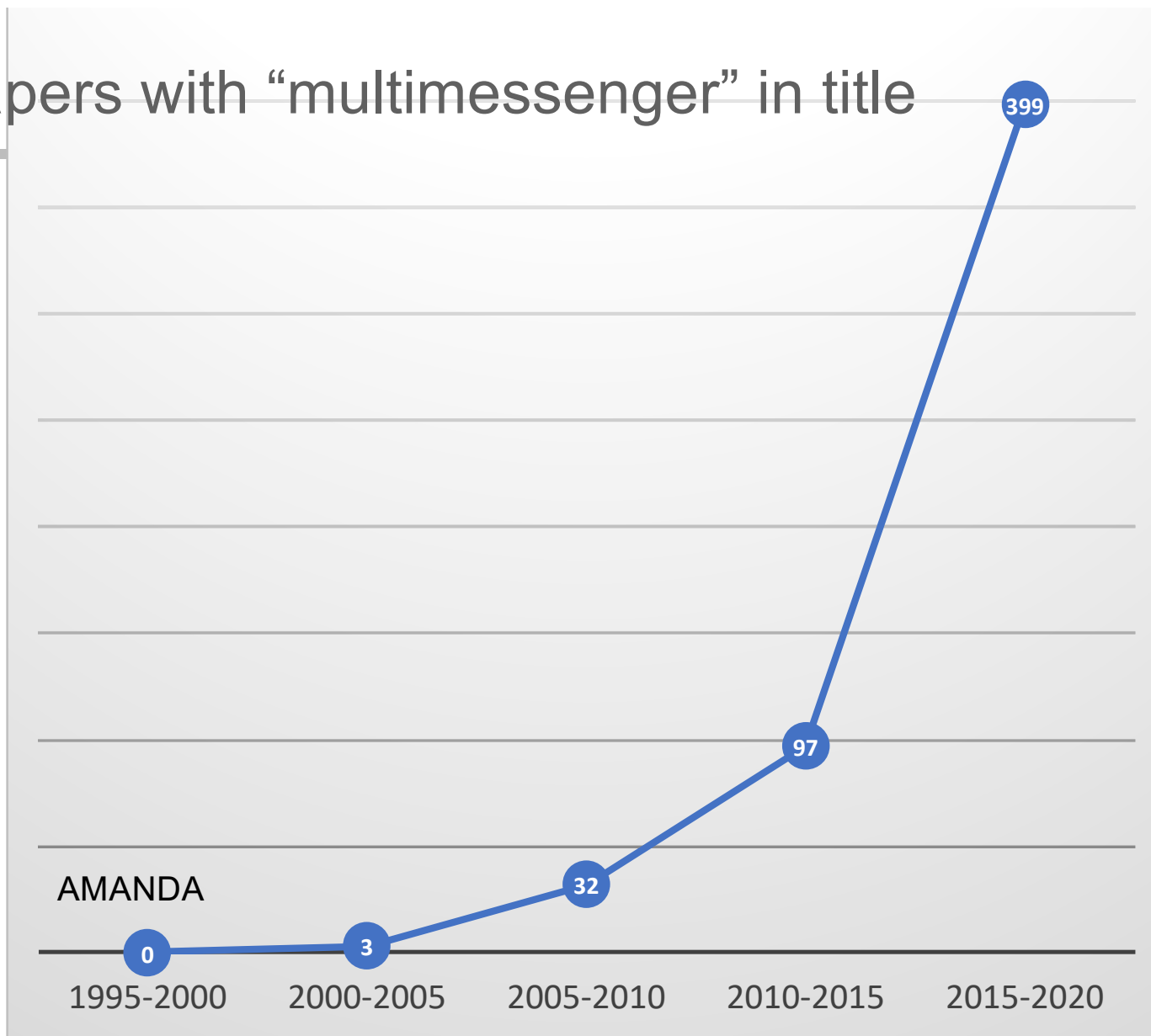


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THE VARIABLE MULTI-MESSENGER SKY – OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, TOOLS

Number of papers with “multimessenger” in title



DUMAND

SN 1987A

AMANDA

Conferences & Schools 2022

- International conference PUMA22 “Probing the Universe with Multimessenger Astrophysics”
- PHAROS Conference 2022 “The Multi-Messenger Physics and Astrophysics of Neutron Stars”
- Kilonova: Multimessenger and Multiphysics, WE-Heraeus-Seminar
- Wilhelm and Else Heraeus seminar on Gravitational Wave and Multimessenger Astronomy
- 1st Astro-COLIBRI Multi-Messenger Astrophysics Workshop
- IAUS 375: The Multimessenger Chakra of Blazar Jets
- APS Session L14: Multimessenger Detection Strategies
- Multi-Messenger Astrophysics Workshop (MMAW)
- Third Gravi-Gamma Workshop: The Multimessenger View of the Black Hole Life Cycle.
- Workshop on Time Domain Astronomy/Multi-Messenger Astrophysics (TDAMM)
- Multi-Messenger Astronomy with Rubin Observatory
- ...

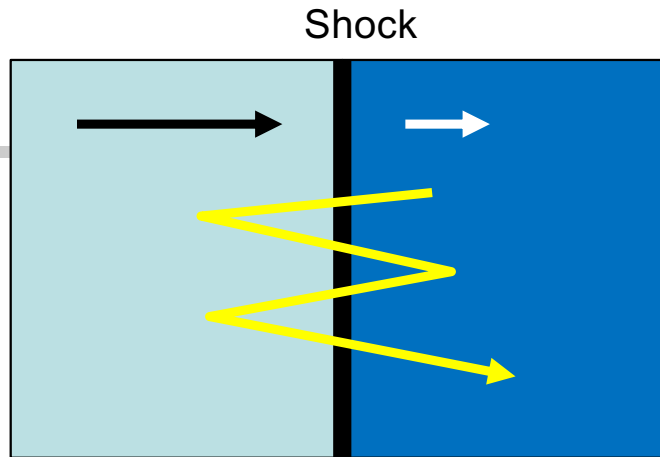
CAVEATS

(Following my own research interests)

Will focus on non-thermal astrophysics throughout this talk, and concentrate on aspects that involve particle acceleration in astrophysical environments, and related radiative phenomena

Particle acceleration

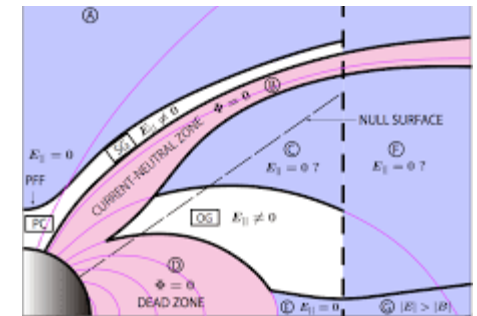
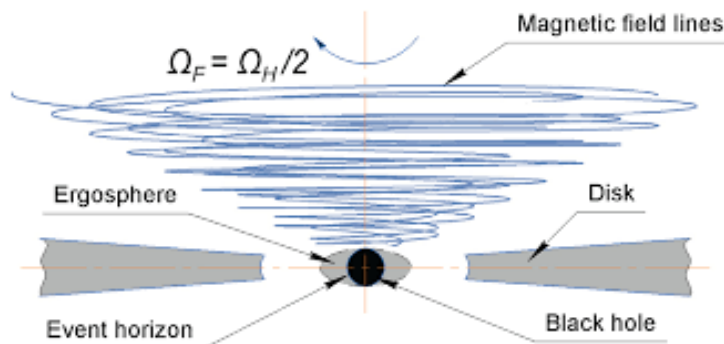
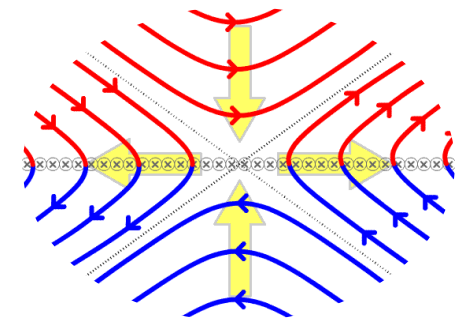
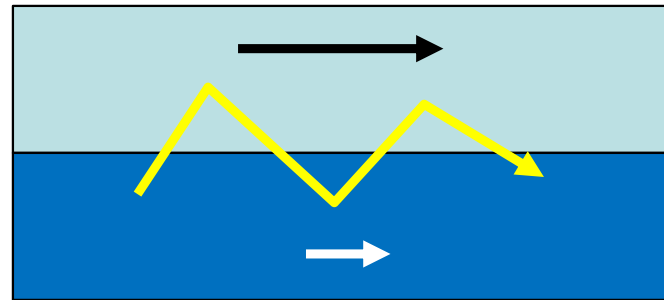
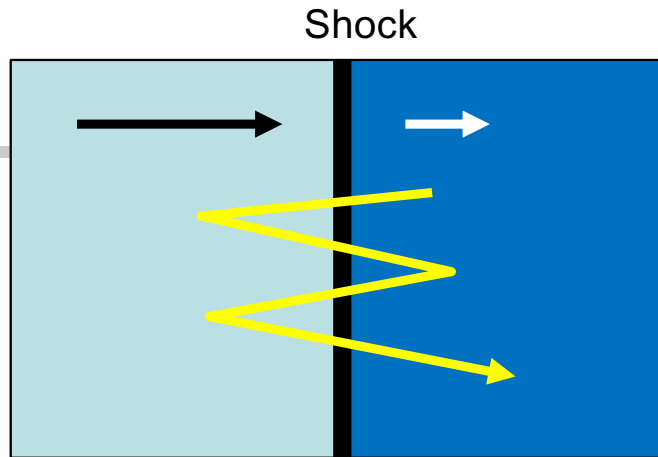
Fermi(-like) mechanisms



Particle acceleration

Fermi(-like) mechanisms

Other mechanisms



THE **VARIABLE** MULTI-MESSENGER SKY

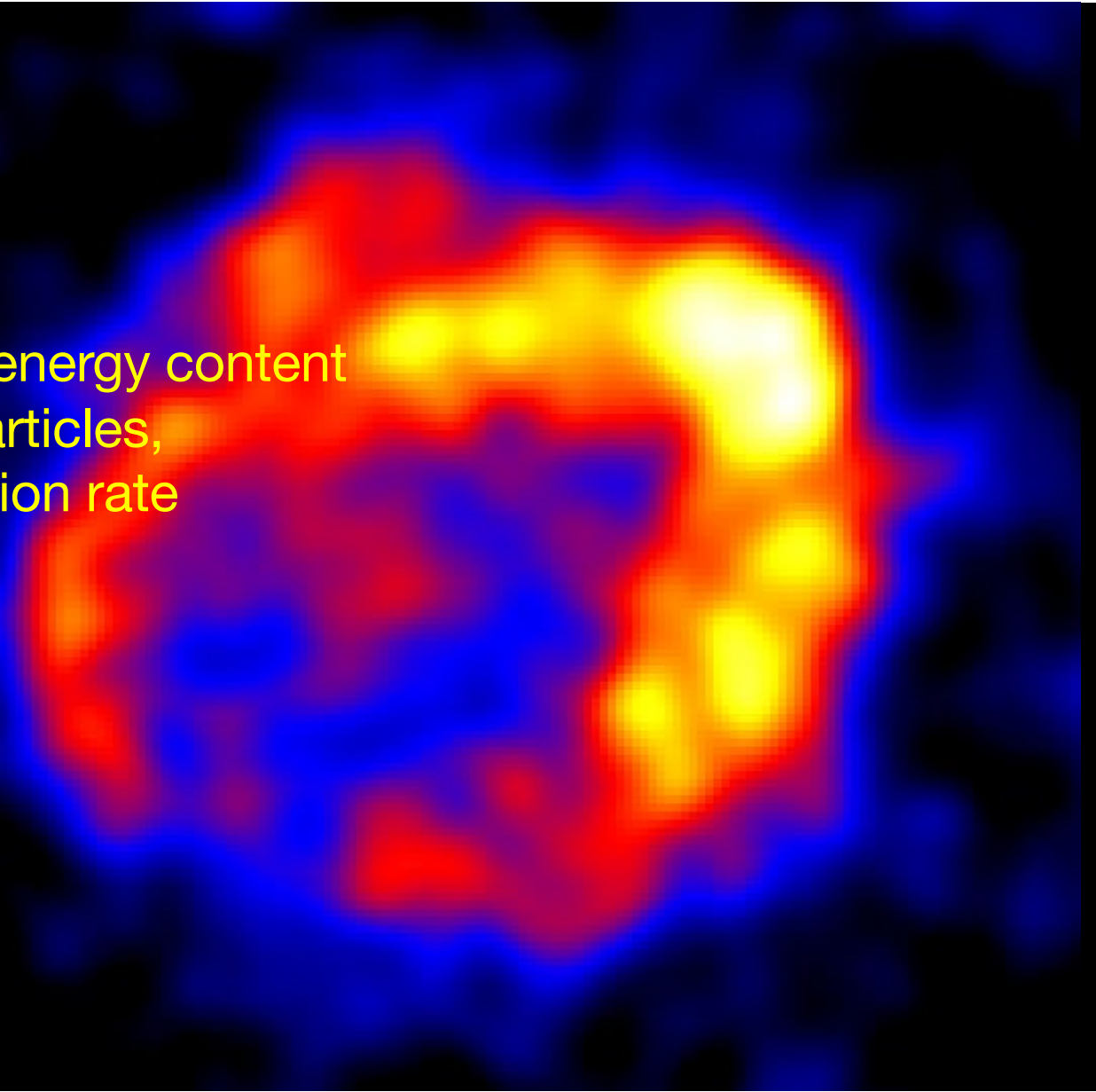
The **Variable** Multimessenger Sky

Variability makes an additional dimension for probing astrophysical processes accessible, e.g.

- Time scales for particle acceleration
- Time scales for particle cooling

Supernova
RX J1713.7-3946
in TeV gamma rays
(H.E.S.S. Coll.)

Allows to derive energy content
in accelerated particles,
but not acceleration rate
(& escape rate)



Nova RS Ophiuchi

- Thermonuclear explosions every 15-20 years (1898, 1907, 1933, 1945, 1958, 1967, 1985, 2006, **8. August 2021**)
- Shock propagates at ~ 5000 km/s

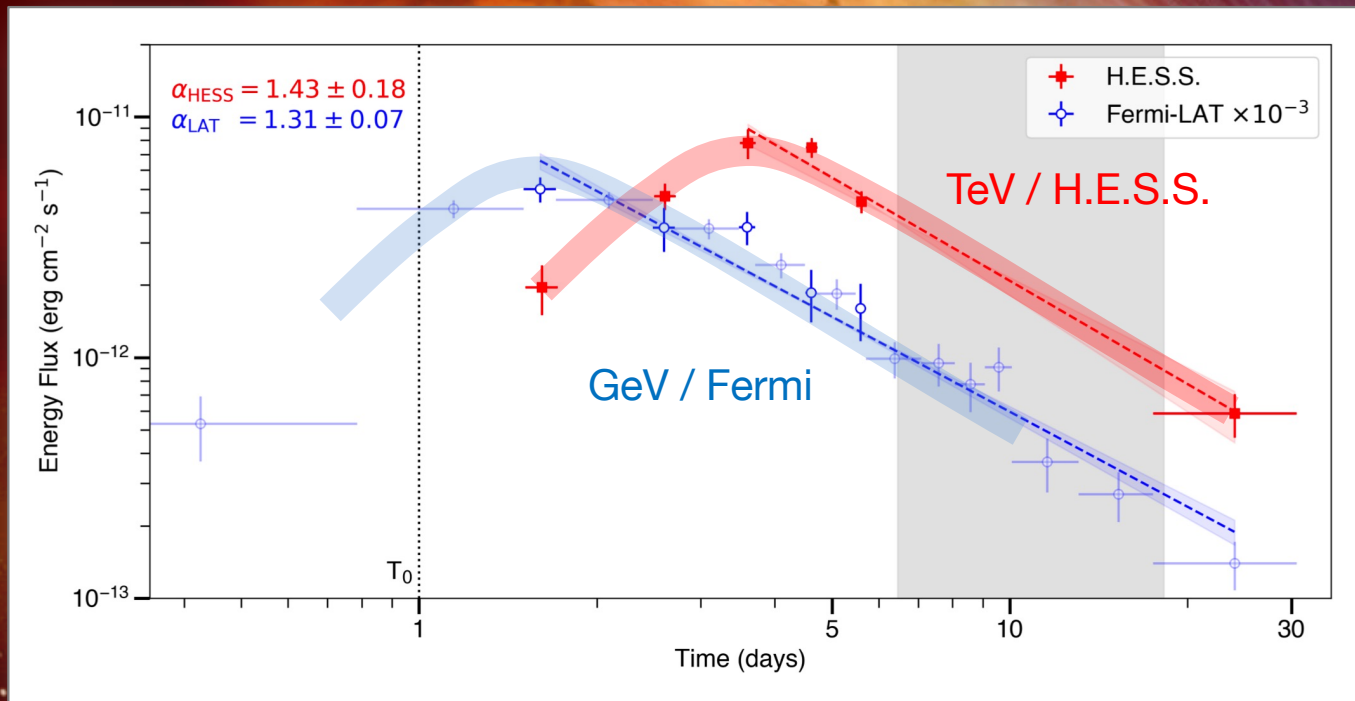
Roter Giant

White Dwarf

Source: David A. Hardy and PPARC

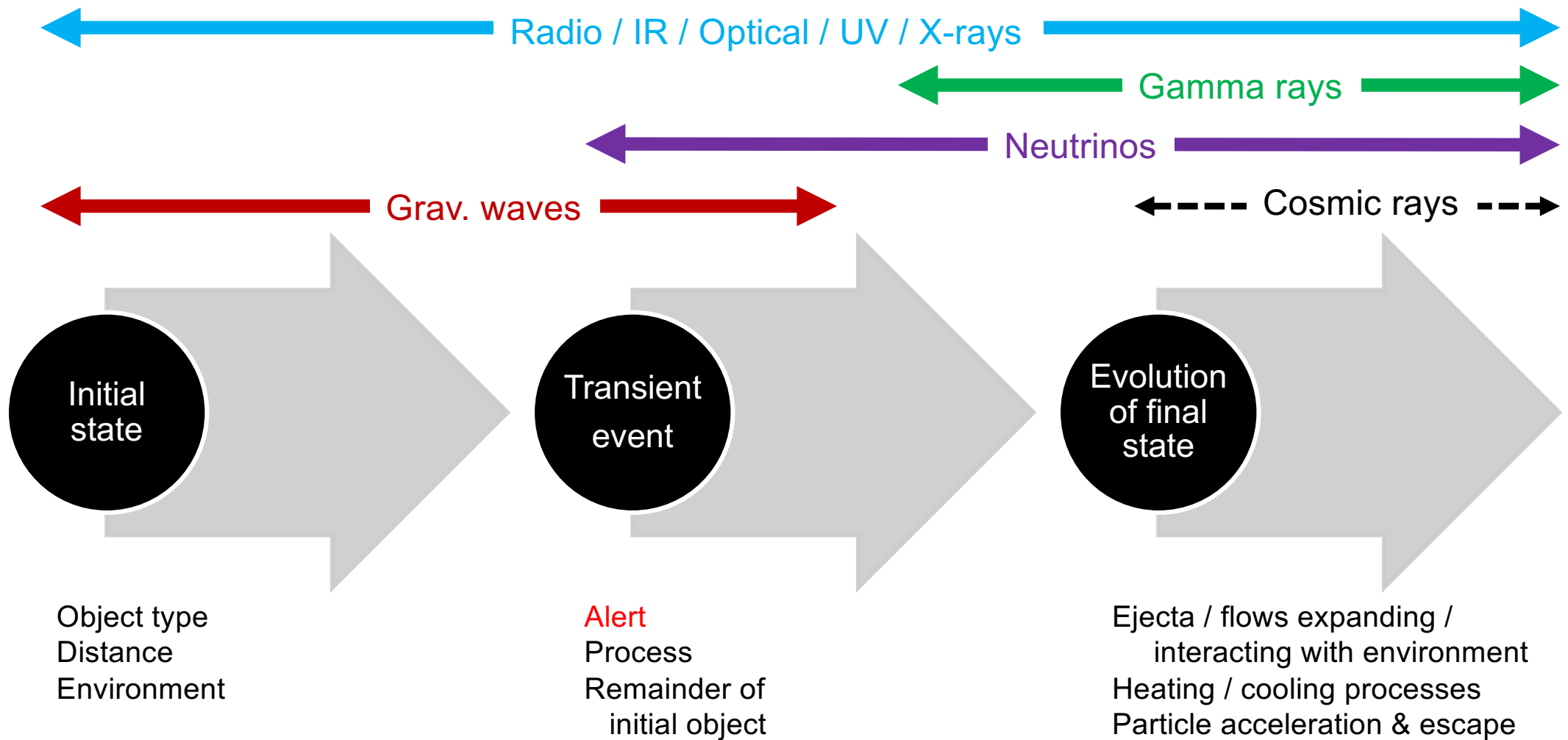
Nova RS Ophiuchi

H.E.S.S. ATEL #14844, Aug. 10
H.E.S.S. Science Mar. 2022
MAGIC Nature Astronomy 2022



THE VARIABLE **MULTI-MESSENGER** SKY

The Variable **Multi-Messenger** Sky



Messengers: Propagation and detection

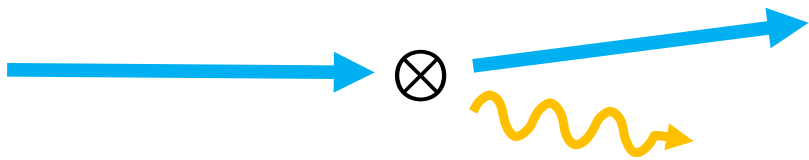
Messenger	Statistics	Straight trajectory	Pointing resolution	Penetrating
EM			$\ll 1^\circ$	
Neutrino	Low x-section		$\sim 1^\circ$	
Proton, nuclei		B fields	B fields	
Grav. waves			$\sim 10^\circ$	

Adapted from Doug Cowen

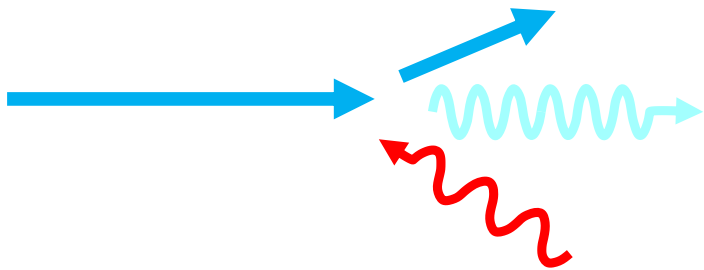
MESSENGERS: PRODUCTION (γ AND ν)

Nonthermal messenger production mechanisms

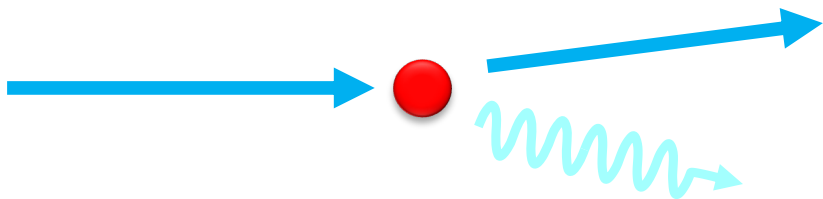
Electrons



Electron - B field: Synchrotron radiation

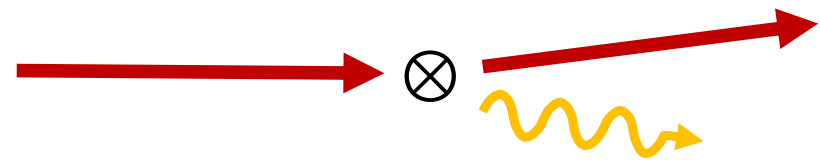


Electron - radiation field: Inverse Compton

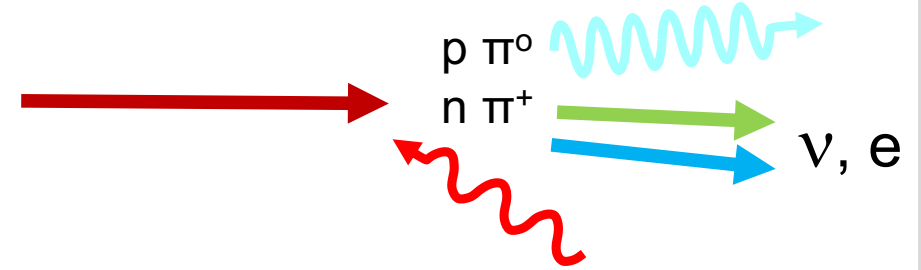


Electron - Nucleus: Bremsstrahlung

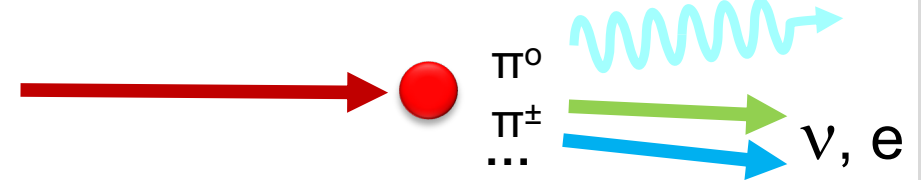
Protons



Proton - B field: Synchrotron radiation

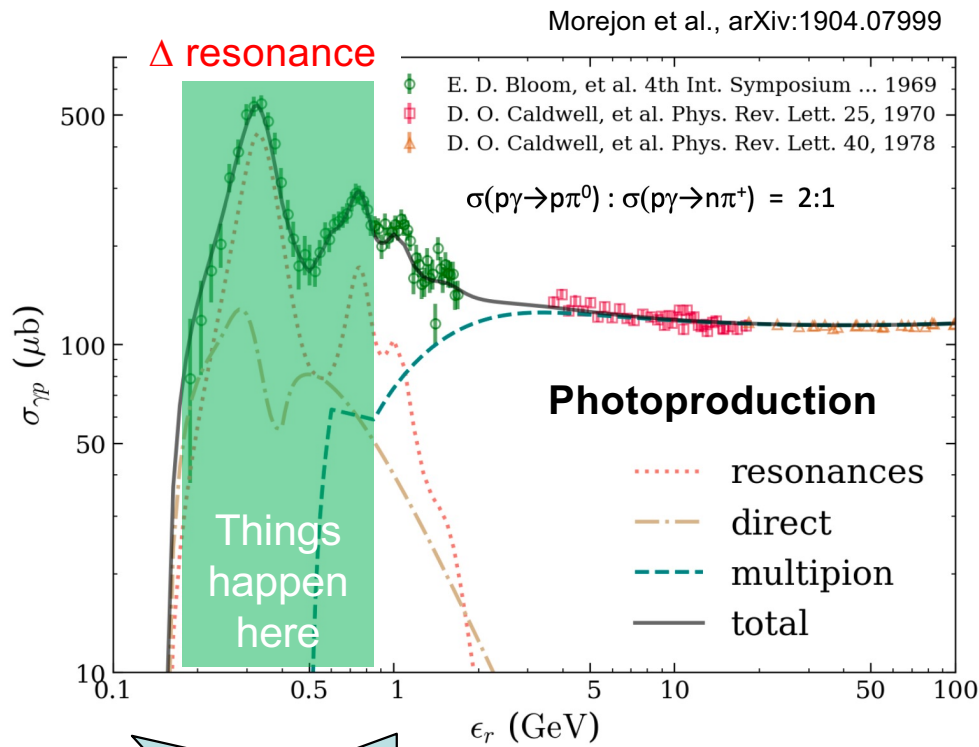


Proton - radiation field: Photoproduction



Proton - Nucleus: Hadroproduction

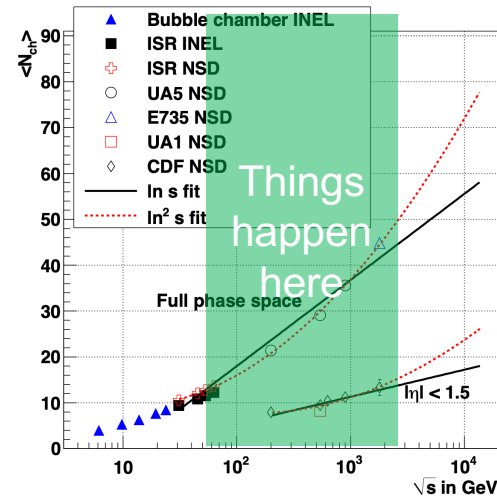
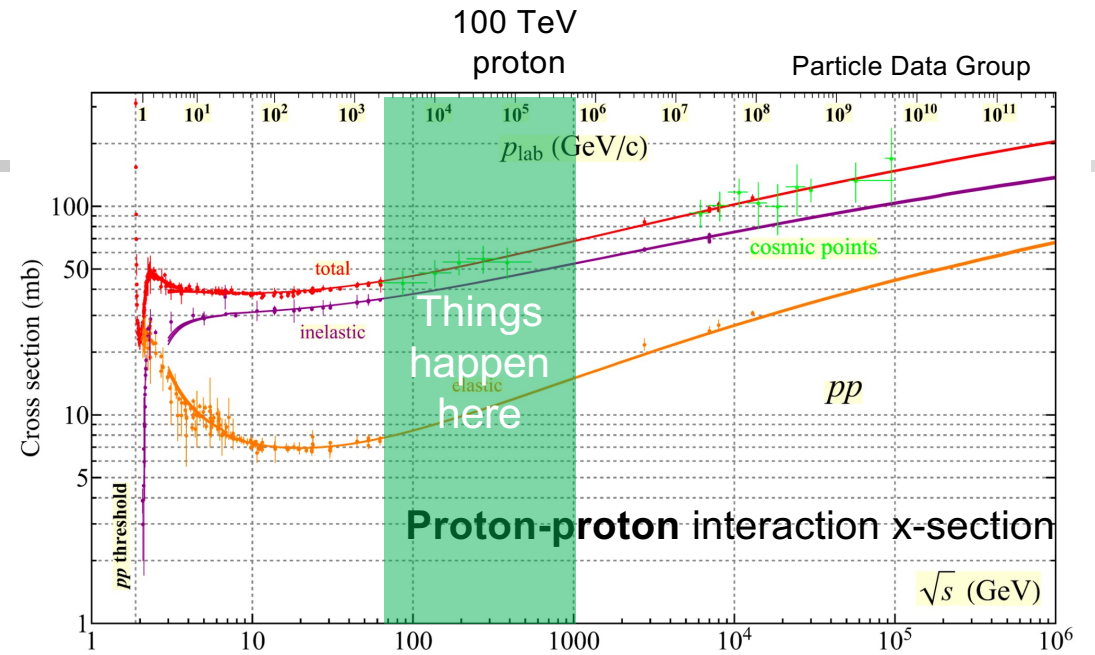
π^0 Production



100 TeV proton on keV photon

PeV proton on keV photon

Photon energy in proton rest frame



Charged particle multiplicity in proton-proton interactions

$\pi^0 : \pi^\pm = 1:2$

Dissertation
J.F. Große-Oetringhaus

π^0 Production

Proton-proton

$$\frac{p_\pi}{p_p} \approx \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n_\pi} \approx O(10^{-2})$$

Proton-photon

$$\frac{p_\pi}{p_p} \approx \frac{m_\pi}{m_p} \approx O(10^{-1})$$

Proton-proton has 100 x higher cross section than photon proton, but...

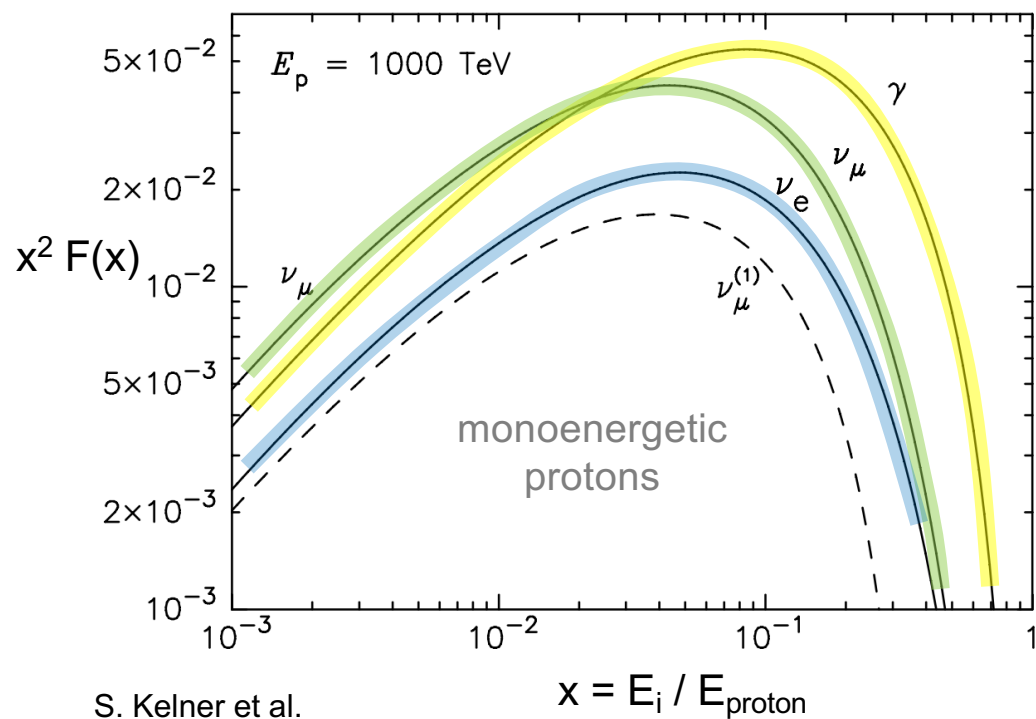
Typical AGN

$$\frac{n_{target-\gamma}}{n_{target-p}} \approx 10^{14}$$

M. Boettcher, Fermi Symposium 2022

Relations between messengers: Neutrinos and gamma rays

High-energy p-p interactions:
spectra of gammas (mostly from $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ decays)
and neutrinos (mostly from $\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm\nu$ decays)



S. Kelner et al.
astro-ph/0606058

Both for
proton-proton interactions or
proton-radiation (photoproduction)

$$E_\nu^2 \frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu}(E_\nu) \approx K E_\gamma^2 \frac{dN_\gamma}{dE_\gamma}(E_\gamma = 2E_\nu)$$

$K = 0.7 - 1.5$ depending on production process

MESSENGERS: PROPAGATION (γ)

$\gamma\gamma$ Absorption

Electron energy ε_0

Photon energy ω_0

$$(\text{CMS Energy})^2 \simeq \varepsilon_0 \omega_0 (1 - \cos \theta)$$

Absorption cross section peaks near threshold ($2 m_e$), hence for

$$E_\gamma[\text{eV}] \sim 10^{12}/E_{\text{target}}[\text{eV}]$$

Absorption length:

$$10^7 \text{ target photons/cm}^3 \text{ over } 1 \text{ pc}$$

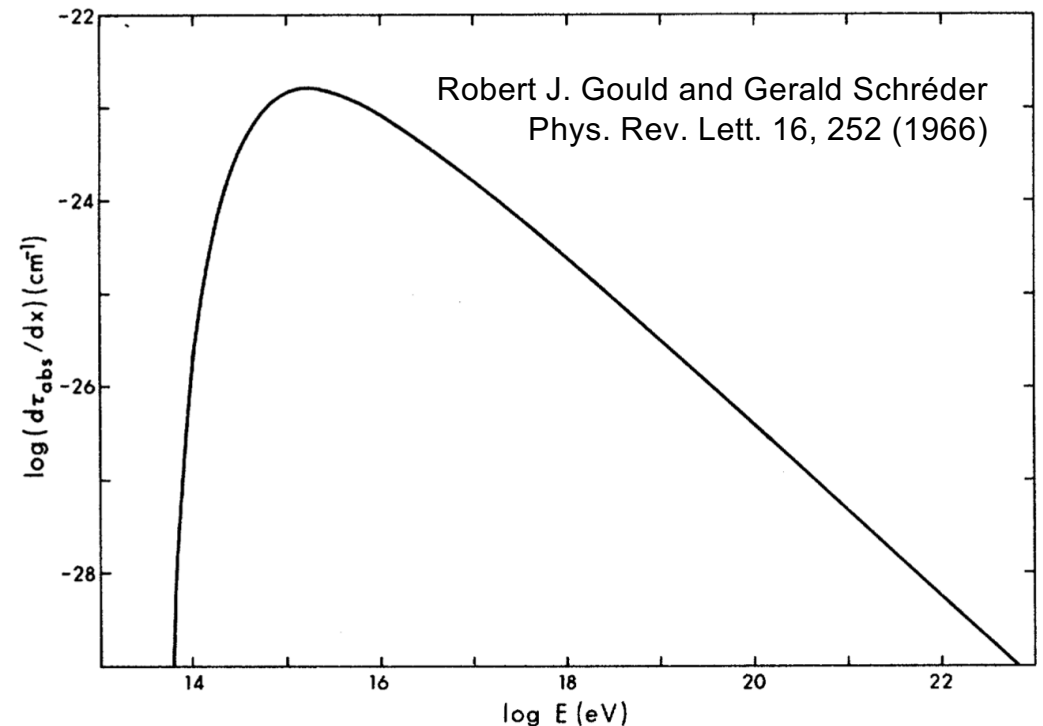
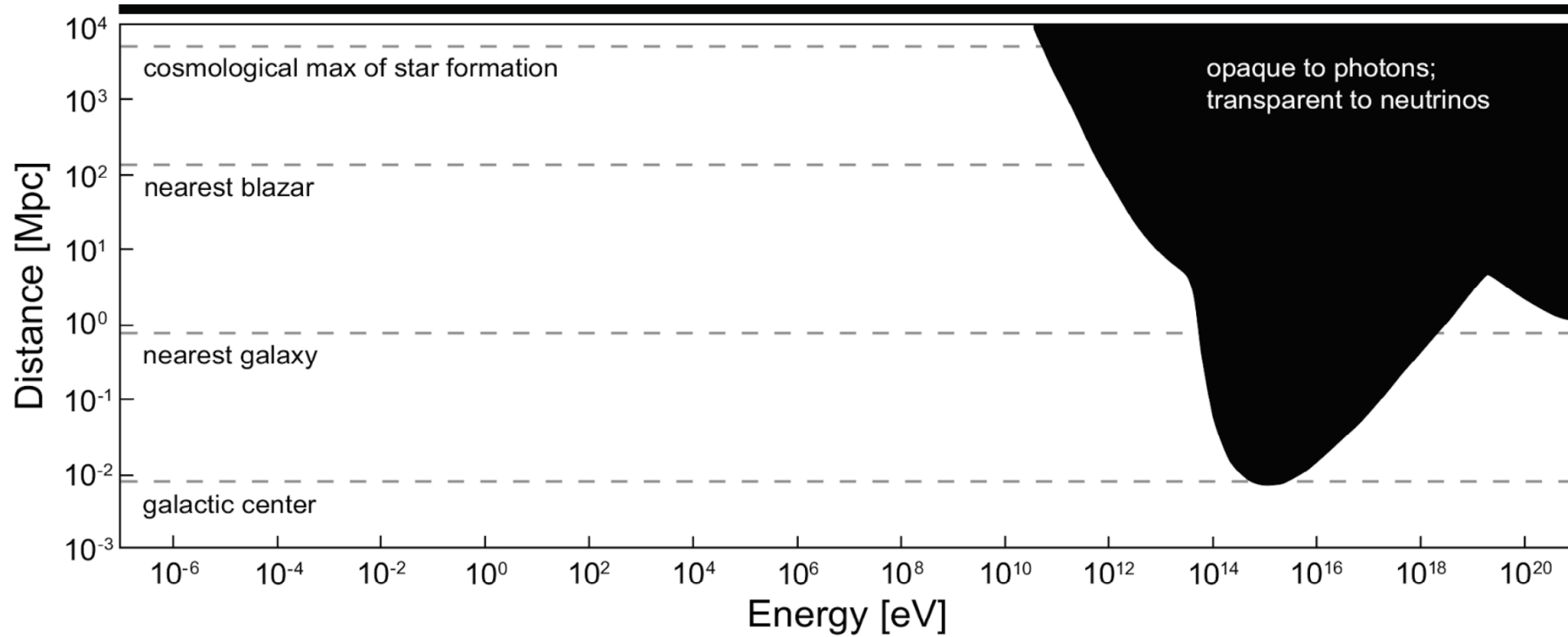


FIG. 1. Absorption probability per unit path length as a function of energy by means of the process $\gamma + \gamma' \rightarrow e^+ + e^-$ for high-energy photons traversing a black-body photon gas at 3.5°K . The absorption probability for interaction with a black-body photon gas at other temperatures may be computed with the help of this curve and Eq. (1).

Gamma ray range vs energy




M. G. Aartsen et al.,
arxiv:2008.04323

Photon attenuation

using the above simple approximations

	Typ. photon energy	Photon density	System length scale	Peak absorption	Optical depth
Galaxy, CMB	0.0002 eV	0.26 eV/cm ³	10 kpc	5x10 ¹⁵ eV	1.3
Galaxy, FIR	0.01 eV	0.3 eV/cm ³	10 kpc	1x10 ¹⁴ eV	0.03
Galaxy, VIS	1 eV	0.3 eV/cm ³	10 kpc	1x10 ¹² eV	0.0003
Starburst galaxy, FIR	0.004 eV	1000 eV/cm ³	0.2 kpc	3x10 ¹⁴ eV	5
Starburst galaxy, VIS	1 eV	1000 eV/cm ³	0.2 kpc	1x10 ¹² eV	0.02
AGN, Blob frame					< 1



“Blob” moving with
Lorentz factor Γ

Optical depth of blob $\sim R_* L_*$

Size of blob:

Defined by observed variability, $R_* \sim c \Delta t \Gamma$

Density and energy of target photons
in blob:

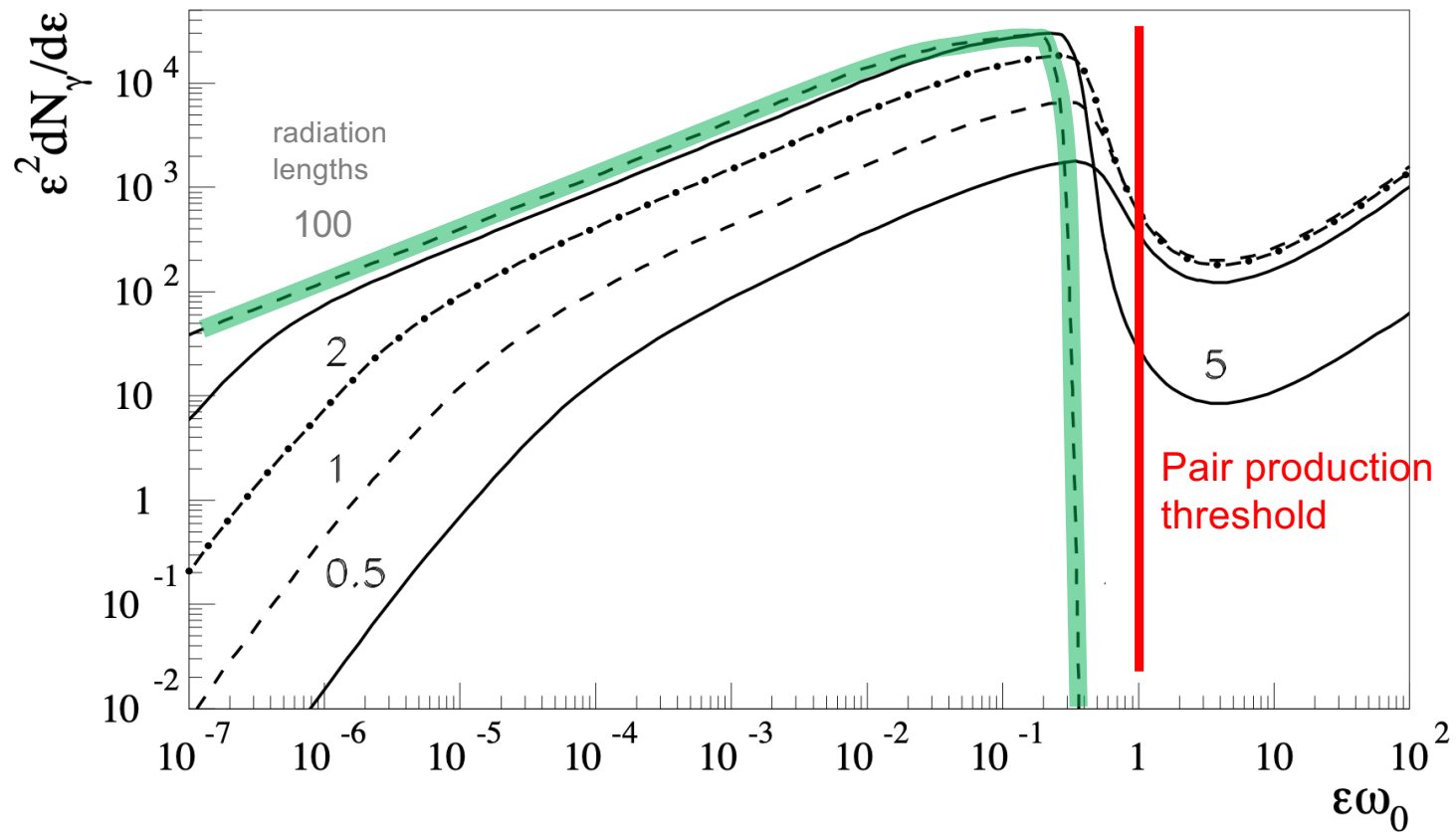
from observed optical / UV / X-ray flux F ,
 $E_* = E_{\text{Lab}}/\Gamma$; $L_* \sim F/\Gamma^3$

→ Optical depth of blob for gamma rays:
strong function of Γ

→ Select Γ large enough that depth < 1

Photon-induced cascades in (Planckian) radiation fields

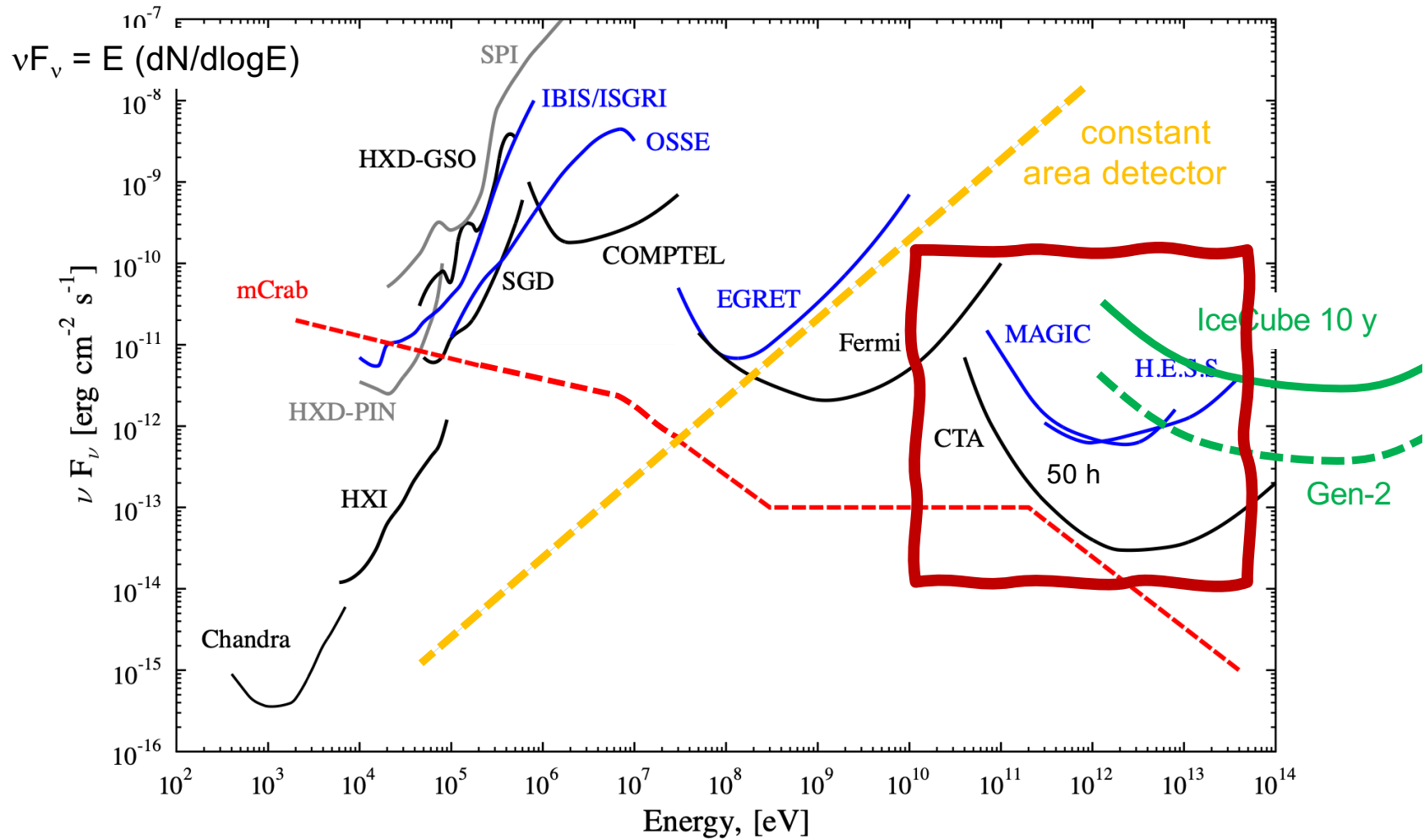
F.A. Aharonian, A.V. Plyasheshnikov
astro-ph/0208504



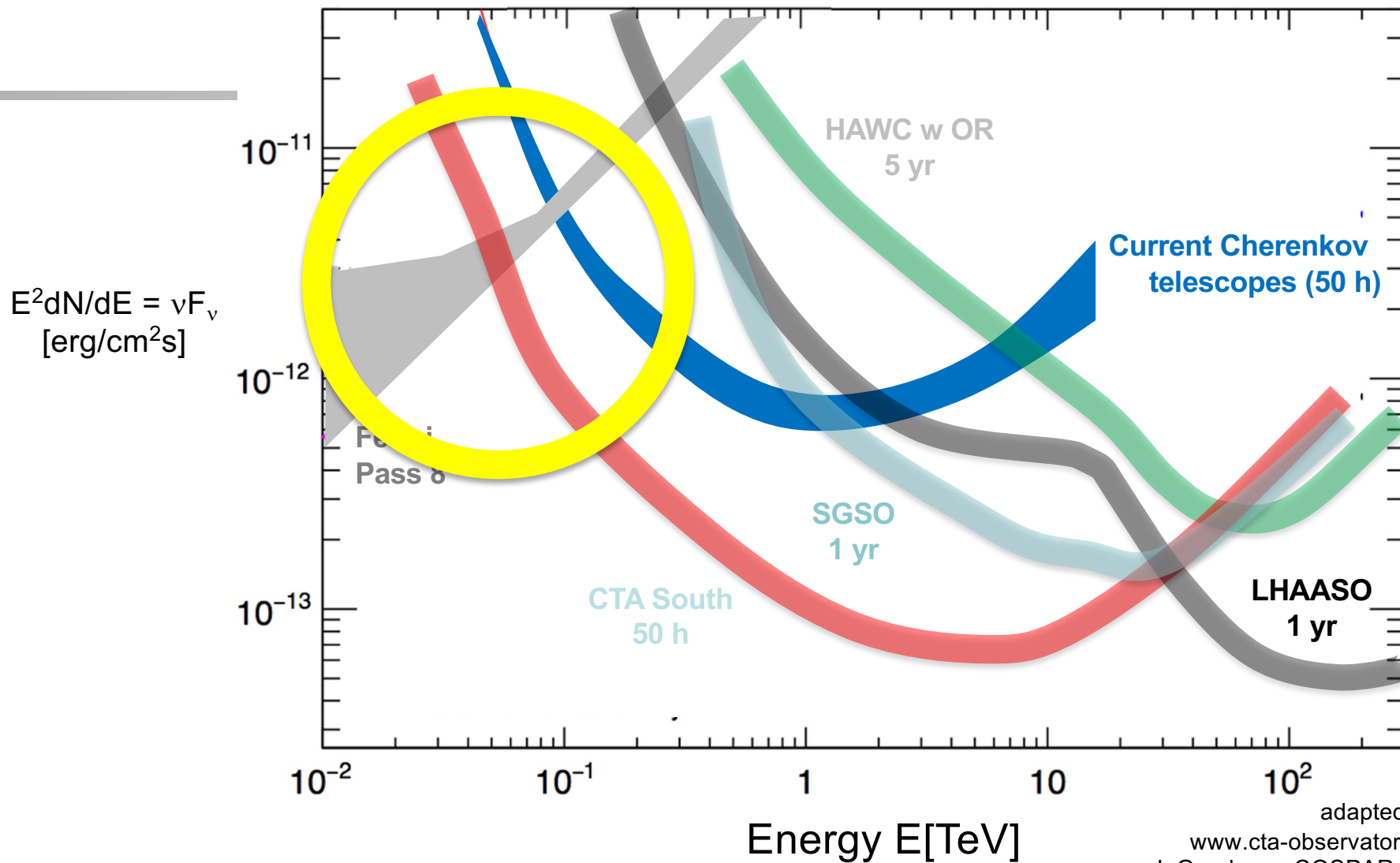
MESSENGERS: DETECTION

Messengers: Detection sensitivity for point sources

Warning:
 widely different
 definitions of
 sensitivity (ΔE band),
 exposure time (tens
 of h to decades);
 shown is a practical
 sensitivity for steady
 sources



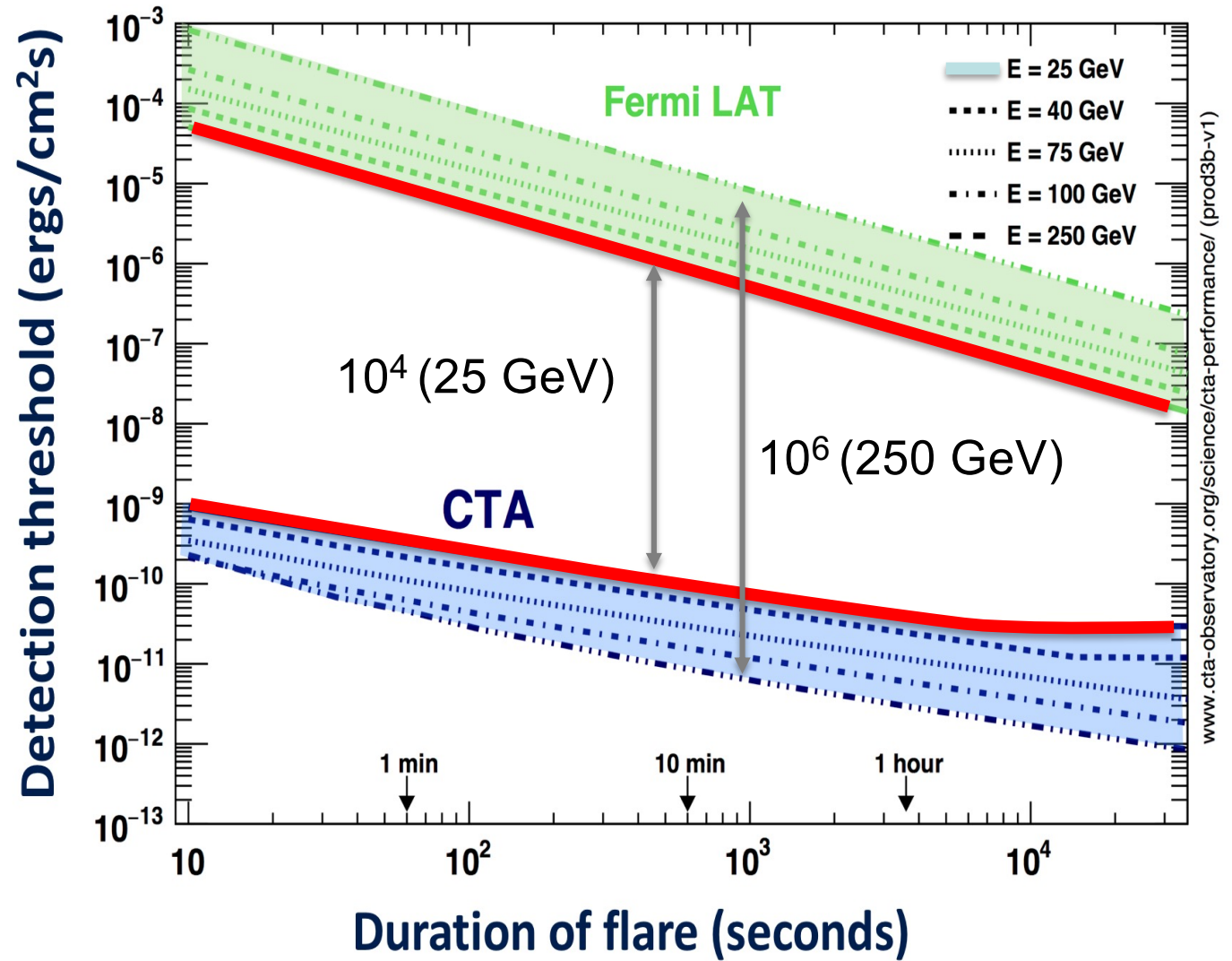
A M Krassilchtchikov et al.
 Journal of Physics:
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adapted from
www.cta-observatory.org;
 J. Goodman, COSPAR 2018;
 Z. Cao, La Palma 2018

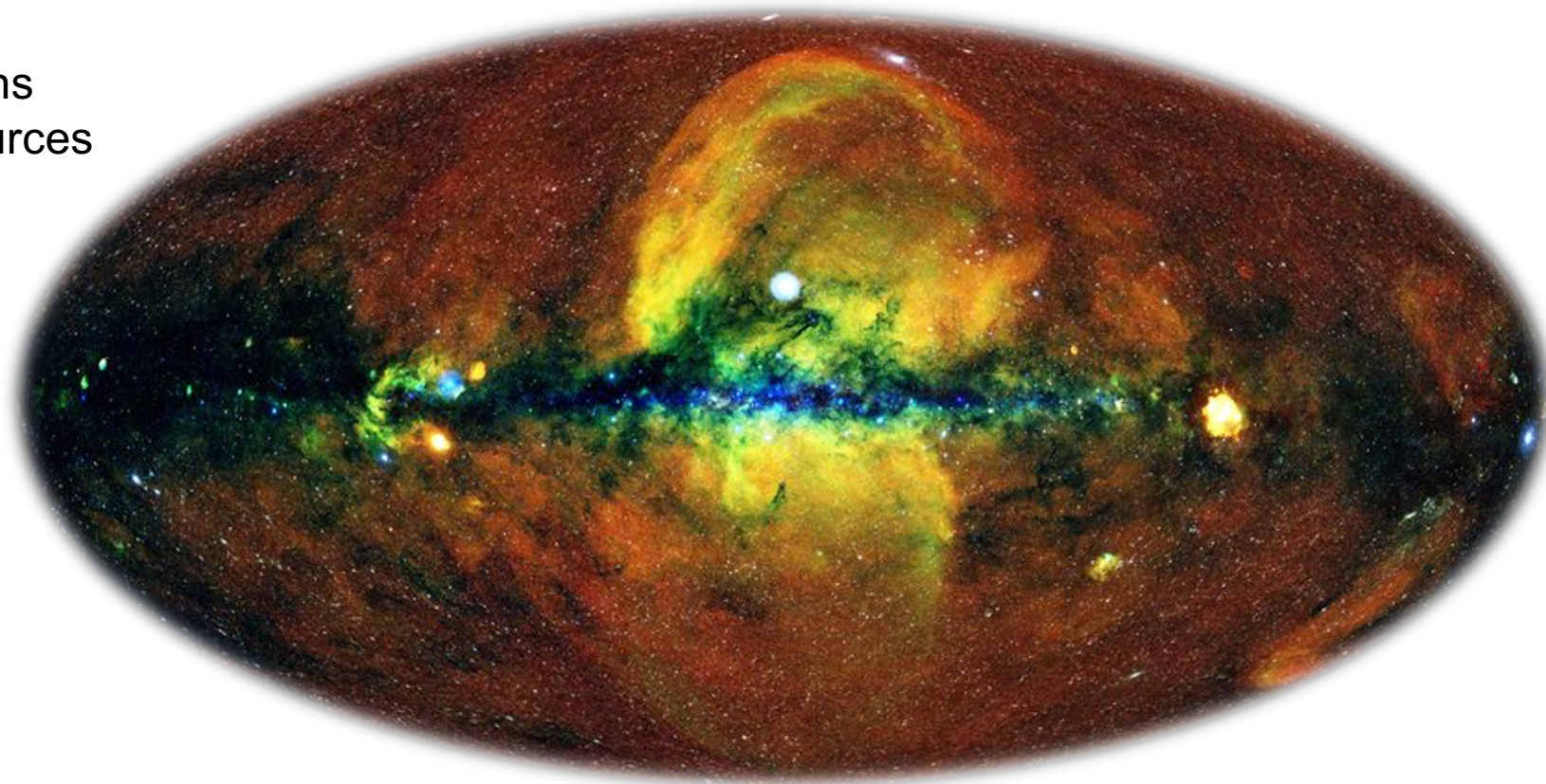
Flare sensitivity
at fixed time
scale:
Area matters!

CTA
versus
Fermi-LAT



keV sky

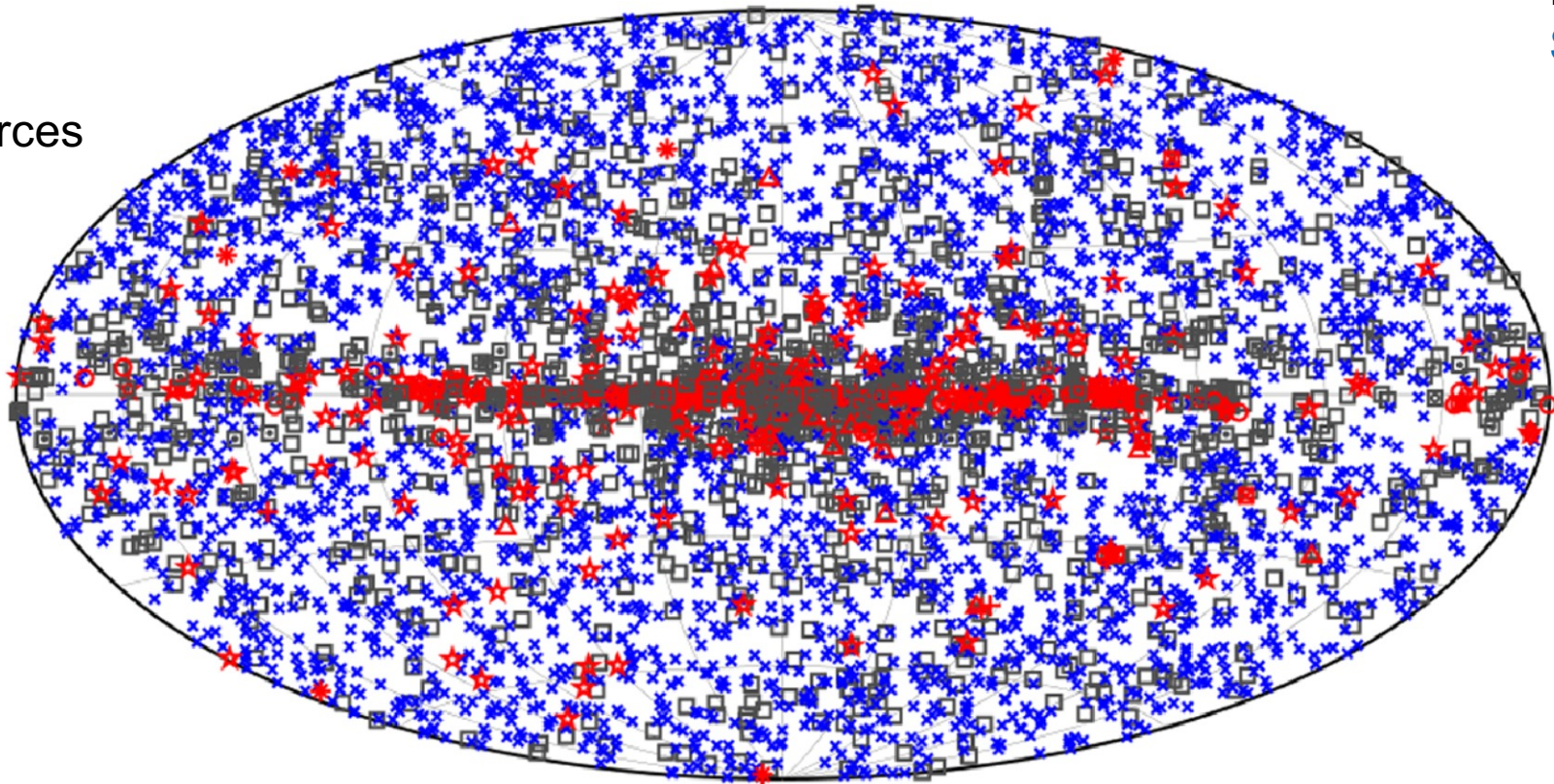
millions
of sources



eROSITA
Sky map

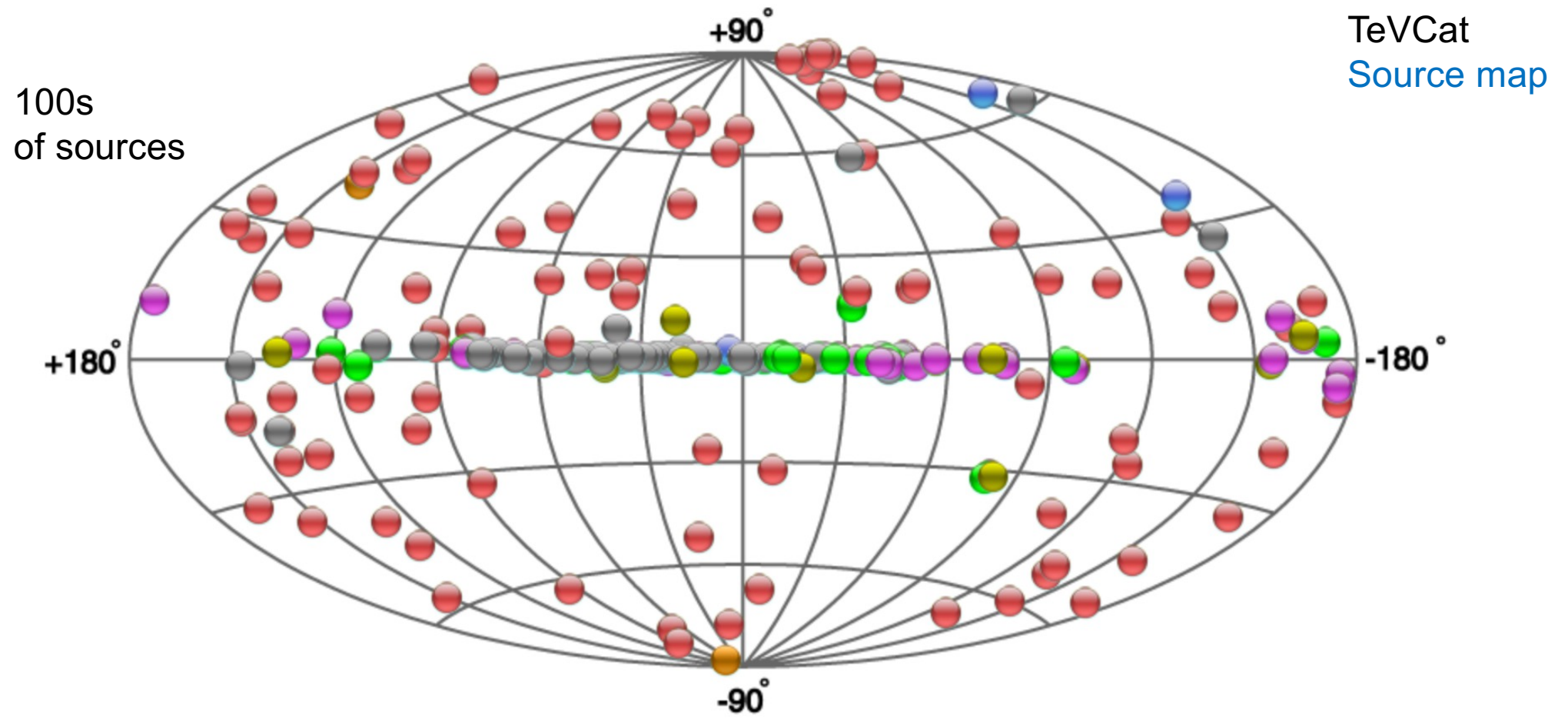
GeV Sky

1000s
of sources



Fermi LAT
Source map

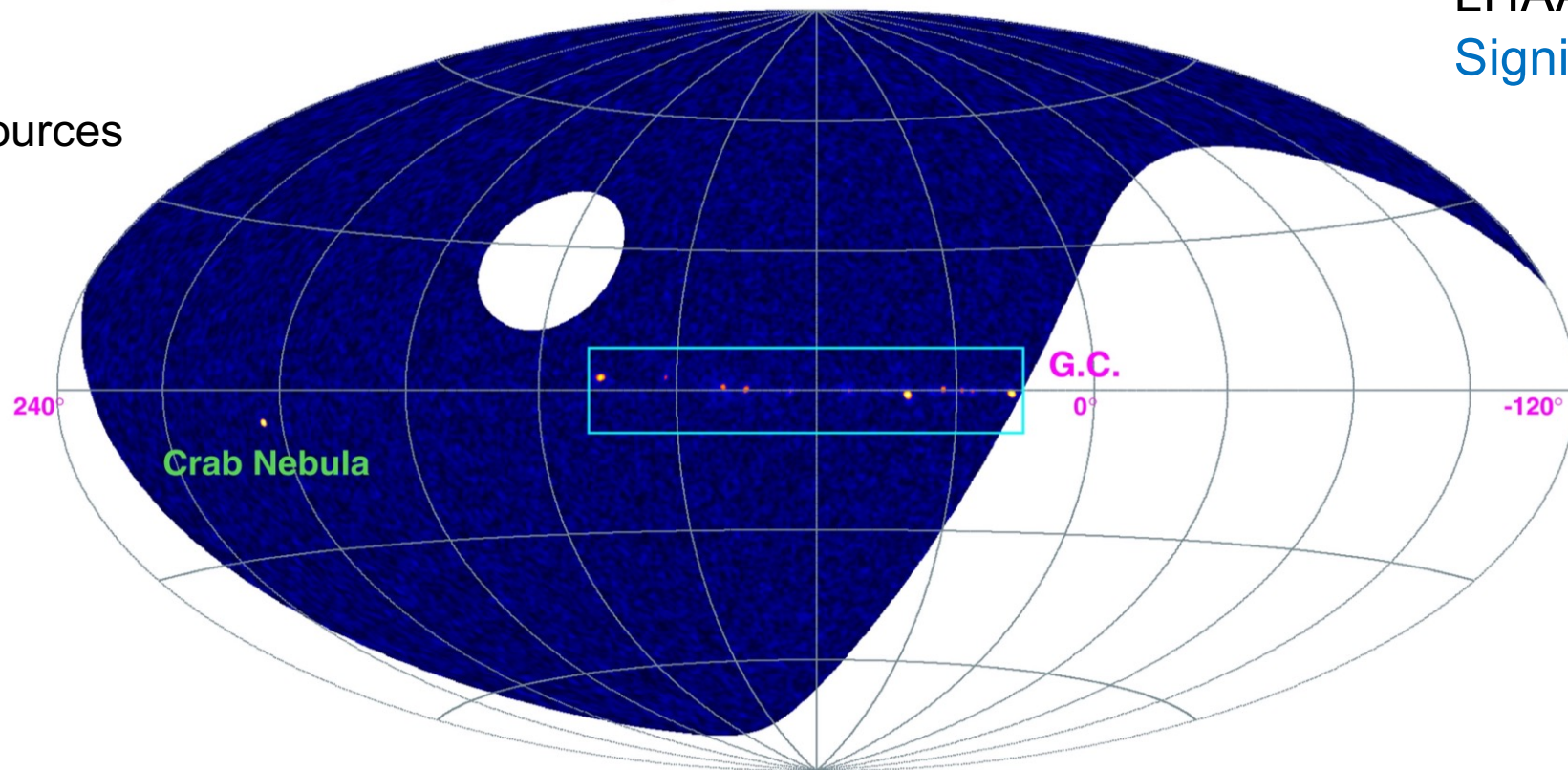
TeV Sky



PeV Sky

10s
of sources

LHAASO,
Significance map

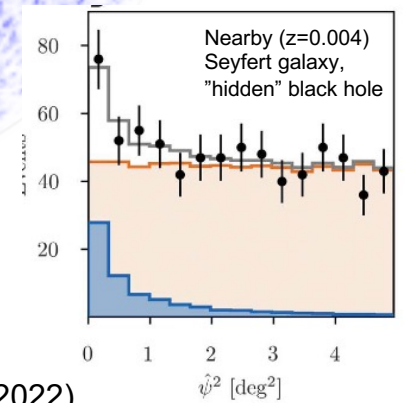
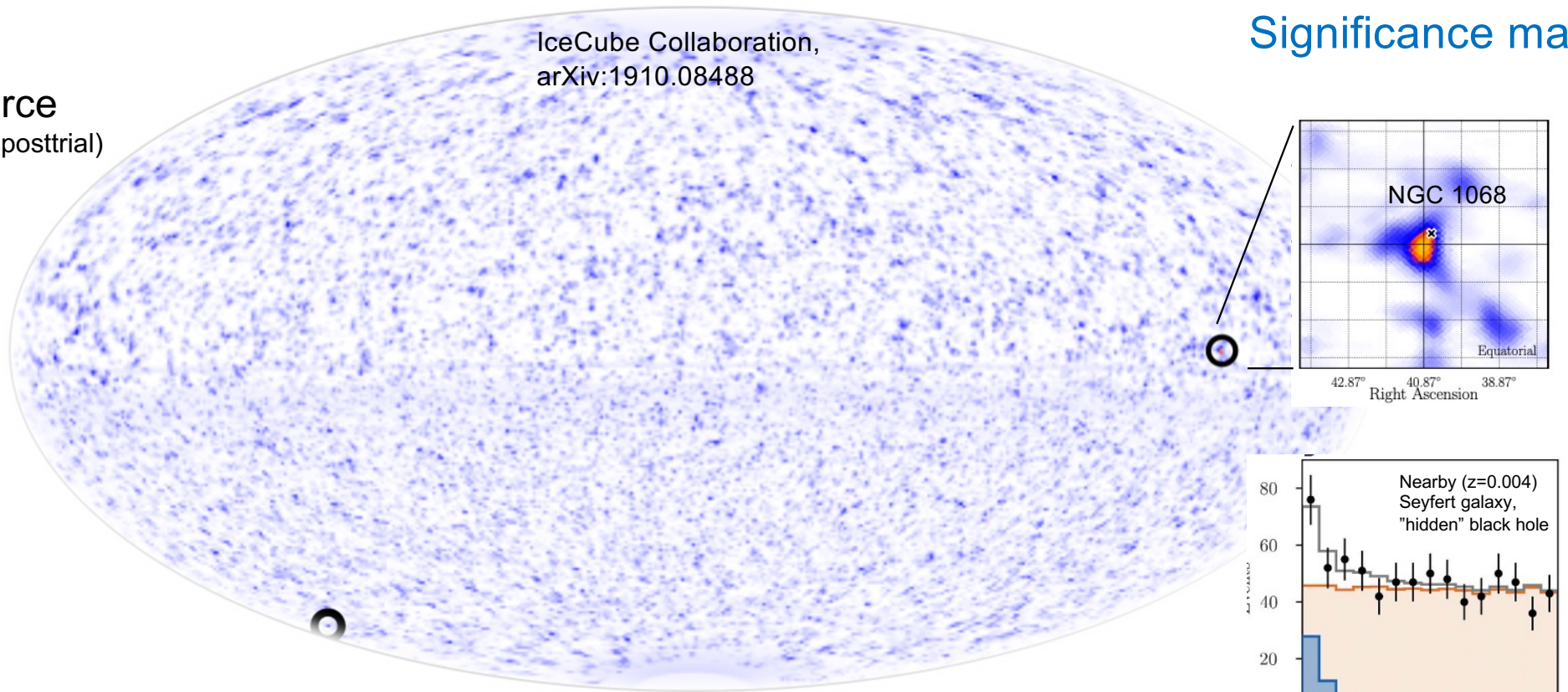


TeV/PeV Neutrino sky

1 source
(2 – 4 σ posttrial)

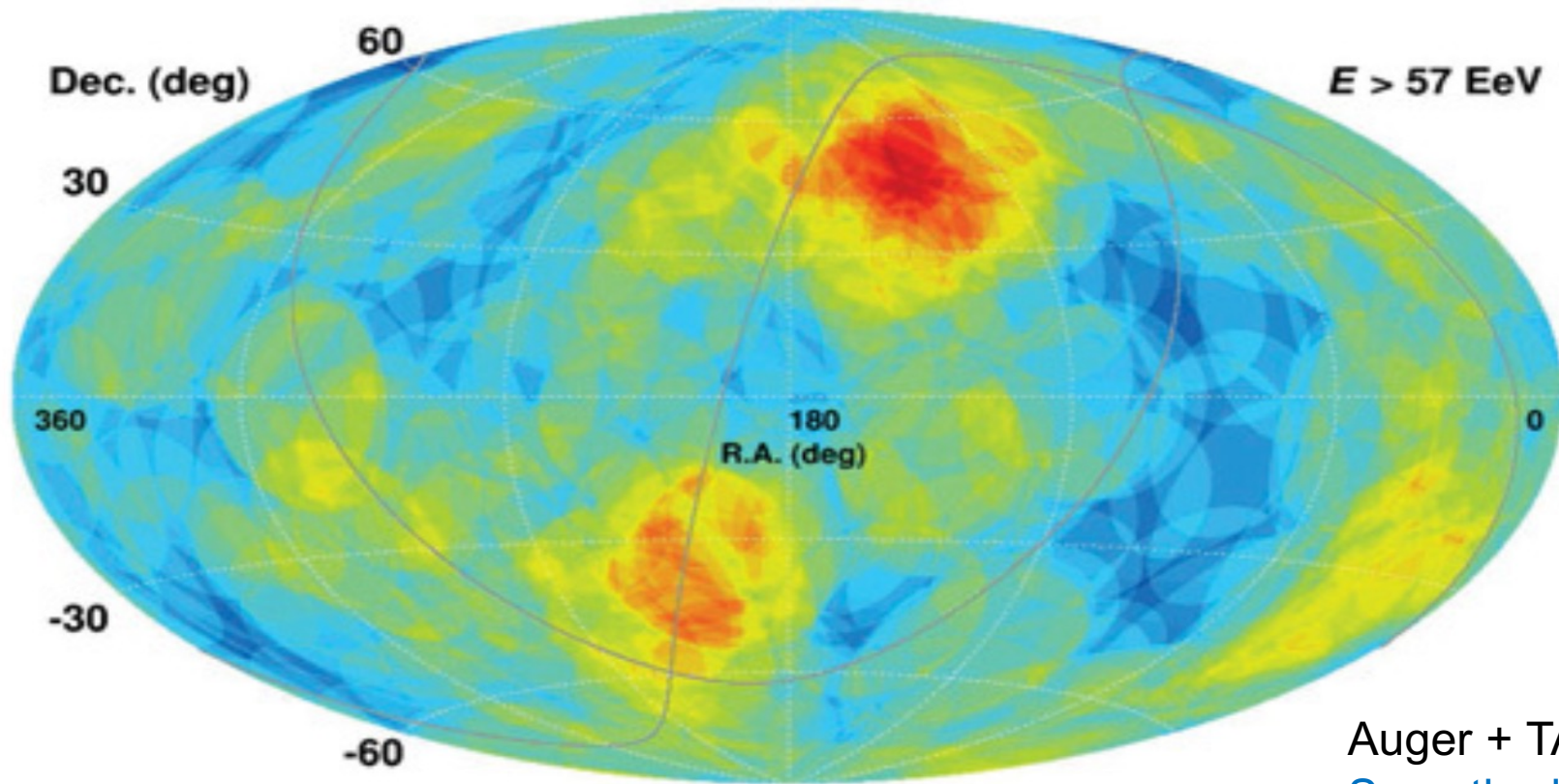
IceCube Collaboration,
arXiv:1910.08488

IceCube
Significance map



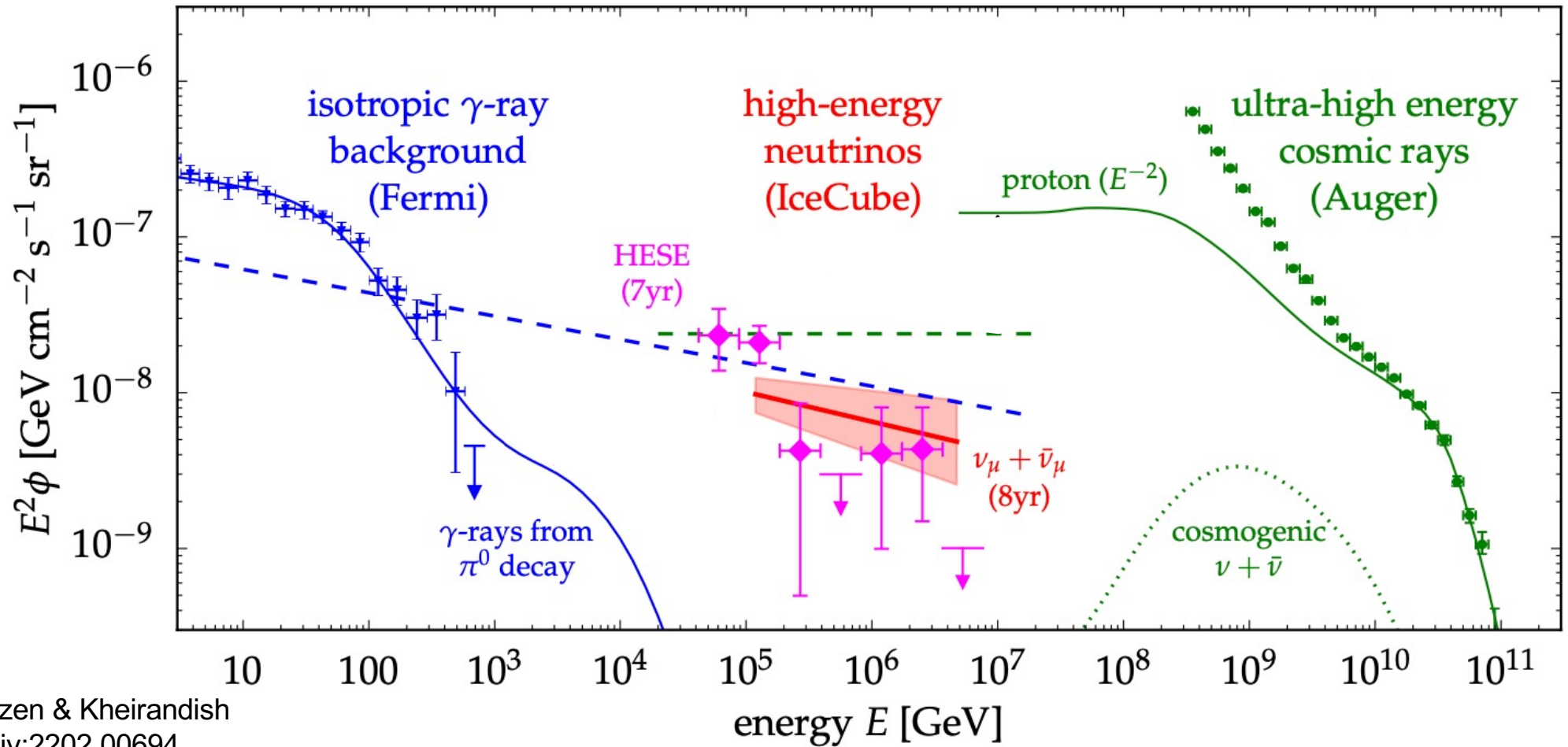
IceCube Collaboration,
Science378, 538–543 (2022)

100 EeV Cosmic Ray Sky

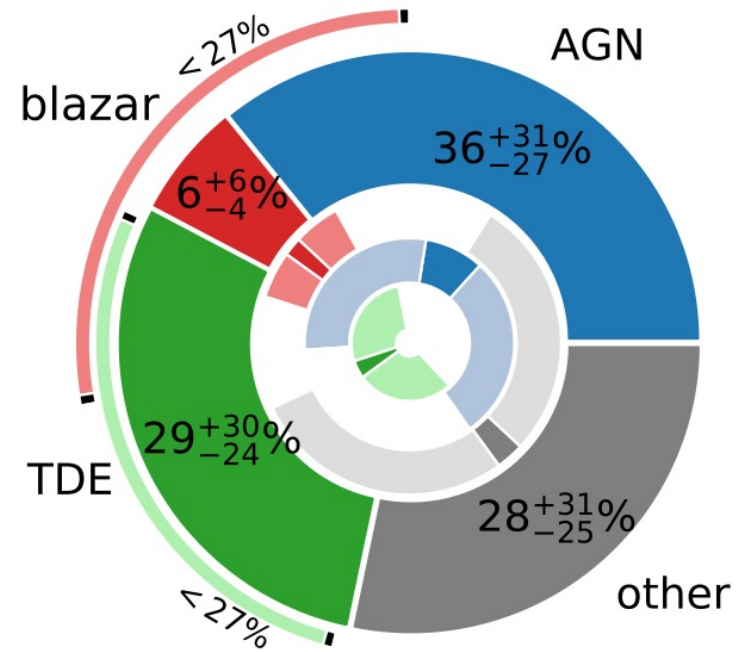
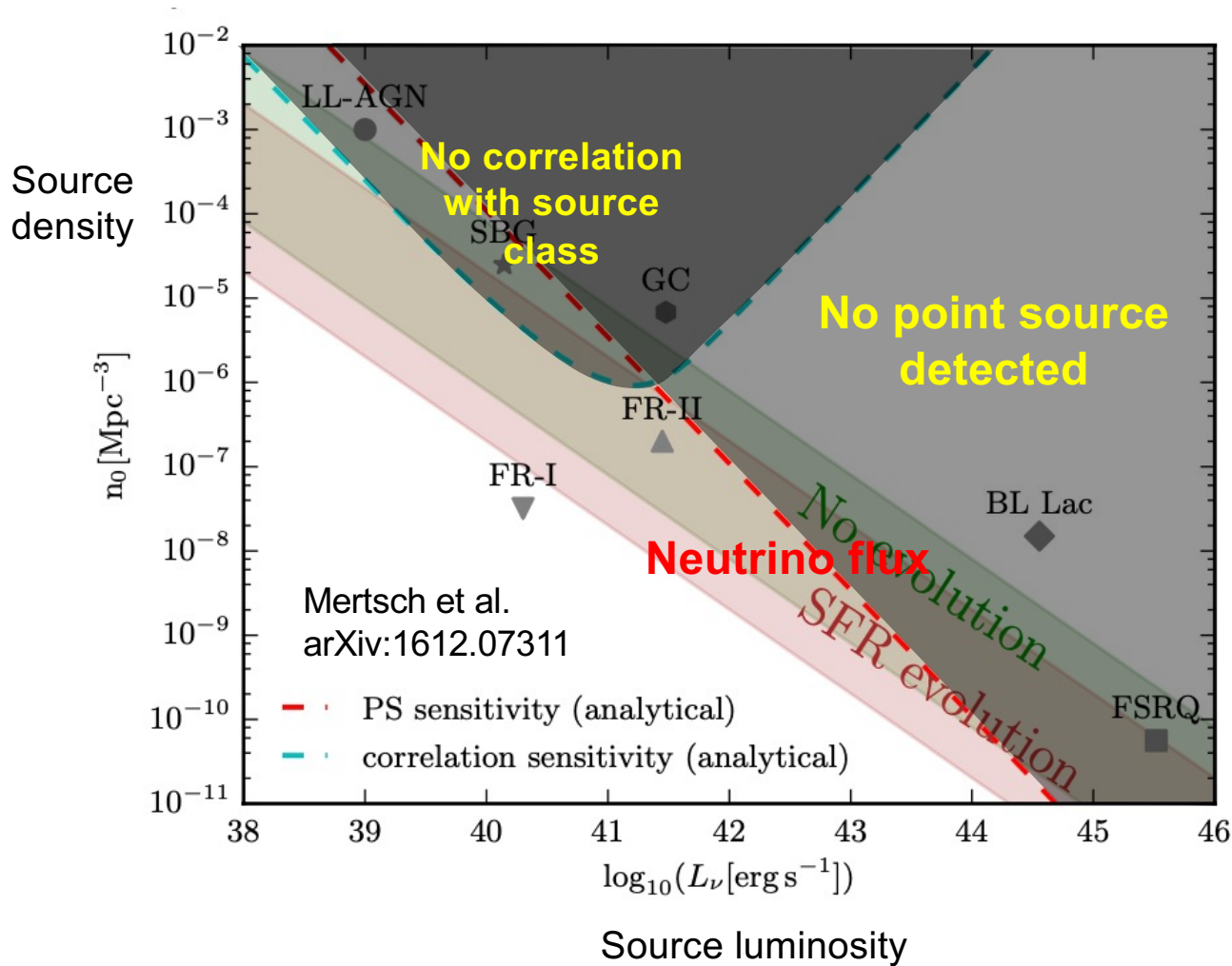


Auger + TA
Smoothed event map
(2017)

High energy cosmic neutrinos



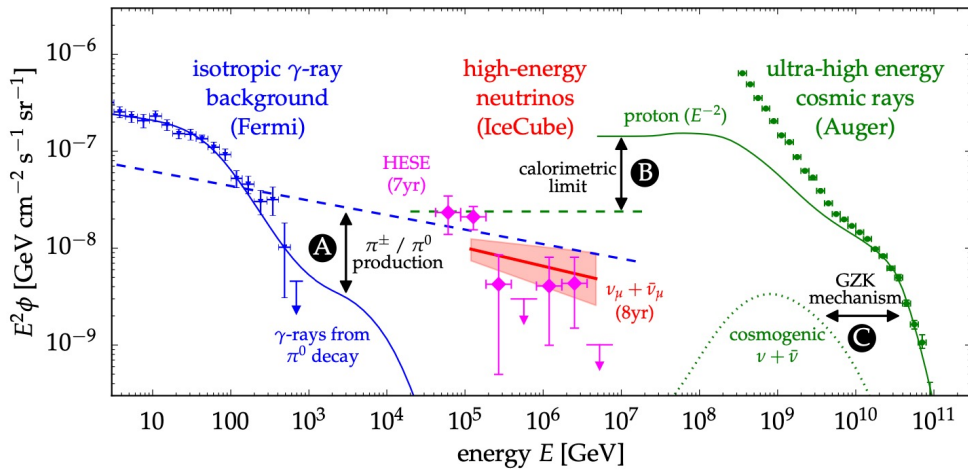
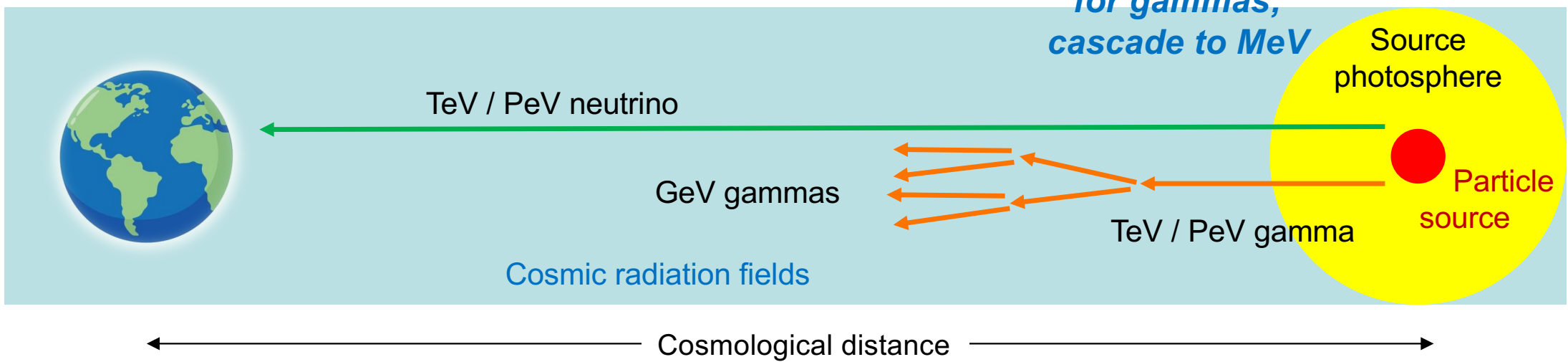
Sources of high-energy cosmic neutrinos



Bartos et al, ApJ 921 (2021) 45

Hidden neutrino sources

*Photoproduction:
source opaque
for gammas;
cascade to MeV*



*Propagation:
Cascade gammas tend
to overshoot diffuse
gamma-ray background*
(Capamena et al., arXiv:2002:07192)



*TeV / PeV
gamma rays do
not escape from
(typical) sources*

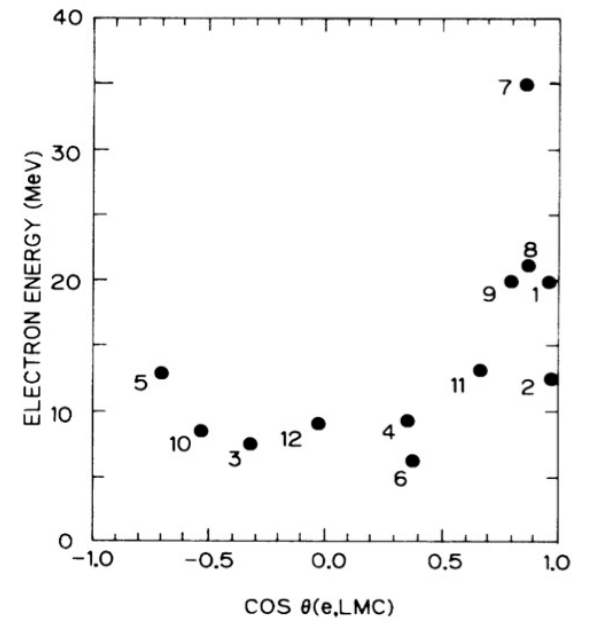
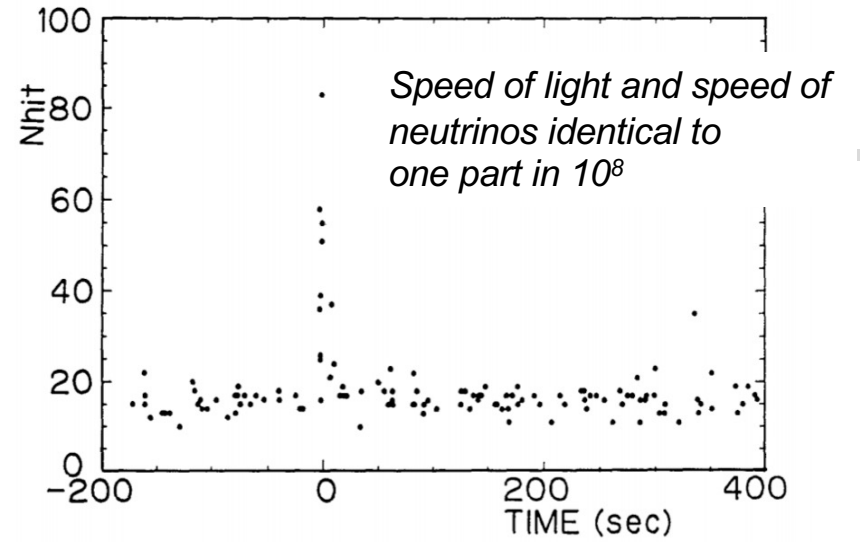
MM HIGHLIGHTS

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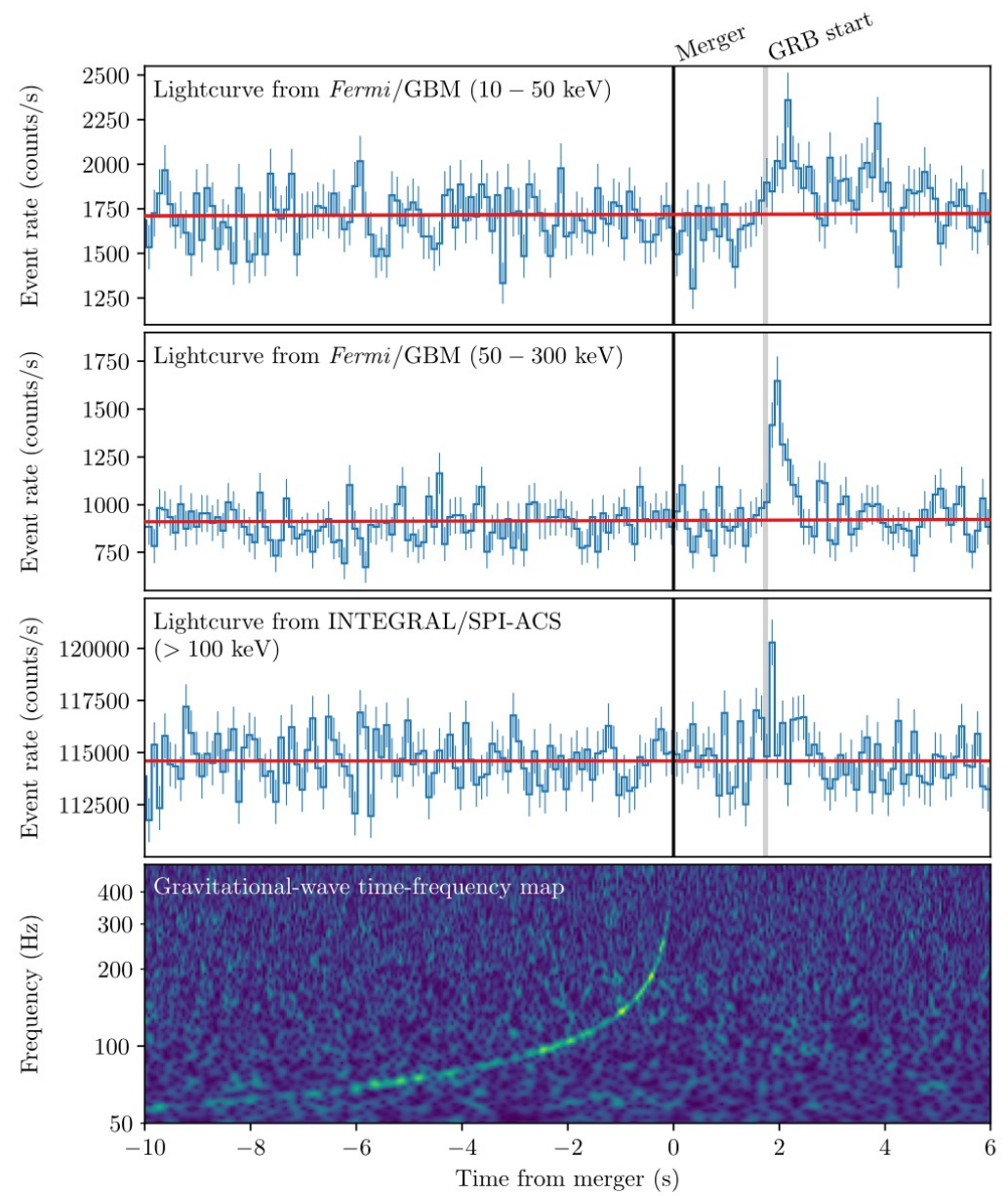
Anglo-Australian Observatory

Kamiokande II
Phys. Rev. Lett. 58 (1987) 1490



GW170817 and GRB 170817A

Neutron star merger
NSF/LIGO/Sonoma State University/A. Simonnet



GW170817 and GRB 170817A: Propagation

The observation of GW170817 and its electromagnetic counterpart implies that gravitational waves travel at the speed of light, with deviations smaller than a few $\times 10^{-15}$

Constraining mass of the graviton with GW170817 (e.g. arXiv:2205:15432)

Improved constraints on H_0 Improved constraints on H_0 (e.g. arXiv:1710.06426)

Tests of the weak equivalence principle from GW170817 (e.g. arXiv:1710.05860)

Limits on the number of spacetime dimensions from GW170817 (e.g. arXiv:1801.08160)

Implications for Dark Energy (e.g. arXiv:1710.0591)

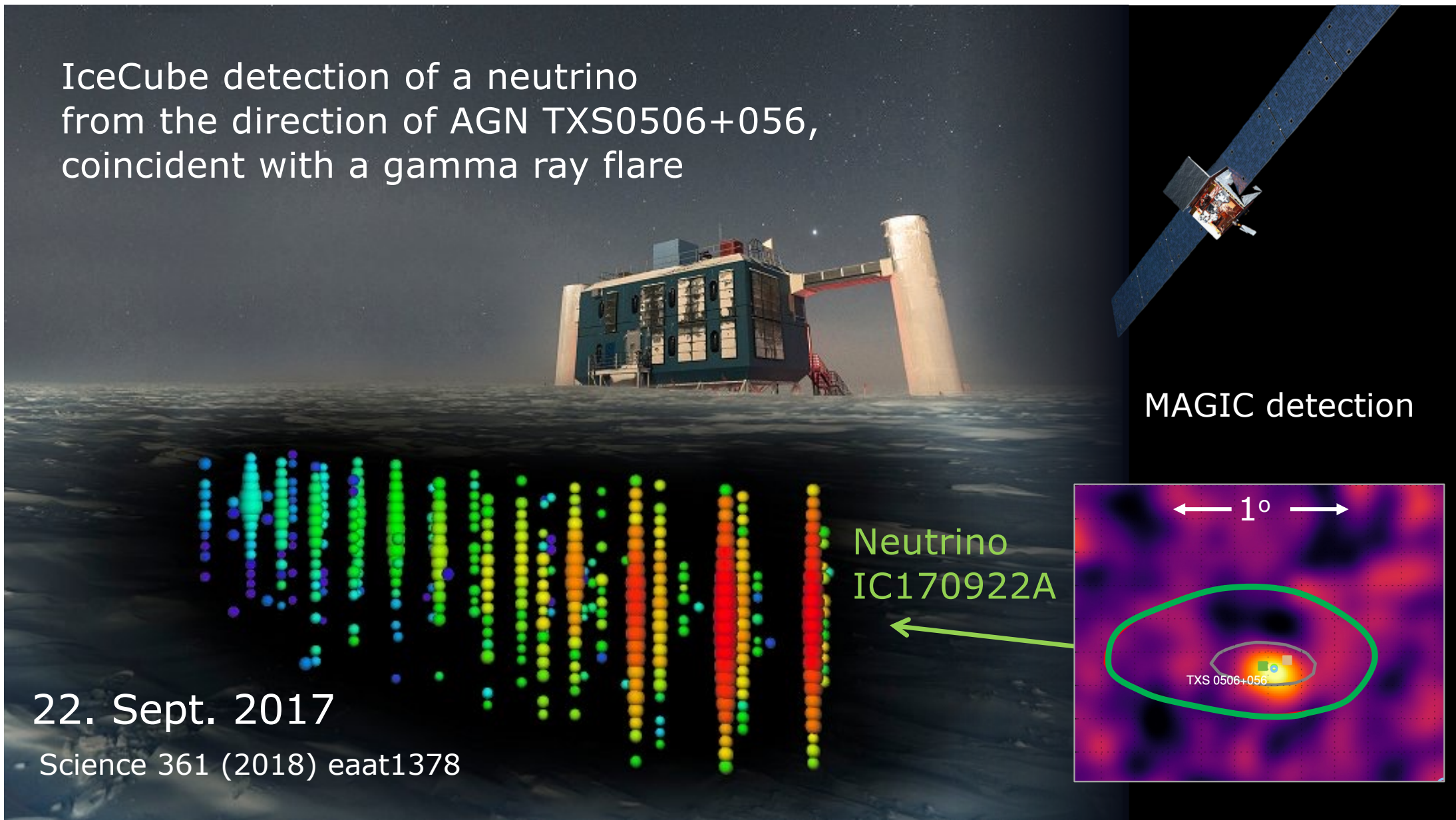
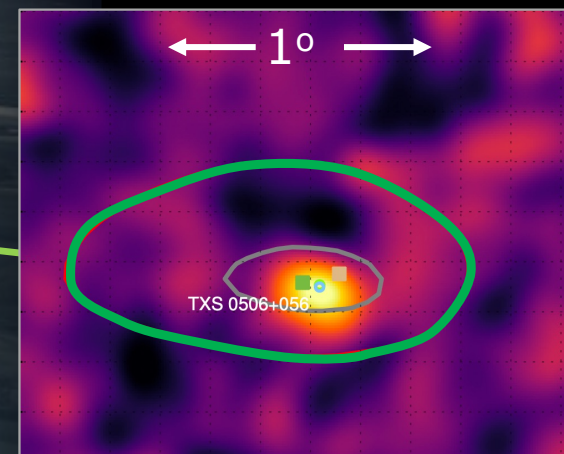
IceCube detection of a neutrino
from the direction of AGN TXS0506+056,
coincident with a gamma ray flare

MAGIC detection

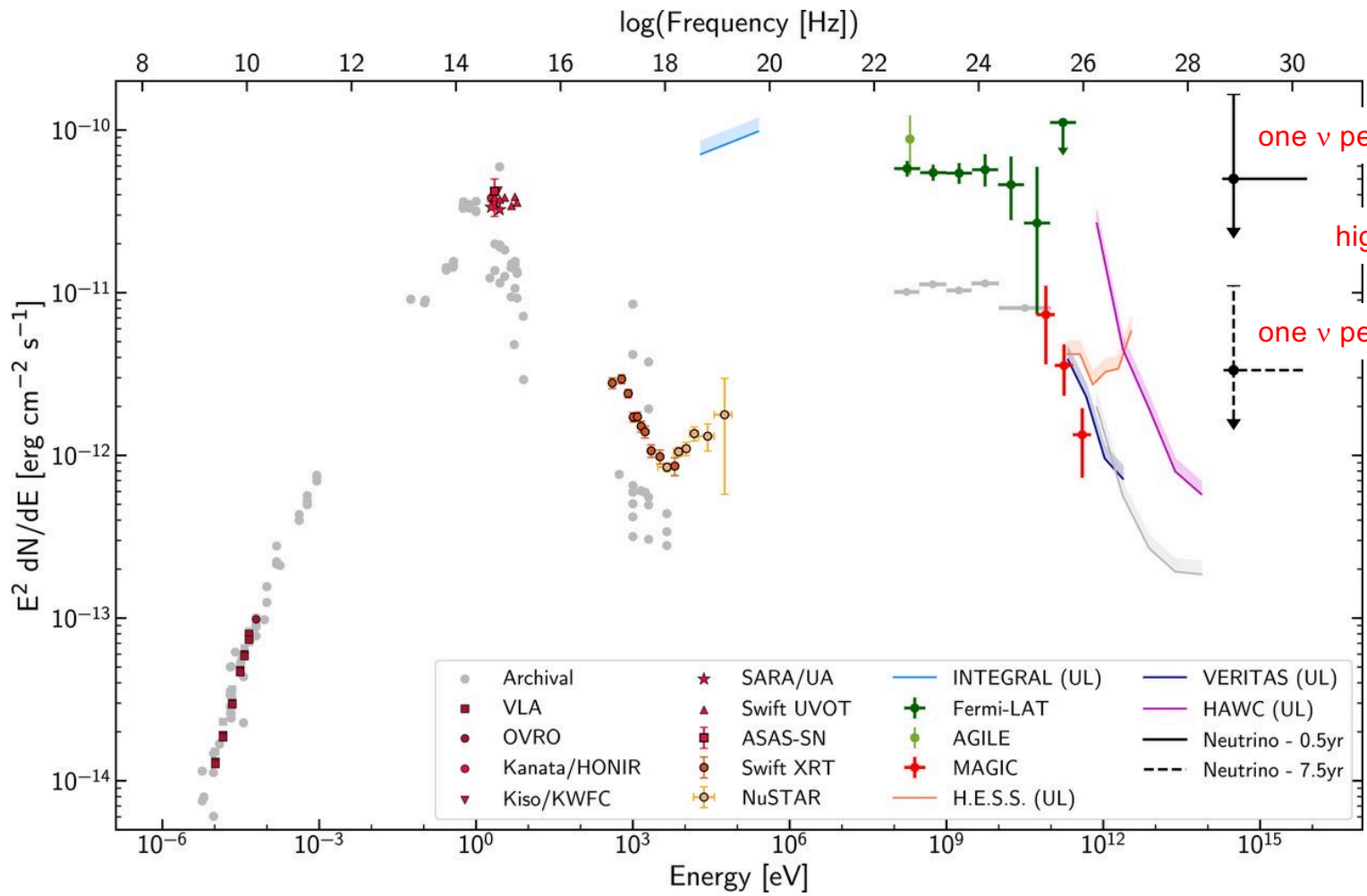
Neutrino
IC170922A

22. Sept. 2017

Science 361 (2018) eaat1378



TXS 0506+056



Probability that neutrino
is of astrophysical origin:
57%

Significance of neutrino-
gamma correlation: 3σ

Over 600 citations

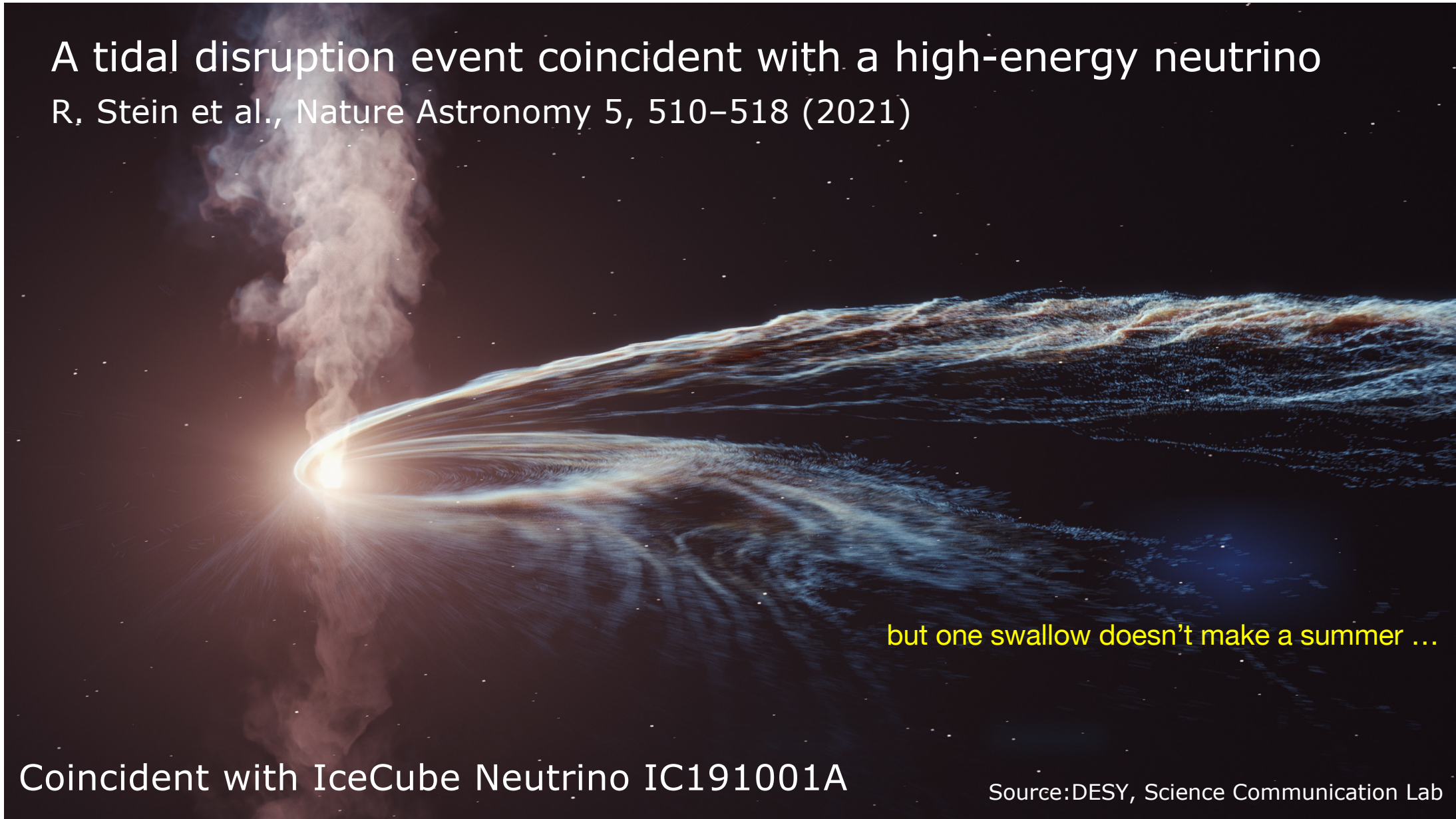
A tidal disruption event coincident with a high-energy neutrino

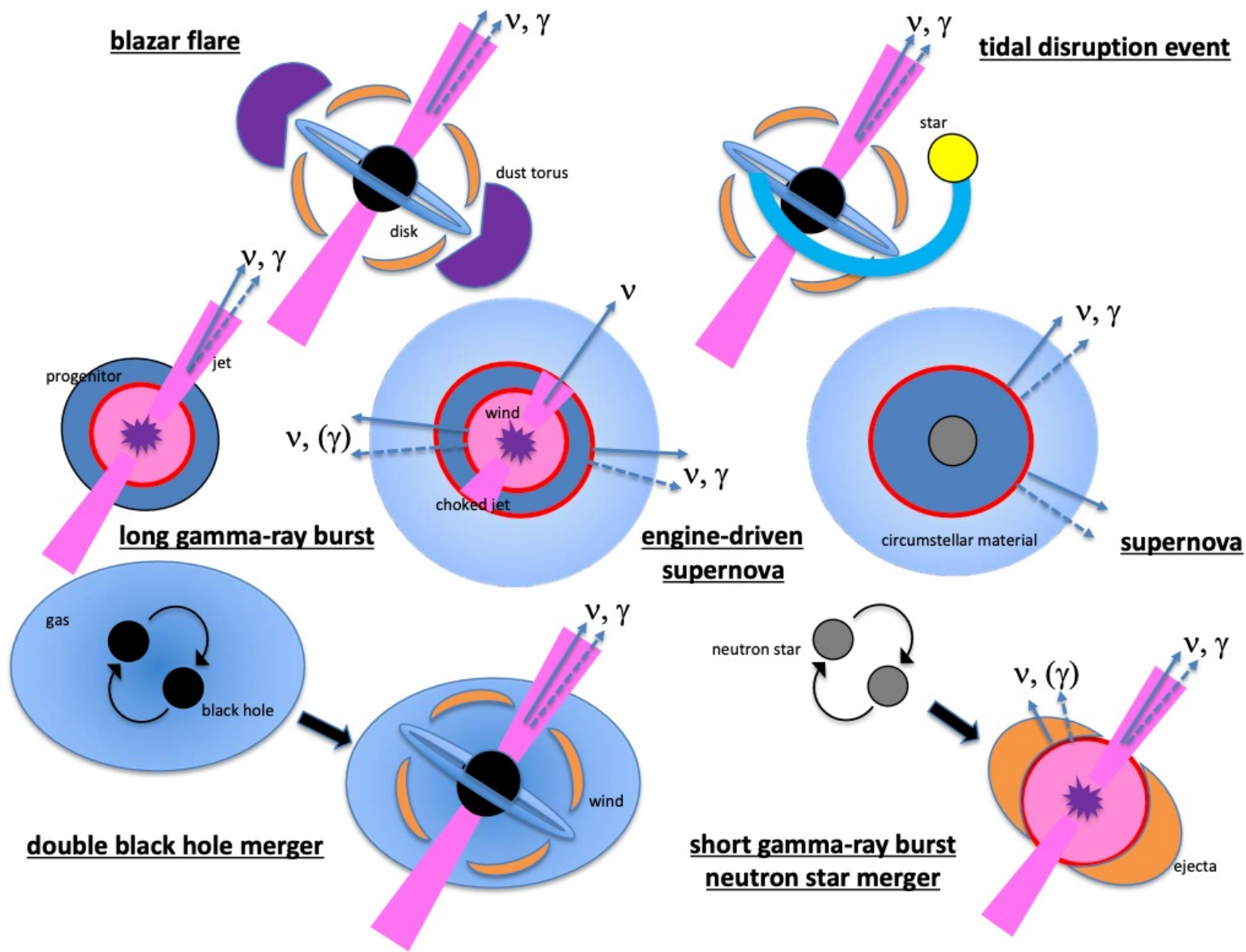
R. Stein et al., Nature Astronomy 5, 510–518 (2021)

but one swallow doesn't make a summer ...

Coincident with IceCube Neutrino IC191001A

Source: DESY, Science Communication Lab





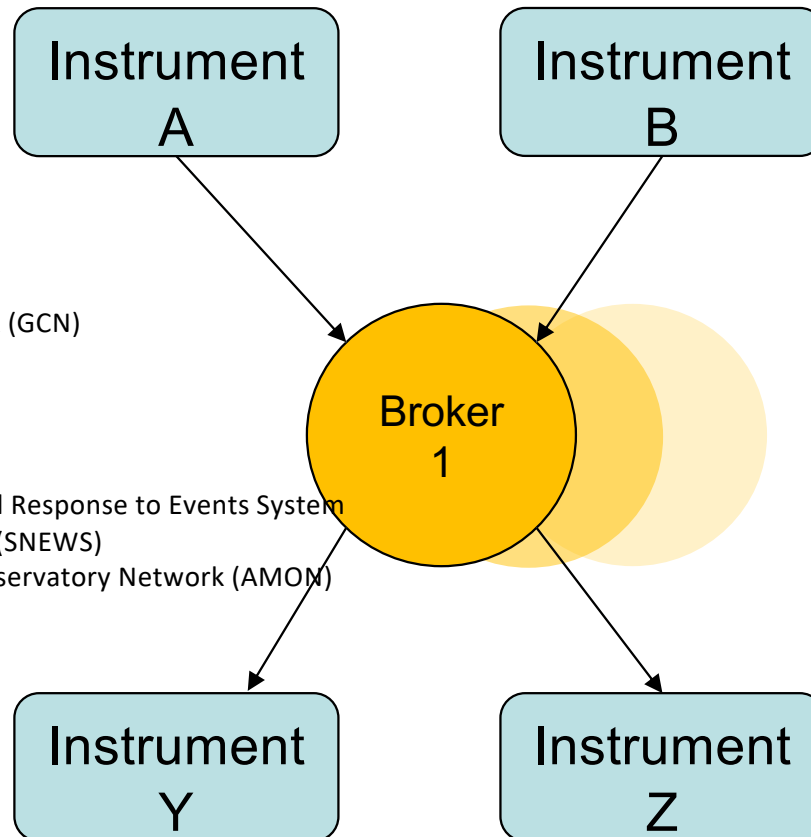
Schematic picture of various high-energy multi-messenger transients.

K. Murase, I. Bartos
 Ann. Rev. Nucl. Part. Sci. 2019
 arXiv:1907.12506

+ novae, ...

THE AGE OF BROKERS

ALERT BROKERS

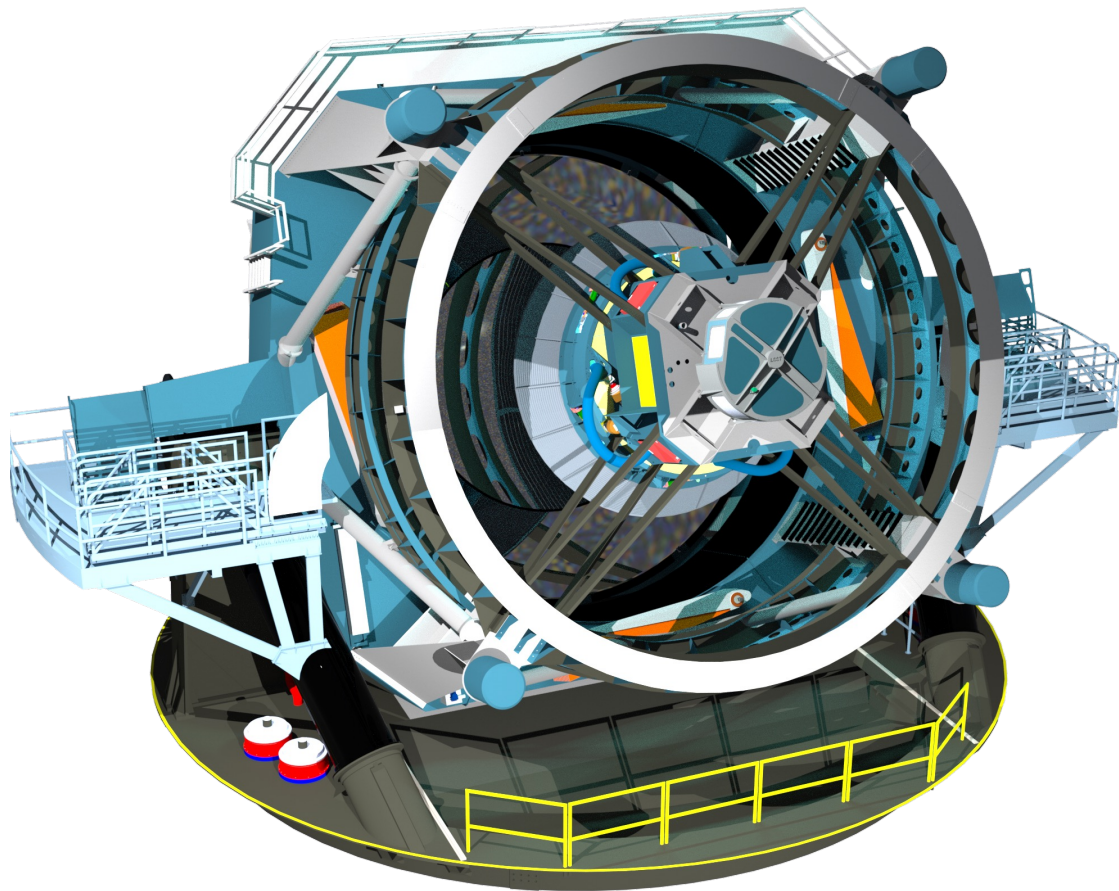


Gamma-Ray Coordinates Network (GCN)
Transient Name Server (TNS)
Astronomers' Telegram (ATEL)
VOEvent
Supernova Exchange (SNEEx)
Arizona-NOAO Transient Alert and Response to Events System
Supernova Early Warning System (SNEWS)
Astrophysical Multimessenger Observatory Network (AMON)
...

Functions of brokers:

- (Re-)Distribution of alerts
- **Format translation**
- **Classification and selective distribution of alerts from a given instrument**
- **Identification of coincidences between alerts**
- **Providing context for alerts (MWL/MM data base)**

Extreme case: LSST



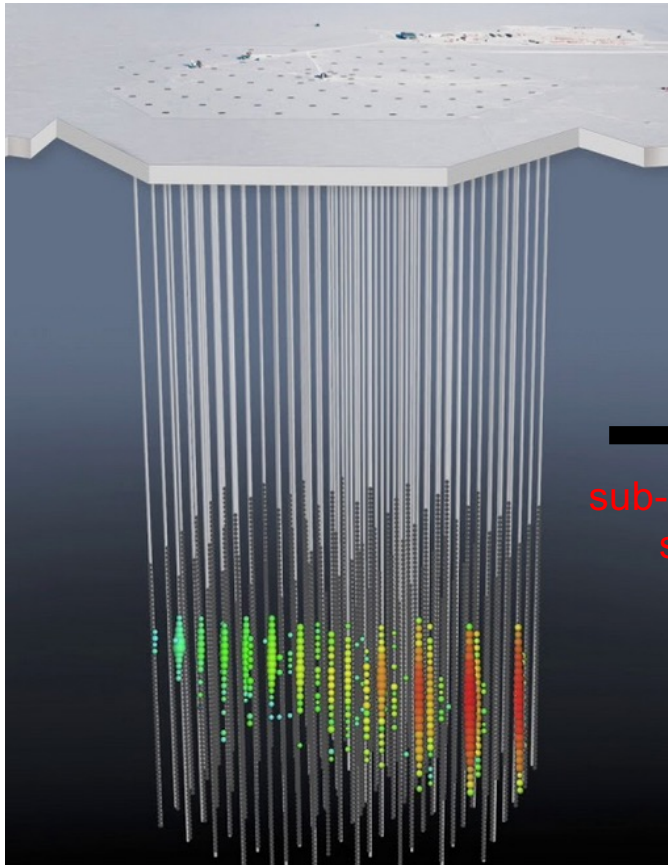
Up to 10^7 alerts per night (LSST DMTN-102)

Multiple brokers
for LSST alert stream,
e.g. FINK
(arXiv:2009.10185)

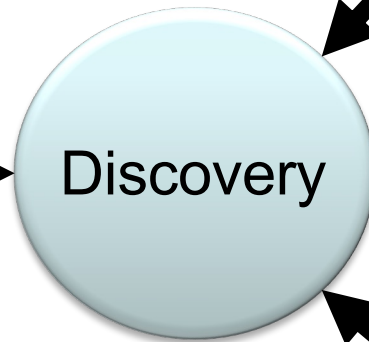


- Ingest the LSST alert stream
- Annotate alerts
 - Ingest continuously updated catalogues
 - Multi-wavelength and multi-messenger event cross-matches
 - Classify alerts within minutes
 - Early light-curve classification
 - Provide classification for a subset of science cases using deep learning and adaptive learning techniques
- Filter
Redistribute

Sub-threshold alerts

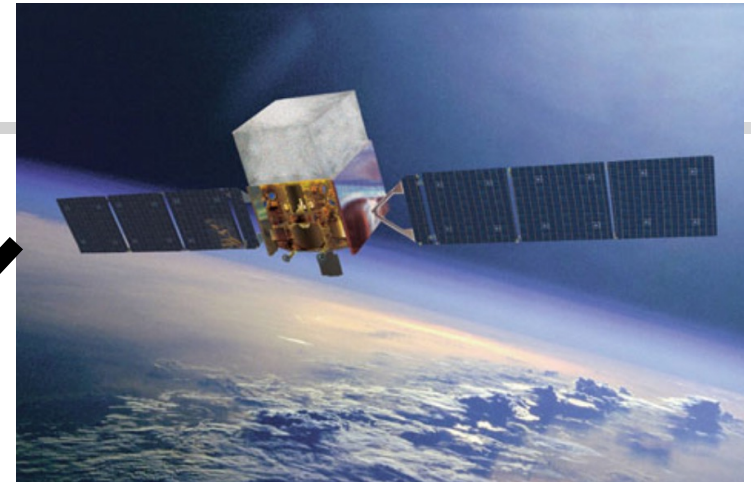


sub-threshold
signal



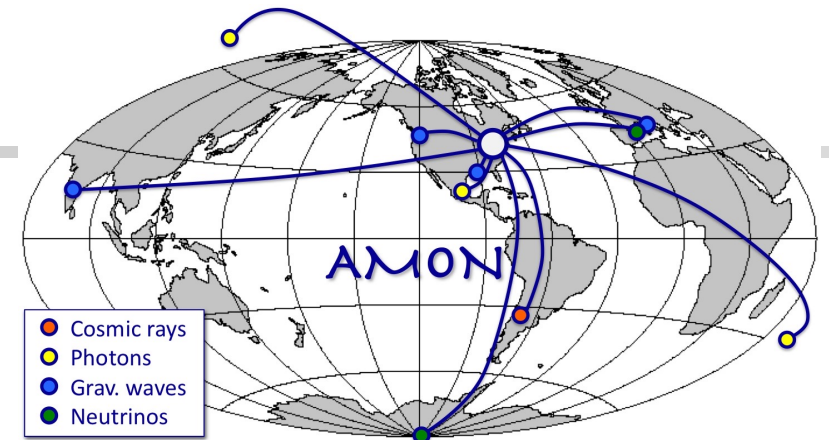
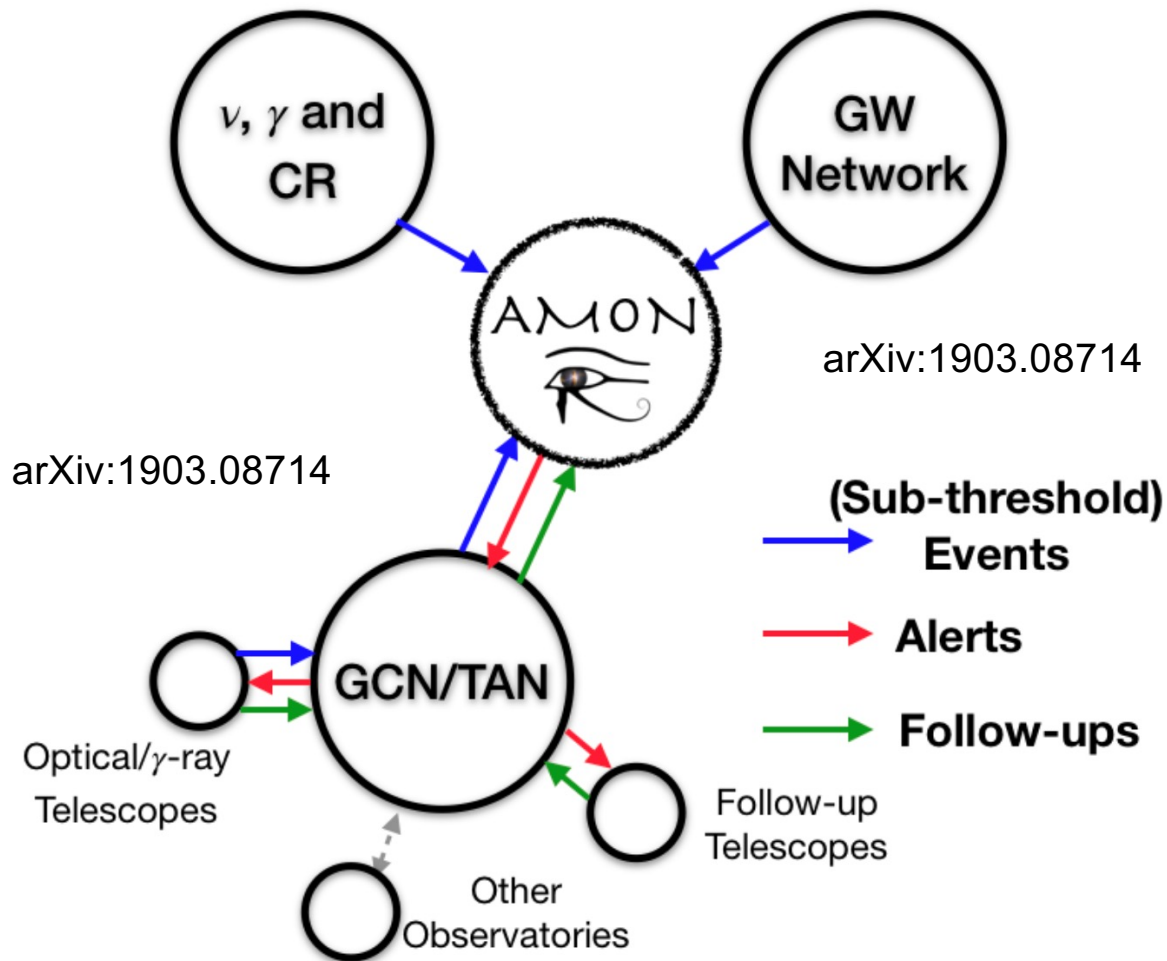
Discovery

(sub-threshold)
signal



(sub-threshold)
signal

Sub-threshold alerts (e.g. AMON)



Perform coincidence searches of sub-threshold events of different observatories in real-time, and distribute prompt alerts to follow-up observatories.

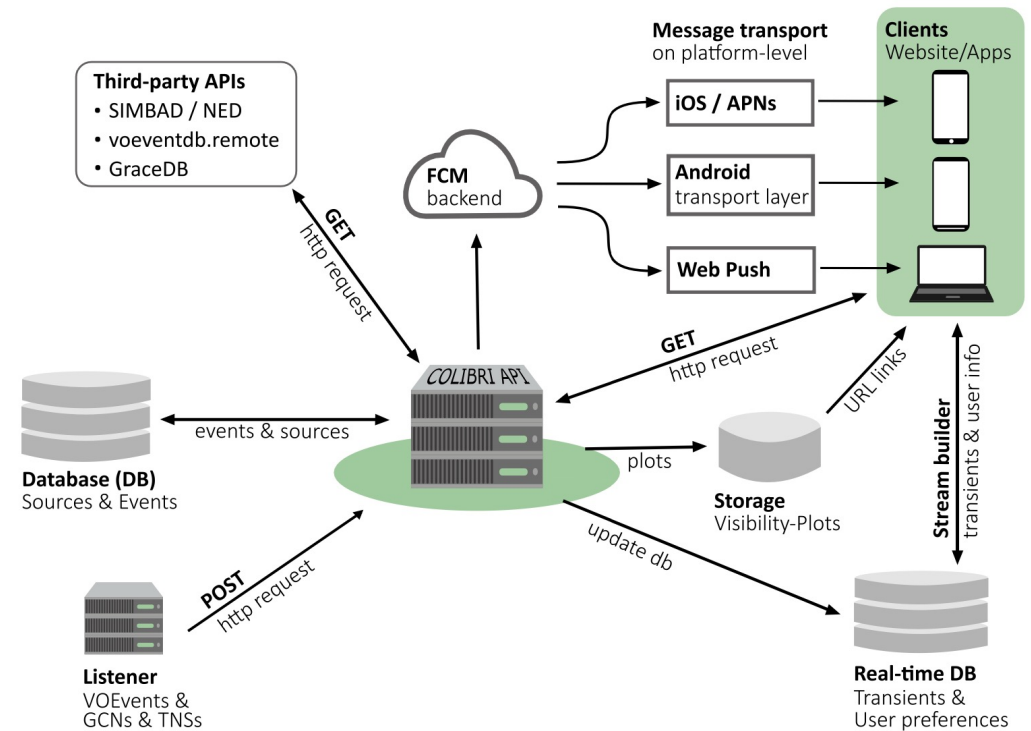
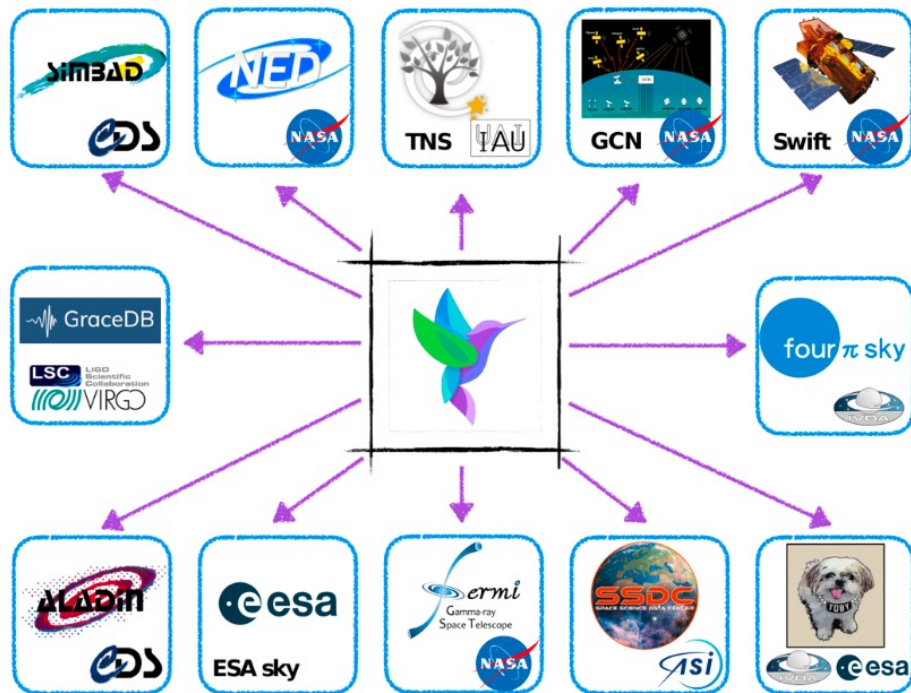
Receive events and broadcast them, through the Gamma-Ray Coordinates Network/Transient Astronomy Network (GCN/TAN).

Store events into its database to perform archival coincidence searches.

DATA RECOVERY & ANALYSIS FRAMEWORKS

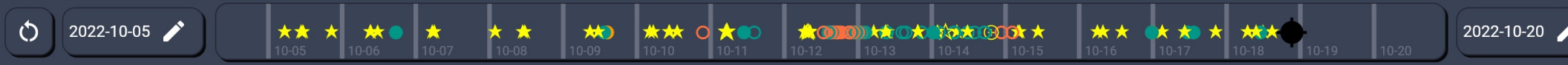
EXAMPLE: ASTRO COLIBRI

arXiv:2109.01672



Observatories ● Swift ● Fermi ● HAWC ● IceCube ● AMON ● Integral = LVC ● other

Event types ⊕ FRB ☆ OT ★ SN ● GRB ○ burst ● neutrino = GW □ other ⊕ nuem □ 4FGL □ TeVCAT ⊕ SGR/AXP



IceCubeCascade-221018a
Neutrino

RA/Dec: 90.88° / 37.57° (± 17.42°)
2022-10-18 21:13:59

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source: IceCubeCascade-221018a

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name: IceCubeCascade-221018a

Detection time: 2022-10-18 21:13:59

Localisation:
RA [deg]: 90.88 Dec [deg]: 37.57
RA : 6h3m31.18s Dec : 37d34m29.28s
error [deg]: 17.43

observatory: IceCube
FAR: 0.31/yr P_astro: 0.90 E: 60.51 TeV

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This is a high-energy neutrino detected by the IceCube observatory in Antarctica. It has an energy of 61 TeV but its origin is not totally clear: events like this happen due to statistical fluctuations roughly every 3.2 years and the probability of the neutrino to be of astrophysical origin (and not terrestrial background noise) is 90 %. IceCube located the origin of the neutrino to a region with a radius of 1046 arcmin within the Auriga constellation.

Learn more about IceCube: [link](#)

SN 2022yav
Supernovae (optical)

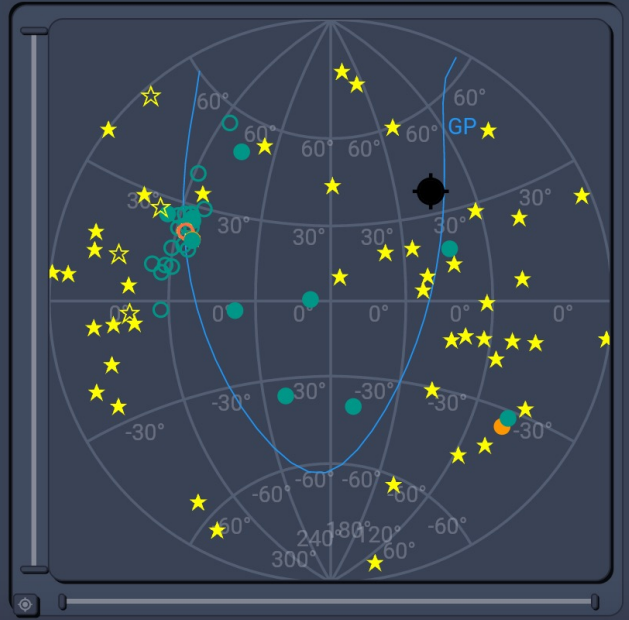
RA/Dec: 113.40° / 19.00°
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SN 2022yau
Supernovae (optical)

RA/Dec: 63.35° / 27.59°
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Gamma-ray burst

RA/Dec: 271.25° / 50.15° (± 5.88°)
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Multi-messenger Astrophysics: Harnessing the Data Revolution

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“We argue, therefore, that the time is ripe for the community to conceive and propose an Institute for Multi-Messenger Astrophysics that would coordinate its resources in a sustained and strategic fashion to efficiently address these challenges ...”



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Bottlenecks identified:

1. Transient Alerts and Communication
2. Data Policies
3. Follow-Up Spectroscopy
4. Telescope Coordination
5. International Funding and Collaboration
6. Target-of-Opportunity Implementation
7. Theoretical and Computational Resources
8. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Workforce Development

Transient alerts and communication

- **Upgrades to the GCN system.** **Automated name server** to correlate events found by different facilities and/or at different wavelengths; increased **machine-readability** for GCN Circulars; and a means to query results based on source, position, and/or time
- Similar **notification capabilities for X-ray** (e.g., SRG/eROSITA, Einstein Probe) and **radio** (e.g., MeerKAT, ASKAP, SKA) transients
- **Standards** are critical for heterogeneous nodes in the transient/multi-messenger ecosystem to communicate efficiently and effectively. Recommend that the transient/multi-messenger community work with the International Virtual Observatory Alliance (IVOA) to build its standards.
- Establish with journals **uniform standards for data reporting** on transient and multi-messenger sources

Data policies

Open Access to data & importance of limited data proprietary periods for the effective follow-up of transients and other time-critical observations

Data should be **FAIR** (findable, accessible, interoperable, and reusable). Good archives and supporting software are thus essential; e.g. high-level data products in a queryable database

Large projects in the USA and Europe should pay particular care towards supporting **open data policies**, to serve as examples for developing facilities in other countries

OPPORTUNITIES

- using the maximum available information to understand high-energy processes

BUT ALSO MUCH HYPE ...

and (to quote an ESO director)
“most of the information about the Universe
still reaches us in form of photons”

CHALLENGES

- Bringing quite different communities together
- Coordination, MoUs, ...
- Trigger distribution and trigger selection
- Finding & combining data
- Efficient analysis tools
- Theory & simulation tools
- Papers & authorship