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Astroparticle Physics with Neutrinos

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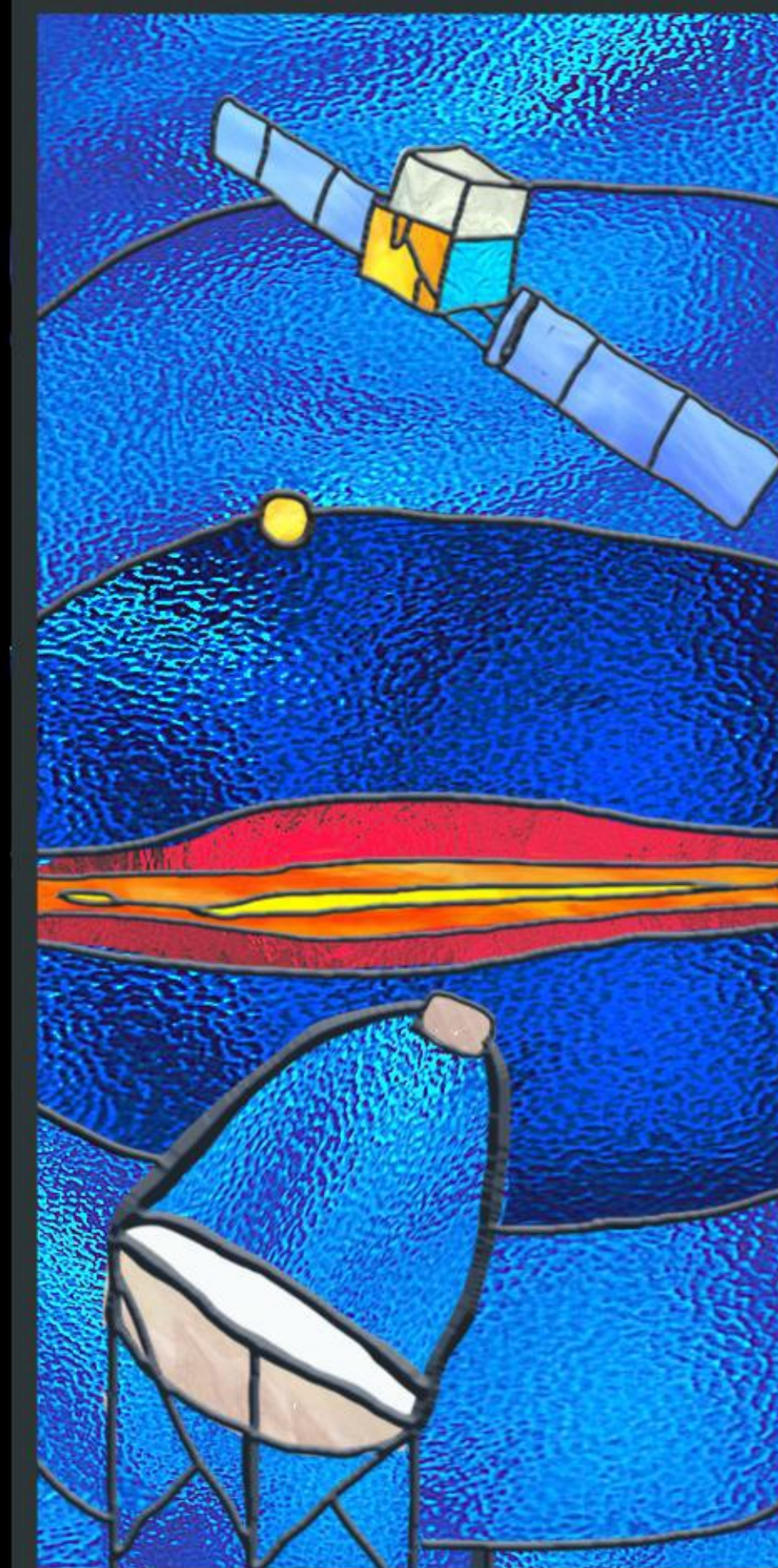
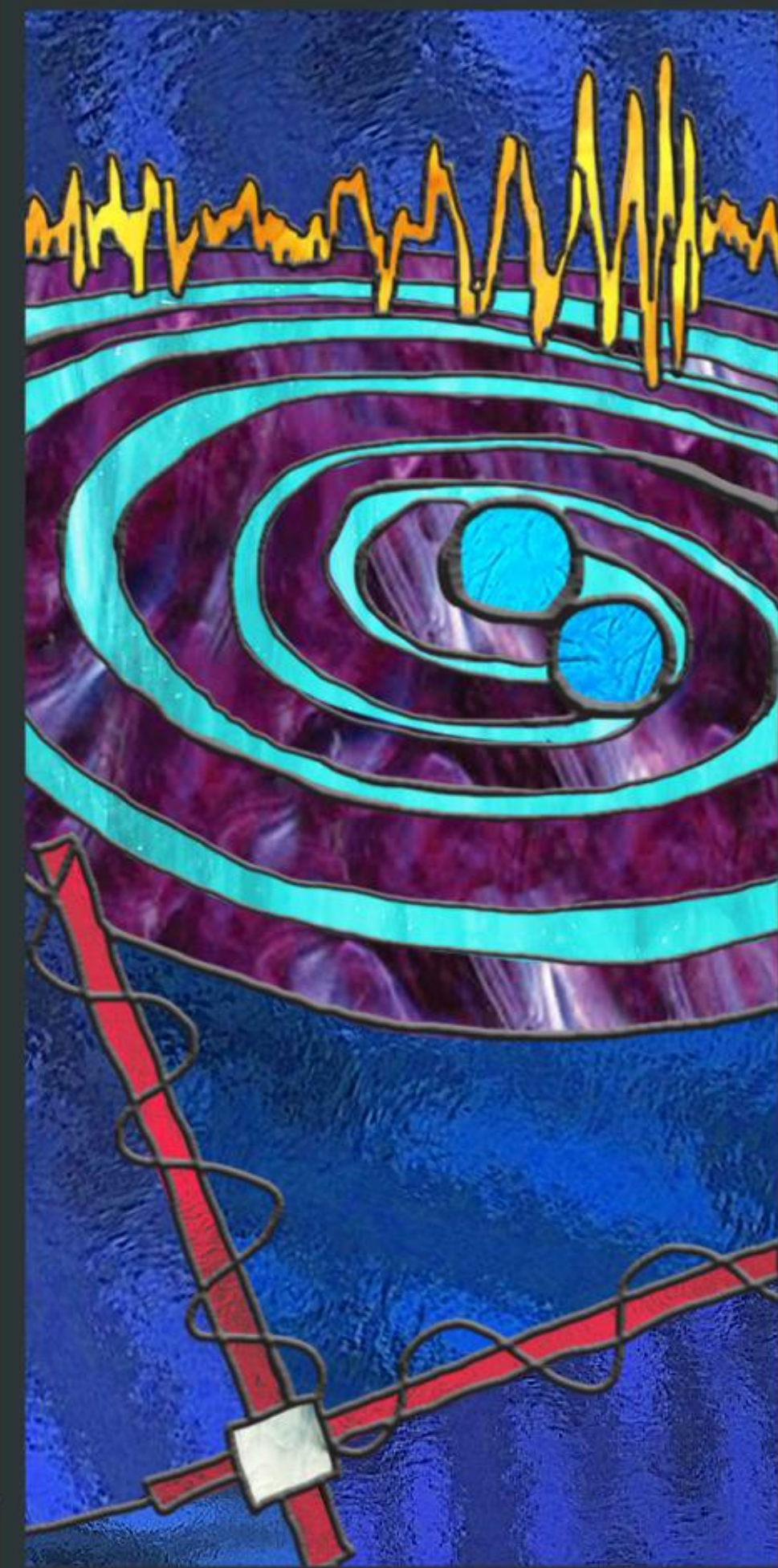


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How does the Universe look in neutrinos?

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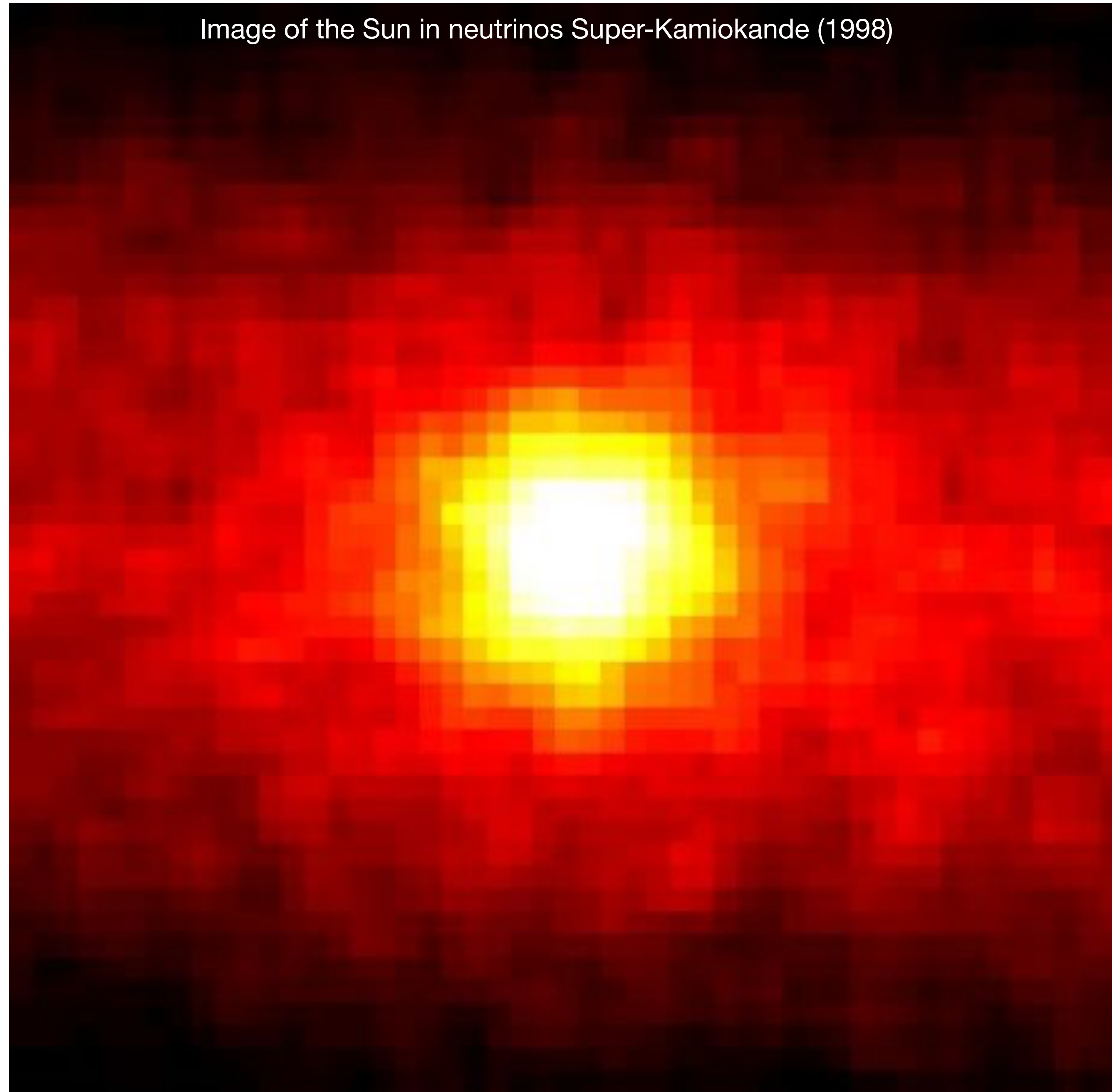


“These **sources** are complicated... Unless you have many ways to *look* at them, you’re not going to figure them out”

-Francis Halzen on Multimessenger Astronomy
Scientific American

How do high-energy neutrinos behave?

Image of the Sun in neutrinos Super-Kamiokande (1998)



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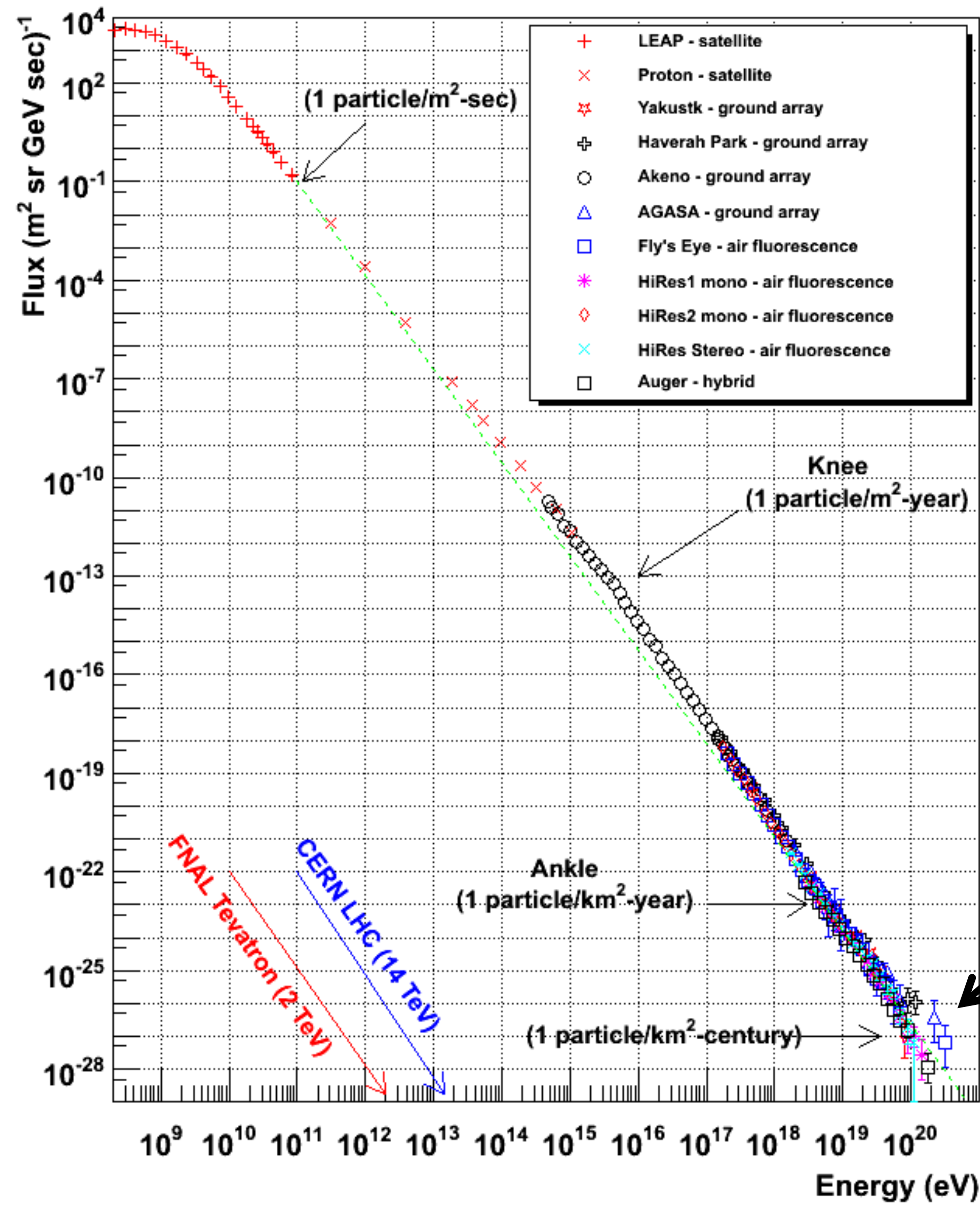
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origin of cosmic rays: oldest problem in astroparticle physics

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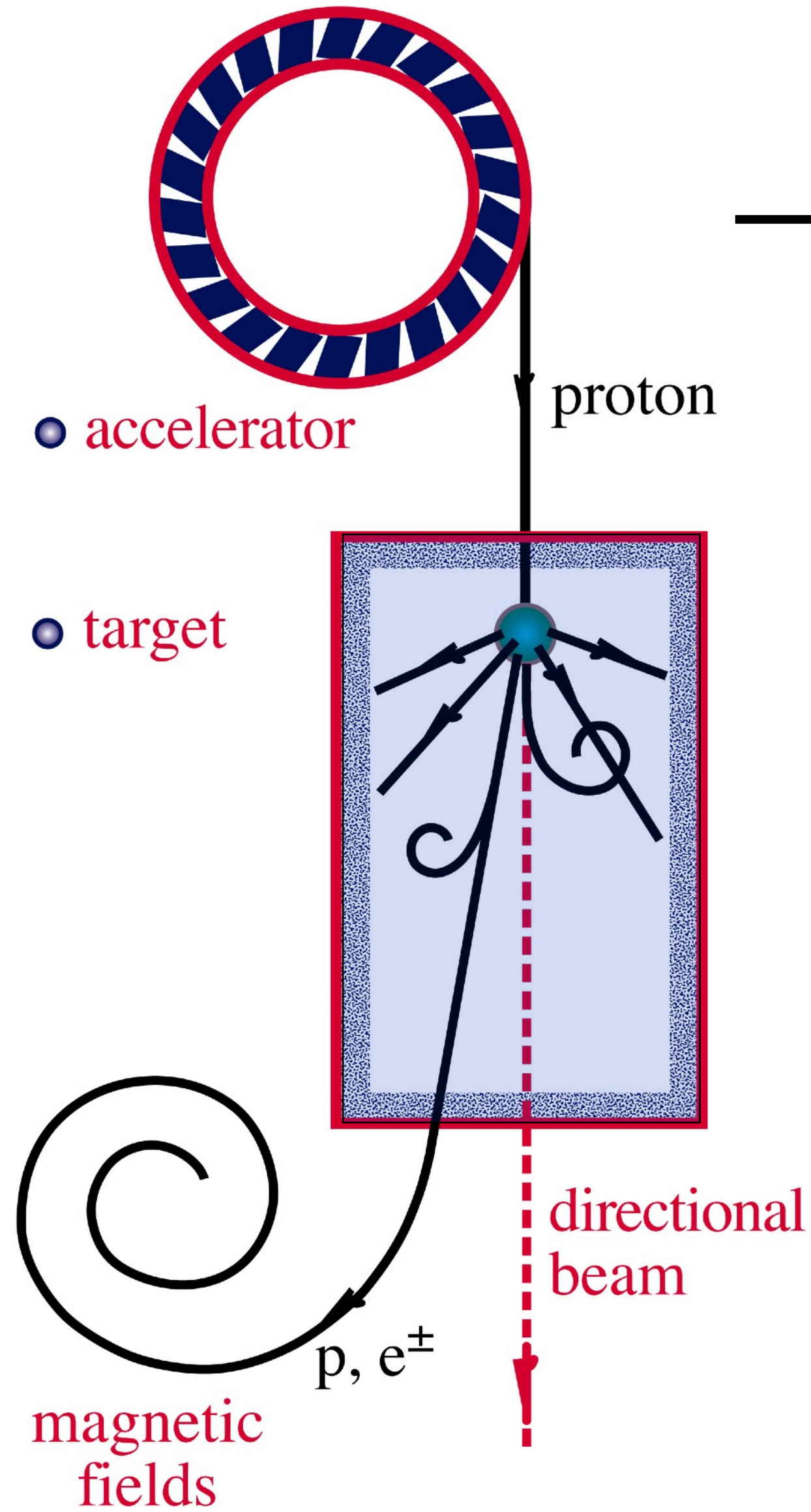


cosmic-ray challenge

both the energy of the particles and the *luminosity* of the accelerators are large

gravitational energy from collapsing stars is converted into particle acceleration?

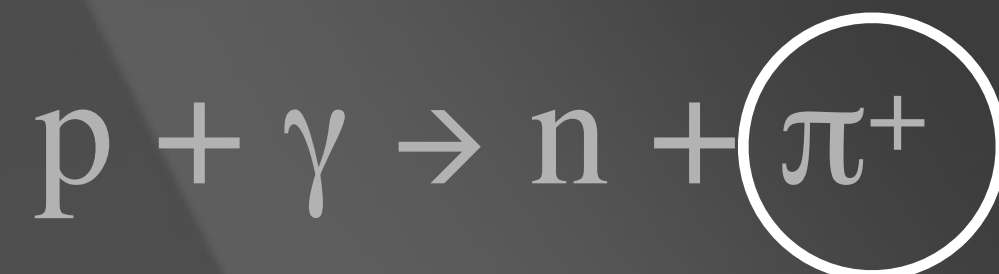
ν and γ beams : heaven and earth



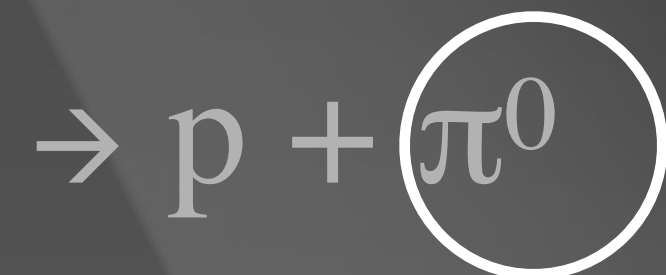
accelerator is powered by large gravitational energy

supermassive black hole

nearby radiation



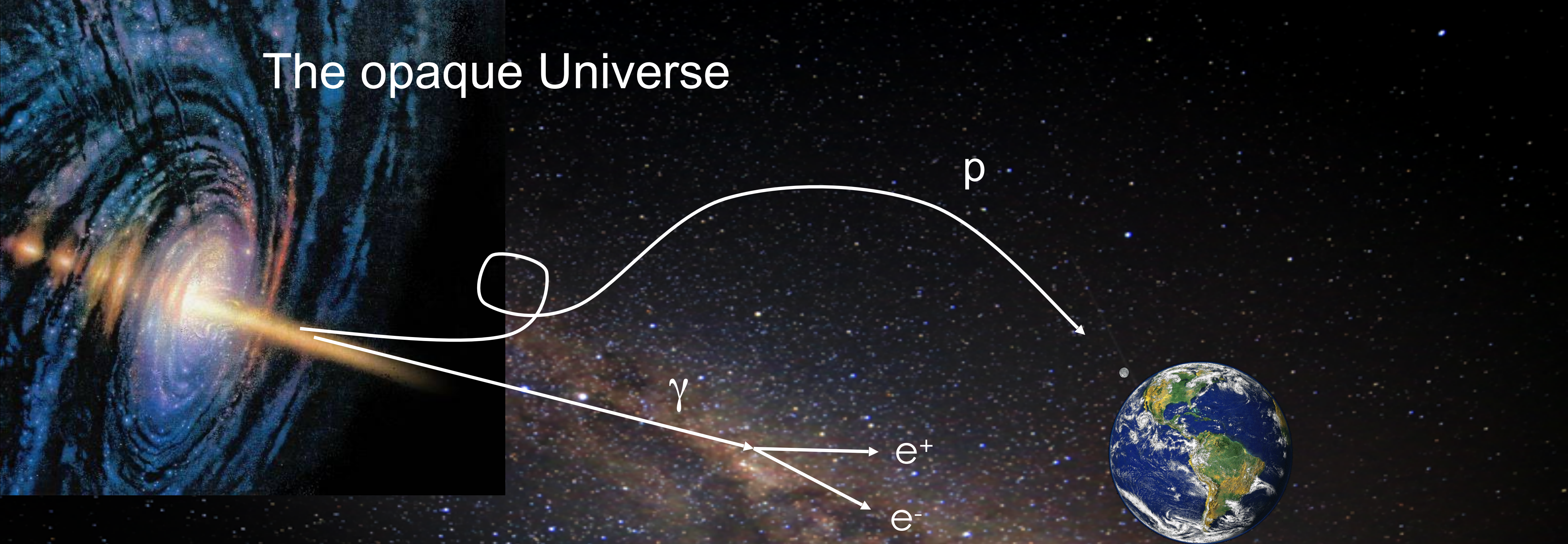
~ cosmic ray + neutrino



~ cosmic ray + gamma

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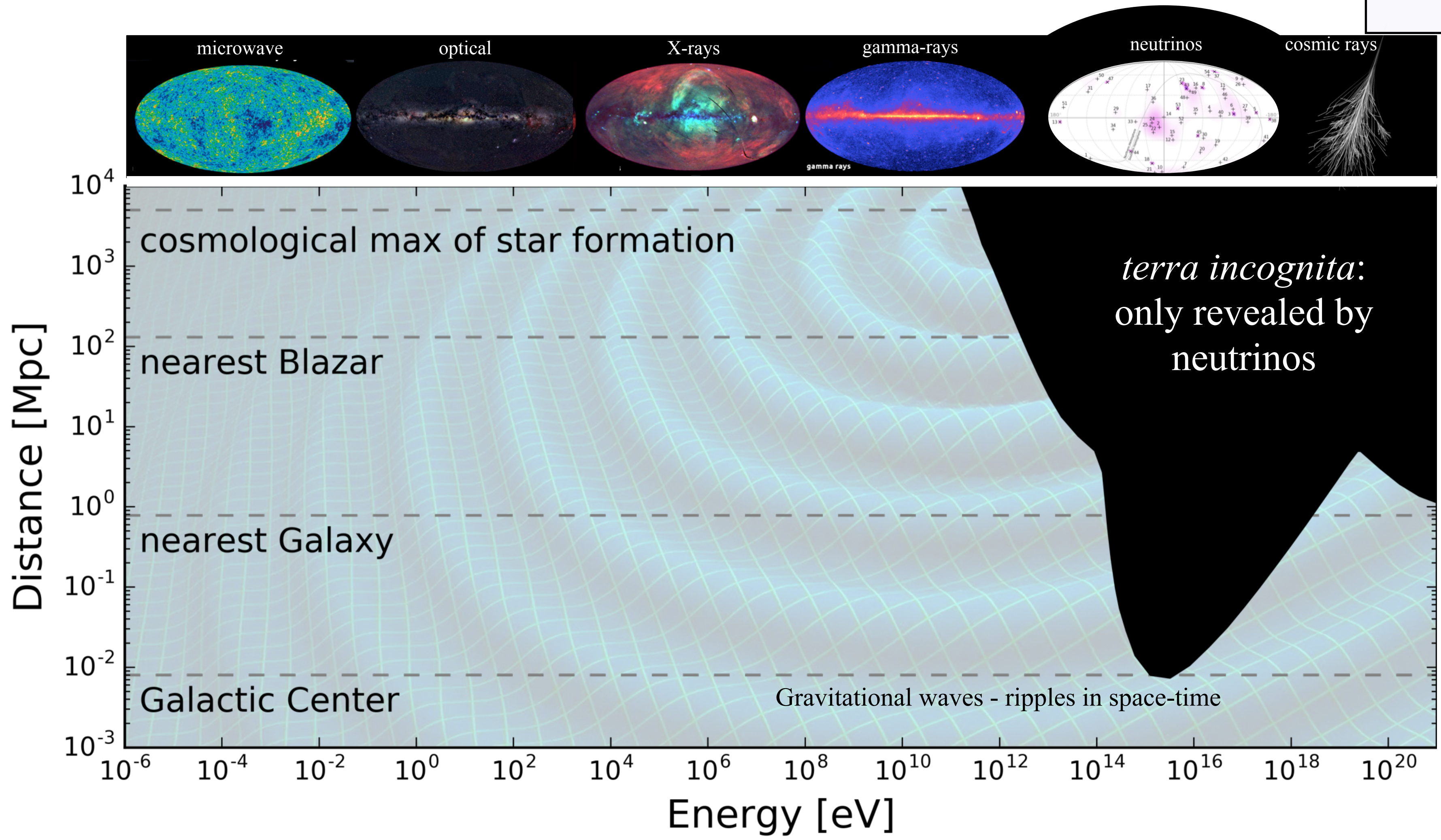
The opaque Universe



PeV photons interact with microwave photons ($411/\text{cm}^3$)
before reaching our telescopes
enter: neutrinos

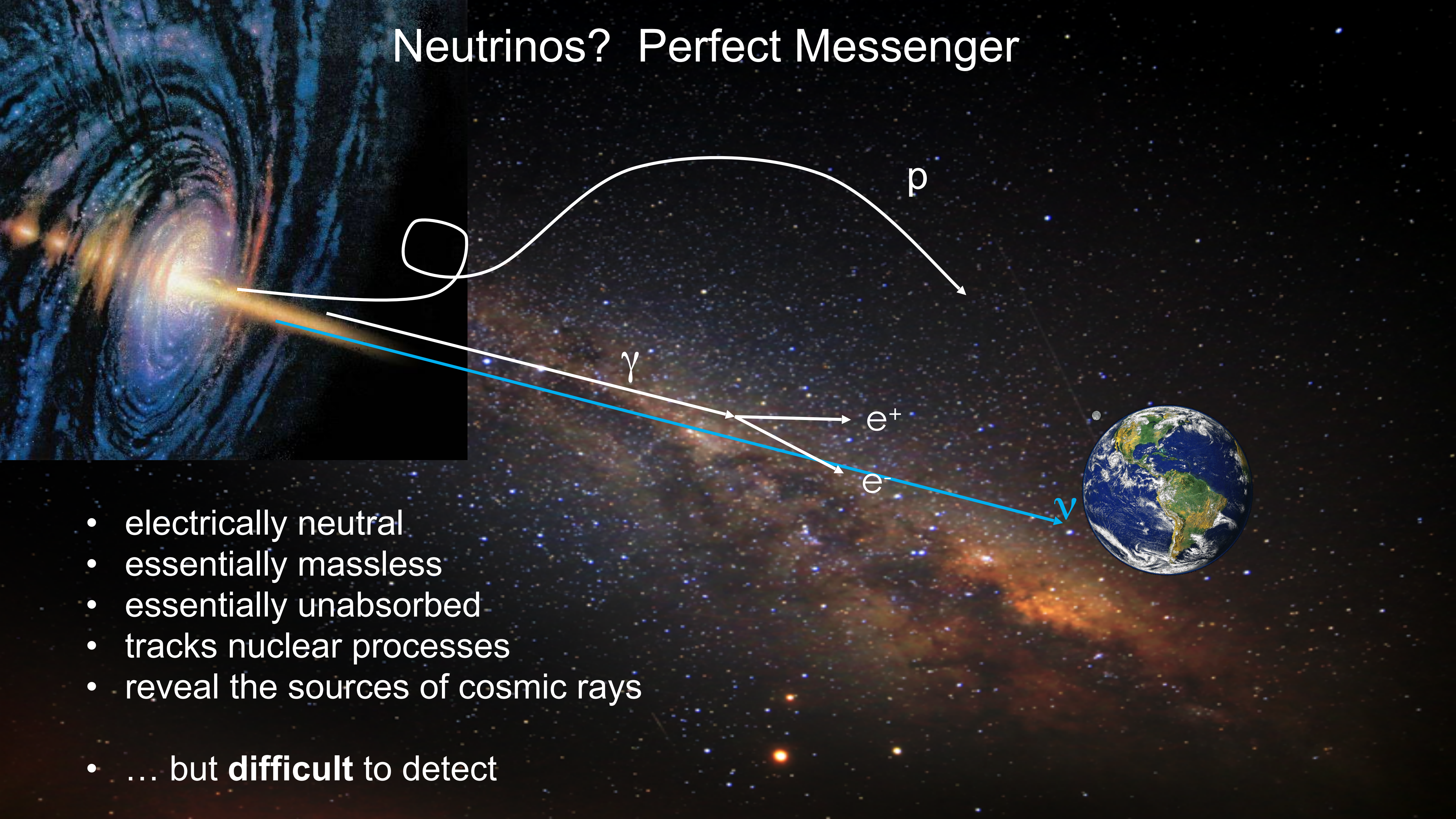
highest energy “radiation” from the Universe: neutrinos and cosmic rays

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Universe is opaque above ~100 TeV energy

Neutrinos? Perfect Messenger



- electrically neutral
- essentially massless
- essentially unabsorbed
- tracks nuclear processes
- reveal the sources of cosmic rays

- ... but **difficult** to detect



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Ice Top



IceCube Laboratory

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

1450 m



Digital Optical Module (DOM)

5,160 DOMs deployed in the ice

2450 m

IceCube detector

DeepCore

86 strings of DOMs, set 125 meters apart

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

60 DOMs on each string

DOMs are 17 meters apart

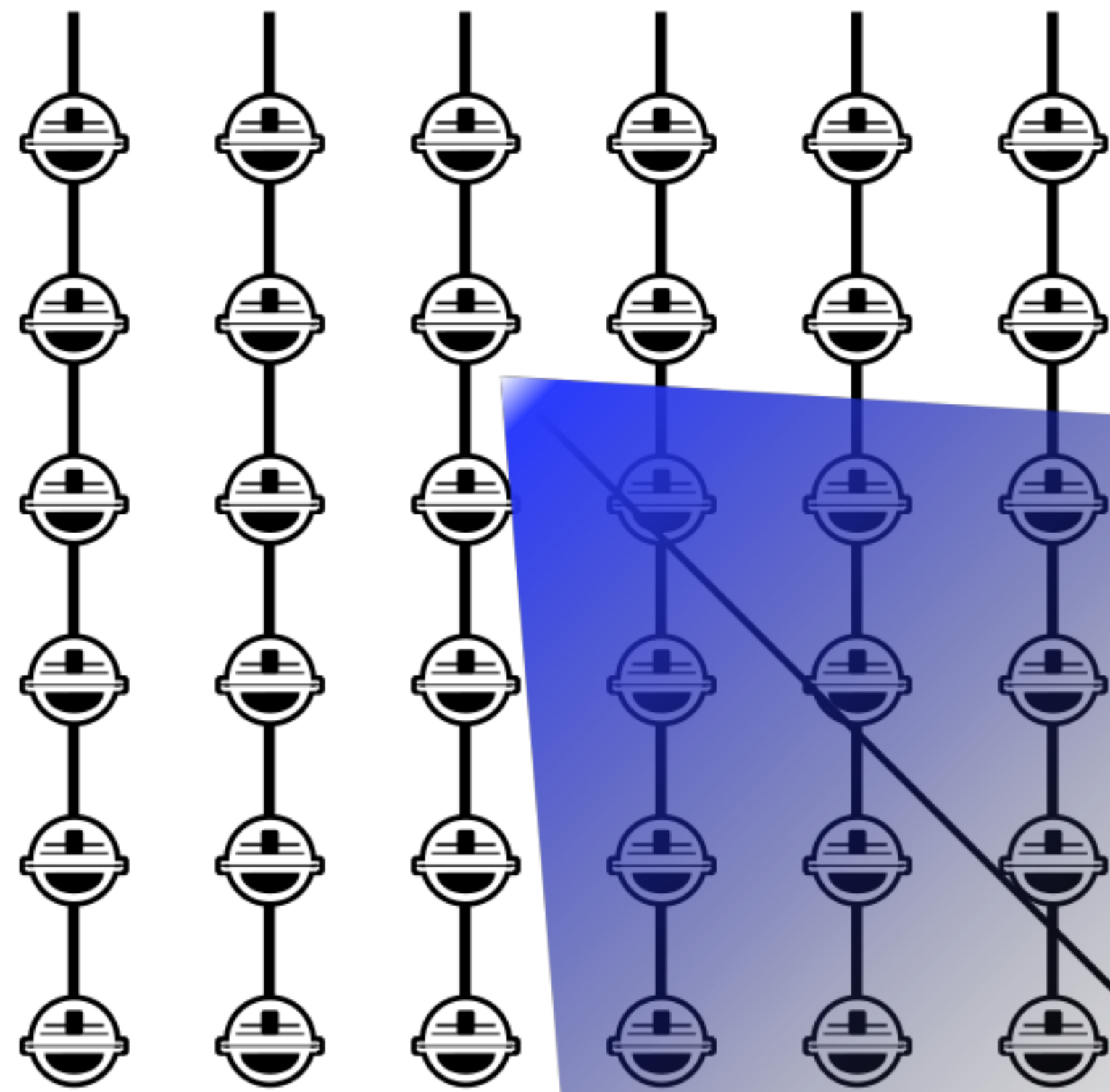
Antarctic bedrock



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A cubic-kilometer of clear ice instrumented with photo sensors.

~1 Gigaton target mass for neutrinos to interact.

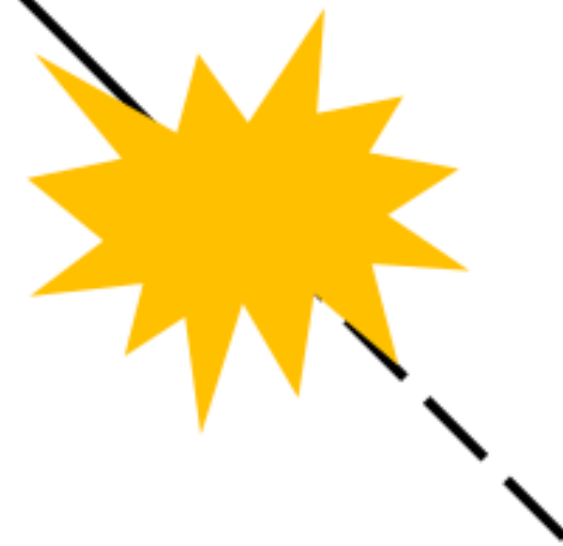
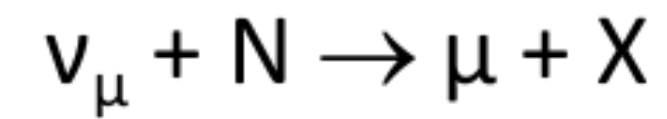


Cherenkov-light time and spatial distribution

↳ muon direction

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Charged-current interaction in ice or bedrock



Principle detection mechanism of neutrino telescopes is Cherenkov light.



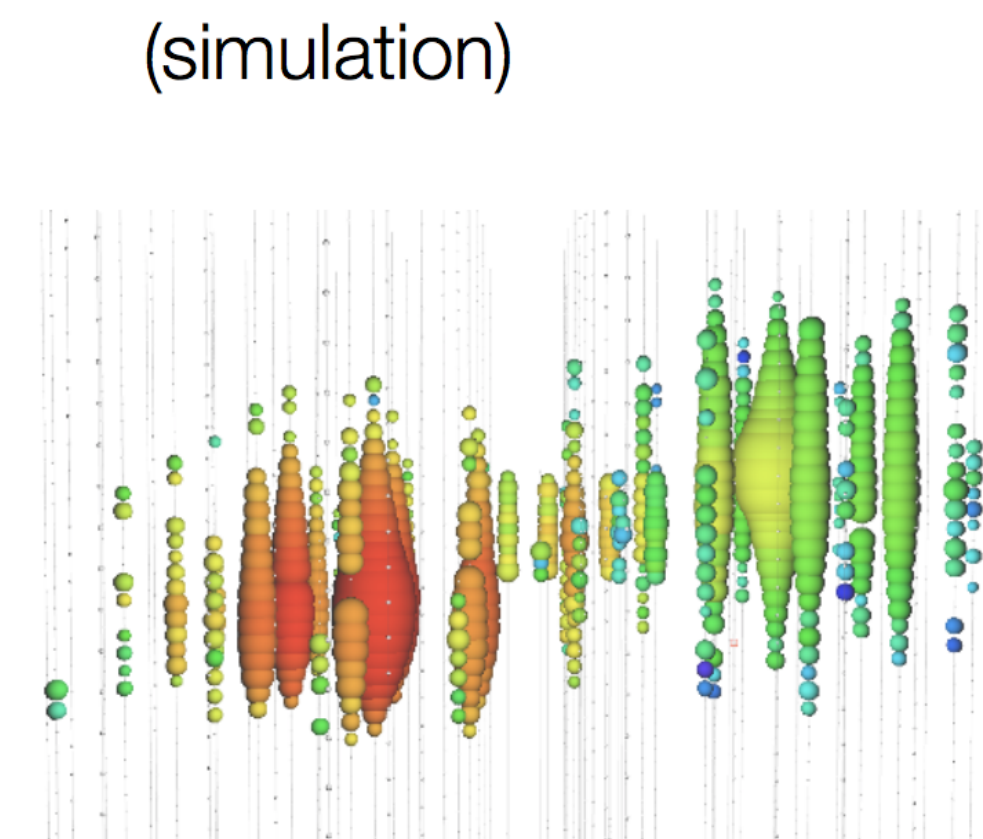
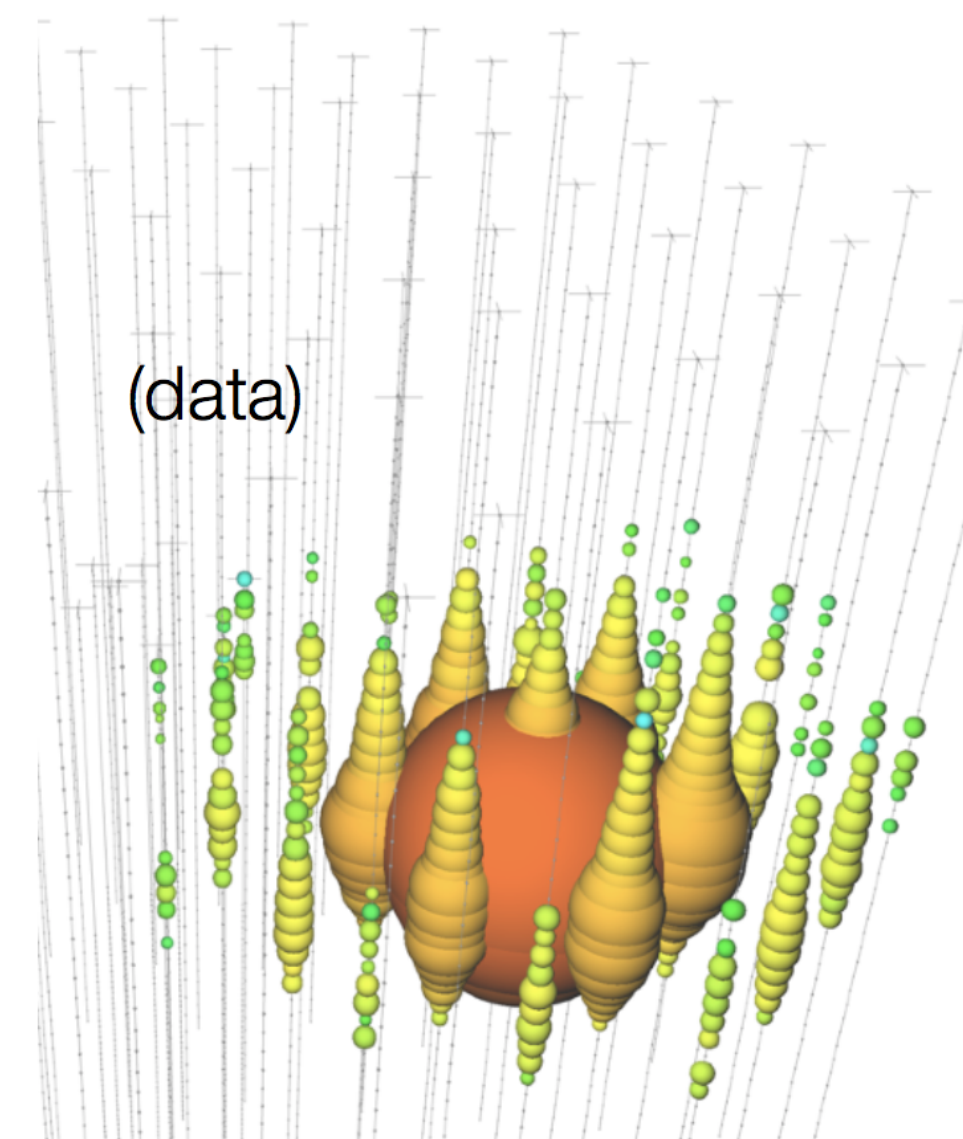
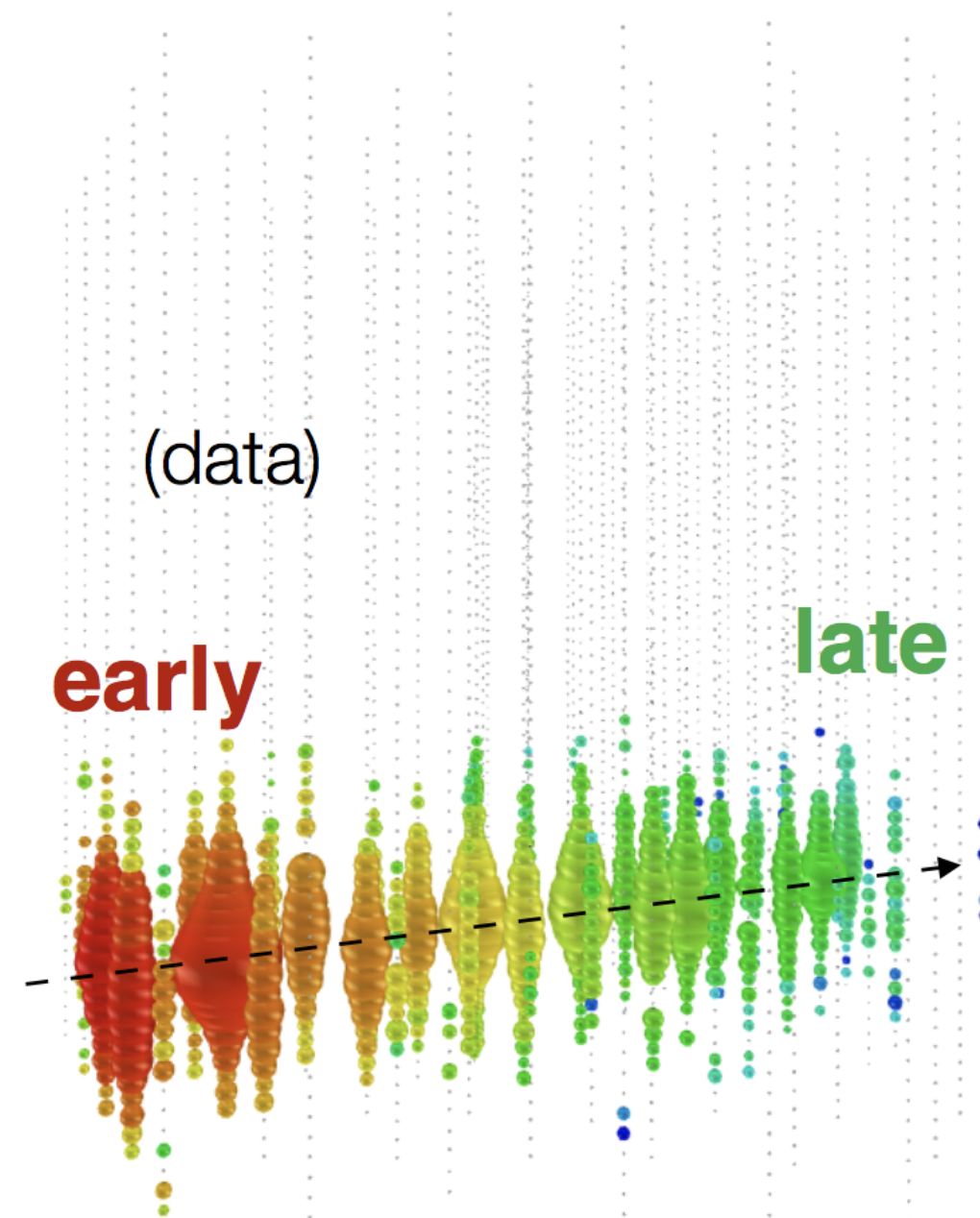
All event morphologies

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Charged-current ν_μ

Neutral-current / ν_e

Charged-current ν_τ



Factor of ~ 2 energy resolution
< 1 degree angular resolution

15% deposited energy resolution
10 degree angular resolution
(above 100 TeV)

(resolvable above ~ 100 TeV
deposited energy)

Neutrino
telescopes can
identify tau
neutrinos on an
event by event
basis.

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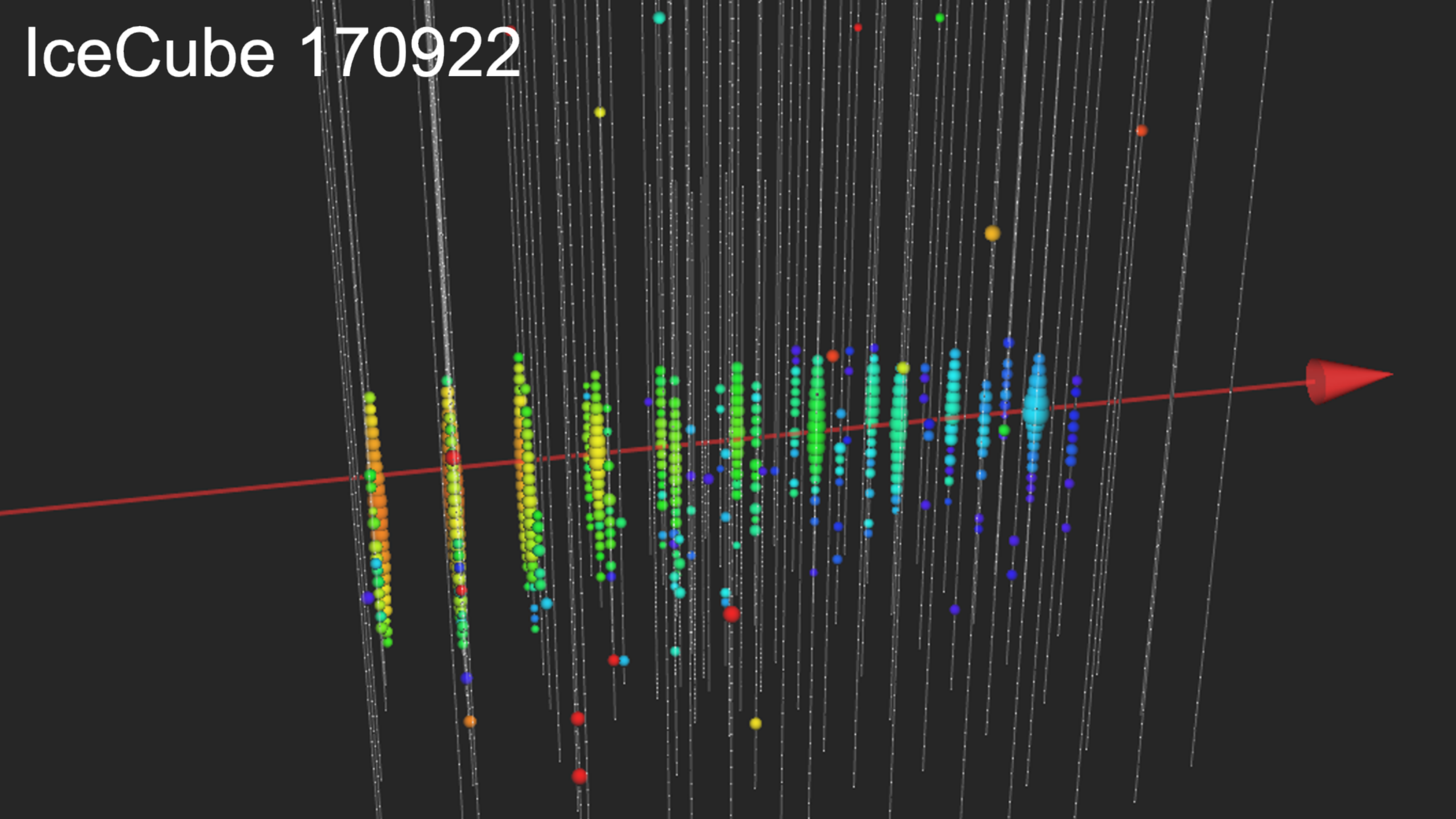
10 msec of IceCube data

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Muons detected per year:

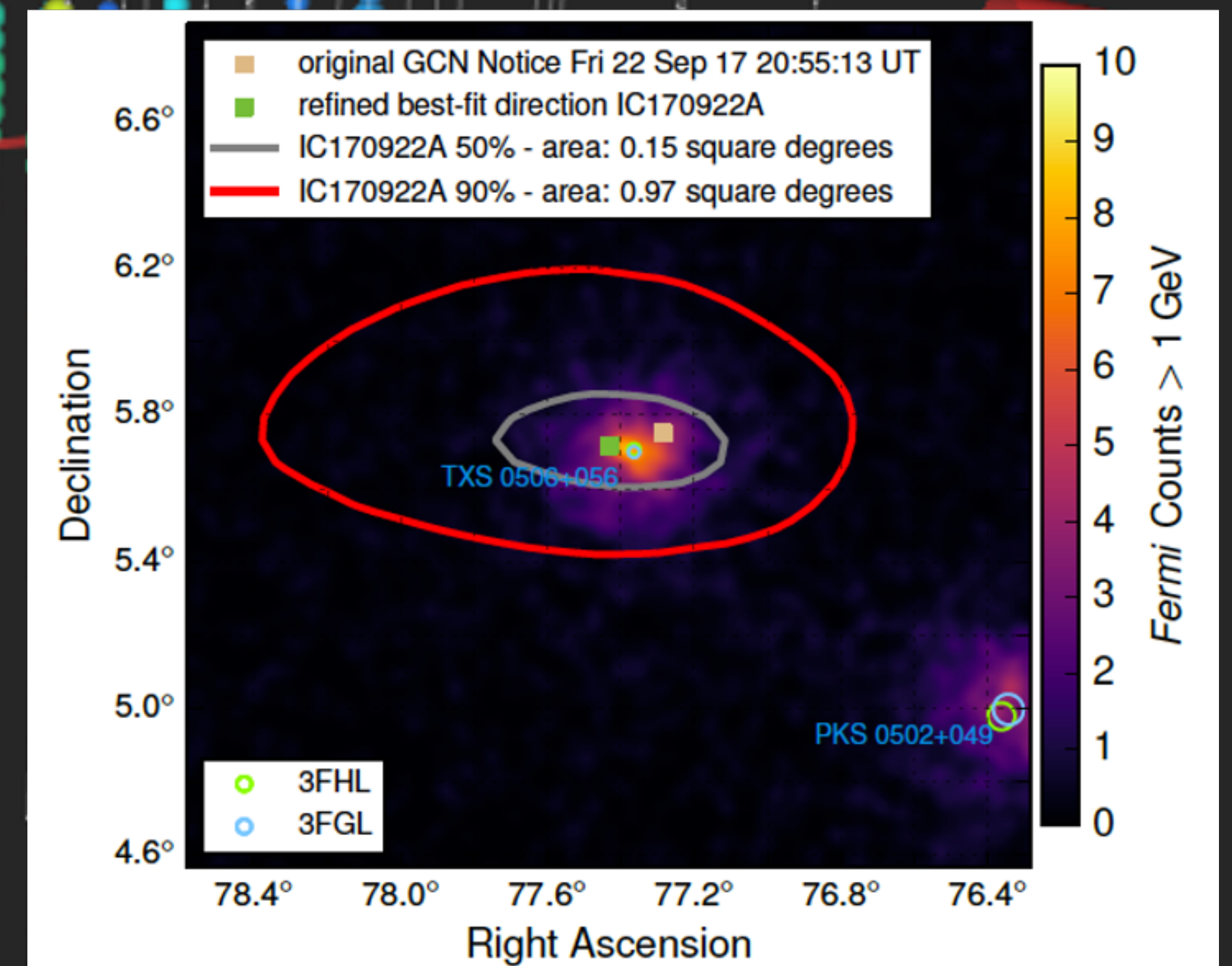
- Atmospheric $\mu \sim 10^{11}$ (3000 per second)
- Atmospheric* $\nu \rightarrow \mu \sim 10^5$ (1 every 6 minutes)
- Cosmic** $\nu \rightarrow \mu \sim 10^2$

IceCube 170922

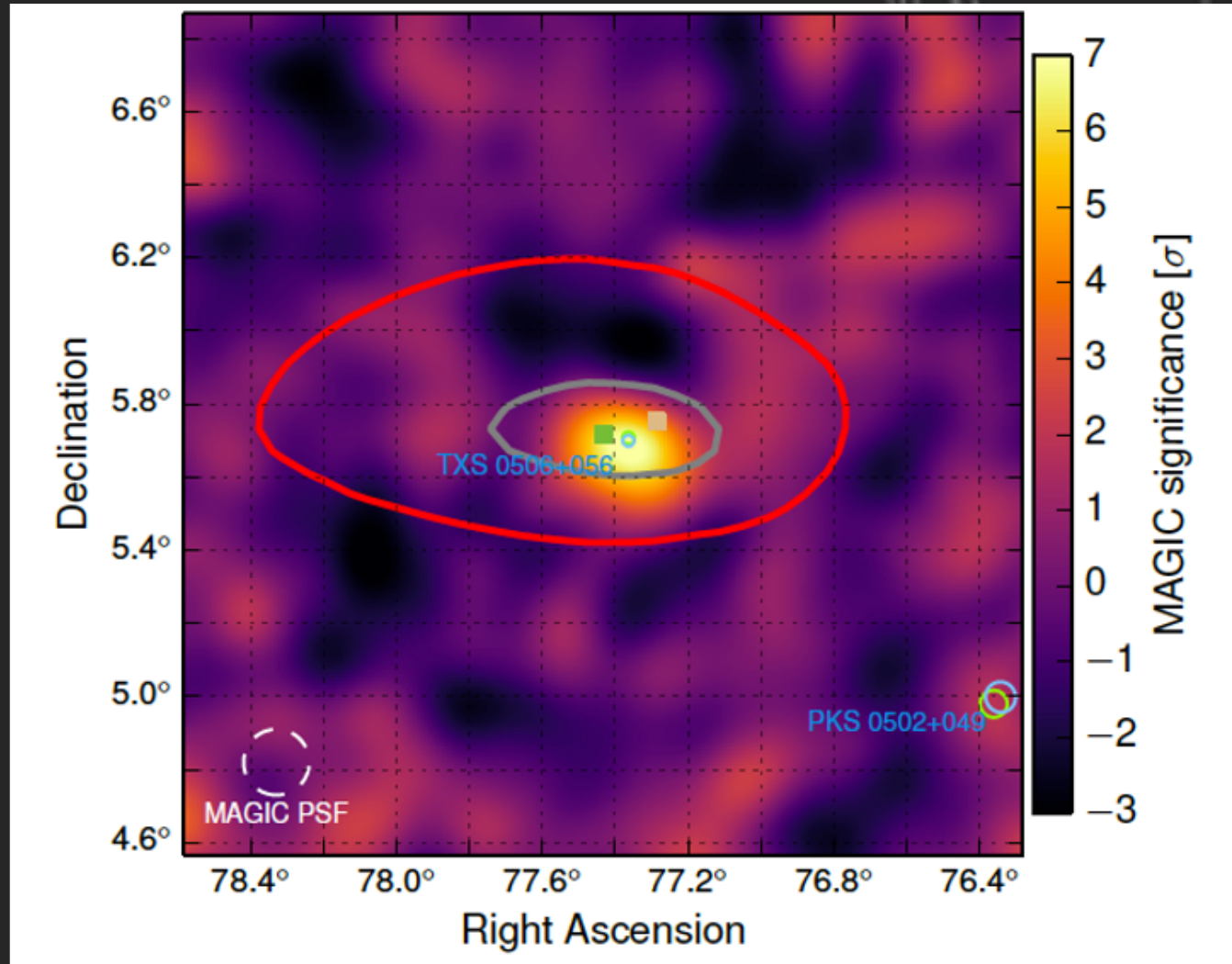


IceCube 170922

Fermi
detects a flaring
blazar within 0.1°

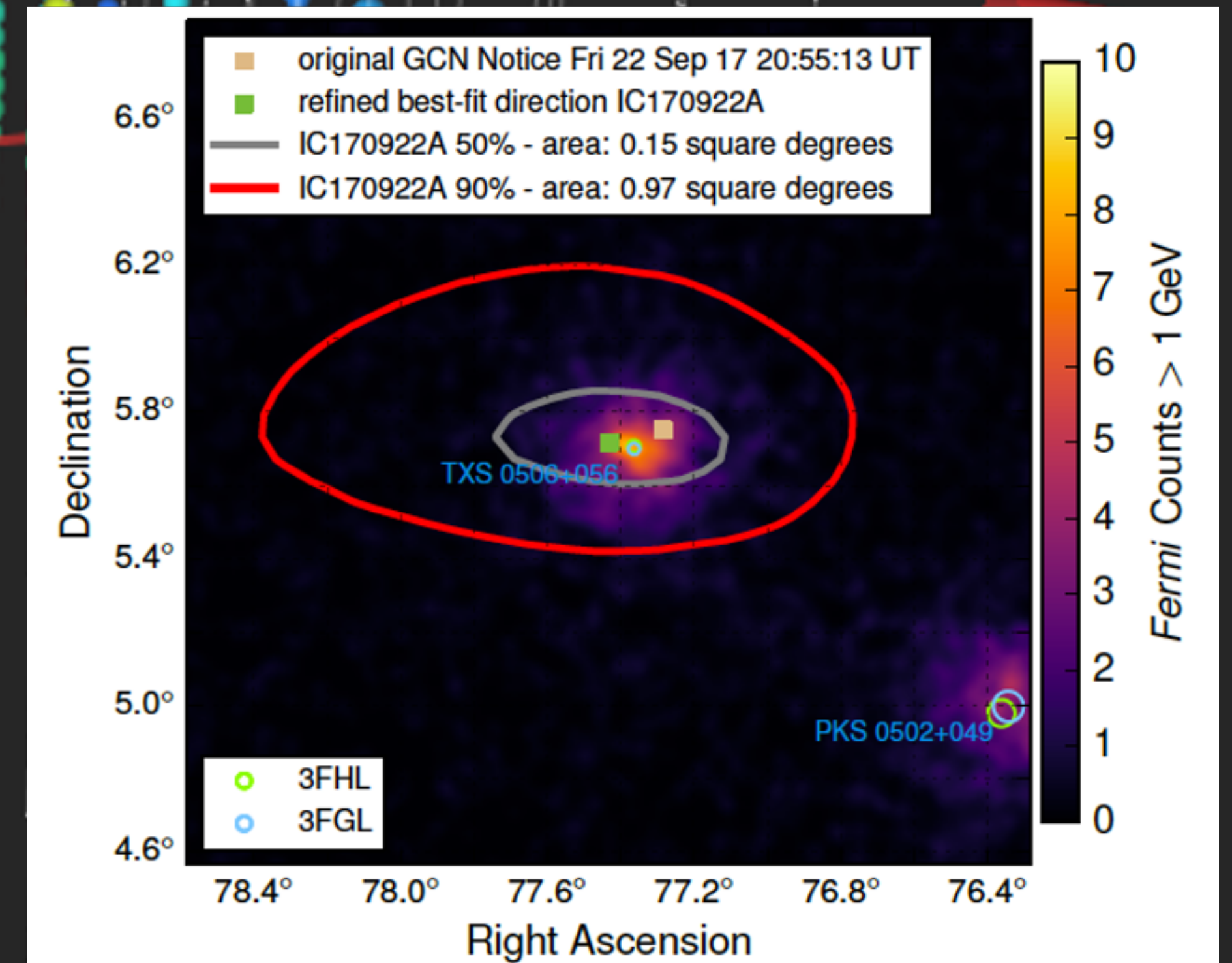


IceCube 170922



MAGIC
detects emission of
> 100 GeV gammas

Fermi
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Follow-up detections of IC170922 based on public telegrams



IceCube

September 22



Swift

September 26



Fermi, ASAS-SN

September 28



SALT, Kapteyn

October 7



MAGIC

October 4



Liverpool, AGILE

September 29



Kanata, NuSTAR

October 12



VLA

October 17



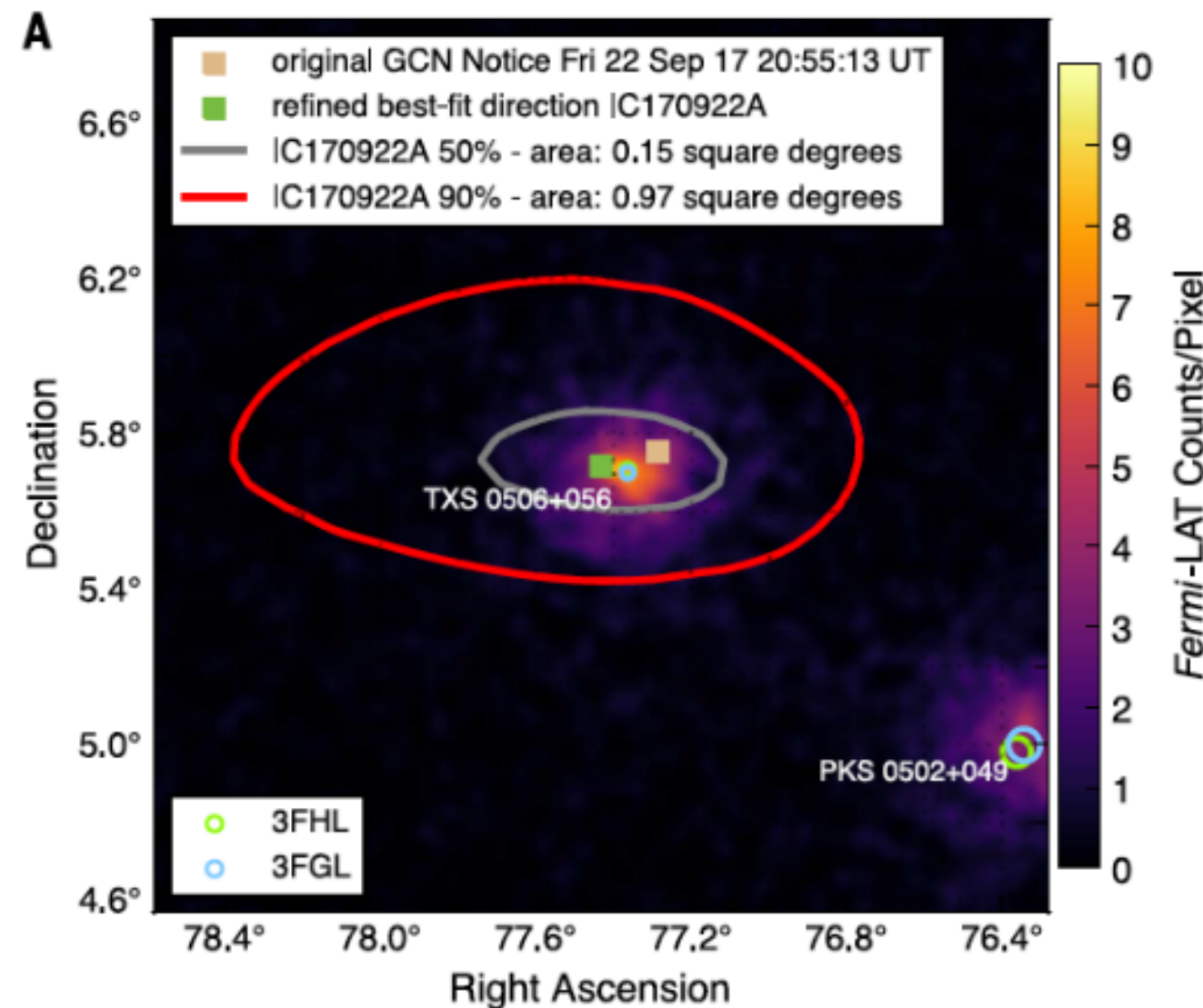
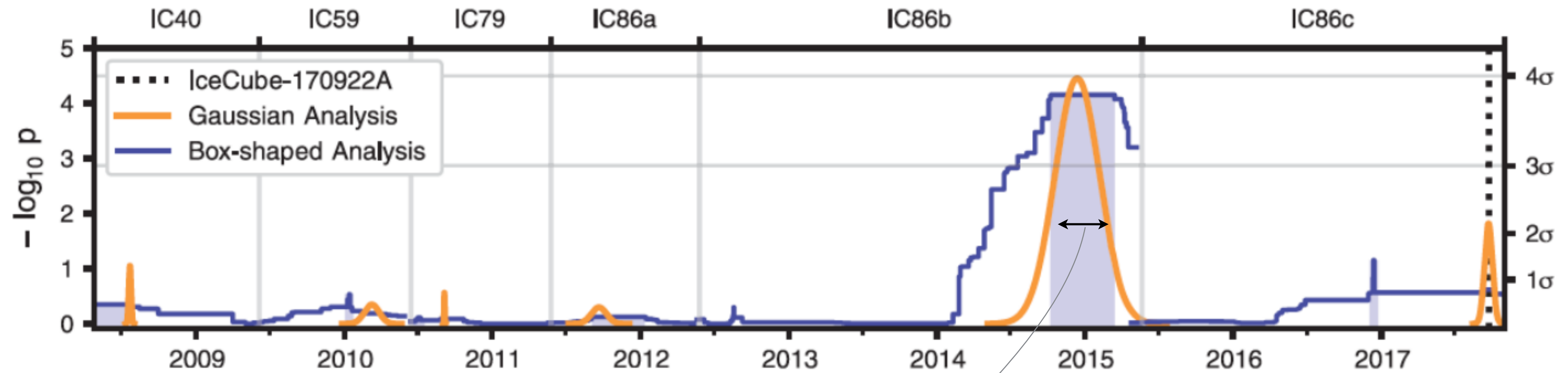
Subaru

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Looking at the archival data in the TXS 0506+056 direction

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$$T_W = 110^{+35}_{-24} \text{ days}$$

$$\Phi_{100} = (1.6^{+0.7}_{-0.6}) \times 10^{-15} \text{ TeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

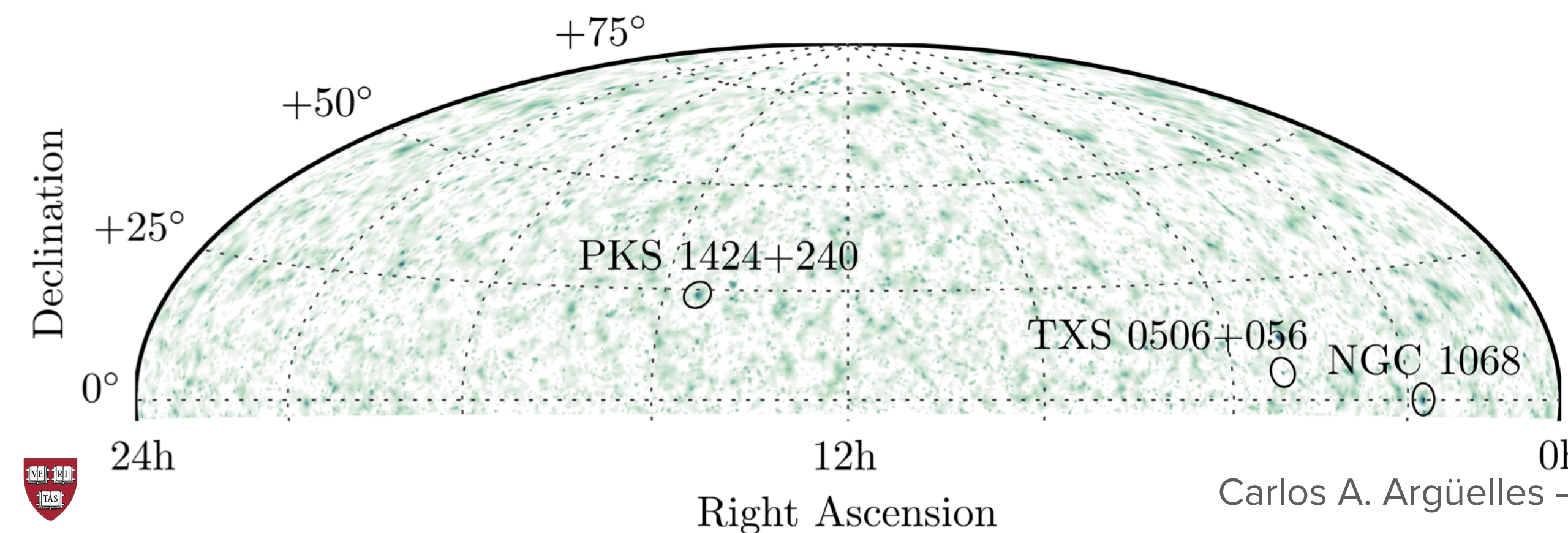
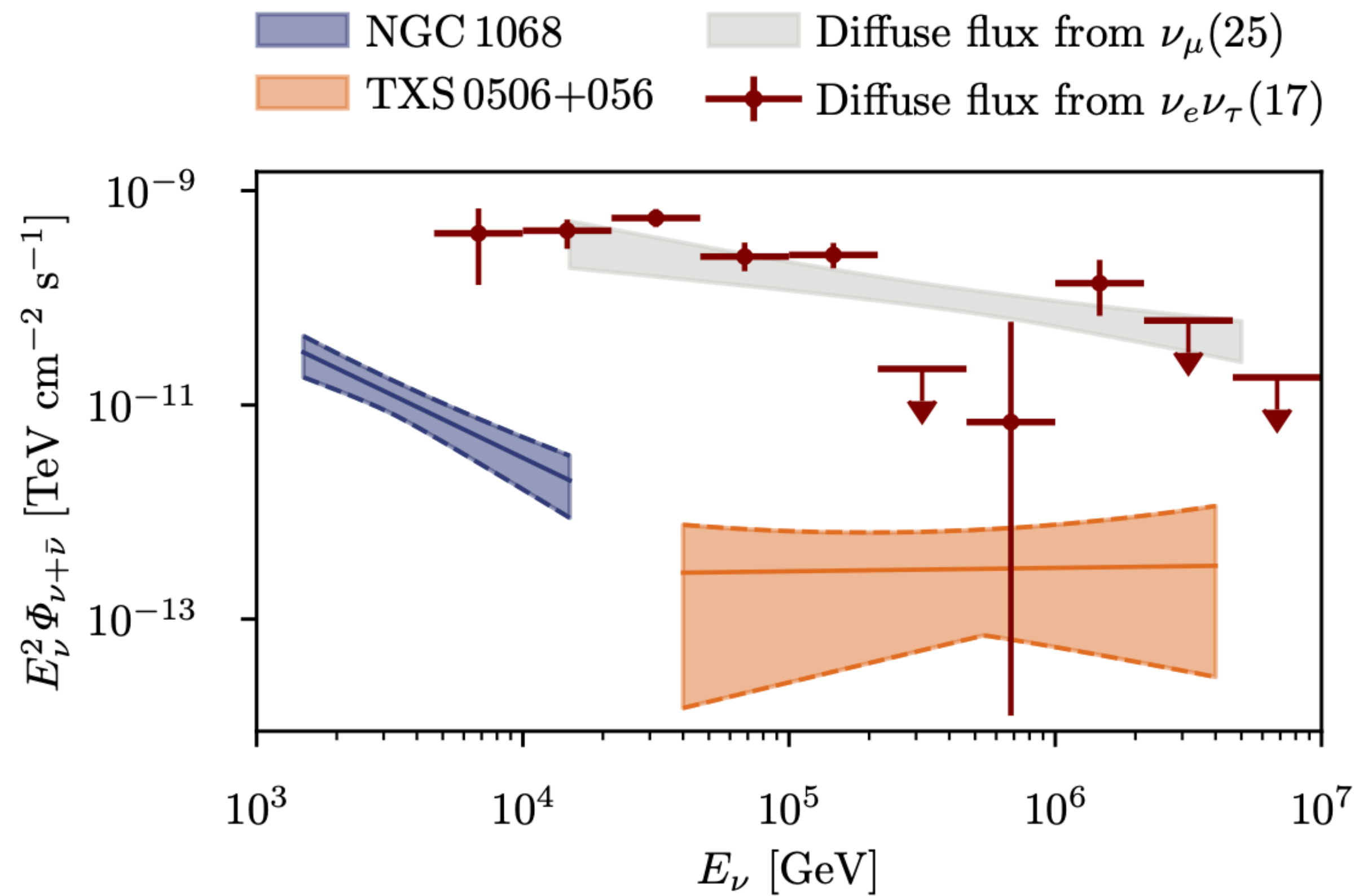
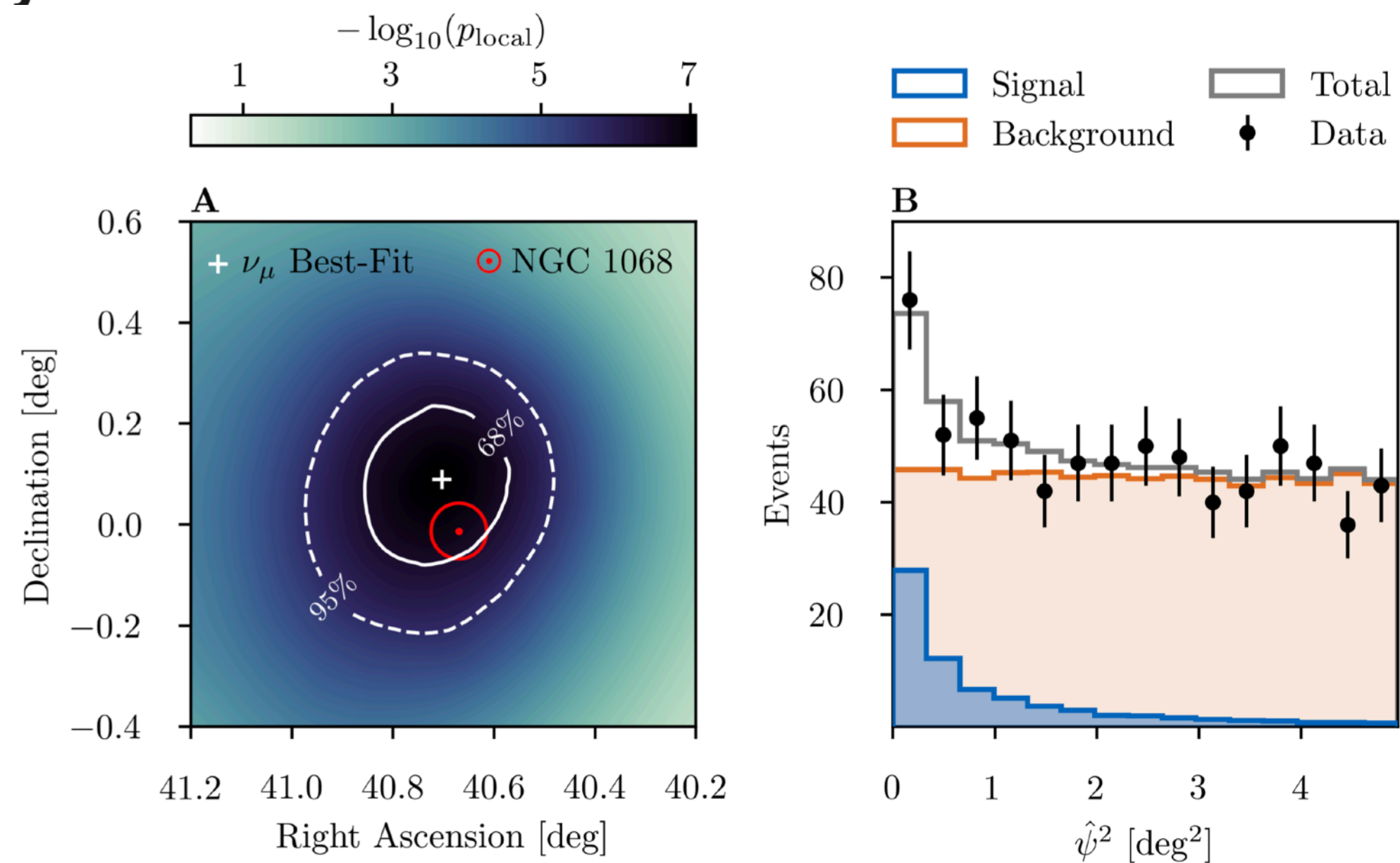
13±5 signal events rejecting background hypothesis at 3.5σ

No significant gamma-ray emission at flaring time!

[E. Kun, I. Bartos, J. B. Tjus et al 2009.09792](#)

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Evidence for neutrino emission from the nearby active galaxy NGC 1068

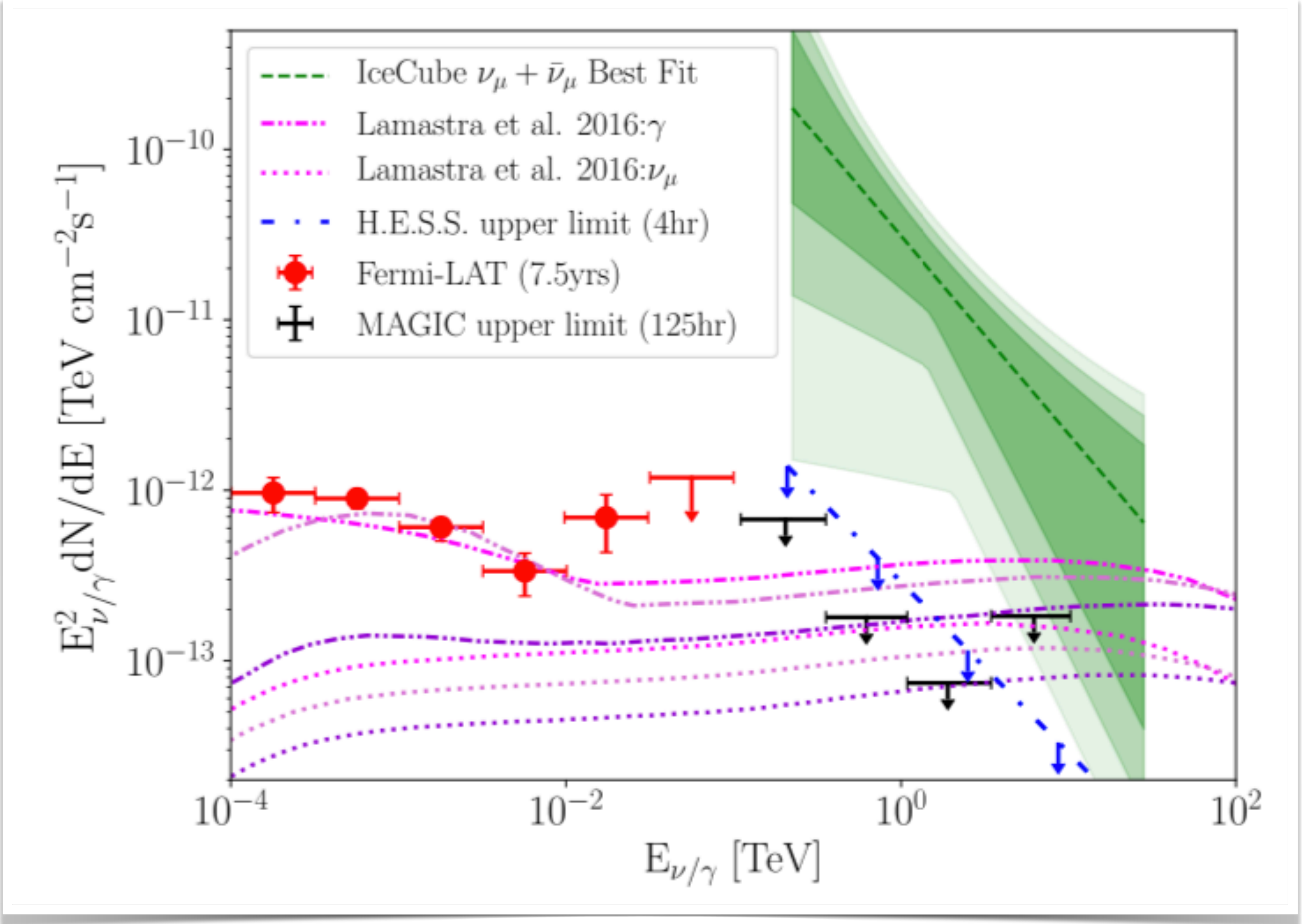


Gamma-ray's and Neutrinos From NGC 1068

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$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \propto \frac{\sigma_{\gamma\gamma}}{\sigma_{p\gamma}} \tau_{p\gamma}$$

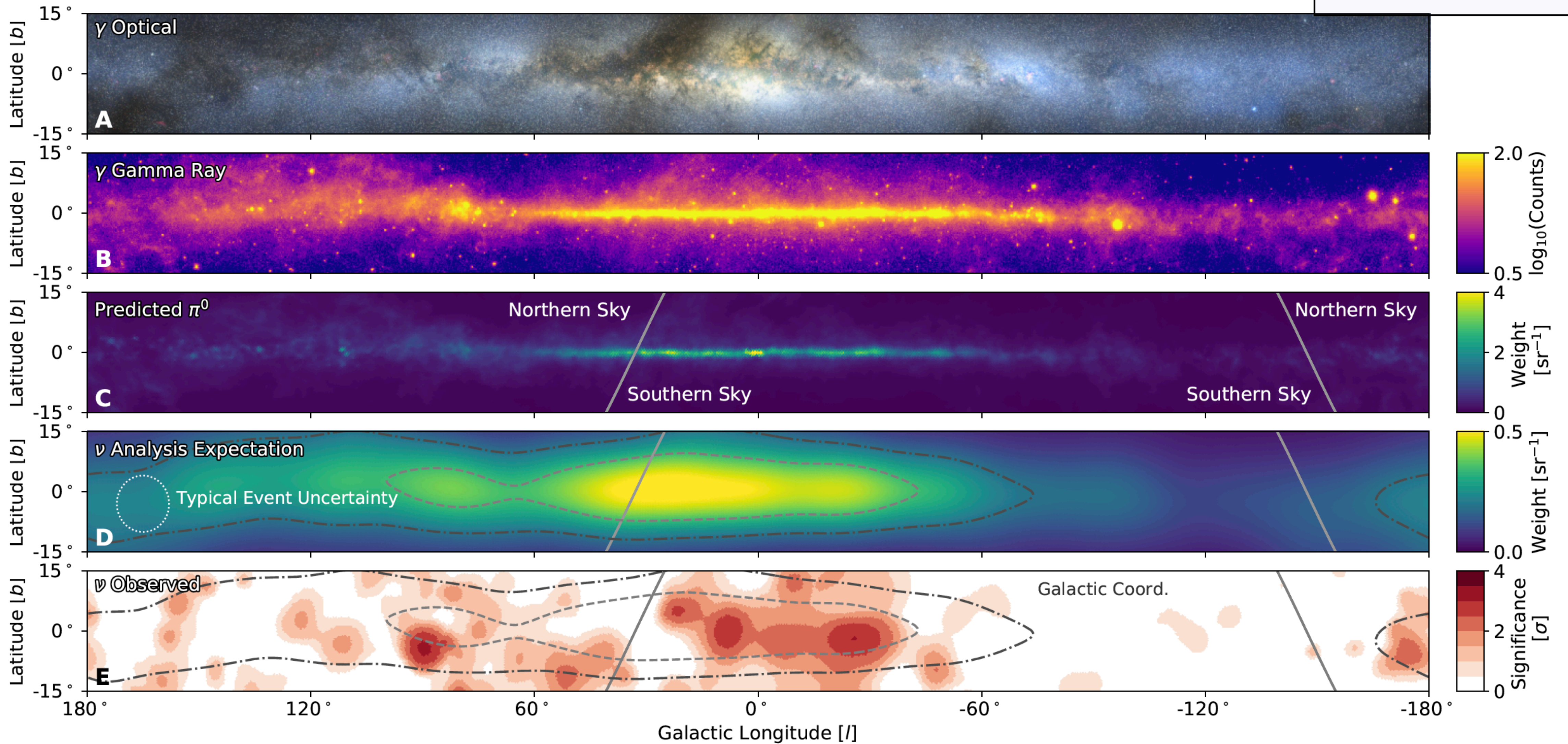
the gamma rays that accompany the neutrinos lose energy in the source



Neutrinos from Our Galaxy

IceCube Collaboration, Science, 2023

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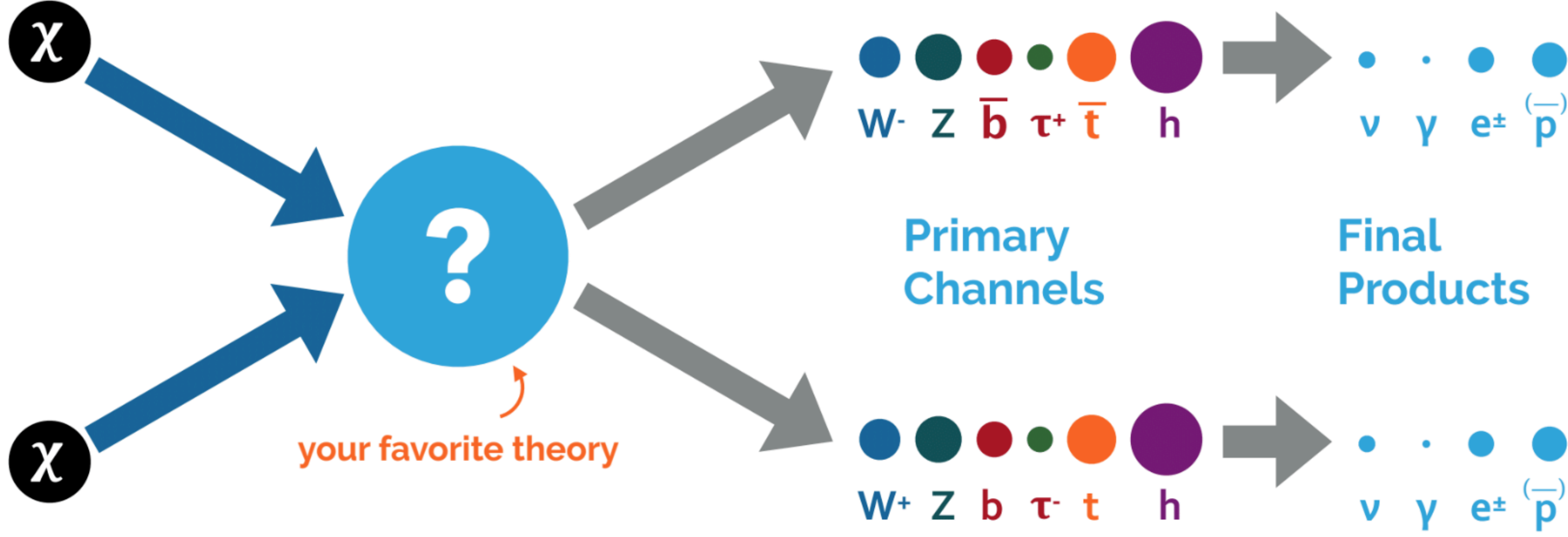
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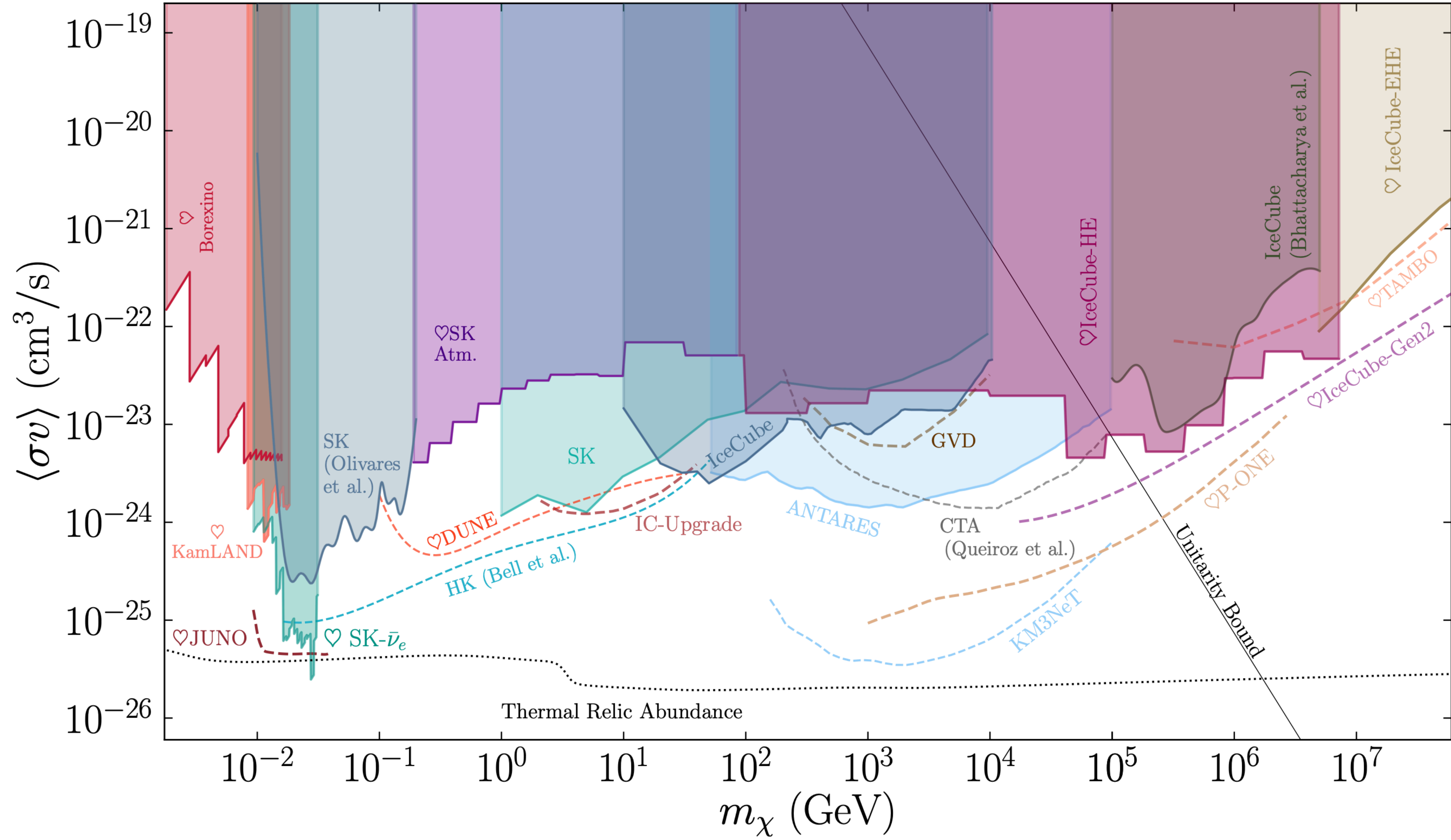
Dark matter annihilation

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IceCube Collaboration 2205.12950.
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Dark matter annihilation to neutrino: a largely unexplored frontier



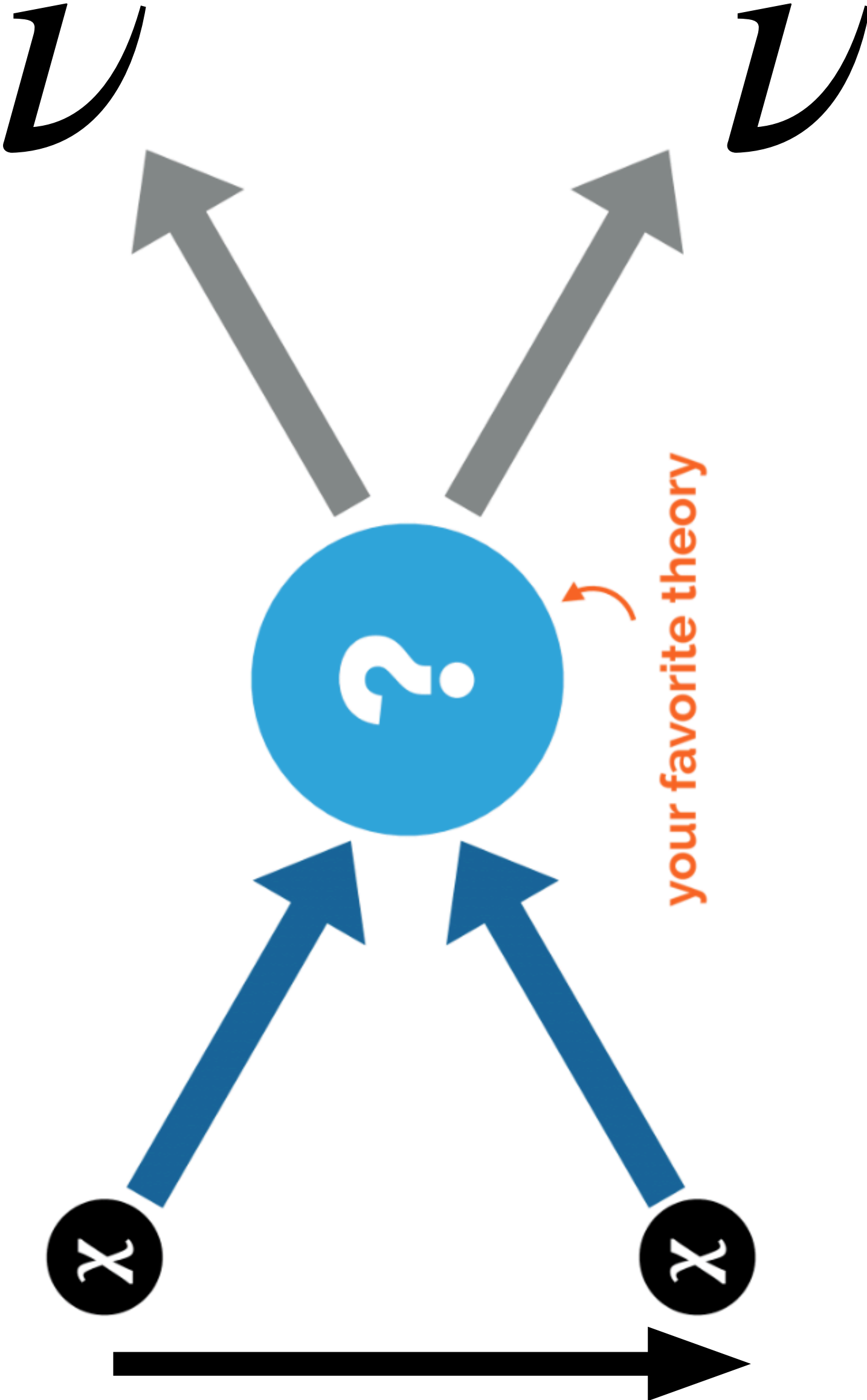
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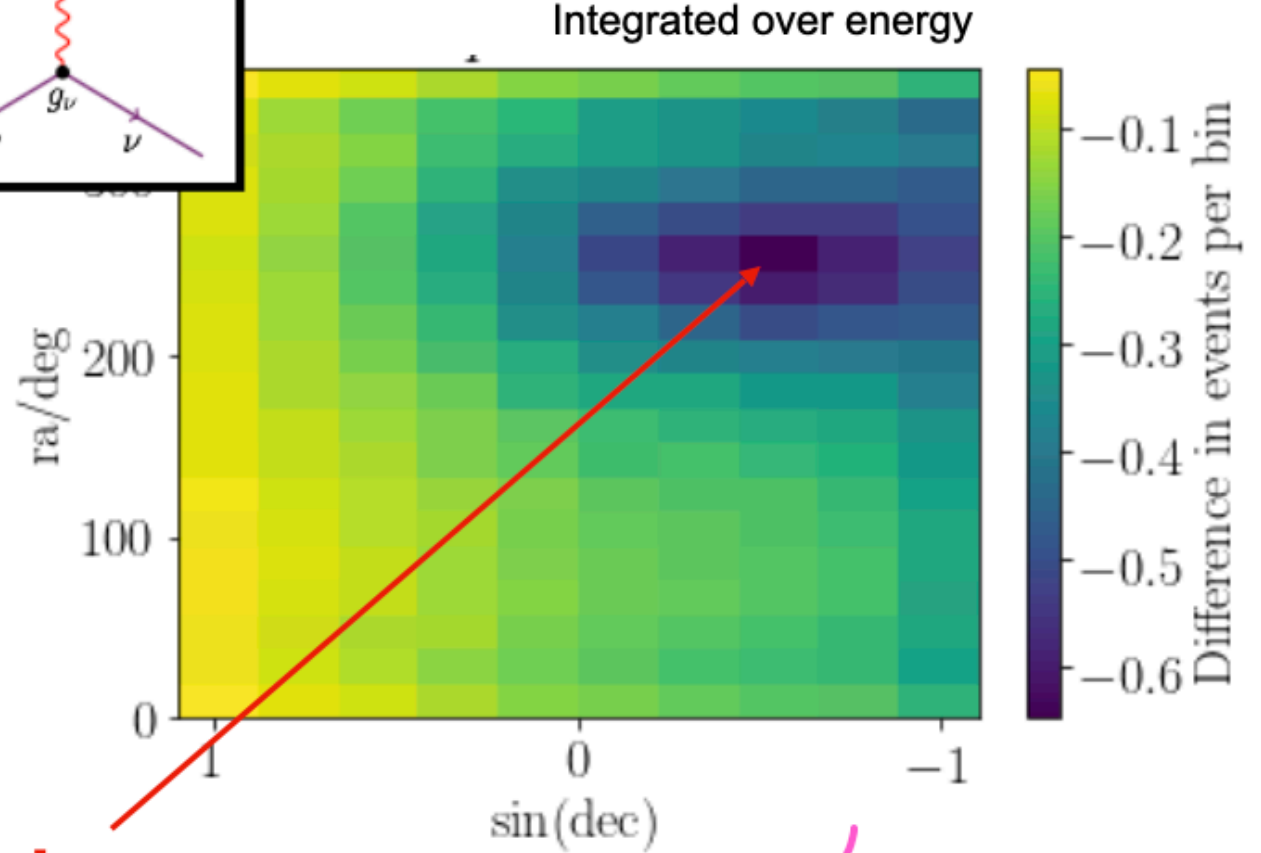
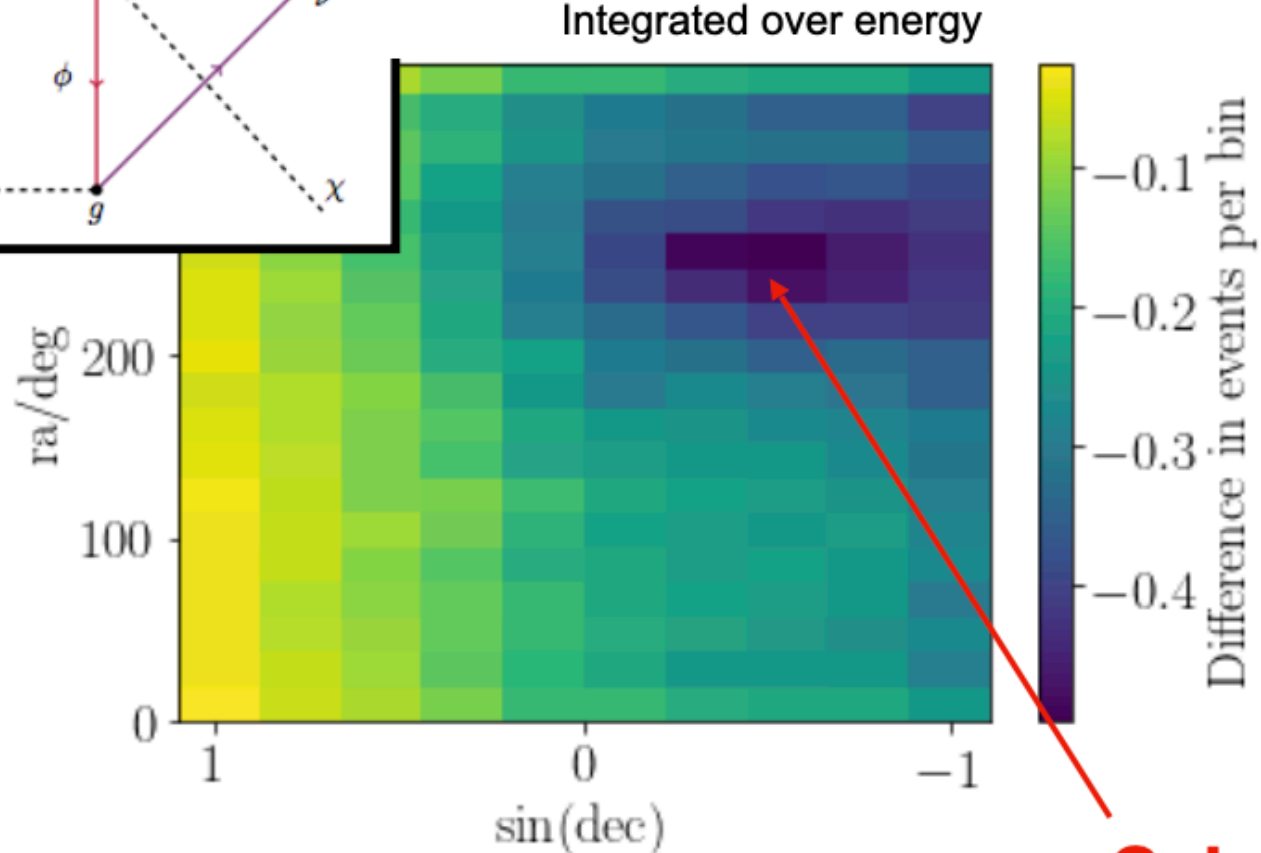
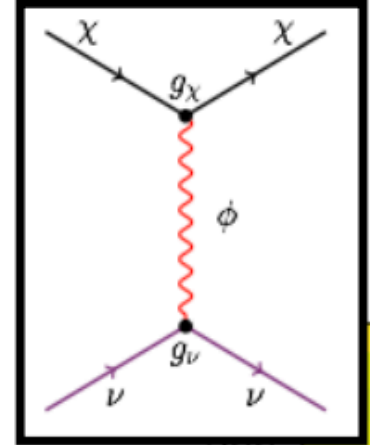
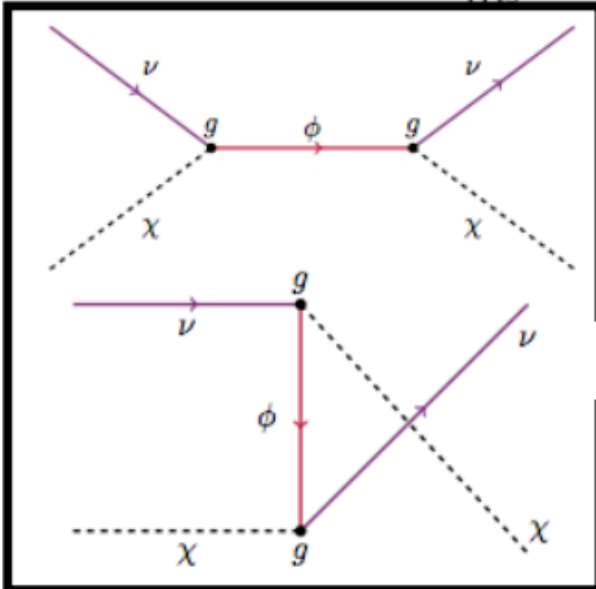
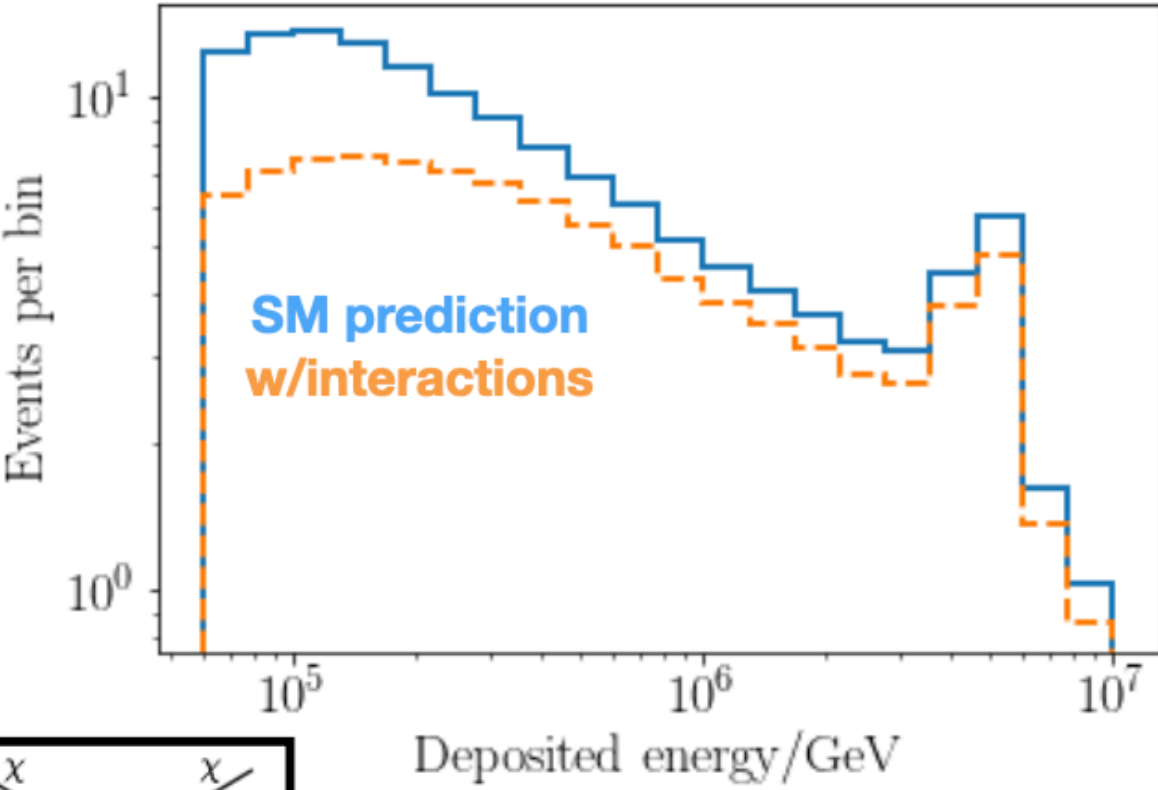
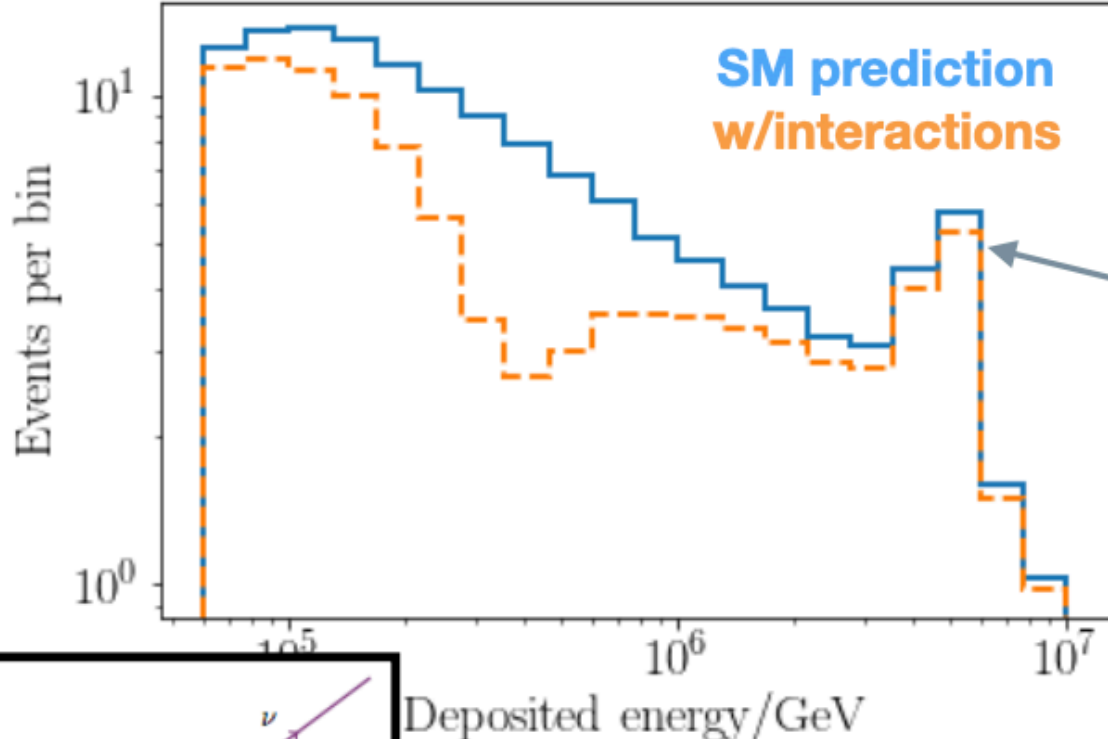


Dark matter scattering with neutrinos

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your favorite theory



Constraint comparable to cosmology

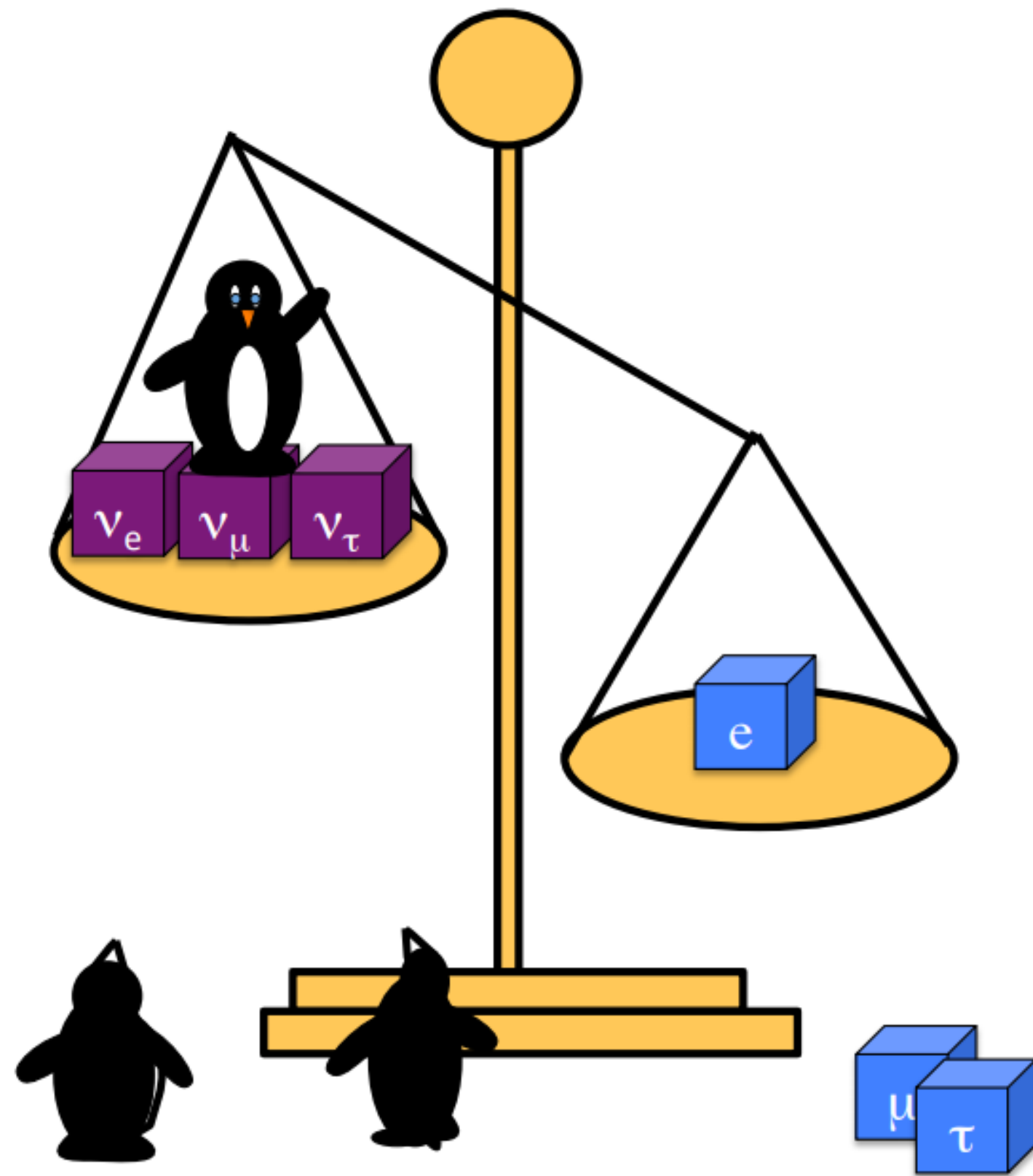
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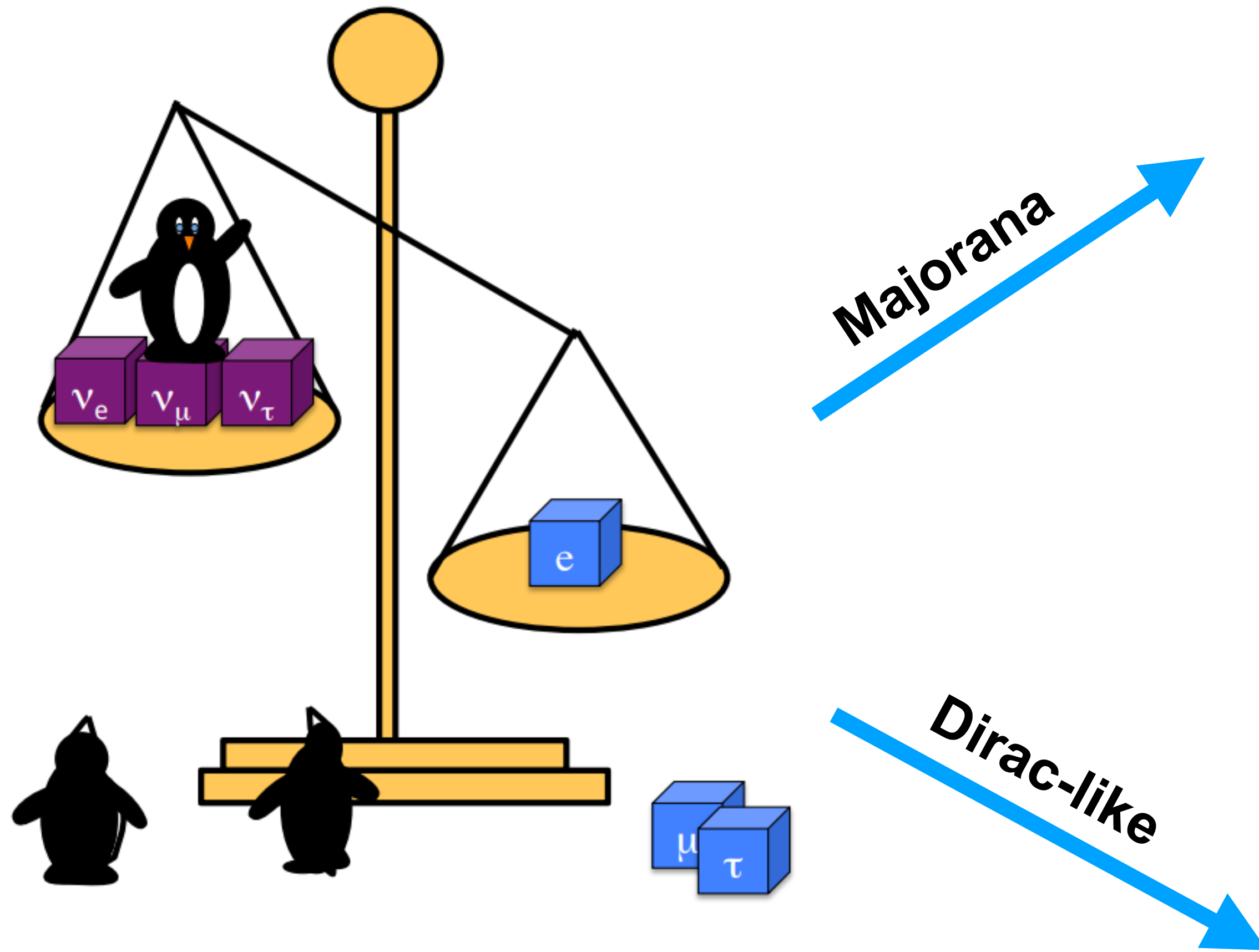
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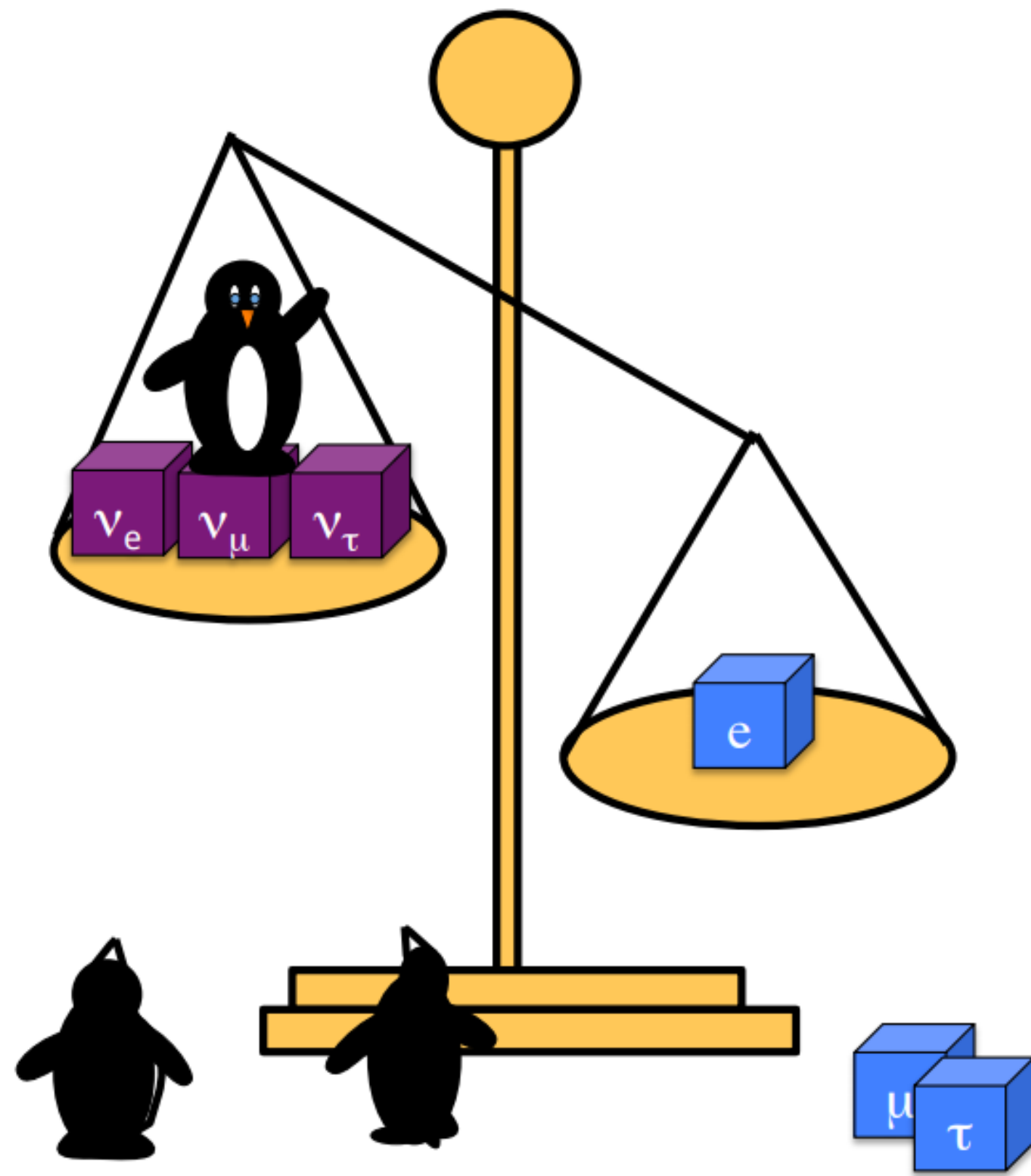
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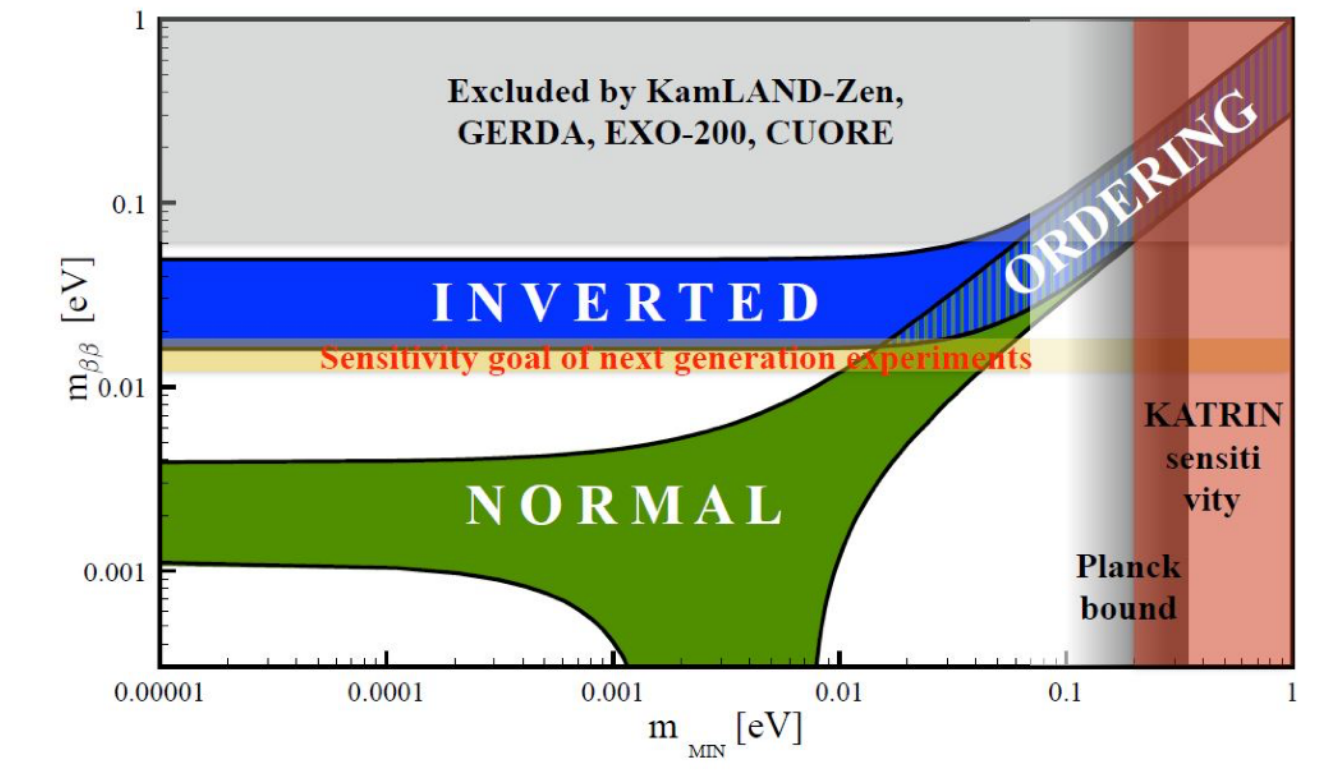
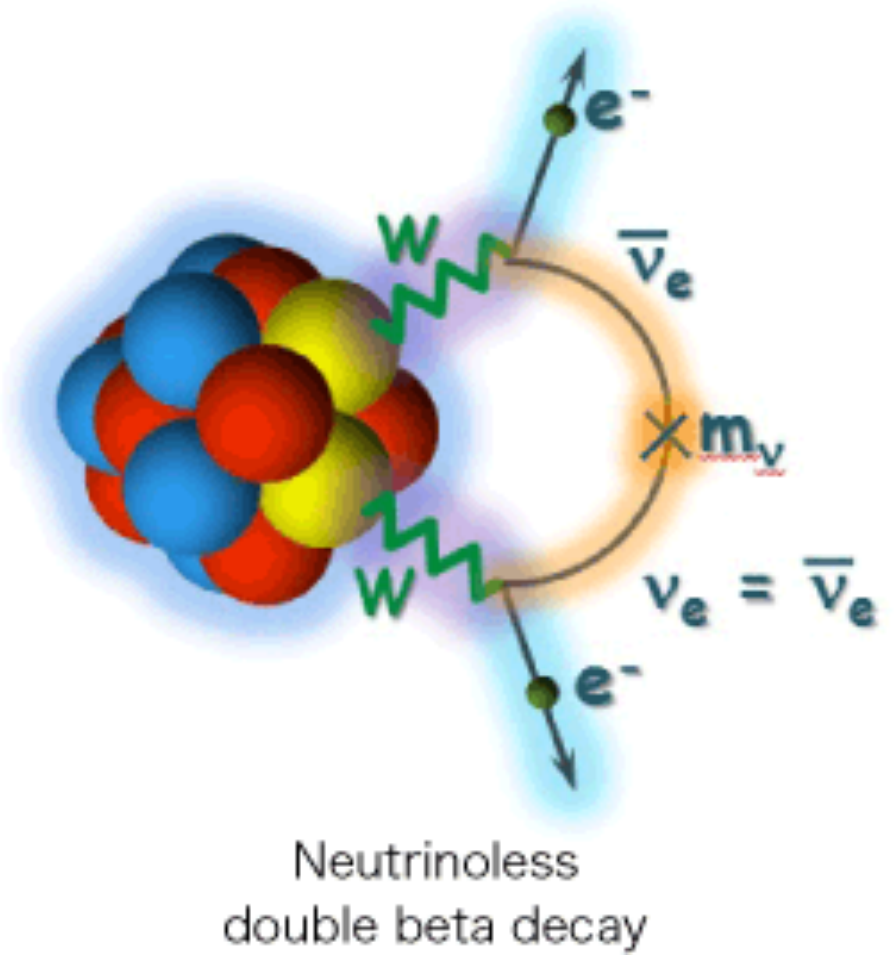
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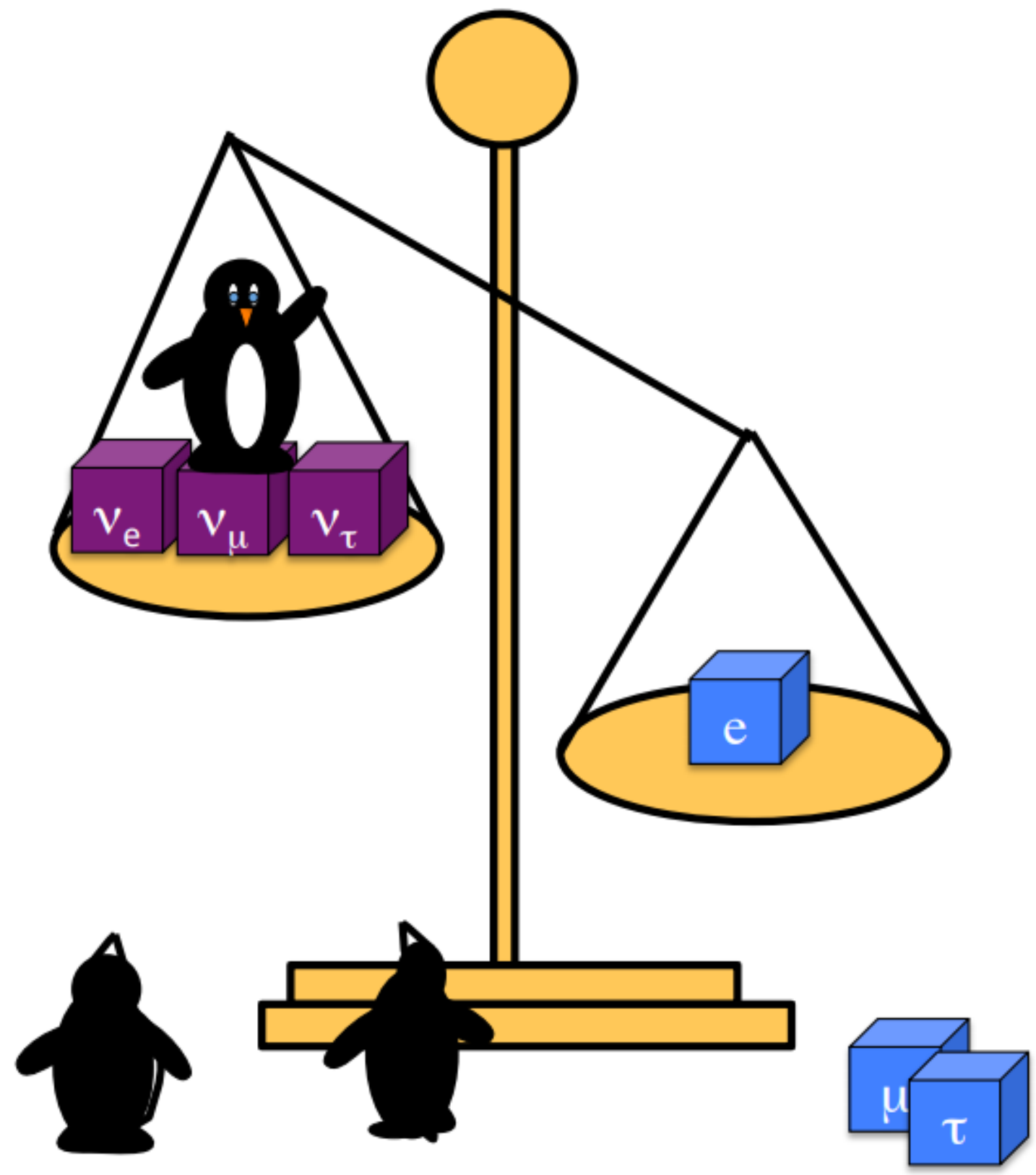
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Dirac-like



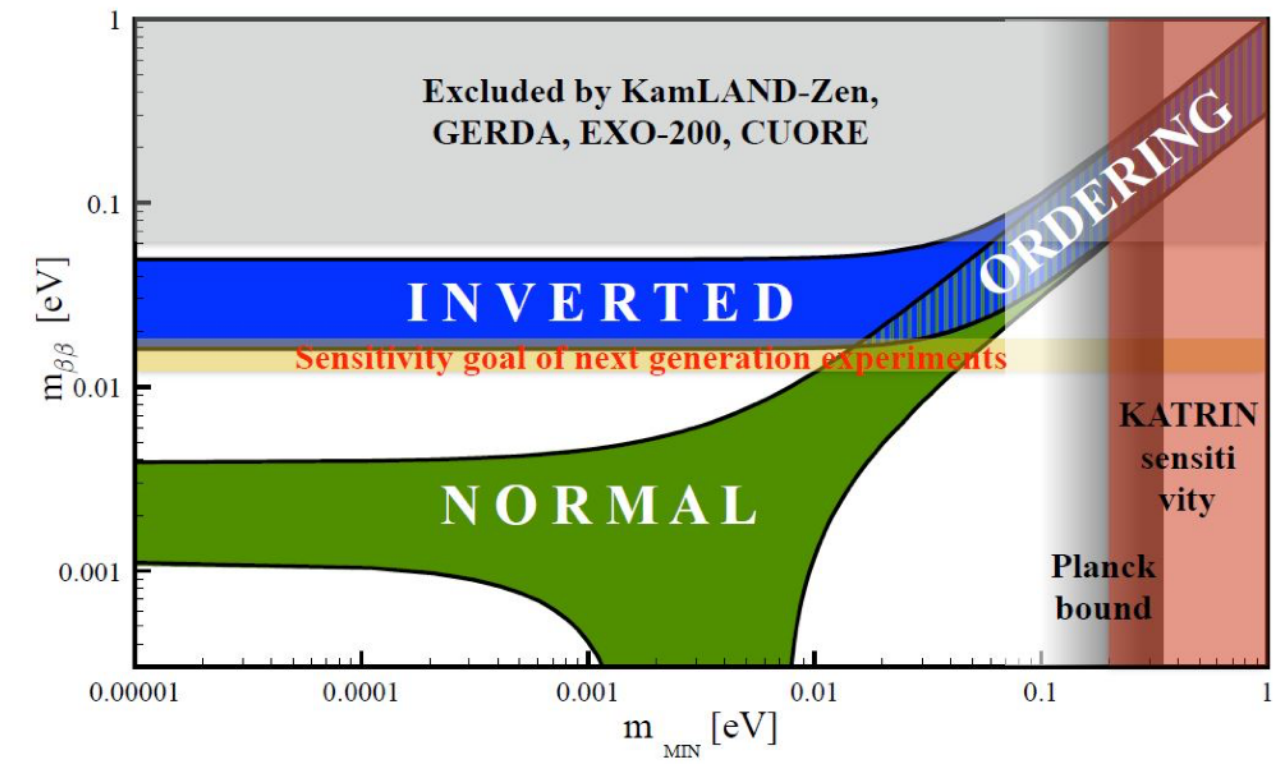
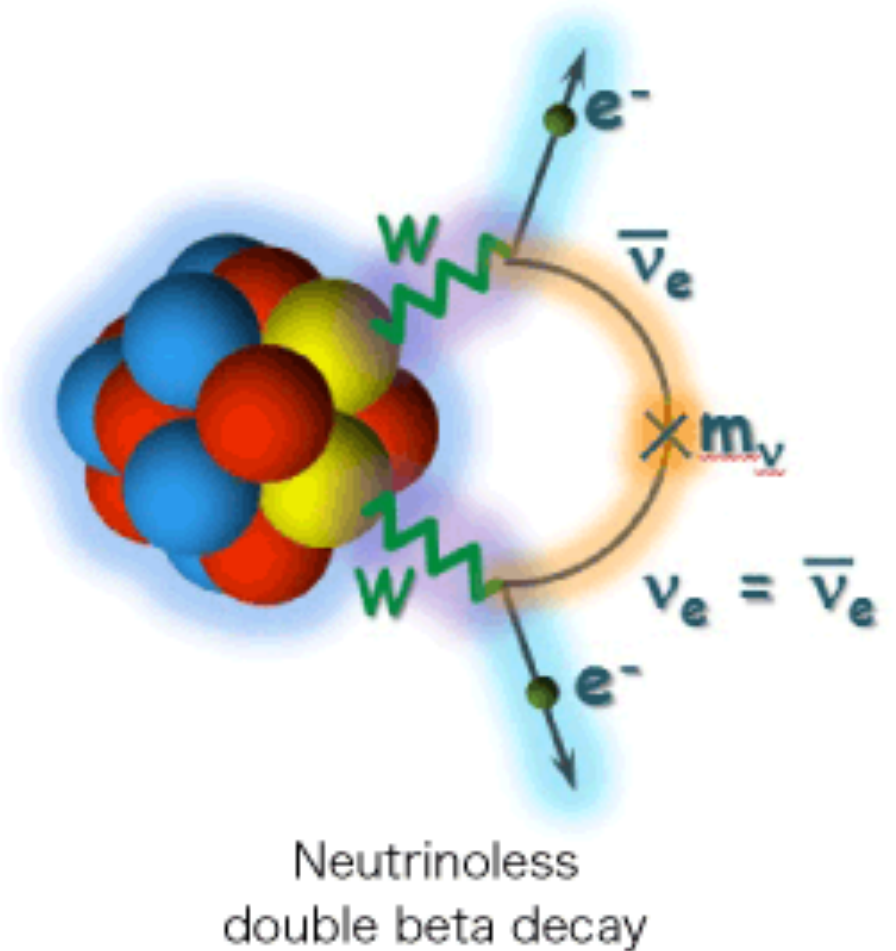
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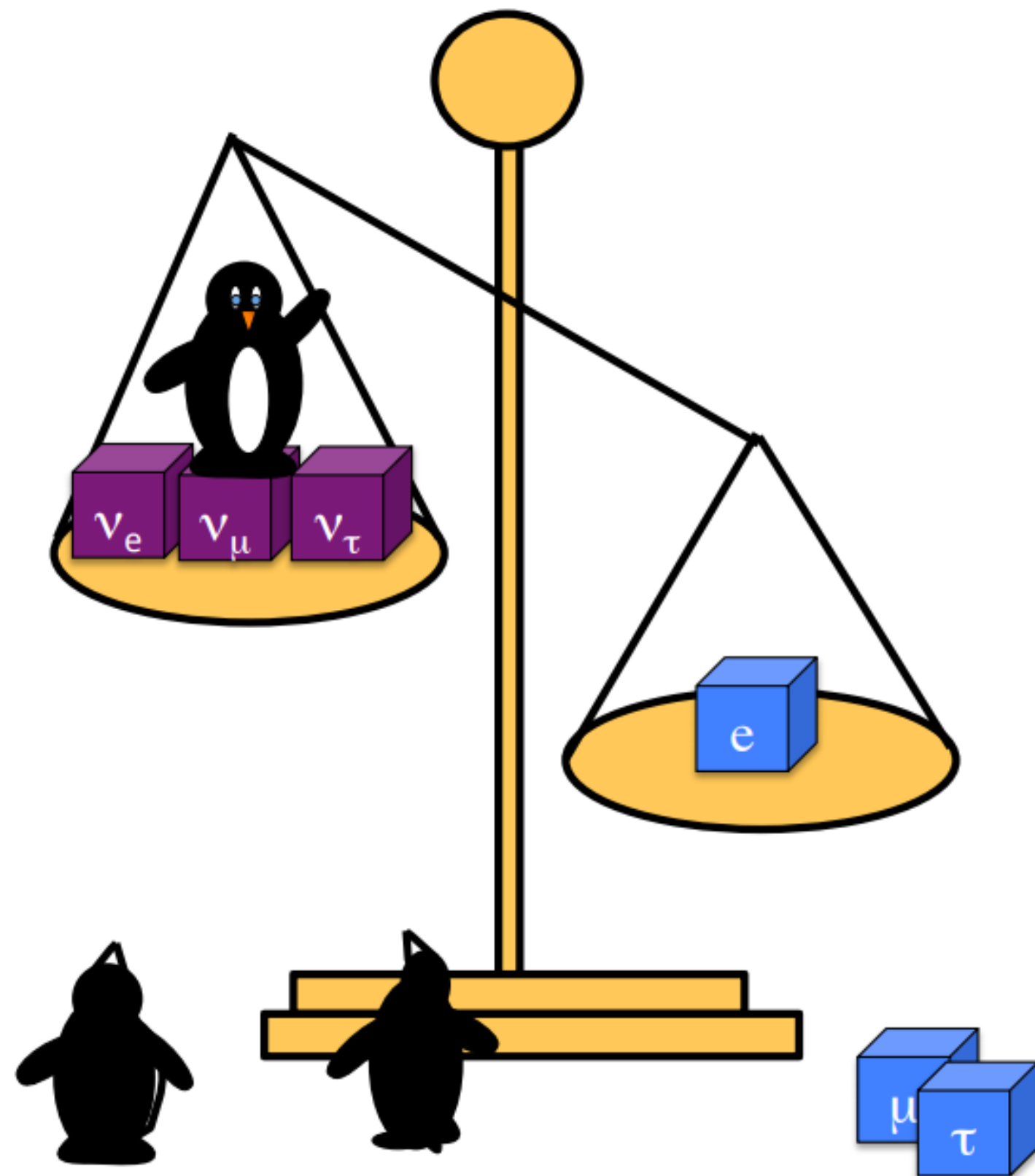
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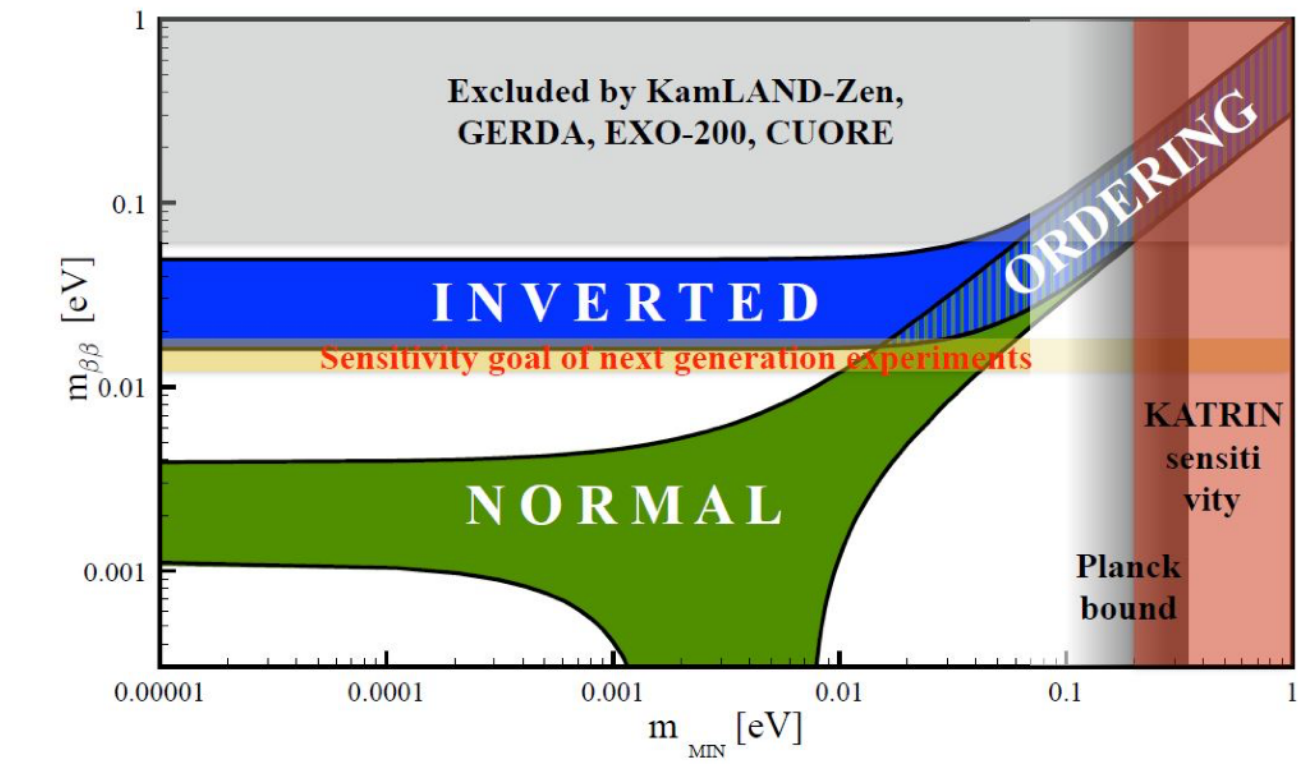
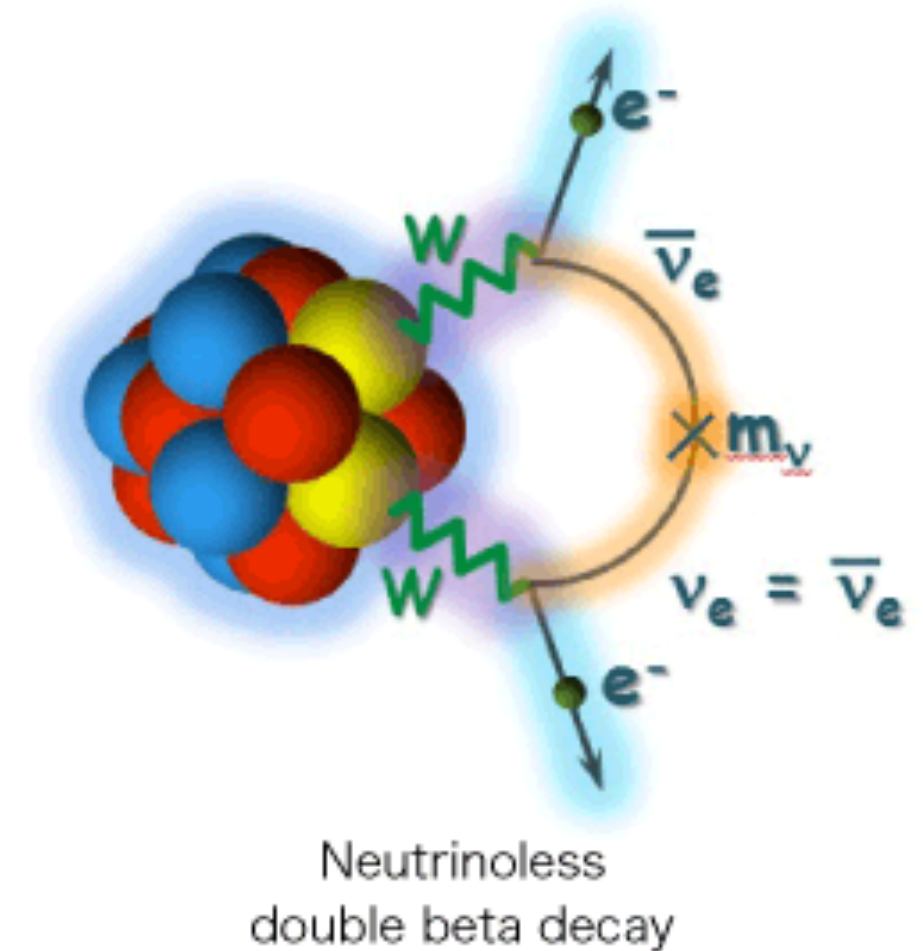
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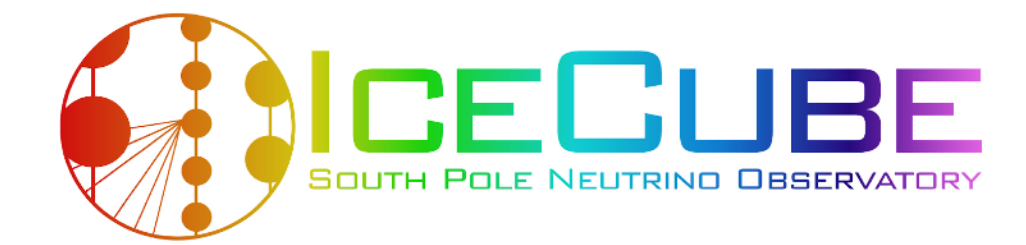
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If Quasi-Dirac: ultra long-baseline neutrino oscillation measurements



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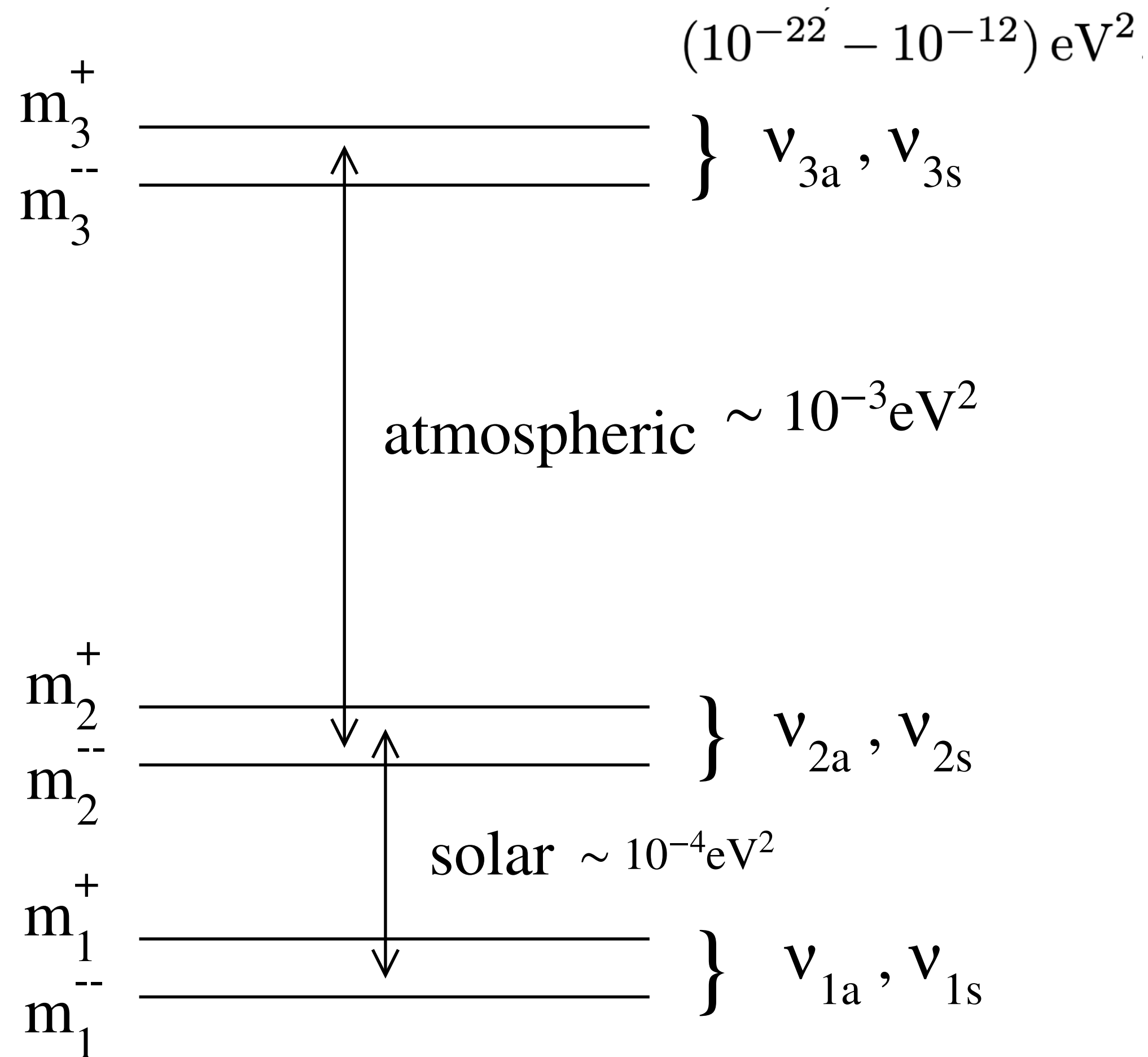
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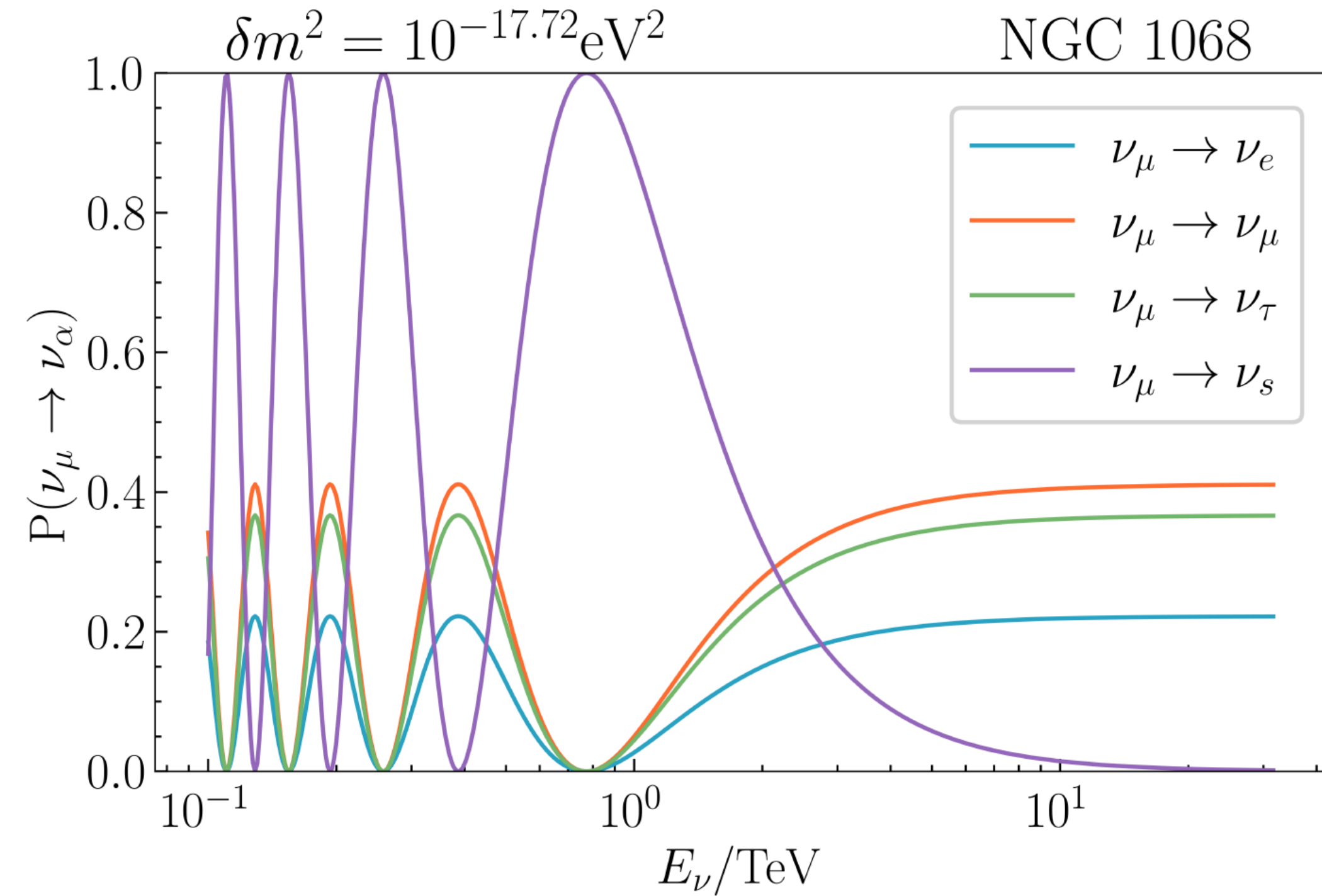
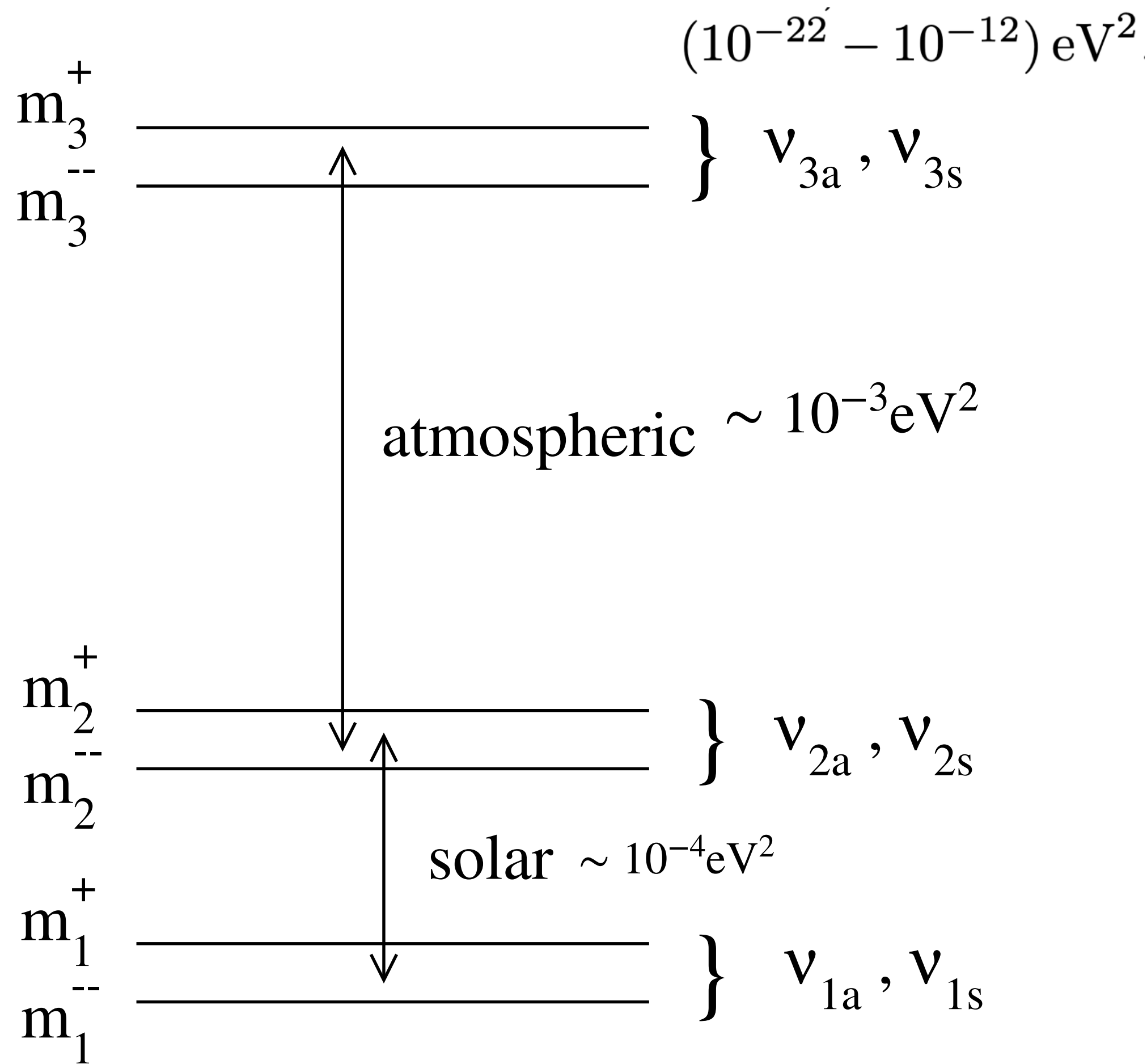


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$$P_{\alpha\beta} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^3 |U_{\beta j}|^2 |U_{\alpha j}|^2 \left[1 + \cos \left(\frac{\delta m_j^2 L_{\text{eff}}}{2E_\nu} \right) \right]$$



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Neutrino Oscillations At Cosmic Scales

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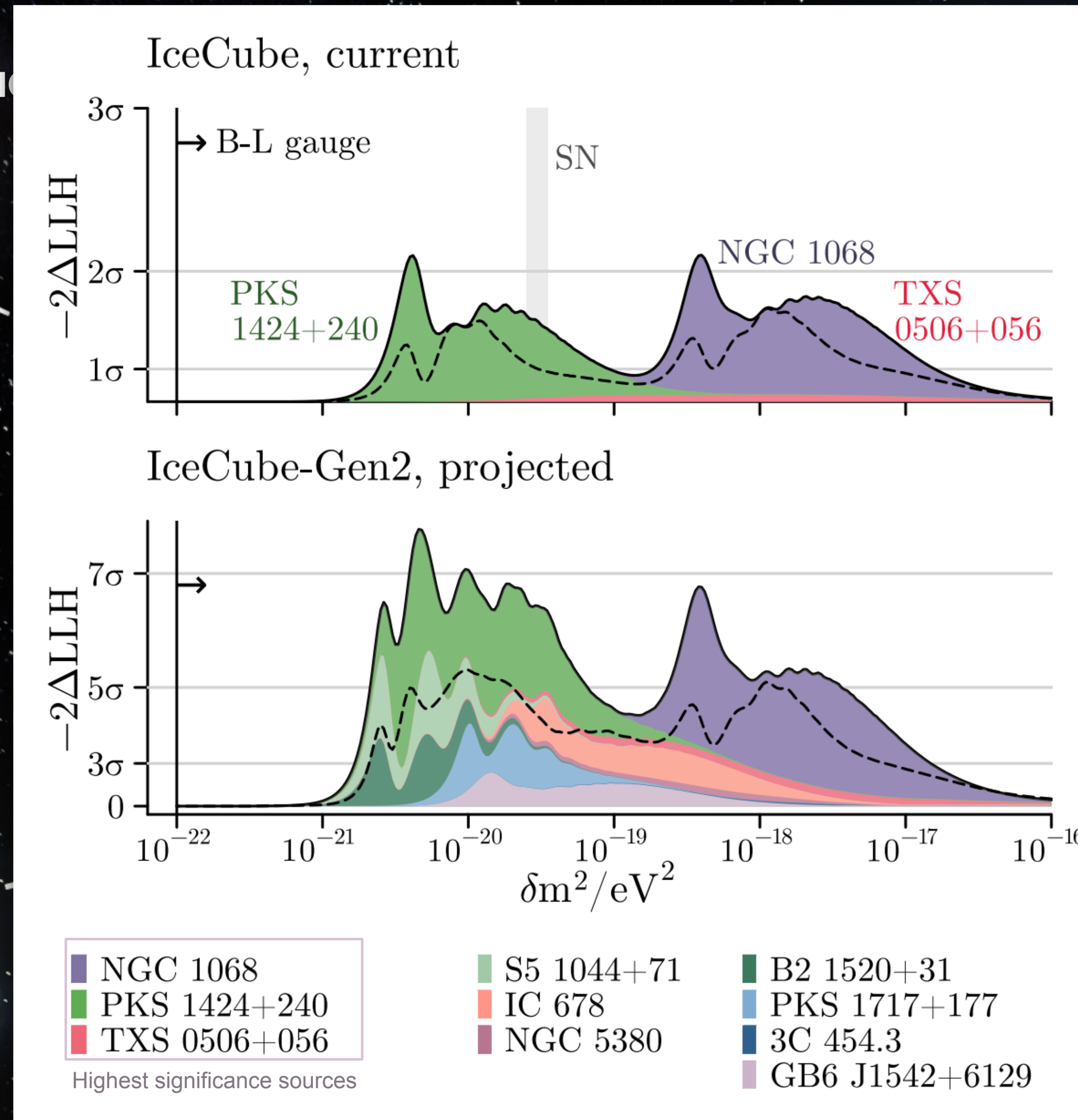
NGC 1068

$$L_{\text{osc}}^{\text{eff}} \sim E / \delta m^2$$



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Search for Lorentz Violation via Flavor Morphing

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As neutrinos travel from their far away source they can interact with fields in space.

Example: spontaneous Lorentz violation.

Effects expected at the Planck Scale.

Space-time effects

J. Ellis et al arXiv:1807.051550

K. Wang et al. arXiv:2009.05201

Zhang & Ma arXiv:1406.4568

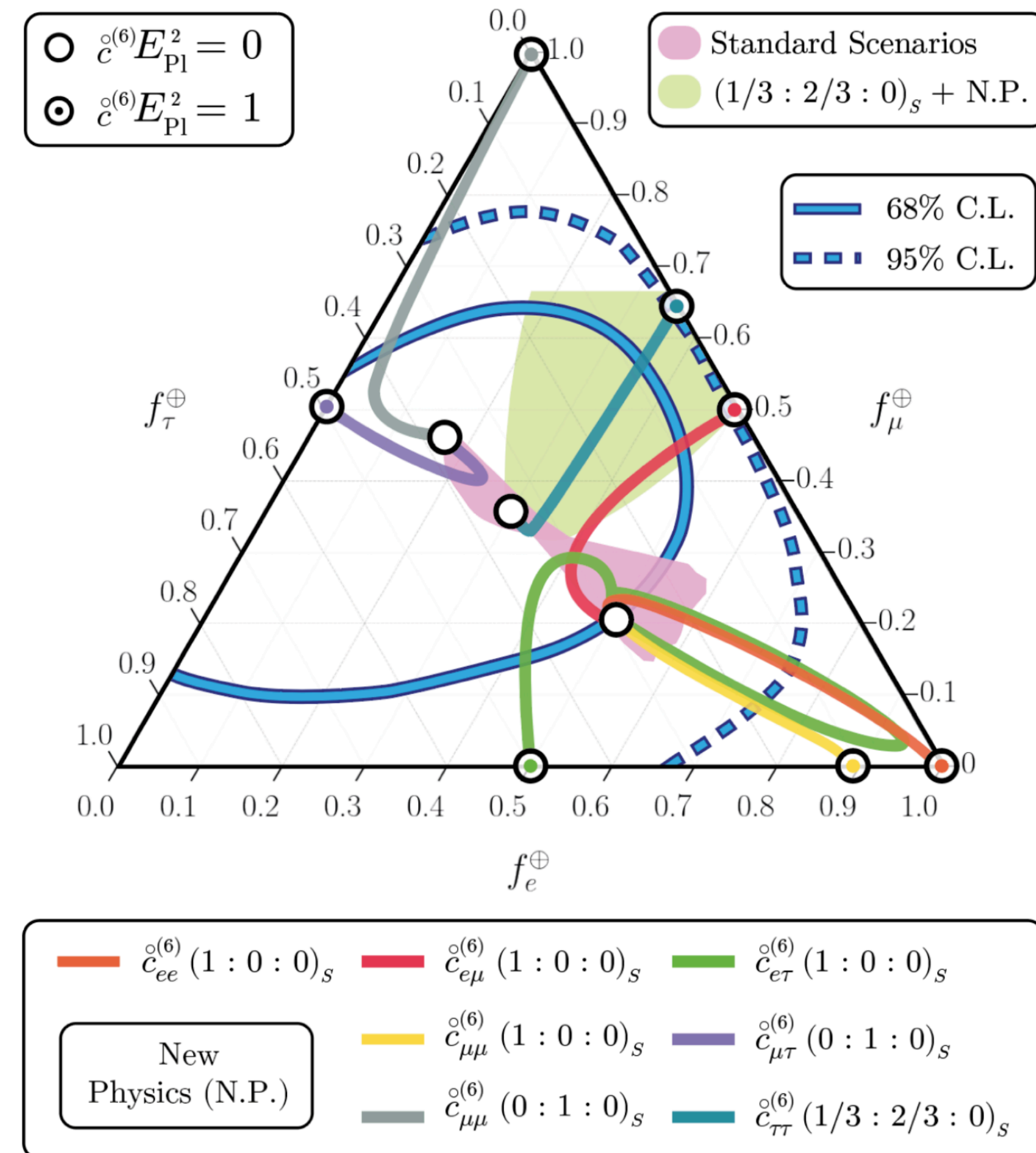
Trajectories in the flavor triangle in the presence of Lorentz Violation (LV)

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$$H_d = \frac{1}{2E} U M^2 U^\dagger + \frac{E^{d-3}}{\Lambda_d} \tilde{U}_d O_d \tilde{U}_d^\dagger$$

Dimension Standard Mixing New Physics Terms

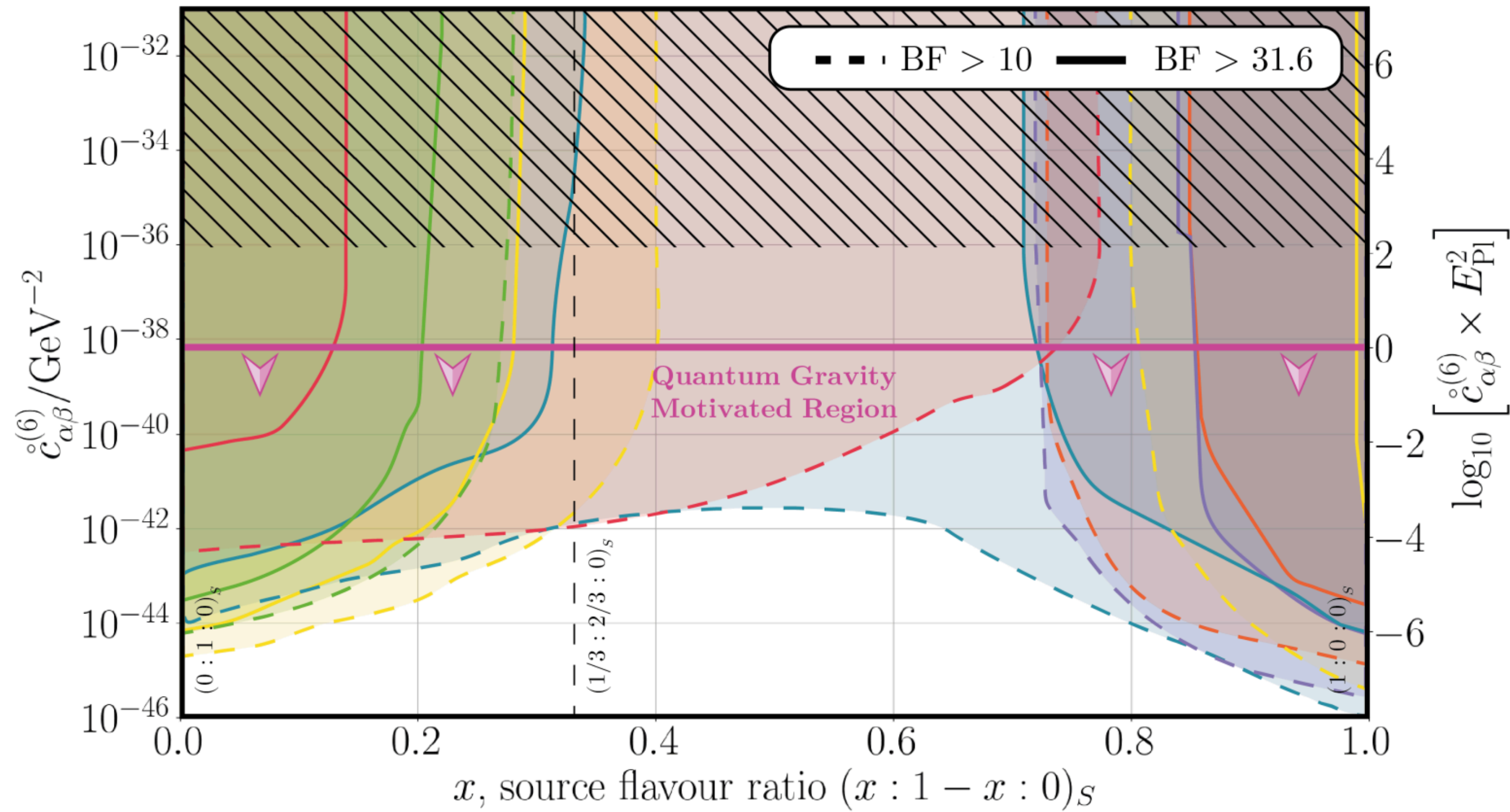
- (1 : 2 : 0) pion
- (0 : 1 : 0) neutron
- (1 : 0 : 0) muon-damped



IceCube collaboration *Nature Physics* (2022) arXiv:2111.04654

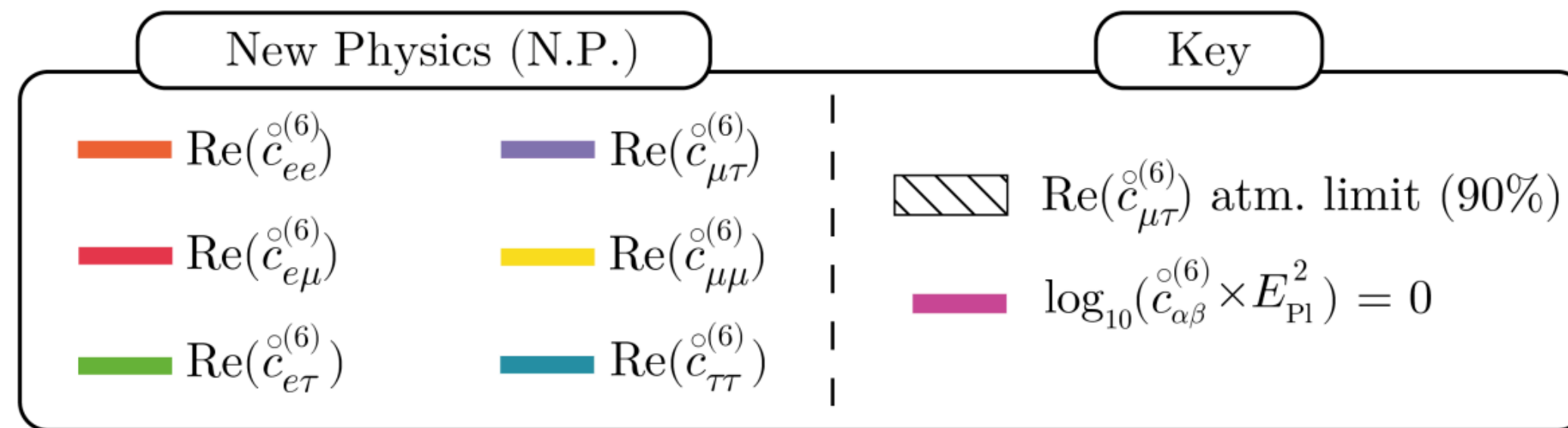
Results on high-dimensional LV operators

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Constraints of neutrino flavor transition can be interpreted in various models

Model	Limits
IceCube Lorentz violation limit	$\hat{a}_{\tau\tau}^{(3)} < 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ GeV}$
Dark matter potential	$V_{\tau\tau} < 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ GeV}$
Dark matter effective Fermi coupling	$G'_F < 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-2} (m_\phi / 10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Dark matter non-standard interaction	$\epsilon_{\tau\tau} < 8 \times 10^{-9} (m_\phi / 10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Vector dark matter coupling	$g_{\tau\tau} < 3 \times 10^{-33} (m_\phi / 10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Axion dark matter coupling	$g_{a\tau\tau} < 3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV}^{-1}$



CA, Farrag, Katori arXiv:2404.10926

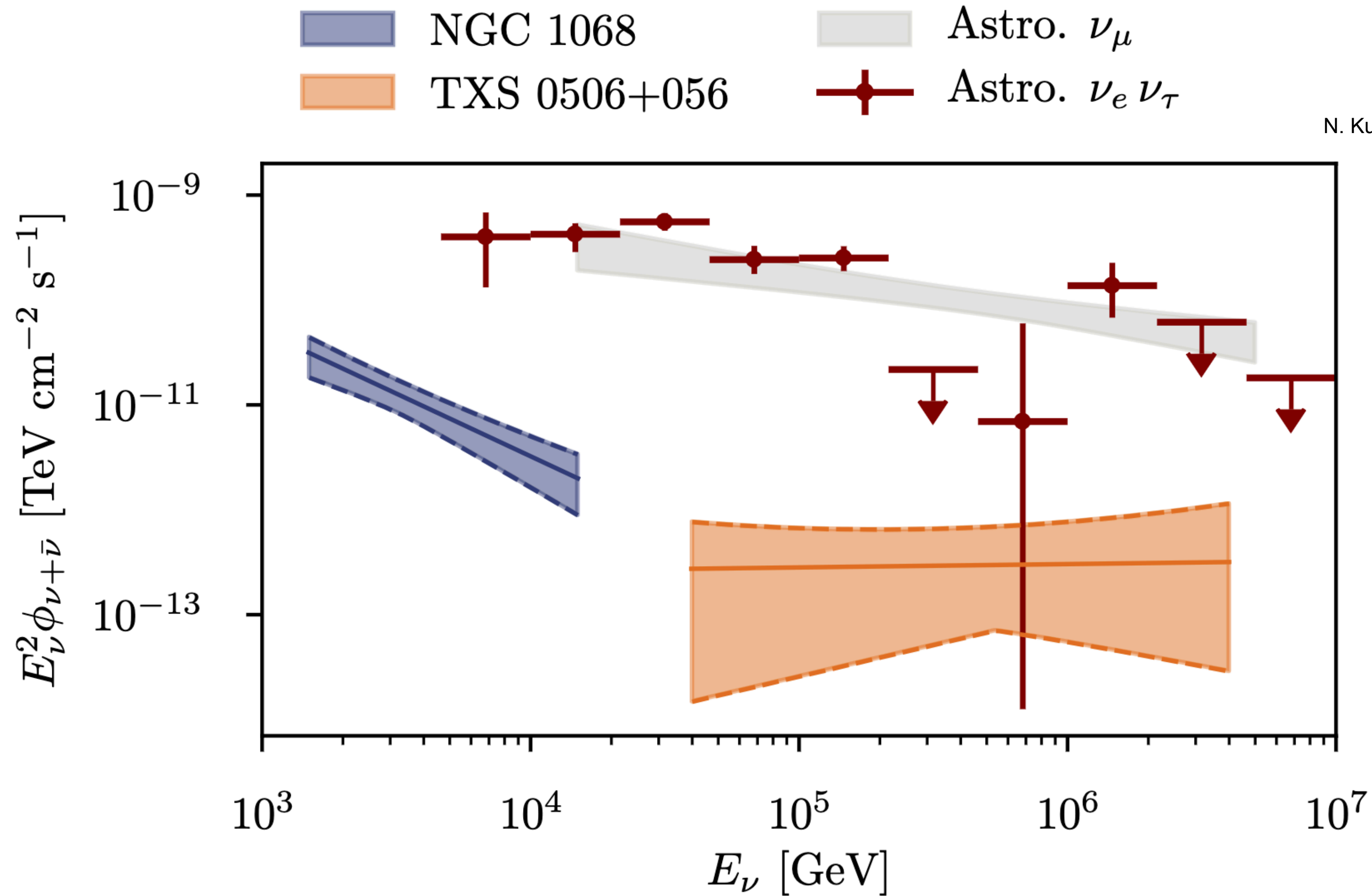
Outline for the rest of this talk

1. Neutrino astrophysics is multi-messenger astrophysics
2. Most significant observations in neutrino astrophysics
3. New opportunities for particle physics
- 4. Future detectors & new ideas**



Big Question: Where are these neutrinos coming from?

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IceCube Collaboration, Science, 2022
N. Kurahashi ICRC204 for the IceCube Collaboration



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Many Neutrino Telescopes On Our Way



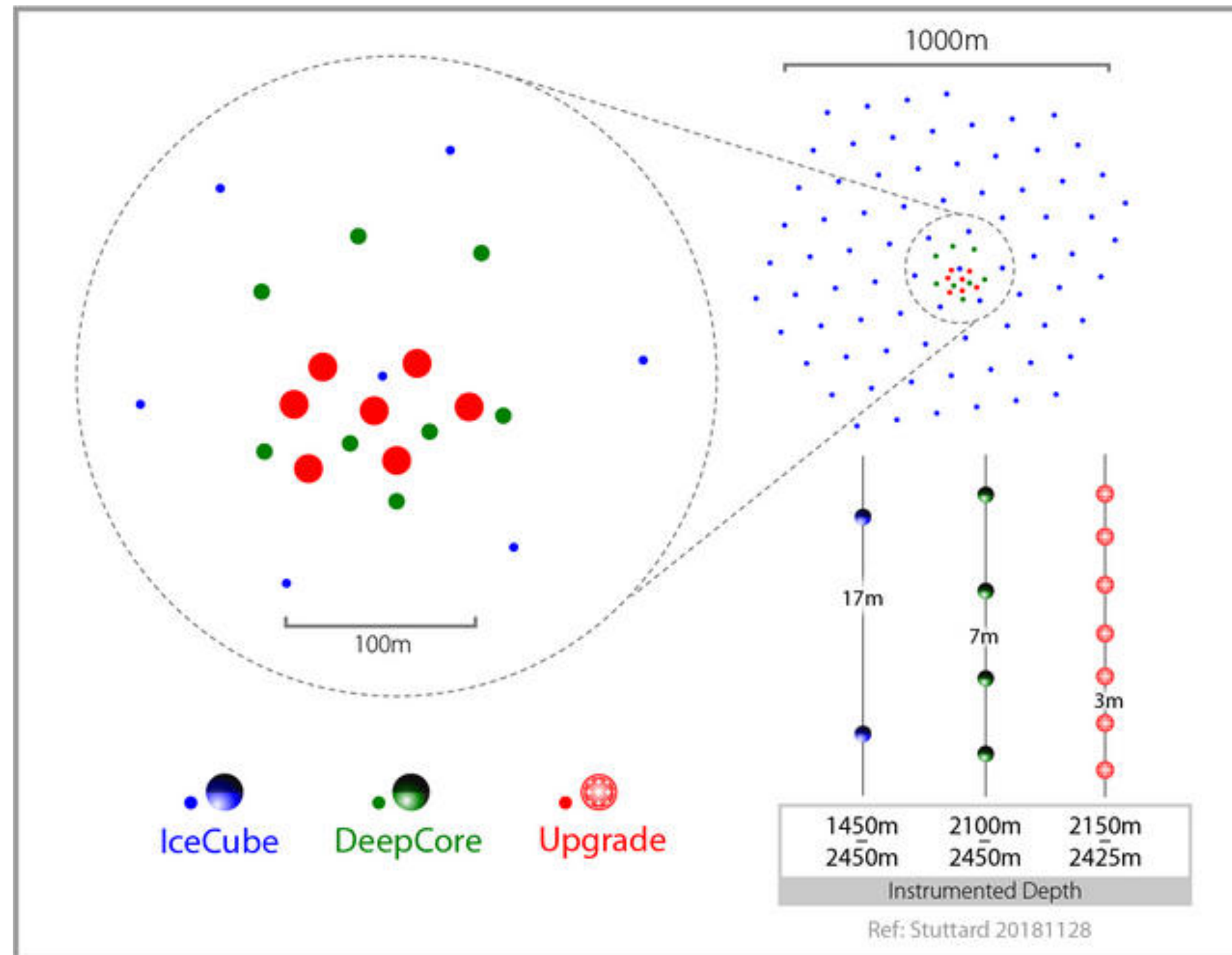
Non-exhaustive list

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IceCube is growing: The Upgrades

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Phase 1: 7 new, high-precision strings in the central, densely instrumented region. Funded, installation in 2025.

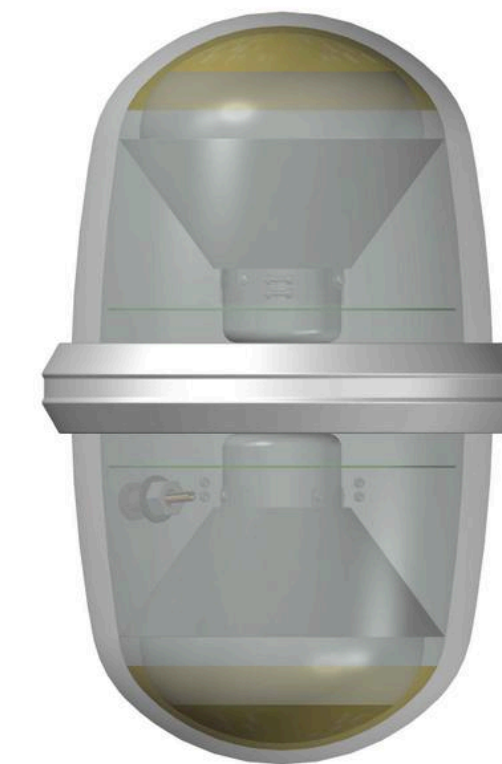
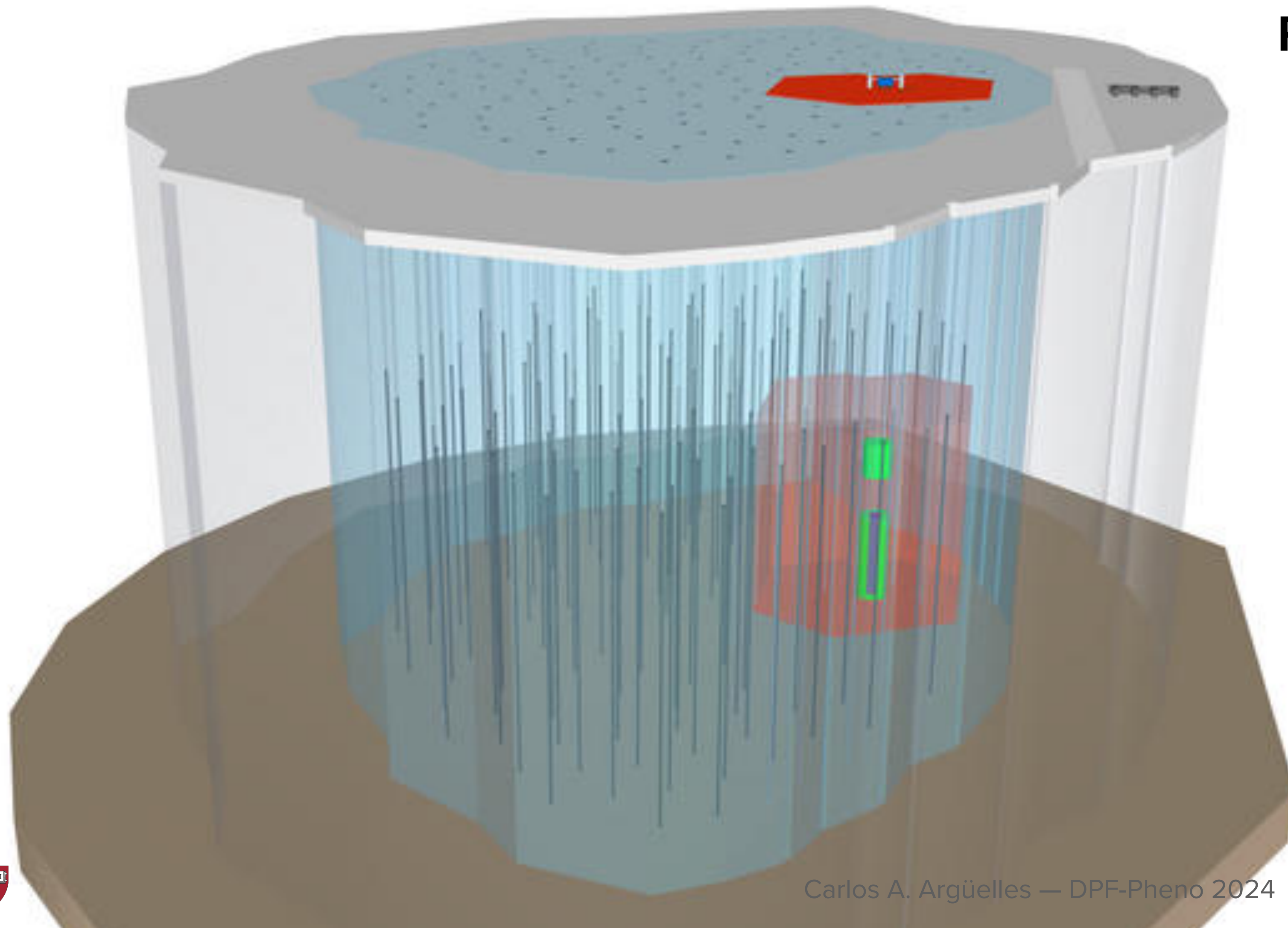


New detector technologies.
Better low energy reconstruction.
Improved flavor identification.

IceCube is growing: The Upgrades

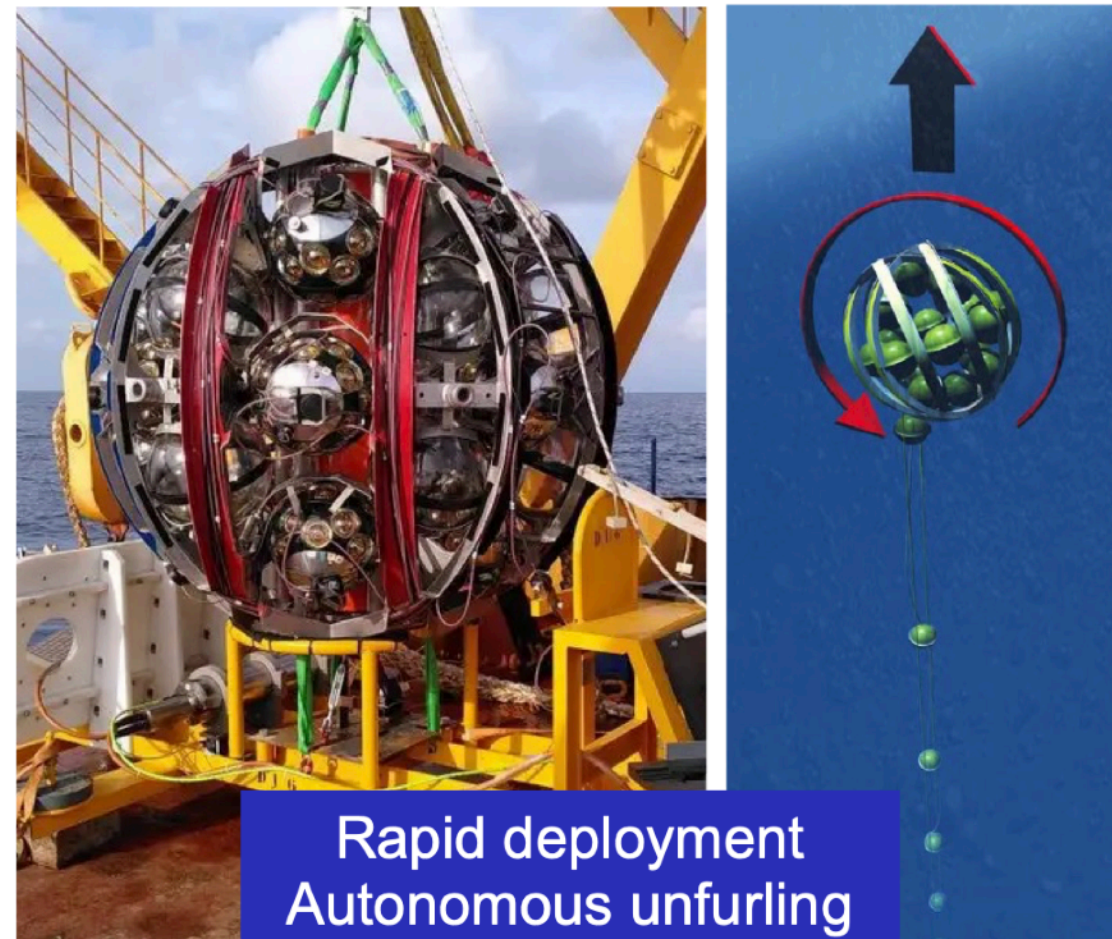
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Phase 2: x10 the volume of present IceCube, plus additional detectors.

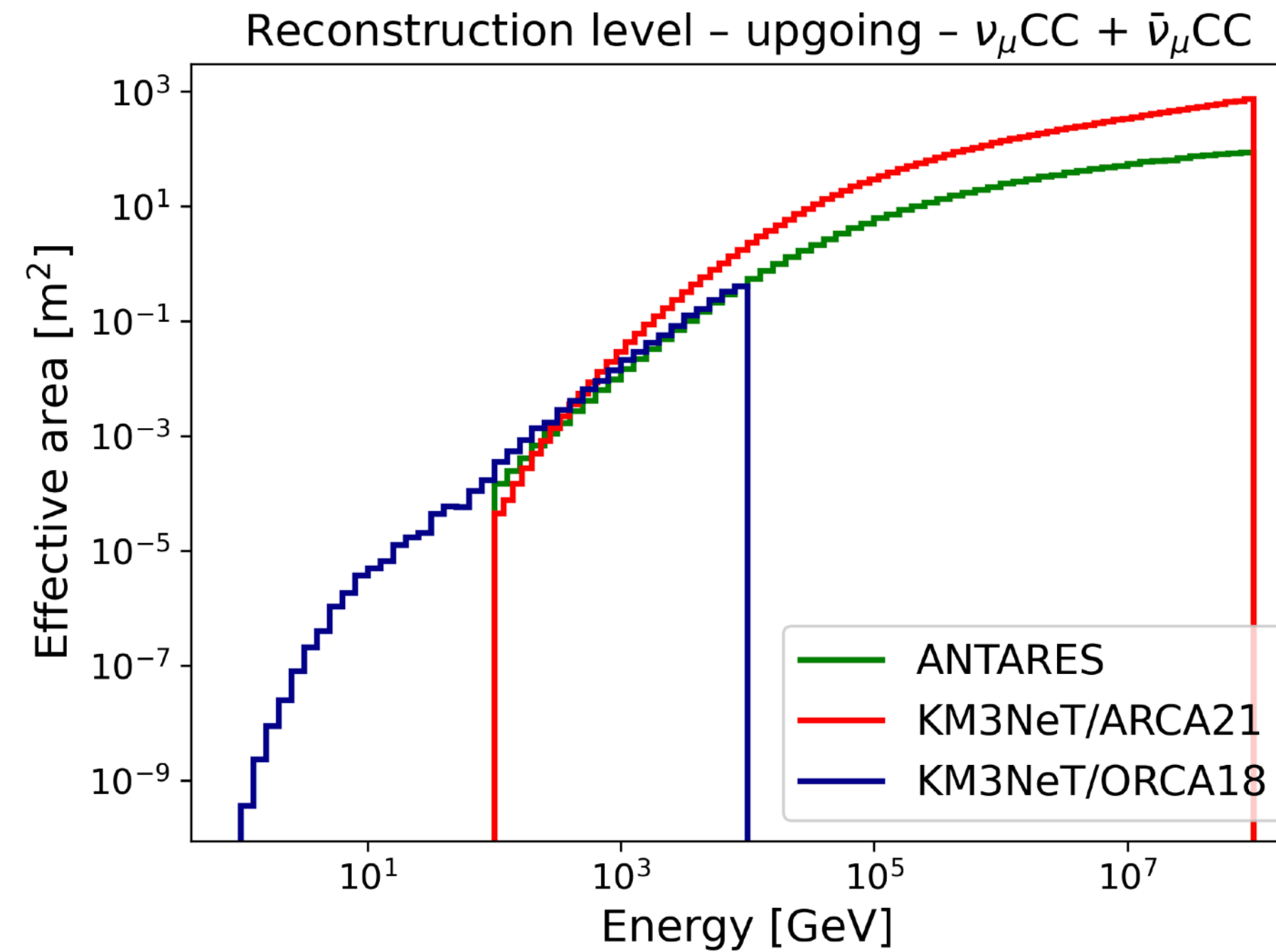


Next Neutrino Telescope: KM3NeT

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Rapid deployment
Autonomous unfurling
Recoverable



ARCA + 10 DUs by December
ORCA + 8 DUs by December

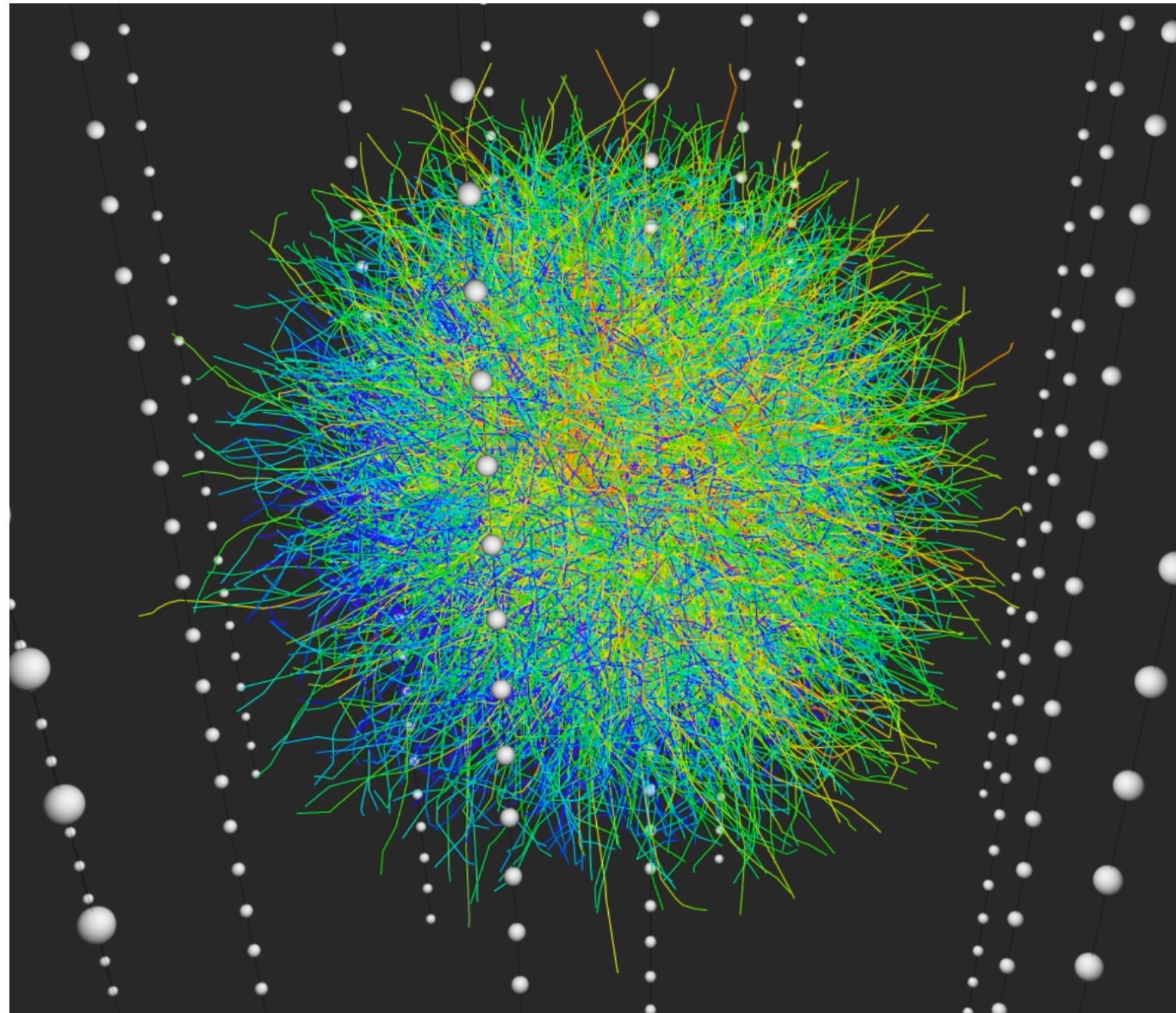


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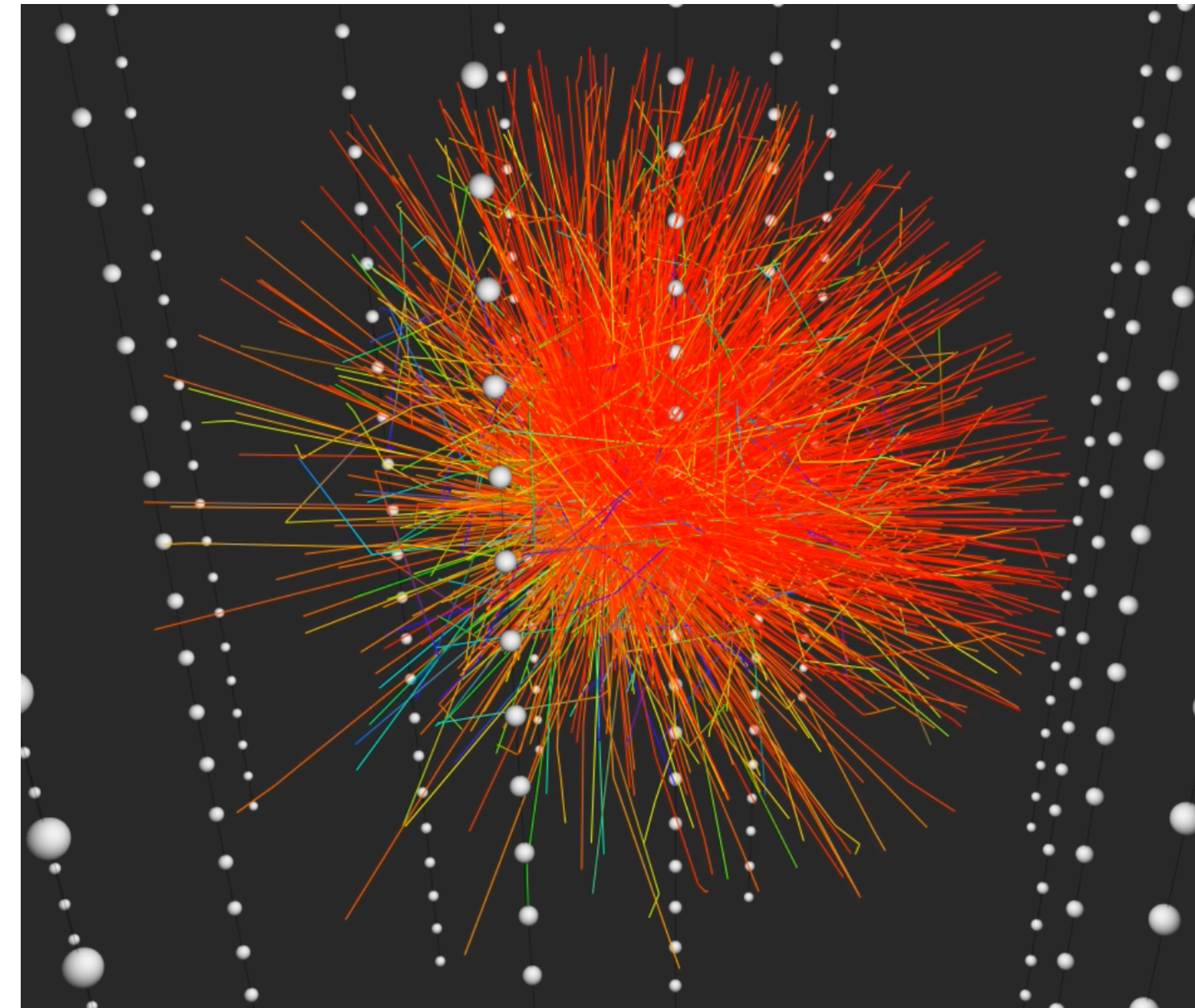
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Cascade in Water and Ice Compared

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10 TeV in ice



10 TeV in water

Water detectors are expected to have better particle identification capability.



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**All is that is very good, but ...
why we can't find the sources right now?**

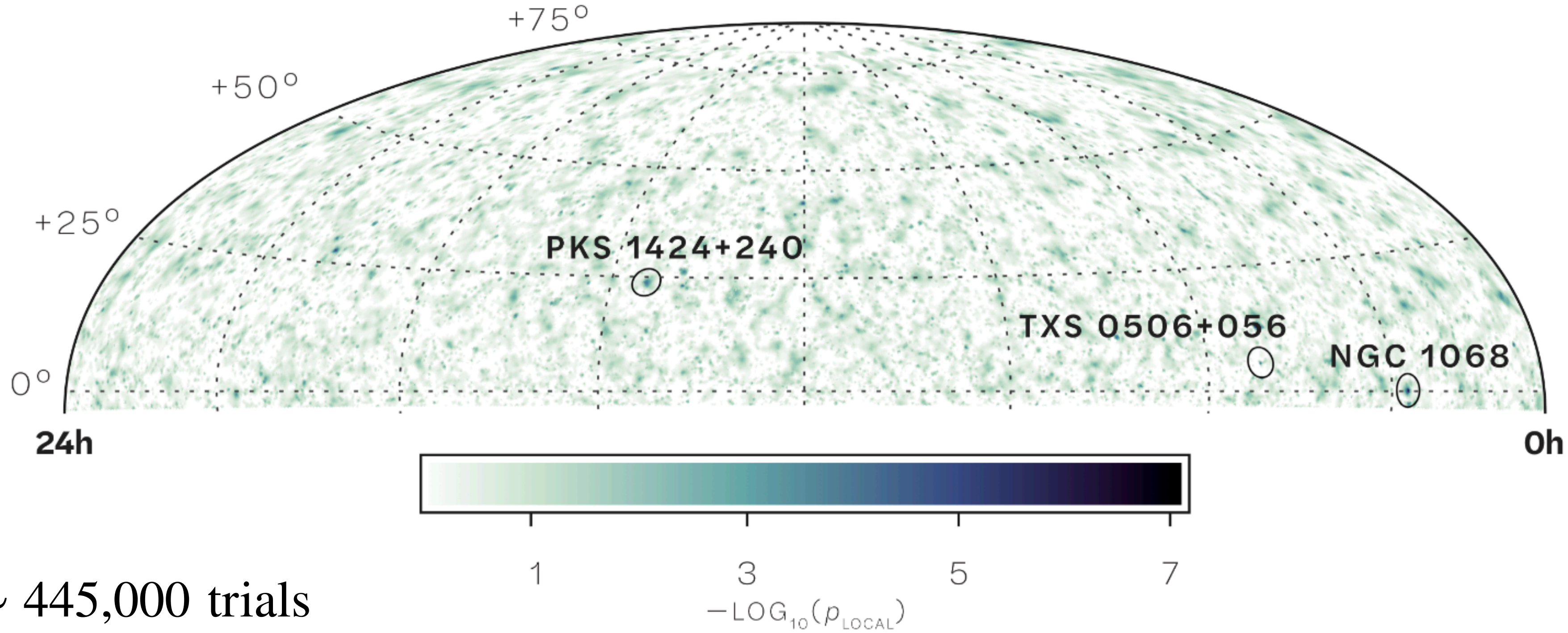


Why we can't find the sources right now?

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Trials and tribulations

Test type	Pre-trial p-value (p_{local})	Post-trial p-value (p_{global})
Northern Hemisphere scan	5.0×10^{-8} (5.3σ)	2.2×10^{-2} (2.0σ)



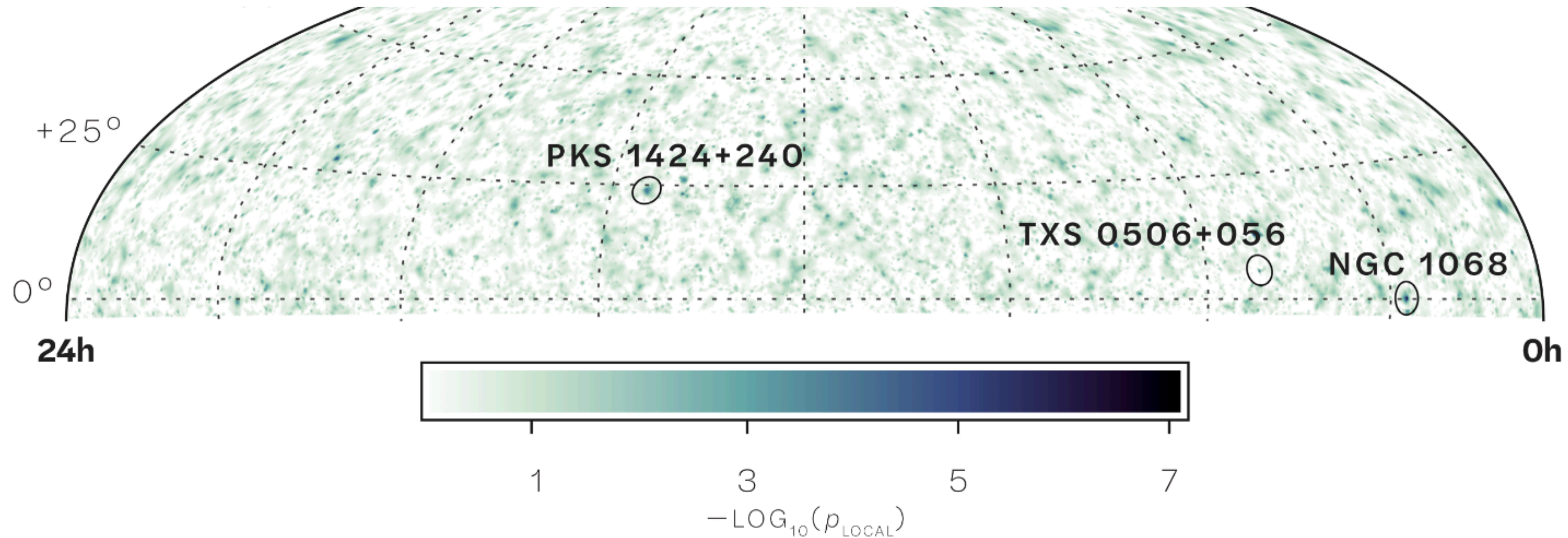
$\sim 445,000$ trials
 $\implies 19.8 \frac{\text{trials}}{\sigma^2}$

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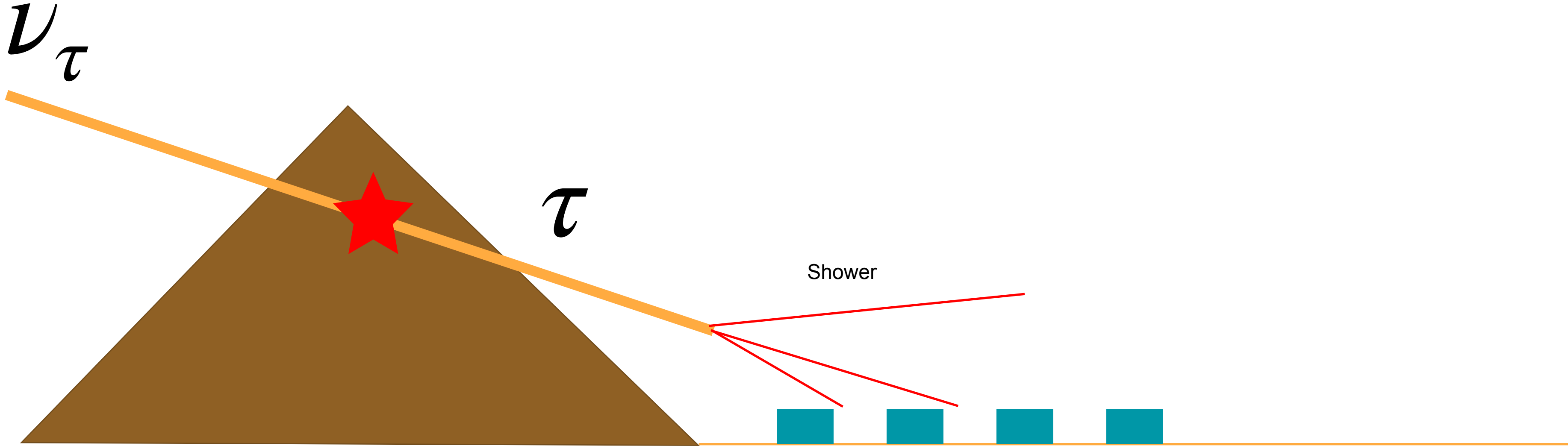
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List of candidate sources, single test	1.0×10^{-7} (5.2σ)	1.1×10^{-5} (4.2σ)
List of candidate sources, binomial test	4.6×10^{-6} (4.4σ)	3.4×10^{-4} (3.4σ)



If you know where to look, bright sources are currently detectable

Thinking about Earth-skimming neutrino detectors

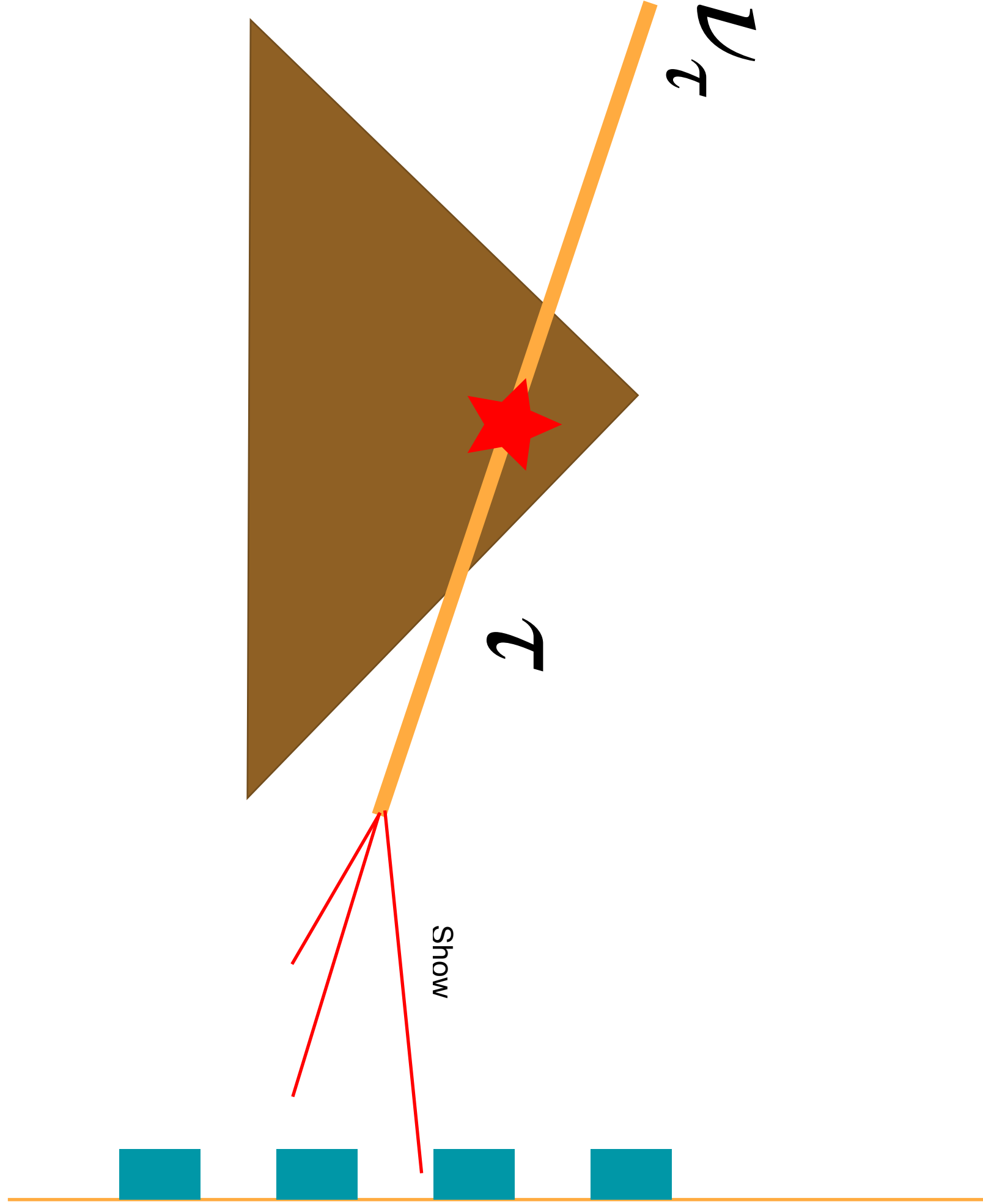
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The geometry here is key for the acceptance of neutrino detection

Thinking about Earth-skimming neutrino detectors

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The geometry here is key for the acceptance of neutrino detection
This would be a more ideal scenario, but can't put mountain over detector



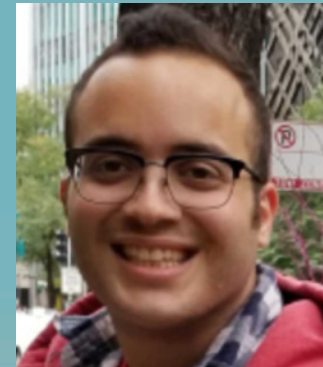
Pavel Zhelnin

William Thomson

Diya Delgado

Jeffrey Lazar

Ibrahim Safa



And many others ...

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AIR SHOWER:

3 - 10 KM LENGTH
200 M DIAMETER

DECAY

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RANGE:
50 M - 5 KM

ROCK

> 4 KM SHIELDING FROM
BACKGROUND MUONS

ν_τ

CHARGED-CURRENT
INTERACTION

~100 M
SEPARATION

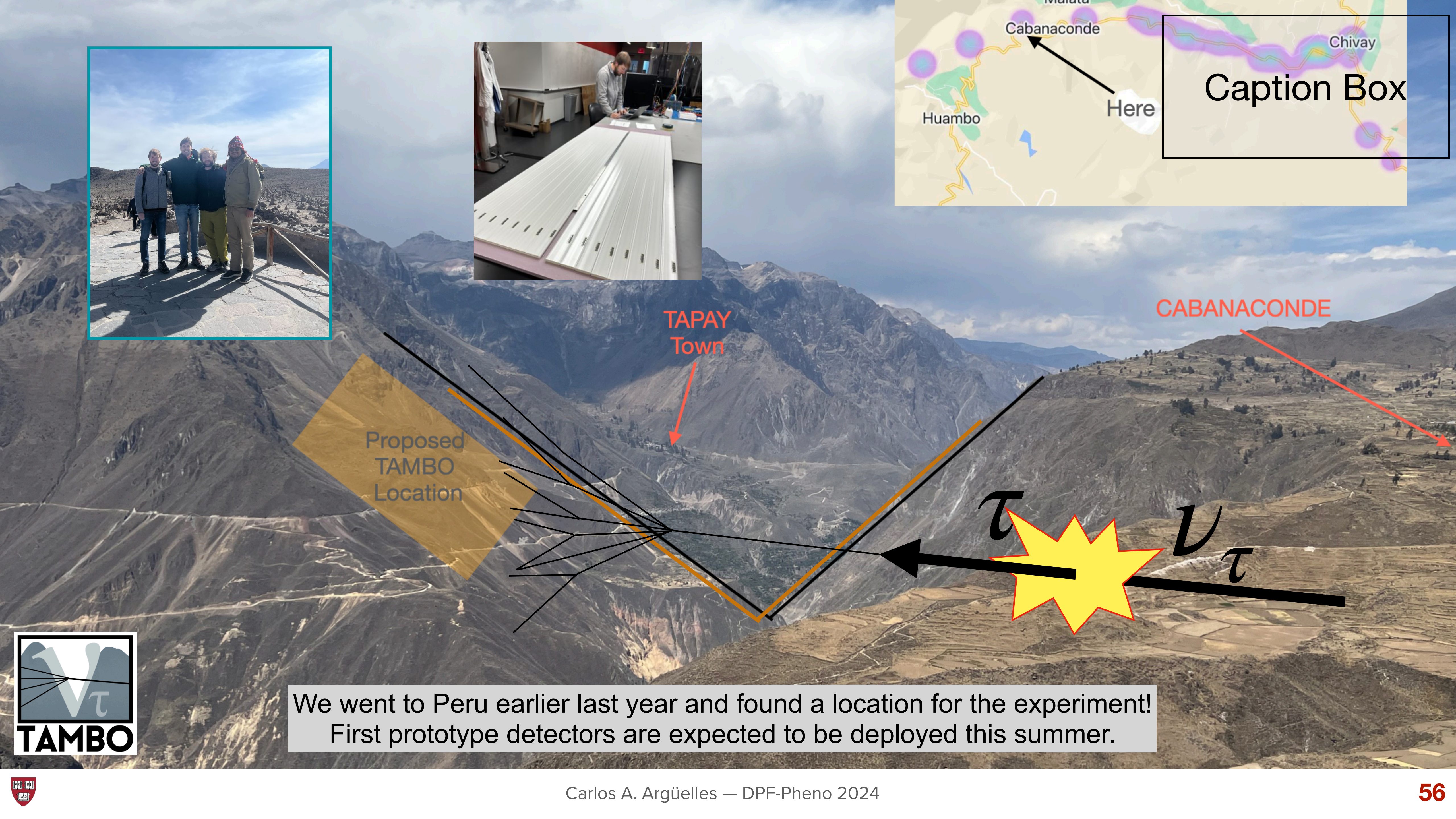
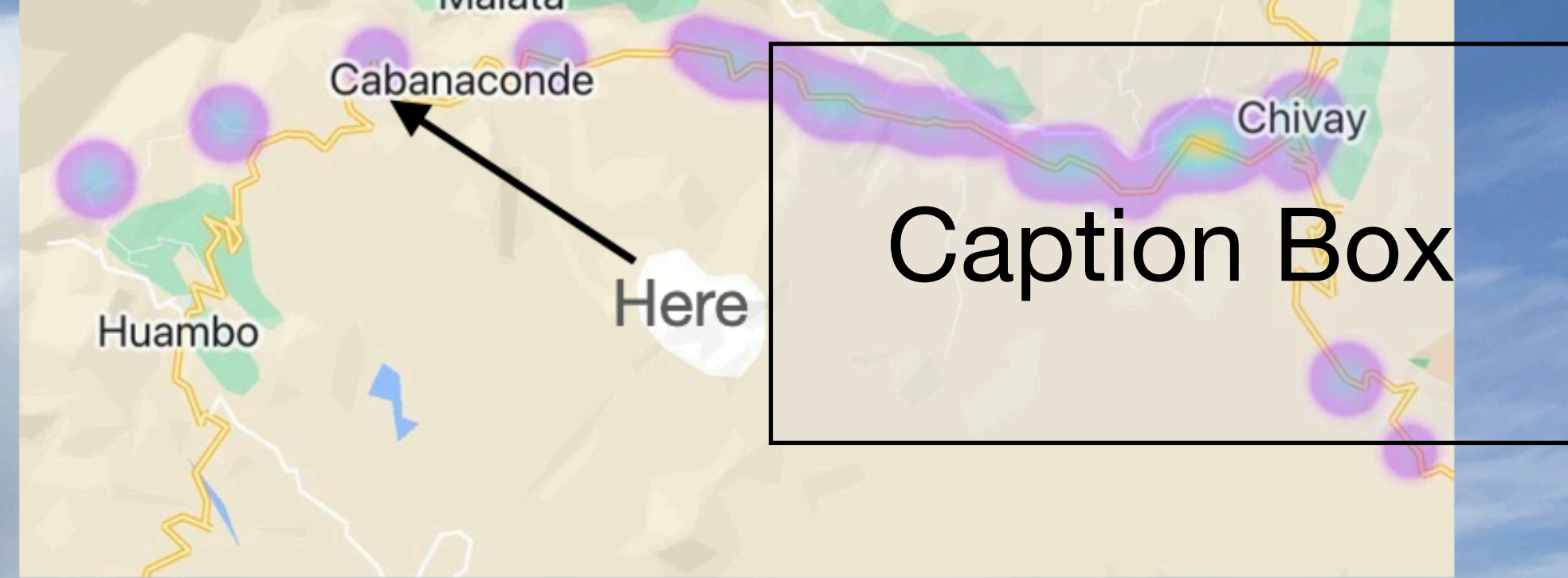
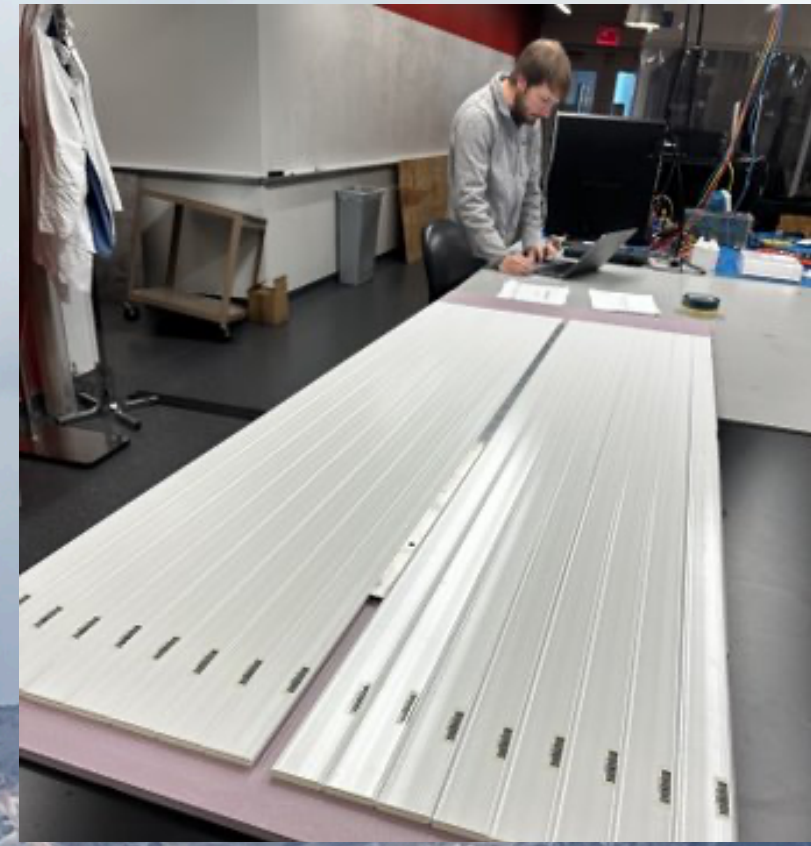
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DETECTOR ARRAY

~M³ EACH

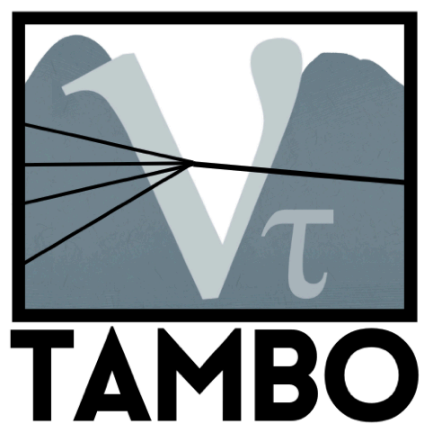
DEEP VALLEY



TAU AIR-SHOWER MOUNTAIN-BASED OBSERVATORY (TAMBO) • COLCA VALLEY, PERU



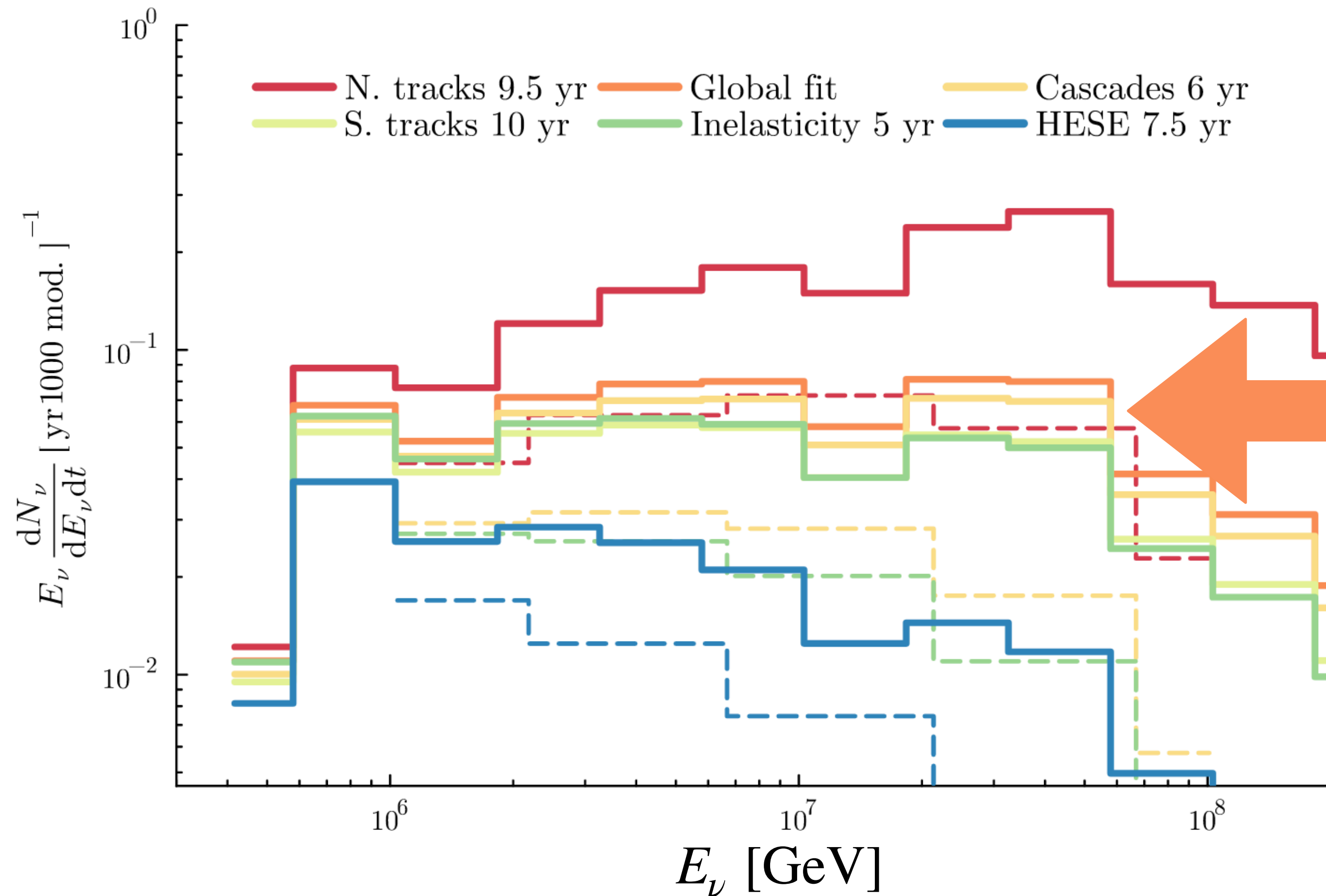
We went to Peru earlier last year and found a location for the experiment!
First prototype detectors are expected to be deployed this summer.



Expected rates at TAMBO given unknown-origin IceCube flux

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J. Lazar, P. Zhelnin, W. Thompson for the TAMBO Collaboration (2024, to arXiv)



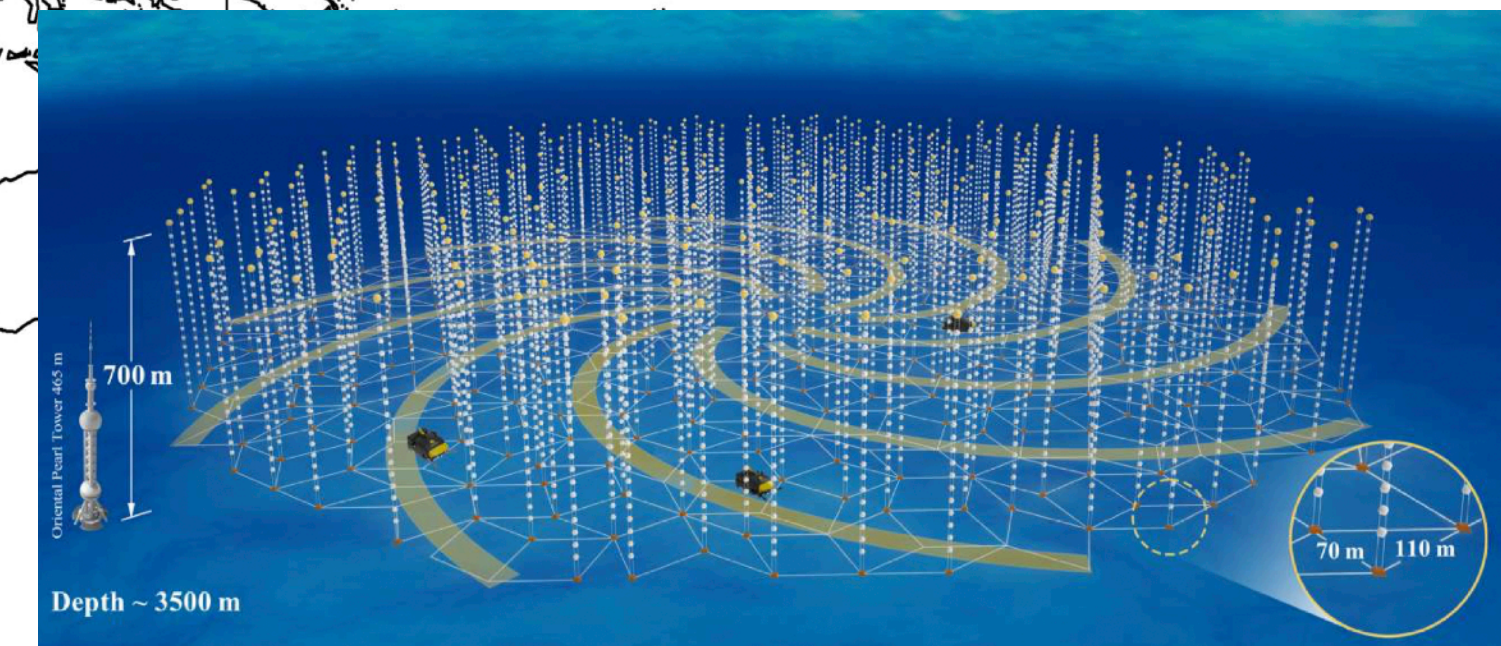
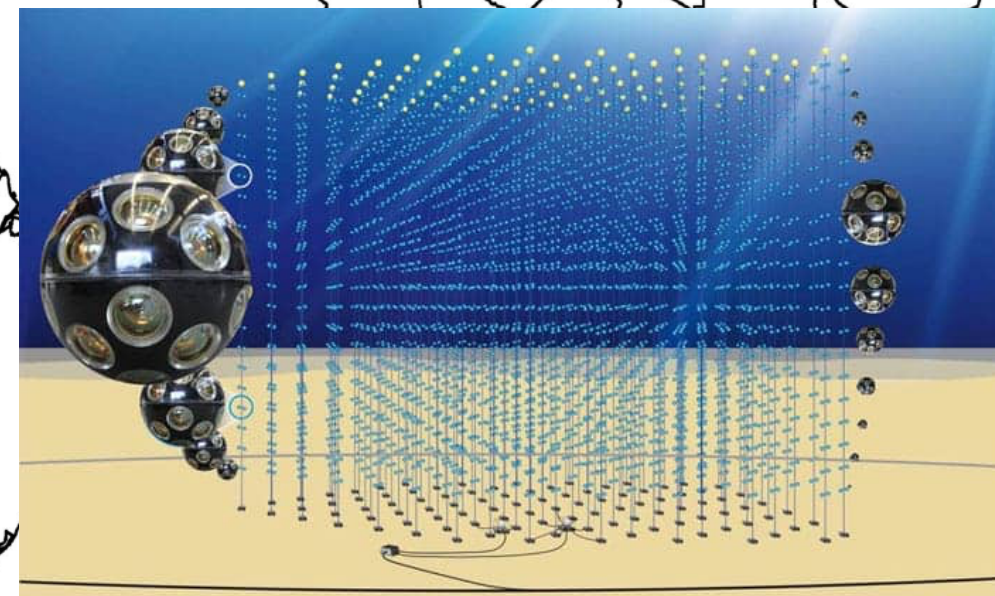
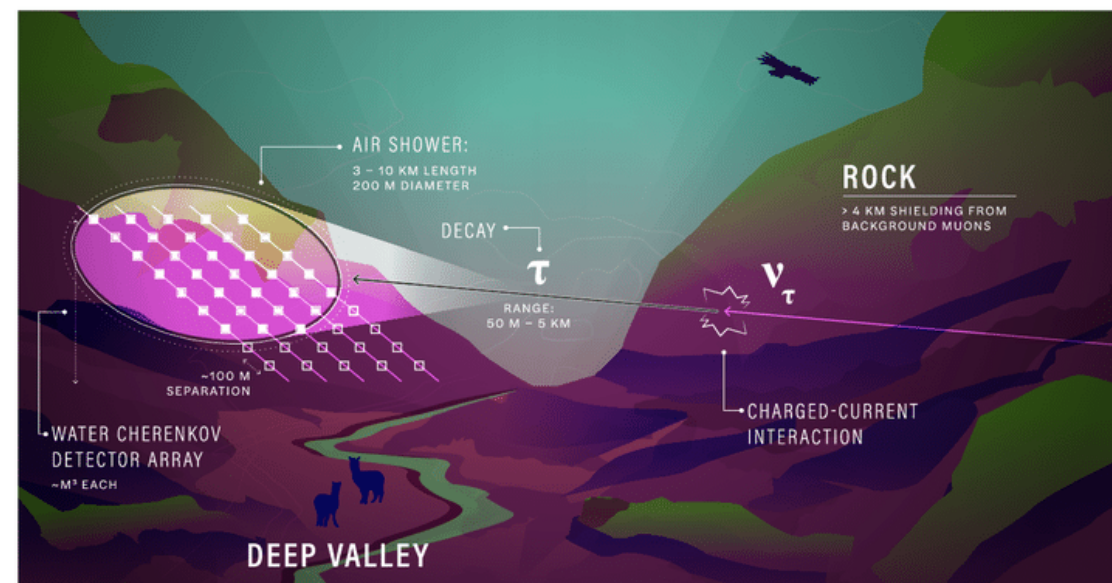
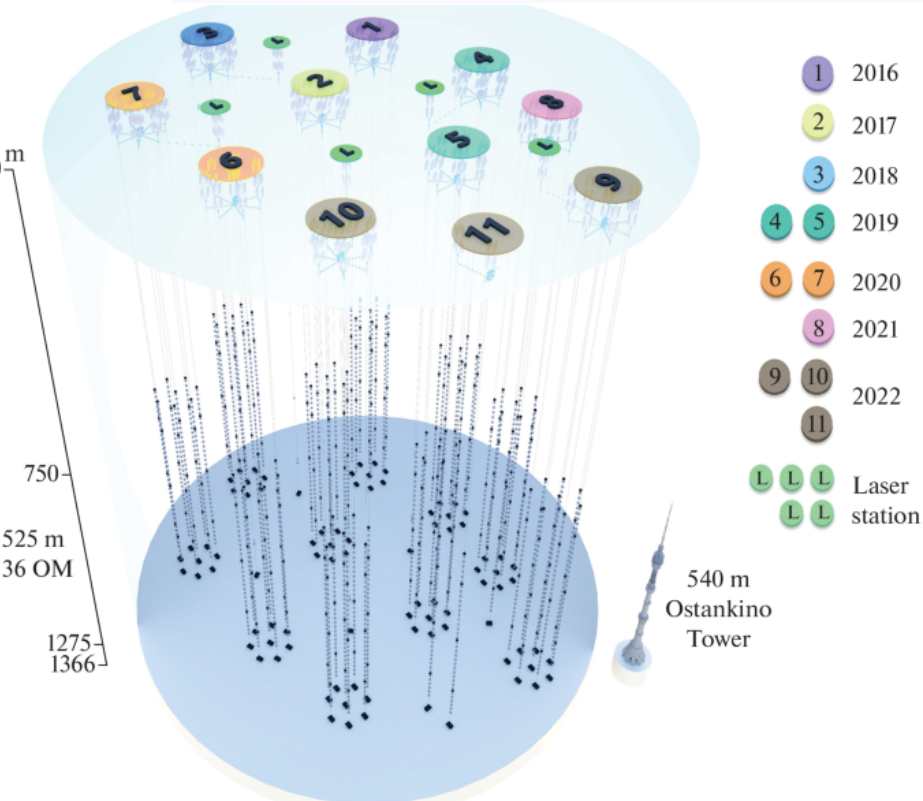
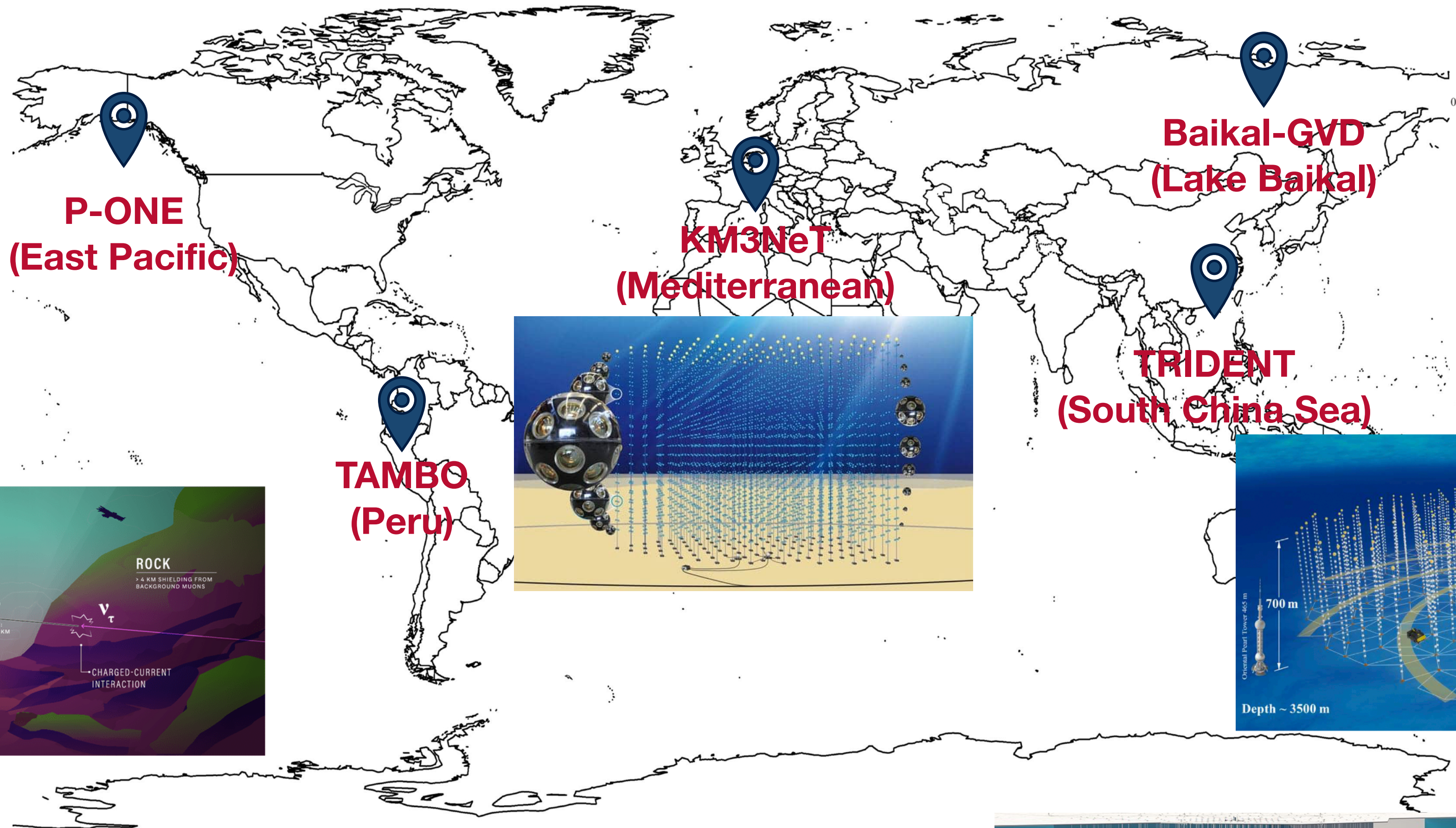
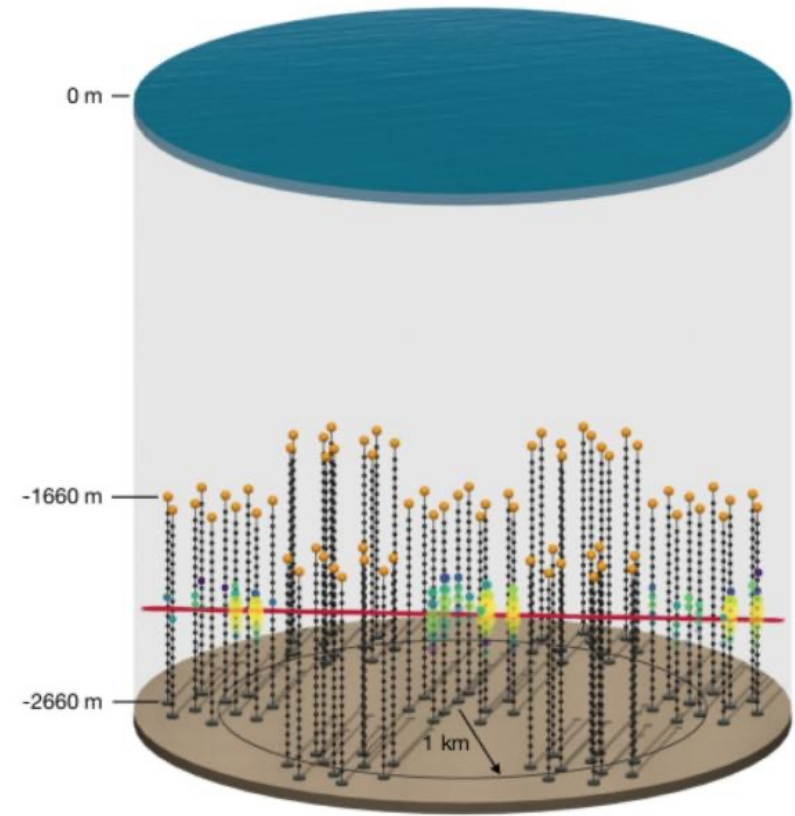
Most likely event rate
given IceCube
measurements

For 5000 sensors we expect a couple of events every year.
Few events, but every event points to a source:
no trial factor in a IceCube/KM3NeT follow up

Towards a *Joint Global Neutrino Telescope*

(Diagram courtesy of Qinrui Liu)

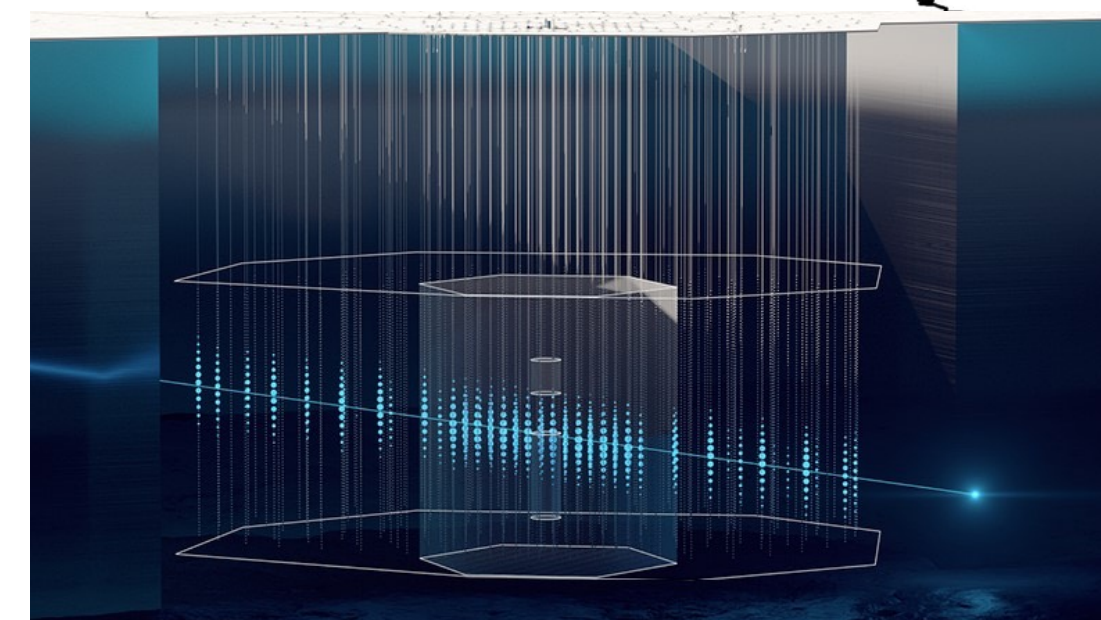
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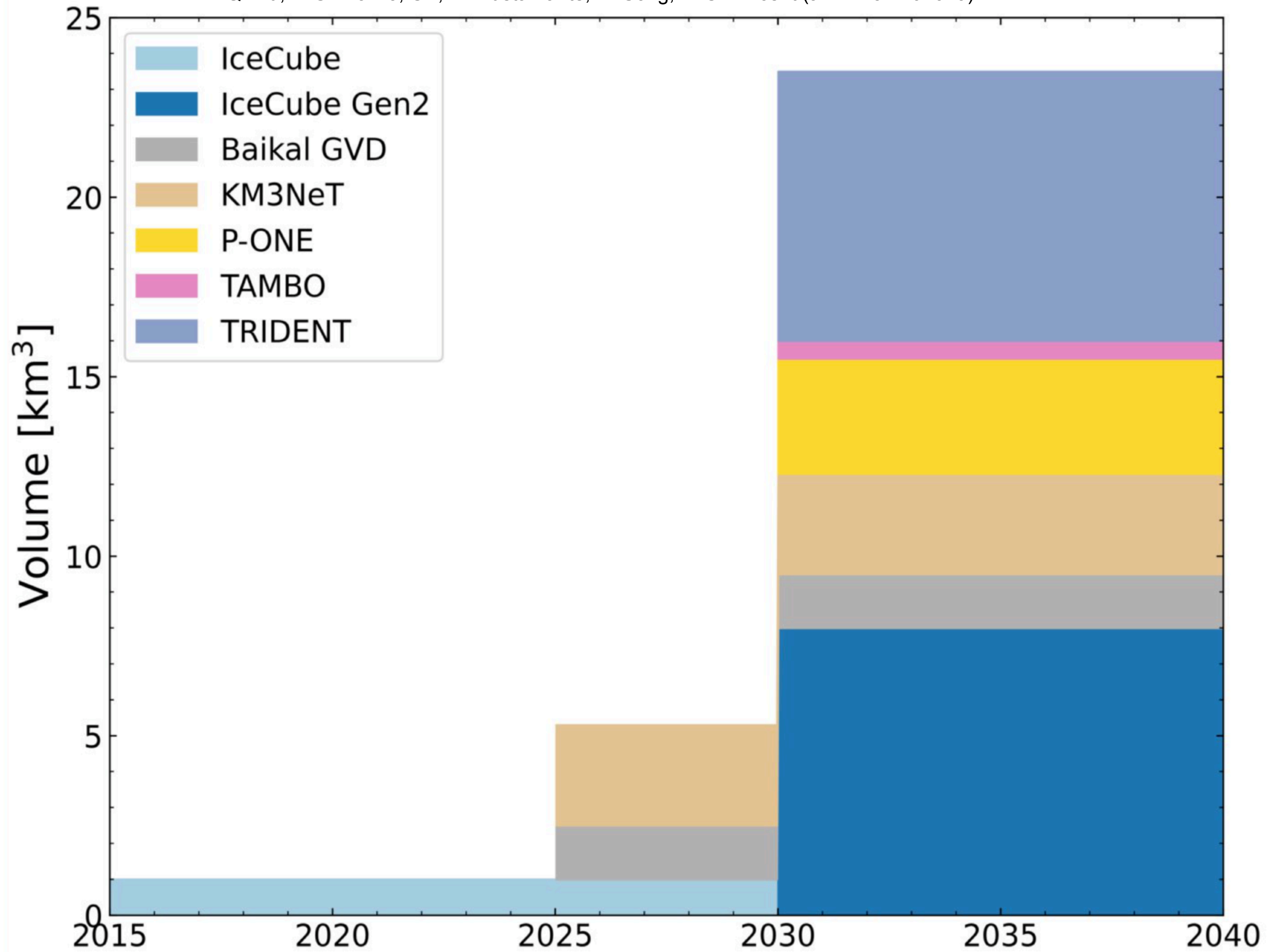


Many neutrino telescopes on similar energy ranges and with complementary capabilities under construction/planning



IceCube-Gen2 (South Pole)





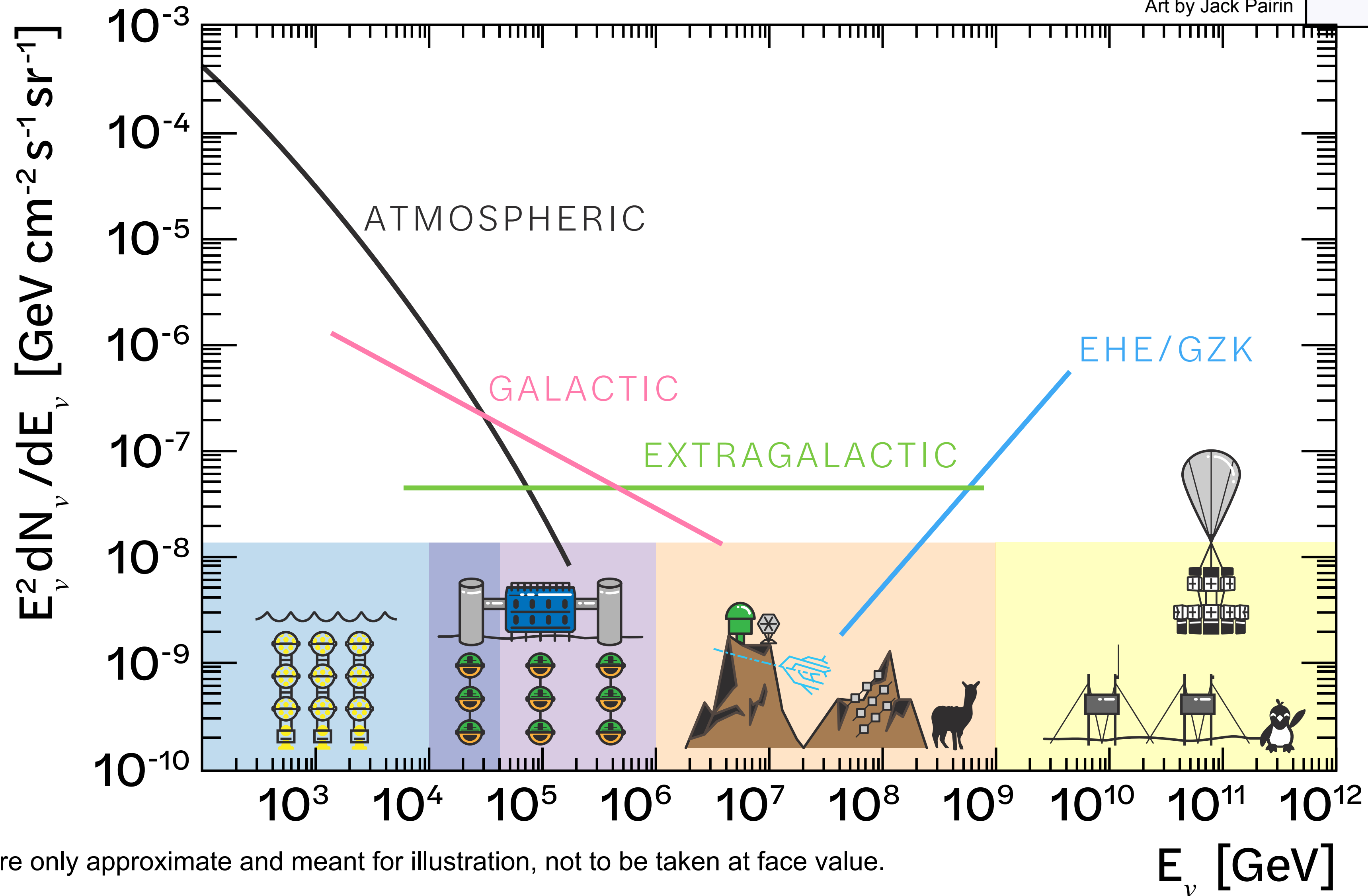
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**Neutrino astronomy has started with first high-significance sources.
Exponentially growing field expected.**

Specialized Neutrino Telescopes

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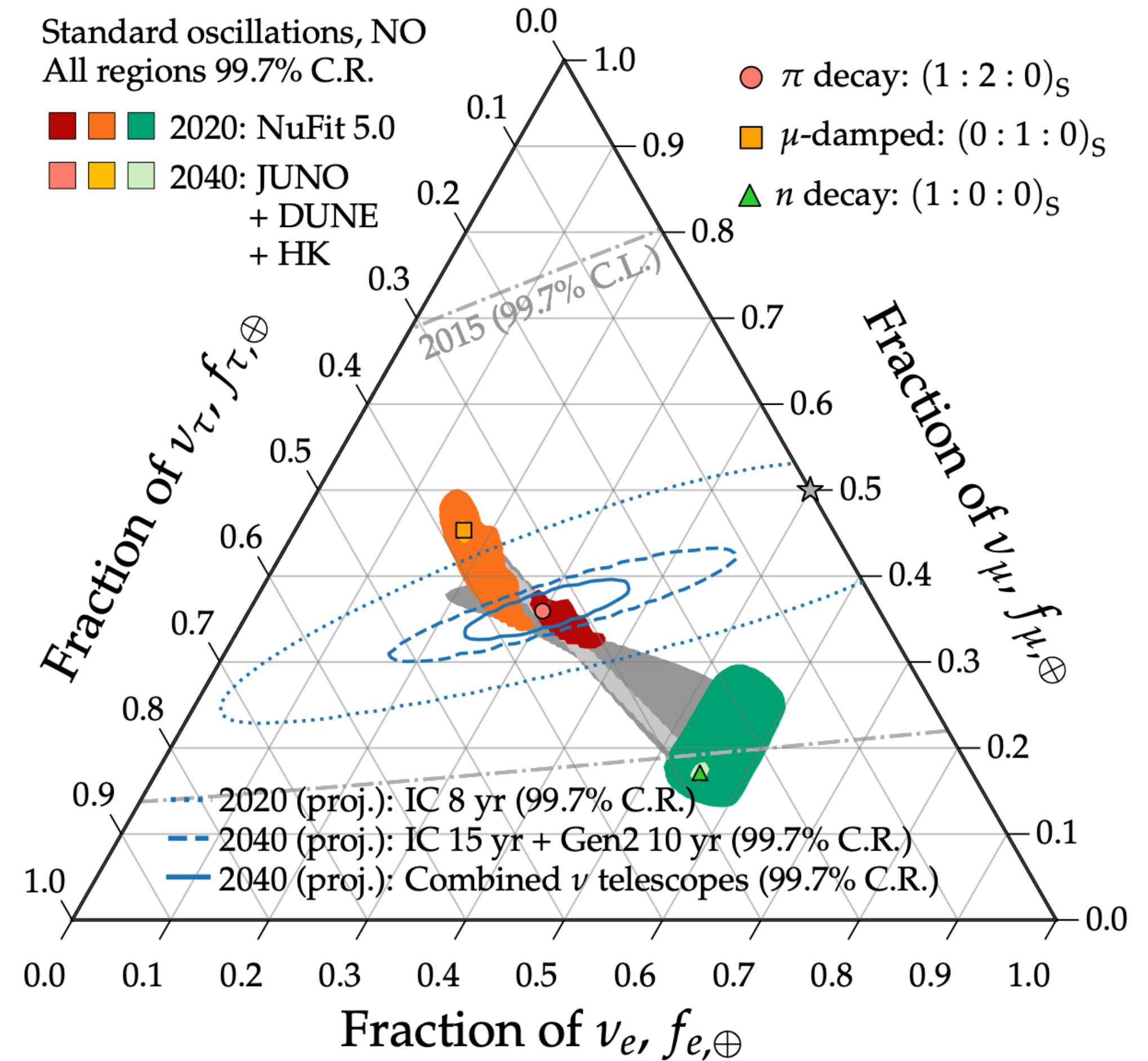
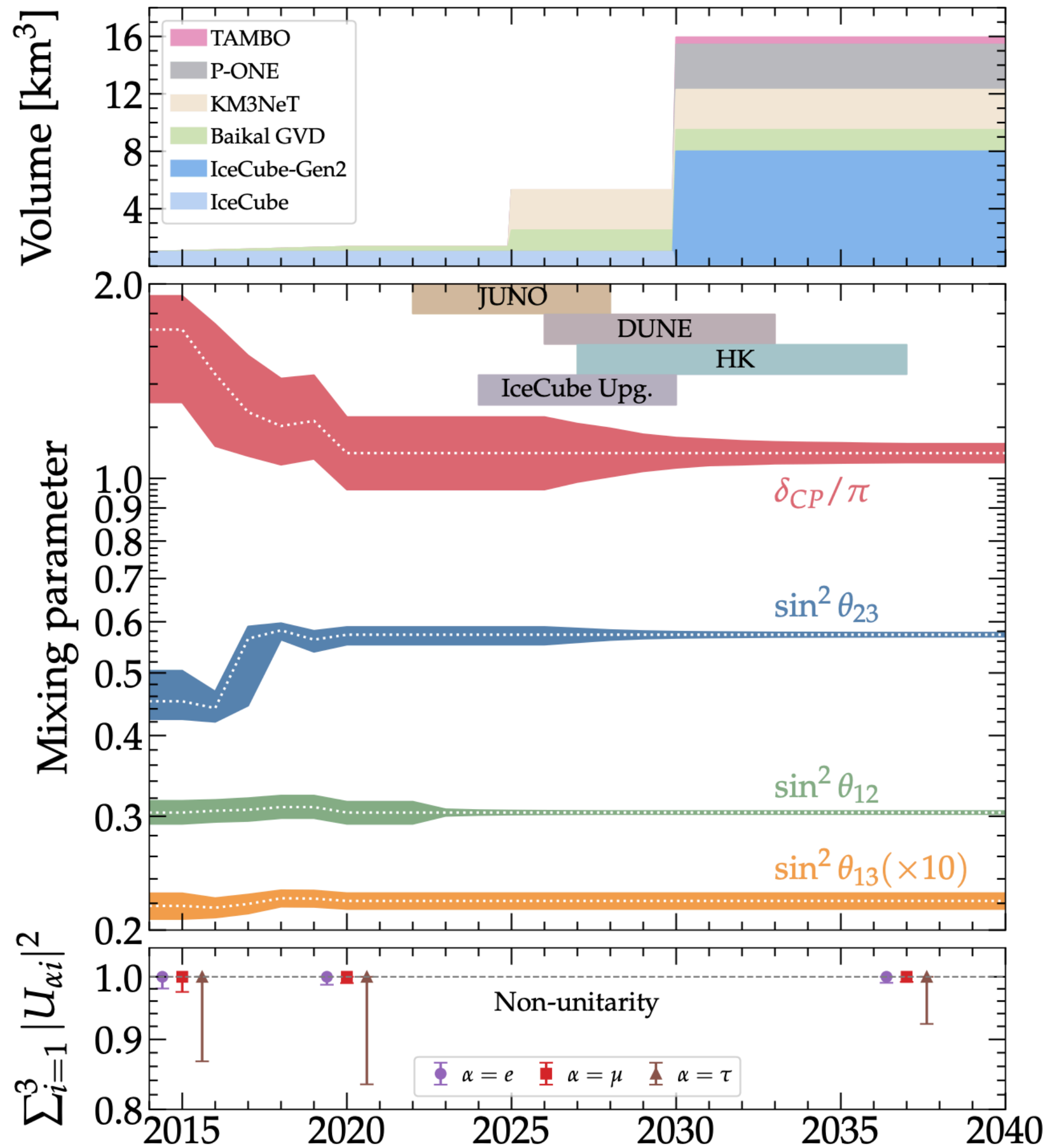
Argüelles, Kurahashi, and Halzen (2024, to arXiv)
Art by Jack Pairin



*Energy ranges here are only approximate and meant for illustration, not to be taken at face value.

The Power of Collaboration: Flavor measurements

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N. Song, S. Li, CA, M. Bustamante, A. Vincent (arXiv:2012.12893)

Conclusion

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We live in exciting times for particle astrophysics

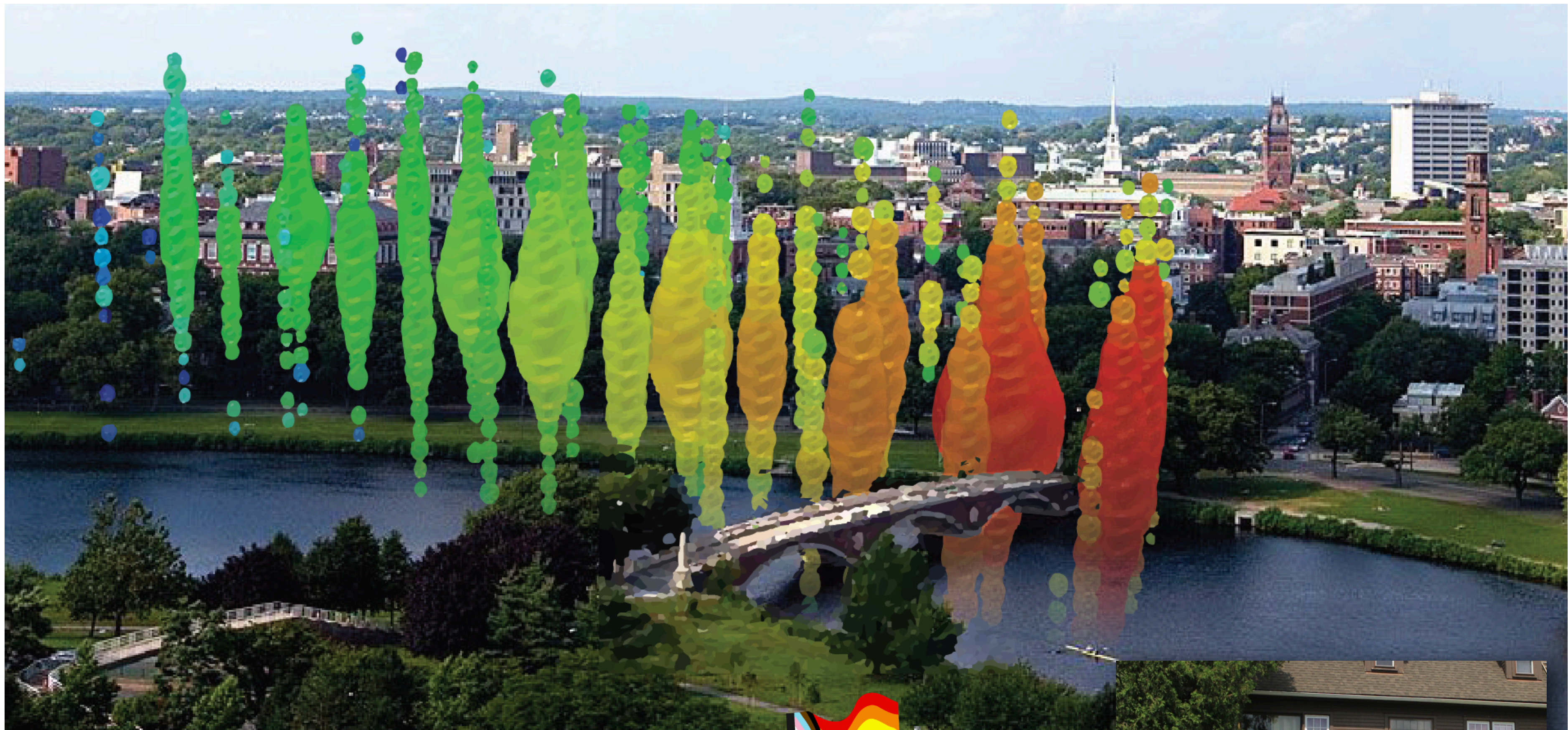
- First astrophysical neutrino sources are appearing.
- IceCube is able to observe neutrinos from all flavors.
- Neutrino interferometry is a powerful tool to measure tiny effects.

We also have great opportunities for the future

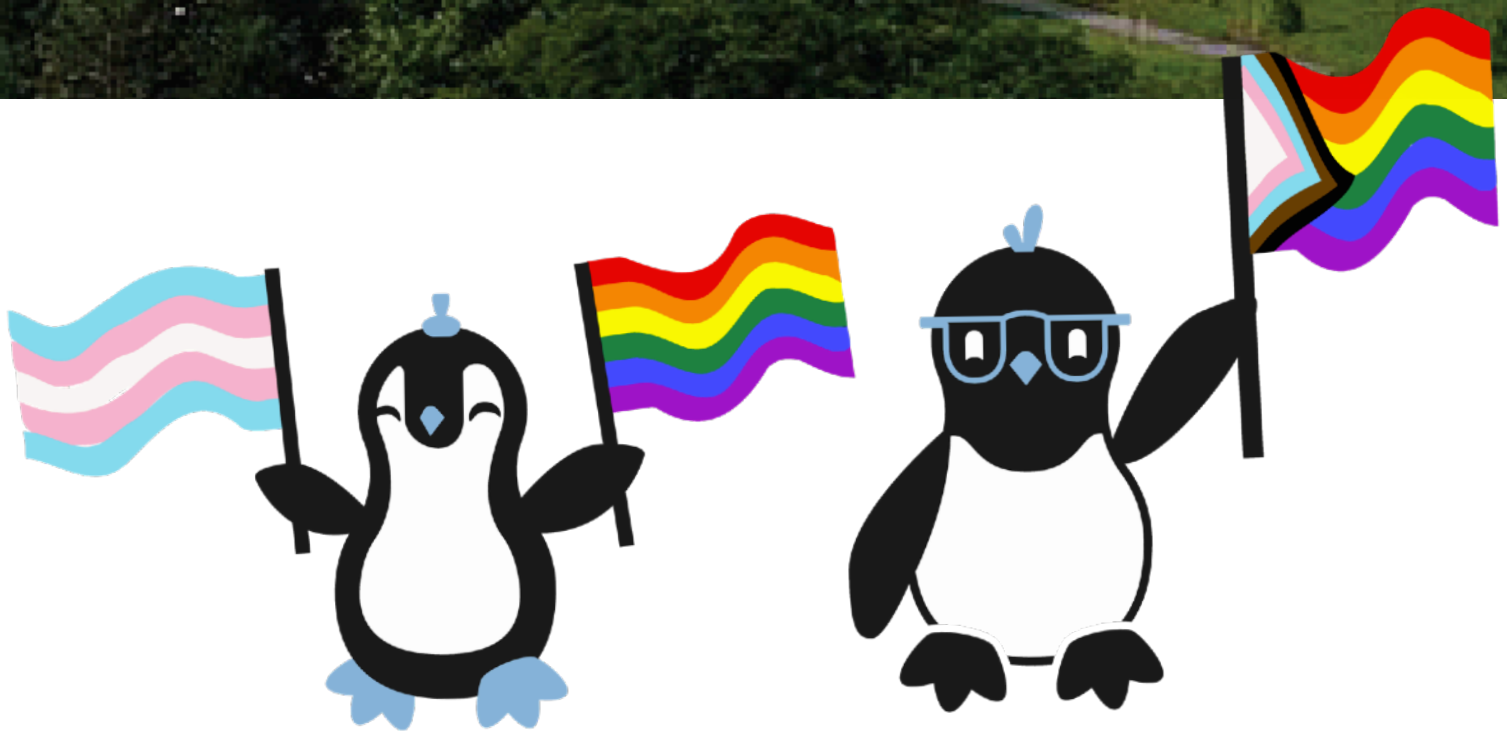
- With IceCube we have a rich data set for continuing searches
- With the Upgrade we will have great new precision
- More neutrino telescopes: more data!
- Diversified neutrino telescope portfolio opens new opportunities for discovery



May your physics be
BSM!



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Thanks!

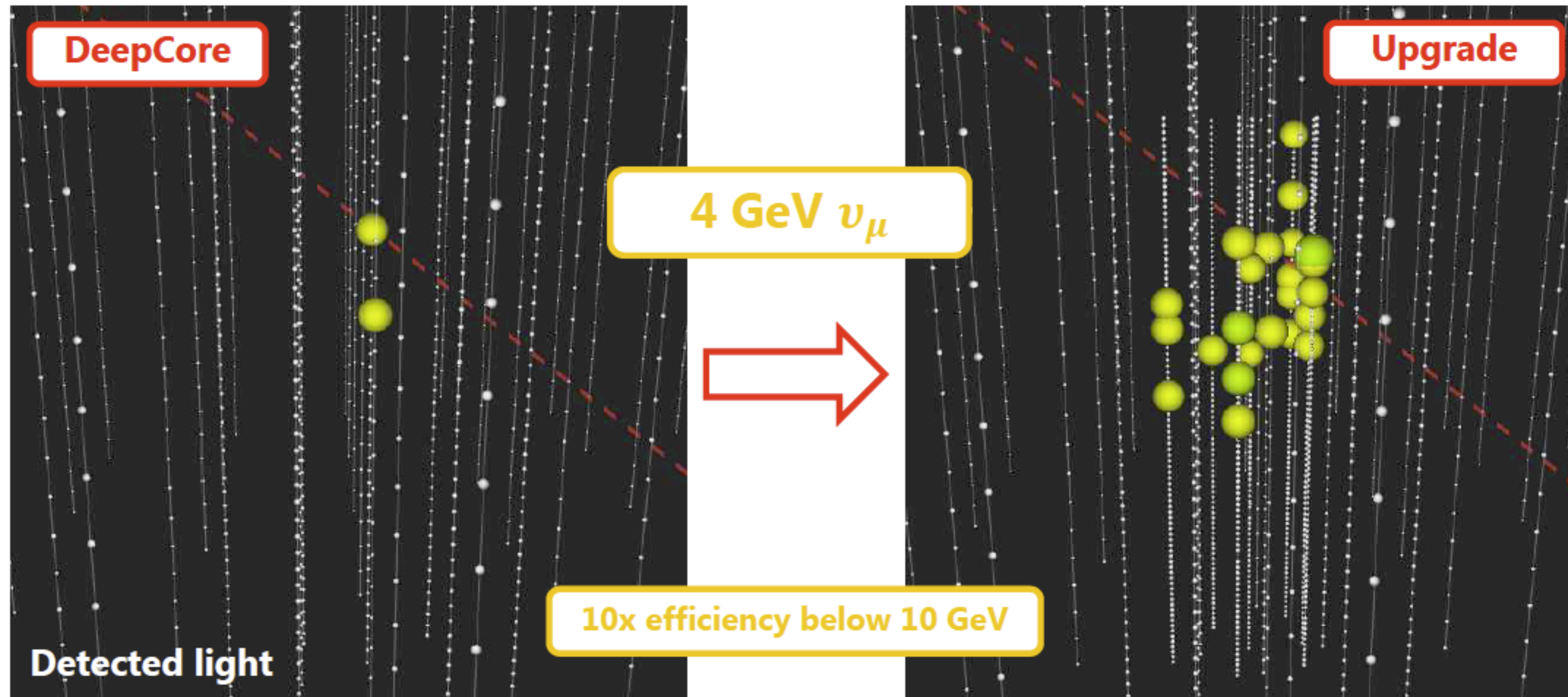


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Improved light-collection for low-energy events

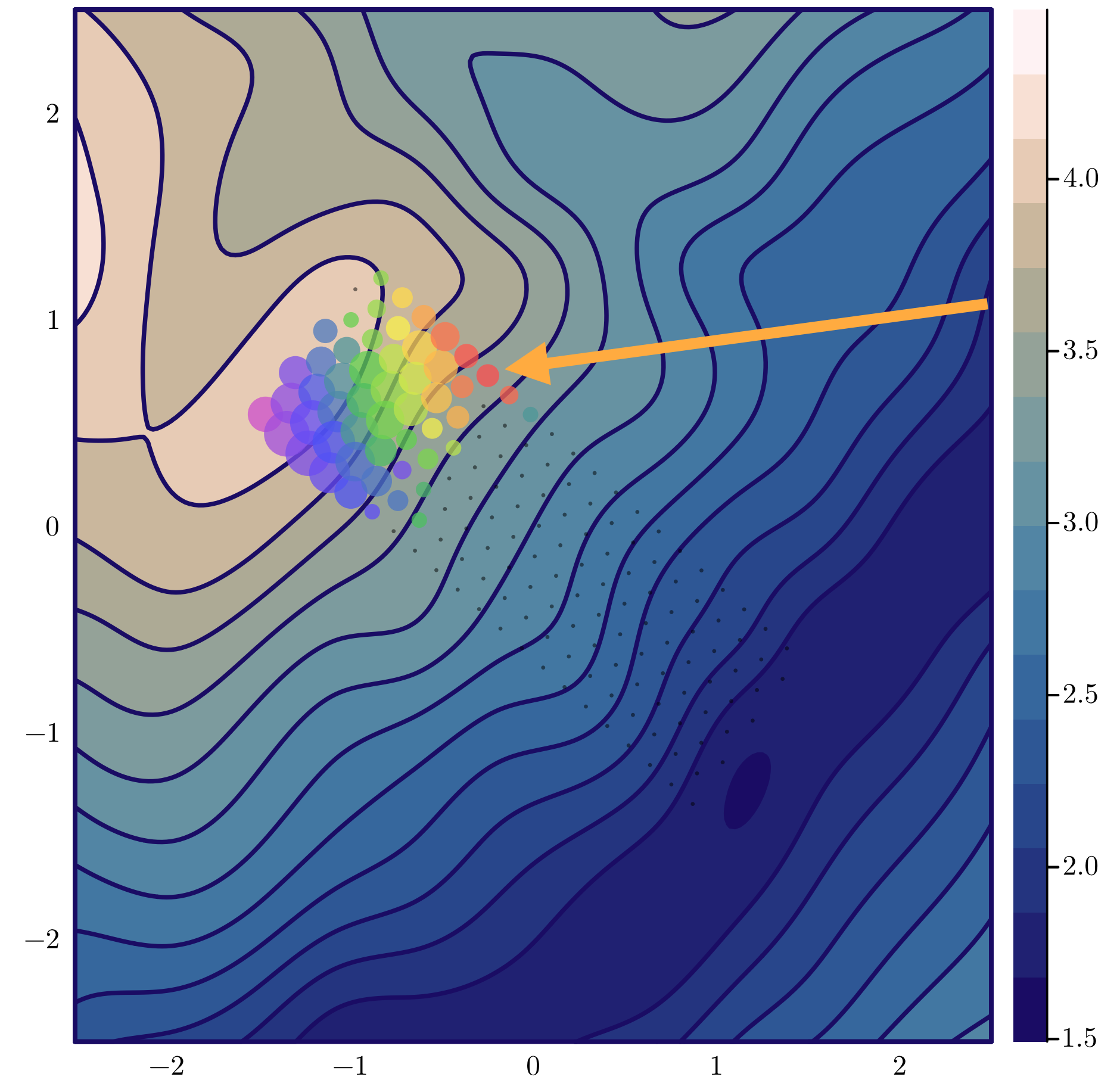
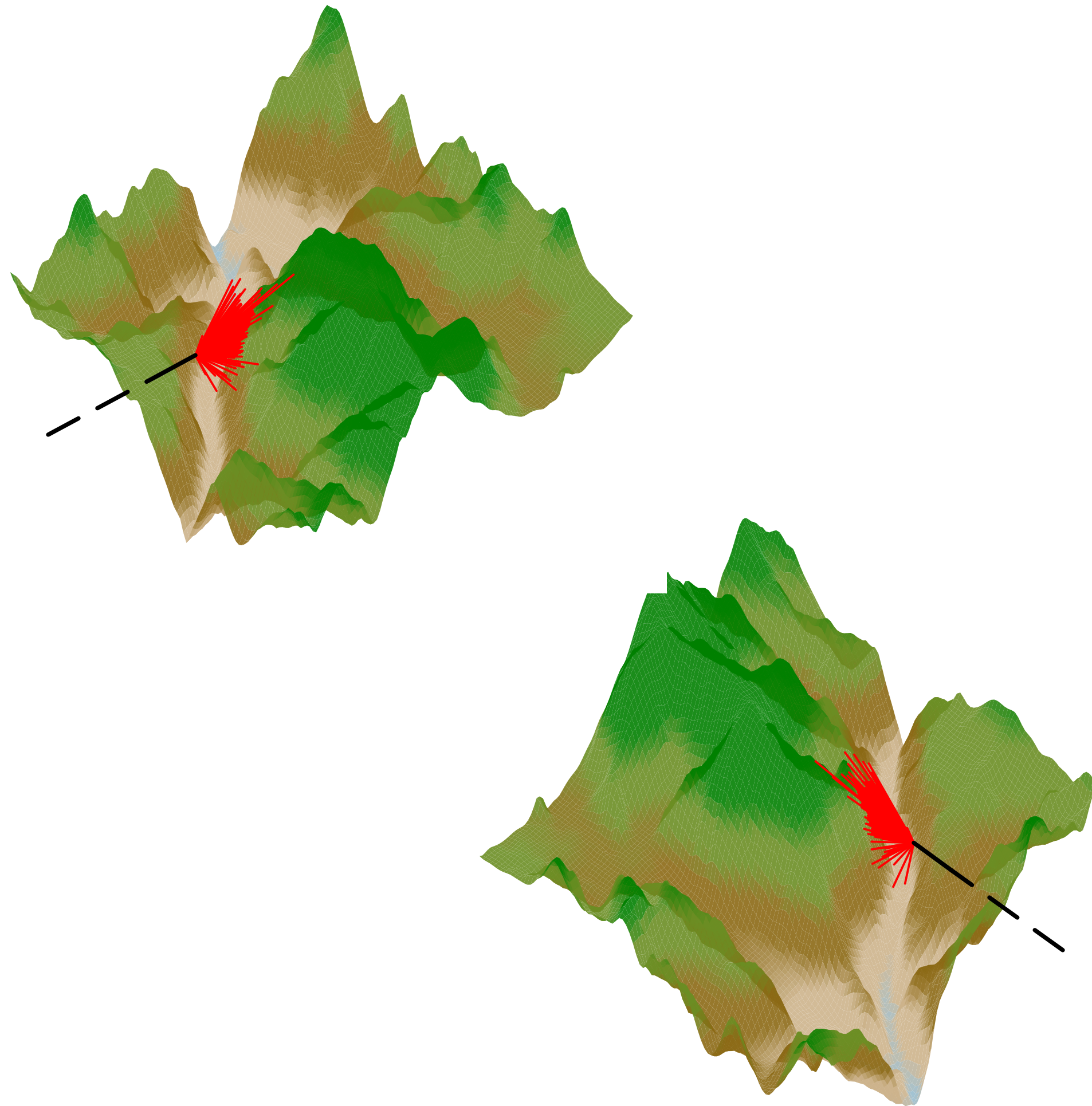
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*DeepCore (shown on the left) is the current low-energy extension of IceCube

How would these events look like?

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Figures possible by the amazing simulation work done by Jeff Lazar, Pavel Zhelnin, and William Thompson