

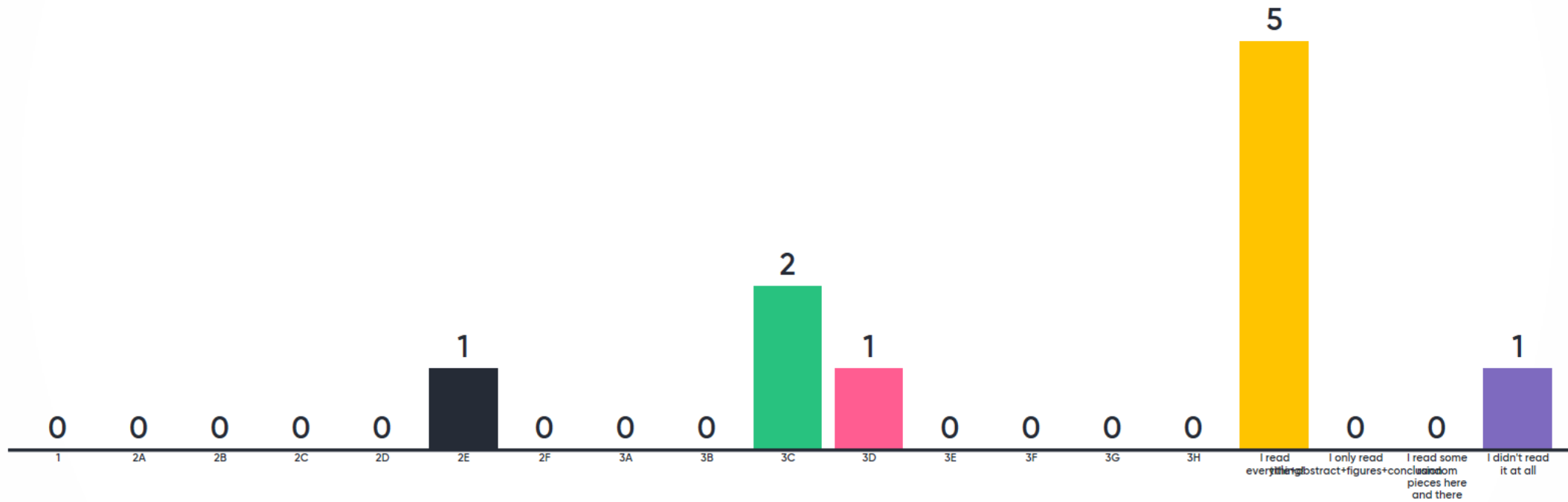
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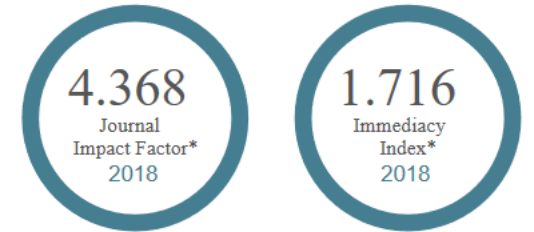
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# I. Motivation & Goal

## Motivation

- High E neutrinos are tool to learn about astrophysical processes
- Ice Cube detects cosmic neutrino flux
- But sources producing the measured neutrino flux is unknown
- Origin more challenging sources?

## Goal

- Devise and evaluate a method to find population of distant continuous neutrino sources using source catalogs.

# I. Theory – “multiple search strategies”

## (i) Neutrino-only

Spatial or temporal clustering of neutrinos to identify energetic nearby sources

## (ii) Spectral information

Compare the neutrino spectrum with other astrophysical fluxes (CR /  $\gamma$ -ray)

## (iii) Multimessenger searches

Neutrinos associated with a source population observed through other messengers

in contrast to the case of **transient** sources, the identification of multiplets from a population of **continuous** sources will be challenging

# I. Theory – scale



**And here smart asses build detectors  
to detect neutrino's of which the bulk**

Starburst galaxies



AGN



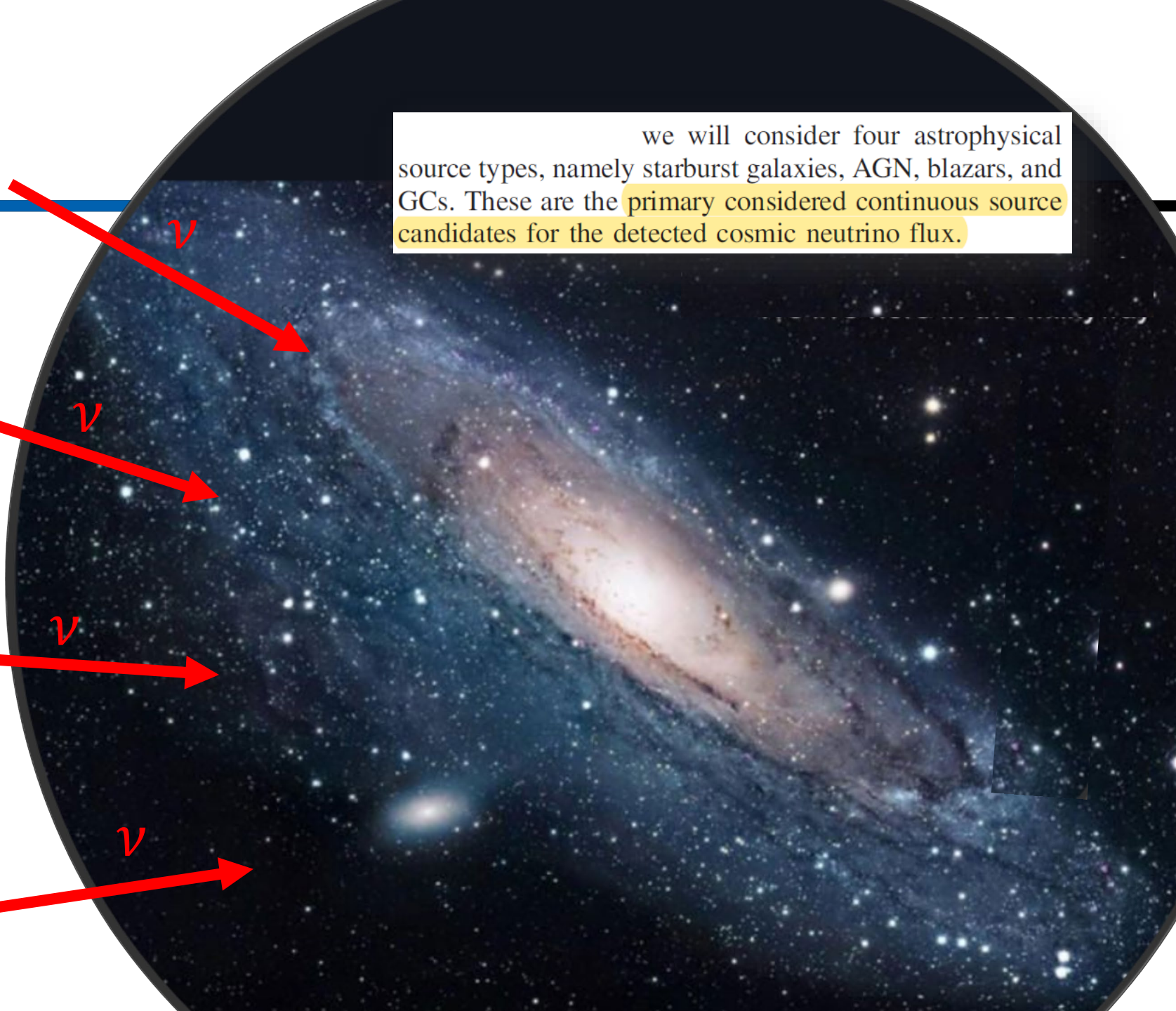
Blazars



Galaxy clusters



we will consider four astrophysical source types, namely starburst galaxies, AGN, blazars, and GCs. These are the primary considered continuous source candidates for the detected cosmic neutrino flux.



## II. Search strategy

### A. Search distance threshold

B. Only track events will be used

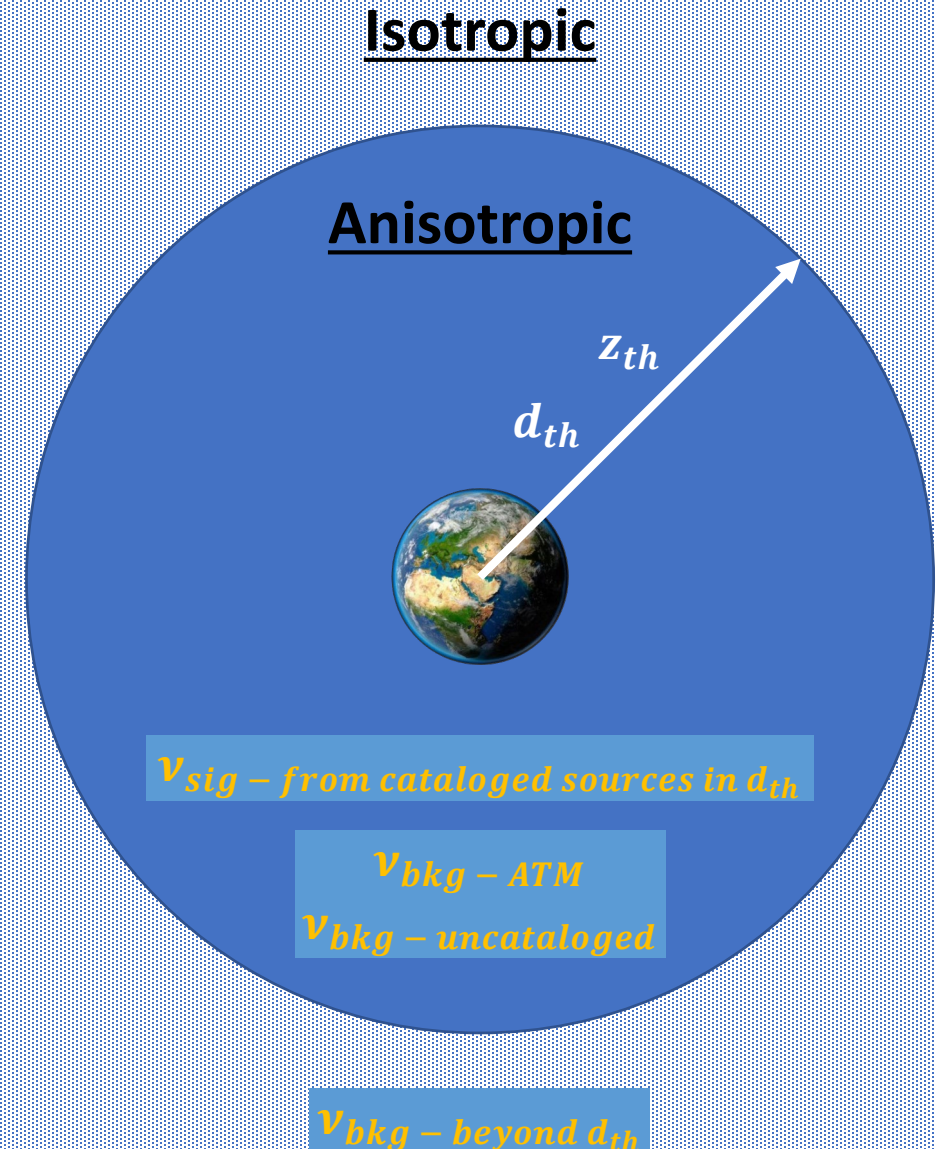
C. Method

D. Astrophysical source types

E. Fraction of neutrinos from within threshold distance

F. Comparison to previous work

Constraining the search to neutrinos emitted from known sources within  $d_{th}$  means, in effect, that neutrinos originating in these known sources will be the **signal neutrinos**, while **background neutrinos** will be those (i) originating in the atmosphere, (ii) from sources beyond  $d_{th}$ , and (iii) from uncataloged sources within  $d_{th}$ .



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### Tracks

- IceCube  $< 1^*$
- KM3NeT/ARCA  $< 0.3^*$

### Showers

- IceCube  $< 10^*$
- KM3NeT  $< \text{few}^*$

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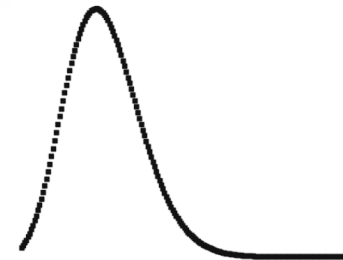
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- Expected sig & bkg neutrinos:

$$N_s = f_d(N_{\text{total}} - N_{\text{atm}})$$

$$N_b = N_{\text{total}} - N_s.$$

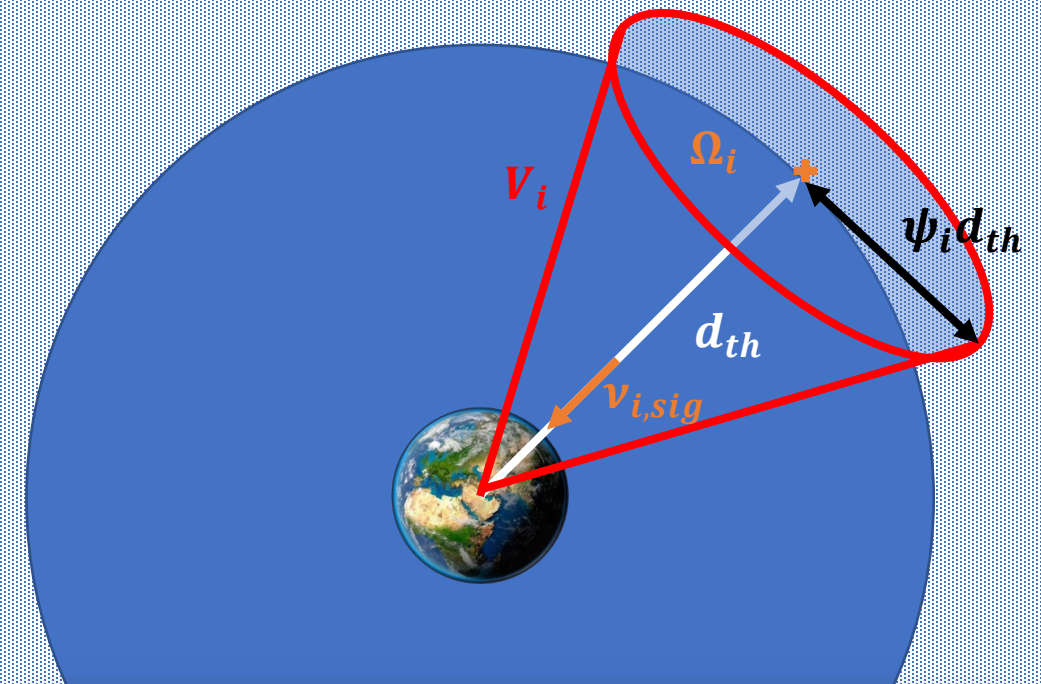


- Fraction of signal nu within dth:

$$f_d(z_{\text{th}}) = \Phi_\nu(z_{\text{th}})/\Phi_\nu(\infty)$$

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We calculate the expected total neutrino flux from sources within  $V_i$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}_{\nu,i} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_j L_{\nu,j} d_j^{-2}, \quad (3)$$

where  $L_{\nu,j}$  is the neutrino luminosity of source  $j$  and the sum is over the sources within  $V_i$ .

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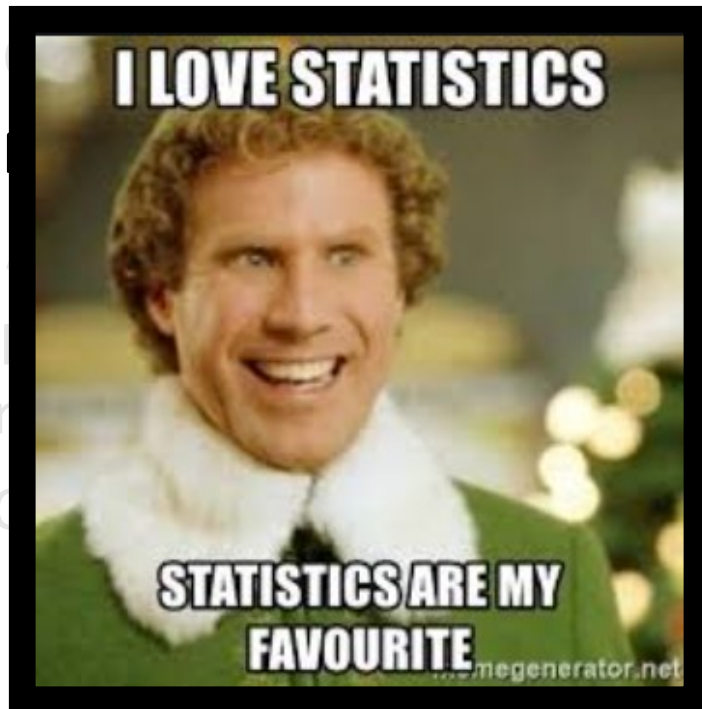
B. Search volume

C. Search efficiency

D. Search sensitivity

E. Search threshold

F. Search results



• PDF's:

$$\mathcal{B}_i = \text{const.}$$

$$\mathcal{S}_i \propto \frac{\mathcal{F}_{\nu,i}}{\sin^2(\psi_i)}$$

• Likelihood:

$$\mathcal{L}(N_s, N_{\text{total}}) = \prod_i \left( \frac{N_s}{N_{\text{total}}} \mathcal{S}_i + \frac{N_b}{N_{\text{total}}} \mathcal{B}_i \right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(0, N_{\text{total}}) = \prod_i \left( \frac{N_b}{N_{\text{total}}} \mathcal{B}_i \right)$$

• Likelihoodratio:

$$\lambda = 2 \log \left[ \frac{\mathcal{L}(N_s, N_{\text{total}})}{\mathcal{L}(0, N_{\text{total}})} \right]$$

• P-value:

$$p_\lambda = \int_\lambda^\infty P_{\text{bg}}(\lambda') d\lambda'$$

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## Local source densities & emission profiles

(i) Starburst galaxies

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{starburst} &= 10^{-4} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \\ \nu \text{ emission} &\Leftrightarrow \text{SFR} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Active Galactic Nuclei

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{agn} &= 10^{-5} - 10^{-4} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \\ \nu \text{ emission} &\Leftrightarrow \text{X-ray emiss. AGN} \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Blazars

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{blazar} &= 10^{-9} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \\ \nu \text{ emission} &\Leftrightarrow \text{X-ray emiss. AGN} \end{aligned}$$

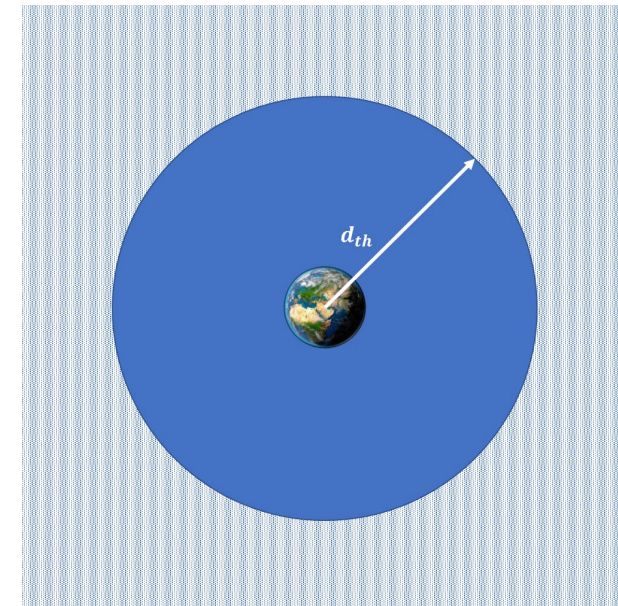
(iv) Galaxy clusters

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{gc} &= 5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ Mpc}^{-3} \\ \nu \text{ emission} &\Leftrightarrow (1+z)^3 \end{aligned}$$

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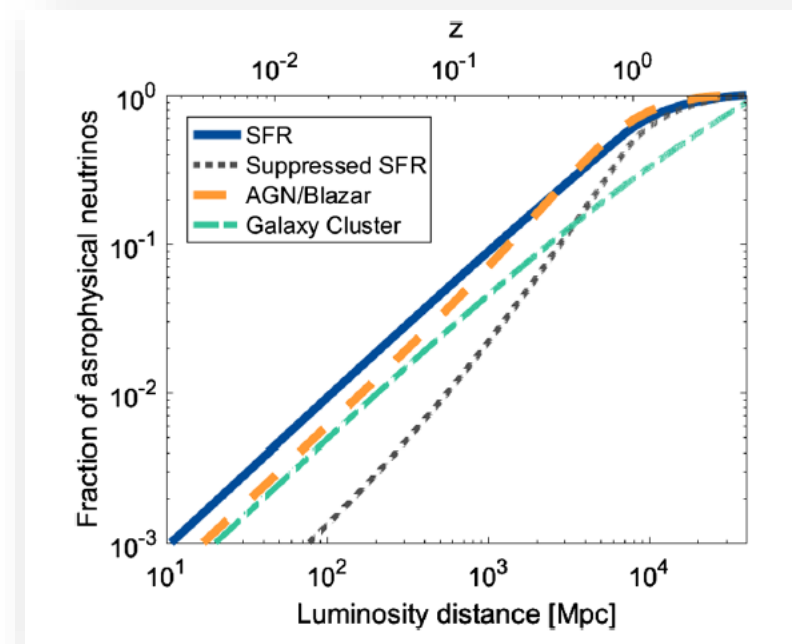
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Results are shown in Fig. 1. For all cases, to good approximation, we obtain the **linear relationship**  $f_d(d_{\text{th}}) = f_0(d_{\text{th}}/1 \text{ Mpc})$  for  $d_{\text{th}} \lesssim 1 \text{ Gpc}$ . This is not surprising, as we expect such a linear relationship for the no-evolution case as well.



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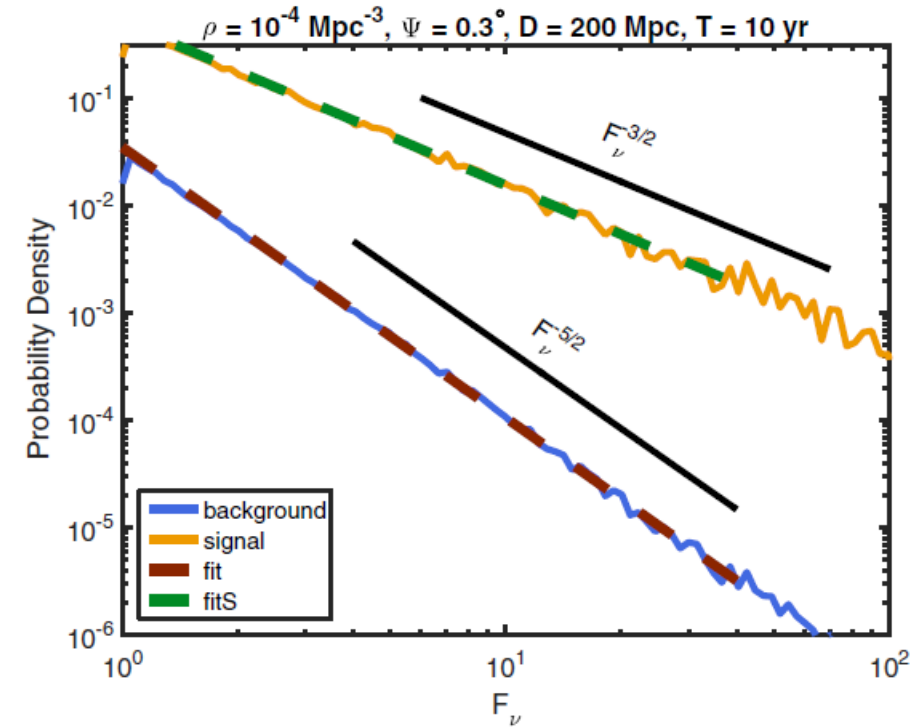


FIG. 2. Simulated distribution of neutrino flux  $\mathcal{F}_\nu$  corresponding to signal and background neutrinos. This example shows the densities for  $\psi = 0.3^\circ$ ,  $d_{\text{th}} = 200 \text{ Mpc}$ , for starburst galaxies. The dashed red line shows a power-law fit on the background density's tail. The black solid lines show power-law slopes with  $\mathcal{F}_\nu^{-3/2}$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\nu^{-5/2}$ , the theoretical expectations for the signal and neutrino models, respectively, for the case in which the expected number of sources within  $d_{\text{th}}$  coincident with a neutrino is  $\ll 1$ .

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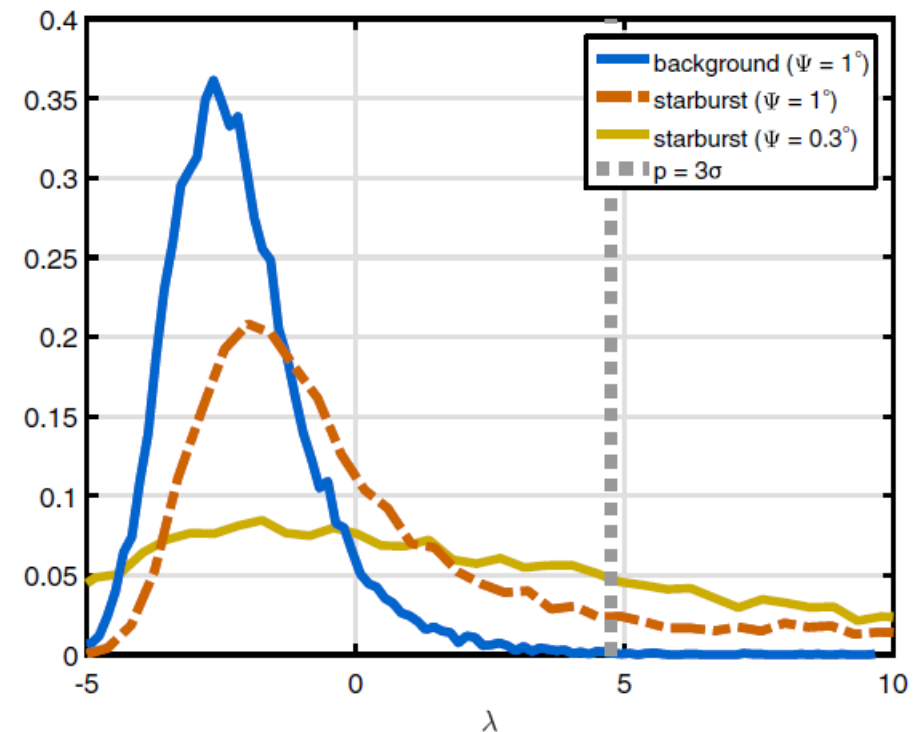


FIG. 3. Simulated distributions of likelihood ratio  $\lambda$  for the signal + background and background-only models. This example shows the distributions for  $d_{\text{th}} = 200$  Mpc,  $T_{\text{obs}} = 10$  yr, for starburst galaxies, and with angular uncertainties specified in the legend. The vertical dashed line shows the likelihood ratio corresponding to the  $p = 3\sigma$  p-value from the background distribution.

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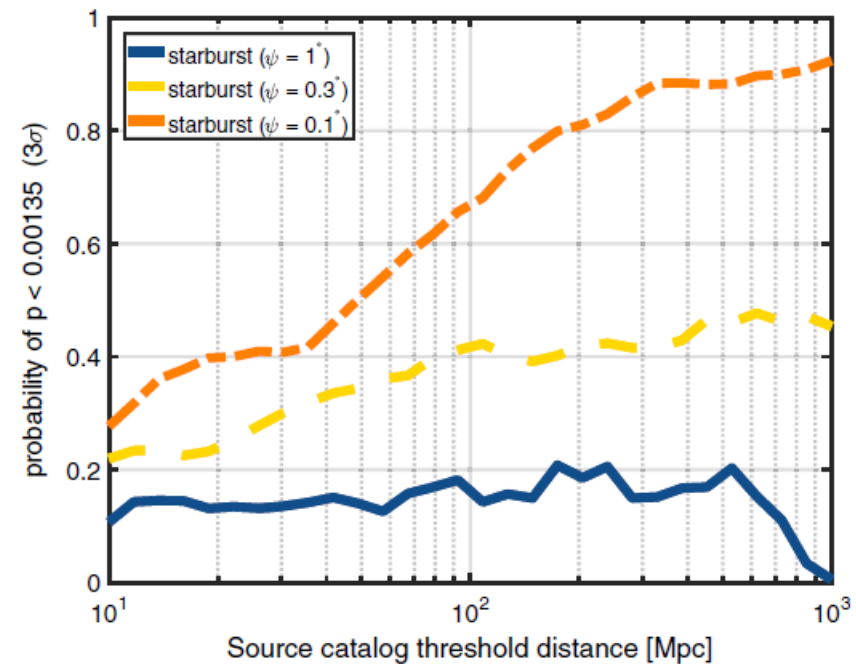


FIG. 4. Probability of a signal + background observation having a  $p\text{-value} \leq p_0 = 3\sigma = 0.00135$  as a function of threshold distance  $d_{\text{th}}$ , for different angular uncertainties (see the legend). The results are obtained using the starburst-galaxy model, assuming  $T_{\text{obs}} = 10$  yr with IceCube-Gen2 for the highest energy ( $\geq 30$  TeV) neutrinos.

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- Catalog completeness

- Starburst galaxy
  - $Z < 0.03 \rightarrow$  close to complete
- Galaxy catalogs in the local Universe
  - $< 100 \text{ Mpc} \rightarrow 80\%$  complete
  - $< 200 \text{ Mpc} \rightarrow 40\%$  complete
- AGN
  - $Z < 0.1 \rightarrow 10\%$  complete
- Blazars
  - ...  $\rightarrow 80\%$  complete
- Galaxy Clusters
  - $Z < 3 \rightarrow$  complete

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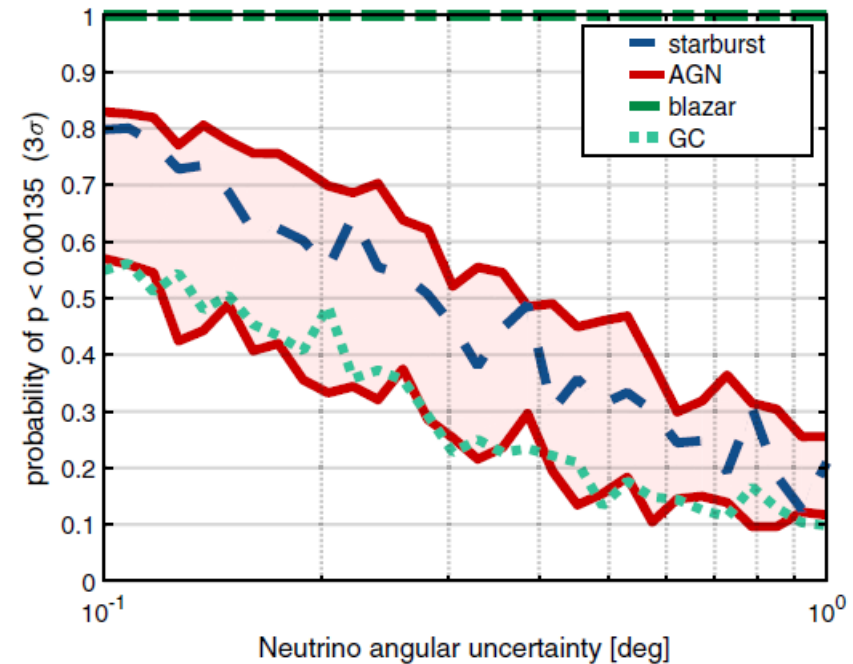


FIG. 5. Probability of a signal + background observation having a  $p$ -value  $\leq p_0 = 0.00135$  ( $3\sigma$ ) as a function of neutrino angular uncertainty, for different source assumptions (see the legend). For AGN, the spread corresponds to the range  $10^{-5}$ – $10^{-4}$   $\text{Mpc}^{-3}$  source density. The results are obtained assuming  $T_{\text{obs}} = 10$  yr with IceCube-Gen2 in the Sunflower 240 configuration, for the highest energies with  $>24$  TeV neutrinos, corresponding to a detection rate of 36 astrophysical and 36 atmospheric neutrinos per year.

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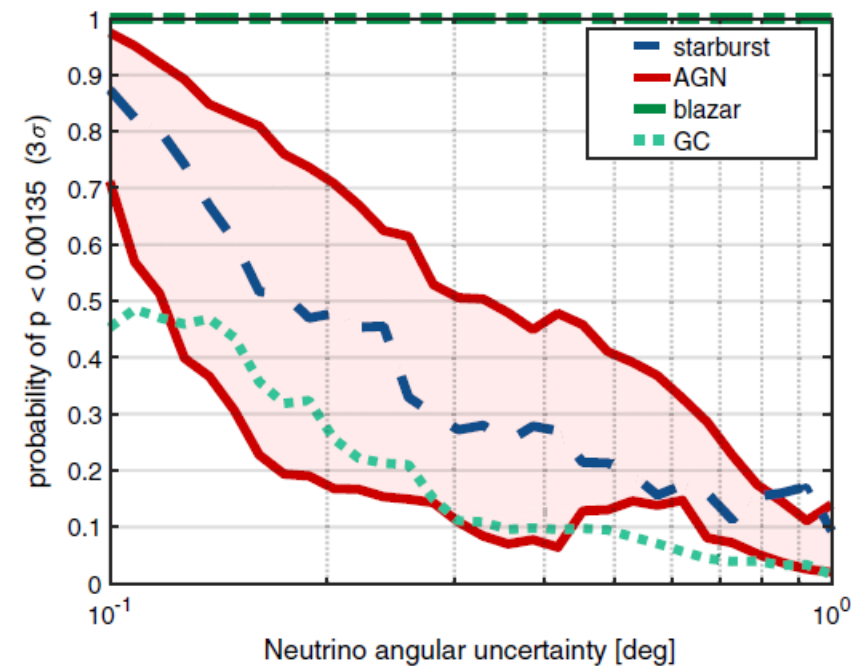


FIG. 6. (Same as Fig. 5, but for the low-threshold neutrino search.) Probability of a signal + background model having a p-value  $\leq p_0 = 0.00135$  ( $3\sigma$ ) as a function of neutrino angular uncertainty for a low-threshold ( $> 1$  TeV) neutrino search, for different source models (see the legend). The results are obtained assuming  $T_{\text{obs}} = 10$  yr with IceCube-Gen2.

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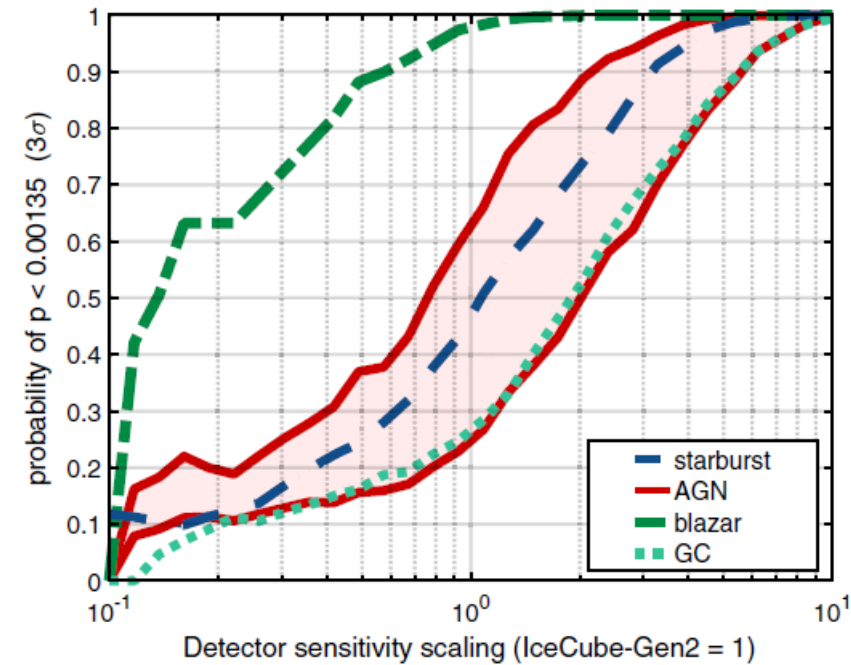


FIG. 7. Probability of a signal + background observation having a  $p$ -value  $\leq p_0 = 0.00135$  ( $3\sigma$ ) as a function of the number of detected neutrinos. The x axis is normalized to the case of IceCube-Gen2 in the Sunflower 240 configuration, for the highest energies with  $> 24$  TeV neutrinos, which corresponds to a detection rate of 36 astrophysical and 36 atmospheric neutrinos per year. We show results for different source assumptions (see the legend). The number of both astrophysical and atmospheric neutrinos is scaled identically. For AGN, the spread corresponds to the range  $10^{-5}$ – $10^{-4}$   $\text{Mpc}^{-3}$  source density. The results are obtained assuming an angular uncertainty of  $0.3^\circ$  and  $T_{\text{obs}} = 10$  yr.

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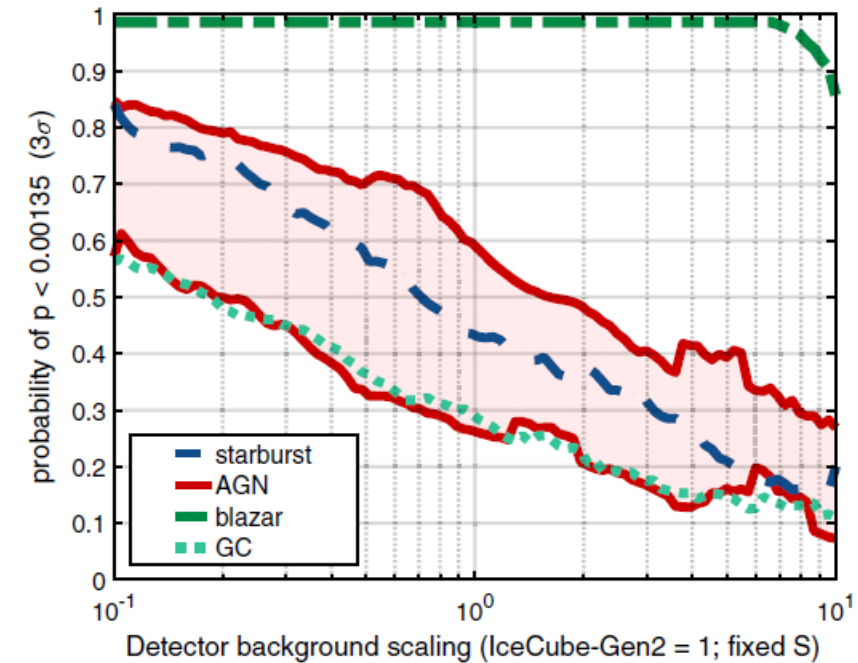


FIG. 8. Probability of a signal + background observation having a  $p$ -value  $\leq p_0 = 0.00135$  ( $3\sigma$ ) as a function of the number of detected atmospheric neutrinos. The x axis is normalized to the case of IceCube-Gen2 in the Sunflower 240 configuration, for the highest energies with  $> 24$  TeV neutrinos, which corresponds to a detection rate of 36 atmospheric neutrinos per year. The detection rate of astrophysical neutrinos is kept fixed at  $36 \text{ yr}^{-1}$ . We show results for different source assumptions (see the legend). For AGN, the spread corresponds to the range  $10^{-5}$ – $10^{-4} \text{ Mpc}^{-3}$  source density. The results are obtained assuming an angular uncertainty of  $0.3^\circ$ , and  $T_{\text{obs}} = 10 \text{ yr}$ .

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- If Starburst galaxies have steeper cosmic evolution than the SFR
- Suppressed fraction of local neutrino emission

# IV. Conclusion + Future

- (i) *Identification of challenging source types.*—Our main conclusion is that it may be feasible to identify the source population of the origin of high-energy neutrinos even for some of the challenging source types such as starburst galaxies or AGN using next generation high-energy neutrino observatories. Strong cosmic evolution, nevertheless, reduces the probability of source identification.
- (ii) *Source catalogs are beneficial.*—Search sensitivity using a source catalog exceeds that of using only the closest sources, and beyond some threshold distance, extending the source catalog further brings only marginal improvement.

**Abstract:** *IceCube-Gen2 can statistically establish the origin of cosmic neutrinos for starburst galaxies, AGN, or galaxy clusters – if neutrino track directions can be reconstructed with a precision  $\sim 0.3^\circ$ .*

- (iii) *Required catalog depth.*—We find that, for typical angular resolutions  $\psi \gtrsim 0.3^\circ$ , it is viable to have a complete source catalog out to  $\sim 100$  Mpc. A complete catalog out to this distance cannot be significantly improved by going to higher distances, except if high accuracy direction reconstruction is available ( $\psi \lesssim 0.1^\circ$ ), or for lower number-density source types such as blazars. This is good news, since it is difficult to assemble complete source catalogs for distances much farther than 100 Mpc for most source types.
- (iv) *Role of detector characteristics.*—We examined the role of the detector's (i) angular resolution, (ii) size, and (iii) veto capability in source identification. We characterized results in comparison to IceCube-Gen2 in the Sunflower 240 configuration with a search for the highest energies with  $> 24$  TeV neutrinos, with typical angular uncertainty of  $0.3^\circ$ . Size was assumed to identically change  $R_{\nu,\text{ast}}$  and  $R_{\nu,\text{atm}}$ , while veto capability changes  $R_{\nu,\text{atm}}$  only. We find that, for angular resolution and detector size, a factor of 2 change corresponds to a change in identification probability,  $P$ , of roughly 20%. The dependence is somewhat weaker for veto power.

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I like them! As long as the papers are relevant/new/interesting. I learnt things I wouldn't usually, as well as reading papers I wouldn't not from Brian

I like the paper meetings.

I like it. But people should read it. I found the discussion good. Sometimes we need to followup things.

I like it. More general introduction

Very nice, especially the discussion.

We should read more papers :)

Maybe we could define some goals like proposing an improvement or highlight a good point of it, ...

I like it, we should have them more often! Maybe find some somewhat tangential papers too?

I like them!

good exercise, side discussions on different topics are also valuable

 Mentimeter

**What do you think of the paper meetings & what do you like / how to improve?**



# Back-up Slides



# ICECUBE

SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY



**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

IceTop

1450 m

86 strings of DOMs,  
set 125 meters apart

2450 m

IceCube  
detector

DeepCore

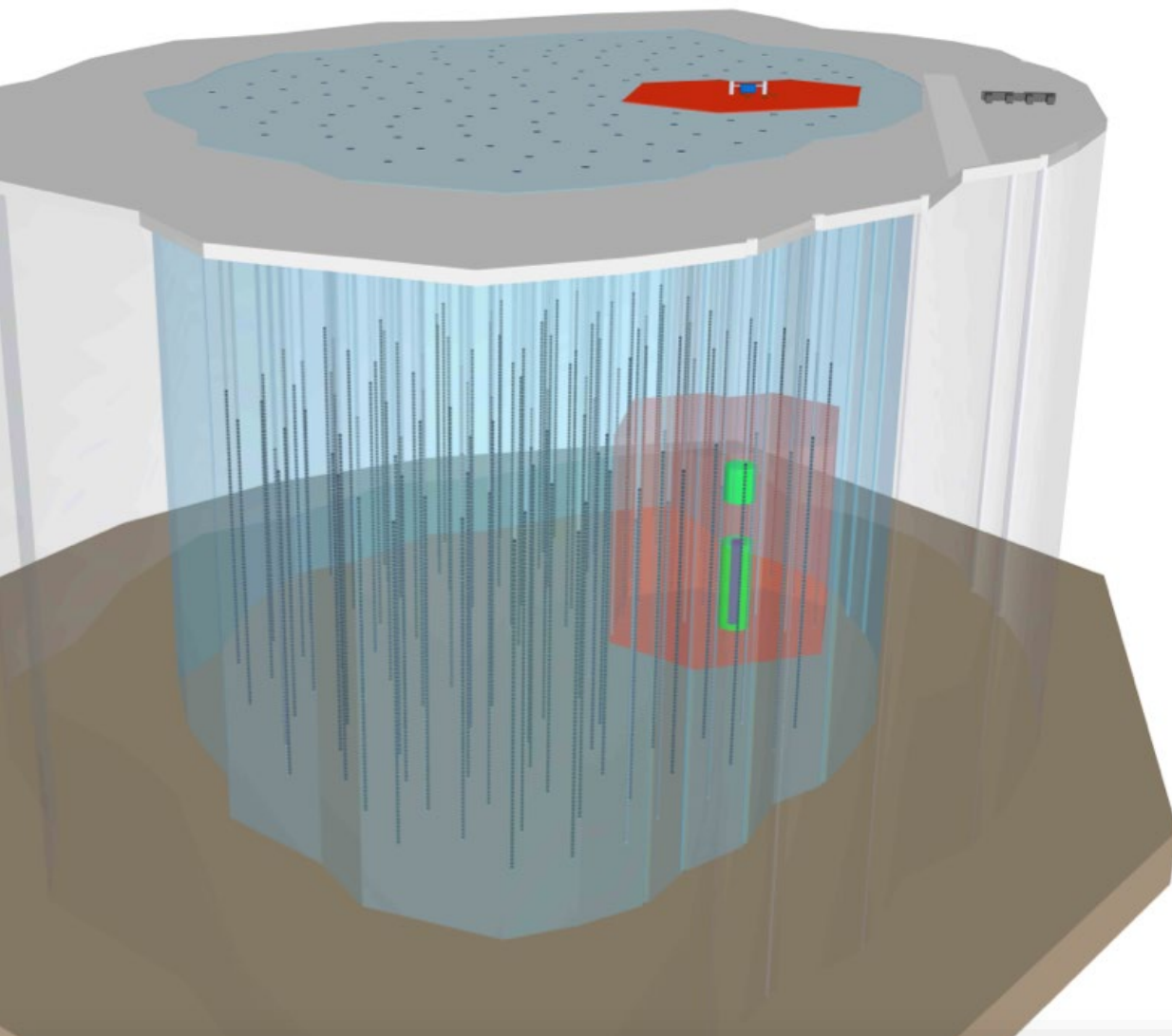
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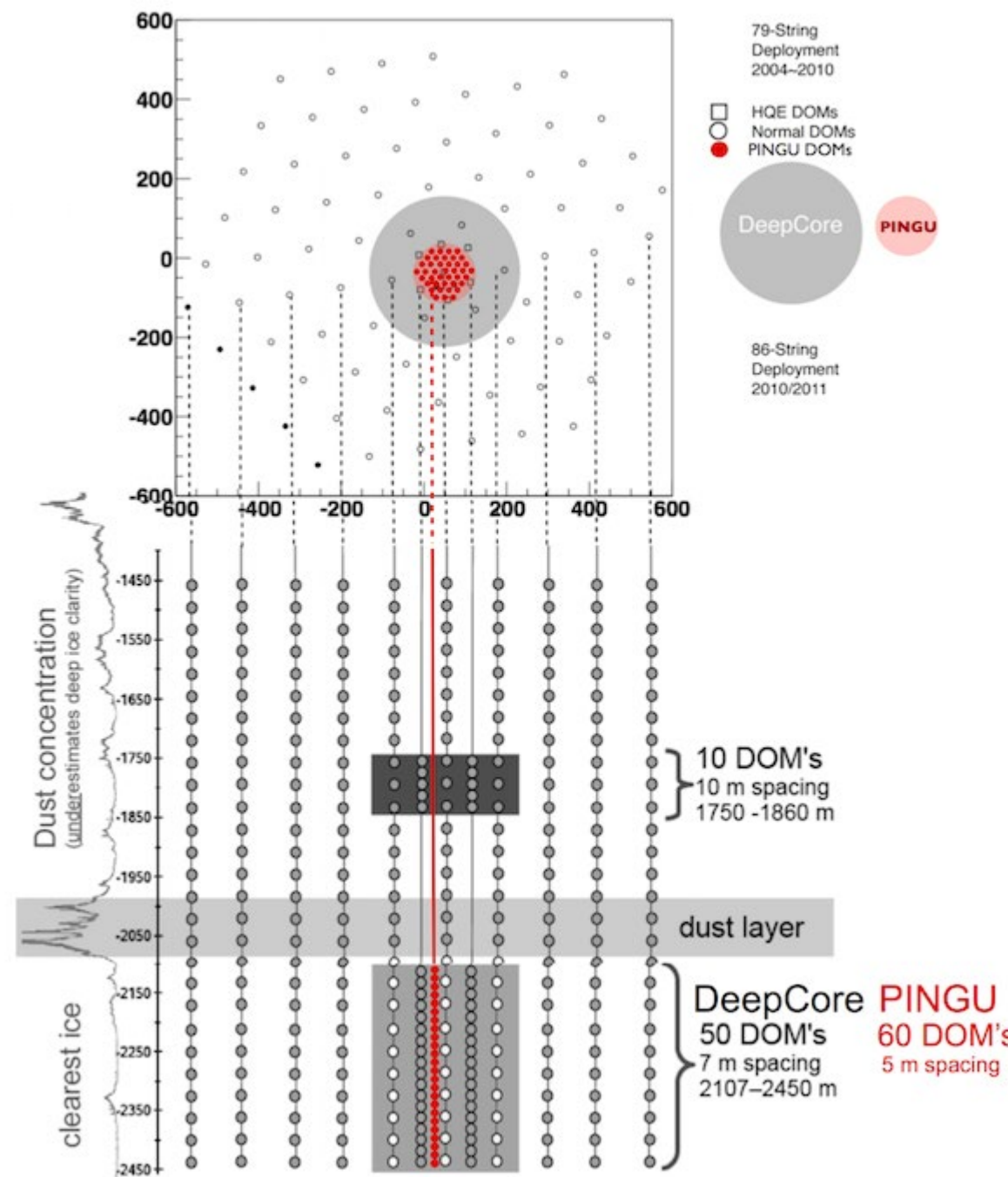
60 DOMs  
on each  
string

DOMs  
are 17  
meters  
apart





A possible IceCube-Gen2 configuration. IceCube, in red, and the infill subdetector DeepCore, in green, show the current configuration. The blue volume shows the full instrumented next-generation detector, with PINGU displayed in grey as a denser infill extension within DeepCore.



# Ice cube sunflower layout

flux scales with the rate of cascade events, and thus the instrumented volume. Several geometries are under consideration for the high-energy array, with instrumented volumes ranging from 6.2 to 9.5 km<sup>3</sup>. Each detector geometry strikes a different compromise between projected area and contained volume. For the studies described here we focus on the “sunflower” layout shown in Fig. 1.

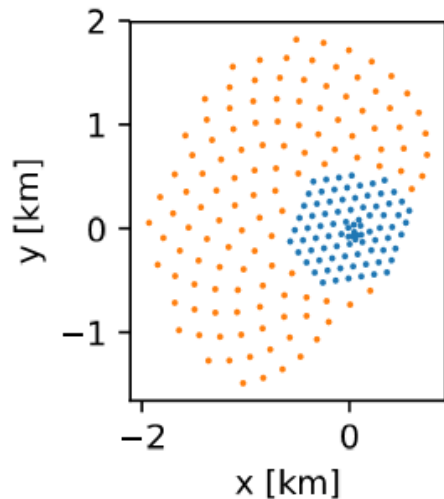
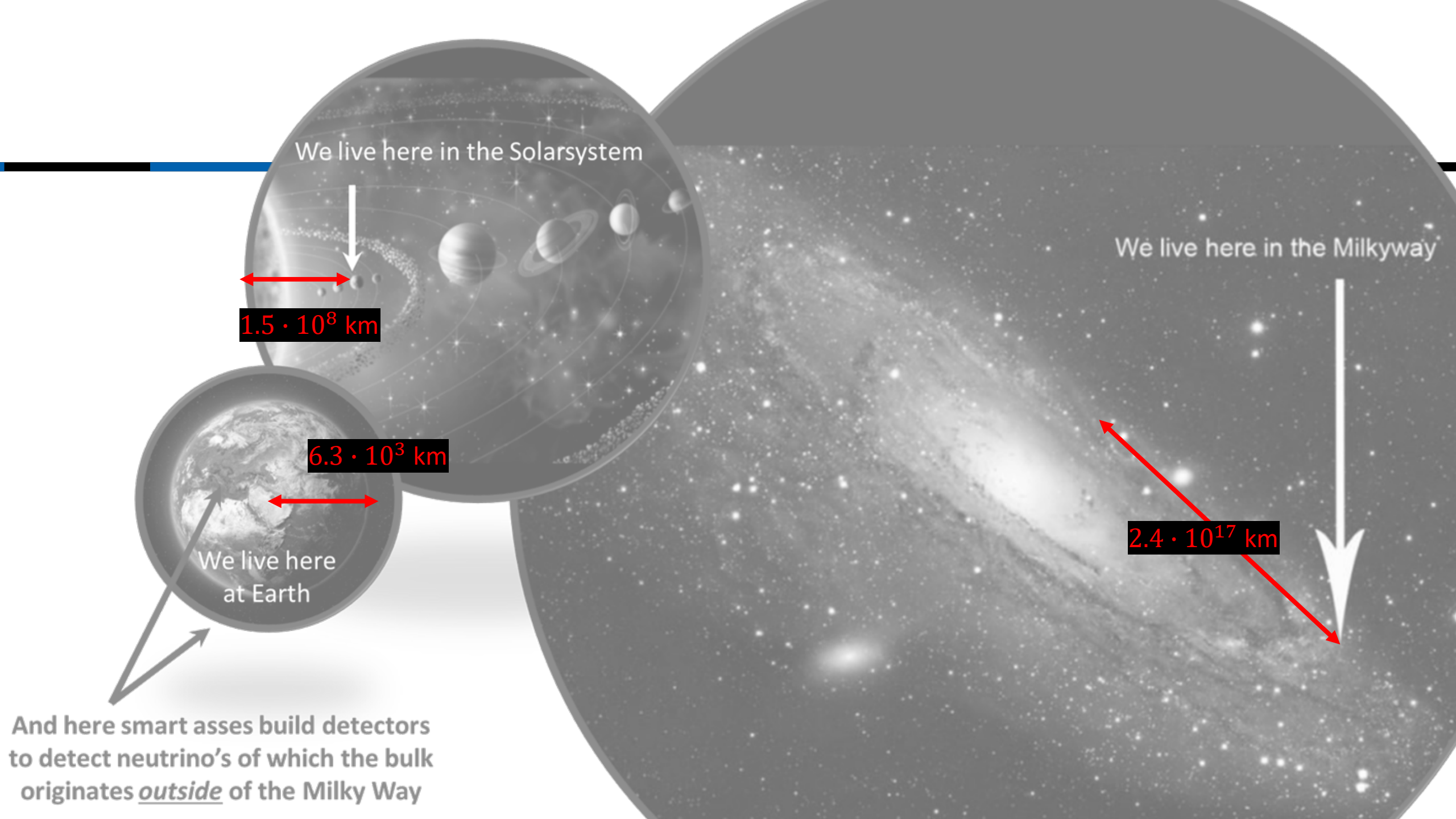


Figure 1: View of IceCube-Gen2 strings from above in the “sunflower” layout. The 120 new strings (shown as orange points) are spaced 240 m apart and instrumented with 80 optical modules over a vertical length of 1.25 km. The total instrumented volume is 7.9 km<sup>3</sup>, nearly 10 times larger than IceCube alone (blue points).

# List of Assumptions (probably forgot a few)

1. “**Assume** that we know the the expected number  $N_{atm}$  within the total from atmospheric contribution models” (p.2)
2. “**assume** that  $L_\nu$  is identical for all sources within a given source type” (p.2, 4)
3. “for **simplicity**, we do not make use of the energy of the neutrino” (p.3)
4. “For **simplicity**, we will omit this maxismization.”
5. “**assume** that all cosmic neutrinos orginate from the same source type” (p.4)
6. “We **assume** a power-law source spectrum  $\epsilon_\nu^\gamma$ ” (p.4)
7. “For the case of starburst galaxies, we **assume** that neutrino emission tracks the cosmic SFR” (p.4)
8. “For AGN and blazars, we **assume** that neutrino emission tracks the hard X-ray emission of AGN” (p.4)
8. “For GC’s, we **adopt** an evolution of  $(1 + z)^3$ ” (p.4)
9. “We **assume** an astrophysical flux of
$$0.9 \cdot 10^{-18} \left( \frac{E}{100\text{TeV}} \right)^{-2.13} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$
as measured in Ref. [37]. (p.4)
11. We **consider** all neutrinos having the same angular uncertainty  $\psi$ .” (p.5)
12. “We **assume** that the true neutrino direction is uniformly distributed within  $\psi$ . (p.5)
13. In the paper they only consider 1 type to be the source of all neutrino’s => what about a combination AGN + blazar + stg + gc?



We live here in the Solarsystem

$1.5 \cdot 10^8$  km

$6.3 \cdot 10^3$  km

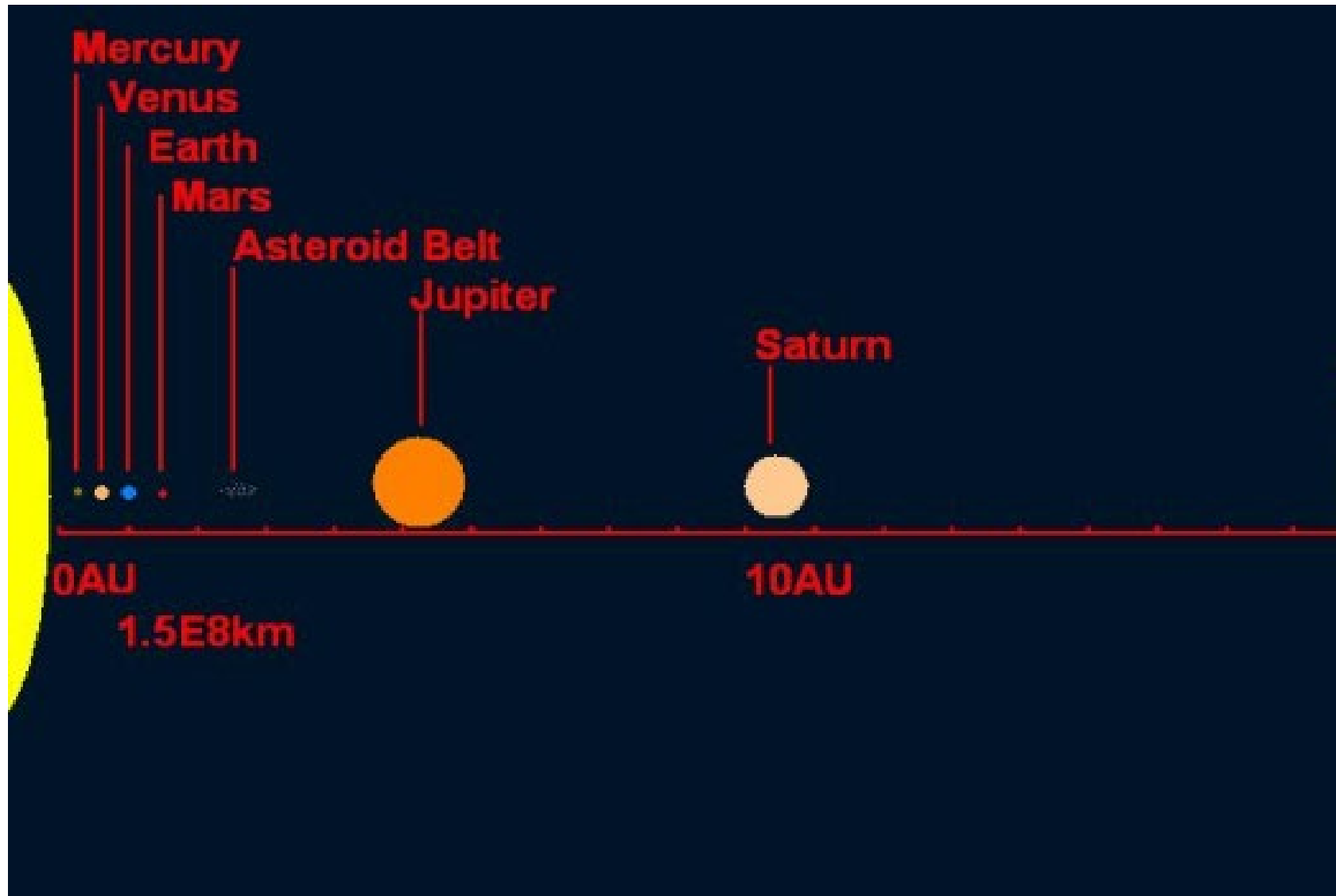
We live here  
at Earth

We live here in the Milkyway

$2.4 \cdot 10^{17}$  km

And here smart asses build detectors  
to detect neutrino's of which the bulk  
originates outside of the Milky Way

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### • Flux

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### • High-threshold search ( $\geq 30 \text{ TeV}$ )

- $R_{\nu, ast} = 36 \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- $R_{\nu, atm} = 36 \text{ yr}^{-1}$

### • Low-threshold search ( $\geq 1 \text{ TeV}$ )

- $R_{\nu, ast} = 200 \text{ yr}^{-1}$
- $R_{\nu, atm} = 15000 \text{ yr}^{-1}$