

# THE FIRST DECADE OF REAL TIME MULTIMESSENGER ASTRONOMY ...AND THE WAY FORWARD

14<sup>th</sup> December 2022

MOHAMED RAMEEZ

XXV DAE-BRNS HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS SYMPOSIUM 2022, MOHALI



# Multi-messenger Astronomy

## Photons



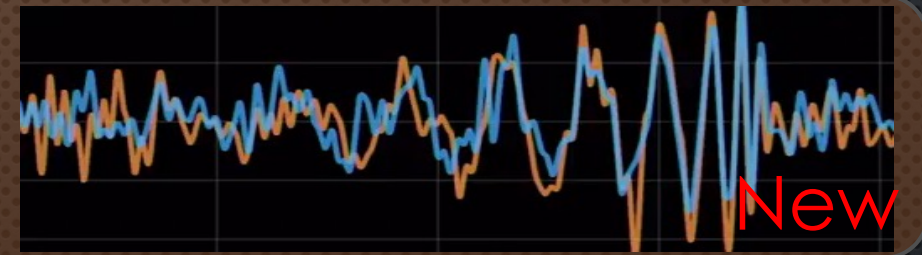
## Cosmic Rays

Electrons, protons, heavy nuclei :  $10^8 - 10^{20}$  eV – Origins unknown. Observed first by Victor Hess in 1912

## Gravitational Waves

Predicted by General relativity – Observed first in 2015  
BH-BH merger  $\sim 410$  Mpc away.

Now many events, including NS NS merger with EM counterpart

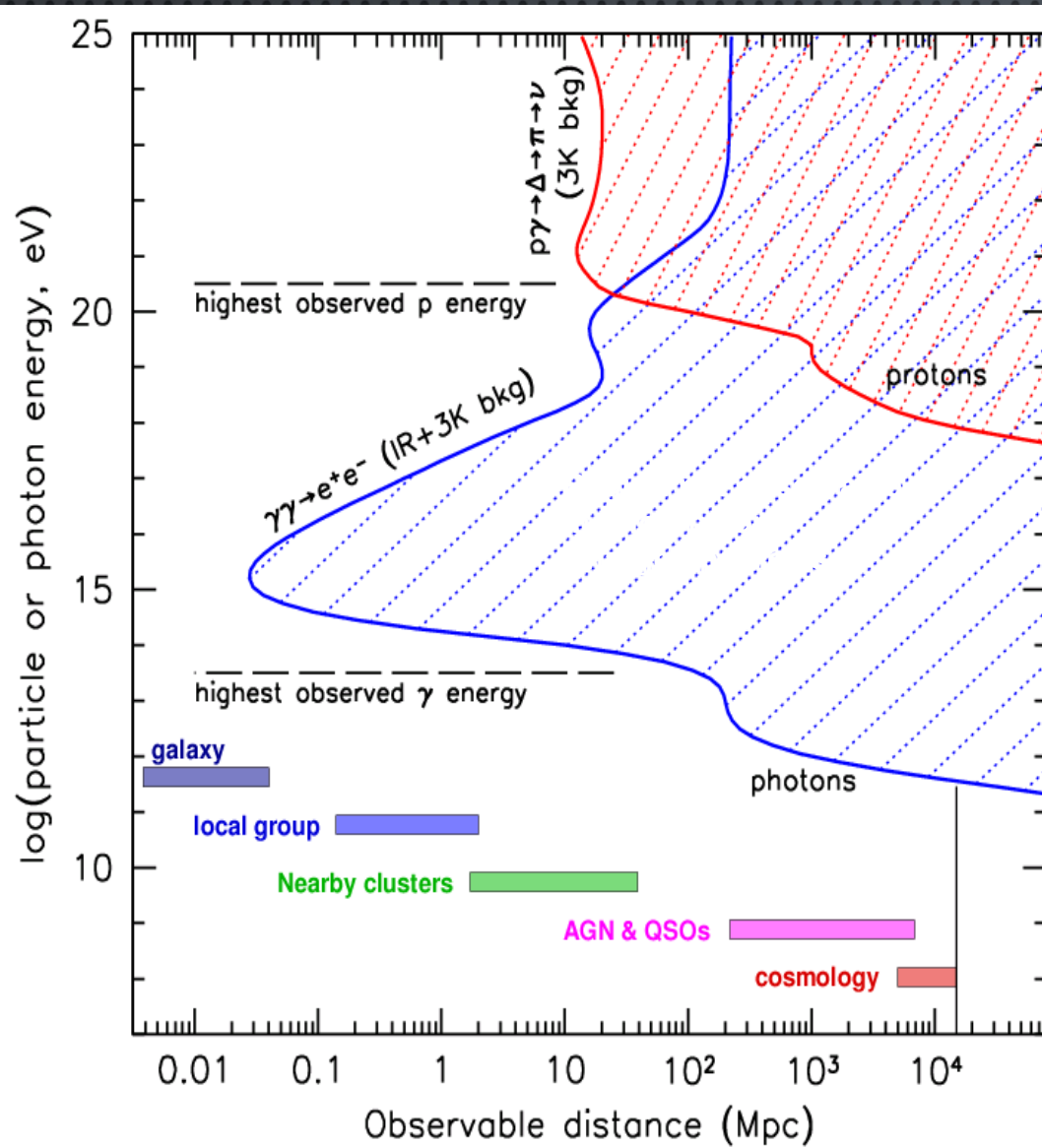


## Neutrinos

Proposed by Pauli in 1931, detected by Reines and Cowan in 1959, neutral, weakly interacting.  
The Sun, SN1987 A – 10 MeV, TXS 0506+056, NGC 1068  
Diffuse astrophysical flux  $>50$  TeV



# The messenger horizon



$\gamma$ -rays do not travel too far

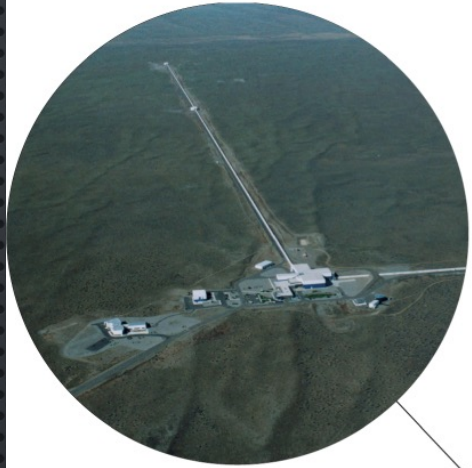
- 1 TeV : Closest AGNs
- CRs cannot point back
- Deflection : few degrees at  $\sim 50$  EeV
- Horizon  $\sim 100$  Mpc – interactions with CMB

The neutrino - ideal messenger for the non thermal universe

- Neutral, undeflected
  - can point back
- Interacts only weakly
  - can travel Gpc distances
  - **hard to detect**
- We hope to see
  - The sites of CR acceleration

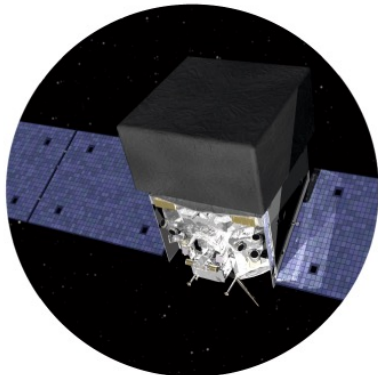


Gravitational waves



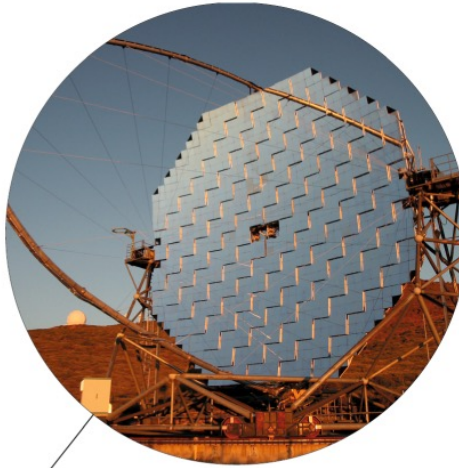
LIGO

$\gamma$ -rays



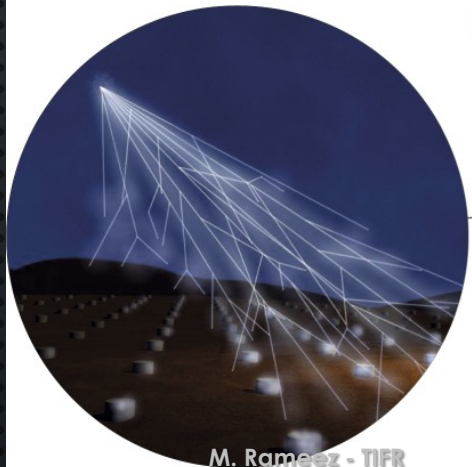
Fermi

$\gamma$ -rays



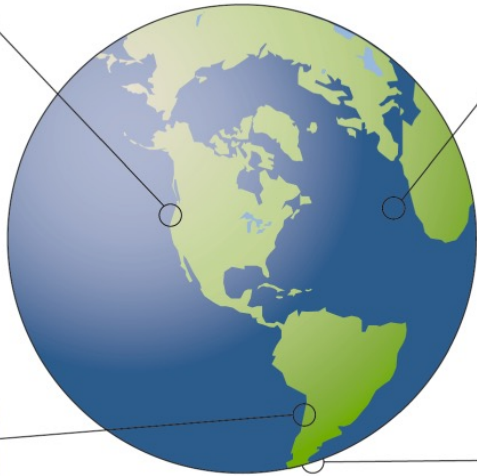
MAGIC

Cosmic rays



M. Rameez - TIFR

Pierre Auger Observatory



Neutrinos

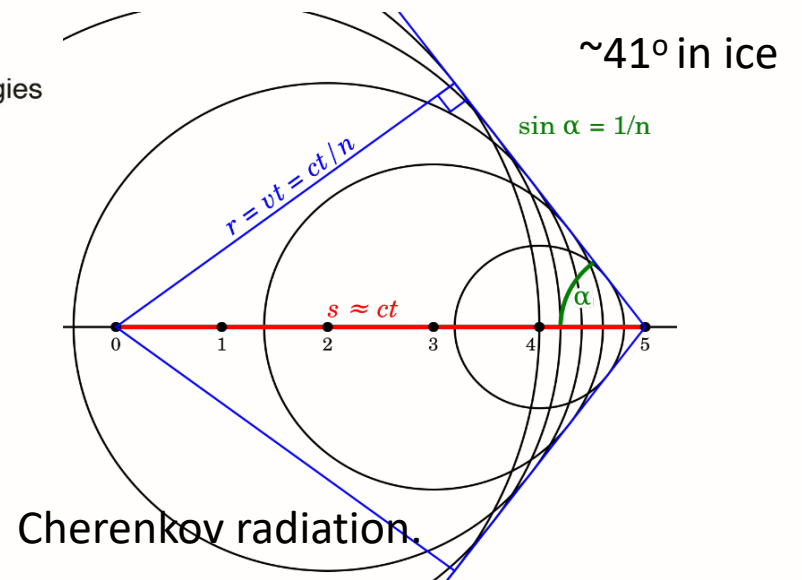
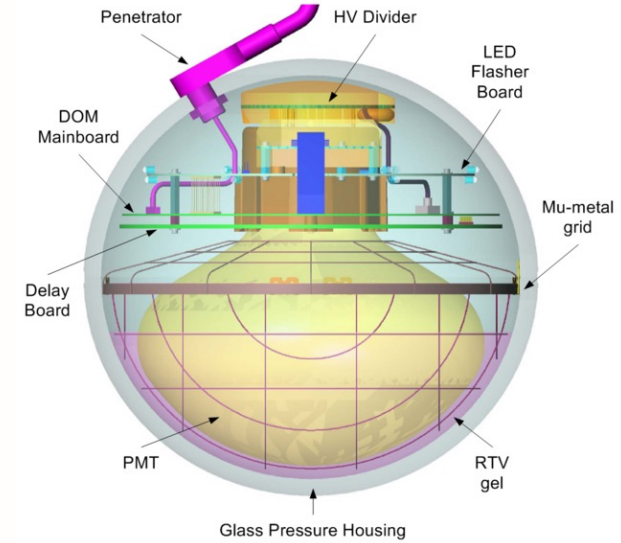
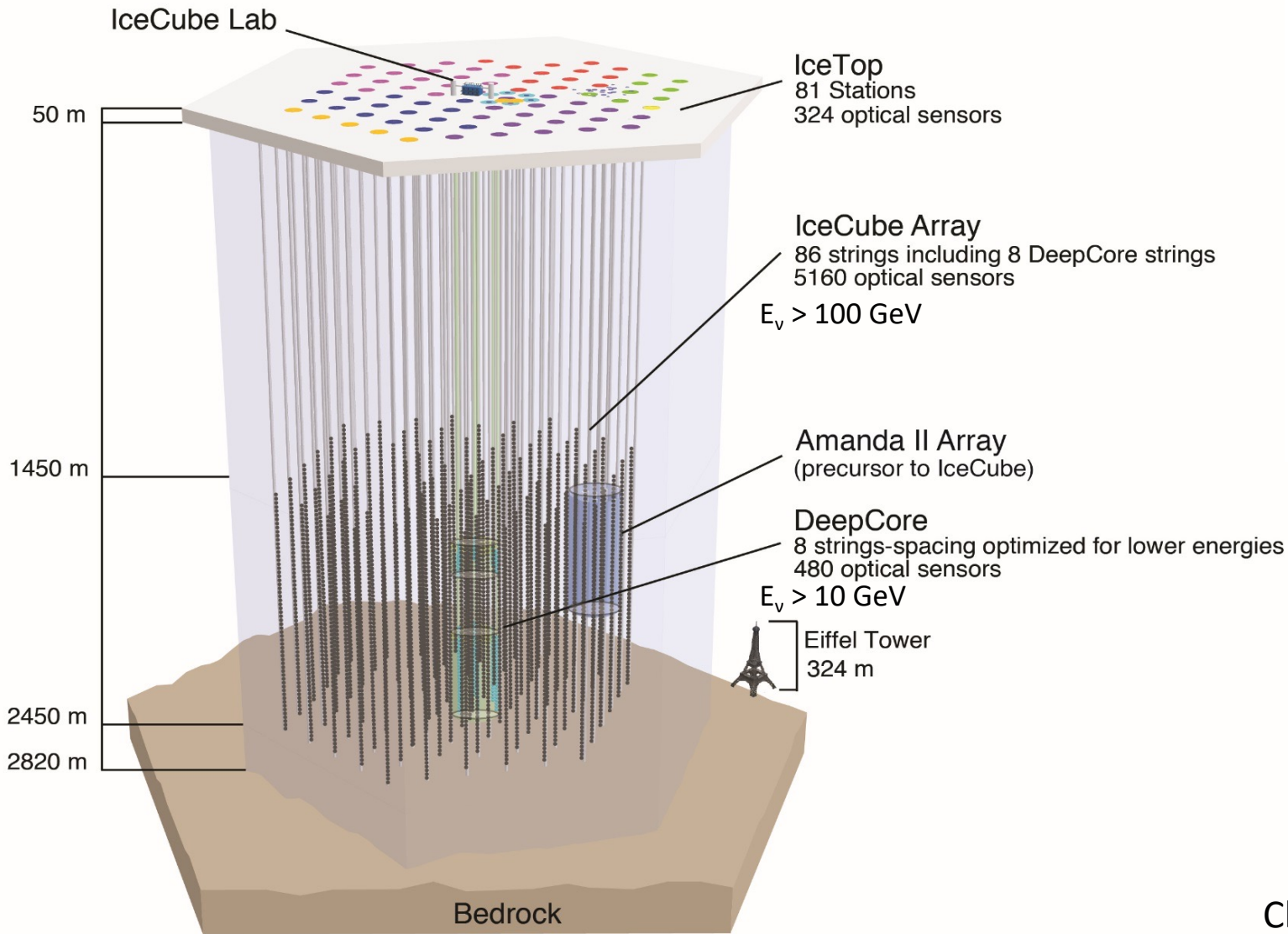


IceCube

First decade of multimessenger astronomy

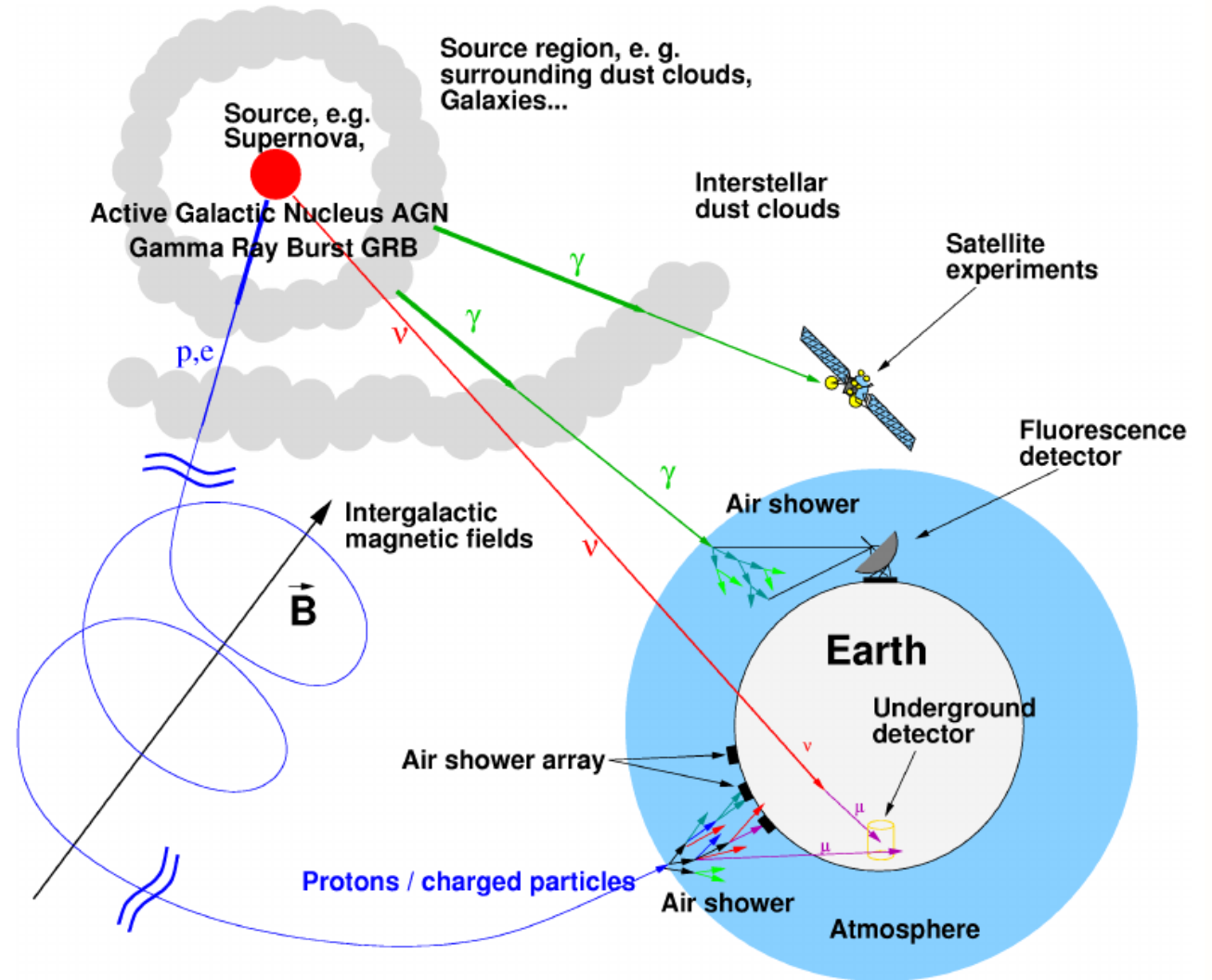
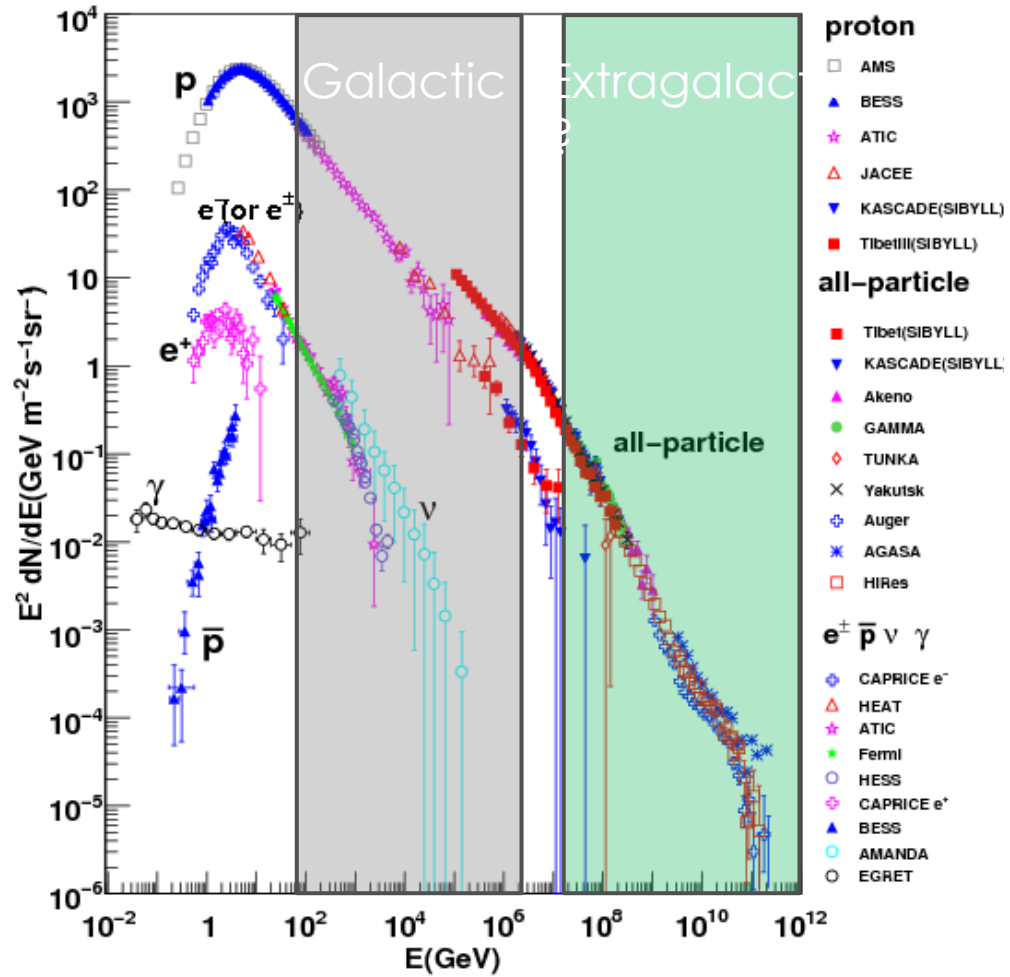


# The IceCube Neutrino Observatory





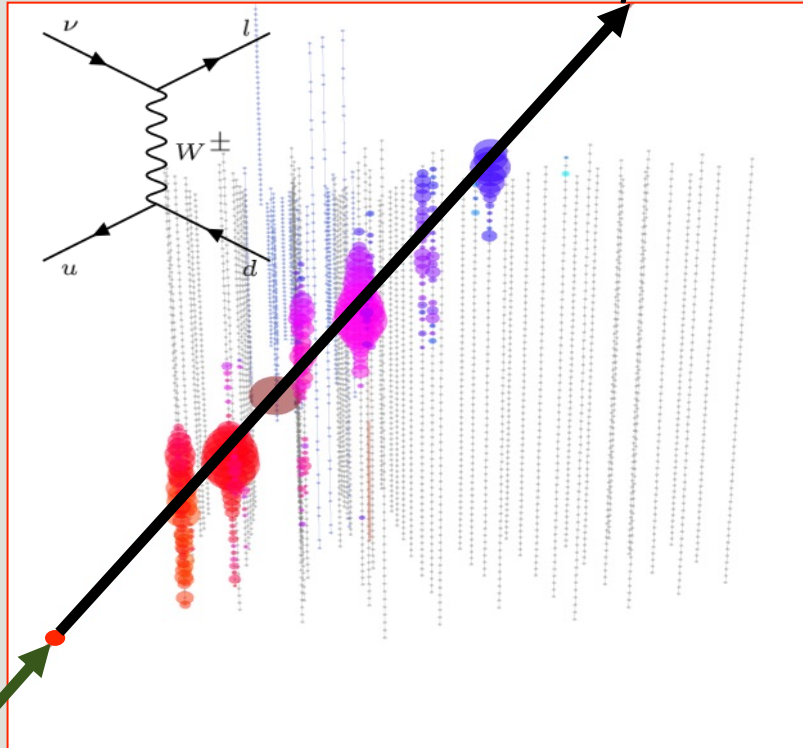
# WHY NEUTRINO ASTRONOMY?



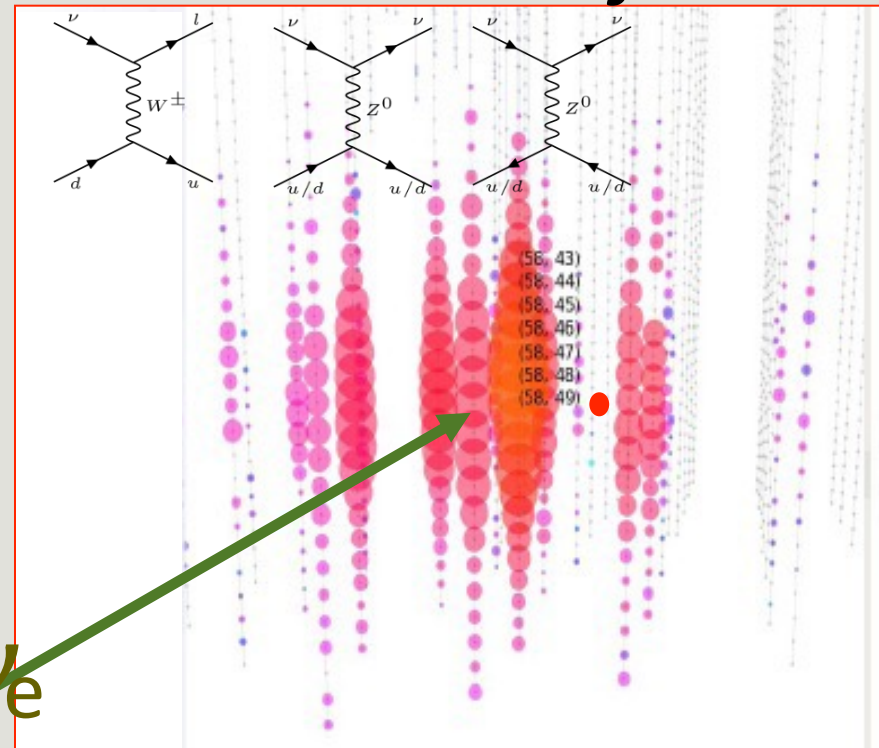


# In-ice Signatures

*Muon tracks* →  $\nu_\mu$  CC



*cascades* → all flavors



Good angular resolution: **Neutrino Astronomy**

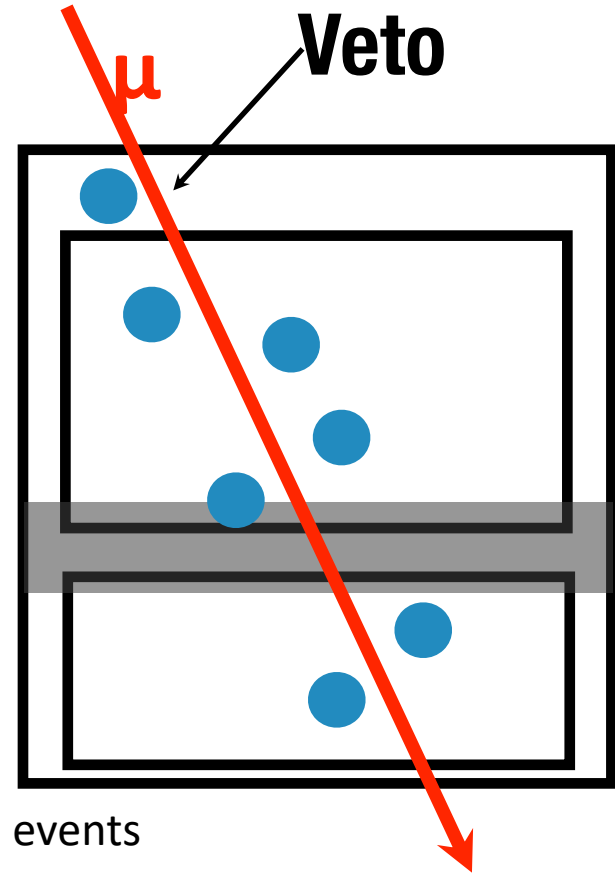
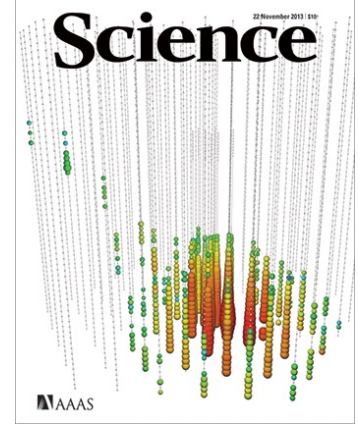
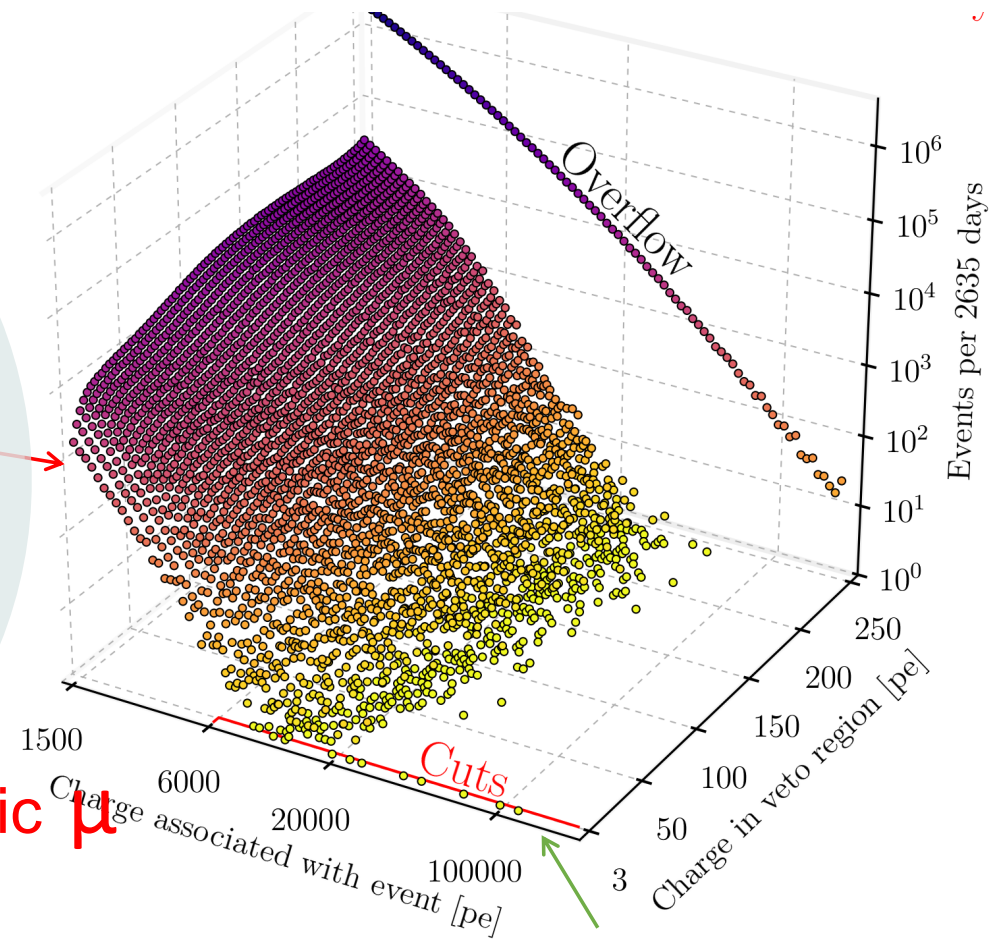
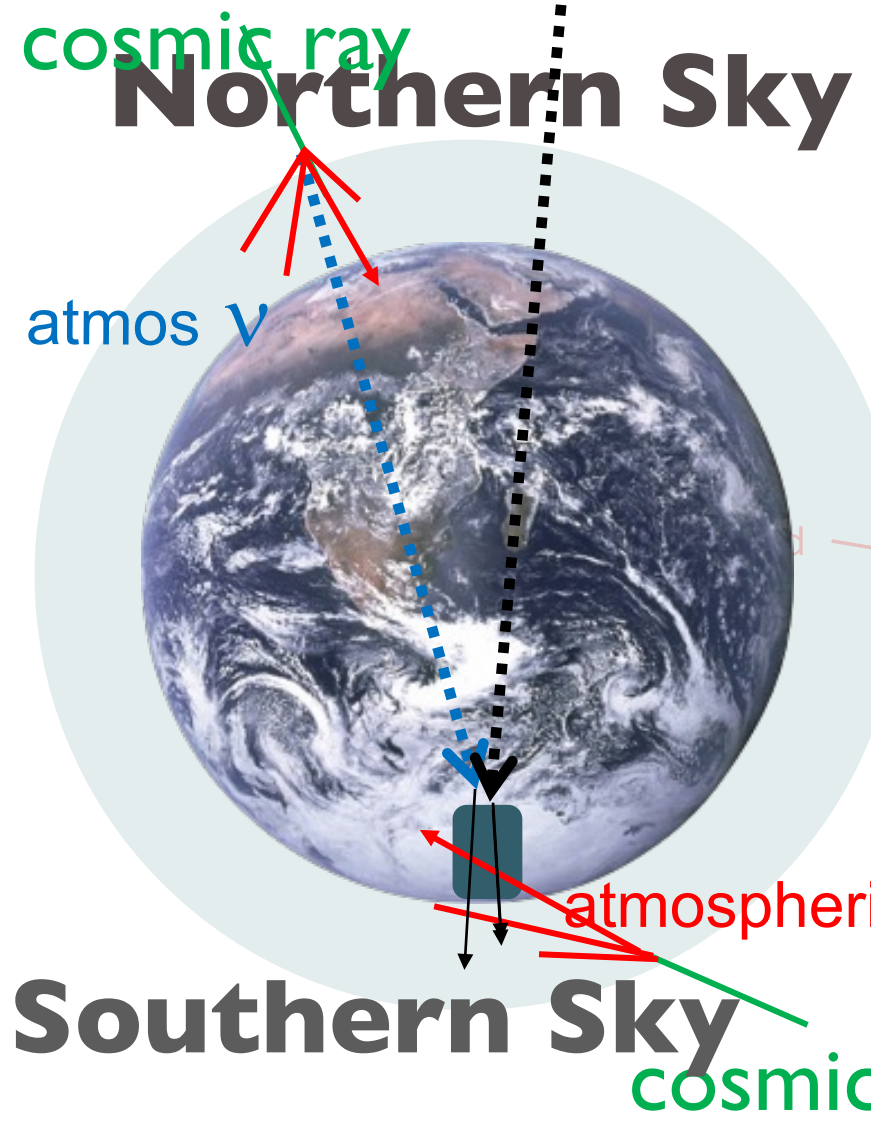
- ( $\sim 0.6^\circ$  at 10 TeV)
- Vertex can be outside the detector: **Increased effective volume!**

- $\nu_e, \nu_\tau$  and all-flavor neutral current
- Fully active calorimeter: **High energy resolution**
- Angular reconstruction above  $\sim 50$  TeV

In both cases,  $\nu$  and  $\bar{\nu}$  are indistinguishable



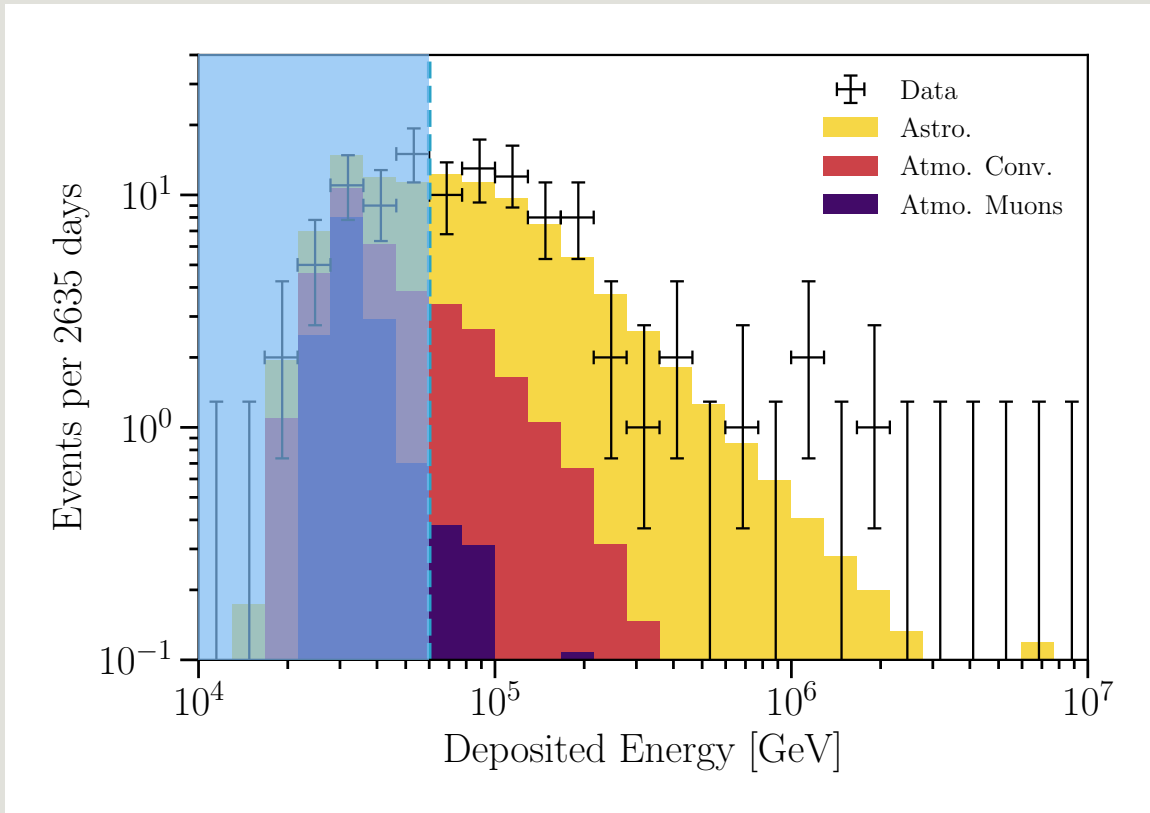
# IceCube High Energy Starting Events : Neutrinos in a Haystack signal $\nu$



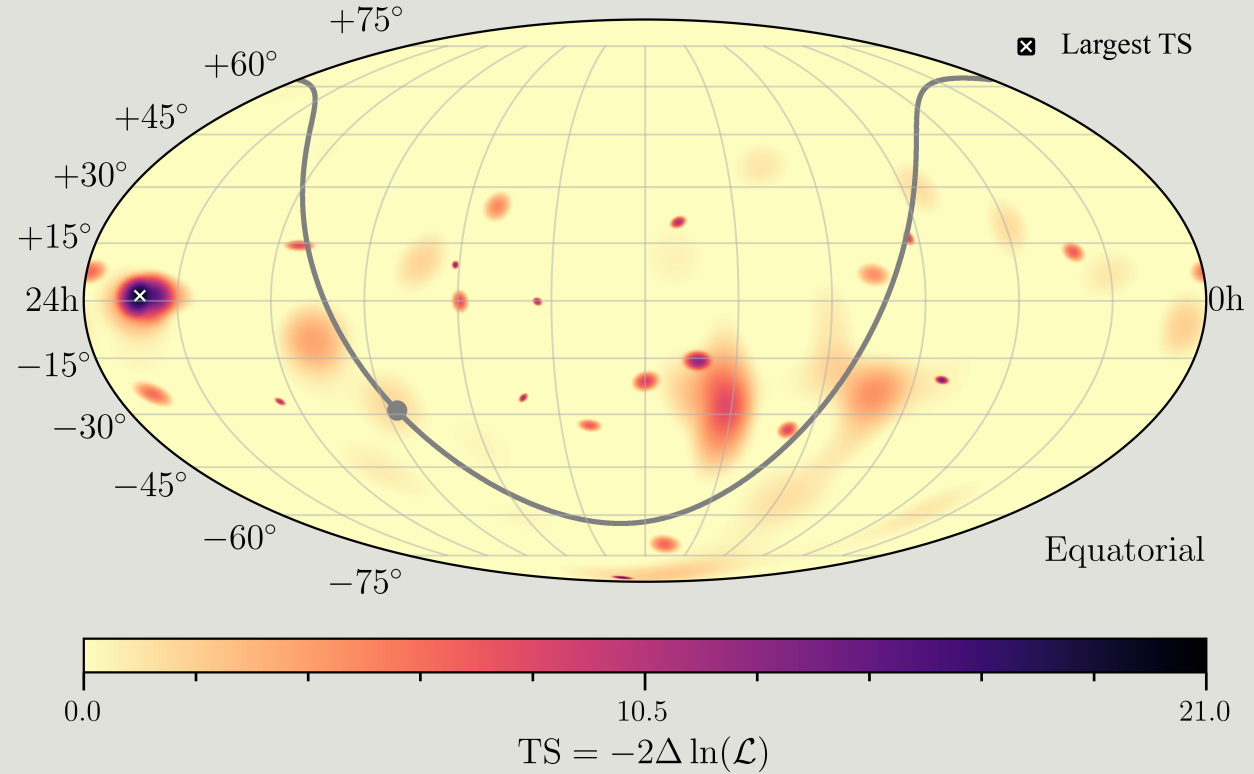


# The IceCube astrophysical flux (7.5 years of data)

*Phys.Rev.D 104 (2021) 022002*



60 Events above 60 TeV



No statistically significant clustering  
Corrected for trials

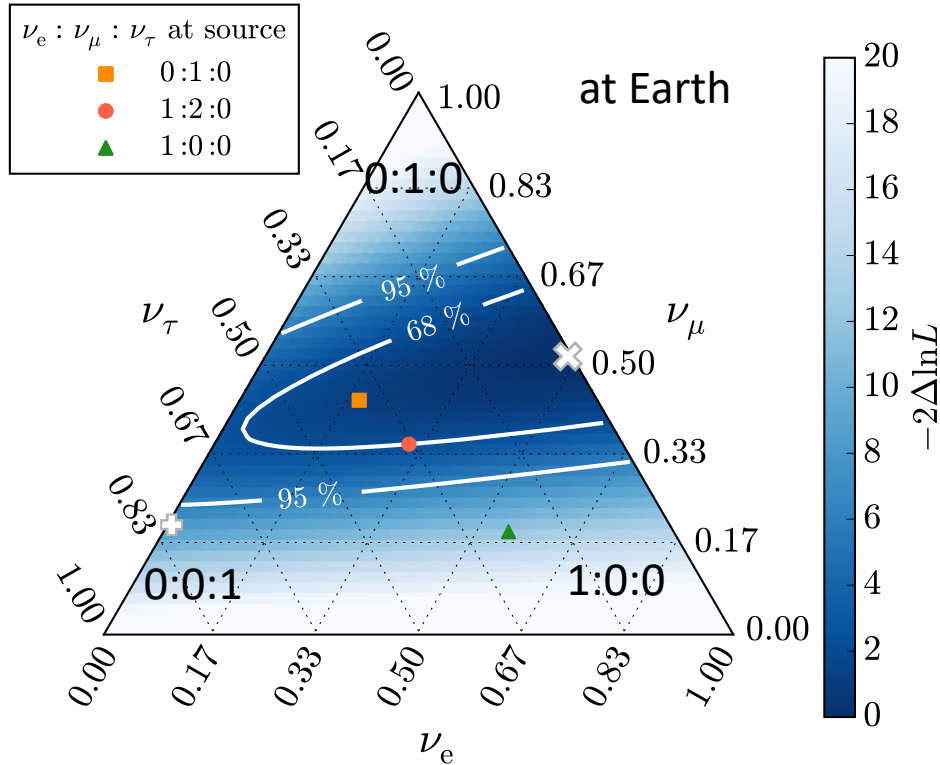


# Astrophysical neutrino flavour ratio

Muon damped

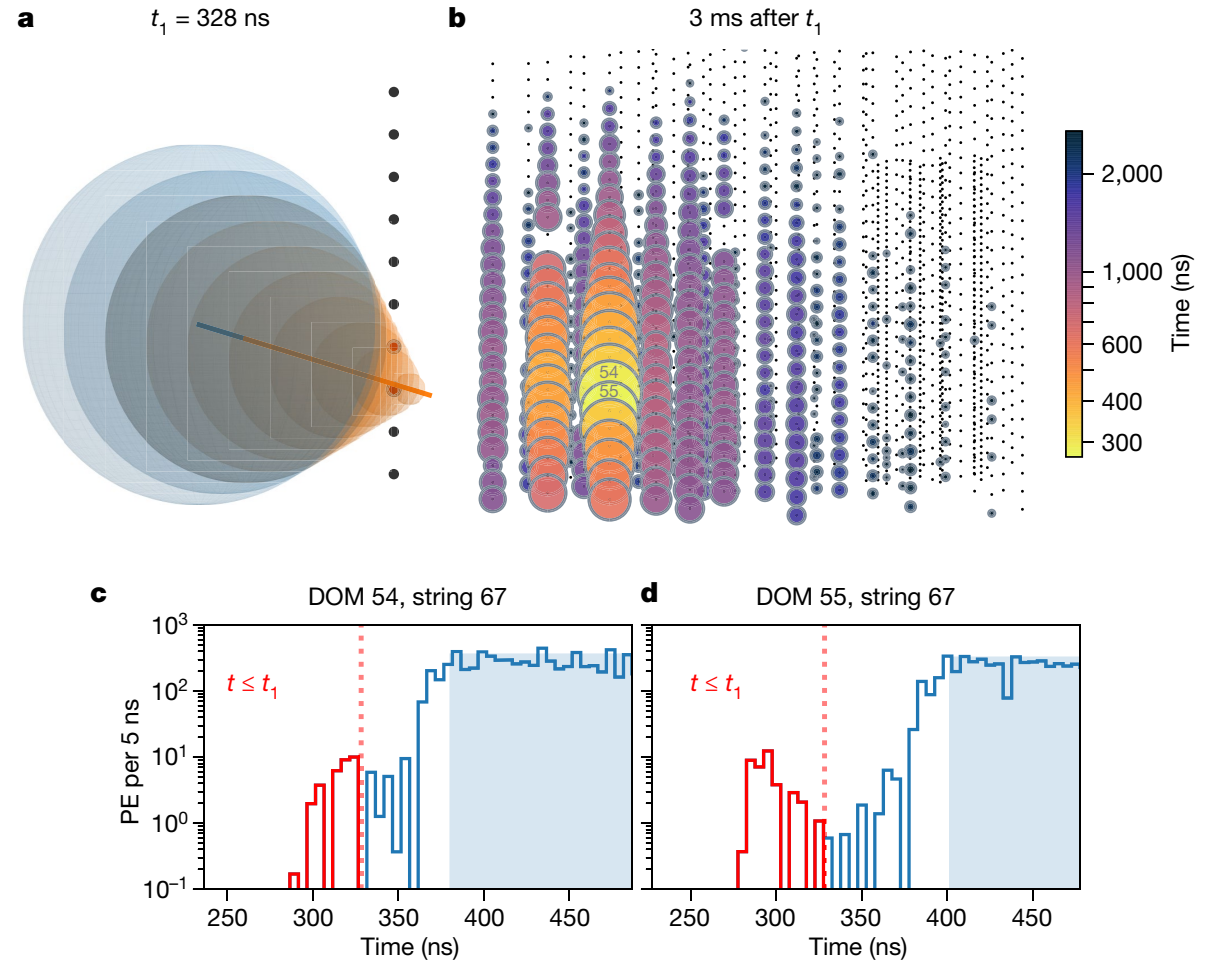
Standard  $\pi$  production

Neutron decay



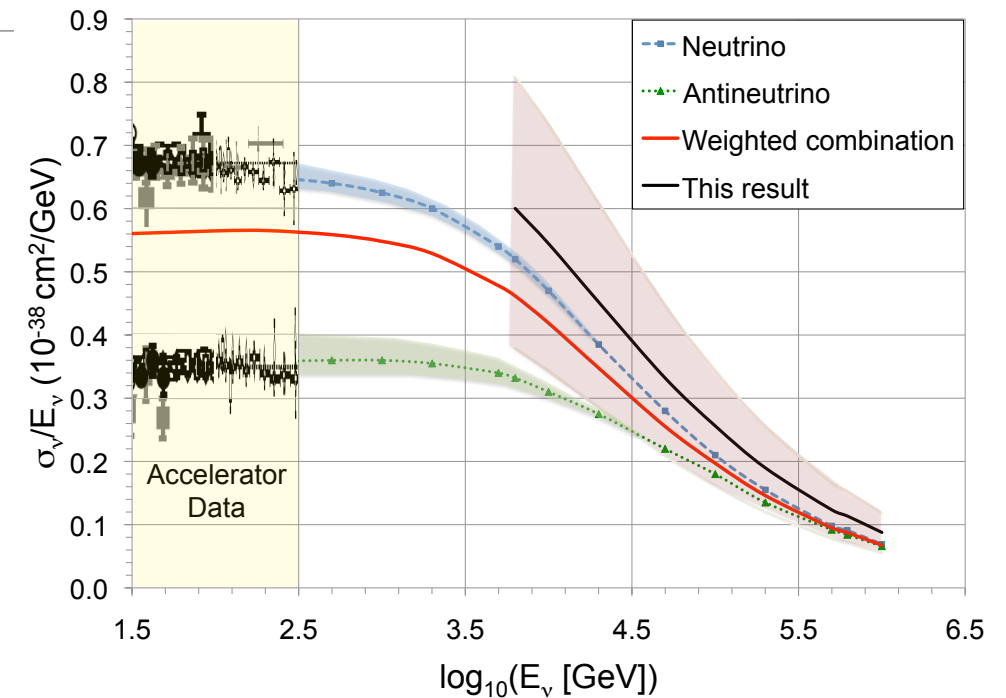
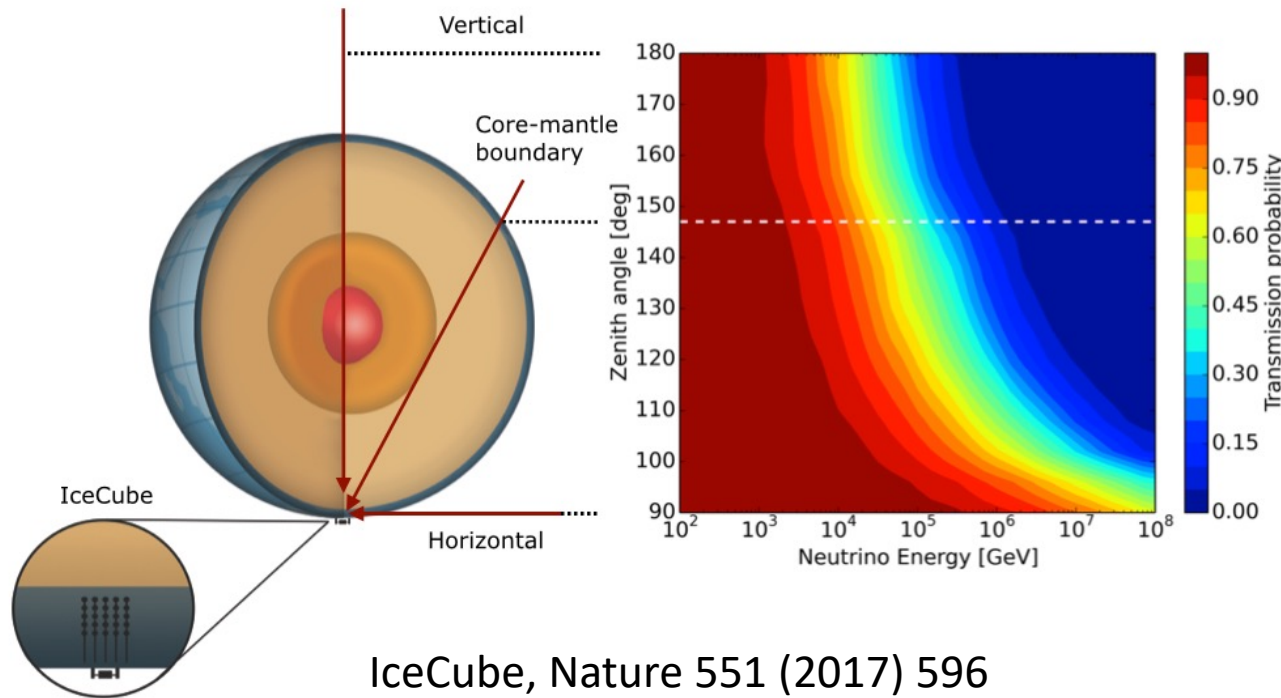
IceCube, ApJ 809:98 (2015)  
IceCube, PRL 114, 171102 (2015)

# Confirmation of Glashow resonance at 6.3 PeV





# Measurement of neutrino-nucleon cross section using Earth absorption

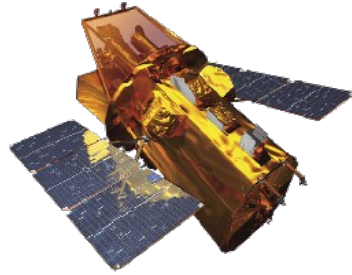




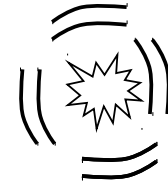
# Realtime Alerts from IceCube



PTF (optical)



Swift (X-ray)

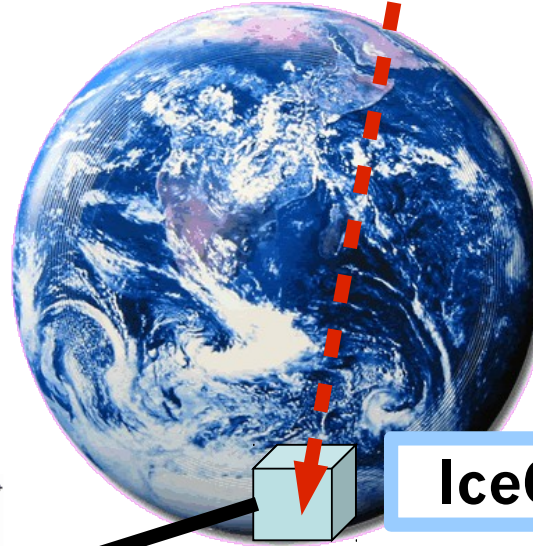


SN/  
GRB/  
Flaring Blazar

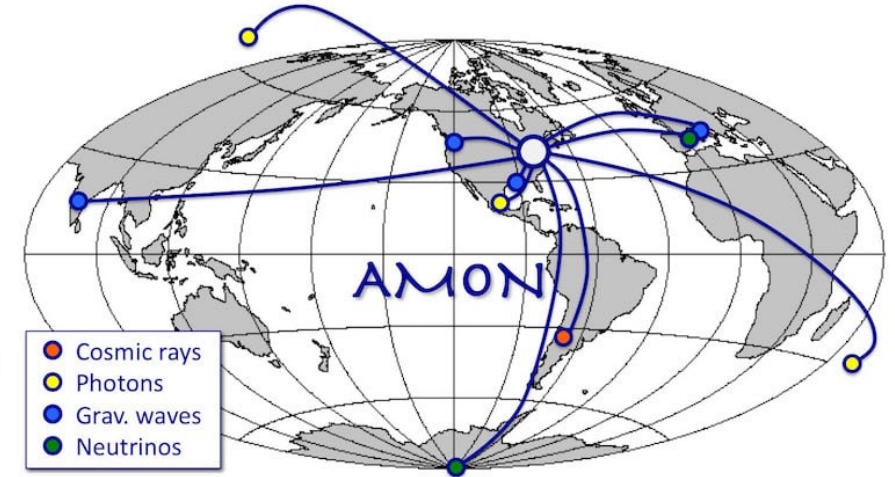
Alerts

Alerts

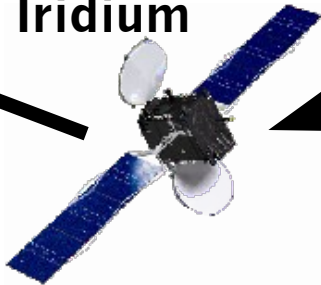
Madison



IceCube



Iridium



Real time (~1 minute)  
public alerts since 2016

IceCube, 1309.6979 (ICRC)

IceCube, Astropart. Phys. 92 (2017) 30-41



# Multi-messenger alerts: TXS 0506+056

On September 22, 2017, IceCube issued a neutrino alert:

- A muon track event created by a  $\sim 290$  TeV neutrino (IceCube-170922A)
- Found to be spatially coincident with a known blazar (TXS 0506+056) that was in a flaring state
- Blazar was also detected by the MAGIC air-Cherenkov telescope in the days after the alert, with  $\gamma$ -rays up to 400 GeV.
- This launched a very active multi-messenger follow-up campaign that included observations from radio to  $\gamma$ -rays.

**TITLE:** GCN CIRCULAR  
**NUMBER:** 21916  
**SUBJECT:** IceCube-170922A - IceCube observation of a high-energy neutrino candidate event

**DATE:** 17/09/23 01:05  
**FROM:** Erik Blaufuss

Claudio Kopper (University of Maryland) report on [icecube.wisc.edu/](http://icecube.wisc.edu/).

On 22 Sep, 2017 IceCube detected a high probability of being the Extremely High Energy neutrino interaction vertex that was in a normal operation of the detector volume, a

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

ATel #10791: *Yasuyuki T. Tanaka (Hiroshima University), Sara Bason (NASA/GSFC), Daniel Kocovrki (NASA/MSFC) on behalf of the Fermi-LAT collaboration on 28 Sep 2017; 10:10 UT*  
*Credential Certification: David J. Thompson (David.J.Thompson@nasa.gov)*

Subjects: Gamma Ray, Neutrinos, AGN

Referred to by ATel #: 10792, 10794, 10799, 10801, 10817, 10830, 10831, 10833, 10838, 10840, 10844, 10845, 10861, 10890, 10942, 11419, 11430, 11489

[Tweet](#) [Recommend](#)

We searched for Fermi-LAT gamma-ray emission from the neutrino event error region (10787) with all-sky survey data from the Fermi-LAT. We also included the IceCube-170922A error region at energies above 100 GeV. Indeed, the LAT 0.1-200 GeV emission is consistent with the same power-law of this source. We also searched for radio emission from the source. Radio observations

**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@ictp.gov.ge)*

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

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

[Tweet](#) [Recommend](#)

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), [Lami et al., Astron. J., 139, 1695-1712 (2011)]), located 5 arcmin from the IHE 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 observations from September 28th till October 3rd. This is the first time that VHE gamma rays are measured from a direction consistent with a detected neutrino event. Several follow up observations from other observatories have been reported in ATels: #10773, #10787, #10791, #10792, #10794, #10799, #10801, GCN: #21941, #21950, #21924, #21923, #21917, #21916. The MAGIC contact persons for these observations are R. Mirzoyan (Razmik.Mirzoyan@ictp.gov.ge) E. Bernardini (elisa.bernardini@desy.de), K. Satalecka (konstancja.satalecka@desy.de). MAGIC is a system of two 17m-diameter Imaging Atmospheric Cherenkov Telescopes located at the Observatorio Roque de los Muchachos on the Canary island La Palma, Spain, and designed to perform gamma-ray astronomy in the energy range from 50 GeV to greater than 50 TeV.

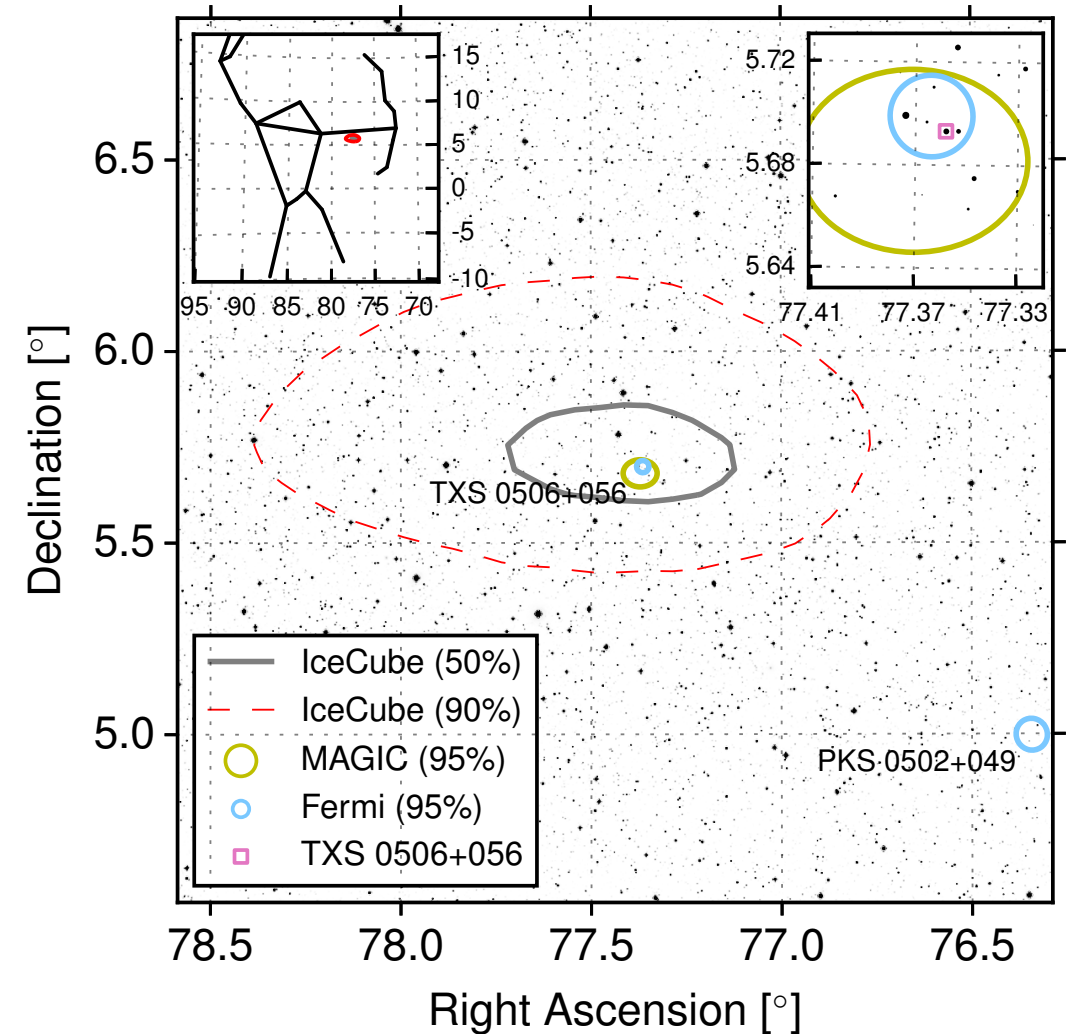
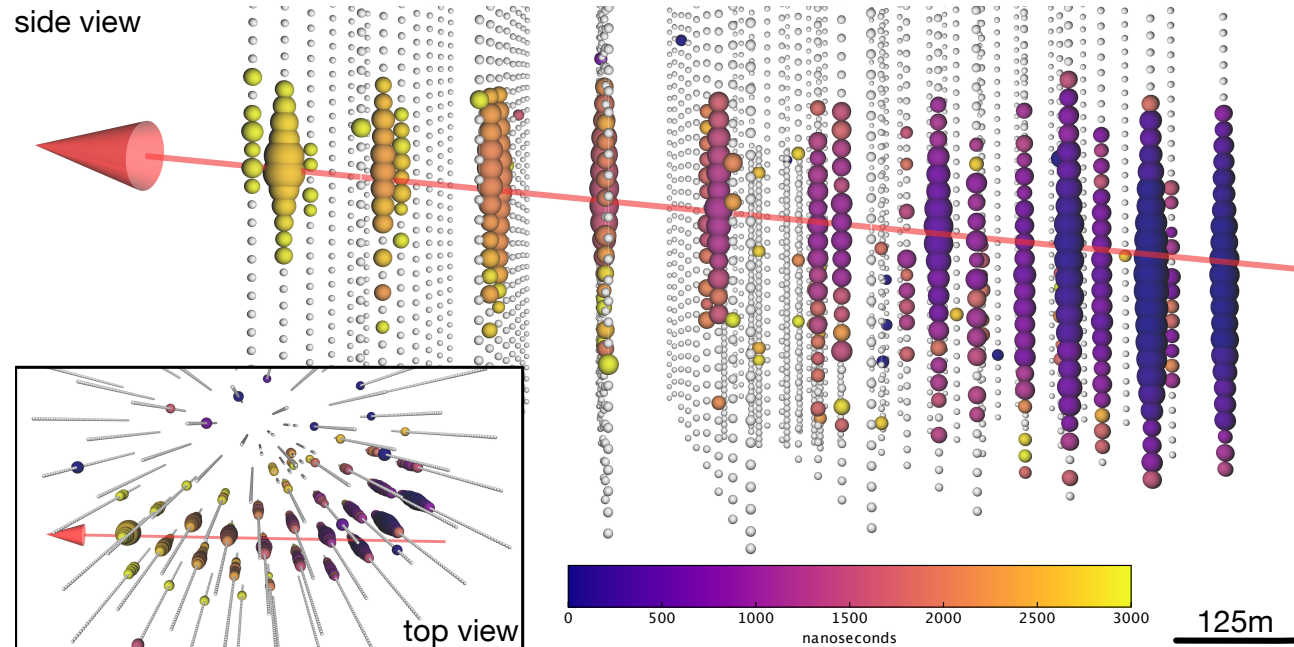


Recently published in Science:  
IceCube Coll. et al., Science 361 (2018)

# Multi-messenger alerts: TXS 0506+056

Neutrino direction was well reconstructed

- Uncertainty of less than 1 sq. deg at 90% CL
- Positionally consistent with blazar TXS 0506+056
- ~290 TeV estimated neutrino energy





# Multi-messenger alerts: TXS 0506+056

At detection time of IceCube-170922A, very little was known about blazar TXS 0506+056.

As part of the large community follow-up effort, the redshift has been measured  
 $z = 0.3365 \pm 0.0010$  (Pianno, et al. ApJ **854** (2018) 2)

But how often does this happen by chance?

- 2257 cataloged extragalactic Fermi-LAT sources
- Light curves above 1 GeV in monthly bins
- Likelihood ratio test comparing random coincidence (null hypothesis) to correlation between gamma-ray flux and neutrino flux for several models
  - Energy flux, Flux variability, VHE detection/detectability
  - $4.1\sigma$  preference for correlated emission
- Trials corrected:
  - 9 previous alerts + 41 additional events that *would* have generated alerts, had they been operational
  - $3.0\sigma$  preference for correlated emission

Recently published in Science:  
IceCube Coll. et al., Science 361 (2018)

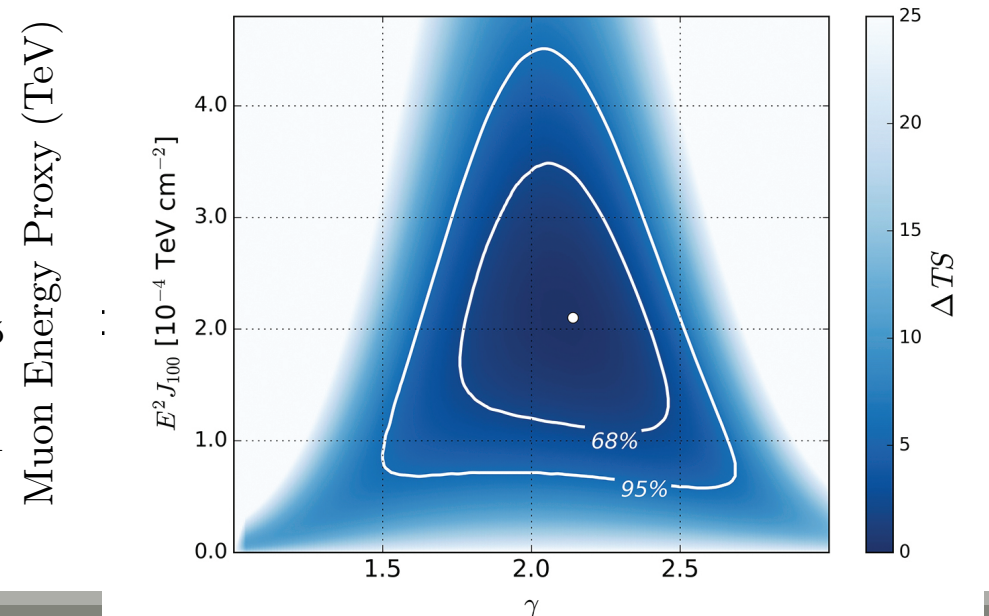
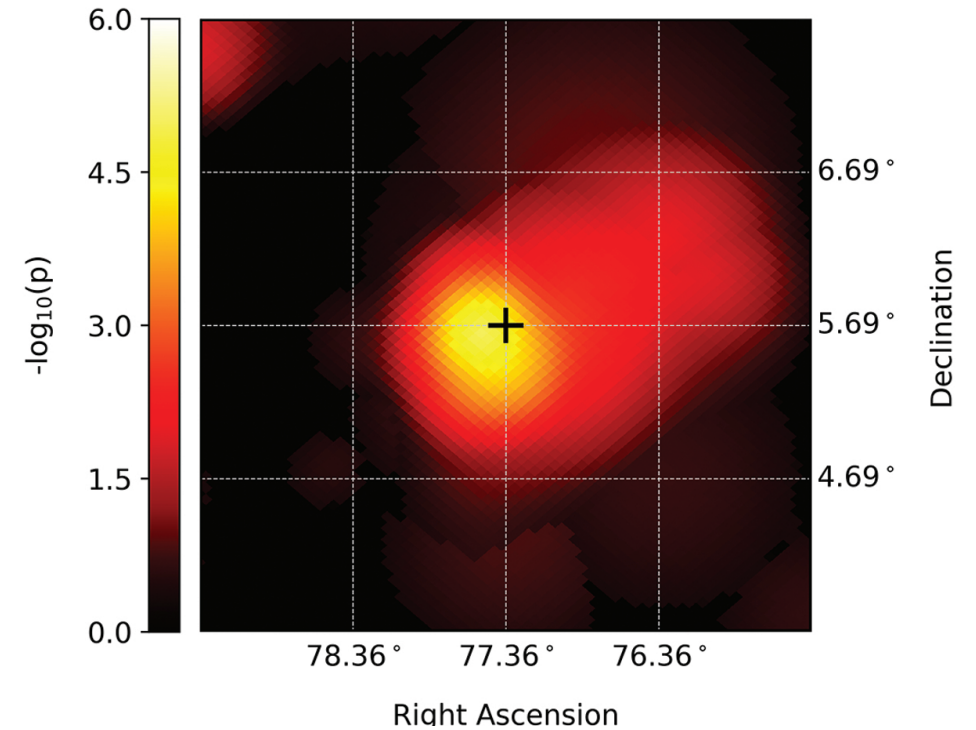
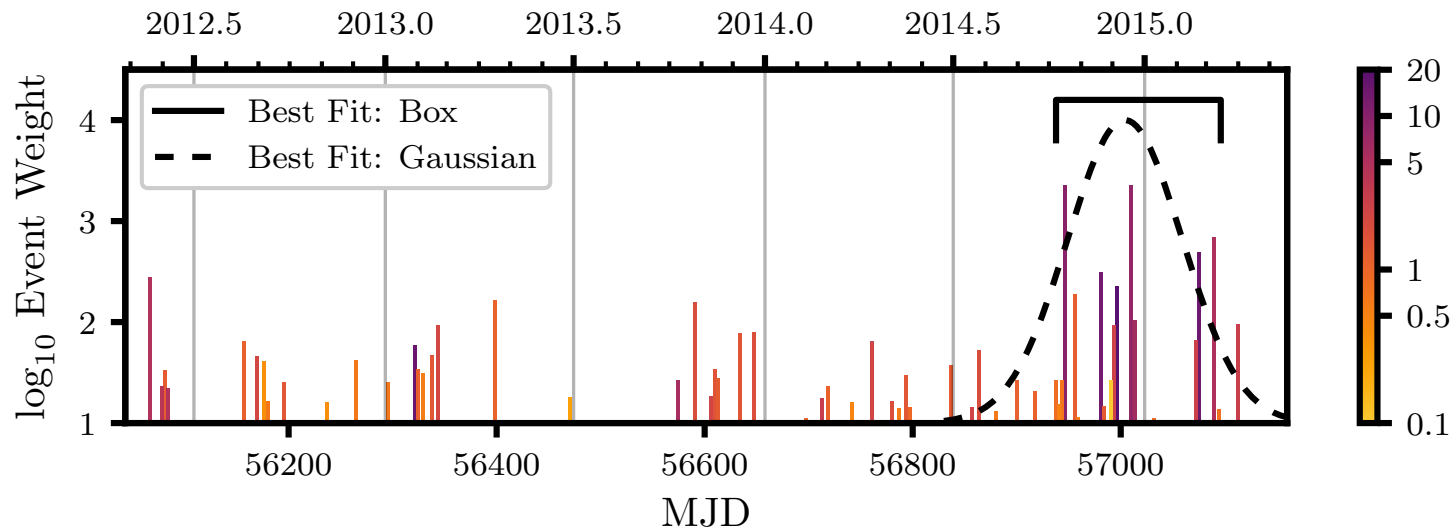
# IceCube Archival Data

Evidence of time-dependent emissions is observed:

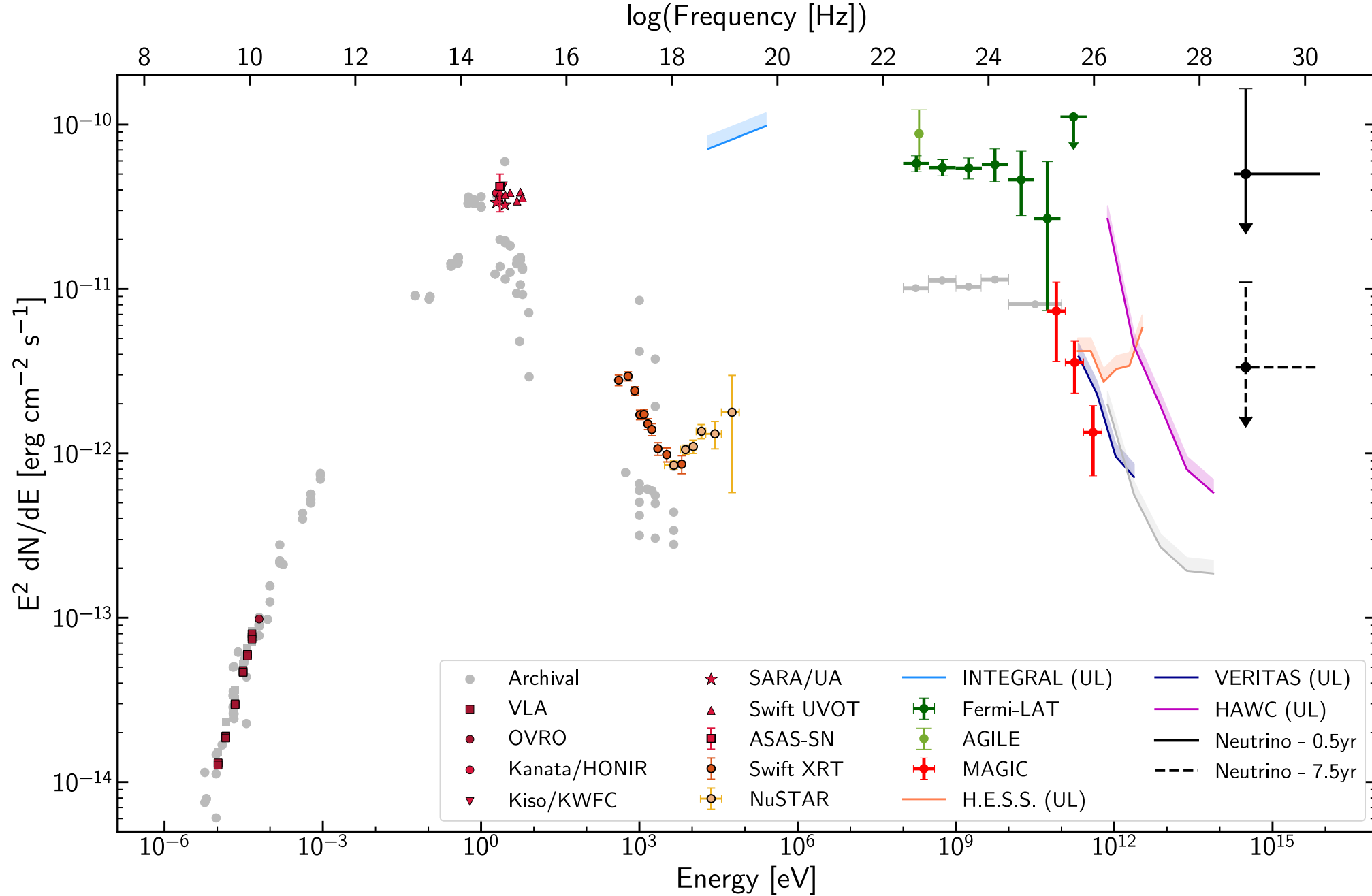
Independent of, and prior to neutrino alert

- September 2014 - March 2015
- $3.5\sigma$  excess over expected background
- $13 \pm 5$  events over background

## IceCube Coll. Science 361 (2018) 147







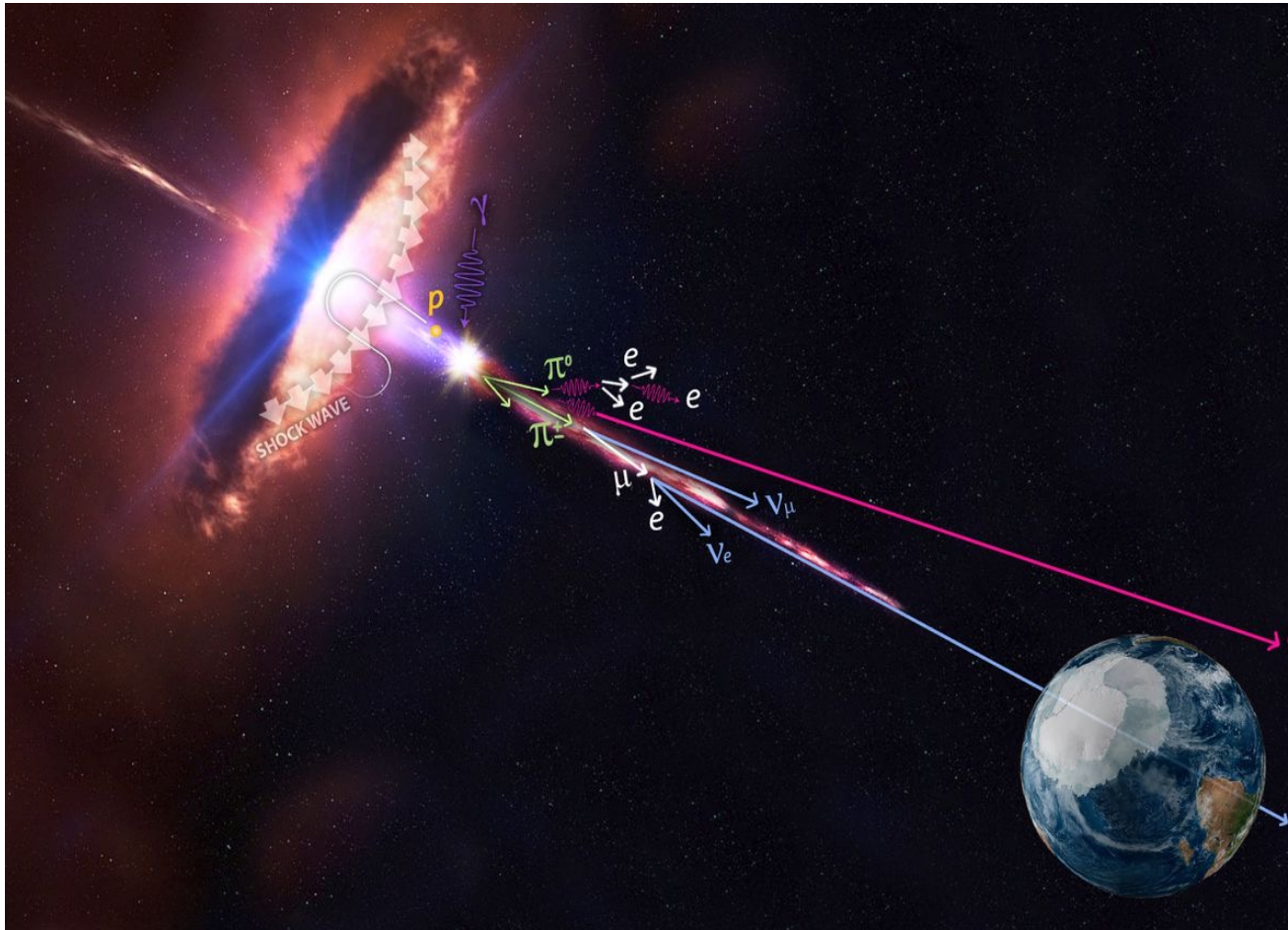
# Multi-messenger source: TXS 0506+056

Two analyses provide evidence that TXS 0506+056 is the first of the long-sought sources of astrophysical neutrinos.

When both results are considered together, this provides evidence that blazars, especially TXS 0506+056, is a site of high-energy cosmic ray acceleration, and blazars are a potential source of a sizable fraction of the IceCube diffuse neutrino flux.

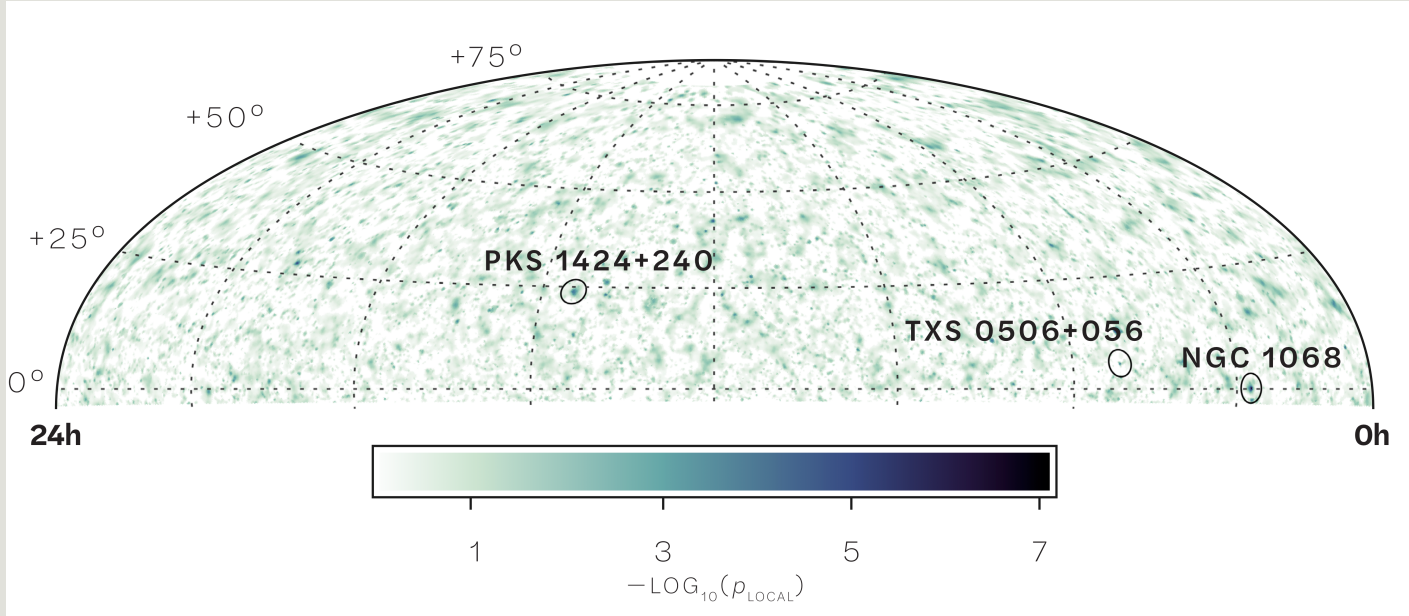
Many question still remain:

- Why TXS 0506+056?
  - A distant (4 Bly) and very luminous blazar
  - Why not closer blazars? (now solved)
- What other objects are out there like TXS 0506+056?
  - Ongoing investigations with partners to resolve
  - Continued alerts



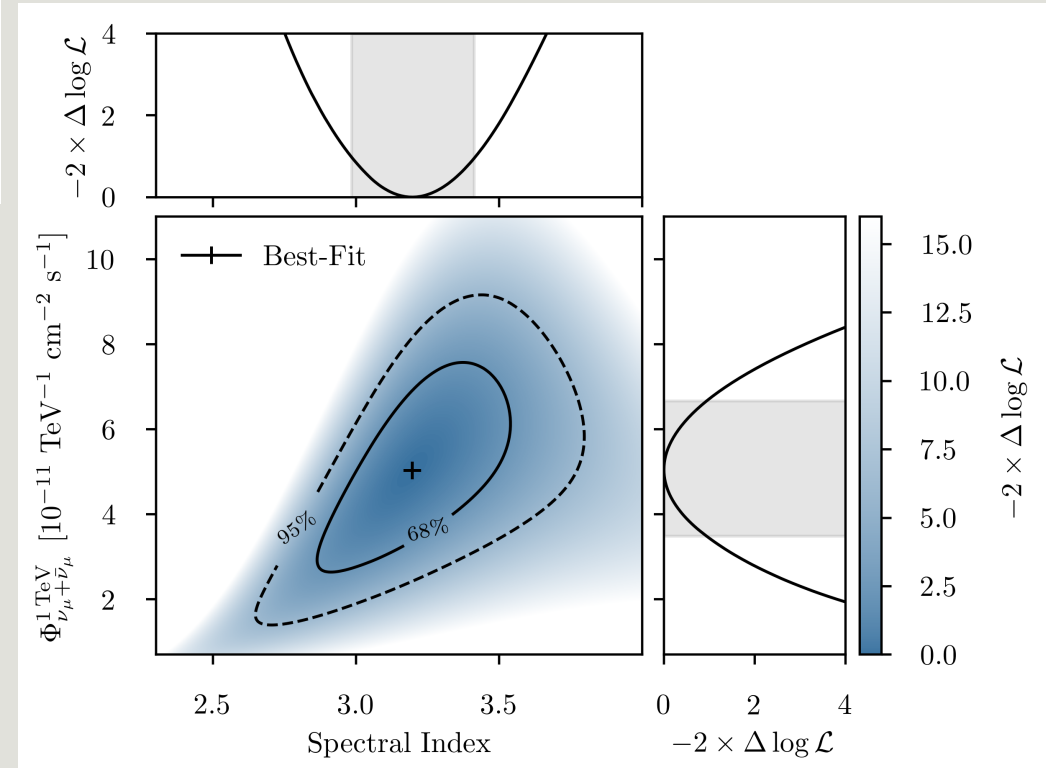
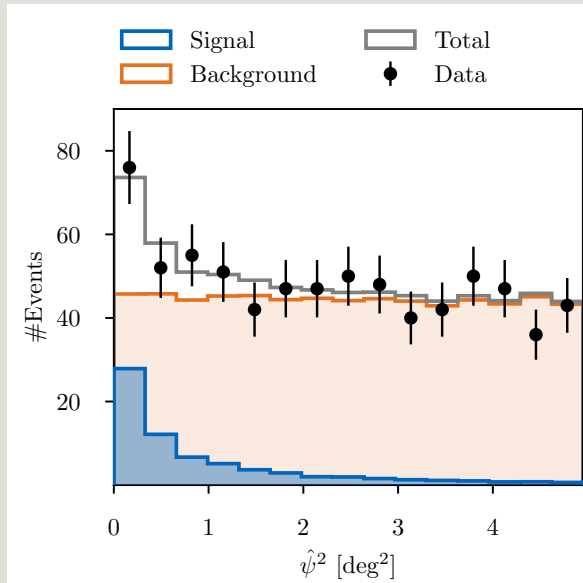
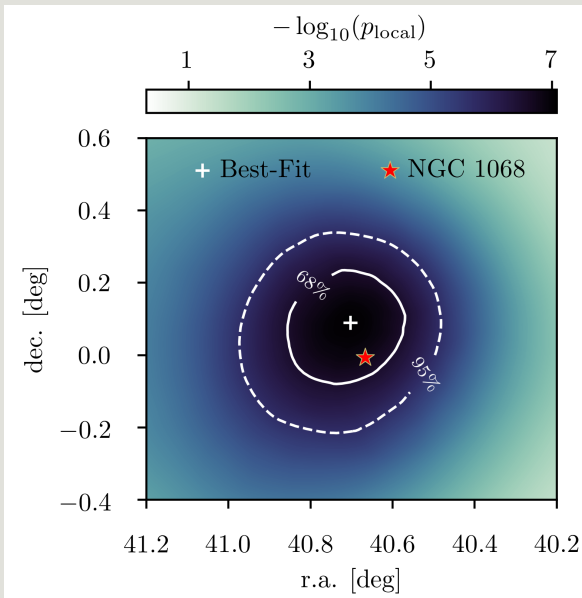


# NGC 1068

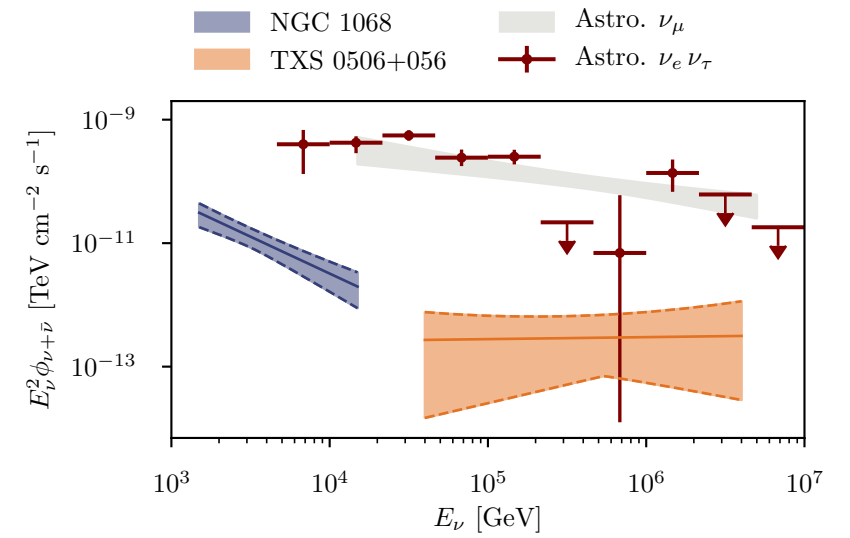
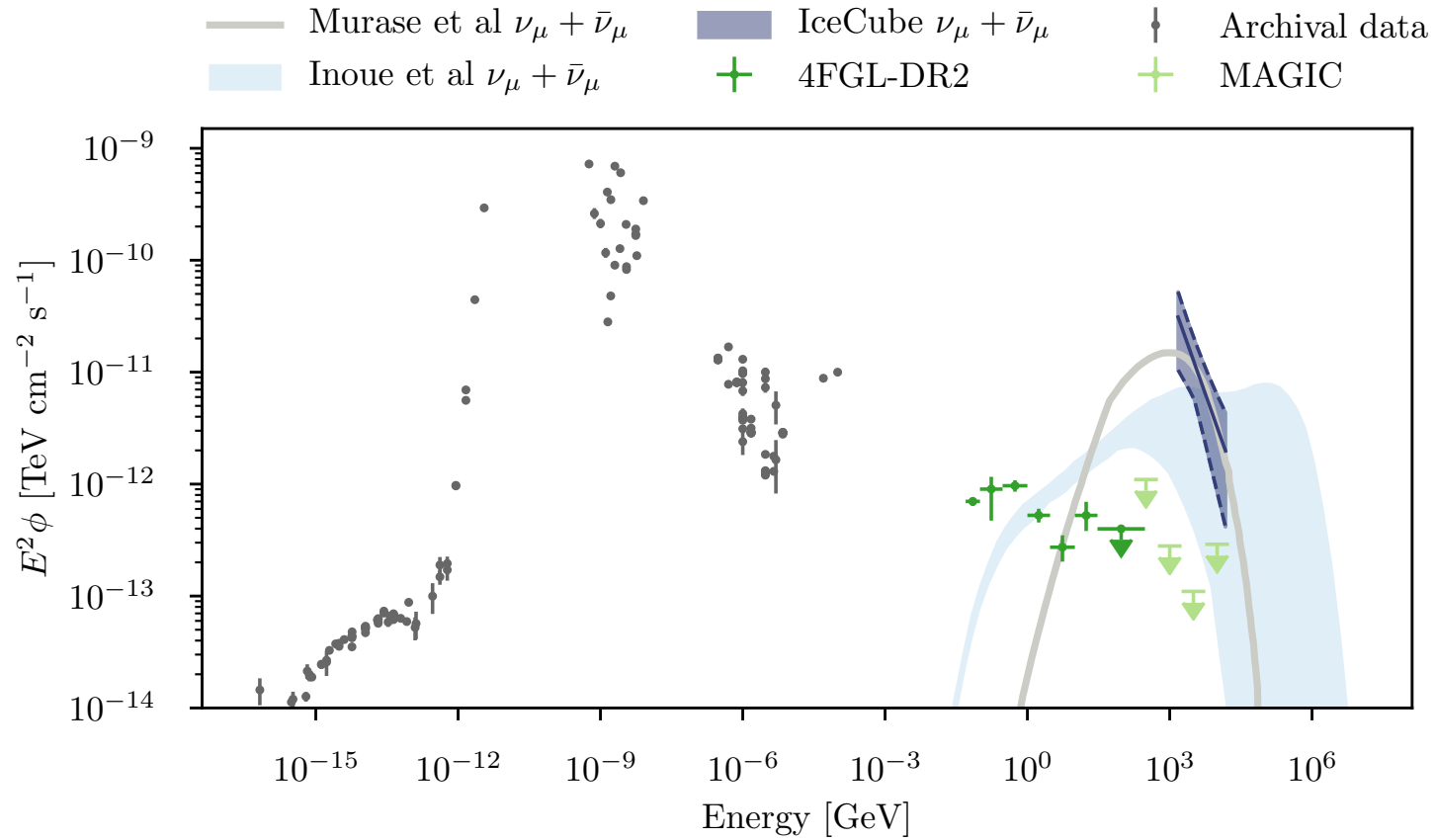


*Science* 378 (2022) 6619, 538-543

Trial factor reduced by looking only in the directions of 110 gamma ray sources



# Multimessenger phenomenology?

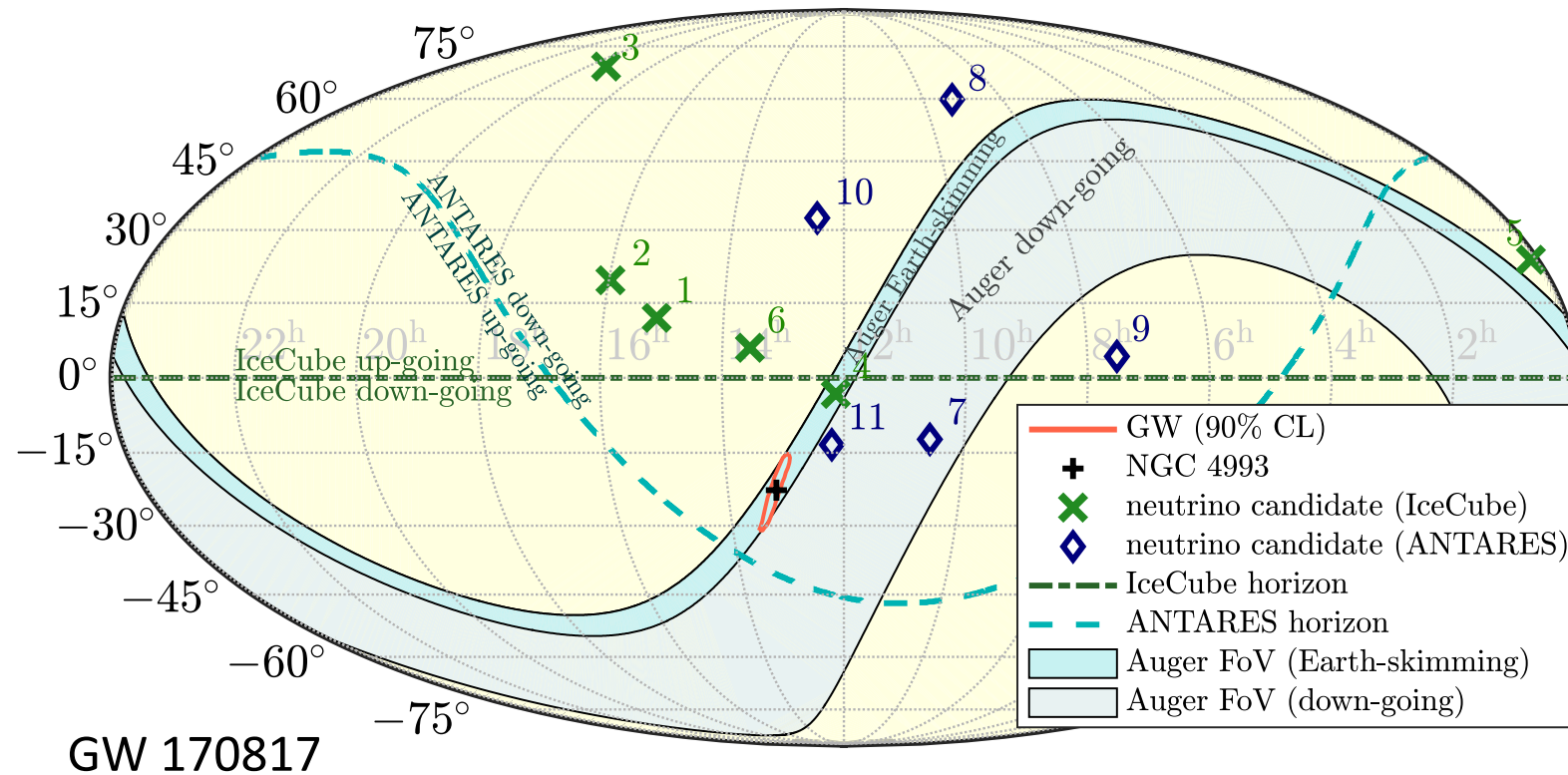


This field is ready to be disrupted



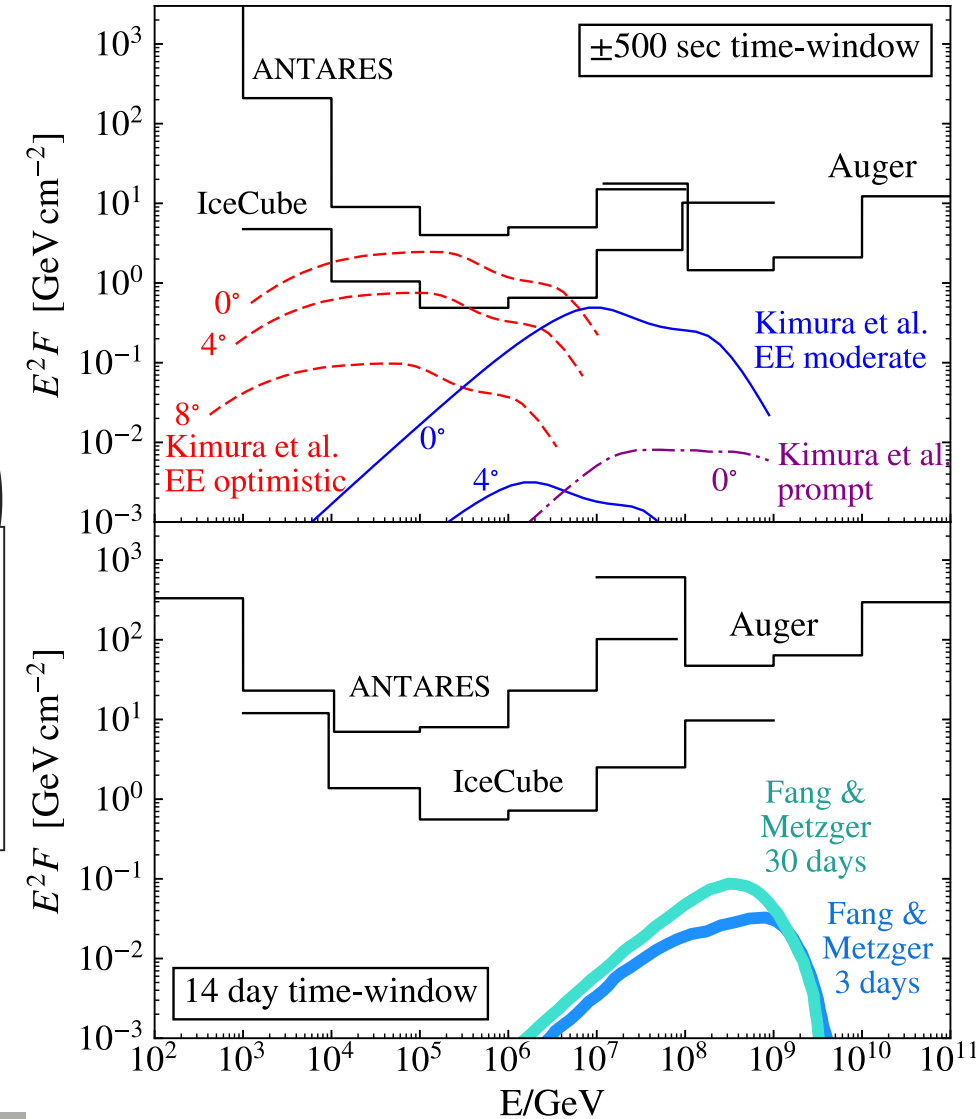
# Search for neutrinos in coincidence with gravitational waves

binary neutron star merger

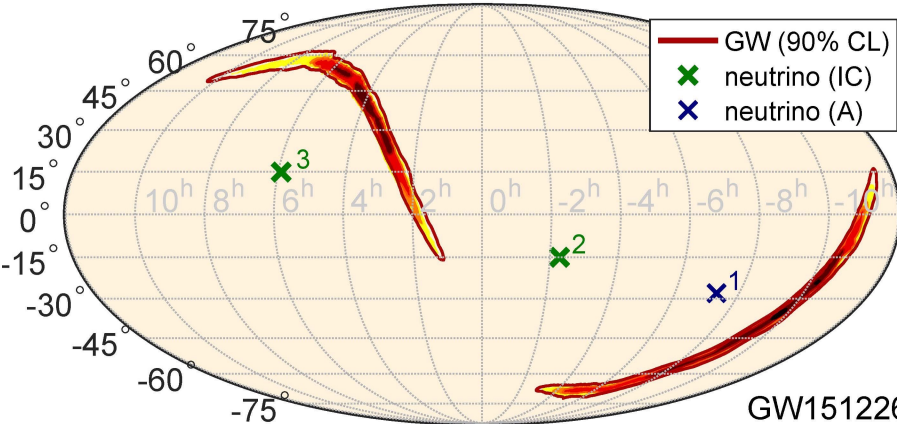
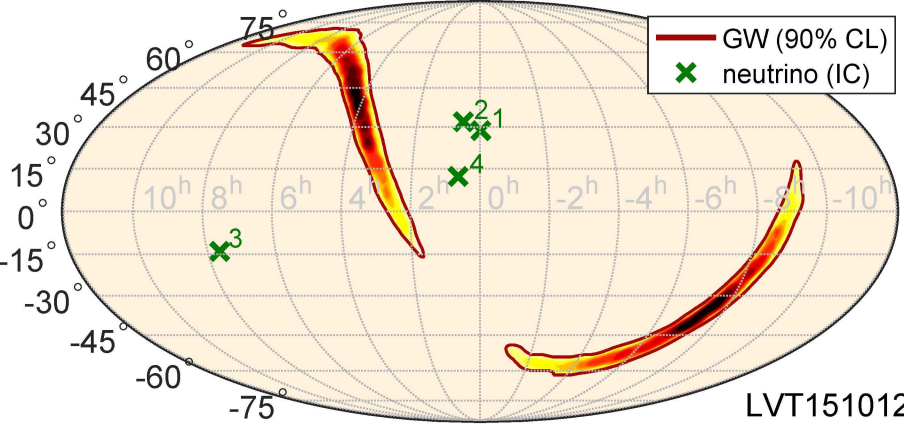
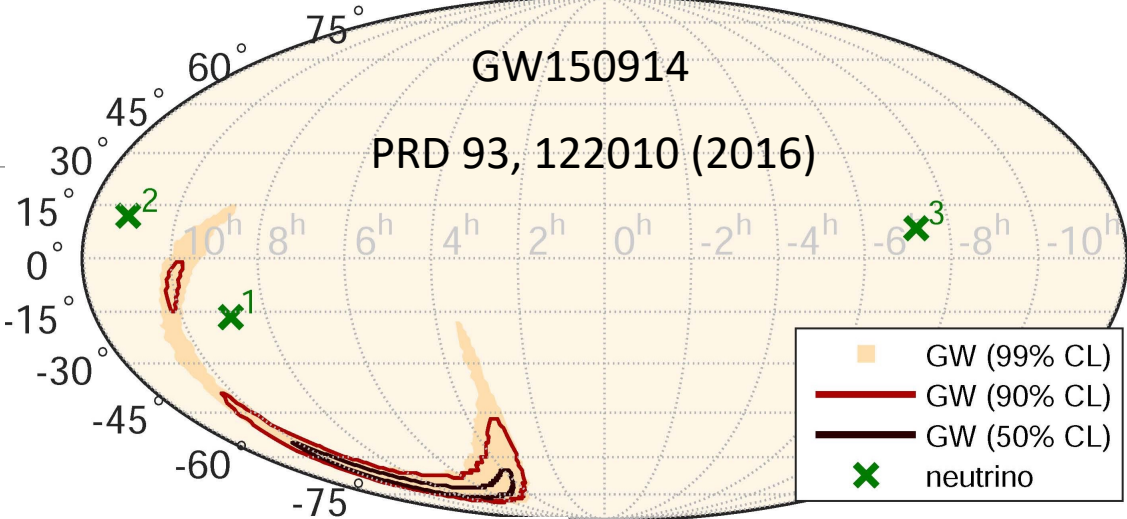


ANTARES, IceCube, Auger, LIGO/Virgo, ApJL 850:L35 (2017)  
+ null results from binary black hole merger neutrino searches

GW170817 Neutrino limits (fluence per flavor:  $\nu_x + \bar{\nu}_x$ )



# $\nu$ from GWs? (contd)



PRD 96, 022005 (2017)

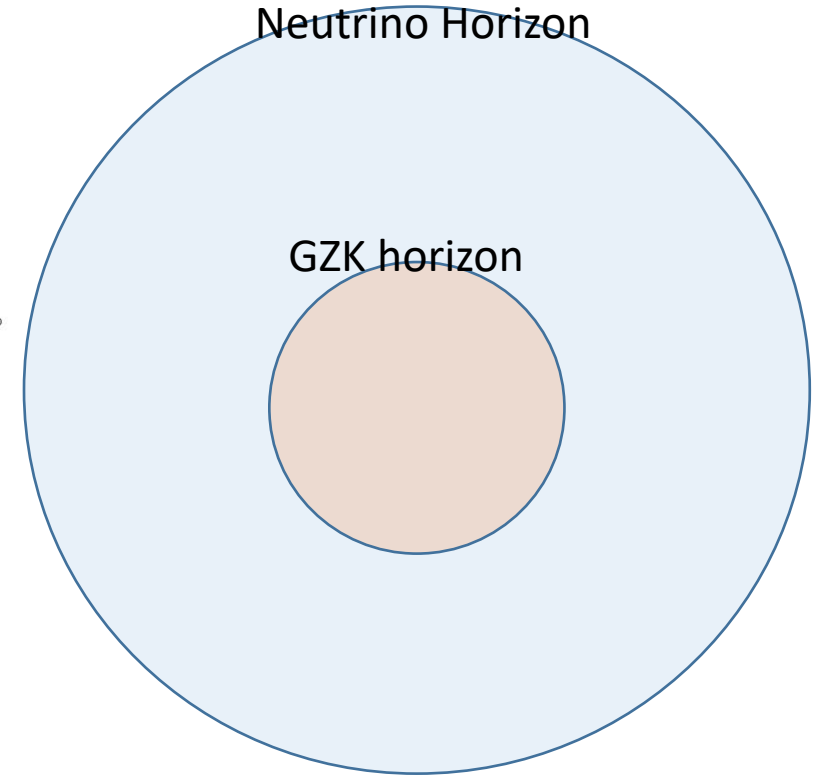
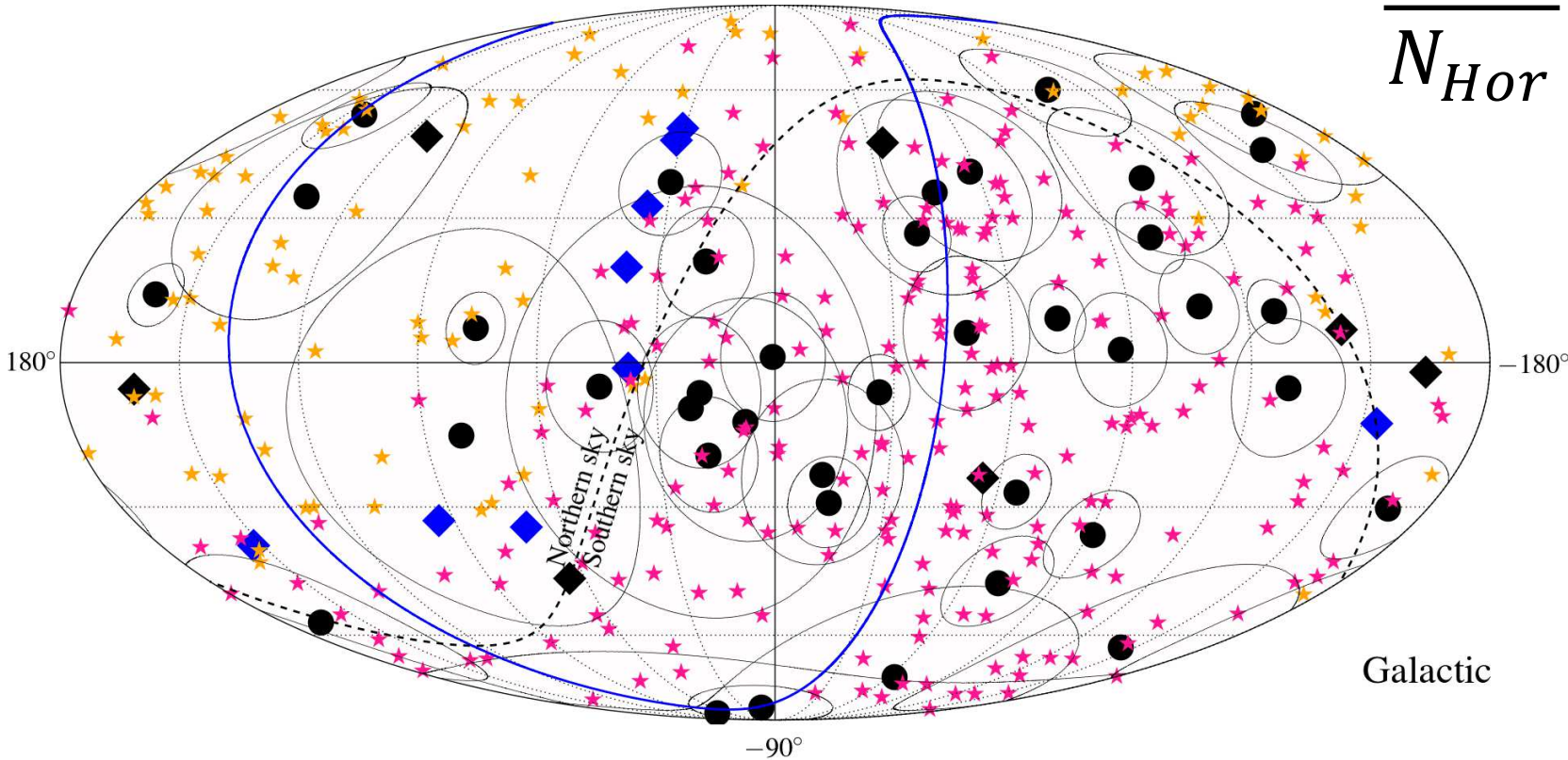
ANTARES, IceCube, LIGO/VIRGO



# Correlations with UHECR arrival directions?

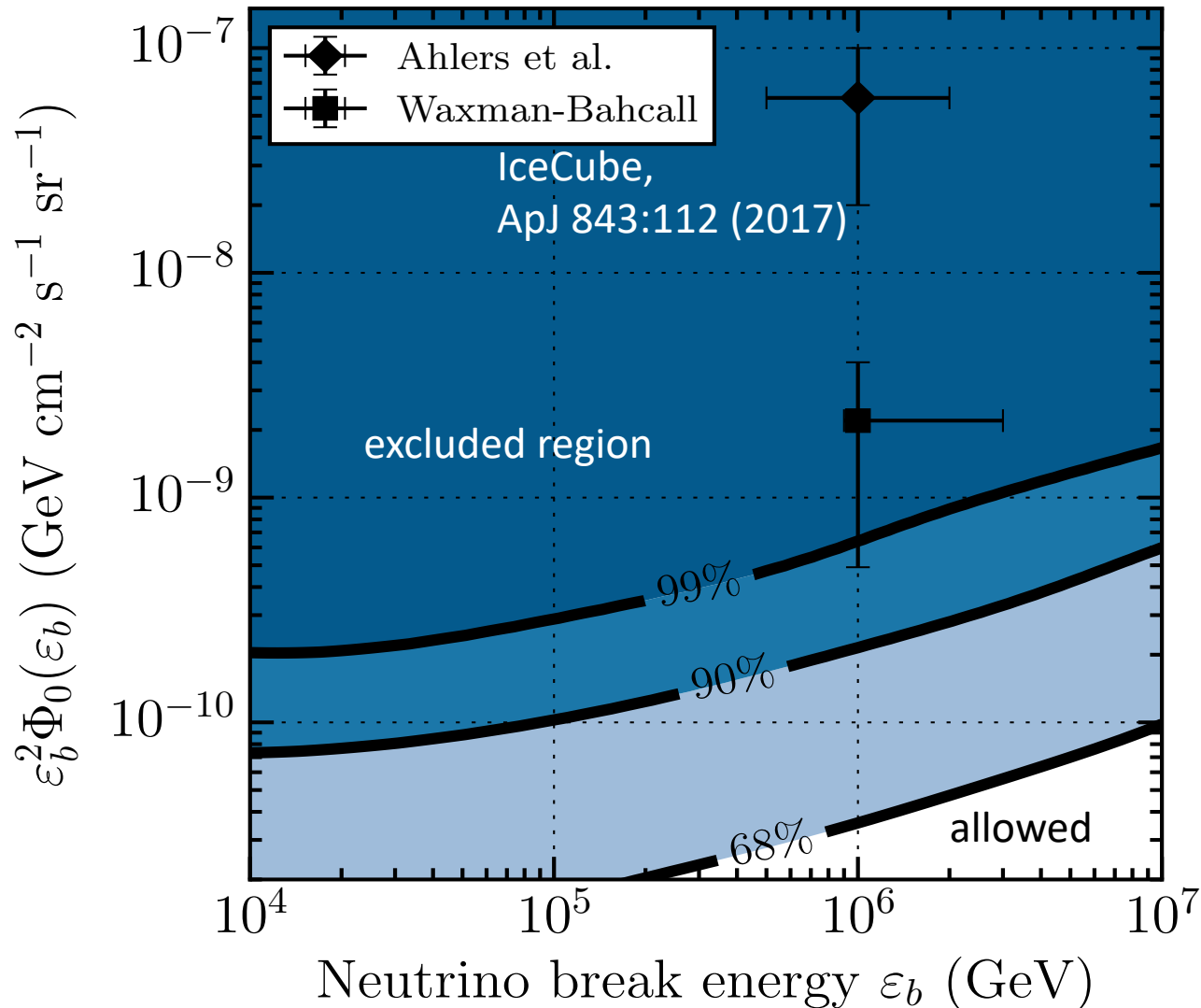
JCAP01(2016)037

$$\frac{N_{GZK}}{N_{Hor}} < 5\%$$



No statistically significant correlation.

# Correlations with GRBs?



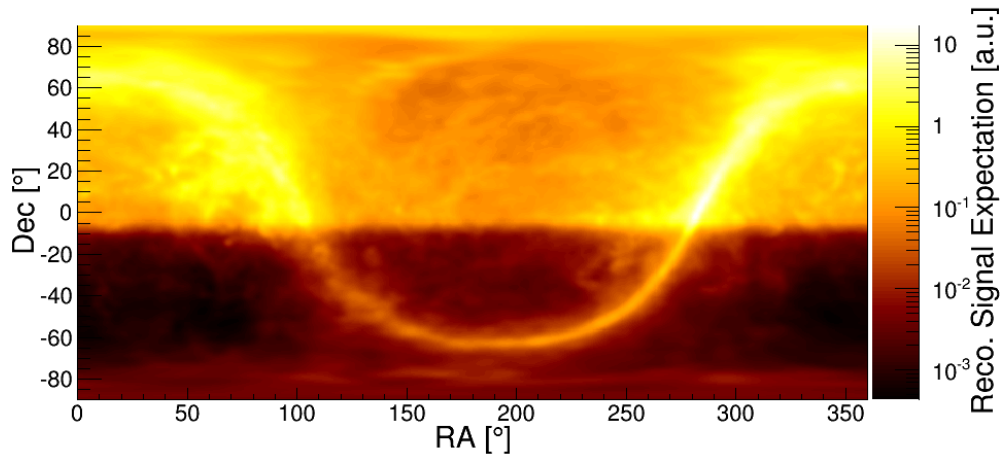
- No association with five years of muon neutrino track events
- Conclusion: <1% of astrophysical neutrino flux is produced by GRBs
- Non-detection rules out GRBs as the dominant source of UHE cosmic rays



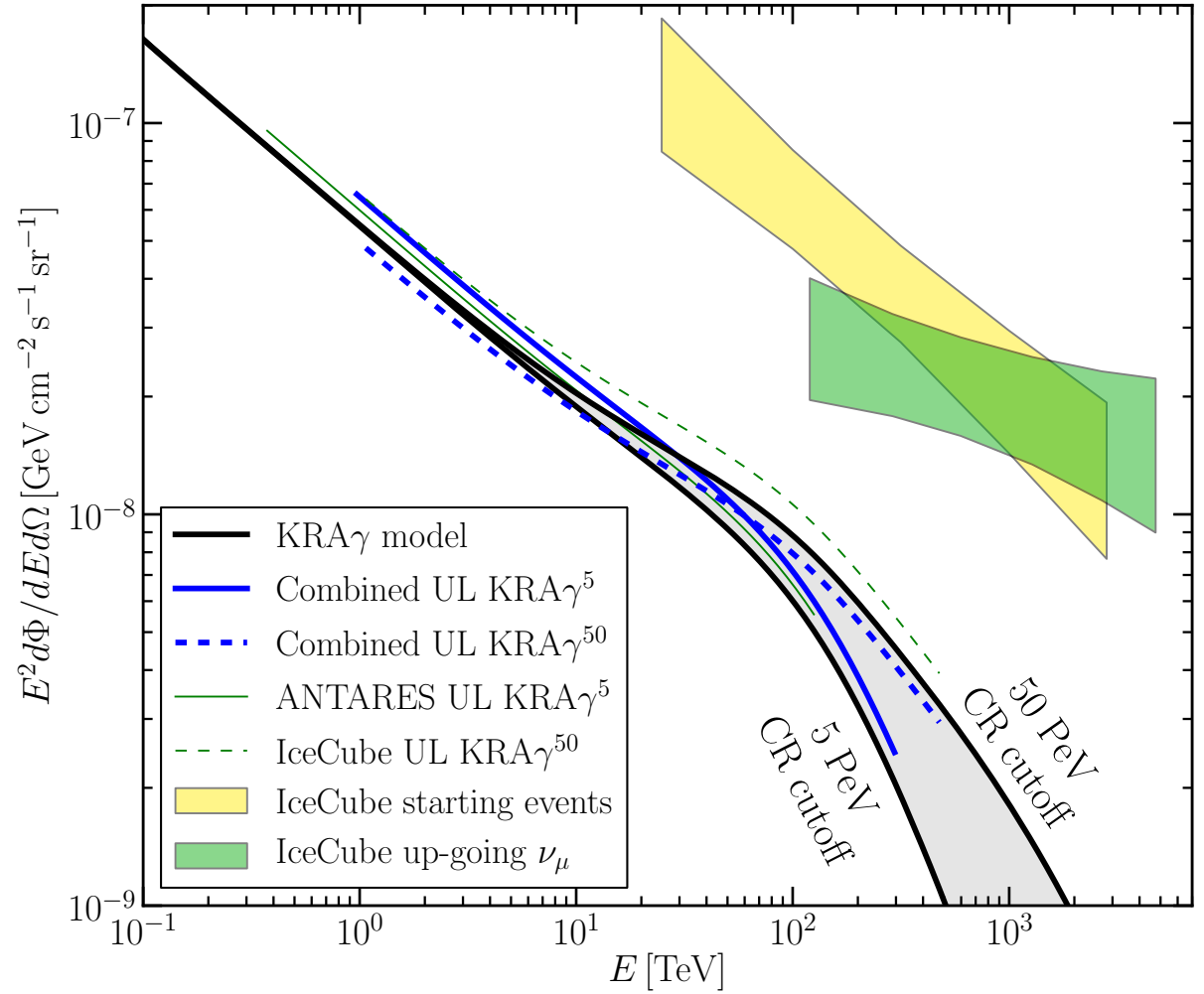
# A diffuse Galactic Component?

Realistic models are currently below the IC Sensitivity

*Astrophys.J.Lett.* 868 (2018) 2, L20



Diffuse spatial template from Fermi  $\pi^0$  map, combined with IC effective area and angular resolution



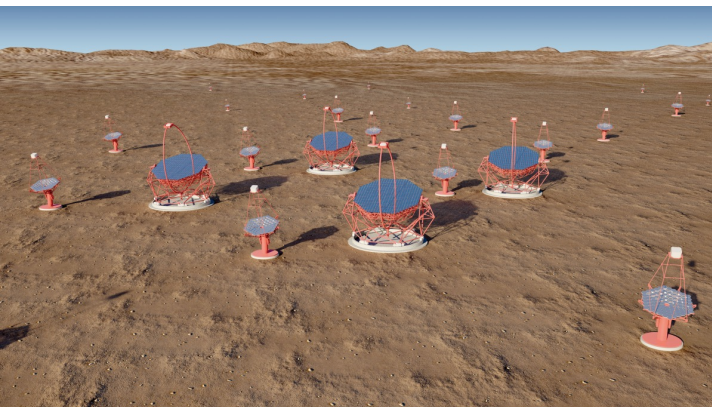
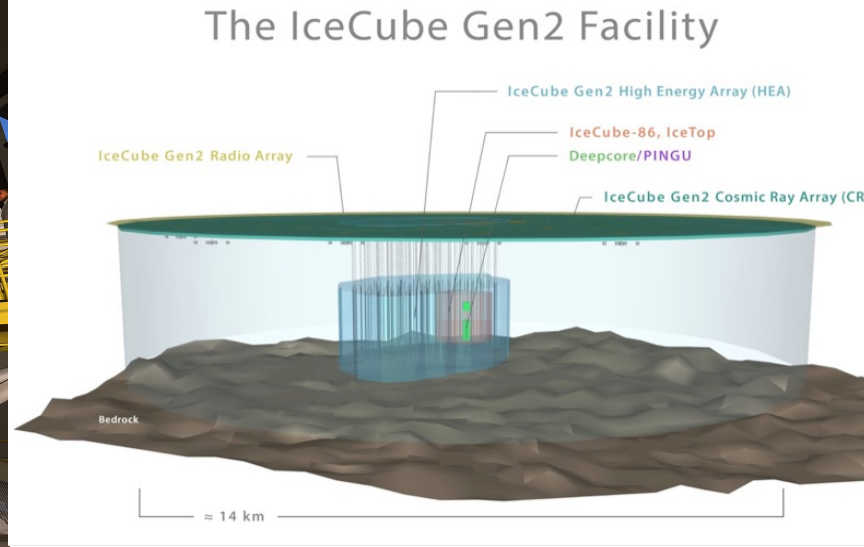
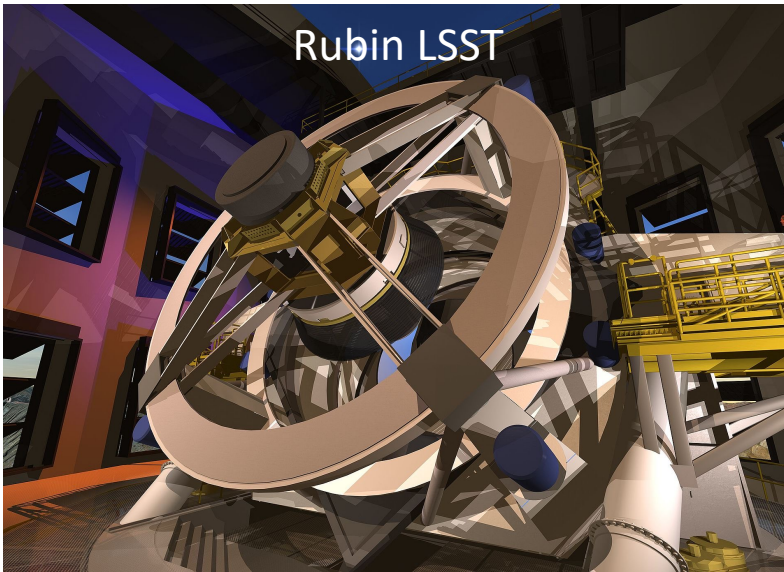
# The Future



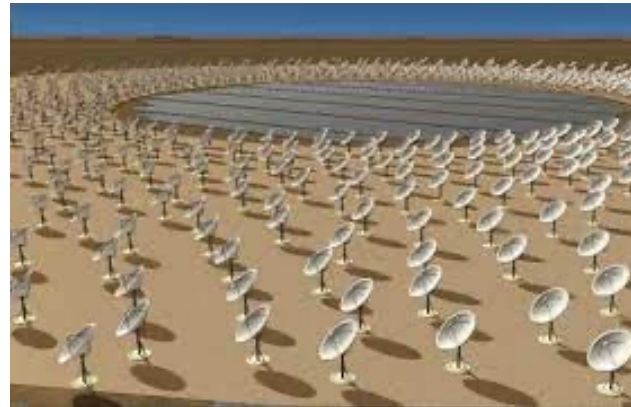
# Transient factories

- GRBs
- SNe
- Neutrinos
- Gravitational waves
- FRBs
- Optical transients

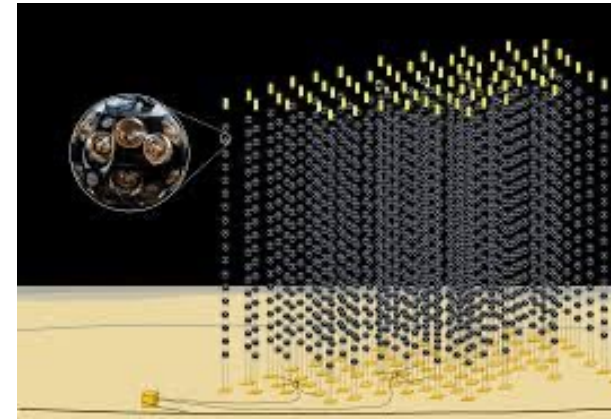
We are about to be overwhelmed by data.  
Great opportunity for citizen science and outreach



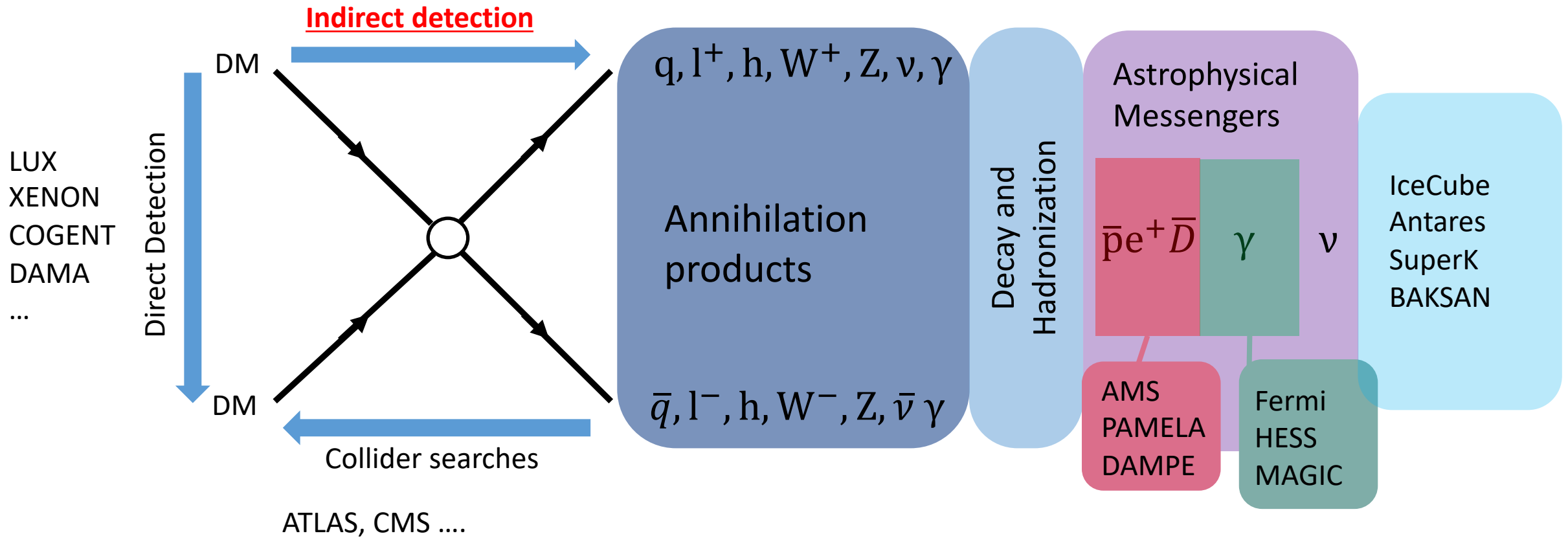
CTA



SKA



# Credible DM Detection *\*will need\** multiple messengers



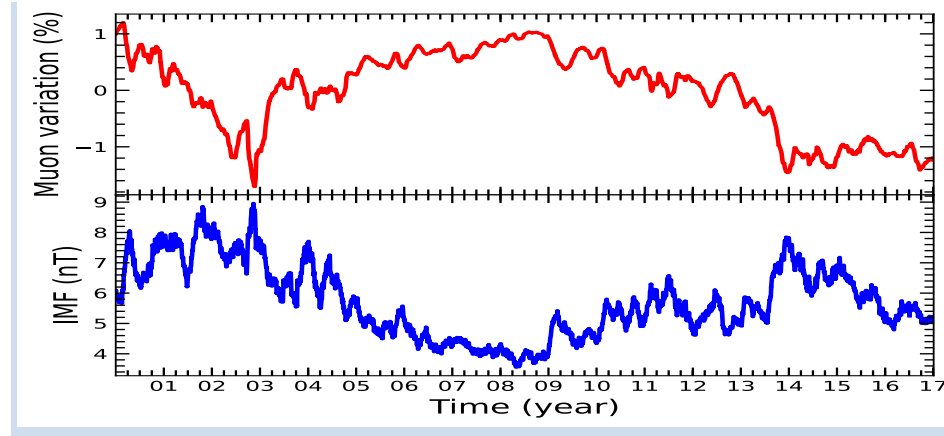
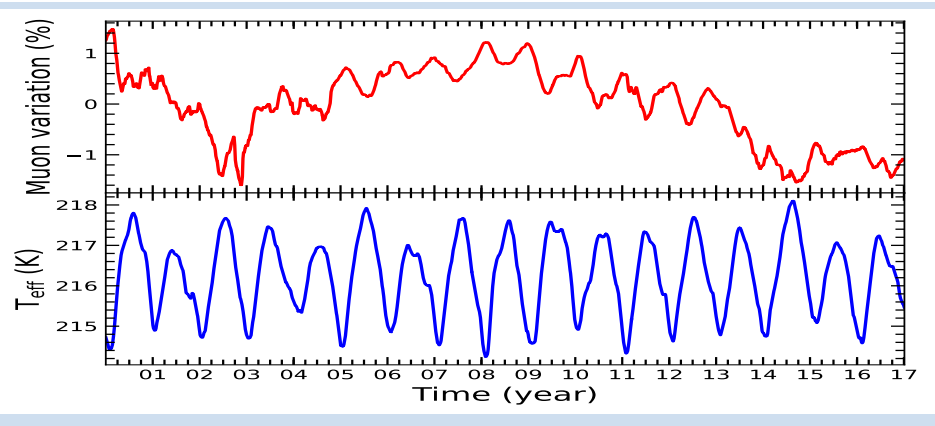
DM      annihilation rate  $\propto \rho^2$   
           decay rate         $\propto \rho$

Fermi Galactic Centre Excess,  
 AMS  $e^+/e^-$  excess etc inconclusive  
 Also DAMA, Cogent modulations

# What can we expect?

Surprising correlations, falsification of assumptions – keep an open mind

## Short term



Posted-4 512

Developing atmospheric CR secondaries and in situ measurements of the IMF into an input for Earth-climate models

## Long term

Galactic diffuse neutrinos? More confidence in our understanding of CR acceleration and diffusion models

## Long shot

Quantum gravity – neutrino flavour ratio from a multimessenger source

*Anchordoqui et. al. Phys.Rev.D 72 (2005) 065019*



# Conclusions

- Neutrinos and Gravitational waves are two astronomical messengers that have come of age in the last decade.
- Neutrinos – Diffuse flux, two high energy sources with EM counterparts
- GWs – 23 above 5 sigma
- Multimessenger phenomenology is nascent and needs fresh ideas
- Upcoming transient factories – great opportunity for citizen science and outreach

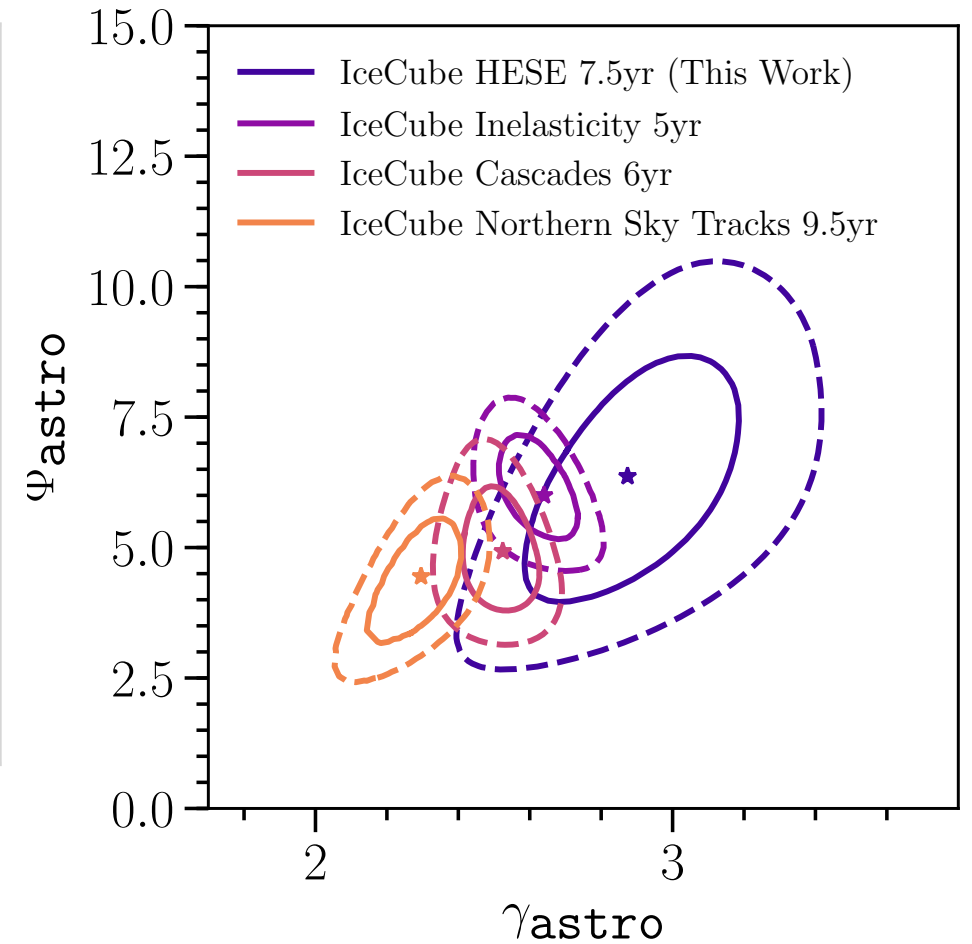
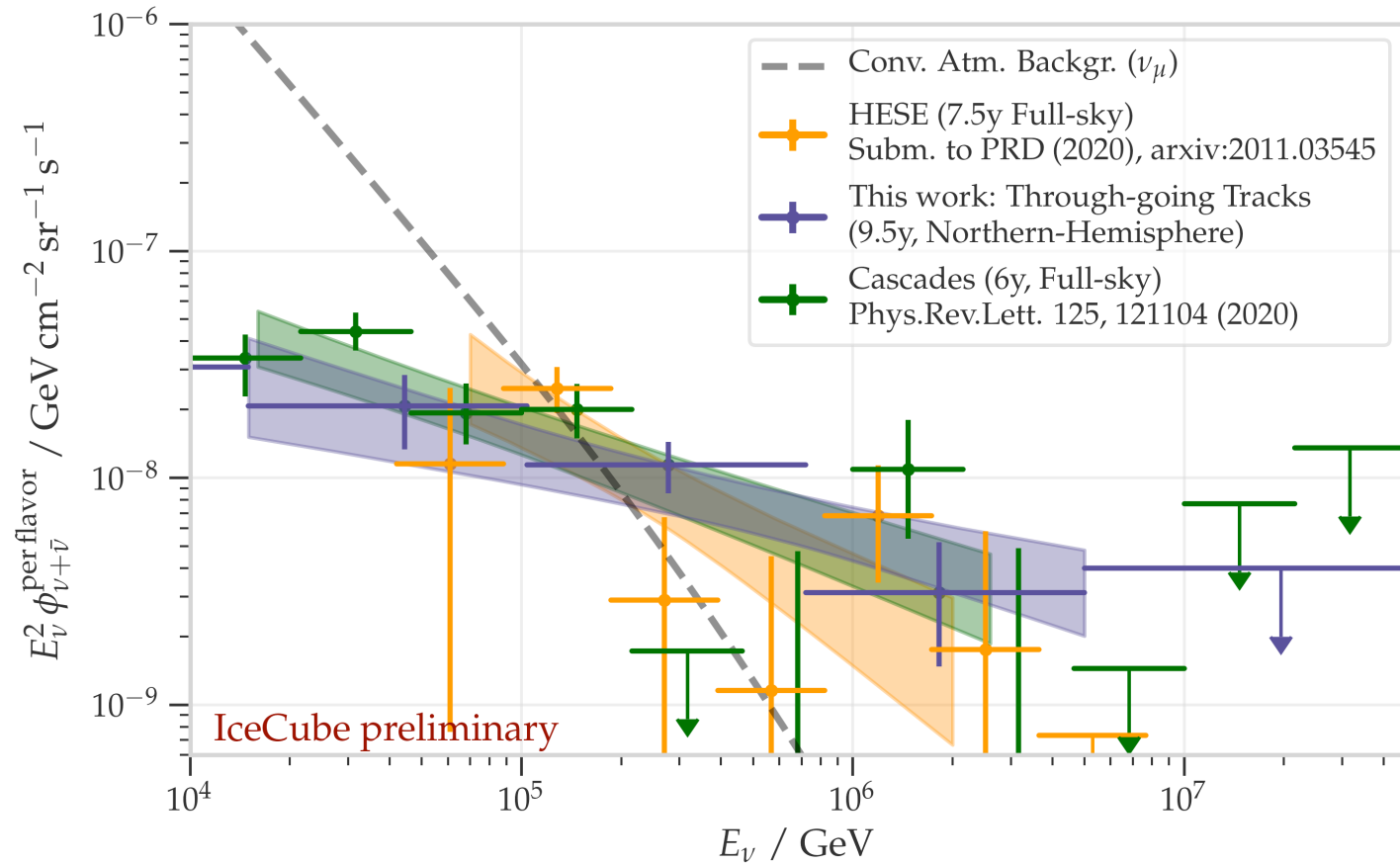
**A revolution may be around the corner**

# Backup





# Diffuse flux also discovered in other channels

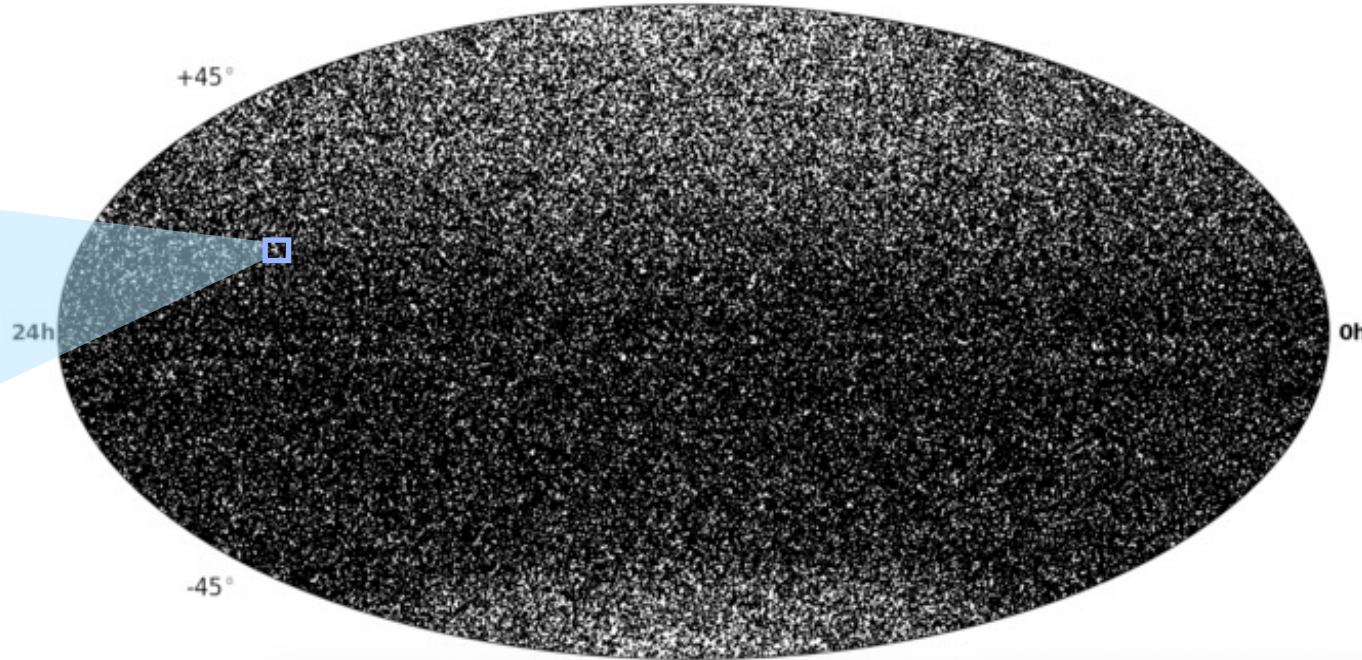
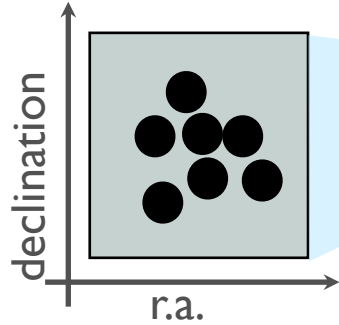


# The IceCube Point Source samples of events

No Veto

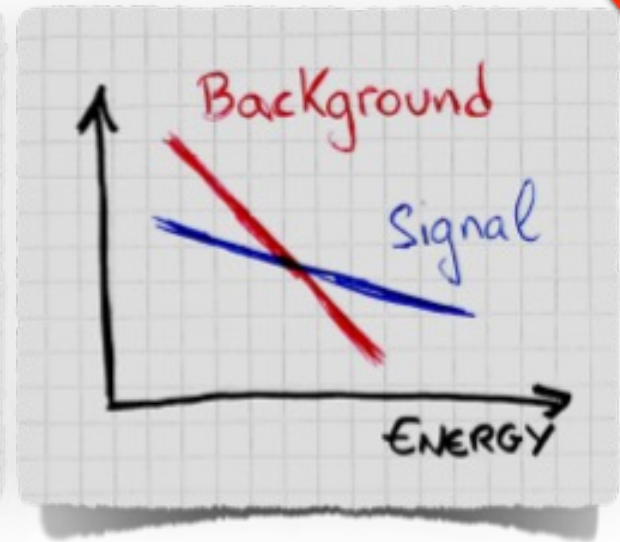
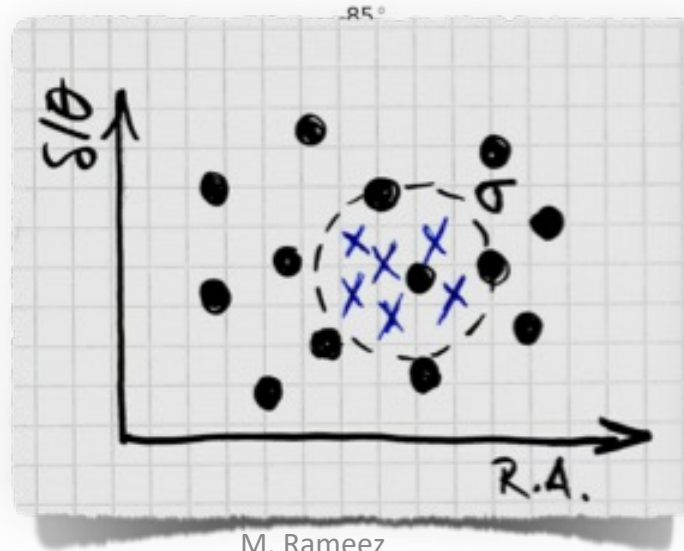
Lower Energy Threshold

Tracks



Atm. muons  $\uparrow$   
Atm. neutrinos  $\downarrow$

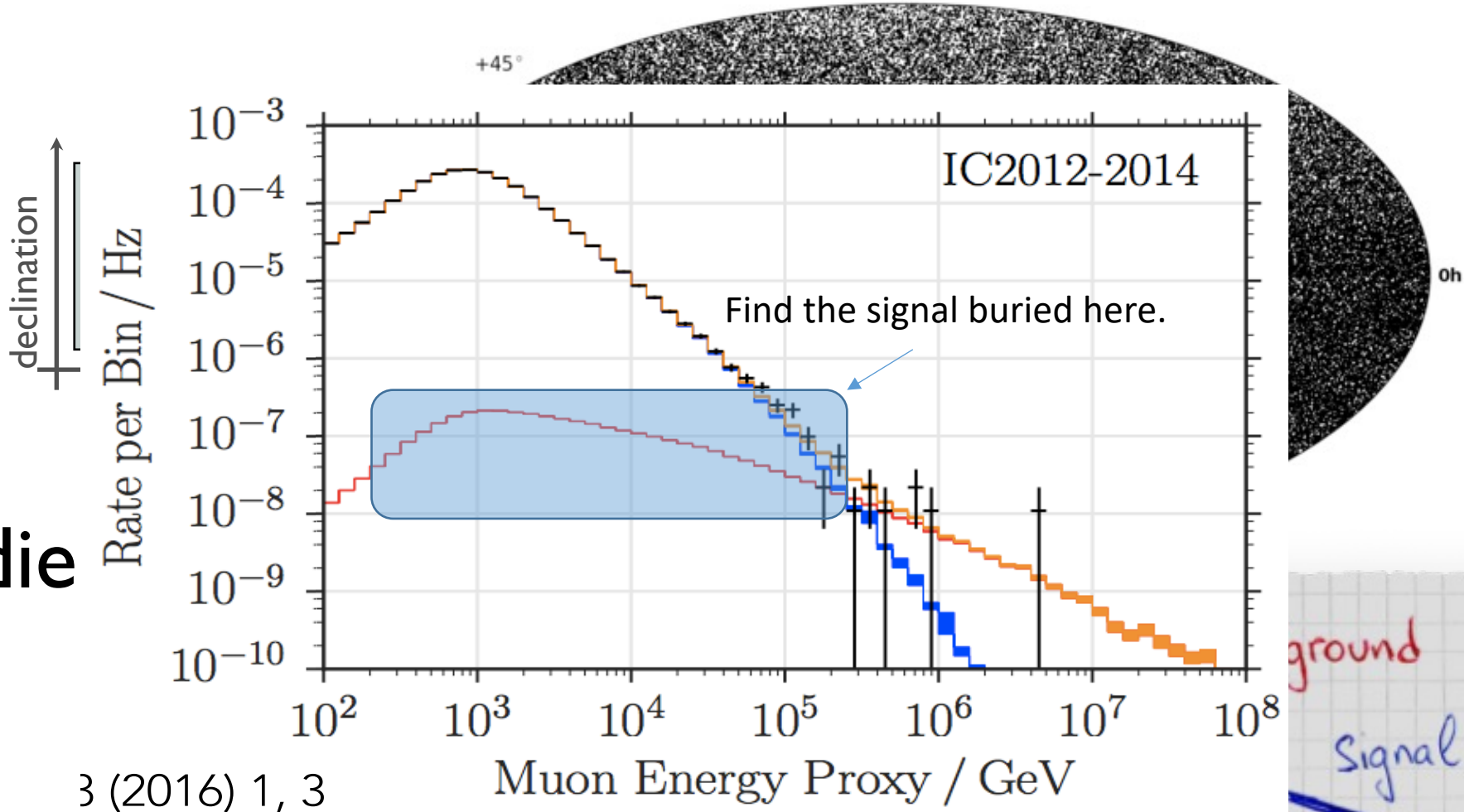
## Ingredients:



# The IceCube Point Source samples of events

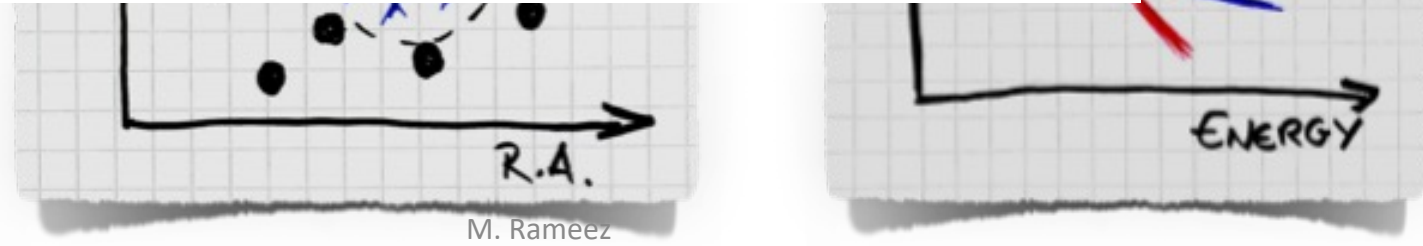
No Veto  
 Lower Energy Threshold  
 Tracks

Ingredient



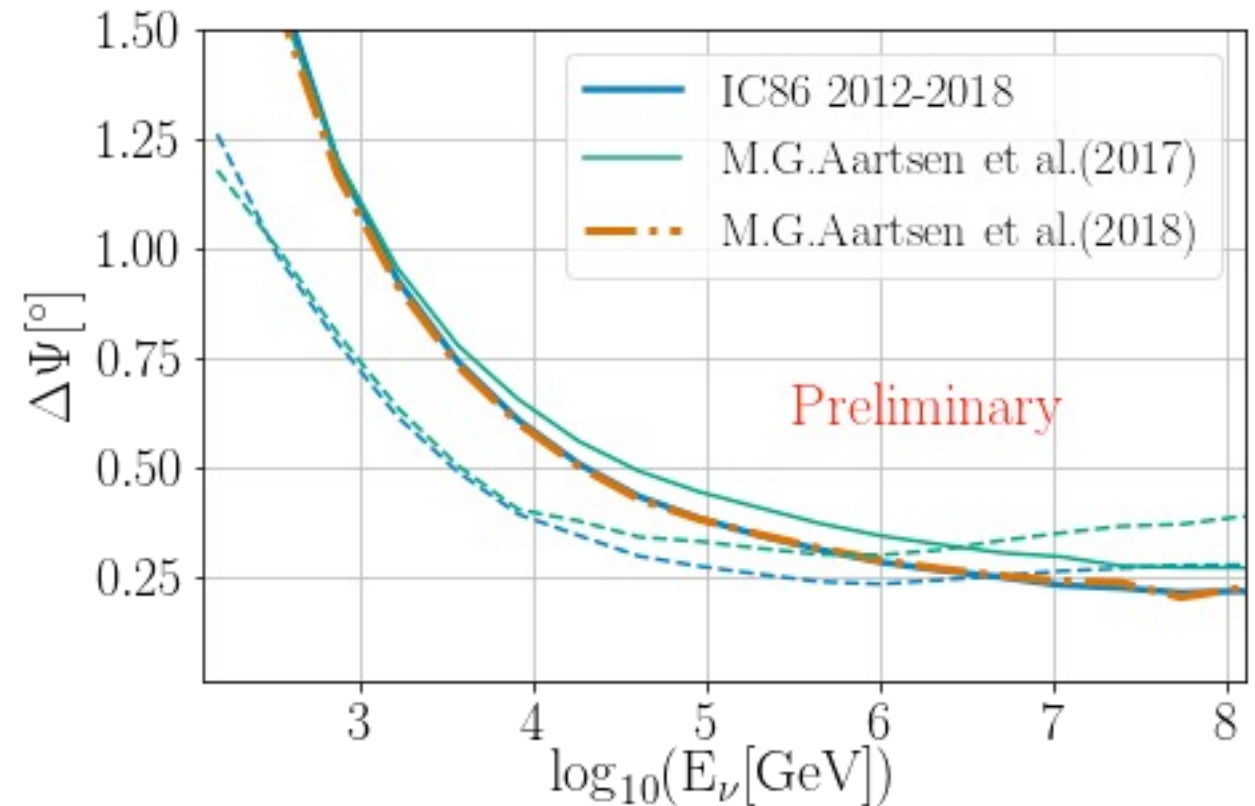
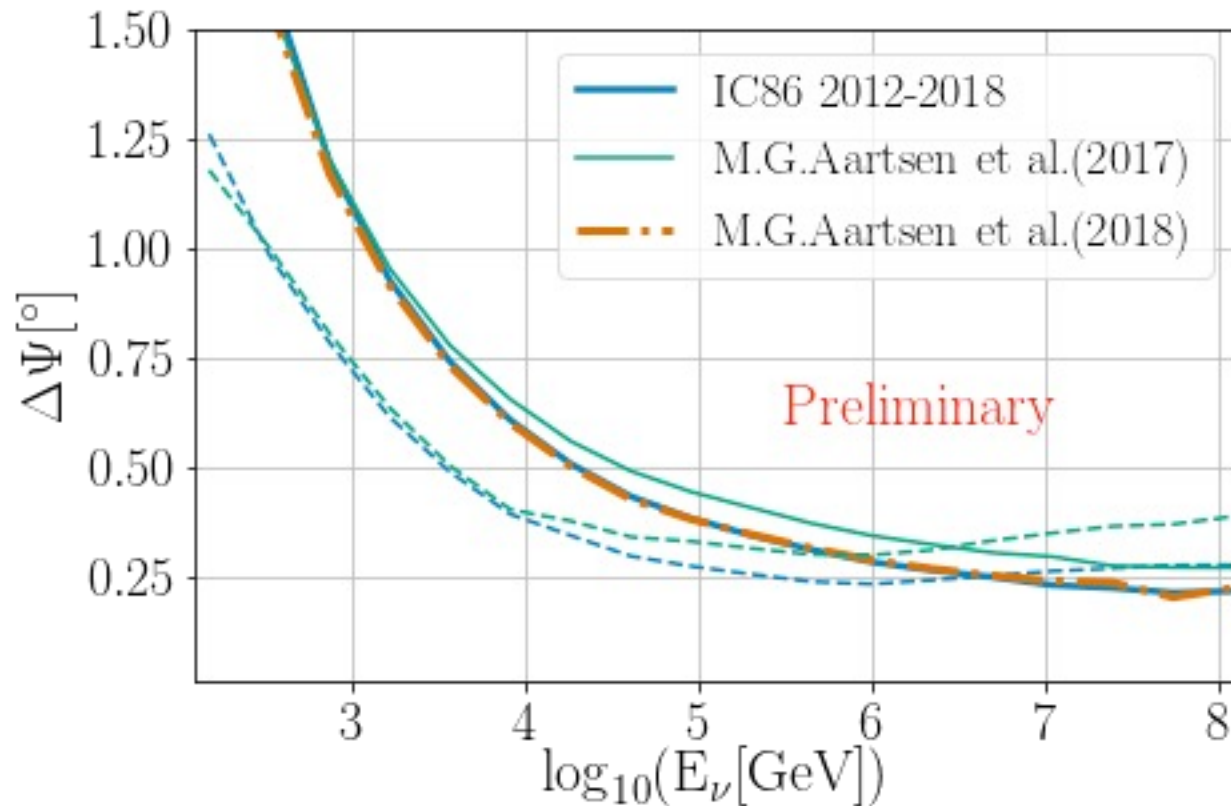
3 (2016) 1, 3

Atm. muons  
 Atm. neutrinos





# The IceCube Point Source samples of events

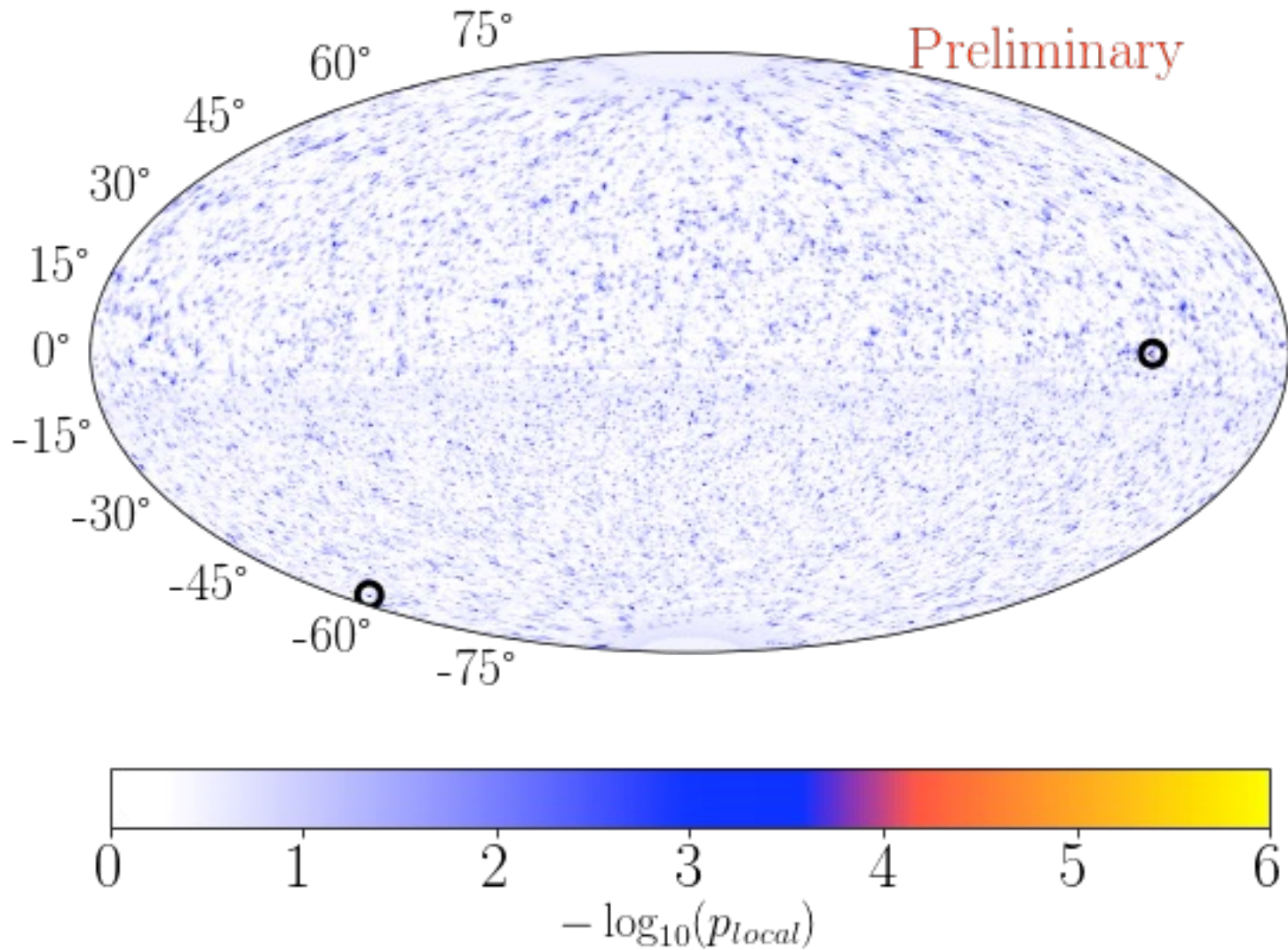


~600000 tracks, from IC40, 59, 79 and 86 (7 years of IceCube)

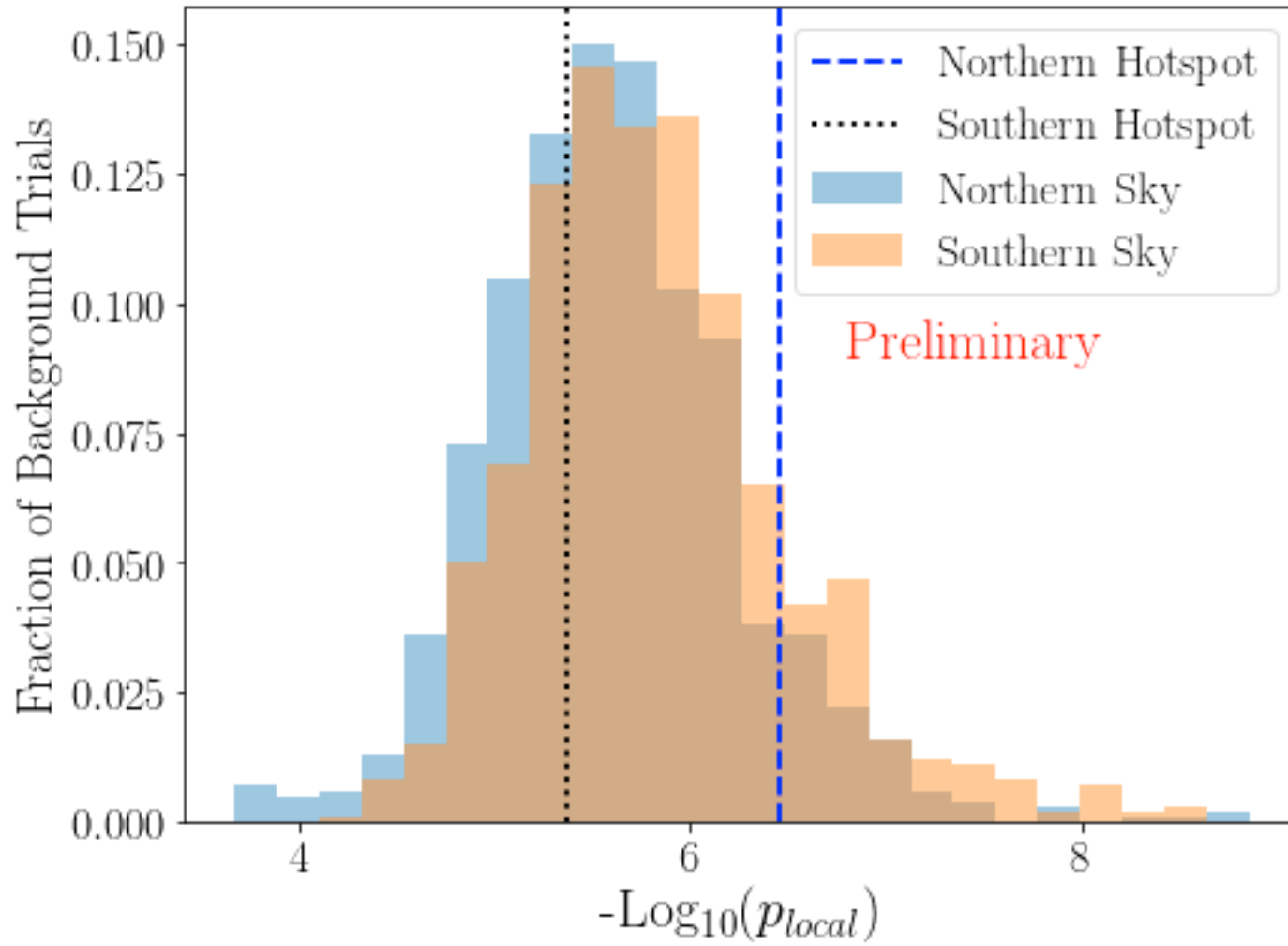
Northern sky:  $\mu$  from  $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$  CC interactions

Southern sky: Atmospheric  $\mu$

# All sky point source searches - 10 years



# All sky point source searches



Northern sky p value :  $10^{-6.45}$   
Southern sky p value :  $10^{-5.37}$

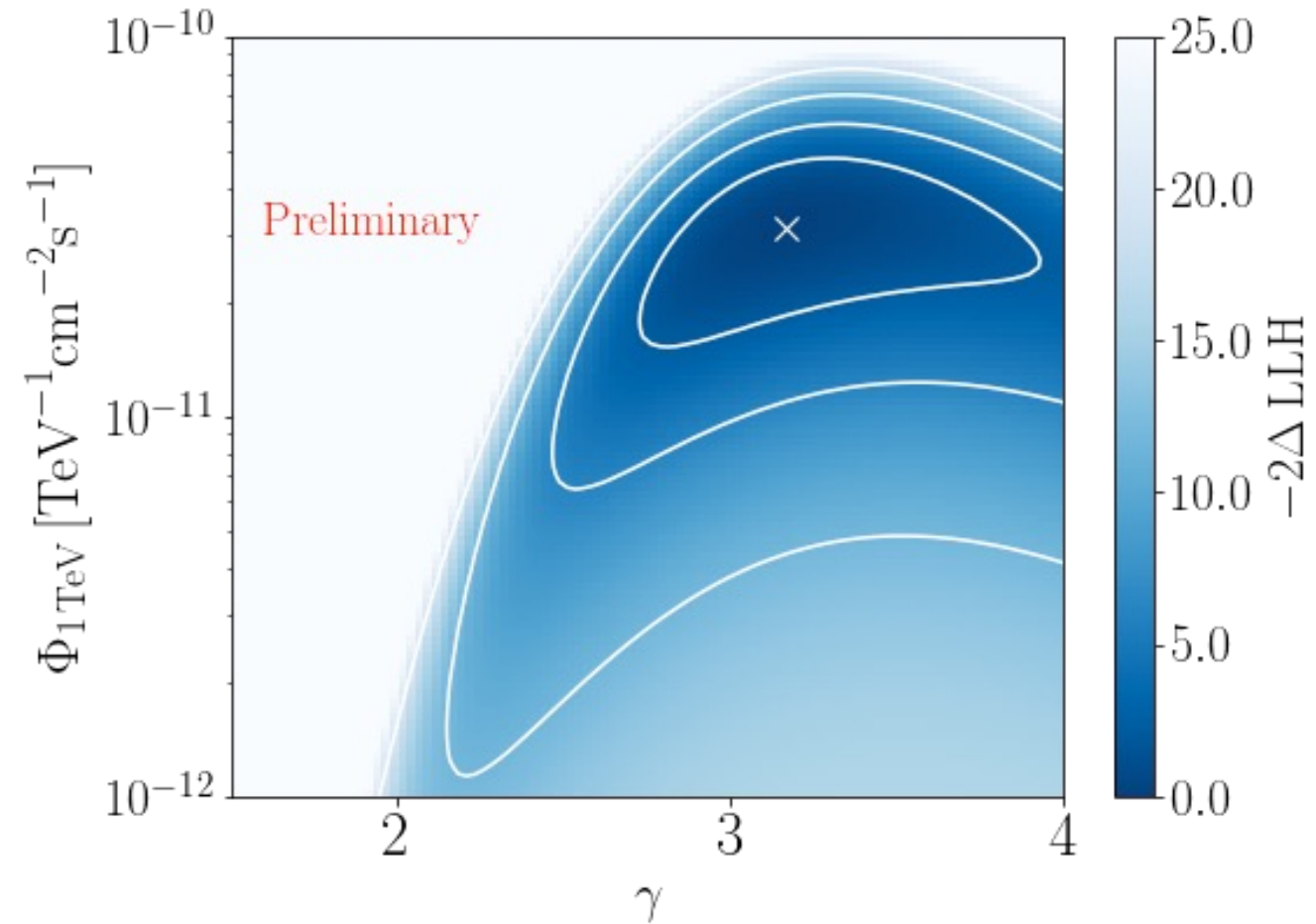
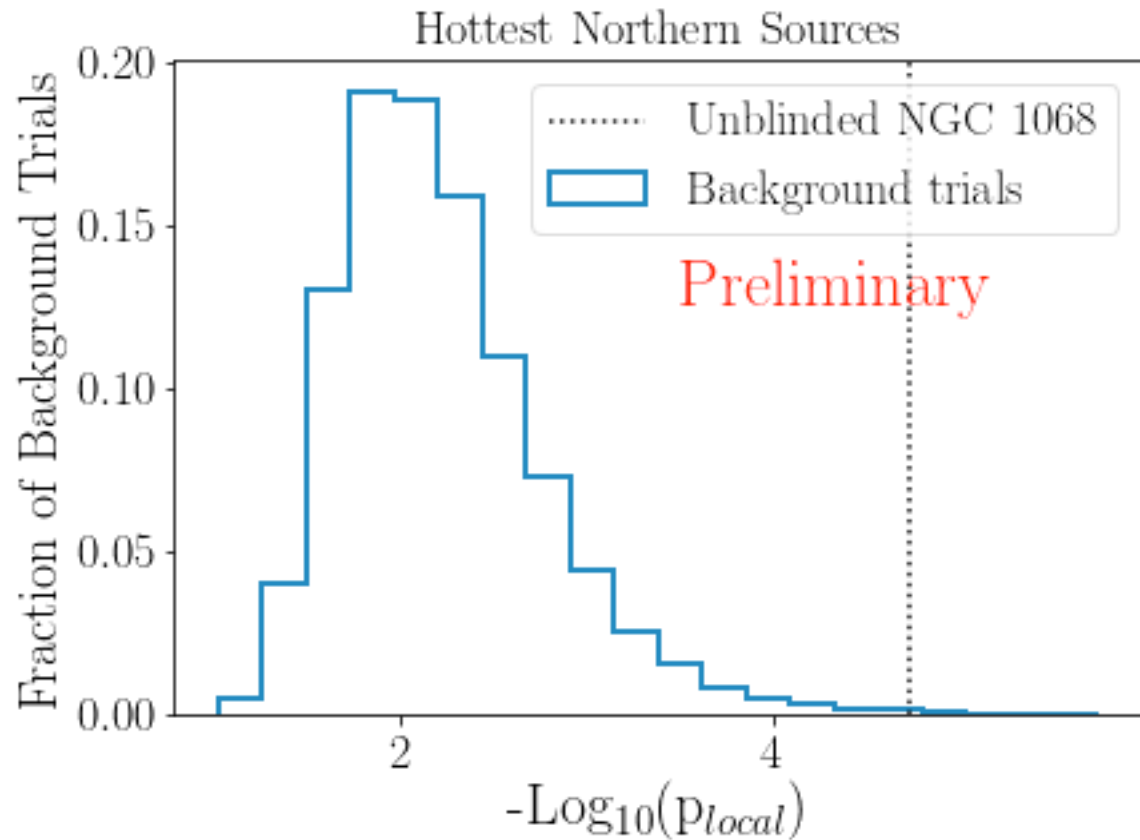
Post trials, p values of 0.099 and 0.75 respectively.

No statistically significant excess!

Compatible with the background only hypothesis.

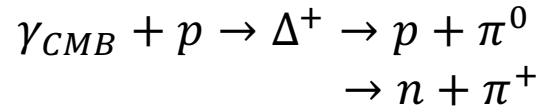


# NGC 1068 as a candidate source (from a Catalogue search)



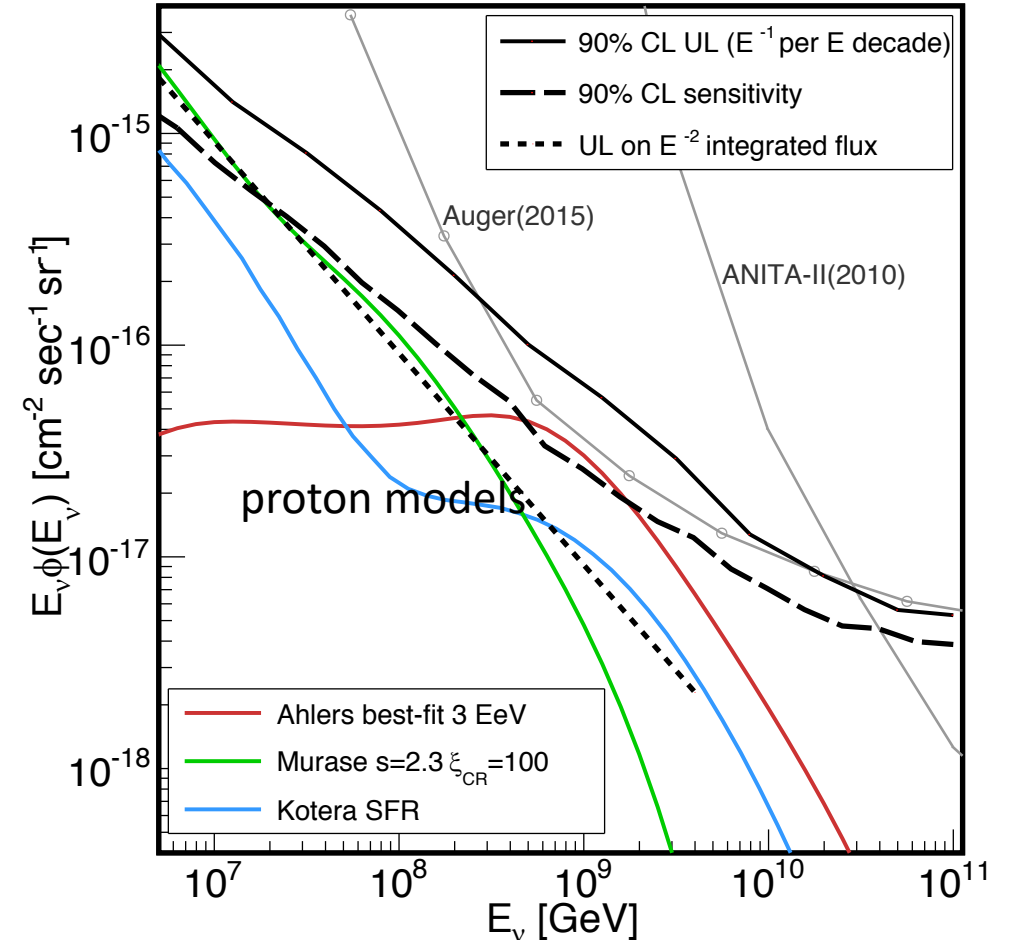
Only 2.9 sigma, accounting for trials.

# Cosmogenic (GZK) Neutrinos?

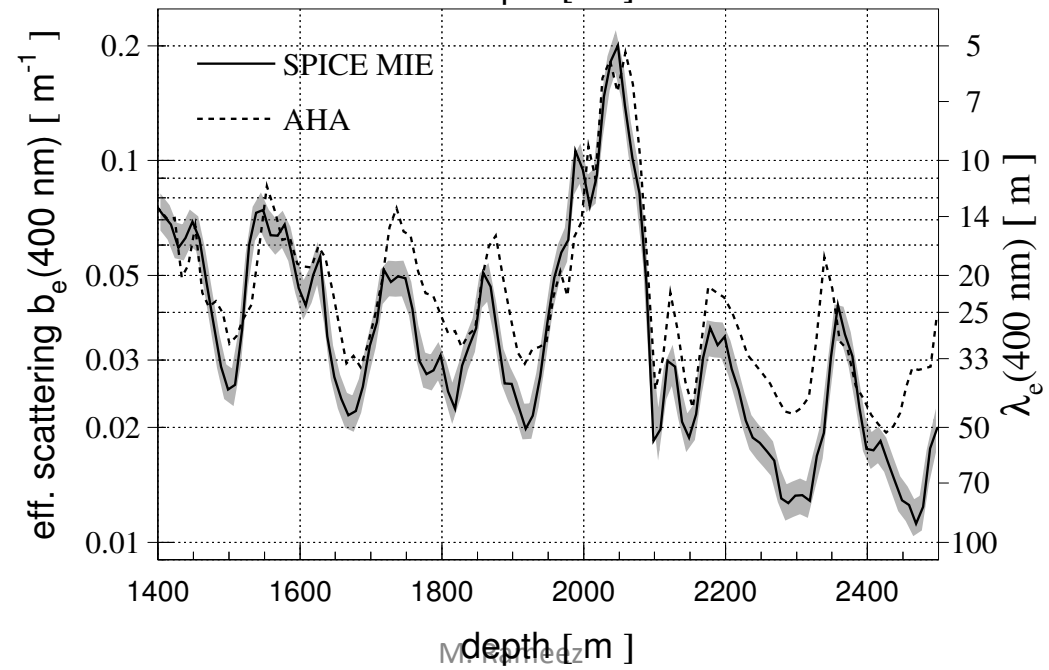
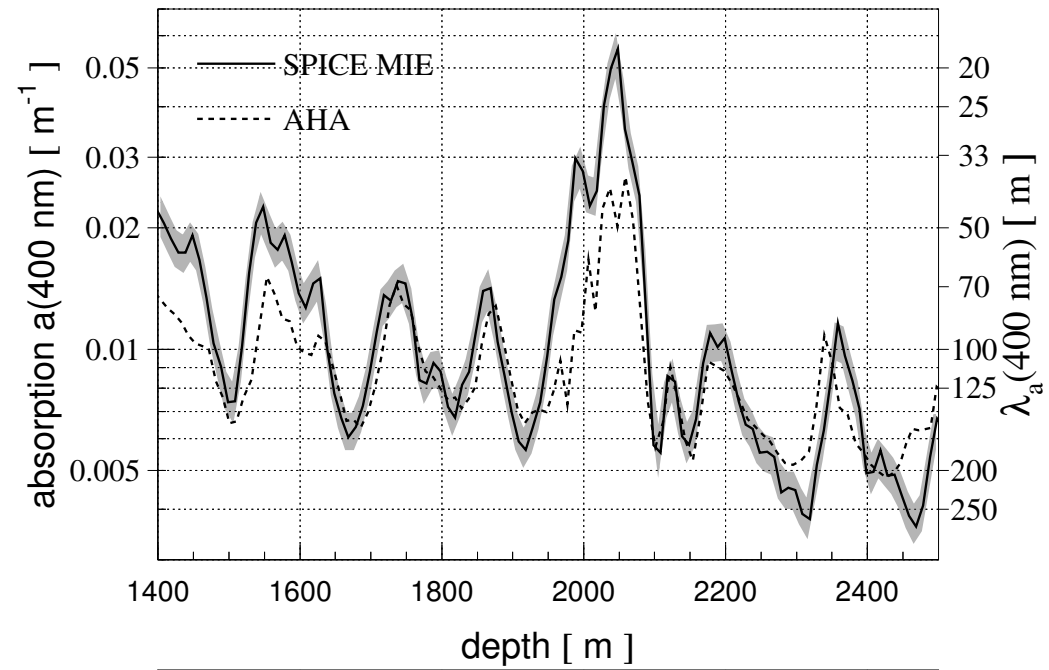


No detection in 6 years of data

Favours heavier composition for UHECRs



IceCube, PRL 117, 241101 (2016)





# Supernova Remnants (SNRs) and other Galactic Sources?

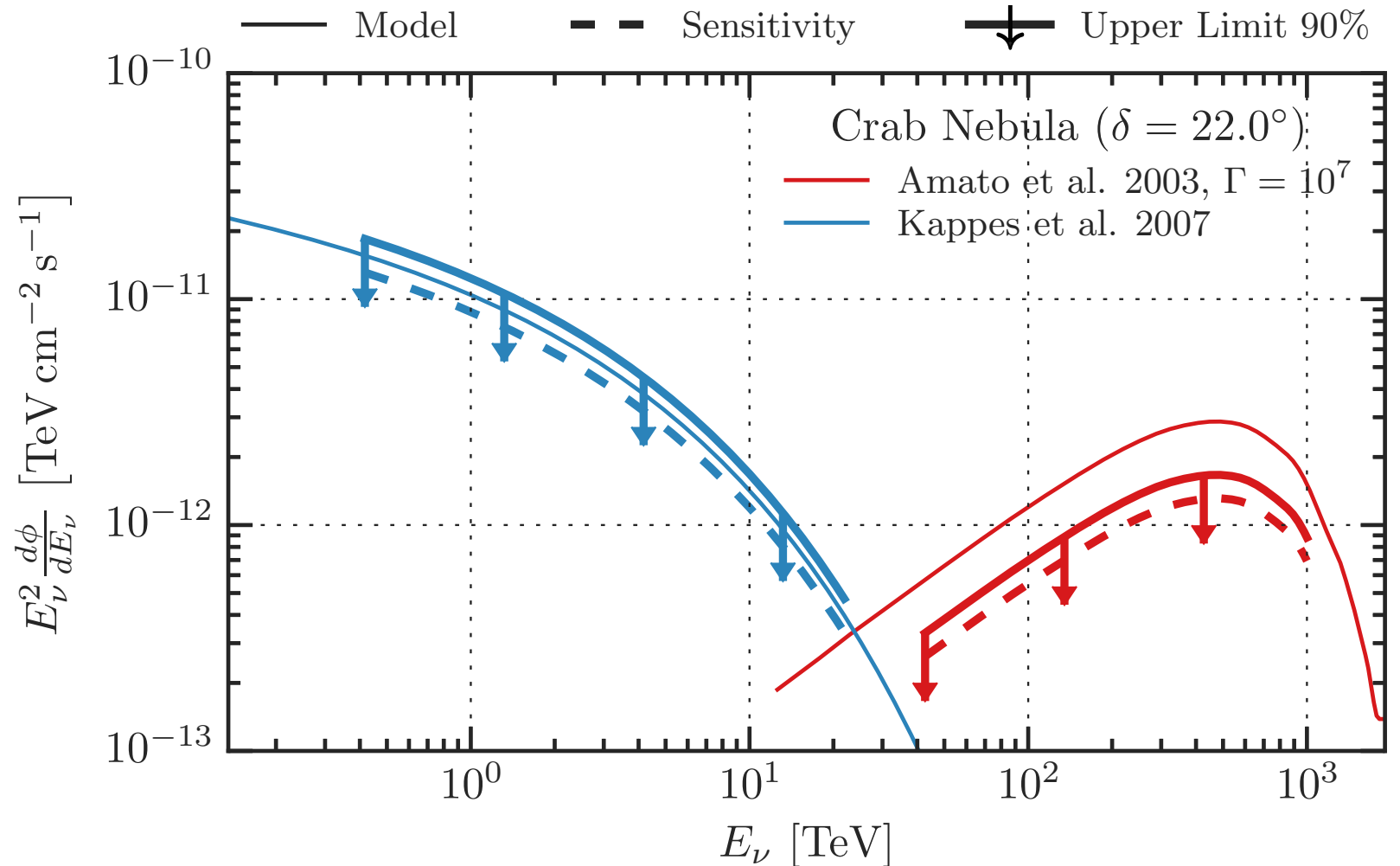
Astrophys.J. 835 (2017) no.2, 151

Supernovae – energy budget of Galactic CRs

Individual and Stacking searches for neutrinos from Galactic SNRs

Young SNRs and PWNe from SNRCat, HAWC hotspots

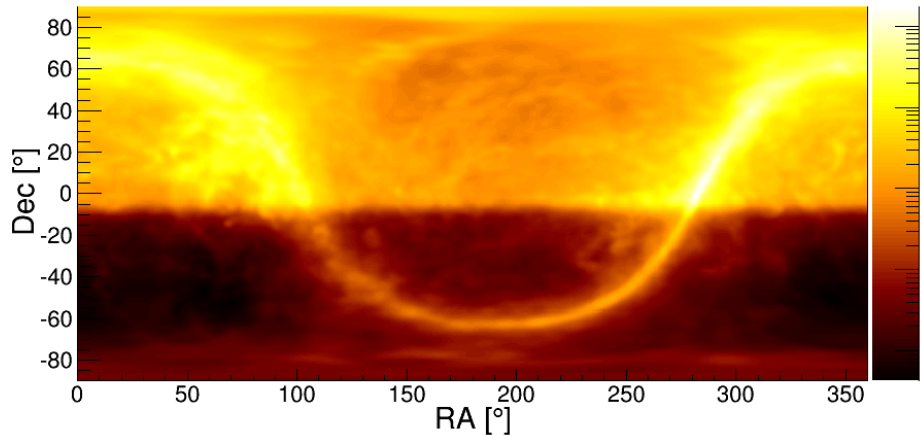
No significant excess.  
Optimistic models are being excluded



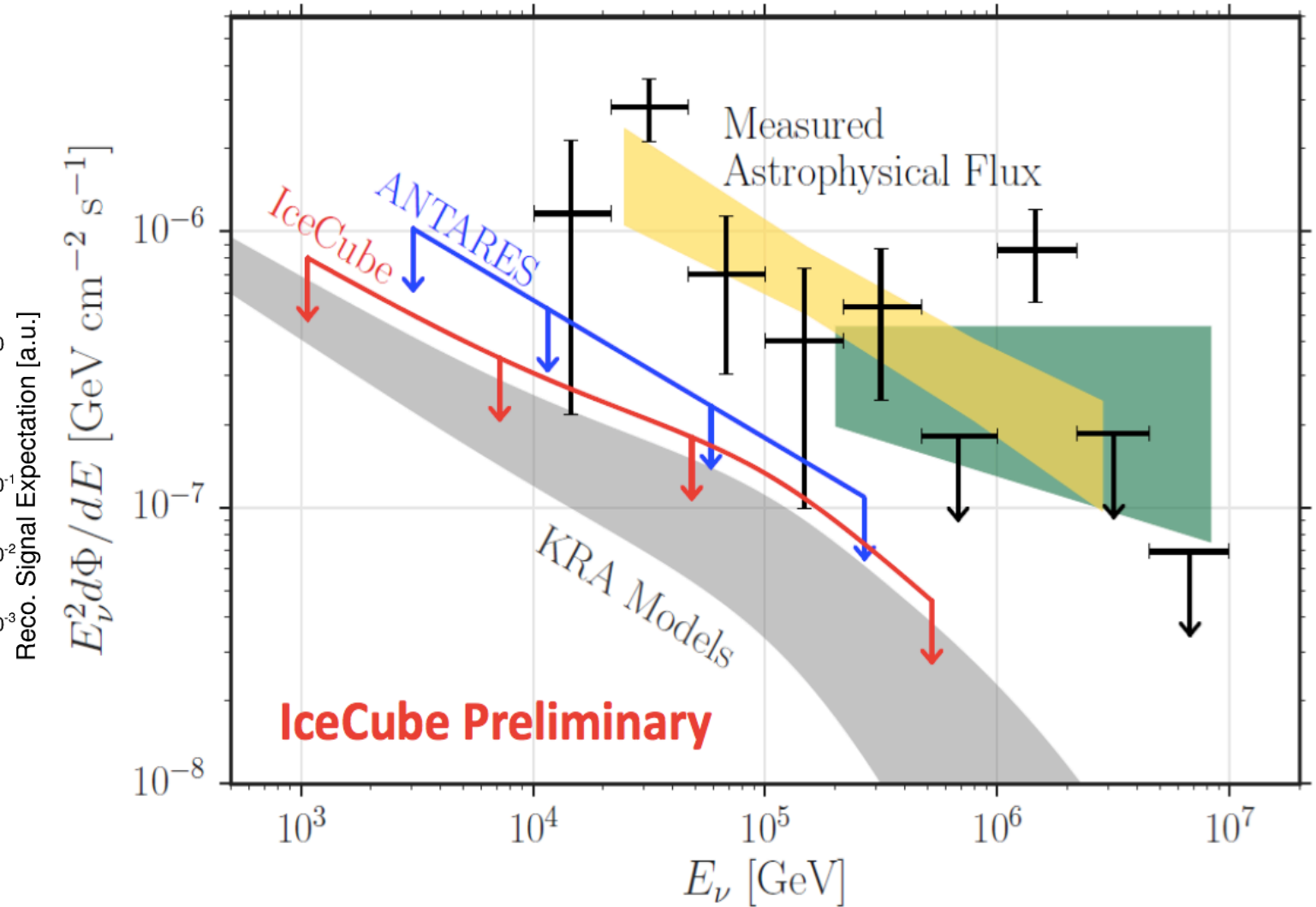
# A diffuse Galactic Component?

Realistic models are currently below the IC Sensitivity

The Astrophysical Journal Letters, 815:L25 (2015)



Diffuse spatial template from Fermi  $\pi^0$  map, combined with IC effective area and angular resolution



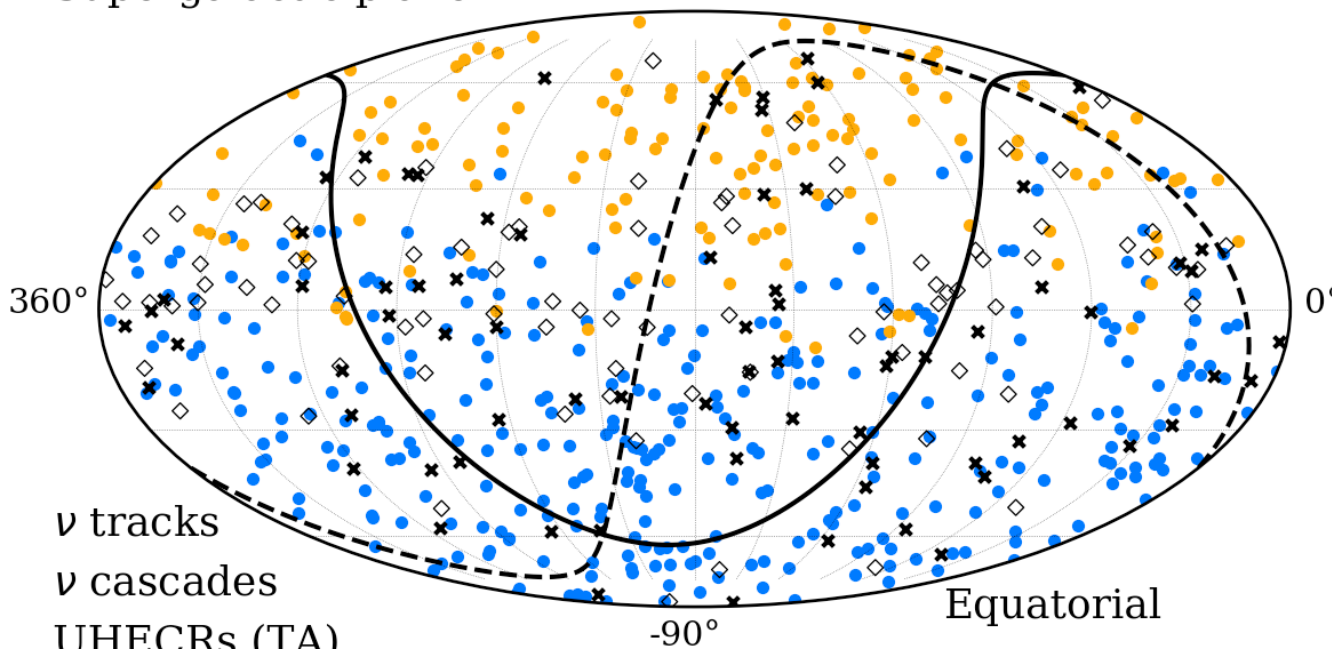
# Correlations with UHECR arrival directions?

JCAP01(2016)037

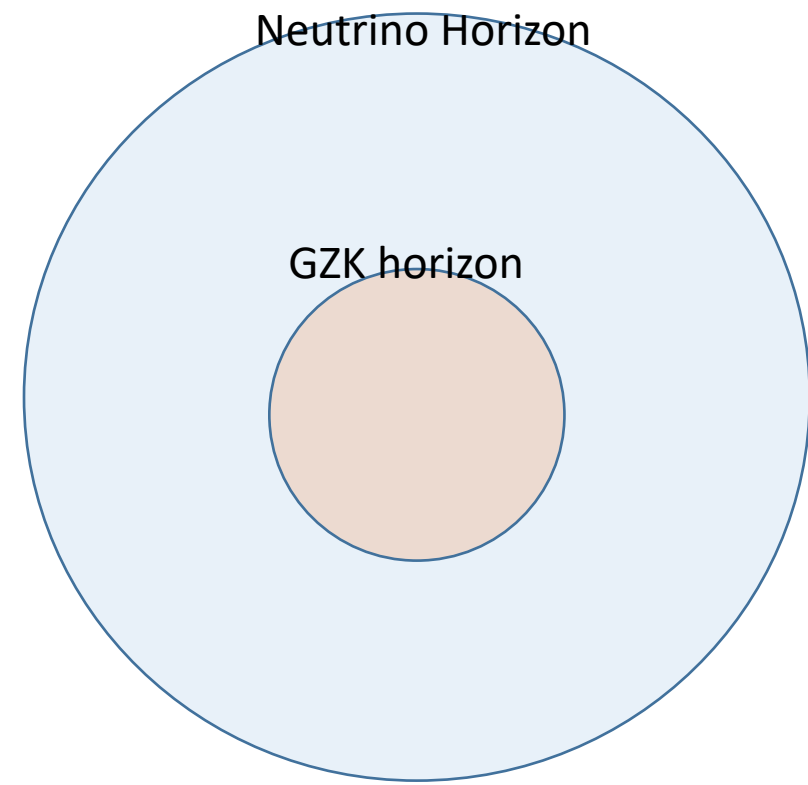
Preliminary

$$\frac{N_{GZK}}{N_{Hor}} < 5\%$$

- Galactic plane
- - - Supergalactic plane



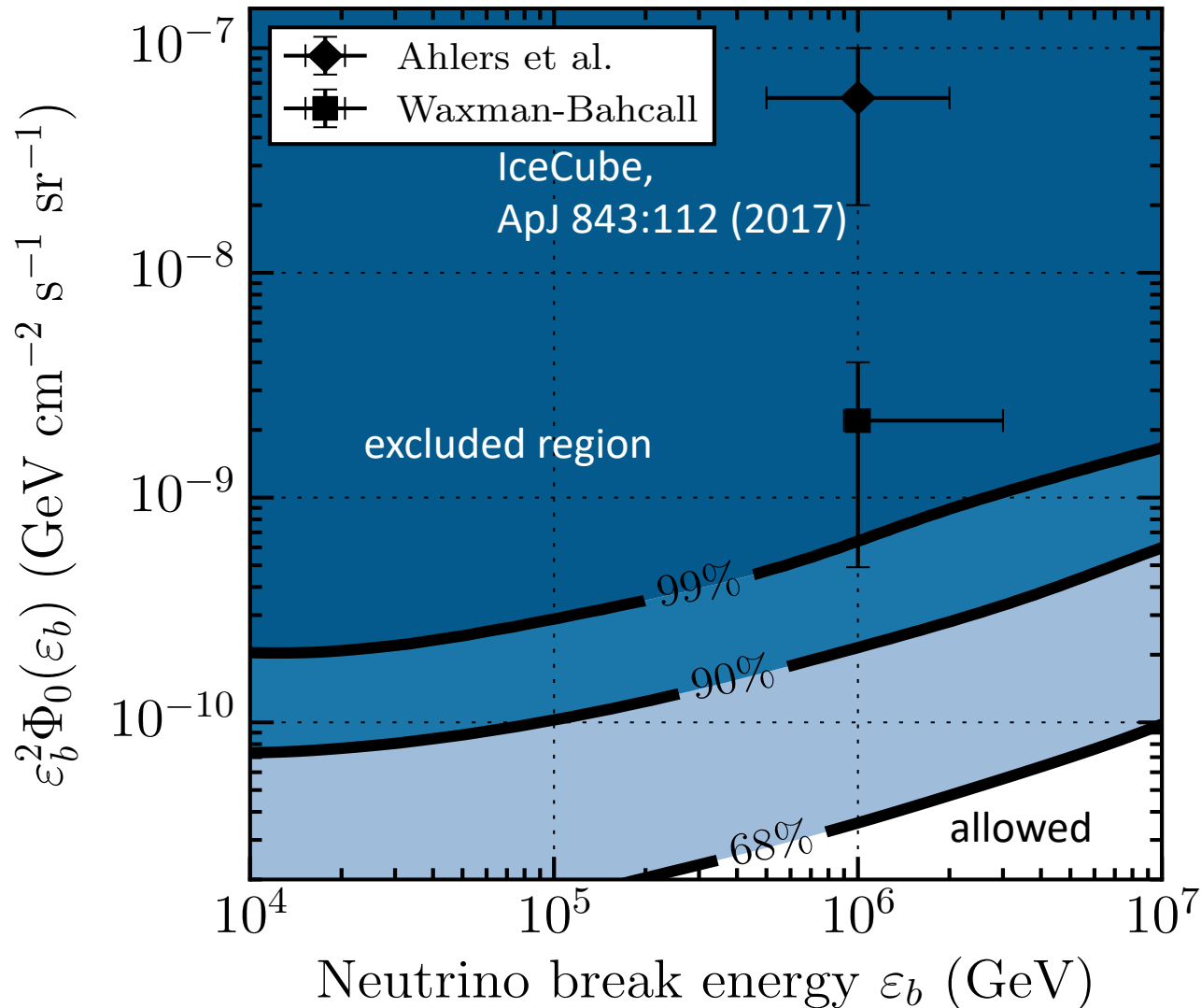
- ◇  $\nu$  tracks
- ×  $\nu$  cascades
- UHECRs (TA)
- UHECRs (Auger)



No statistically significant excess.

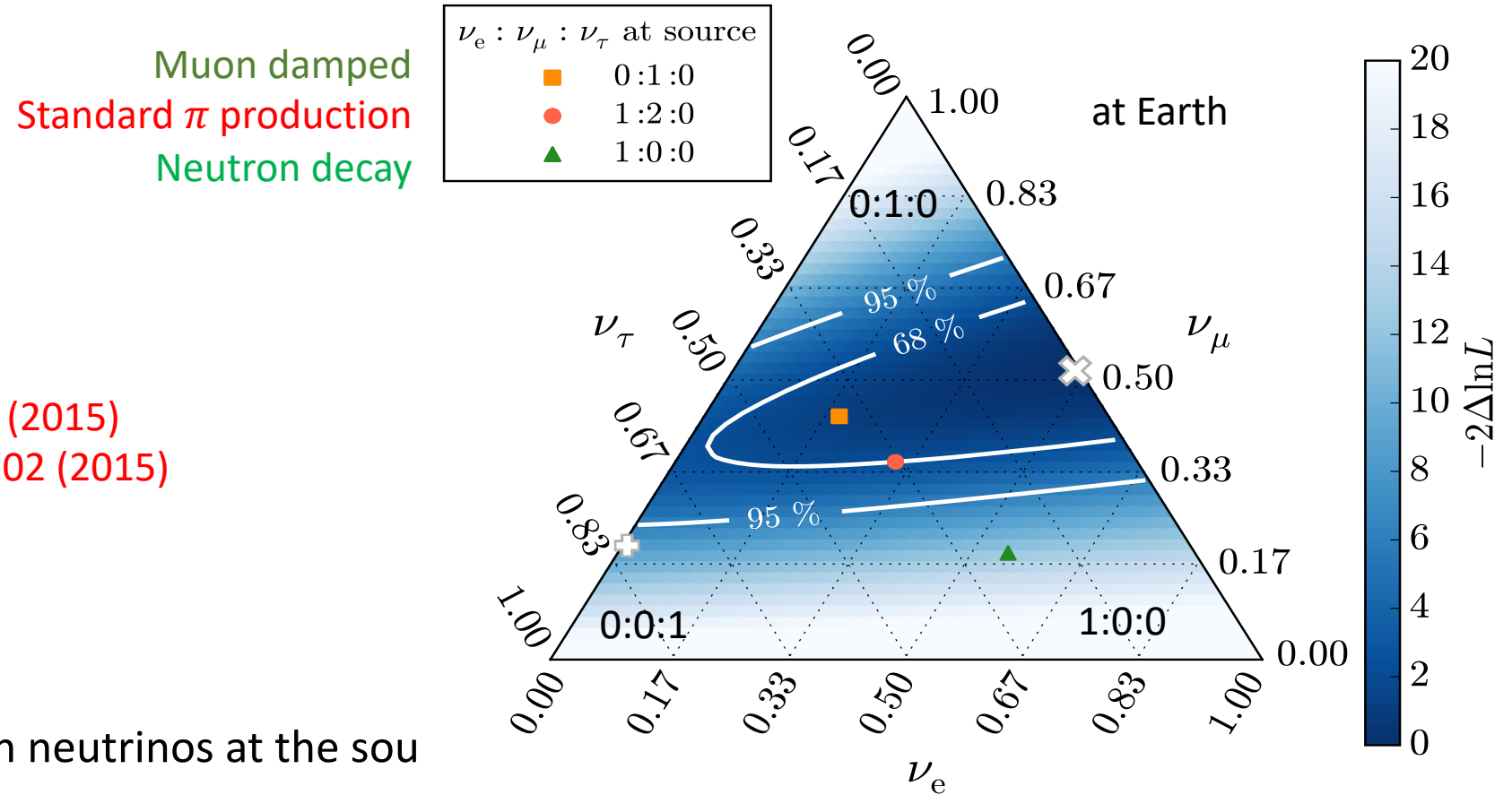


# Correlations with GRBs?



- No association with five years of muon neutrino track events
- Conclusion: <1% of astrophysical neutrino flux is produced by GRBs
- Non-detection rules out GRBs as the dominant source of UHE cosmic rays

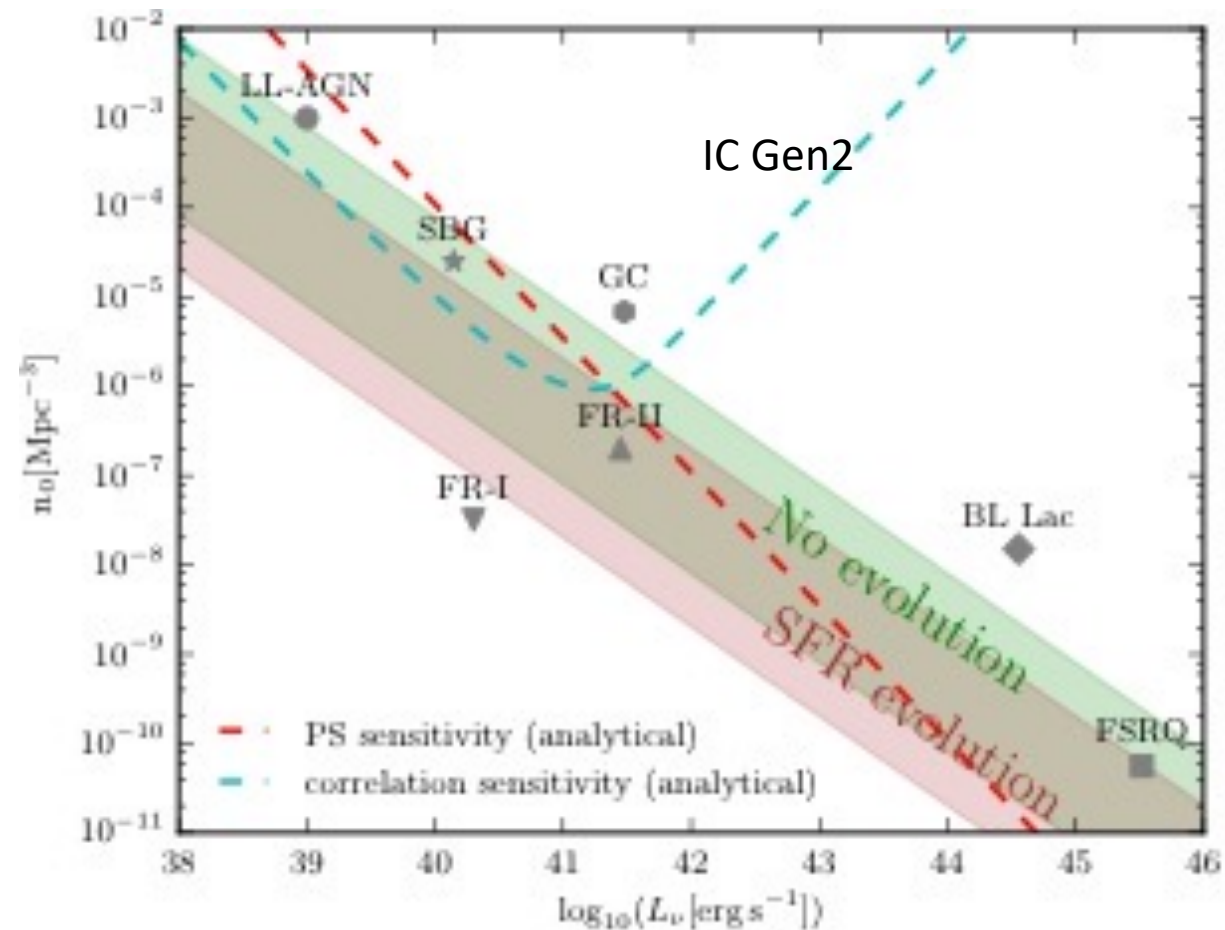
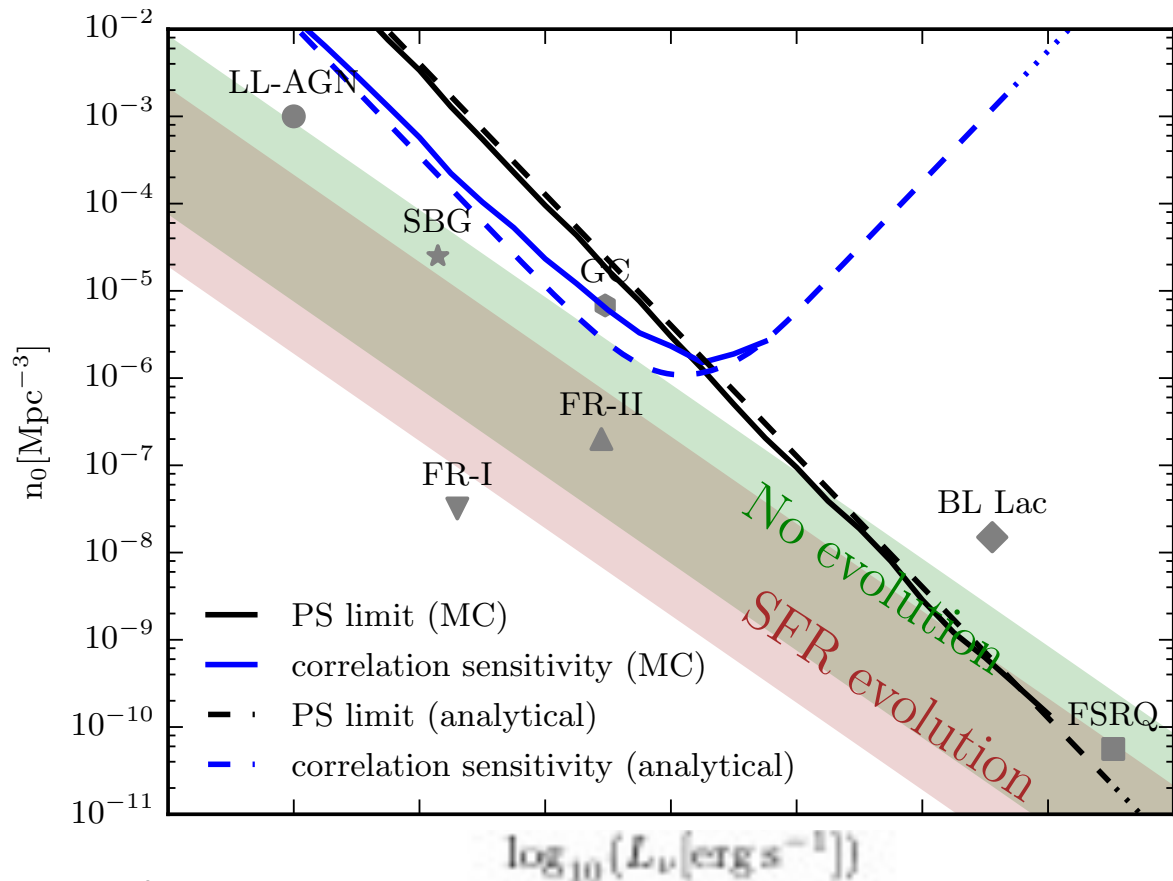
# Astrophysical neutrino flavor ratio



- Production of purely electron neutrinos at the source
- “Muon damped”: muons lose energy to synchrotron radiation with increasing magnetic field amplitude at source
- With future data, the *neutrino* flavor ratio can constrain *magnetic* field amplitude at source of astrophysical neutrinos / cosmic rays

# How many standard candle sources?

Mertsch, Rameez and Tamborra 2017  
**JCAP 1703 (2017) no.03, 011**



Also see,  
 Murase and Waxman 2016  
**Phys.Rev. D94 (2016) no.10, 103006**