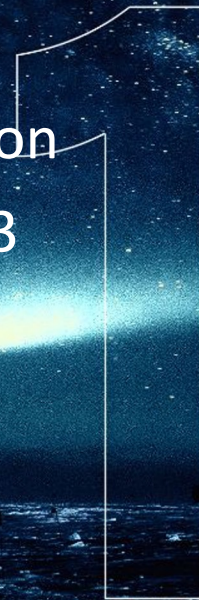


# Diffuse neutrinos from 1 TeV to 1 EeV

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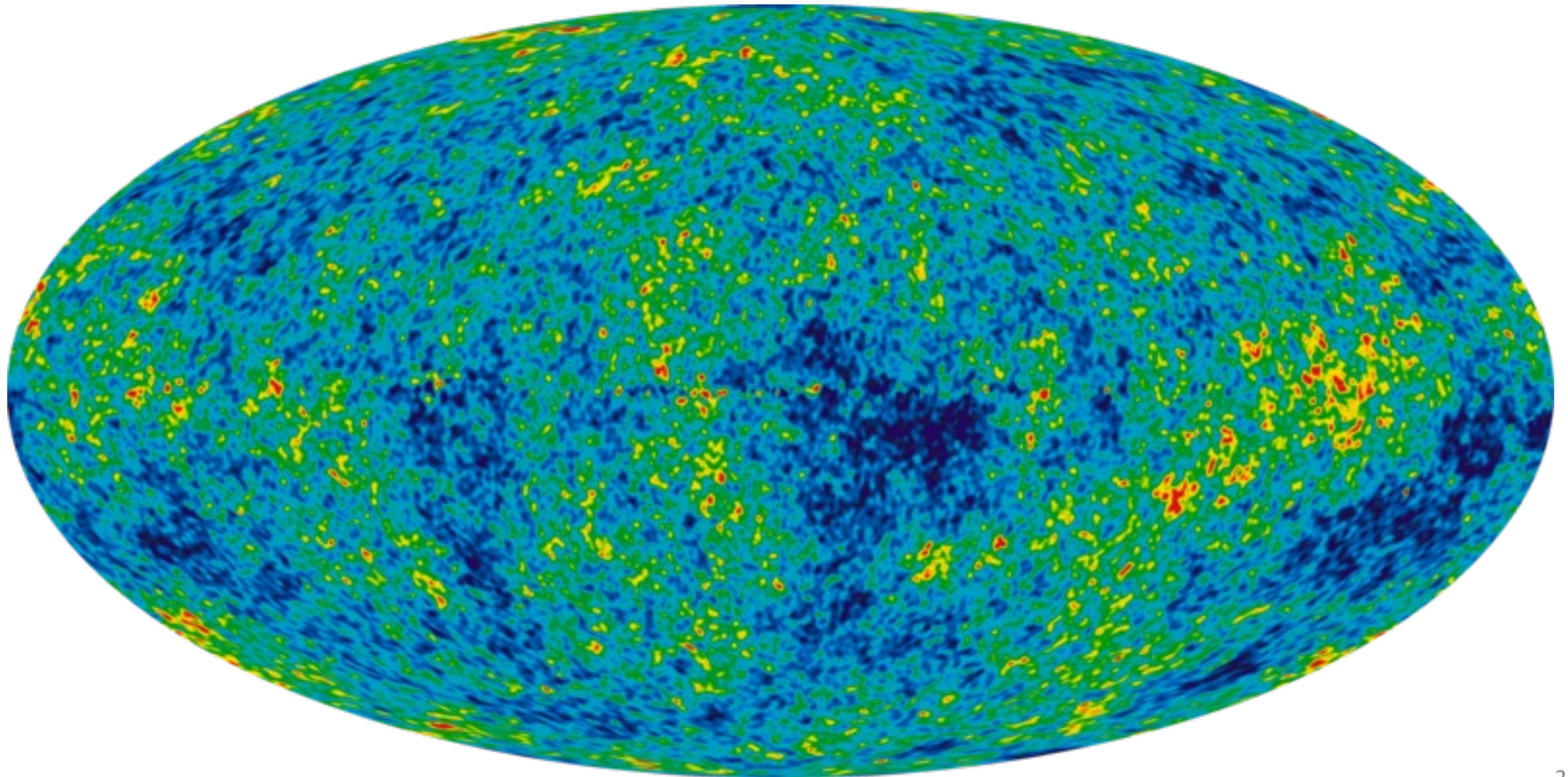
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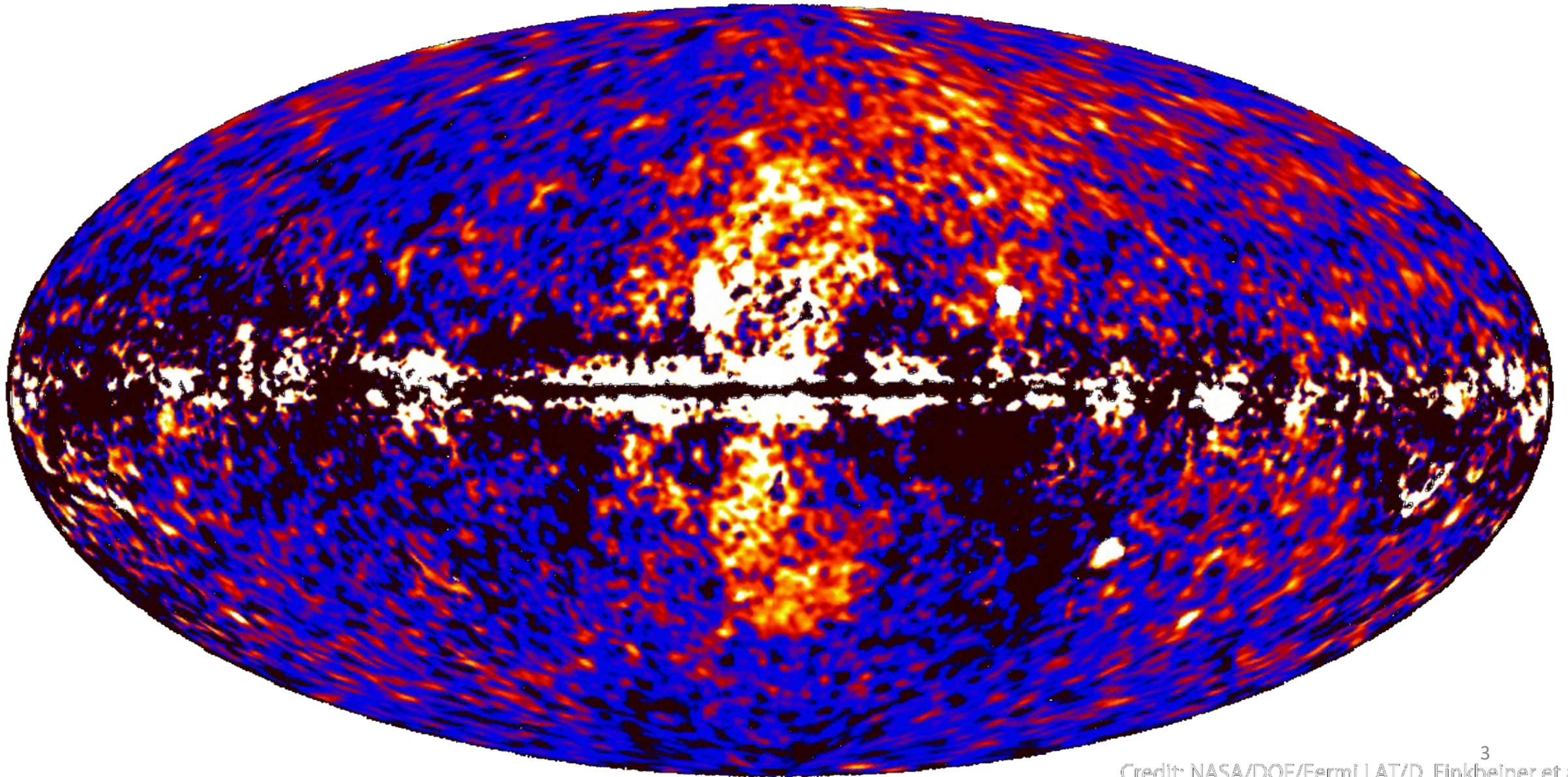


# Diffuse microwave photons

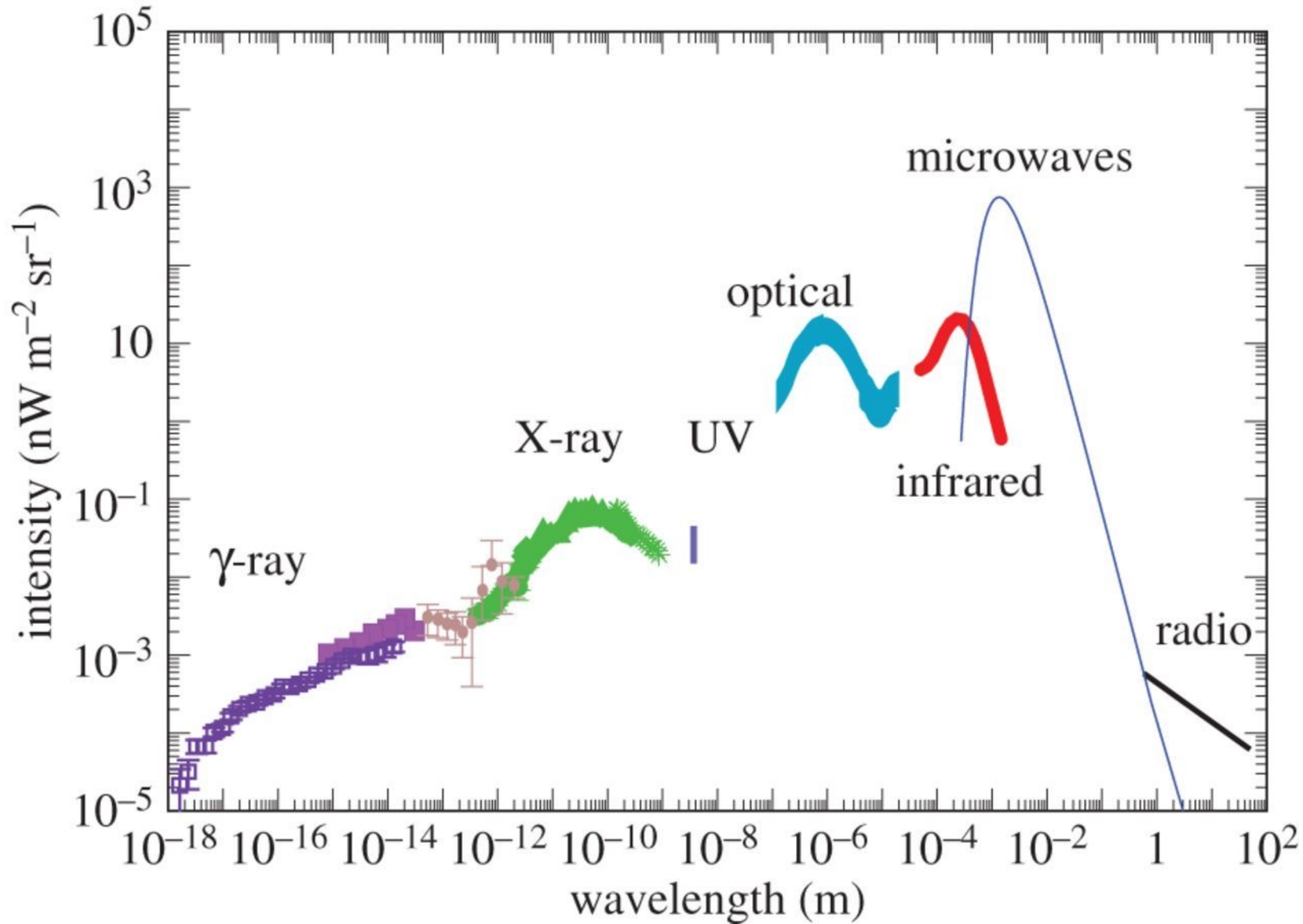




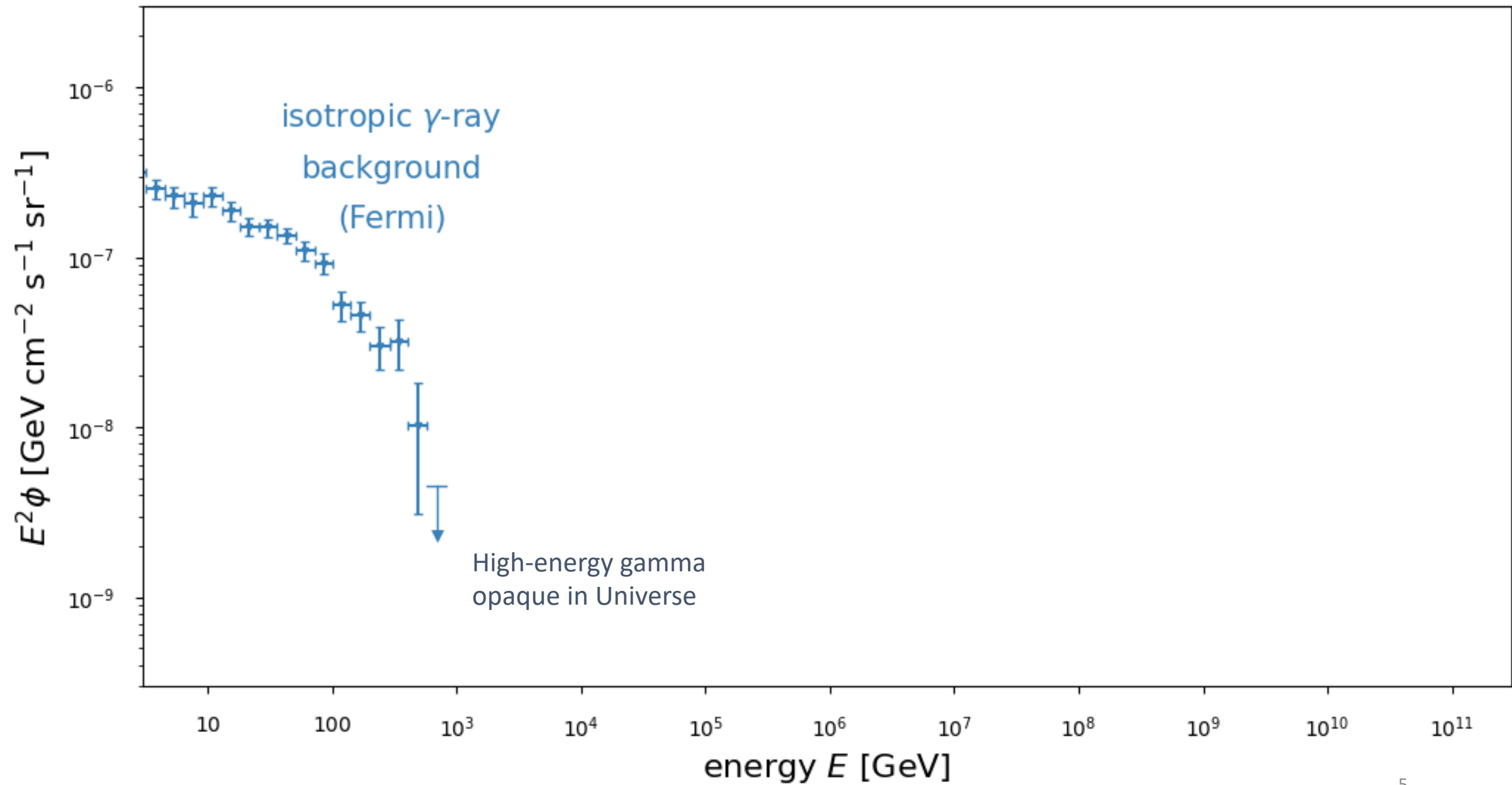
# Diffuse gamma-ray photons



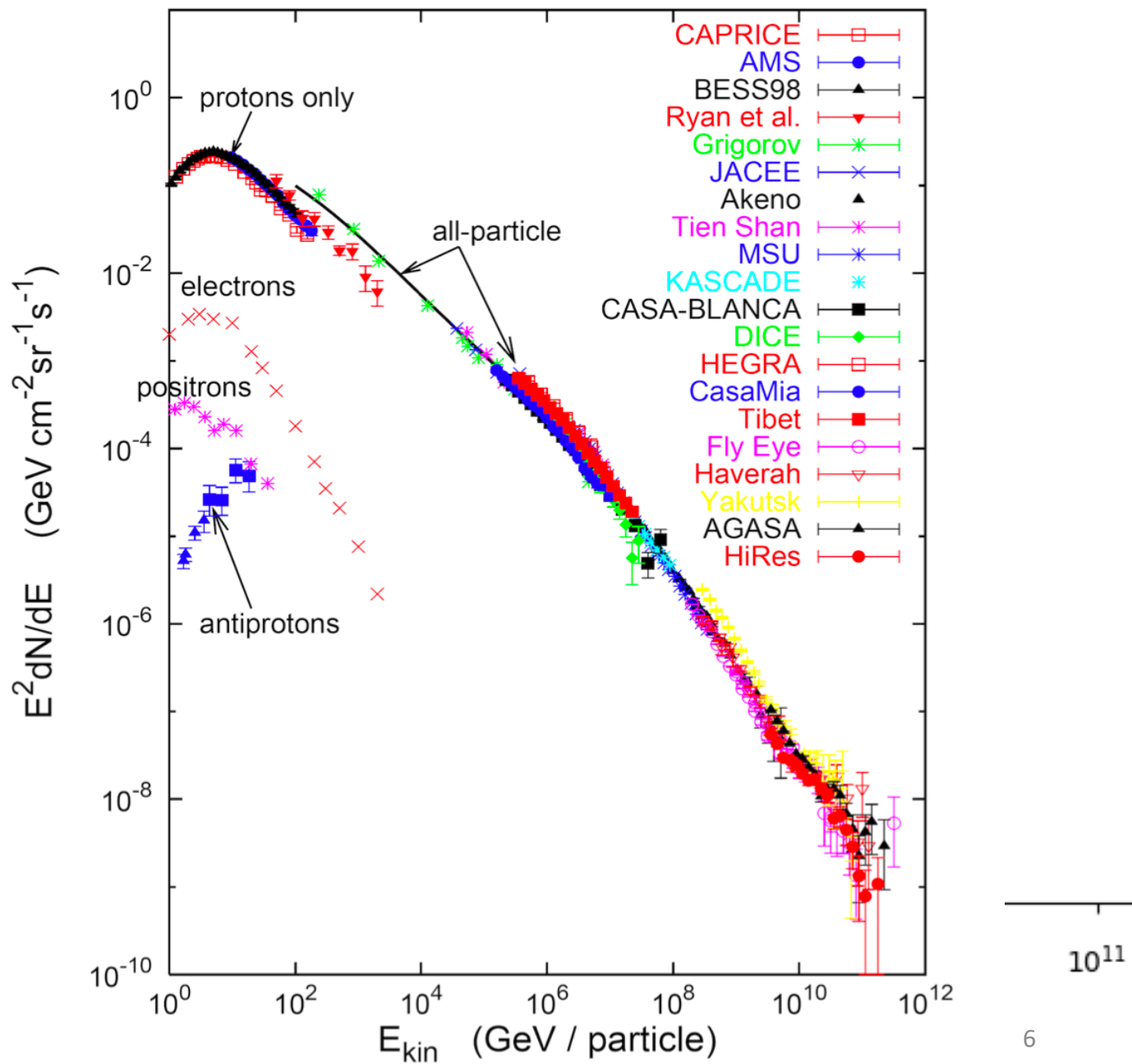
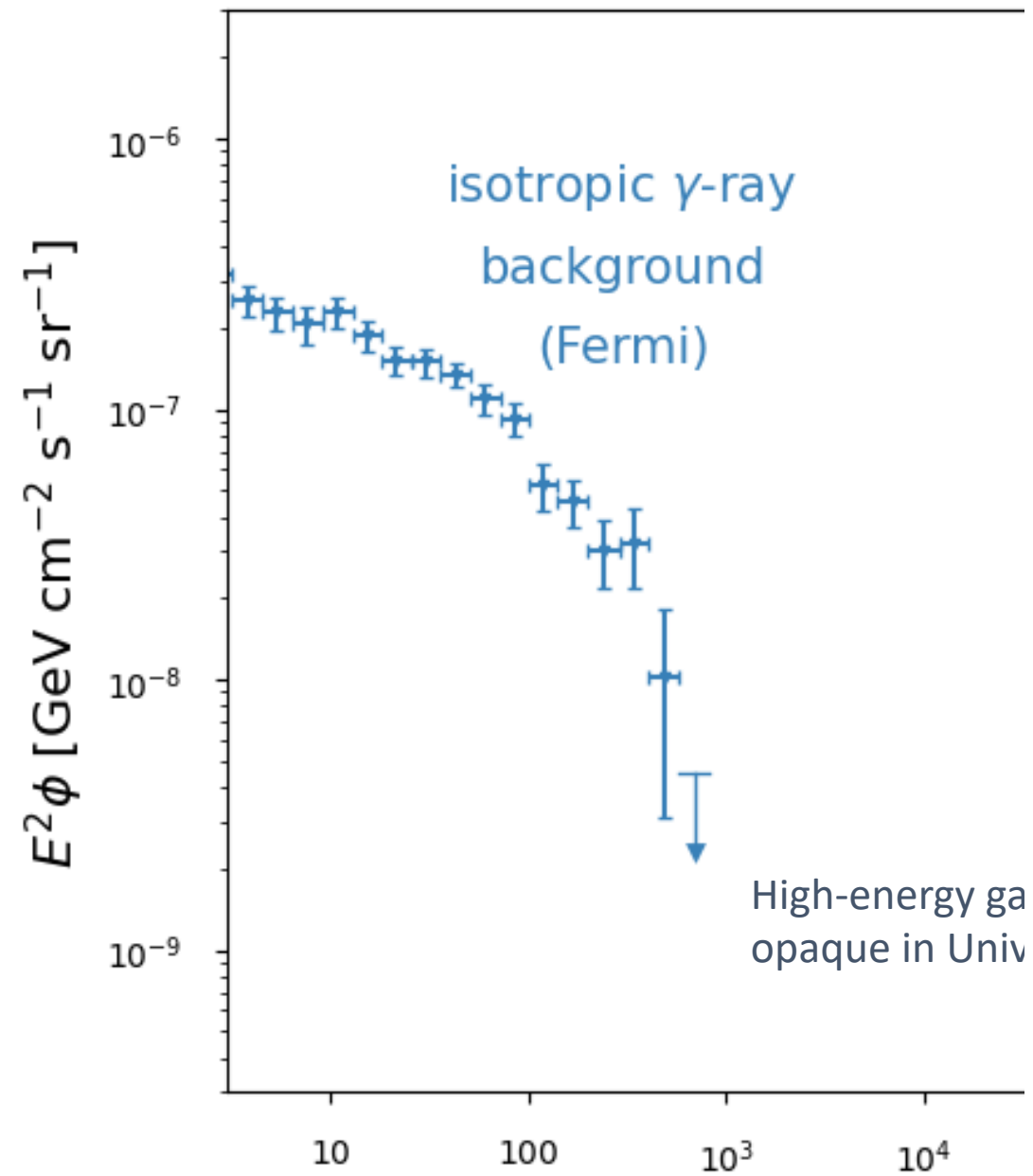




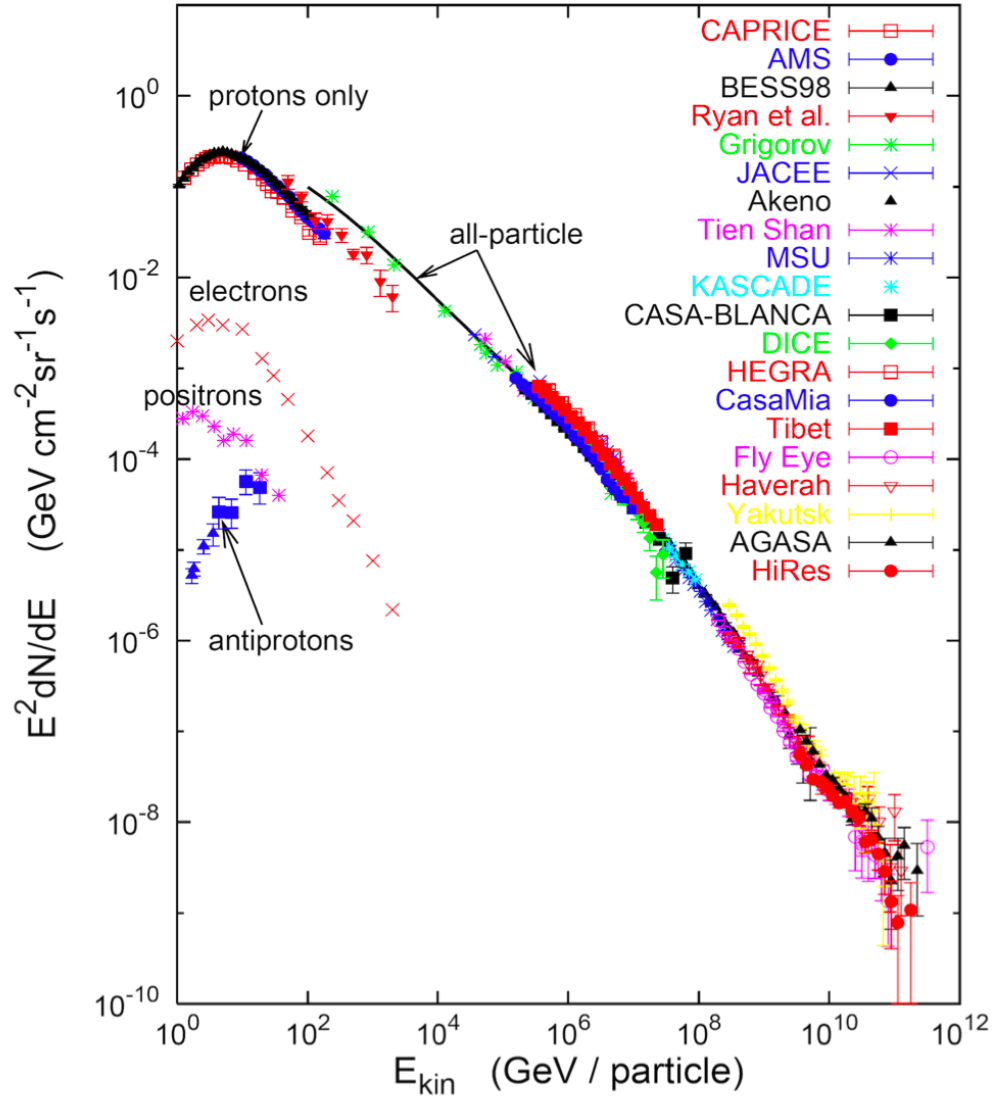












Energy density of Galactic cosmic rays

$$I(E) \approx 1.8 \times 10^4 \left( \frac{E}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{-2.7} \frac{\text{nucleons}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ s sr GeV}}$$

$$\Phi(E) = \int_{\Omega} d\Omega I(E) = 4\pi I(E)$$

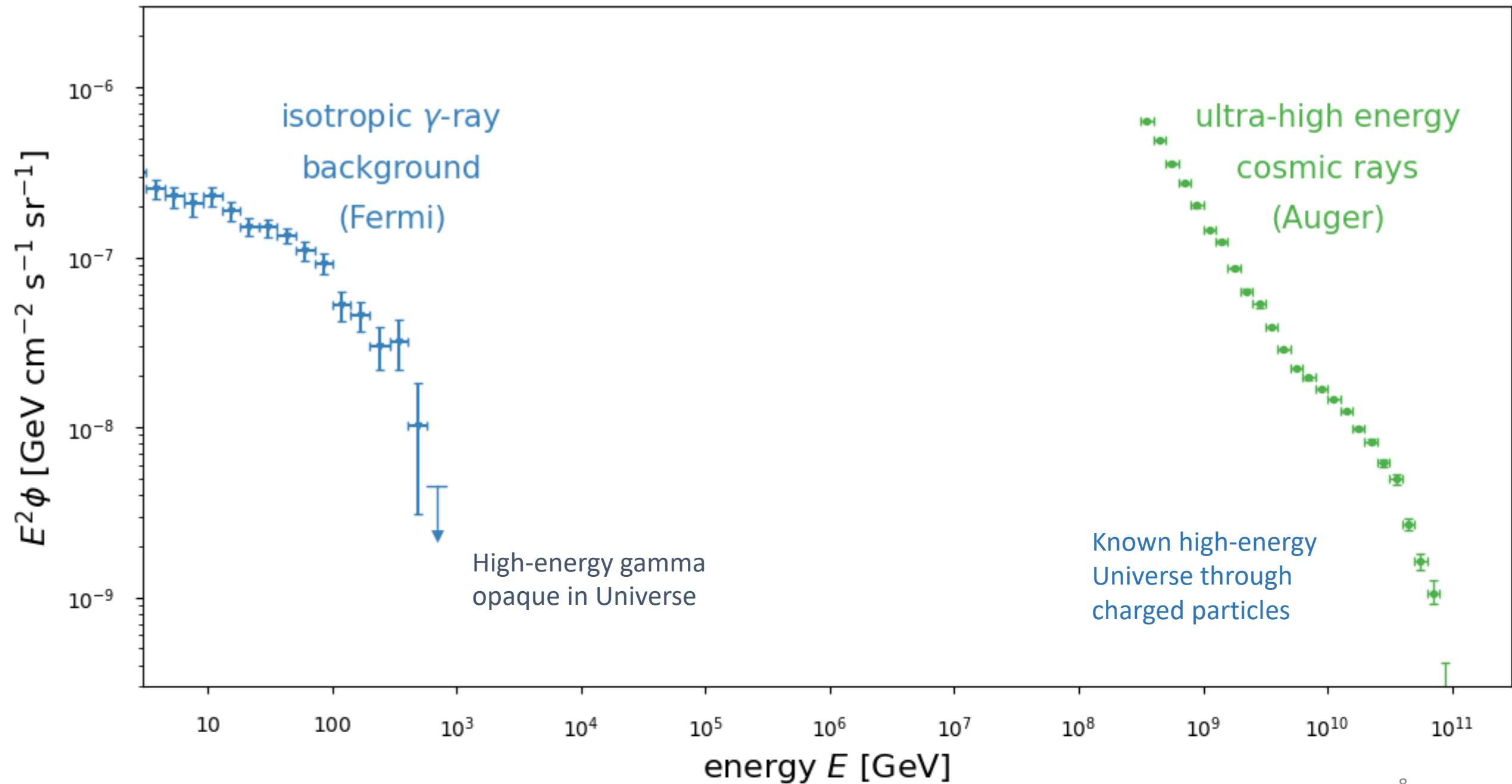
$$n(E) = \frac{4\pi}{v} I(E)$$

$$\rho_{CR} = \int E n(E) dE = 4\pi \int \frac{E}{v} I(E) dE$$

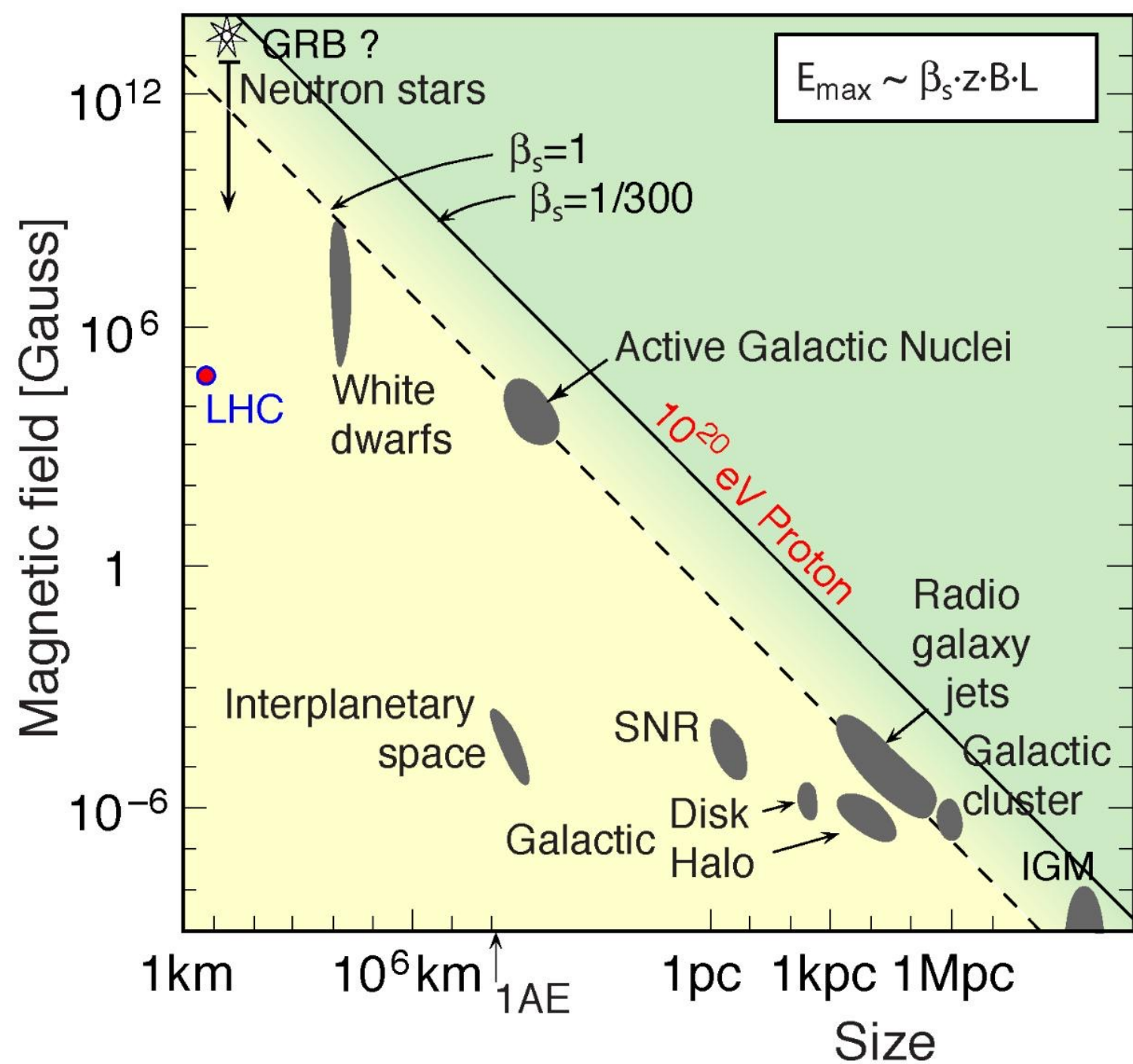
$$\rho_{CR} = \frac{4\pi}{c} \frac{1.8}{1 - 1.7} \left[ \left( \frac{E_{max}}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1-1.7} - \left( \frac{E_{min}}{1 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{1-1.7} \right] \approx 1 \text{ eV cm}^{-3}$$

CMB  $\rho_{CMB} \approx 0.25 \text{ eV/cm}^3$





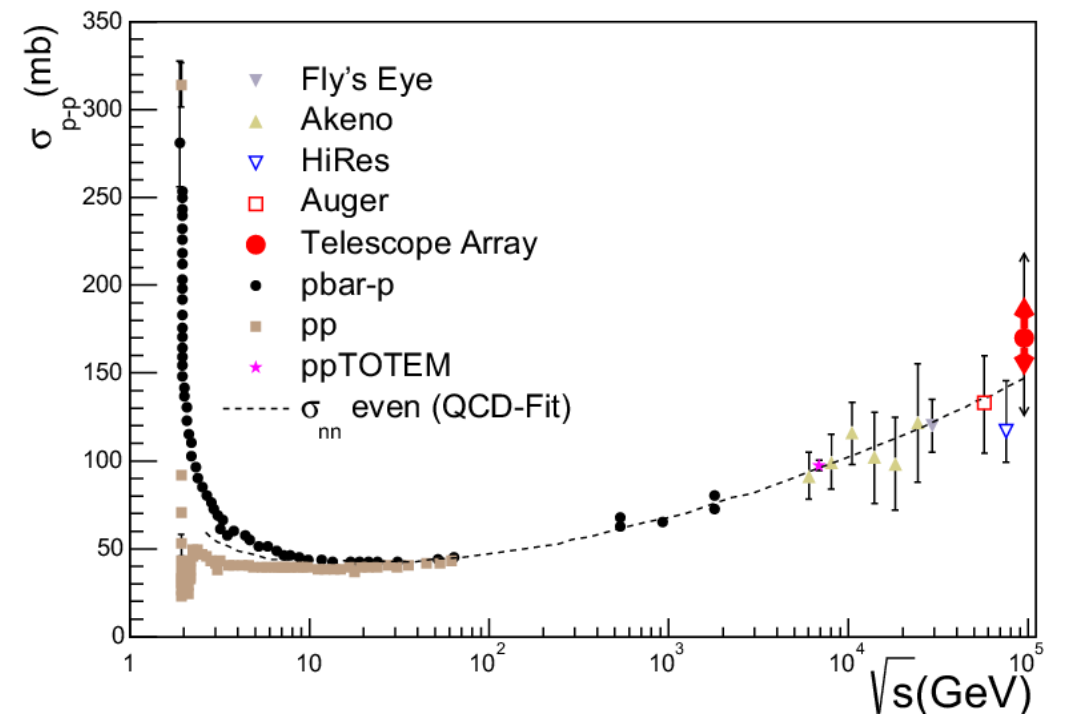
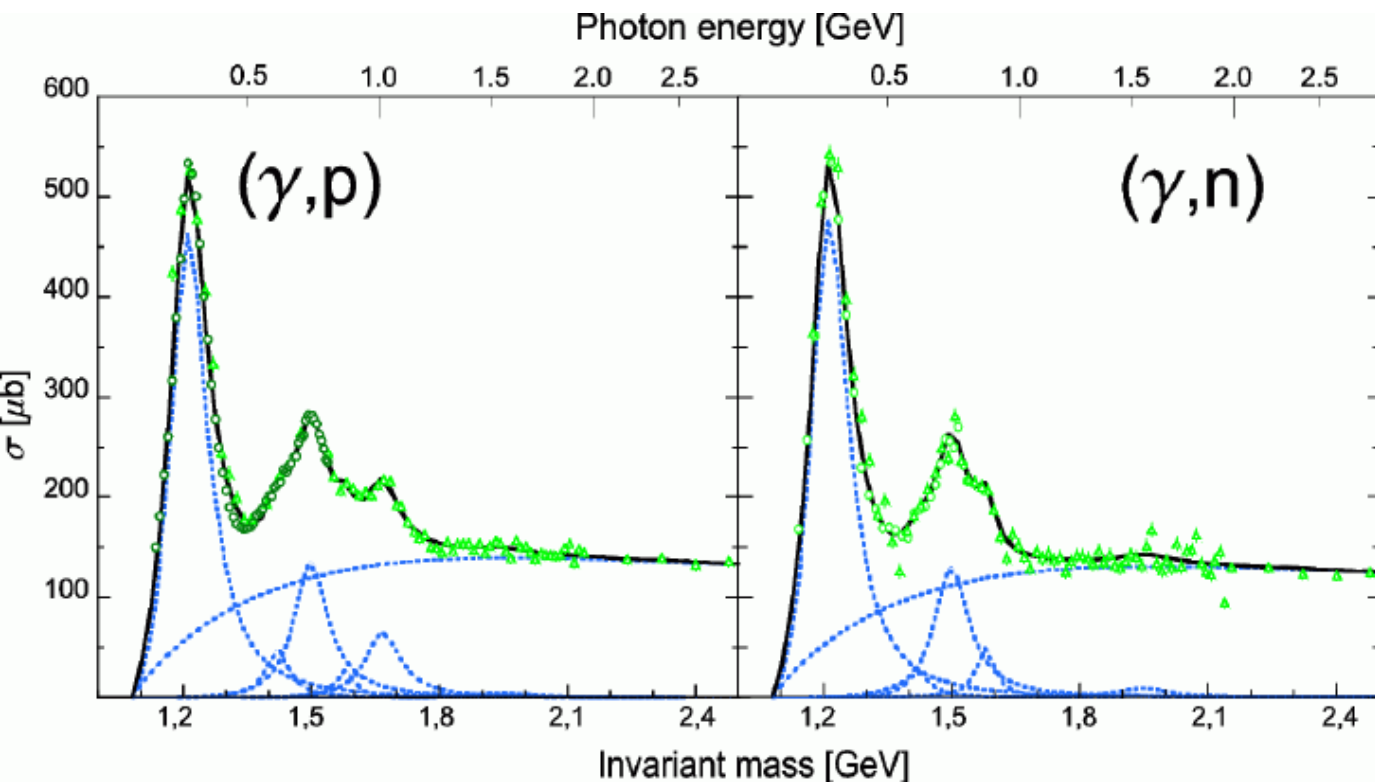
# Hillas plot





# Neutrino productions at accelerator sites

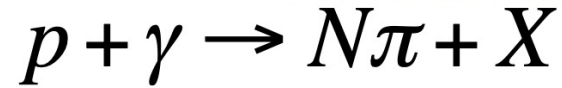
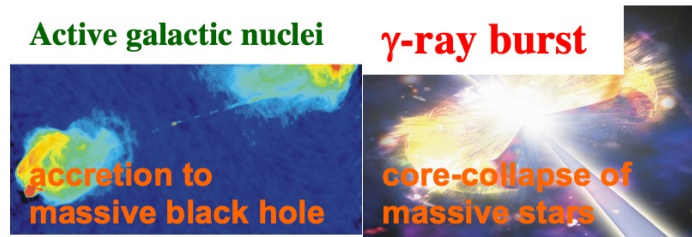
- P-gamma vs pp



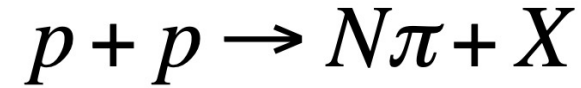
# Astrophysical Extragalactic Scenarios

$E_\nu \sim 0.04 E_p$ : PeV neutrino  $\Leftrightarrow$  20-30 PeV CR nucleon energy

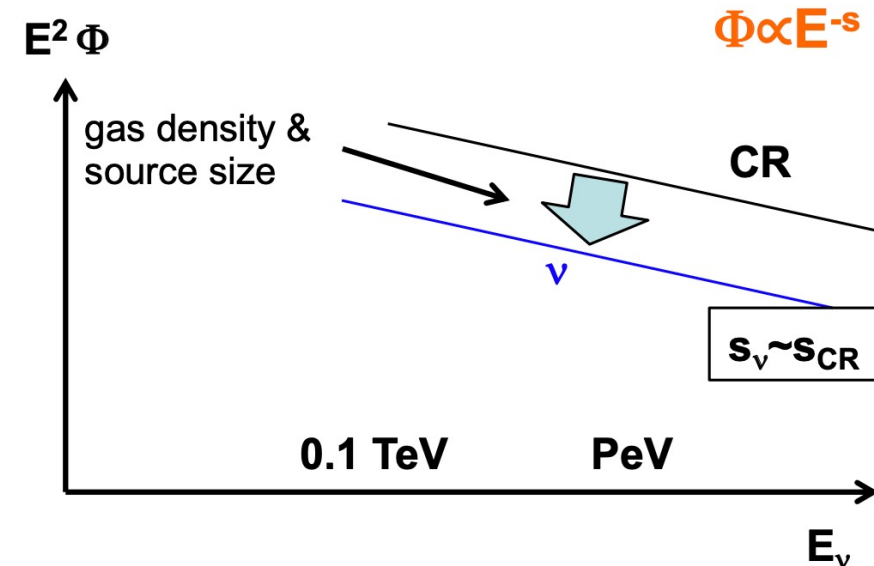
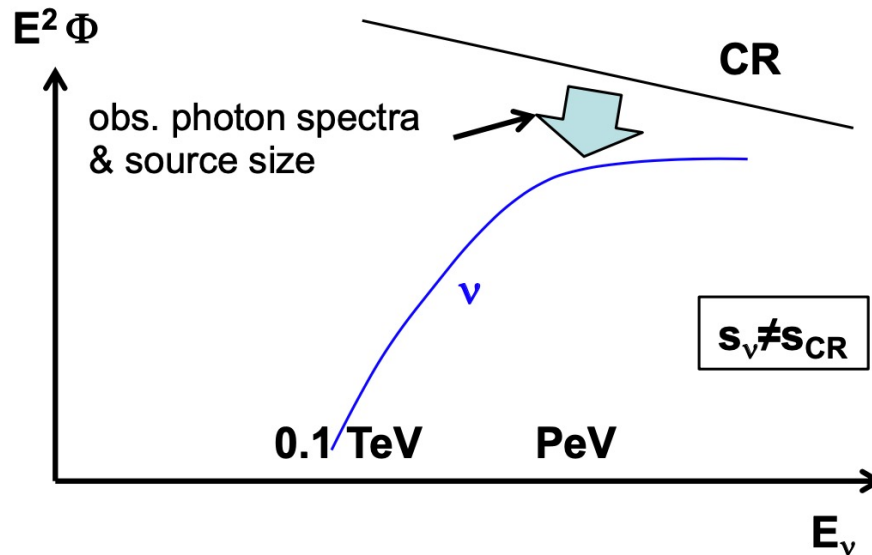
**Cosmic-ray Accelerators**  
(ex. UHECR candidate sources)



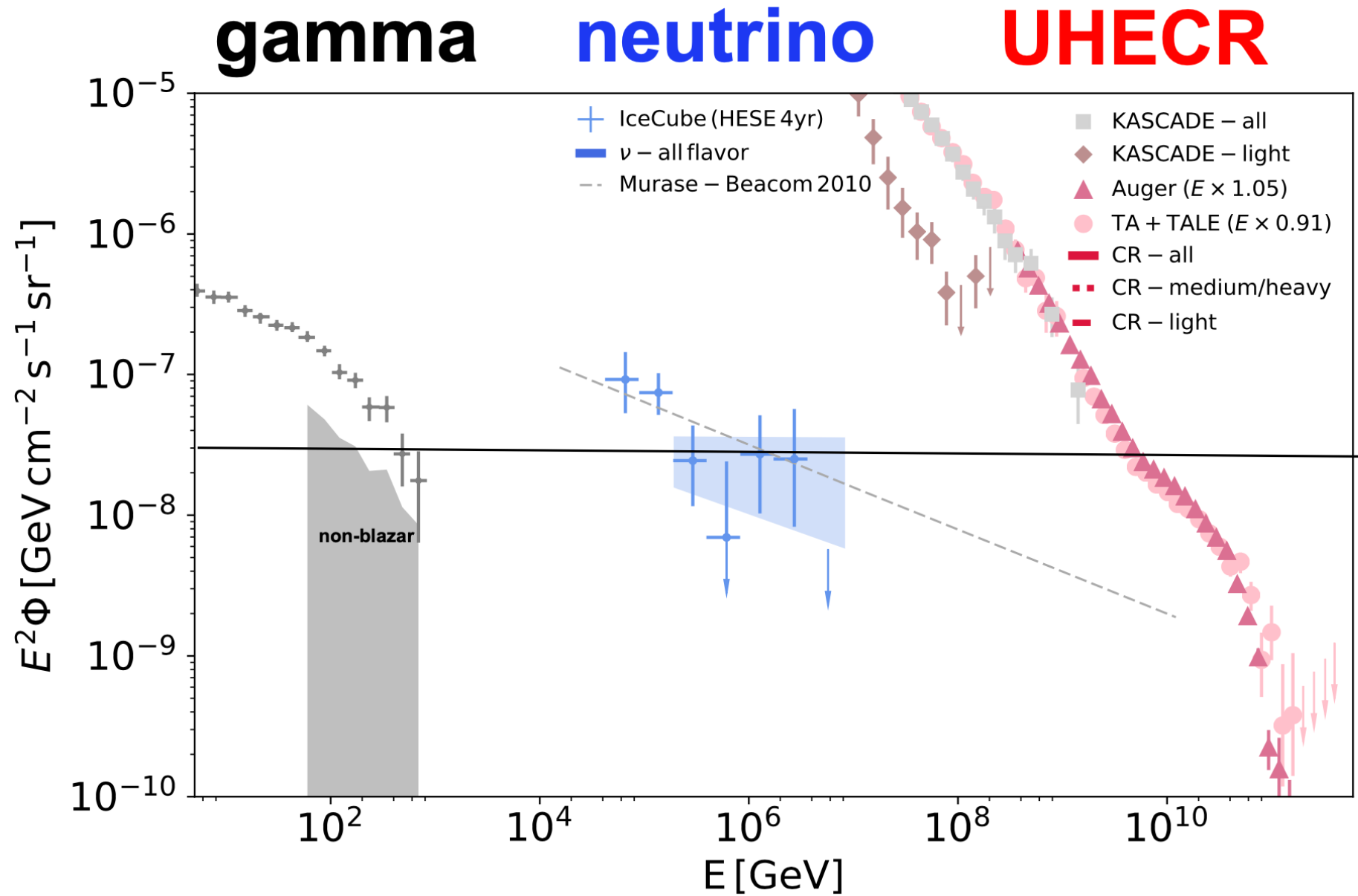
**Cosmic-ray Reservoirs**



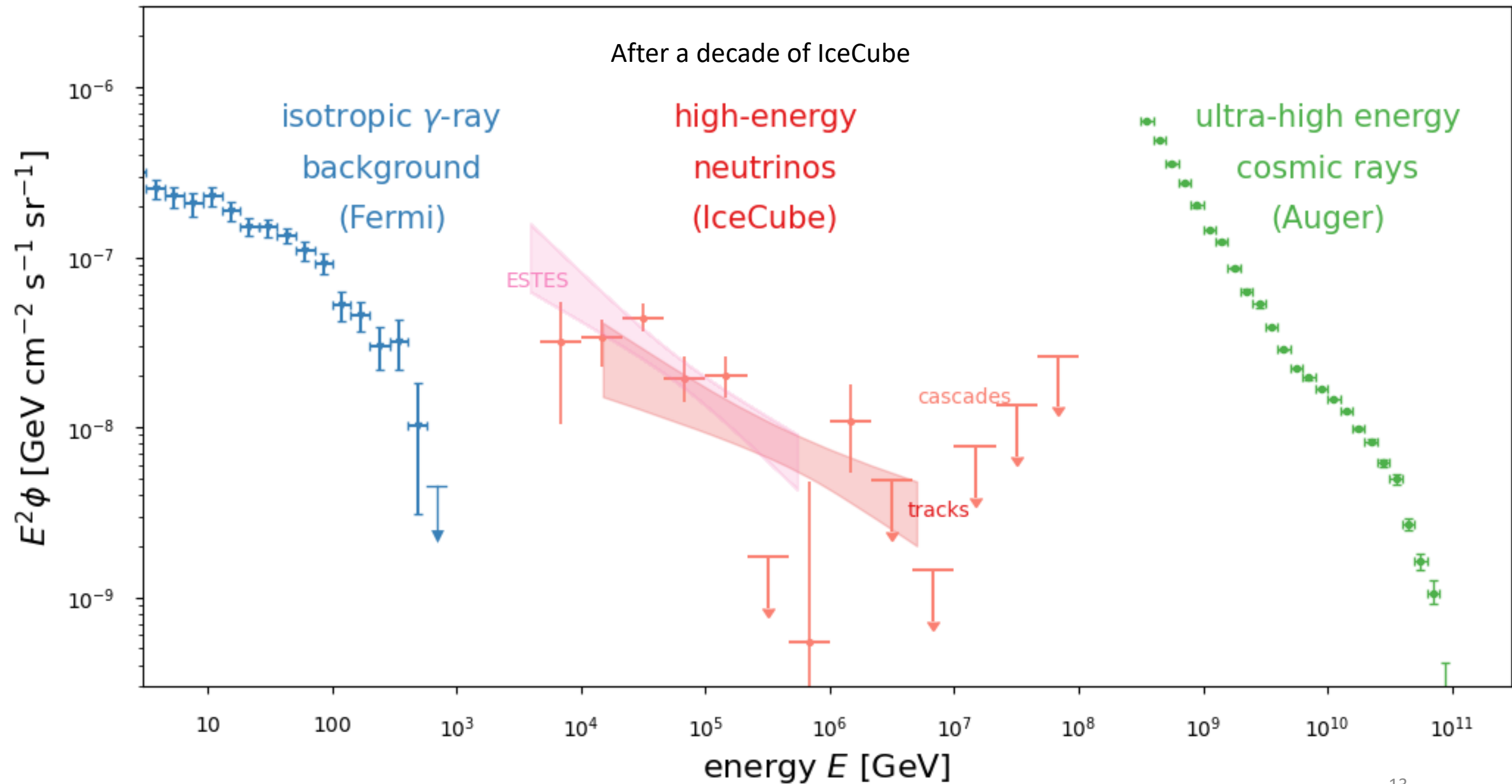
Slide from  
Kohta Murase



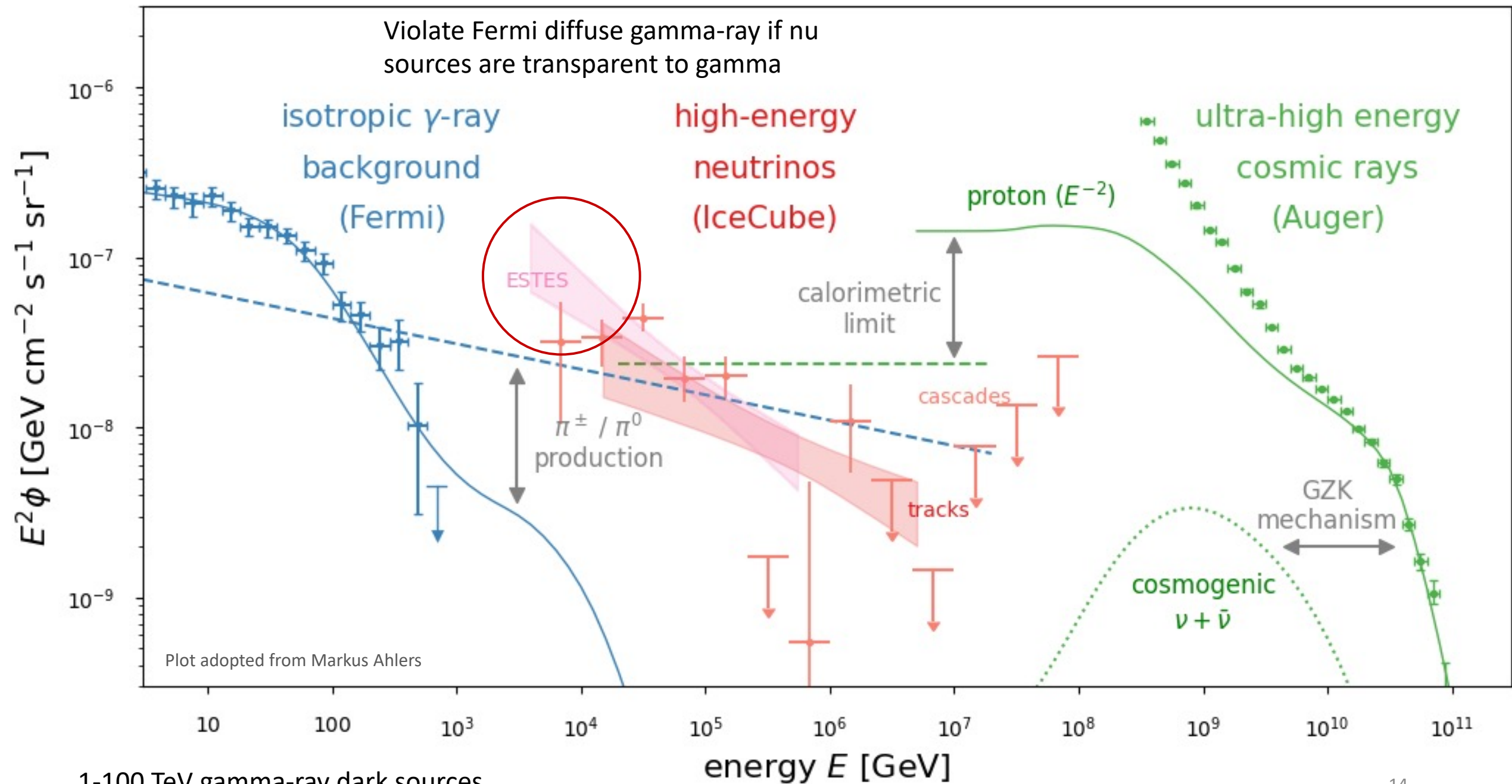




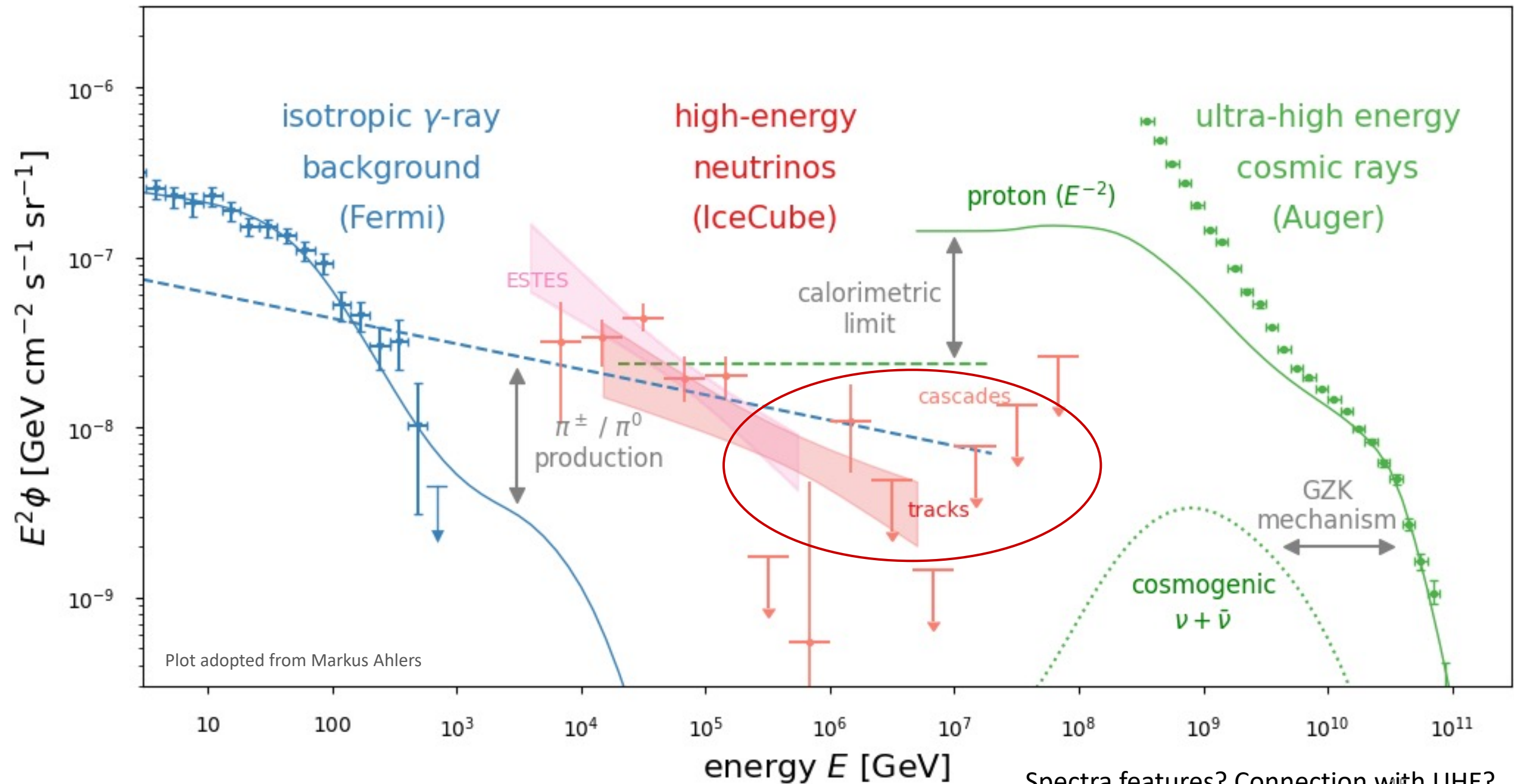
Energy generation rates are all comparable to a few  $\times 10^{43}$  erg Mpc<sup>-3</sup> yr<sup>-1</sup> <sub>12</sub>



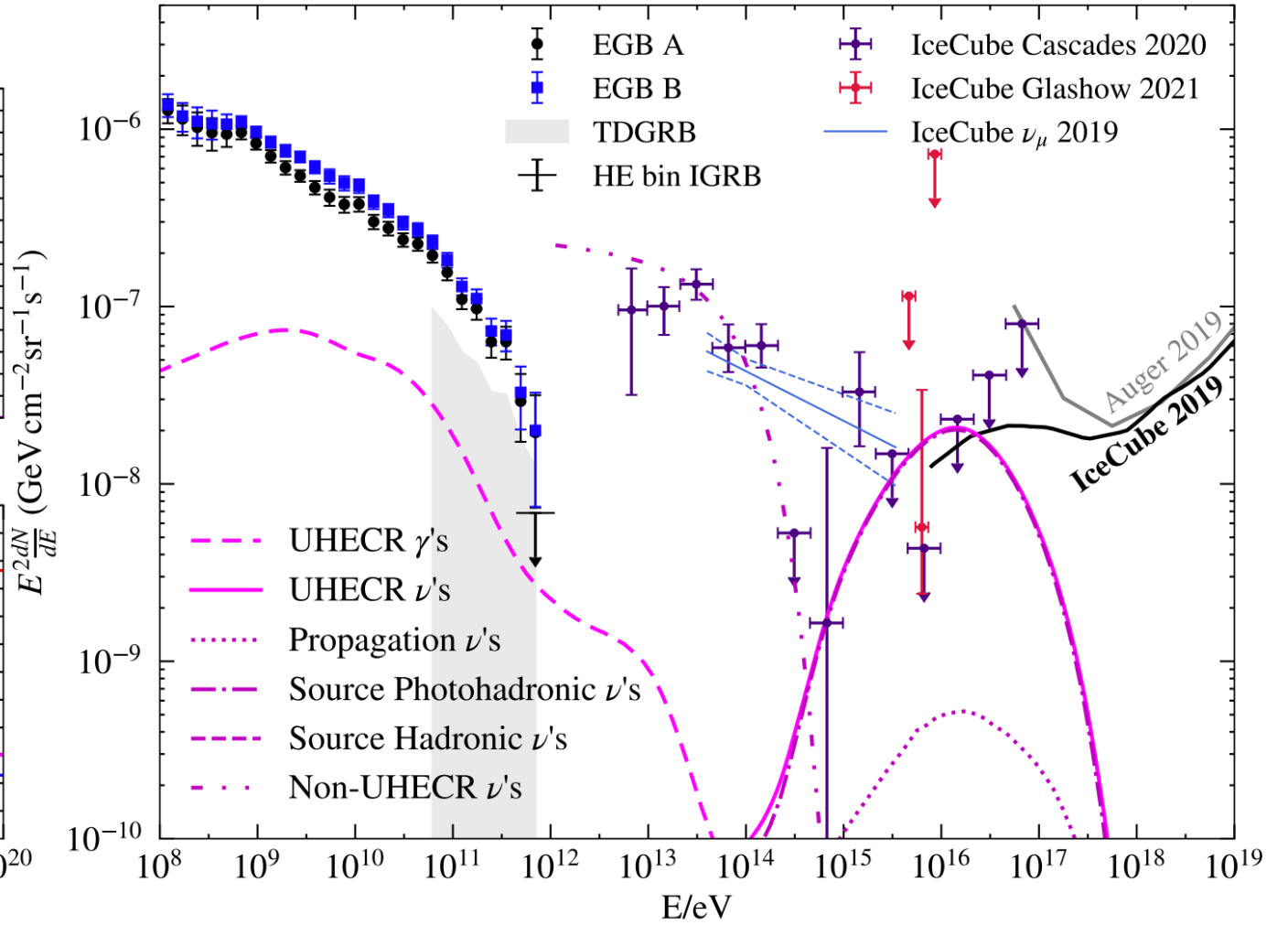
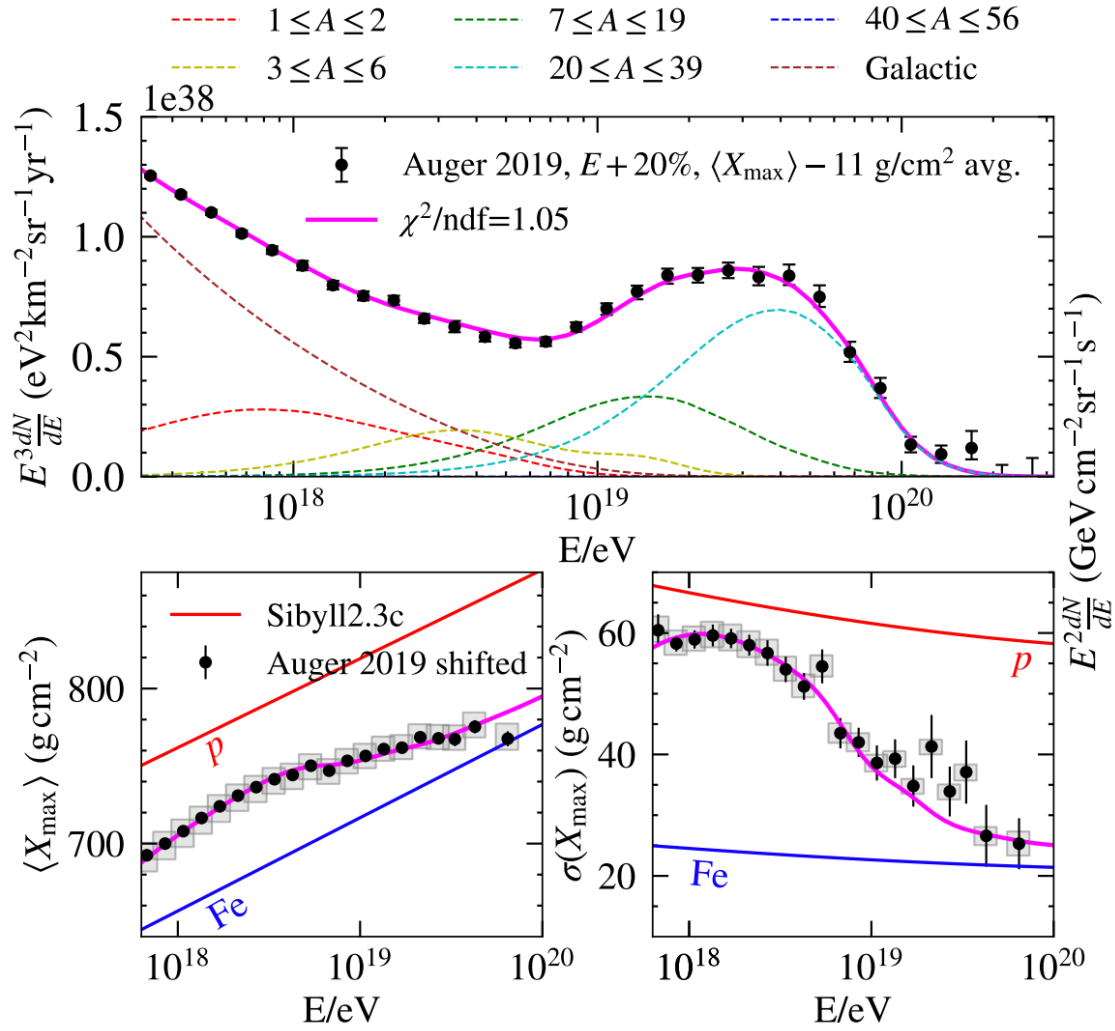




1-100 TeV gamma-ray dark sources

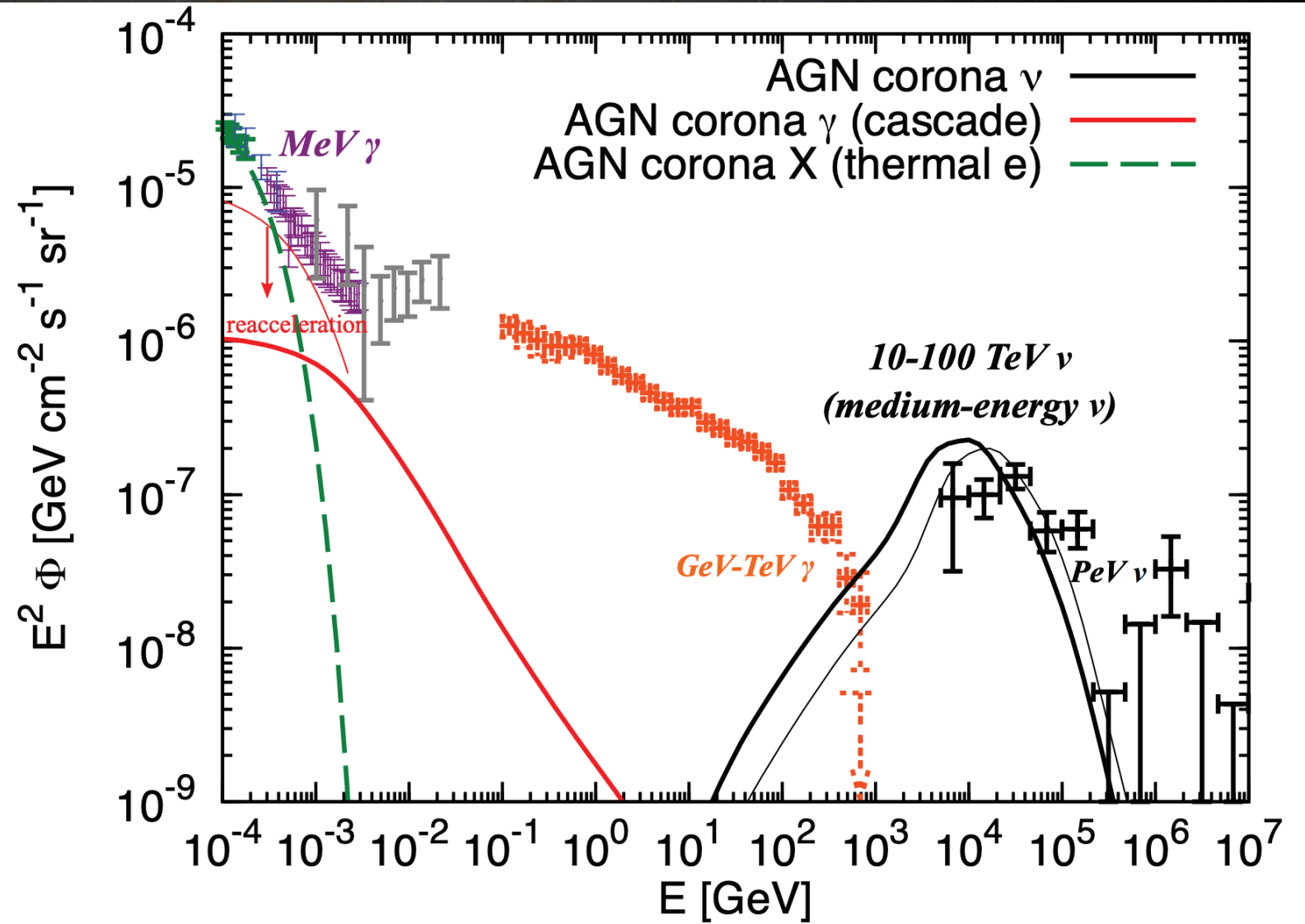


Spectra features? Connection with UHE?

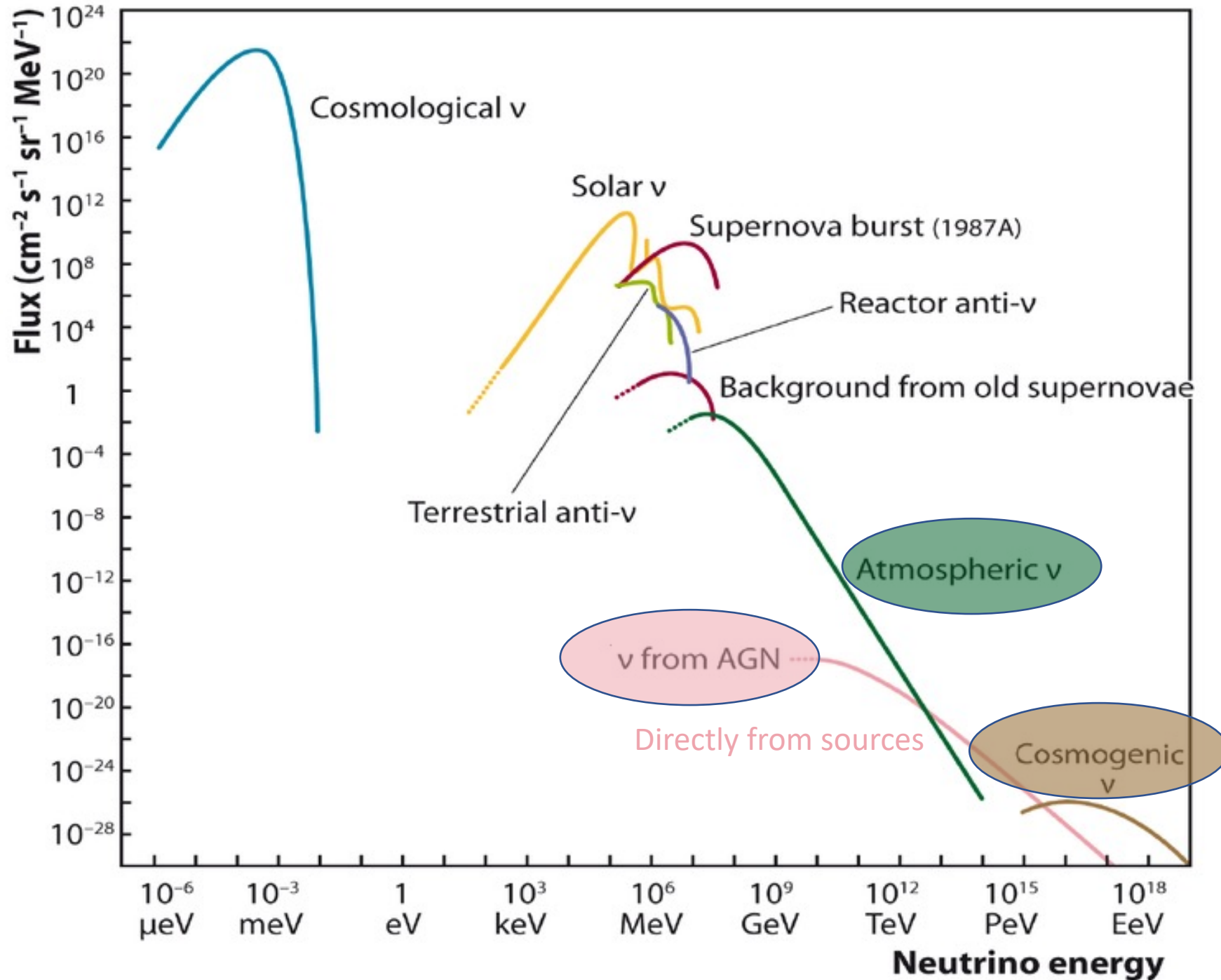




Murase et al  
NGC1068



Zoom  
out -  
Diffuse  
flux



$$\pi^\pm K^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm + \nu_\mu(\bar{\nu}_\mu) \quad (63.5\% \text{ for } K)$$

$$\hookrightarrow e^\pm + \nu_e(\bar{\nu}_e) + \bar{\nu}_\mu(\nu_\mu)$$

$$\rightarrow E_\nu \sim 100/\cos\theta \text{ GeV}$$

$$K^\pm \rightarrow \pi^0 e \nu_e \quad (5\%)$$

$$K_L^0 \rightarrow \pi e \nu_e \quad (40\%)$$

Conv.

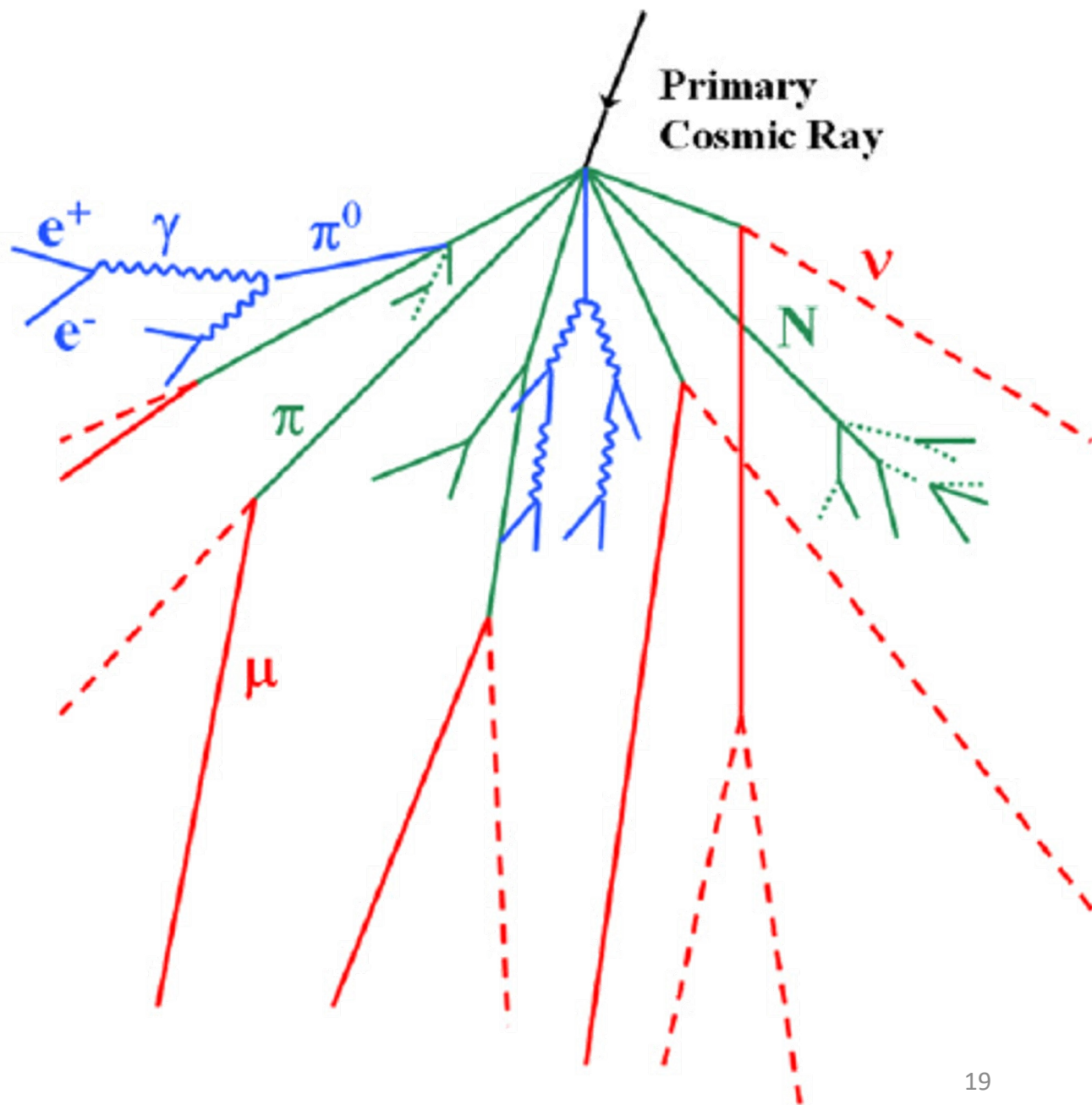
$$\rightarrow E_\nu \sim 100/\cos\theta \text{ TeV}$$

$$K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi e \nu_e \quad (\text{Gaisser \& Klein 2014}) \quad (0.07\%)$$

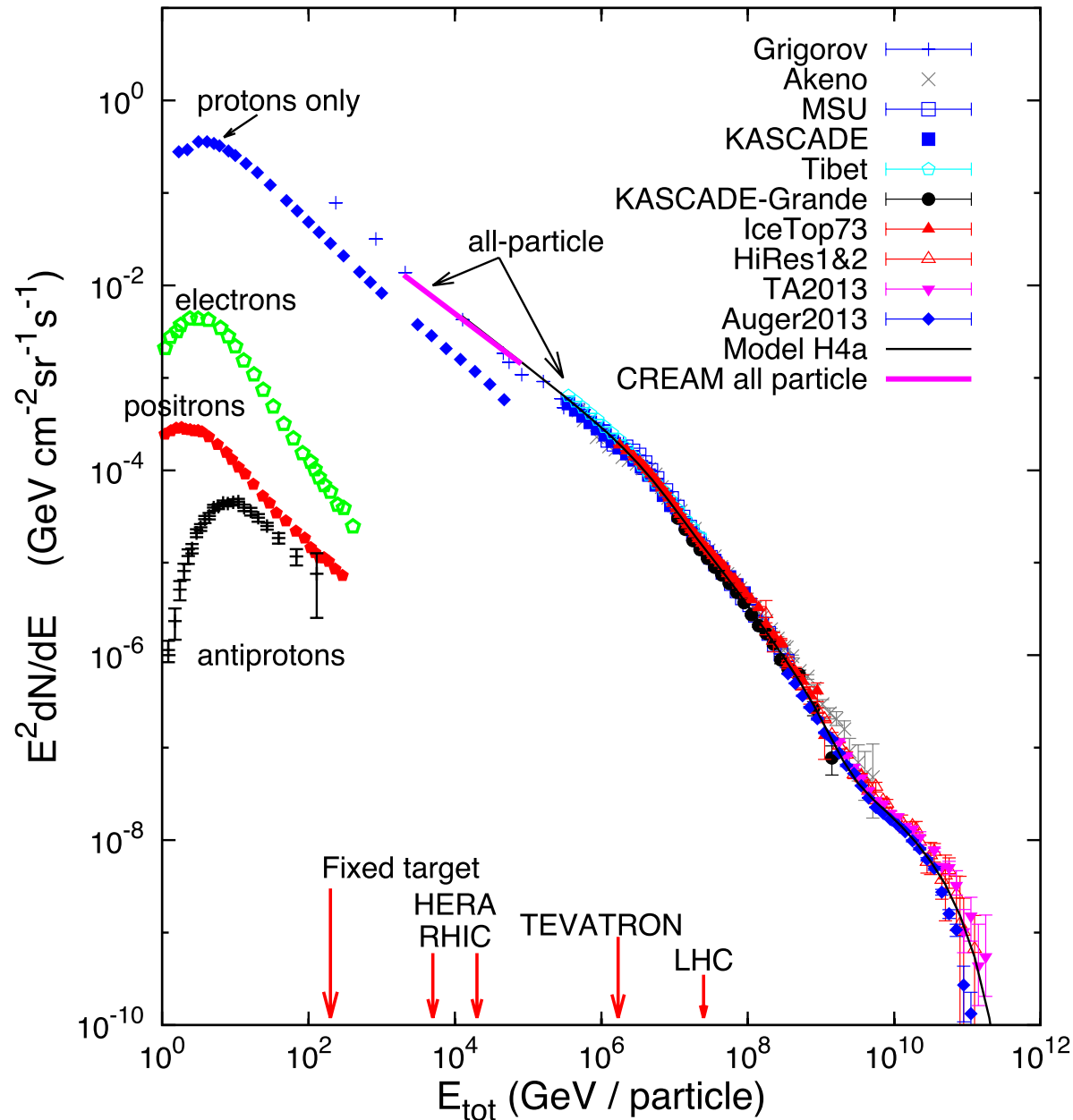
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$$D, \Lambda_c \rightarrow \ell + \nu_\ell + \dots \quad (\text{order } \%)$$

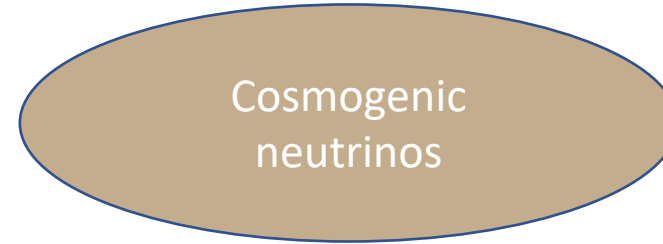
$$\eta, \eta' \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$$



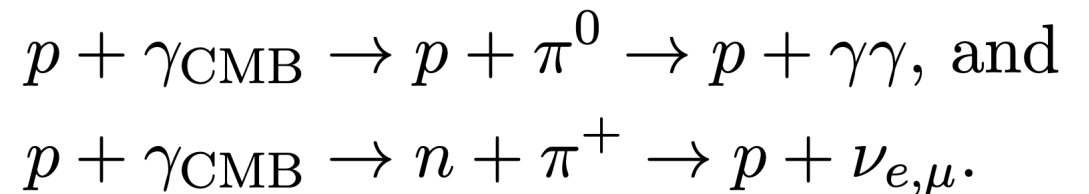




See Paolo's talk on cosmic rays



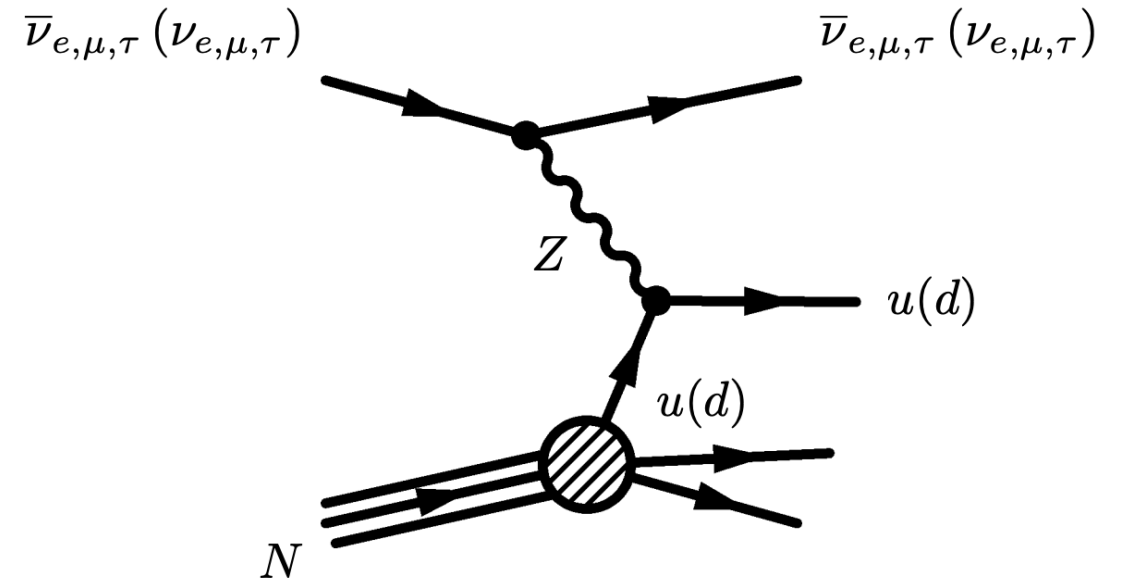
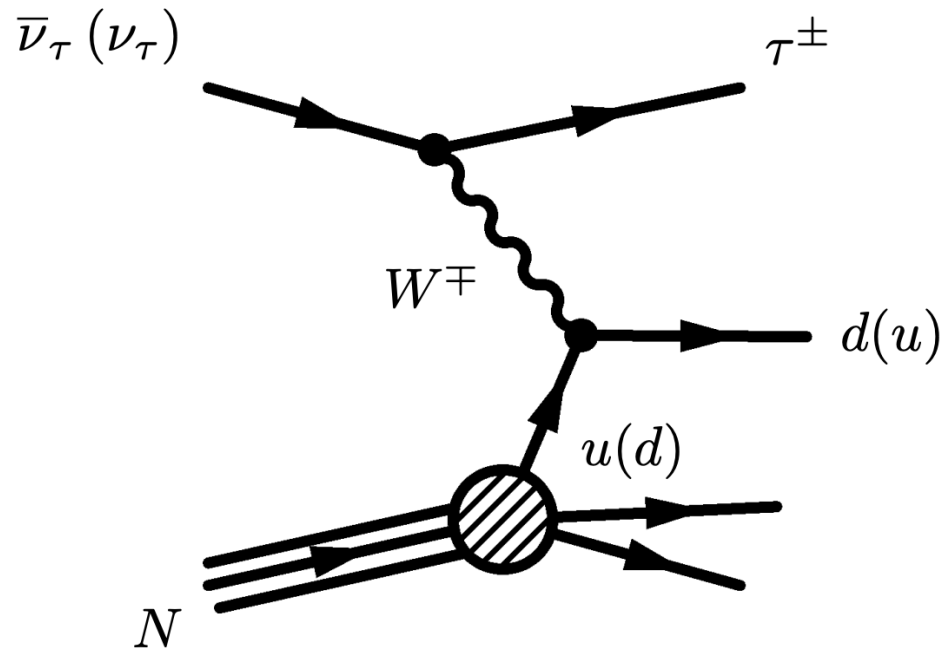
- 1956 discovery of neutrinos
- 1962 discovery of UHECR  $10^{20}$  eV
- 1964 discovery of CMB
- 1969 theory cosmogenic neutrinos

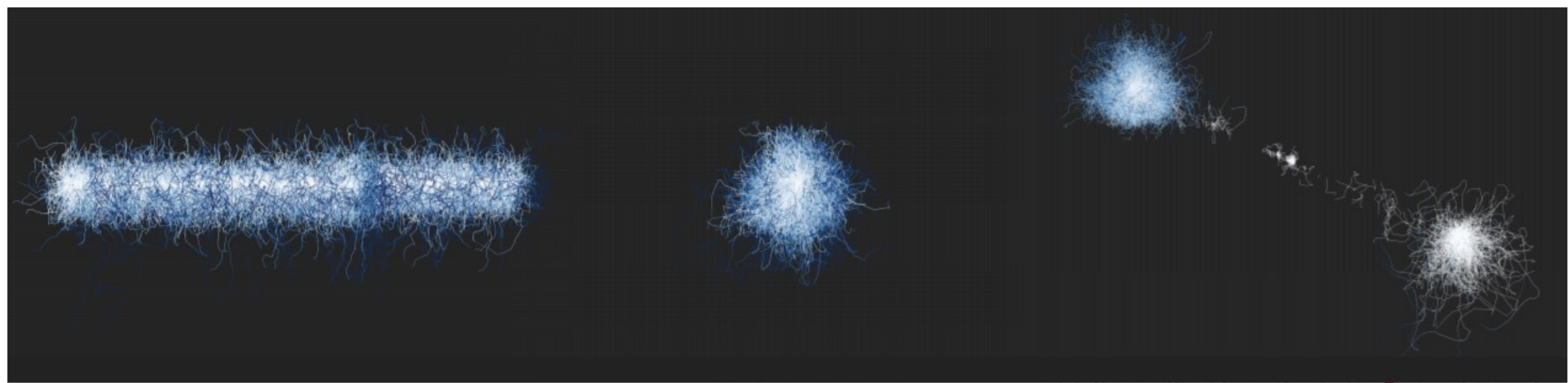


What we observe –  
secondaries of neutrino  
interactions with matter

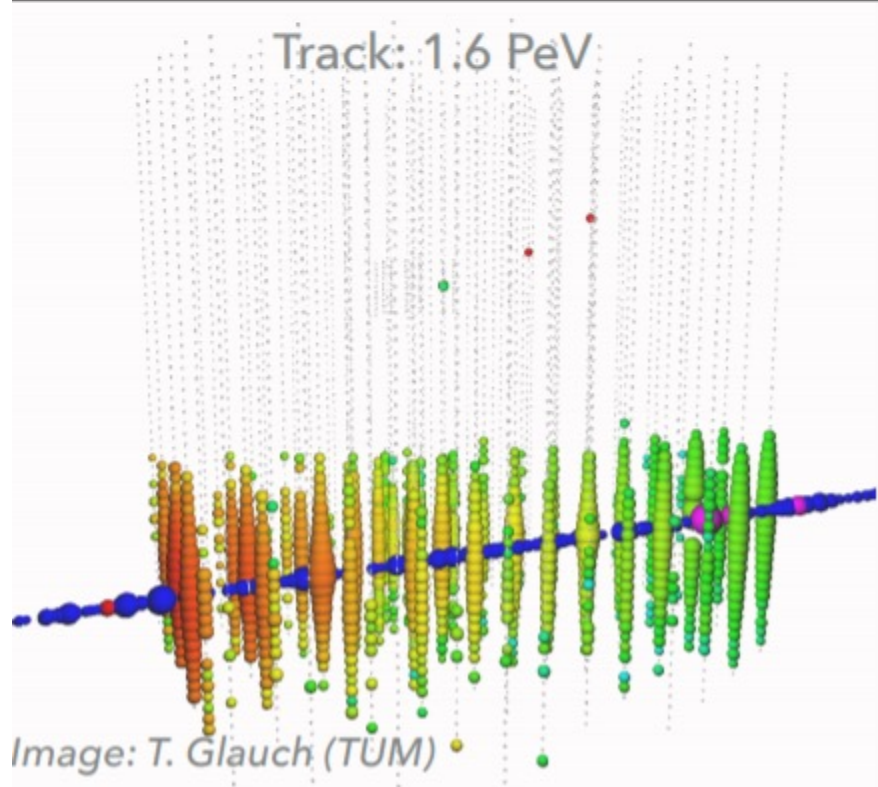
Deep inelastic neutrino-nucleon scattering

- Charged current and neutral current interactions

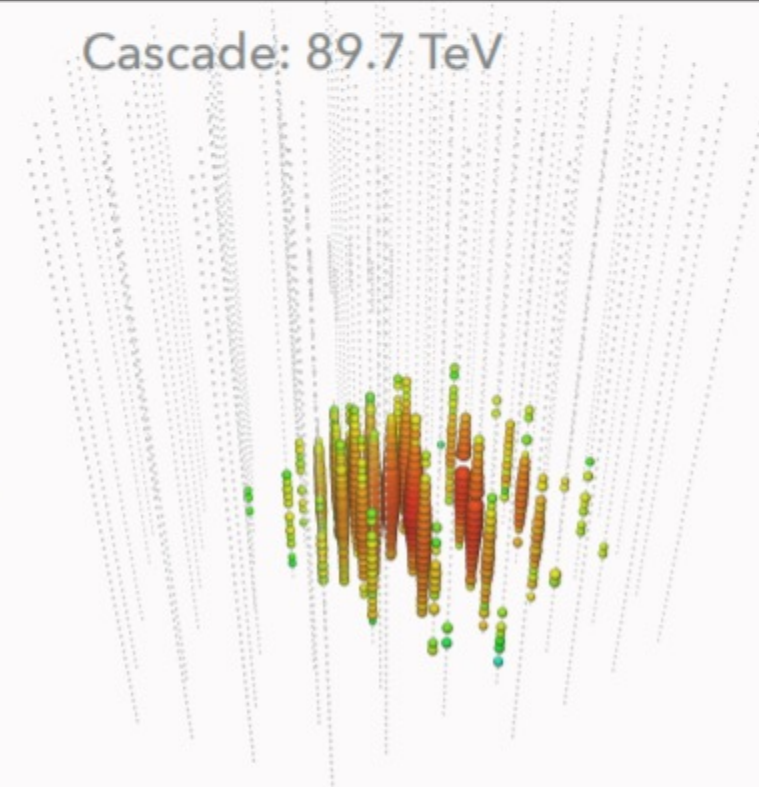




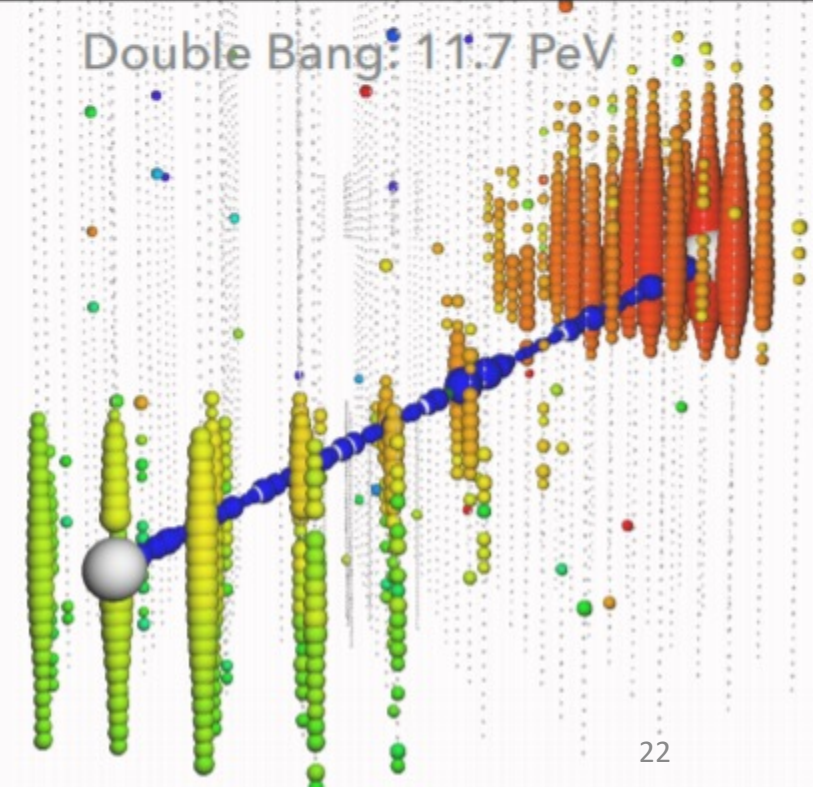
Track: 1.6 PeV



Cascade: 89.7 TeV



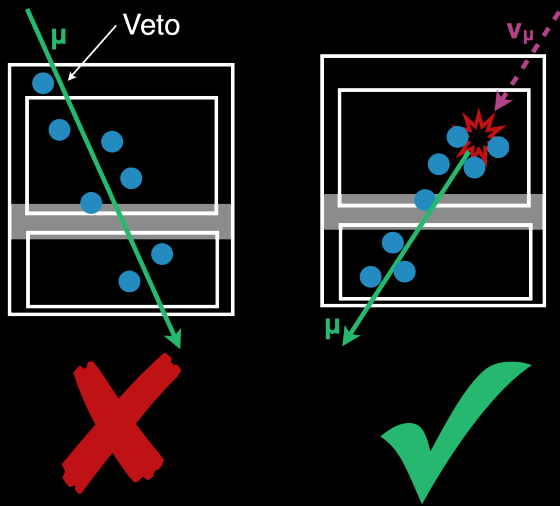
Double Bang: 11.7 PeV





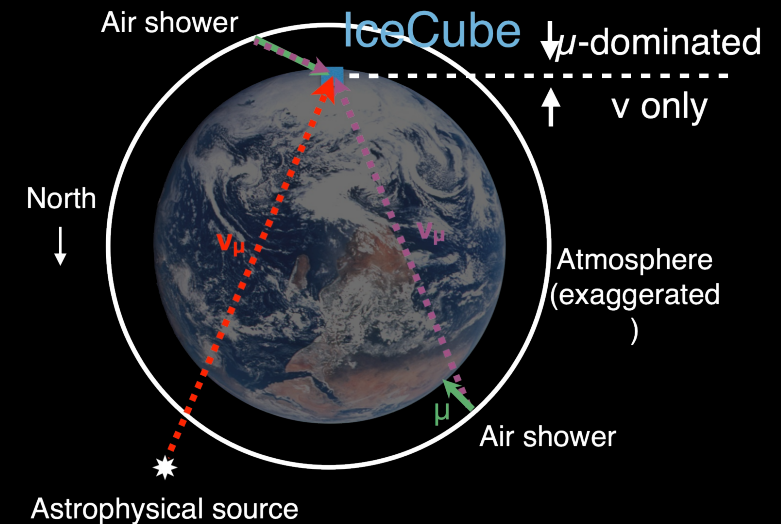
# Signal:Background~1:10million

## Active veto



Veto detects penetrating muons  
Effective volume smaller than detector  
Sensitive to all flavors  
Sensitive to the entire sky

## Up-going tracks



Earth stops penetrating muons  
Effective volume larger than detector  
Sensitive to  $\nu_\mu$  only  
Sensitive to "half" the sky

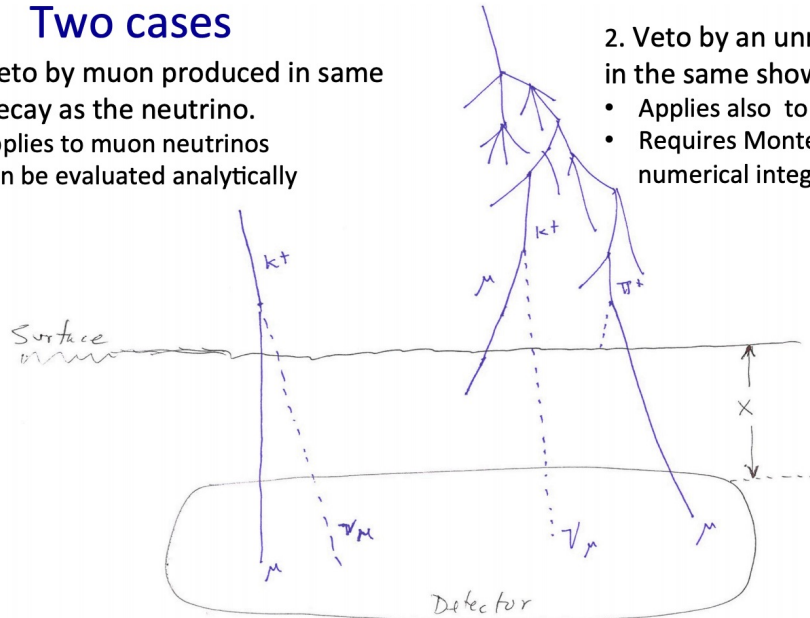
# Southern sky advantage: self-veto (slide from Tom Gaisser)



## Atmospheric neutrino self veto

### Two cases

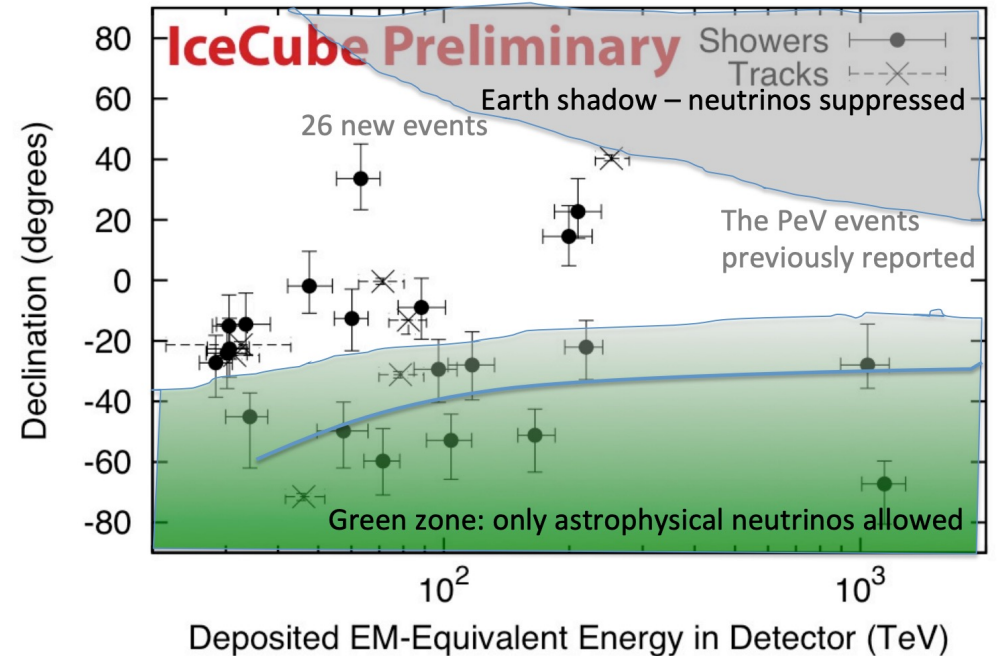
1. Veto by muon produced in same decay as the neutrino.
  - Applies to muon neutrinos
  - Can be evaluated analytically



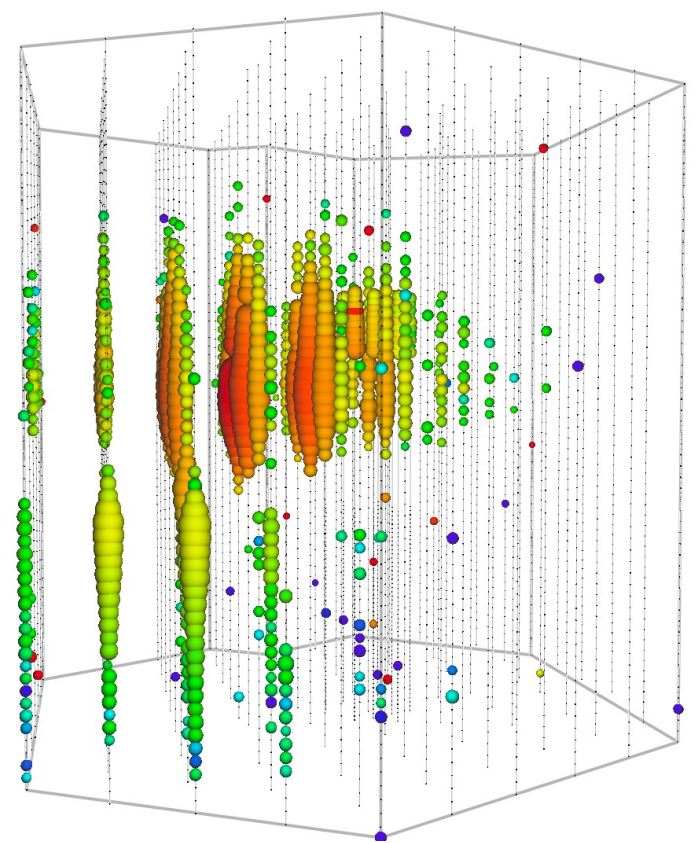
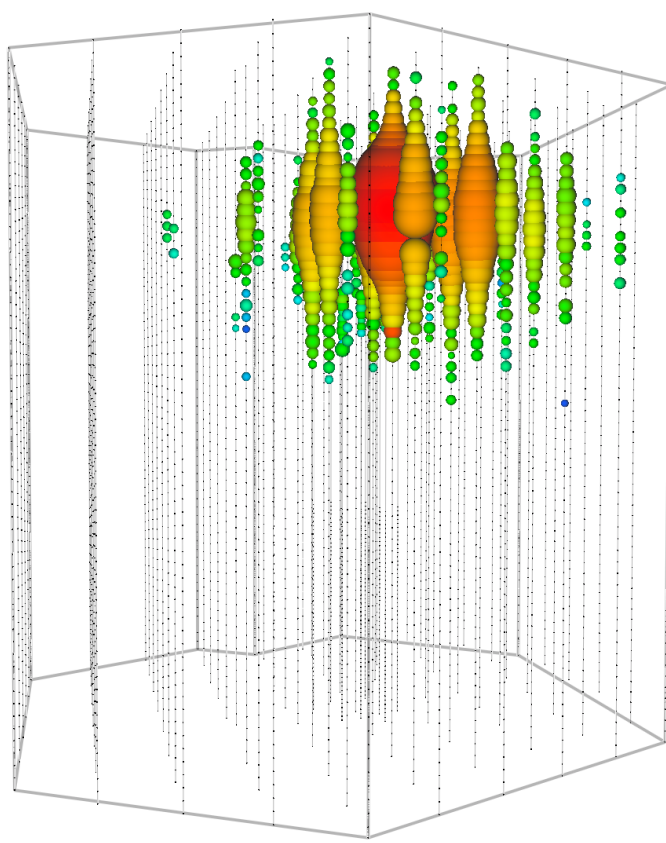
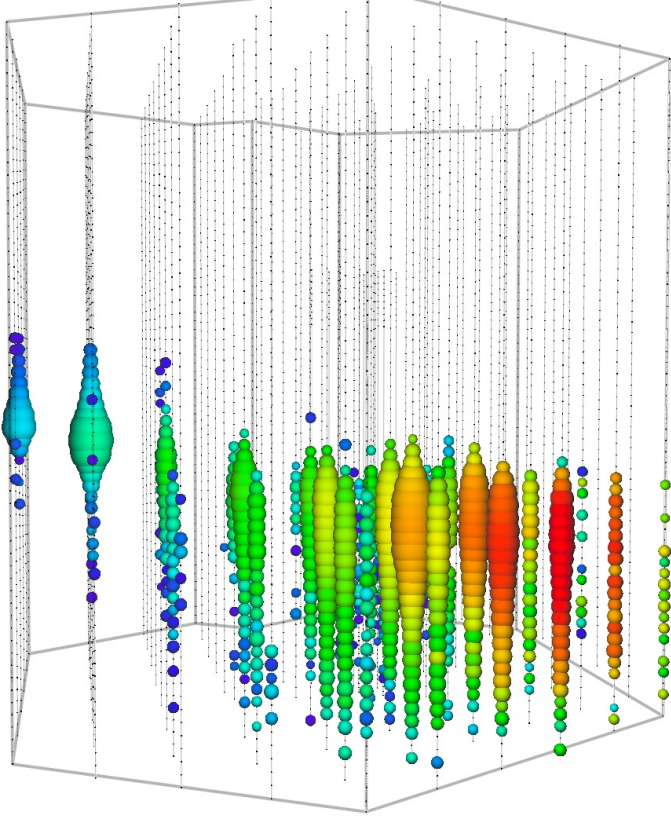
2. Veto by an unrelated  $\mu$  in the same shower
  - Applies also to  $\nu_e$
  - Requires Monte Carlo or numerical integration



## Results revisited



Argument applied to HESE, MESE, ESTES, cascade etc diffuse measurements

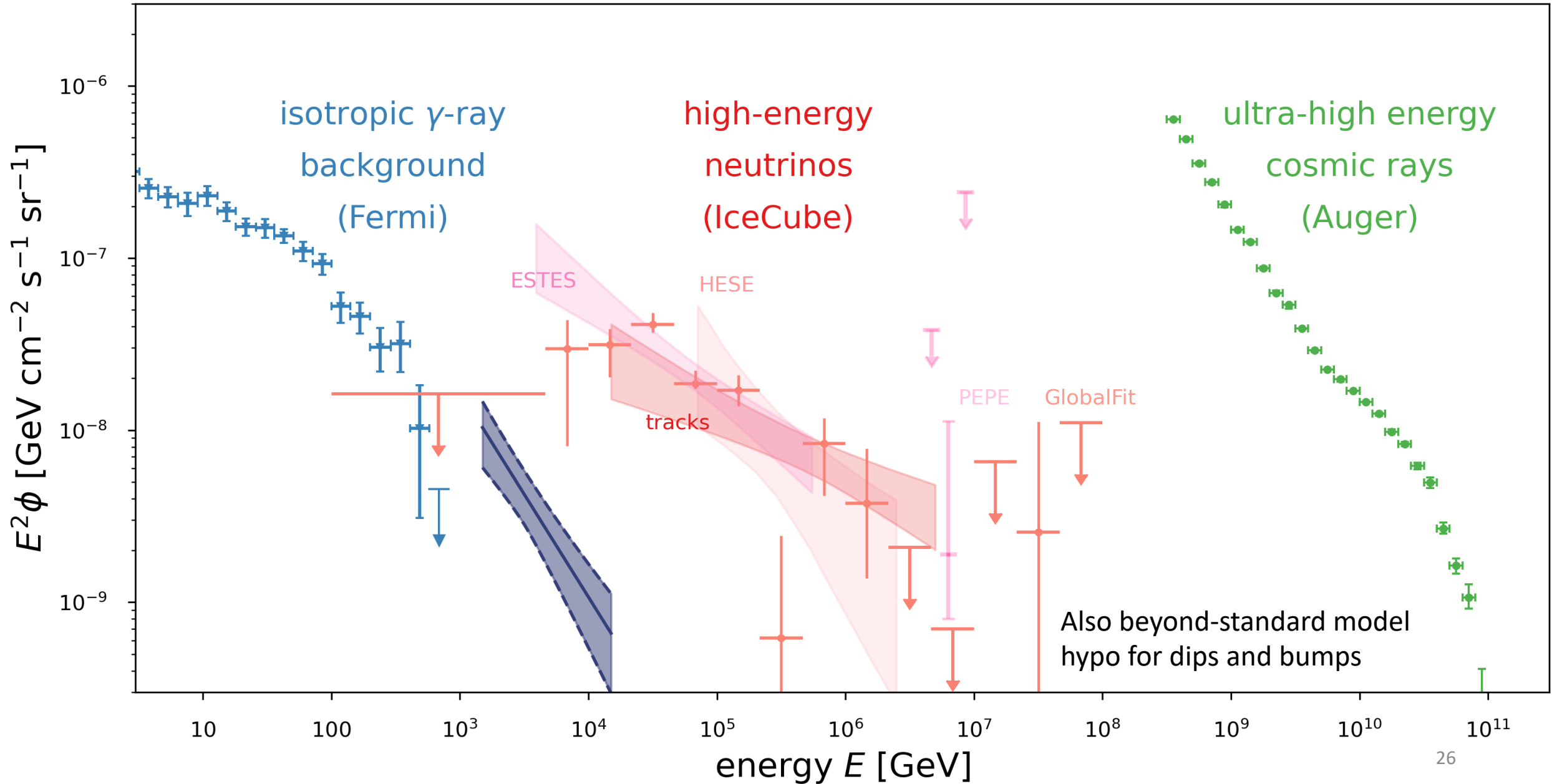


6 events  $>$  PeV

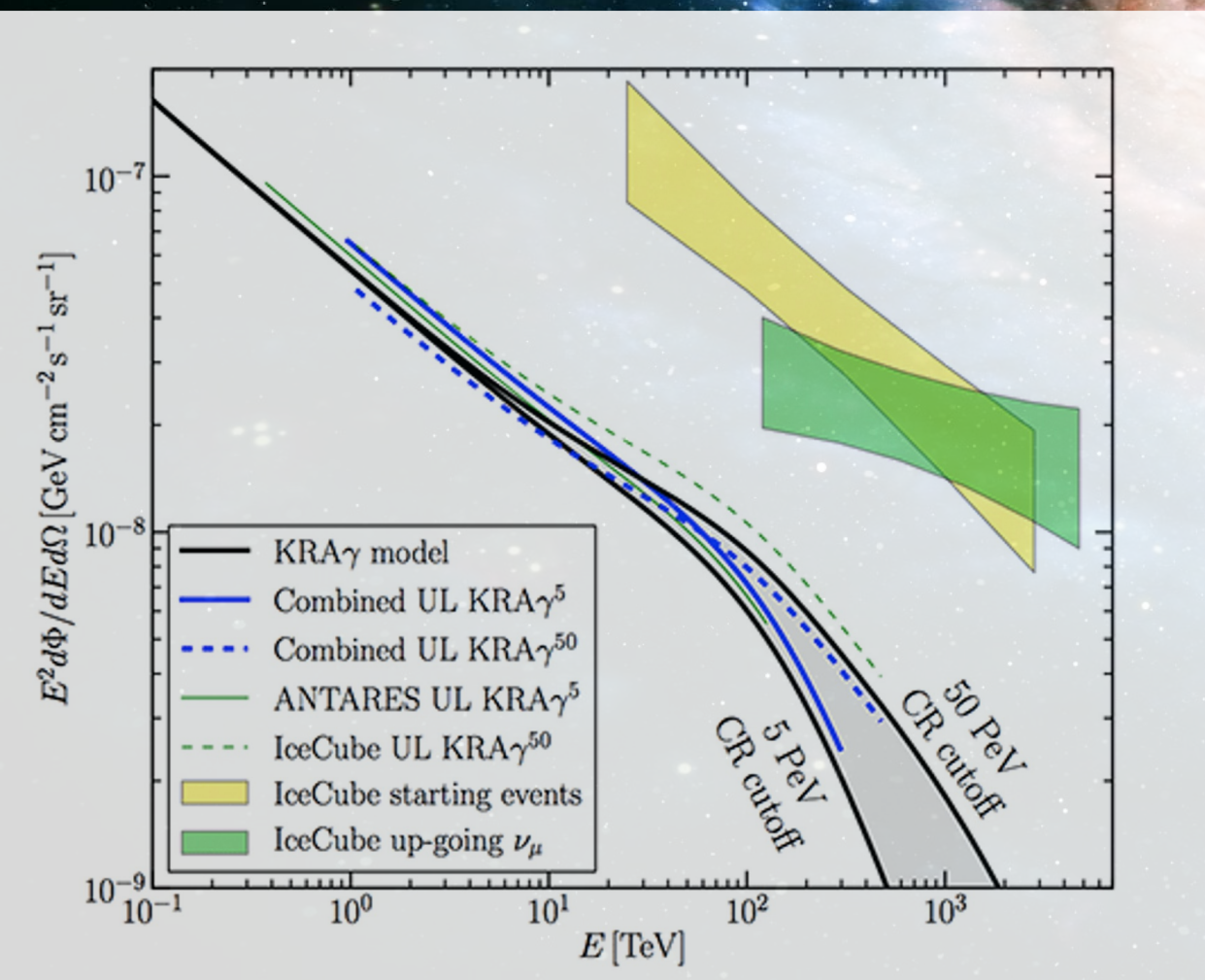
-> IceCube Gen2 (see Albrecht's talk on Friday)



- IceCube  $\nu$  Diffuse numu (2021)
- NGC 1068
- + IceCube  $\nu$  globalfit (2023)
- IceCube  $\nu$  ESTES (2023)
- IceCube  $\nu$  HESE (2020)
- + IceCube  $\nu$  Glashow (2021)

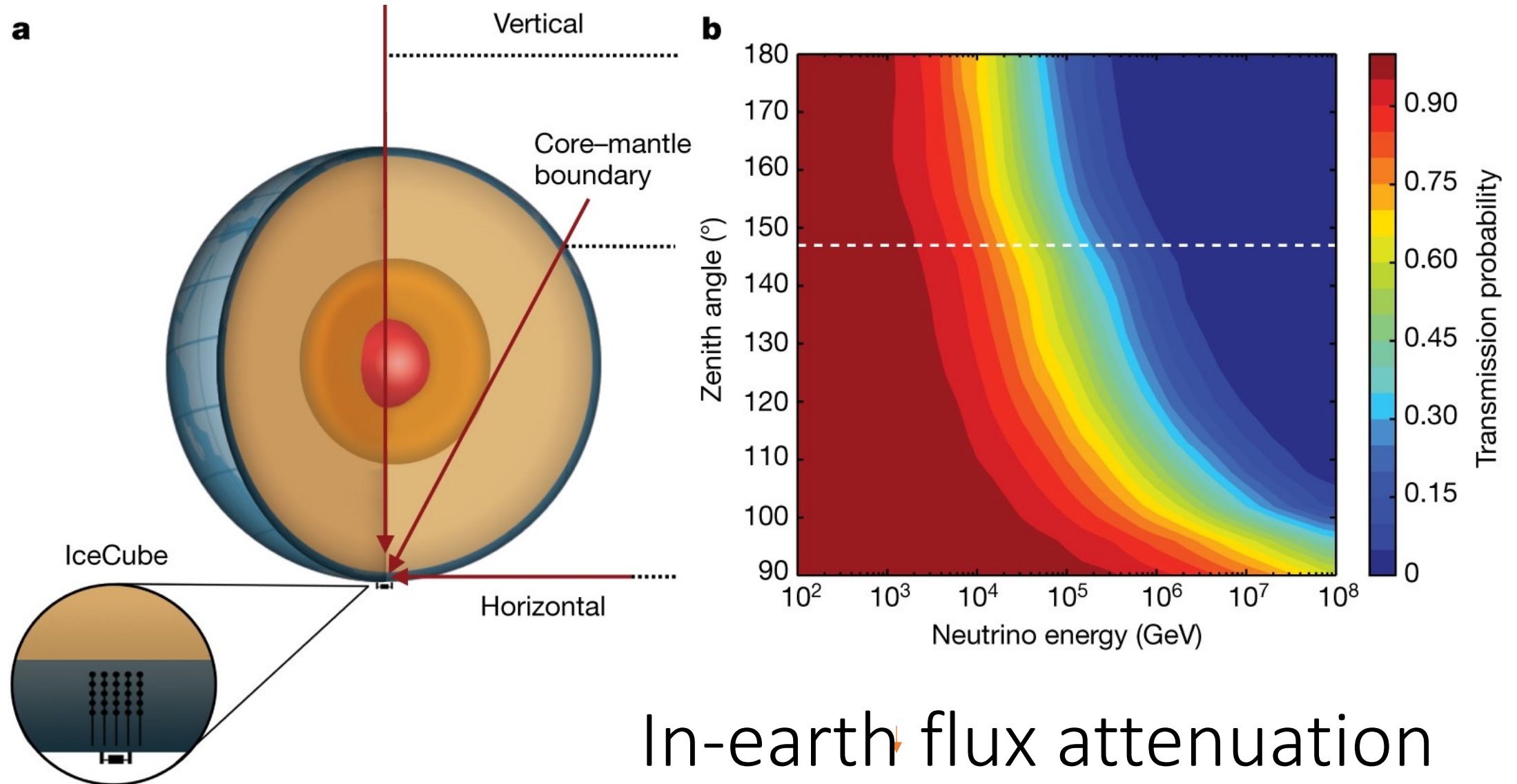


# Galactic plane





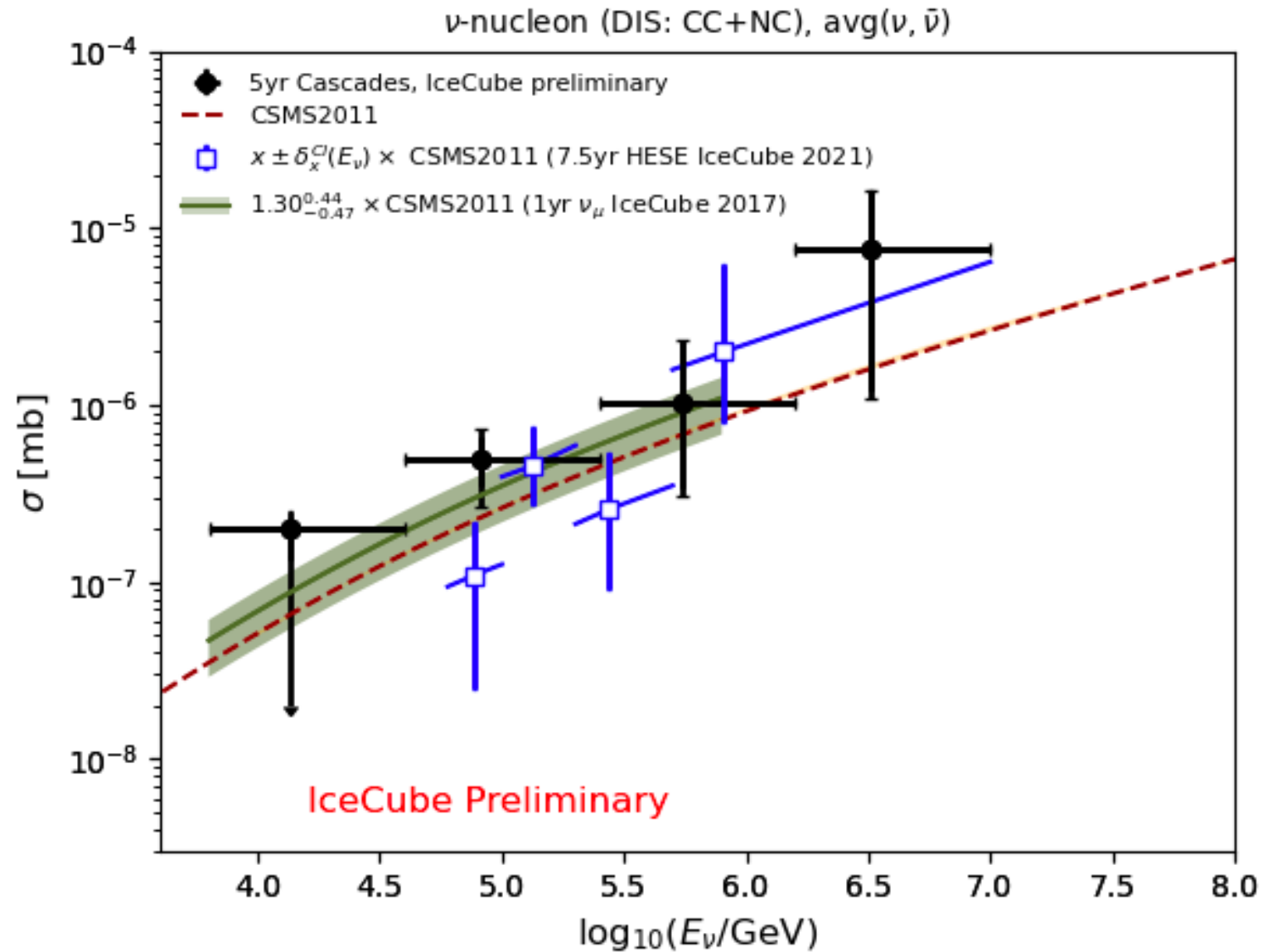
# Cross section measurement using Earth as the target





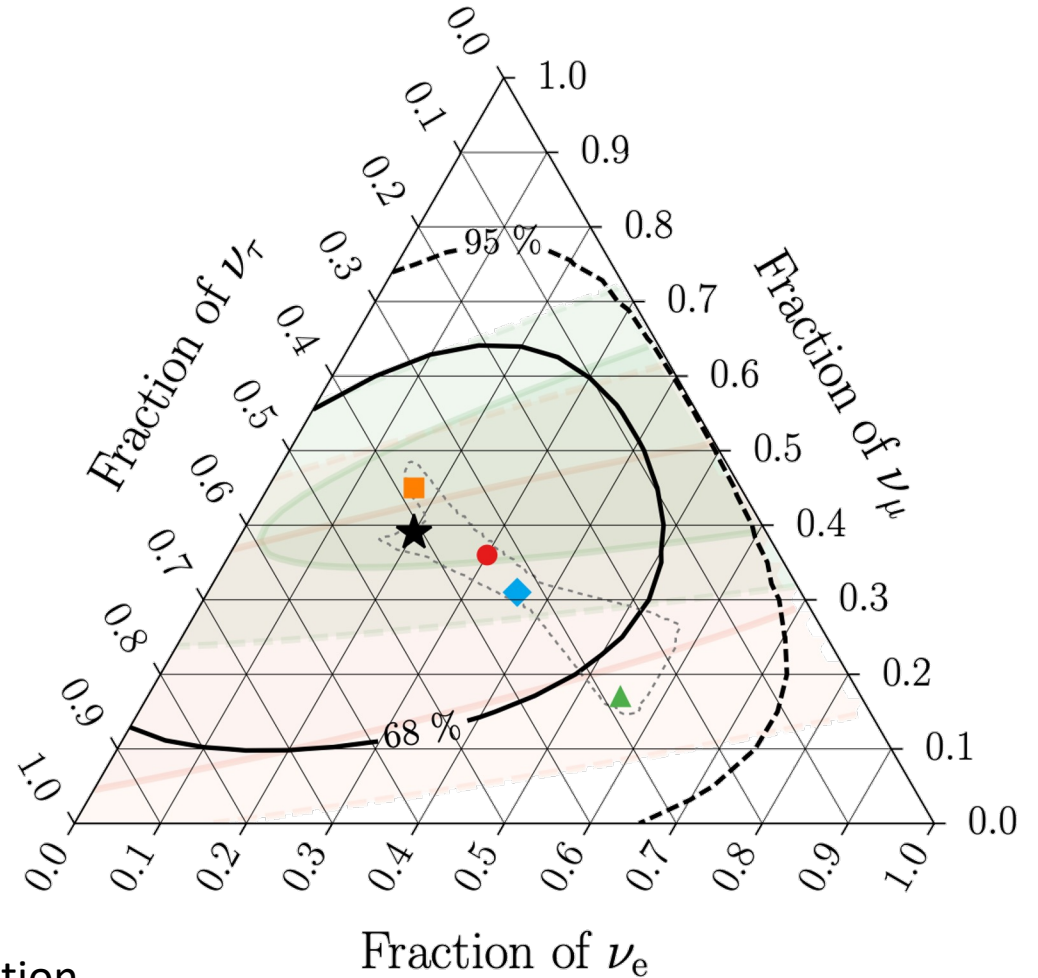
# Cross section

- Both tracks and cascades
- Reaching energies beyond accelerators

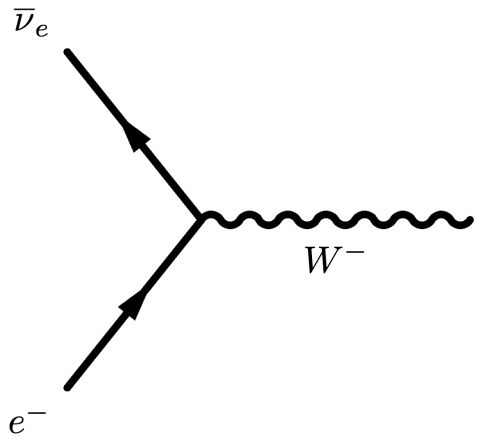


# Neutrino oscillations over cosmic baselines

- For the first time tau candidates in data
- Observed high-energy tau neutrinos mainly due to neutrino oscillations through astronomical distances.
- Sensitive probe for physics beyond the Standard Model

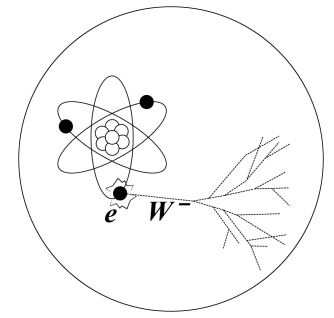


<https://arxiv.org/abs/2011.03561>, publication in preparation



# Neutrino-electron scattering

at a neutrino energy of 6.3 PeV, the centre-of-mass energy (80.5 GeV) is large enough to produce a real W boson

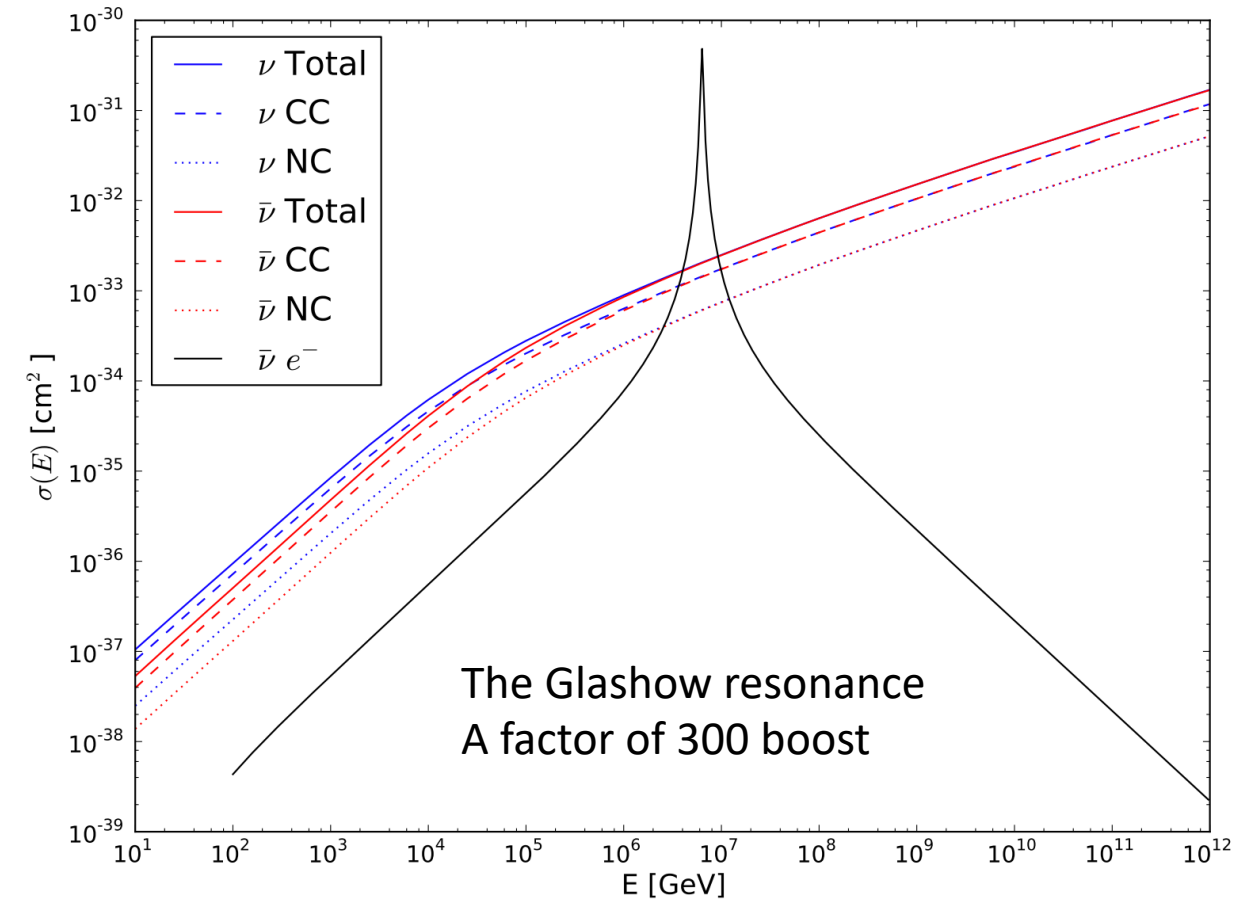


$$\sigma(s) = 24\pi\Gamma_W^2 B_{W^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e + e^-} \frac{s/M_W^2}{(s - M_W^2)^2 + \Gamma_W^2 M_W^2}$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e + e \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_l + l$$

$$\bar{\nu}_e + e \rightarrow W^- \rightarrow X ,$$

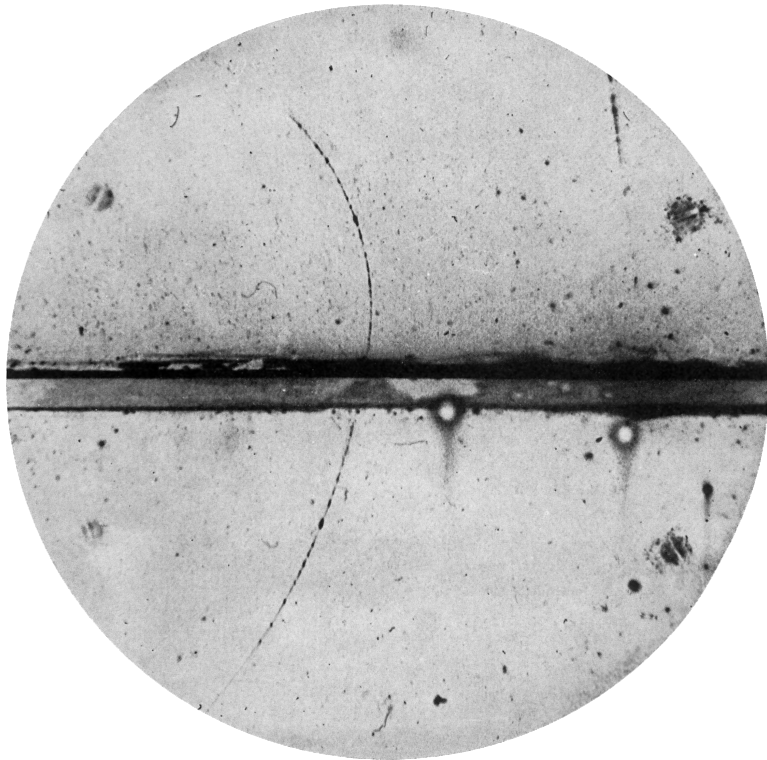
$$E_R = M_W^2 / (2m_e) = 6.32 \text{ PeV}$$



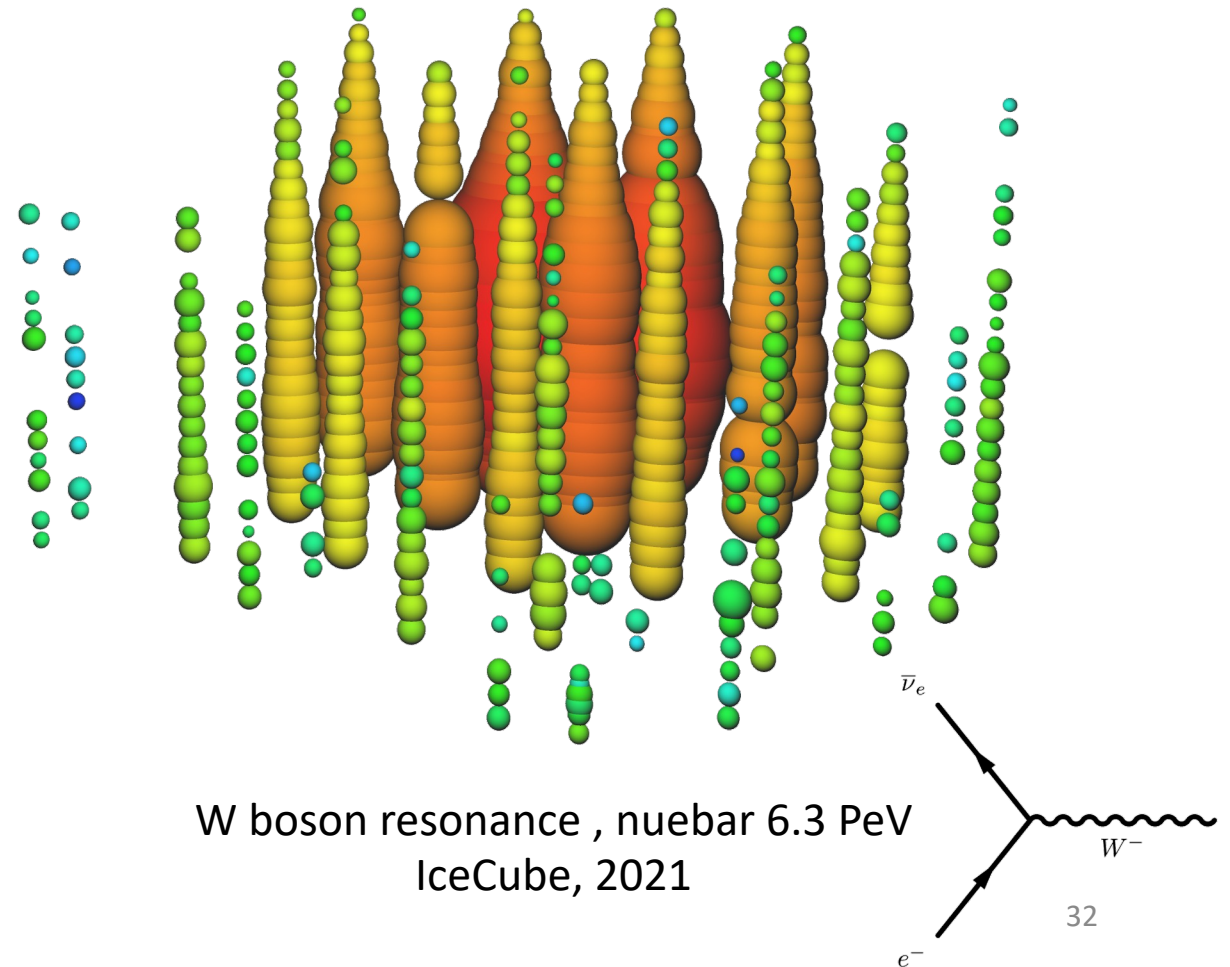


# W boson (Glashow) resonance – first hint of electron anti-neutrino

*Nature* 591, 220–224 (2021)

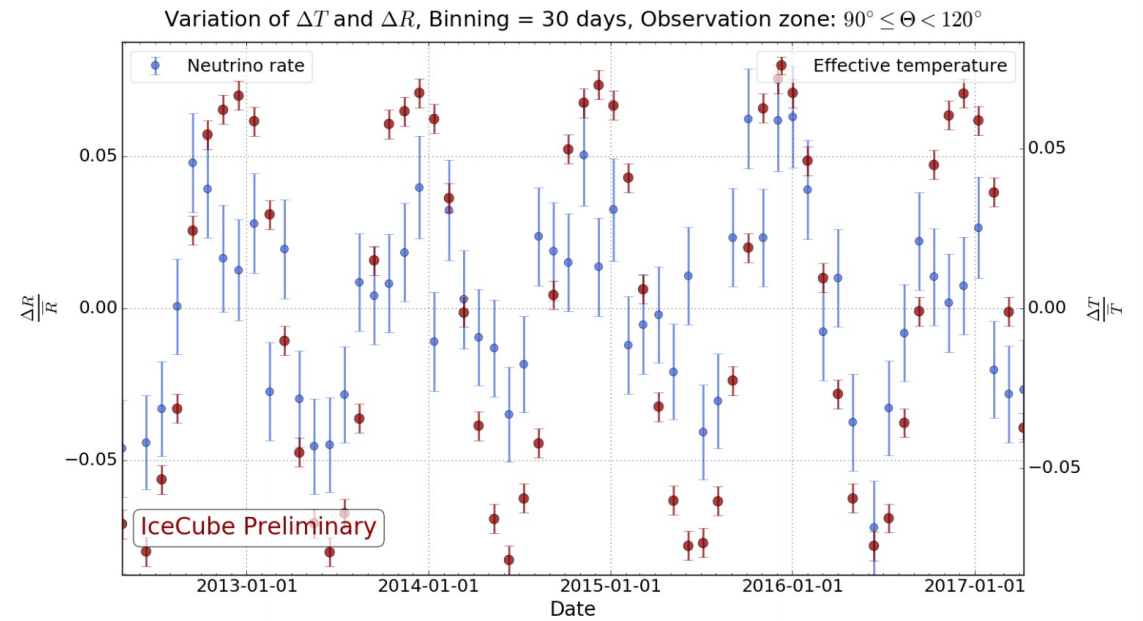
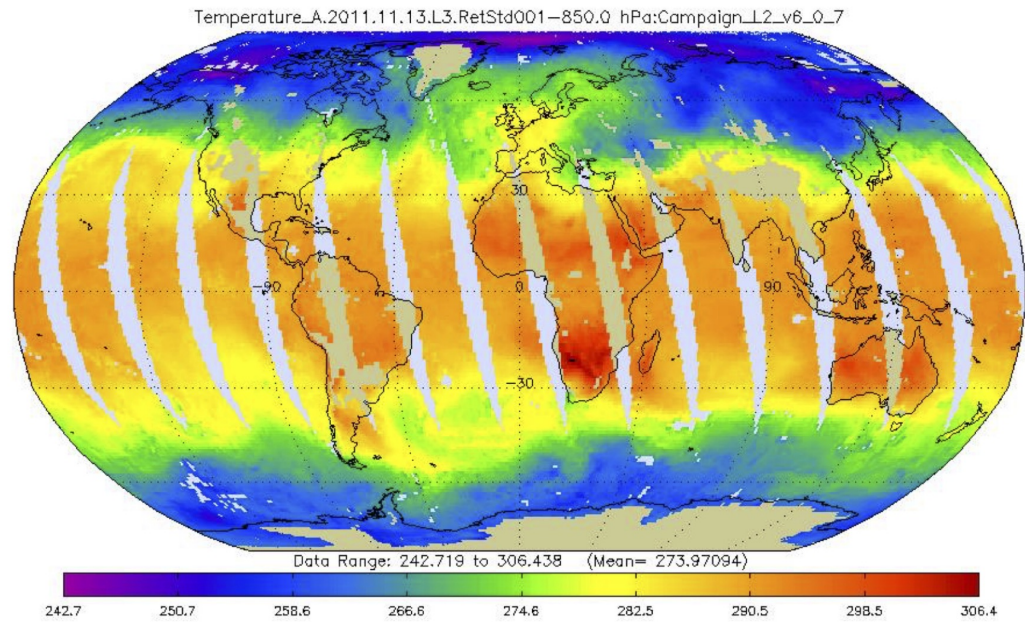


Discovery of antimatter, positron  
Carl Anderson via cloud chamber, 1932

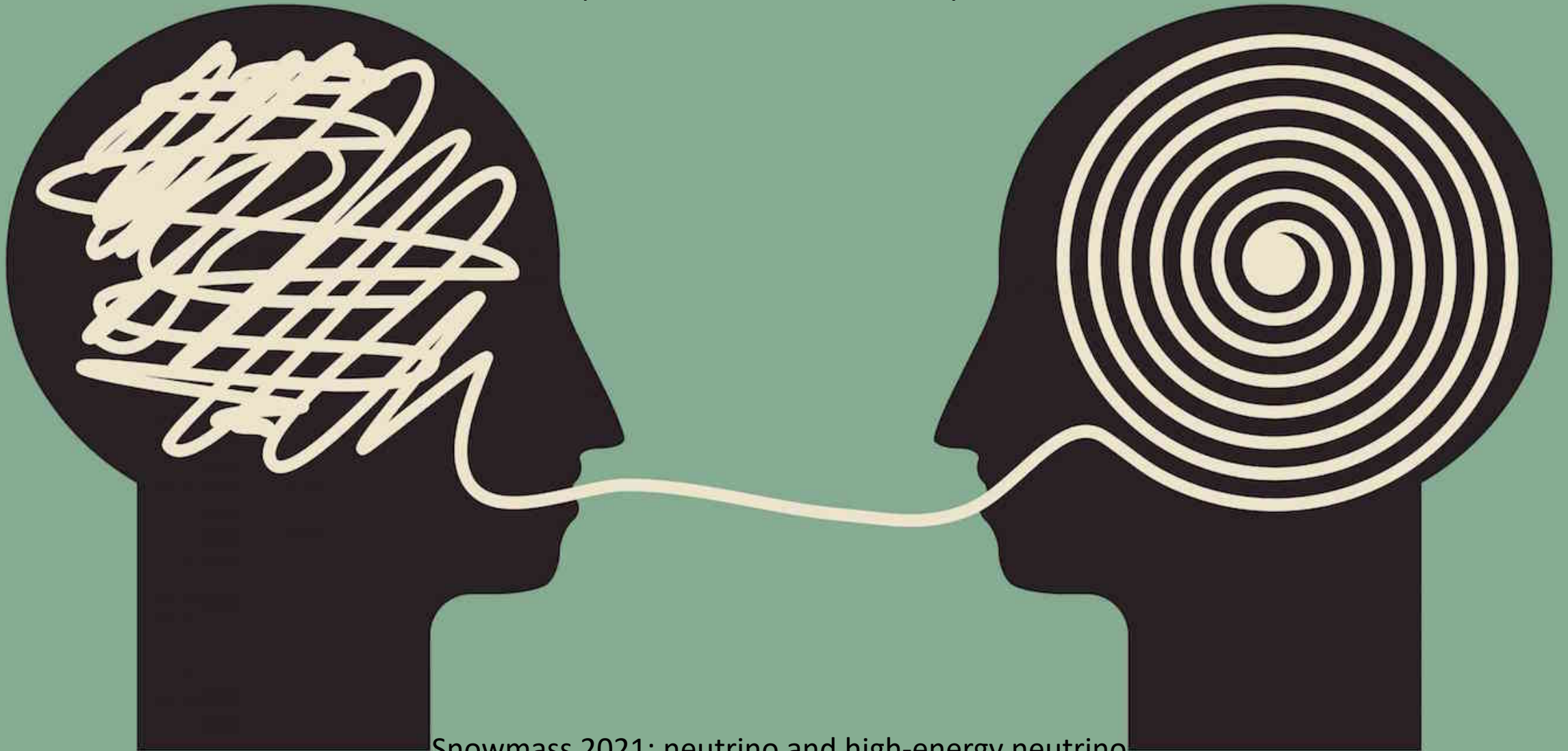


# (atmospheric) Neutrino weather!

Lead by Aachen group



I hope 'diffuse' makes sense to you now



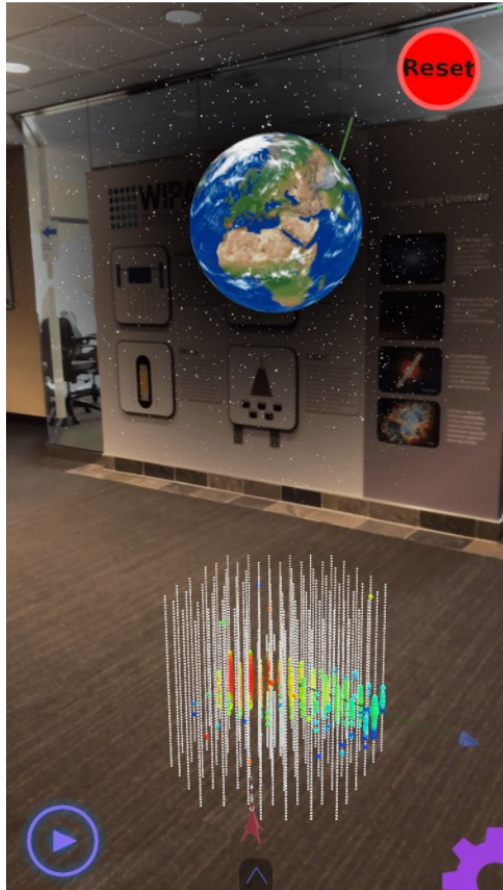
Snowmass 2021: neutrino and high-energy neutrino

<https://cds.cern.ch/record/2806792?ln=en>



# From outer space, to the South Pole, to your phone: A new AR app for IceCube

Posted on [October 8, 2020](#) by [Madeleine O'Keefe](#)



Located in the frigid desert that is the South Pole, the IceCube Neutrino Observatory isn't your typical telescope. It doesn't have an observatory dome or satellite dish. In fact, if you were standing at the South Pole looking at IceCube, you would see nothing but a small building in a vast, barren, snowy landscape.

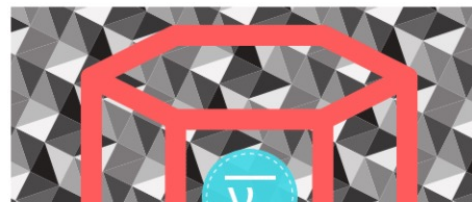
That's because the IceCube detector is *underground*. It comprises an array of 5,160 optical sensors that are frozen beneath a cubic kilometer of ice a mile beneath the surface. These sensors pick up signals left behind by mysterious particles called neutrinos.

Now, thanks to a new augmented reality (AR) app, anyone in the world can see what's happening under the ice at the South Pole. And when a neutrino candidate sails through the detector, users will find out in real time!

Introducing IceCubeAR, aka IceBear.

Neutrinos are fundamental particles that travel through the cosmos. They come from

myriad sources on Earth and in our solar system—but many are from outside our galaxy, known as astrophysical neutrinos, and



<https://icecube.wisc.edu/news/outreach/2020/10/from-outer-space-to-south-pole-to-your-phone-new-ar-app-for-icecube/>

## ICEcuBEAR