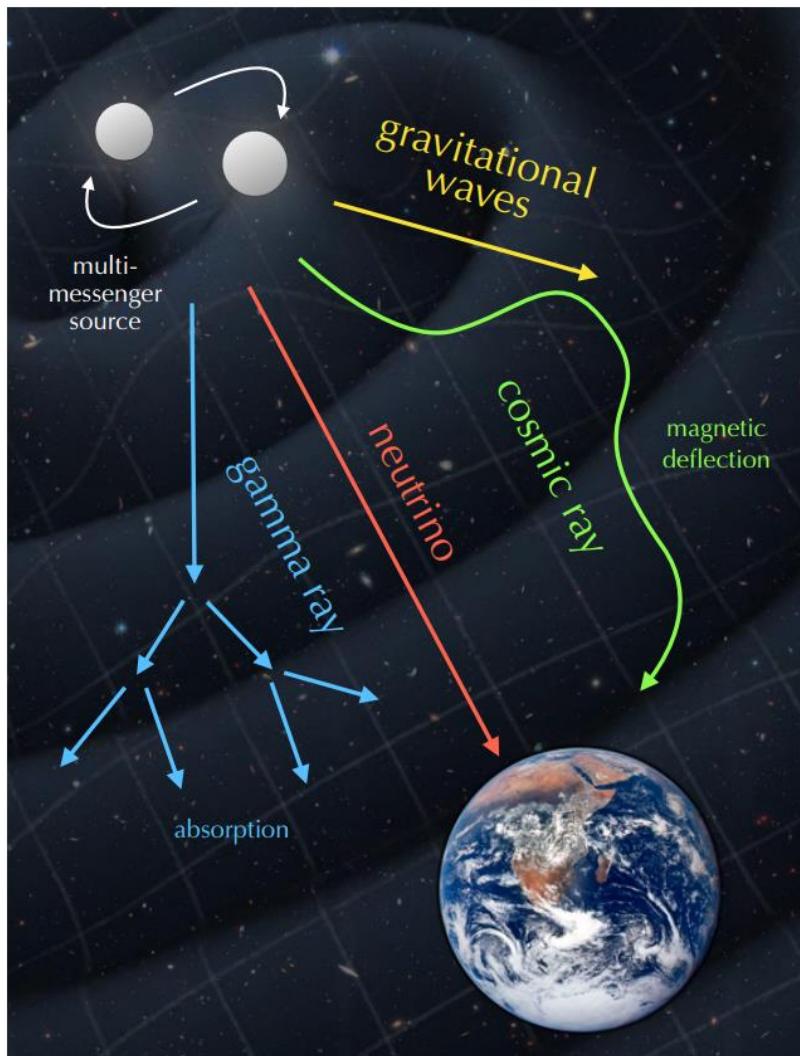


IceCube experiment

Nobuhiro Shimizu (Chiba University)

Neutrino astronomy



Unique abilities of **cosmic neutrinos**:

no deflection in magnetic fields
(unlike cosmic rays)

coincident with
photons and gravitational waves

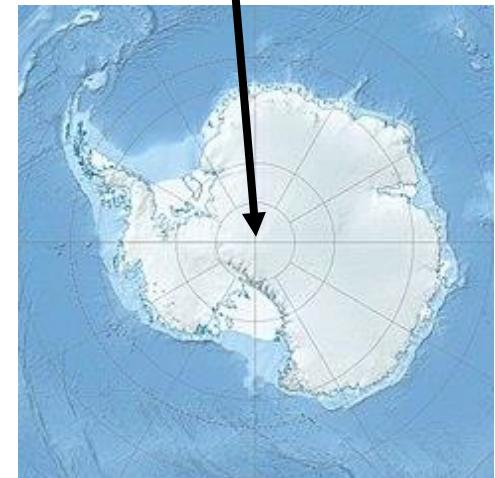
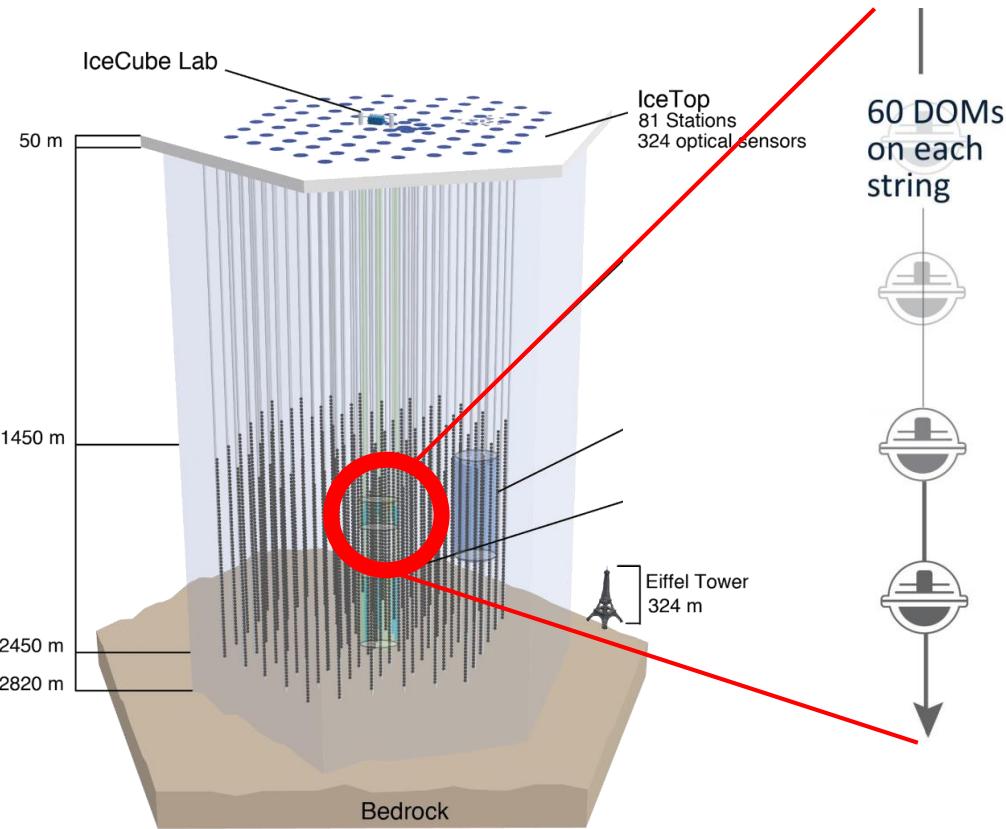
no absorption in cosmic backgrounds
(unlike gamma-rays)

smoking-gun of
unknown sources of cosmic rays

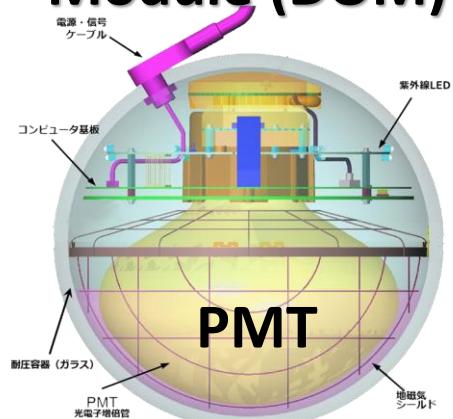
BUT, very difficult to detect!

IceCube experiment

Neutrino telescope operated in Antarctica

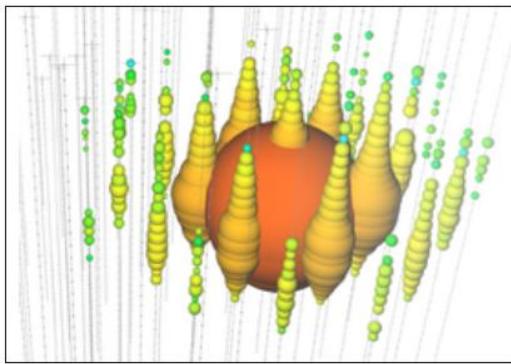


Digital Optical Module (DOM)

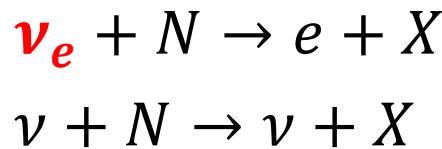


- 5160 optical modules are deployed in ice 1 km^3
- Cherenkov light from charged particles produced by neutrino interaction is detected by DOM

Event topology of neutrino signal

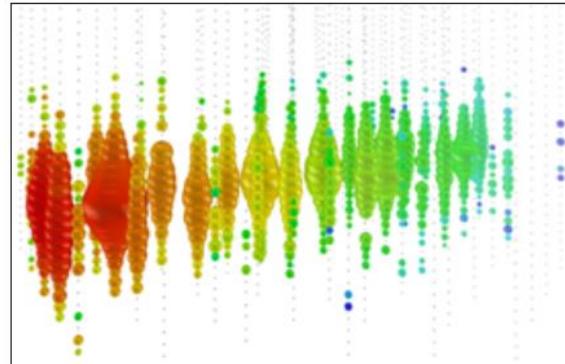


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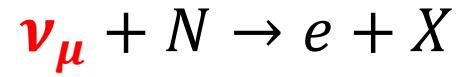


$$\sigma_\psi \sim 15^\circ$$

$$\sigma_E/E \sim 15\%$$

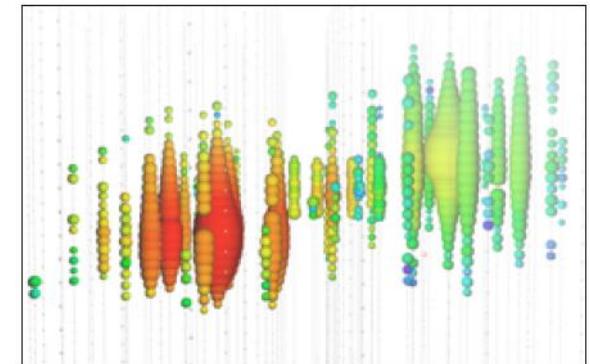


“Track-like”

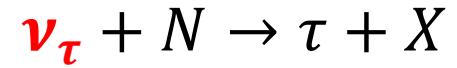


$$\sigma_\psi \sim 0.5^\circ$$

$$\sigma_E/E \sim 25\%$$



“Double-bang”

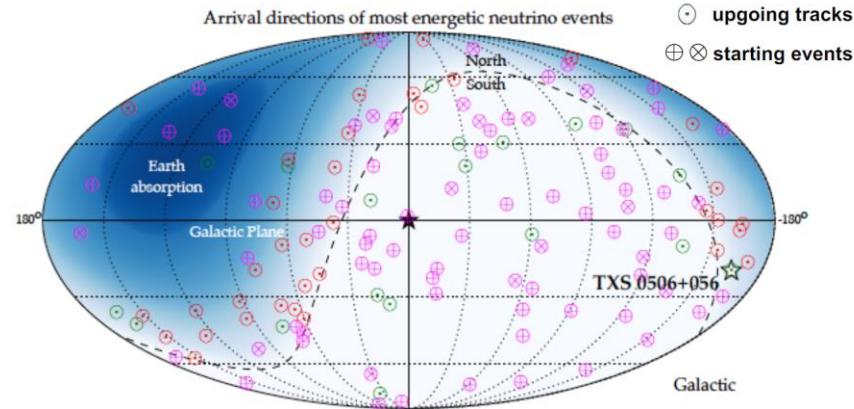
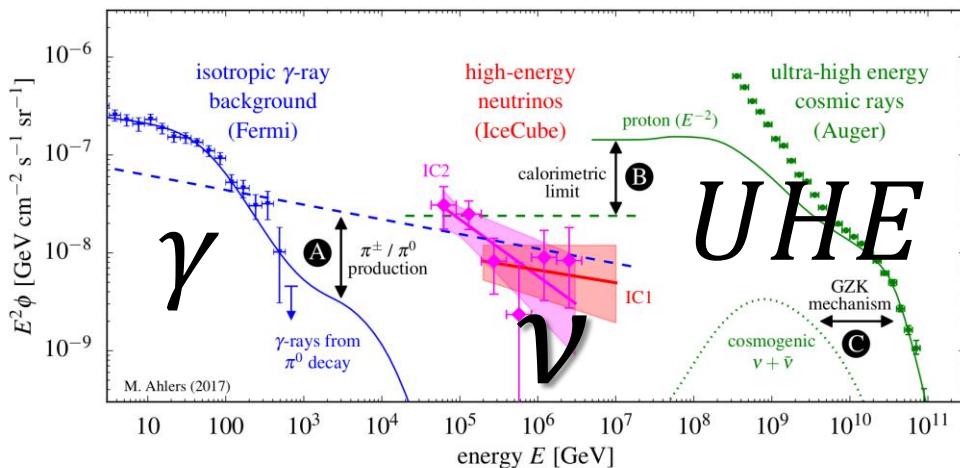


→ decay

Flight length ~ 50 m/PeV

High tracking resolution is important for the follow-up.
 → Use the track type events for generating alert signals.

Diffuse neutrino flux



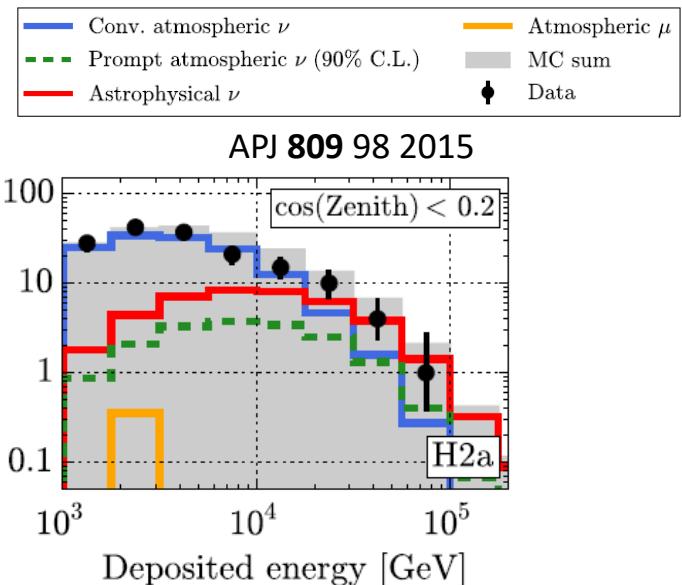
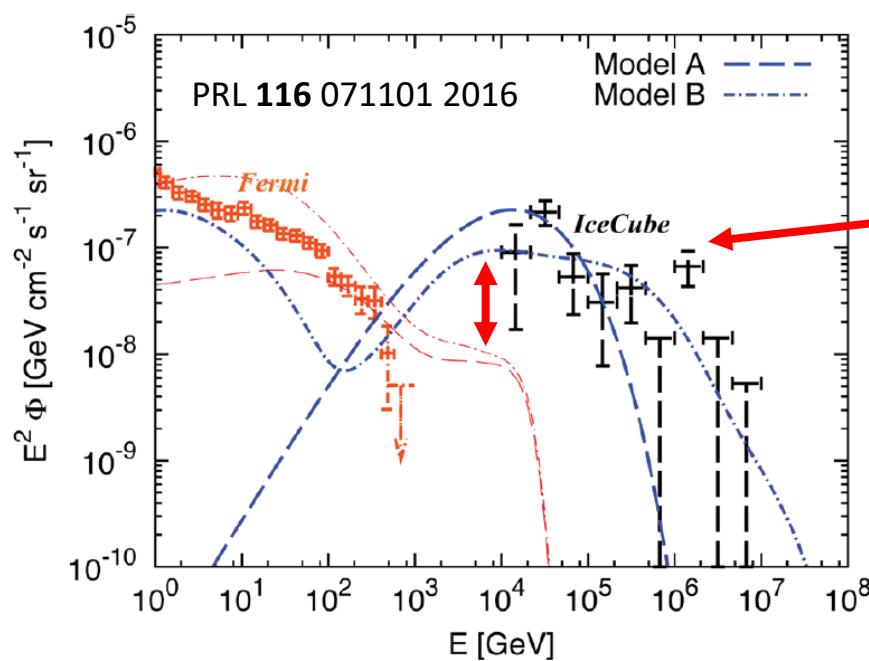
◆ Consistent with isotropic distribution

◆ $E_\nu^2 \phi^2 \in [10^{-9}, 10^{-7}] \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$

- A: a source of CR is common between γ and ν
- B: a source of CR is common between UHE and ν

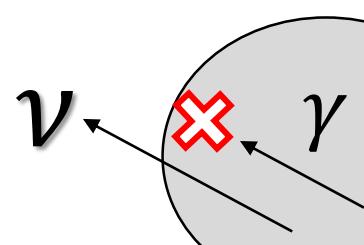
Where is the origin of high energy ν ?

Tension in low energy ν flux



Parameter	Best Fit	68% C.L.	90% C.L.
ϕ_{conv}	1.10	0.94–1.31	0.87–1.49
ϕ_{prompt}	0.00	0.00–1.04	0.00–2.11
ϕ	6.7	5.5–7.8	4.6–8.6
γ	2.50	2.41–2.59	2.35–2.65

- ◆ Combined analysis of low energy (10 TeV -100 TeV) neutrino $\rightarrow \phi \propto E^{-2.5}$, $E^2 \phi = 2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}$
- ◆ If ν source is transparent to γ ray, there is a 2-3 σ tension from the theoretical estimate based on Fermi γ ray survey
- implication of some accelerators opaque to γ



Galactic origin of neutrinos?

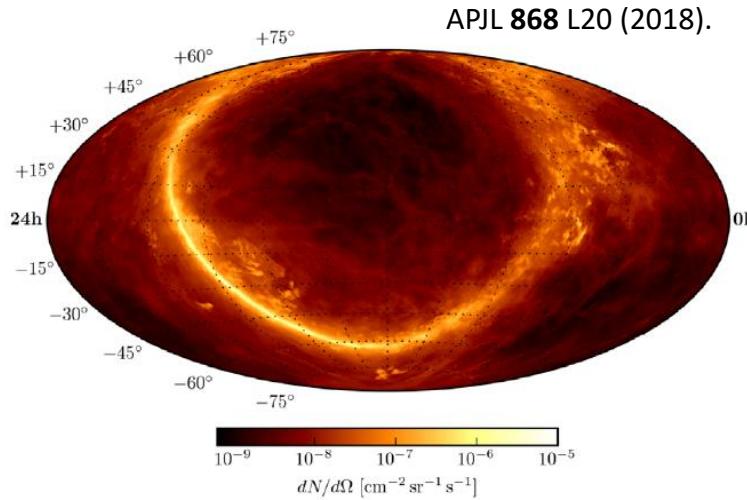
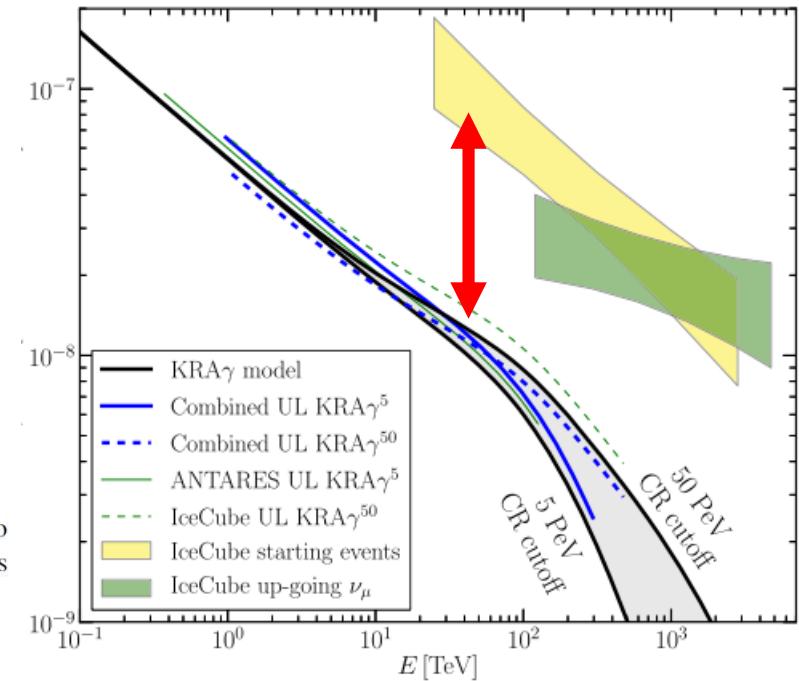


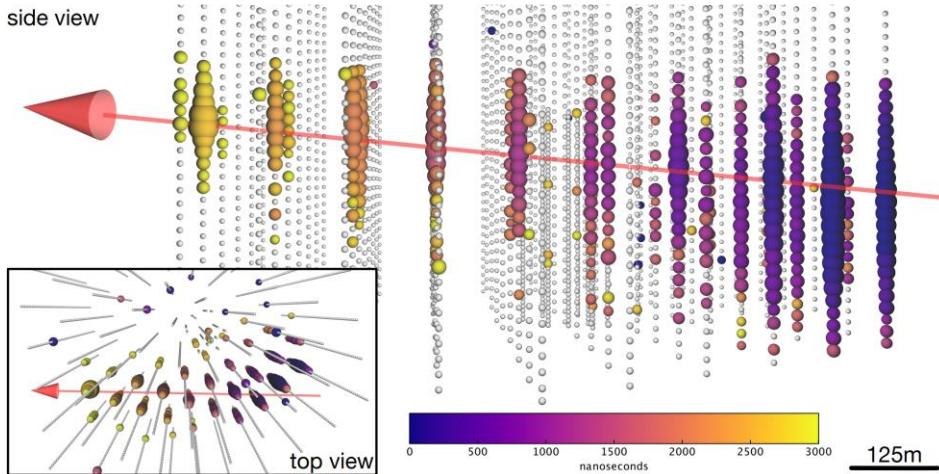
Figure 1. Neutrino flux per unit of solid angle of the $KRA\gamma^5$ model (Gaggero et al. 2015a), shown as a function of direction in equatorial coordinates (Hammer projection).

ϕ_ν predicted based on galactic CRs by KRA model

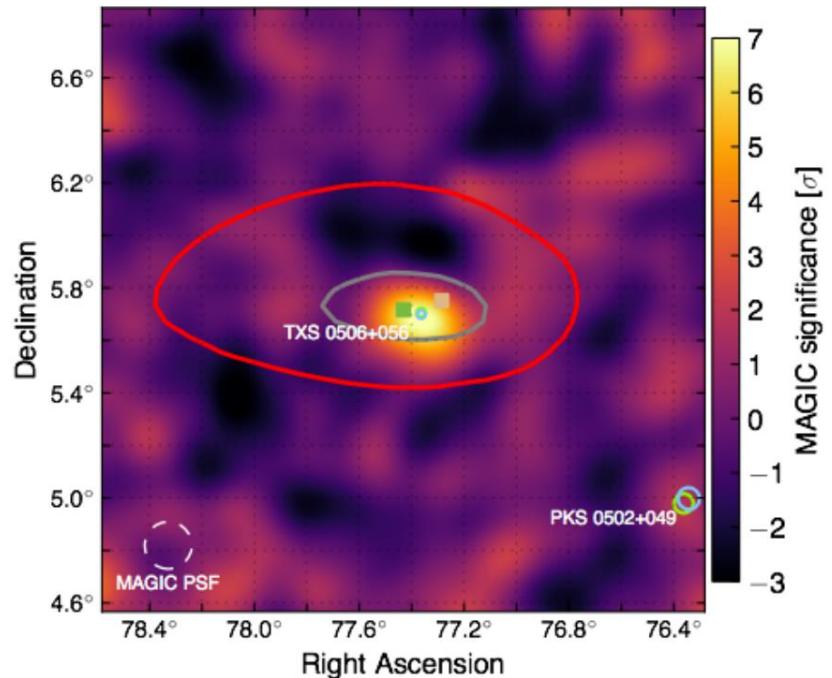


The contribution of the galactic diffuse ν does not explain the observation of the IceCube.

Extraglactic origin?



Science 361, eaat1378 (2018)



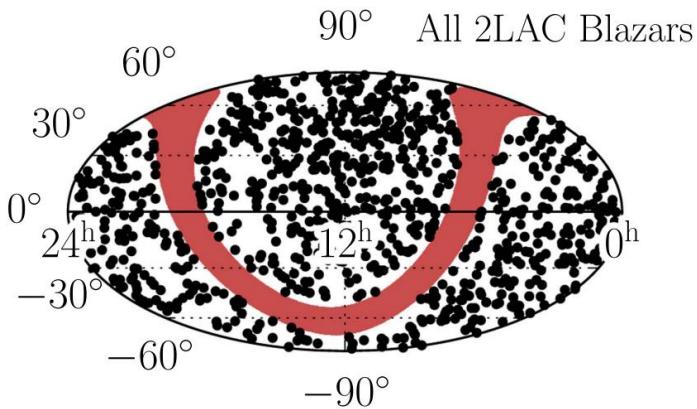
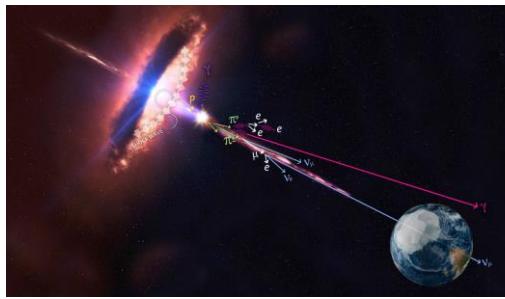
EHE-170922A

An alert issued when an “extremely high energy” event is observed.
Chiba University lead this development.

Event observed at 23rd Sept 2017 5:54:30 JST
→ Issued an alert 43 seconds later

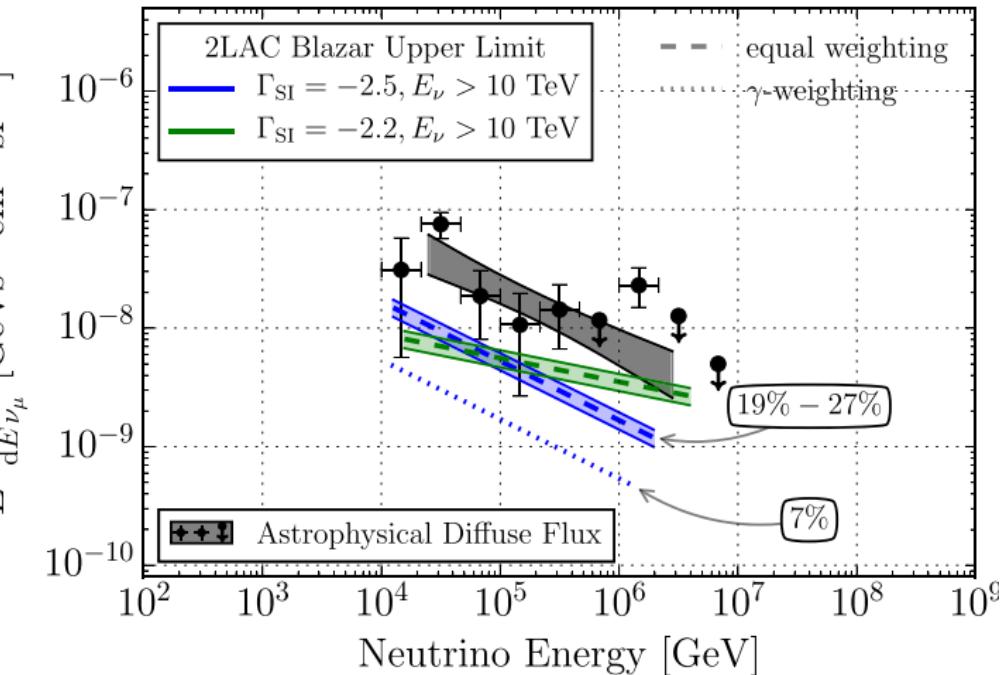
Kanata Telescope followed up it and found a “*blazer*” TXS 0506+056 showed an increase of luminosity. Fermi/MAGIC confirmed an increase of γ ray activity as well.

Scenario of blazar



Fermi-LAT AGN catalog

ApJ 835 45 (2017)

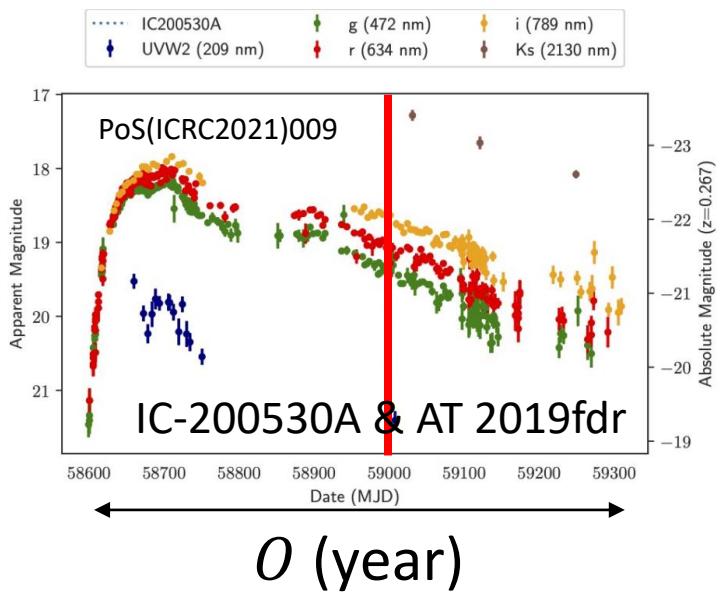
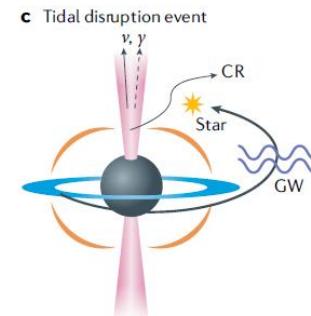
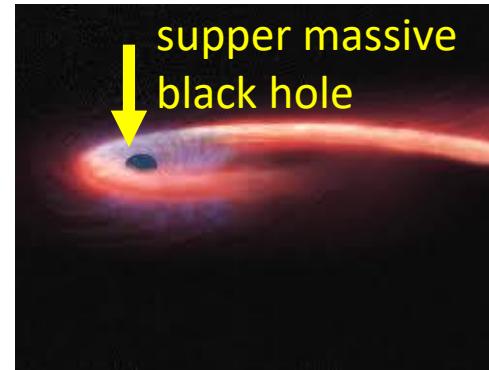
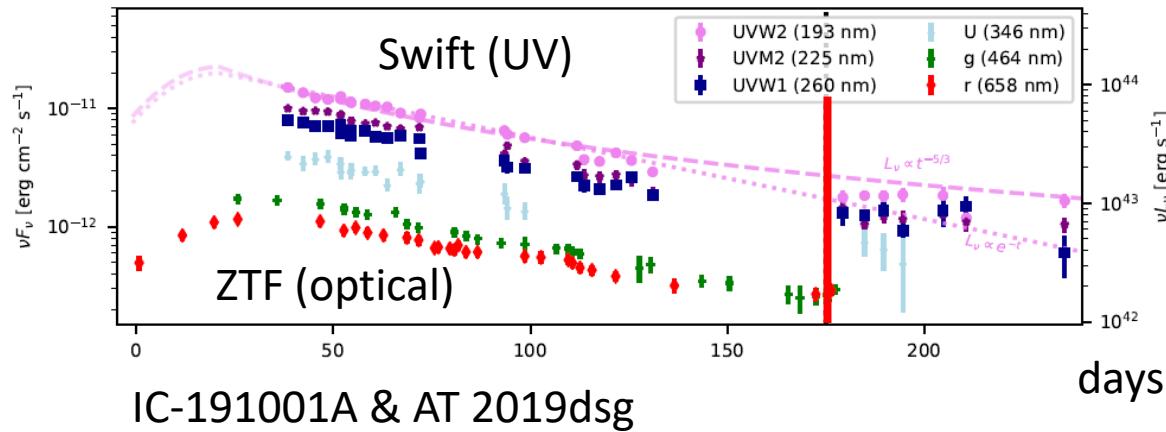


- Analysis of the significance of neutrino flux to every location of Fermi catalog → Blazar contribution was up to 27%.

Blazer is not a majority of the mothers of ν

Correlation with TDE

Stein, R., Velzen, S.v., Kowalski, M. et al. *Nature Astronomy* 5, 510 (2021)

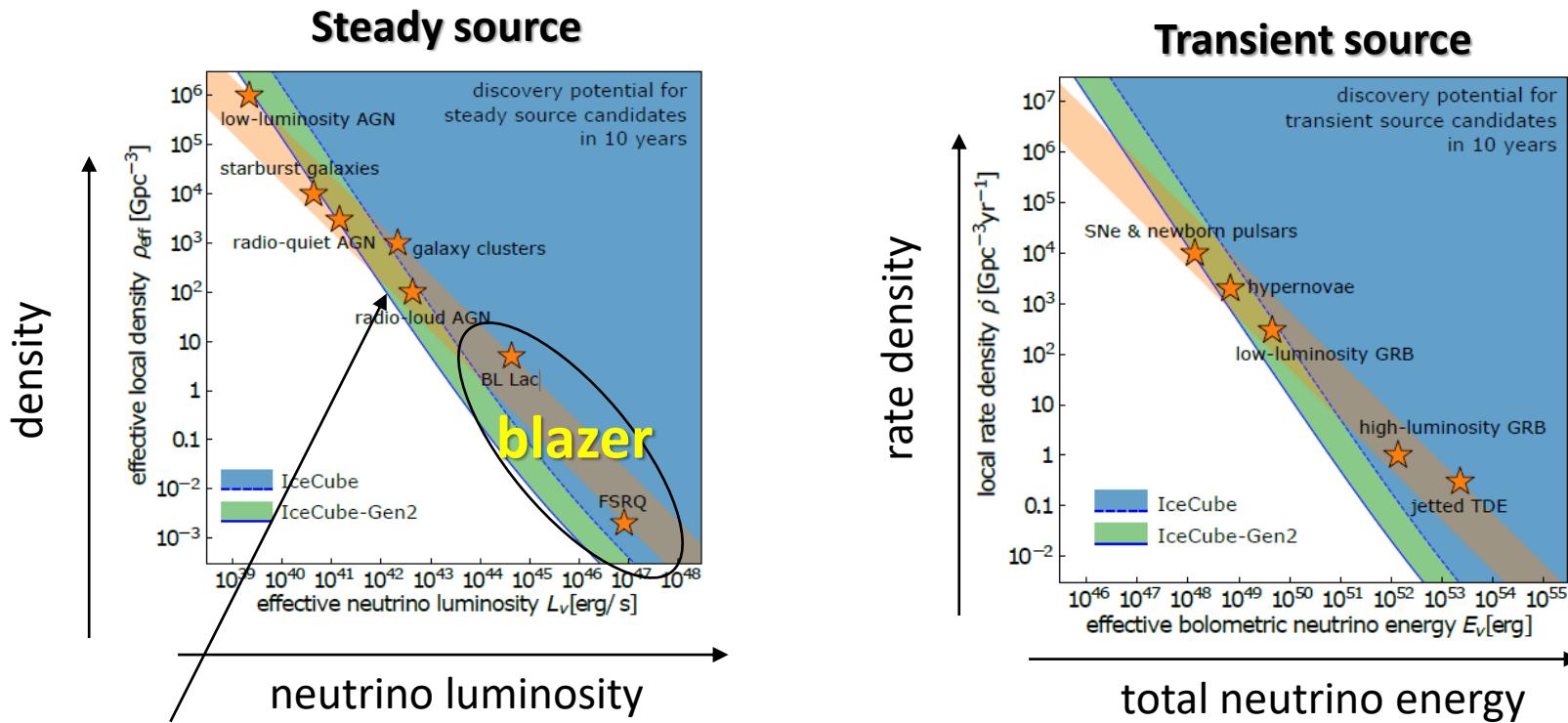


- ◆ Suggested correlations between neutrino signal and radio-emitting tidal disruption event (TDE).
- ◆ Chance coincidence 0.5%
- ◆ The duration of flare is long (>months)
- Stay tuned for this new candidate.

Parameter space of the neutrino source objects

$$n_{obs} \propto n_0 L_\nu$$

n_0 : density
 L_ν : luminosity



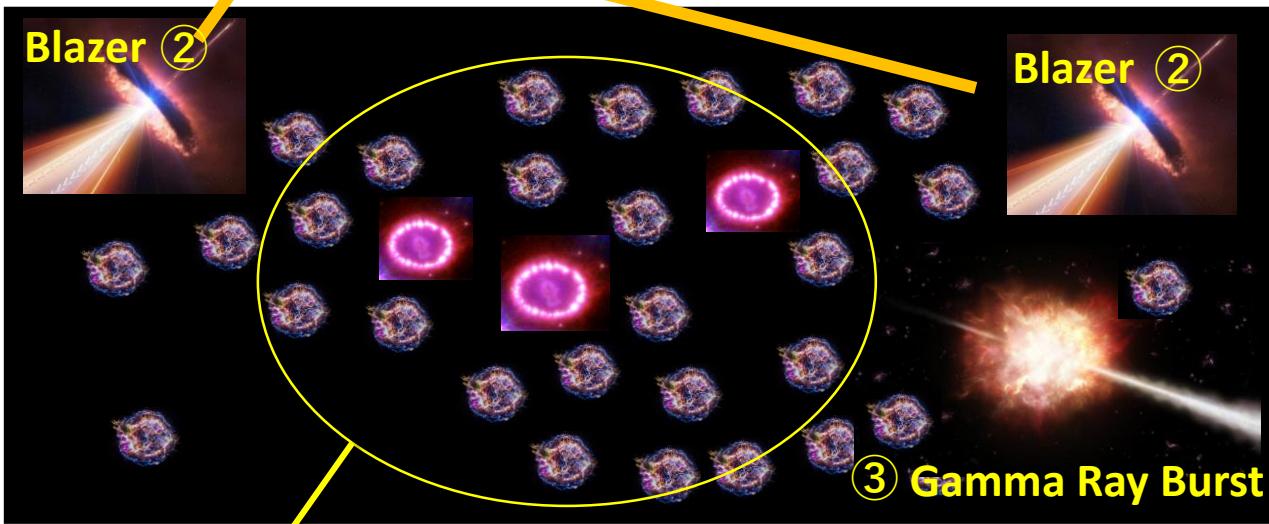
Orange band represents experimental constraint based on “Diffuse ν_μ ” flux.

Where is the origin of neutrinos?

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- ① GZK neutrino is not observed in EHE events PRL 117, 241101 (2016)
- ② Blazars do not explain all the neutrino flux
(based on study of the correlation with Fermi Catalog) ApJ 835 45 (2017)

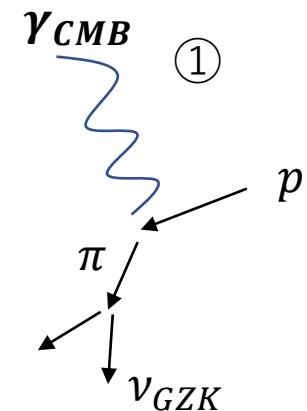
Experimentally easy to find but NOT majority



Next candidates would be in the class of “low luminosity but majority”

Supernovae, Hypernovae, etc..

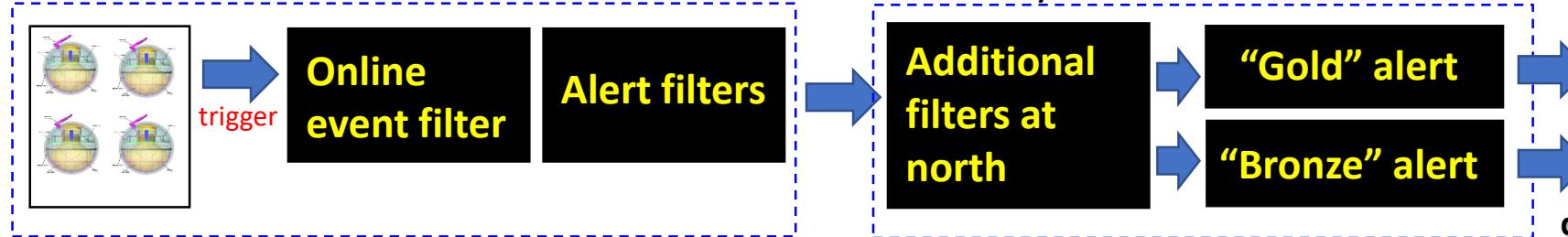
Emits optical photons → **Multi messenger astronomy with optical telescopes.**



- ③ No significant correlation between GRB and IceCube data
ApJ 843 112 (2017)

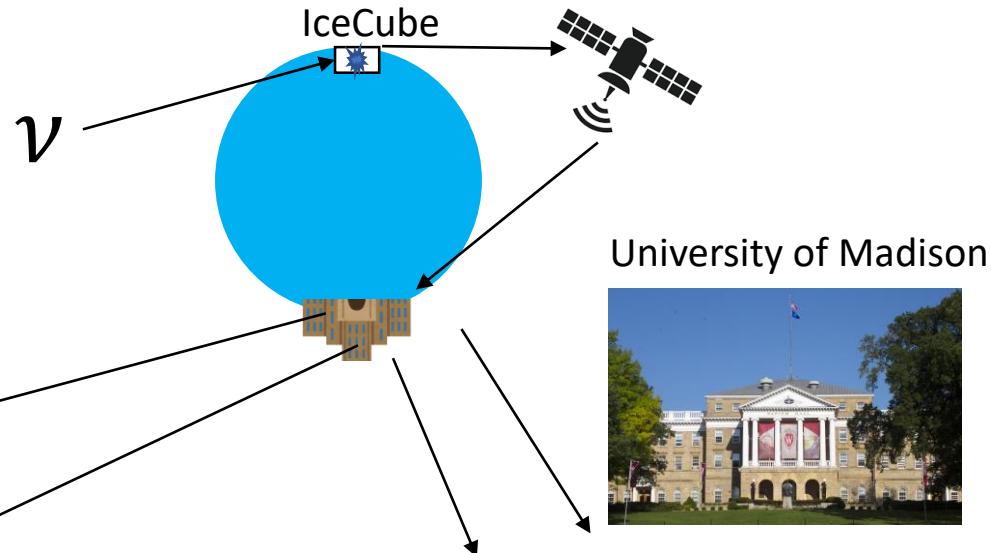
Neutrino alert program

South pole



Neutrino event, detected by IceCube, is processed on site, and sent the information of direction, time, significance etc to other telescopes.

The latency is within a few minutes



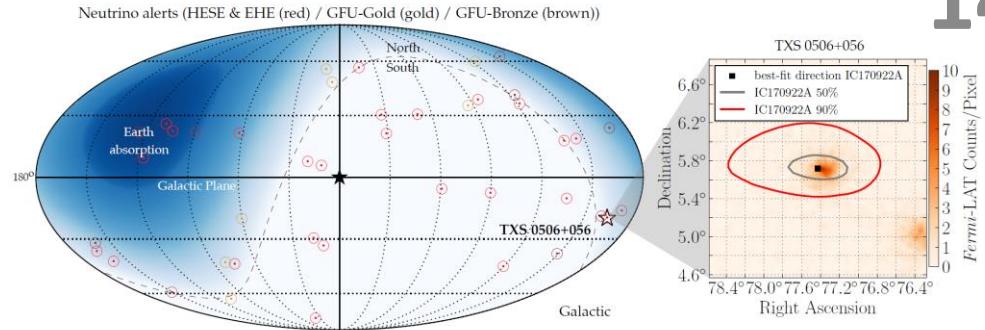
Current alert programs

- ◆ EHE (Extremely high energy)
 - Require large photons: $N_{PE} > 4000$

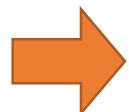
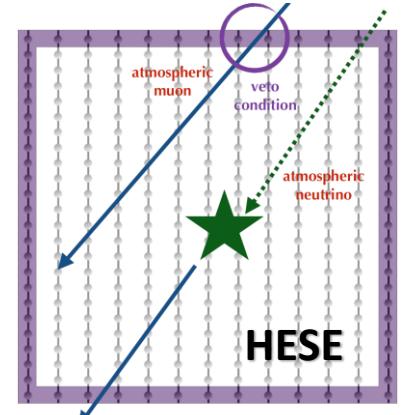
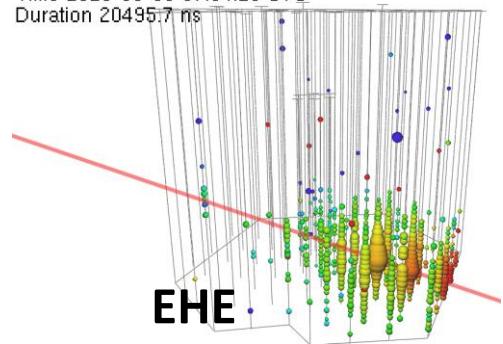
- ◆ HESE (High energy starting event)
 - Use outer region of IceCube detector as veto to enhance purity

- ◆ GFU (Gamma-ray follow up)
 - Limit the FoV to the predefined directions

- ◆ OFU (Optical follow up)
 - Private alert
 - Detect coincident hits within $\Delta T < 100$ s



Event 134139/35473338-0
Time 2020-05-30 07:54:29 UTC
Duration 20495.7 ns



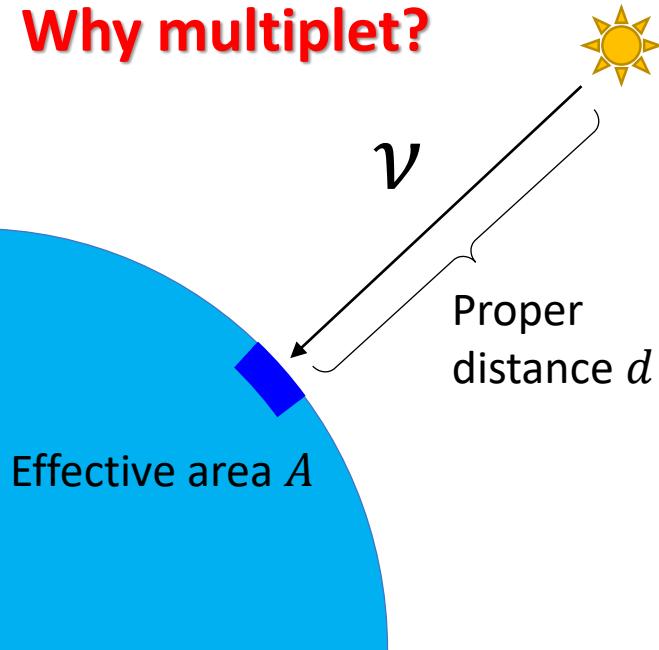
Opens longer timing window

Development of optical alert using “multiplet” signal

Strategy

Issue a public alert to optical telescopes when IceCube observes $N \geq 2$ coincident signals (**multiplet**) in the limited **timing window** ΔT , and **opening angle** ψ .

Why multiplet?

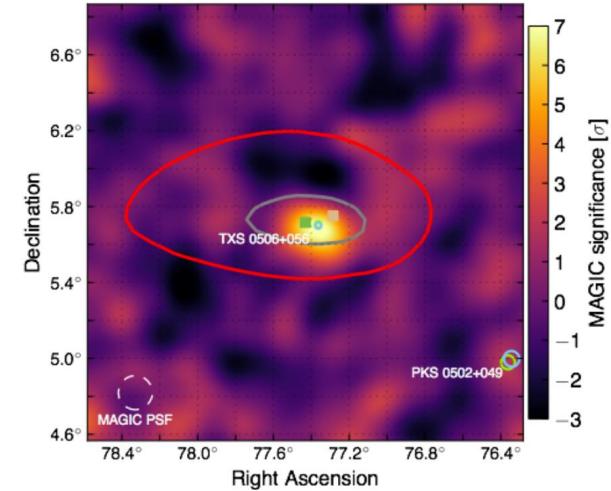


$$\text{Detection efficiency} \propto \frac{A}{4\pi d^2}$$

Prob. detected as **Singlet** $\propto d^{-2}$

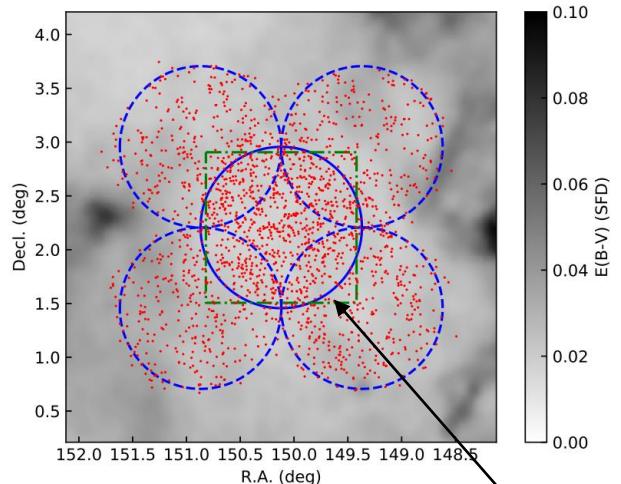
Prob. detected as **Multiplet** $\propto d^{-2N}$

→ *Multiplet signal picks up neutrinos from nearby objects*



Why multiplet?

N. Yasuda, et al. ApJS, 71, 74 (2019).

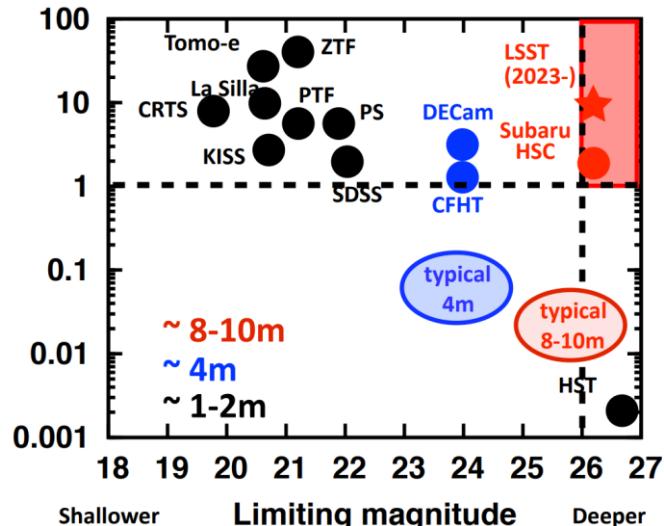


Red: transient objects
(mostly SNe)

Field of view by
Subaru (1.8 deg^2)

Field of view (deg^2)

From M. Tanaka (Tohoku)



Wide field of view & large depth mean large BGs

With magnitude brighter than 26 ($z \sim 1$, $d = 7 \text{ Gpc}$),

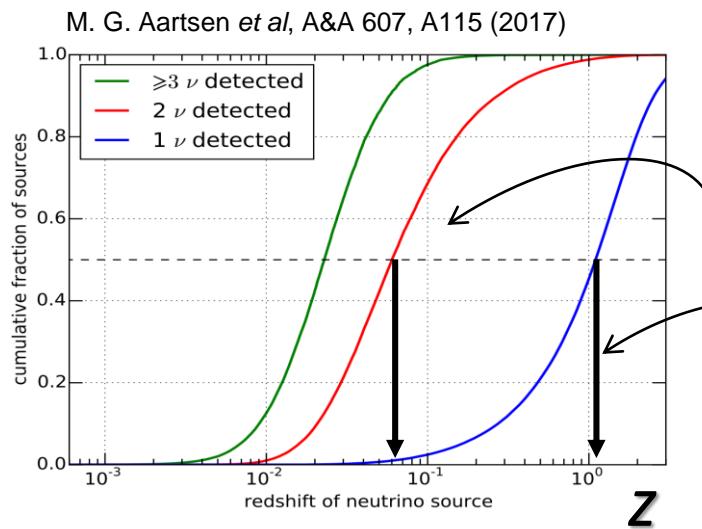
rate/density of SNe = $\frac{\mathcal{O}(10) \text{ SNe}}{\text{deg}^2 \cdot 20 \text{ days}}$ → Too many optical counterparts
in the distant universe!

Even if we observe a true astrophysical neutrino signal and found a transient source, chance coincidence of other SNe degrades the significance.

To claim a significance large enough, we focus only on close objects $z \ll 1$.

Strategy to identify ν source

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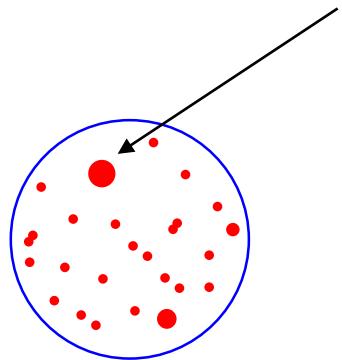
Under the assumption of $n_0 = 10^{-6} \text{Mpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$,

Doublet $\rightarrow \sim 200 \text{ Mpc}$

Singlet $\rightarrow \sim 3 \text{ Gpc}$

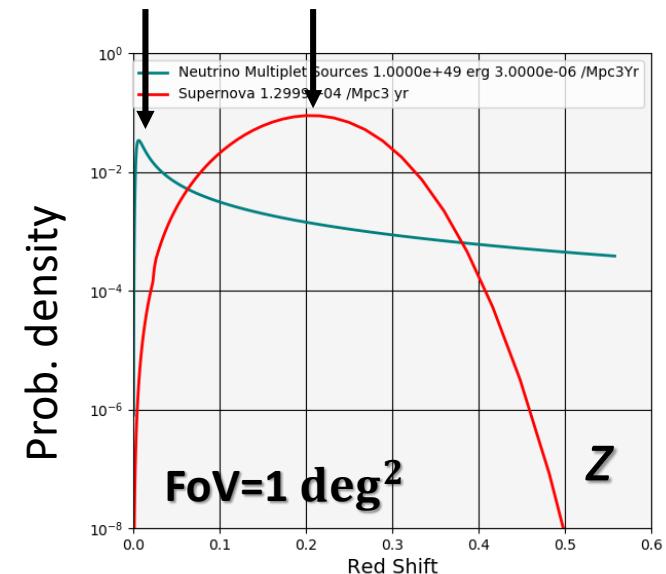
Strategy

Choose the closest object in the field of view.



Difference in z distribution is expected between ν source and BG.

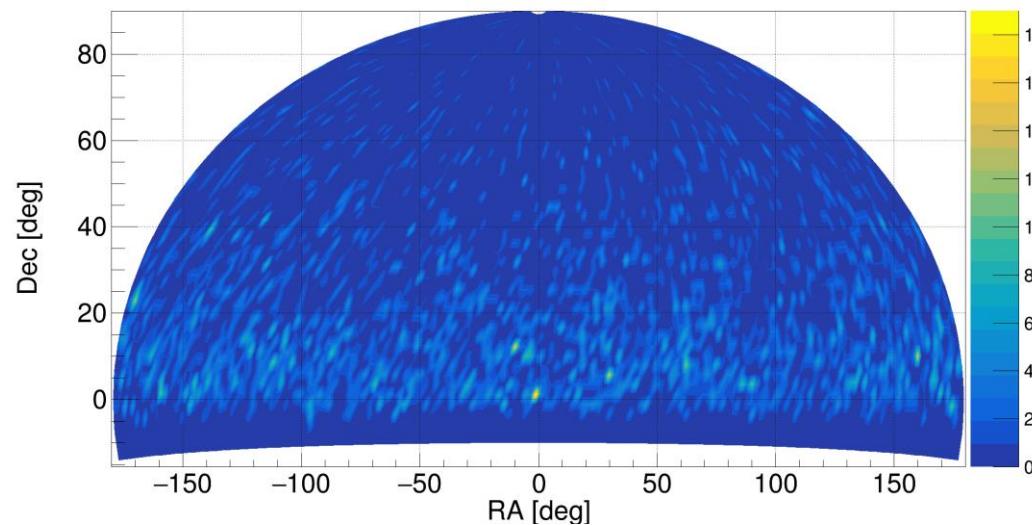
ν source Chance coincidence



FoV=1 deg 2

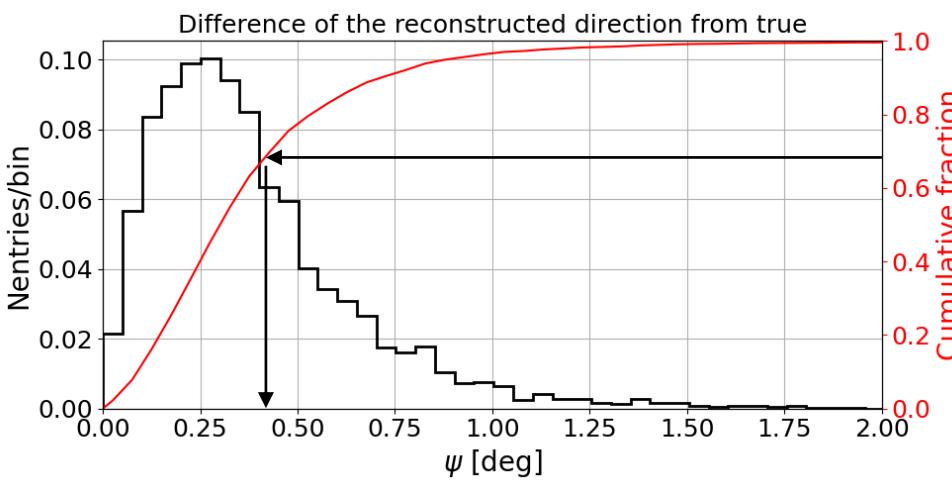
Distribution of the multiplet events 18

10% of 2016-2021 data



Only 10% of data (“burn” sample) can be compared to simulation.

Condition: $\Delta T < 30$ days & $\psi < 1^\circ$



For the two tracks, determine the direction of source as:

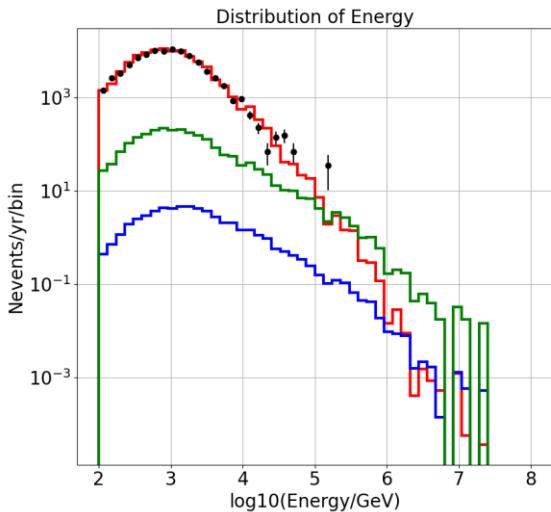
$$\vec{n} = \frac{\vec{n}_1/\sigma_1^2 + \vec{n}_2/\sigma_2^2}{1/\sigma_1^2 + 1/\sigma_2^2}$$

σ : energy dependent tracking resolution

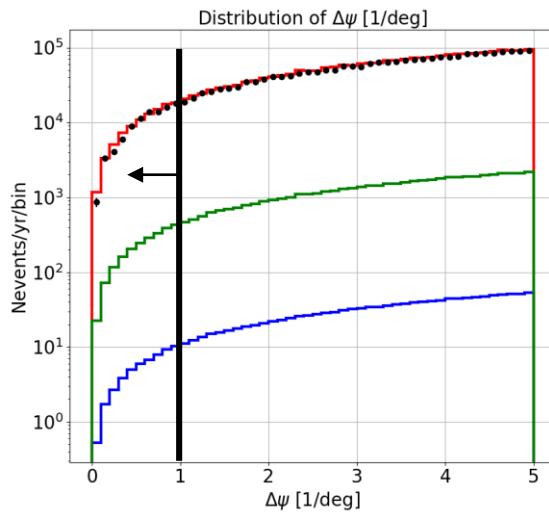
→ Tracking resolution of “doublet” is $\sim 0.4^\circ$ at 1σ CL.

Comparison of the distributions

Energy

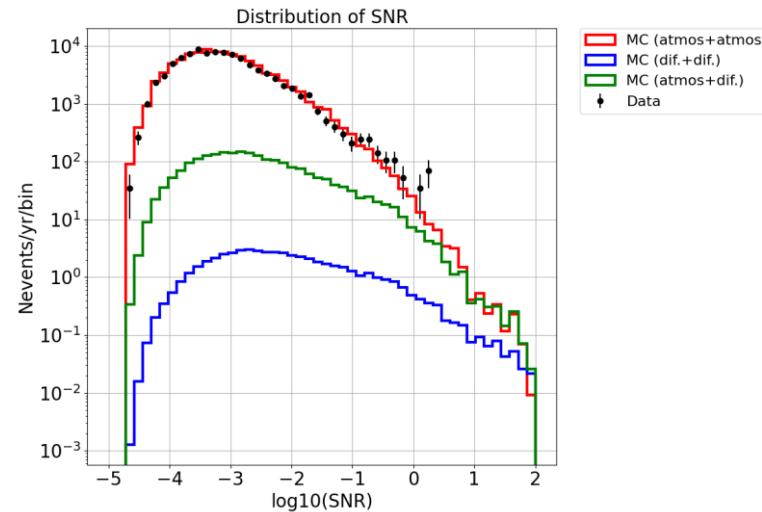


ψ (opening angle)



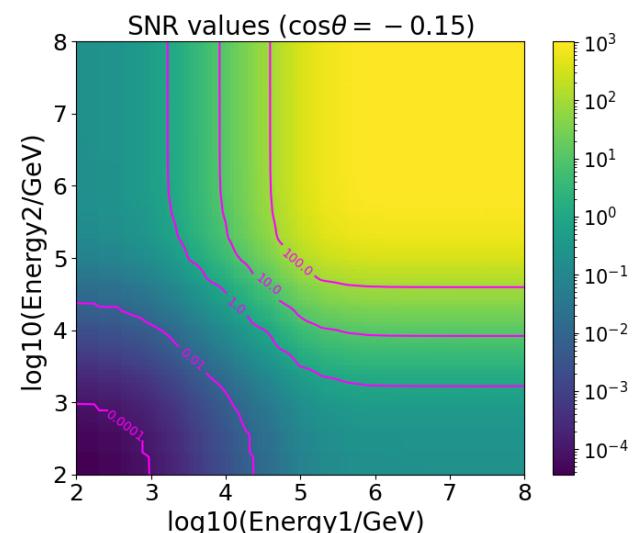
$$SNR = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{sig}}{\mathcal{L}_{BG}}$$

- Atmos. + Atmos. (Red)
- Atmos. + Diffuse (Green)
- Diffuse + Diffuse (Blue)

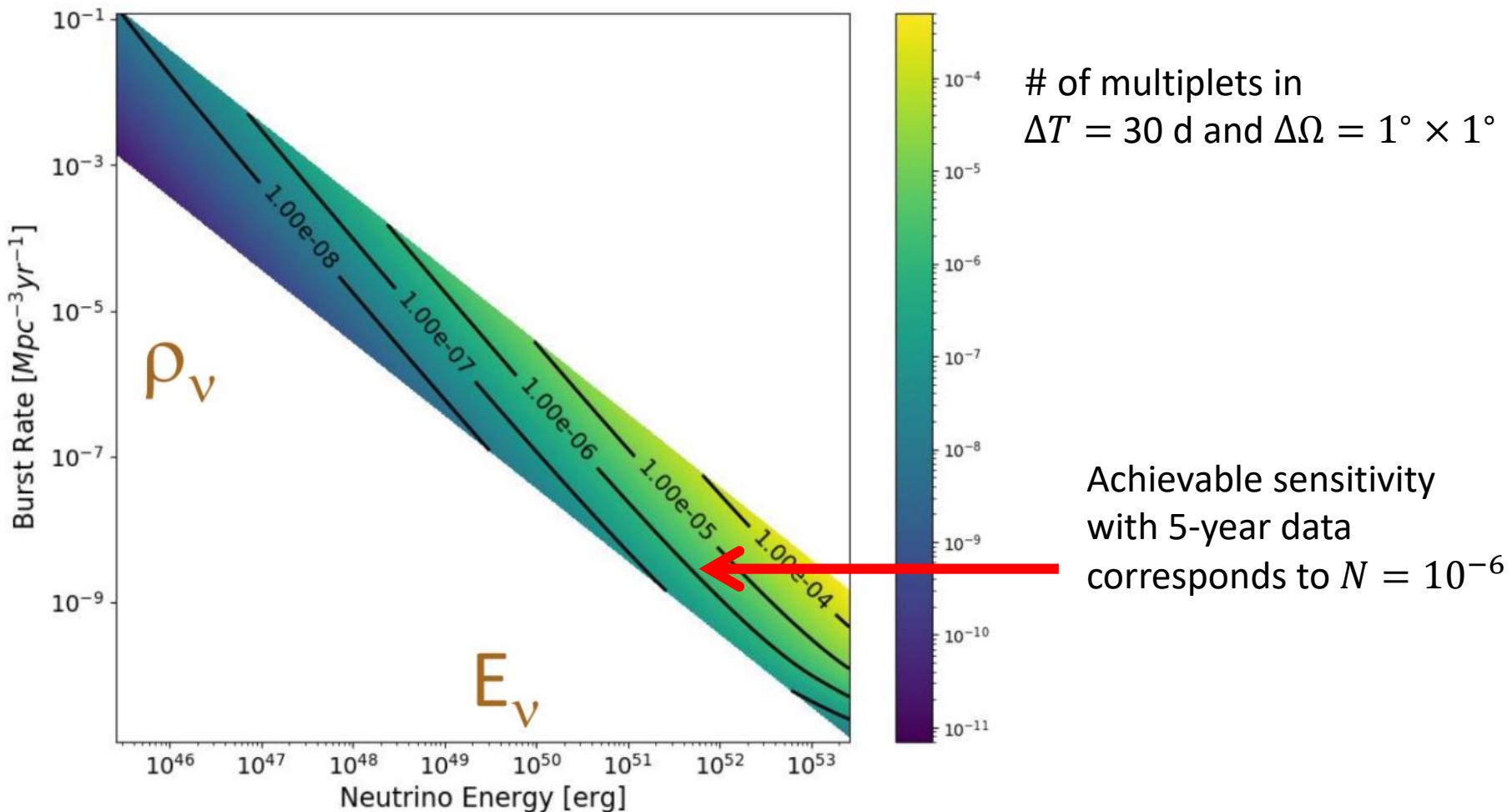


The MC simulation of atmospheric neutrinos well reproduce the experimental distribution.

To keep the false alarm rate $< O(1)$ in a year due to BGs, the SNR needs to be higher than ~ 10 .

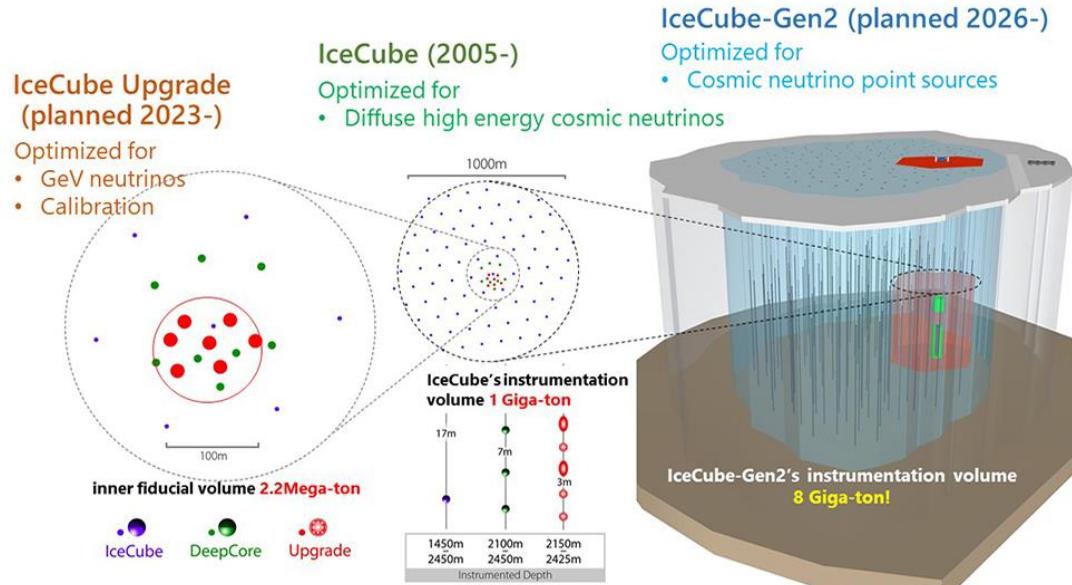


Sensitivity for five year's statistics



For the essential improvement, $\times 10$ is necessary to open the parameter space.

Future upgrades

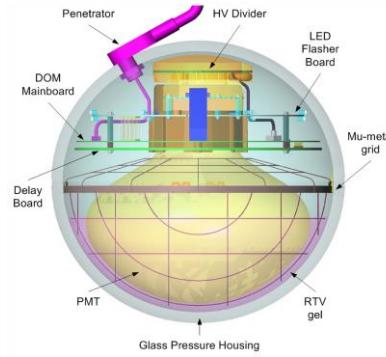
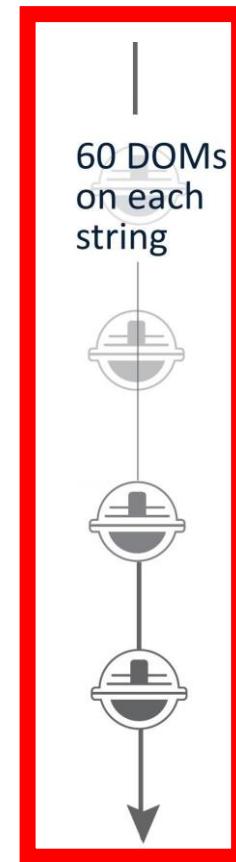


IceCube Upgrade

- Deploy ~ 700 new optical modules from 2023

IceCube Gen-2

- Deploy $O(10,000)$ new optical modules from 2027



Digital Optical Module (DOM) for Gen-1

New optical modules for Gen2

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Requirements of new optical modules

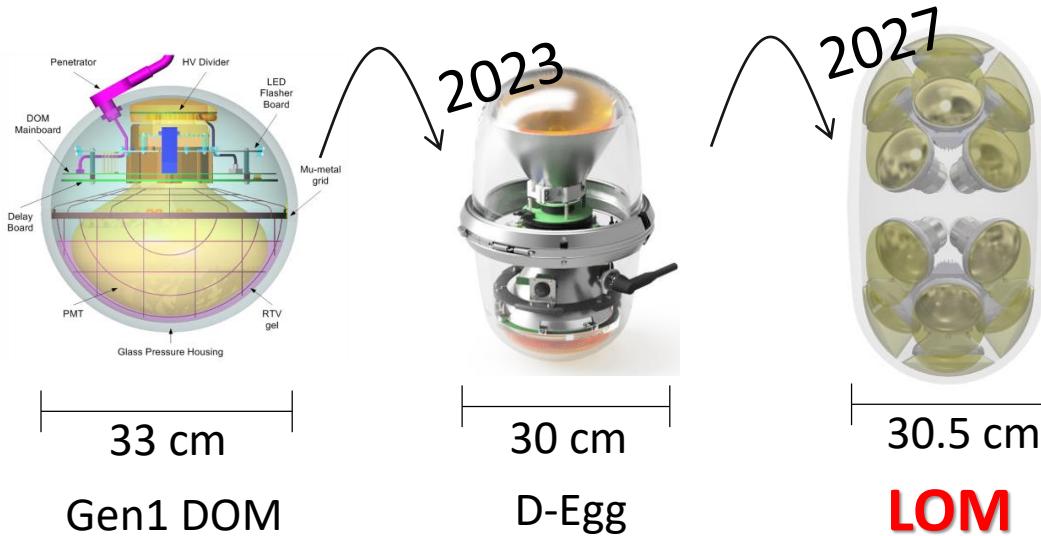
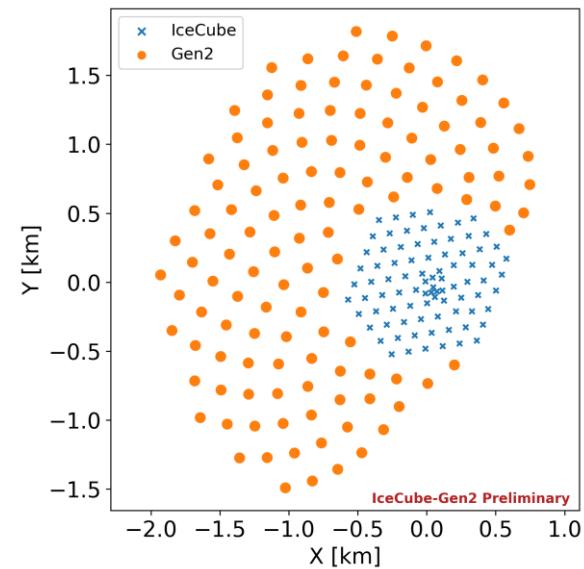
- ◆ Volume of Gen2 → x 8
- ◆ Sparse layout: 125 m → 240 m
- low cost per optical sensitivity



Reduce a diameter to
save cost of drilling



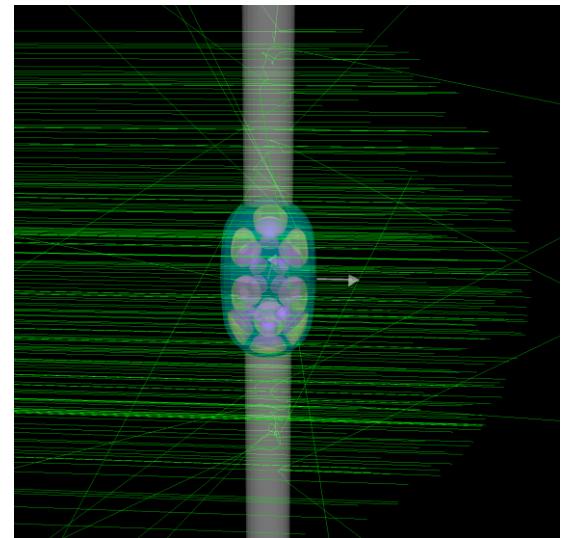
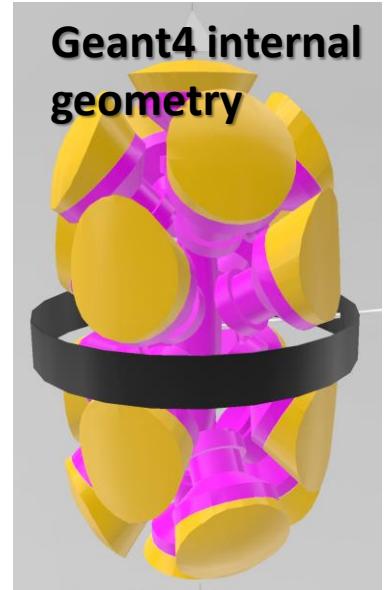
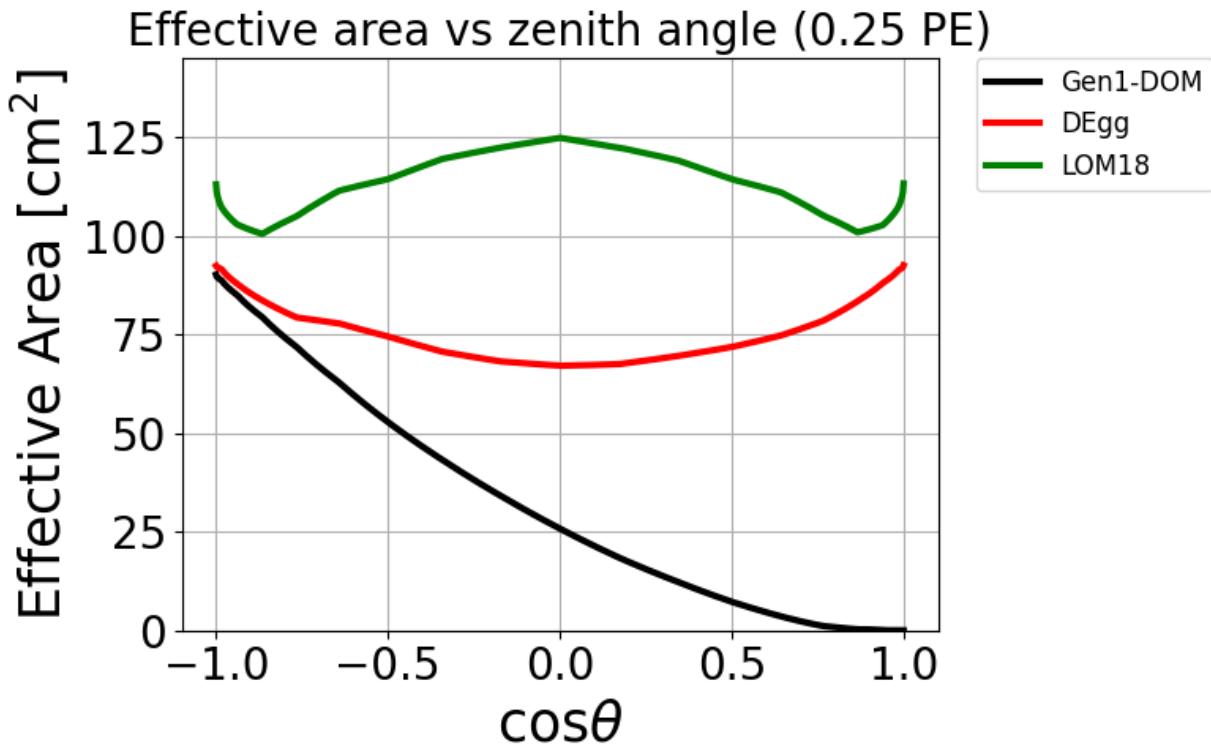
House as many
PMTs as possible



Long optical module (LOM)

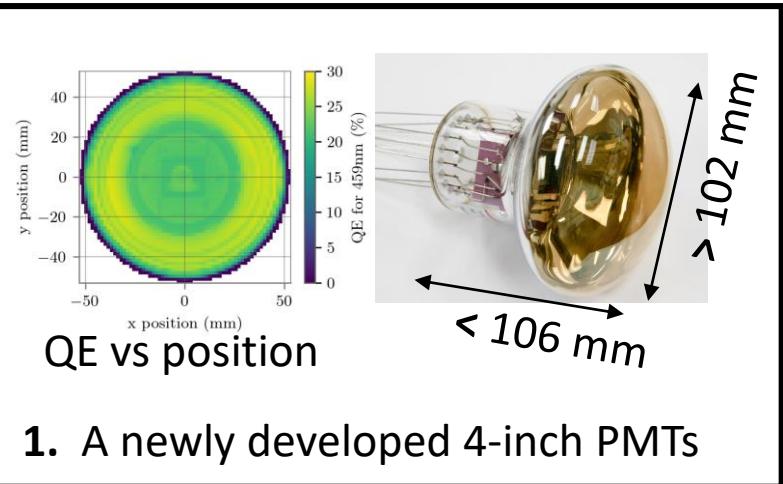
- ① Use a low noise **elongated** glass vessel.
- ② House 18 four inch PMTs.
- ③ Adopt a “**gel pad**” to efficiently lead photons to PMTs

The performance of the LOM

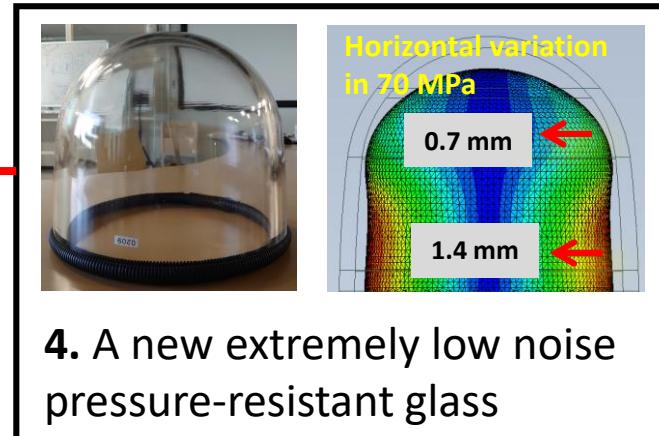
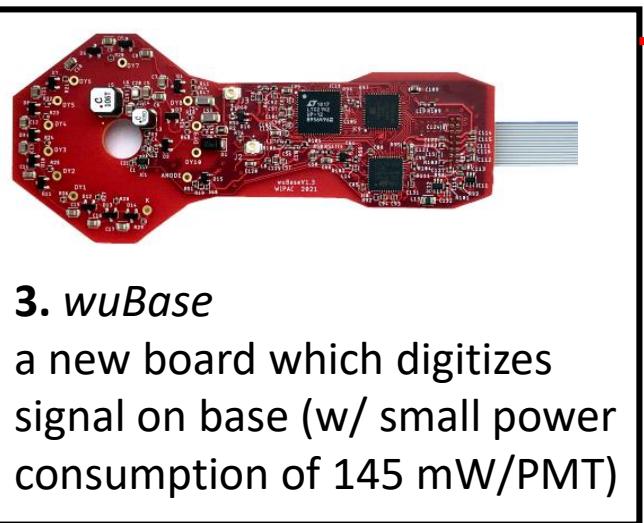
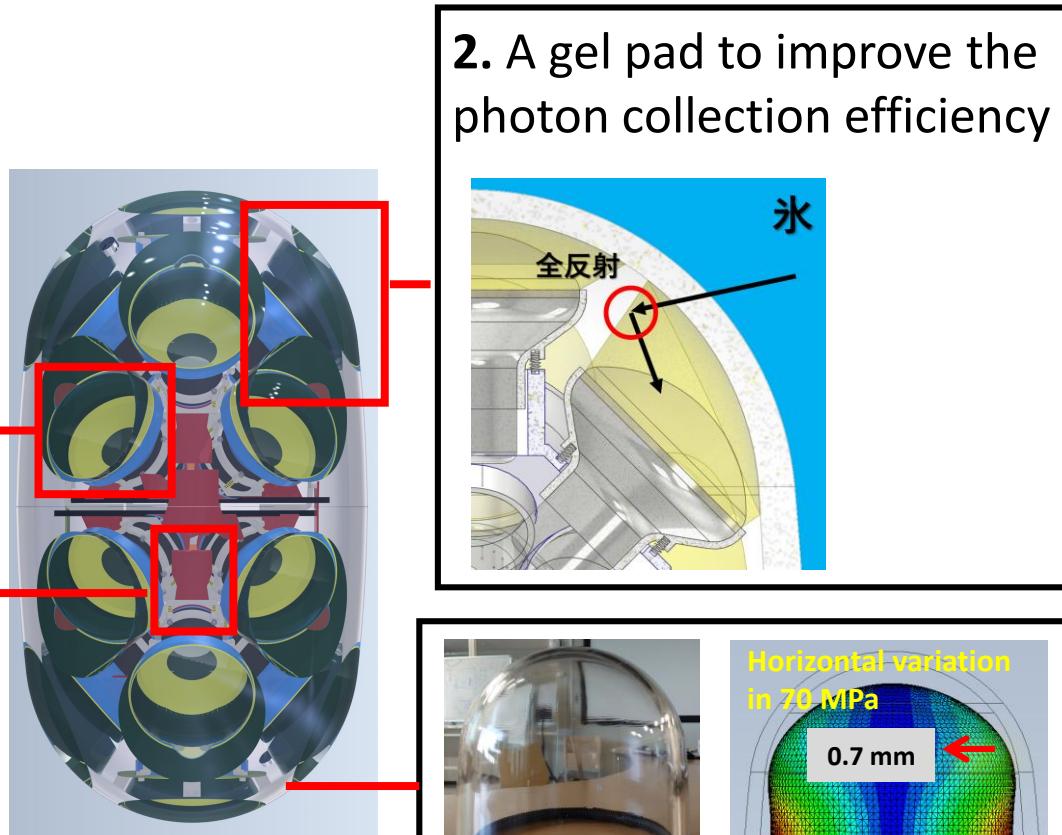


The detailed Geant4 study suggests x 3.6 improvement from the Gen1 optical module.

Long Optical Module (LOM)



1. A newly developed 4-inch PMTs



The development of key components have been already established.

- Shimizu started working in a new world
 - よろしくお願ひします。
- IceCube has been measuring ν flux
 - low energy (10 TeV-100 TeV) neutrinos do not accomodate with γ ray spectrum if their source is transparent to γ
 - the source of high energy ν does not seem to be galactic origin
 - blazars were identified with one of their origins, but do not explain all of the contributions (up to 30 %)
 - The correlation with TDE looks interesting.
- Multi-messenger astronomy is important to identify the source of cosmic rays
 - to open new parameter space, new neutrino alert is being developed where the signature of signal is multiplet.
- Development of the new optical sensor LOM is ongoing.

Backup

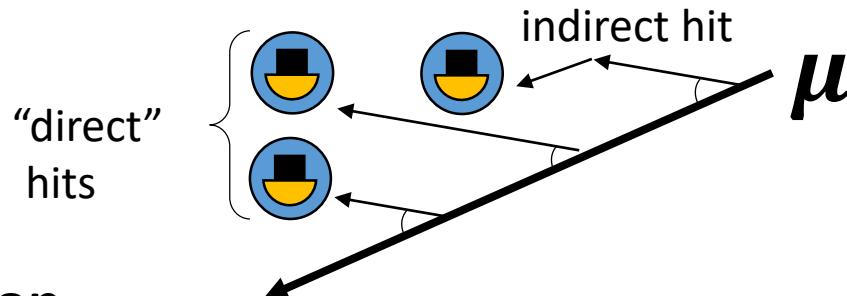
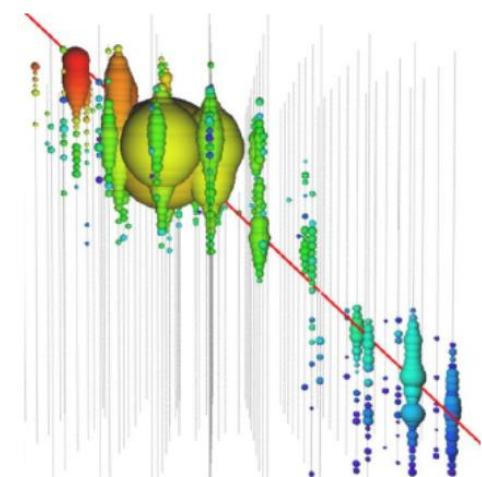
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Reconstruction of track

◆ Energy

→ adopts an energy deposit of μ as a proxy of neutrino energy
 \propto number of photon

Use a “truncated” energy, where too high outliers of dE/dx are removed and decrease fluctuation of $\langle dE/dx \rangle$



◆ Direction

➤ Single Photo Electron (SPE) fit

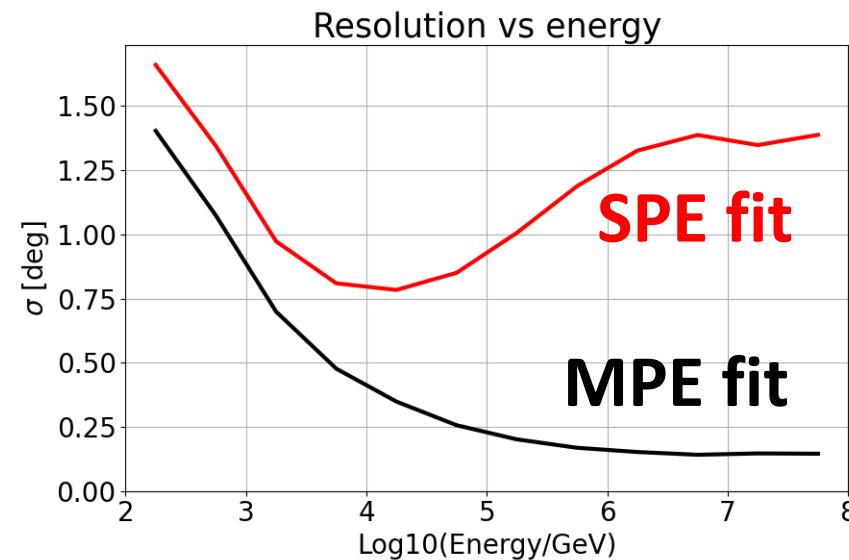
→ uses information of direct hits

$$\mathcal{L}^{SPE} = \prod_{\text{1st hits}} P(t_{\text{obs}} - t_{\text{expected}})$$

➤ Multi Photo Electron (MPE) fit

→ uses information of multiple hits

$$\mathcal{L}^{MPE} = \prod_{\text{1st } N \text{ hits}} P(t_{\text{obs}} - t_{\text{expected}})$$



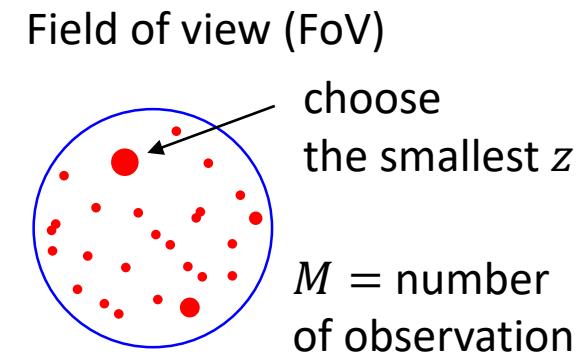
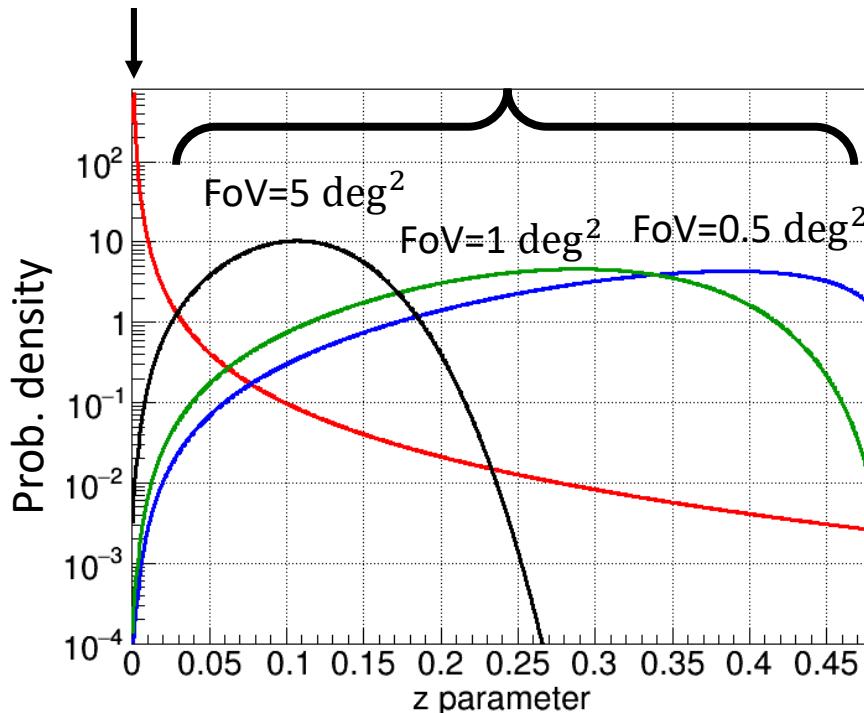
Calculation of z-likelihood

Using the evaluated $A_{\text{eff}}(E)$, z distribution of neutrino sources is calculated.

$$p.d.f \text{ of } z \text{ for a neutrino source: } S(z) = \frac{1}{N(n=2)} \frac{dN(n=2)}{dz}$$

$$p.d.f \text{ of } z \text{ for a chance coincidence: } B(z) = M \rho_{SN}(z) \left[1 - \int_0^z \rho_{SN}(z') dz' \right]^{M-1}$$

ν source chance coincidence



Apparent difference in z distribution

Current strategy is to repeat the follow up observation several times.

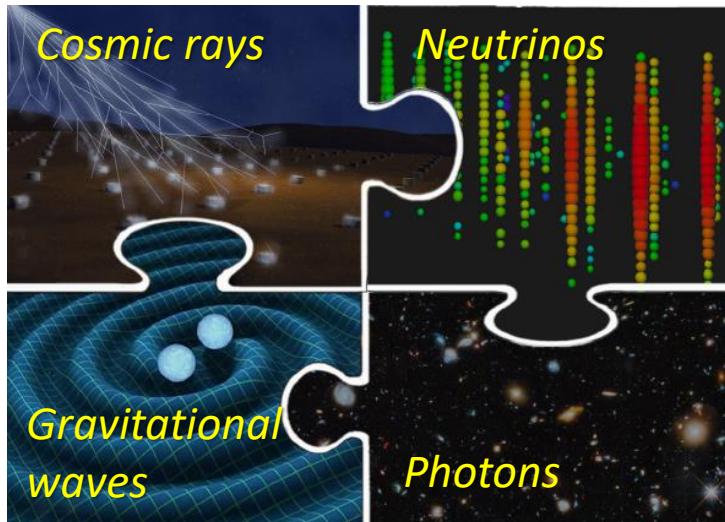


The tendency of z distribution may reveal new type of neutrino sources.

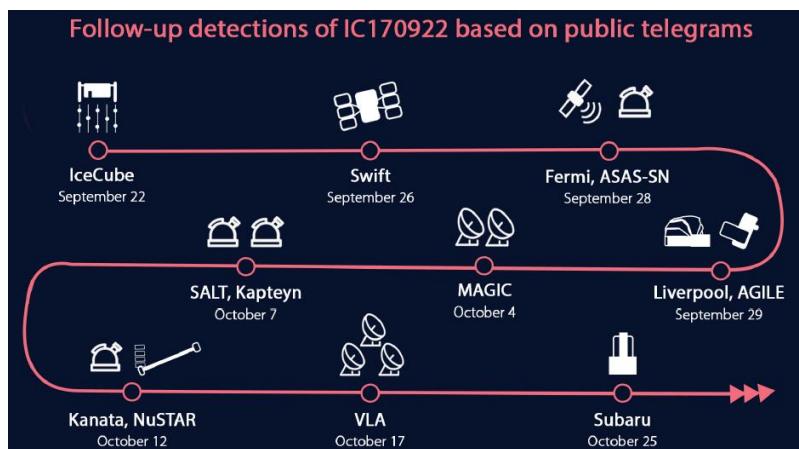
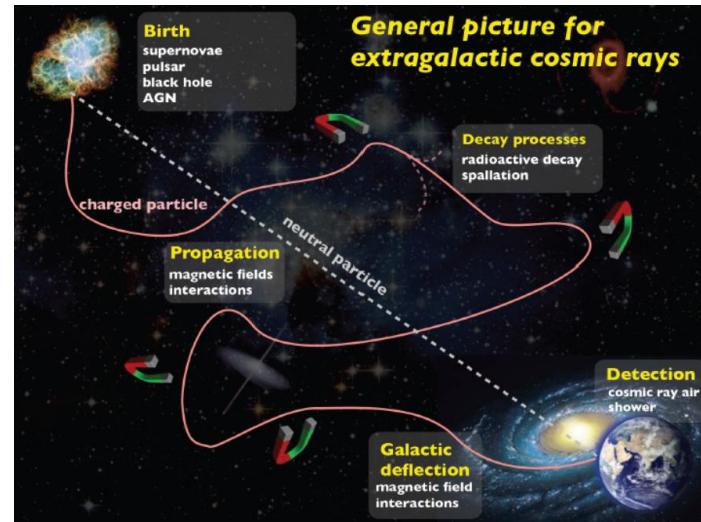
Multi-messenger astronomy

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Astrophysical events produce various types of “messengers”



Neutrinos less interacts with particles when they move through the space.



Follow-up observation

When a telescope observes a notable event, issue an alert to other telescopes and see what happens in that direction.

Neutrinos are believed to be one of the earliest “messenger”.

Optimization of sensitivity

For a given flux of transit source of ν , $\phi(L_\nu)$, the averaged number of events from the point source is

$$\mu_{PS} = T \Delta\Omega A \phi$$

T : length of timing window,
 $\Delta\Omega$: acceptable solid angle,
 A : Effective area

Then, the total number of sources, which can be observed as multiplet is

$$N^{multiplet}(L_\nu, n_0, T) = \Delta\Omega \int dV n_0 (1+z)^3 P(n=2|\mu = \mu_{PS})$$

where n_0 is a density of the transit sources.

BGs due to diffuse singlet sources and atmospheric muon, can be evaluated as $N^{BG}(L_\nu, n_0, T)$. For a given L_ν, n_0 , we maximize $N^{multiplet}/N^{BG}$.

TABLE I. Characteristic parameters of the candidate sources of UHECRs and high-energy neutrinos. PRD **102**, 083023 (2020)

	HL GRB	LL GRB	Newborn magnetar	Jetted TDEs	Blazar Flares	Jetted AGN
L_γ [erg s ⁻¹]	10^{51-53}	10^{46-48}	10^{42-44}	10^{45-48}	10^{45-48}	10^{43-48}
Γ	100–1000	2–30	?	3–100	3–100	3–100
ρ [Gpc ⁻³ yr ⁻¹]	0.1–1	100–1000	1000–10000	0.01–0.1	100–1000	...
ΔT [s]	10–1000	100–10000	10^{2-5}	10^{5-7}	10^{5-7}	...

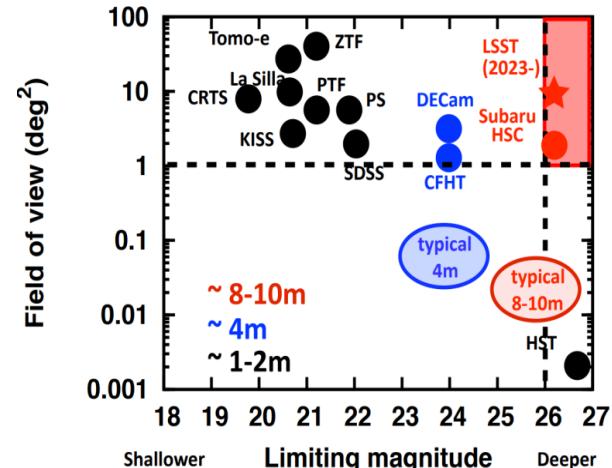
Field of view of various optical telescopes

Field of view
(deg²)

T. Morokuma

	tel [m]	FoV	area	cadence	depth	detector	note
PTF	1.2	7.3	8,000	5 days	R~20.6	CCD	Palomar 48" Law+2009
ZTF	1.2	47	数1,000?	a few hours	r~21	CCD	Palomar 48" 2018-
ASAS-SN	8 x 0.14	120	20,000	~1 day	~17	CCD	Haleakala & CTIO sites
CRTS	1.5+0.7+0.5	1.2+8.1+4.2	1,200	30 min (x4)	19-20	CCD	2 x USA + Australia
TESS	4 x 0.105	2300	2,300	27-day continuous	I~18	CCD	downlink ~2weeks
Evryscope	24 x 0.061	8000	8000?	2 min 1 day	V~16.5 V~19	CCD	CTIO site
KISS	1.05	4	100	1 hr	g~20-21	CCD	Kiso
Tomo-e	1.05	20	10,000	2 hrs 1 day	g~18 g~19	CMOS	Kiso

https://www.nao.ac.jp/study/oao//pdf/reference/um/um16/O22_Morokuma.pdf



Various optical telescopes $\Delta\Omega > 1\text{deg}^2$ are now available and even might be able to cover angular resolution of cascade.

Moreover, not necessary to have large aperture in this proposal.