

# Neutrino Astronomy and astroparticle physics with IceCube

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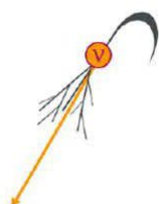
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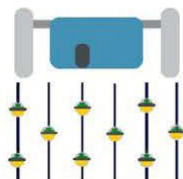
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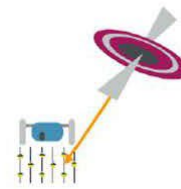
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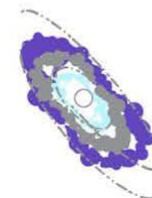
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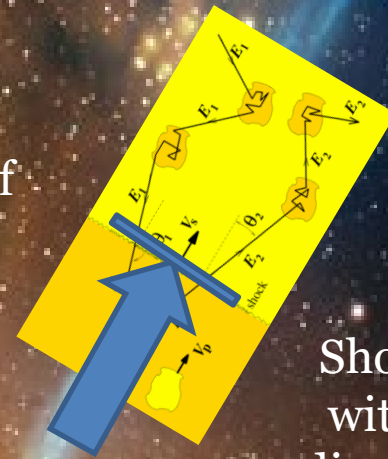
# An Active Galaxy, or Quasar Powered by a massive black hole

Many frequencies of light  
– gamma-ray to radio

Acceleration site for  
high-energy particles?

Fermi acceleration  
in shocks?

Outflow of  
material  
in jets



Shock front  
with speed  
discontinuity

Fermi acceleration as particles  
bounce back and forth across  
shock

- small boost in energy each  
crossing
- confinement by magnetised  
clouds

# Neutrino and gamma production in cosmic ray accelerators?



**Let's look for  
these neutrinos!**



**Hadronic accelerator? –  
cosmic ray origin?**

**$\gamma$ -rays  
also from  
electrons:**

**Bremsstrahlung  
Inverse Compton**

# Astronomical messengers:

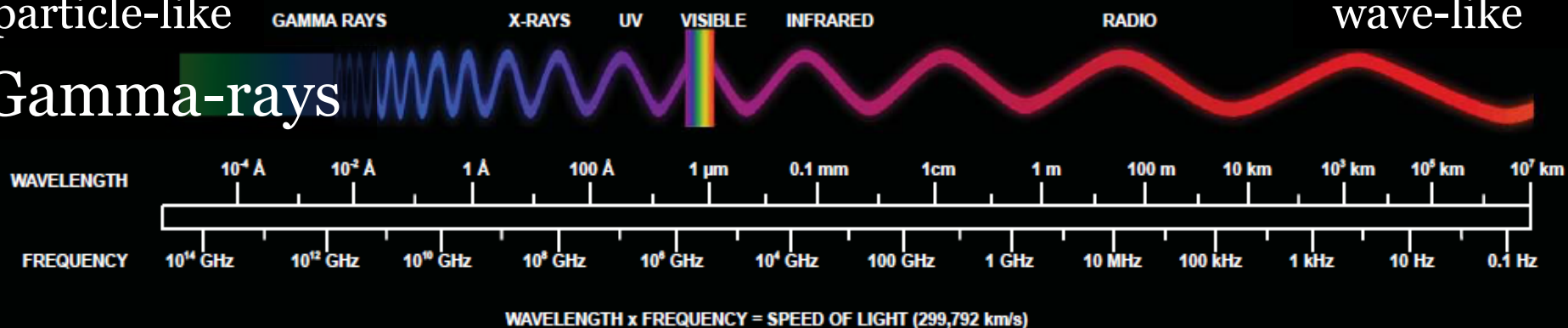
## Light: the electromagnetic spectrum

High energy:  
particle-like

Gamma-rays

### THE ELECTROMAGNETIC SPECTRUM

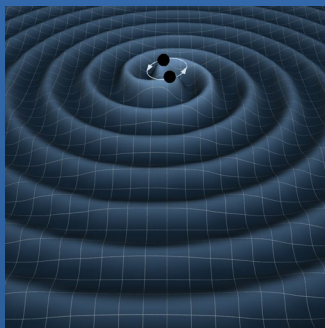
Low energy:  
wave-like



## Not light: other messengers

Cosmic rays

Neutrinos



Gravitational  
waves



# ICECUBE

SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY



## IceCube Laboratory

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



## Digital Optical Module (DOM)

5,160 DOMs deployed in the ice

50 m

Ice Top

1450 m

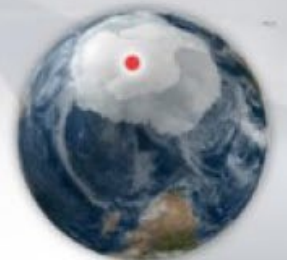
2450 m

IceCube detector

86 strings of DOMs, set 125 meters apart

DeepCore

Antarctic bedrock



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

60 DOMs on each string

DOMs are 17 meters apart





# THE ICECUBE COLLABORATION

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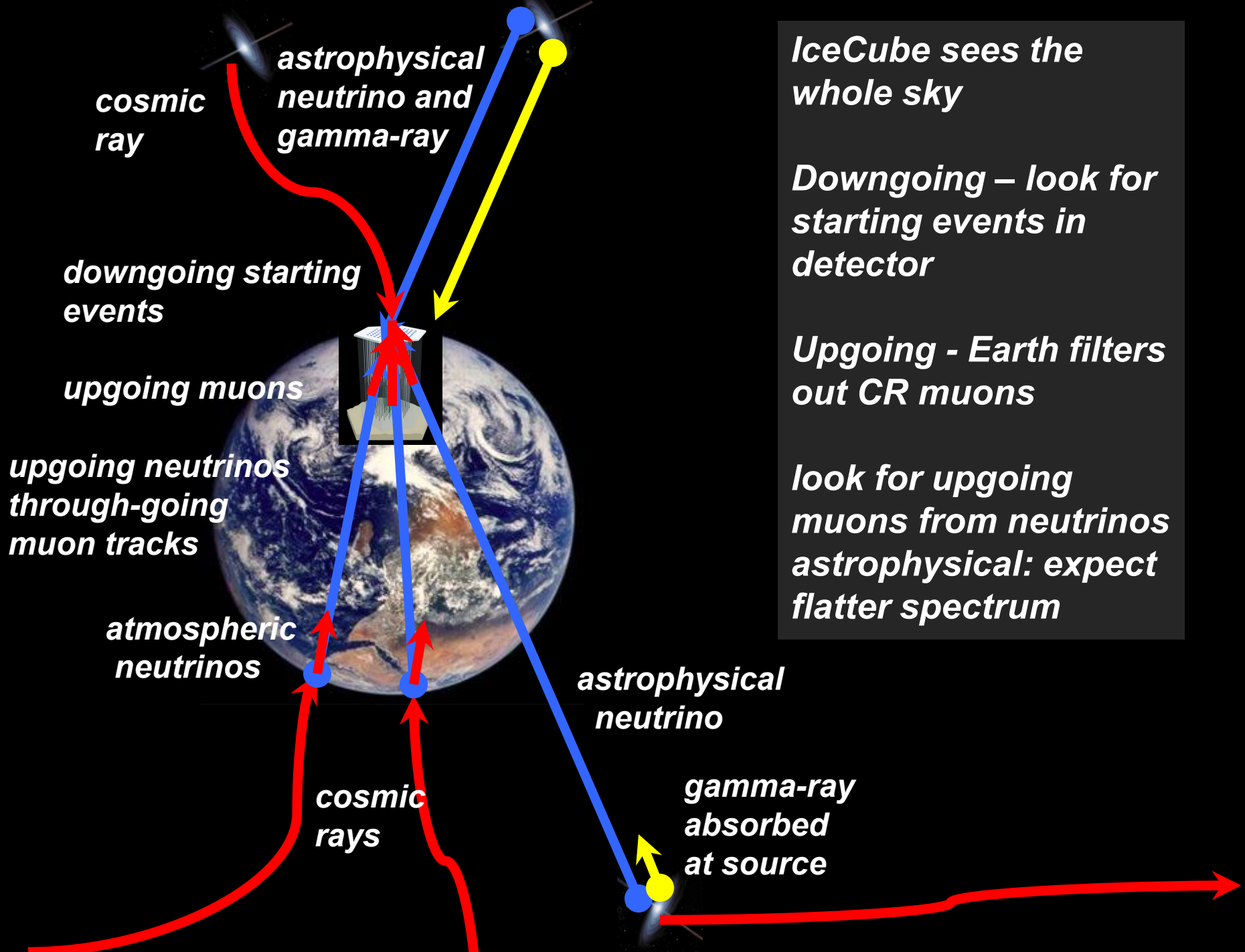
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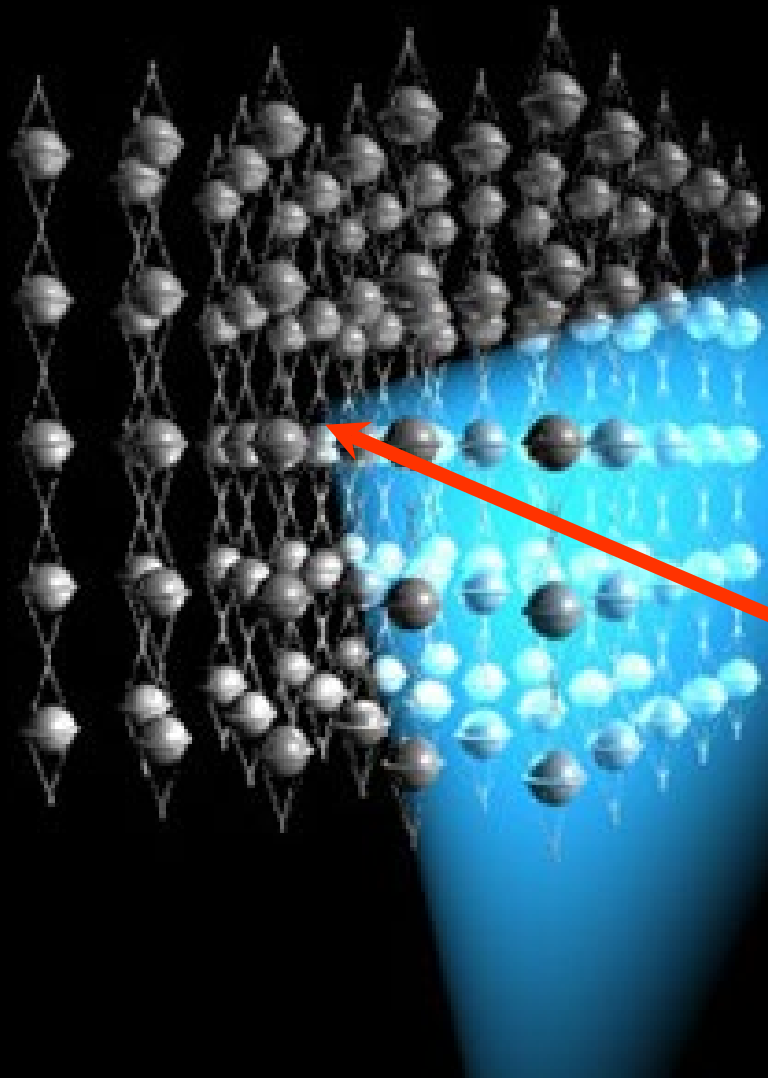
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105.7 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
-1  
1/2  $\mu$   
muon

<0.17 MeV/c<sup>2</sup>  
0  
1/2  $\nu_{\mu}$   
muon  
neutrino

Detecting neutrinos via  
light emission of muons

$$\nu_e + N \rightarrow e + X$$

background  
atmospheric  
muon

*cascade*

**Direction:**

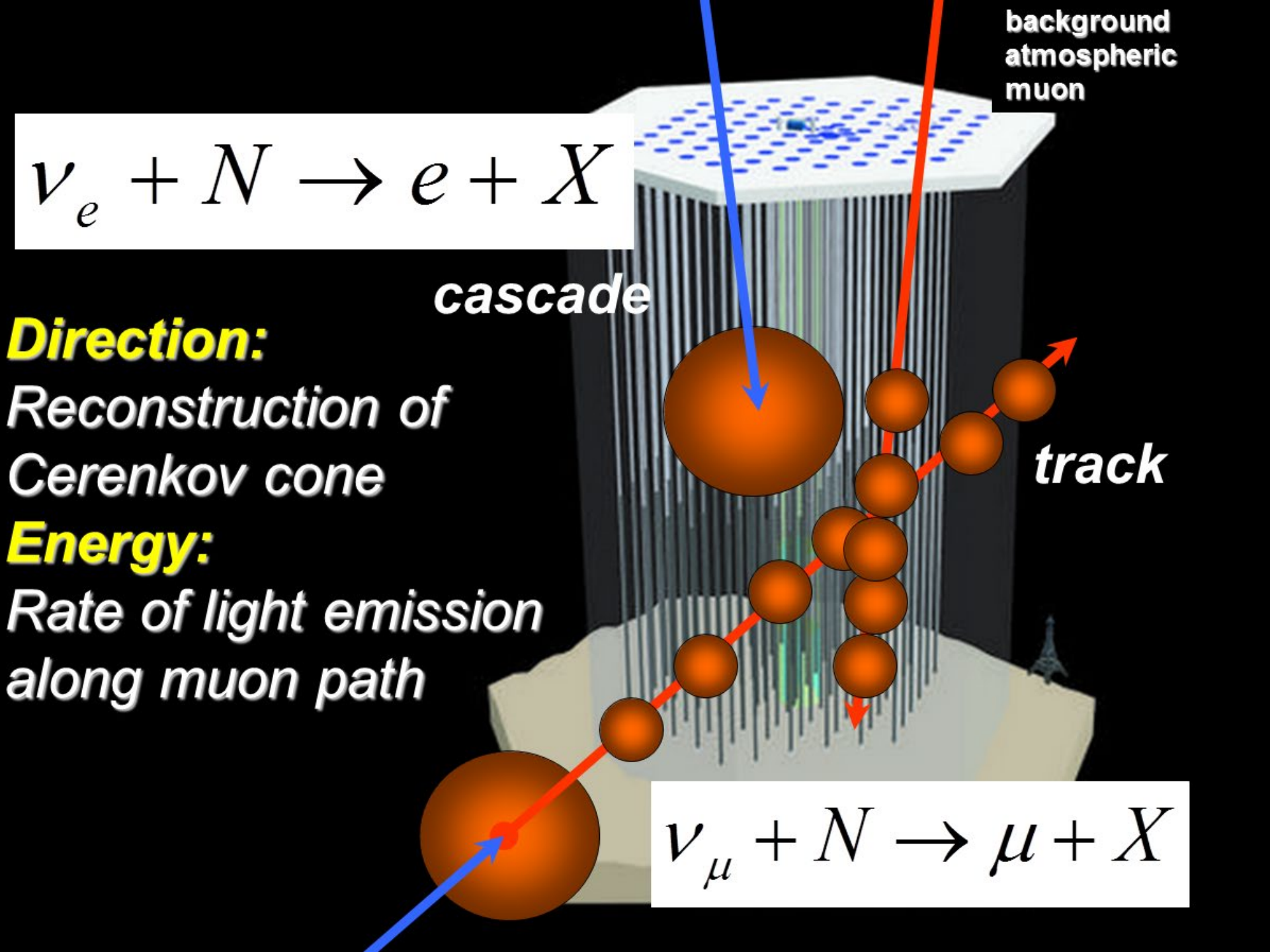
Reconstruction of  
Cerenkov cone

**Energy:**

Rate of light emission  
along muon path

*track*

$$\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \mu + X$$

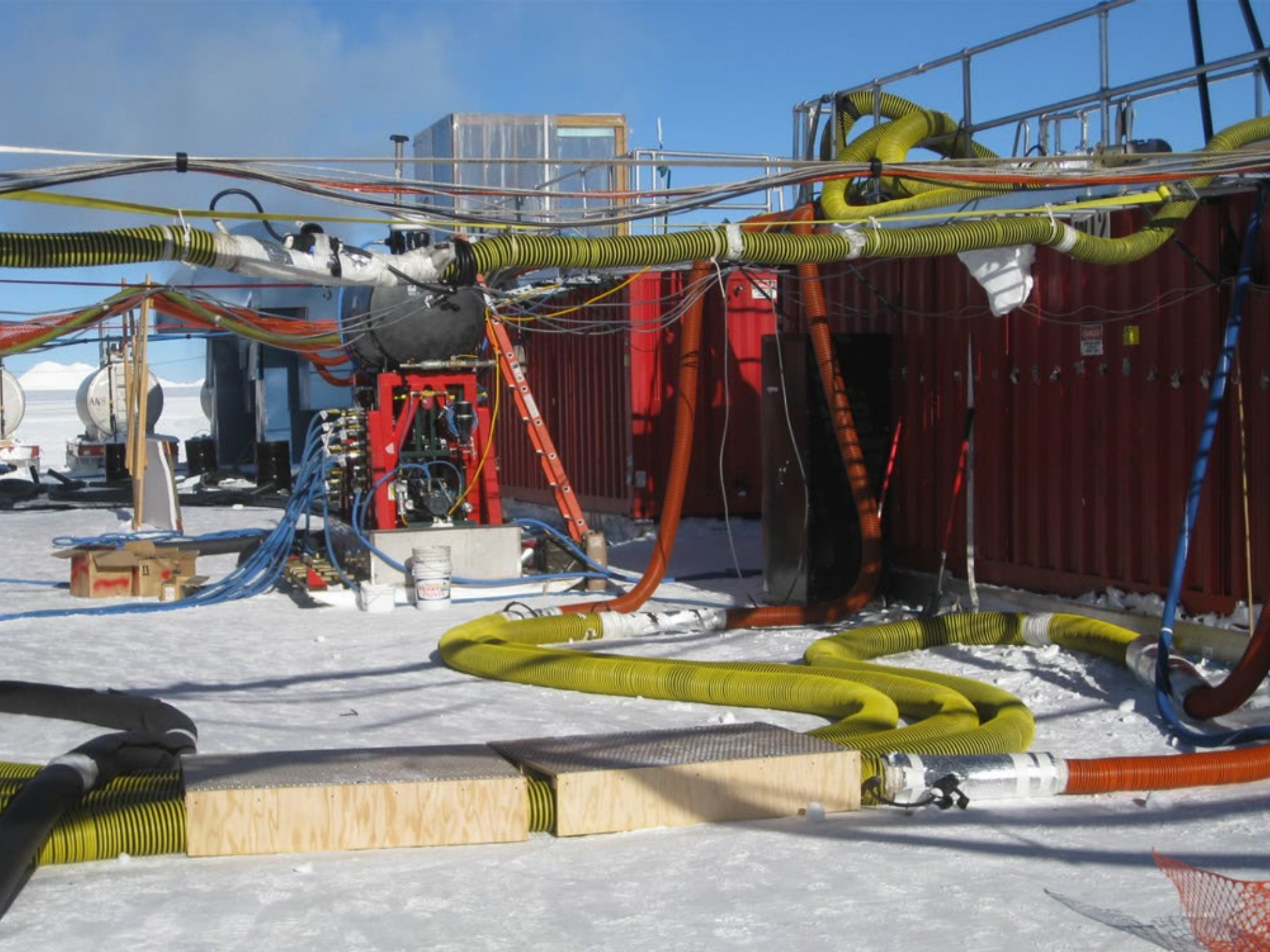


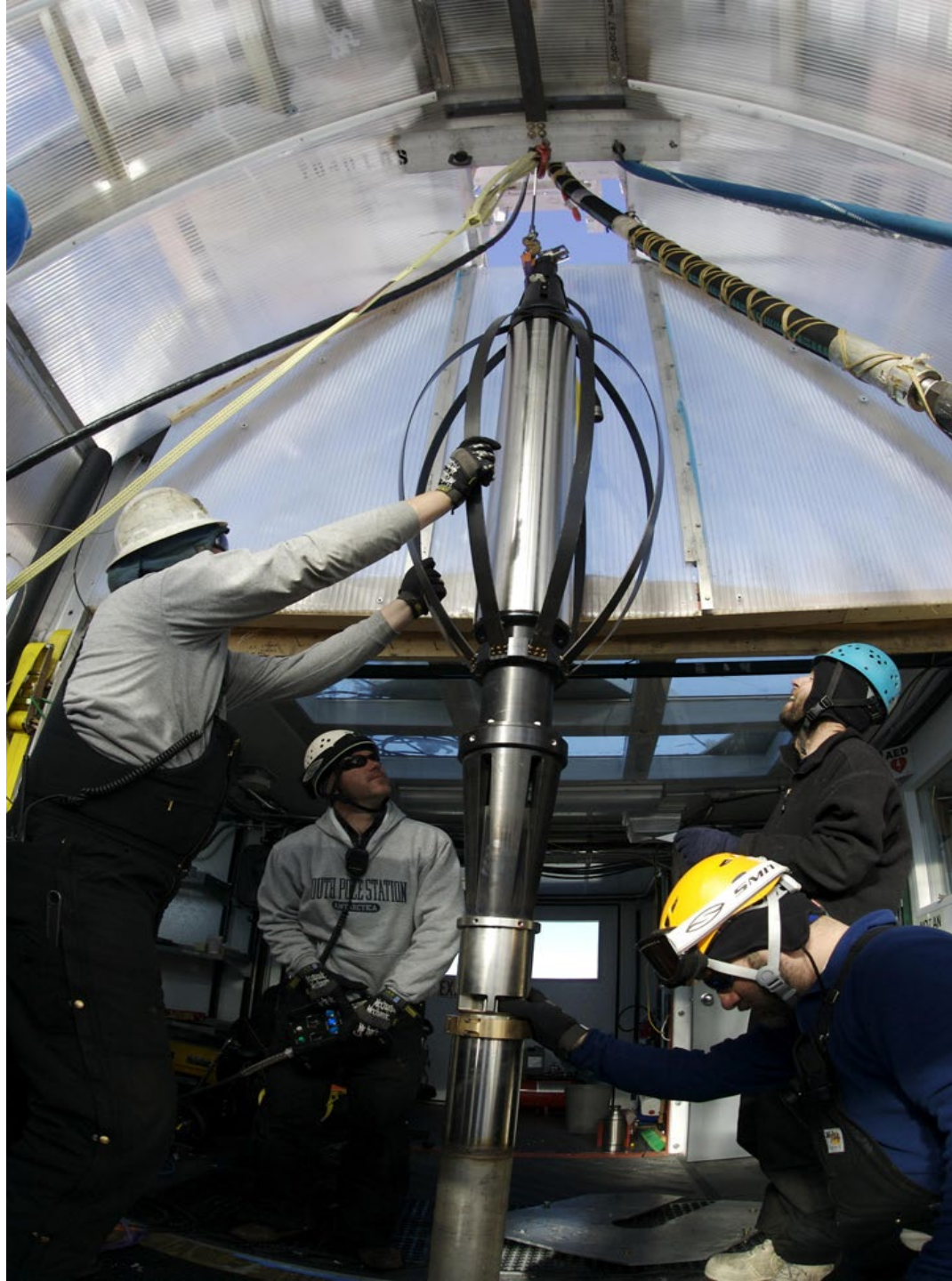
# *Logistics*



*9 million pounds of Cargo and fuel*  
*300 Hercules LC 130 missions*









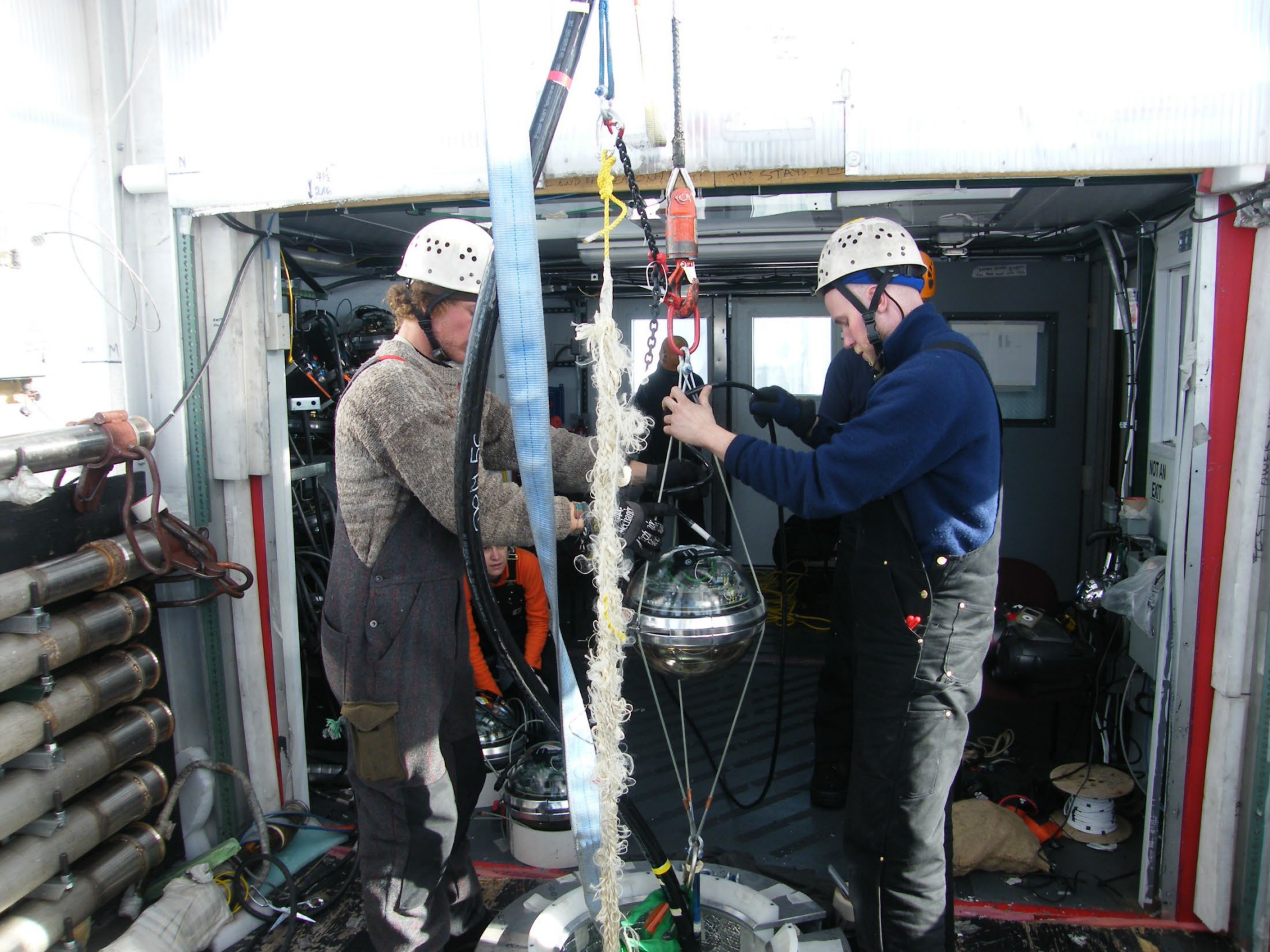


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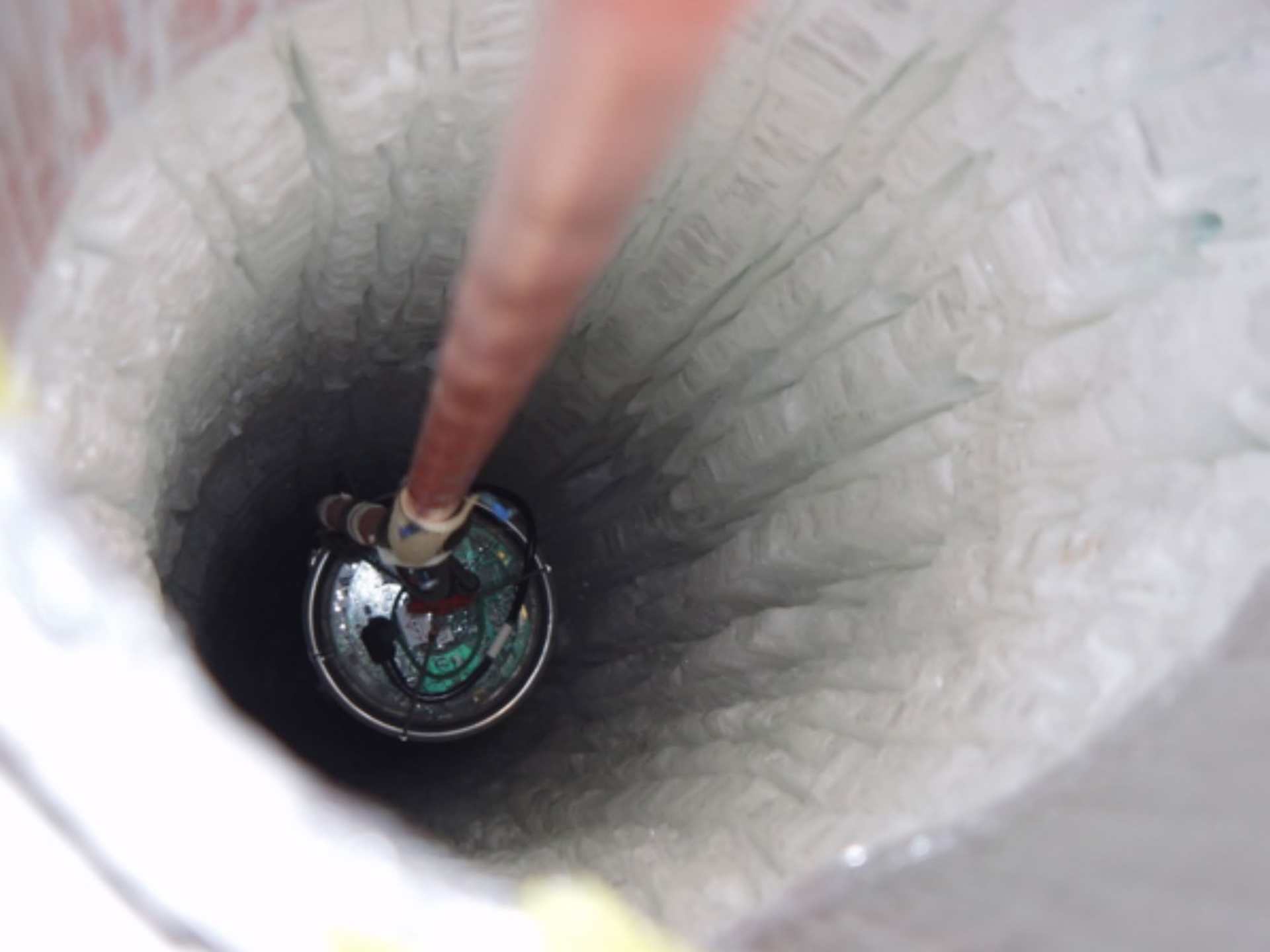
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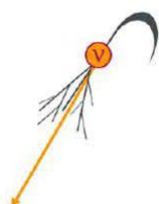
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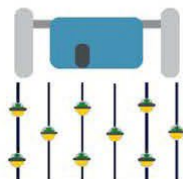
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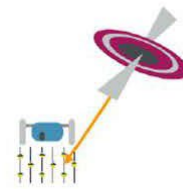
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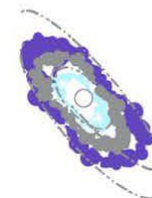
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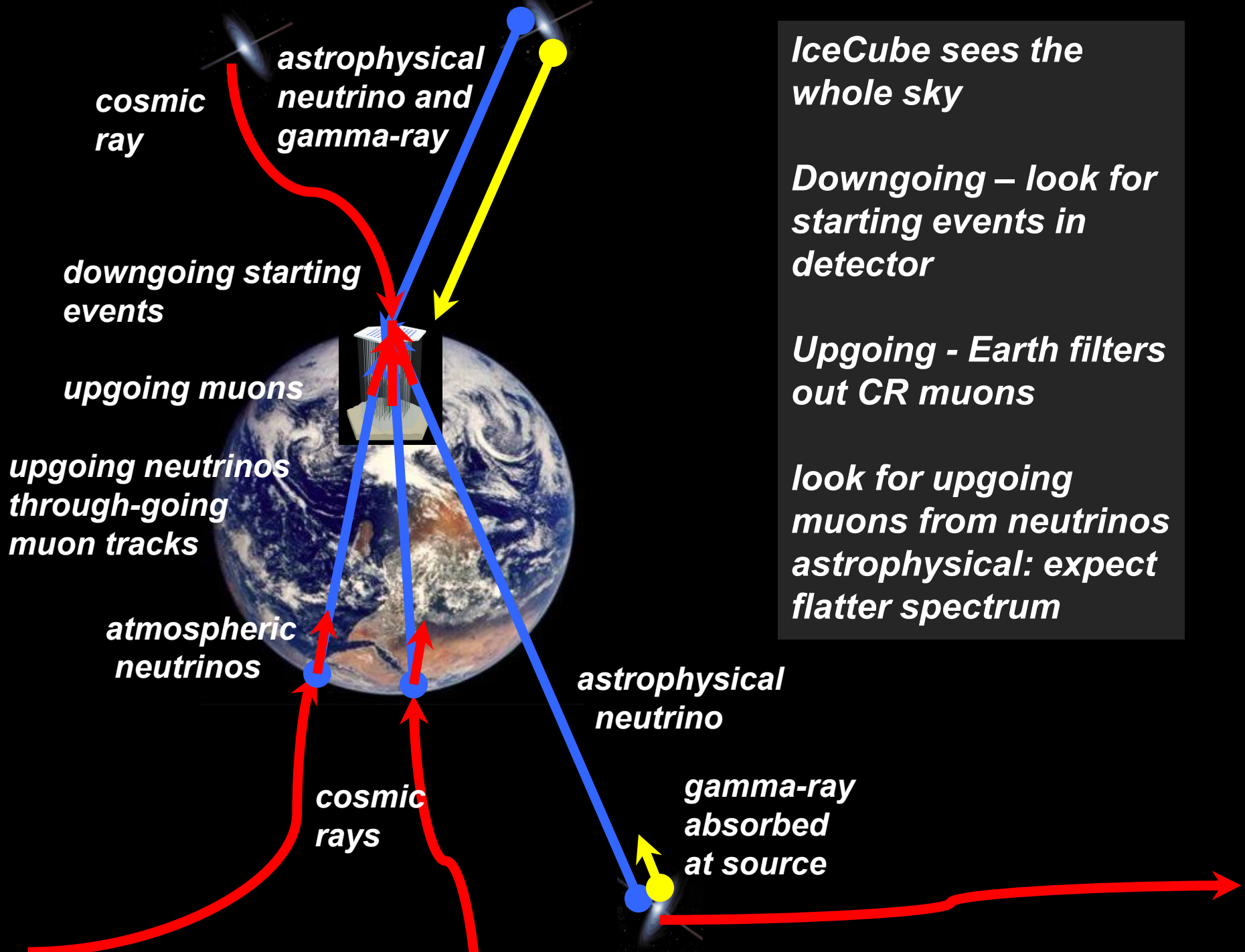
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**cosmic ray**

**astrophysical neutrino and gamma-ray**

**downgoing starting events**

**upgoing muons**

**upgoing neutrinos through-going muon tracks**

**atmospheric neutrinos**

**cosmic rays**

**astrophysical neutrino**

**gamma-ray absorbed at source**

**IceCube sees the whole sky**

**Downgoing – look for starting events in detector**

**Upgoing - Earth filters out CR muons**

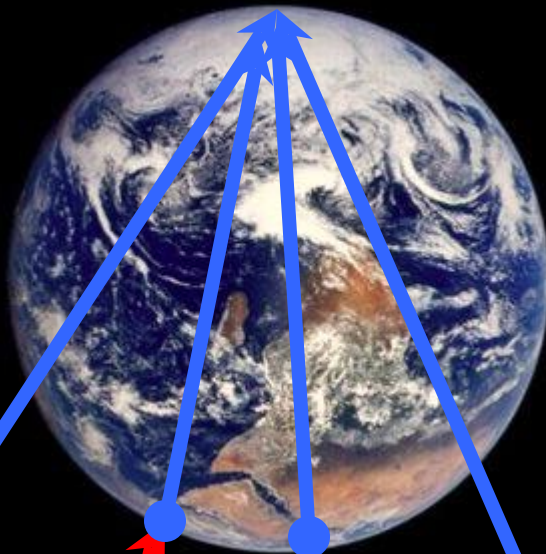
**look for upgoing muons from neutrinos**  
**astrophysical: expect flatter spectrum**

Looking down at the south pole  
into the northern sky

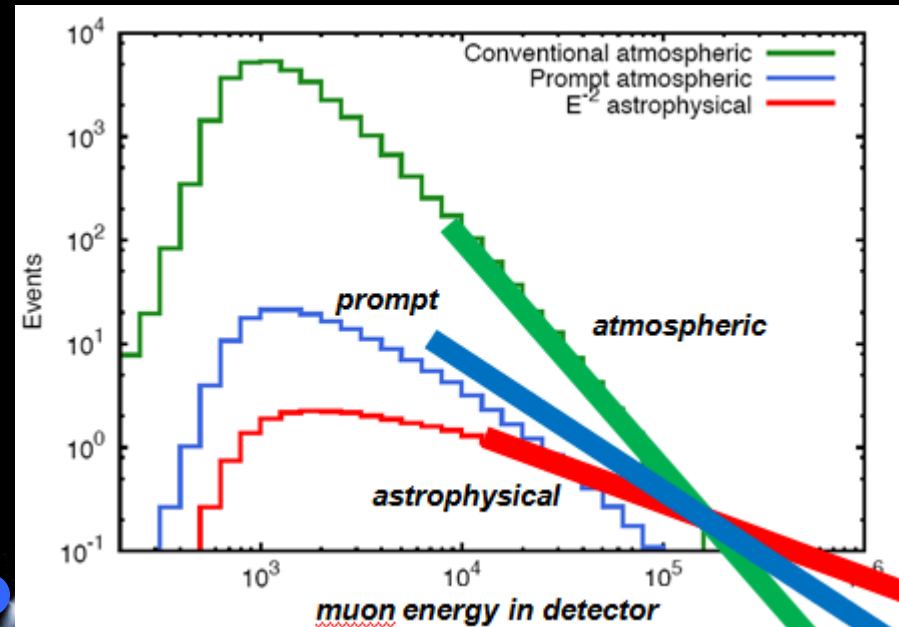
*reject  
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*astrophysical neutrino  
excess at high energy?*



*cosmic  
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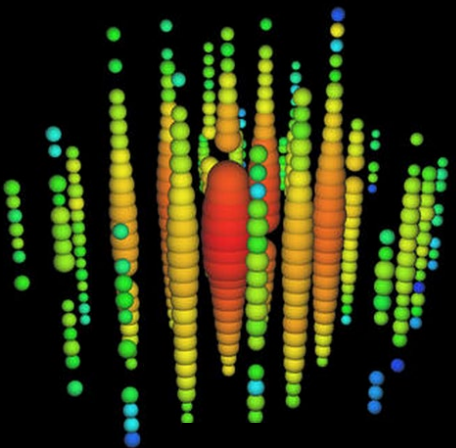


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## Evidence for High-Energy Extraterrestrial Neutrinos at the IceCube Detector

IceCube Collaboration\*

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

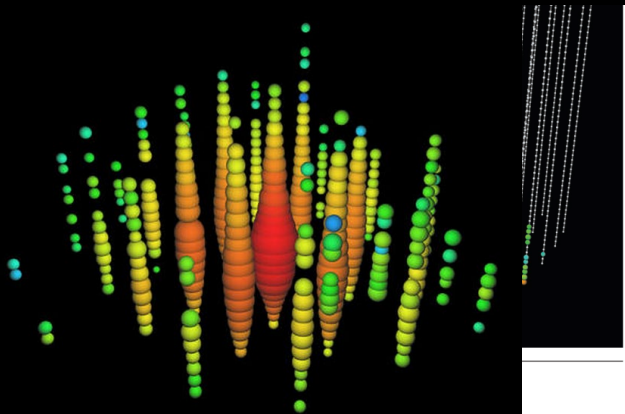
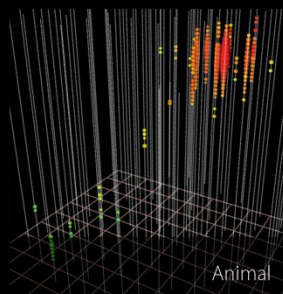
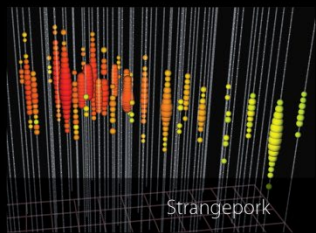


identified high-energy galactic or accelerators.

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

\*The list of author affiliations is availab  
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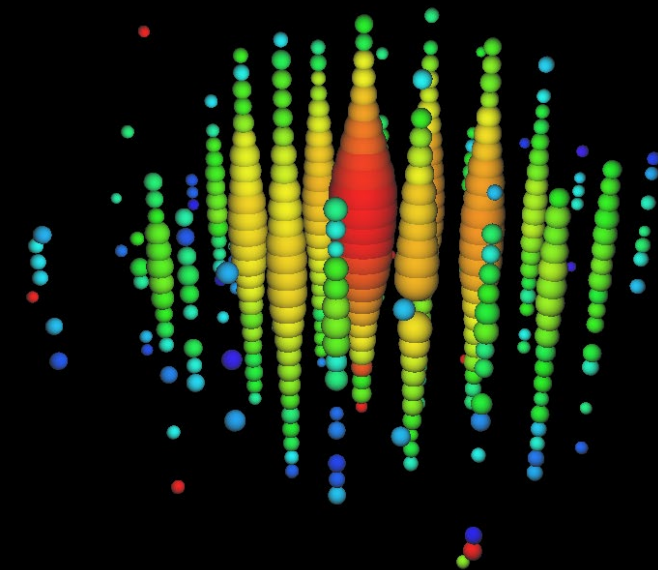
## 28 High Energy Events



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22 November 2013 | \$10

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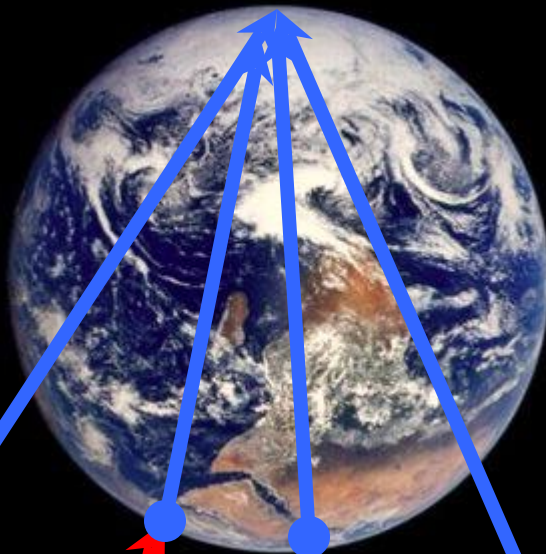


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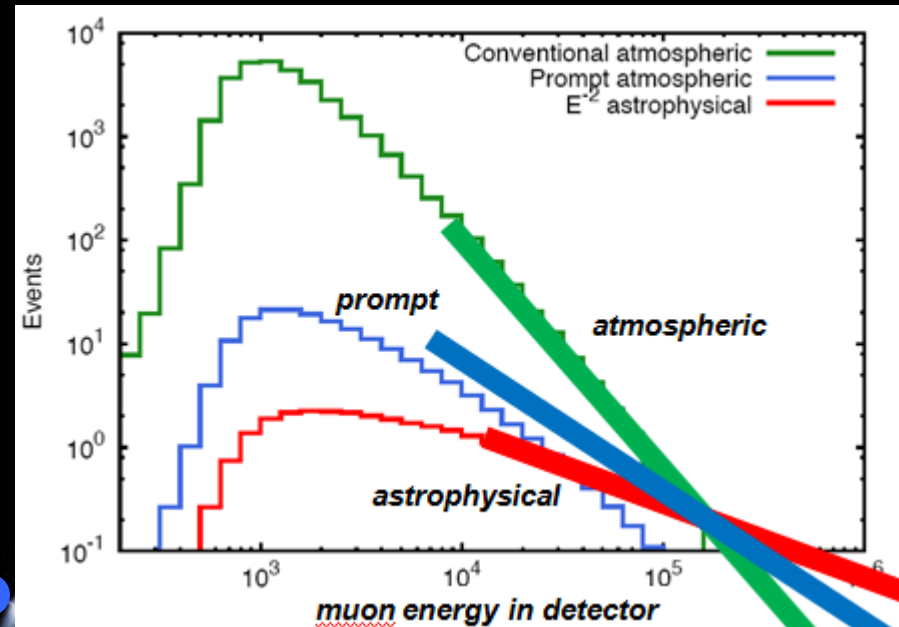
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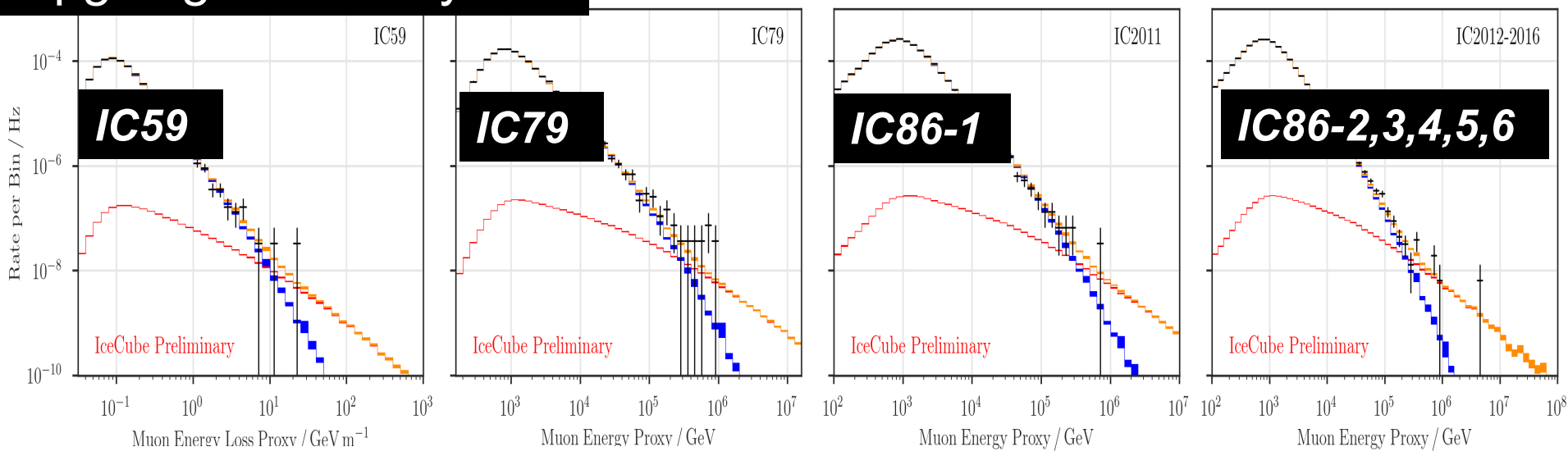
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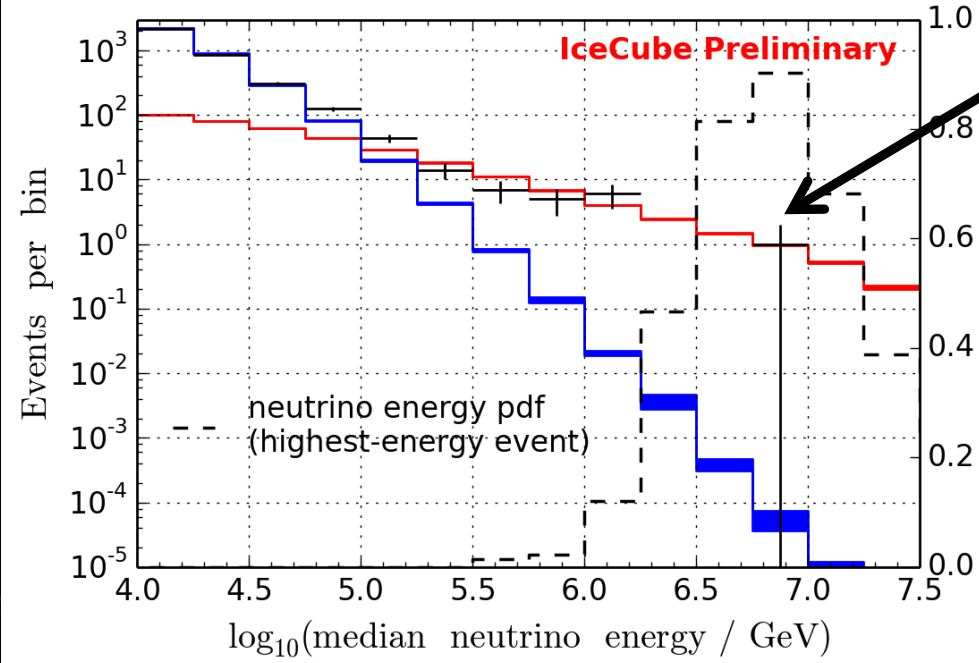
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■ Astrophysical  $\nu + \bar{\nu}$    
 ■ Conv. atmospheric  $\nu + \bar{\nu}$    
 ■ Combined  $\nu + \bar{\nu}$

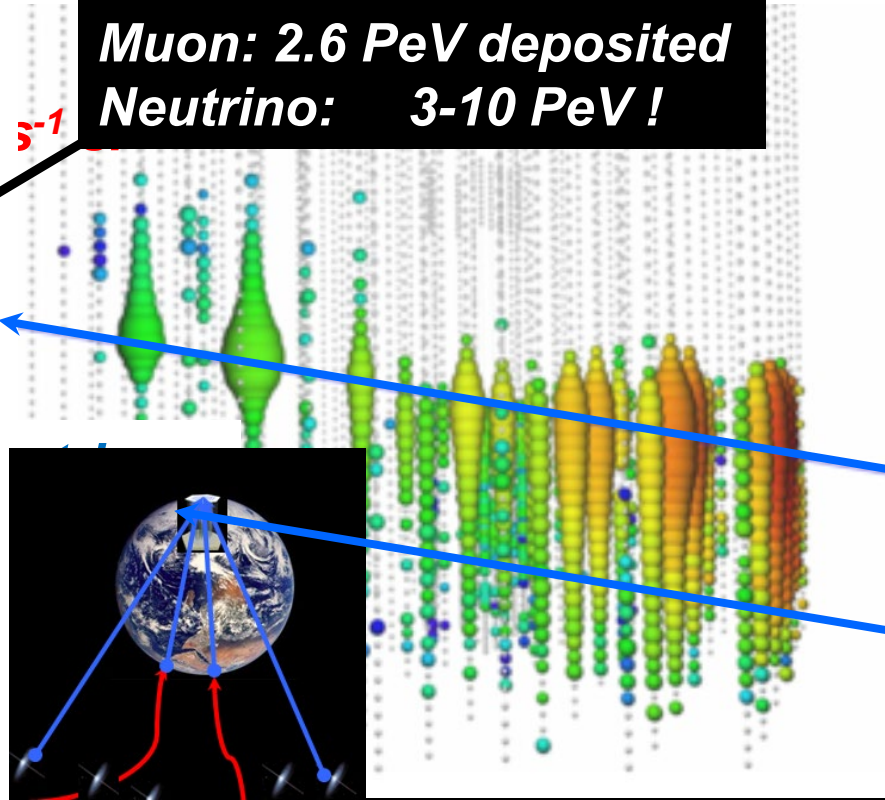


**Assuming best-fit power law:**

+++ Unfolding    ■ Conv. atmospheric  $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$   
■ Astrophysical  $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$



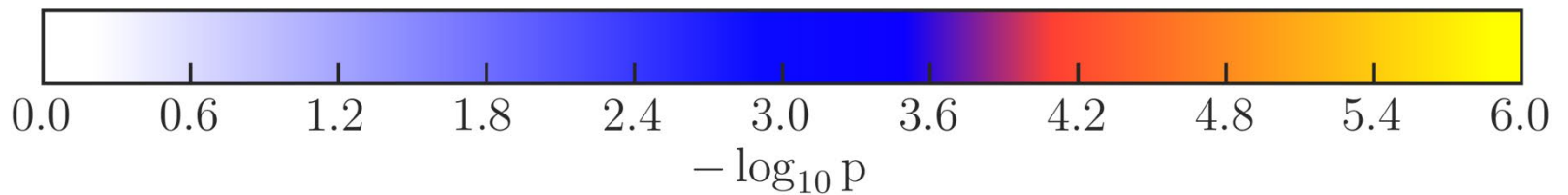
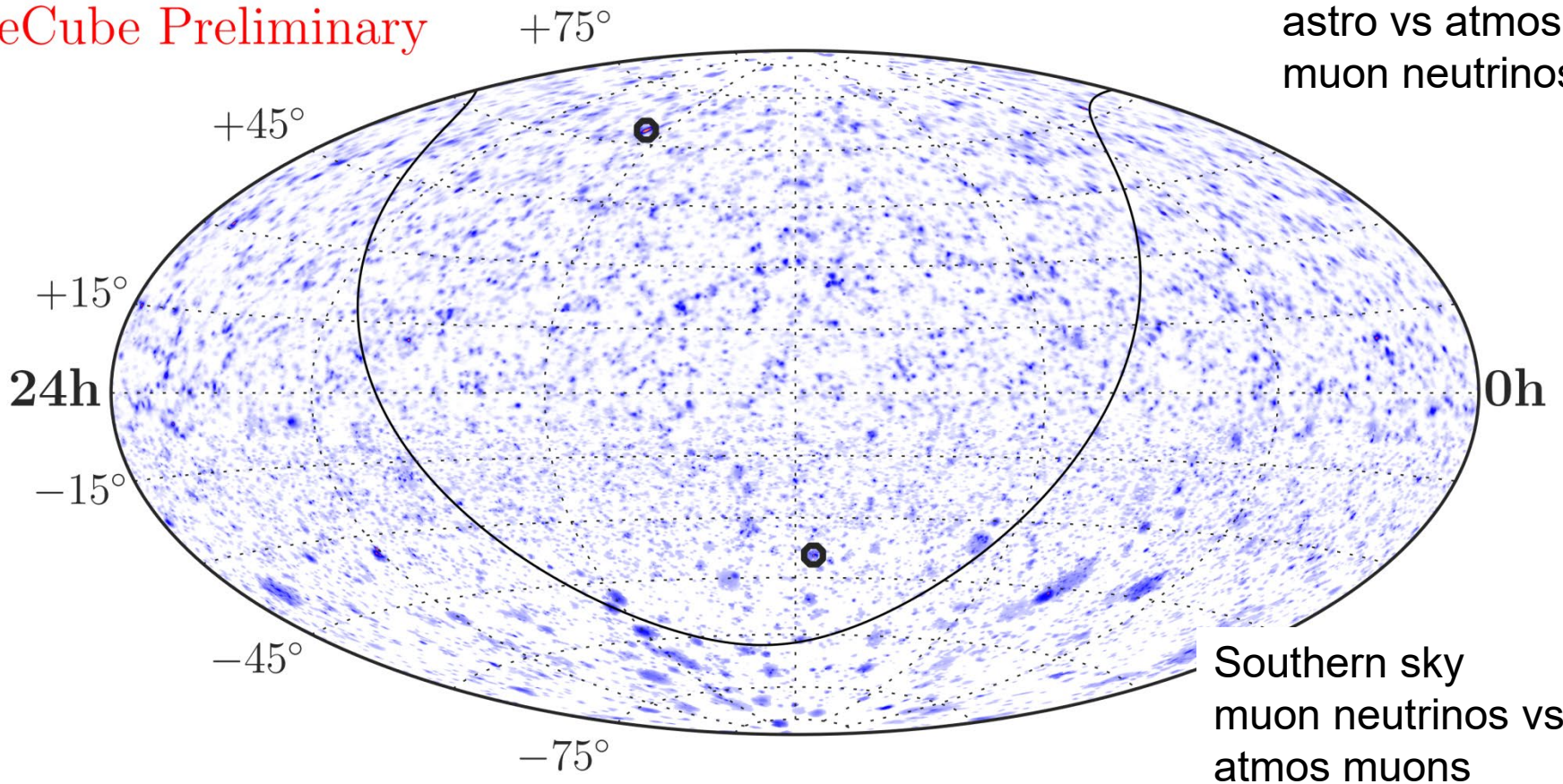
**Muon: 2.6 PeV deposited**  
**Neutrino: 3-10 PeV !**



# Results of (regular) 7 year clustering search (much less pure neutrino sample)

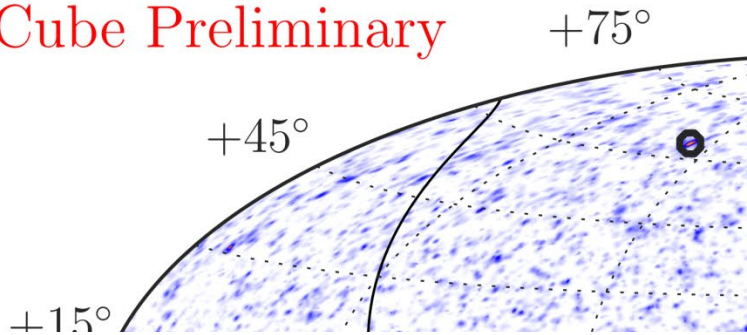
IceCube Preliminary

Northern sky  
astro vs atmos  
muon neutrinos

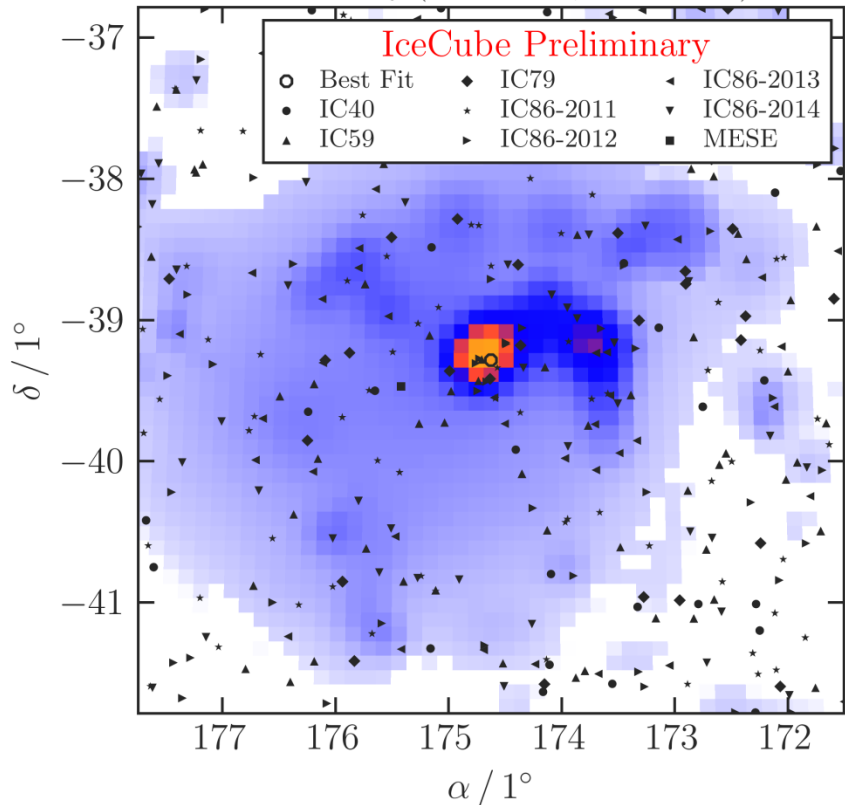


# Result

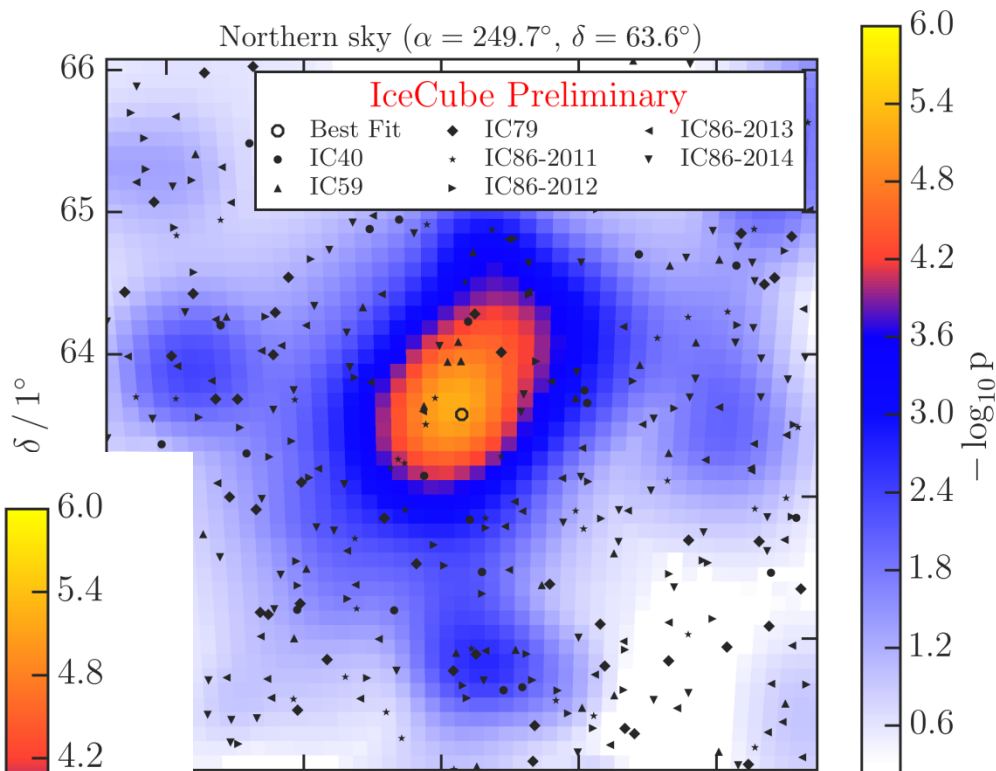
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Southern sky ( $\alpha = 174.6^\circ, \delta = -39.3^\circ$ )



Northern sky ( $\alpha = 249.7^\circ, \delta = 63.6^\circ$ )



Hemisphere	North	South
N_Sources	27.22	15.54
Gamma	1.95	2.84
Test statistic	18.99	20.26
$-\log_{10}(\text{Pre-Trial } P)$	5.24	5.33
Post Trial P	44%	39%

10 alerts in first year

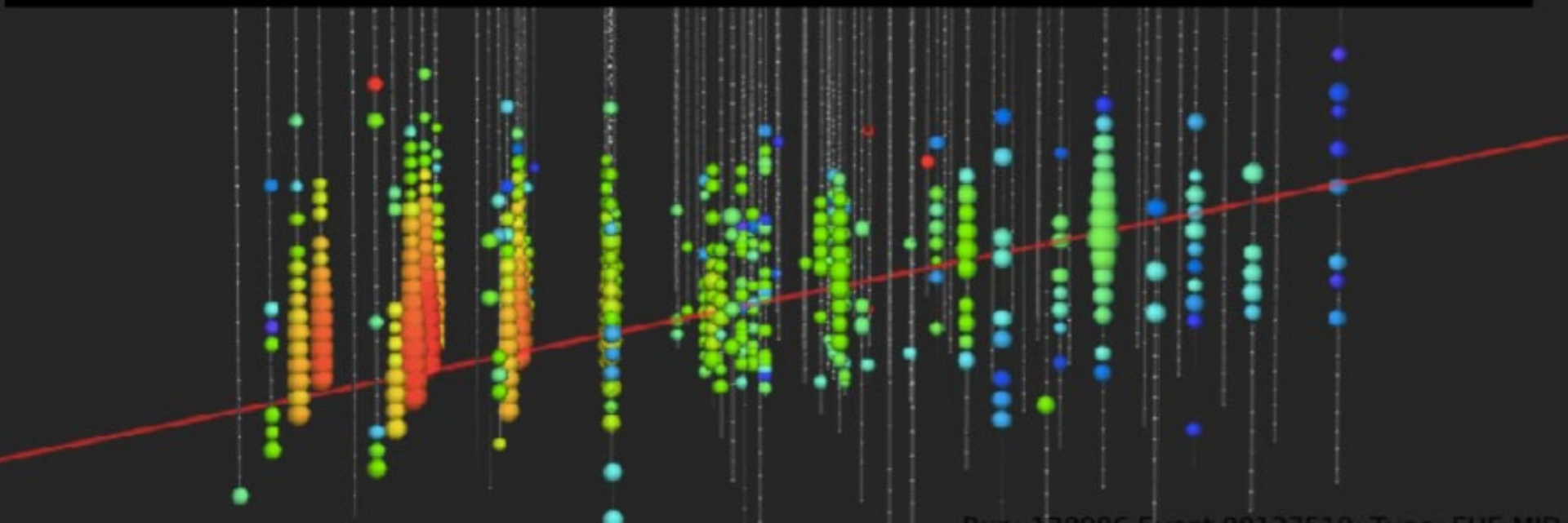
## Multi-messenger astronomy

Expect (assuming  $E^{-2.6}$  spectrum): 3.5 signal + 5.6 bkg per year

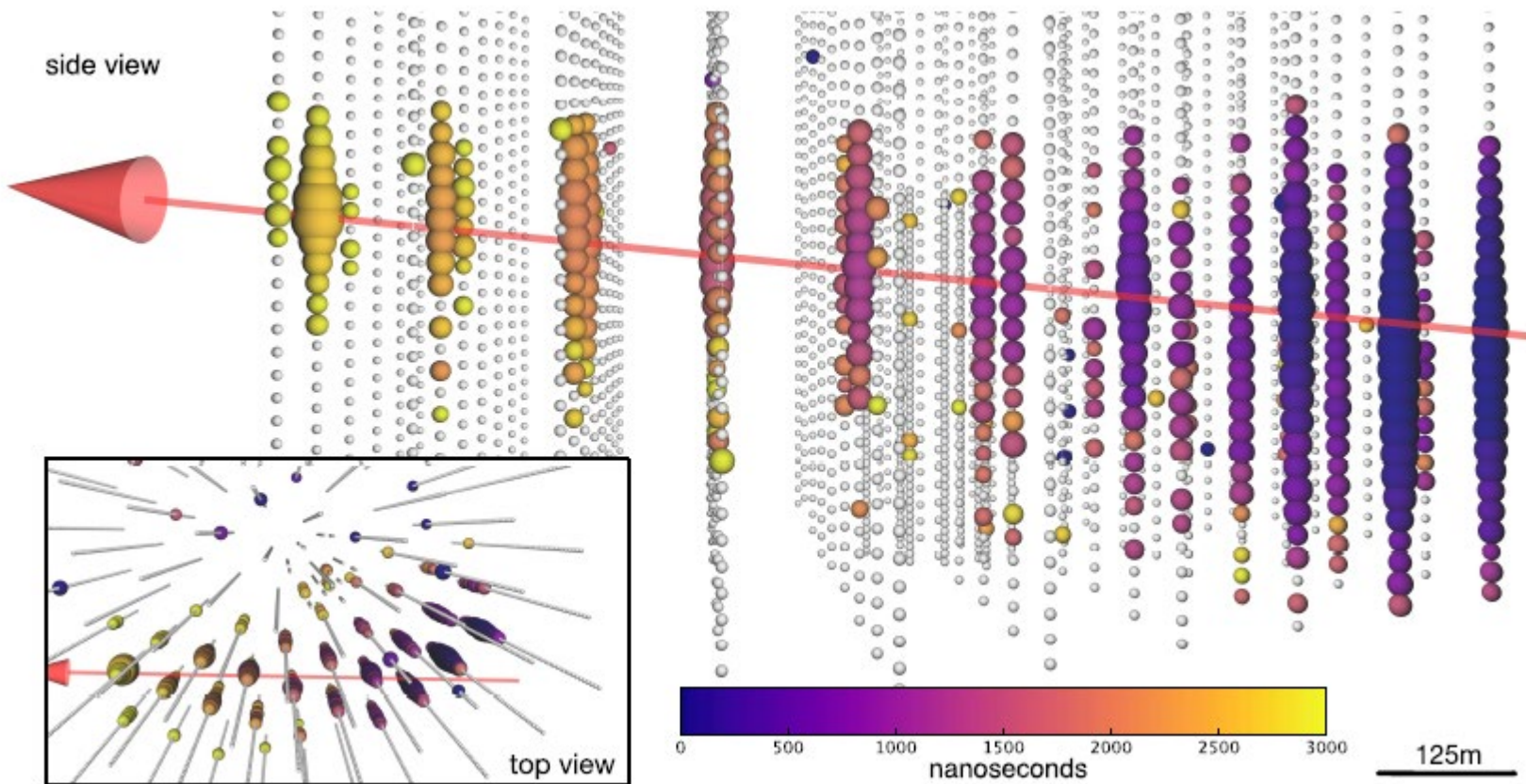
Time from event at South Pole to public alert: < 1 min

For highly signal-like events, many follow-up observations reported:

AGILE, ANTARES, FACT, Fermi-GBM, Fermi-LAT, HAWC, H.E.S.S., INTEGRAL, IPN, Konus-Wind, LCOGT, MAGIC, MASTER, Maxi/GSC, Pan-STARRS, PTF, Swift, VERITAS



side view



# IceCube-170922A & TXS 0506+056

**TITLE: GCN CIRCULAR**

**NUMBER: 21916**

**SUBJECT: IceCube-170922A - IceCube observation of a high-energy neutrino candidate event**

DATE: 17

FROM: E

Claudio Ko  
report on

On 22 Sep,  
probability  
Extremely  
normal on

**Fermi-LAT detection of increased gamma-ray activity of TXS 0506+056, located inside the IceCube-170922A error region.**

ATel #10791; Y  
K

Crede

Subjects: Gamma

Referred to by ATel  
10844, 10845, 10

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We searched for  
neutrino event e  
10787) with all-s  
ray Space Telesc  
and also included  
located inside the

**First-time detection of VHE gamma rays by MAGIC from a direction consistent with the recent EHE neutrino event IceCube-170922A**

ATel #10817; *Razmik Mirzoyan for the MAGIC Collaboration*  
on 4 Oct 2017; 17:17 UT

*Credential Certification: Razmik Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@mpp.mpg.de)*

Subjects: Optical, Gamma Ray, >GeV, TeV, VHE, UHE, Neutrinos, AGN, Blazar

Referred to by ATel #: 10830, 10833, 10838, 10840, 10844, 10845, 10942

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After the IceCube neutrino event EHE 170922A detected on 22/09/2017 (GCN circular #21916), Fermi-LAT measured enhanced gamma-ray emission from the blazar TXS 0506+056 (05 09 25.96370, +05 41 35.3279 (J2000), [Lani et al., Astron. J., 139, 1695-1712 (2010)]), located 6 arcmin from the EHE 170922A estimated direction (ATel #10791). MAGIC observed this source under good weather conditions and a 5 sigma detection above 100 GeV was achieved after 12 h of

September 22, 2017: a neutrino alert issued by IceCube

Fermi and MAGIC identify a spatially coincident flaring blazar (TXS 0506+056)

Very active multi-messenger follow-up from radio to  $\gamma$ -rays

Chasing the ammonia  
economy *p. 120*

Time invested matters for mice,  
rats, and humans *pp. 124 & 178*

Two spindles are better  
than one *pp. 128 & 189*

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### Multimessenger observations of a flaring blazar coincident with high-energy neutrino IceCube-170922A

The IceCube Collaboration, *Fermi*-LAT, MAGIC, *AGILE*, ASAS-SN, HAWC, H.E.S.S., *INTEGRAL*, Kanata, Kiso, Kapteyn, Liverpool Telescope, Subaru, *Swift*/*NuSTAR*, VERITAS, and VLA/17B-403 teams\*†

Previous detections of individual astrophysical sources of neutrinos are limited to the Sun and the supernova 1987A, whereas the origins of the diffuse flux of high-energy cosmic neutrinos remain unidentified. On 22 September 2017, we detected a high-energy neutrino, IceCube-170922A, with an energy of  $\sim 290$  tera-electronvolts. Its arrival direction was consistent with the location of a known  $\gamma$ -ray blazar, TXS 0506+056, observed to be in a flaring state. An extensive multiwavelength campaign followed, ranging from radio frequencies to  $\gamma$ -rays. These observations characterize the variability and energetics of the blazar and include the detection of TXS 0506+056 in very-high-energy  $\gamma$ -rays. This observation of a neutrino in spatial coincidence with a  $\gamma$ -ray-emitting blazar during an active phase suggests that blazars may be a source of high-energy neutrinos.

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

NEUTRINO ASTROPHYSICS

### Neutrino emission from the direction of the blazar TXS 0506+056 prior to the IceCube-170922A alert

IceCube Collaboration\*†

A high-energy neutrino event detected by IceCube on 22 September 2017 was coincident in direction and time with a gamma-ray flare from the blazar TXS 0506+056. Prompted by this association, we investigated 9.5 years of IceCube neutrino observations to search for excess emission at the position of the blazar. We found an excess of high-energy neutrino events, with respect to atmospheric backgrounds, at that position between September 2014 and March 2015. Allowing for time-variable flux, this constitutes  $3.5\sigma$  evidence for neutrino emission from the direction of TXS 0506+056, independent of and prior to the 2017 flaring episode. This suggests that blazars are identifiable sources of the high-energy astrophysical neutrino flux.

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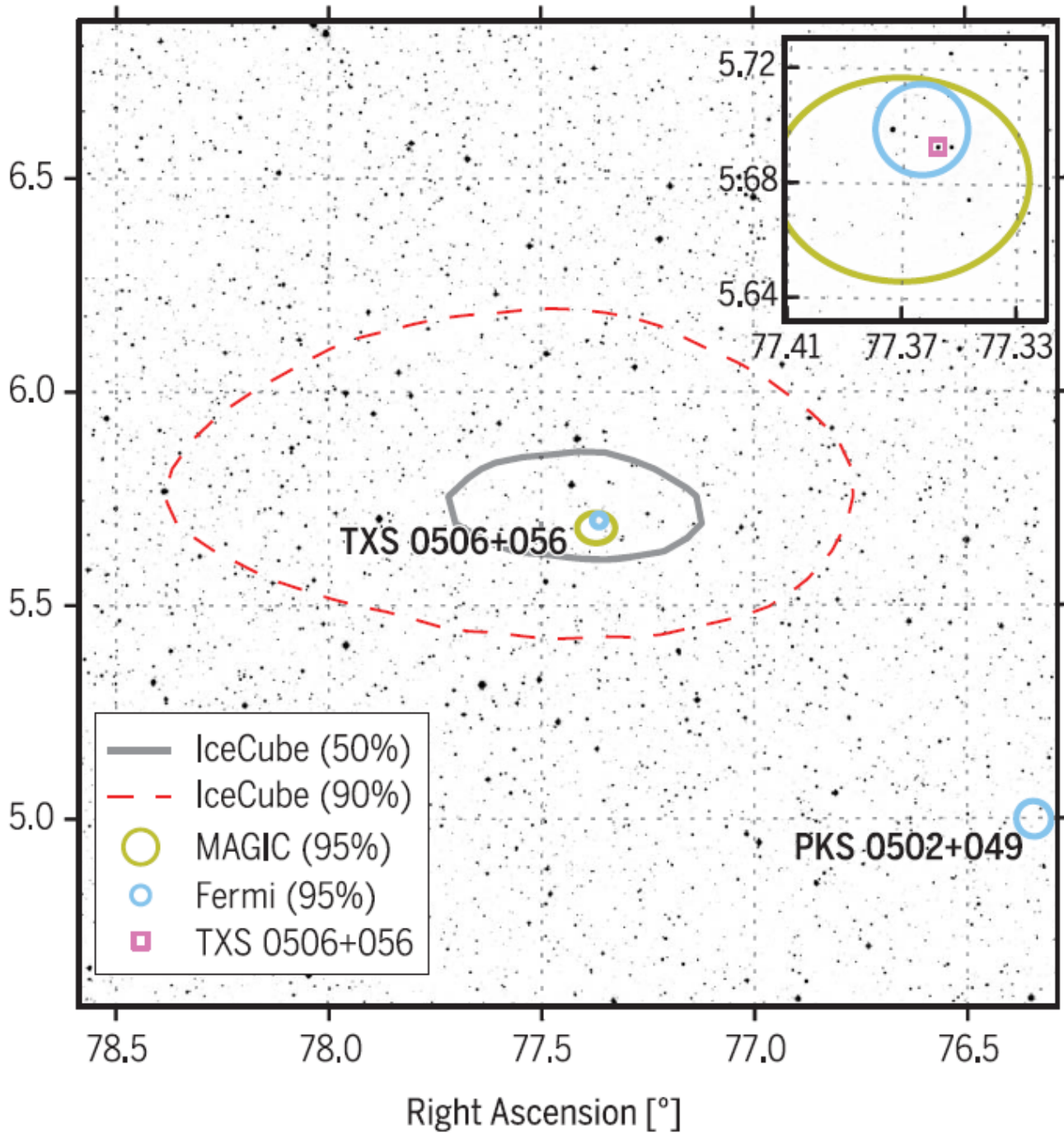
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# Multimessenger flaring high-energy source

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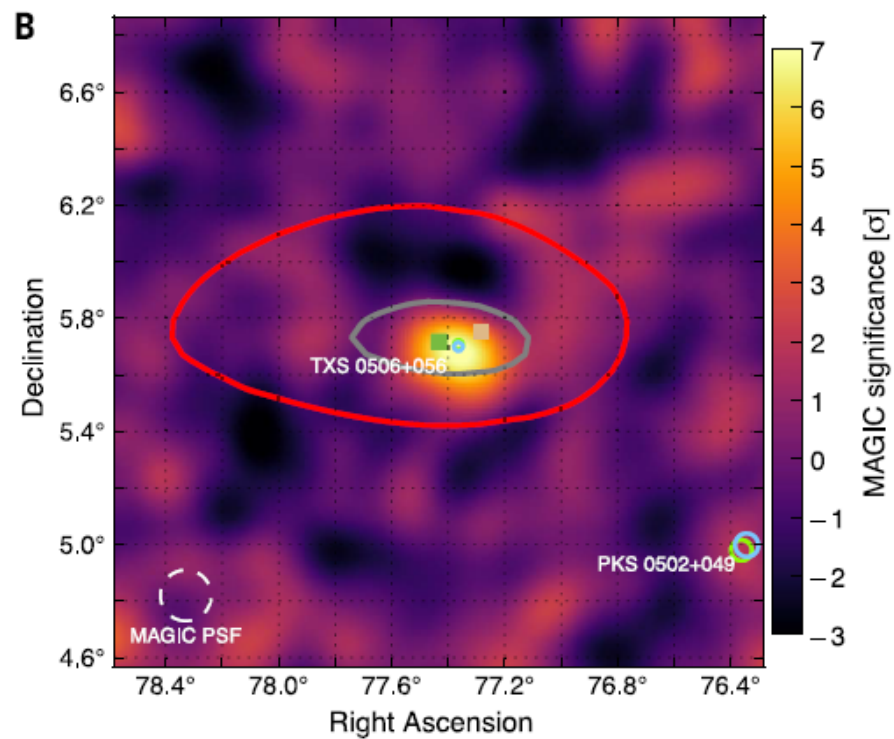
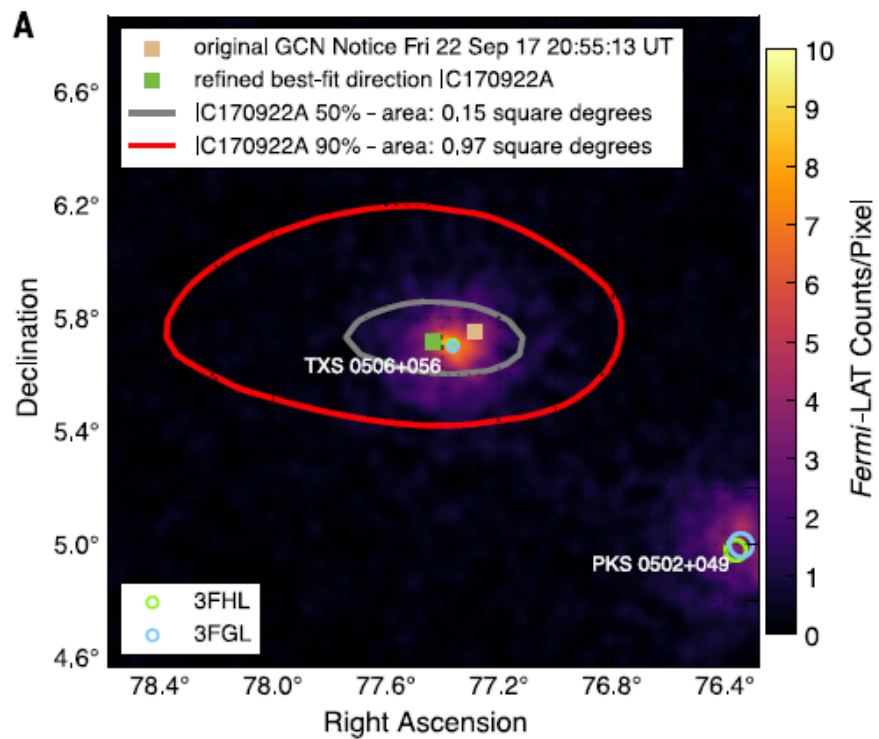
Previous detection of a high-energy neutrino from the Sun and the subsequent detection of a cosmic neutrino from TXS 0506+056. IceCube neutrino direction was observed to be coincident with the direction of a flaring high-energy source ranging from radio to gamma-ray energies and exhibiting variability and high-energy emission.

Declination [°]



## Conclusion

TXS 0506+056 is coincident in direction with the high-energy source PKS 0502+049. Prompted by this discovery, IceCube is to search for high-energy neutrino events coincident with the 2017 flaring high-energy source for neutrino astrophysical



# Timeline of all follow-ups

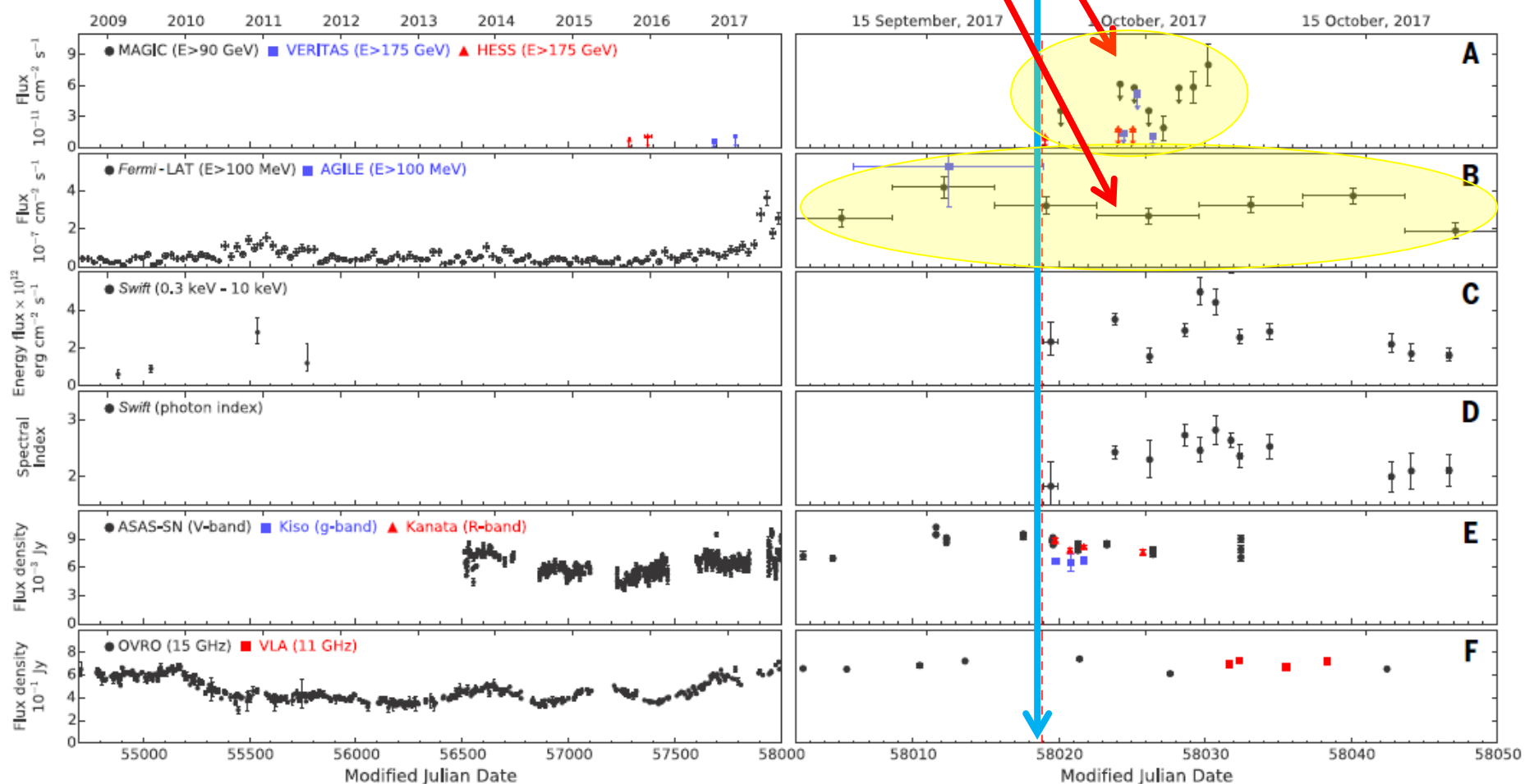
Neutrino arrival time (Sep 2017)

High gamma ray activity

Neutrino-gamma  
correlation significance:  
3 sigma

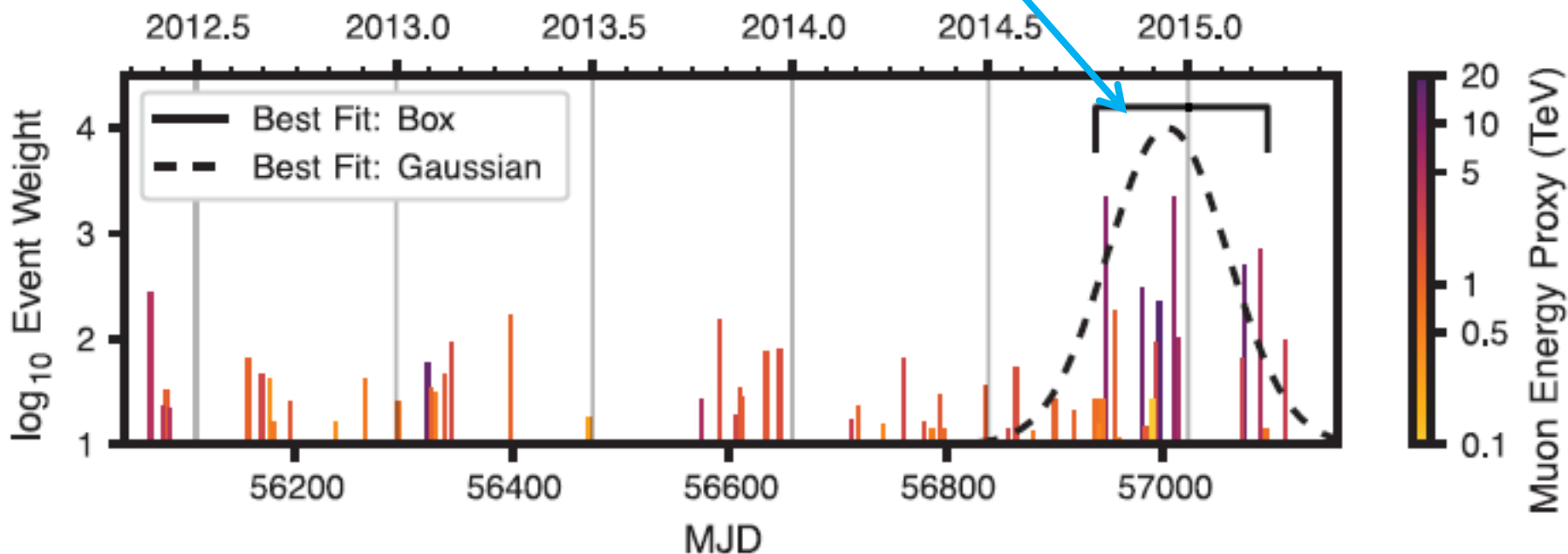
Fermi

MAGIC



Also, looking back in time: there was a burst of neutrinos over 6 months back in 2014/2015

Neutrino time-clustering  
significance: 3.5 sigma



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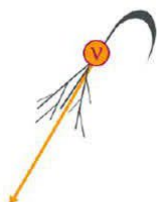
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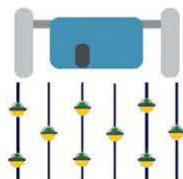
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AMANDA Completed



2001

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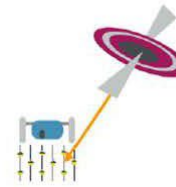
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IceCube Completed



2013

Astrophysical Neutrinos Discovered



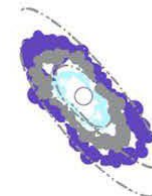
2018

First Source TXS 0506+056 Identified



2021

Glashow Resonance Neutrino Identified



2022

Second Source NGC 1068 Identified

## Resonant Scattering of Antineutrinos

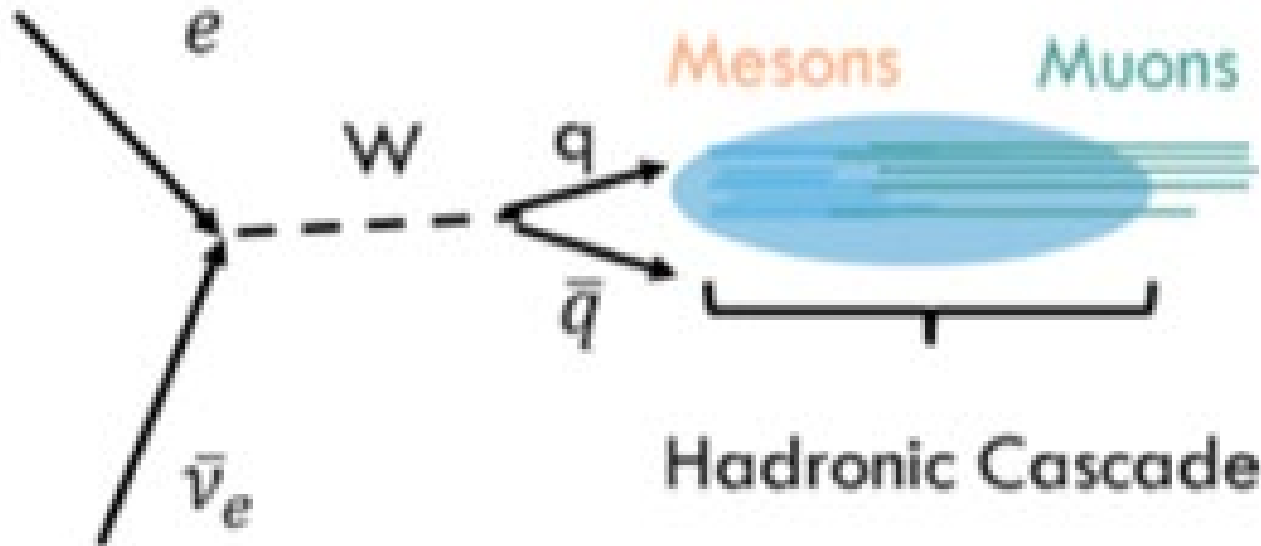
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THE interaction responsible for muon decay also permits an inelastic scattering of antineutrinos by electrons,

$$\bar{\nu} + e \rightarrow \bar{\nu} + \mu^-.$$

With the conventional four-Fermion form of decay interaction, the cross section for this process is

$$\sigma_0 = (E/m_e) 1.5 \times 10^{-46} \text{ cm}^2,$$

where  $E$  is the energy of an antineutrino incident upon a stationary electron. However, if muon decay is mediated by a charged, unstable boson, this cross section becomes radically altered. The process will occur by the sequence

$$\bar{\nu} + e \rightarrow Z^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu} + \mu^-,$$

and at some antineutrino energy there will be a resonance, occasioned by the real production of an intermediary boson. The cross section, in this case, assumes a typical resonance form,

$$\sigma = \sigma_0 \frac{E_0^2}{(E - E_0)^2 + \Gamma^2},$$

in which the incident antineutrino energy at the resonance is  $E_0 = m_Z^2/2m_e$  and  $\Gamma$  denotes its width,  $\Gamma = (m_Z/m_e)(1/\tau_Z)$  in terms of the lifetime,  $\tau_Z$ , of the  $Z$  meson. Although  $\sigma_0$  is proportional to the fourth power of the coupling constant of  $Z$  mesons to leptons, the average cross section near the resonance,

$$\frac{1}{2\Delta} \int_{E_0-\Delta}^{E_0+\Delta} \sigma(E) dE \cong \frac{\pi}{4} \left( \frac{E_0}{\Delta} \right) \left( \frac{E_0}{\Gamma} \right) \sigma_0,$$

depends only upon its square. If the  $Z$ -meson mass is not much greater than that of the nucleon, this enhanced cross section is not necessarily beyond experimental reach. We shall consider only values of the  $Z$ -meson mass such that  $m_K \leq m_Z \leq m_N$ , since smaller values of  $m_Z$  would prohibit the use of the  $Z$  meson to mediate  $K$ -meson decays.

The principal decay modes of the  $Z$  meson are expected to be  $Z^- \rightarrow e + \bar{\nu}$  and  $Z^- \rightarrow \mu^- + \bar{\nu}$ . With

coupling strengths of the  $Z$  meson to muon and electron currents chosen equal (in accordance with universality) and of magnitude determined by the muon lifetime, we find

$$\tau_Z = (m_N/m_Z)^2 10^6 m_N^{-1} \hbar c^2 \text{ sec.}$$

With  $m_Z = m_N$ , the energy of the incident antineutrino energy at the resonance is  $9 \times 10^{11}$  ev and the width of the resonance is  $2 \times 10^6$  ev, while with  $m_Z = m_K$ ,  $E_0 = 2.3 \times 10^{11}$  ev and  $\Gamma = 1.5 \times 10^8$  ev.

Although the natural width of the resonance is quite small, a significant broadening is produced by the spread in velocity of the target electrons. In a collision with an electron of velocity  $\beta c$  along the direction of incidence, the resonance occurs at the antineutrino energy

$$E_0' = (1 + \beta)^{-1} E_0.$$

Thus the experimental width of the resonance will be approximately  $(\delta/137)E_0$ , where  $\delta$  is the mean atomic number of the target material. Upon earth, antineutrinos of energies within the resonance should have a mean free path of some hundreds of kilometers, corresponding to a cross section of  $10^{-32}$  cm<sup>2</sup>.

The only known source of antineutrinos of sufficiently great energies is the decay of cosmic-ray pions and  $K$  mesons. Practically all such antineutrinos are produced in association with muons, consequently their intensity and energy spectrum may be deduced from the known sea-level flux of muons.<sup>1</sup> We estimate that at  $9 \times 10^{11}$  ev the antineutrino flux is  $10^{-11}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> Bev<sup>-1</sup>, and at  $2.3 \times 10^{11}$  ev it is  $10^{-9}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> sec<sup>-1</sup> Bev<sup>-1</sup>. Exposed to these antineutrino fluxes, each target electron will act as a source of  $4 \times 10^{-40}$  muon per second if  $m_Z = m_N$ , or  $10^{-38}$  muon per second at the lower value of  $m_Z = m_K$ .

With a muon-sensitive area of one square meter, placed underground, the experimenter might anticipate a counting rate of two per day (at  $m_Z = m_K$ ) or of 0.1 per day (at  $m_Z = m_N$ ) independently of the depth at which the experiment is performed. The counting rate should be relatively insensitive to the orientation of the experimental apparatus with respect to the vertical, since the muons should be produced isotropically in the

<sup>1</sup>A. Subramanian and S. D. Verma, Nuovo cimento 8, 572 (1959).

upper hemisphere. A positive result to this experiment would be evidence both for the existence of an intermediary boson and for the absence of a selection rule that prevents those neutrinos produced in association with muons from interacting with electrons.

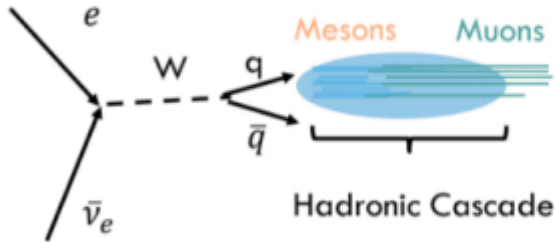
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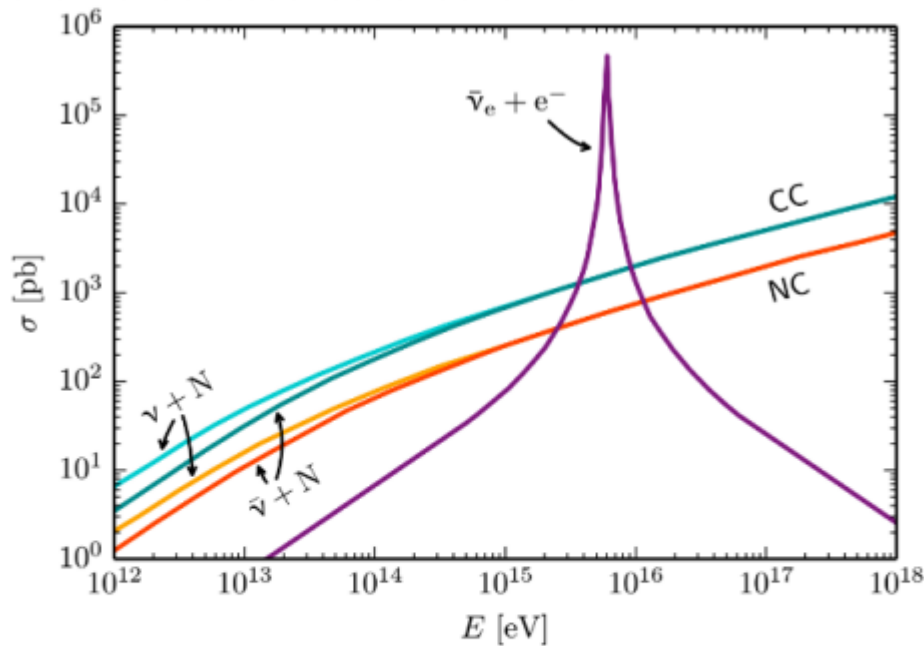
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# A 5.9 PeV event in IceCube

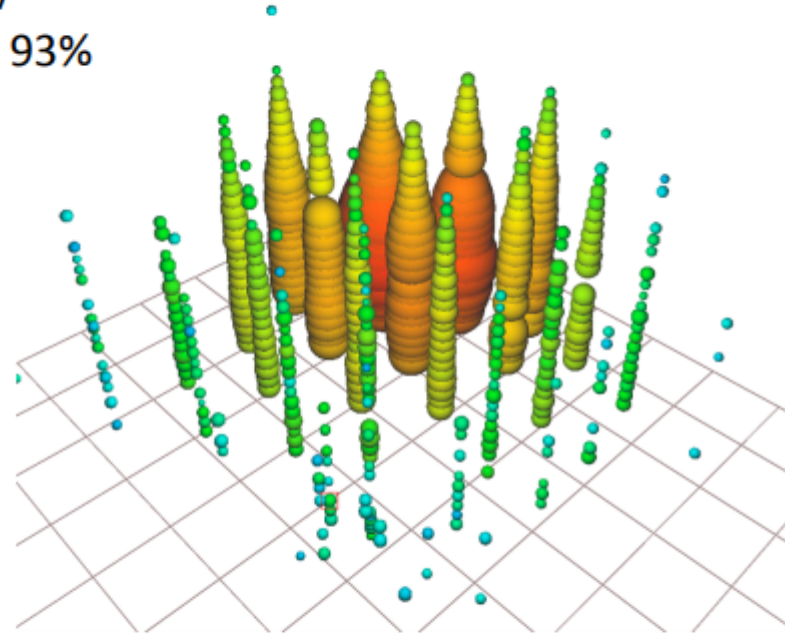
## Glashow Resonance



Resonance:  $E_\nu = 6.3$  PeV  
Typical visible energy is 93%



**Work in progress**



Event identified in a partially-contained PeV search (PEPE)

Deposited energy:  $5.9 \pm 0.18$  PeV (stat only)

ICRC 2017 [arXiv:1710.01191](https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.01191)

Potential hadronic nature of this event under study



# Detection of a particle shower at the Glashow resonance with IceCube

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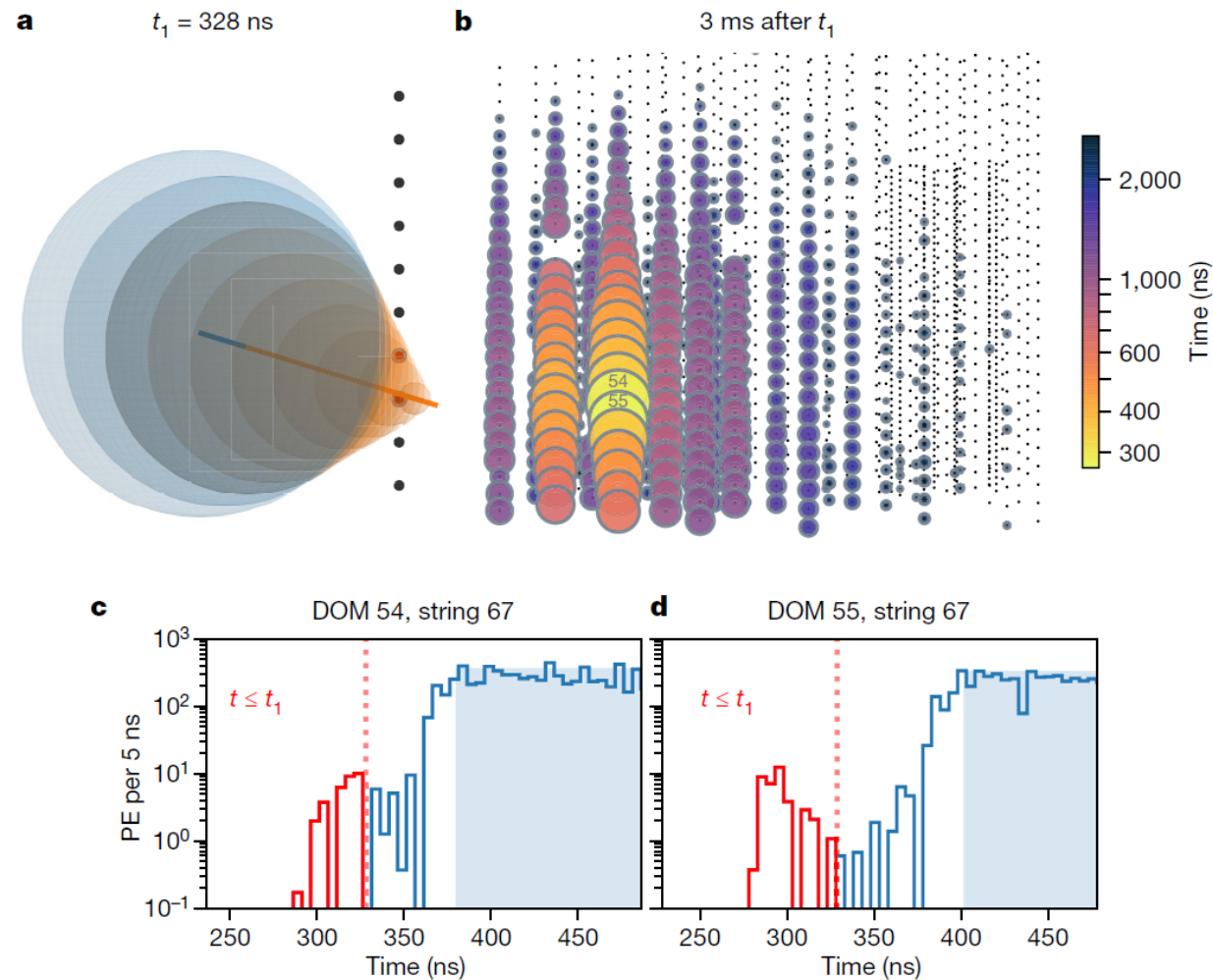
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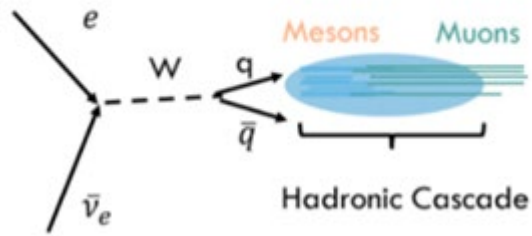
The IceCube Collaboration\*

The Glashow resonance describes the resonant formation of a  $W^-$  boson during the interaction of a high-energy electron antineutrino with an electron<sup>1</sup>, peaking at an antineutrino energy of 6.3 petaelectronvolts (PeV) in the rest frame of the electron. Whereas this energy scale is out of reach for currently operating and future planned particle accelerators, natural astrophysical phenomena are expected to produce antineutrinos with energies beyond the PeV scale. Here we report the detection by the IceCube neutrino observatory of a cascade of high-energy particles (a particle shower) consistent with being created at the Glashow resonance. A shower with an energy of  $6.05 \pm 0.72$  PeV (determined from Cherenkov radiation in the Antarctic Ice Sheet) was measured. Features consistent with the production of secondary muons in the particle shower indicate the hadronic decay of a resonant  $W^-$  boson, confirm that the source is astrophysical and provide improved directional localization. The evidence of the Glashow resonance suggests the presence of electron antineutrinos in the astrophysical flux, while also providing further validation of the standard model of particle physics. Its unique signature indicates a method of distinguishing neutrinos from antineutrinos, thus providing a way to identify astronomical accelerators that produce neutrinos via hadronuclear or photohadronic interactions, with or without strong magnetic fields. As such, knowledge of both the flavour (that is, electron, muon or tau neutrinos) and charge (neutrino or antineutrino) will facilitate the advancement of neutrino astronomy.

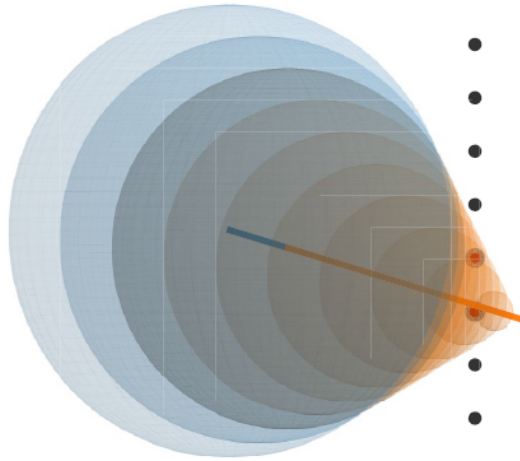


**Fig. 1 | Visualization of detected photons at different times and distribution of early pulses.** **a**, Schematic of an escaping muon travelling at faster than the speed of light (in ice) and its Cherenkov cone (orange). The muons reach the nearest modules (DOMs 54 and 55 on string 67) ahead of the Cherenkov photons produced by the EM component of the hadronic shower (blue) as these travel at the speed of light in ice. The blue line is associated with the average distance travelled by the main shower, while the orange line extends further and is associated with the muons. Each black dot arranged vertically is a DOM on the nearest string, with the two (slightly larger) dots inside the orange cone the first two to observe early pulses. The time  $t_1$  indicates the approximate time elapsed since the neutrino interaction at which this snapshot graphic was taken. **b**, Event view, showing DOMs that triggered across IceCube at a later time. Each bubble represents a DOM, with its size proportional to the deposited charge. Colours indicate the time each DOM first triggered, relative to our best knowledge of when the initial interaction occurred. The small black dots are DOMs further away that did not detect photons 3 ms after  $t_1$ . **c**, **d**, Distributions of the deposited charge over time on the two earliest hit DOMs, 54 (**c**) and 55 (**d**). The dotted red line is at  $t_1 = 328$  ns, the instant shown in **a**. The histogram in red (blue) shows photons arriving before (after)  $t_1$ , and the blue shaded region denotes saturation of the photomultiplier tube.

### Glashow Resonance

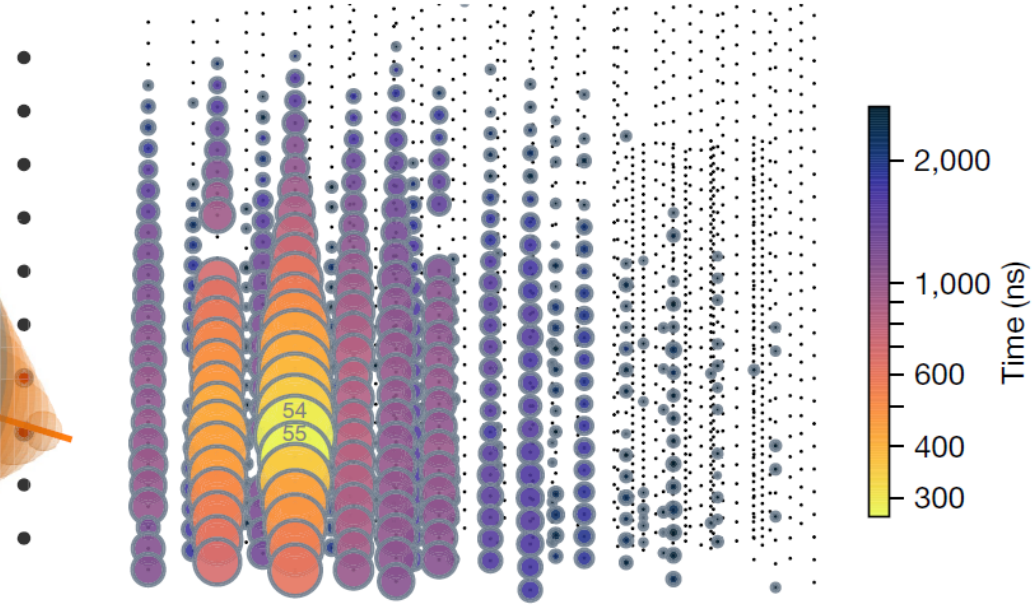


$t_1 = 328$  ns



**b**

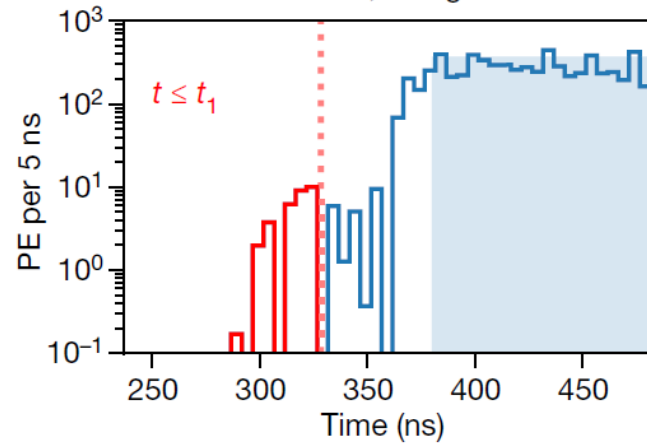
3 ms after  $t_1$



The structure of the measured photons in the detector matches well to the hypothesis of a  $W$  decay into a shower and muons!

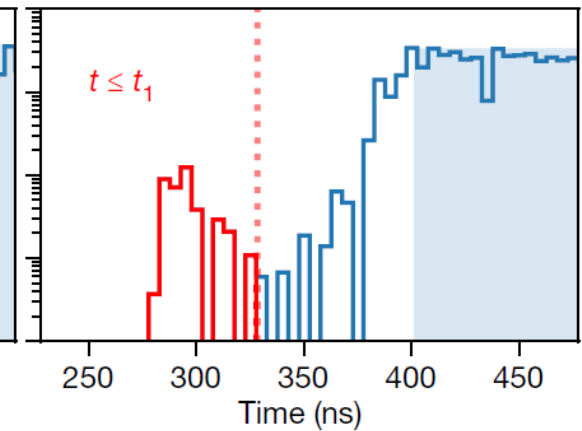
**c**

DOM 54, string 67



**d**

DOM 55, string 67



# New results from the IceCube Neutrino Observatory

Thursday, November 3, 1:00 PM CDT

## Master of Ceremony

Albrecht Karle, University of Wisconsin–Madison

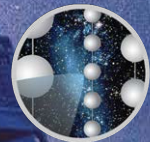
## Opening Remarks

Denise Caldwell, National Science Foundation  
Steve Ackerman, University of Wisconsin–Madison

## Presentations

Justin Vandenbroucke, University of Wisconsin–Madison  
Elisa Resconi, Technical University of Munich  
Hans Niederhausen, Michigan State University  
and Technical University of Munich  
Ignacio Taboada, Georgia Institute of Technology

## Question & Answer Session



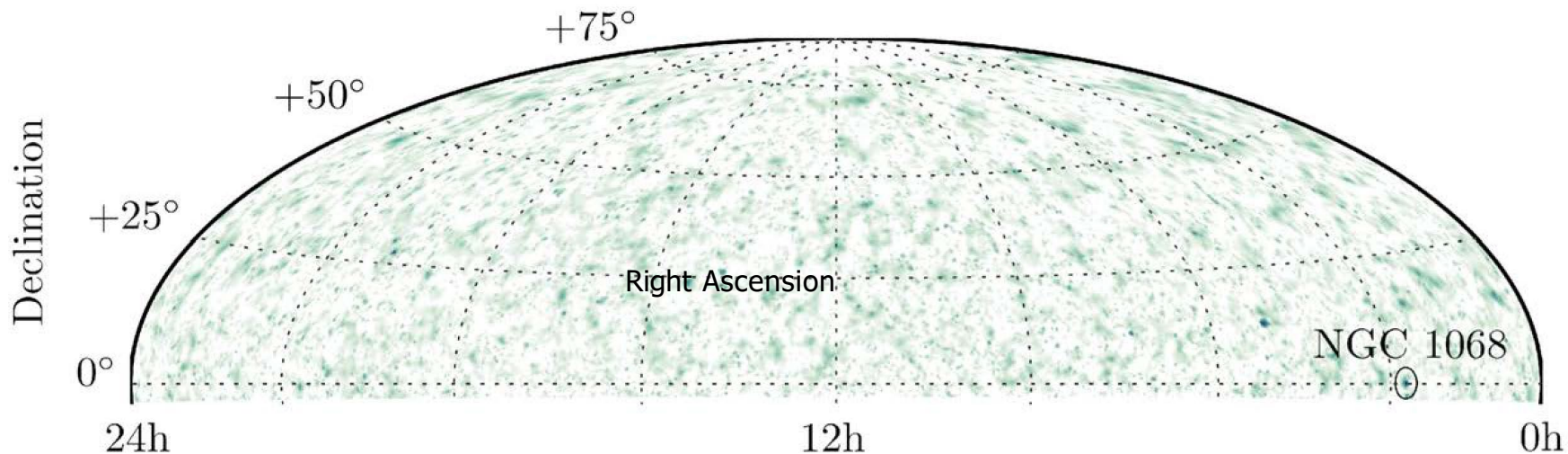
*Credit: Martin Wolf, IceCube/NSF*

### RESEARCH ARTICLE

#### NEUTRINO ASTROPHYSICS

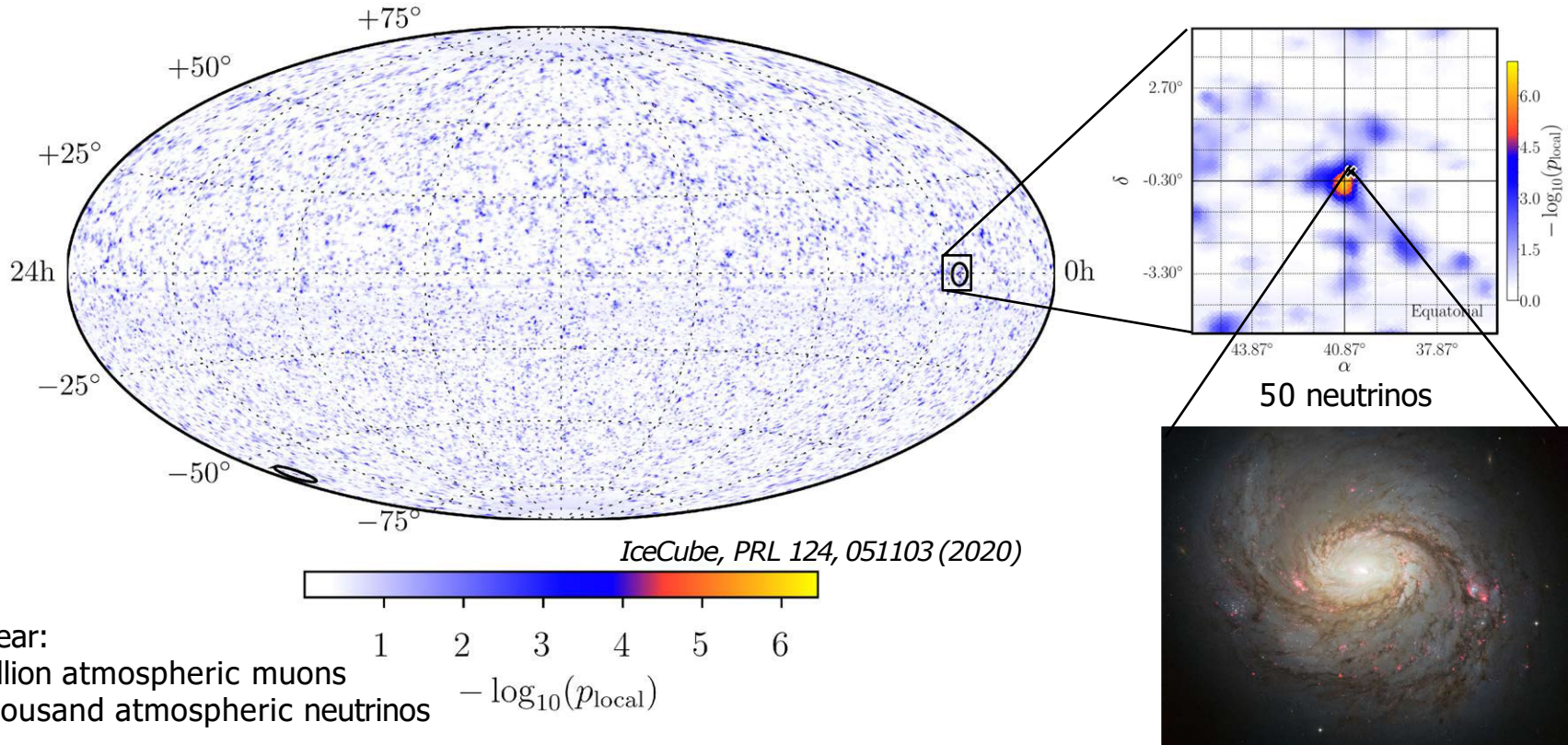
# Evidence for neutrino emission from the nearby active galaxy NGC 1068

IceCube Collaboration\*†

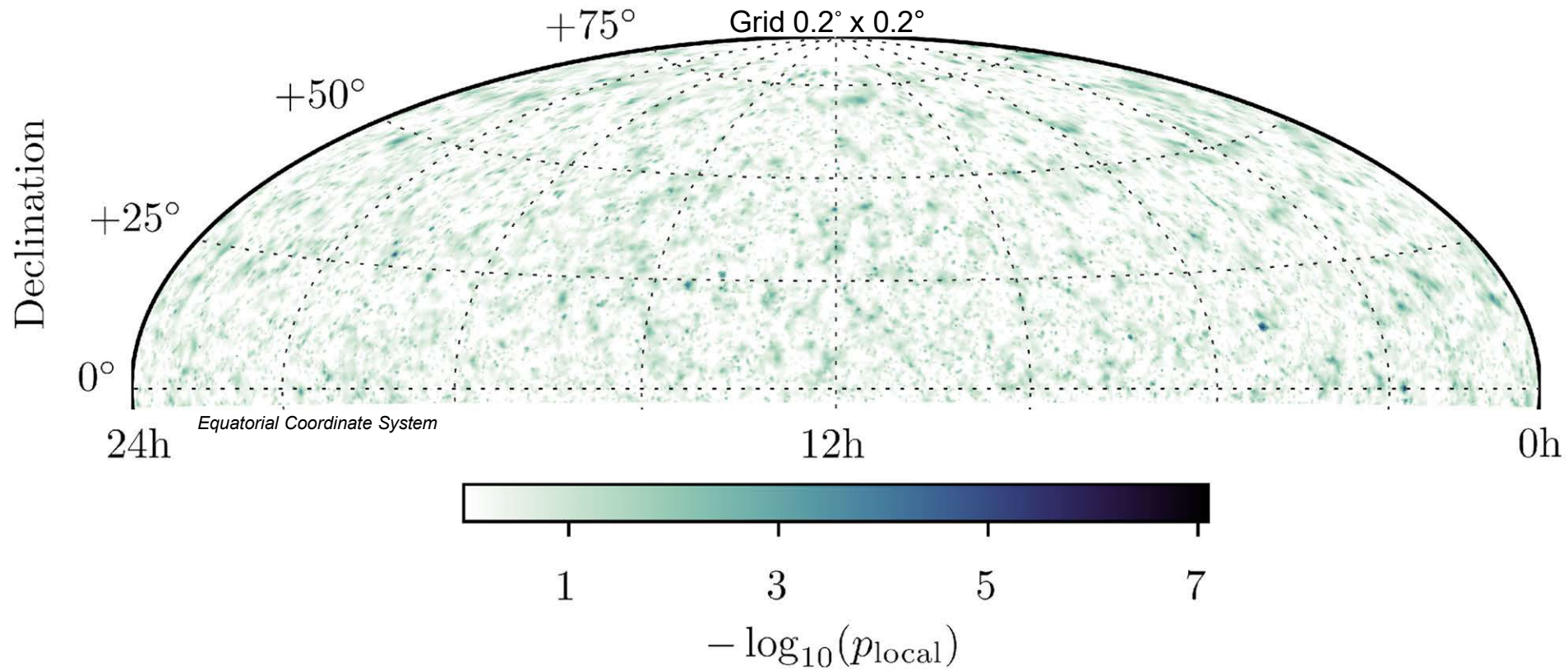


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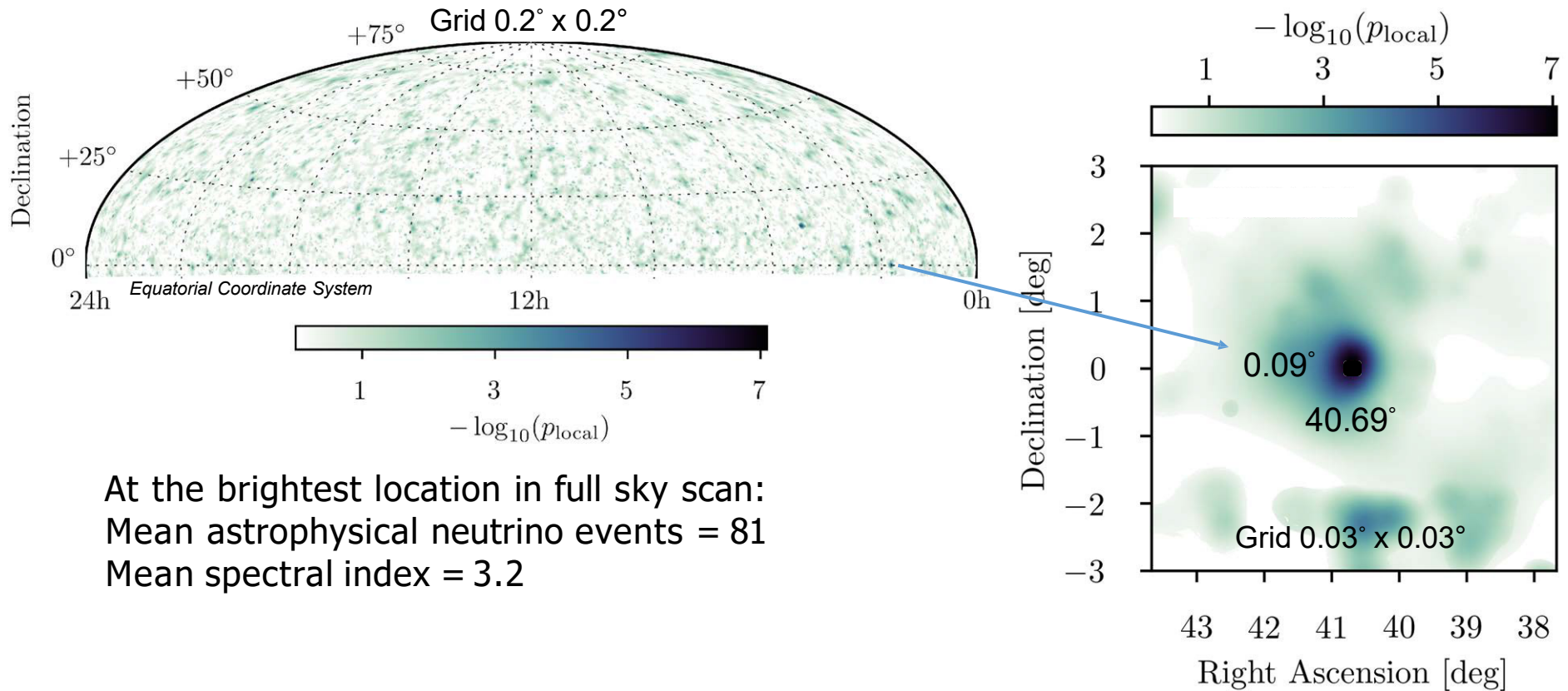
**Most significant position on sky: consistent with NGC 1068 (Messier 77), a Seyfert II galaxy ( $2.9 \sigma$ )**



# The new IceCube neutrino map (improved processing, directional and energy reconstruction)

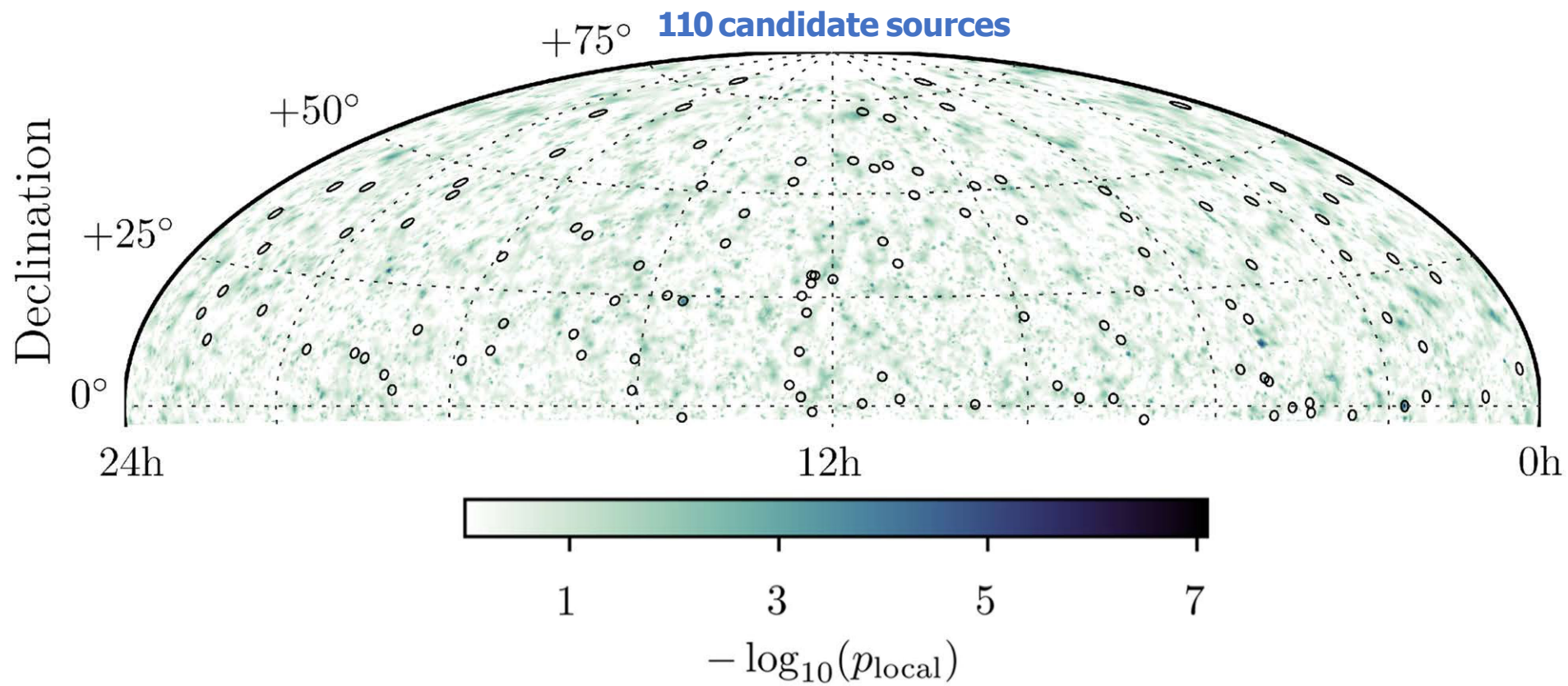


# Identified 'hot' spot

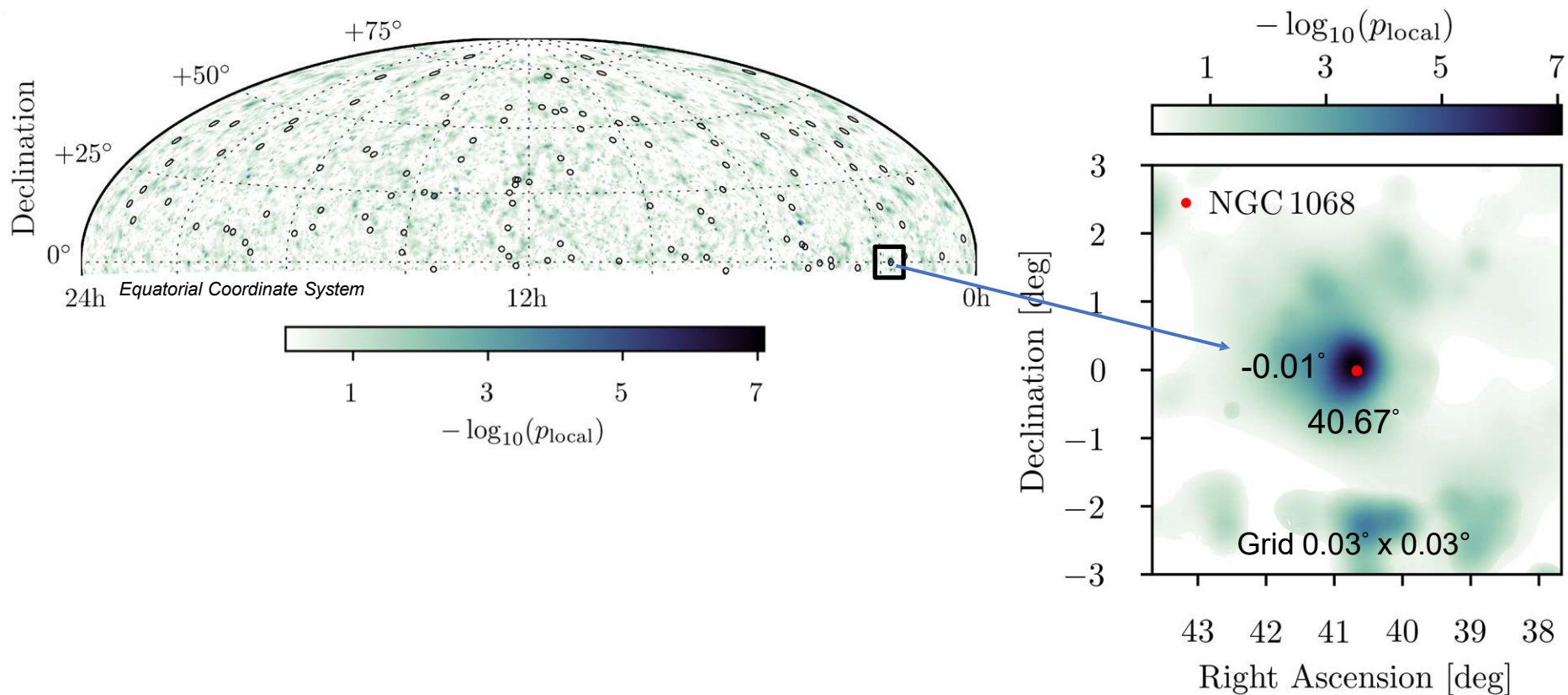




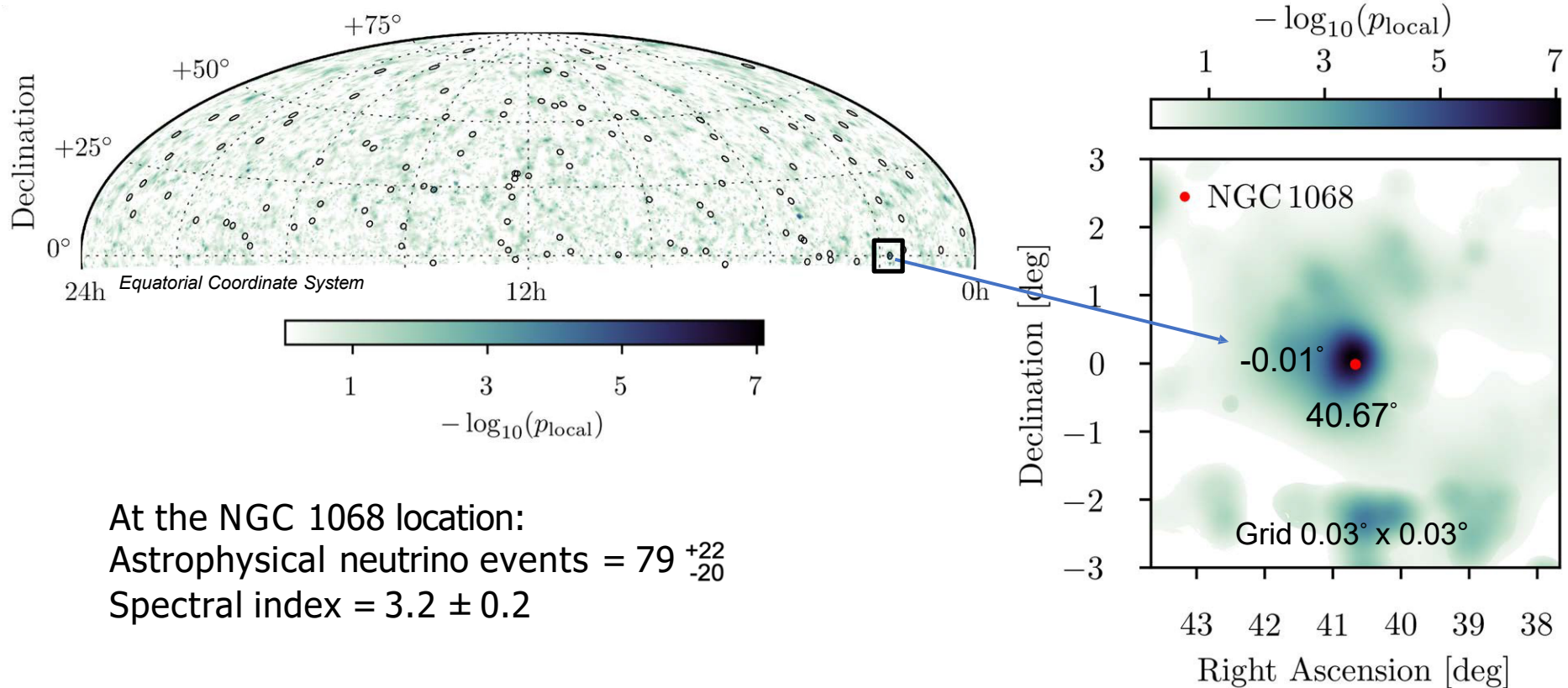
# Is the 'hot' spot in coincidence with an object?



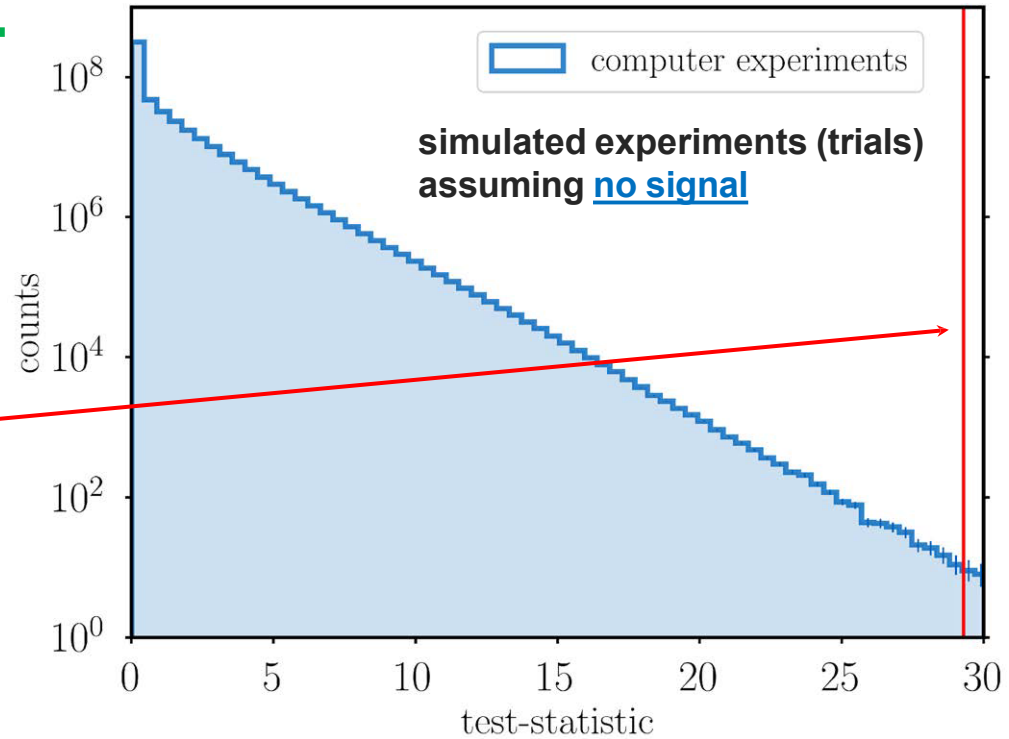
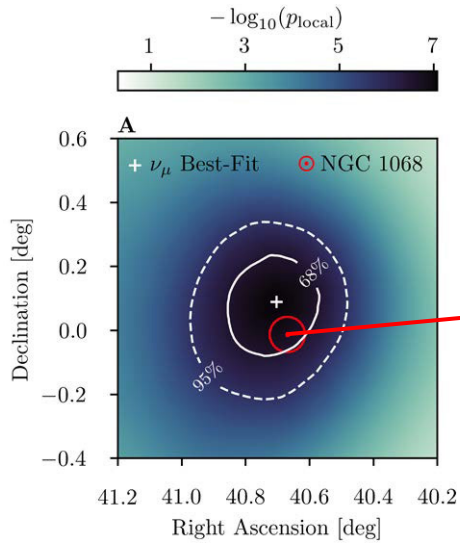
# Hottest spot coincides with NGC 1068



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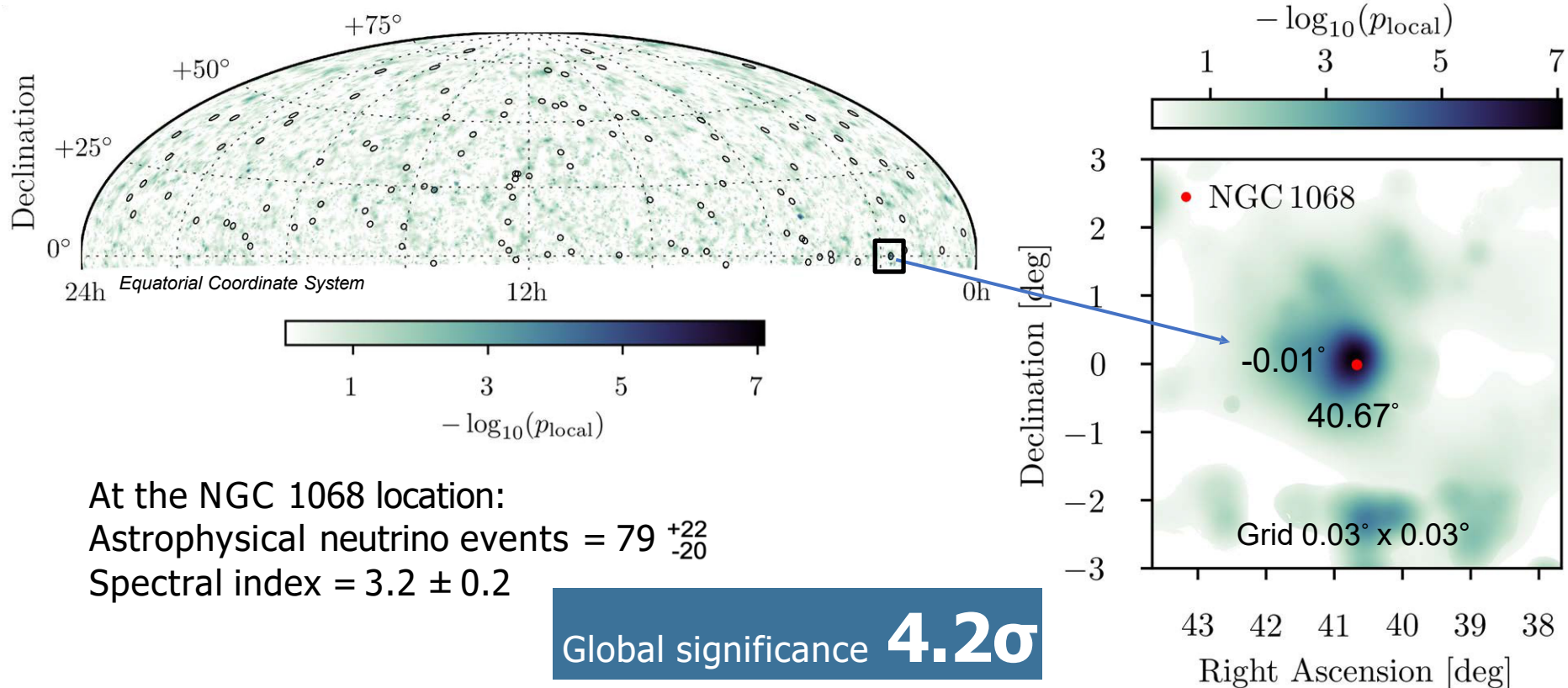


... global significance  $4.2\sigma$



using  $500 \times 10^6$  computer experiments assuming no signal  
and accounting for catalog size (110 candidate sources) yields  $p \sim 1.1 \times 10^{-5}$

# Evidence for neutrino emission from NGC 1068



# An improved track dataset

data: May 2011 to May 2020

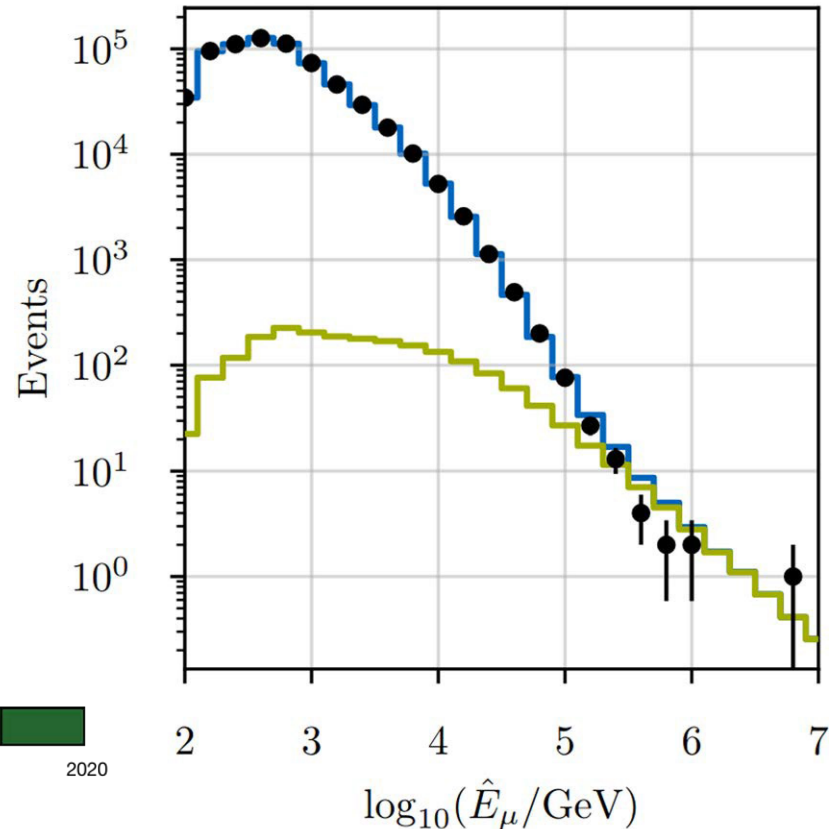
~99% detector uptime

~**670,000 neutrinos** selected (99.7% purity)  
out of ~1 trillion events recorded

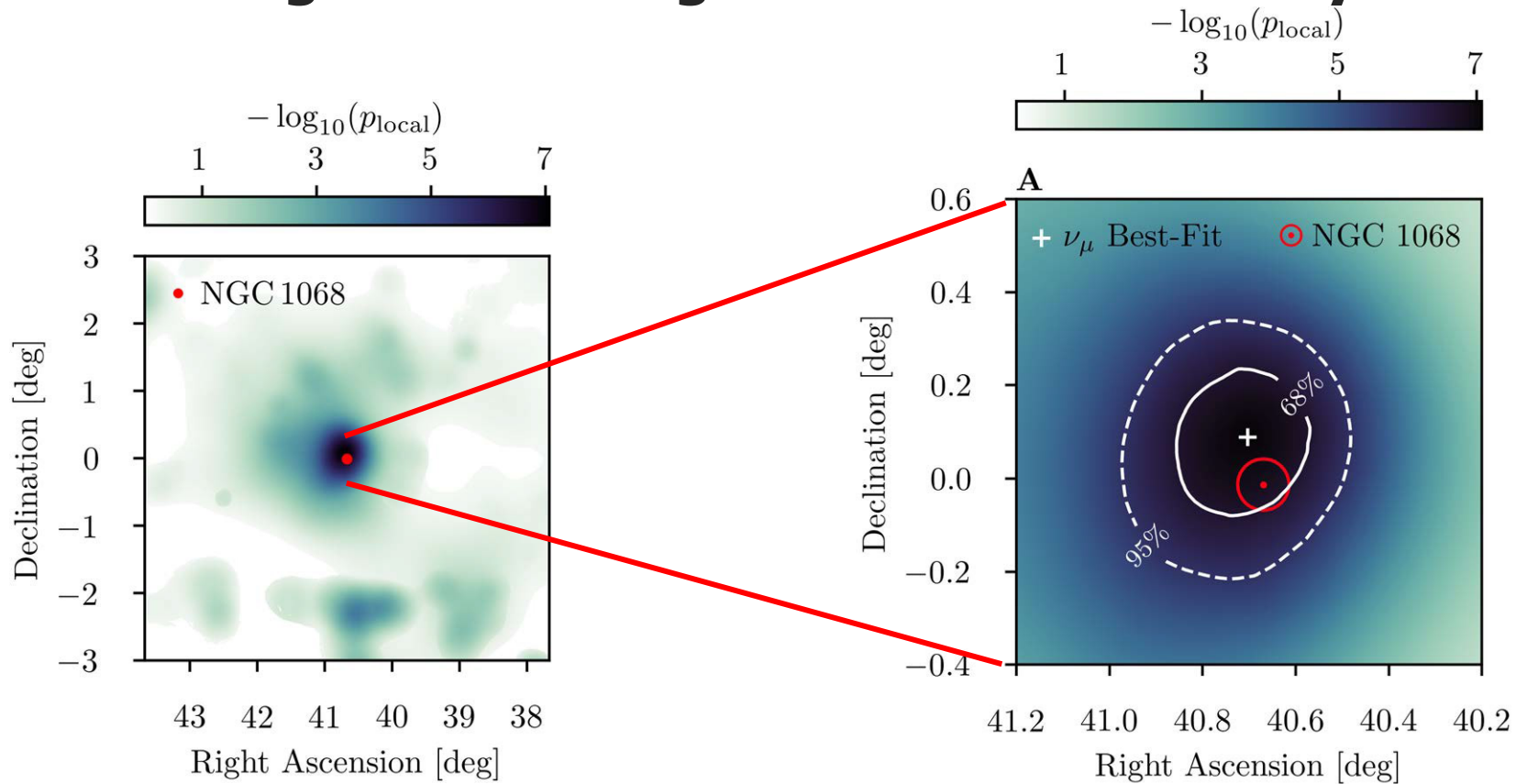
## multiple improvements

detector calibration, data filtering and processing  
applied to entire dataset (all ~1 trillion events)

=> **IceCube Pass 2 data**

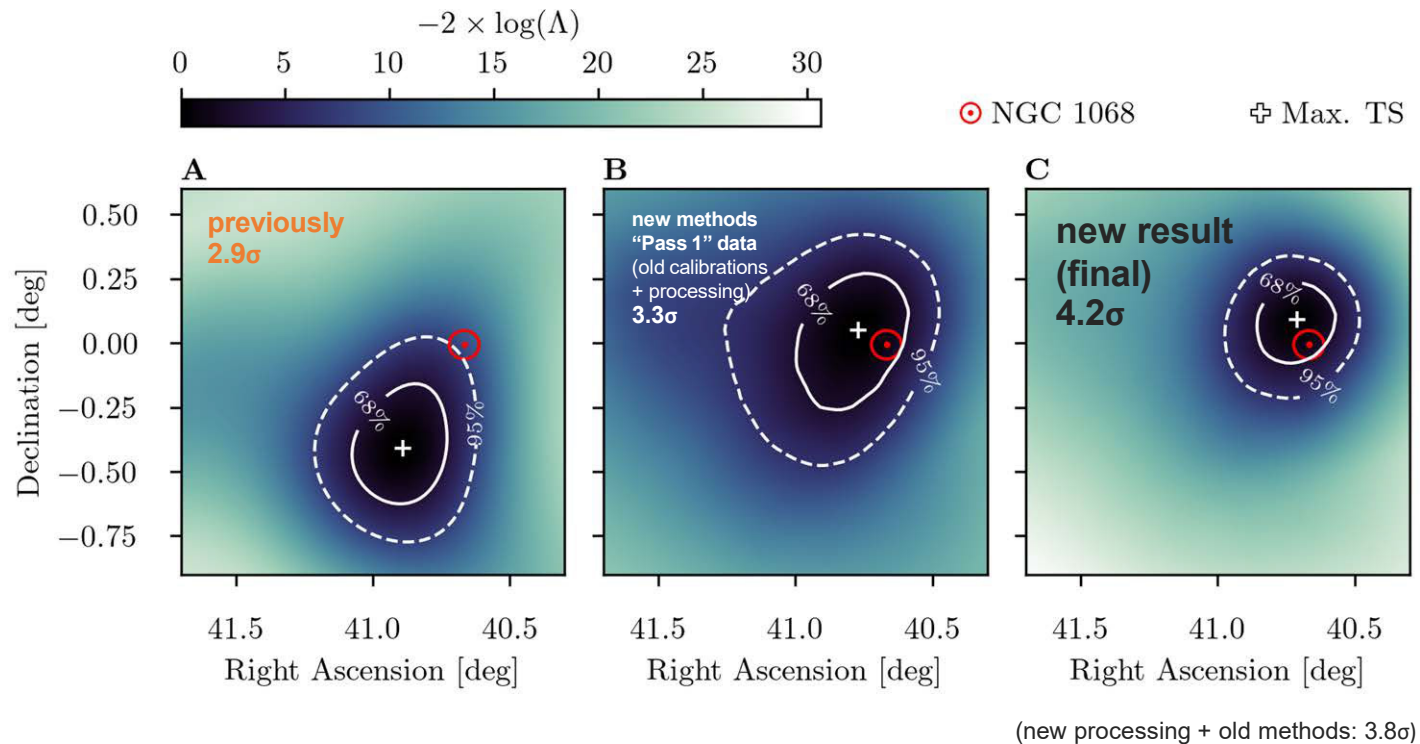


# NGC 1068 is consistent with location of strongest clustering of neutrinos in the sky



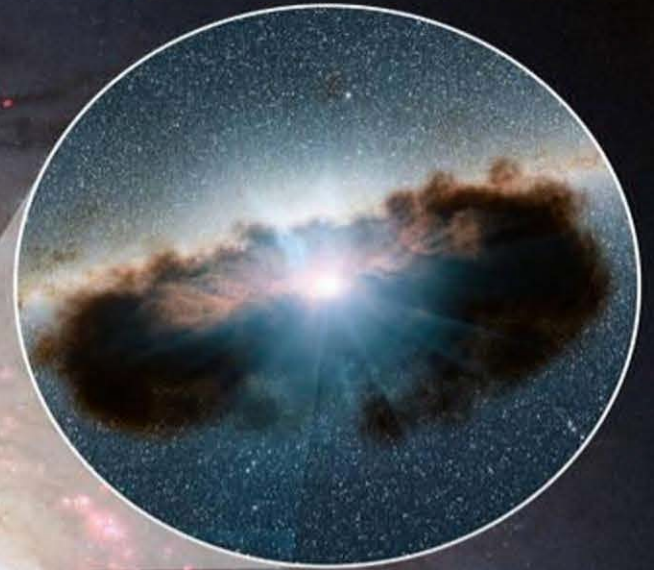
# Improvements made new results possible

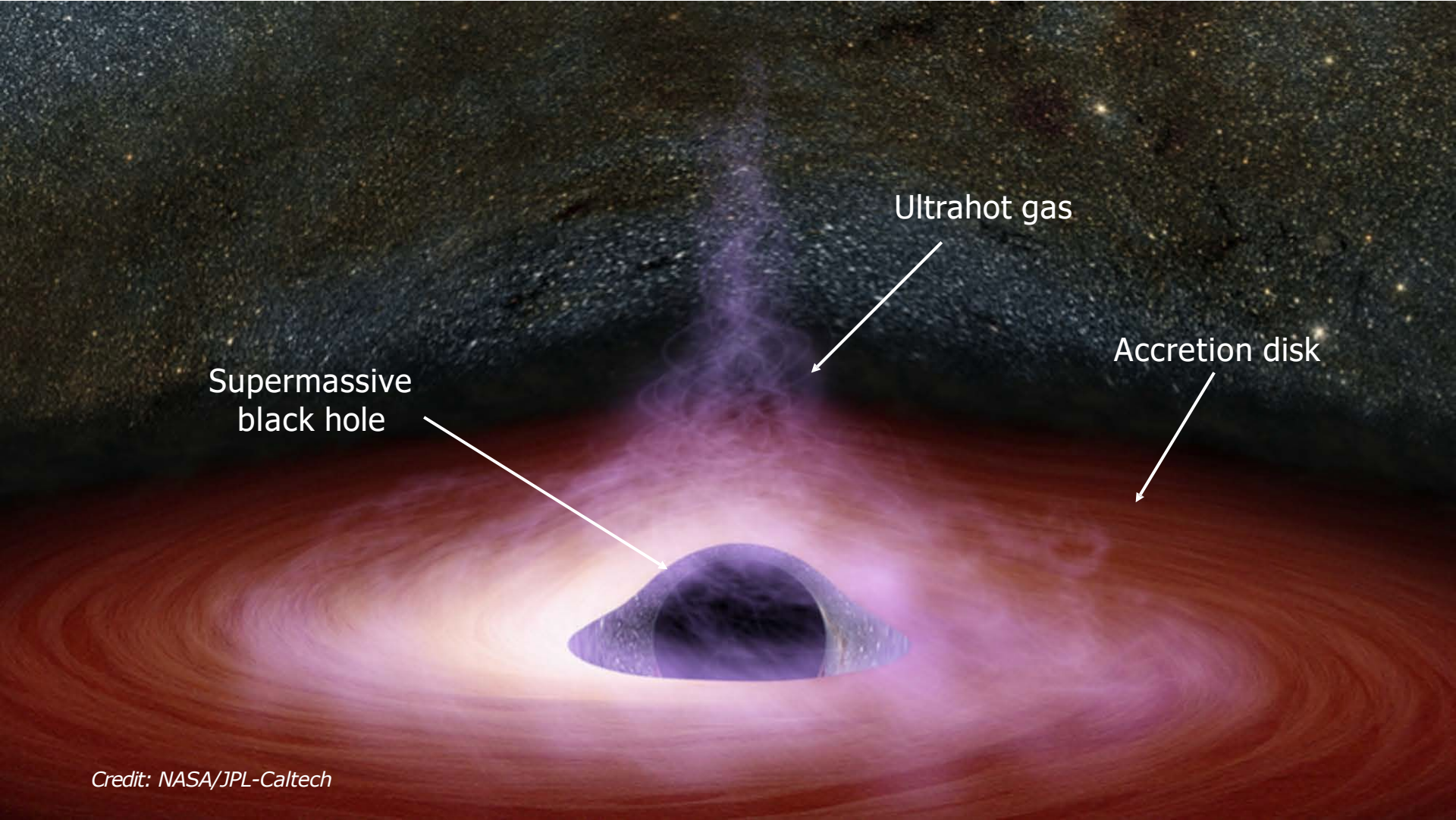
- 1) Improvements in **data quality** (updated calibrations, uniform processing) "Pass2"
- 2) Improved **statistical methods** and **directional and energy reconstructions**





# NGC 1068: a non-jetted AGN with an obscured black hole





Supermassive  
black hole

Ultrahot gas

Accretion disk

Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

# How are neutrinos produced in non-jetted AGNs?

We conclude that active galactic nuclei are powerful sources for accelerating particles to cosmic ray energies. The bulk of metagalactic cosmic rays is likely to originate, in particular, in the Virgo supercluster. NGC 4151 and NGC 1068 are likely to be "local" metagalactic cosmic rays, including the ultra-high energy ( $E \gtrsim 10^{19}$  eV) and the density of photons in the immediate vicinity may be too high (Blumenthal, 1970) to permit the acceleration of protons beyond  $\sim 10^{14}$  eV, (except by beaming processes). The highest energy protons hence are accelerated somewhat farther out, or else by beaming (Lovell, 1976). Gamma rays from the ergosphere of a black hole are degraded at energies above  $\sim 1$  MeV, and from a spinar, above  $\sim 1$  GeV. Neutrinos are not thus affected and would provide information on very high energy particles in active galactic nuclei.

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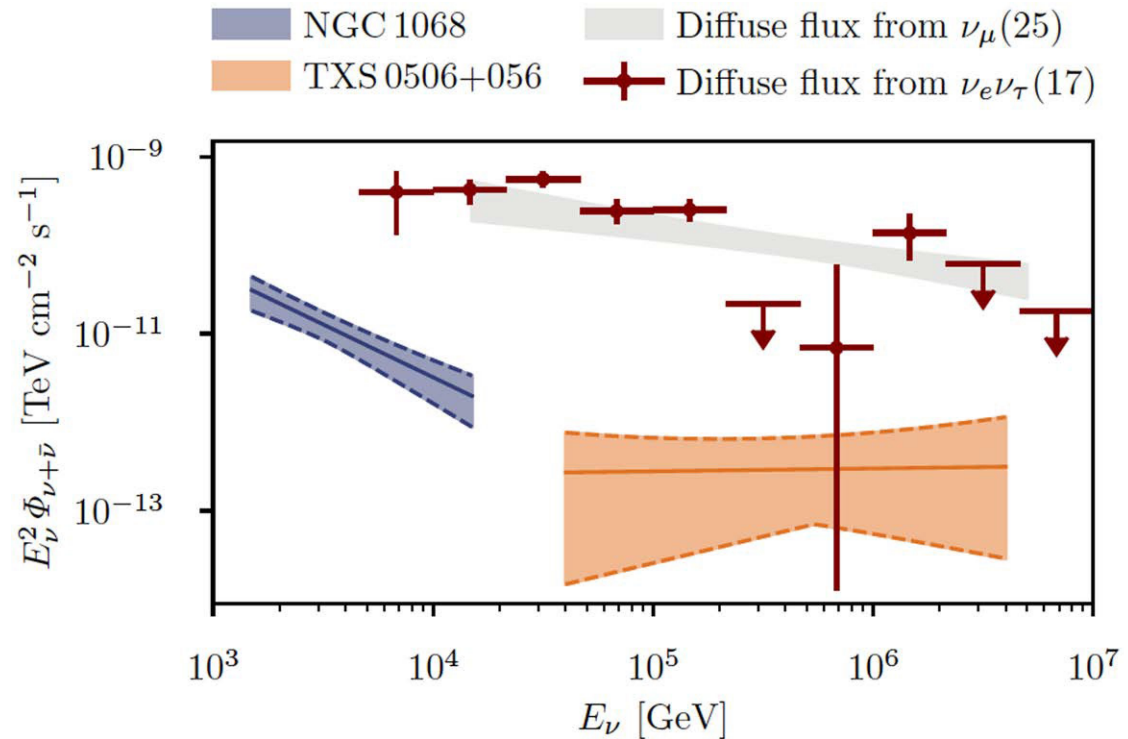
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# Implications of the NGC 1068 neutrino observation

Active galaxies may contribute to significant fraction of extragalactic neutrino flux.

NGC 1068 is opaque to high-energy gamma-rays

NGC 1068 and TXS 0506+056 are different.



[25] IceCube. ApJ 928, 50 (2020)

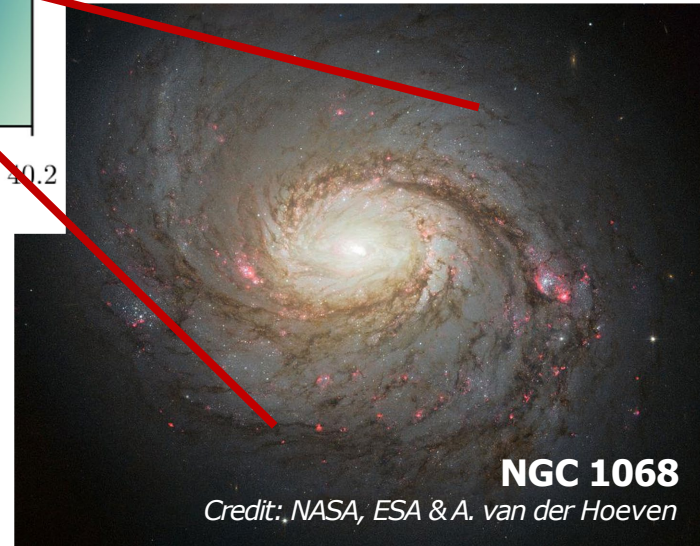
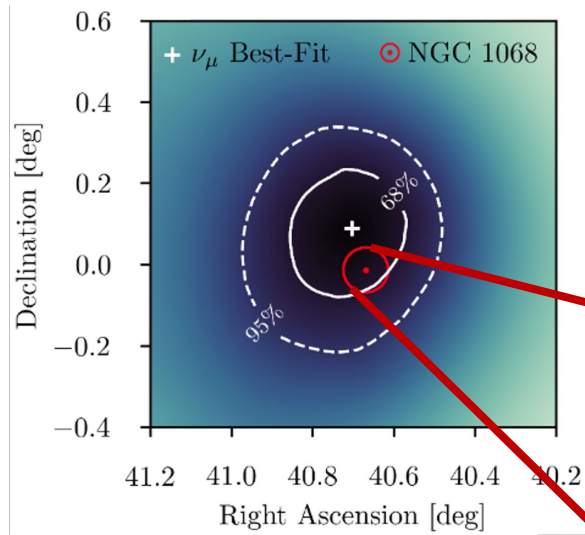
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# IceCube is getting better –and we are not finished

More to IceCube than “adding more years of data”

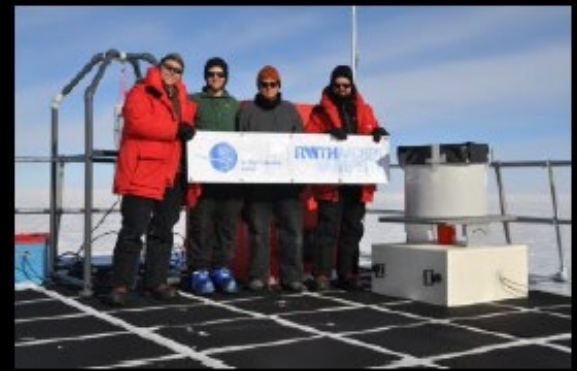
New instrumentation in 2025/2026 will improve angular resolution

The future IceCube-Gen2 will have even better sensitivity than IceCube



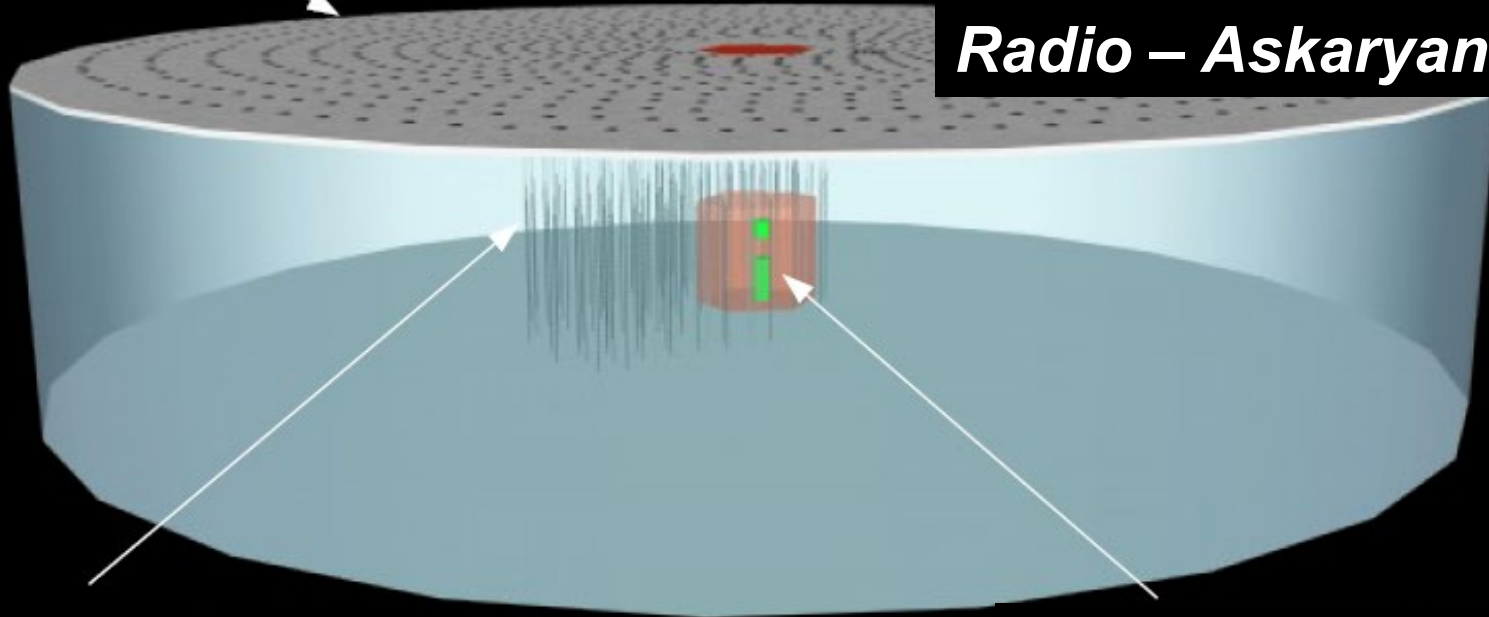
# IceCube- Gen2

*Extended surface array for veto*



*IceAct- Air Cherenkov telescope*

*Radio – Askaryan Effect*



*100 new strings with 240 m spacing*

*IceCube Upgrade 7 strings – 2025/26*