×10^{-8} (5.3σ)	2.2×10^{-2} (2.0σ)
List of candidate sources, single test	1.0×10^{-7} (5.2σ)	1.1×10^{-5} (4.2σ)
List of candidate sources, binomial test	4.6×10^{-6} (4.4σ)	3.4×10^{-4} (3.4σ)



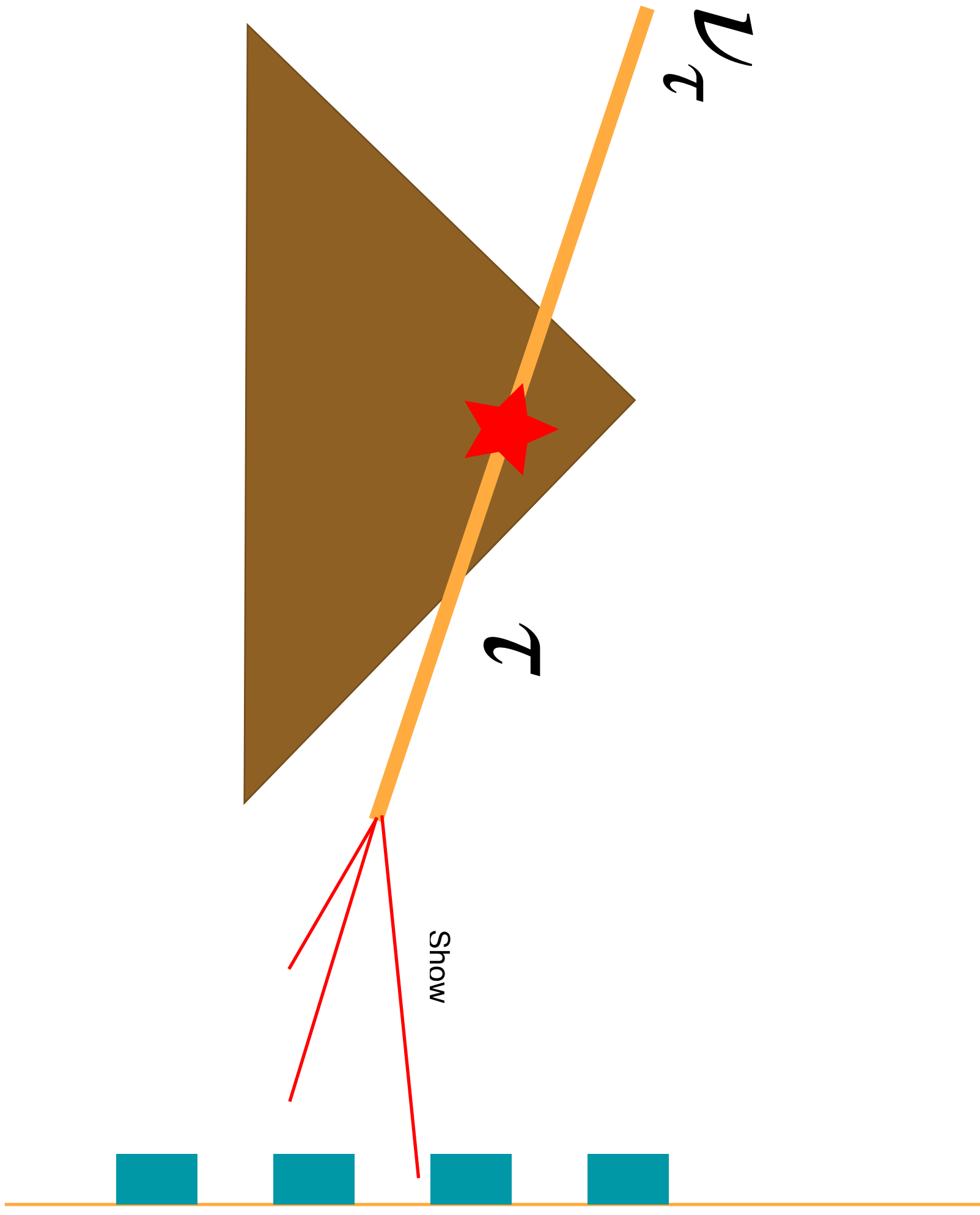
If you know where to look, bright sources are currently detectable

Thinking about Earth-skimming neutrino detectors



The geometry here is key for the acceptance of neutrino detection

Thinking about Earth-skimming neutrino detectors



The geometry here is key for the acceptance of neutrino detection
This would be a more ideal scenario, but can't put mountain over detector



Pavel Zhelnin



William Thomson



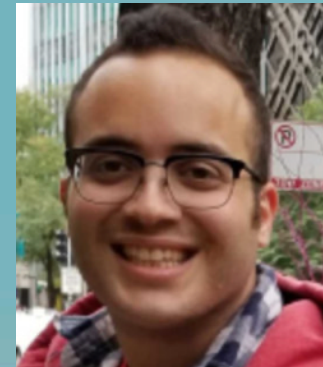
Diya Delgado



Jeffrey Lazar



Ibrahim Safa



And many others ...



AIR SHOWER:

3 - 10 KM LENGTH
200 M DIAMETER

DECAY



RANGE:
50 M - 5 KM

ROCK

> 4 KM SHIELDING FROM
BACKGROUND MUONS



CHARGED-CURRENT
INTERACTION

~100 M
SEPARATION

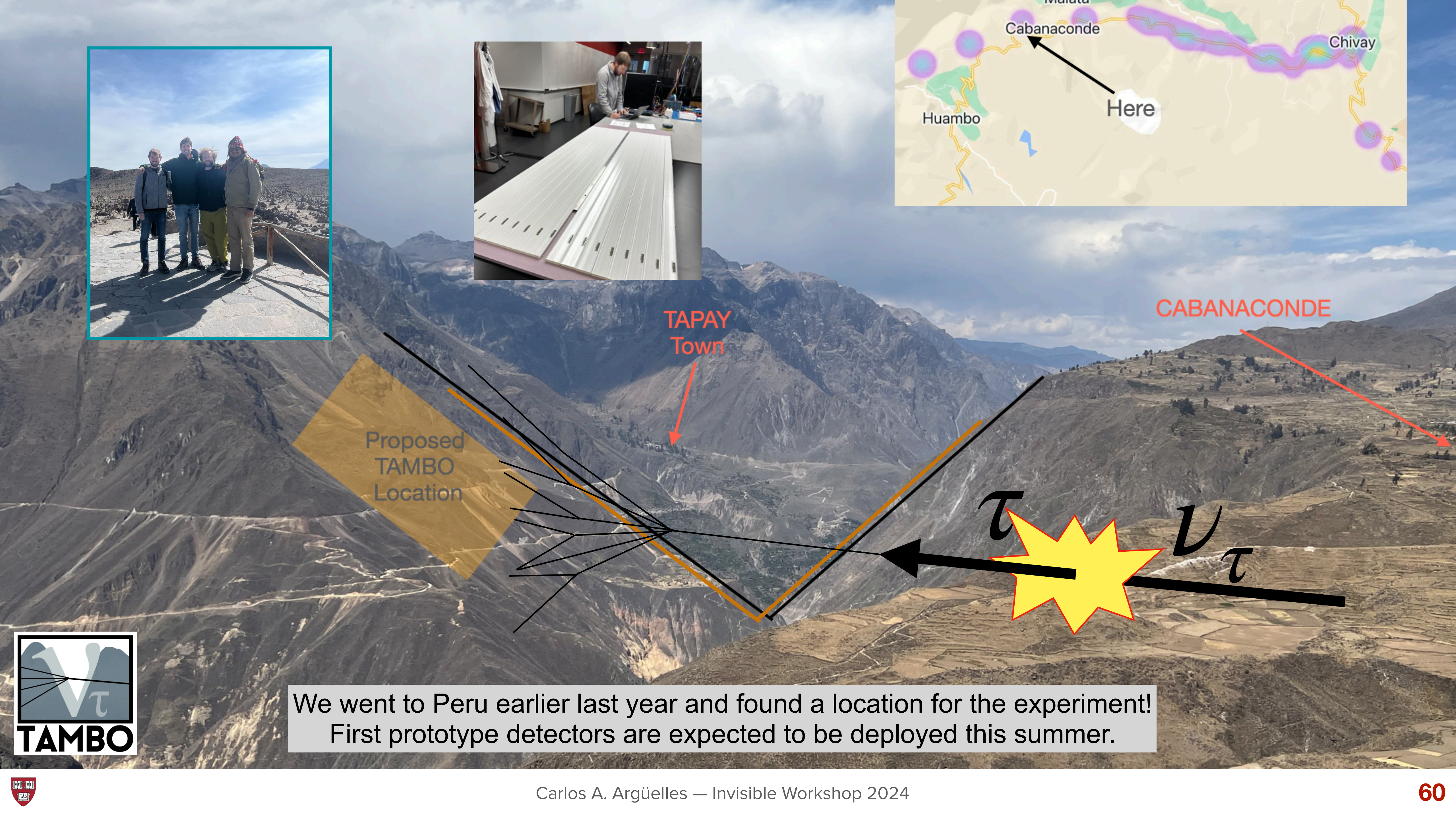
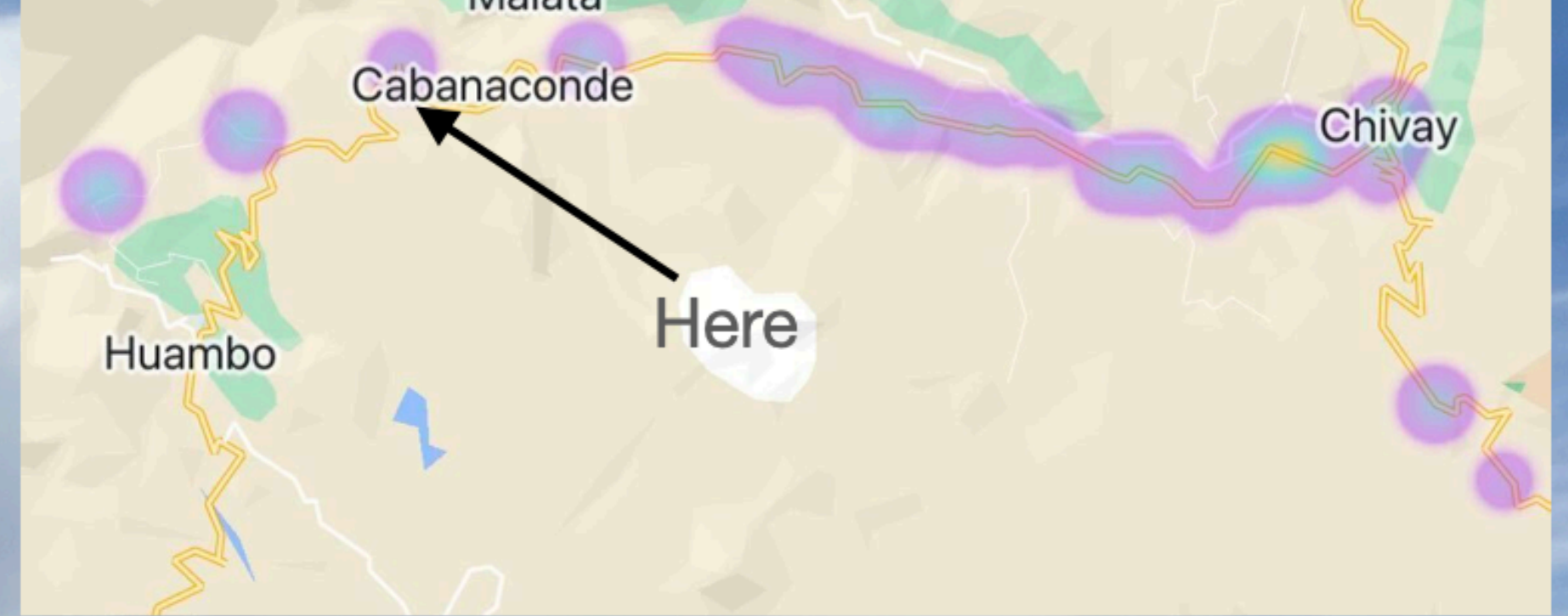
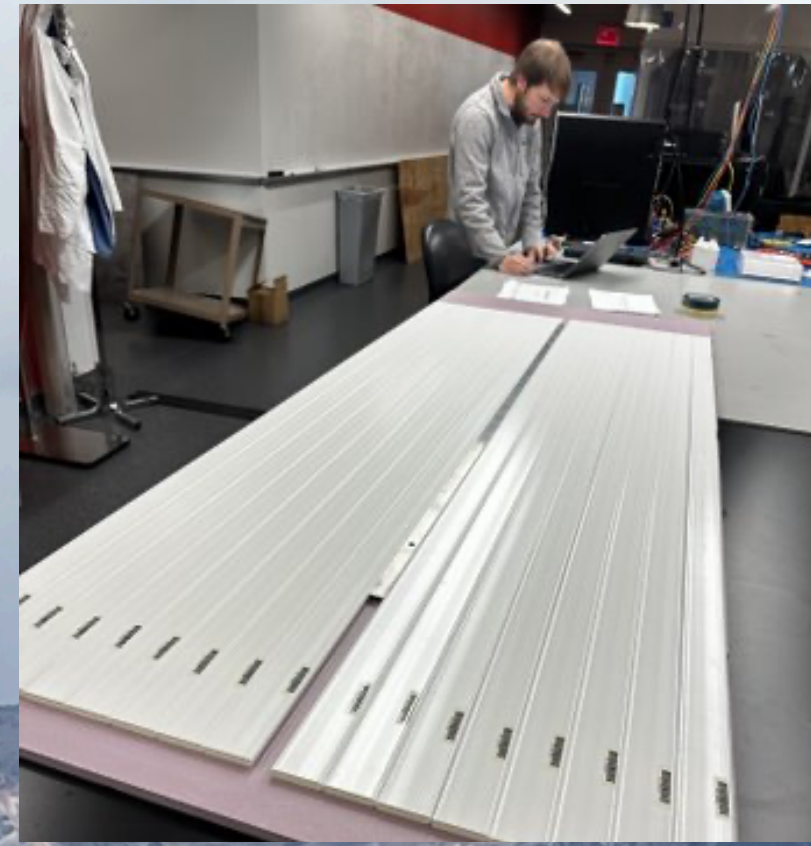
WATER CHERENKOV
DETECTOR ARRAY

~M³ EACH

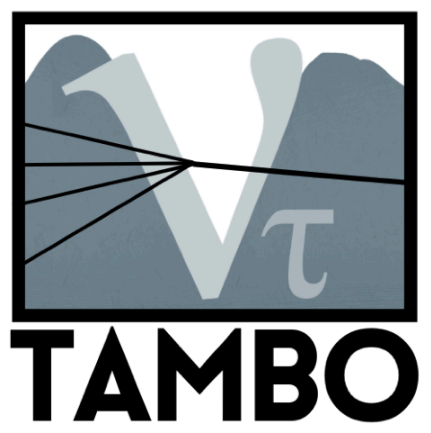
DEEP VALLEY



TAU AIR-SHOWER MOUNTAIN-BASED OBSERVATORY (TAMBO) • COLCA VALLEY, PERU

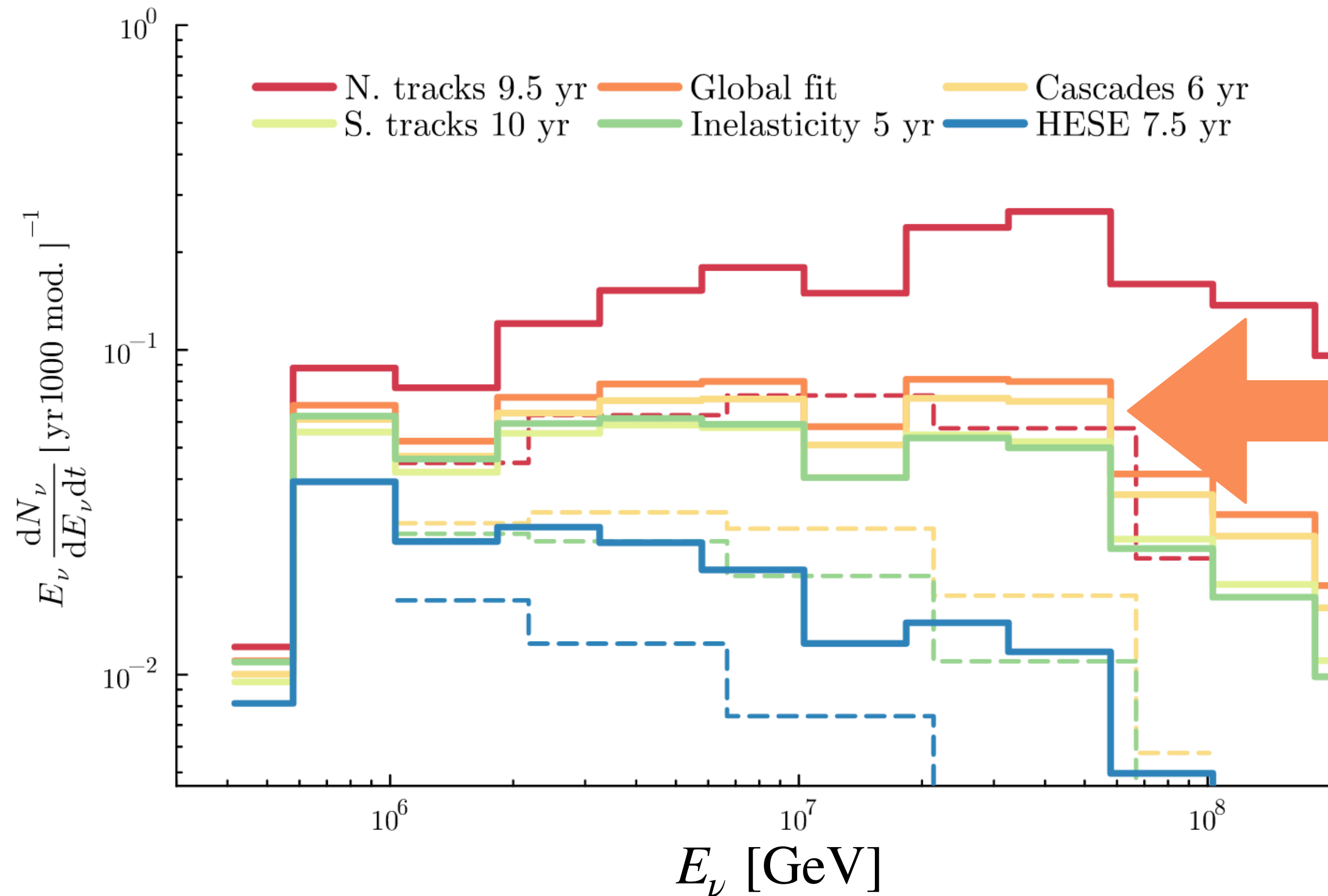


We went to Peru earlier last year and found a location for the experiment!
First prototype detectors are expected to be deployed this summer.



Expected rates at TAMBO given unknown-origin IceCube flux

J. Lazar, P. Zhelnin, W. Thompson for the TAMBO Collaboration (2024, to arXiv)

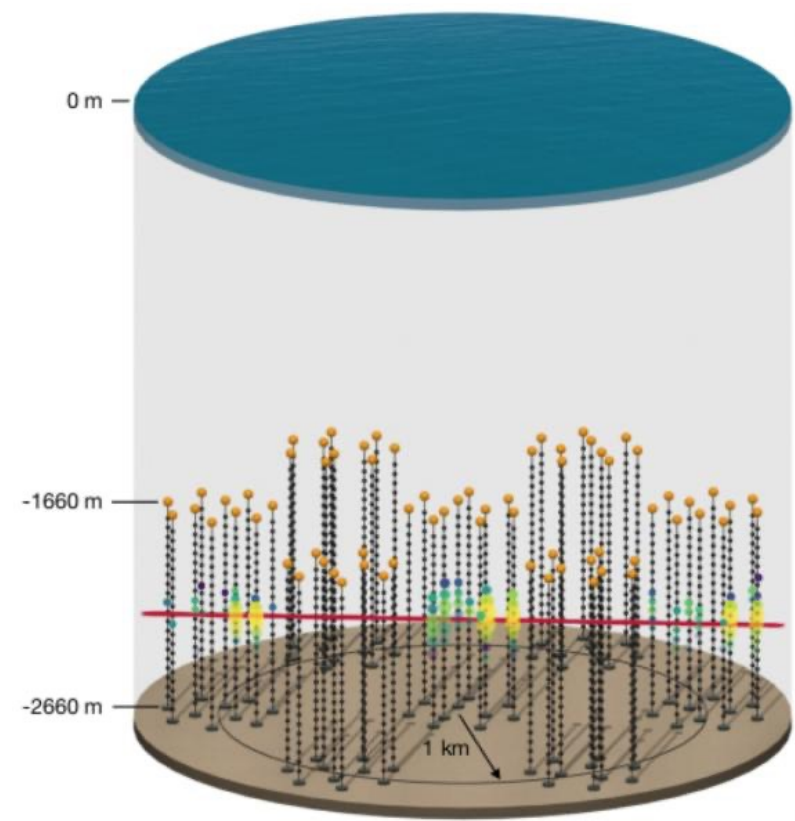


Most likely event rate
given IceCube
measurements

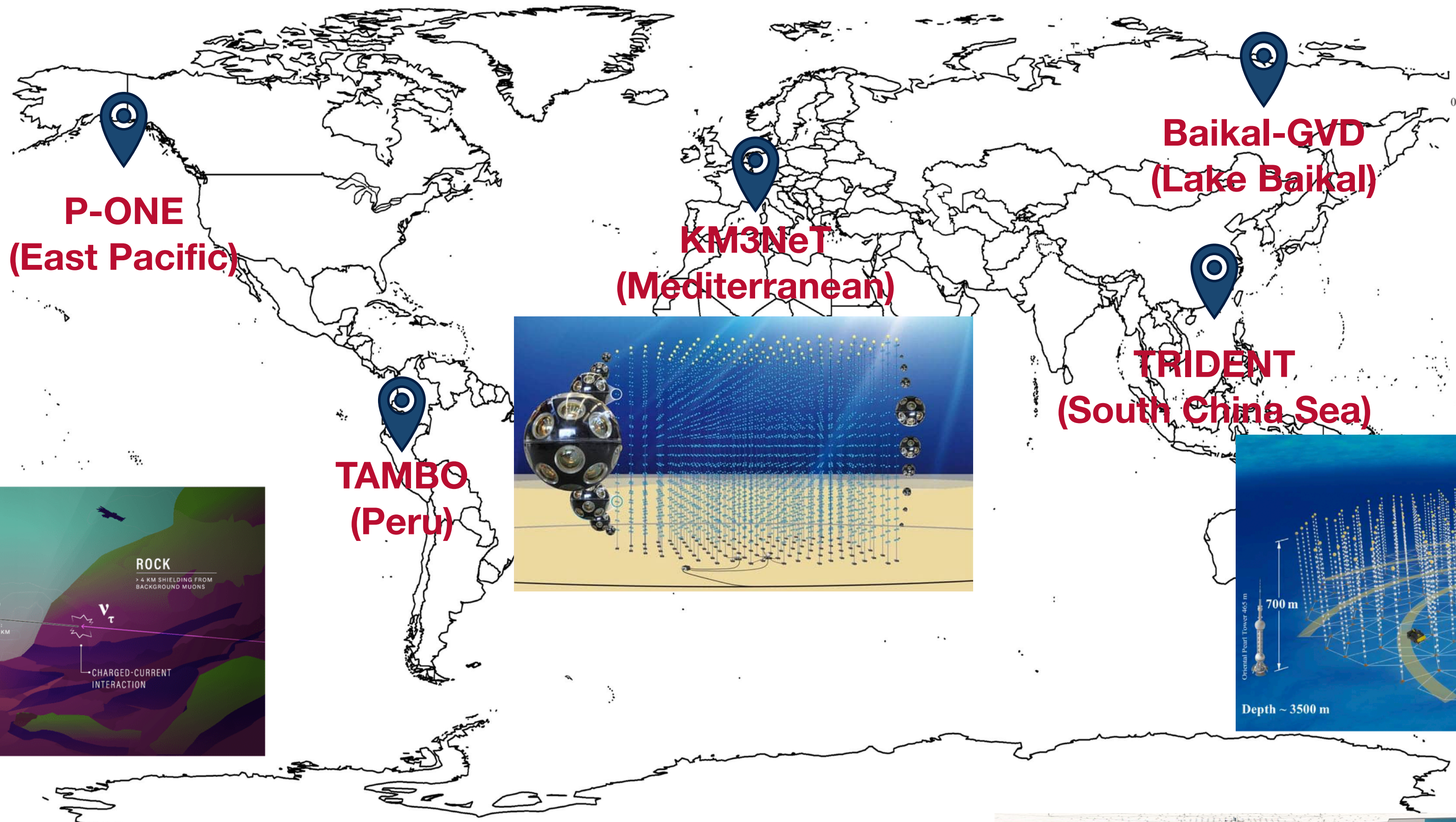
For 5000 sensors we expect a couple of events every year.
Few events, but every event points to a source: no trial factor in a IceCube/KM3NeT follow up

Towards a *Joint* Global Neutrino Telescope

(Diagram courtesy of Qinrui Liu)



P-ONE
(East Pacific)

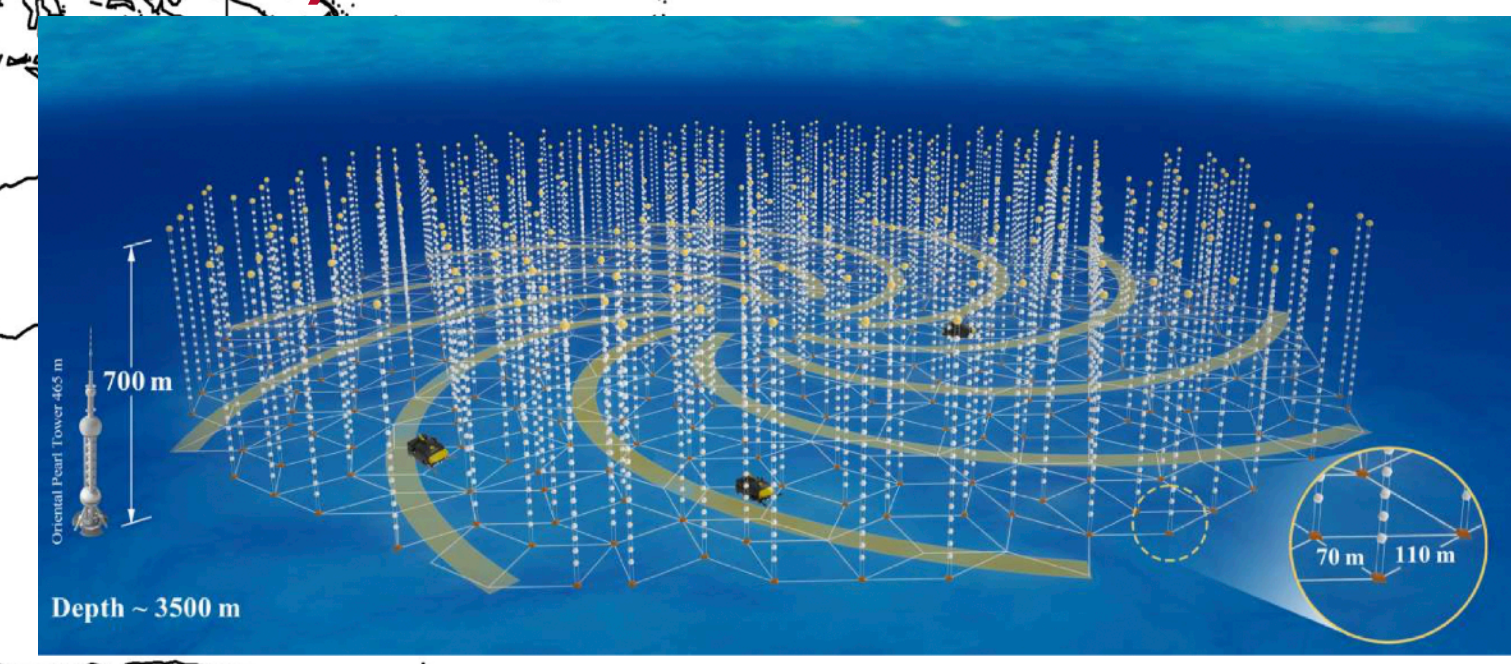
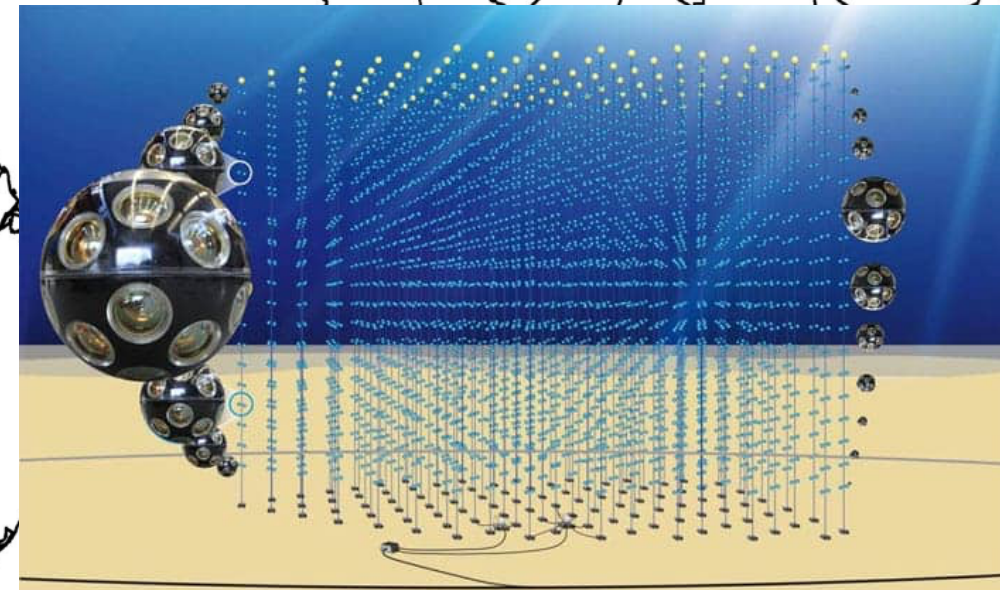
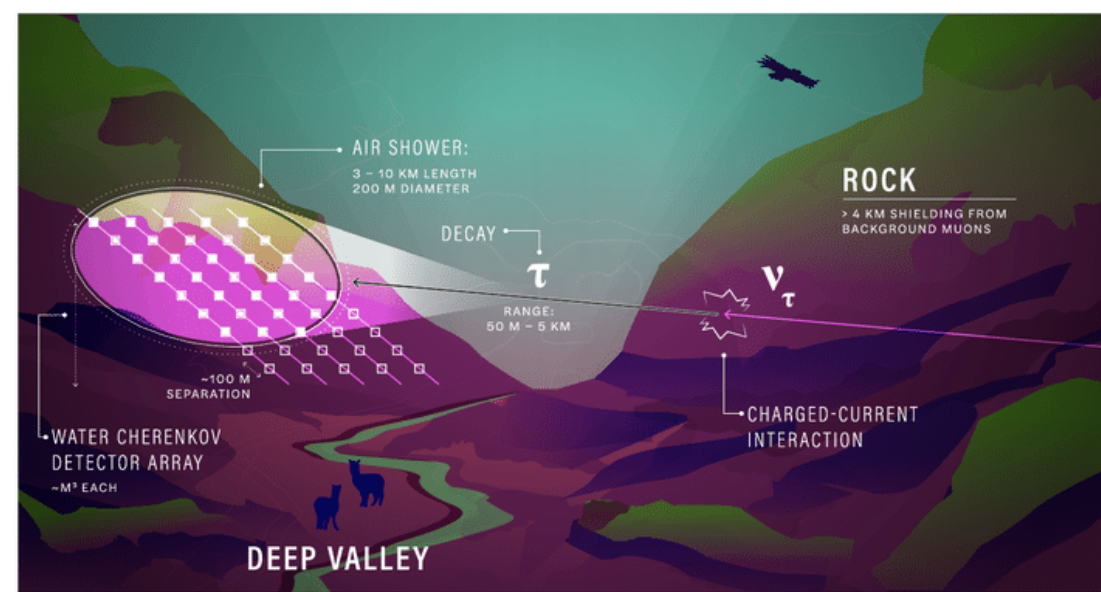
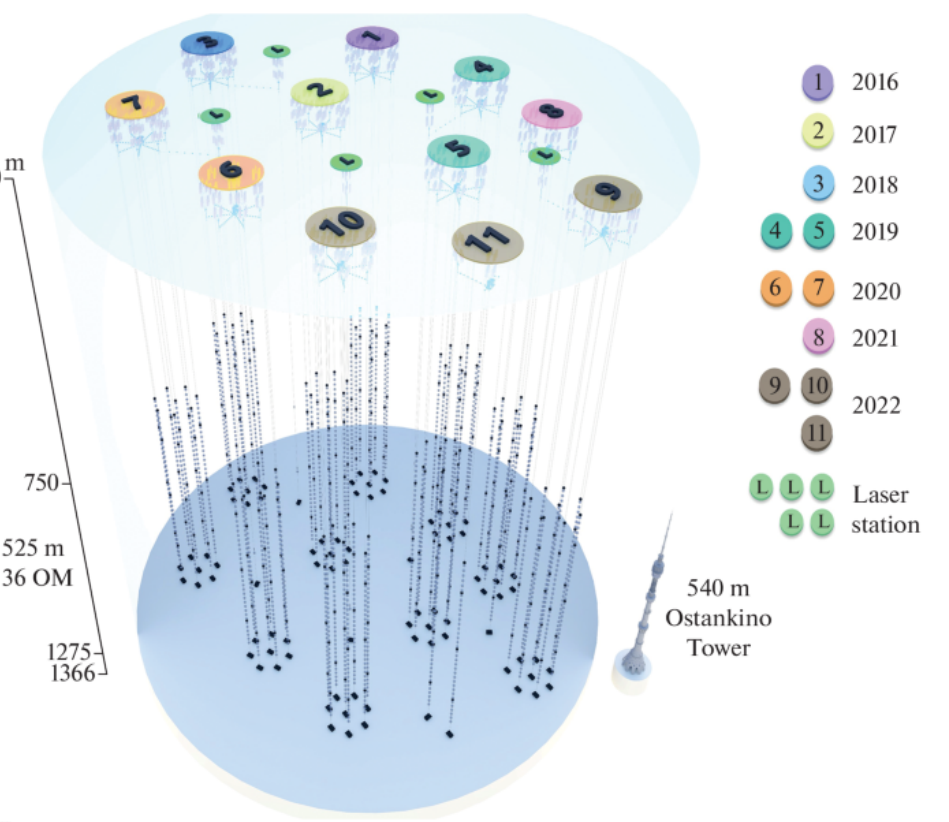


KM3NeT
(Mediterranean)

Baikal-GVD
(Lake Baikal)

TRIDENT
(South China Sea)

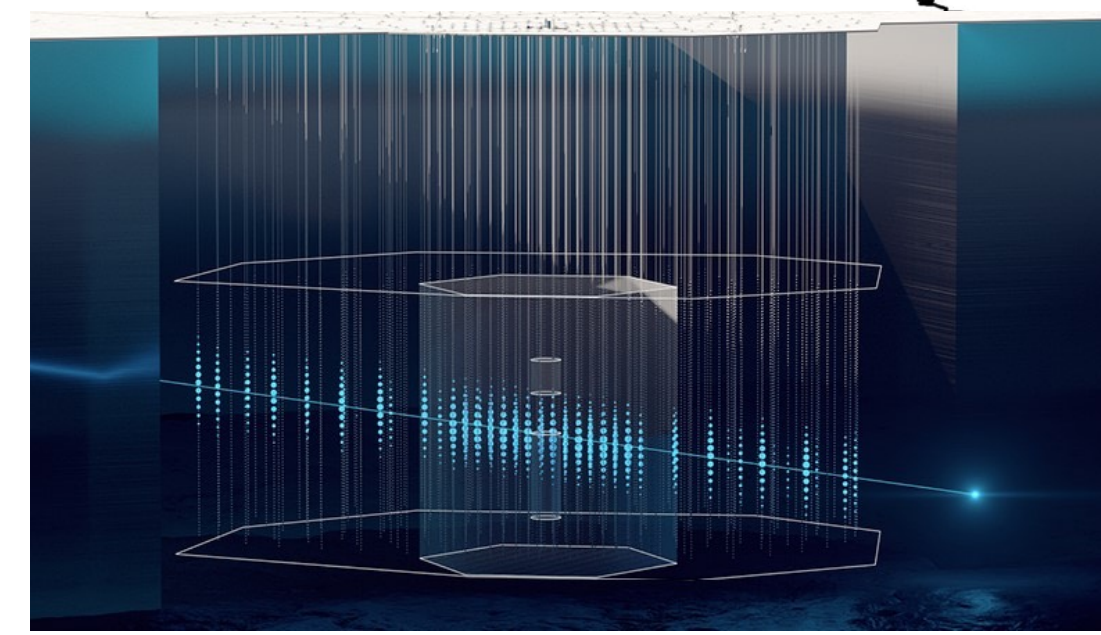
TAMBO
(Peru)

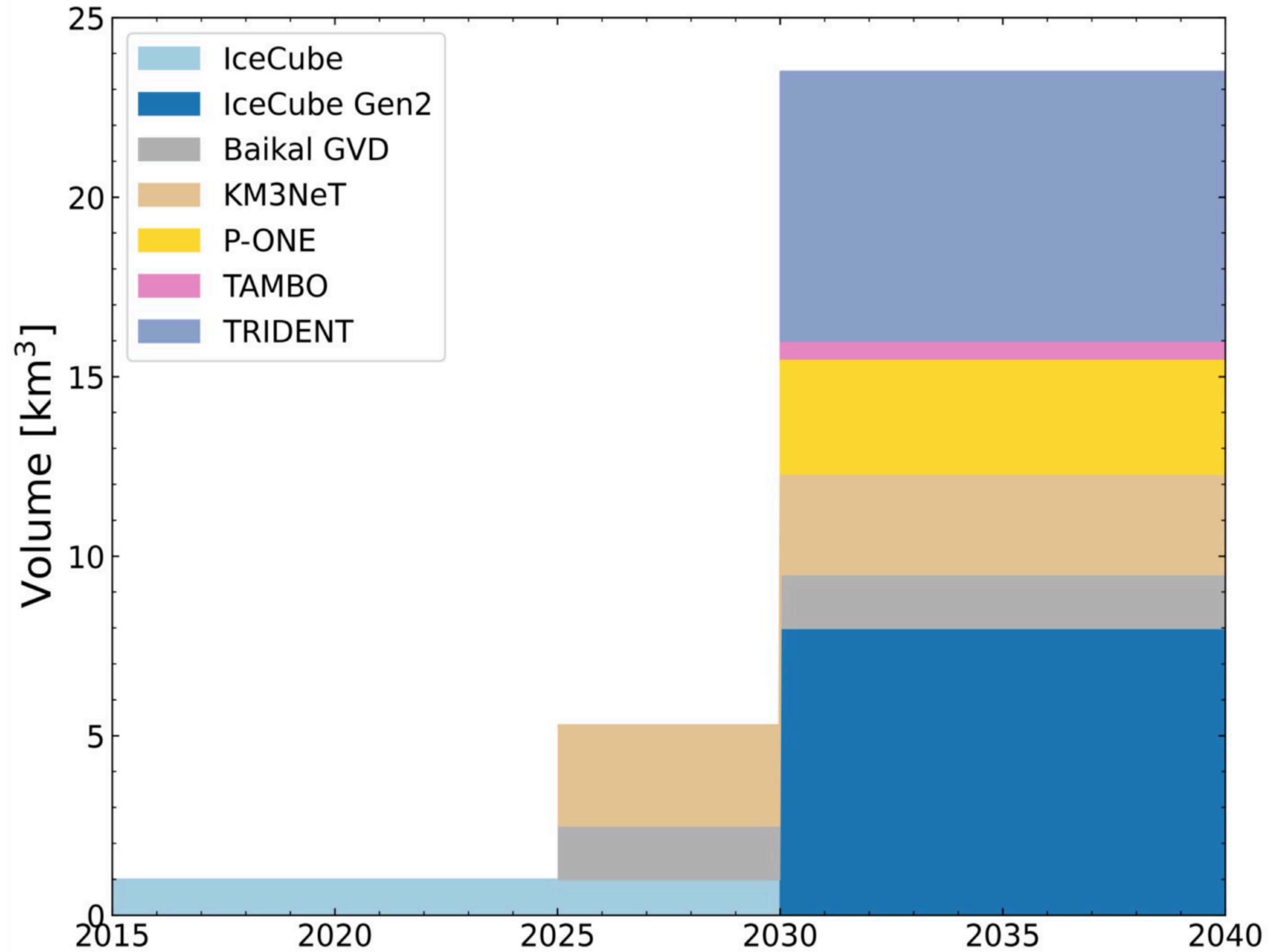


Many neutrino telescopes on similar energy ranges and with complementary capabilities under construction/planning



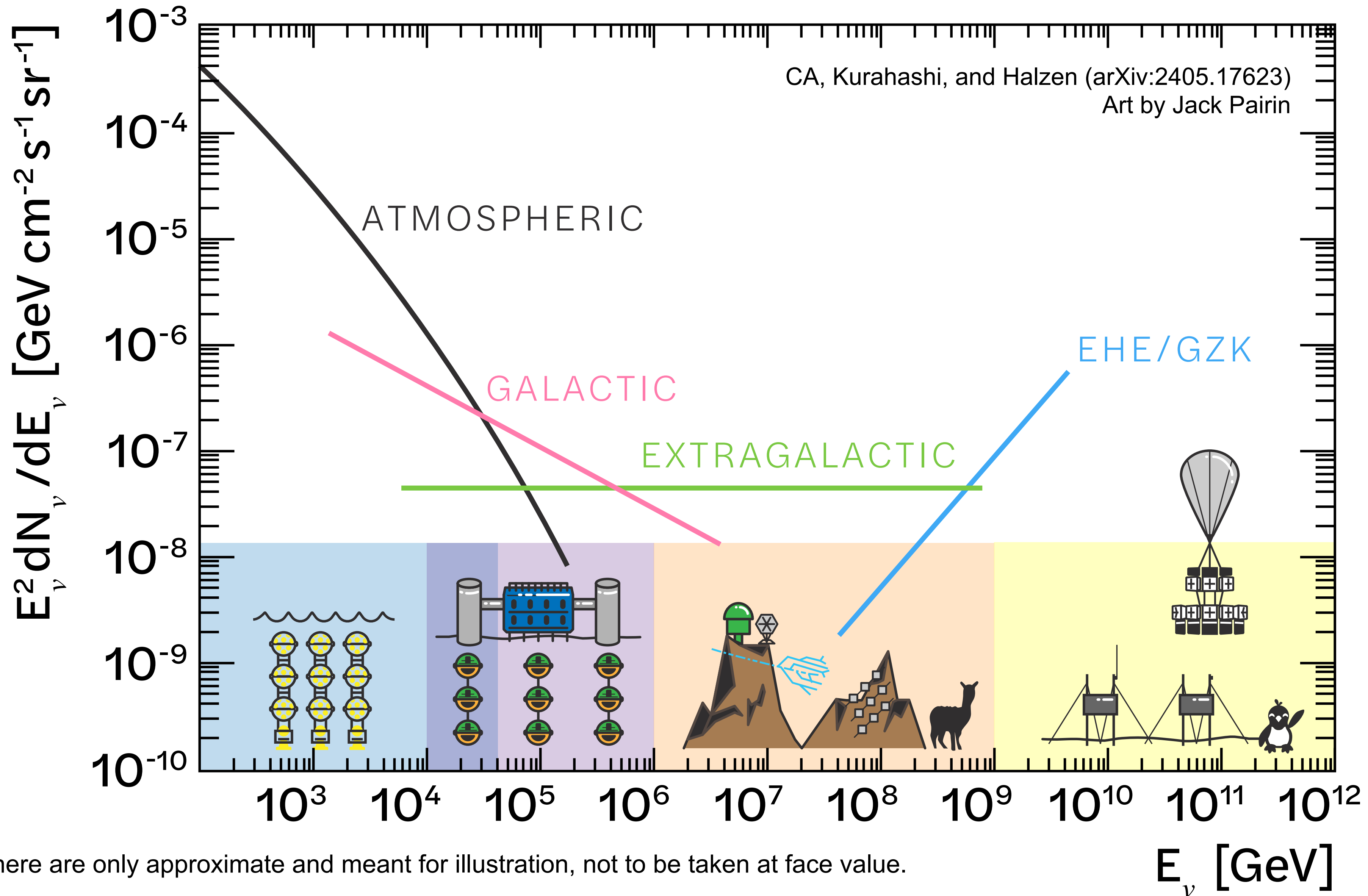
IceCube-Gen2
(South Pole)





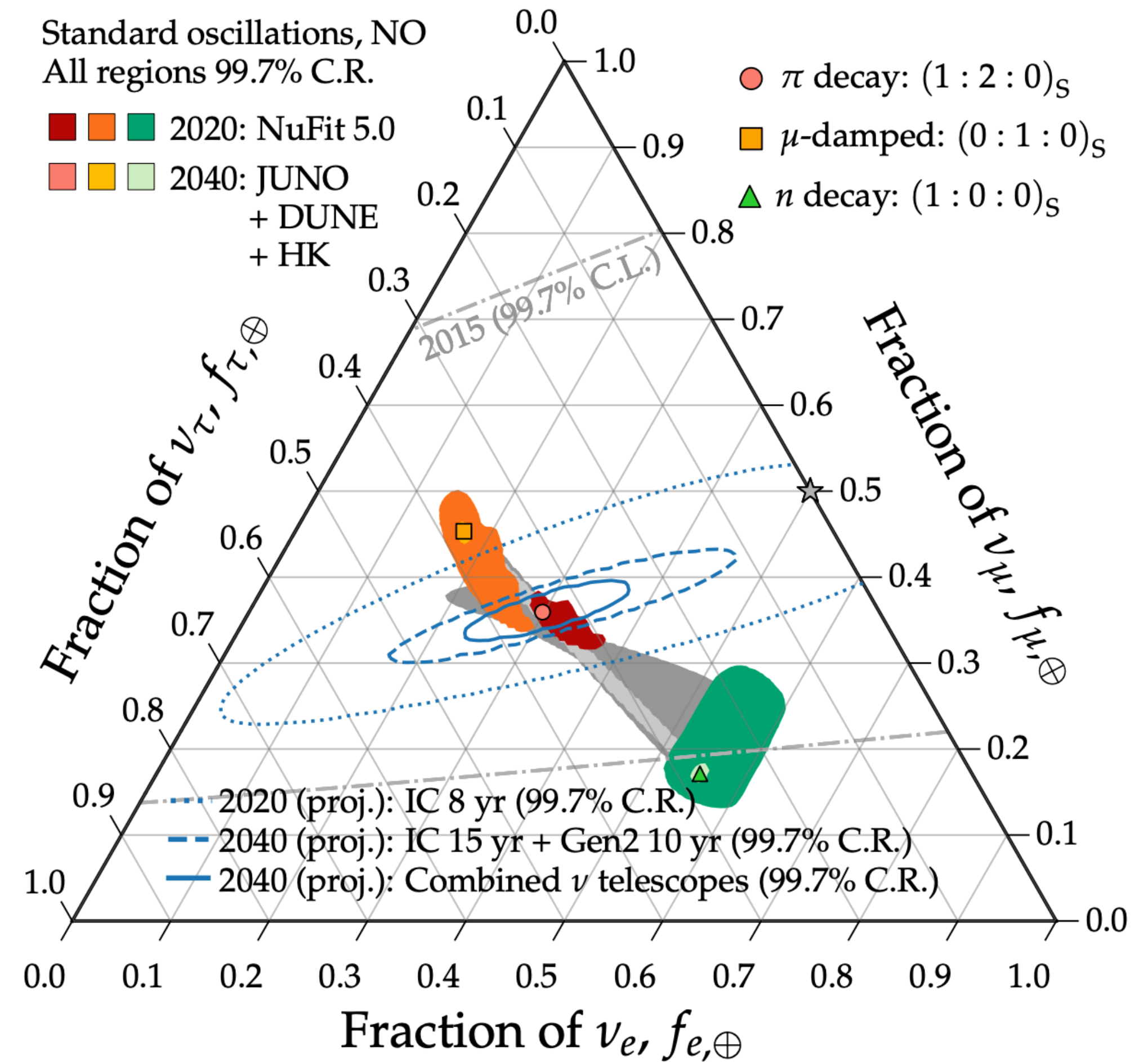
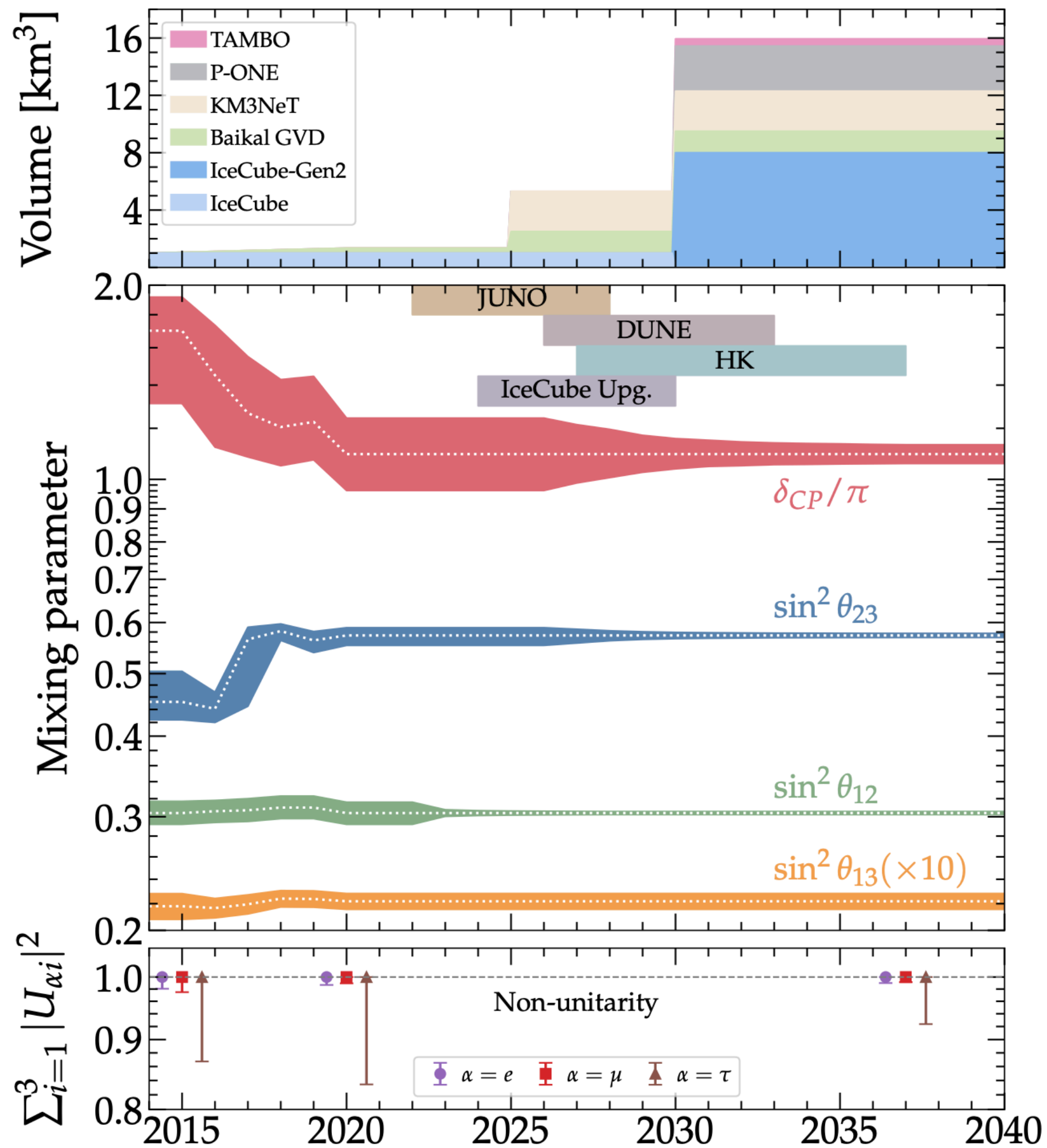
**Neutrino astronomy has started with first high-significance sources.
Exponentially growing field expected.**

Specialized Neutrino Telescopes



*Energy ranges here are only approximate and meant for illustration, not to be taken at face value.

The Power of Collaboration: Flavor measurements



N. Song, S. Li, CA, M. Bustamante, A. Vincent (arXiv:2012.12893)

Conclusion

We live in exciting times for particle astrophysics

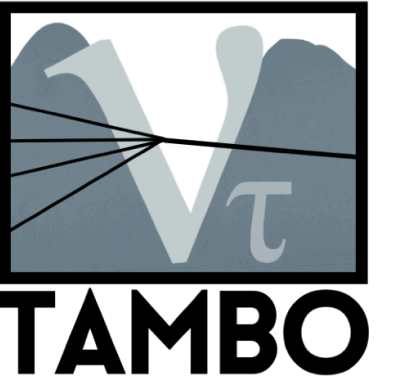
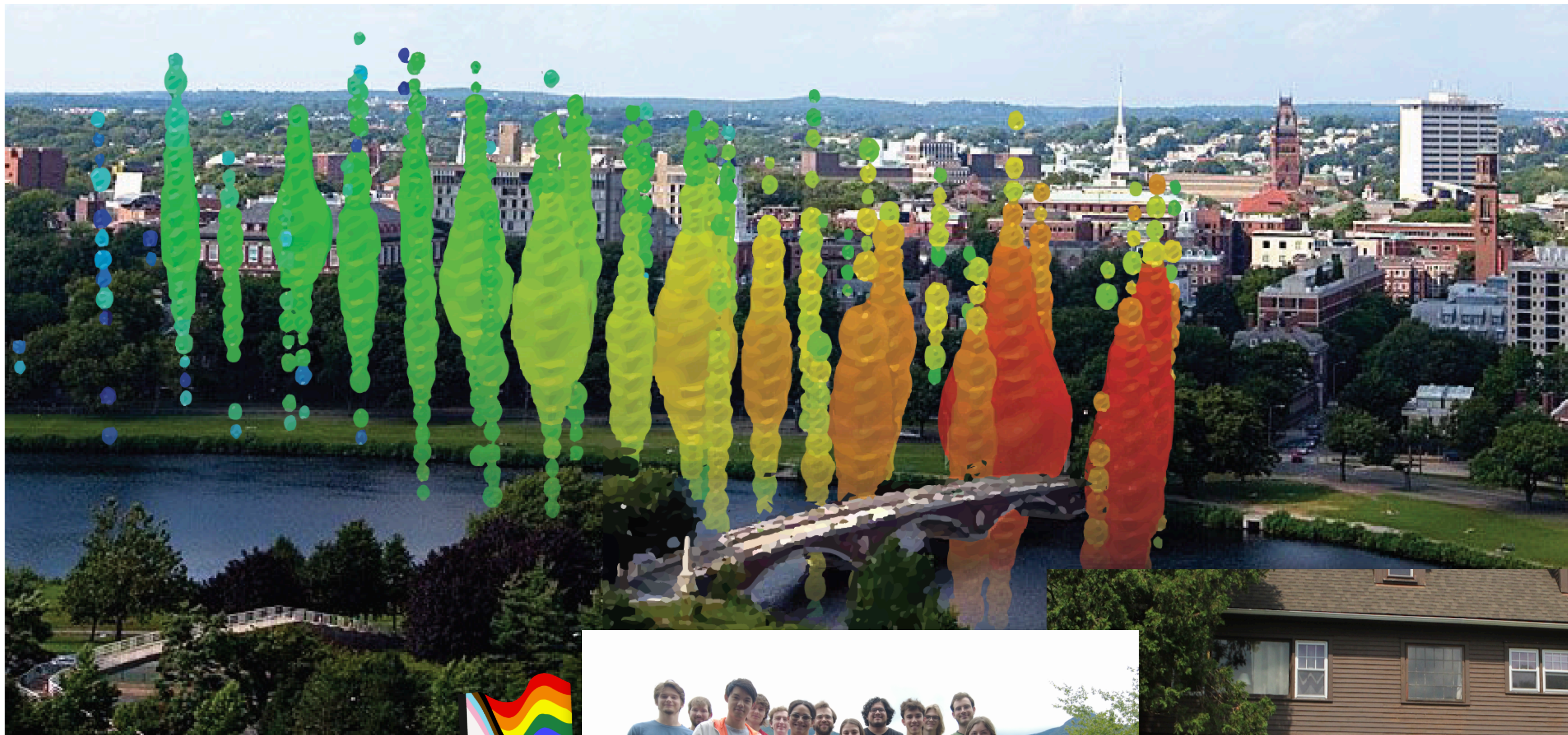
- First astrophysical neutrino sources are appearing.
- IceCube is able to observe neutrinos from all flavors.
- Neutrino interferometry is a powerful tool to measure tiny effects.

We also have great opportunities for the future

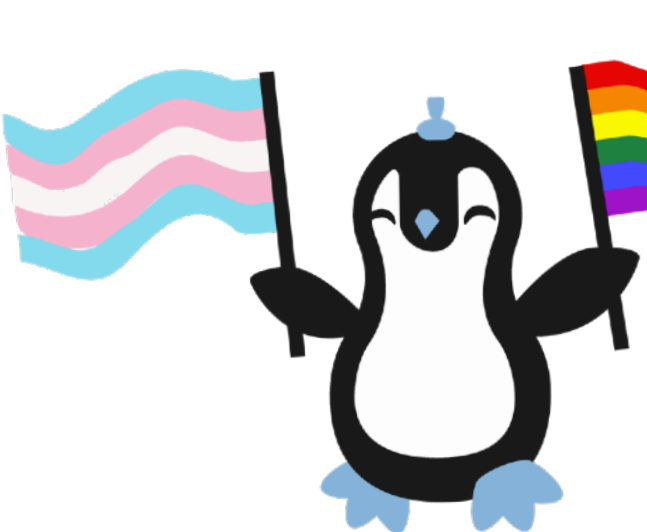
- With IceCube we have a rich data set for continuing searches
- With the Upgrade we will have great new precision
- More neutrino telescopes: more data!
- Diversified neutrino telescope portfolio opens new opportunities for discovery



May your physics be
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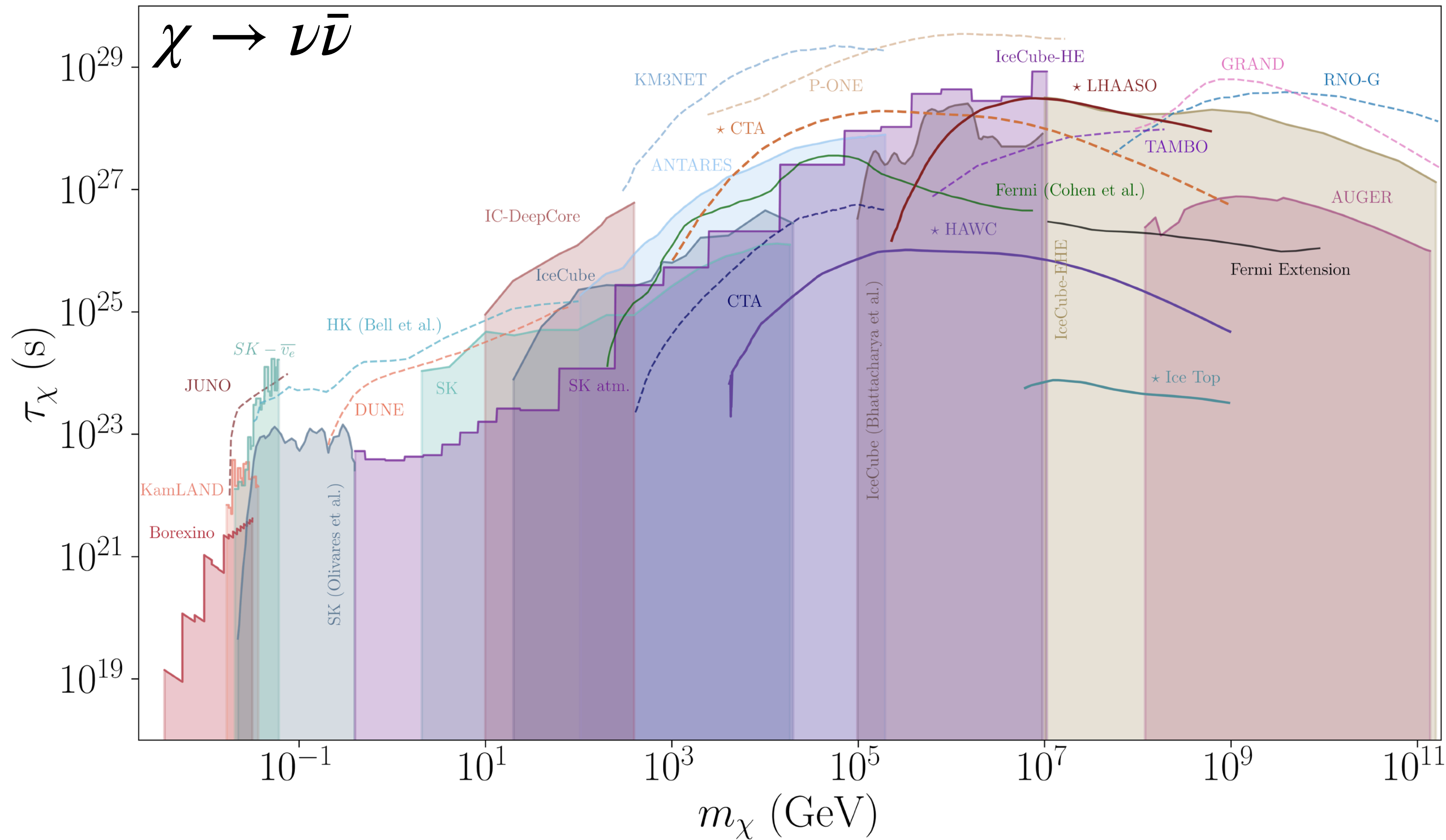
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Bonus slides

Dark Matter Decay To Neutrinos



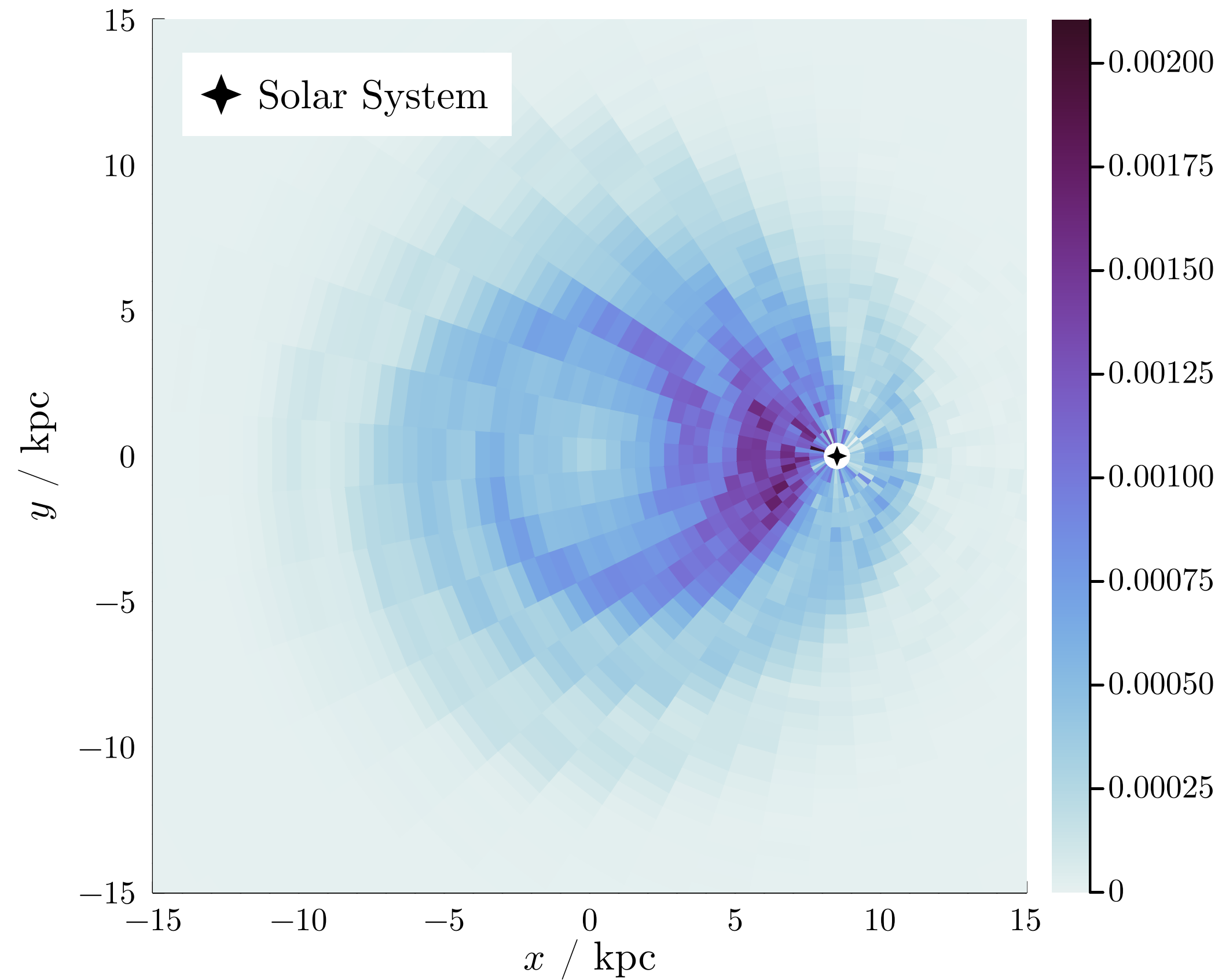
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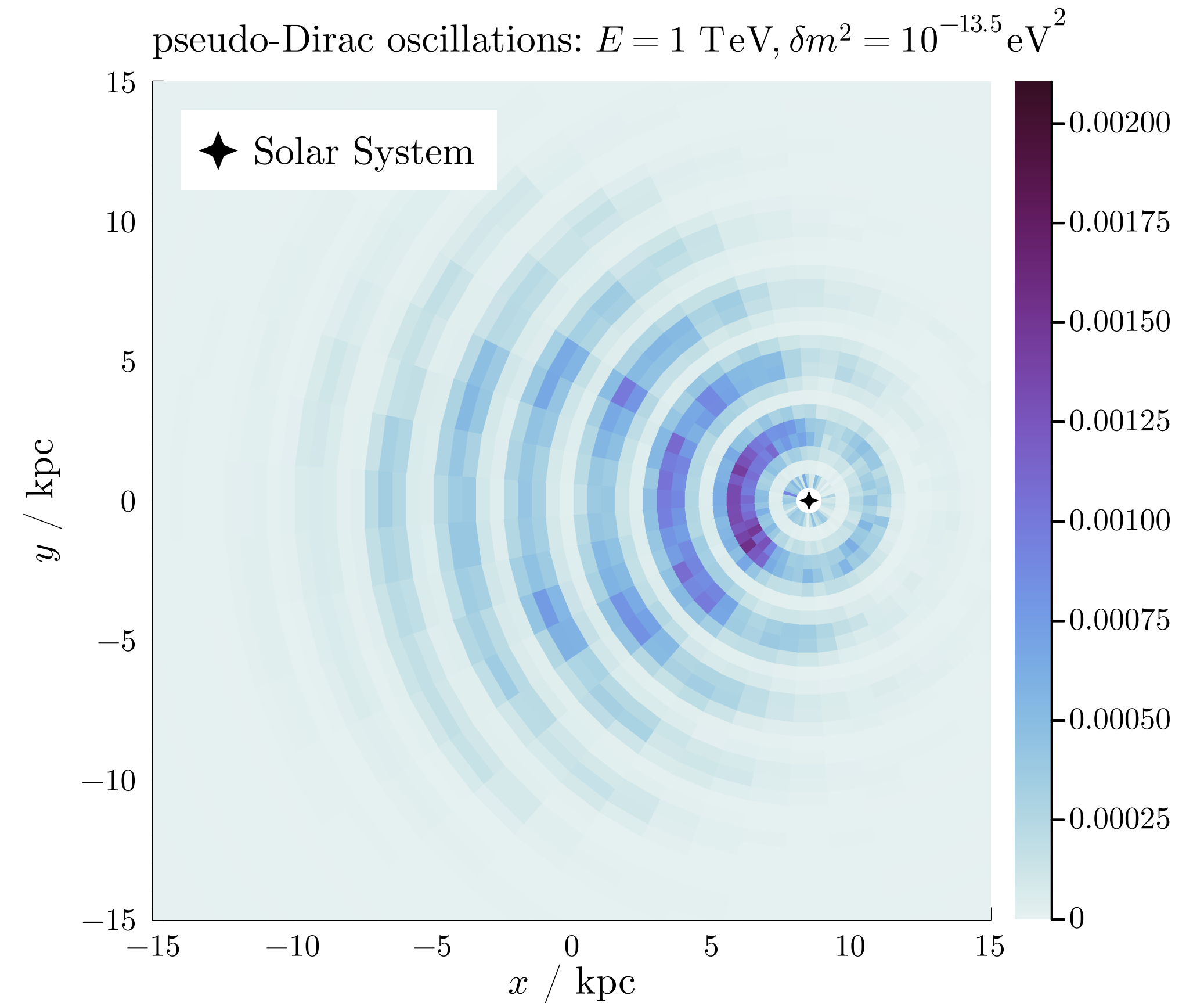
Work by Diya Delgado

Quasi-Dirac Oscillations and Galactic Neutrinos

spatial distribution $P(r, \ell, b = 0)$
of neutrinos which arrive at Earth



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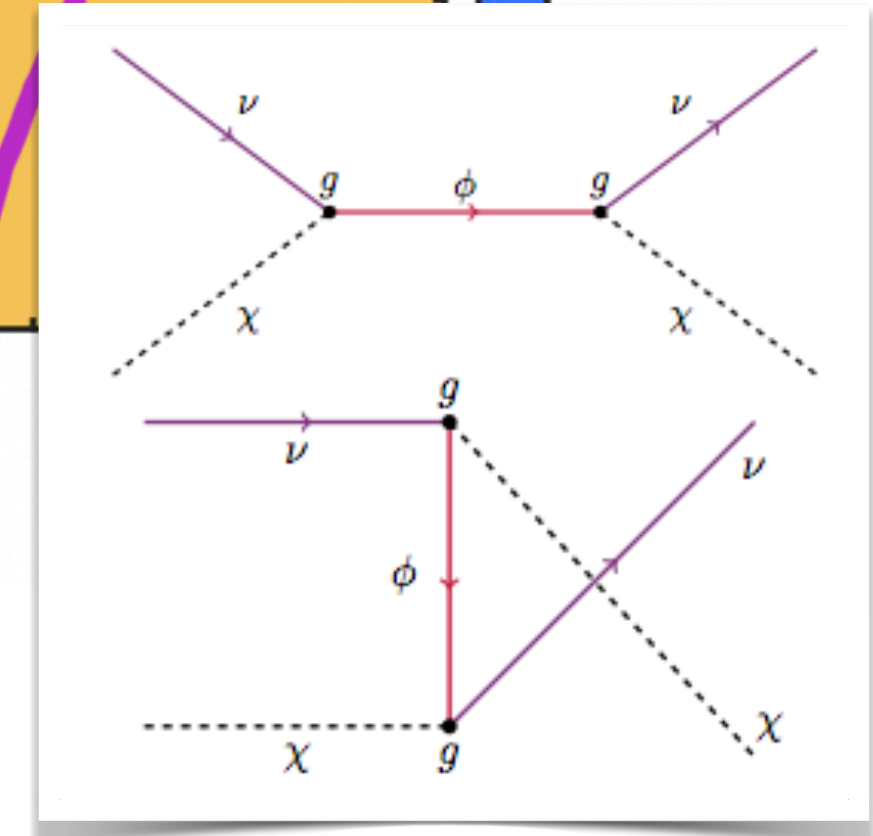
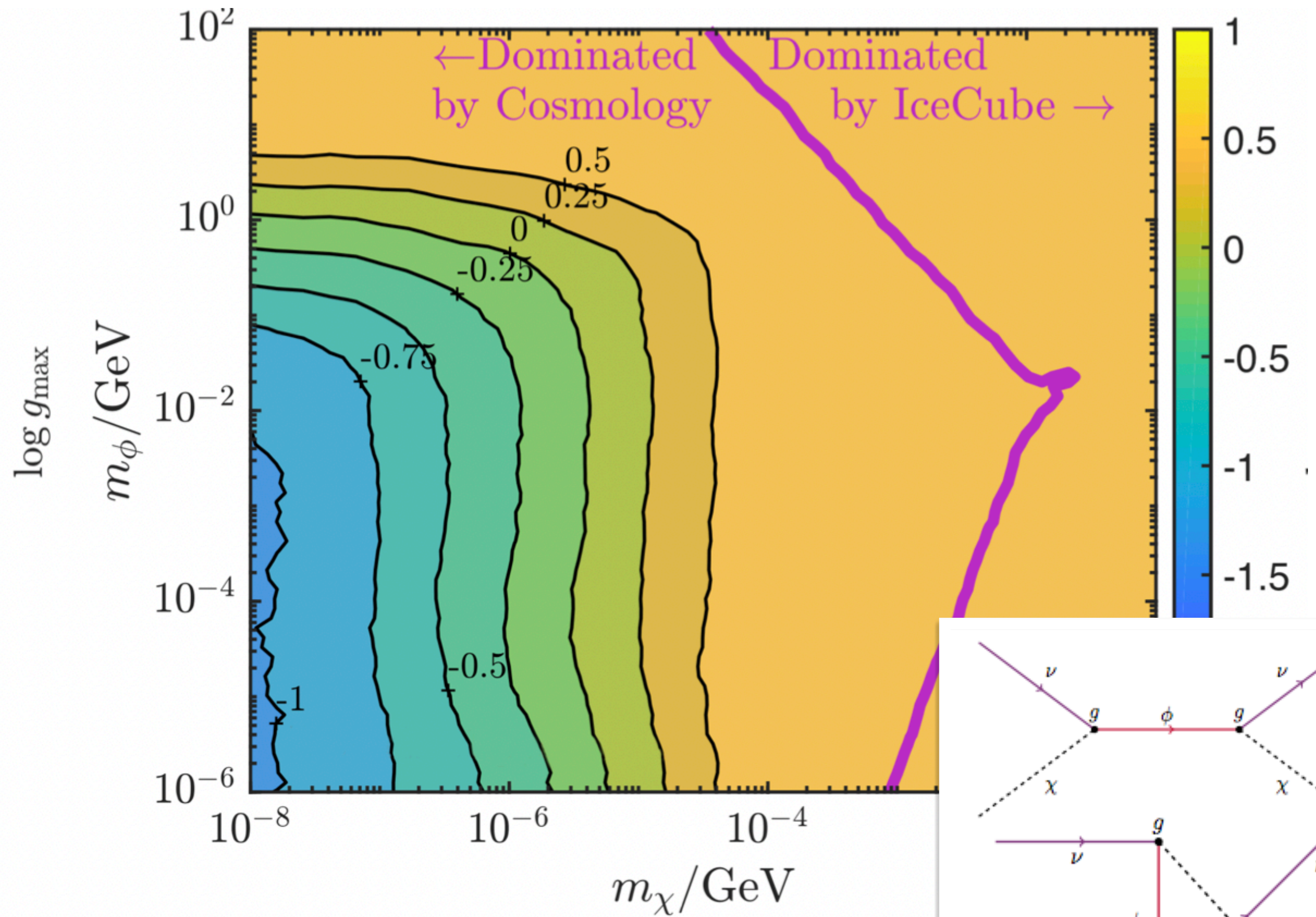
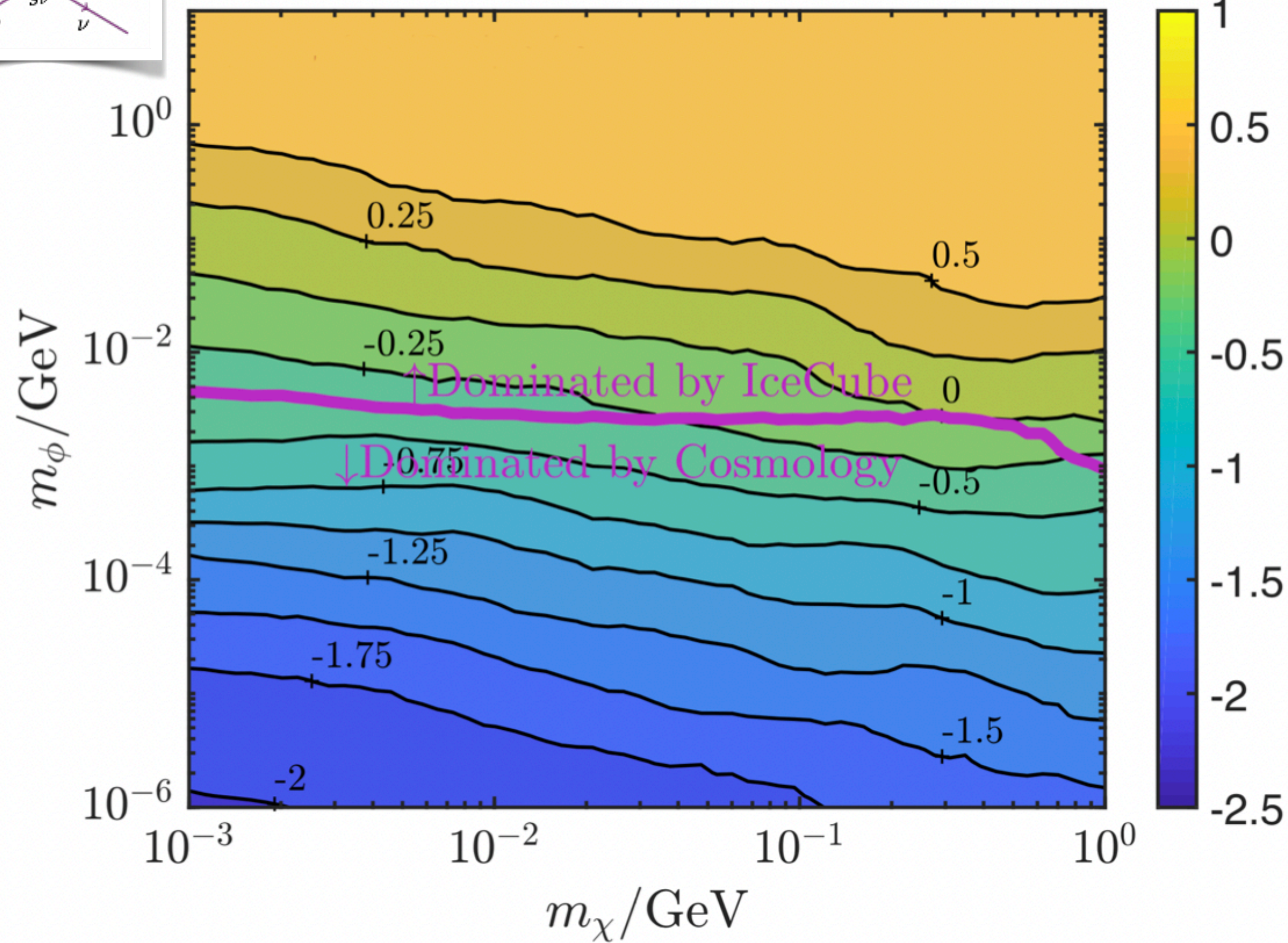
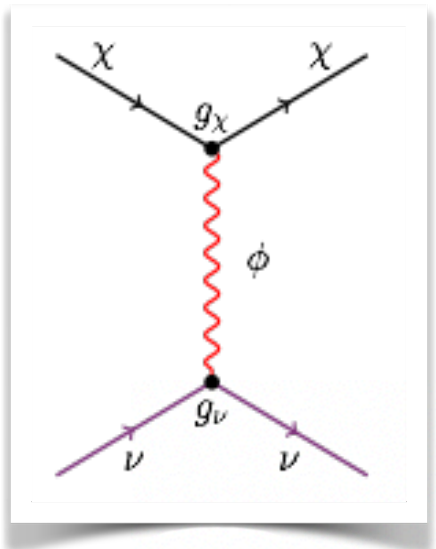


Pseudo-Dirac neutrinos can produce oscillations on
galactic neutrinos for mass-squared-differences around $10^{-13.5} \text{ eV}^2$!

M. McDonald, K. Carloni, R. Alves, CA, and I. Martínez-Soler to appear

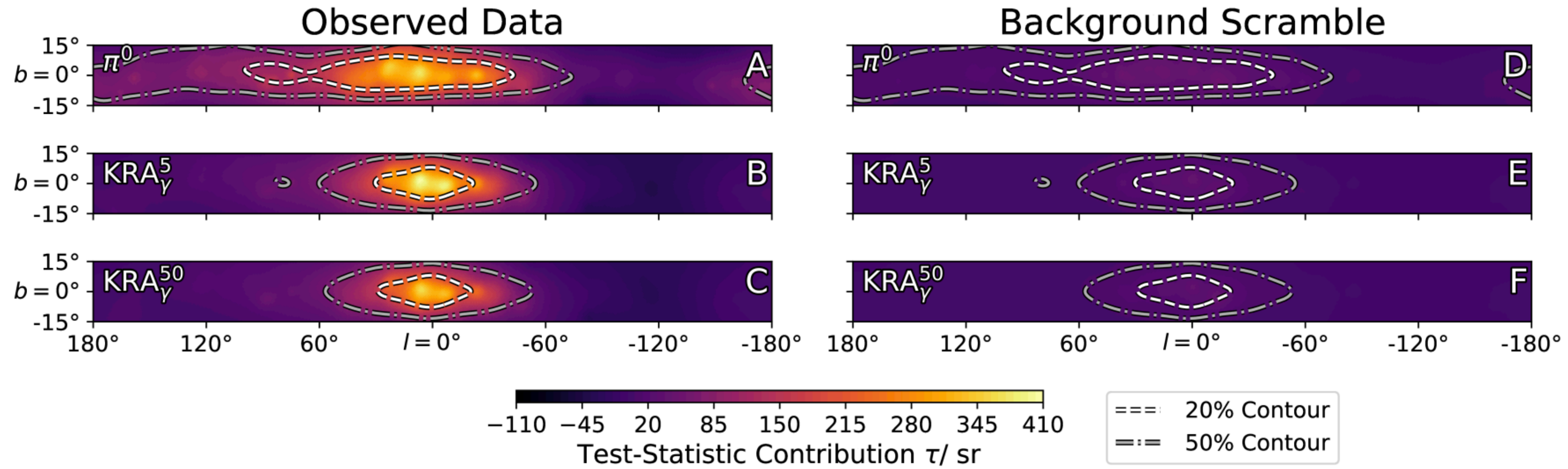
Constraints on Dark Matter Neutrino Scattering

IceCube Collaboration, arXiv:2205.12950

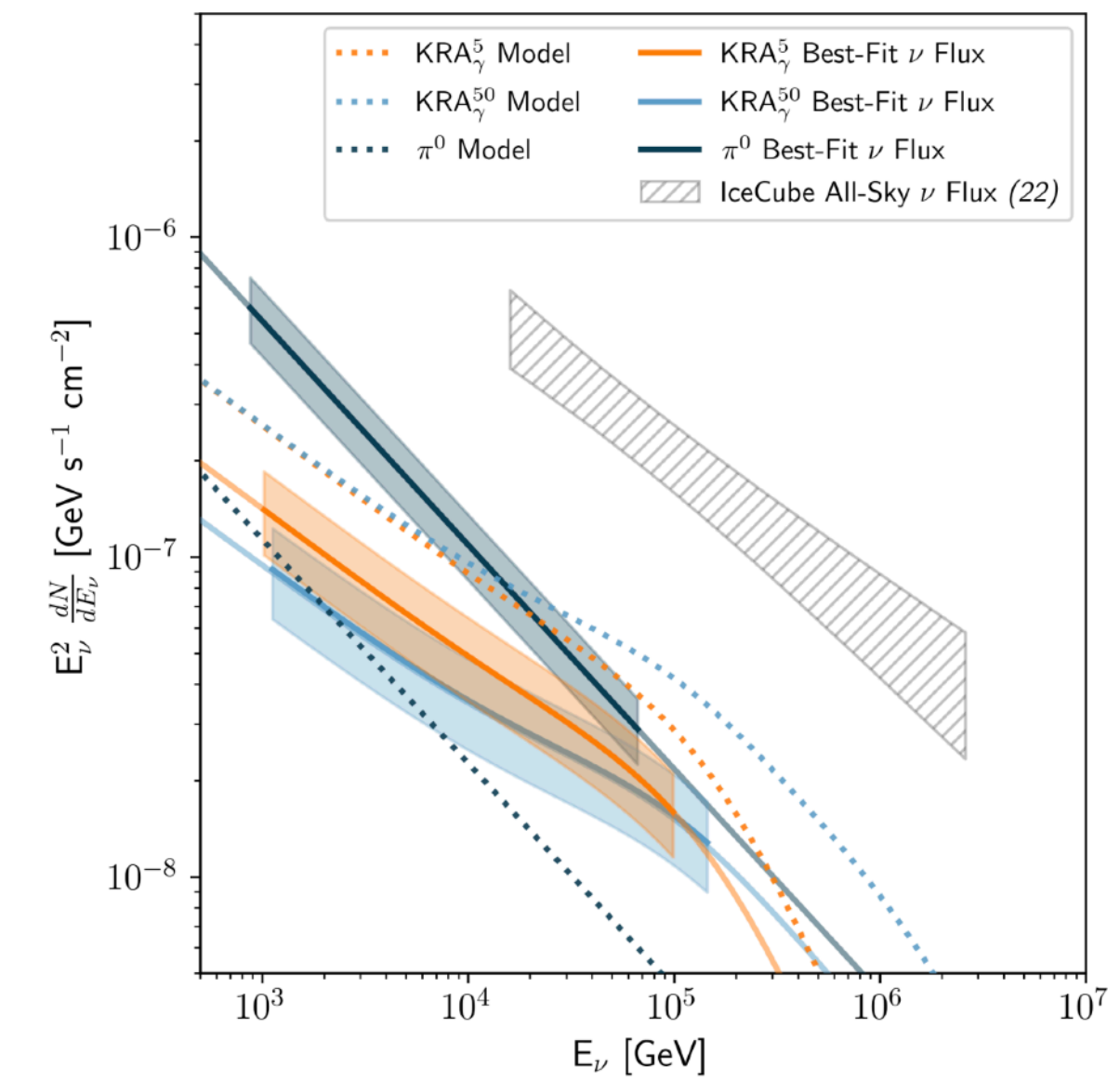


Color scale is the maximum allowed coupling.

Cosmological bounds using Large Scale Structure from Escudero et al 2016

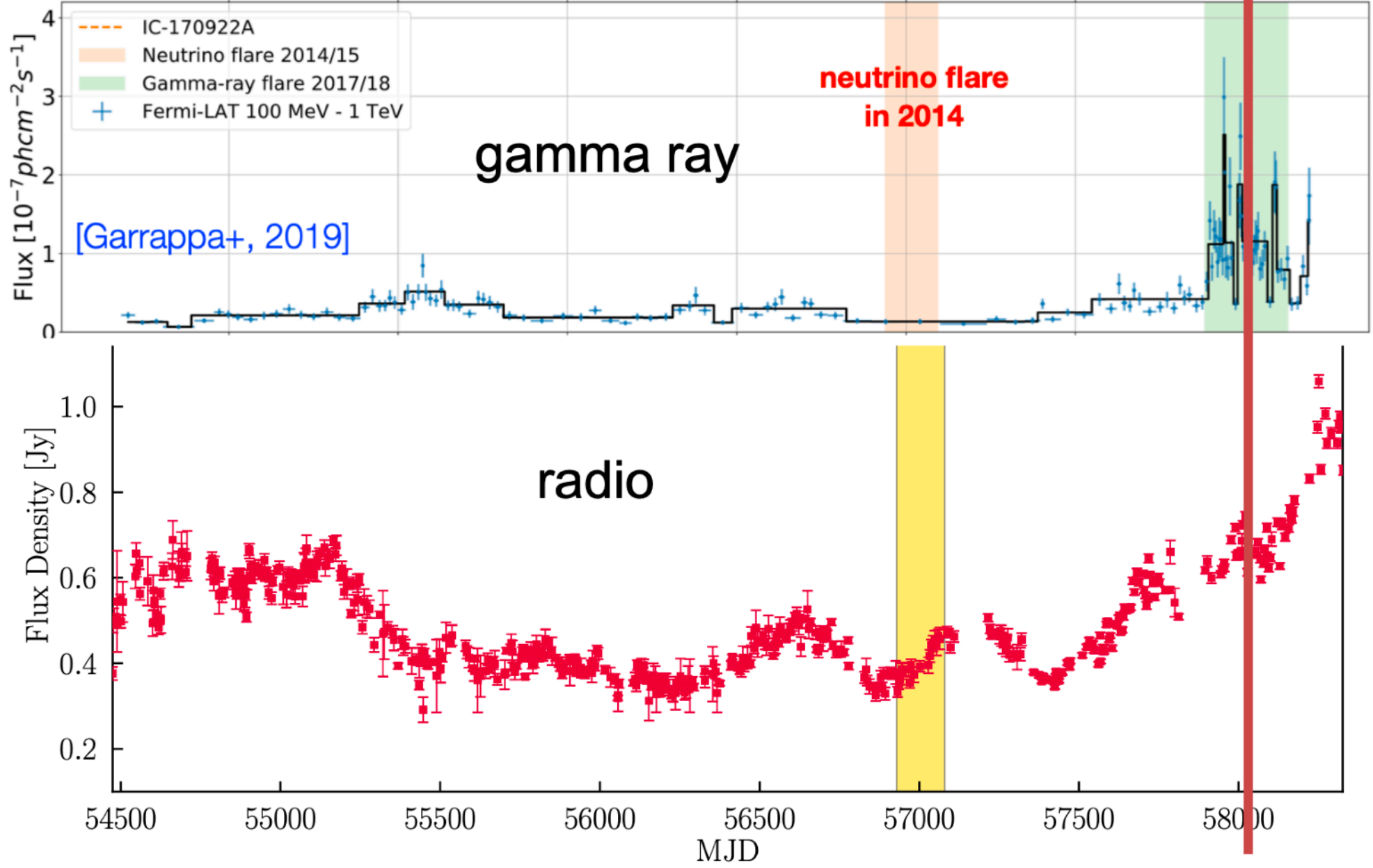
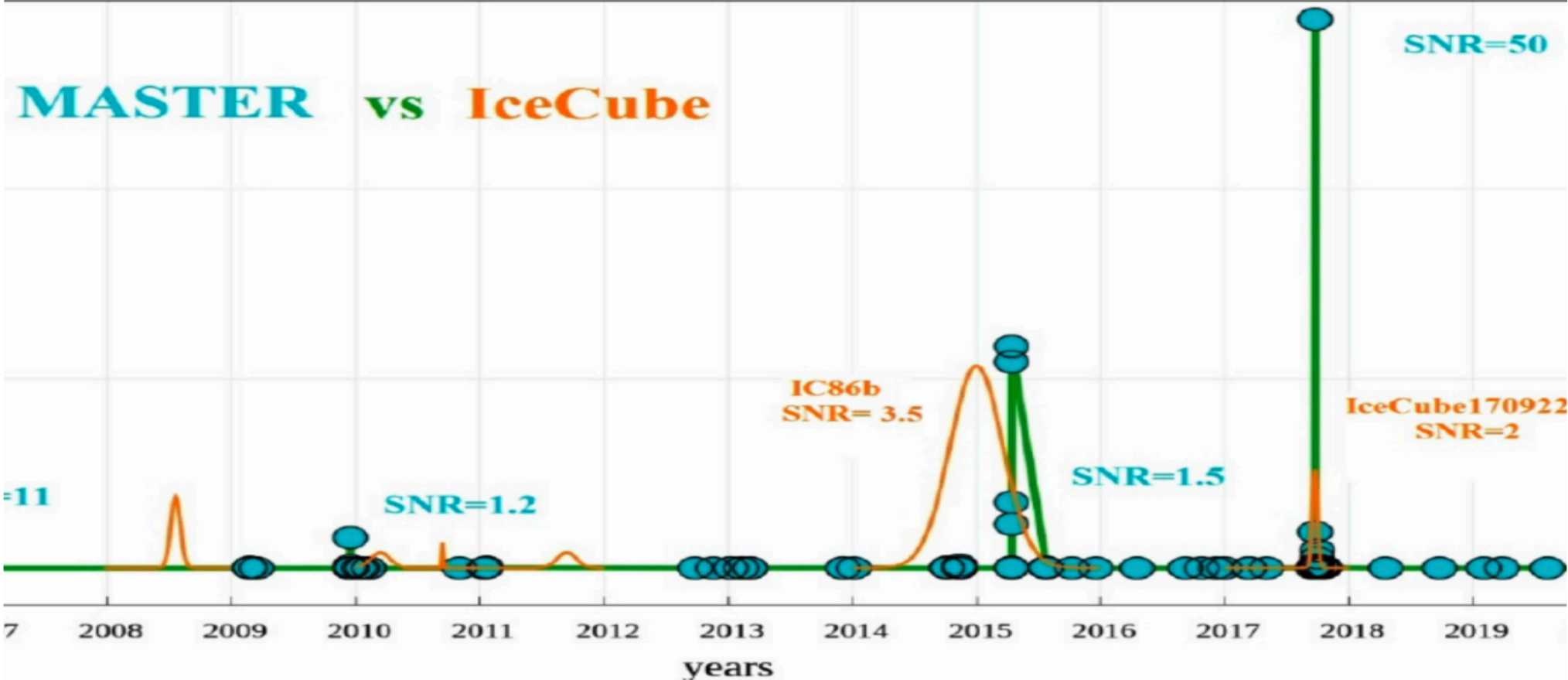


Diffuse Galactic plane analyses	Flux sensitivity Φ	p-value	Best-fitting flux Φ
π^0	5.98	1.26×10^{-6} (4.71σ)	$21.8^{+5.3}_{-4.9}$
KRA_γ^5	$0.16 \times \text{MF}$	6.13×10^{-6} (4.37σ)	$0.55^{+0.18}_{-0.15} \times \text{MF}$
KRA_γ^{50}	$0.11 \times \text{MF}$	3.72×10^{-5} (3.96σ)	$0.37^{+0.13}_{-0.11} \times \text{MF}$
Catalog stacking analyses	p-value		
SNR	5.90×10^{-4} (3.24σ)*		
PWN	5.93×10^{-4} (3.24σ)*		
UNID	3.39×10^{-4} (3.40σ)*		

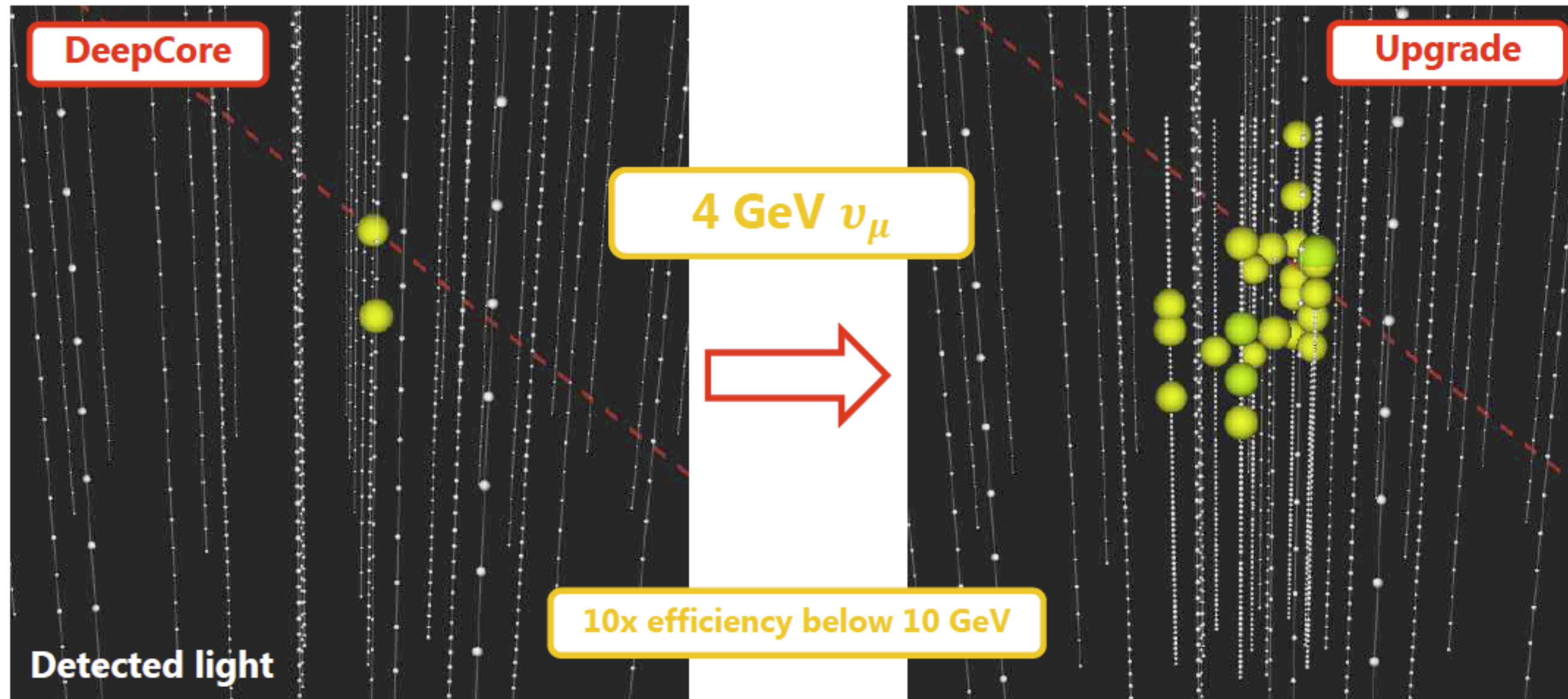


2014 Neutrino Flare From TXS 0506+056

- Enhancement is seen around IC170922A in gamma-rays and radio, and a drop in optical.
- Neutrino flare in 2014-2015 is correlated with enhancement in radio and drop in optical flux, but *no change in gamma-rays*.

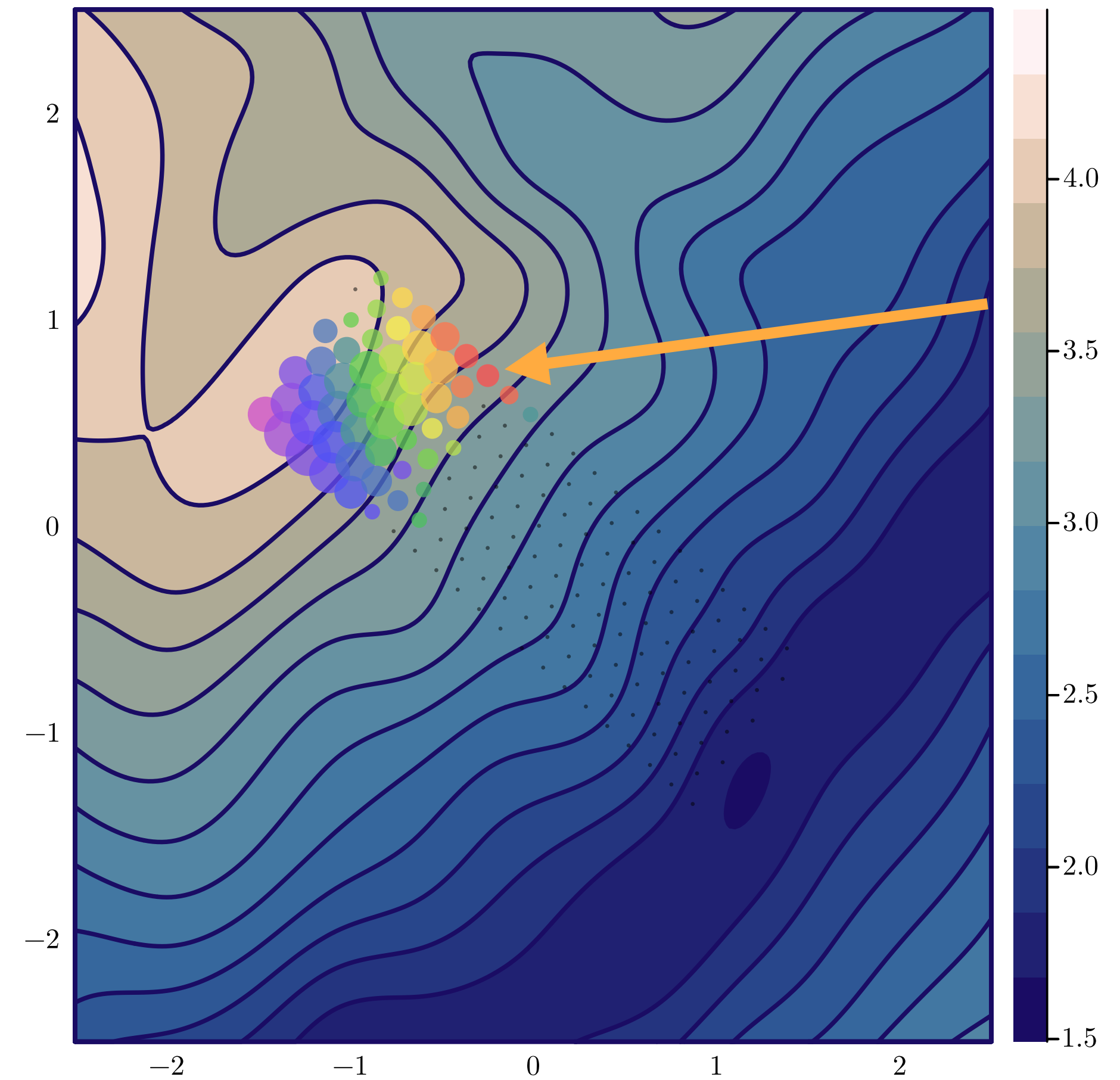
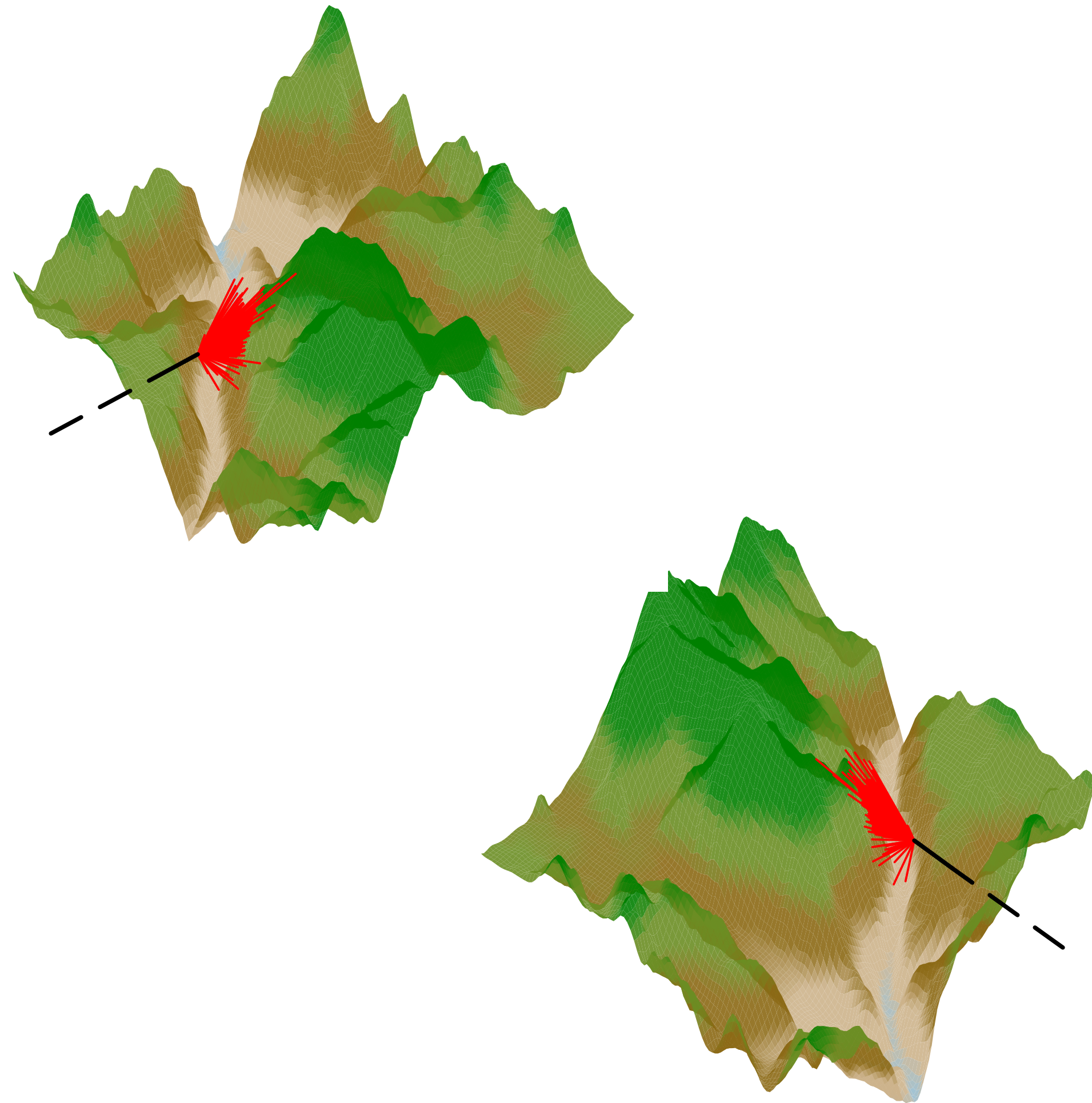


Improved light-collection for low-energy events



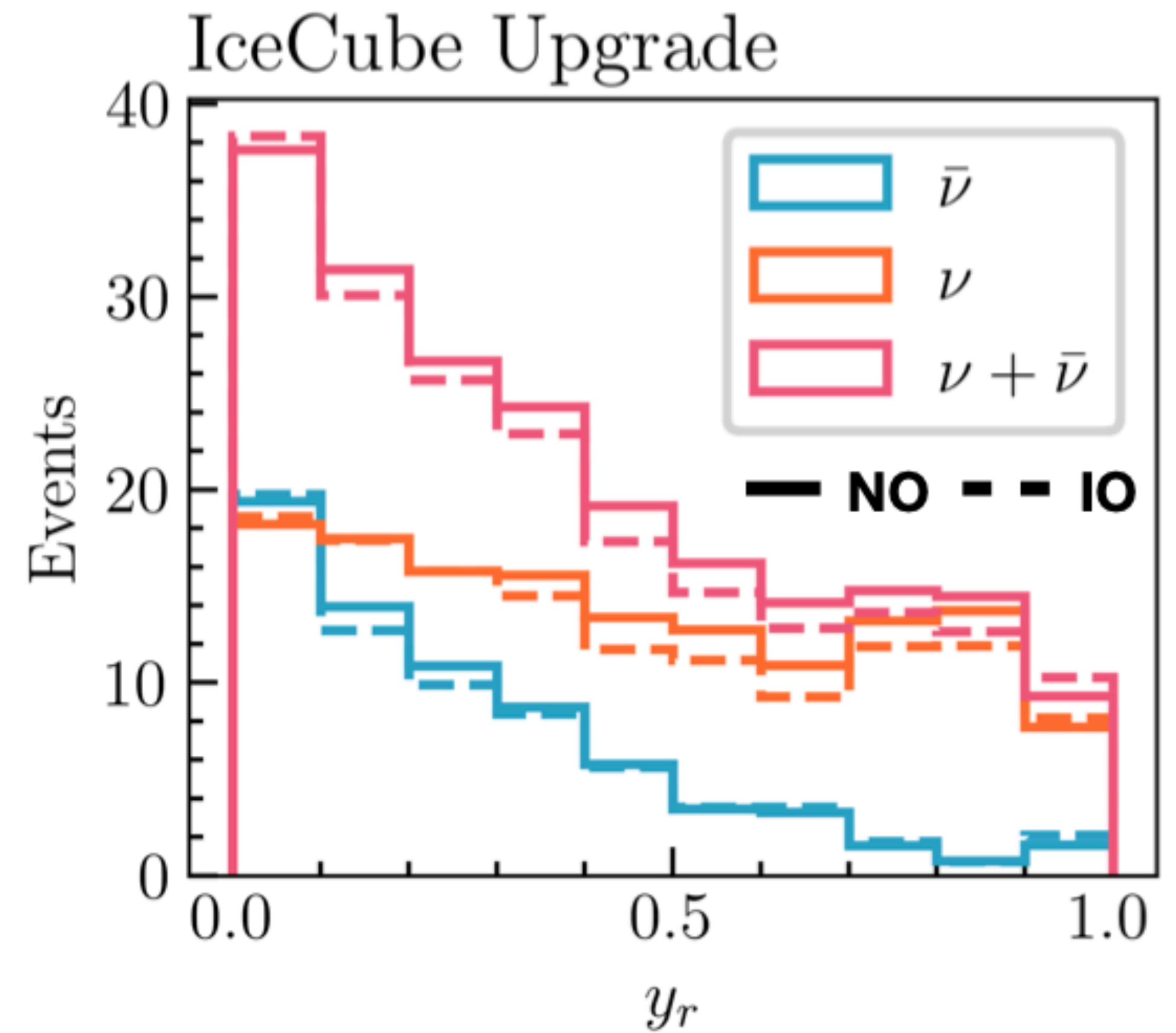
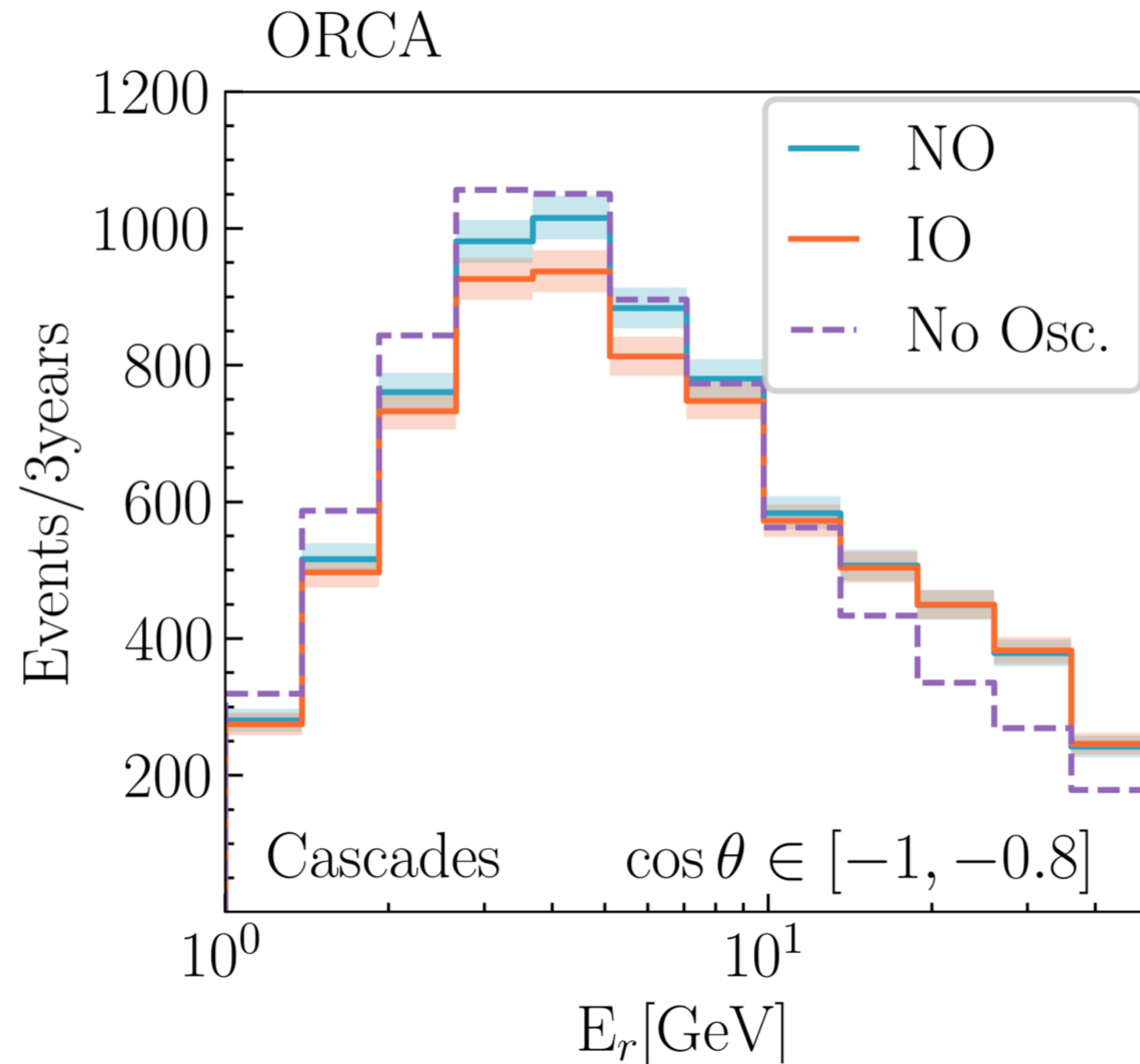
*DeepCore (shown on the left) is the current low-energy extension of IceCube

How would these events look like?



Figures possible by the amazing simulation work done by Jeff Lazar, Pavel Zhelnin, and William Thompson

Atmospheric neutrino distributions



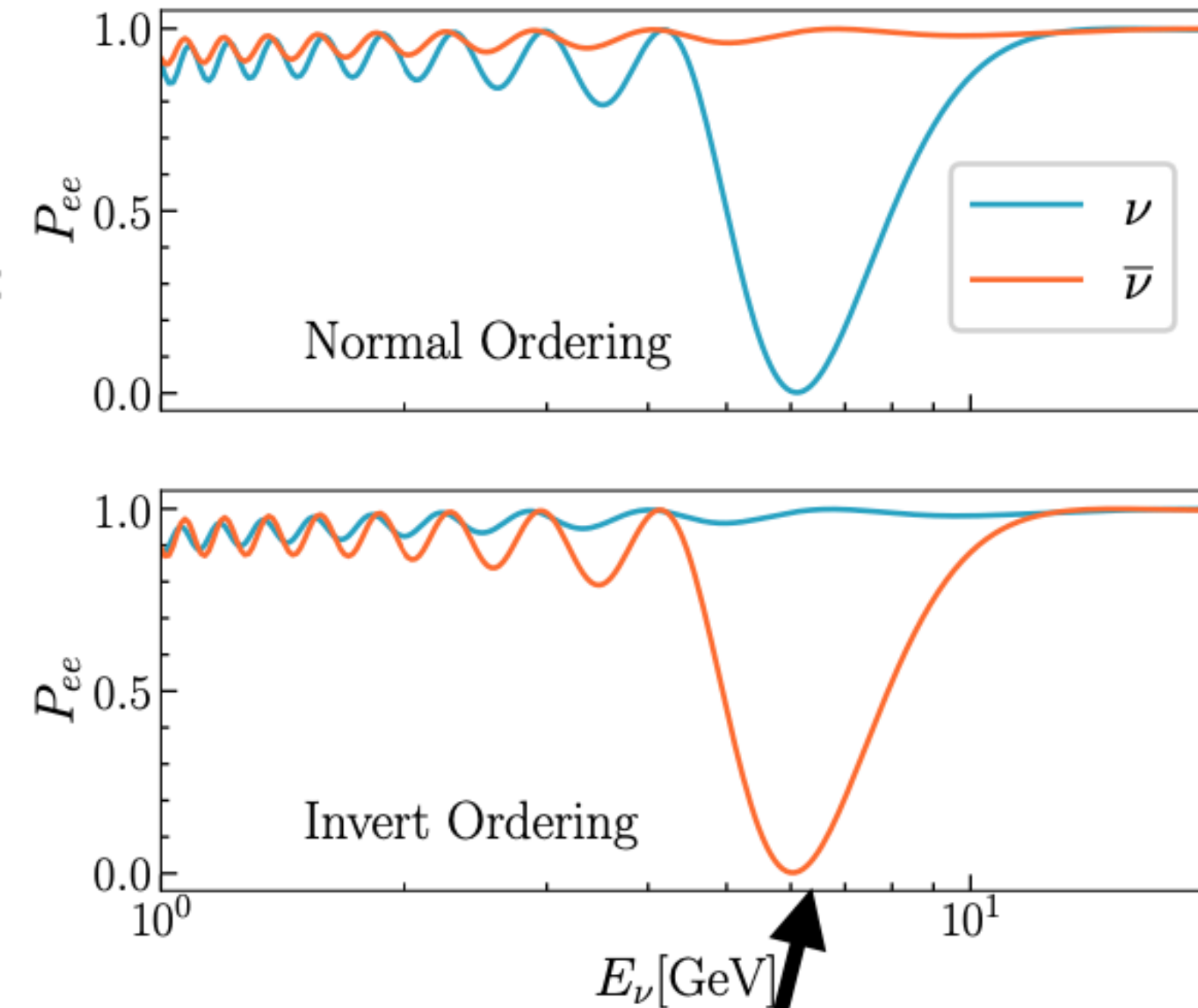
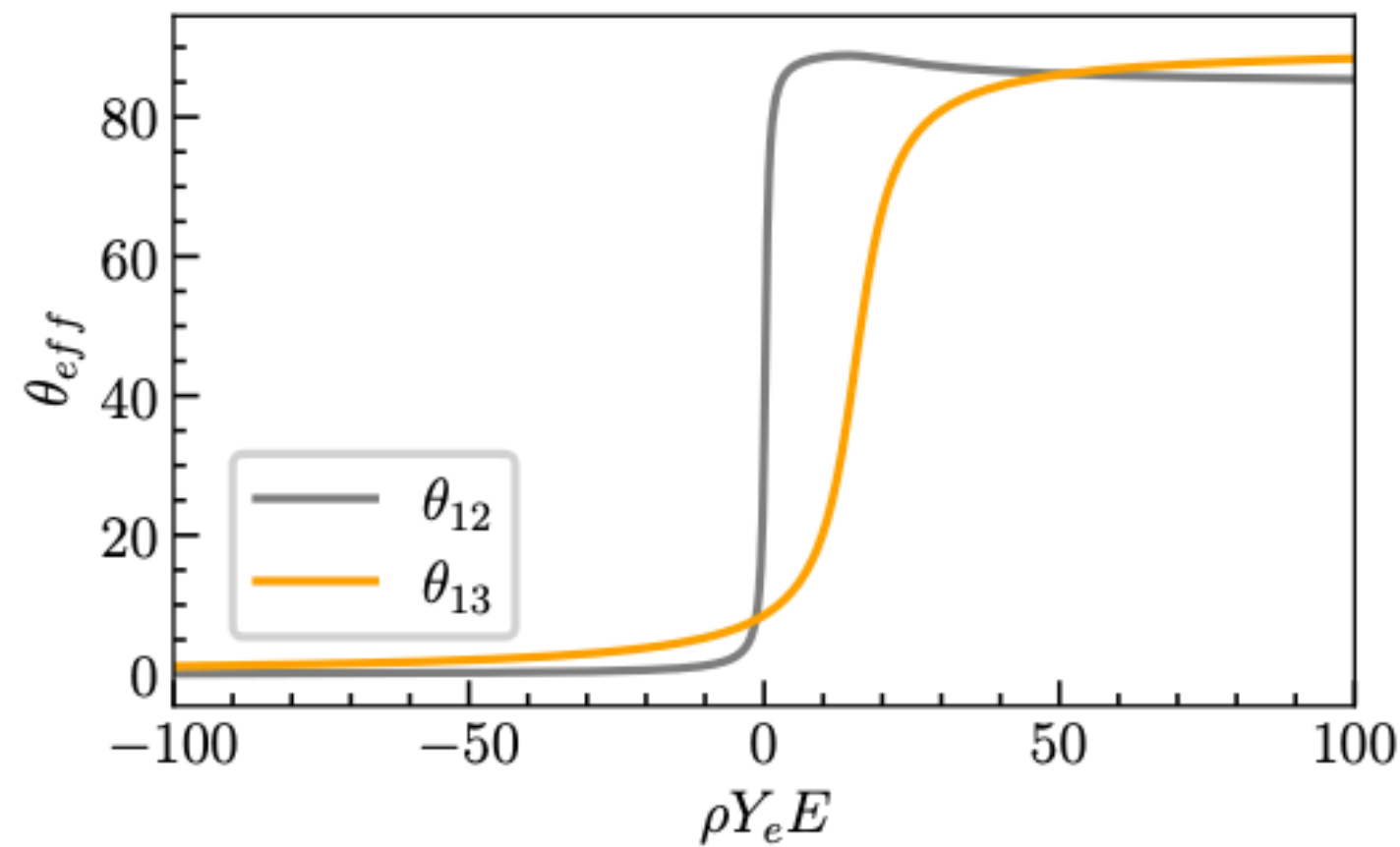
The **sensitivity** to the ordering is dominated by the cascades crossing the core in IC-upgrade and ORCA around the GeV.

Atmospheric neutrino oscillation probabilities

Multi-GeV

At the **GeV scale**, trajectories crossing the mantle experience an **MSW resonance**, making neutrinos sensitive to the **mass ordering**:

- The matter effect enhances the oscillation of neutrinos (anti-neutrinos) for NO (IO)



The enhancement of θ_{13}^{eff} lead to a deep in P_{ee} for ν ($\bar{\nu}$) for NO (IO)

Palomares-Ruiz and Petcov, NPB 712 (2005)
Akhmedov, Maltoni and Smirnov, JHEP 05 (2007)