

Neutrino Astronomy: Physics, Status & Outlook

Part II

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Extragalactic Populations

Populations of extragalactic neutrino sources visible as

individual sources

and by

combined isotropic emission.

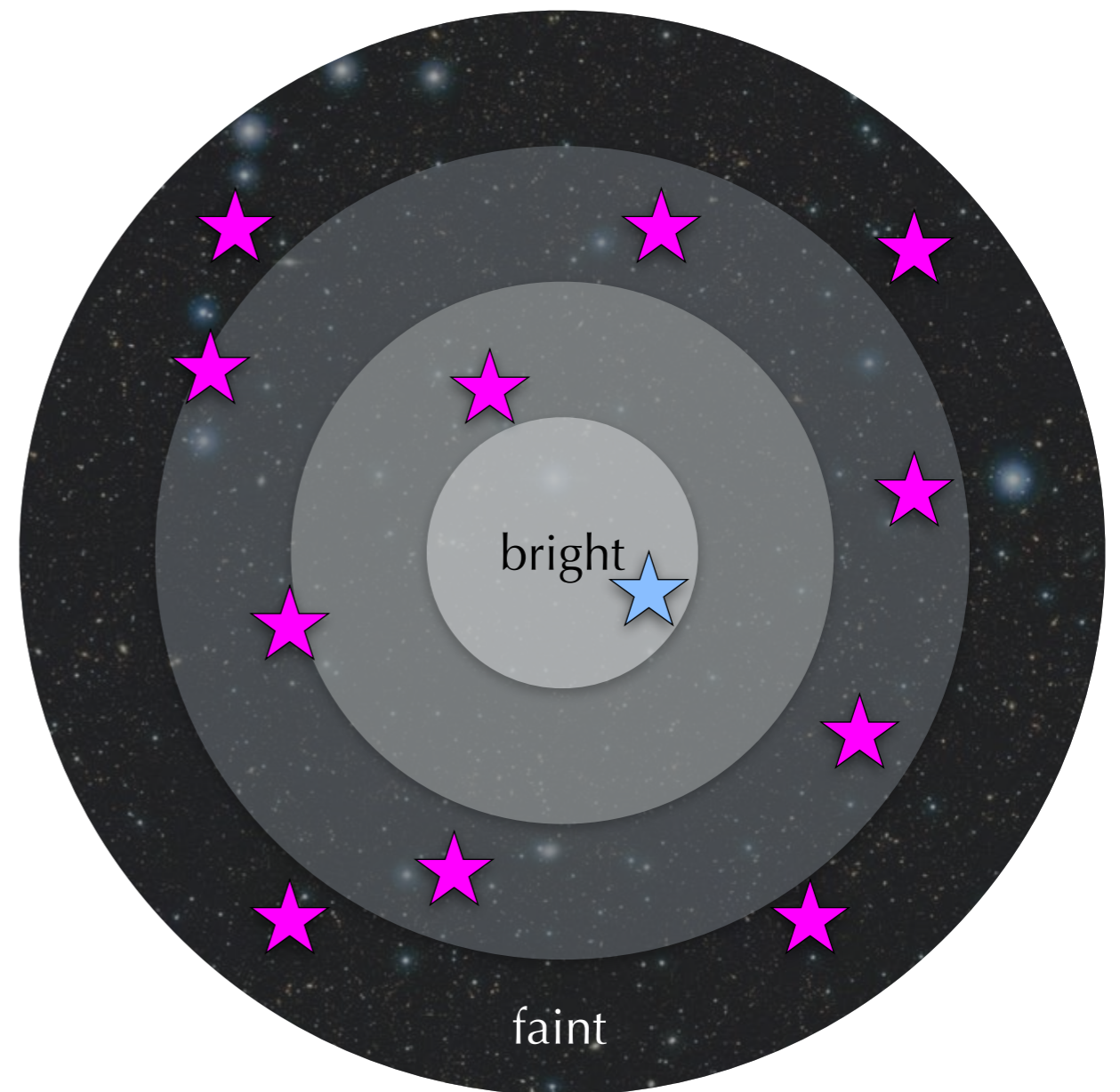
The relative contribution can be parametrized (*to first order*) by the average

local source density ρ_{eff}

and

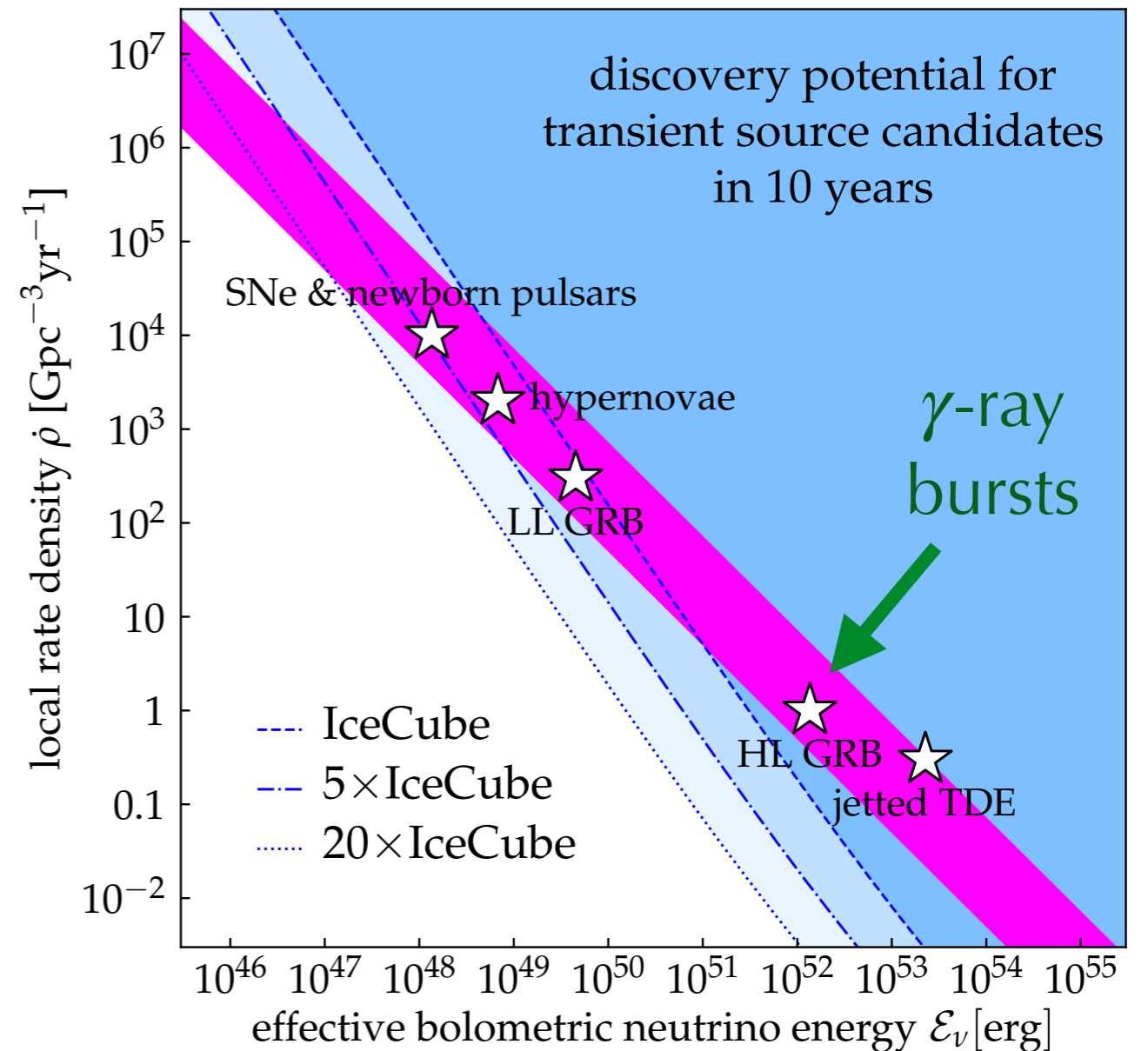
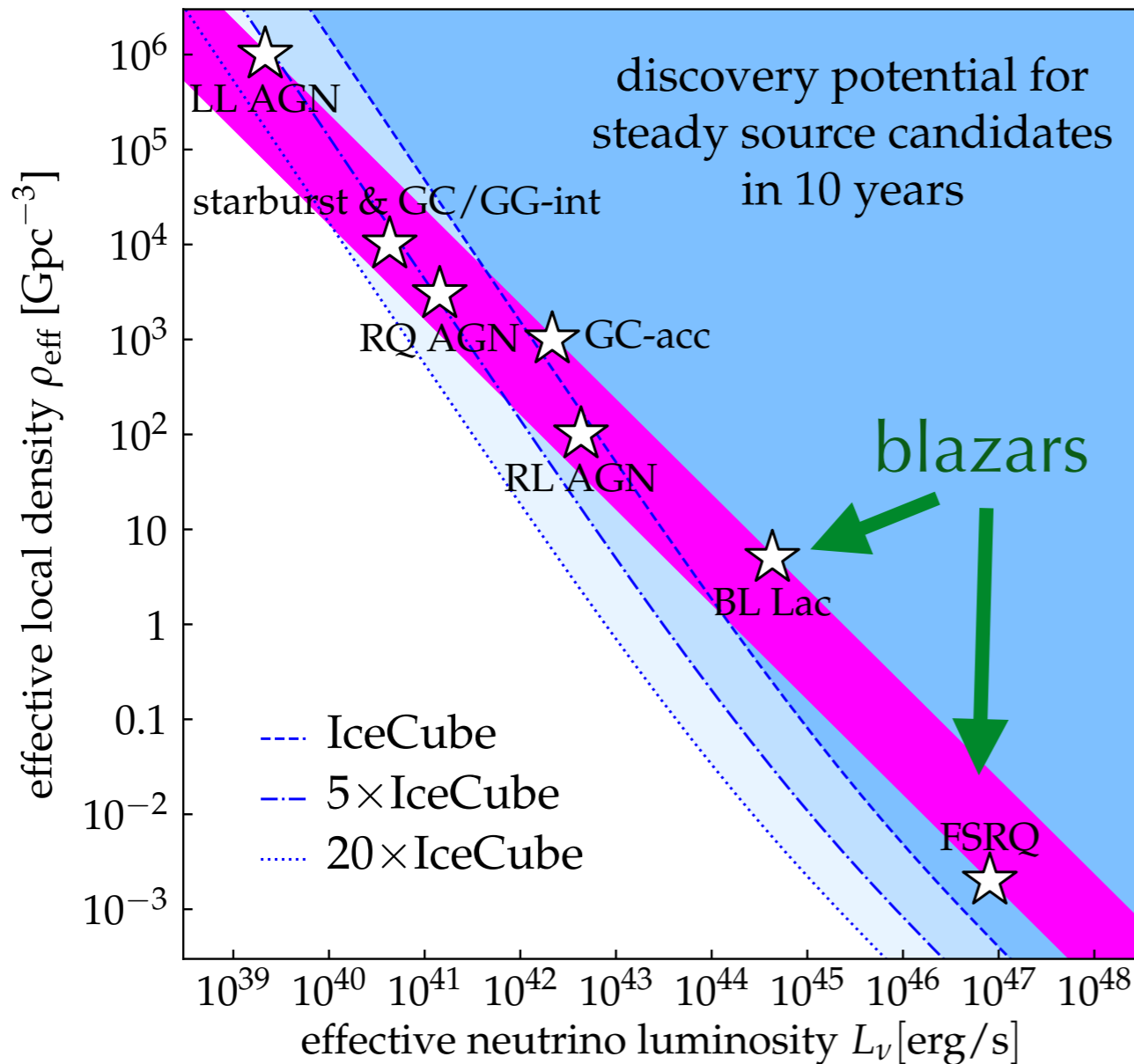
source luminosity L_ν

“Observable Universe”
with far (faint) and near (bright) sources.



Hubble-Lemaître horizon

Point Source vs. Diffuse Flux

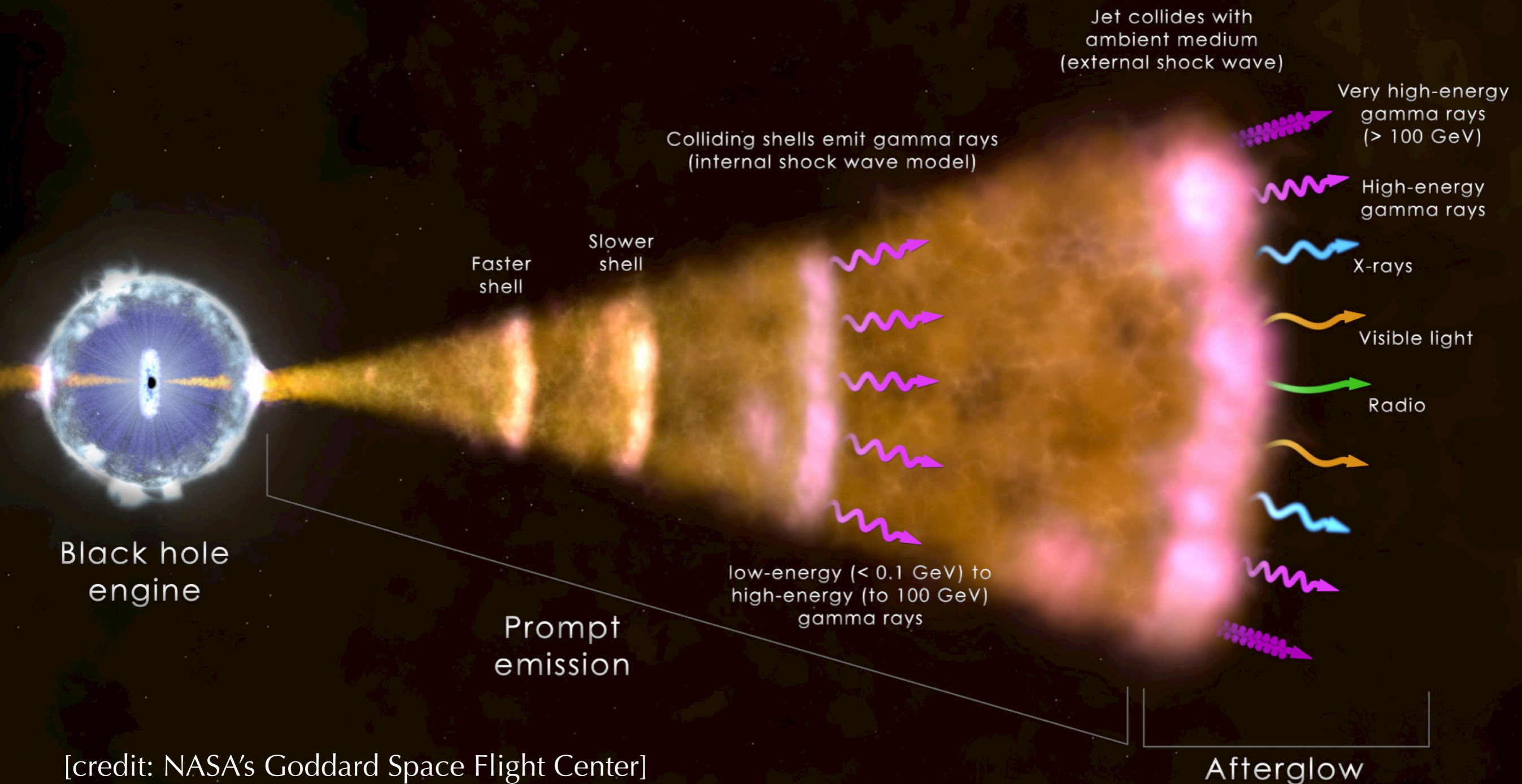


[Murase & Waxman'16; Ackermann *et al.*'19]

Rare sources - blazars, high-luminosity GRBs or jetted TDEs - can not be the dominant sources of TeV-PeV neutrino emission (magenta band).

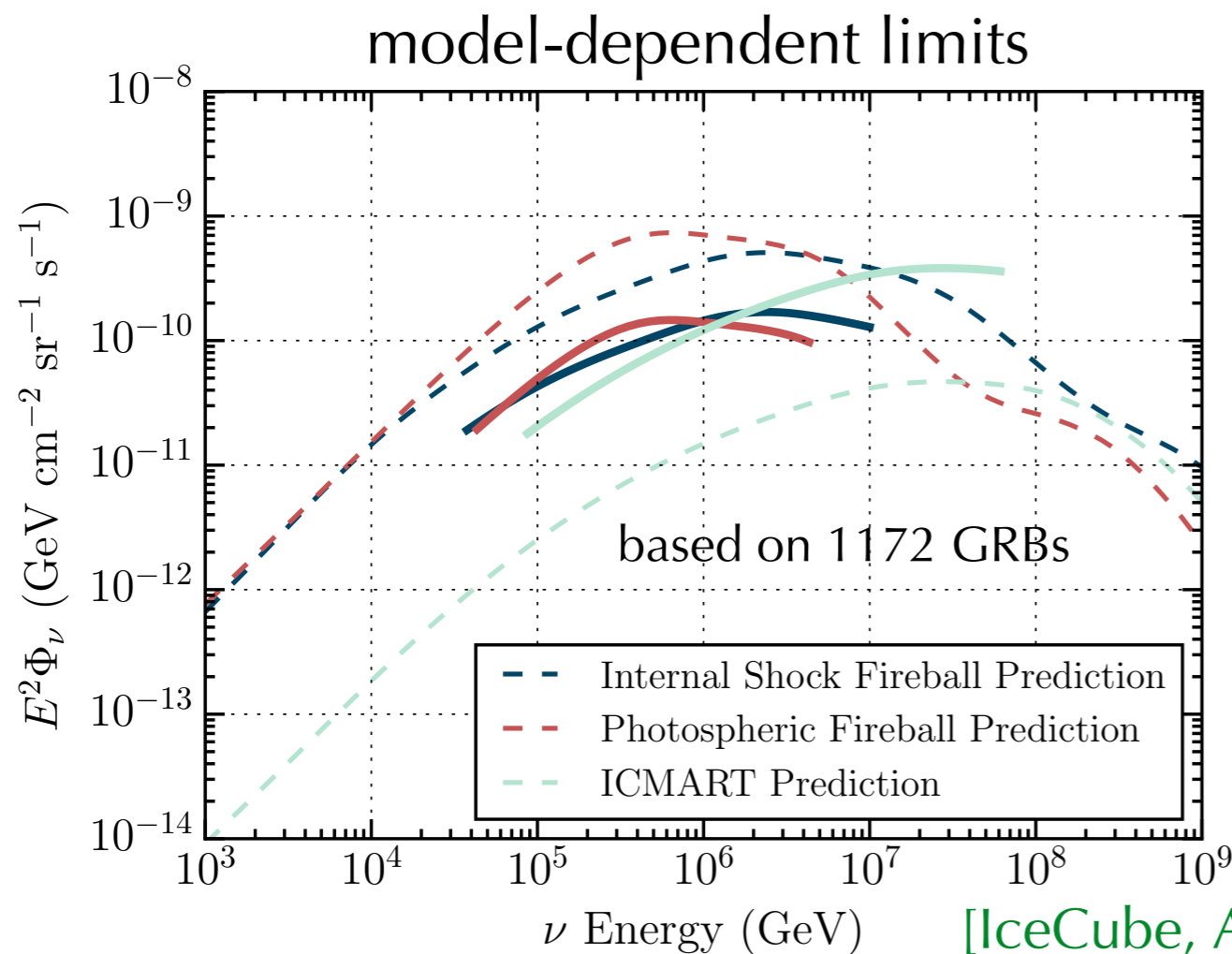
Gamma-Ray Bursts

High-energy neutrino emission is predicted by cosmic ray interactions with radiation at various stages of the GRB evolution.

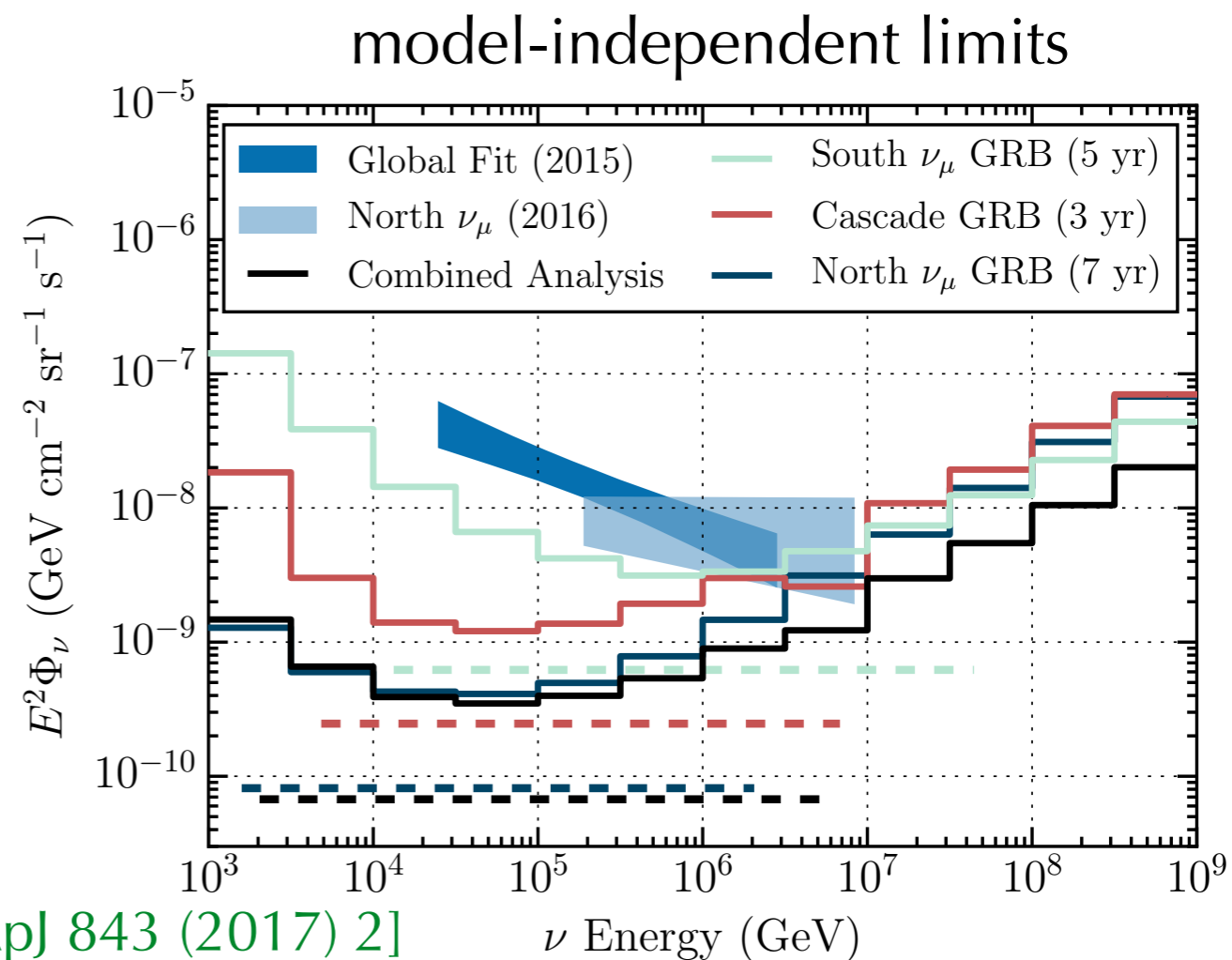


GRB Neutrino Limits

- IceCube routinely follows up on γ -ray bursts. [IceCube, ApJ 843 (2017) 2]
- Search is most sensitive to "prompt" (<100s) neutrino emission. [Waxman & Bahcall '97]
- Contribution to diffuse flux **below 1%** for "prompt" phase and **below 27%** for neutrino emission within 3h. [IceCube, ApJ 939 (2022) 2]

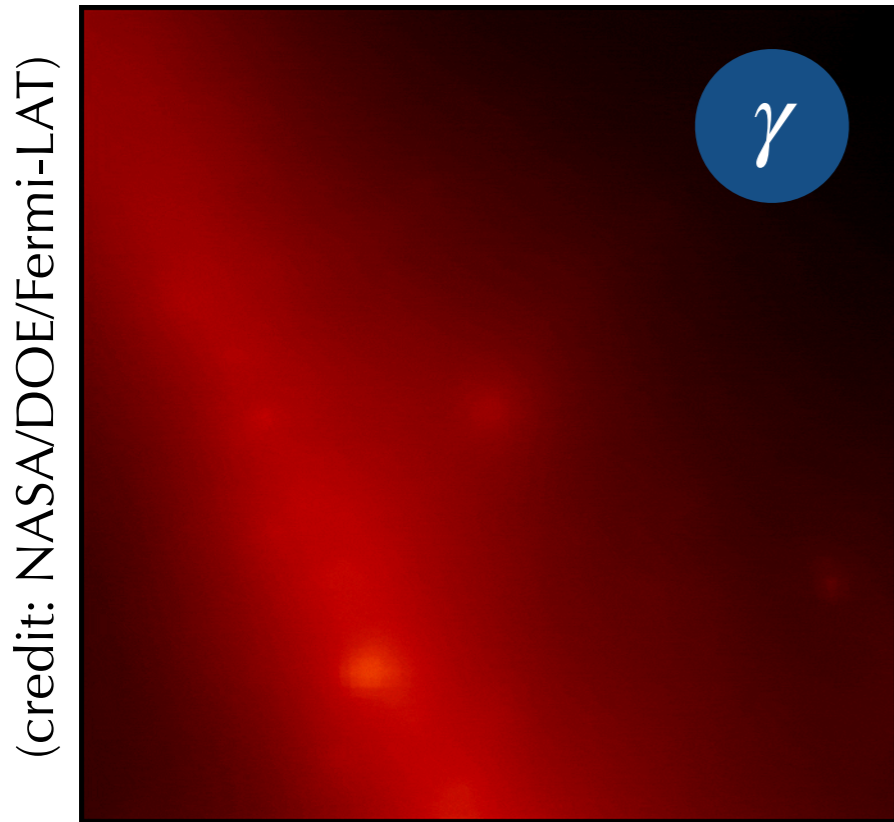


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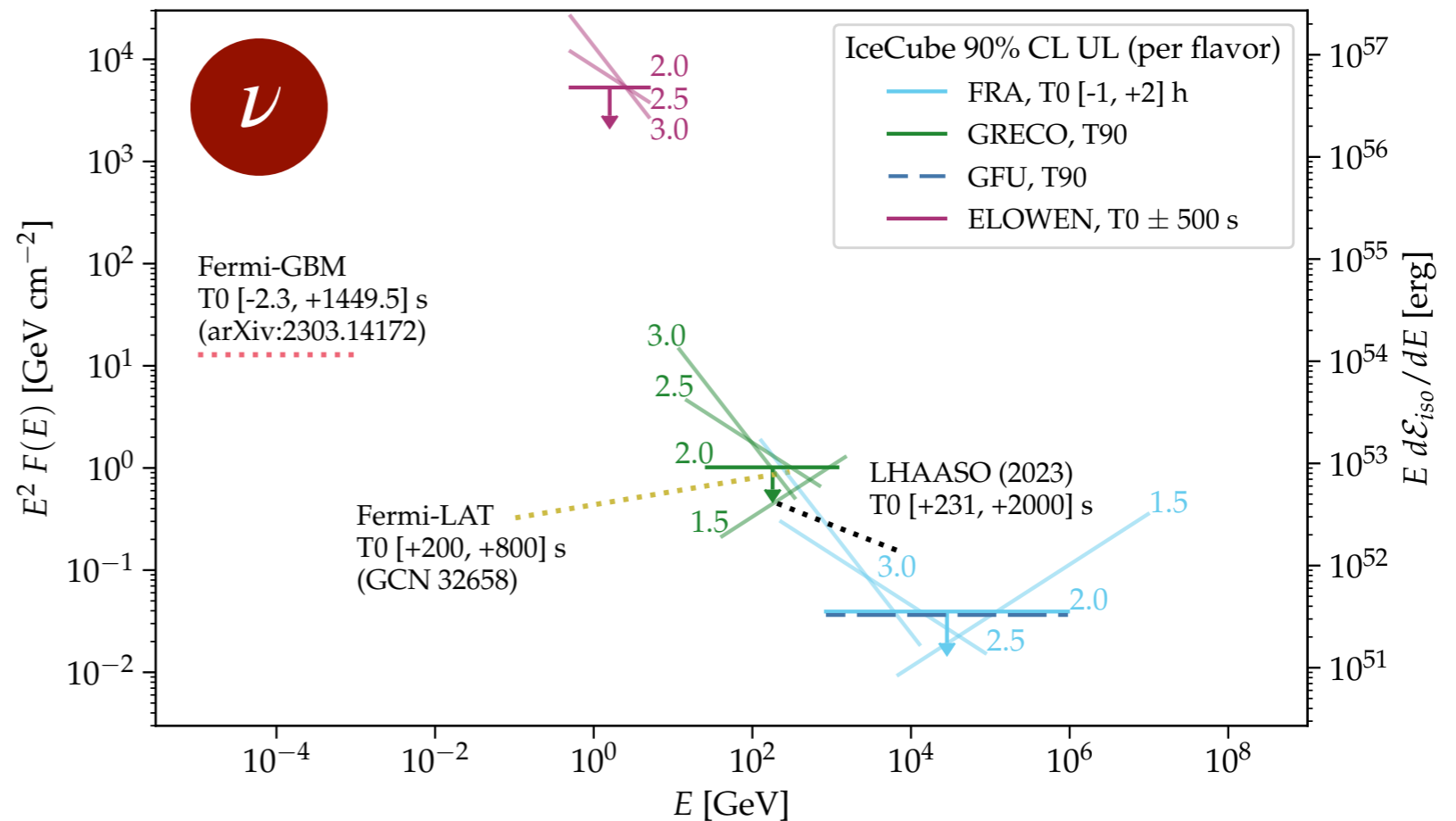


GRB 221009A - The "BOAT"

GRB seen by Fermi-LAT over 10h



Neutrino Upper Limits from IceCube



[γ -ray observations by Fermi **ApJL** 952 (2023) & LHAASO **Science** 9 (2023)]

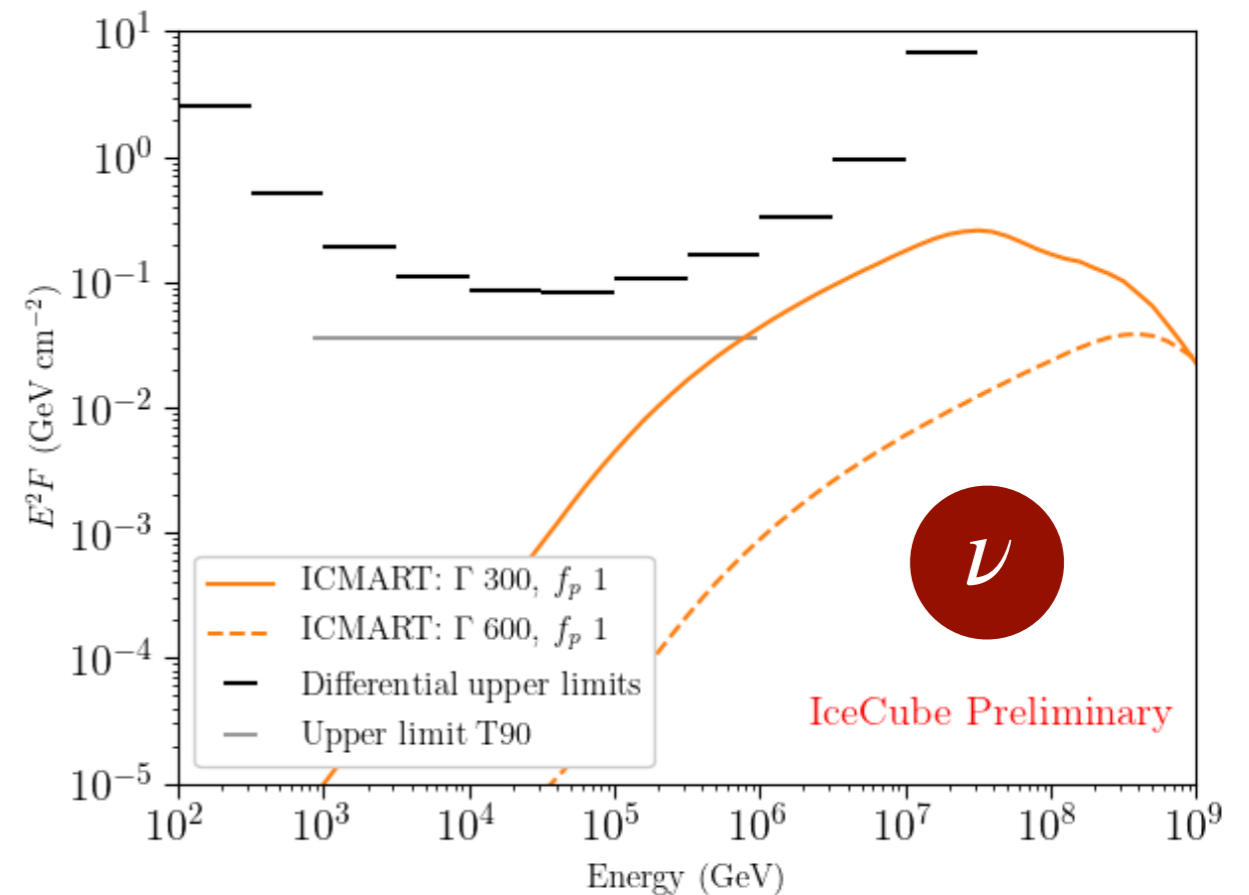
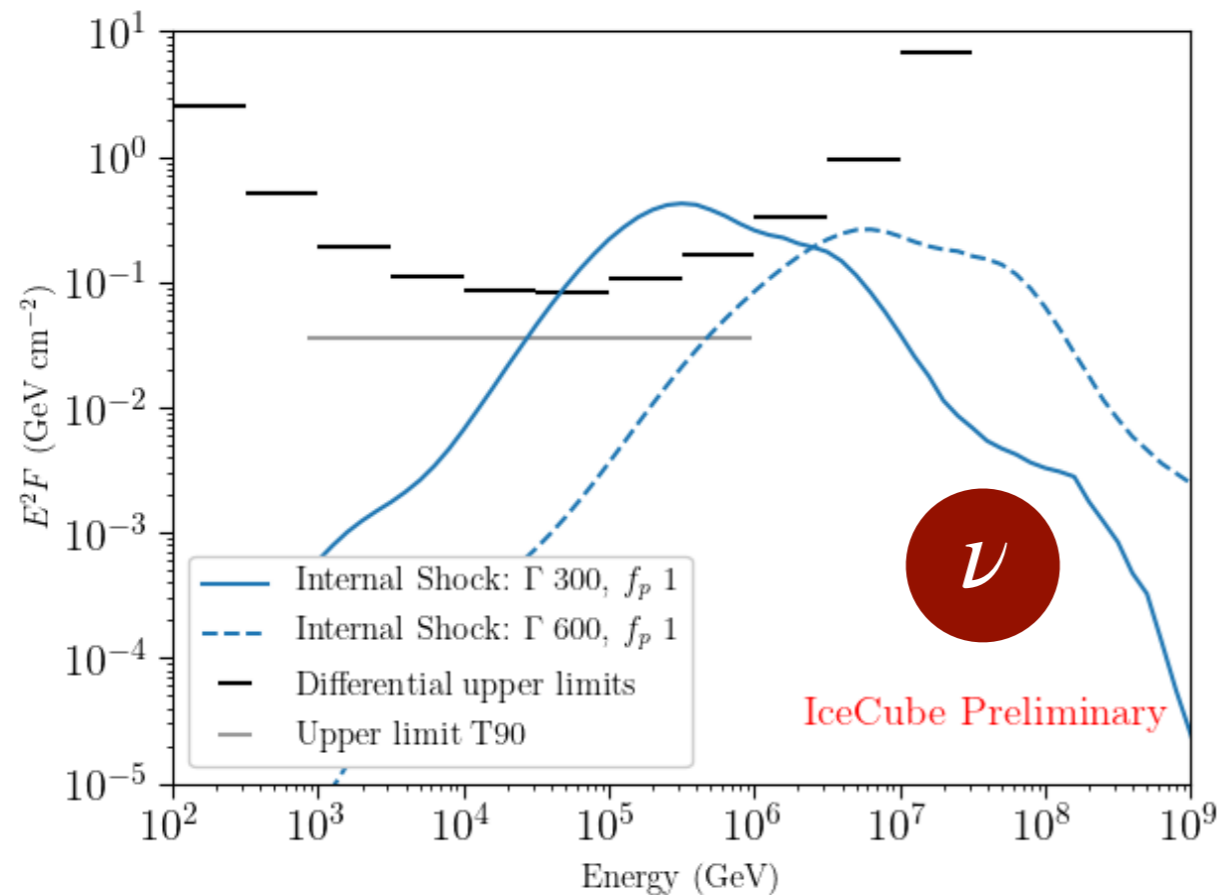
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[IceCube **ApJL** 946 (2023)]
[IceCube PoS-ICRC2023-1511]

GRB 221009A - The "BOAT"

Predicted neutrino spectra for internal shock model (left) and ICMART (right)



[Bahcall & Waxman'99; Zhang & Yan'11; Hummer, Baerwald & Winter'11; MA, Gonzalez-Garcia & Halzen'11]

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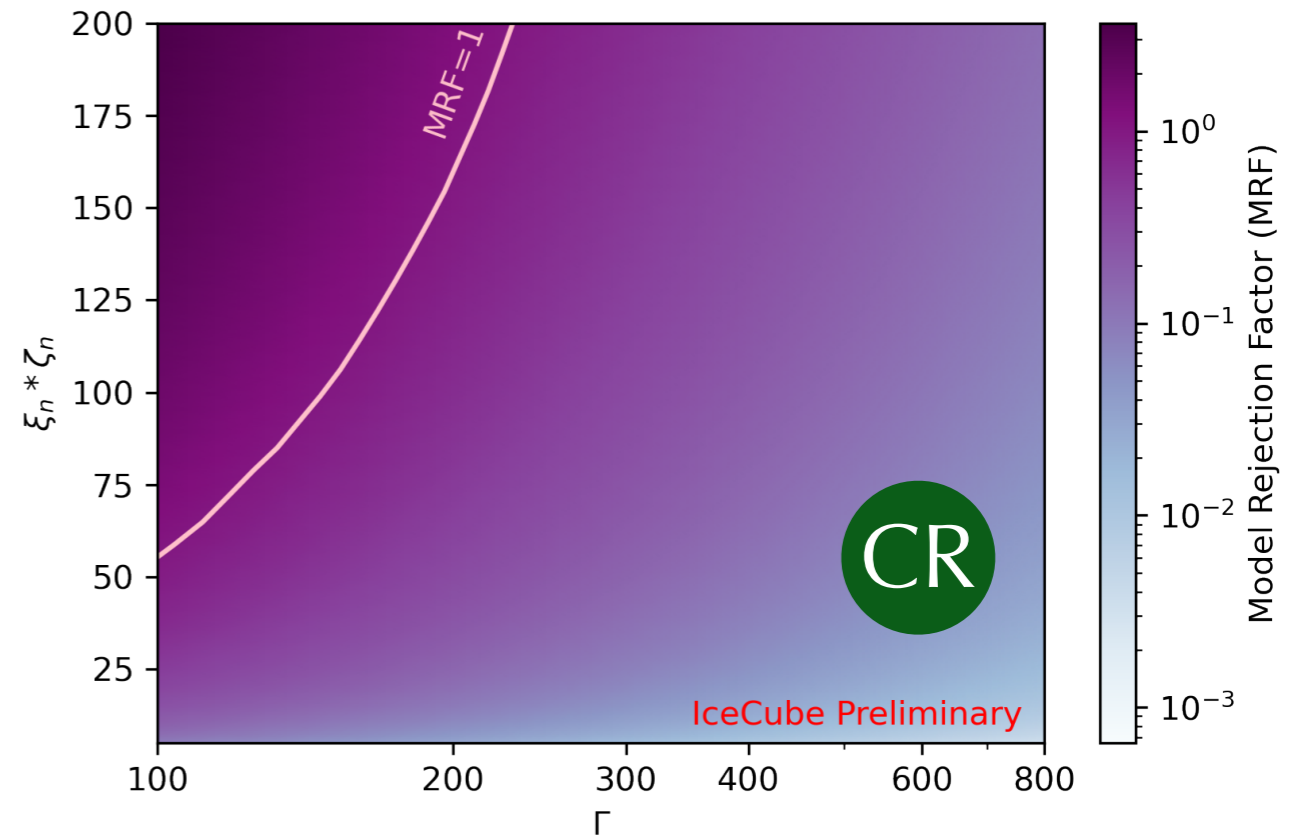
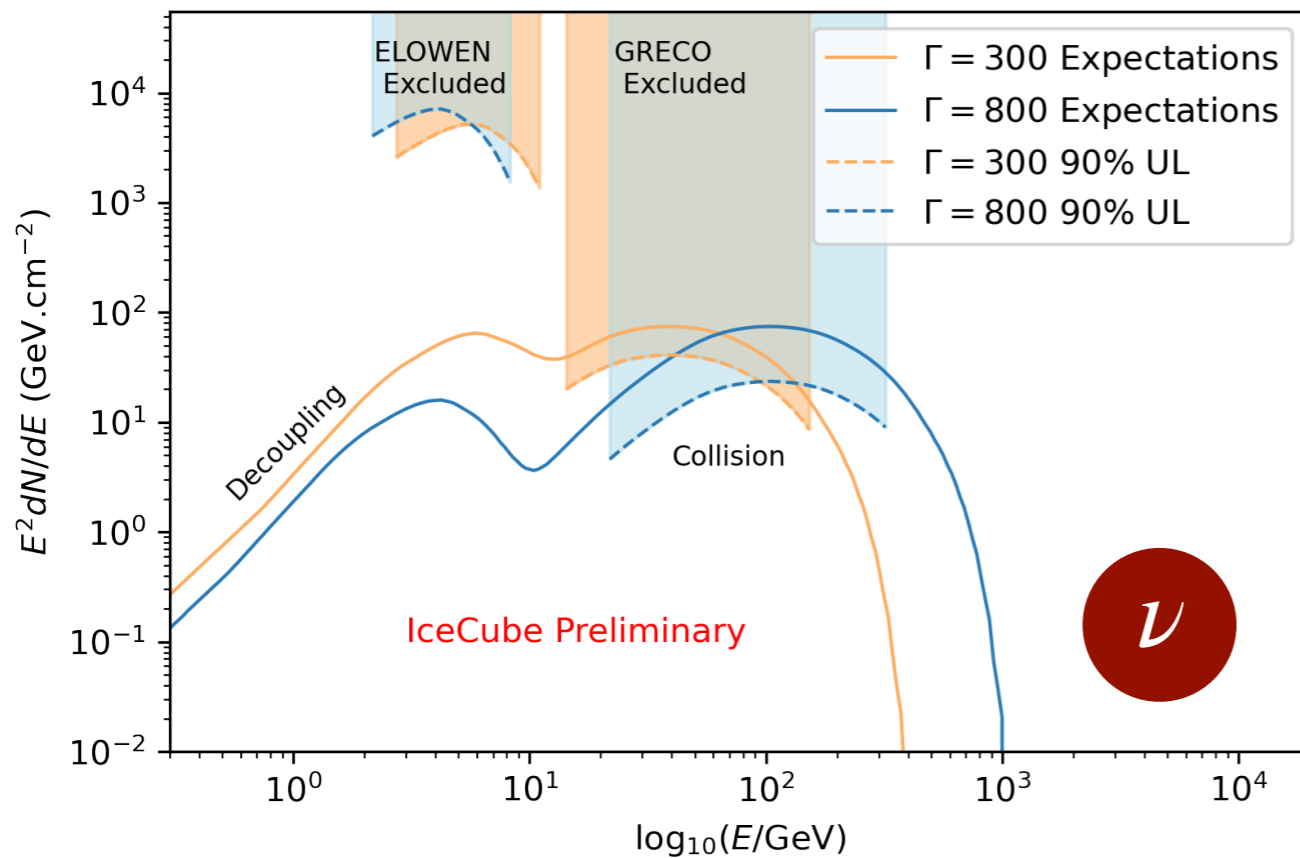
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[IceCube PoS-ICRC2023-1511; Murase, Mukhopadhyay, Kheirandish, Kimura & Fang, ApJL 941 (2022) 1]

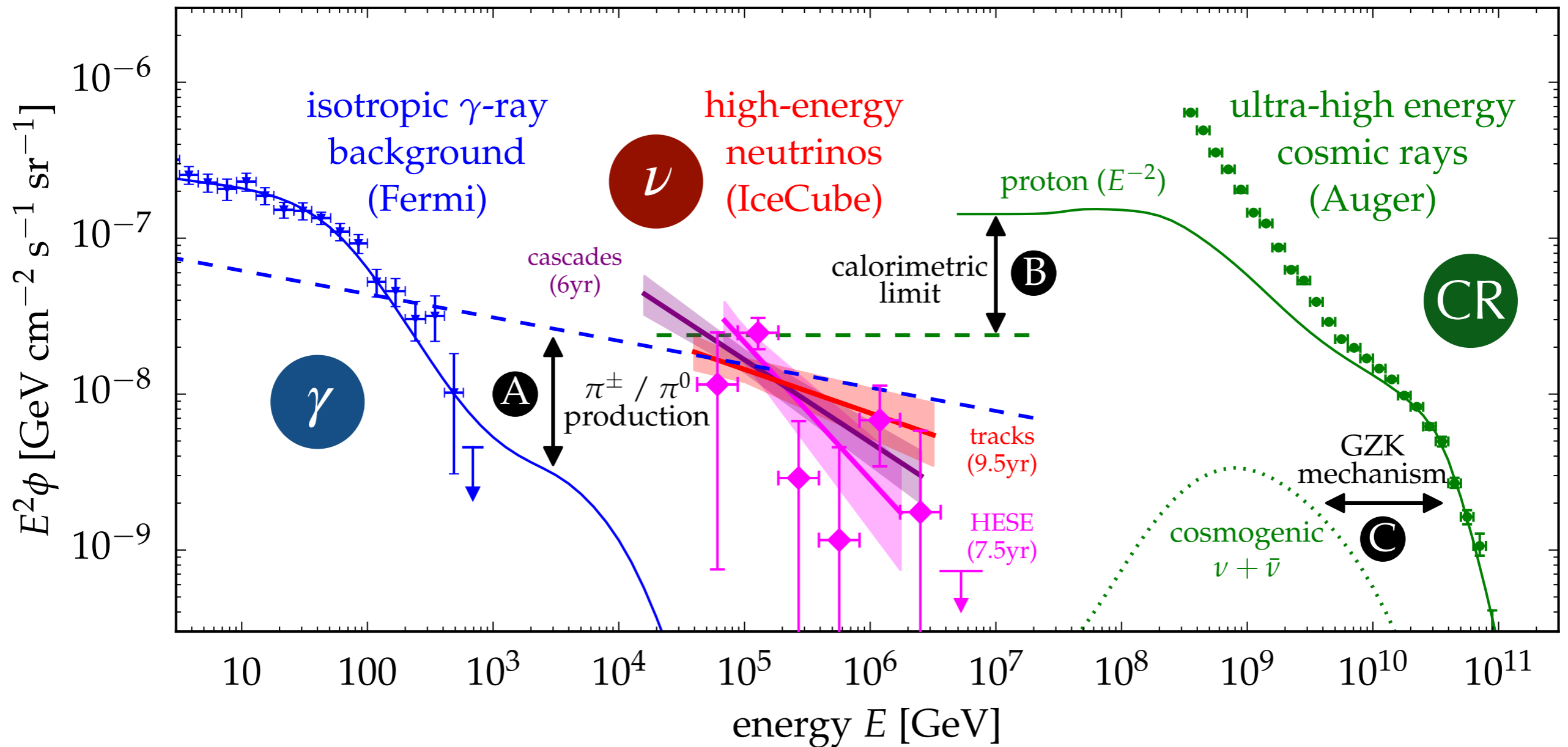
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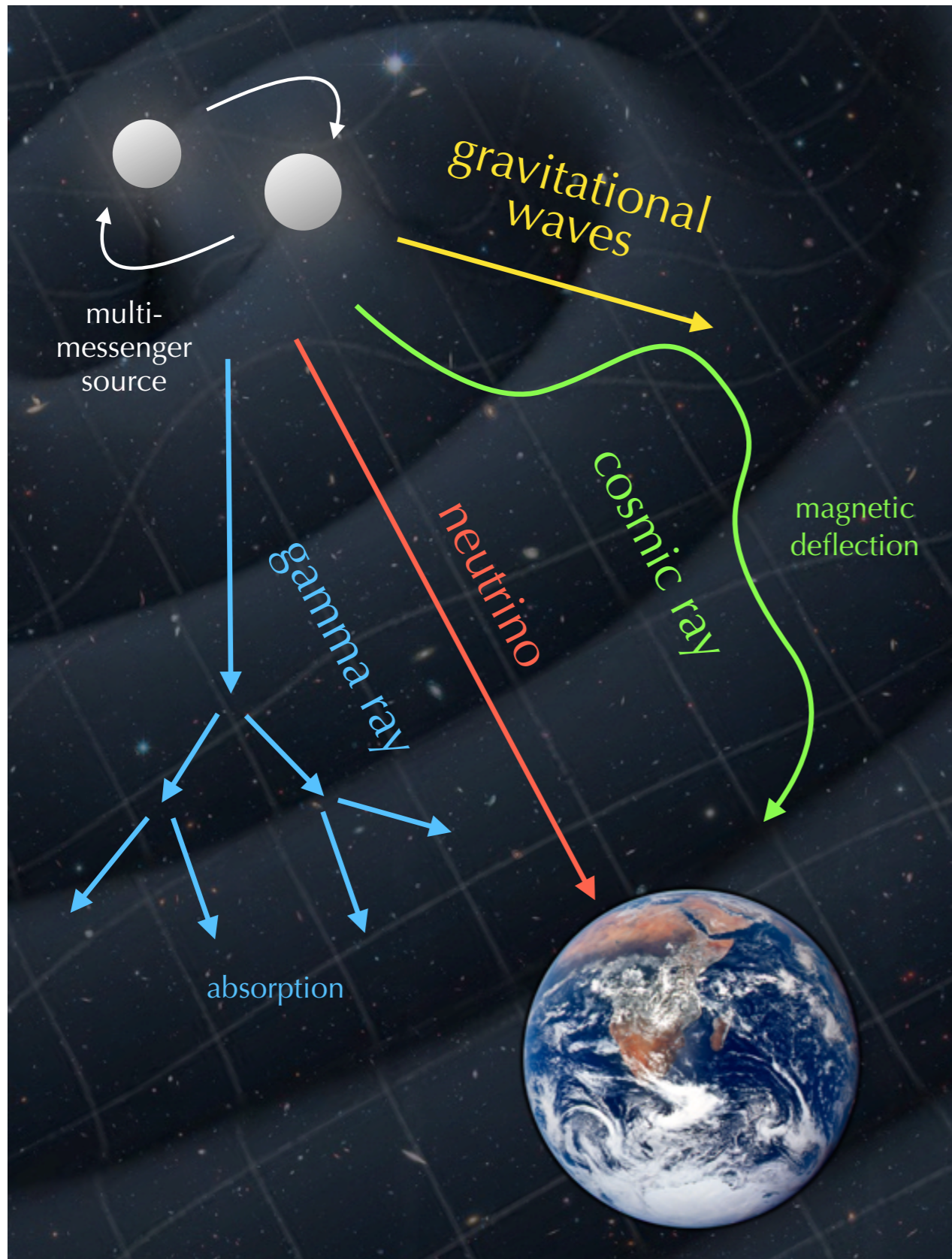
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Multi-Messenger Interfaces



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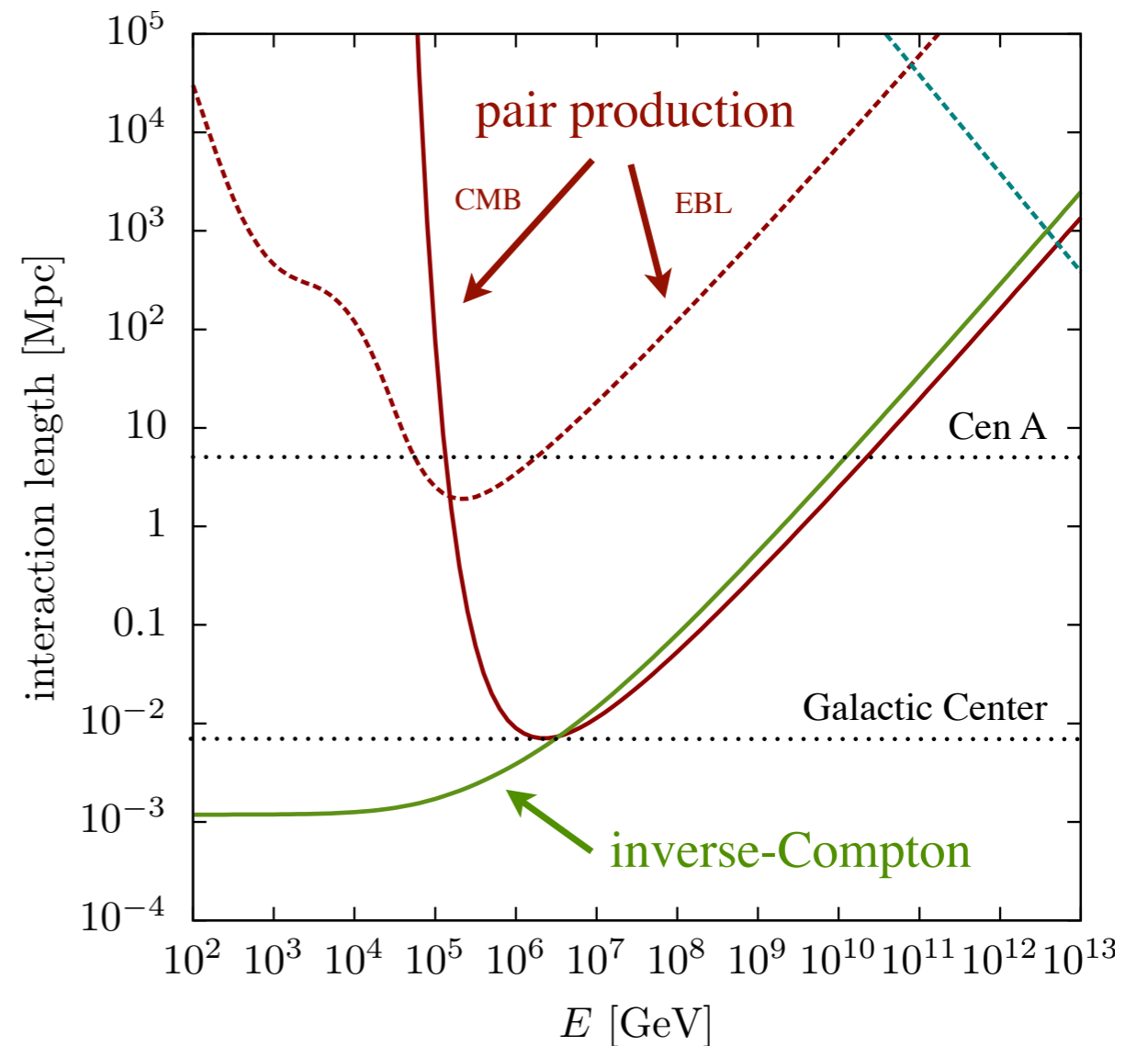
Hadronic Gamma-Rays



EM cascades from interactions in cosmic radiation backgrounds:

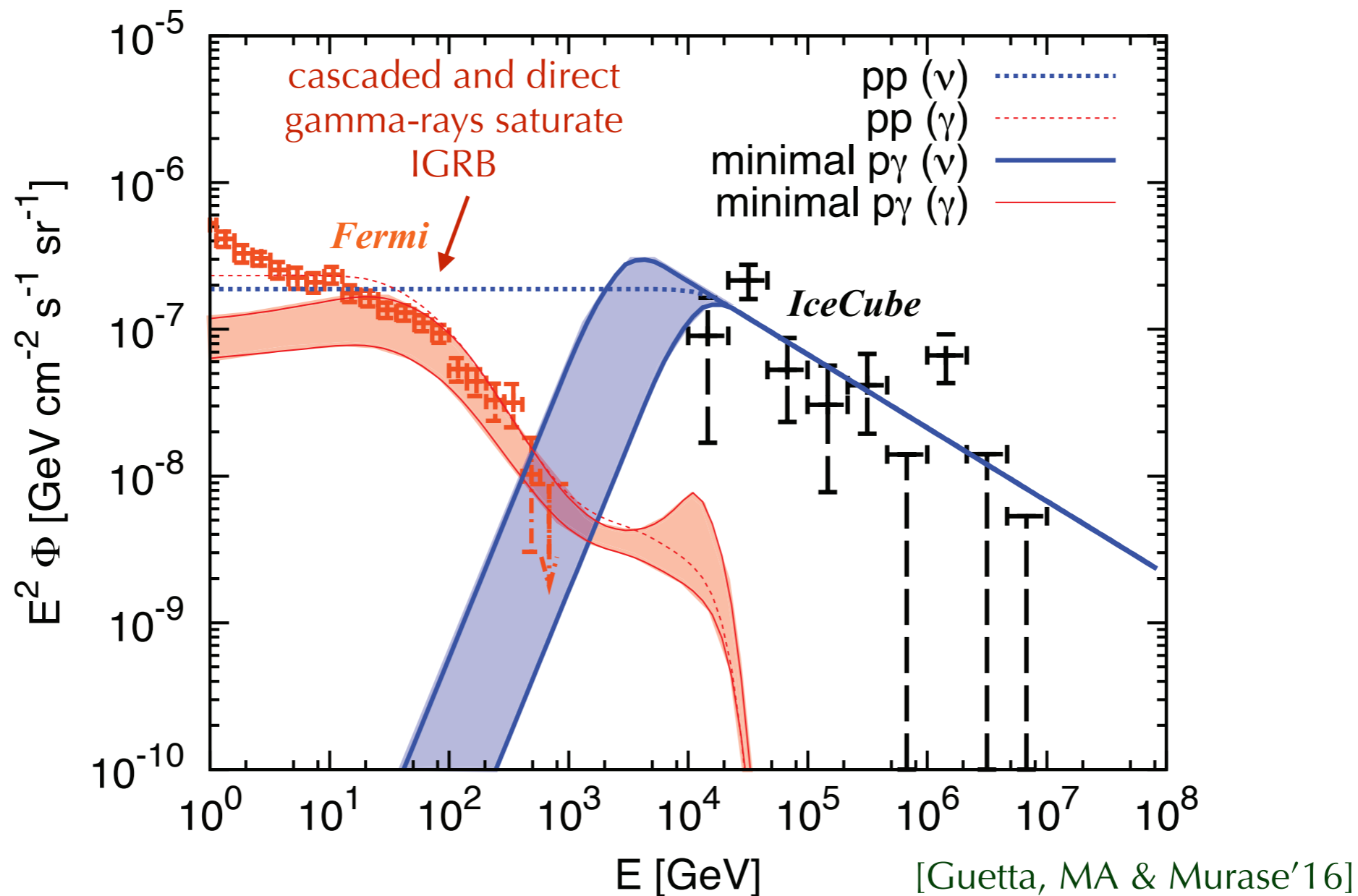
$$\gamma + \gamma_{\text{bg}} \rightarrow e^+ + e^- \quad (\text{PP})$$

$$e^\pm + \gamma_{\text{bg}} \rightarrow e^\pm + \gamma \quad (\text{ICS})$$



Hadronic Gamma-Rays

Neutrino production via cosmic ray interactions with gas (pp) or radiation (p γ) saturate the isotropic diffuse gamma-ray background.

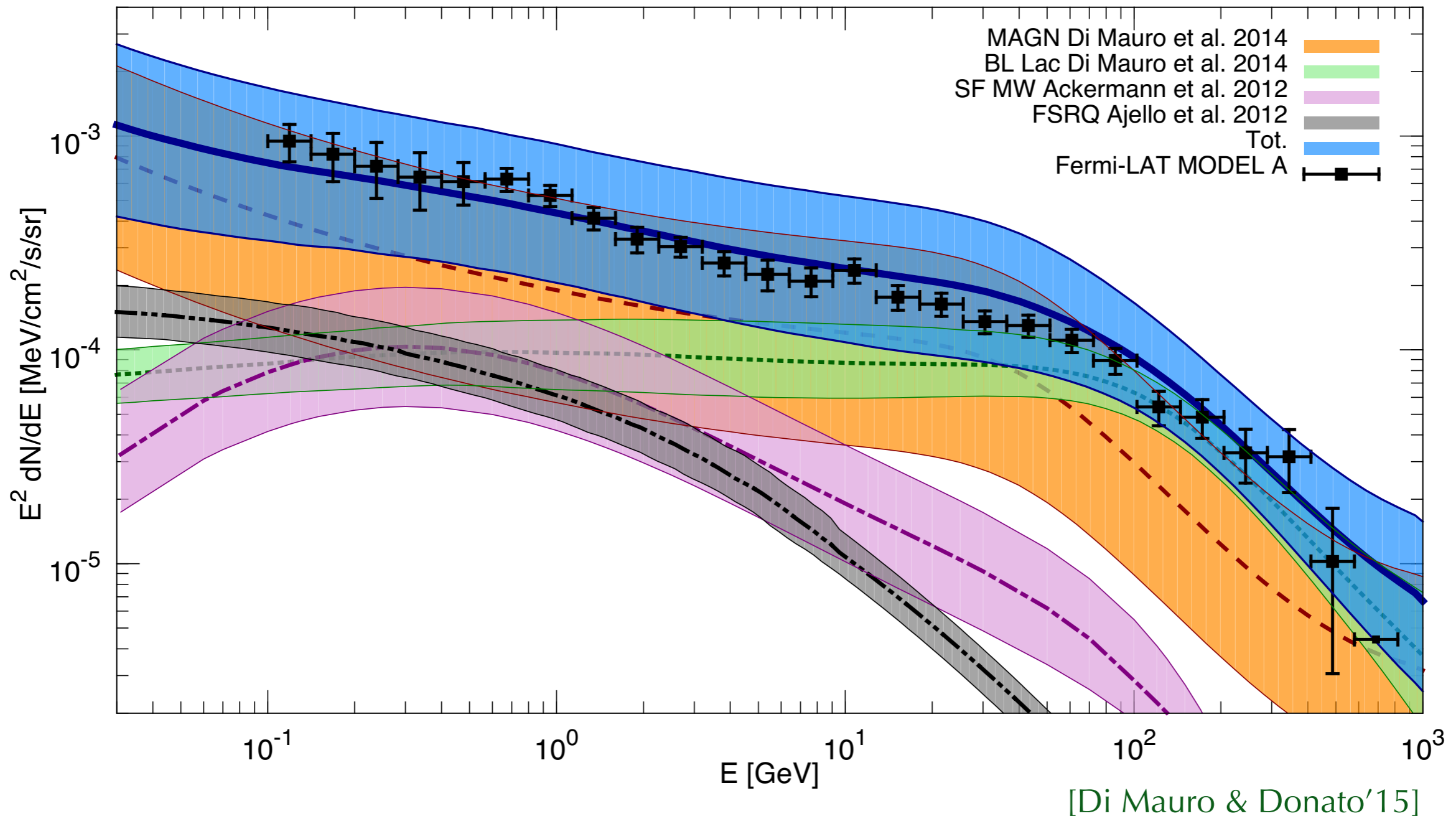


[see also Murase, MA & Lacki'13; Tamborra, Ando & Murase'14; Ando, Tamborra & Zandanel'15]
[Bechtol, MA, Ajello, Di Mauro & Vandenbrouke'15; Palladino, Fedynitch, Rasmussen & Taylor'19]

Isotropic Diffuse γ -ray Background

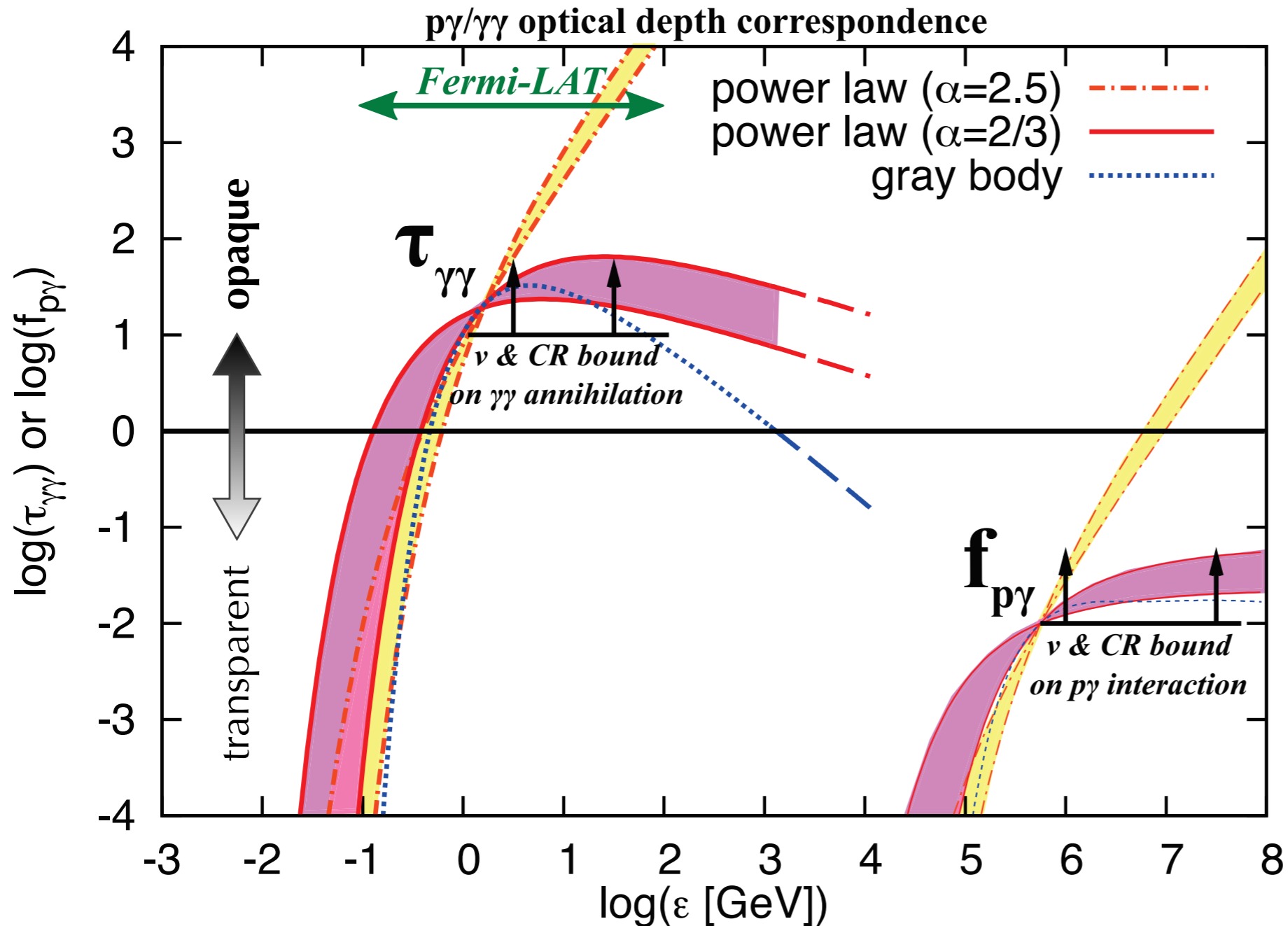
- There is little room in the **isotropic diffuse γ -ray background (IGRB)** for “extra” γ -ray contributions.

IGRB composition with MW SF model



Hidden Sources?

Efficient production of 10 TeV neutrinos in $p\gamma$ scenarios require sources with **strong X-ray backgrounds** (e.g. AGN core models).



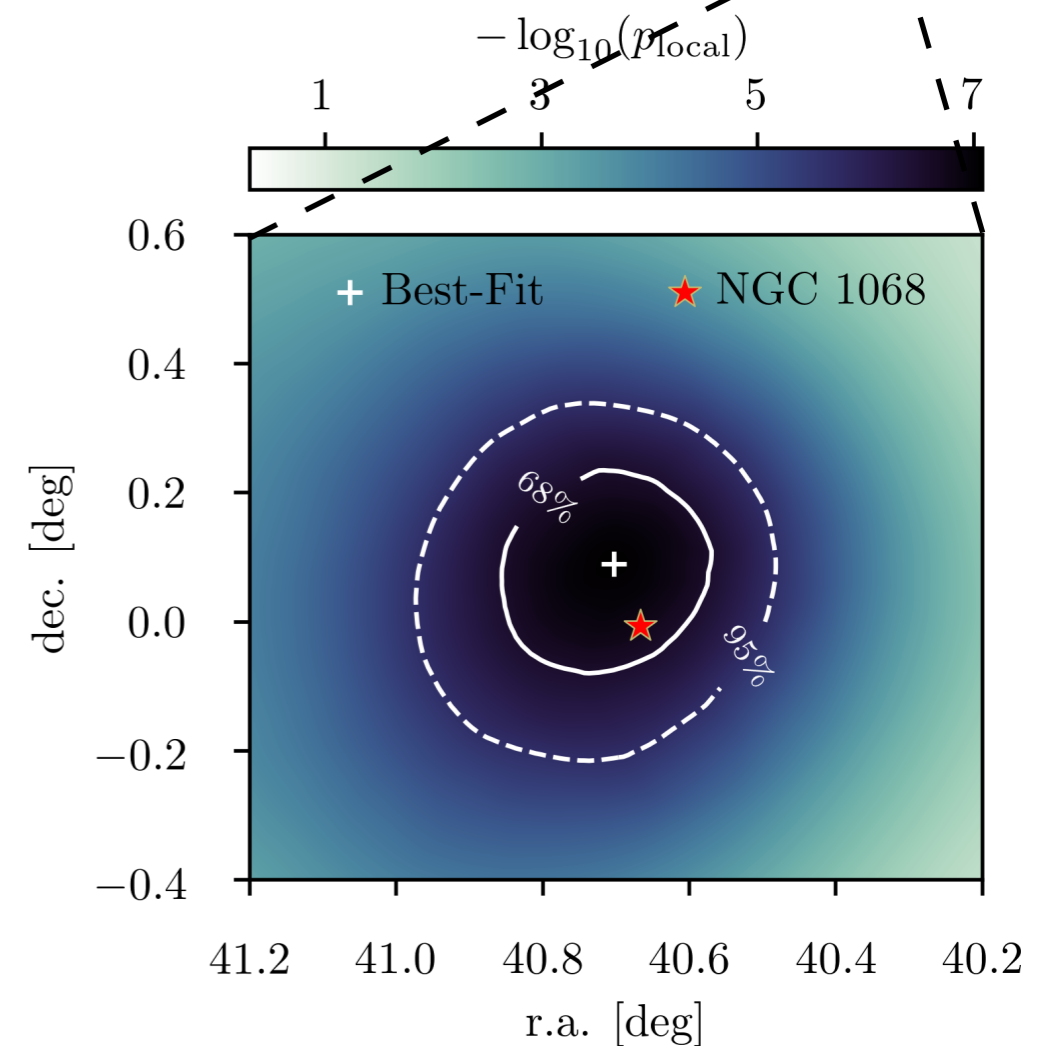
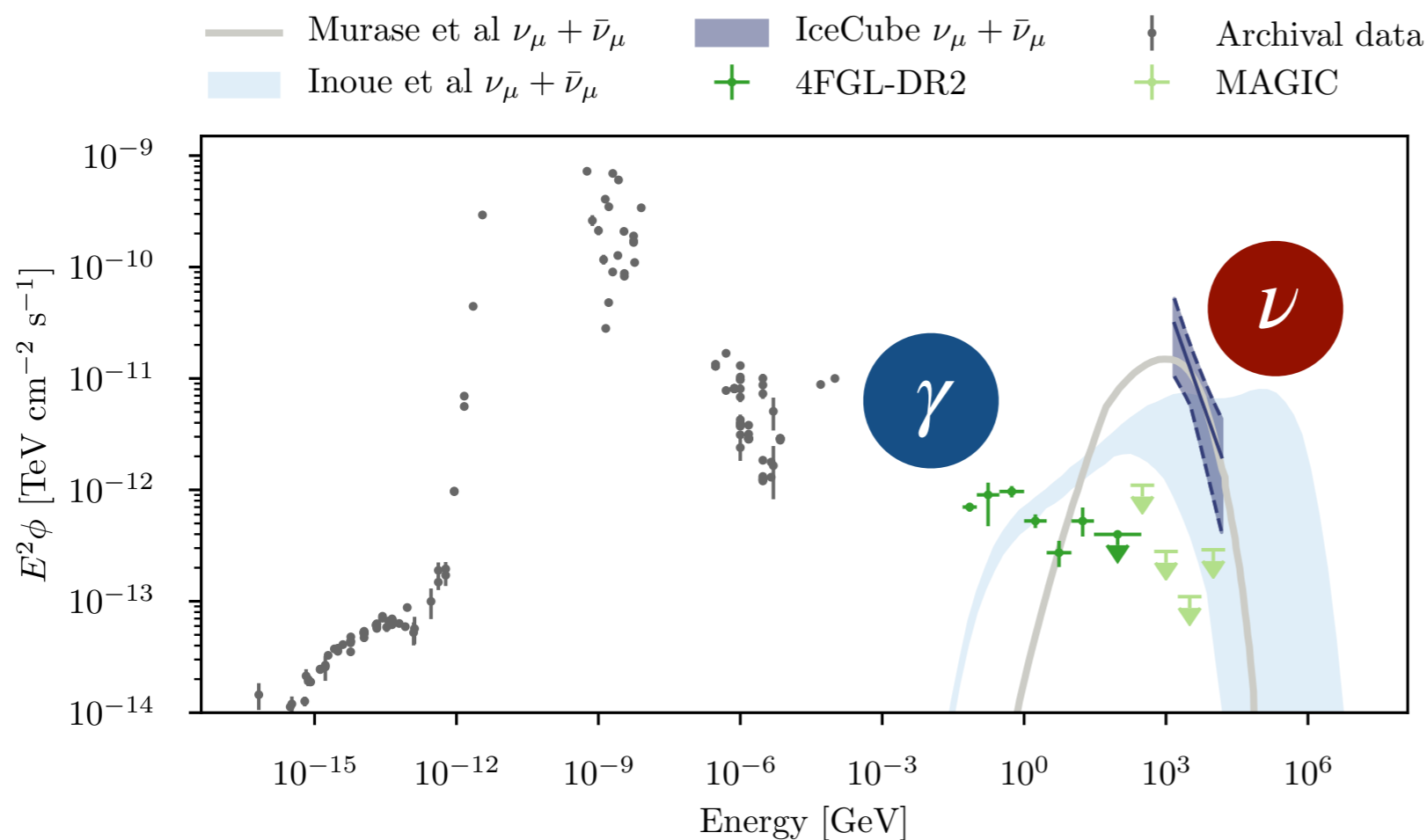
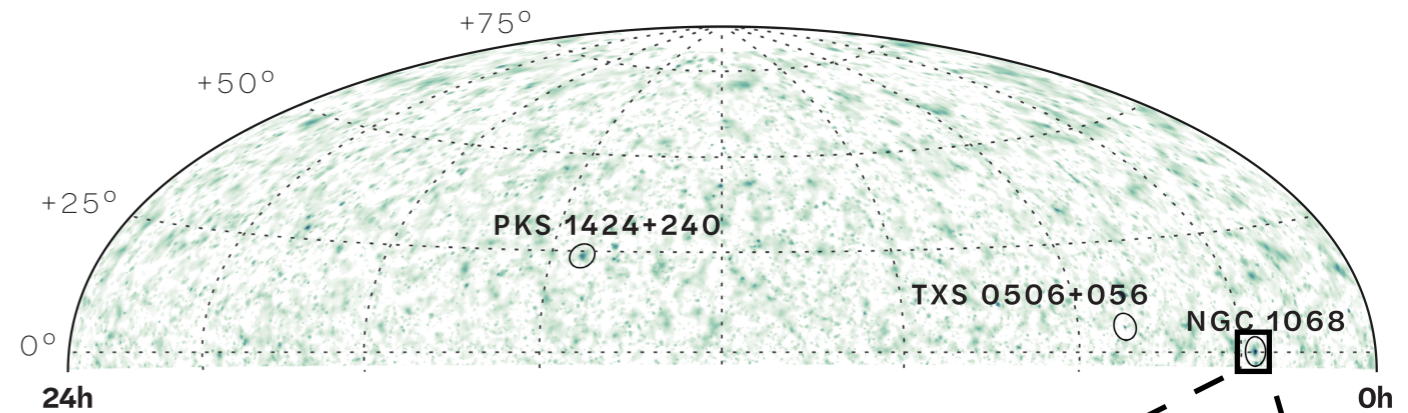
High pion production efficiency implies strong internal γ -ray absorption in Fermi-LAT energy range:

$$\tau_{\gamma\gamma} \simeq 1000 f_{p\gamma}$$

[Guetta, MA & Murase'16]

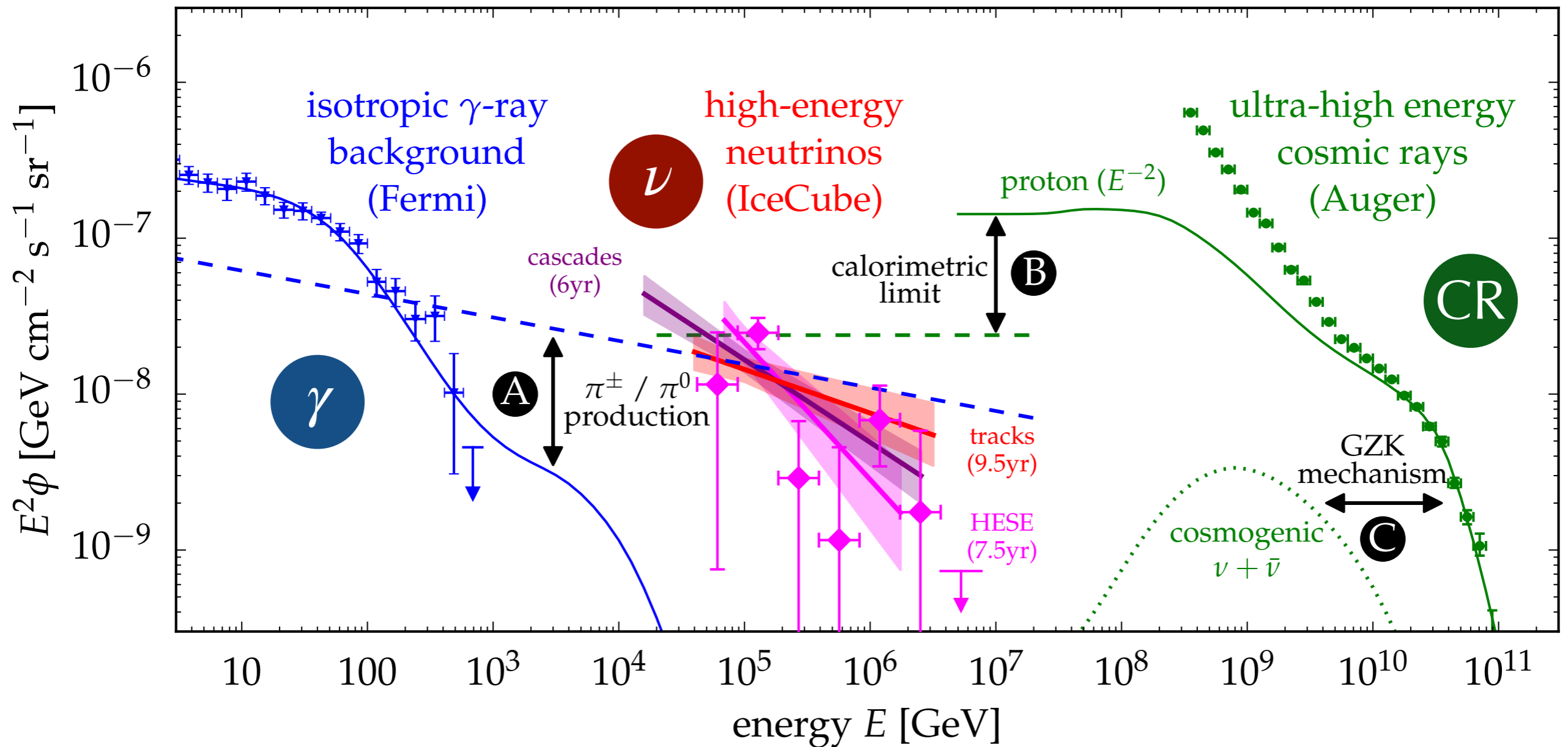
Excess from NGC 1068

Northern hot spot in the vicinity of Seyfert II galaxy **NGC 1068** has now a **significance of 4.2σ** (trial-corrected for 110 sources).



[IceCube, PRL 124 (2020) 5 (**2.9σ post-trial**); Science 378 (2022) 6619 (**4.2σ post-trial**)]

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Waxman-Bahcall Limit

- UHE CR **proton emission rate** density: [e.g. MA & Halzen'12]

$$[E_p^2 Q_p(E_p)]_{10^{19.5}\text{eV}} \simeq 8 \times 10^{43} \text{erg Mpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

- Neutrino flux can be estimated as (ξ_z : redshift evolution factor) :

$$E_\nu^2 \phi_\nu(E_\nu) \simeq \underbrace{f_\pi}_{\mathcal{O}(1)} \frac{\xi_z K_\pi}{1 + K_\pi} \underbrace{1.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}}_{\text{IceCube diffuse level}}$$

- Limited by **pion production efficiency**: $f_\pi \lesssim 1$ [Waxman & Bahcall'98]

- Similar UHE **nucleon emission rate** density (local minimum at $\Gamma \simeq 2.04$) :

$$[E_N^2 Q_N(E_N)]_{10^{19.5}\text{eV}} \simeq 2.2 \times 10^{43} \text{erg Mpc}^{-3} \text{yr}^{-1}$$

[Auger'16; see also Jiang, Zhang & Murase'20]

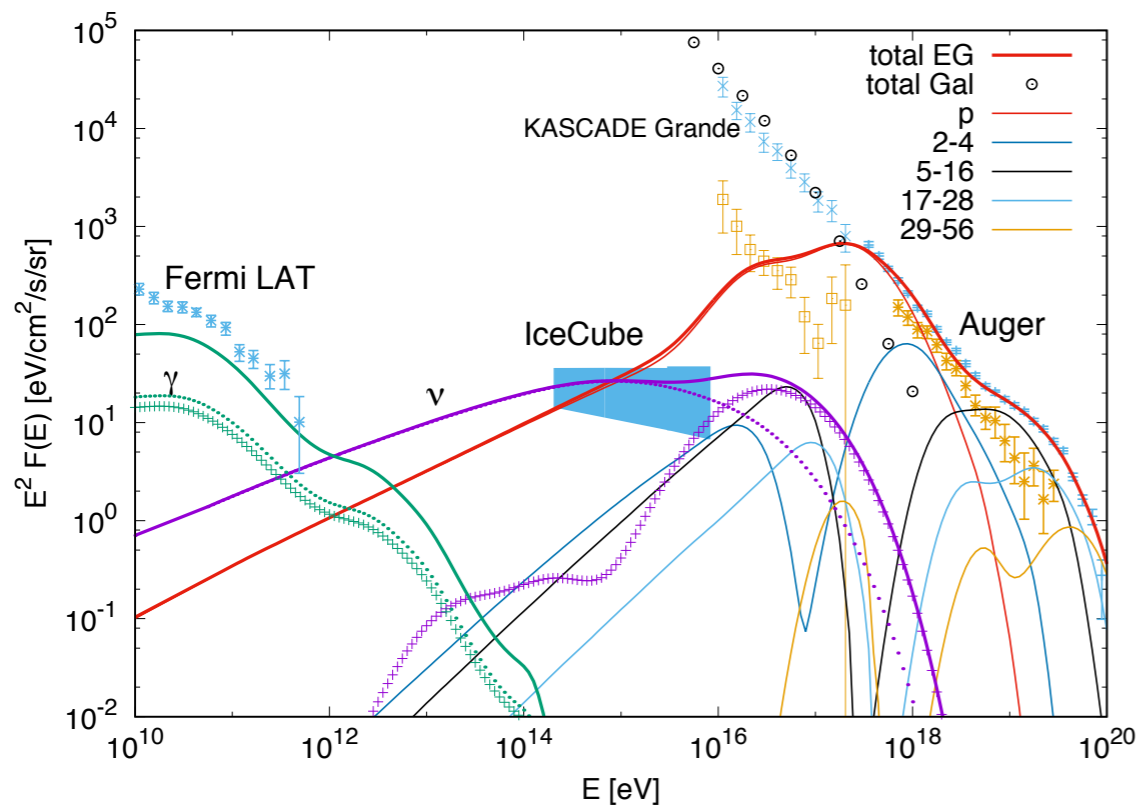
- **Competition** between pion production efficiency (*dense target*) and CR acceleration efficiency (*thin target*).

Cosmic Ray Calorimeters

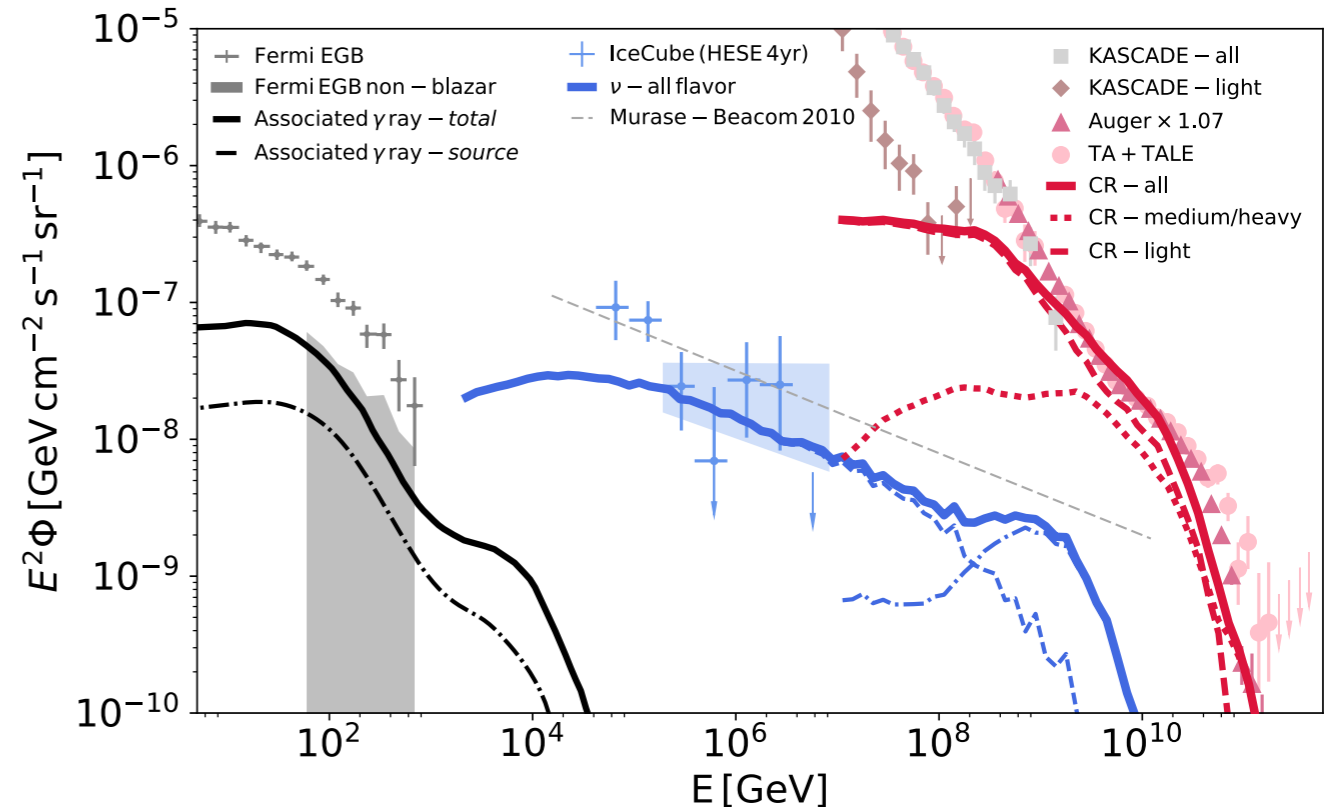
- Competing requirements for efficient CR acceleration and subsequent interaction can be accommodated in **multi-zone models**.
- Magnetic confinement in CR calorimeters, such as **starburst galaxies**, could provide a unified origin of UHE CRs and TeV–PeV neutrinos.

[Loeb & Waxman '06]

- "*Grand Unification*" of UHE CRs, γ -rays and neutrinos?



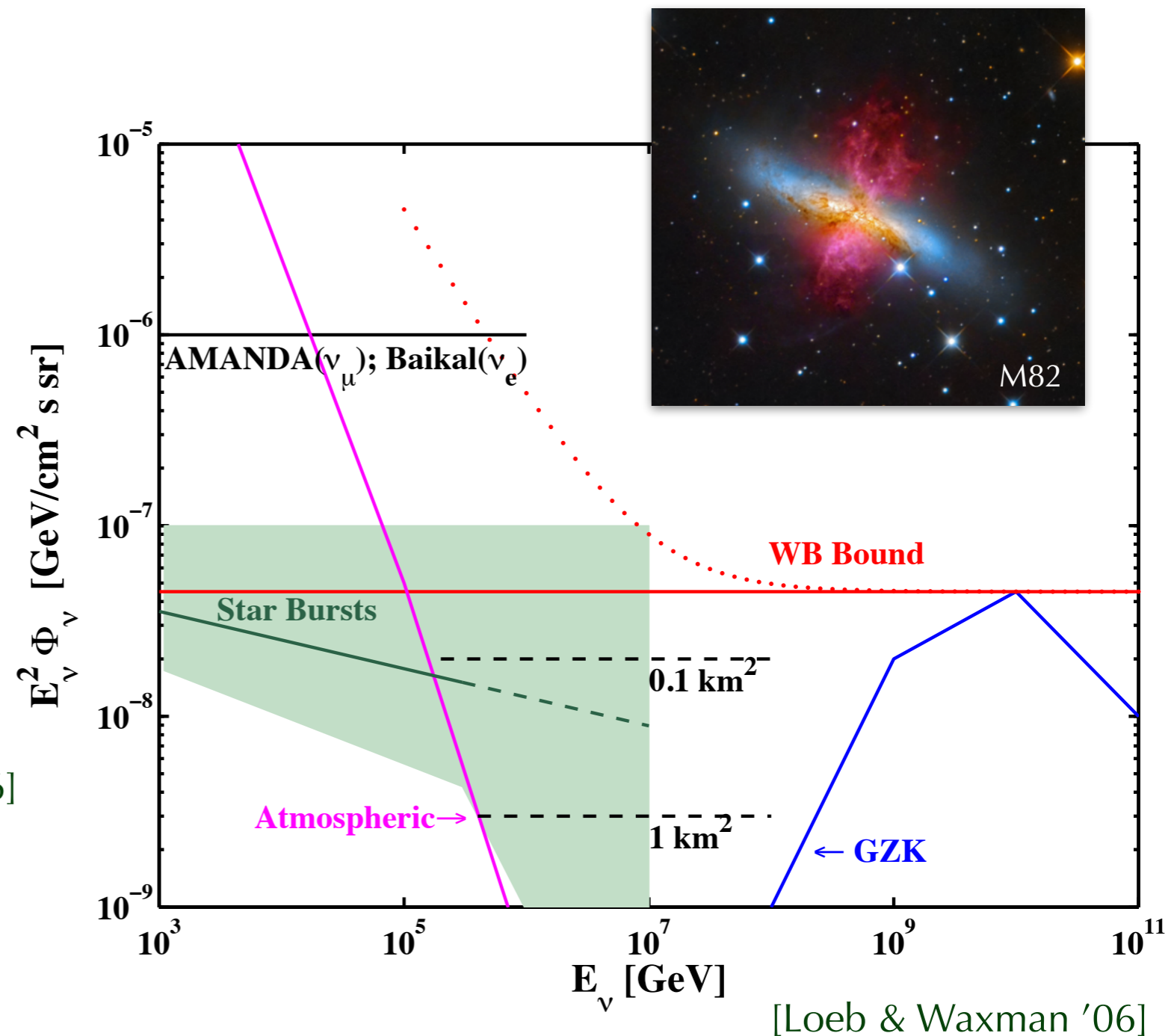
[Kachelriess, Kalashev, Ostapchenko & Semikoz'17]



[Fang & Murase'17]

Starburst Galaxies

- High rate of **star formation** and SN explosions enhances (UHE) CR production.
- Low-energy cosmic rays remain magnetically confined and eventually collide in **dense environment**.
- In time, efficient **conversion of CR energy density into γ -rays and neutrinos**. [Loeb & Waxman '06]
- **Power-law neutrino spectra with high-energy softening from CR leakage and/or acceleration.**



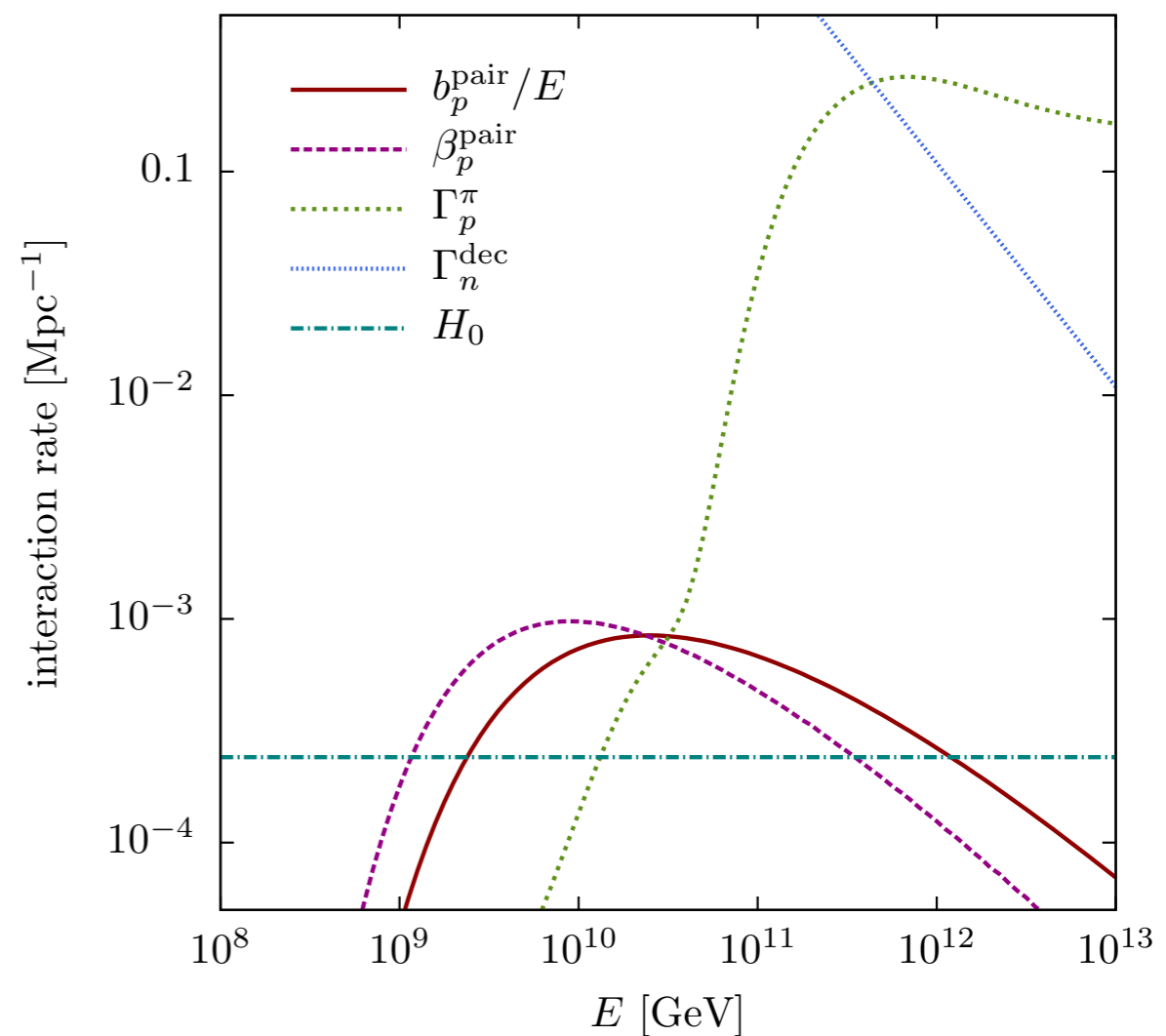
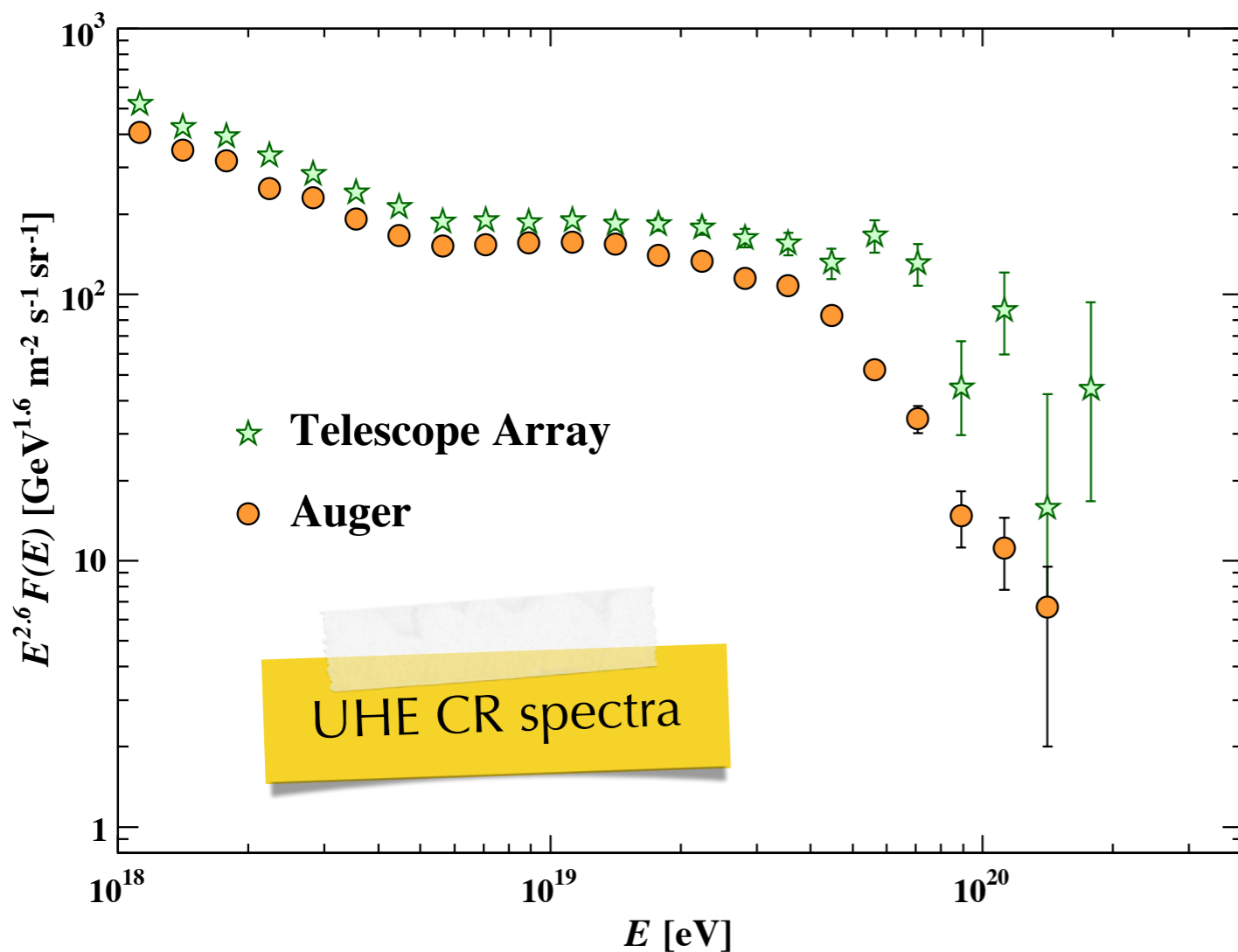
[Romero & Torres'03; Liu, Wang, Inoue, Crocker & Aharonian'14; Tamborra, Ando & Murase'14]

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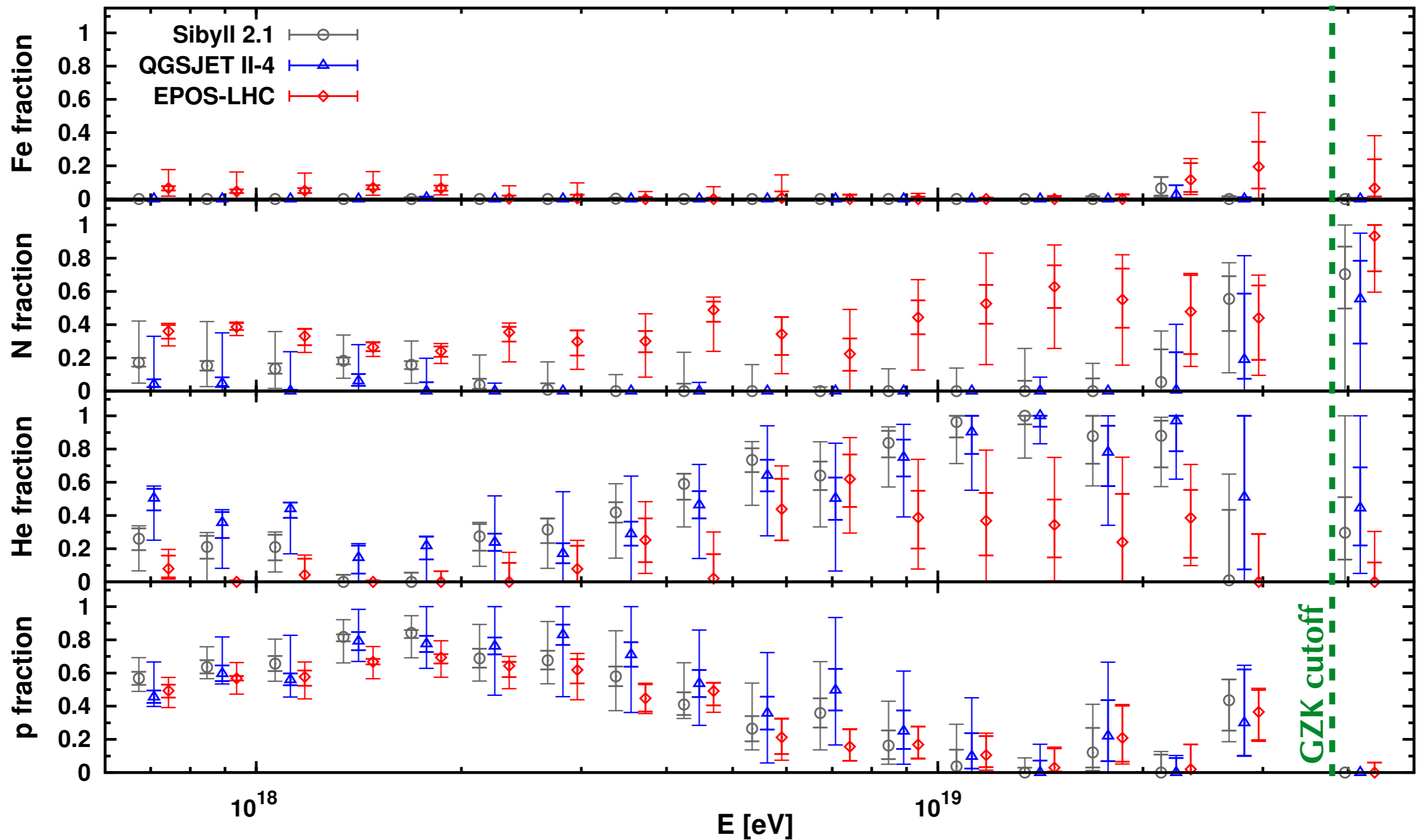
[Ambrosone, Chianese, Fiorillo, Marinelli, Miele & Pisanti'20]

GZK Cutoff

- UHE CR spectrum expected to show *GZK cutoff* due to interactions with cosmic microwave background. [Greisen & Zatsepin'66; Kuzmin'66]
- resonant interactions $p + \gamma_{\text{CMB}} \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow X$ lead to $E_{\text{GZK}} \simeq 40 \text{ EeV}$
- UHE CR propagation limited to less than about 200 Mpc.



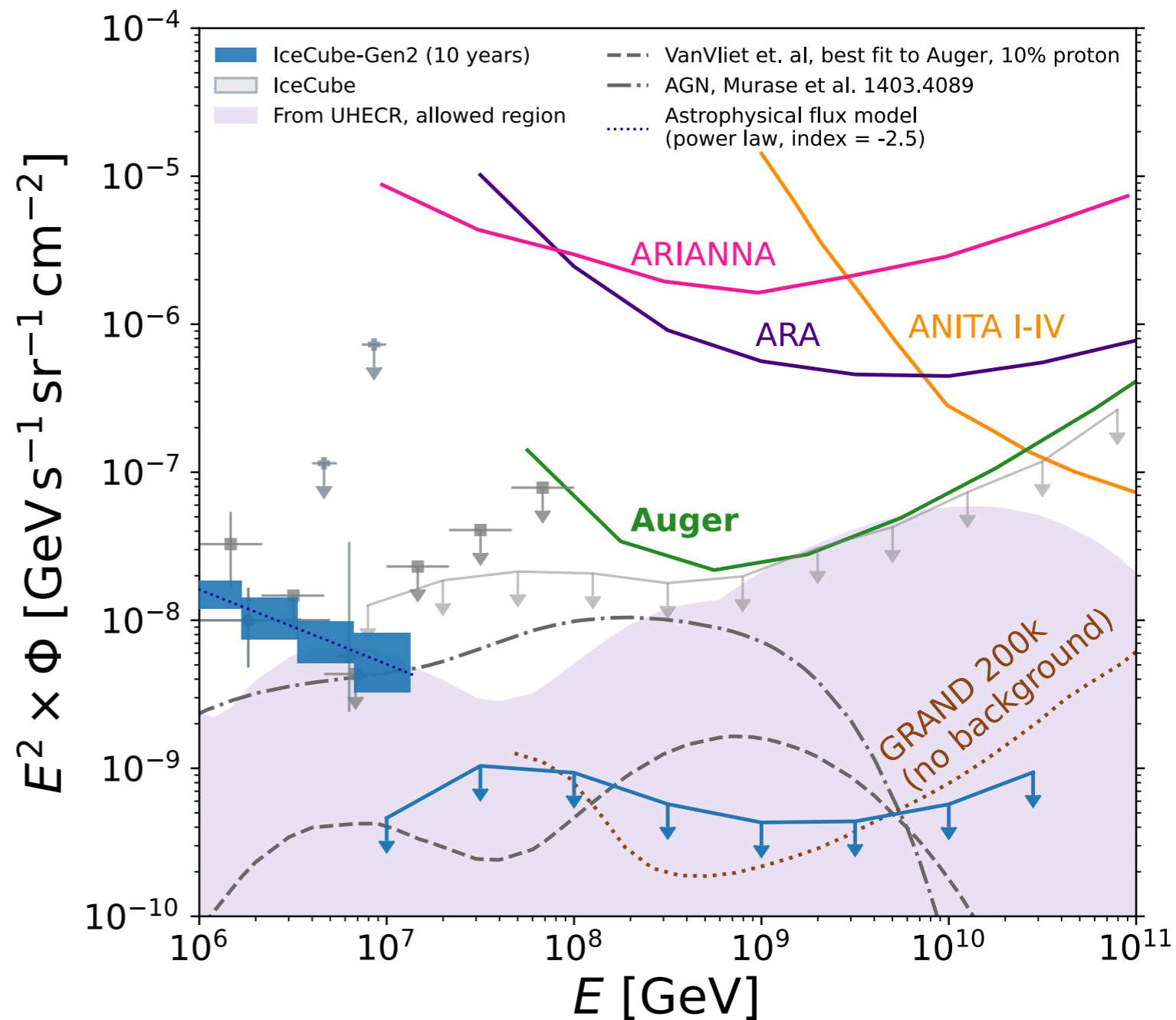
UHE CR Composition



Composition of UHE CRs is uncertain; depends on details of CR interactions in atmosphere.

Cosmogenic Neutrinos

- Cosmogenic (GZK) neutrinos produced in UHE CR interactions peak in the EeV energy range.
- Target of proposed in-ice **Askaryan** (ARA & ARIANNA), air shower **Cherenkov** (GRAND) or **fluorescence** (POEMMA & Trinity) detectors.
- Optimistic predictions based on high proton fraction and high maximal energies.
- Absolute flux level serves as **independent measure of UHE CR composition** beyond 40EeV.



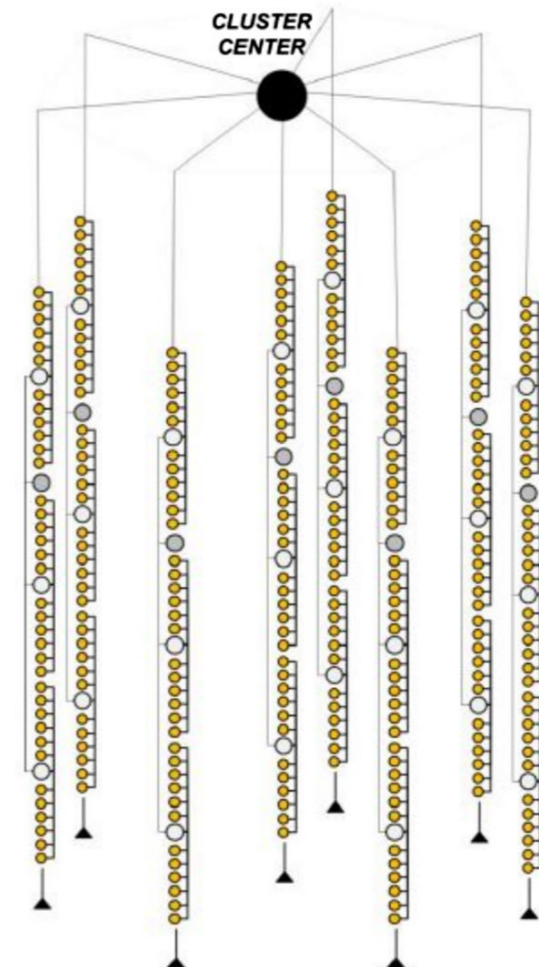
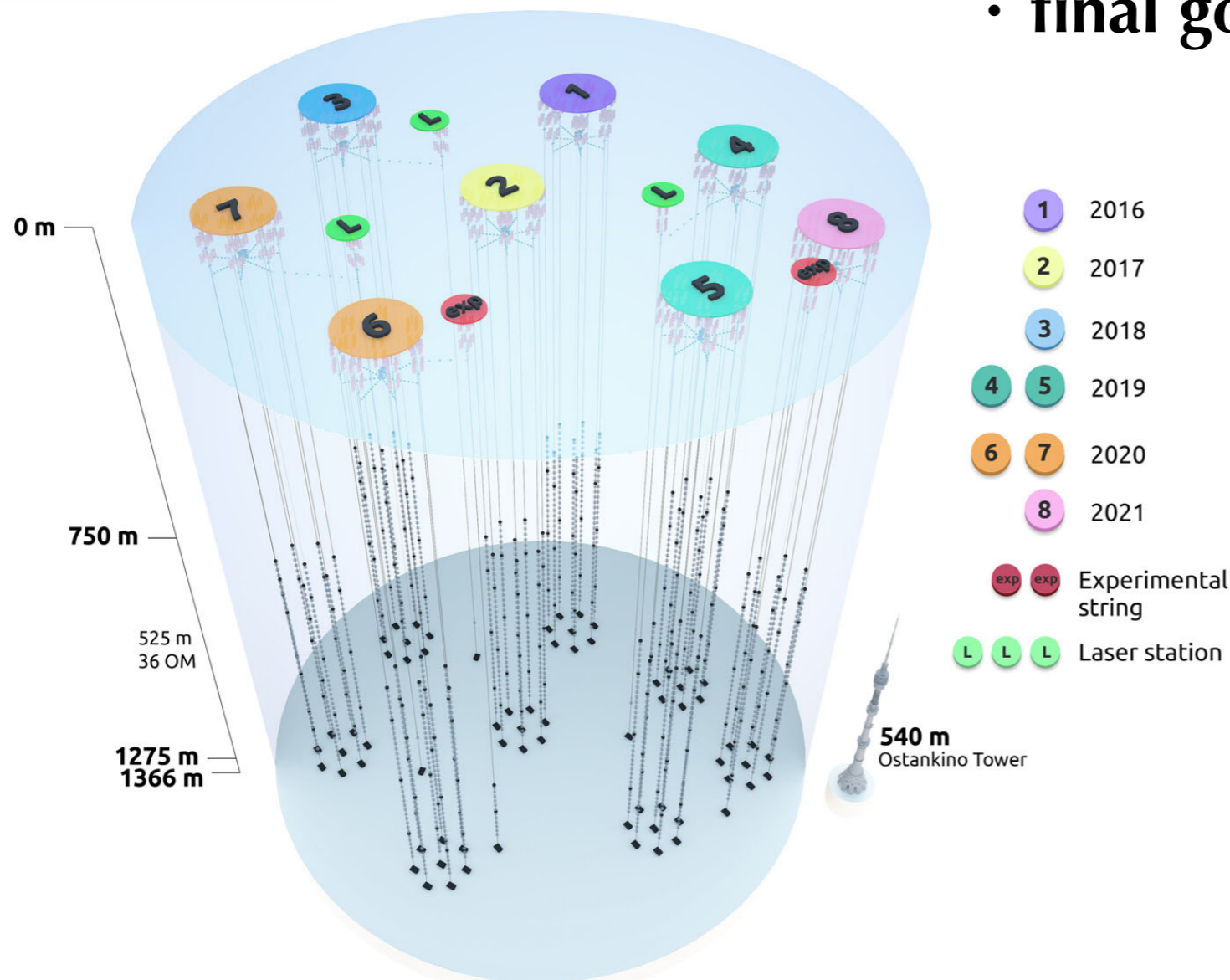
[IceCube-Gen2 Technical Design Report]

Outlook: Baikal-GVD



BAIKAL-GVD

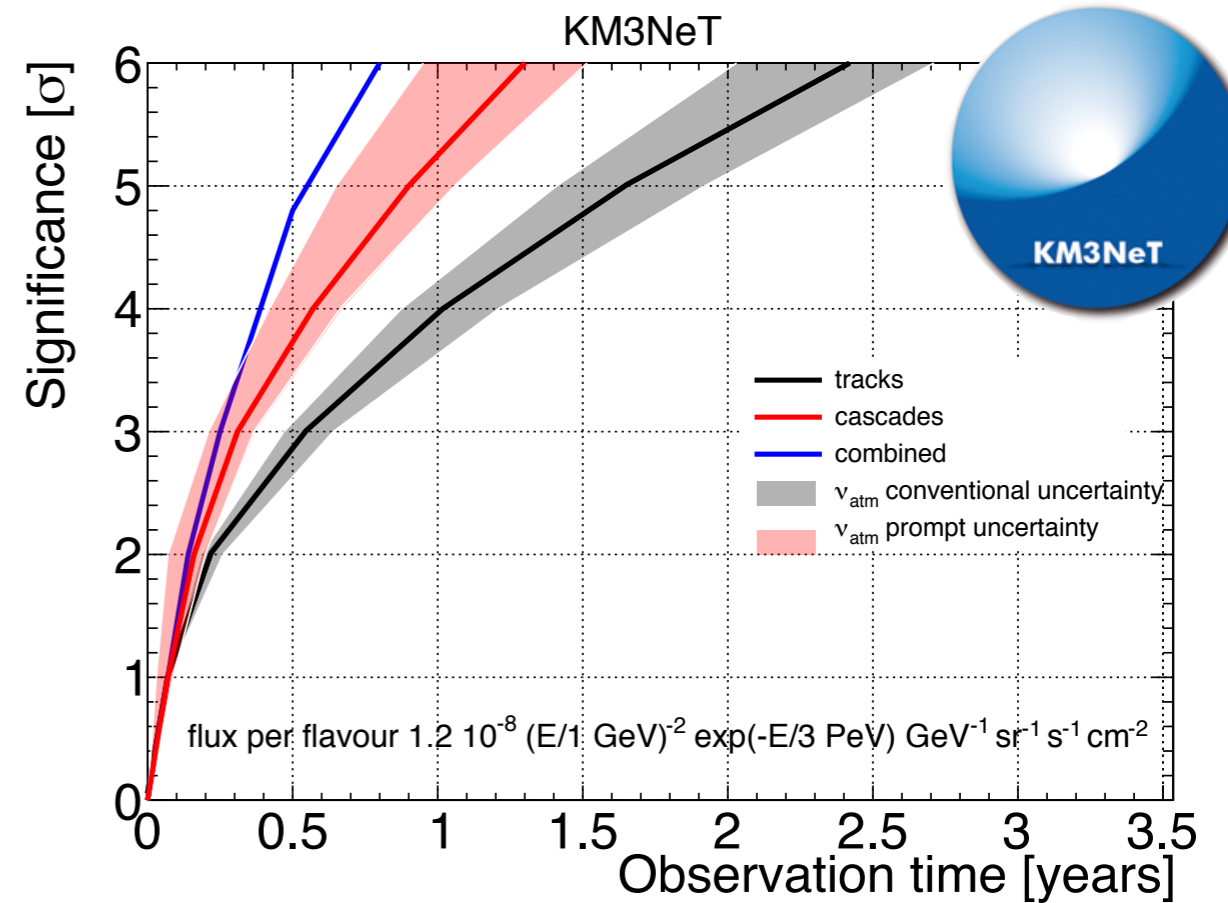
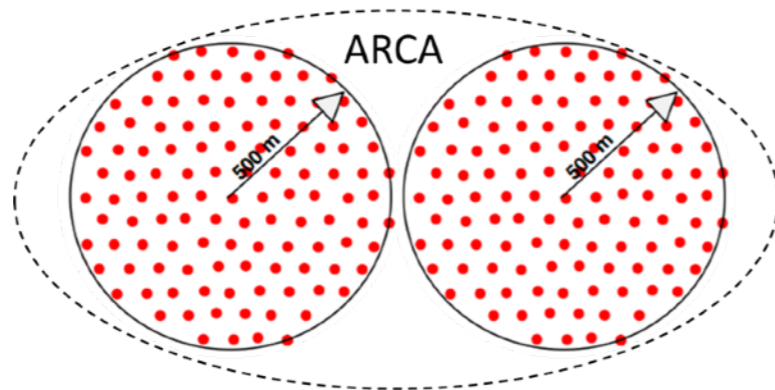
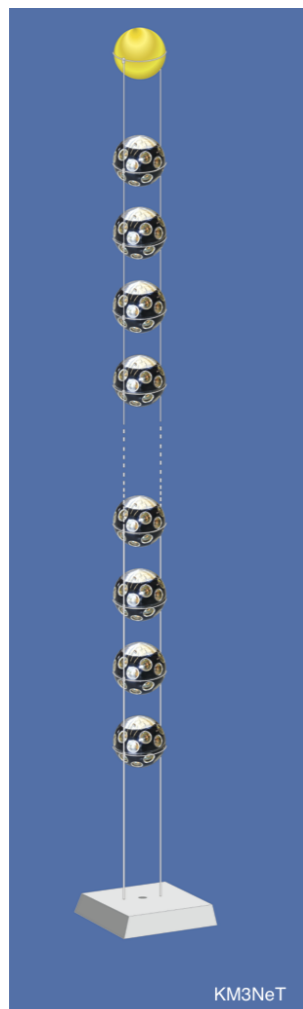
- **GVD Phase 1:** 8 clusters with 8 strings each were completed in 2021
- **status March 2024:** 11(+1) clusters
- **final goal:** 27 clusters ($\sim 1.4 \text{ km}^3$)



Outlook: KM3NeT/ARCA

- **ARCA** : 2 building blocks of 115 detection units (DUs)
- **status March 2024: 28 (ARCA) DUs**
- **ORCA** : optimized for low-energy (GeV) and oscillation analyses

detection unit with multi-PMT DOMs

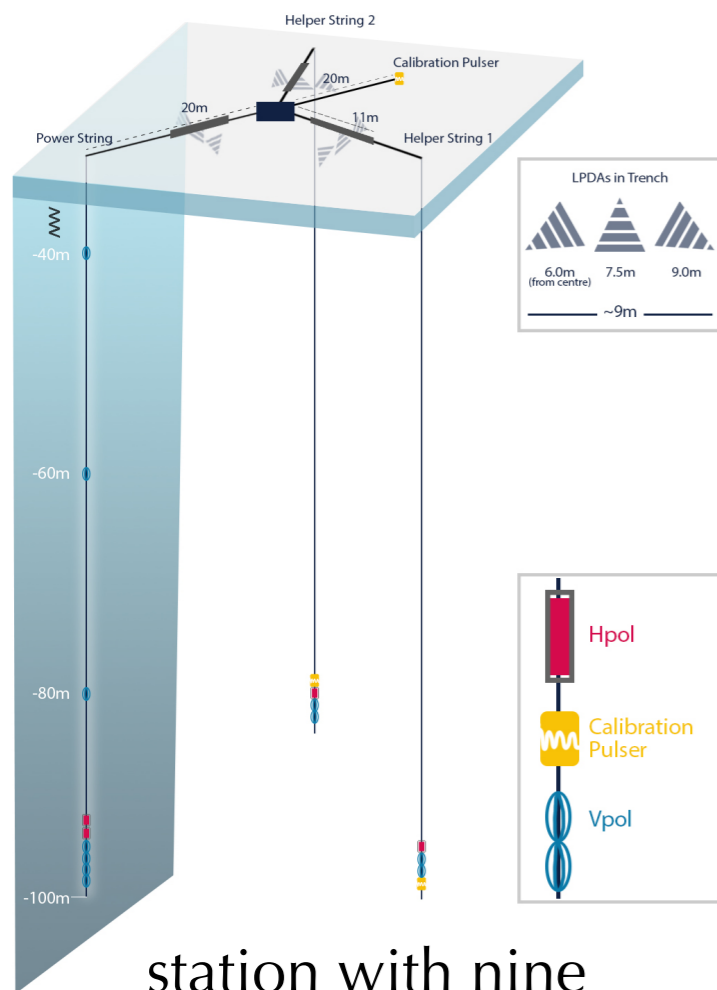


- **Improved angular resolution** for water Cherenkov emission.
- 5σ discovery of **diffuse flux** with full ARCA within one year
- **Complementary field of view** ideal for the study of point sources.

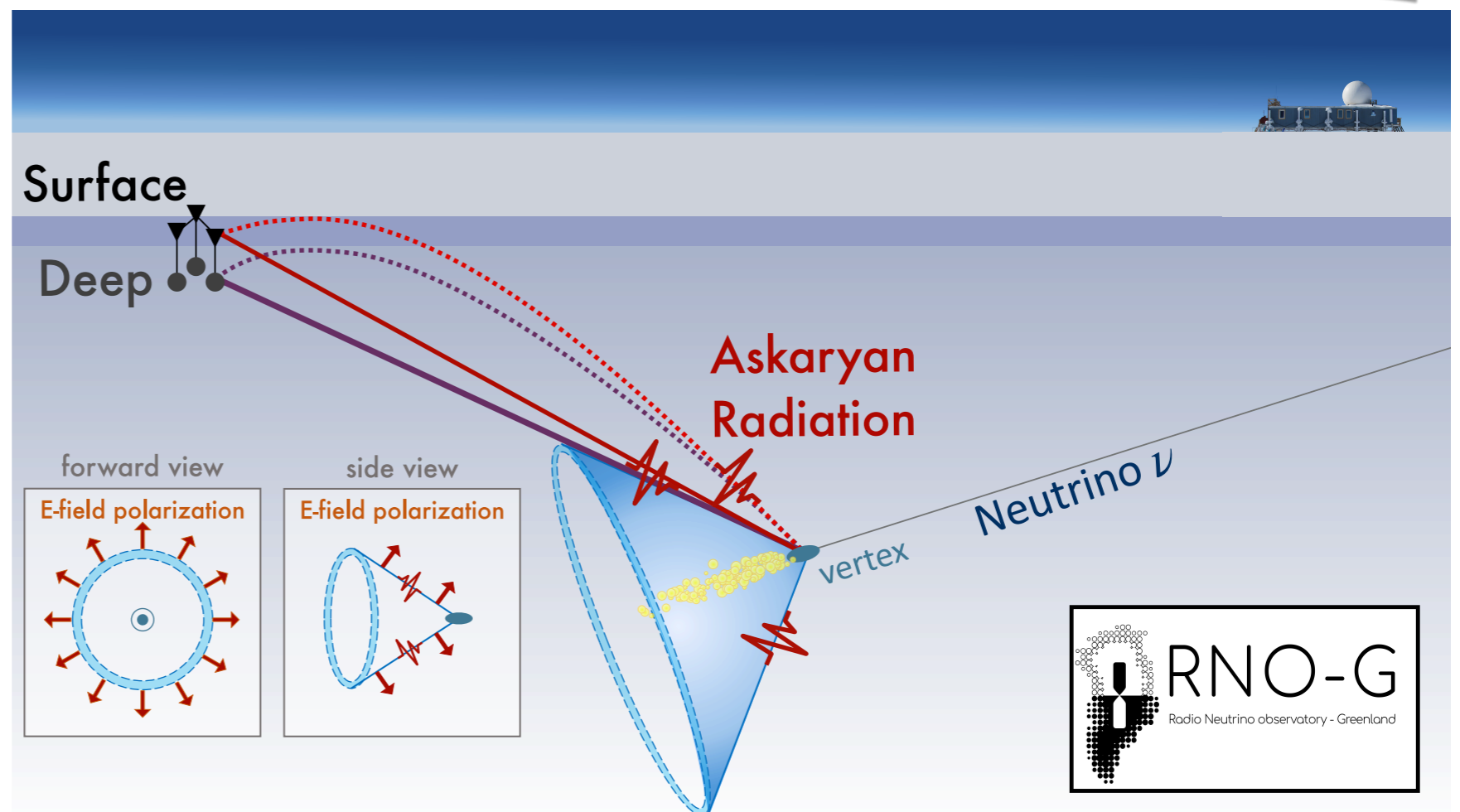
Outlook: RNO-G

- Detection principle of **ANITA, ARA & ARIANNA** (Antarctica)
- **Under construction:** Radio Neutrino Observatory-Greenland (**RNO-G**)
- **status March 2024:** 7 of 35 stations deployed

Askaryan effect:
Neutrino emission above 10 PeV can be observed via **coherent radio emission of showers** in radio-transparent media.



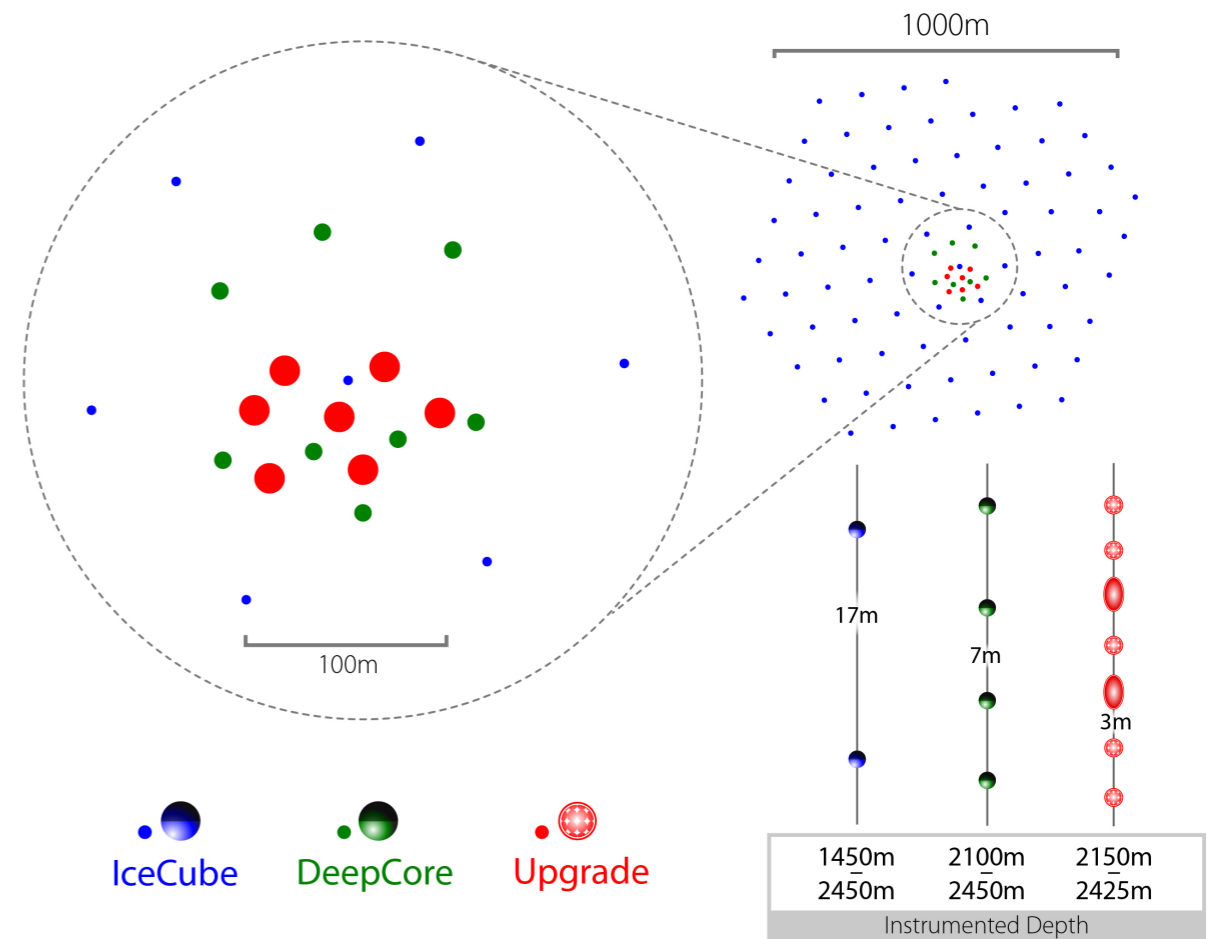
station with nine deep & surface antennas



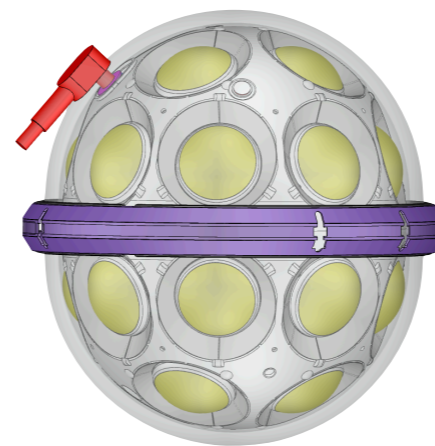
[RNO-G JINST 16 (2021) 3]

Outlook: IceCube Upgrade

- **7 new strings** in the DeepCore region (~20m inter-string spacing)
- **New sensor designs**, optimized for ease of deployment, light sensitivity & effective area
- **New calibration devices**, incorporating lessons from a decade of IceCube calibration efforts
- In parallel, **IceTop surface enhancements** (scintillators & radio antennas) for CR studies.
- **Aim: deployment in 2025/26**



mDOM



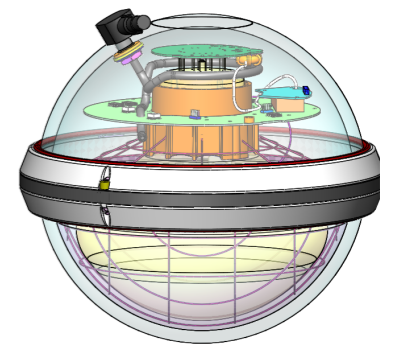
36 cm

D-Egg



30 cm

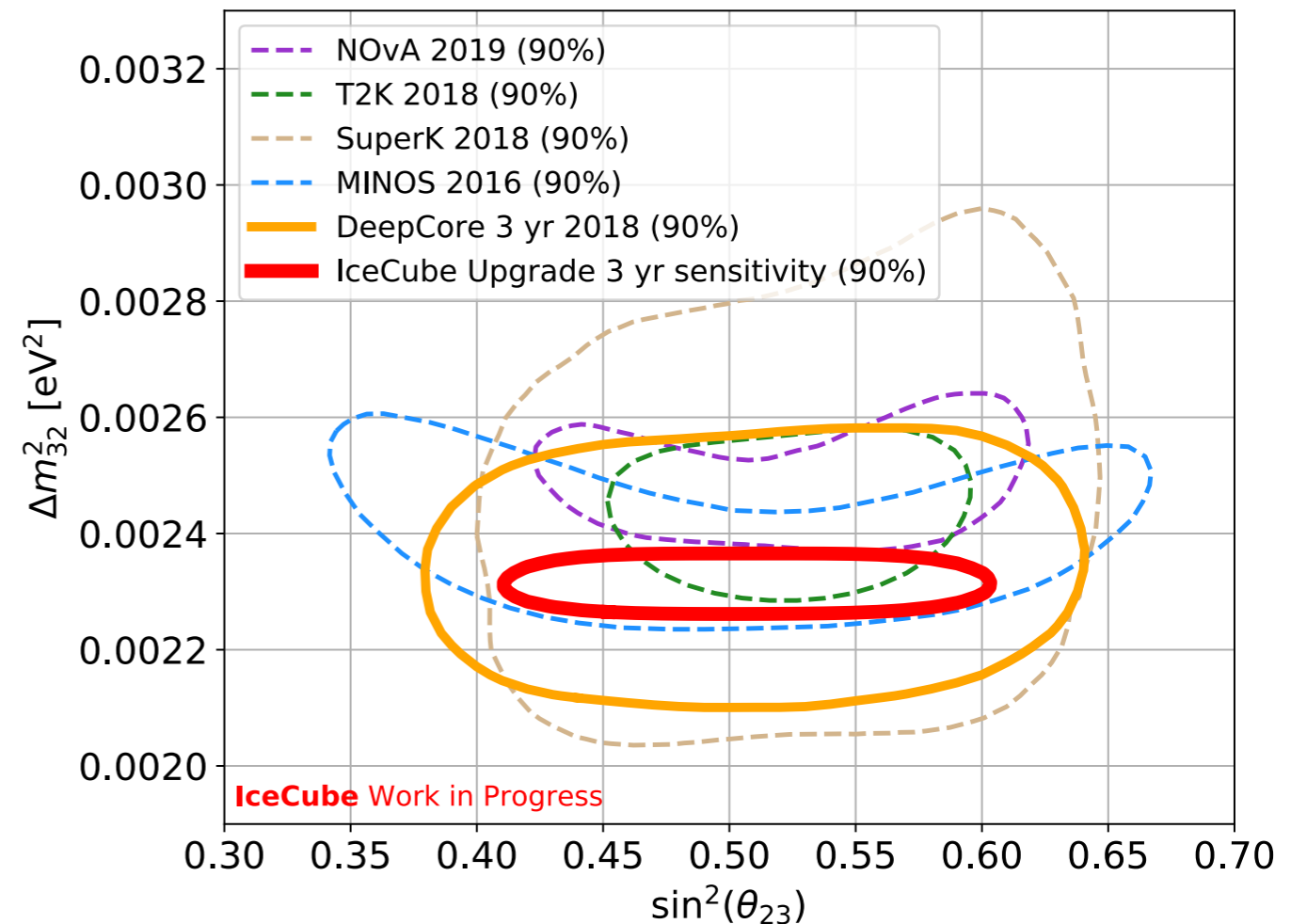
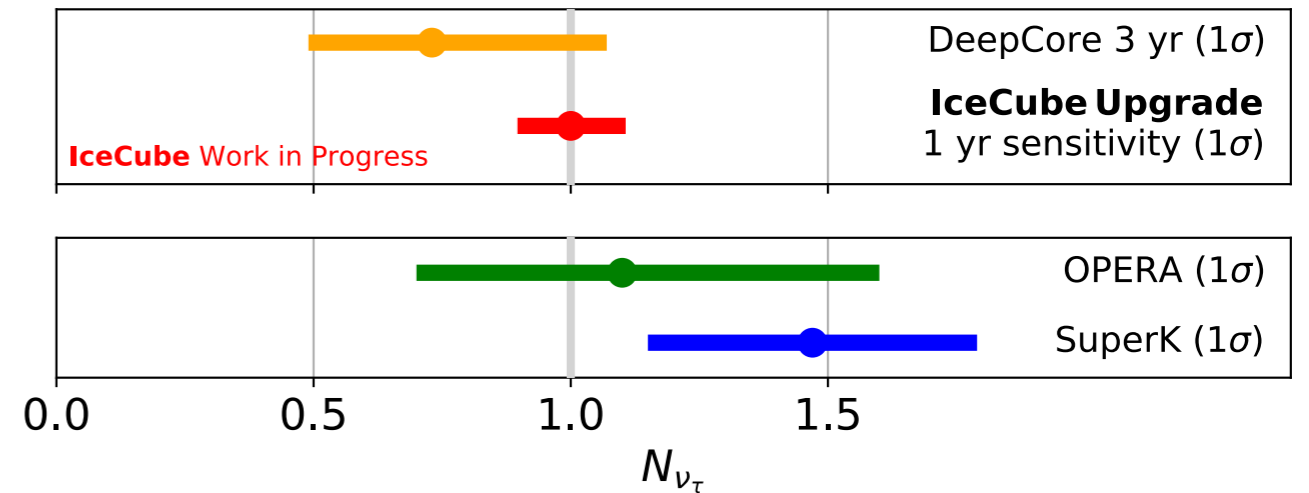
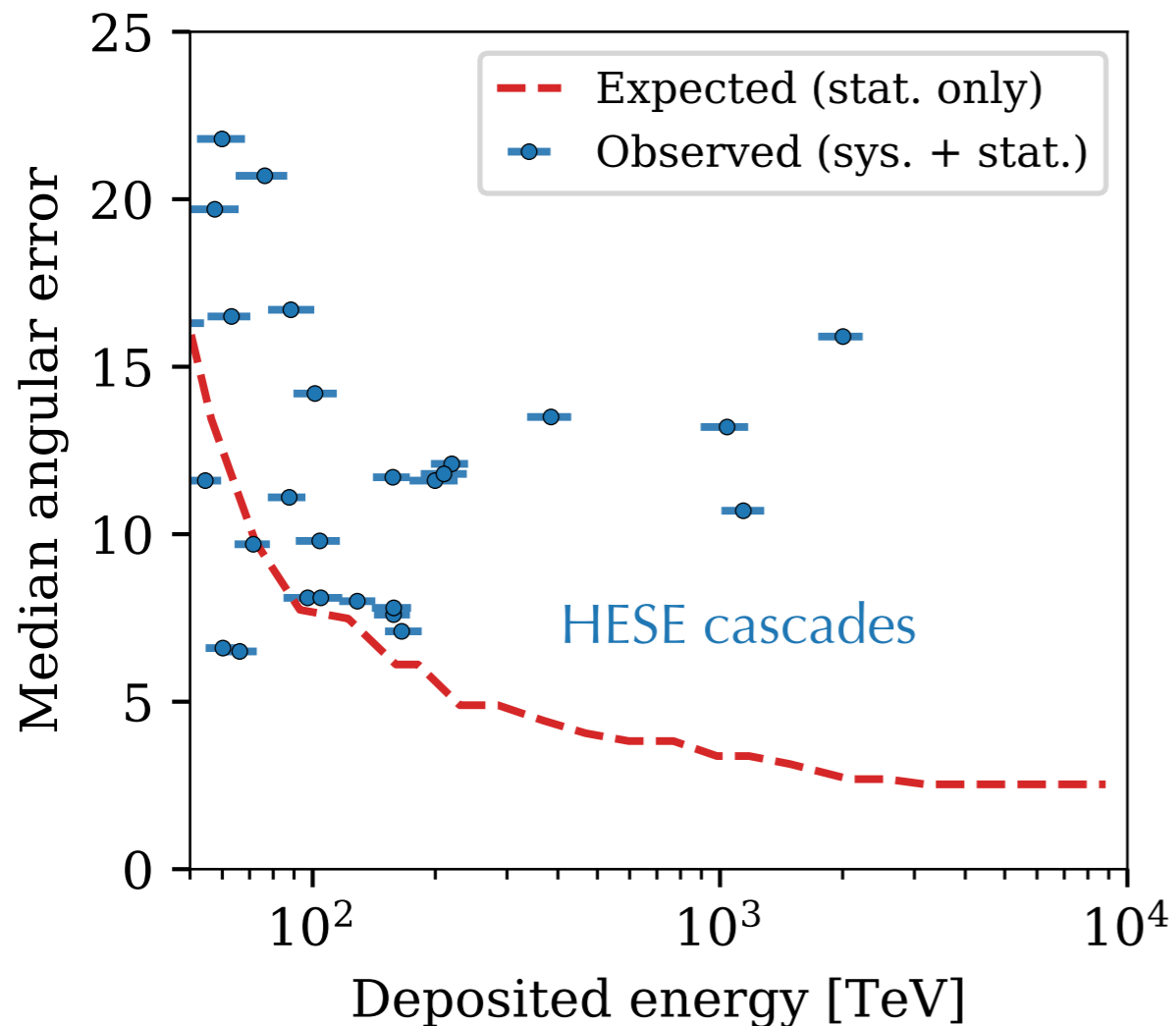
pDOM



33 cm

Outlook: IceCube Upgrade

- **Precision measurement** of atmospheric neutrino oscillations and tau neutrino appearance
- **Improved energy and angular reconstructions** of IceCube data

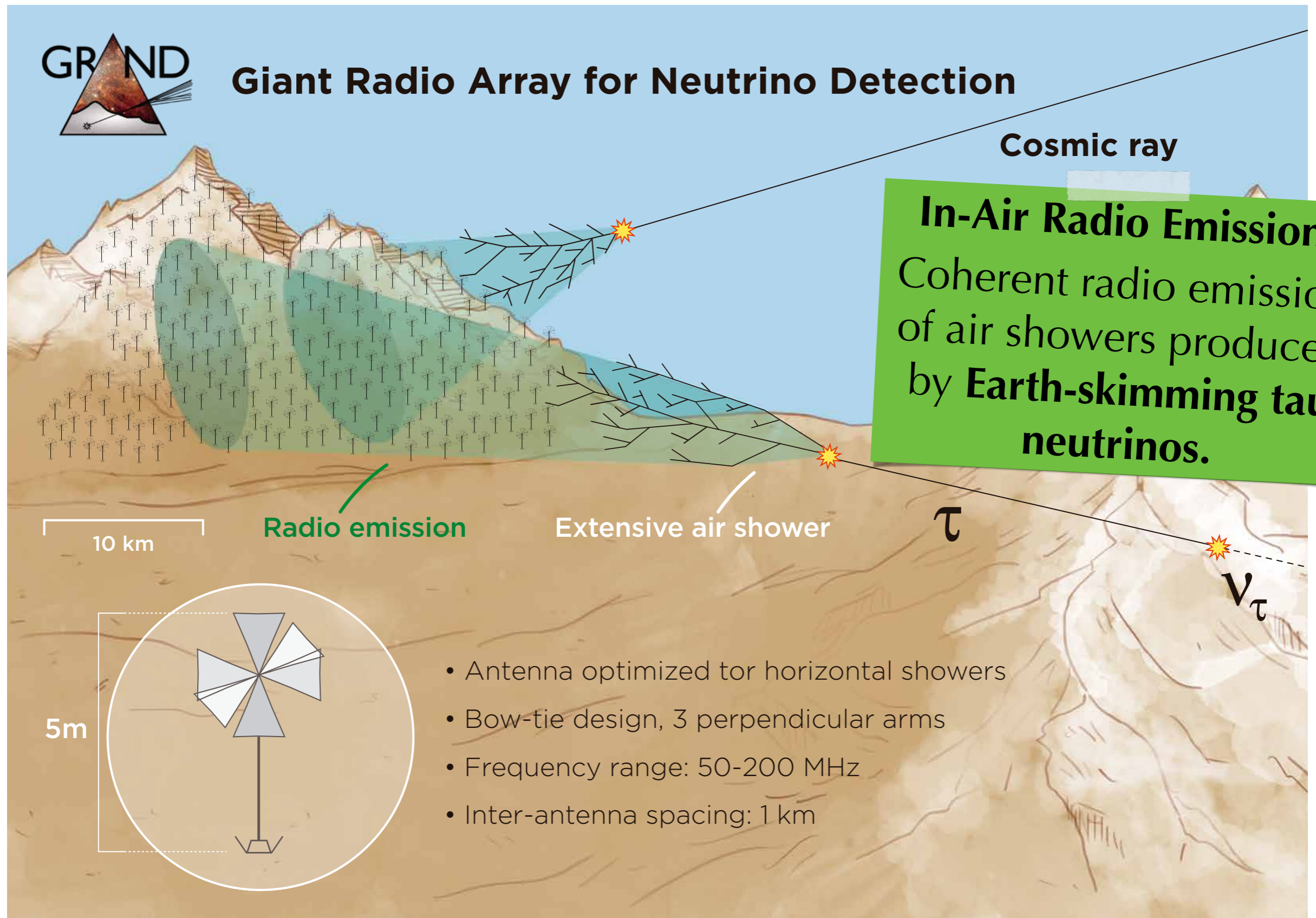


[IceCube, PoS (ICRC2019) 1031]

Vision: GRAND

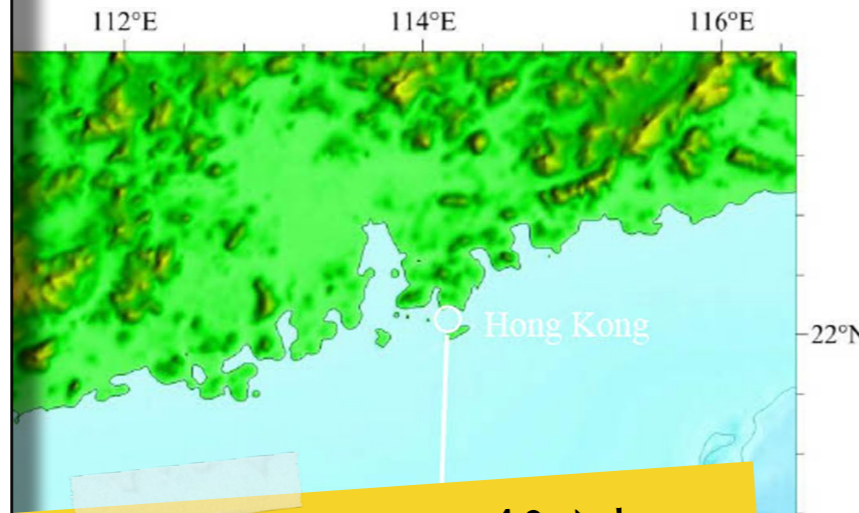
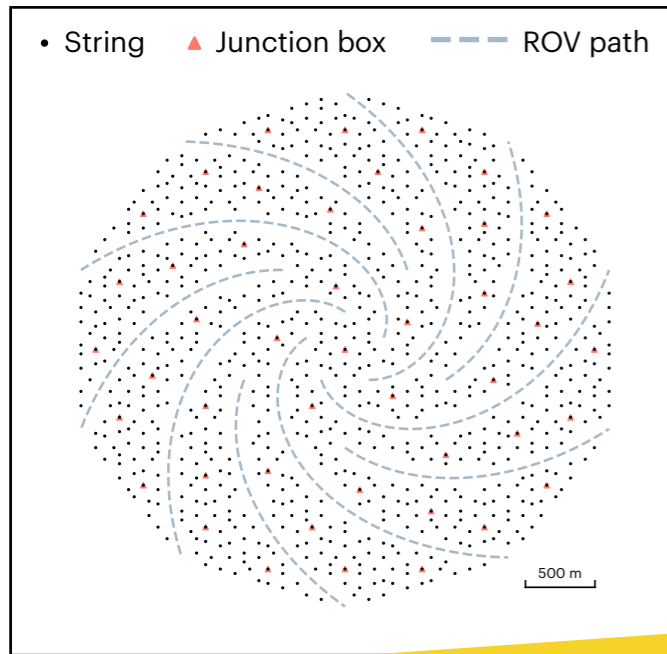


Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection

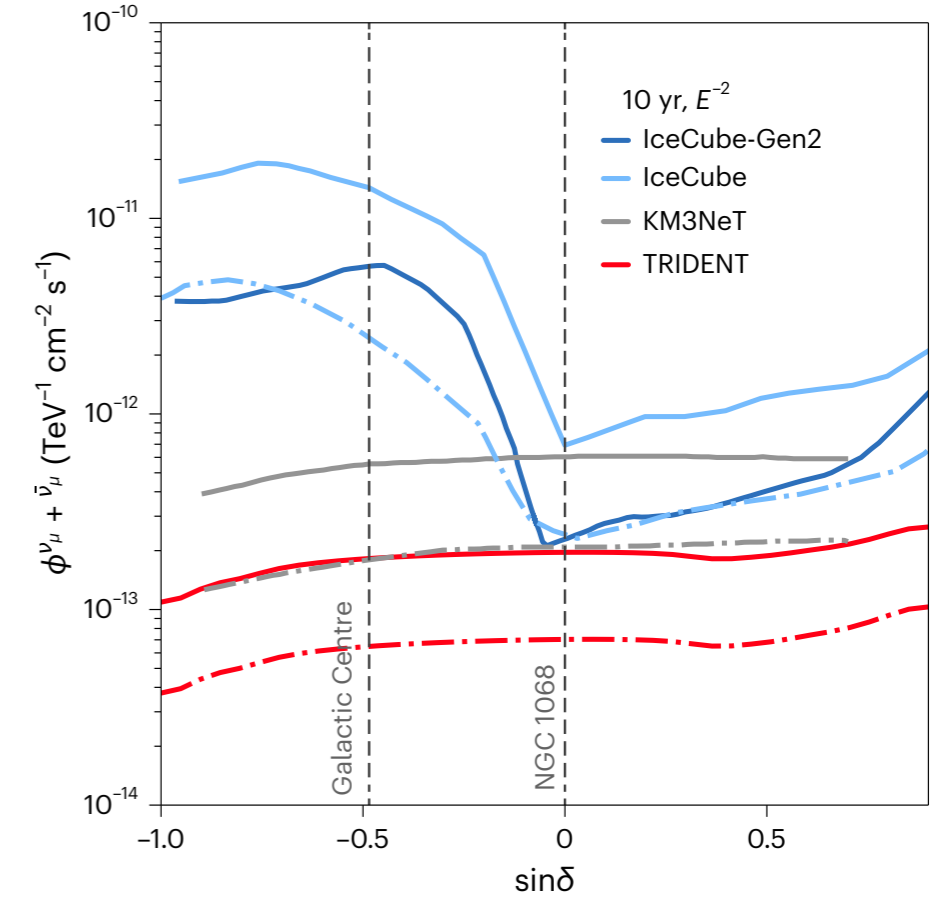
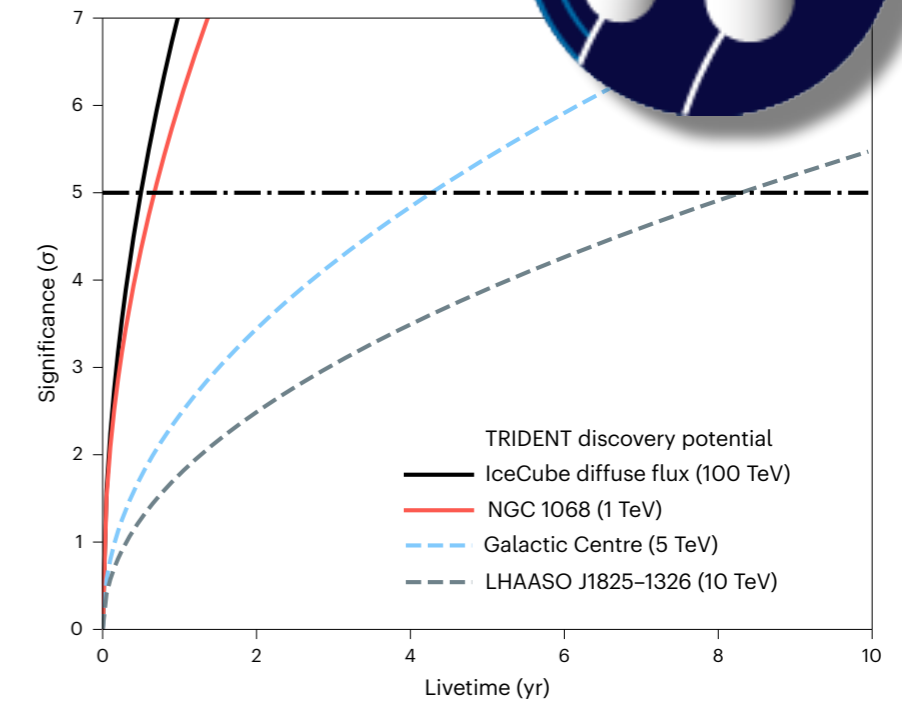
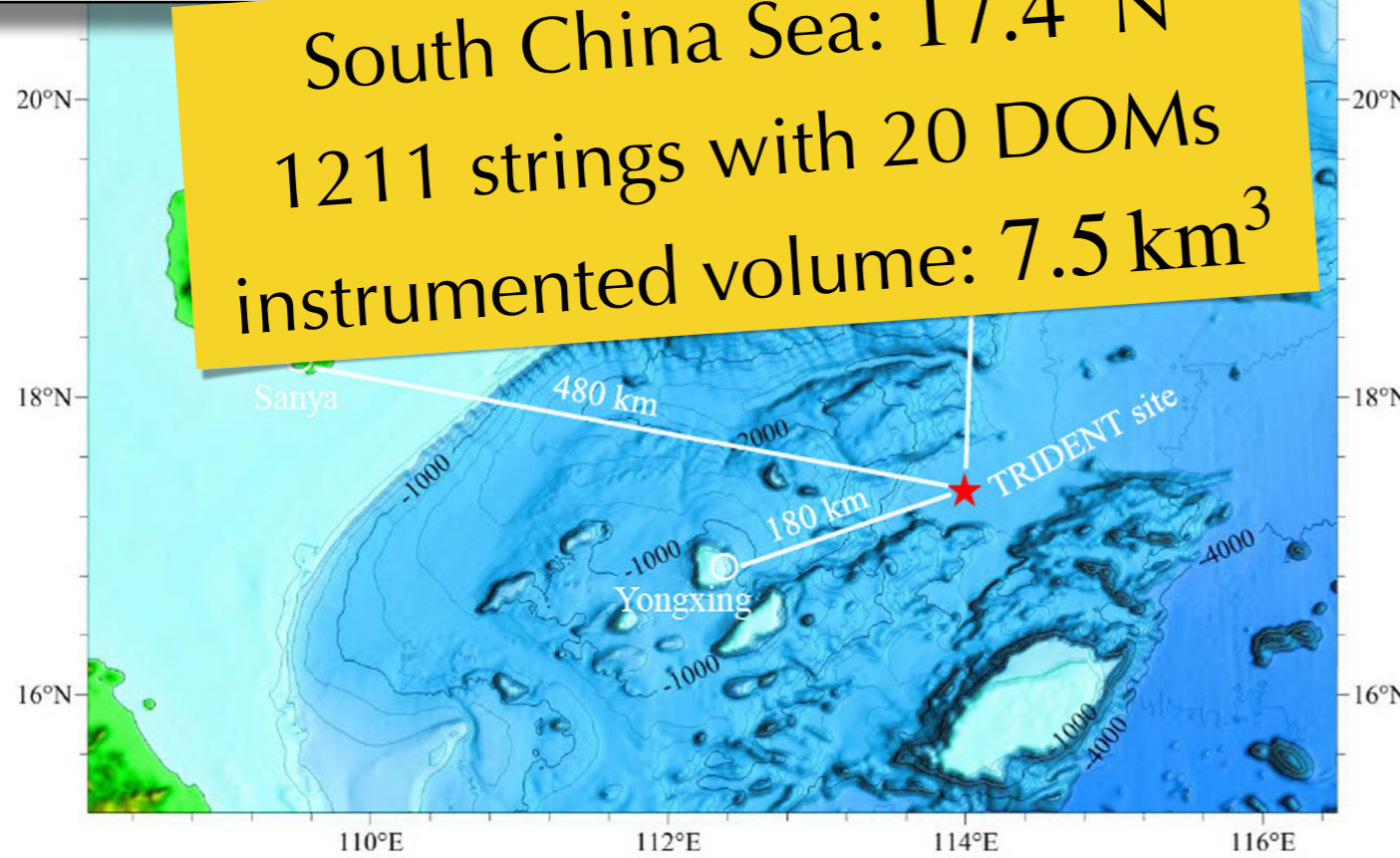


[GRAND SCPMA 63 (2020) 1]

Vision: TRIDENT



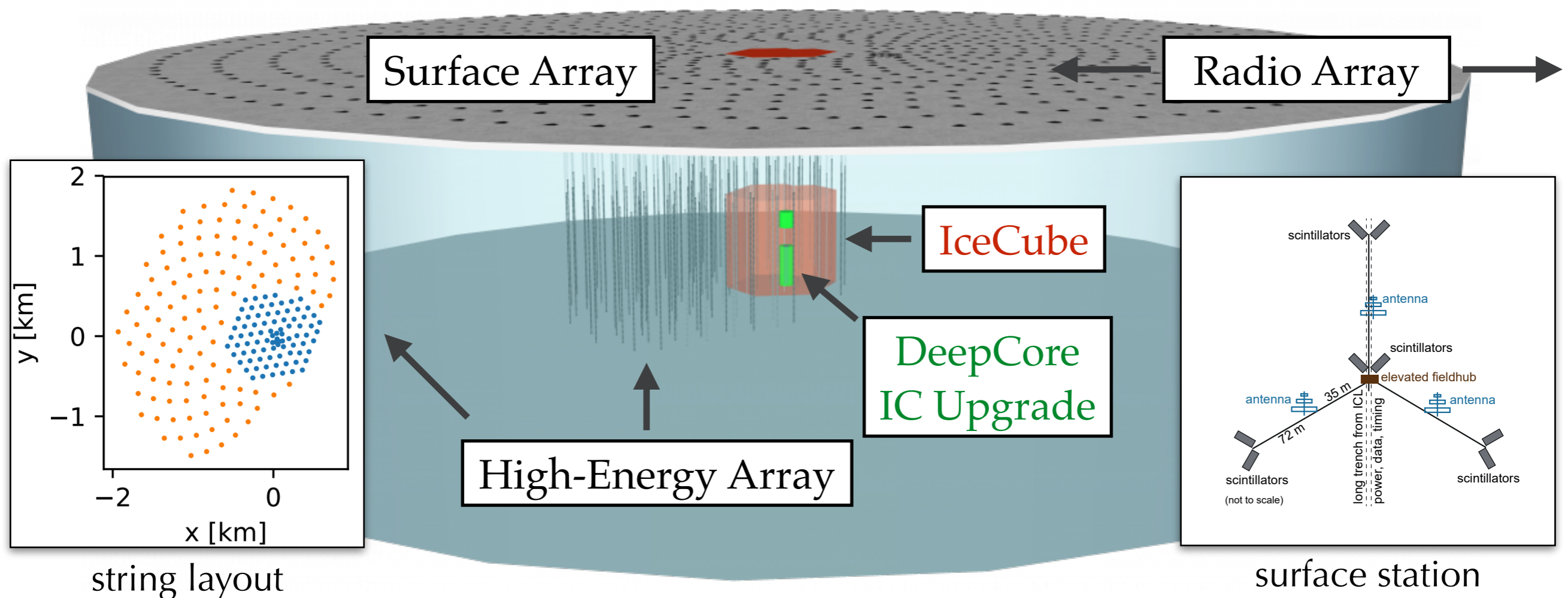
South China Sea: 17.4° N
1211 strings with 20 DOMs
instrumented volume: 7.5 km³



[TRIDENT Nature Astron. 7 (2023) 12]

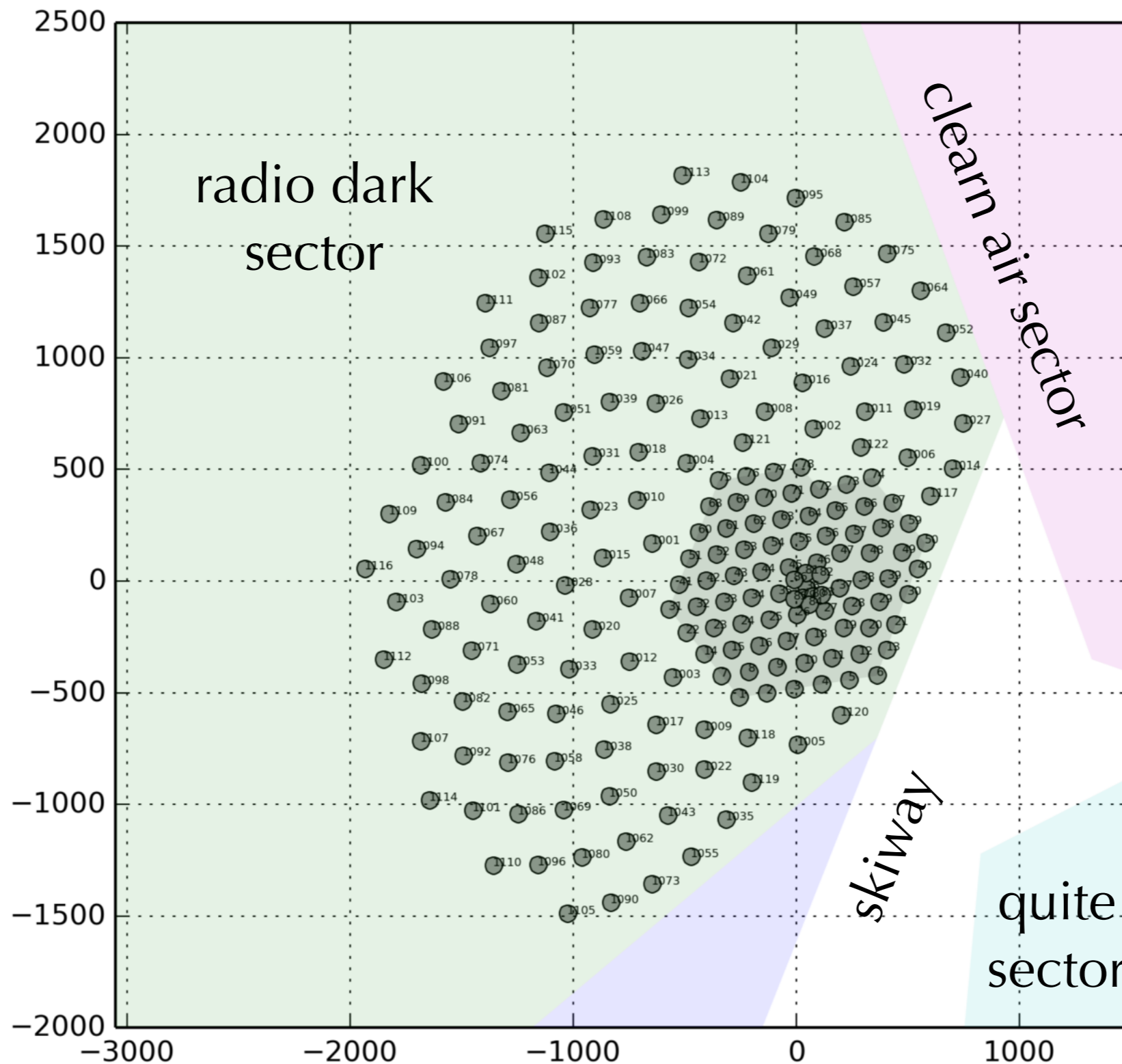
Vision: IceCube-Gen2

- **Multi-component facility** (low- and high-energy & multi-messenger)
- **In-ice optical Cherenkov array** with 120 strings and 240m spacing
- **Surface array** (scintillators & radio antennas) for PeV-EeV CRs & veto
- **Askaryan radio array** for $>10\text{PeV}$ neutrino detection

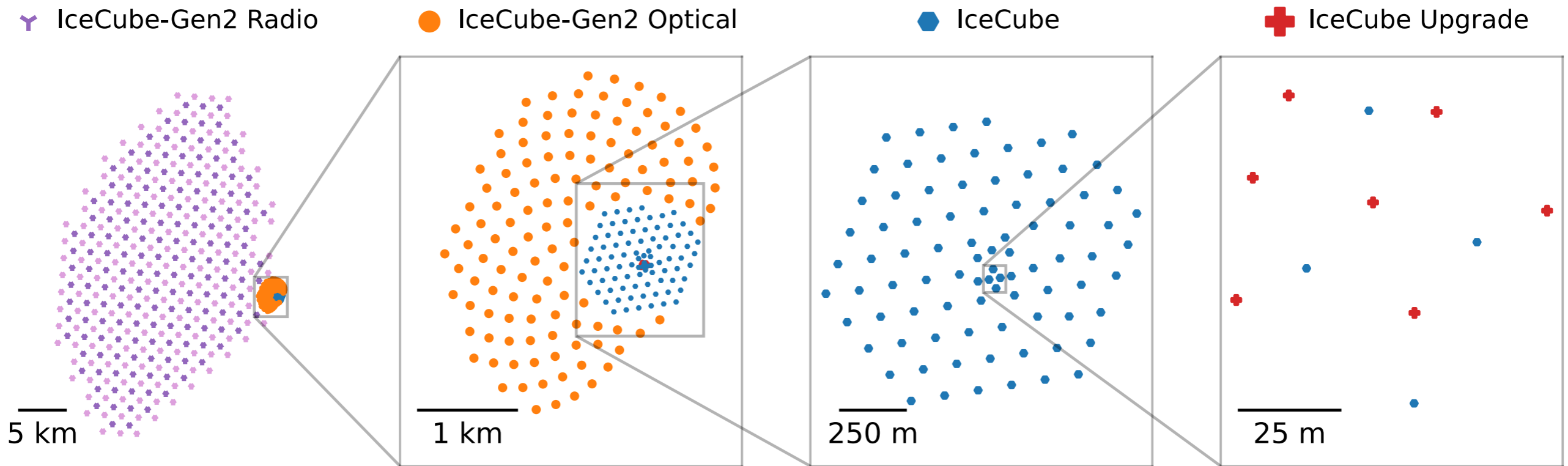


[IceCube-Gen2 *Technical Design Report*: icecube-gen2.wisc.edu/science/publications/tdr/]

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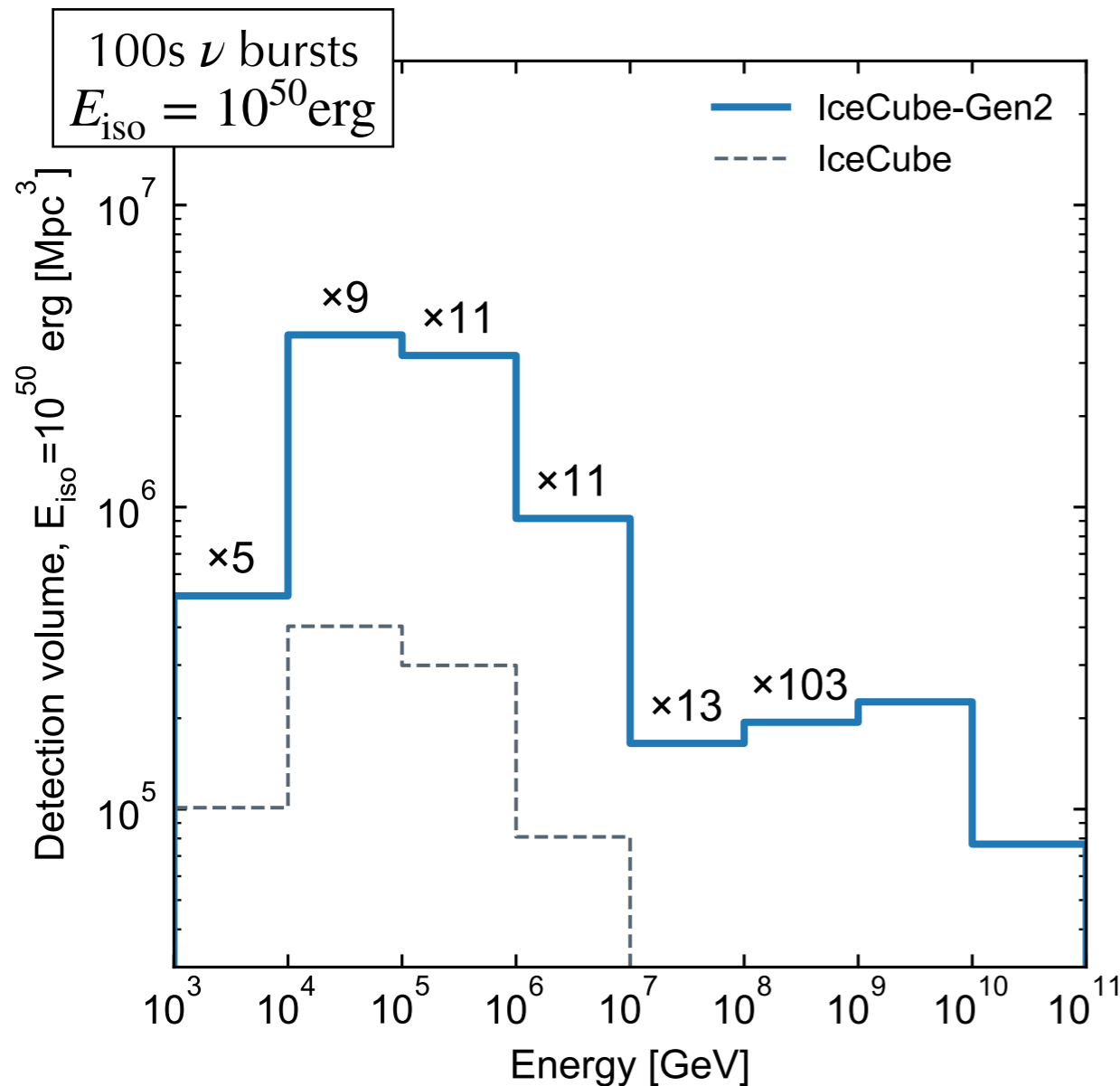


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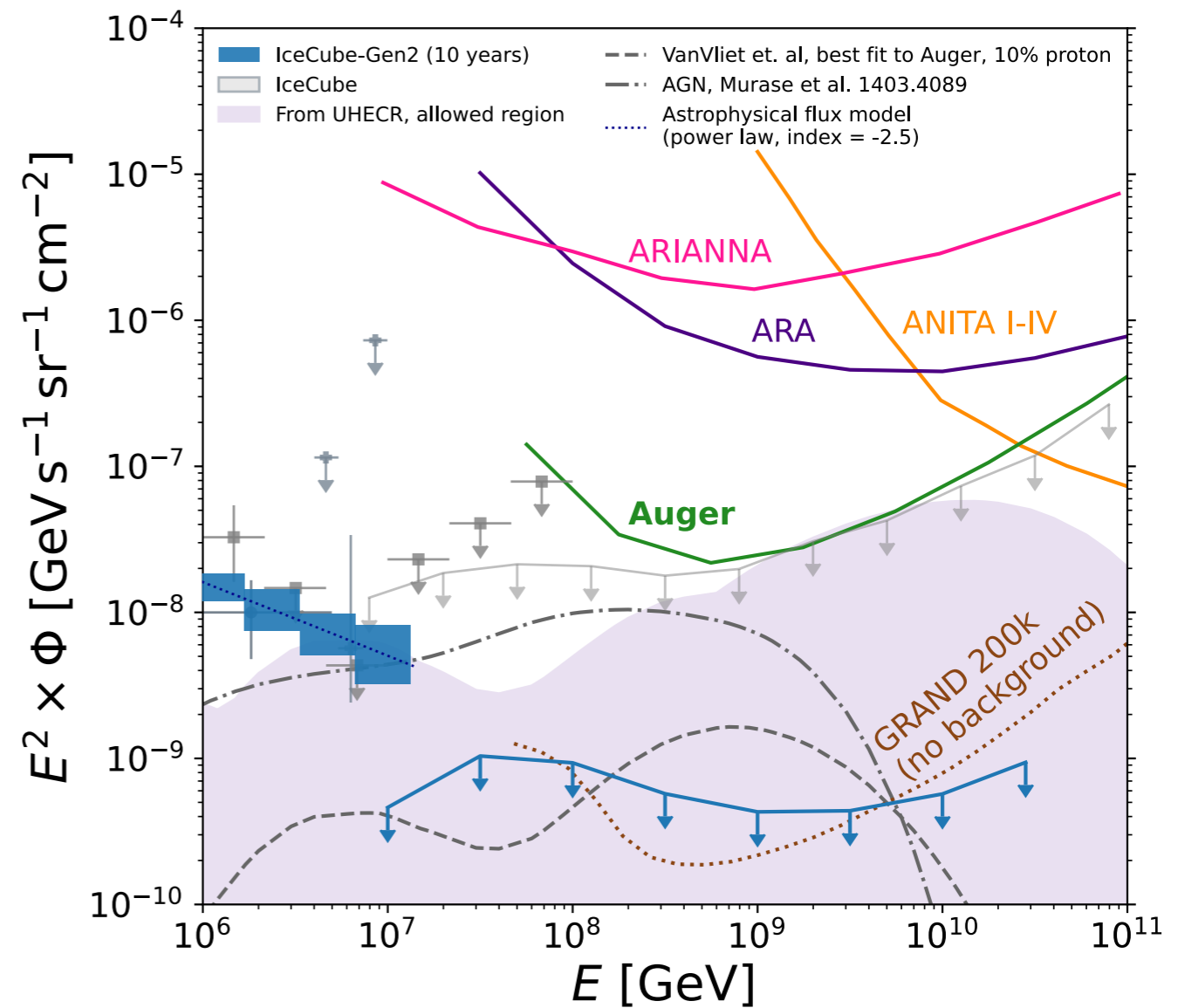


Vision: IceCube-Gen2

Improved sensitivity for neutrino sources to find the origin of the isotropic TeV-PeV flux



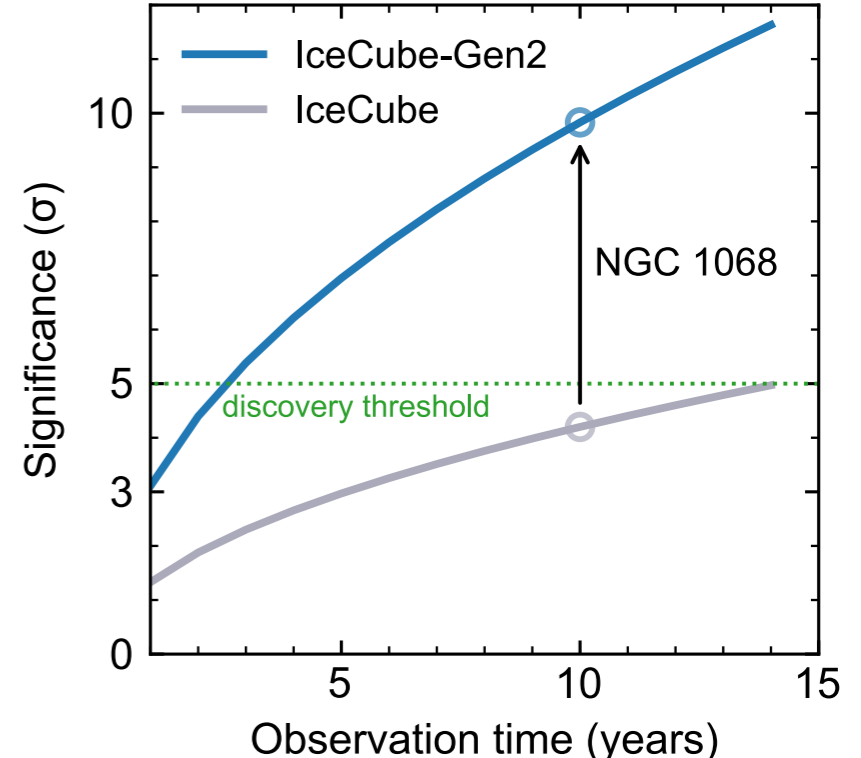
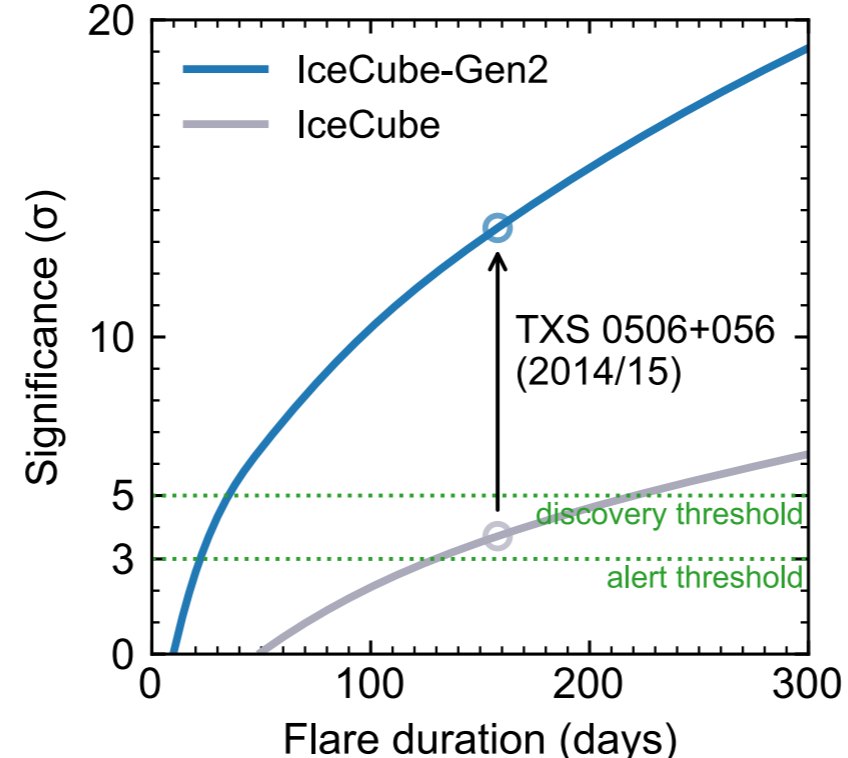
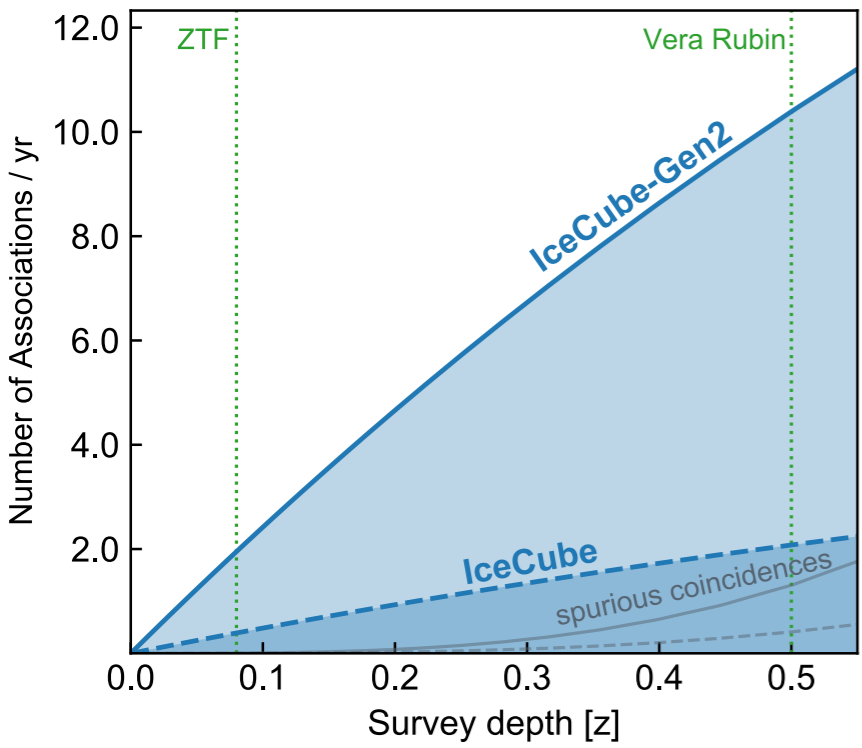
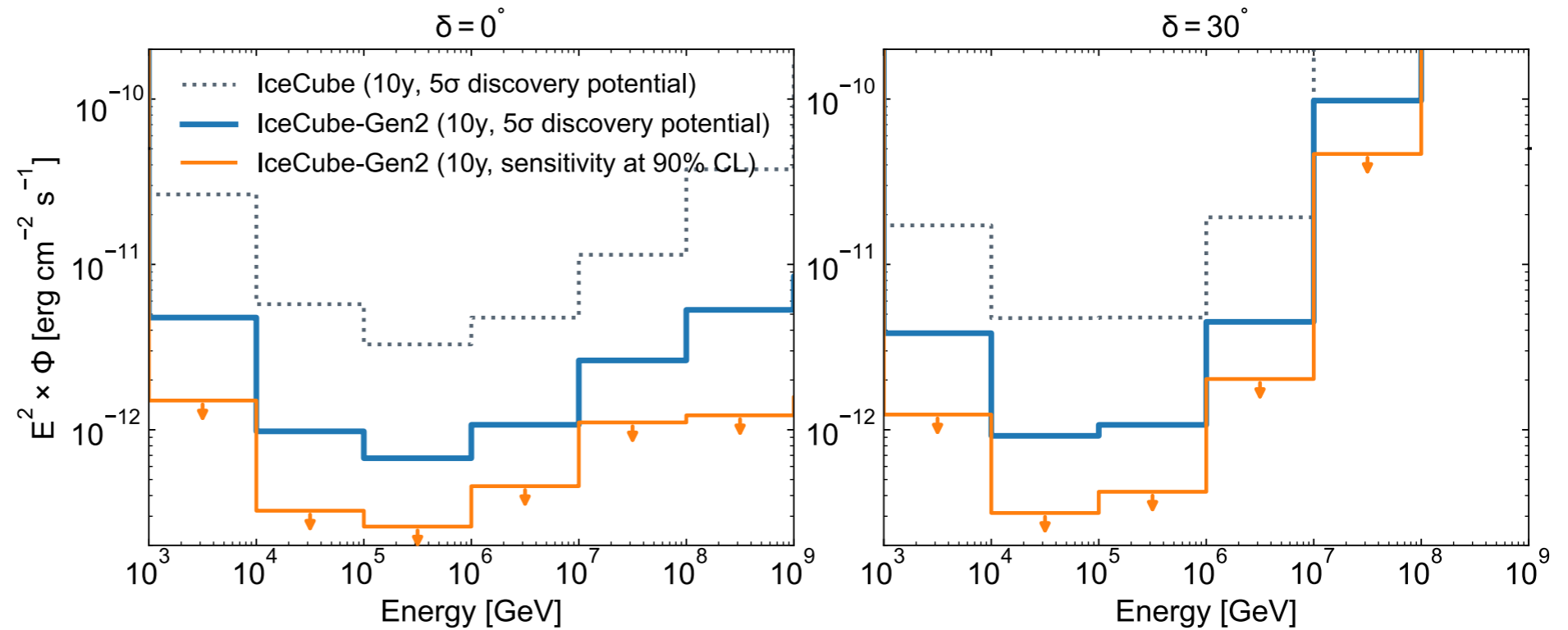
Precision measurement of **PeV-EeV neutrino fluxes** with extended in-ice optical and surface radio array



[IceCube-Gen2 *Technical Design Report*: icecube-gen2.wisc.edu/science/publications/tdr/]

Vision: IceCube-Gen2

Discovery potentials of IceCube vs. IceCube-Gen2



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