

Interpretation of the astrophysical neutrino signal

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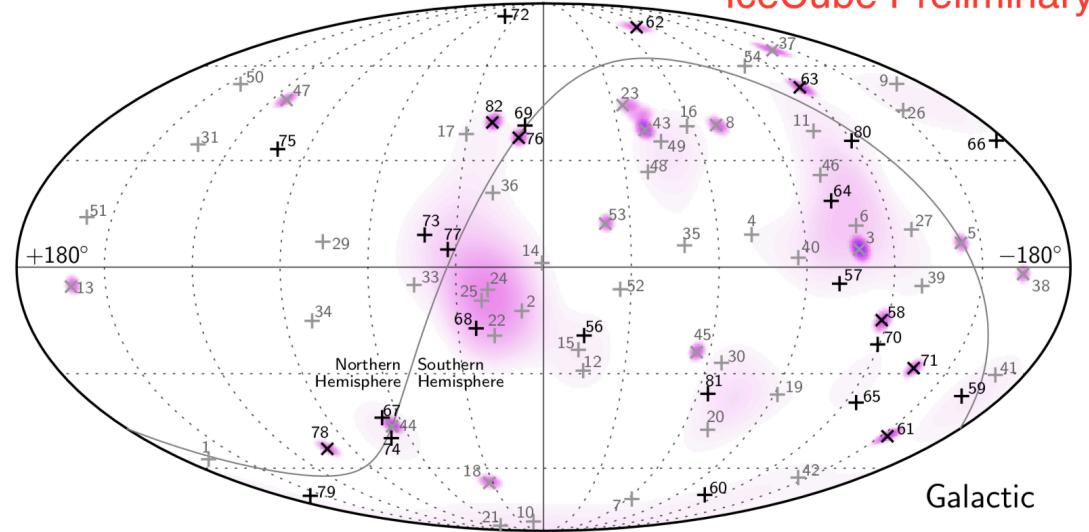
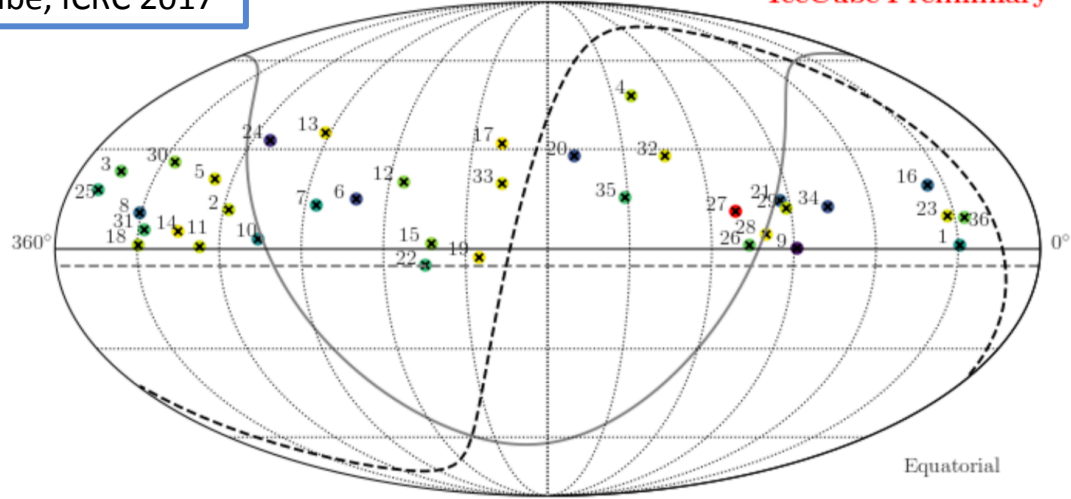
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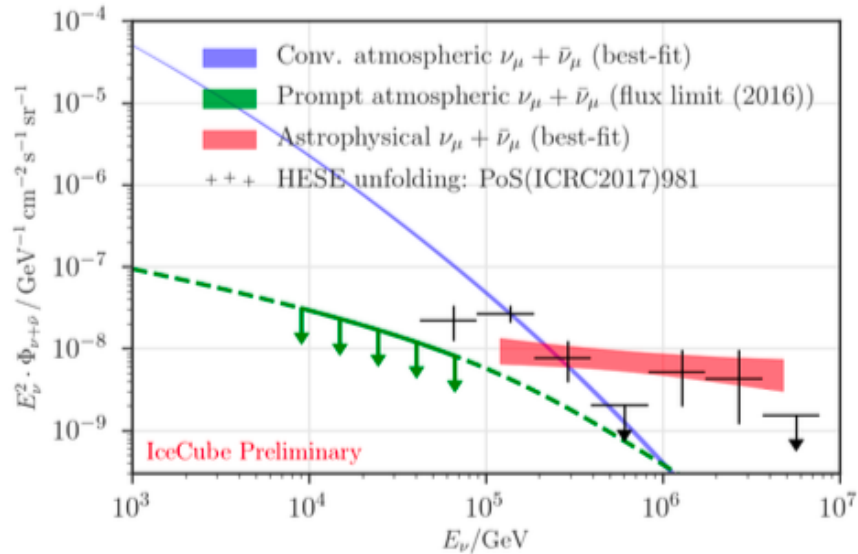
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IceCube Preliminary

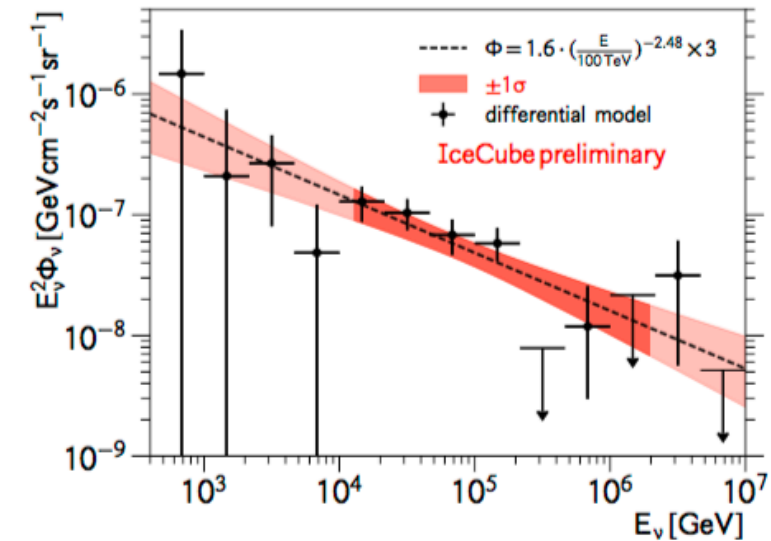
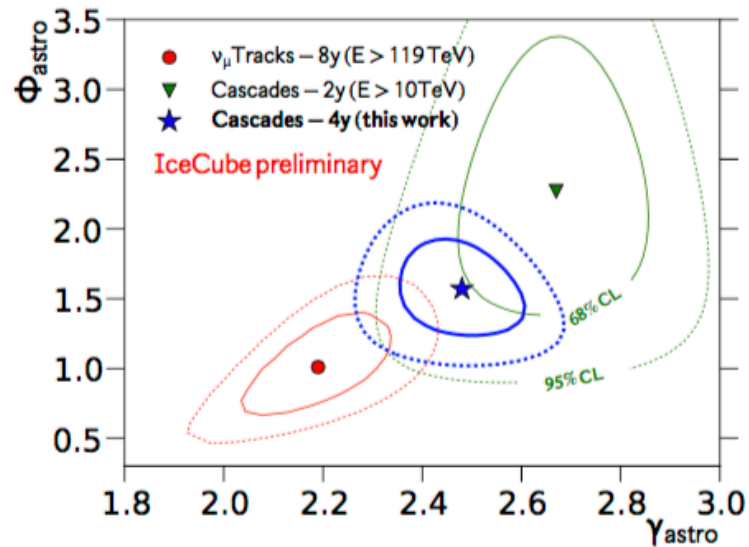
IceCube, ICRC 2017



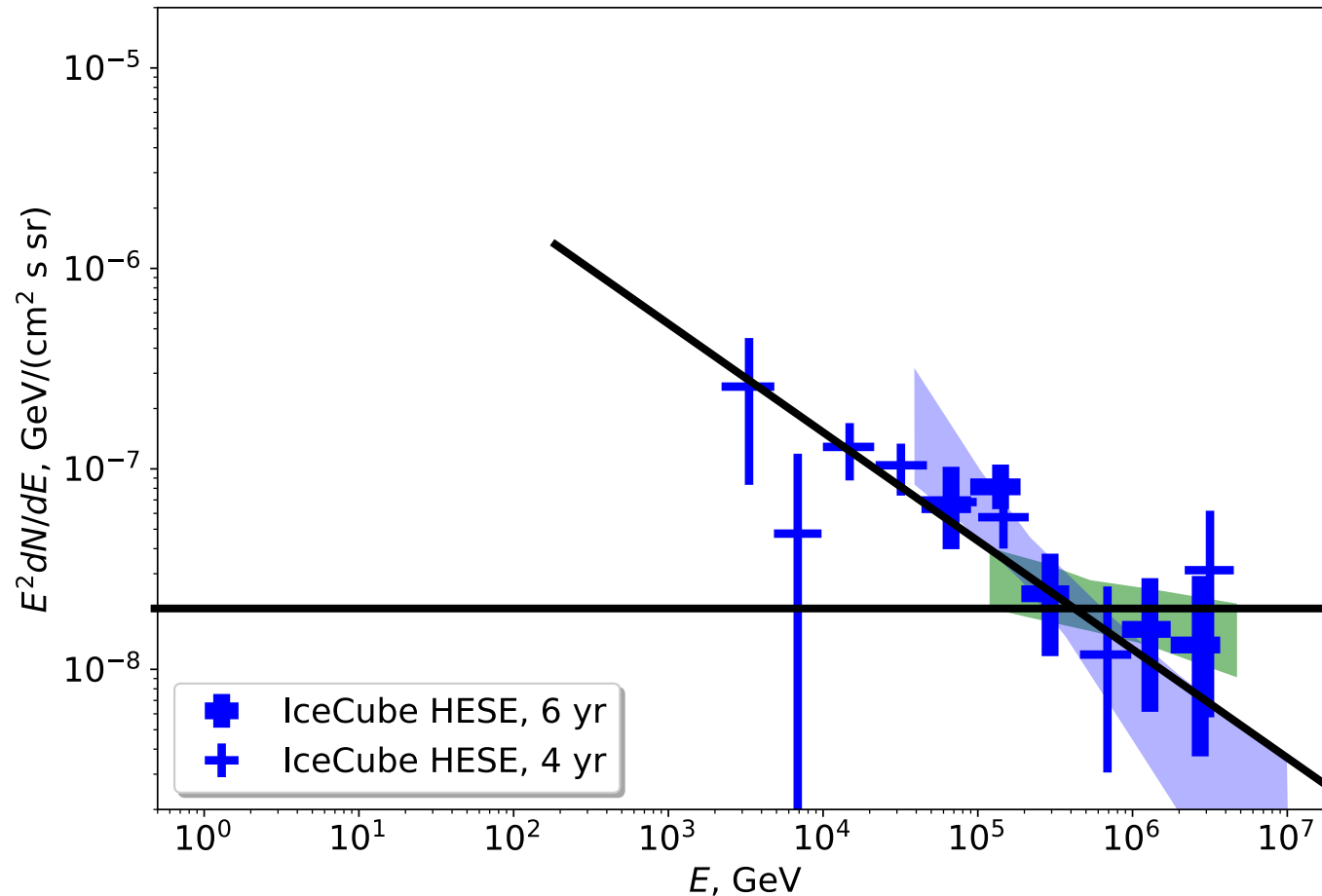
Muon neutrino sample



High Energy Starting Event neutrino sample



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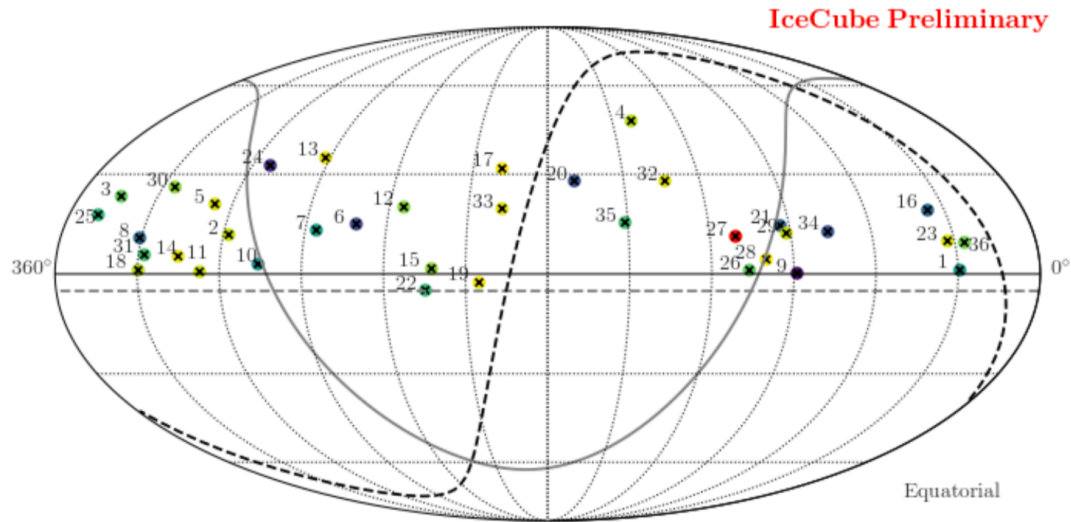
Extragalactic?

Galactic?

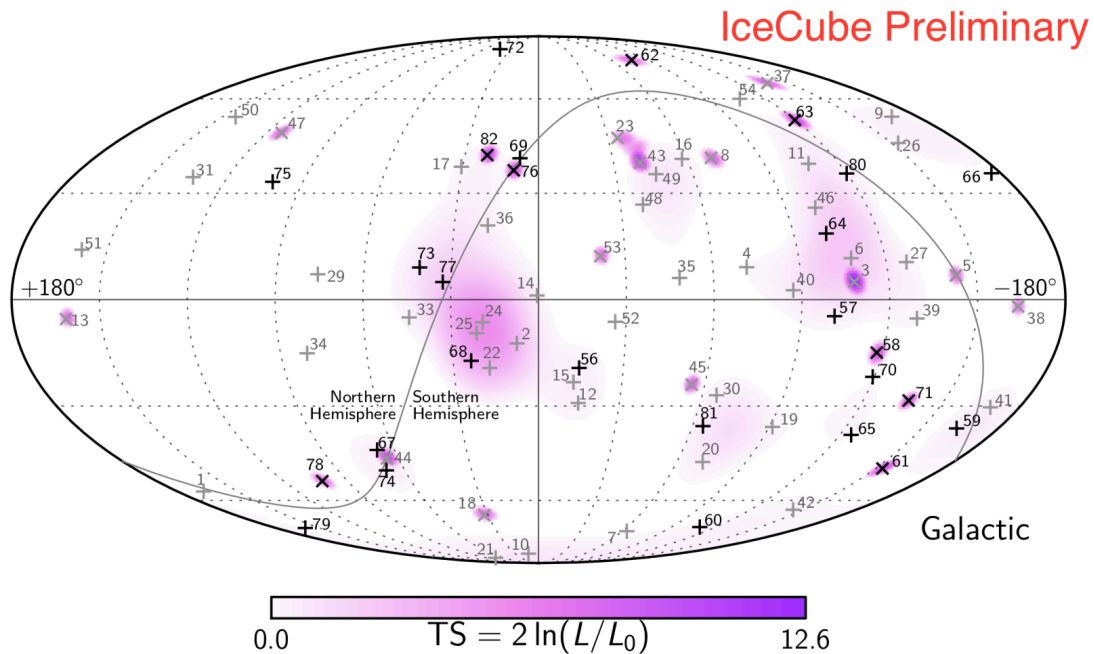
The astrophysical neutrino signal is distributed all over the sky (consistent with being isotropic)

Its spectral properties are marginally inconsistent with a single powerlaw. The spectrum might be hardening above several 100 TeV.

Astrophysical neutrino sources

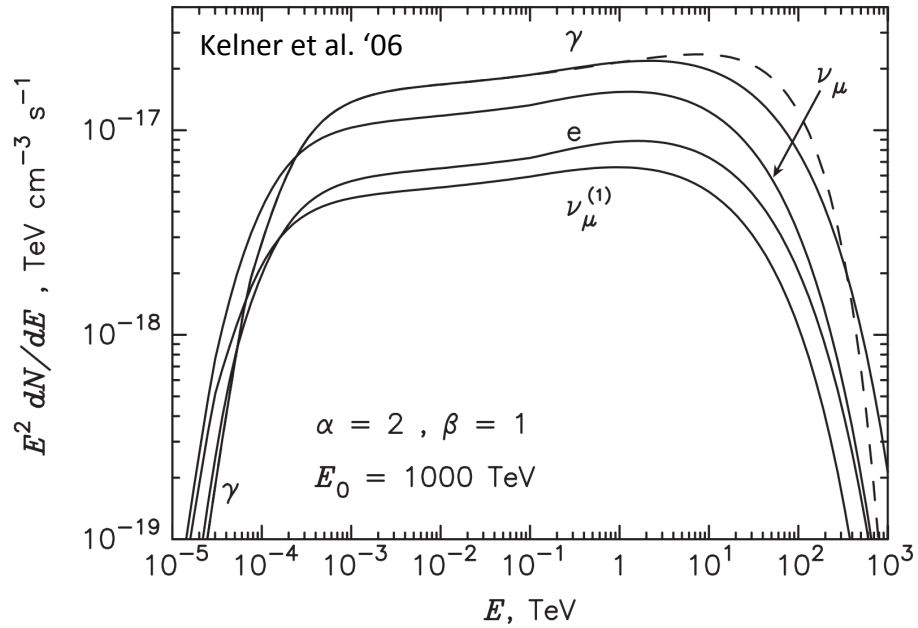


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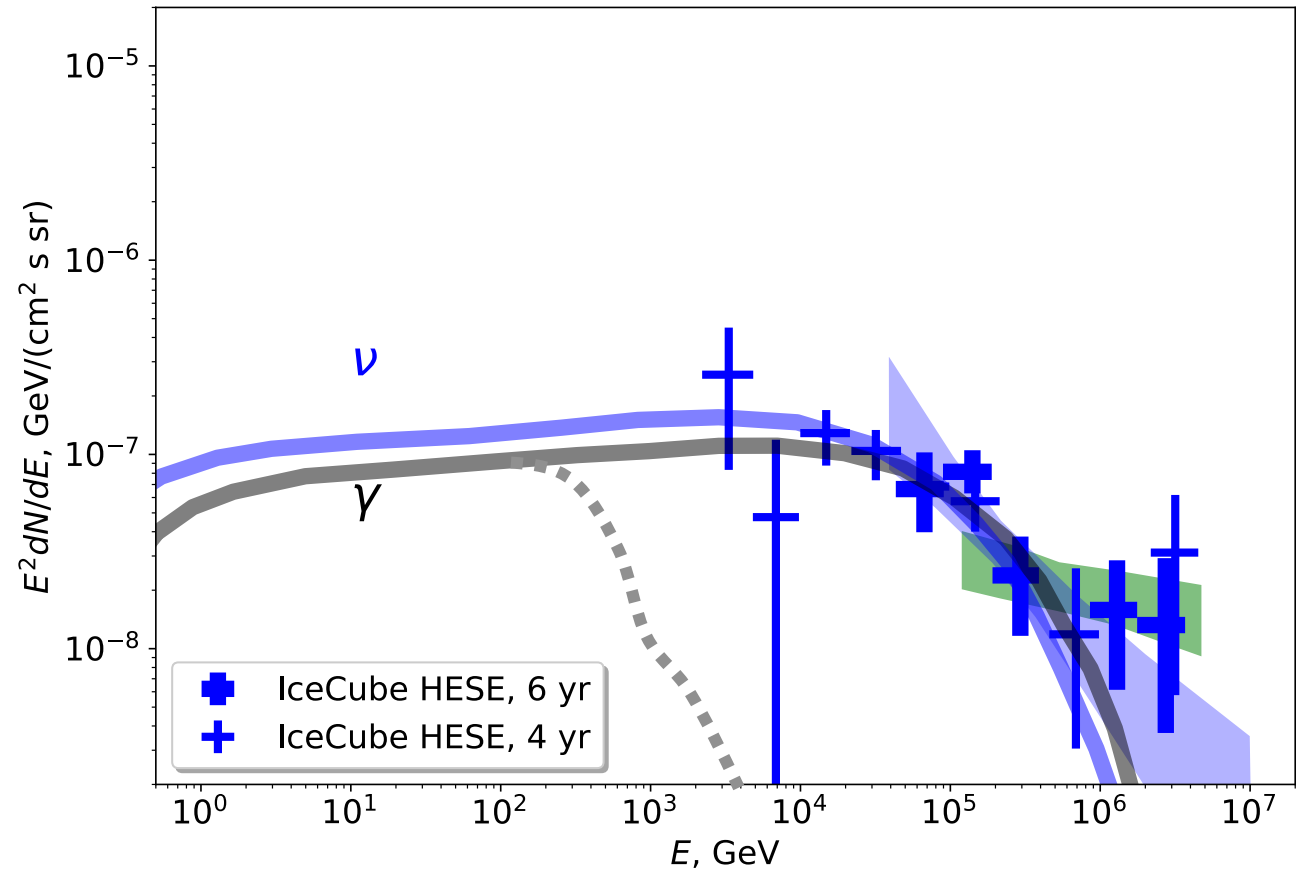
Multi-messenger signal from neutrino sources



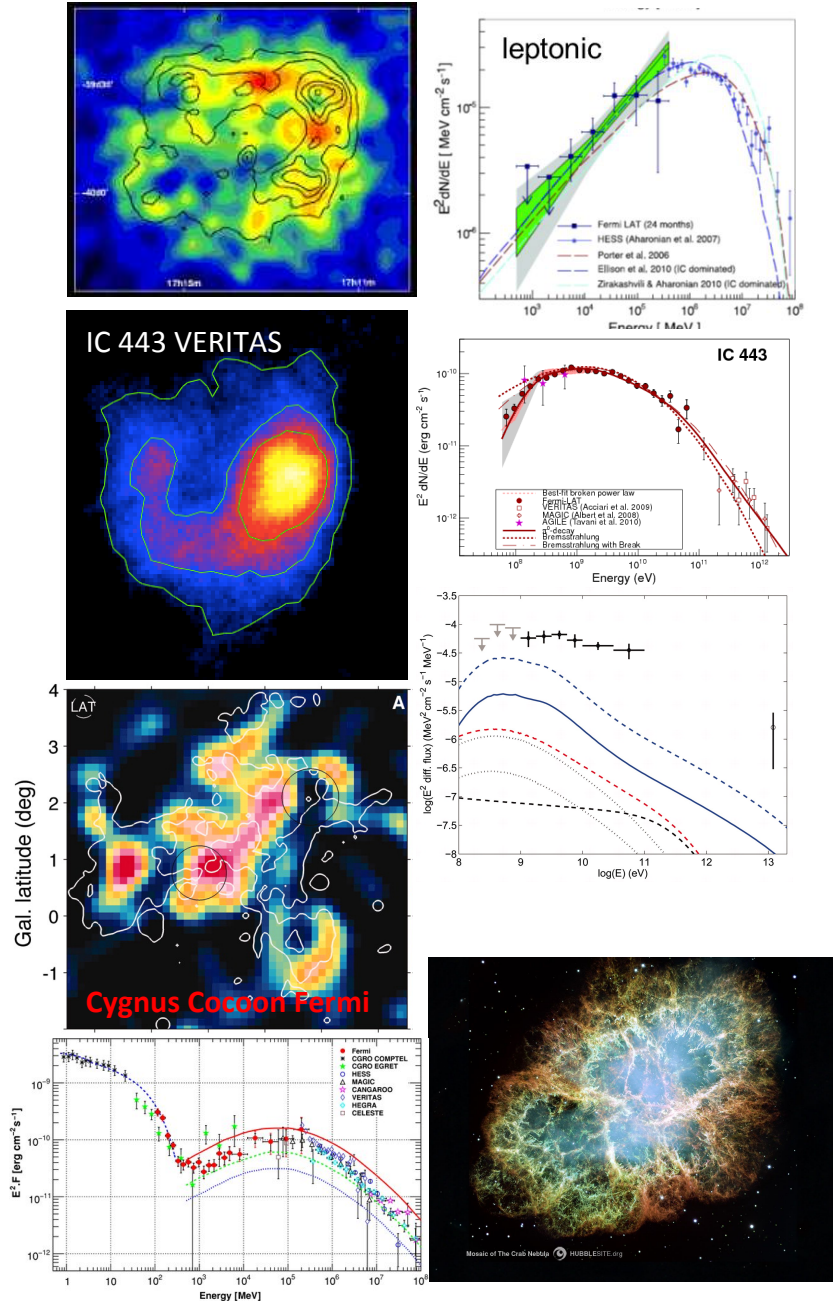
Gamma-ray flux from extragalactic sources is suppressed in the TeV-PeV range due to the pair production on Extragalactic Background Light (EBL).

Galactic vs. extragalactic origin of the neutrino signal could be established based on the presence / absence of the gamma-ray counterpart.

Neutrino sources could be identified based on their “multi-messenger” gamma-ray counterparts.



Galactic neutrino source candidates



Individual supernova remnants, pulsar wind nebulae and star forming regions are all visible in gamma-ray telescopes.

Gamma-ray emission might be produced either as inverse Compton emission from high-energy electrons (no neutrino counterpart) or via pion decays (with neutrino counterpart).

Supernova explosions are expected to result in injection of 10^{50} erg per event into cosmic rays, with the spectrum close to $dN/dE \sim E^{-2}$

Cosmic rays release energy into neutrino and gamma-rays on time scale $t_{pp} \sim 10^8 (n_{ISM}/0.5 \text{ cm}^{-3}) \text{ yr}$. This results in luminosity $L \sim 10^{50} \text{ erg} / 10^8 \text{ yr} \sim 3 \times 10^{34} (n_{ISM}/0.5 \text{ cm}^{-3}) \text{ erg/s}$ per source.

A source at the distance 1.5 kpc would produce flux

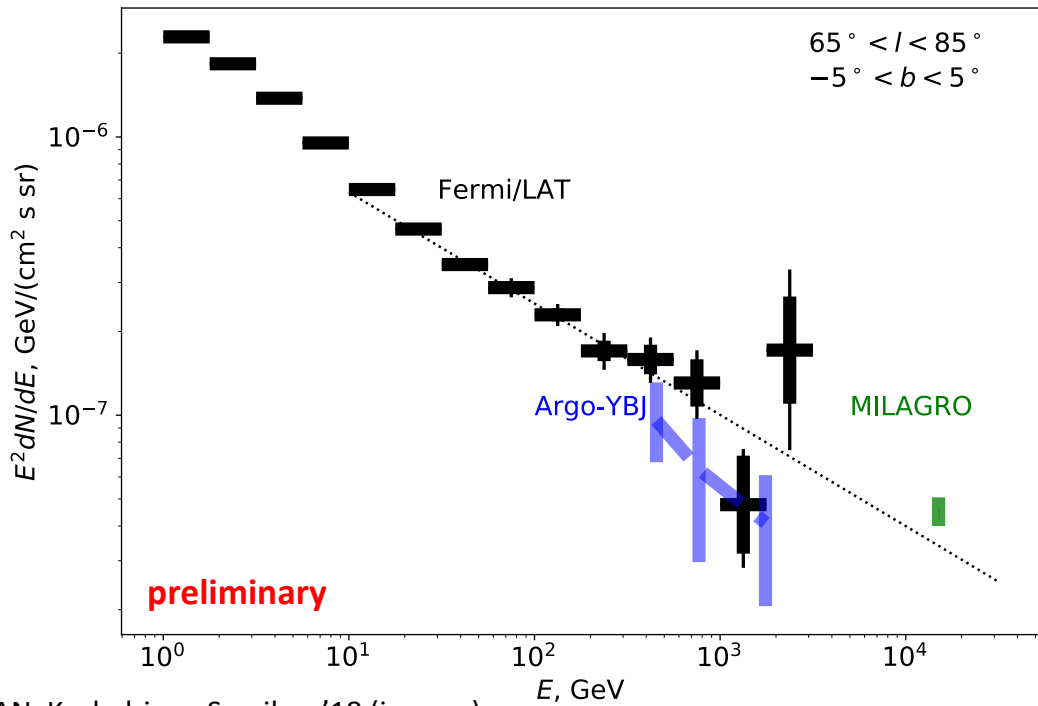
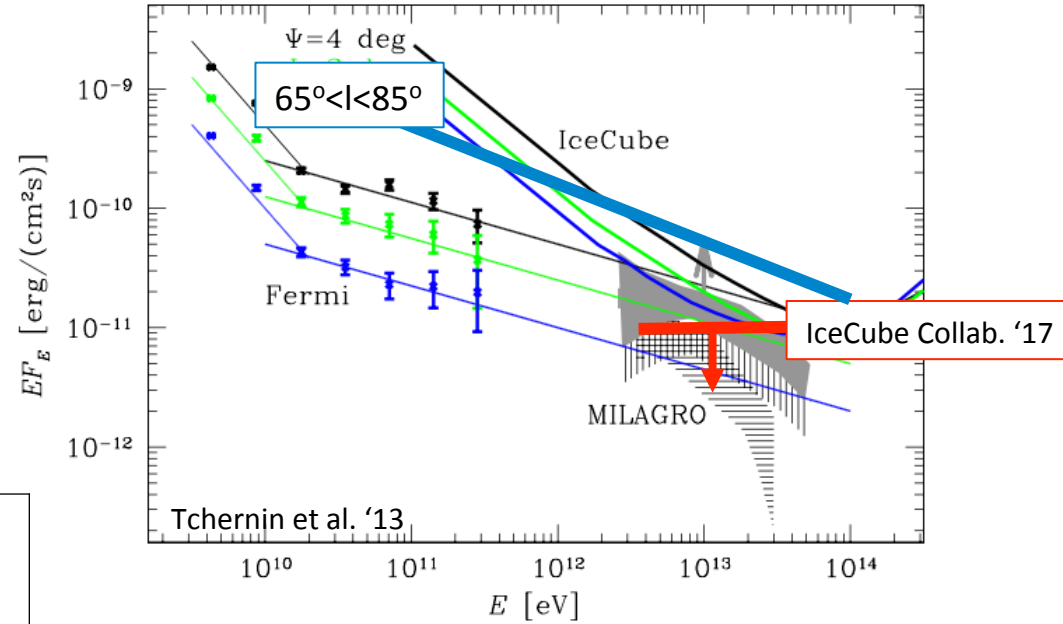
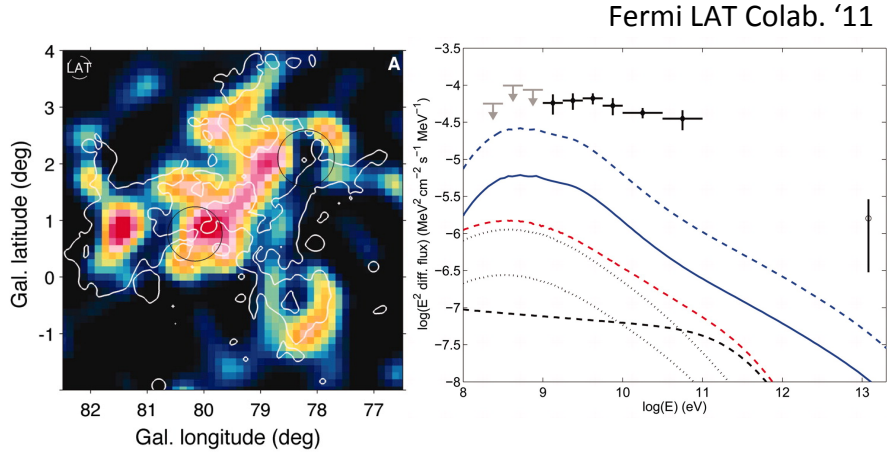
$$F \sim 10^{-10} (n_{ISM}/0.5 \text{ cm}^{-3}) (d/1.5 \text{ kpc})^{-2} \text{ erg}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s})$$

The signal is divided between gamma-rays and neutrinos and spread over several decades in energy, so that the flux per decade is

$$F \sim 10^{-11} (n_{ISM}/0.5 \text{ cm}^{-3}) (d/1.5 \text{ kpc})^{-2} \text{ erg}/(\text{cm}^2 \text{ s})$$

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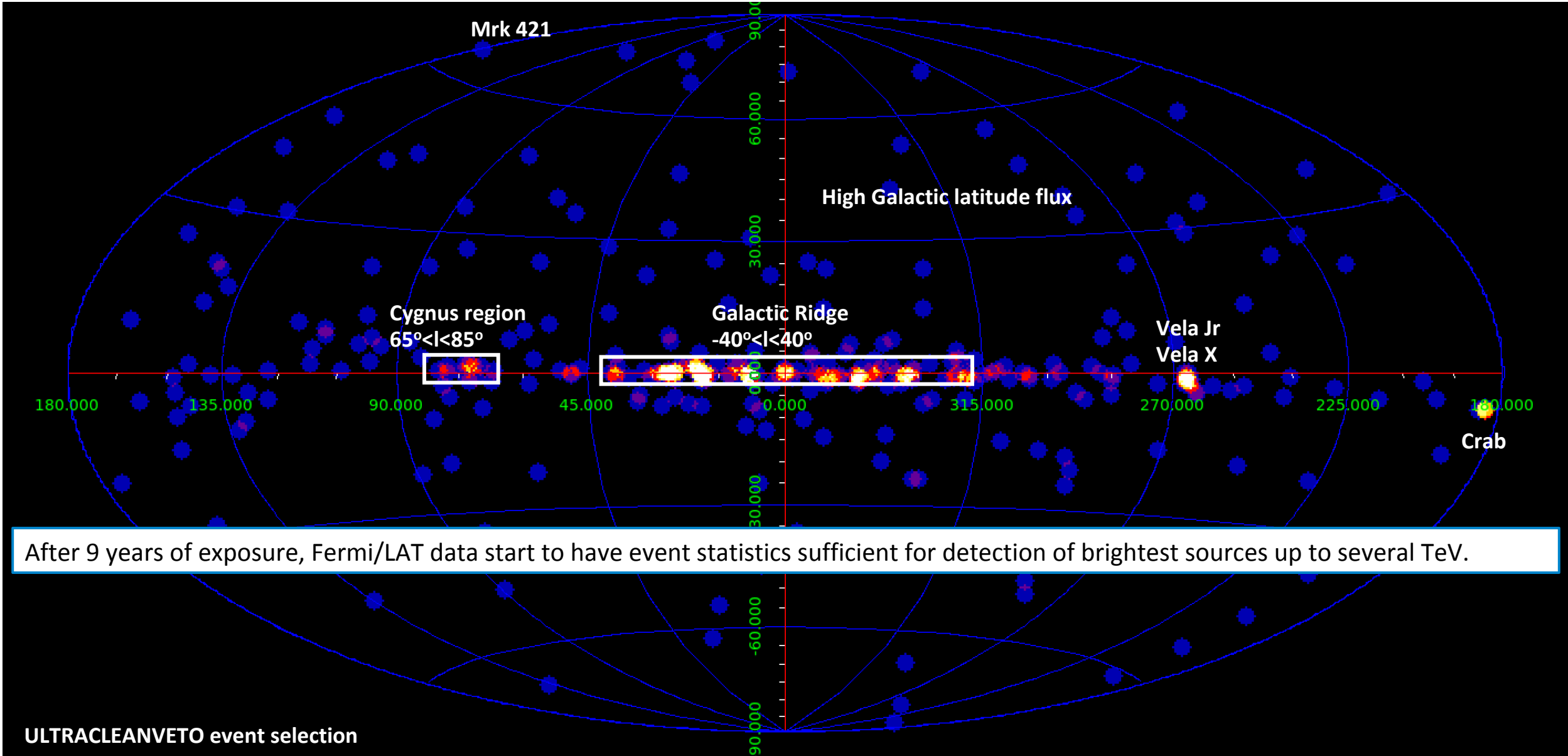
Galactic neutrino source candidates



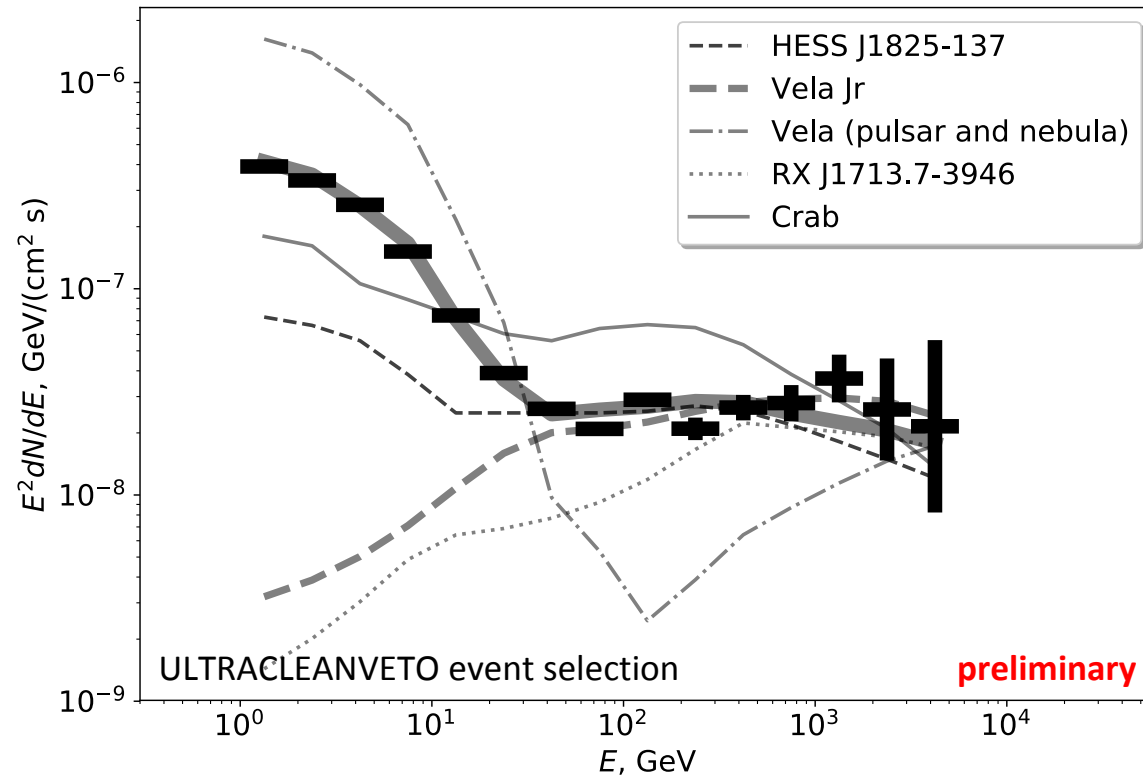
IceCube sensitivity is marginally sufficient for detection of neutrino counterpart of gamma-ray signal from cosmic ray interactions in brightest nearby sources, like Cygnus X region.

The *would-be* gamma-ray counterpart of neutrino signal could now be also detected in the multi-TeV band with Fermi LAT telescope.

Fermi/LAT multi-TeV sky



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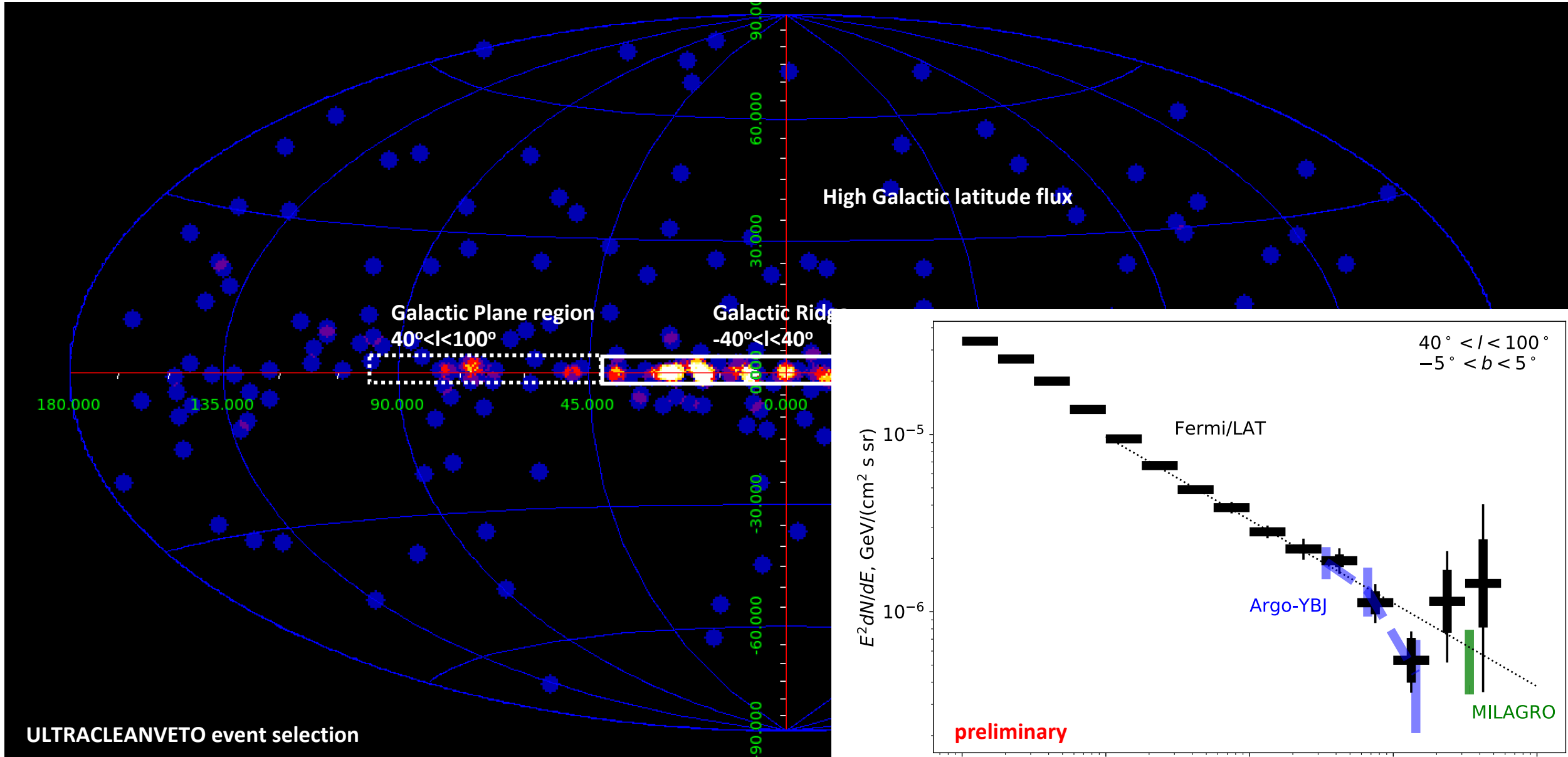


After 9 years of exposure, Fermi/LAT data start to have event statistics sufficient for detection of brightest sources up to several TeV.

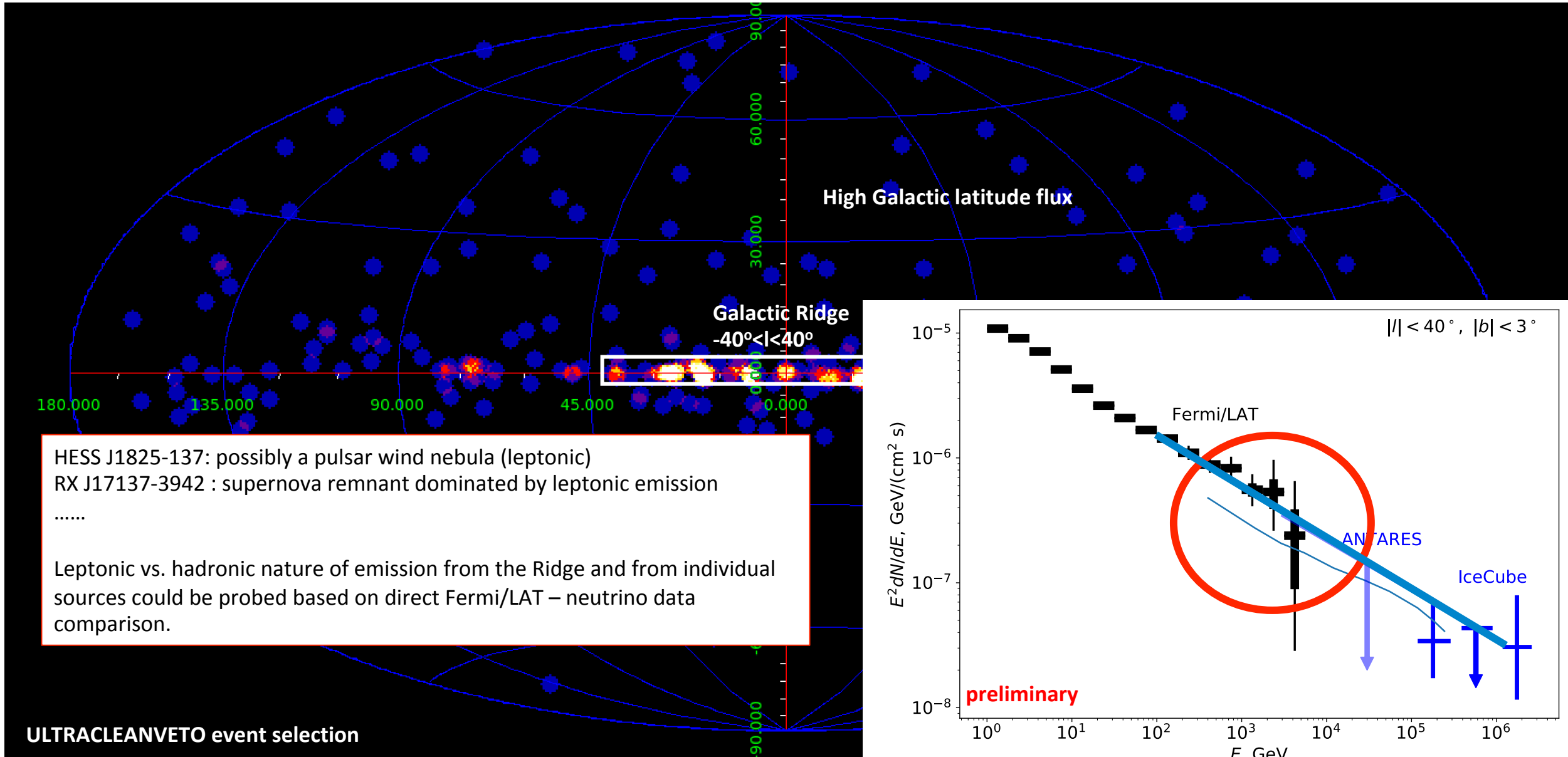
Fermi /LAT calibration is not assured above 1 TeV (https://fermi.gsfc.nasa.gov/ssc/data/analysis/LAT_caveats.html). Those need to be derived / verified.

This could be done via cross-calibration with the ground-based gamma-ray telescopes (HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS) and air shower arrays (MILAGRO, HAWC, ARGO-YBJ)

Cross-calibration of Fermi/LAT with air shower arrays

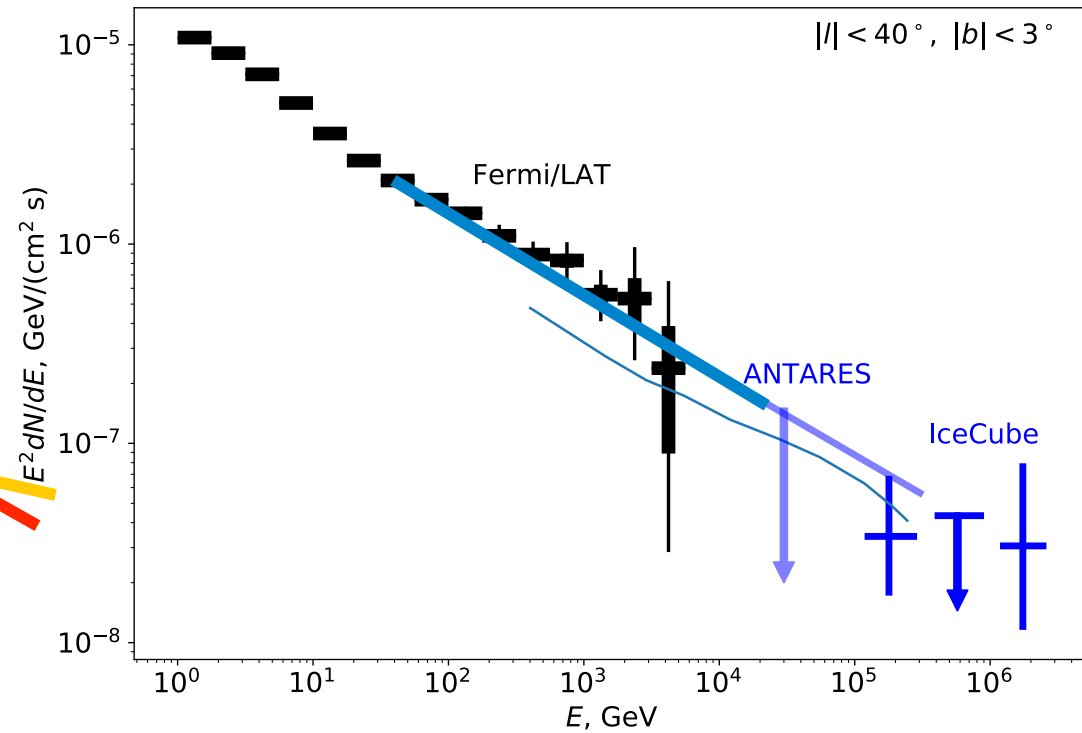
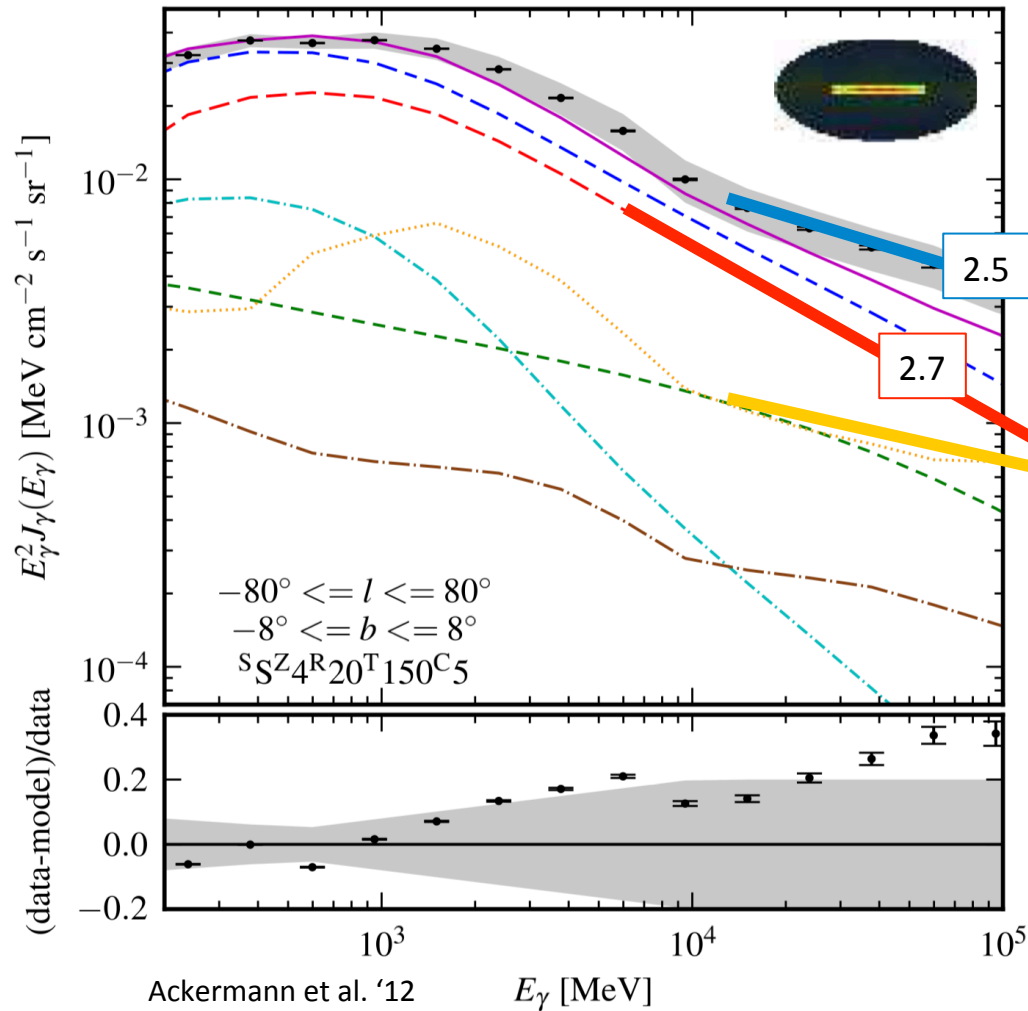


Multi-messenger spectrum of the Galactic Ridge



AN, Semikoz, Tchernin '14, Adrian-Martinez et al. '16
AN, Semikoz, Kachelriess '18 (in prep)

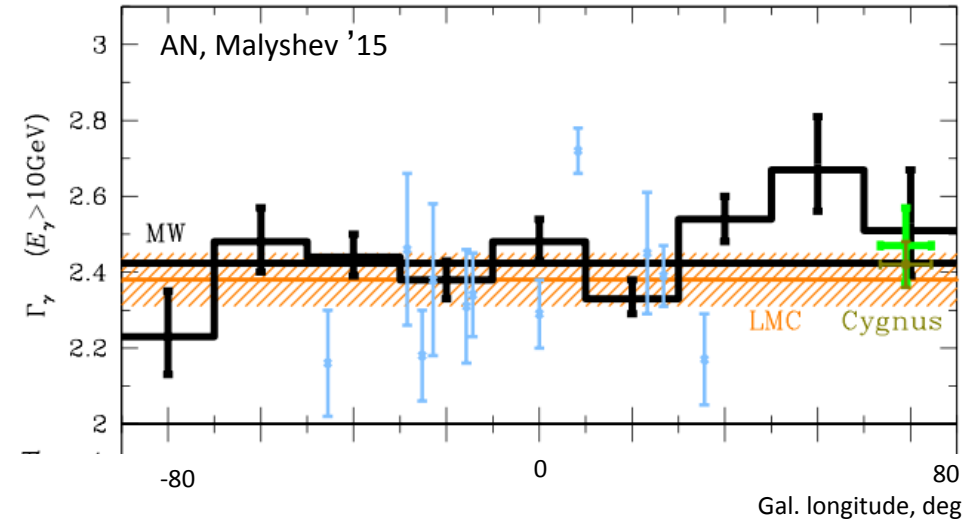
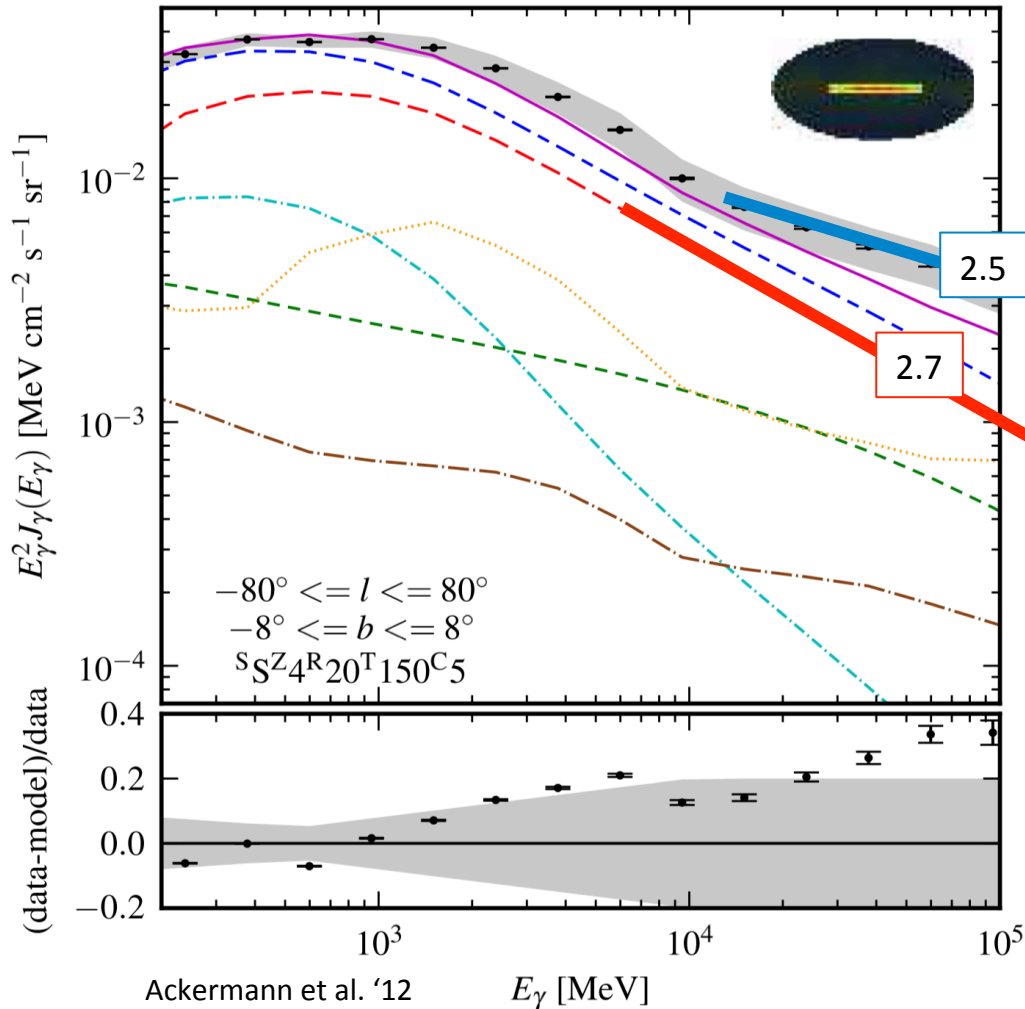
Multi-messenger spectrum of the Galactic Ridge / inner Galactic Plane



AN, Malyshev '15
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 Fermi LAT Collab. '16
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A hypothesis to be verified with multi-messenger signal from the Galactic Ridge is harder spectrum of cosmic rays vs. large presence of a population of resolved leptonic sources (pulsar wind nebulae?) or hadronic sources (supernova remnants?).

Average cosmic ray spectrum in the Galaxy



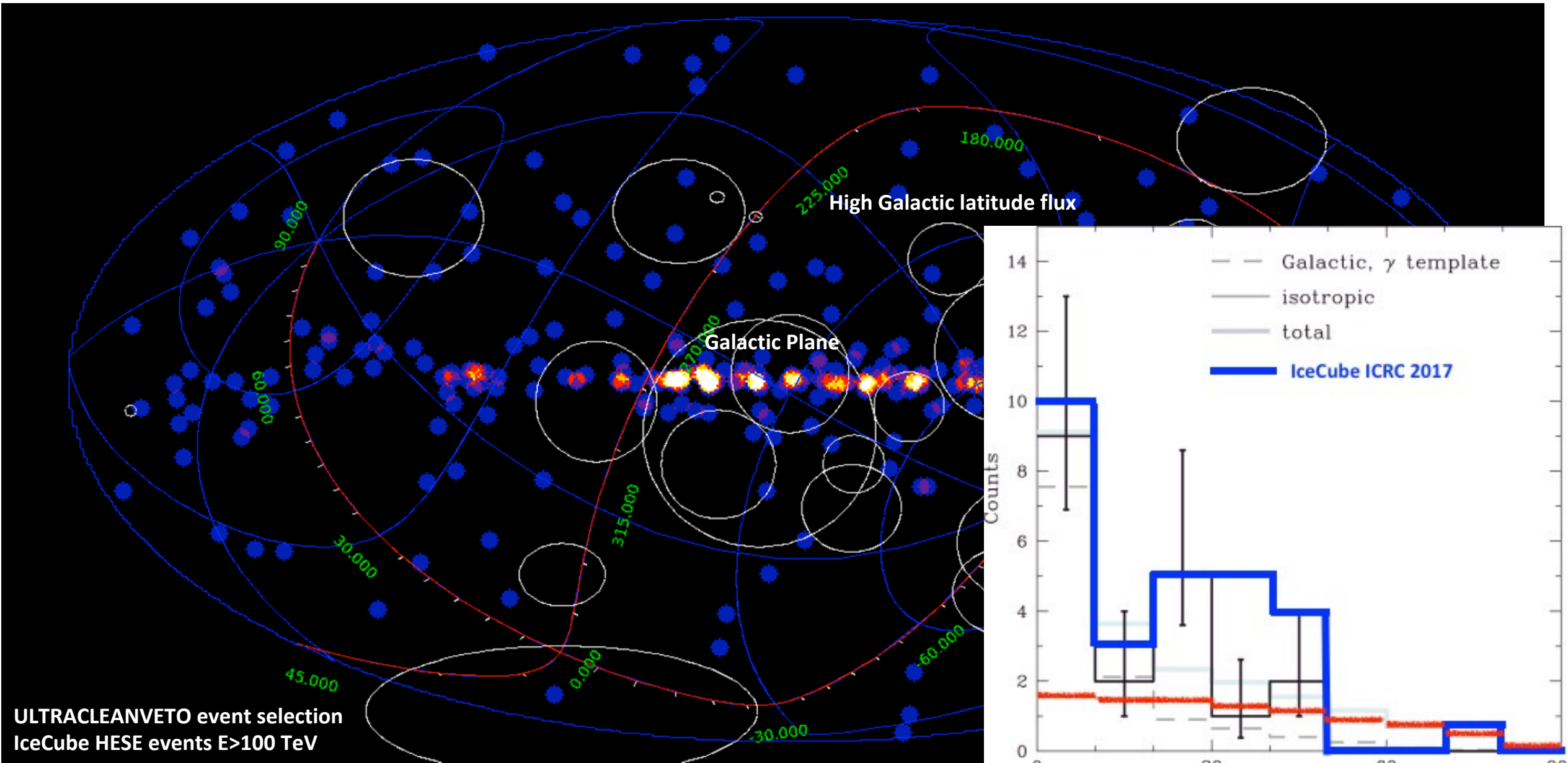
A harder (compared to the locally measured) average Galactic cosmic ray spectrum could be either

- signify that the locally measured spectrum deviates from the average Galactic spectrum or
- indicate a change of the properties of cosmic ray population from inner to outer Galaxy.

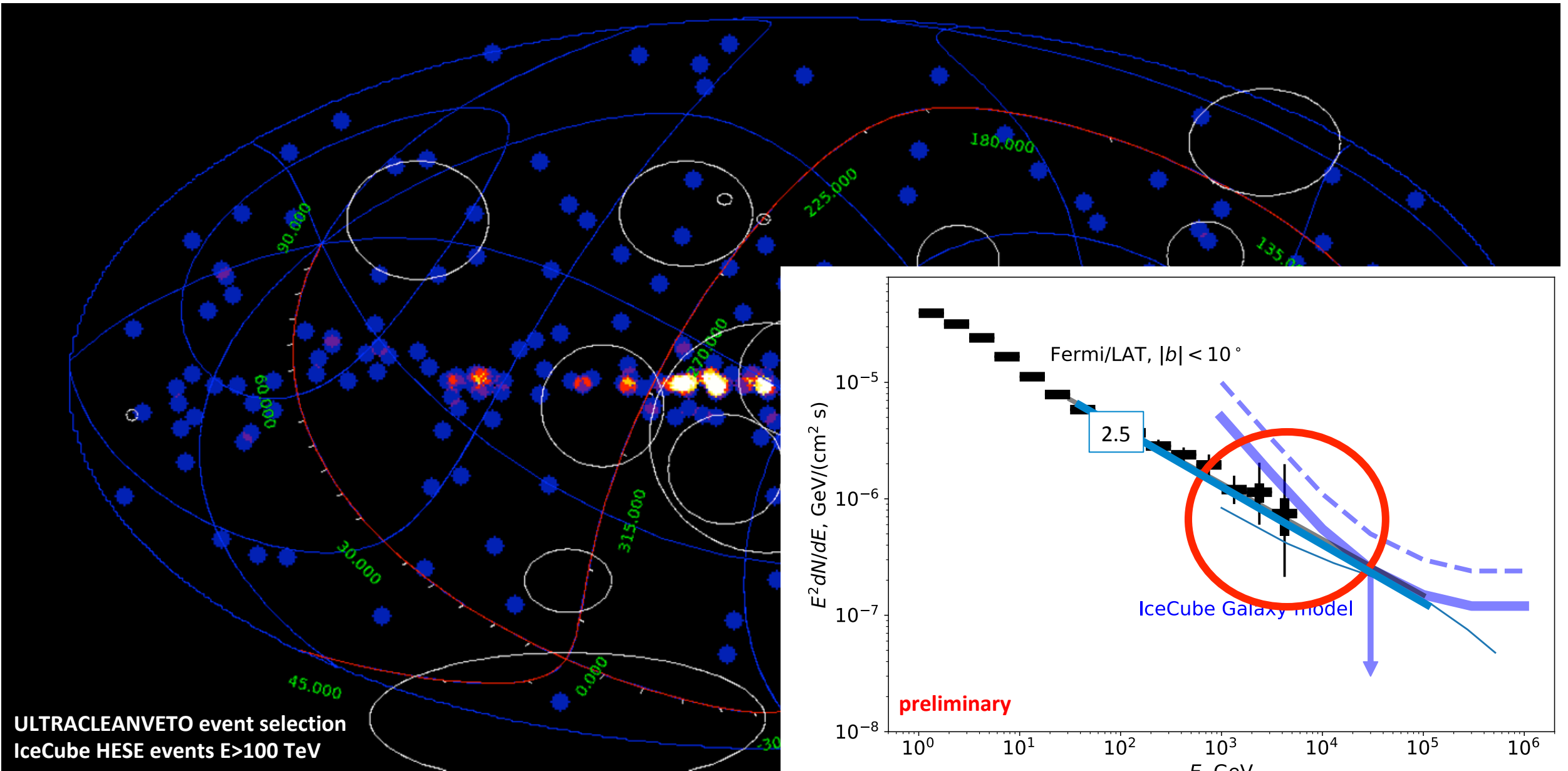
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Multi-messenger spectrum of the Galactic Plane

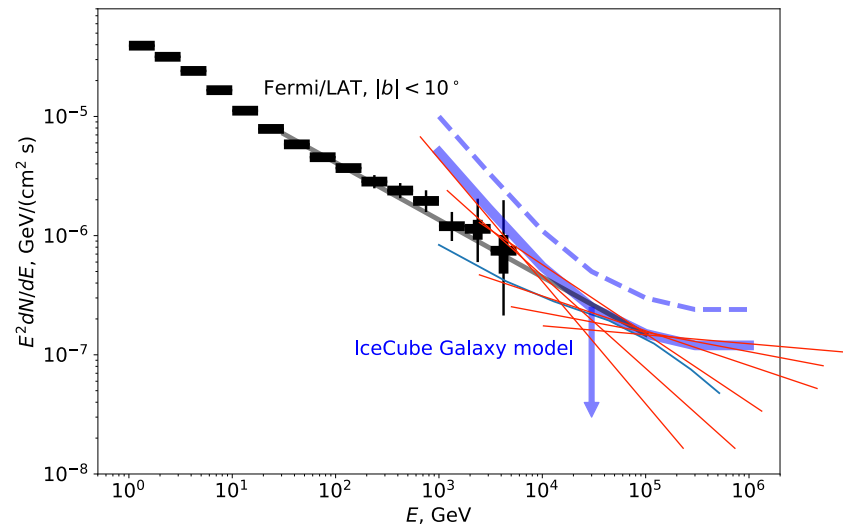
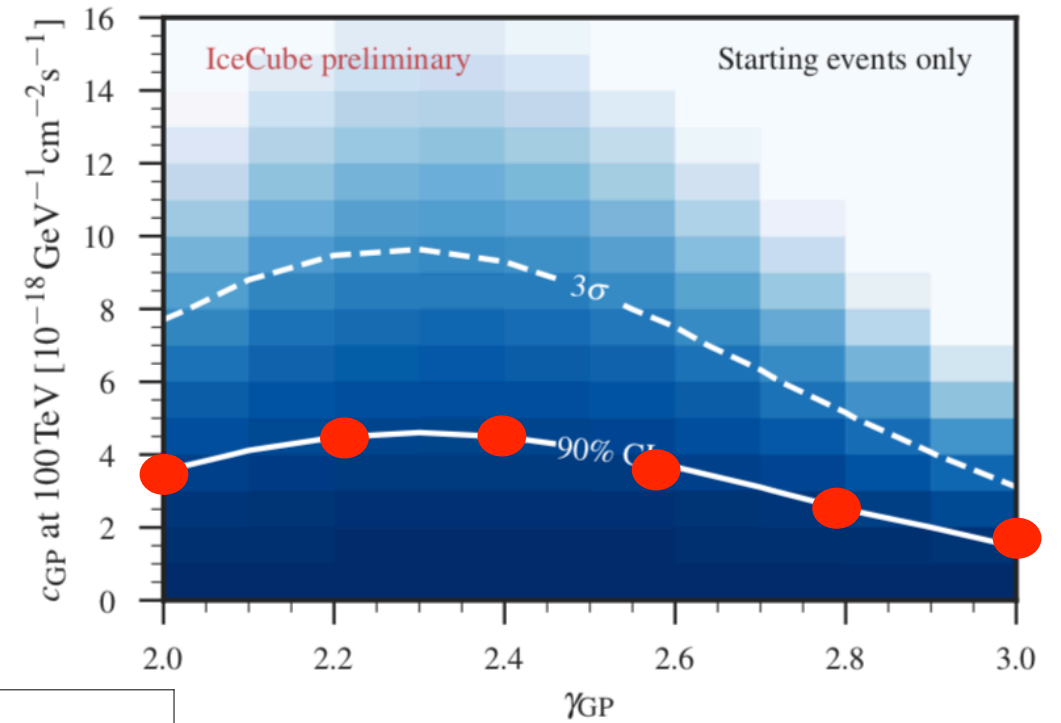
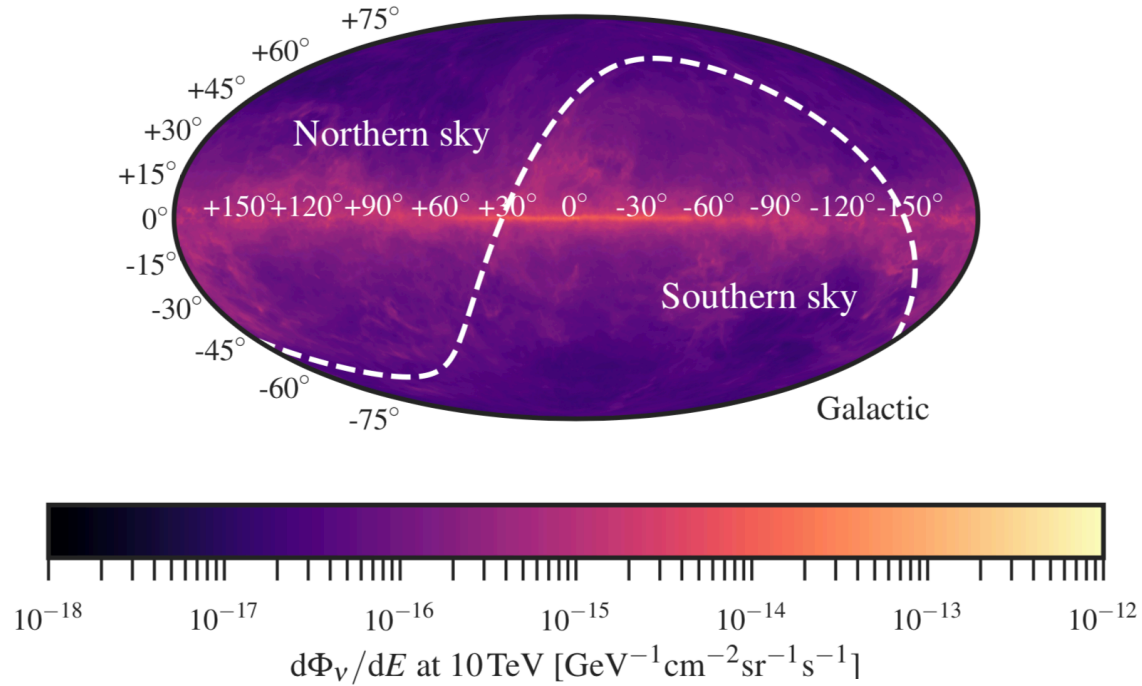


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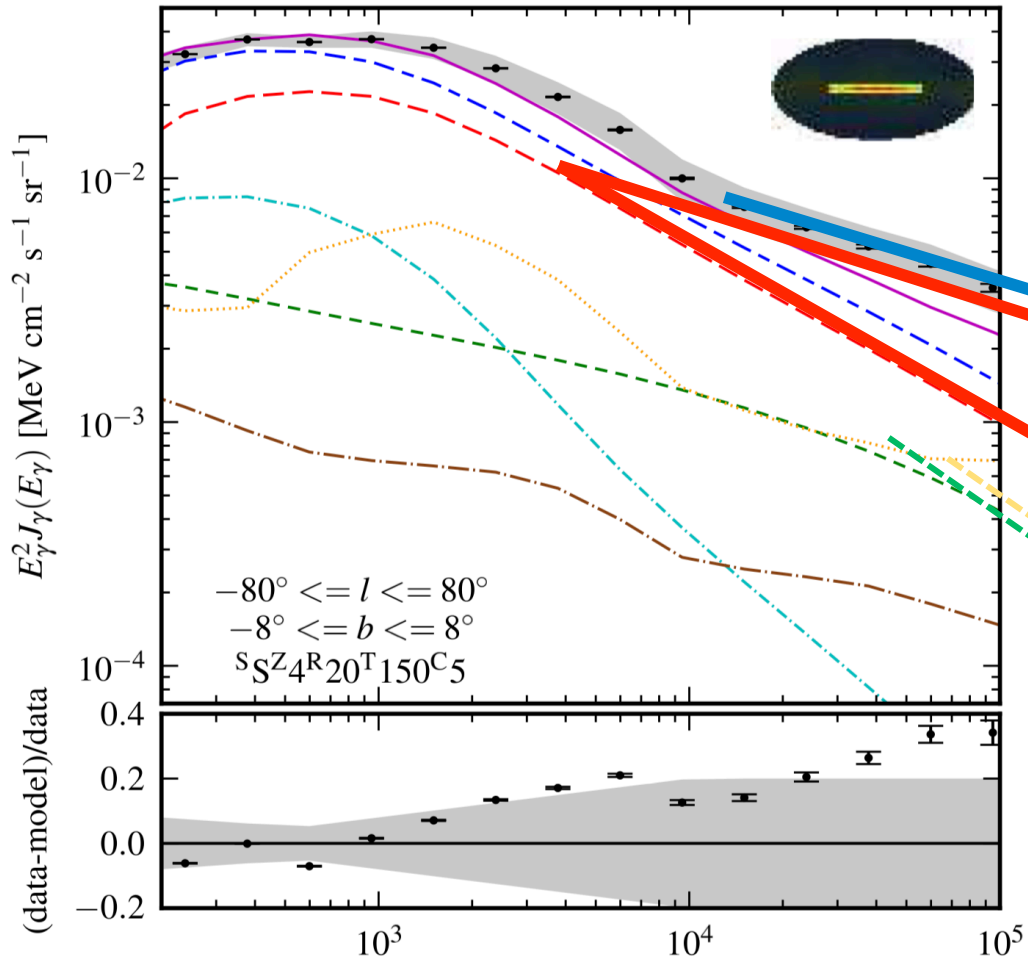


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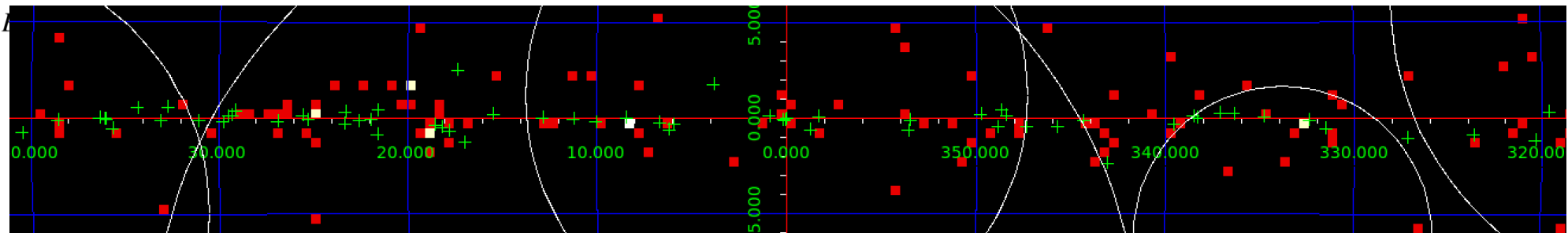
Fermi/LAT multi-TeV emission from the Galactic Plane could hardly be dominated by diffuse emission process which does not generate neutrinos.

It also does not come from known isolated sources

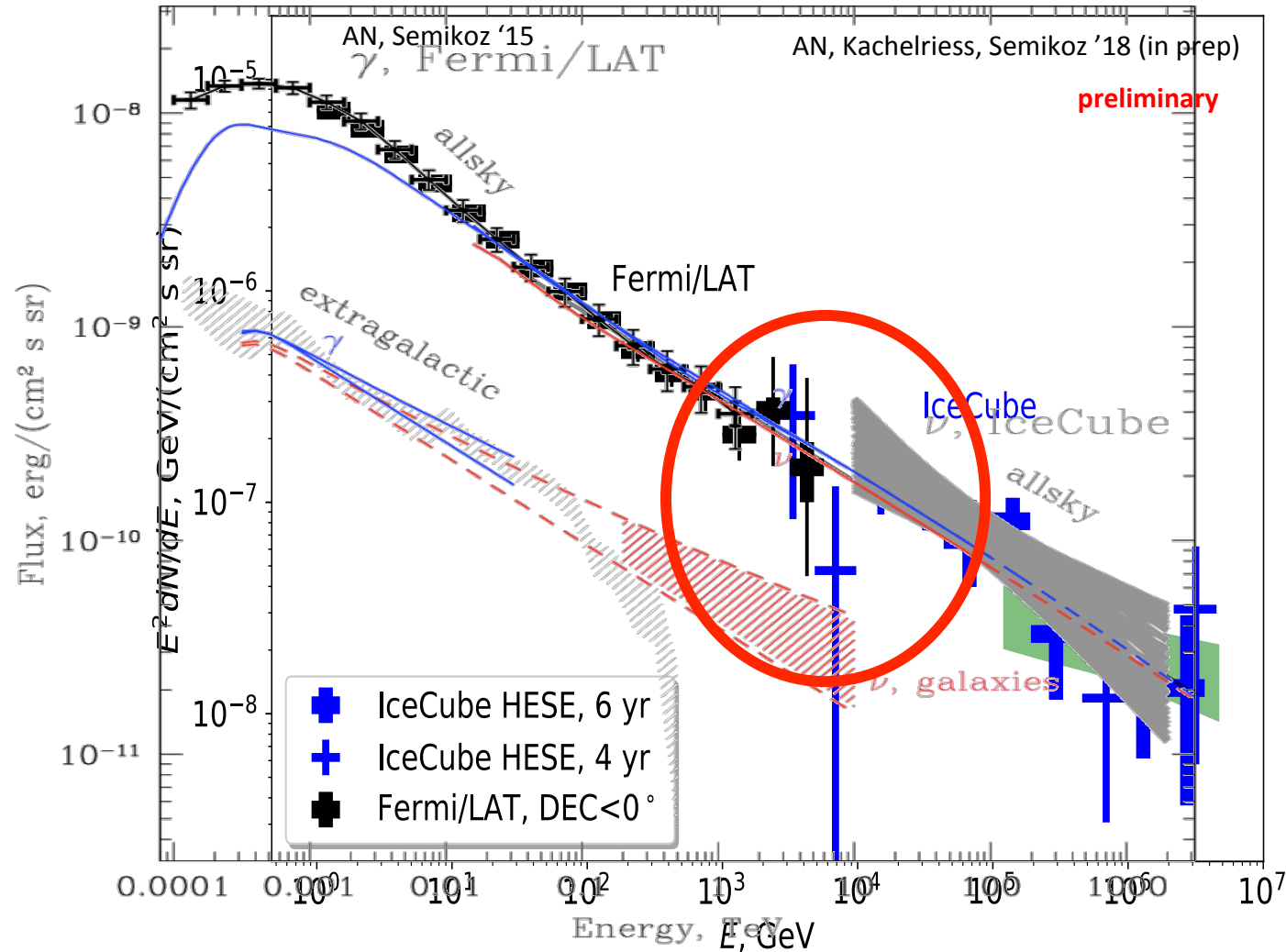
π^0 decays

Inverse Compton

Catalog sources

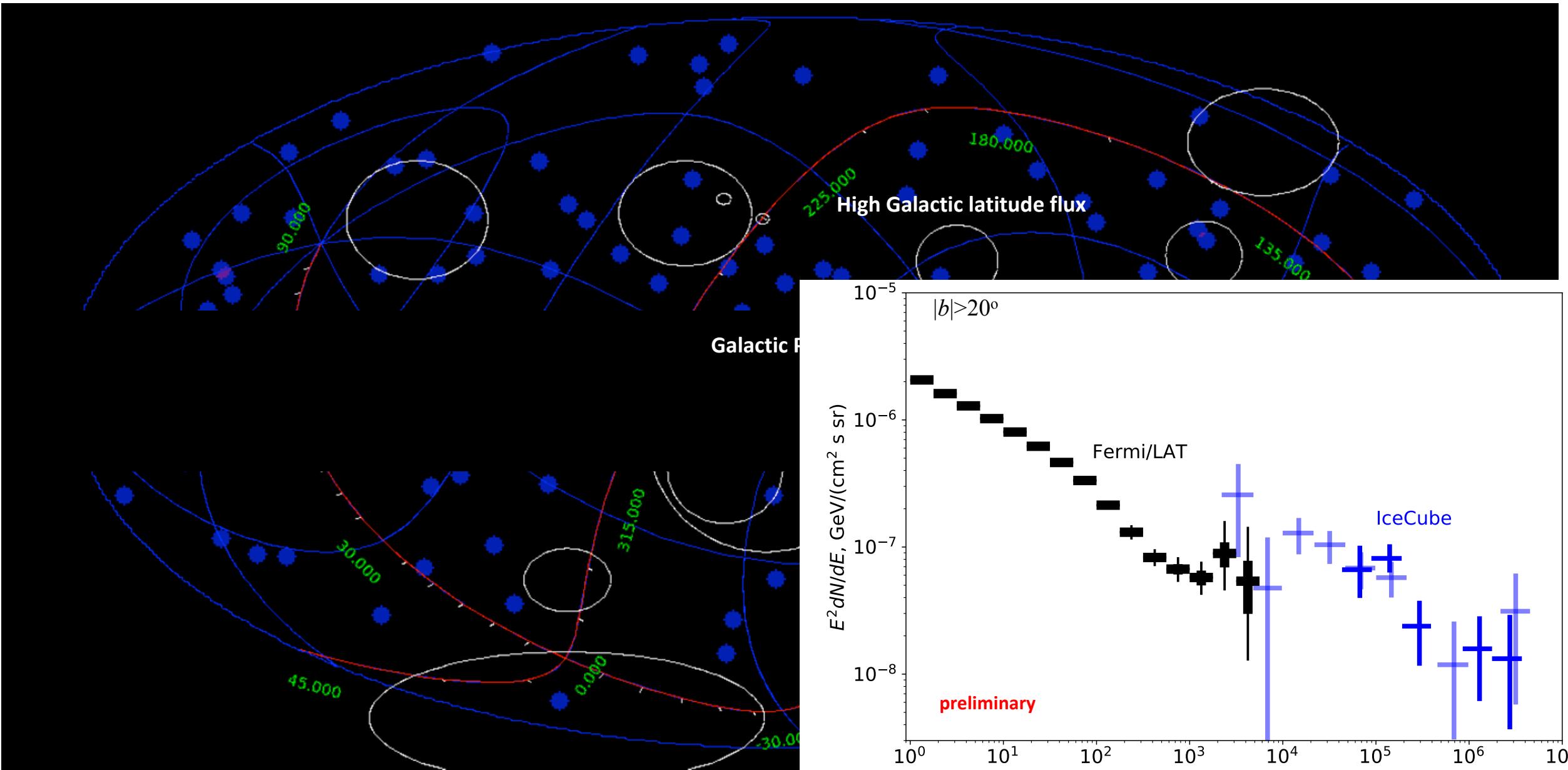


Multi-messenger signal from multi-TeV sky

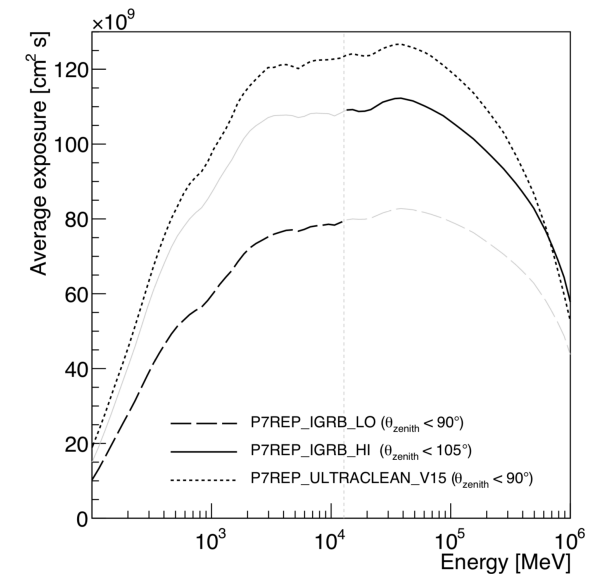
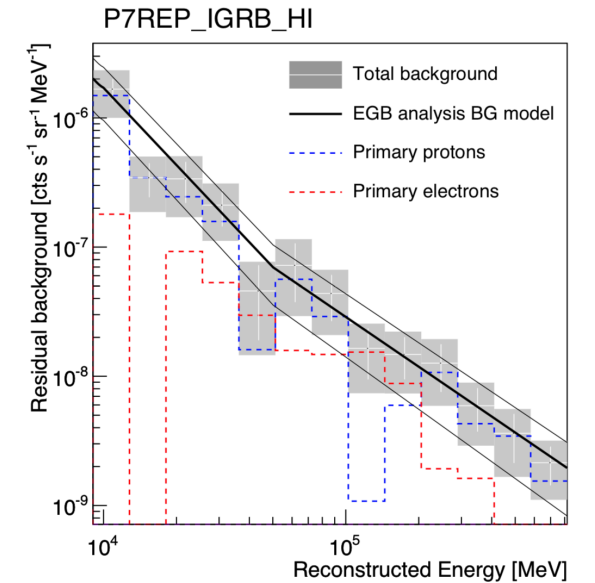
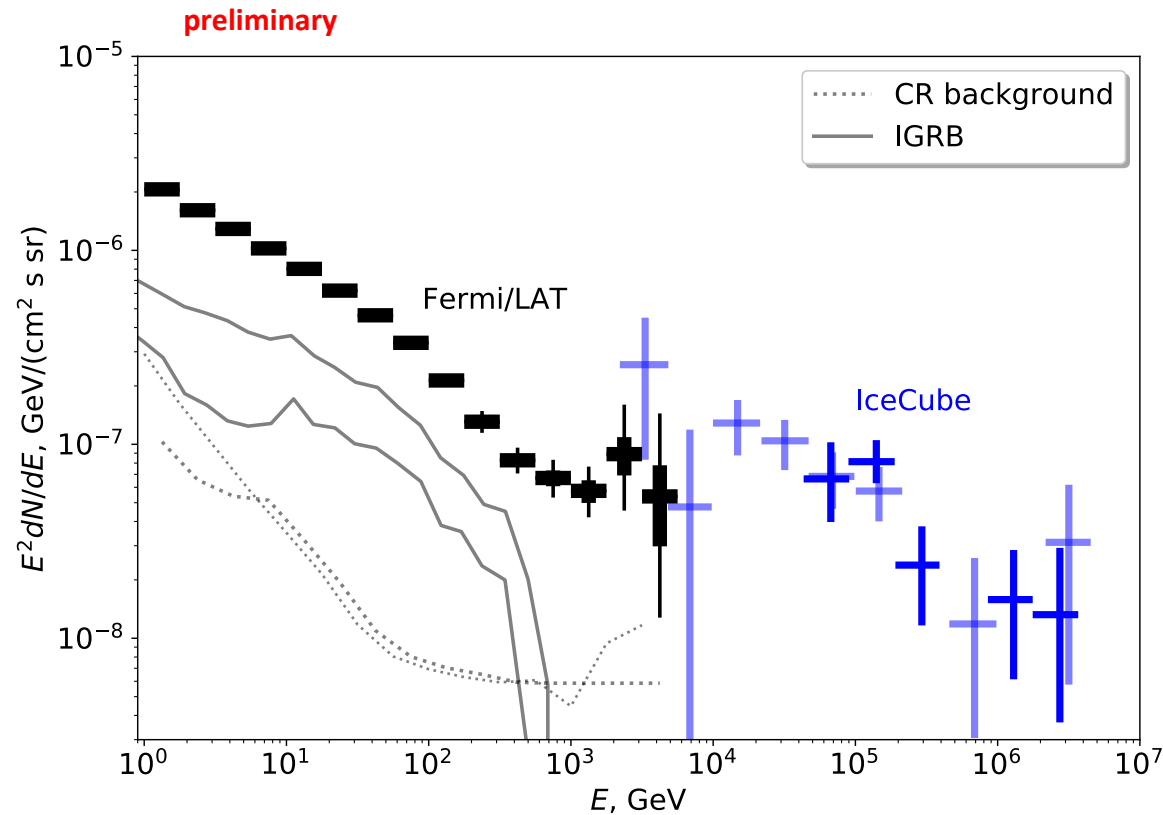


Consistency of the gamma-ray and neutrino spectra suggest the presence of gamma-ray counterpart of the neutrino signal and, therefore, Galactic origin of (a part of) neutrino flux.

Multi-messenger signal from high Galactic latitude multi-TeV sky

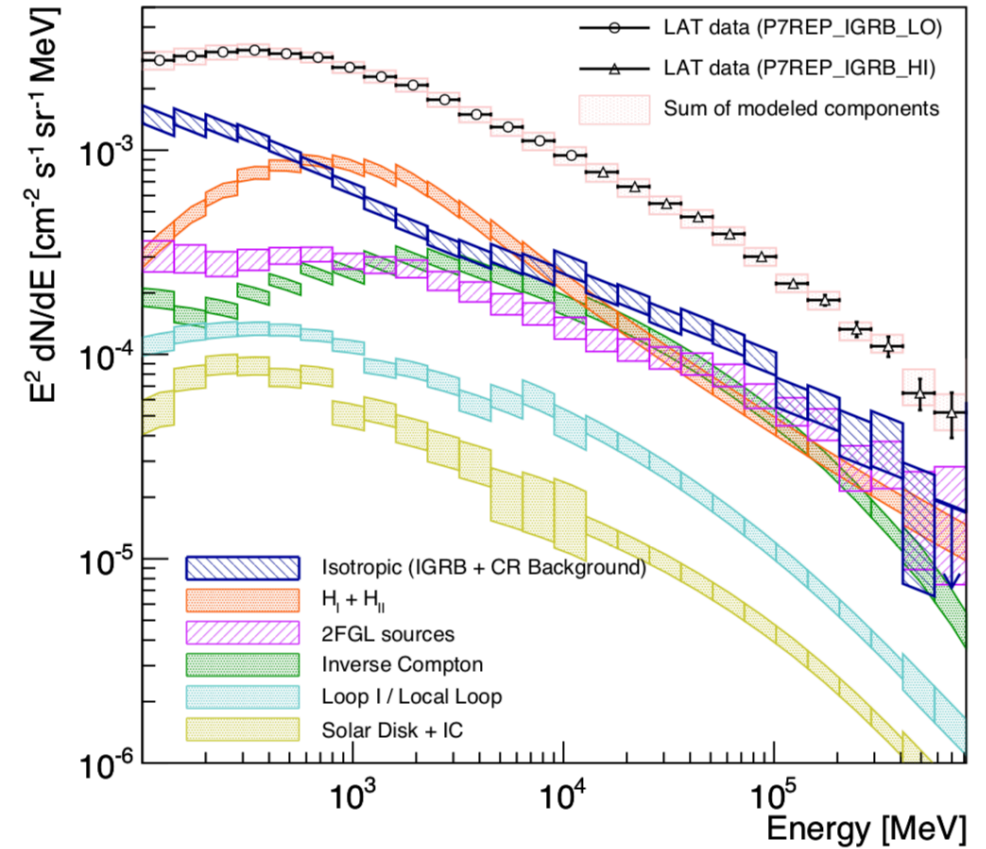
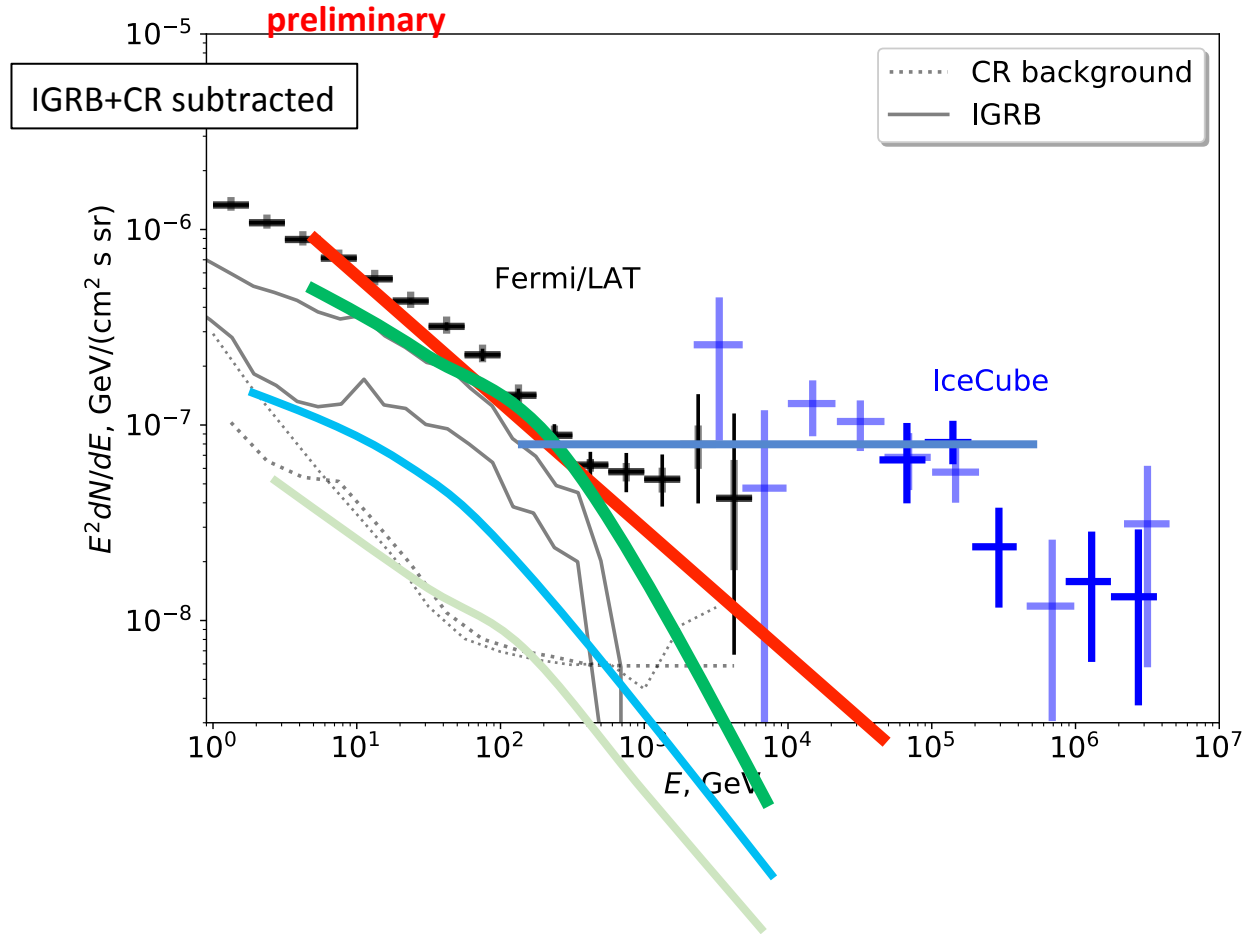


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- Assuming residual cosmic ray background model from Fermi Collab. '14 publication (broken powerlaw in cts/s/sr)
- Assuming calibration of the effective area on known TeV sources.

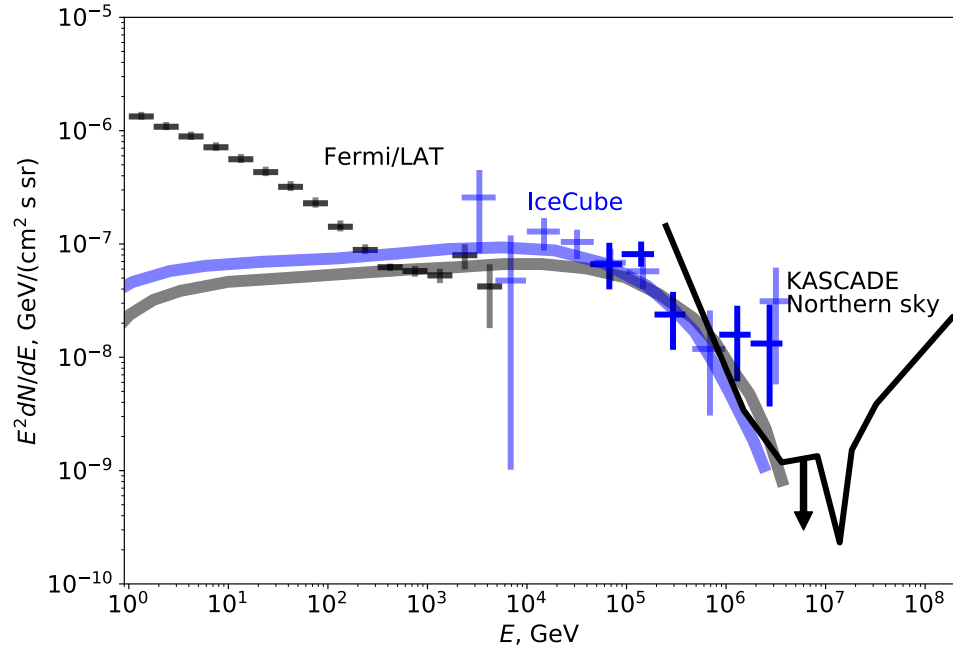
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Known Galactic flux components have steep spectrum in the TeV range.

New flux component with hard spectrum appears to match the neutrino flux component in the multi-TeV range.

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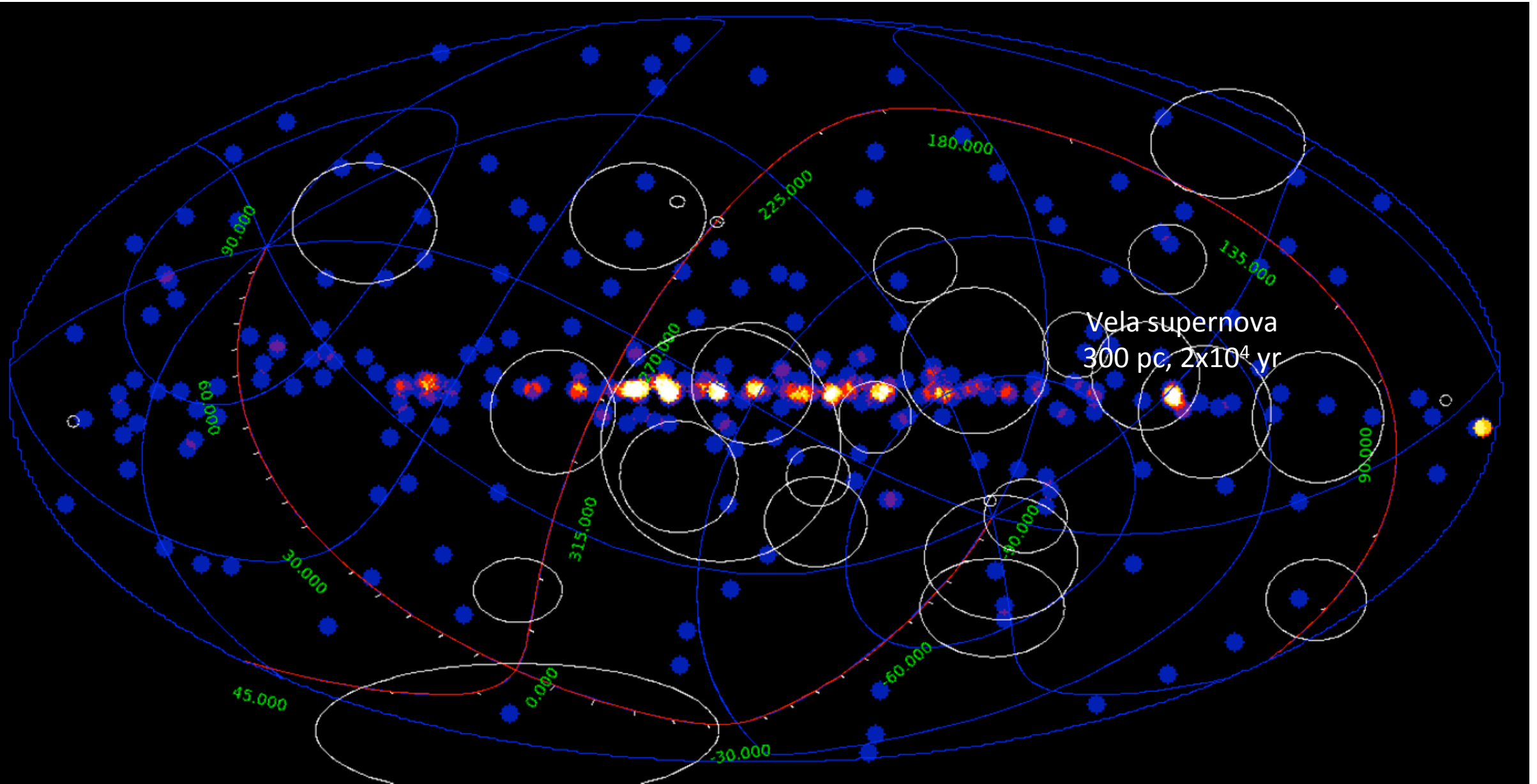


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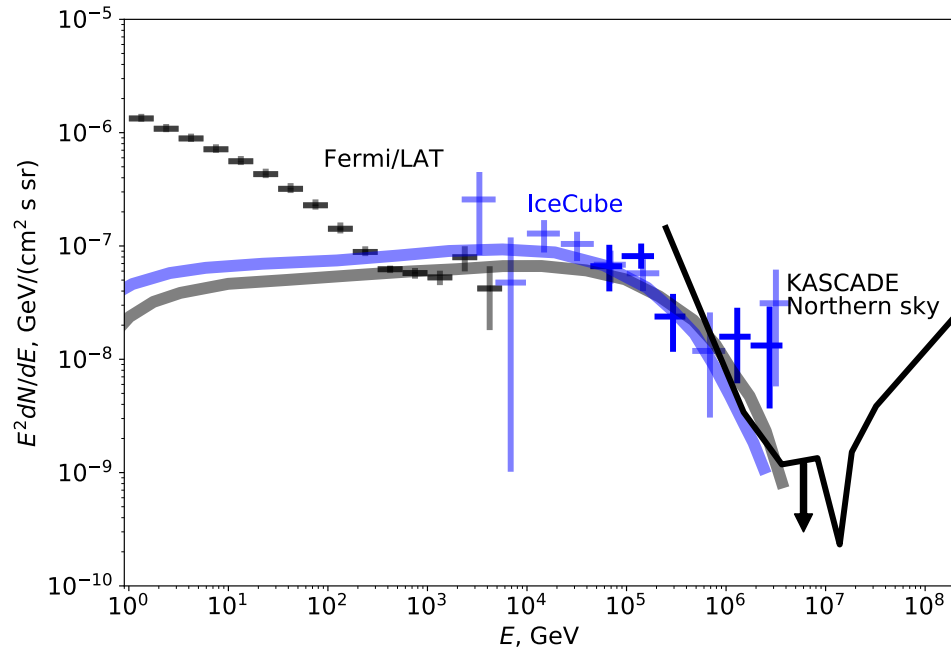
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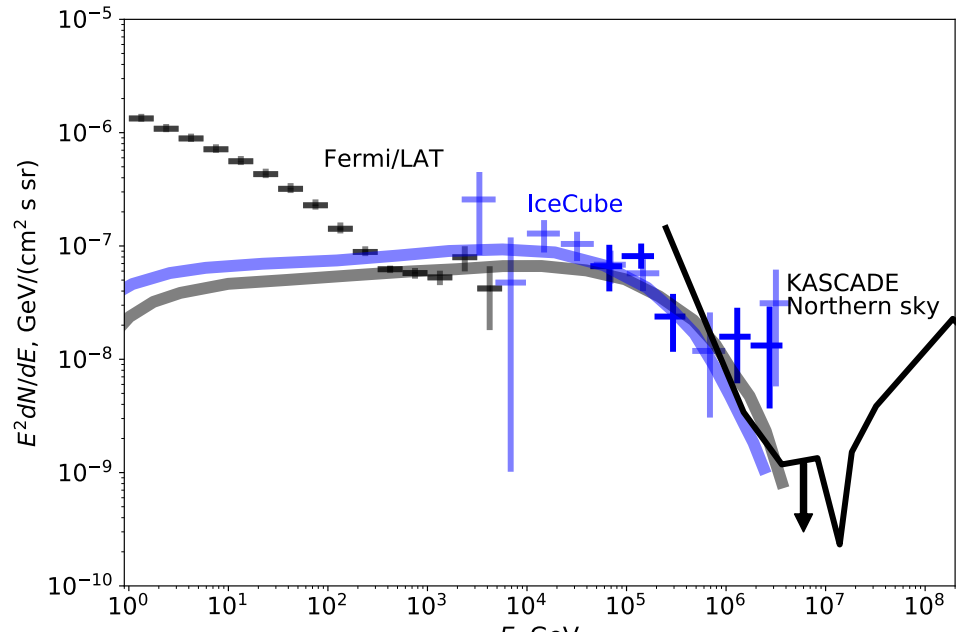
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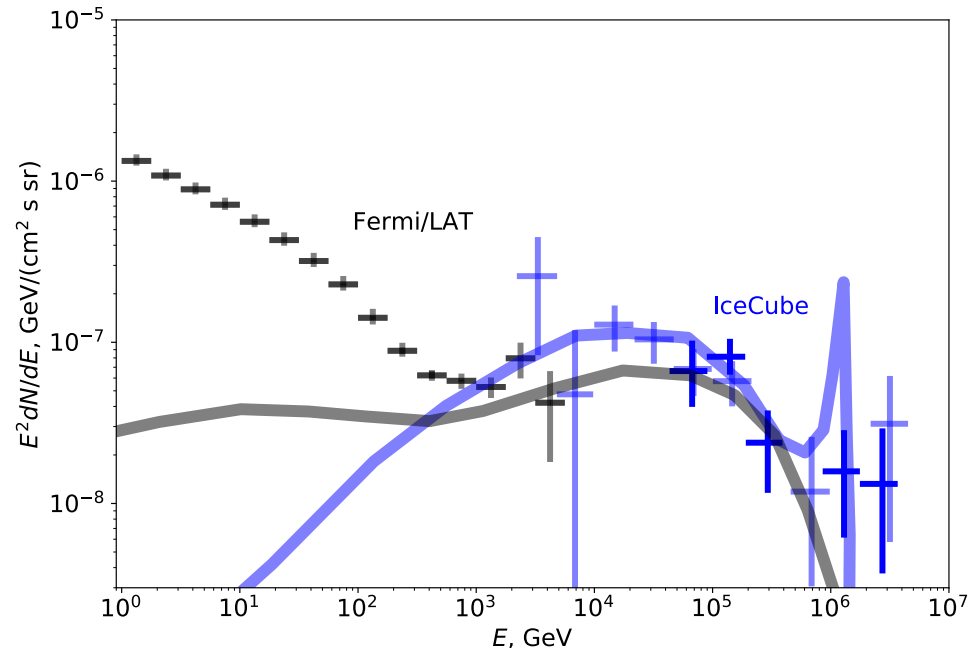


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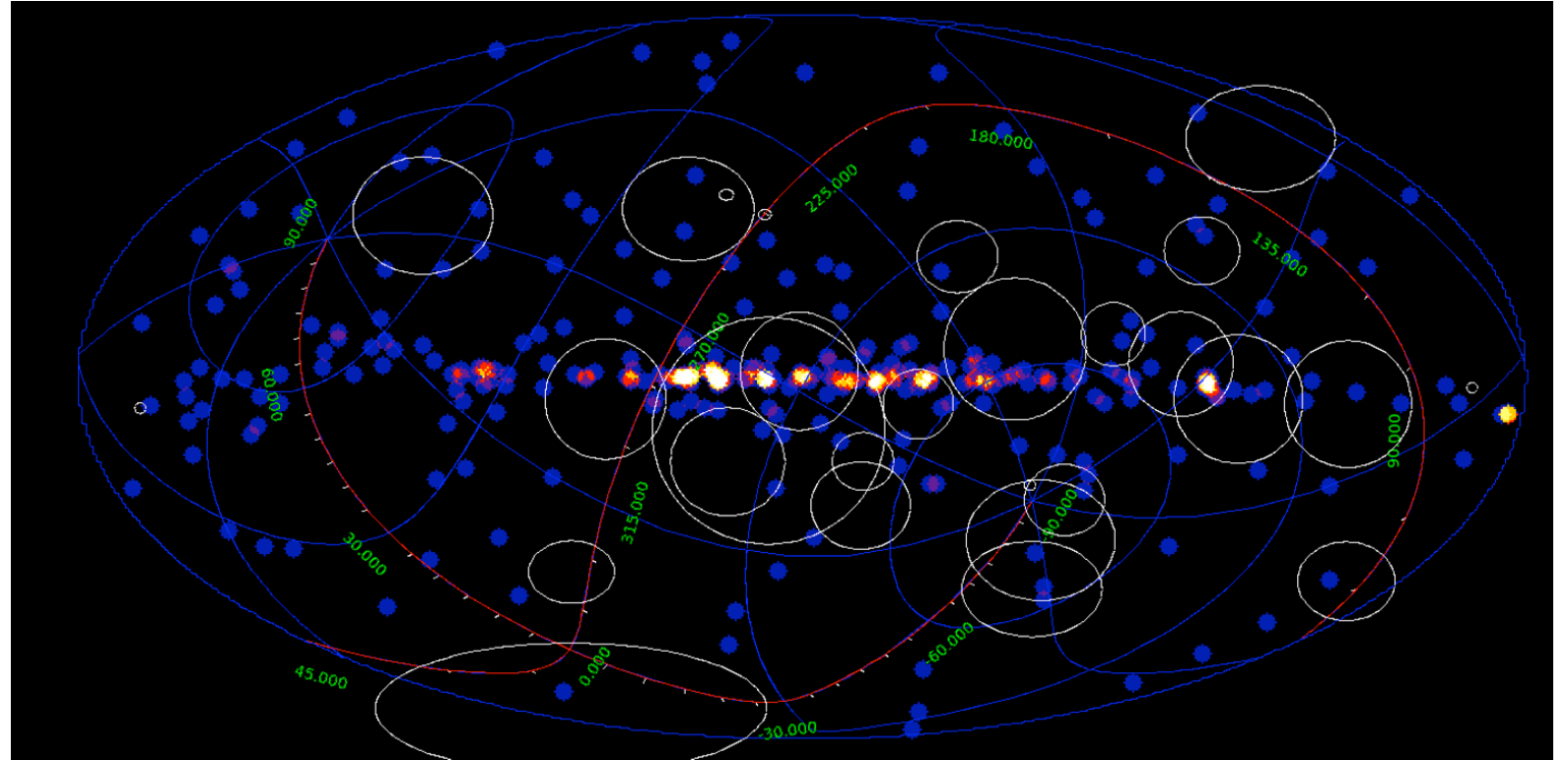
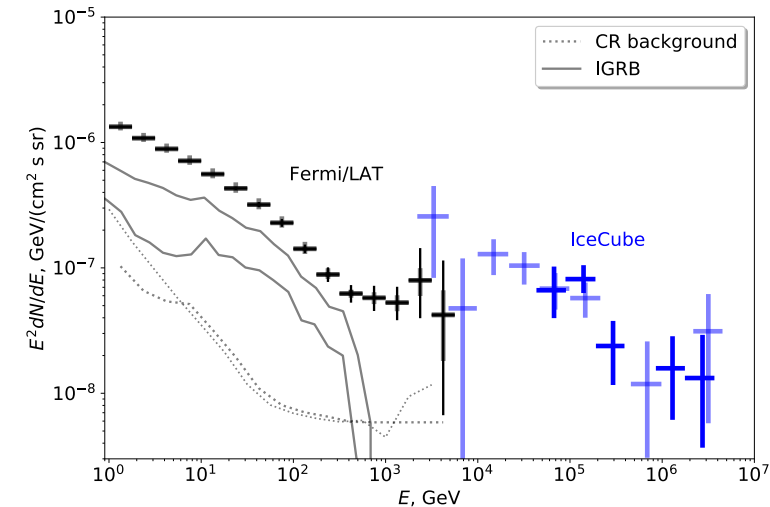
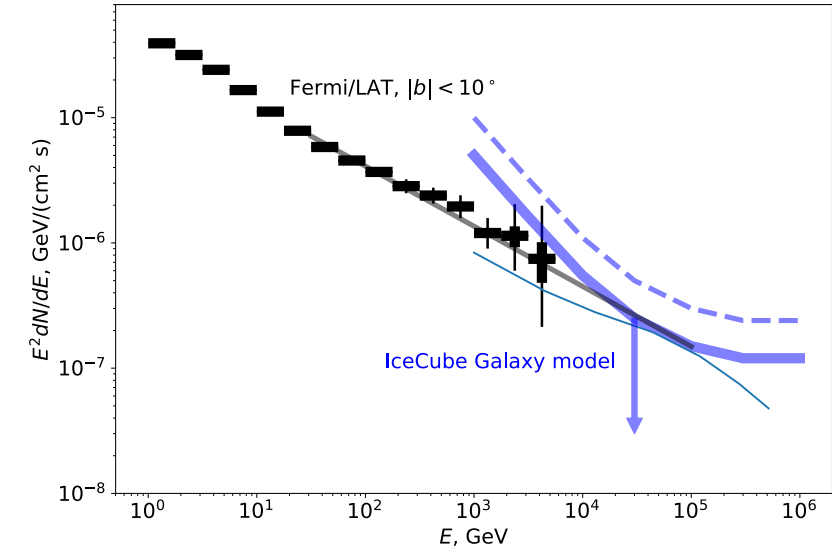
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Taylor, Gabici, Aharonian '14

Decays of heavy dark matter particles with lifetime $\sim 10^{28} \text{ s}$ into pions or directly into neutrinos and gamma-rays could provide the required multi-messenger flux at high Galactic latitude.

Murase et al. '15
Feldstein et al. '13
Berezinsky et al. '95

Summary



Astrophysical neutrino flux has gamma-ray "multi-messenger" counterpart in the multi-TeV band.

This indicates Galactic origin of at least a part of the neutrino flux (harder spectrum multi-PeV component could be extragalactic).

High Galactic latitude multi-messenger signal could originate from small or large scale cosmic ray halo or from dark matter decays.