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# Cosmic ray spectrum, composition and arrival direction distribution & PeV $\gamma$ rays at the South Pole

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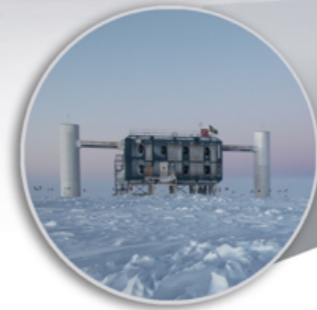
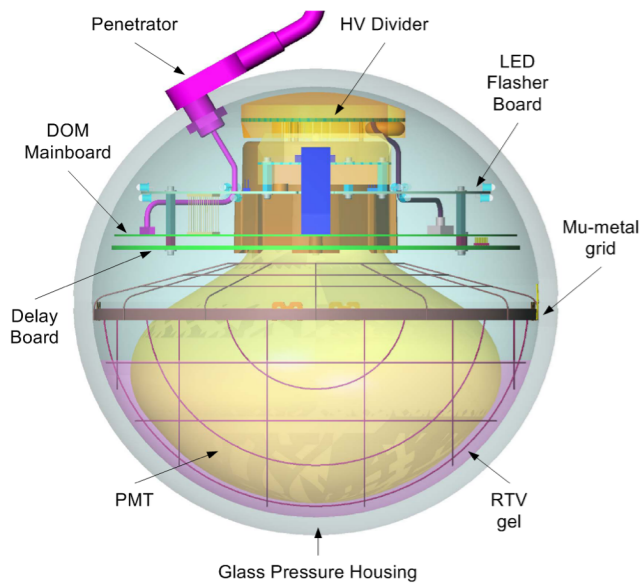
# IceCube Observatory

## the instrumentation



Digital Optical Module (DOM)

with 10" PMT & local DAQ electronics



**IceCube Laboratory**  
Data is collected here and sent by satellite to the data warehouse at UW-Madison



**Digital Optical Module (DOM)**  
5,160 DOMs deployed in the ice

50 m

Ice Top

1450 m

86 strings of DOMs, set 125 meters apart

2450 m

IceCube detector

DeepCore

Antarctic bedrock



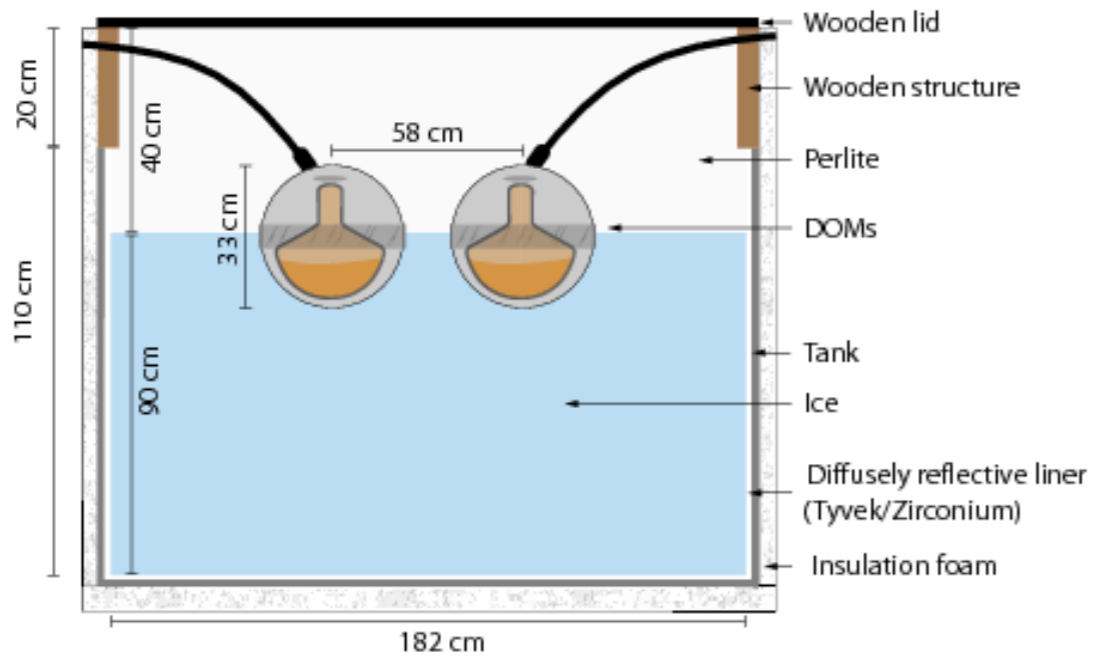
**Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station, Antarctica**  
A National Science Foundation-managed research facility

60 DOMs on each string

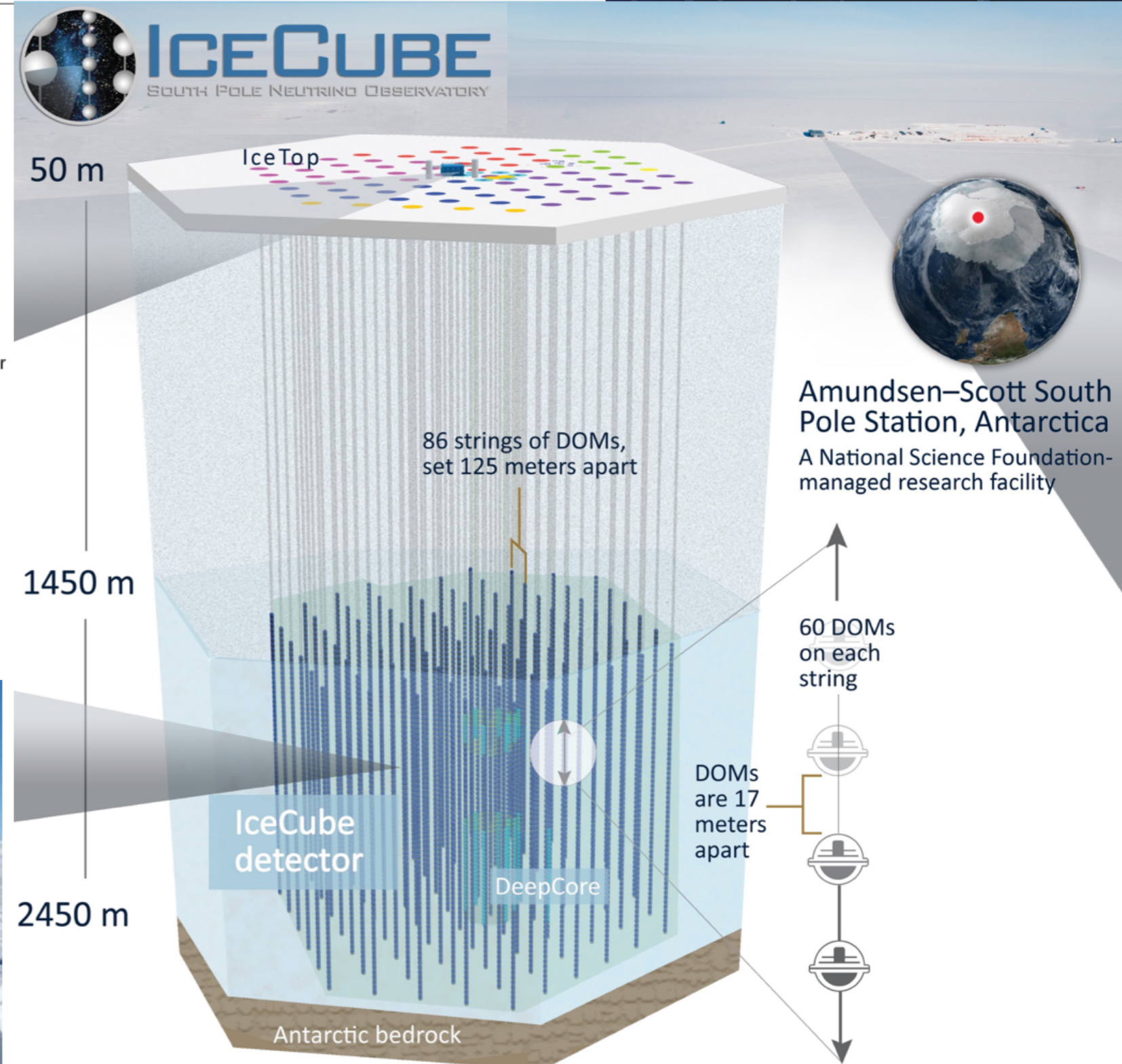
DOMs are 17 meters apart



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two tanks of one IceTop station

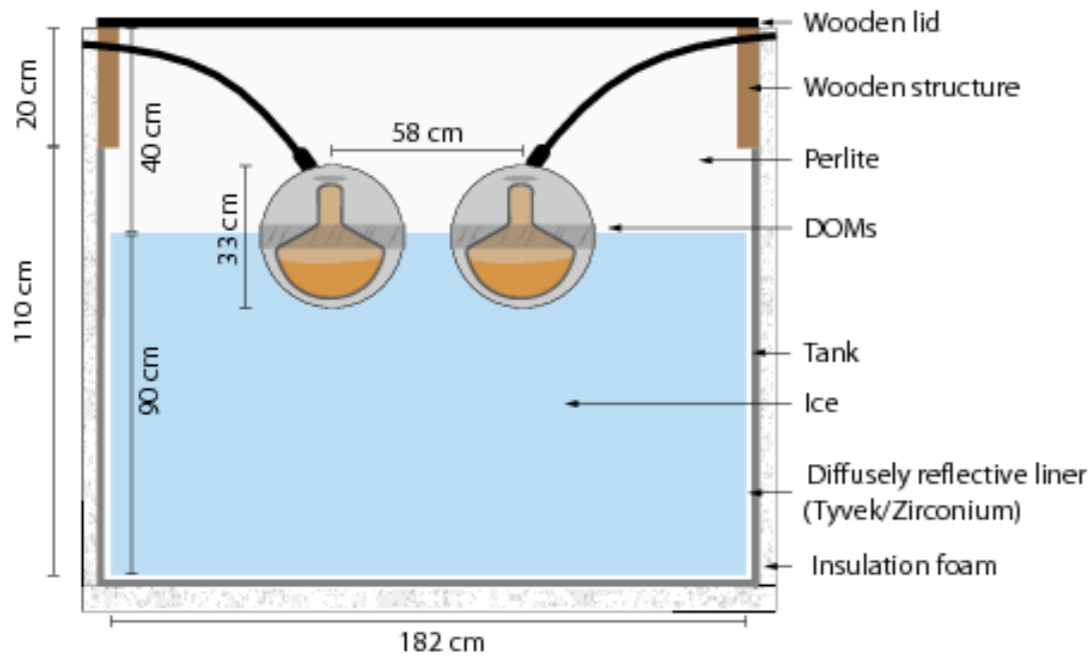




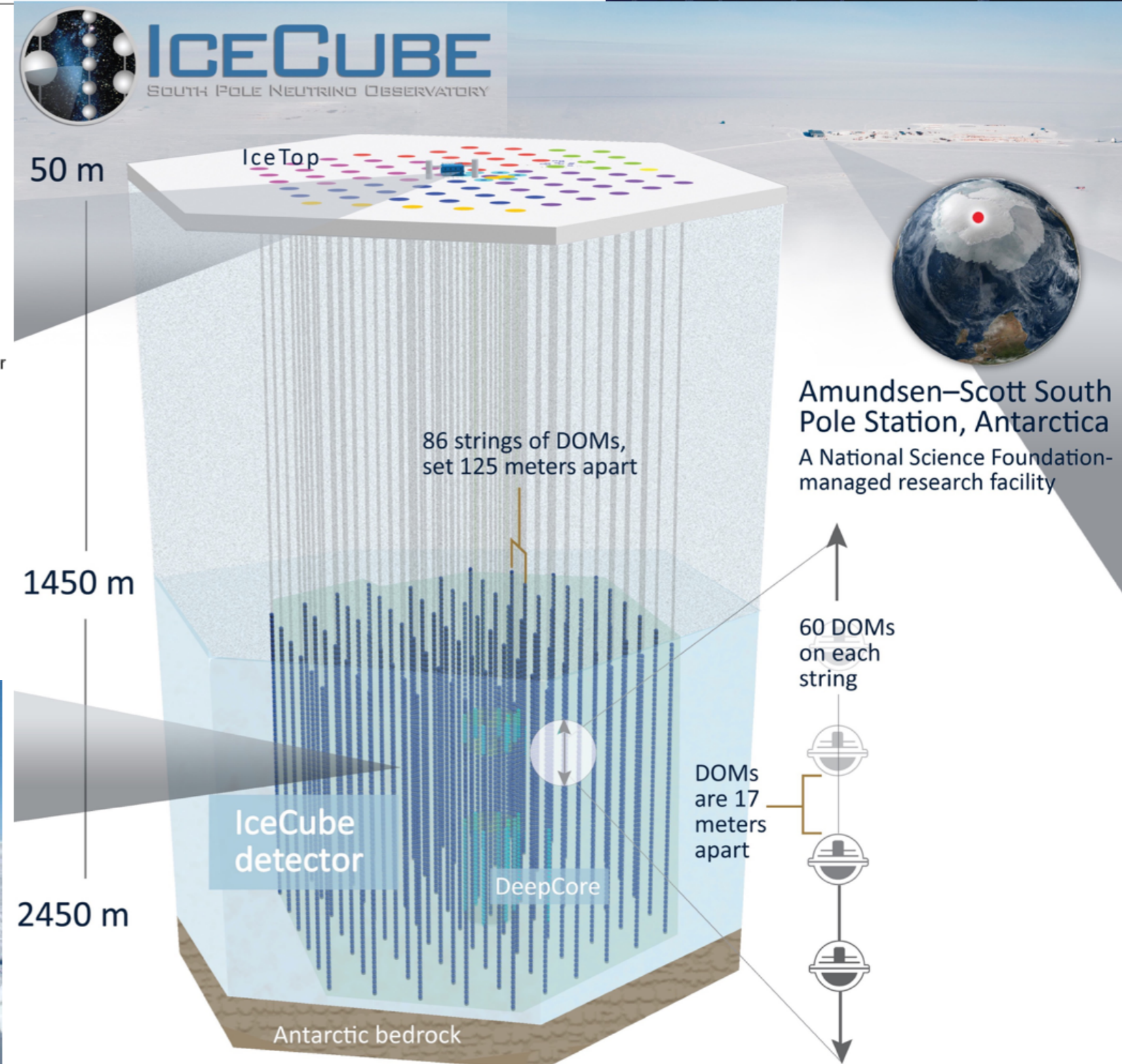
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**KM<sup>3</sup>**  
**OBSERVATORY**



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## main physics goals



supernova  
remnants

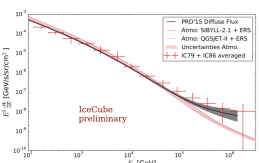


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bursts

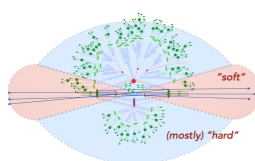


active galactic  
nuclei

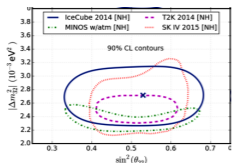
▶ astrophysical neutrinos from the sources of cosmic rays



energy  
spectrum

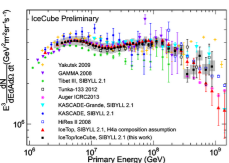


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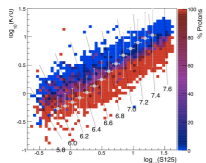


neutrino  
oscillations

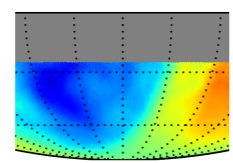
▶ atmospheric neutrinos: charm production, oscillations



spectrum

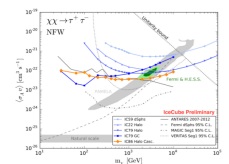


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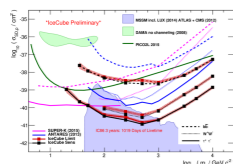


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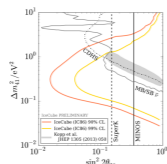
▶ cosmic rays: spectrum, composition & anisotropy



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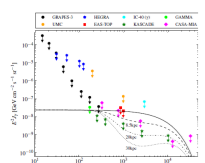


solar WIMPs  
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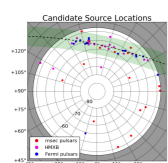


sterile  
neutrinos

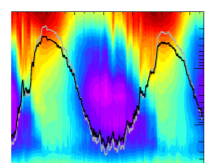
▶ beyond standard model & dark matter



PeV  
gamma rays



neutron  
point sources



stratospheric  
temperature  
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▶ PeV  $\gamma$ -rays, neutron point sources & *Earth sciences*



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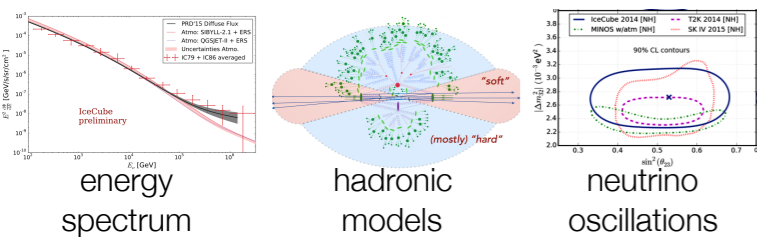


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gamma ray bursts

active galactic nuclei

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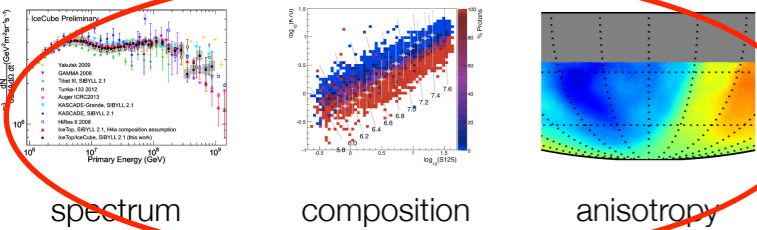


energy spectrum

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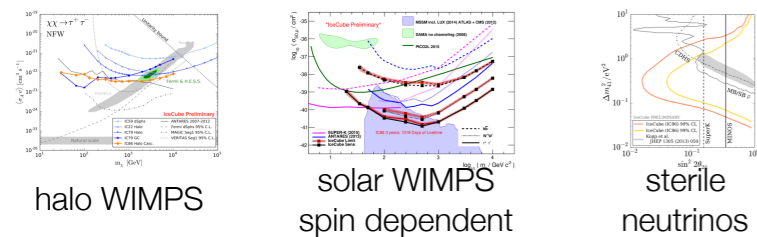


spectrum

composition

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▶ cosmic rays: spectrum, composition & anisotropy

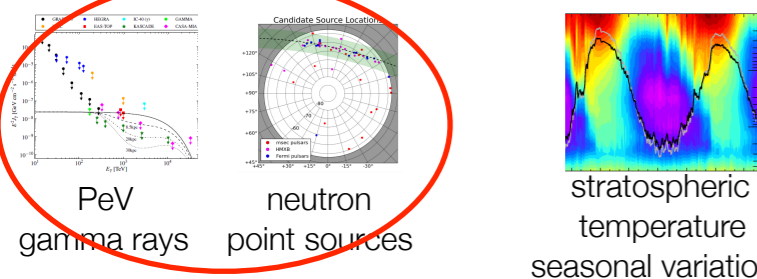


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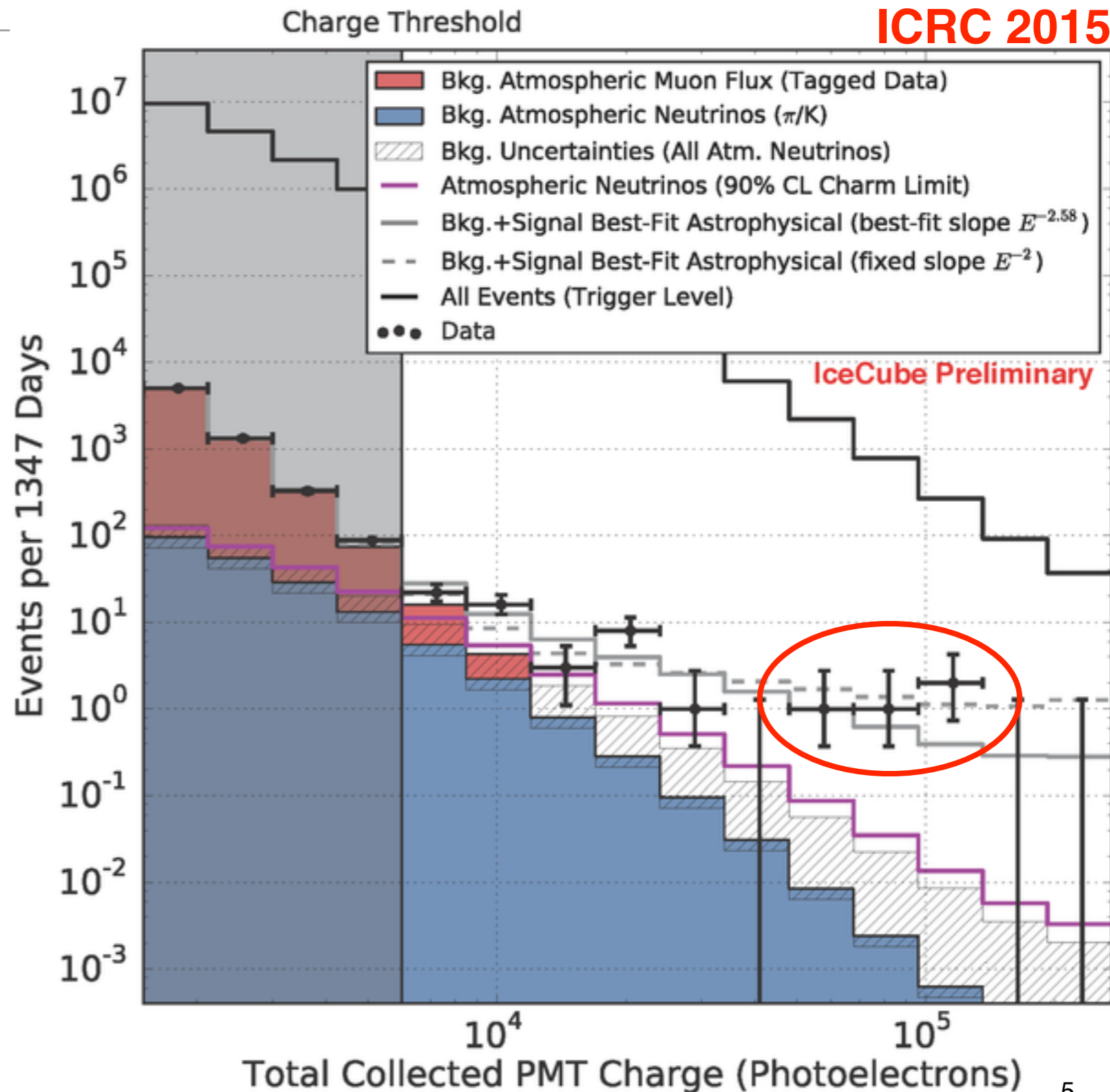
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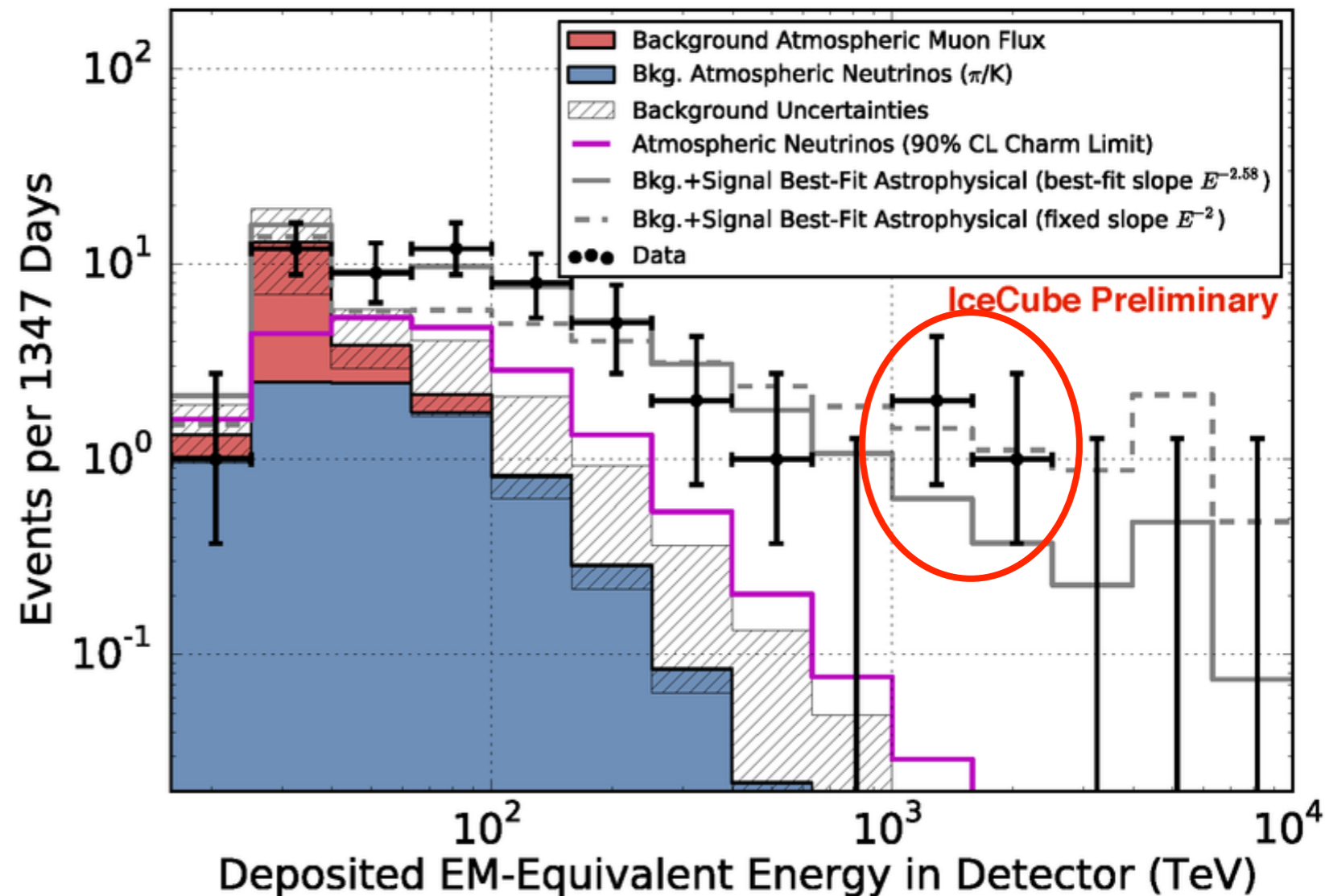
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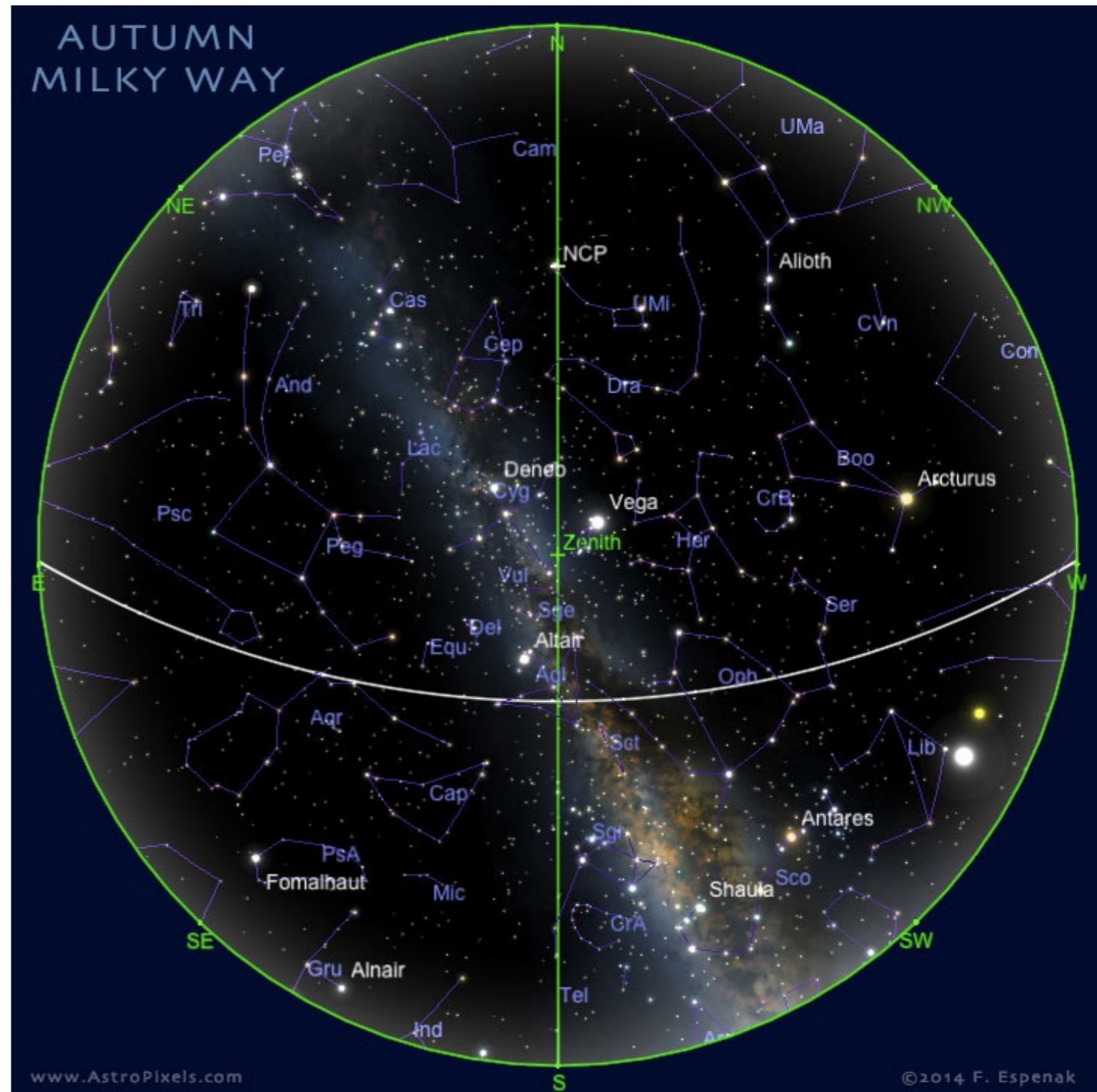
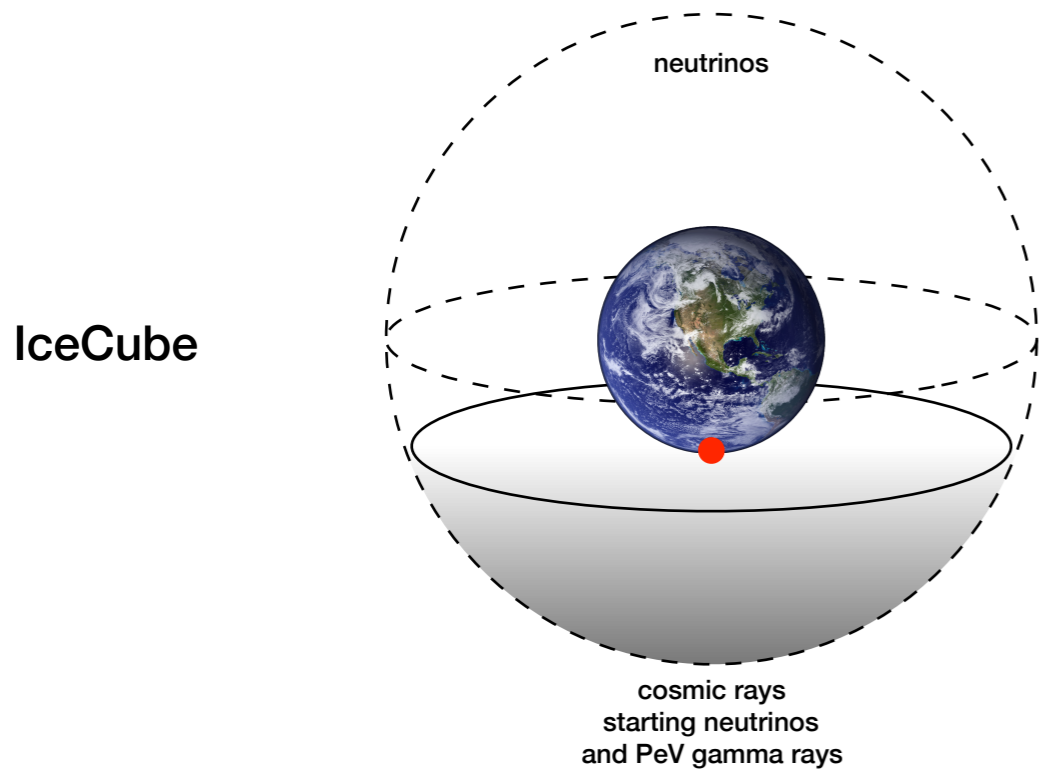
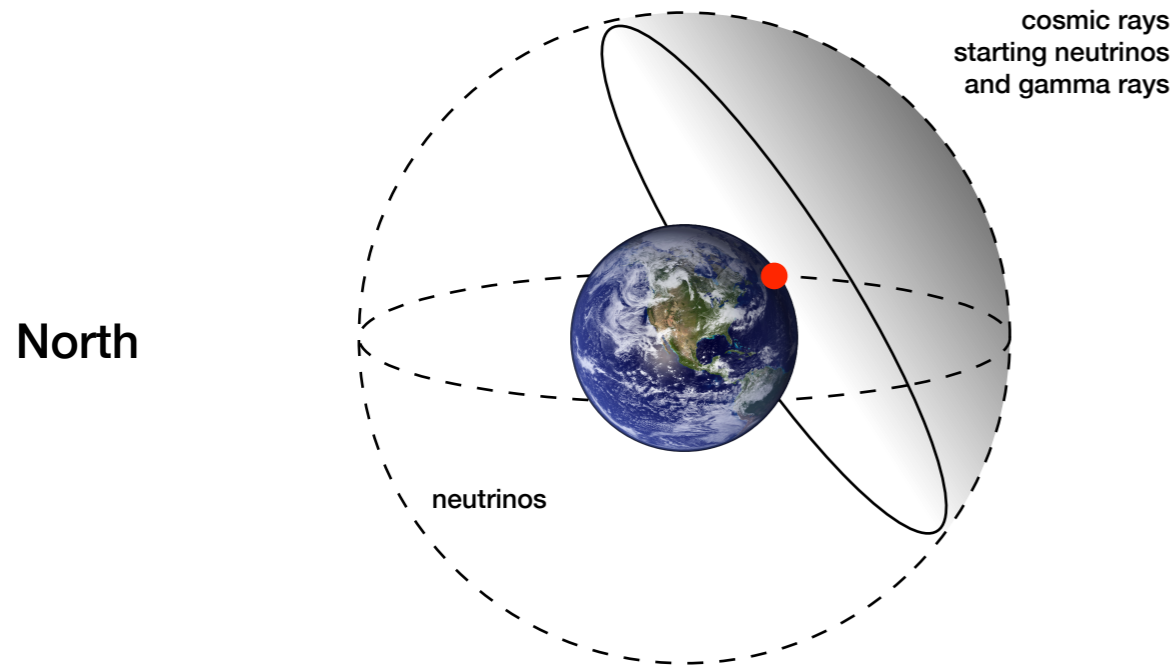
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# full sky observations

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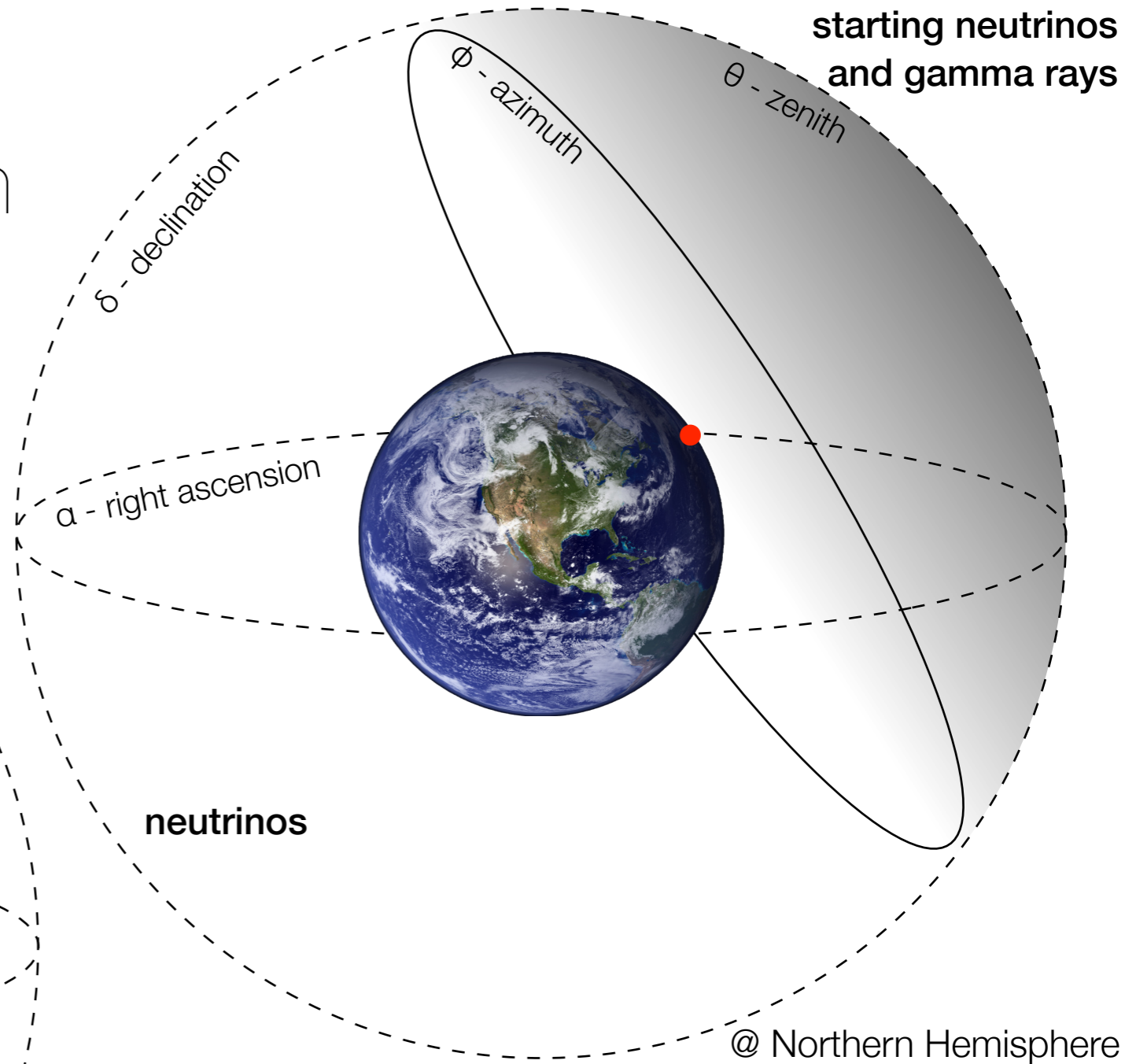
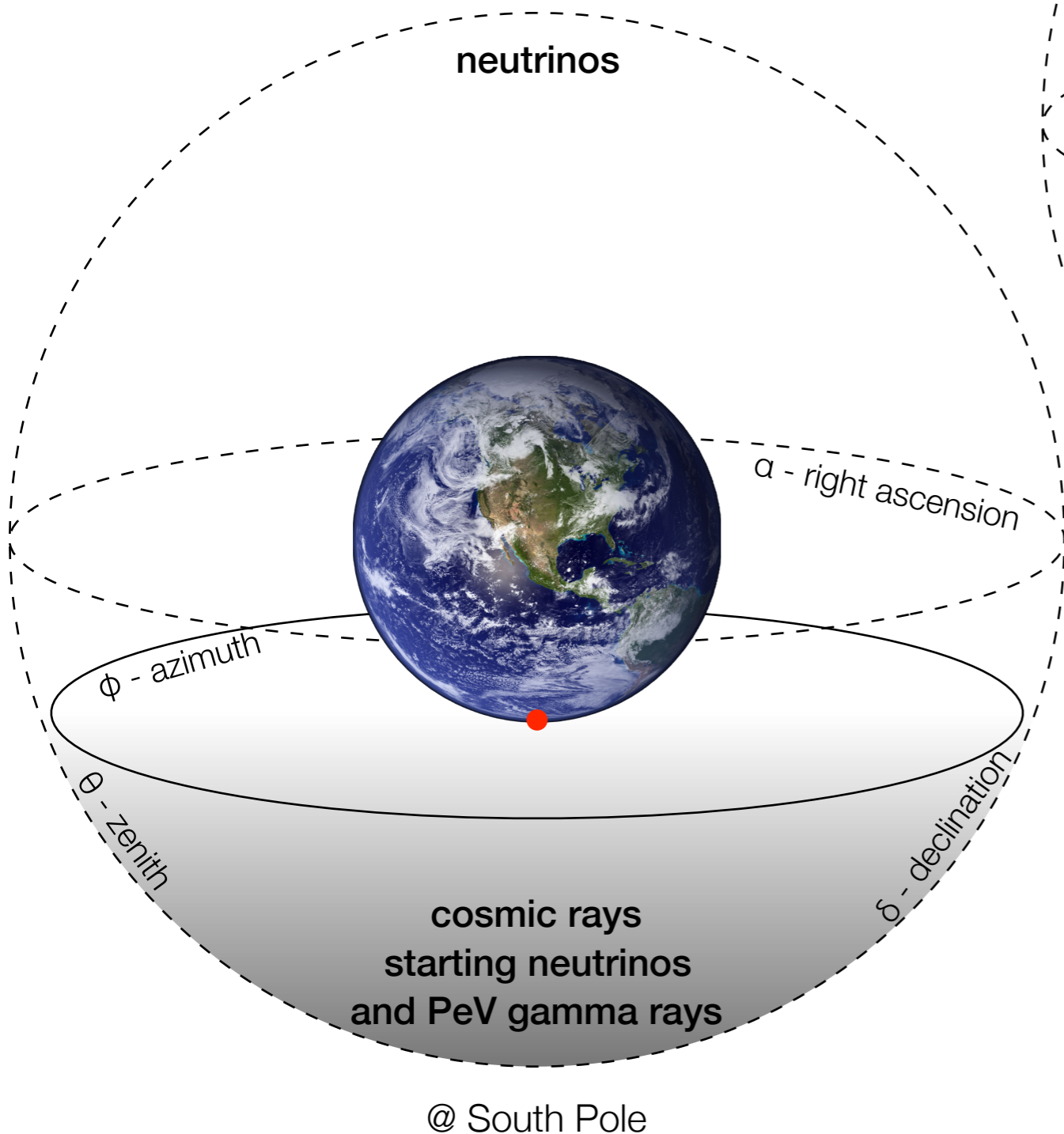




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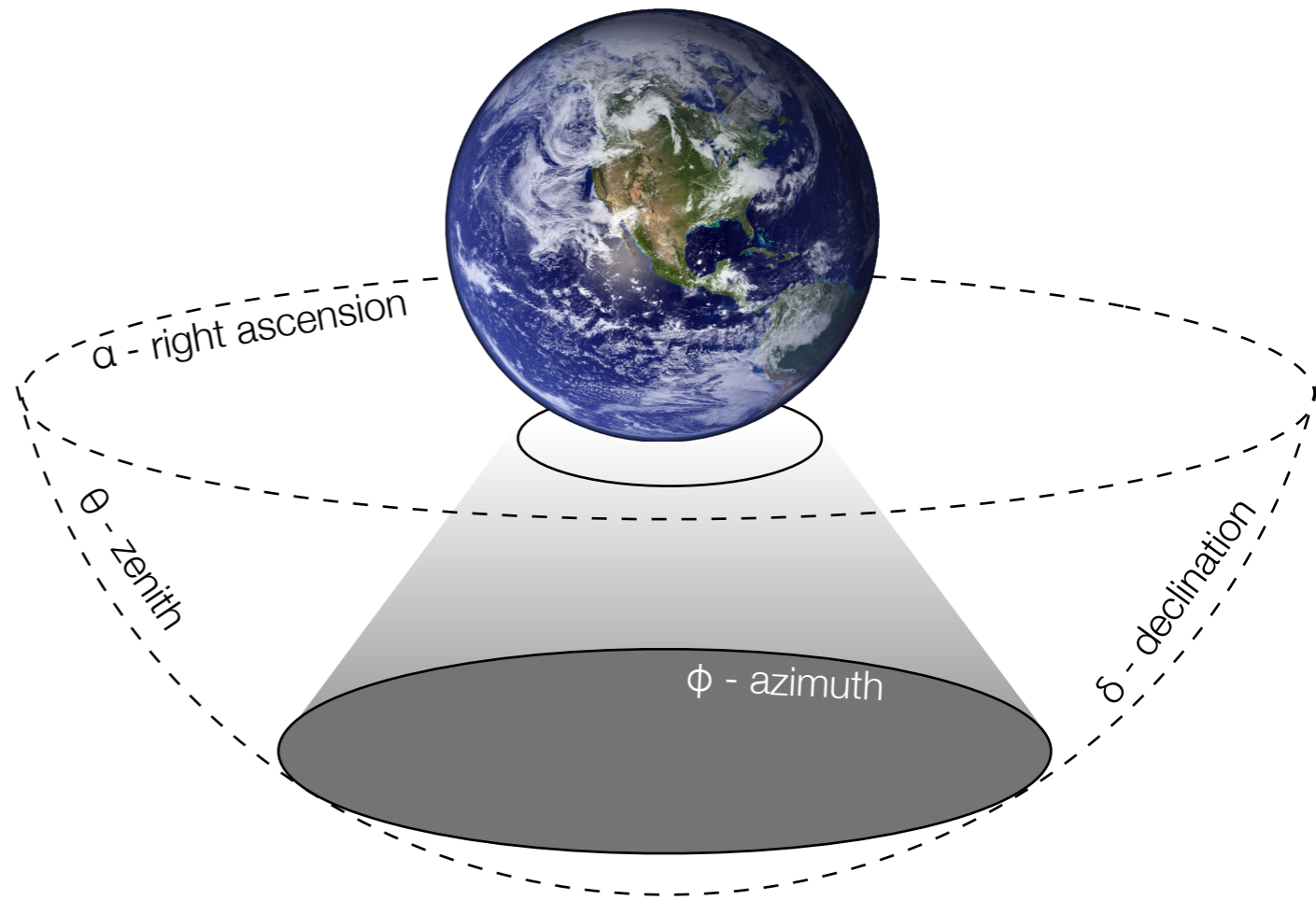
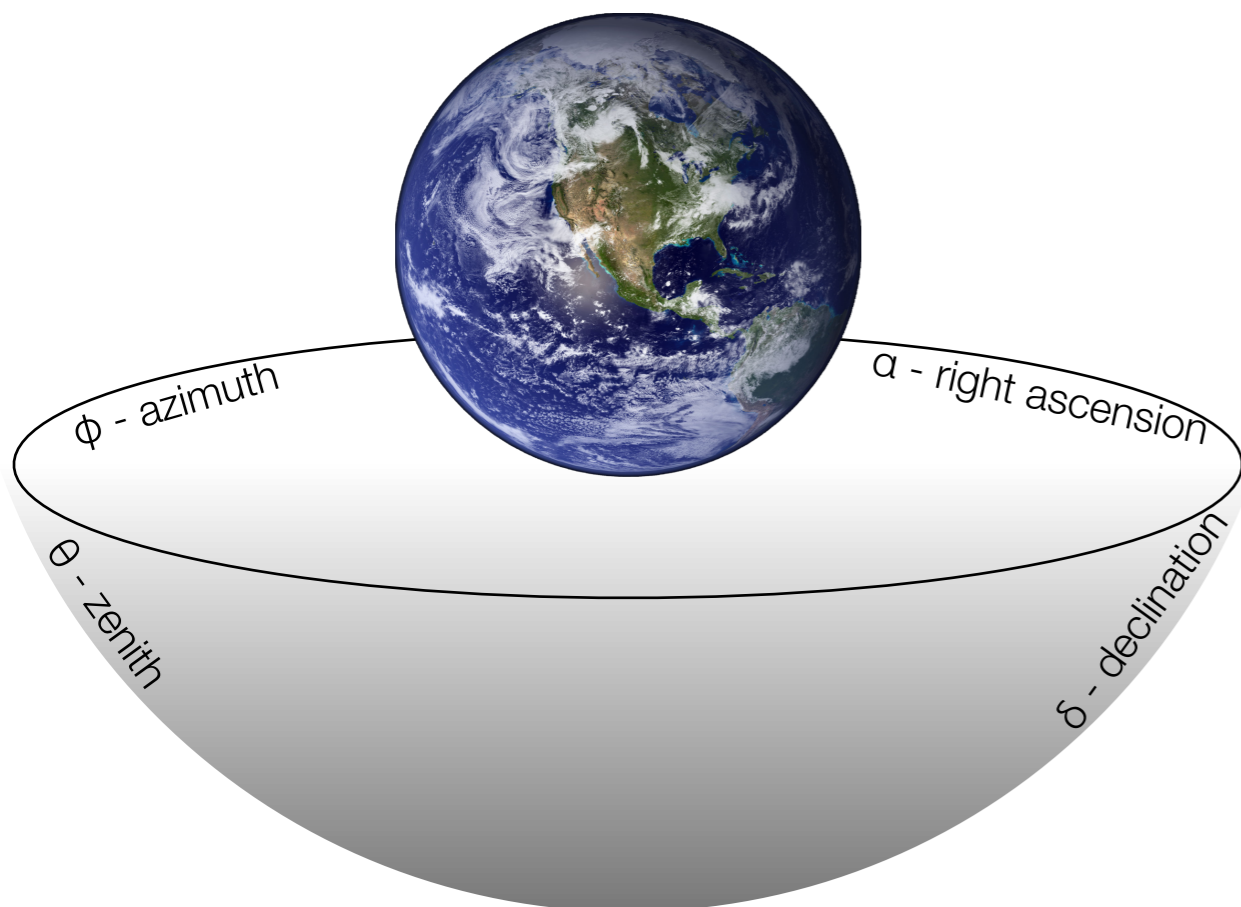
cosmic rays  
starting neutrinos  
and gamma rays



- complementary and overlapping regions of the sky
- IceCube/Antares (arXiv:1511.02149)
- Auger/TA (arXiv:1409.3128)

# cosmic and $\gamma$ rays observations

- @Pole same sky visible at all times
- effectively largest statistics  $< 60^\circ$ - $70^\circ$

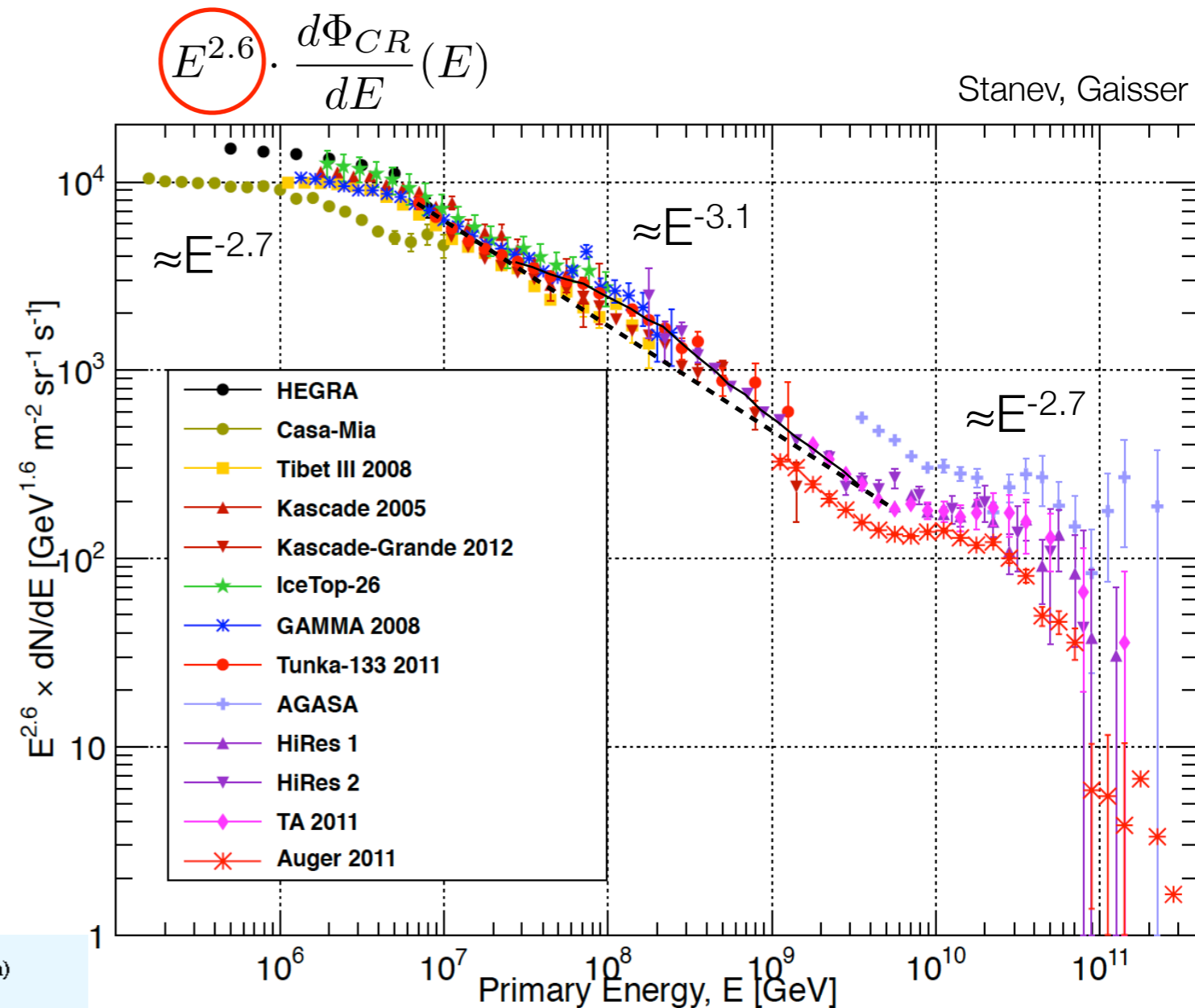
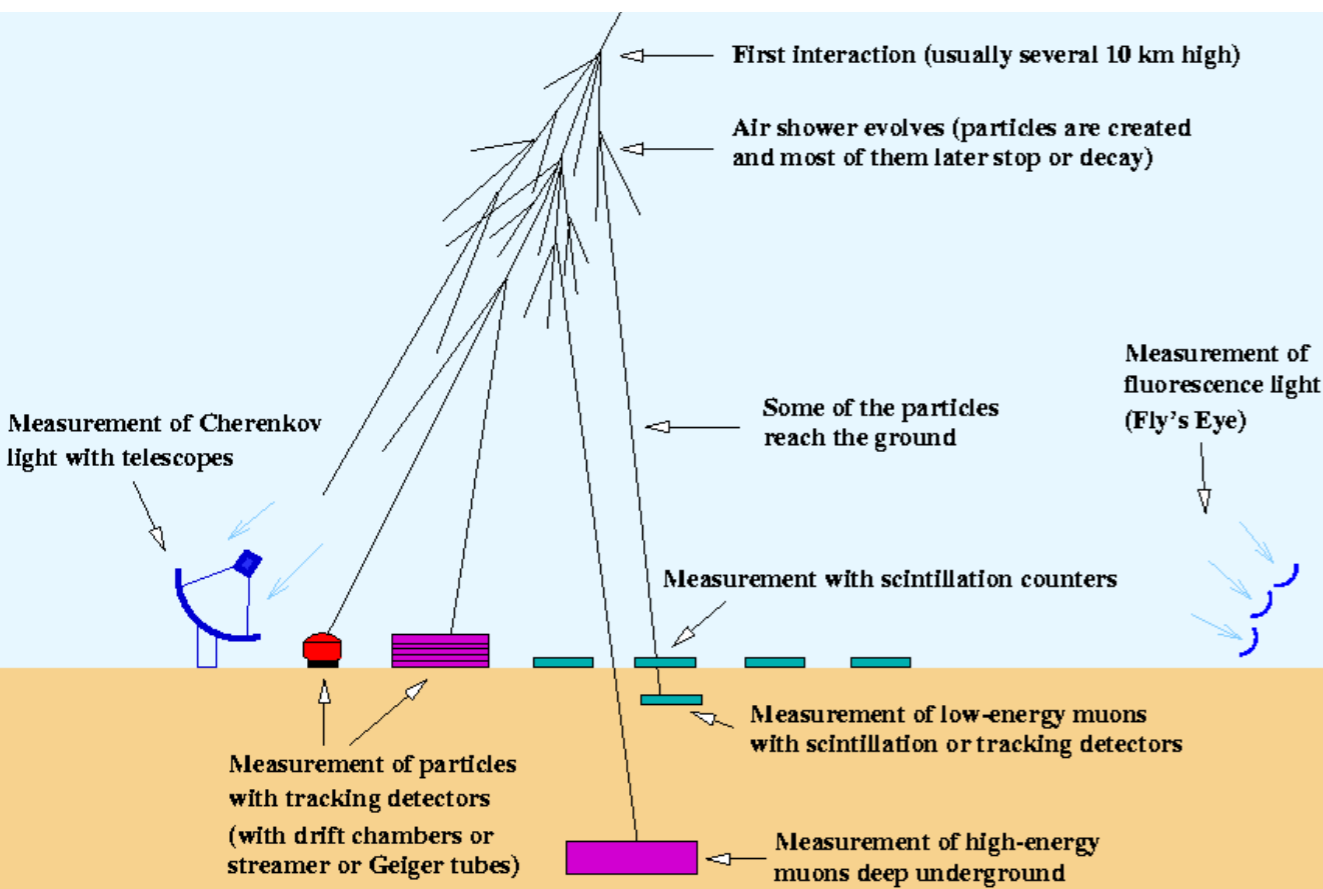




# cosmic rays spectrum

## indirect observations

- ▶ at **high energy** flux too small for direct observations
- ▶ ground-based, under-ground / water / ice detection



- ▶ **atmosphere & interaction** properties
- ▶ energy & mass observations **tangled**
- ▶ limited energy & mass **resolution**

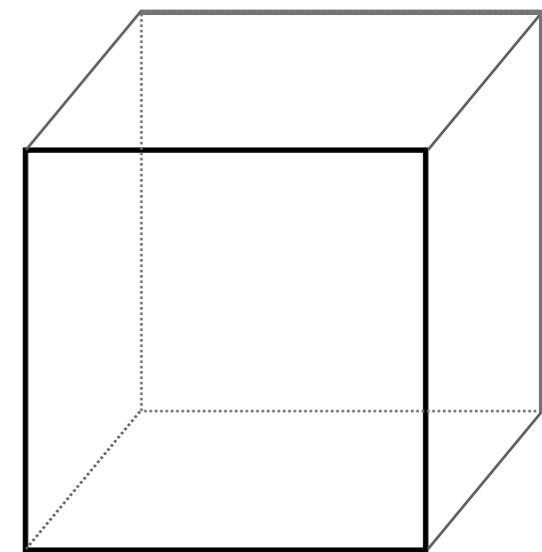
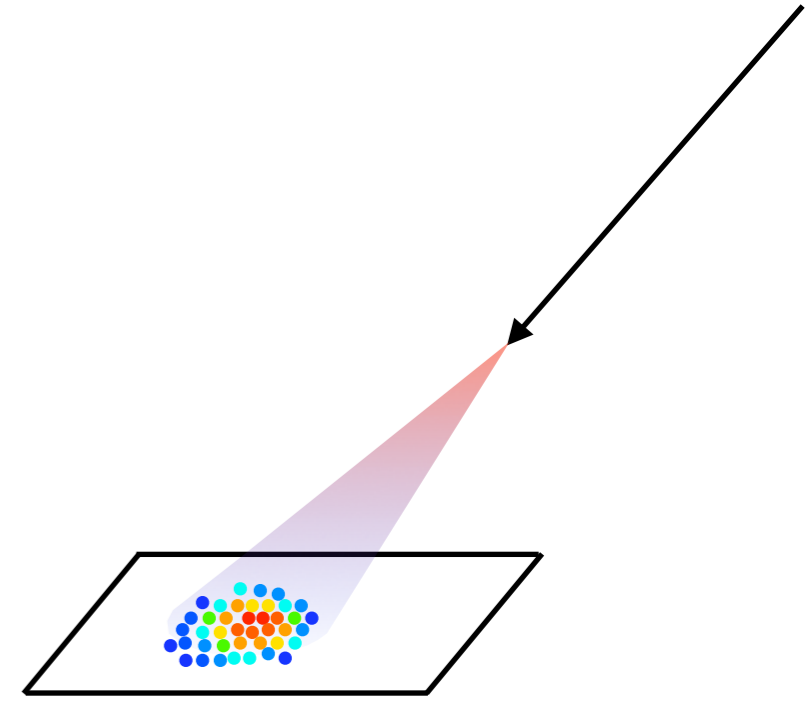
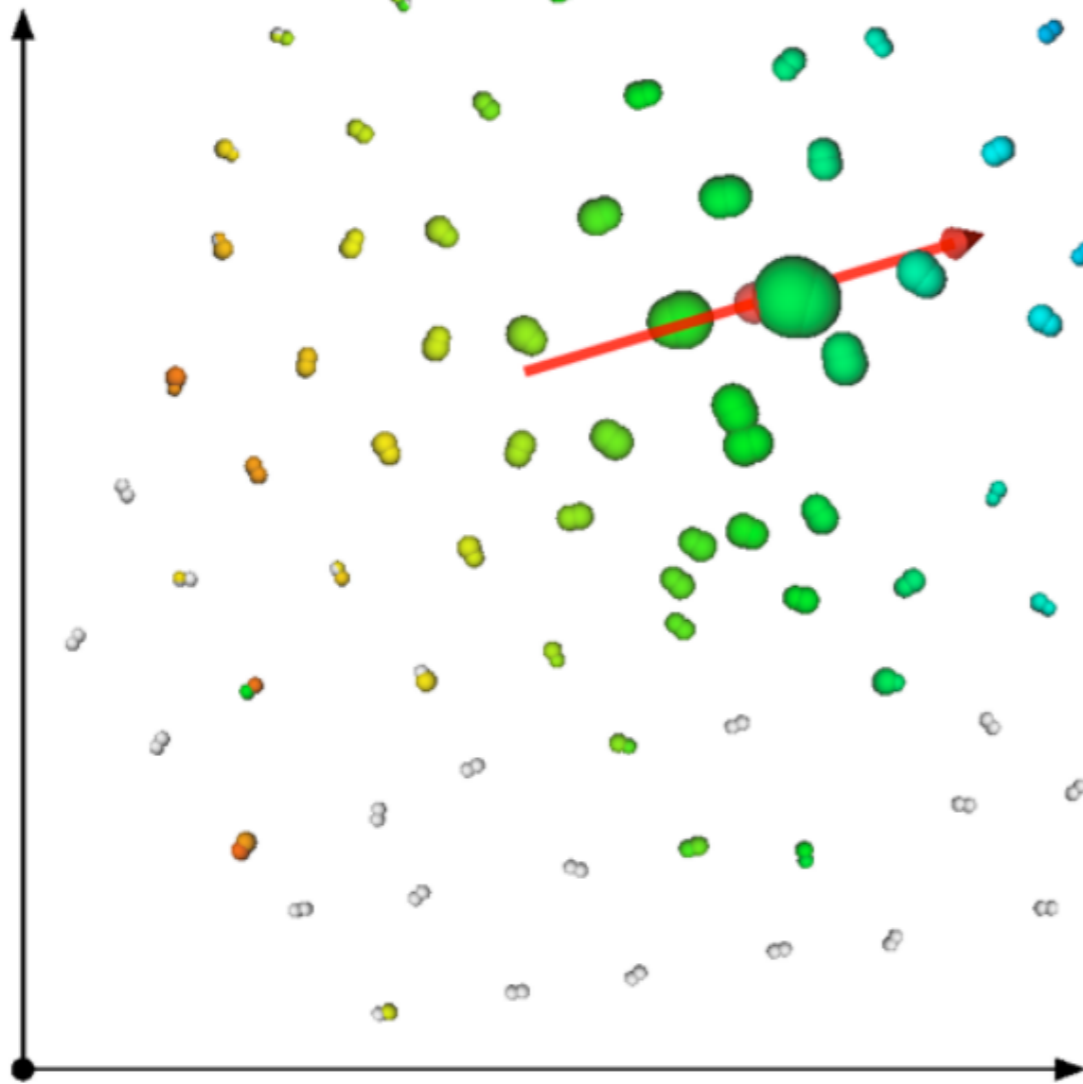
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## all-particle energy spectrum

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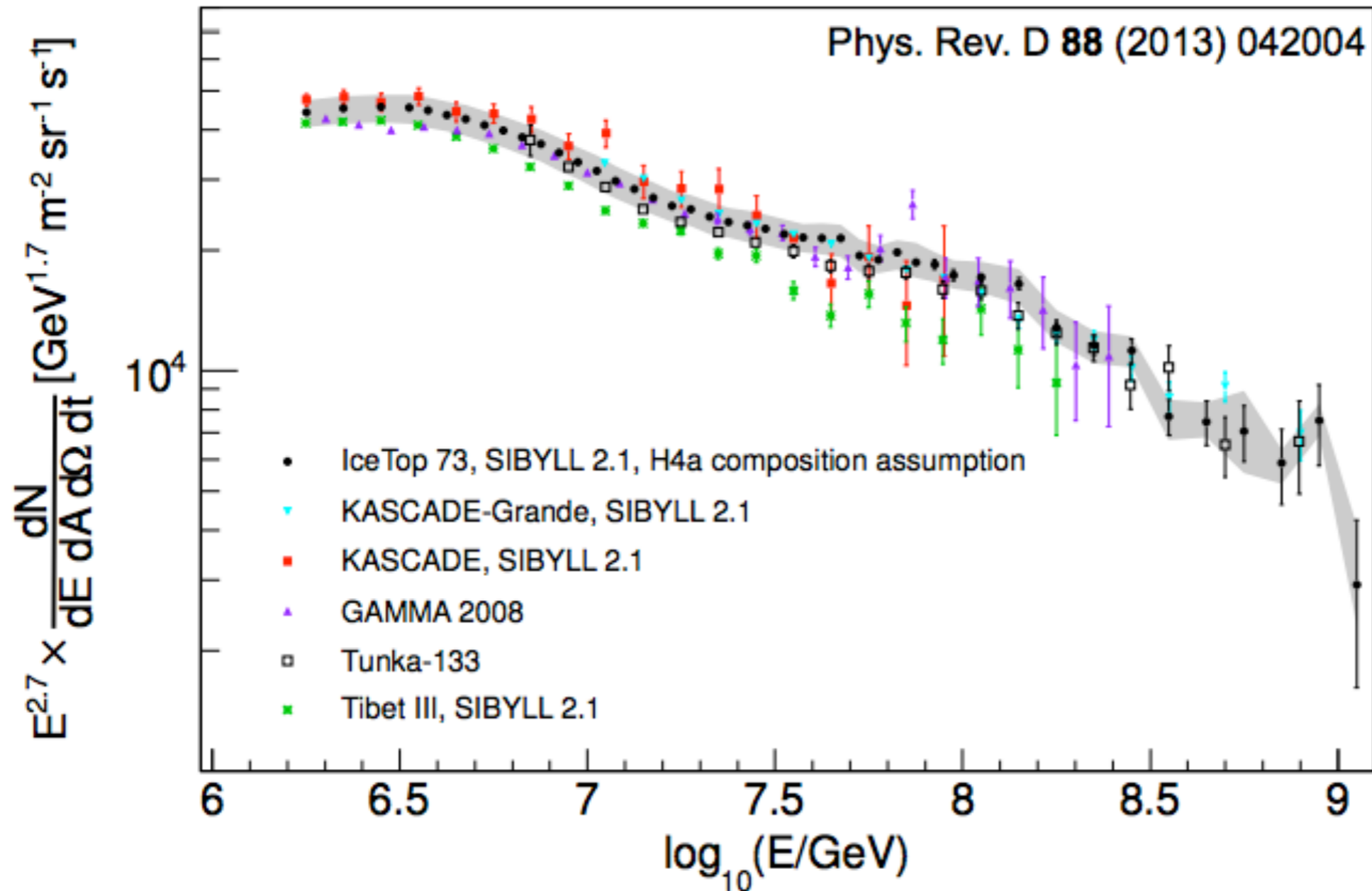
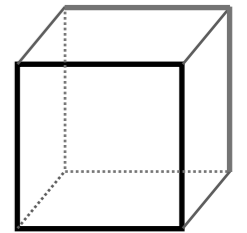
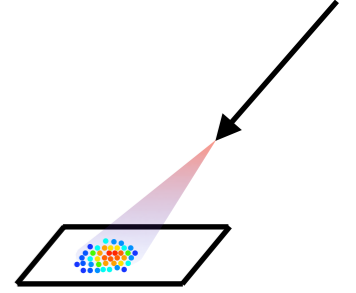
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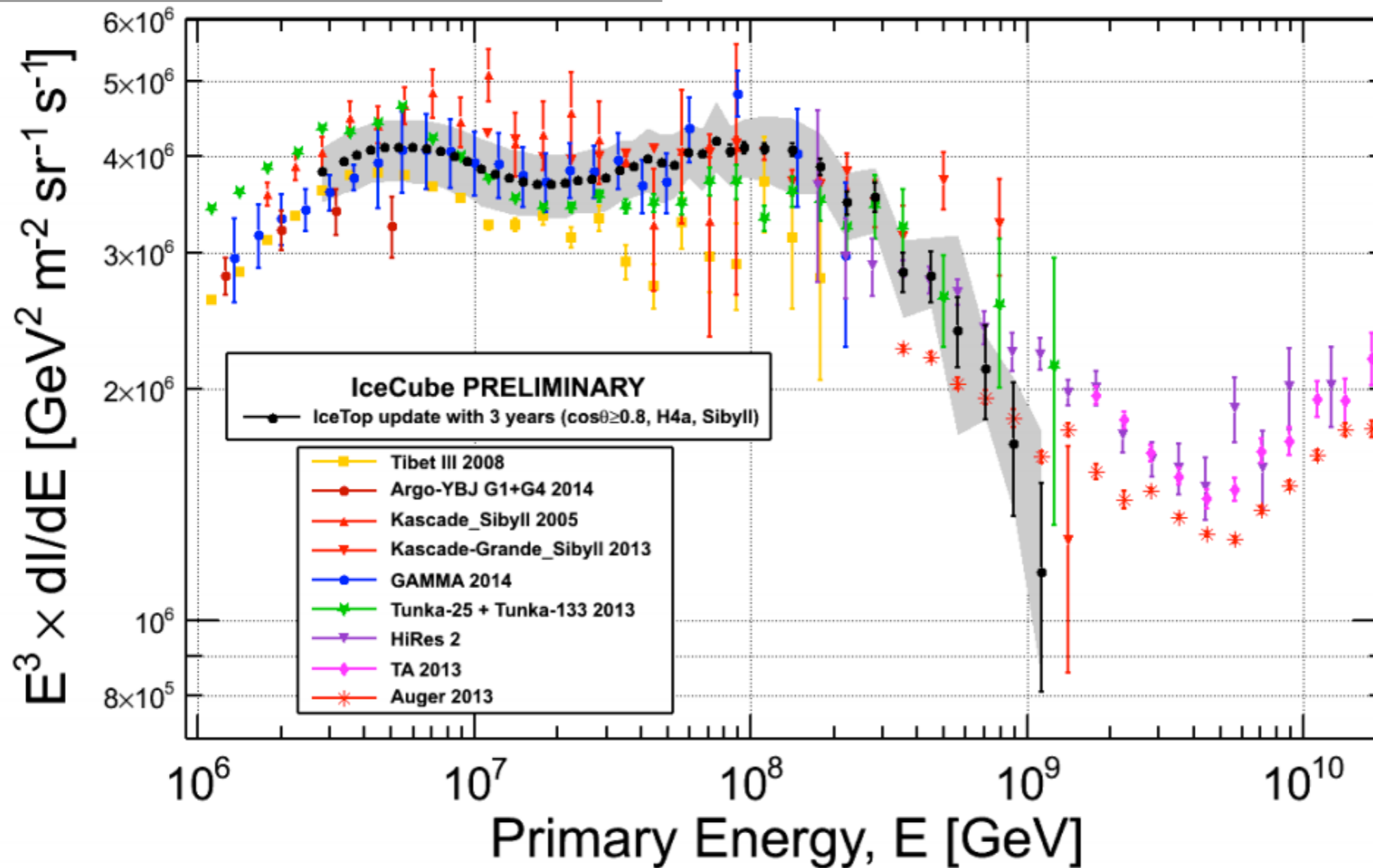
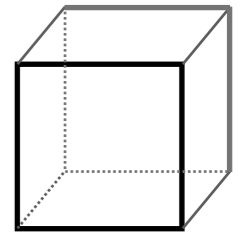
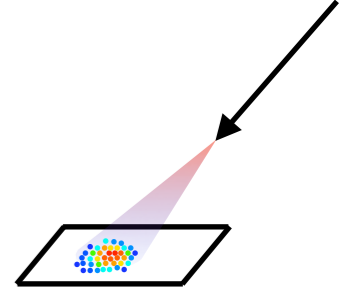
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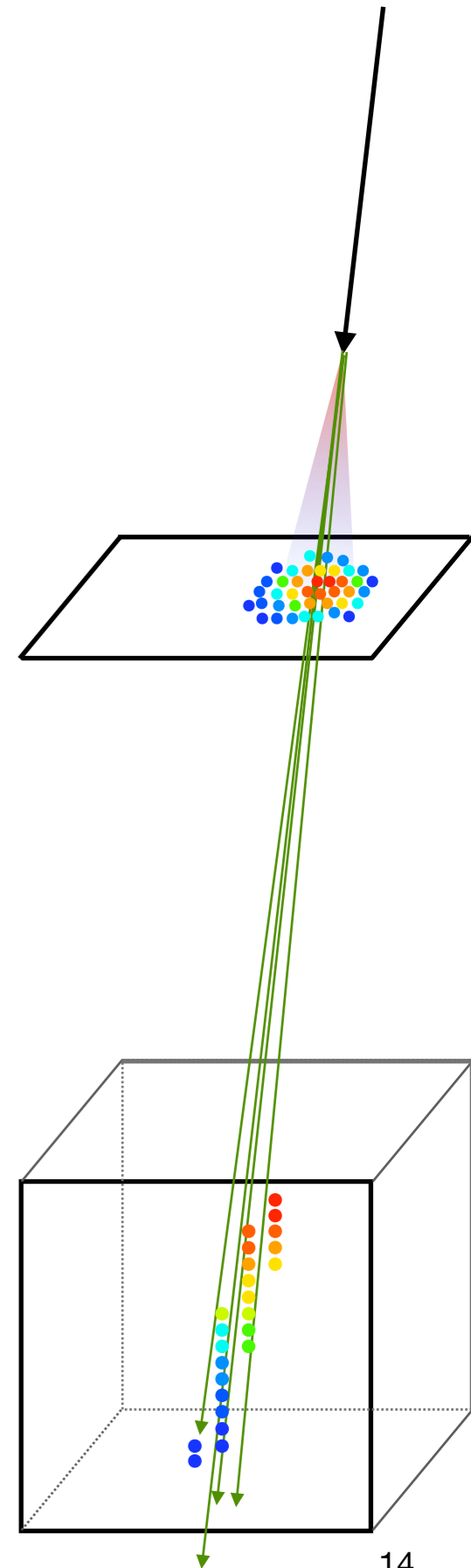
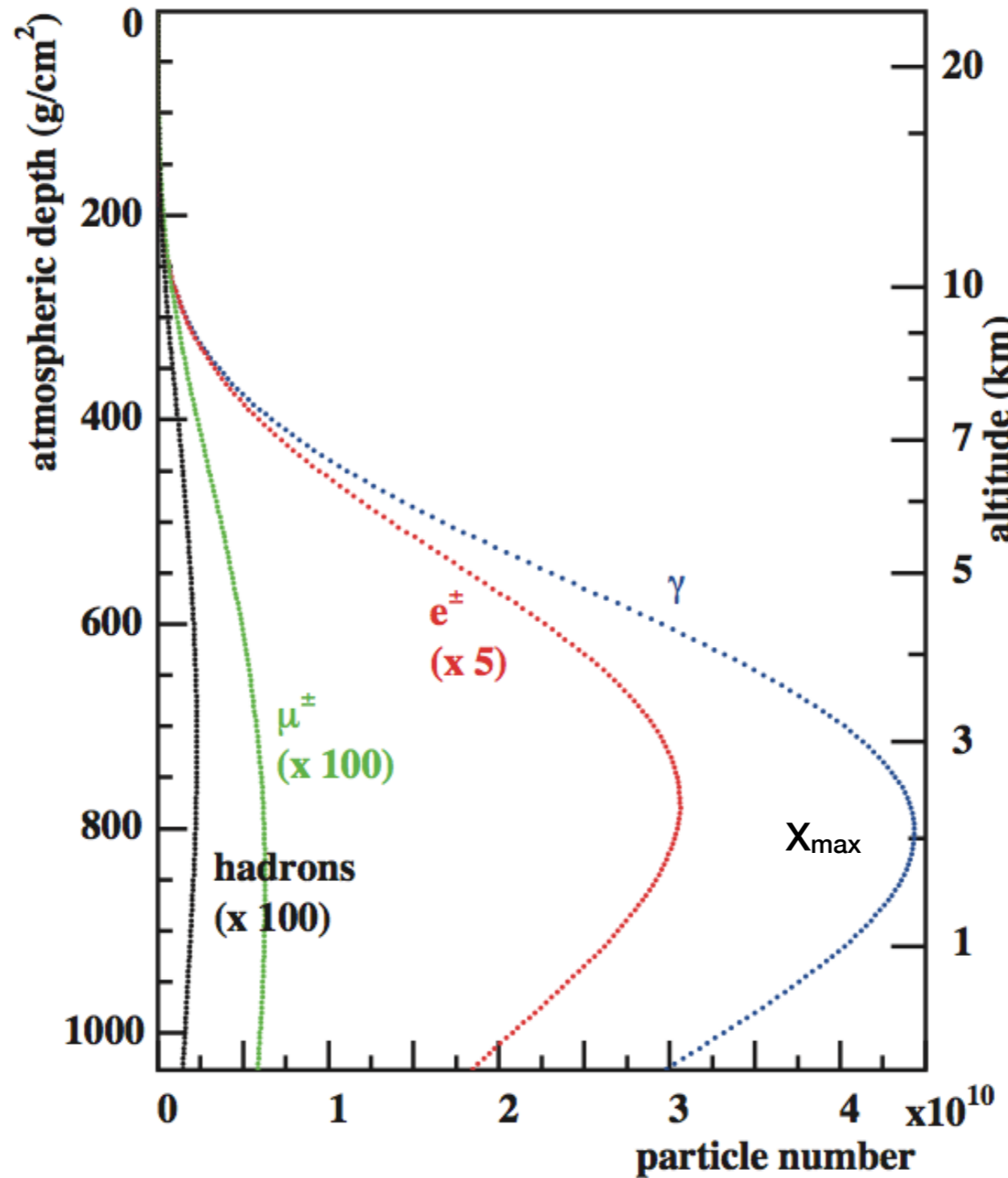
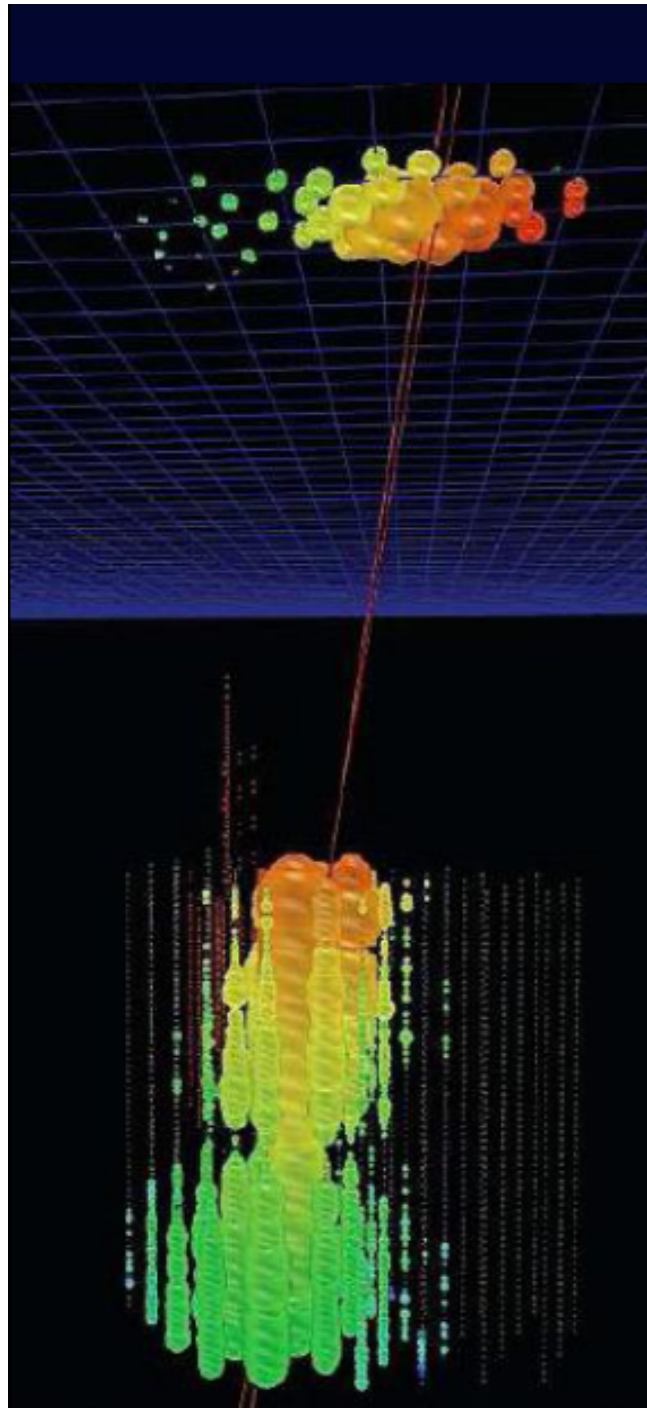


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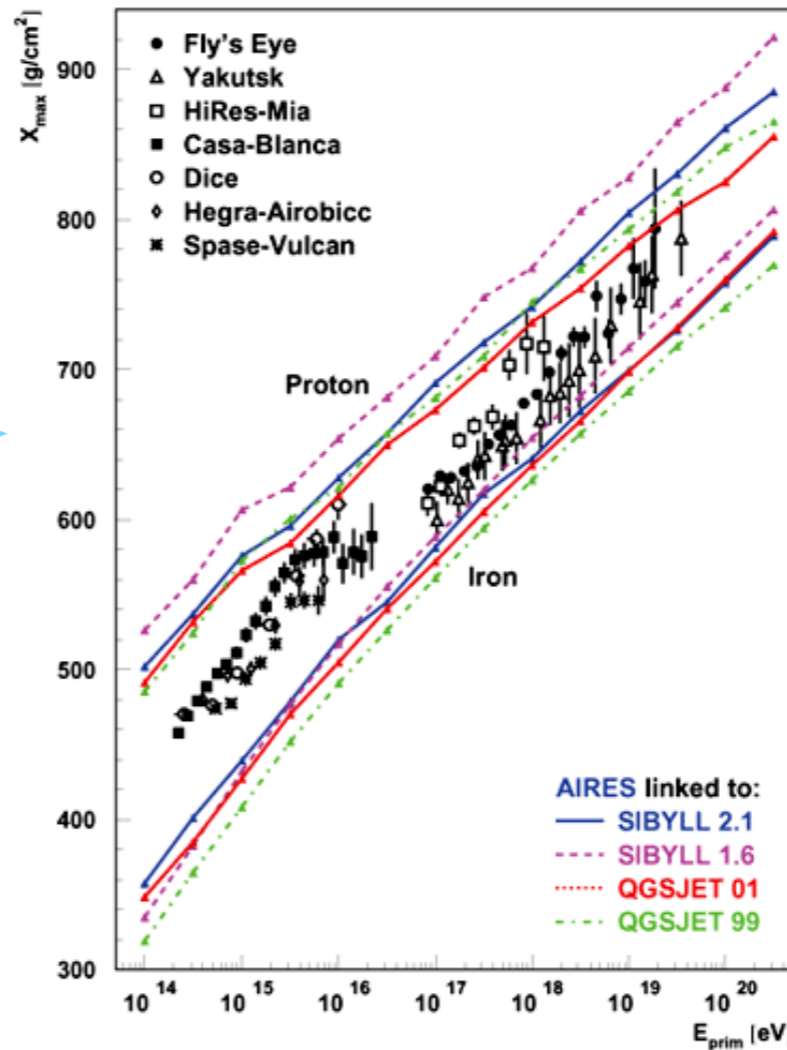
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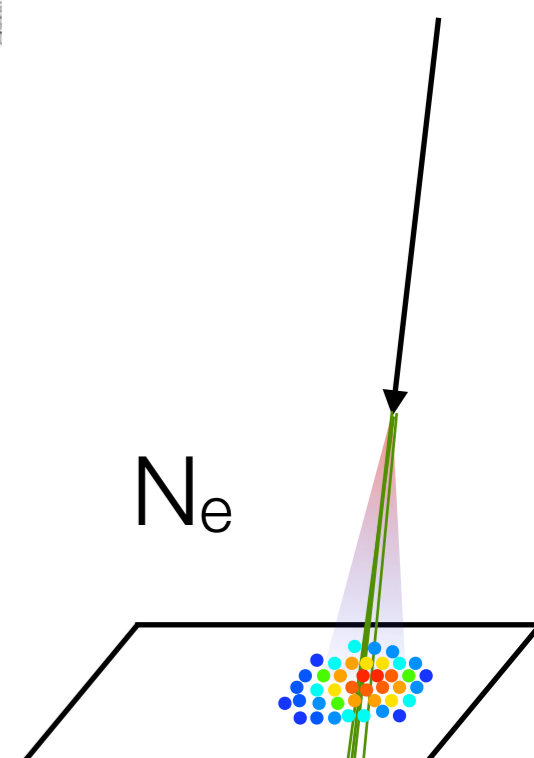
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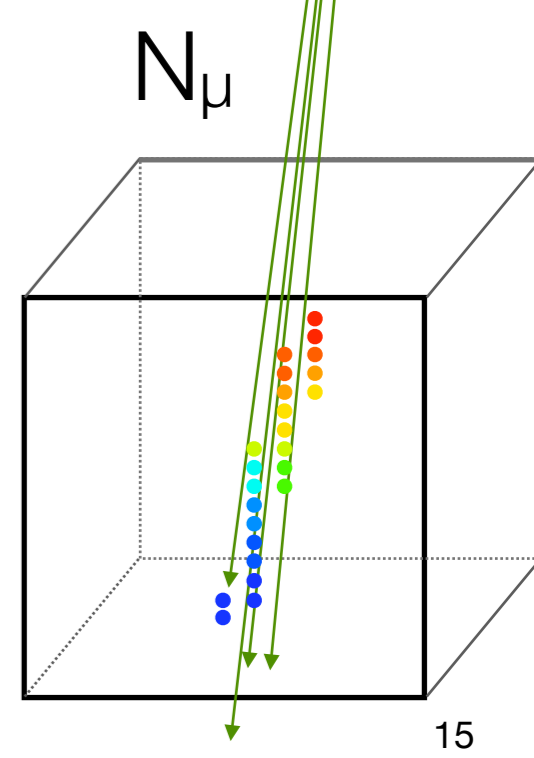
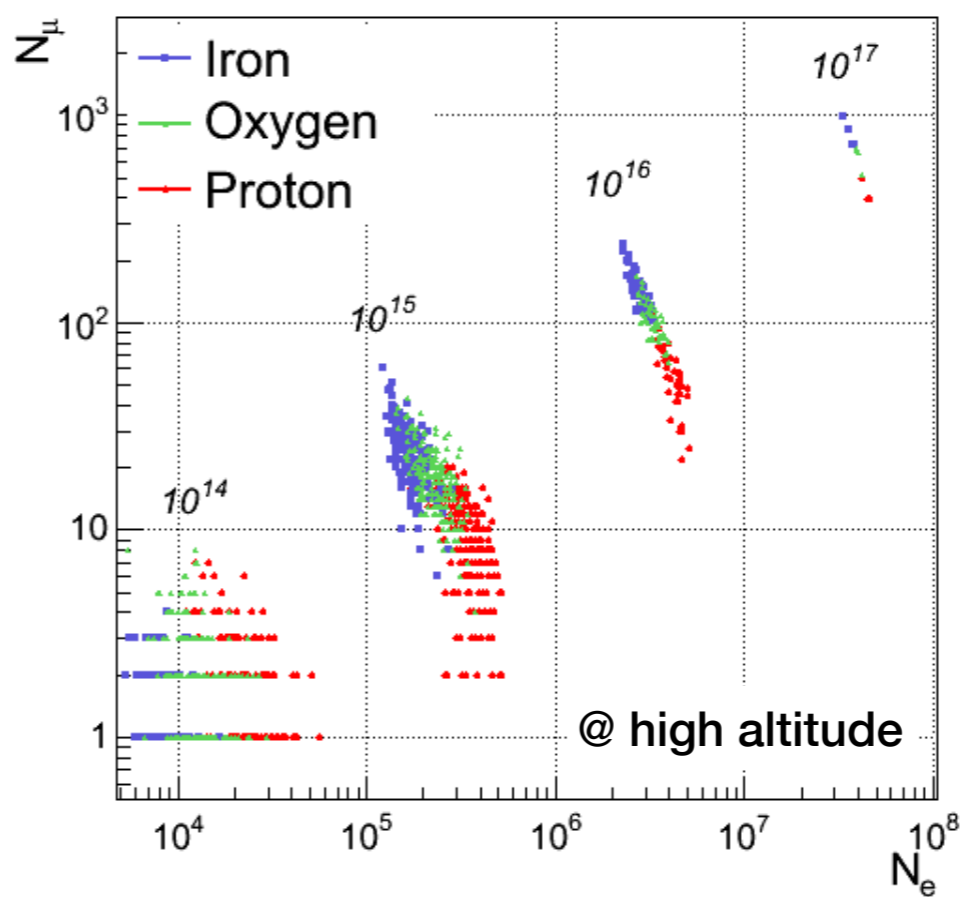
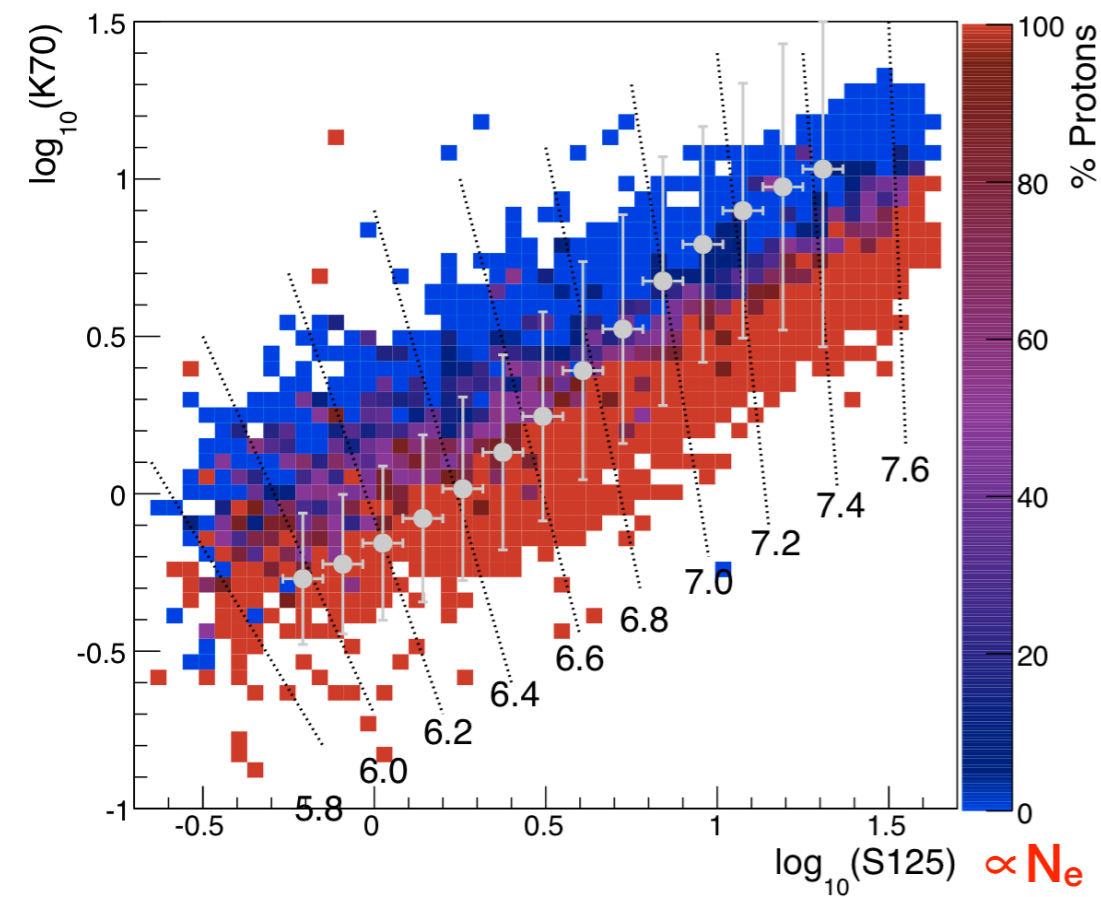
@Antarctica



← @sea level



$\propto N_{\mu}$



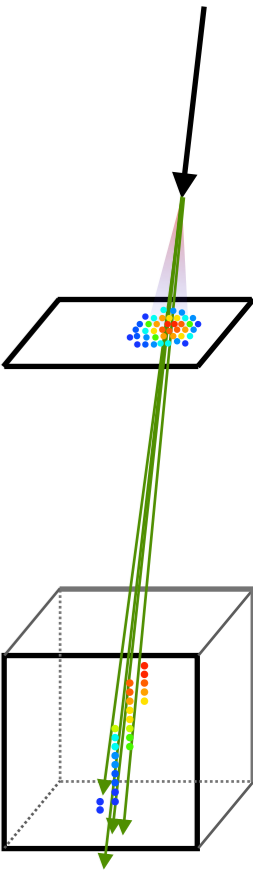


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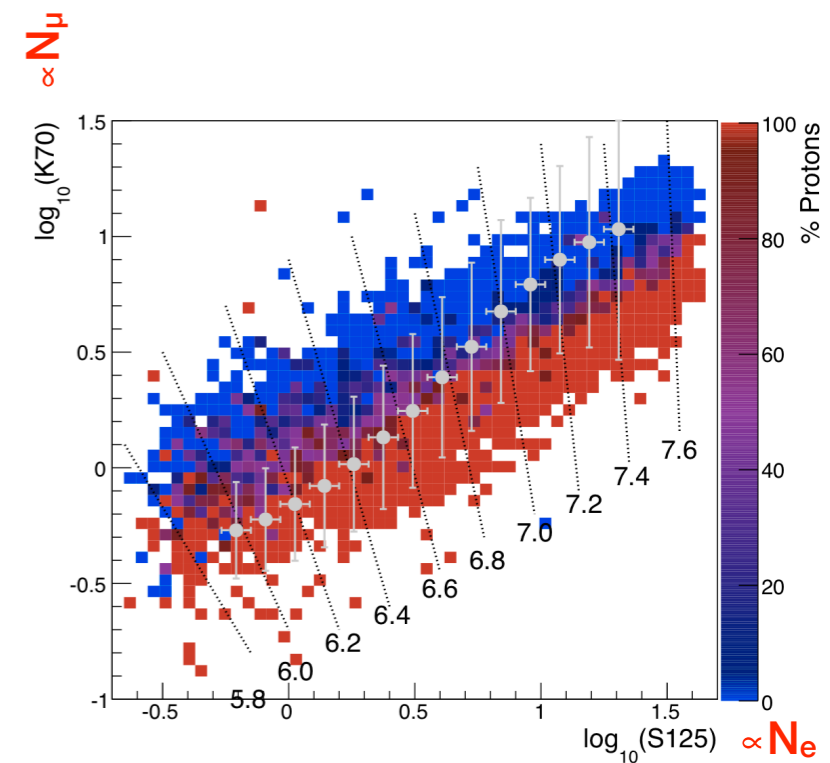
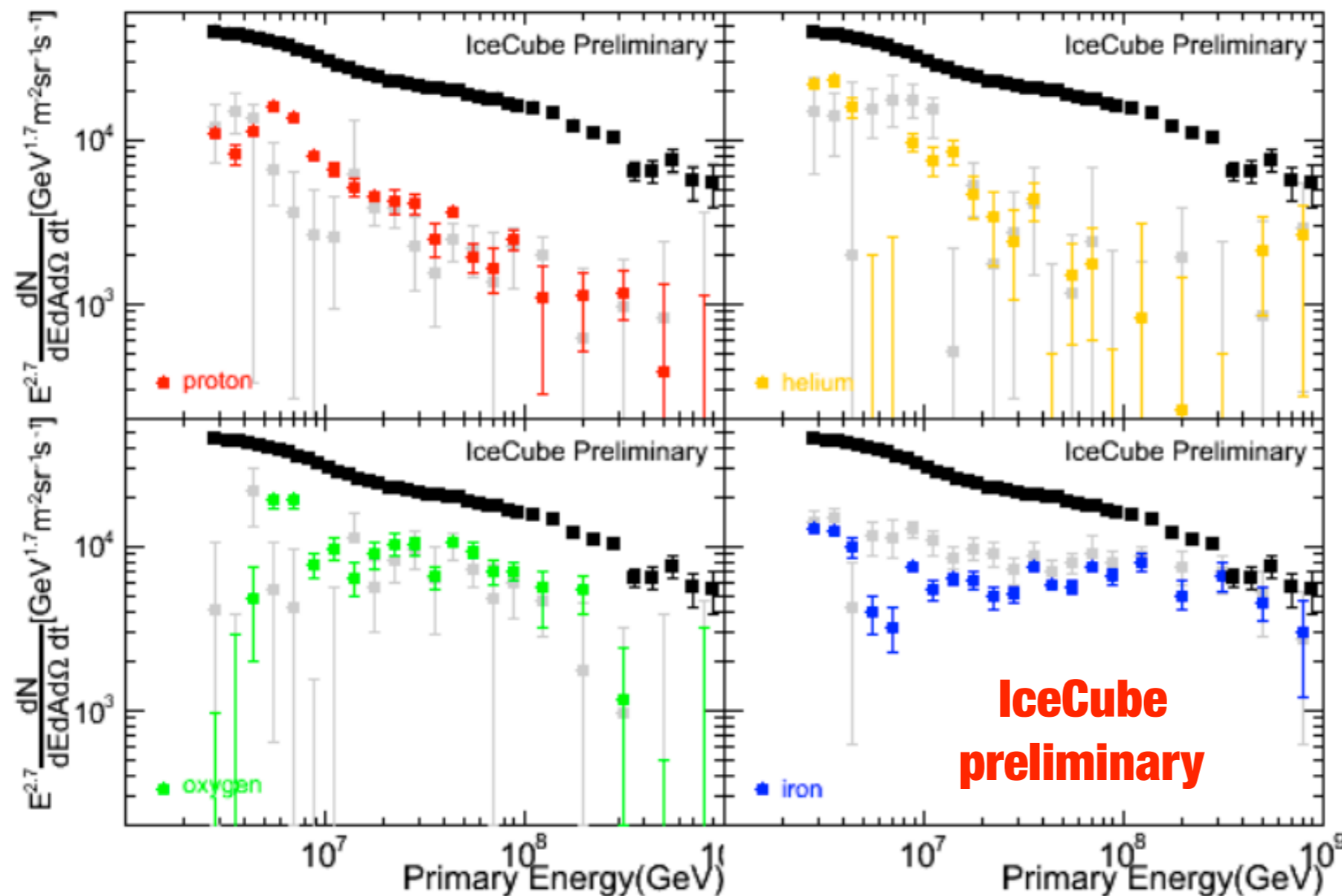
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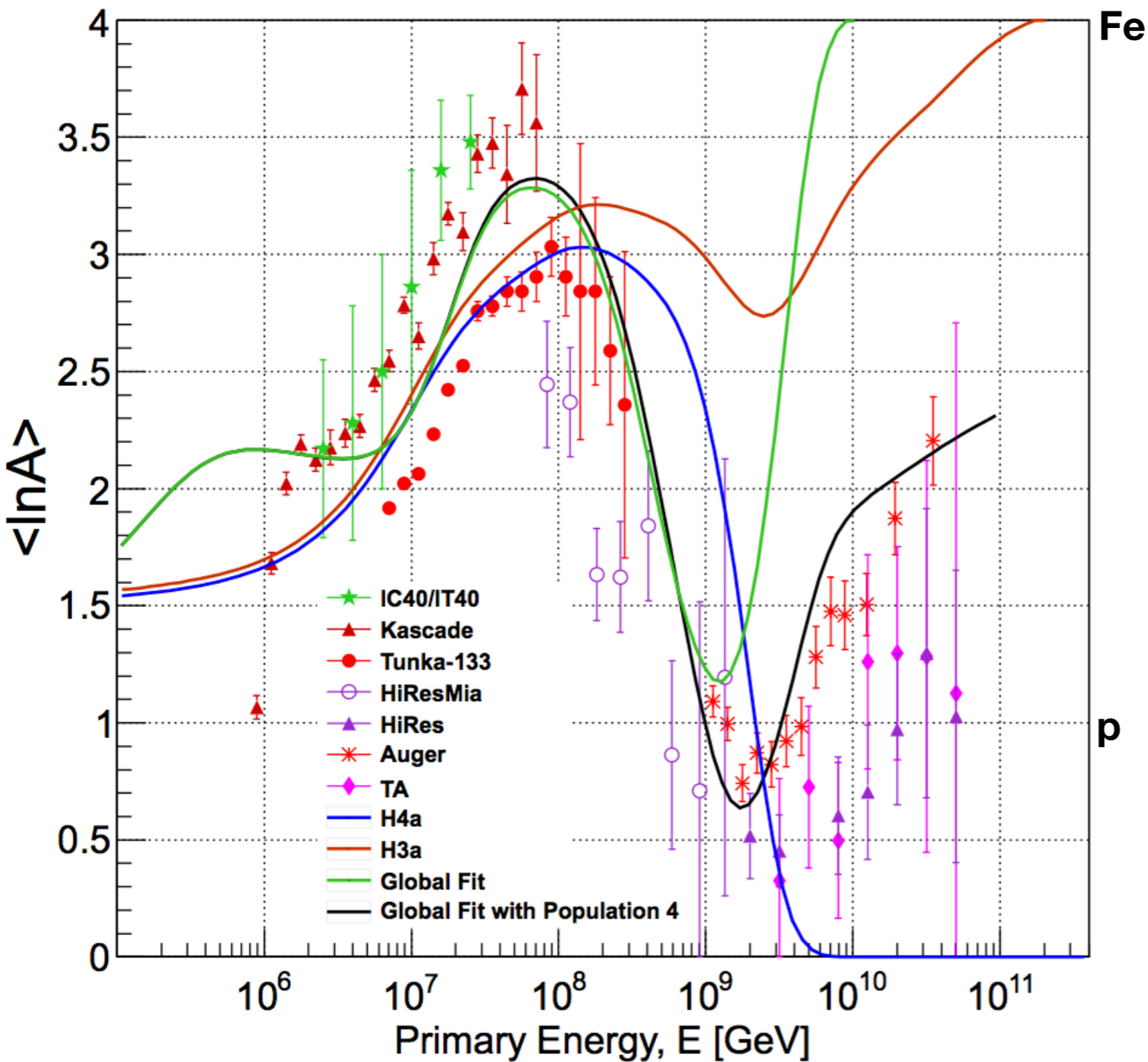


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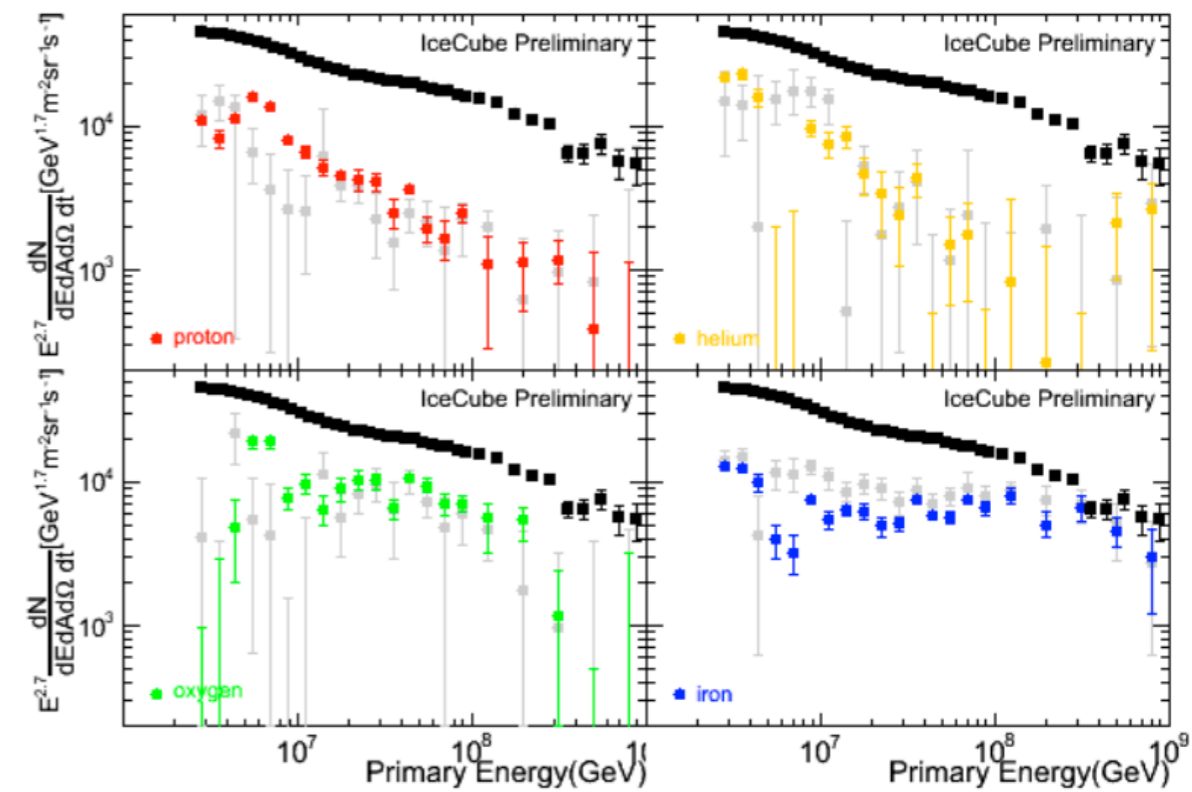
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other experiments



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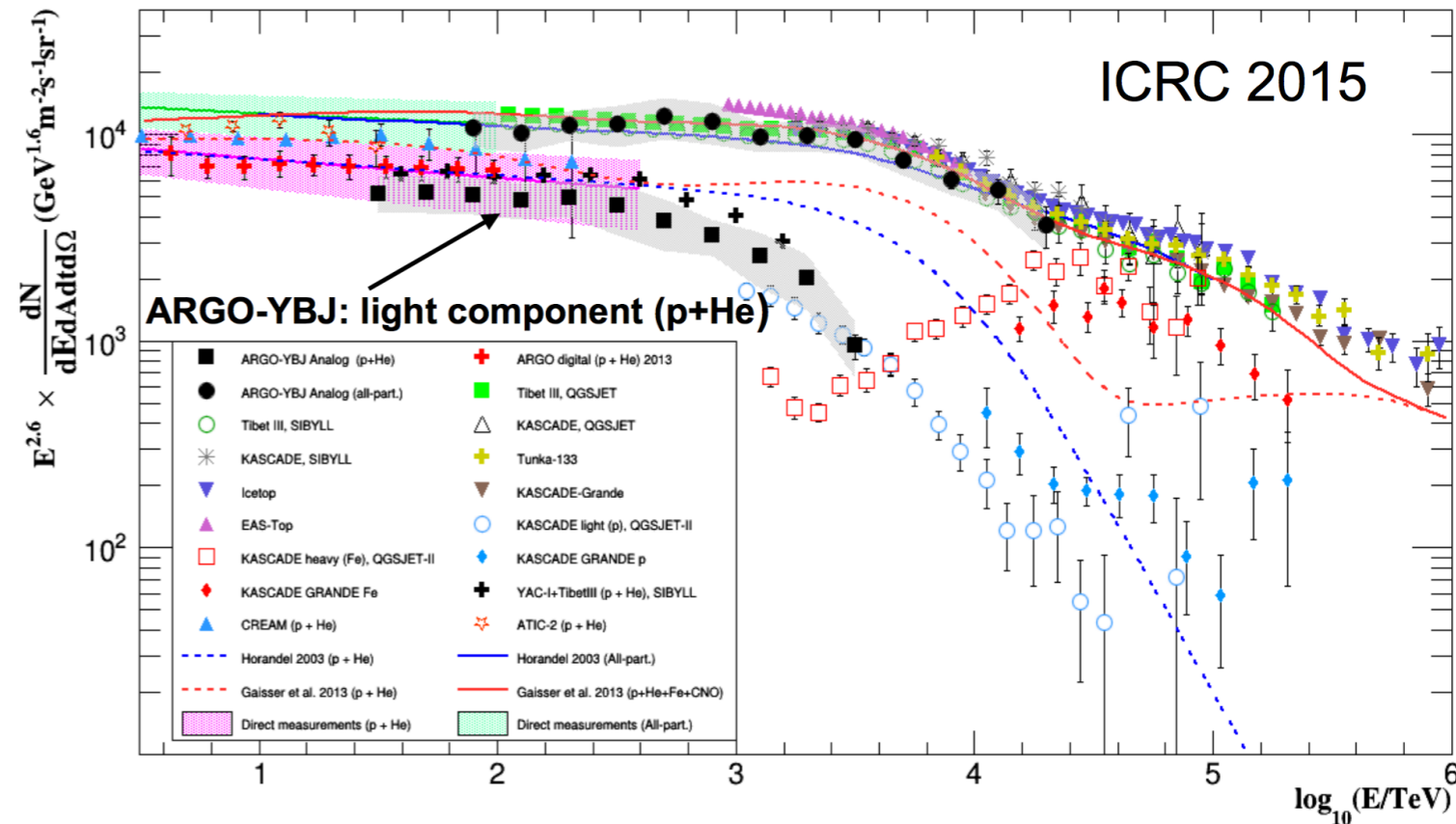
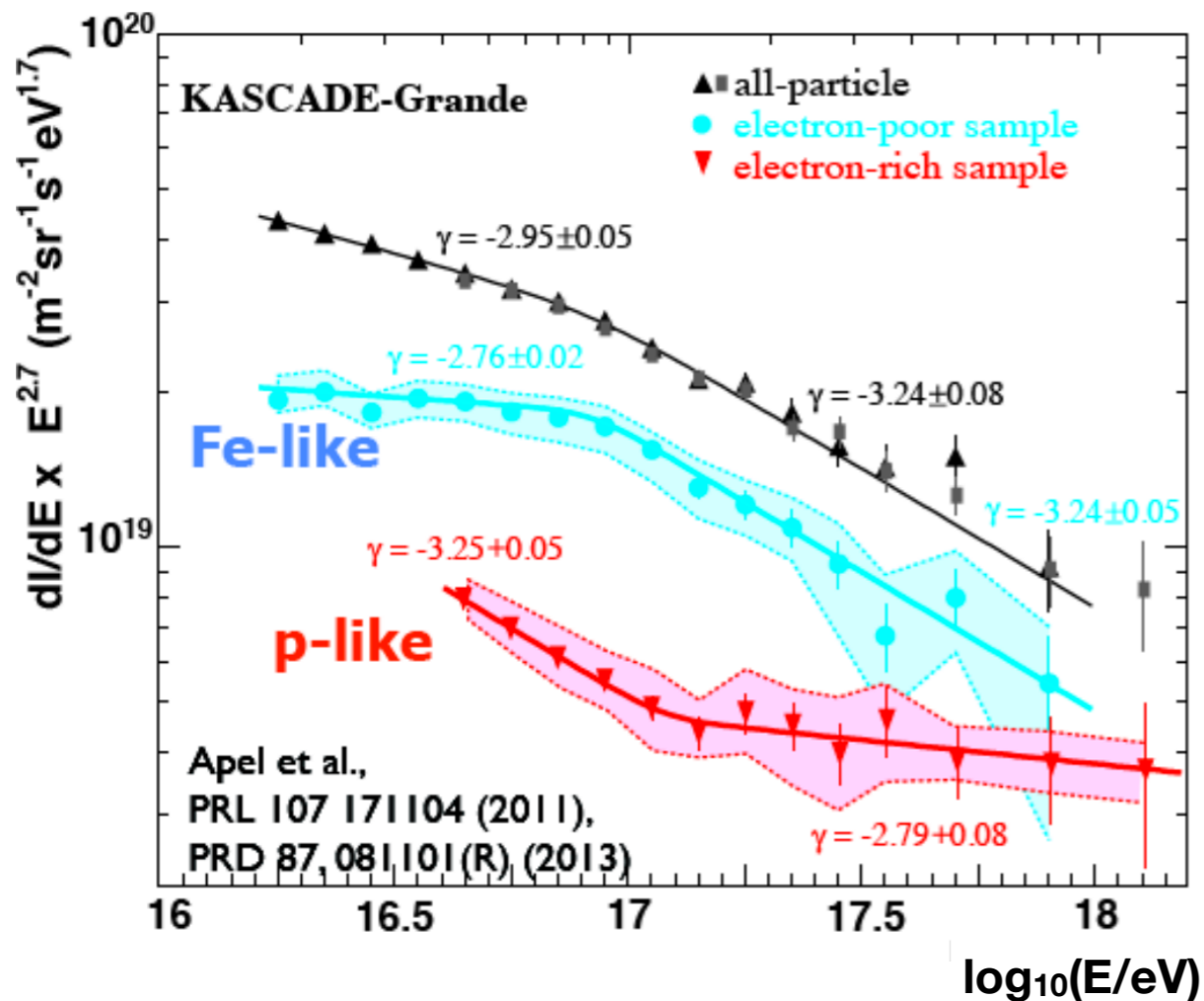
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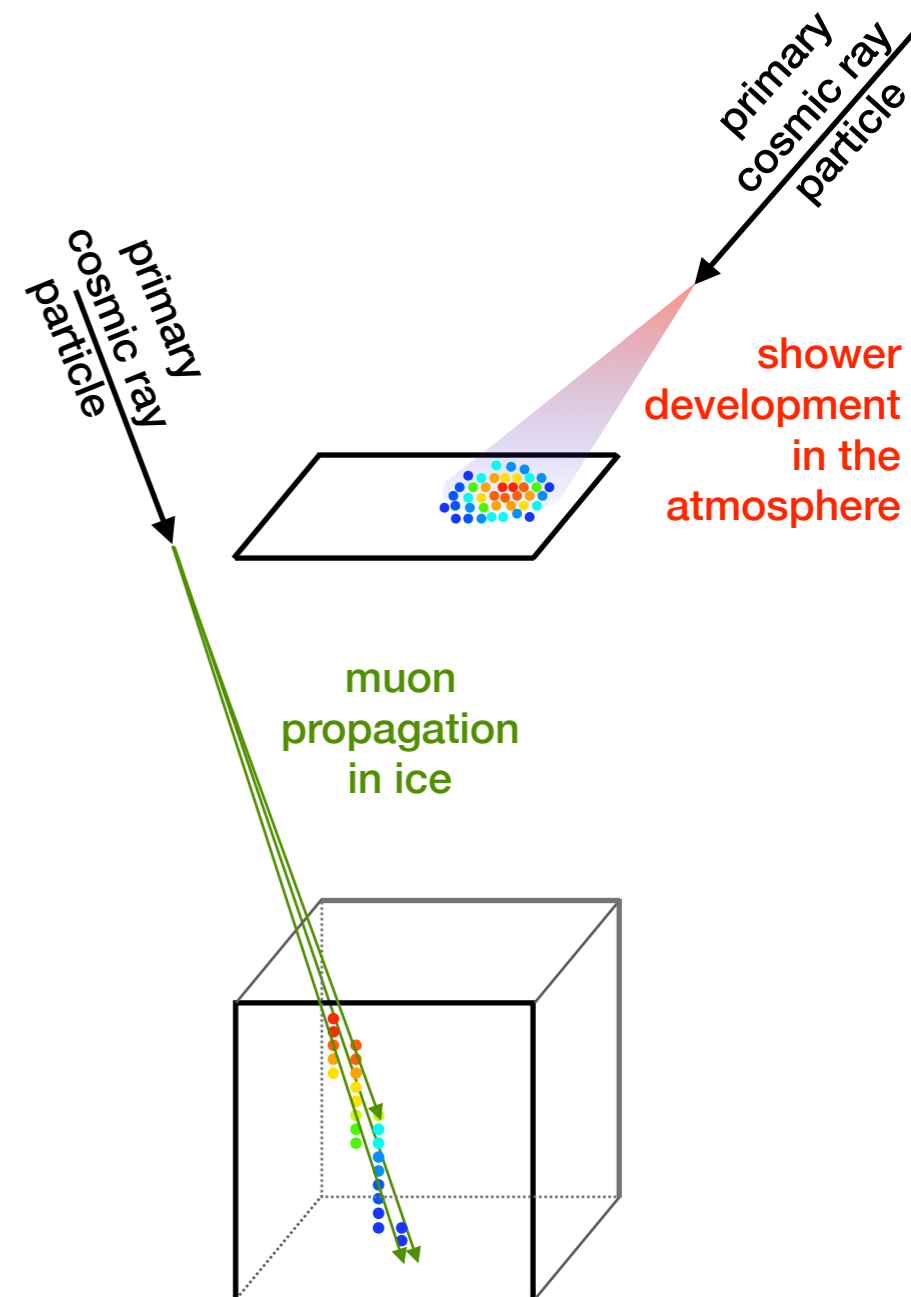
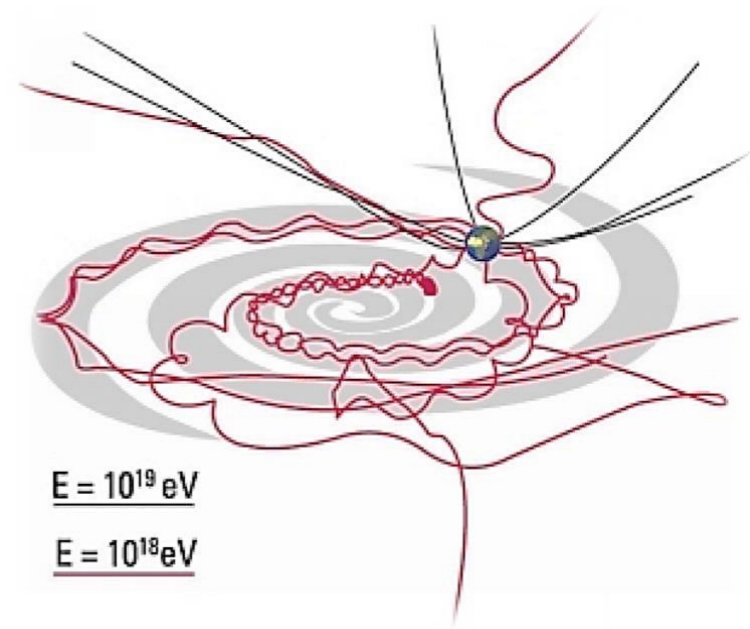
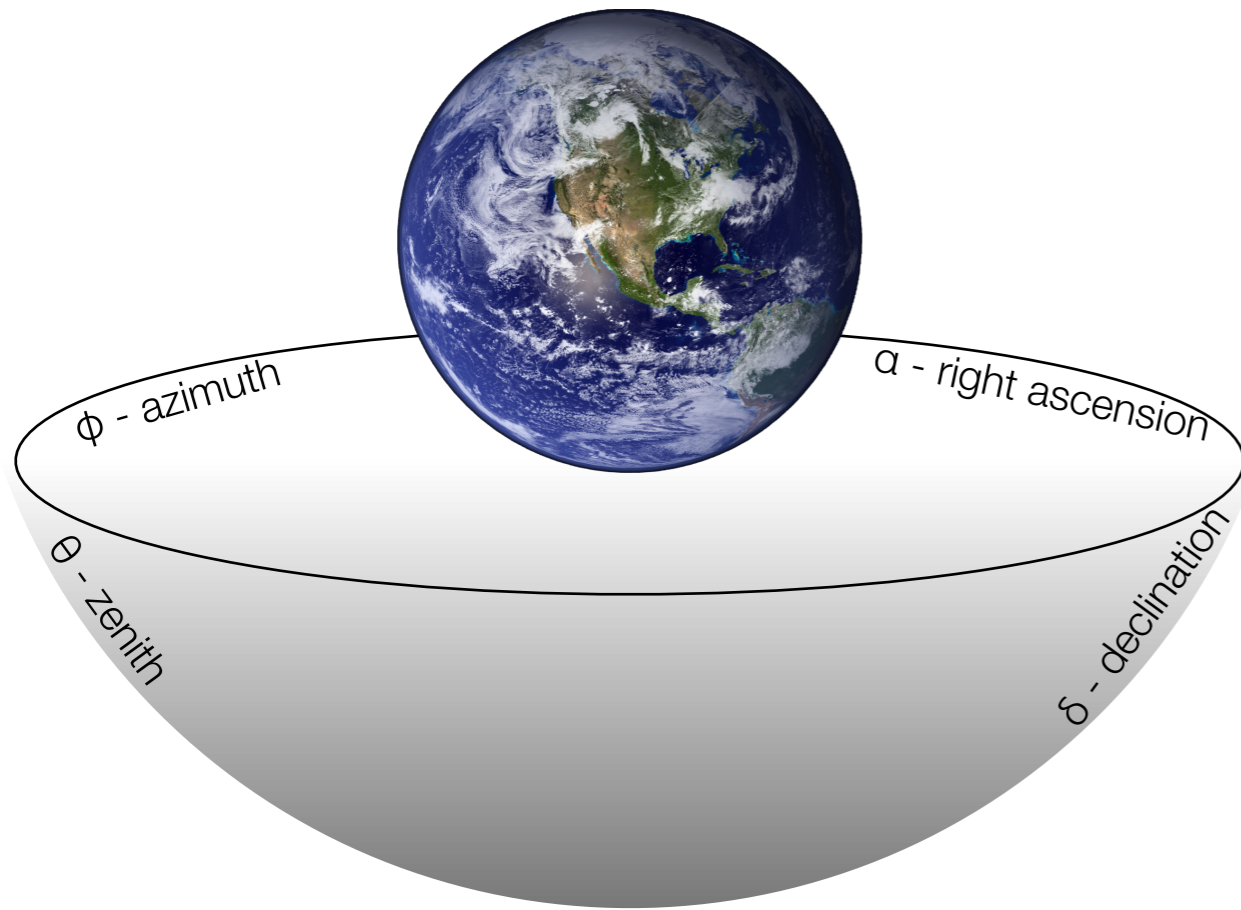
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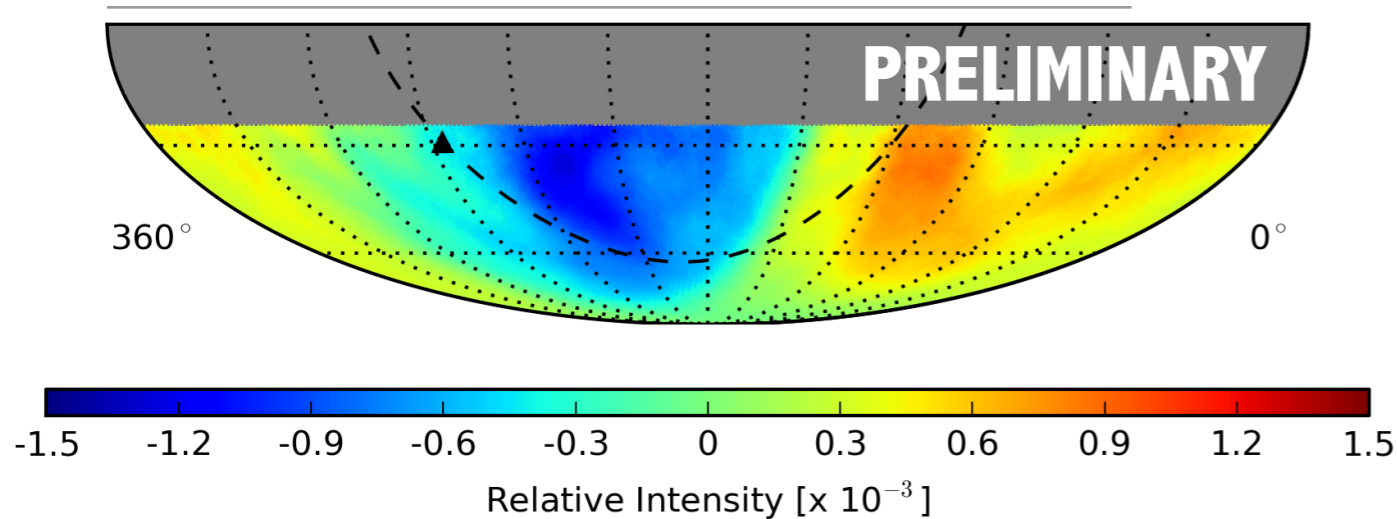
- cosmic rays expected to be **almost** isotropic
- **scrambled** by galactic magnetic field
- **anisotropy** from source dist. & magnetic fields



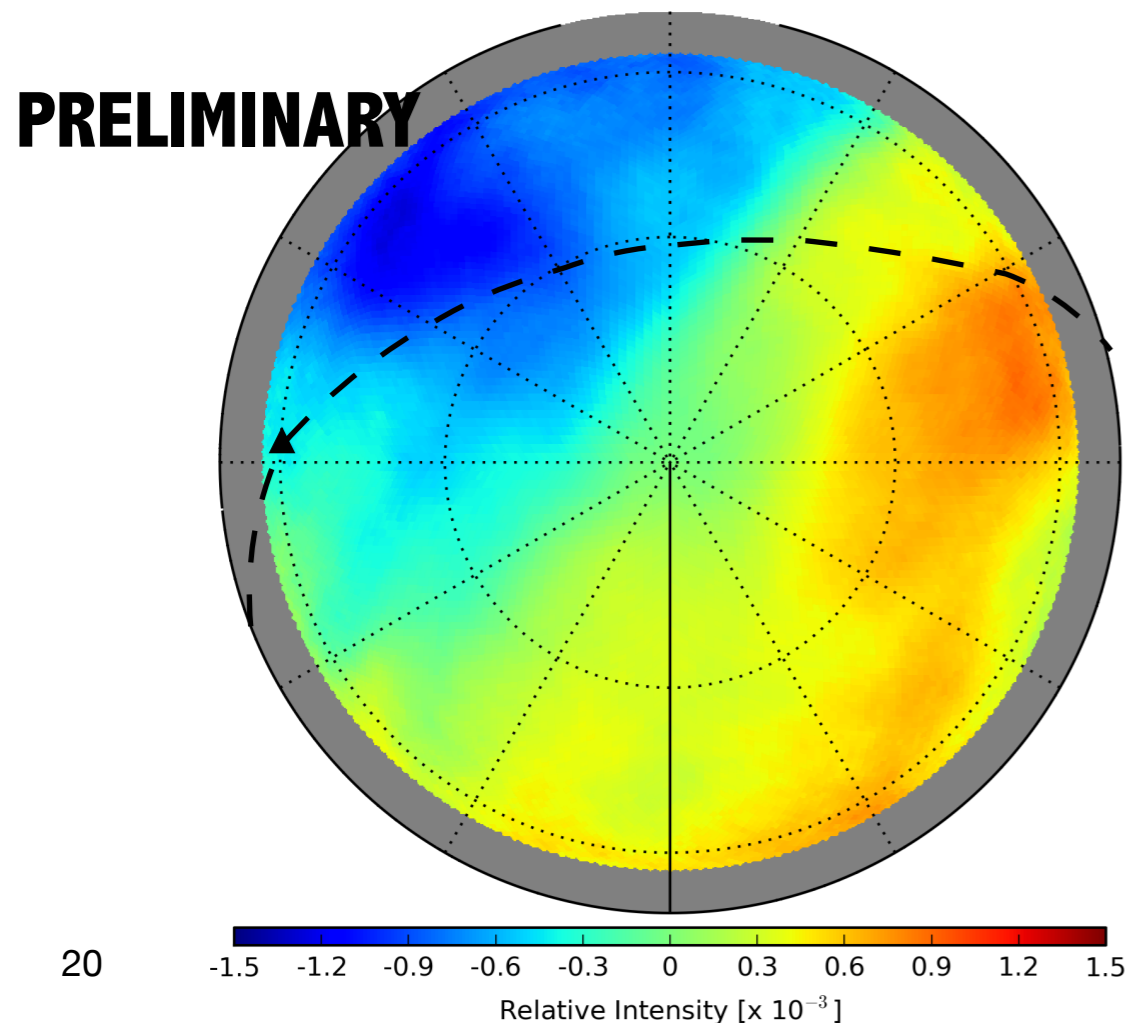
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to be submitted to ApJ



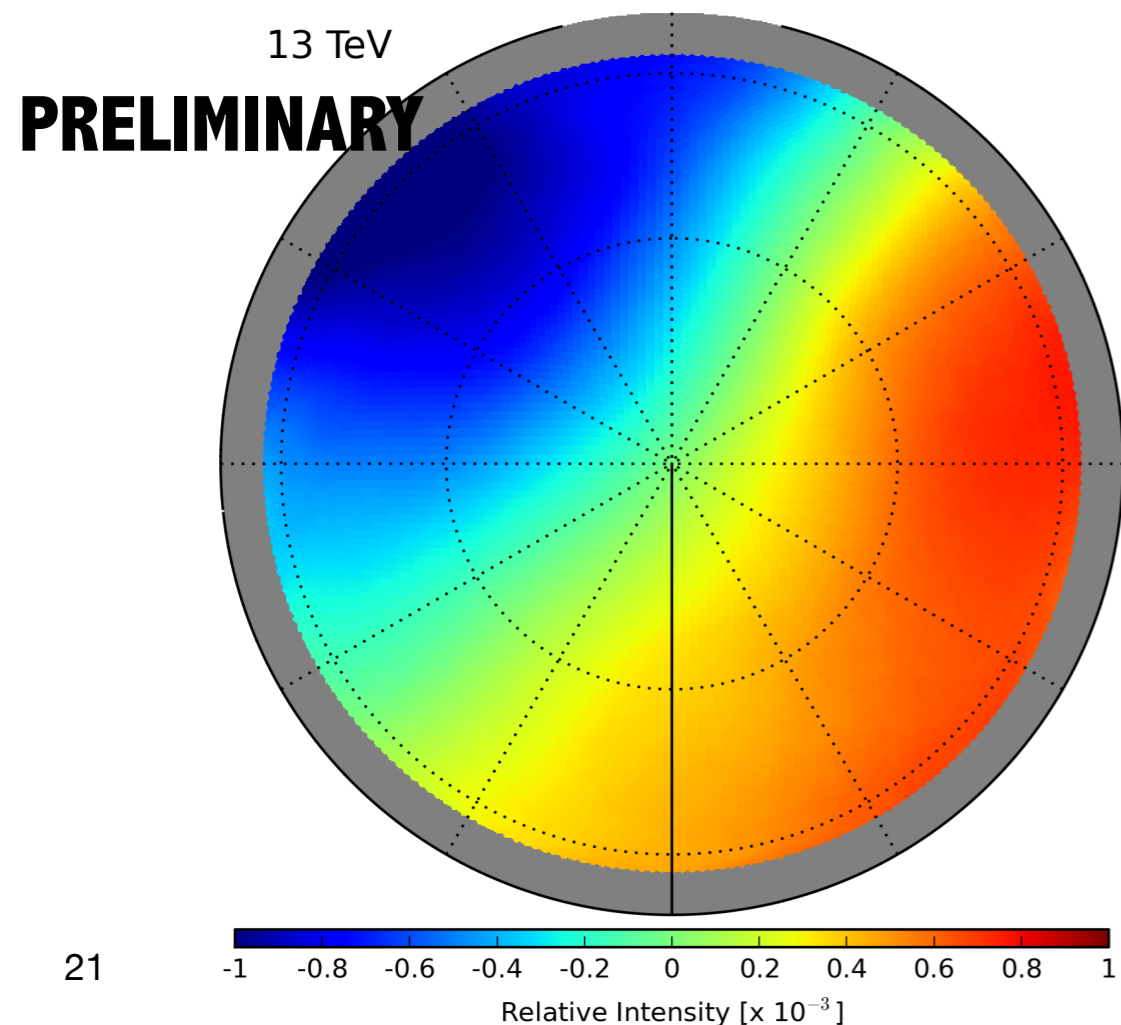
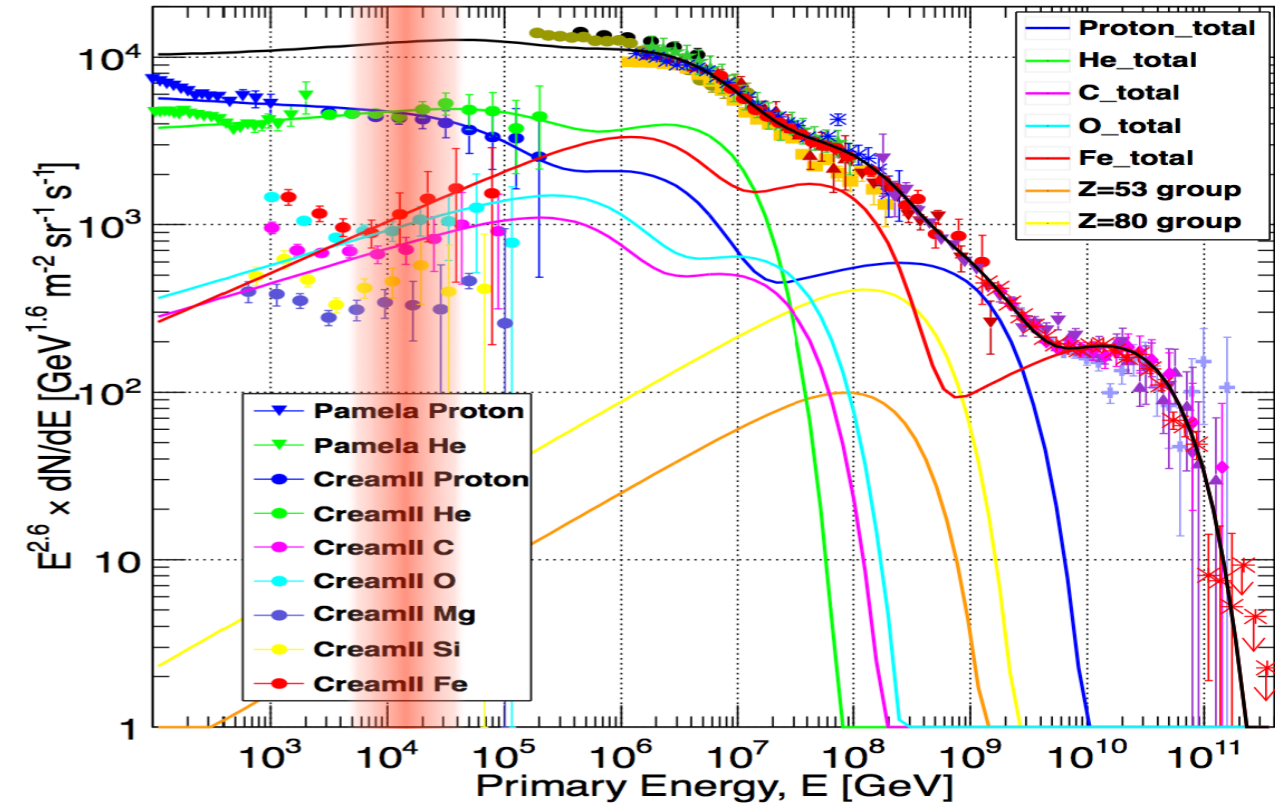
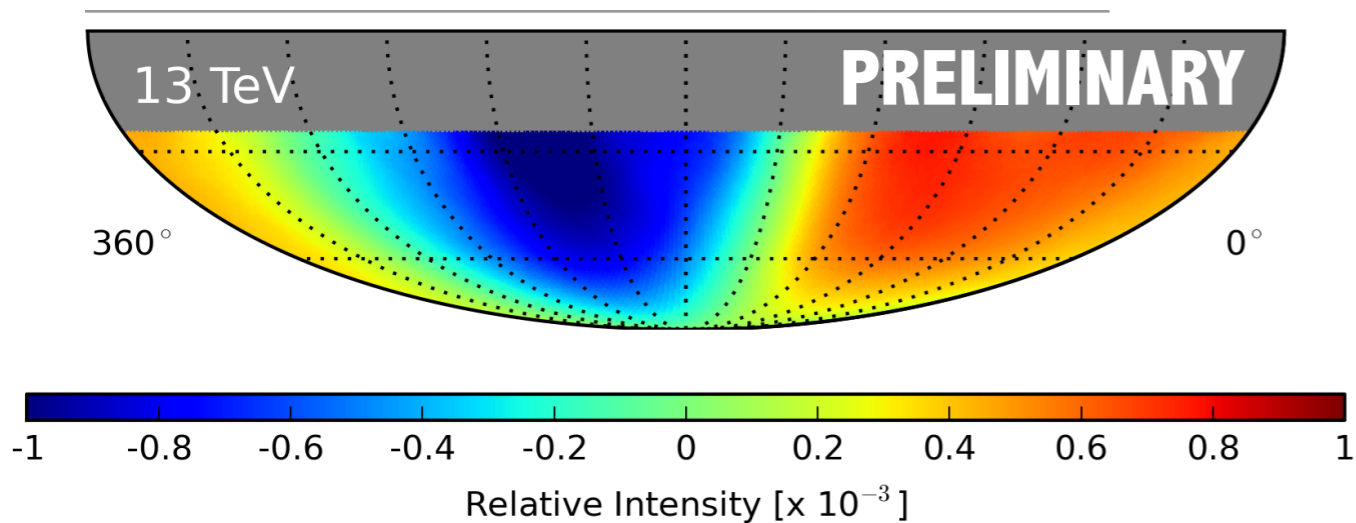
- 6 years of IceCube
- 300 billion events



- anisotropy on the level of  $10^{-3}$
- median cosmic ray energy **20 TeV**
- trace sources ? Magnetic fields ?

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**13 TeV**

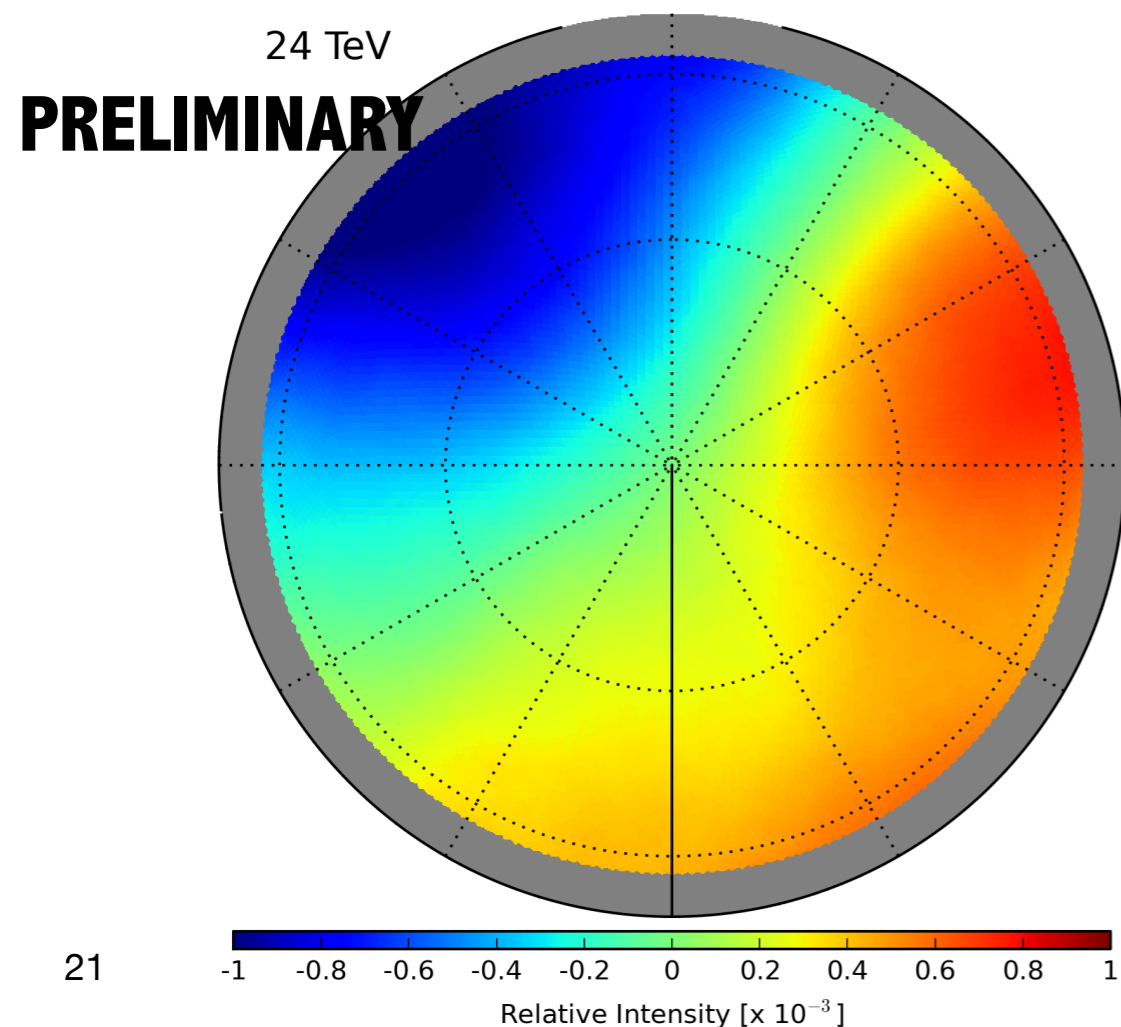
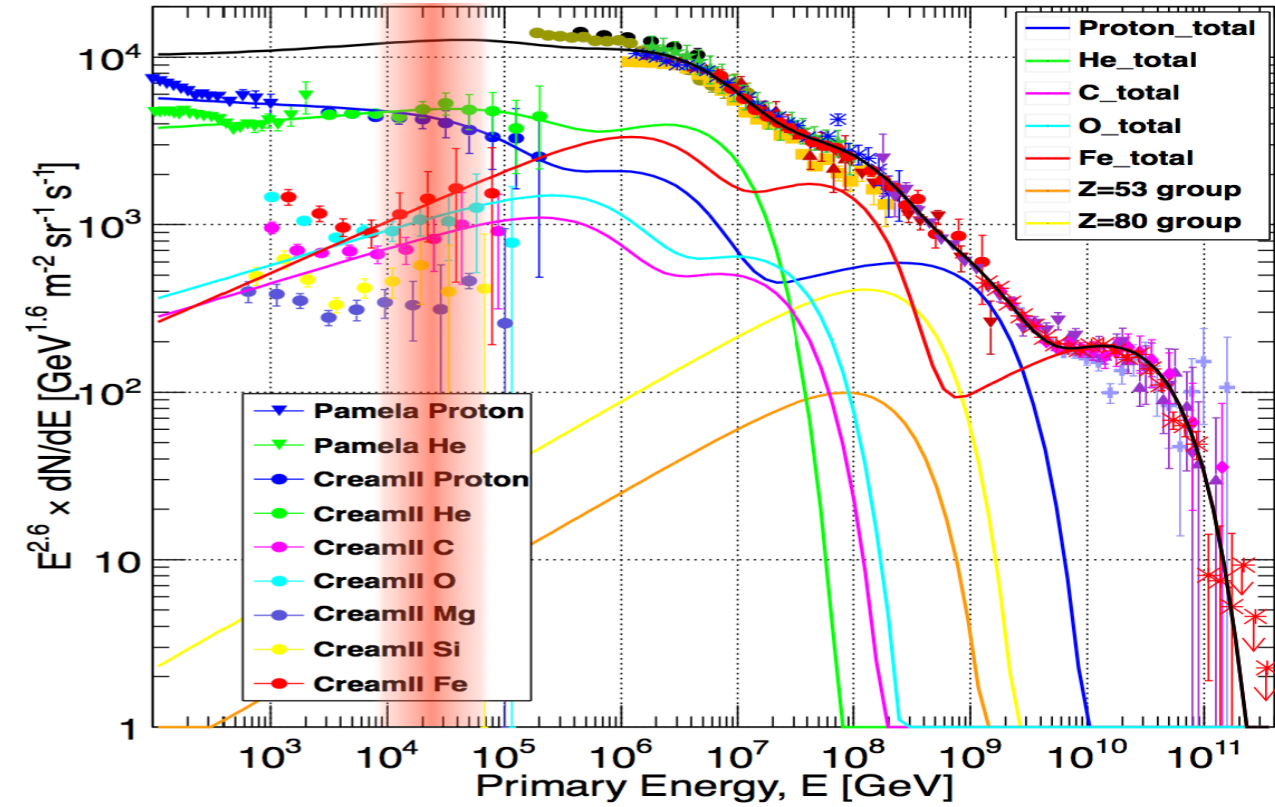
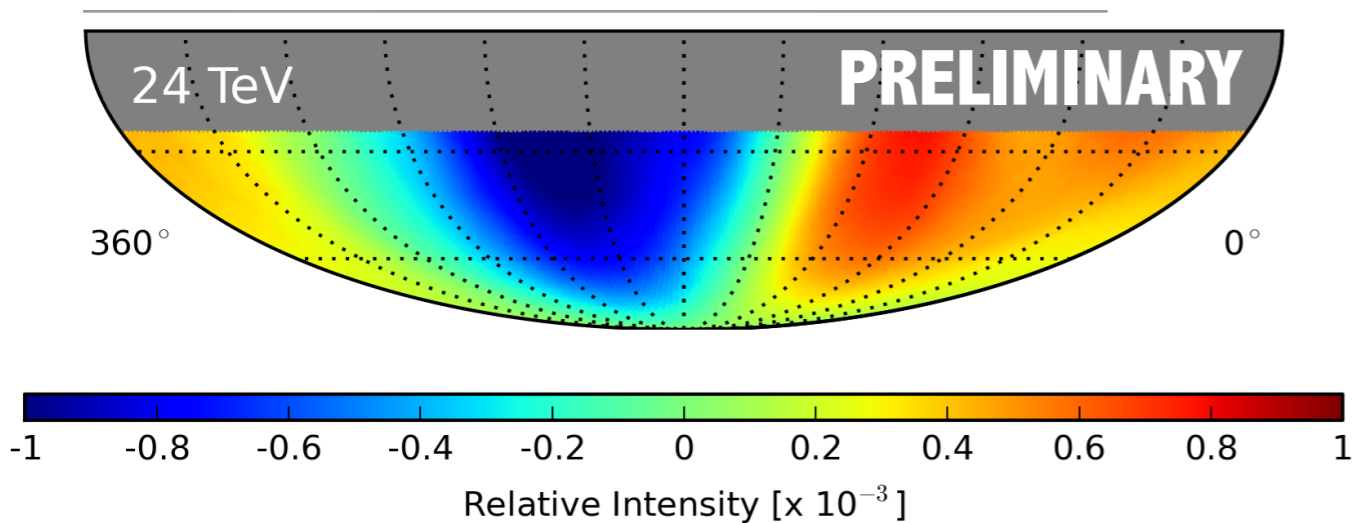
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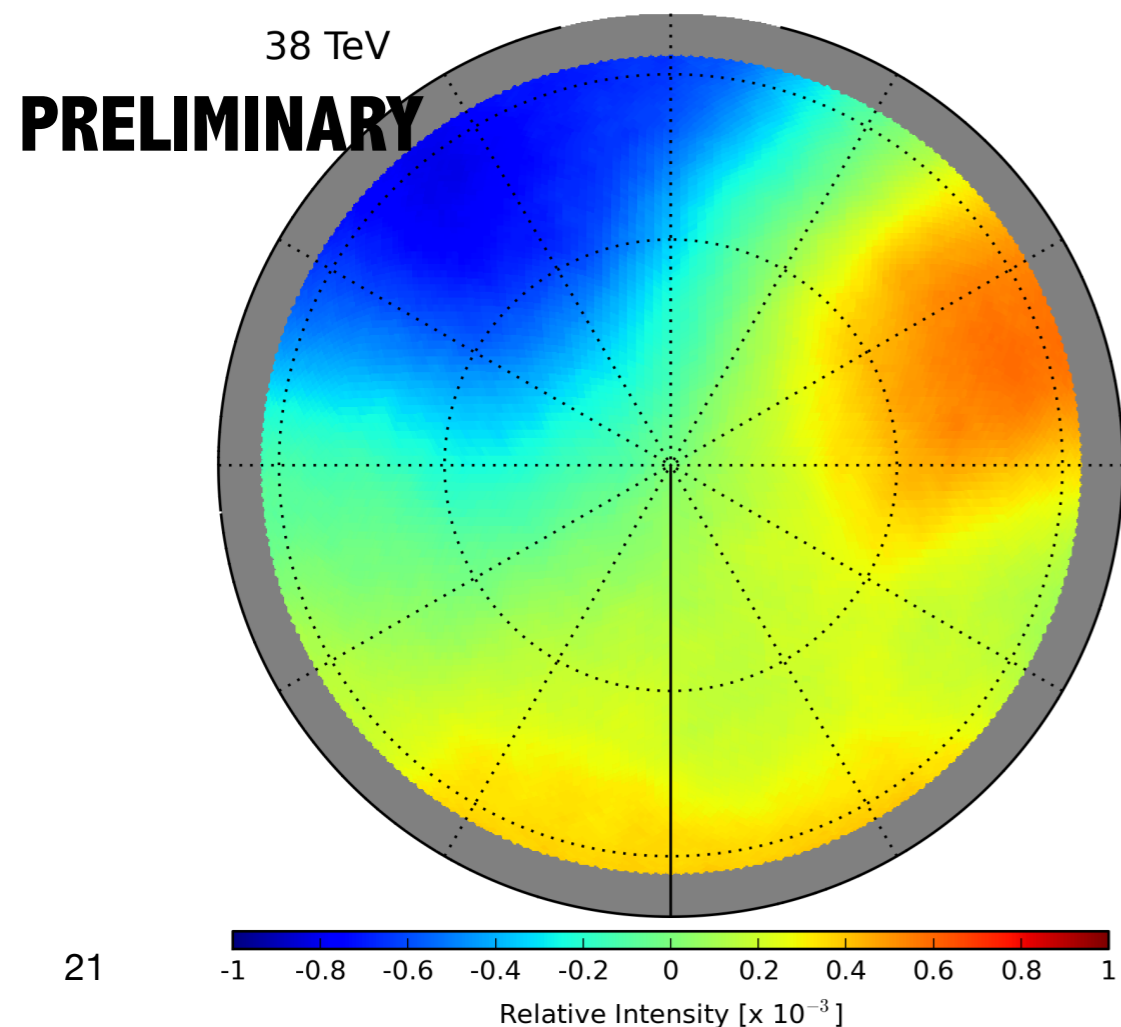
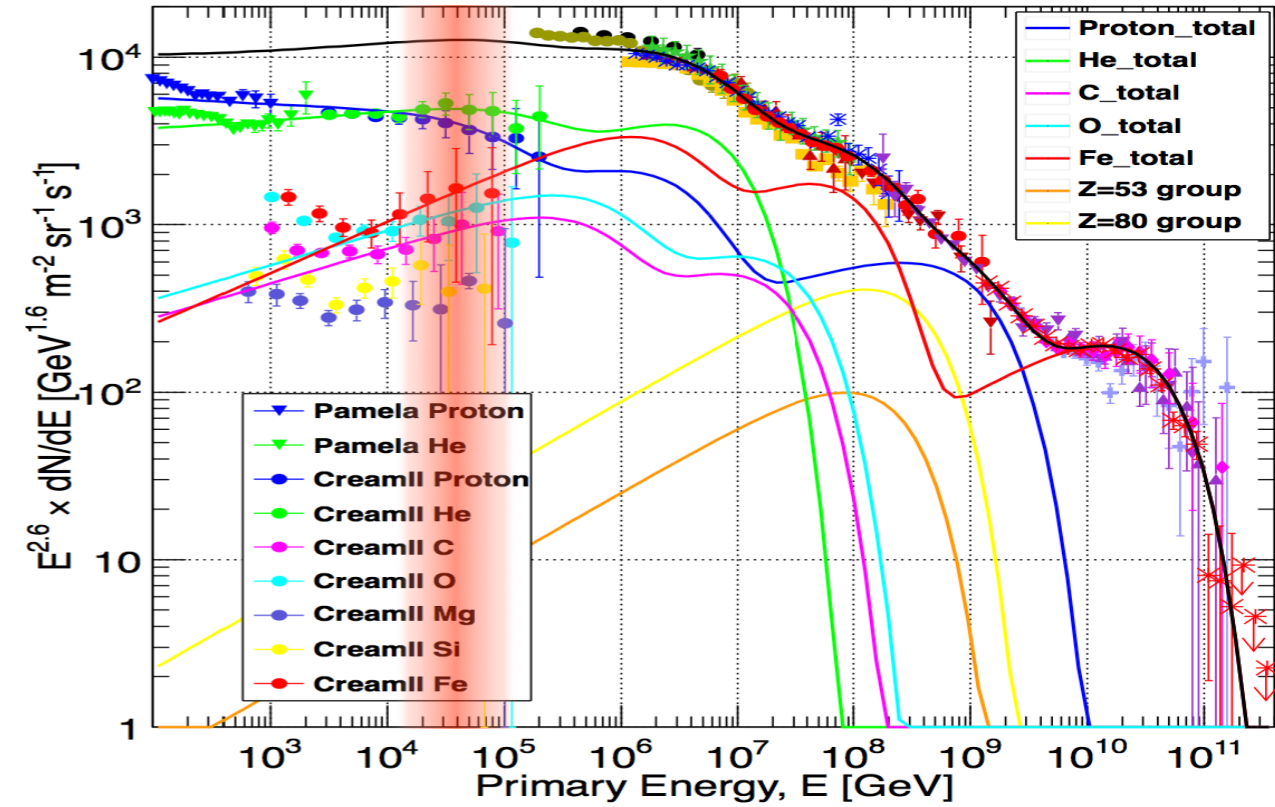
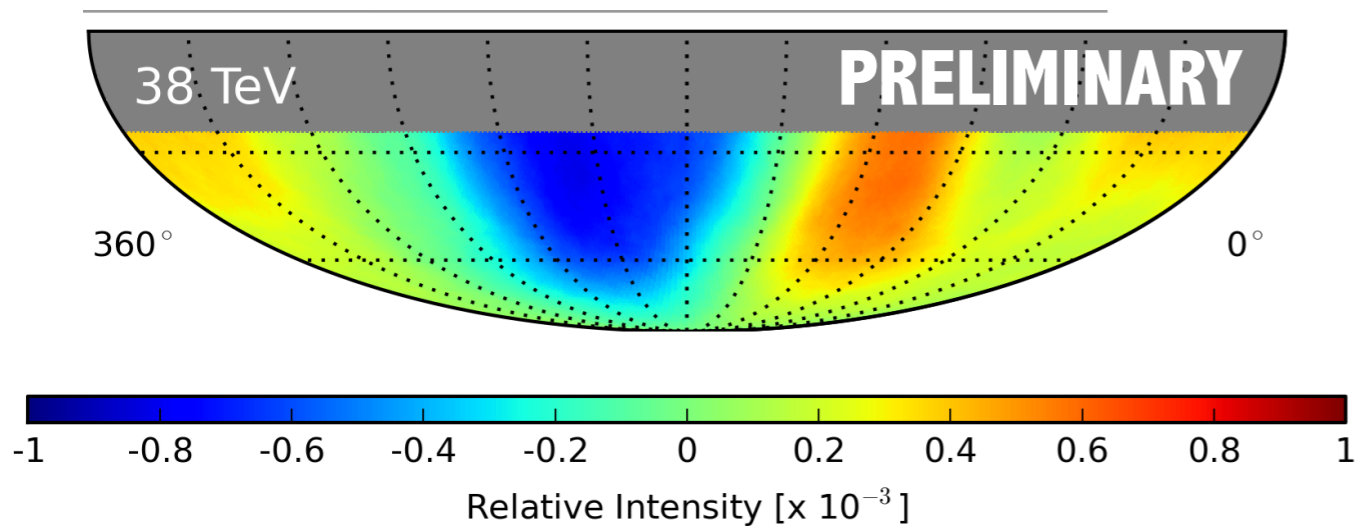
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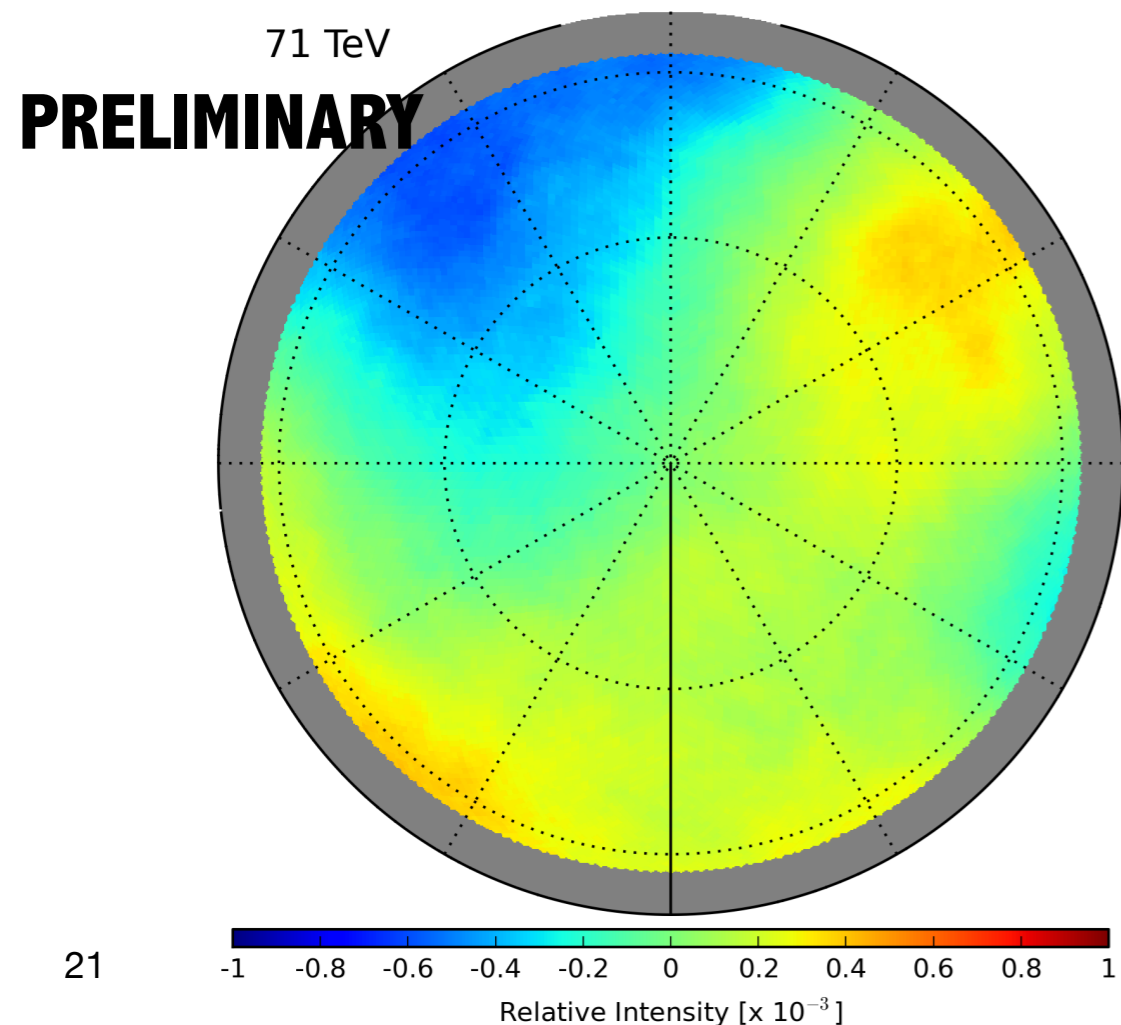
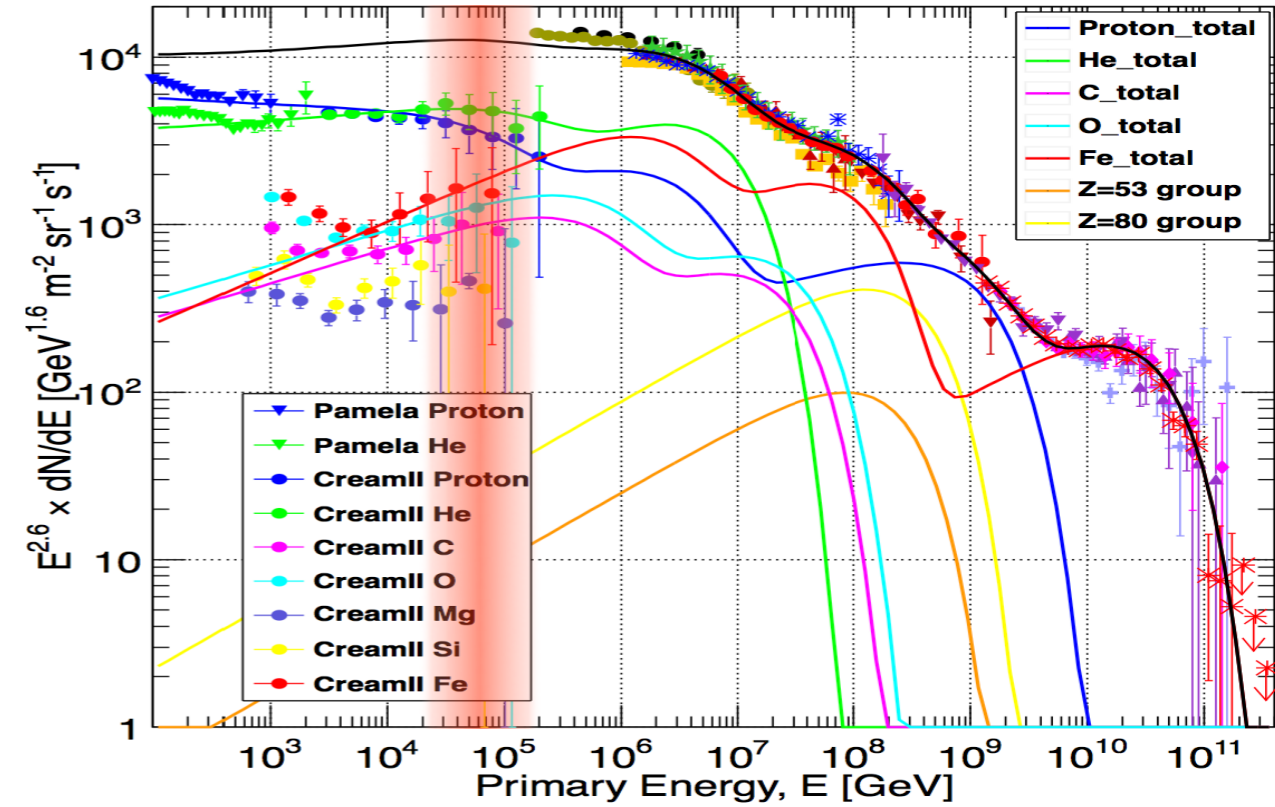
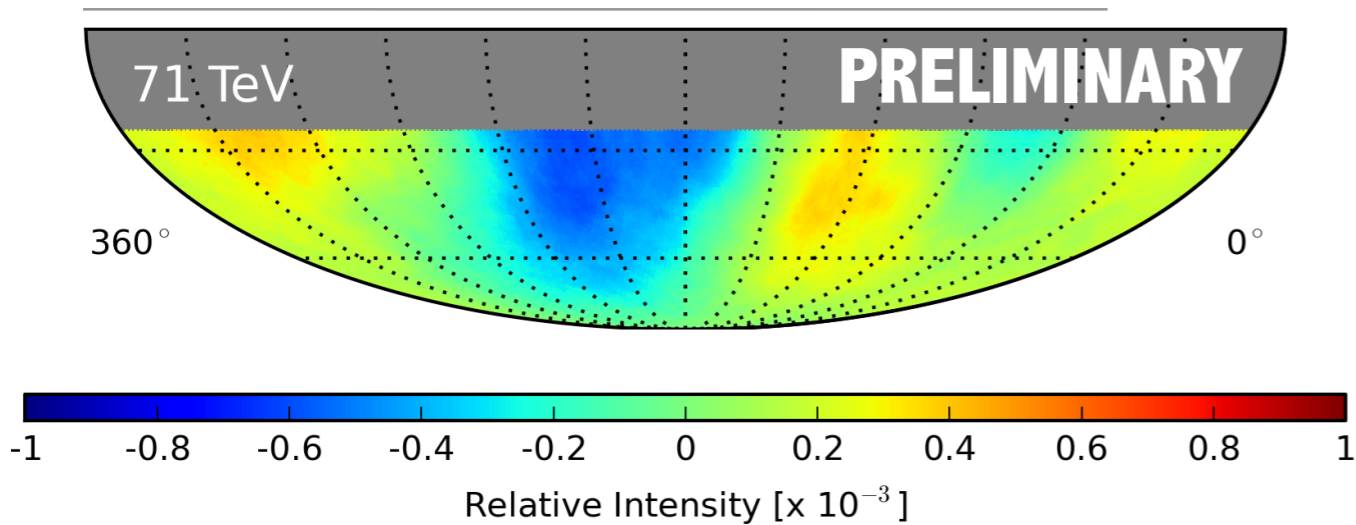
**38 TeV**

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## arrival direction distribution



**71 TeV**

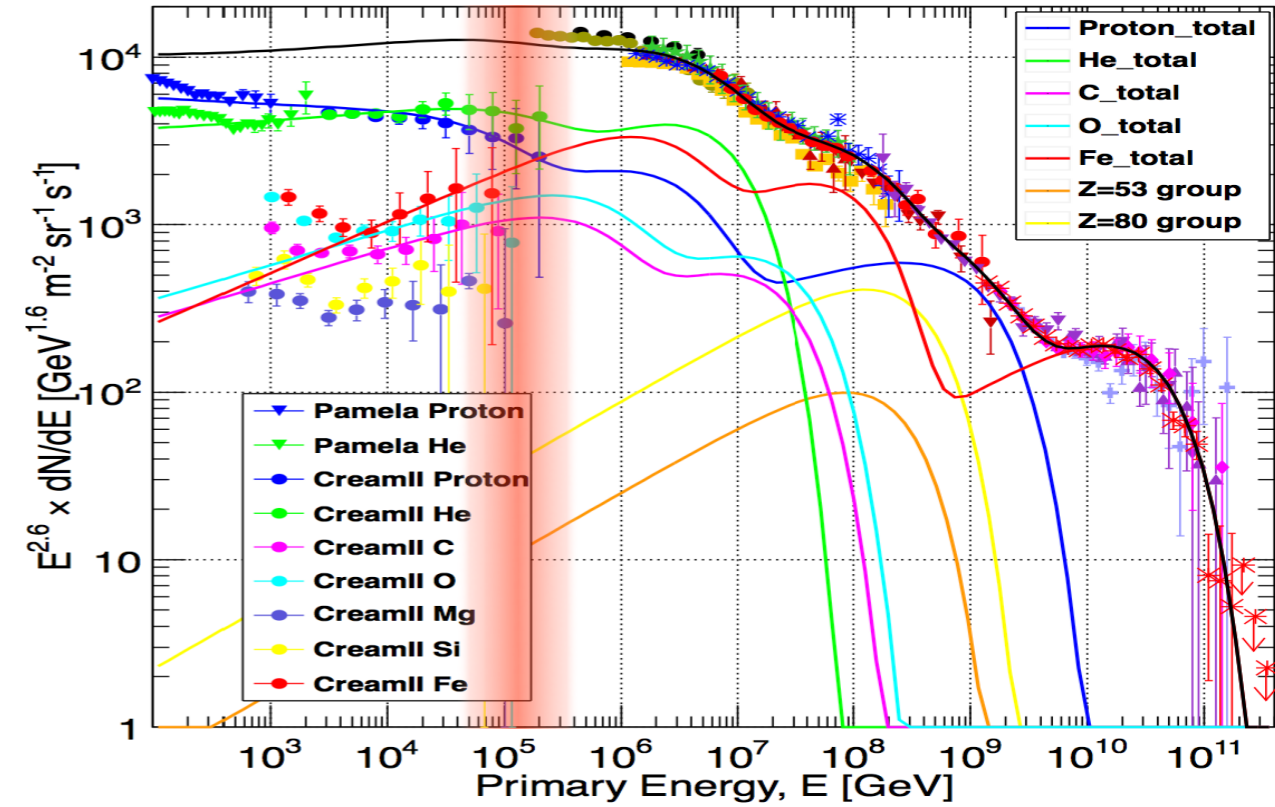
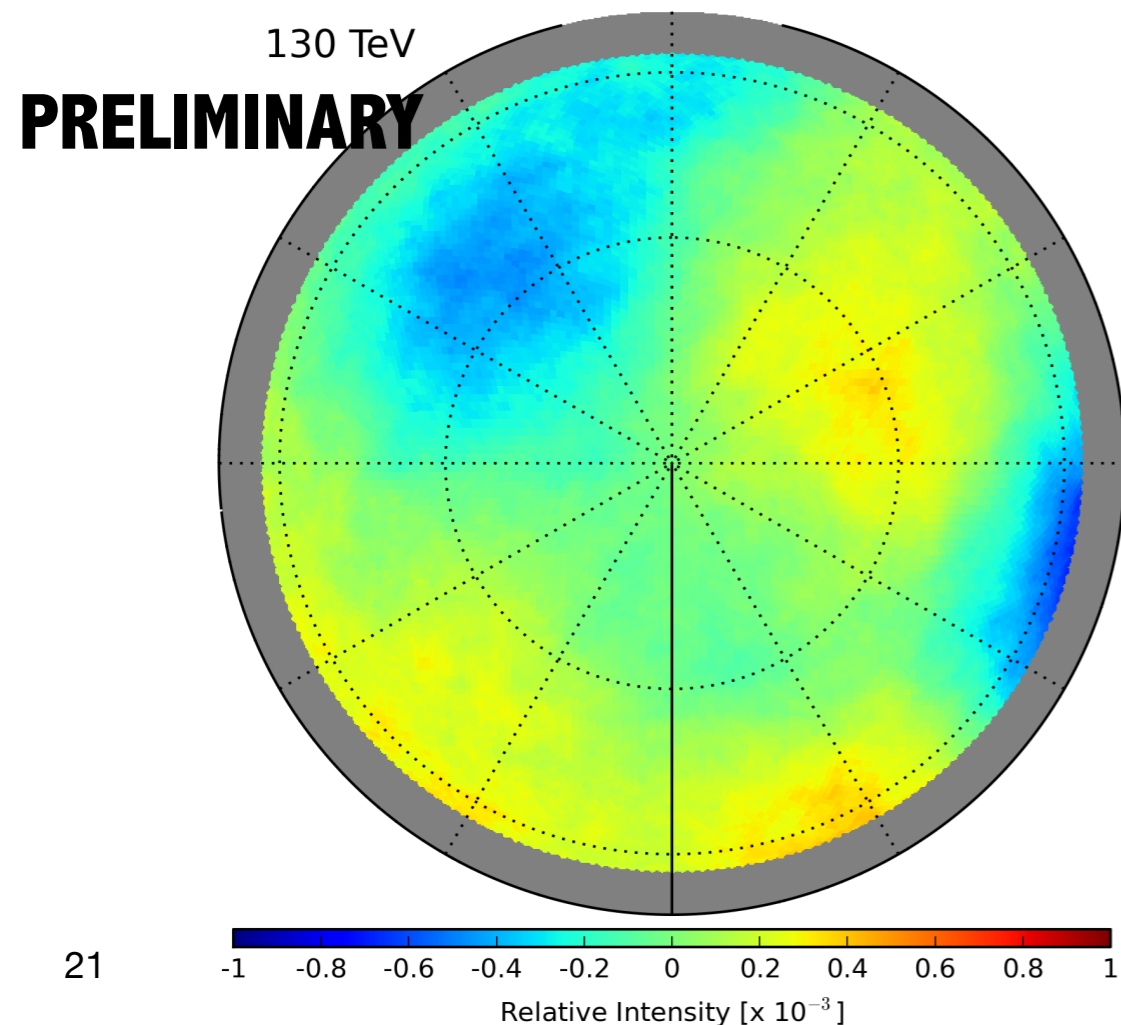
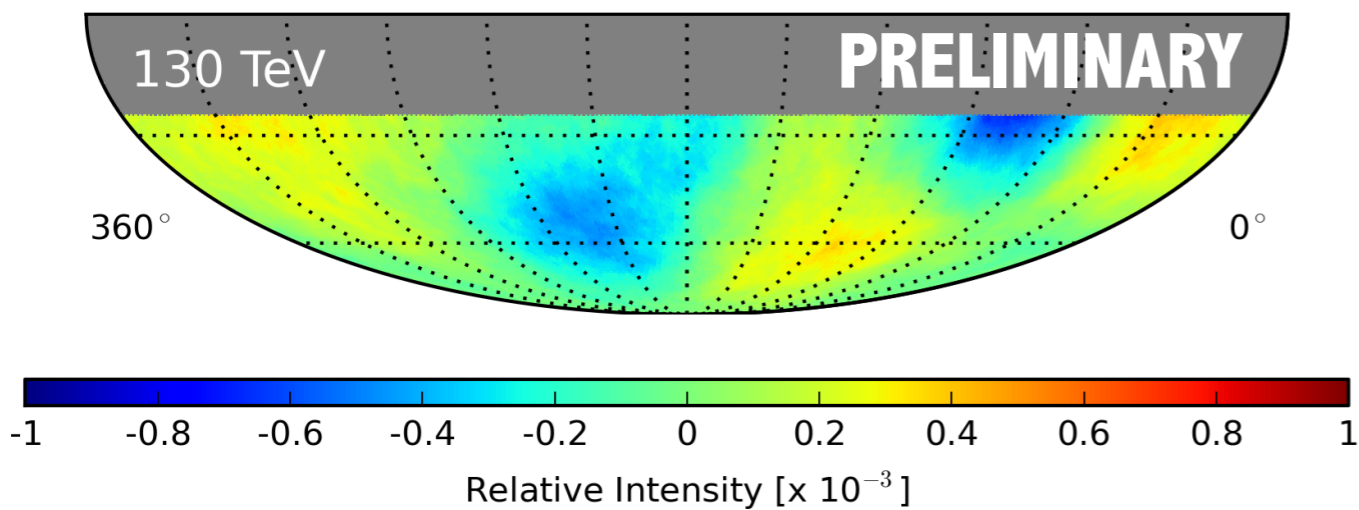
**IceCube**

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- capable of energy/mass measurement



# cosmic rays anisotropy

## arrival direction distribution



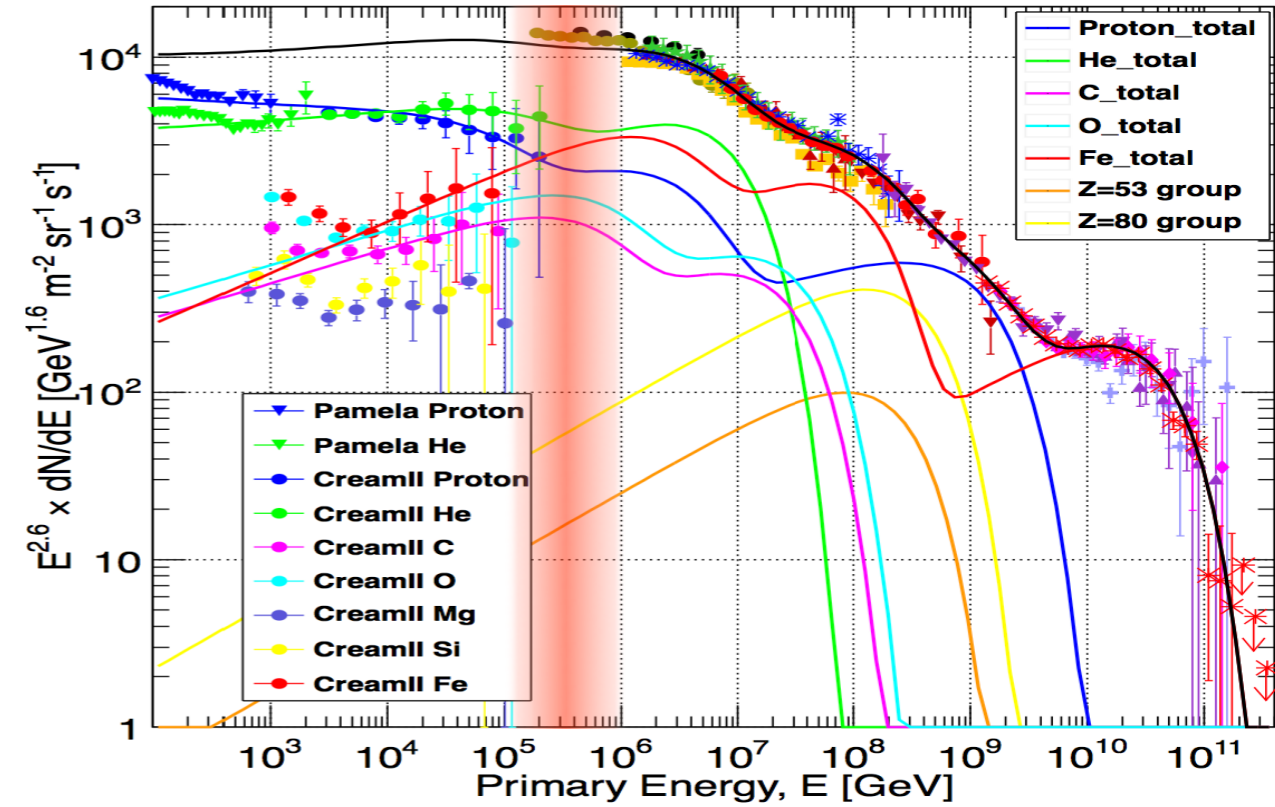
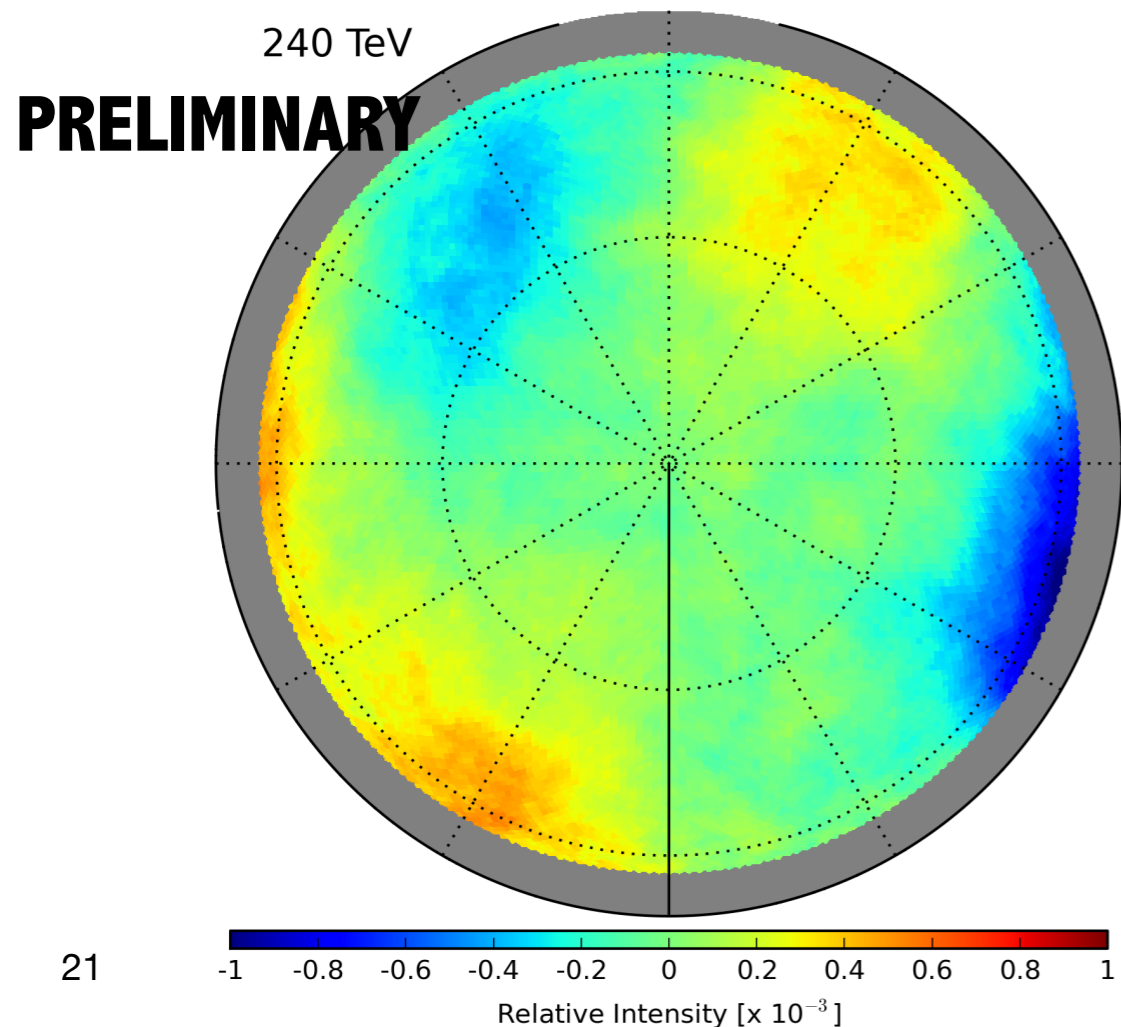
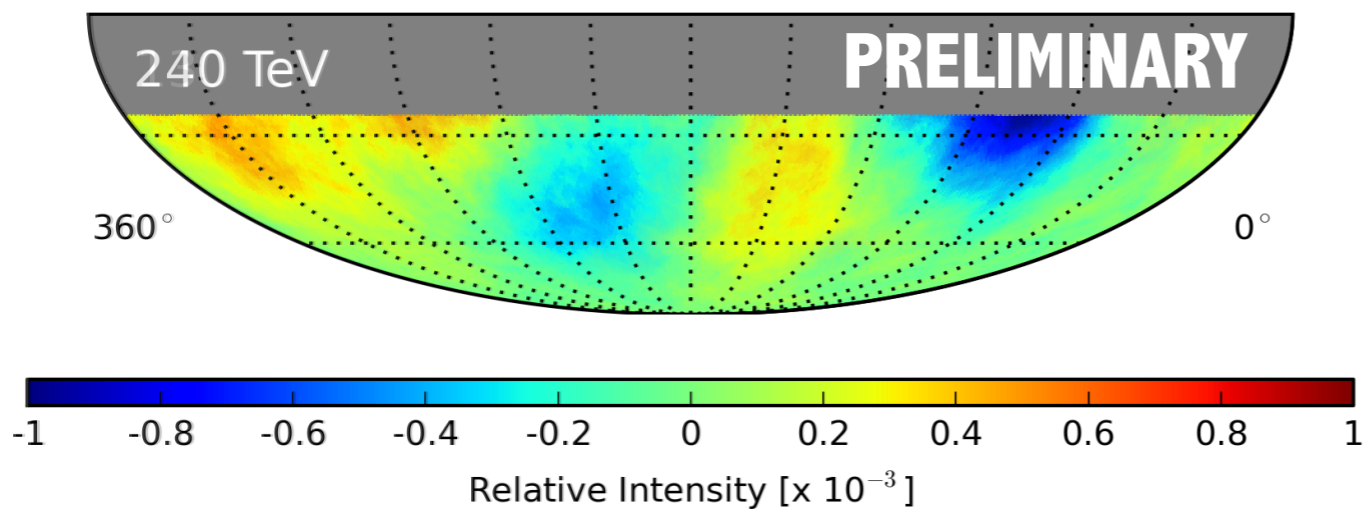
**130 TeV**

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# cosmic rays anisotropy

## arrival direction distribution



**240 TeV**

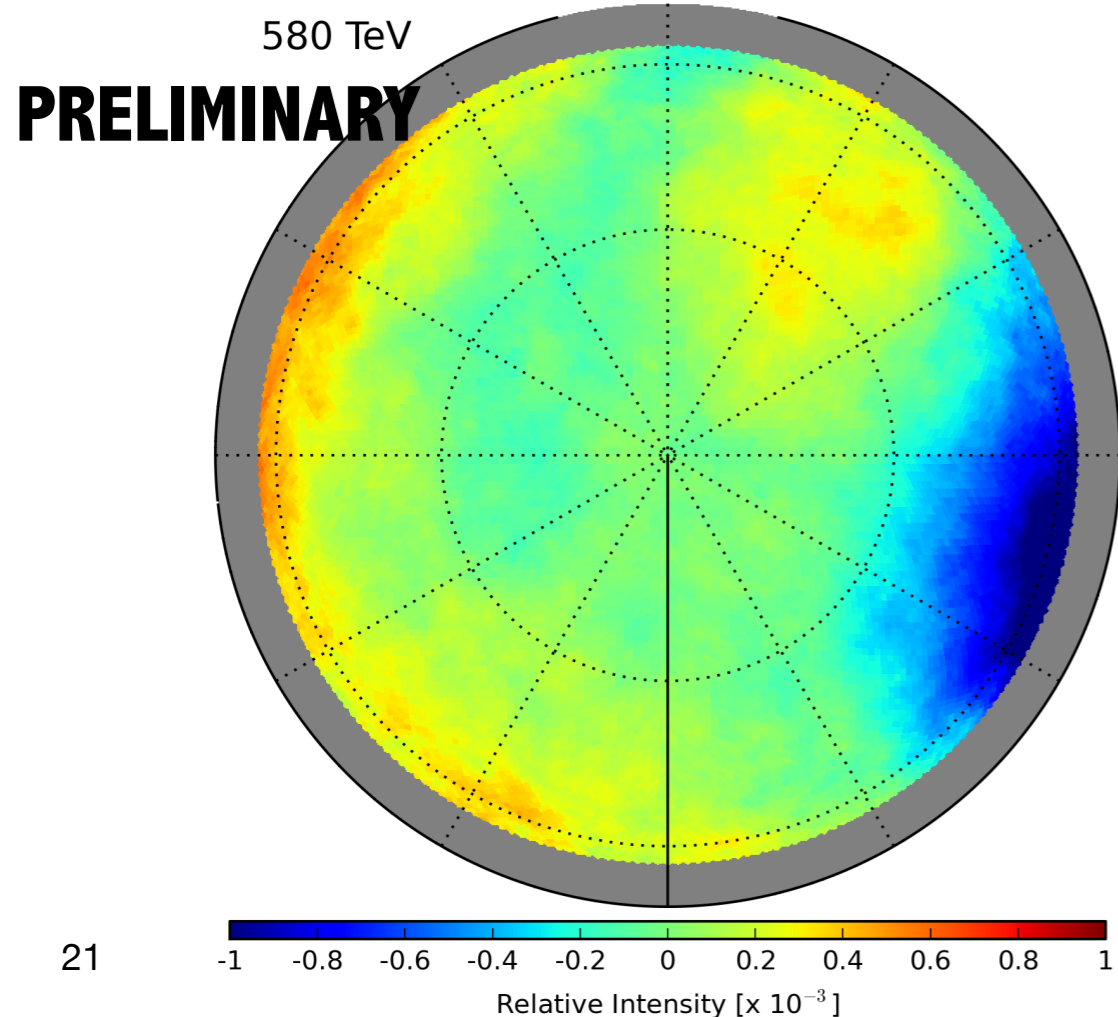
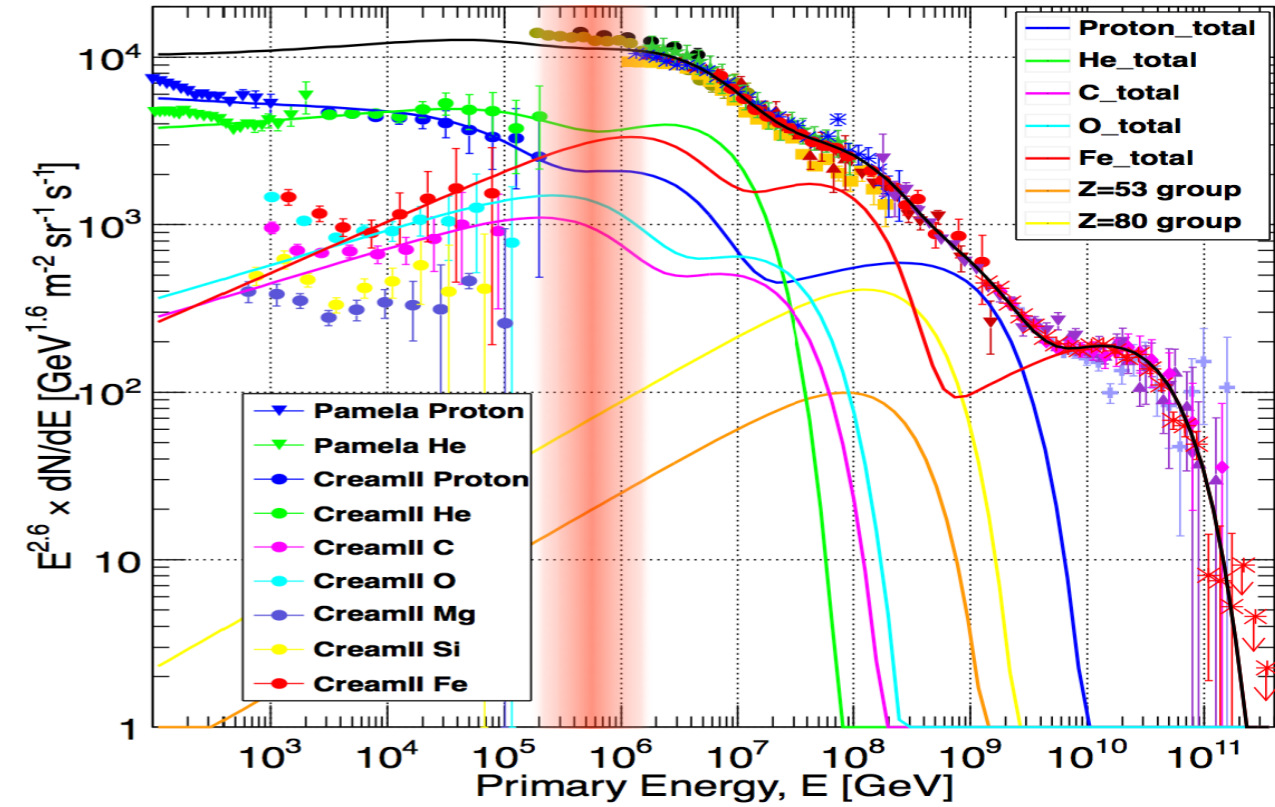
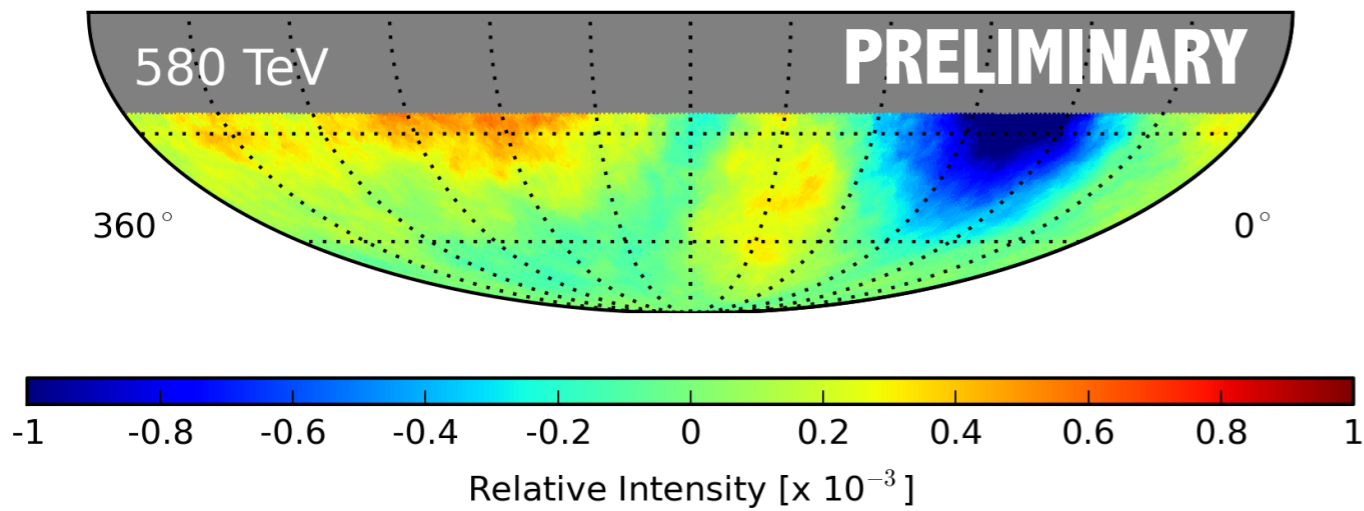
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# cosmic rays anisotropy

## arrival direction distribution



**580 TeV**

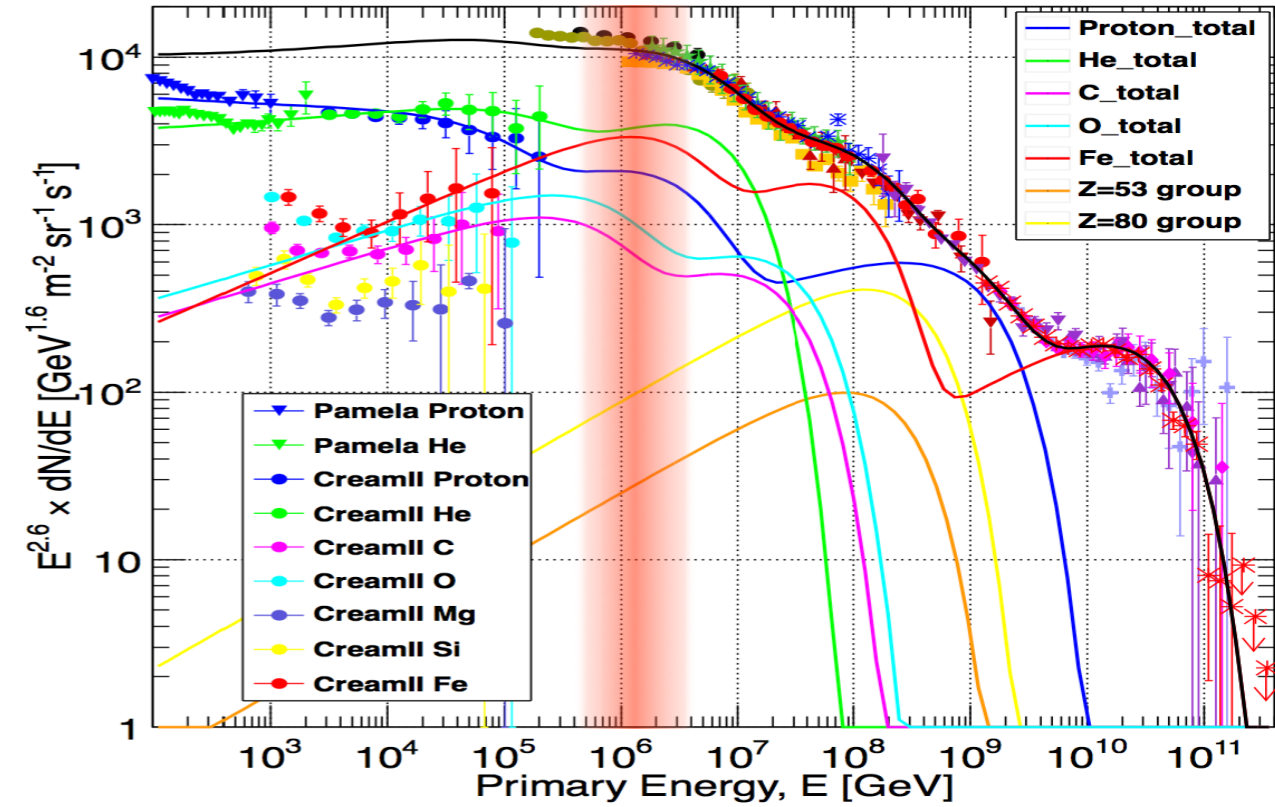
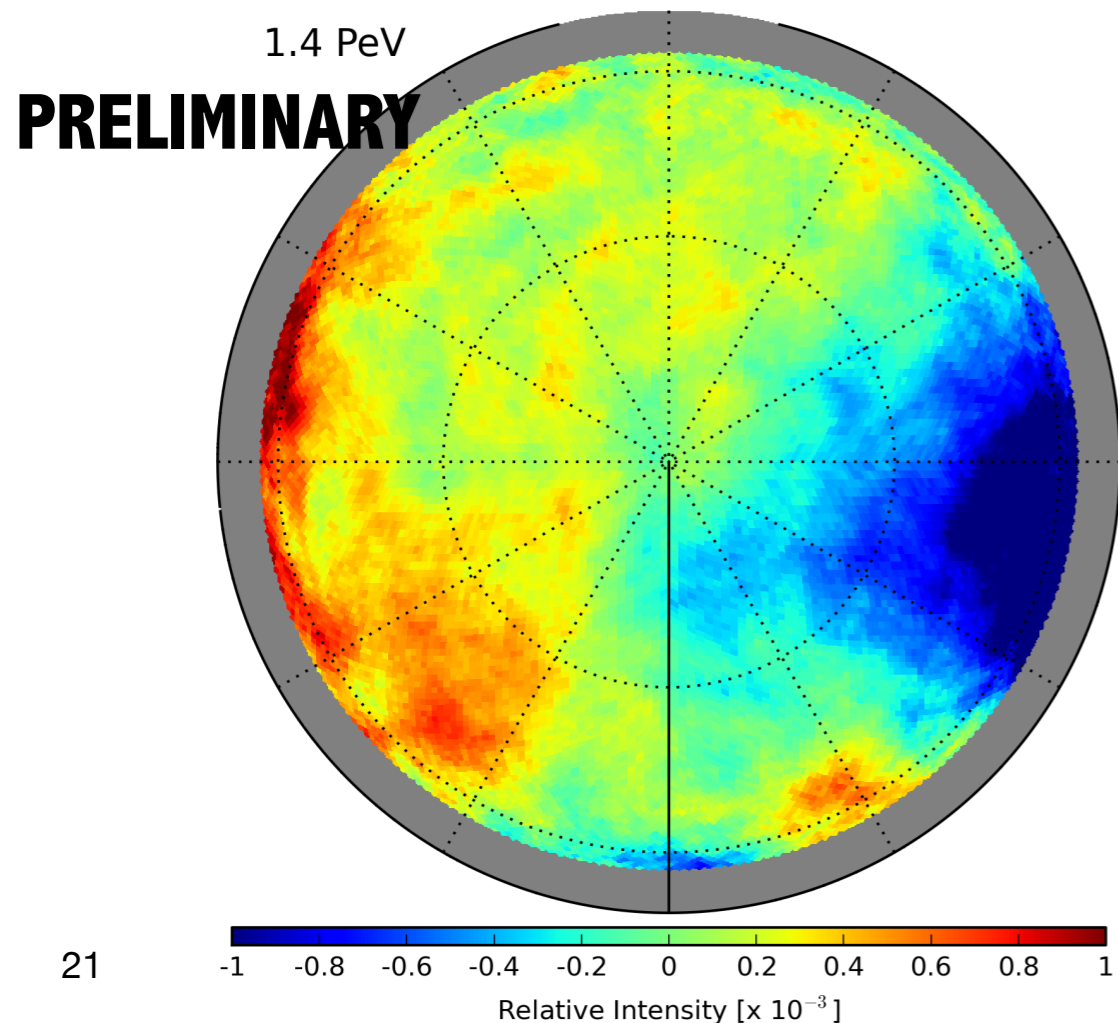
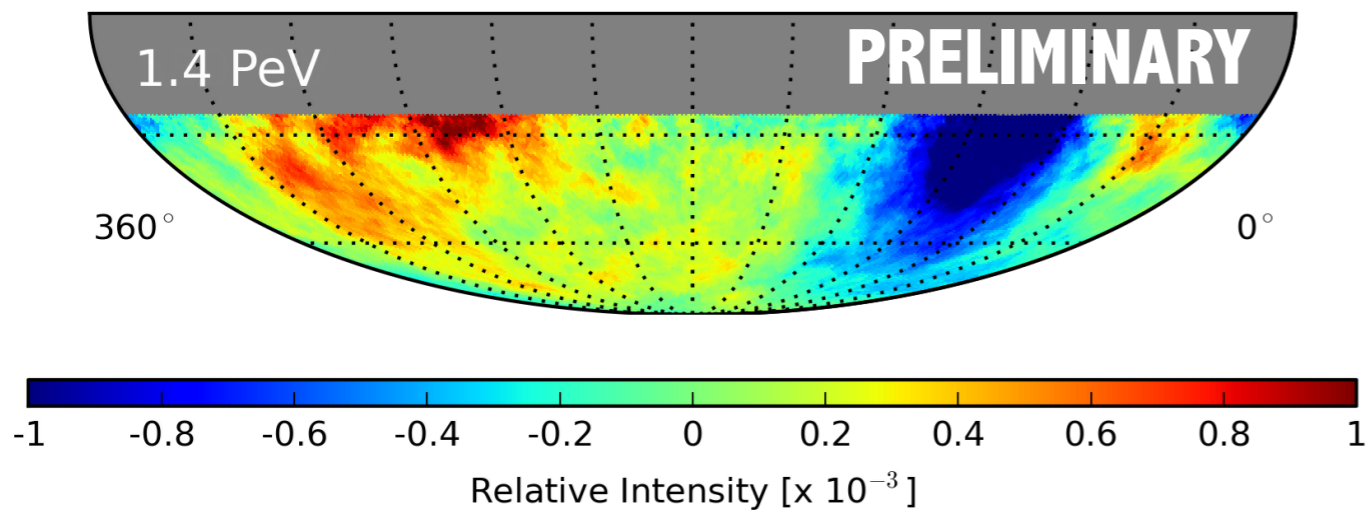
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# cosmic rays anisotropy

## arrival direction distribution



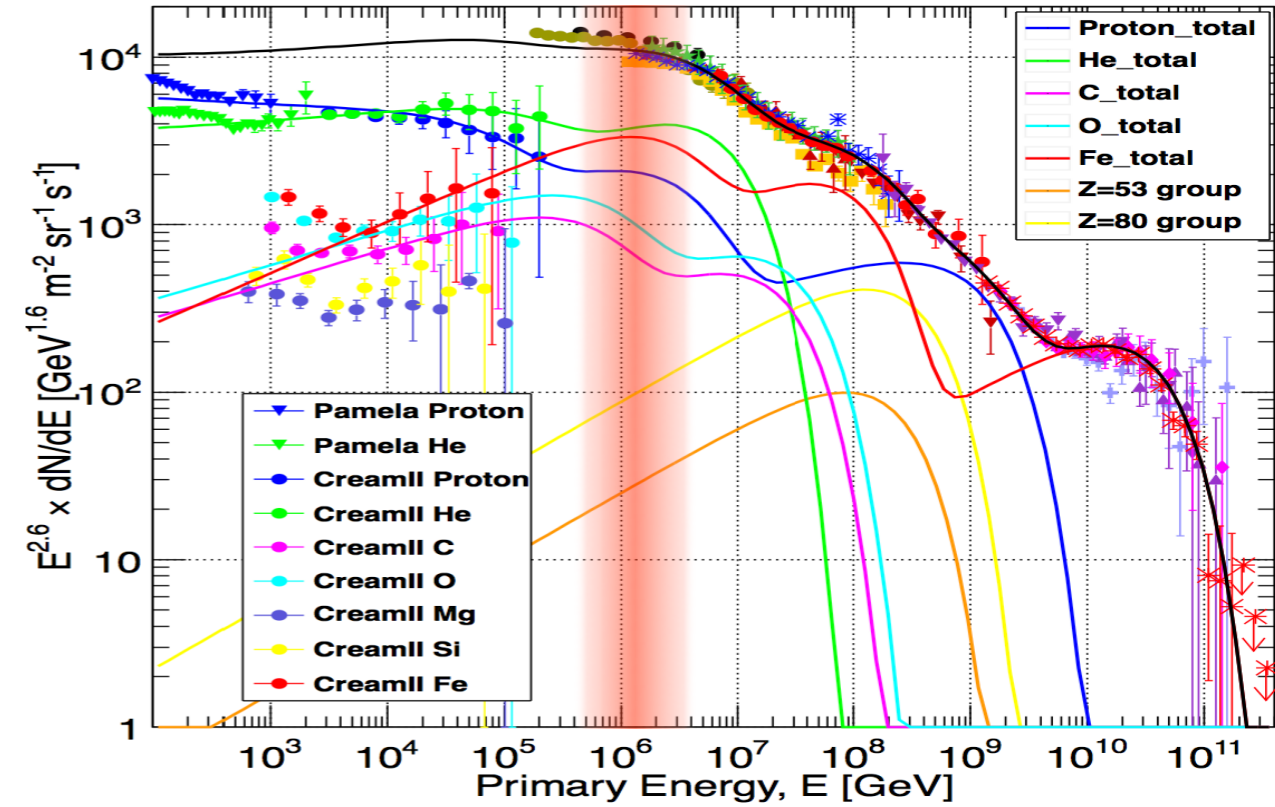
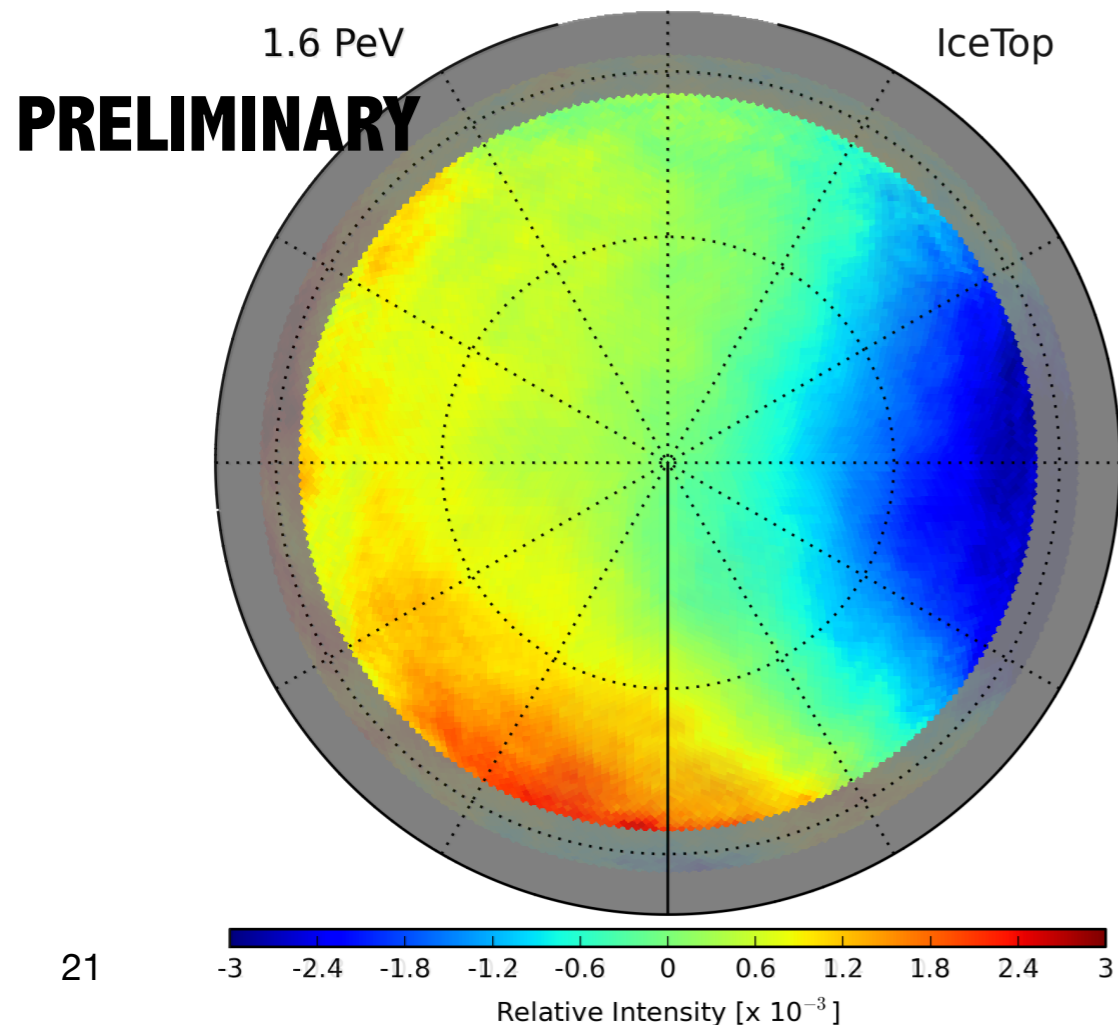
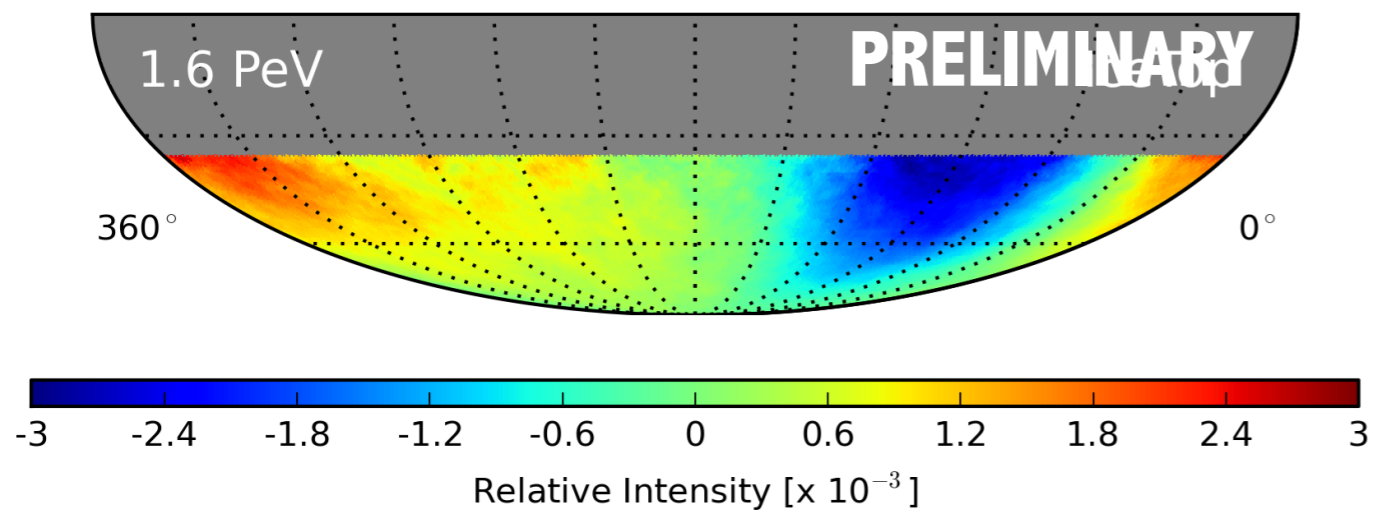
**1.4 PeV**

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# cosmic rays anisotropy

## arrival direction distribution



**1.6 PeV**

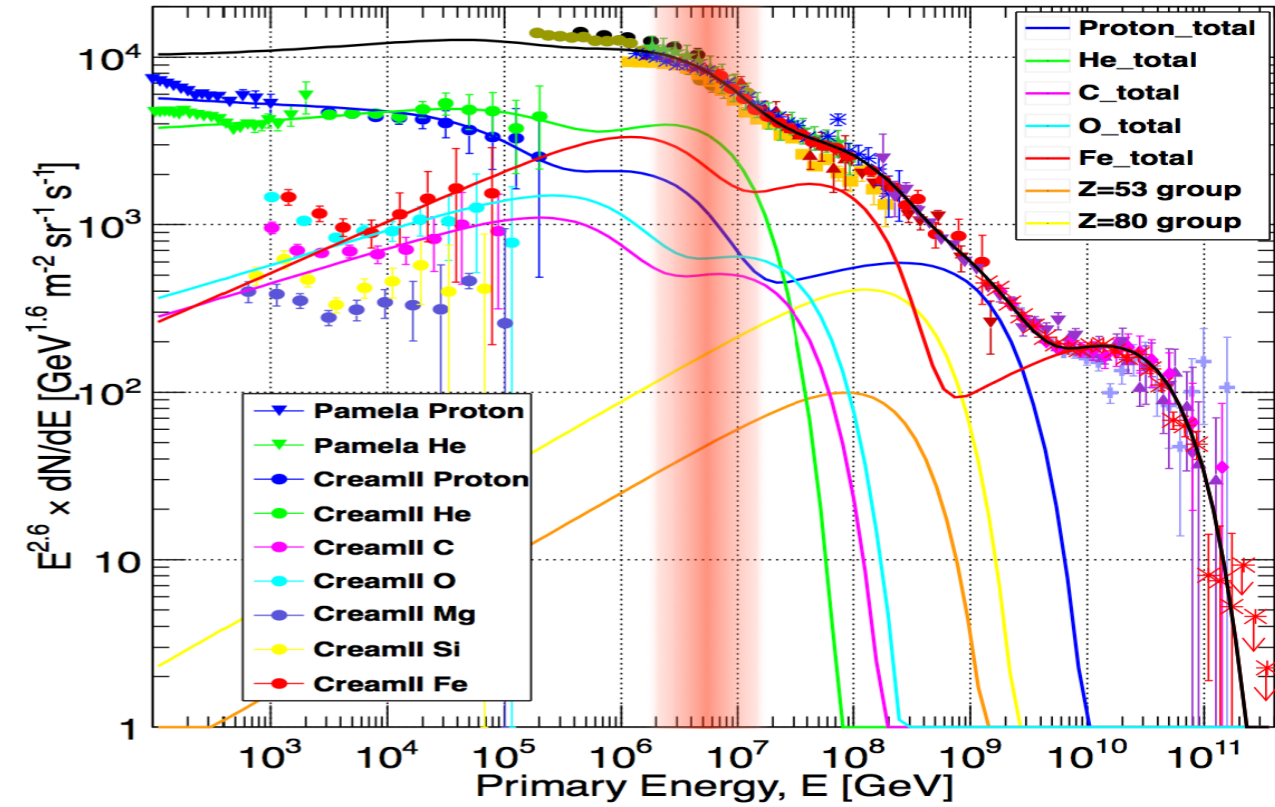
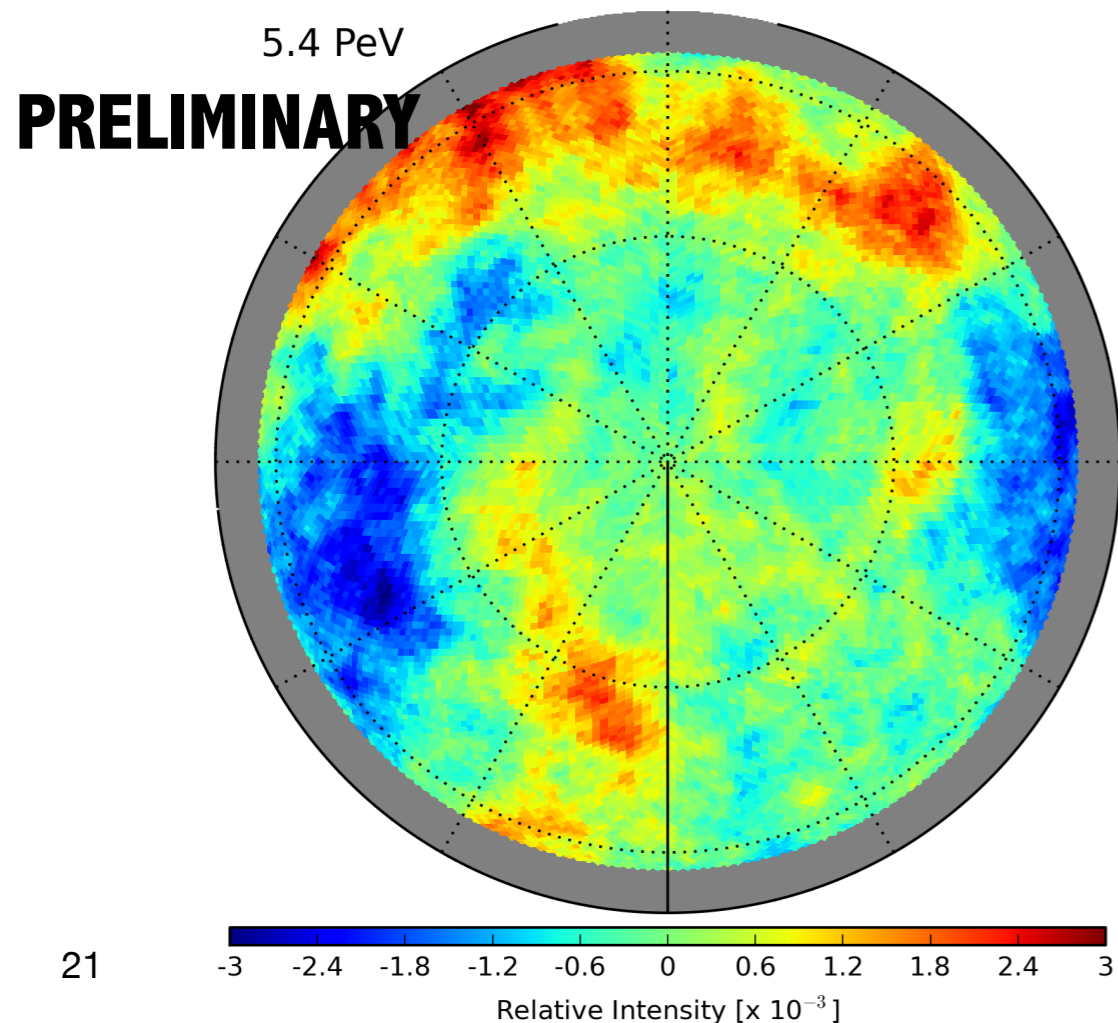
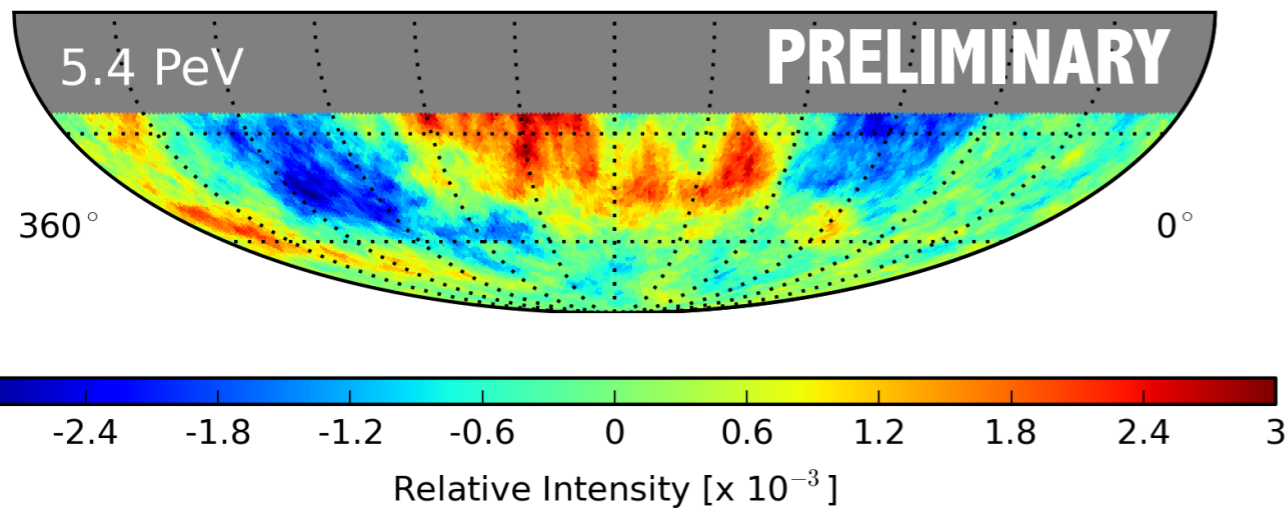
**IceTop**

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# cosmic rays anisotropy

## arrival direction distribution



**5.4 PeV**

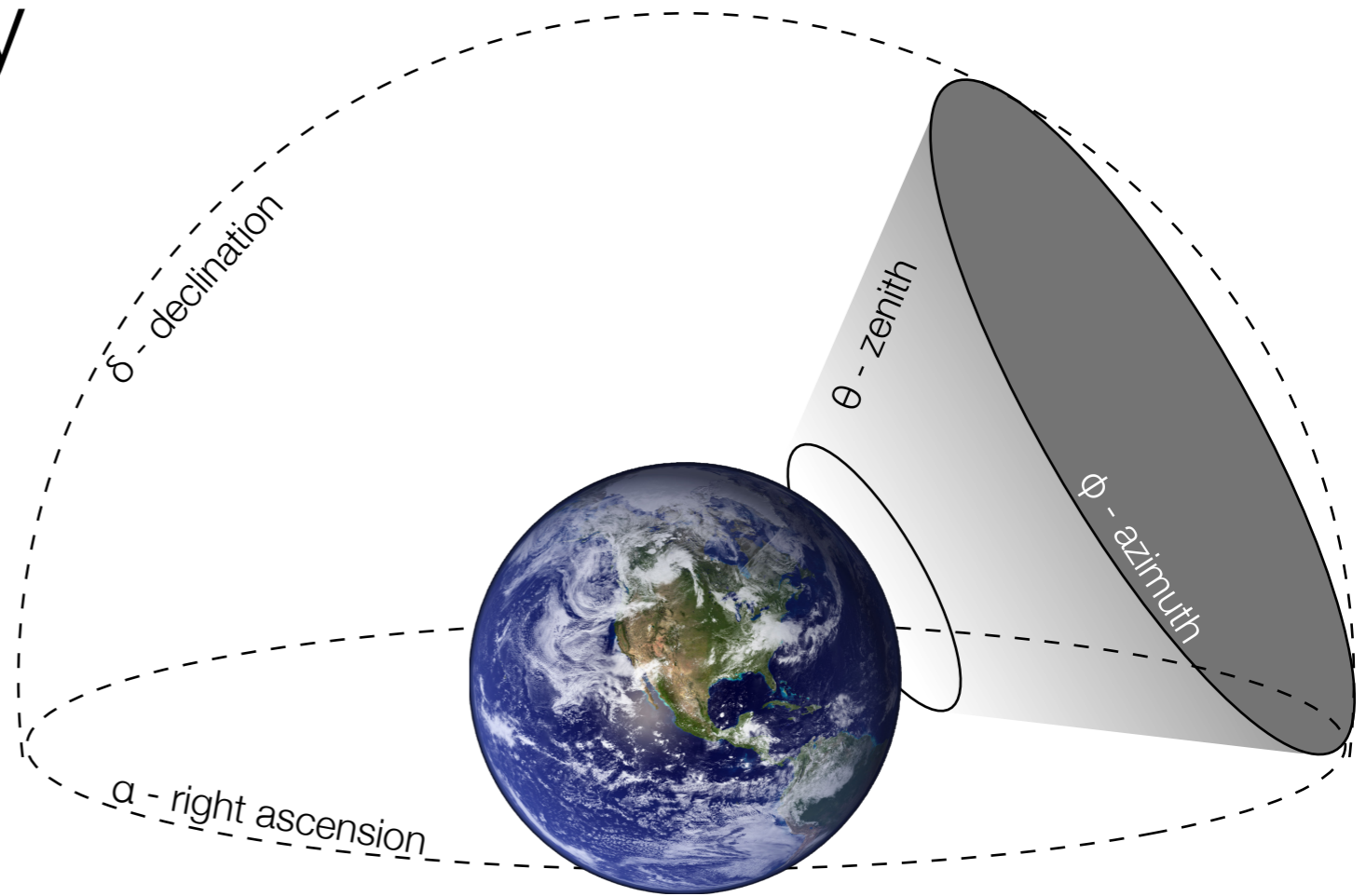
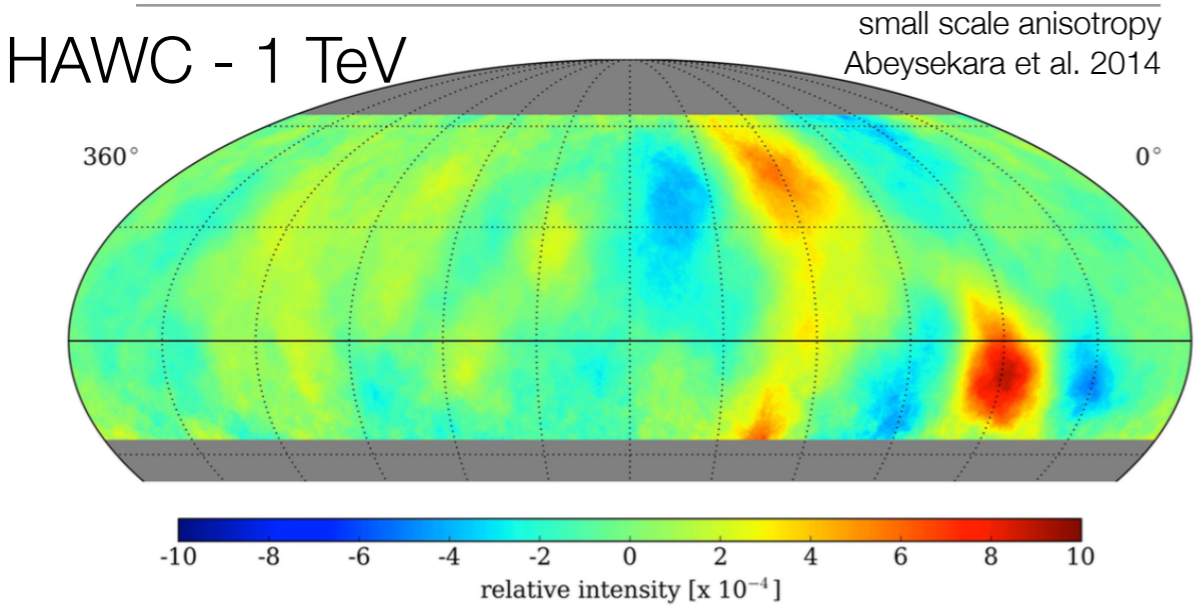
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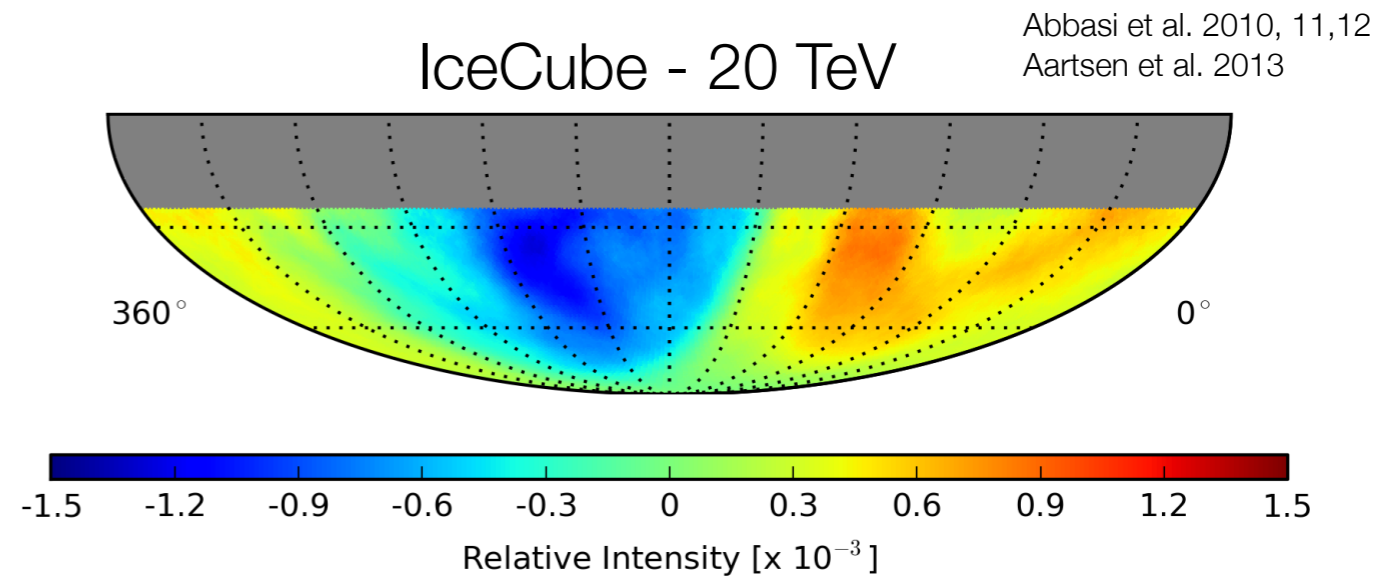
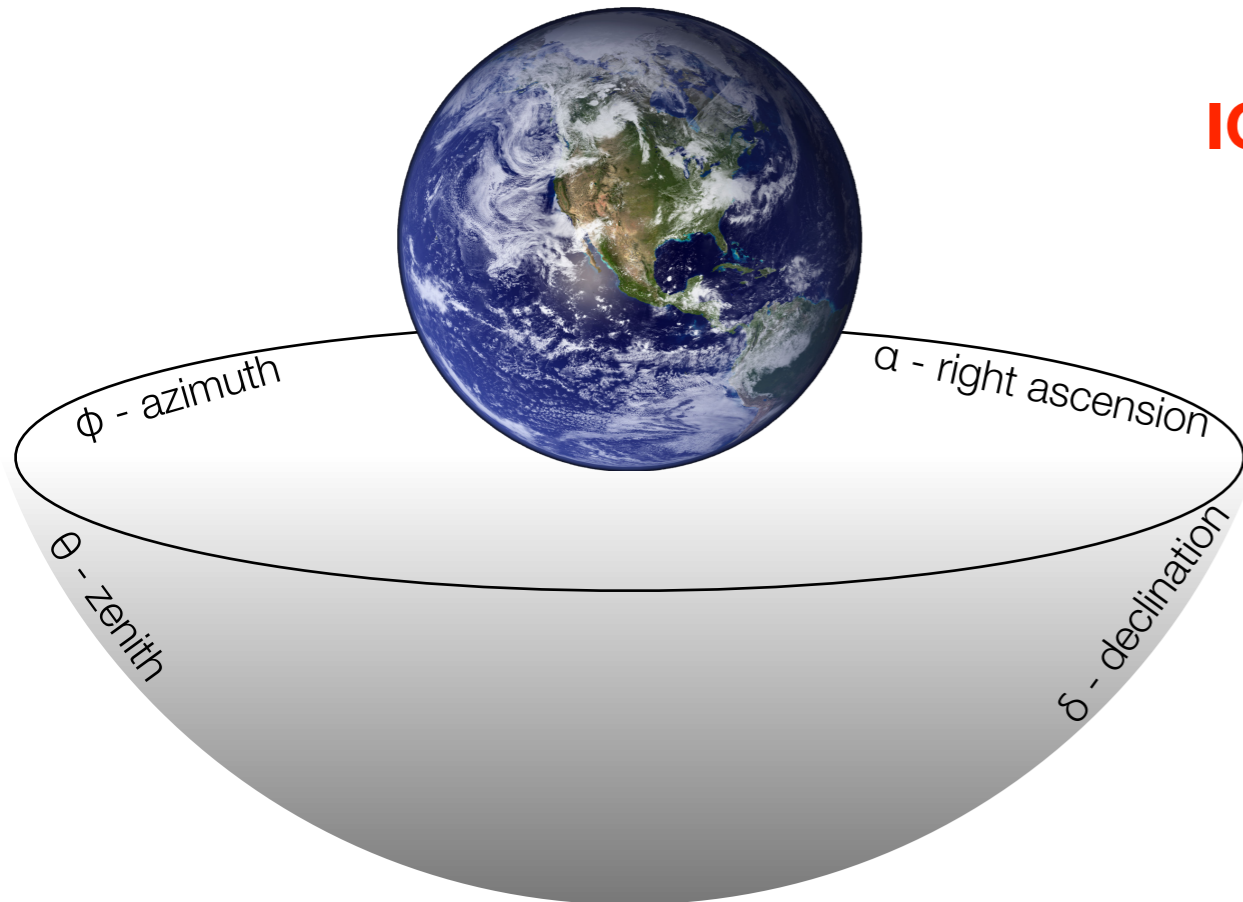


# cosmic rays anisotropy

## full-sky coverage



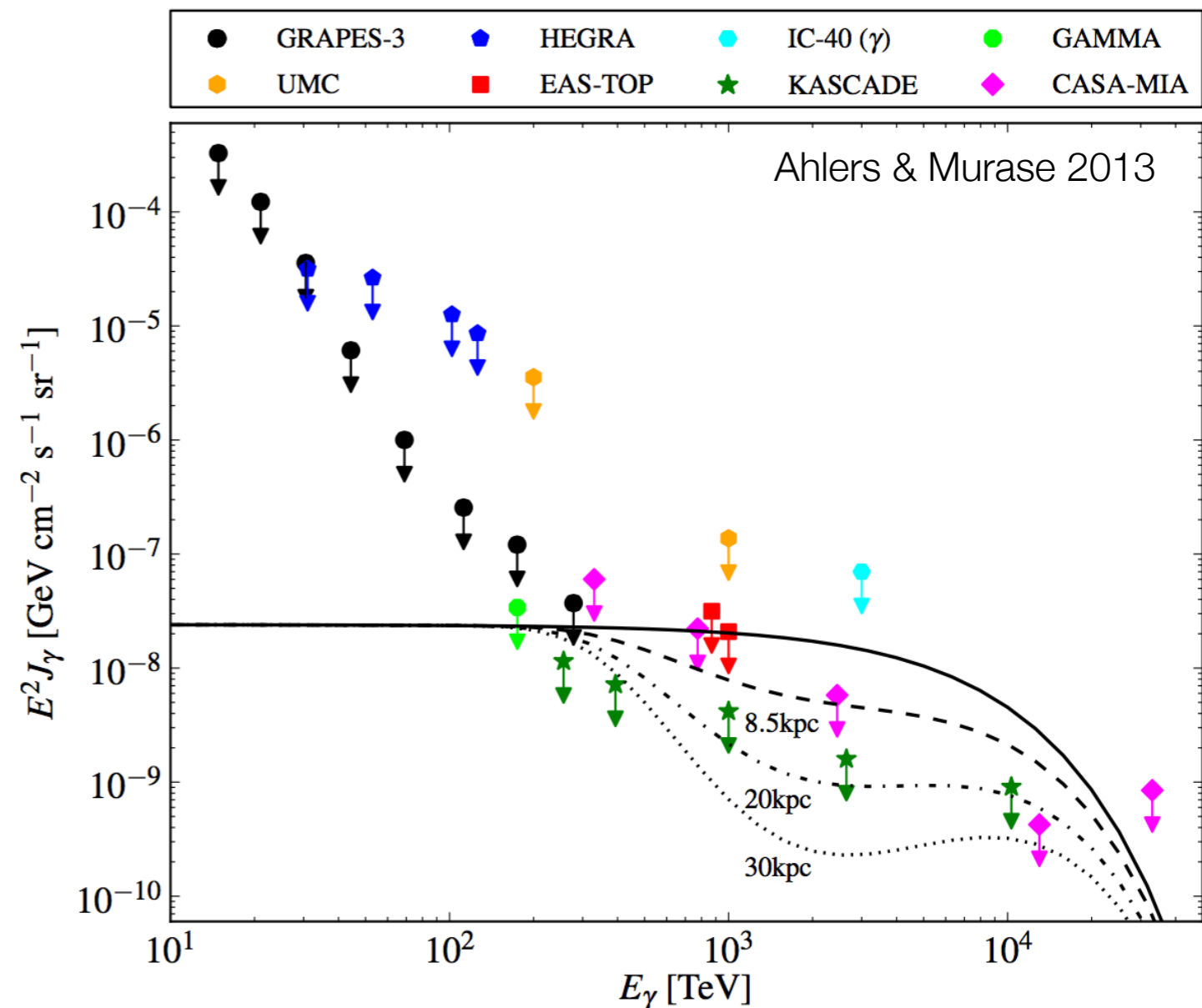
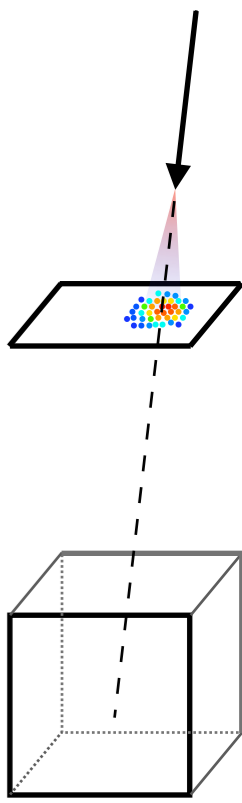
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# PeV gamma rays

## galactic origin

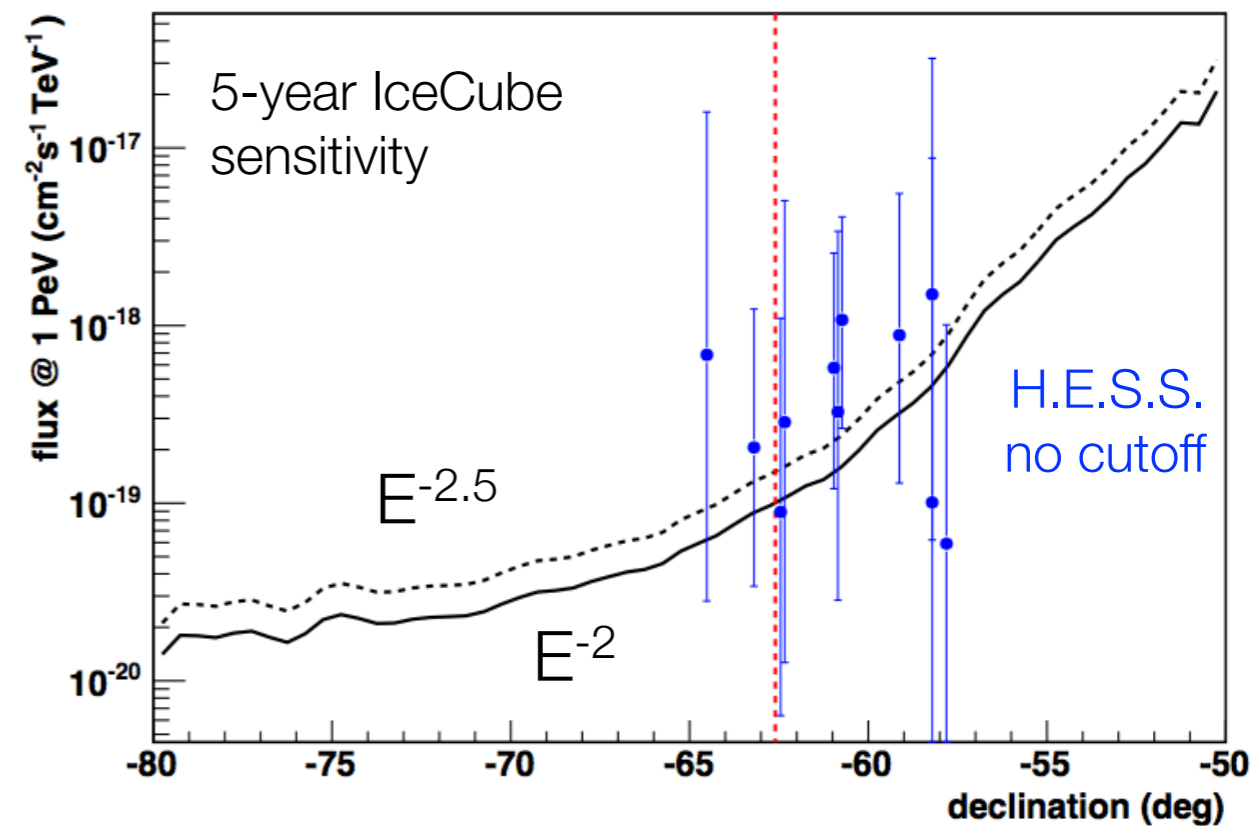
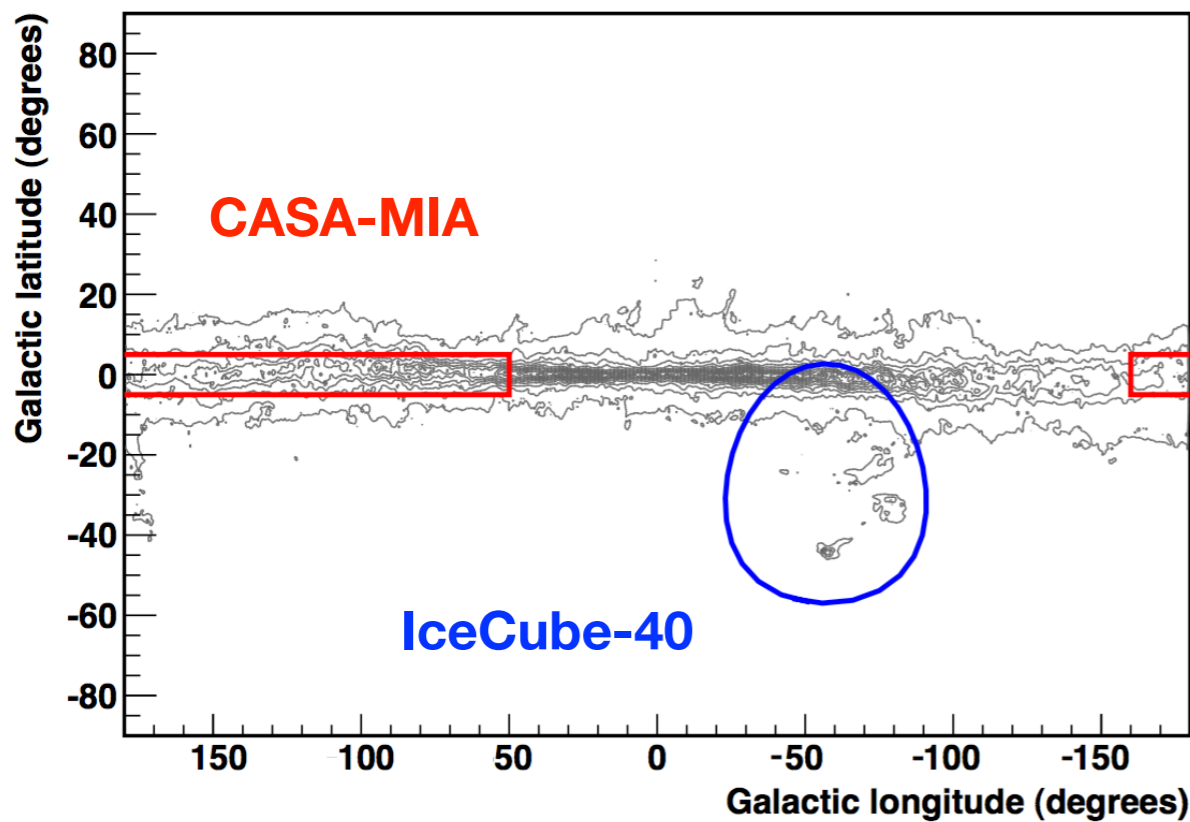
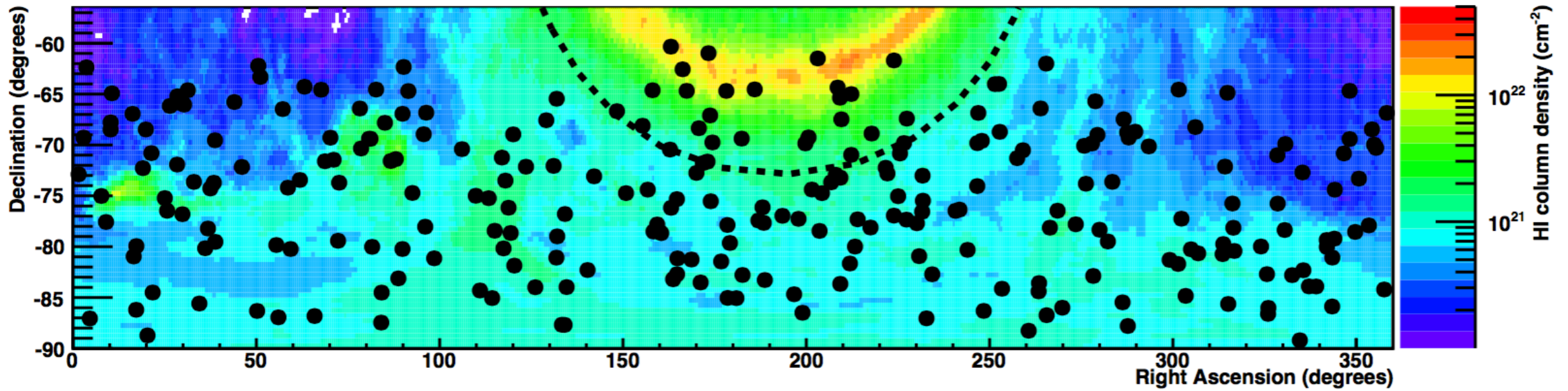
- ▶ galactic sources of PeV  $\gamma$  rays
- ▶ disfavored by CASA-MIA & KASCADE
- ▶ HAWC, LHAASO, HiSCORE ?
- ▶ IceCube the only experiment in **Southern Hemisphere**
- ▶ need to **reduce the blind region** in the southern hemisphere (where GC is located)



# PeV gamma rays

## galactic origin

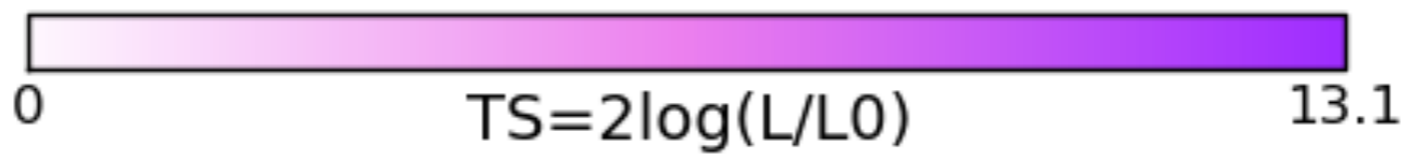
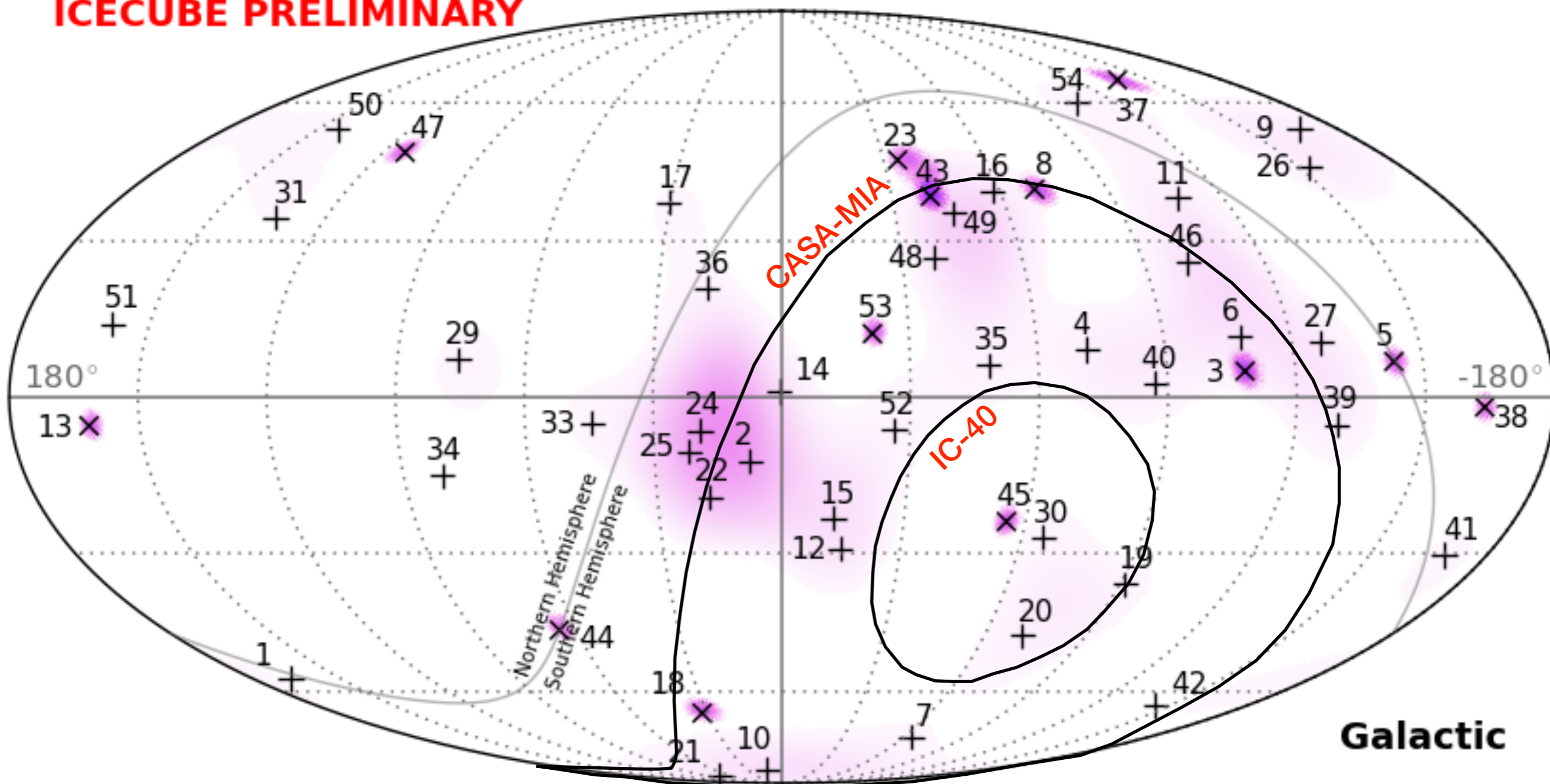
IC40 - Aartsen et al., 2012





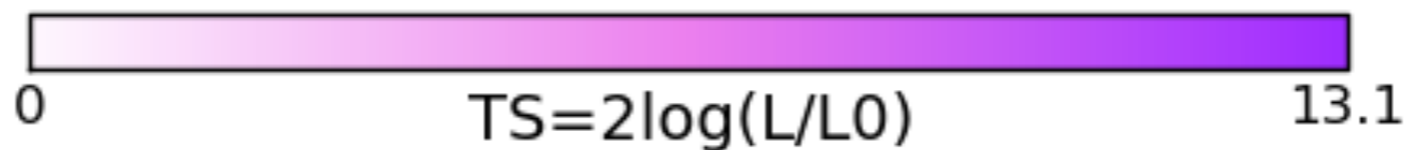
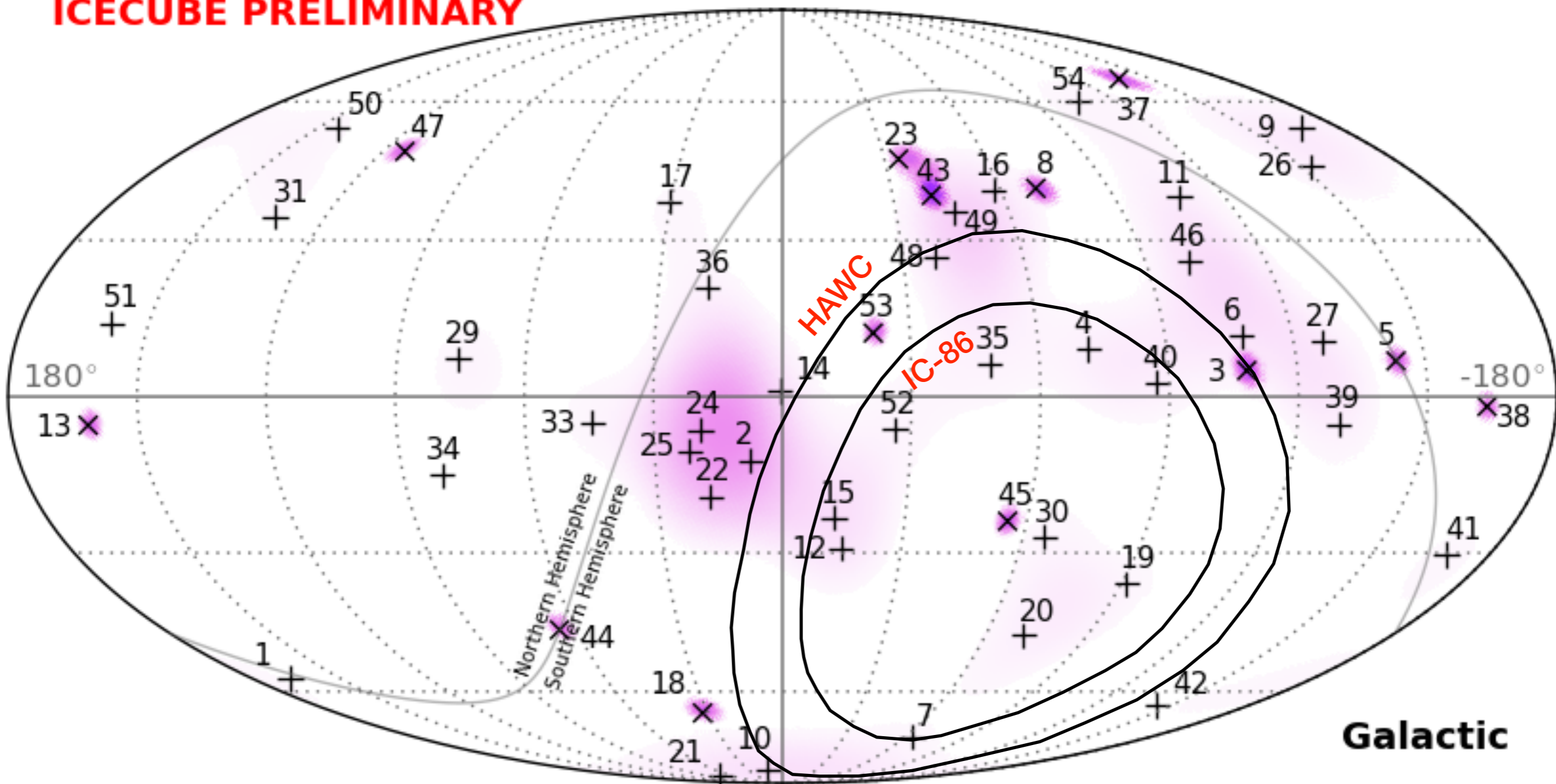
# PeV gamma rays

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# PeV gamma rays

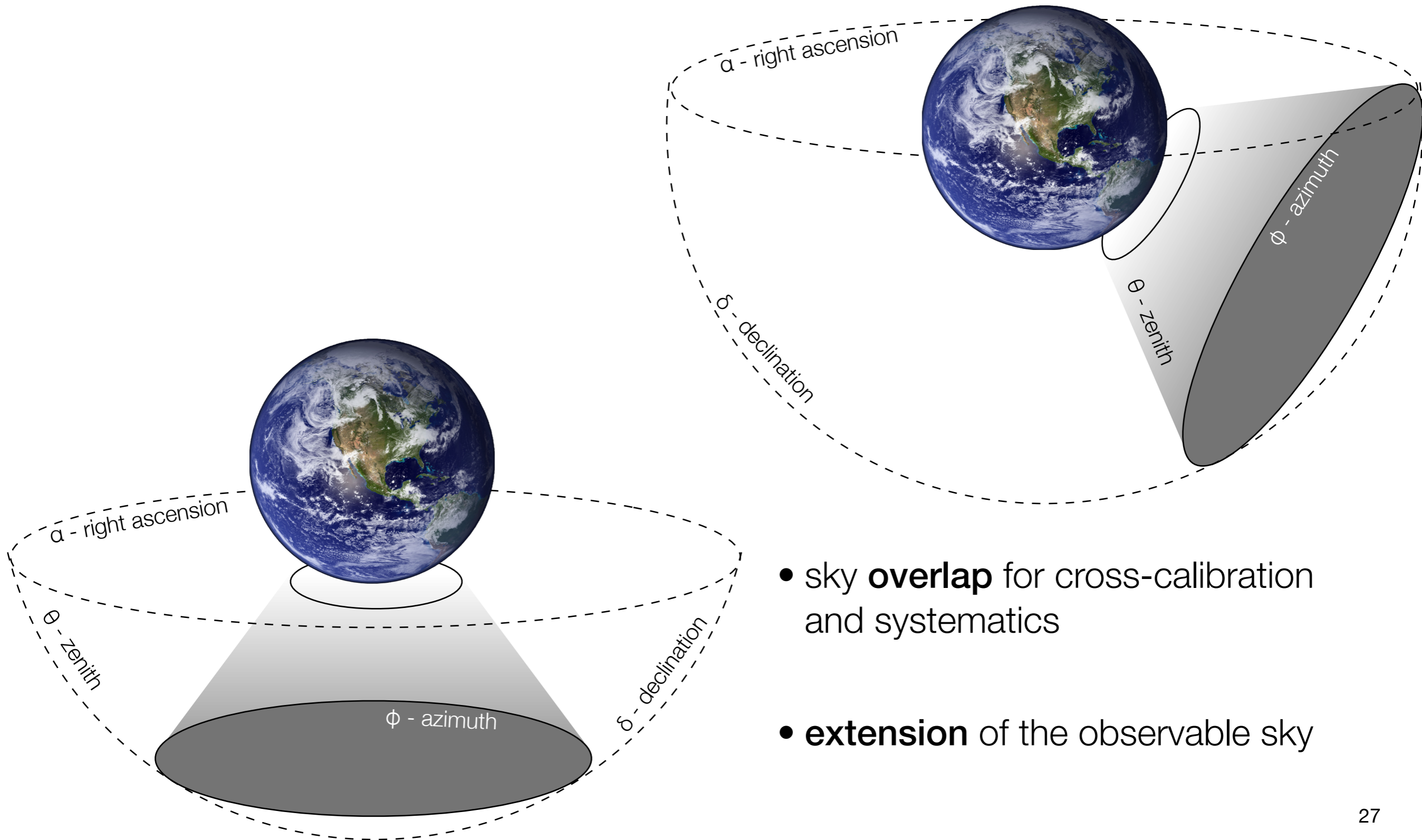
**ICECUBE PRELIMINARY**



# cosmic and $\gamma$ rays observations

## extended sky coverage

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# neutron point sources

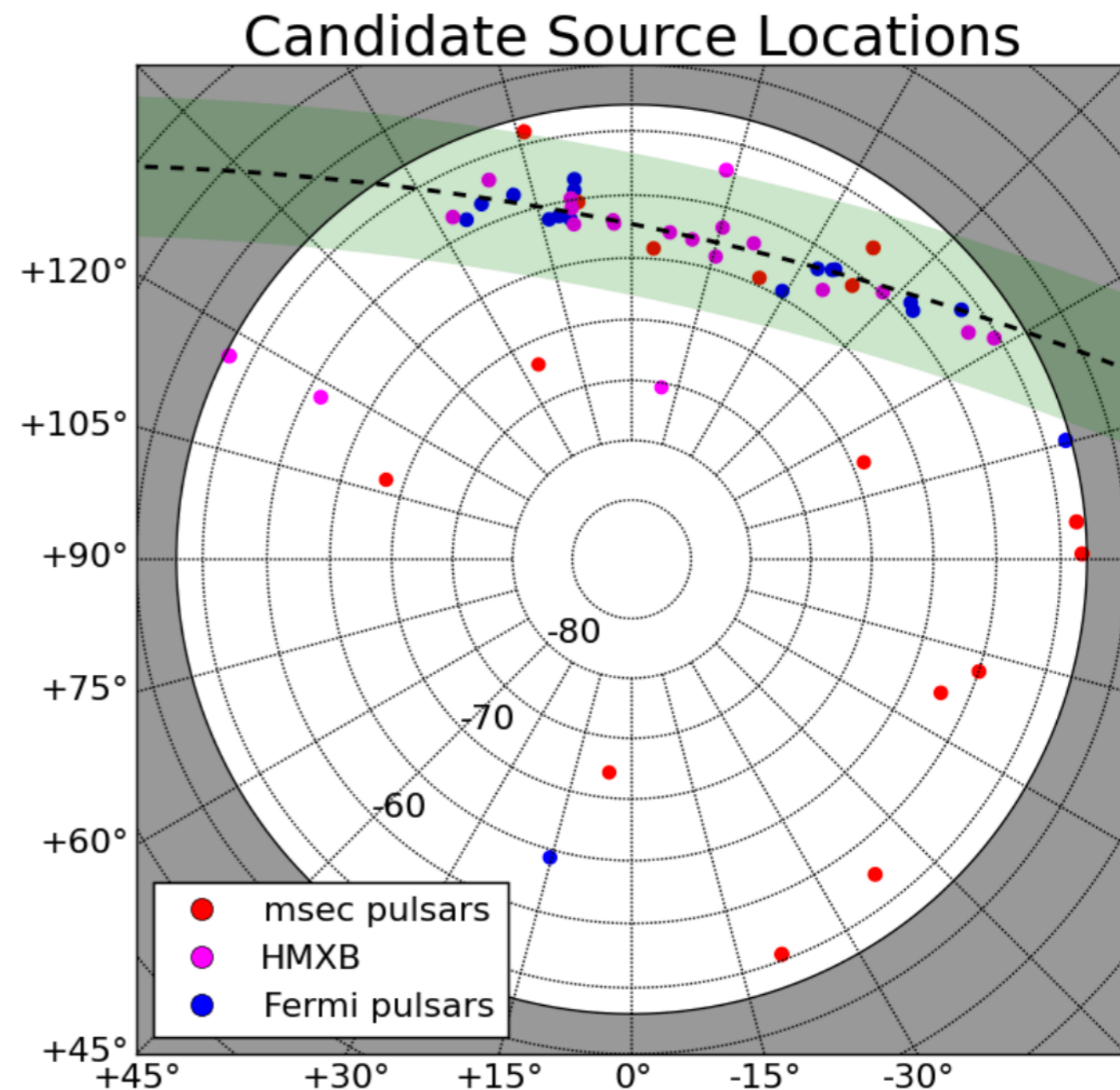
nearby galactic sources with 4 years of IceTop

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▶ cosmic ray neutron range  $R \sim 10 \text{ pc} \times E_{\text{PeV}}$

▶ all-visible-sky search  $> 10 \text{ PeV}$

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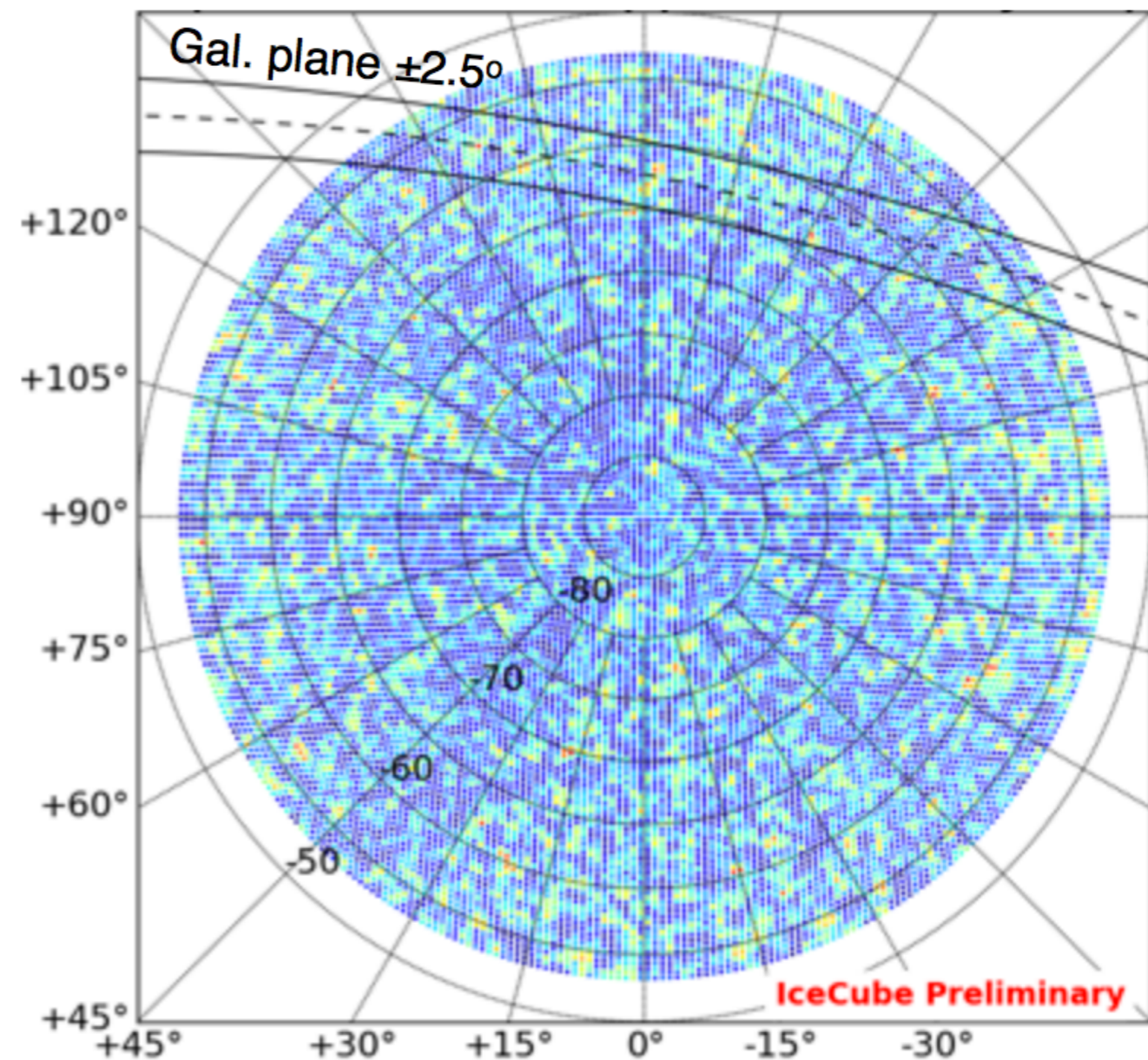
▶ targeted source search  $> 100 \text{ PeV}$

▶ no significant excess found in all-sky search

▶ no significant correlations found with candidate source catalogue

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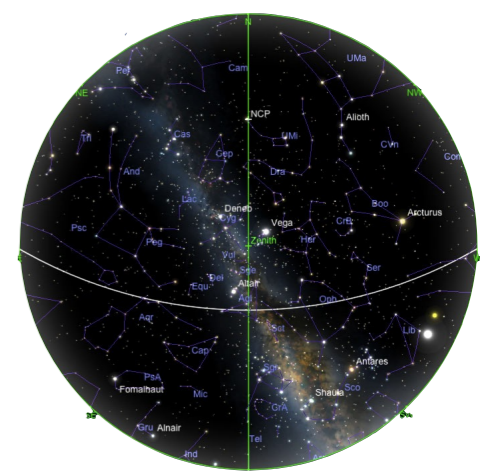
Flux Upper Limit Equatorial Skymap



# conclusions

with extended or full sky coverage

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## neutral messengers

- important for astrophysics of cosmic ray origin
  - Earth  $\nu$  &  $\gamma$  observatories at comparable high energies (up to **PeV range**)
  - unveil **galactic** and/or **extra-galactic** sources of cosmic rays

## charged cosmic rays

- important for **UHECR**: spectrum, composition & anisotropy (Auger & TA)
- bound to impact understanding of **TeV/PeV CR** anisotropy
  - probe into local interstellar medium: coherent and turbulent magnetic field
  - impact on  $e^-e^+$  *anomalies* and disentanglement from astrophysical sources



GRAZIE!

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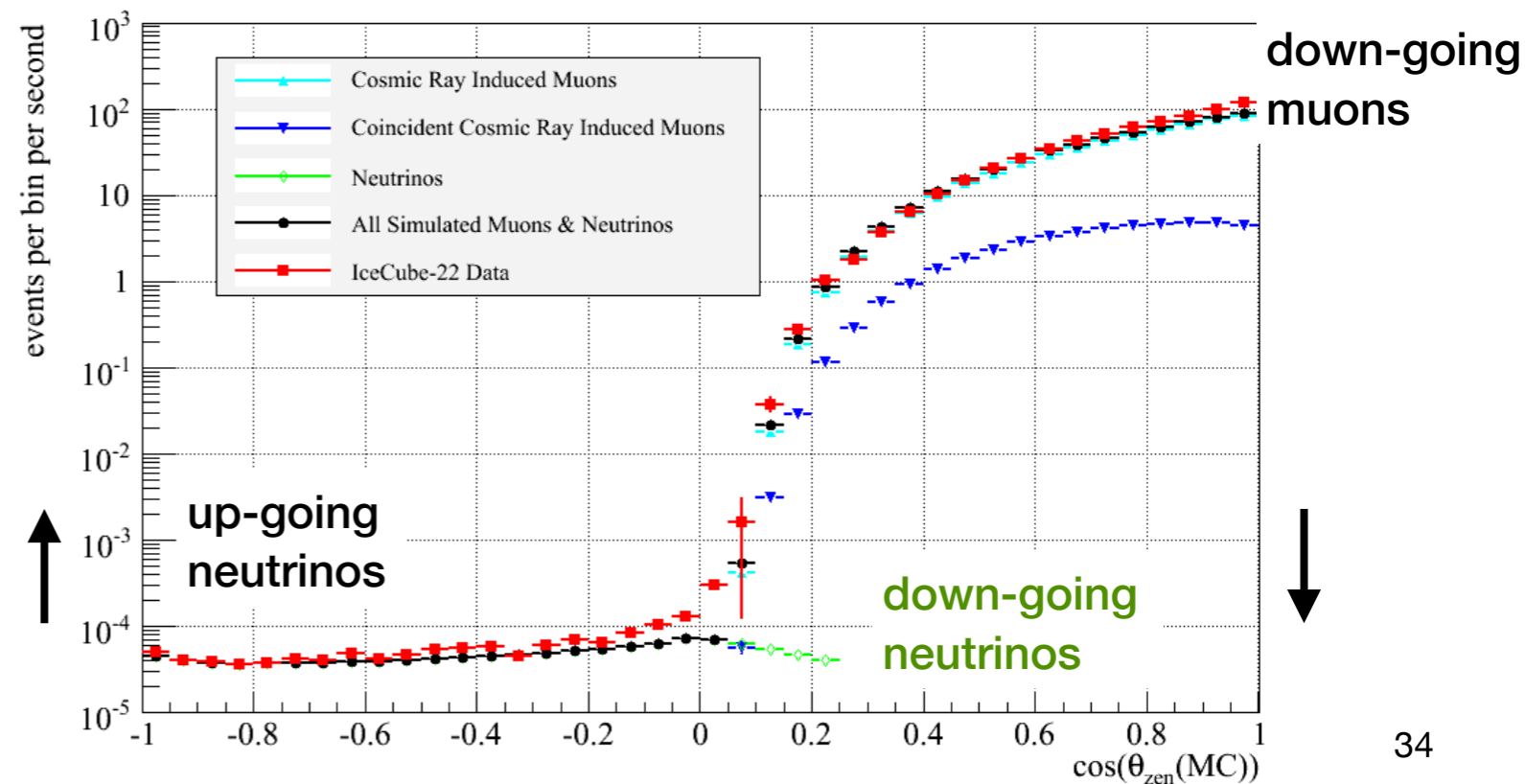
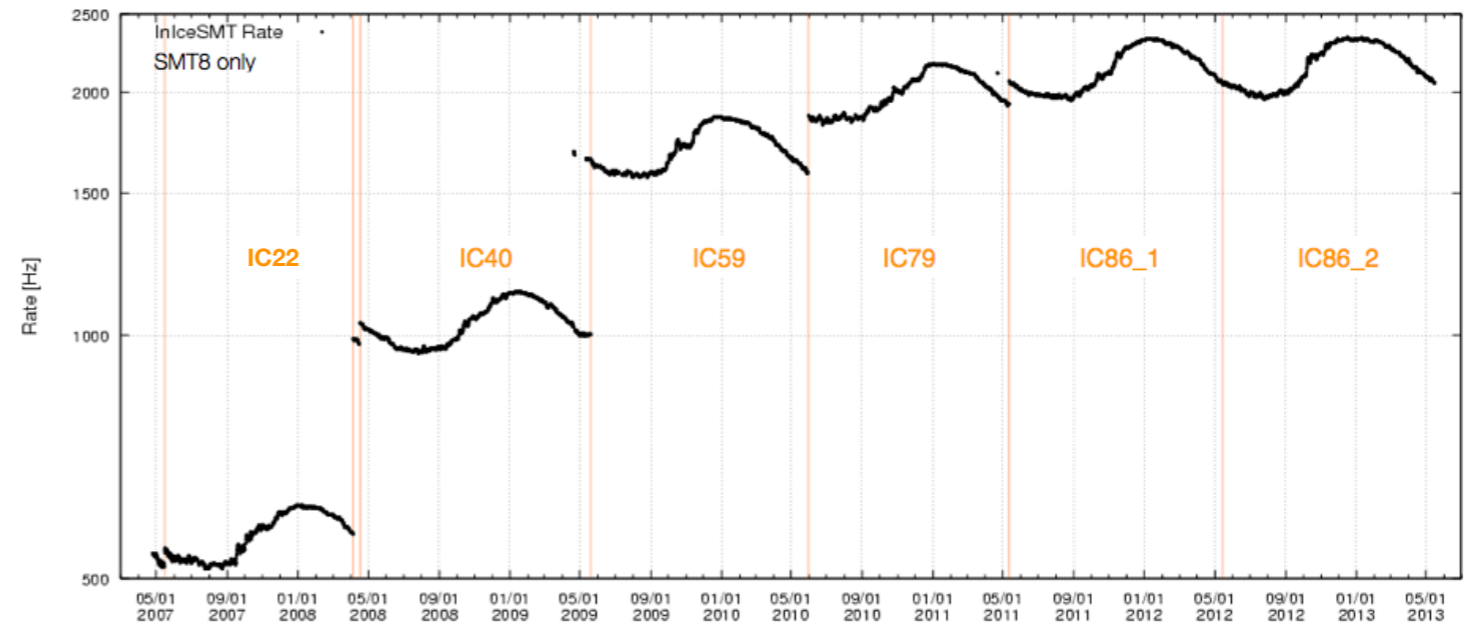
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# cosmic ray muons and neutrinos

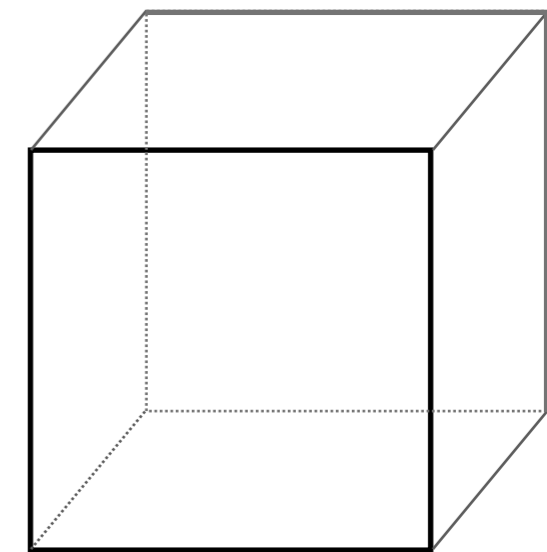
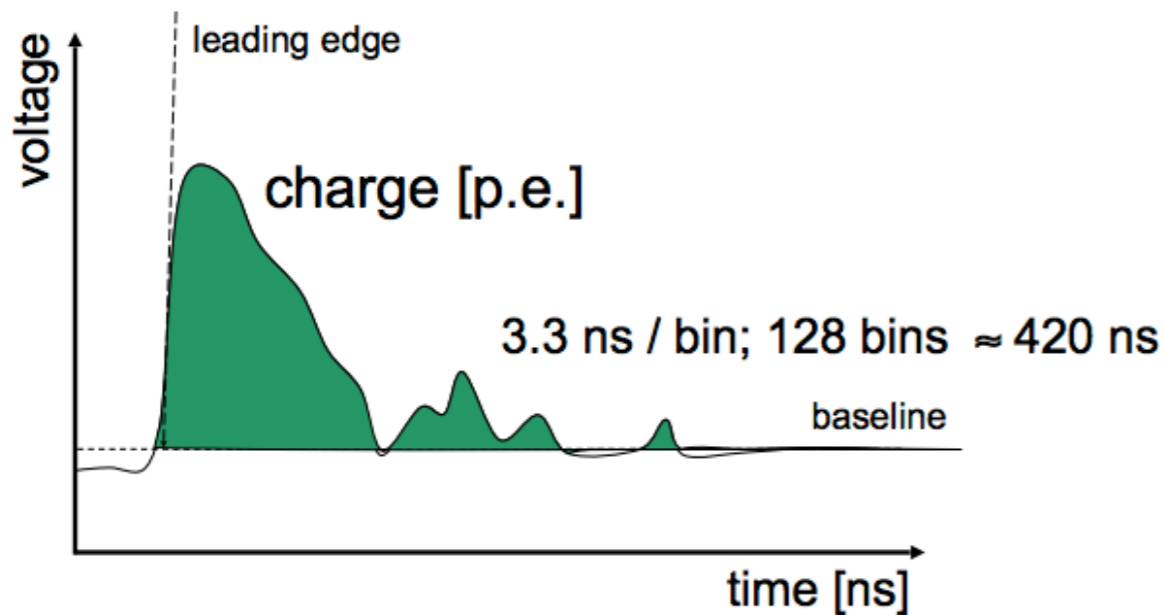
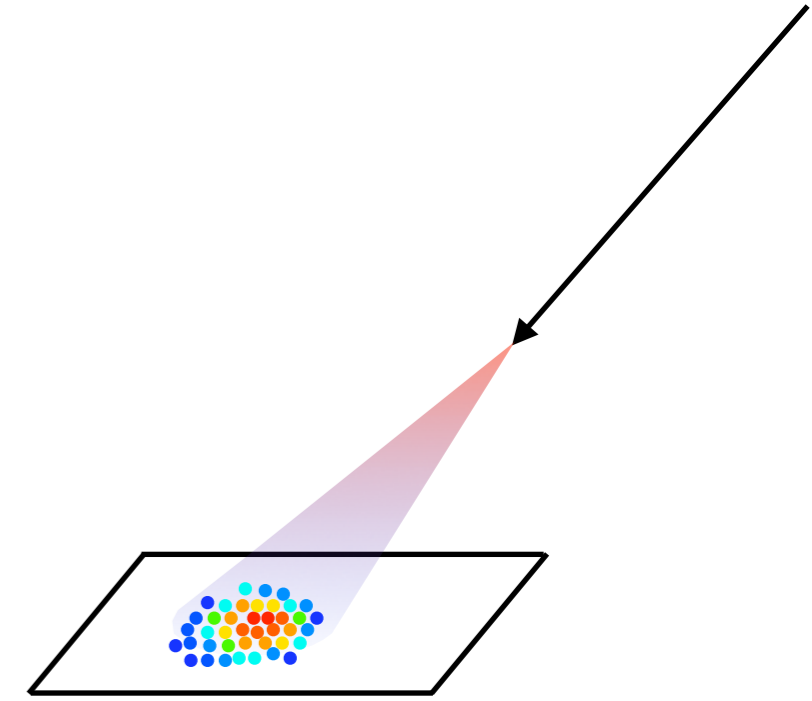
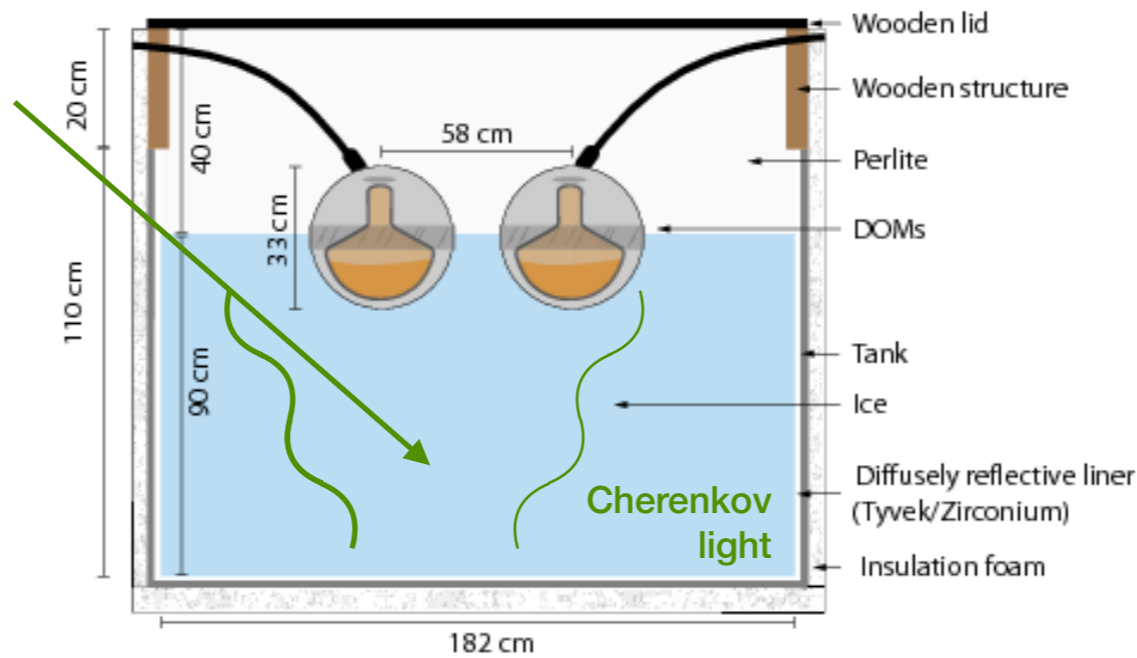
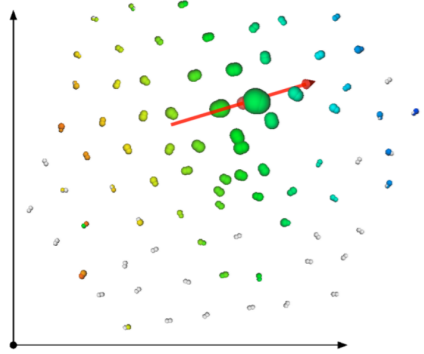
- $R_{\text{event}} \sim 2200 \text{ Hz}$
- $\mu$  and  $\nu$  produced in the atmosphere by **cosmic rays**
- atmospheric temperature seasonal variations
- $\sim 1/10^6$  TeV neutrinos interact in the ice and is detected and reconstructed in IceCube



# cosmic rays spectrum

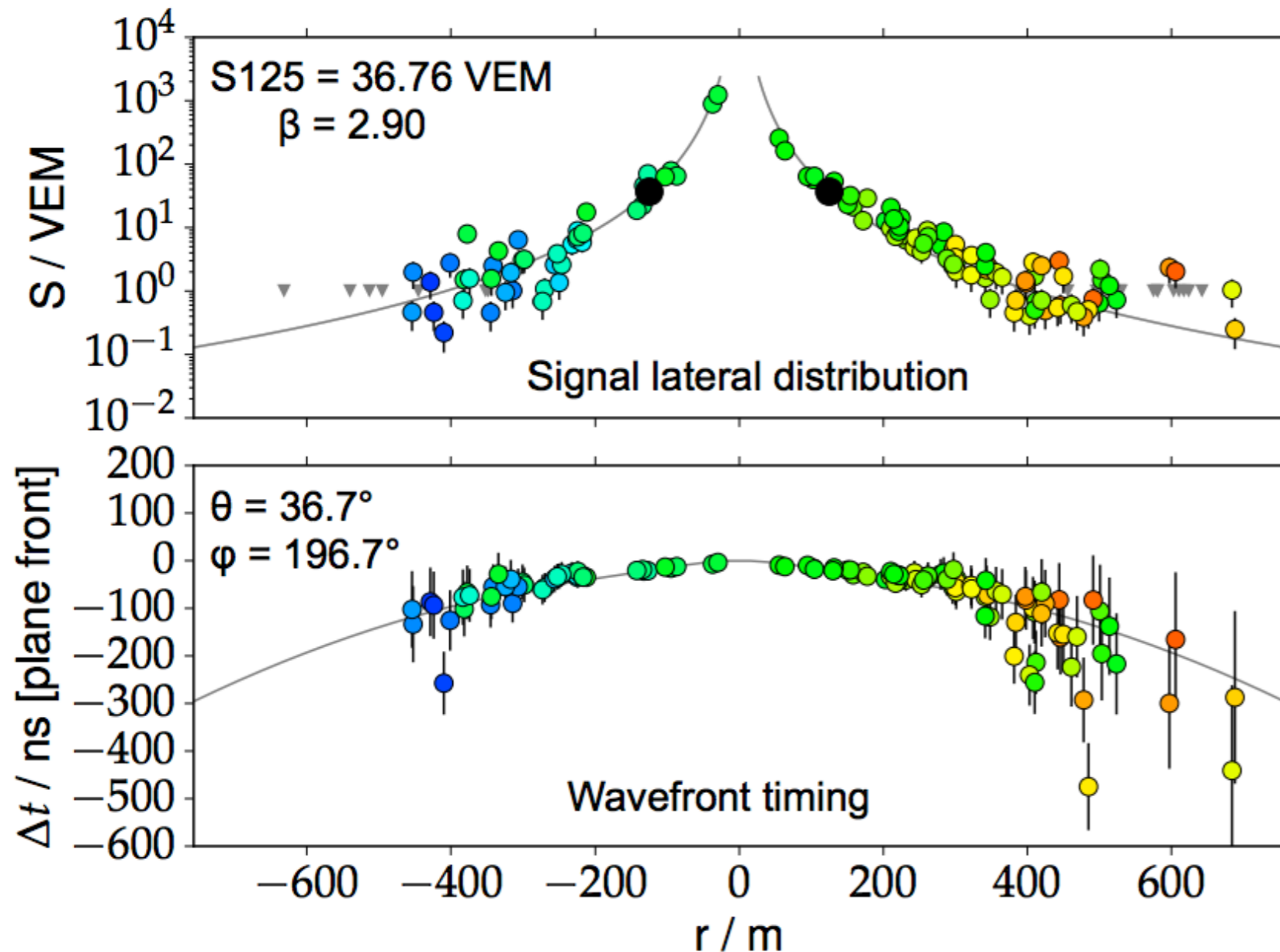
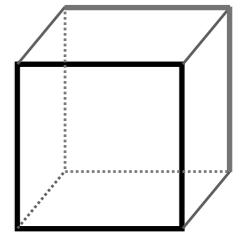
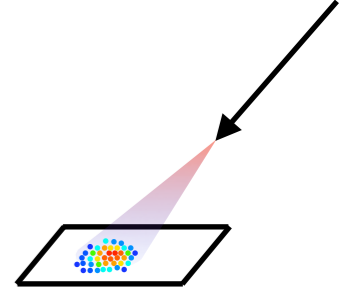
## all-particle energy spectrum

Event 120401/2498463-0  
Time 2012-07-01 03:43:27 UTC  
Duration 30819.2 ns



# cosmic rays spectrum

## all-particle energy spectrum



Signal lateral distribution:

$$S(r) = S_{125} e^{-\frac{d \sec \theta}{\lambda}} \left( \frac{r}{125 \text{ m}} \right)^{-\beta - \kappa \log\left(\frac{r}{125 \text{ m}}\right)}$$

Correction for attenuation in snow

Wavefront timing:

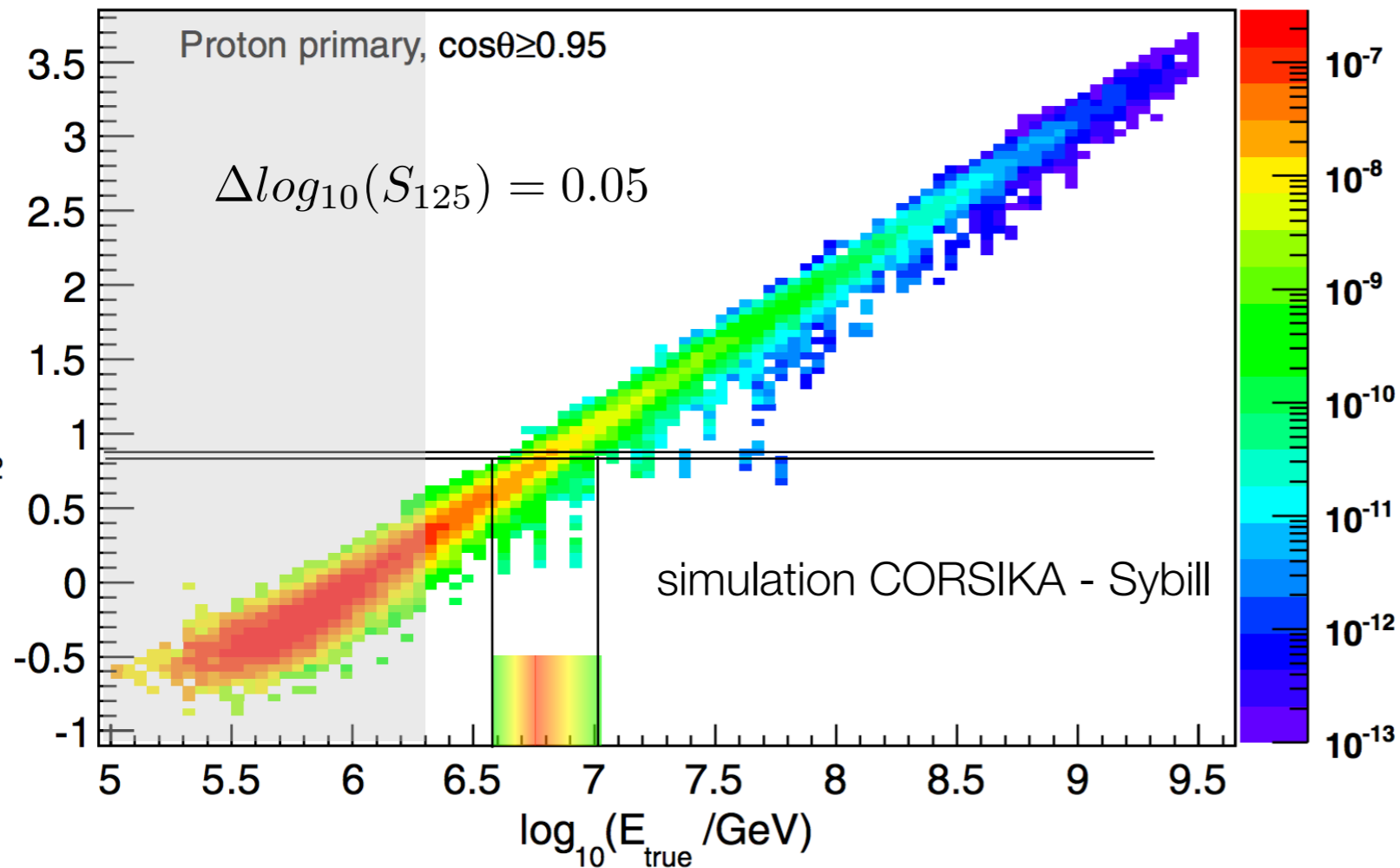
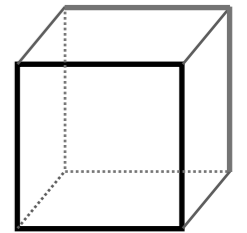
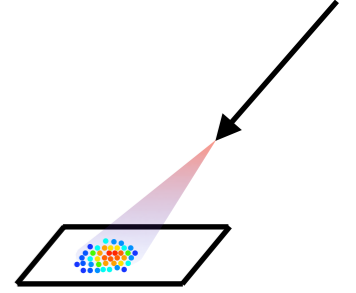
$$t(\vec{x}) = t_0 + \frac{1}{c} (\vec{x} - \vec{x}_c) \cdot \vec{n} + \Delta t(r)$$

$$\Delta t(r) = ar^2 + b \left( 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \right)$$



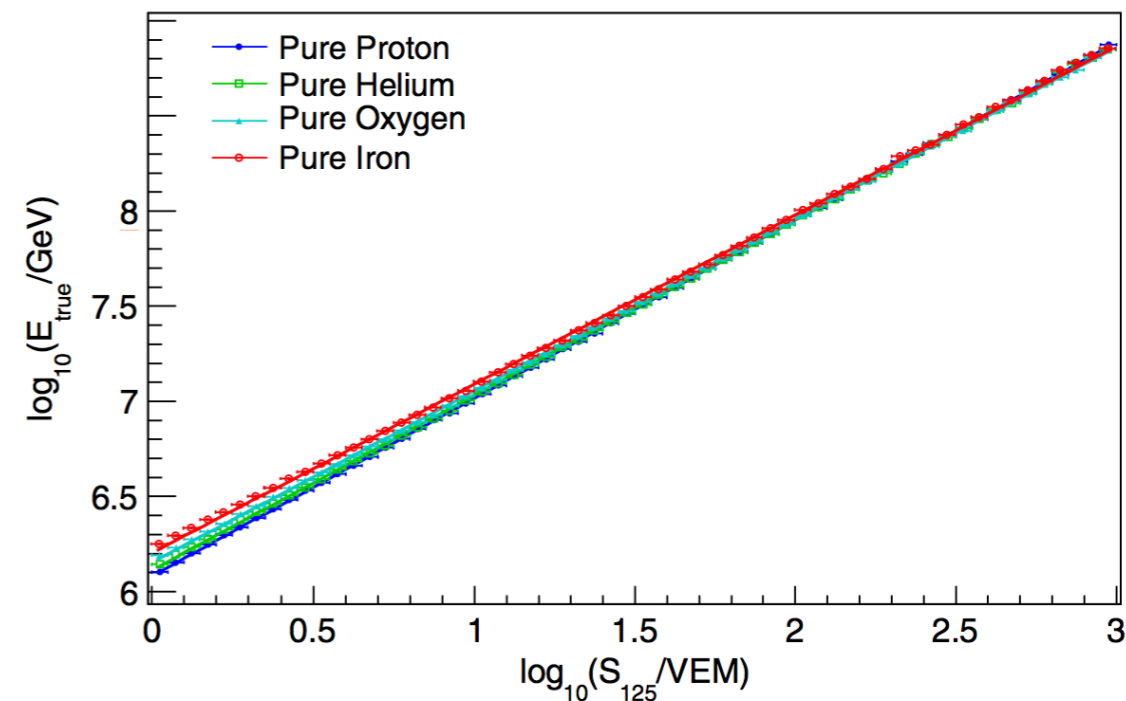
# cosmic rays spectrum

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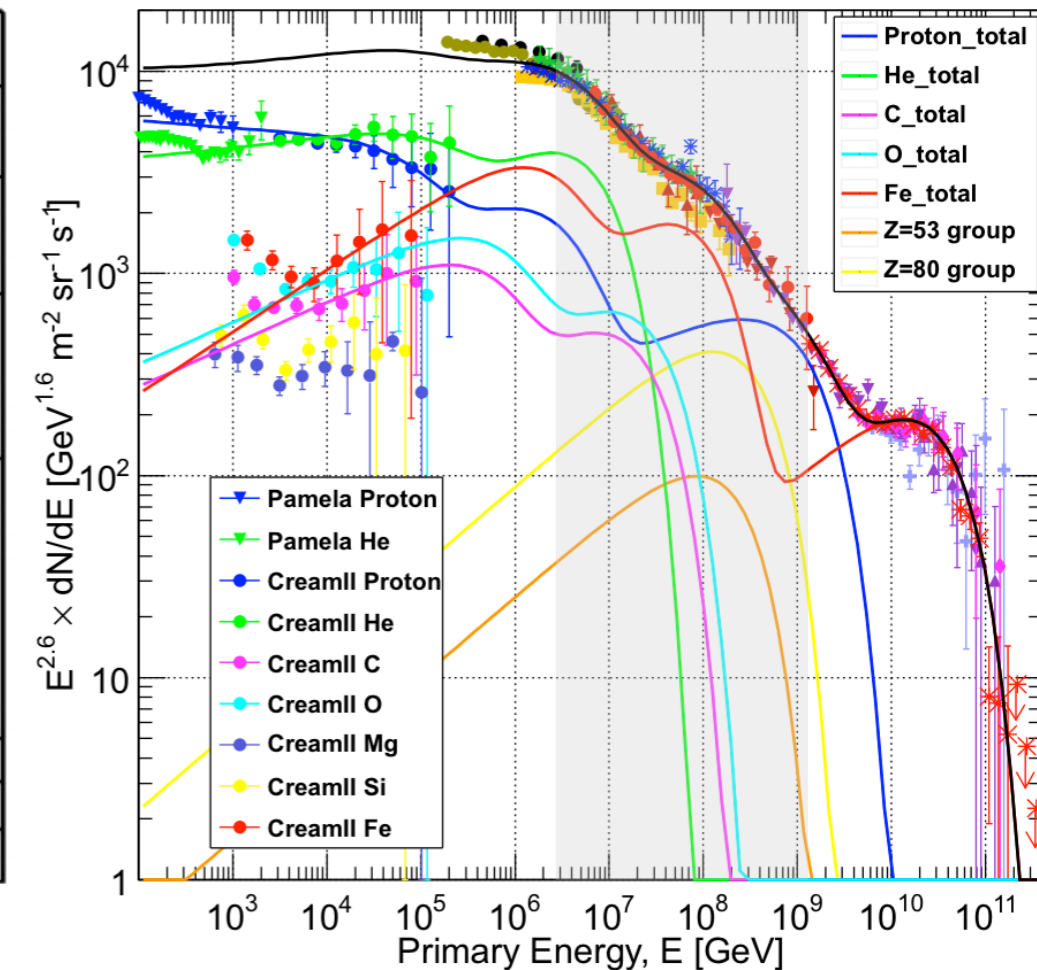
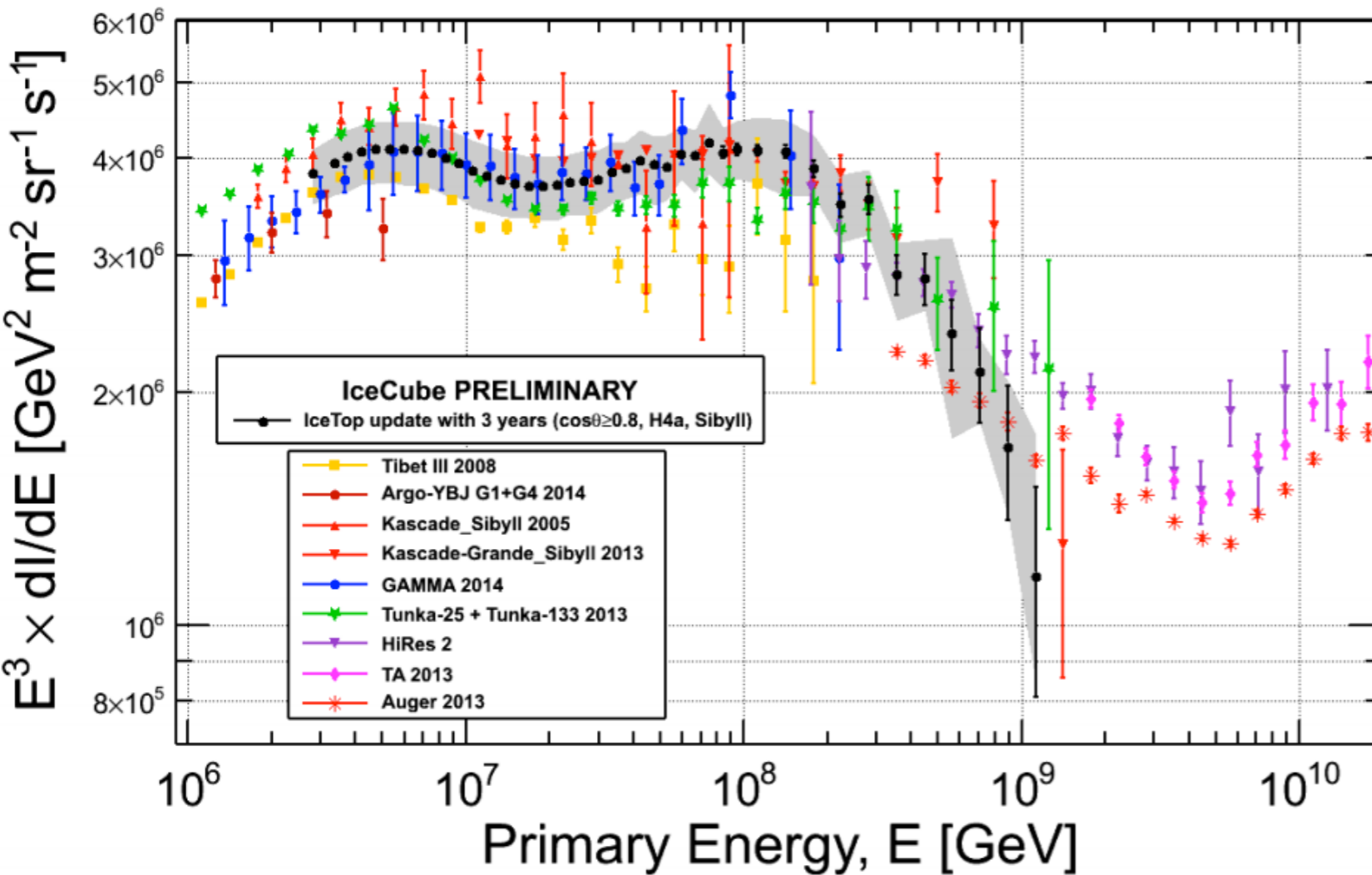
Aartsen et al. PRD 88 (2013) 042004

the relationship between  $S_{125}$  and primary energy depends on **mass** and **zenith angle**



# cosmic rays spectrum

## all-particle energy spectrum

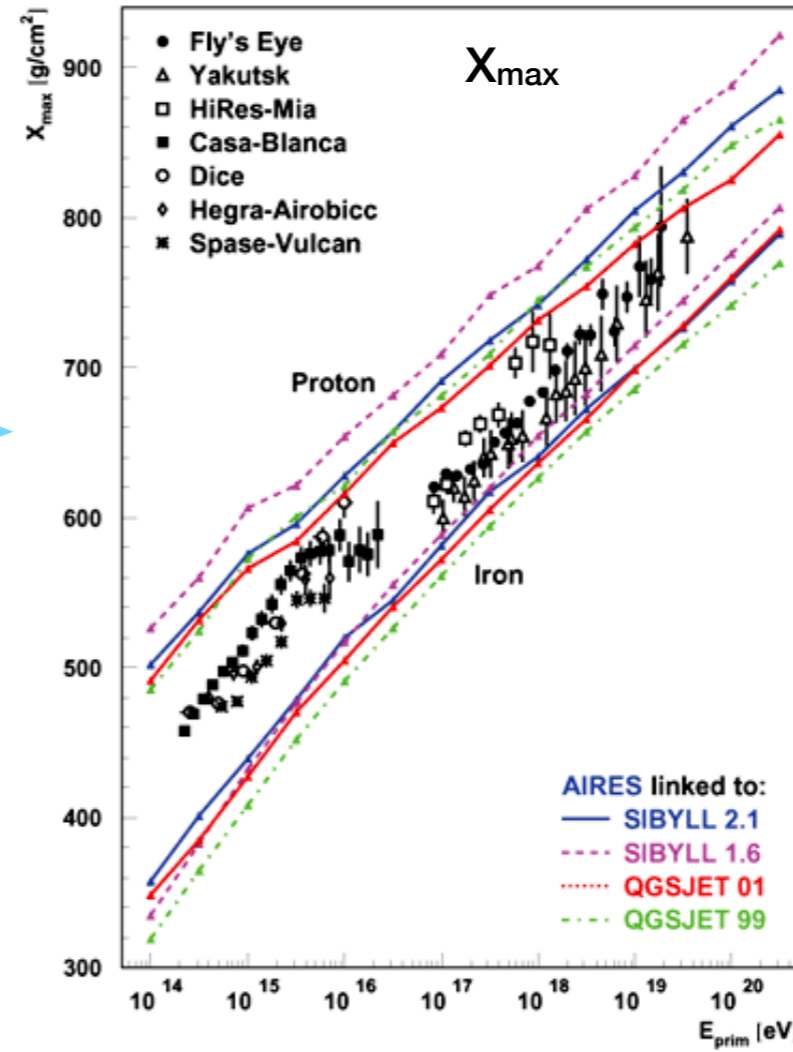


all-particle spectrum depends on the *assumed* mass composition of primary particles

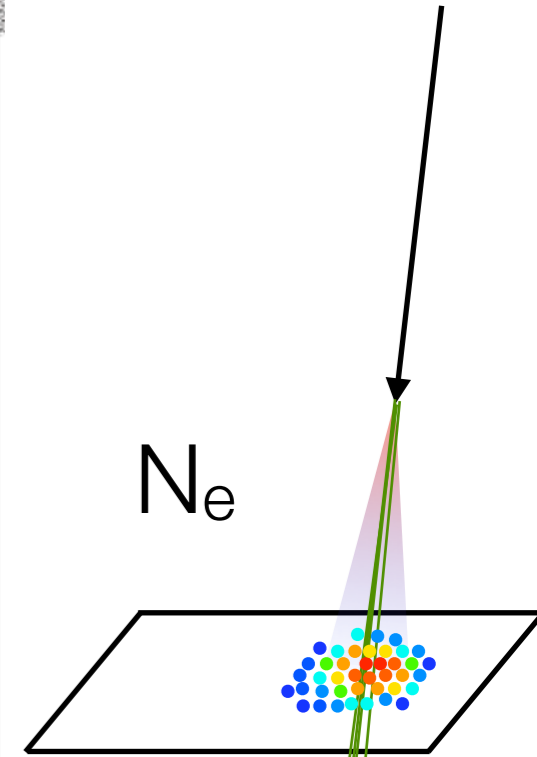
# cosmic rays composition

## coincident events

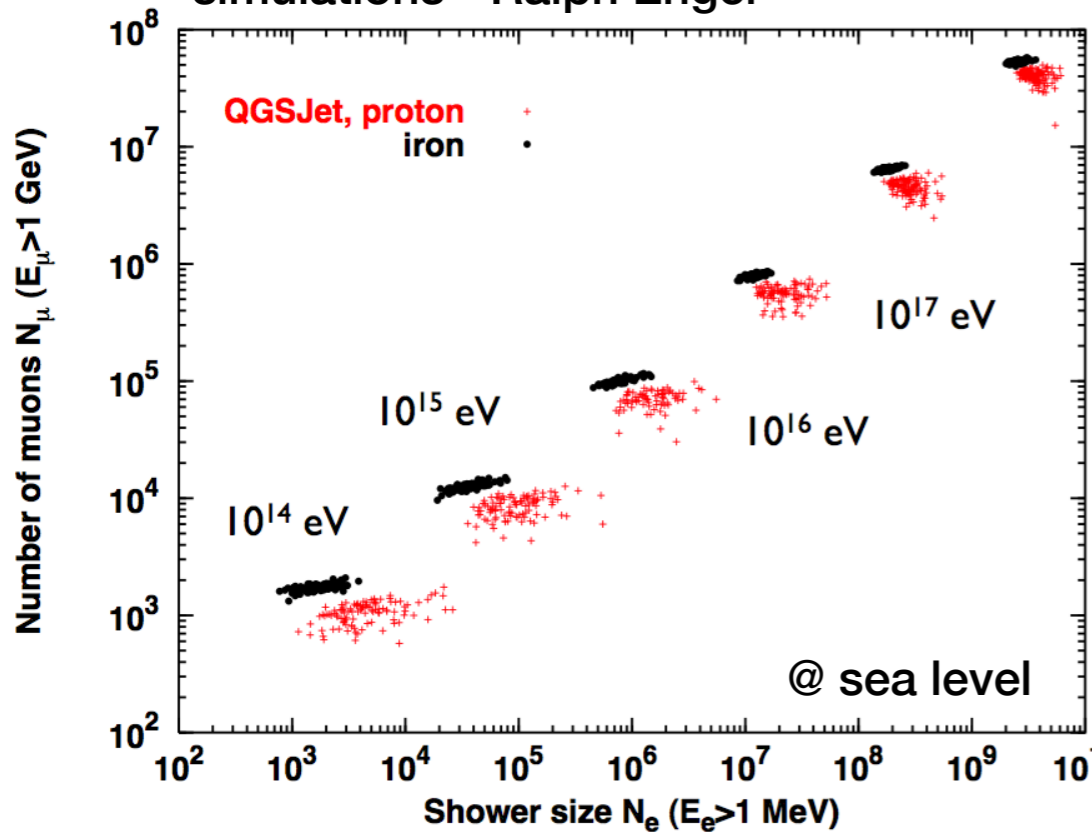
@Antarctica



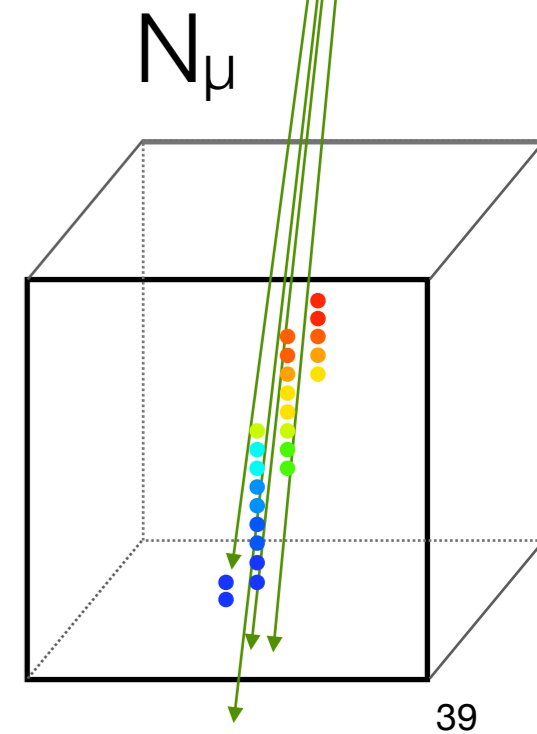
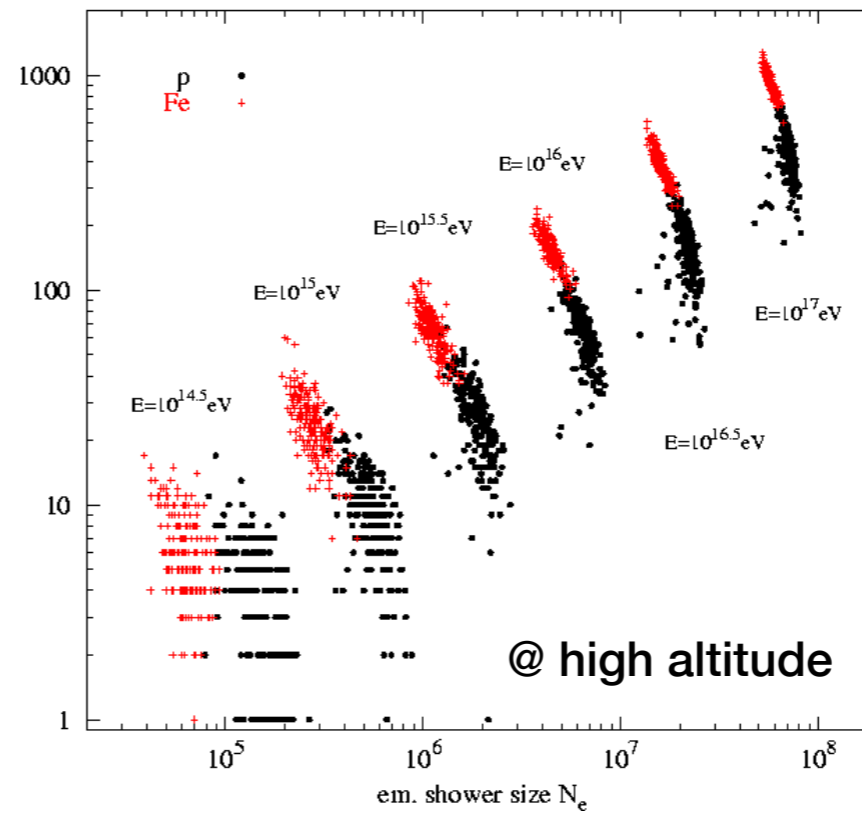
← @sea level



simulations - Ralph Engel



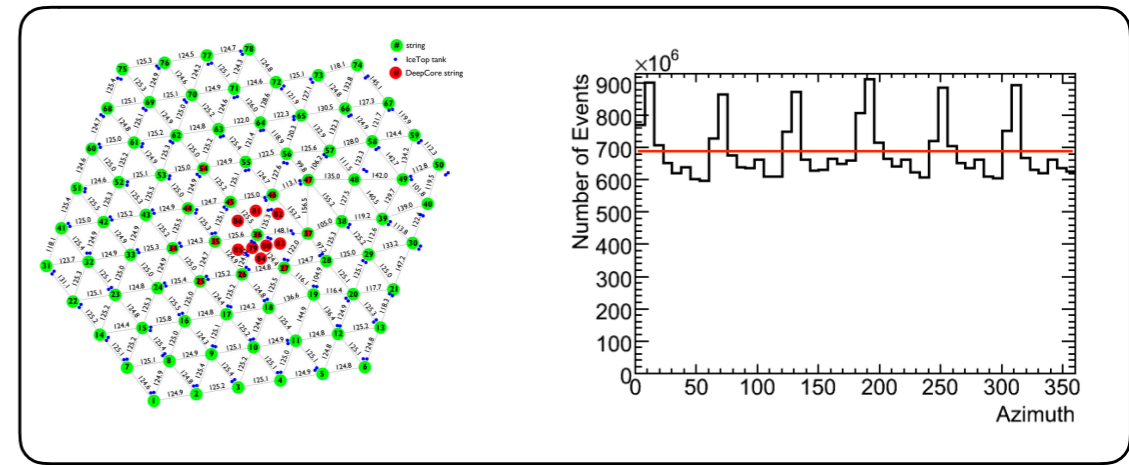
number of muons  $N_\mu$  ( $E_\mu > 500$  GeV)



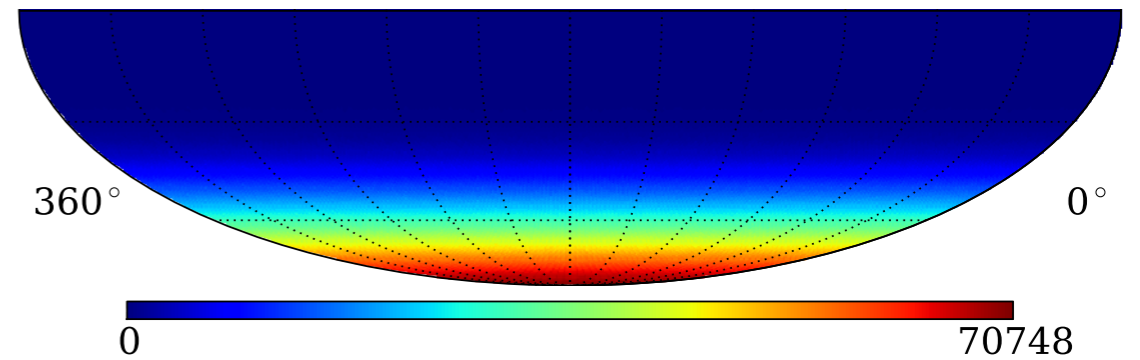


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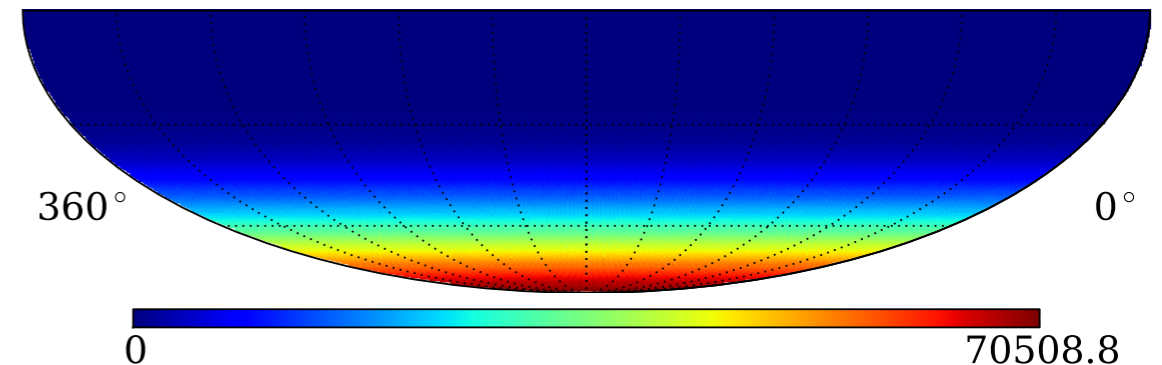
## arrival direction distribution



**raw map** of events in equatorial coordinates  $(\alpha, \delta)_i$

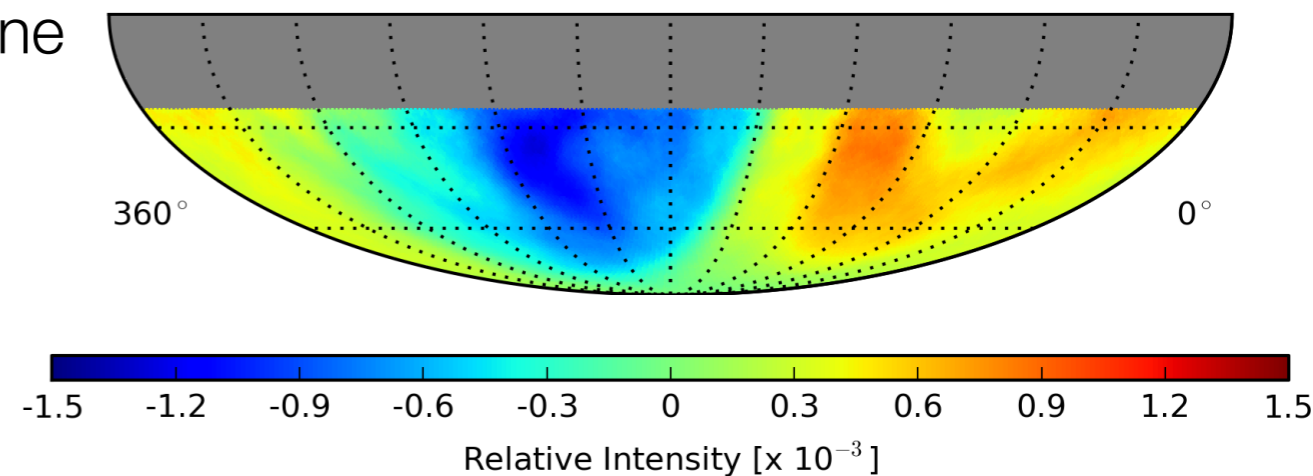


**reference map** from events scrambled over 24hr in  $\alpha$  (or time)

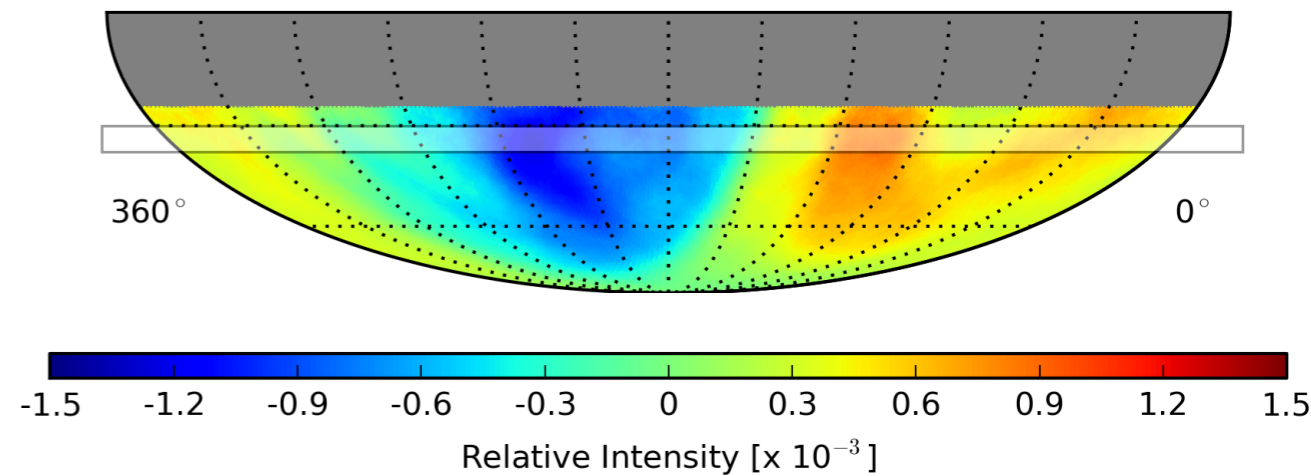
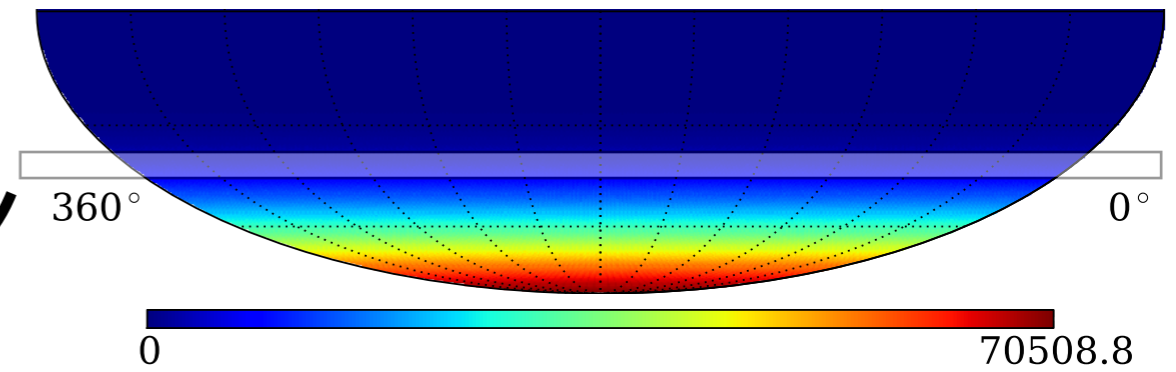
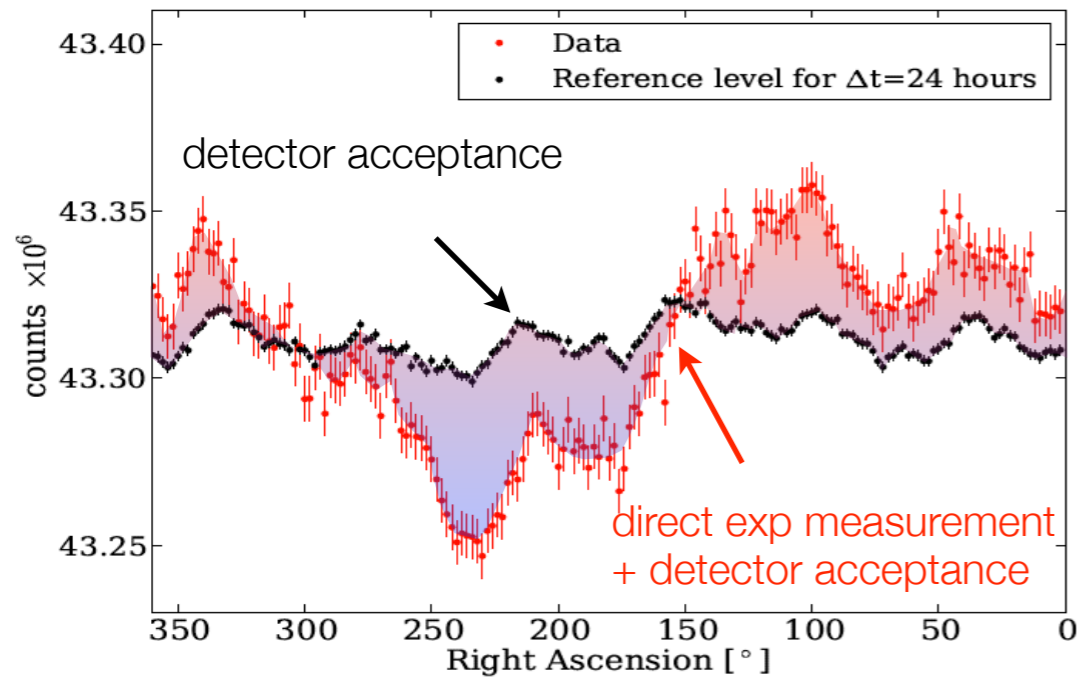
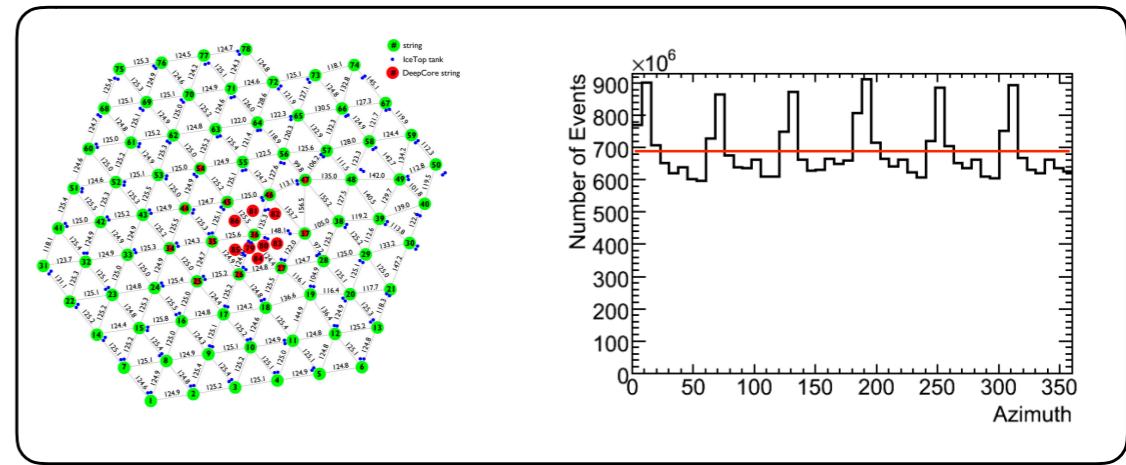


**subtract** reference map from raw map to determine the **residual relative intensity** map

$$\frac{\Delta I}{\langle I \rangle} \equiv \frac{N_i - \langle N \rangle}{\langle N \rangle}$$



# cosmic rays anisotropy arrival direction distribution

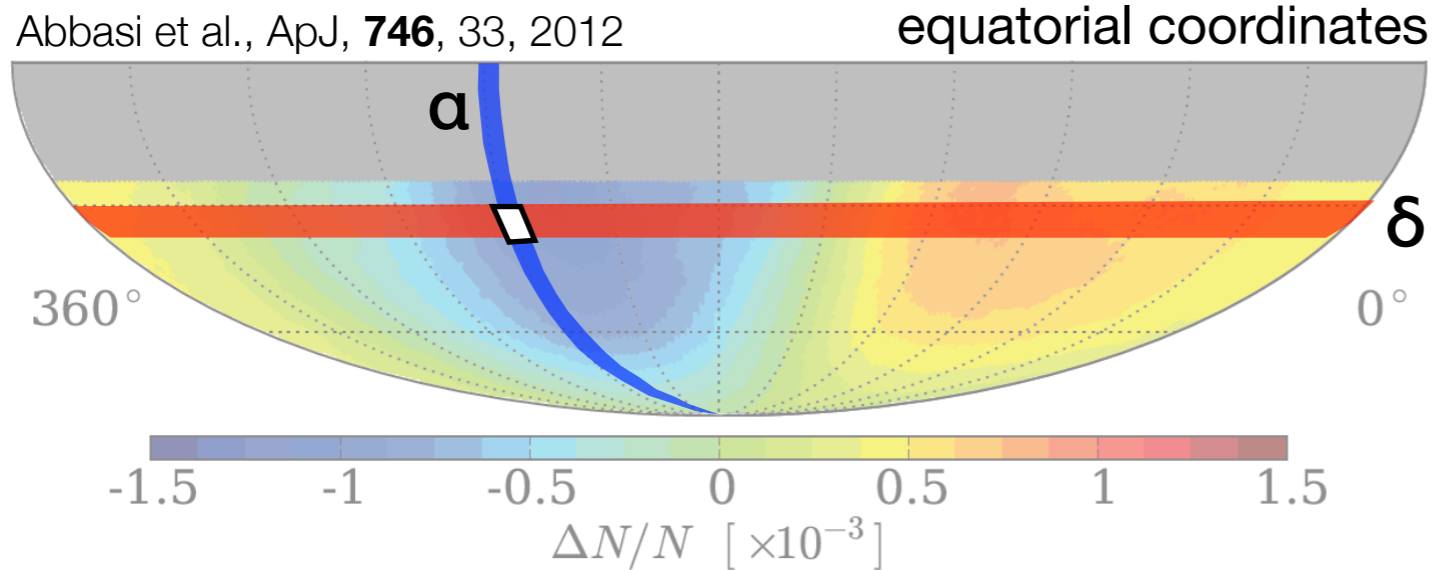


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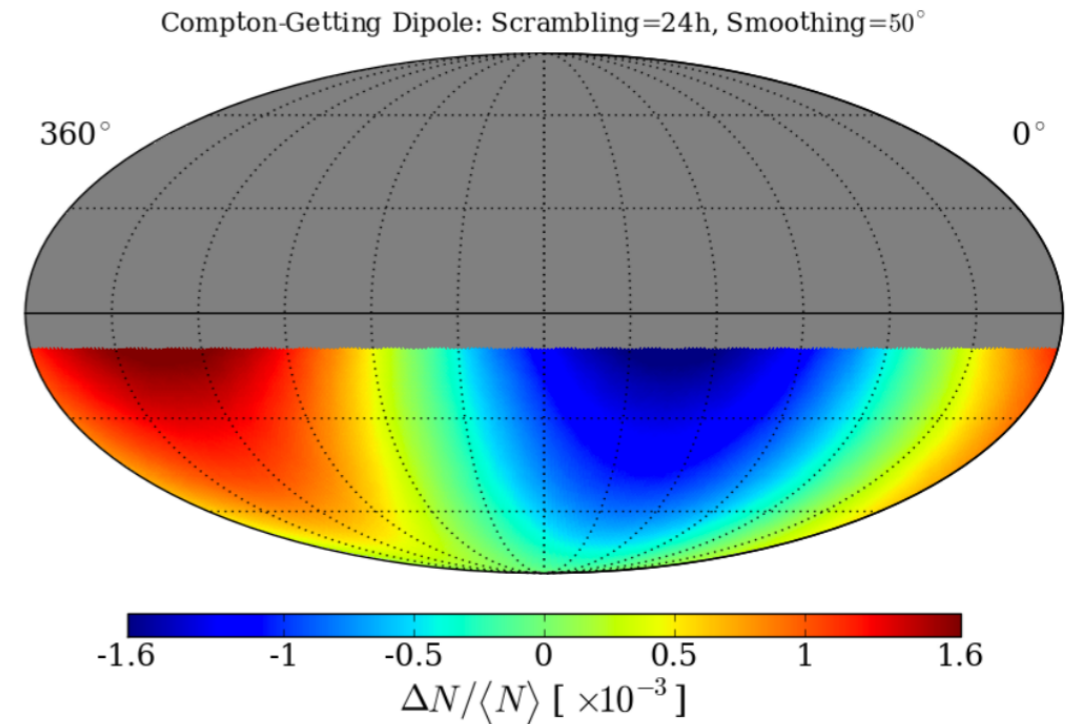
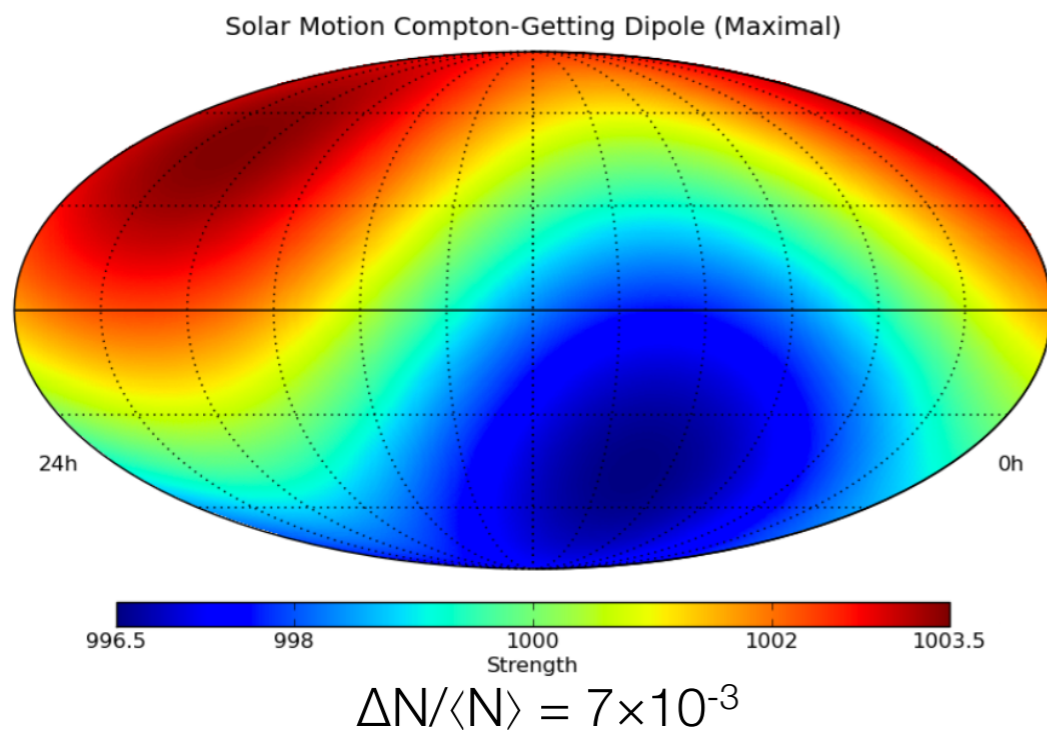
# measuring cosmic ray anisotropy

relative intensity

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$$\frac{\Delta N_i}{\langle N \rangle_i} = \frac{N_i(\alpha, \delta) - \langle N_i(\alpha, \delta) \rangle}{\langle N_i(\alpha, \delta) \rangle}$$

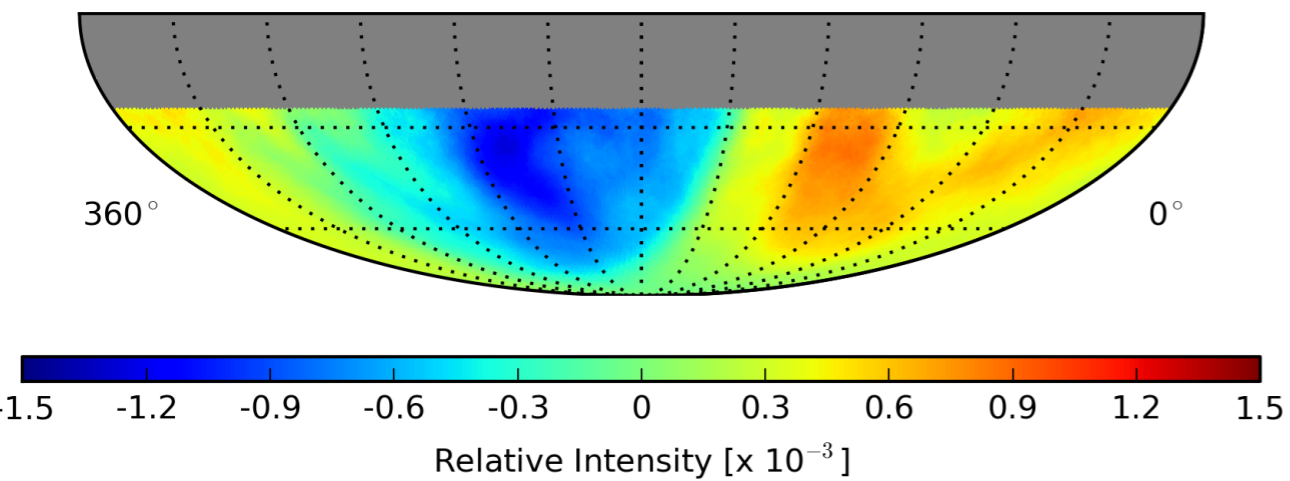
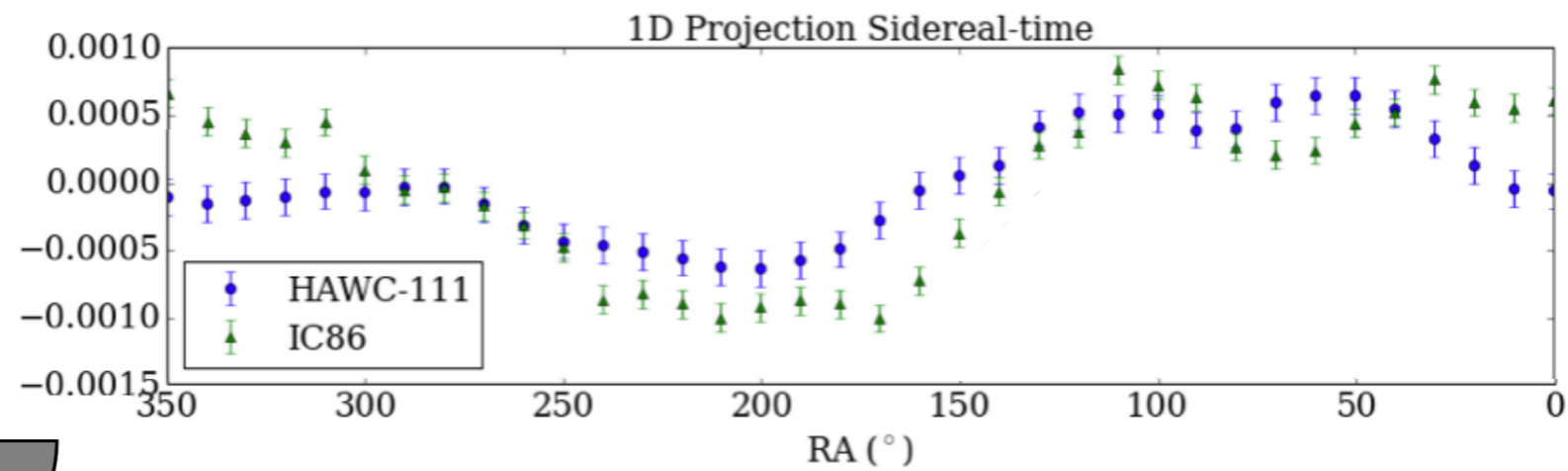
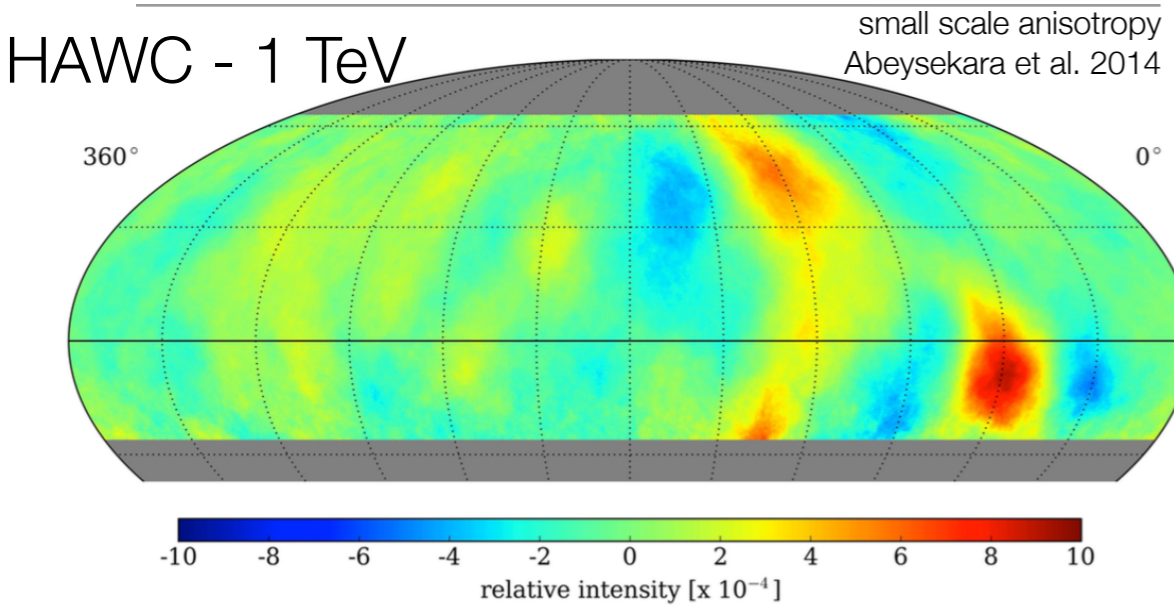


► sky maps show **ONLY** modulations across right ascension and **NOT** declination



# cosmic rays anisotropy

## arrival direction distribution



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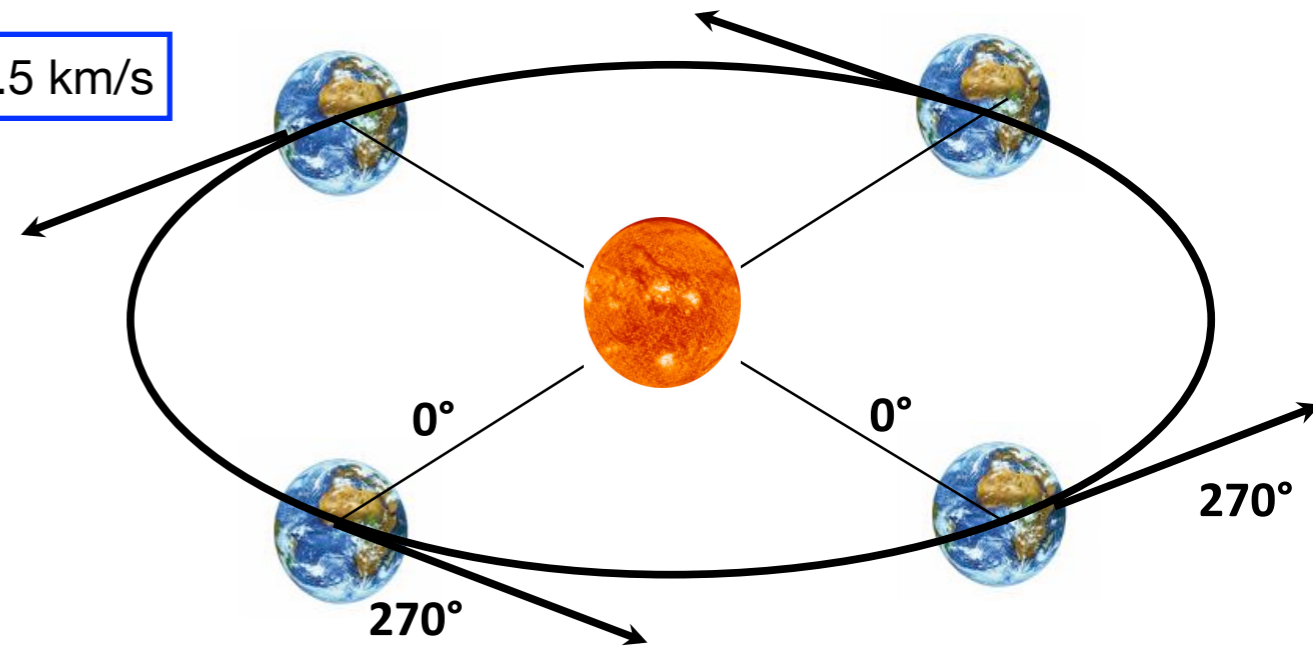
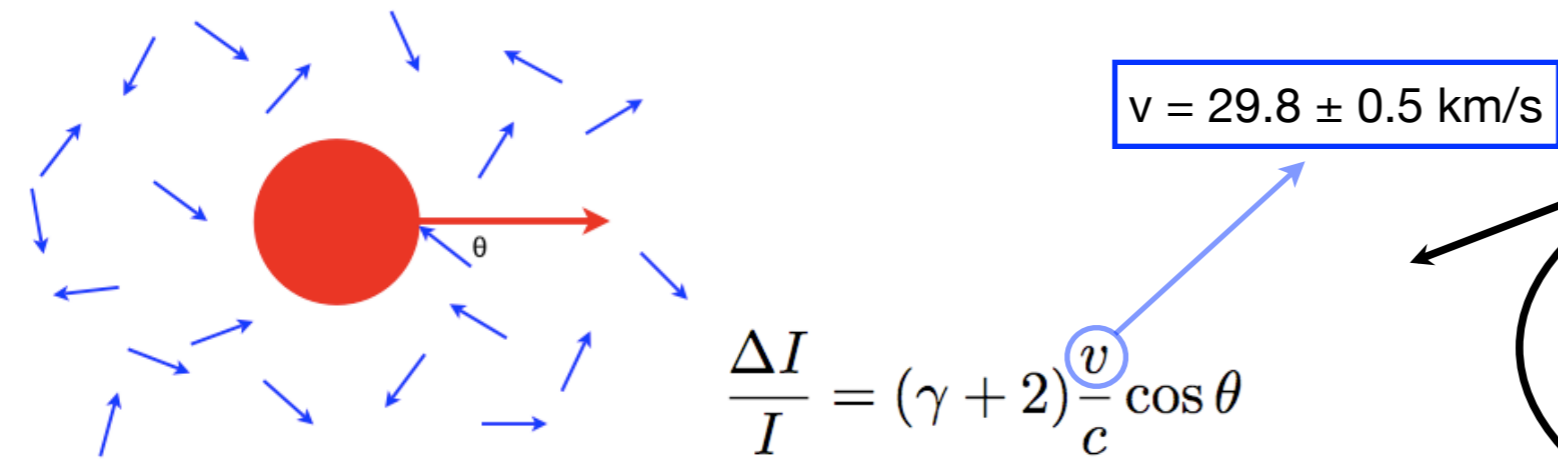
IceCube - 20 TeV

Abbasi et al. 2010, 11,12  
Aartsen et al. 2013

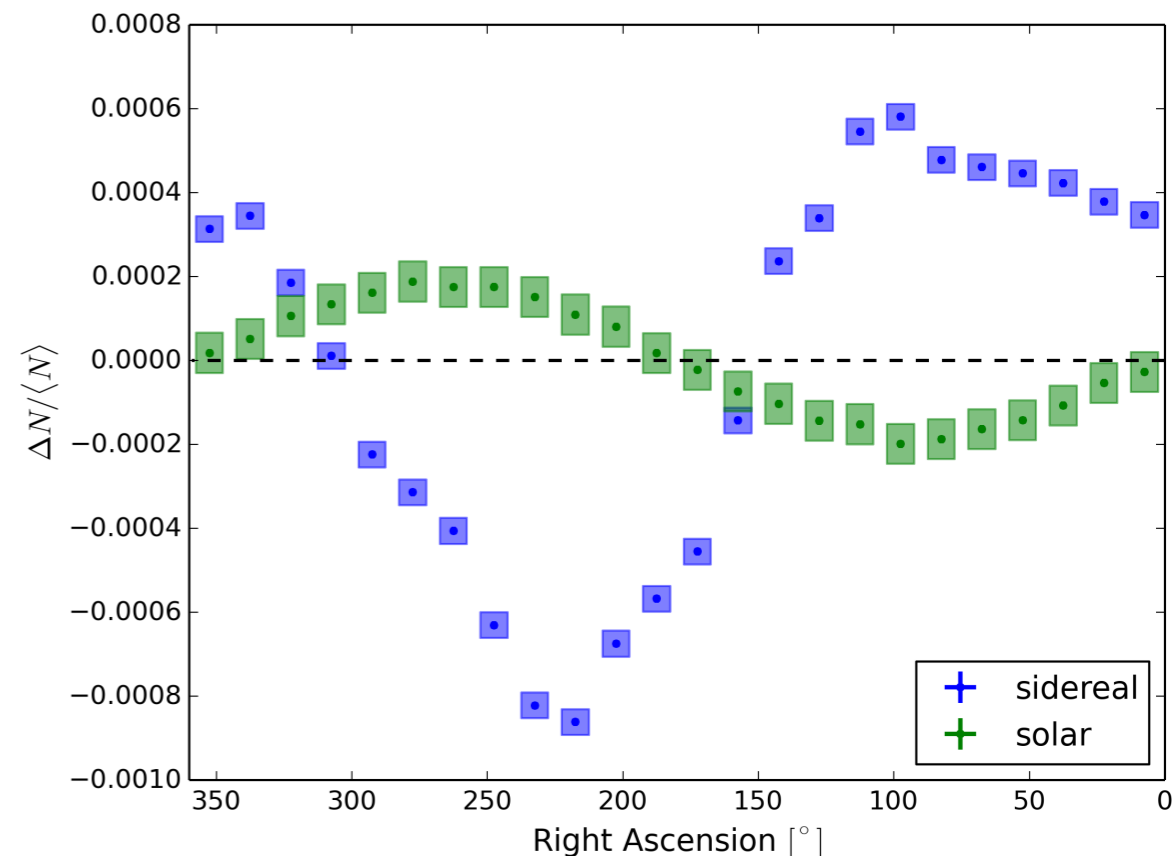
# a known anisotropy

## Earth's motion around the Sun

Compton & Getting, Phys. Rev. 47, 817 (1935)  
Gleeson, & Axford, Ap&SS, 2, 43 (1968)

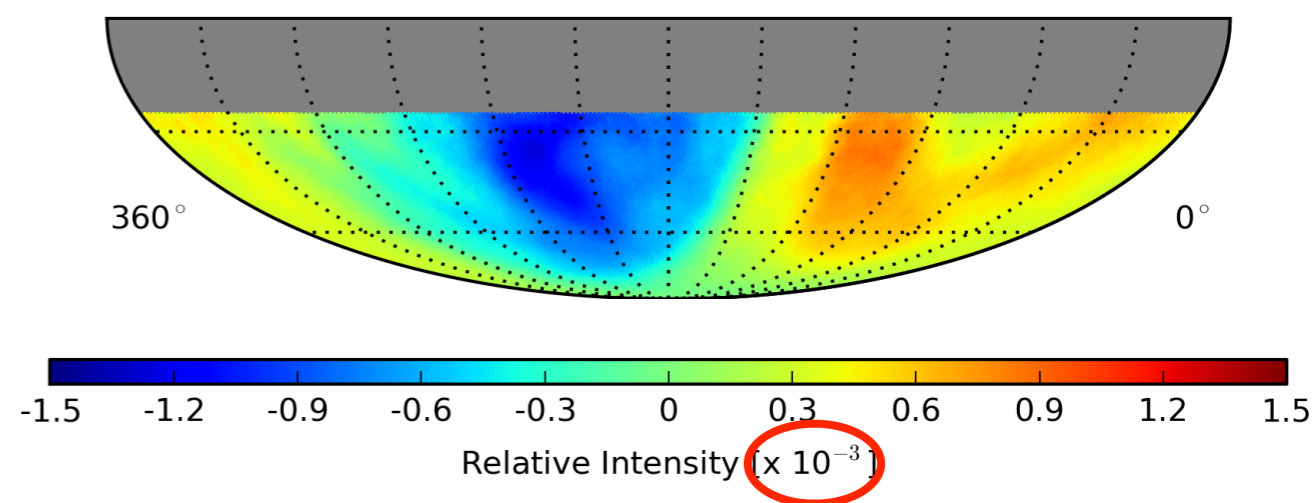
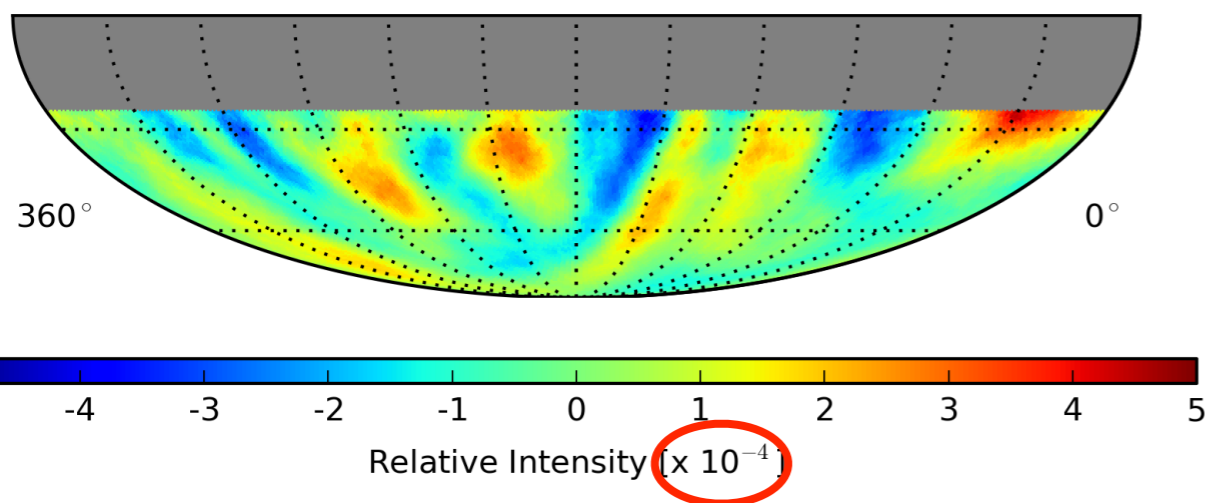
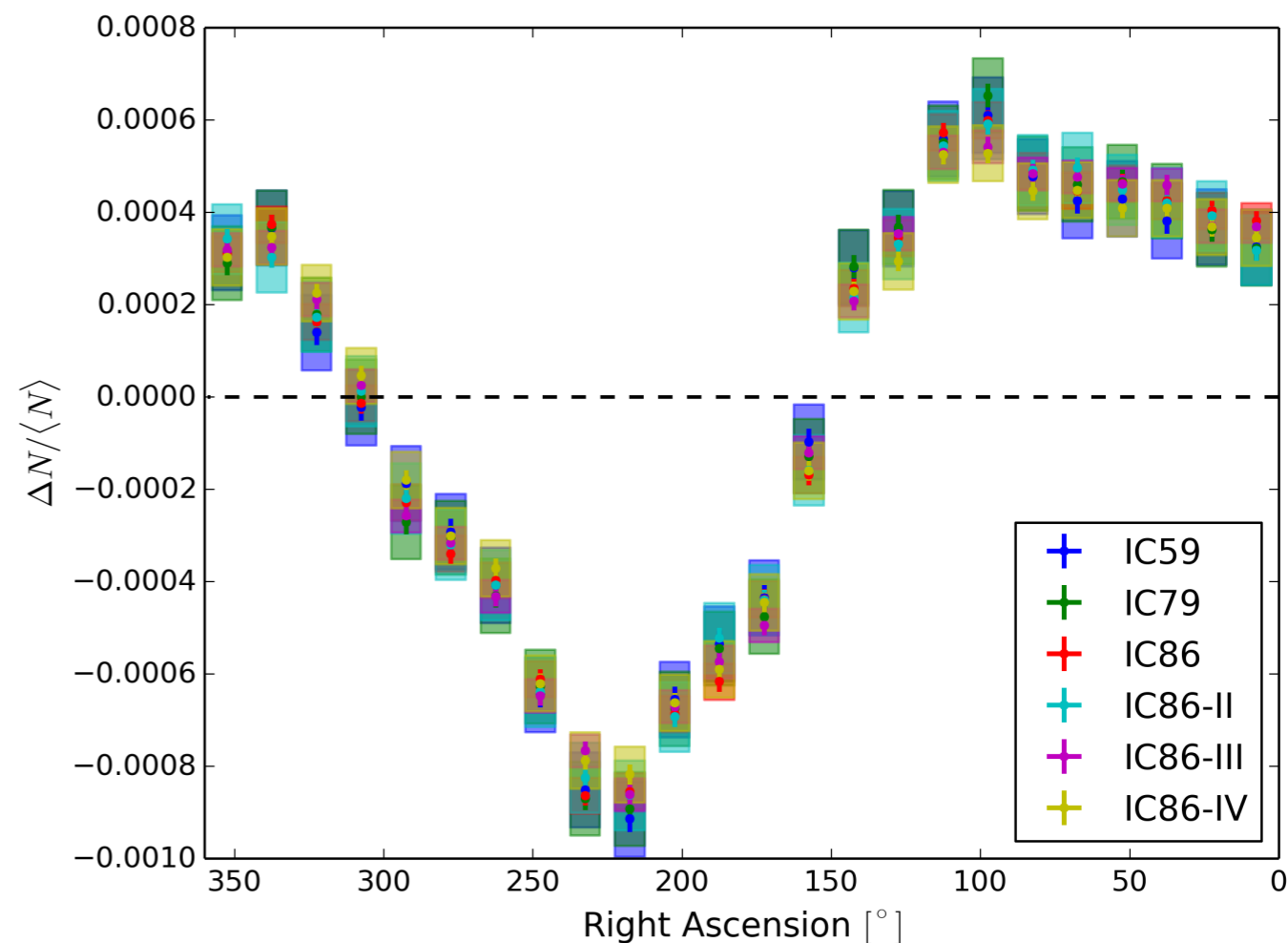
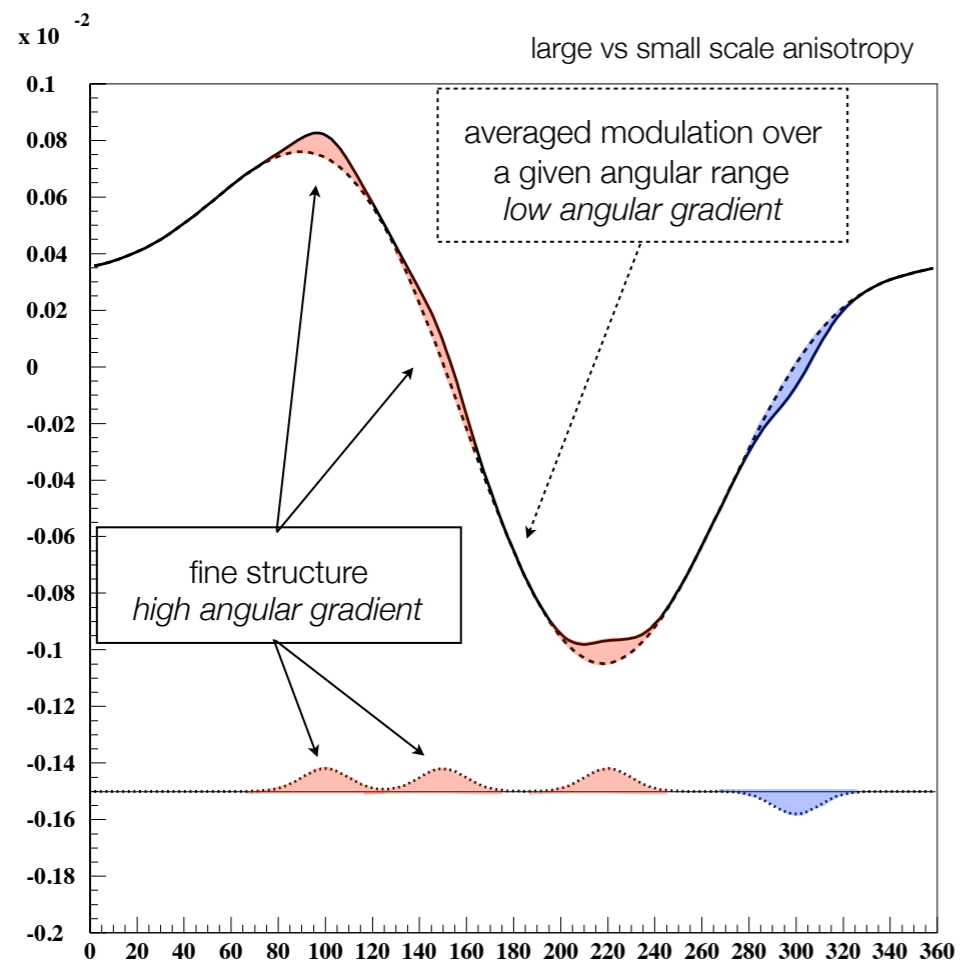


- ▶ produced by Earth's revolution around the Sun
- ▶ visible as **solar diurnal modulation**
- ▶ **predictable** and used as **benchmark**



# cosmic rays anisotropy

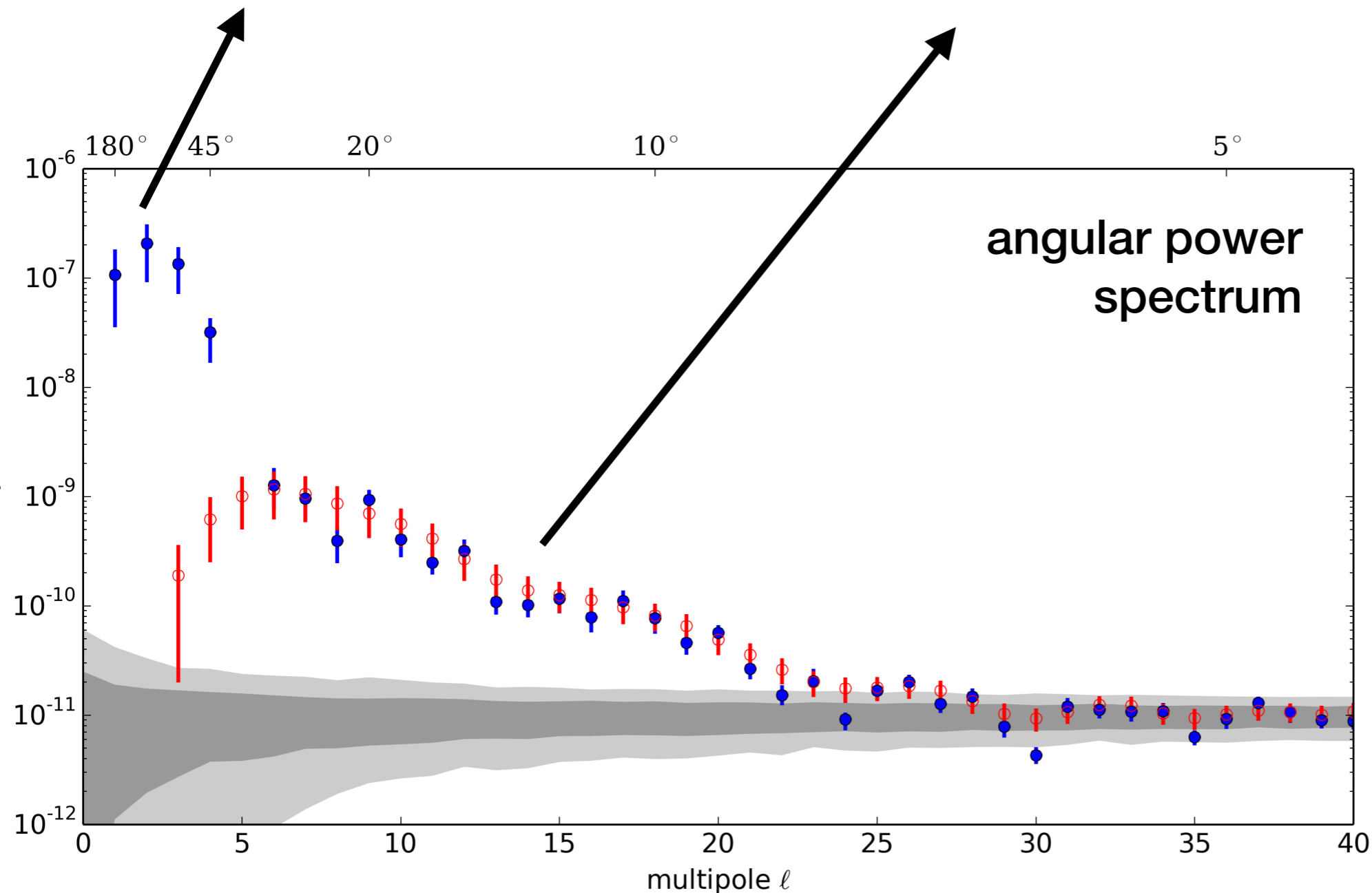
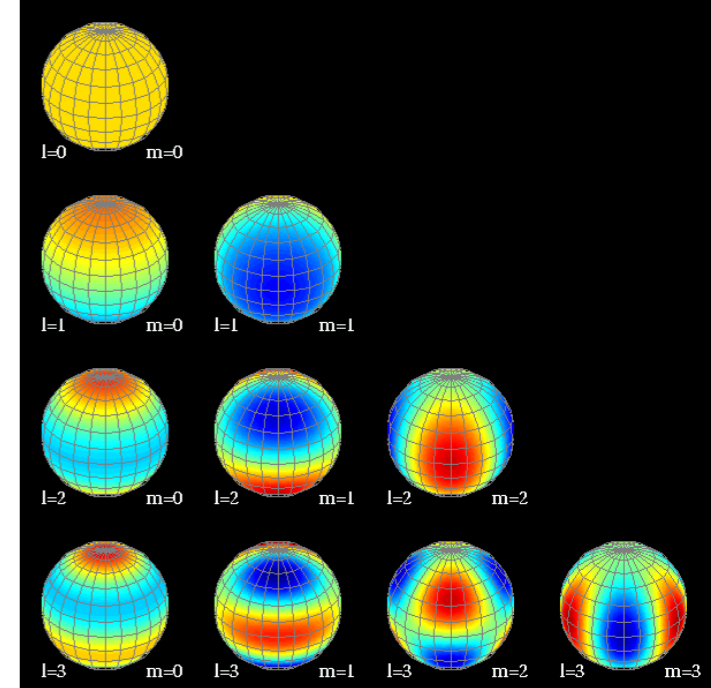
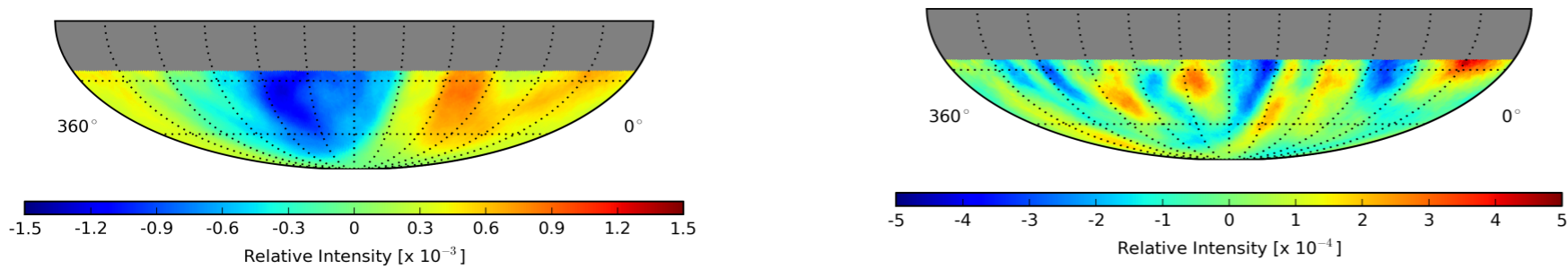
## large and small angular scale





# cosmic rays anisotropy

## large and small angular scale



can angular power spectrum reveal fundamental physics properties ?

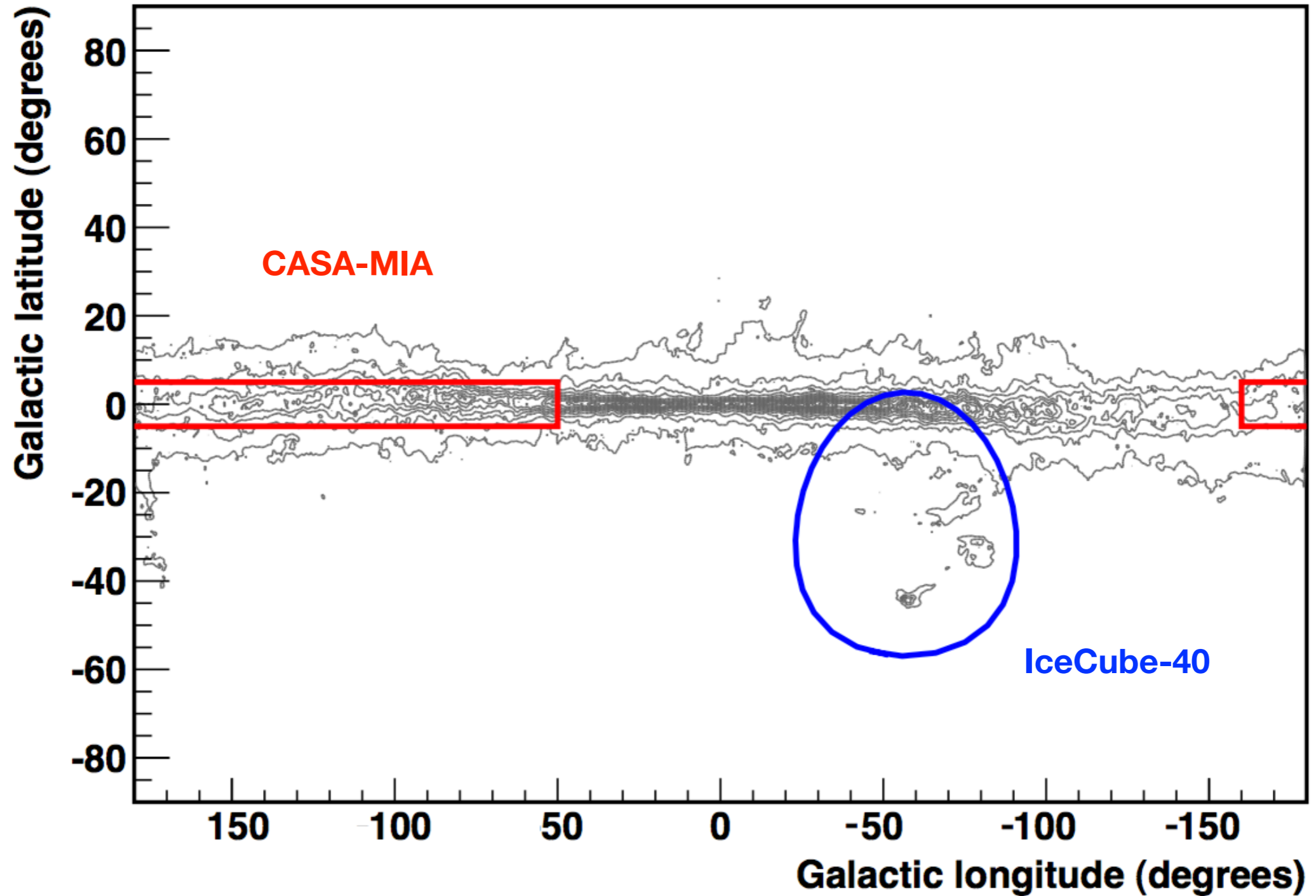
**need extended/full sky coverage at equivalent rigidity**

Giacinti & Sigl 2012  
 Ahlers 2014  
 Ahlers & Mertsch 2015  
 López-Barquero, Farber, Xu, PD, Lazarian 2015

# PeV gamma rays

galactic origin

IC40 - Aartsen et al., 2012



# neutron point sources

nearby galactic sources with 4 years of IceTop

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## Targeted search catalogs

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### What would comprise good Galactic source candidates?

- nearby, known distances, high energy  $\gamma$ s with an adequate energy flux at Earth

#### msec pulsars [Manchester et al. 2005]:

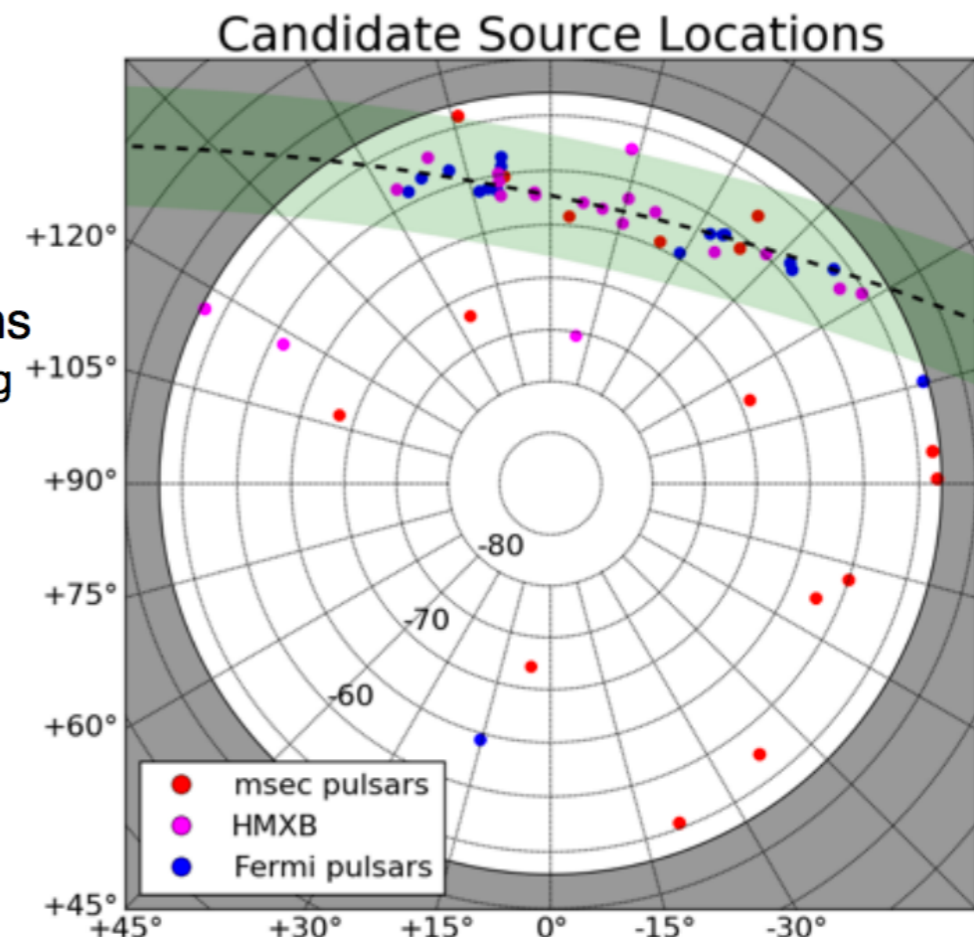
- <http://www.atnf.csiro.au/research/pulsar/psrcat/>
- 17 objects with  $P < 10$  msec
- median distance  $\sim 1.9$  kpc  $\rightarrow E_c \sim 220$  PeV

#### $\gamma$ pulsars [Abdo et al. 2013]: confirmed high energy photons

- [http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/2nd\\_PSR\\_catalog](http://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/access/lat/2nd_PSR_catalog)
- 16 objects
- median distance  $\sim 2.7$  kpc  $\rightarrow E_c \sim 320$  PeV

#### HMXB [Liu et al. 2007]: compact object + massive star

- <http://cdsweb.u-strasbg.fr/cgi-bin/qcat?J/A+A/442/1135>
- 20 objects
- median distance  $\sim 4.2$  kpc  $\rightarrow E_c \sim 480$  PeV





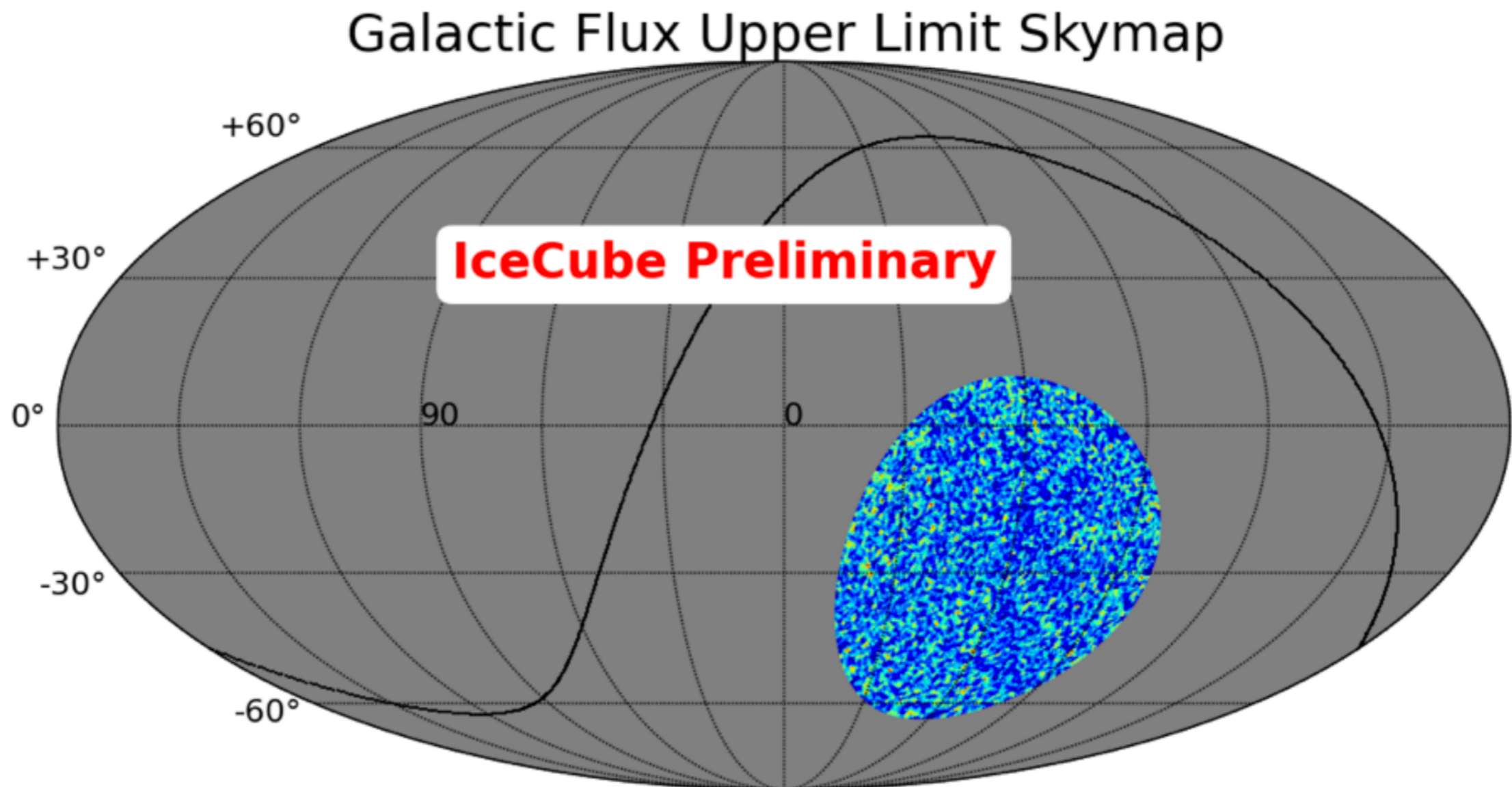
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## Results: all-sky search

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## Results: targeted search

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Post-trials  $p$  = fraction of MC with corresponding value less than that in observed dataset

Underfluctuation near  $b=0^\circ$  relative to background *plus* preferential catalog clustering produces artificially high  $P$ -values

Catalog	Number of Objects	Fisher $P$ (post-trials $p$ )	Good $P$ (post-trials $p$ )
$\gamma$ pulsars	17	0.998 (0.947)	0.887 (0.727)
msec pulsars	16	0.820 (0.457)	0.898 (0.791)
HMXB	20	0.999 (0.997)	0.945 (0.972)

**No statistically significant correlations observed between candidate catalogs and ( $E > 100$  PeV) cosmic rays**

Catalog	Object Name	R.A. [deg]	Dec [deg]	Observed	Expected	$N_{UL}$	$F_{UL}$ [km <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup> ]	energy $F_{UL}$ [eV cm <sup>-2</sup> sec <sup>-1</sup> ]	Poisson $p$ (post-trials $p$ )
$\gamma$ pulsars	J1048-5832	162.05	-58.53	5	2.40	7.60	11.35	0.65	0.095 (0.665)
msec pulsars	J1933-6211	293.39	-62.20	6	2.57	8.90	14.87	0.86	0.047 (0.419)
HMXB	2S1417-624	215.30	-62.70	4	2.65	5.95	10.11	0.58	0.274 (0.993)

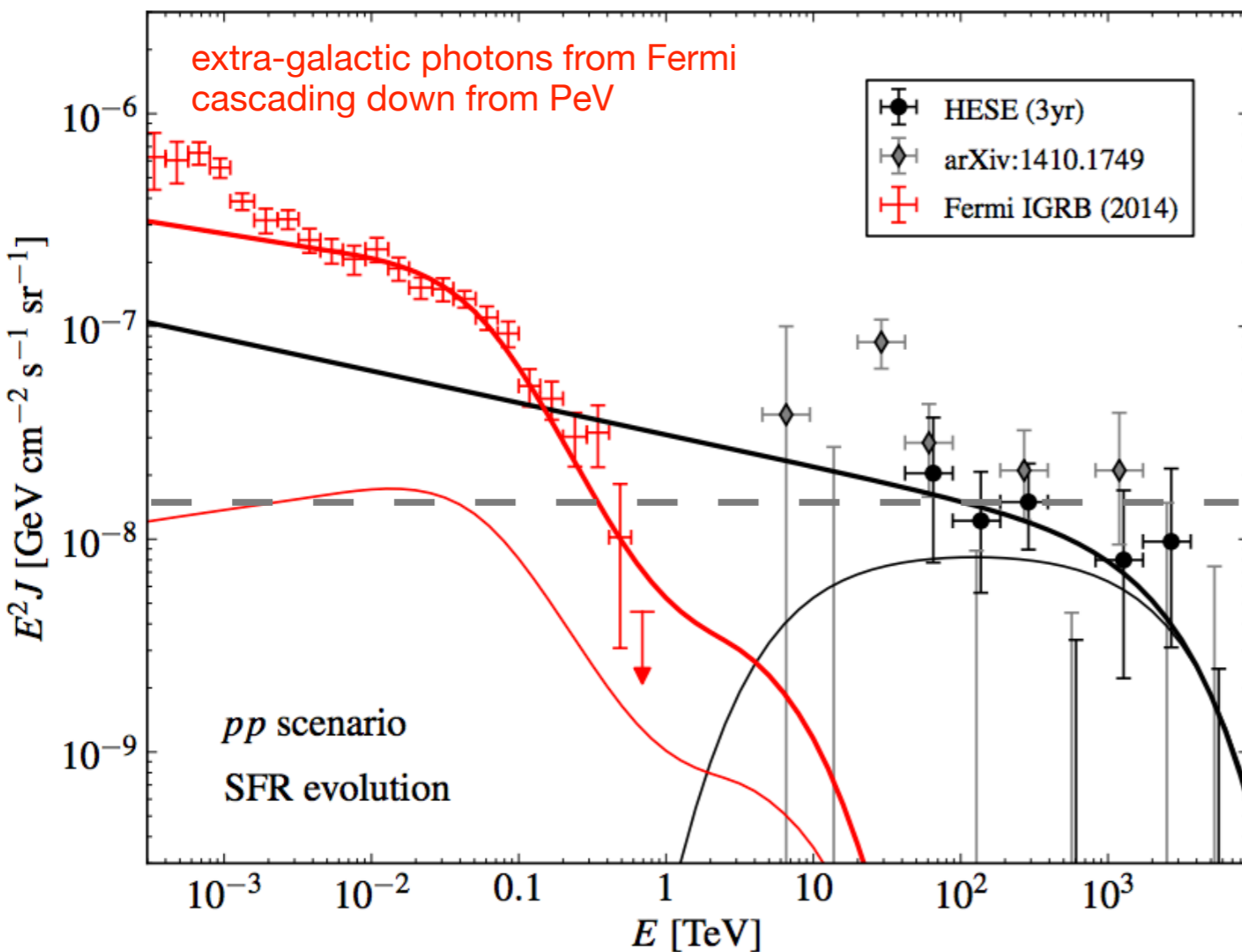
# astrophysical neutrinos

extra-galactic origin

- $\gamma$ -rays &  $\nu$ 's from pp interactions

- extra-galactic emission (cascaded in EBL):  $E^{-2.1} - E^{-2.2}$

Aartsen et al. arXiv:1412.5106



- these cosmic ray sources contribute to 30%-40% of diffuse  $\gamma$ -ray background @100 GeV

- low energy tail of GeV-TeV neutrino/ $\gamma$ -ray spectra

- sources can be opaque in  $\gamma$ -ray

- $\nu$  to probe dense environments

Murase, Ahlers & Lacki arXiv:1306.3417

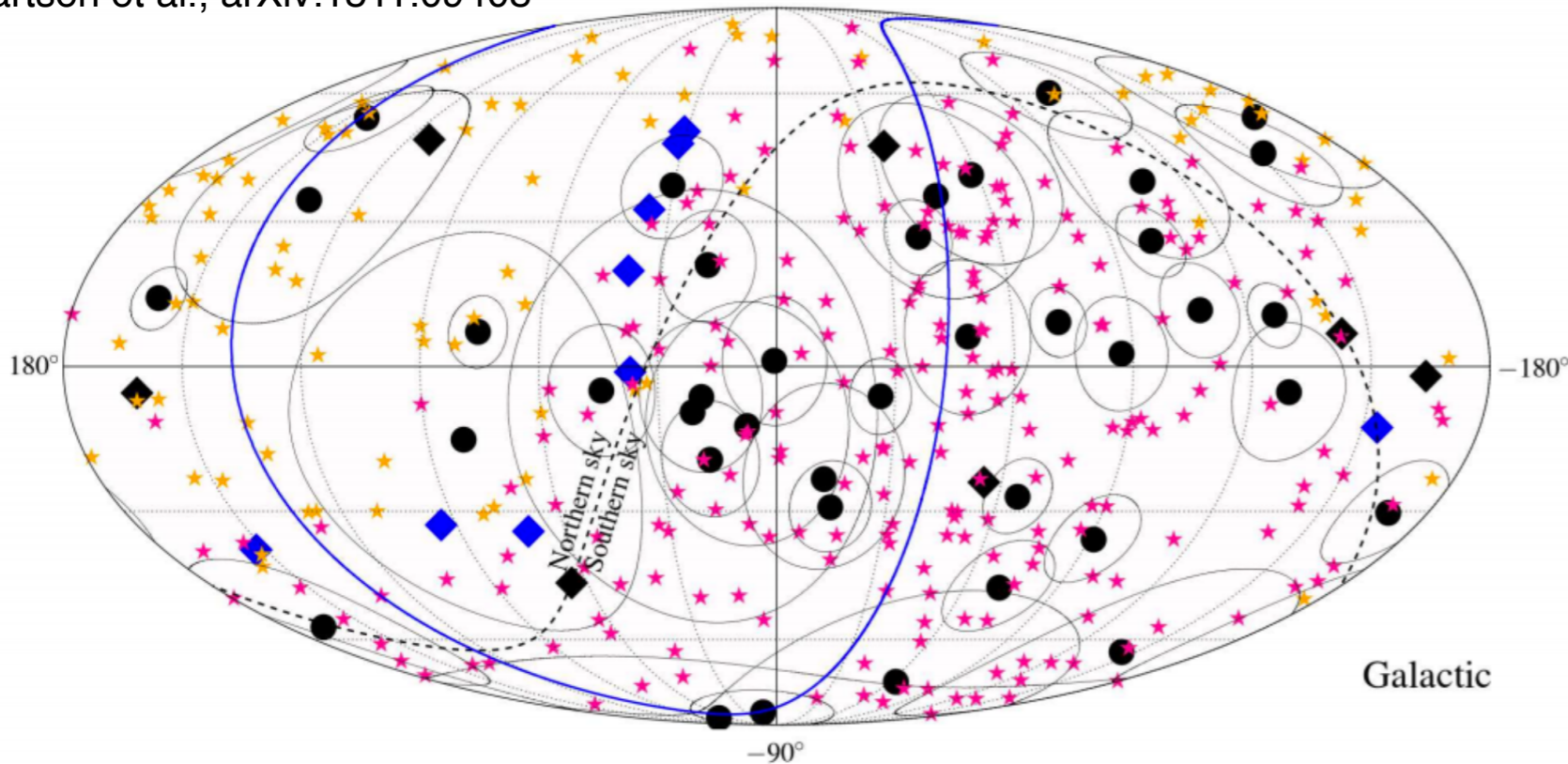


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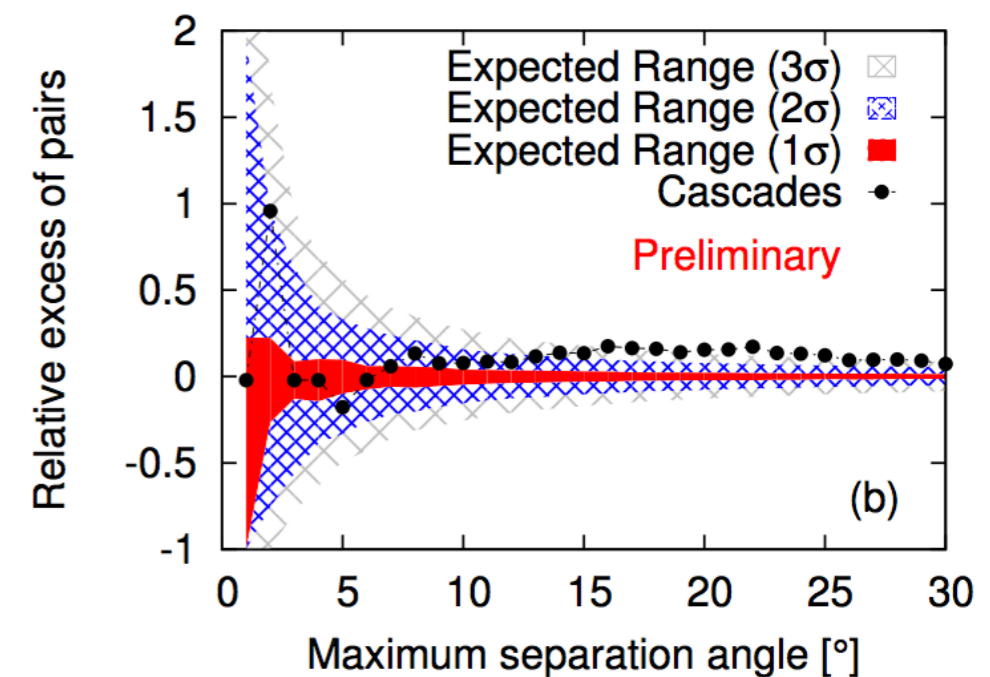
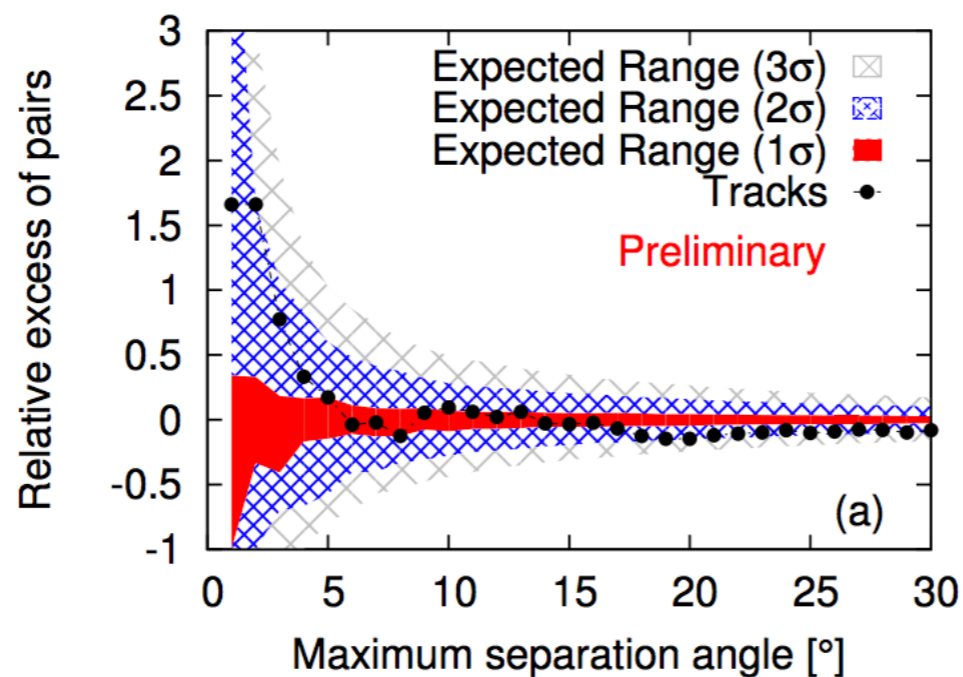
correlations with UHECR from Auger ?

**IceCube**  
**Auger**  
**TA**

Aartsen et al., arXiv:1511.09408

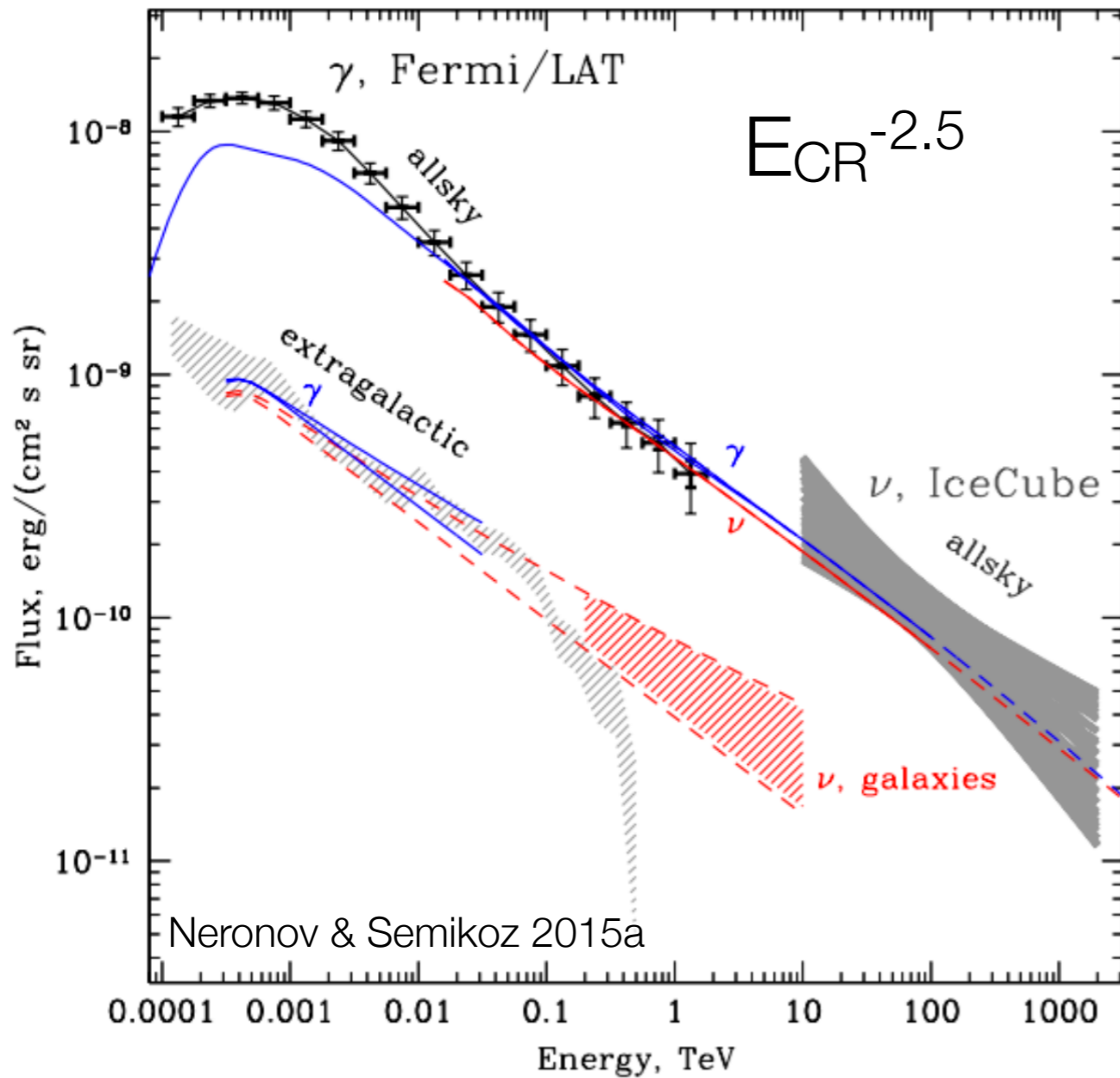


- ★ Auger events
- ★ TA events
- IceCube cascade events
- ◆ IceCube starting track events
- ◆ IceCube through-going track events

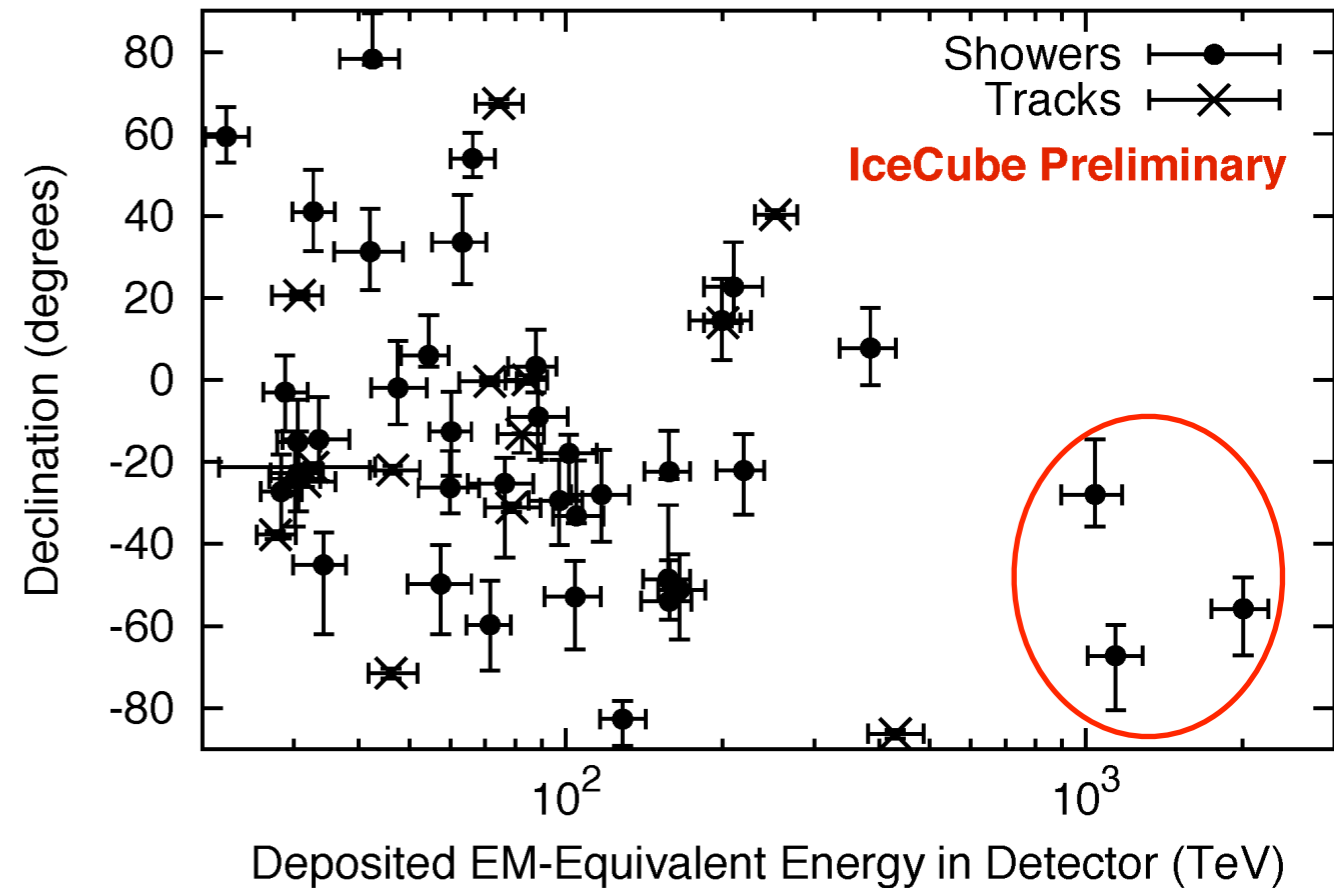
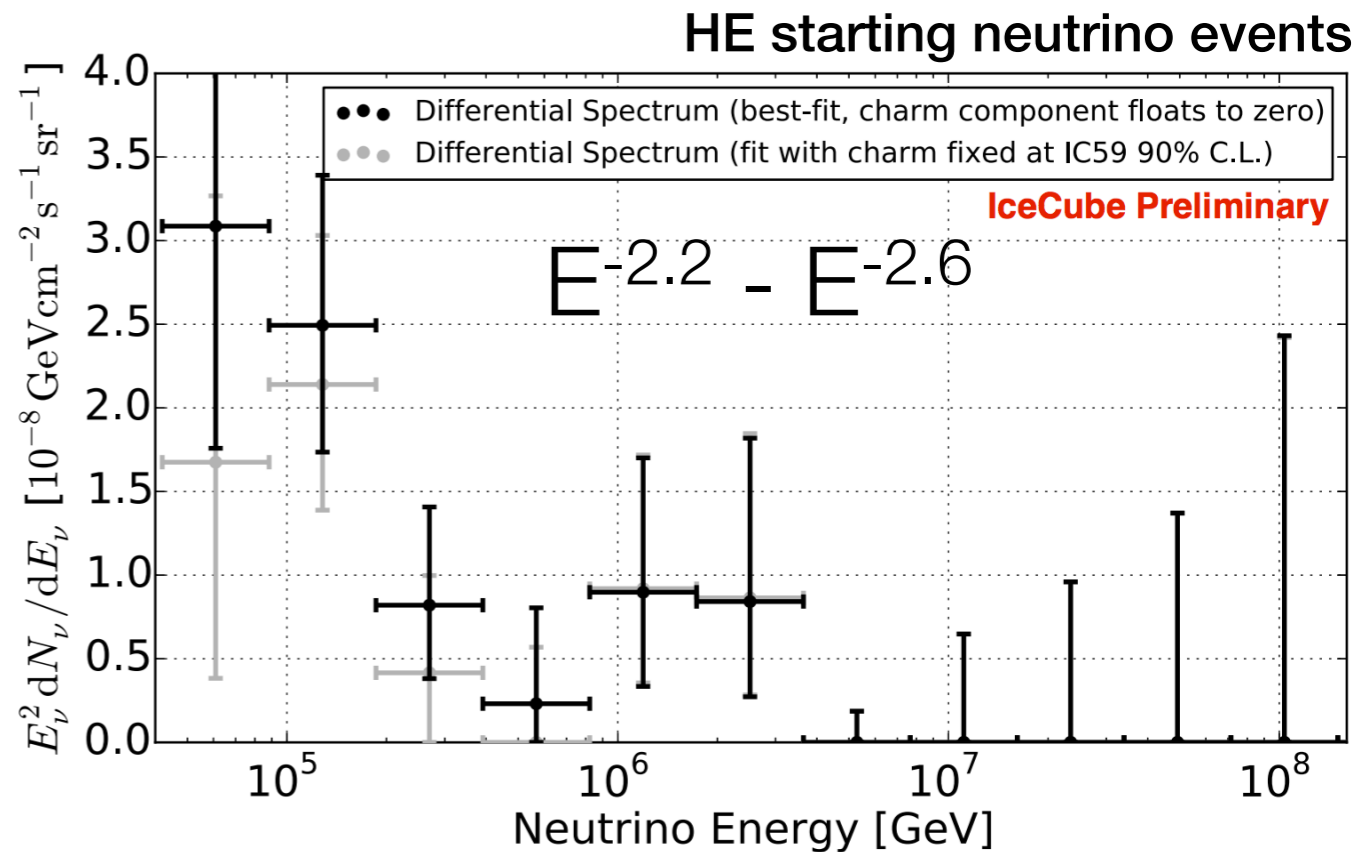


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## galactic origin

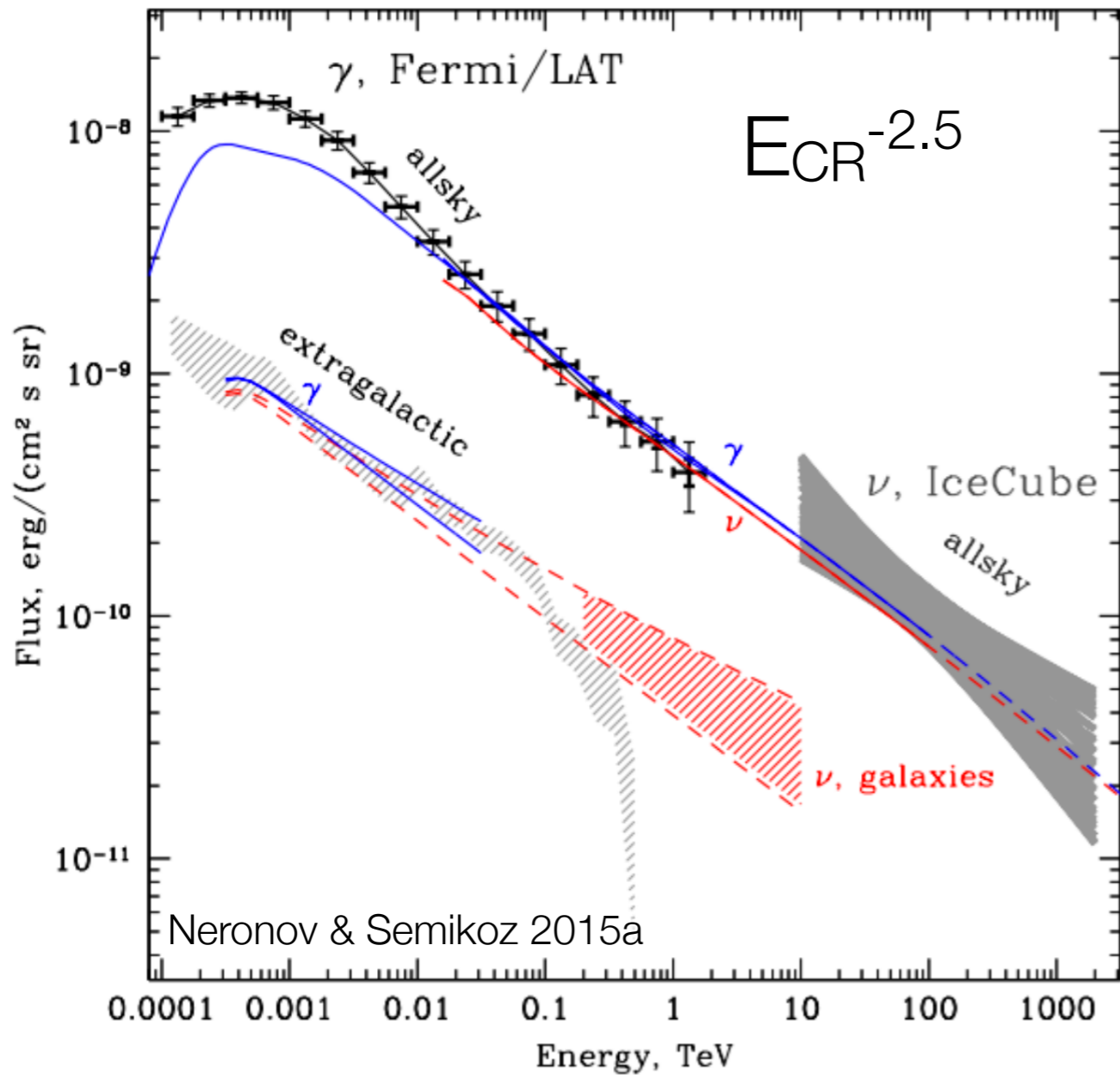


galactic cosmic rays with cut-off of 10 PeV ?



# astrophysical neutrinos

## galactic origin



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