

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM IceCube

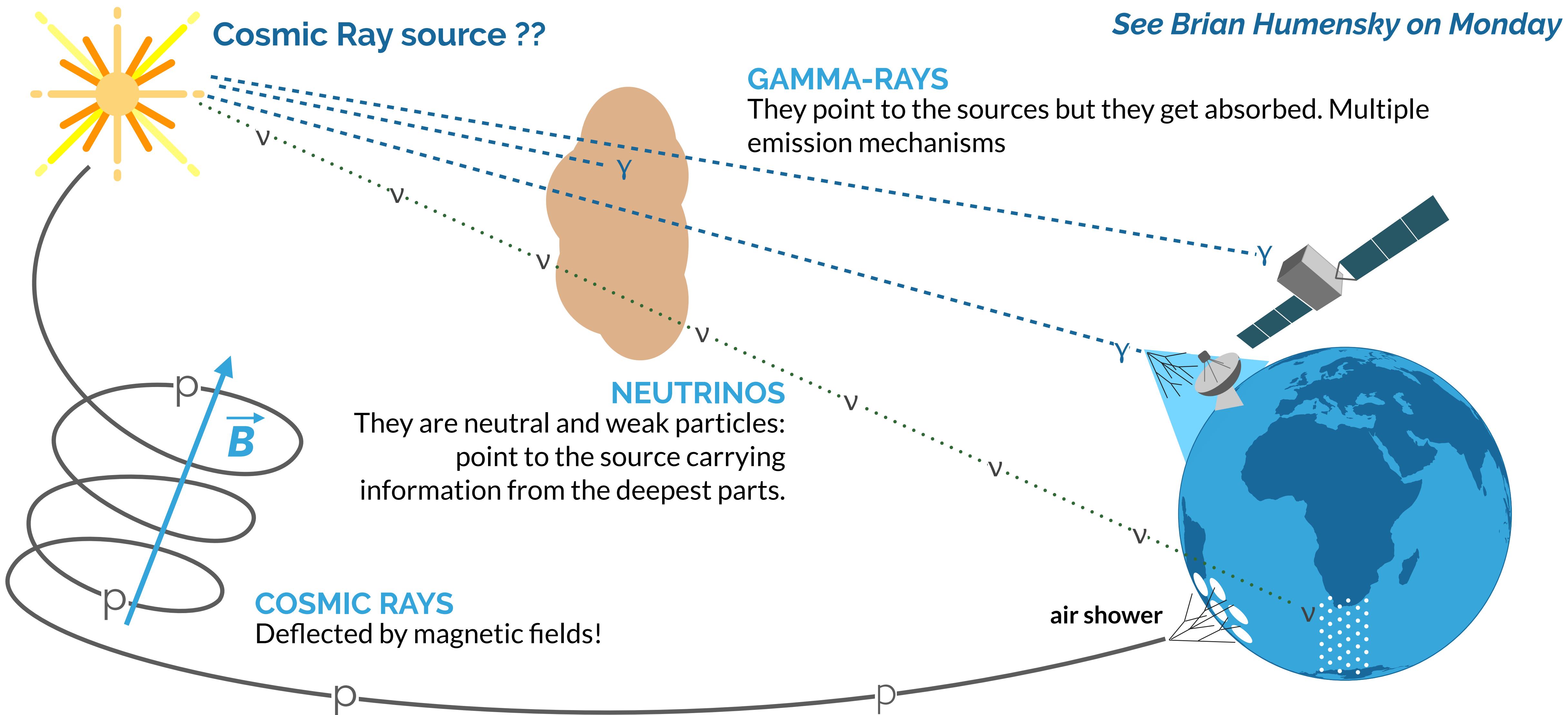
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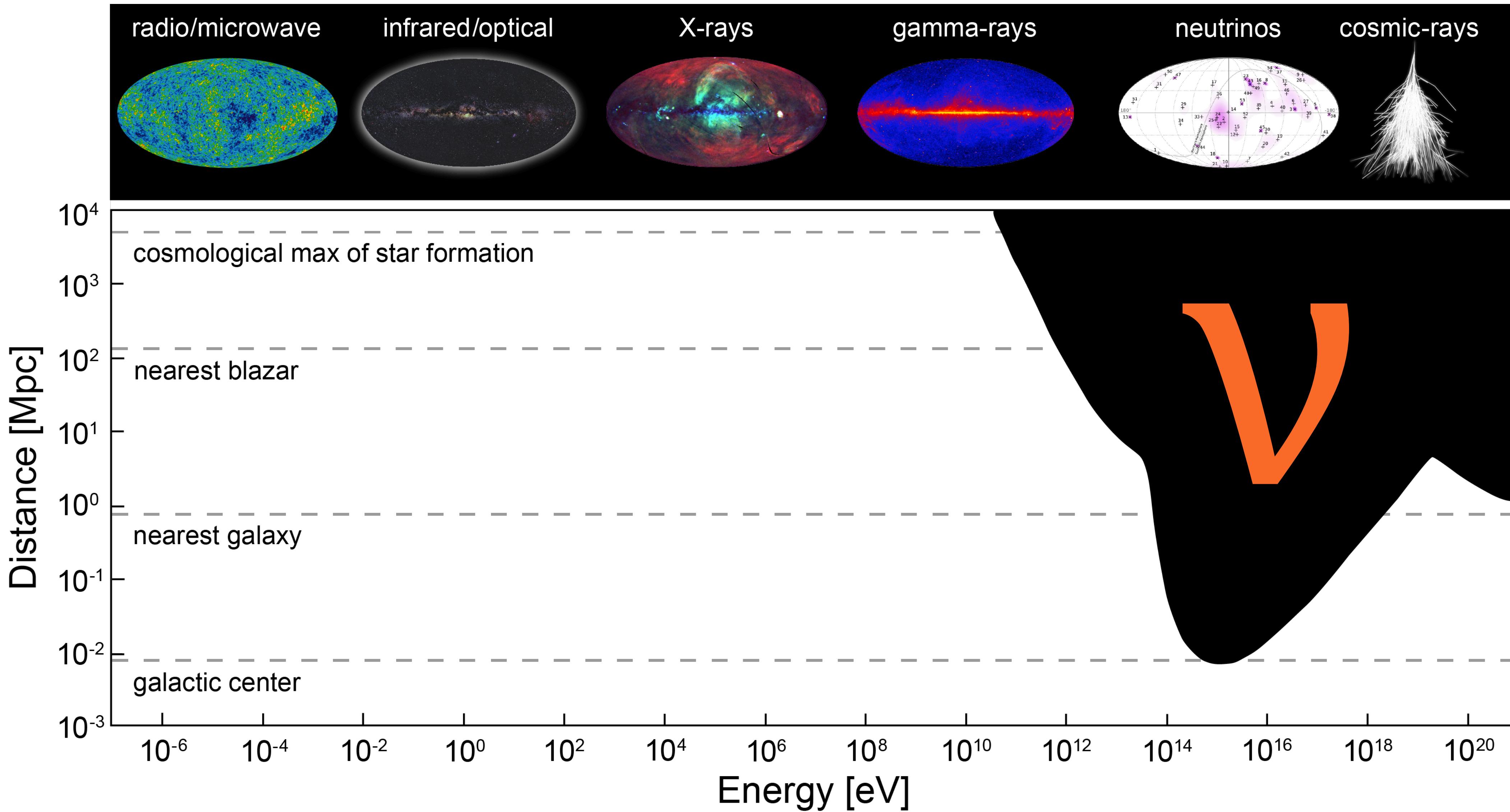
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# Multimessenger Astronomy

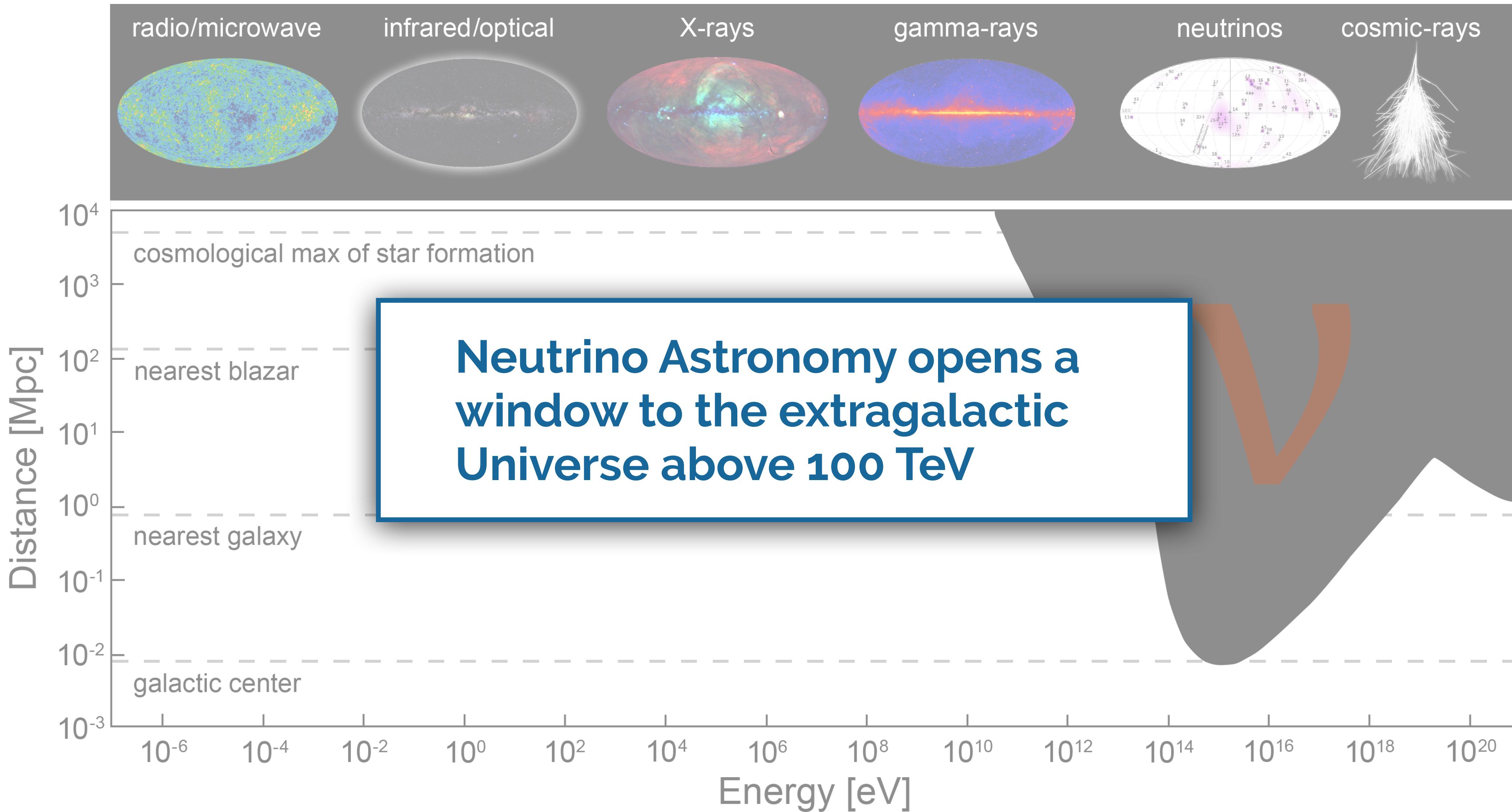
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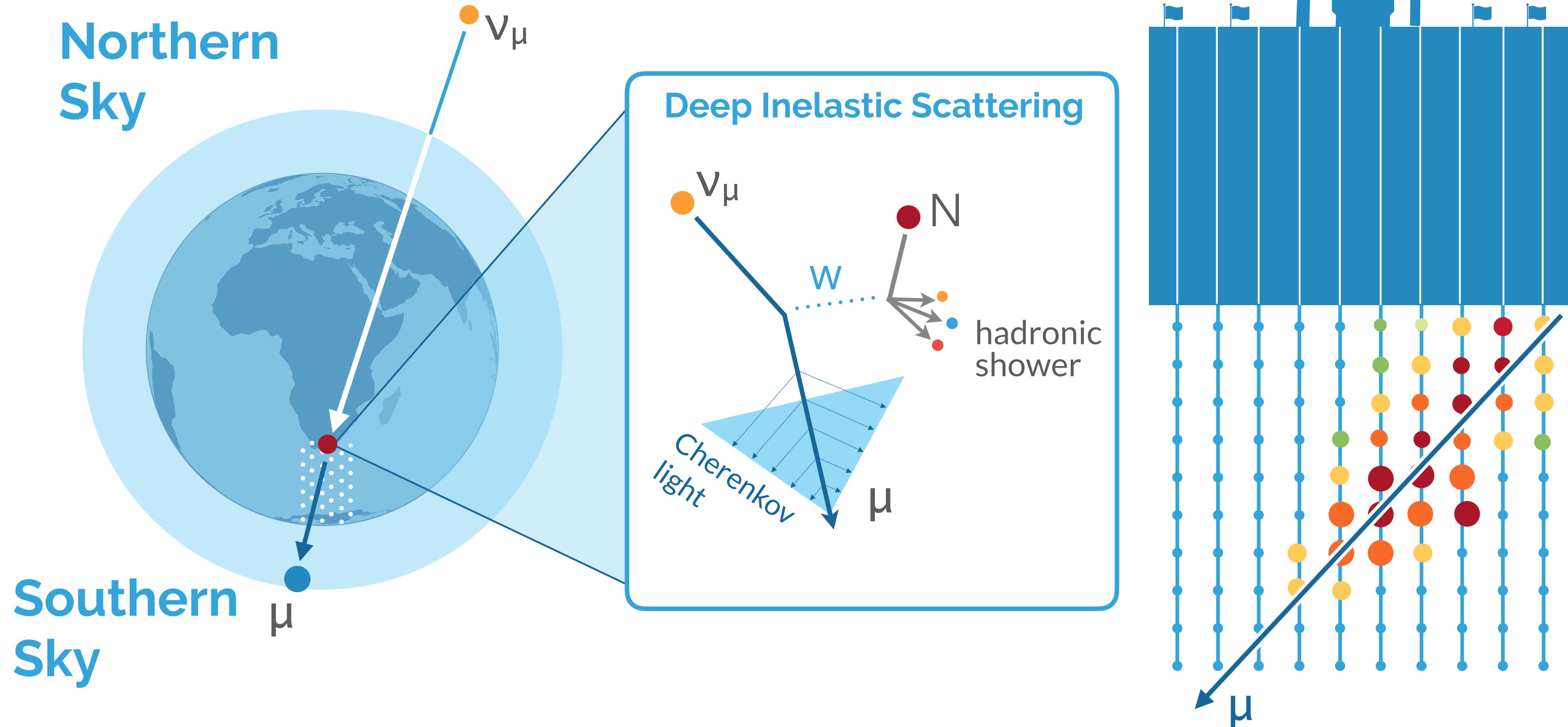


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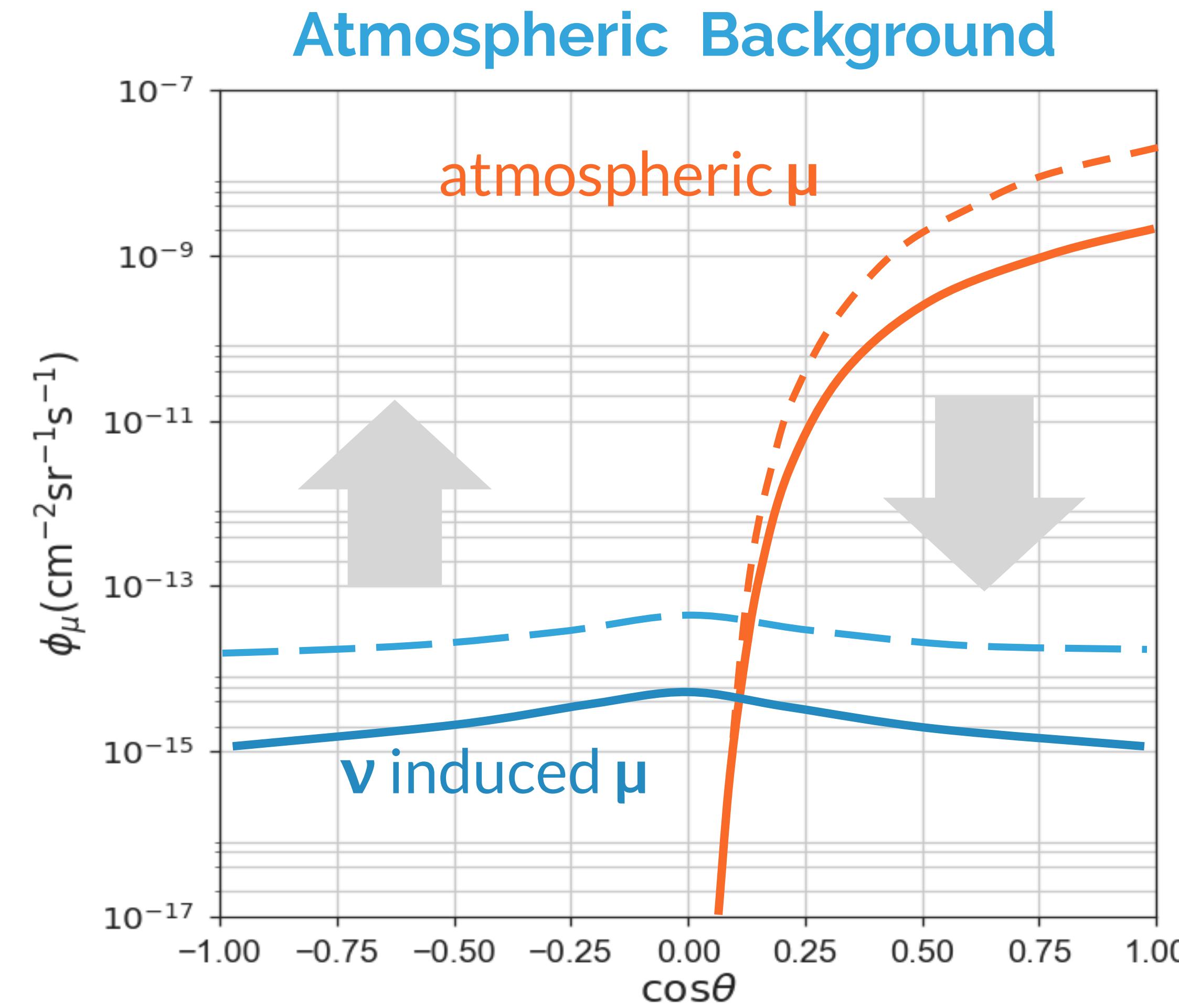
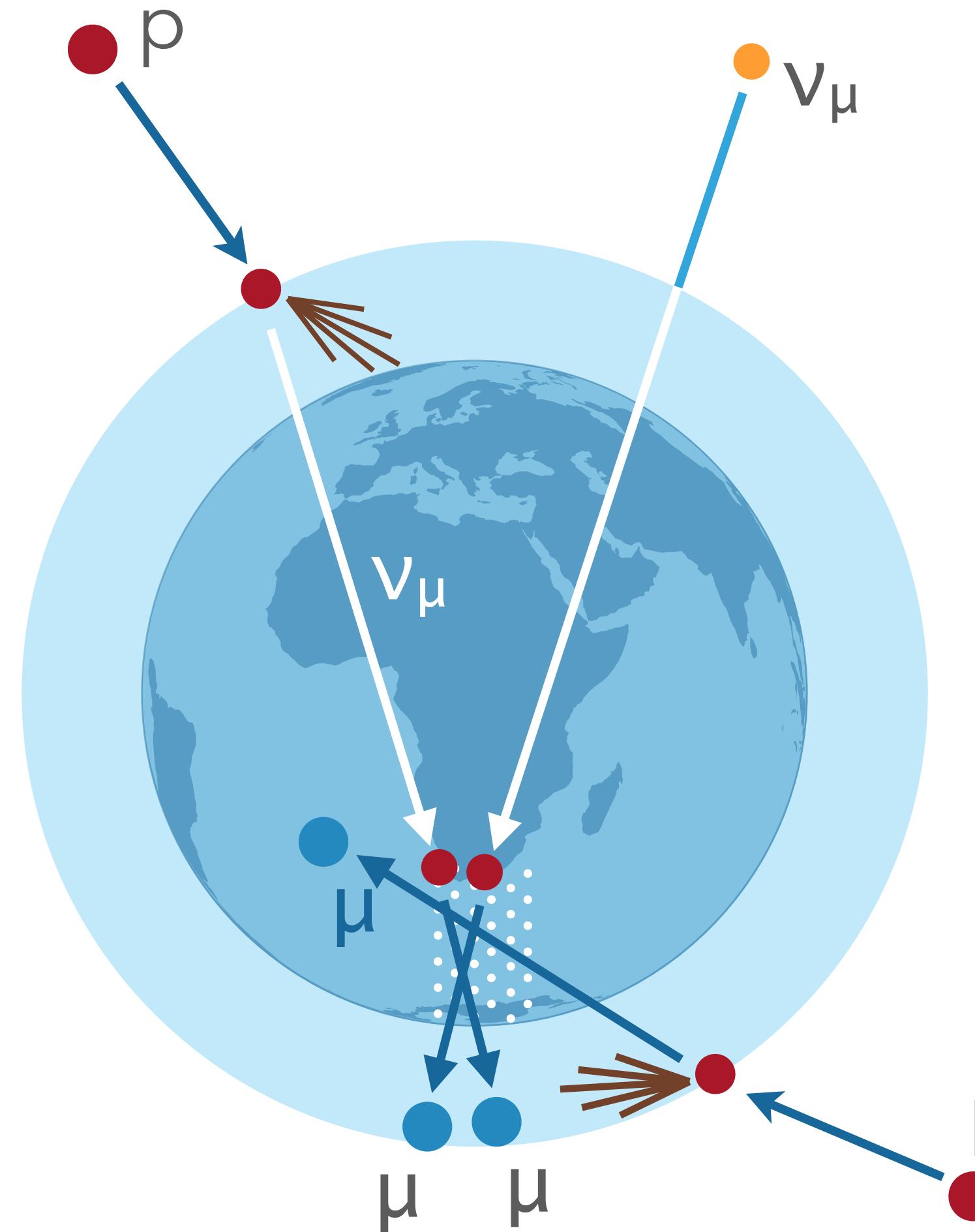
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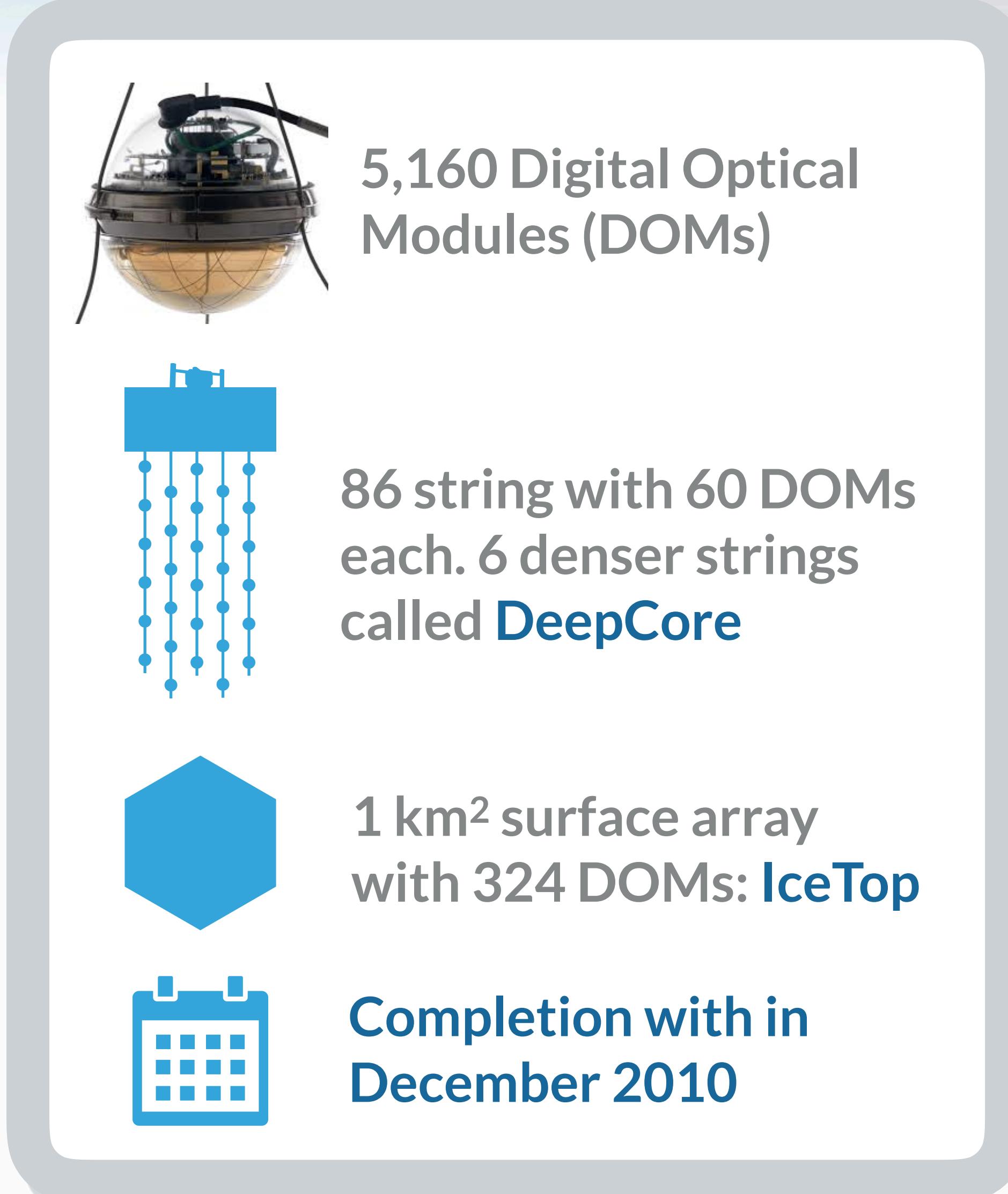
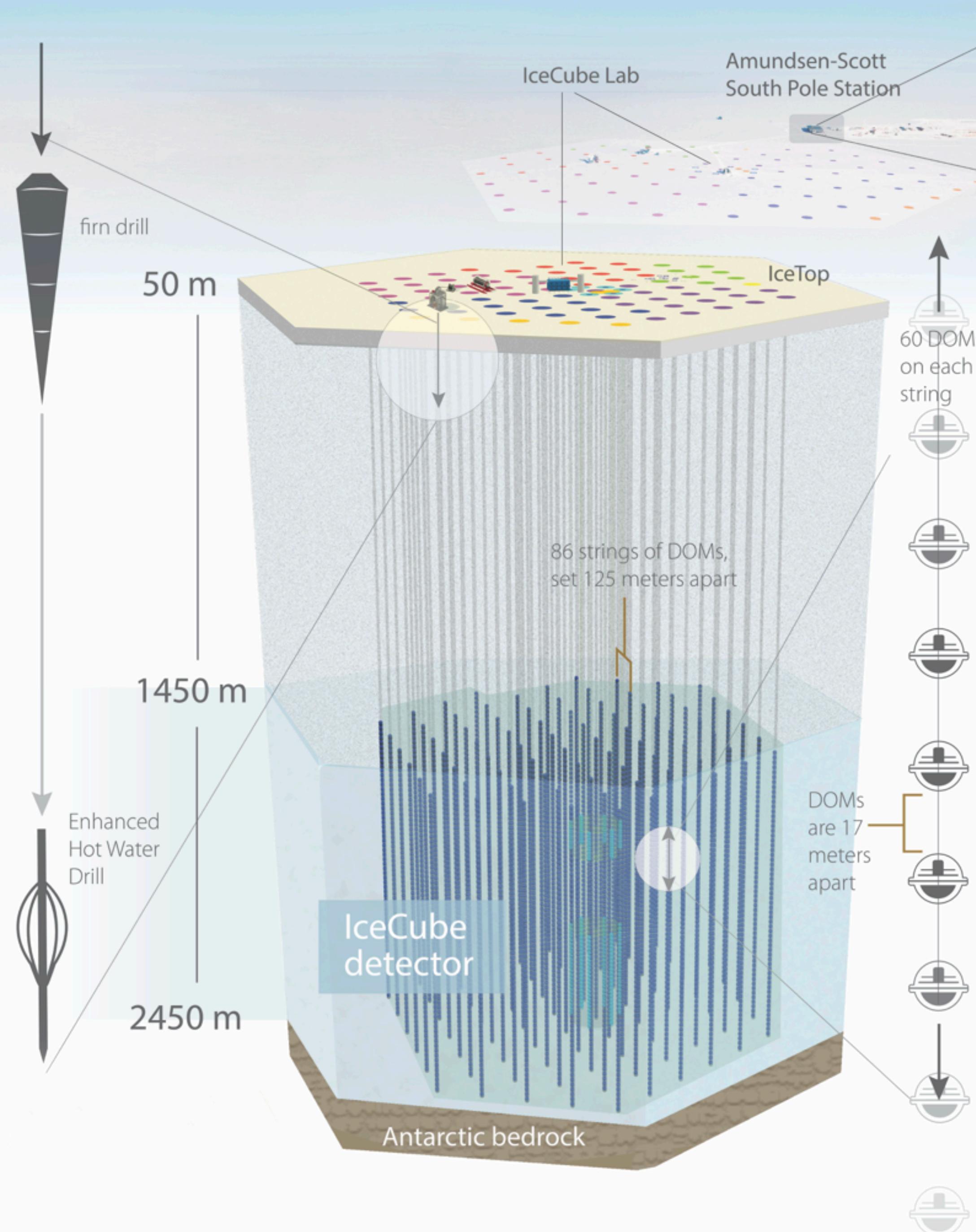
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3kHz

2mHz

# IceCube Neutrino Observatory

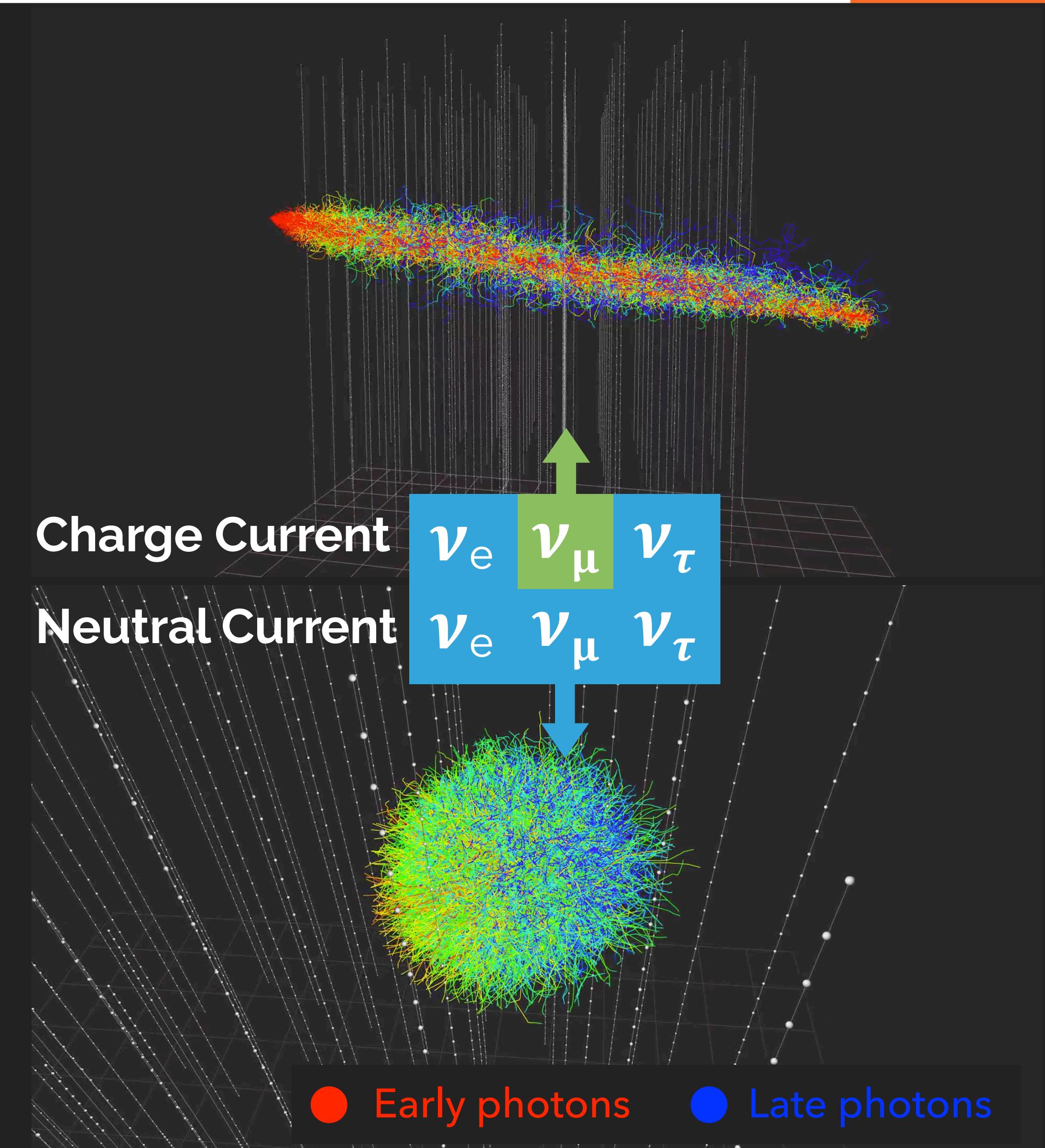


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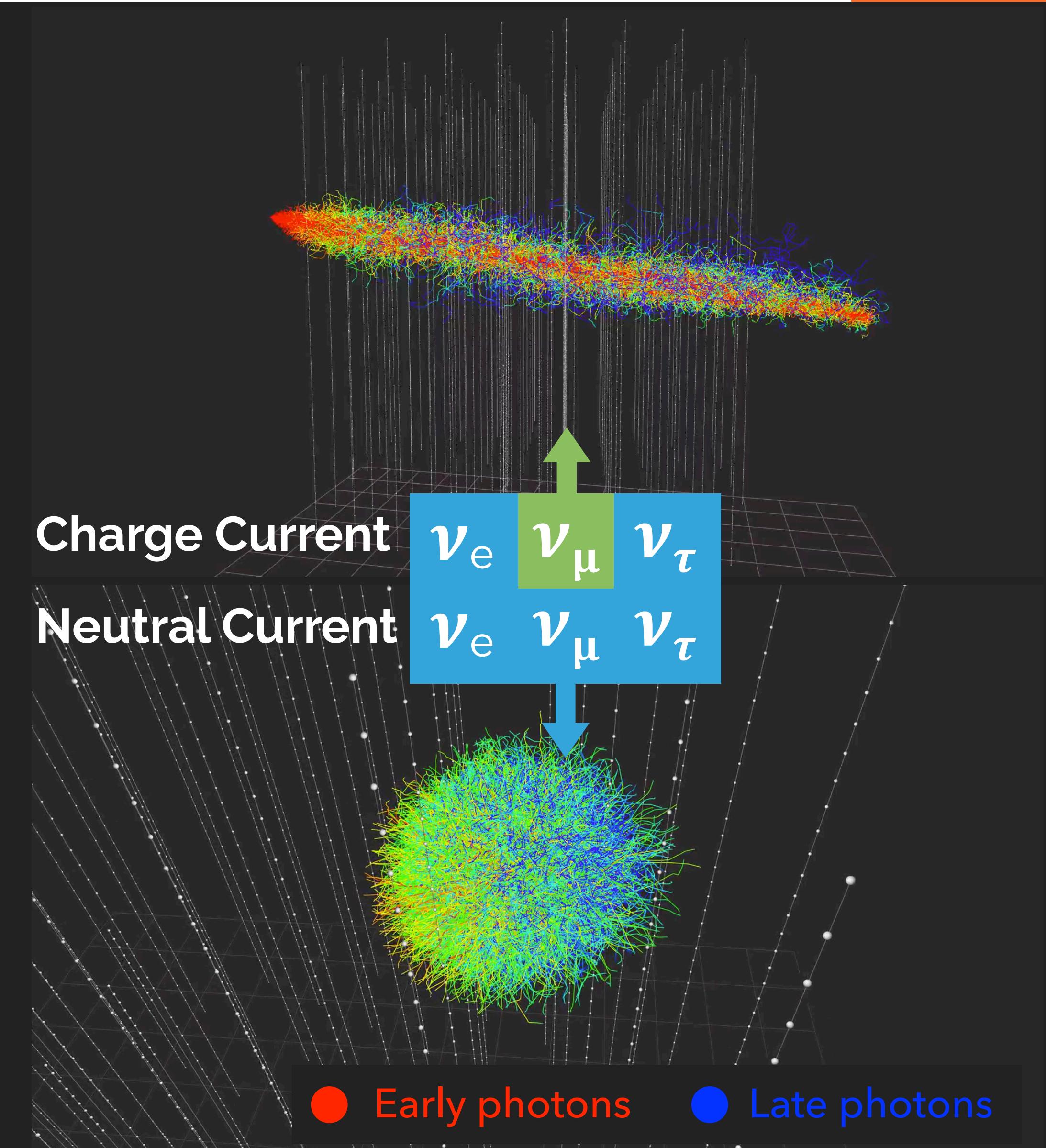


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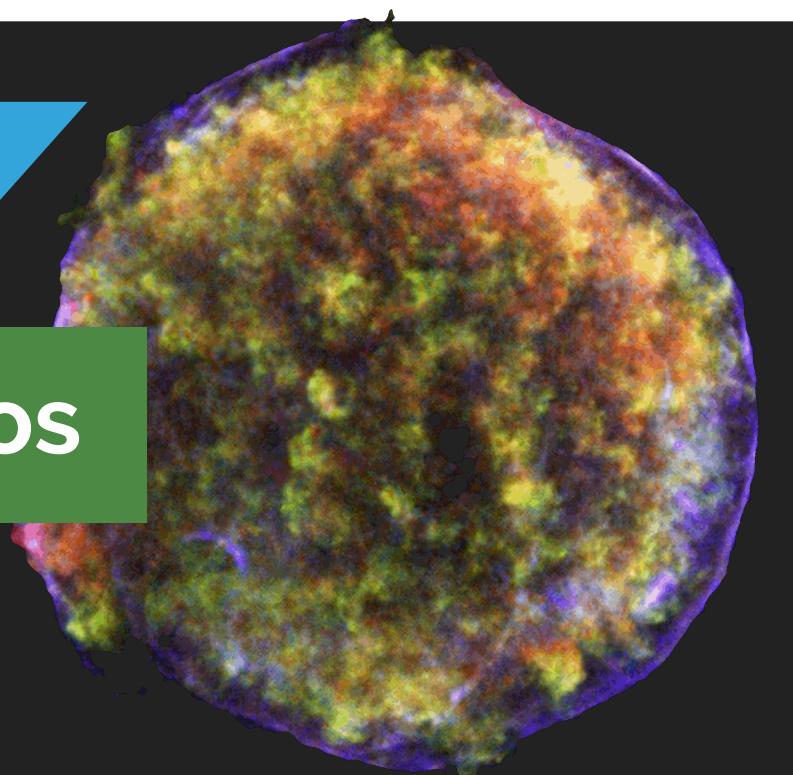


# Neutrino Detectors Scientific Scope

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And Cosmic Rays

SN Neutrinos



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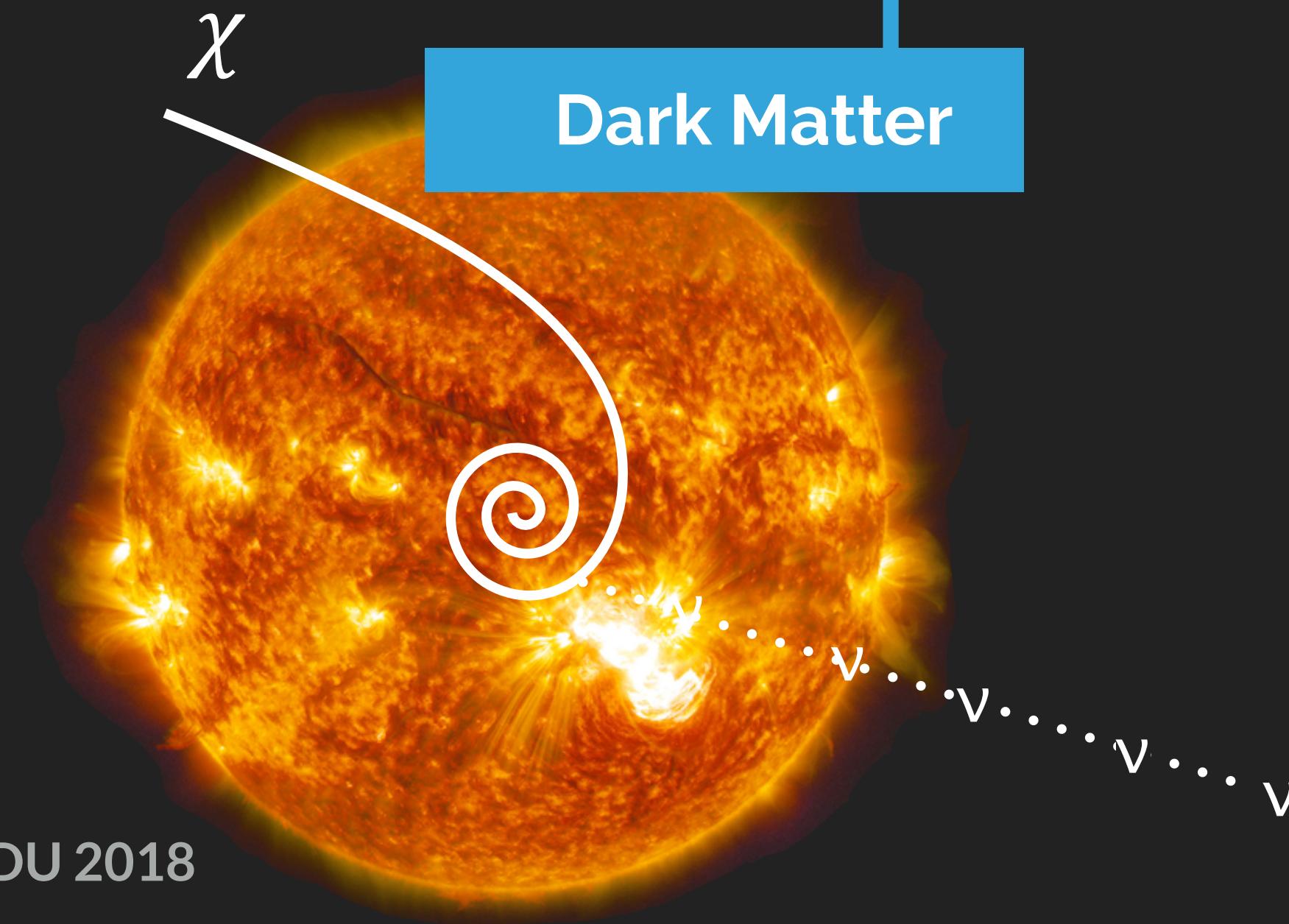
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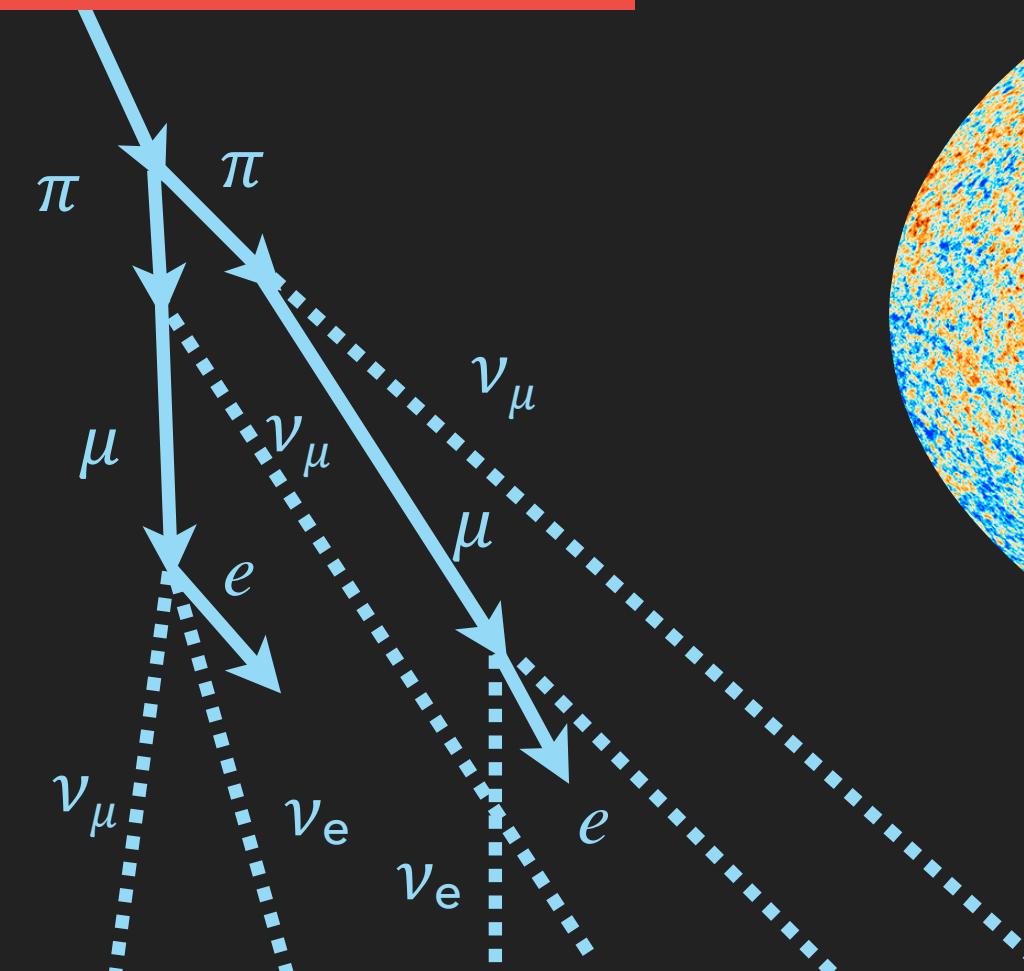


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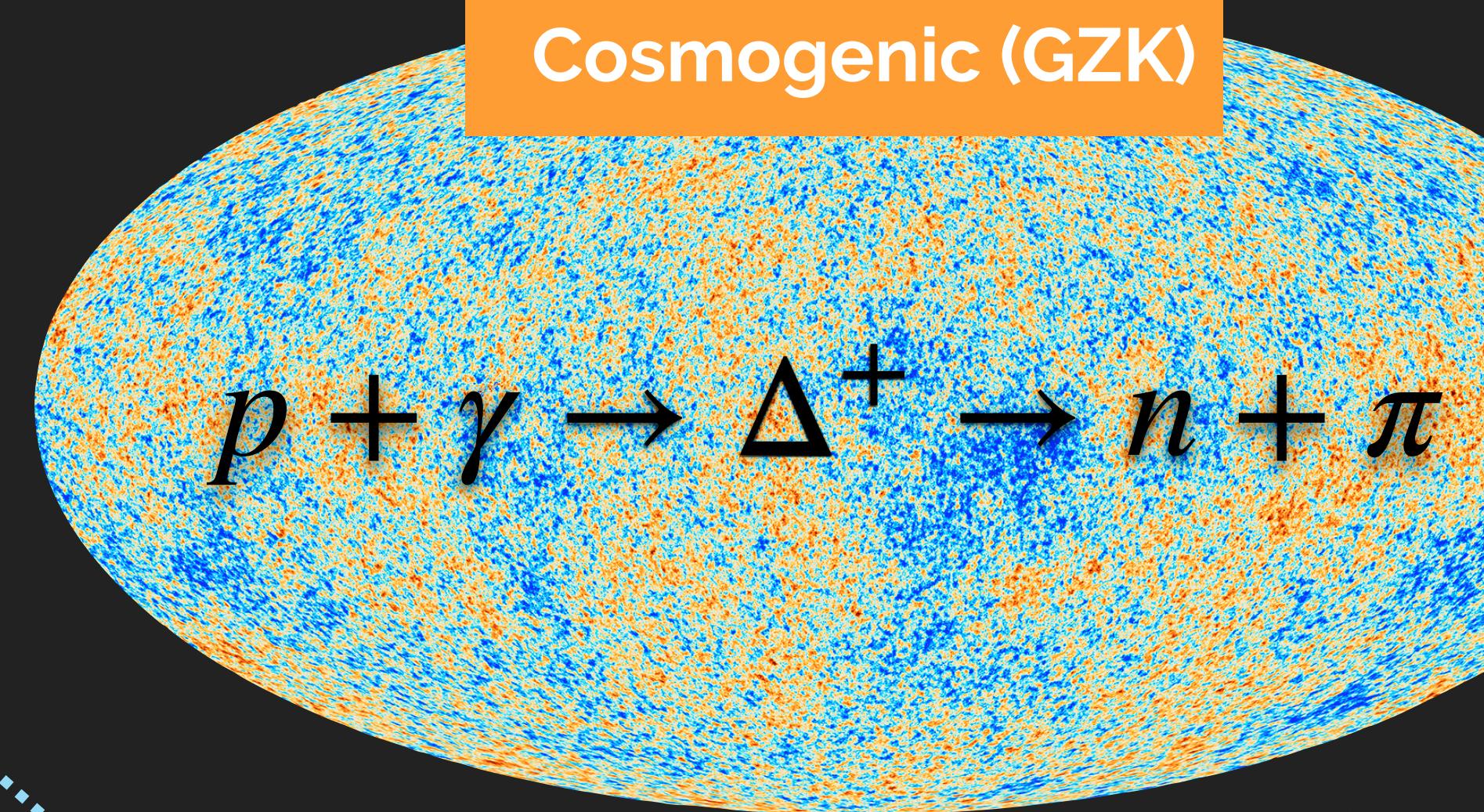


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Atmos: Oscillations,  
sterile  $\nu$ , Prompt



Cosmogenic (GZK)



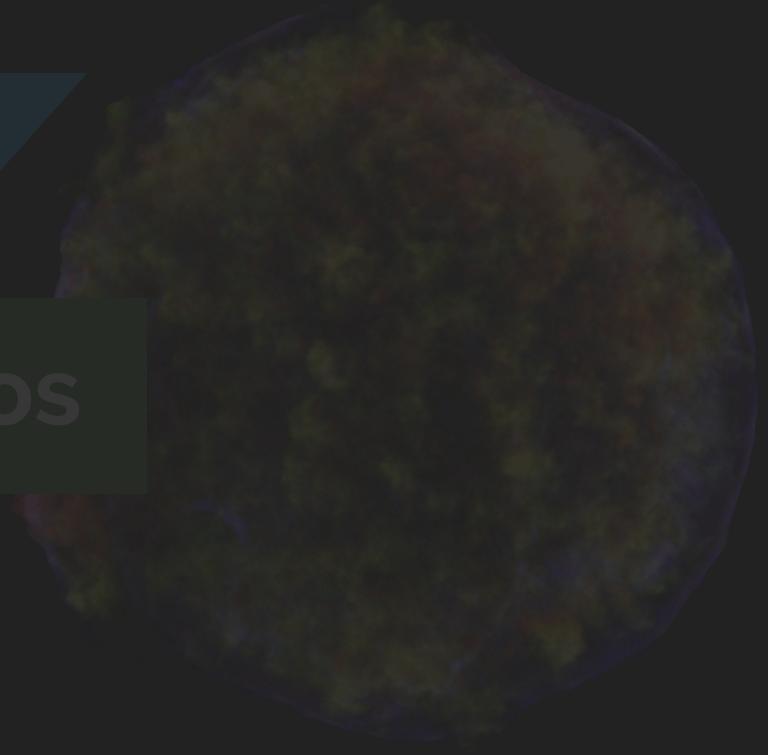
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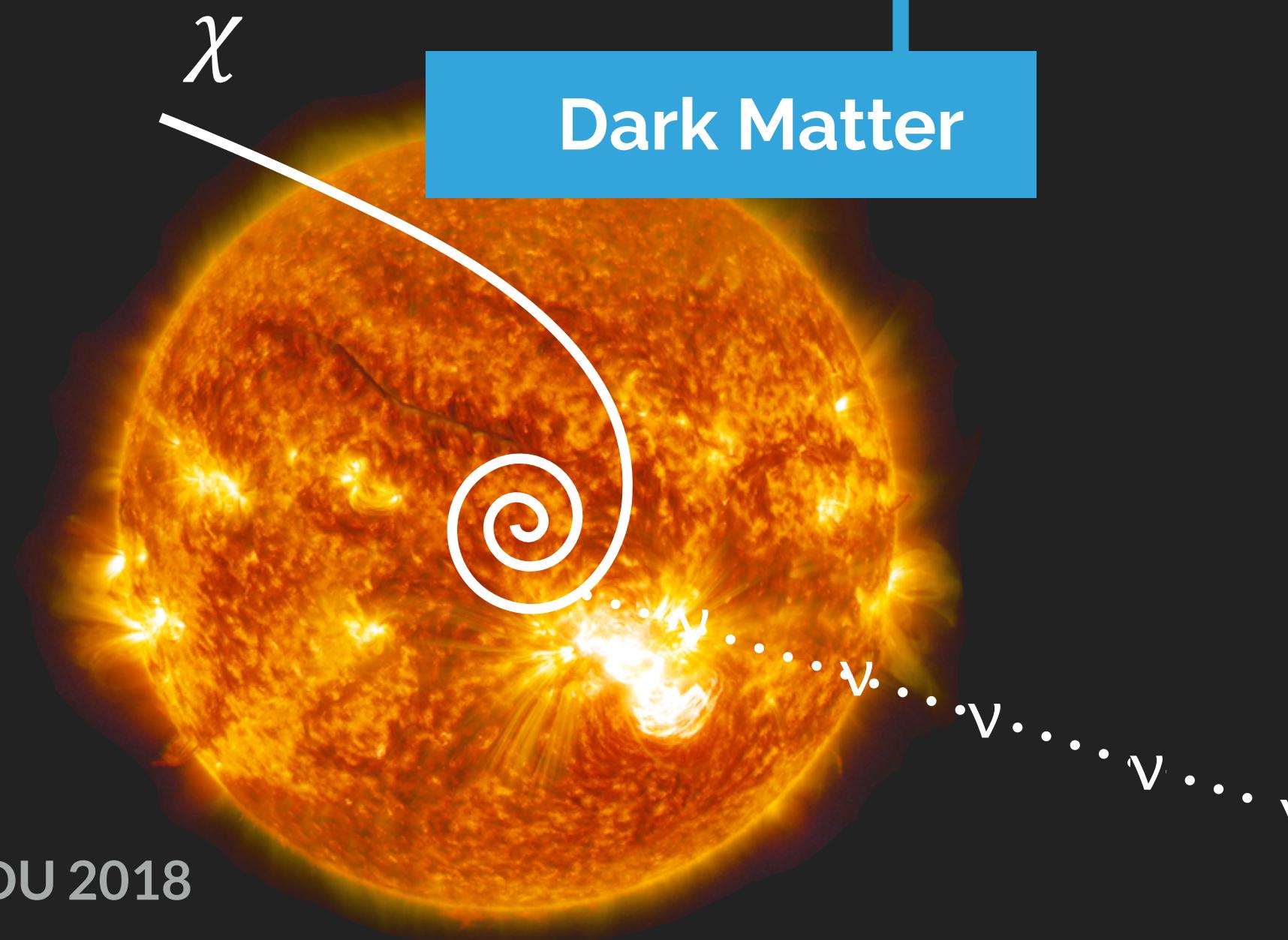
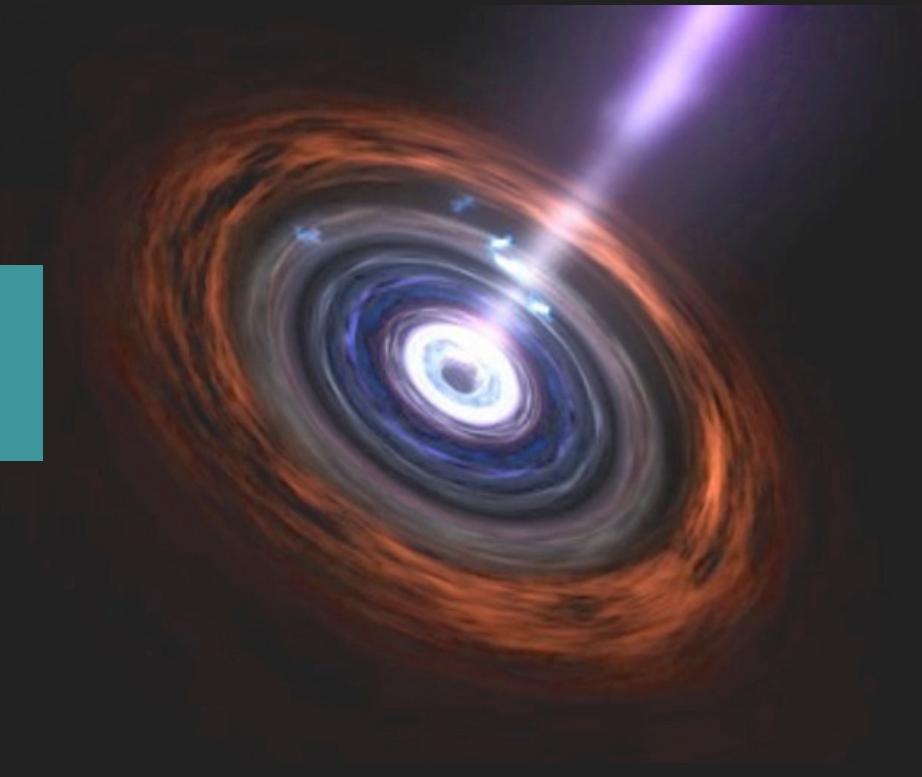
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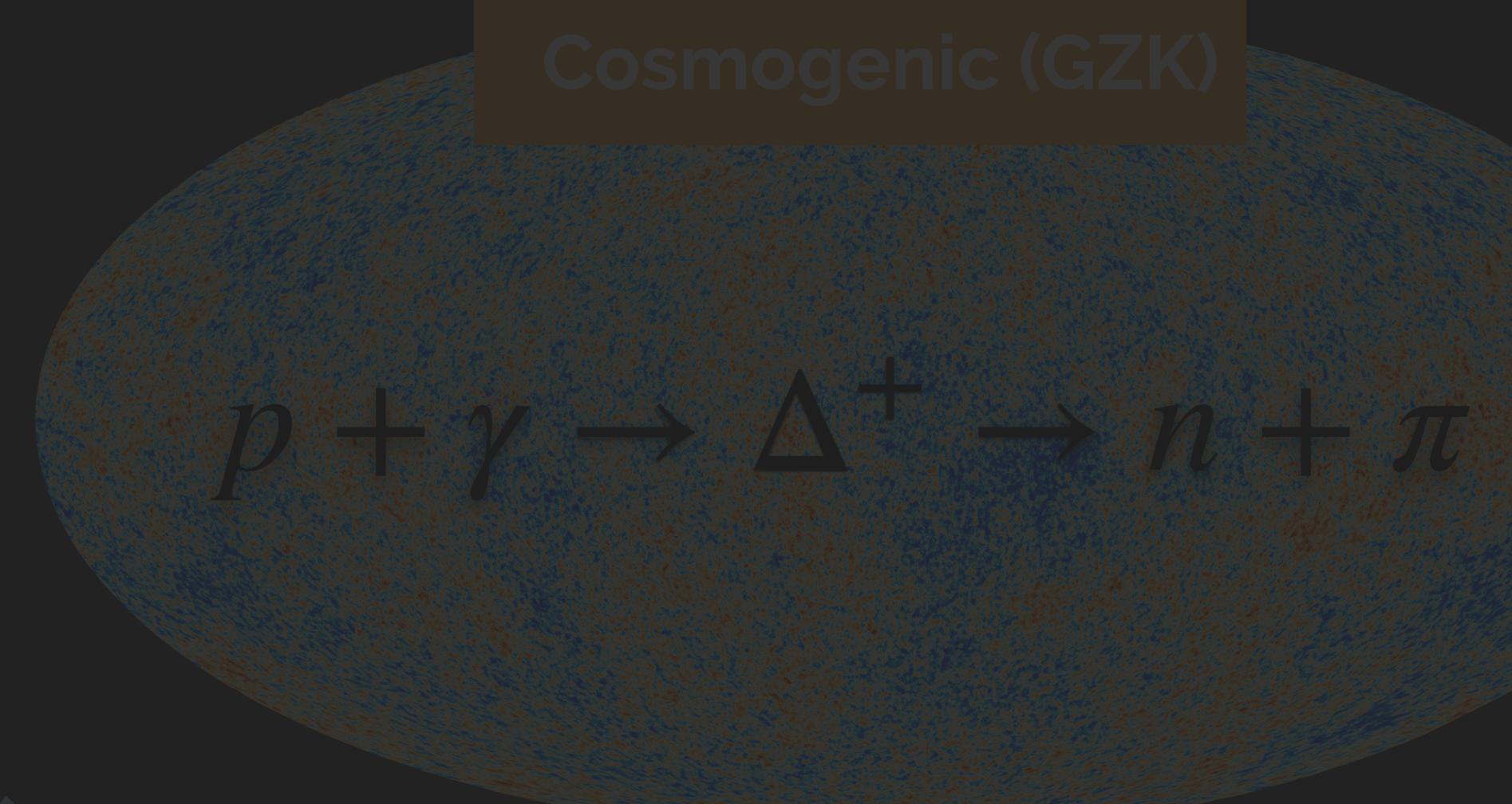
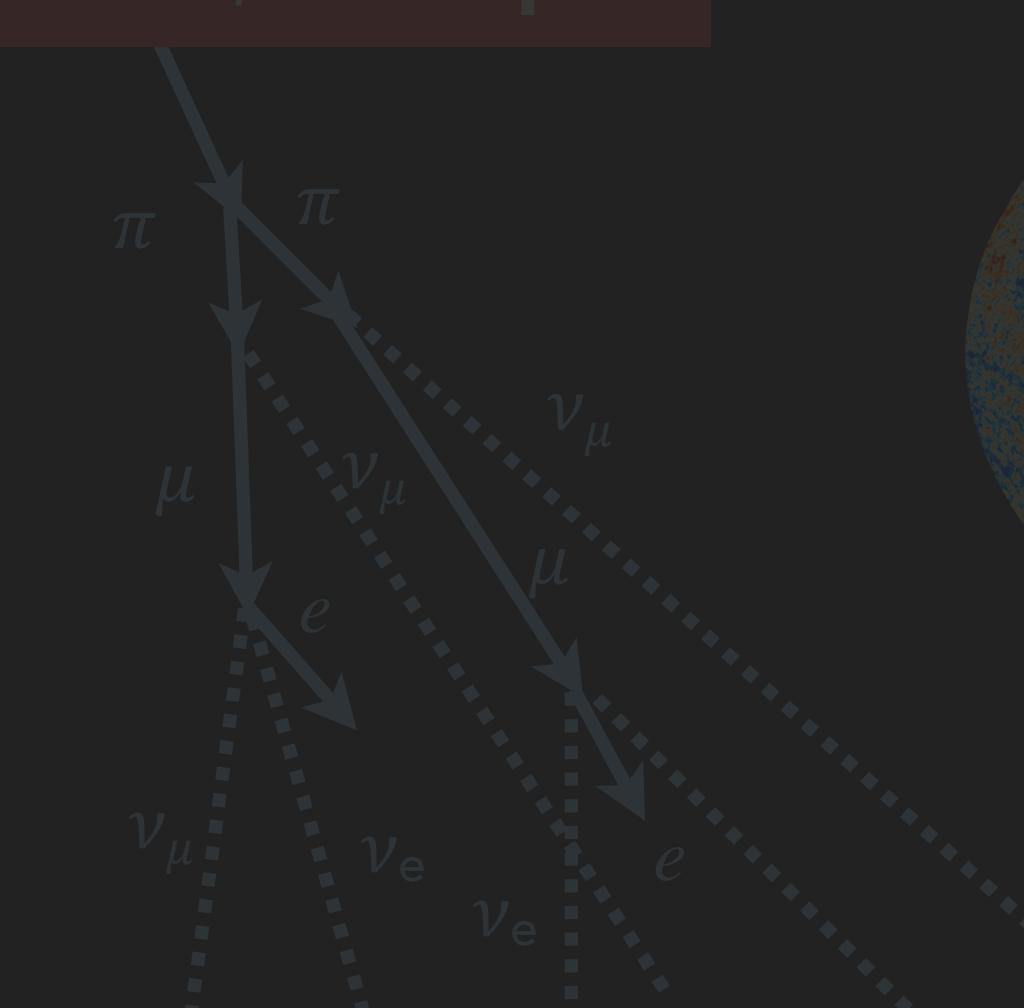
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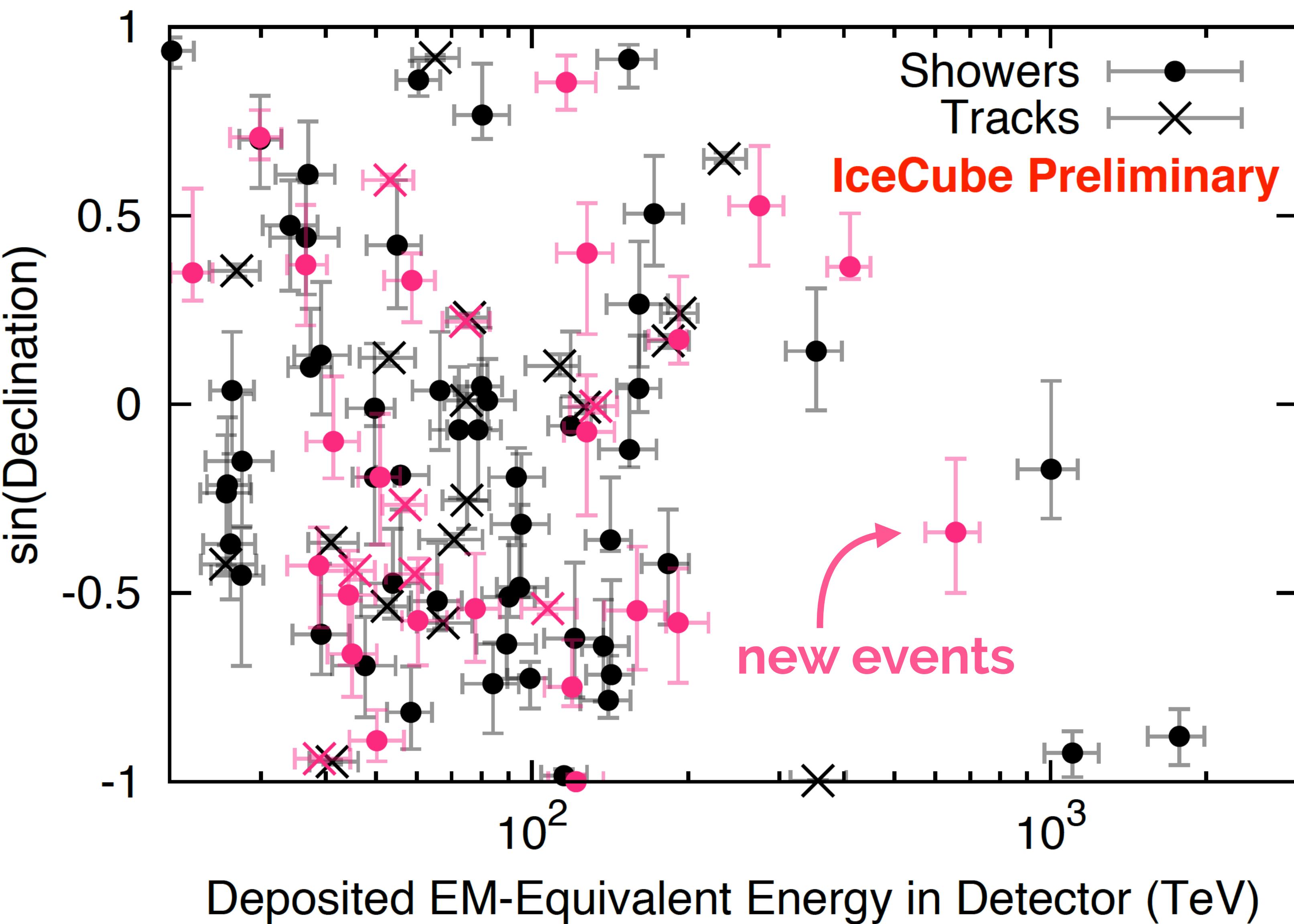
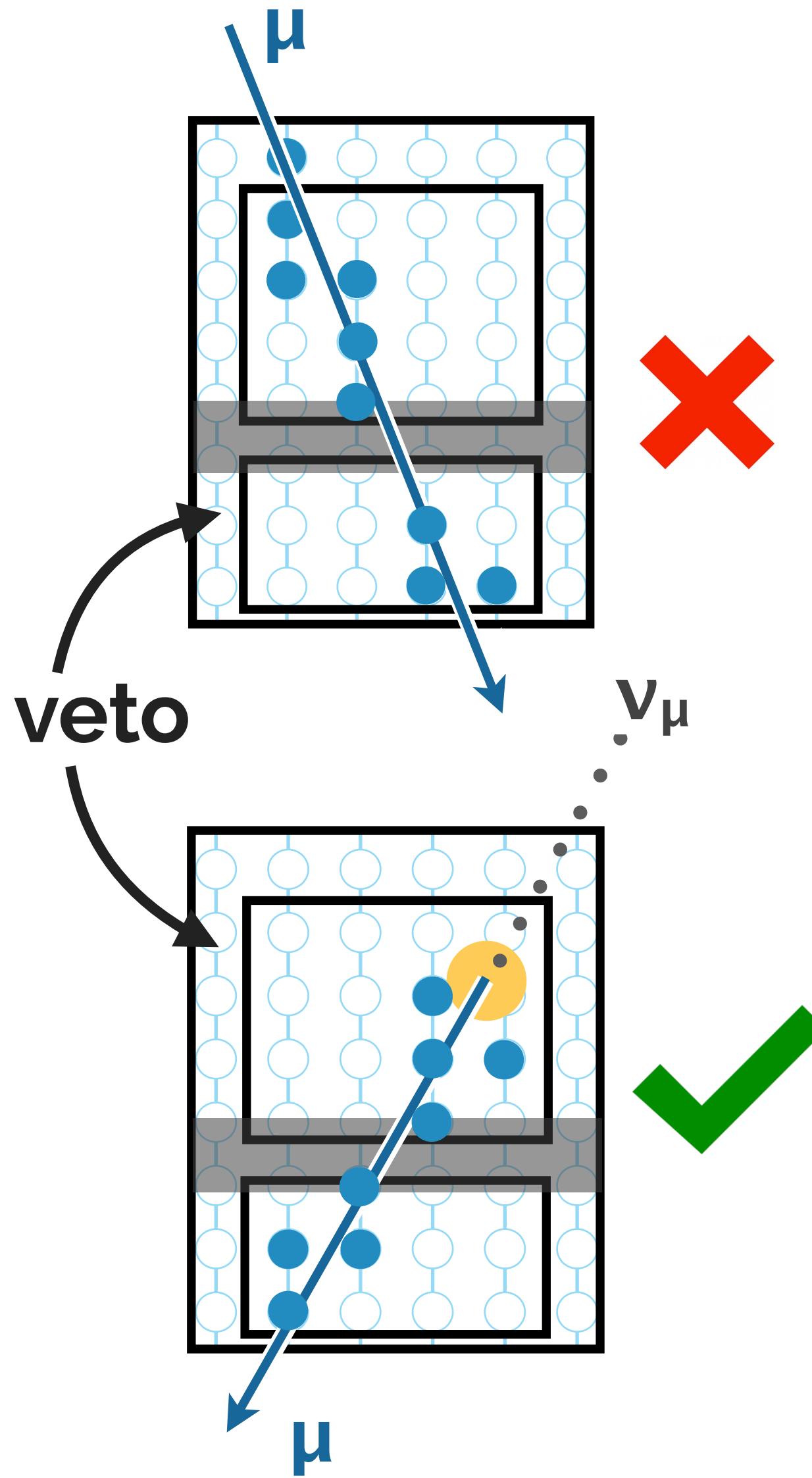
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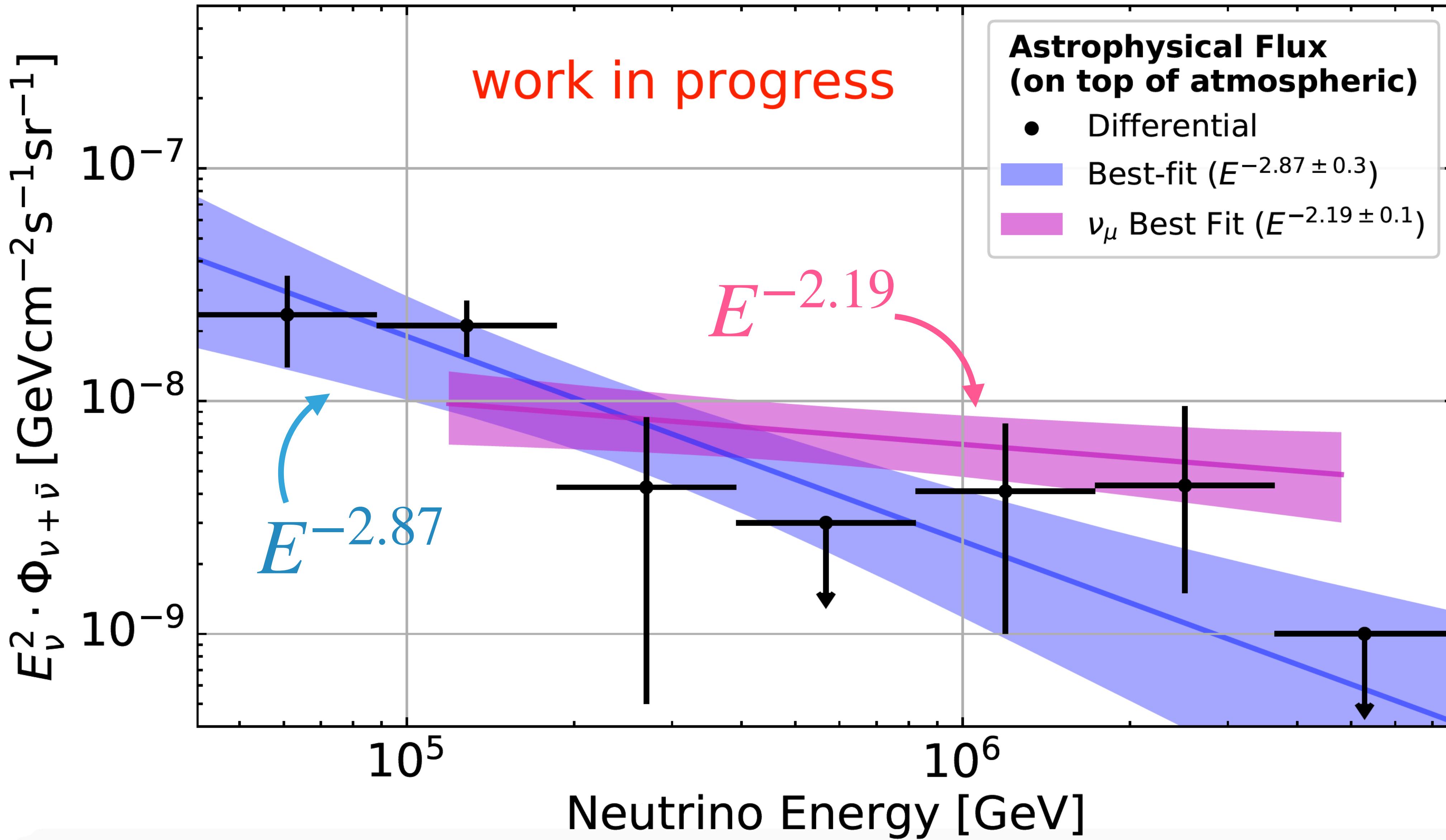
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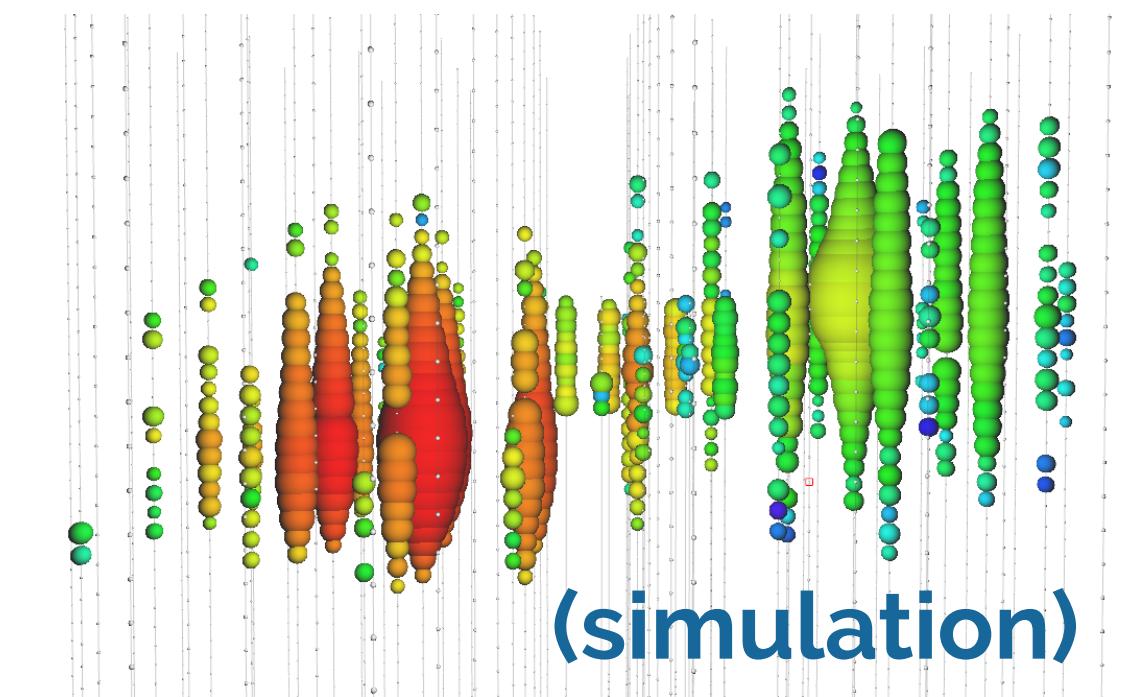
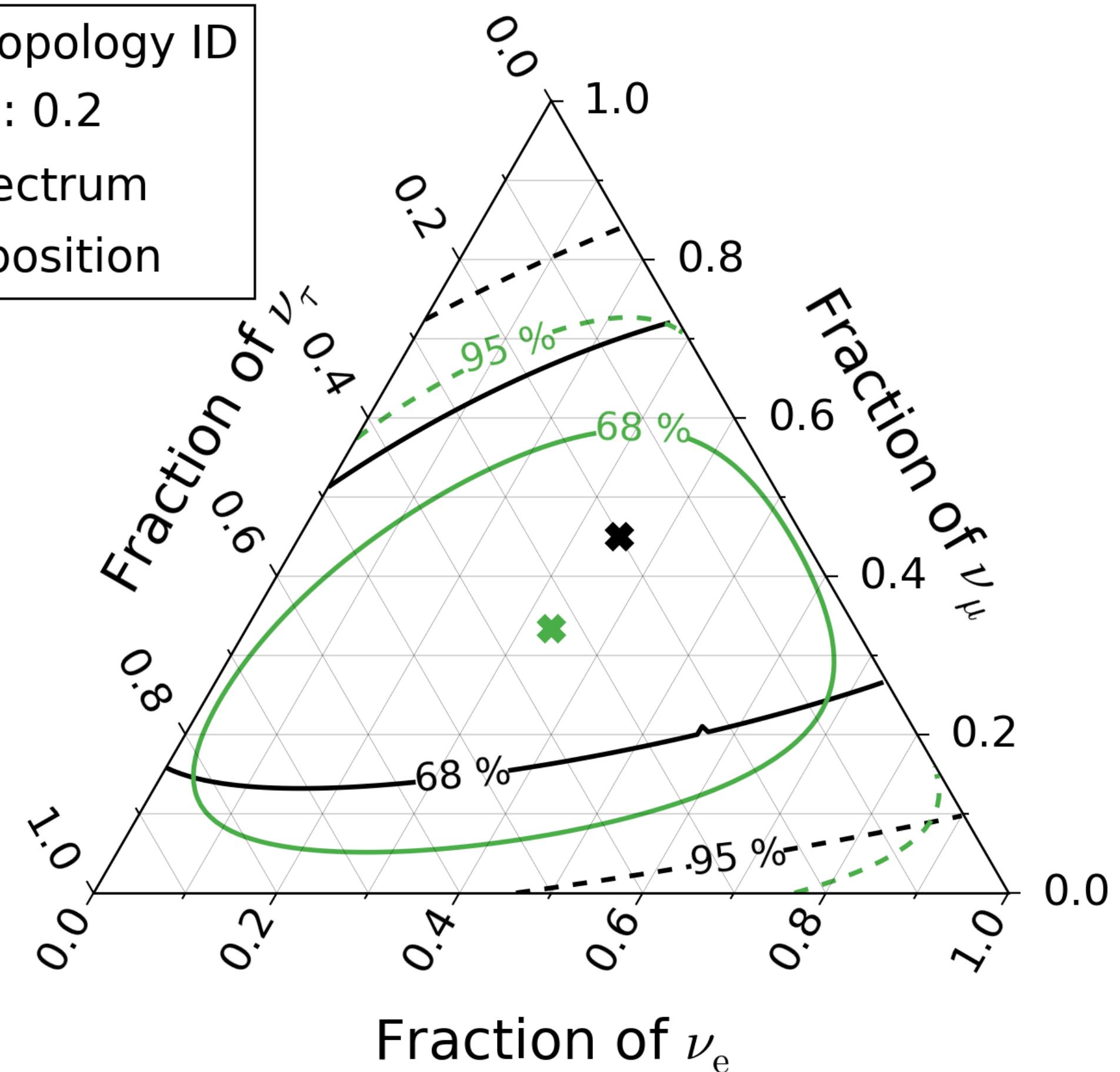
# High-Energy Starting Events Flavors

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- HESE with ternary topology ID
- \* best fit: 0.35 : 0.45 : 0.2
- Sensitivity,  $E^{-2.9}$  spectrum
- \* 1 : 1 : 1 flavor composition

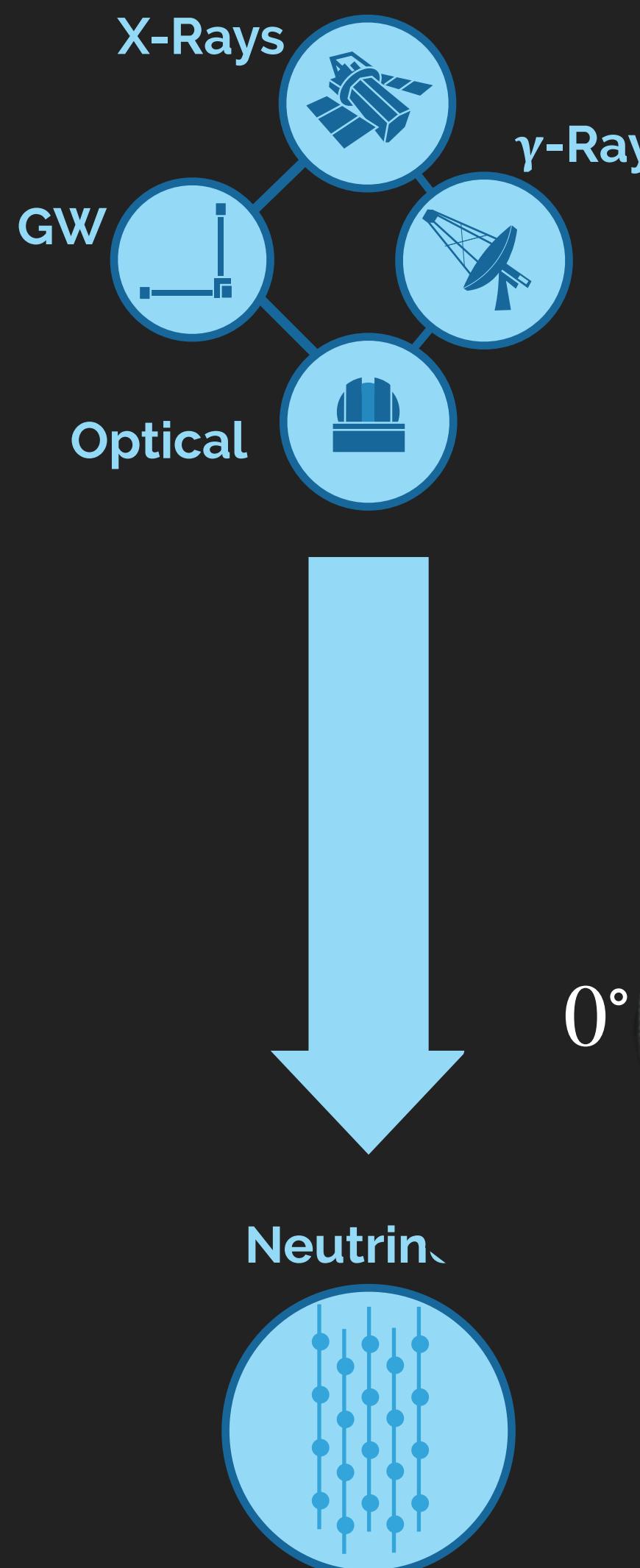
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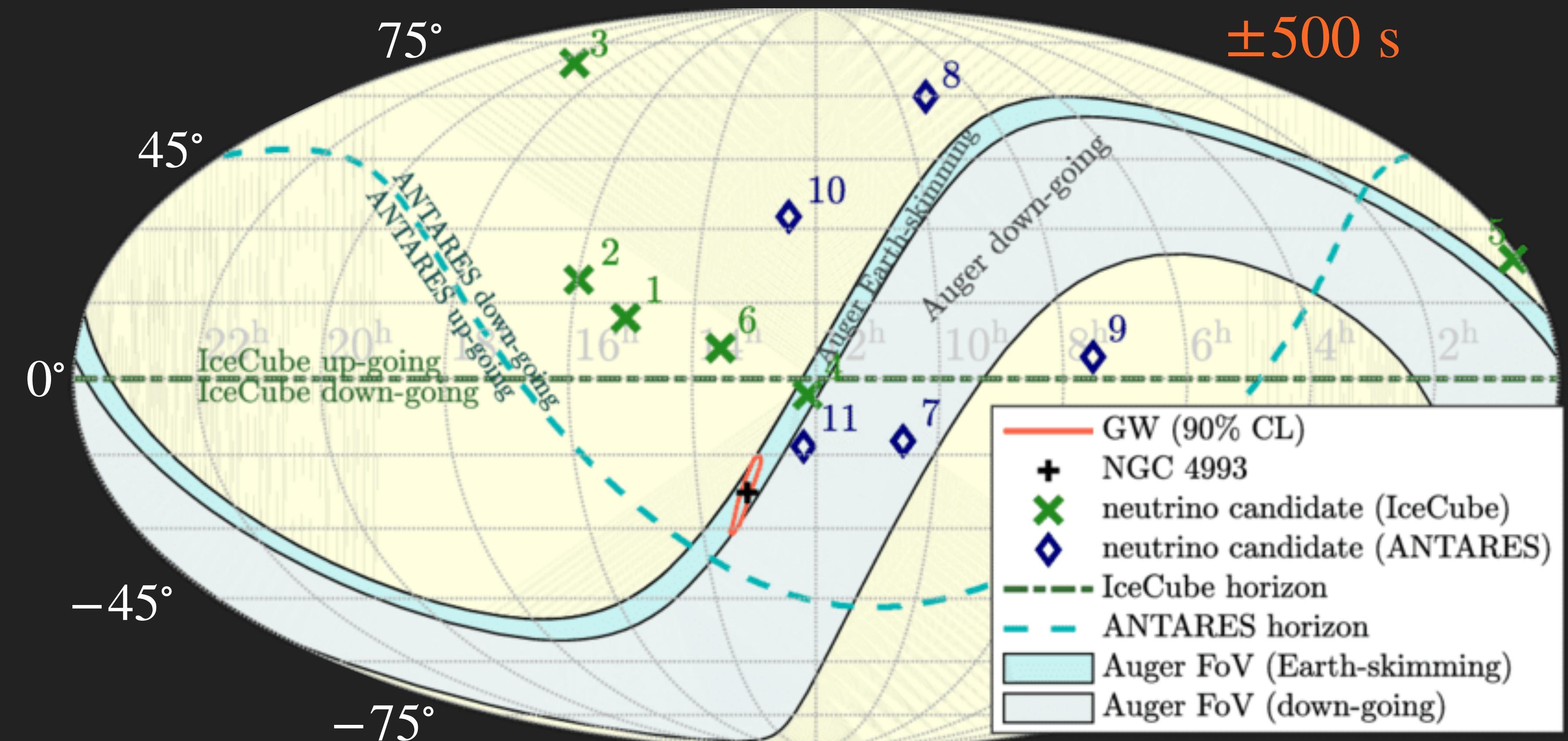
- **Two tau candidates** events found (expected  $\sim 2.1$ )
- One is an unambiguous double-cascade
- Best fit composition **(1.05:1.35:0.6)**

# Multimessenger Neutrino Follow-up Searches

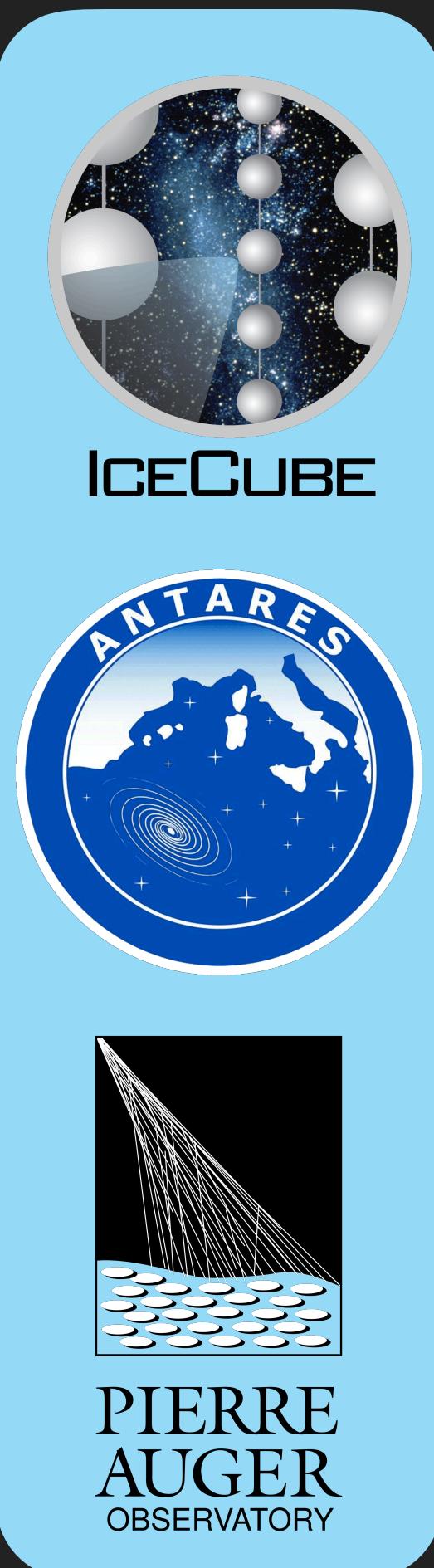
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- On August 17 2017 at 12:41:04 UTC the signal from a **binary neutron star** was detected by LIGO & Virgo
- Short GRB detection 2 seconds after by Fermi

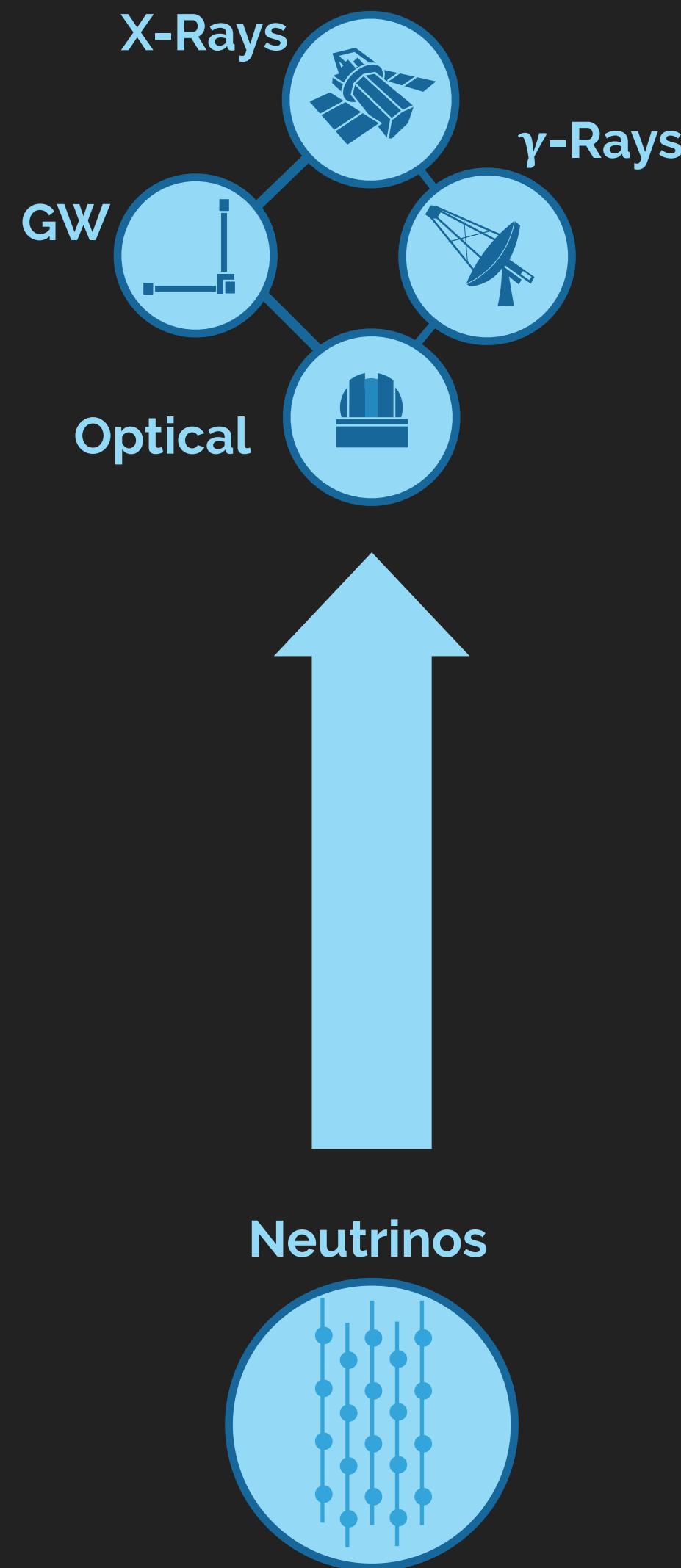


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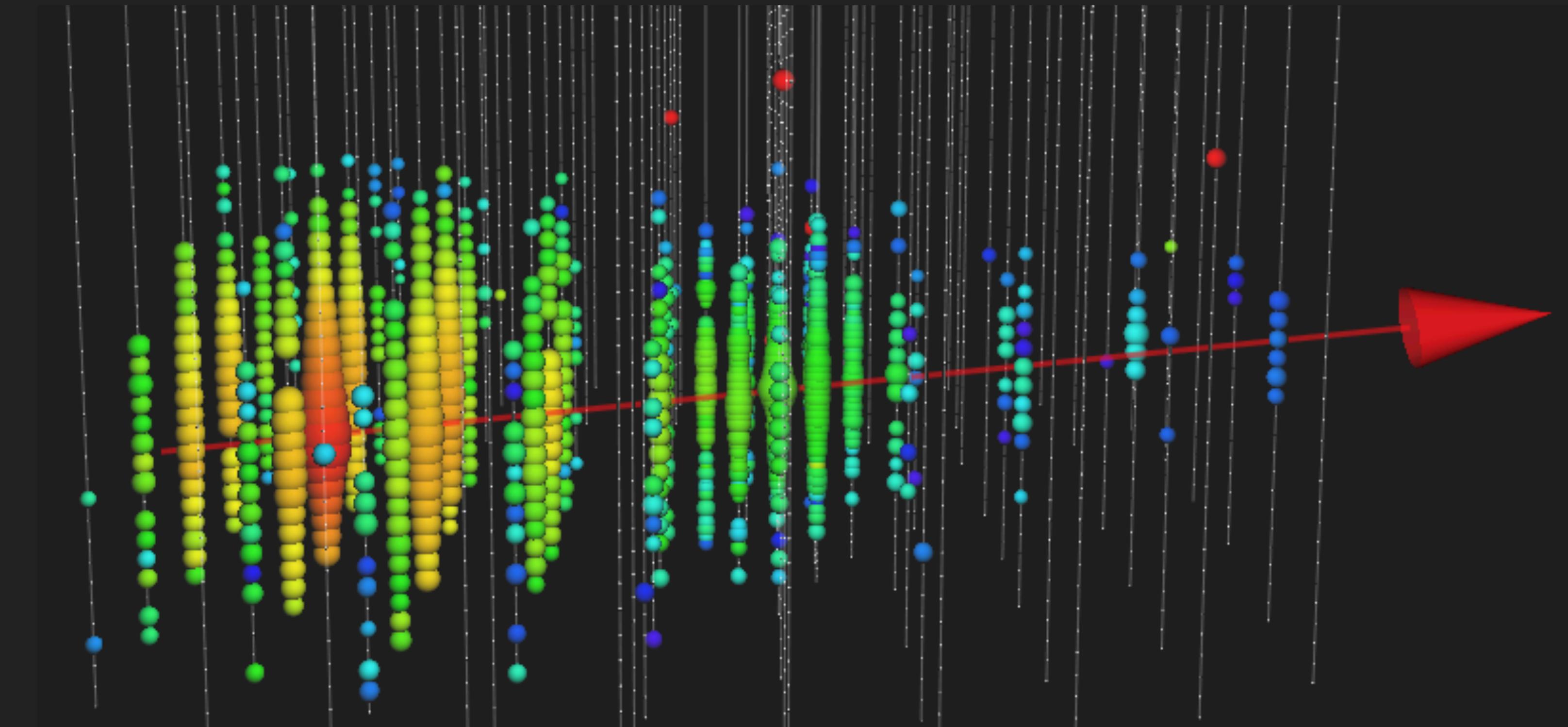
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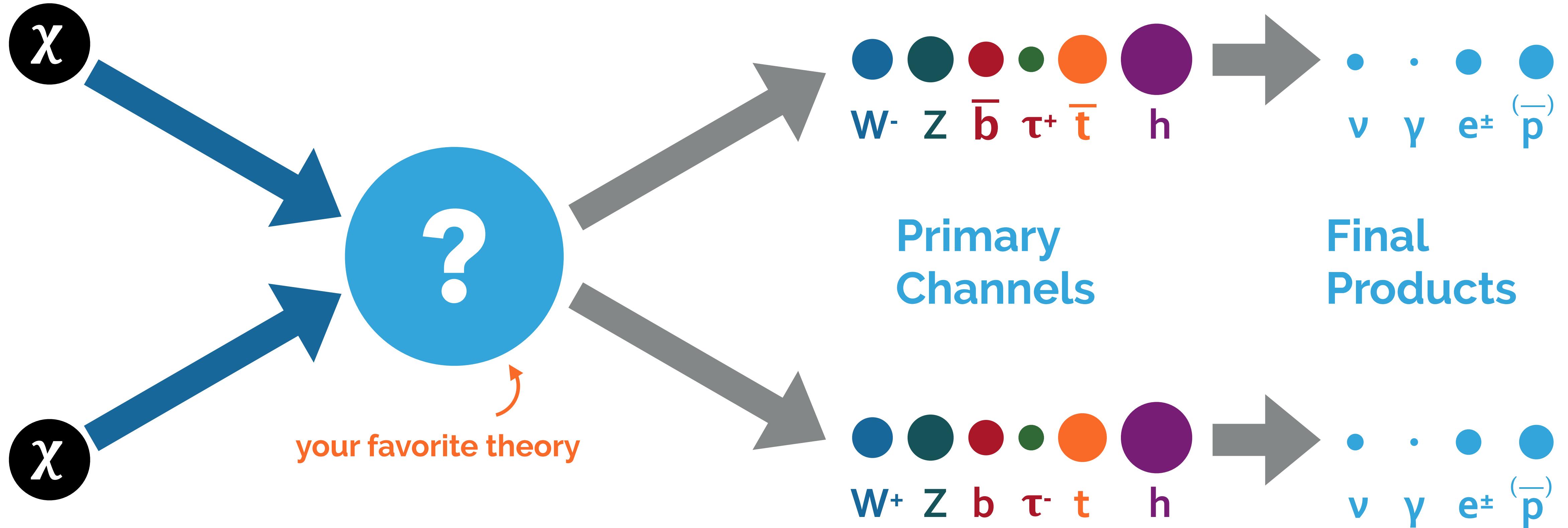
- An alert system based on HESE track-like events and Extreme High Energy events
- Operating since **April 2016**.
- **6-8 alerts** per year
- Below the first event alert sent **IC160427A**

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*See Eric Charles on Tuesday*



- No need of specialized 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 Where To Look?

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See Aldo Morselli on Monday  
See Eric Charles on Tuesday

Dwarf spheroidal Galaxies  
Cluster of Galaxies

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

The diagram illustrates the structure of the Galaxy. At the center is a blue sphere representing the Galactic Center. Surrounding it is a larger light blue ring representing the Galactic Halo. The entire structure is set against a white background with several black dots representing dwarf spheroidal galaxies and a cluster of galaxies.

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

Galactic Halo

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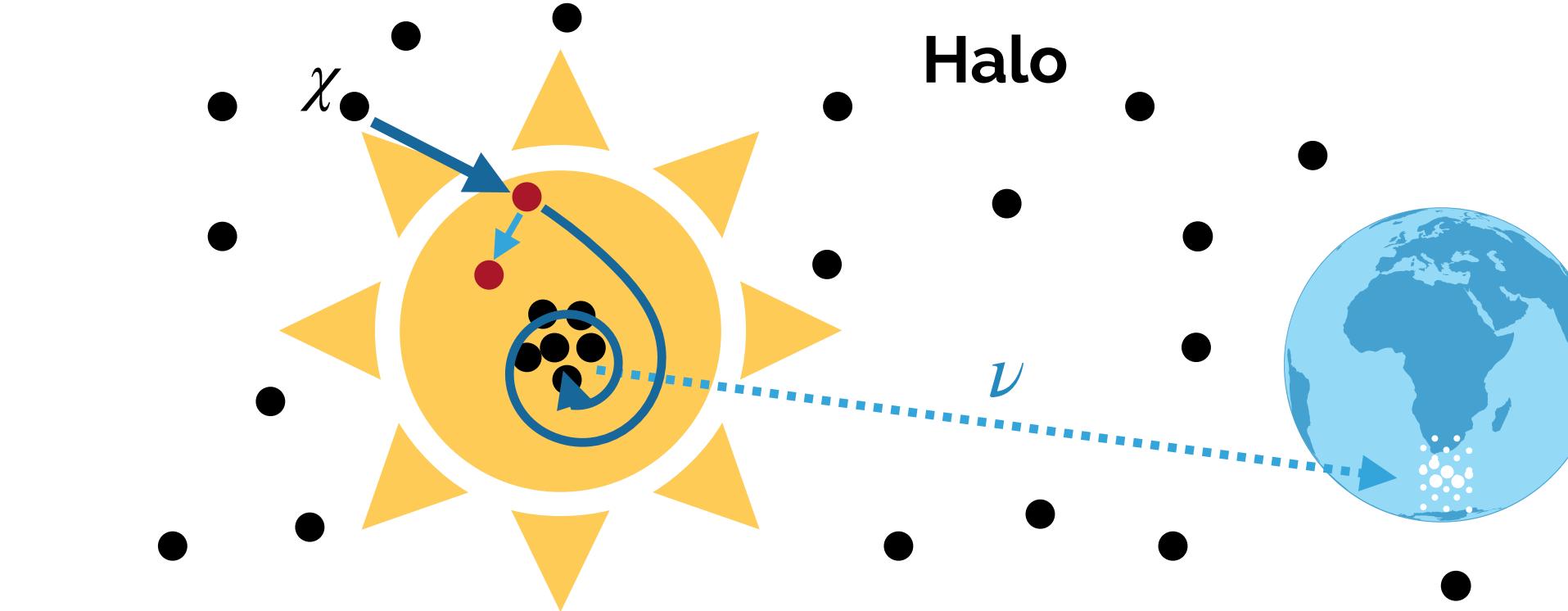
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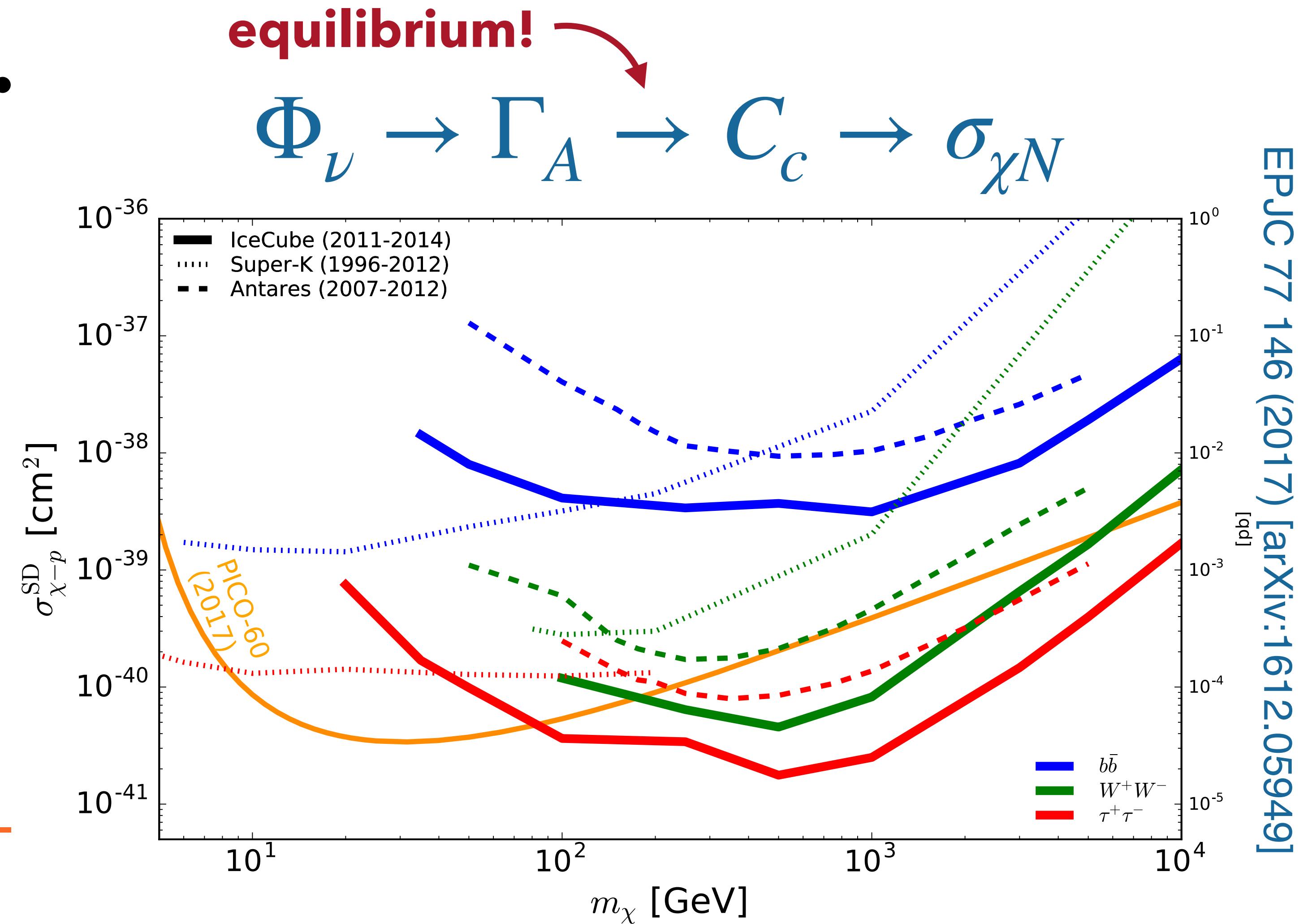
# Searching Dark Matter from the Sun

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See Aaron Vincent on Monday

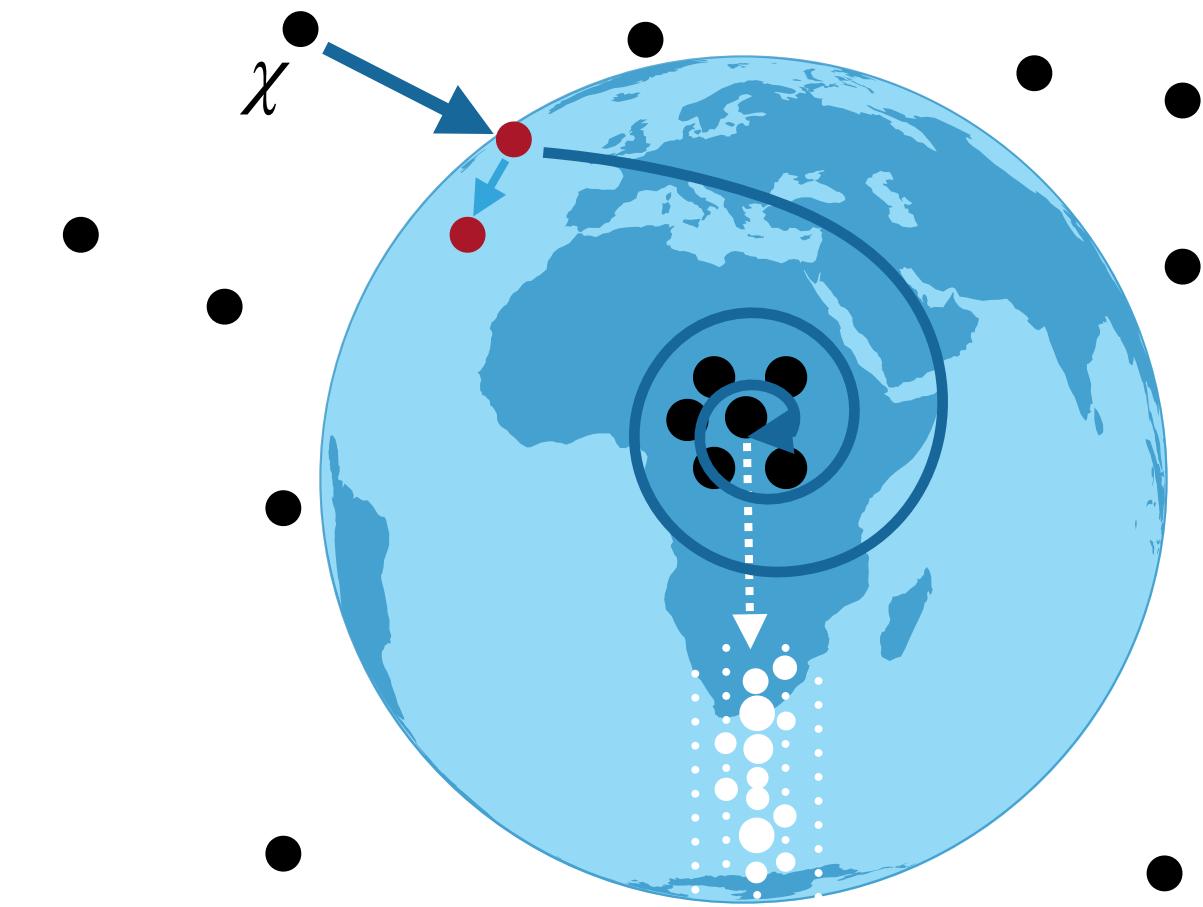


- Only events when Sun is below the horizon: **532 days of livetime**
- The mean free path of TeV neutrinos smaller than the Sun radius: **Low energy analysis**
- Limit driven by capture on H: **SD cross-section**

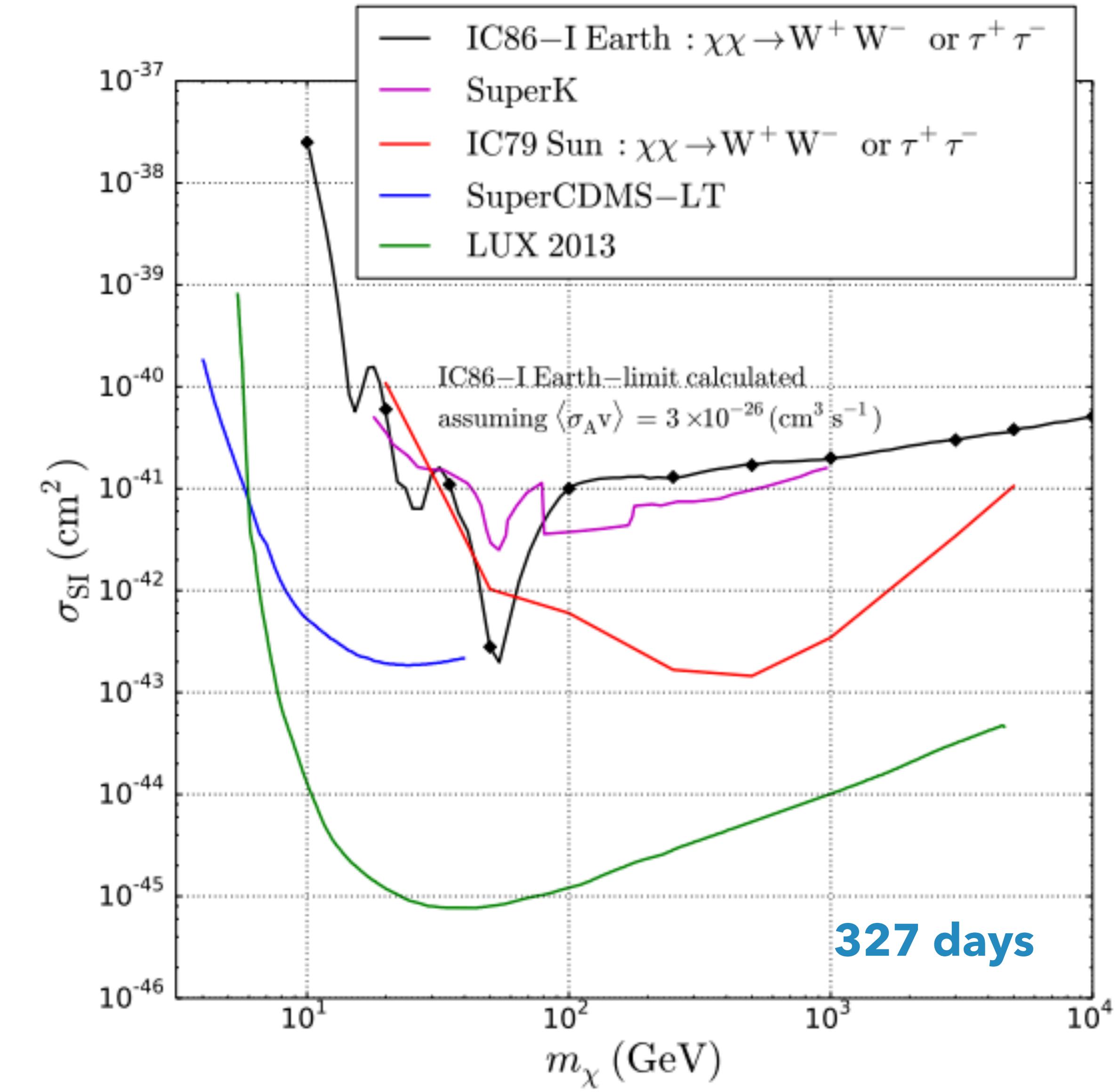


# Searching Dark Matter from the Earth

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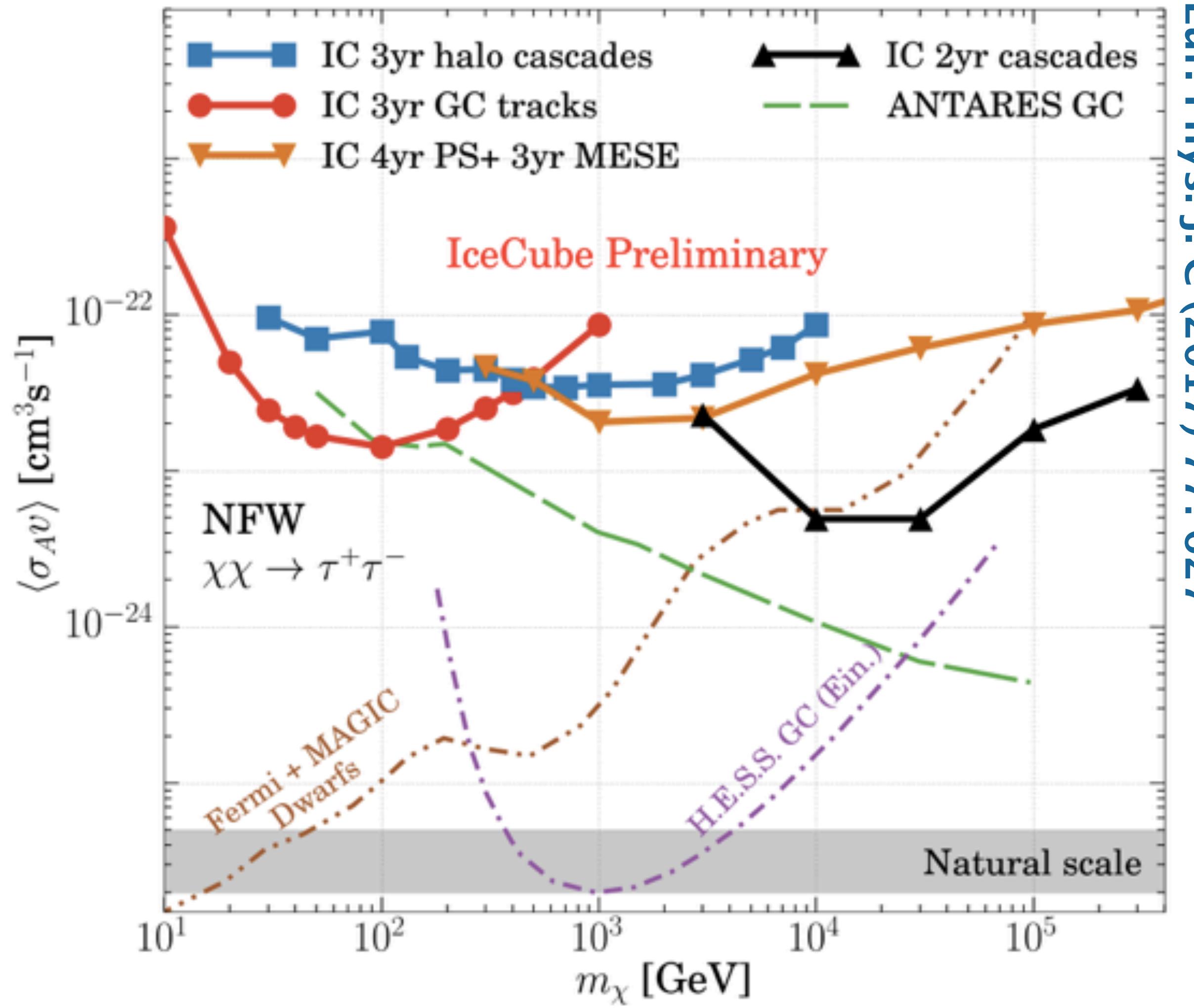


- Background needs to be very well understood: **Earth has an unique position in the sky.**
- Analysis with large uncertainties... (dark disc, velocity distribution)
- **No thermal equilibrium** assumption on the annihilation cross-section

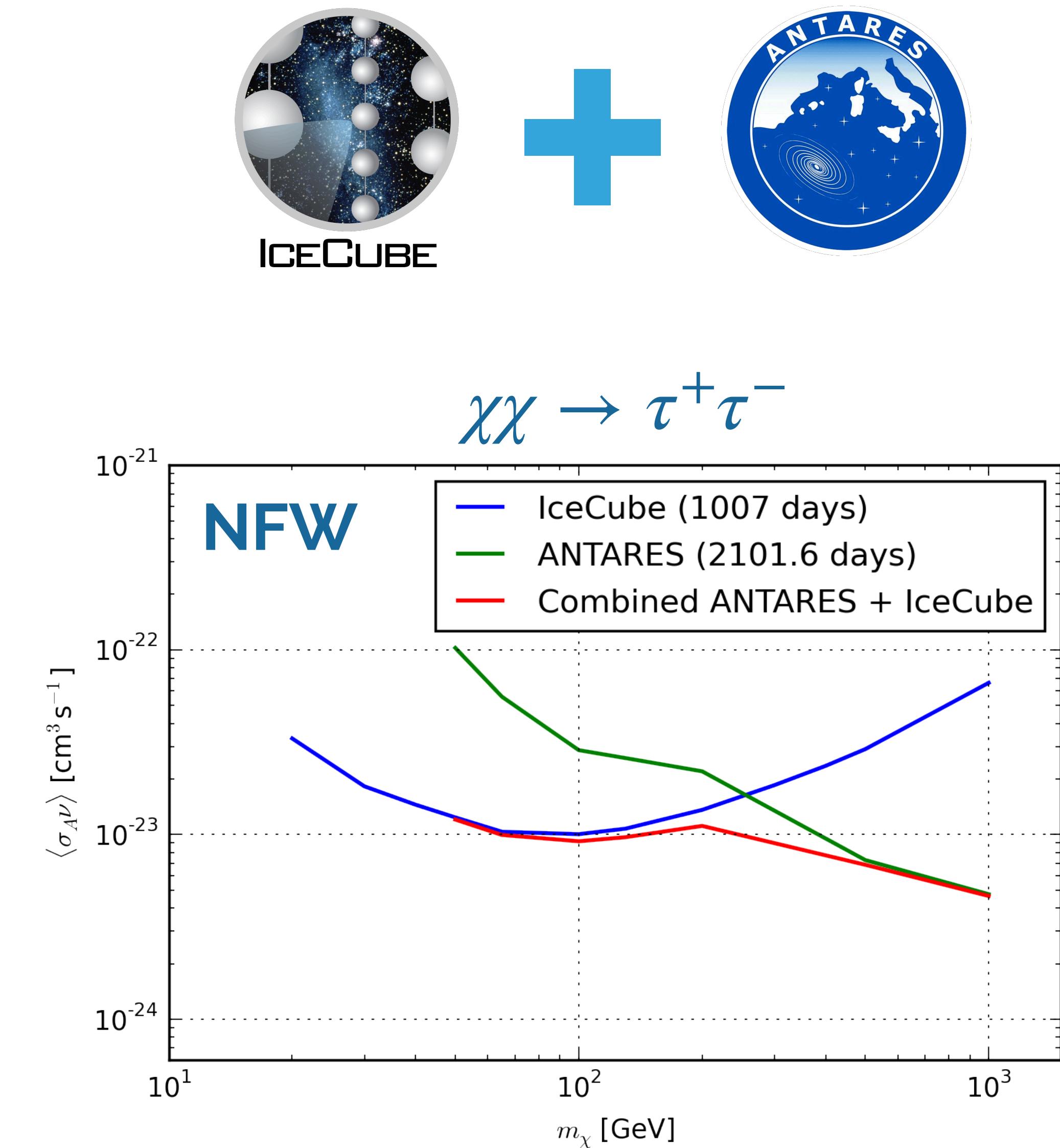


# Galactic Center ANTARES & IceCube

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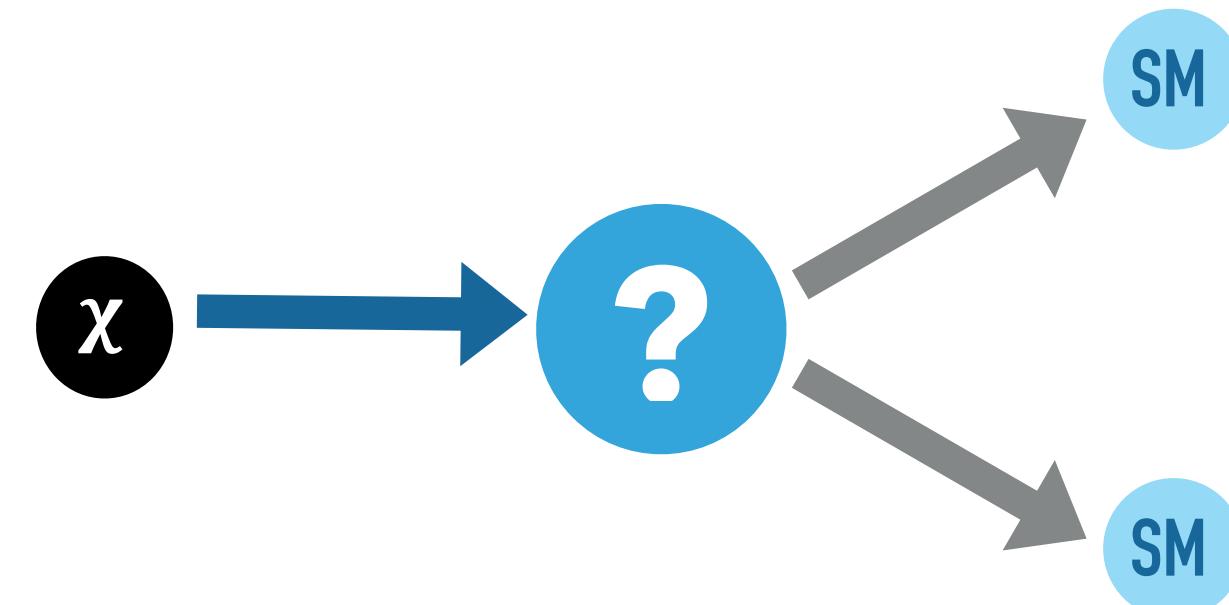
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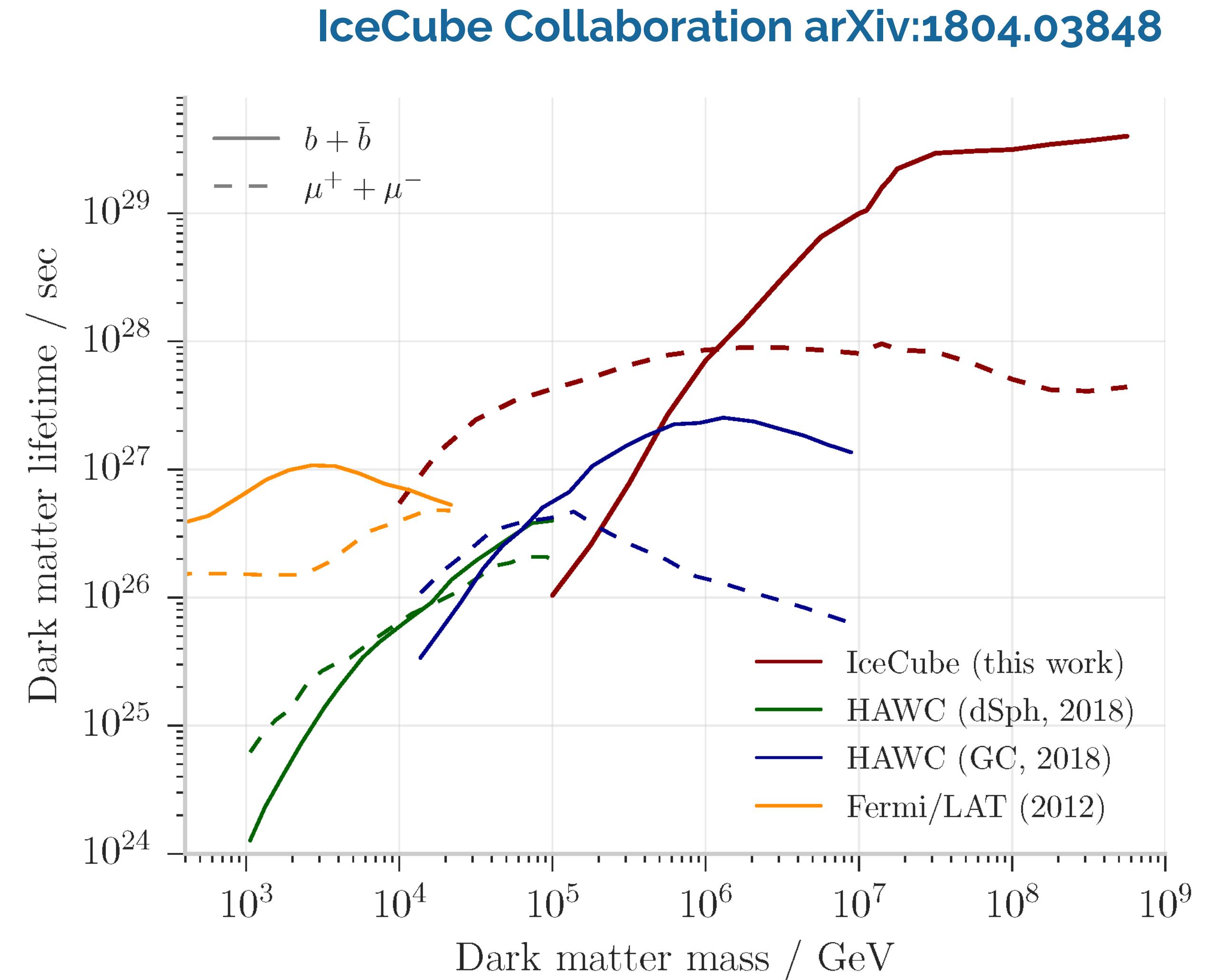
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# Decaying Dark Matter Lifetime

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- Two IceCube independent data samples:
  - Track-like with six years of data
  - Cascade-like with two years of data
- Dark Matter alone cannot explain IceCube neutrino flux.
- Best limits  $> 10 \text{ TeV}$



- The future exploration of the high energy Universe belongs to the **Multimessenger Astronomy**.
- IceCube has started to characterize the observed **astrophysical neutrino flux** including the flavor composition
- IceCube is actively interconnected in the **realtime network** sending and receiving alerts to other observatories.
- **Indirect detection of Dark Matter** with neutrino telescopes provides complementarity to other techniques due to different backgrounds and systematics
- IceCube has a **lively program of Dark Matter searches**, with very competitive results.

# Thank you for your attention



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