

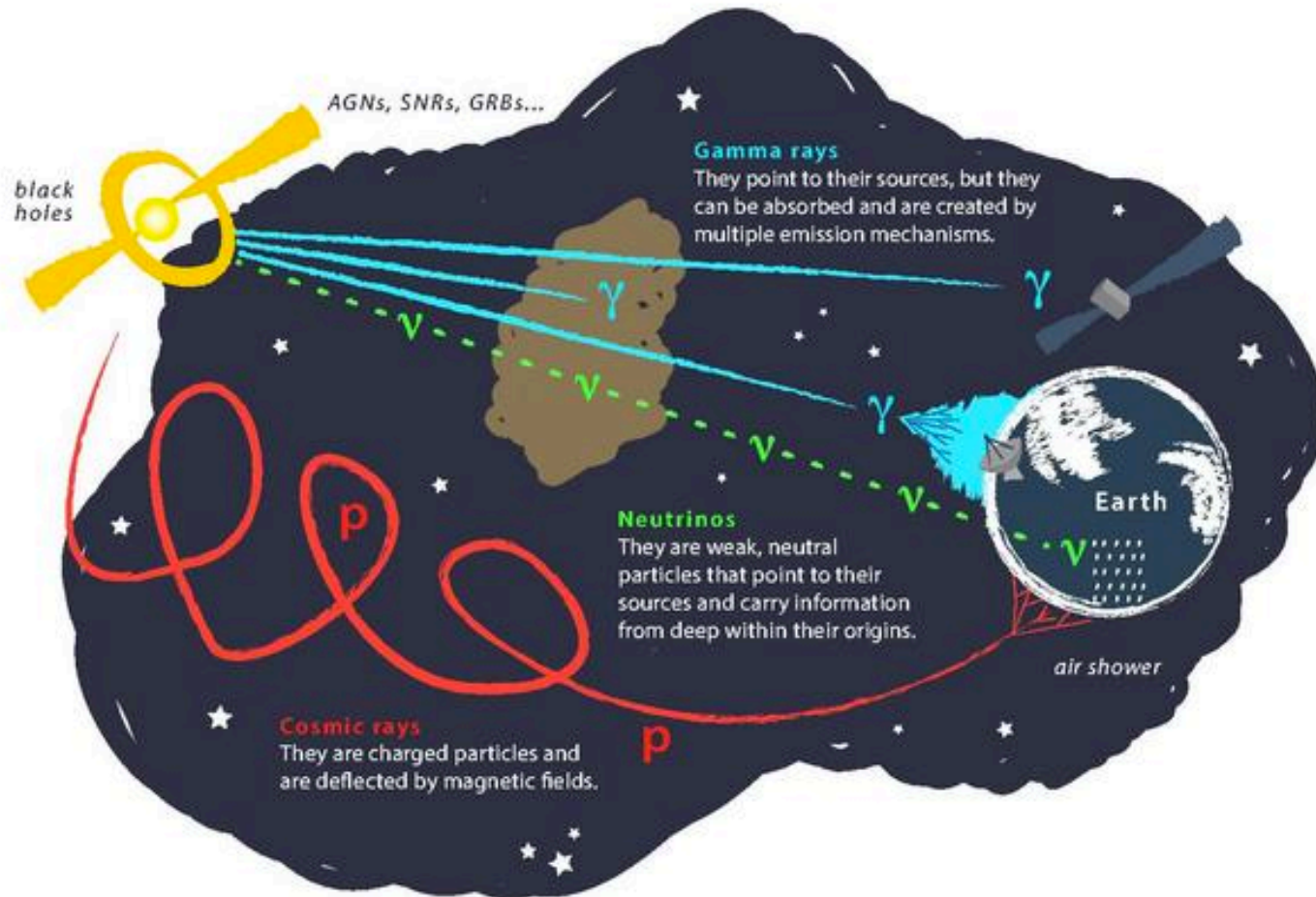
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# Interdisciplinary Challenges in Astroparticle Physics

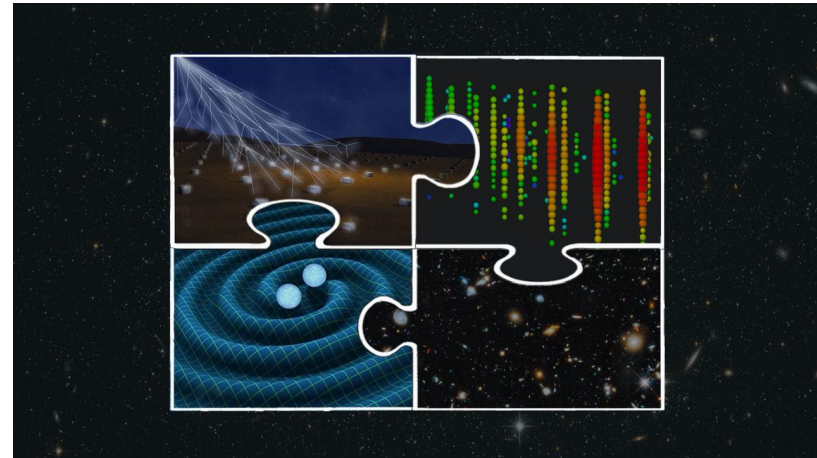
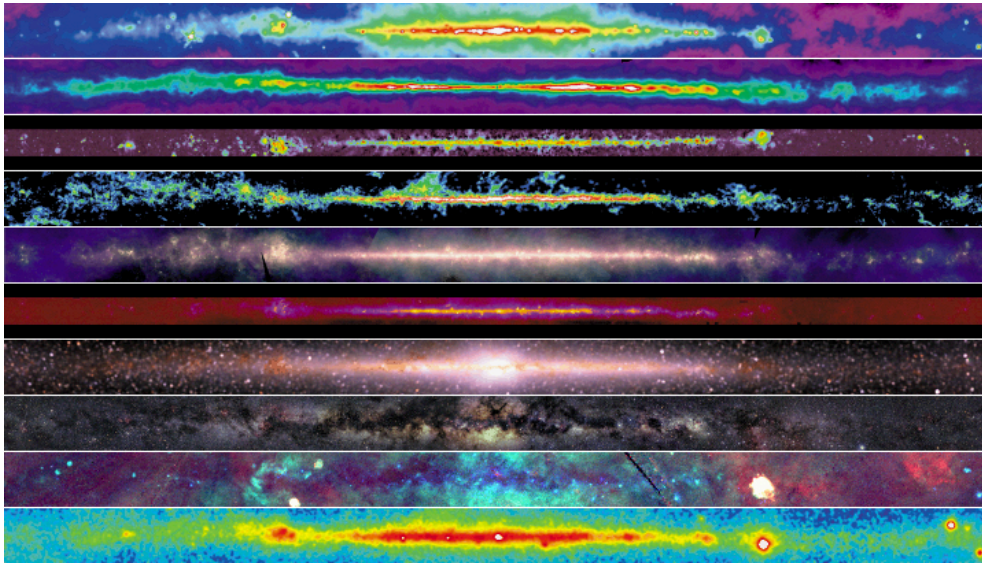
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Dominik Elsässer, Tim Ruhe  
LAMARR CS & Physics Meet-Up

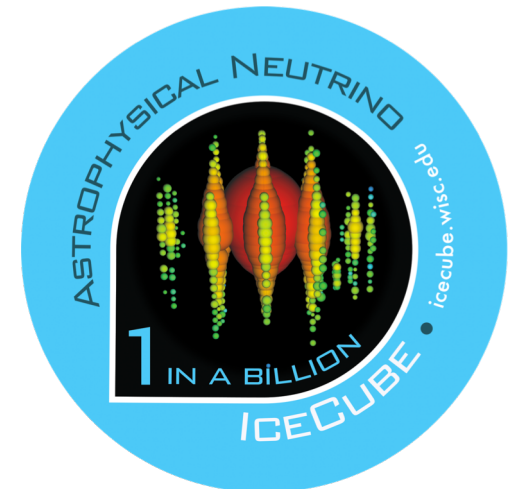




## Multimessenger-Astronomy

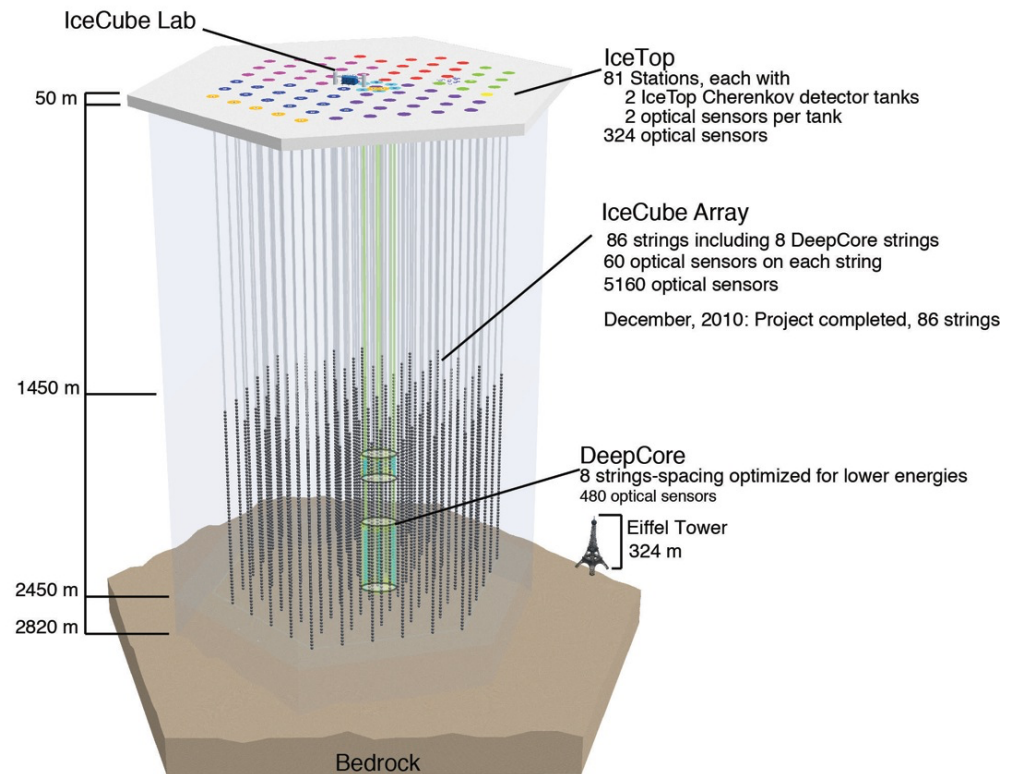
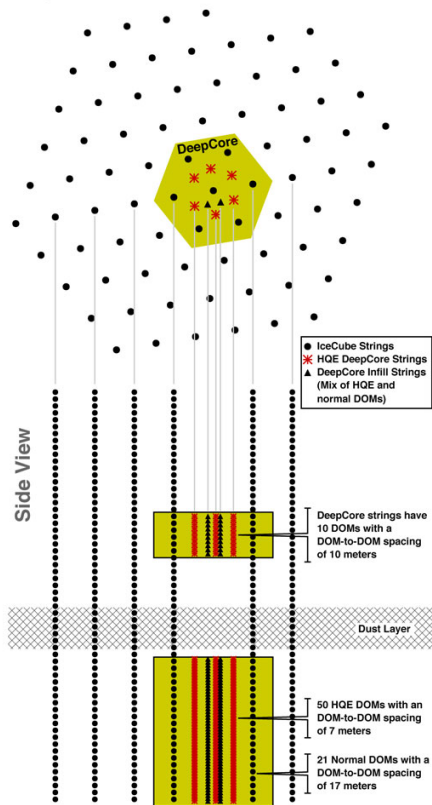


The Milky Way in Neutrinos  
→ See Talk by M. Hünnefeld  
(tomorrow at 9.50)



## The IceCube Neutrino Observatory (at the South Pole)

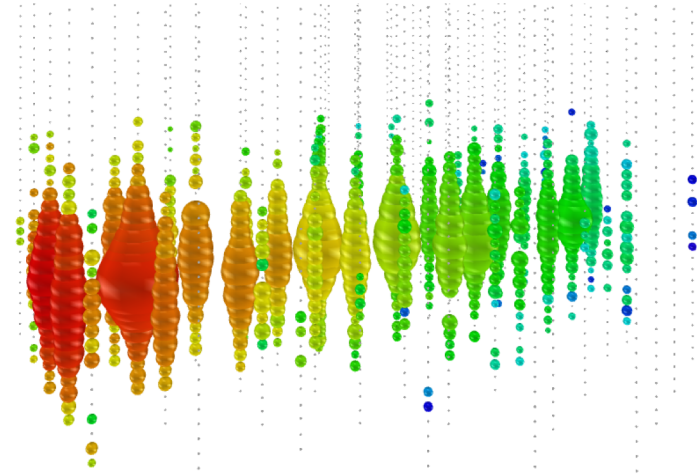
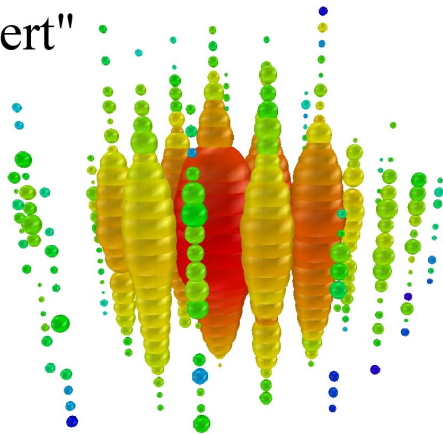
Top View



## IceCube Event Signatures



"Bert"



Cascade like events:

- $\nu_e$  - CC and all flavour NC interactions
- Interaction inside instrumented volume
- Poor angular resolution  $\approx 15^\circ$  (!!!)
- Good energy resolution  $5^\circ$

Track like events:

- $\nu_\mu$  - CC interactions
- Interaction may happen outside instrumented volume
- Good angular resolution  $\approx 1^\circ$
- Poor energy resolution

## IceCube Data Analysis

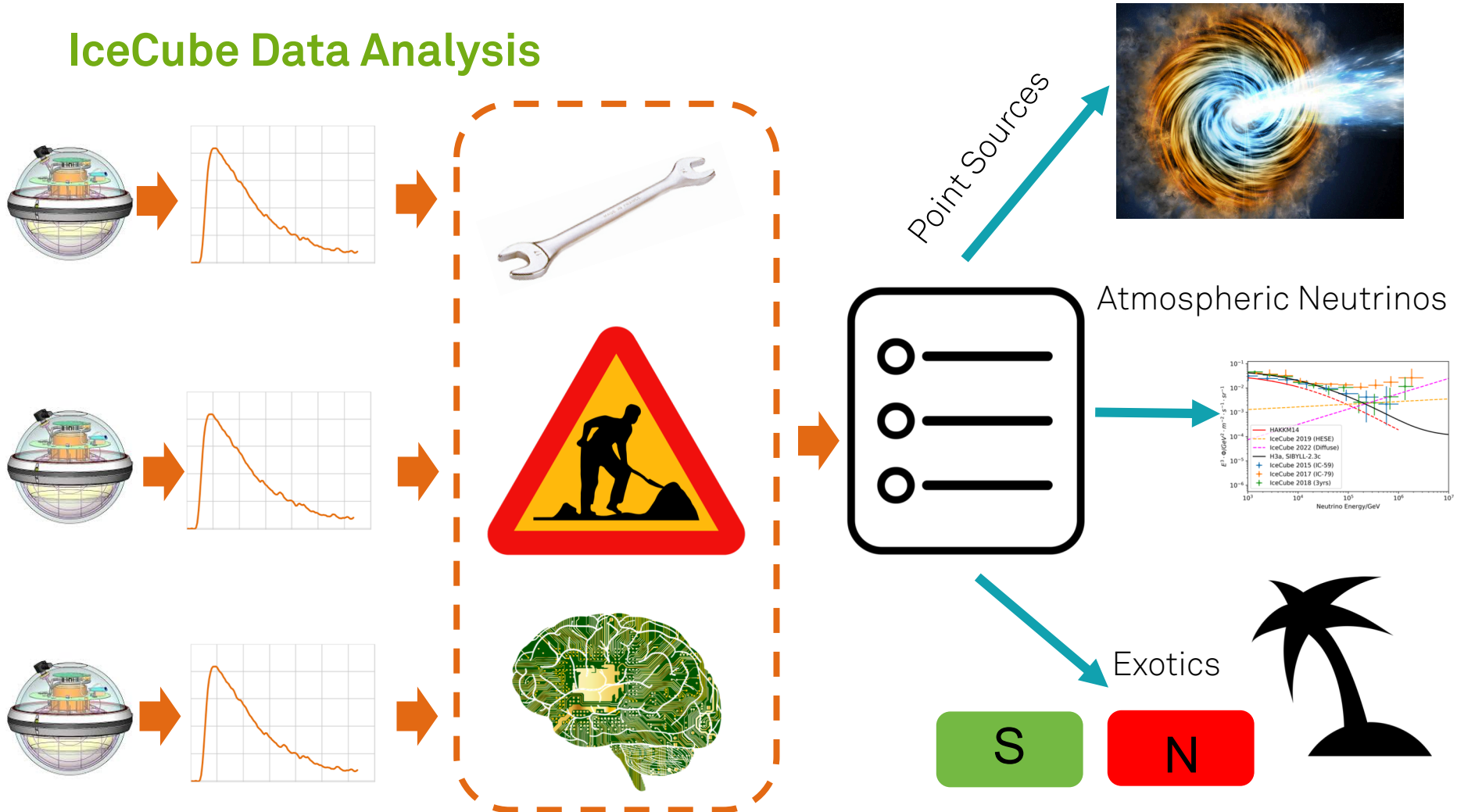
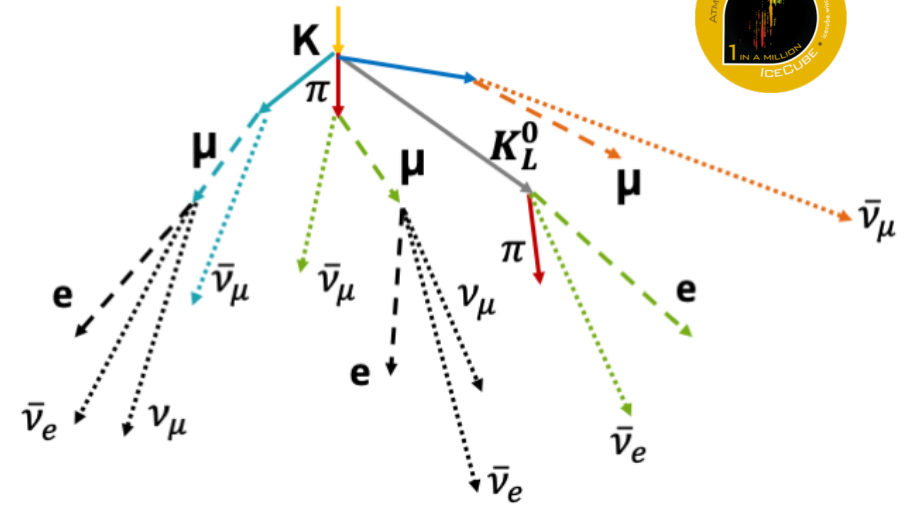
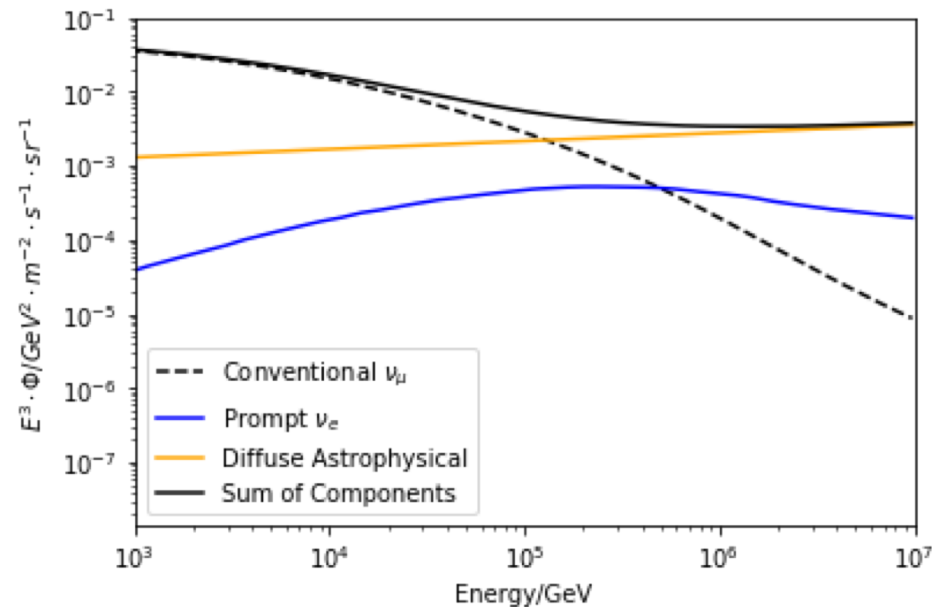
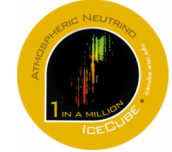


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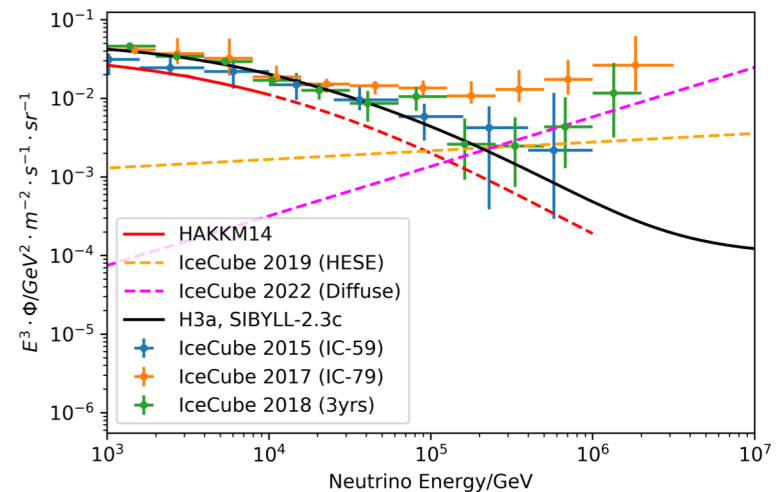
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## Different Components

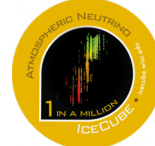
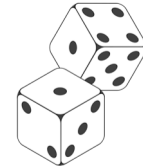


Measurable Spectrum is a sum of the different components.

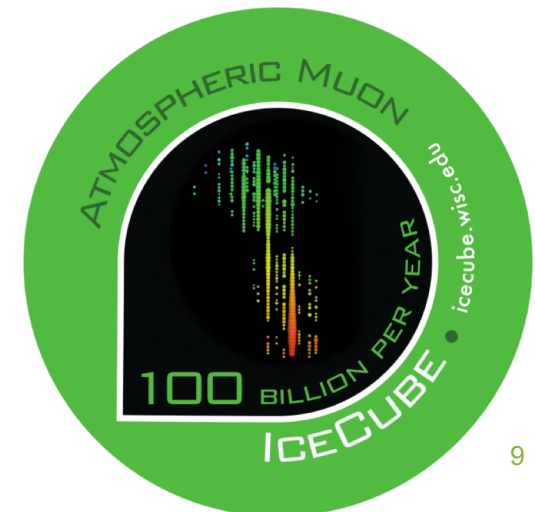
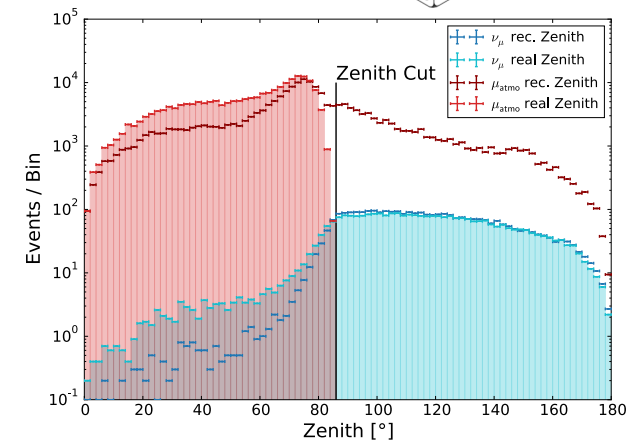
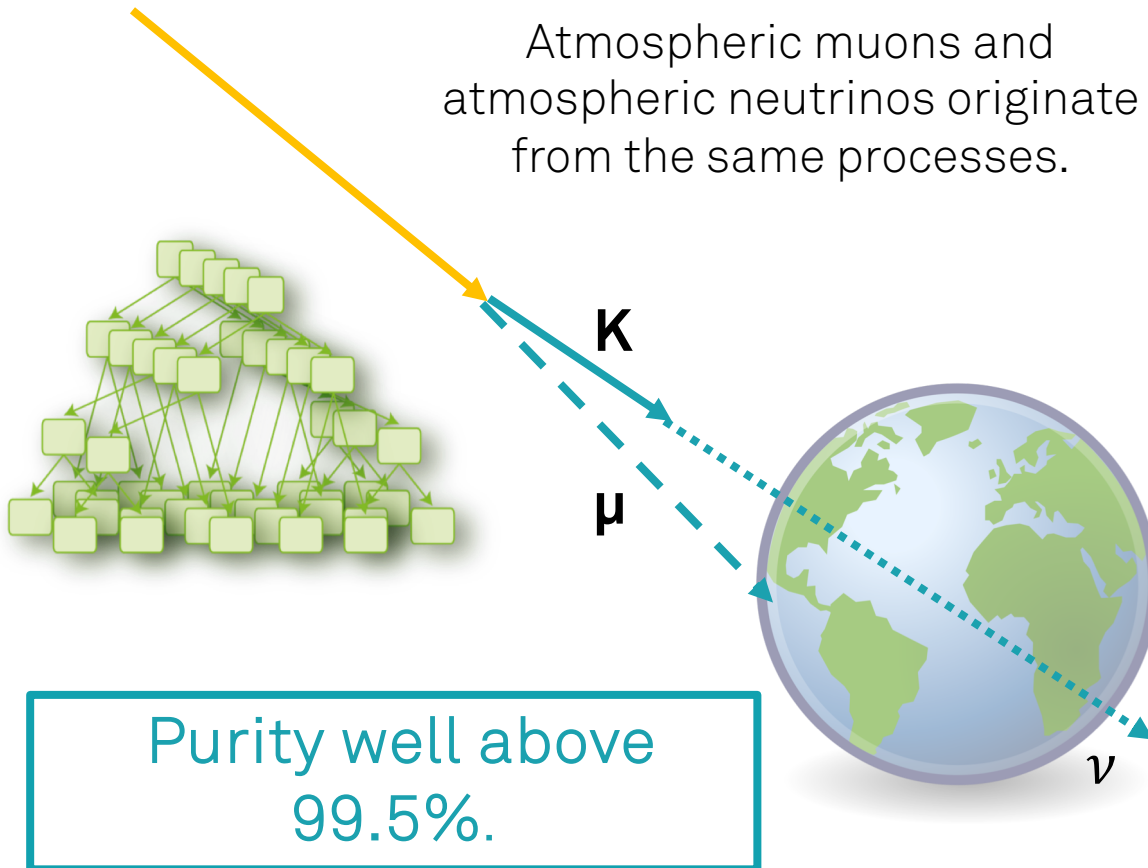




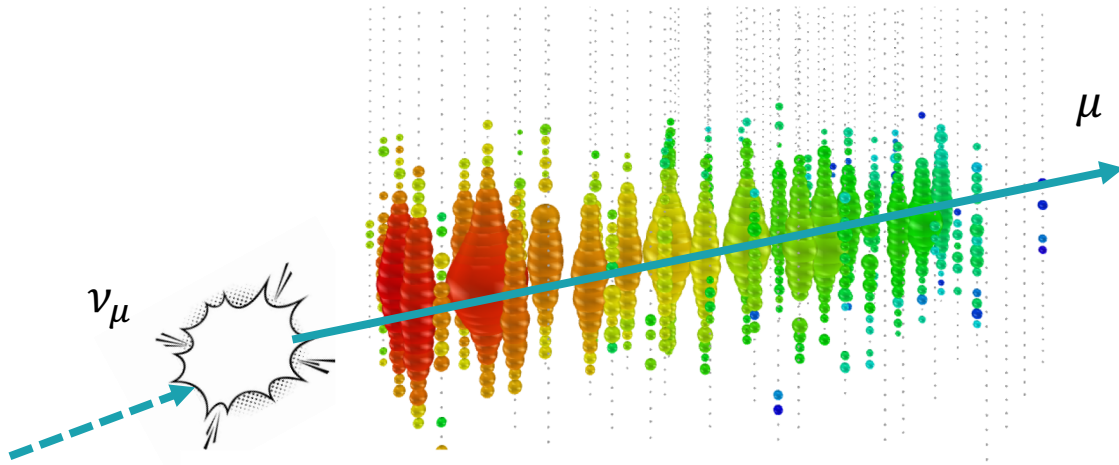
## Dominant Background of Atmospheric Muons



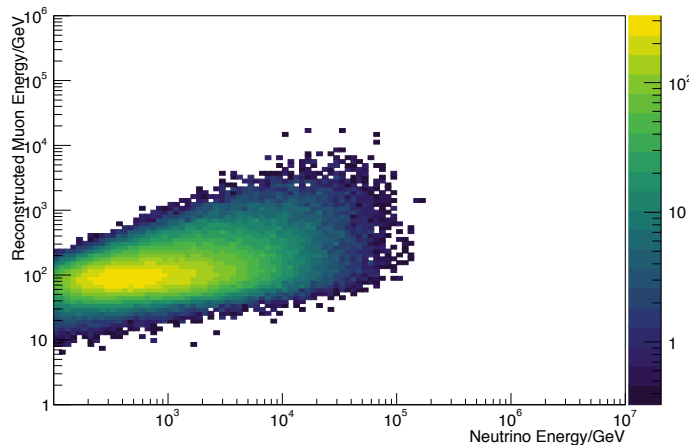
Atmospheric muons and atmospheric neutrinos originate from the same processes.



# Reconstructing Neutrino Energy Spectra

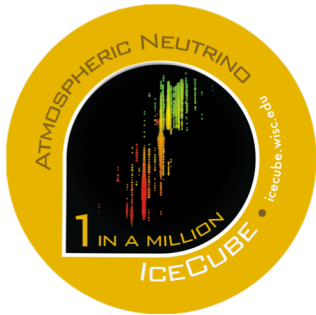


- indirect detection of neutrinos
- spectral reconstruction is based on energy estimators
- Additional smearing, due to several detector effects



$$\underbrace{\frac{dN_\mu}{dE_\mu}}_{\text{Muon energy spectrum}} = \int_{E_\mu}^{\infty} \underbrace{\left(\frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu}\right)}_{\text{Neutrino energy spectrum}} \underbrace{\left(\frac{dP(E_\nu)}{dE_\mu}\right)}_{\text{Physics of neutrino interaction}} dE_\nu$$

## Four Challenges in Neutrino Astronomy



Signal-to-Noise Ratio

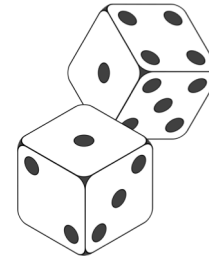


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Simulation and  
Simulation Dependence



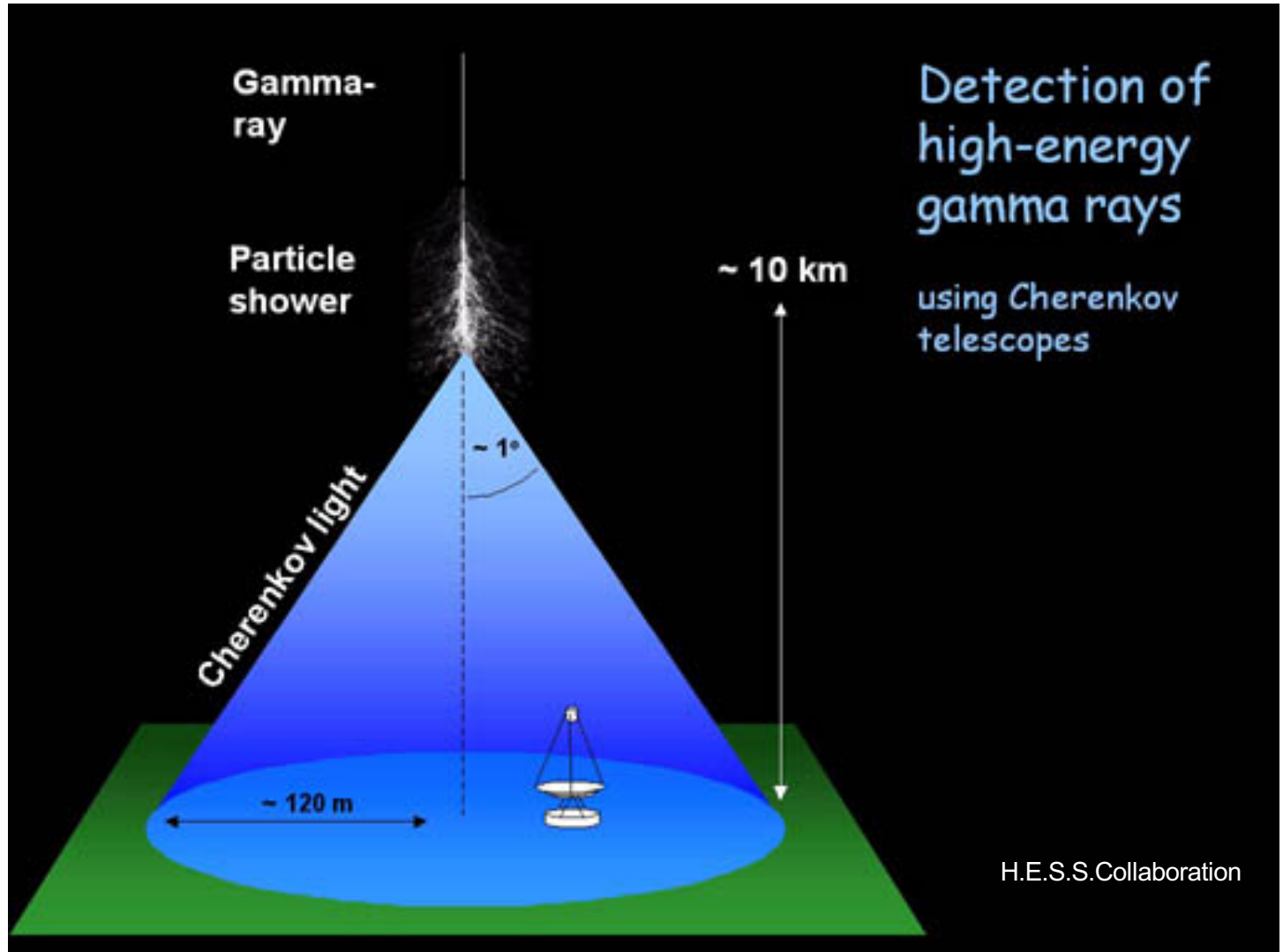
Variable Reconstruction



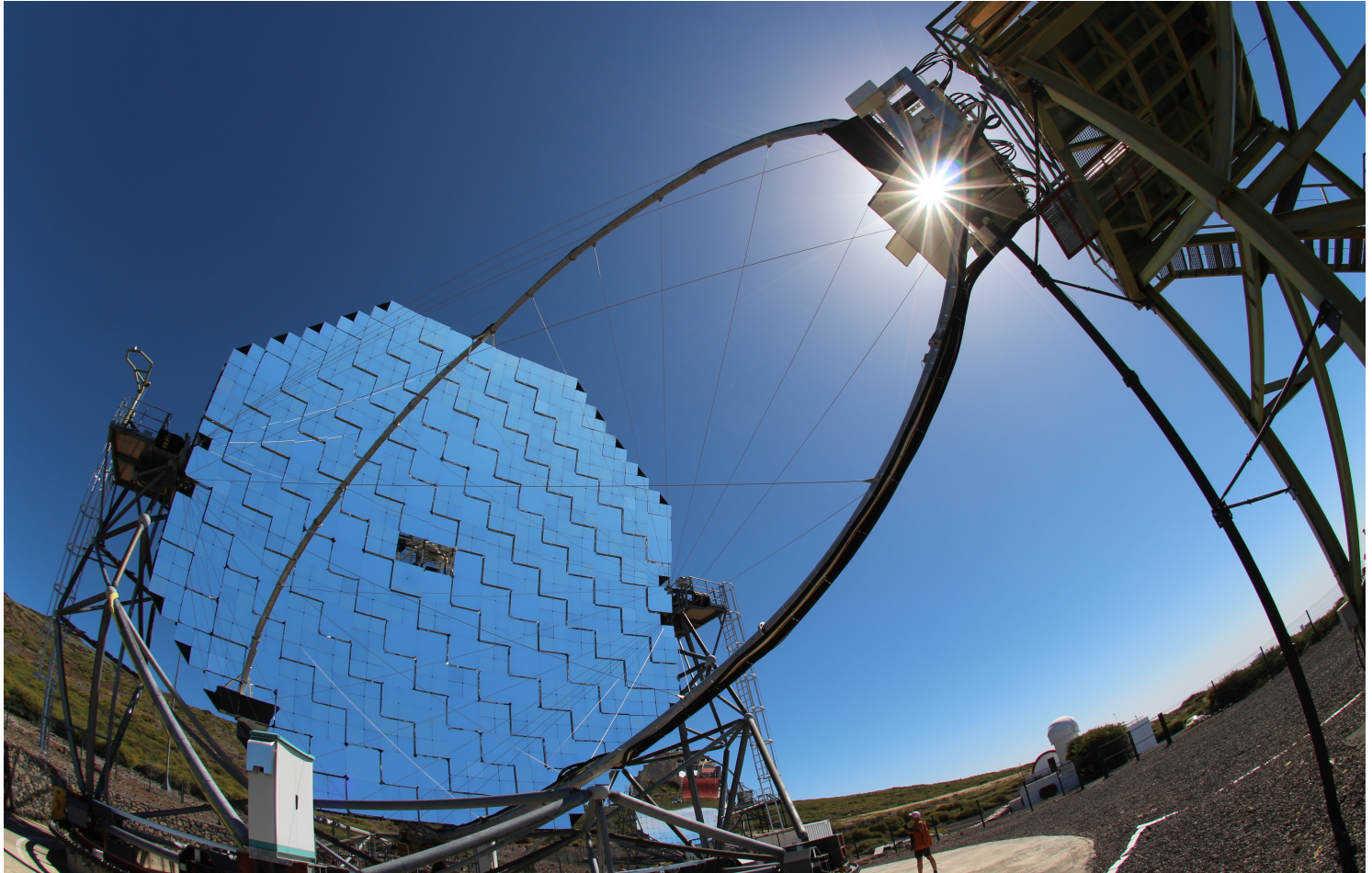
Ill-Posed Problems

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Imaging air Cherenkov  
telescopes

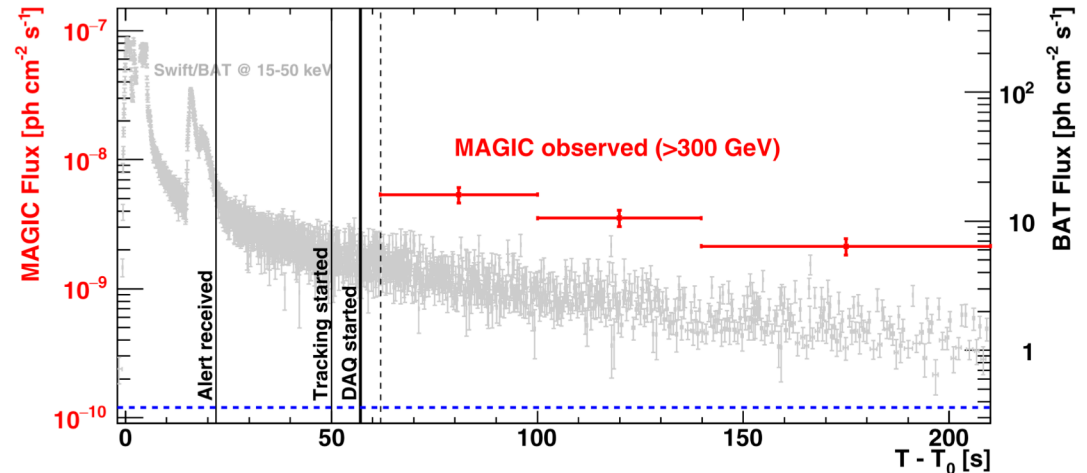


# The present

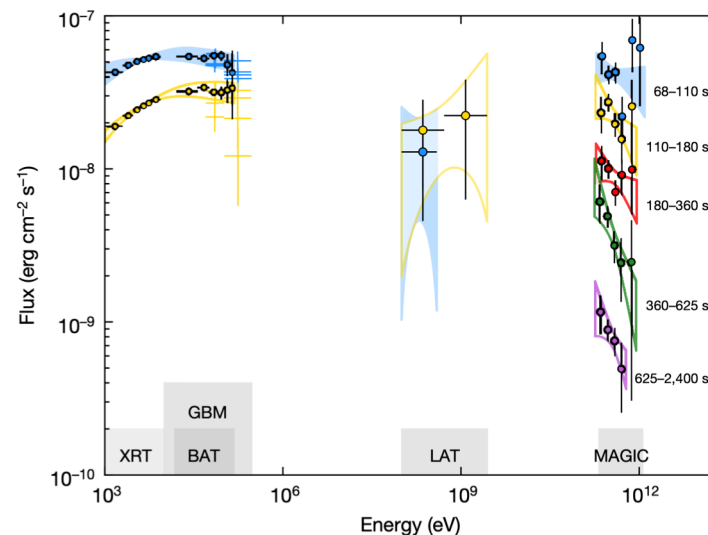


## GRB 190114C: fast VHE follow-up

- „Long“ GRB,  $z = 0.4245$
- MAGIC TeV follow-up after one minute
- Study of the temporal evolution of the afterglow emission
- High-energy peak can be modelled as inverse Compton emission

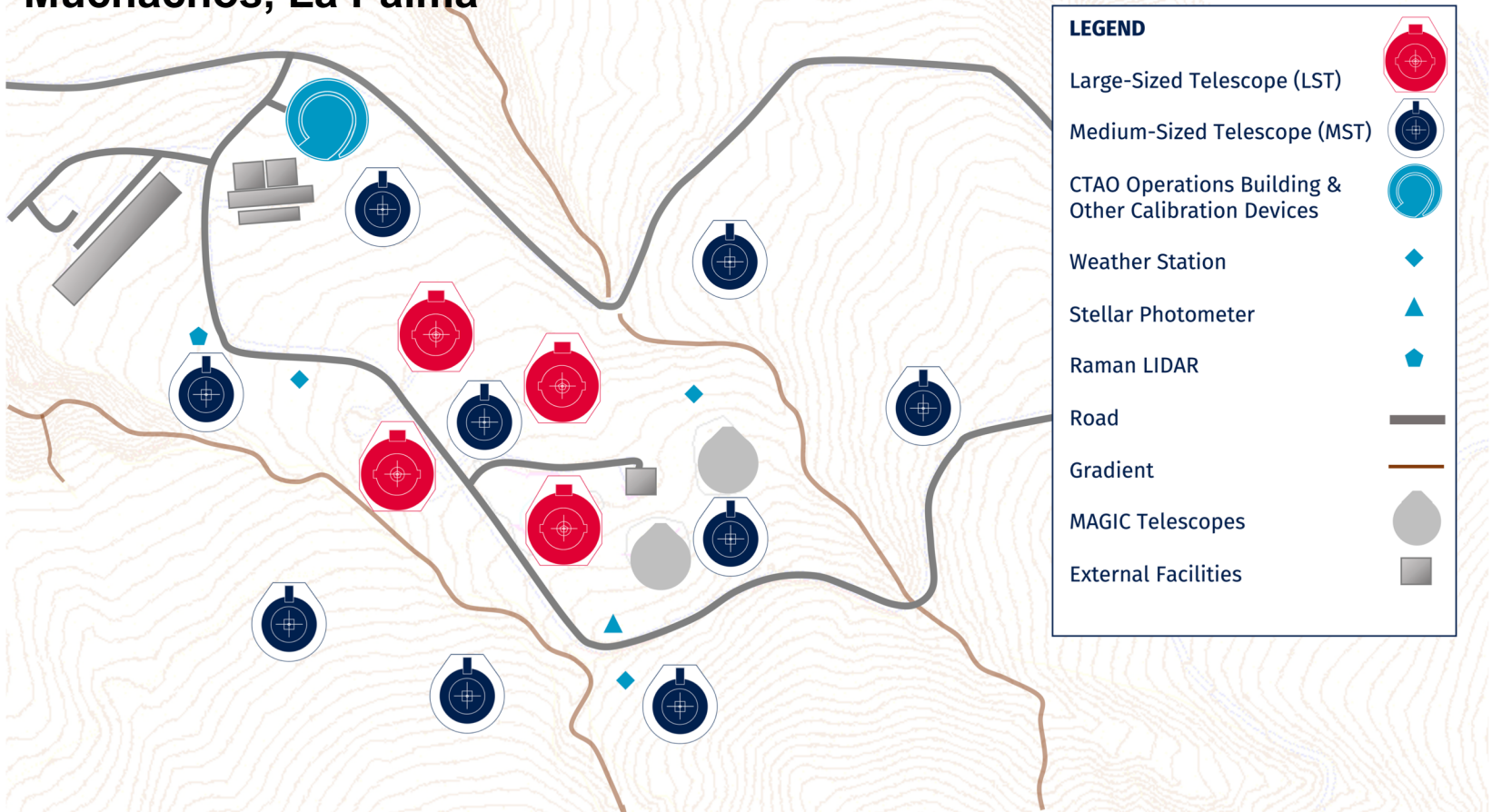


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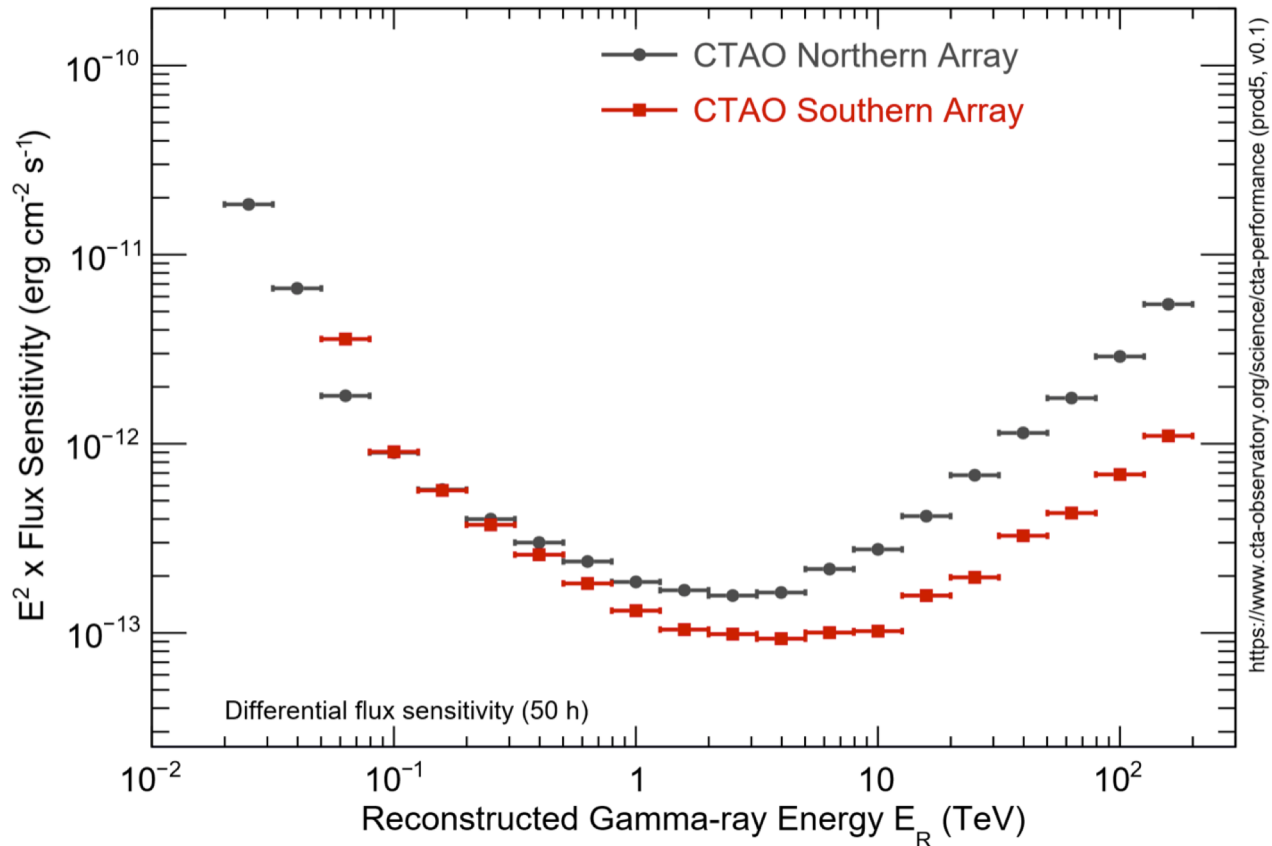
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## CTAO-NORTH Alpha Configuration at Roque de los Muchachos, La Palma



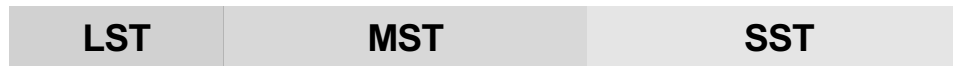
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## Projected CTAO sensitivity



<https://www.cta-observatory.org/science/cta-performance> (prods5, v0.1)

Dominant Instrument:







CTA-LST Project:  
About **380 members**  
(scientists/engineers/technicians) from **11 countries**  
**1 Telescope** (soon to get siblings)



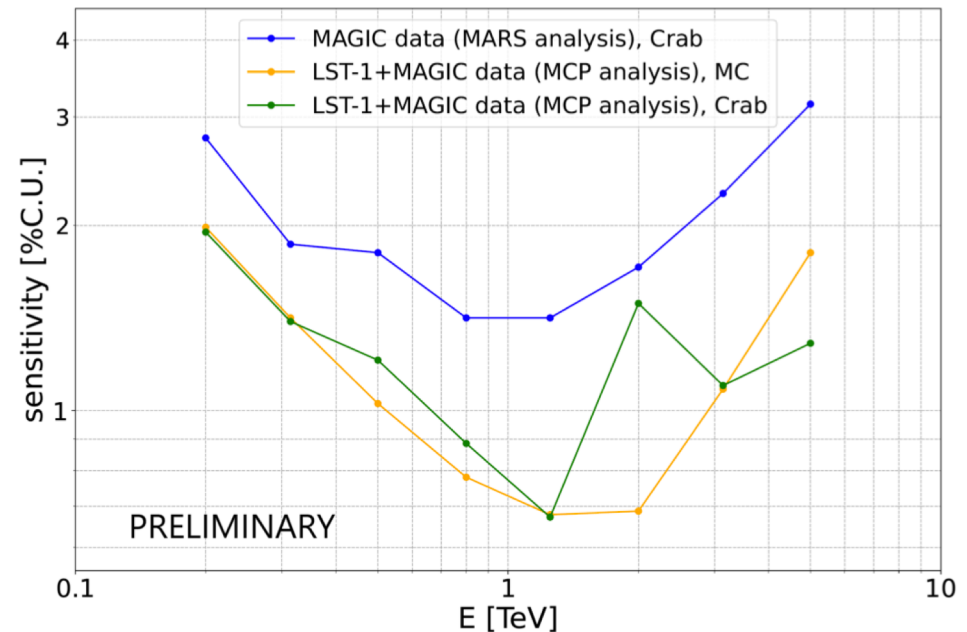
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## LST-1 and LST-1+MAGICs → impressive science enabler

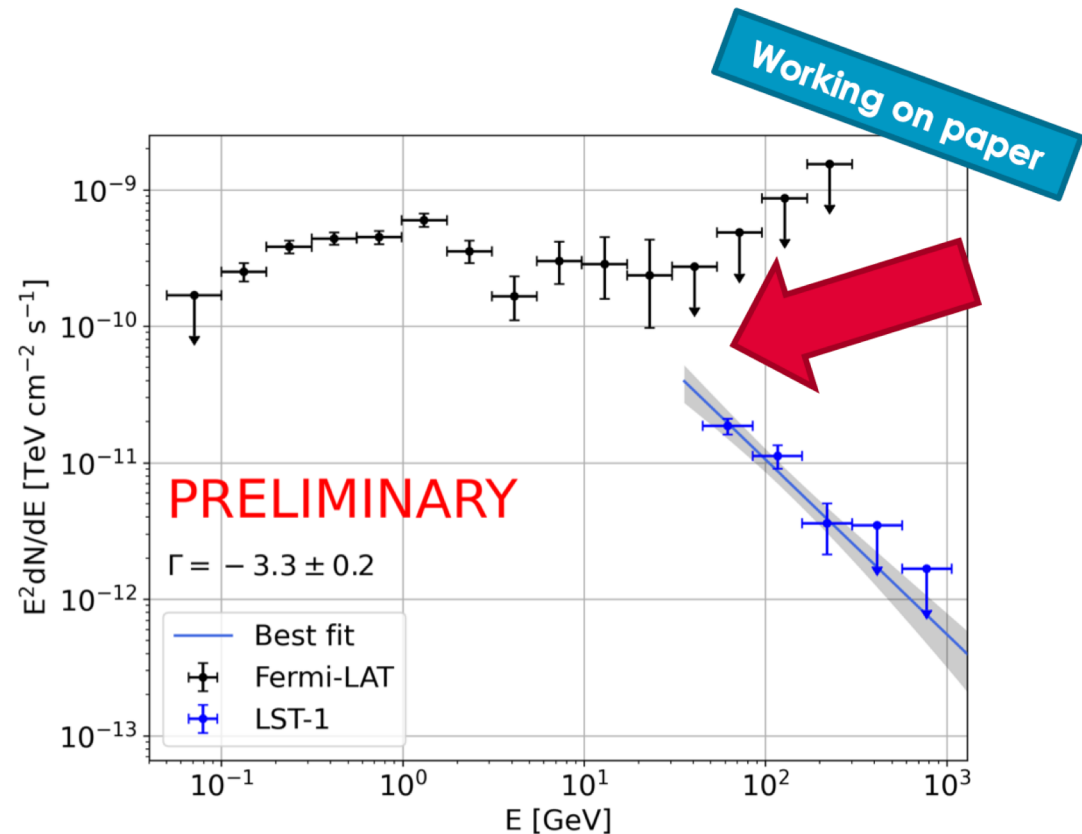
Development of analysis framework based on CTA tools to analyze MAGIC & LST-1 data:

- Dedicated MC simulations
- Validation of combined analysis using Crab Nebula data
- 3-telescope system sensitivity about 1.5 times better compared to MAGIC 2-tel
- Angular resolution improved by almost 20% (especially at low energies)
- Better reconstruction of events → energy resolution+



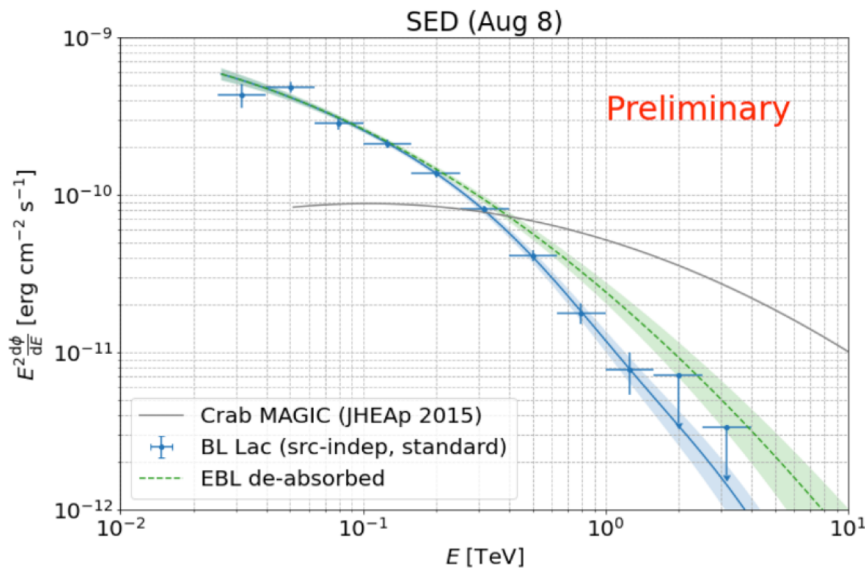
## Nova RS Ophiuchi 2021

- First VHE – detected nova
- Symbiotic binary system → recurrent nova
- LST – 1 measured SED well compatible with those from H.E.S.S. and MAGIC
- Directly makes contact with Fermi – LAT data

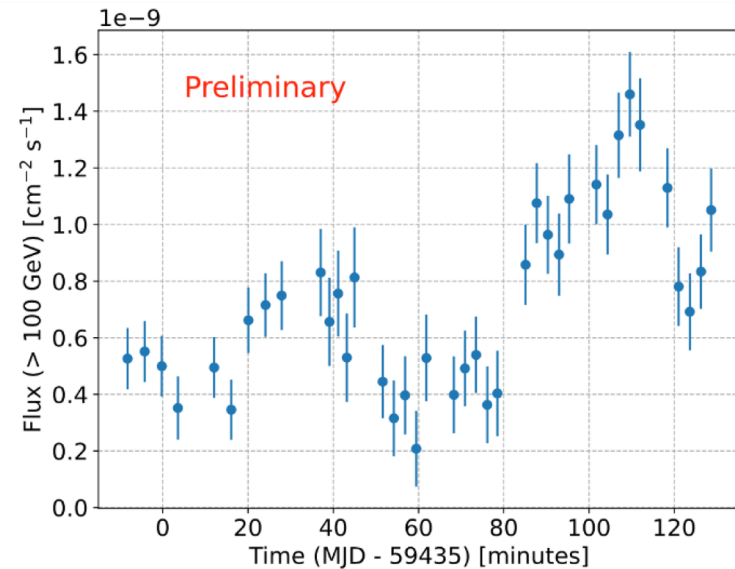


## BL Lac in the Summer of 2021

**Detection of very-high-energy gamma-ray emission from BL Lac with the LST-1**  
 ATel #14783; Juan Cortina for the CTA LST collaboration on 13 Jul 2021; 21:03 UT  
 Credential Certification: Juan Cortina (Juan.Cortina@ctemat.es)  
 Subjects: TeV, VHE, Request for Observations, AGN, Blazar, Transient  
 Referred to by ATel #: 14820, 14826, 14839



Credit: CTA-LST Project



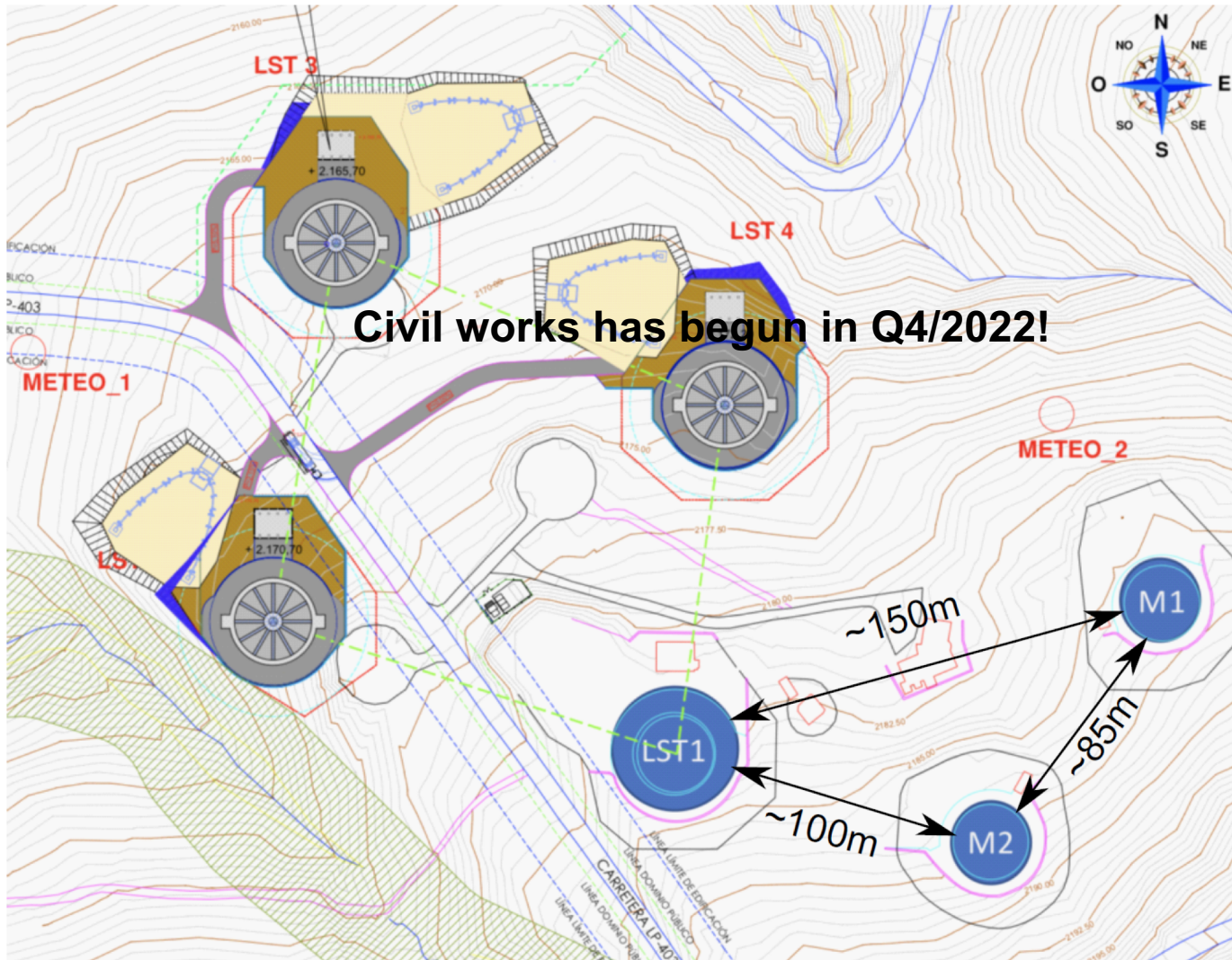
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- Energy Threshold: ~25GeV
- Intranight – variability may allow us to pinpoint acceleration mechanism

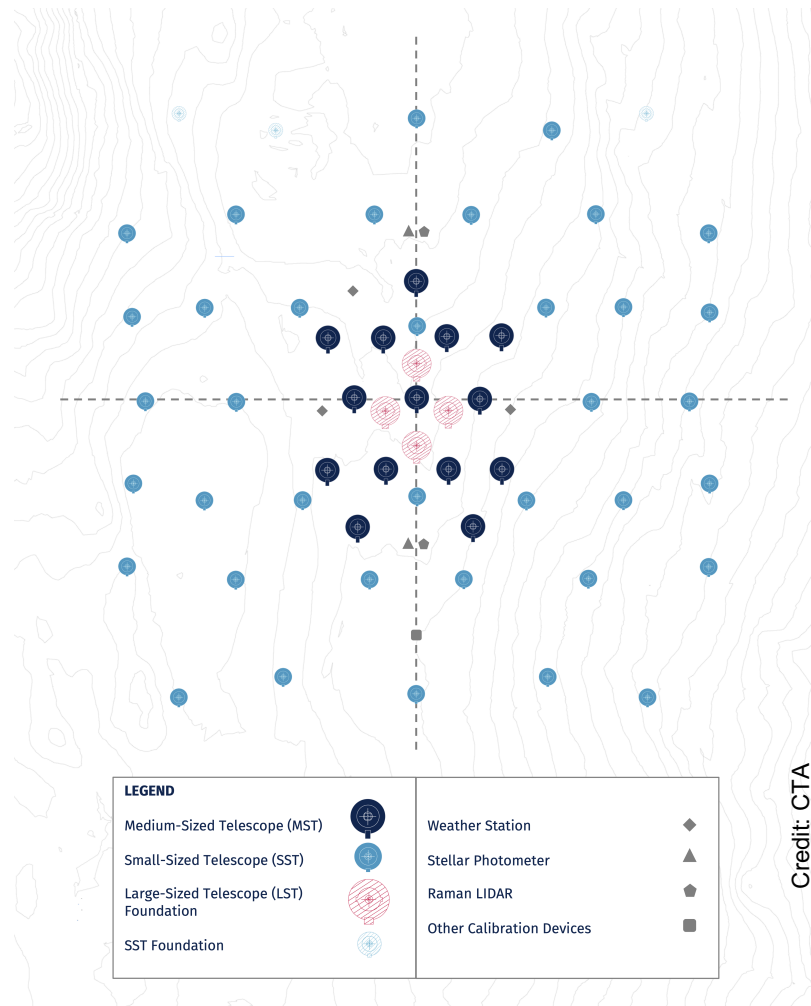
## Conclusions

- The era of CTA physics has begun
- LST performance follows CTAO requirements
- Science program already up and running
- Analysis chain development staying important
- Low energy sensitivity and initial physics results of LST-1 highlight the discovers potential of CTA

## **Backup slides**

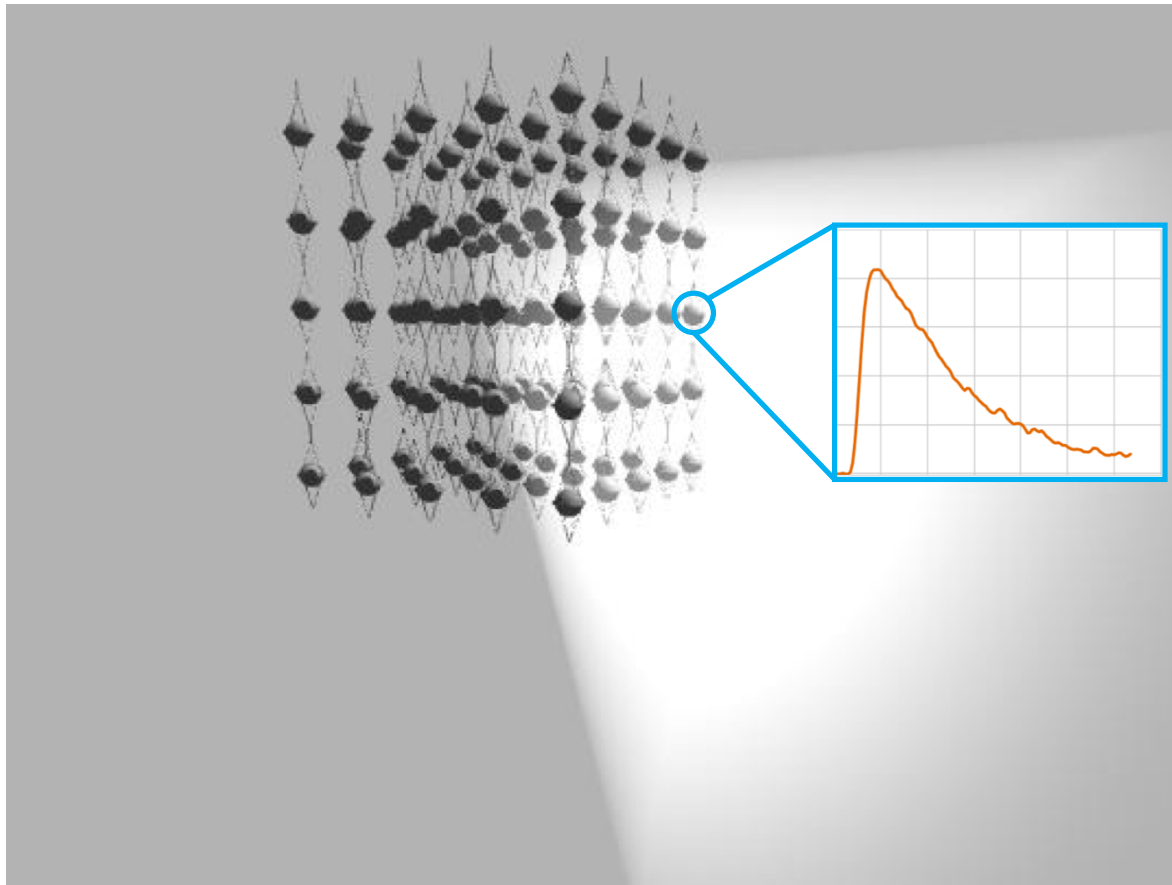


## CTAO-SOUTH Alpha Configuration at Atacama Desert, Chile

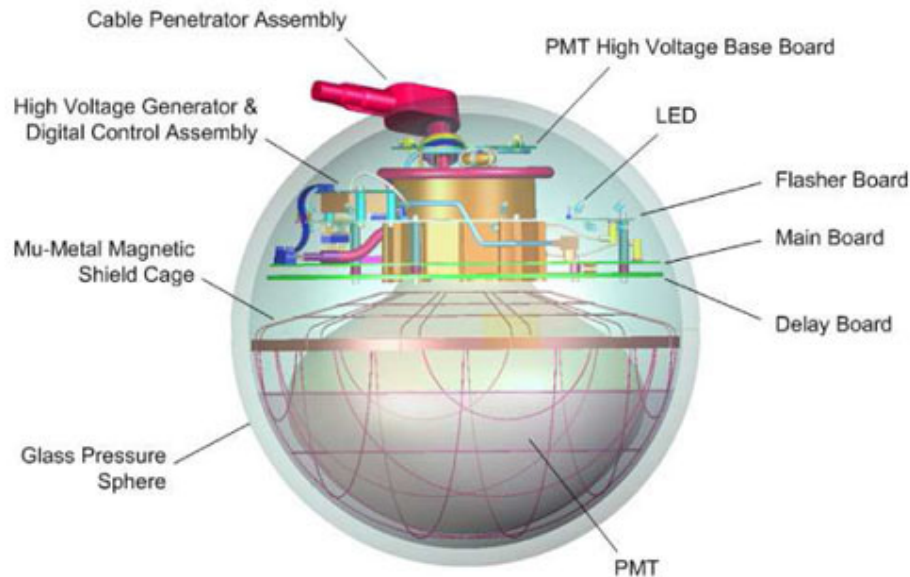




## IceCube Detection Principle



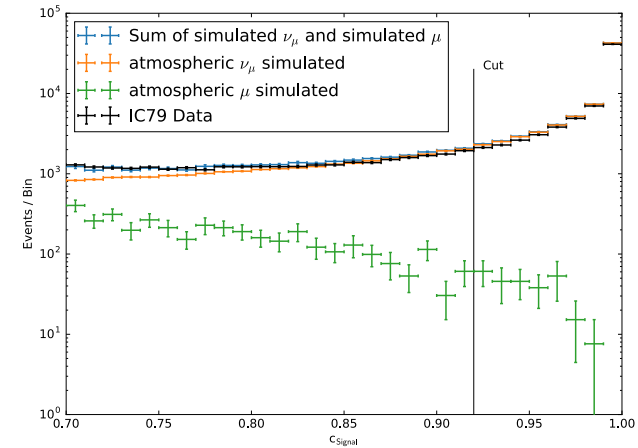
## The Fundamental Unit of IceCube: The DOM



- Downward facing 10" PMT (Hamamatsu R7081-02), 25% Peak QE
- High Voltage Supply
- Electronics
- Flasher LEDs
- Higher QE (34%) for DeepCore DOMs (Hamamatsu R7081MOD)
- Very few DOM failures (mostly during deployment)
- Slightly larger fraction of DOMs with *issues* (mostly non-standard Local Coincidence)

## Background Rejection via Machine Learning

Initially	1219
blacklisted	1129
constant & useless	855
Correlation cut	323
Data/MC Clf	311
mRMR	60



$$c_j = \frac{1}{n_{trees}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{trees}} c_{ij}$$

M. Börner, PhD thesis (2018)

= Purity well above 99.5%.

## Event Selection via ML I: Feature Selection

Initially	1219
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- Select features according to relevance and redundancy
- Feature set is built by iteratively adding features that fulfill the following criterion

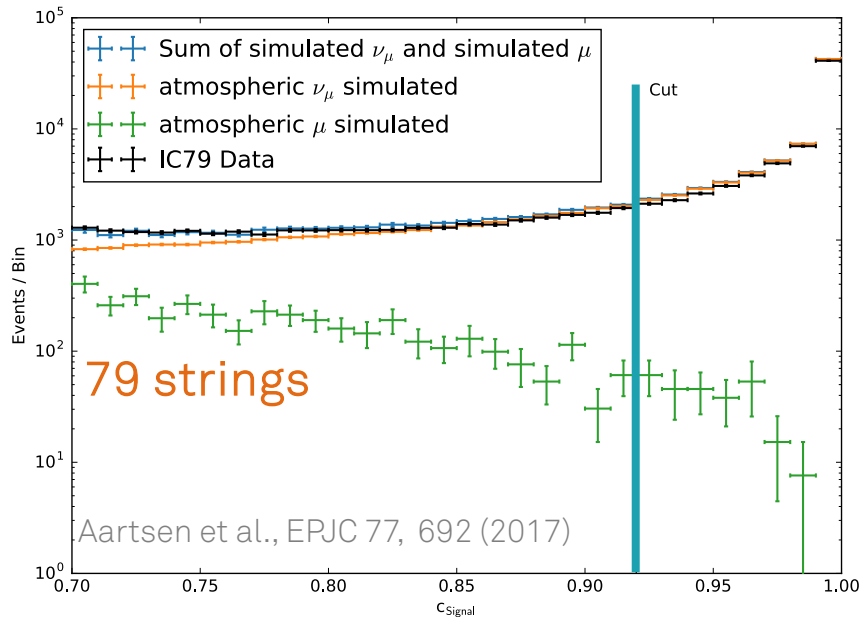
$$\max_{x_j \in X - S_{m-1}} \left[ I(x_j, c) - \frac{1}{m-1} \sum_{x_i \in S_{m-1}} I(x_i, x_j) \right]$$

Peng, H.C., Long, F., and Ding, C., IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, Vol. 27, No. 8, pp. 1226–1238, 2005.

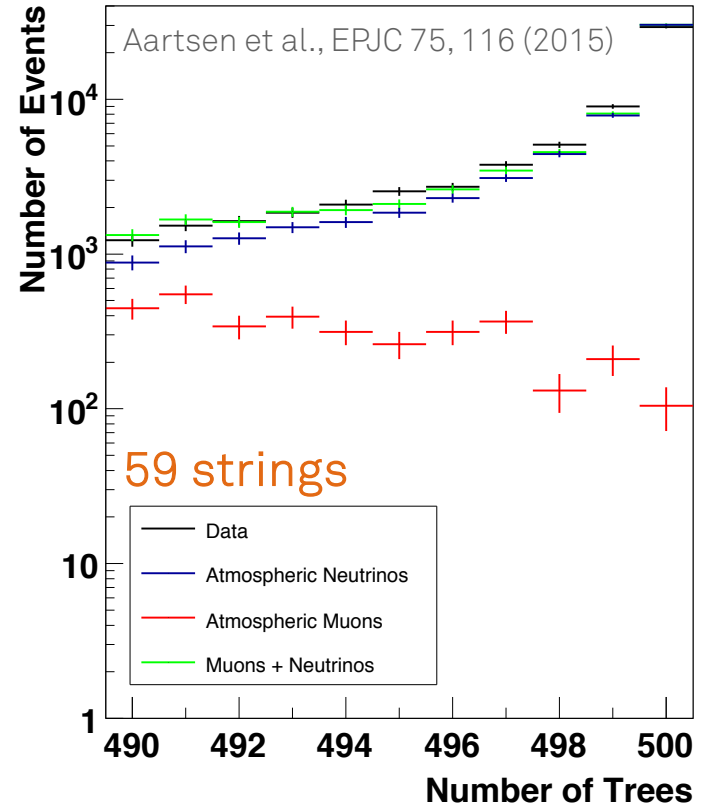
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## Classifier Output



~ 200 neutrino candidates per day



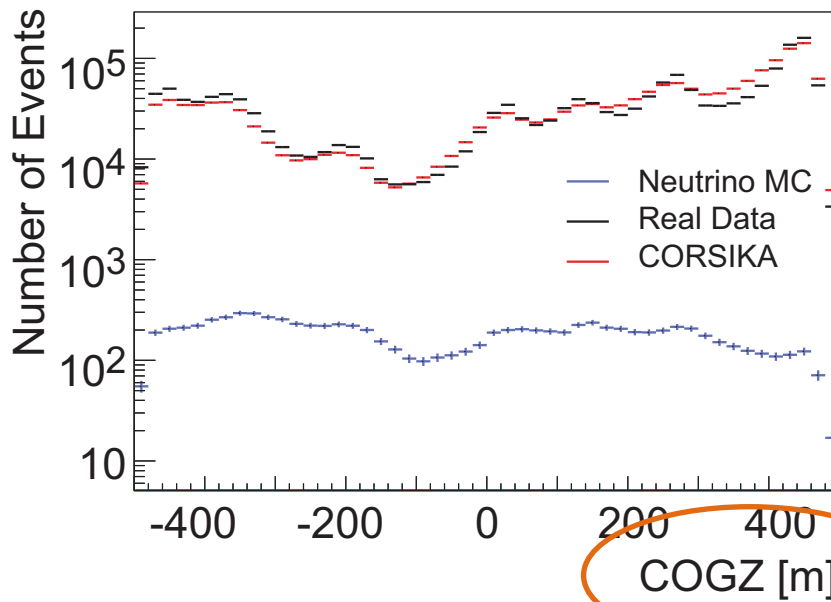
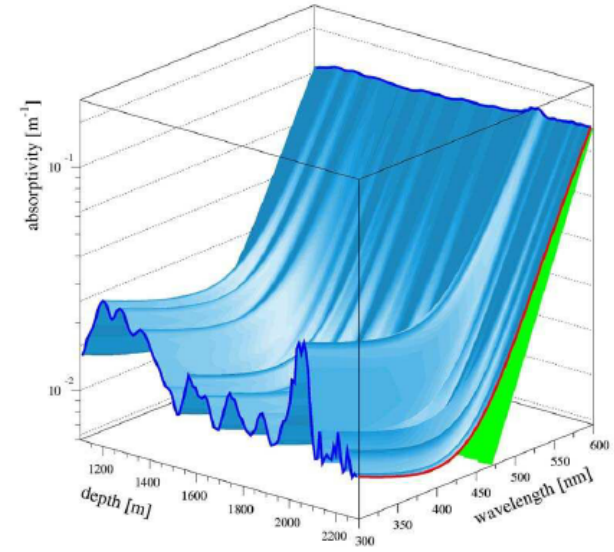
~ 80 neutrino candidates per day

Expected Purity well above 99.5% for both analyses.

## South Pole Ice as a Detection Medium

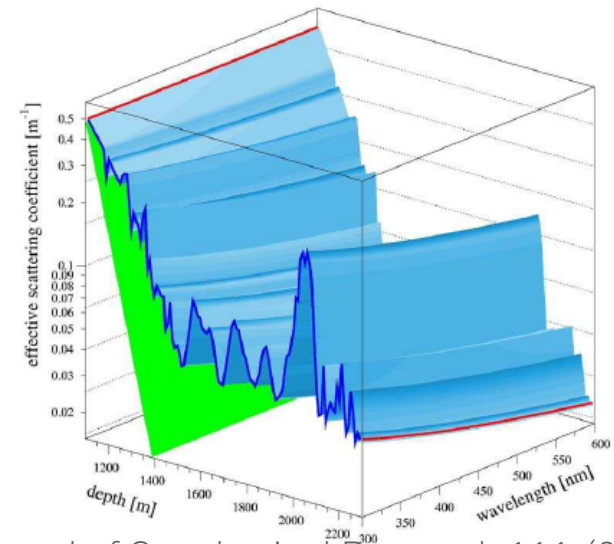
Natural Medium: Lots of inhomogenities, smaller and larger layers of dust.

Absorption

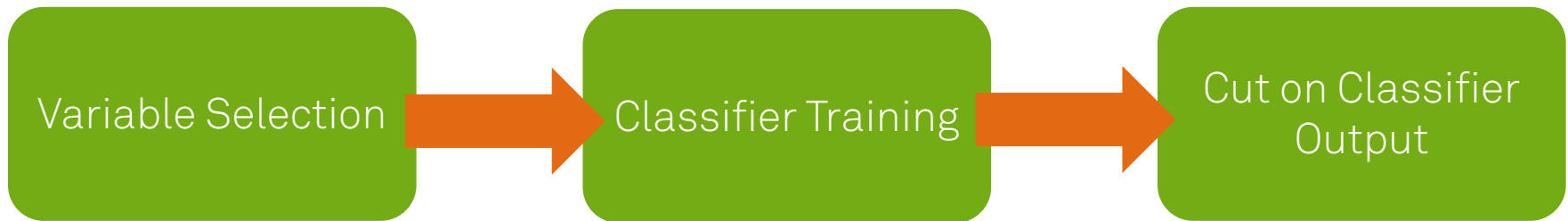


Depth in Detector

Scattering



## A Typical Analysis Pipeline

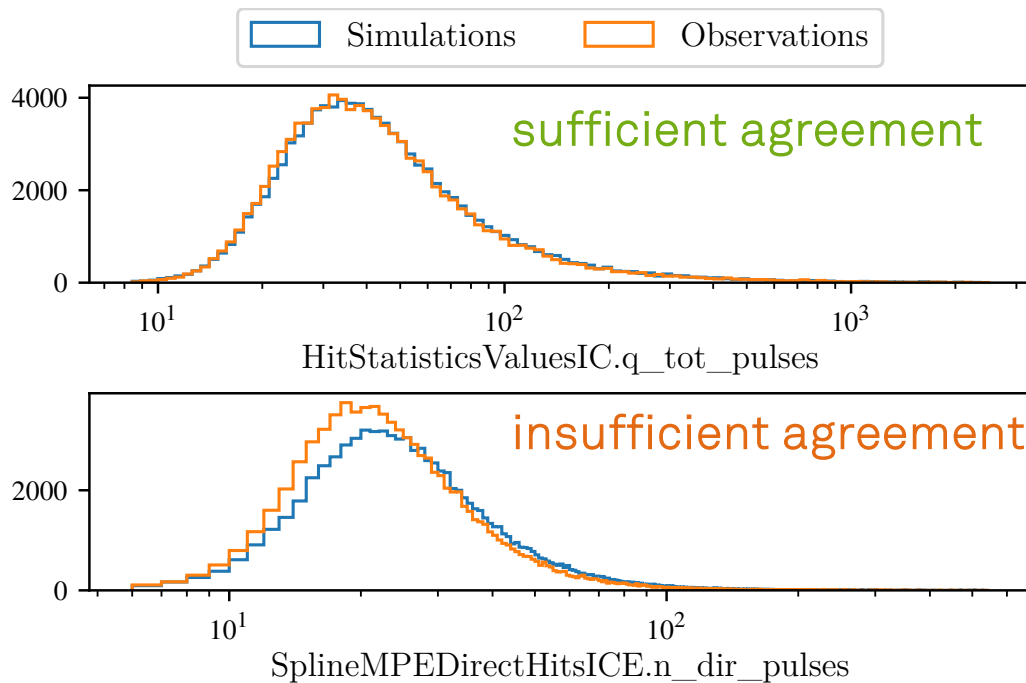


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## Detection of Data/MC Mismatches



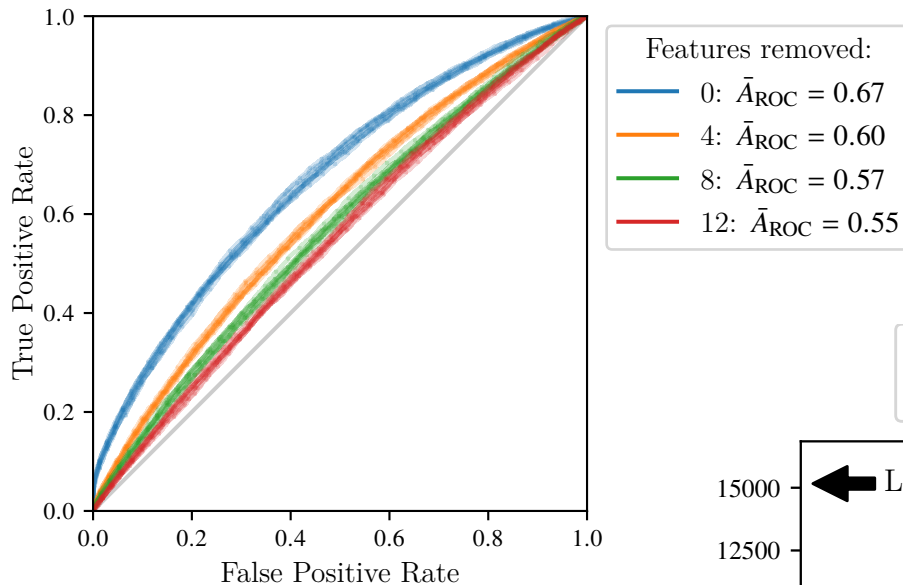
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Challenges when inspecting distributions by eye:

- only looking at one-dimensional distributions
- Systematic errors in simulation will also affect correlations between features
- Which metric ???
- Which threshold ???



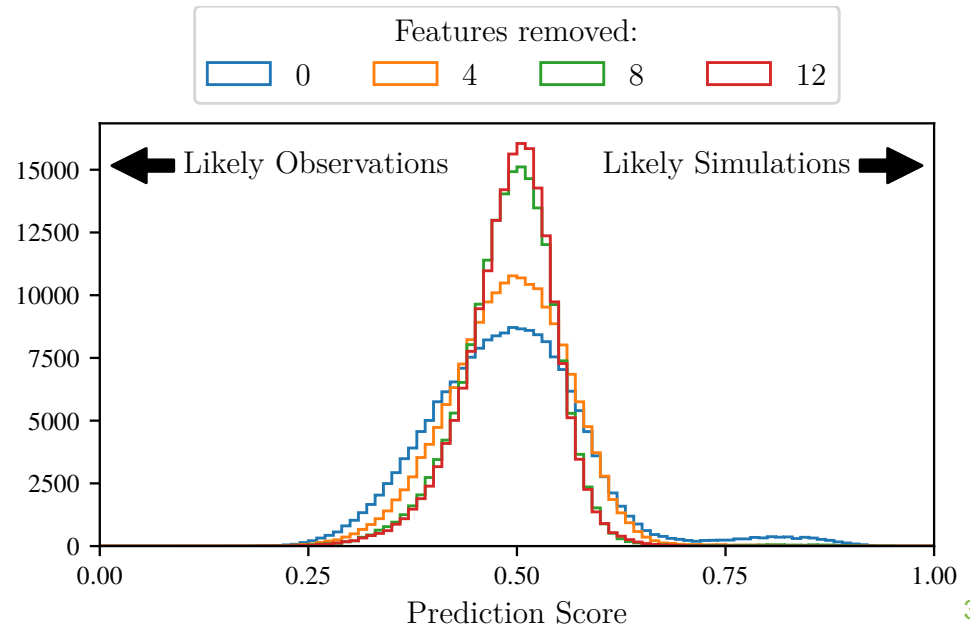
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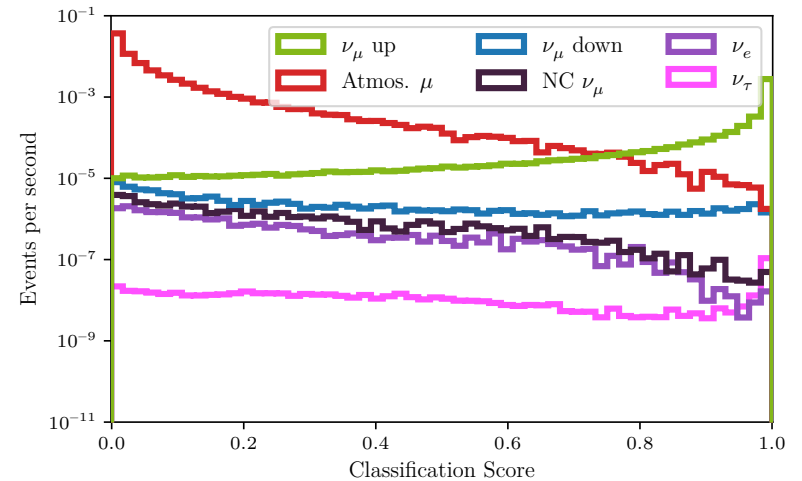
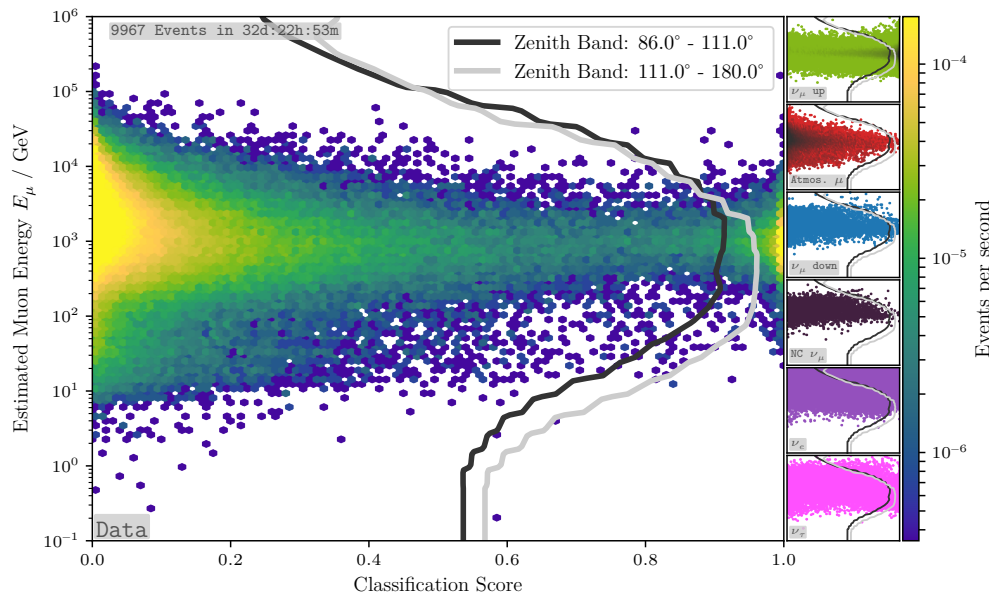
Area under Curve is close to 0.5 (close to random guess).

Prediction score centered around 0.5 (close to random guess).

Graphics: M. Linhoff



## Advancements: Energy-Dependent Score Cut



~ 300 neutrino candidates per day

Classifier output is energy and zenith dependent.

Score cut as a function of energy and zenith.

M. Börner, PhD thesis (2018)