

IceCube

Highlights and recent results

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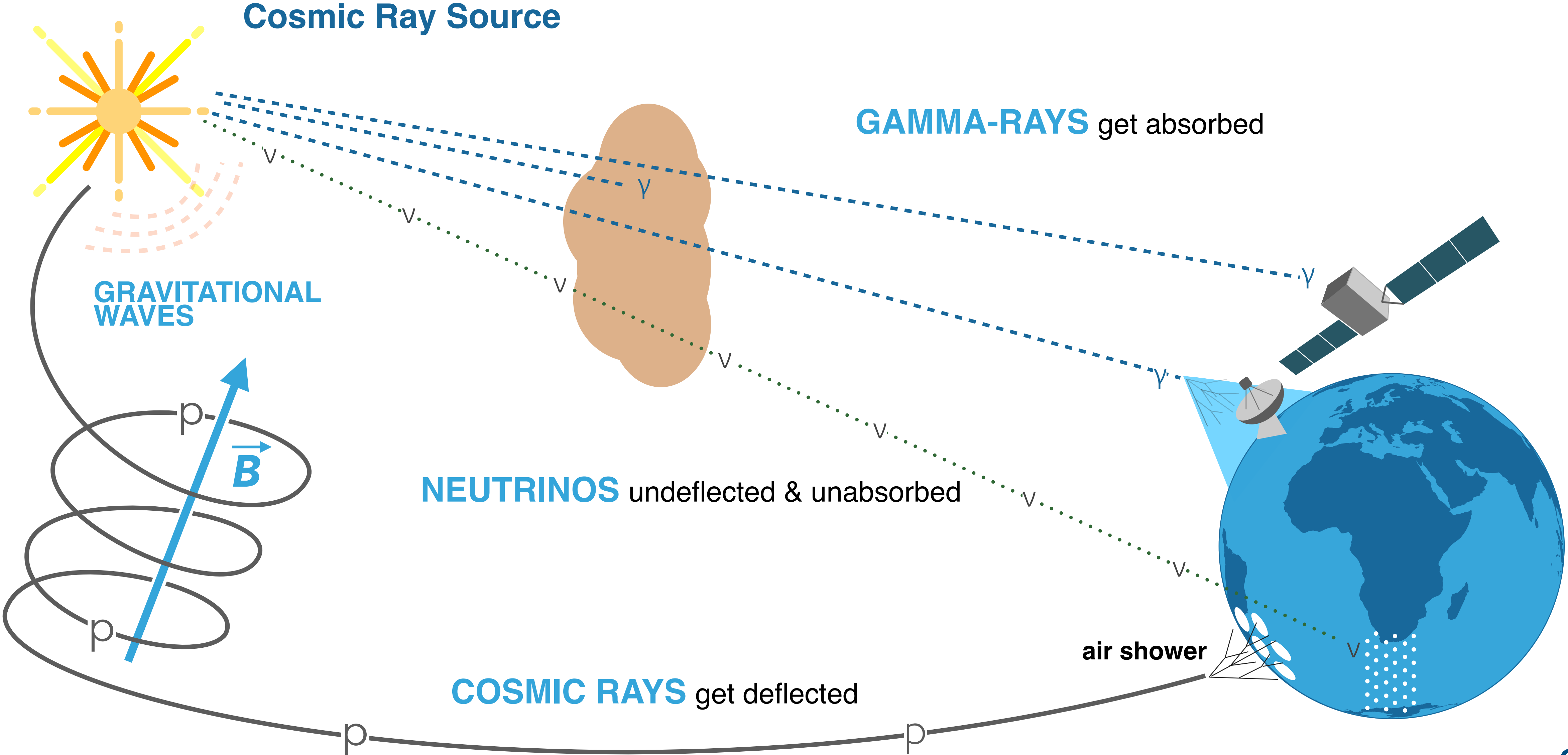
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Outline

- Neutrino Astronomy and IceCube
- Astrophysical Neutrinos
- Origin of Astrophysical Neutrinos

Neutrino Astronomy - the ideal messenger



Neutrino Astronomy - the global picture

- At very different energy regimes
- But similar energy density in all 3 messengers
- Can calculate relation between those messengers

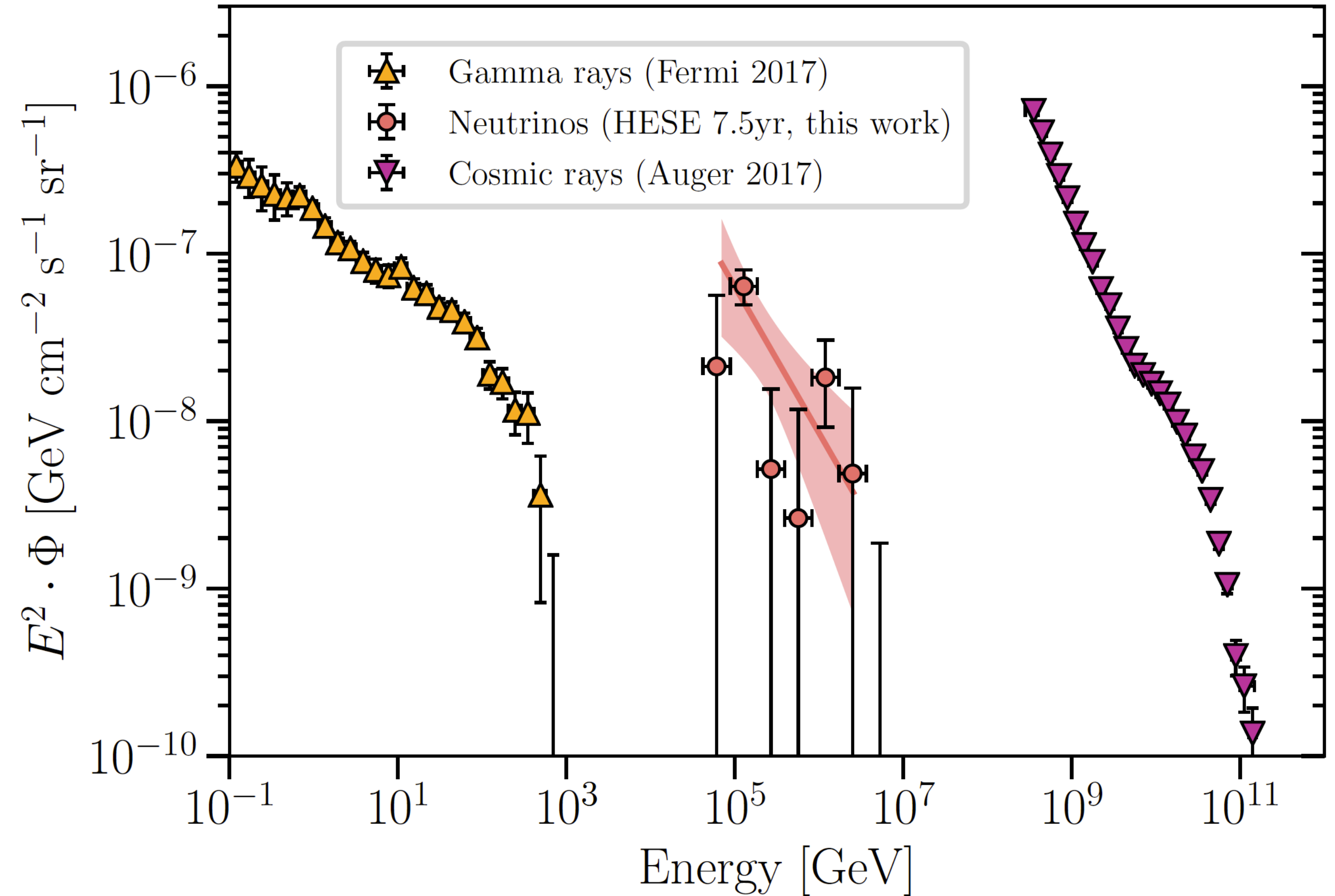
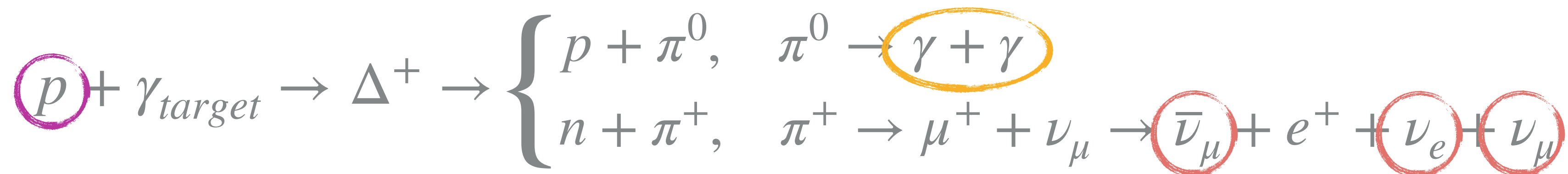
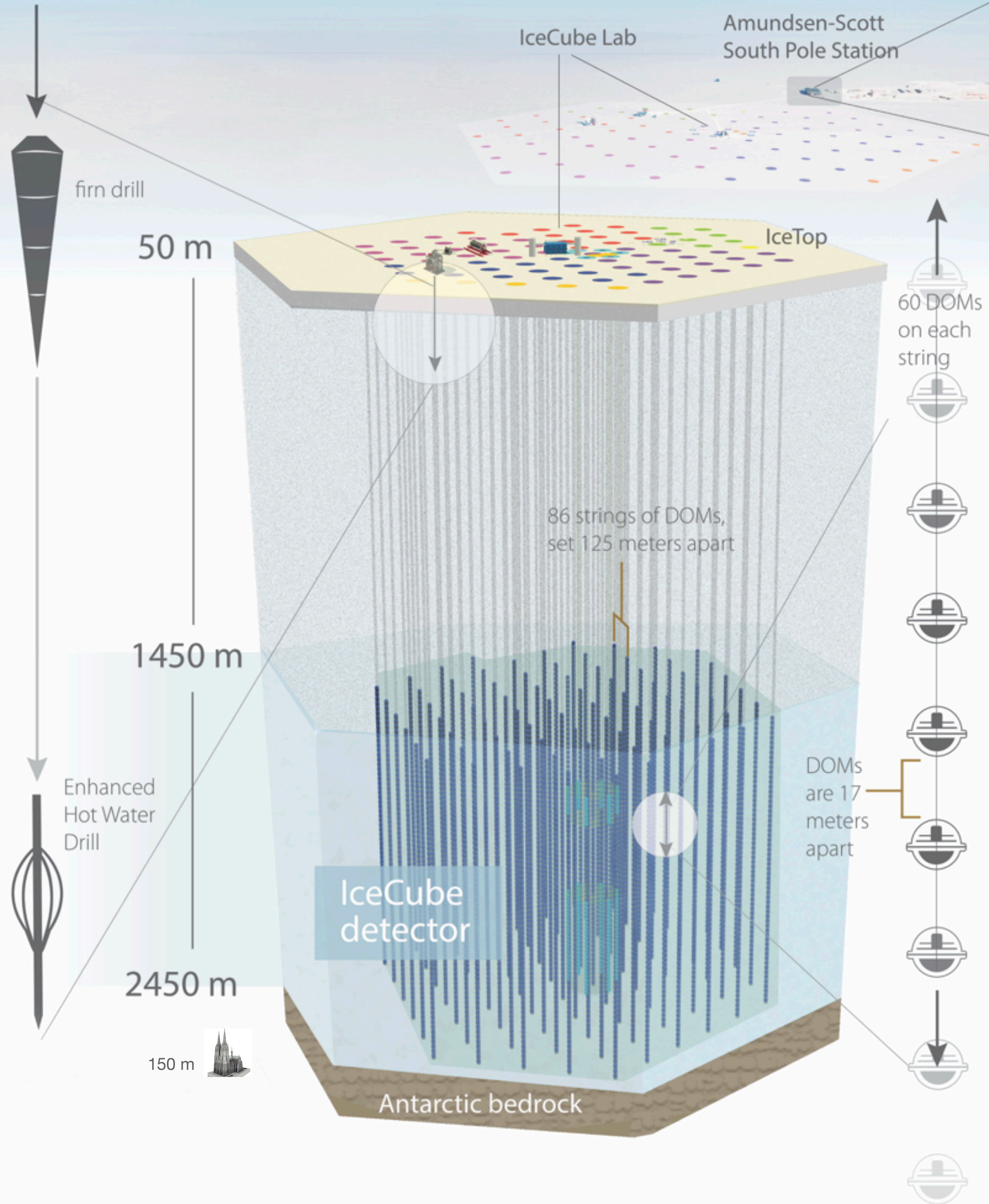


Photo-pion production (GZK):

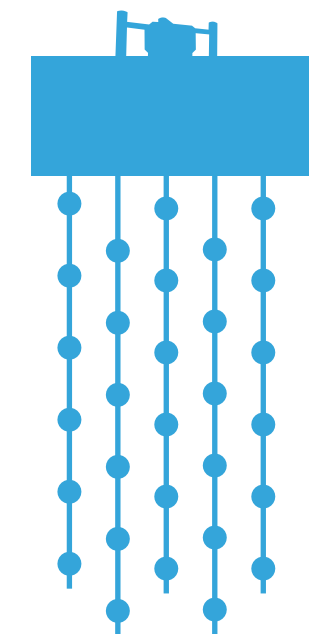


$$\langle E_\nu \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle E_\gamma \rangle = \frac{1}{20} \langle E_{CR} \rangle$$

IceCube Neutrino Observatory

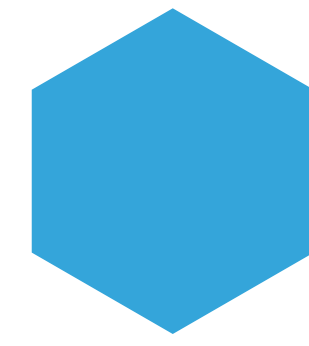


5,160 Digital Optical Modules (DOMs)



86 string with 60 DOMs each

6 denser strings called DeepCore



1 km² surface array with 324 DOMs: IceTop

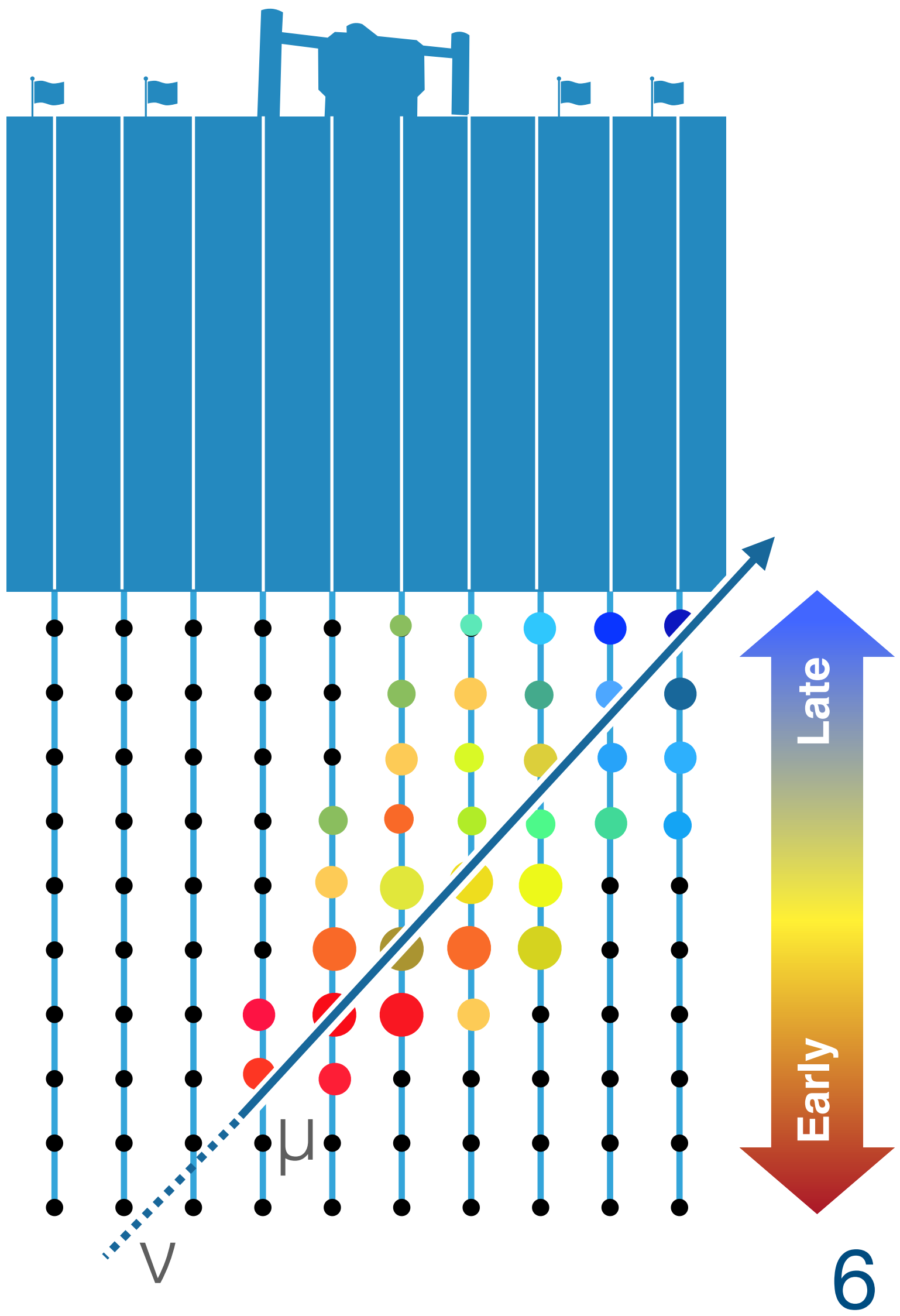
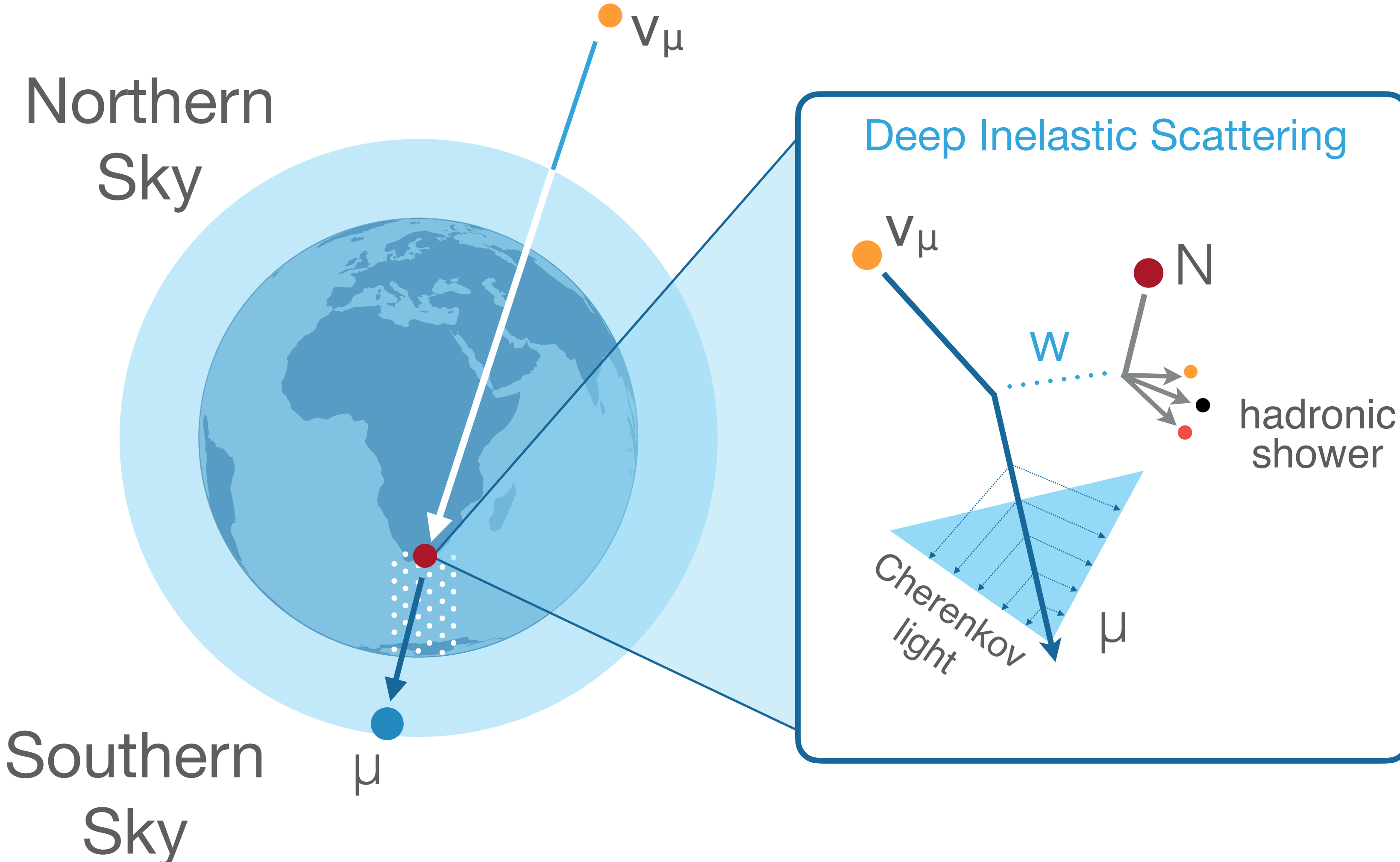


Completion in December 2010



Detection Principle

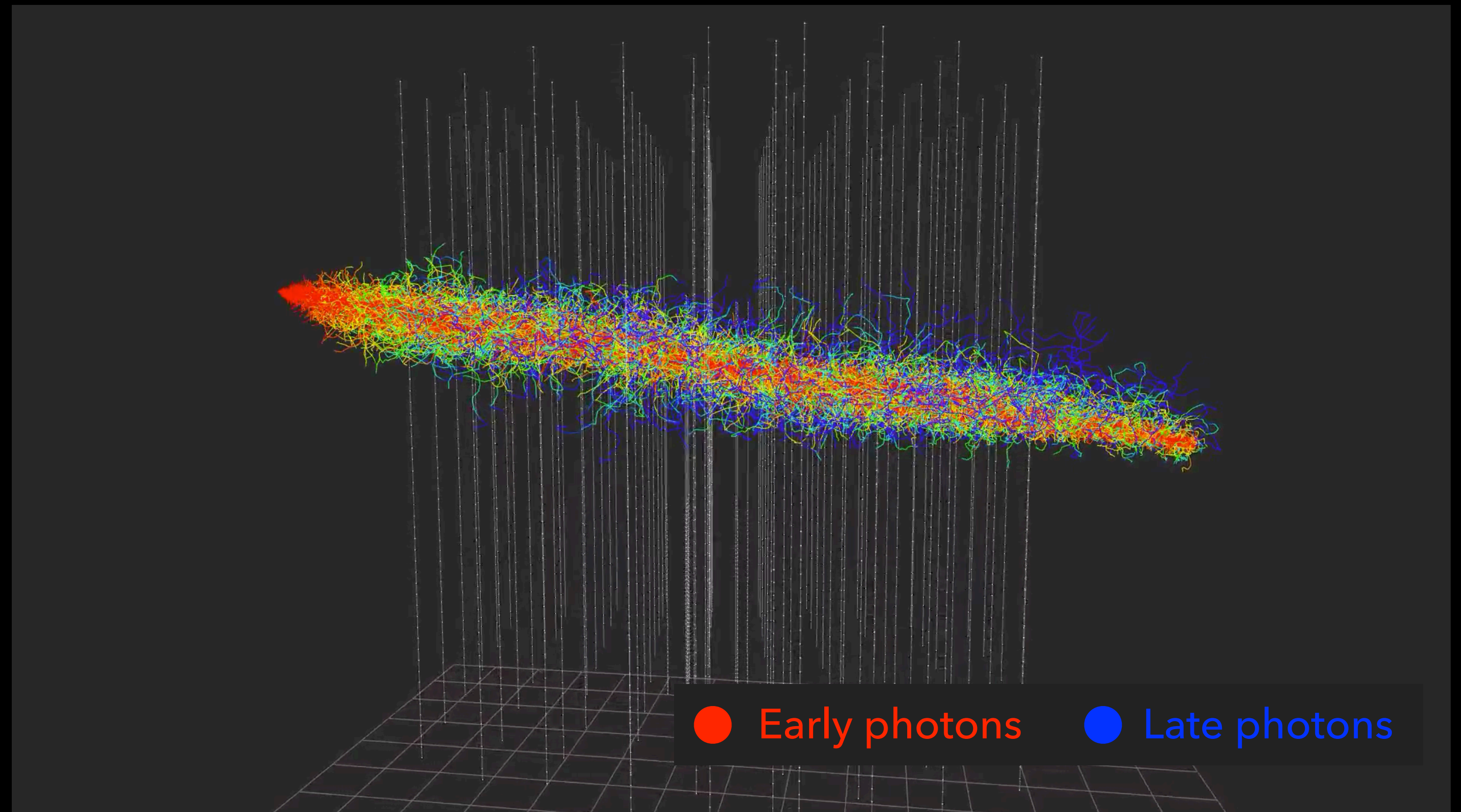
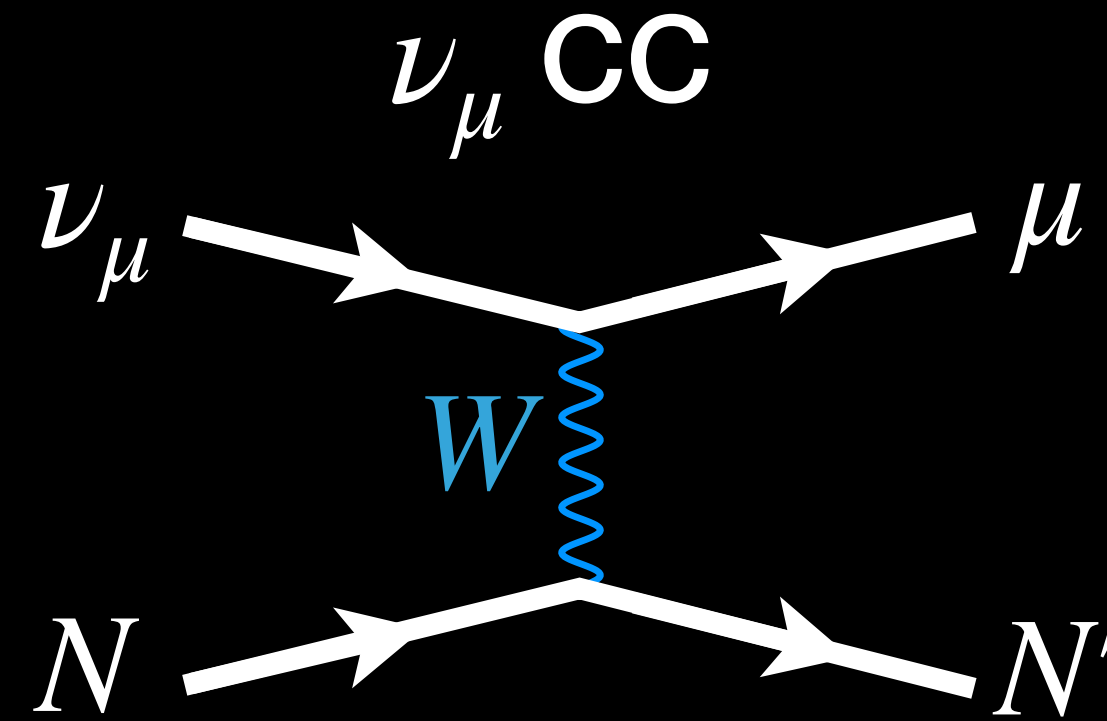
How we can detect neutrinos?



In-Ice Signatures

Track topology

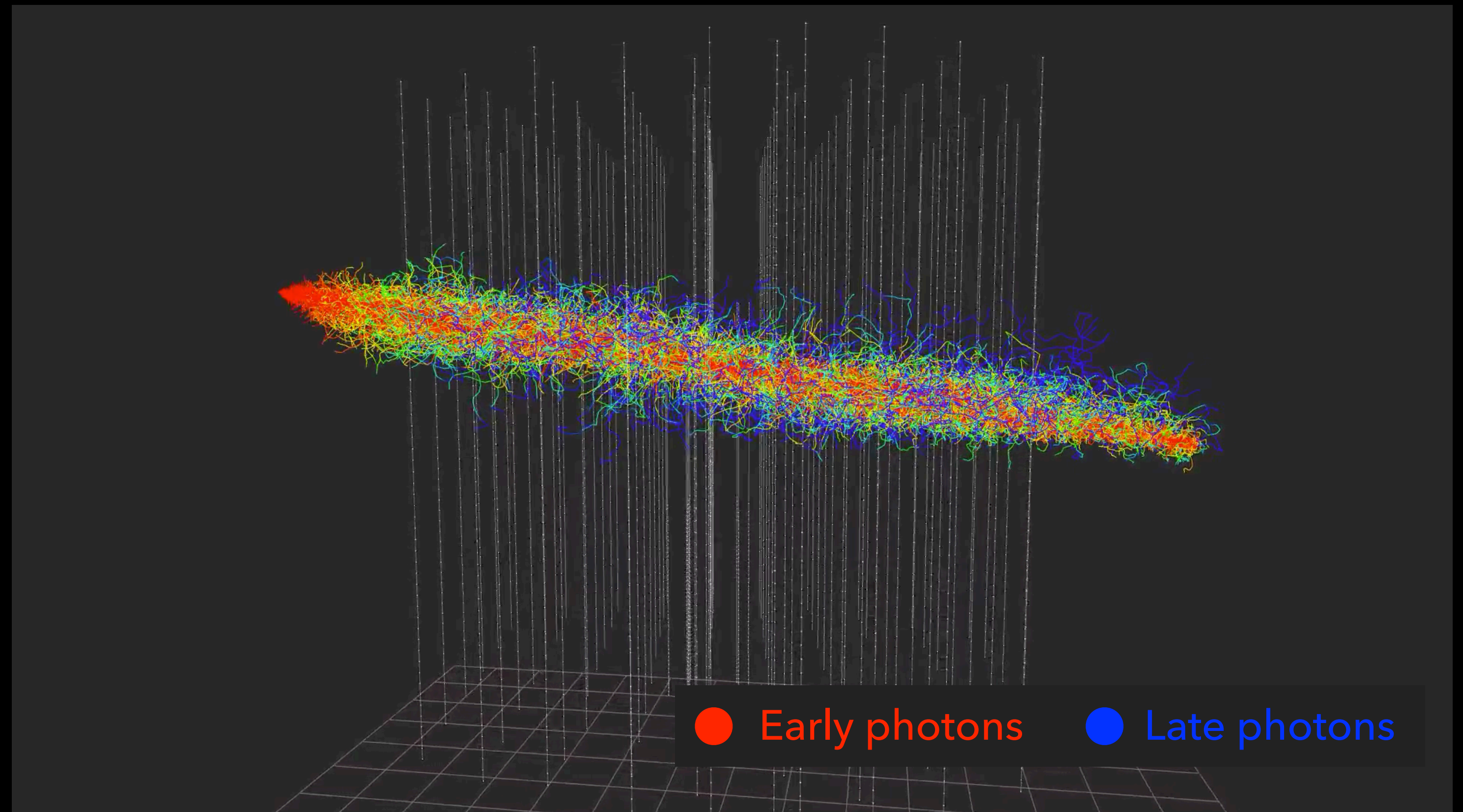
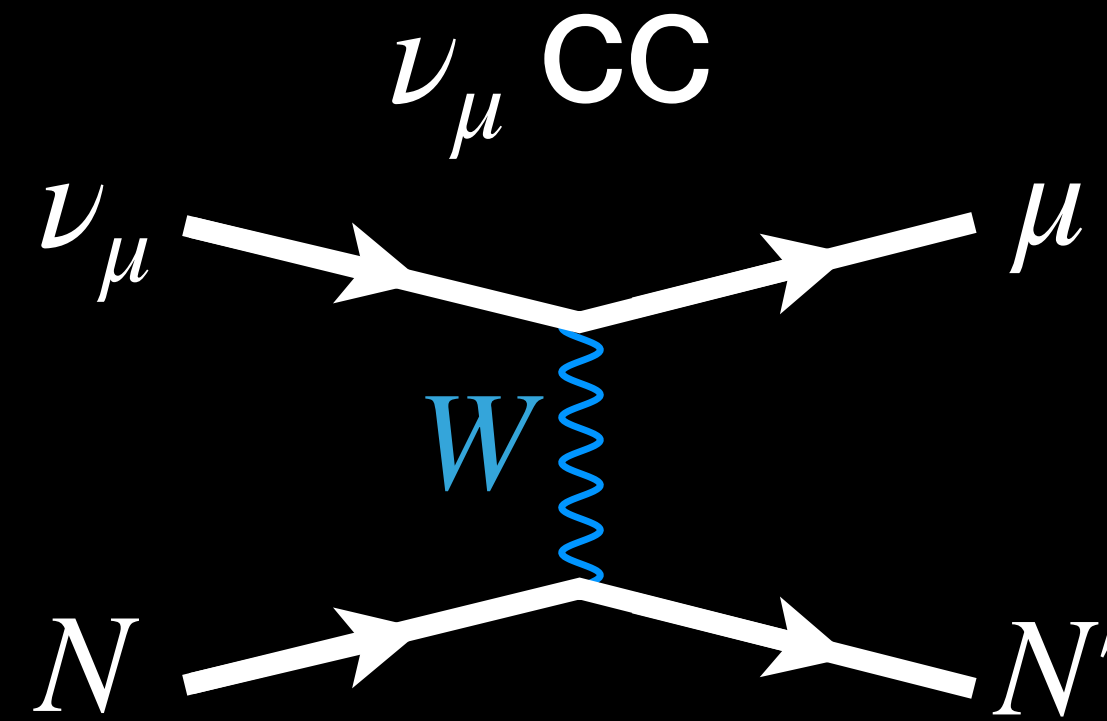
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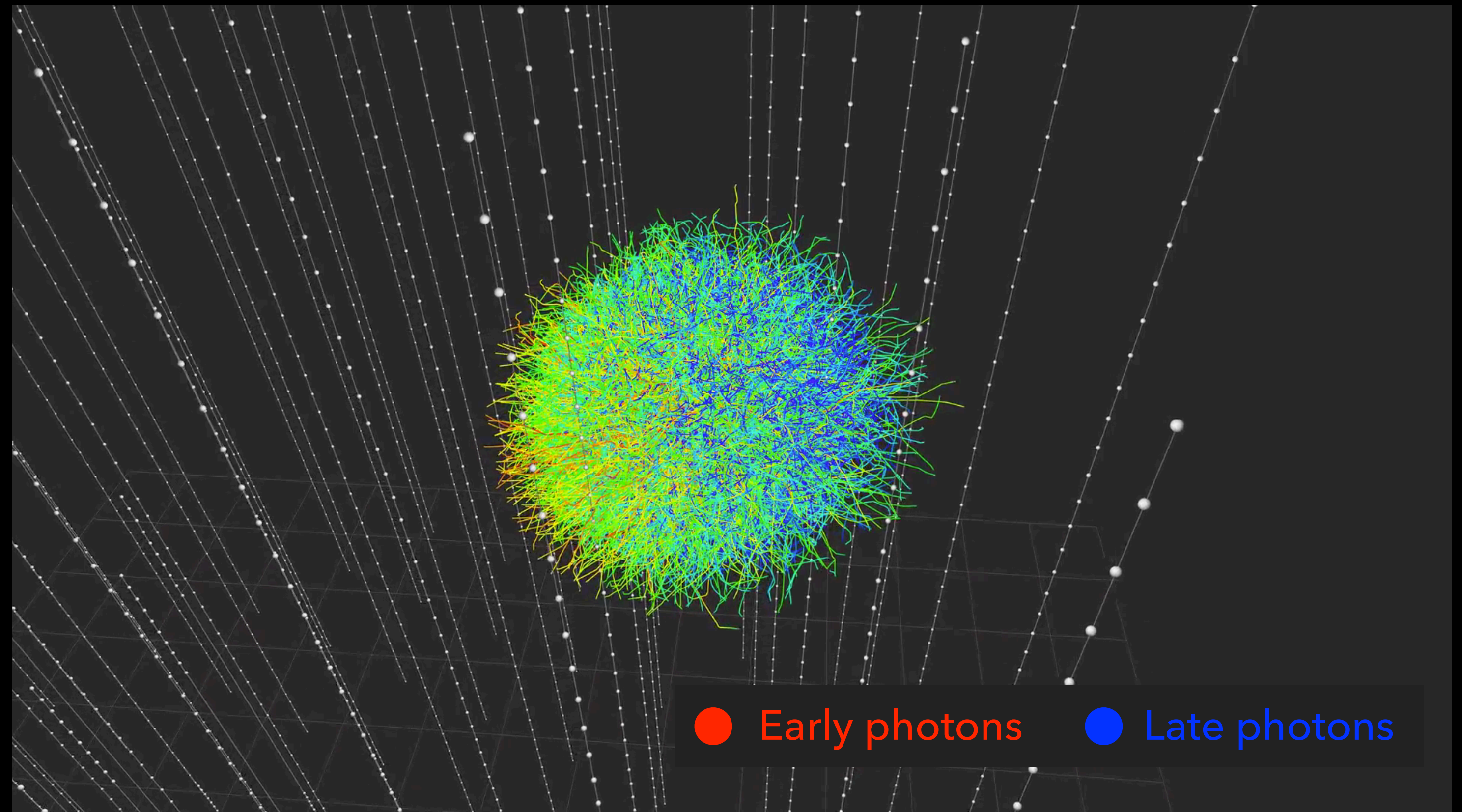
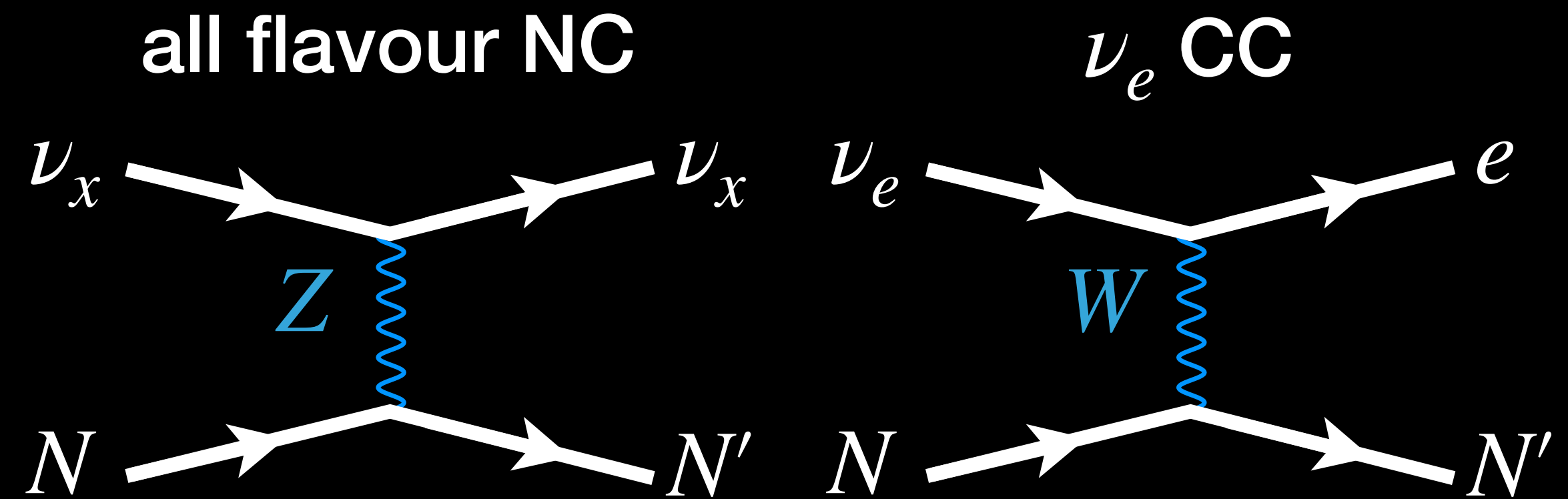
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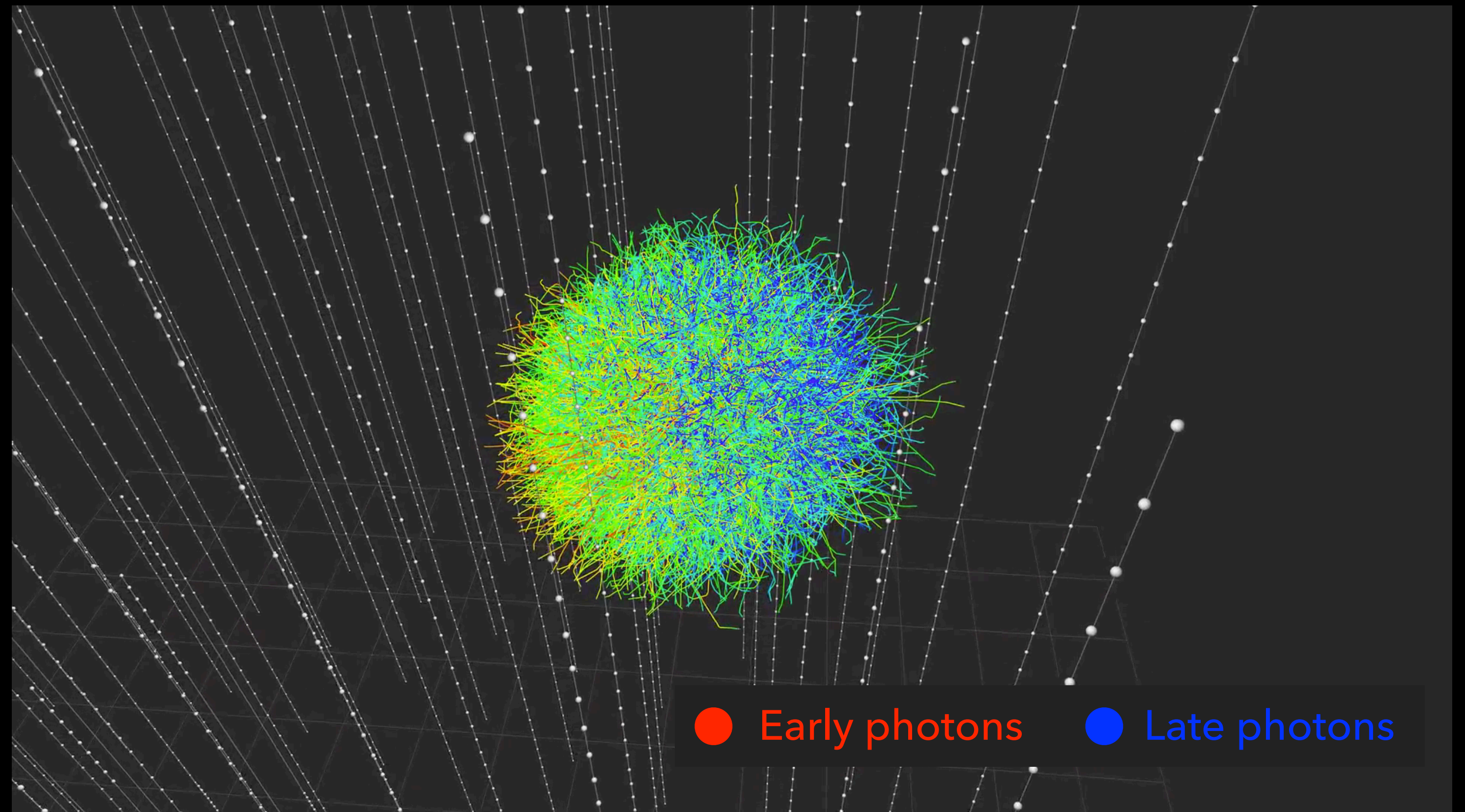
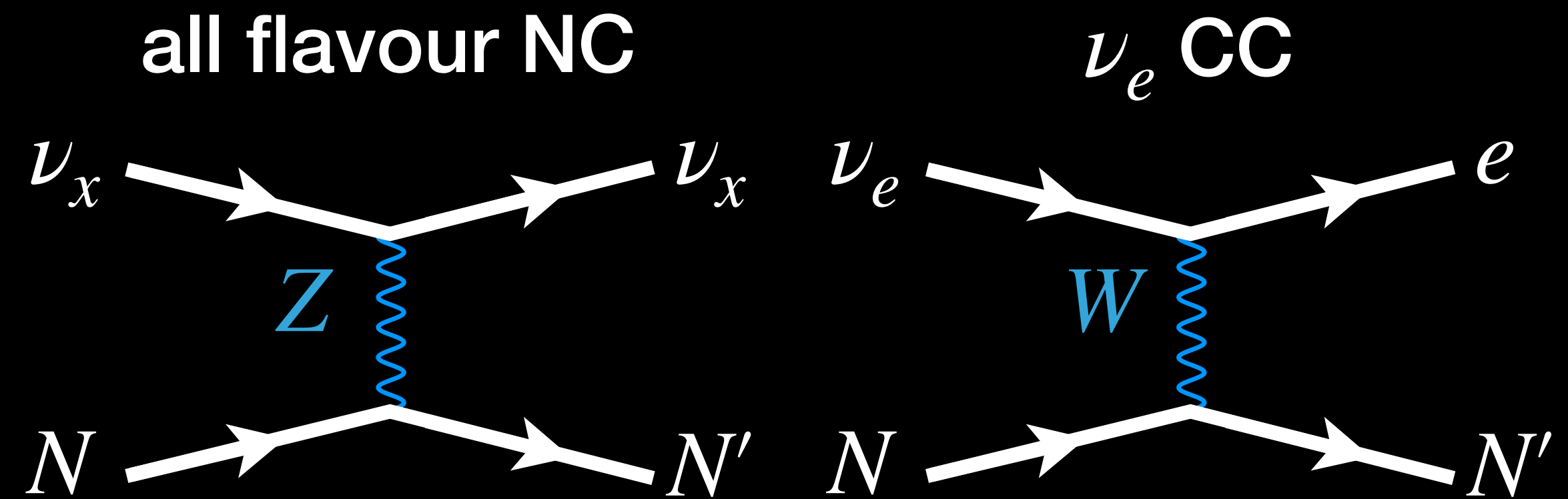
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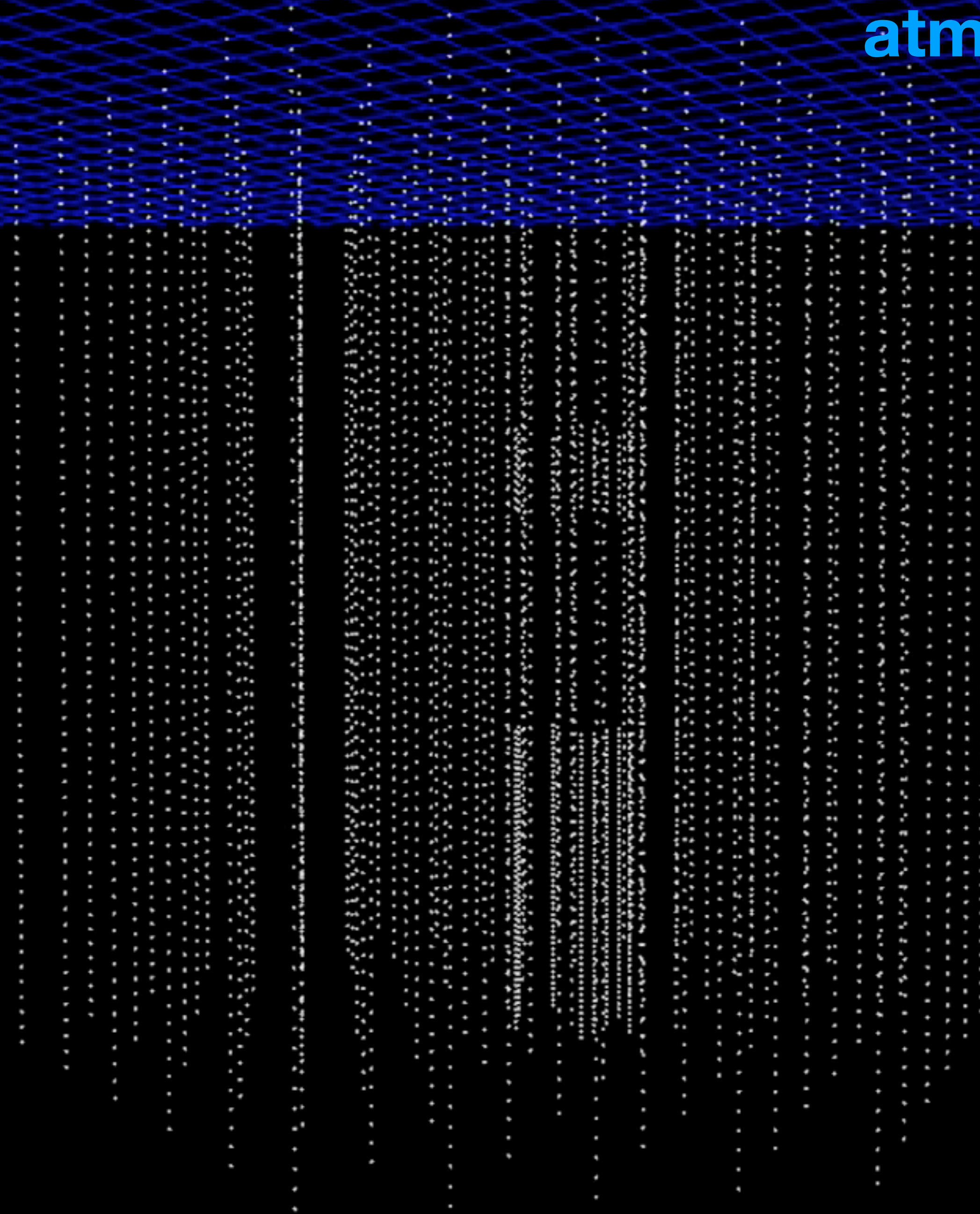
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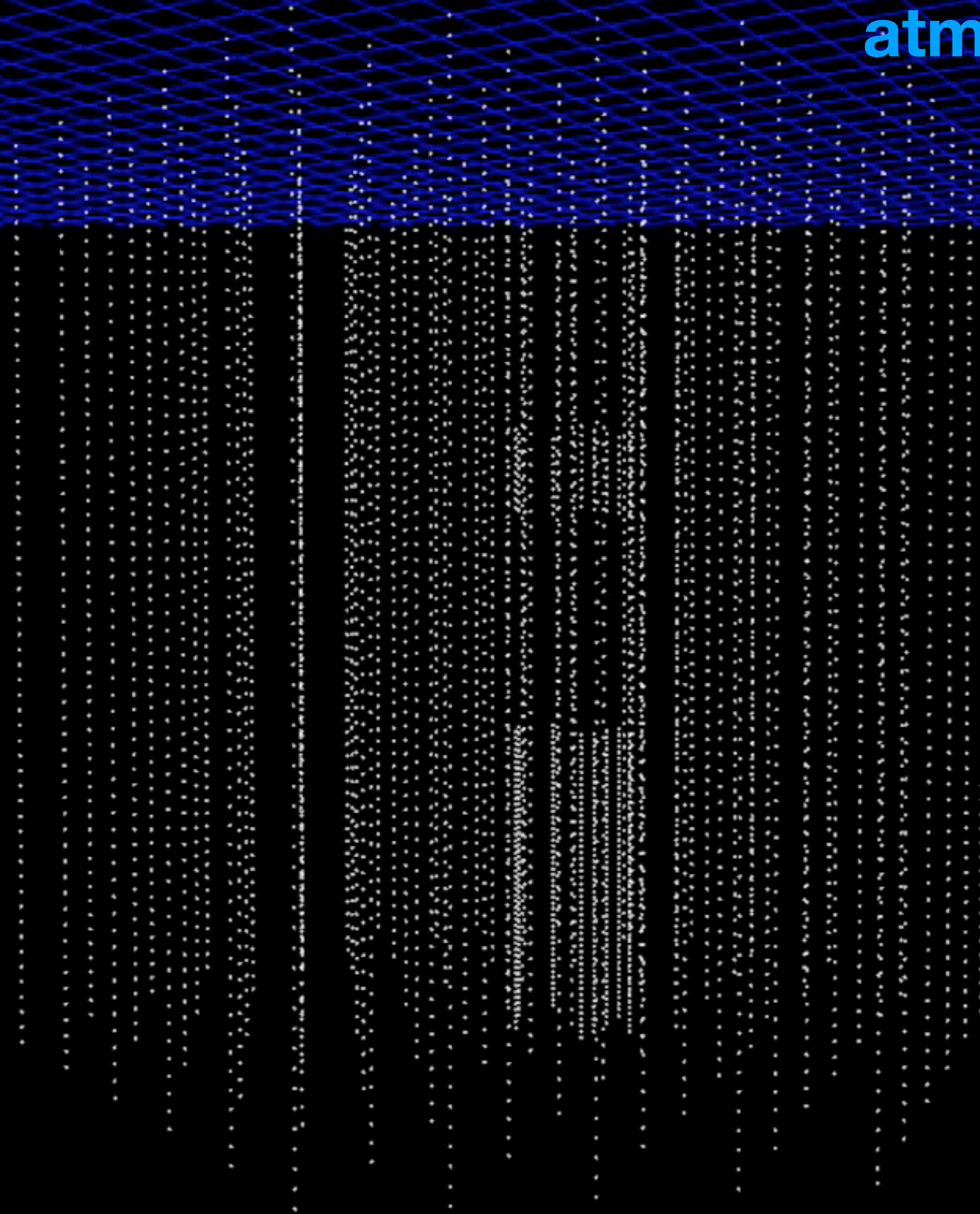
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Events per year

$\mu^{atm.} \sim 70\,000\,000\,000$

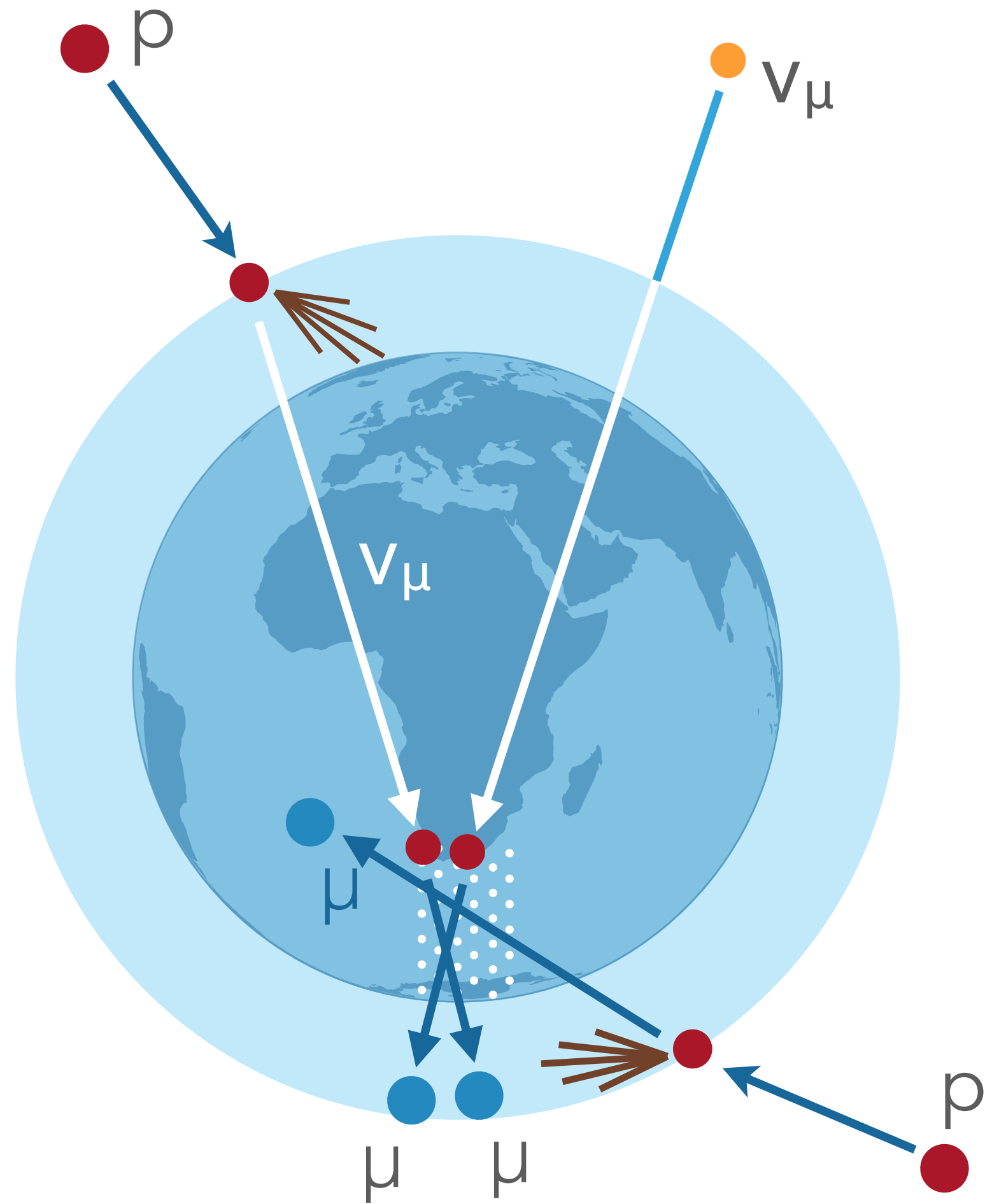
$\nu_{\mu}^{atm.} \sim 80\,000$

$\nu_{\mu}^{astro} \sim 100$

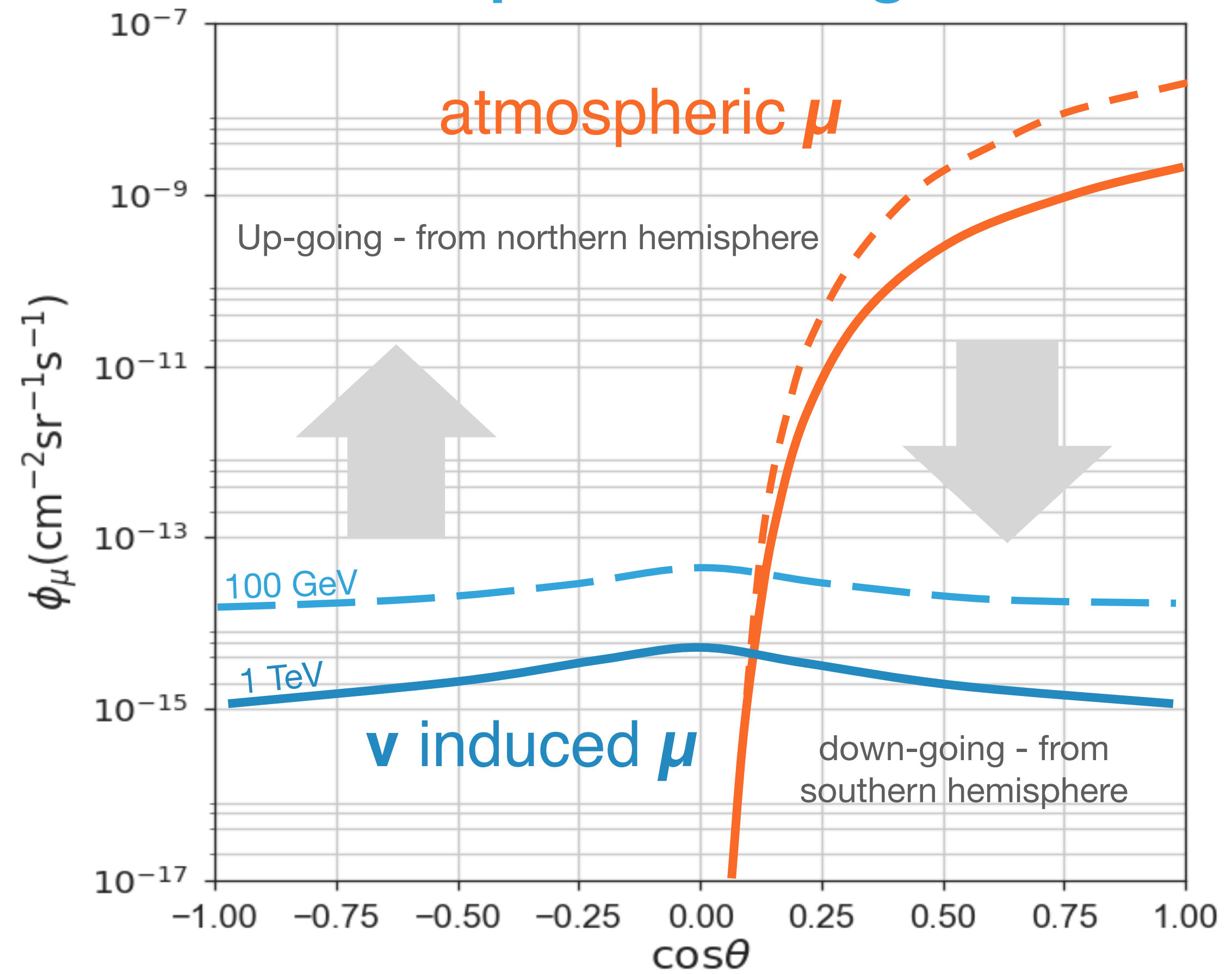
10 ms of data!

Detection Principle

Background rejection



Atmospheric Background



3kHz

2mHz

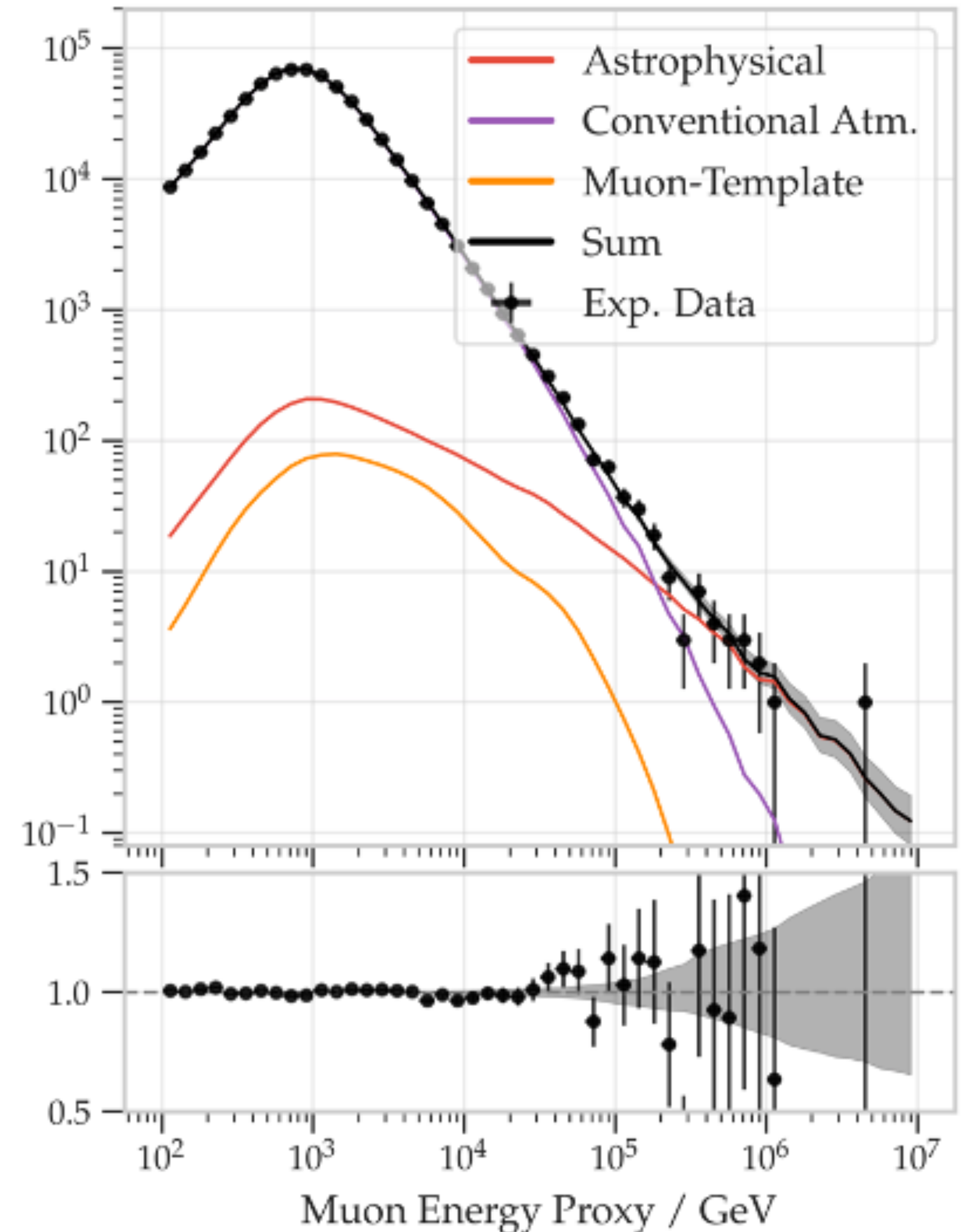
in a 1 km³ detector

Astrophysical Neutrinos

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Through-going muons

- High statistics sample ~650,000 track events from northern sky
- Statistical analysis (no event-by-event neutrino “tagging”)
 - Forward-folding MC → Fit to data
- Clear excess > 100 TeV (57 events)
 - Hard spectrum $E^{-2.28}$
- Reject atmospheric origin at 5.6σ
 - 1000 - 2000 astrophysical neutrinos

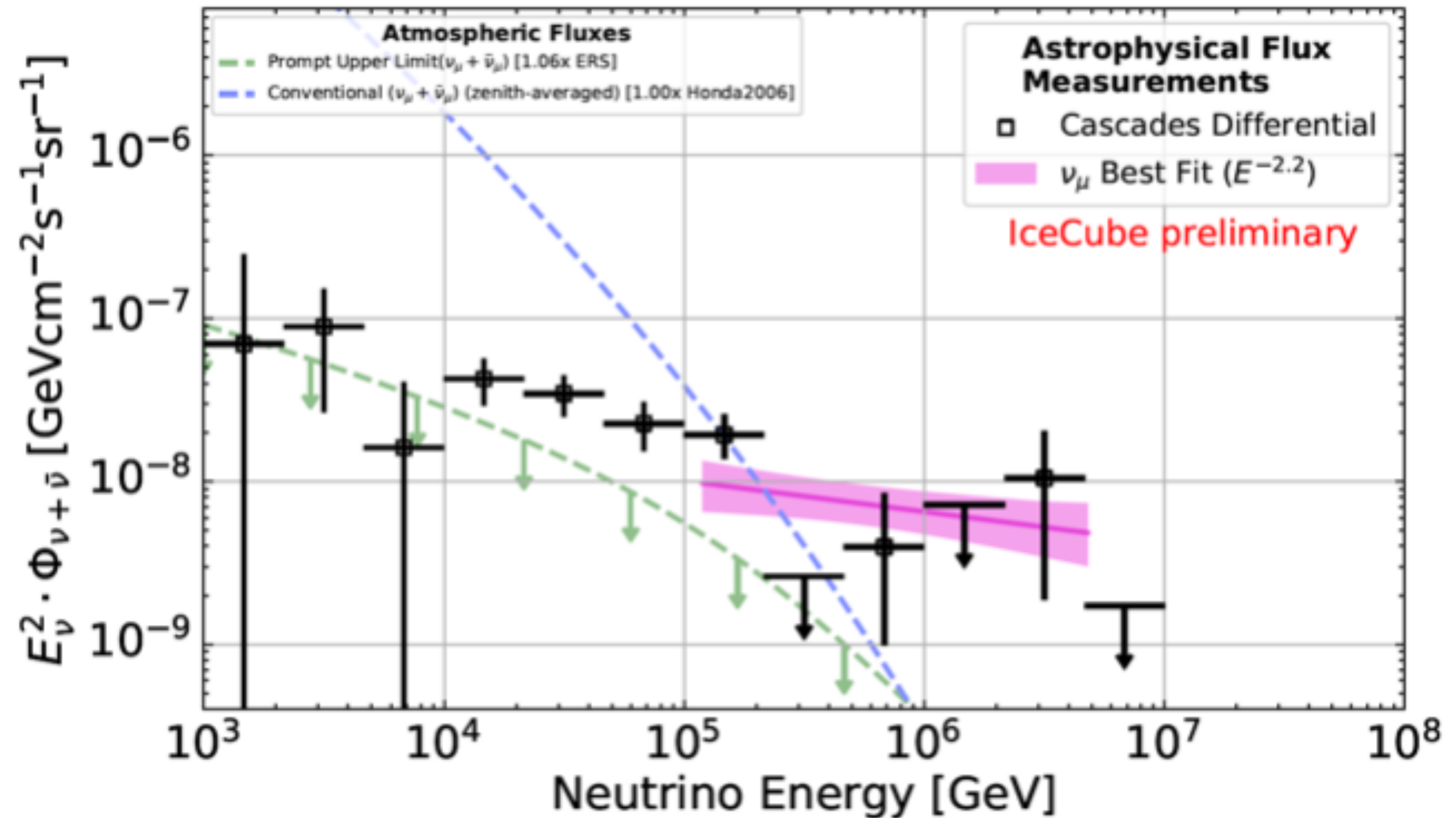


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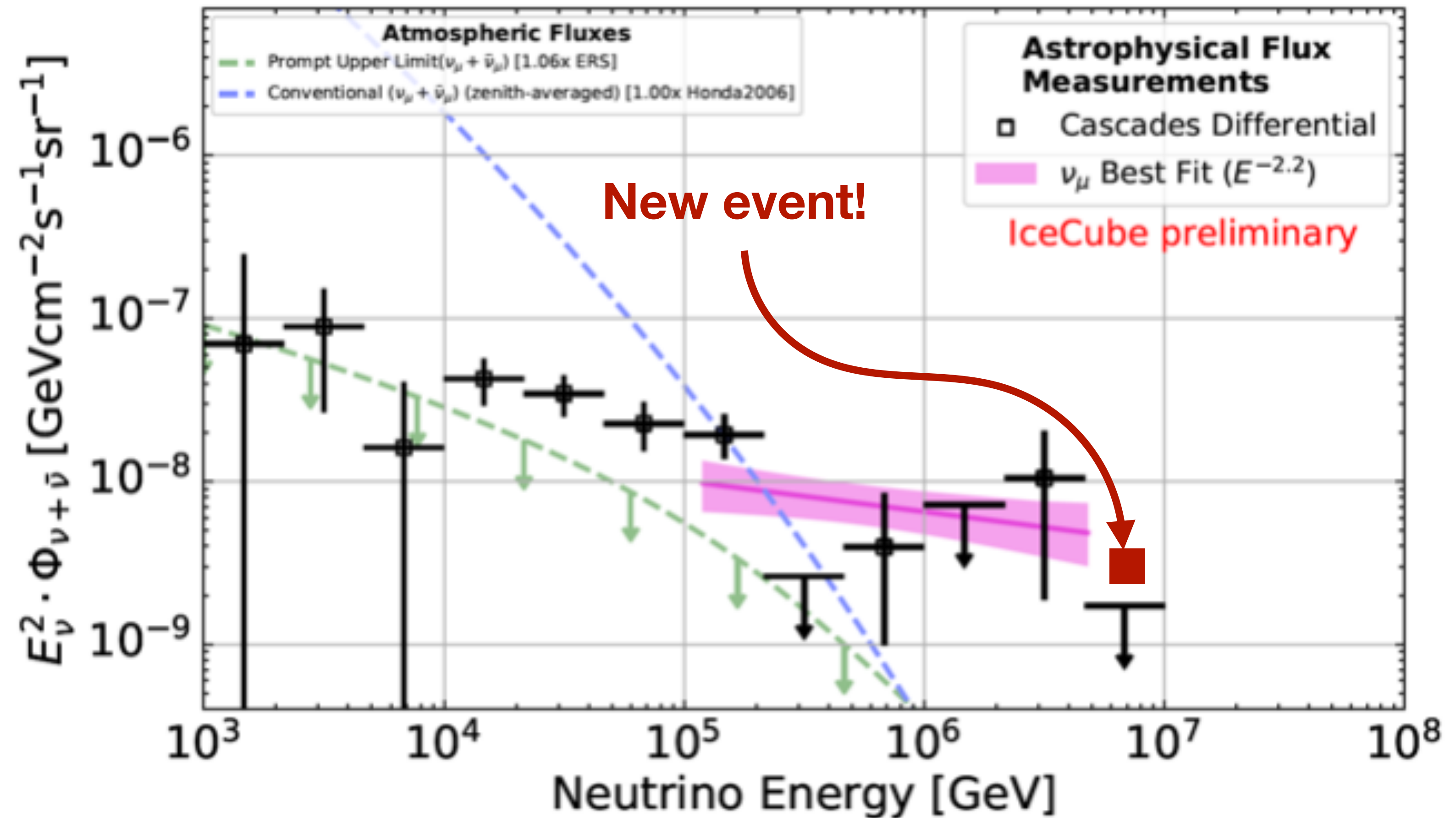


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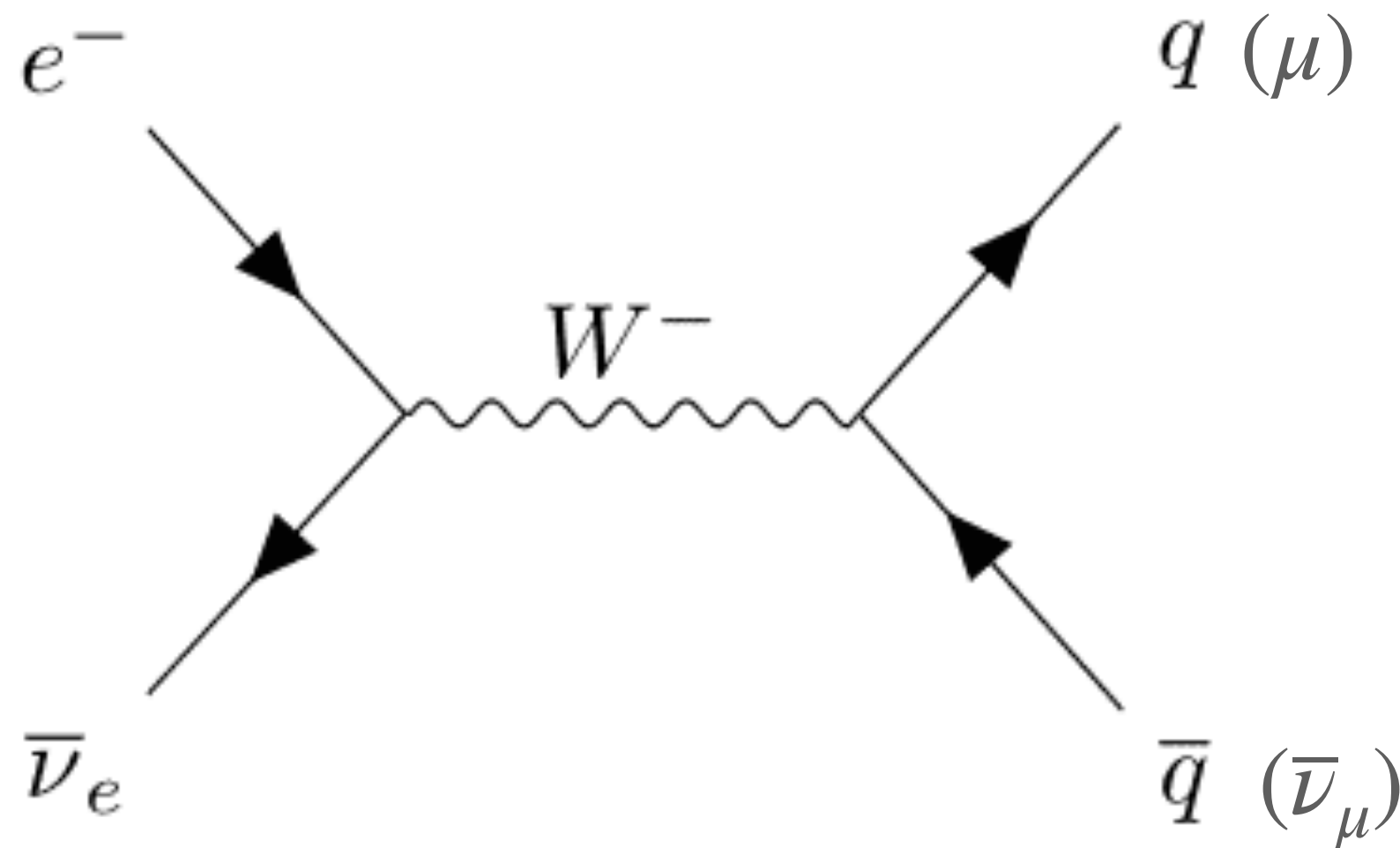
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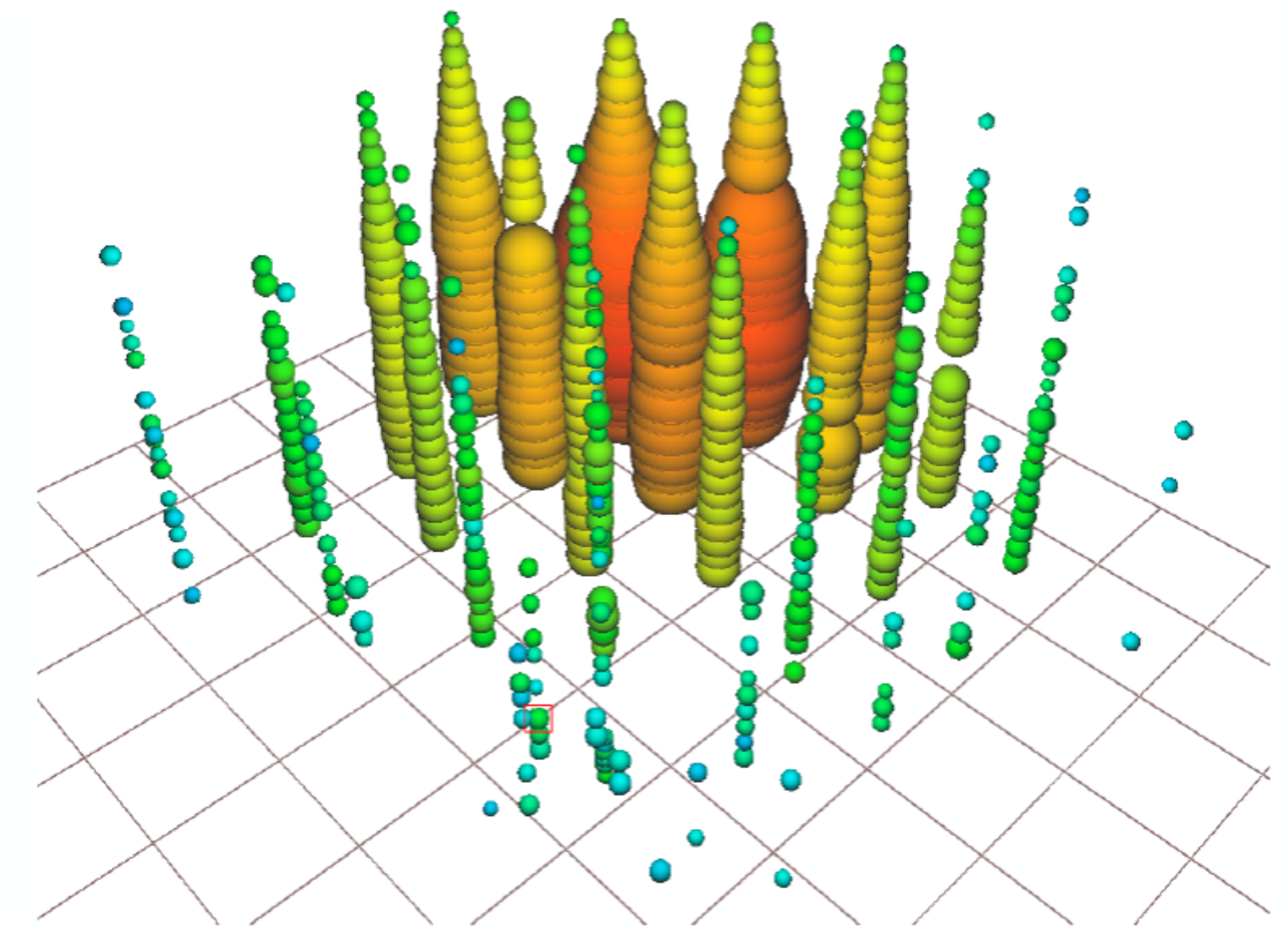
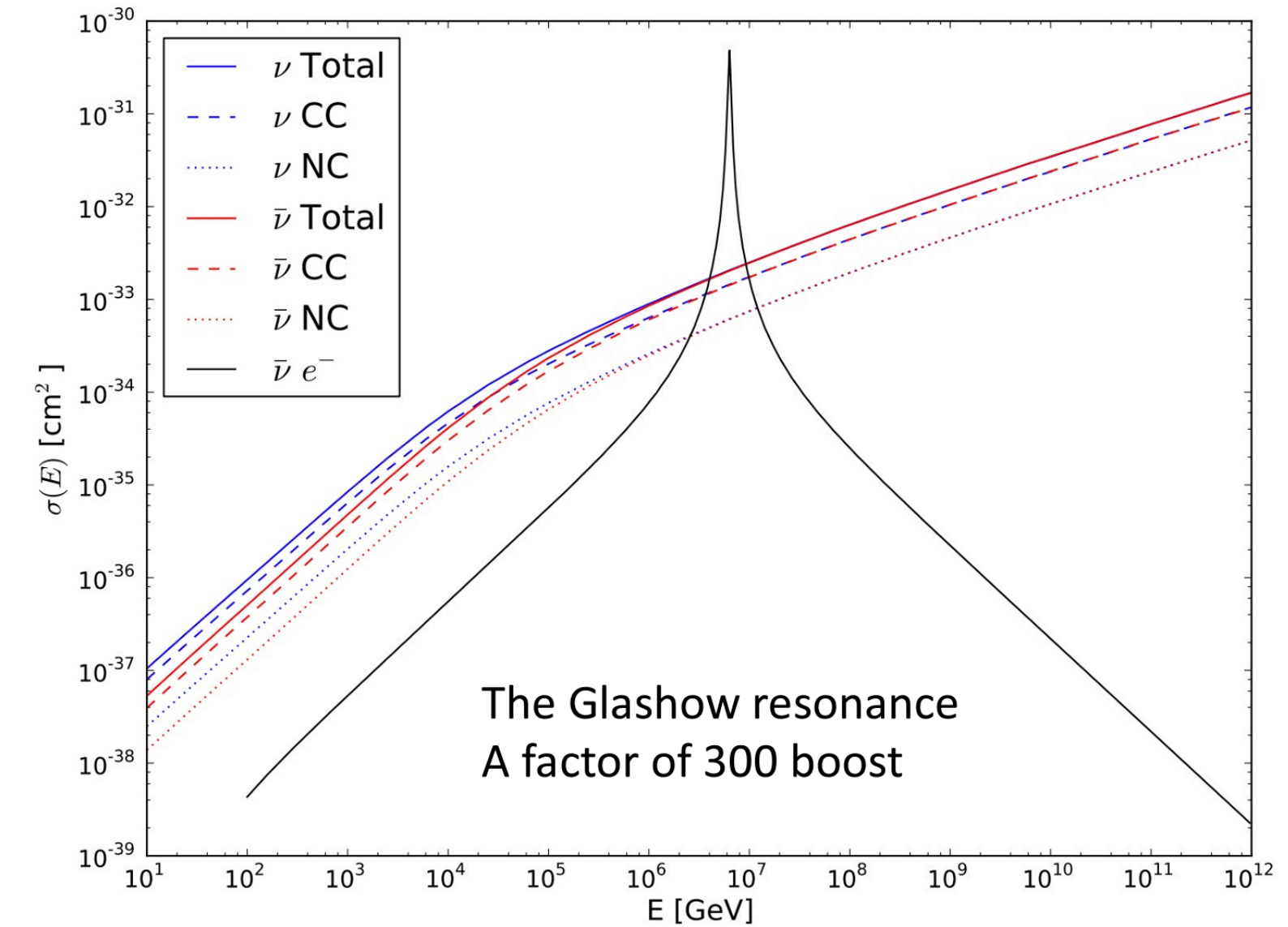


Glashow Resonance Event

- Neutrino-electron scattering: Resonance in cross section
 - Increases sensitivity
- Observed one event with most likely neutrino energy: $6.35 \pm 0.3 \text{ PeV}$ (SM prediction: 6.32 PeV)



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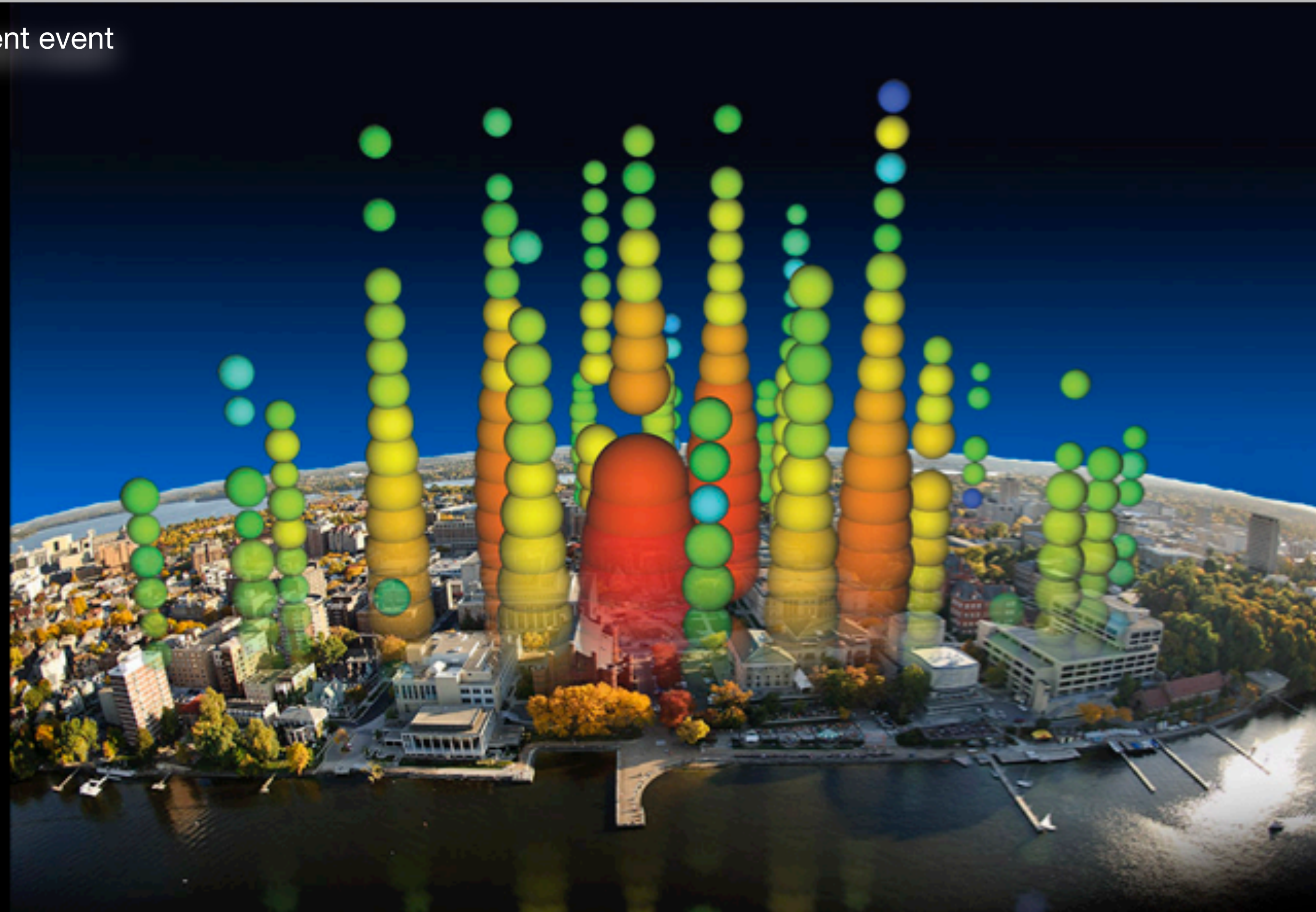
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Different event

- Neutrino- e cross section
- Observed e^- neutrino energy (SM prediction)

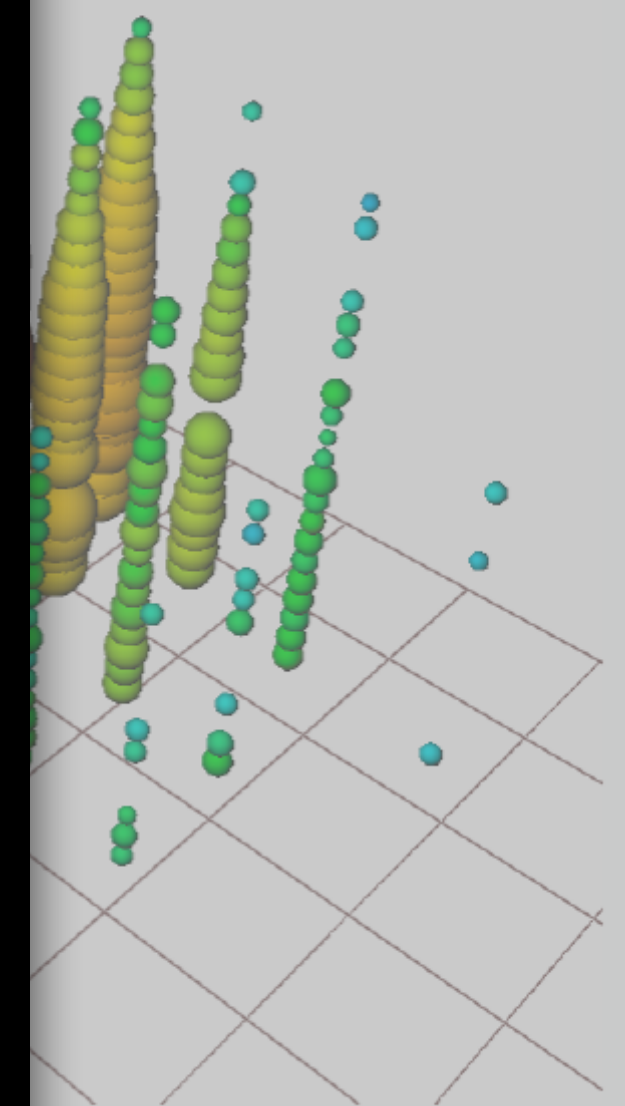
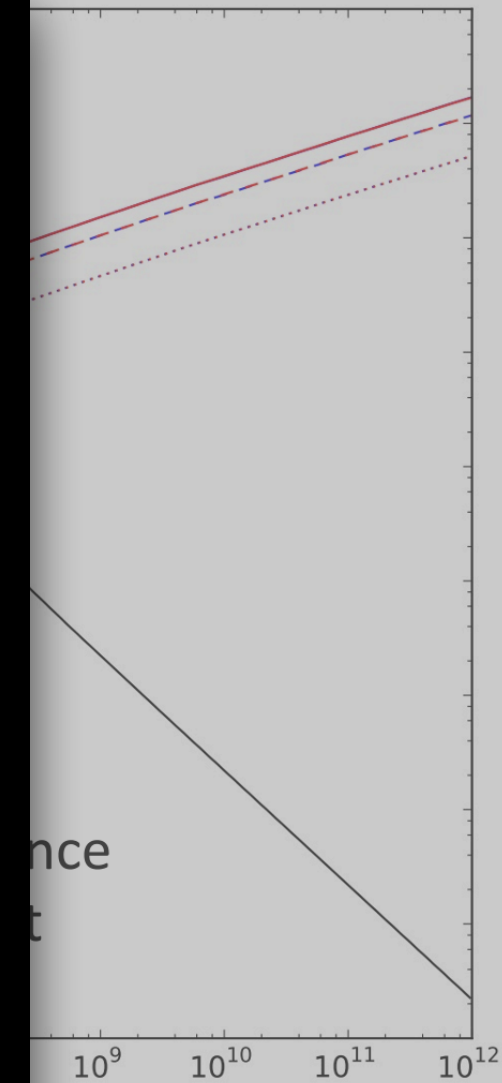
e^-

$\bar{\nu}_e$



Madison

Cherenkov radiation from PeV electron (tau) shower
> 300 sensors > 100,000 pe reconstructed to 2 nsec



Origin of Astrophysical Neutrinos

Multimessenger observation

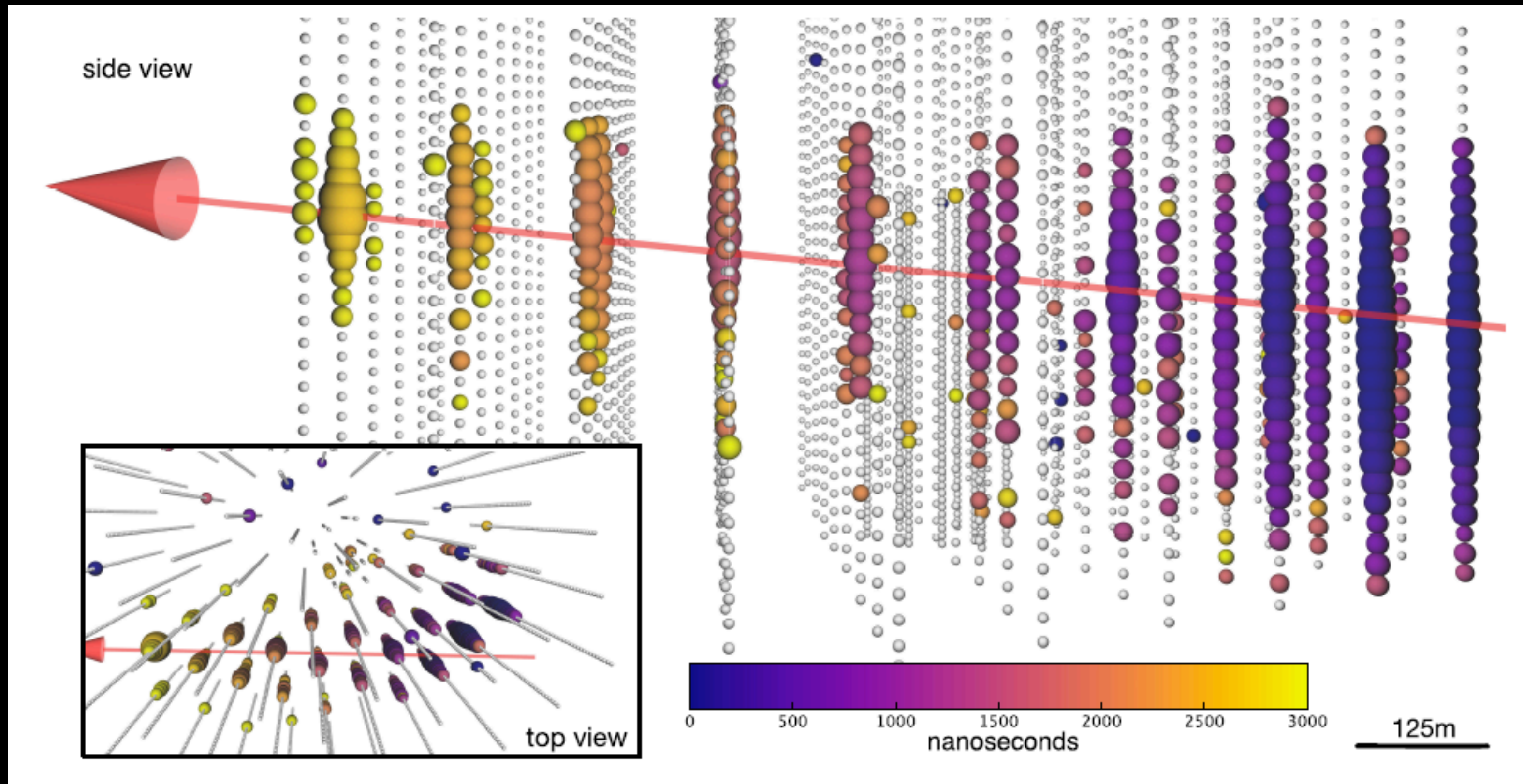
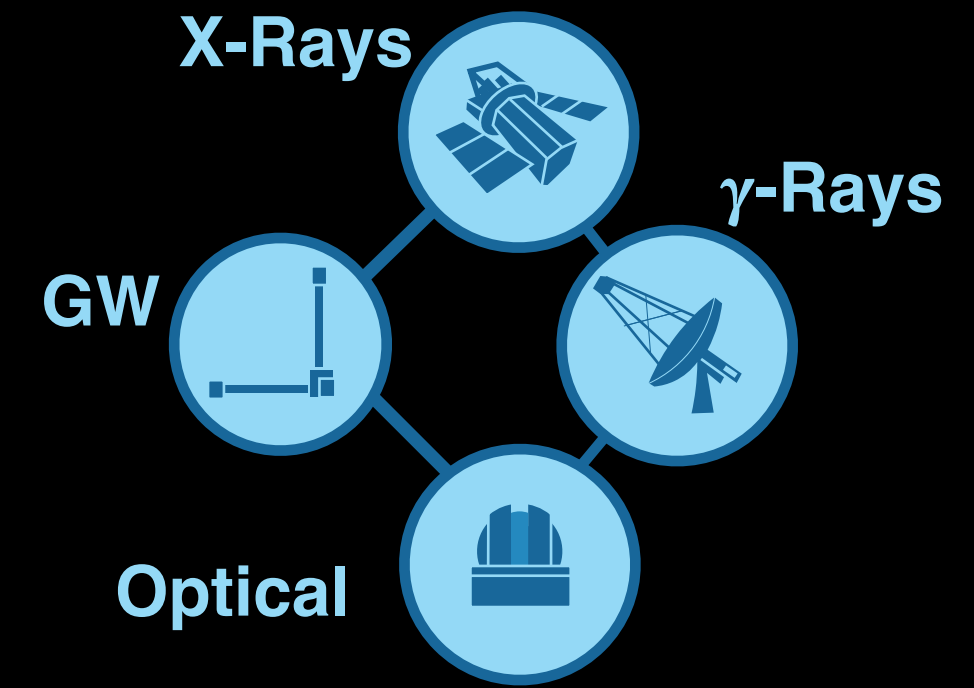
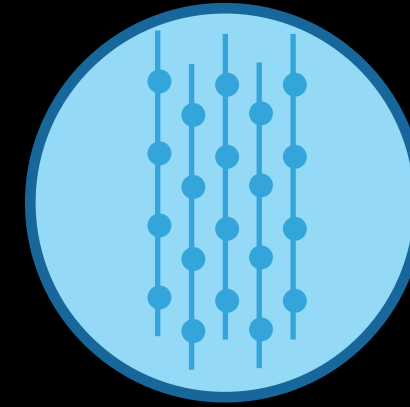
Temporal and spatial correlation with observations from other messengers

Point source search

Search for steady excess from specific position in sky

Multimessenger Neutrino Alert System

Neutrinos



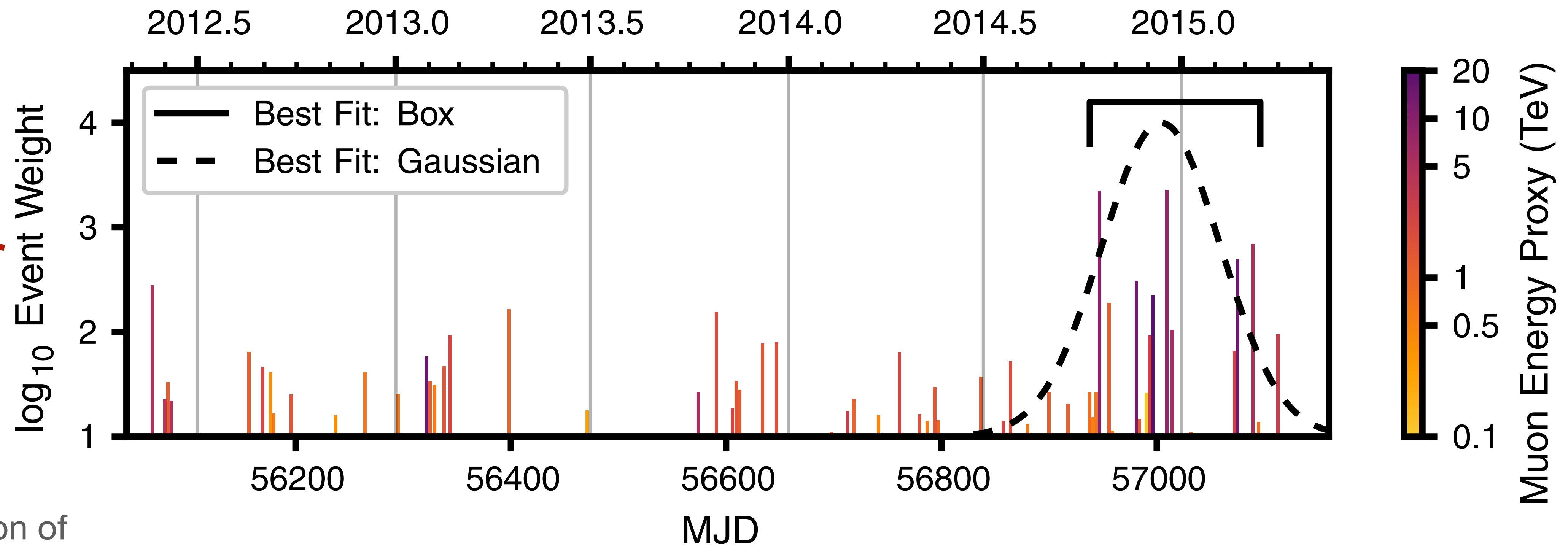
- An alert system based on *golden track-like events*
 - Operating since **April 2016**
- **Sep 22 2017**: Sent alert for 300 TeV track event
- Four days later Fermi-LAT reported a flaring *blazar* **TXS 0506+056** inside the error region.
 - 3 sigma coincidence

The Blazar TXS 0506+056

Neutrino Archival Analysis

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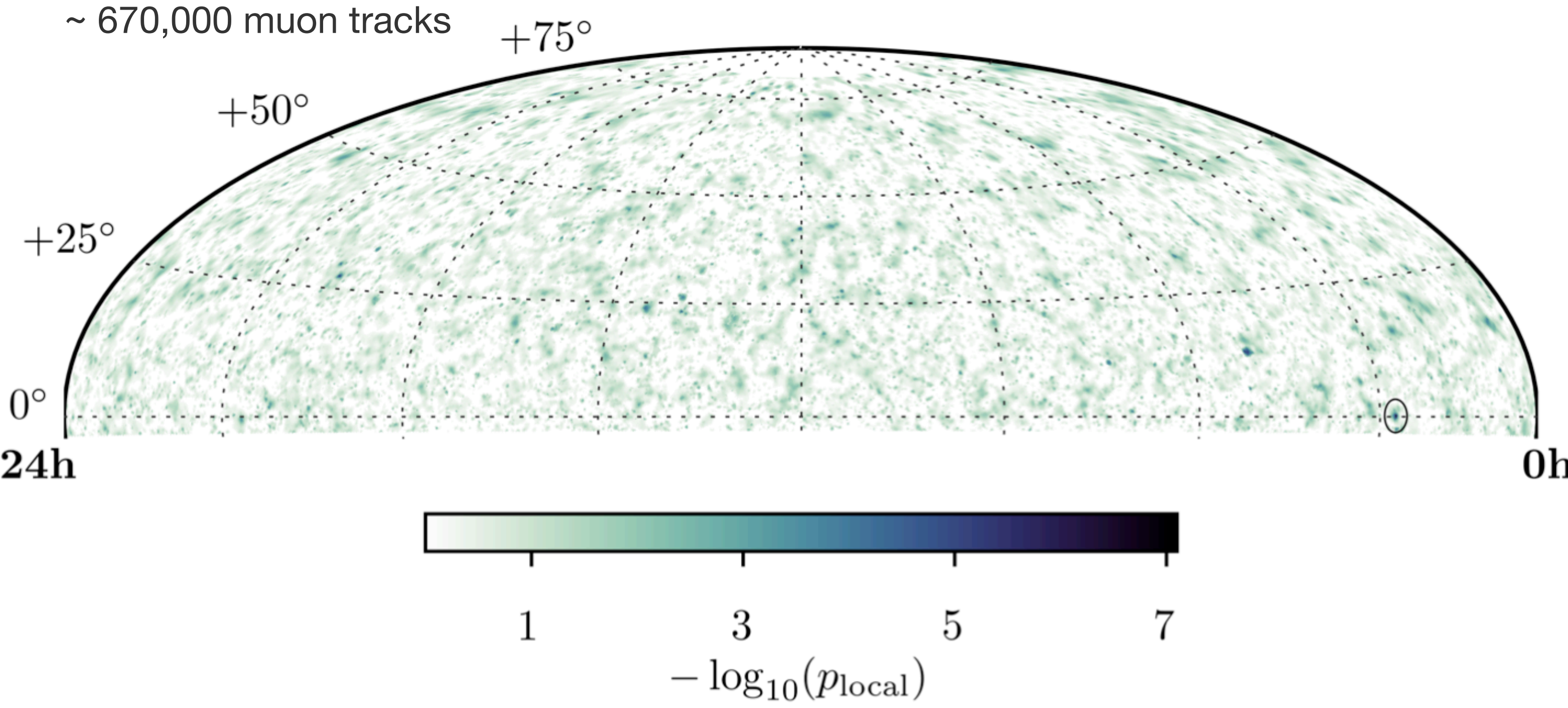
- We found an excess of $13 \pm 5 \nu_\mu$ with $E^{-2.1}$ best fitted spectrum (3.5σ)



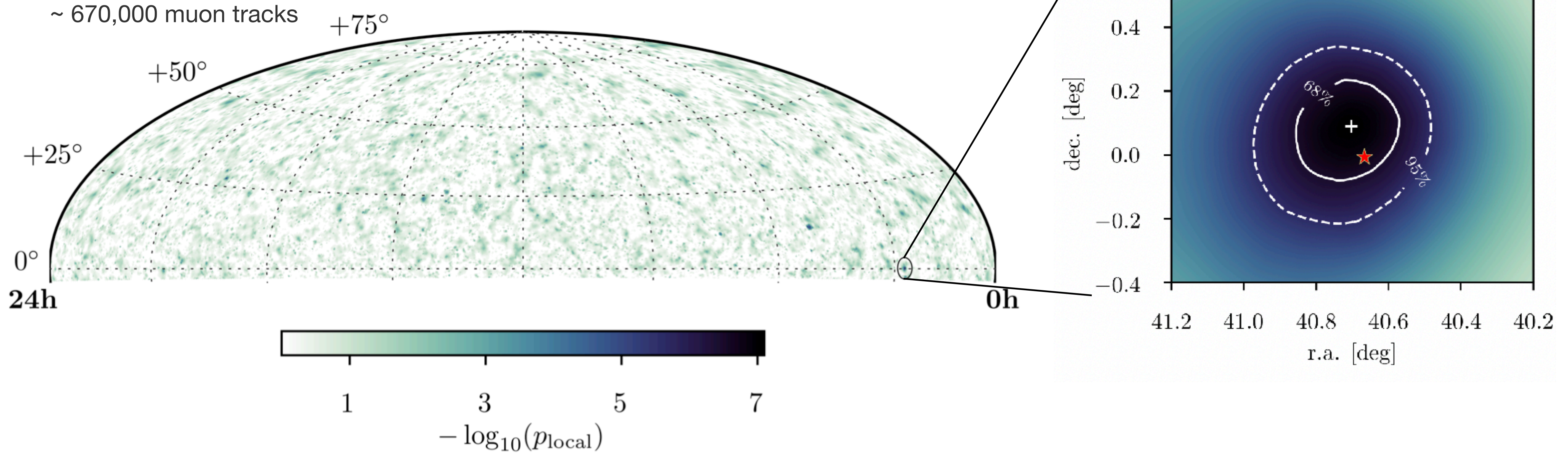
Contribution of each event to significance $w(E, t, \vec{a})$

Flux averaged over 9.5 yr is <1% of all-sky astro flux

All Sky Search

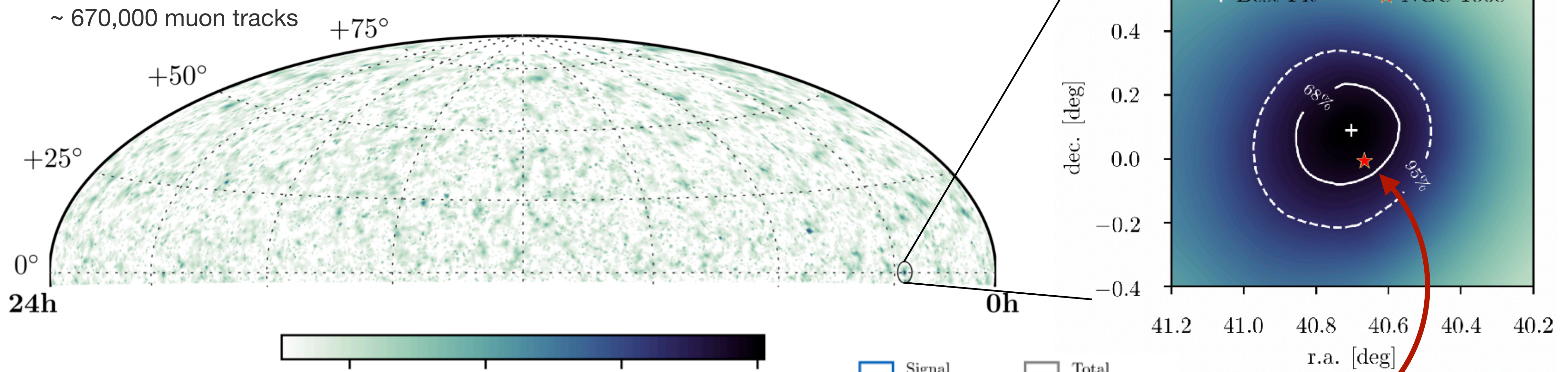


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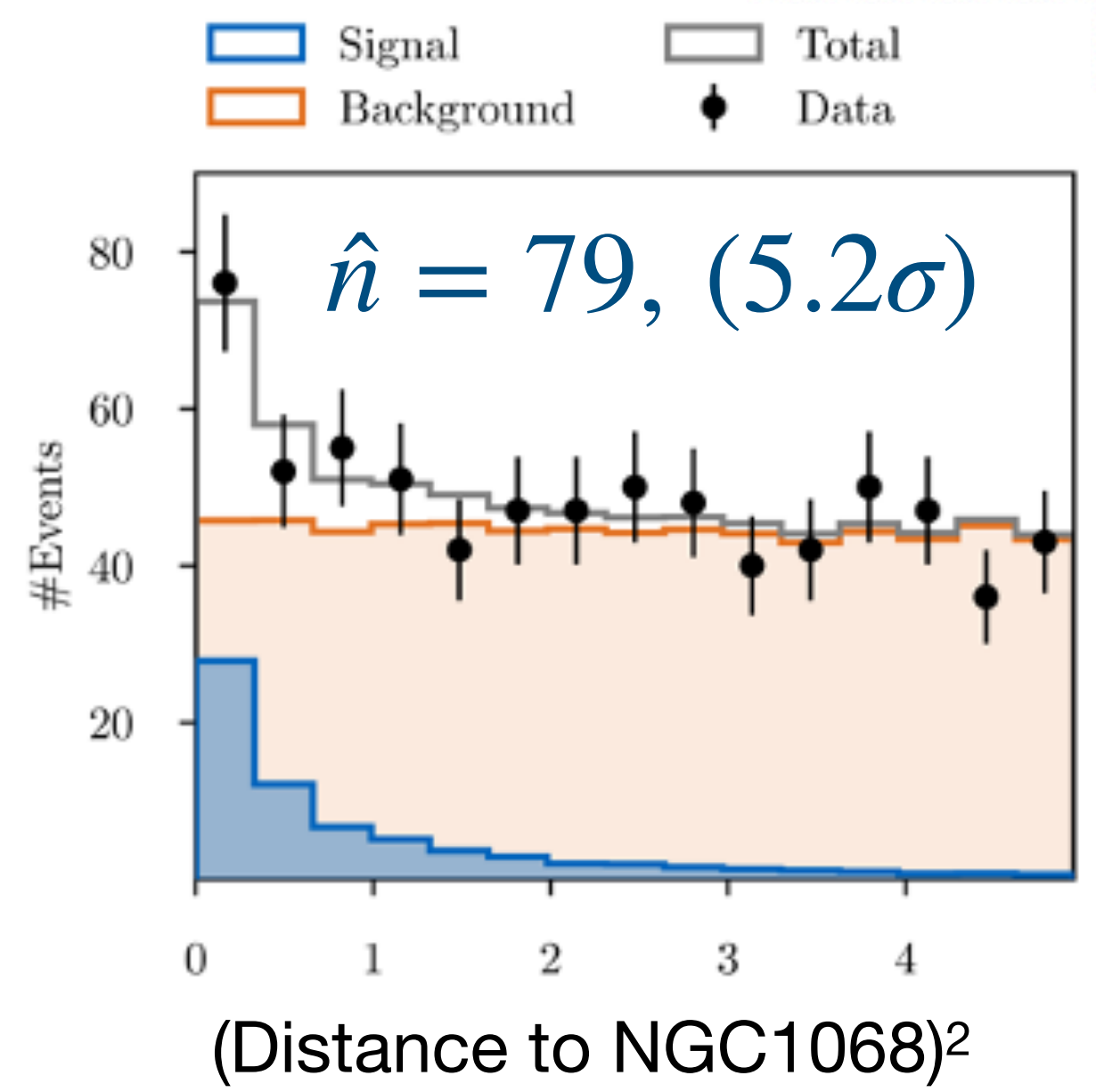


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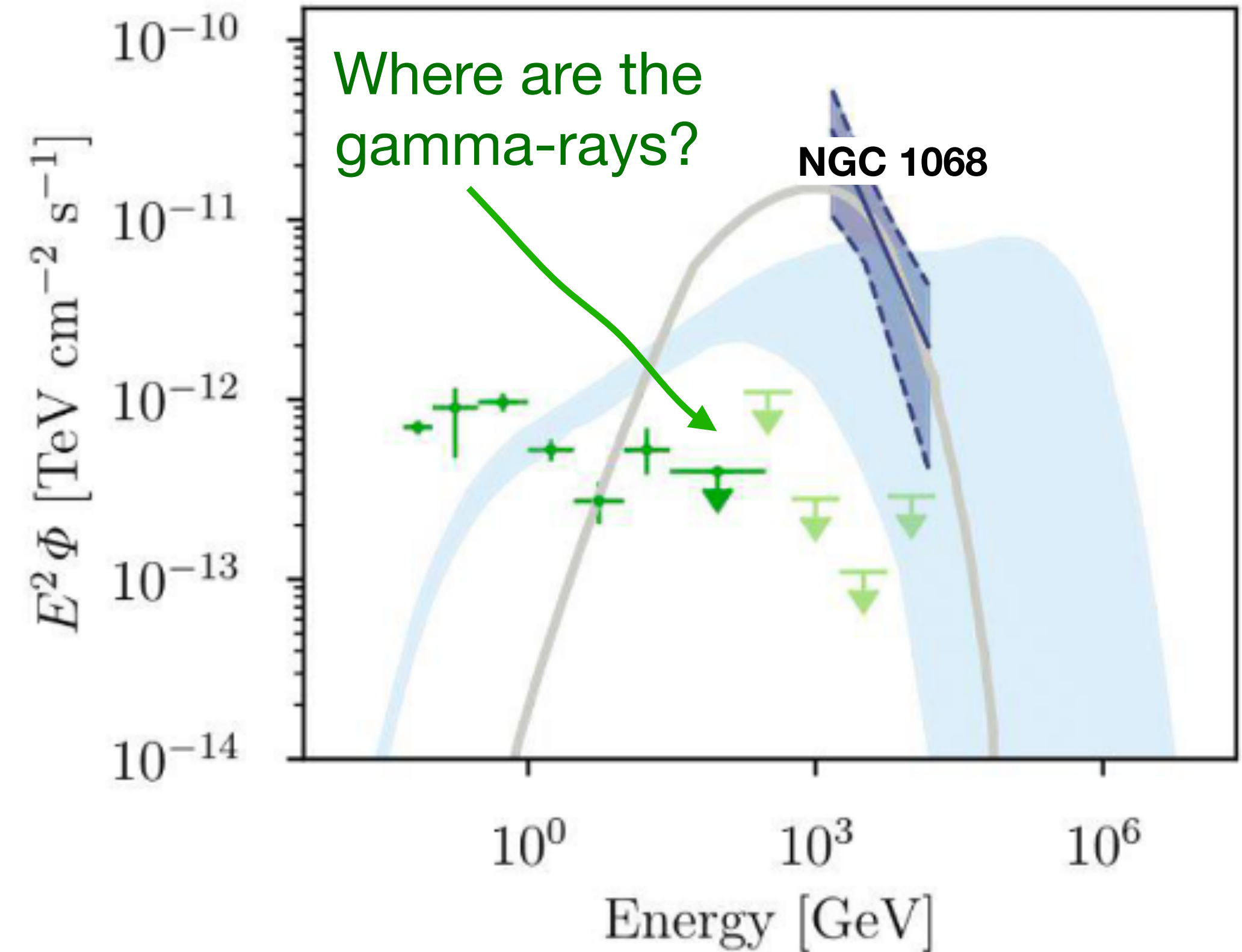
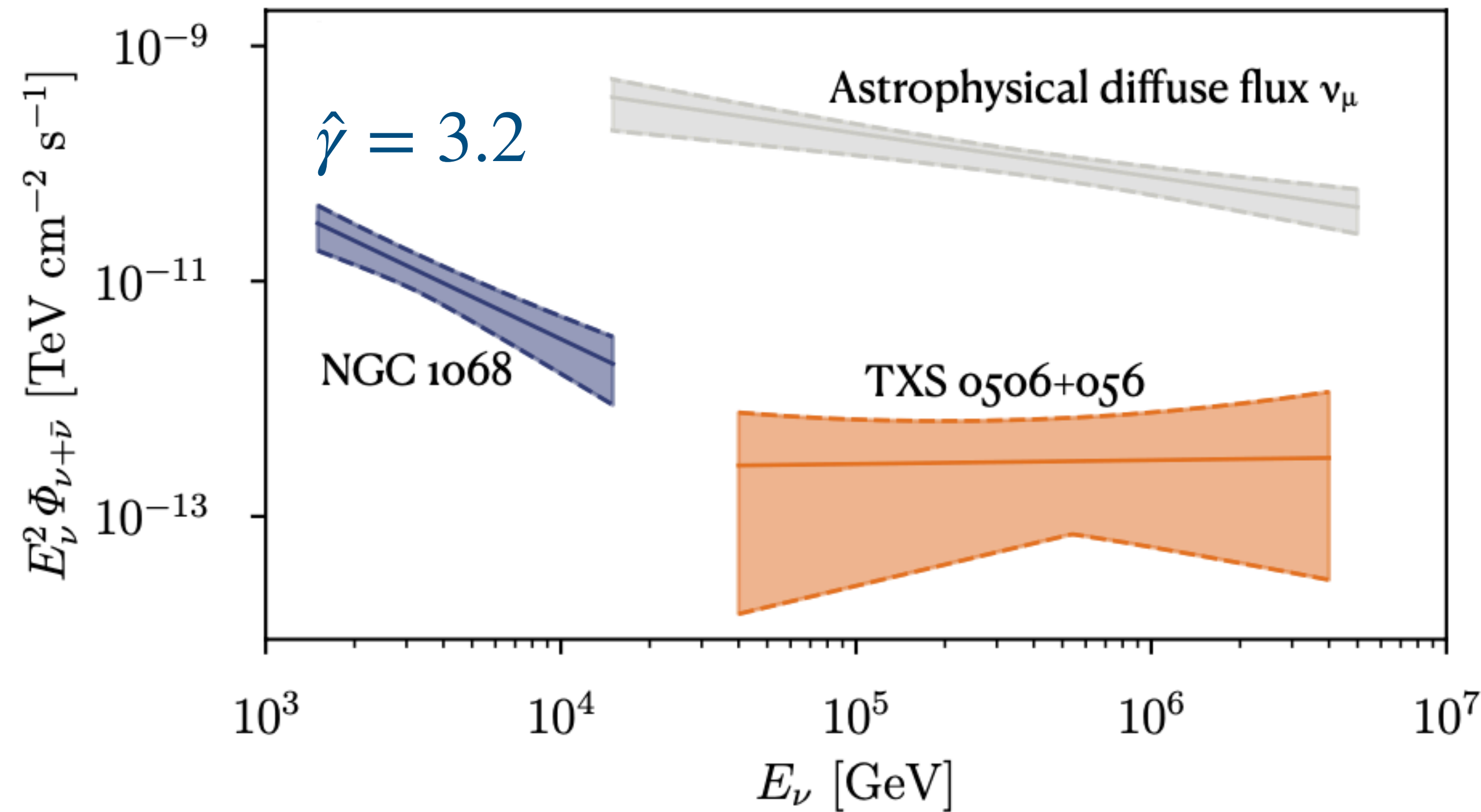


Hottest spot is 0.11° away from center of NGC 1068

NGC 1068

Neutrino Flux

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- TXS 0506+056 and NGC 1068 contribute each ~1% of the total astrophysical diffuse neutrino
- Measured **neutrino flux** exceeds TeV **gamma-ray upper limits**

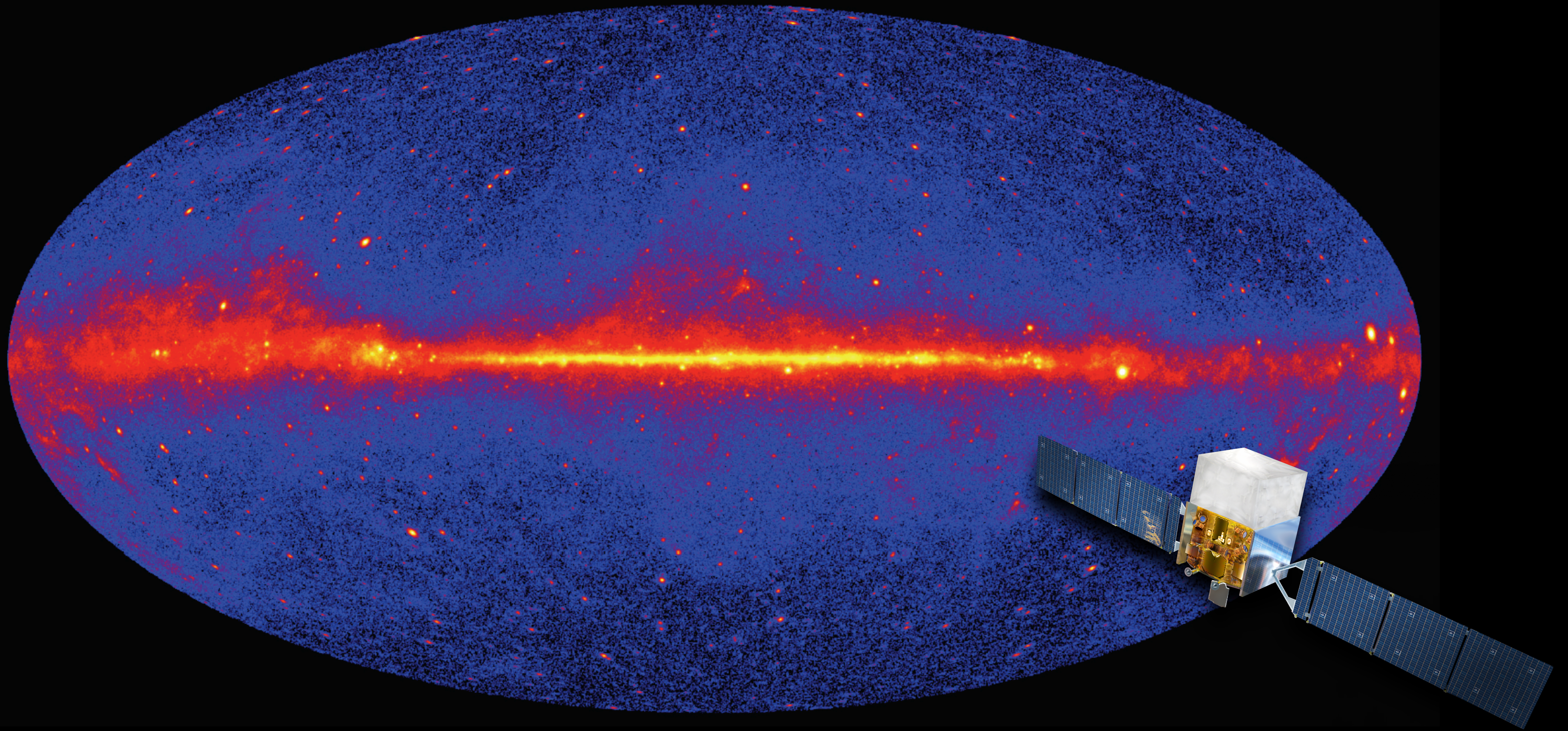
NGC 1068

Seyfert Galaxy with an obscured black hole

- Very active starburst spiral galaxy.
- It is close! (~ 14.4 Mpc)
- It hosts a Compton-thick AGN
- AGN powered by a SMBH with mass $\sim 10^7 - 10^8 M_{\odot}$
- Intrinsically the brightest Seyfert in the X-ray band
- Disk-Corona Model: Neutrinos (and gamma rays) are produced in optical thick corona
 - **Gamma-rays are absorbed**

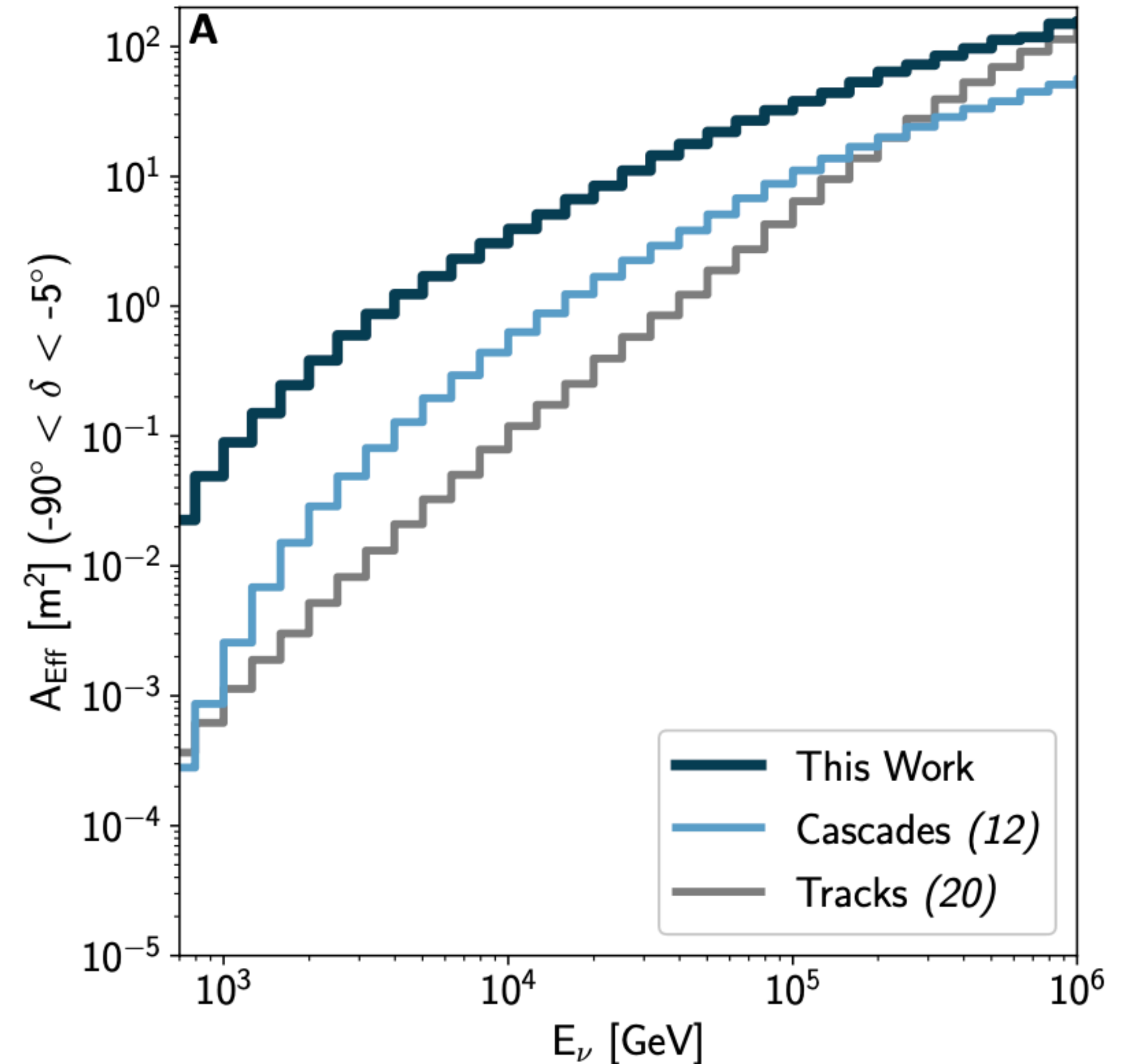
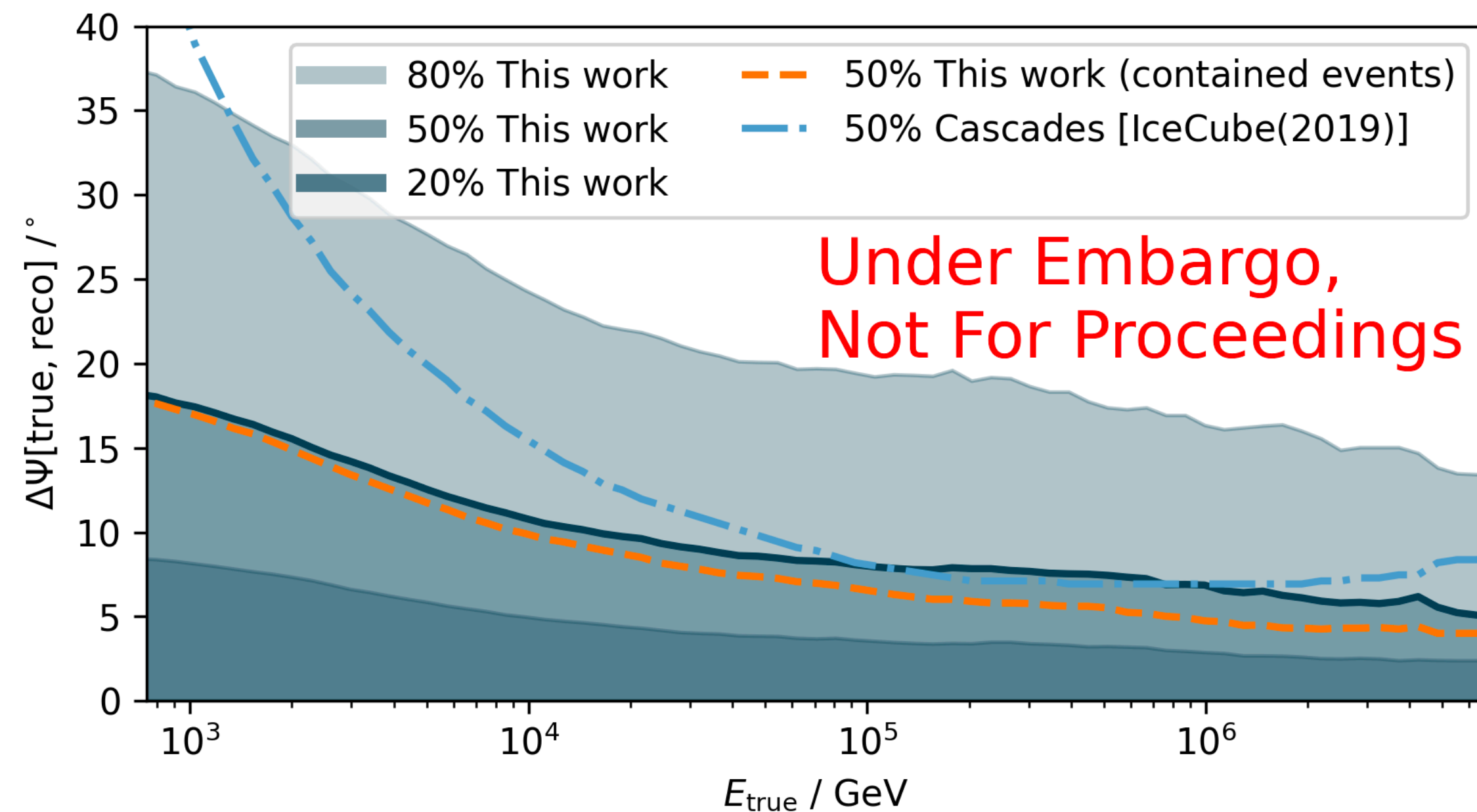


Where is Our Galaxy?

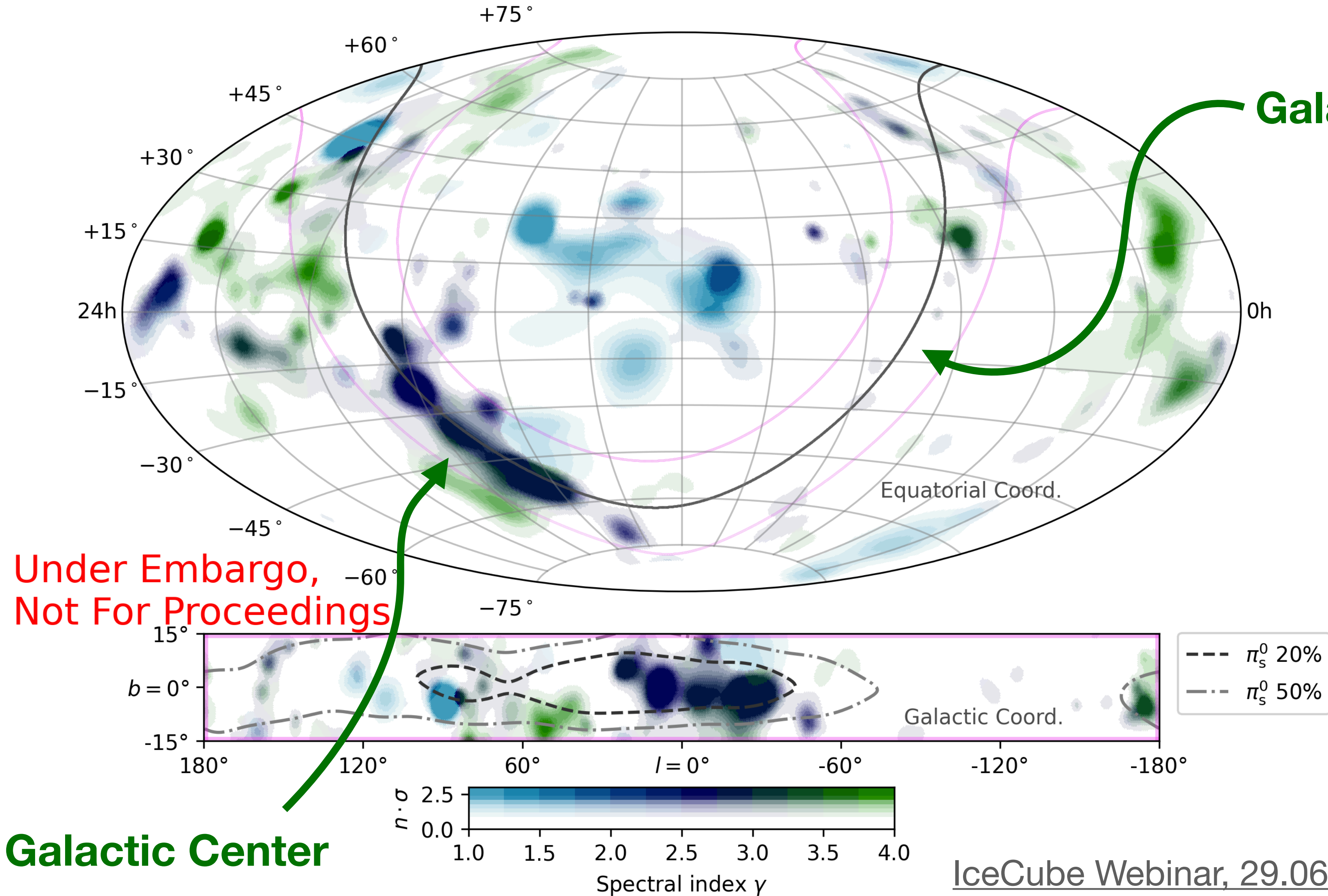


Cascade from the southern sky

- Improve data selection and reconstruction with deep learning algorithms:
 - **Order of magnitude** increases in acceptance in Southern Sky
 - Improves angular resolutions for cascade **a factor 2 at TeV**.



Our Galaxy with Neutrinos



We observe the Galactic plane in $>TeV$ neutrinos with 4.5σ

- Makes up only 9–13% of total cosmic neutrino flux (30 TeV)
 - Powerful accelerators operate in galaxies other than our own

Conclusions

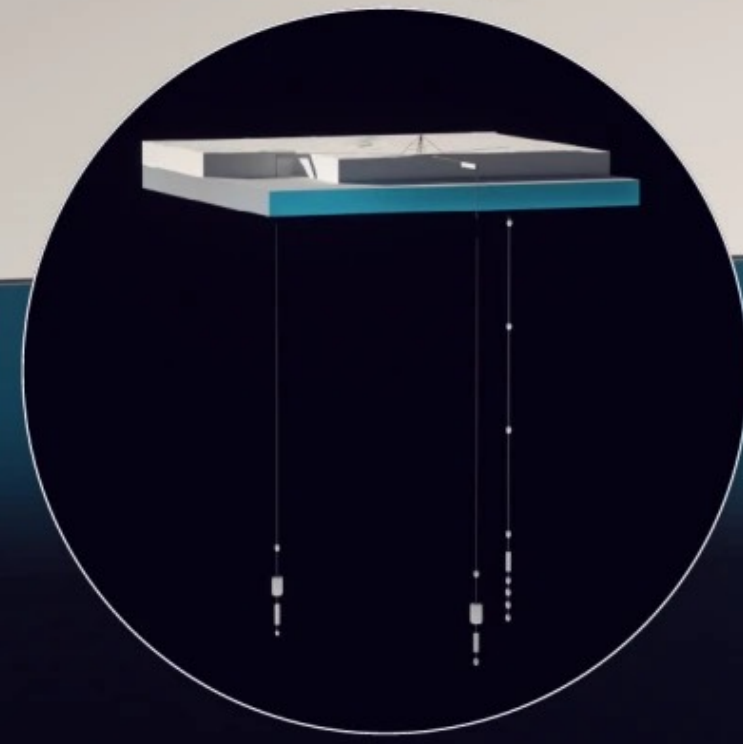
- IceCube has discovered a flux of TeV astrophysical neutrinos
- First sources of neutrinos are being unveiled
 - we start having a blueprint of the solution of the cosmic-ray problem ...
- ... however cosmic rays physics is never that simple and we can expect more surprises
- Beyond astrophysics IceCube is at the forefront of many science fields: neutrinos oscillations, dark matter, cosmic-rays, ...

The Future

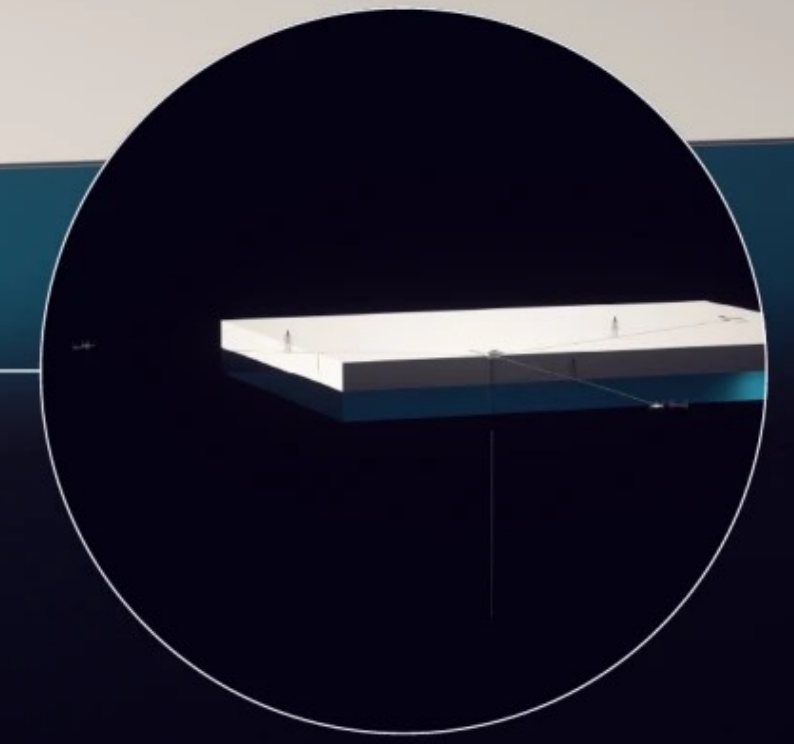
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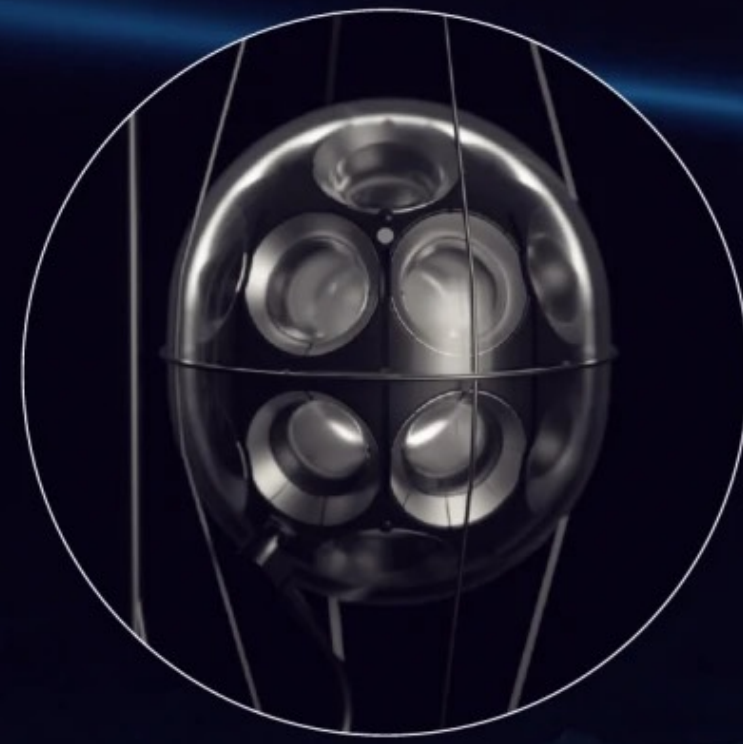
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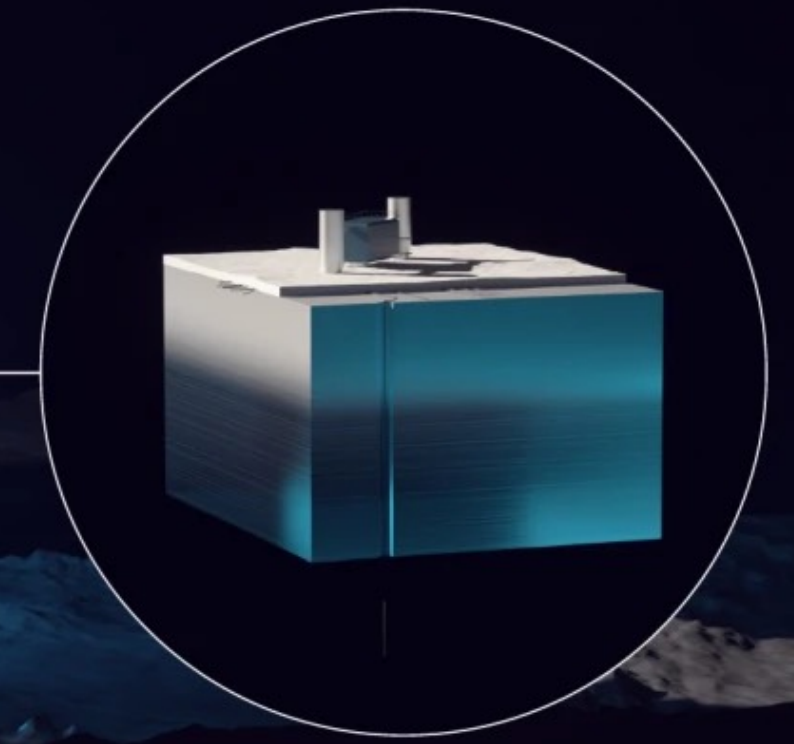
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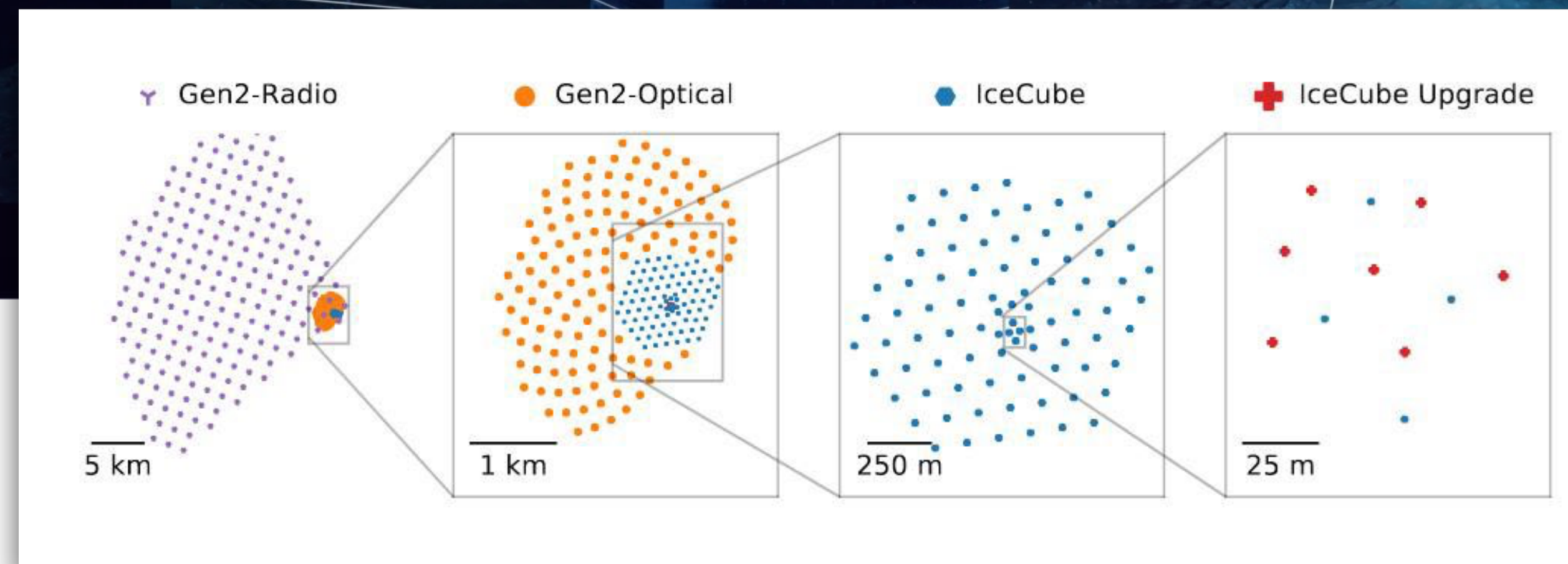
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Optical Array | Sensor



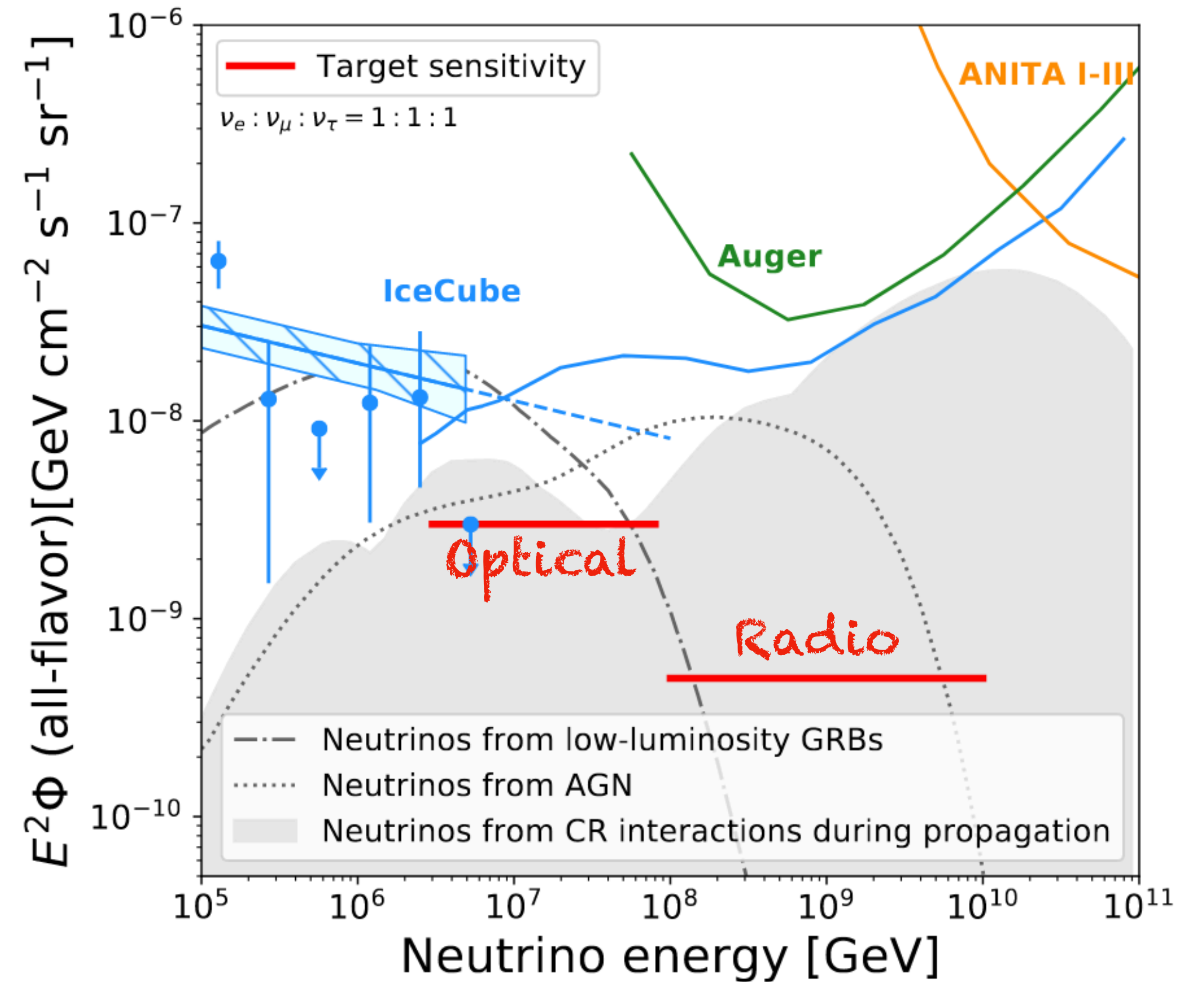
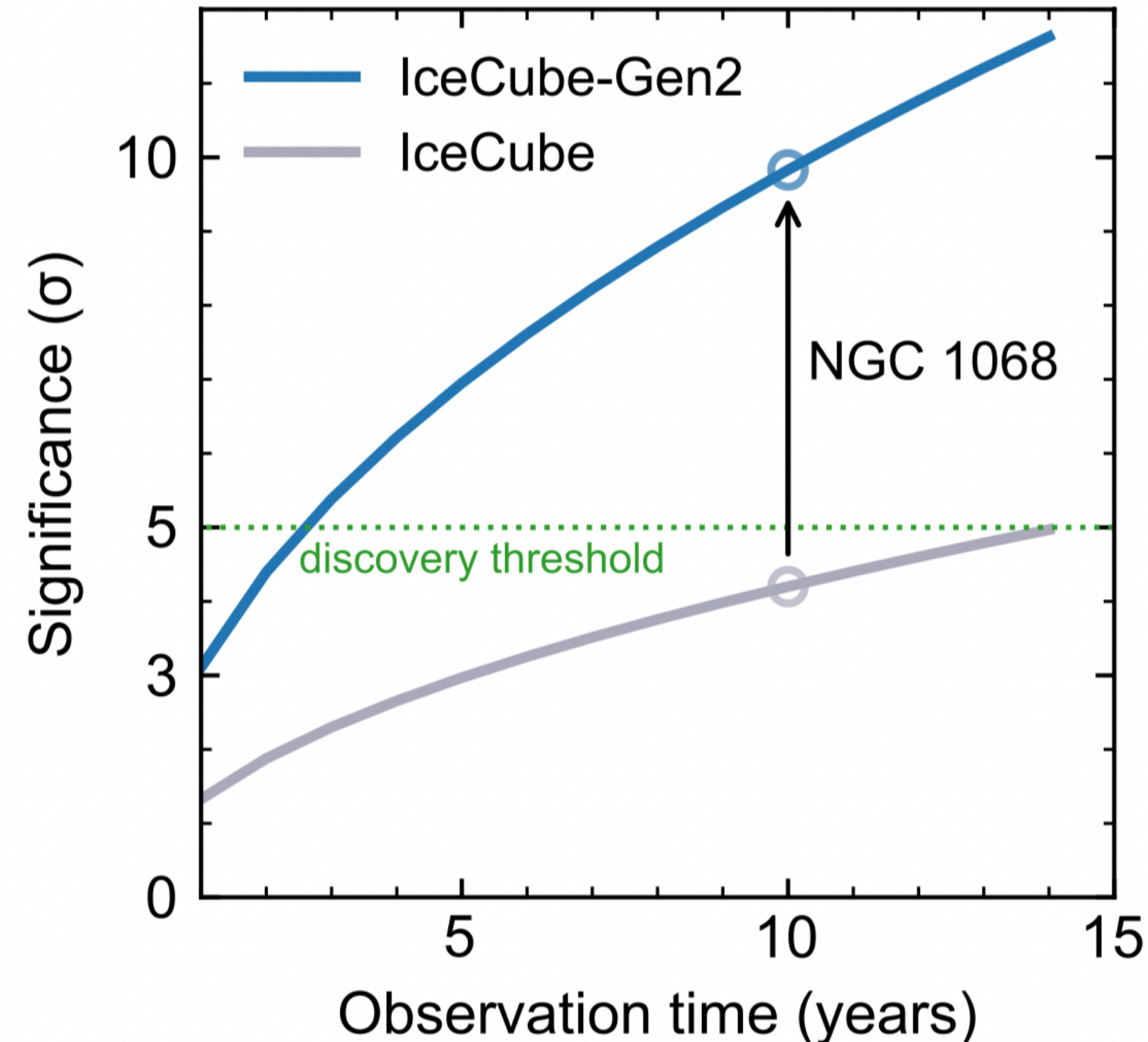
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IceCube Gen2 - Neutrino Astronomy in the coming decade

Questions to be answered

- Cutoff in the astrophysical spectrum
- Component of the astrophysical spectrum
- Cosmogenic GZK neutrinos
- Gen2 will find more NGC1068 like sources



Thank you for your attention



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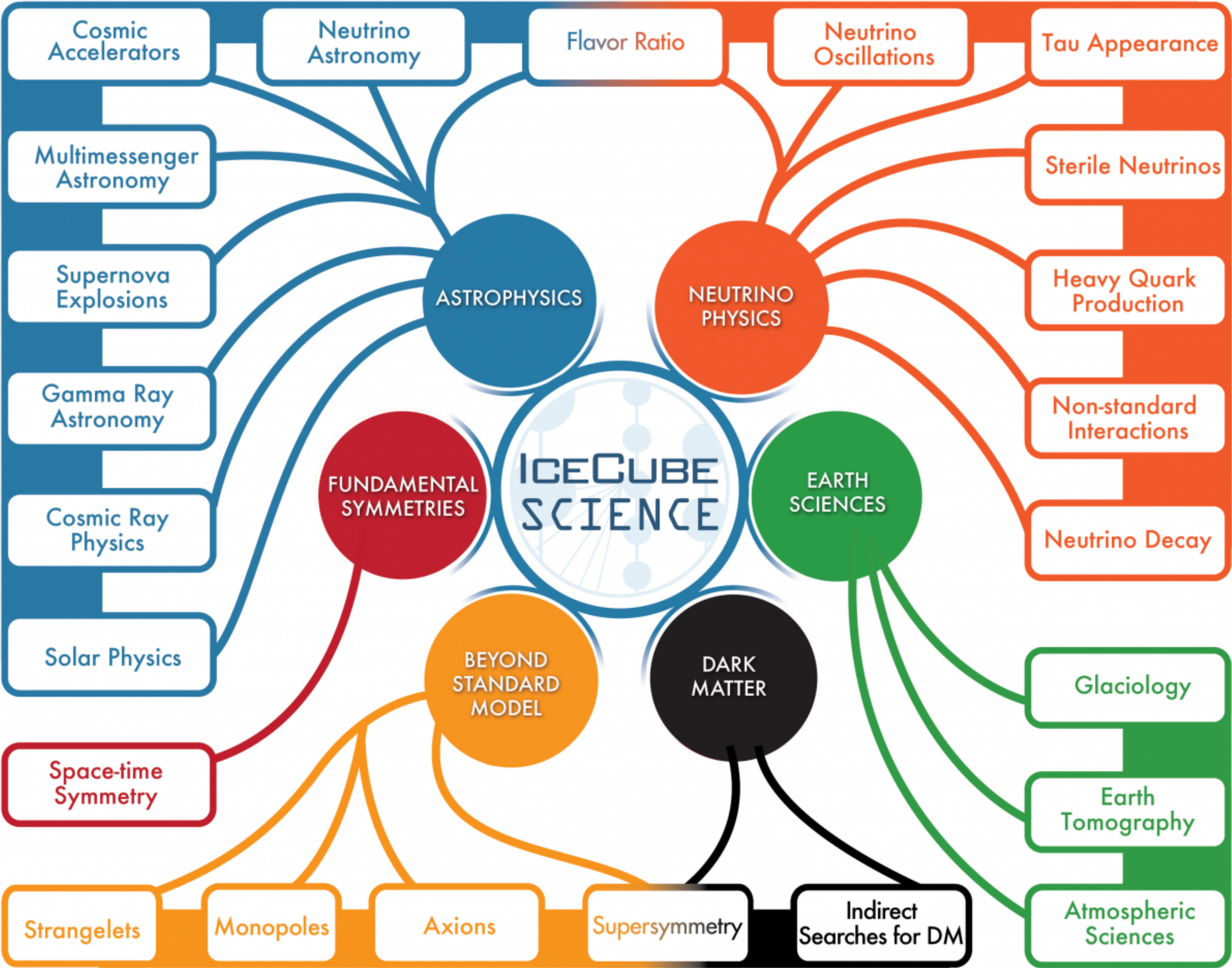
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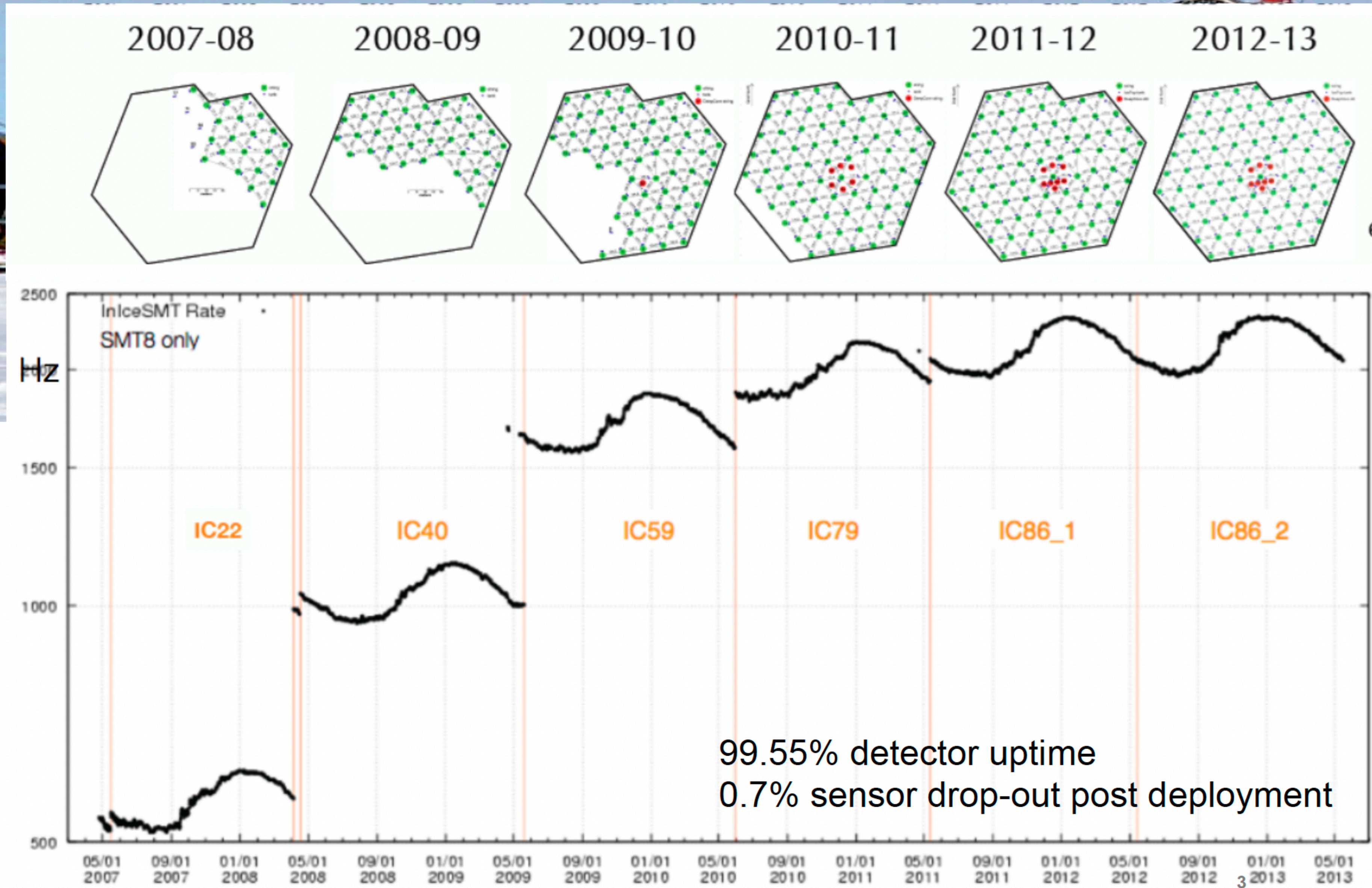
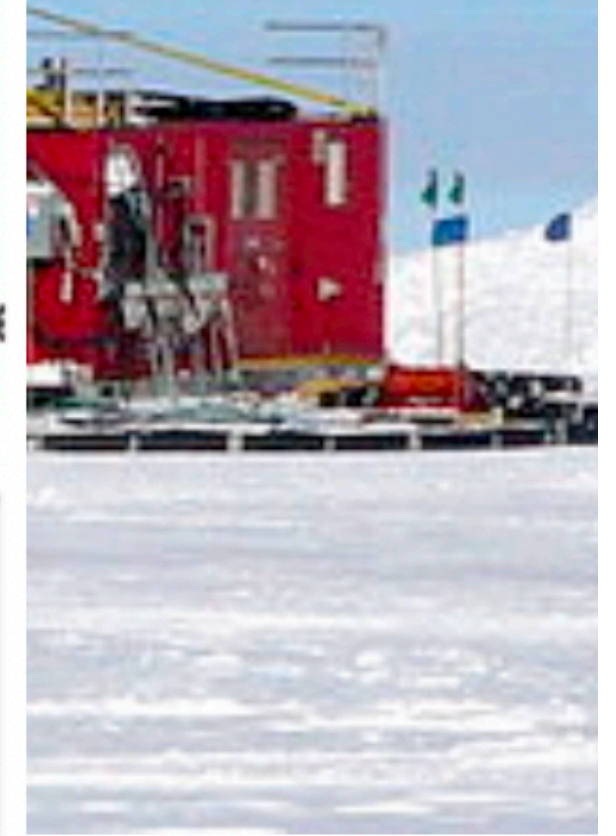
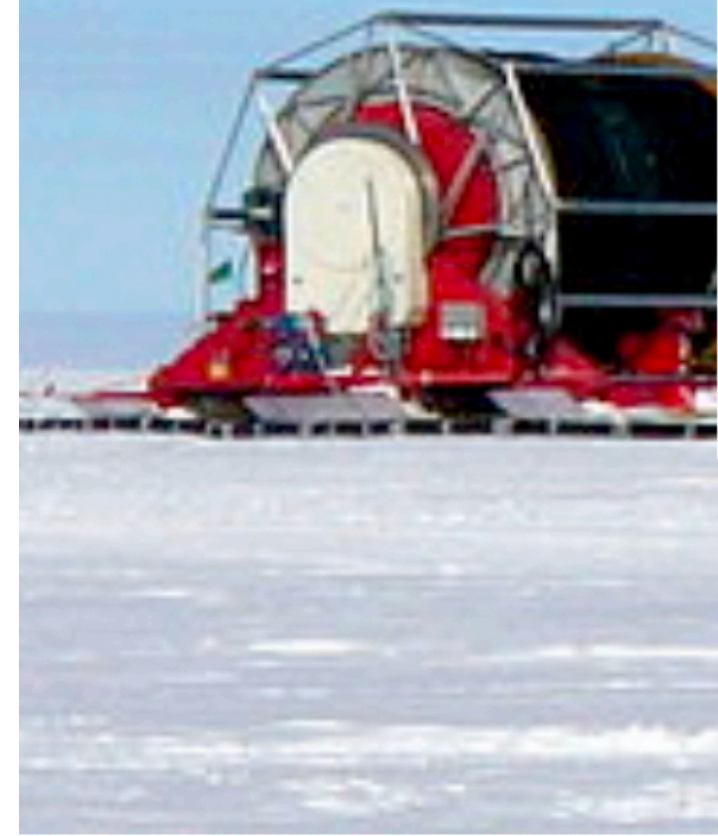


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IceCube Science



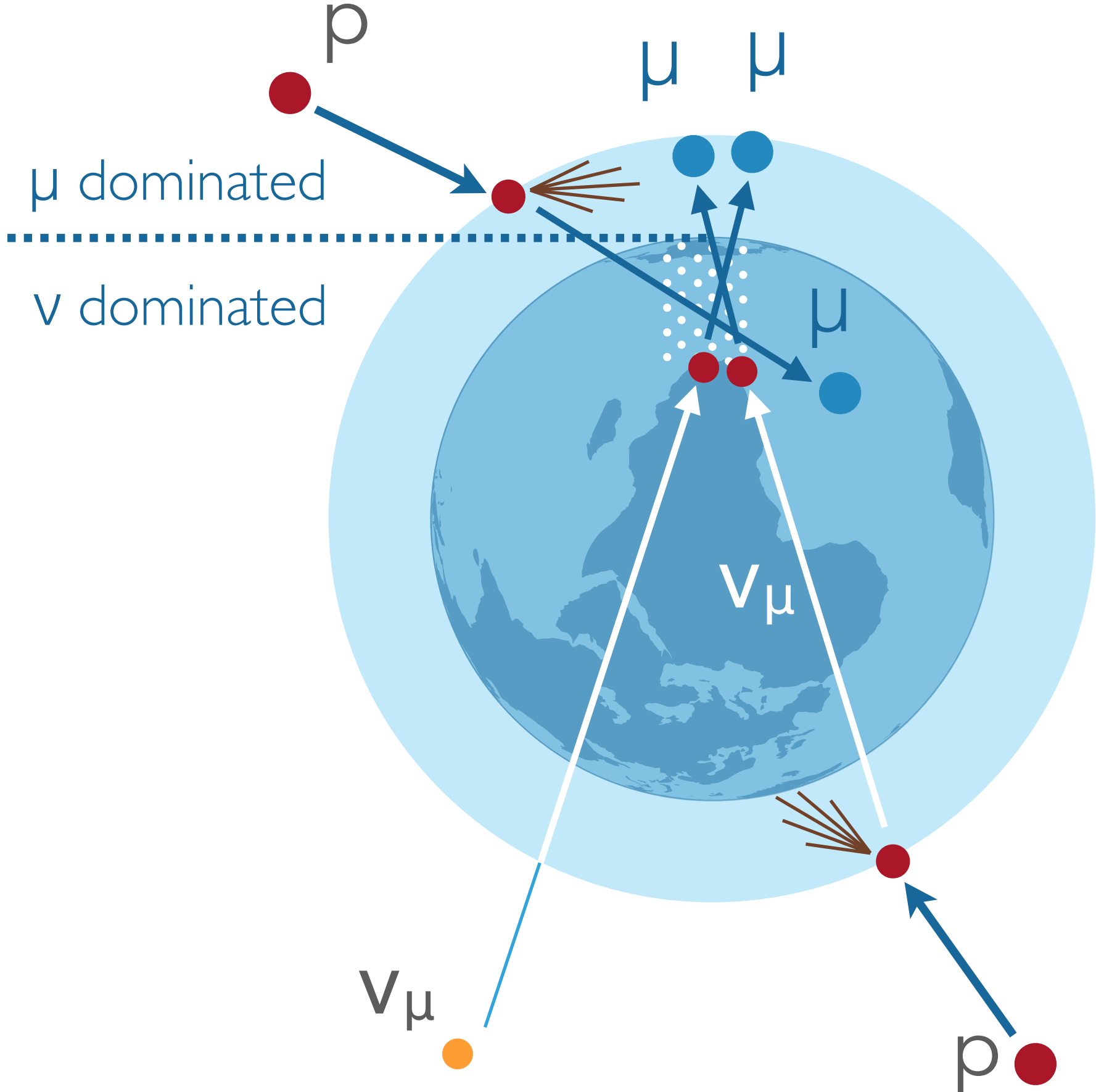
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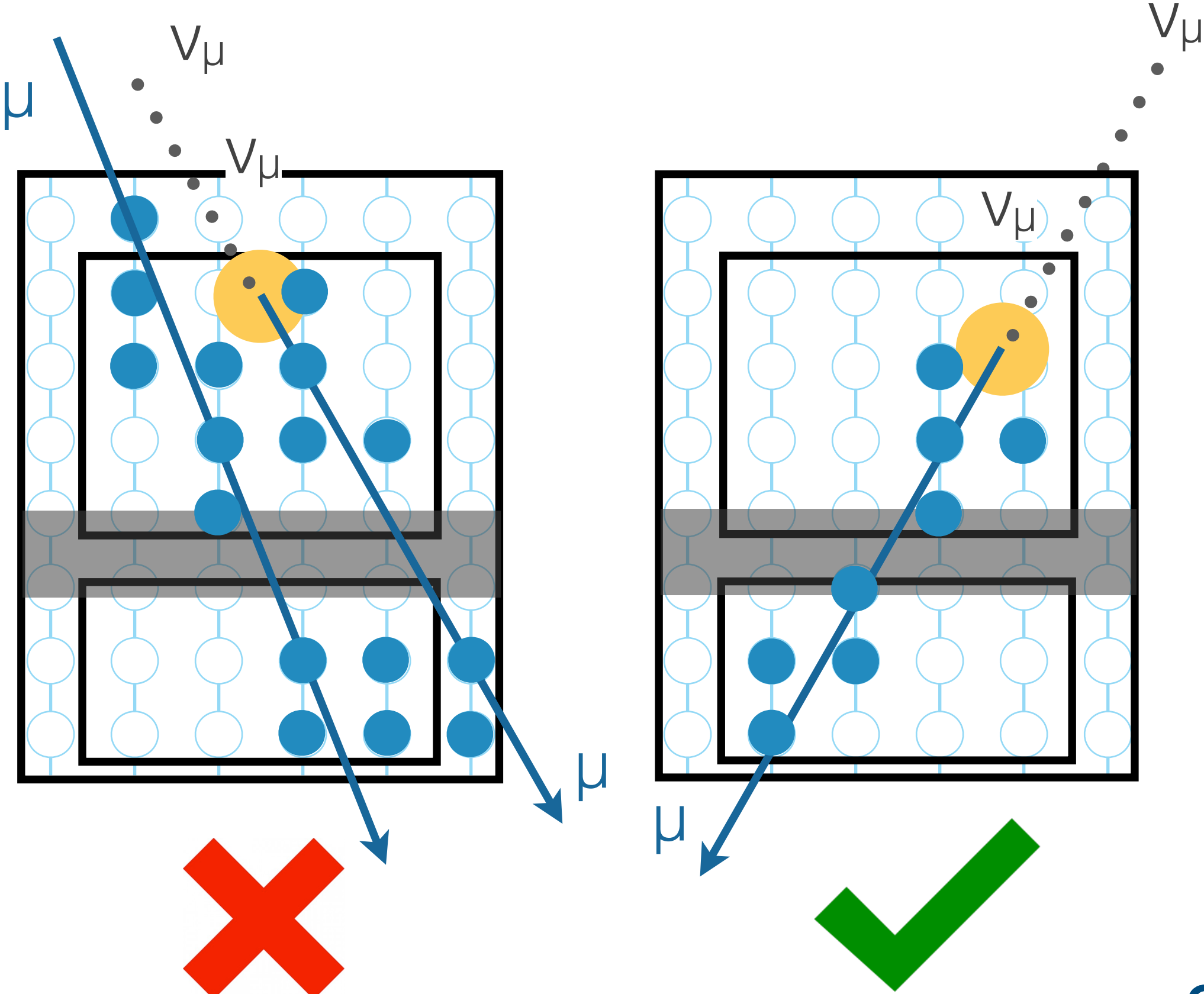
Reconstruction of neutrino properties with IceCube

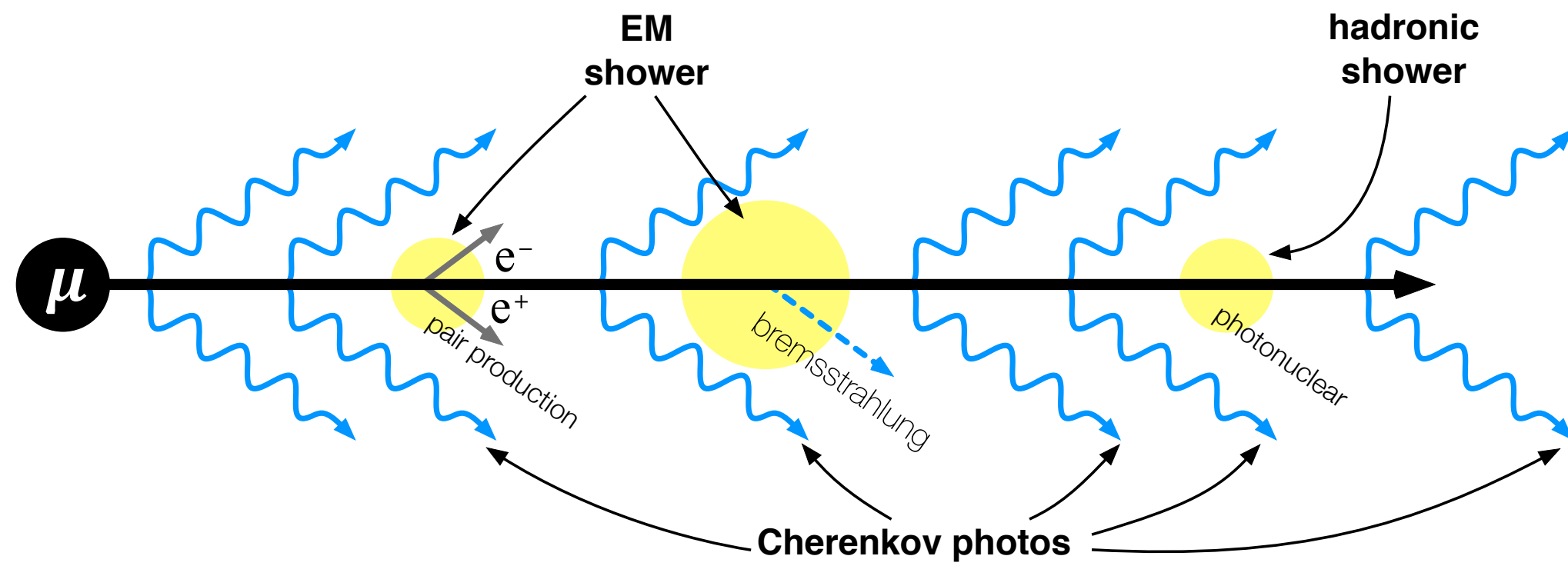
Background Rejection

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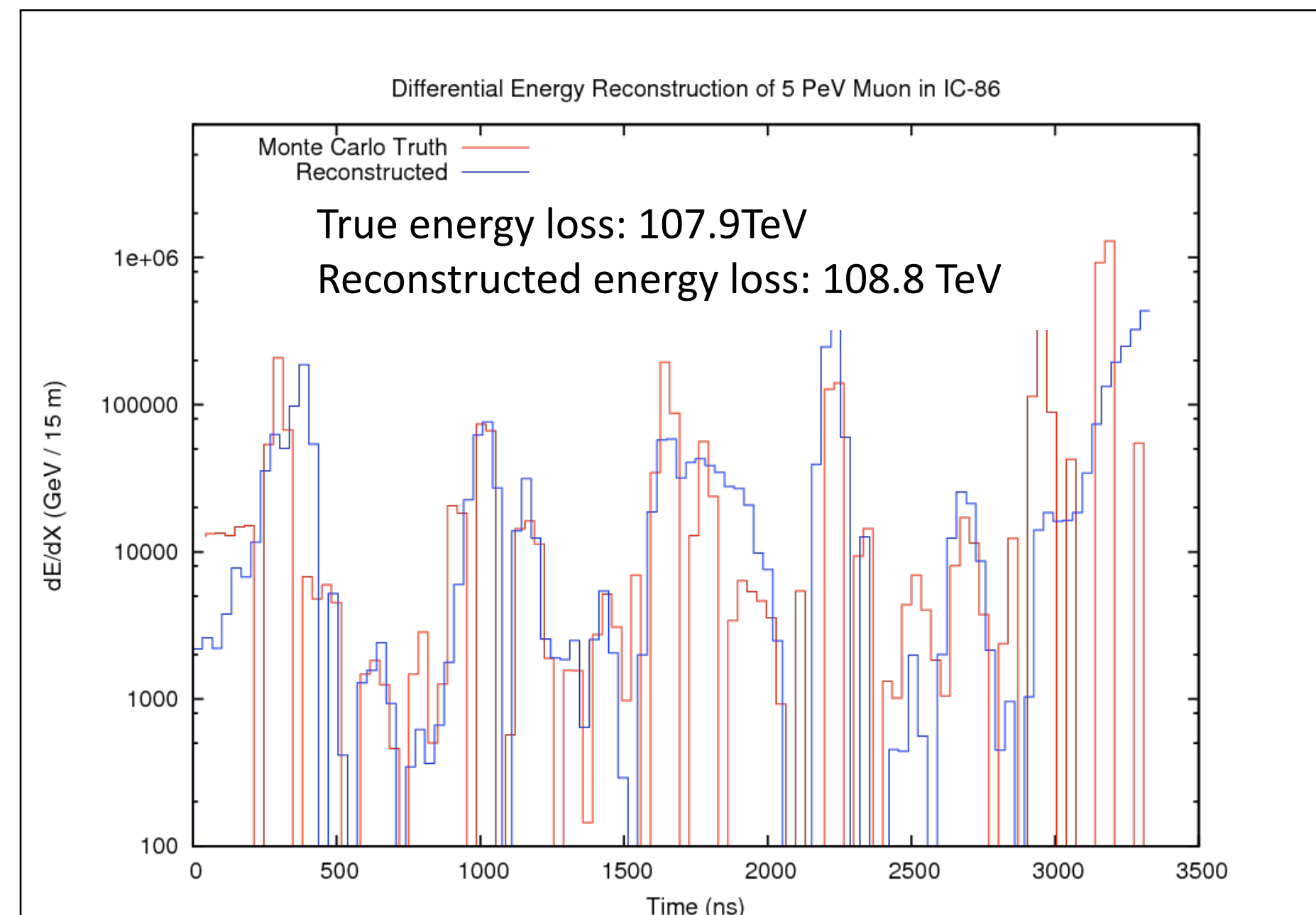
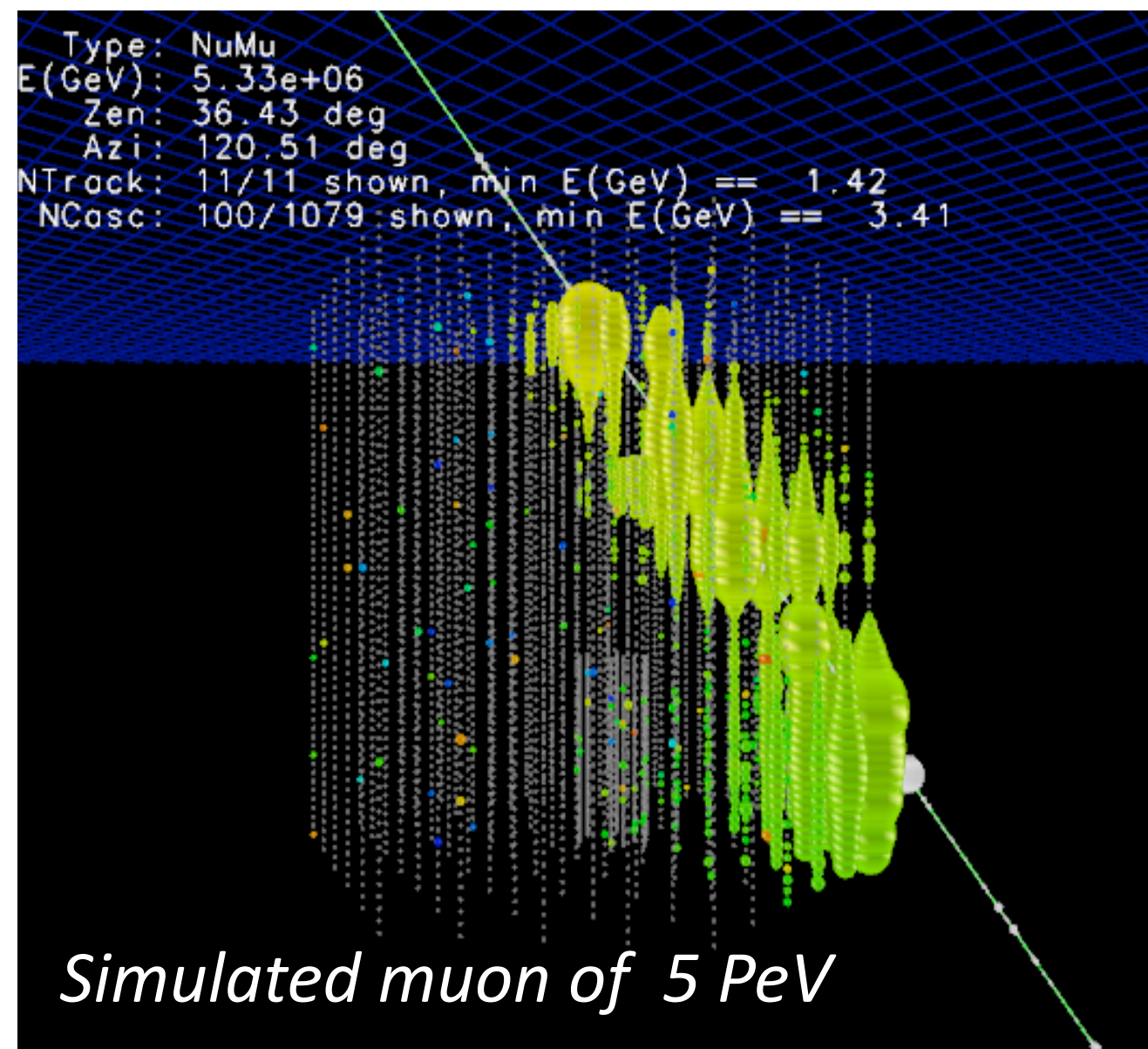


2 Using the outer layers as an active veto to select **starting events**. And reject events with **coincidence muon**



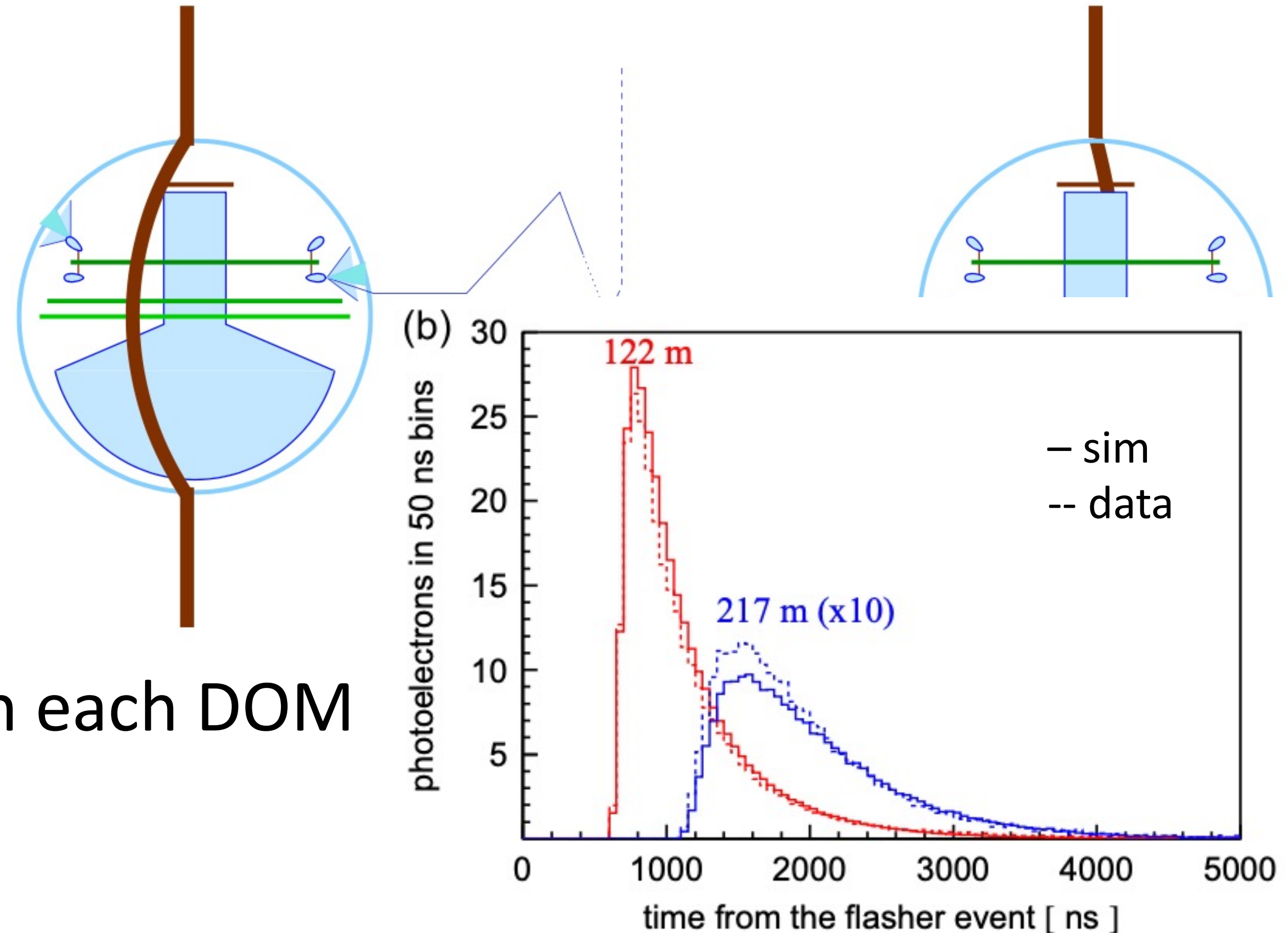


- ▶ Improved tools to resolve stochastic energy losses along the km long tracks.
- ▶ Energy deposited is a lower-bound of true energy.
- ▶ Muon energy resolution:
 - rms of $\log_{10} E$: $\sim(30 -25) \%$ (> 100 TeV)
- ▶ Limited by fluctuations in energy deposition.



Considerations for this event's energy reconstruction

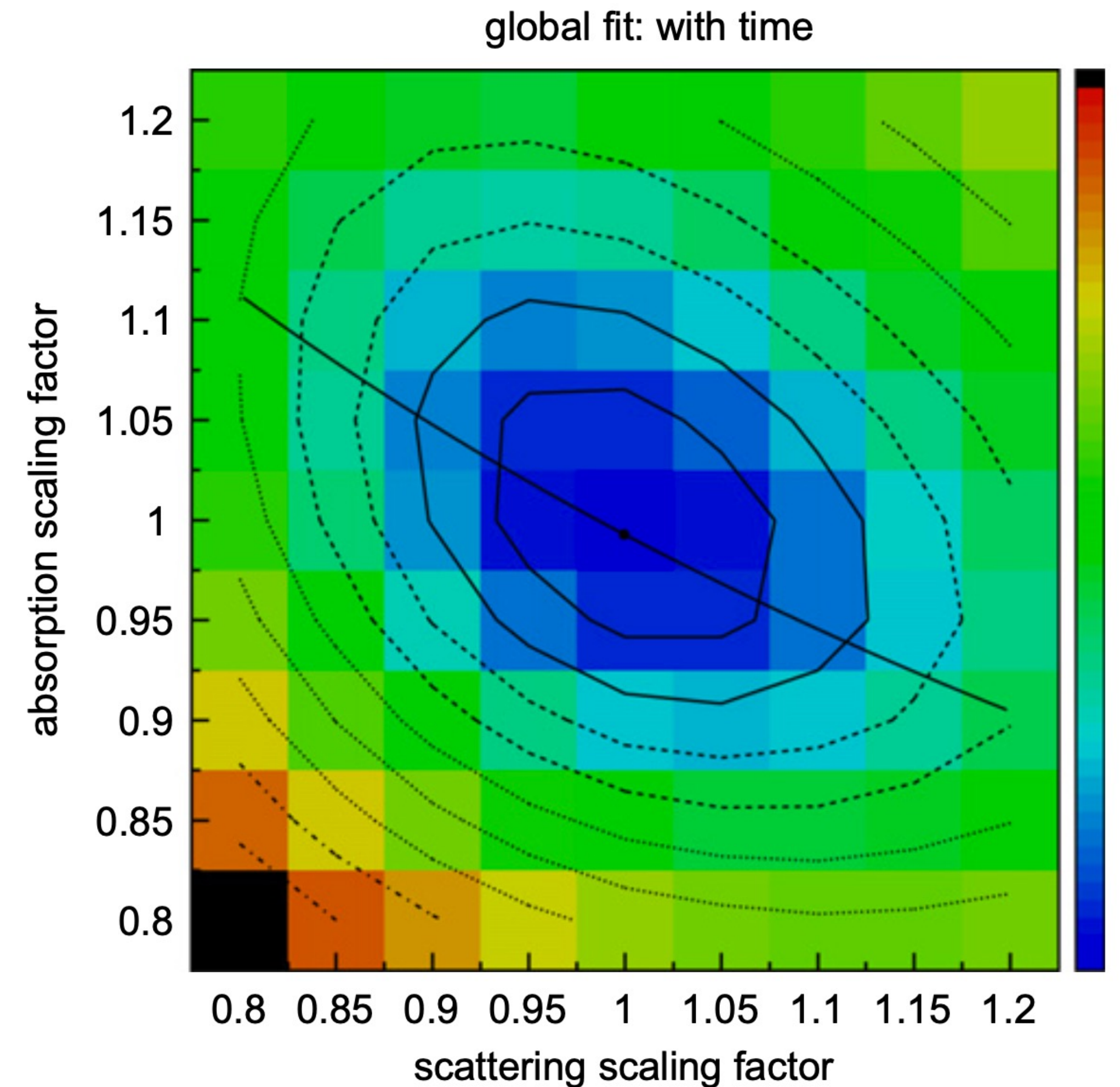
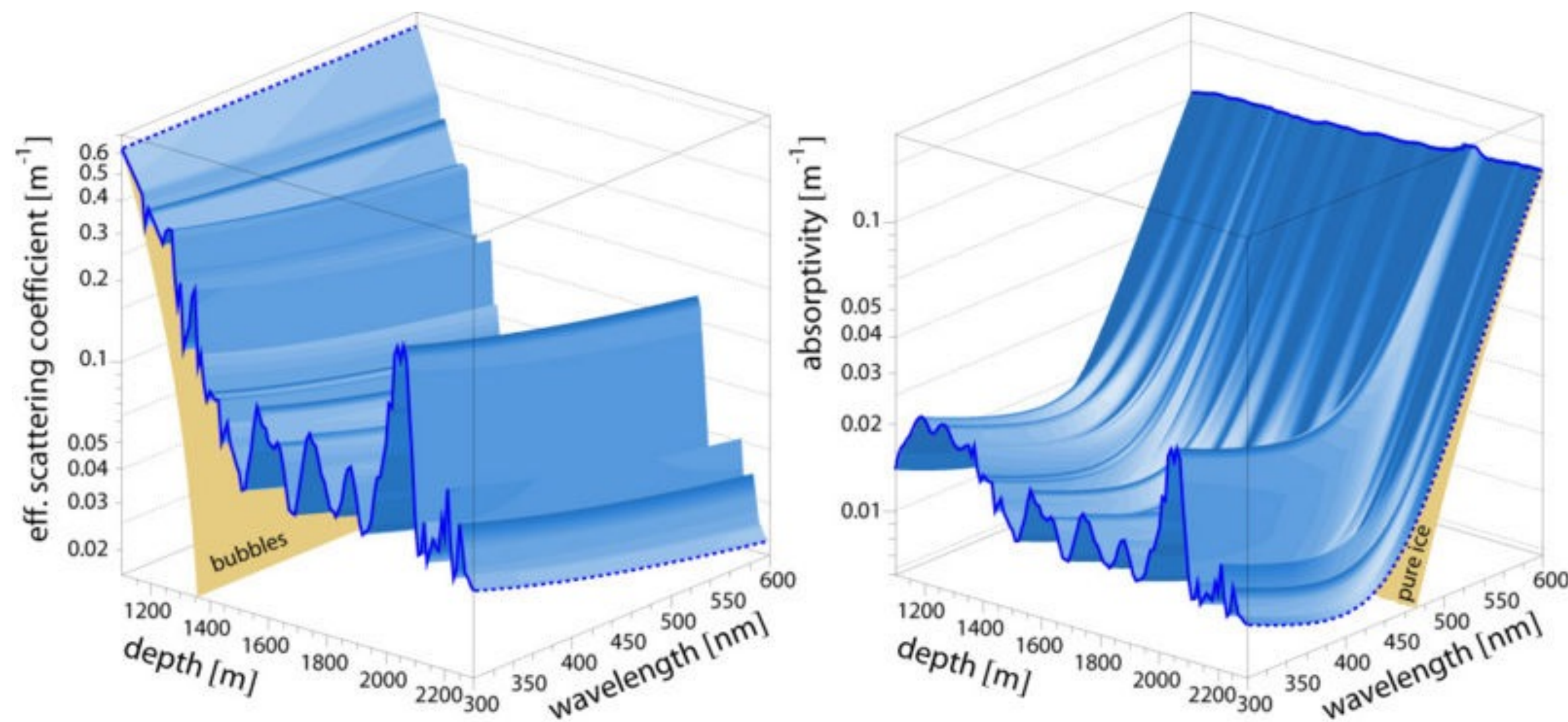
1. Parametrization of bulk ice scattering and absorption
2. Ice anisotropy
3. Energy scale calibration



Six horizontal and six tilted LEDs on each DOM
“Flasher” data used for calibration

Ice model calibration and uncertainties

Fit for **bulk scattering and absorption** parameters vs depth
Constraints can be placed on sca/abs scaling factors (+/- 5%)

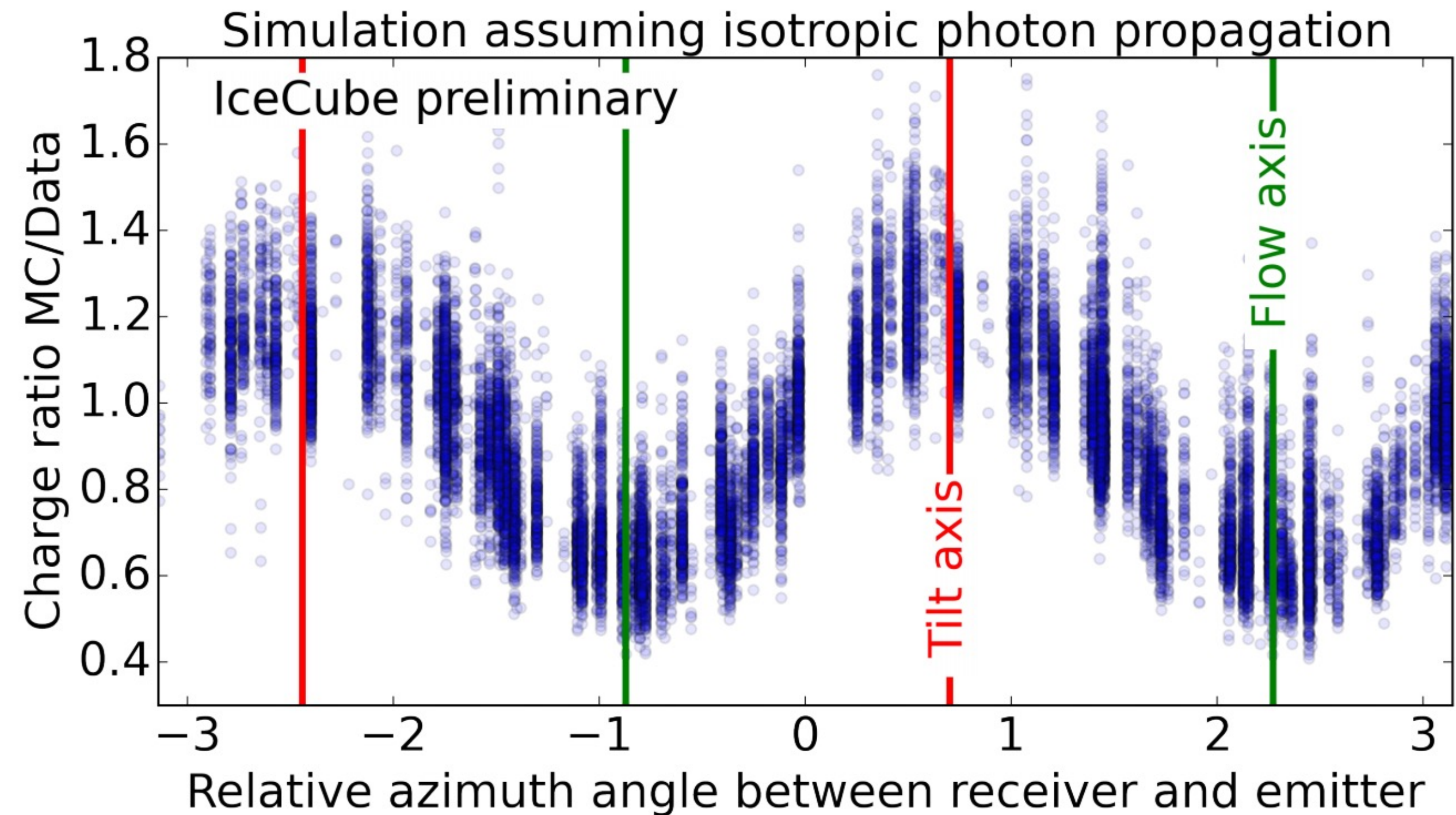


Ice anisotropy systematic

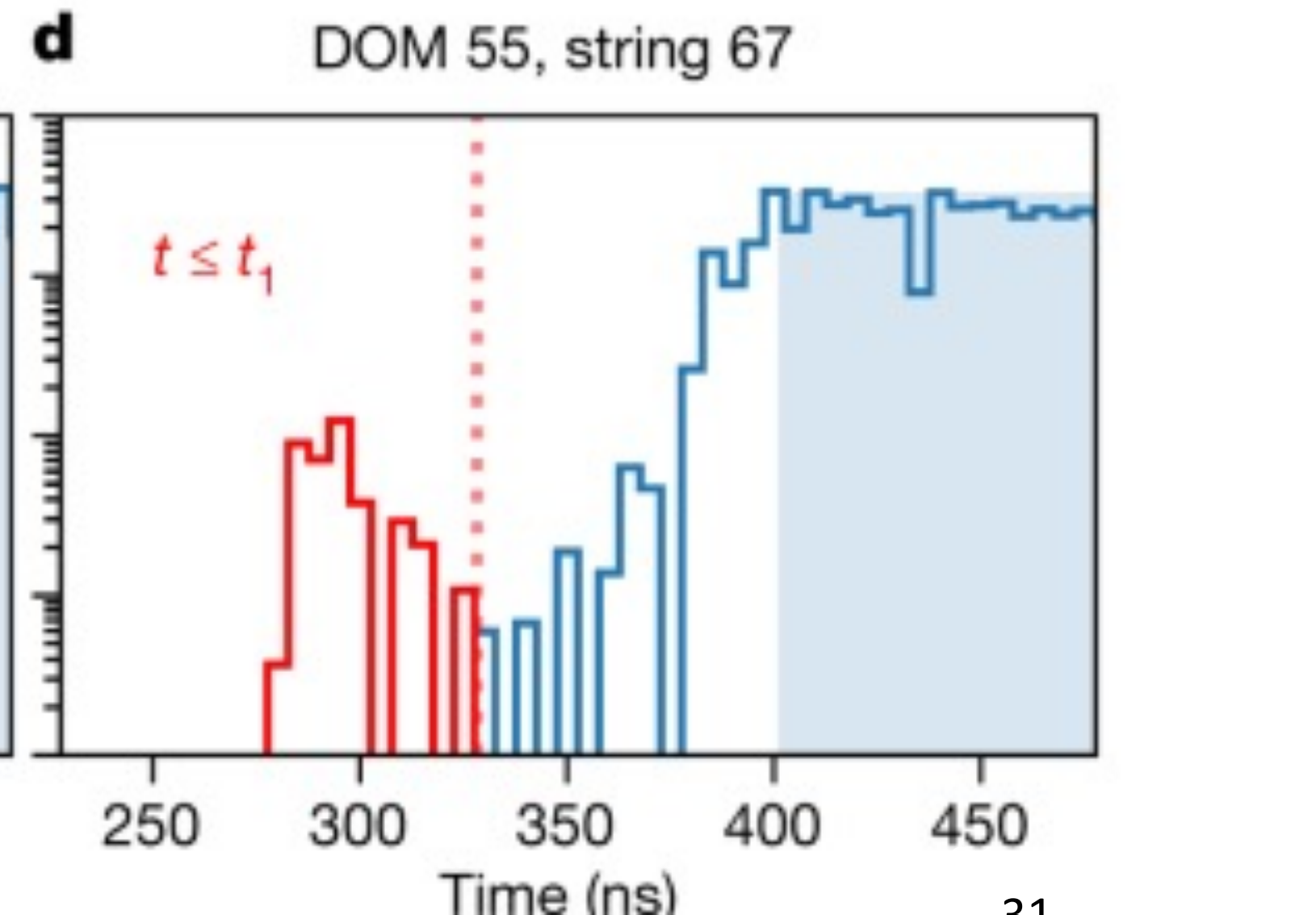
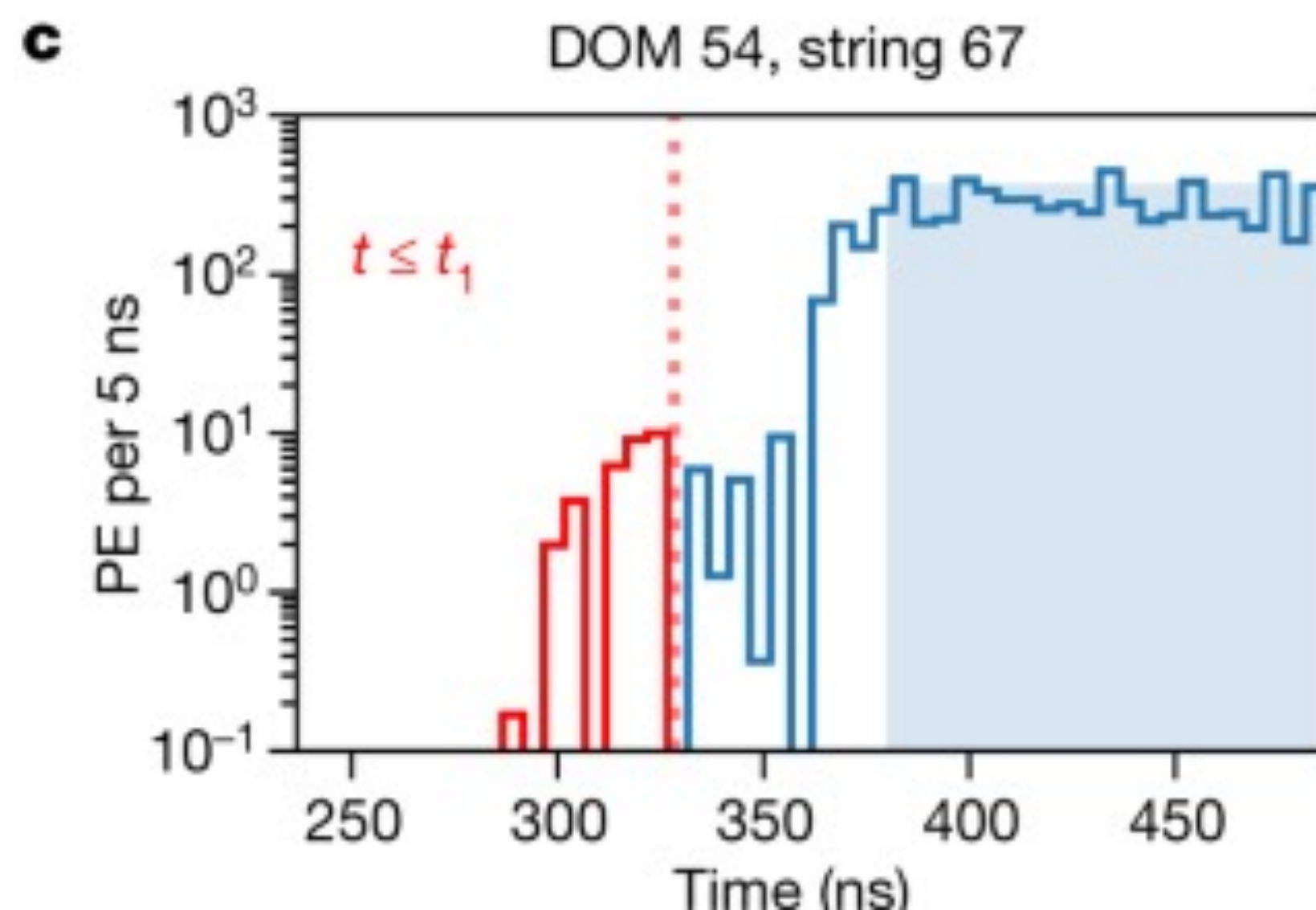
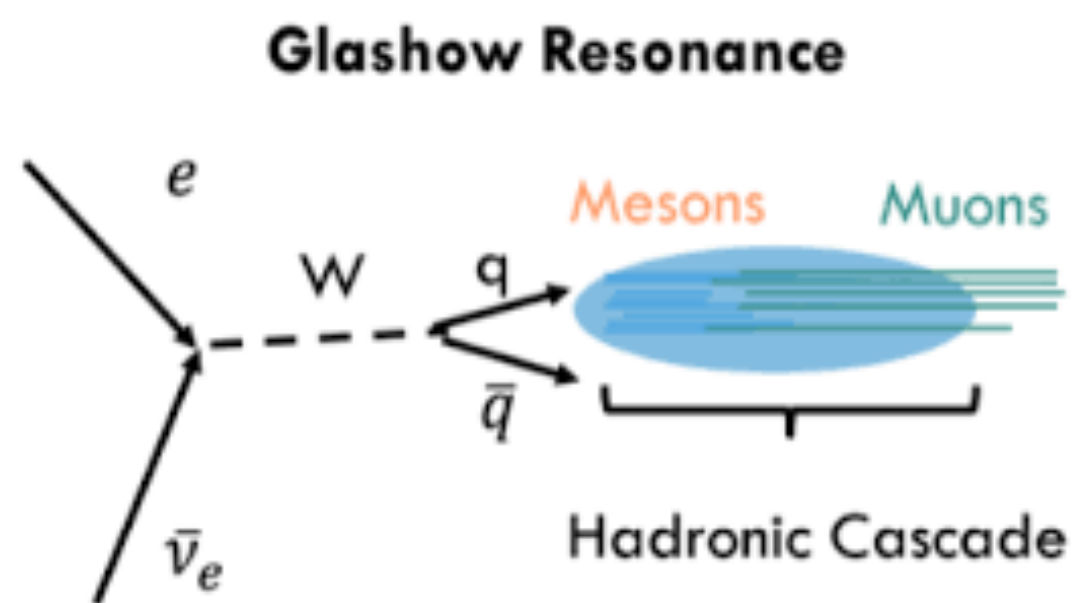
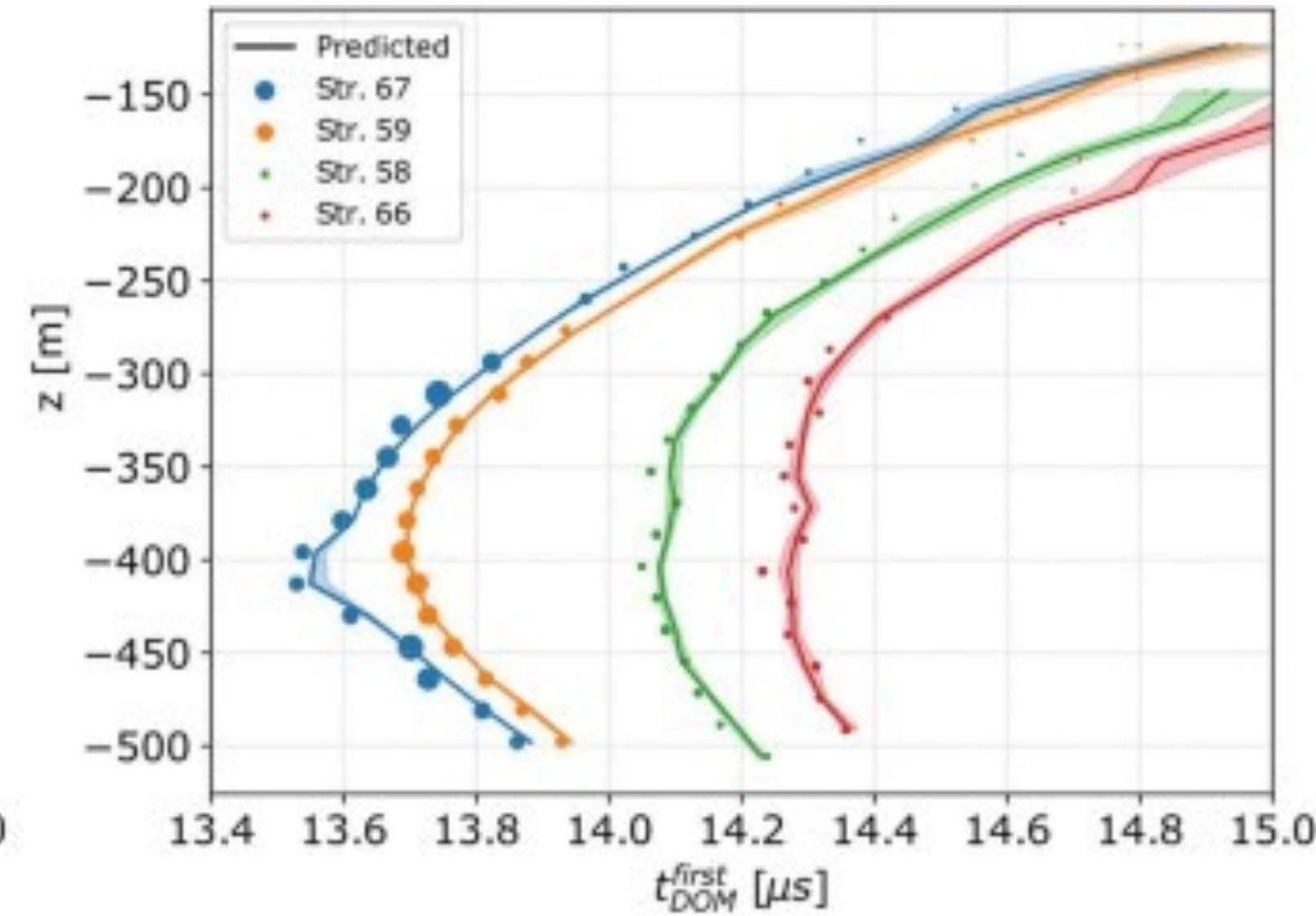
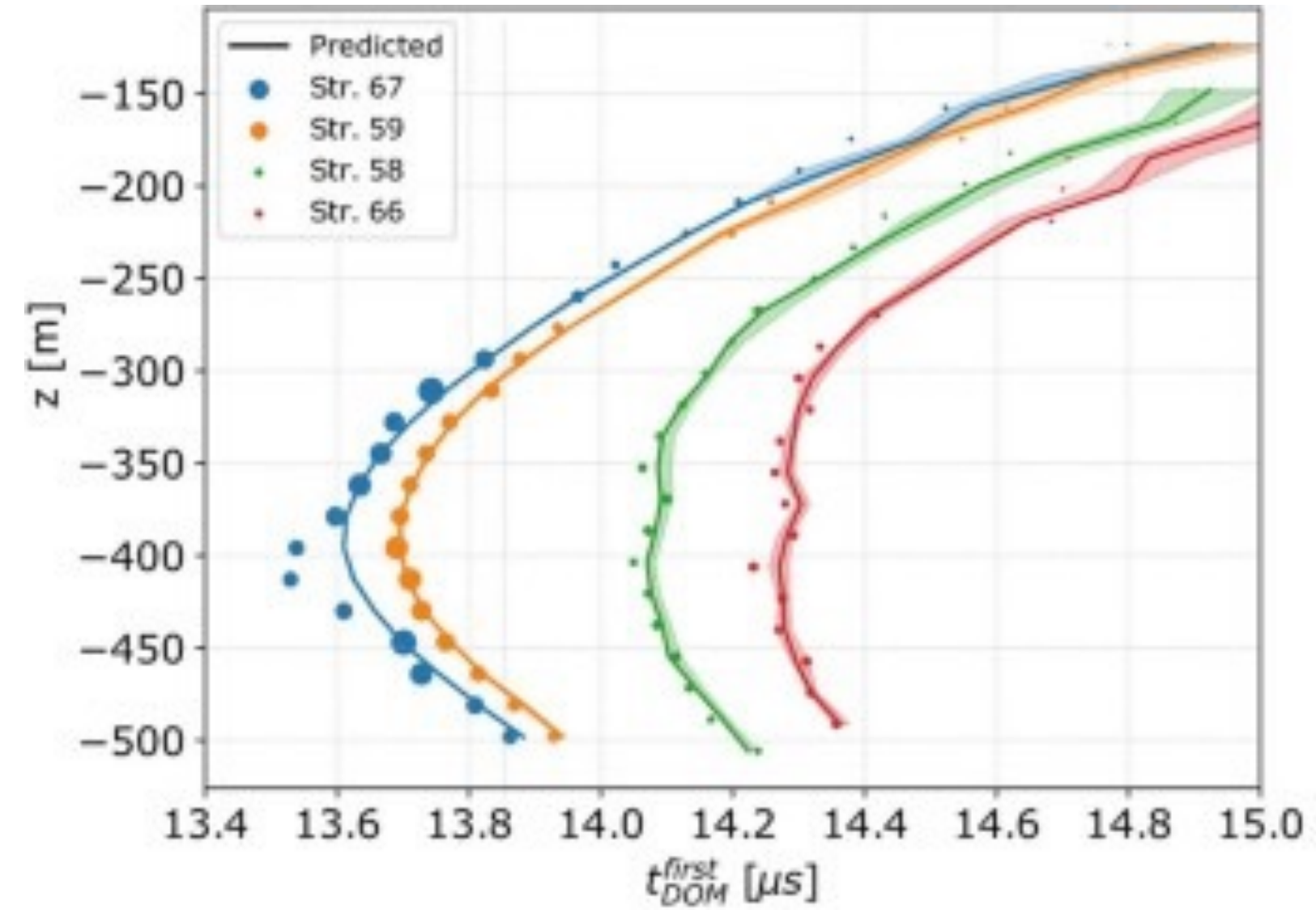
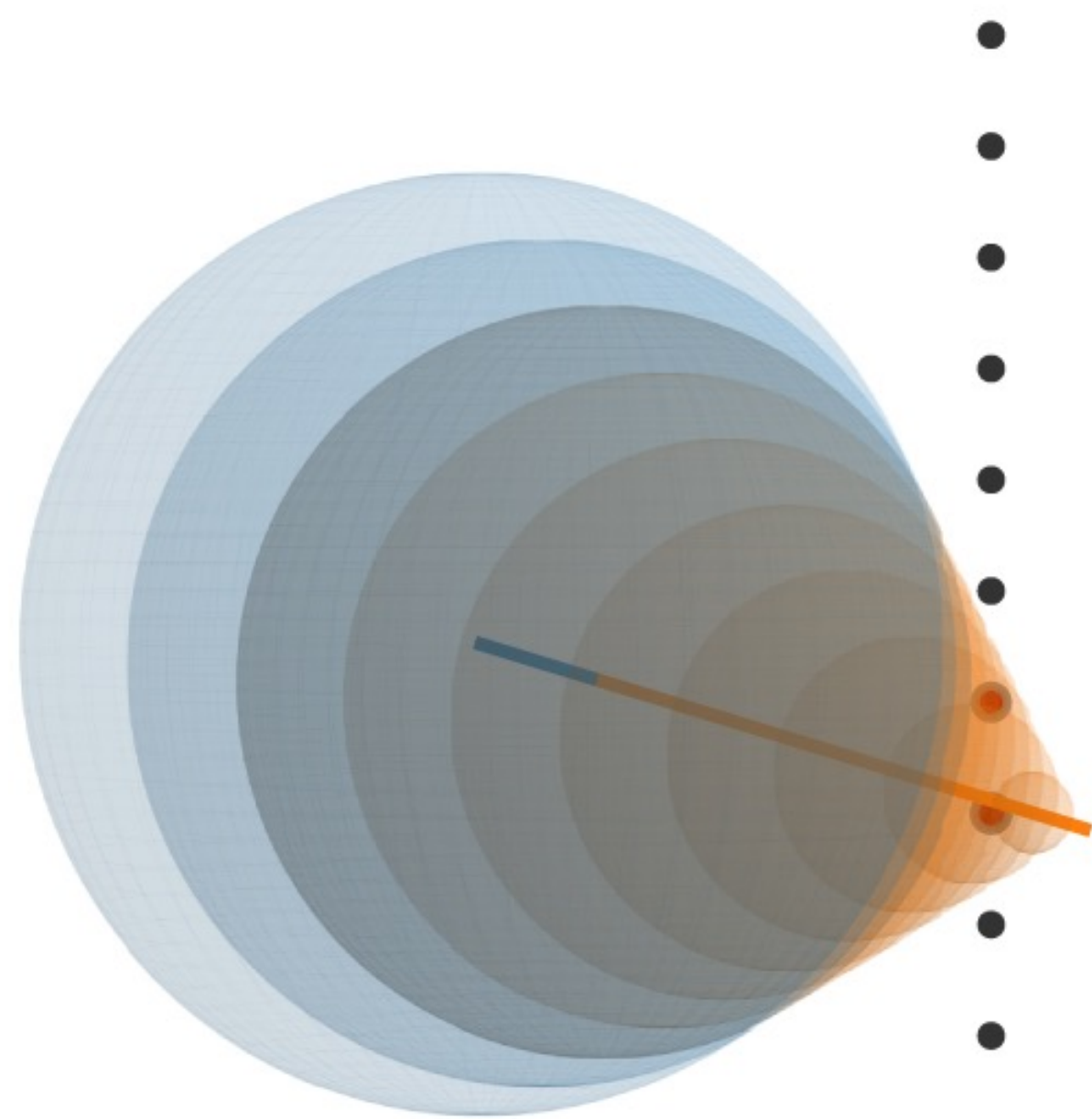
Glacial ice exhibits anisotropic light attenuation

Exact causes unknown, but modeling ice as birefringent has been recently put forth as a possible explanation for some of the features

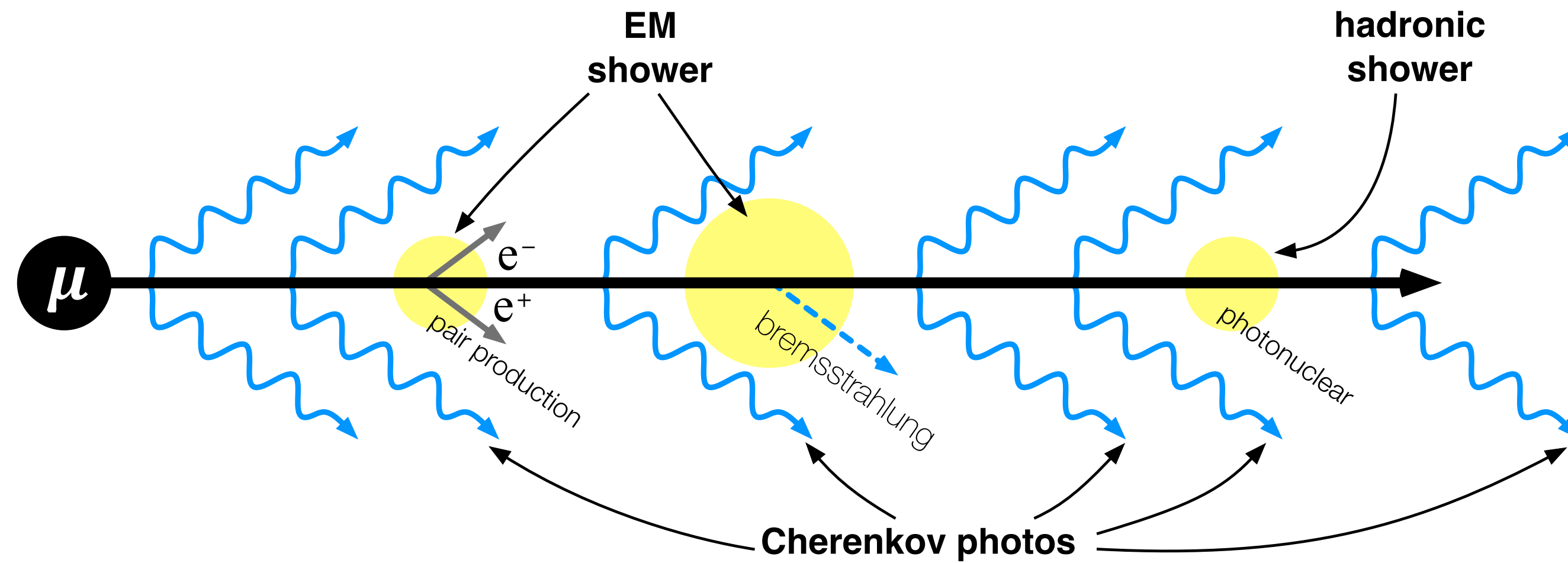
See: [arxiv:1908.07608](https://arxiv.org/abs/1908.07608)



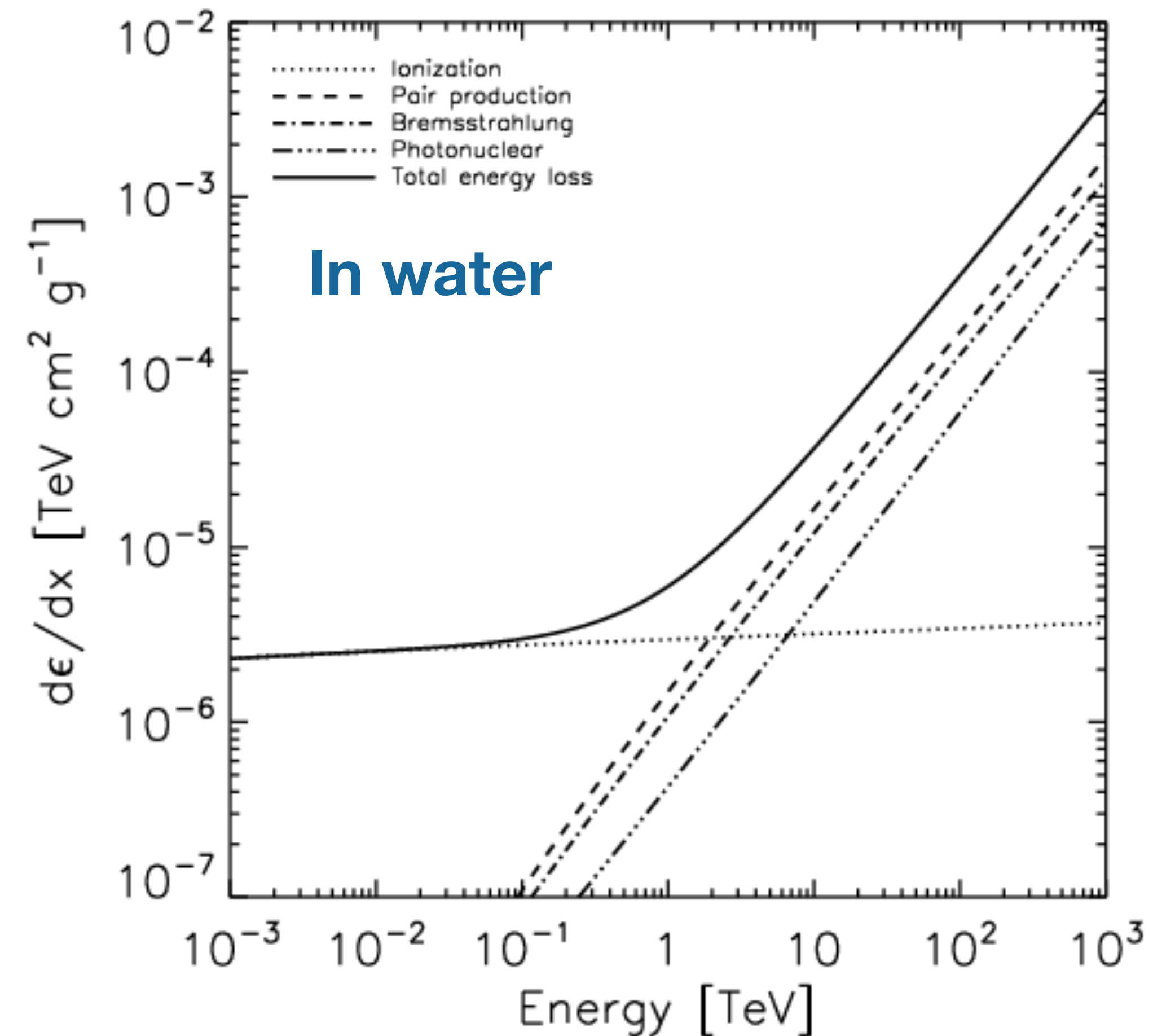
Early muons in hadronic cascade!



Muon Energy Reconstruction

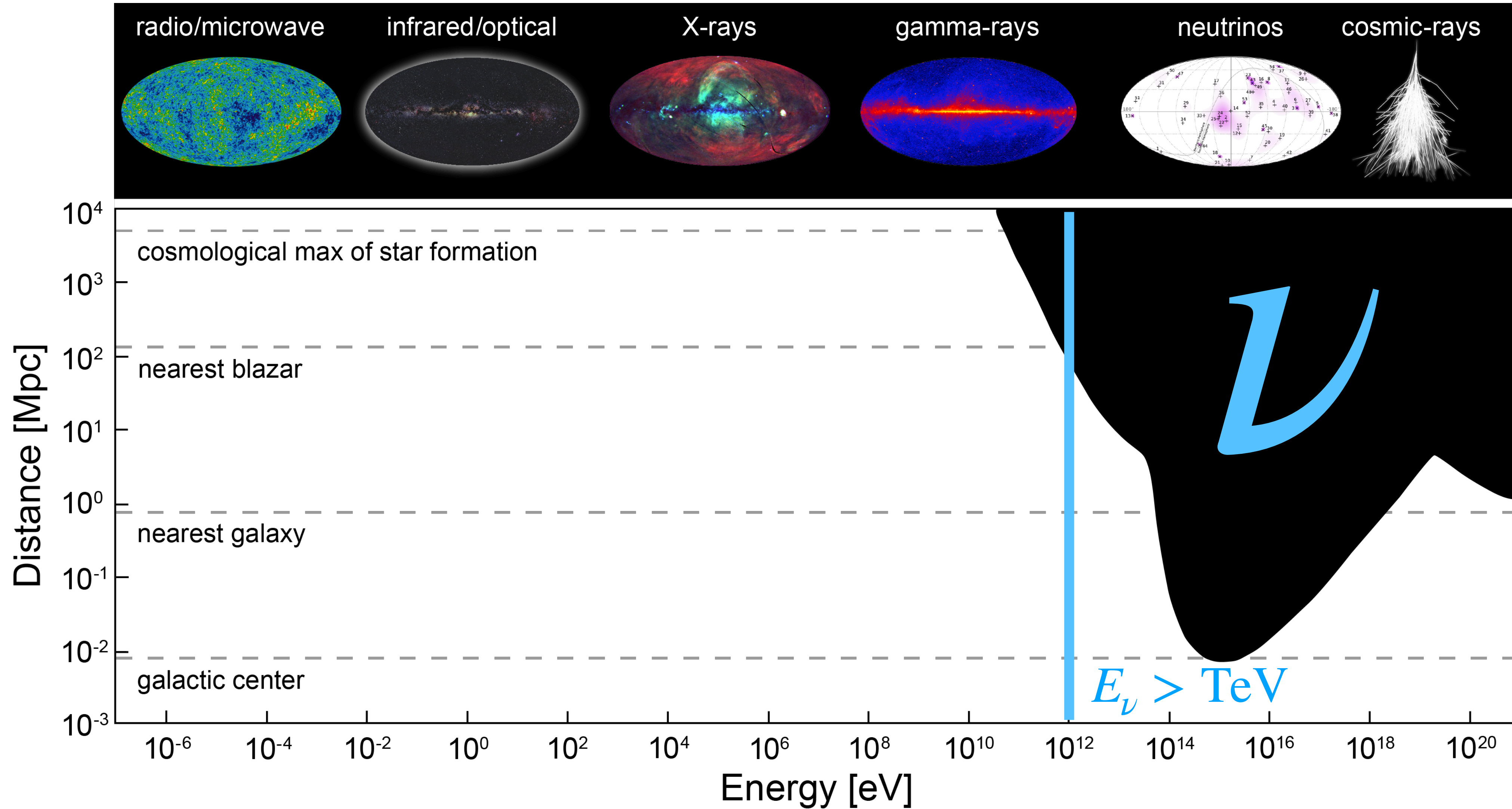


- $\frac{dE}{dX}$ is proportional to the muon energy
- Improved tools to resolve stochastic energy losses along the km long tracks.
- Energy deposited is a lower-bound of true energy.
- Limited by fluctuations in energy deposition.

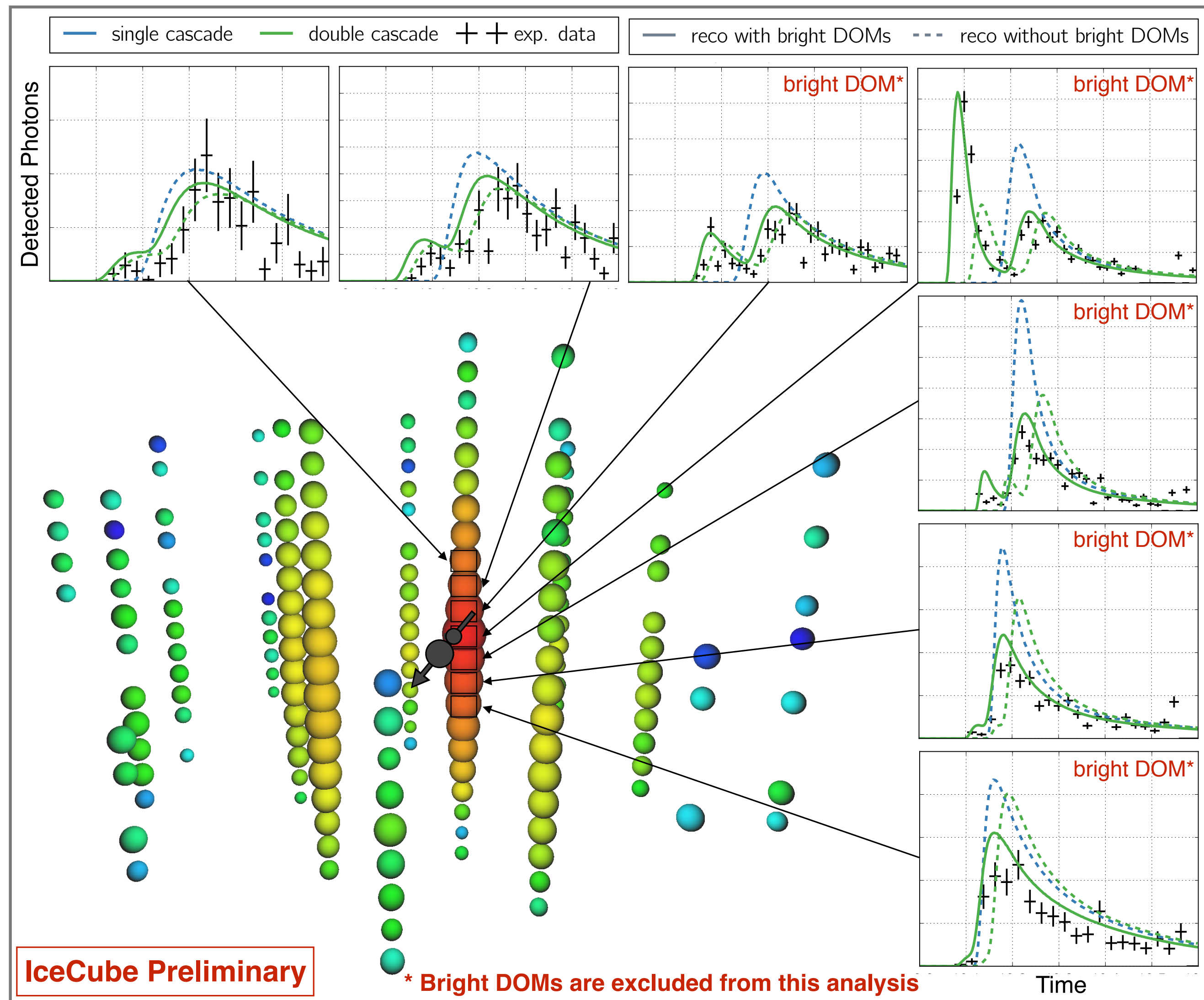


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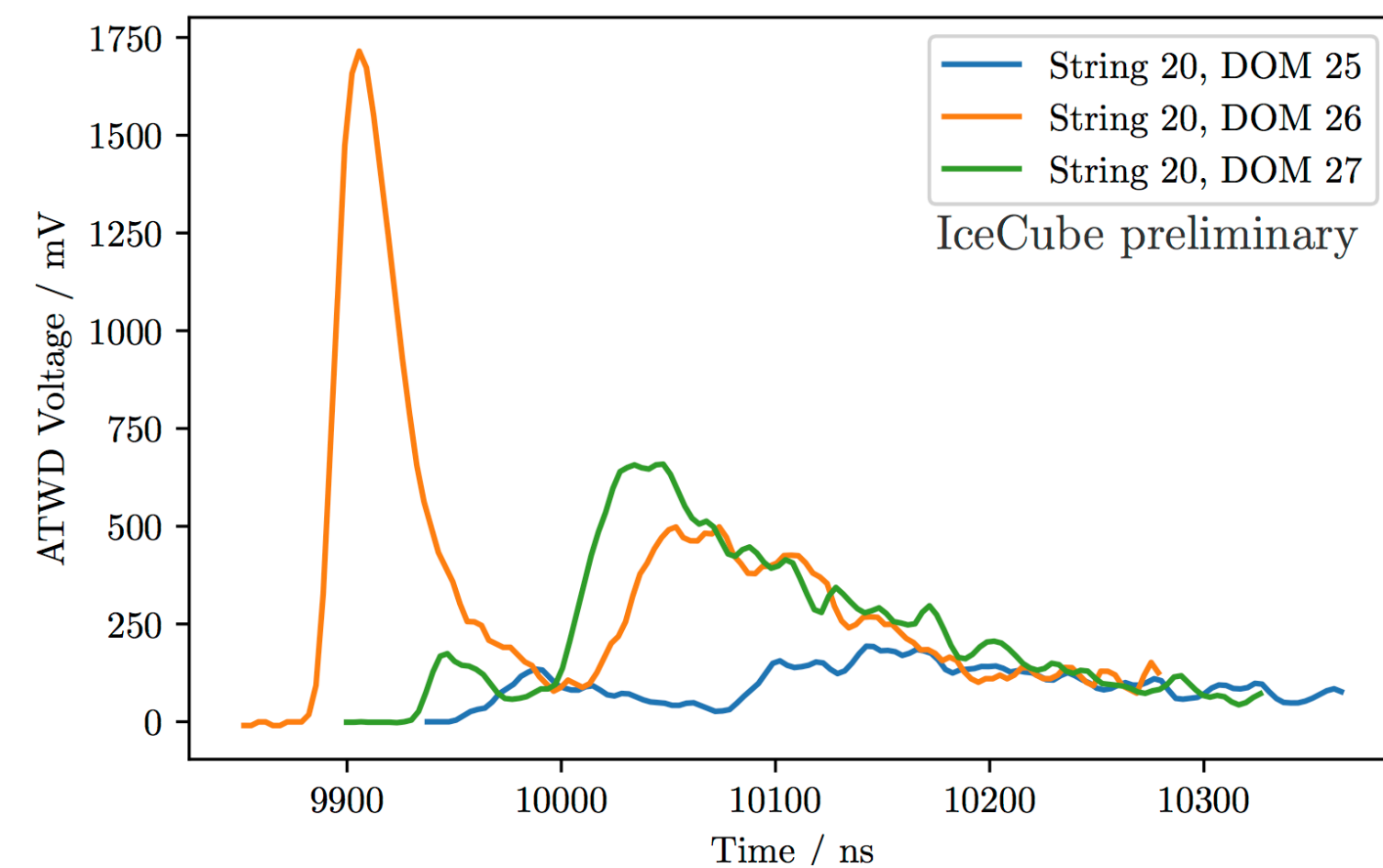
The Gamma Ray Horizon



In-Ice Signatures **Double Bang**



- Only event passing both the double cascade search and double pulse waveform analyses
- Separation 17 m
- Deposit energy ~ 90 TeV



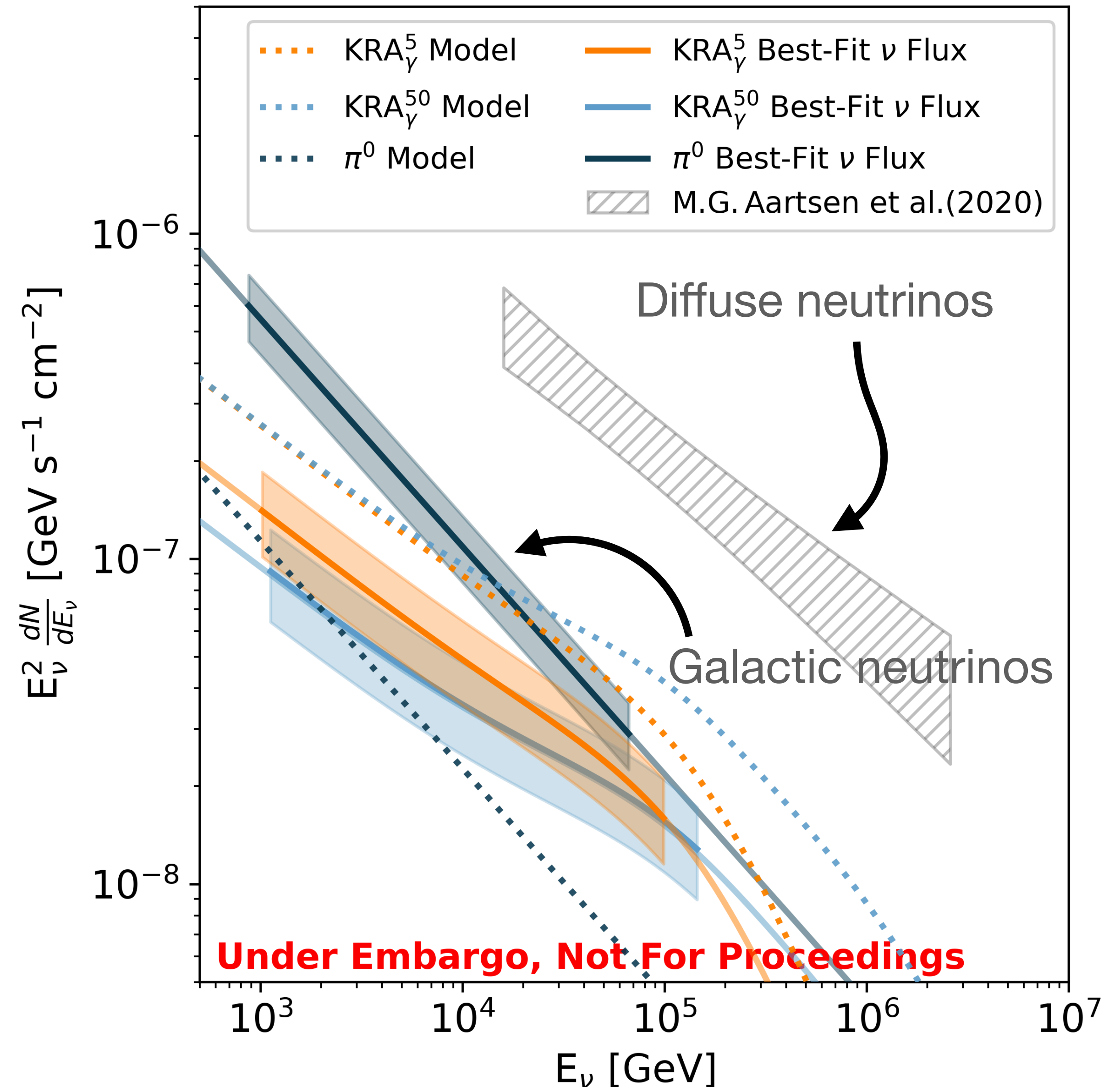
[IceCube Collaboration, PoS (ICRC2019) 1036]

[IceCube Collaboration, PoS (ICRC2019) 960]

Galactic Neutrinos

We observe the Galactic plane in $> \text{TeV}$ neutrinos: 4.5σ

- Only 9–13% of the total cosmic neutrino flux reaches us from our own Galaxy (30 TeV)
- The nearby sources from our own Galaxy do not outshine the neutrino flux from the Universe
 - Powerful accelerators operate in galaxies other than our own



The Blazar TXS 0506+056

Take away message

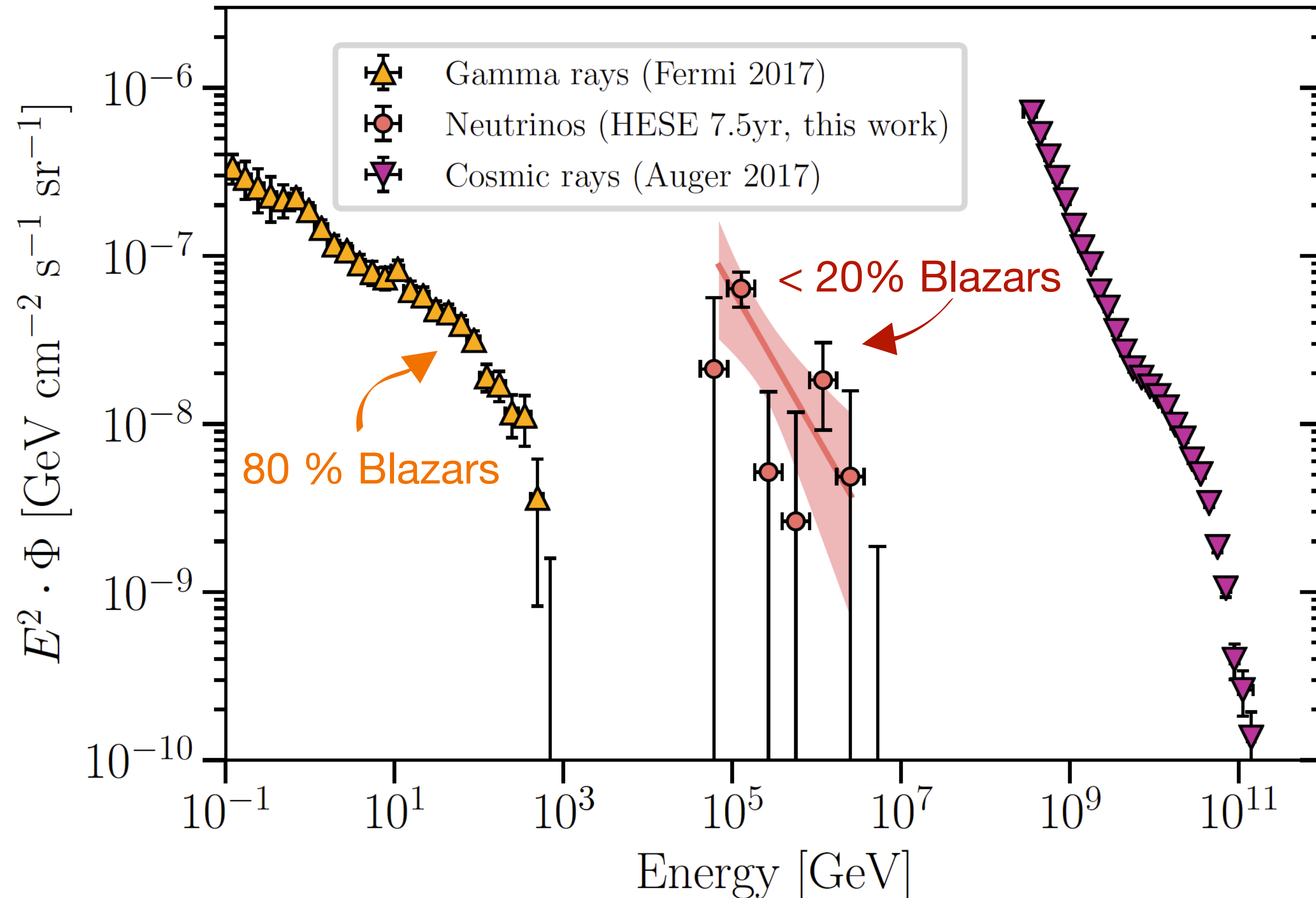
Two independent observations:

- **Sept 22, 2017: 3σ**
 - One high energy neutrino (~ 300 TeV) event in **correlation with a gamma-ray flare** of 400 GeV
- **Oct 2014 - Feb 2015: 3.5σ**
 - A neutrino “flare” of $13 \pm 5 \nu_\mu$ with a $E^{-2.1}$ neutrino spectrum and **no activity in the gamma-ray** profile of the source.

Flux averaged over 9.5 yr is $<1\%$ of all-sky astro flux

Astrophysical Neutrinos

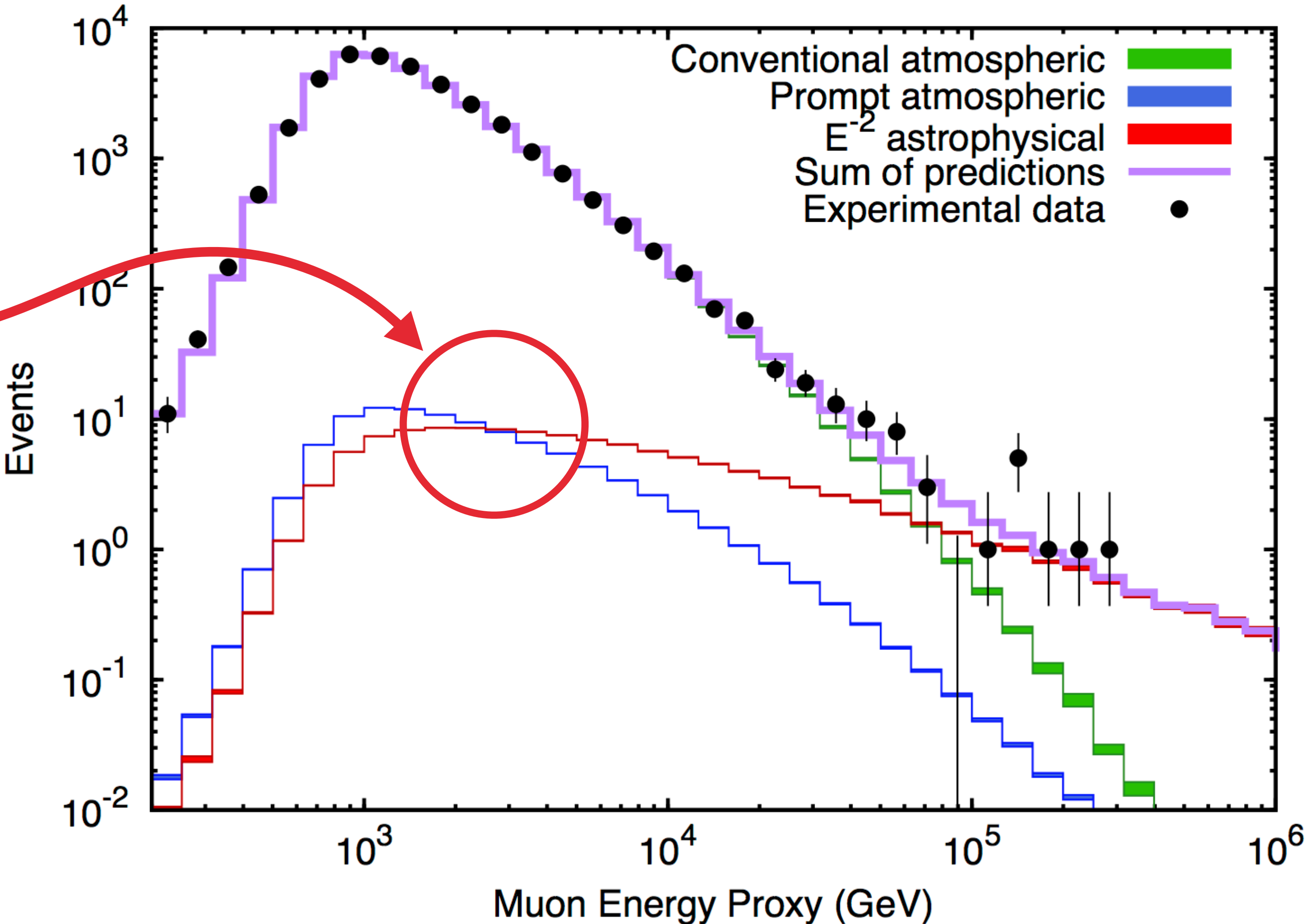
The global picture



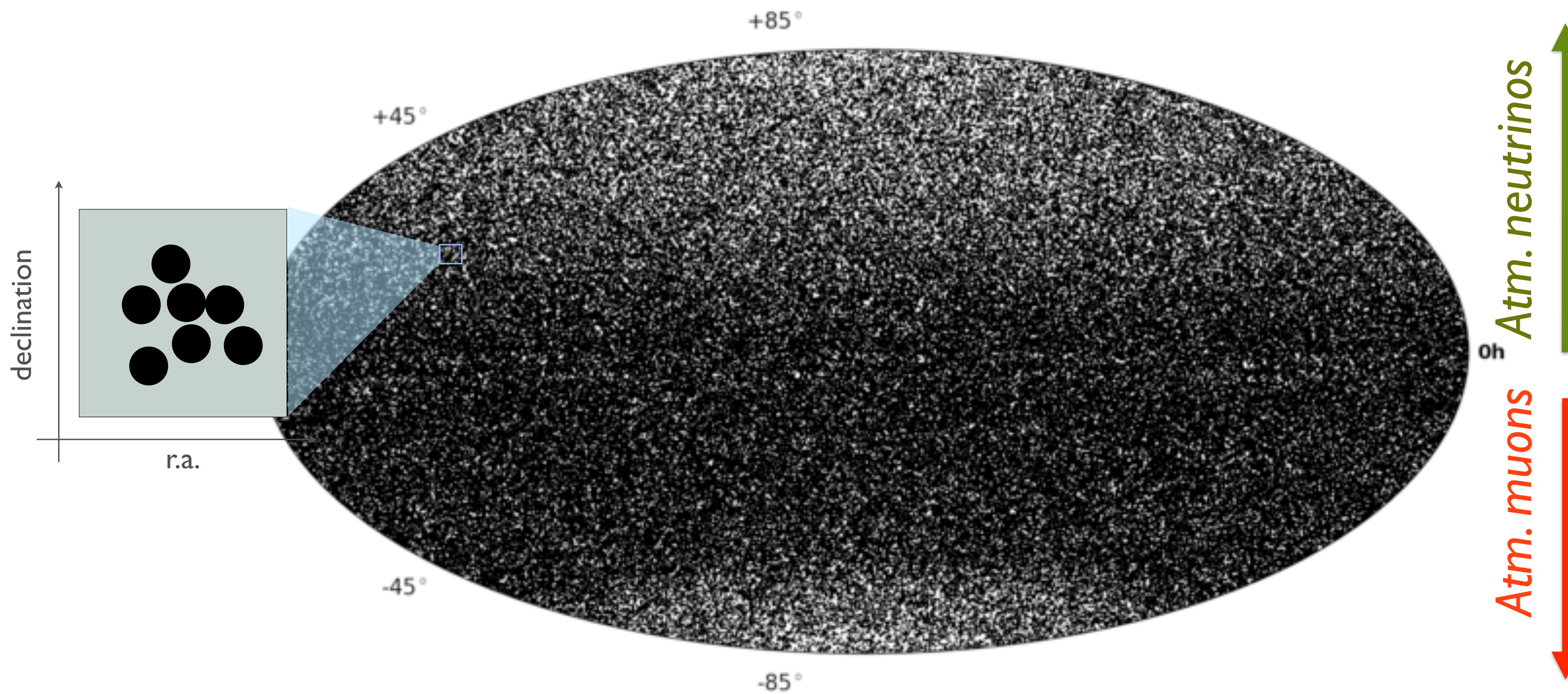
- Spectral index of astro. flux: $\gamma = 2.3 - 2.9$ depends on analysis / energy range
- Similar energies among messengers ... but also evidence for different origin!
 - Gamma-obscured sources?

Looking For Sources

~100s astrophysical tracks hidden in an overwhelming background of atmospheric neutrinos

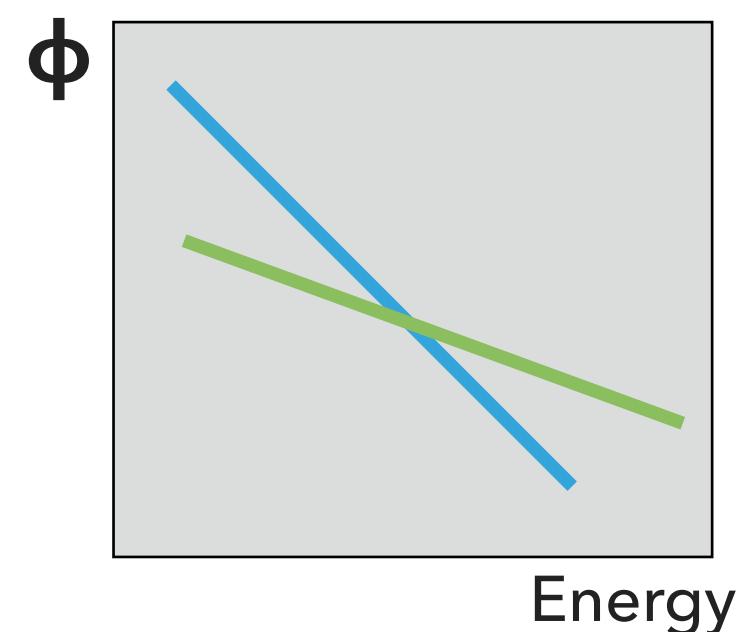
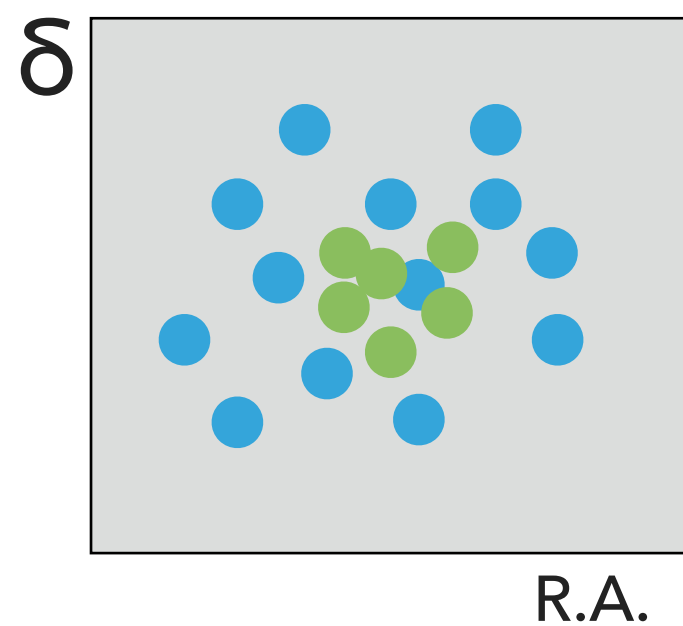


Searching for Point-Sources



- Neutrinos are not deviated by magnetic fields.
- Scattering due to ν - μ kinematics and detector Point Spread Function.

Background pdf, signal pdf

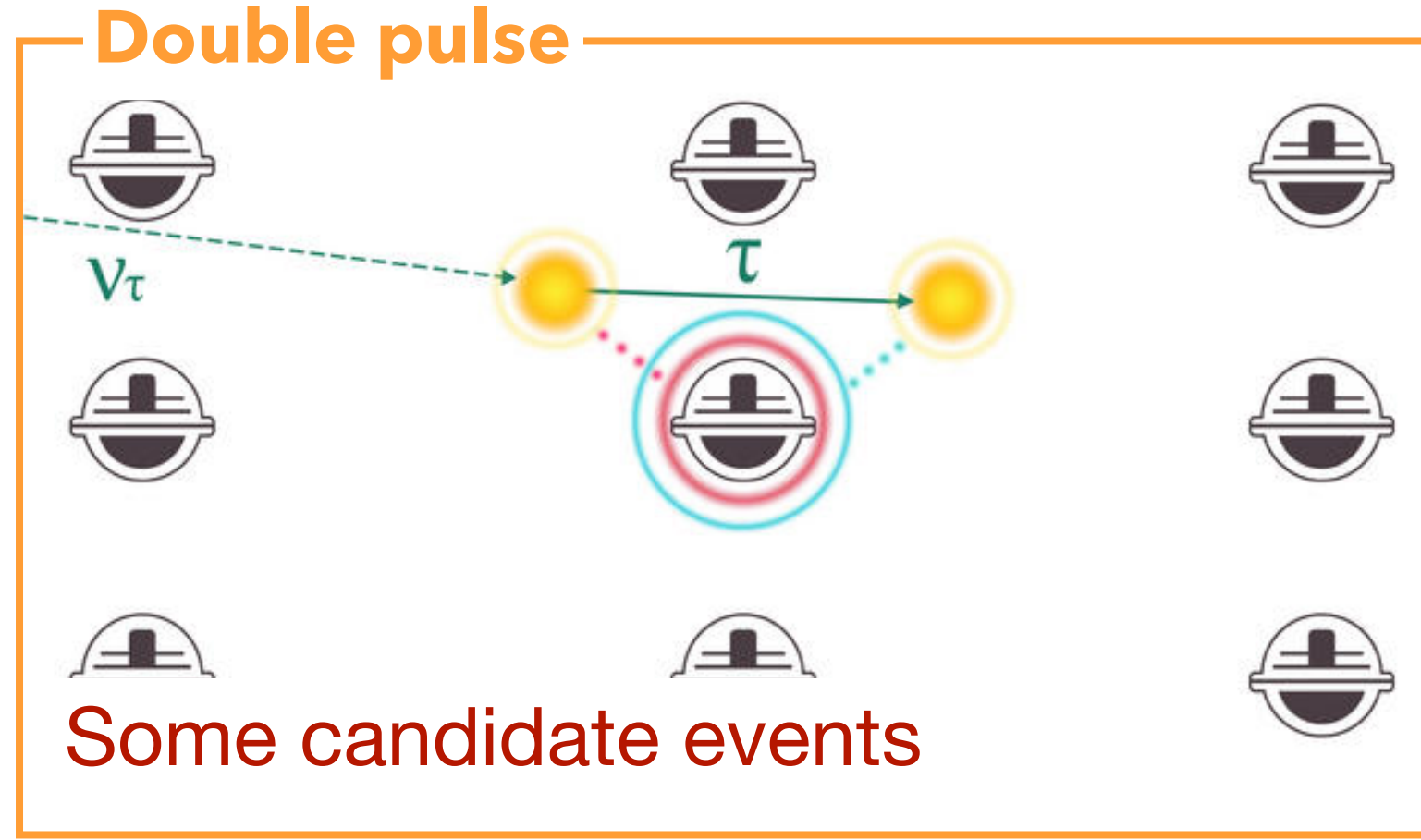
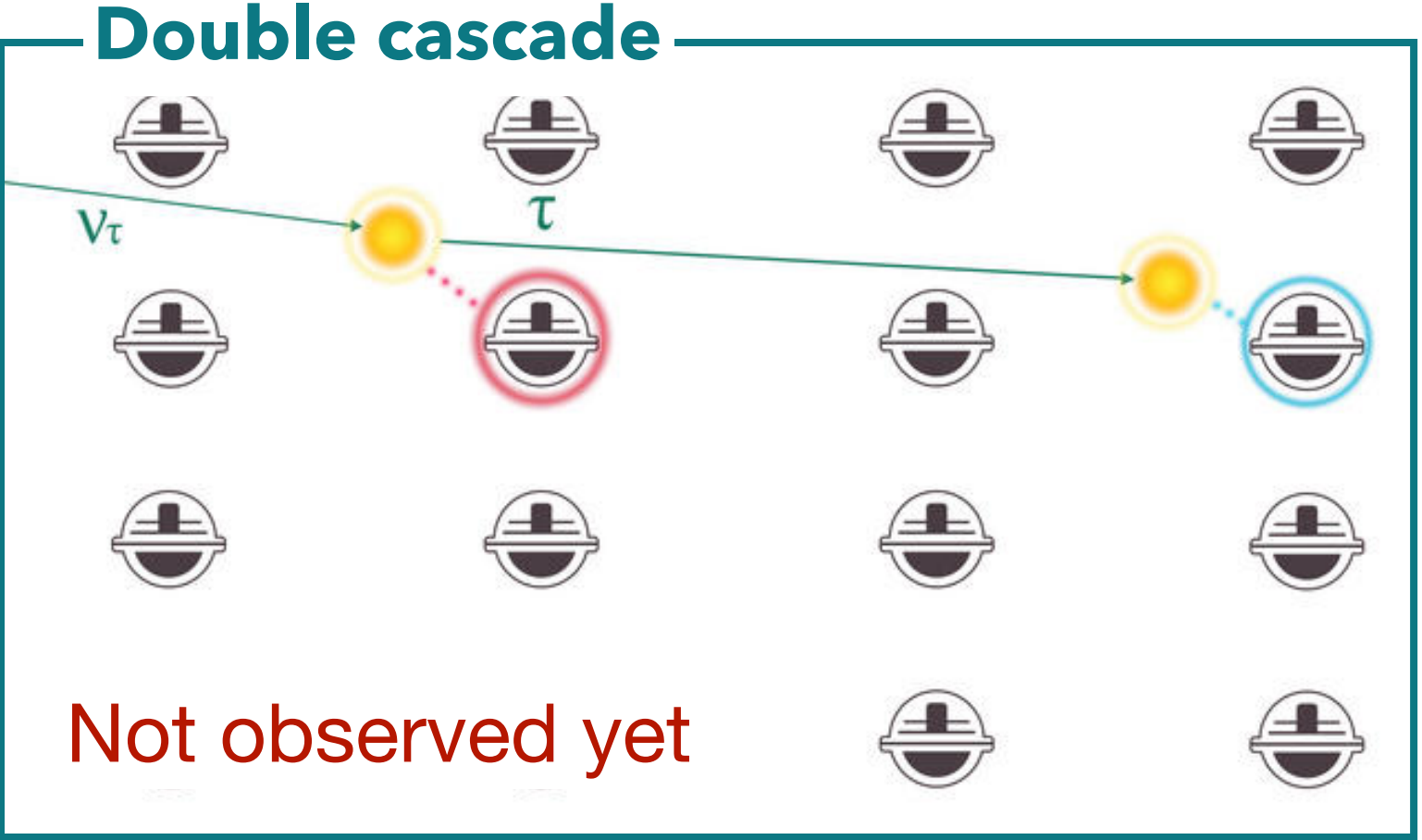
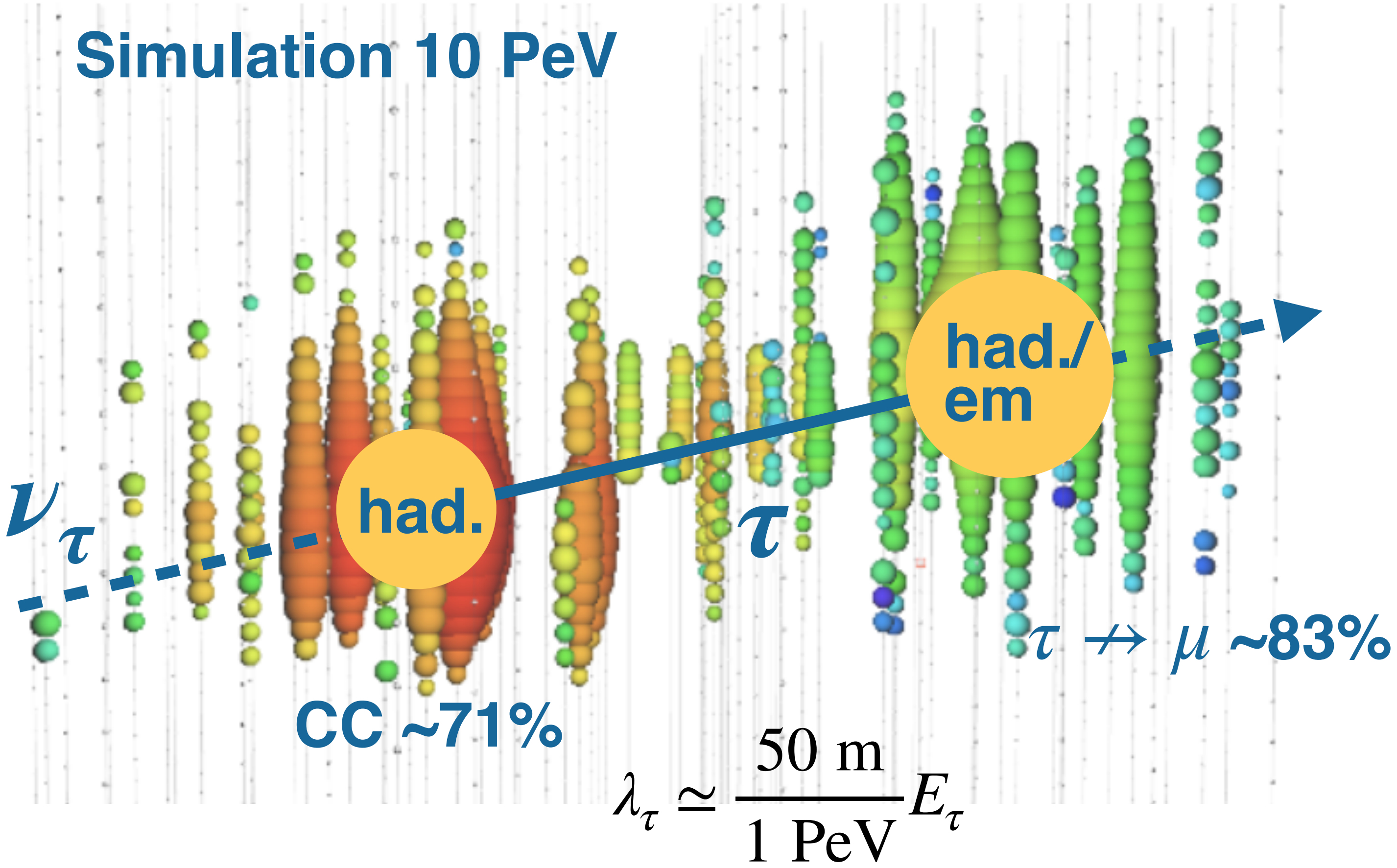


Fit number of astrophysical events, and spectral index at each point in the sky.

$$\log \lambda = \log \left(\frac{L(\hat{\gamma}, \hat{n}_s)}{L(n_s = 0)} \right)$$

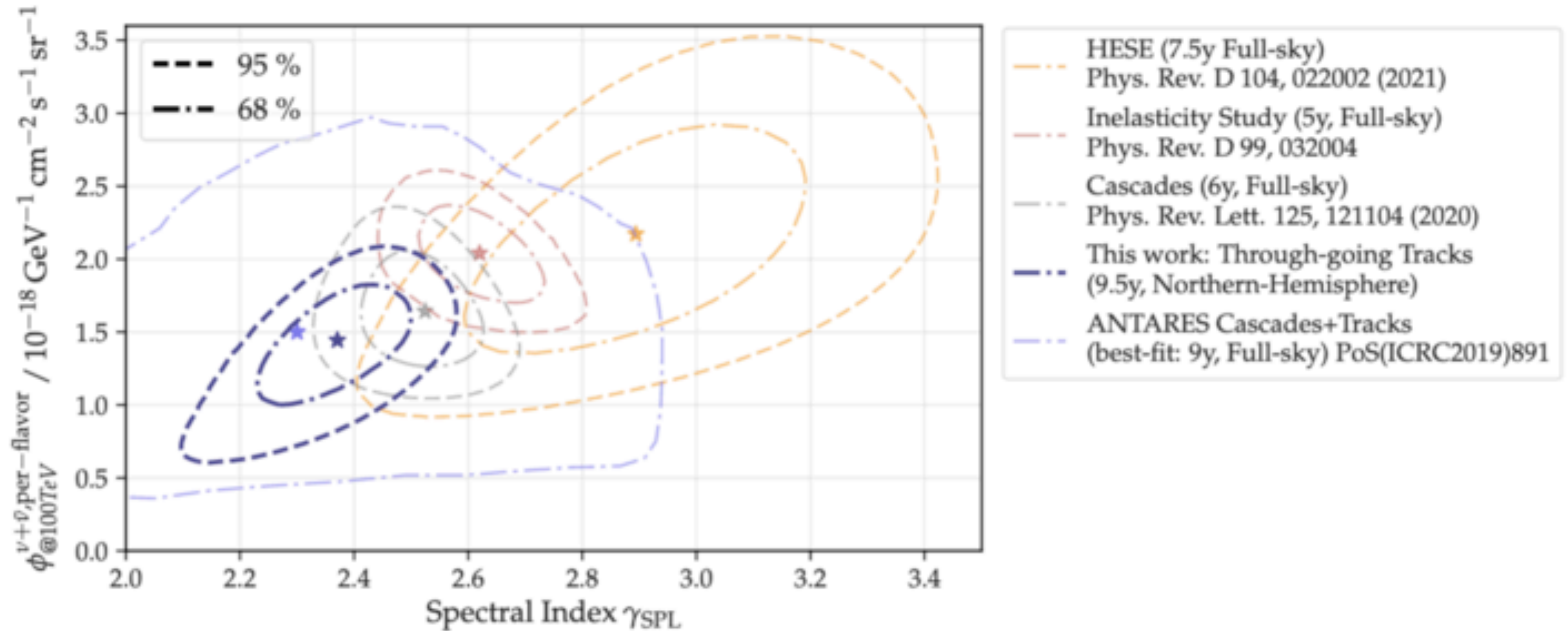
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Double Bang



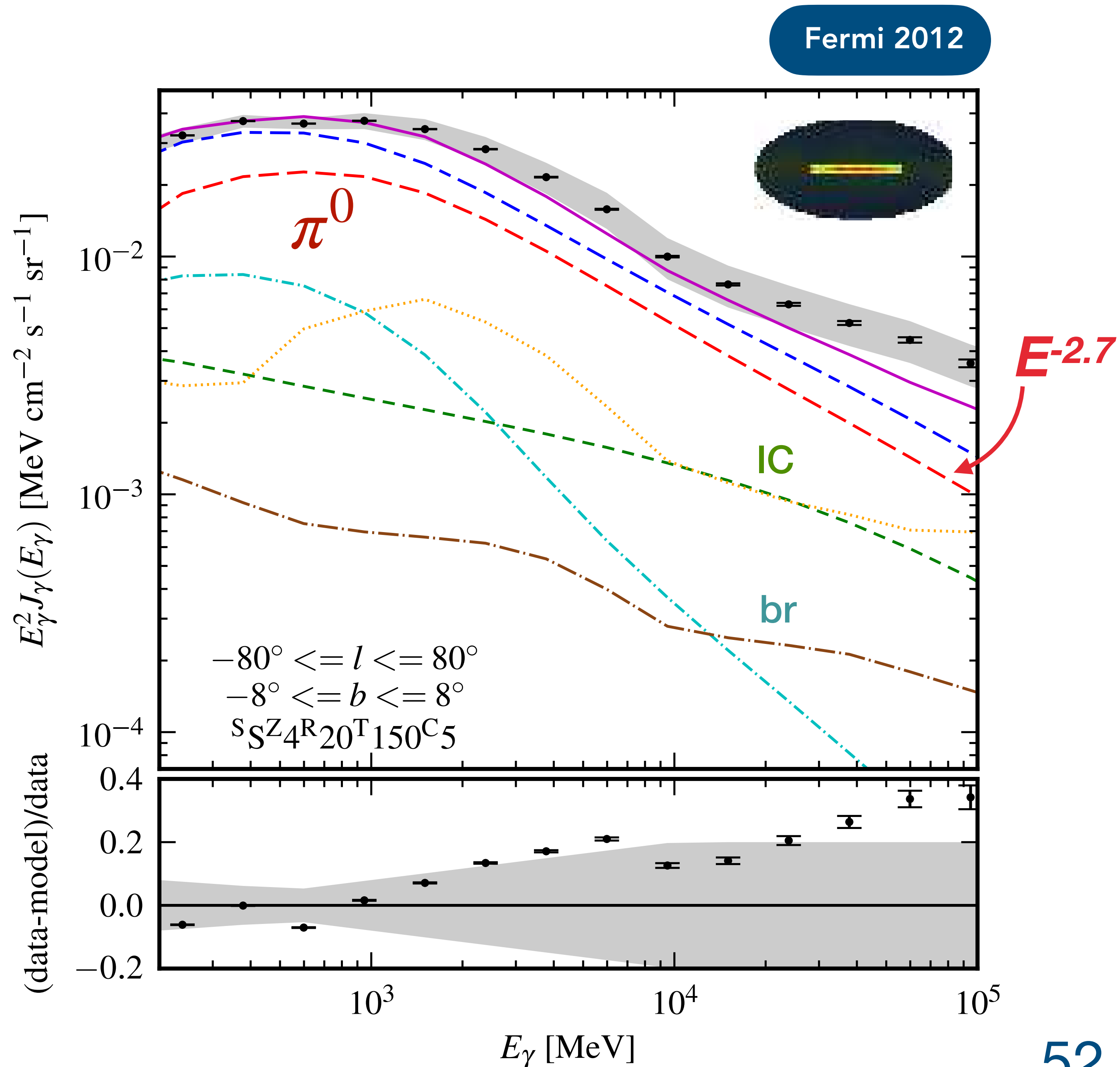
Spectrum of Astrophysical Neutrinos

Single Power Law fits



Galactic Gamma-ray Diffuse Emission

- Cosmic-ray interactions with the ISM dominate the diffuse γ -ray emission of the Galaxy!
- If pions are produced, also neutrinos should be produced.
- Much of the Galactic Center in the Southern Sky
 - Large muon atmospheric background

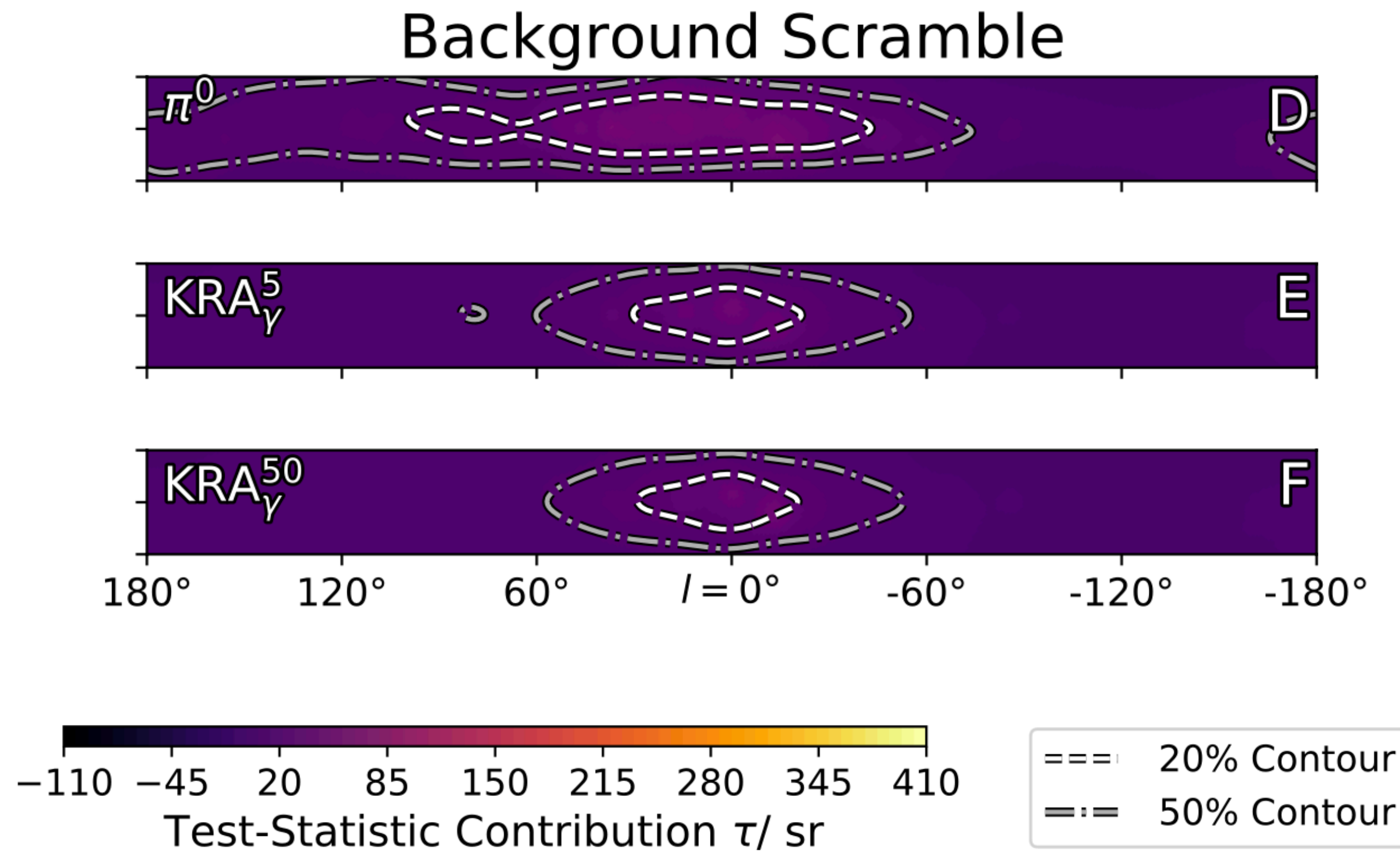
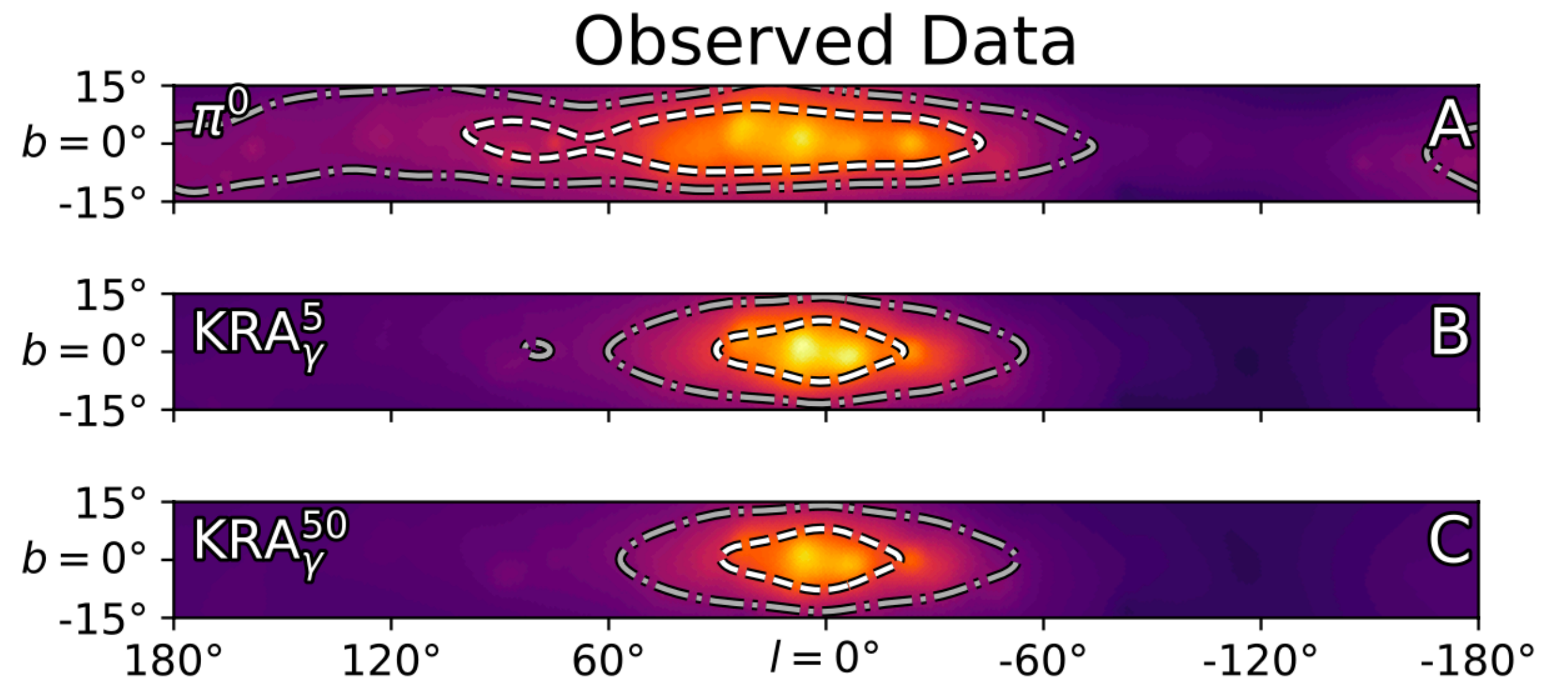
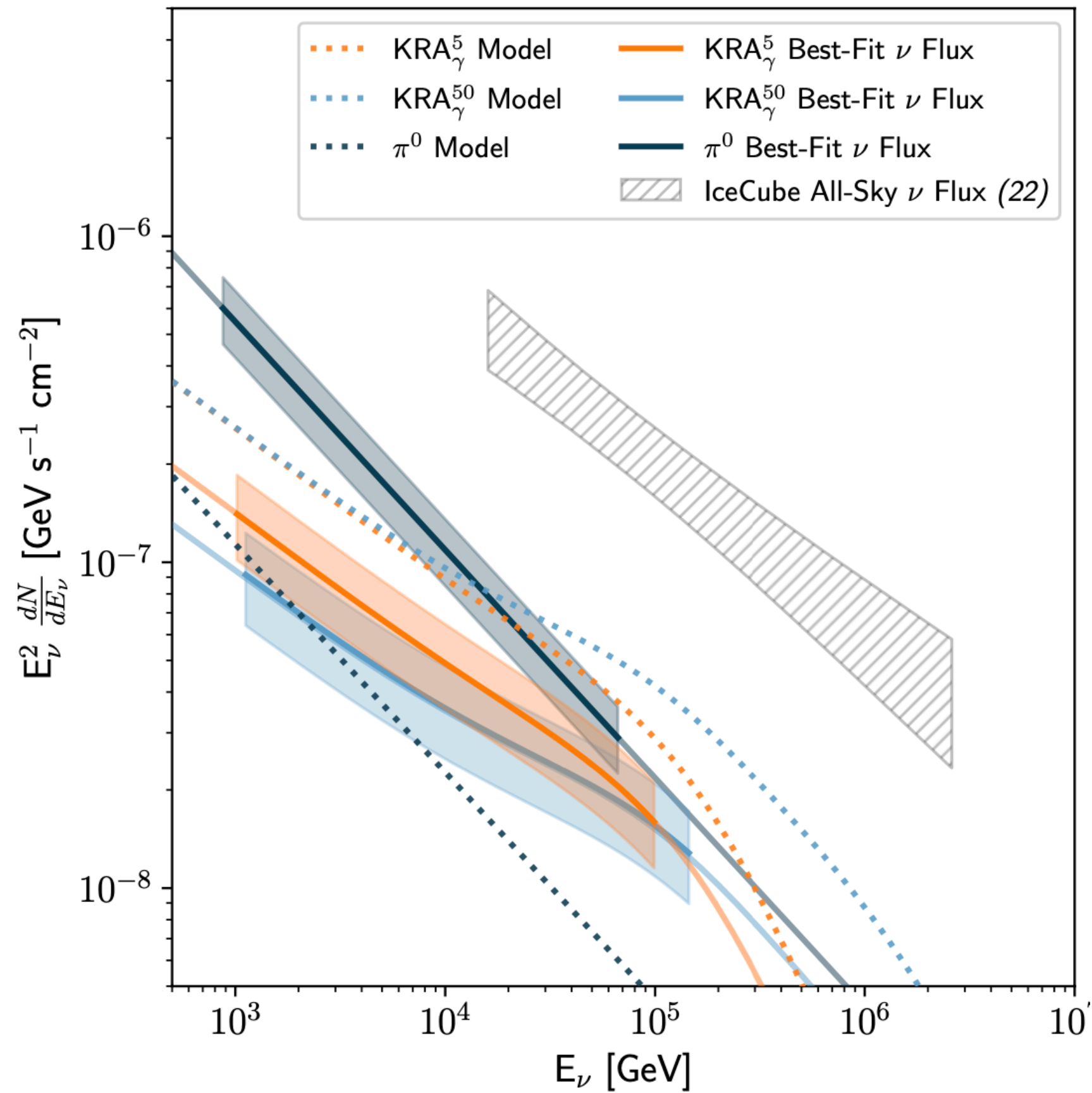


Galactic plane

Fitting different models

Under Embargo

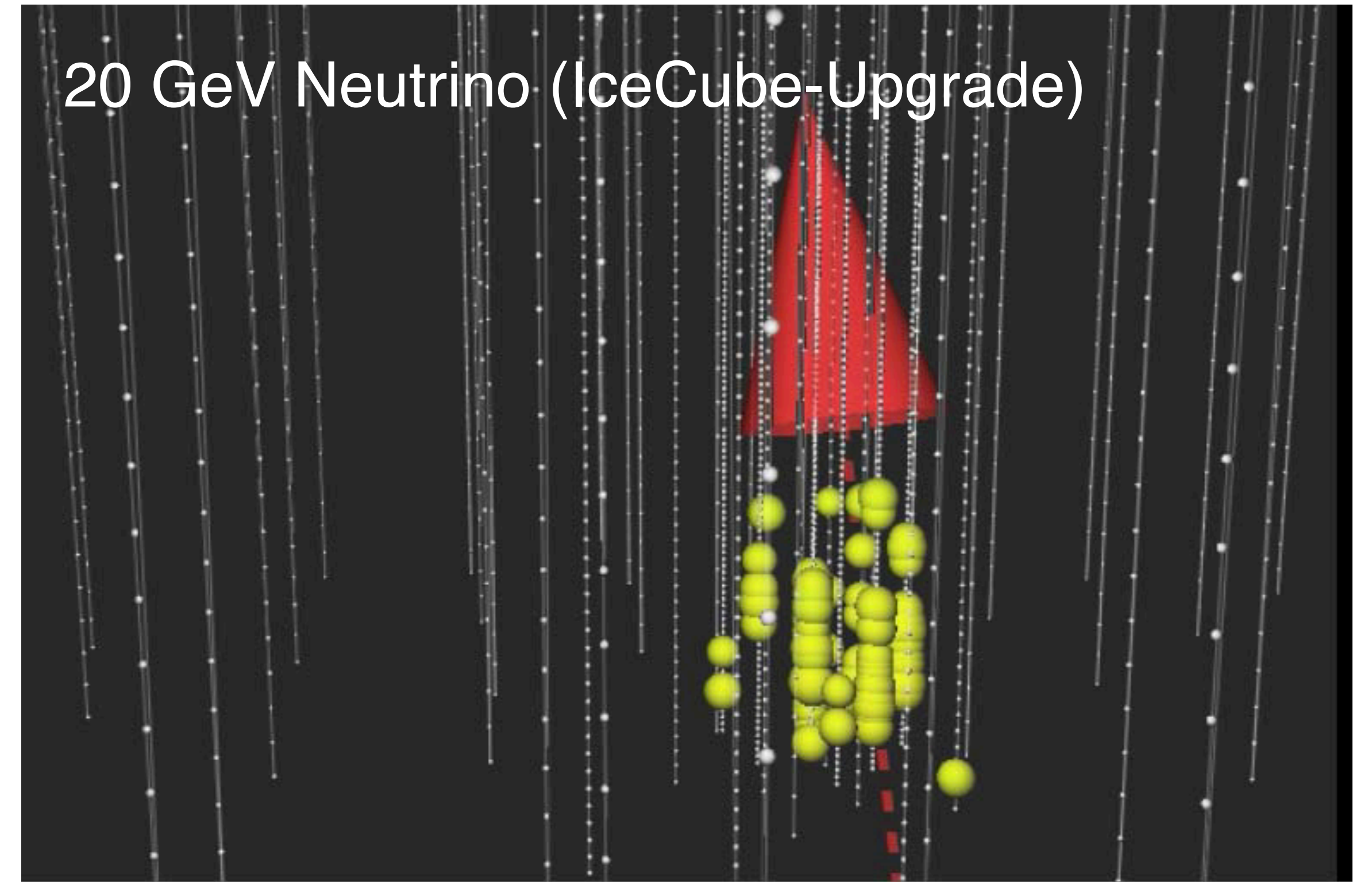
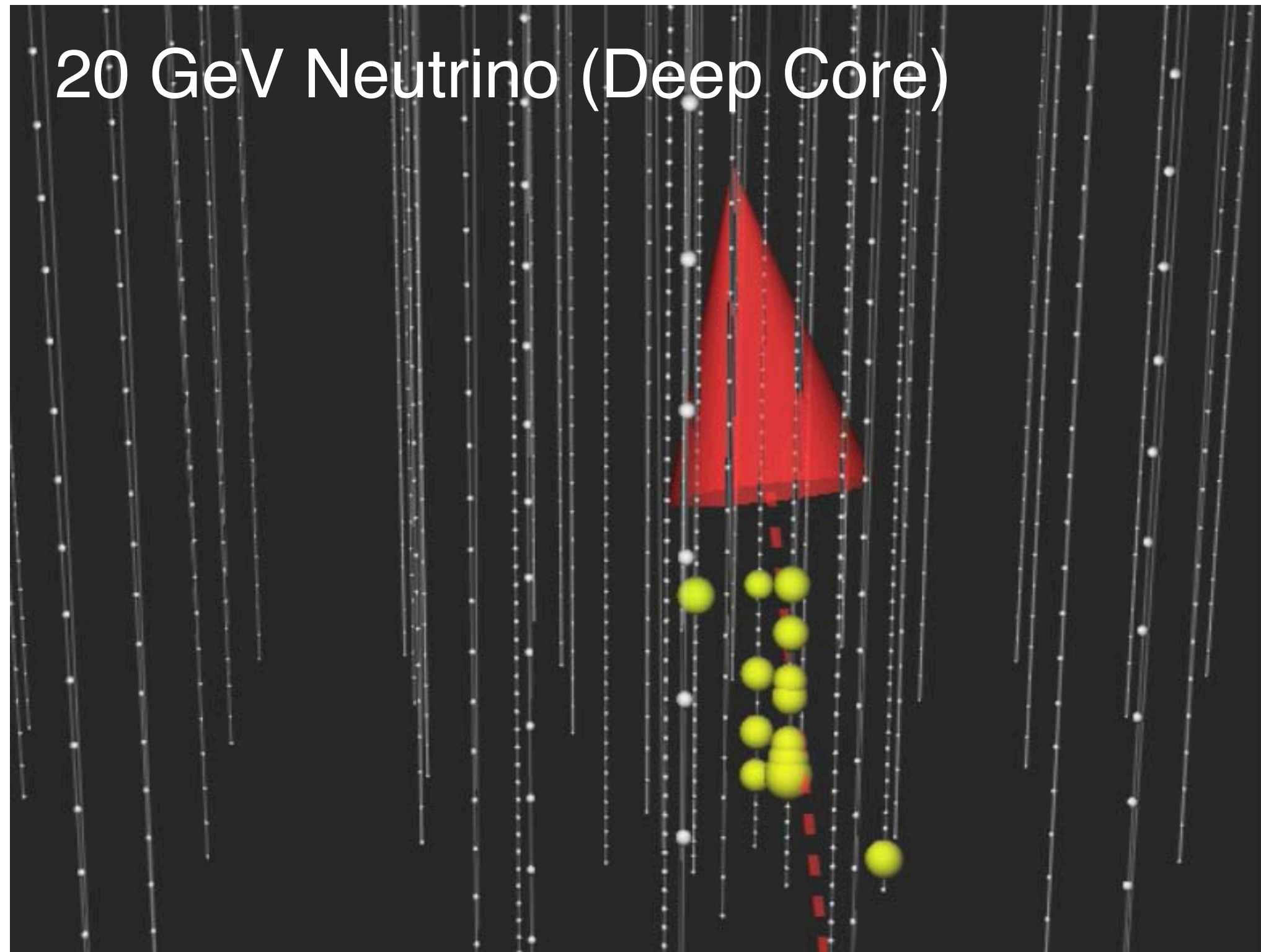
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The Future

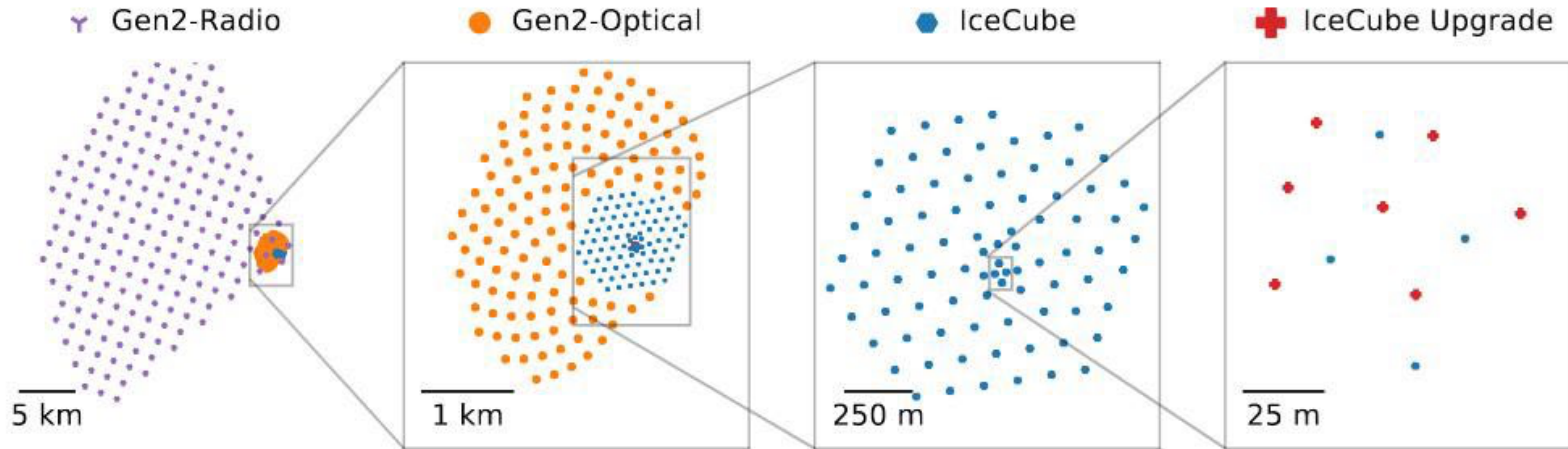
IceCube Upgrade

Performance



IceCube-Gen2

Layouts



Plans for IceCube Gen2

- Scale of funding for full IceCube-Gen2 is ~**\$340M** from *National Science Foundation (NSF)*, ~**\$70M** from international partners.
- This scale of funding from NSF must go through the **MREFC** (Major Research Equipment and Facilities Construction) funding line and be approved by the National Science Board.

The road to IceCube-Gen2

IceCube Installation



Operating sensors in the ice since 2006, with no evidence for aging

New surface technology



Scintillator / radio station deployed at South Pole (2019) (PoS ID 314)

IceCube Upgrade / Gen2 Phase 1



Deployment of next generation sensors (see next slide)

Radio-Tests in Greenland



Radio technology deployed in Greenland (2021, see S. Wissel et al., [PoS ID 001](#))

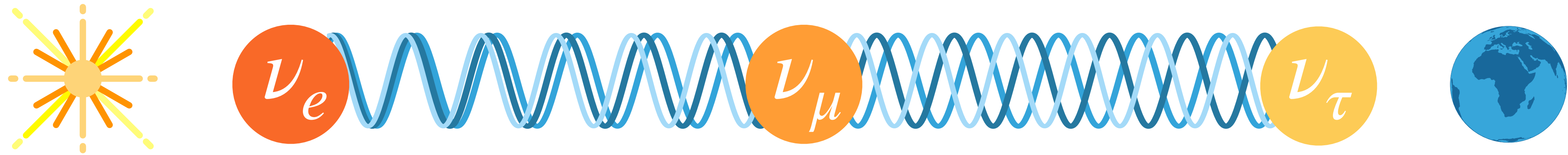


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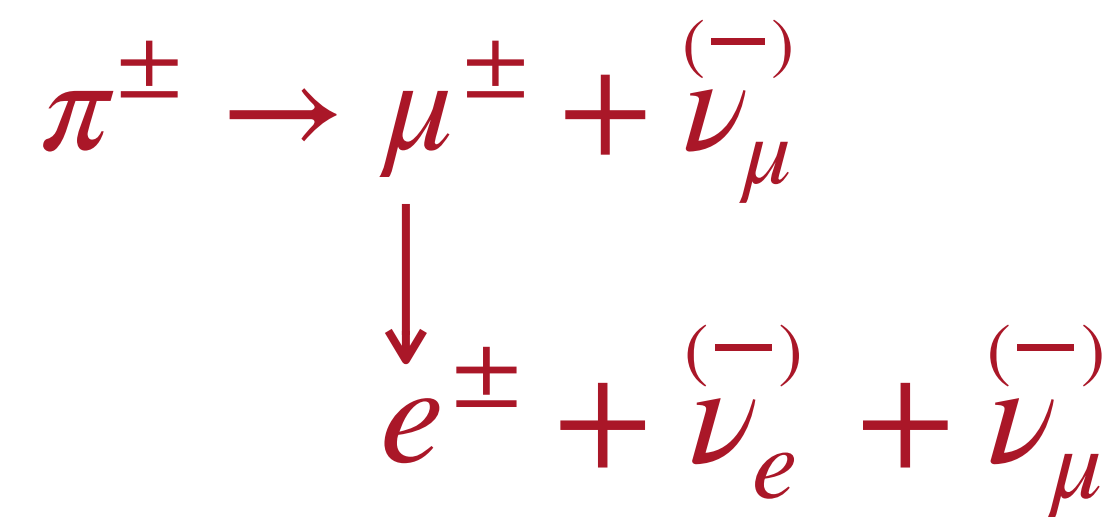
Neutrino Oscillation

Astrophysical Neutrinos

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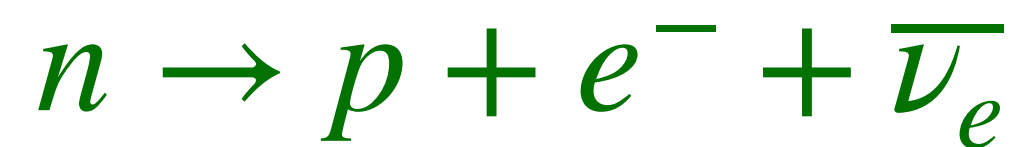


pion production



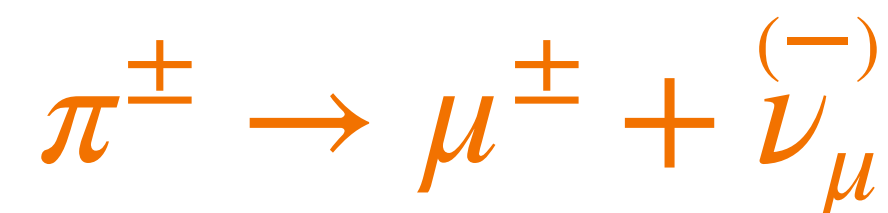
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neutron decay



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muon dumped



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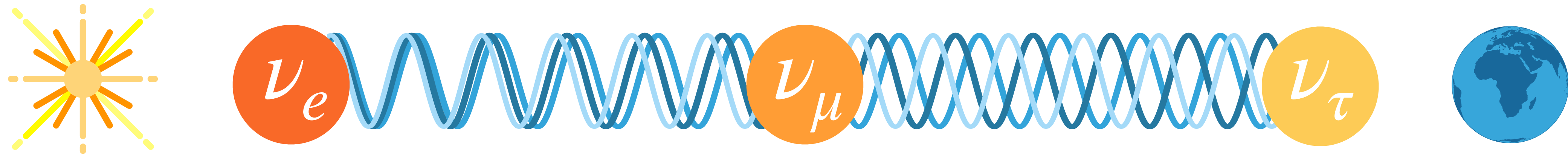
$$\Phi_\beta^\oplus = \sum_\alpha P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} \Phi_\alpha^S$$

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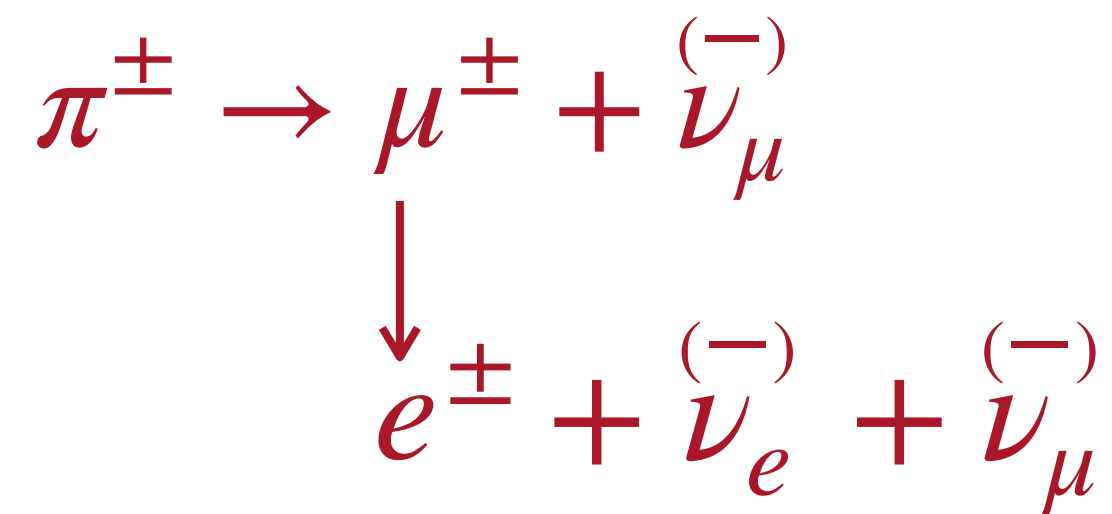
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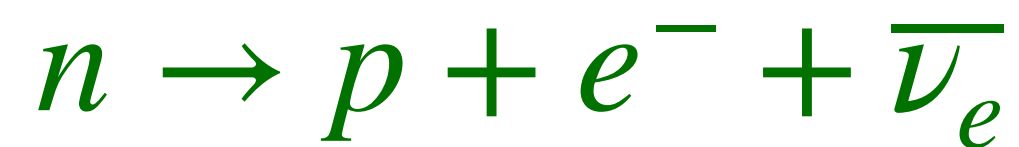


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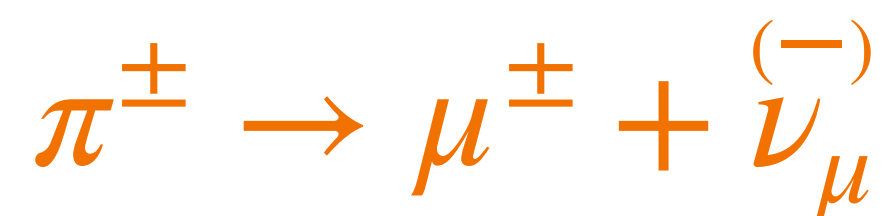
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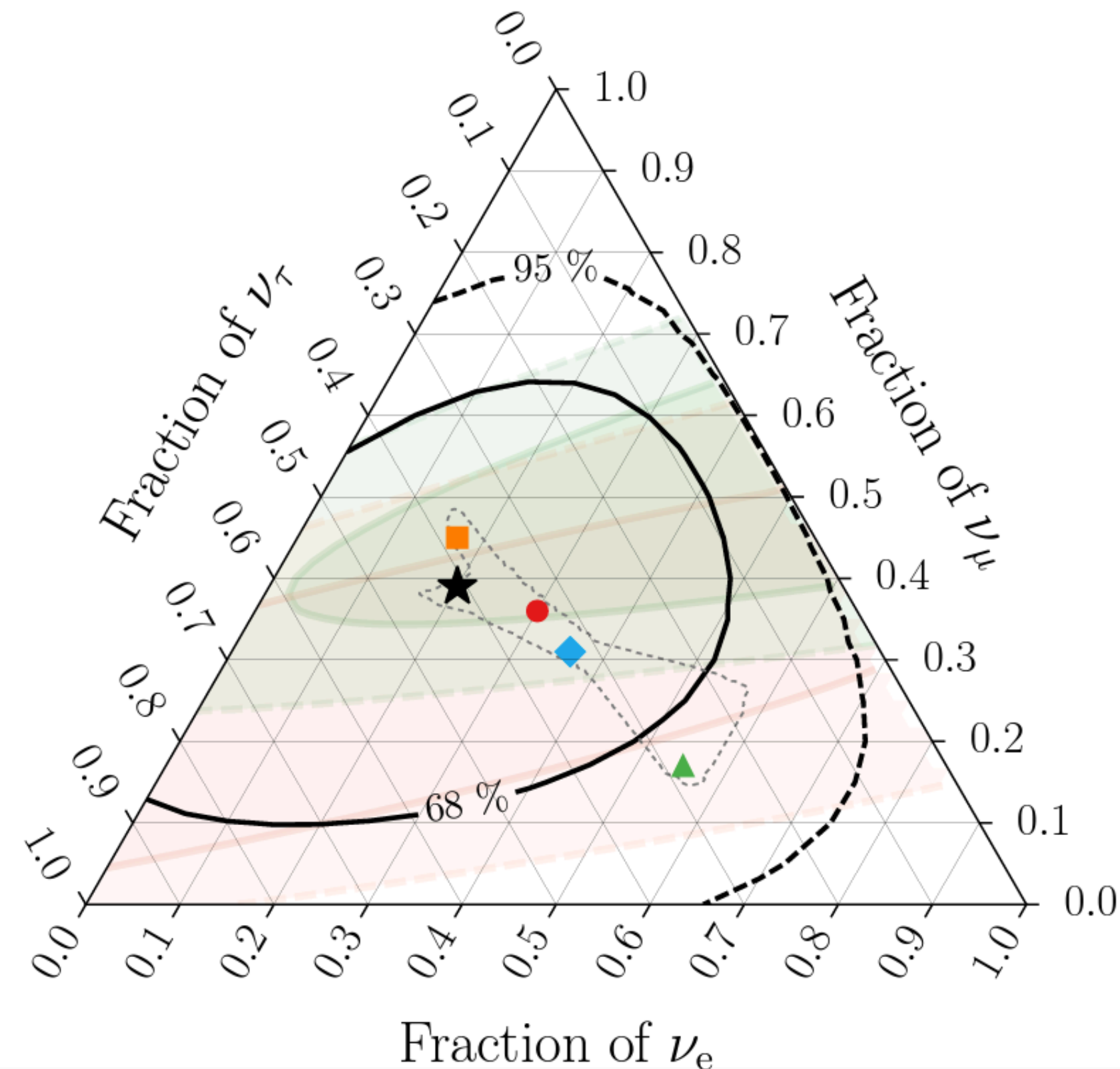


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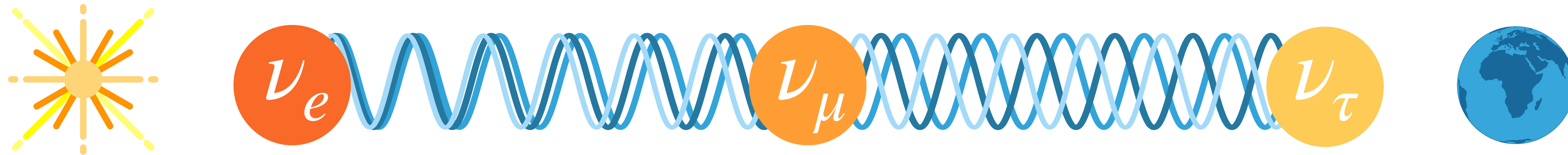
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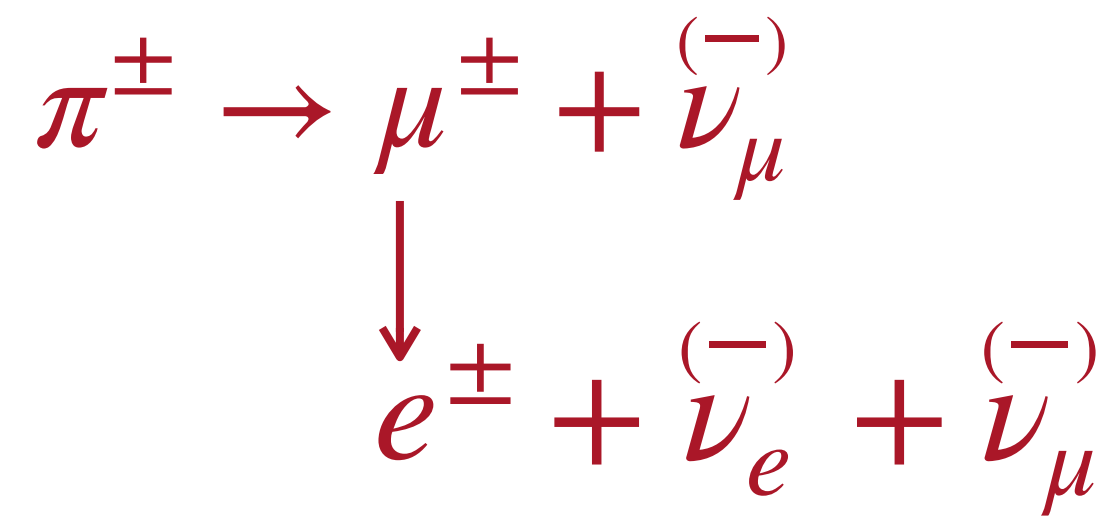
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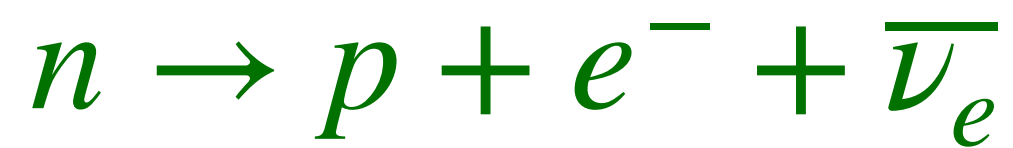


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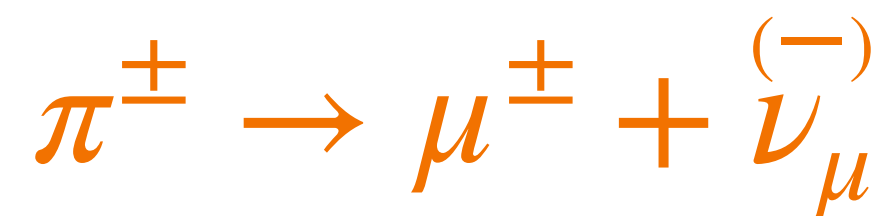
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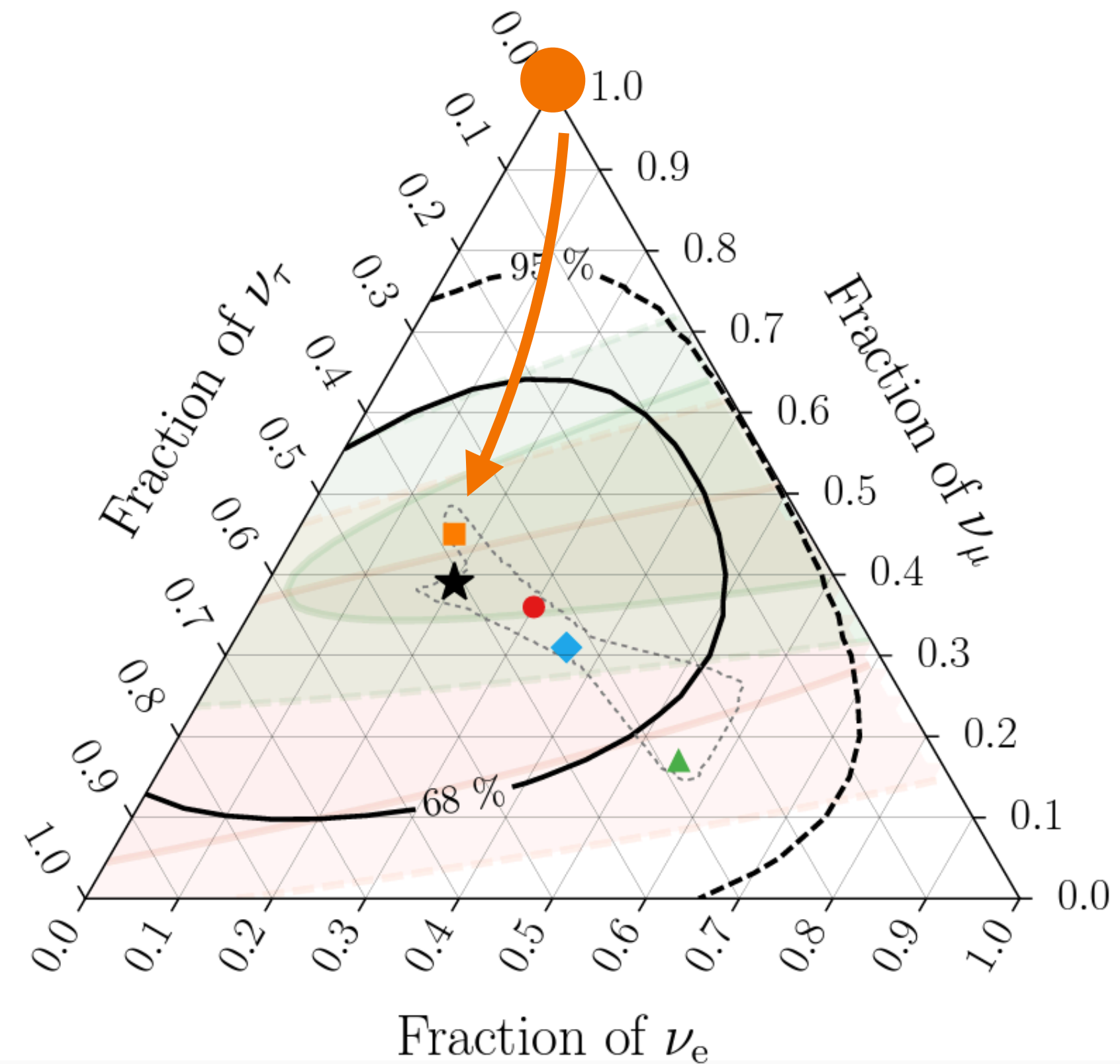


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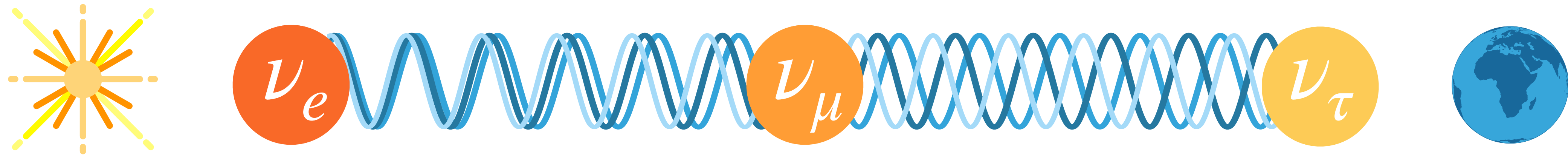
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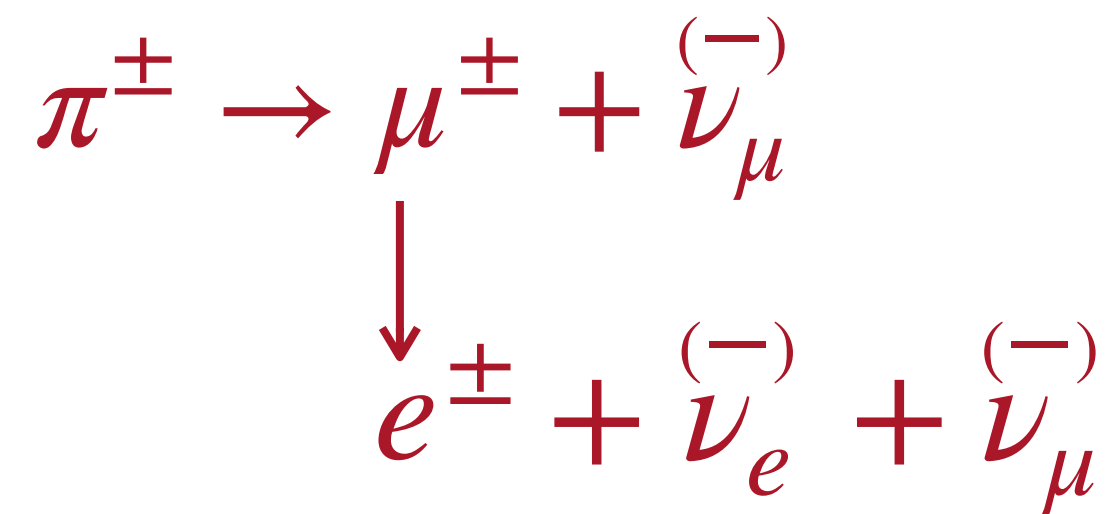
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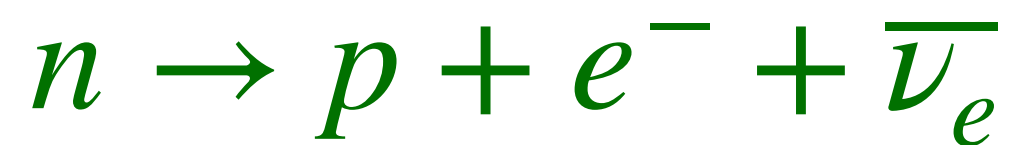


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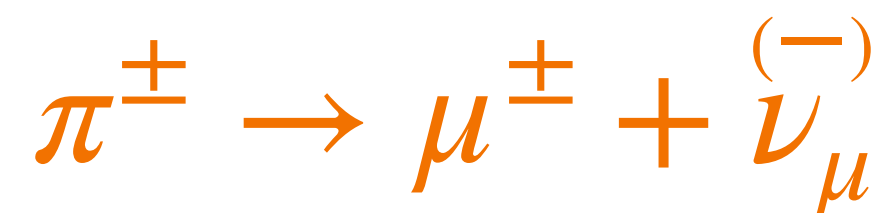
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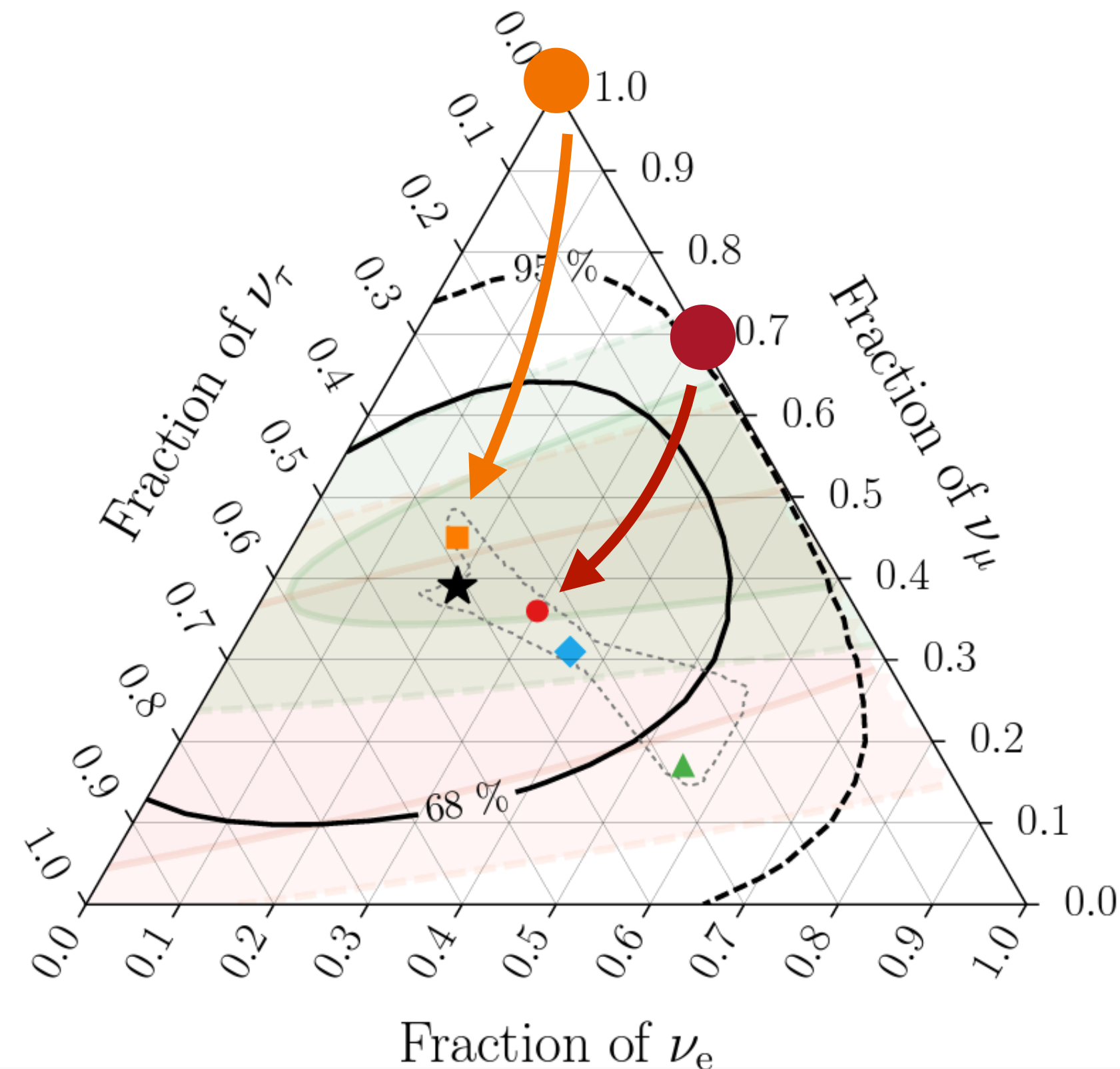


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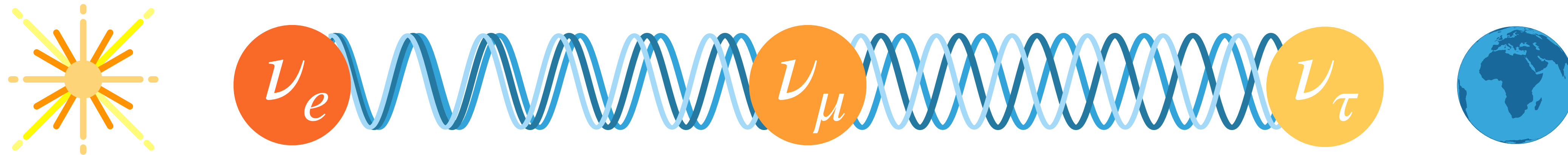
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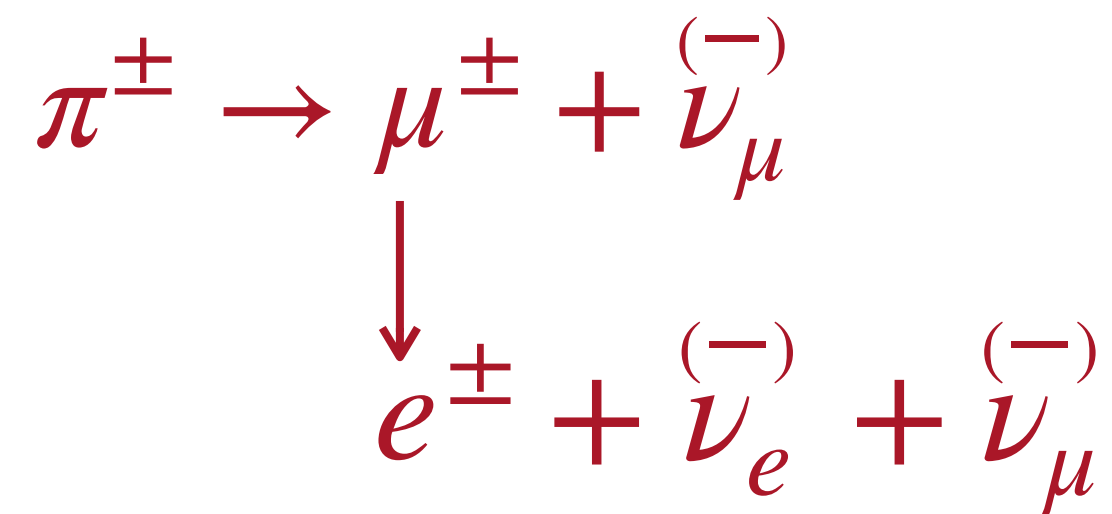
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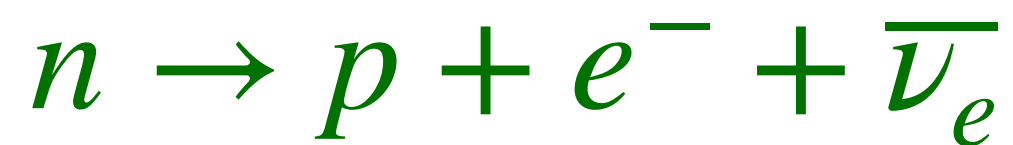


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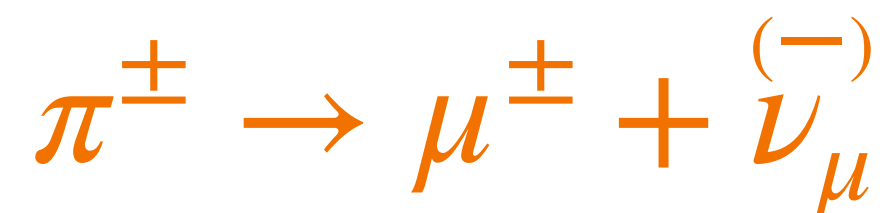
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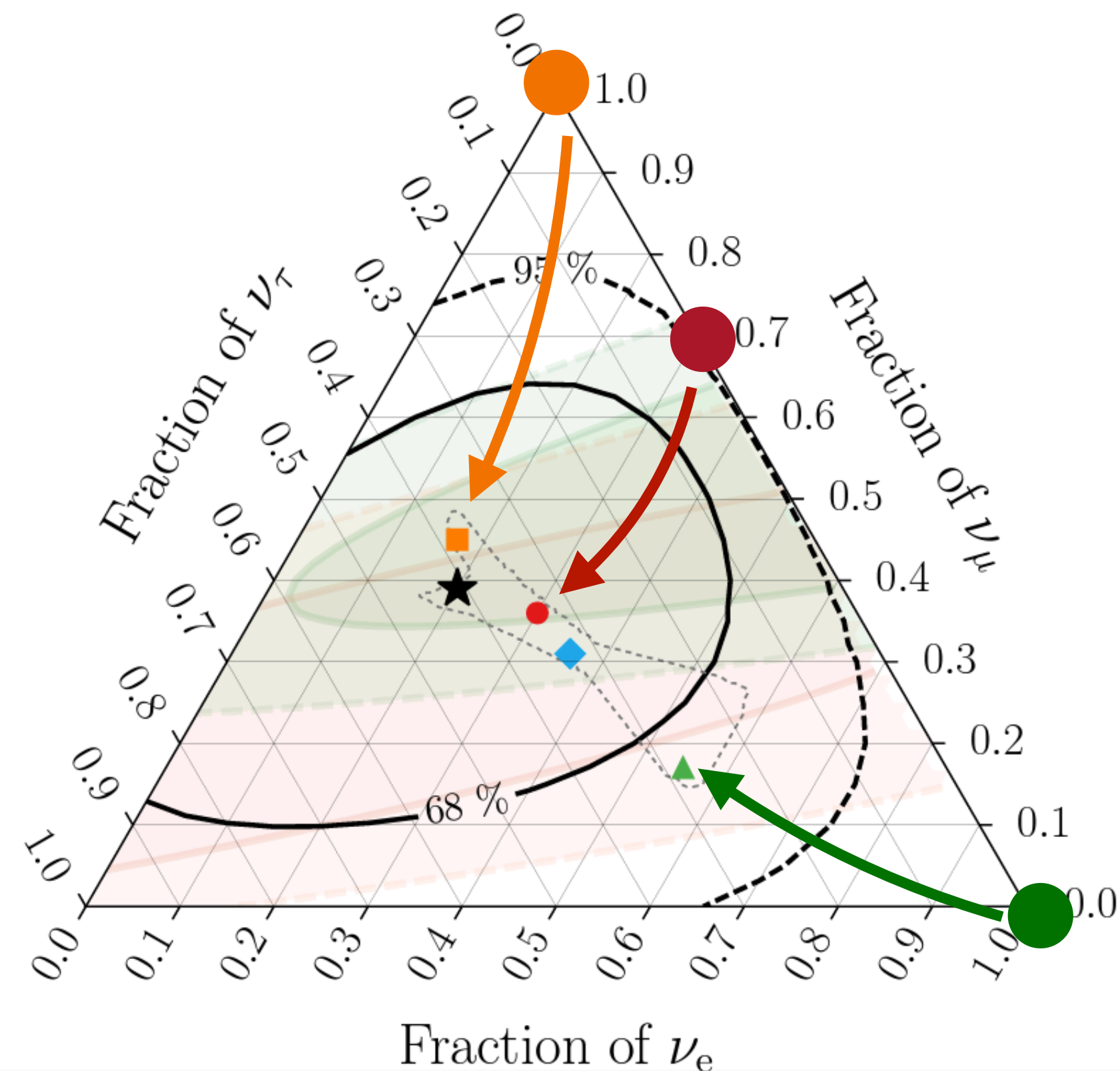


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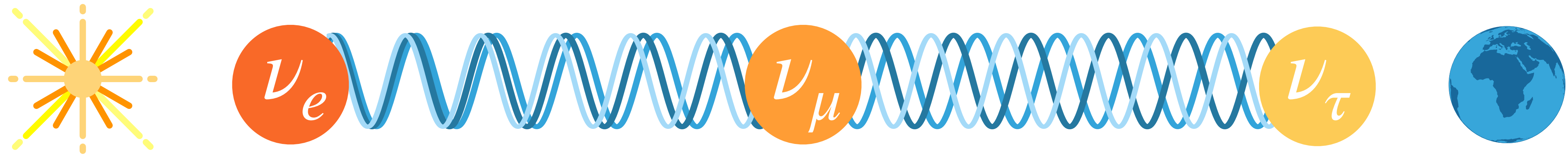
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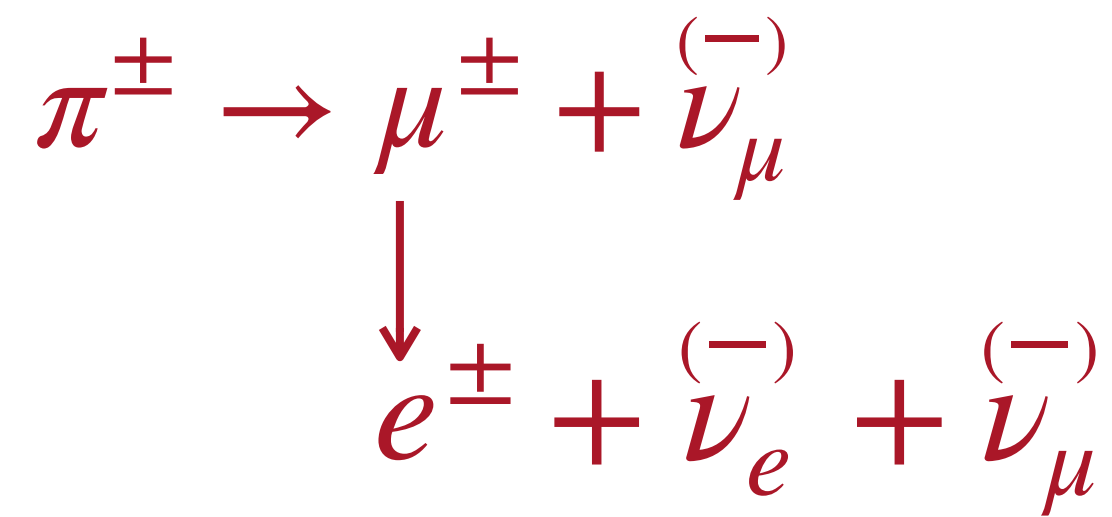
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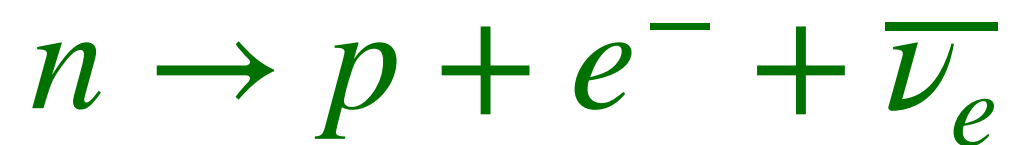


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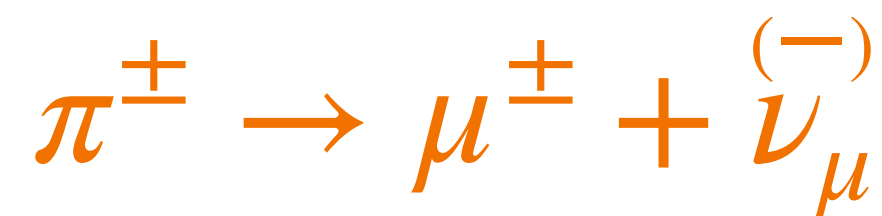
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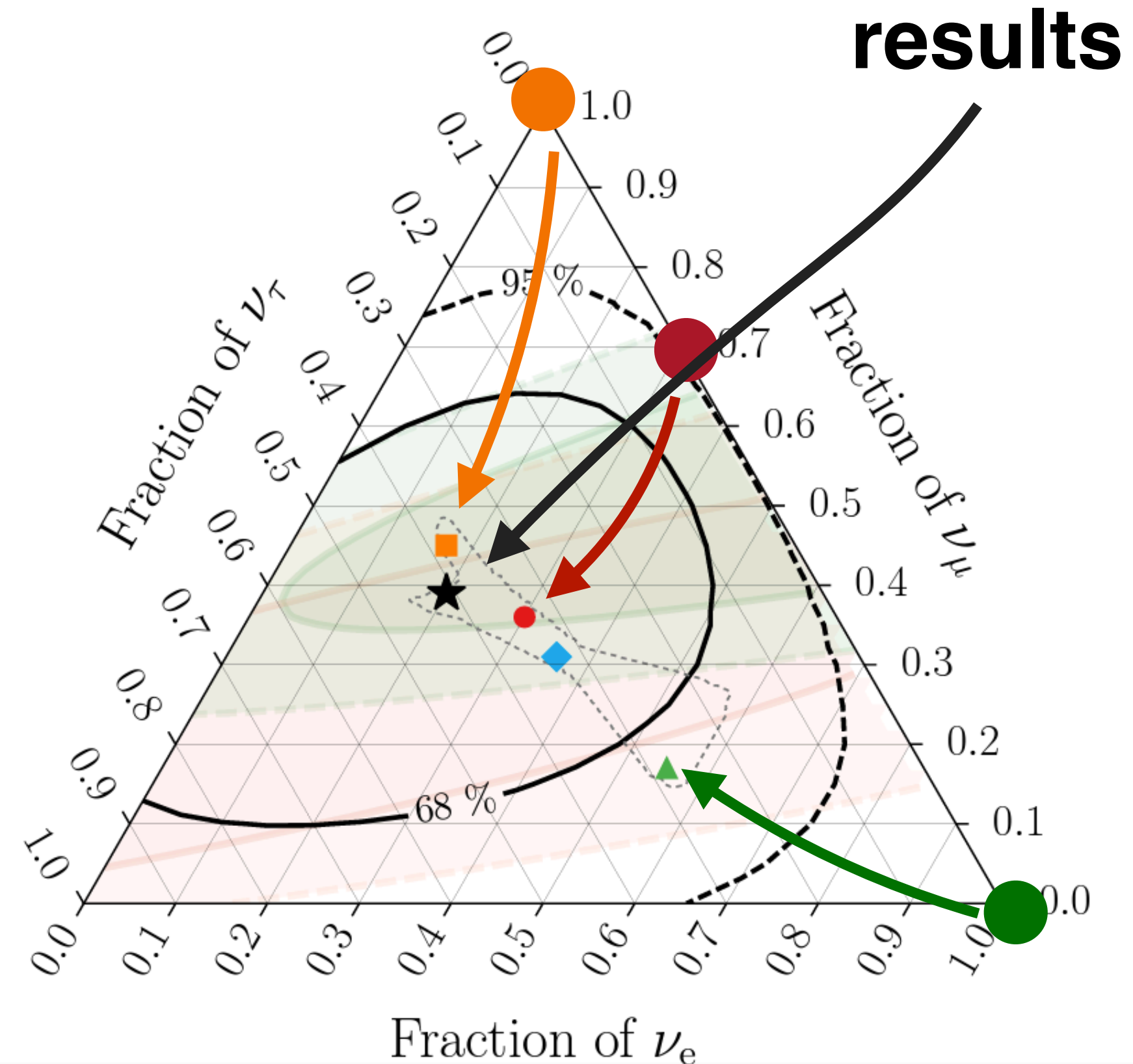


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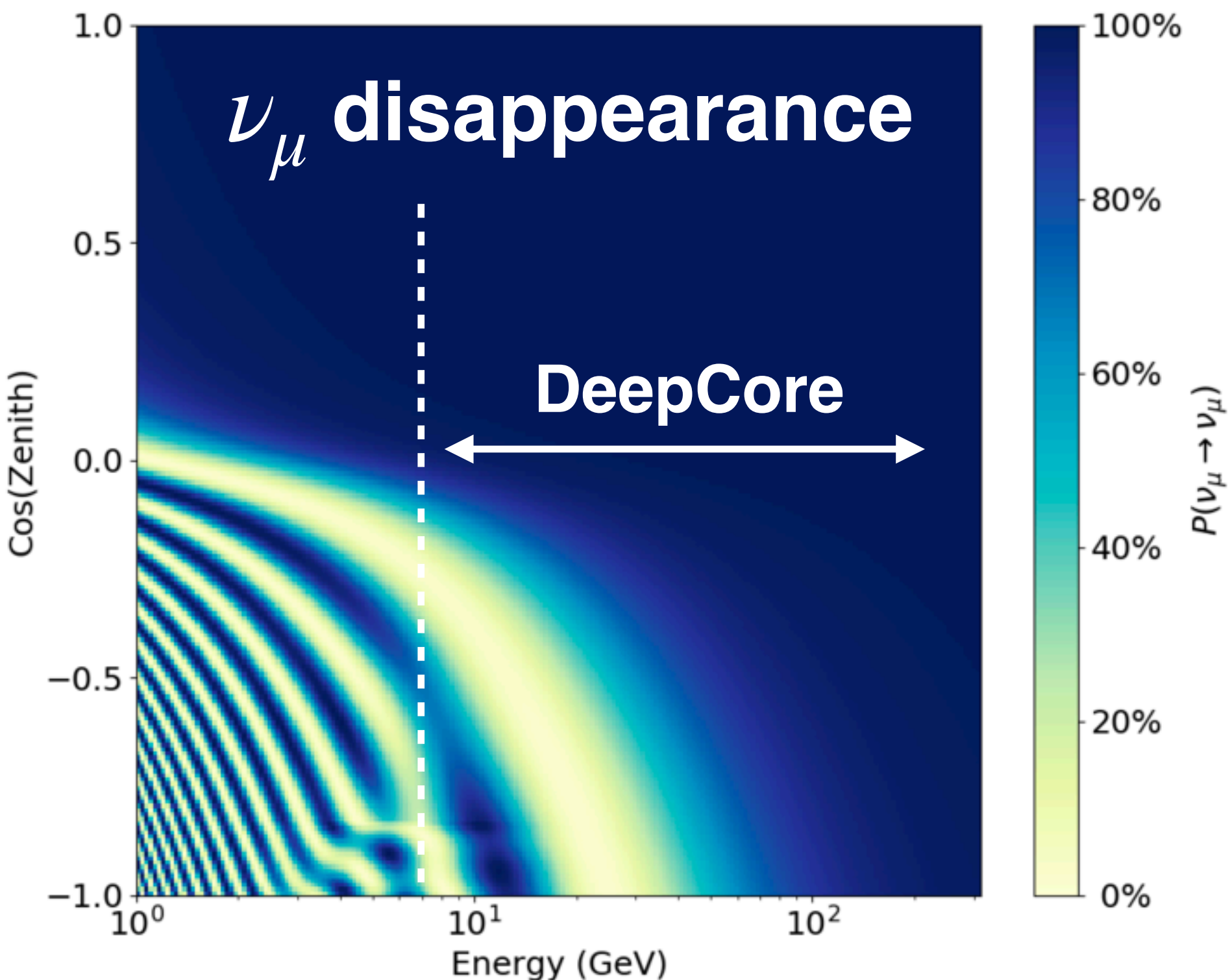
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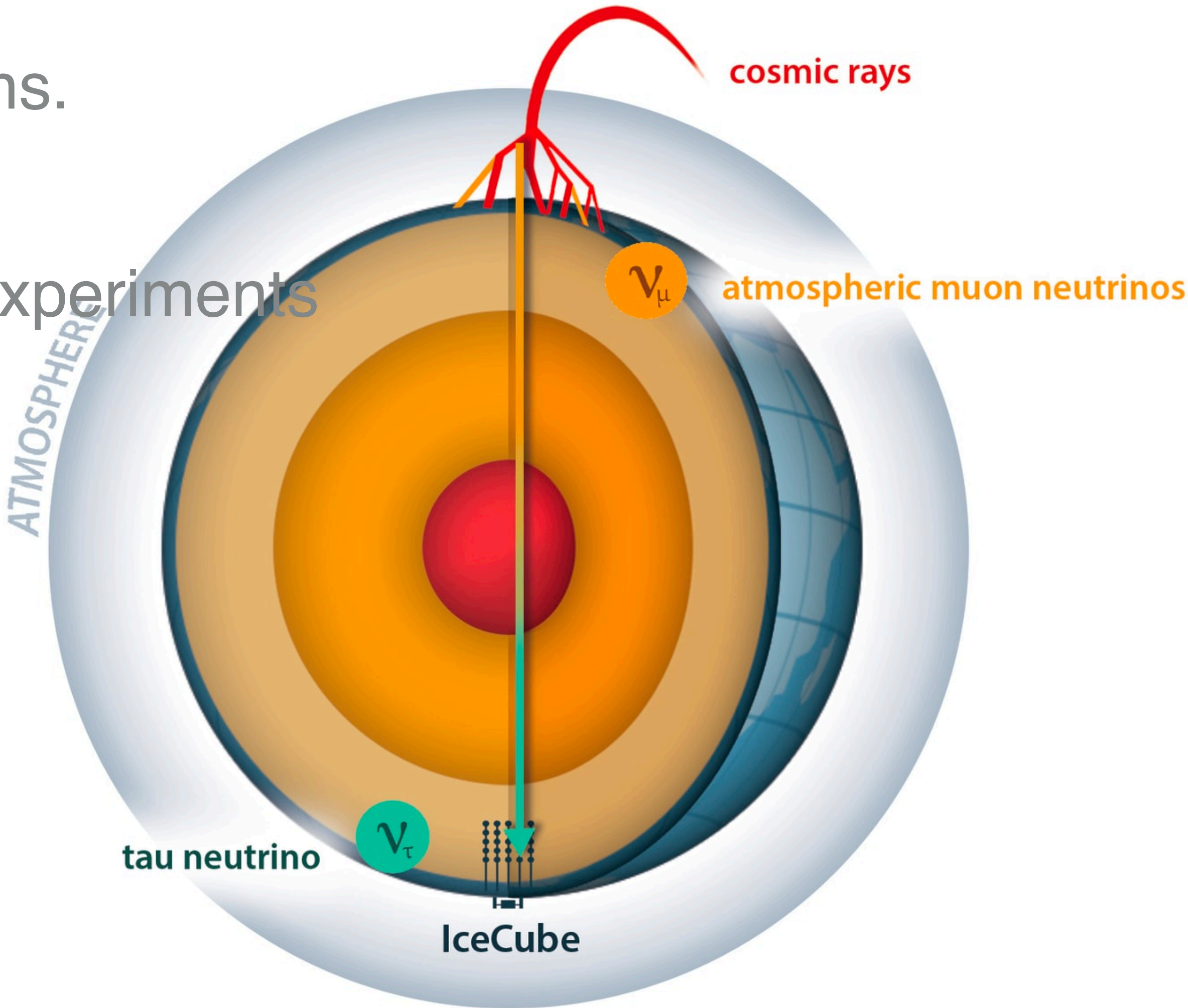
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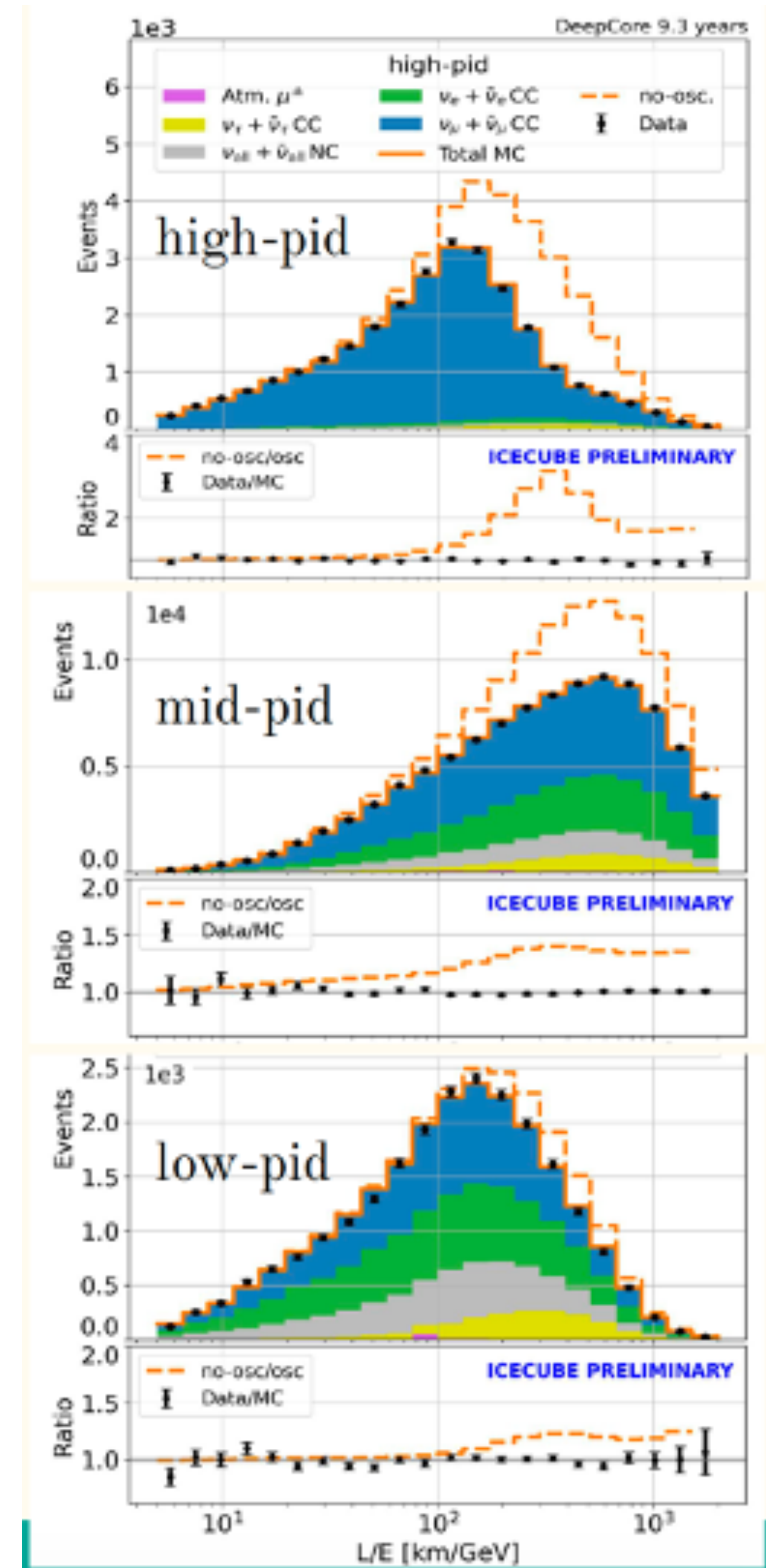
- Use of atmospheric ν_μ to study oscillations.
 - Zenith angle defines the baseline, L



↳ LBL experiments

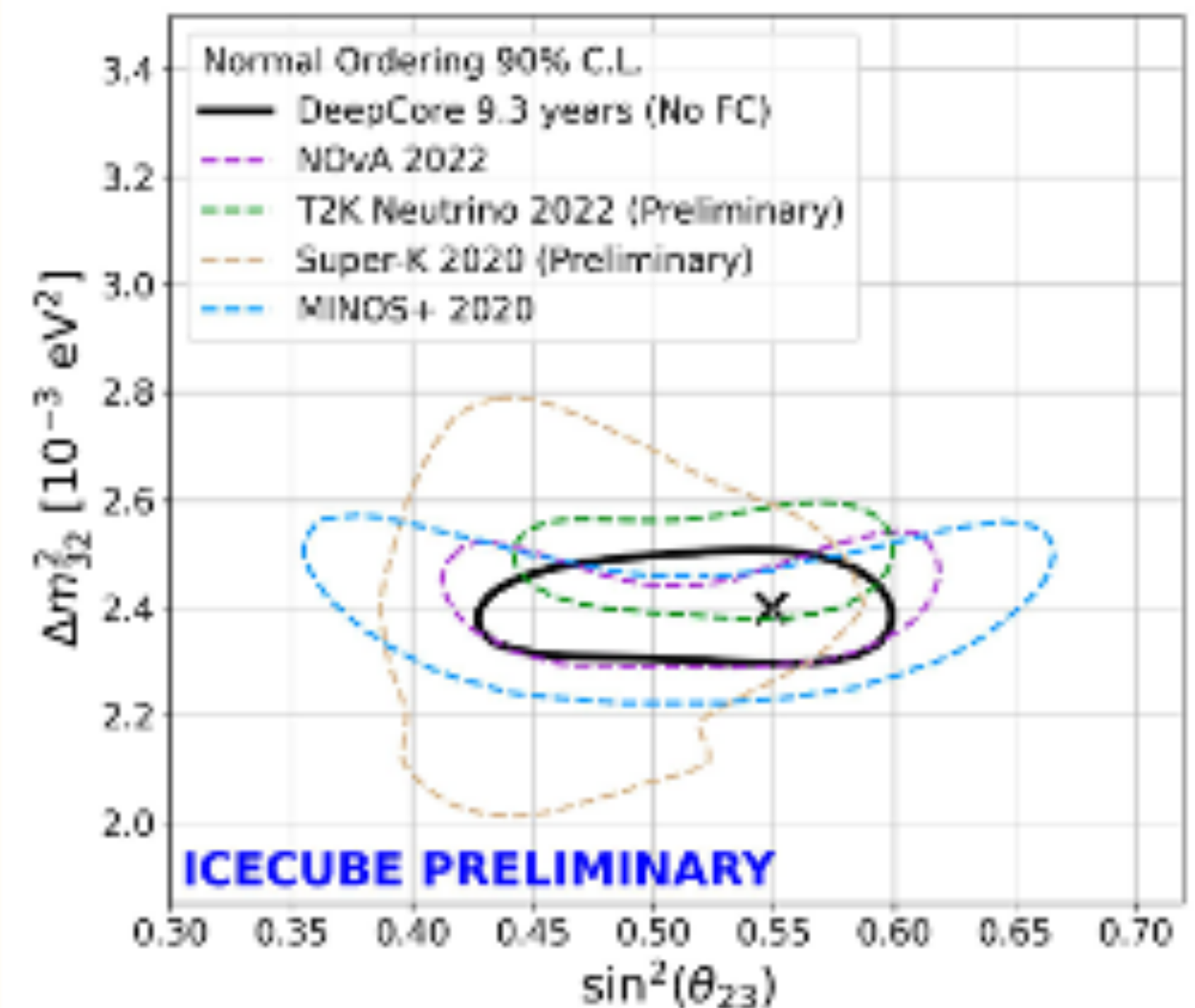
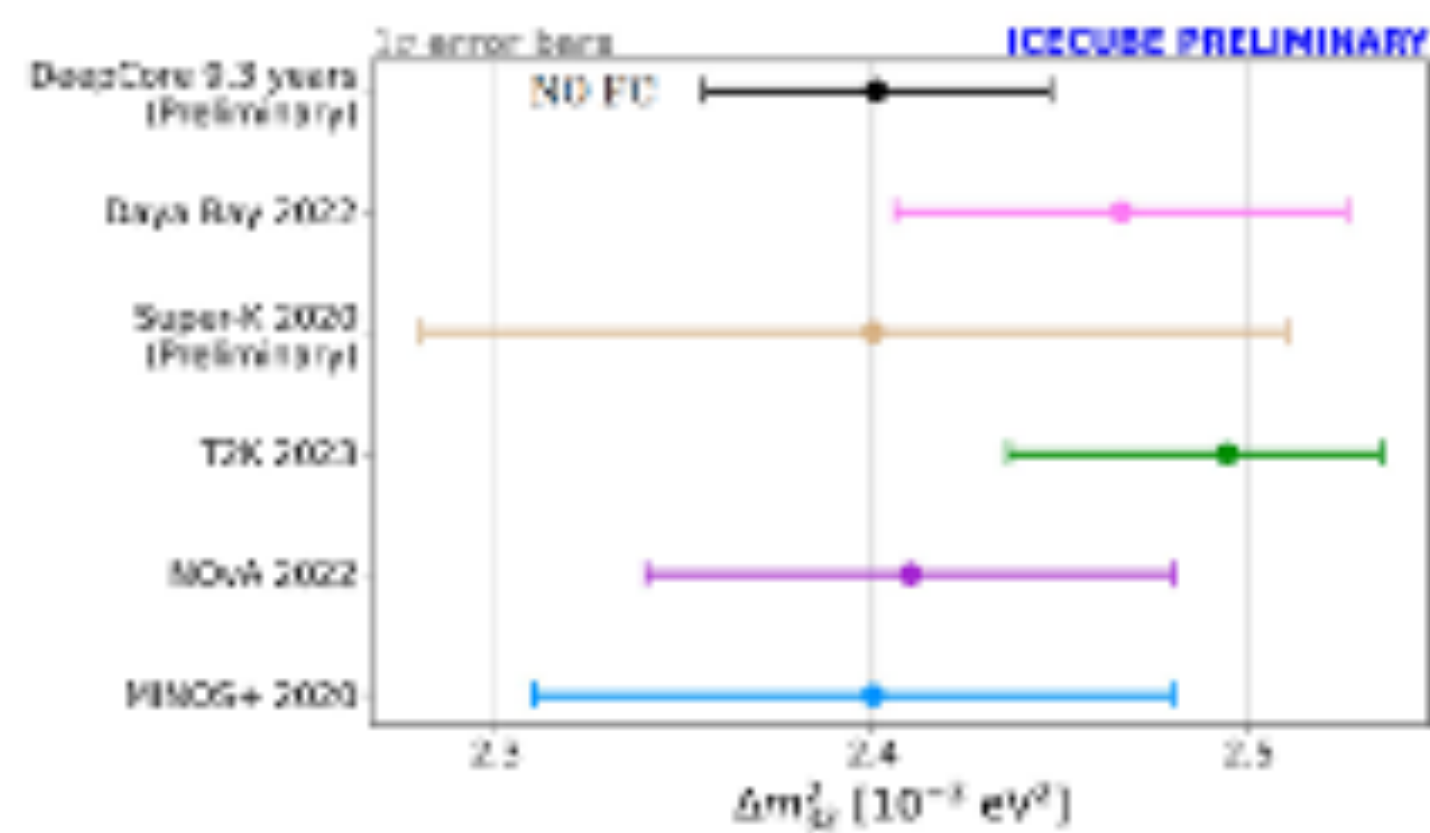
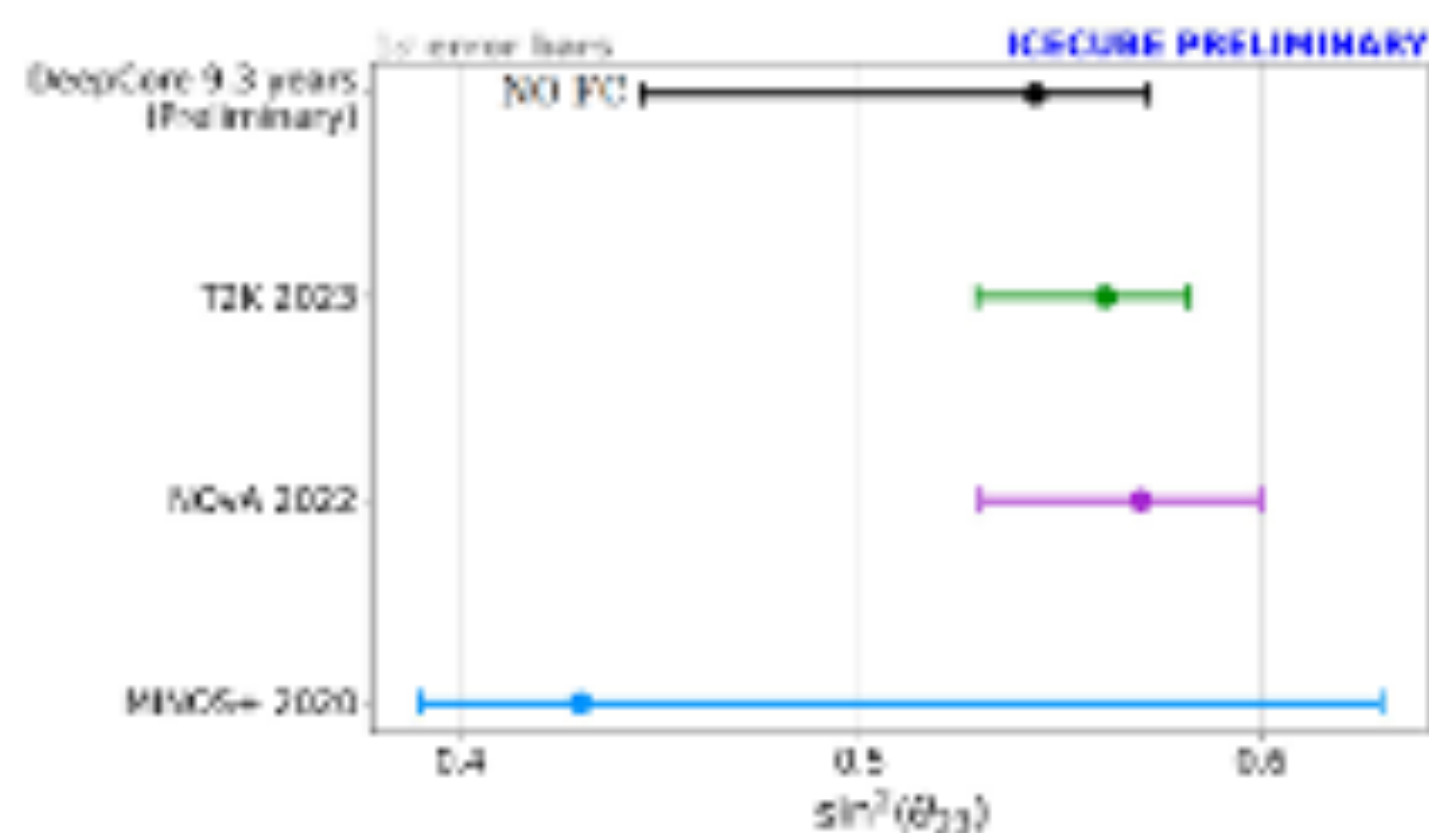


- Data taken from 2011-2021
- Total of 150,257 events
- High signal (numu CC) and low atmospheric background.
- Particle identification PID (between tracks and cascades)

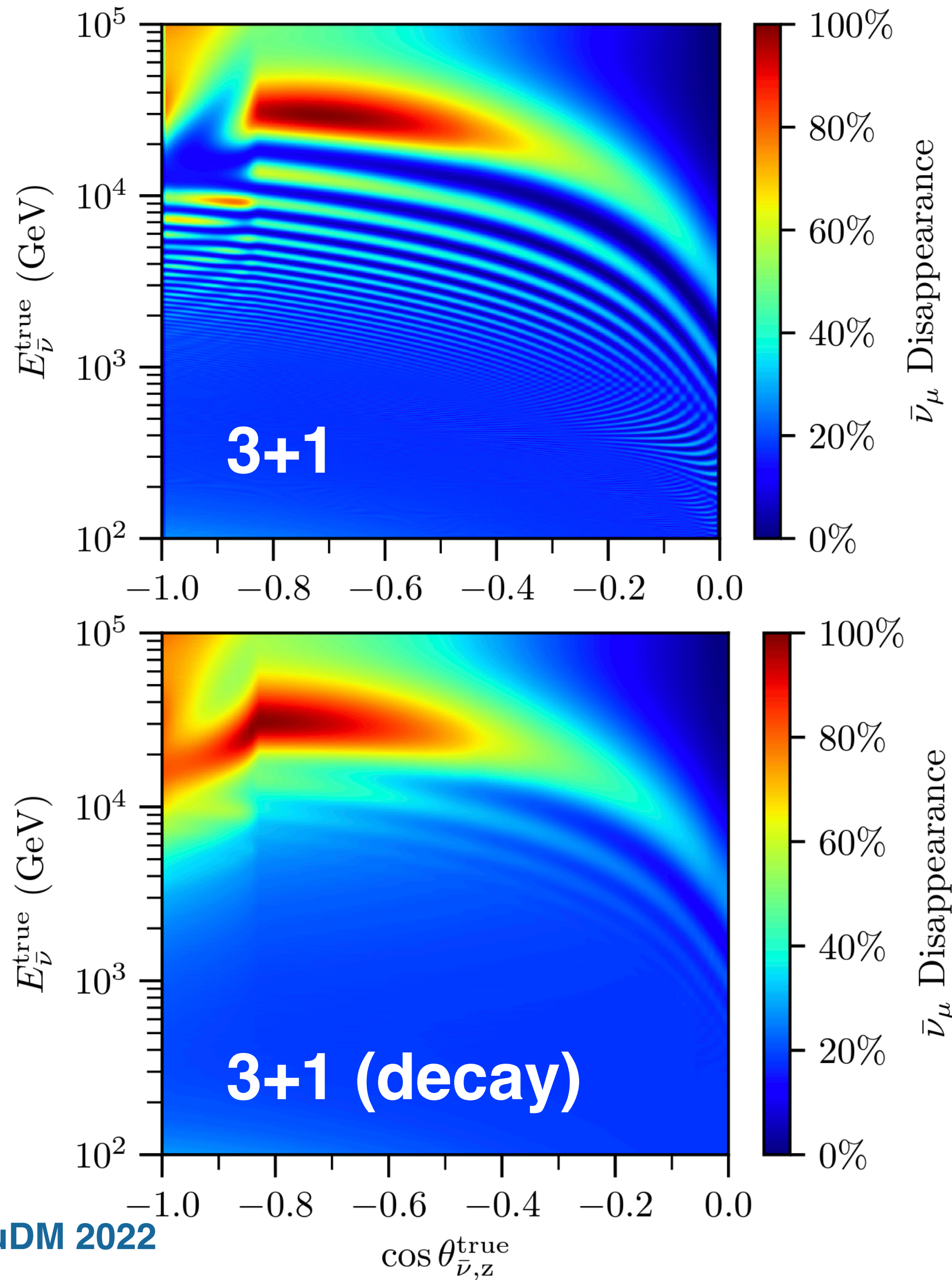


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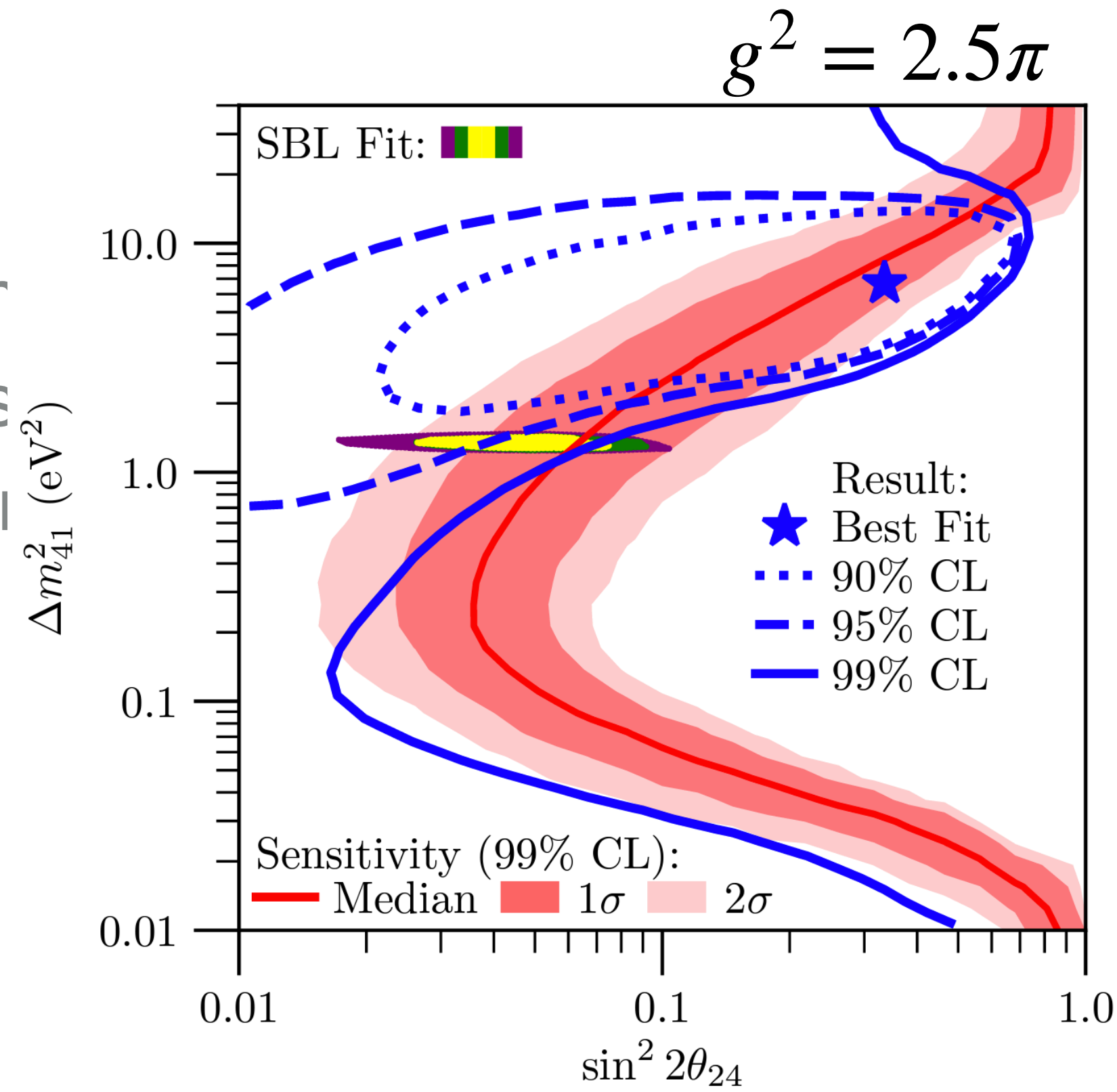
- Compatible with the results from the other experiment.
 - Different sample and facing different systematics.
- Competitive on Δm_{32}^2 measurement.
- Room for future improvements!
 - Flux model; ice model; light yield, etc



Neutrino Oscillations: Sterile Neutrinos with Decay



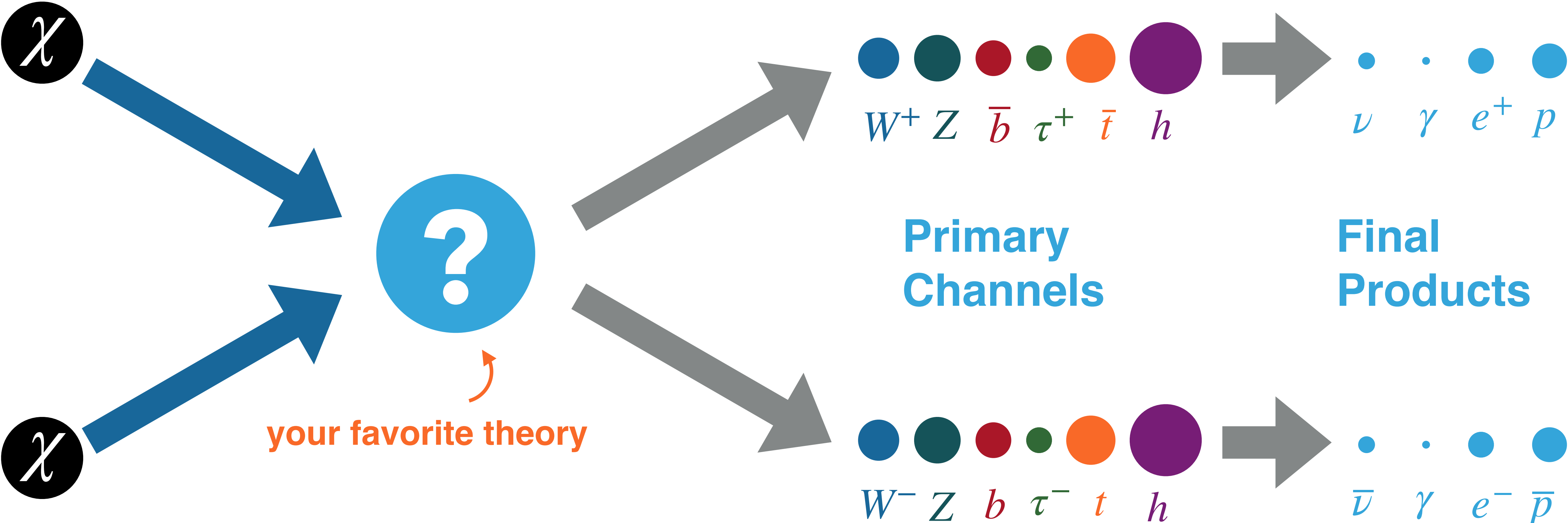
neutrino
global fits
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value of 3% is

Dark Matter

Indirect Detection of Dark Matter



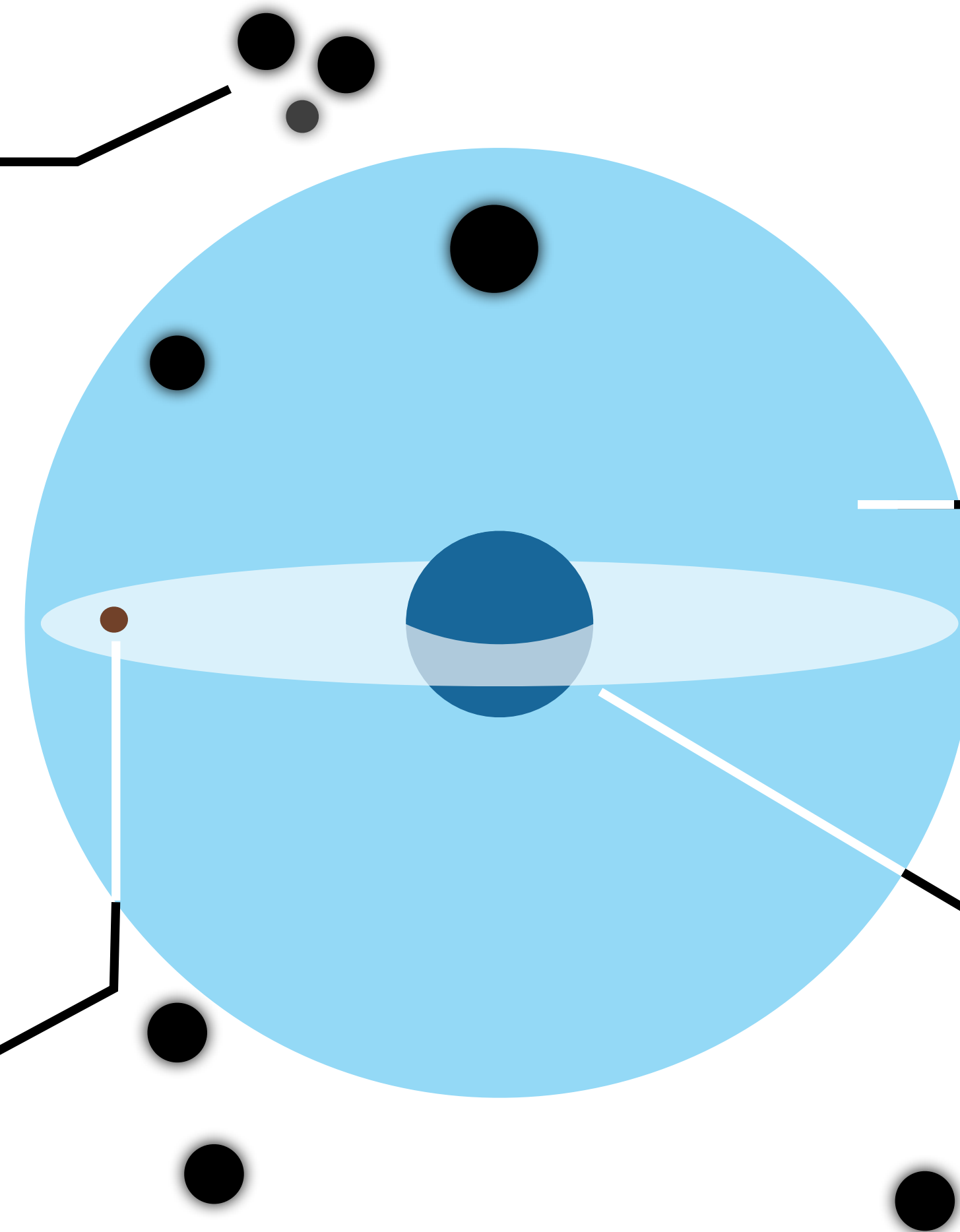
- No need of specialised detectors: **Gamma-ray telescopes, neutrino detectors, CR-experiments**
- Search for products of dark matter annihilation processes: **Focus on large reservoirs of dark matter**

Dark Matter Searches with Neutrinos **Where to Look?**

Dwarf spheroidal Galaxies
Cluster of Galaxies

Probe velocity-averaged DM
annihilation cross section $\langle\sigma_A v\rangle$

Local Sources (Sun, Earth)
Only accessible with
neutrinos
Under equilibrium they can
probe σ_{SI} and σ_{SD}



Galactic Halo

Probe velocity-averaged DM
annihilation cross section $\langle\sigma_A v\rangle$

Galactic Center

Probe velocity-averaged DM
annihilation cross section $\langle\sigma_A v\rangle$

Dark Matter from the Galactic Halo (Case Study)

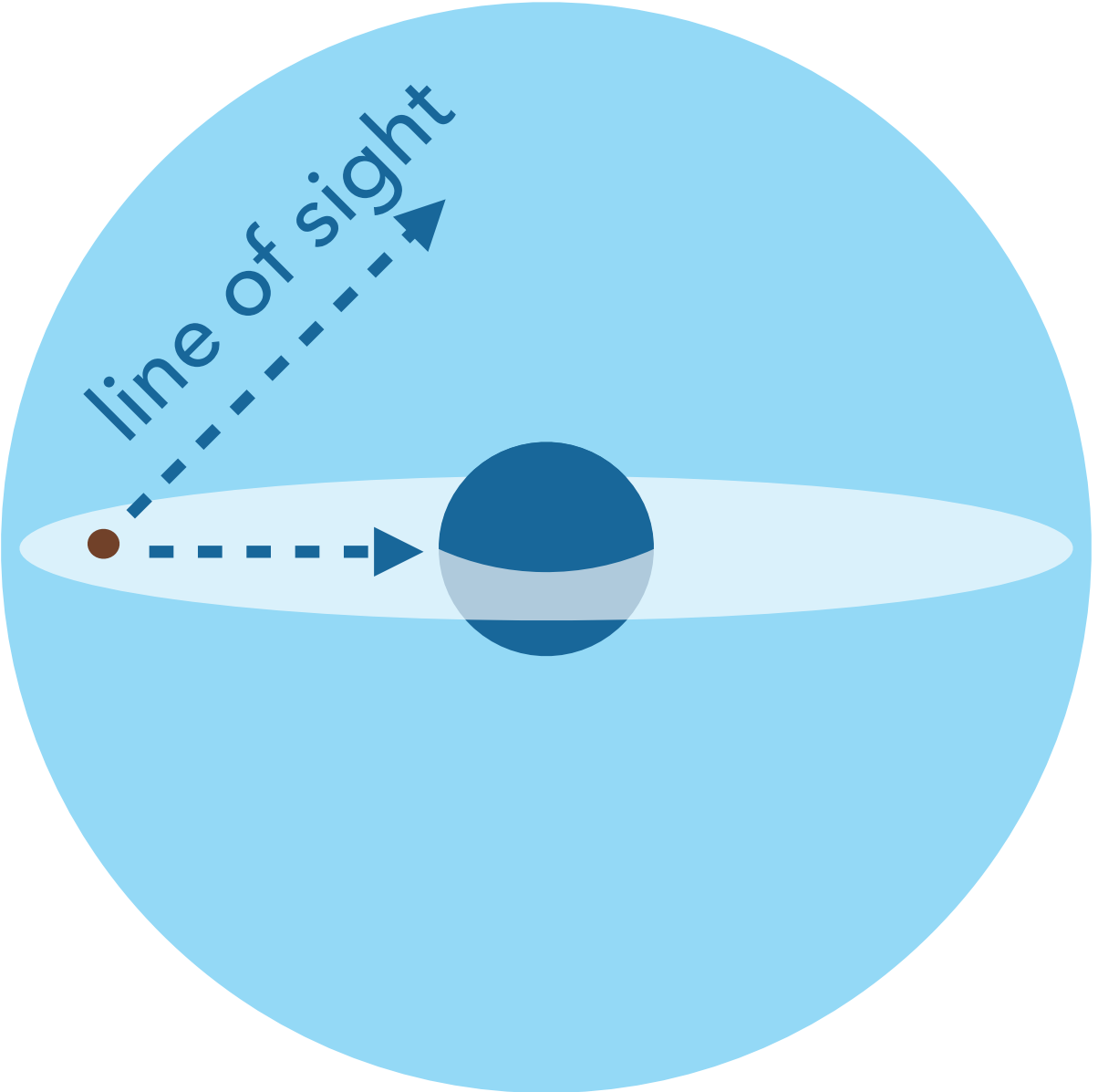
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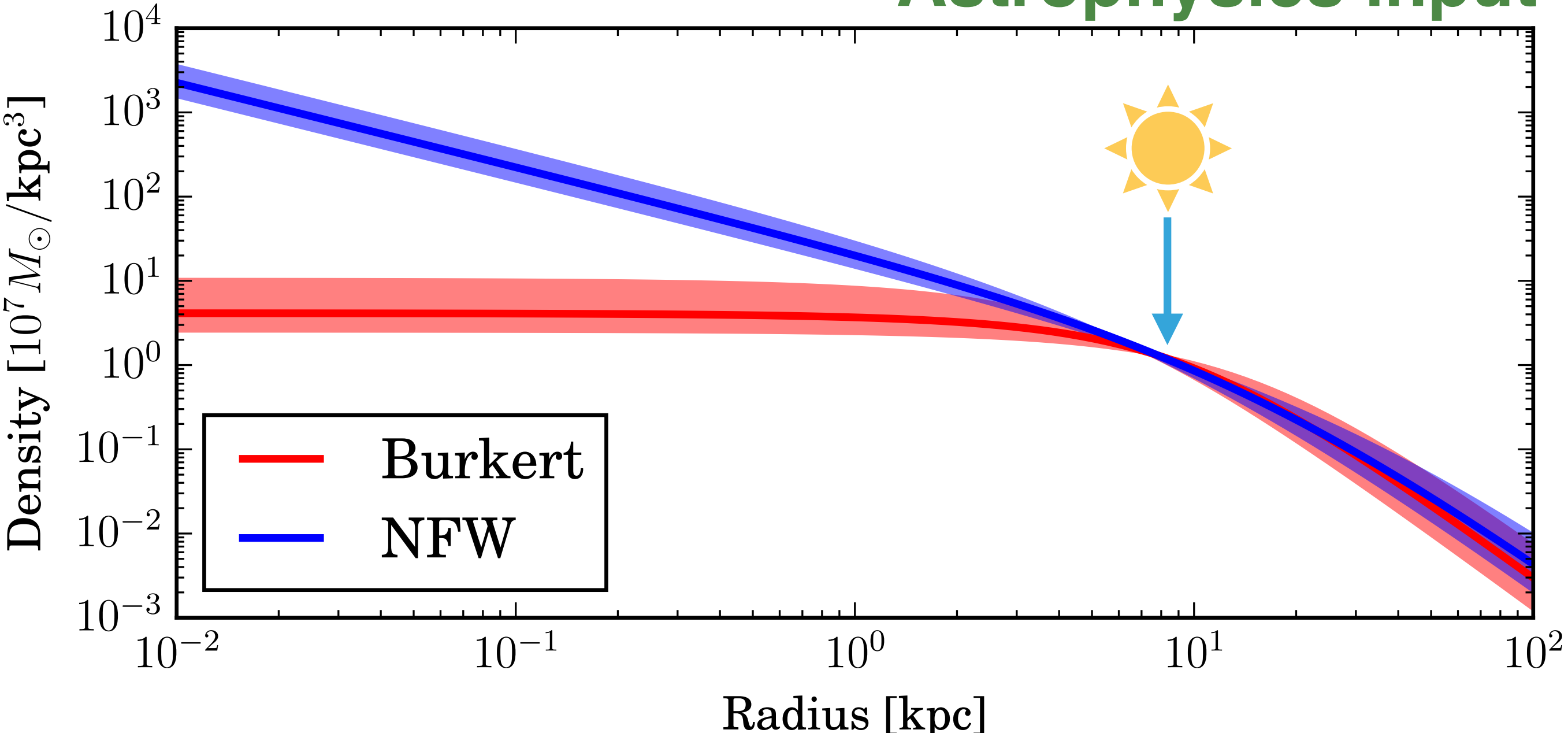
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$\int_0^{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s.} \rho_\chi^2(r(s, \Psi, \theta)) ds$

Astrophysics input



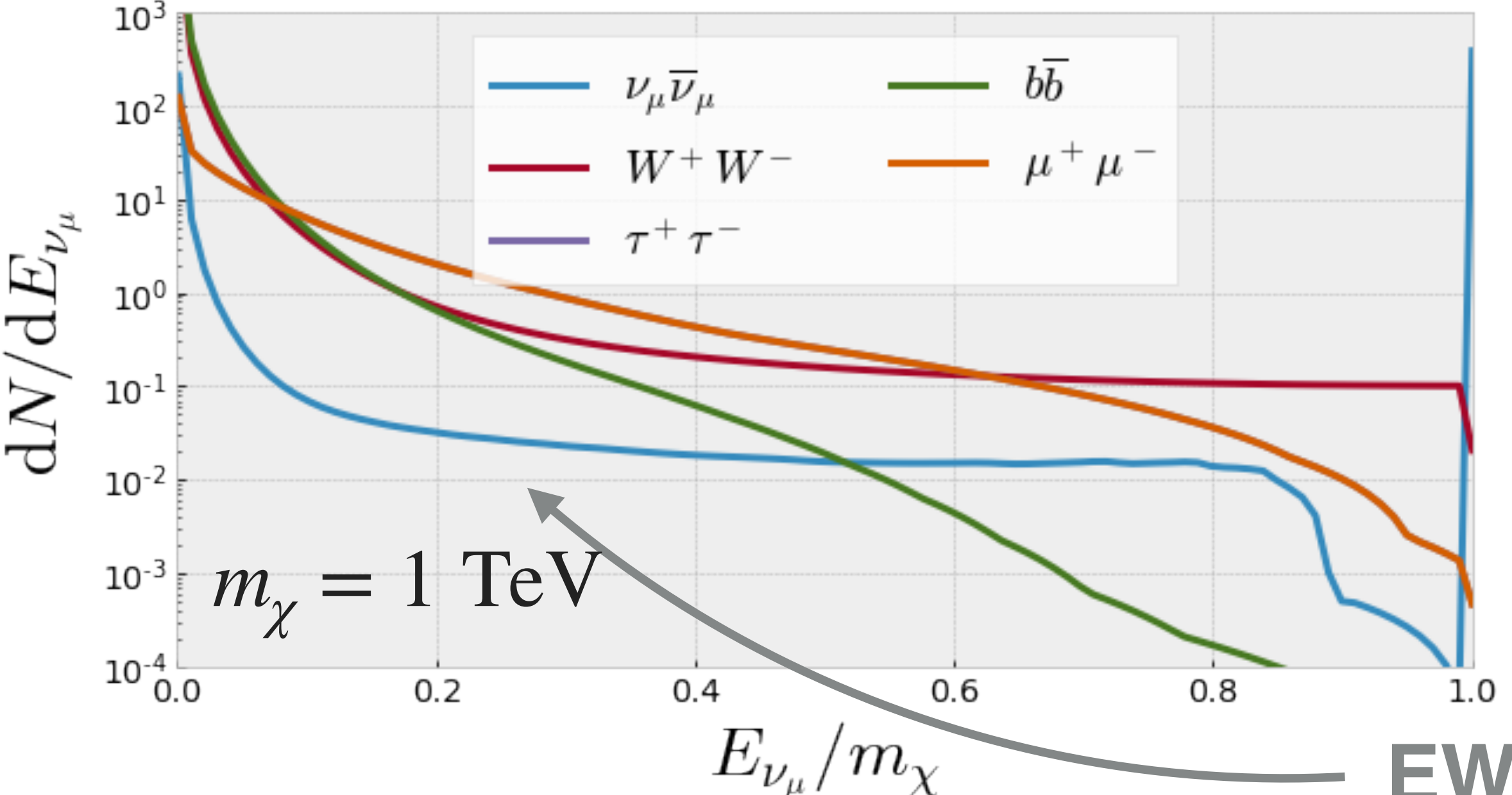
The central cusps in dark matter halos: fact or fiction? [arXiv:1808.03088v2]

Dark Matter from the Galactic Halo (Case Study)

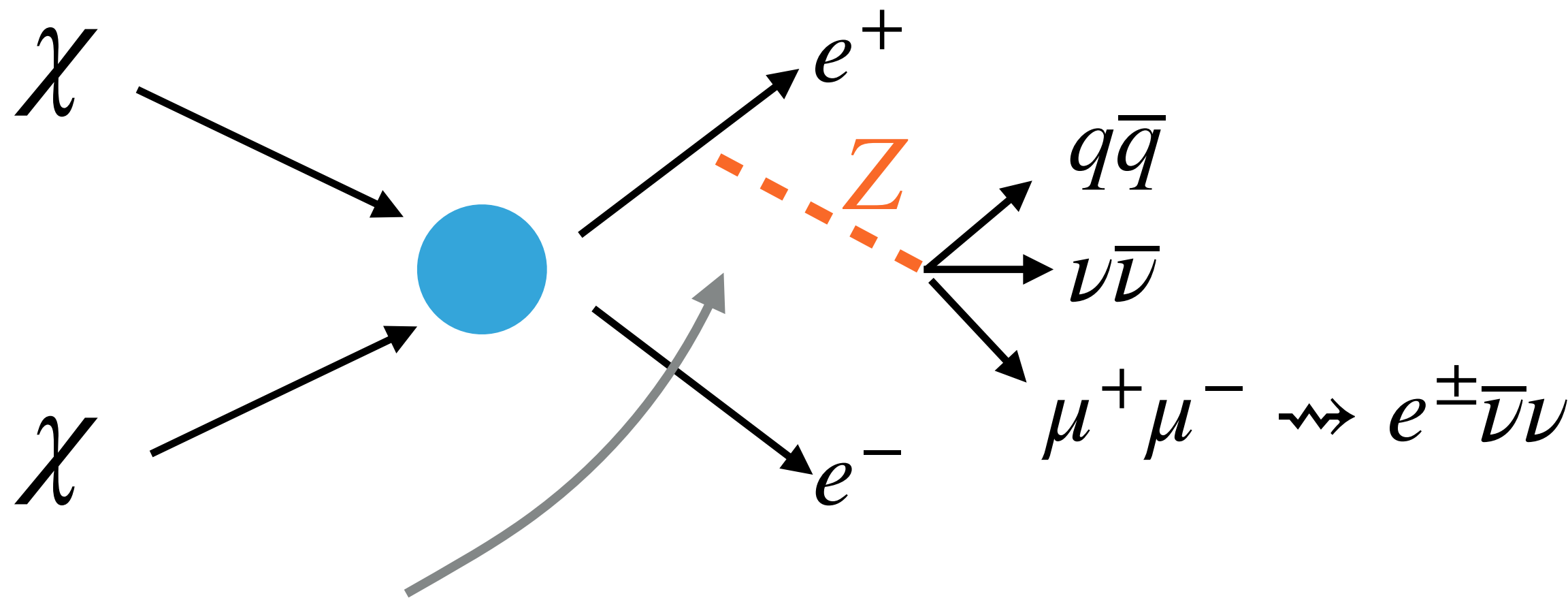
Flux from annihilation (very similar for decay):

$$\frac{d\Phi_\nu}{dE_\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}{2m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu} \int_0^{\Delta\Omega} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s.} \rho_\chi^2(r(s, \Psi, \theta)) ds$$

Particle Physics input



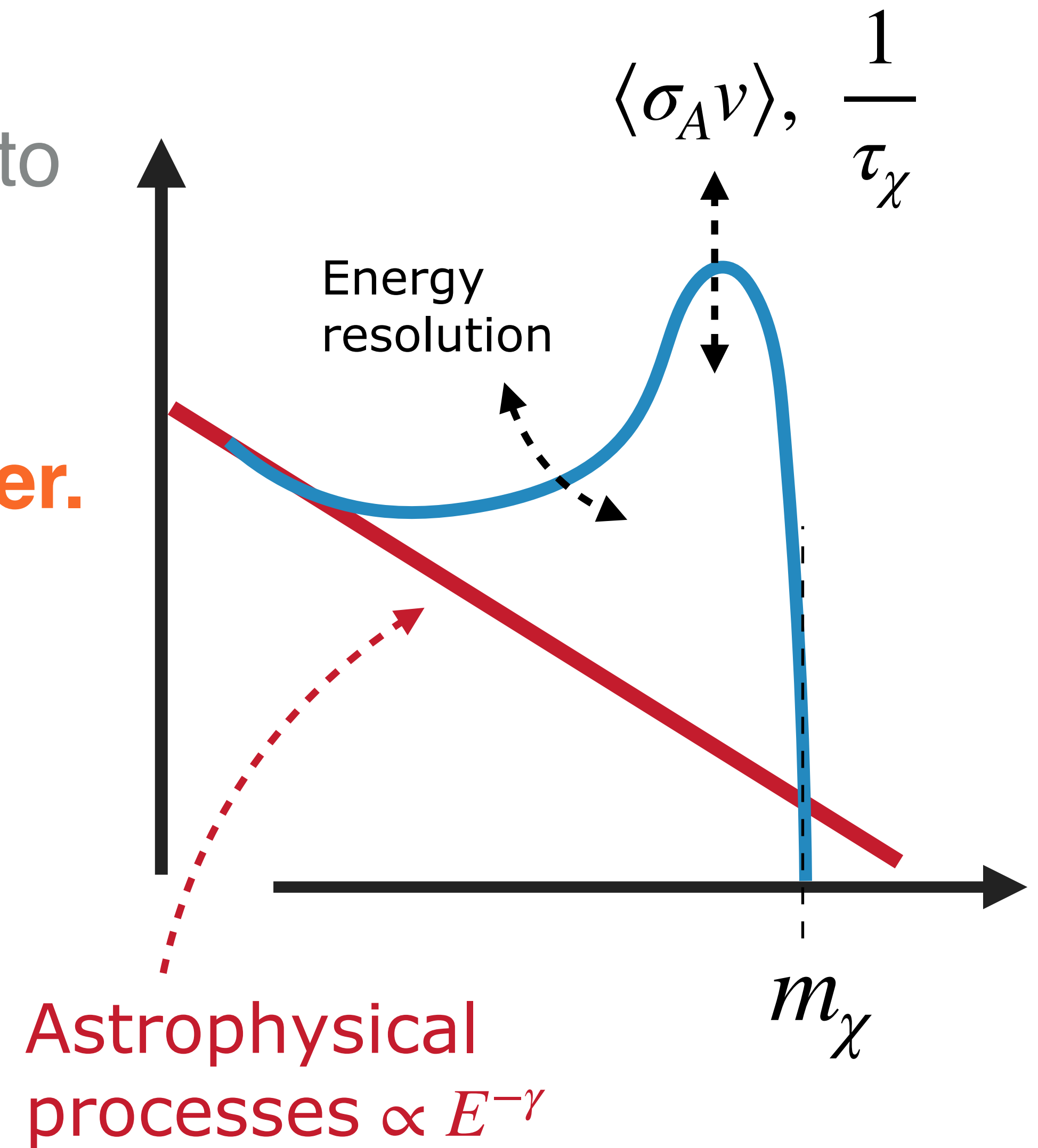
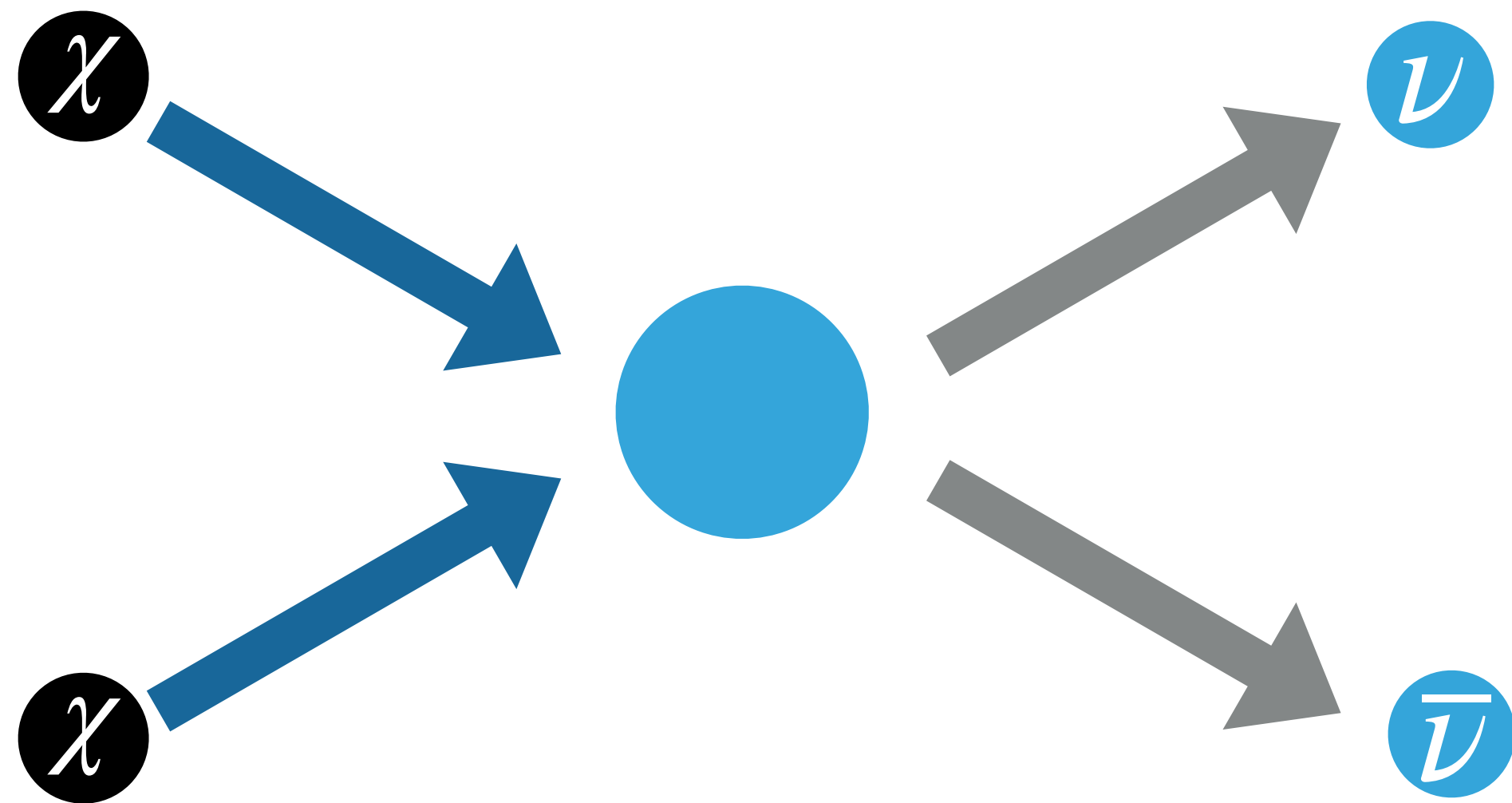
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EW corrections are important

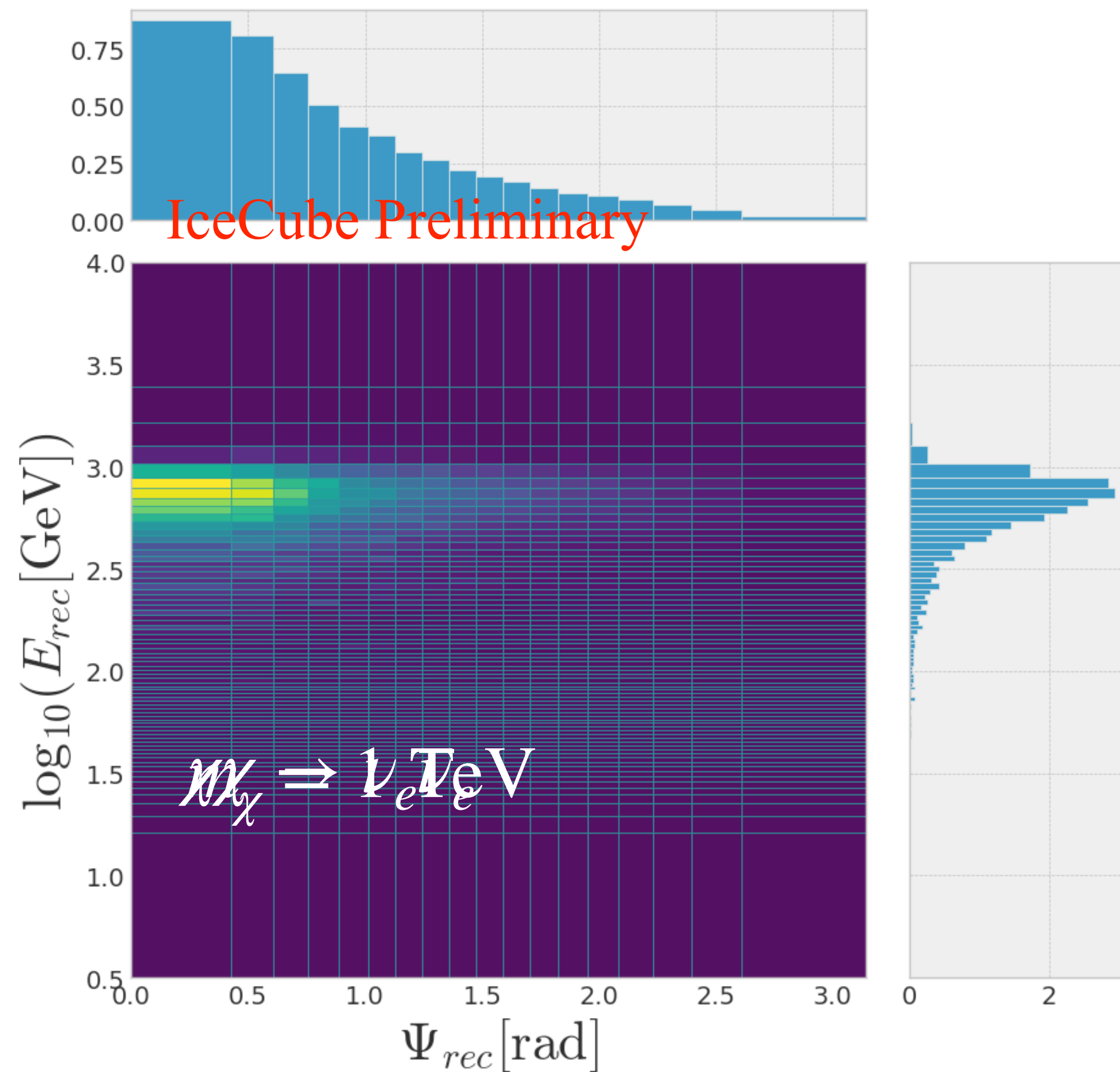
Dark Matter from the Galactic Halo: Neutrino Lines

- Focusing on direct annihilation/decay to neutrinos.
- No astrophysical background:
smoking gun signature of dark matter.

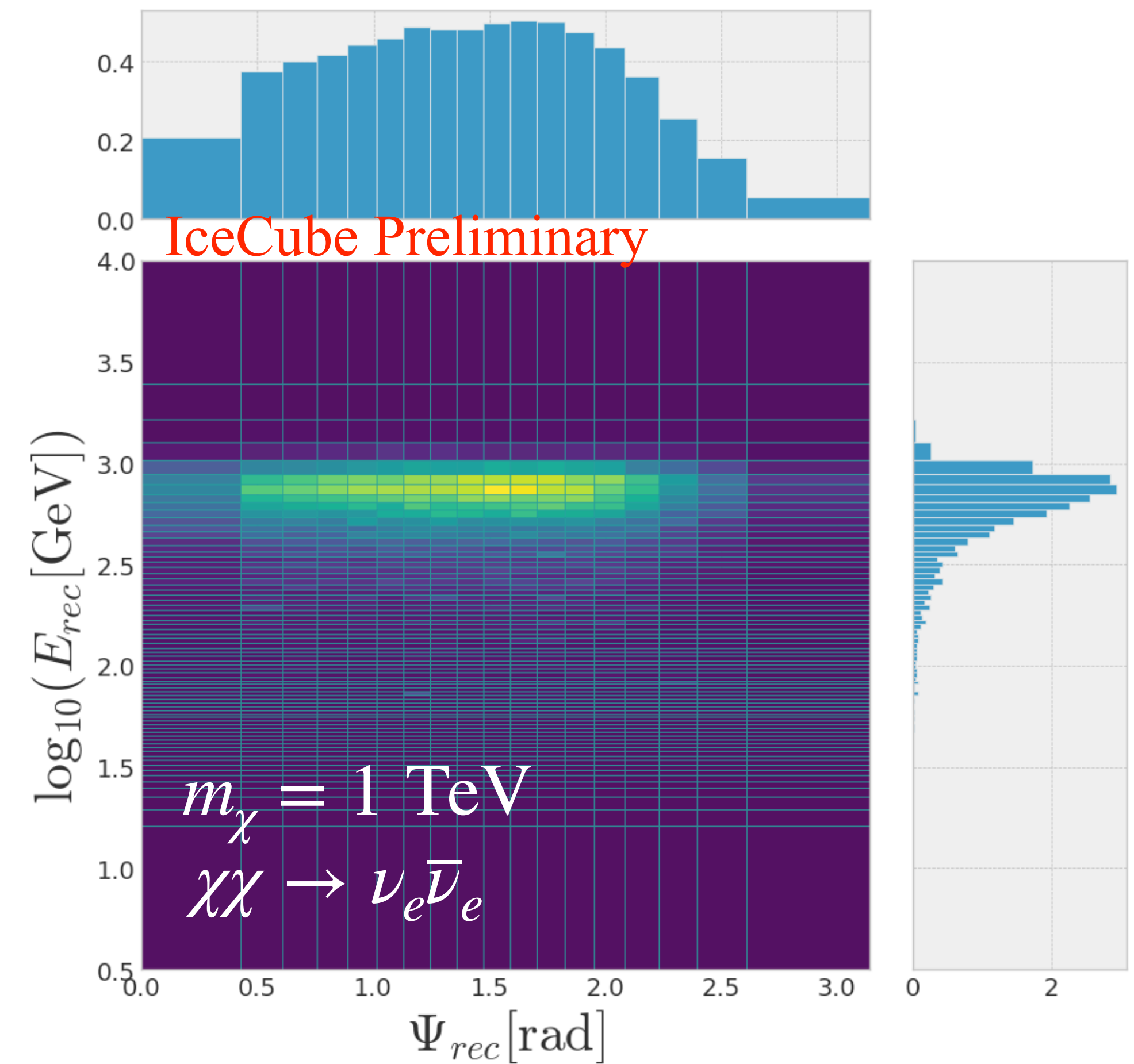


Analysis: Signal PDFs

Signal (HE sample)



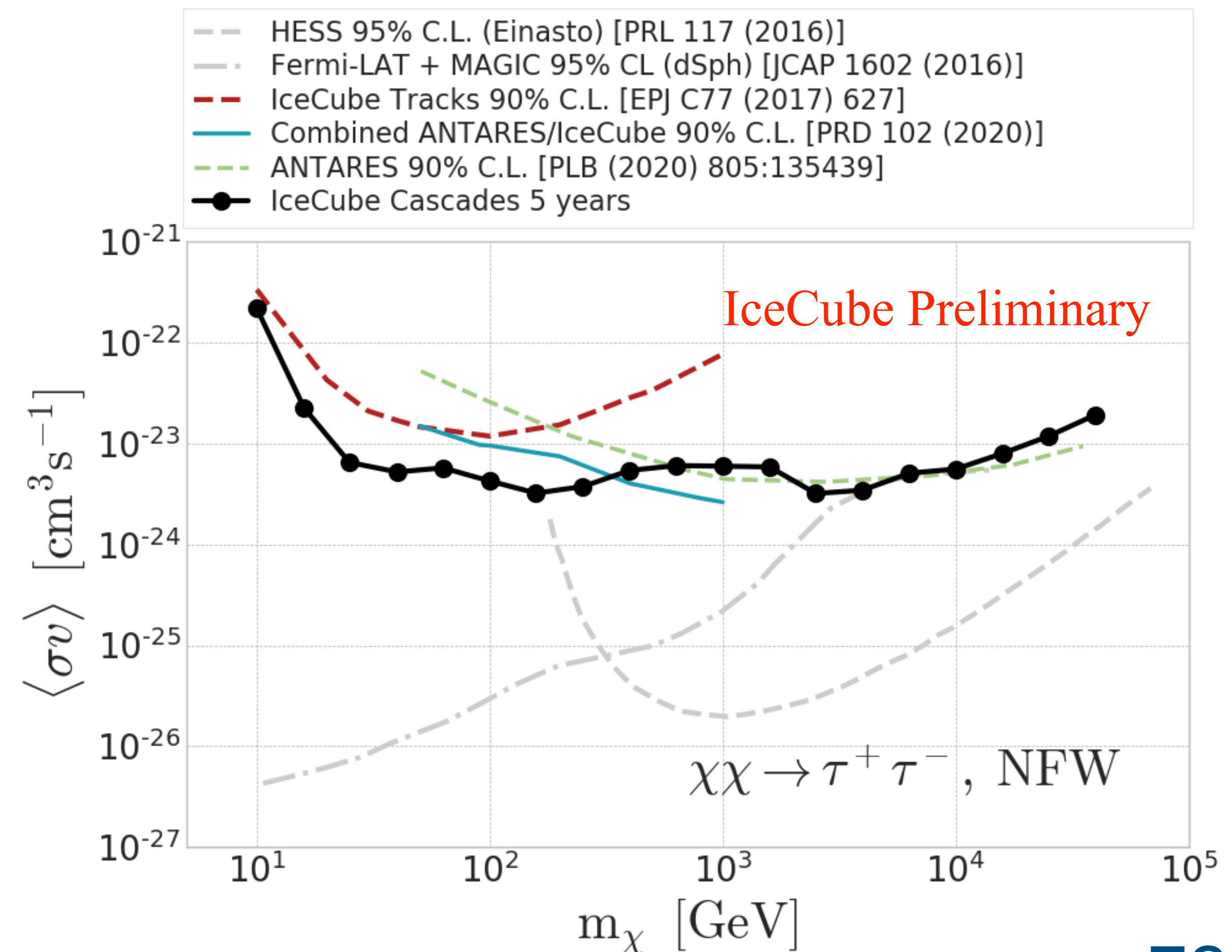
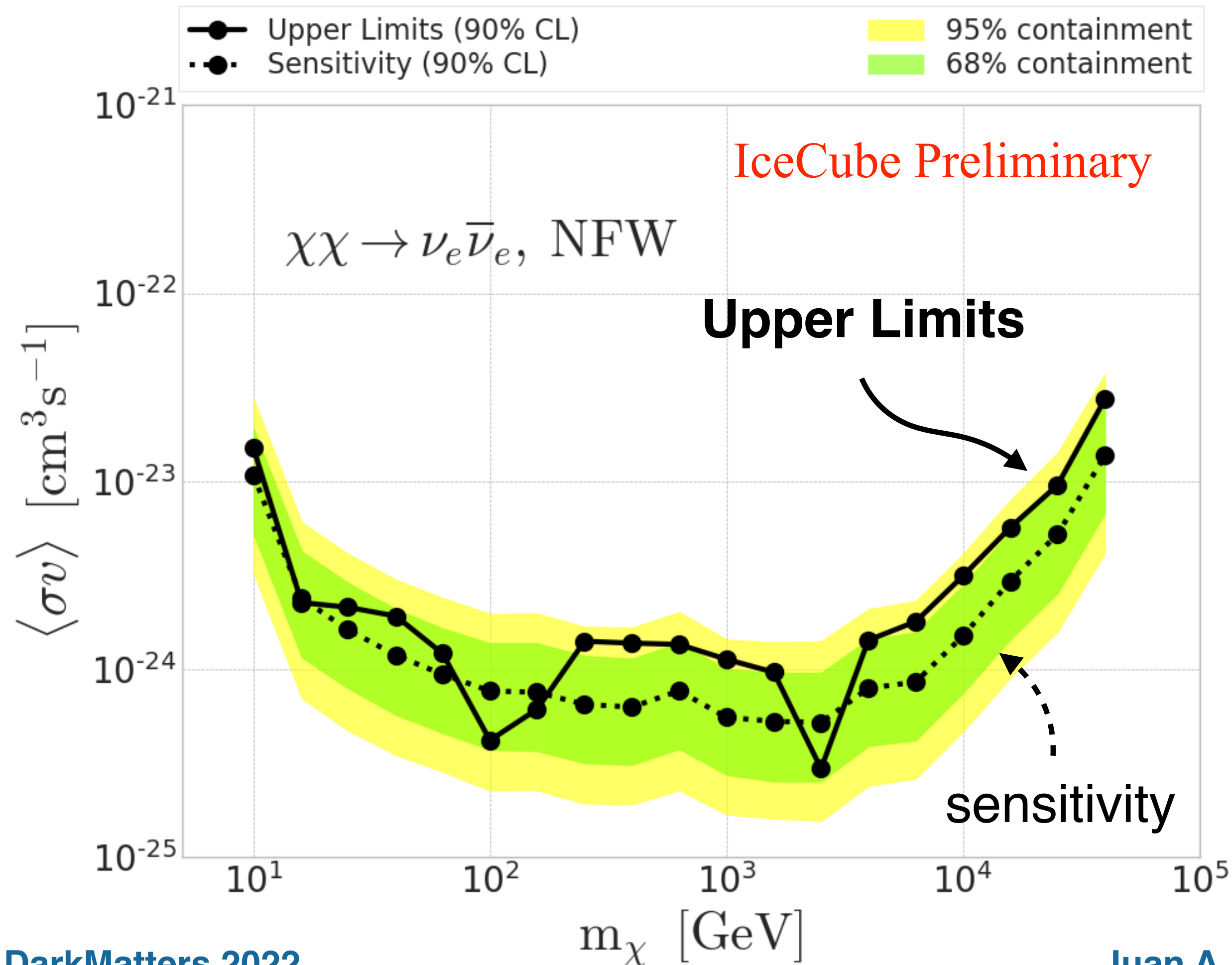
Scrambled Signal (HE sample)



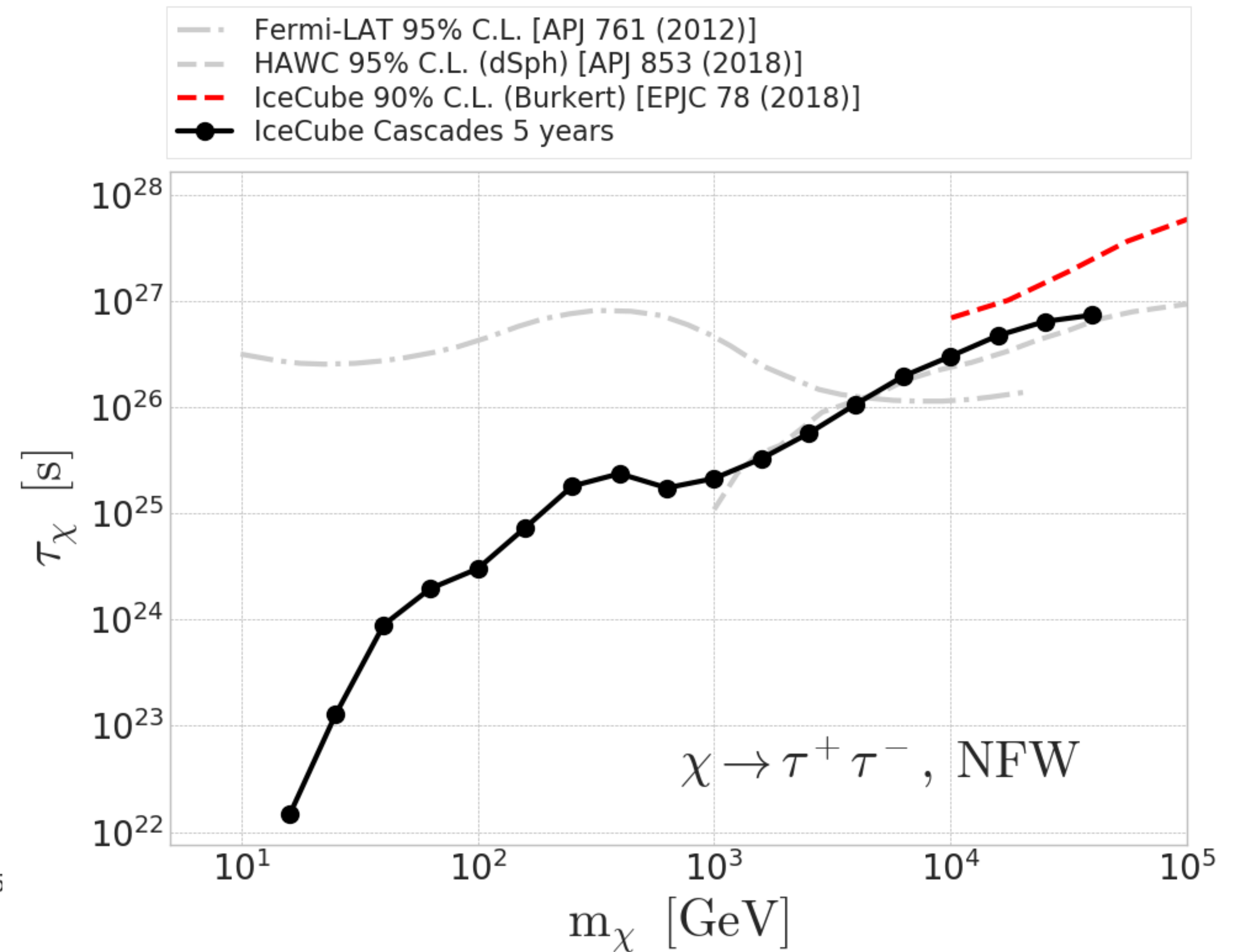
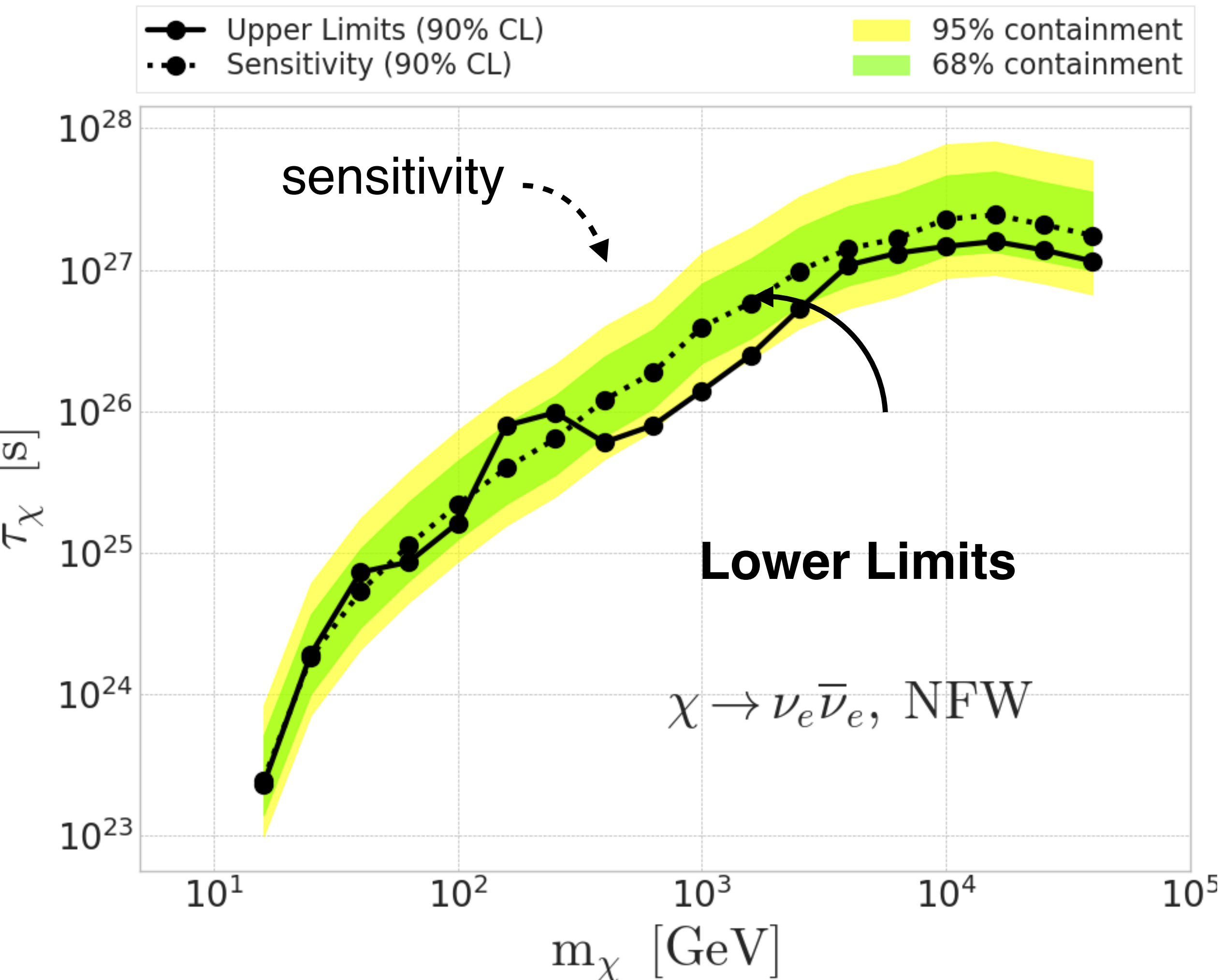
- Binning follows the same binning as the background PDF.

Dark Matter from the Galactic Halo: Neutrino Lines

- 5 years of **IceCube/DeepCore** data: 10 GeV to 40 TeV
- Sample focused on cascade events: energy resolution $\sim 30\%$

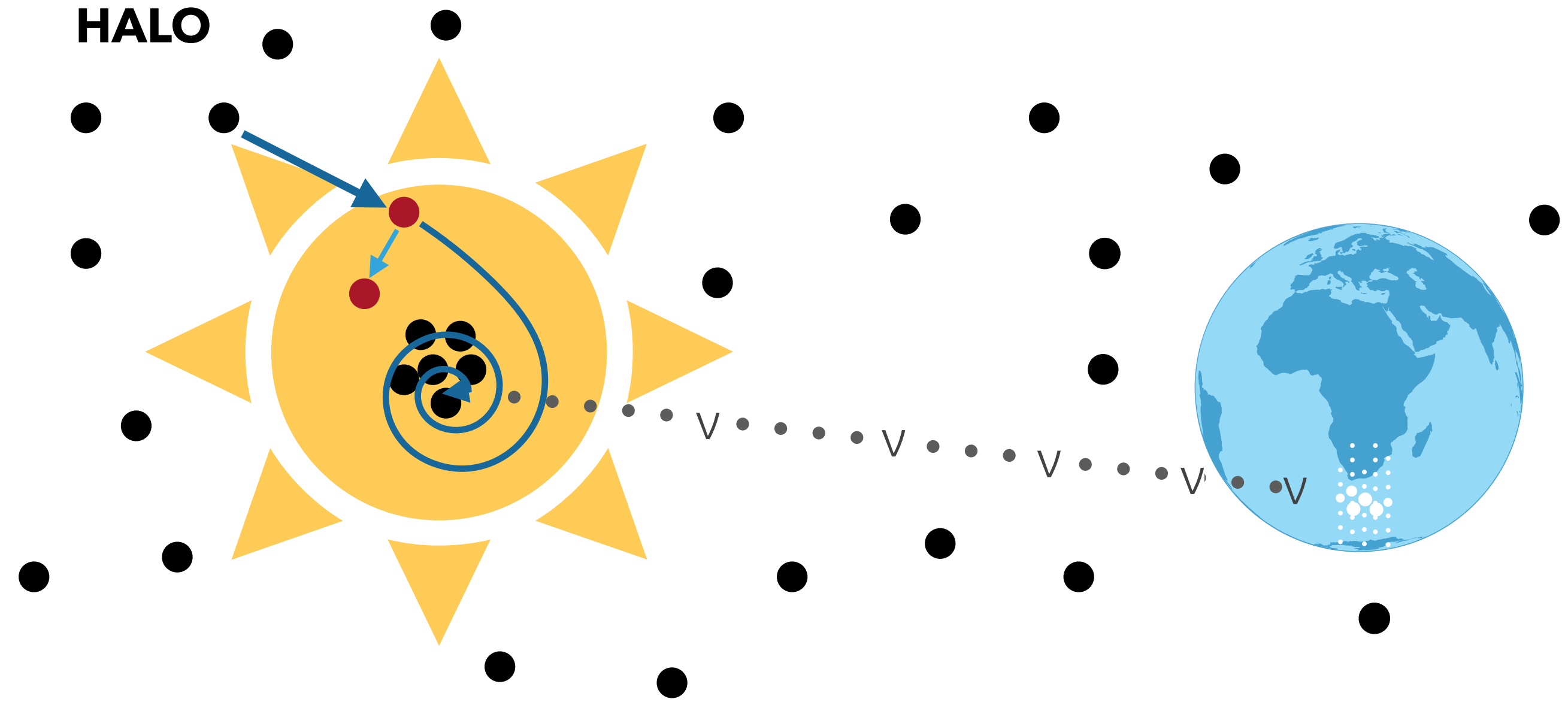


Dark Matter from the Galactic Halo: Neutrino Lines



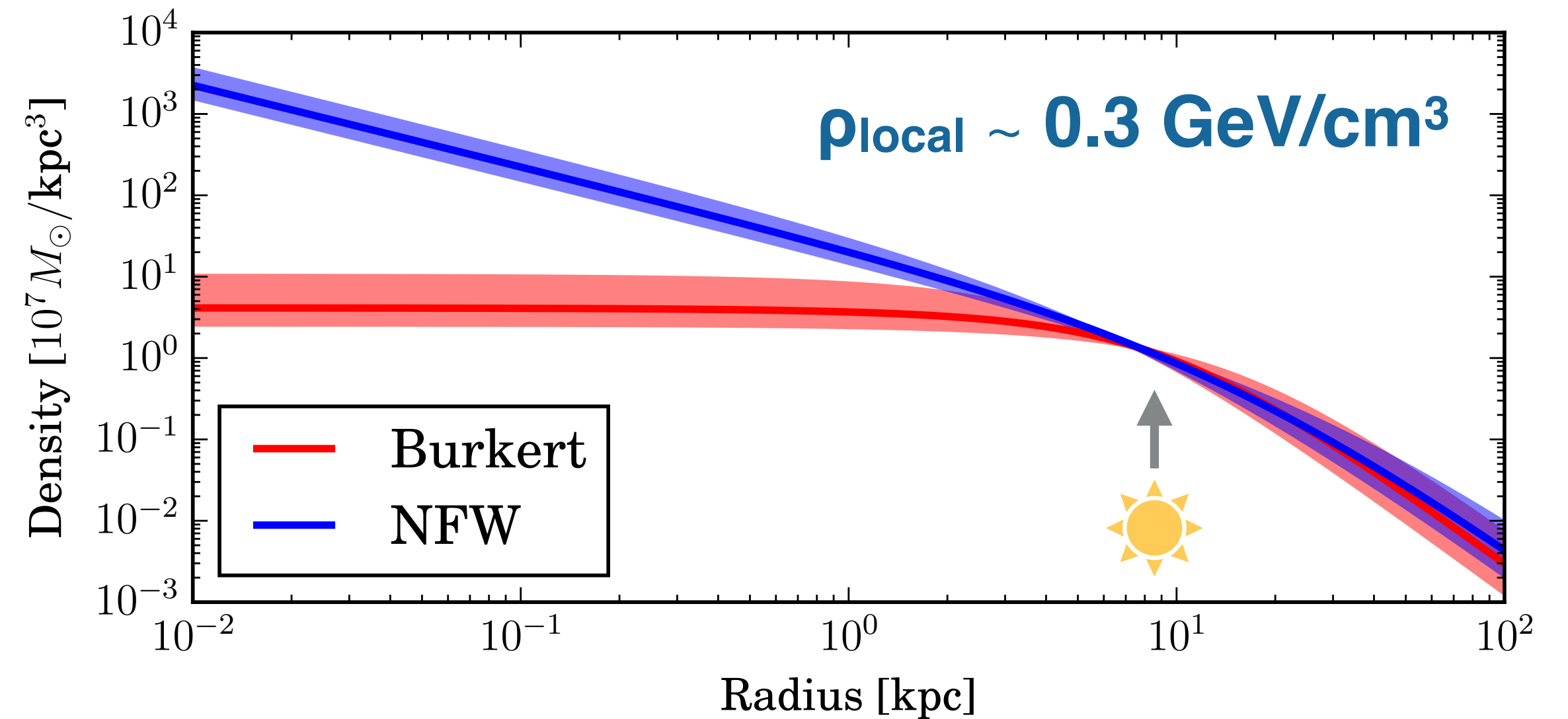
Dark Matter from Celestial Bodies

- Dark Matter can be **gravitationally trapped inside celestial bodies**
- Signal cannot be mis-interpreted as an astrophysical source (except for solar atm. neutrinos).
- Halo models agree in the Solar System.



$$\frac{dN}{dt} = C_c - C_A N^2 - C_E N$$

capture $\sigma_{\chi-N}$ (pointing to C_c)
 annihilation σ_A (pointing to $C_A N^2$)
 "evaporation" (pointing to $C_E N$)

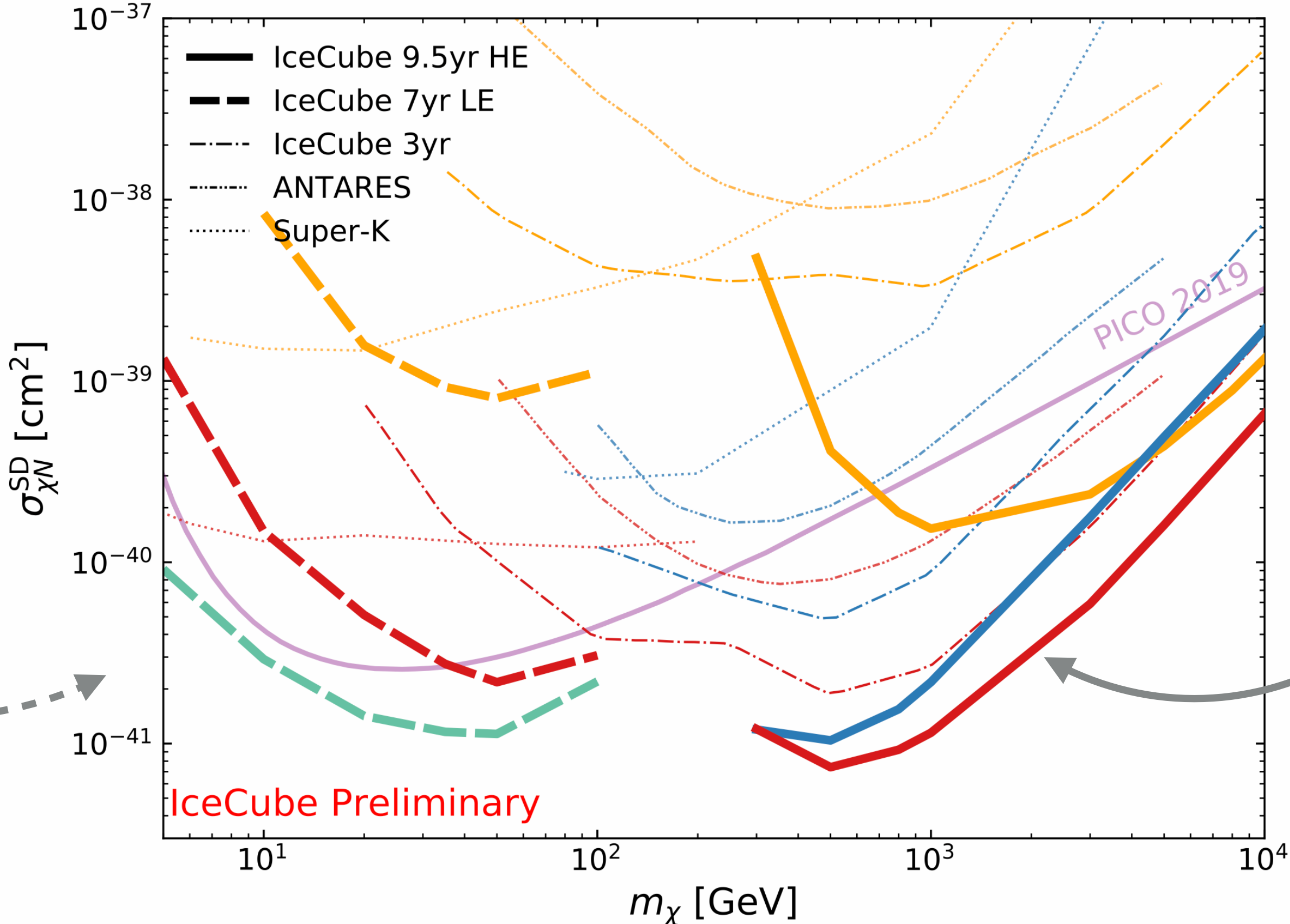
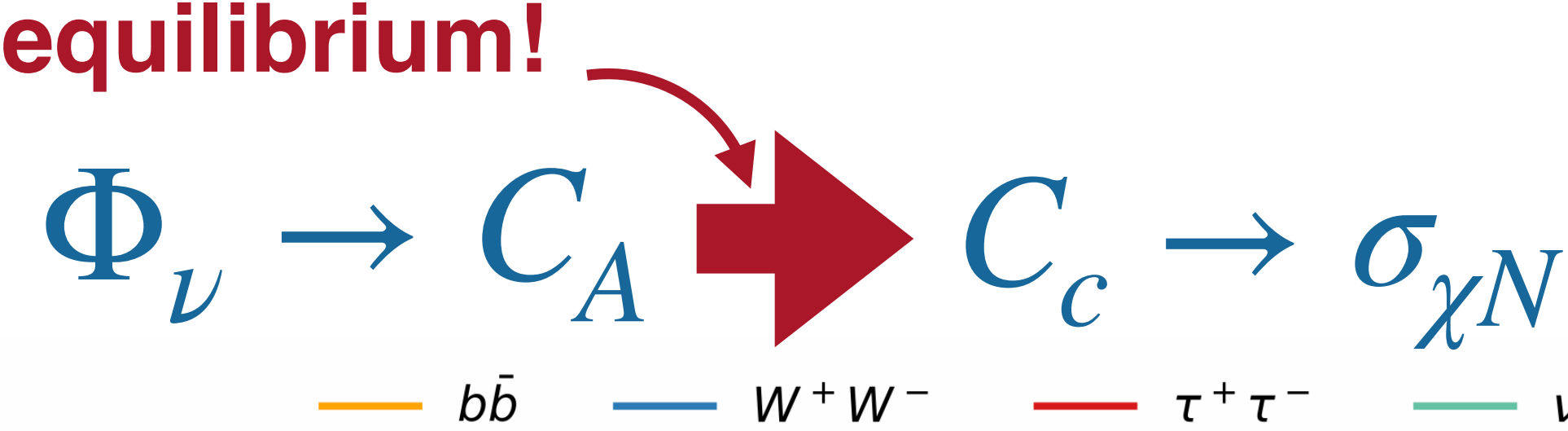


Celestial Bodies: The Sun

LE Analysis

[Phys. Rev. D 105, 062004]

- 7 years of IceCube-DeepCore data (mostly cascades)



HE Analysis

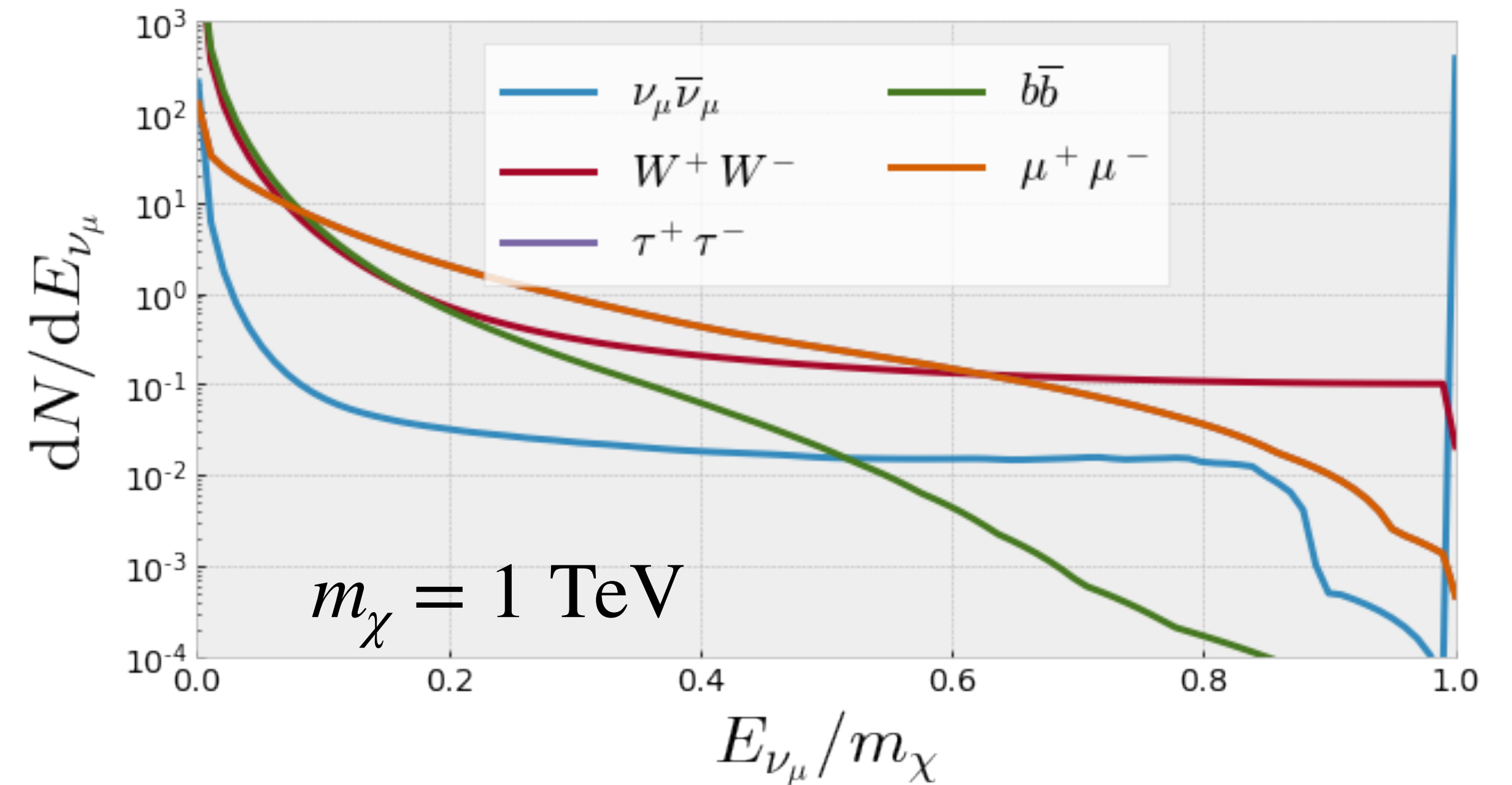
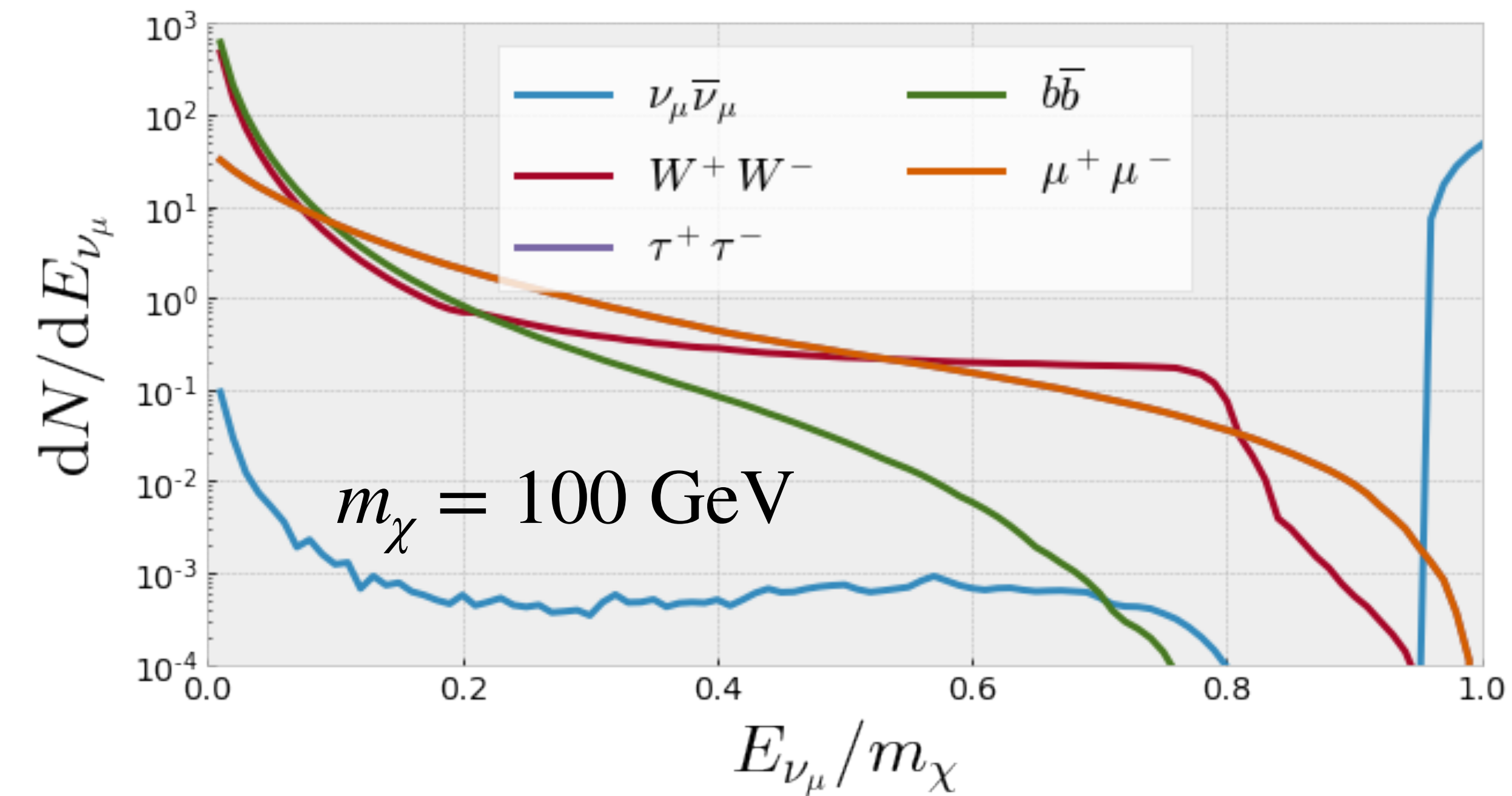
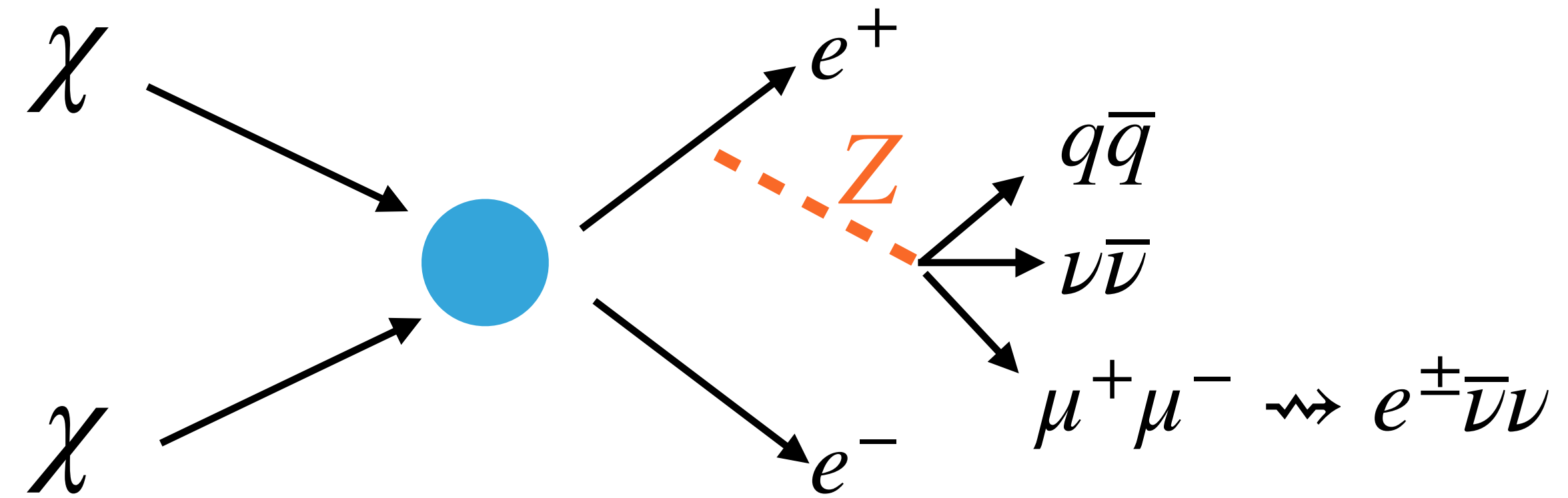
[PoS(ICRC2021)020]

- 9 years of muon track data (HE)

The Galactic Center The Particle Physics Input

- Neutrino Spectra from primary (neutrino lines) and secondary production (W^+W^- , $\tau^+\tau^-$, ...)

*<https://arxiv.org/abs/1012.4515>



IceCube 170922A

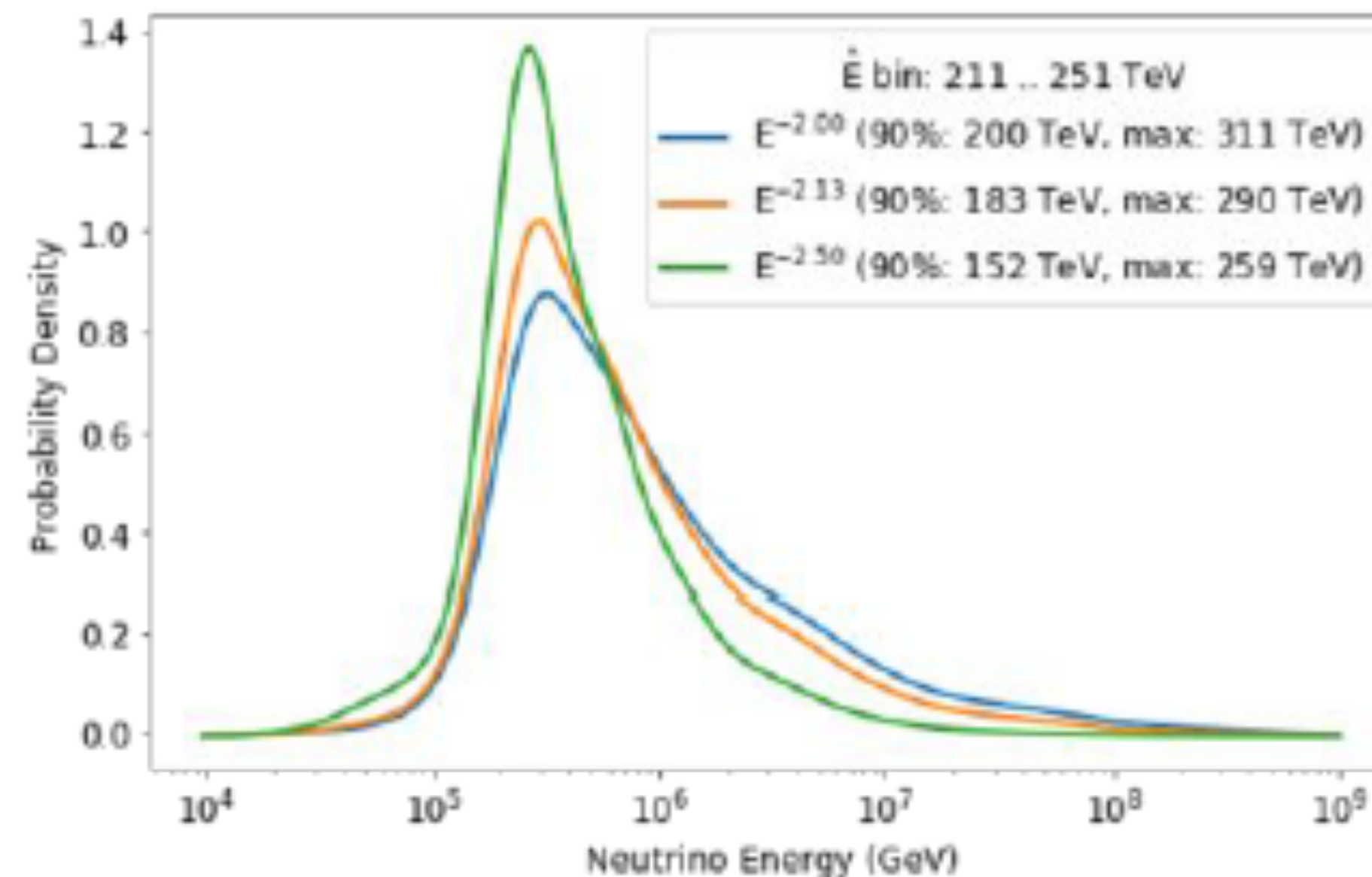
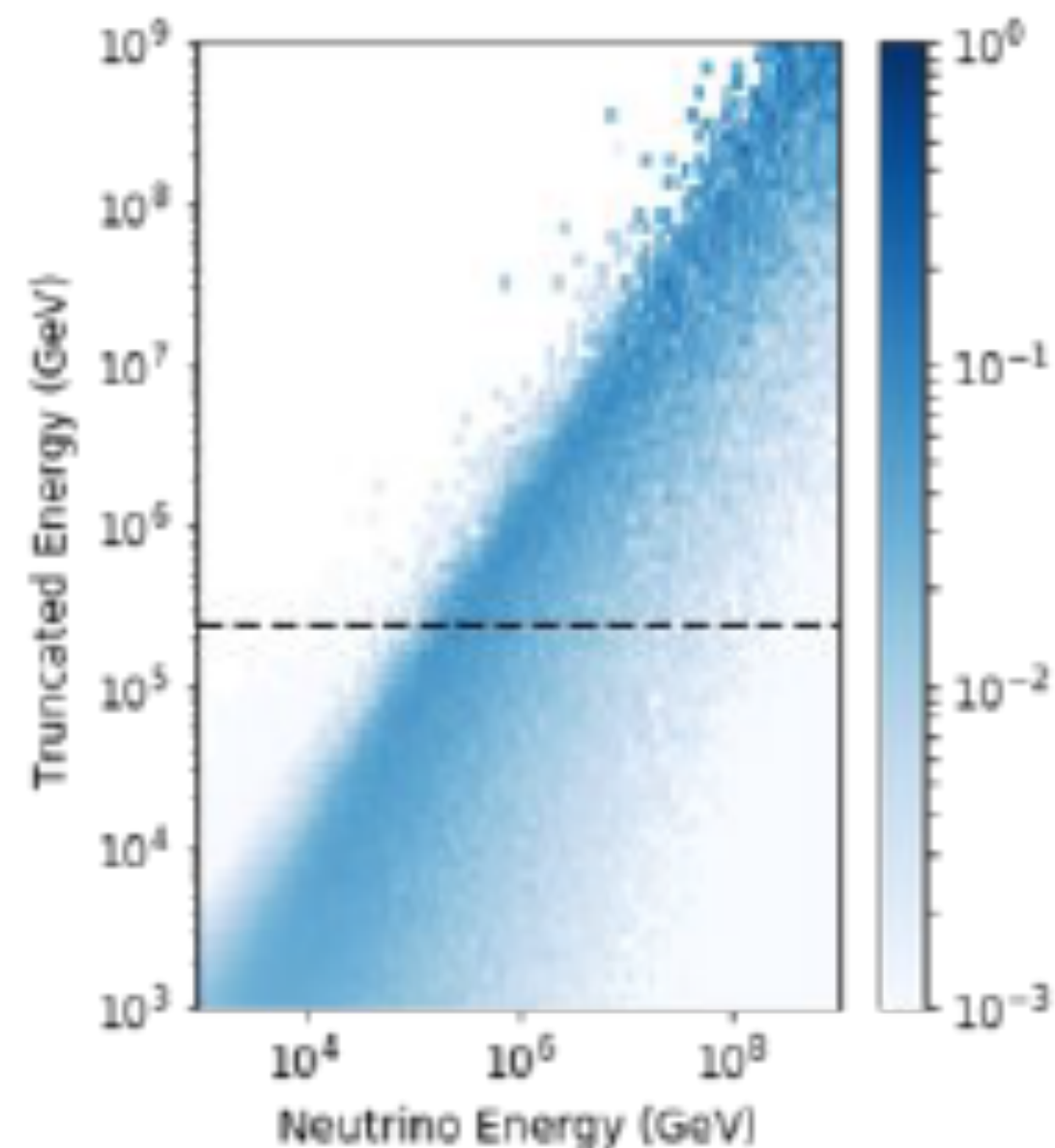
- ▶ On september 22, 2017 at 20:54:30.43 UT IceCube issued a GCN alert for a Extremely High Energy (EHE) event:RA: 77.43° ($+0.95^\circ$ - 0.65°)

Dec: 5.72° ($+0.50^\circ$ - 0.39°)

Charge: 5785 p.e.

E_μ : 119 TeV (Preliminary)

E_ν : 290 TeV (Preliminary) **Most probable for E^{-2} spectrum**



Searching Dark Matter from the Sun

- Only events when Sun is below the horizon: **532 days of livetime**
- The mean free path of TeV neutrinos smaller than the Sun radius: **Low energy analysis**
- Limit driven by capture on H: **SD cross-section**

equilibrium!

$$\Phi_\nu \rightarrow \Gamma_A \rightarrow C_c \rightarrow \sigma_{\chi N}$$

