

Neutrinos as Messengers

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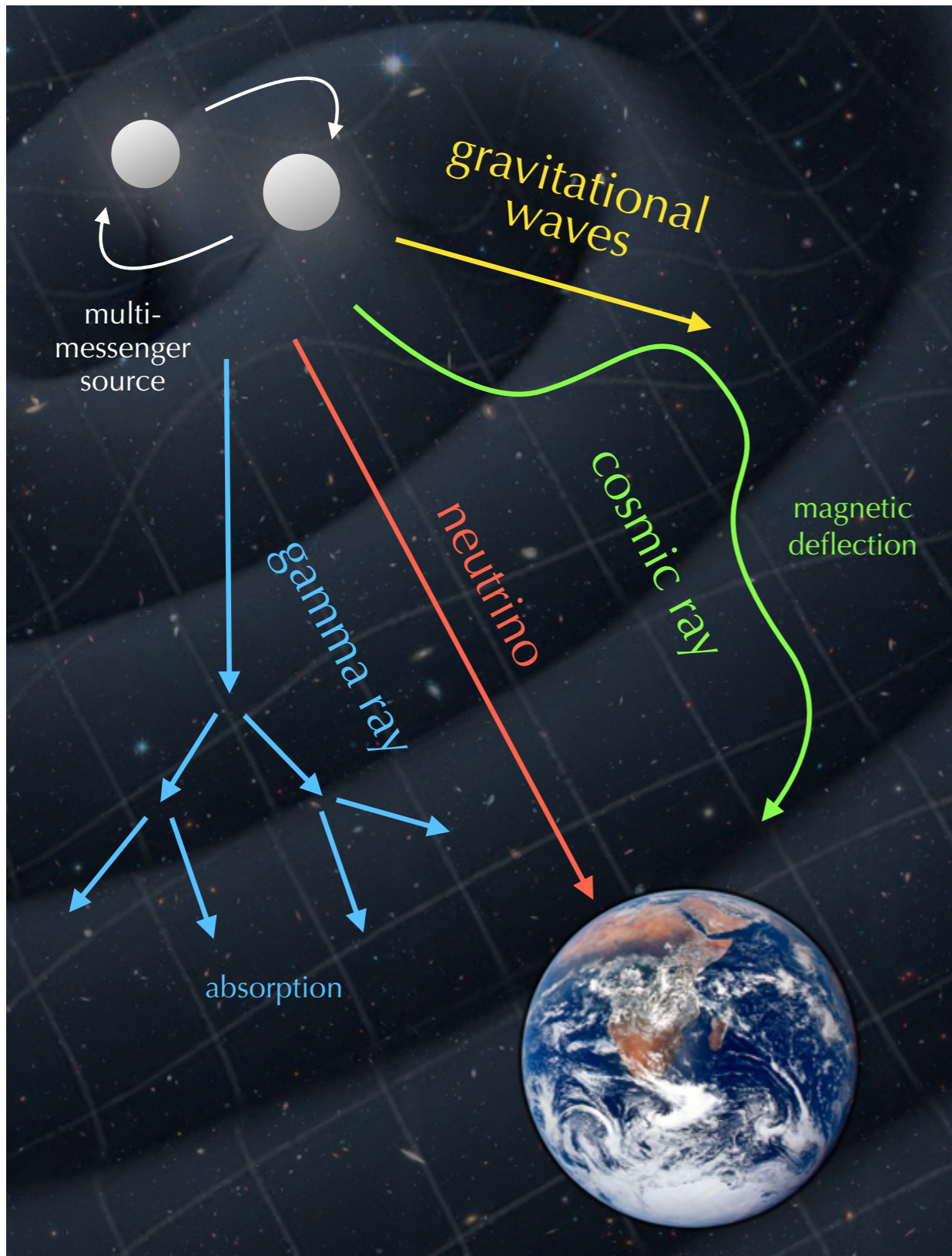


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Multi-Messenger Astronomy



- **Cosmic ray** acceleration – especially in the aftermath of cataclysmic events, sometimes seen in **gravitational waves**.
- Inelastic collisions with radiation or gas produce **γ -rays** and **neutrinos**, e.g.

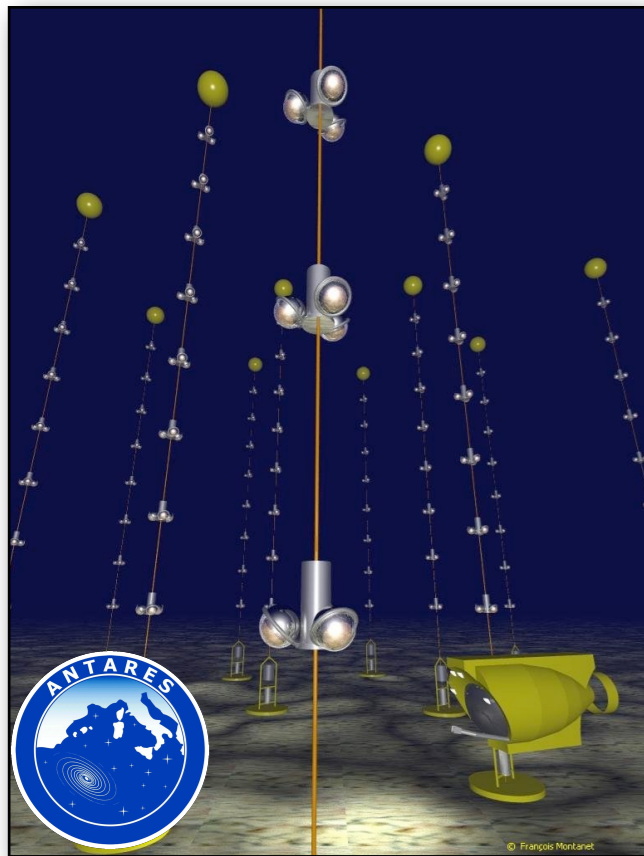
$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu + \nu_\mu$$

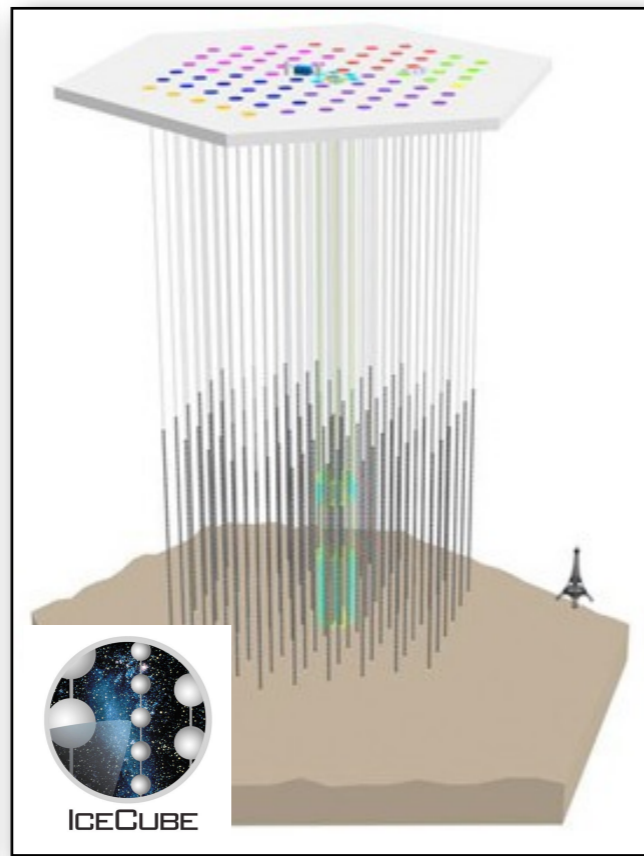
- **Unique aspects of neutrino messengers:**
 - *identify* cosmic ray sources
 - *qualifies* γ -ray emission
 - *covers blind spot* of astronomy to the very-high-energy Universe

Cherenkov Observatories

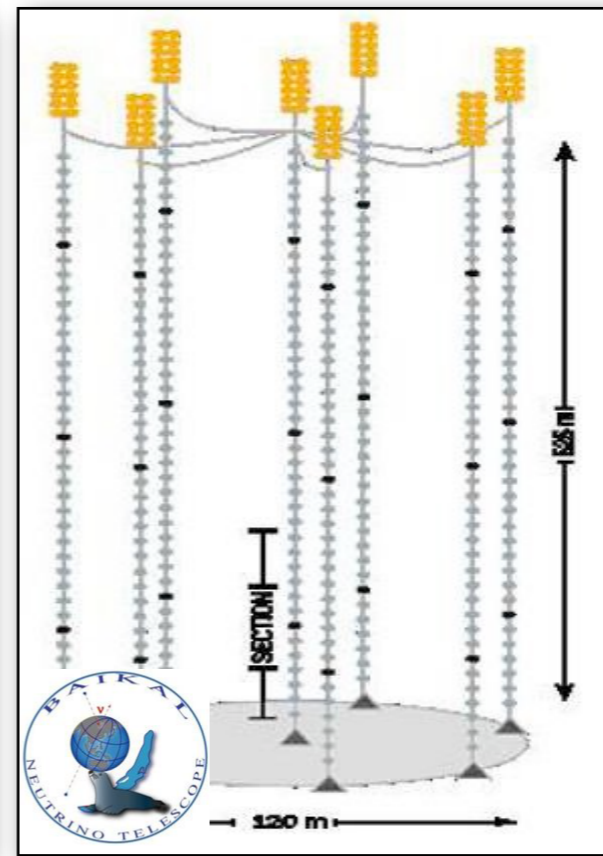
Antares



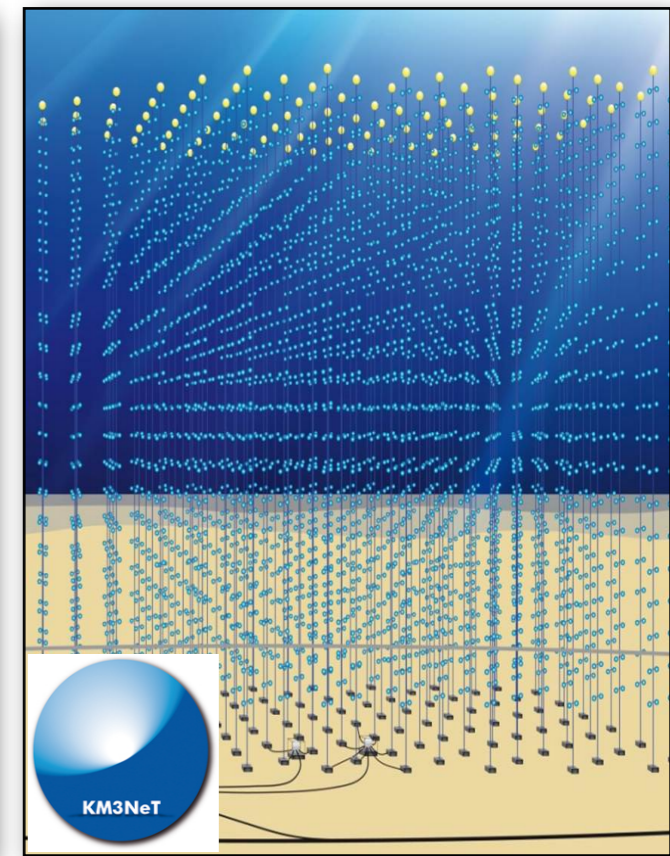
IceCube



Baikal-GVD



KM3NeT/ARCA



Mediterranean

South Pole

Lake Baikal

Mediterranean

2008–2019

fully instrumented
since 2011

under construction
(3 out of 8 clusters)

under construction
(3 out of 230 DUs)

$\sim 0.01 \text{ km}^3$

$\sim 1 \text{ km}^3$

$\sim 0.4 \text{ km}^3$ (Phase 1)
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885 OMs (10'')

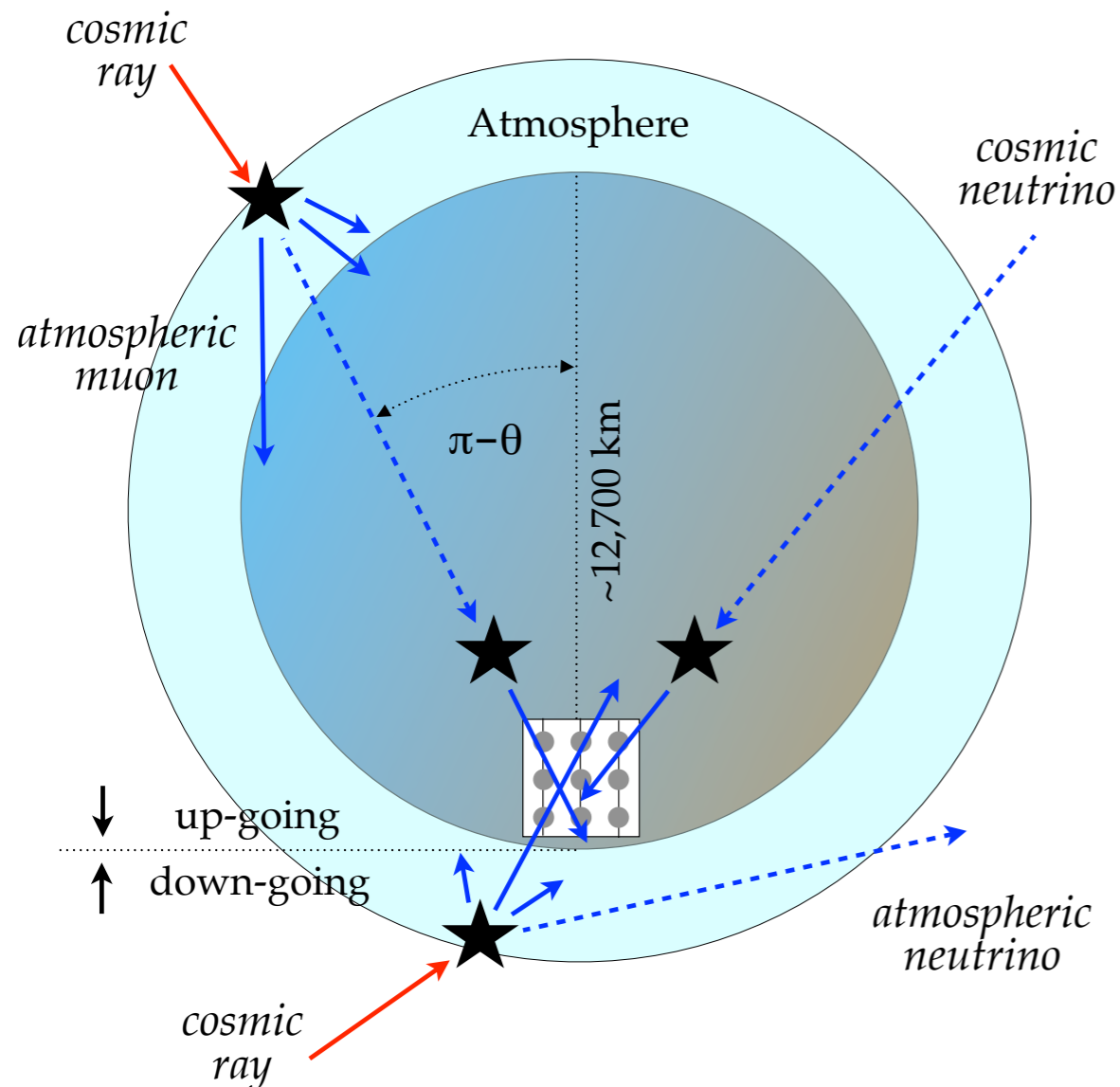
5160 OMs (10'')

2304 OMs (10'')

4140 OMs (31x3'')

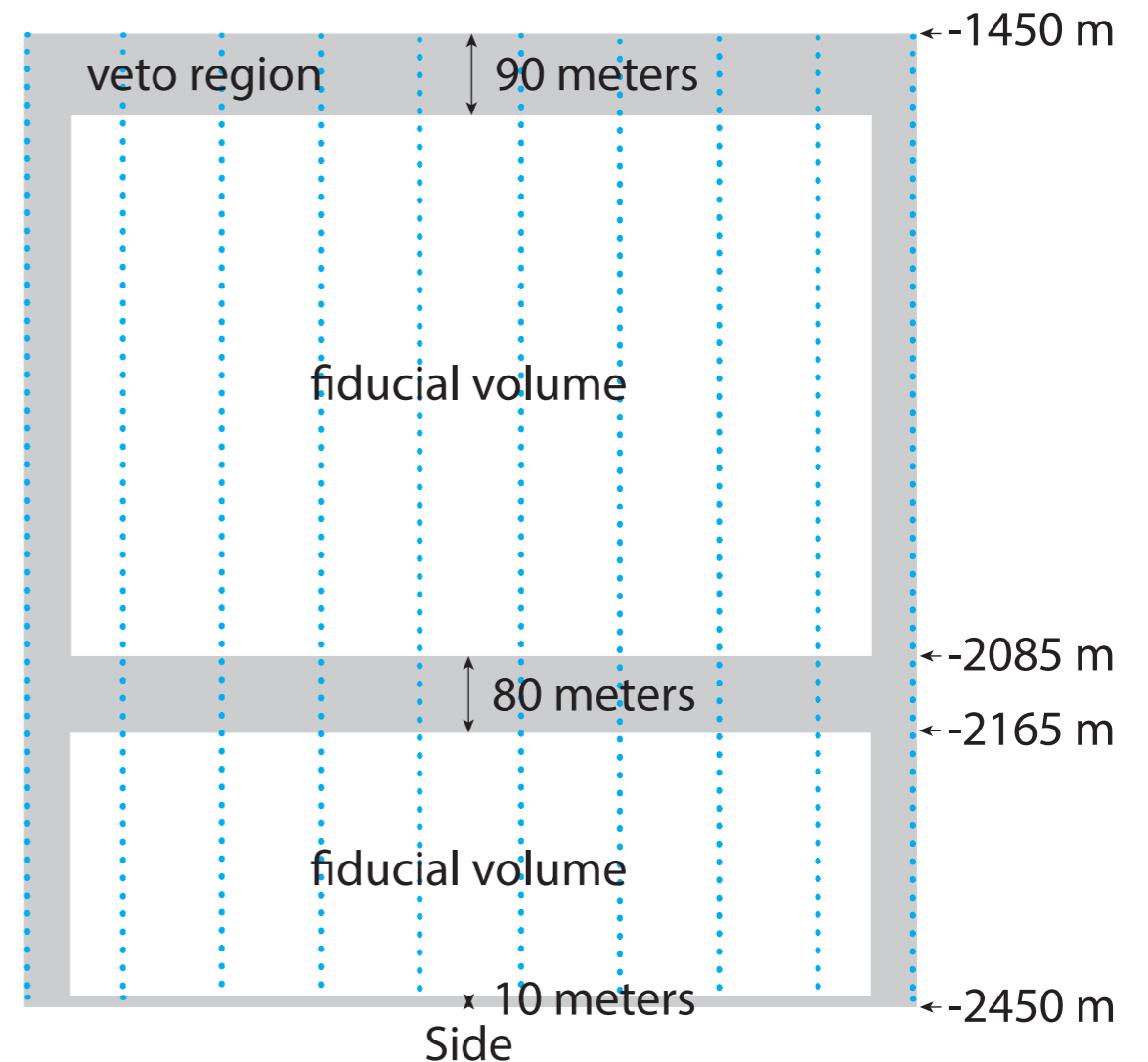
Detection Methods

Up-going Muon-Neutrino Tracks



- **10,000,000,000** atmospheric muons
- **100,000** atmospheric neutrinos
- **10** cosmic neutrinos (per year and km^3)

High-Energy Starting Events (HESE)



[IceCube Collaboration'13]

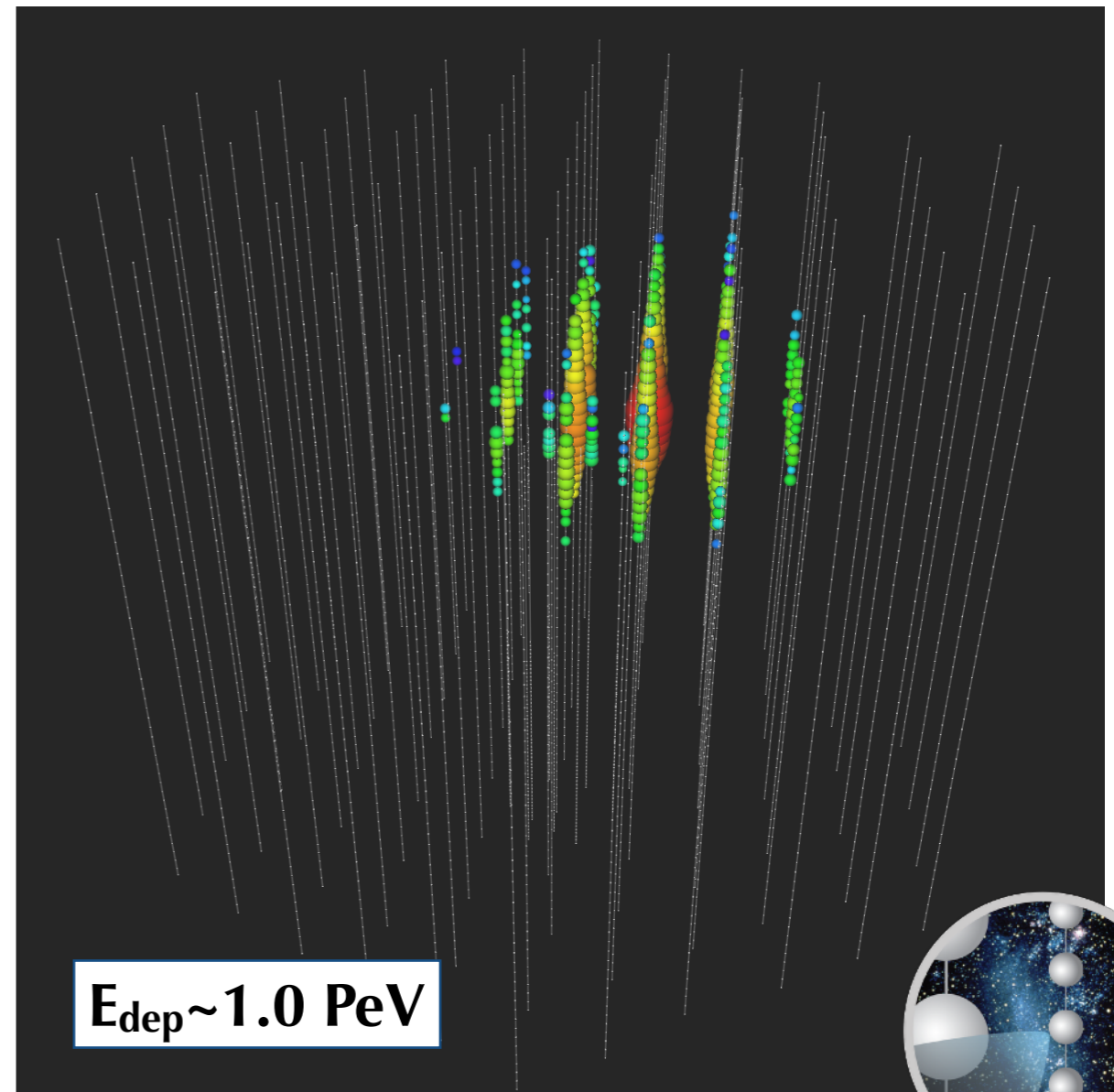
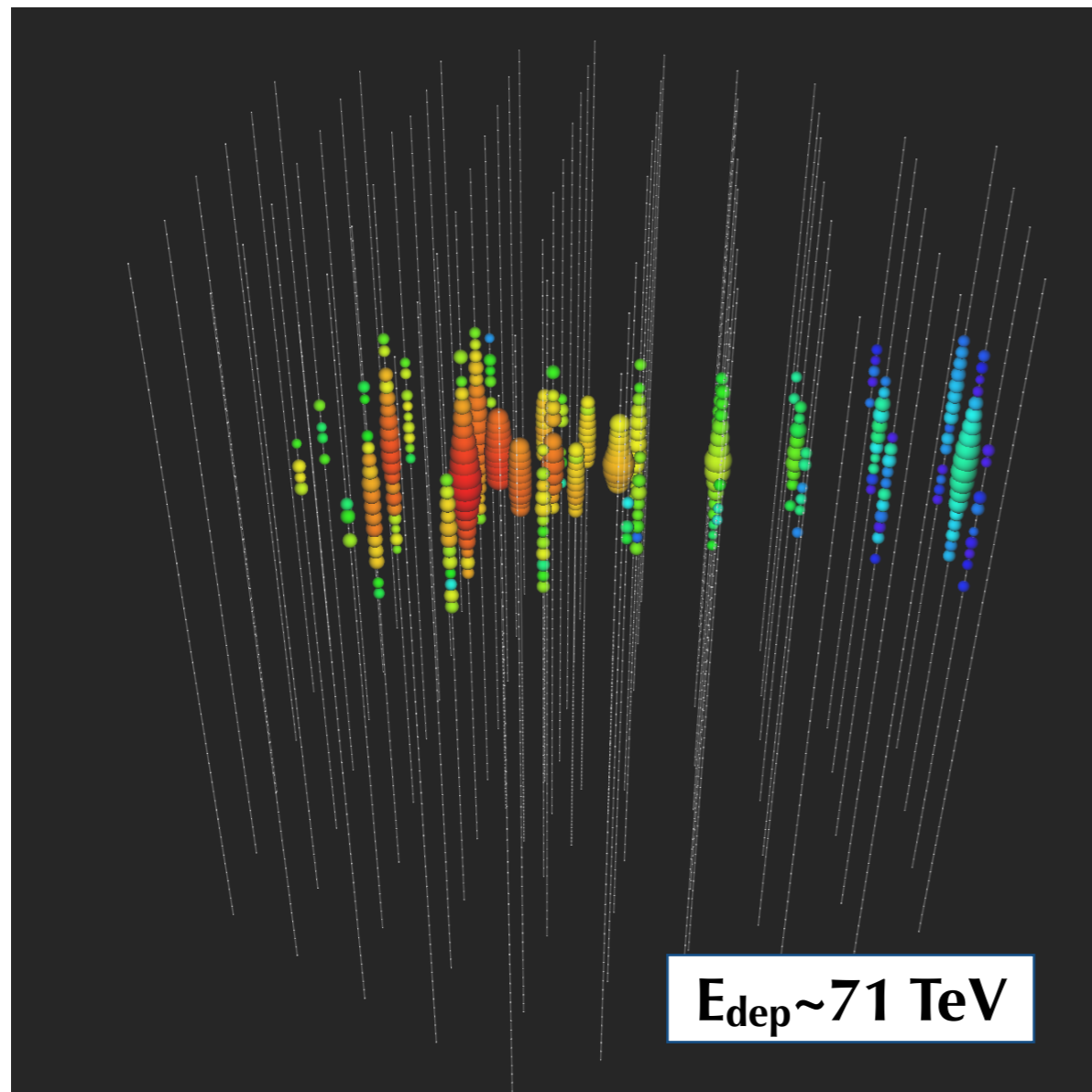
- **virtual veto region** triggered by atmospheric muons
- **self-veto** of coincident atmospheric neutrinos
- **cosmic neutrino events are required to start inside**
[Schoenert et al. PRD79 (2009) 043009]

Breakthrough in 2013

First observation of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos by IceCube!

“track event” (from ν_μ scattering)

“cascade event” (from all flavours)

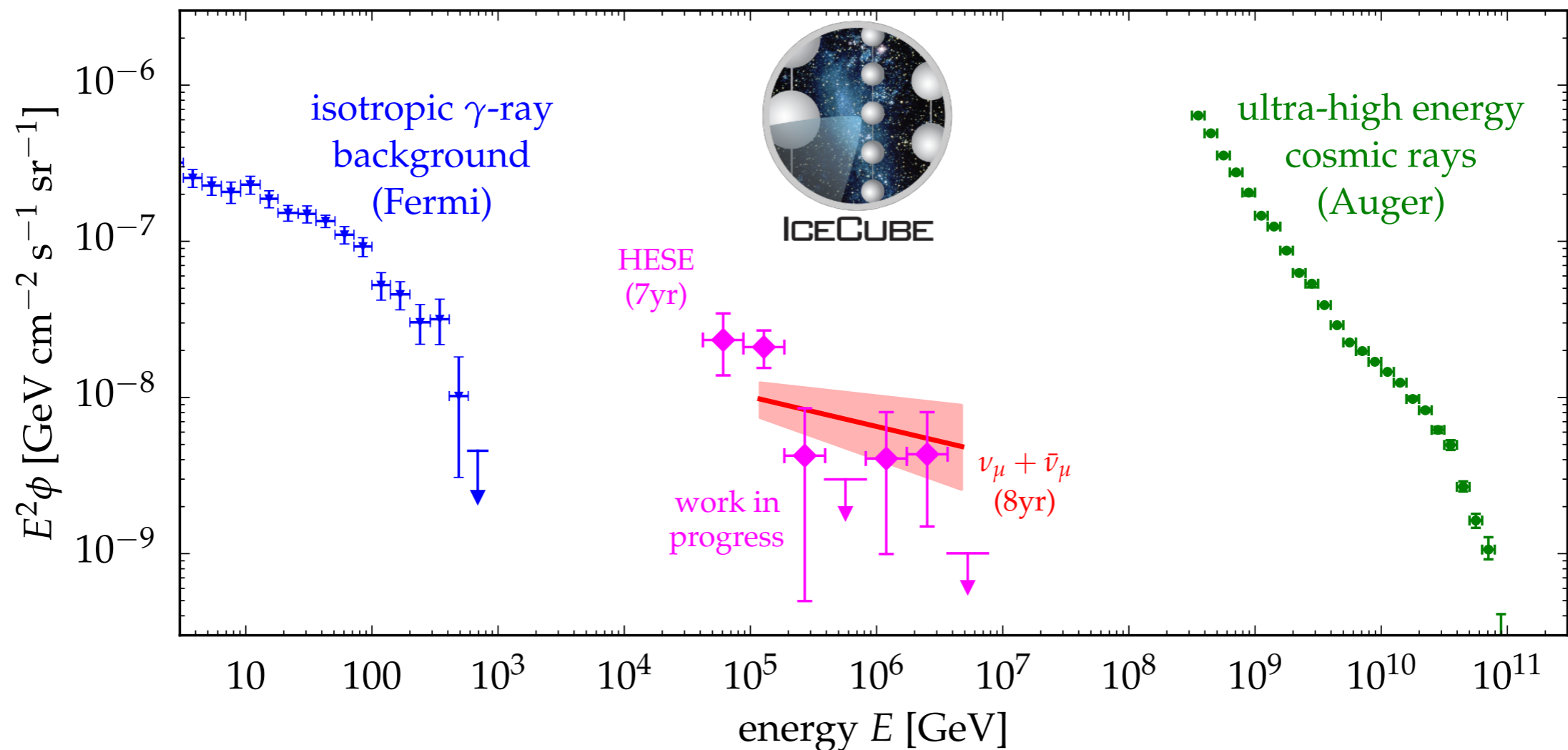


[“Breakthrough of the Year” (Physics World), Science 2013]
(neutrino event signature: **early** to **late** light detection)



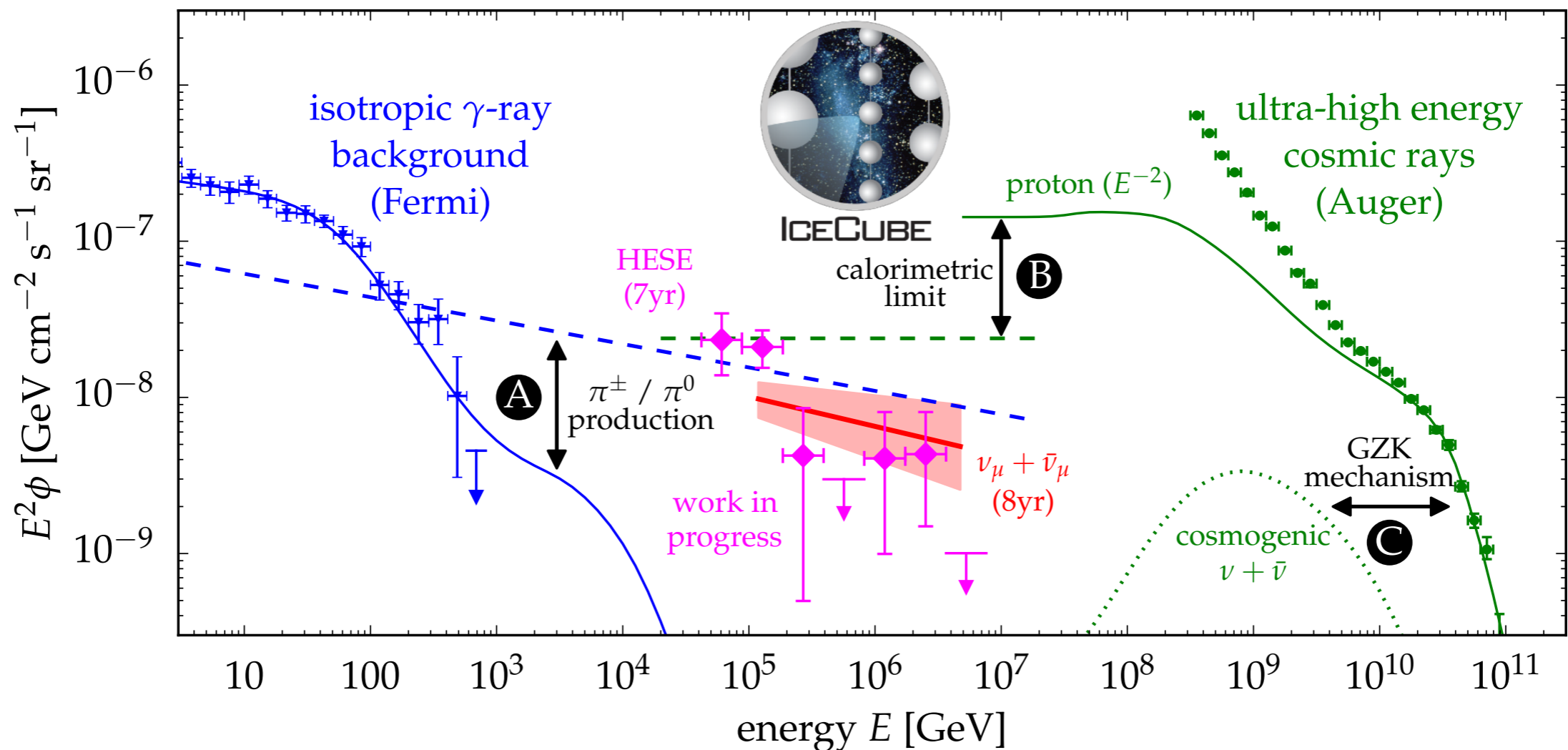
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Astrophysical Flavors

- Energy resolution of detectors is limited and neutrino source is distant.

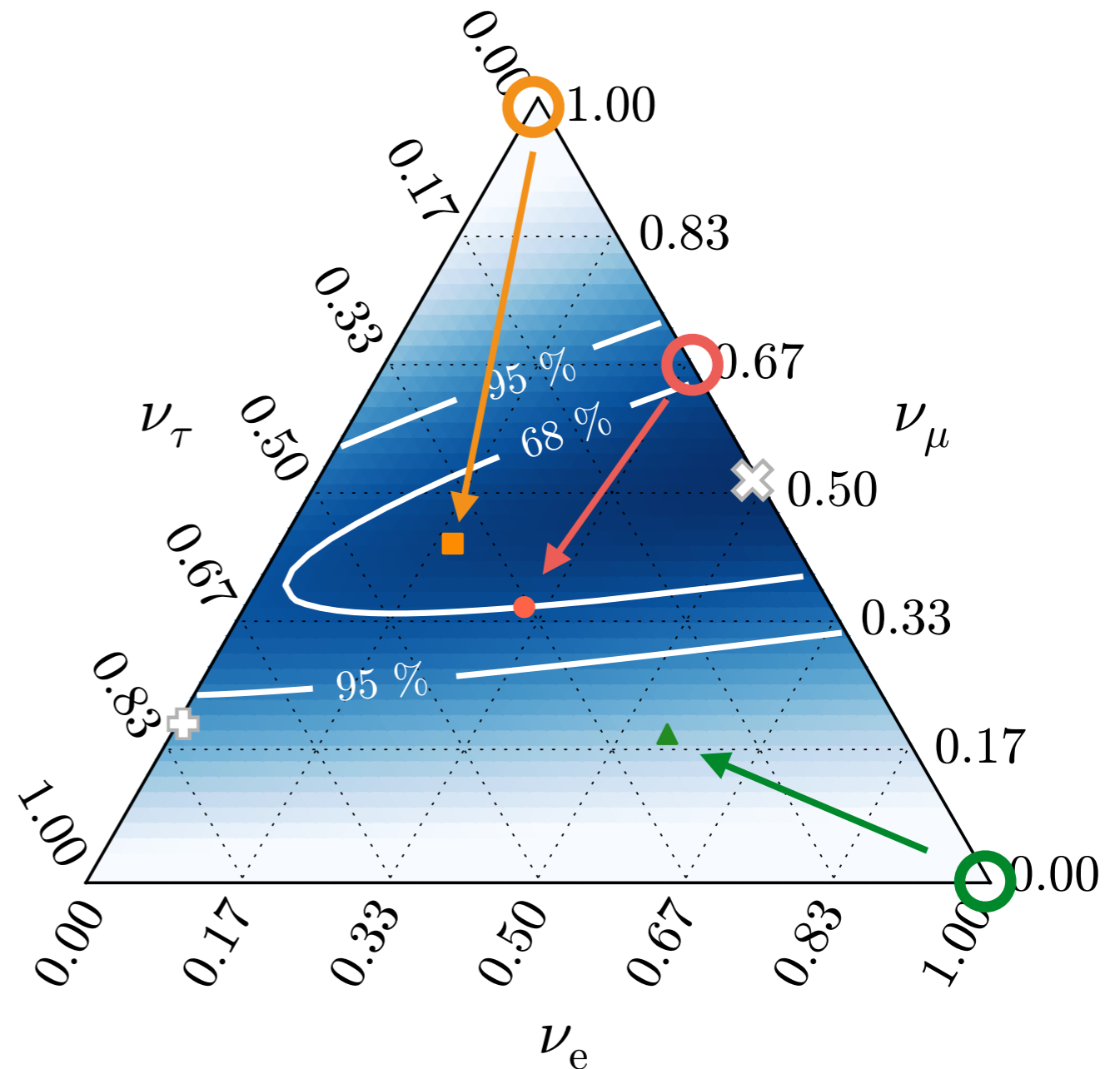
$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{i>j} \Re(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \underbrace{\sin^2 \Delta_{ij}}_{\rightarrow 1/2} + 2 \sum_{i>j} \Im(U_{\alpha i}^* U_{\beta i} U_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j}^*) \underbrace{\sin 2\Delta_{ij}}_{\rightarrow 0}$$

→ oscillation-averaged probability:

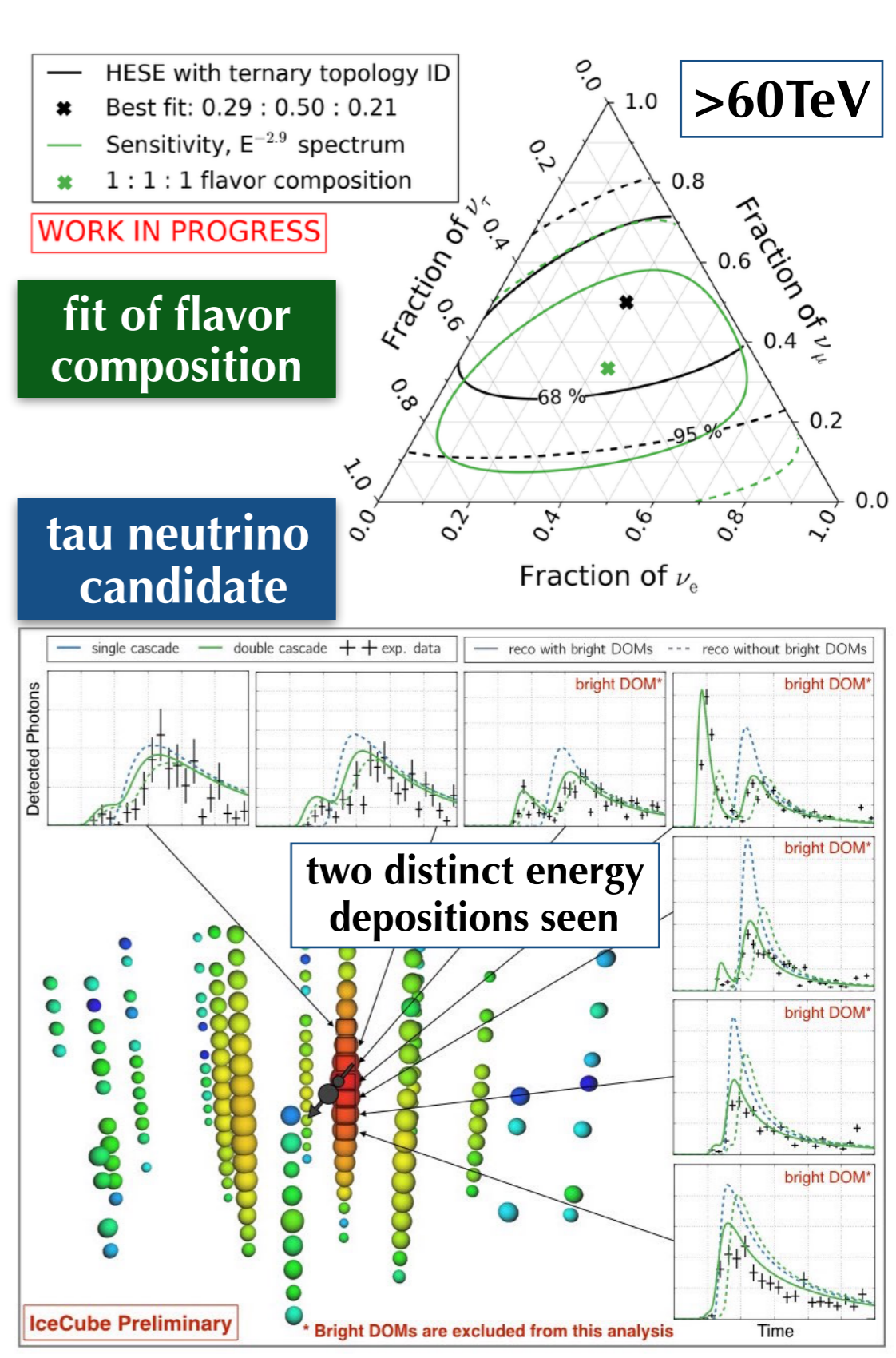
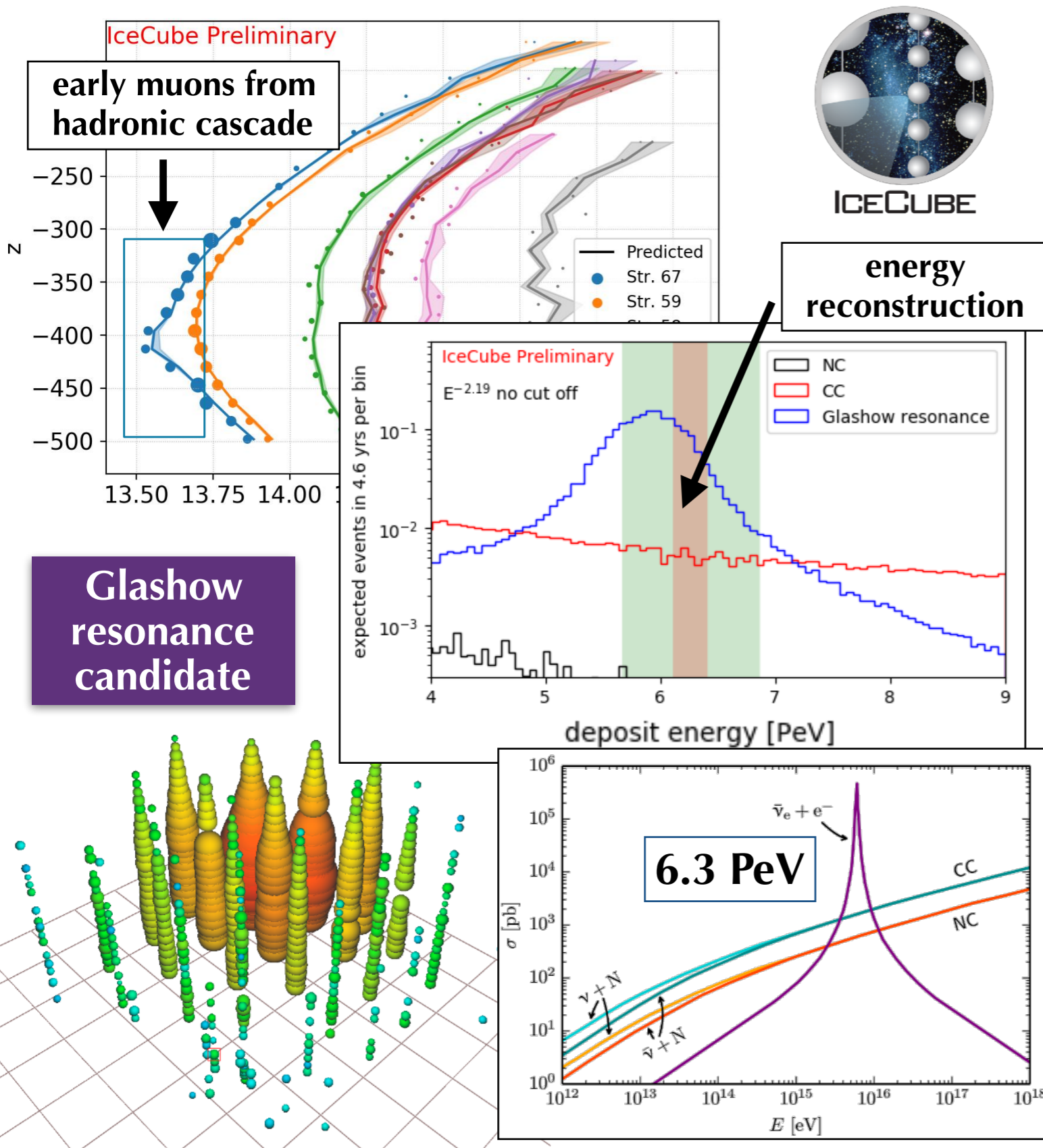
$$P_{\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta} \simeq \sum_i |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2$$

- initial composition: $\nu_e : \nu_\mu : \nu_\tau$
- pion & muon decay*: 1 : 2 : 0
- muon-damped decay*: 0 : 1 : 0
- neutron decay*: 1 : 0 : 0

[Astrophys.J. 809 (2015) no.1, 98]

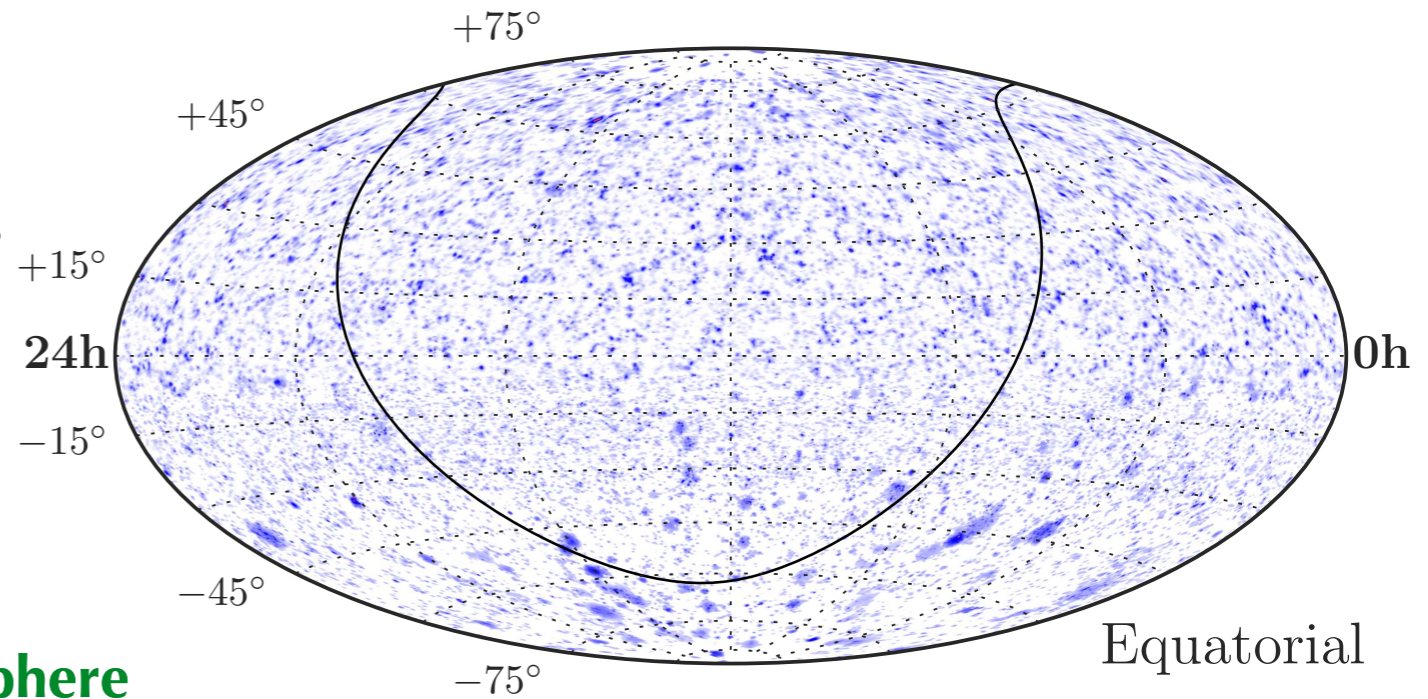


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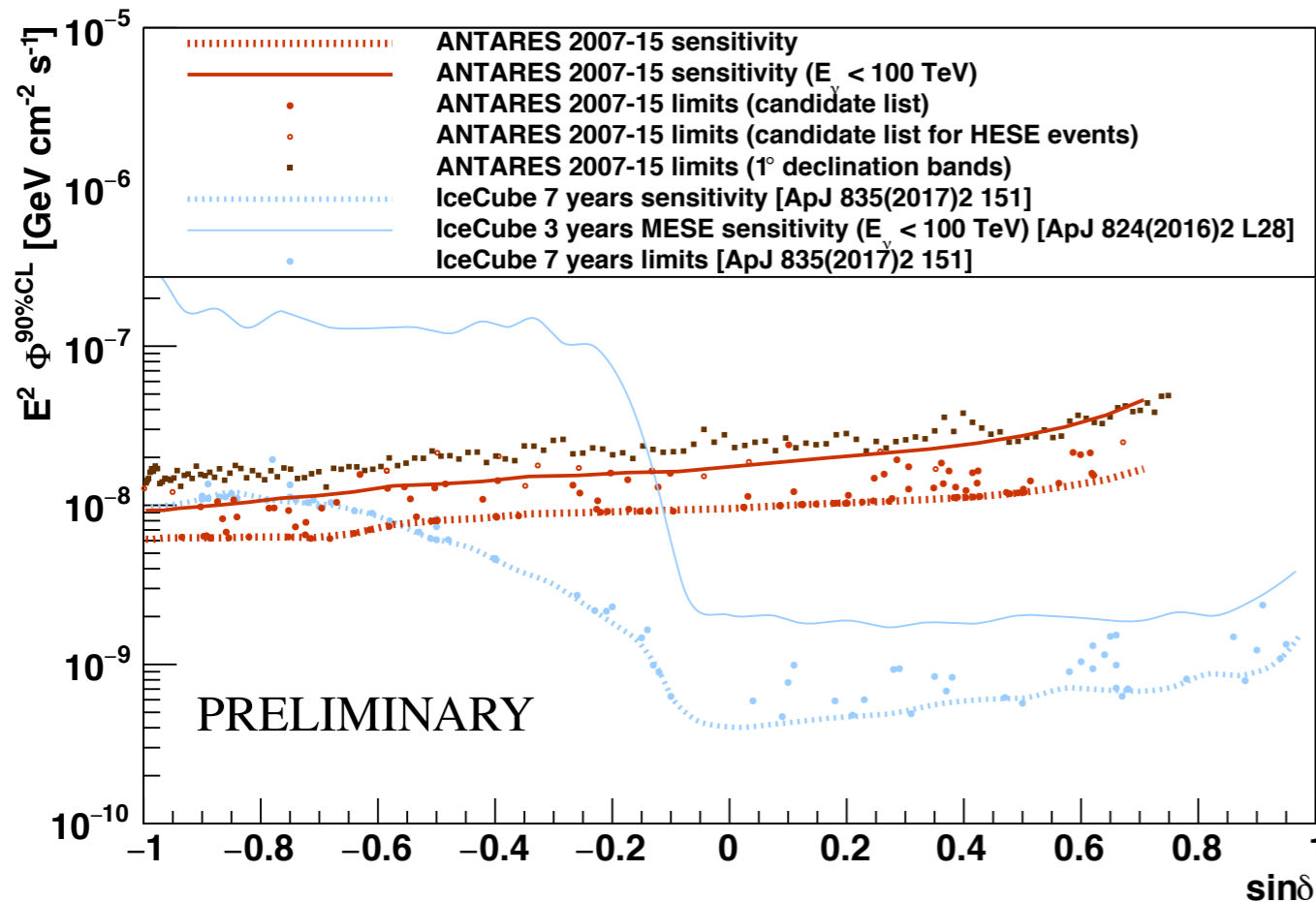


Search for Neutrino Sources

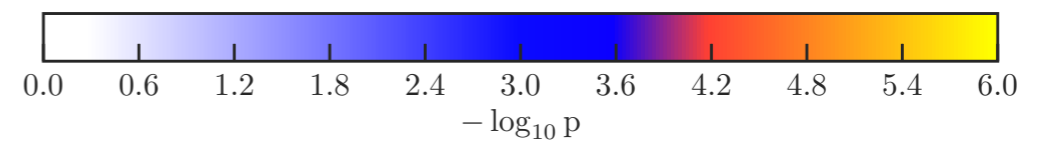
IceCube and ANTARES/KM3NeT
with complementary field of views.



Southern Hemisphere | Northern Hemisphere



[Albert et al., Proceedings of ICRC 2017]



[Aartsen et al., *Astrophys.J.* 835 (2017) no.2, 151]

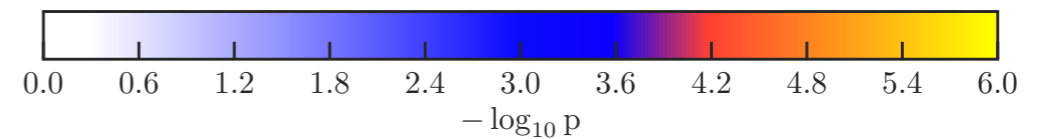
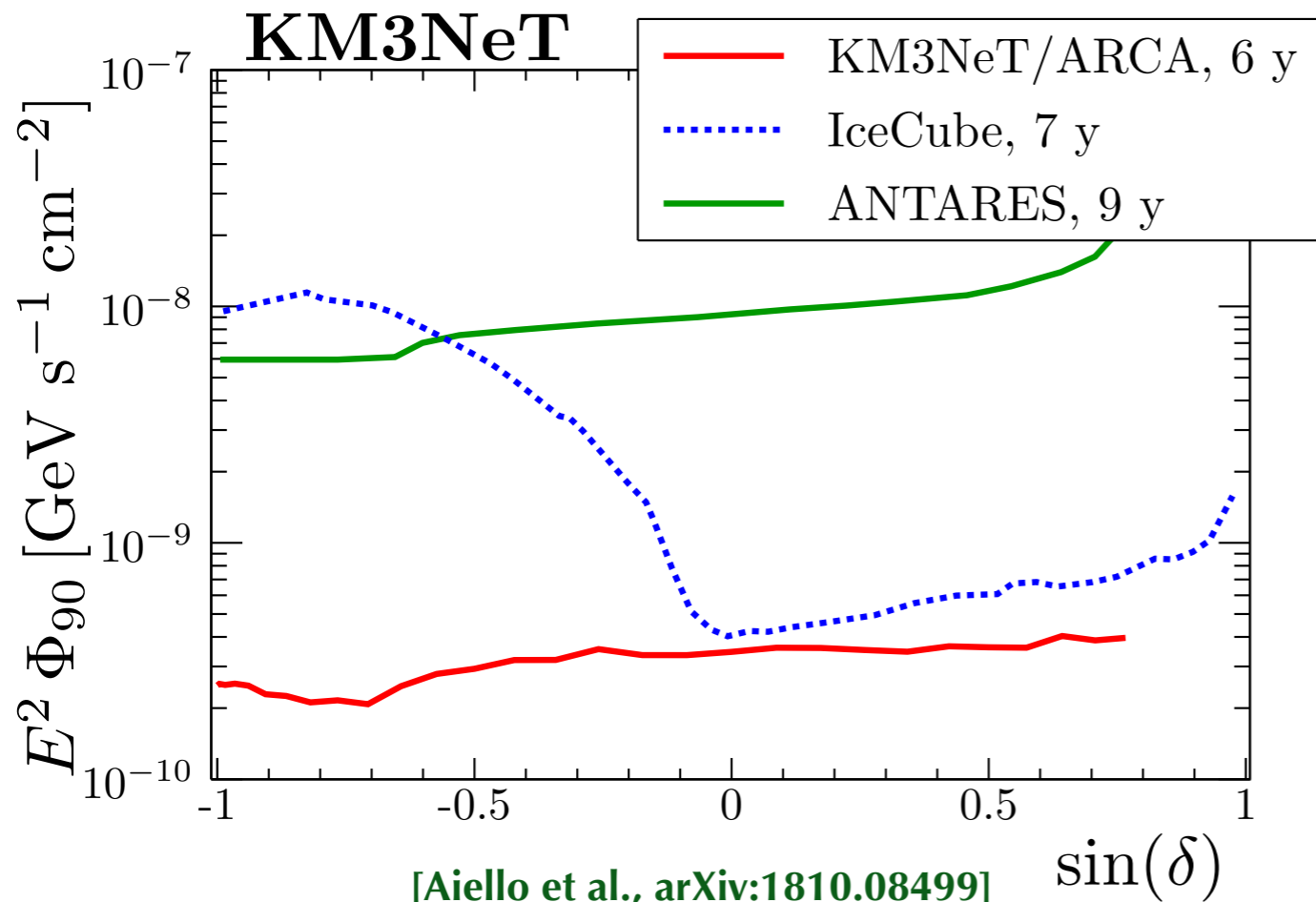
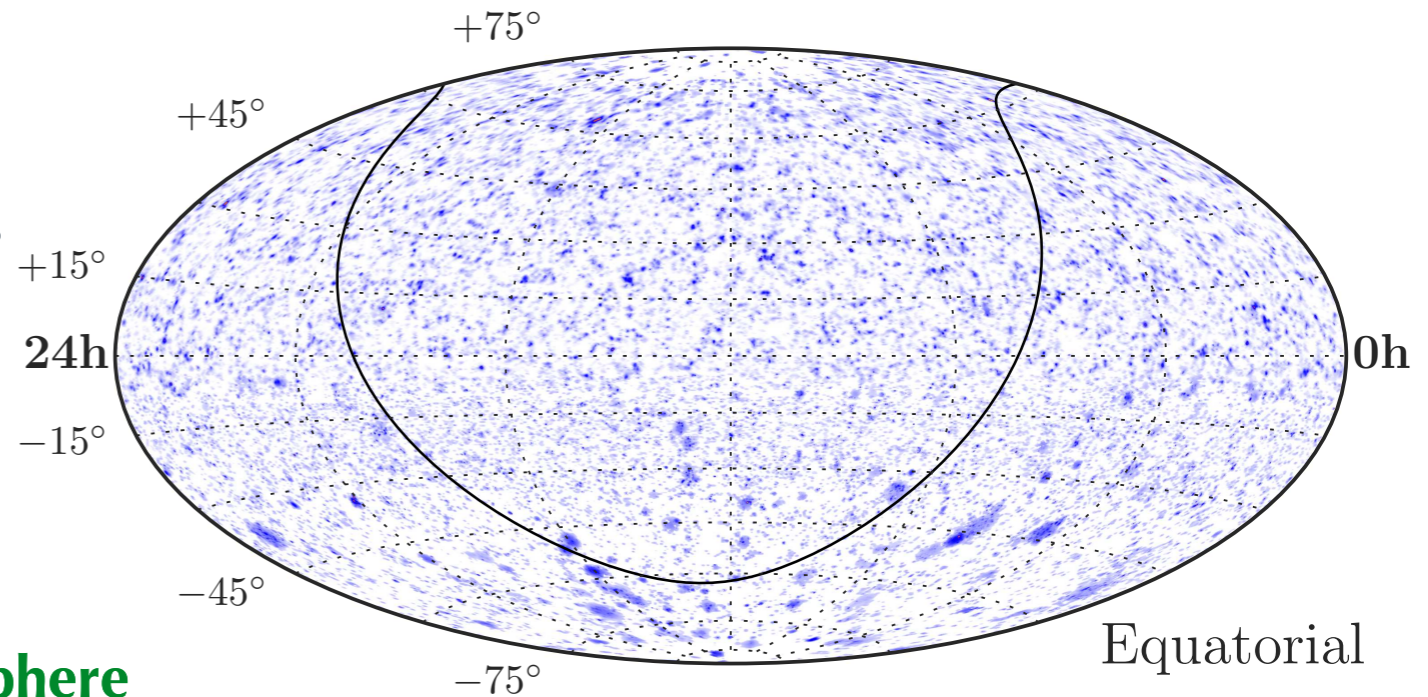
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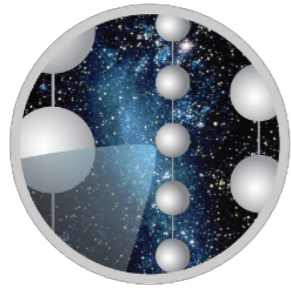
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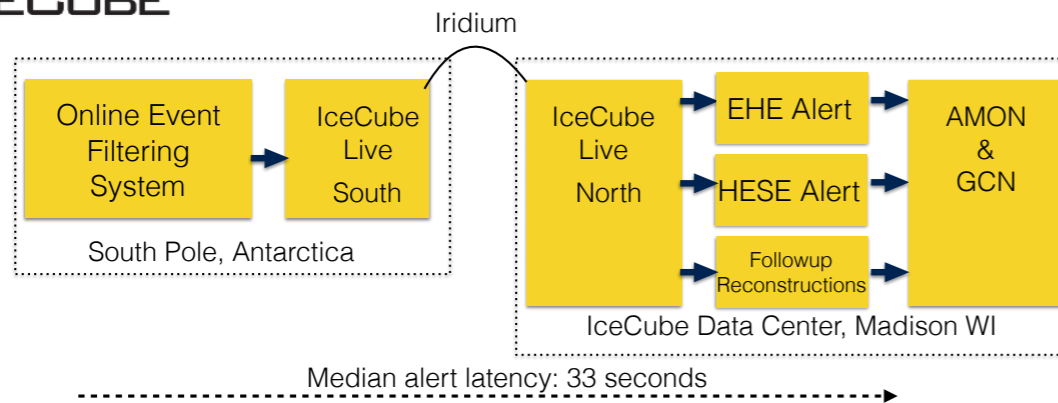
Realtime Neutrino Alerts



ICECUBE



IceCube and ANTARES issue realtime neutrino alerts to multi-messenger partners for rapid follow-up.



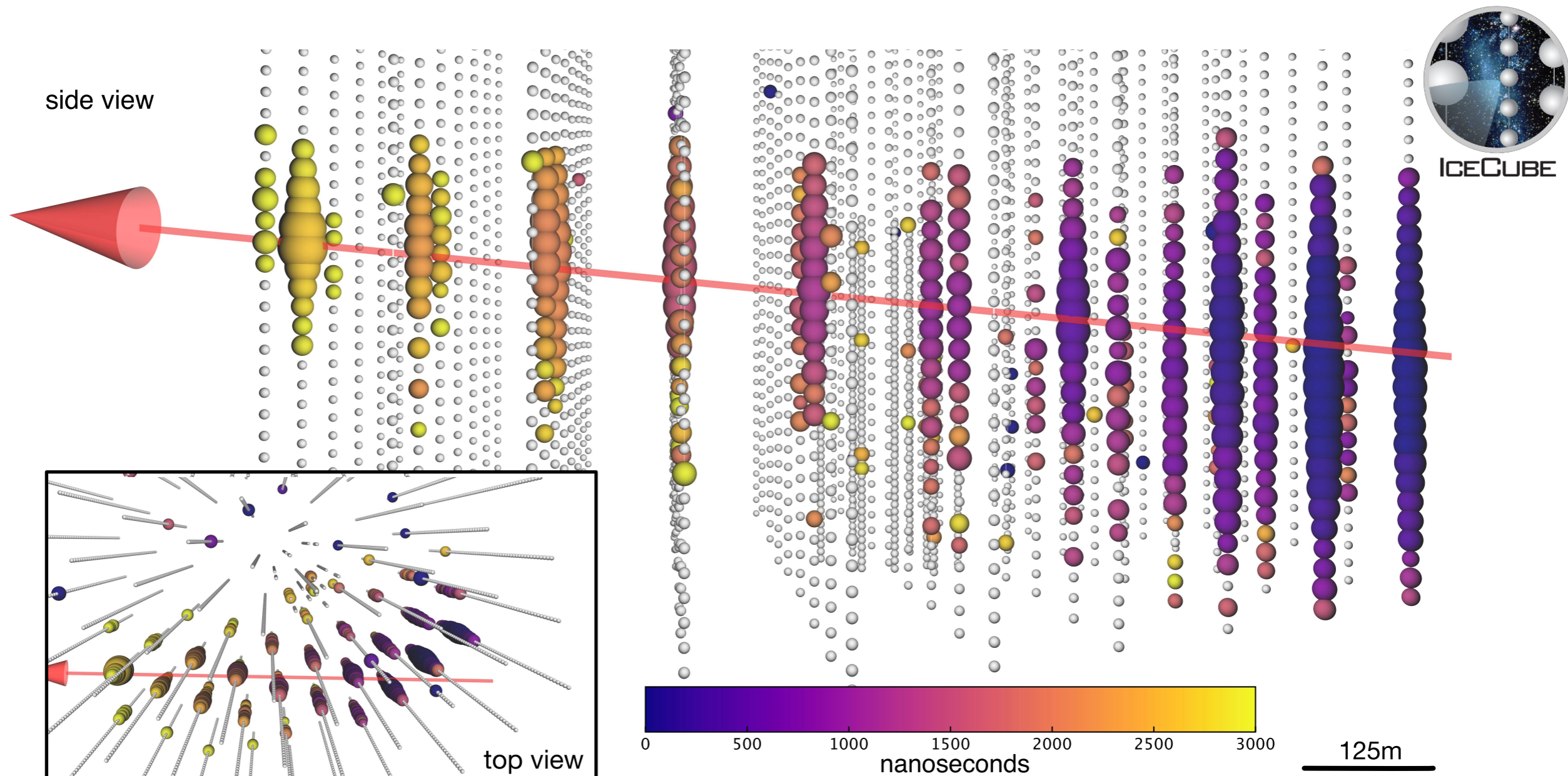
- 50% astrophysical neutrino fraction
- angular resolution 0.5-2deg
- **high-energy starting tracks** ($>60\text{TeV}$)
 - 4.8 alerts/year (1.1 signal/year)
- **through-going muons** ($>100\text{TeV}$)
 - 4-5 alerts/year (2.5-4 signal/year)

[Blaufuss et al., Proceedings of ICRC 2017]

- time to issue alert: 5s
- median angular resolution 0.5deg
- **neutrino doublets**
 - 0.04 alerts/year
- **neutrinos from local galaxies** ($>1\text{TeV}$)
 - 10 alerts/year
- **high-energy neutrinos** ($>5\text{TeV}$)
 - 20 alerts/year
- **very high-energy neutrinos** ($>30\text{TeV}$)
 - 3-4 alerts/year

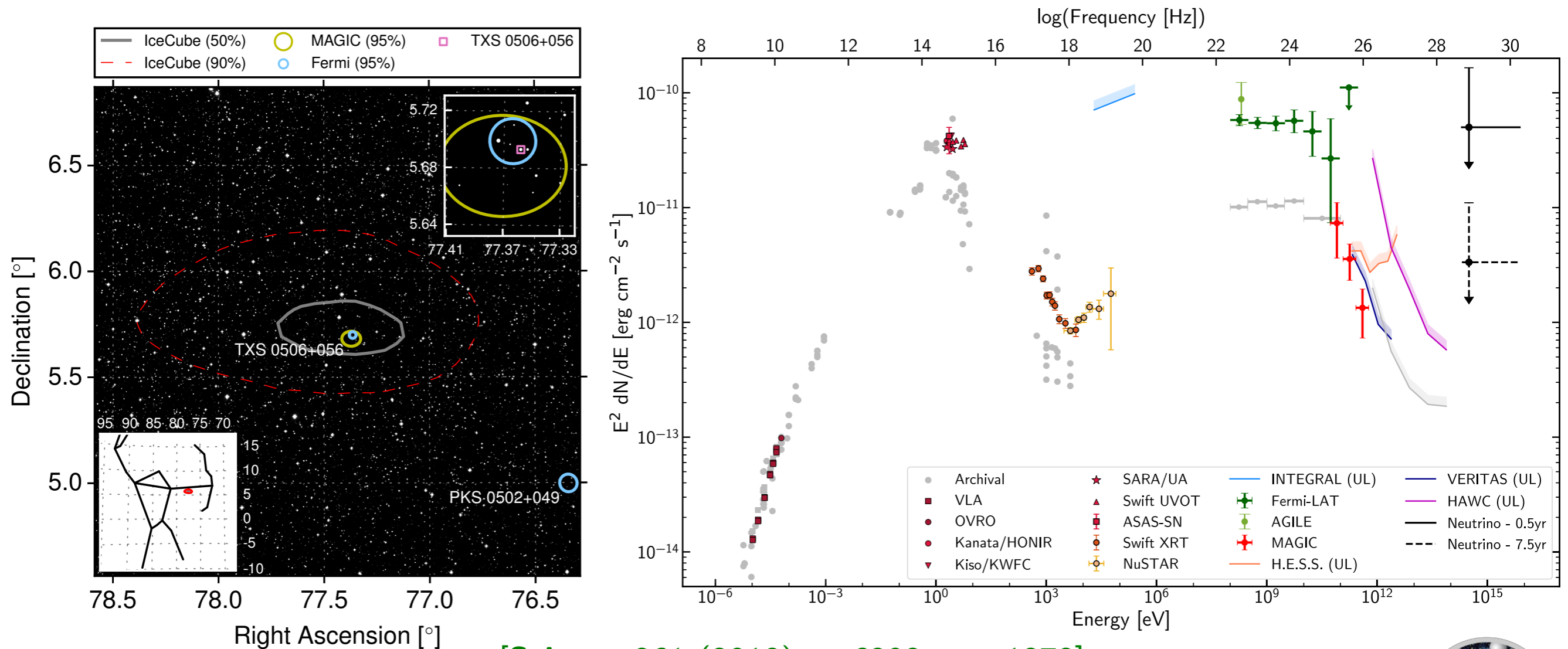
[Dornic et al., Proceedings of ICRC 2017]

Realtime Neutrino Alerts



IceCube EHE (“extremely-high energy”) alert IC-170922A
Up-going muon track (5.7° below horizon) observed on September 22, 2017.
The best-fit neutrino energy for an E^{-2} -spectrum is 311 TeV.

TXS 0506+056

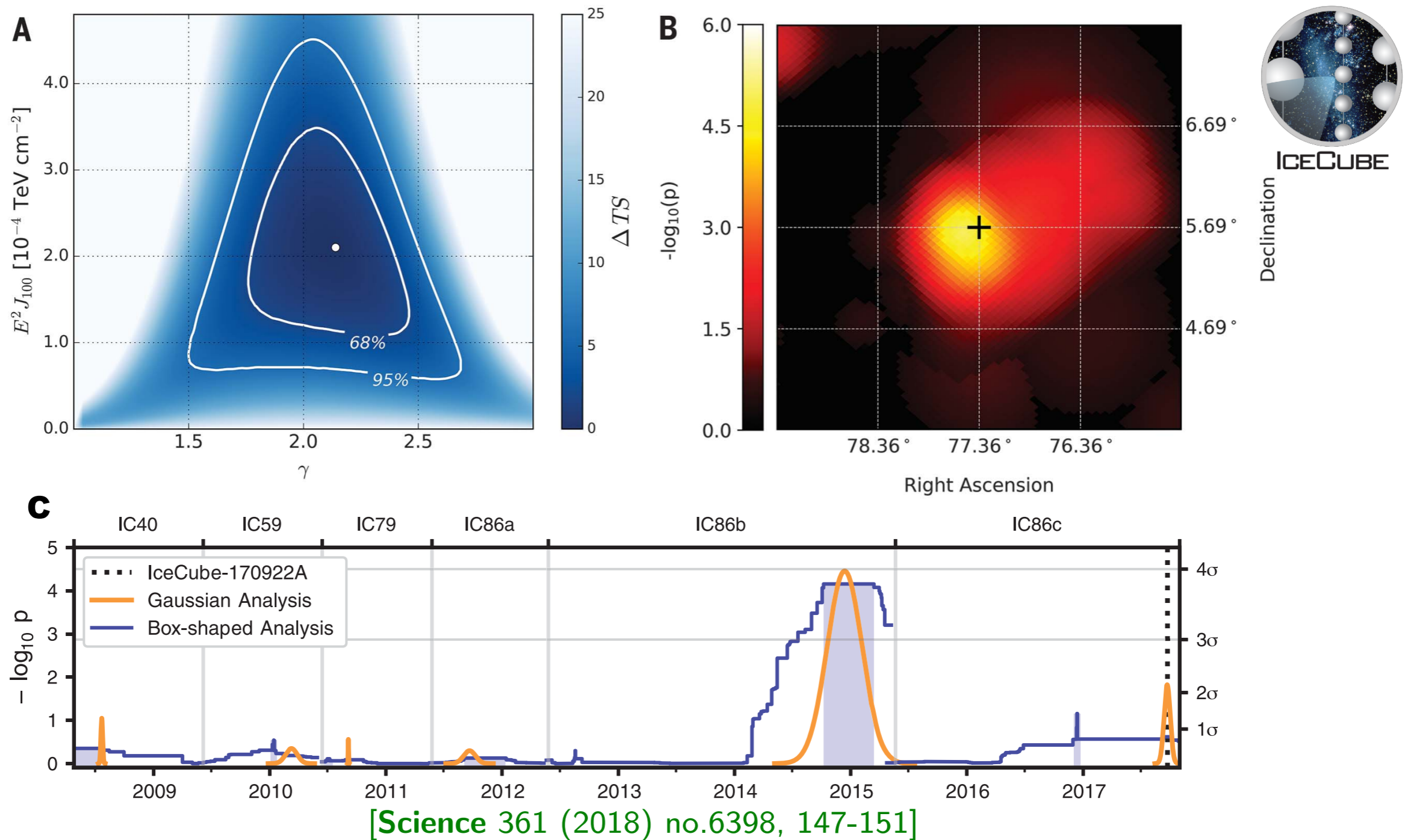


[Science 361 (2018) no.6398, eaat1378]



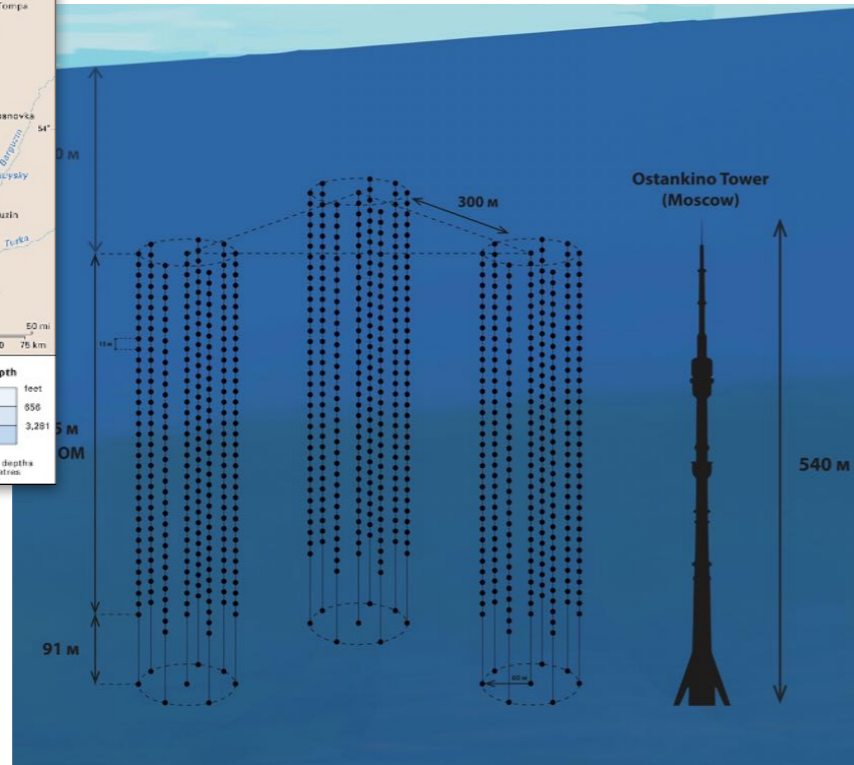
- IC-170922A observed in coincident with flaring blazar TXS 0506+056.
- Chance correlation can be rejected at the 3σ -level.
- TXS 0506+056 is among the 3% brightest Fermi-LAT blazars and one of the most luminous BL Lacs (2.8×10^{46} erg/s).

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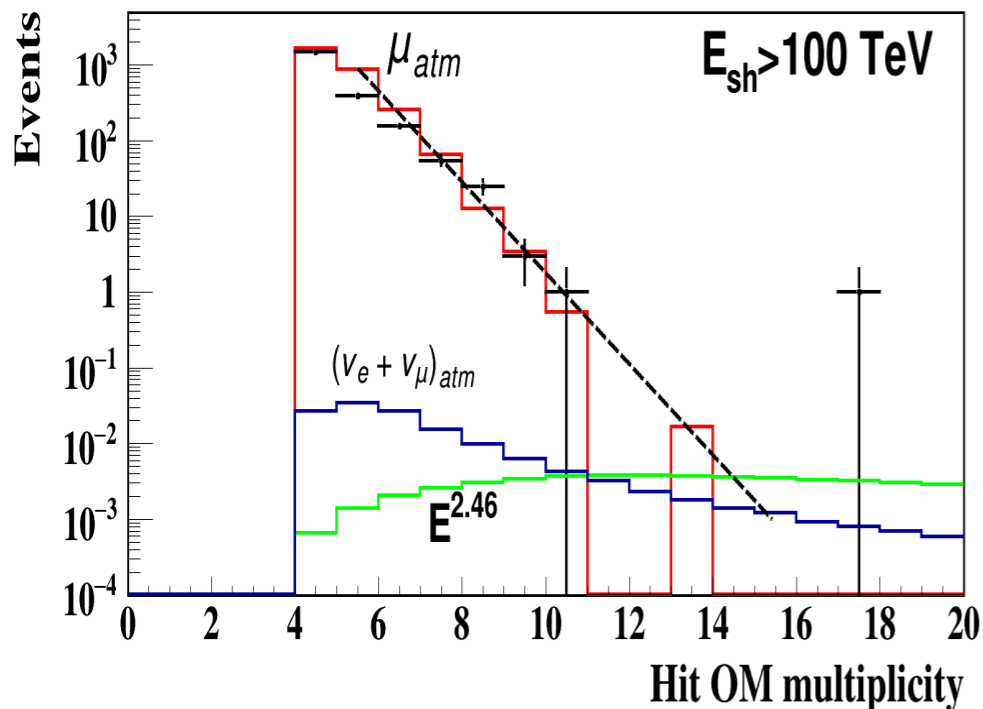
- Independent 3.5σ evidence for neutrino flare (13 ± 5 events) in 2014/15.
- Implies neutrino luminosity of 1.2×10^{47} erg/s over 158 days ($\simeq 4 \times L_{\text{Fermi}}$).

Outlook: Baikal-GVD

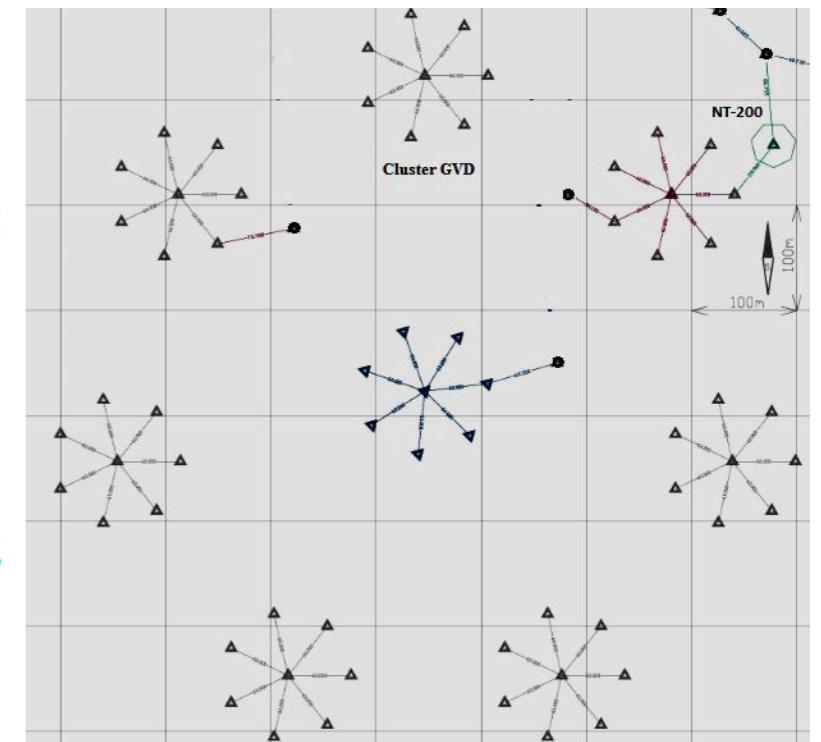
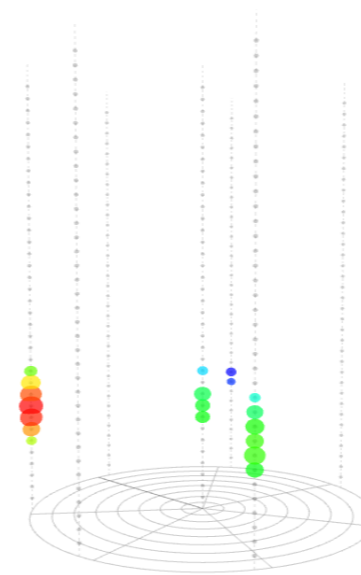


- **GVD Phase 1:** 8 clusters with 8 strings expected to be completed by 2020/21 ($\sim 0.4 \text{ km}^3$)
- cluster depth: 735–1260 m
- 3 clusters deployed 2016–18
- **final goal:** 27 clusters ($\sim 1.4 \text{ km}^3$)

BAIKAL-GVD present detector outline (2018)



first physics results: cascade spectrum / cascade event in 2015 data

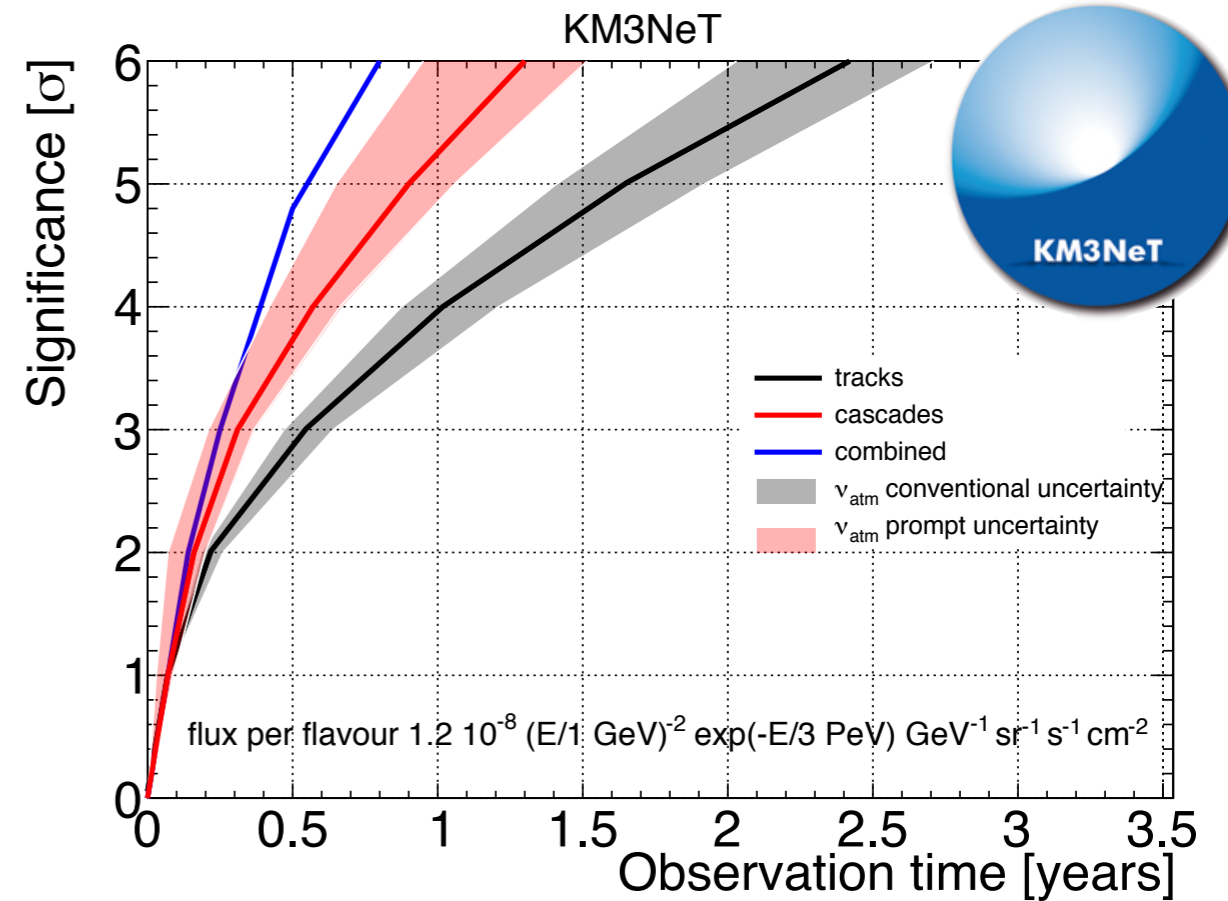
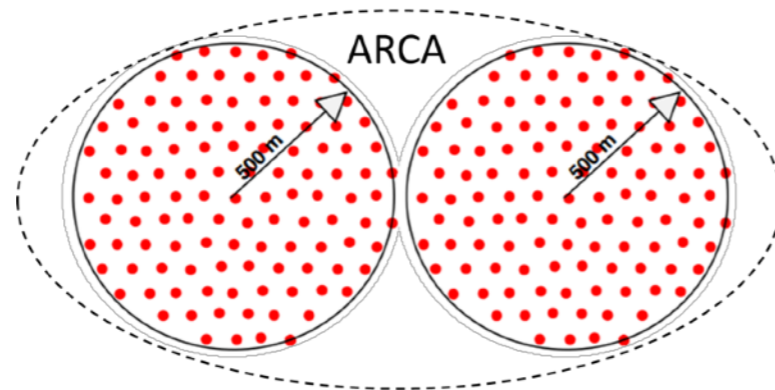
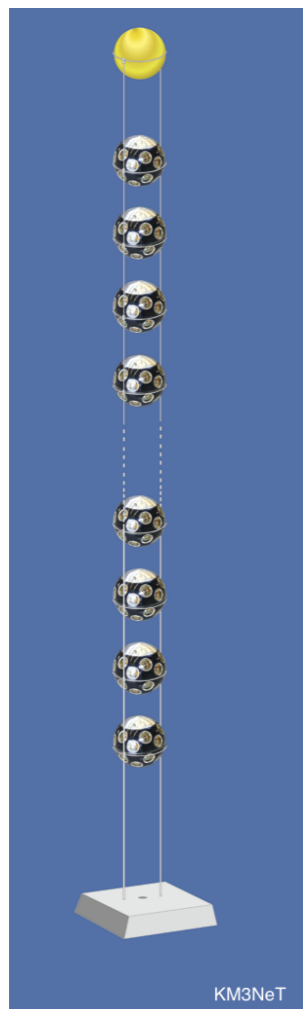


GVD-Phase 1

Outlook: KM3NeT/ARCA

- **ARCA** : 2 building blocks of 115 detection units (DUs)
- 24 DU funded (**Phase-1**, $\sim 0.1 \text{ km}^3$)
- 3 DU deployed off the coast of Italy (1 DU recovered after shortage)
- 2 DUs operated until March 2017

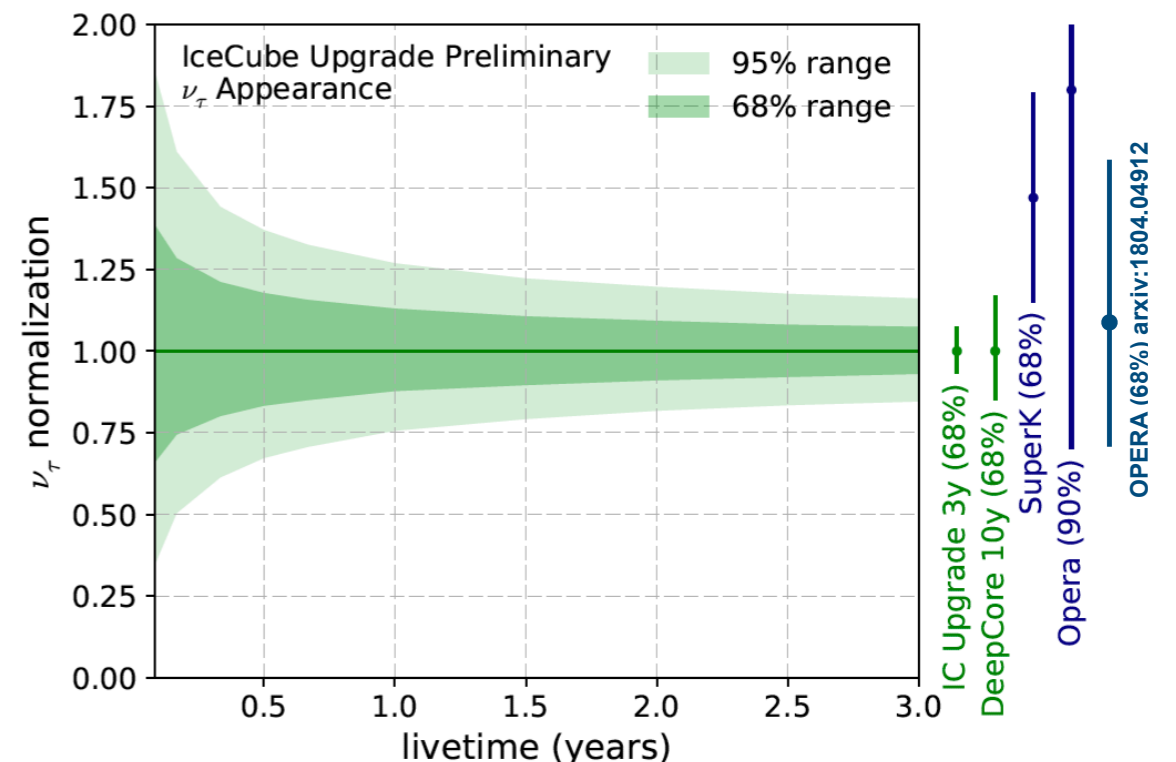
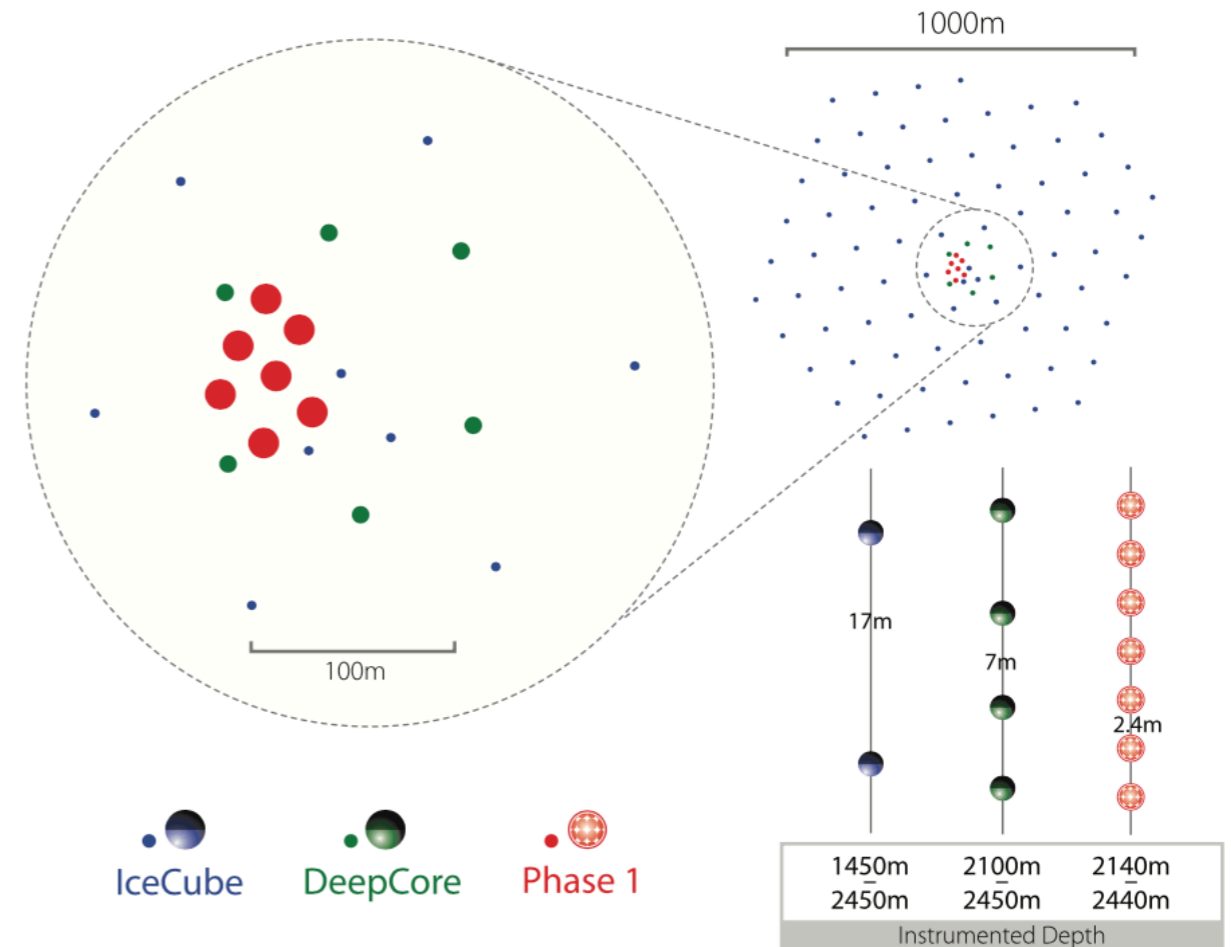
detection unit with multi-PMT DOMs



- **Improved angular resolution** for water Cherenkov emission.
- 5σ discovery of **diffuse flux** with full ARCA within one year
- **Complementary field of view** ideal for the study of point sources.

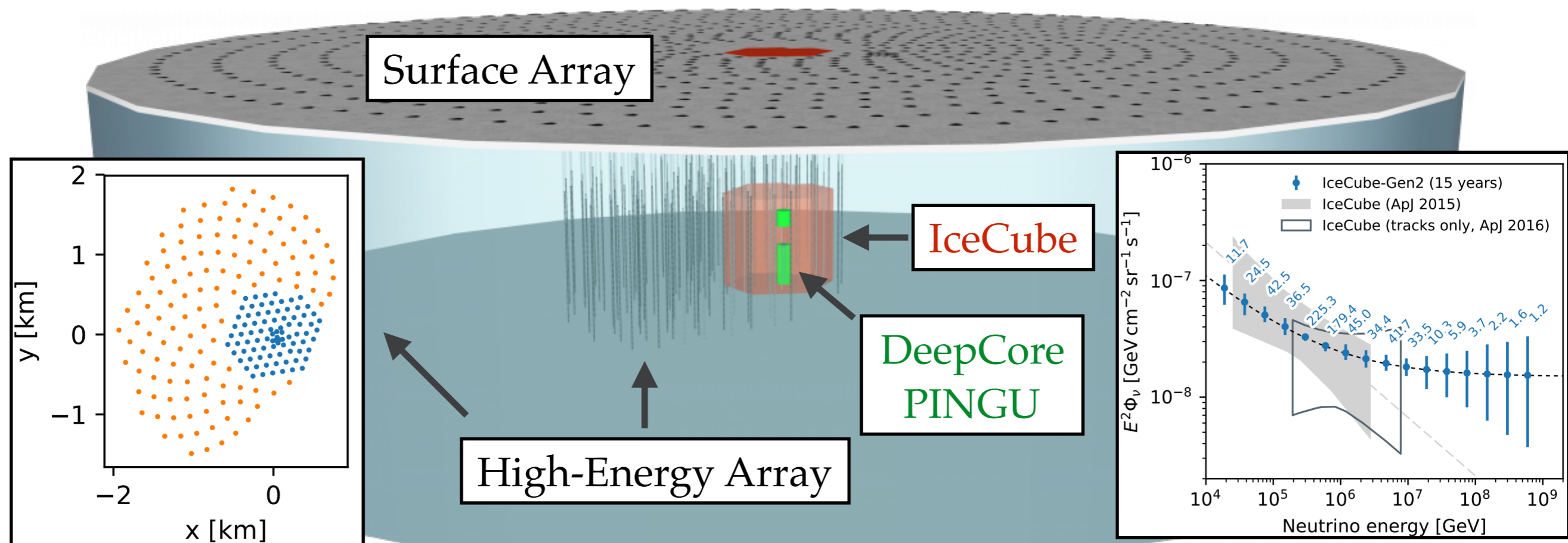
Outlook: IceCube Upgrade

- **7 new strings** in the DeepCore region (~20m inter-string spacing) with improved optical modules.
- **New calibration devices**, incorporating lessons from a decade of IceCube calibration efforts.
- **Precision measurement** of atmospheric neutrino oscillation.
- Midscale NSF project with an estimated total cost of \$23M.
- deployment in 2022/23
- **October 1st: first \$1M increment**
- additional \$9M in capital equipment alone from partners



Vision: IceCube-Gen2

- **Multi-component facility** (low- and high-energy & multi-messenger).
- In-ice **high-energy Cherenkov array** with 6-10 km³ volume.
- **Under investigation:** Surface arrays for in-ice radio Askarayan and cosmic ray veto (air Cherenkov and/or scintillator panels).



[Aartsen et al., Proceedings of ICRC 2017]

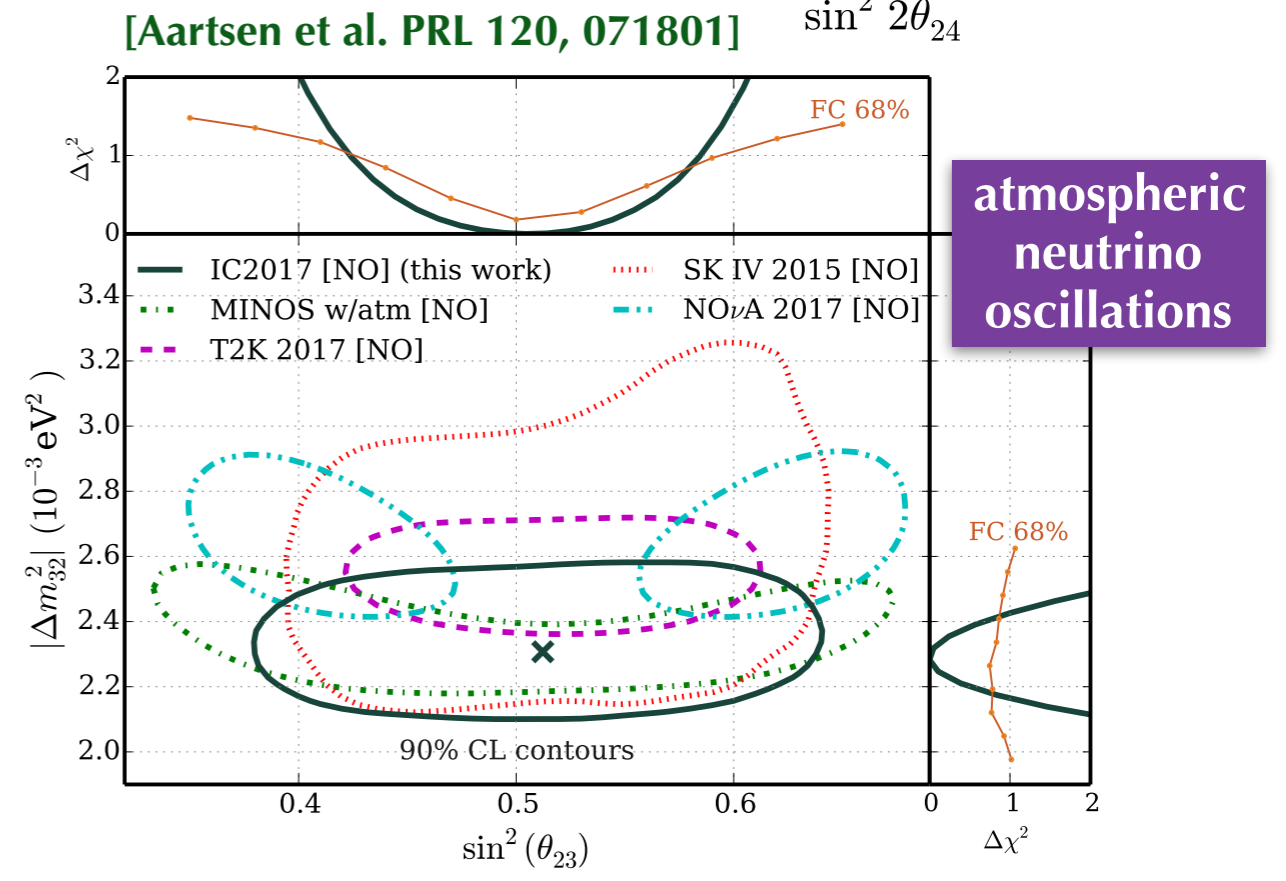
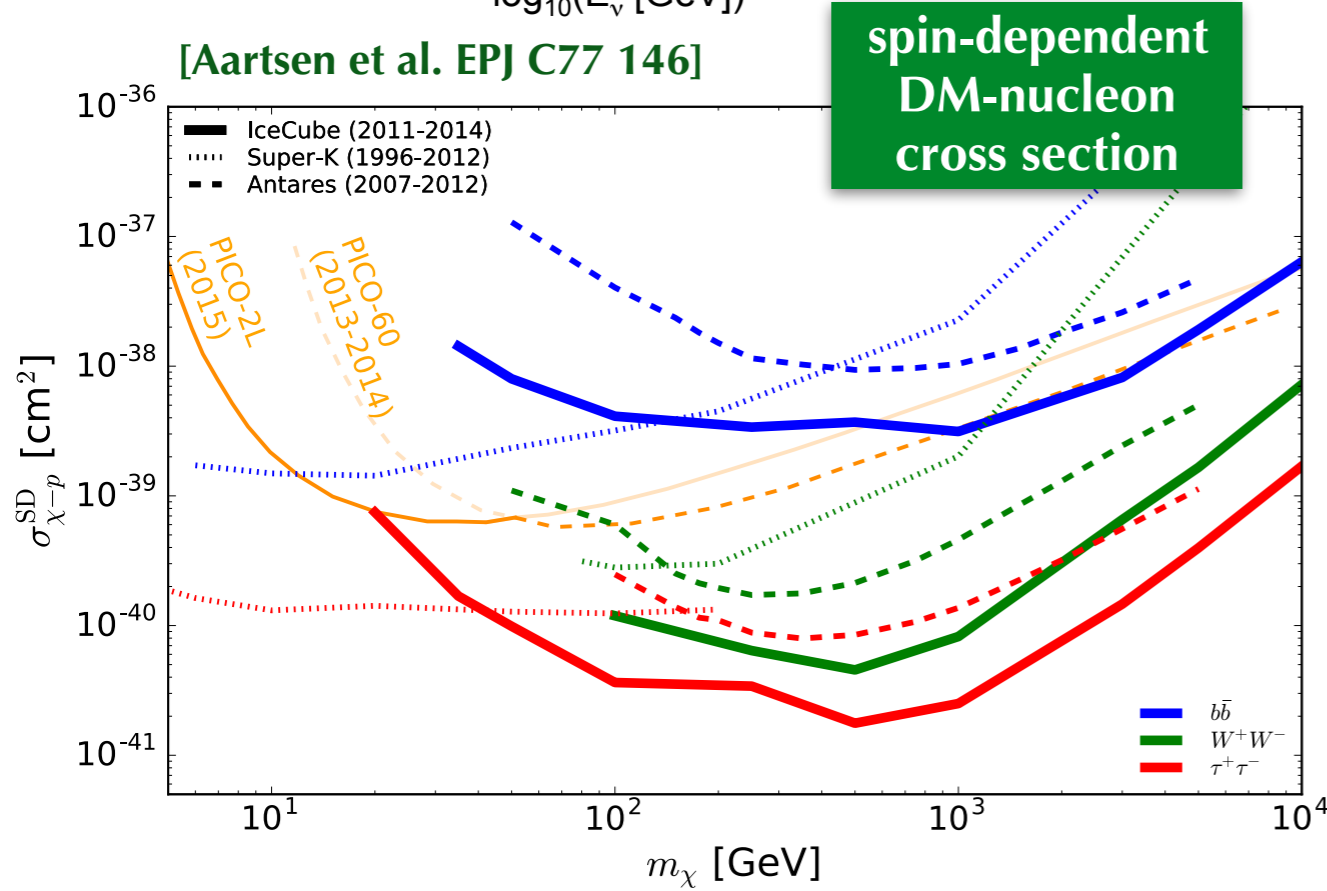
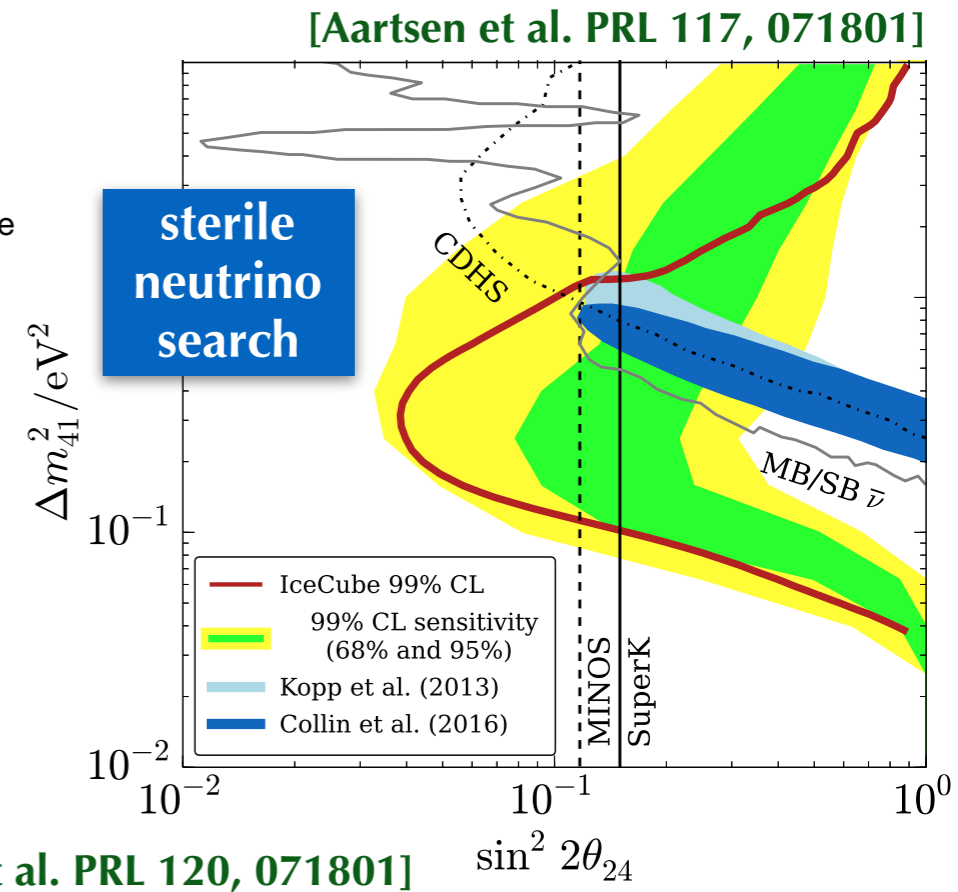
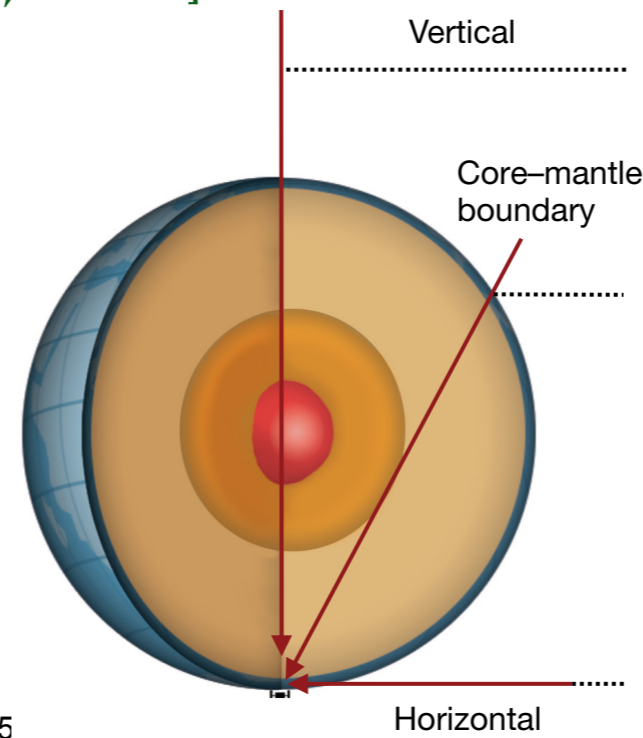
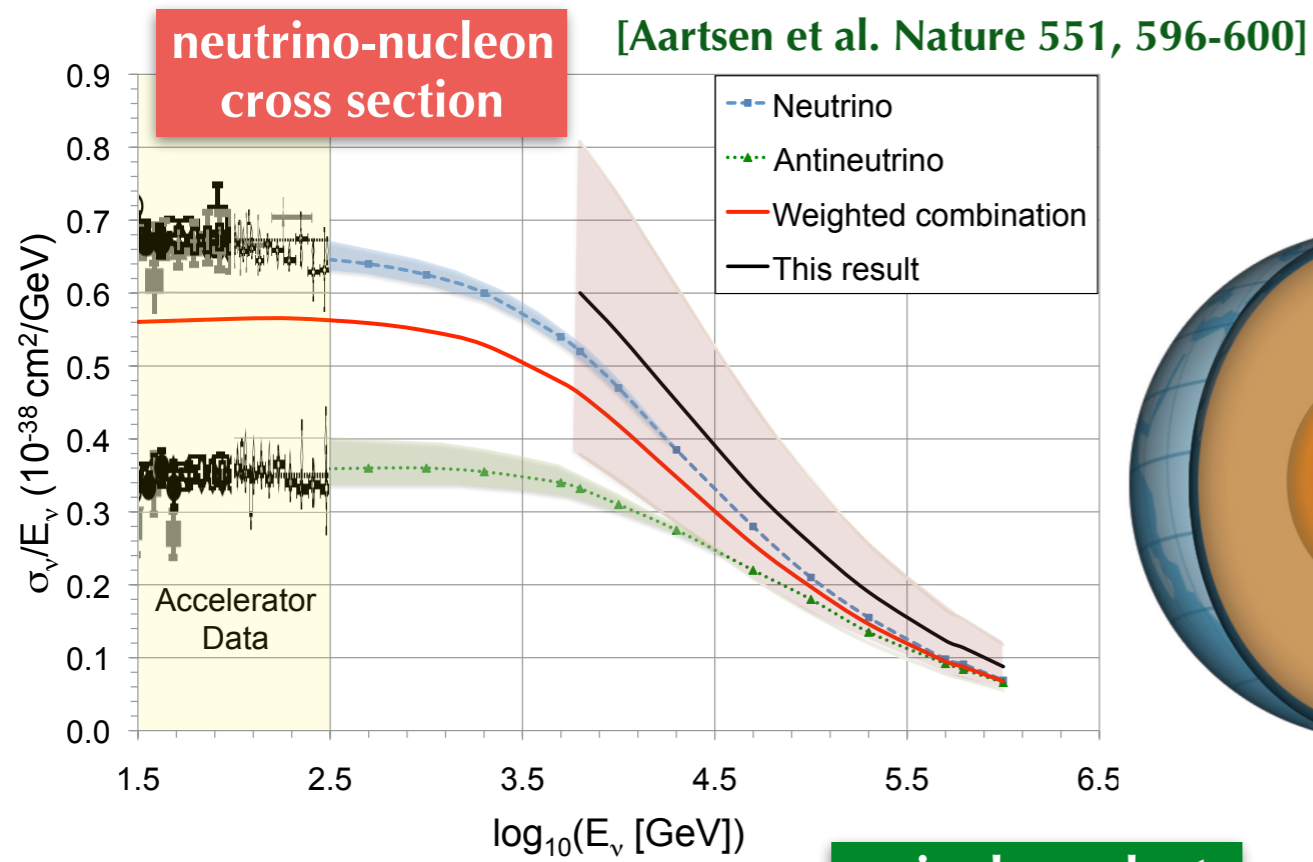
Summary

- The future of neutrino astronomy is bright:
 - Diffuse TeV-PeV neutrino flux of unknown origin.
 - Intensity comparable to cosmic-ray and gamma-ray observations.
 - First compelling evidence of neutrino emission from blazars.
- With next-generation telescopes we will go from discovery to astronomy!
- Many more avenues, that could not be covered in this talk:
supernova neutrinos, GZK neutrinos, BSM physics, neutrino-nucleon cross-section measurements, dark matter indirect signals, ...

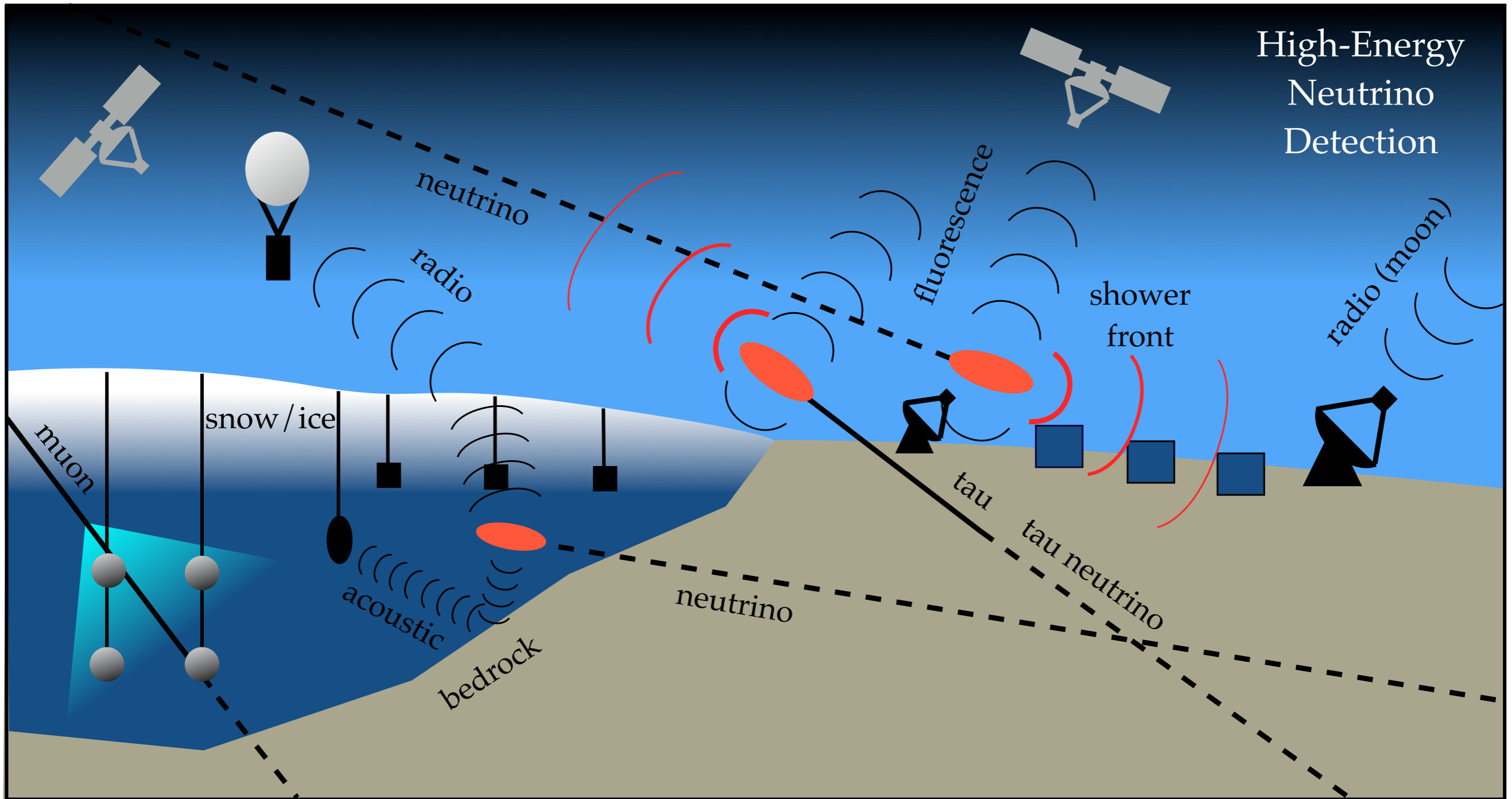
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Backup Slides

Neutrino Physics

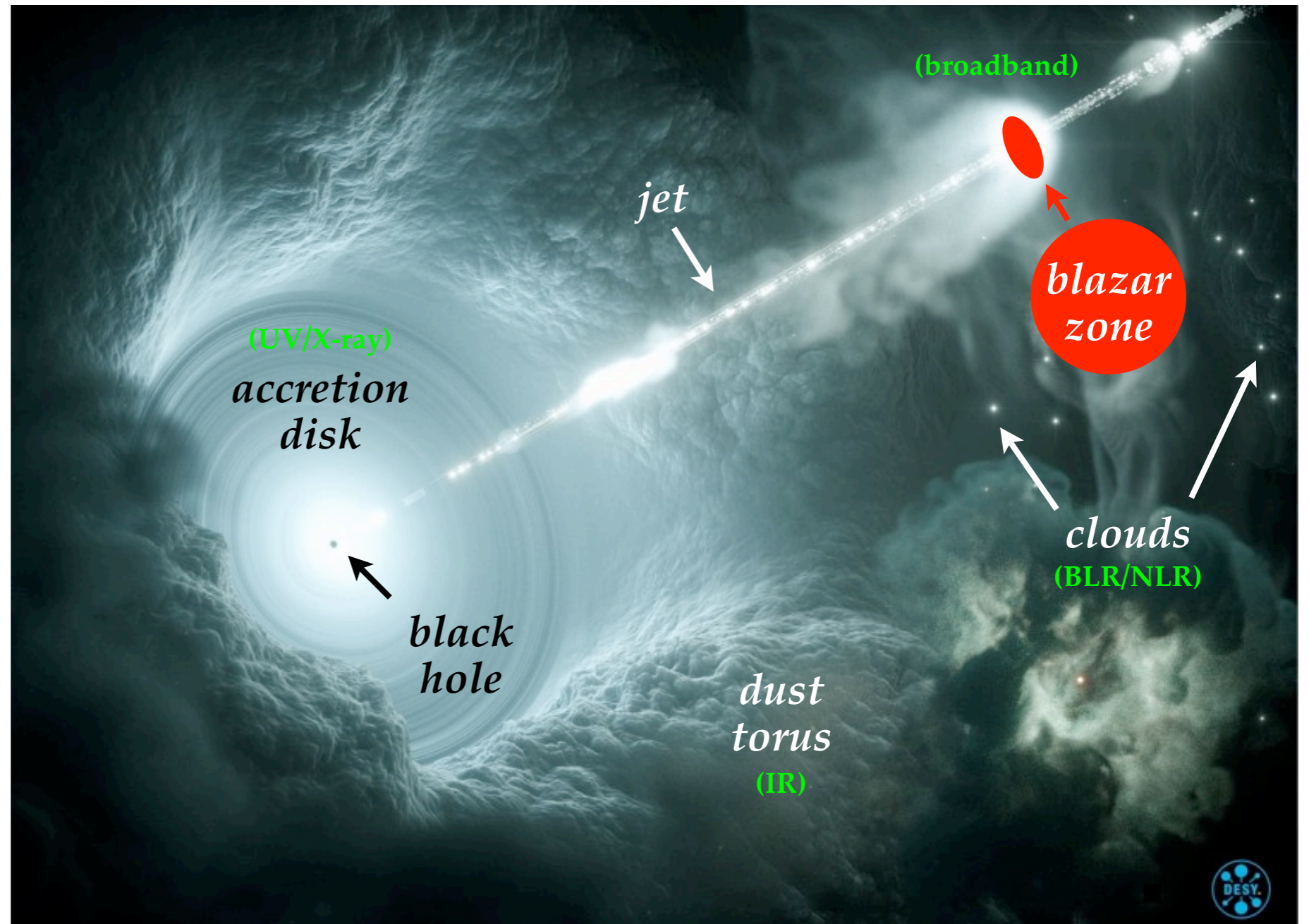


Detection Principles



Blazars as Neutrino Factories

- **Active galaxies** powered by accretion onto a supermassive black hole expel **relativistic jets pointing into our line of sight**.
- **Cosmic ray acceleration** and p-gamma interaction in blazar zone leads to neutrino beam.
- Predicted neutrino spectra have a **strong energy dependence** following photon target spectra.

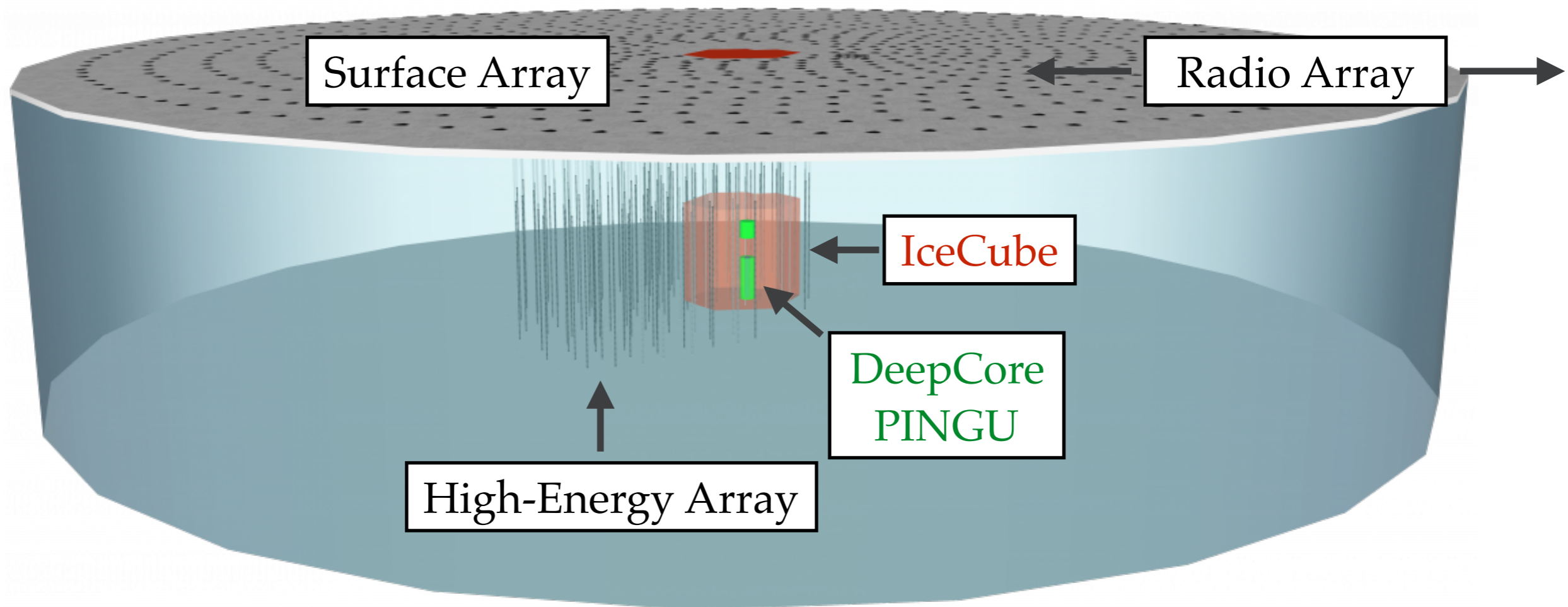
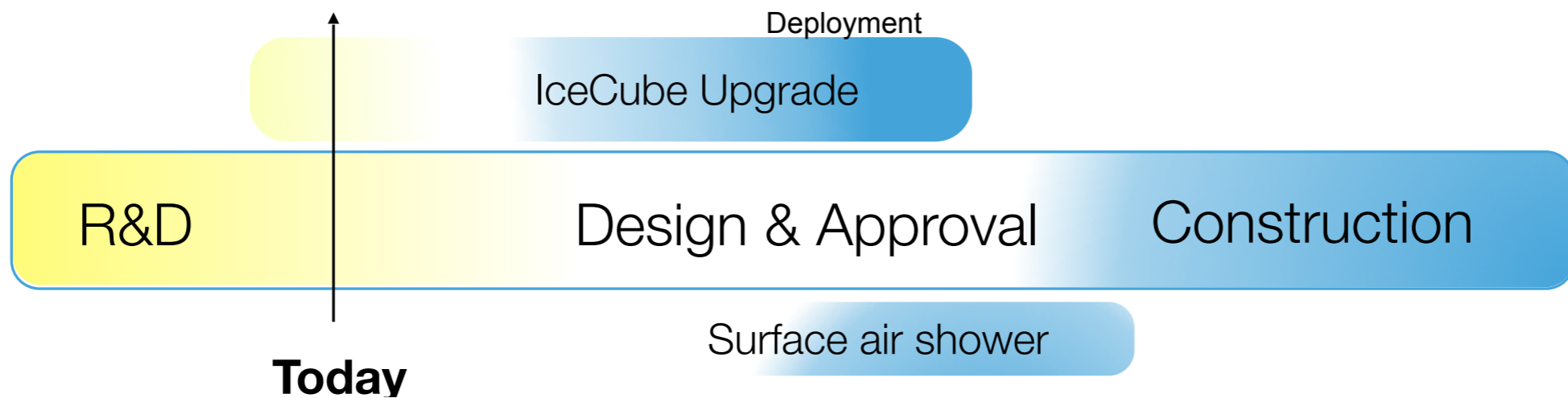


[Stecker et al.'91; Mannheim'96; Halzen & Zas'97]

IceCube-Gen2 Timeline

Preliminary timeline

2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | ... | 2032



Supernova Forecast

From K. Scholberg, J. Phys G 45:2017

Detector	Type	Mass (kt)	Location	Events [10 kpc]
IceCube	long string	600	South Pole	1,000,000
<i>Hyper-K*</i>	<i>H₂O</i>	374	<i>Japan</i>	75,000
<i>DUNE*</i>	<i>Ar</i>	40	<i>USA</i>	3,000
Super-K	H ₂ O	32	Japan	7,000
<i>JUNO*</i>	<i>C_nH_{2n}</i>	20	<i>China</i>	6,000
NOvA	C _n H _{2n}	15	USA	4,000
LVD	C _n H _{2n}	1	Italy	300
KamLAND	C _n H _{2n}	1	Japan	300
SNO+	C _n H _{2n}	0.8	Canada	300
Baksan	C _n H _{2n}	0.33	Russia	50
Daya Bay	C _n H _{2n}	0.33	China	100
Borexino	C _n H _{2n}	0.3	Italy	100
MicroBooNE	Ar	0.17	USA	17
HALO	Pb	0.08	Canada	30