

Multimessenger Aspects of Cosmic Neutrinos

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Cosmic TeV-PeV Neutrinos

- **High-Energy Starting Events (HESE) (6.5σ in 4yrs):**

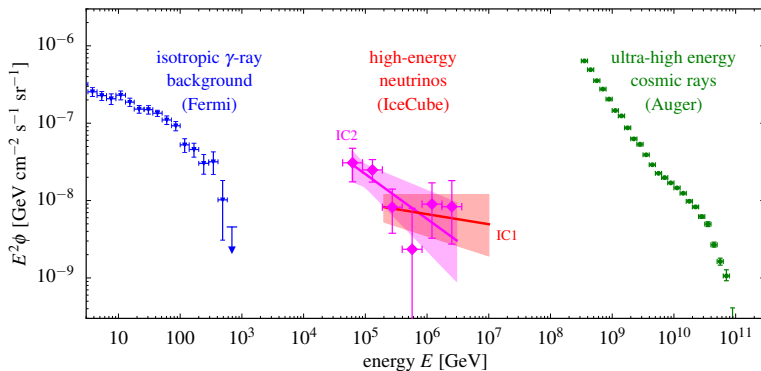
[Science 342 (2013)]

- bright events ($E_{\text{th}} \gtrsim 30\text{TeV}$) starting inside IceCube
- efficient removal of atmospheric backgrounds by veto layer

- **Up-going muon-neutrino tracks (5.6σ in 6yrs):**

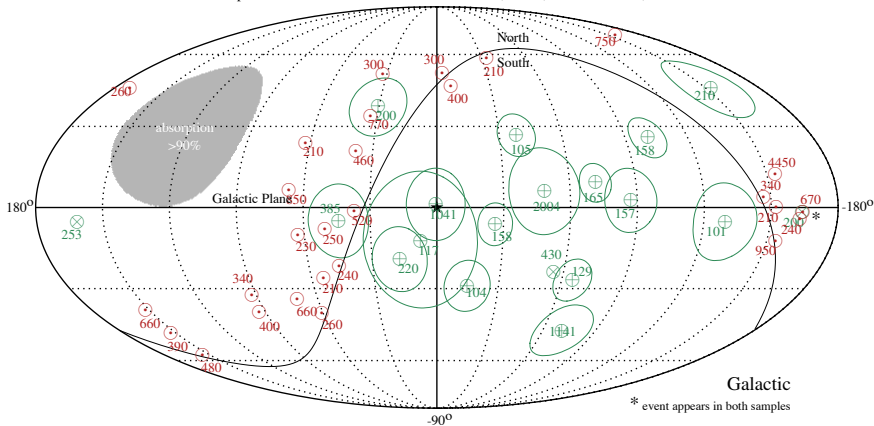
[Astrophys.J. 833 (2016)]

- large effective volume due to ranging in tracks
- efficient removal of atmospheric muon backgrounds by Earth-absorption



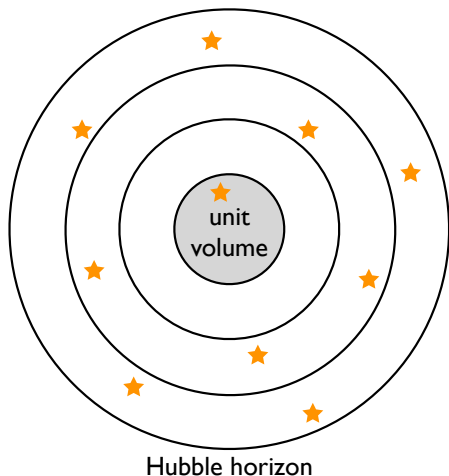
Neutrino Arrival Directions

HESE 4yr with $E_{\text{dep}} > 100$ TeV (green) / Classical $\nu_{\mu} + \bar{\nu}_{\mu}$ 6yr with $E_{\mu} > 200$ TeV (red)



- 16 “cascade events” (circles) and 3 “tracks events” (diamonds) with $E_{\text{dep}} \gtrsim 100$ TeV
- 28(+1) up-going muon neutrino events with $E_{\mu} \gtrsim 200$ TeV [IceCube'15]
- ✗ no significant spatial or temporal correlation of events

Revisiting Olbers' Paradox



- expect one source per unit volume:

$$\frac{4\pi f_{\text{sky}}}{3} d^3 \rho_0 = 1$$

- A** total number of “unit shells” contributing as much as the closest source

$$n_{\text{shell}} \simeq (n_{\text{source}})^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

- e.g., required number of events to see a **doublet** from radio galaxies

$$\bar{N} = 2 \times (n_{\text{source}})^{\frac{1}{3}} \simeq 100 - 300$$

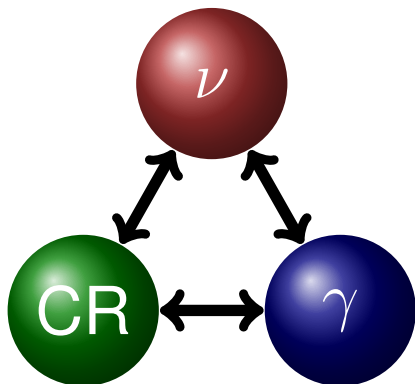
- B** brightest source at distance

$$d \simeq \left(\frac{3}{4\pi f_{\text{sky}} \rho_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

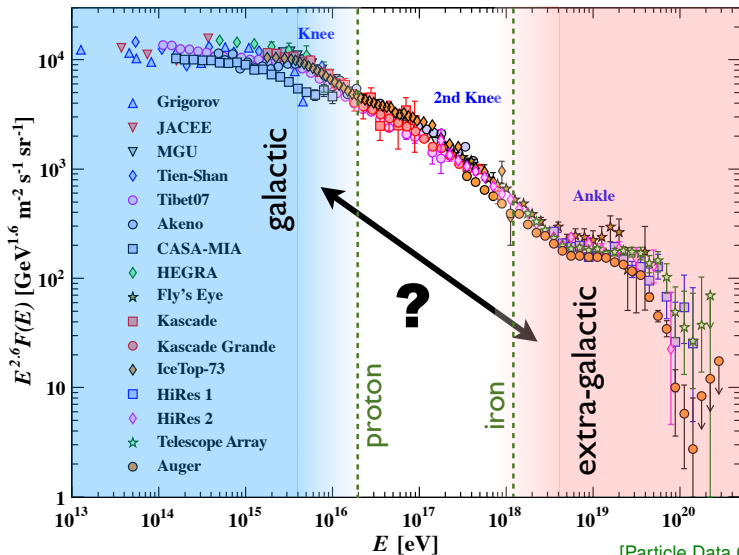
- compare to **point-source sensitivity**

Multi-messenger Paradigm

- **Neutrino** production is closely related to the production of **cosmic rays** (CRs) and γ -rays.
- pion production in CR interactions with gas (“ pp ”) or radiation (“ $p\gamma$ ”); neutrinos with about 5% of CR nucleon energy
- **1 PeV neutrinos** correspond to **20 PeV CR nucleons** and **2 PeV γ -rays**
- **very interesting** energy range:
- Galactic or extragalactic CRs?
 - Galactic PeV γ -rays?
 - isotropic or point-sources?
 - probe of $\bar{\nu}_e$ via Glashow resonance?
 - or exotic origin, e.g. DM decay?



The Cosmic “Beam”



[Particle Data Group'13]

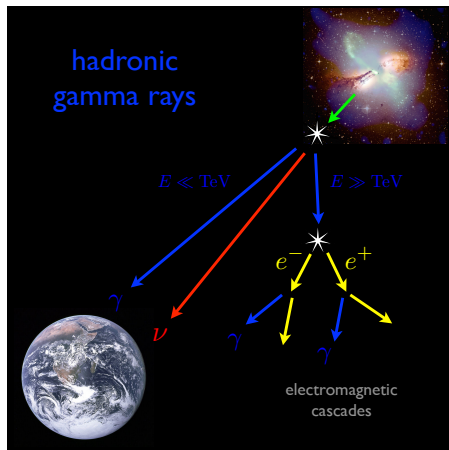
Hadronic Gamma-Ray Emission

- **hadronic** γ -rays:
pion production in CR interactions

$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_\mu$$

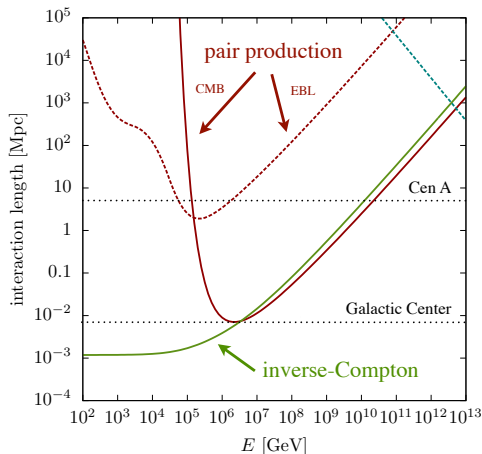
- cross-correlation of γ -ray and neutrino sources
- ✗ electromagnetic cascades of super-TeV γ -rays in CMB
- ✓ Isotropic Diffuse Gamma-Ray Background (IGRB) constrains the energy density of hadronic γ -rays & neutrinos



Gamma-Ray Opacity

- production and decay of neutral pions into gamma rays
- ✗ strong pair production (PP) in CMB:
 $\gamma + \gamma_{\text{CMB}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$
- PeV gamma-ray only observable locally ($\lesssim 10\text{kpc}$)
- ✓ recycling of gamma-rays via inverse Compton scattering (ICS):
 $e^\pm + \gamma_{\text{CMB}} \rightarrow e^\pm + \gamma$
- rapid cascade interactions produce universal GeV-TeV emission

[Berezinsky&Smirnov'75]



[MA'11]

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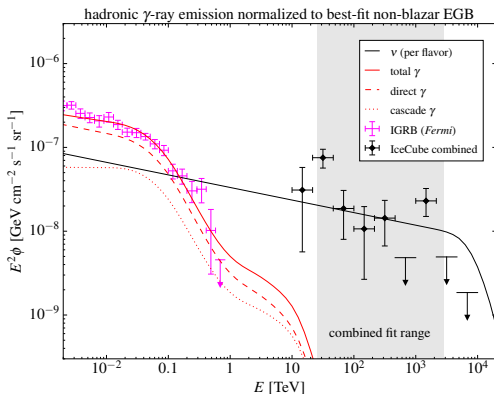
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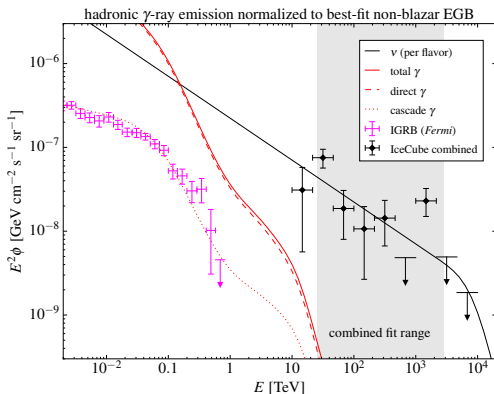
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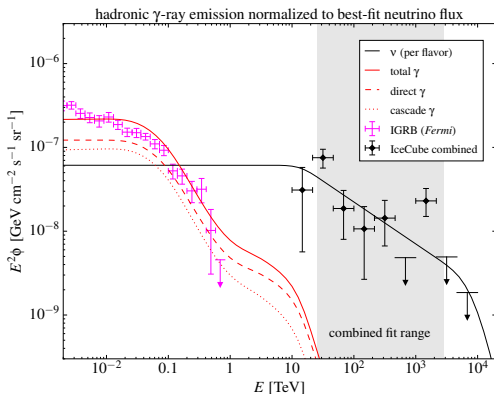
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Non-Blazar Limits on Gamma-Ray Background

- **Photon fluctuation analyses** of Fermi data allow to constrain the source count distribution (dN/dS) of blazars **below** the source detection threshold.

- inferred blazar contribution above 50 GeV:

- **Fermi Collaboration'15:**

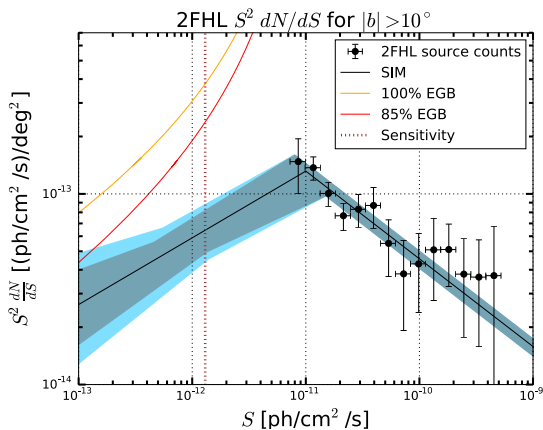
$86^{+16}_{-14}\%$ of EGB

- **Lisanti *et al.*'16:**

$68^{+9}_{-8}(\pm 10)_{\text{sys}}\%$ of EGB

- **Zechlin *et al.*'16**

$81^{+52}_{-19}\%$ of EGB



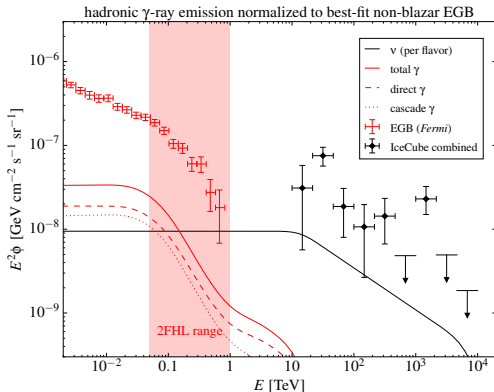
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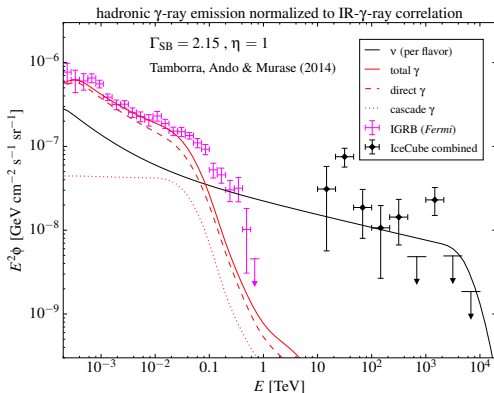
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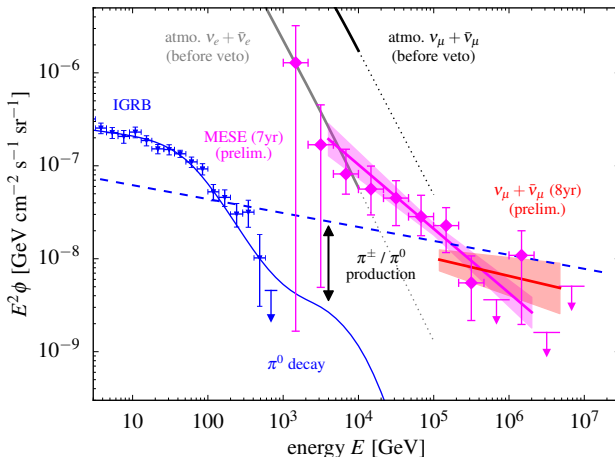
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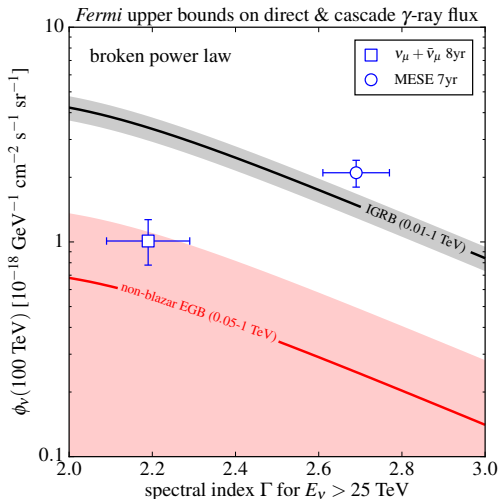
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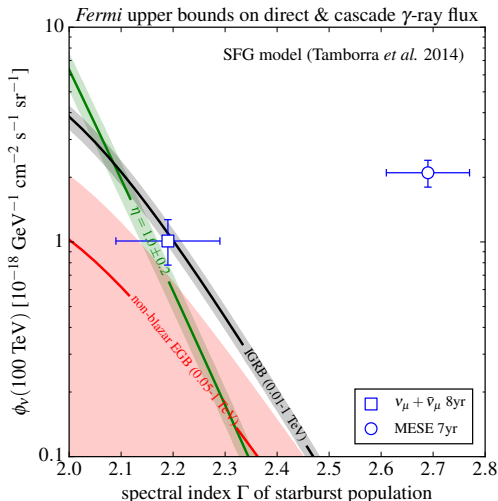
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Comments & Consequences

- Strong limits apply to **CR calorimeters**, like starburst galaxies or galaxy clusters.
- Some direct γ -ray emission can be reduced by **absorption** ($\gamma\gamma_{BG}$) in sources. [Chang & Wang'14]
- Neutrino flux at 10 TeV at the level of 10% (100%) of atmospheric ν_μ (ν_e) background: **failure of veto mechanism?** [Gaisser, Jero, Karle & van Santen'14]
- Broken power-law would be a natural consequence of a combination of **multiple diffuse neutrino source populations**.
- The diffuse neutrino flux at $E_\nu \gtrsim 100$ TeV saturates limits from **UHE CR sources**. Is this population also responsible for UHE CRs? [Katz, Waxman, Thompson & Loeb'13]
- Is secondary γ -ray emission in the Fermi range “**hidden**”? [Murase, Guetta & MA'15]

Fermi Bounds for $p\gamma$ Sources

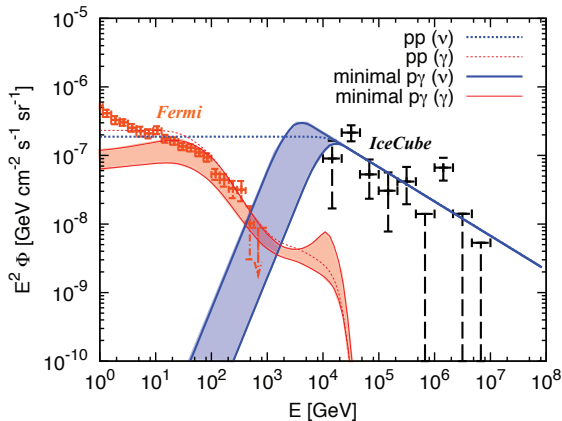
- Fermi constraints less severe for $p\gamma$ scenarios:

1 **no power-law extrapolation** to Fermi energy range

2 **high pion production efficiency** implies strong γ -absorption in sources

- source candidates:

- AGN cores [Stecker'91;'13]
[Kimura, Murase & Toma'14]
- choked GRB jets
[Mészáros & Waxman'01]
[Senno, Murase & Mészáros'16]



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Corresponding Opacities

- required cosmic ray energy:

$$E_{\text{CR}} \sim 20E_\nu$$

- required target photon energy:

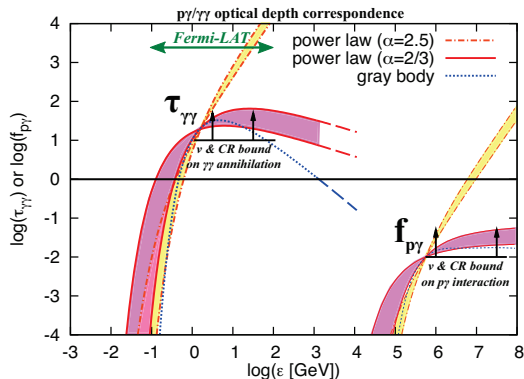
$$\varepsilon_t \sim 200 \text{ keV} \left(\frac{\Gamma}{10} \right)^2 \left(\frac{E_\nu}{3 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{-1}$$

- opacity relation:**

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma}(E_\gamma) \sim 1000 f_{p\gamma}(E_p)$$

- strong internal γ -absorption:

$$E_\gamma \gtrsim 100 \text{ MeV} \left(\frac{E_\nu}{3 \text{ TeV}} \right)$$



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UHE CR association?

- UHE CR proton emission rate density:

[e.g. MA & Halzen'12]

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- UHE nucleon emission rate density (local minimum at $\Gamma \simeq 2.04$)

[Auger'16]

$$[E_N^2 Q_N(E_N)]_{10^{19.5} \text{eV}} \simeq 2.2 \times 10^{43} \text{ erg Mpc}^{-3} \text{ yr}^{-1}$$

- corresponding per flavor neutrino flux ($\xi_z \simeq 0.5 - 2.4$ and $K_\pi \simeq 1 - 2$):

$$E_\nu^2 \phi_\nu(E_\nu) \simeq f_\pi \frac{\xi_z K_\pi}{1 + K_\pi} 1.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}$$

- **Waxman-Bahcall bound:** $f_\pi \leq 1$

[Waxman & Bahcall'98]

✗ how to reach $E_{\text{max}} \simeq 10^{20}$ eV in environments of high energy loss ($f_\pi \simeq 1$)?

→ two-zone models: acceleration + CR “calorimeter”?

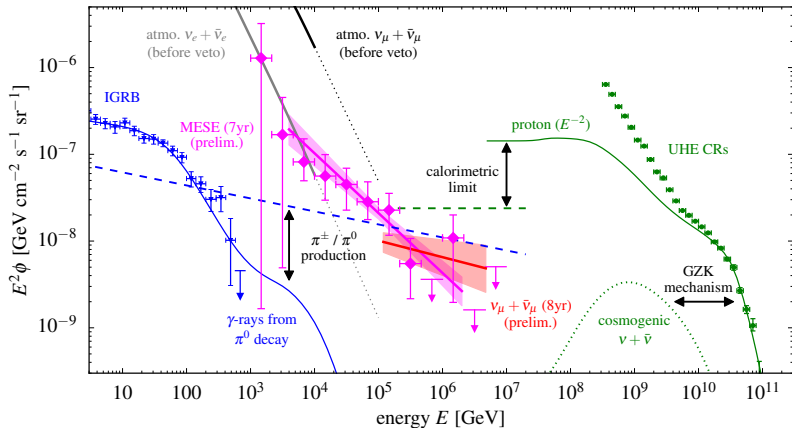
- starburst galaxies
- galaxy clusters
- “unified” sources

[Loeb & Waxman'06]

[Berezinsky, Blasi & Ptuskin'96; Beacom & Murase'13]

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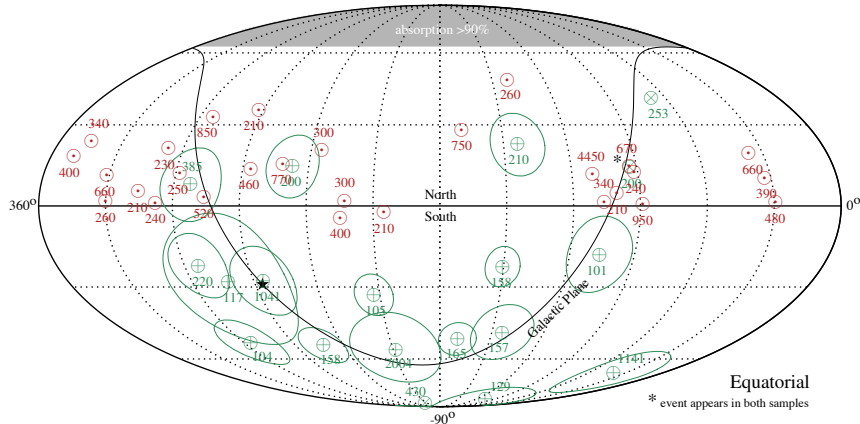
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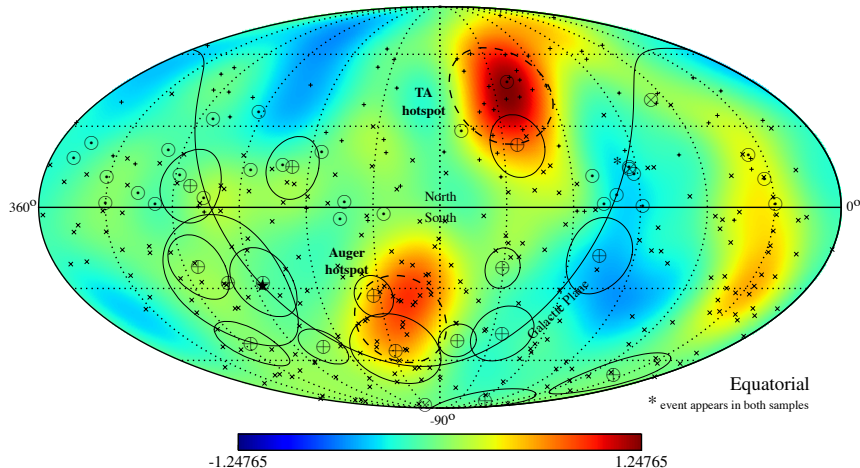
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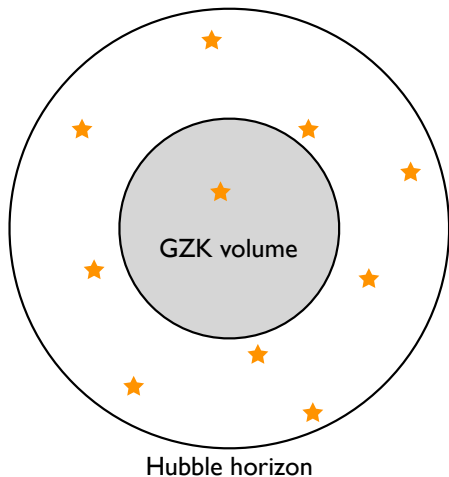
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Auger 2014 $E \geq 52$ EeV (\times) / TA 2014 $E \geq 57$ EeV (+) / smoothed anisotropy map ($\Delta\theta_{50\%} = 15^\circ$)



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Identification of Extragalactic Point-Sources?



- Do astrophysical neutrinos correlate with sources of UHE CRs?
- UHE CRs trace sources within

$$\lambda_{\text{GZK}} \simeq 200 \text{ Mpc}$$

- neutrinos visible up to Hubble horizon

$$\lambda_{\text{Hubble}} \simeq 4.4 \text{ Gpc}$$

→ maximal overlap:

$$\lambda_{\text{GZK}} / \lambda_{\text{Hubble}} \sim 5\%$$

- HESE 4yr : ca. 30 signal events
- 1 – 2 neutrinos expected to correlate
- ✗ magnetic deflections, angular resolution, incompleteness, . . .

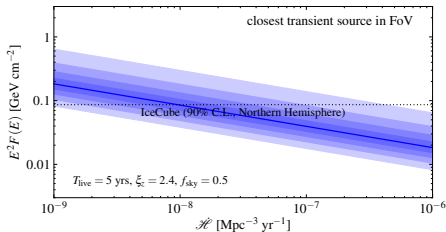
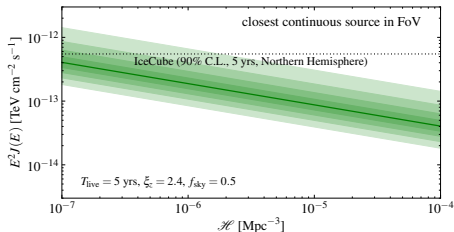
Summary

- IceCube has identified a **diffuse flux of astrophysical neutrinos** in the TeV-PeV energy range of **unknown origin**.
- **High intensity** of the emission is comparable to that of ultrahigh-energy cosmic rays and γ -ray backgrounds.
- Large neutrino flux in the 1 – 10 TeV range is **challenged** by constraints set by the extra-galactic γ -ray background observed by Fermi.
- This motivates a class of neutrino sources “**hidden**” in γ -rays.
 - Natural implication for $p\gamma$ sources with target photons in the **hard x-ray to soft γ -ray range**.
 - **New avenues** for neutrino cross-correlation studies.
- **Saturation of calorimetric bounds** of UHE CR sources might indicate common origin.

Appendix

Neutrino Point-Source Limits

- Diffuse neutrino flux **normalizes** the contribution of individual sources
 - dependence on local source density \mathcal{H} (rate $\dot{\mathcal{H}}$) and redshift evolution ξ_z
- PS observation requires rare sources
- **non-observation** of individual neutrino sources exclude source classes, *e.g.*
- ✗ flat-spectrum radio quasars
($\mathcal{H} \simeq 10^{-9} \text{Mpc}^{-3}$)
 - ✗ “normal” GRBs
($\dot{\mathcal{H}} \simeq 10^{-9} \text{Mpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$)
- **stronger limits** via source “stacking”



[MA&Halzen'14]