



# NEWS FROM NEUTRINO TELESCOPES

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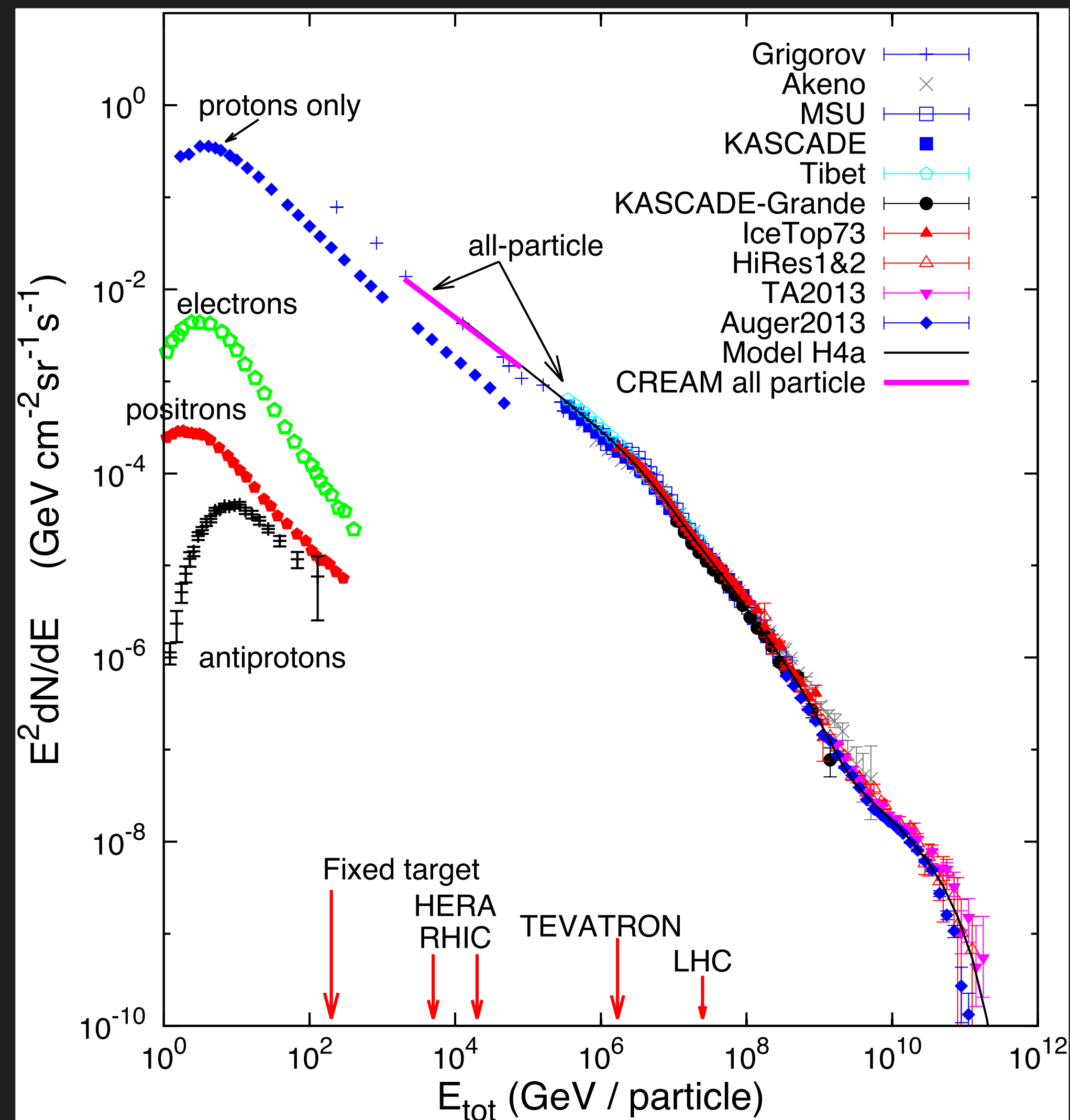
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# COSMIC RAYS

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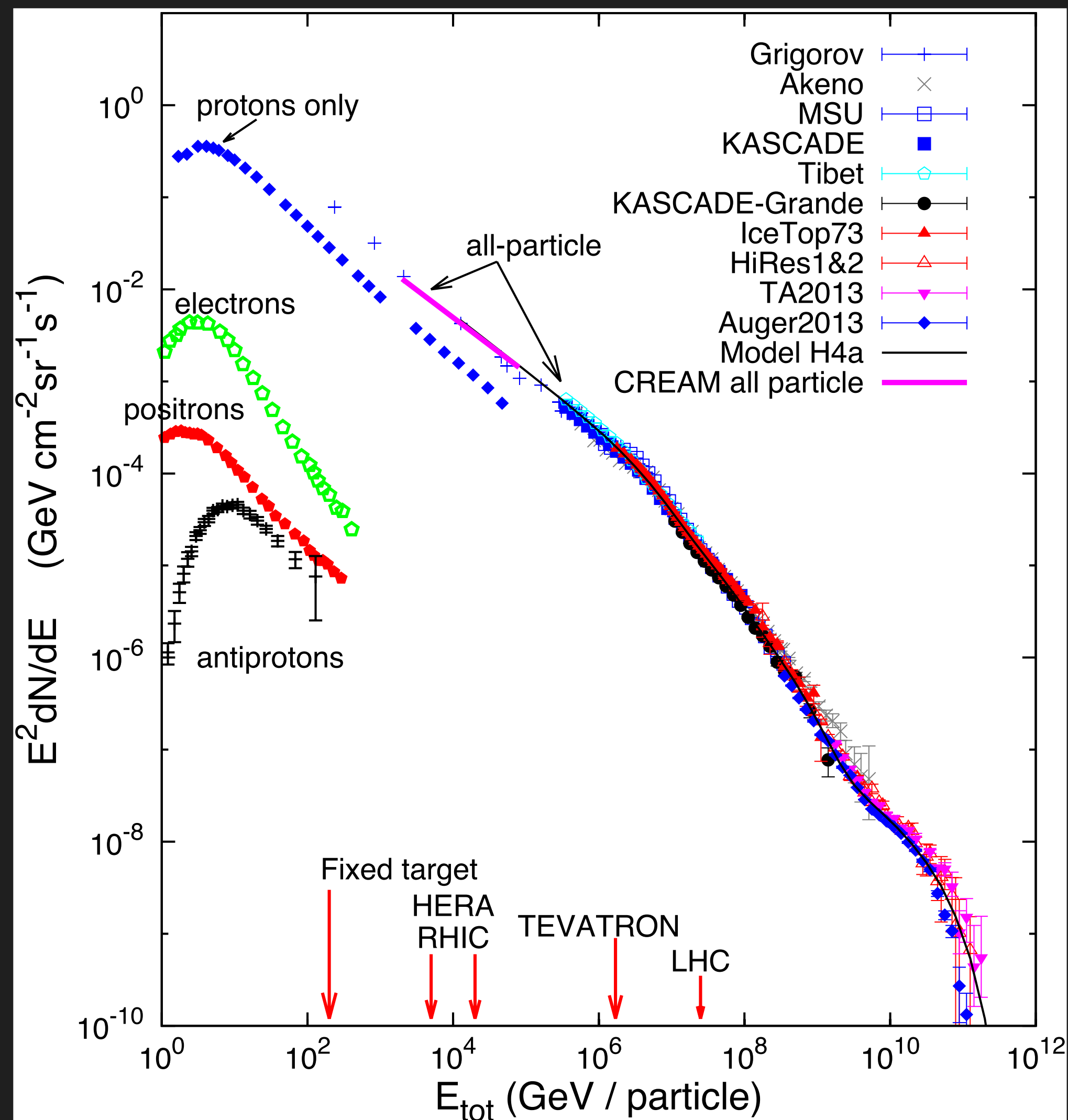






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We know their energy spectrum over 11 orders of magnitude

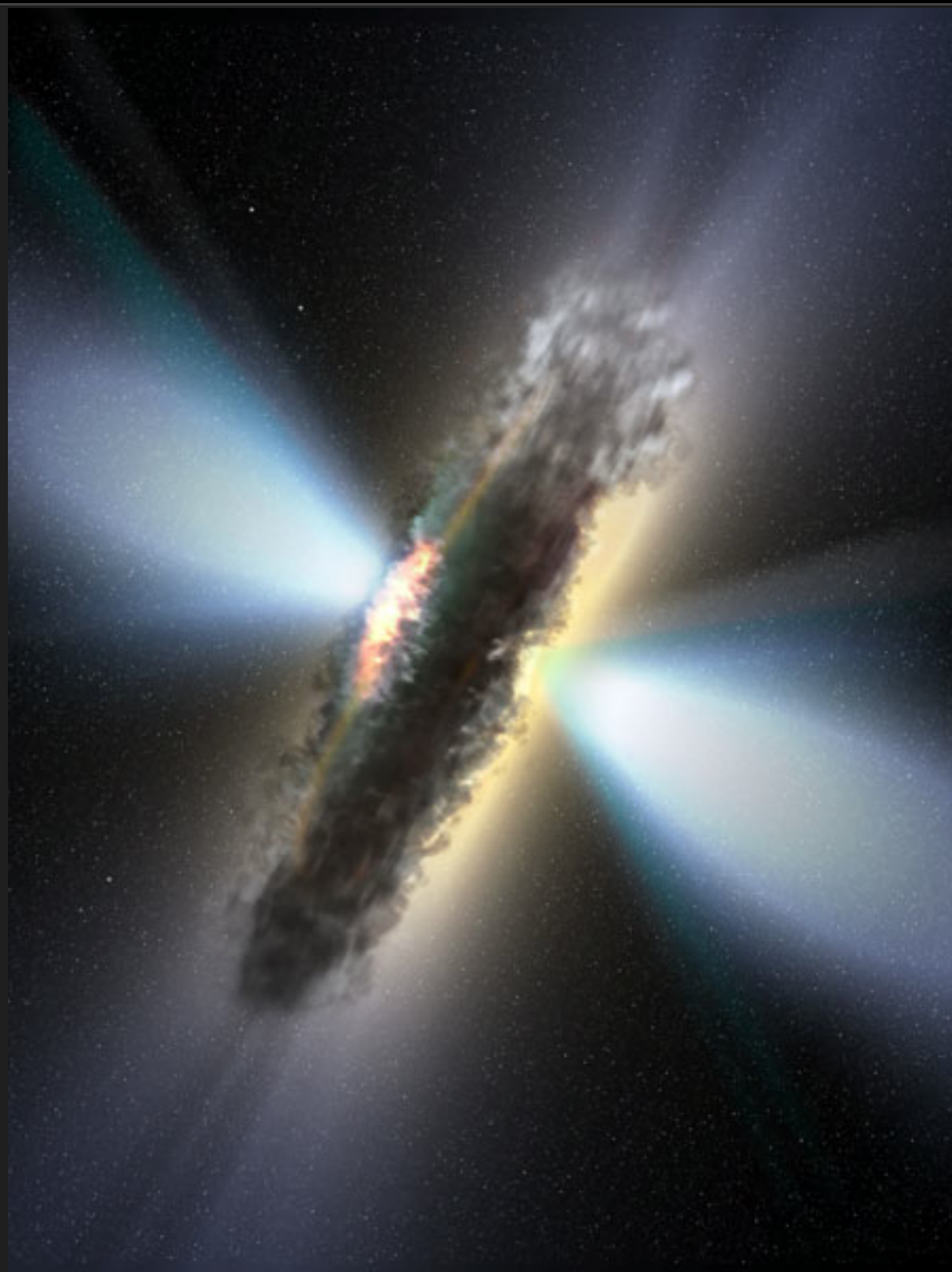
Their sources (especially at the highest energies) are still mostly unknown





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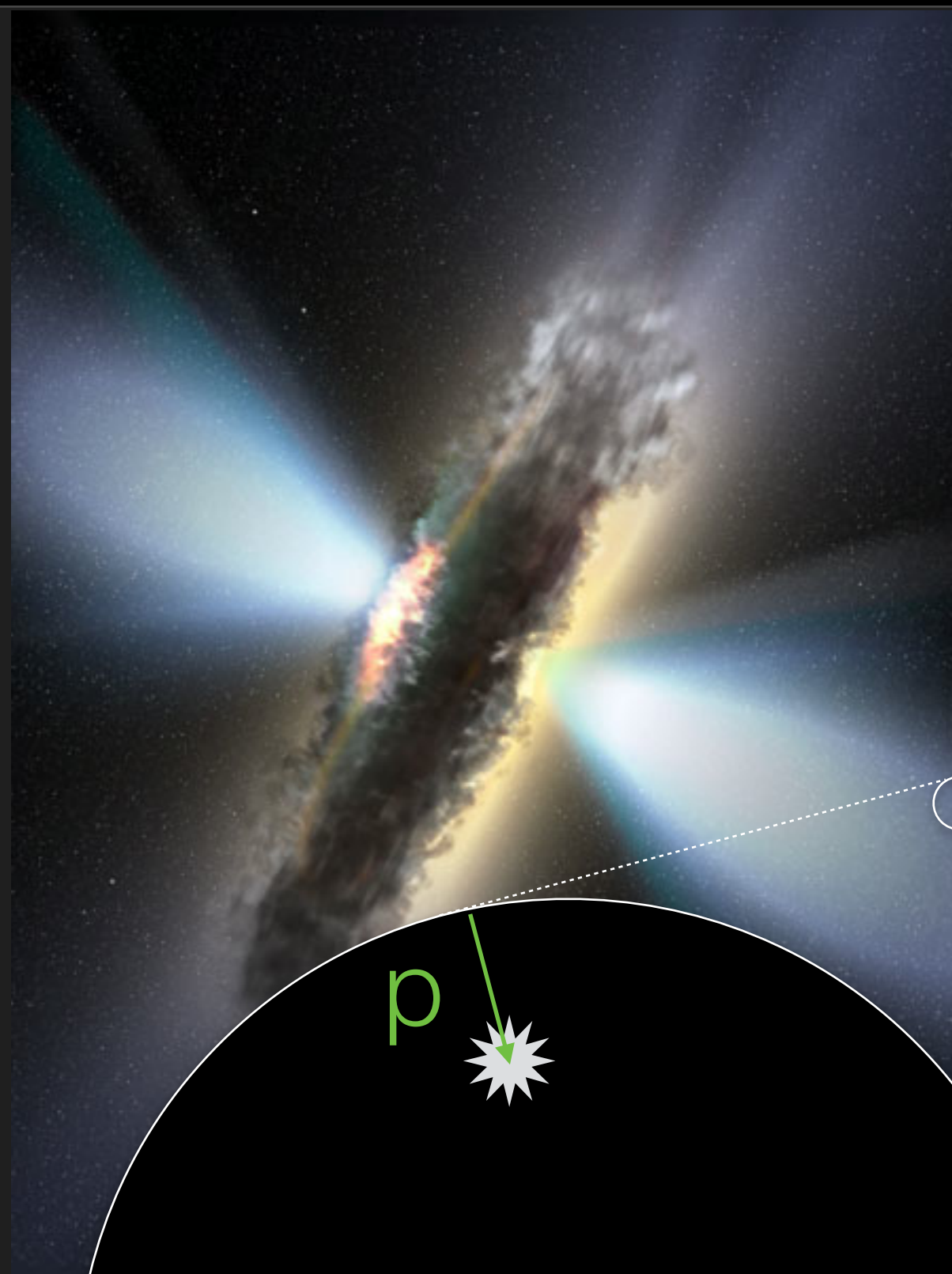




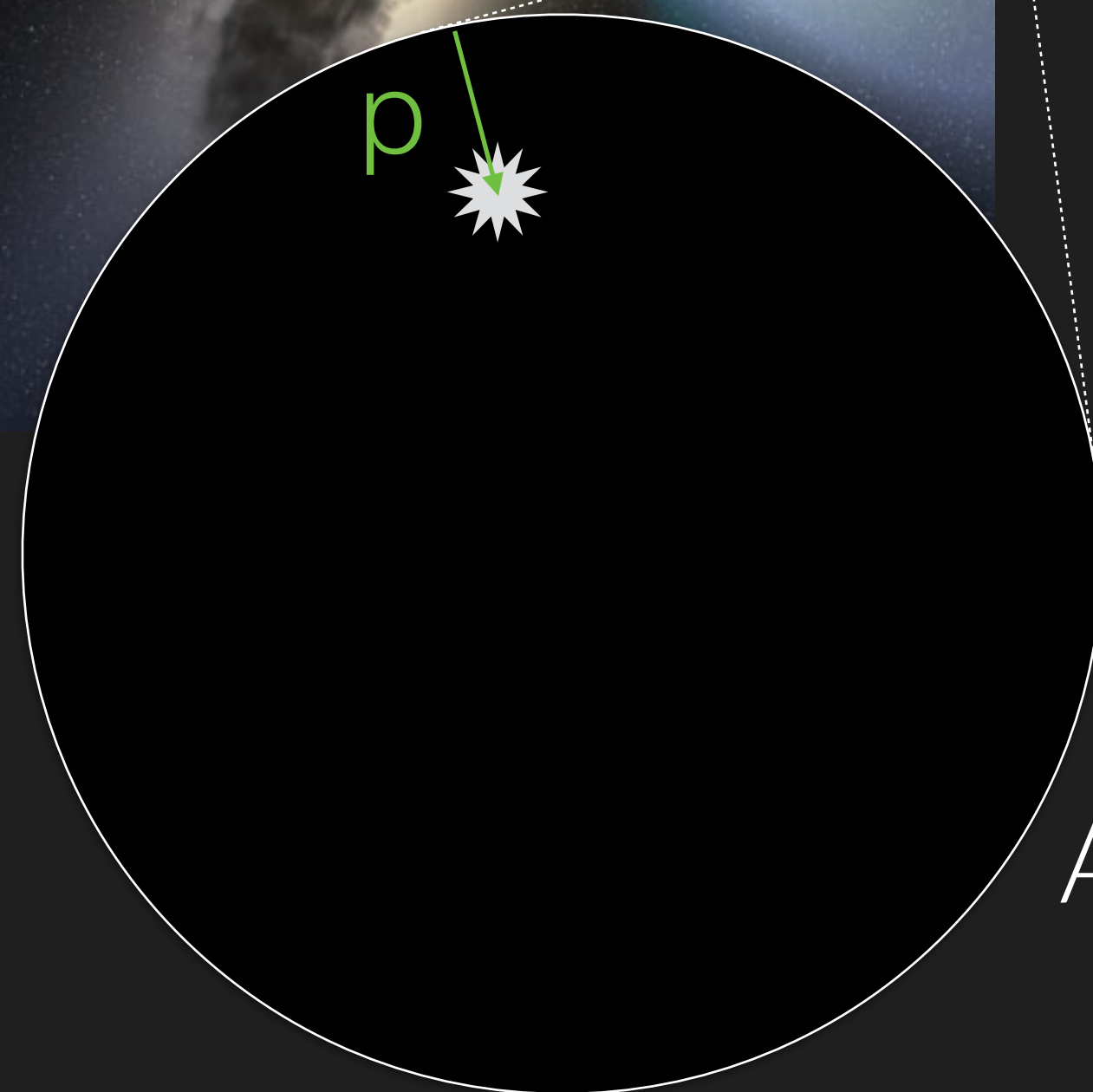


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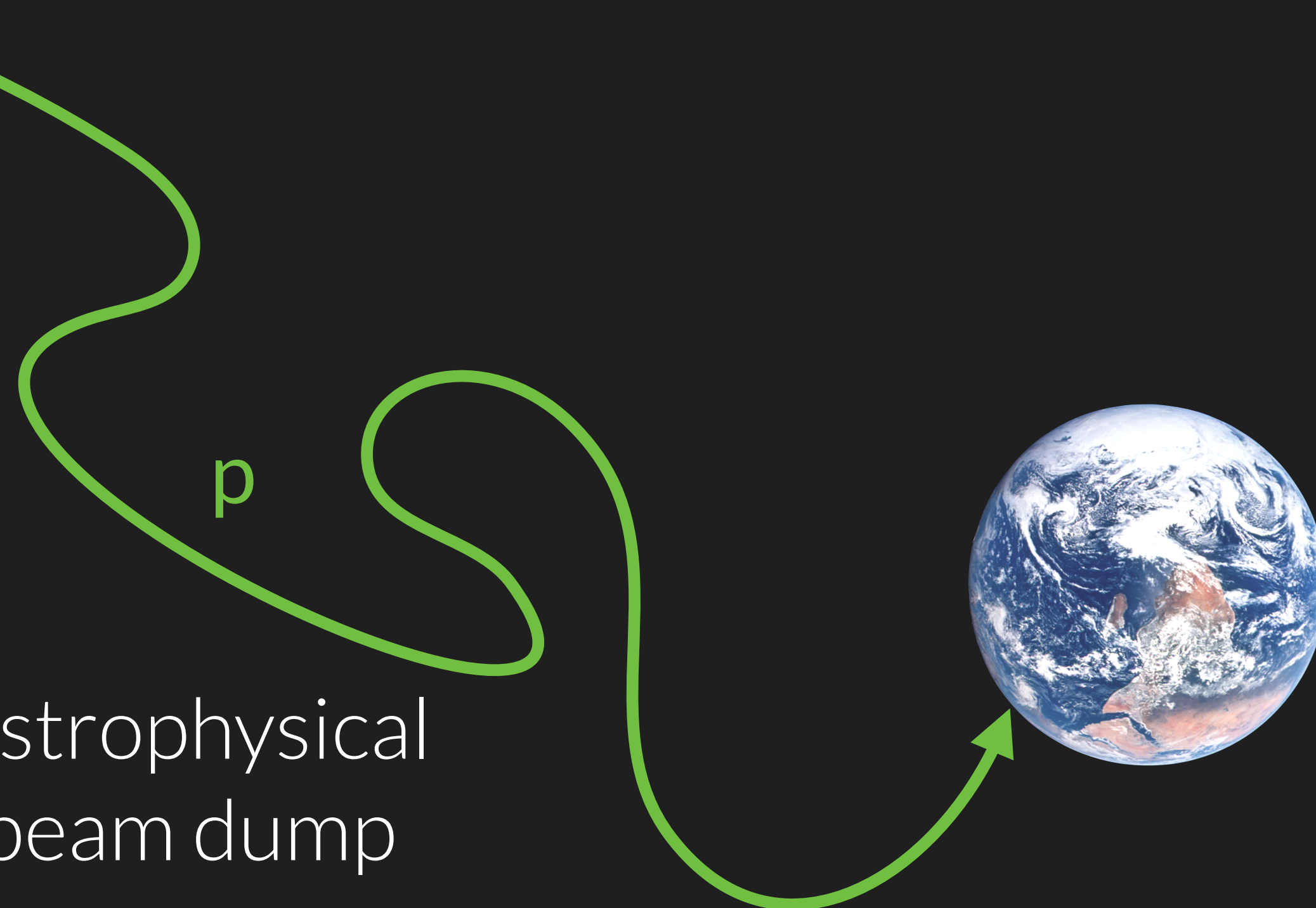
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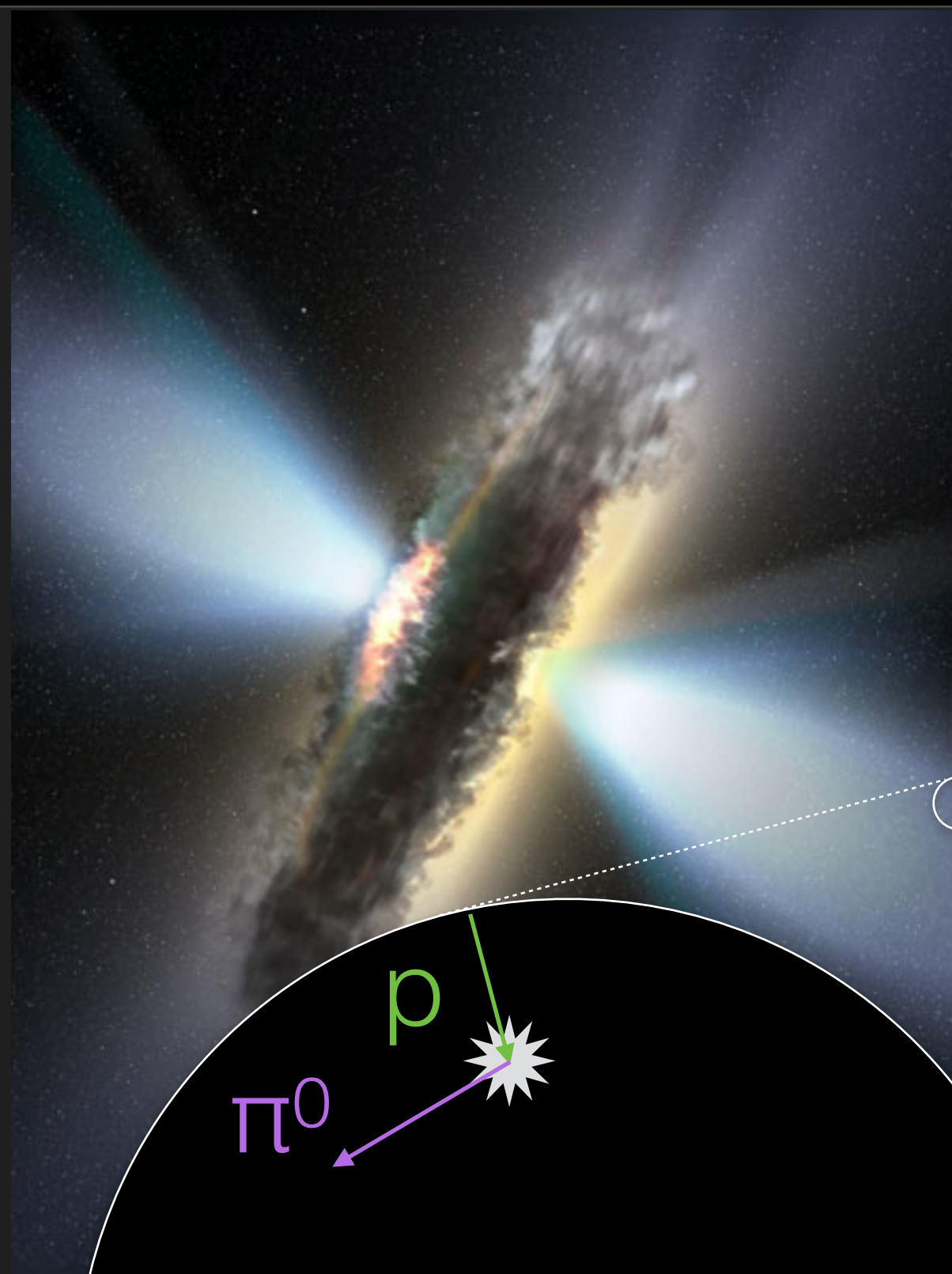




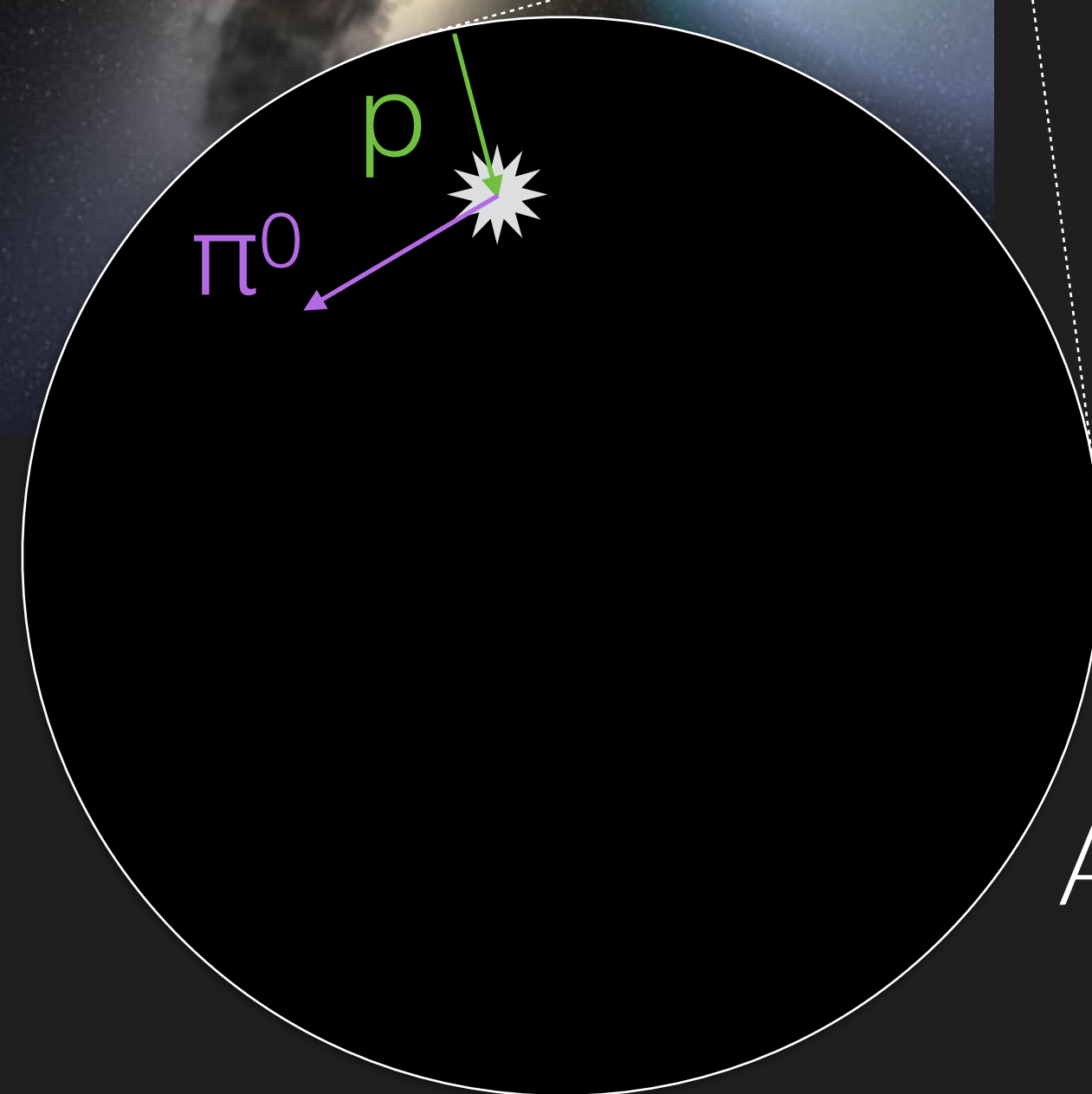


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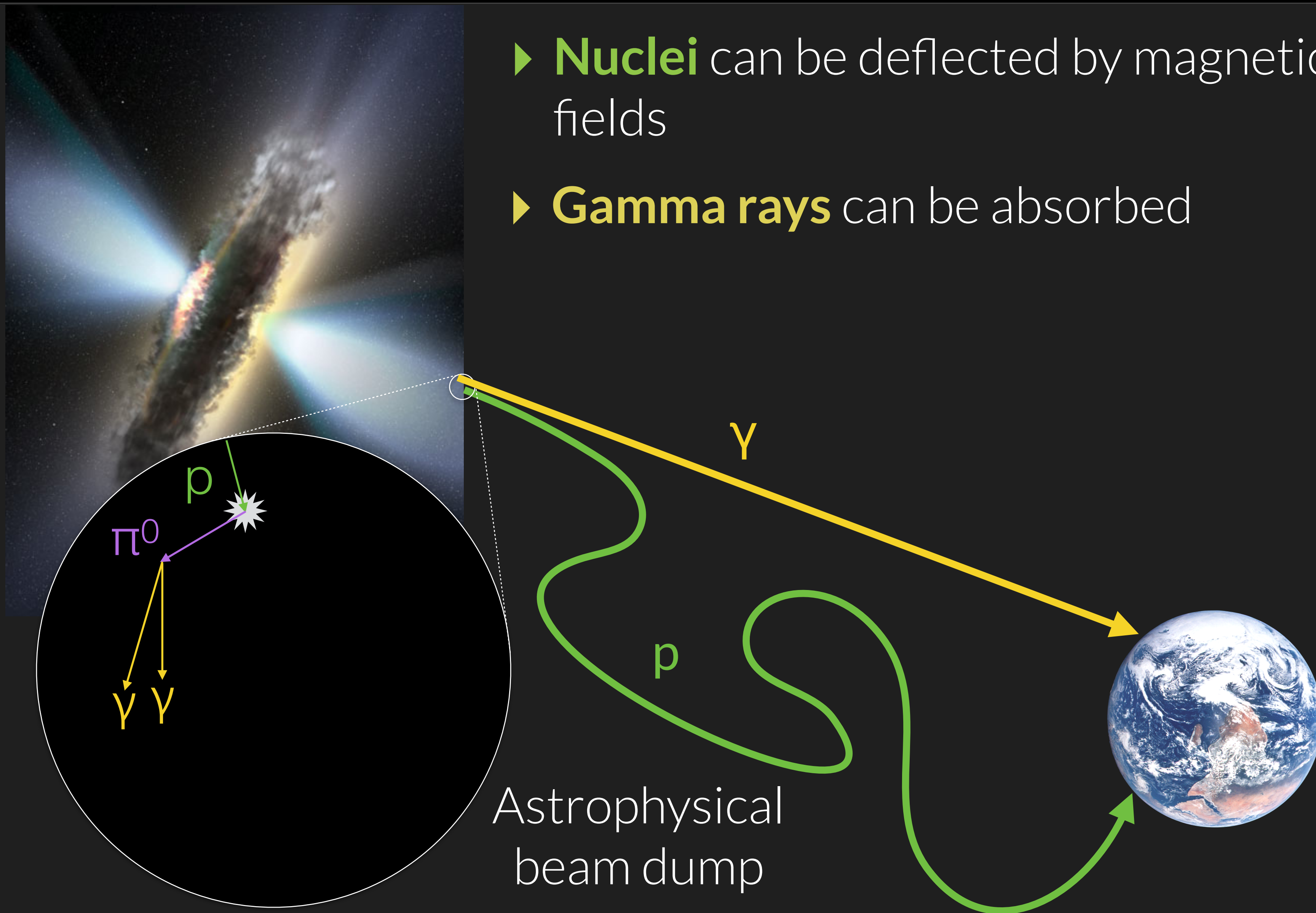






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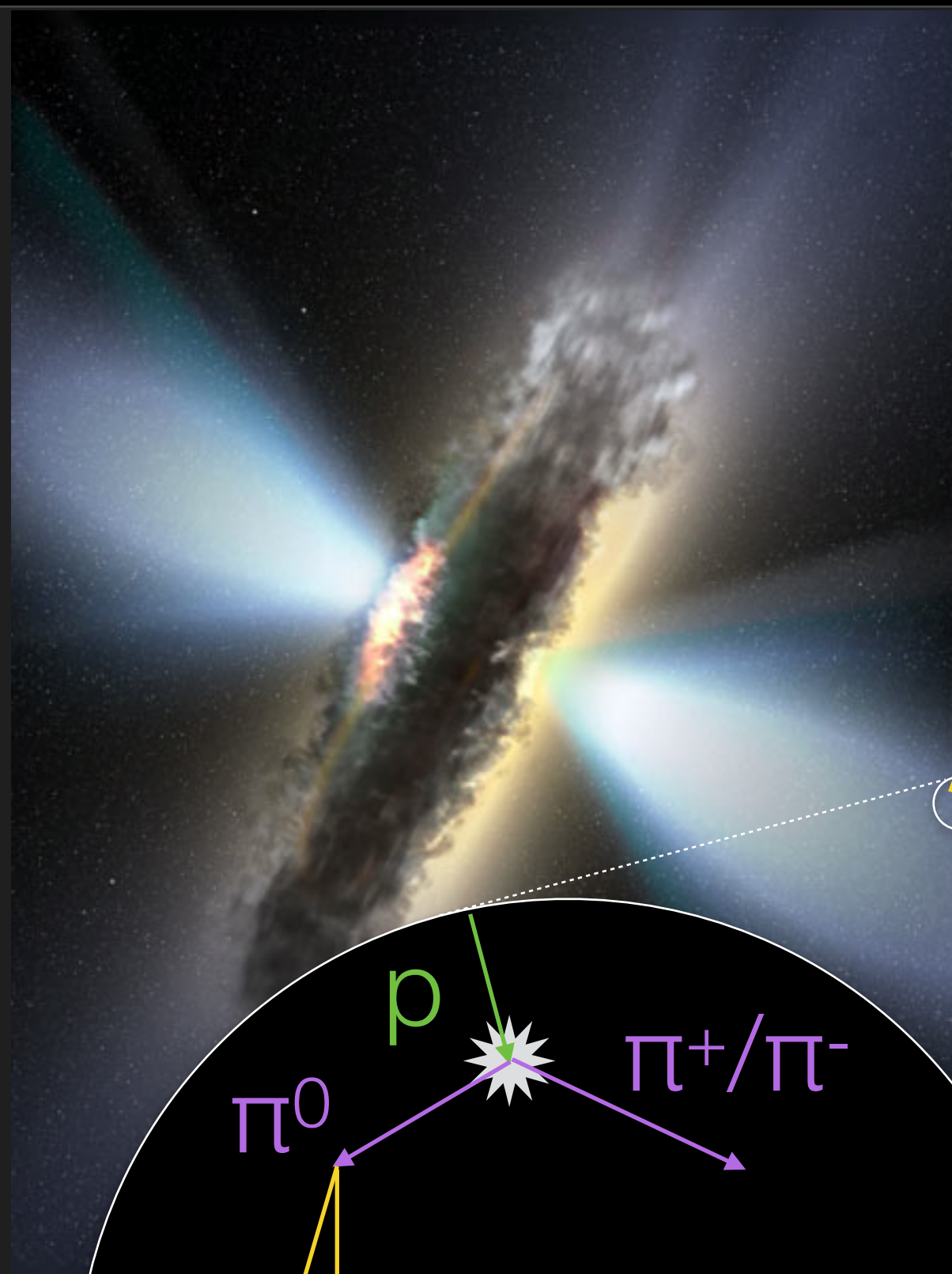




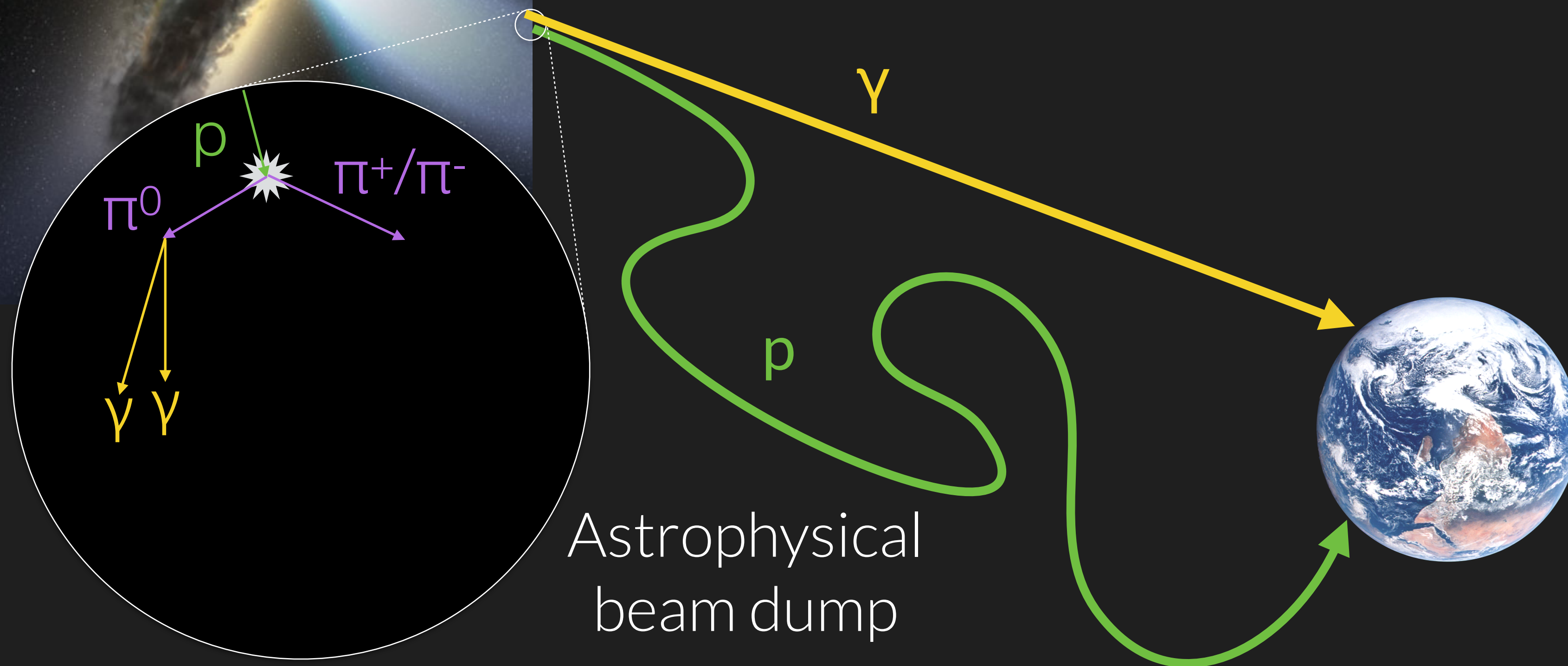


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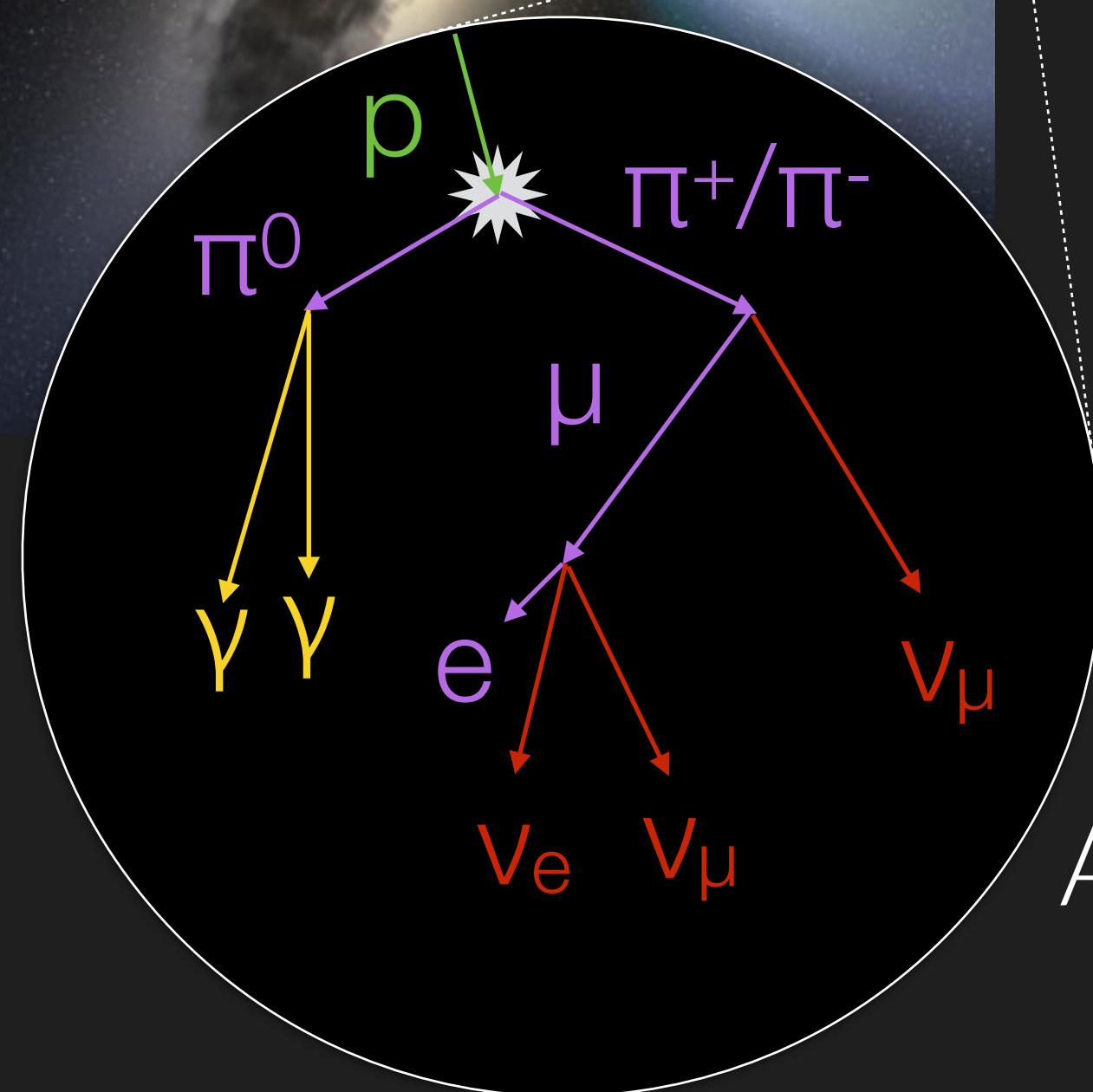
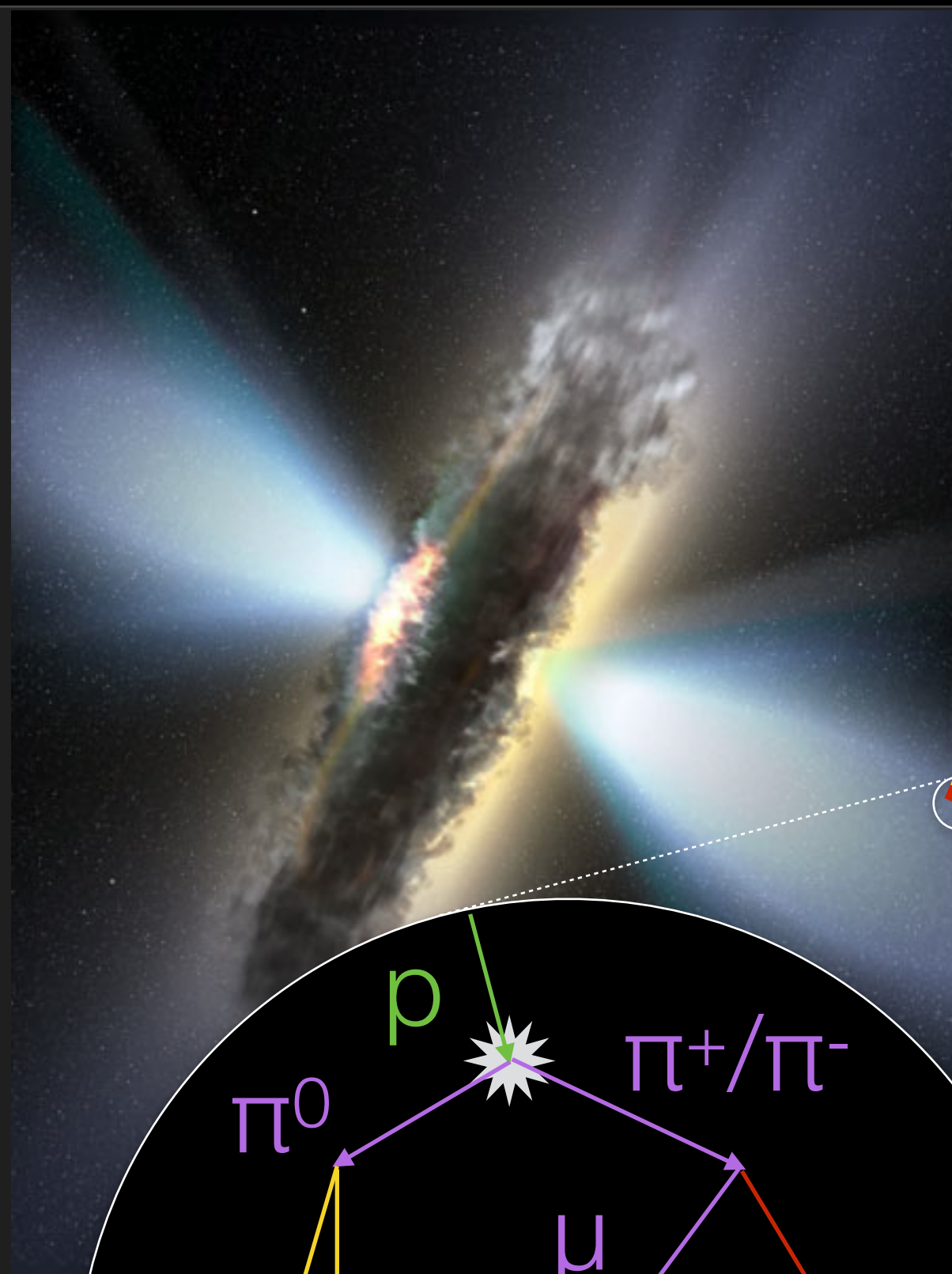




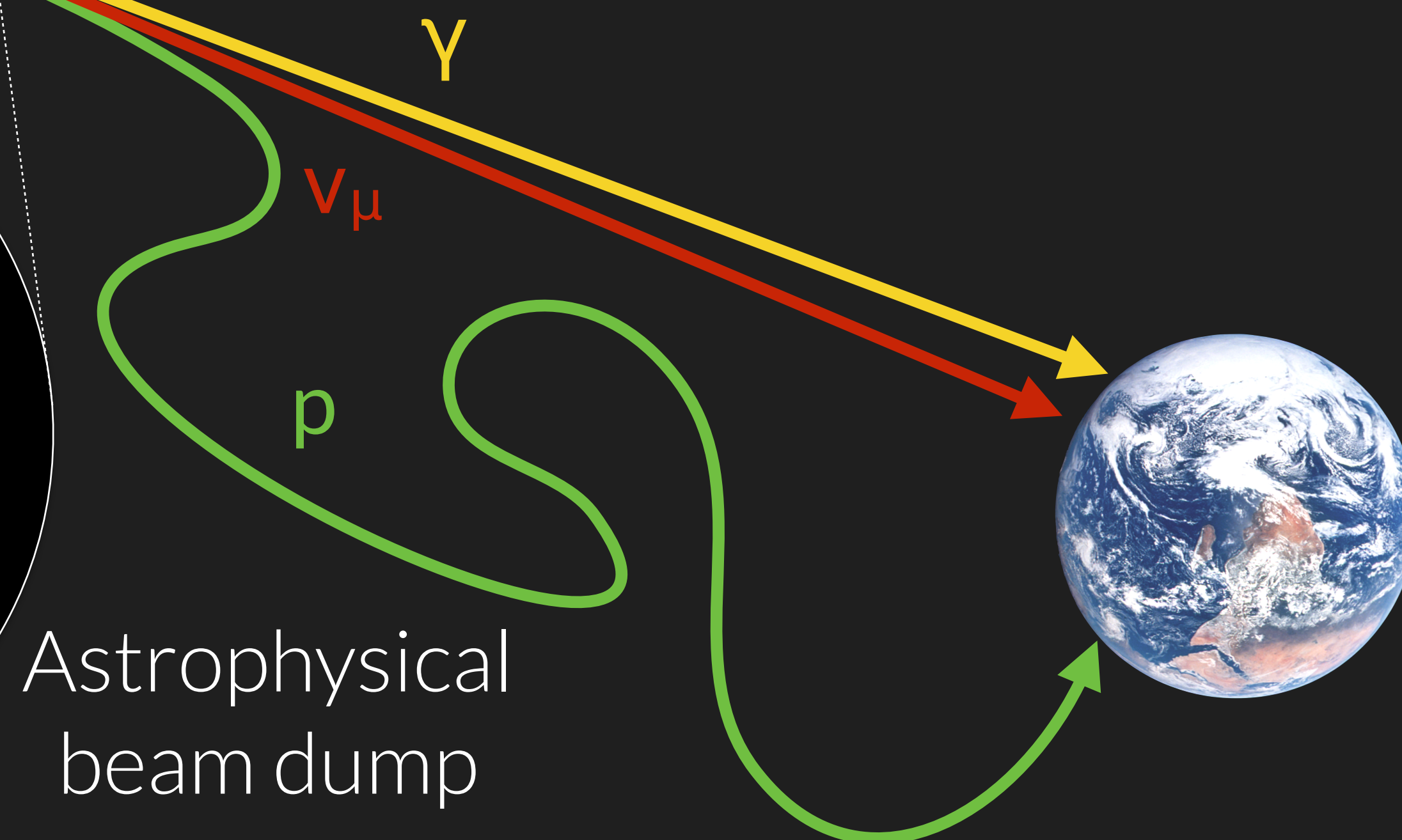


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- ▶ **Gamma rays** can be absorbed
- ▶ **Neutrinos** are difficult to stop and travel in straight lines



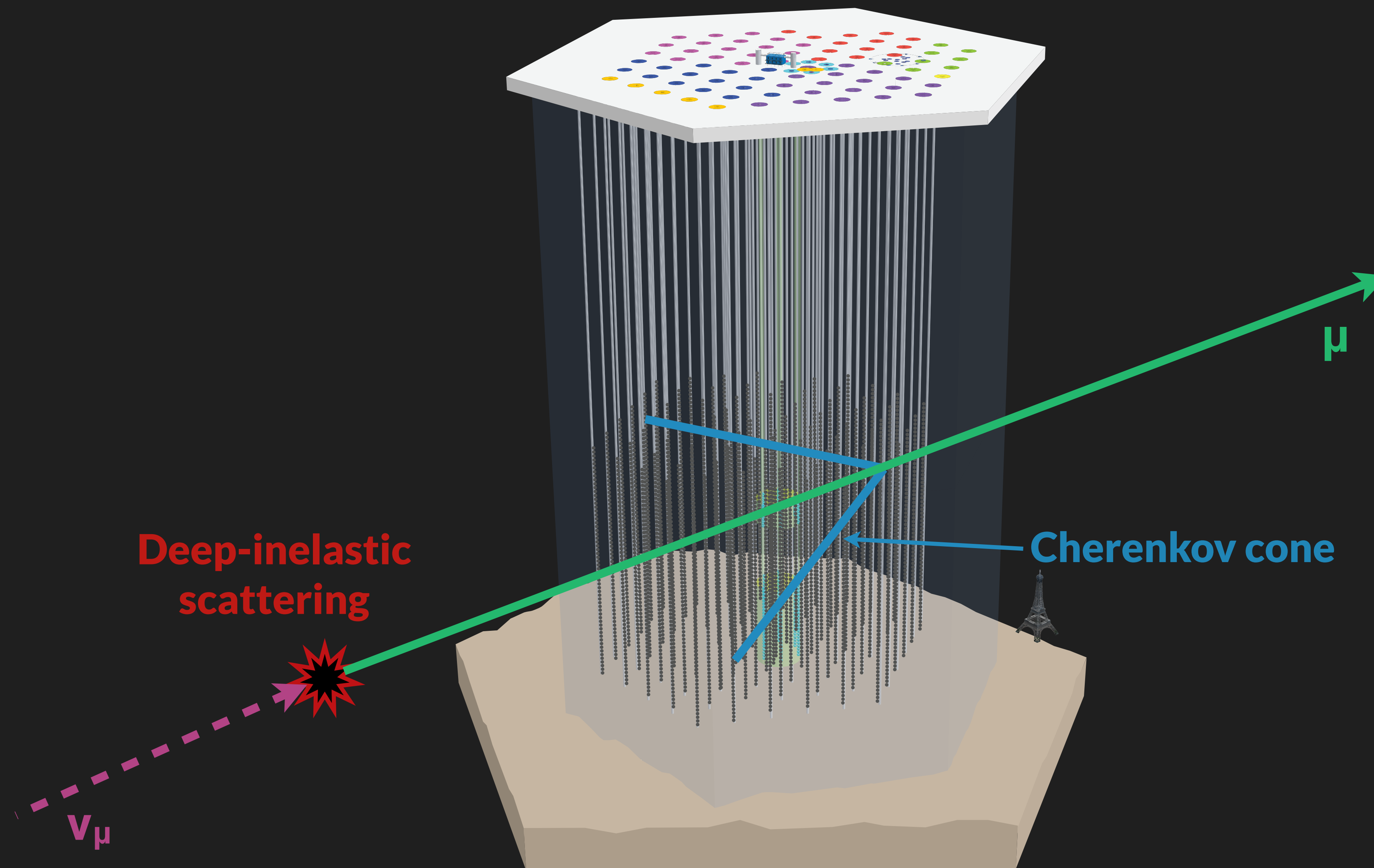




# DETECTING NEUTRINOS

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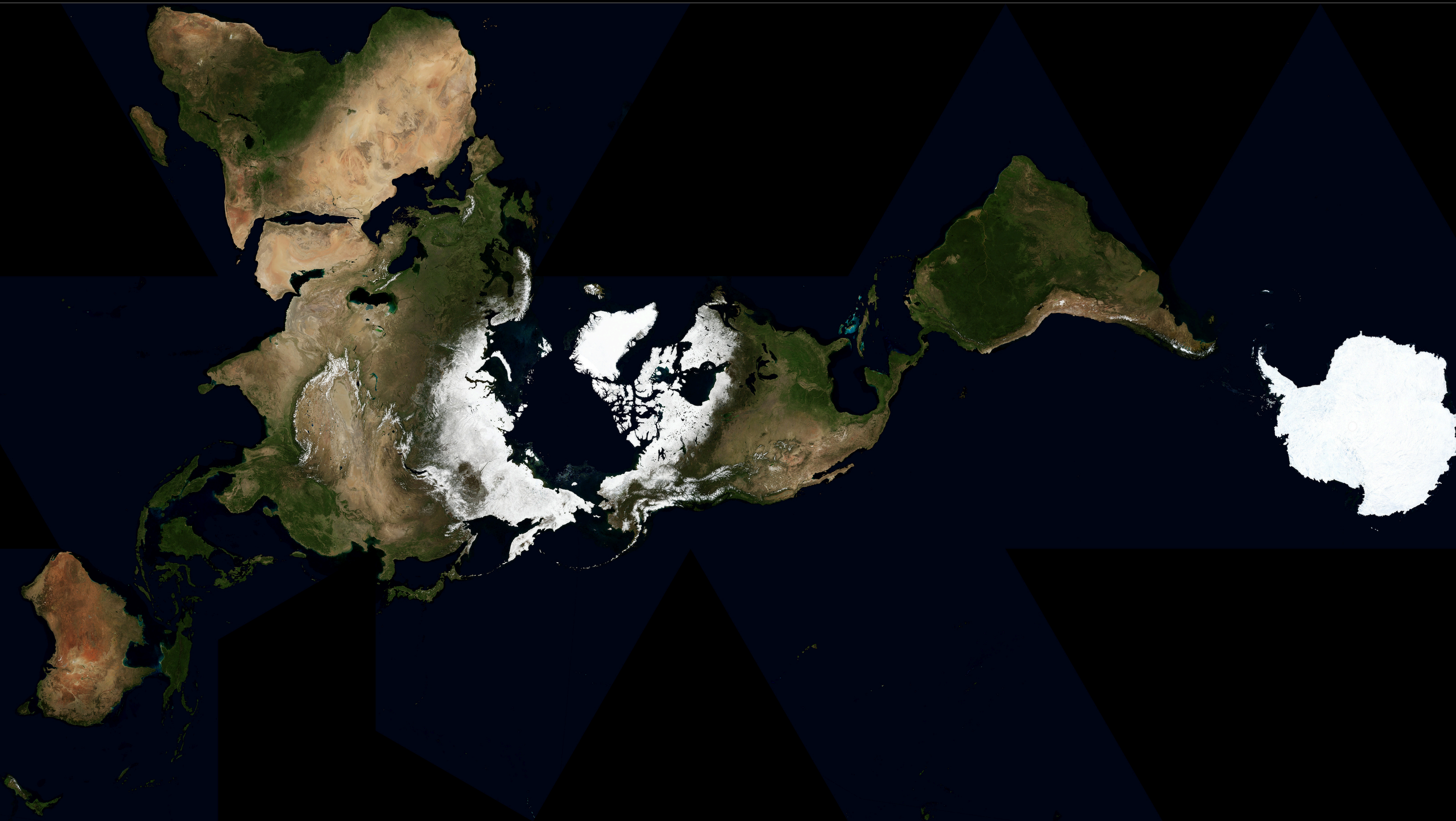




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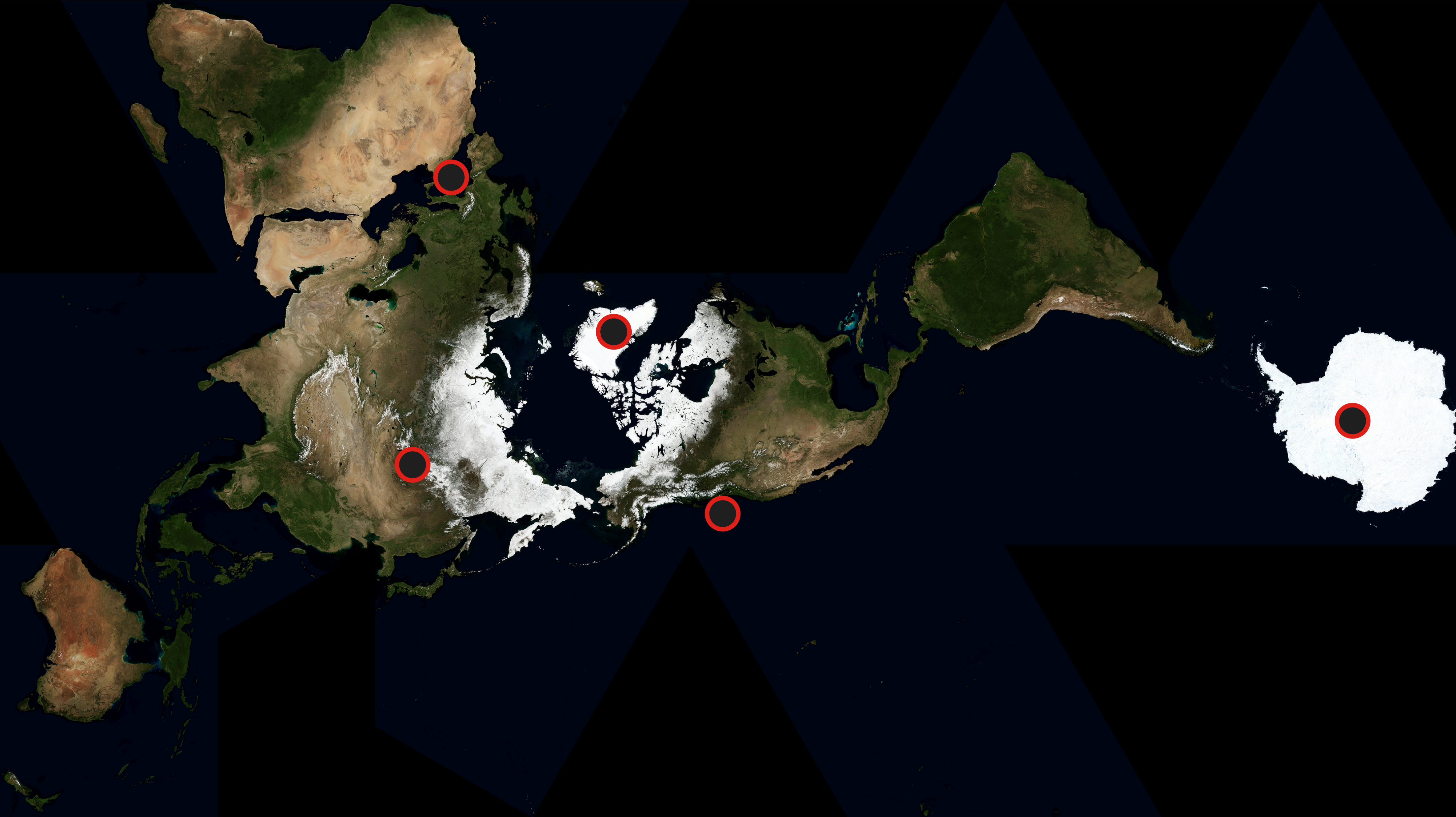




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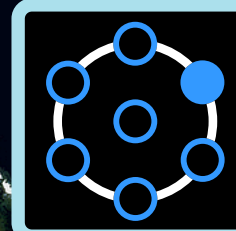
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# Lake Baikal







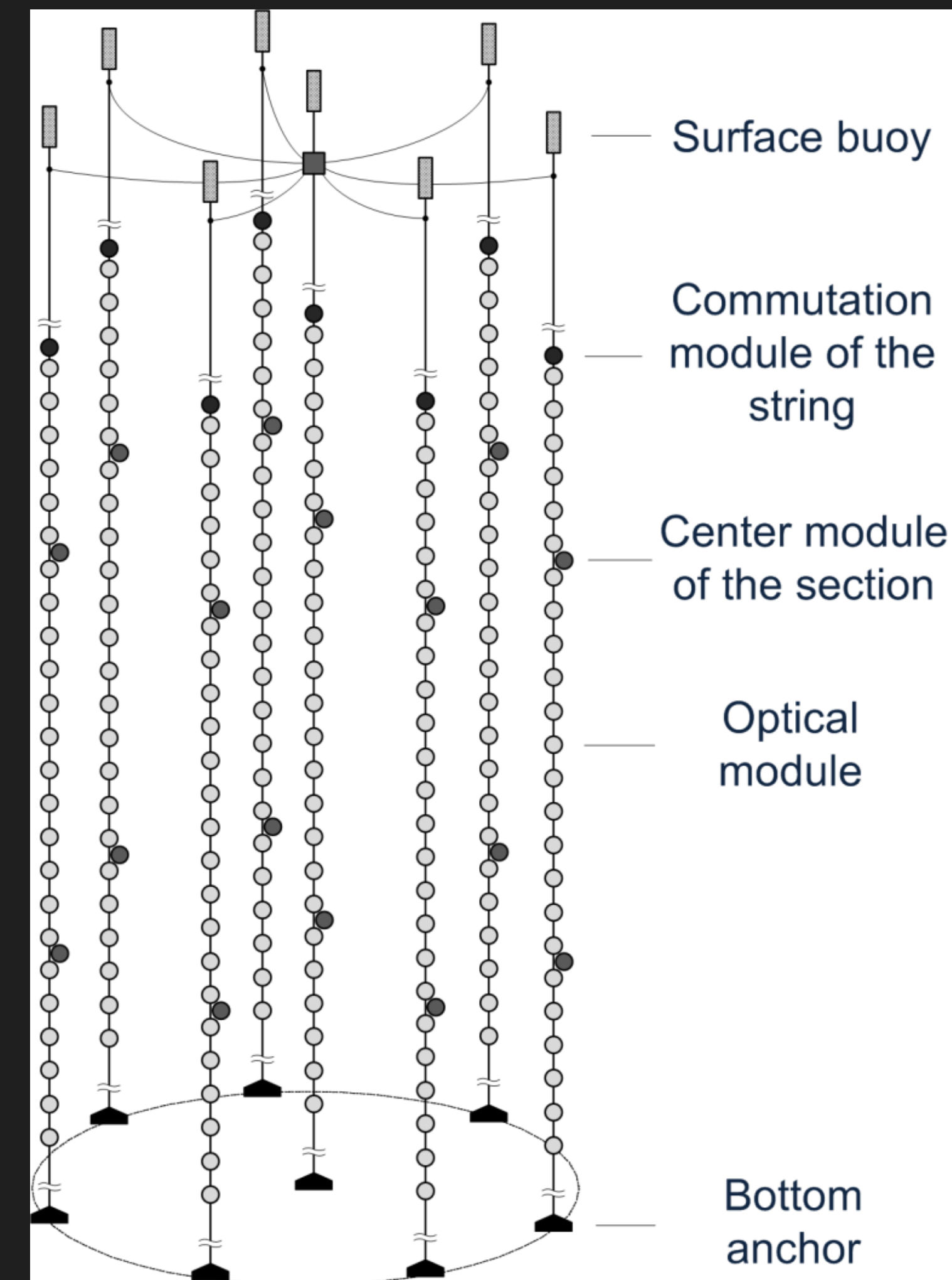
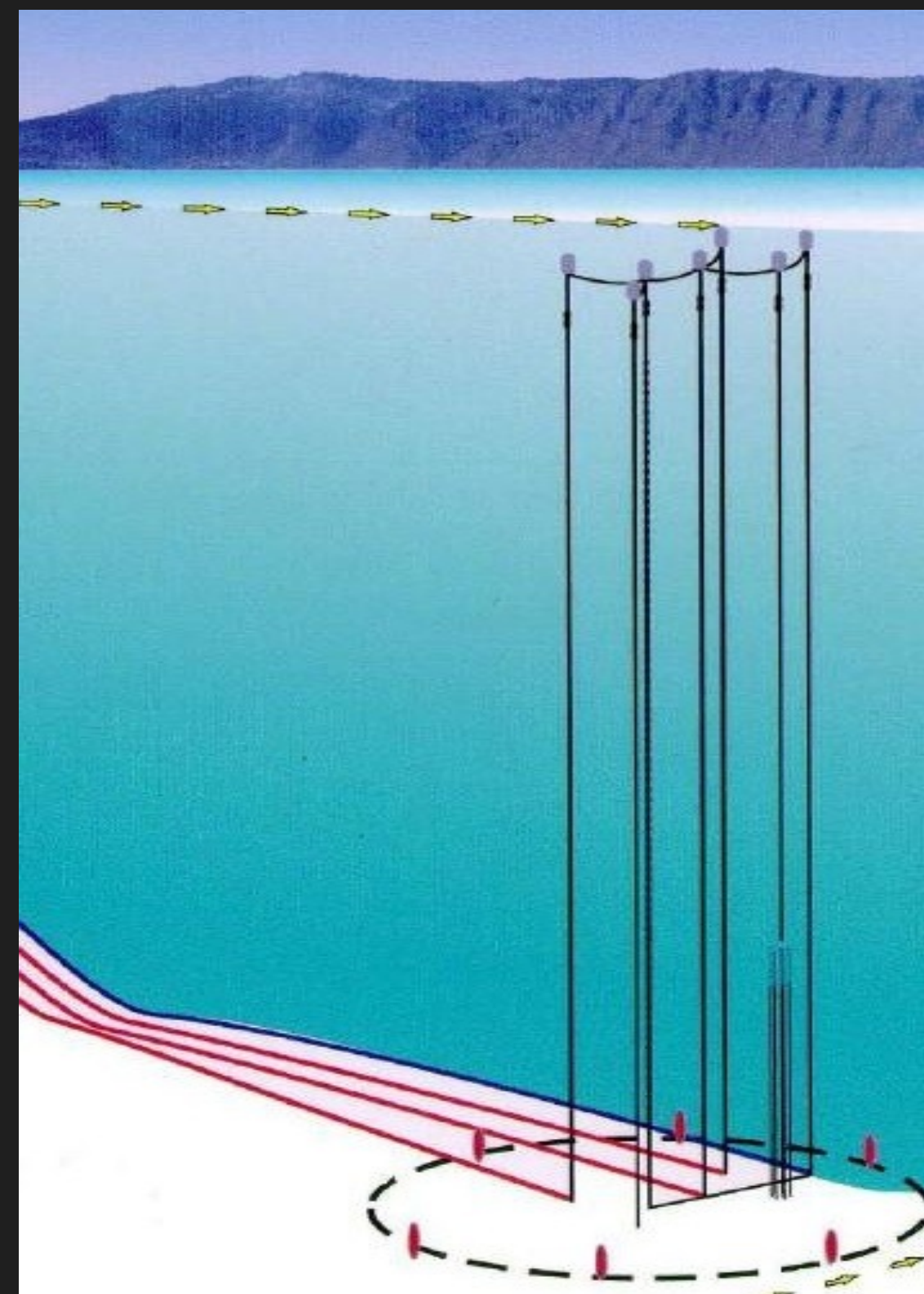
# BAIKAL / BAIKAL-GVD

*Neutrino telescope deployed in Lake Baikal*

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8 clusters of a gigaton detector  
deployed as of 2021

**Plan:** 14 such arrays, 112 strings





# Mediterranean Sea







# THE ANTARES NEUTRINO TELESCOPE

*In the Mediterranean Sea near Toulon, France*

📖 NIM A 656 (2011) 11-38

Timing res  
~ 0.5 ns

Position  
< 10 cm

- 25 storeys / line
- 3 PMTs / storey
- 885 PMTs



350 m

14.5 m

Deployed  
in 2001

40 km

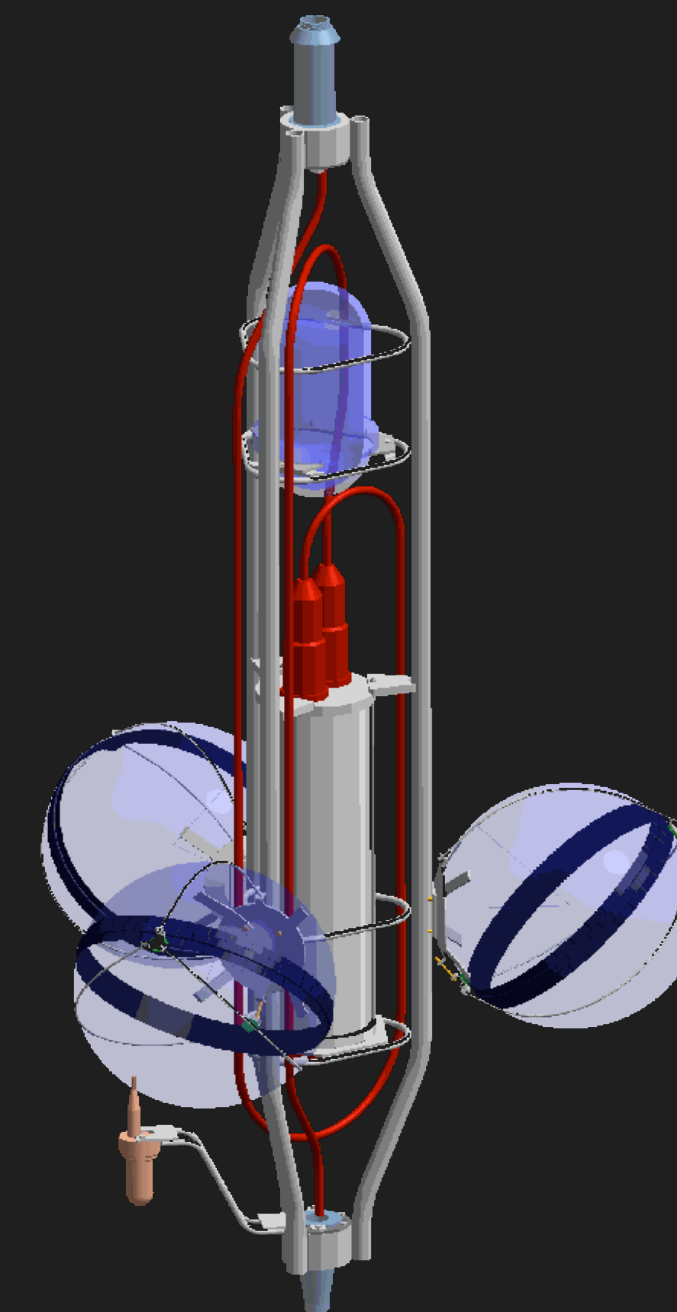
100 m

~70 m

Junction  
box  
(since 2002)

Anchor/line socket

Interlink cables



**“storey” with  
3 OMs**





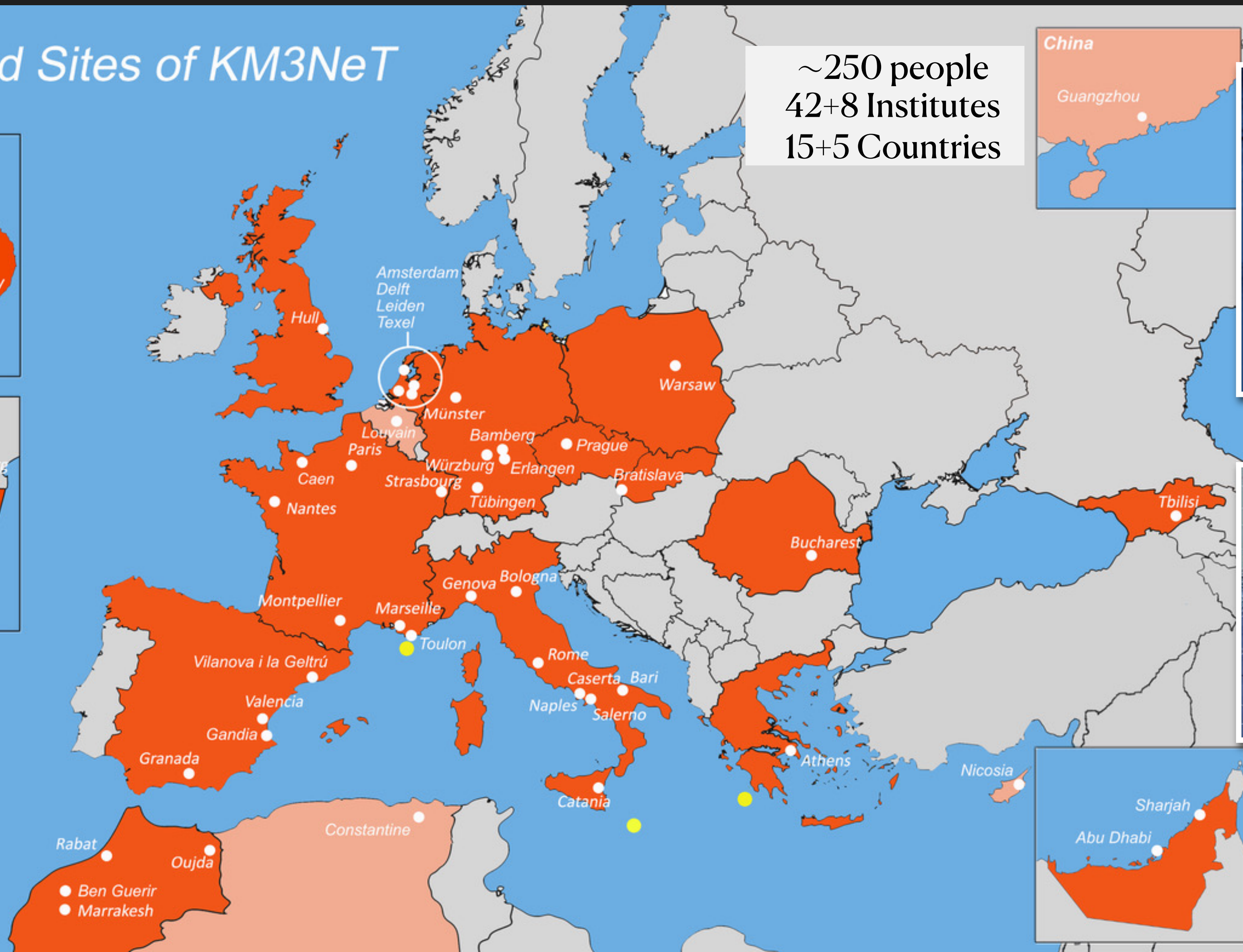
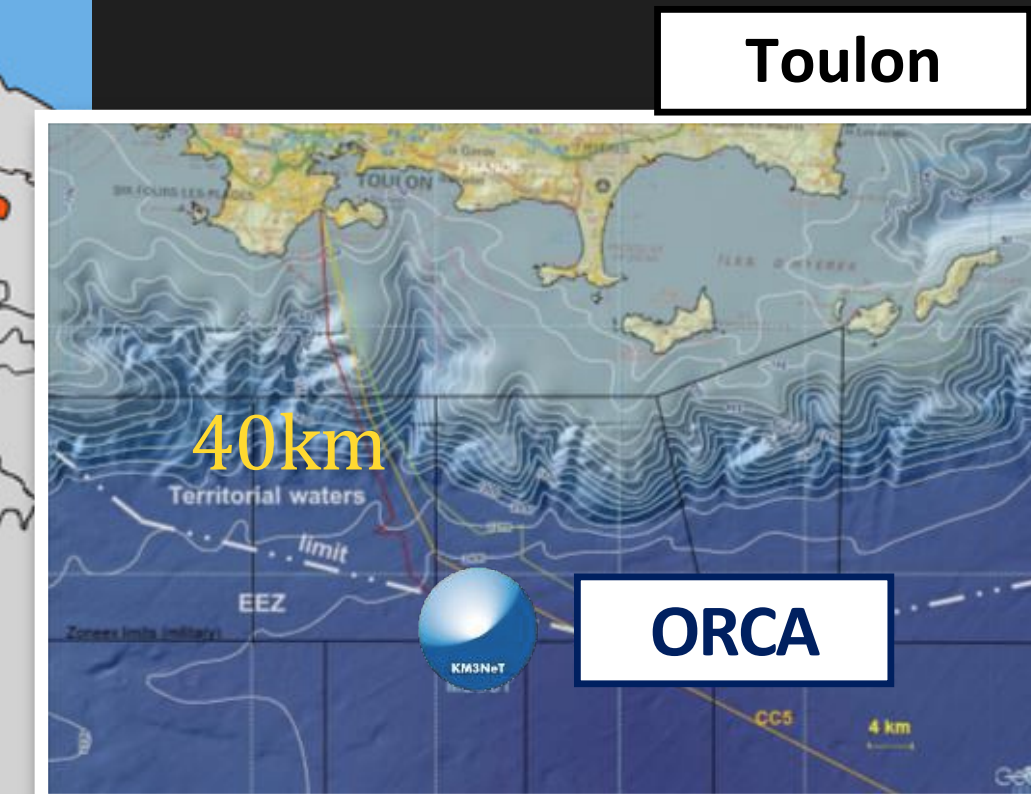
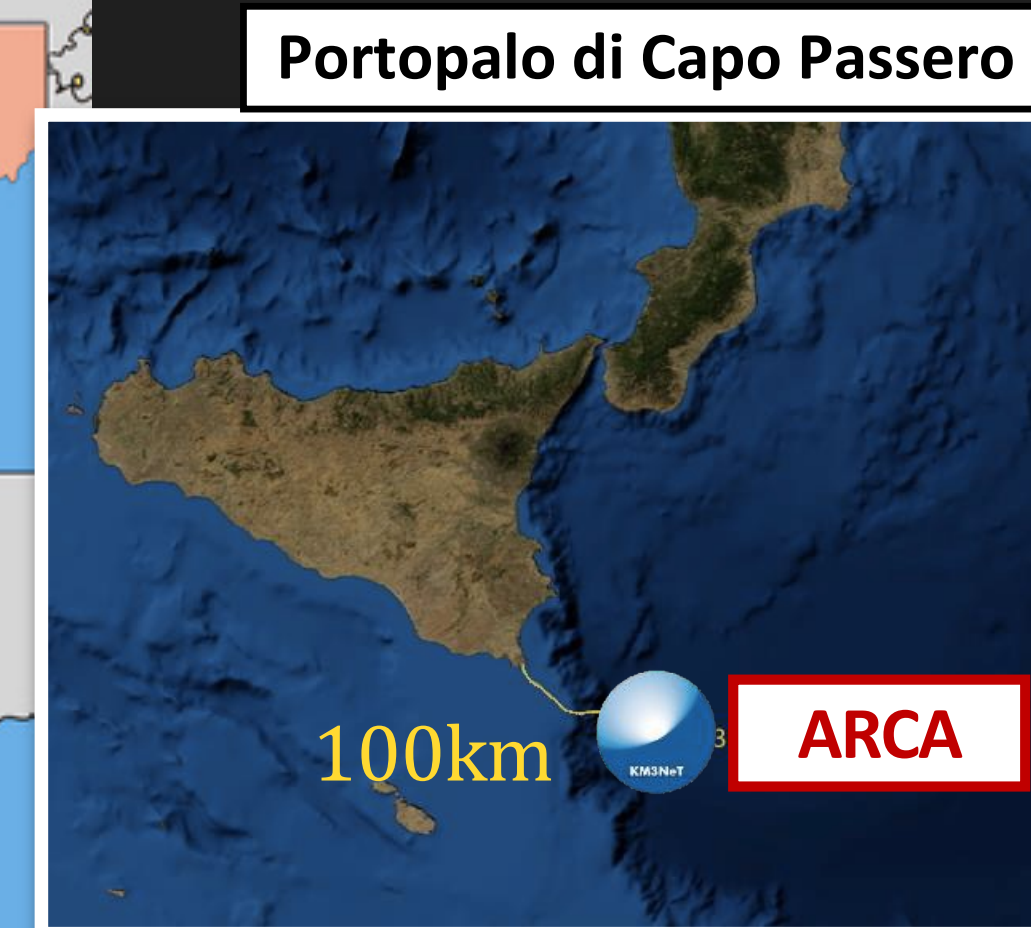
# THE KM3NET NEUTRINO TELESCOPE

*In the Mediterranean Sea - Two Sites!*

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## Cities and Sites of KM3NeT

~250 people  
42+8 Institutes  
15+5 Countries





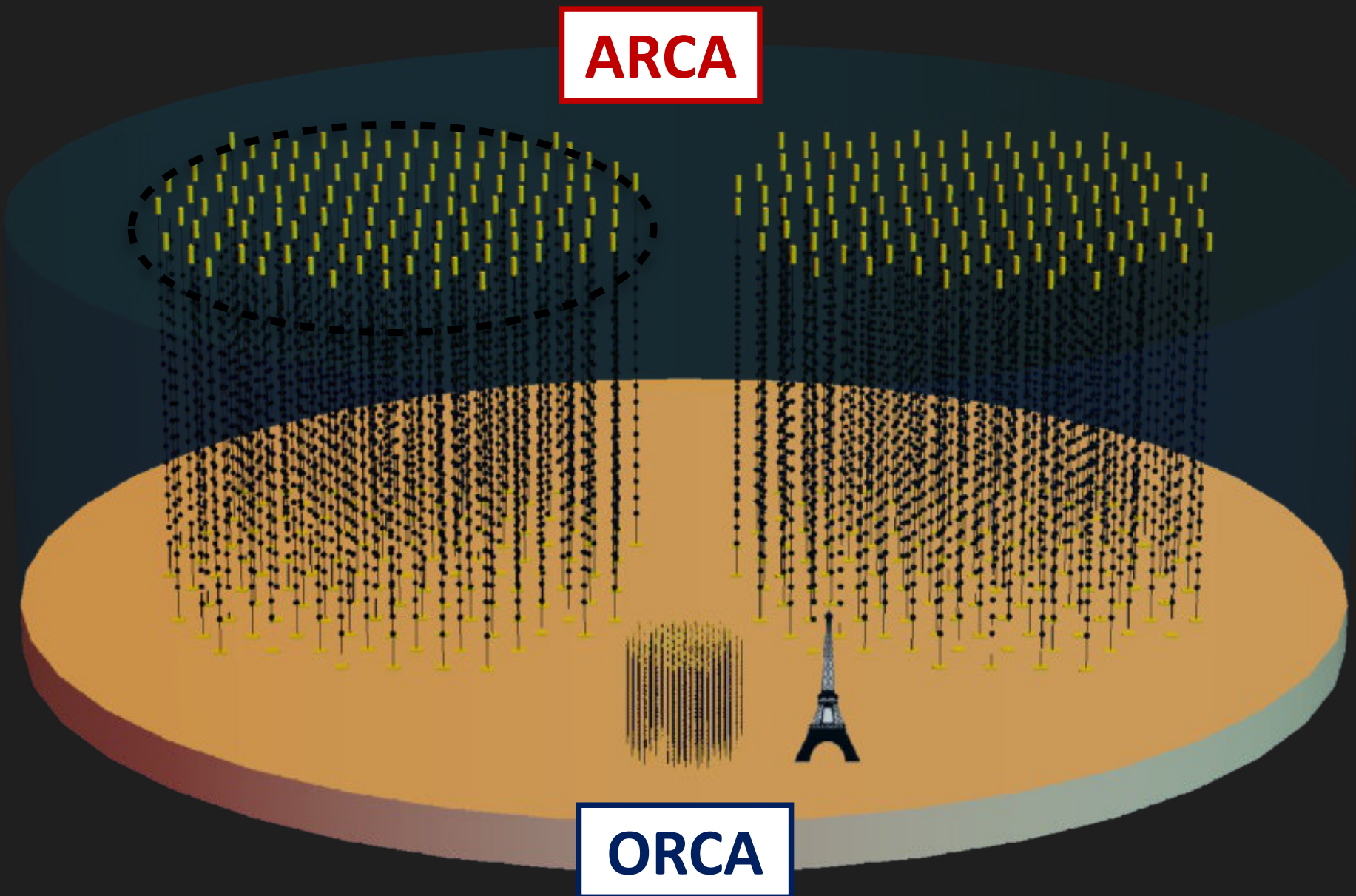


# THE KM3NET NEUTRINO TELESCOPE

*In the Mediterranean Sea - Two Sites!*

Digital Optical Module

31×3” PMTs



1 Building Block (BB) = 115 Detection Units (DU)

	ARCA	ORCA
Location	Italy (Sicily)	France (Toulon)
Depth	3450 m	2450 m
Distance from shore	100 km	40 km
Number of DUs	115 x 2 (2 BB)	115 (1 BB)
DU horizontal spacing	90 m	20 m
DOM vertical spacing	36 m	9 m
#DOMs/DU	18	18
#PMTs/DOM	31	31
Instrumented volume	~ 1 Gton	~ 7 Mton
> 1km <sup>3</sup> neutrino telescope		
Deployed DUs	21	18

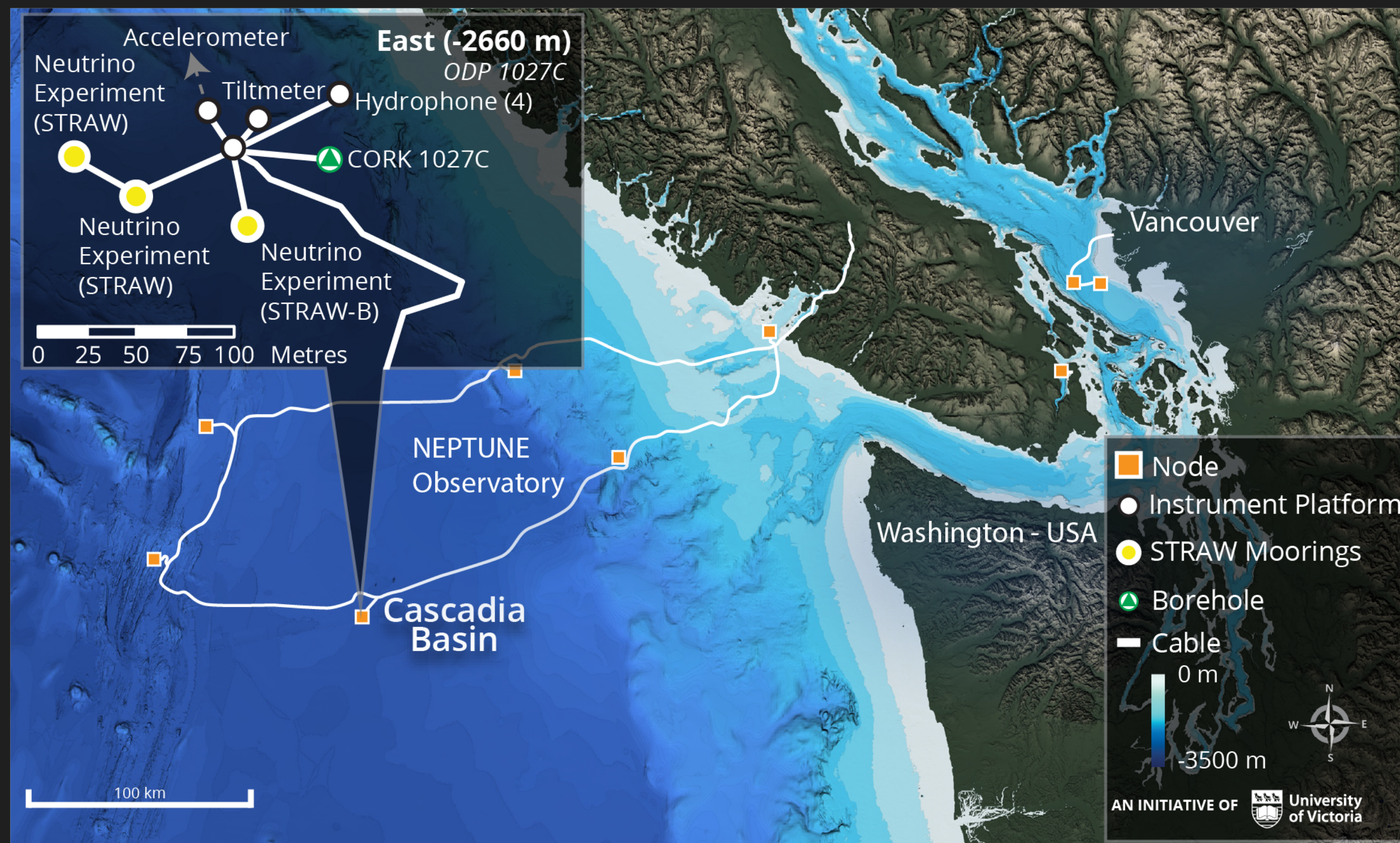




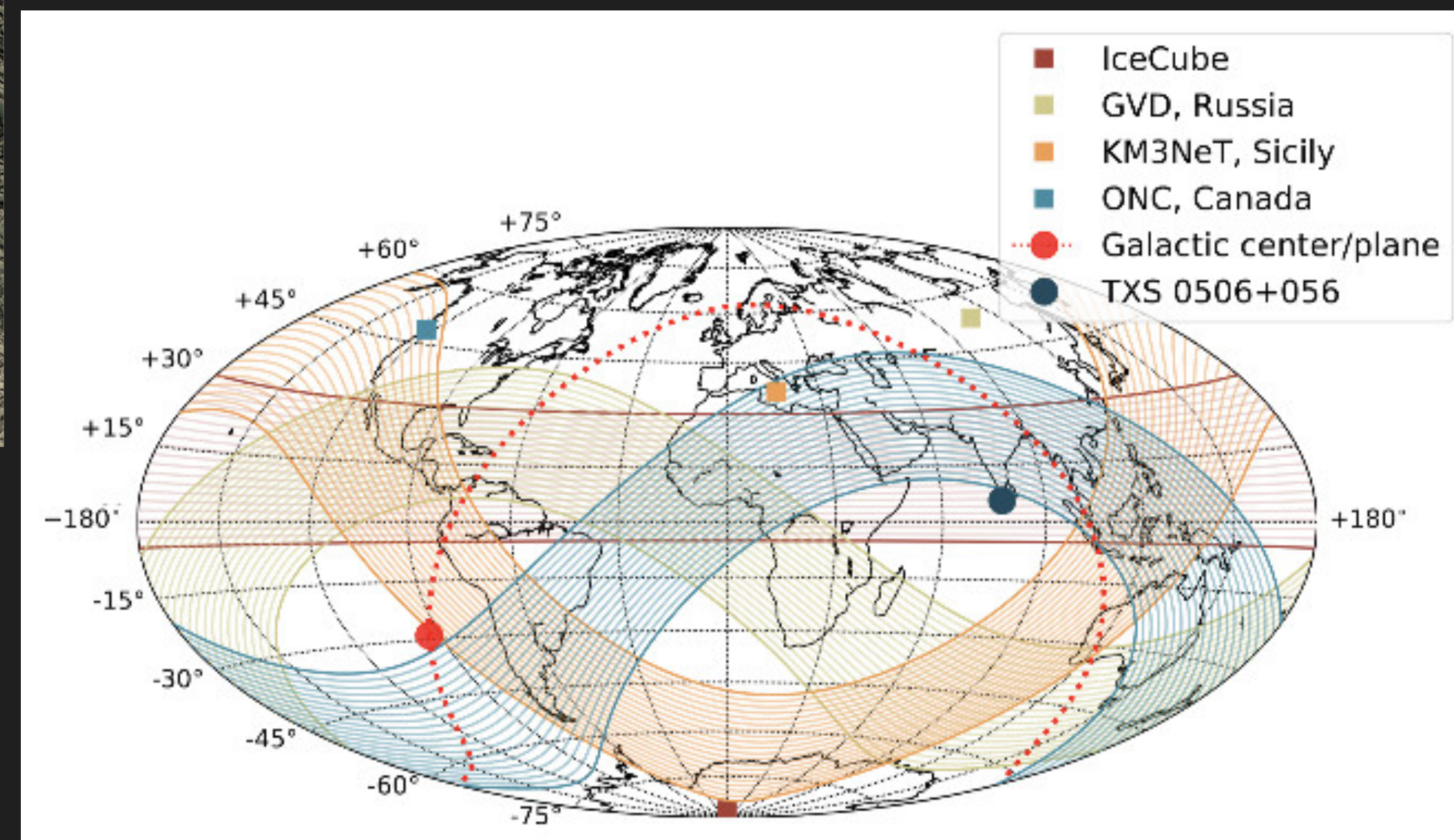
# P-ONE

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*An idea for a project off the Canadian Pacific Coast*



First test strings have been taking data for a while  
Plan to deploy P-ONE-1 soon







# NEUTRINOS VIA RADIO IN GREENLAND: RNO-G

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*Radio Neutrinos - See Sjoerd's talk on Monday (and the end of this presentation)*

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Summit Station

DESY-Zeuthen

FAU-Erlangen

Radboud University

Université Libre de Bruxelles

Vrije Universiteit Brussels

Ghent University

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

University of Kansas

University of Wisconsin-Madison

University of Chicago

The Ohio State University

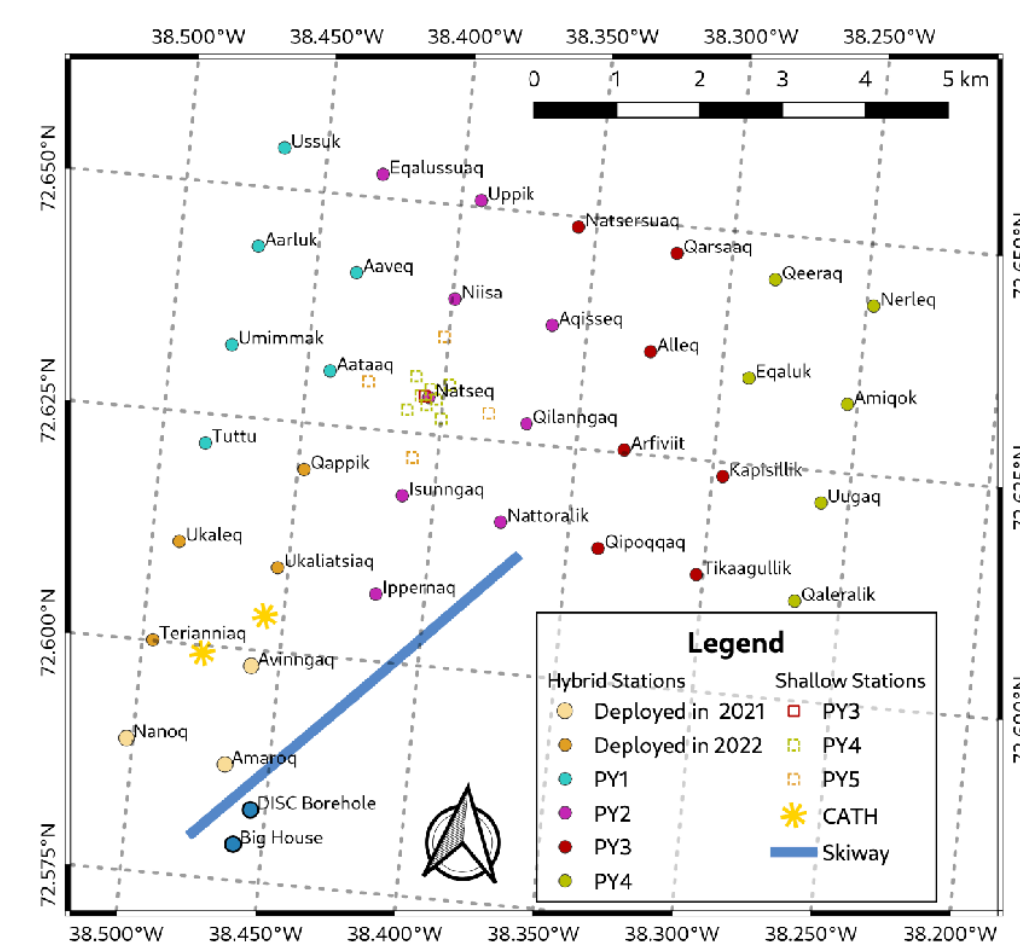
University of Alabama

Pennsylvania State University

University of Delaware

University of Maryland

## RNO-G Planned Layout





# South Pole Glacier

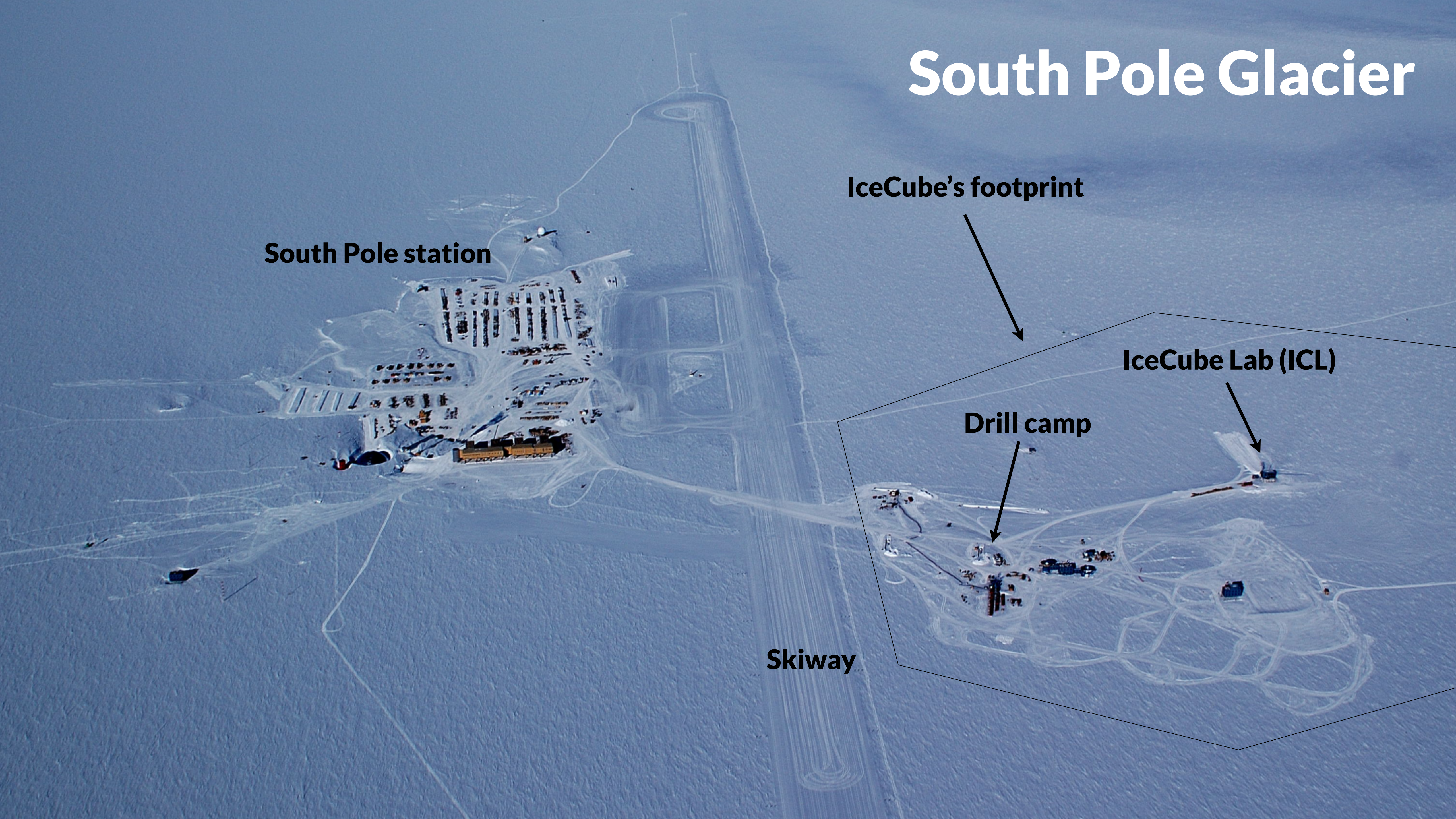
**South Pole station**

**IceCube's footprint**

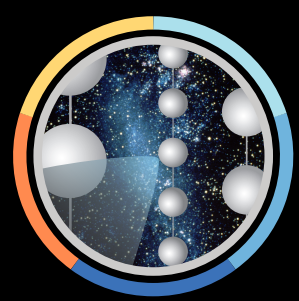
**IceCube Lab (ICL)**

**Drill camp**

**Skiway**







# THE ICECUBE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

*Deployed in the deep glacial ice at the South Pole*

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**5160** PMTs

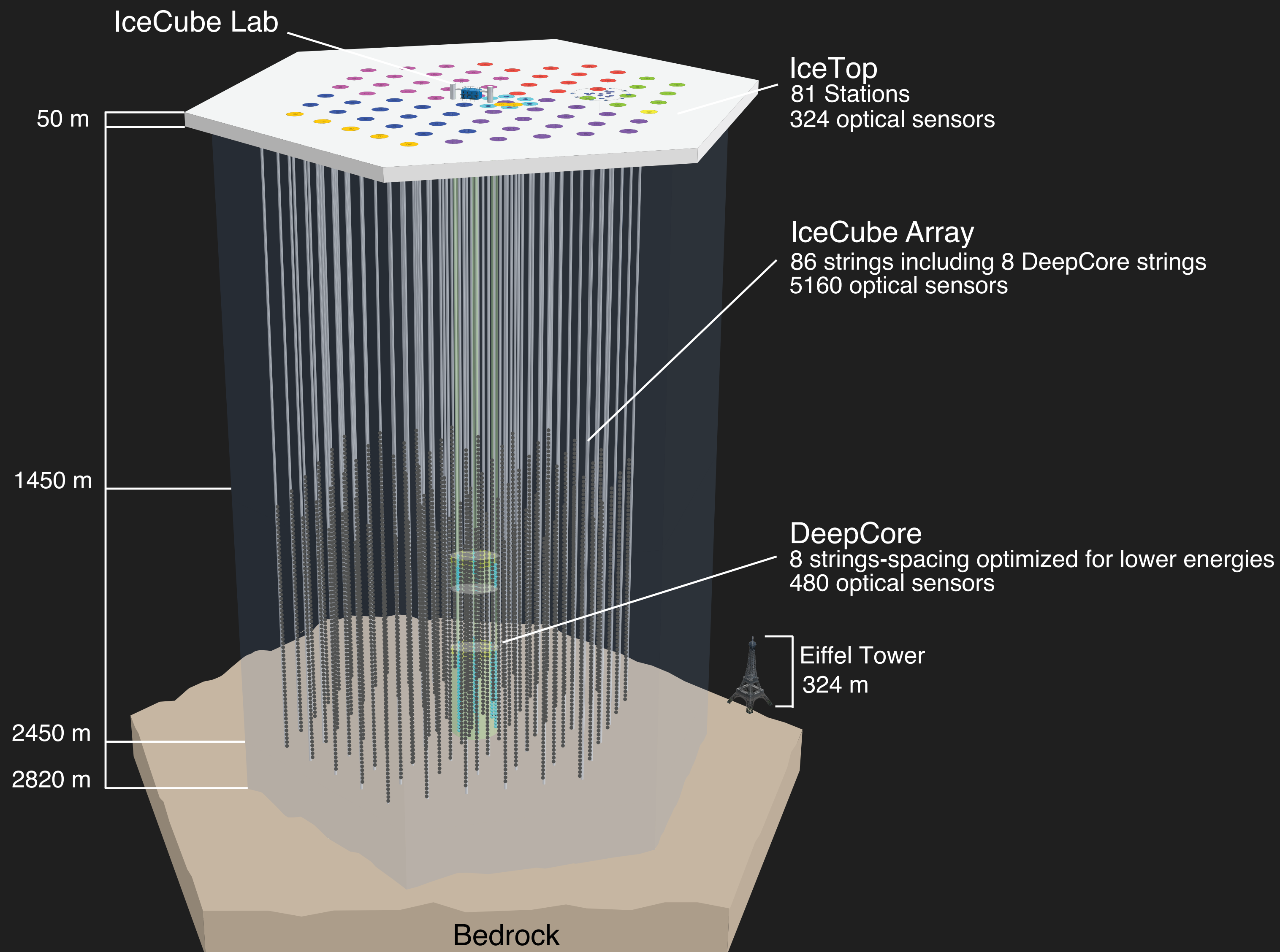
**1 km<sup>3</sup>** volume

**86** strings

**17 m** vertical spacing

**125 m** string spacing

Completed **2010**







## Astrophysical Neutrinos

Understand Cosmic Ray Source Populations

Indirect Dark Matter Searches

Lorentz Invariance Violation

Direct Observation of  $\nu_\tau$

## Atmospheric Neutrinos

Measurement of Atmospheric Neutrino Spectrum (100k events/year)

Measurement of  $\theta_{23}$

Cross-sections at ultra-high energies

Cosmic Ray Measurements



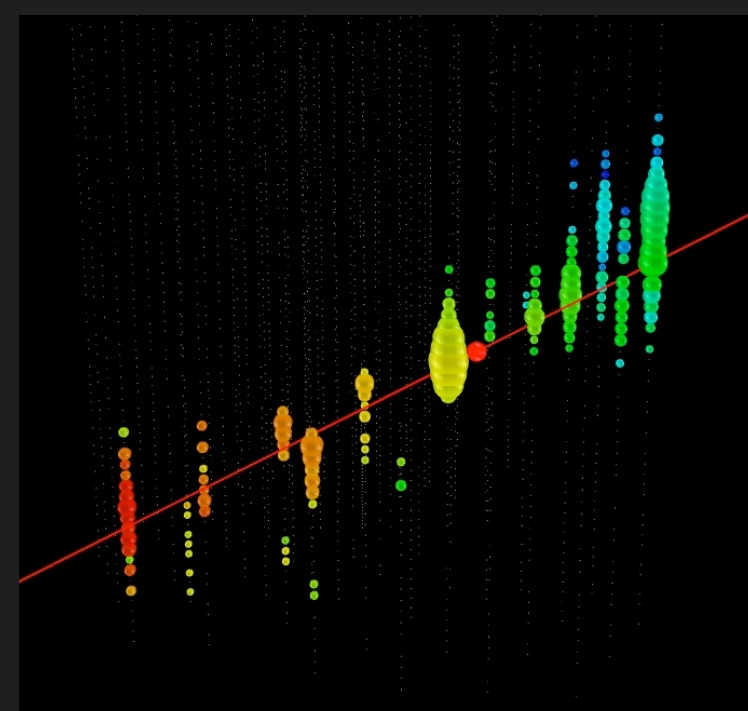


# NEUTRINO EVENT SIGNATURES

*Signatures of signal events*

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## CC Muon Neutrino

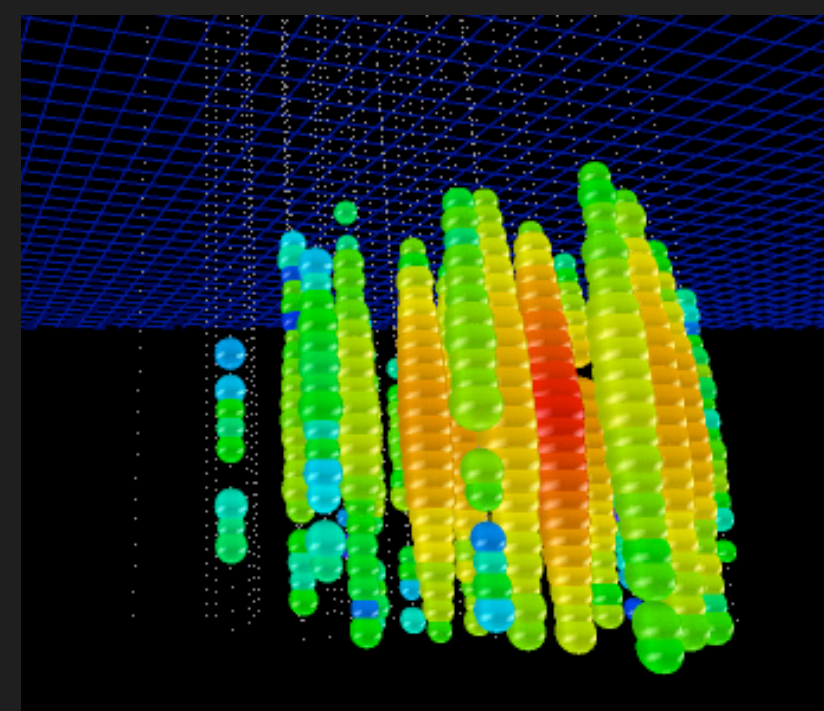


$$\nu_{\mu} + N \rightarrow \mu + X$$

track (data)

factor of  $\approx 2$  energy resolution  
<  $1^{\circ}$  angular resolution at high  
energies

## Neutral Current / Electron Neutrino



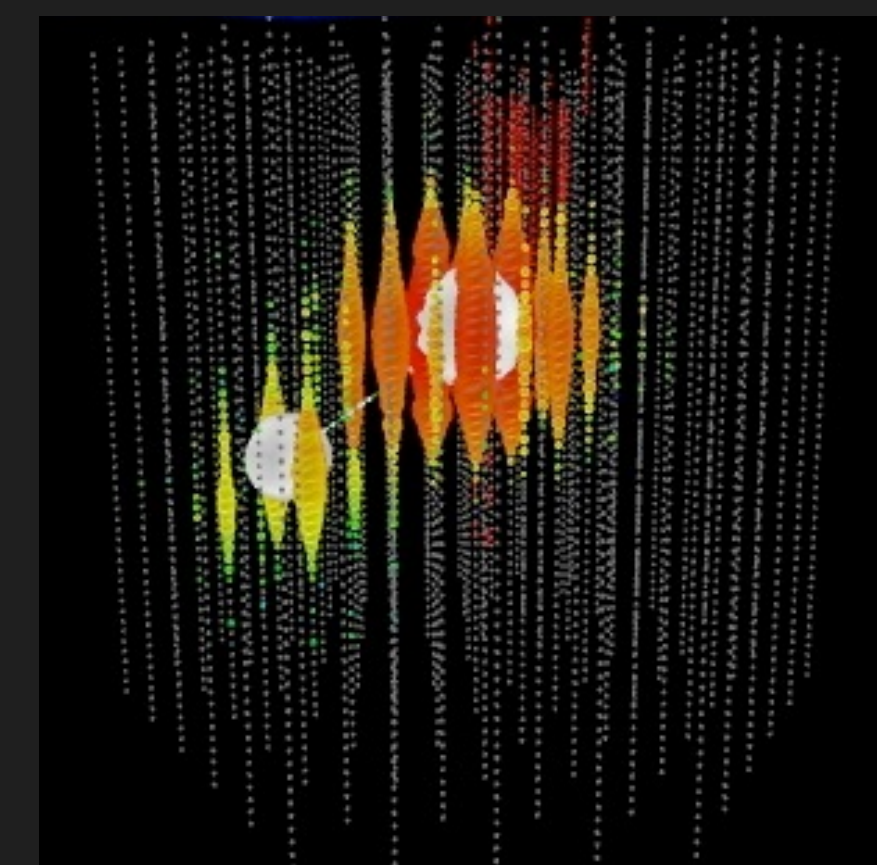
$$\nu_e + N \rightarrow e + X$$

$$\nu_x + N \rightarrow \nu_x + X$$

cascade (data)

$\approx \pm 15\%$  deposited energy resolution  
 $\approx 10^{\circ}$  angular resolution (in IceCube)  
(at energies  $\gtrsim 100$  TeV)

## CC Tau Neutrino



$$\nu_{\tau} + N \rightarrow \tau + X$$

“double-bang” ( $\gtrsim 10$  PeV) and other  
signatures such as tracks and  
cascades

( $\tau$  decay length is 50 m/PeV)

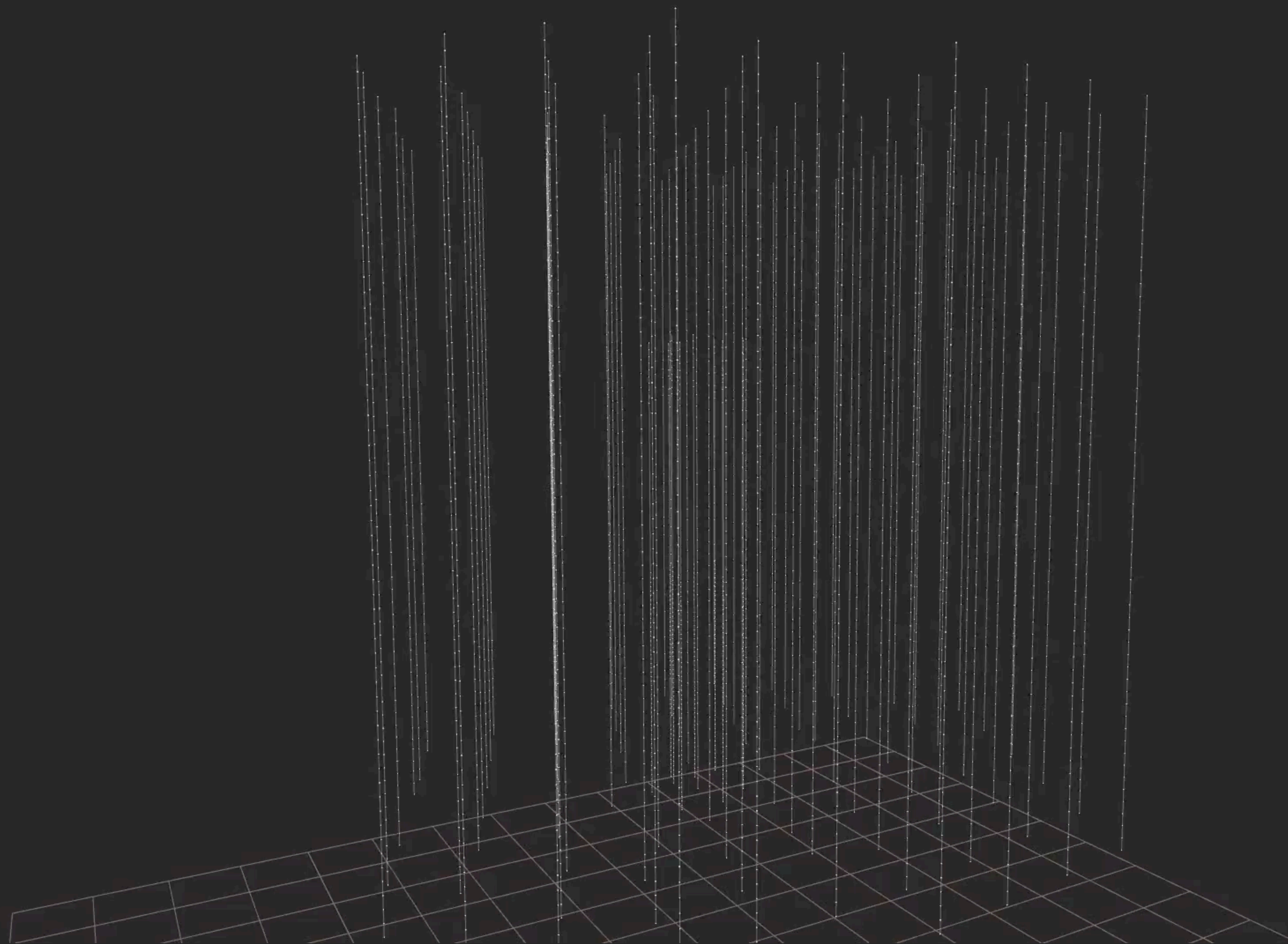




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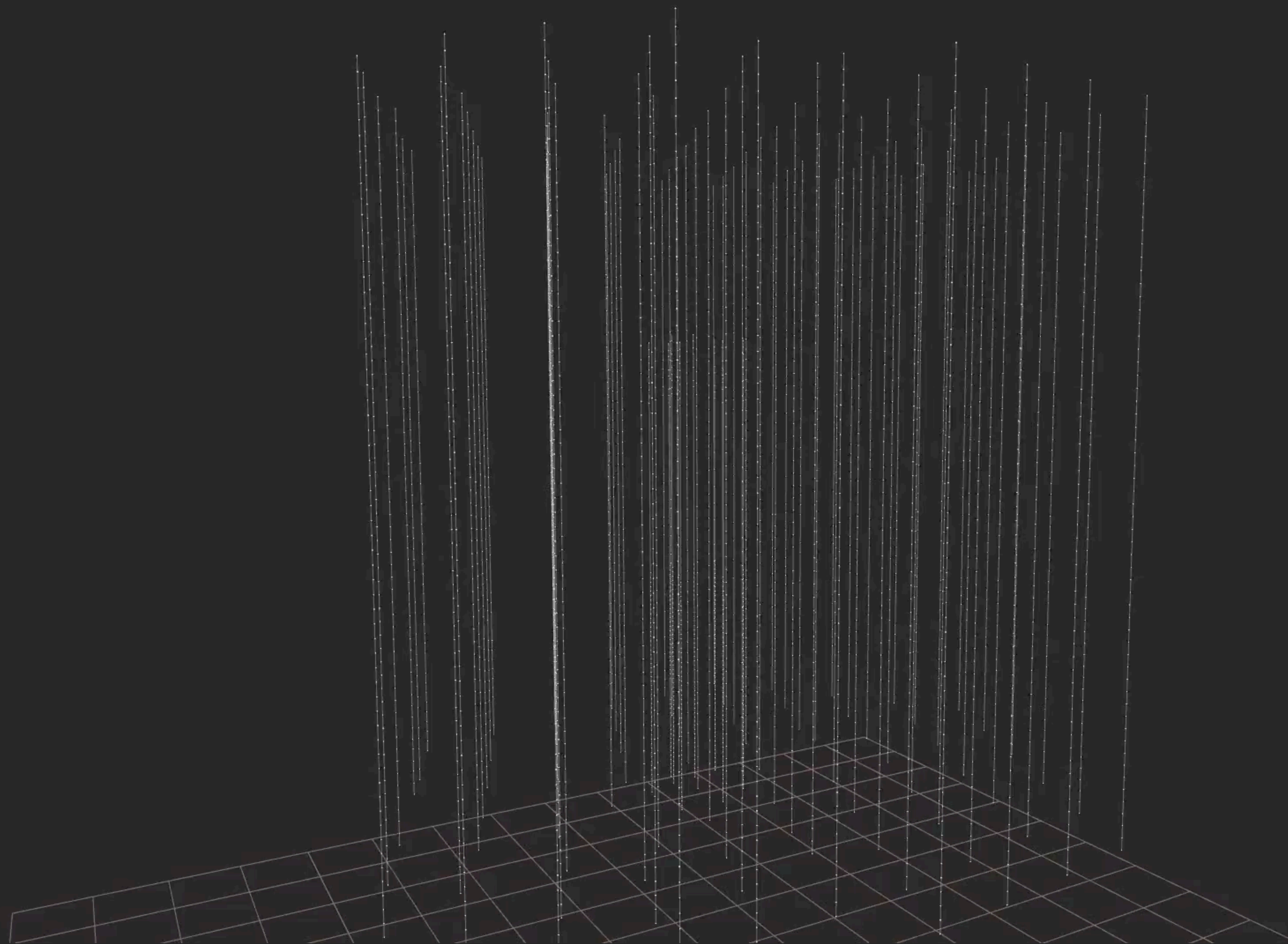




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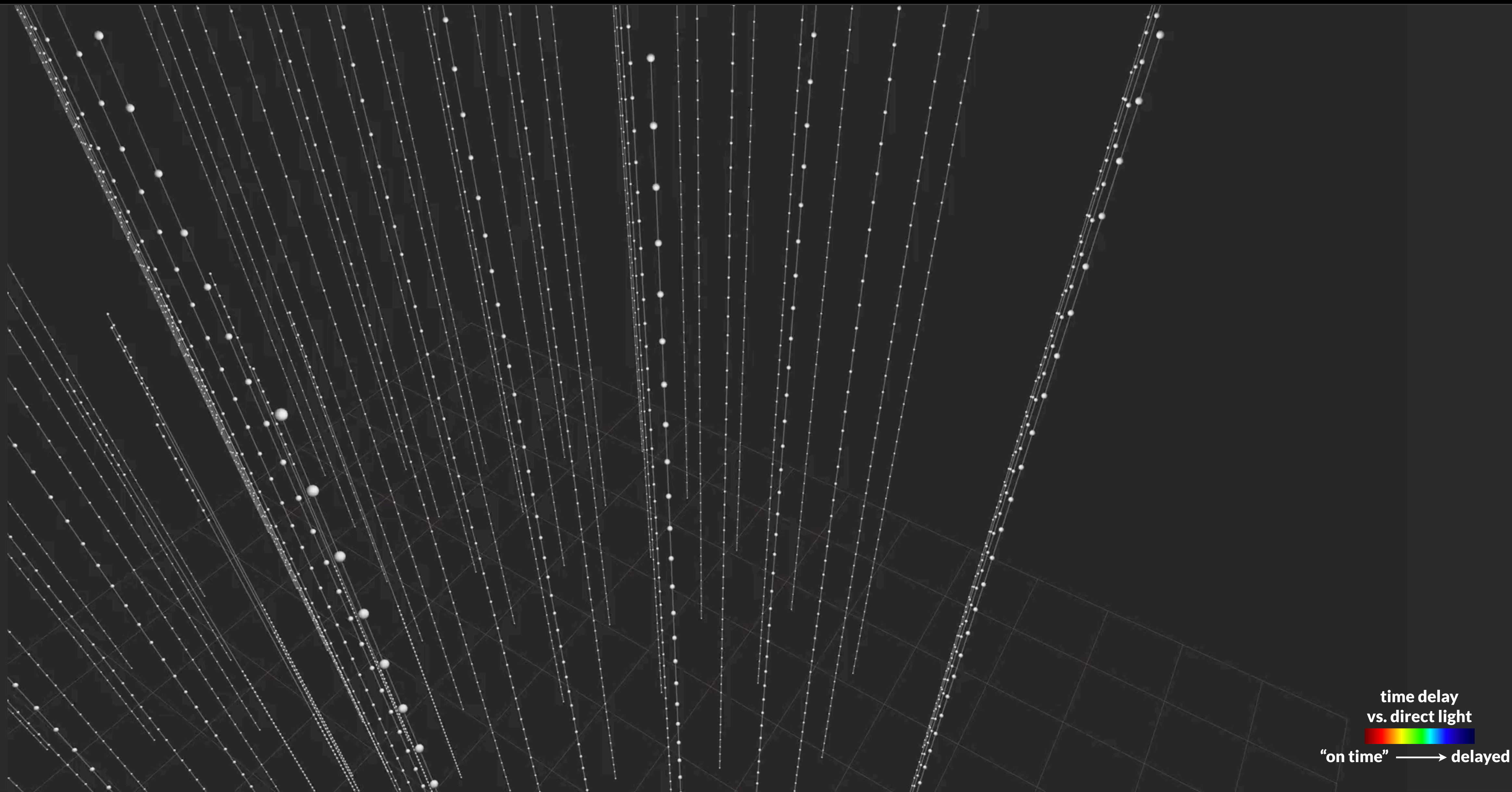




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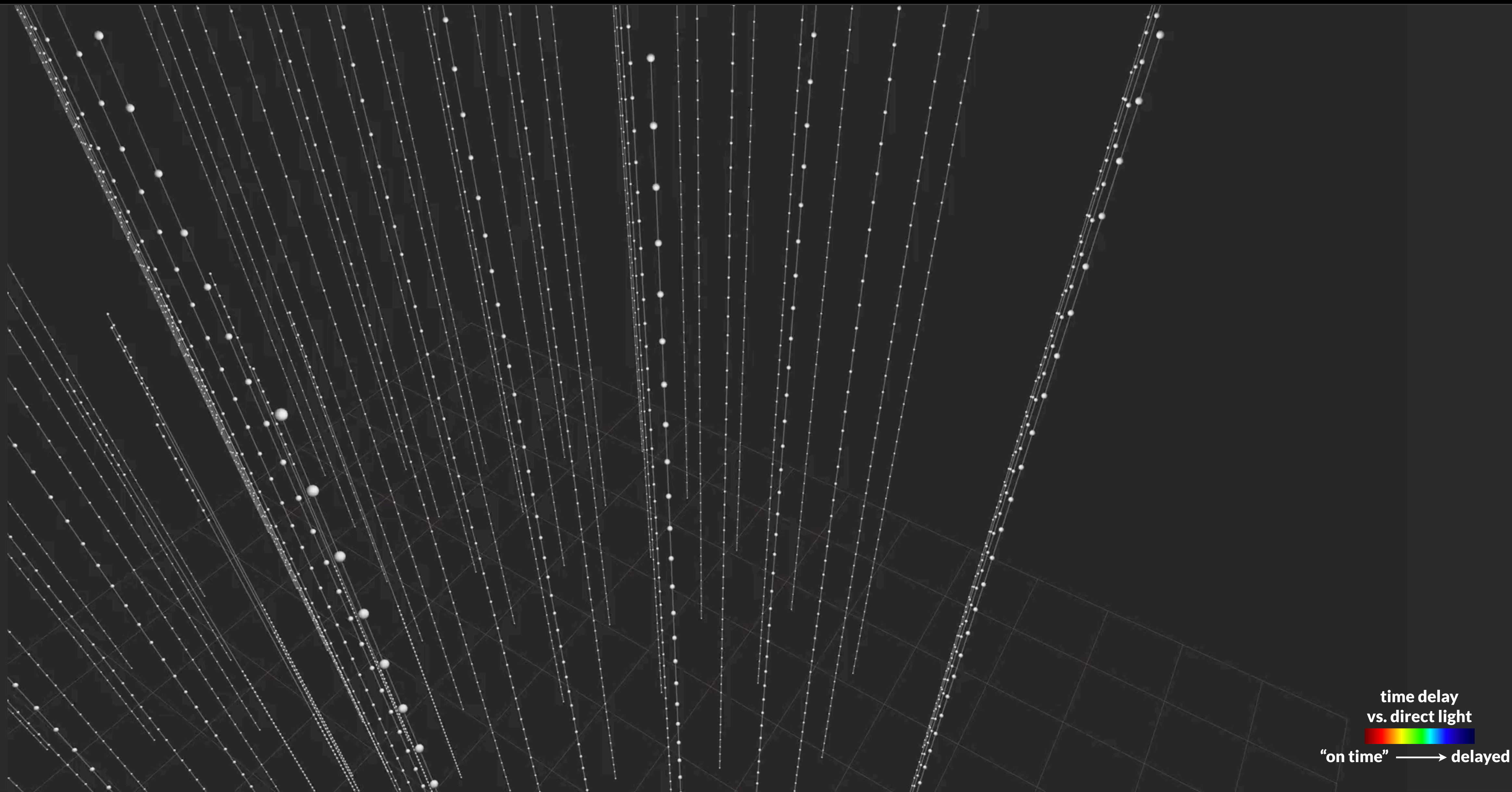




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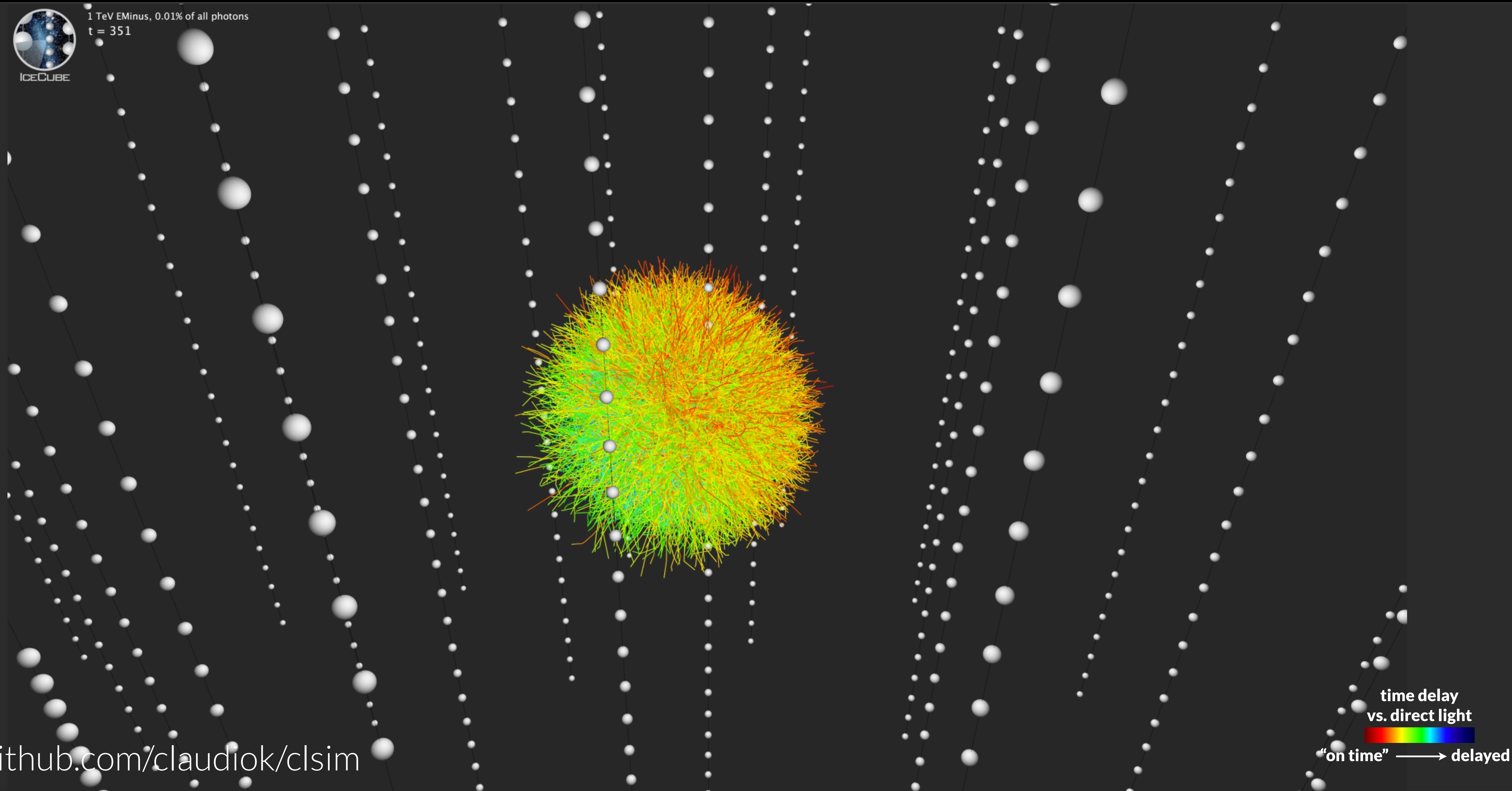




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*Another Shower*

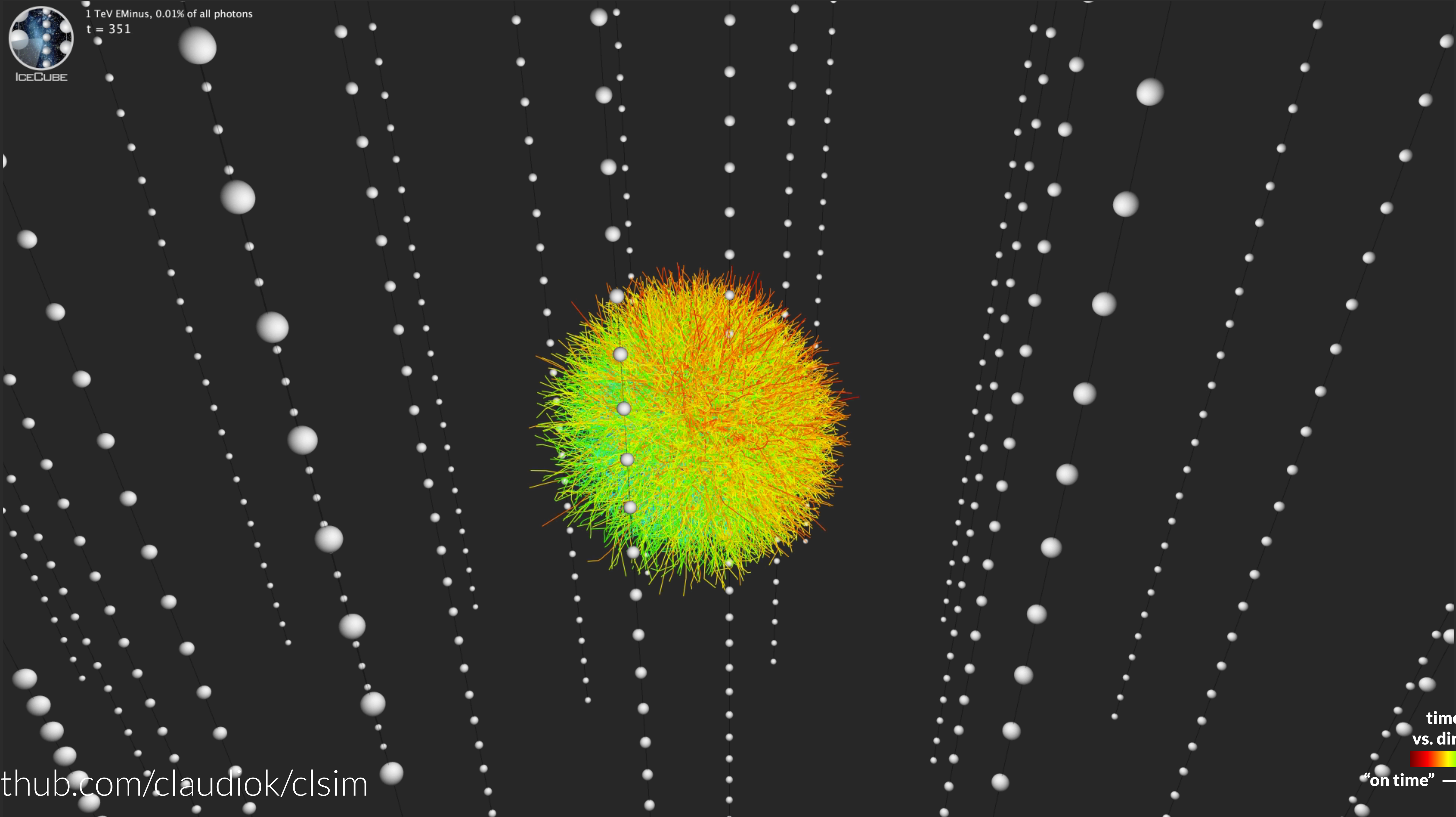






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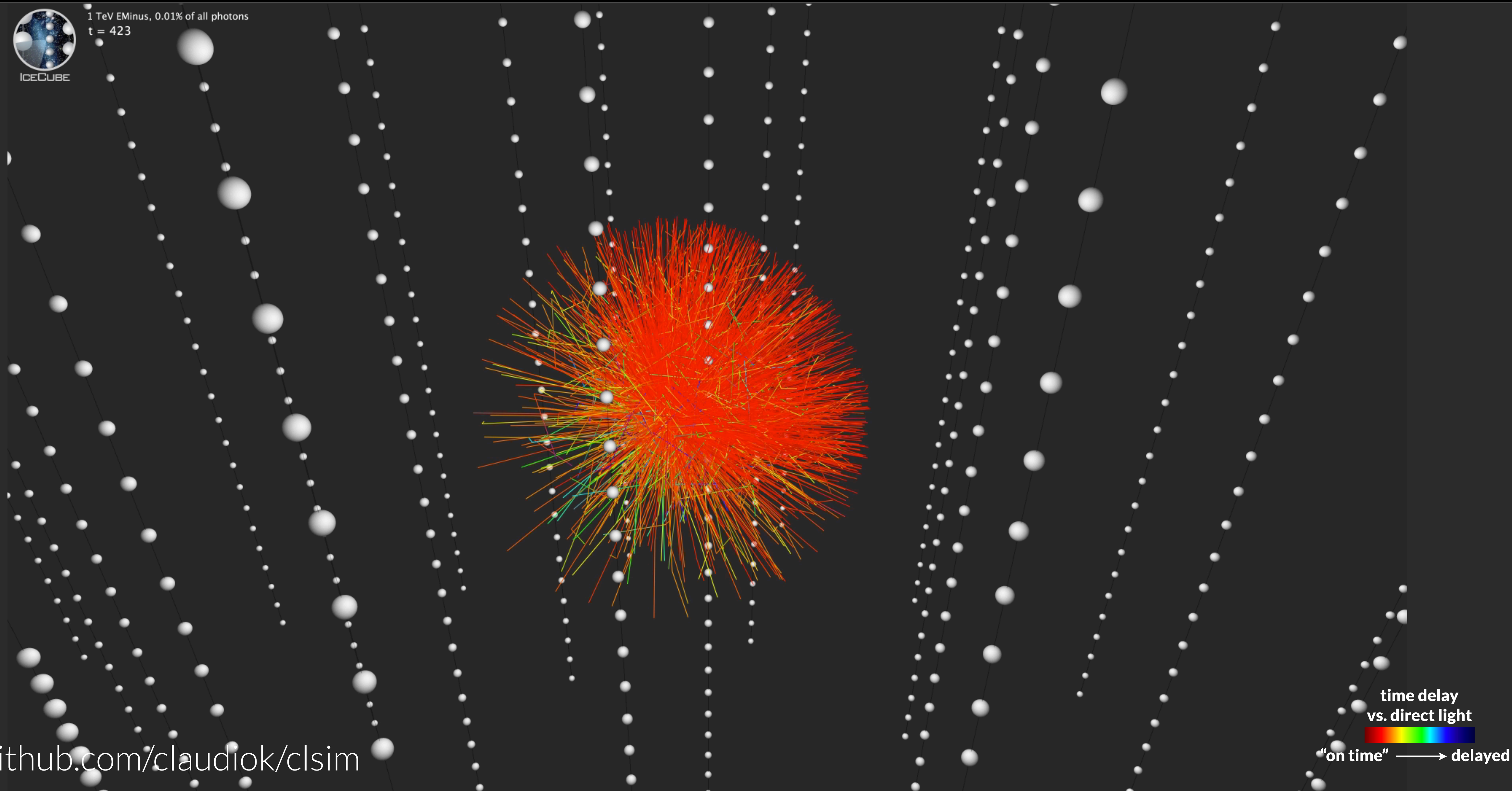




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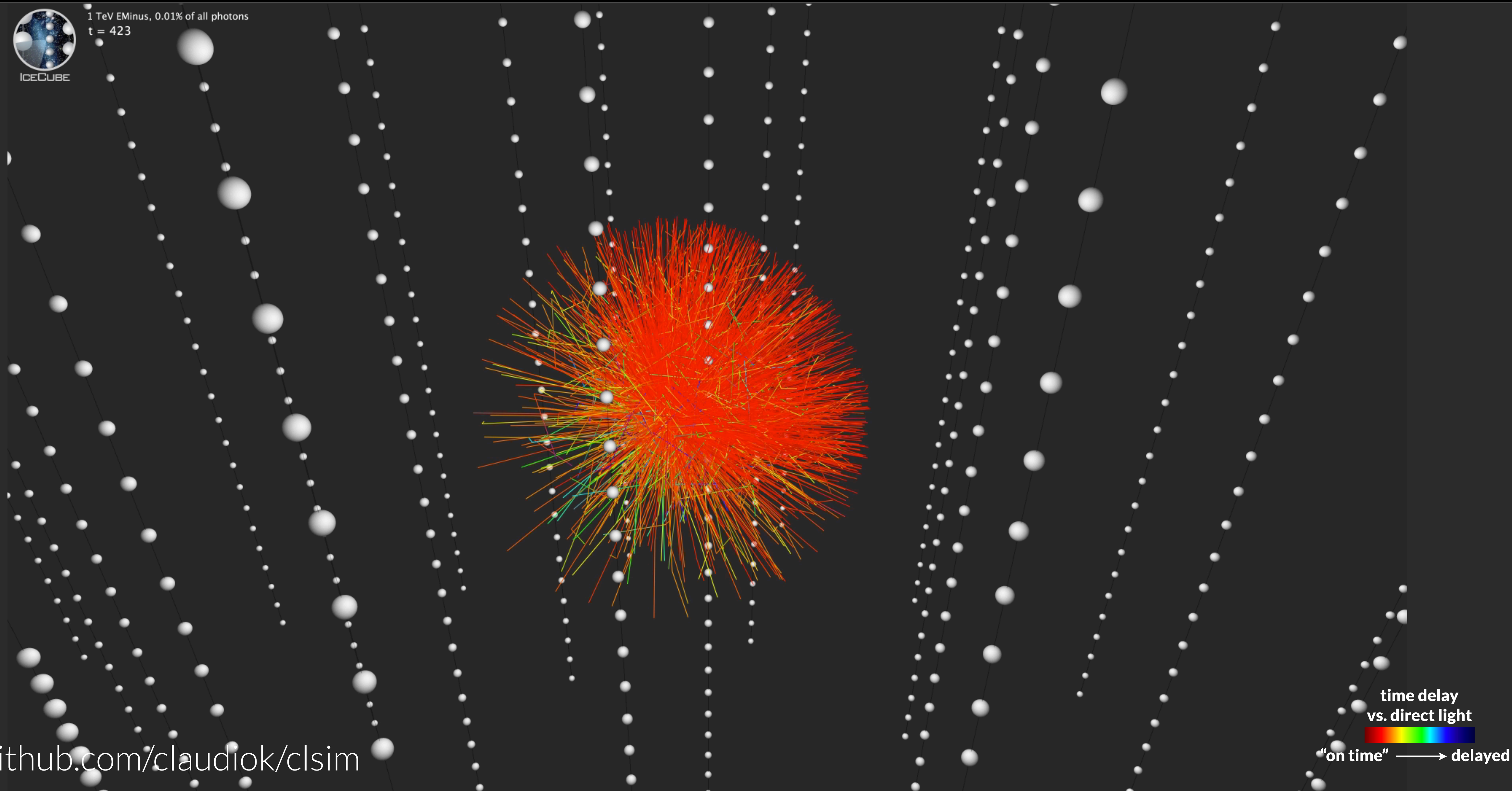




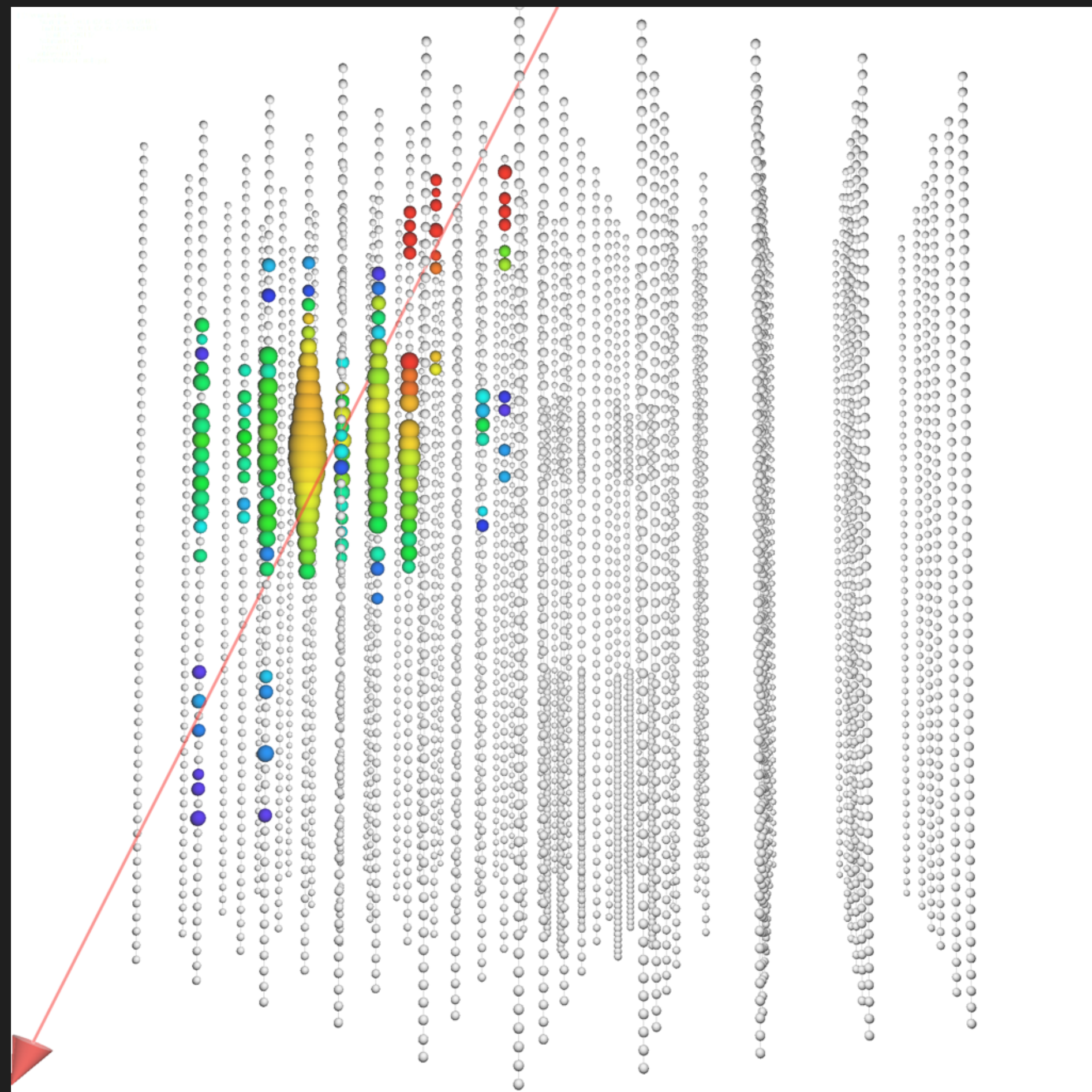
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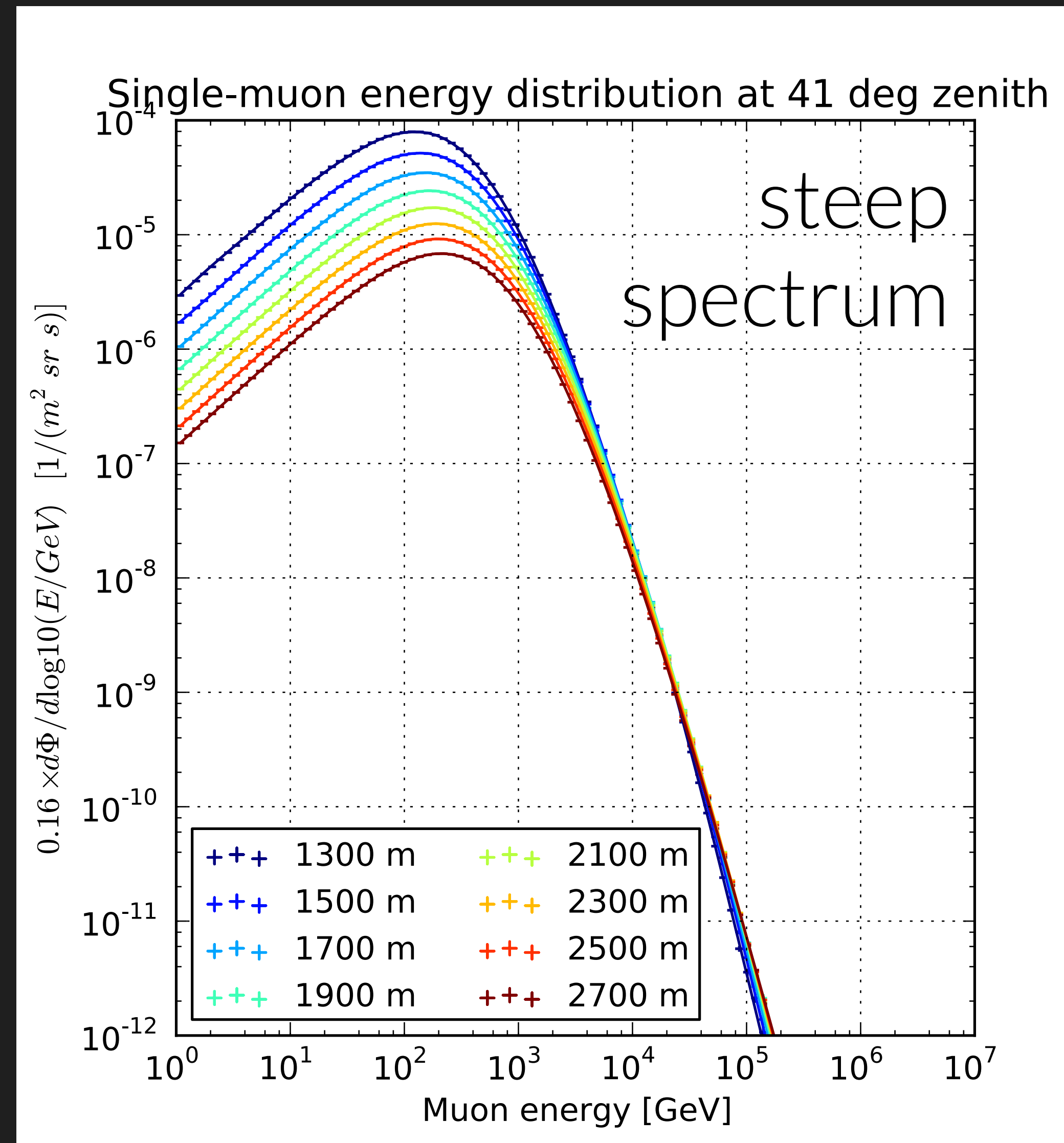
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100 TeV single muon



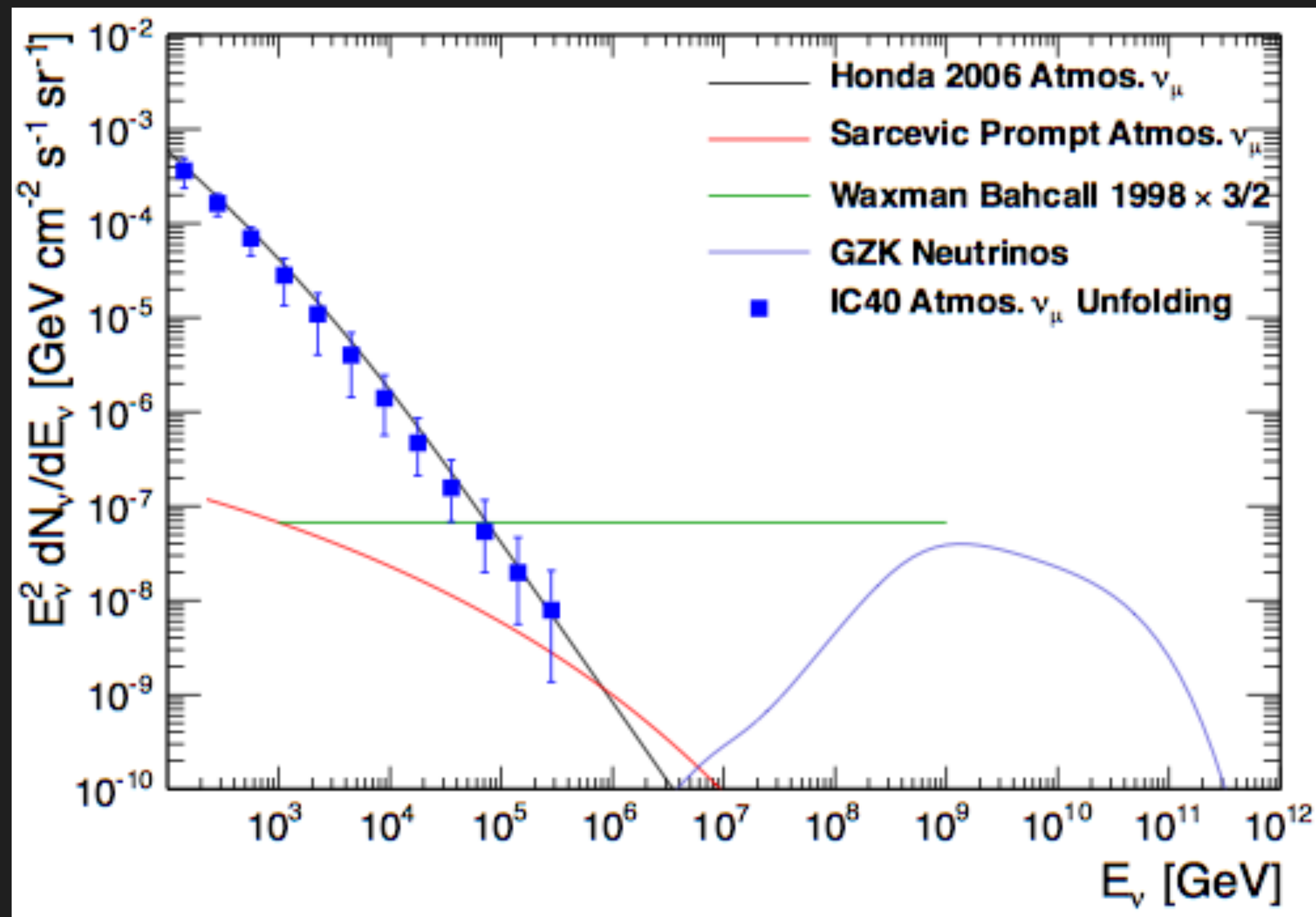




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dominant  $< 100$  TeV

## ATMOSPHERIC NEUTRINOS (CHARM)

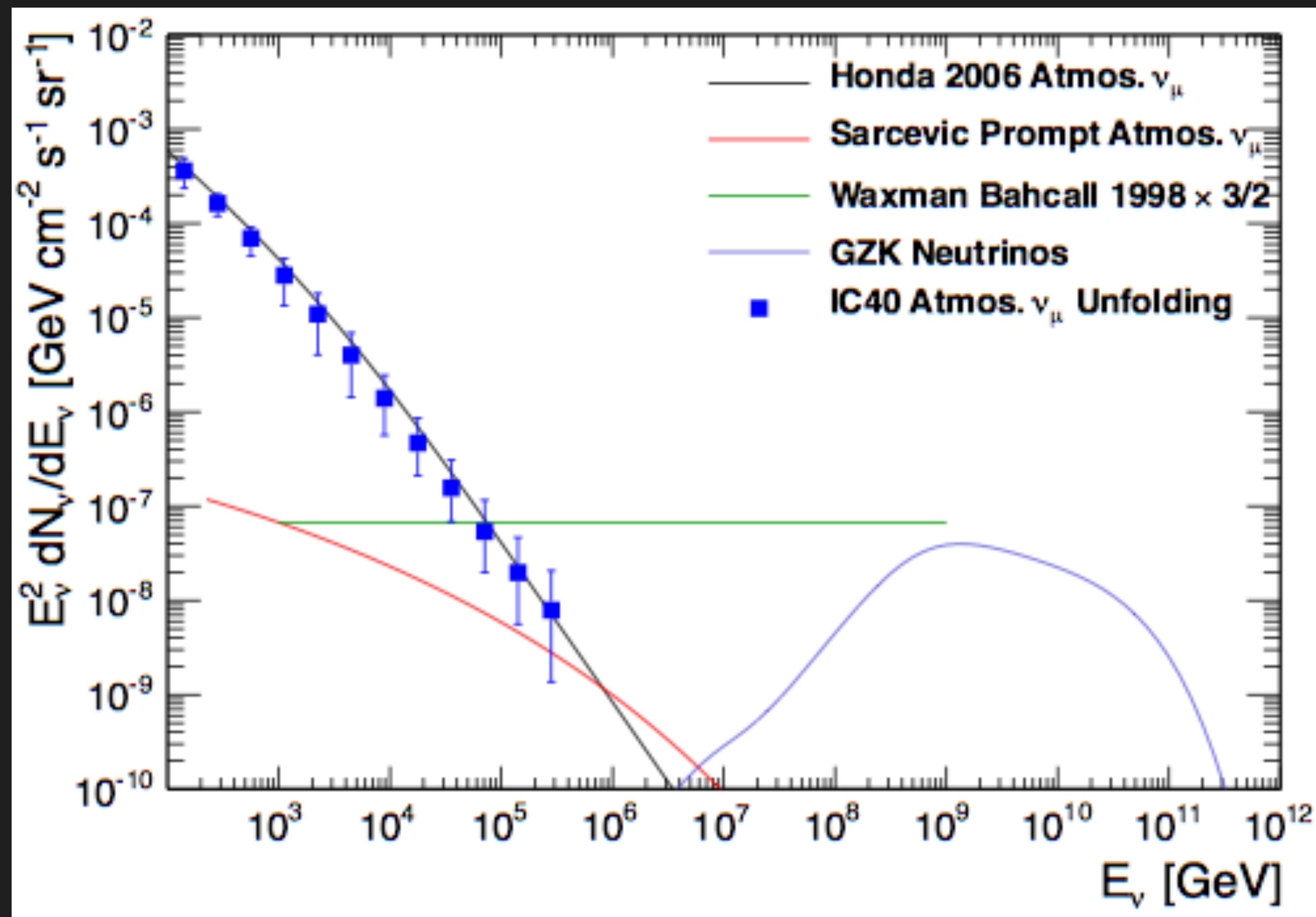
“prompt”  $\sim 100$  TeV

## ASTROPHYSICAL NEUTRINOS

maybe dominant  $> 100$  TeV

## COSMOGENIC NEUTRINOS

$> 10^6$  TeV



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# ISOLATING NEUTRINO EVENTS

*two strategies*



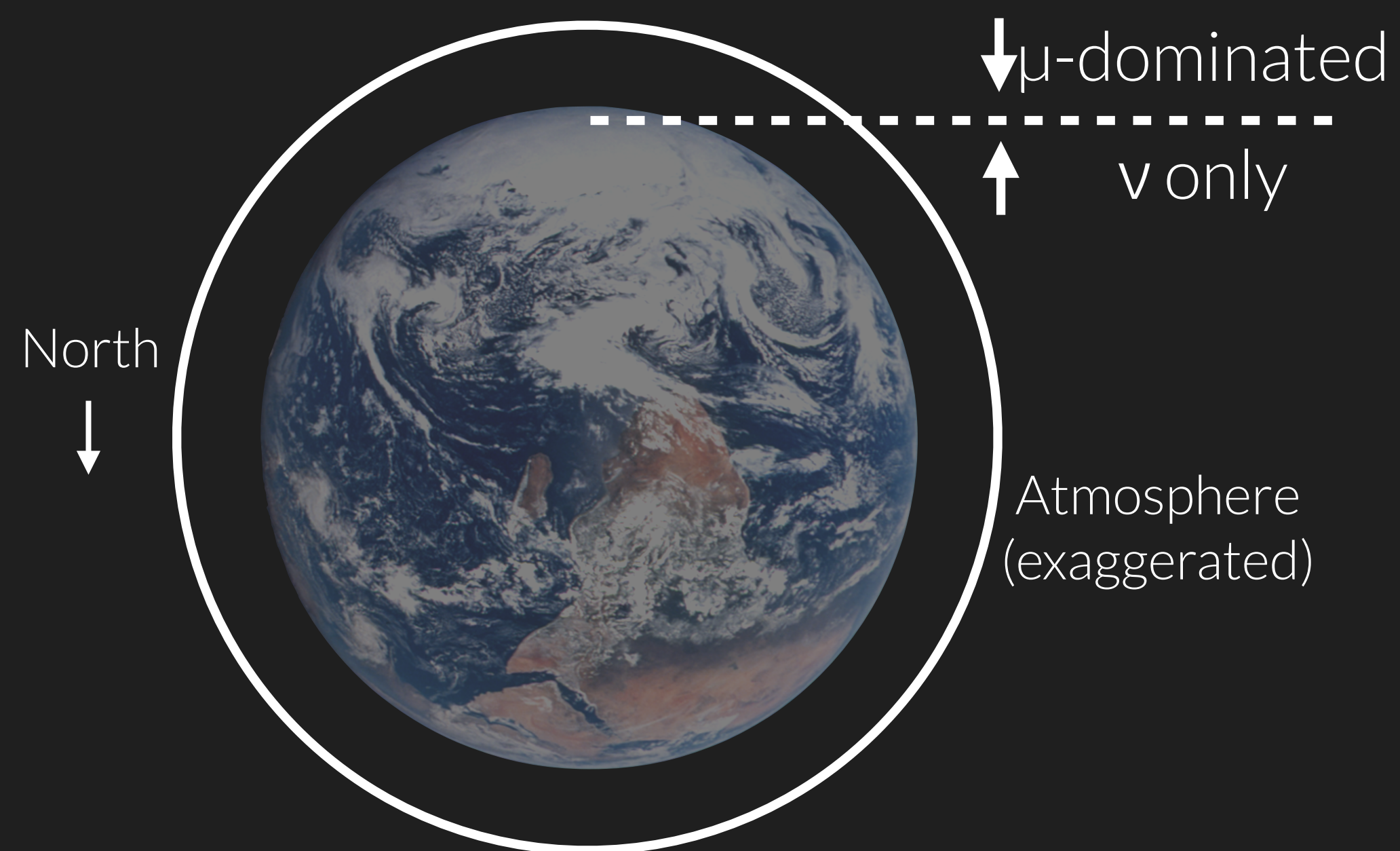


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## Up-going tracks





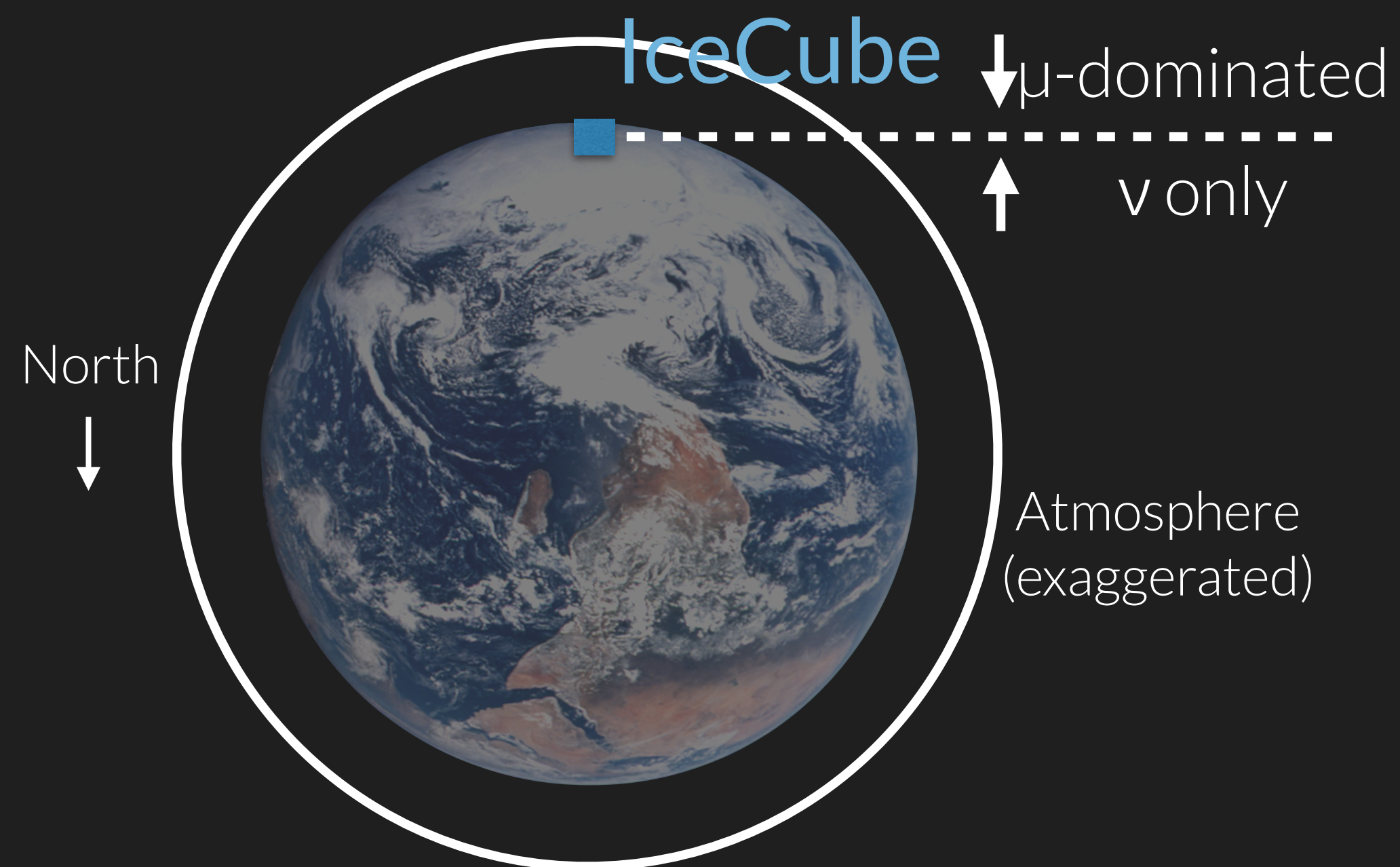


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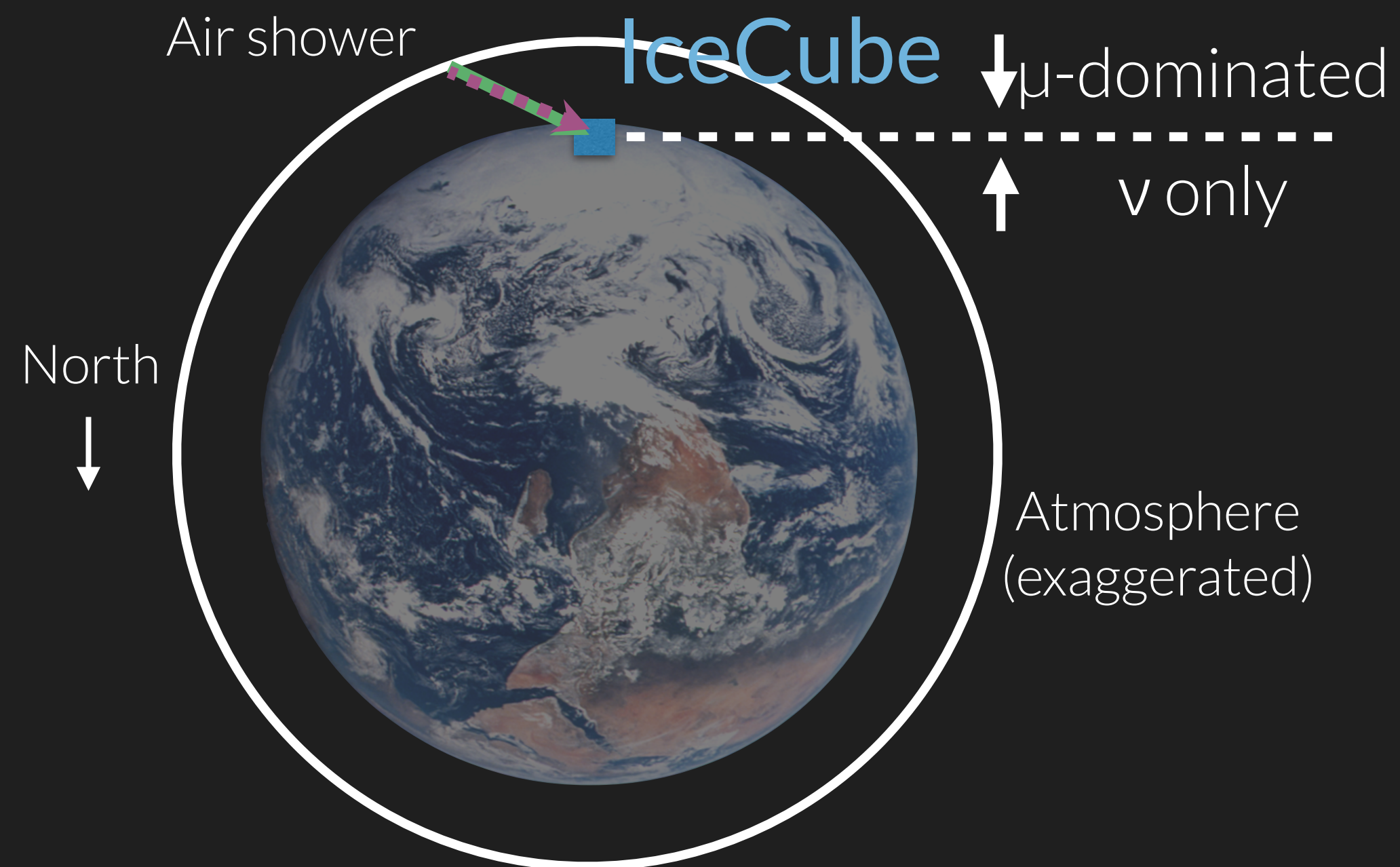


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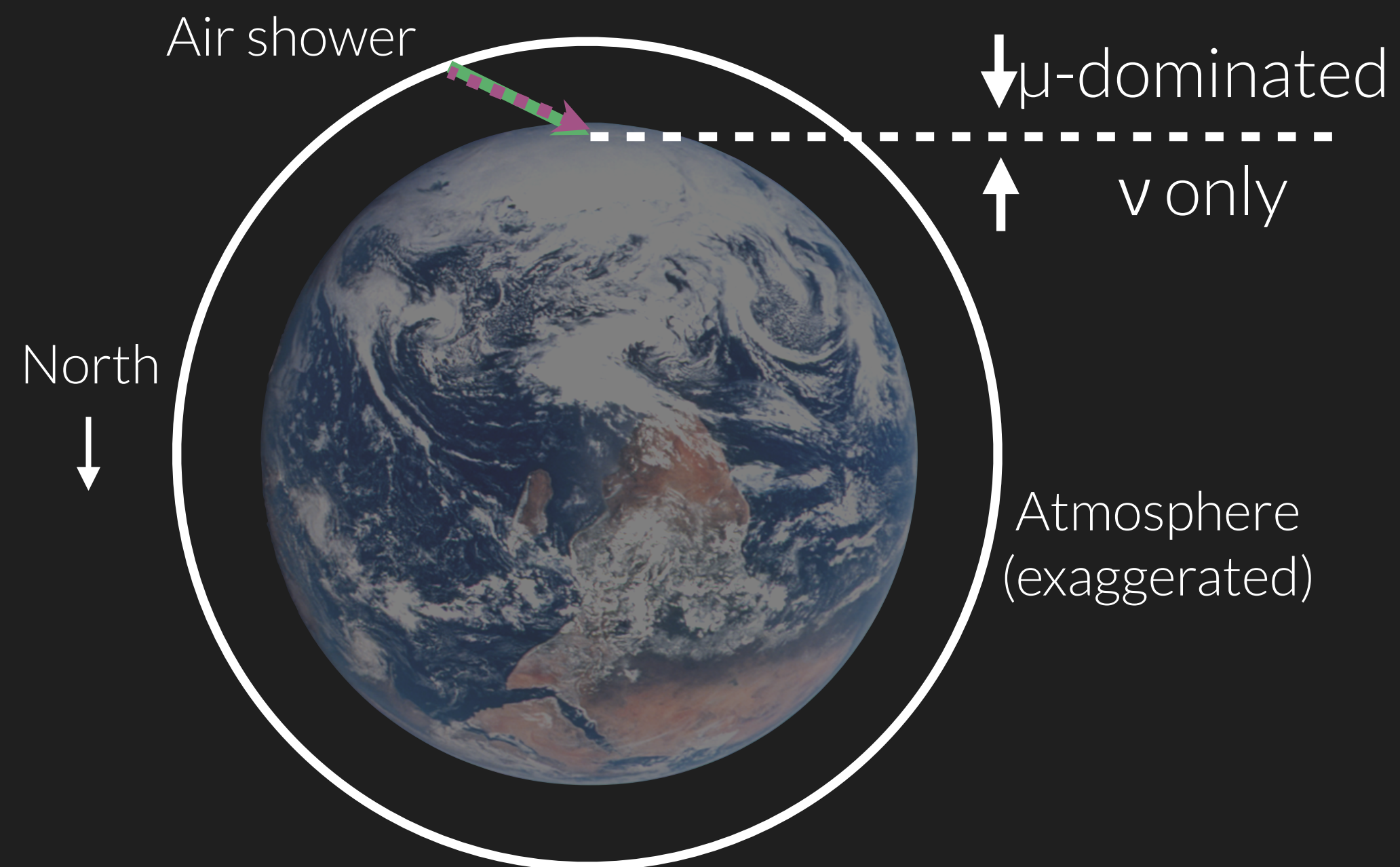


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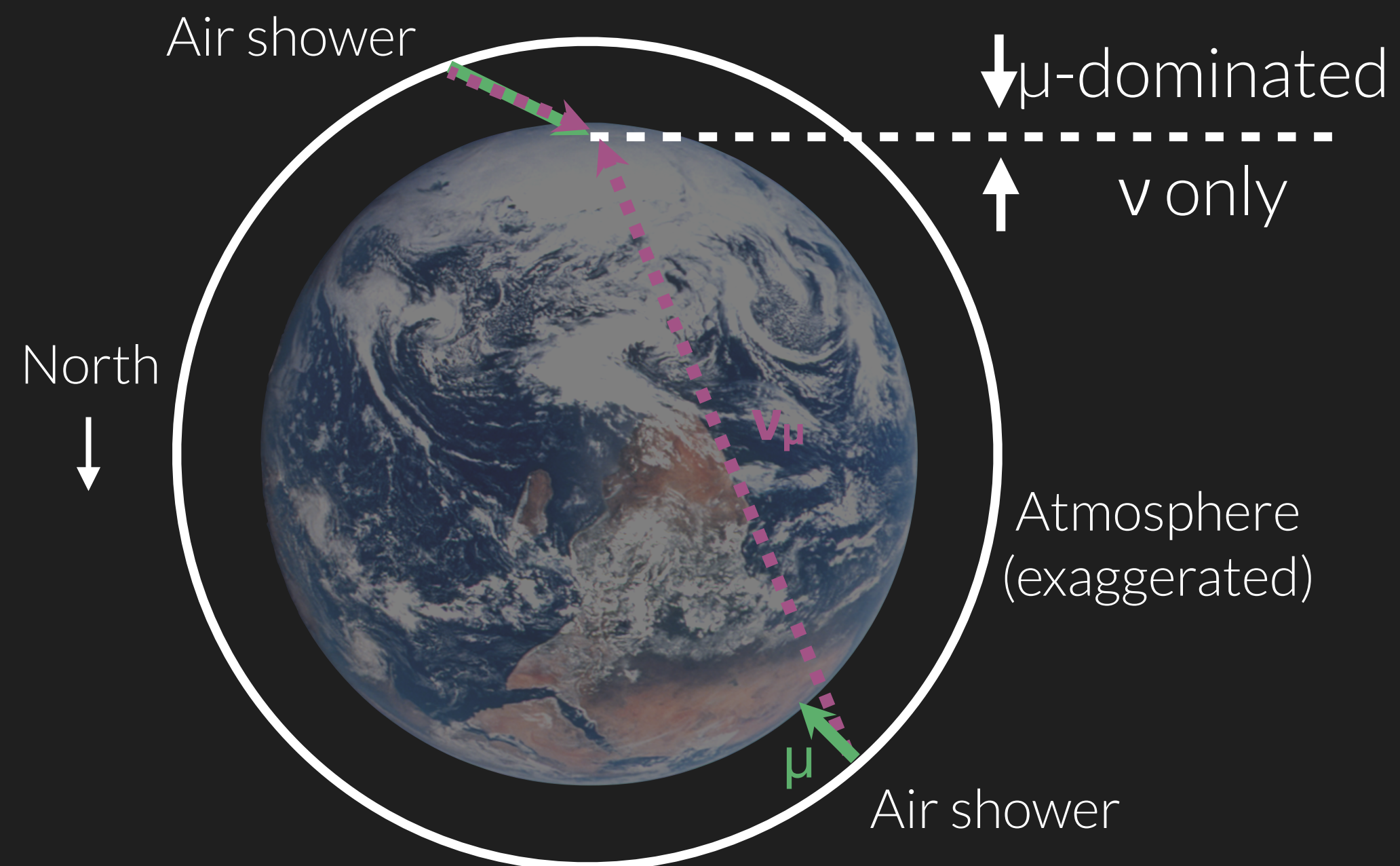


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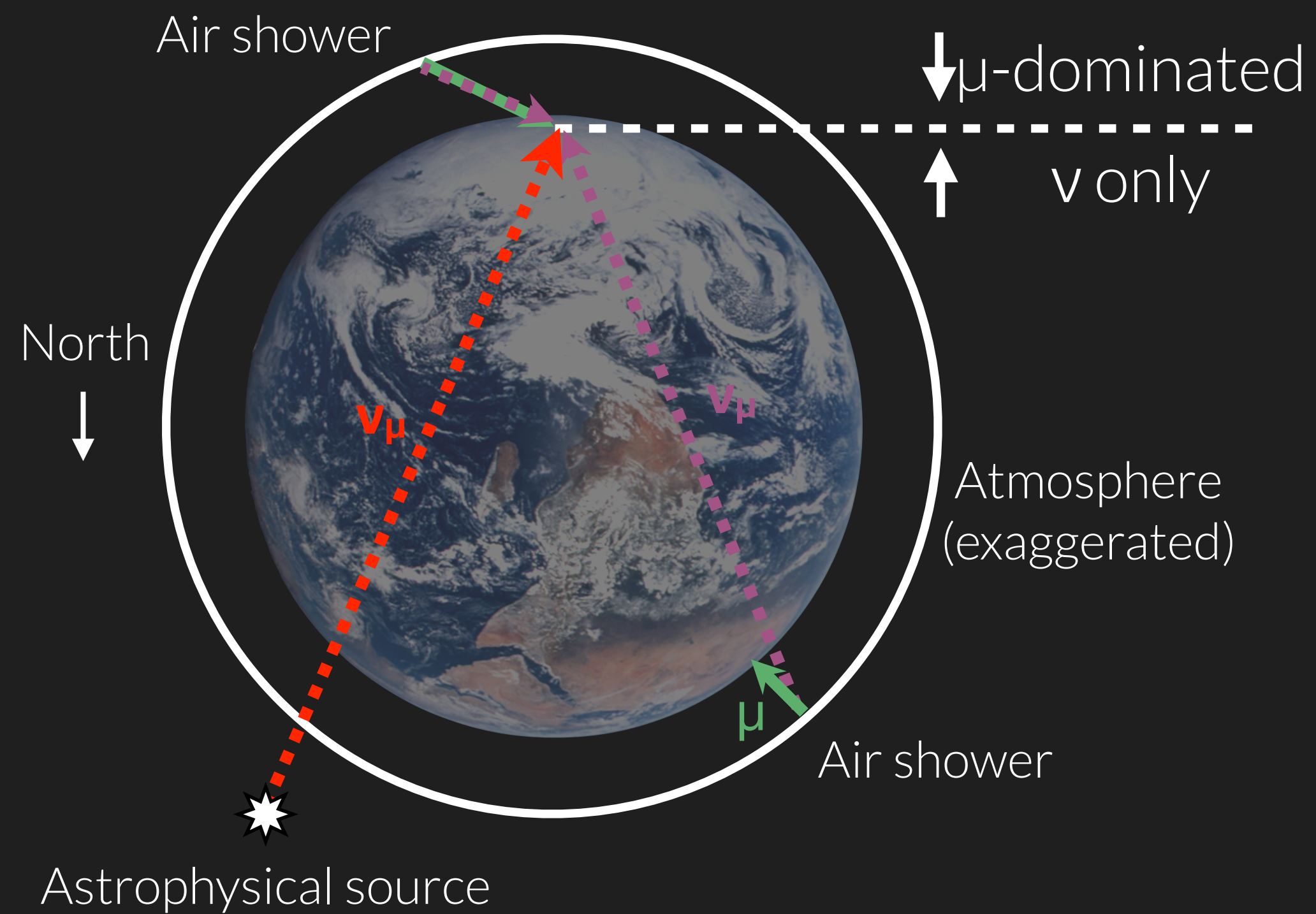


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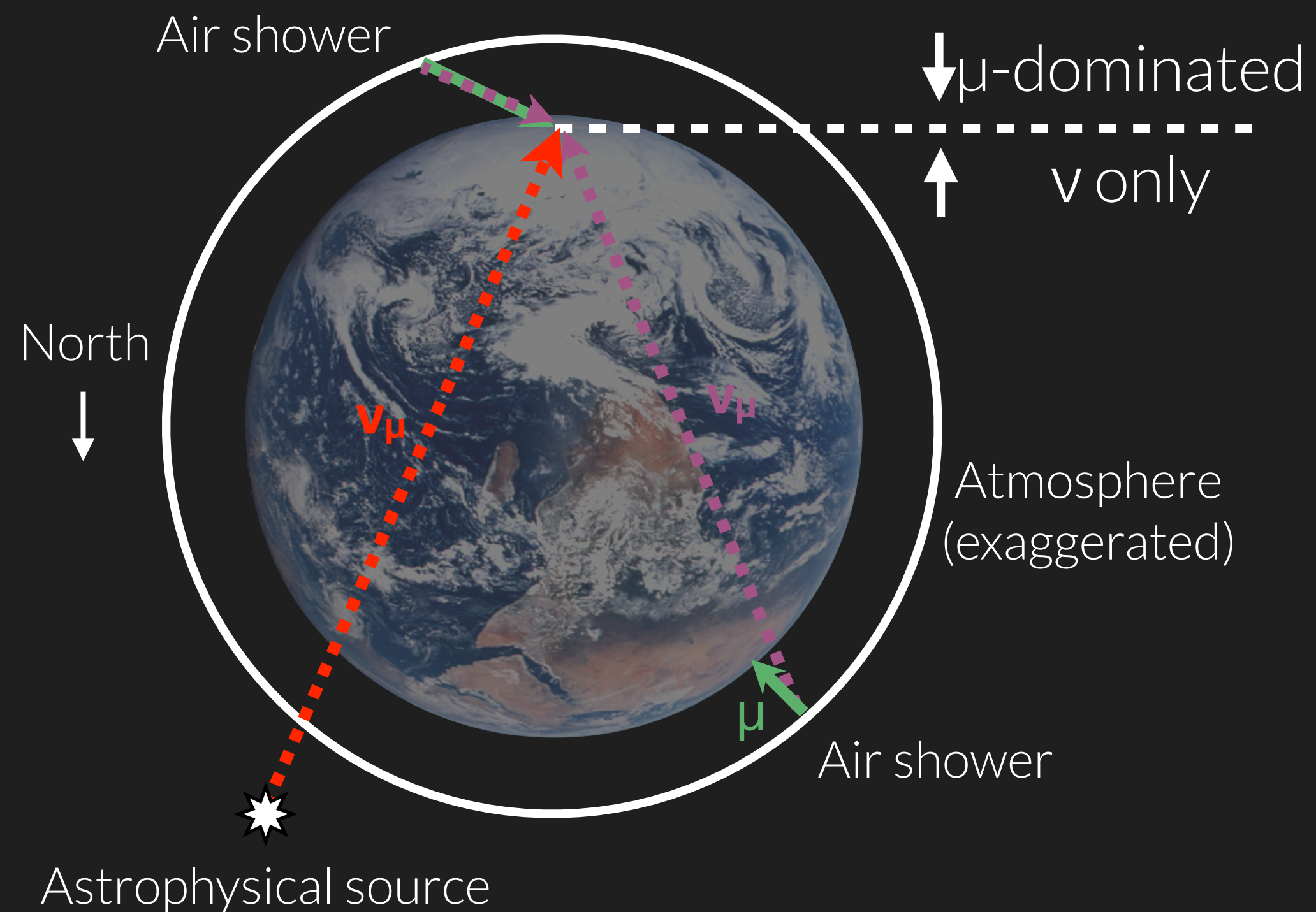


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Effective volume larger than detector  
Sensitive to  $\nu_\mu$  only  
Sensitive to “half” the sky



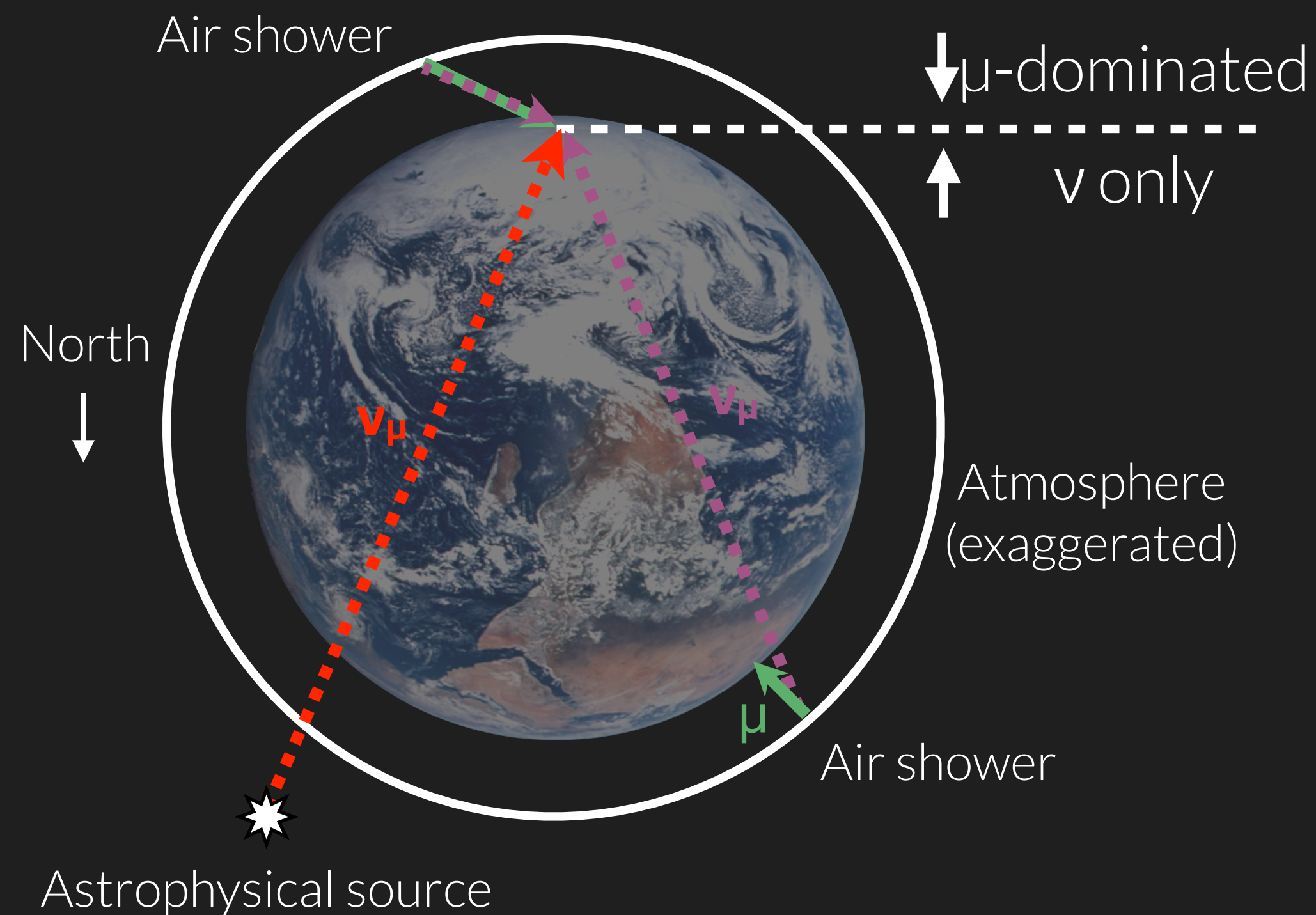


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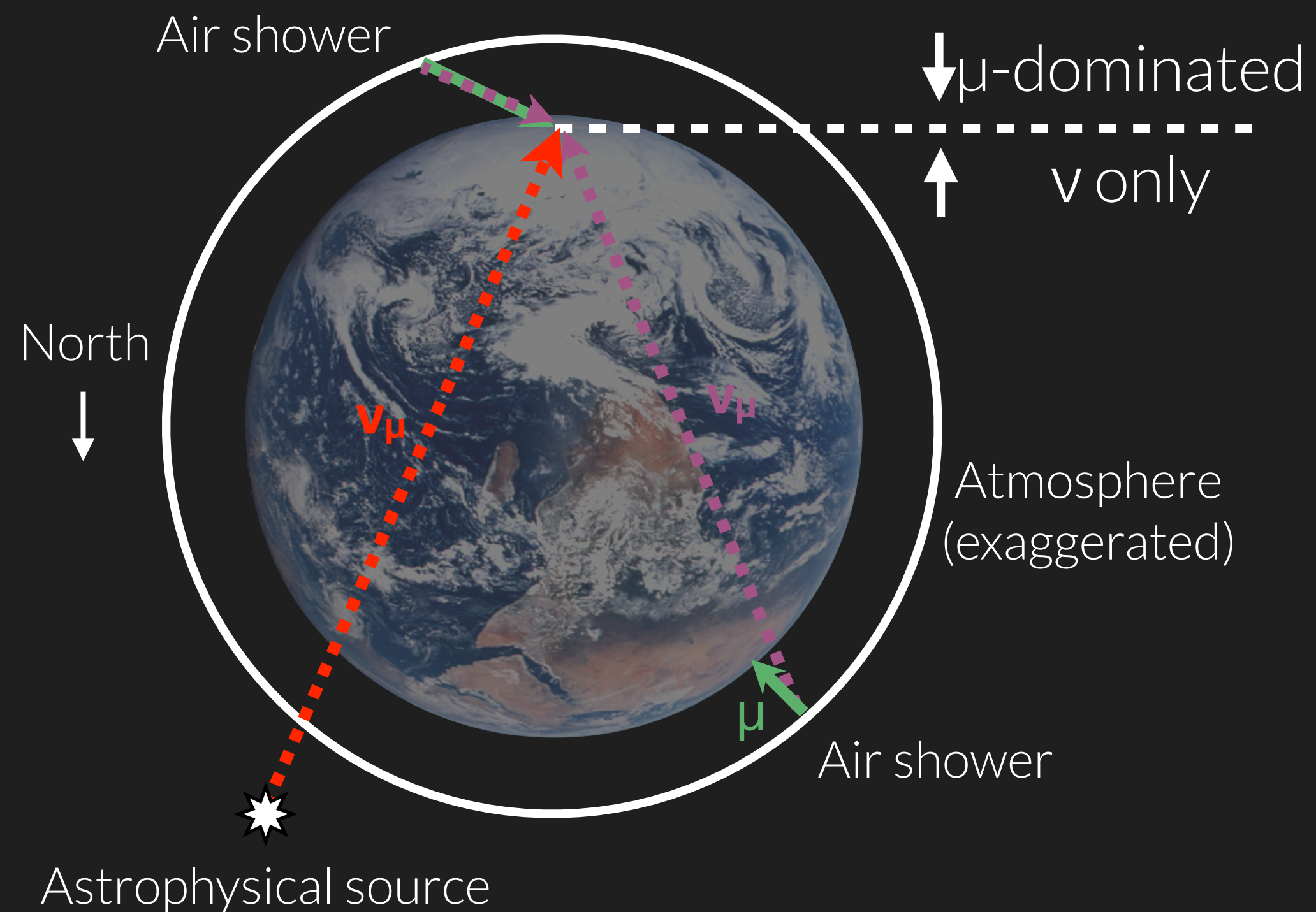


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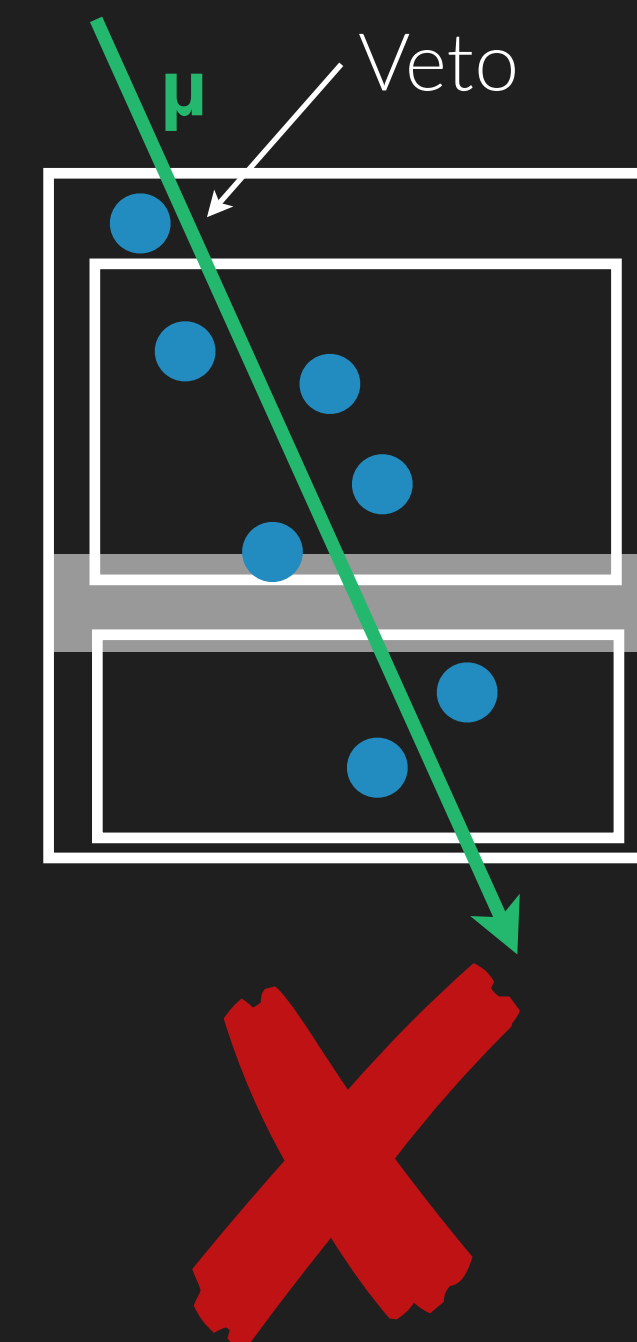
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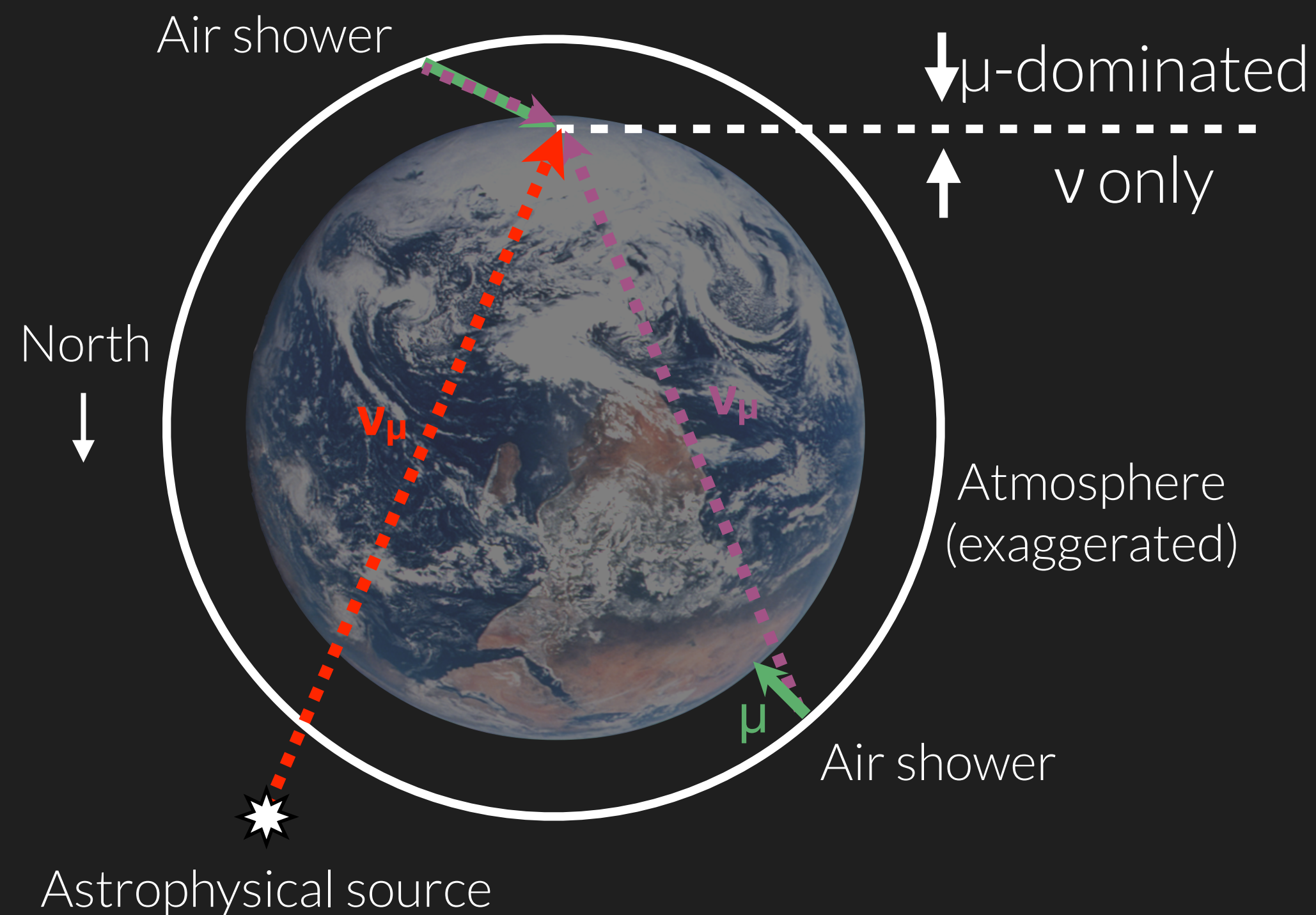


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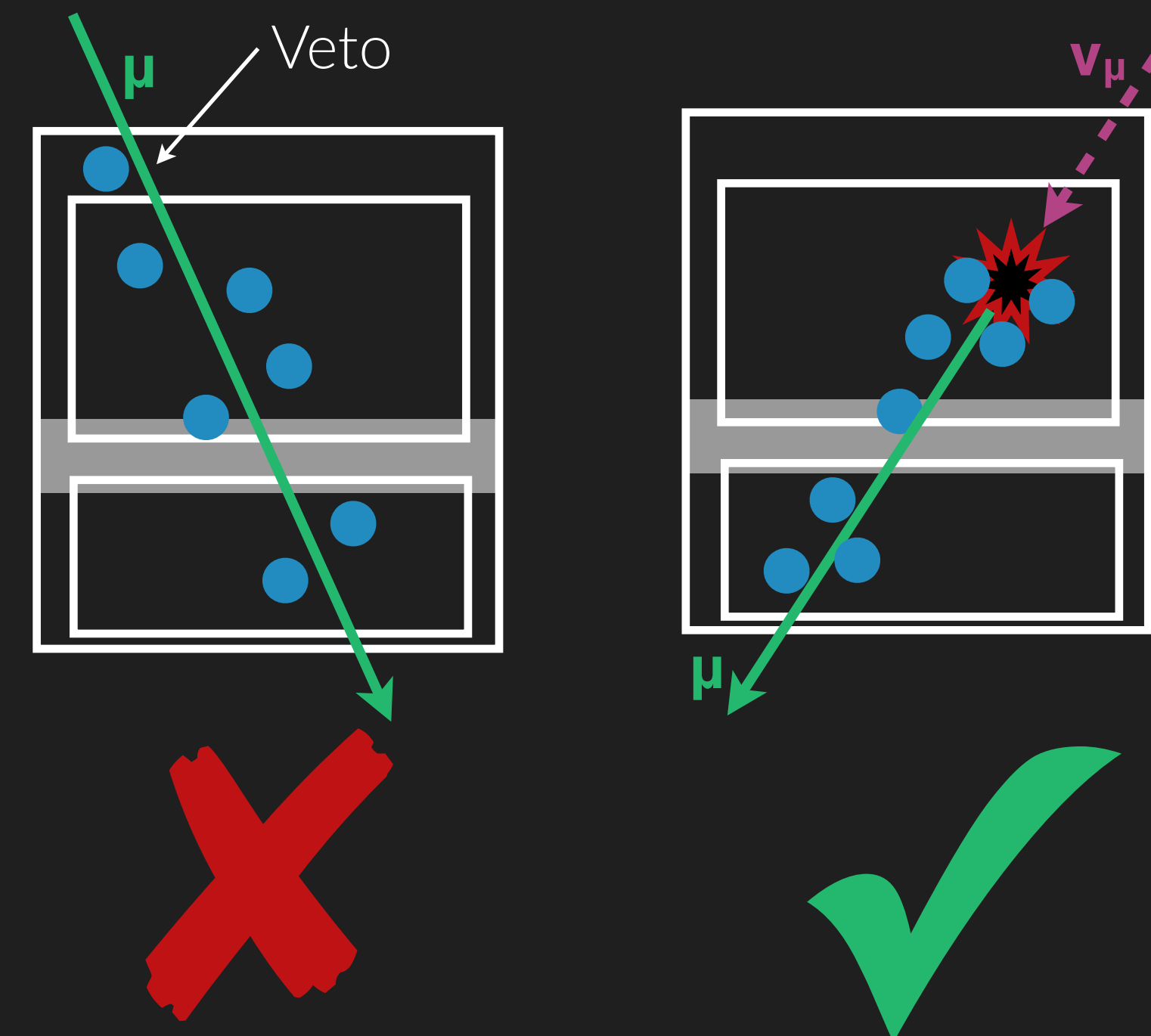
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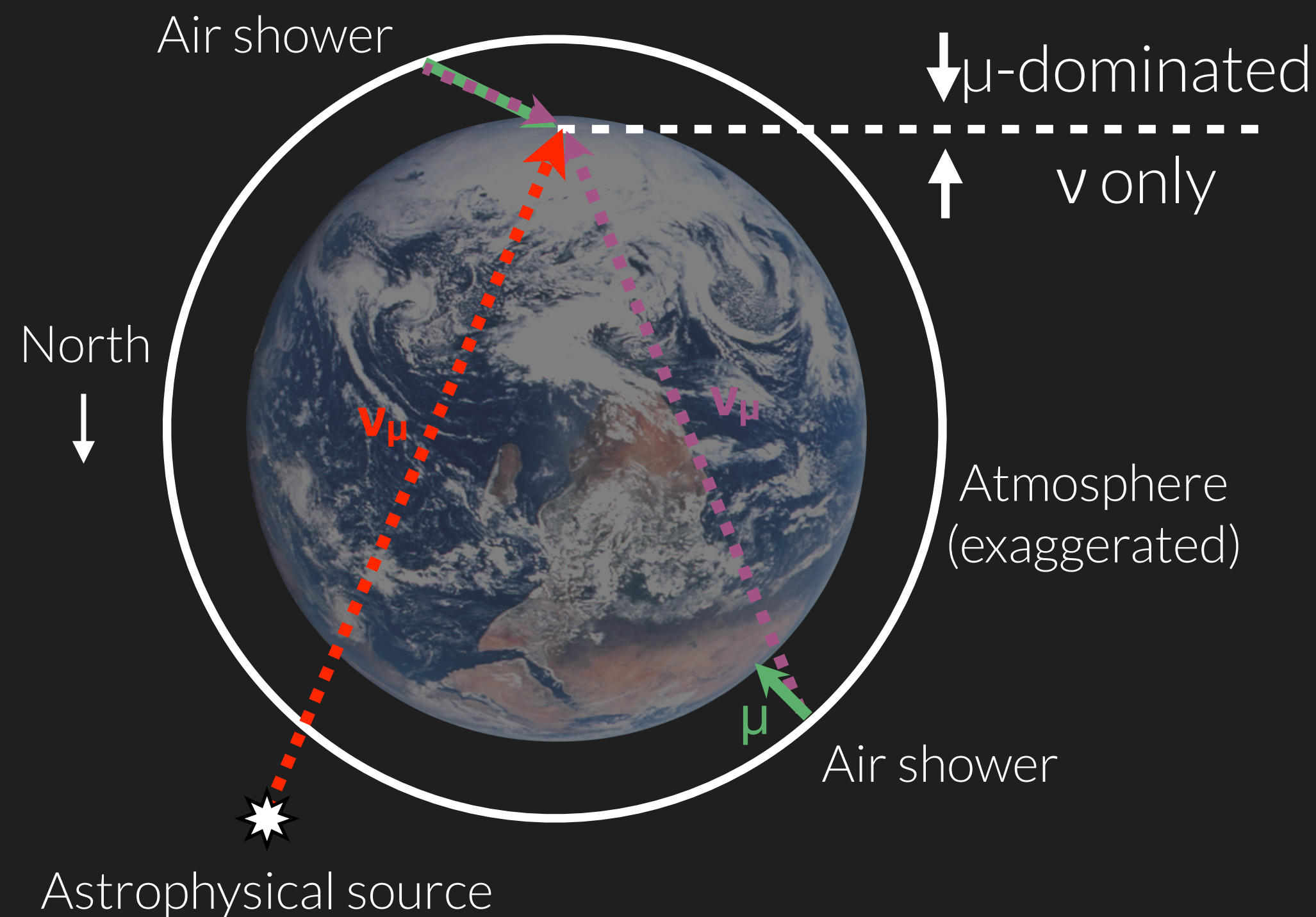


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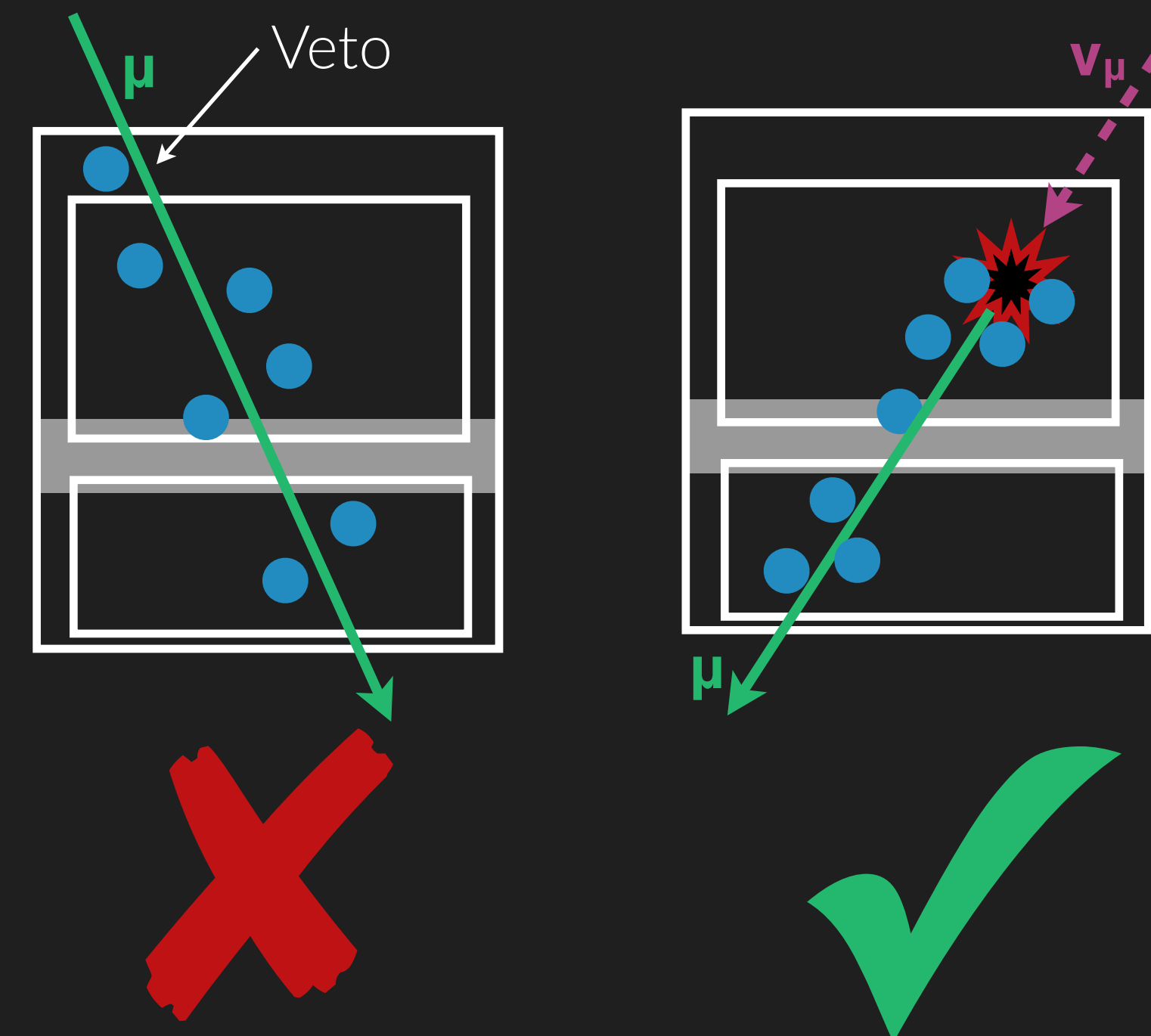
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Veto detects penetrating muons  
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Sensitive to all flavors  
Sensitive to the entire sky



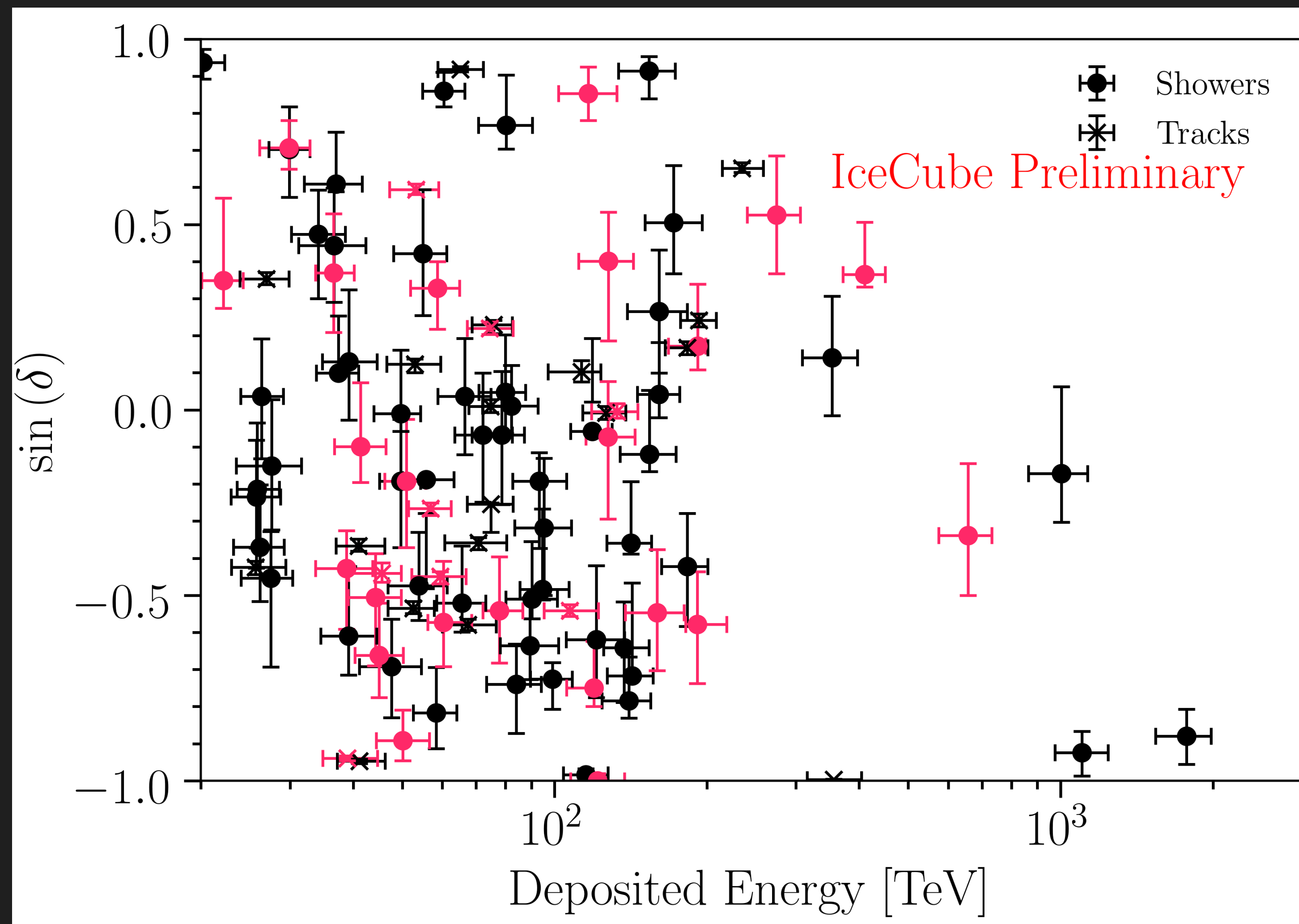


# HOW IT STARTED

*High-Energy Starting Events*

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Now 7.5 years of data  
started with only 37 events on  
a background of 15 events...







# ENERGY SPECTRUM NOW

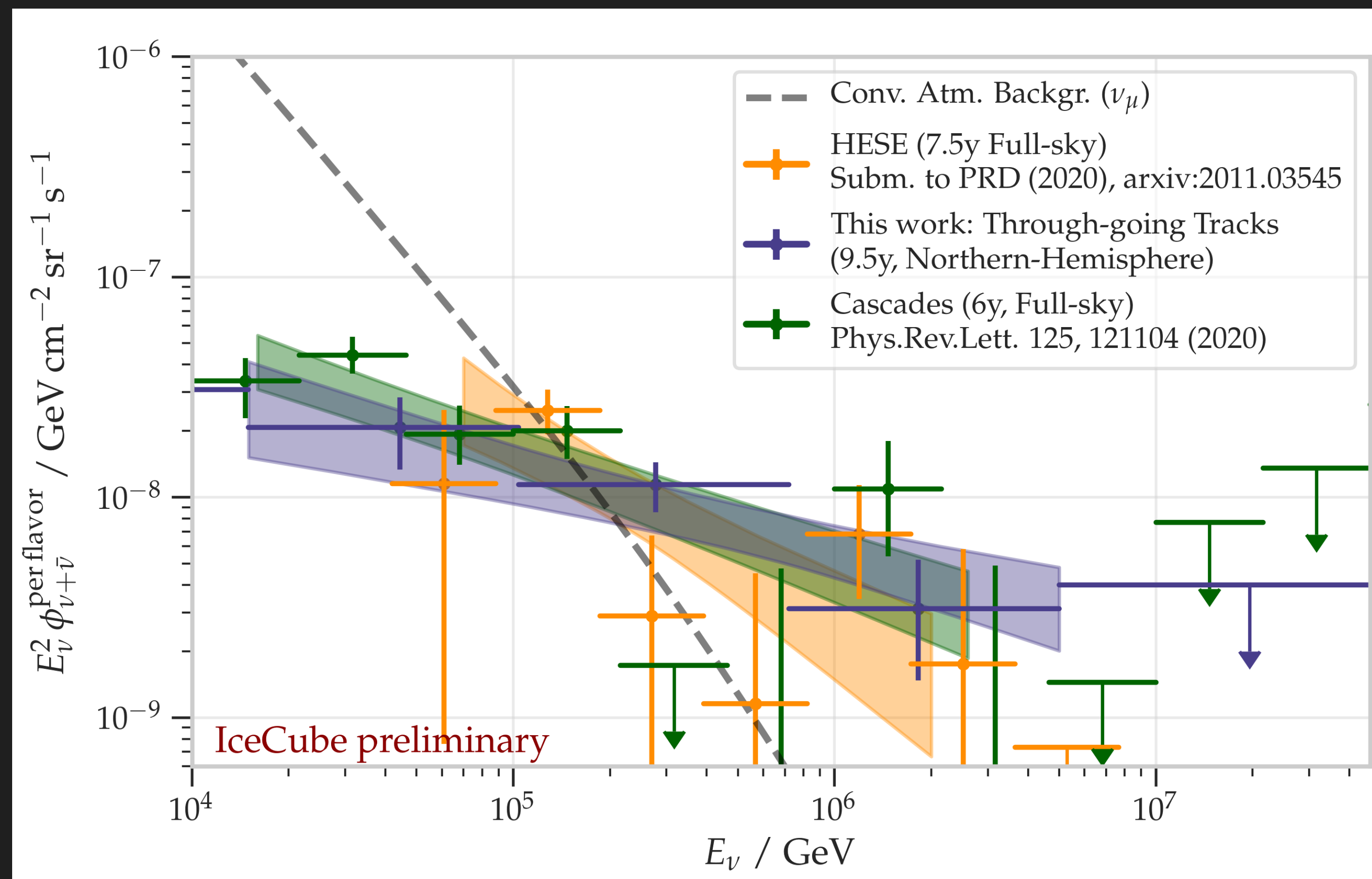
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Measured in various channels

Polar-law spectrum

As bright as it could possibly  
be, similar to (or brighter  
than!) gamma rays

Thousands of astrophysical  
neutrinos per year



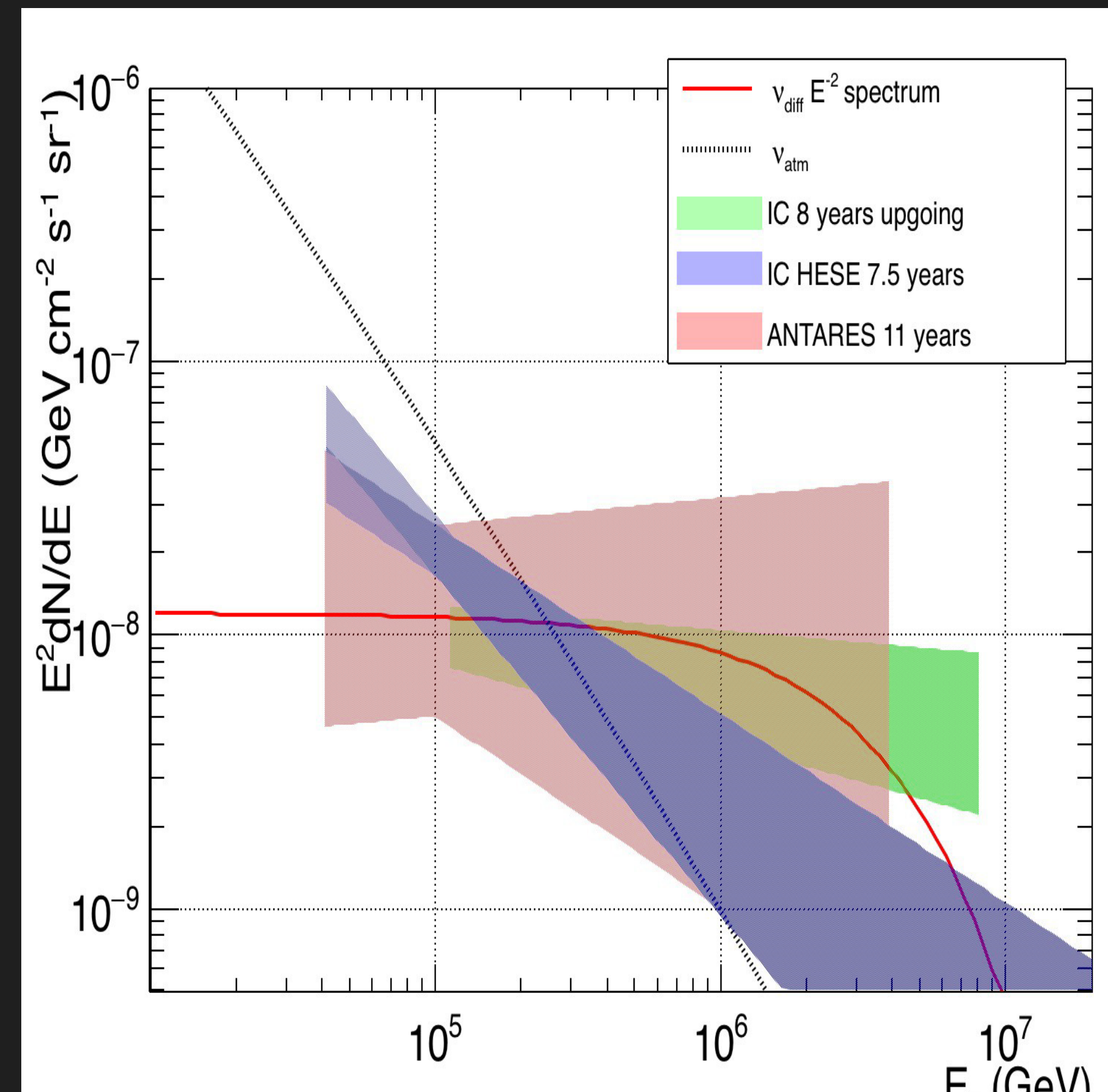
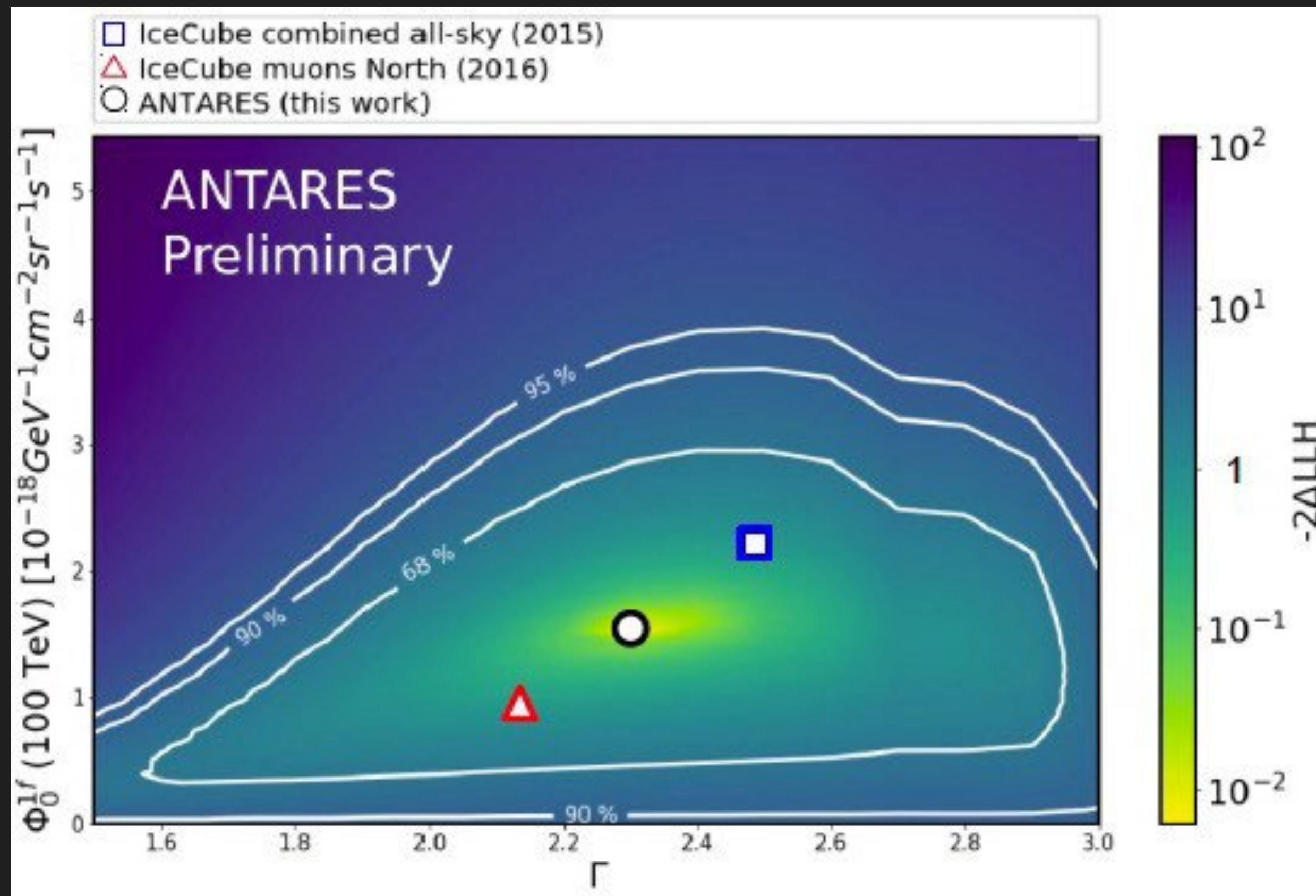




# AS SEEN BY ANTARES

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*Results not really constraining... but fully compatible with IceCube*



$$\phi_{100\text{TeV}} = 1.5 \pm 1.0 \times 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1} \quad \gamma = 2.3 \pm 0.4$$





# HIGH-ENERGY EVENTS AS PUBLIC ALERTS

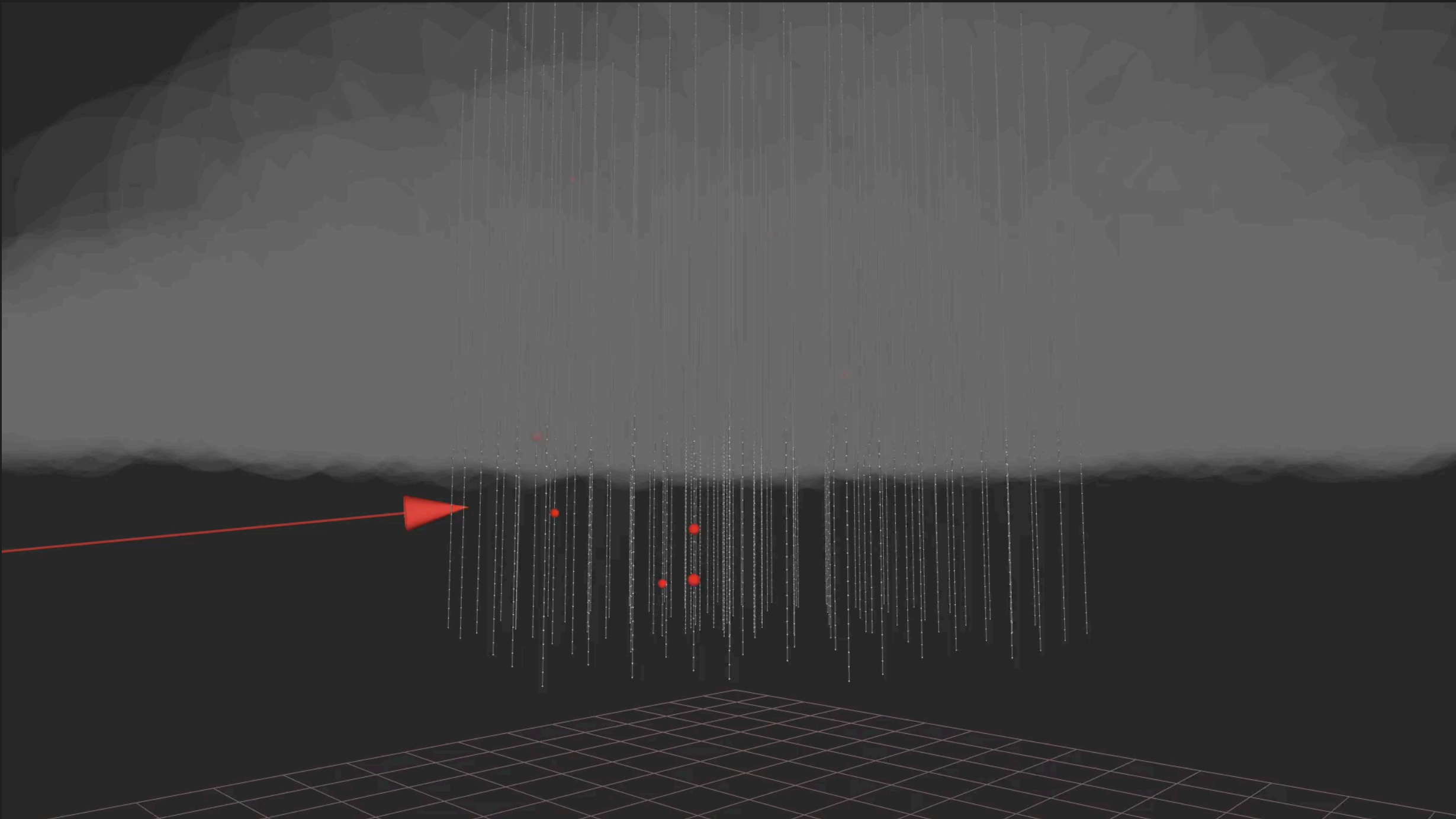
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NOTICE\_TYPE: AMON ICECUBE EHE  
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DISCOVERY\_TIME: 75270 SOD {20:54:30.43} UT  
REVISION: 0  
N\_EVENTS: 1 [number of neutrinos]  
STREAM: 2  
DELTA\_T: 0.0000 [sec]  
SIGMA\_T: 0.0000e+00 [dn]  
ENERGY : 1.1998e+02 [TeV]  
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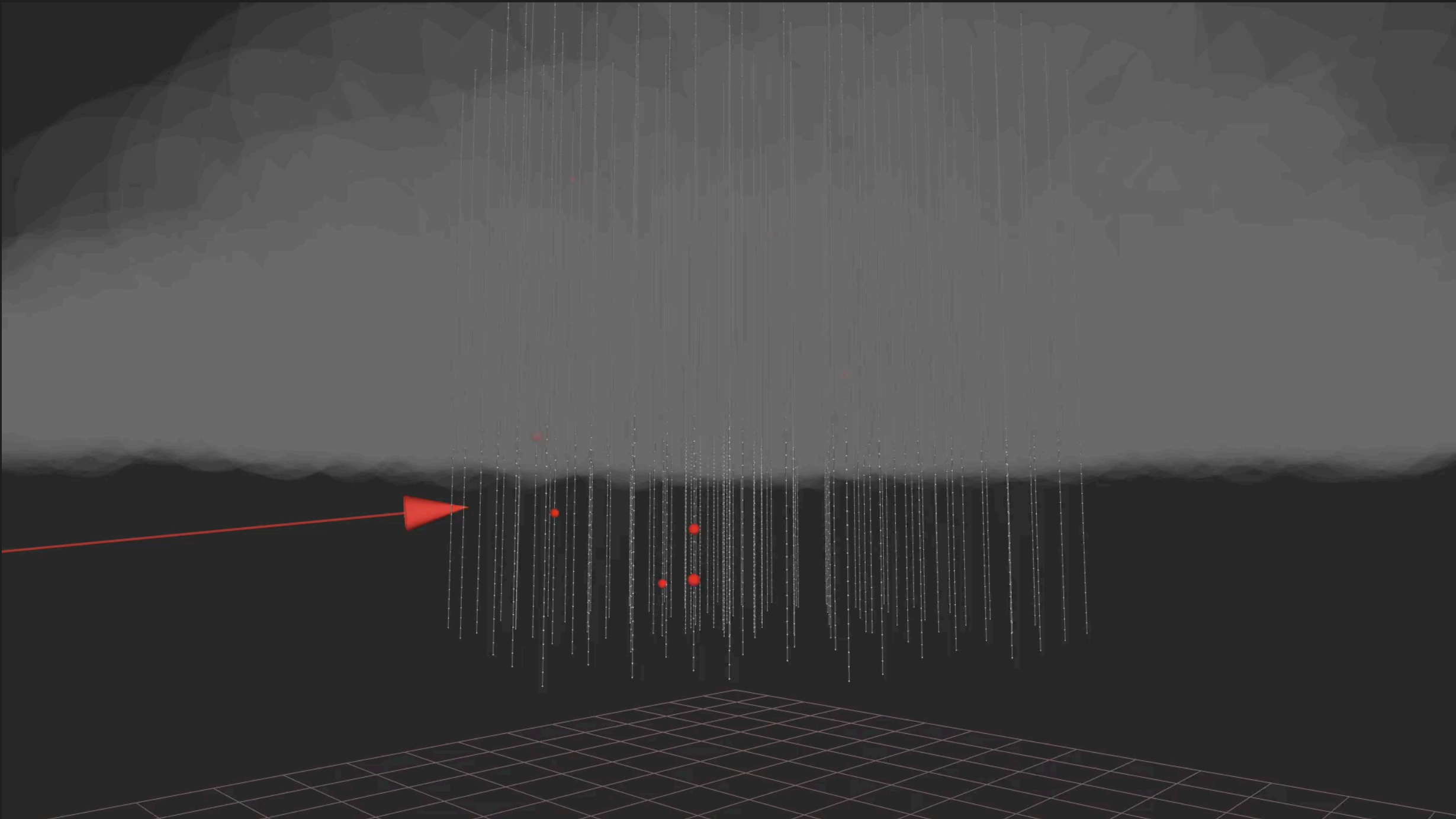
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# MANY FOLLOW-UPS: TXS 0506+056

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*This is where things became **very** interesting...*

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

Claudio Kopper (University of Alberta) and Erik Blaufuss (University of Maryland) report on behalf of the IceCube Collaboration [...].

On 22 Sep, 2017 IceCube detected a track-like, very-high-energy event with a high probability of being of astrophysical origin. The event was identified by the Extremely High Energy (EHE) track event selection. The IceCube detector was in a normal operating state.[...]

After the initial automated alert [...], more sophisticated reconstruction algorithms have been applied offline, with the direction refined to:

Date: 22 Sep, 2017

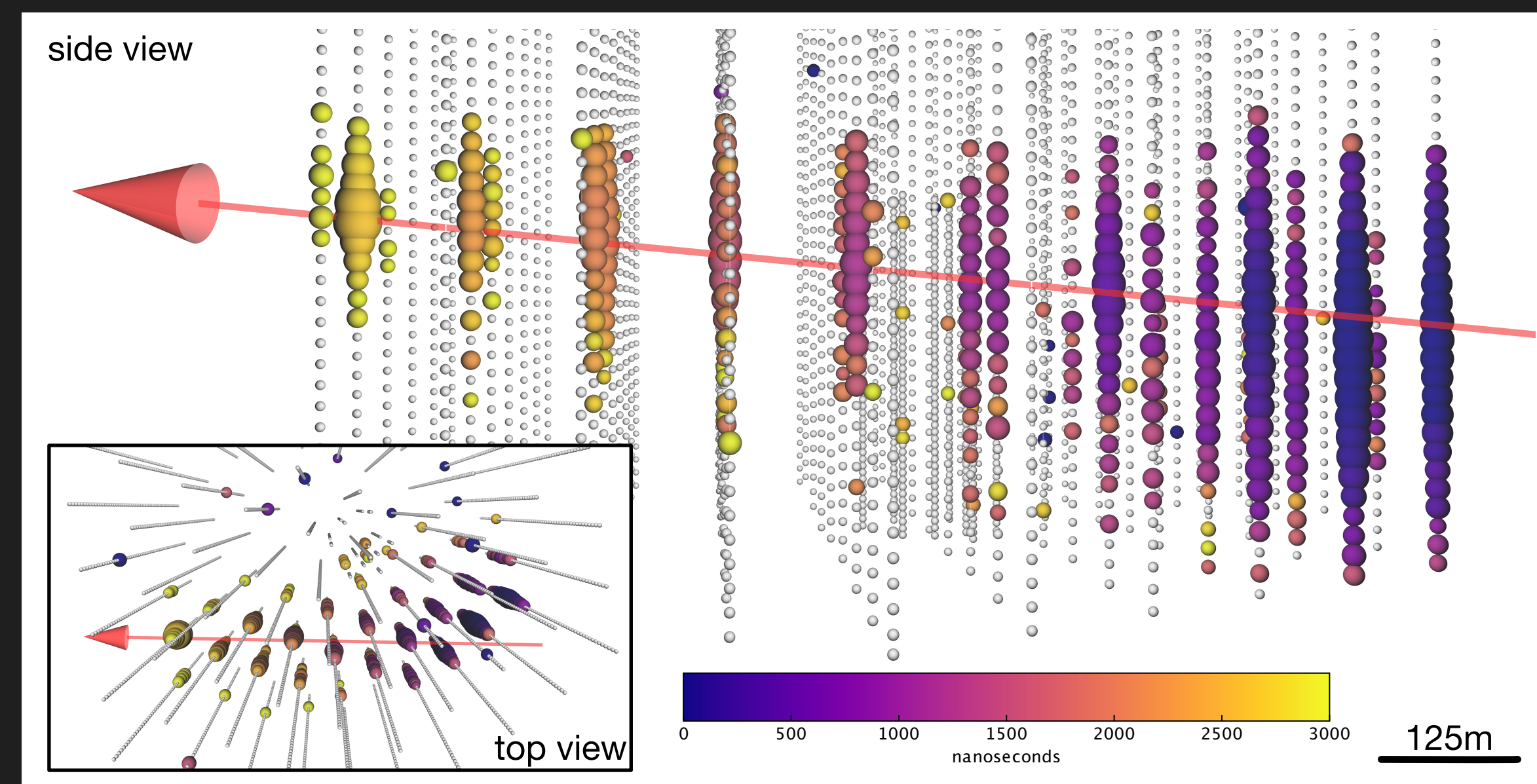
Time: 20:54:30.43 UTC

RA: 77.43 deg (-0.80 deg/+1.30 deg 90% PSF containment) J2000

Dec: 5.72 deg (-0.40 deg/+0.70 deg 90% PSF containment) J2000

We encourage follow-up by ground and space-based instruments to help identify a possible astrophysical source for the candidate neutrino.

## Example: IC170922A sent in Sep '17











# ICECUBE-170922A AND TXS 0506+056

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(Science 361 (2018) 6398, eeat1378)

TXS 0506+056 redshift of  $z = 0.3365$

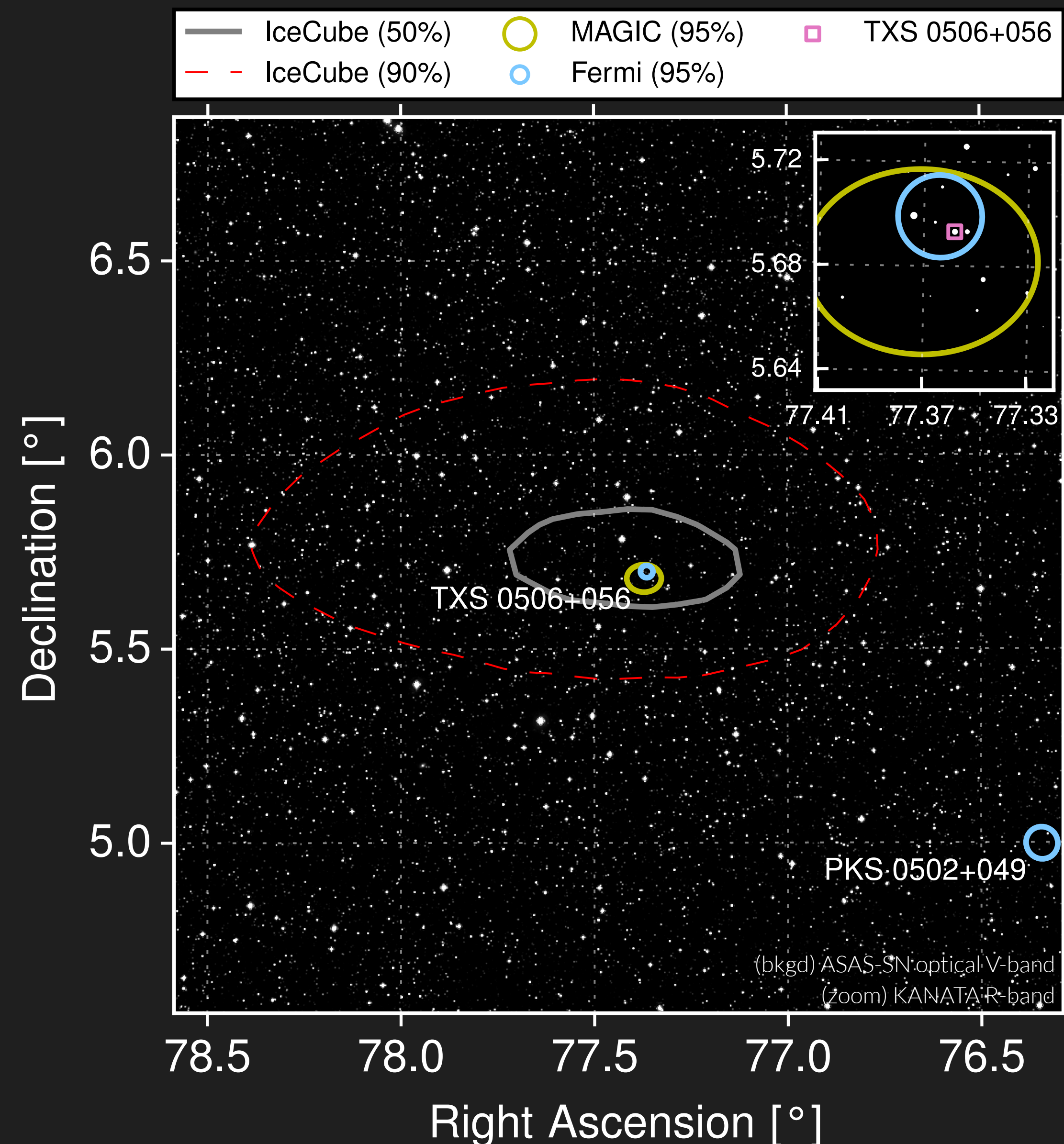
(S. Paiano et al. ApJL 854, L32 (2018).)

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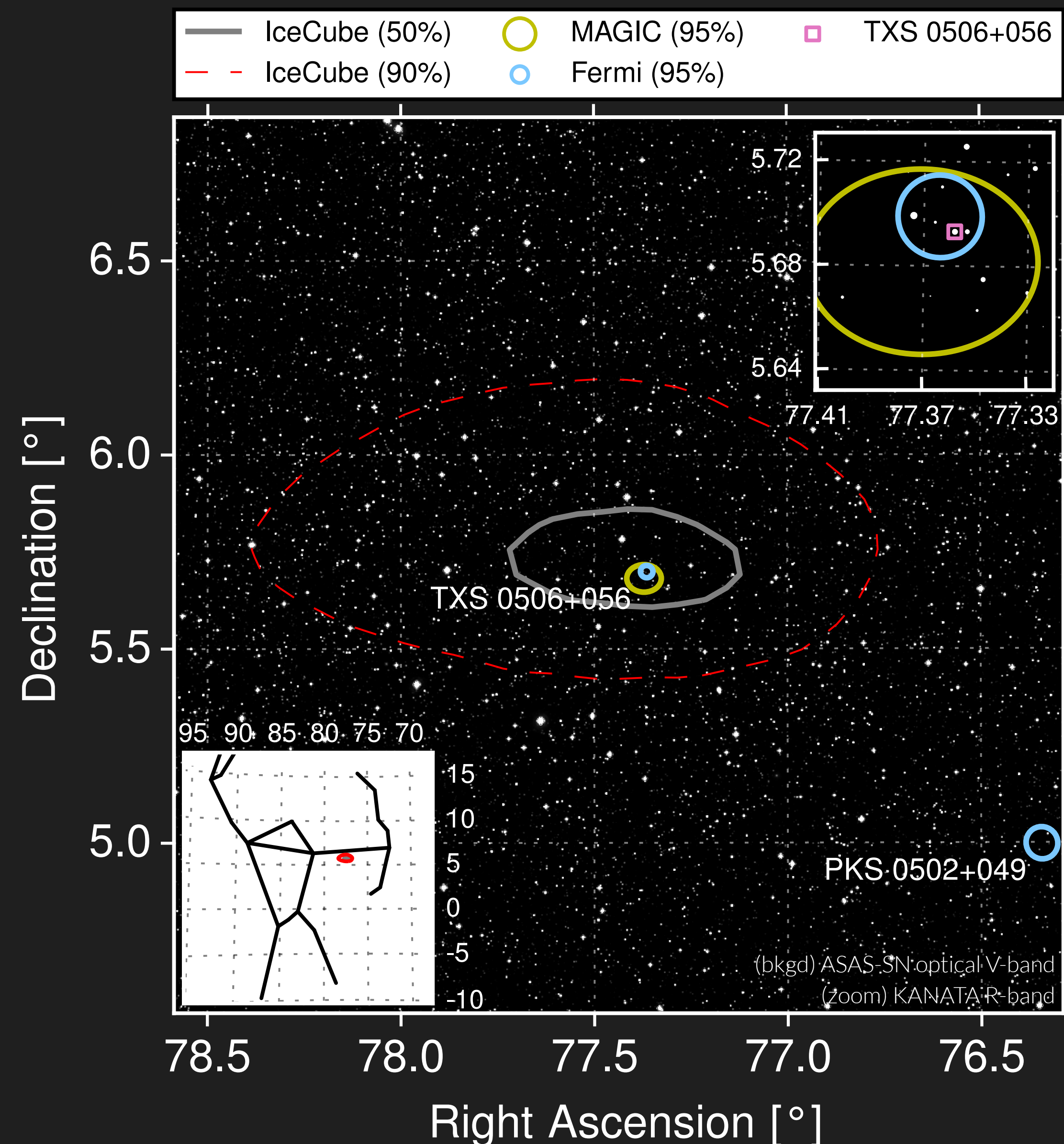
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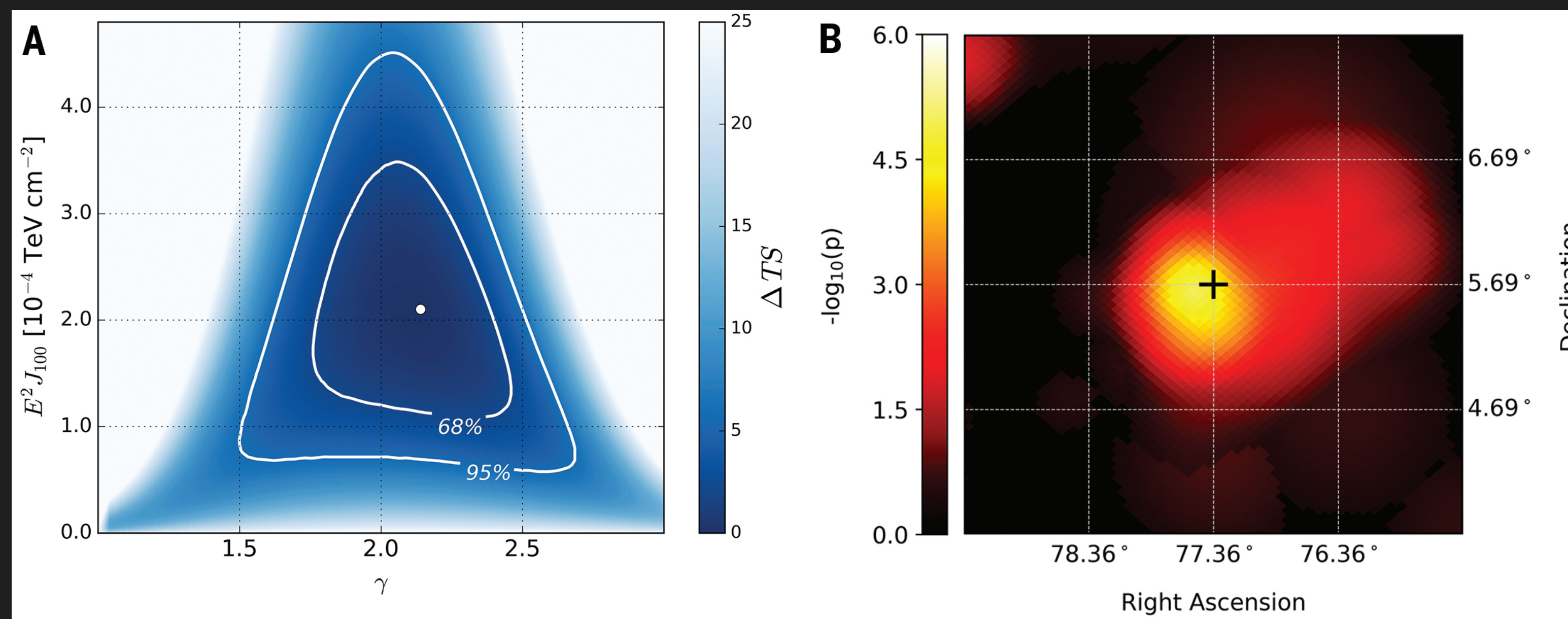
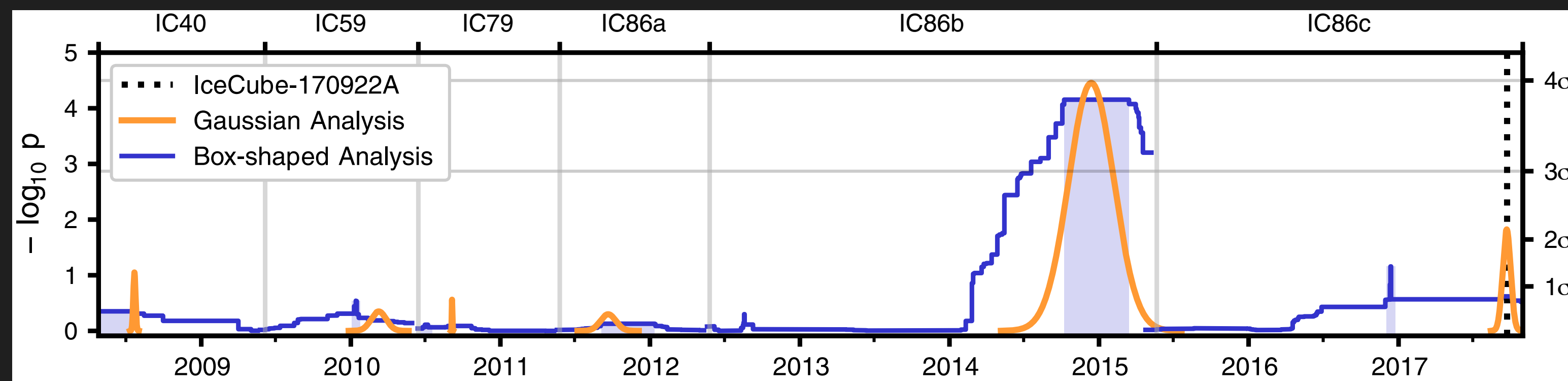
*IceCube archival search***(Science 361 (2018) 6398, 147-151)**

IceCube evaluated 9.5 years of archival data in the direction of TXS 0506+056

13+5 events excess compared to background expectations  
(Sept 2014—March 2015)

Inconsistent with bkg-only hypothesis at the **3.5 $\sigma$**  level

(In addition and independently of the previous  $3\sigma$  when looking in this specific direction)







# TXS 0506+056 - TIME-DEPENDENCE

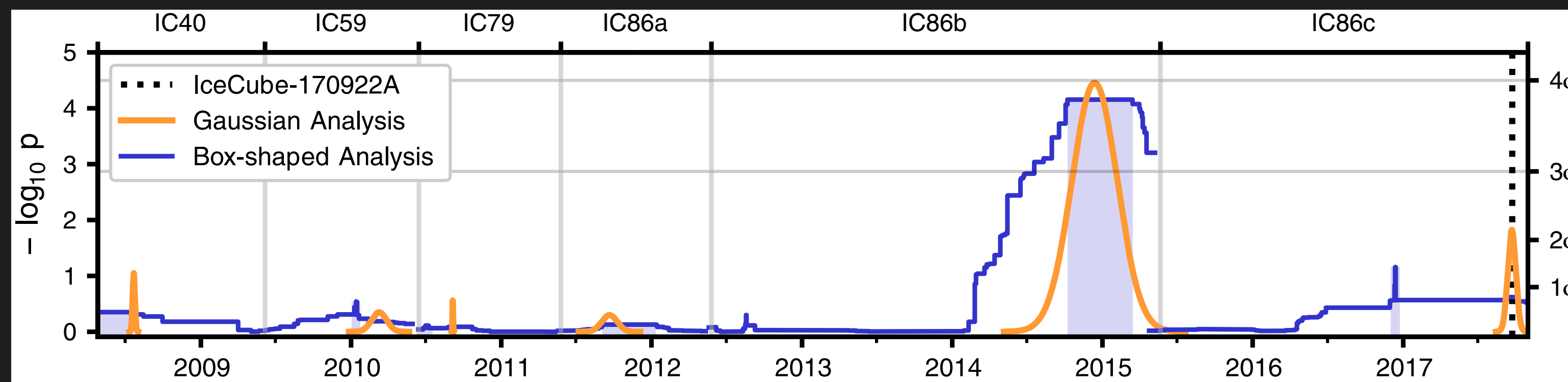
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No obvious correlation with a  $\gamma$  flare –  
source quiescent then

2014 excess much larger than 2017

Emission seems quite bursty

No real clue what was special in 2014







# WHY IS THIS OUR FIRST SOURCE?

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Not an especially notable/famous source – there are many nearer/brighter blazars

Extremely far away (4.5 billion light years)

At every other band/messenger, bright nearby sources dominate – why not here





## What we do know

Independent  $3.0\sigma$  and  $3.5\sigma$  evidence for neutrino emission

Two different measurements seem to be telling us different stories about emission

2014 flare at least an order of magnitude brighter than 2017 one

## What we don't know

Why **this** source?

Why is the 2014 emission so much brighter?

What is the emission mechanism?





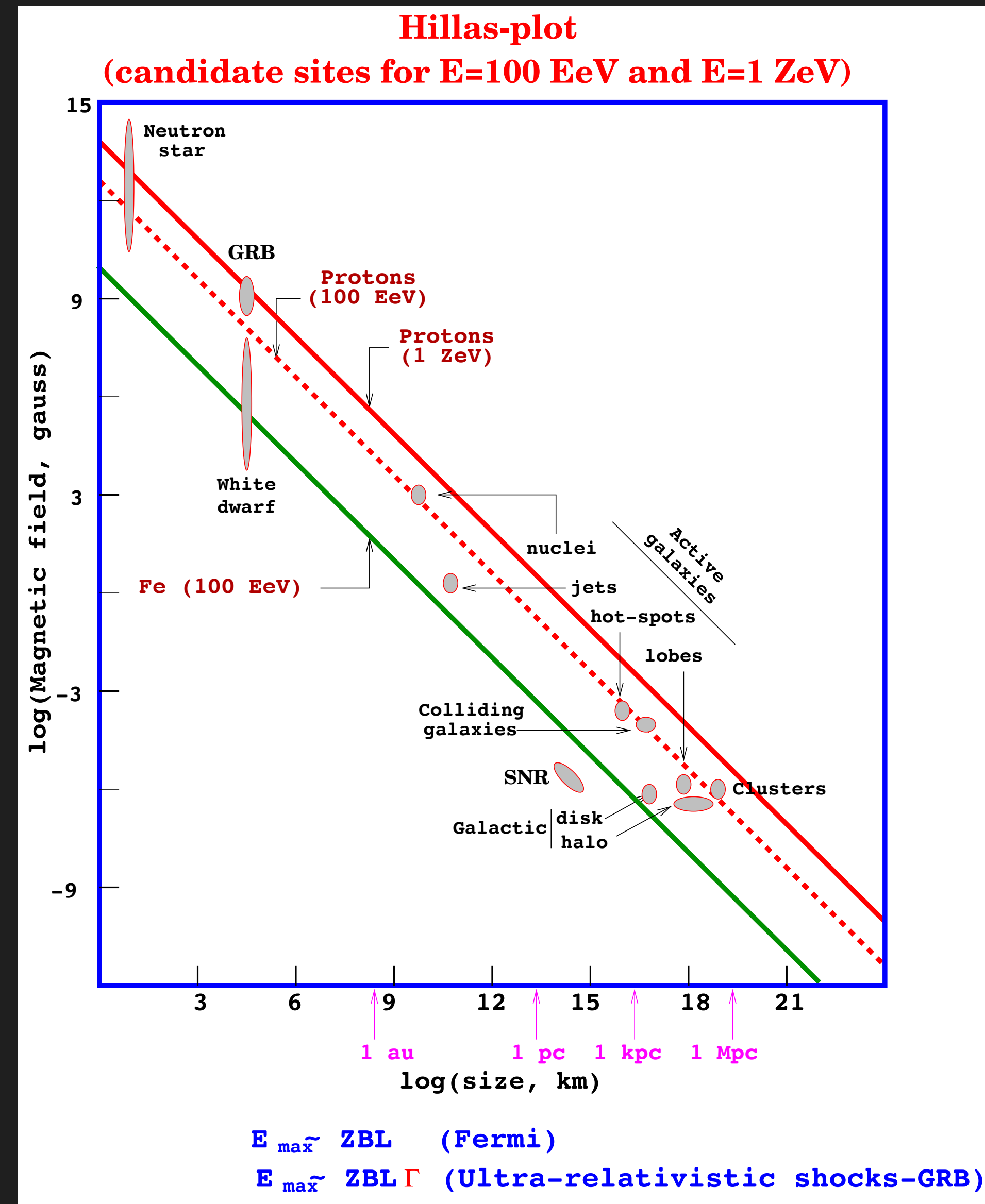
# SO WHAT ARE THE SOURCES?

*Things we have ruled out (making “standard” assumptions) - or where we have more information*



Limited number of possibilities to accelerate the highest energy cosmic rays

Need to contain newborn cosmic rays during acceleration







# GAMMA-RAY BURSTS?

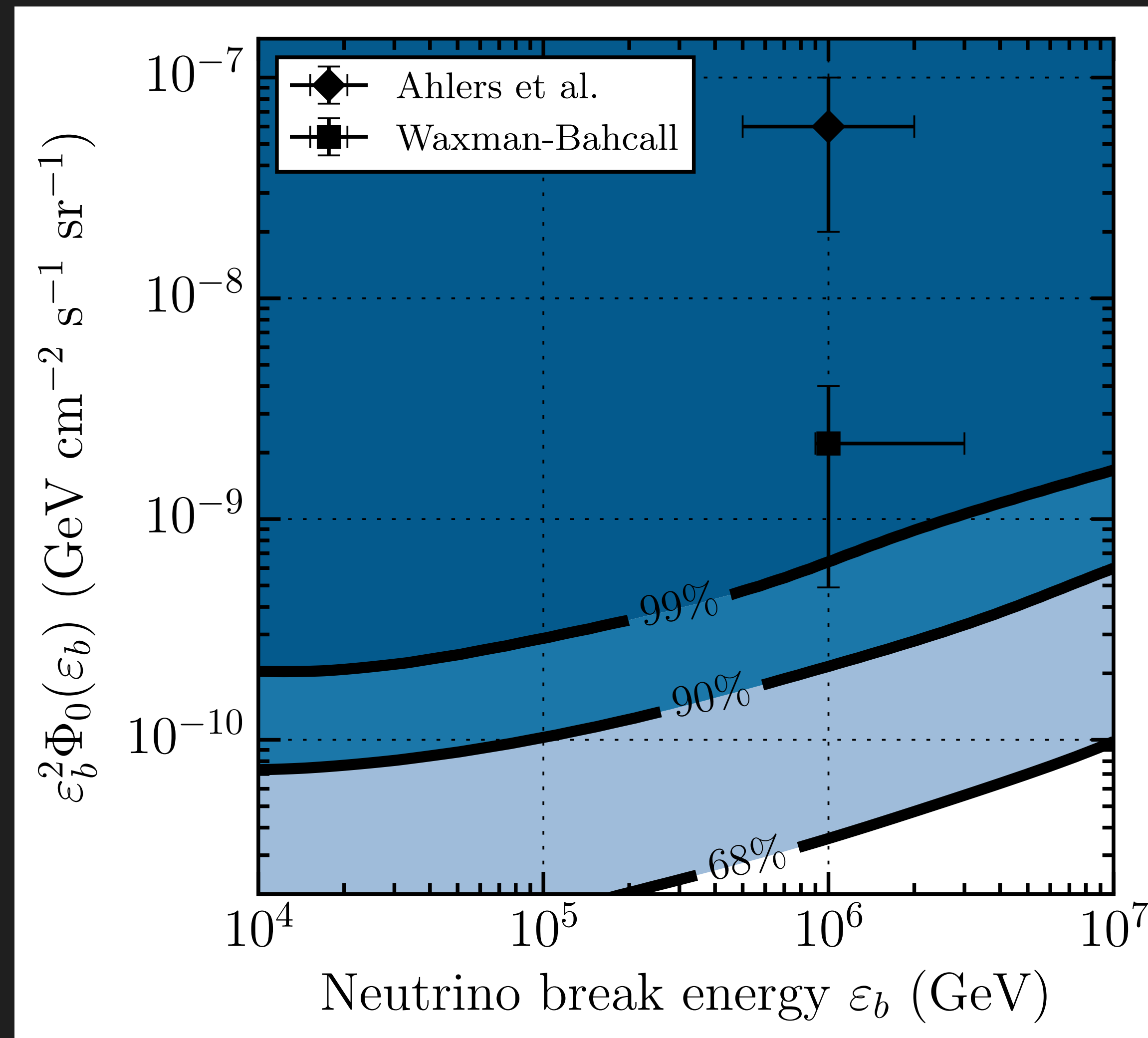
*the biggest explosions in the universe*

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About one GRB daily

Energy density in photons about right

Ruled out by  $\sim$  two orders of magnitude  
—unless many are hidden



arXiv:1702.06868





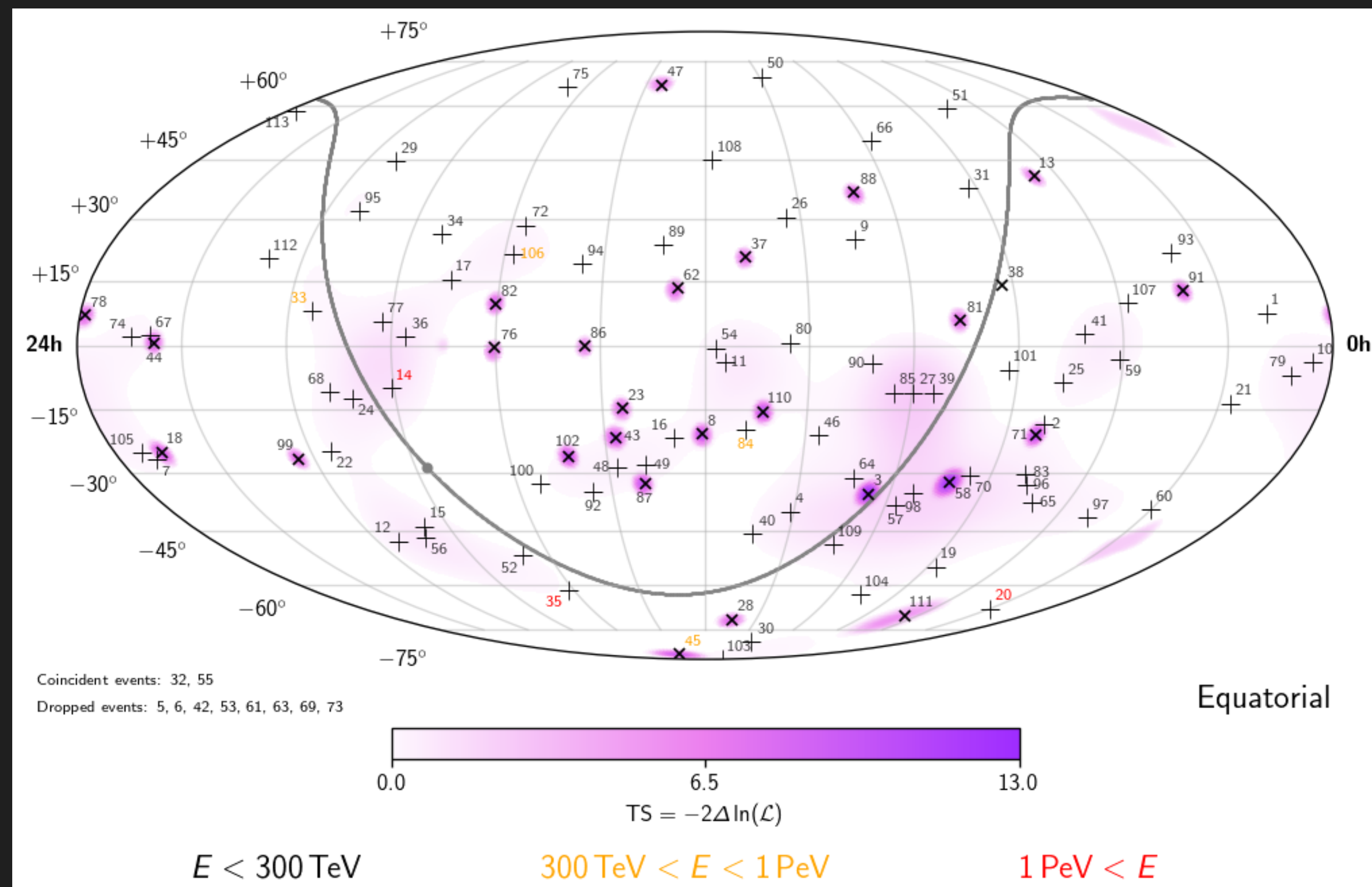
# GALACTIC SOURCES?

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At basically all (EM) wavelengths,  
the galaxy is the brightest thing

No obvious correlation to the  
galactic plane published at this  
point

But there **should** be a  
component at some level,  
so stay tuned...







# DARK MATTER DECAYS?

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PeV dark matter one of several exotic possibilities

Largely consistent with the data

Some enhancement expected at galactic center?

**Not clear how to prove/disprove this**





# BLAZARS?

*published limits in arXiv:1611.03874*

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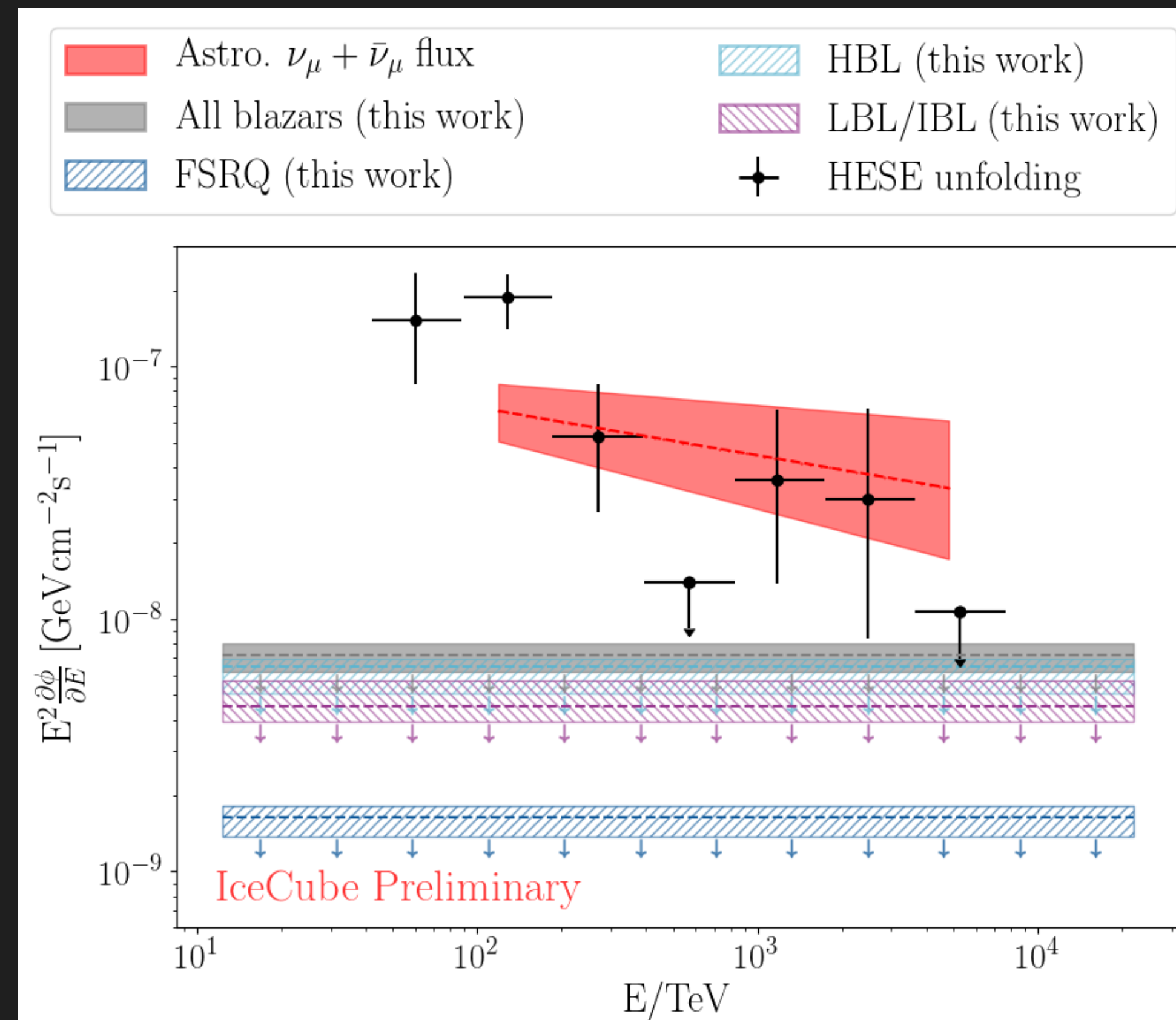
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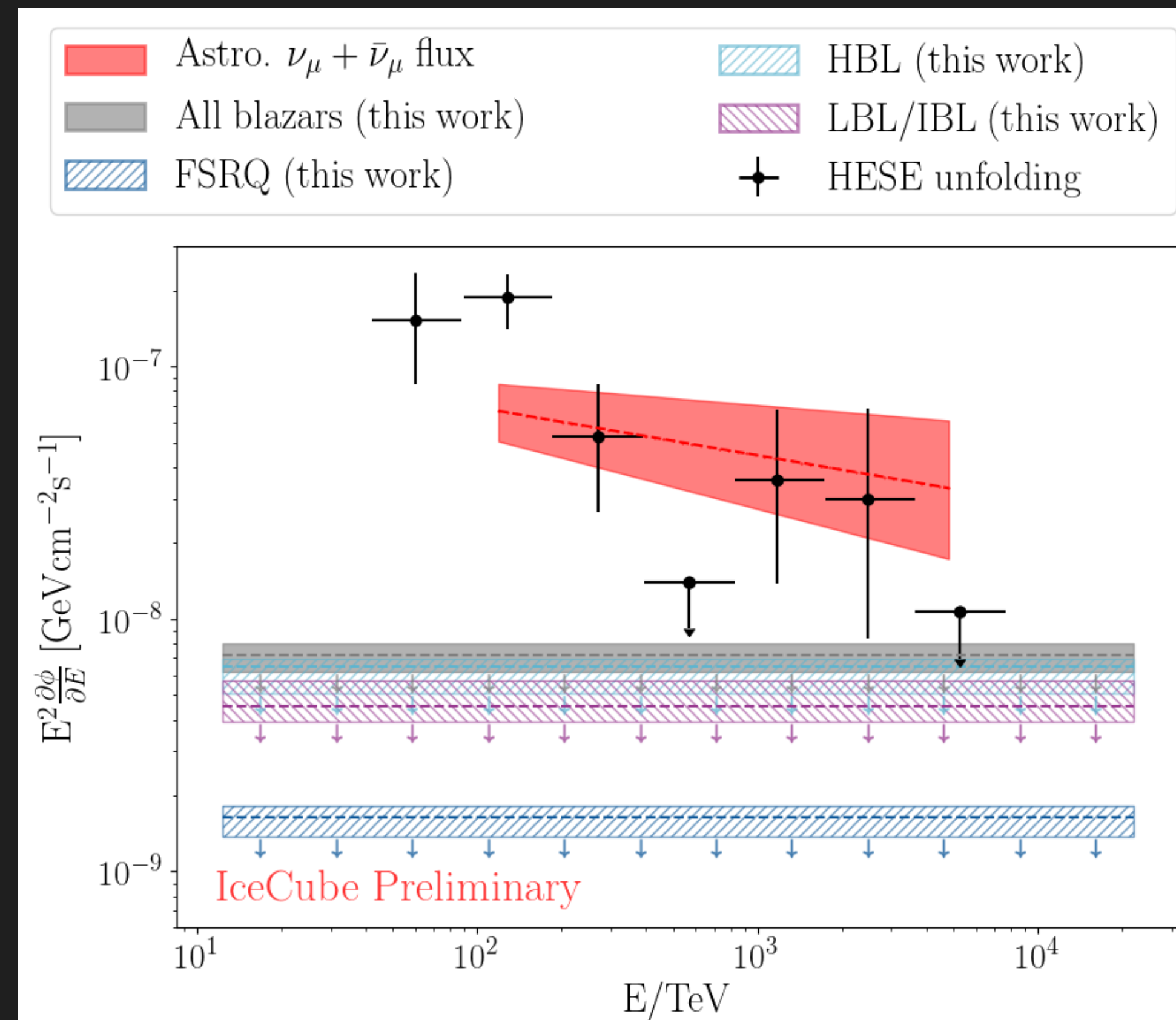
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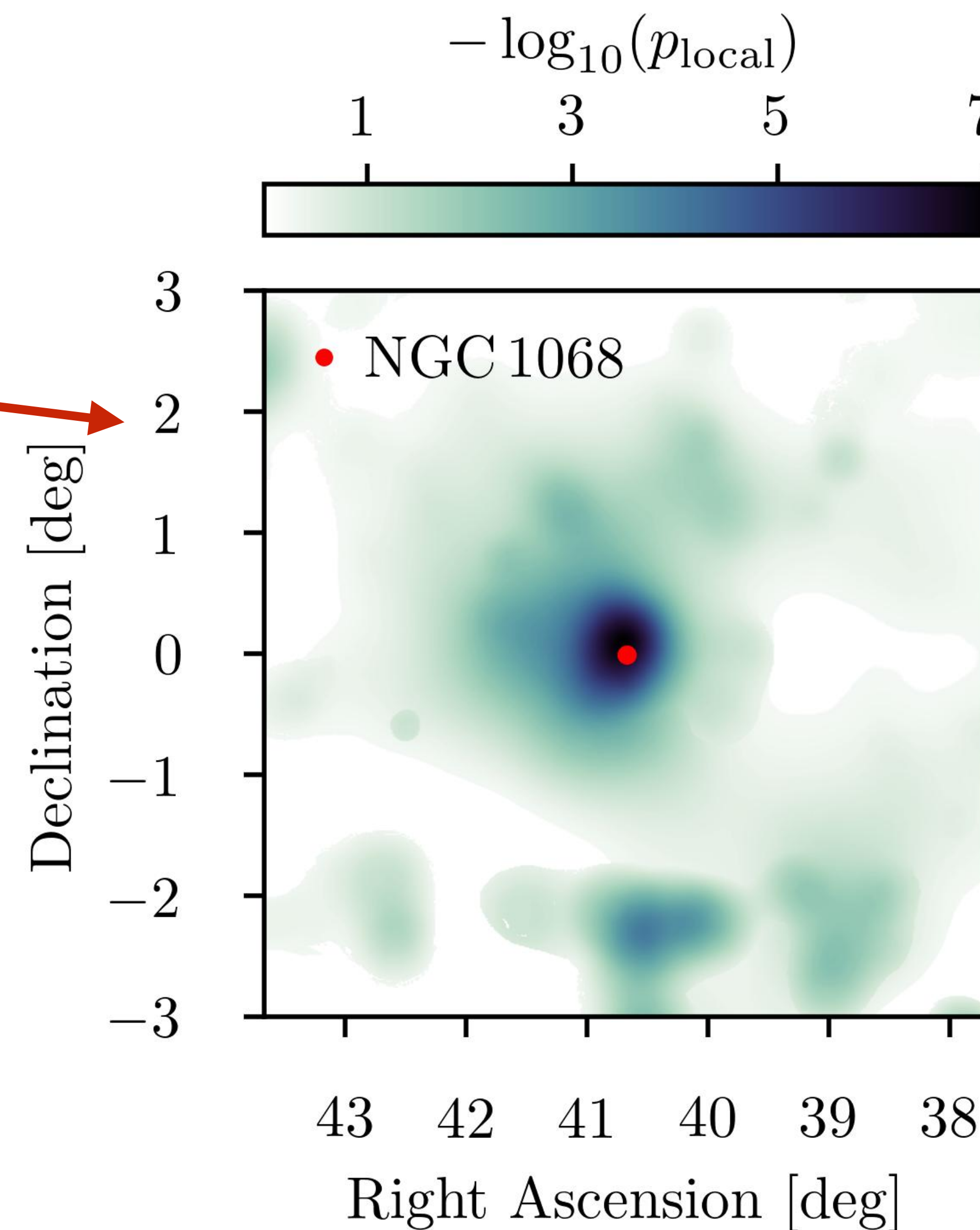
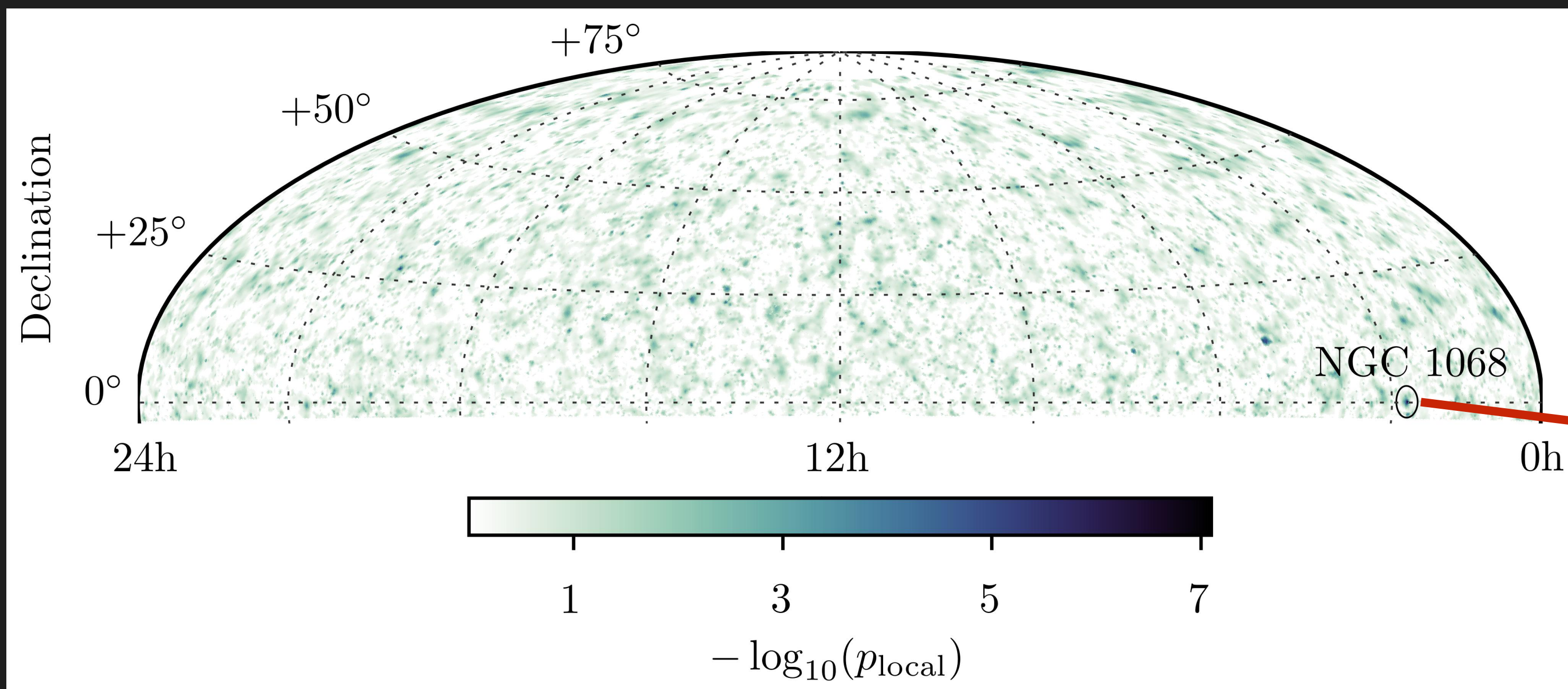
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**arXiv:1611.03874**



*Updated point source analysis with improved systematics treatment & additional data*



**Updated** point source analysis

Improved systematics treatment,  
especially better-matched directional distributions  
between MC and data

**Science, Vol 378, Issue 6619, pp. 538-543**

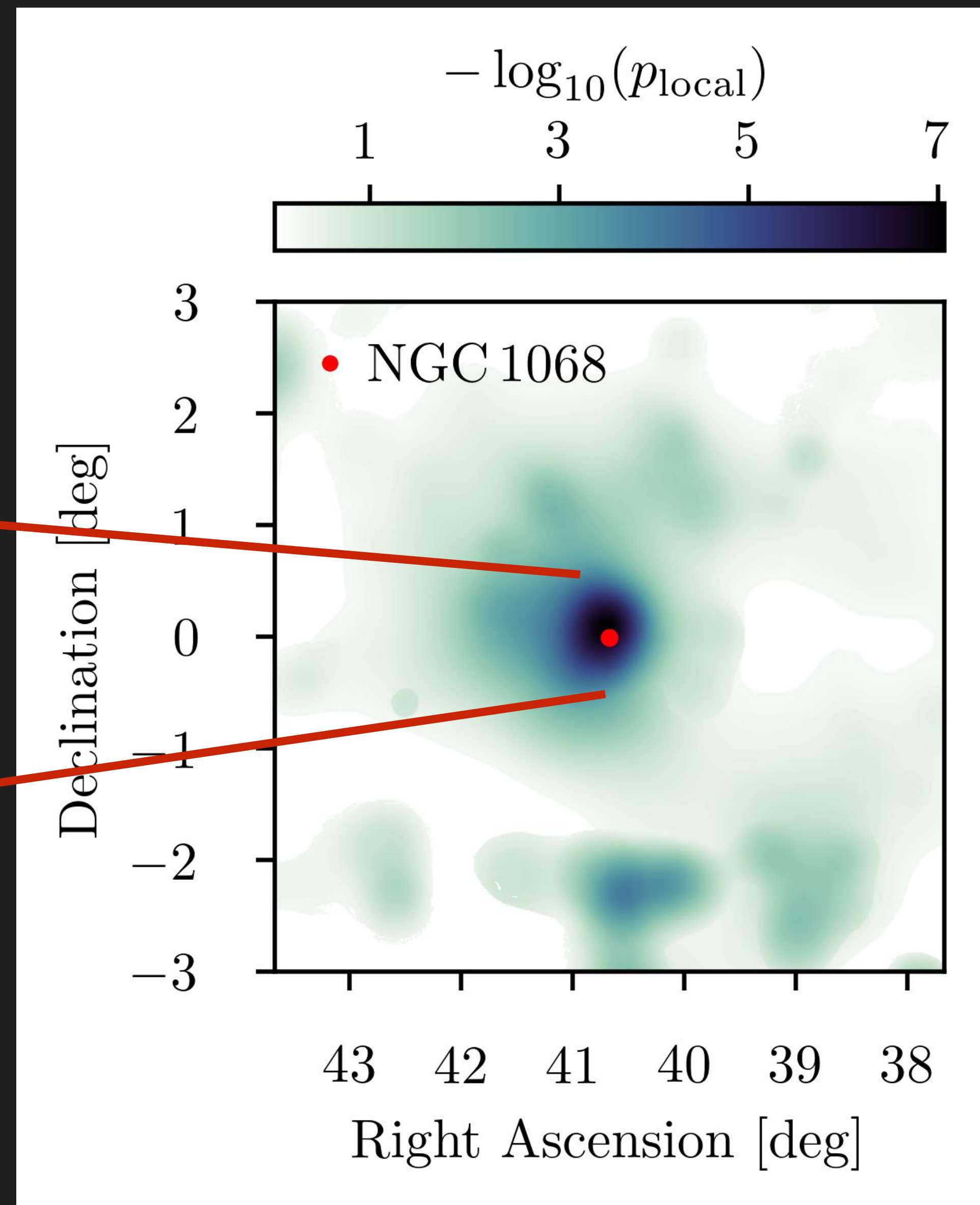
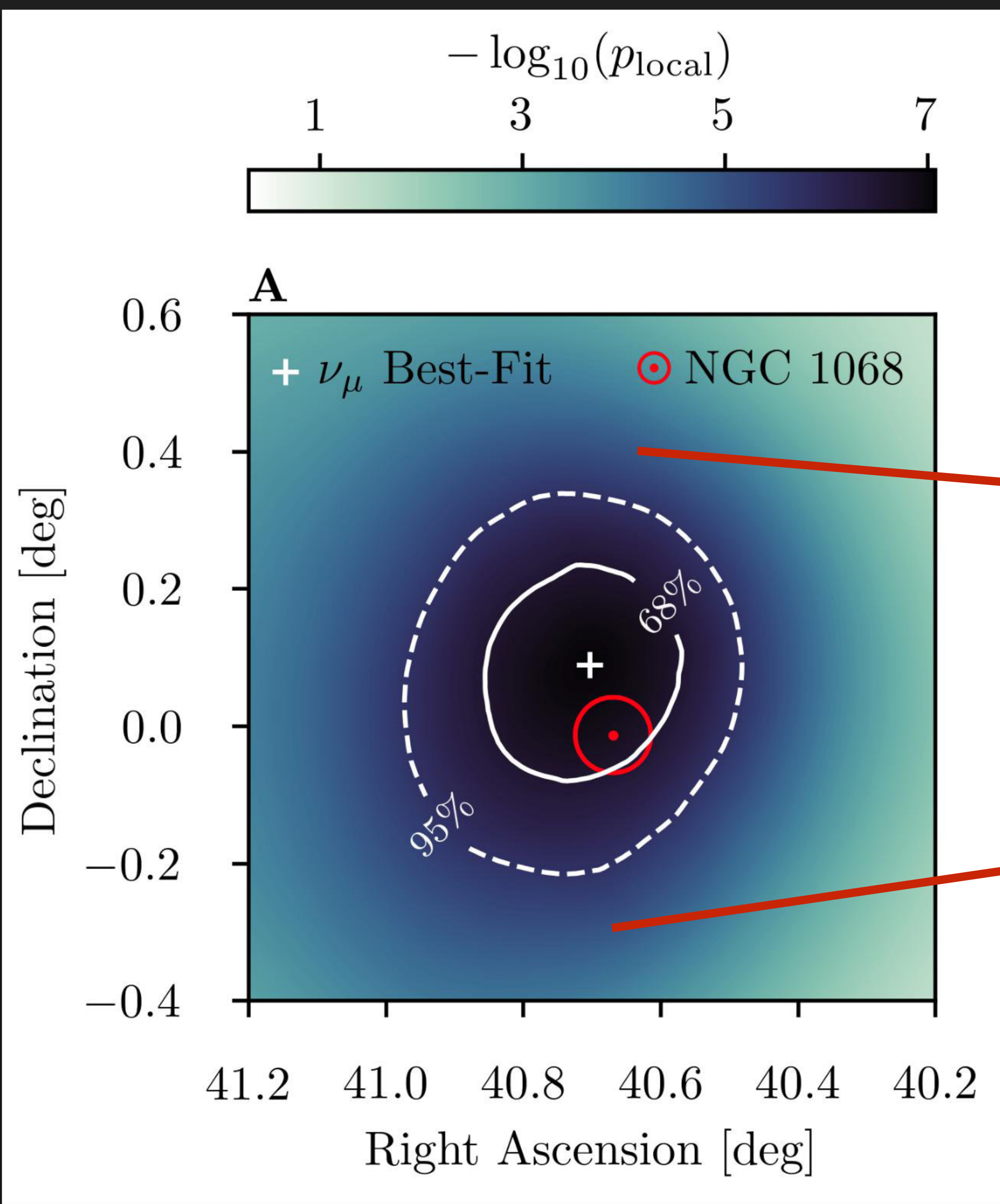




# NGC 1068

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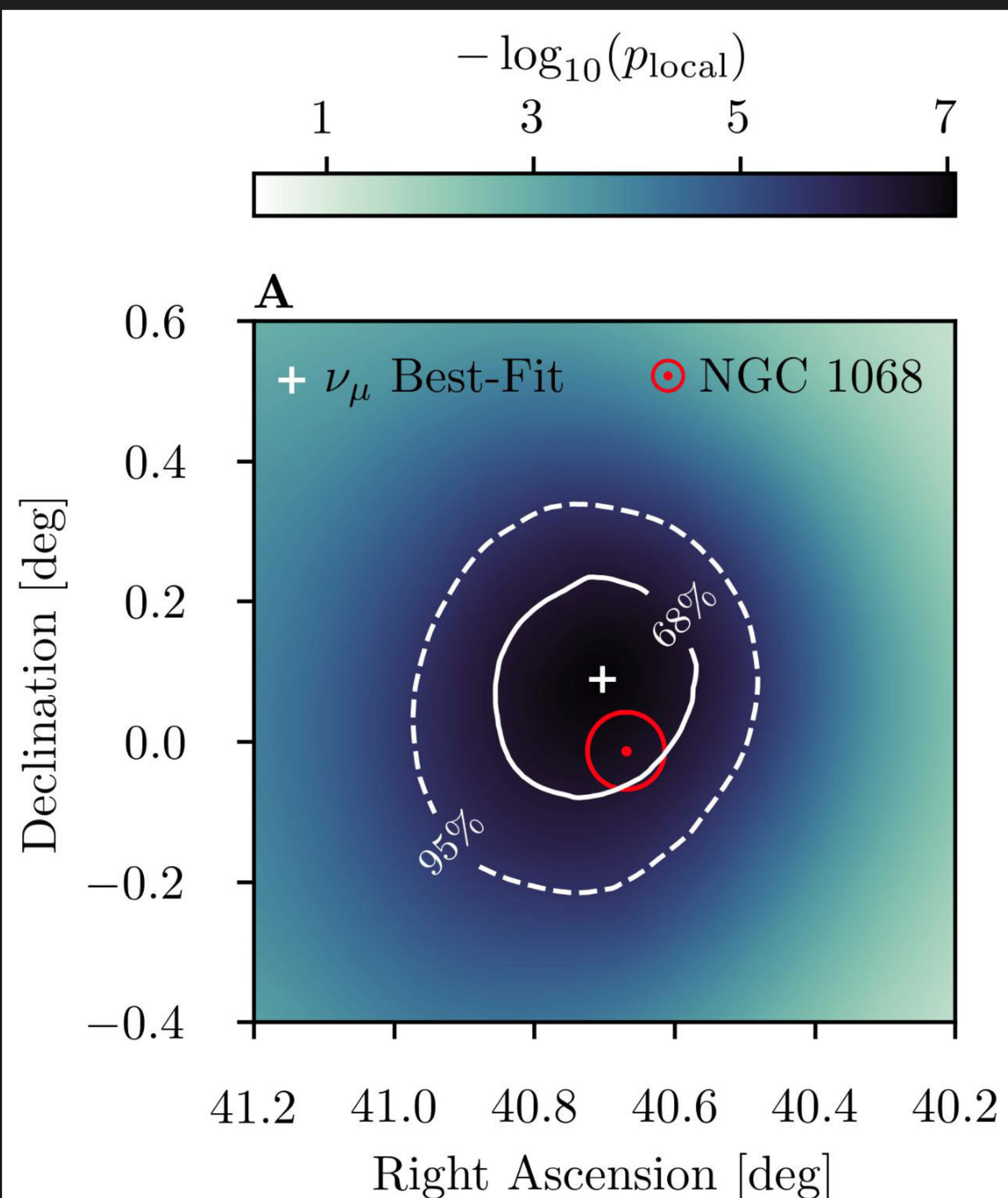




# NGC 1068

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Location of **NGC 1068** is consistent with location of strongest clustering of neutrinos!

NGC 1068 was part of a pre-defined catalog search in this analysis

Trials-correcting the significance and accounting for the catalog size (110 sources):

**$4.2\sigma$**  (global significance)

**Evidence for neutrino emission from NGC 1068**

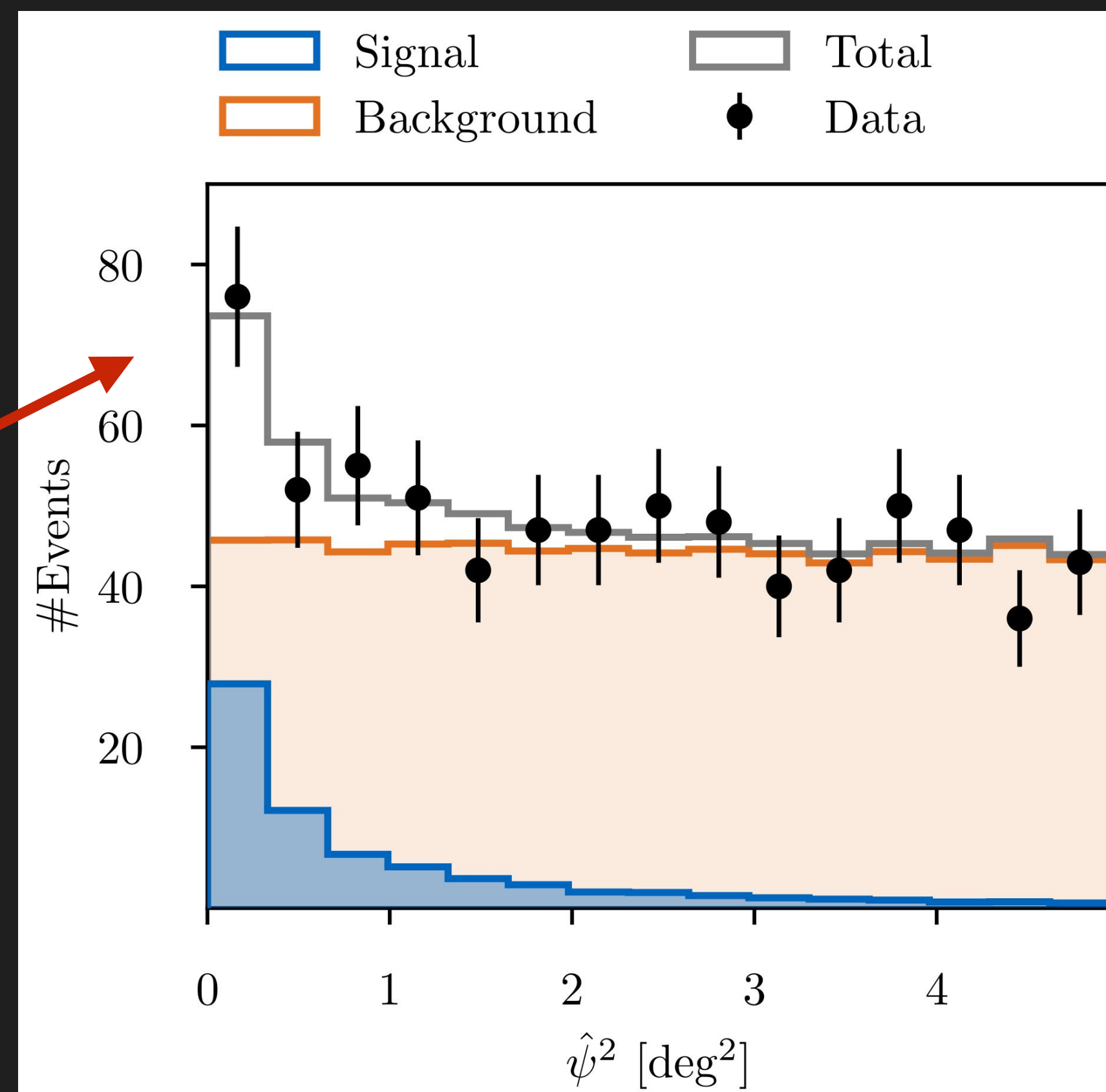
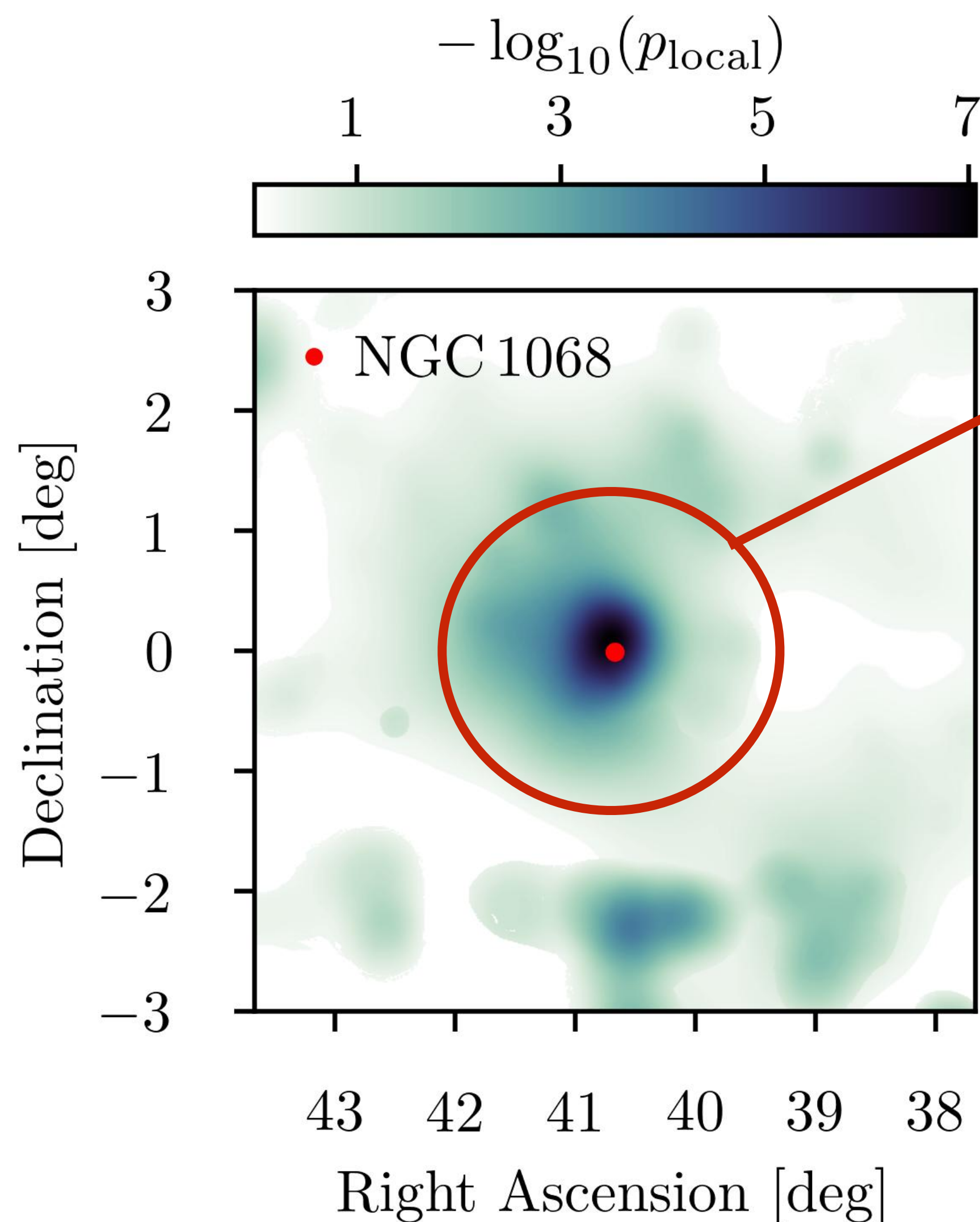




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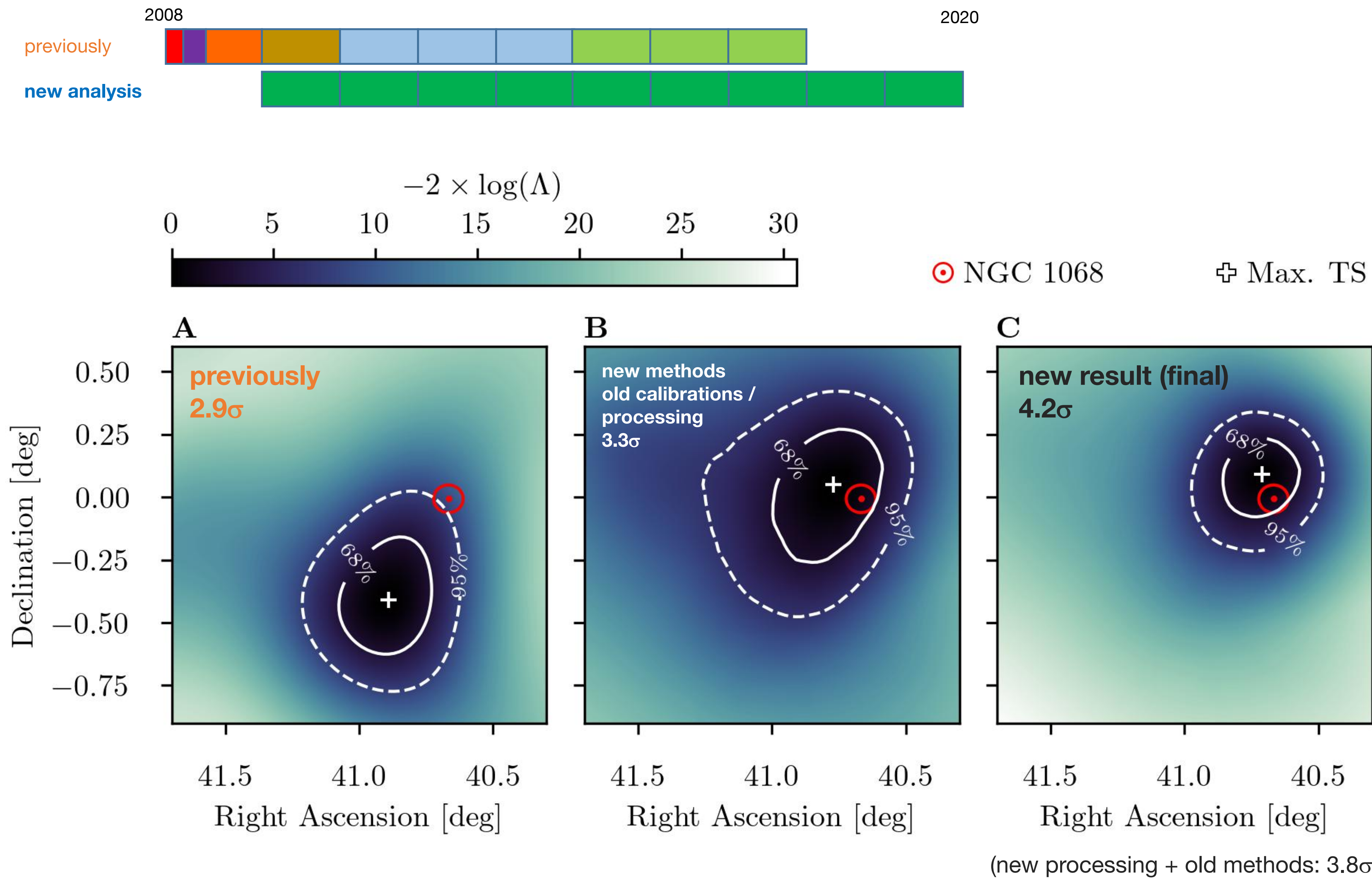
*Updated point source analysis with improved systematics treatment & additional data*



Measured astrophysical neutrino events:  $79^{+22}_{-20}$   
Measured spectral index:  $3.2 \pm 0.2$   
(data matches model description)



large contribution from other improvements in **data quality** (updated calibrations, uniform processing)



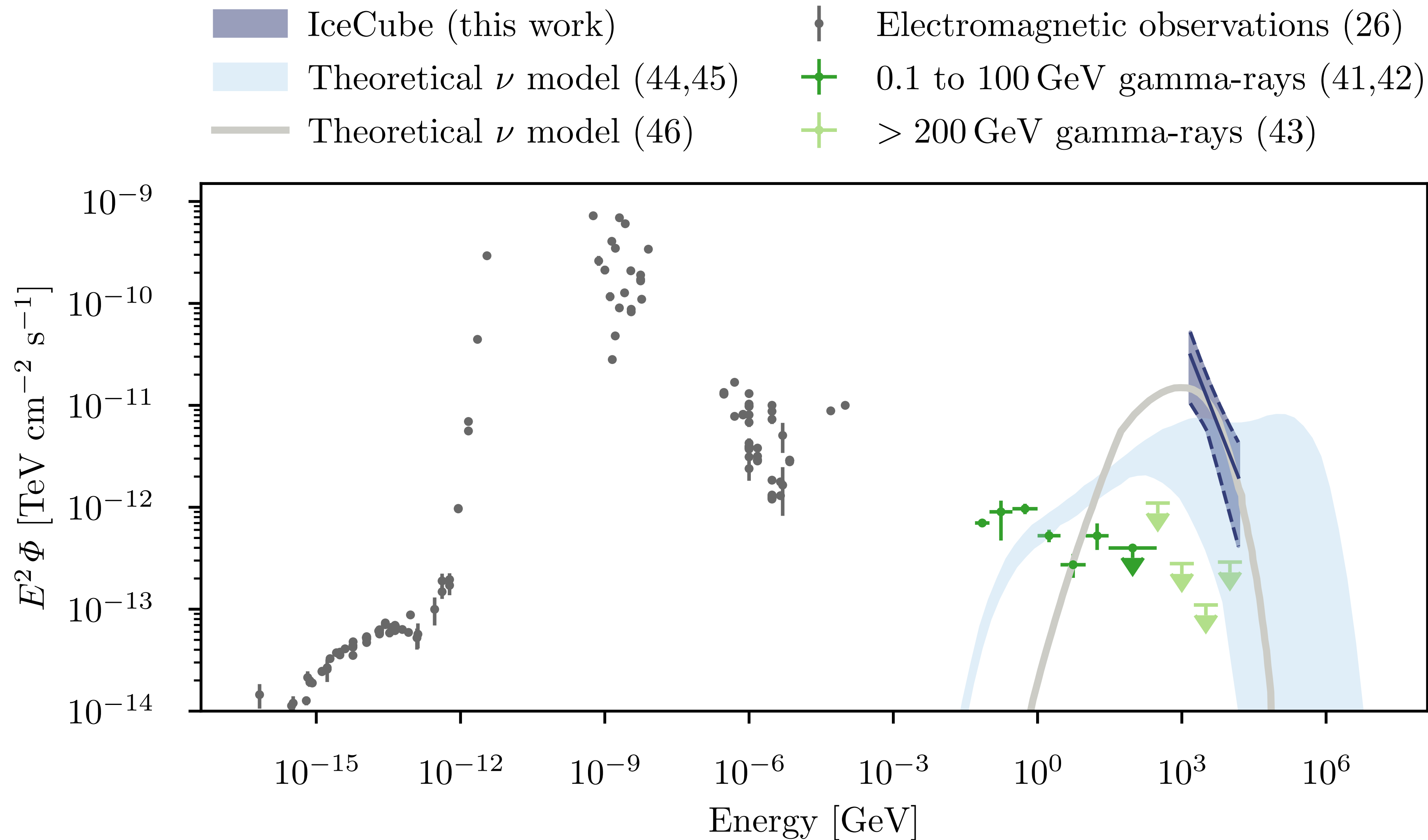




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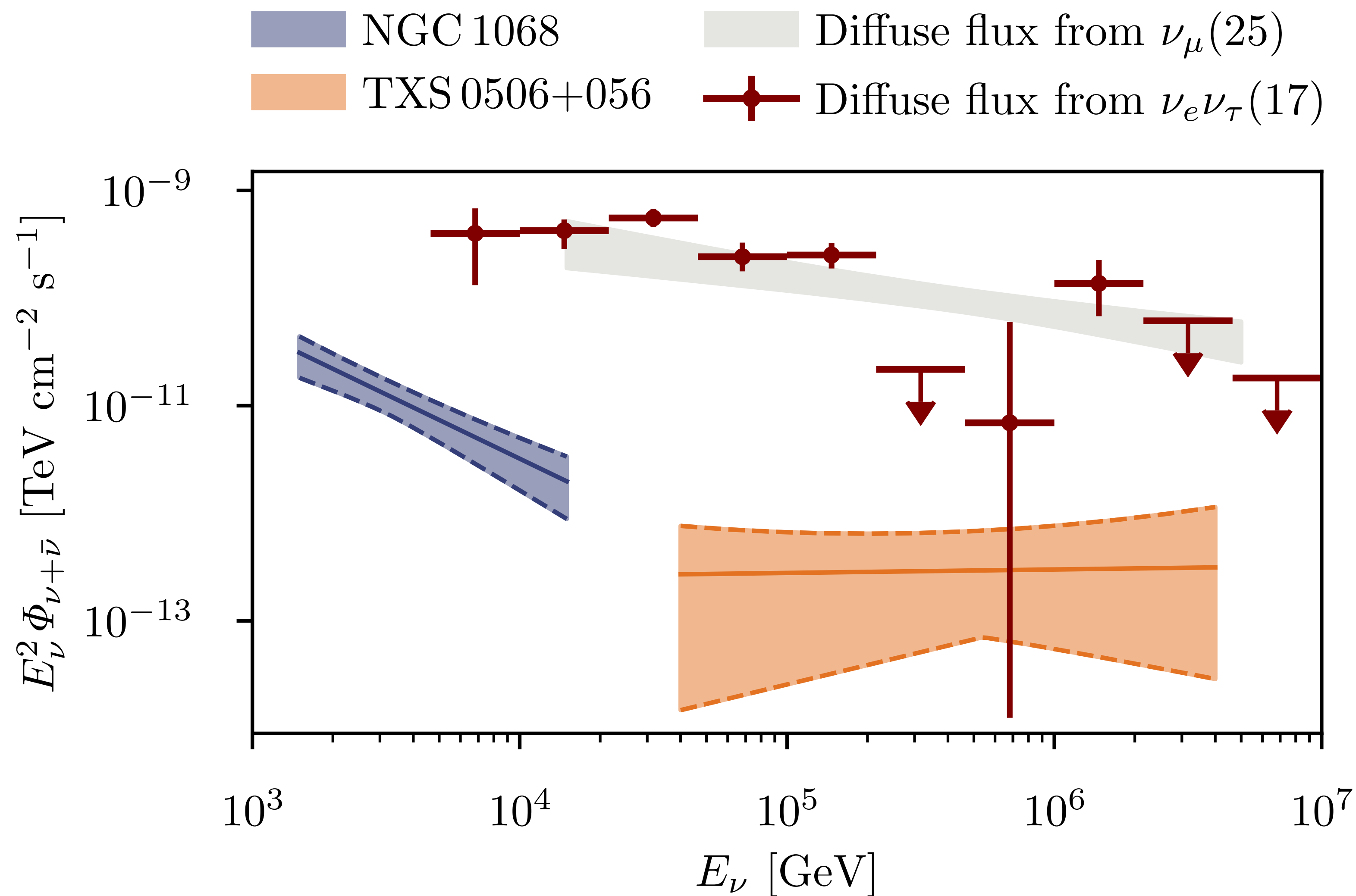




# NGC 1068

*point source fluxes vs. diffuse neutrino flux*

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TXS 0506+056 and NGC 1068 are measured in very different energy ranges.

Both correspond to O(1%) of the diffuse flux in their respective energy ranges.

TXS 0506+056 is ~100x farther away than NGC 1068, suggesting multiple populations.





**Objects like TXS 0506+056 and NGC 1068 in terms of gamma emission cannot make all the neutrinos**

Something beyond the galaxy

**AGN seem to be emerging as a source class - however, potentially multiple populations**

No significant clustering – distant/common sources?

Something interesting going on:

**the neutrino sky does not look like the photon (or GW) sky**





# HOW CAN WE ESCAPE THESE CONSTRAINTS?

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In general: anything that de-correlates the gamma and neutrino sky / pushes sources far away

## **Sources extremely common?**

Gives high degree of isotropy

... why is the brightest one 1.5 Gpc away?

## **Sources extremely strongly evolved?**

Gives high degree of isotropy

... why?

## **Optically thick?**

Kills mandatory gamma-ray emission

... where is the energy going?

## **Exotics: is the neutrino background primordial?**

Genuine diffuse origin

... requires new physics





# WHAT DO WE DO TO GET OUT OF THIS?

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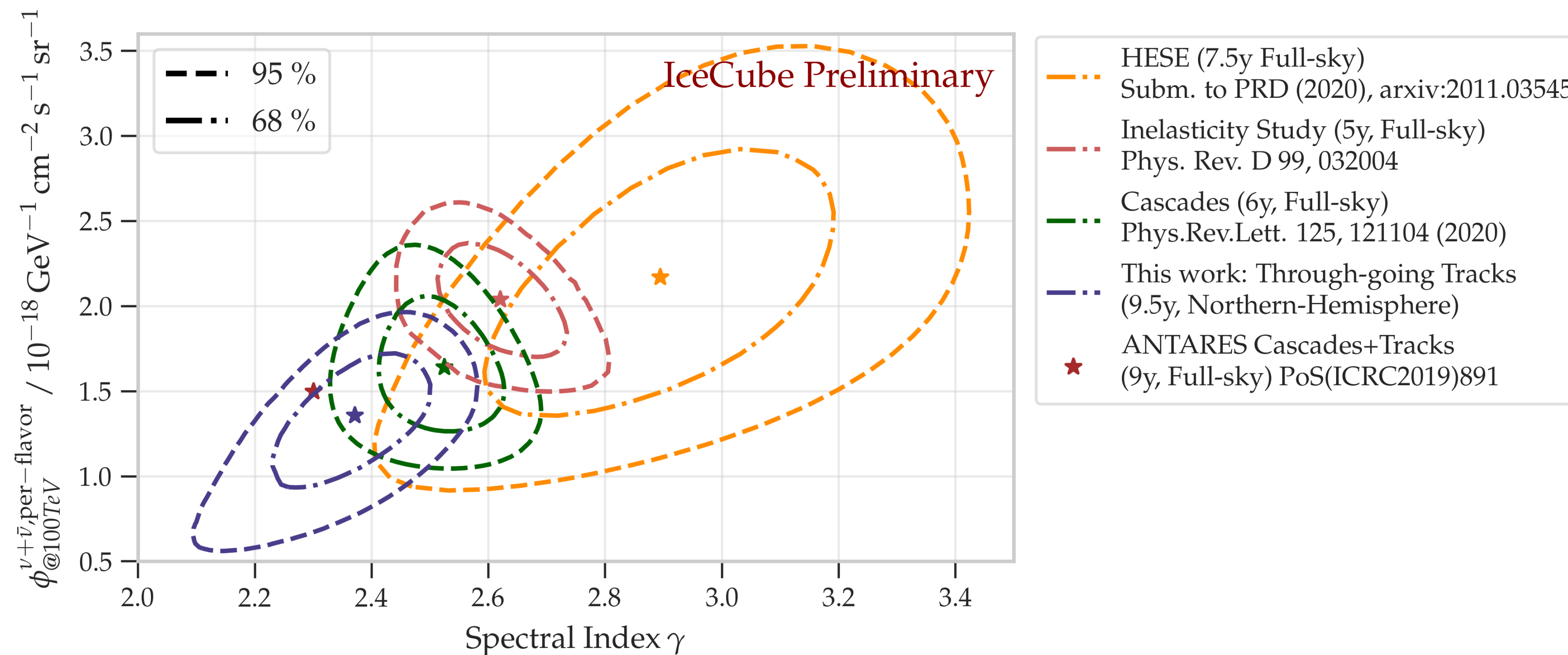
Additional measurements!

**Spectrum and flavor:** Tells us something about the production environment

**Better resolution:** 20000+ astrophysical neutrinos in sample

**New detectors, better events**





Some minor tension between analyses

Hints of structure?

Not clear yet





# NEW INFORMATION: FLAVOR

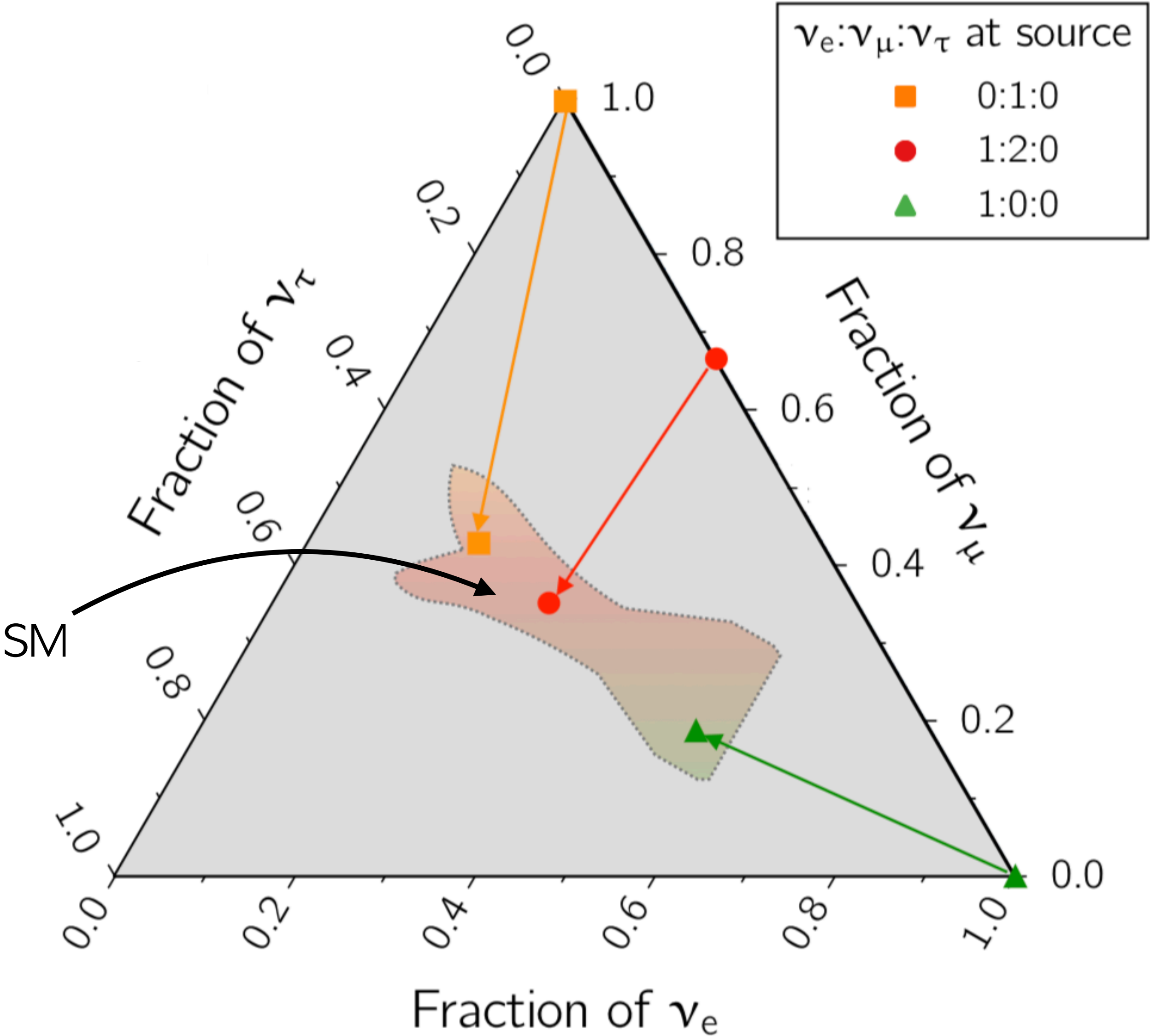
*Flavor ratio at Earth contains information about source ratio after oscillations en route to Earth*

## Tells us about:

- Neutrino production mechanism
- Possible non-standard behavior

(Almost zero sensitivity to neutrinos vs. anti-neutrinos)

	at source			at Earth		
	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$	$\nu_e$	$\nu_\mu$	$\nu_\tau$
pion decay	1	2	0	0.33	0.33	0.33
muon-damped	0	1	0	0.20	0.39	0.39
neutron decay	1	0	0	0.56	0.22	0.22







# NEW INFORMATION: ANTI-NEUTRINOS

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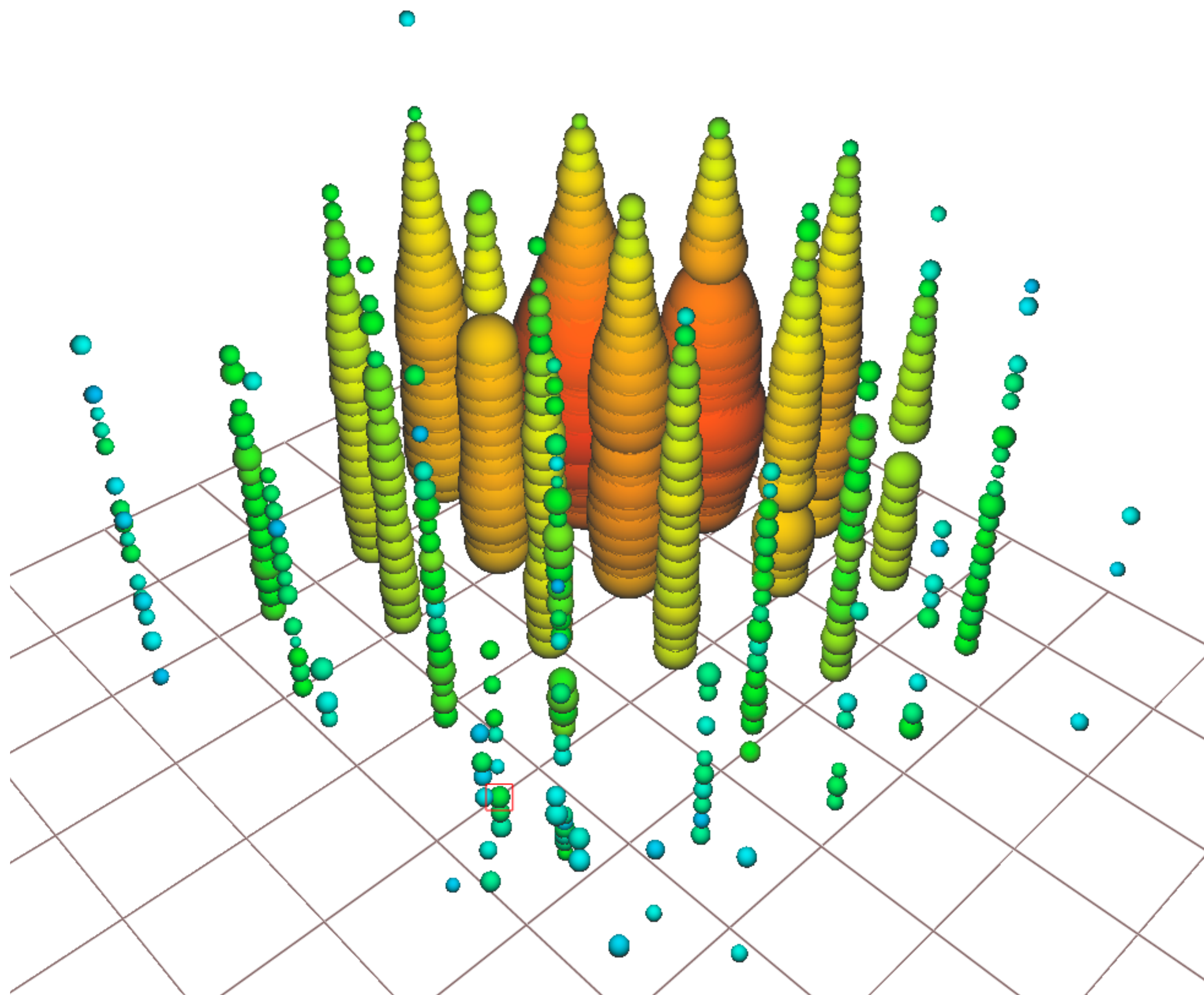
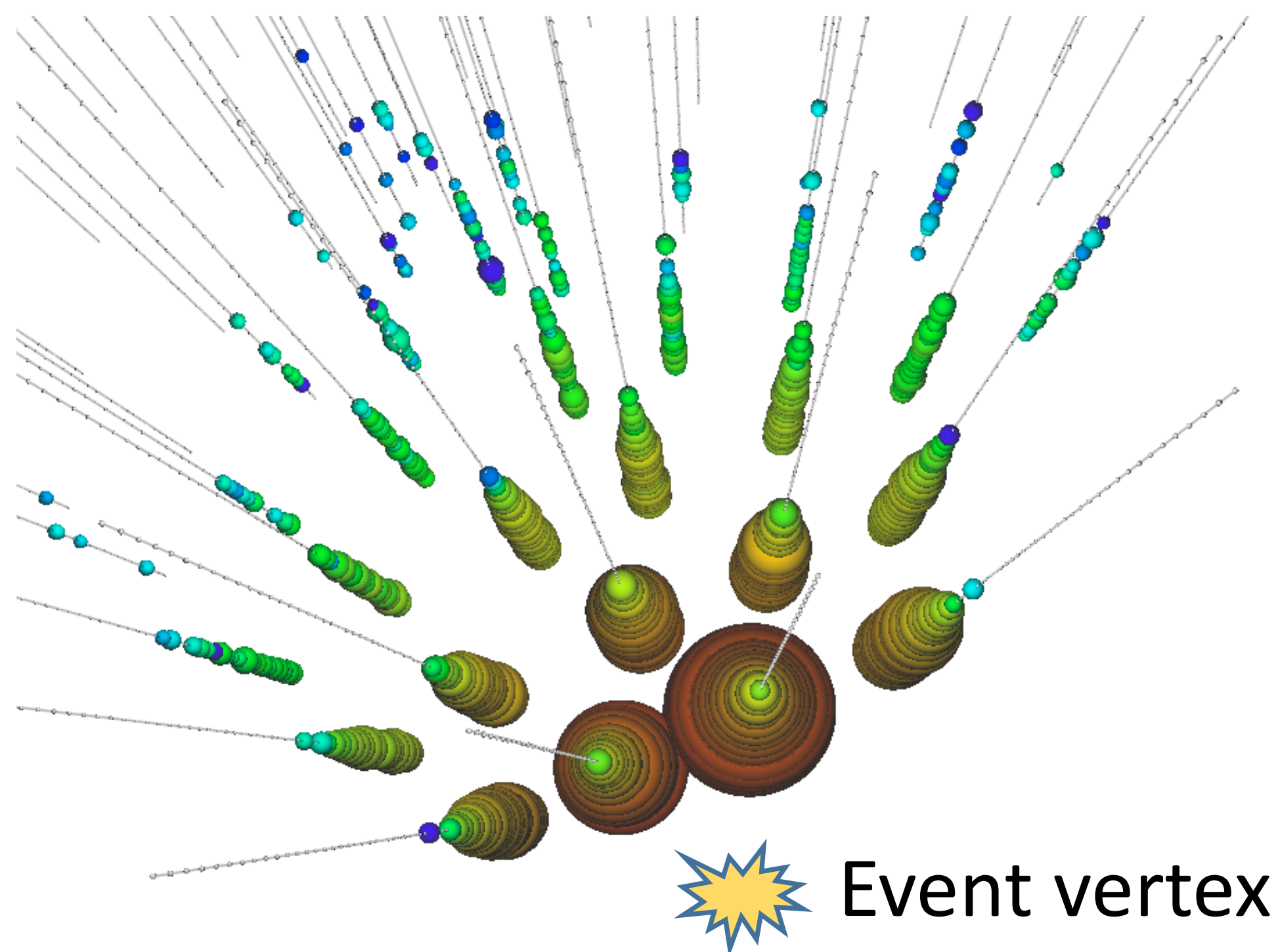
*from an extremely high-energy event*

Found with the "PEPE" high-energy selection

Best-fit vertex outside of the detector

Reconstructed energy  $\sim 6\text{PeV}$

Has early hits







# NEW INFORMATION: ANTI-NEUTRINOS

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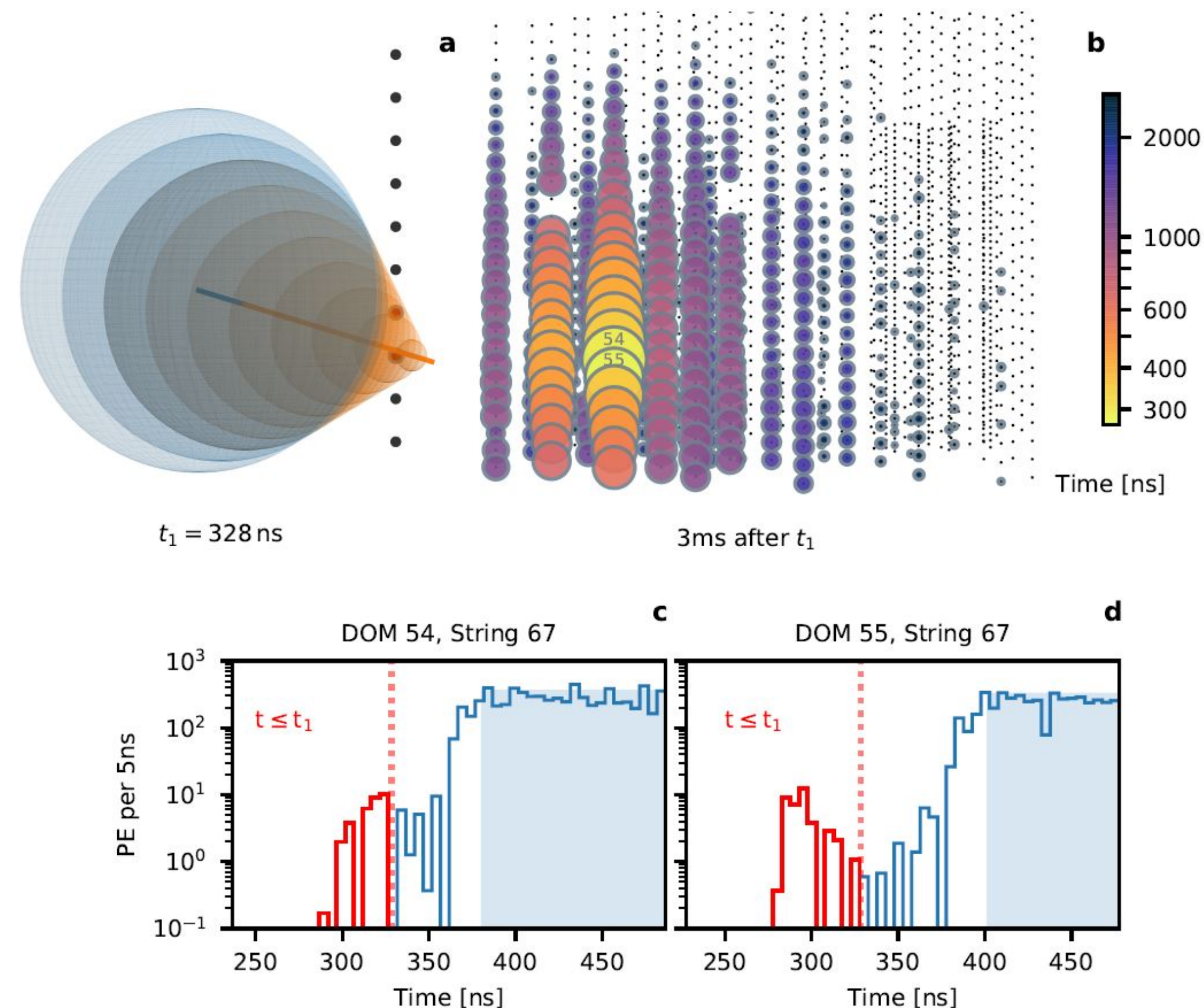
*from an extremely high-energy event*

Limited sensitivity to  $\bar{\nu}$ , through  $\bar{\nu}_e + e \rightarrow W^-$

Resonant at 6.3 PeV

Now know the background includes some  $\bar{\nu}$

Techniques will improve flavor measurements







# NEW INFORMATION: BETTER POINTING

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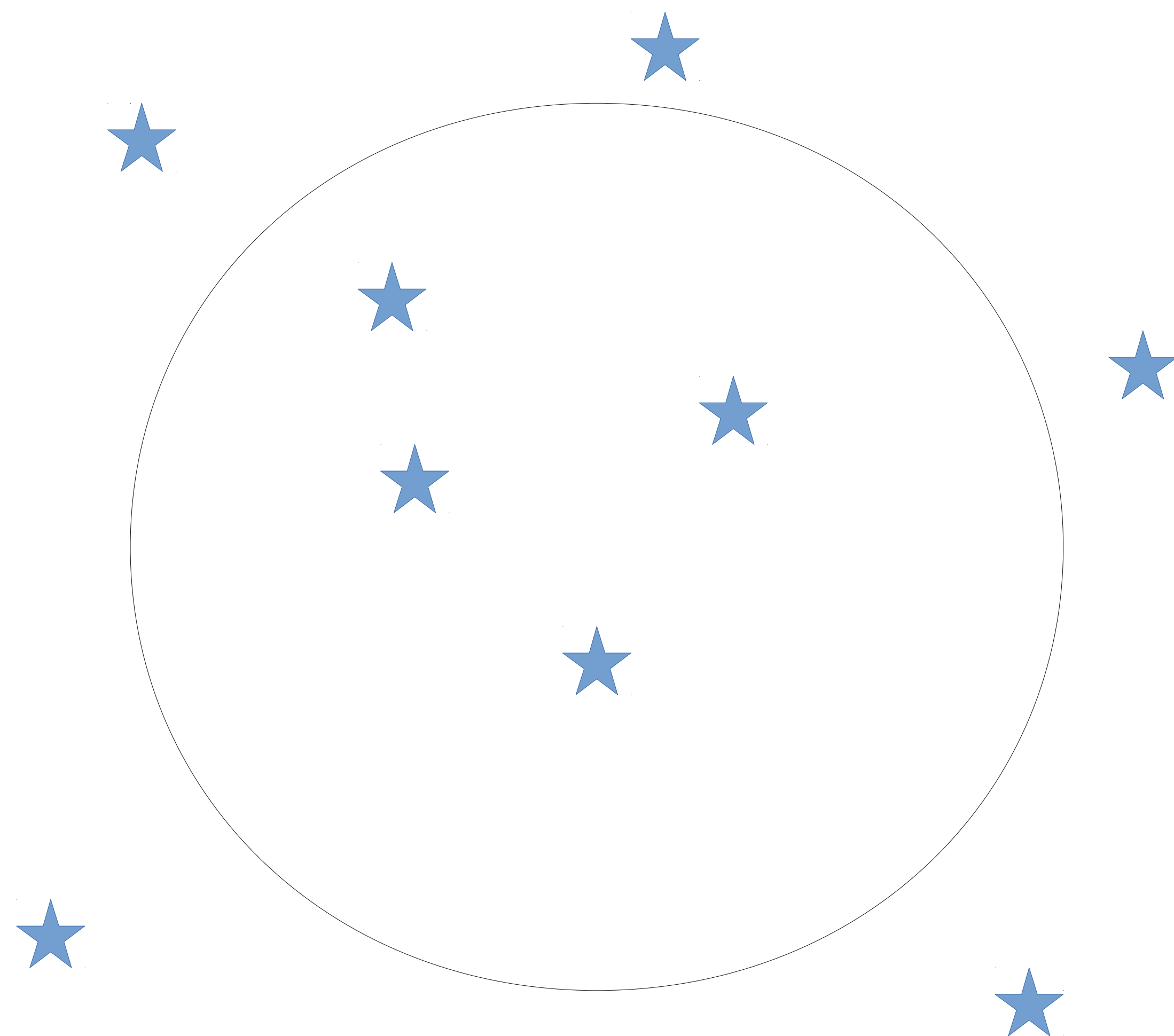
*from an extremely high-energy event*

Point source sensitivity linear in resolution

Beginning to understand the detector in detail  
**(e.g. improvements in PS analysis led to  
NGC 1068 evidence!)**

Marginal ( $\sim 20\%$ ) improvements could move  
TXS up to  $5\sigma$

Bigger ones help a lot:  
factor of 5 goes from 1 to 12 sources







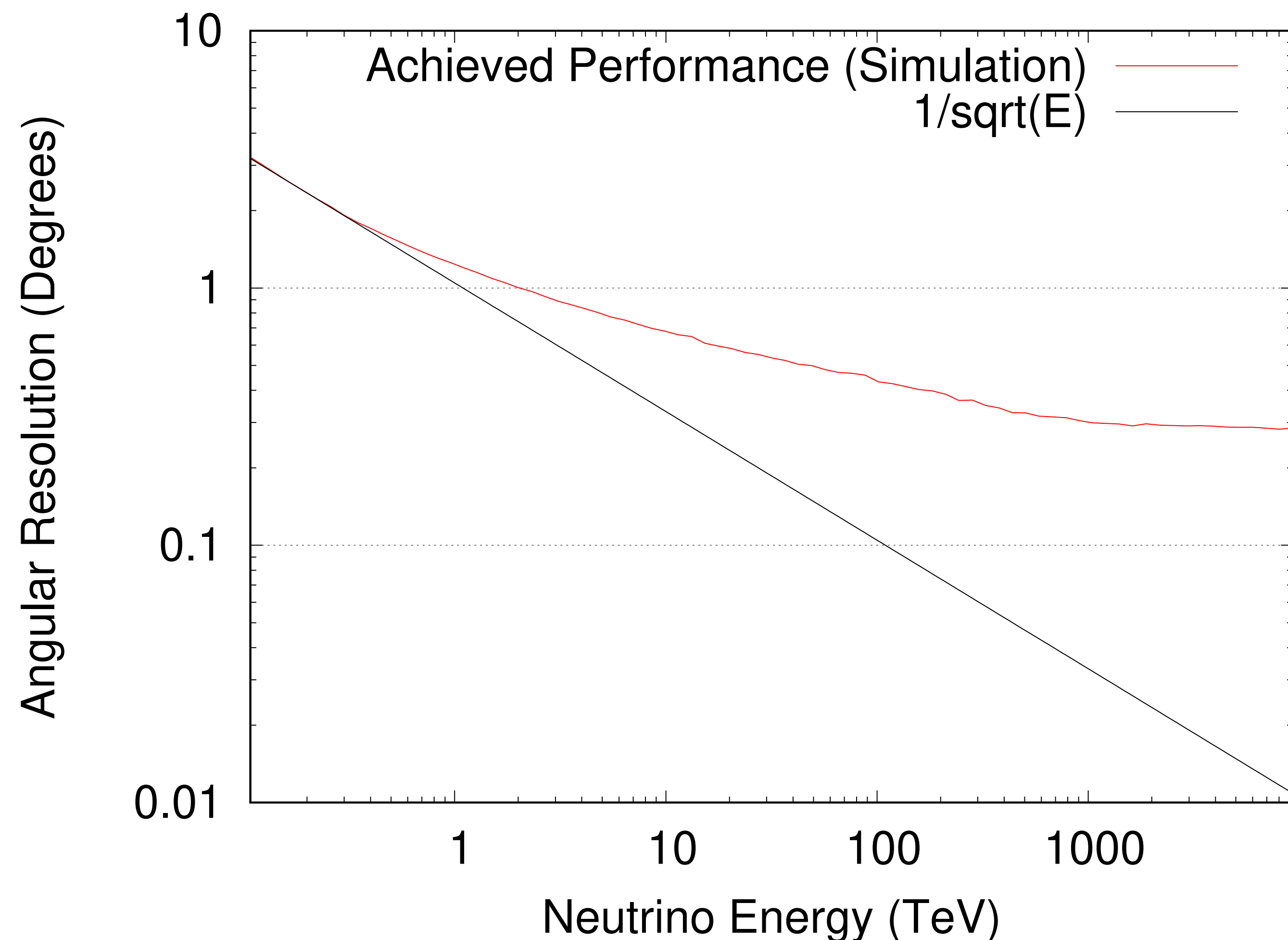
# PATH TO BETTER ANGULAR RESOLUTION

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Key task is understanding muon energy loss

Large (up to 5x) improvements possible!

Very small fractions of this get us more sources







# WE'RE GONNA NEED A BIGGER DETECTOR!



New detectors, detector designs, and  
improvements to calibration







# ICECUBE UPGRADE

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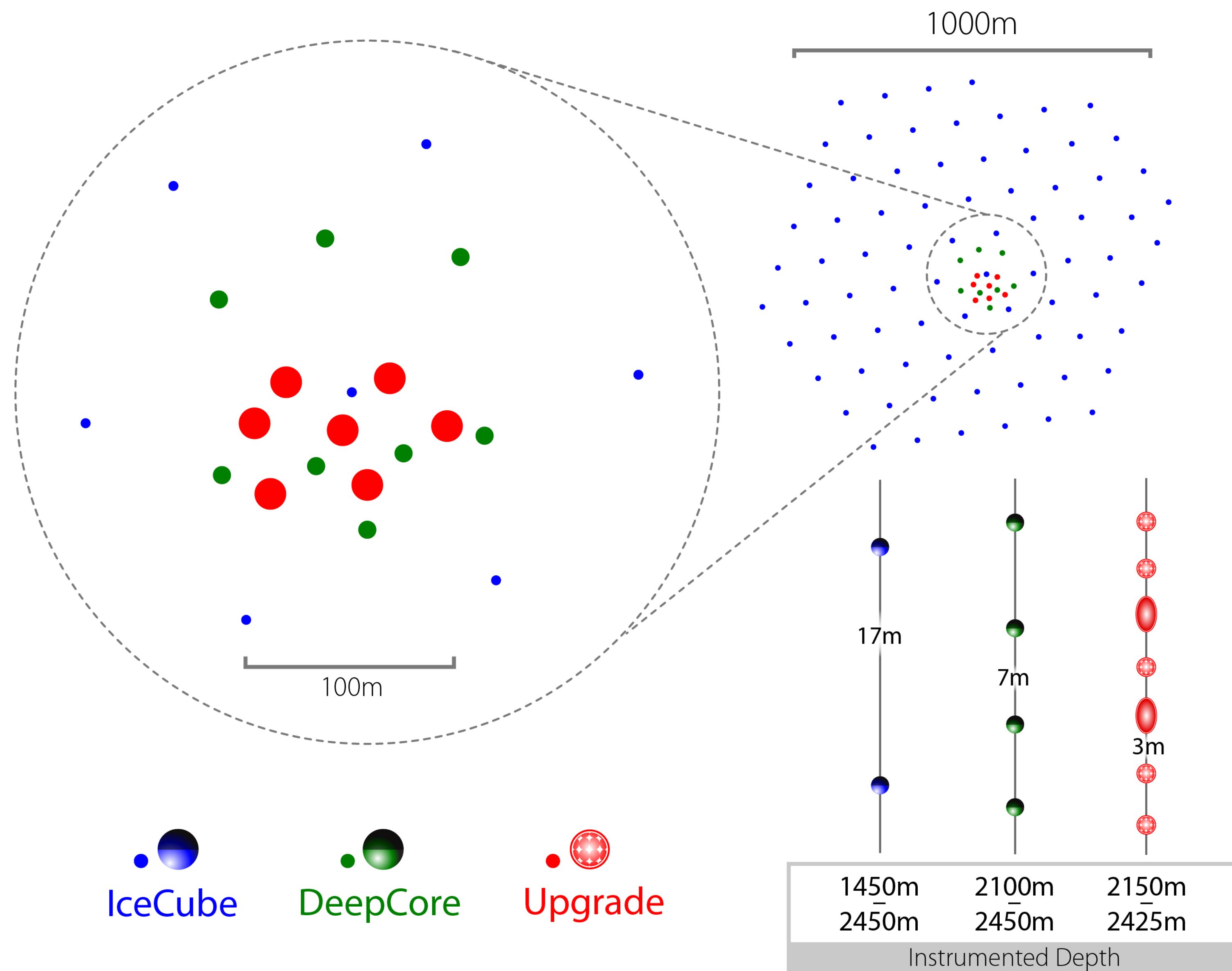
Science goals:

**$\nu_\mu$  disappearance**

**$\nu_\tau$  appearance**

precise calibration of IceCube  
**optical properties** and **DOM**  
**response**

**Funded**, deploying 2023  
(possible COVID delays)







# INSTRUMENTATION

*New optical sensor modules*

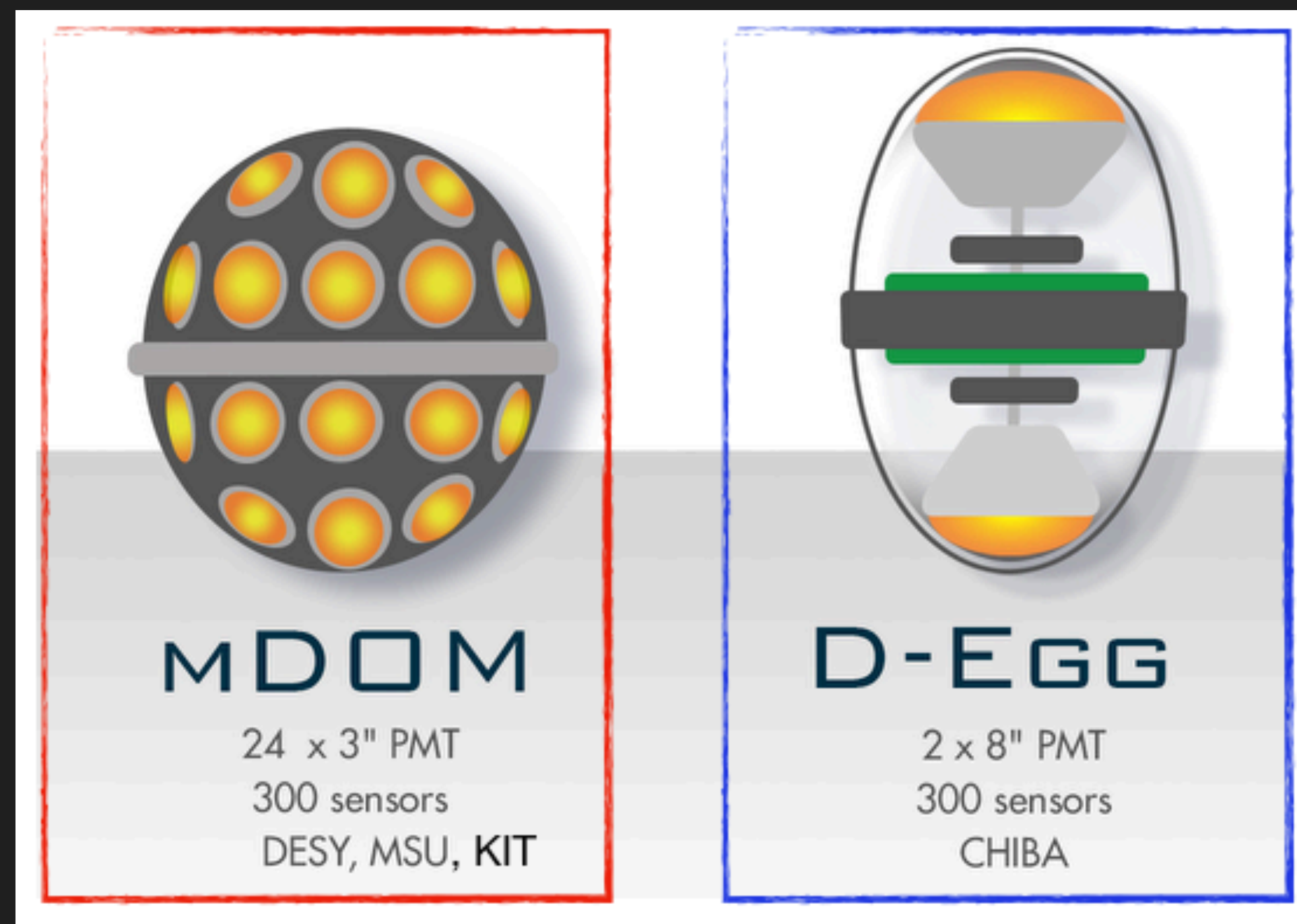
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Many new devices currently developed and tested:

**Larger PMT effective coverage**

**Pixelated effective area**

**Prototype devices for IceCube-Gen2 (e.g. WOM)**







# ICECUBE UPGRADE

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*enhancing IceCube high-energy science through better calibration*

## Integrated devices

LED flashers

Acoustic sensors

Optical cameras

## Stand-alone light sources

Precision Optical Calibration Module (POCAM)

“Movable” sub-ns pulsed LEDs

## Reduce primary systematic uncertainties

Better calibration of new and existing sensors

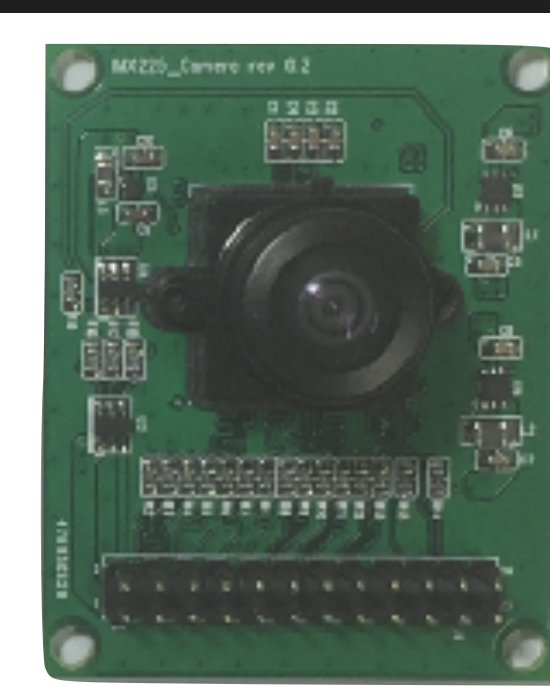
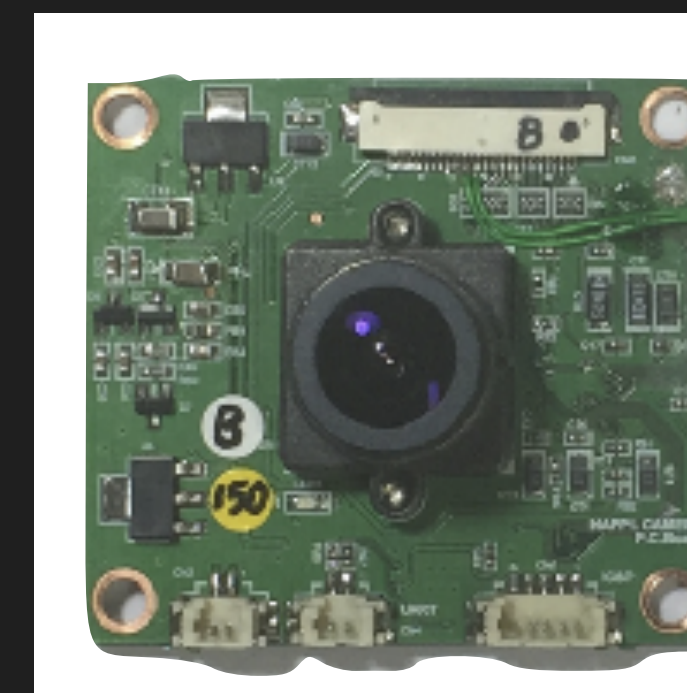
Improved knowledge of glacial ice



piezo module



POCAM



CCD / CMOS





# ICECUBE-GEN2

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*A wide band neutrino observatory (MeV - EeV) using several detection technologies - optical, radio, and surface veto*

IceCube has provided an amazing sample of events, but is still limited by the small number of events

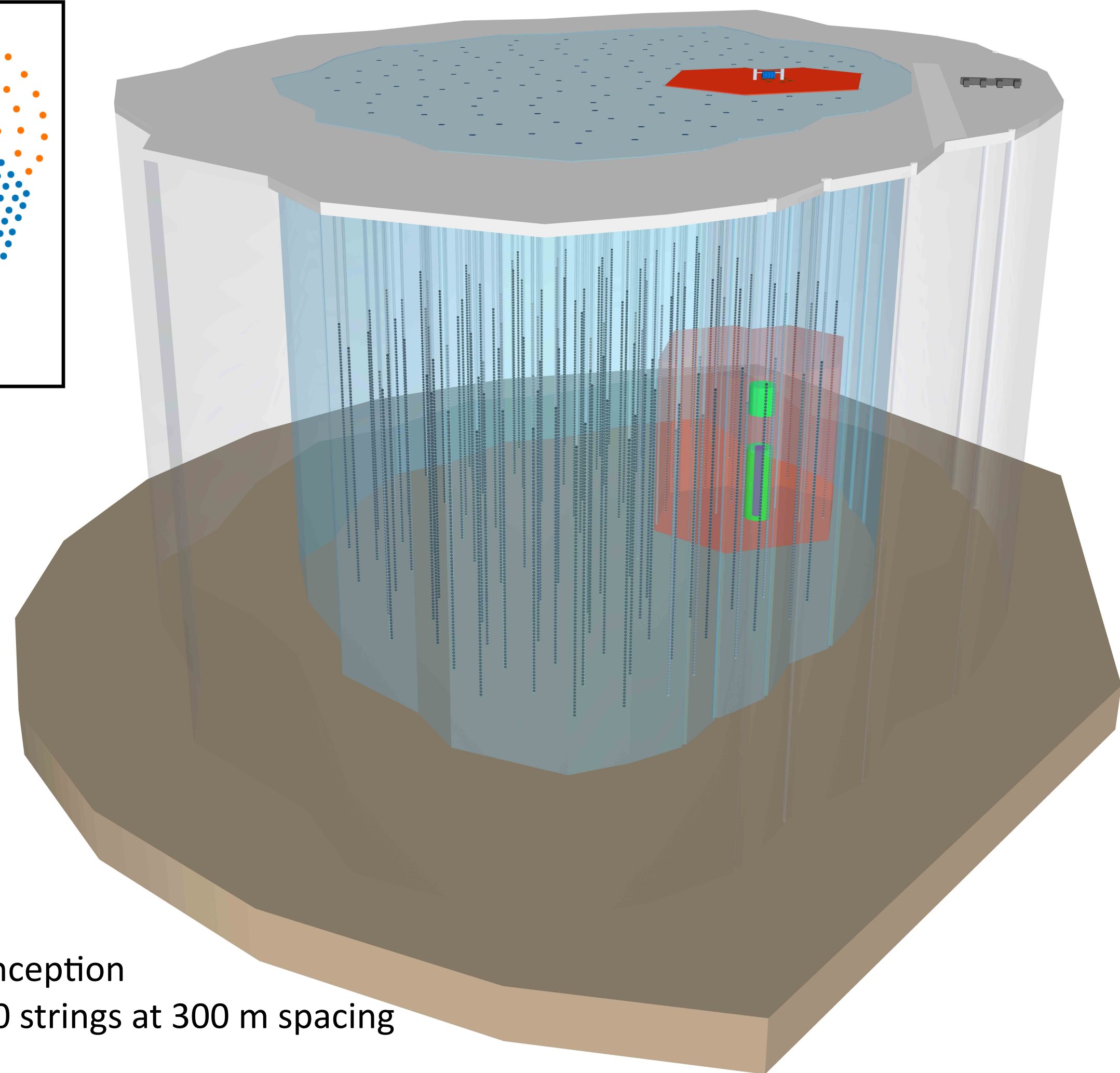
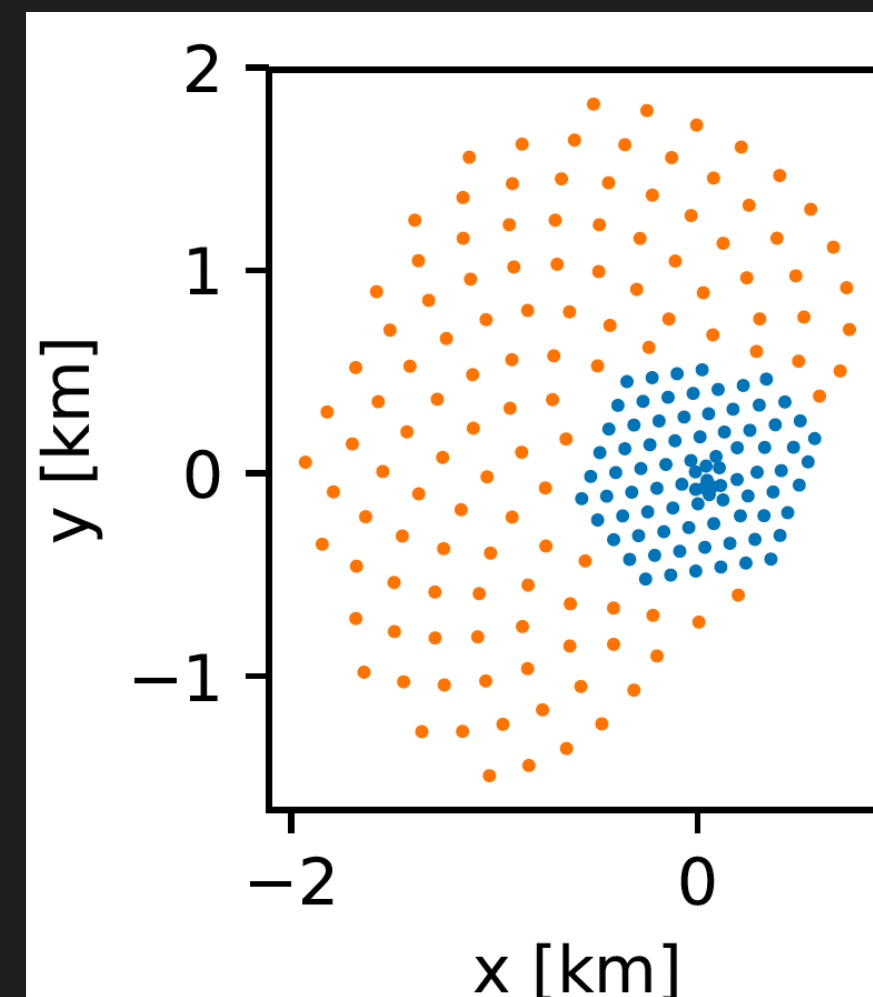
few 10's of astrophysical neutrinos per year

The IceCube-Gen2 High-Energy Array will instrument up to an order of magnitude larger volume

Includes in-ice array, surface array, and radio (>10PeV, cosmogenic)

**Much higher event rates and better systematics**

**Compounds with analysis improvements**



Artist conception

Here: 120 strings at 300 m spacing





# RADIO DETECTION

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*Builds on heritage from RICE, ARA (deep antennas), ARIANNA (near surface antennas), and ANITA*

Discover ultra high energy neutrinos, or place limits on the diffuse flux that constrain production models.

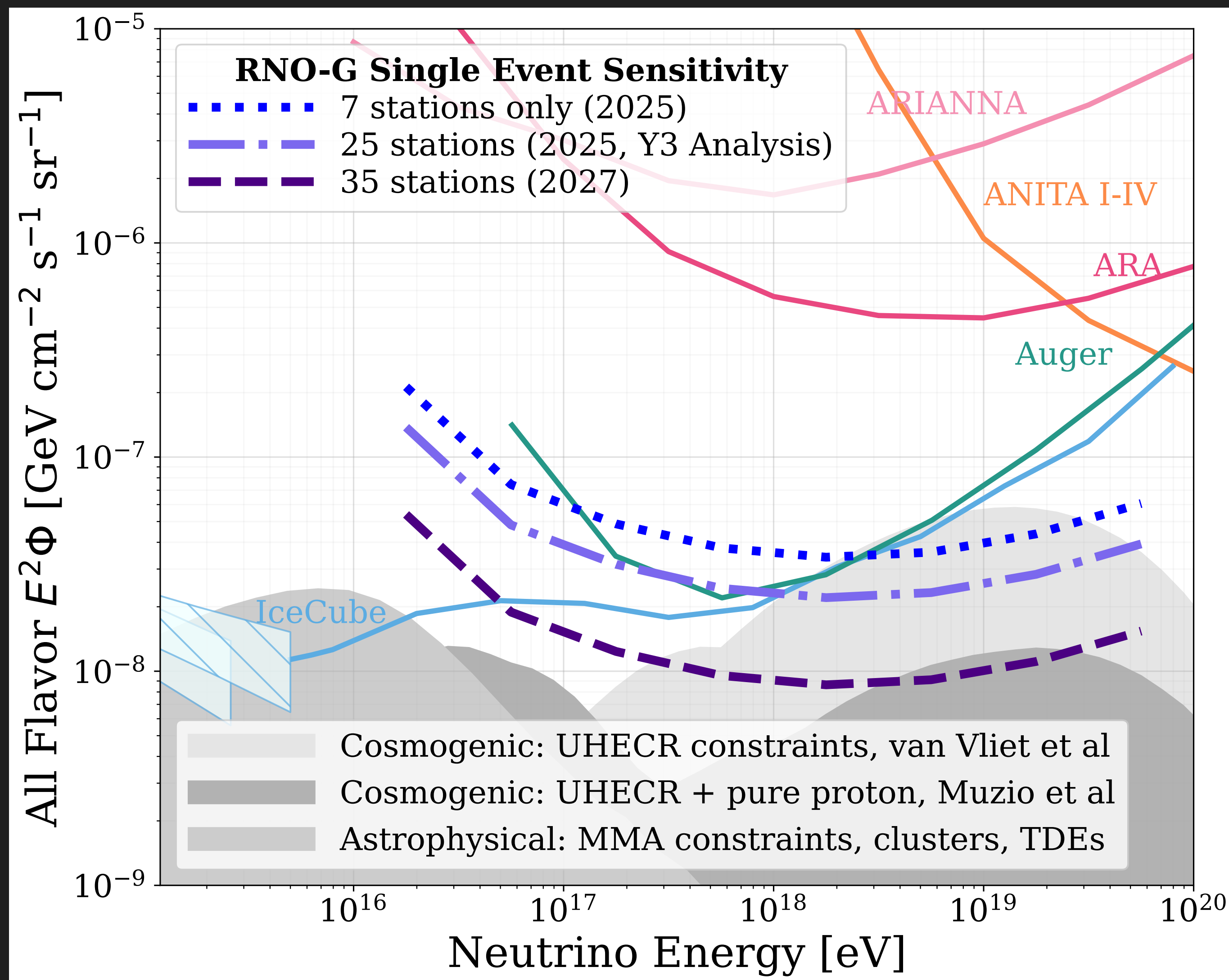
All Flavor Sensitivity at the heart of the cosmogenic neutrino flux

Point source & transient neutrino searches and followup

Pave the way for a larger radio array planned for IceCube-Gen2

**40 km<sup>2</sup> instrument** currently being built at Summit Station in **Greenland**

**7 stations** currently operating  
**Science operations** in 2028



borrowed from Stephanie Wissel, APS April Meeting, April 2023



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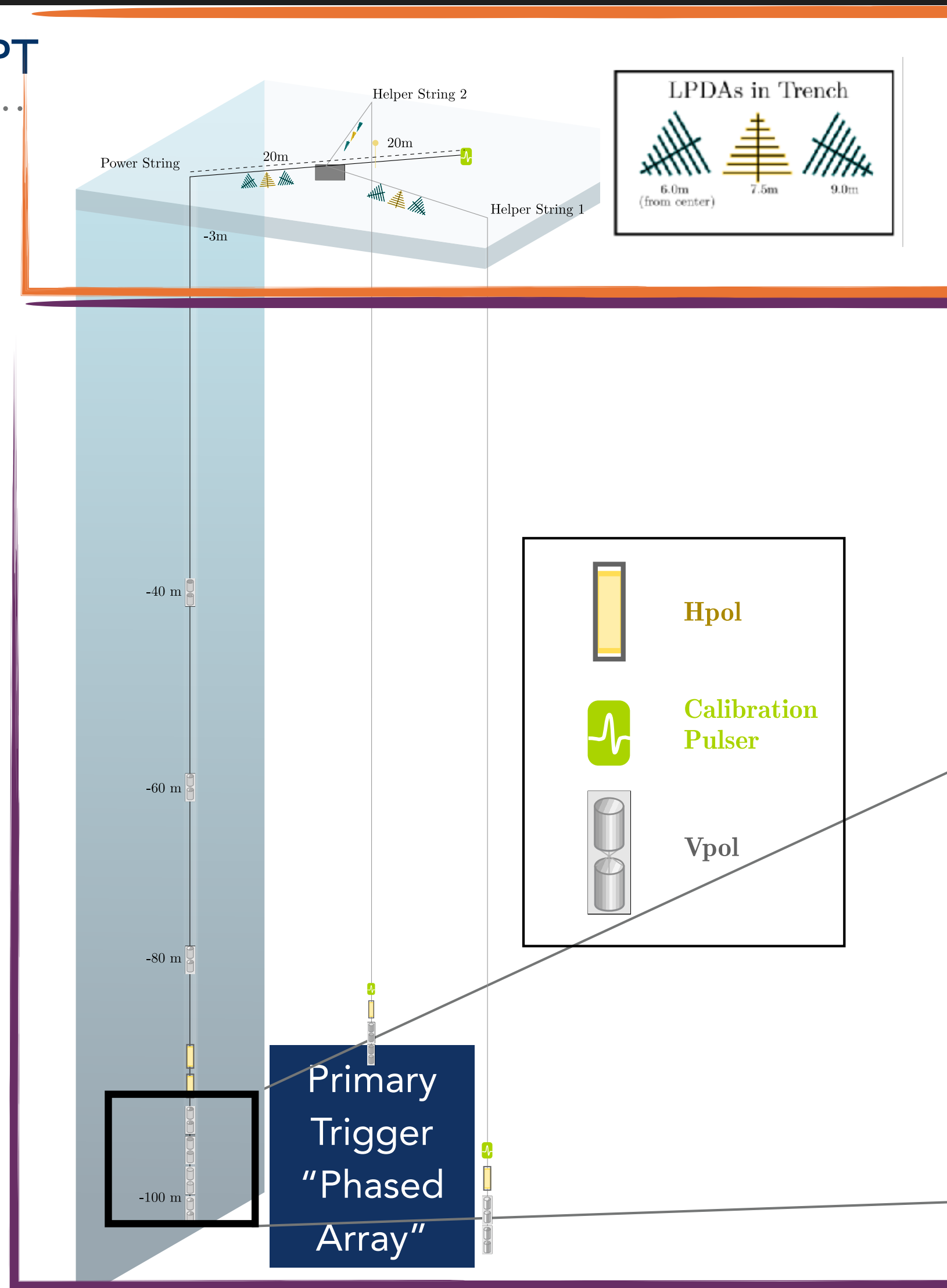
## RNO-G STATION CONCEPT

- 24 channels  
(15 deep / 9 shallow)
- 2 deep / 1 surface calibration pulsers
- Solar power / LTE & LoraWan comms

**Deep component:**  
Effective Volume

Low Threshold trigger with compact phased array  
→ expect  $\text{SNR} \sim 2 \times \text{thermal noise}$

Outtrigger antennas enable reconstruction

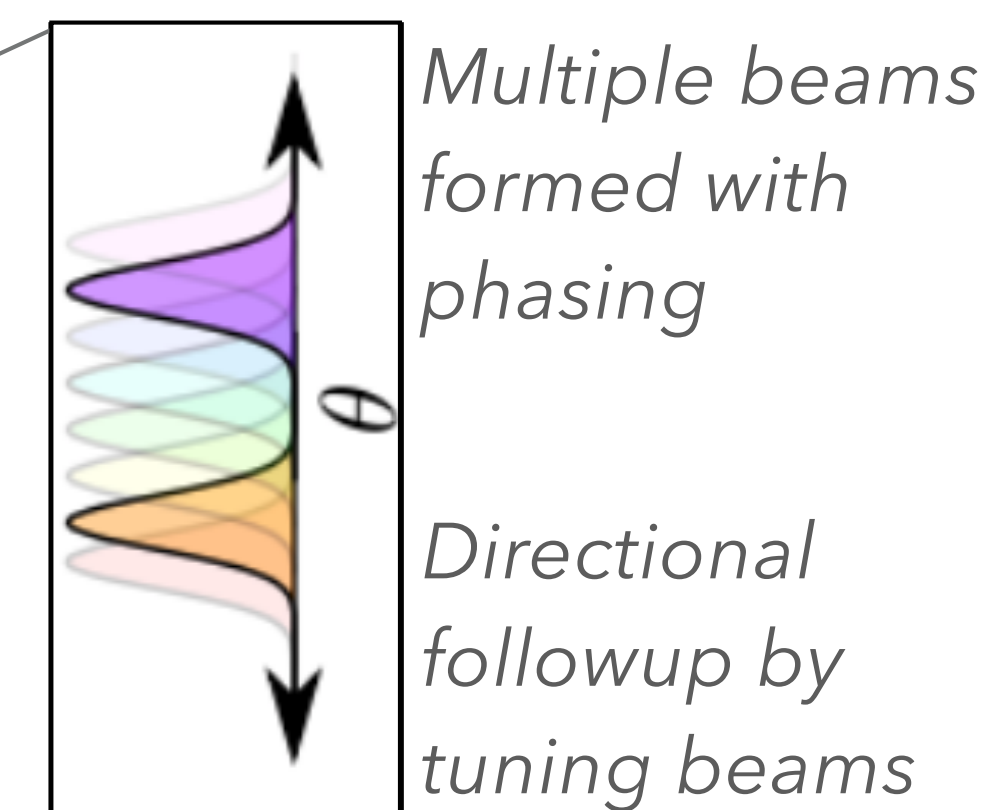


**Shallow component:**  
Cosmic rays

Veto

Additional channels for reconstruction

Independent trigger



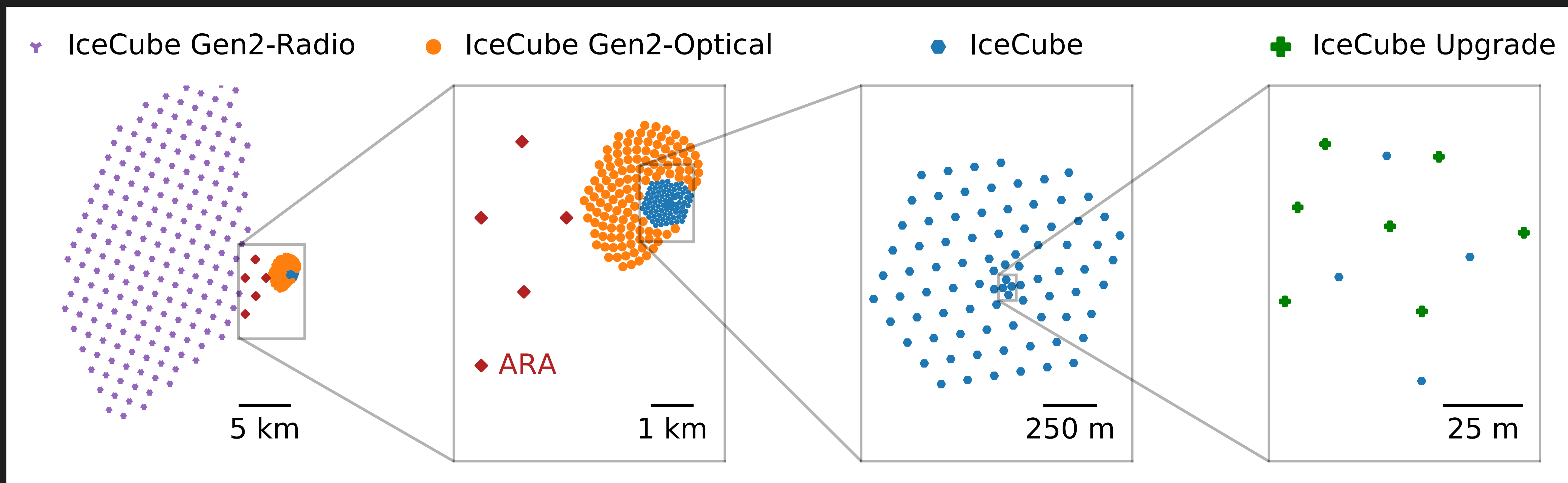




# GEN2 RADIO

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Gen2 radio **goal**: improve the sensitivity by 100x in the EeV range  
...by expanding footprint by hundreds of km<sup>2</sup>  
...by using radio (1 km attenuation length)







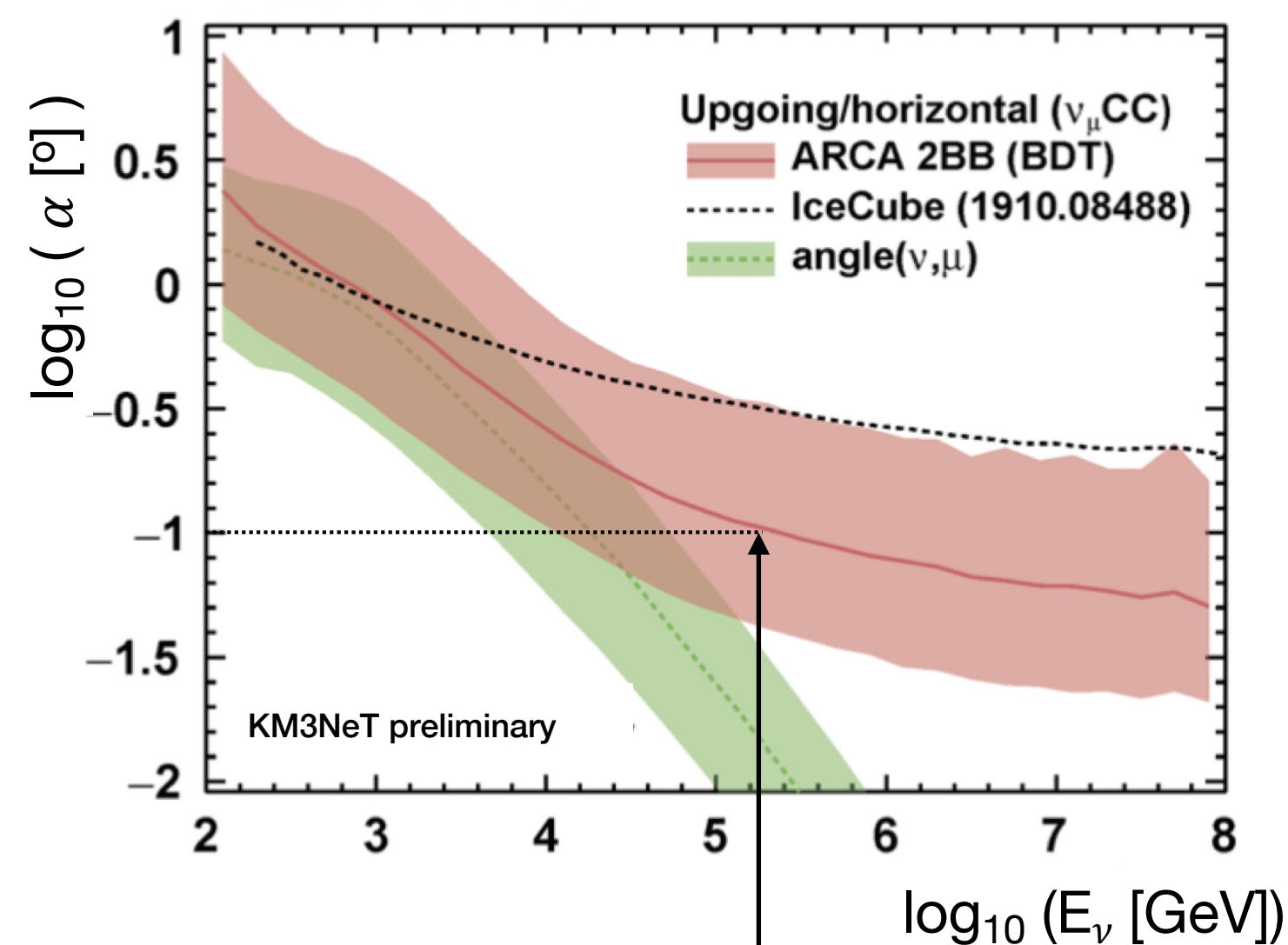
# ARCA - THE HIGH-ENERGY PART OF KM3NET

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*(I am omitting the amazing science ORCA is doing here...)*

"tracks"

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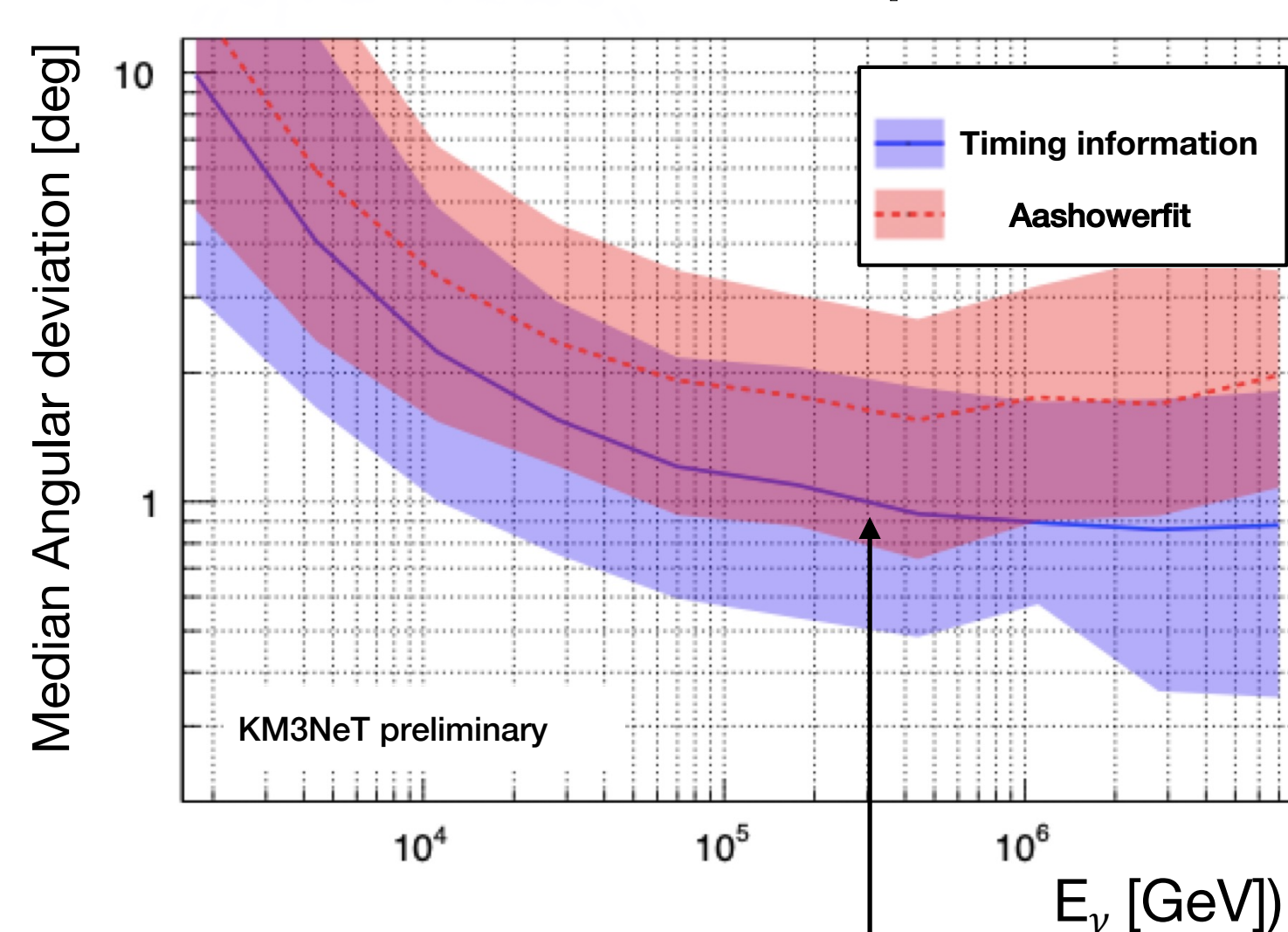


Better than  $0.1^\circ$  at 100 TeV

Energy Resolution  $\sim 0.27$  in  $\log_{10}(E_{\text{reco}}/E_\mu)$   
(10 TeV  $< E_\mu < 10$  PeV)

"showers"

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Better than  $1^\circ$  at 30 TeV

Energy Resolution  $< 5\%$

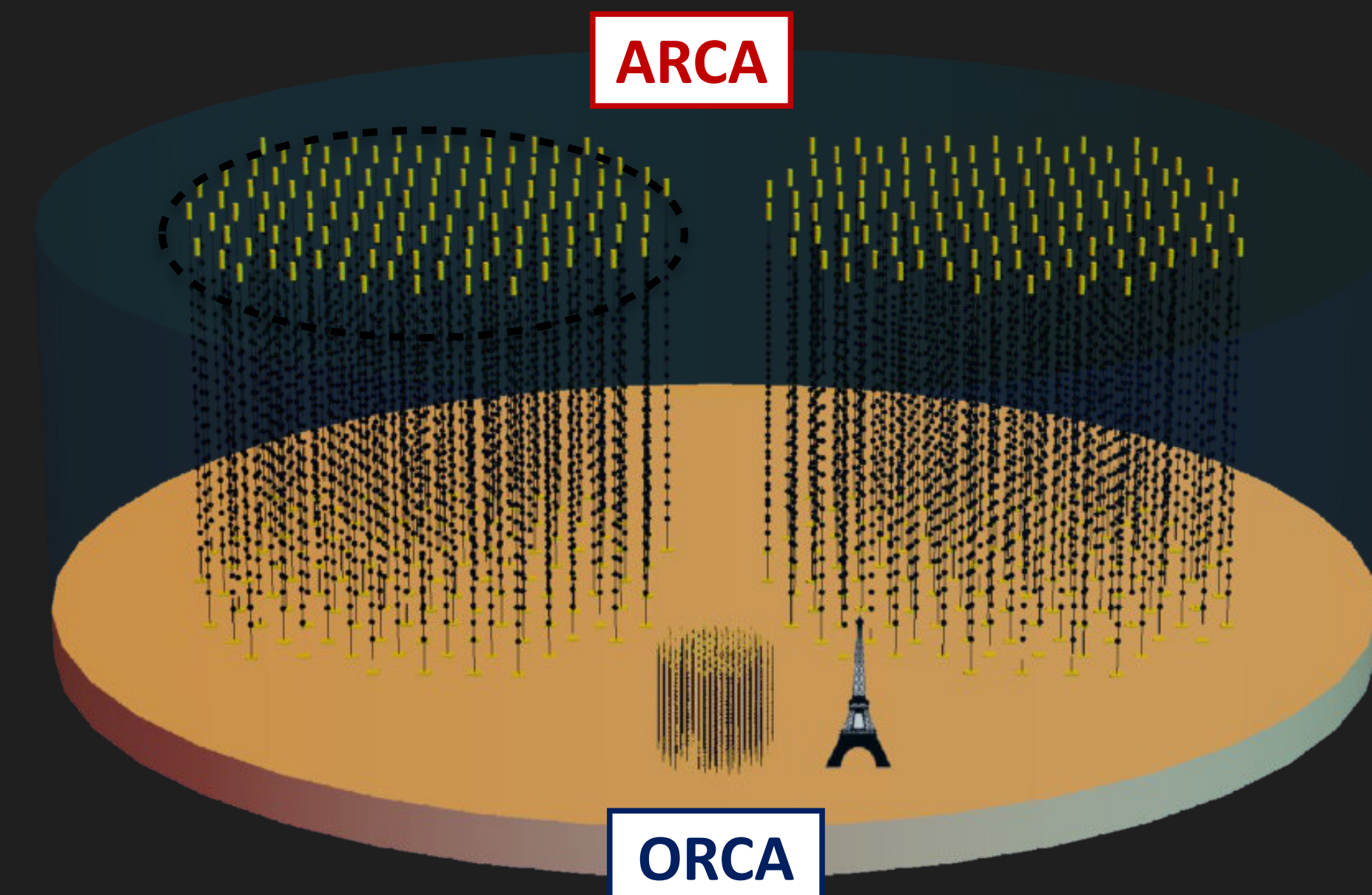
Showers ( $\nu_x$  NC +  $\nu_e$  CC): **contained** events  
Deposited energy strongly correlated with primary  $E_\nu$   
Effective area smaller compared to "tracks"

Digital Optical Module

31×3" PMTs



ARCA



ORCA

1 Building Block (BB) = 115 Detection Units (DU)

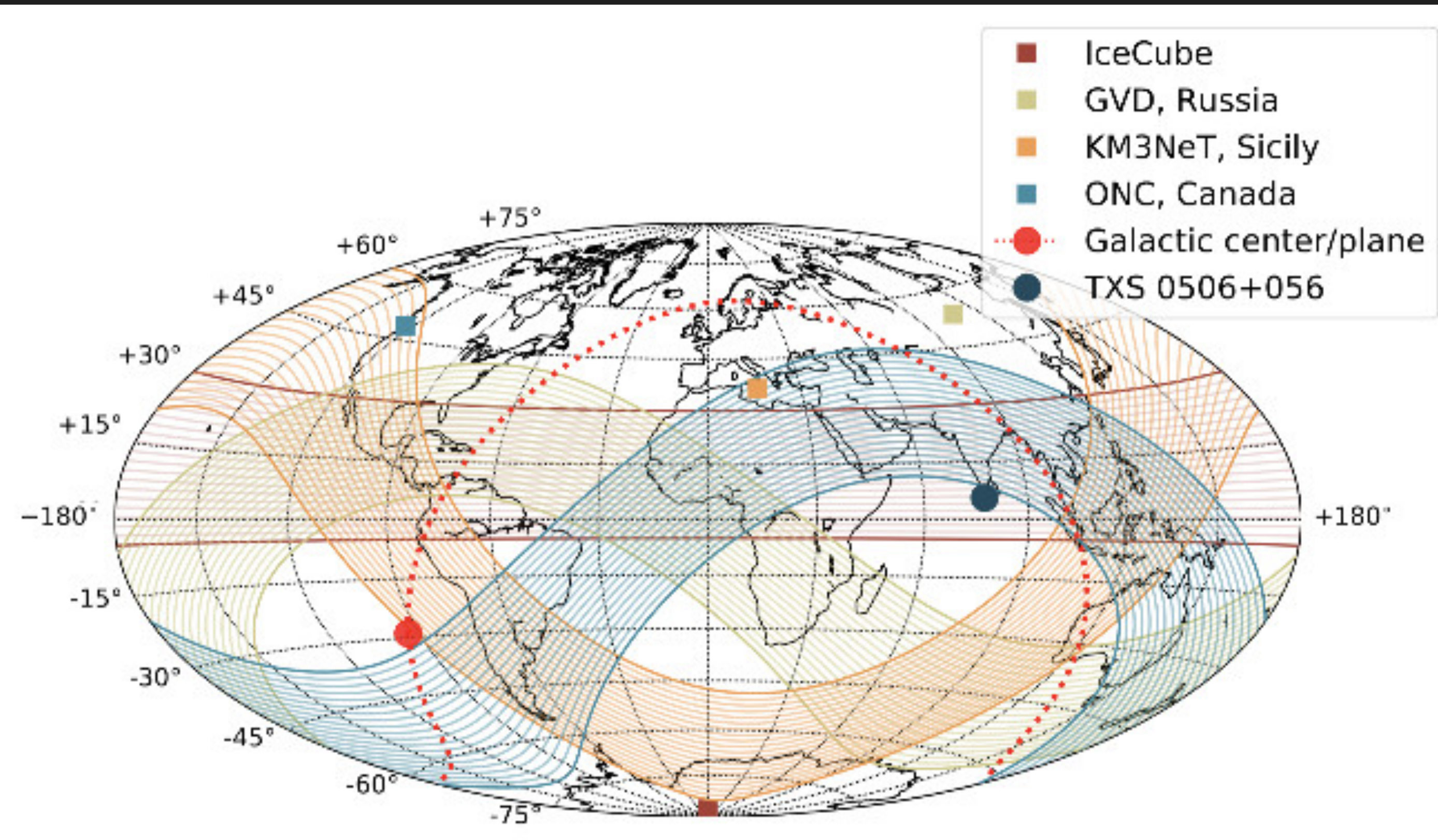
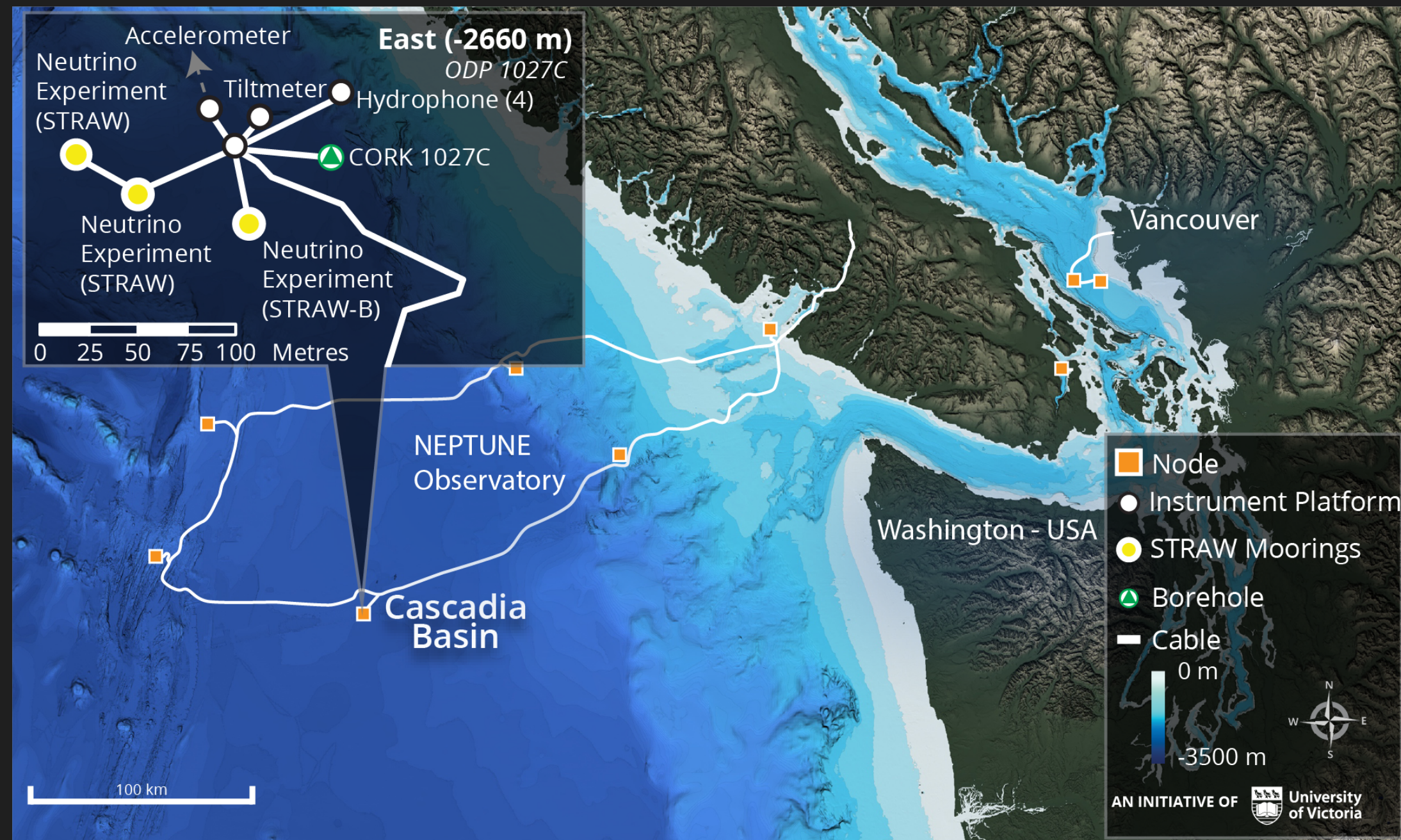




# P-ONE

*Pacific Ocean Neutrino Experiment (P-ONE)*

With P-ONE we will have the ability to monitor the complete neutrino sky for transients!







# THE BEGINNING

*I could only cover a very small subset of topics...*

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Large diffuse neutrino background detected extending up to 10 PeV

Two sources (maybe more...)!

**Emission mechanism seems to be complicated, sources not as expected**

**However, more sources likely just below threshold**

New detectors and upgrades are coming online

We have ambitious plans for the future!



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