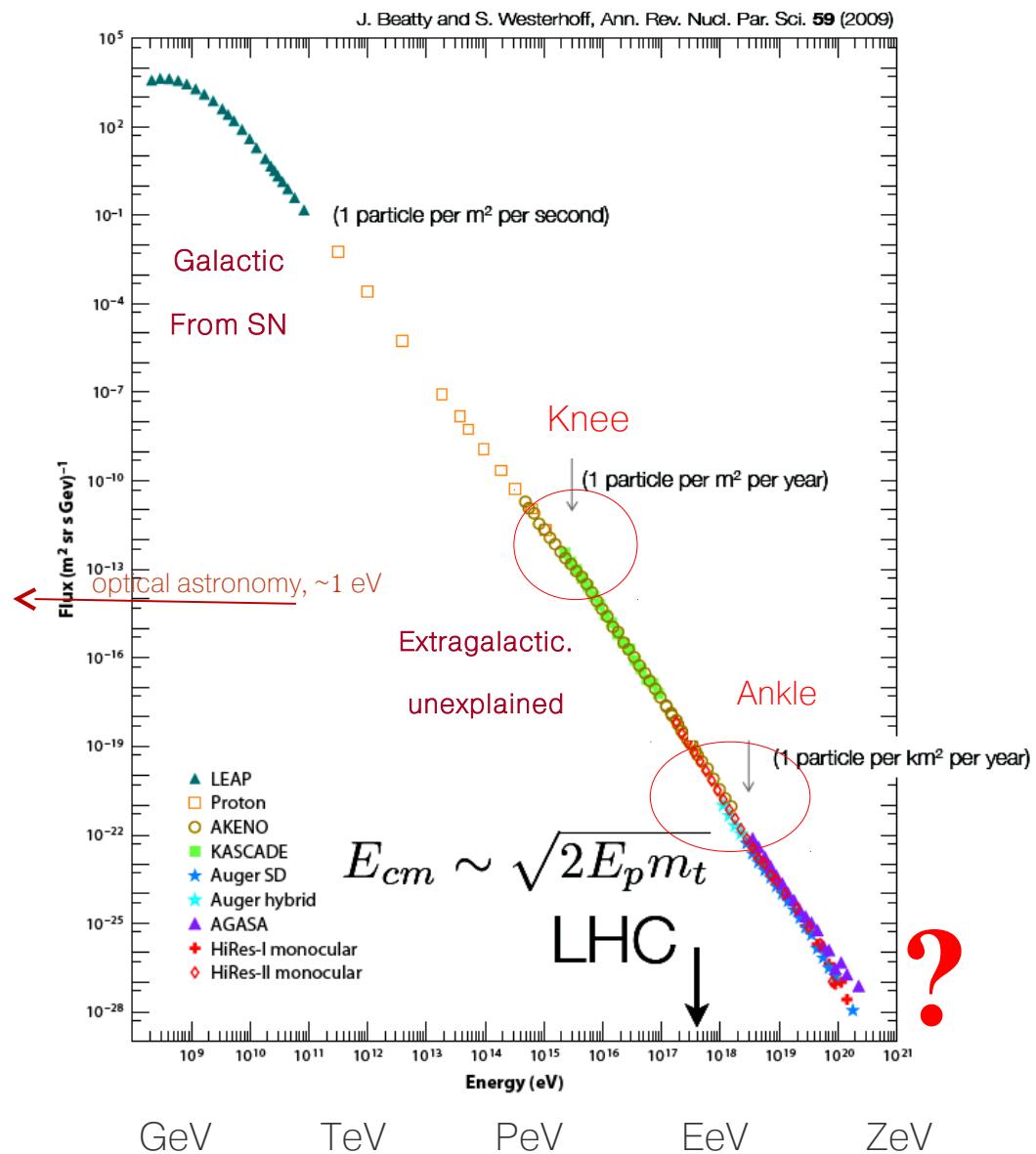


# IceCube

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# the cosmic ray spectrum



Today we know CR's are p's,  $\gamma$ 's and heavier nuclei

CR's detected at extremely high energies

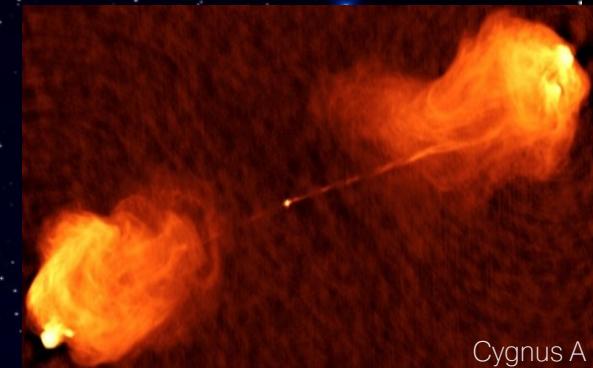
Sources: where do we expect them from?

Sources should also produce neutrinos (undetected so far ?)

How?:

→ neutrino telescopes

# aim of neutrino telescopes: neutrino astronomy



Cygnus A

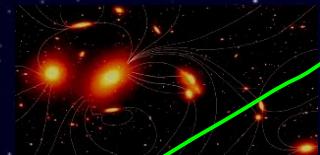
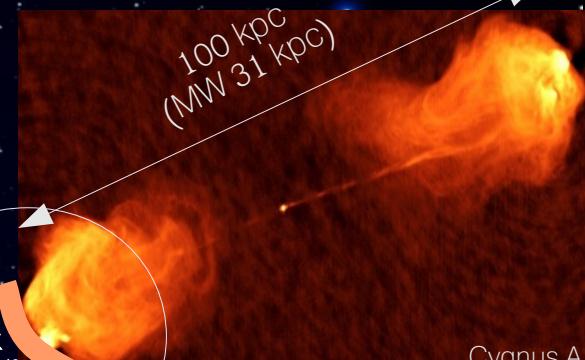
cosmic accelerators:  
Active Galactic Nuclei,  
Gama-ray Bursts,  
Supernovae remnants,  
micro Quasars

(point-source searches)



# particle production in cosmic accelerators

- shock acceleration: hadrons/nuclei
- inverse compton:  $\gamma s$
- synchrotron radiation, bremmstrahlung:  $\gamma s$
- particle decays:  $\gamma s$ ,  $\nu s$



cosmic rays should  
be accompanied by  
cosmic neutrinos



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- Astroparticle physics studies the cosmos through these 'signatures':  
**hadrons** ( $p/nuclei$ ), **leptons** ( $e^+, e^-$ ), **photons and neutrinos**:

- protons are charged → deflected by intergalactic magnetic fields  
(only very high energy CR's,  $E > 10^{18}$  eV, useful for astronomy: they can point)
- $\gamma$ 's easily absorbed by intervening matter
- $\nu$ 's extremely difficult to detect (only weak interaction)

## Detectors:

$p/nuclei$ ,  $e'$ s: Air shower arrays (surface), satellites (space)

$\gamma$ 's,  $e'$ s: Cherenkov telescopes (surface), satellites (space)

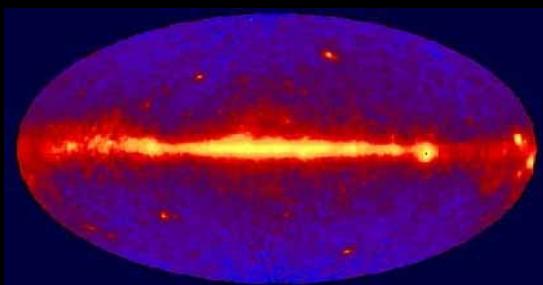
$\nu$ 's: neutrino 'telescopes' (underground/underwater)



cosmic accelerators  
AGN, GRBs,  $\mu$ QSrs, SN remnants  
(point-source searches)



Supernovae



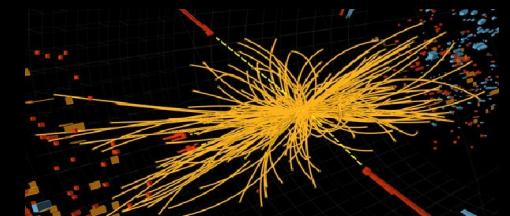
diffuse neutrino flux  
(all-sky searches)



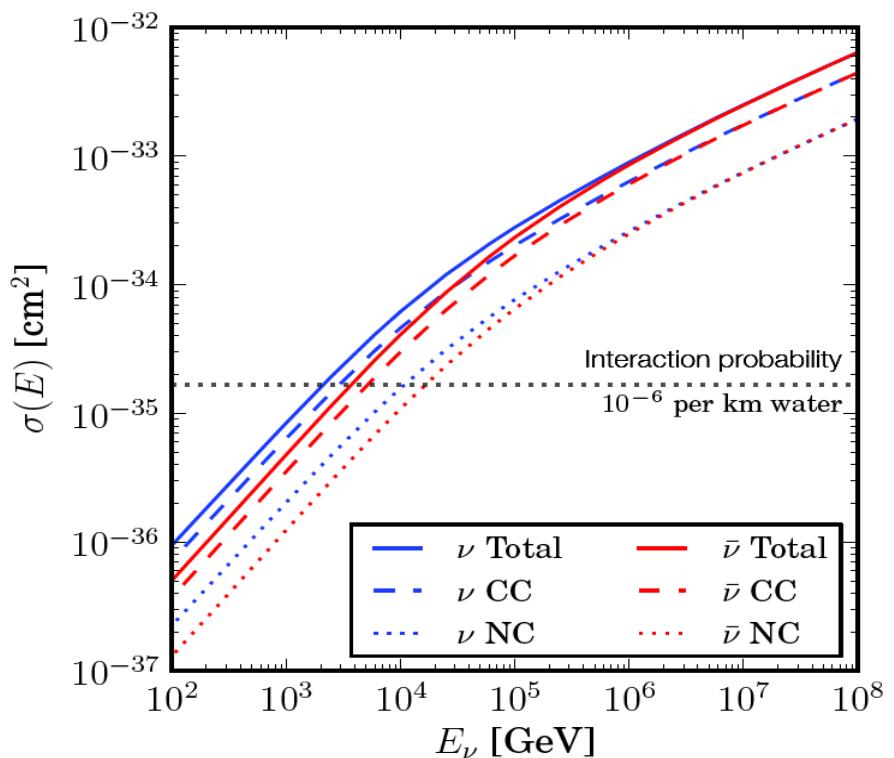
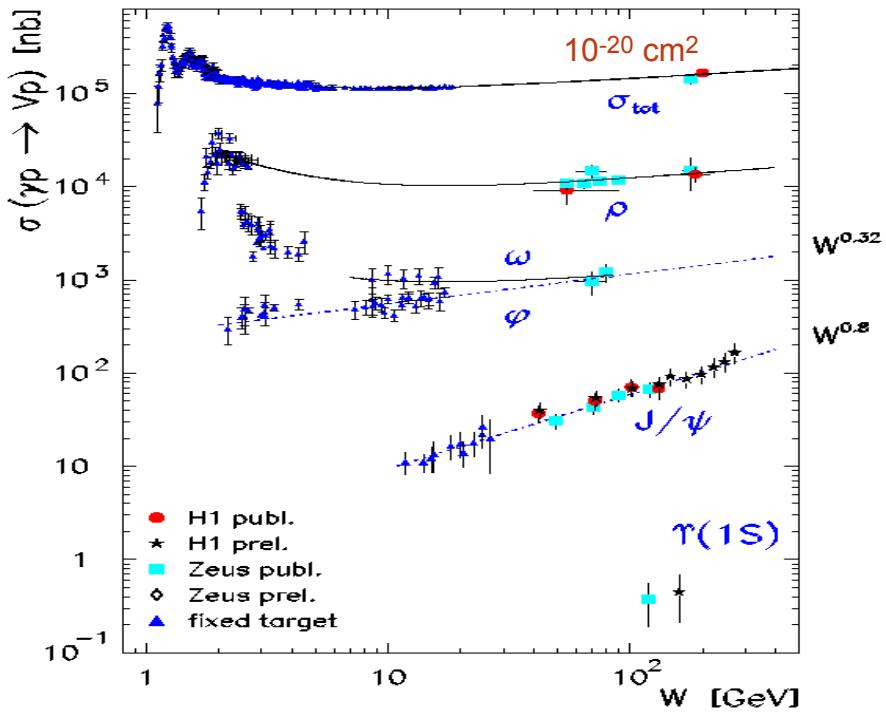
dark matter



cosmic rays

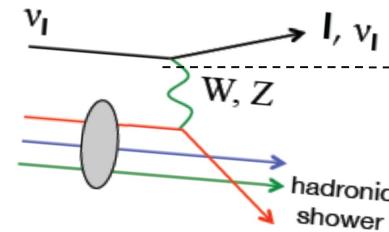


particle physics:  
neutrino properties  
fundamental laws...

compare:  $\gamma + p$  Xsection

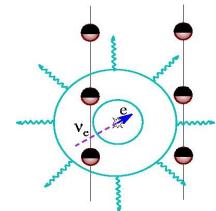
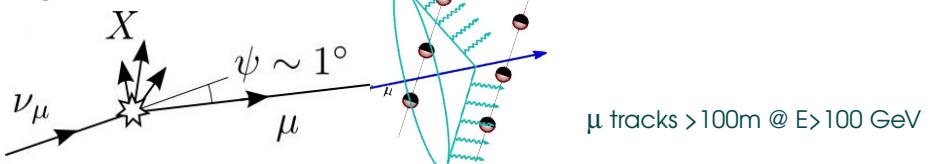
$$(1 \text{ barn} = 10^{-24} \text{ cm}^2 \quad 1 \text{ nanobarn} = 10^{-33} \text{ cm}^2)$$

# neutrino detection principle



Detect Cherenkov light of interaction products

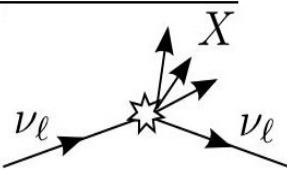
charged current



$e^{+}$  :electromagnetic shower

$\tau^{+}$  :hadronic shower

neutral current



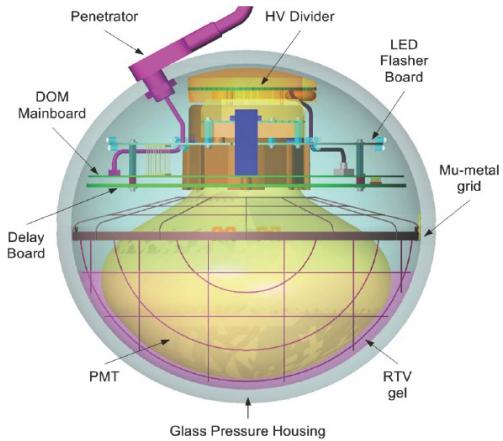


Array of optical modules in a transparent medium to detect the light emitted by relativistic secondaries produced in charged-current  $\nu$ -nucleon interactions

Need ns timing resolution

Need HUGE volumes (tiny Xsects & fluxes)

# the IceCube neutrino telescope

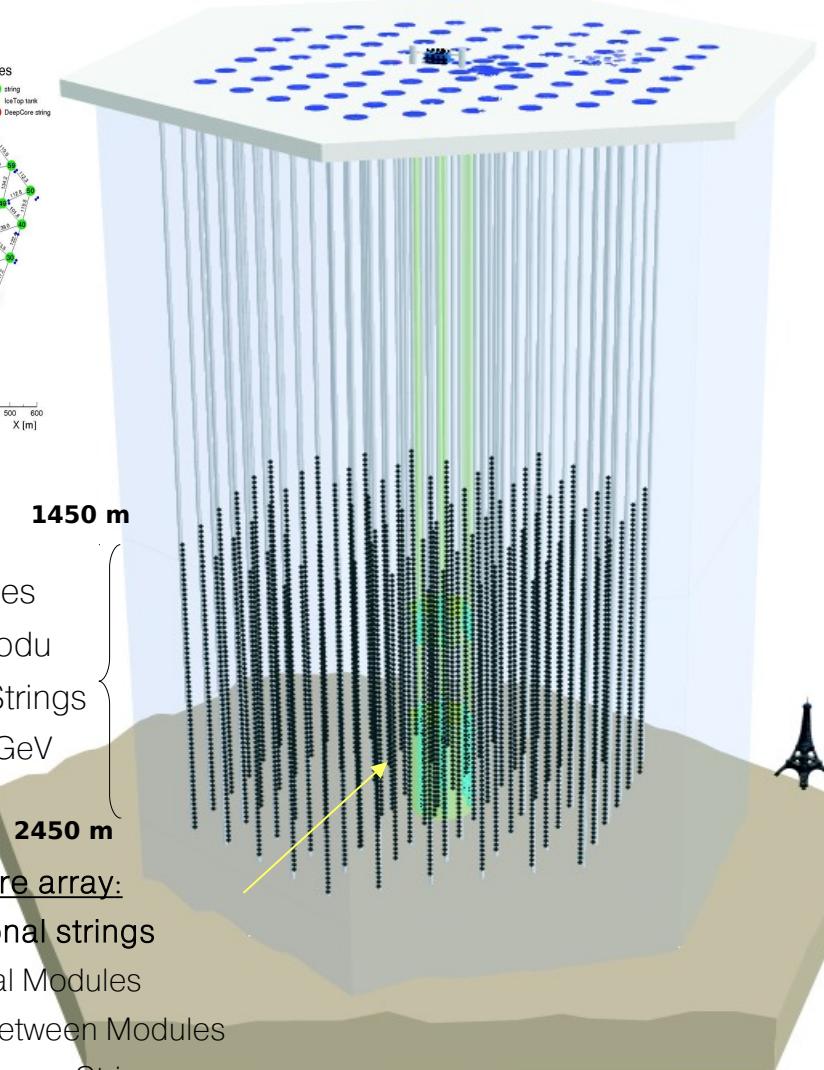
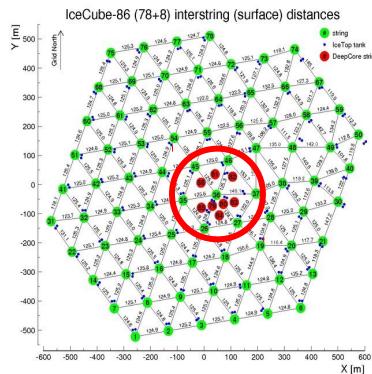


- **PMT:** HAMAMATSU, 10''
- **DIGITIZERS:**
  - ATWD:** 3 CHANNELS. SAMPLING 300MHz, CAPTURE 400 ns
  - FADC:** SAMPLING 40 MHz, CAPTURE 6.4  $\mu$ s DYNAMIC RANGE 500Pe/15 nsec, 25000 Pe/6.4  $\mu$ s
- **FLASHER BOARD:**
  - 12 controllable LEDs at 0° or 45°
  - DARK NOISE RATE ~ 500 Hz
  - LOCAL COINCIDENCE RATE ~ 15 Hz
  - DEADTIME < 1%
  - TIMING RESOLUTION  $\leq$  2-3 ns
  - POWER CONSUMPTION: 3W

CLOCK STABILITY:  $10^{-10} \approx 0.1$  nsec / sec  
SYNCHRONIZED TO GPS TIME EVERY  $\approx 5$  SEC  
AT 2 NS PRECISION

## IceTop: Air shower detector

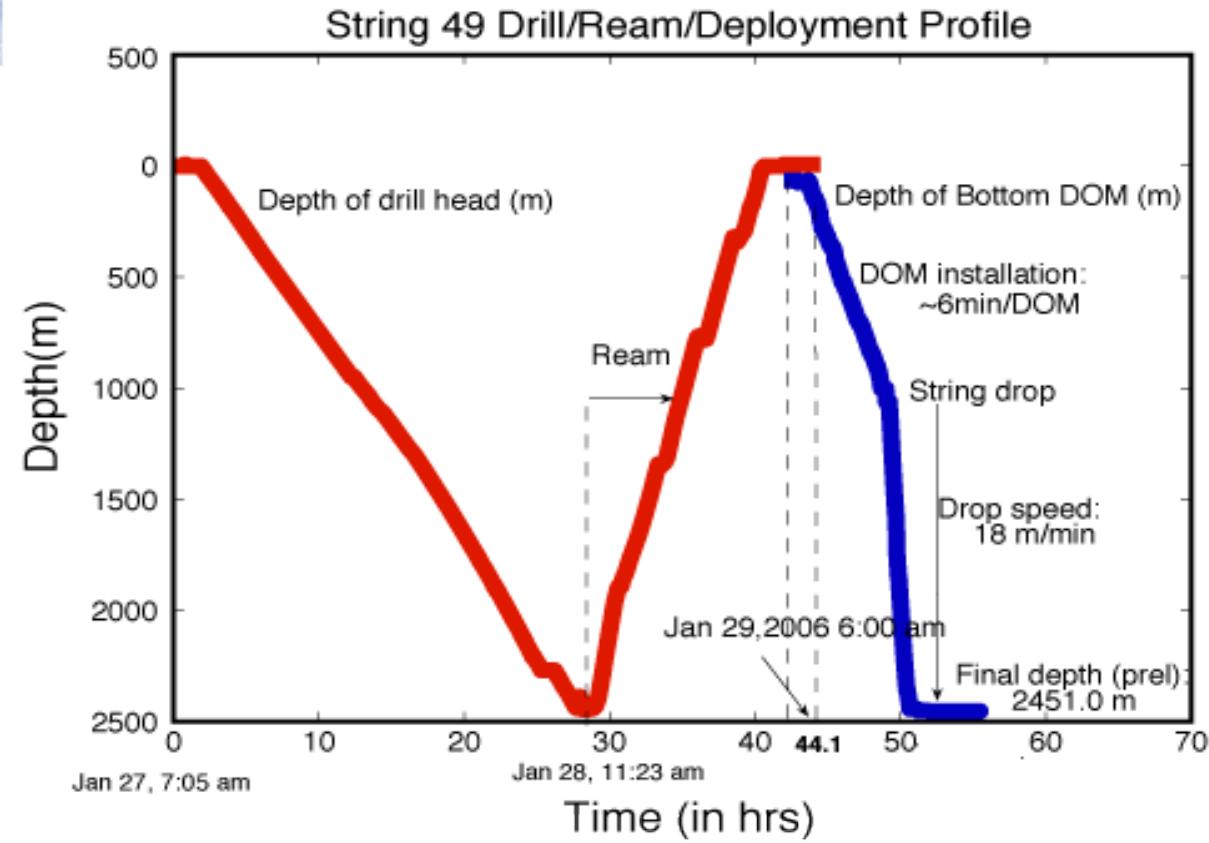
80 stations/2 tanks each  
threshold  $\sim$  300 TeV



# the Digital Optical Module

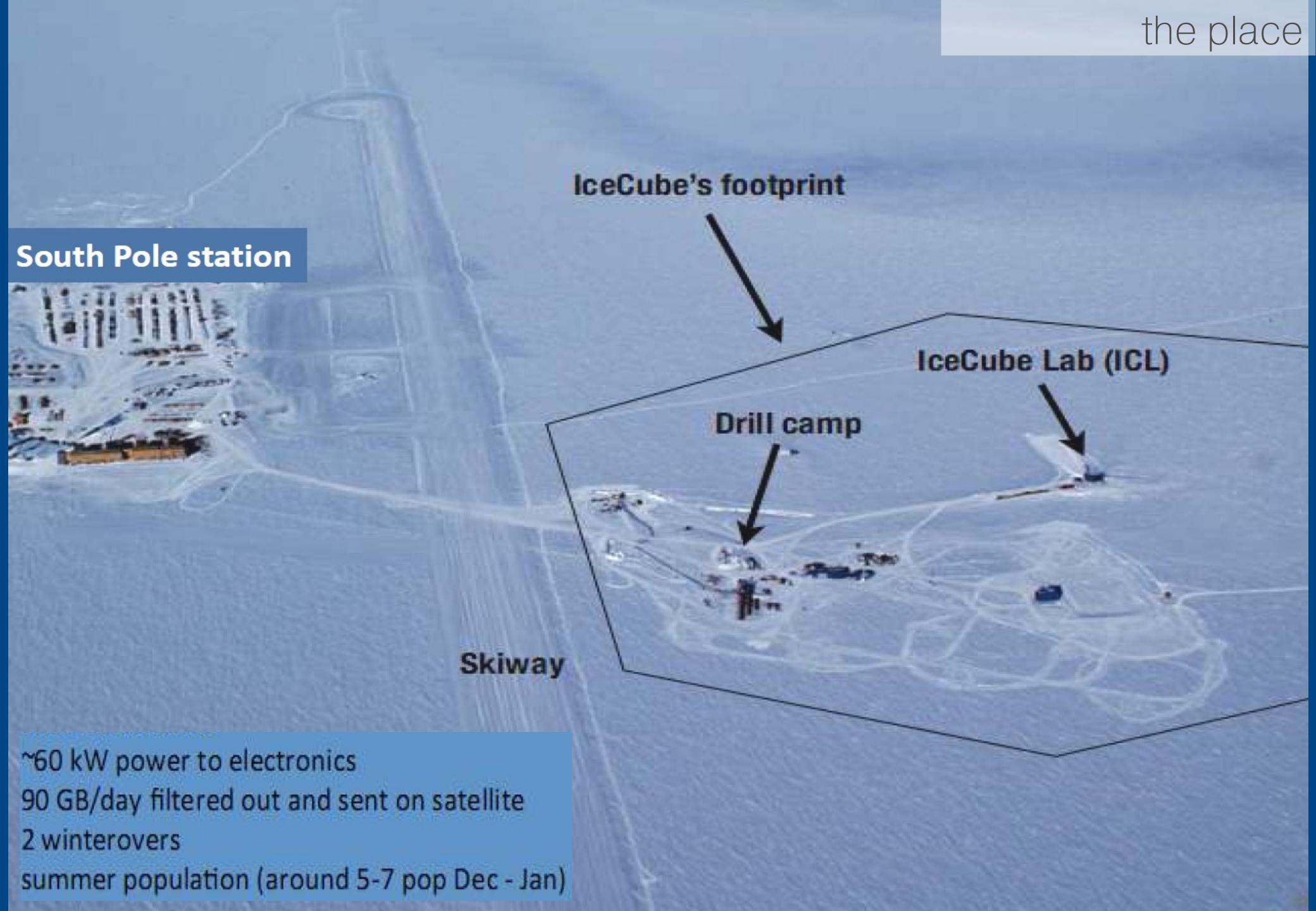


the drilling



$$5\text{MW} \times 30 \text{ hrs} = 0.56 \text{ TJ!}$$

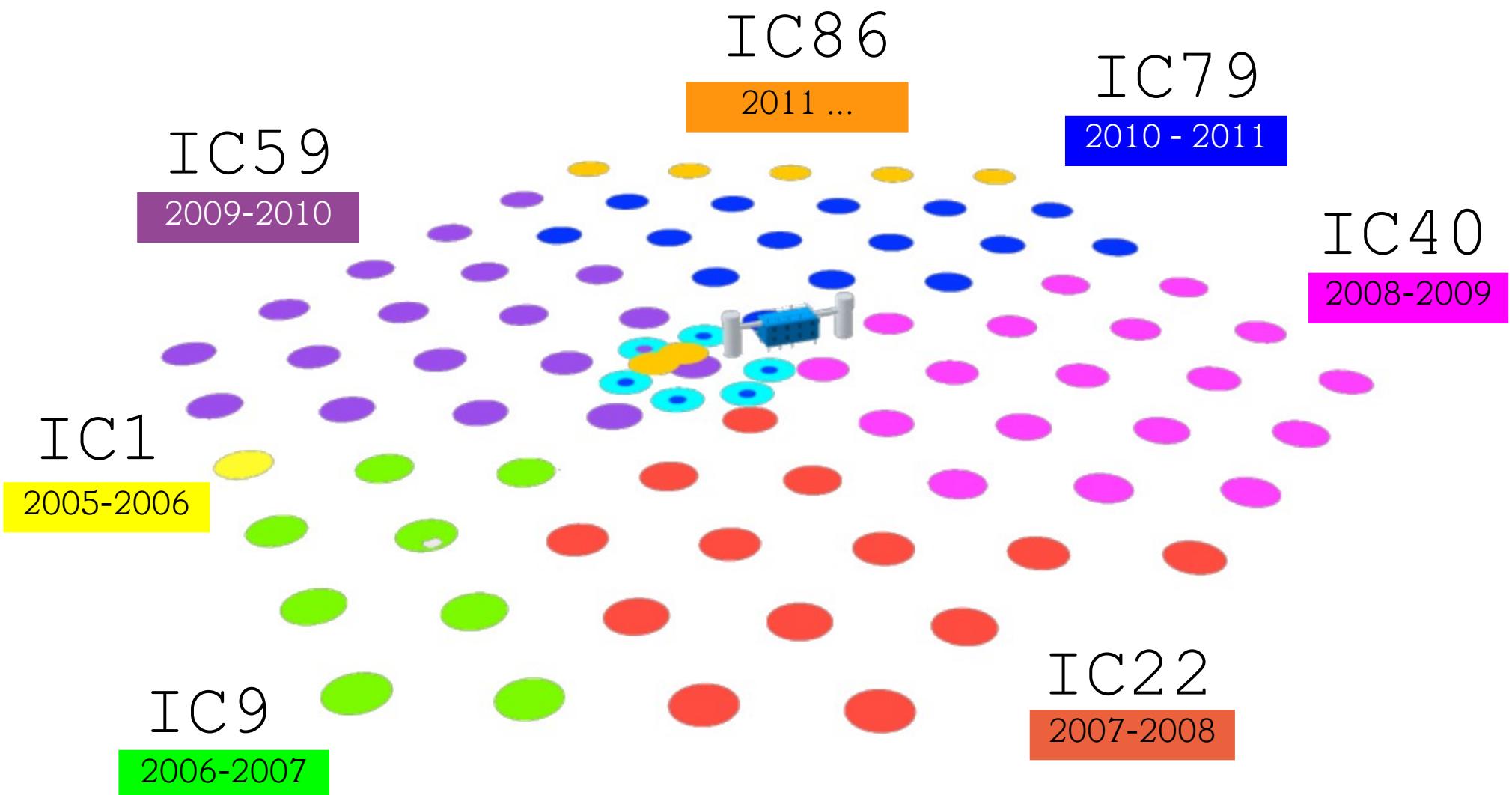
AMANDA drilling (1950m) 90 hrs deployment: 18 hrs  
IceCube drilling (2450m) 40 hrs, deployment: 10 hours



~60 kW power to electronics  
90 GB/day filtered out and sent on satellite  
2 winterovers  
summer population (around 5-7 pop Dec - Jan)







Data taking since 2005 – completed in 2010!



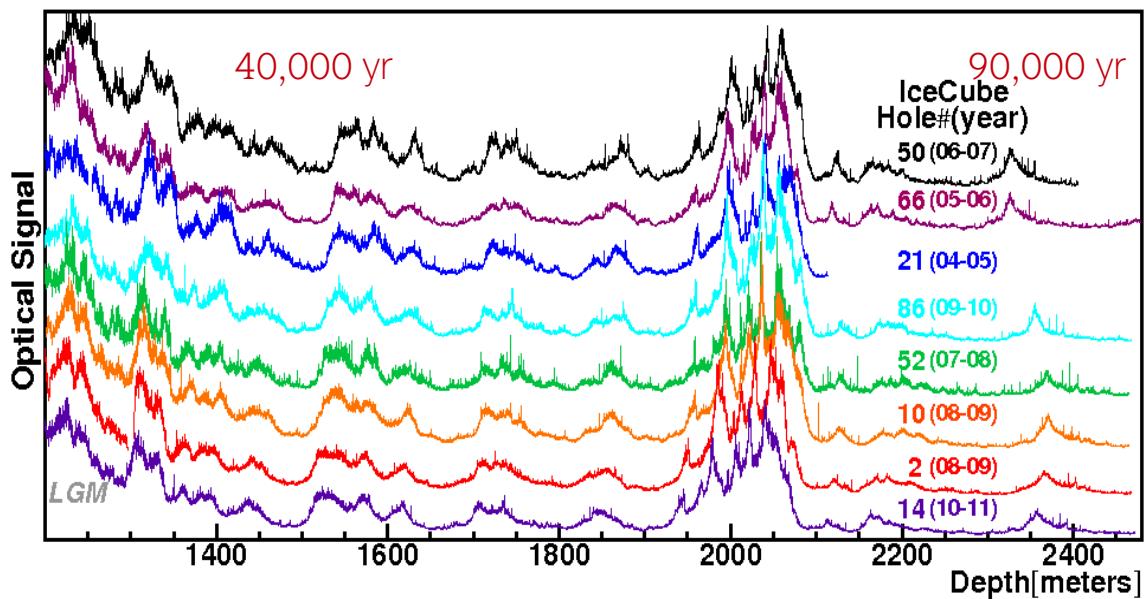




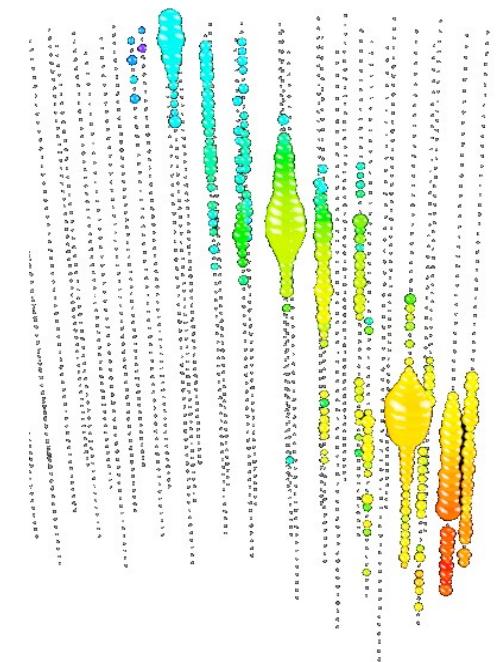
We do not fill our detector with a well known and calibrated Cherenkov radiator (as accelerator experiments do)

We fill the ice with our detector → Need characterization of an unknown medium

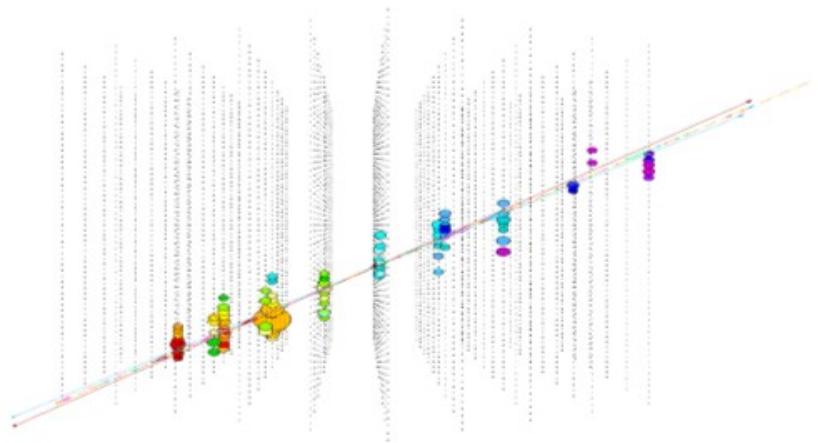
Deep ice at South Pole is extremely clear,  $\lambda_{\text{absorption}} \sim 100$  m, but presents dust layers of decreased transparency



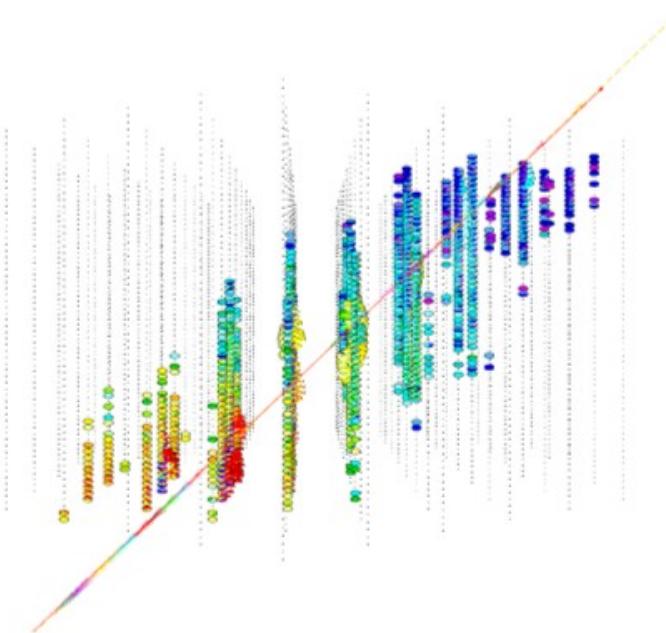
This presents a challenge for photon collection at some depths



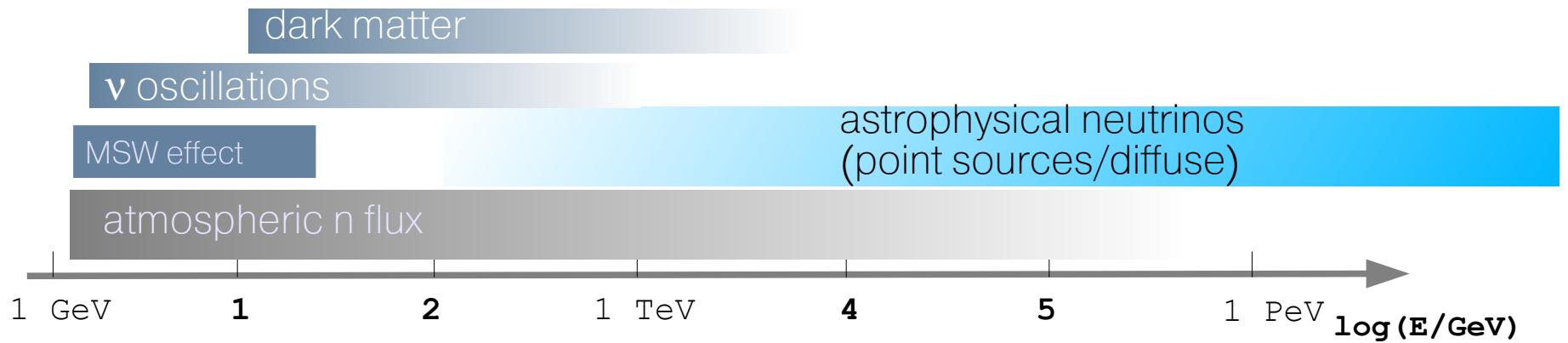
# example of track reconstruction in IceCube

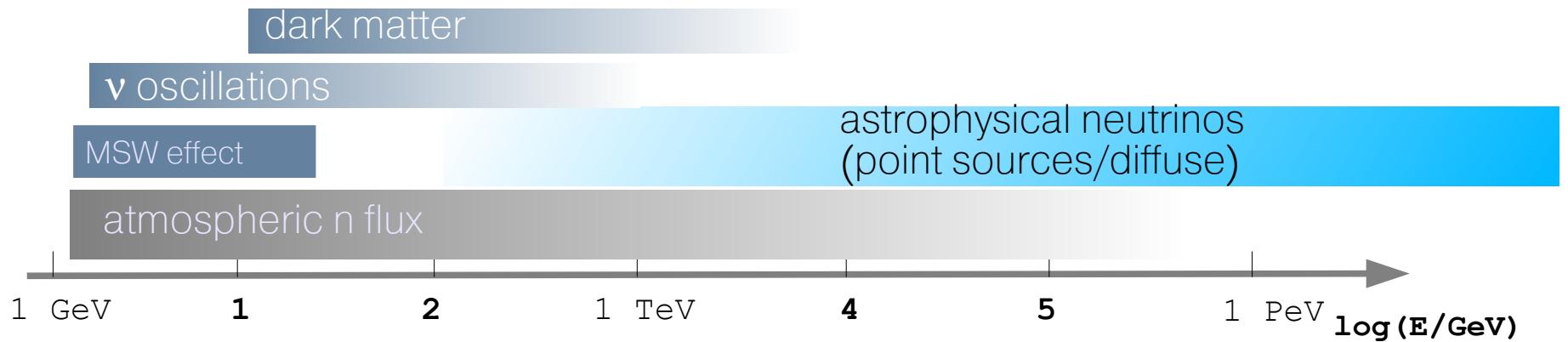


**Figure 13:** A 10-TeV muon track in IceCube.

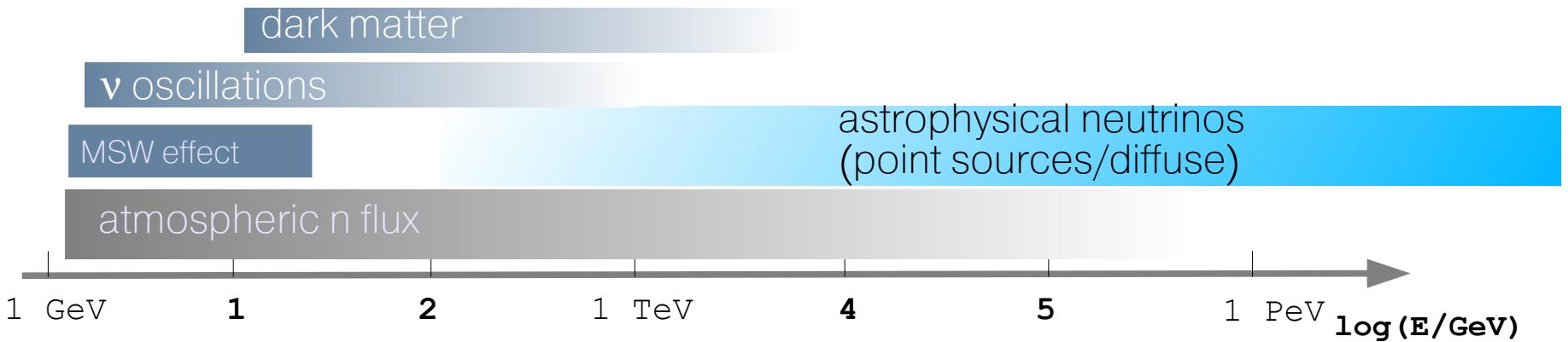


**Figure 14:** A 6-PeV muon track in IceCube.





... multi-flavour detectors



... multi-flavour detectors

neutrino event signatures in IceCube:

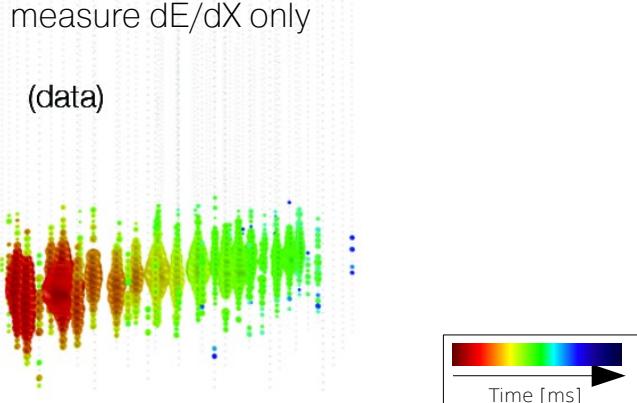
tracks:

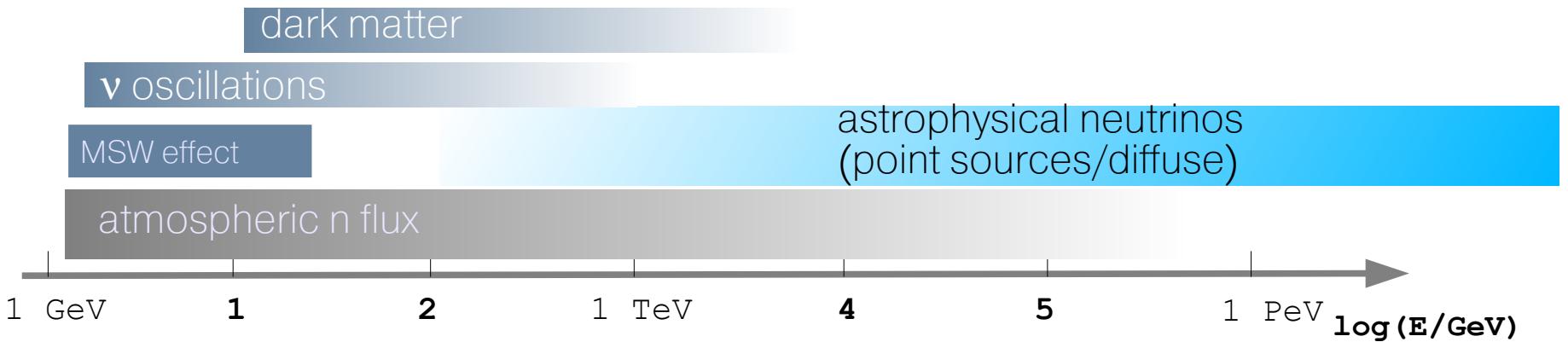
$$\nu_\mu + N \rightarrow \mu + X$$

angular resolution  $\sim 1^\circ$

can measure  $dE/dX$  only

(data)

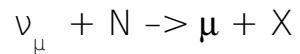




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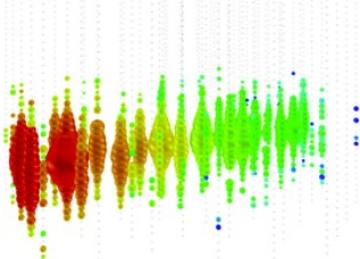
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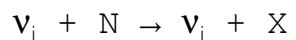
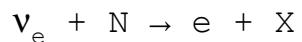
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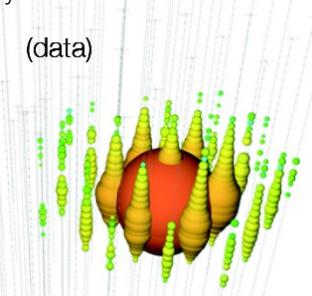
### cascades:

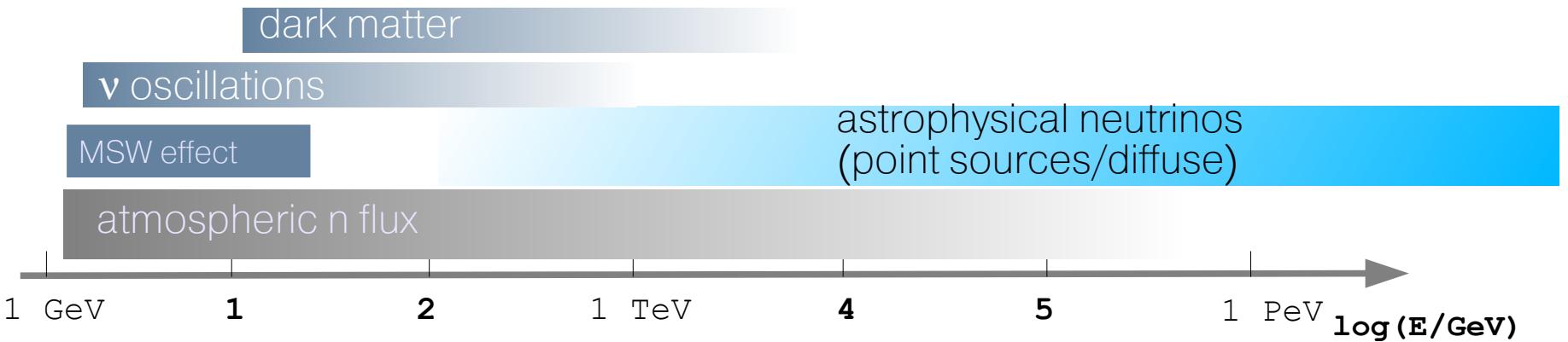


angular resolution  $\geq 10^\circ$

energy resolution  $\sim 15\%$

(data)

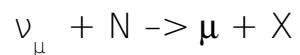




... multi-flavour detectors

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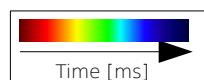
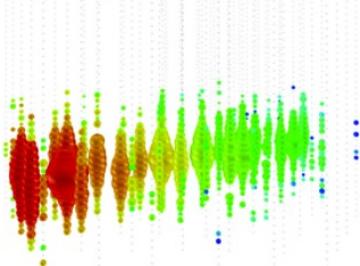
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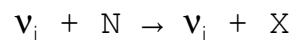
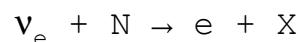
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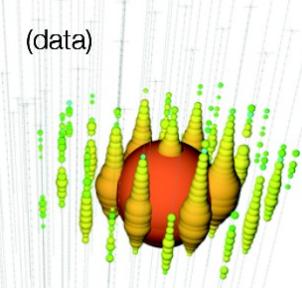
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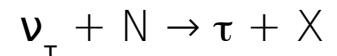
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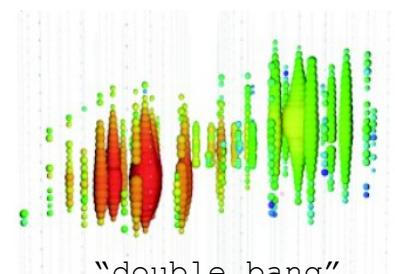
(data)



### Tau neutrino, CC



(simulation)



$\tau$  production

$\tau$  decay

Measure fluxes of

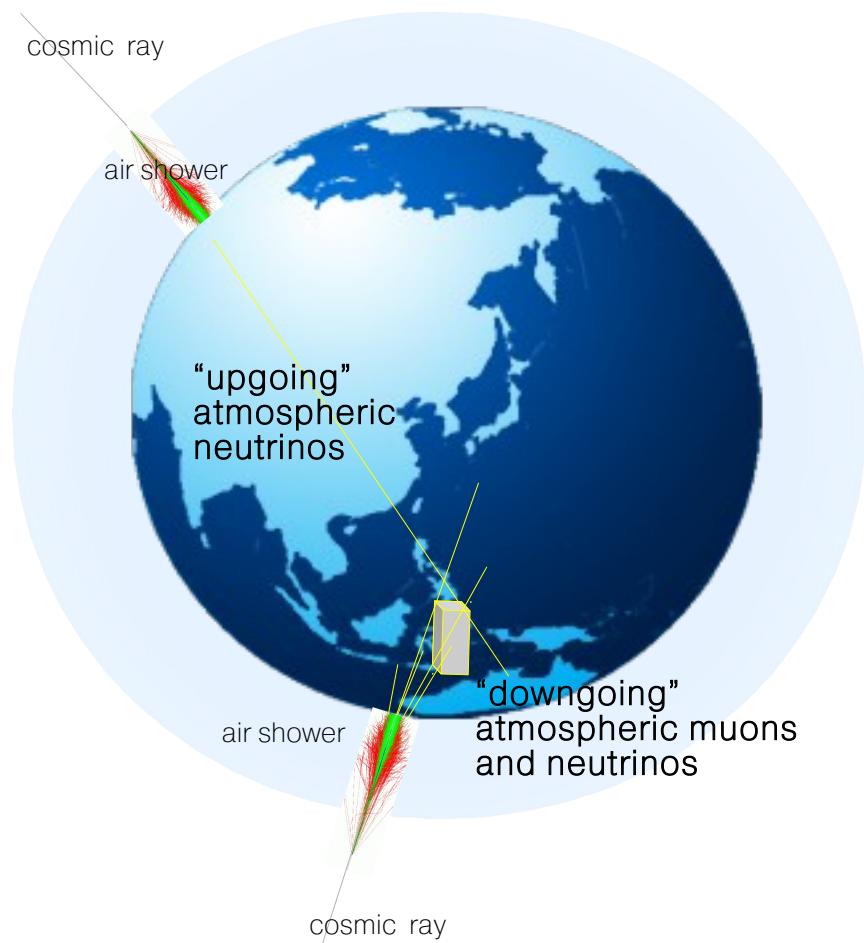
- atmospheric muons
- atmospheric neutrinos

at higher energies and better statistics  
than previous experiments

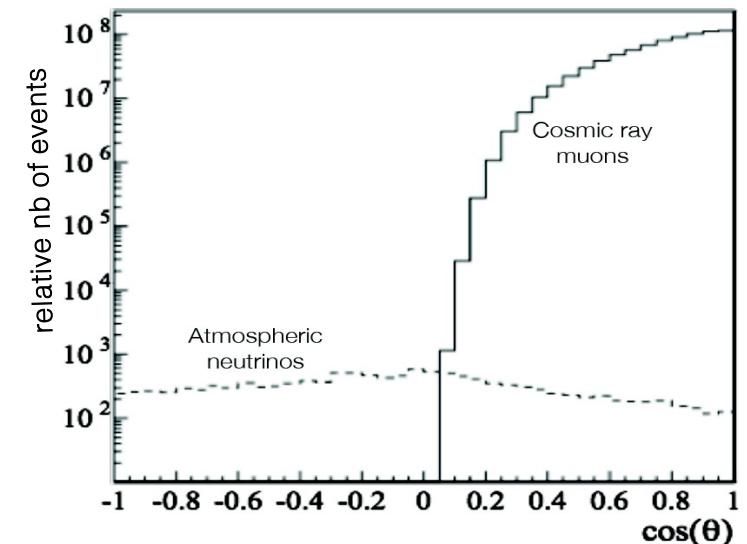
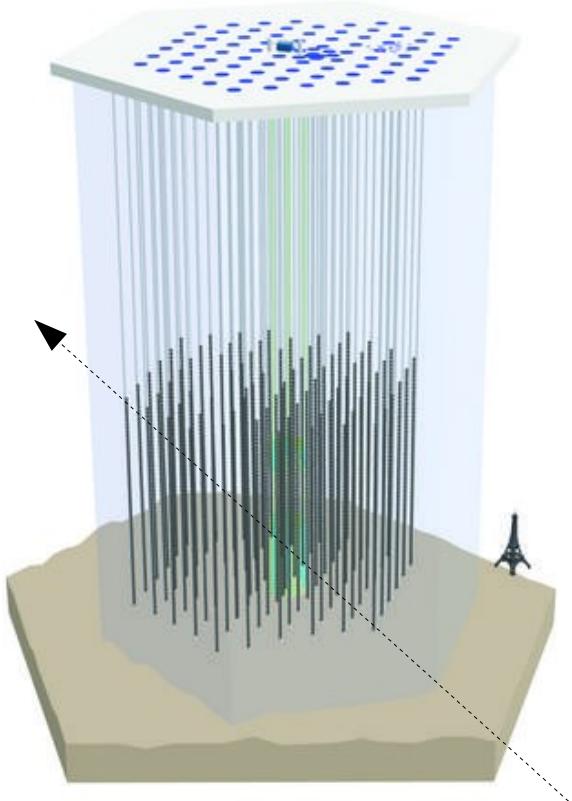
Any deviations from known physics is

- new neutrino physics
- new particle physics
- new astrophysics

## backgrounds



@ IceCube: downgoing → Southern Hemisphere  
upgoing → Northern Hemisphere

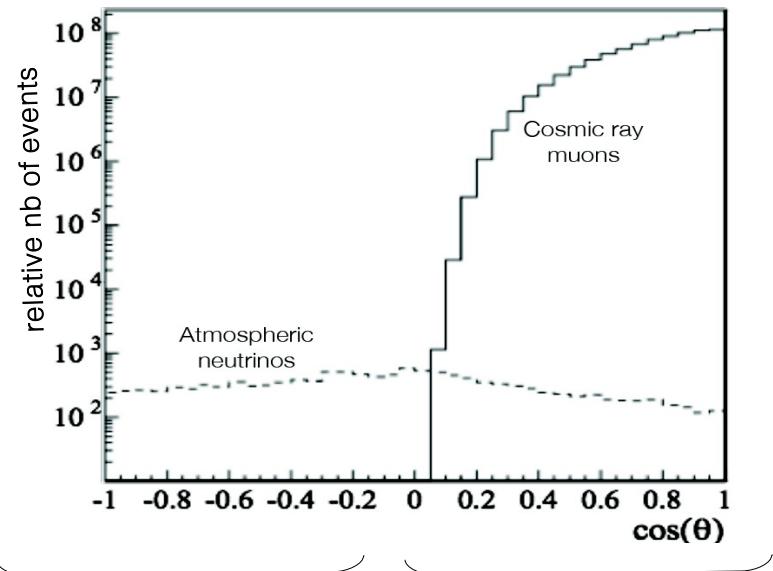
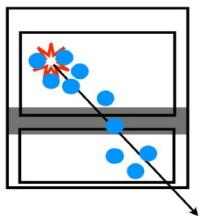
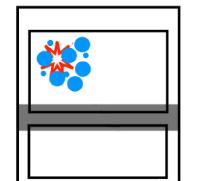
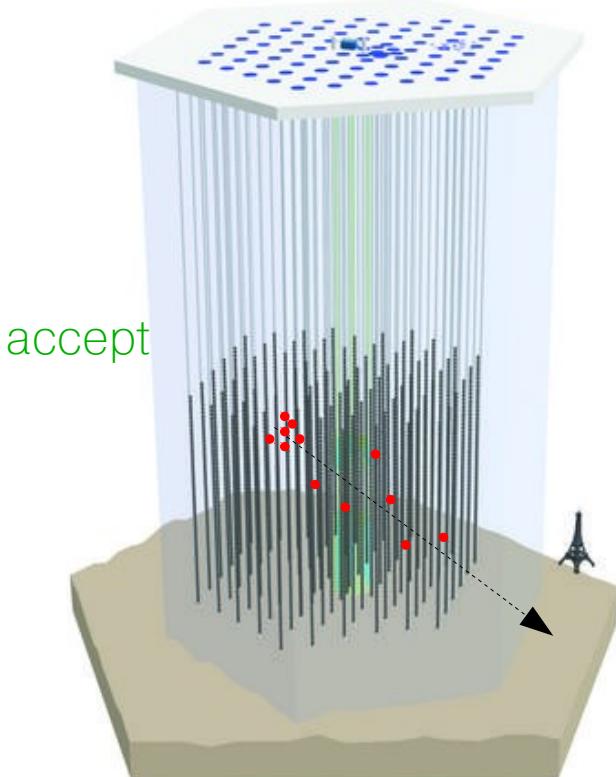


below the horizon  
(upgoing tracks)

Earth has filtered  
all cosmic ray products  
except neutrinos

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above the horizon  
(downgoing tracks)

High energetic muons  
can penetrate km in  
water or ice

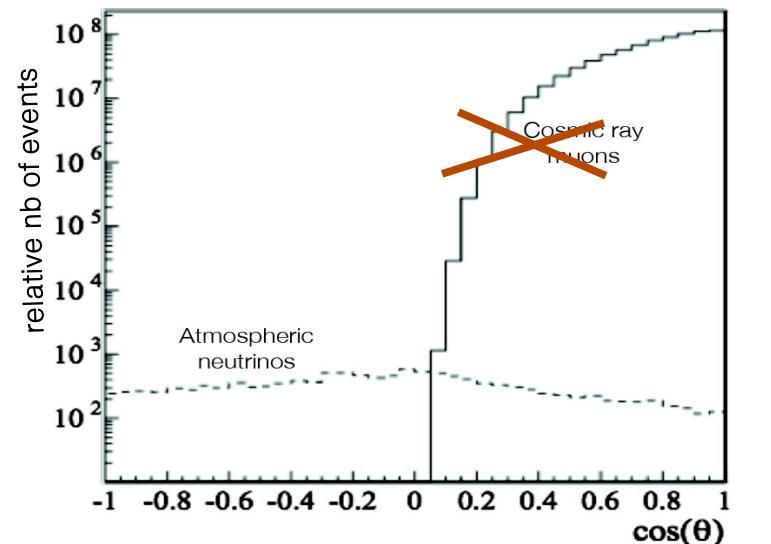
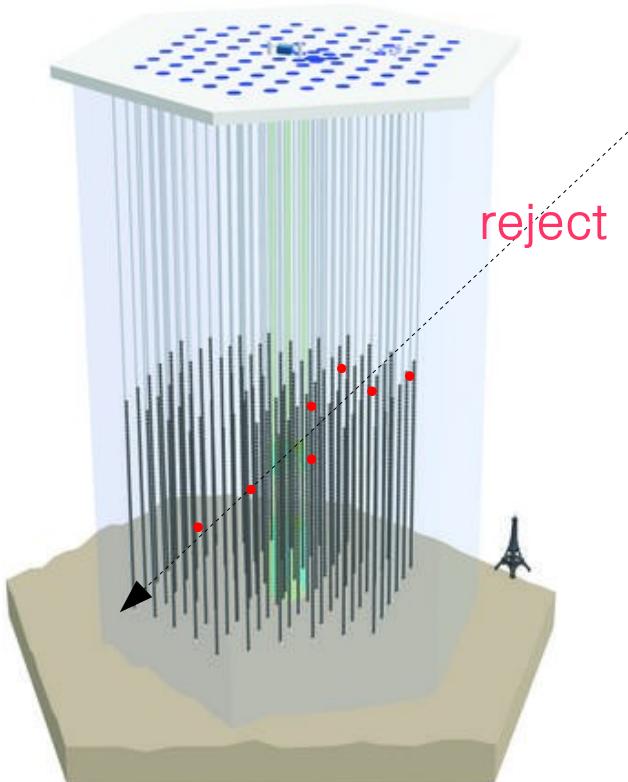
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## full sky sensitivity

using IceCube outer strings as a veto:  
Require no causally connected hits in outer  
string(s) layer(s)

--> access to southern hemisphere sources,  
galactic center and all-year Sun visibility



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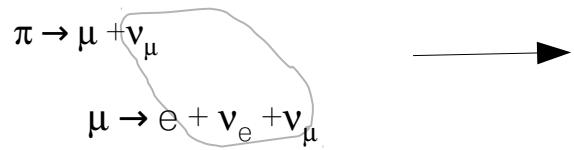
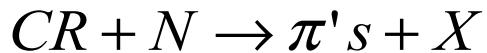
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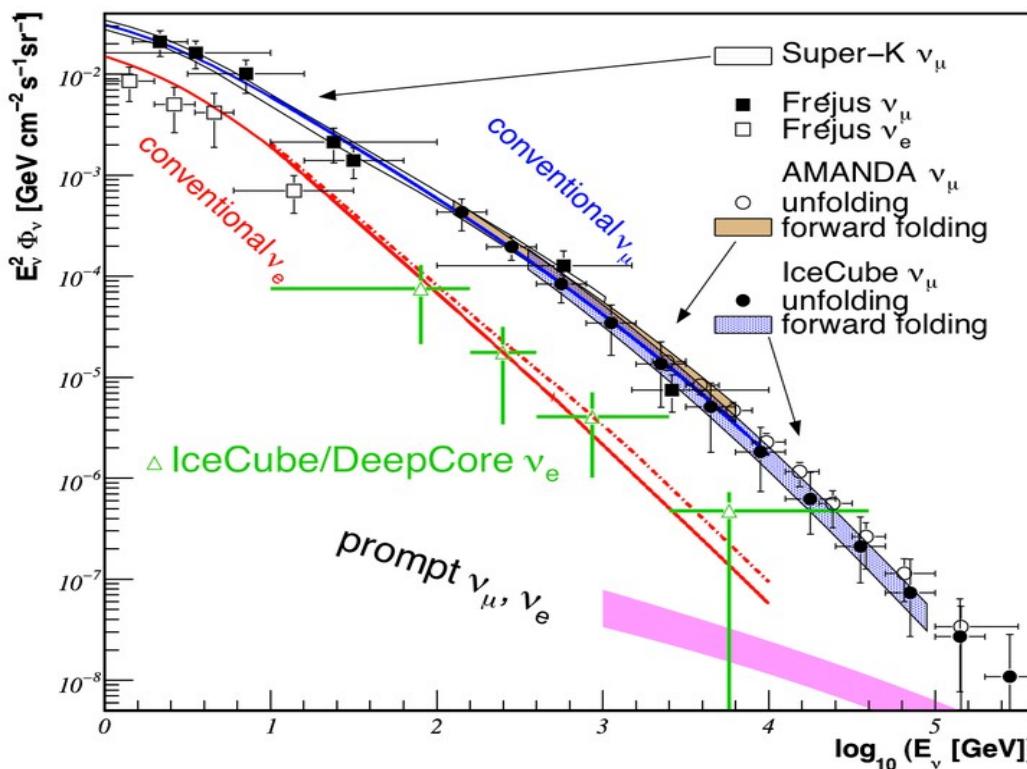
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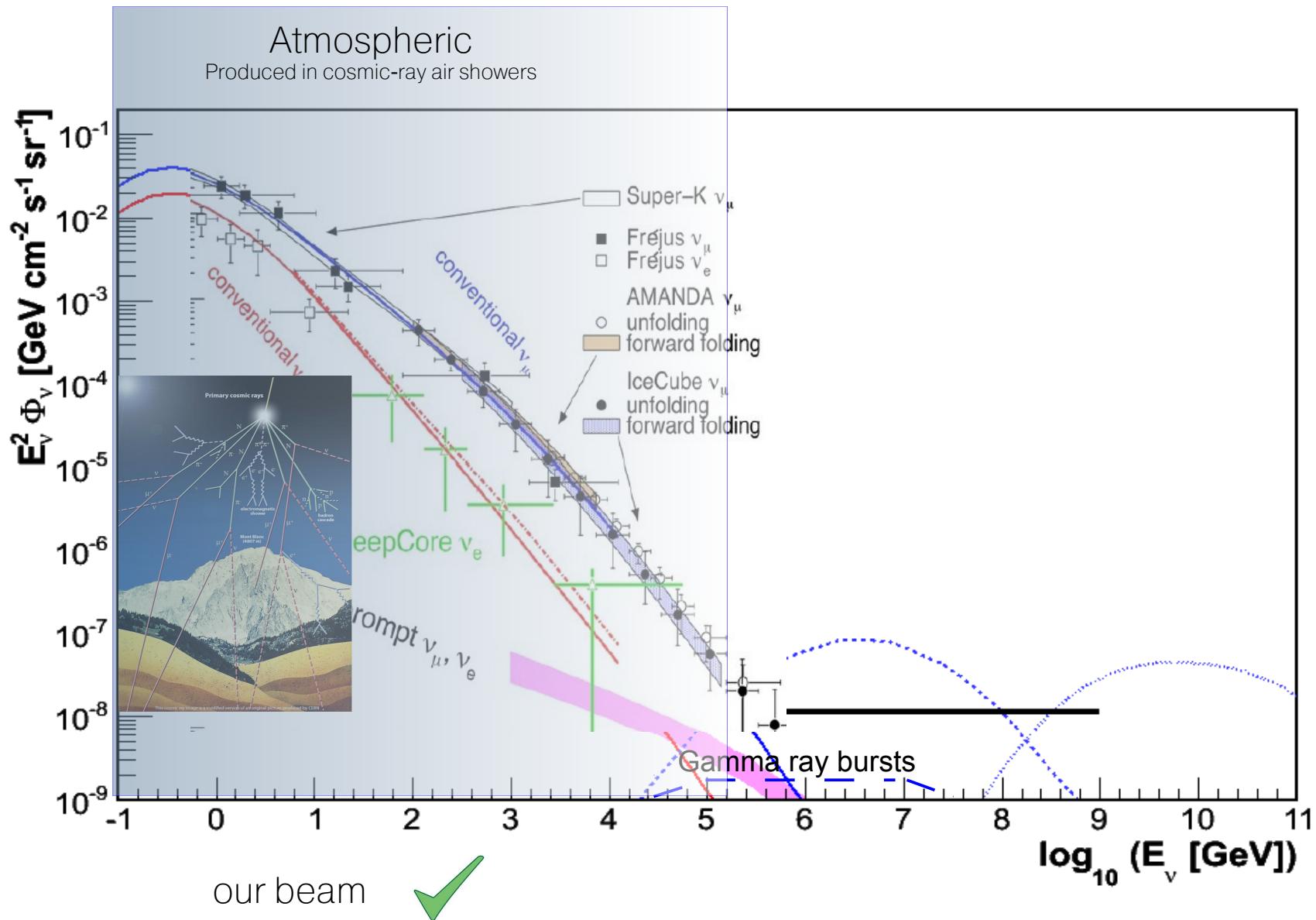


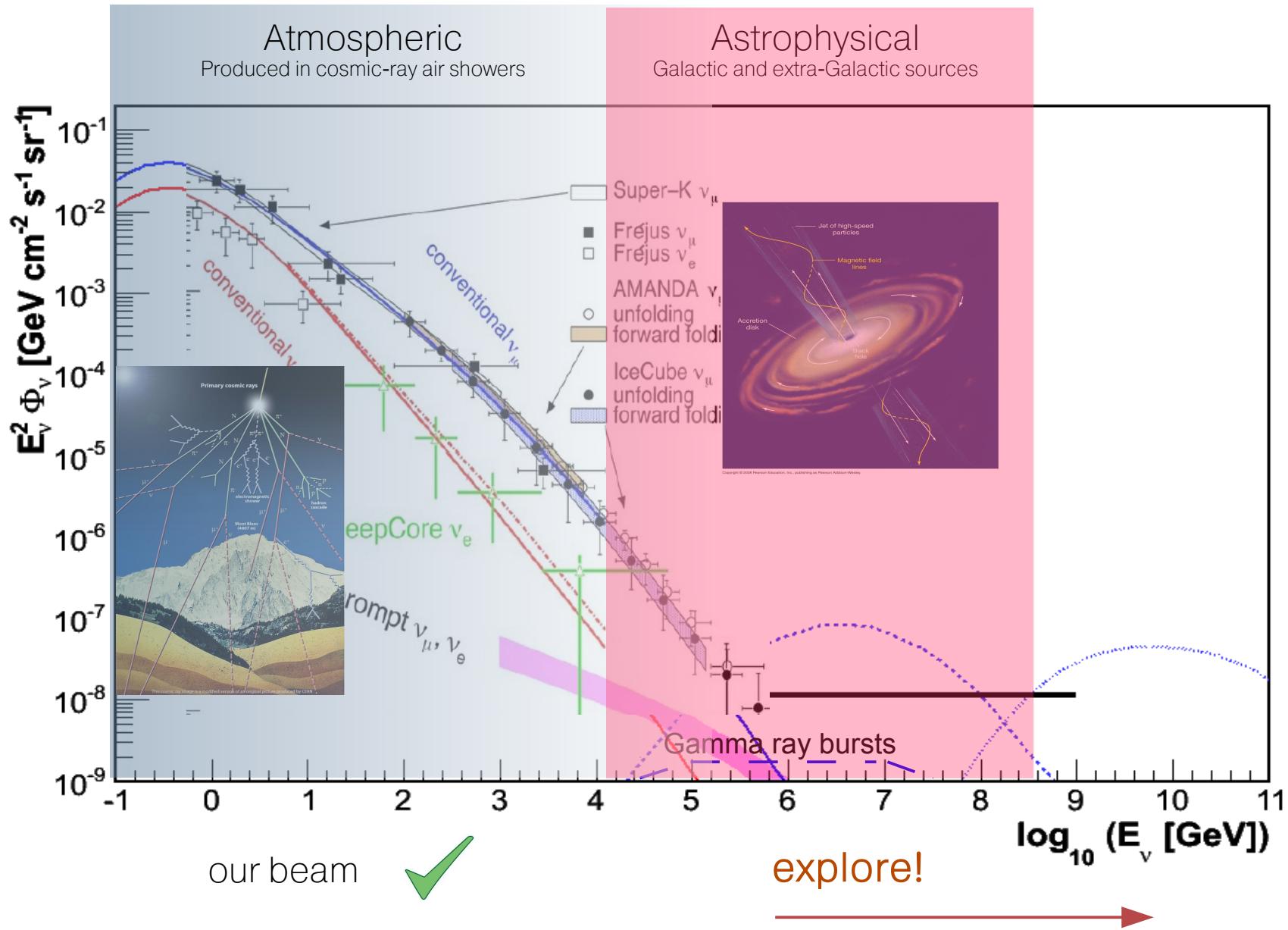
expected flavour ratio:

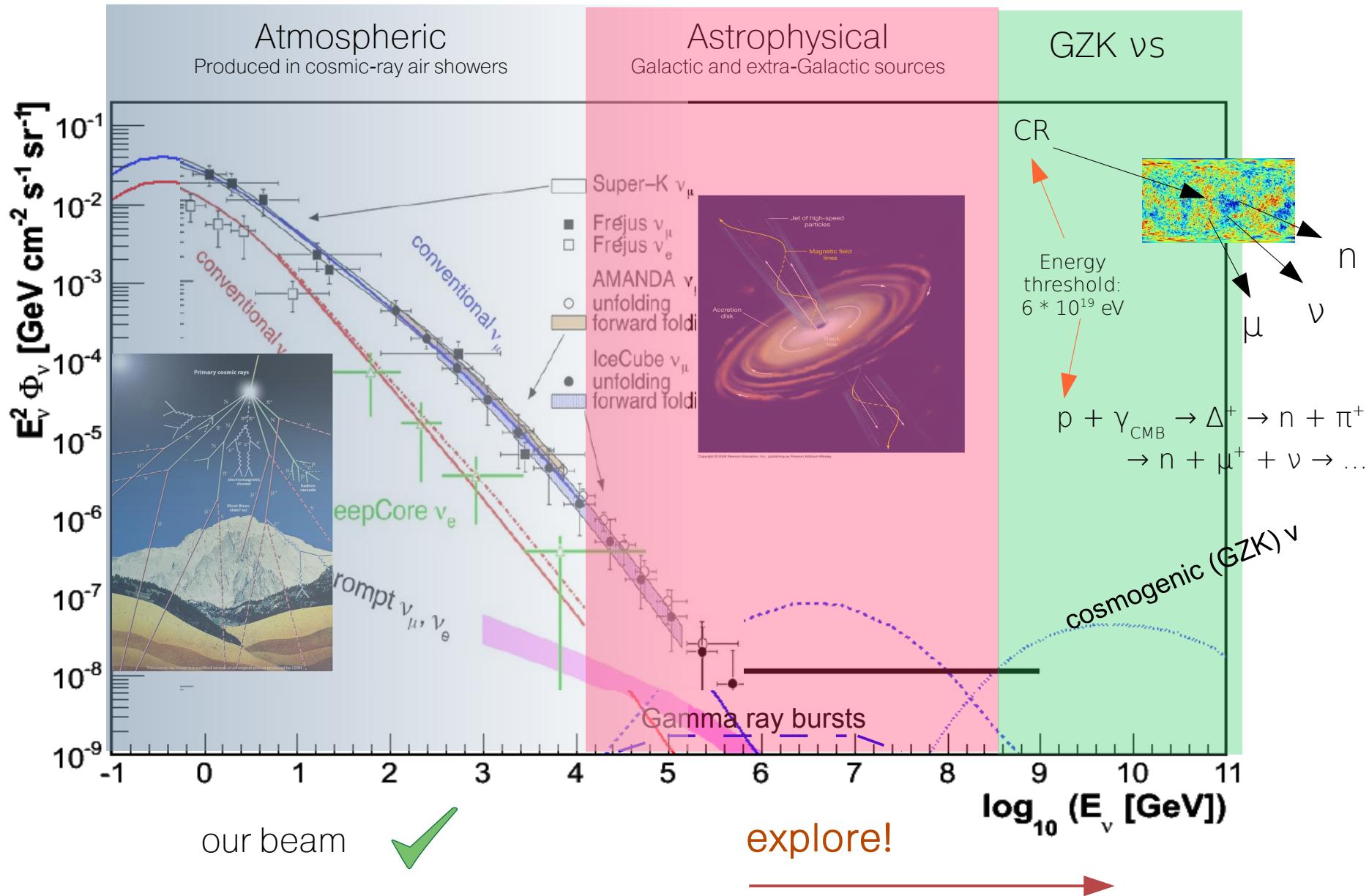
$$\frac{N(\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu)}{N(\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e)} \approx 2$$



measurements agree with predictions based on the cosmic ray flux and neutrino production physics







Even if individual sources not strong enough, contribution from all sources within the Hubble radius can be detectable

→ diffuse flux

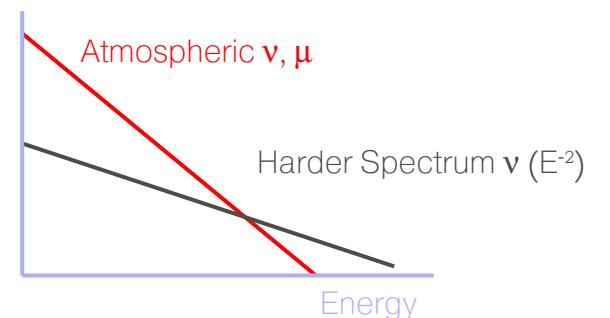
Expect hard spectrum 2.0 – 2.4 (production as shock acceleration)

advantage over point-source search: **can detect weaker fluxes**

but: **higher background**

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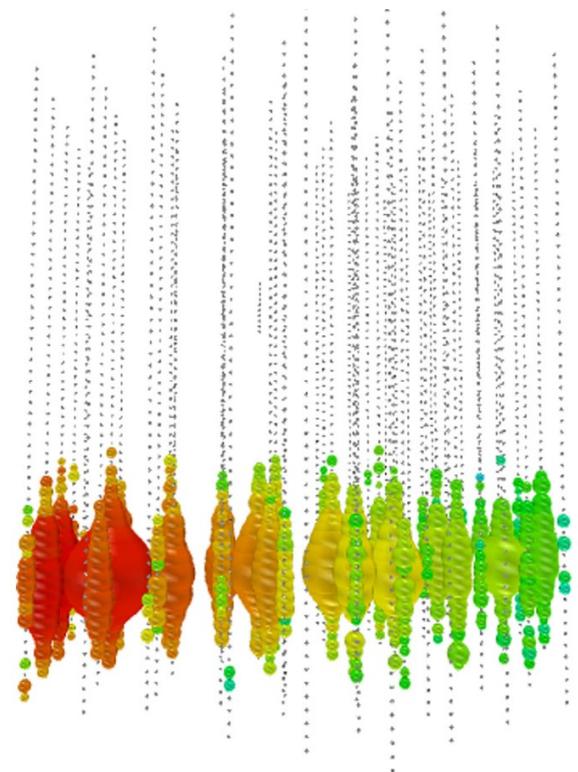
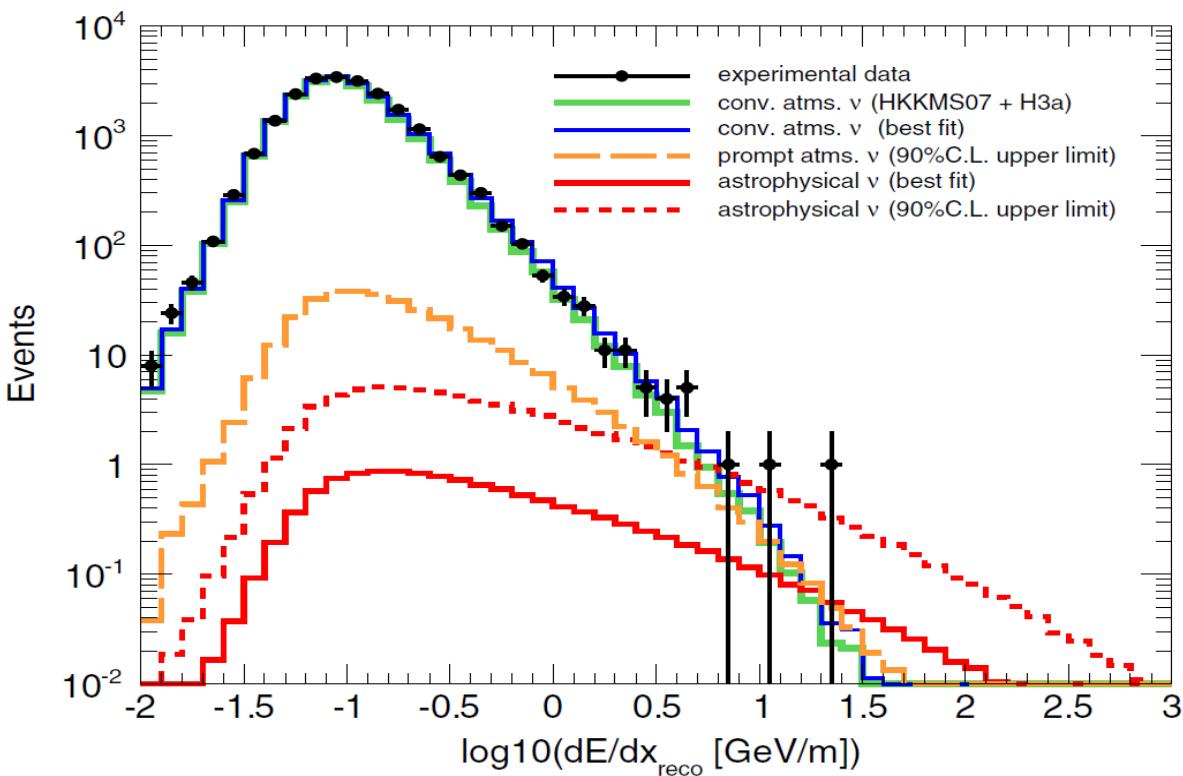
excess of high energy neutrinos over irreducible background of atmospheric neutrinos



Search for a diffuse flux of astrophysical muon neutrinos with the IceCube 59-string configuration.

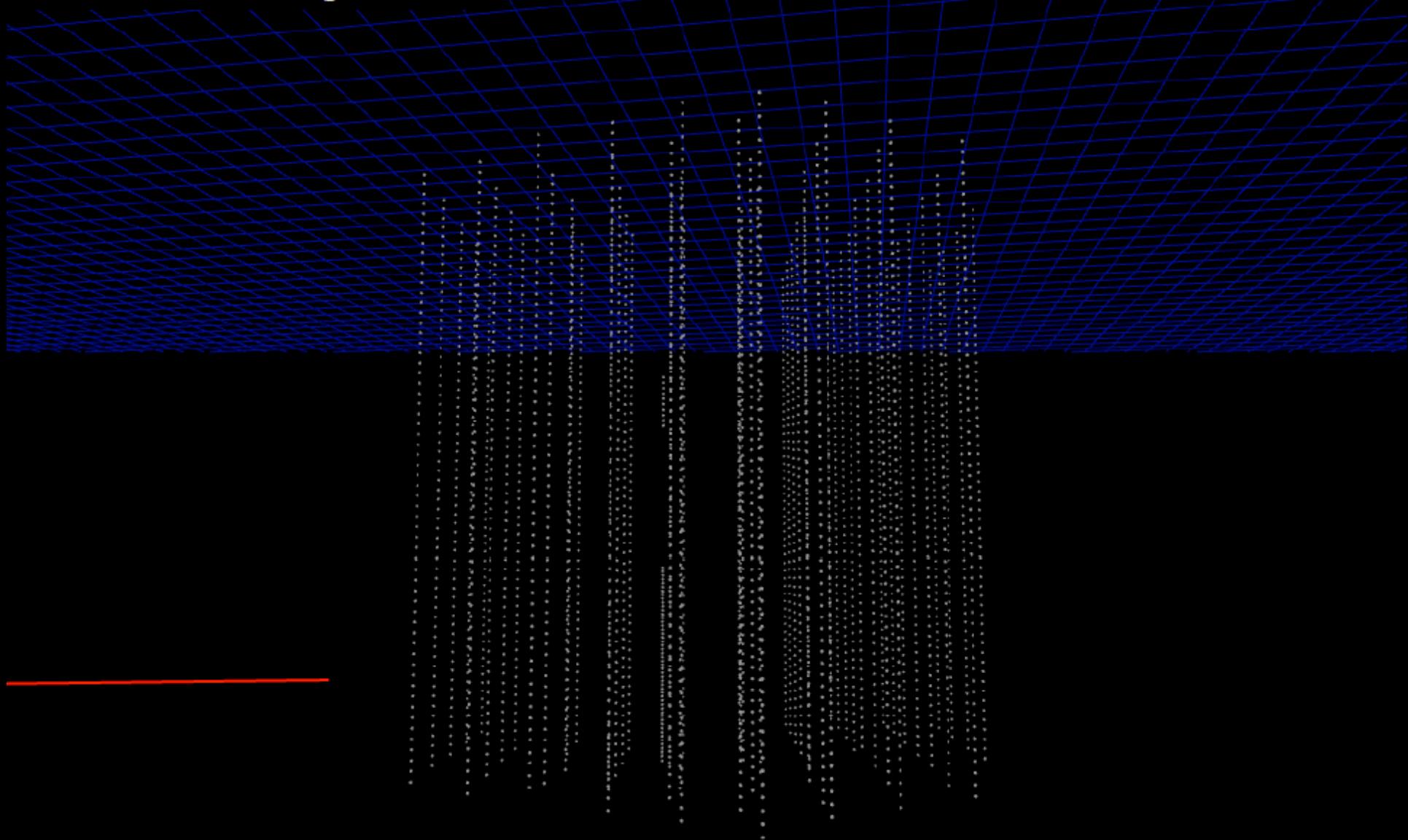
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high-energy excess of  $1.8\sigma$  compared to the background scenario of a pure conventional atmospheric model.



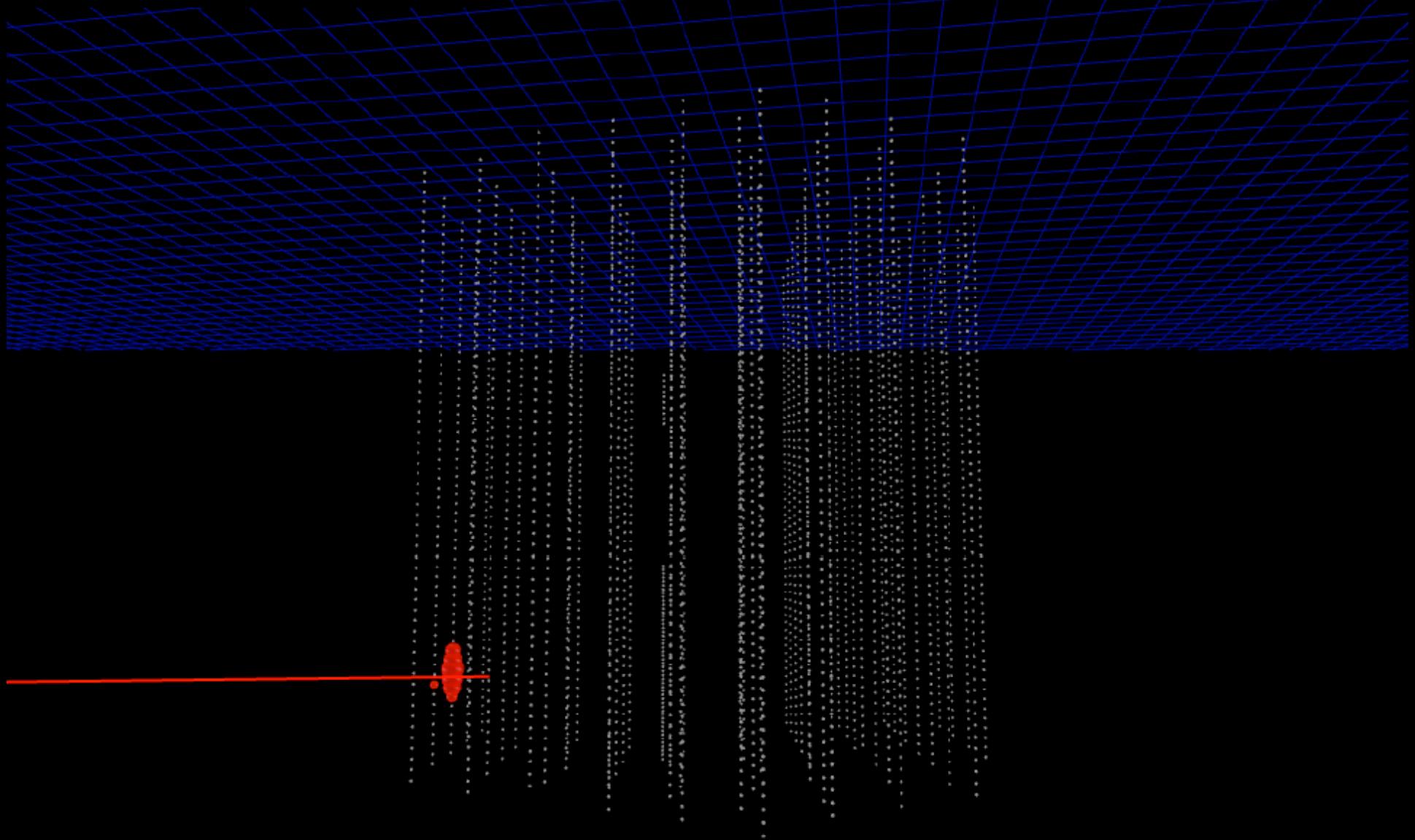
limit to a  $E^{-2}$   $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$  flux:  $0.25 \times 10^{-8} E^{-2} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$

# **IceCube 59-string Data**



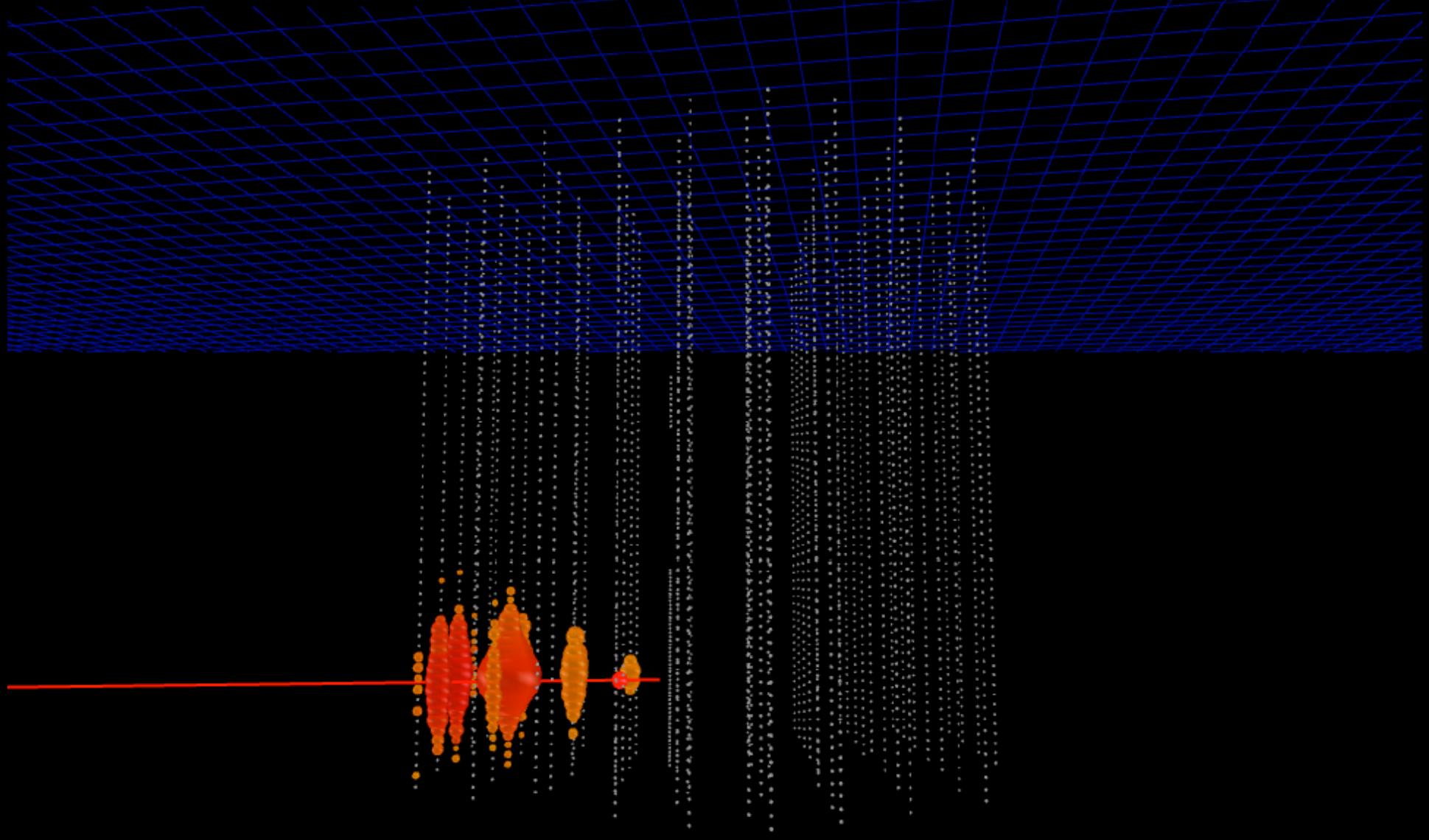
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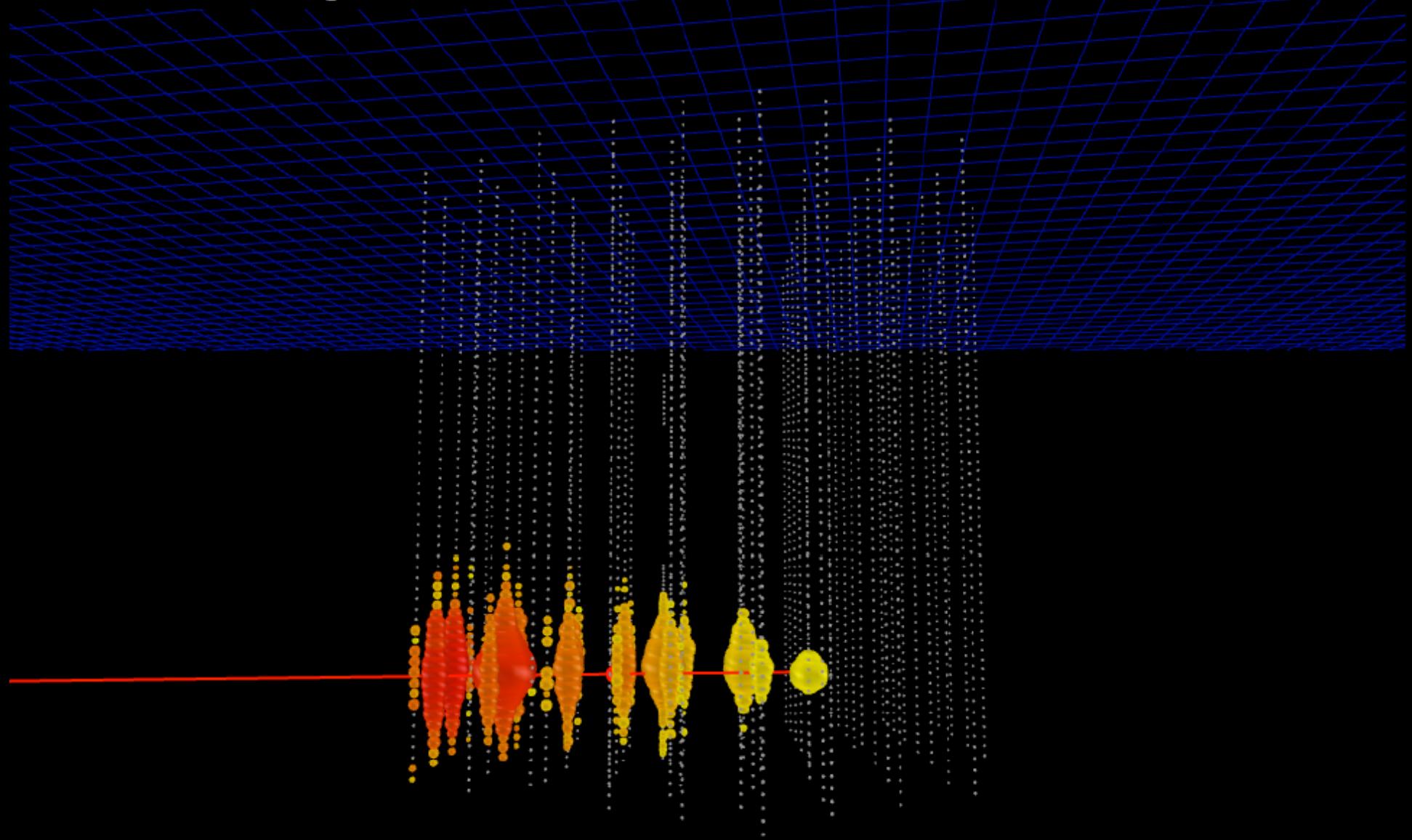
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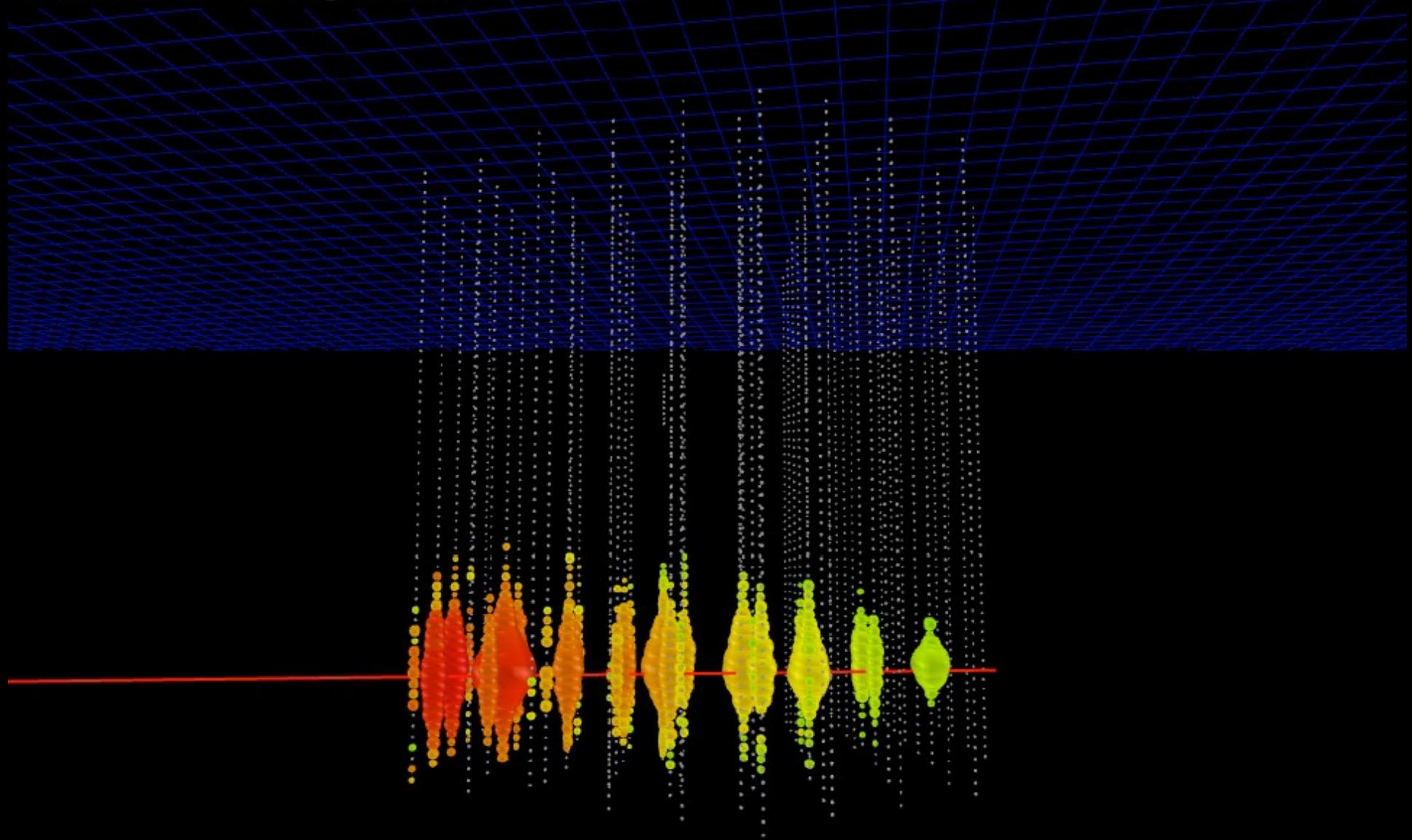
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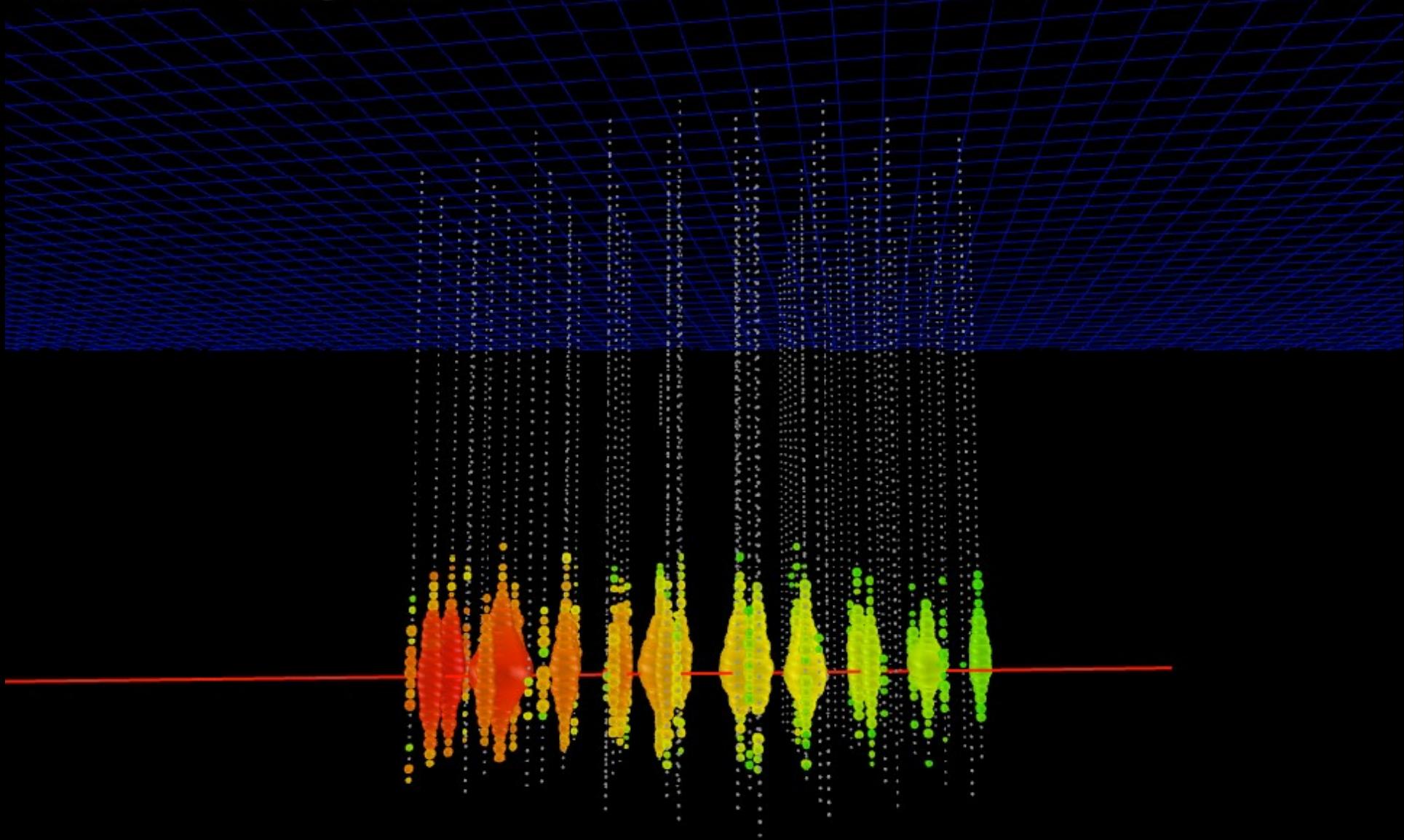
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# IceCube 59-string Data



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# IceCube 59-string Data



Run 114305 Event 10091078 [0ns, 14000ns]

# IceCube 59-string Data

Hit Modules:

610

Zenith:

91.2 °

Azimuth:

274.1 °

Angular Unc.:

0.2 °

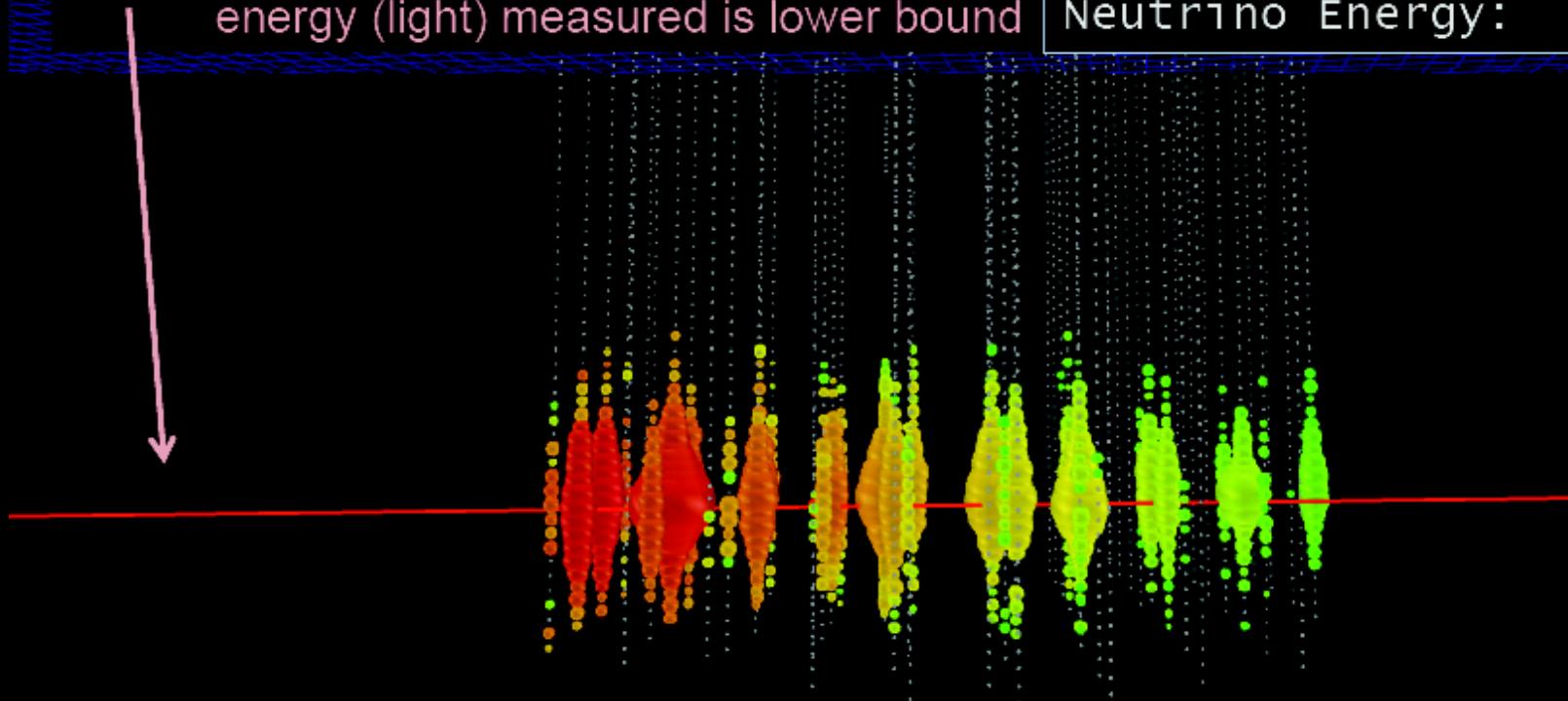
Muon Energy:

83 TeV

Neutrino Energy: > 100 TeV

Long track, many hits → excellent pointing

Neutrino interaction before detector:  
energy (light) measured is lower bound



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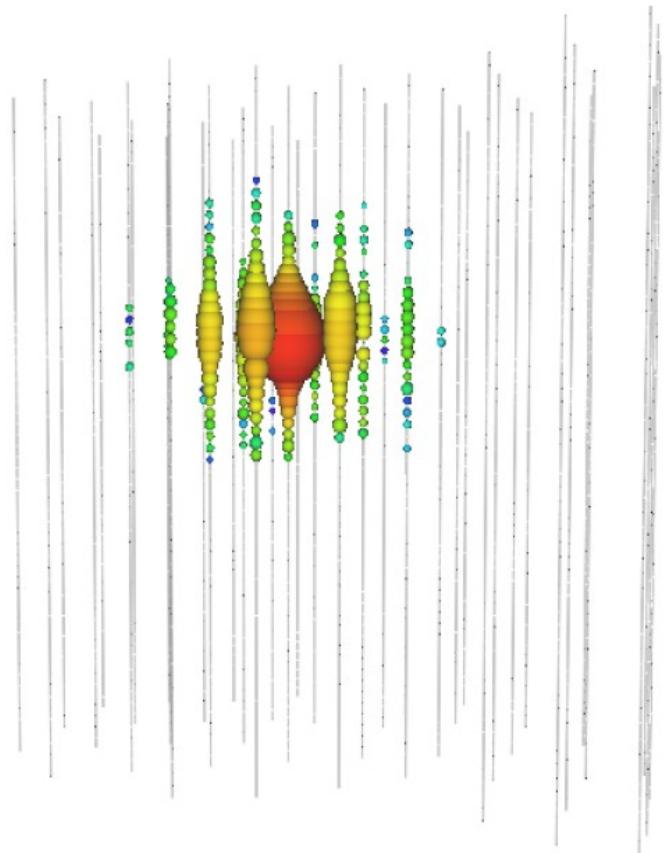
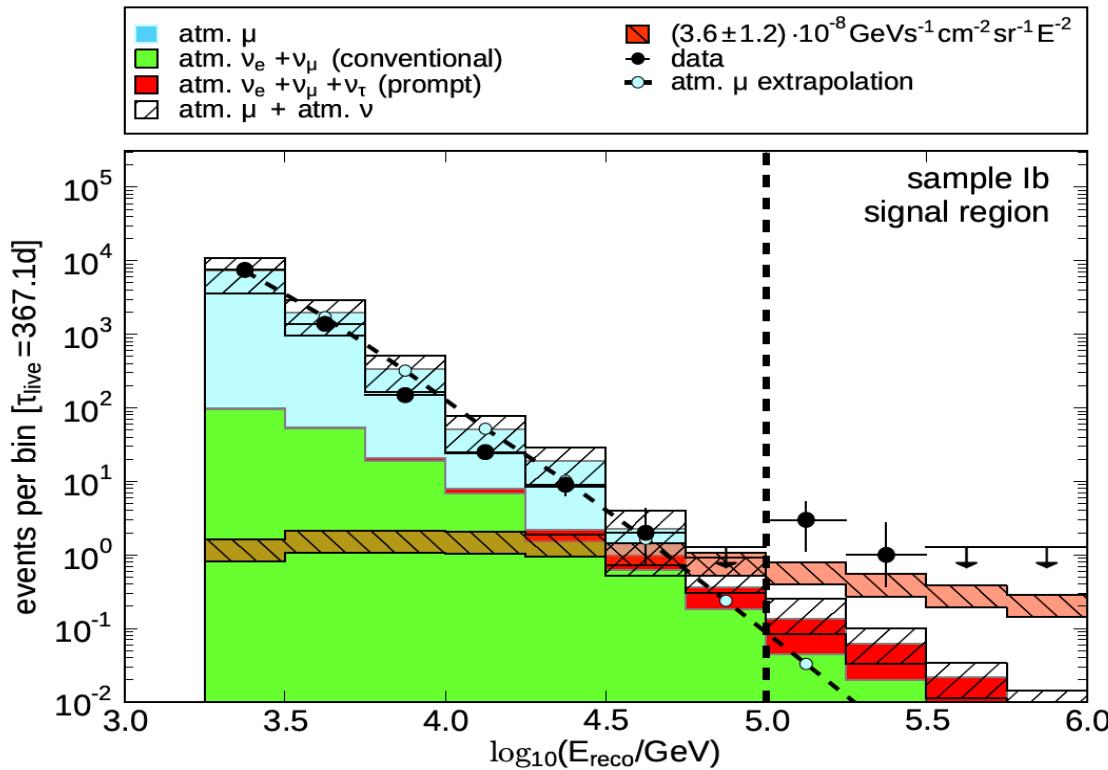
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## Search for neutrino-induced particle showers with IceCube-40

( Phys. Rev. D 89, 102001 (2014) )

high-energy excess of  $2.7\sigma$  compared to the background scenario of a pure conventional atmospheric model.



limit to a  $E^{-2}$  all-flavor flux:  $7.46 \times 10^{-8} E^{-2} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} s^{-1} sr^{-1}$  (between 25 TeV and 5 PeV)

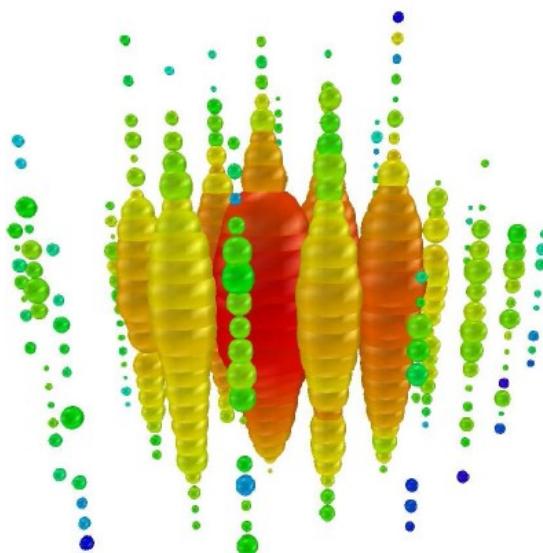
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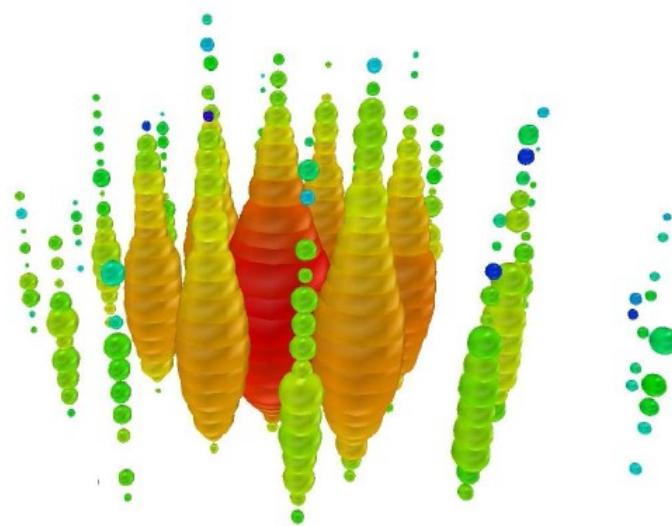
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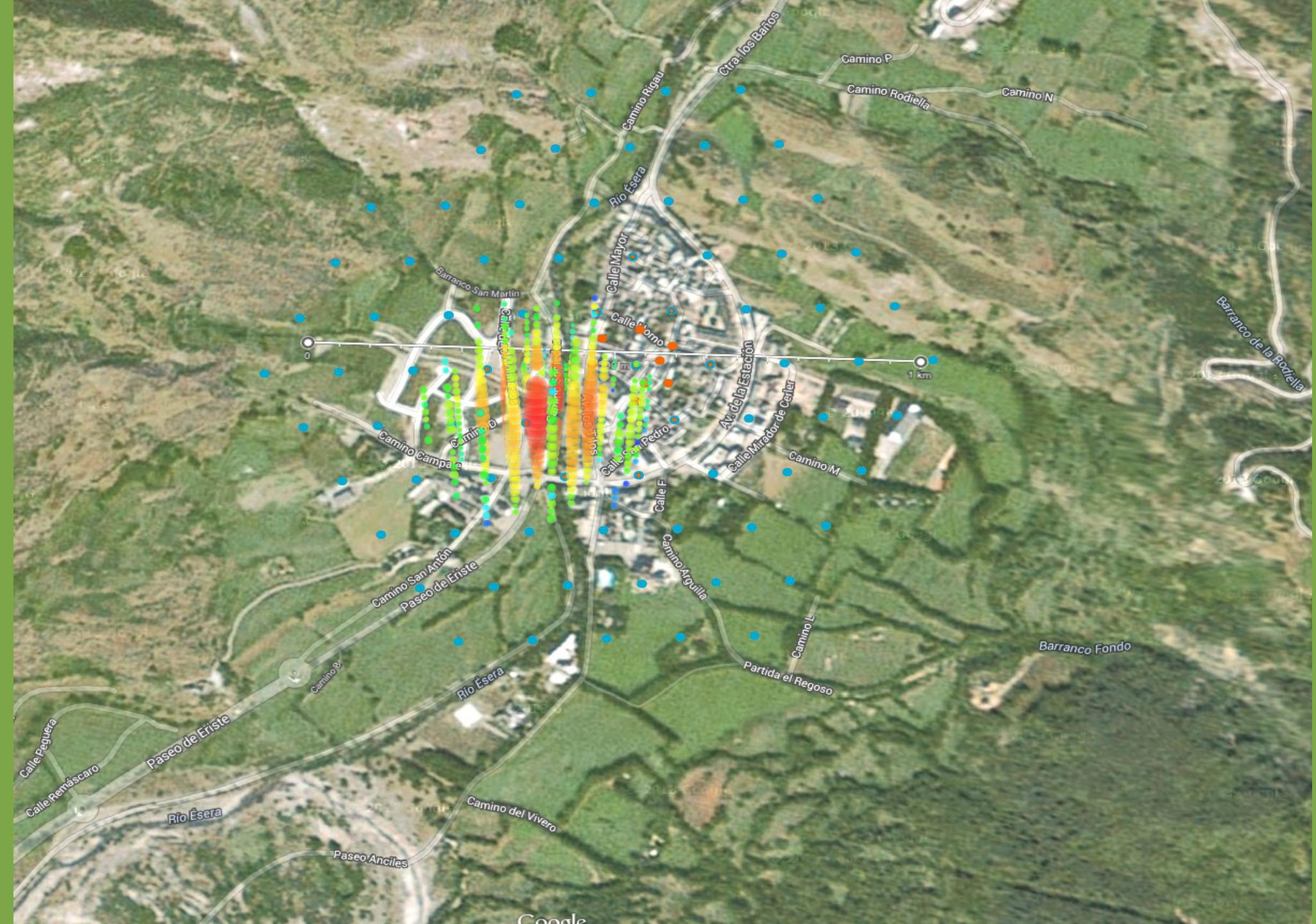
Aug. 8, 2011  
 $N_{\text{pe}} 6.992 \times 10^4$   
 $N_{\text{DOM}} 354$

deposited energy: 1.04 PeV



Jan 3, 2012  
 $N_{\text{pe}} 9.628 \times 10^4$   
 $N_{\text{DOM}} 312$

1.14 PeV      ( $\sim 15\%$  uncert)



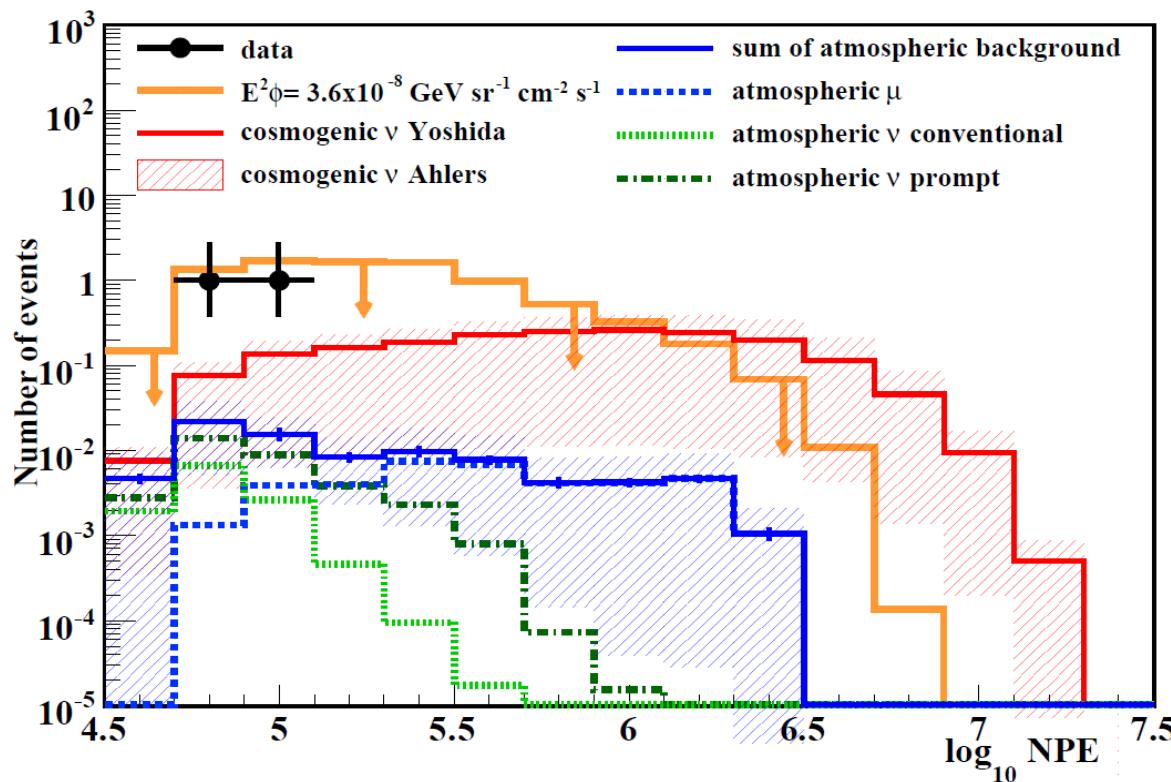
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there should be more if we lower the energy threshold!

What do we expect?

showers: only charge current  $\nu_\mu$  gives a track  
all other flavours and interactions  
produce a shower at the vertex

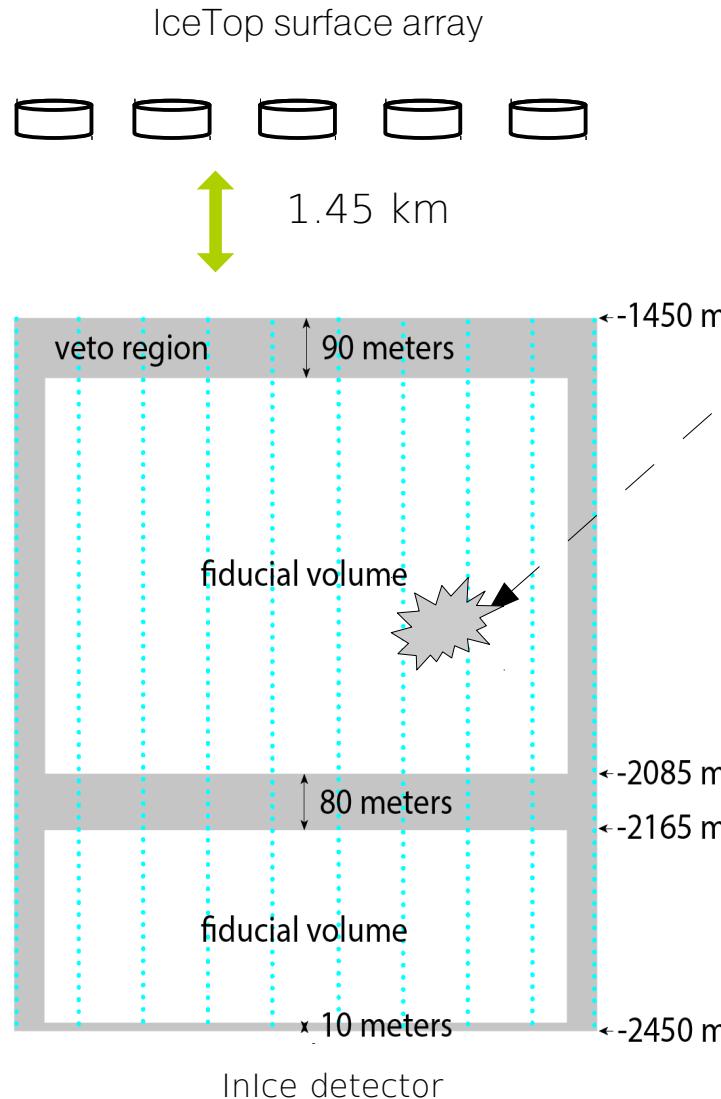
mostly on the Southern sky

Earth absorbs high energy neutrinos

Backgrounds

penetrating cosmic-ray muons which  
sneak through the veto and  
atmospheric neutrinos  
(reduced since we are looking at  
very high energies)

## High-energy contained vertex search



Take advantage of completed, i.e.  
big, detector to define a veto:

- top 5 layers of modules (=90 m)
- bottom layer of modules (=10 m)
- outer layer of strings



- reject tracks entering the  
detector from outside  
(atmospheric  $\mu$ 's)

**Requirements:** All-sky

**Challenge:**  
Atmospheric  $\nu$  and  $\mu$   
background

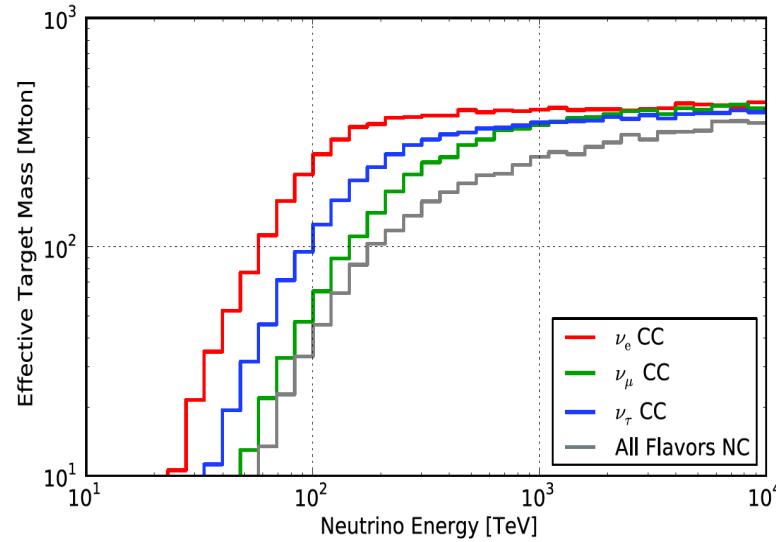
**Strategy:**

Look for starting events in  
the detector

→ these must be neutrinos!!!

## High-energy contained vertex search: strategy

- Explicitly aim at high energies: cut on  $N_{pe} > 6000$
- 400 Mton effective fiducial volume
- Sensitive to all flavors above 60 TeV
- Estimate atmospheric muon background from data
  - .reject incoming muons when there is early charge deposited in the veto region
  - .estimate remaining background by “inverted” early-charge cut:
    - i) require signal in outer veto layer,
    - ii) see efficiency of next layer to detect muon
- Atmospheric neutrino background low at PeV energies,  $\sim 0.1$  events/year
- Use IceTop information to reject events, even if starting (atmospheric  $\nu$ 's from an air shower)



## High-energy contained vertex search: results

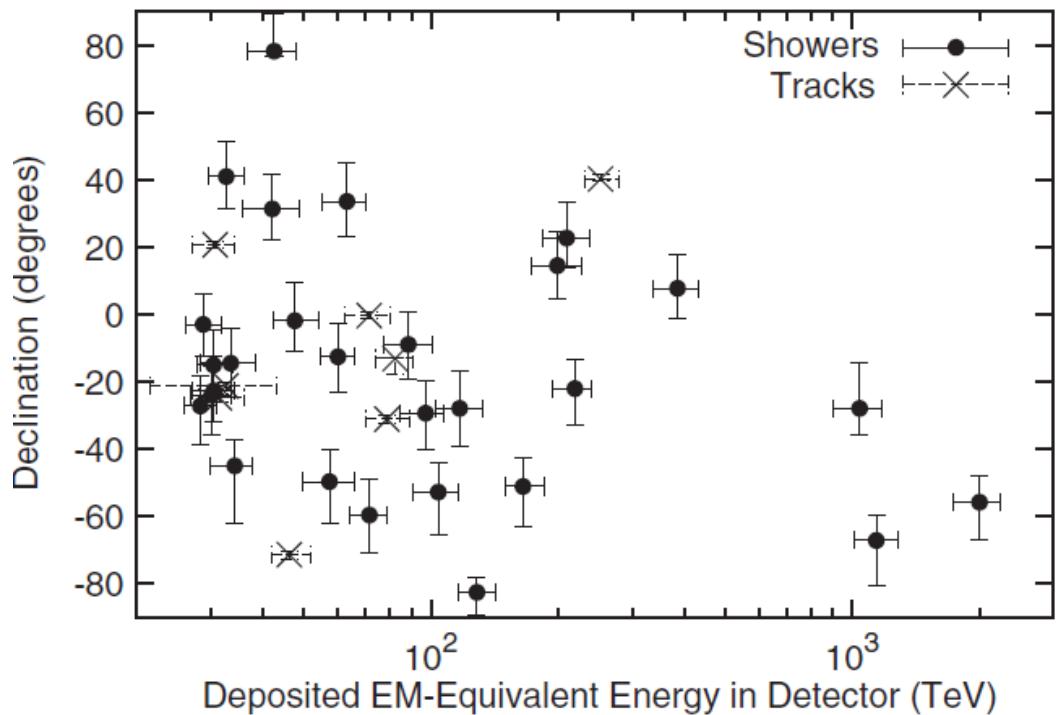
36 events in three years of data,  
998 days between 2010 and 2013  
(they contain the first two PeV events)

8 tracks  
28 cascades

estimated background:

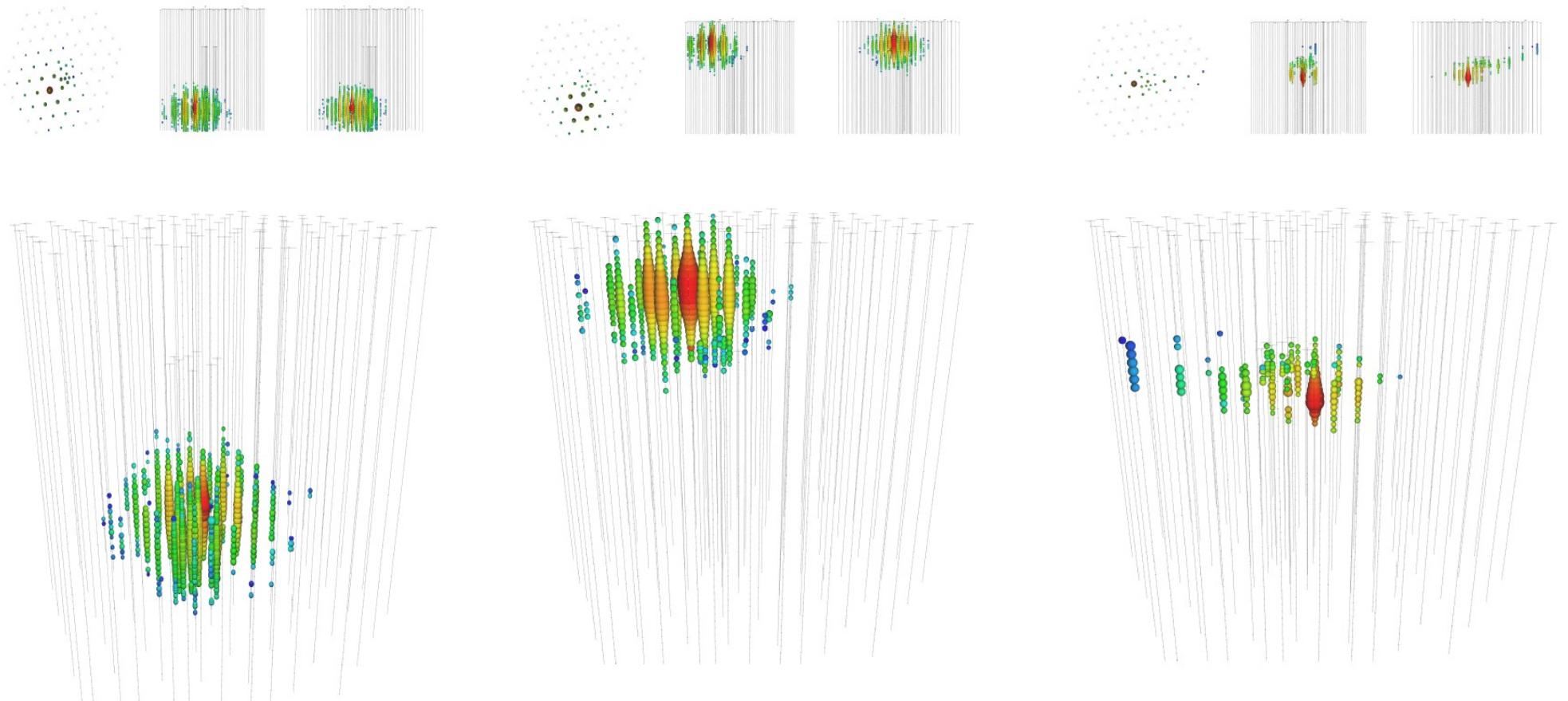
$6.6^{+5.9}_{-1.6}$  atmospheric neutrinos

$8.4 \pm 4.2$  atmospheric muons



significance (over background-only hypothesis):  $5.7\sigma$

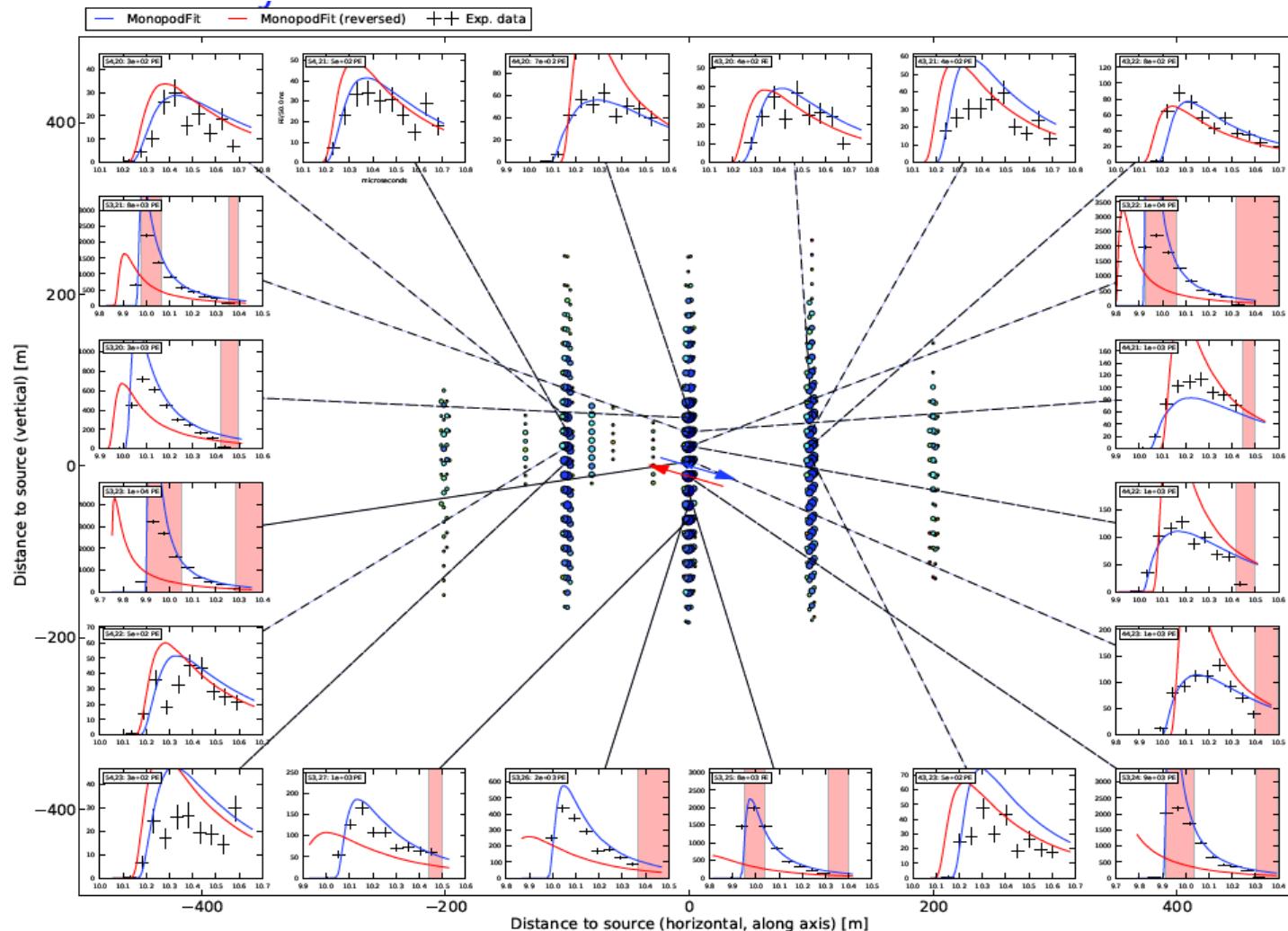
## High-energy contained vertex search: some examples



deposited energy 129 TeV  
Dec, RA:  $-92.7^\circ$ ,  $103.2^\circ$

deposited energy 2004 TeV  
Dec, RA:  $-55.8^\circ$ ,  $208.4^\circ$

deposited energy 31 TeV  
Dec, RA:  $20.7^\circ$ ,  $167.3^\circ$



Time residual distributions

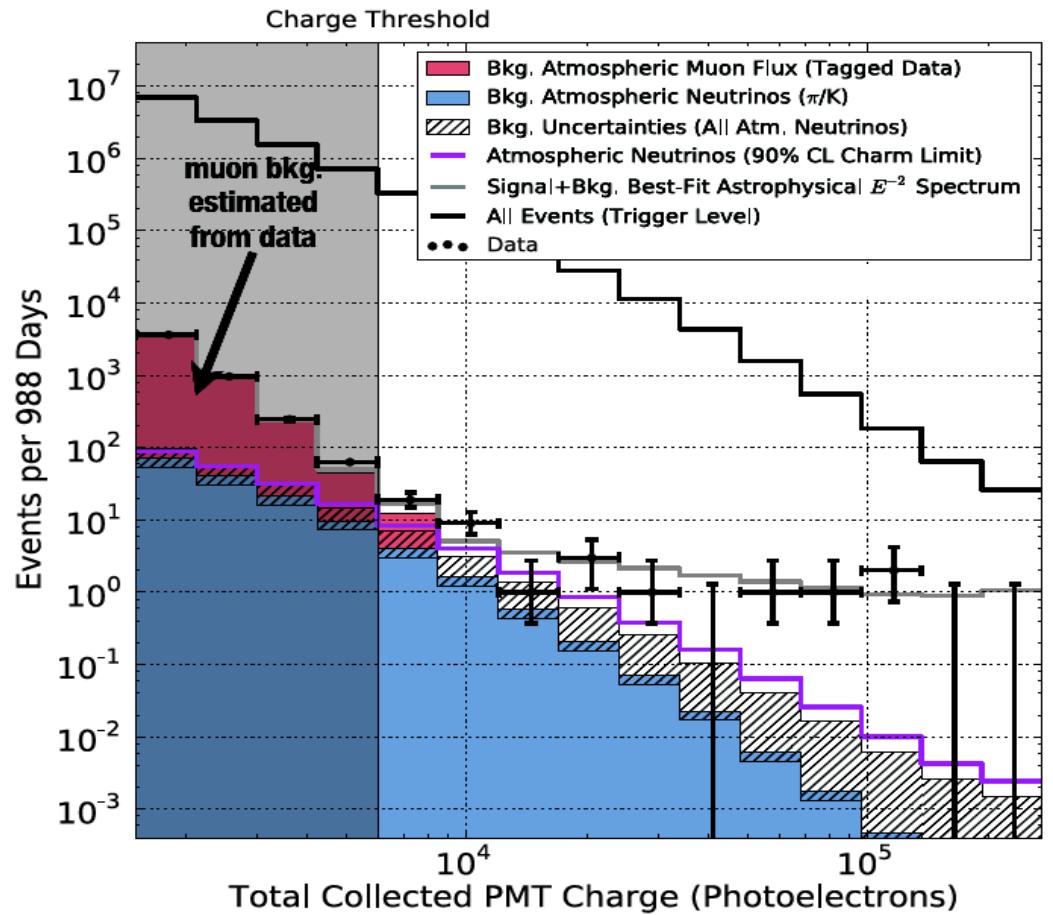
- best cascade fit
- reversed orientation for illustrative purpose

## High-energy contained vertex search: charge distribution

Fits well to the atmospheric muon background predicted at low energies (total charge below 6000 pe)

Hatched region represents expected background from conventional and prompt atmospheric neutrino flux

Harder than expected spectrum at high energies

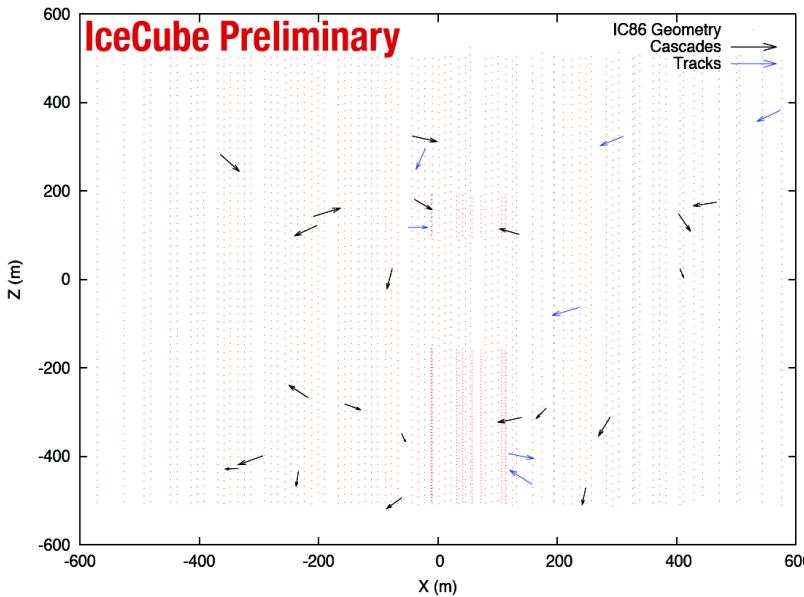
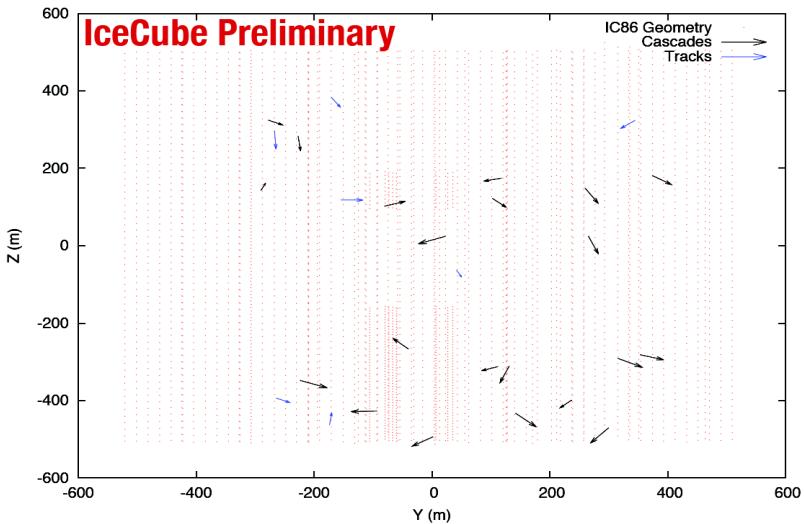


best fit to a  $E^{-2}$  flux:  $0.95 \pm 0.3 \cdot 10^{-8} E^{-2} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$

## High-energy contained vertex search: distribution in detector

Events uniformly distributed in location and direction over the detector volume

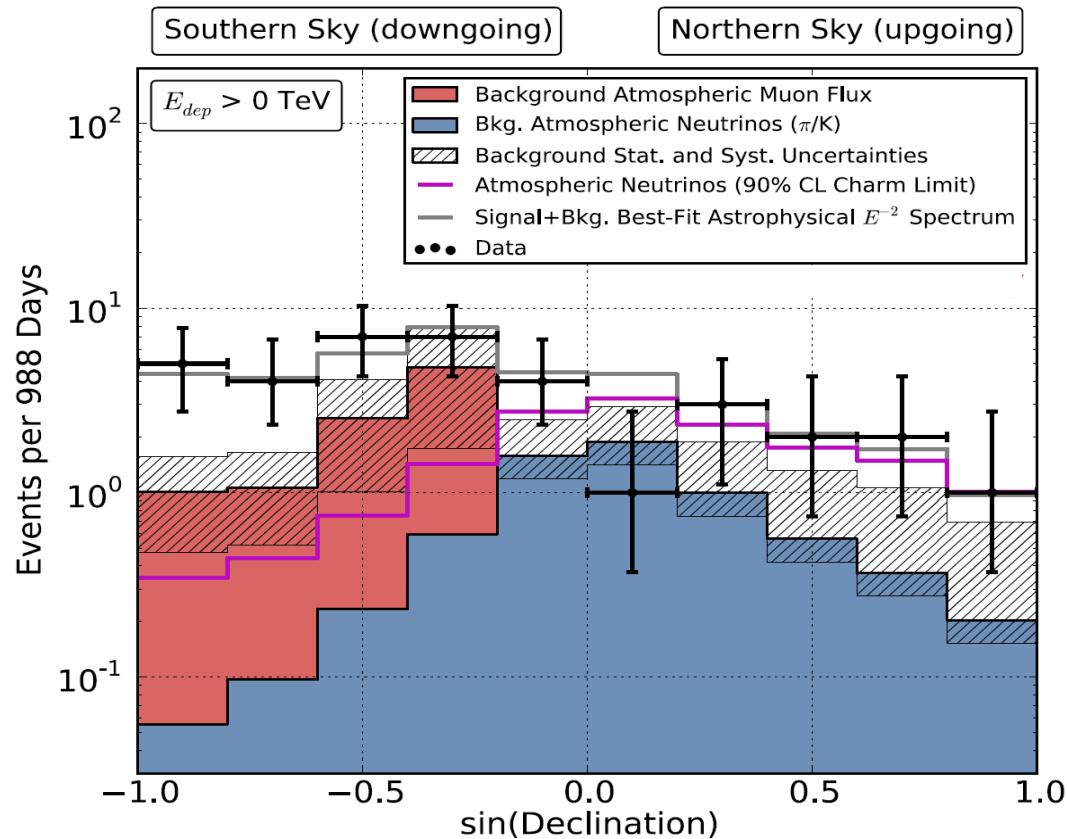
Background from sneaking atmospheric muons will cluster on detector boundaries. No such effect observed



## High-energy contained vertex search: angular distribution

compatible with isotropic flux

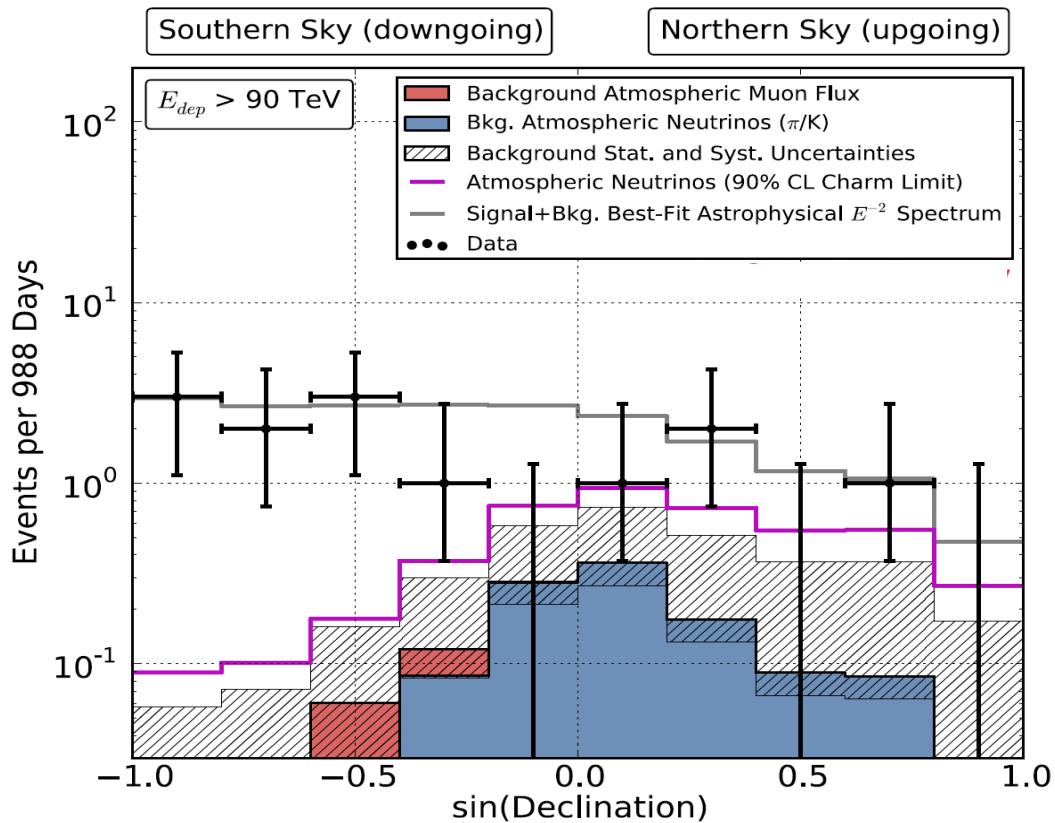
Earth absorption noticeable for events coming from the northern hemisphere



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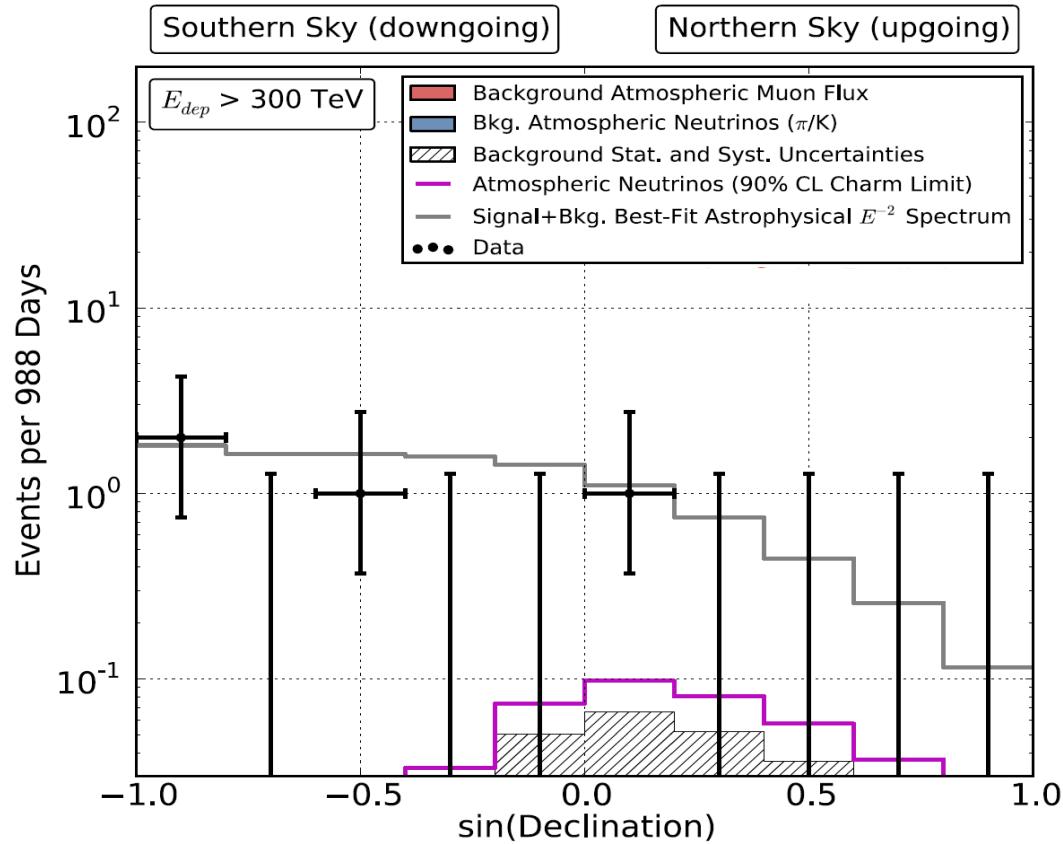
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## High-energy contained vertex search: skymap

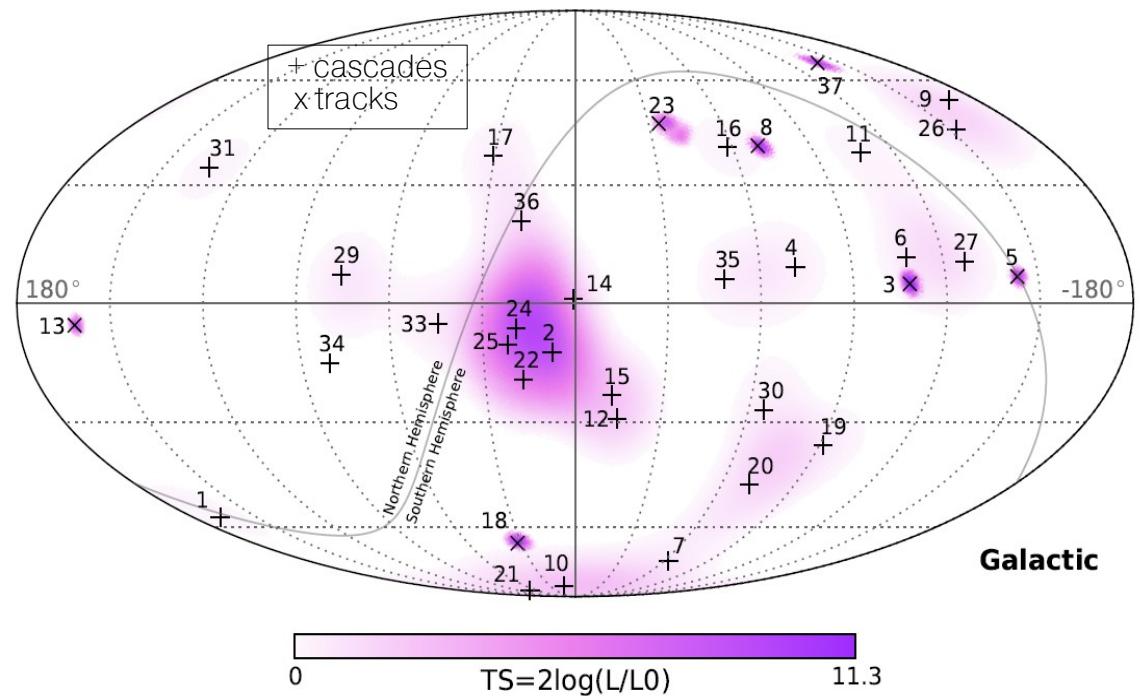
Compatible with isotropic flux

Most significant excess close  
(not at) the Galactic Center

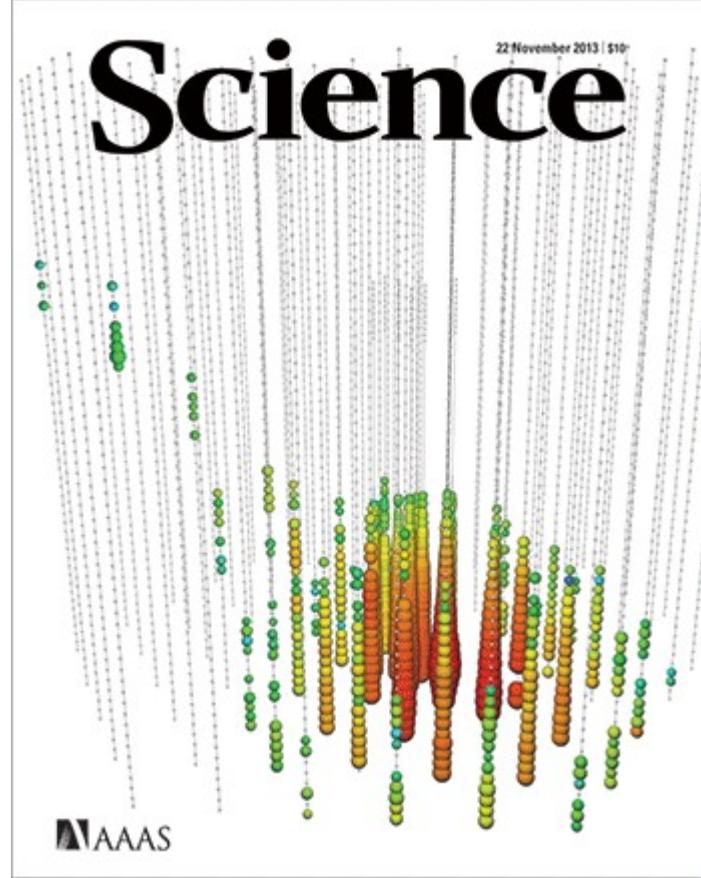
Only 7% significance  
( bad pointing of cascades)

Searches for correlation with GRBs, the  
galactic plane or time clustering do not  
find any significance either

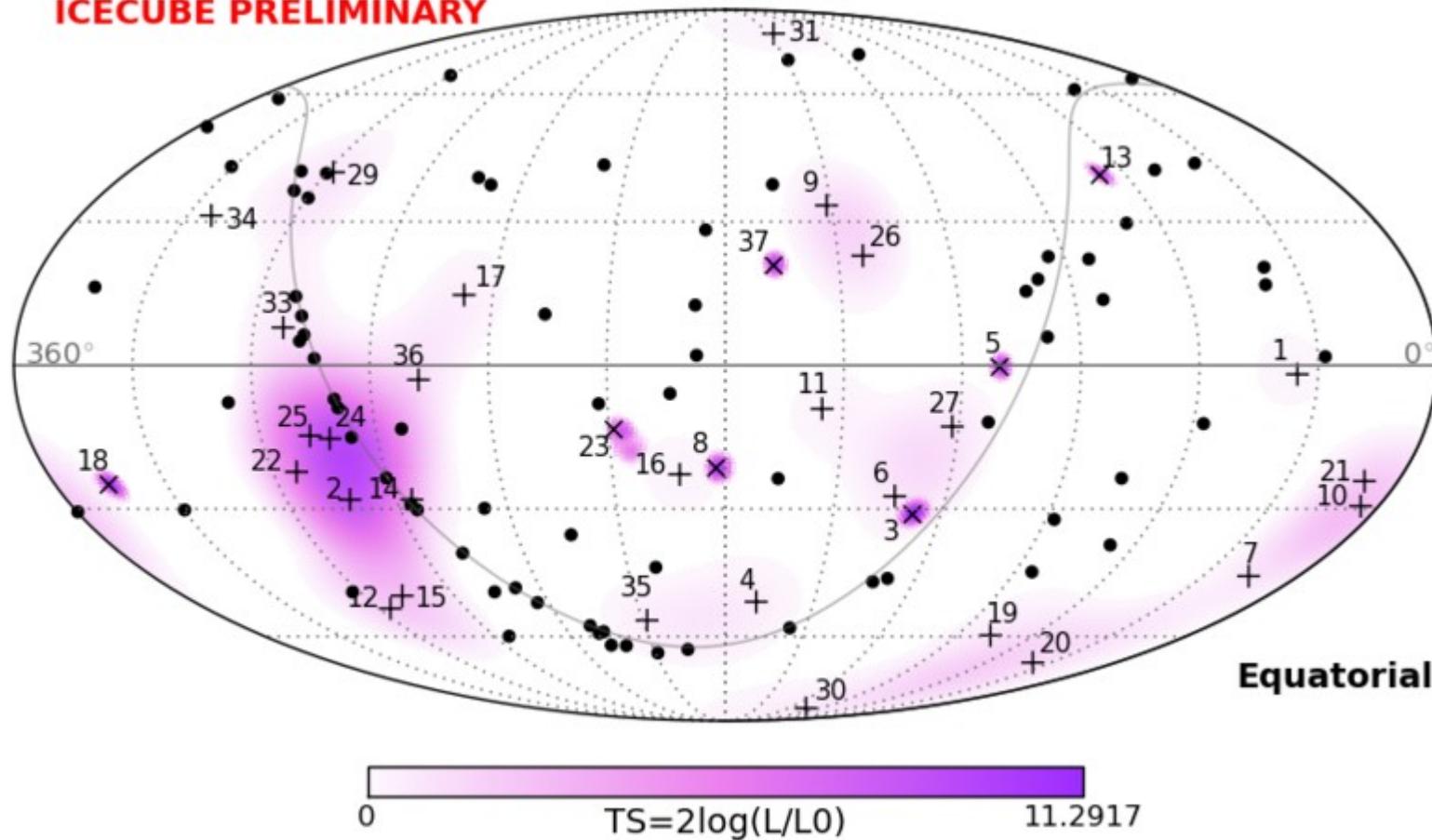
Remember: "only" 37 events



# diffuse high energy neutrino search: the IceCube discovery



ICECUBE PRELIMINARY



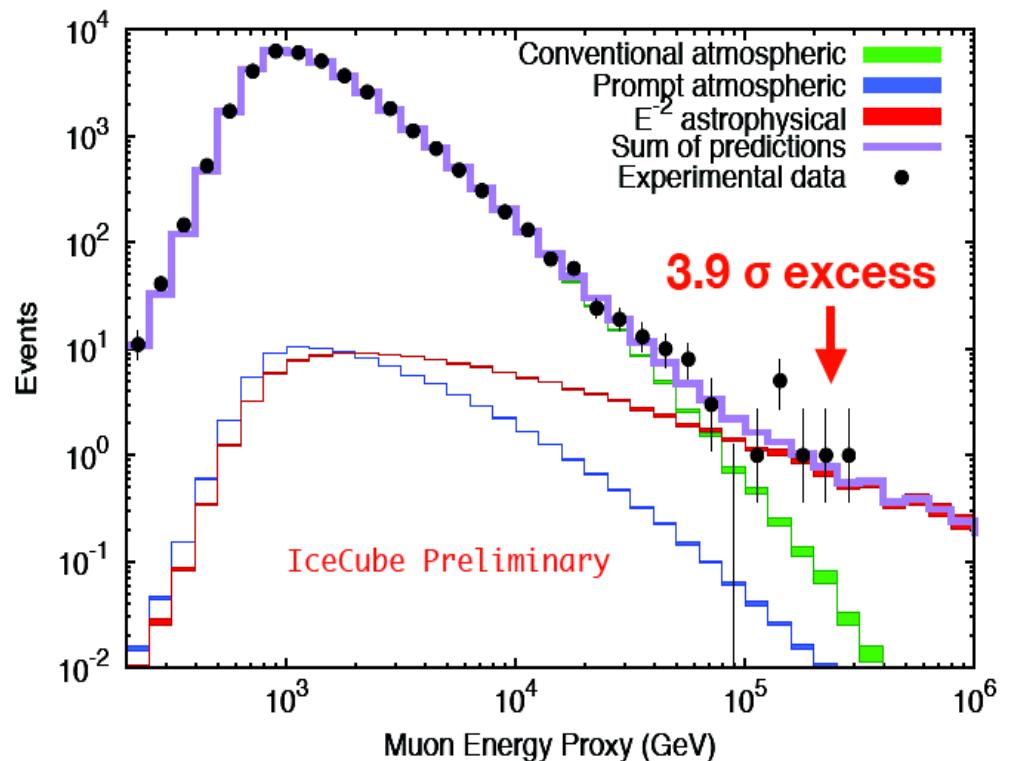
## Search for an excess high-energy muon flux from the northern sky

The high-energy starting sample is dominated by cascades from the southern sky

→ Look for an excess in muons from the northern sky

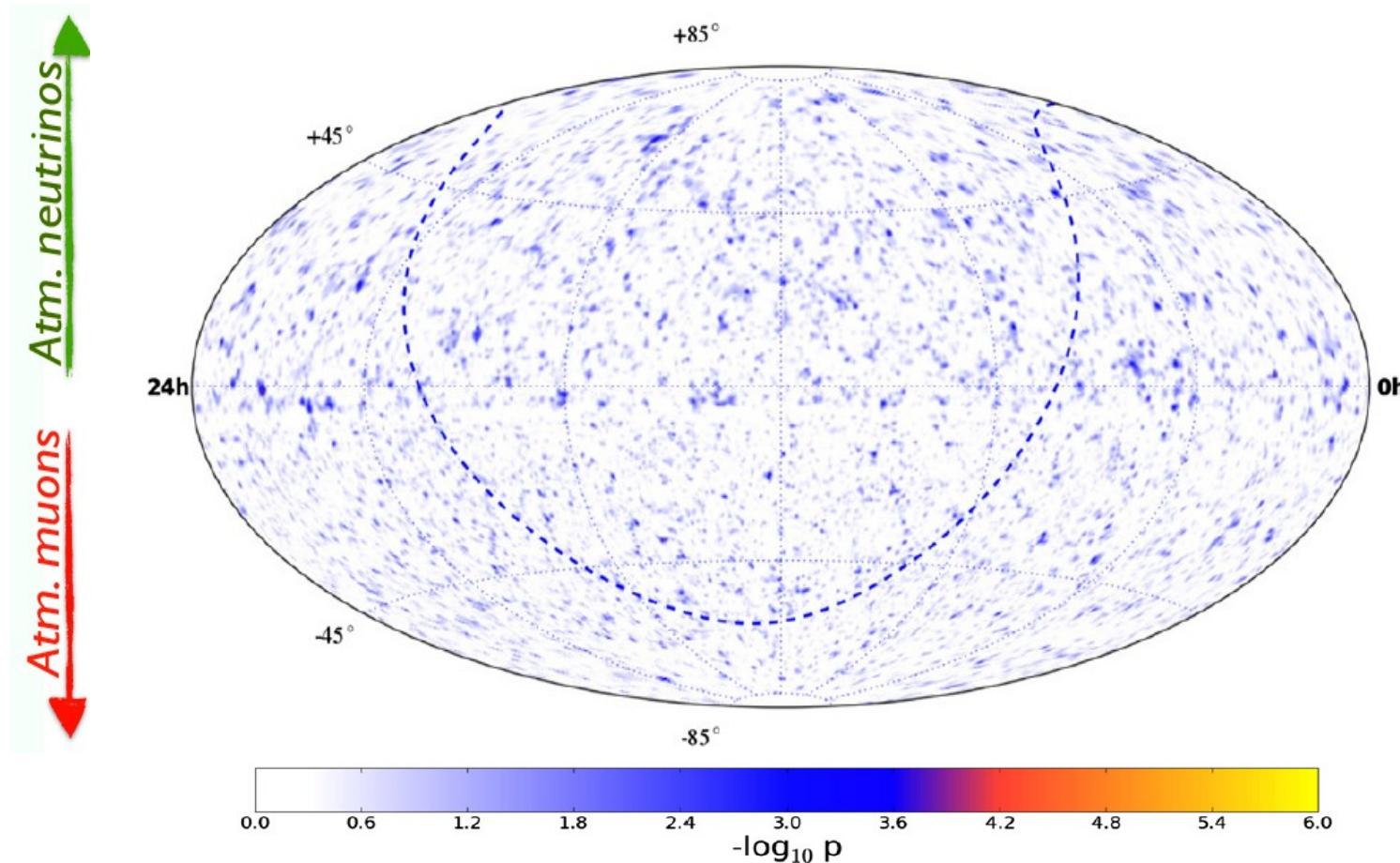
Only sensitive to  $\nu_\mu$  CC at energies where the Earth is not opaque to neutrinos

Ongoing analysis



IC40+IC59+IC79 neutrino sky.

total livetime 1039 d

total number of events: 108317 upgoing,  
146018 downgoing (atm muons)

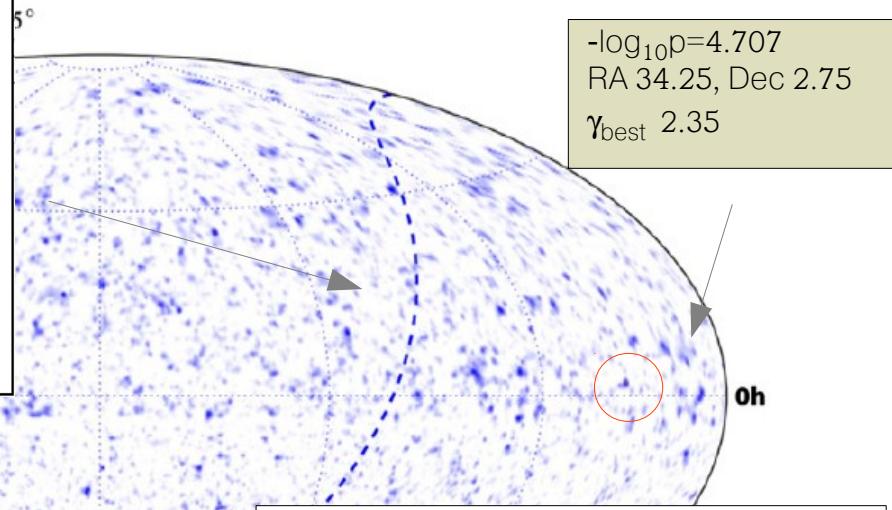
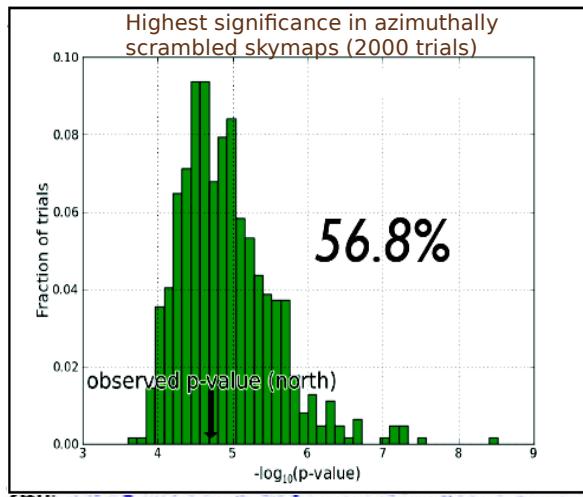
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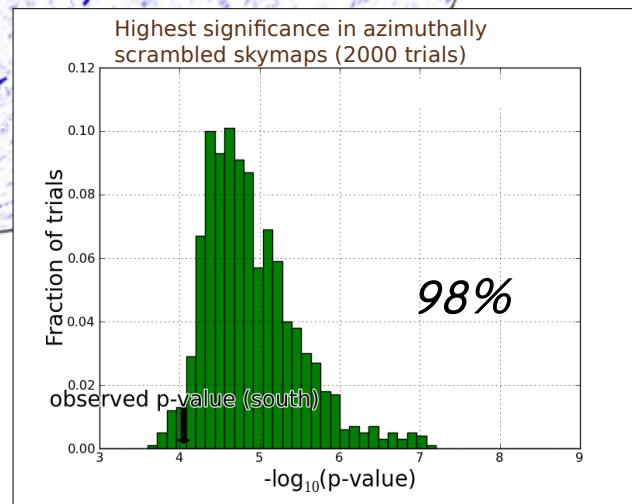
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Atm. neutrinos ↑

Atm. muons ↓



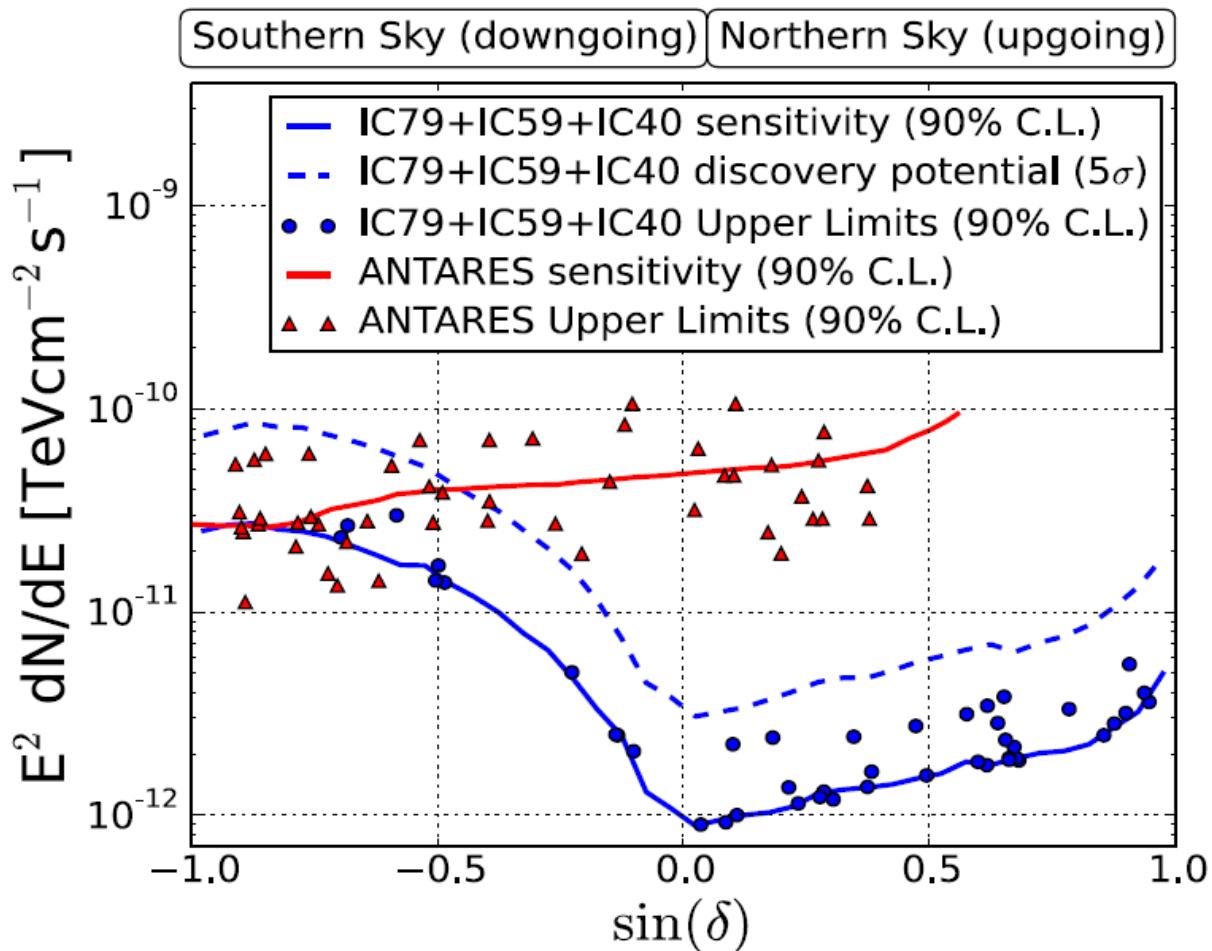
- $\log_{10}p=4.047$   
RA 219.25, Dec -38.75  
 $\gamma_{\text{best}} 3.75$



## IC40+IC59+IC79 point source limits.

Upper limits on a  $E^2$  spectrum from a list of astrophysical objects (Blazars, SN remnants...)

The Astrophysical Journal, 778:1 (17pp), 2013



Two Complementary searches:

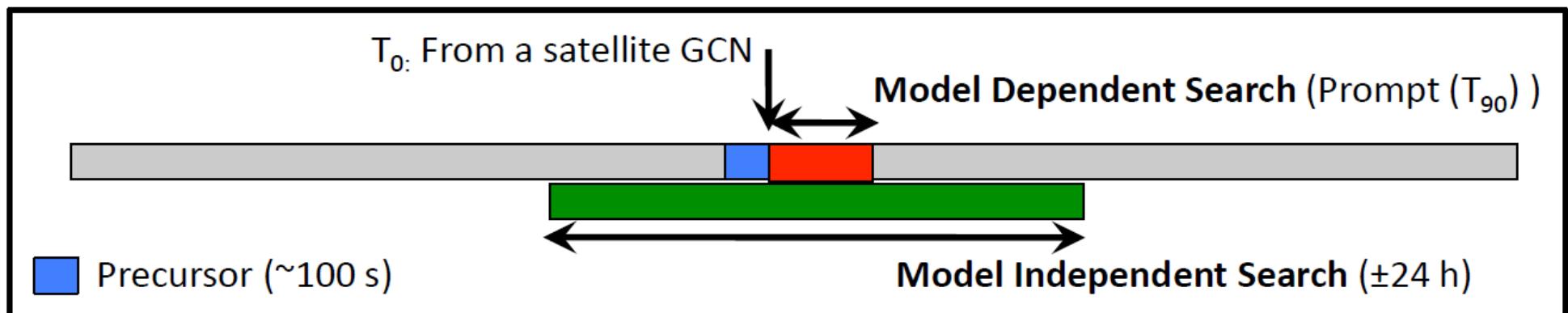
### “Model-Dependent” search:

- **Time-window** defined by start and end of observed gamma emission ( $T_{90}$  typically  $\sim 30$  s)
  - Use model predictions of neutrino flux and energy spectrum to weight the search
- ⇒ Most sensitive if models are right

### “Model-Independent” search:

- **Time window** expands from  $\pm 10$  s to  $\pm 1$  day (NB: neutrinos closer to GRB  $T_0$  given more significance)
- No specific weighting to model predictions, search at all neutrino energies

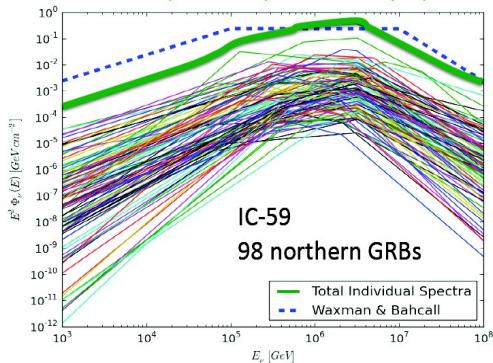
⇒ “Catch-all” analysis



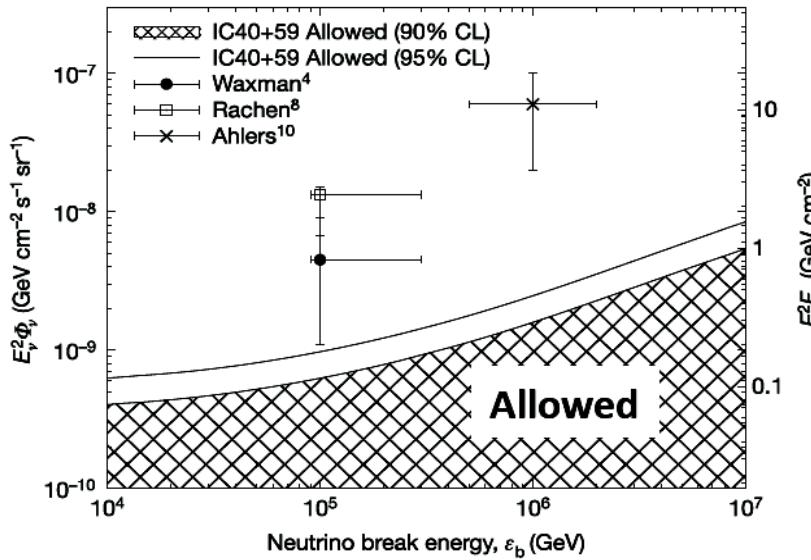
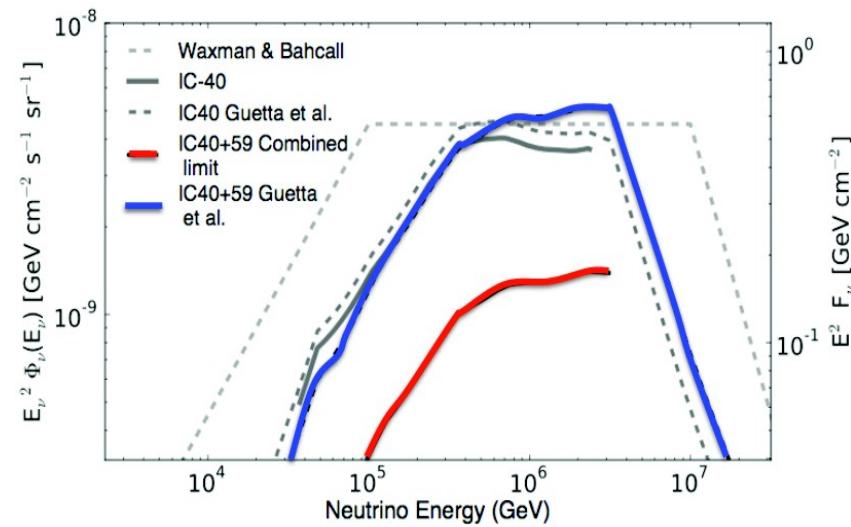
IceCube-40 + IceCube-59 results:

**2008-9 (40-string) data:**  
117 GRBs in northern sky

**2009-10 (59-string) data:**  
98 GRBs in northern sky  
another 85 GRBs in southern sky  
also analyzed



Because of short duration, searches are very low-background.

Constraints

Observed 0 events

Model prediction:

8.4 events (Guetta et al.)  
excluded at  $> 3\sigma$   
(upper limit  $\approx 2.3$  events)

Non-observation of neutrinos with first IceCube data  
→ Revisit theory, revise predictions  
→ Some models now strongly excluded,



### WIMPS

- ARISE IN EXTENSIONS OF THE STANDARD MODEL
- ASSUMED TO BE STABLE: RELICS FROM THE BIG BANG
- WEAK-TYPE XSECTION GIVES NEEDED RELIC DENSITY

$$\Omega_\delta h^2 \approx \frac{10^{-27}}{\langle \sigma_{ann} v \rangle_{fr}} \text{ cm}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

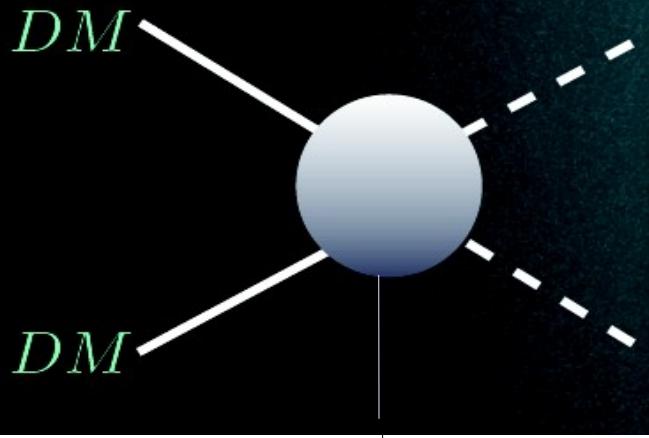
- MASS FROM FEW GEV TO FEW TeV
- **MSSM** CANDIDATE: LIGHTEST NEUTRALINO,  
 $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 = N_1 \mathbf{B} + N_2 \mathbf{W}^3 + N_3 \mathbf{H}_1^0 + N_4 \mathbf{H}_2^0$
- **UED**: LIGHTEST 'RUNG' IN THE KALUZA-KLEIN LADDER

### SIMPZILLAS

- NON-THERMAL, NON-WEAKLY INTERACTING STABLE RELICS

A wealth of candidates from different theoretical models:

- dark baryons
  - MACHOs – BHs, neutron stars, white/brown dwarfs...
  - neutrinos
  - primordial Black Holes
  - **Weakly Interacting Massive Particles**  
 (LSPs from "x" MSSM, Kaluza-Klein modes...)
  - Non-weakly Interacting Supermassive particles  
 (Simpzillas)
  - axions
  - many others
- ... + (alternative gravity theories)



$W^-, Z, b, \tau^-, t, h \dots$

primary  
channels

$W^+, Z, \bar{b}, \tau^+, \bar{t}, h \dots$

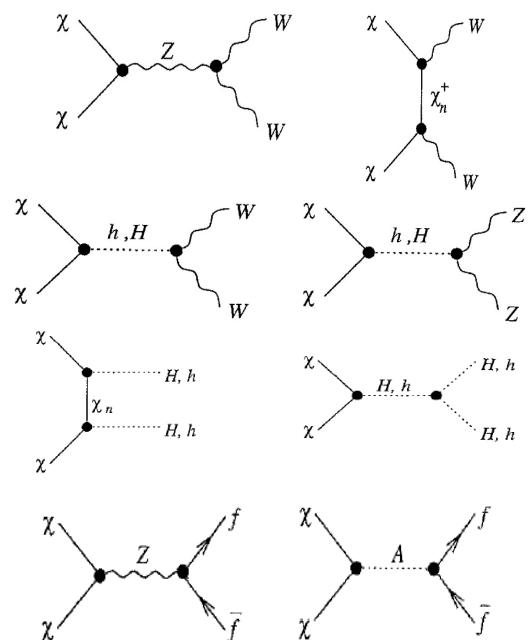
$\rightsquigarrow e^\mp, {}^{(-)}\bar{p}, {}^{(-)}\bar{D} \dots \gamma, v \dots$

final  
products

$\rightsquigarrow e^\pm, {}^{(-)}\bar{p}, {}^{(-)}\bar{D} \dots \gamma, v \dots$



your theory here  
(not necessarily SUSY...)



.... etc

astrophysics inputs  
(and uncertainties...):  
products have to be  
transported to the Earth

Here is where **v's** are  
advantageous

The prediction of a neutrino signal from dark matter annihilation is complex and involves many subjects of physics

- relic density calculations (**cosmology**)
- dark matter distribution in the halo (**astrophysics**)
- velocity distribution of the dark matter in the halo (**astrophysics**)
- physical properties of the dark matter candidate (**particle physics**)
- interaction of the dark matter candidate with normal matter (for capture)  
(**nuclear physics/particle physics**)
- self interactions of the dark matter particles (annihilation) (**particle physics**)
- transport of the annihilation products to the detector (**astrophysics/particle physics**)



Sun

Earth

dwarves &  
distant halosMilky Way  
HaloMilky Way  
Centerprobes  $\sigma_{\chi-N}^{SD}$ ,  $\sigma_{\chi-N}^{SI}$ 

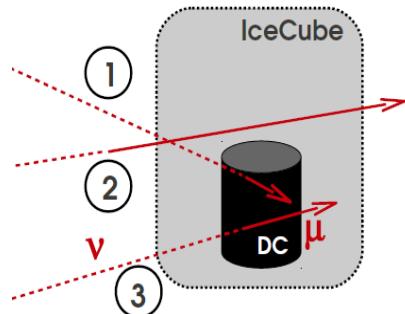
- complementary to direct detection
- different systematic uncertainties
  - hadronic (not nuclear)
  - local density
  - can benefit from co-rotating disk

probes  $\langle \sigma_A v \rangle$ 

- complementary to searches with other messengers ( $\gamma$ , CRs...)
- shared astrophysical systematic uncertainties (halo profiles...)
- more background-free

IceCube results from 317 days of livetime between 2010-2011:

All-year round search:

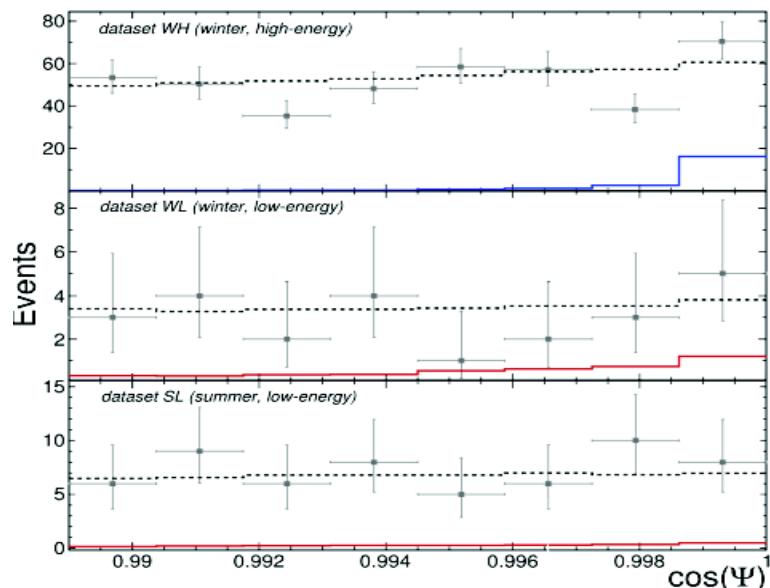


Extend the search to the southern hemisphere by selecting starting events  
 → Veto background through location of interaction vertex  
 - muon background: downgoing, no starting track  
 - WIMP signal: require interaction vertex within detector volume

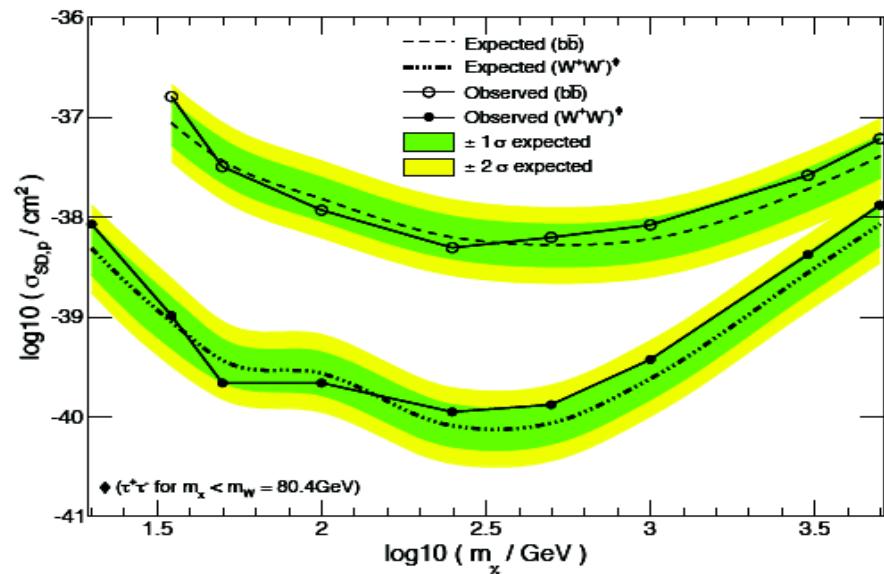
Background estimated from time-scrambled data  
 Analysis reaches neutrino energies of  $\sim 20$  GeV  
 Assumes equilibrium between capture and annihilation

$$\rightarrow \Phi_\mu \rightarrow \Gamma_A \rightarrow C_c \rightarrow \sigma_{X+p}$$

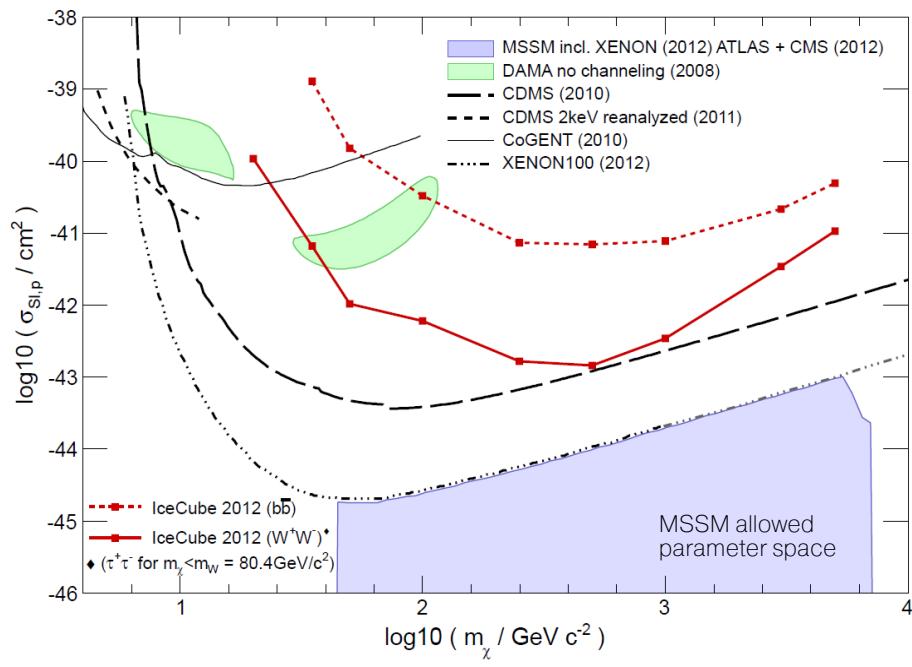
Unblinded events in different samples



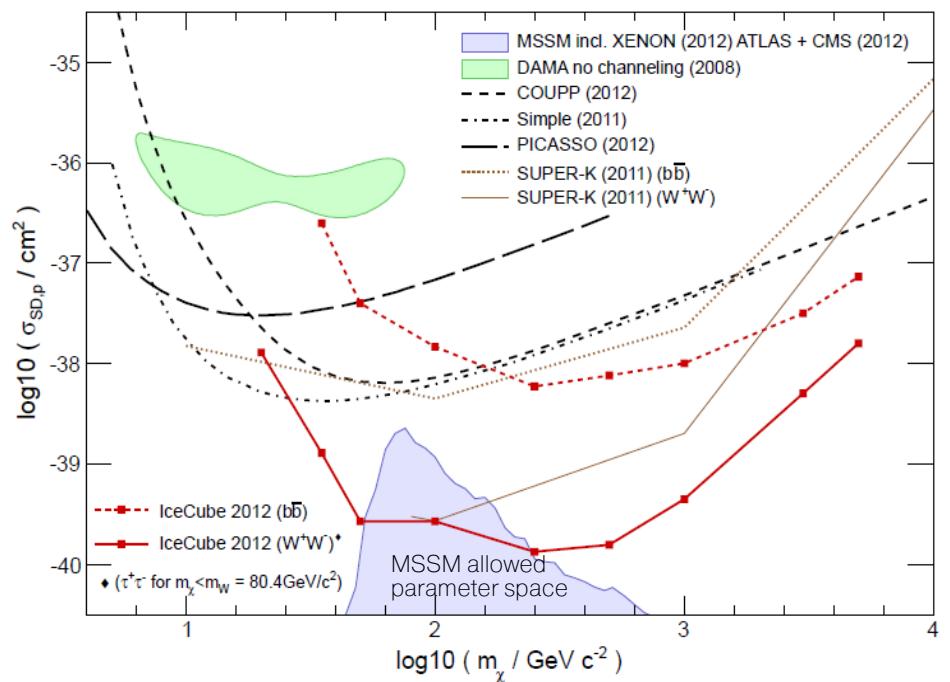
Expected sens. vs. observed result



90% CL neutralino-p **SI** Xsection limit



90% CL neutralino-p **SD** Xsection limit



- most stringent SD cross-section limit for most models
- complementary to direct detection search efforts
- different astrophysical & nuclear form-factor uncertainties

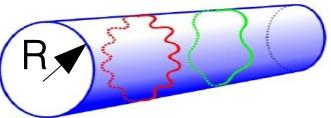
# search for dark matter accumulated in the Sun: KK and Superheavy DM

## Universal Extra Dimensions:

models originally devised to unify gravity and electromagnetism.

No experimental evidence against a space  $3+\delta+1$  as long as the extra dimensions are 'compactified'

$$n \frac{\lambda}{2} = 2\pi R, \quad n \frac{h}{2p} = 2\pi R \Rightarrow p = n \frac{h}{4\pi R}$$



$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m_o^2 c^4 = n^2 \frac{1}{R^2} c^2 + m_o^2 c^4 = m_n^2 c^4$$

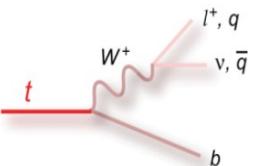
$$m_n^2 = \frac{n^2}{c^2 R^2} + m_o^2$$

$n=1 \rightarrow$  Lightest Kaluza-Klein mode,  $B^1$   
good DM candidate

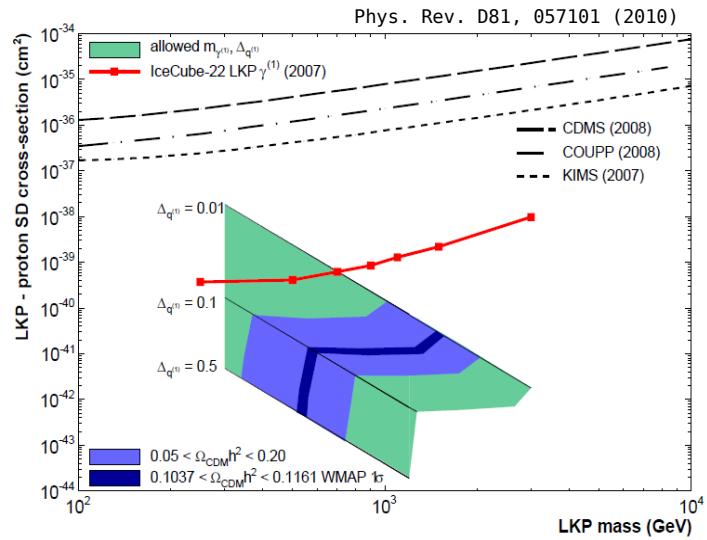
## Superheavy dark matter:

- Produced **non-thermally** at the end of inflation through vacuum quantum fluctuations or decay of the inflaton field
- strong Xsection (simply means non-weak in this context)
- m from  $\sim 10^4$  GeV to  $10^{18}$  GeV (no unitarity limit since production non thermal)

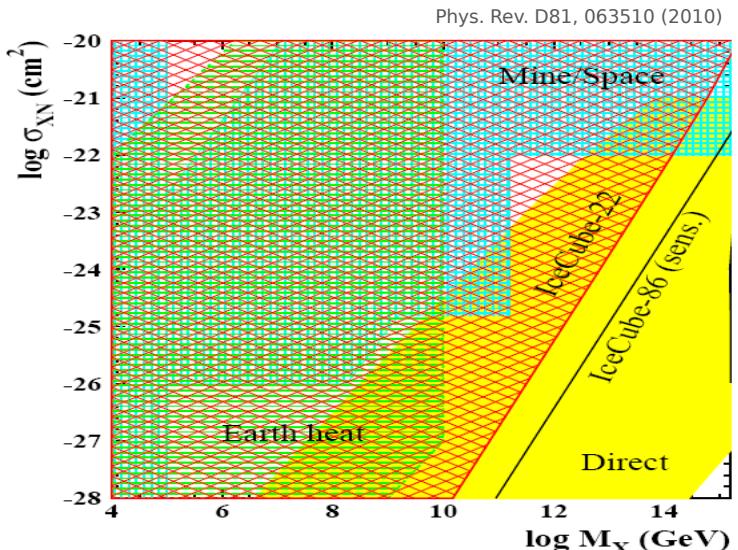
$S+S \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  dominant



90% CL LKP-p Xsection limit vs LKP mass



90% CL S-p Xsection limit vs S mass

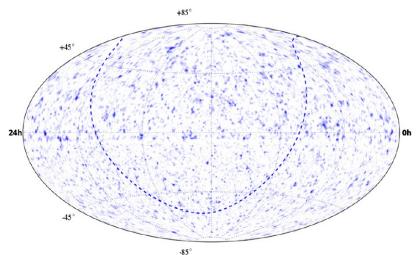


probe DM annihilation cross section

$$\frac{d\Phi}{dE}(E, \phi, \theta) = \left[ \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}{2m_\chi^2} \sum_f \frac{dN}{dE} B_f \right] \times \int_{\Delta\Omega(\phi, \theta)} d\Omega' \int_{\text{los}} \rho^2(r(l, \phi')) dl(r, \phi')$$

Ingredients:

measurement

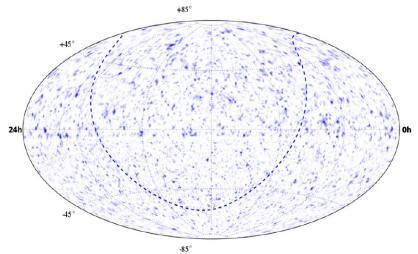


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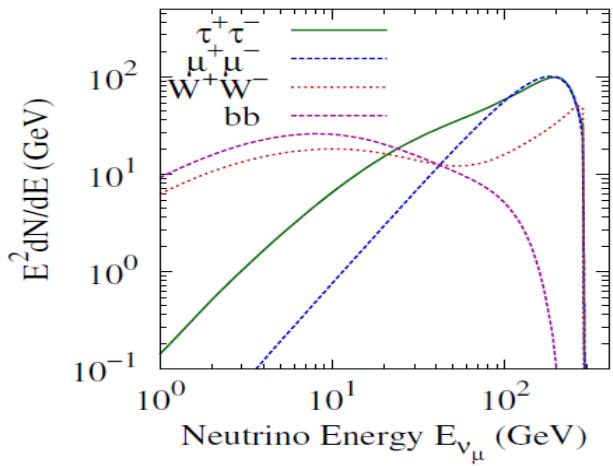
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Ingredients:

measurement



particle physics model



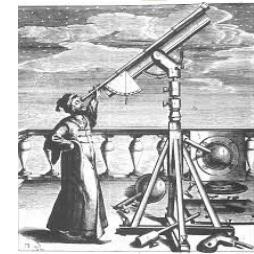
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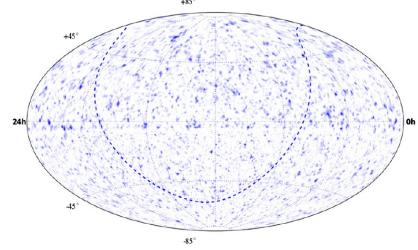
$$x \int_{\Delta\Omega(\phi, \theta)} d\Omega' \int_{\text{los}} \rho^2(r(l, \phi')) dl(r, \phi')$$

line of sight contribution

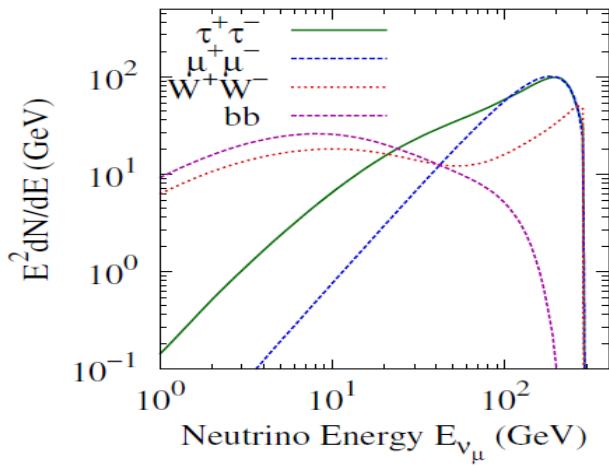


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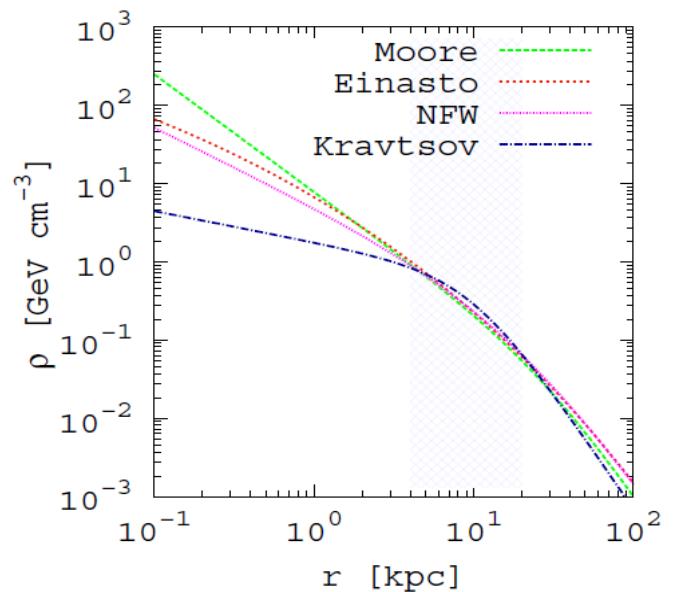
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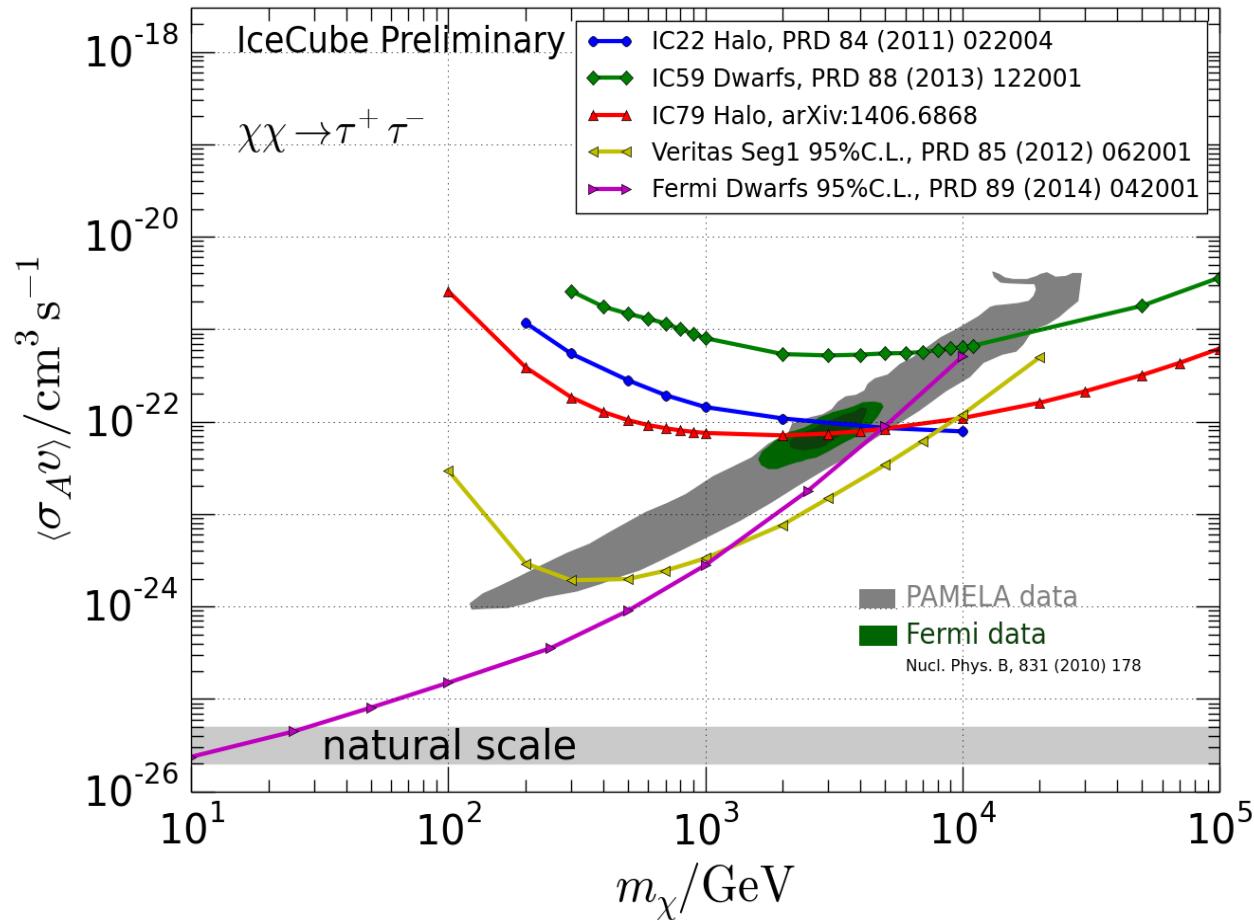


particle physics model



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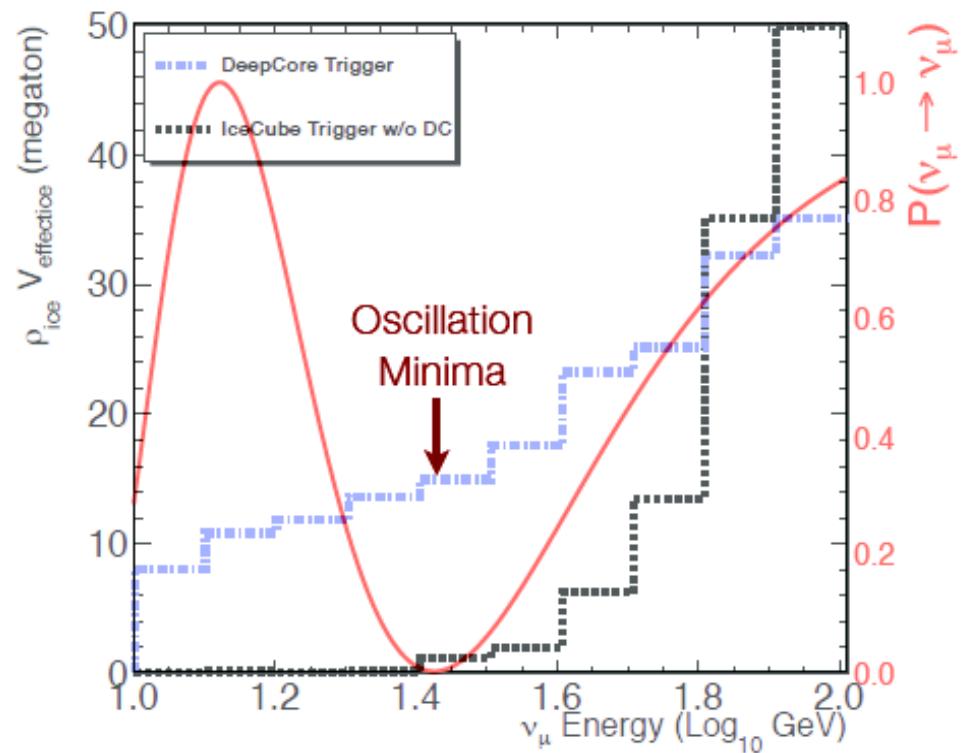




# IceCube DeepCore

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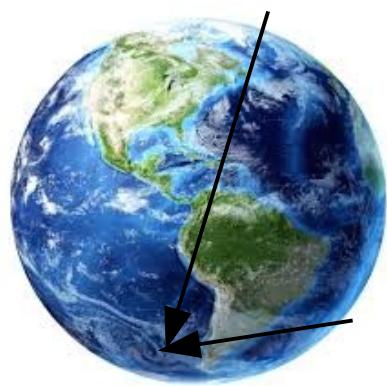
- Original IceCube design focused on neutrinos with energies above a few hundred GeV
- DeepCore provides ~25 MTon volume with lower energy threshold
  - Higher efficiency far outweighs reduced geometrical volume
  - Note: comparison at trigger level – analysis efficiencies not included (typically  $\sim 10\%$ )
- $\mathcal{O}(10^5)$  atmospheric neutrino triggers per year



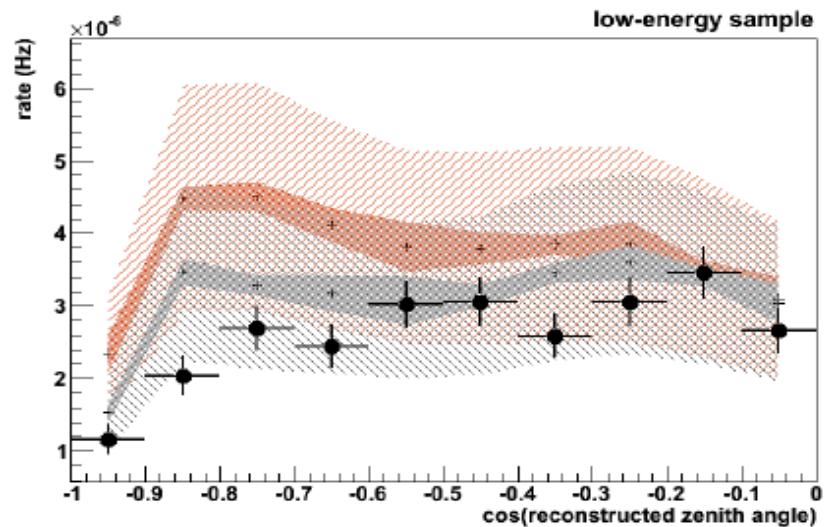
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- Covers first oscillation maximum @25 GeV
- High statistics available  
→ measure atmospheric muon rate as a function of energy and angle

$$P(\nu_\alpha \rightarrow \nu_\beta) = \sin^2(2\theta) \sin^2(1.27\Delta m^2 L/E)$$

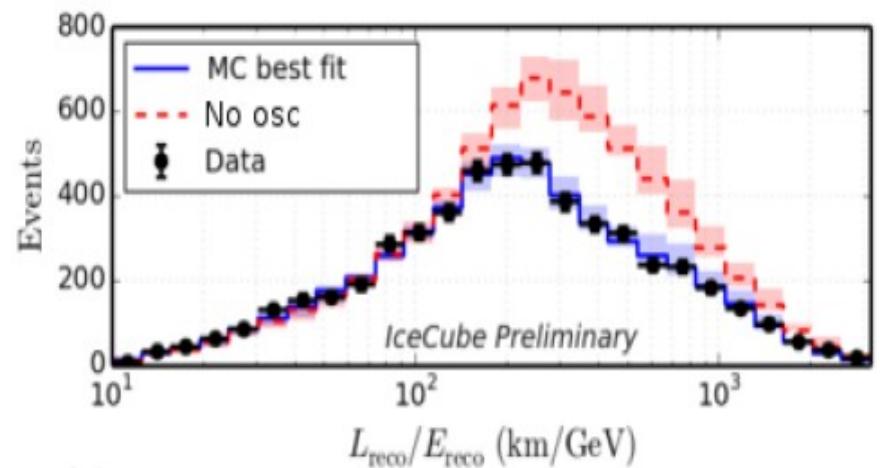
$$L/E \rightarrow \Theta_{\text{zenith}}/E$$



just rate measurement



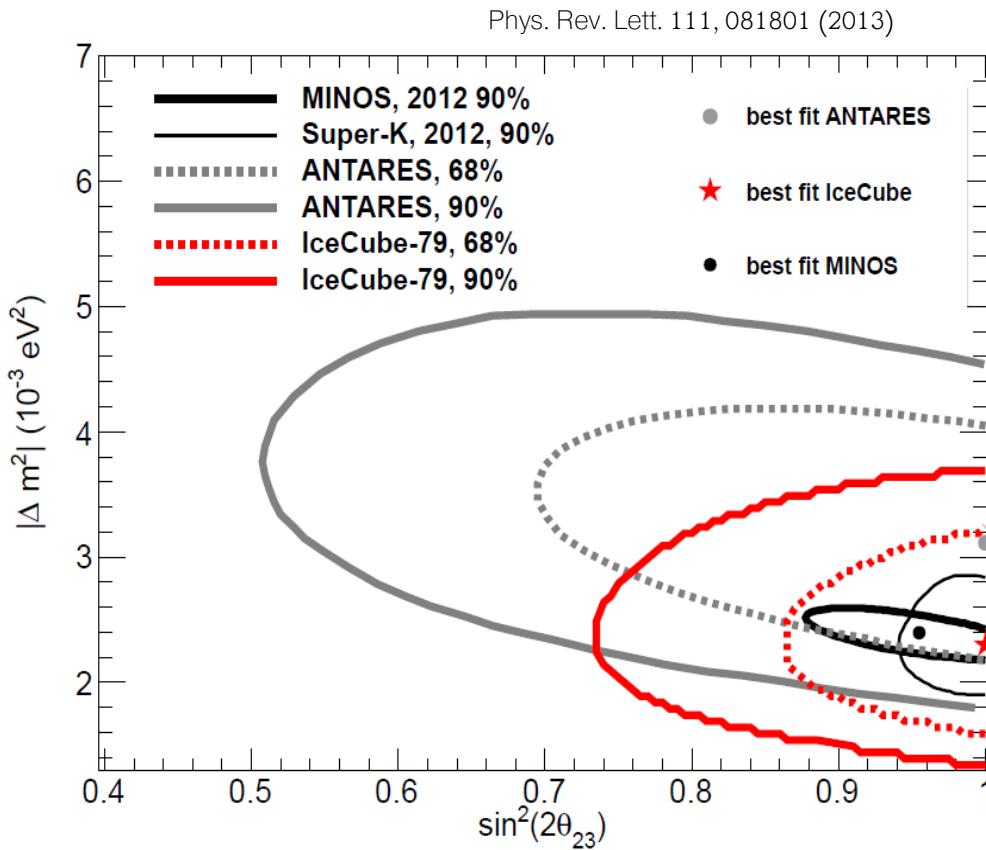
adding energy reconstruction



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### Results:

IceCube sees neutrino oscillations @ $5.6\sigma$   
consistent with world-average best fit



## Two directions

### Higher energy

Point sources

Neutrino flavor ratios

### Lower Energy (reach the $O(1)$ GeV threshold)

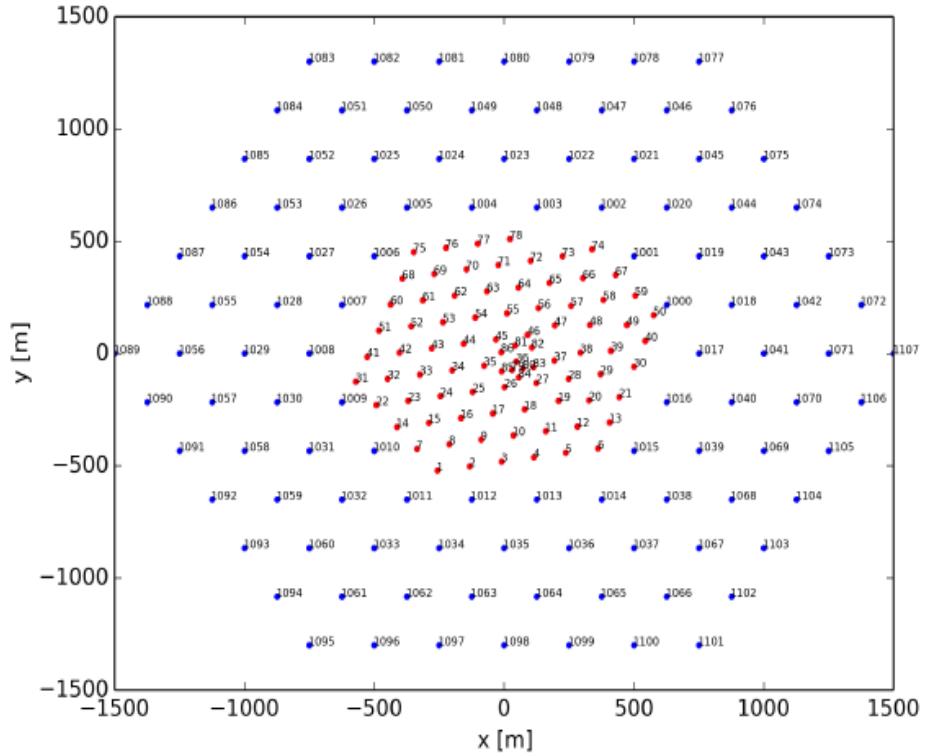
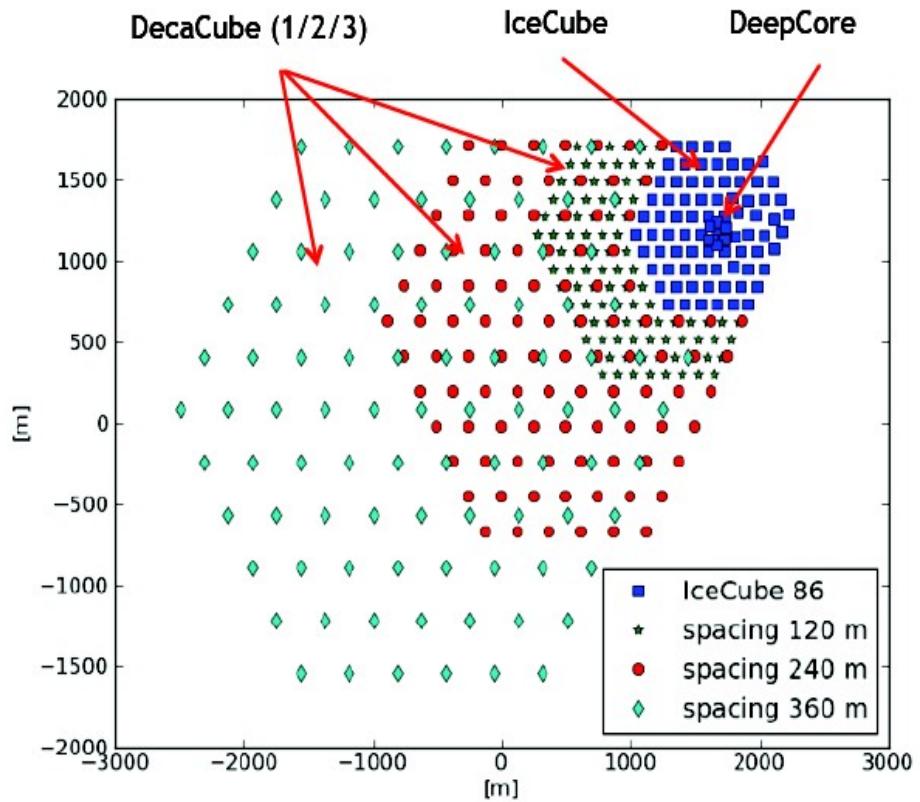
Resolve neutrino mass hierarchy

Improve on on-going neutrino oscillation studies

GeV dark matter

next generation high-energy neutrino telescopes





Multipole configurations under study

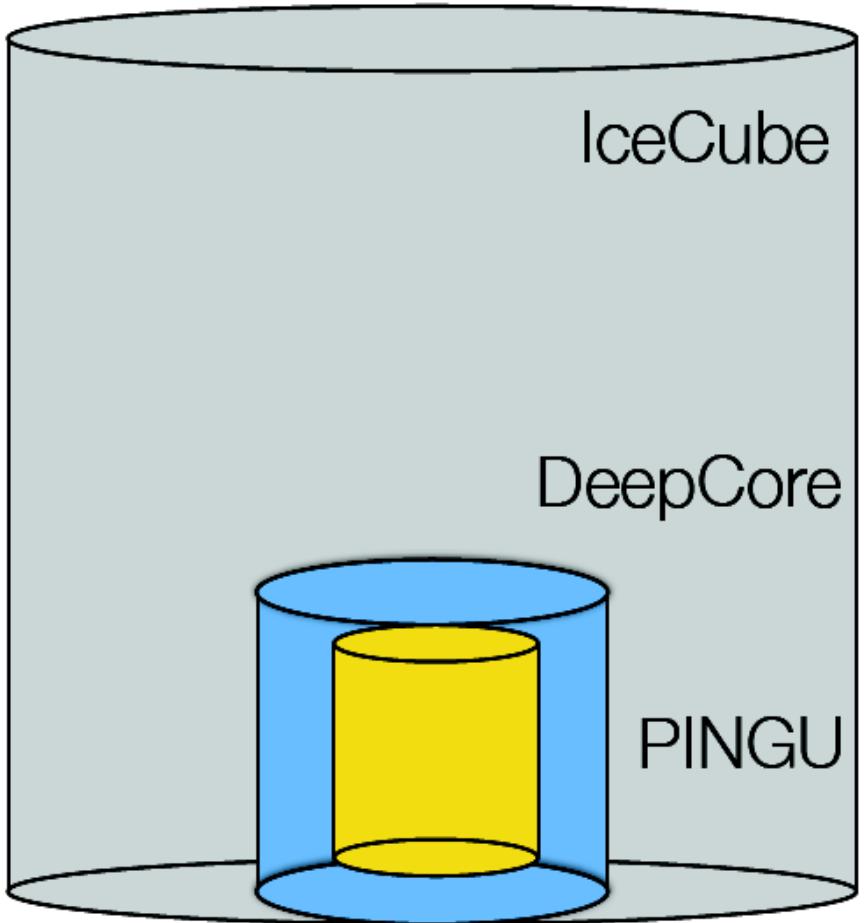
R&D and design optimization ongoing, including a surface veto

- DeepCore showed the potential of going down in energy.
- How low could we go?
- Add 40 strings within the current DeepCore volume to bring down energy threshold to  $O(1 \text{ GeV})$ ,
- Use **existing** and well tested technology

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Physics @few GeV:

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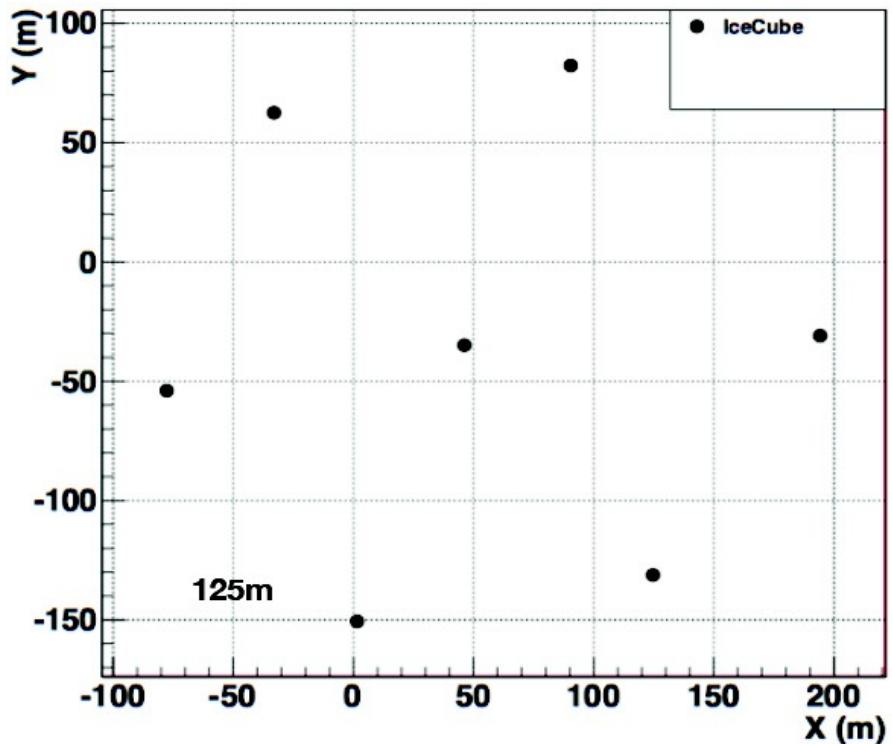
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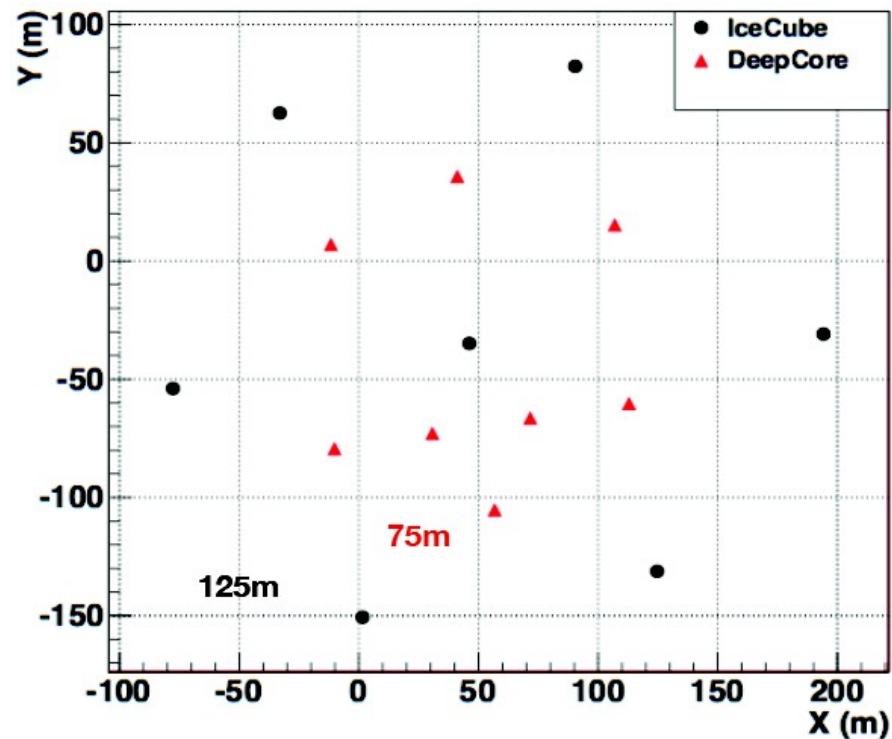
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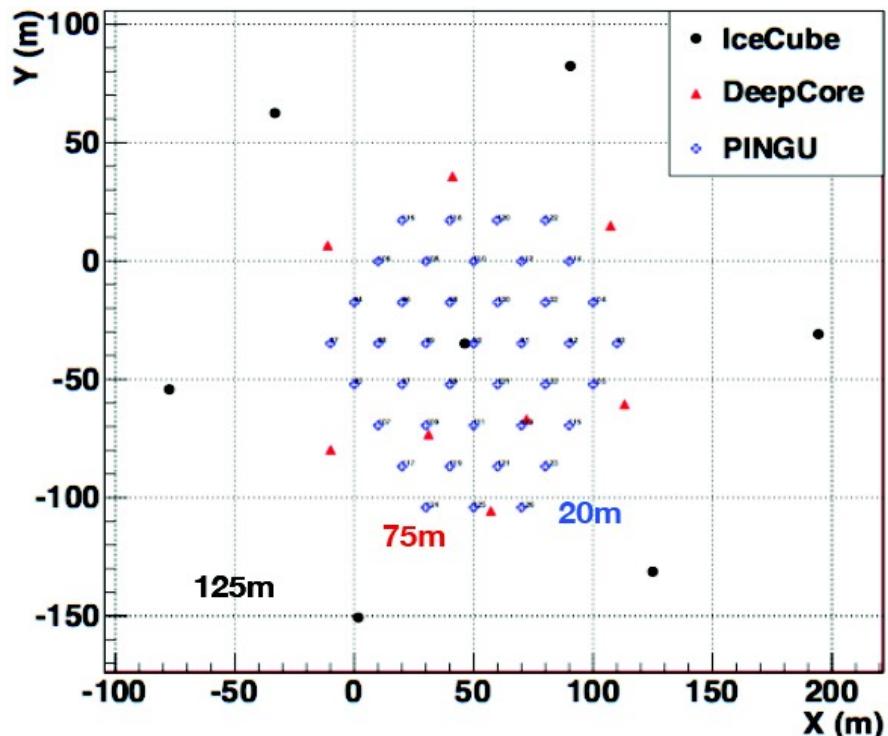


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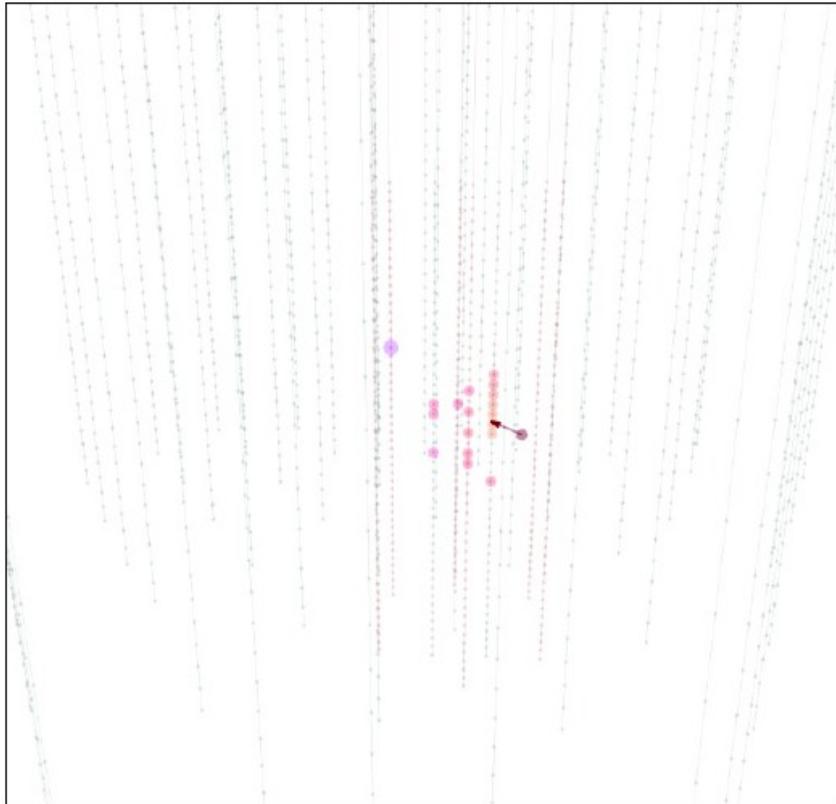
40 strings  
22m horizontal spacing  
3m vertical spacing (96 DOMs/string)

9.3 GeV neutrino producing a 4.9 GeV muon and a 4.4 GeV cascade

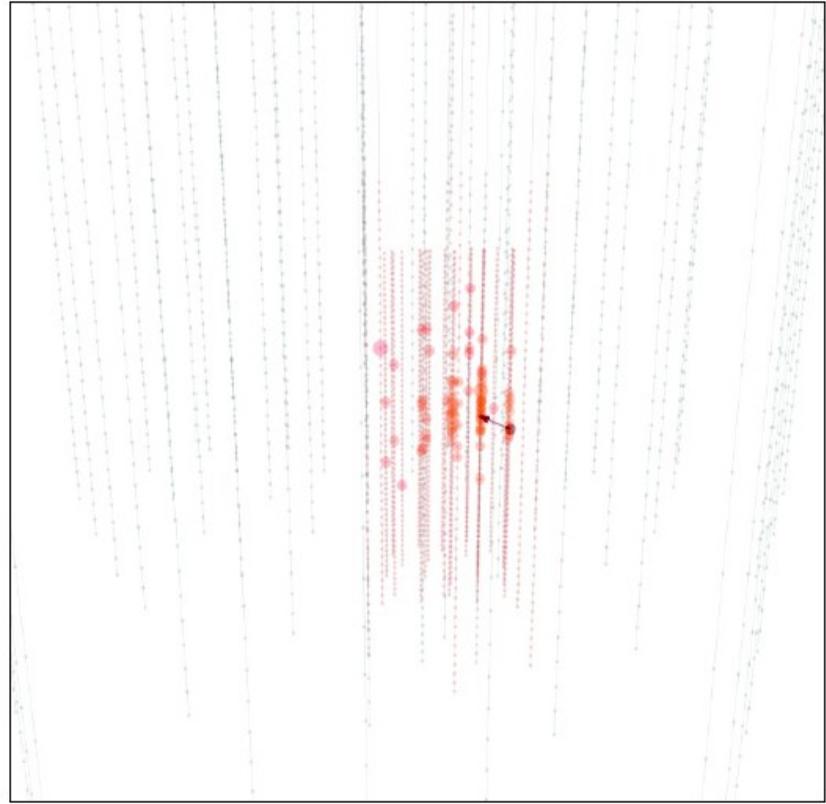


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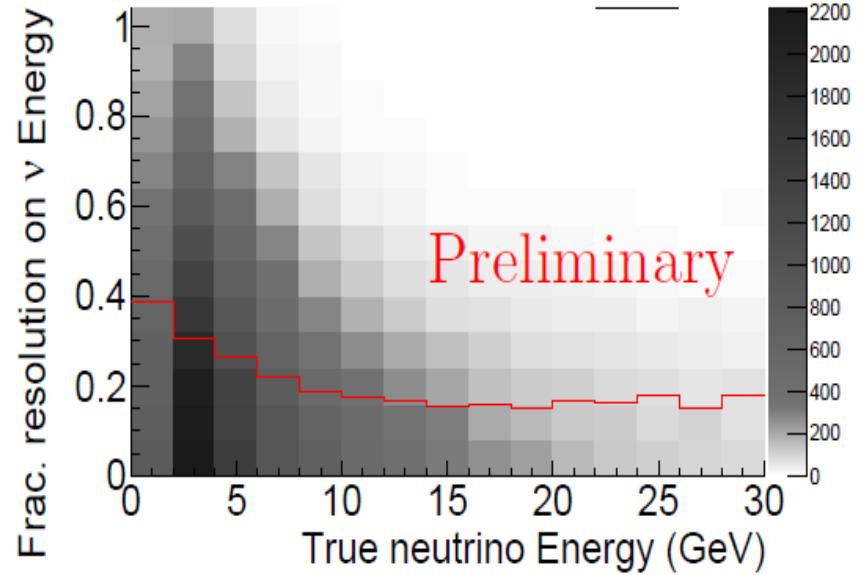
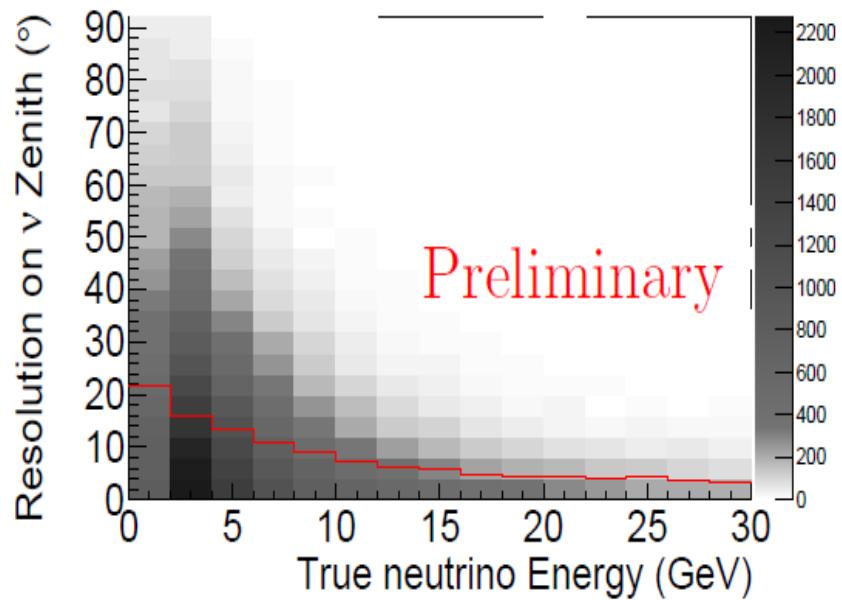


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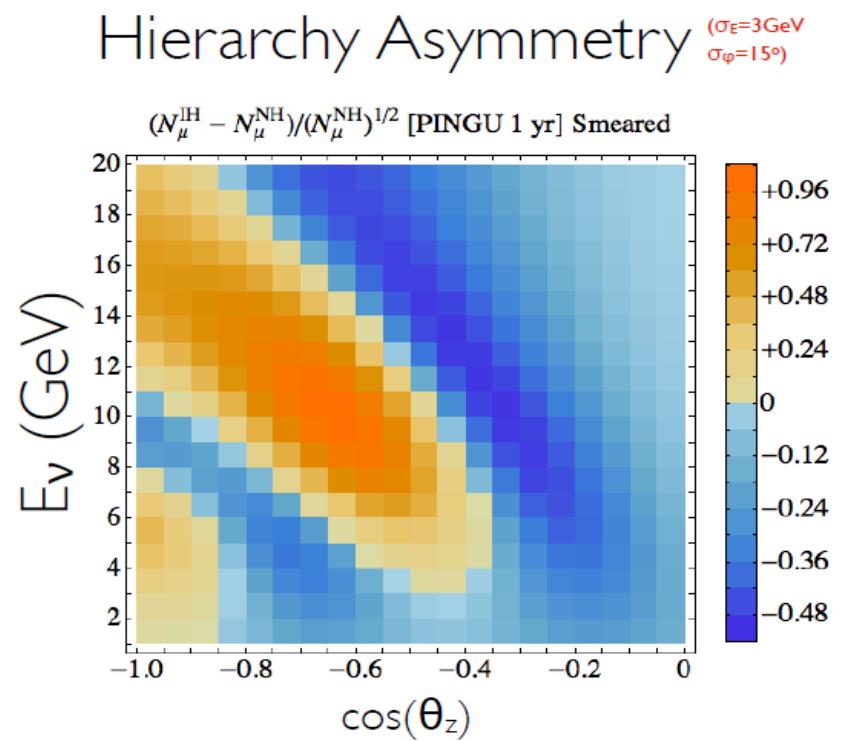
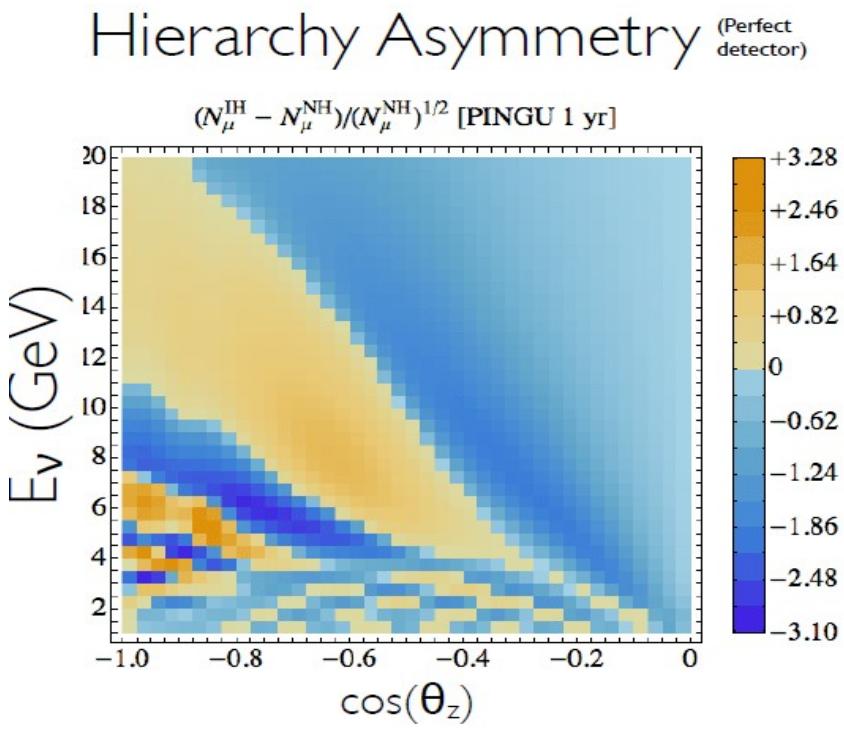


PINGU: 50 hit modules

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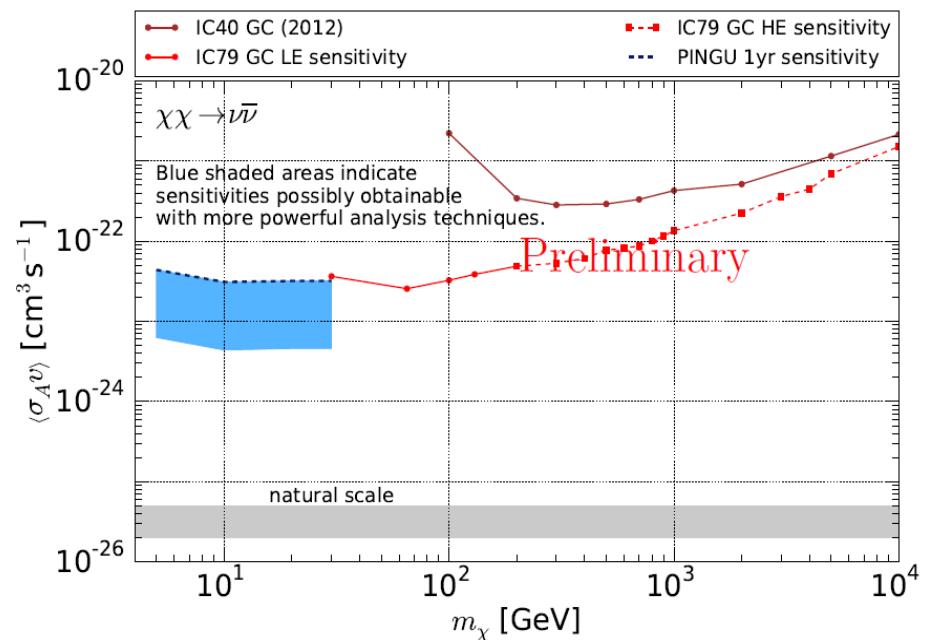
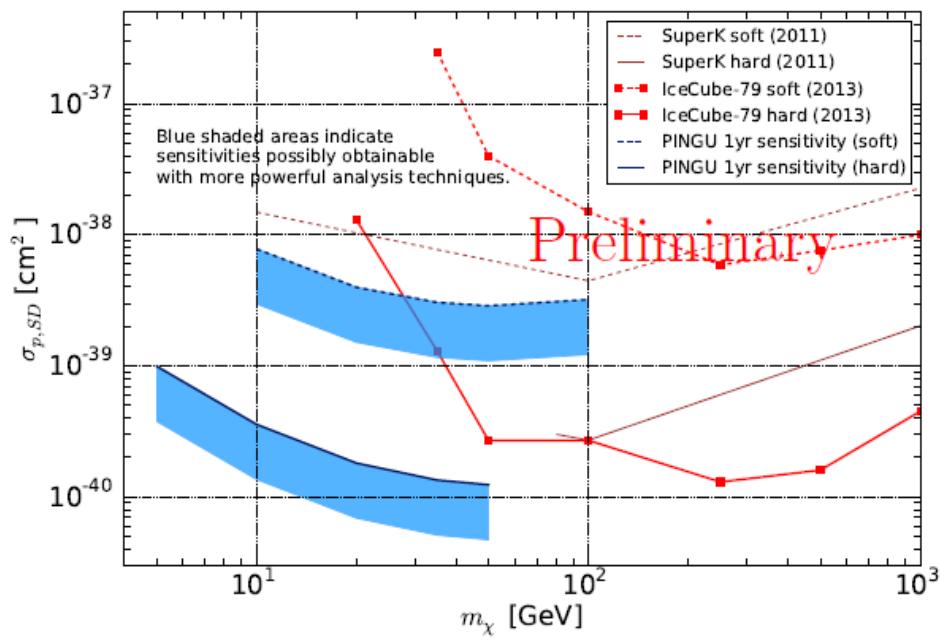


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Lowering the energy threshold allows to reach lower WIMP masses,  $\mathcal{O}$  (few GeV)

- Sensitivity study based on current IceCube analysis techniques
- Assume complete background rejection of downgoing atmospheric muons through veto techniques



blue shaded areas ==> range of possibly obtainable sensitivity with improved analysis techniques

L> use of signal and background spectral information

IceCube has been (is) extremely successful in its physics programme

5.7 sigma evidence for non-atmospheric neutrinos at TeV energies

Impact on models of neutrino emission in GRBs and AGNs

Competitive limits on dark matter

Ongoing efforts for a high-energy and a low-energy extensions

R&D efforts on new optical module designs

And what I have not talked about:

monopole searches

cosmic ray composition

cosmic ray anisotropies

extended-source searches

exotic neutrino oscillation scenarios

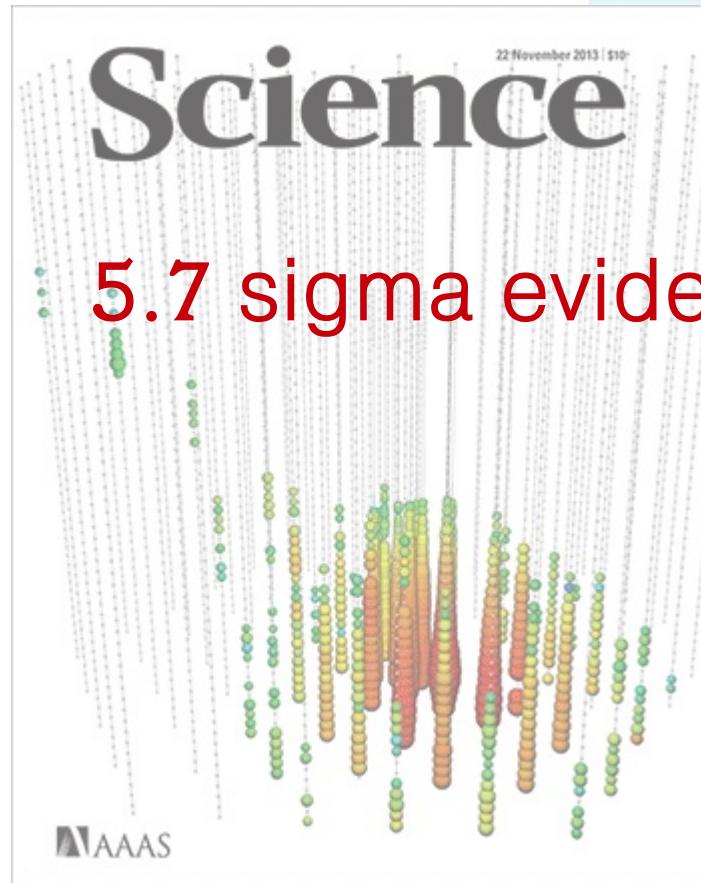
sterile neutrino searches

SuperNovae searches

TeV gravity searches

Combined searches with CTAs, air-shower arrays and gravitational wave detectors

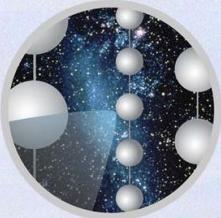
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5.7 sigma evidence for astrophysical neutrinos

FIN





# The IceCube Collaboration



## Funding Agencies

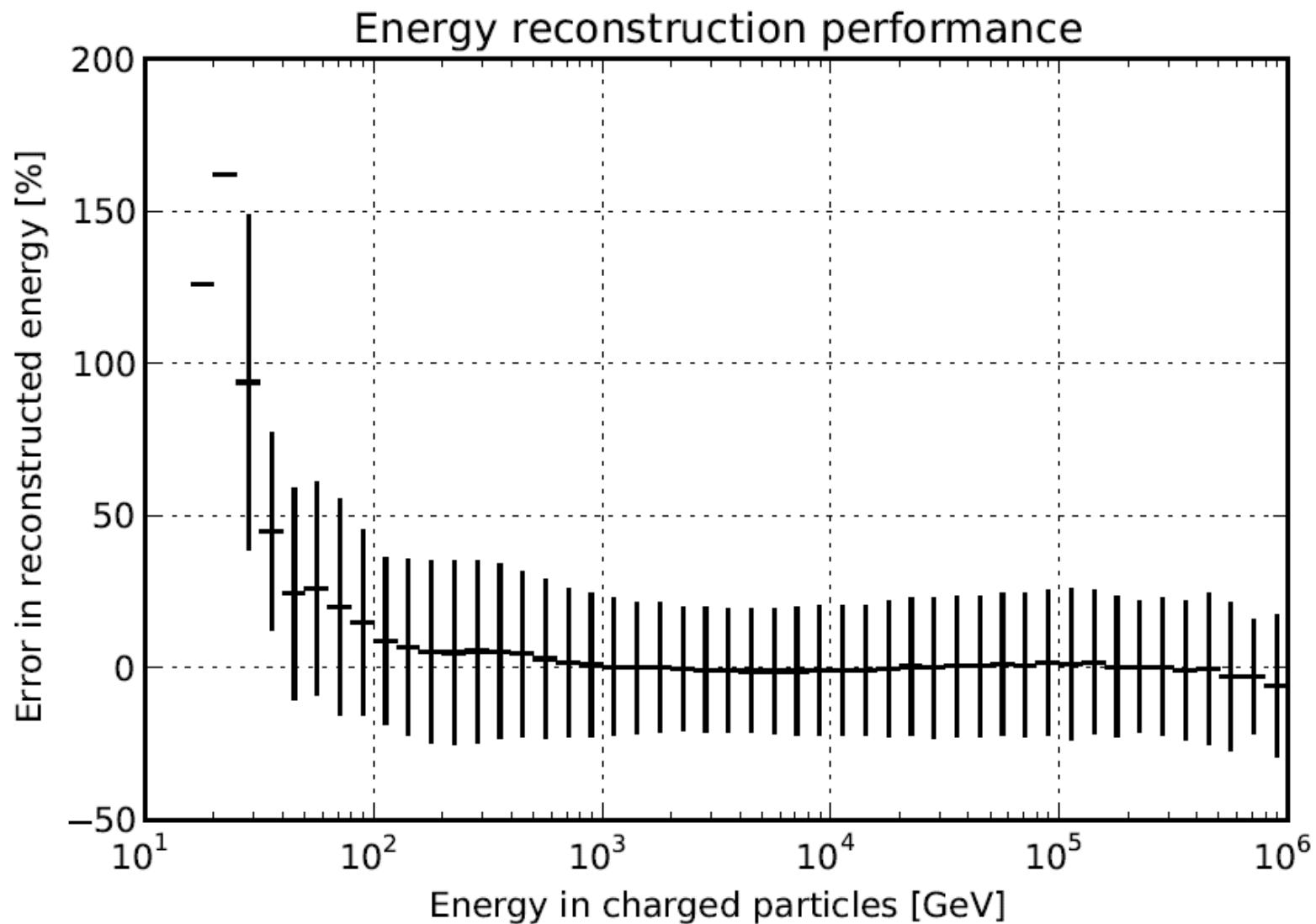
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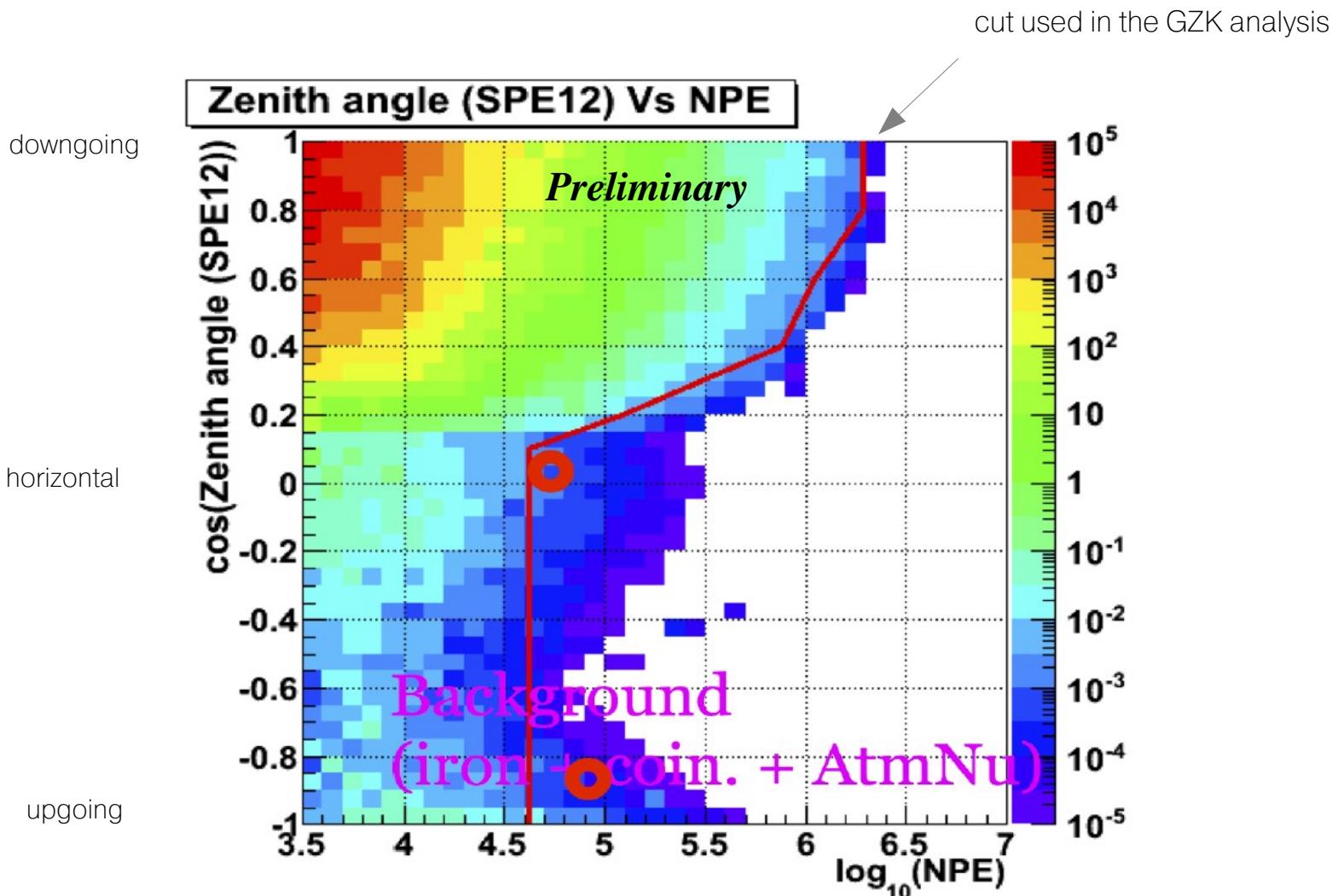


# Energy Reconstruction of EM Showers



PRELIMINARY

# OBSERVATION OF $\nu_e$ -LIKE PEV EVENTS



# LIKELIHOOD AND DENSITY FUNCTIONS

Signal pdf:

$$\mathcal{S}_i = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_i^2} e^{-r_i^2/2\sigma_i^2} \cdot P(E_i|\gamma)$$

Background pdf:

$$\mathcal{B}_i = B(\theta_i) \cdot P_{atm}(E_i)$$



Likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(n_s, \gamma) = \prod_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{n_s}{N} \mathcal{S}_i(\gamma) + (1 - \frac{n_s}{N}) \mathcal{B}_i \right)$$

Maximize wrt:

- $\gamma$ , the neutrino spectral index
- $n_s$ , number of signal events

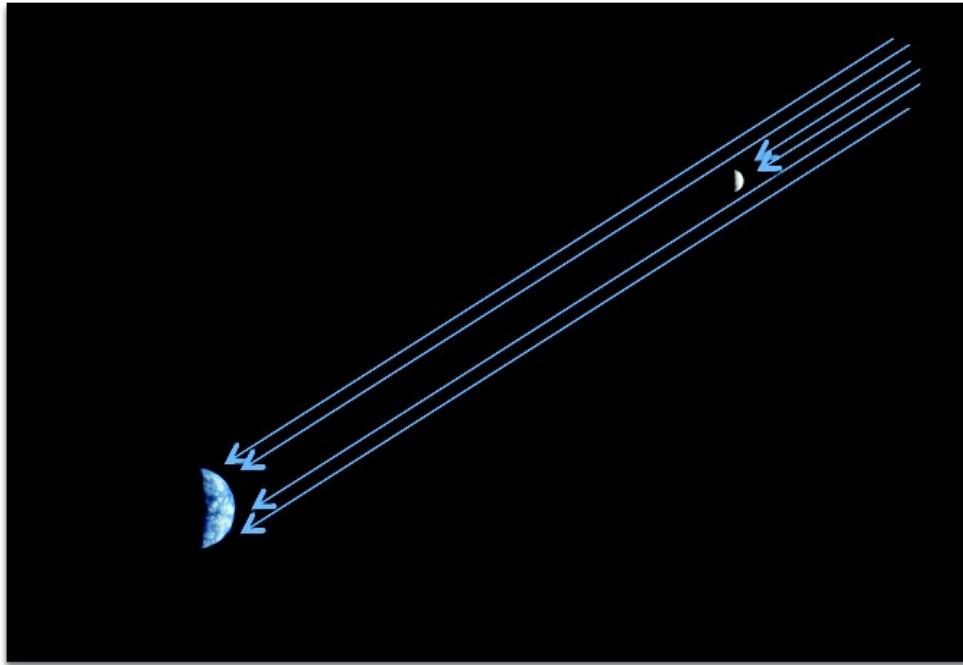
Maximization of the likelihood ratio:

$$\log \lambda = \log \left( \frac{L(\hat{\gamma}, \hat{n}_s)}{L(n_s = 0)} \right)$$

Estimates that  
maximize the  
Likelihood

The final significance is determined by scrambling the data in r.a. and repeating the analysis.

# Cosmic Ray Moon Shadow



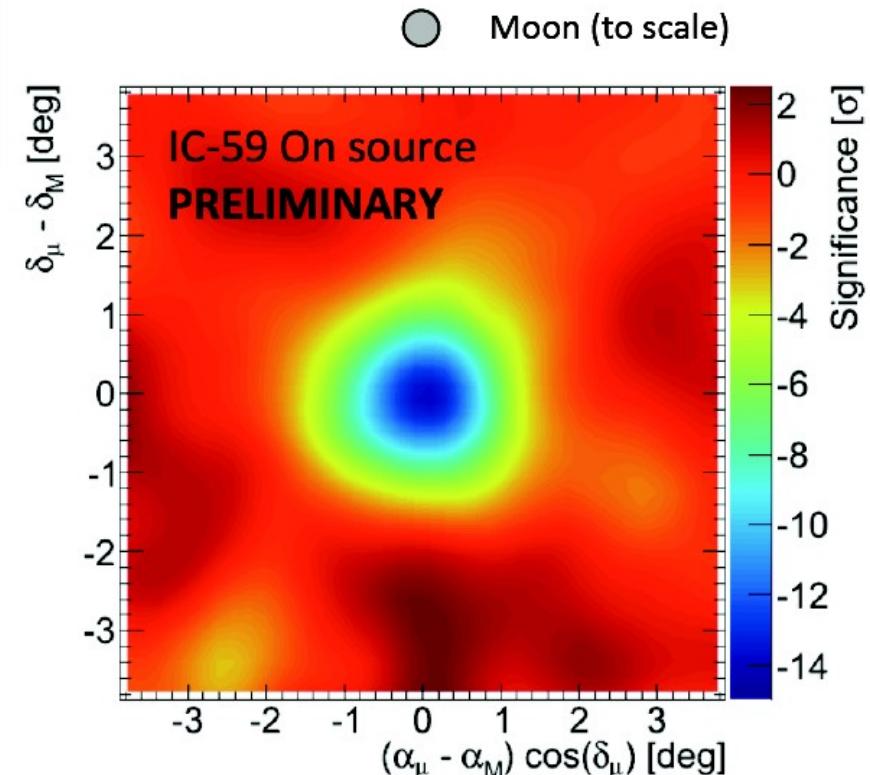
Spoiler alert: there are no neutrino sources bright enough to calibrate pointing with!

But, cosmic ray moon shadow “negative” source is used to verify:

- absolute pointing is correct
- $\sim 1^\circ$  typical point spread function  
(size of deficit and shape agree with sim.)

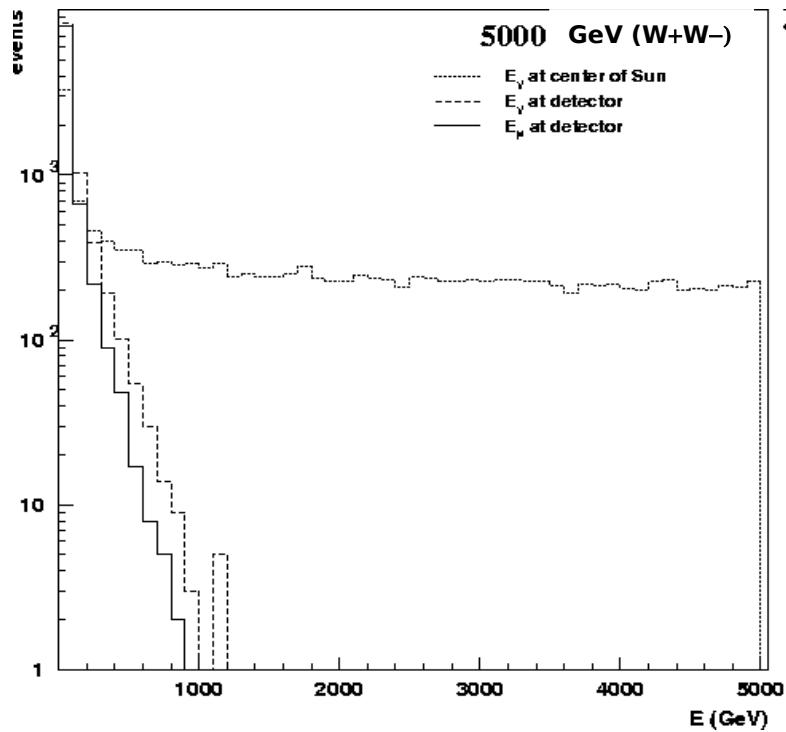
Cosmic rays are blocked by the moon (radius  $0.25^\circ$ )

Causes small point-like deficit of cosmic ray showers detected by IceCube

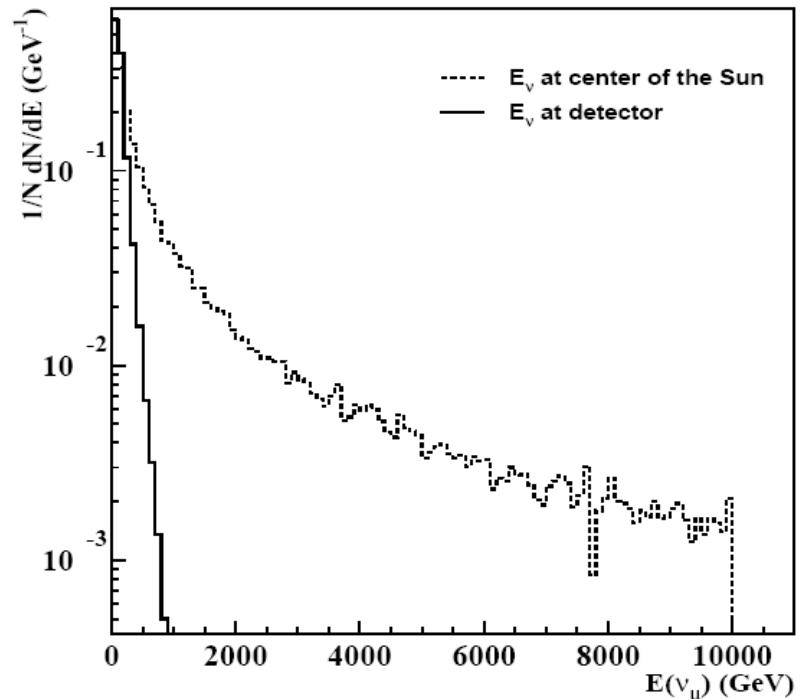


# searches from the Sun: neutrino energies at the detector

5000 GeV Neutralino  $\rightarrow$  WW @ Sun



Simpzilla  $\rightarrow$  t $\bar{t}$  @ Sun



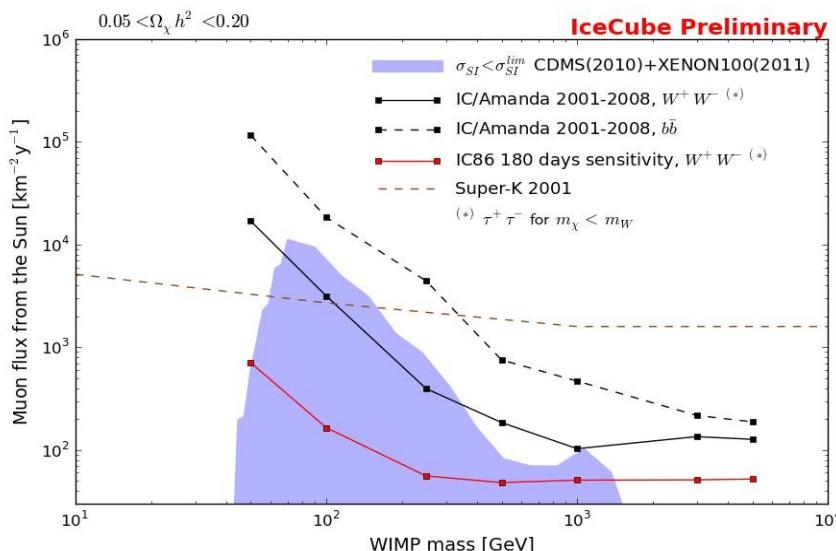
: Indirect dark matter searches from the **Sun** are a low-energy analysis in neutrino telescopes: even for the highest DM masses, we do not get muons above few 100 GeV

Not such effect for the Earth and Halo (no  $\nu$  energy losses in dense medium)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} N_{\text{data}}, N_{\text{bck}} \\ \Psi_{\text{data}}, \Psi_{\text{bck}} \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow N_{90} \longrightarrow \Gamma_{\nu\mu} \leq \frac{N_{90}}{V_{\text{eff}} \cdot t}$$

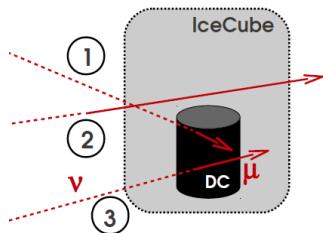
Experimentally obtained quantity:  
 allowed number of signal events still  
 compatible with background, at 90%  
 confidence level

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Gamma_{\nu\mu}(m_\chi) = & \Gamma_A \cdot \frac{1}{4\pi R_\oplus^2} \int_0^{m_\chi} \sum B_{\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow X} \left( \frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu} \right) \\ & \times \sigma_{\nu+N \rightarrow \mu+...} (E_\nu | E_\mu \geq E_{\text{thr}}) \rho_N dE_\nu \end{aligned} \right\} \longrightarrow \text{Use model to convert to a muon flux} \quad \phi_\mu(E_\mu \geq E_{\text{thr}}) = \frac{\Gamma_A}{4\pi D_\odot^2} \int_{E_{\text{thr}}}^\infty dE_\mu \frac{dN_\mu}{dE_\mu}$$



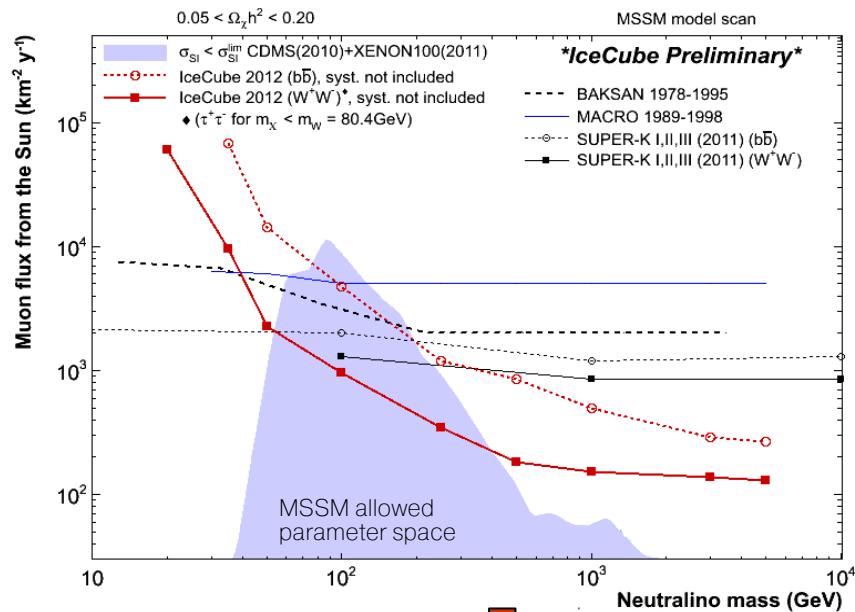
## IceCube results from 317 days of livetime between 2010-2011:

### All-year round search:



Extend the search to the southern hemisphere by selecting starting events  
 → Veto background through location of interaction vertex  
 - muon background: downgoing, no starting track  
 - WIMP signal: require interaction vertex within detector volume

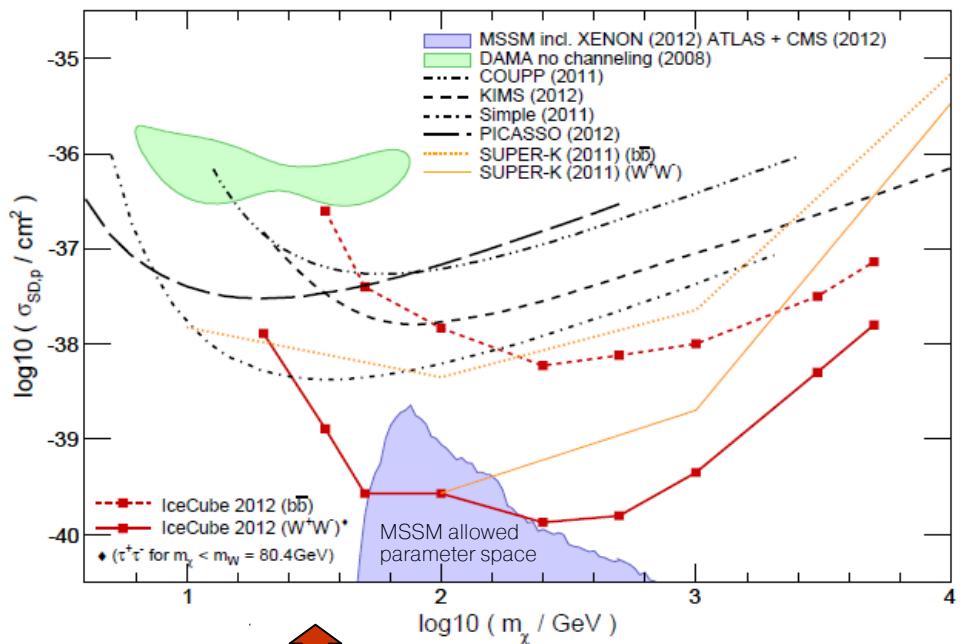
### 90% CL muon flux limit from the Sun



$$\Phi_\mu \rightarrow \Gamma_A \rightarrow C_c \rightarrow \sigma_{X+p}$$

(particle physics and solar model)

### 90% CL neutralino-p SD Xsection limit



# SEARCHES FROM THE SUN: COMPARISON WITH COLLIDER RESULTS

Assume (ie. model dependent) effective quark-DM interaction,

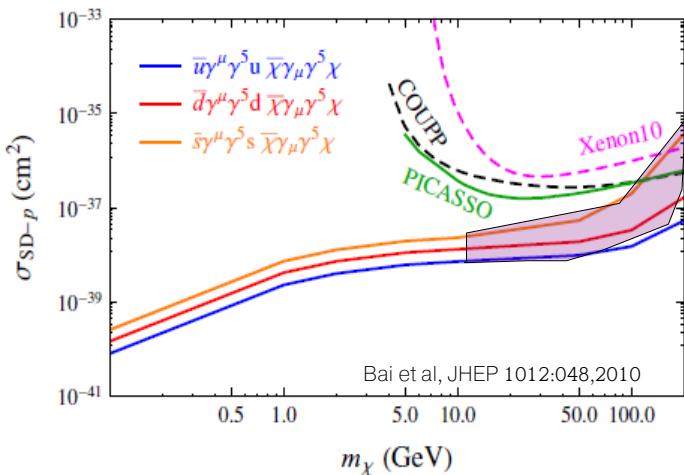
$$\lambda^2/\Lambda^2 (\bar{q}\gamma_5\gamma_\mu q)(\bar{\chi}\gamma_5\gamma^\mu\chi)$$

and look for monojets in  $p\bar{p}$  collisions,

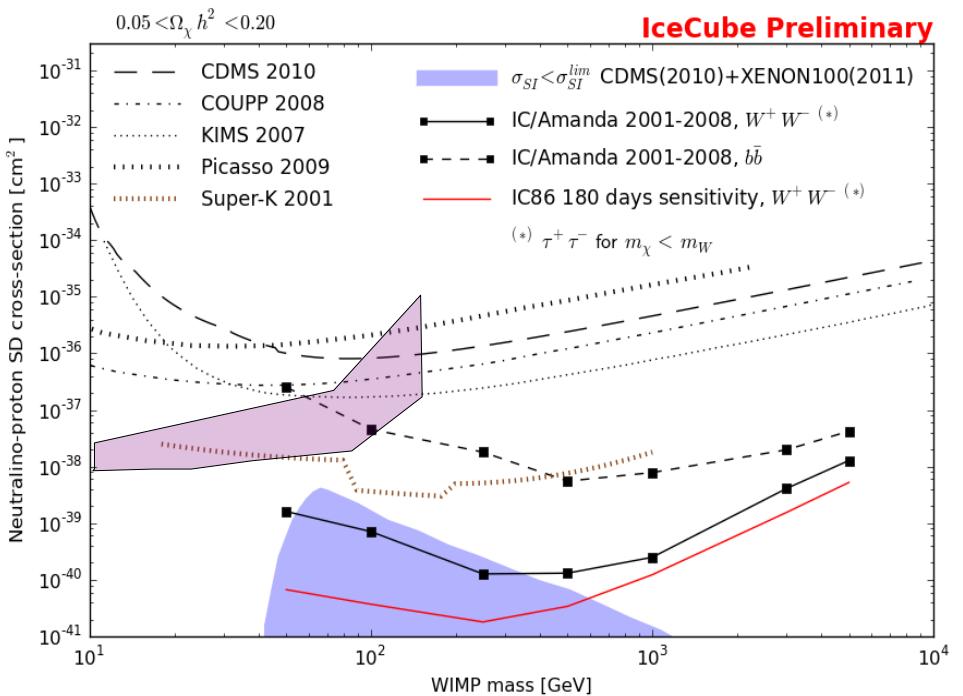
$$p\bar{p} \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi} + \text{jet}$$

(as opposed to the SM process  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow Z + \text{jet}$  and  $p\bar{p} \rightarrow W + \text{jet}$ )

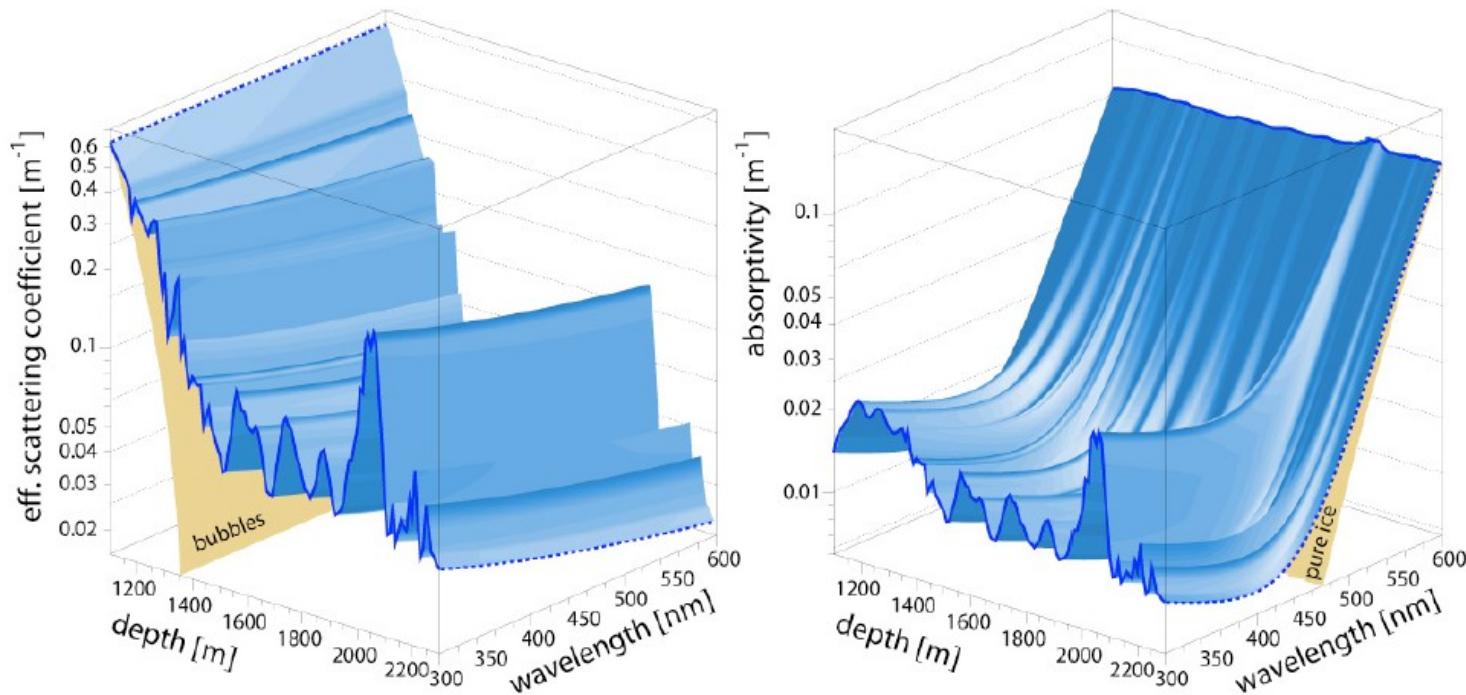
Constrains from monojet searches at the TeVatron:



90% CL **neutralino-p Xsection** limit



- Depth dependence of  $\lambda_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\lambda_{\text{abs}}$  from *in situ* LEDs
- Ice below 2100 m in DeepCore fiducial region very clear
  - $\langle \lambda_{\text{eff}} \rangle \sim 47 \text{ m}$ ,  $\langle \lambda_{\text{abs}} \rangle \sim 155 \text{ m}$



- Constant temperature  $\sim -35\text{C}$