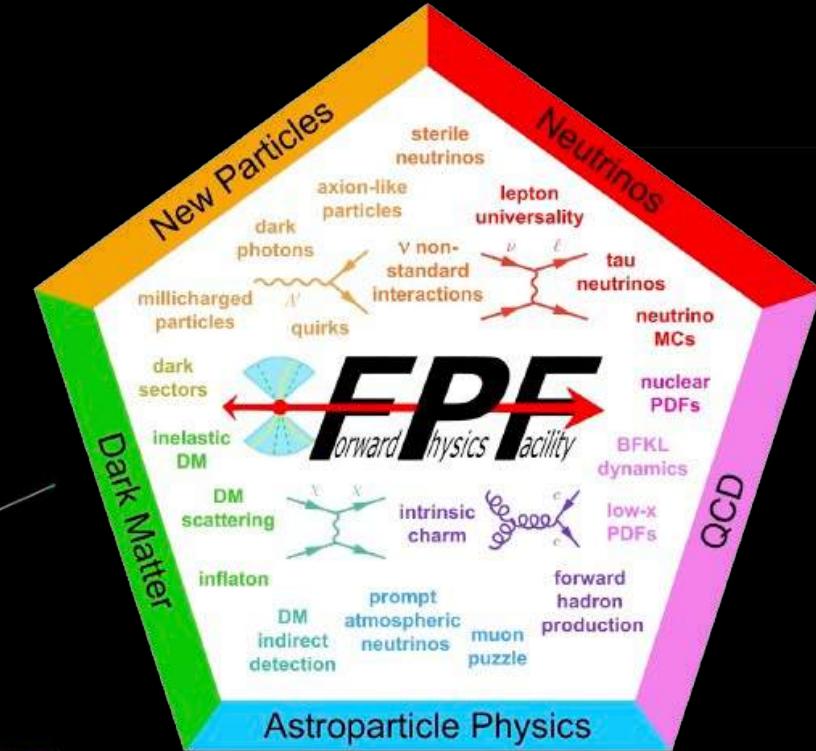
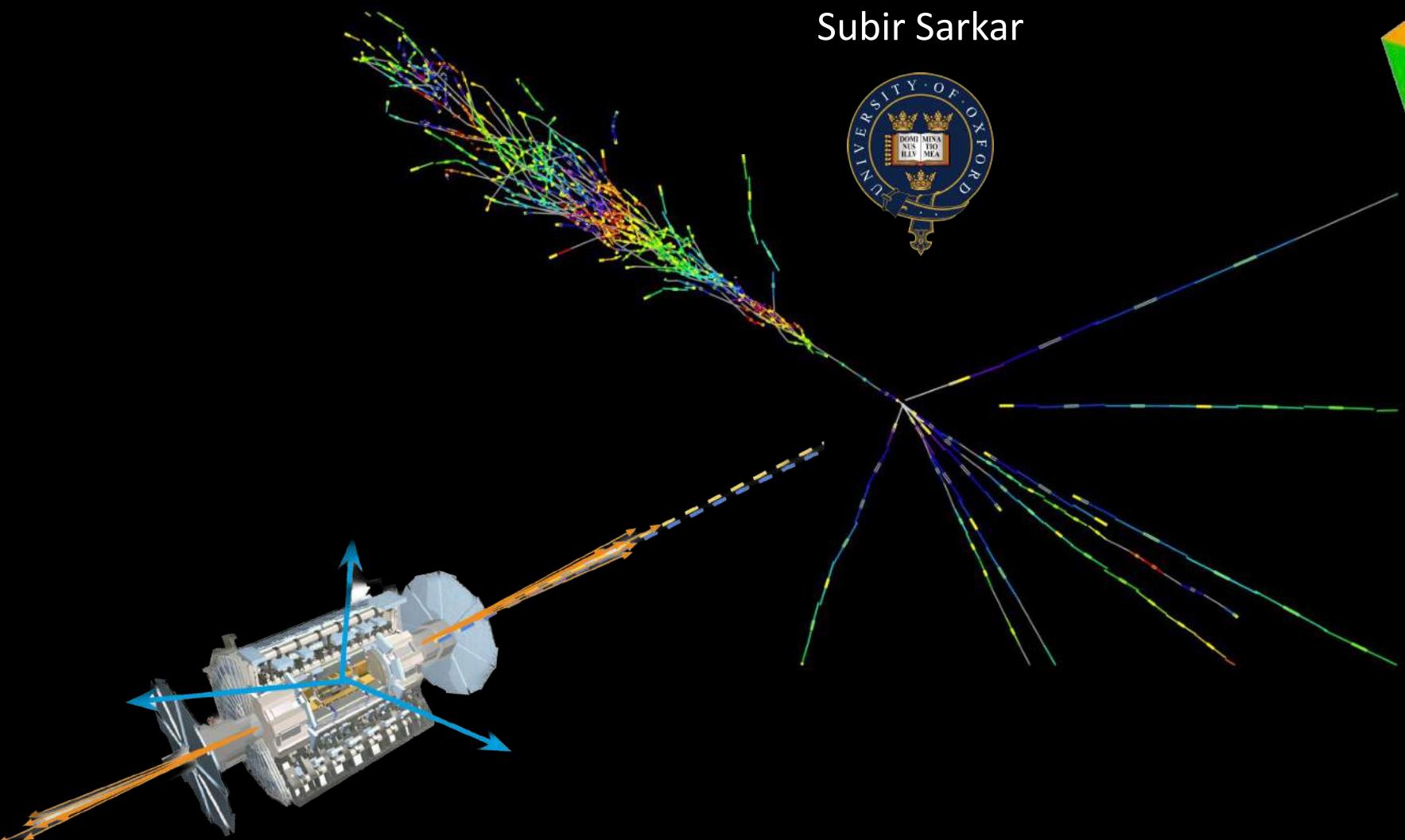


FPF: PHYSICS OPPORTUNITIES

(NEUTRINO, QCD, BSM, ASTROPARTICLE)

Subir Sarkar



NEUTRINO AND MUON PHYSICS IN THE COLLIDER MODE OF FUTURE ACCELERATORS^{*)}

A. De Rújula and R. Rückl

CERN, Geneva, Switzerland

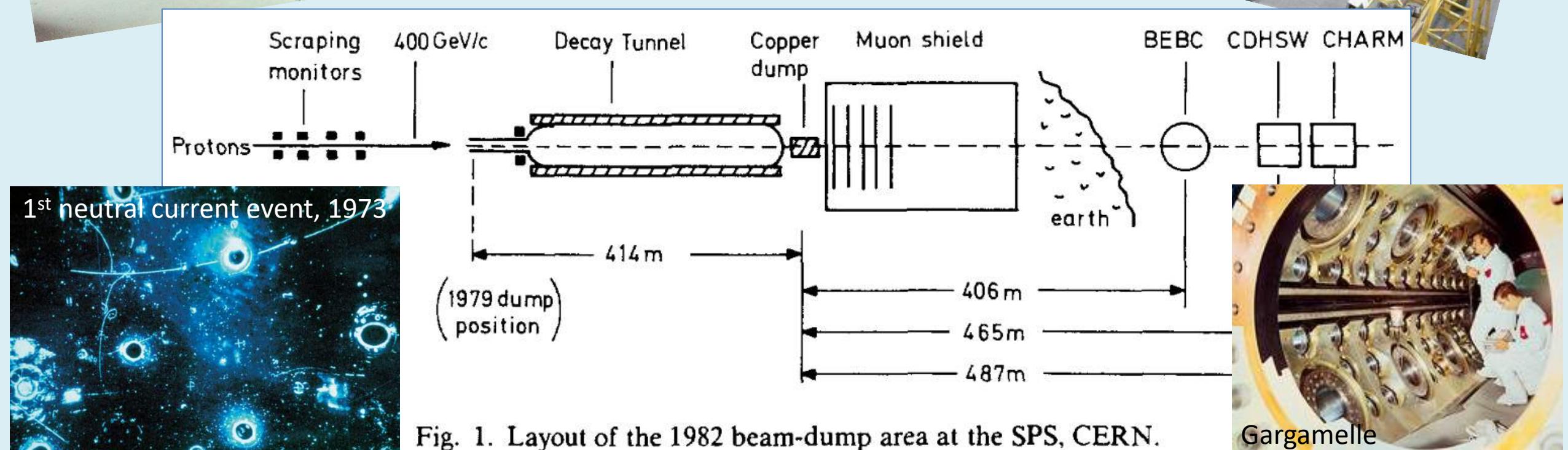
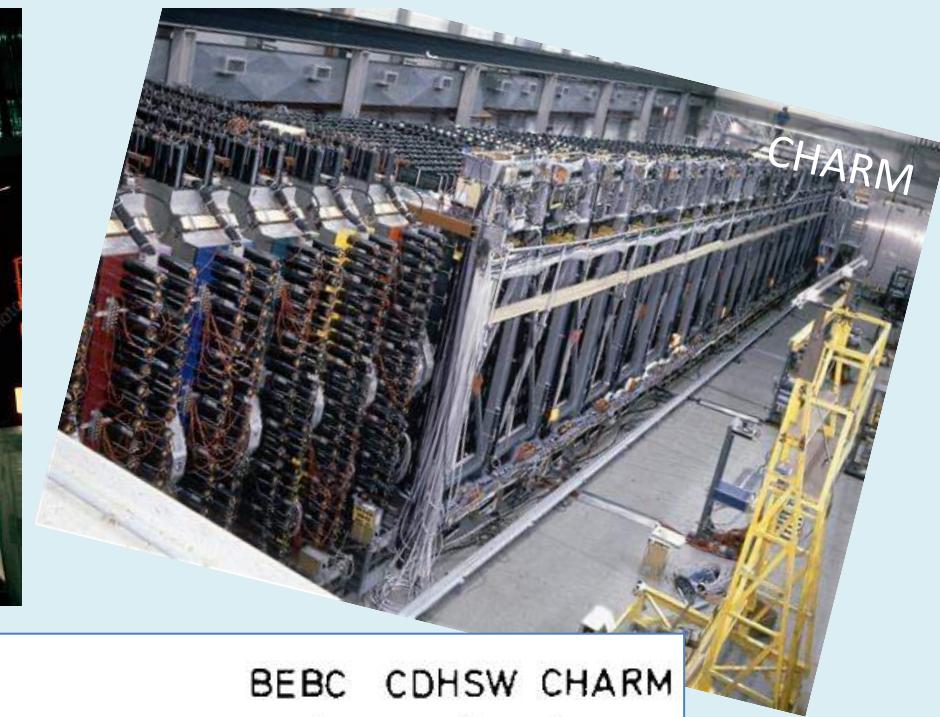
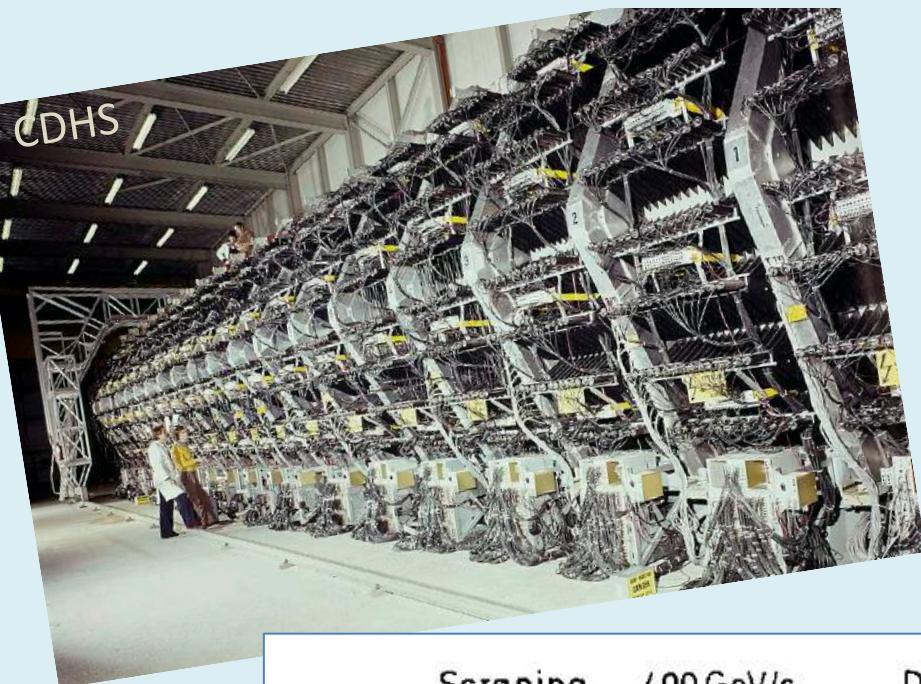
Proc. ECFA-CERN Workshop on large hadron collider in the LEP tunnel: 21-27 Mar 1984

ABSTRACT

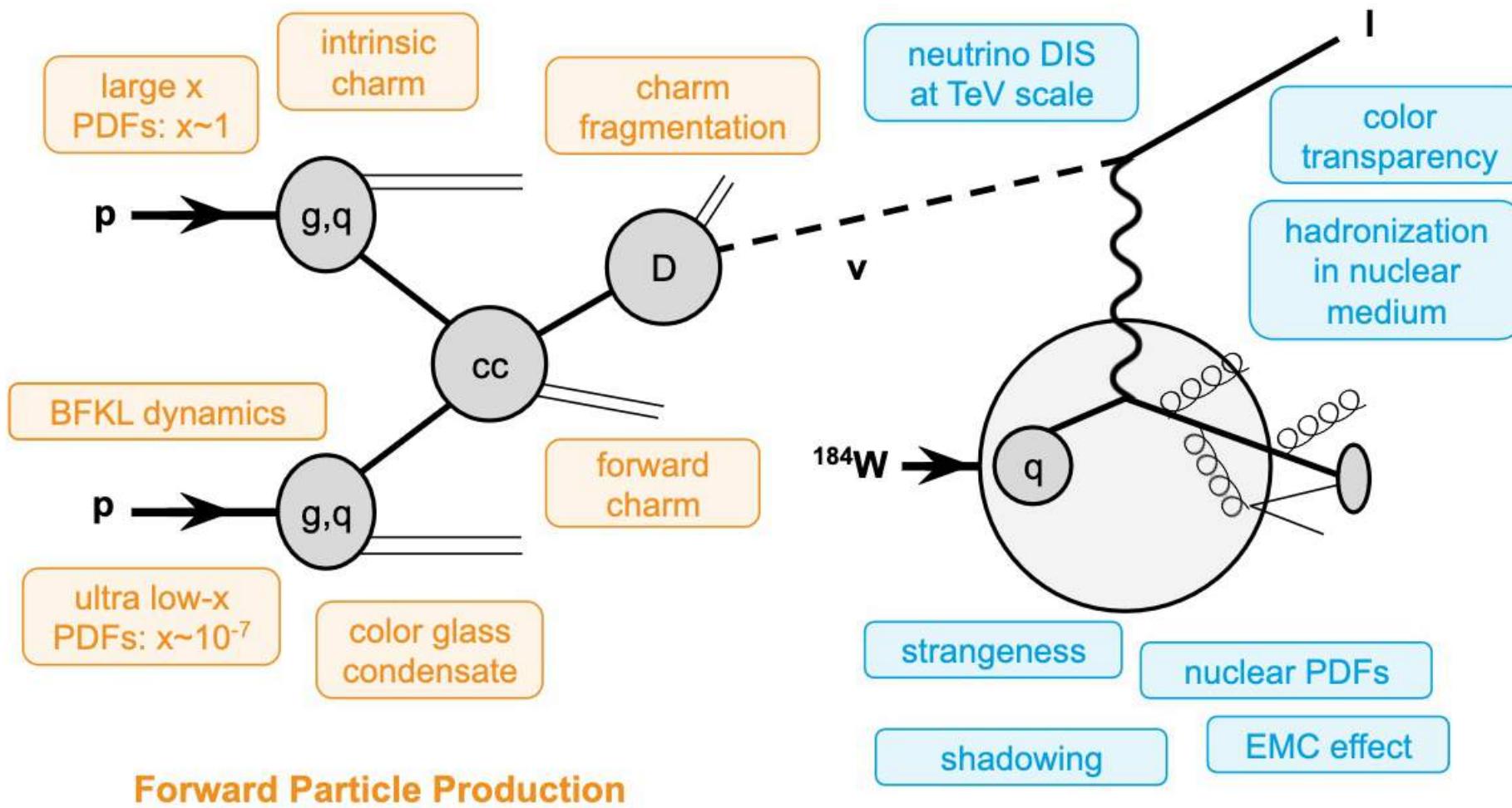
Extracted beams and fixed target facilities at future colliders (the SSC and the LHC) may be (respectively) impaired by economic and "ecological" considerations. Neutrino and muon physics in the multi-TeV range would appear not to be an option for these machines. We partially reverse this conclusion by estimating the characteristics of the "prompt" ν_μ , ν_e , ν_τ and μ beams necessarily produced (for free) at the pp or $\bar{p}p$ intersections. The neutrino beams from a high luminosity (pp) collider are not much less intense than the neutrino beam from the collider's dump, but require no muon shielding. The muon beams from the same intersections are intense and energetic enough to study up and μN interactions with considerable statistics and a Q^2 -coverage well beyond the presently available one. The physics program allowed by these lepton beams is a strong advocate of machines with the highest possible luminosity: pp (not $\bar{p}p$) colliders.

Forty years later, this vision is being realized ...

RECALL THIS WAS FOLLOWING A GLORIOUS ERA OF PIONEERING NEUTRINO EXPERIMENTS @ CERN



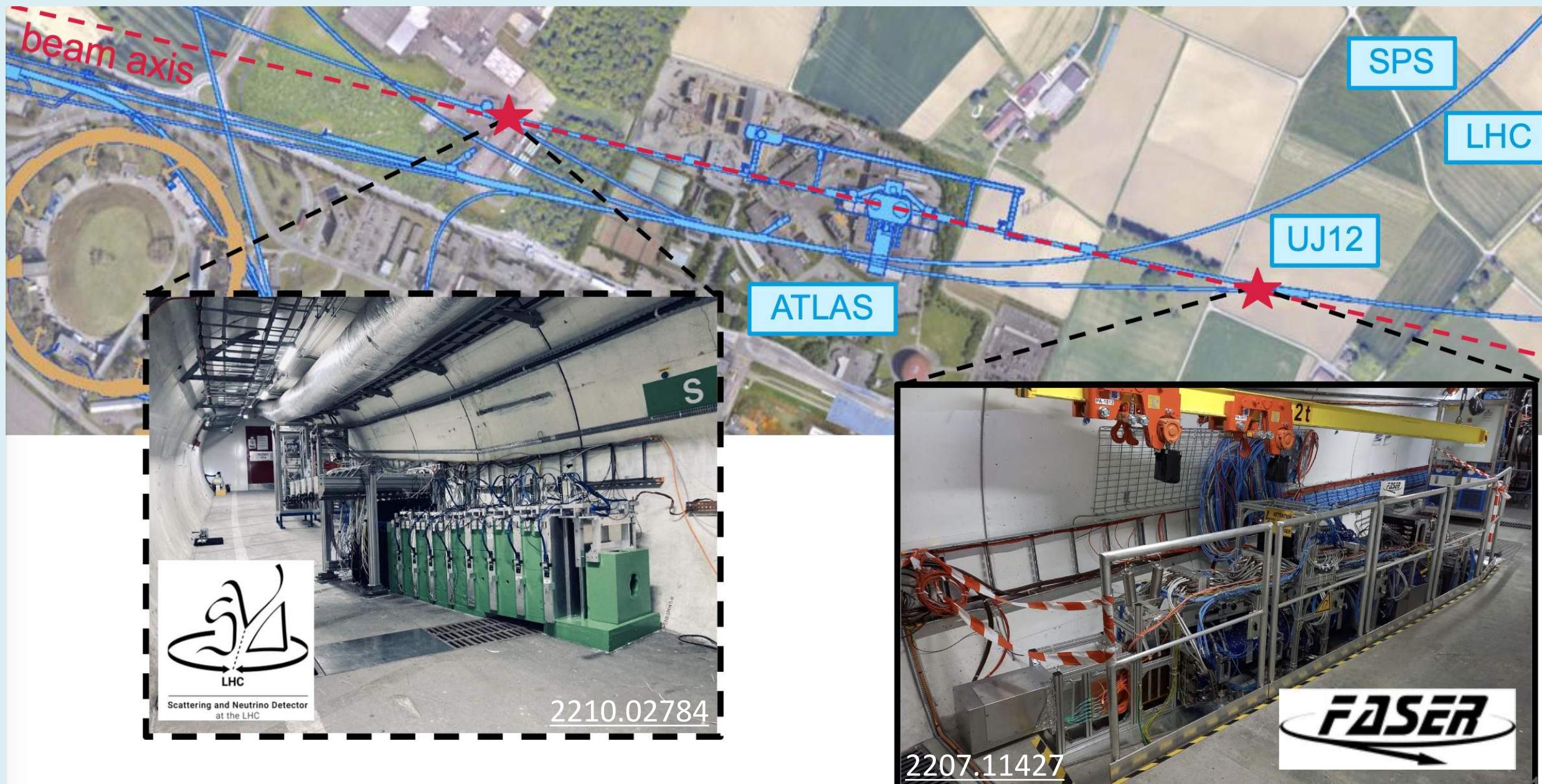
WHAT CAN WE DO WITH AN INTENSE BEAM OF TEV ENERGY NEUTRINOS?



Study interesting open issues in **QCD** – of relevance to **neutrino telescopes**; Study forward production of light hadrons – of relevance to **cosmic ray air shower arrays**; Search for **Beyond-Standard-Model** long-lived particles (axions, dark photons, heavy neutral leptons, milli-charged particles, scalar dark matter, quirks etc) – of relevance to **dark matter experiments**.

Feng et al, *J.Phys.G*50:030501,2023

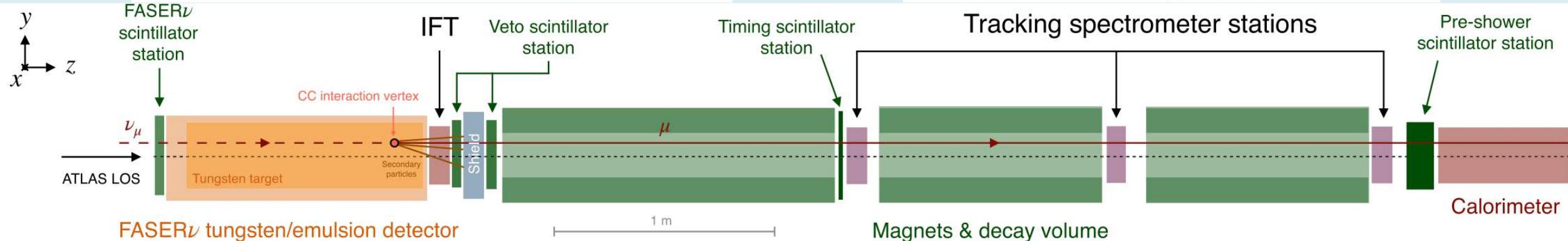
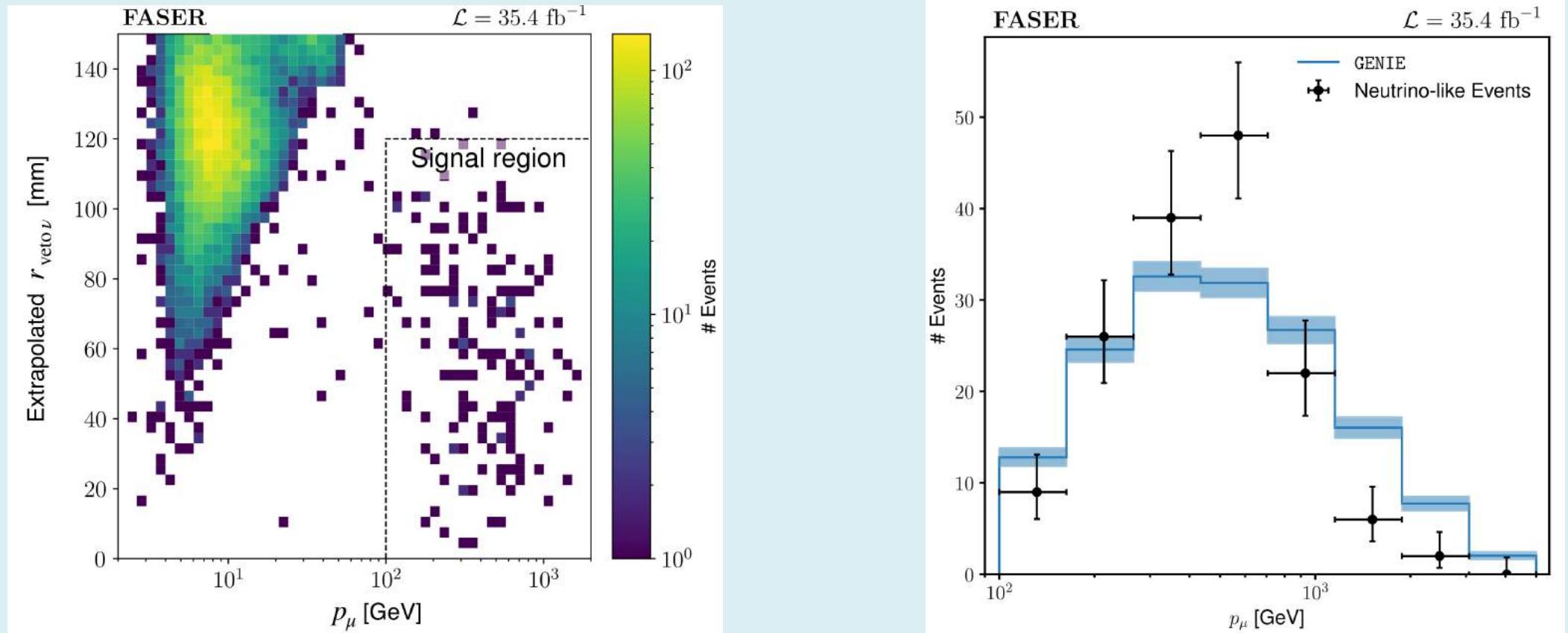
'PROOF-OF-PRINCIPLE' IN 2022 - WHEN 2 NEW EXPERIMENTS STARTED OPERATION @ CERN



"Until now, no neutrino produced at a particle collider has ever been directly detected"

THE DAWN OF COLLIDER NEUTRINO PHYSICS

~0.2 background events expected in signal region ... upon unblinding find 153 events with *no veto*



EXPECTED NEUTRINO FLUXES AT FORWARD PHYSICS FACILITY EXPERIMENTS

Detector				Number of CC Interactions		
Name	Mass	Coverage	Luminosity	$\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$	$\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$	$\nu_\tau + \bar{\nu}_\tau$
FASER ν	1 ton	$\eta \gtrsim 8.5$	150 fb^{-1}	901 / 3.4k	4.7k / 7.1k	15 / 97
SND@LHC	800kg	$7 < \eta < 8.5$	150 fb^{-1}	137 / 395	790 / 1.0k	7.6 / 18.6
FASER ν 2	20 tons	$\eta \gtrsim 8.5$	3 ab^{-1}	178k / 668k	943k / 1.4M	2.3k / 20k
FLArE	10 tons	$\eta \gtrsim 7.5$	3 ab^{-1}	36k / 113k	203k / 268k	1.5k / 4k
AdvSND	2 tons	$7.2 \lesssim \eta \lesssim 9.2$	3 ab^{-1}	6.5k / 20k	41k / 53k	190 / 754

Talk: Oliver Salin



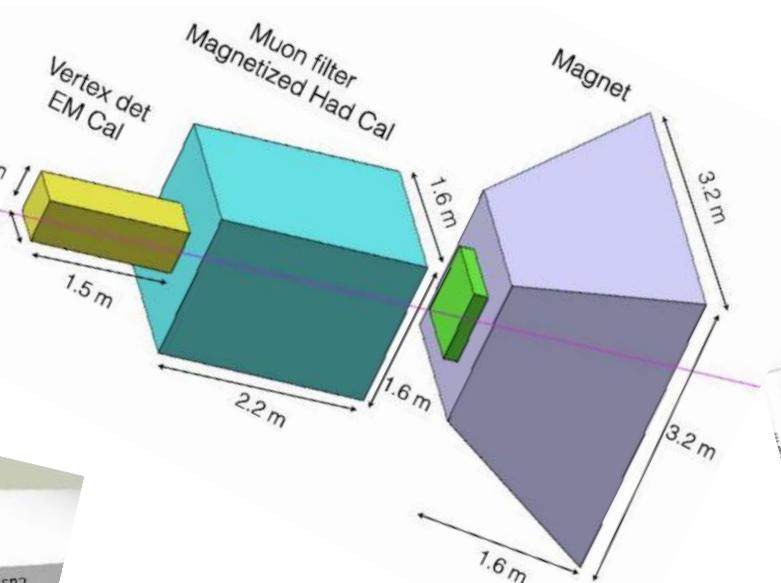
Talk: Akitaga Ariga

FASER ν 2
Emulsion/tungsten neutrino target
 $40 \text{ cm} \times 40 \text{ cm} \times 8 \text{ m}, 20 \text{ tons}$

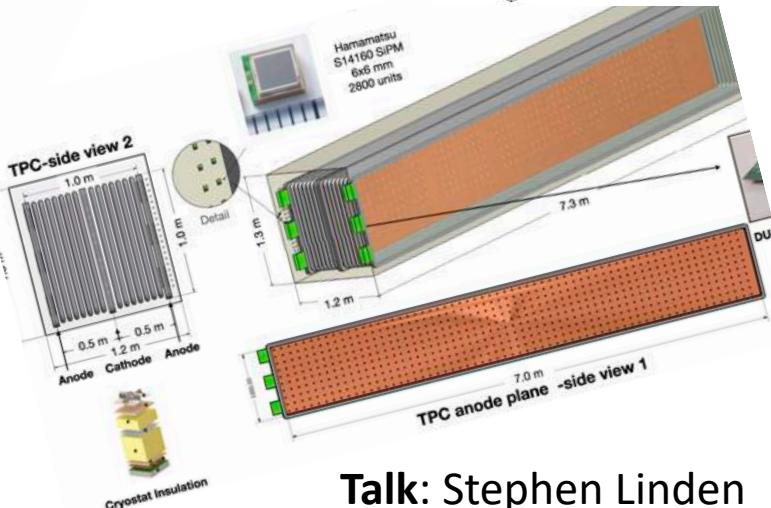
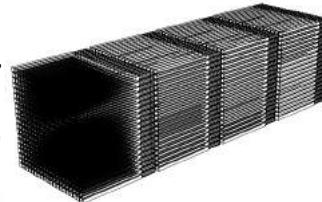
Veto
detector

Interface tracker

Talk: Giovanni De Lellis

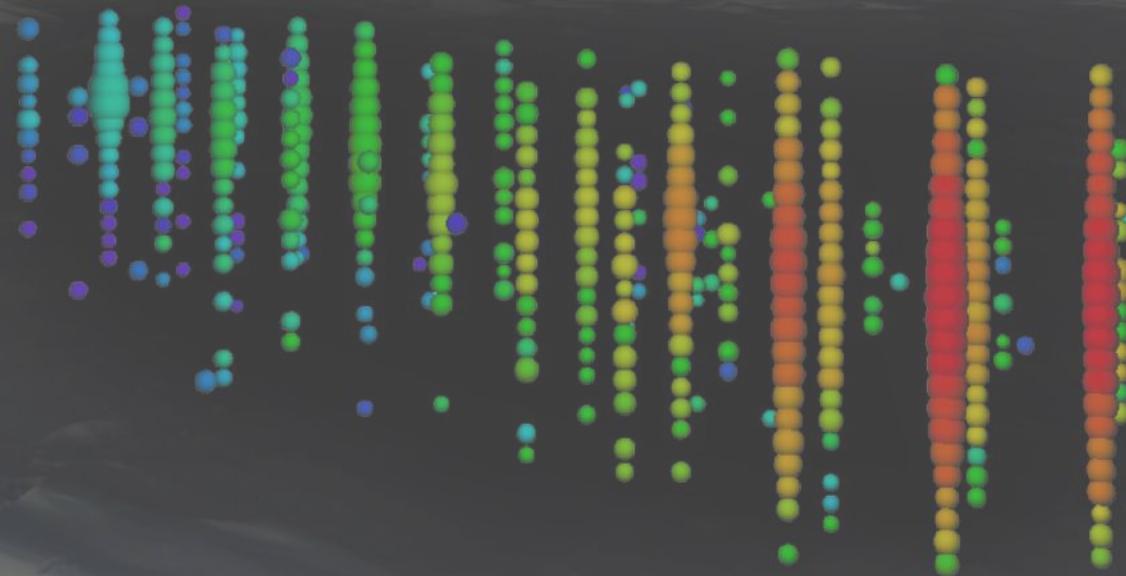
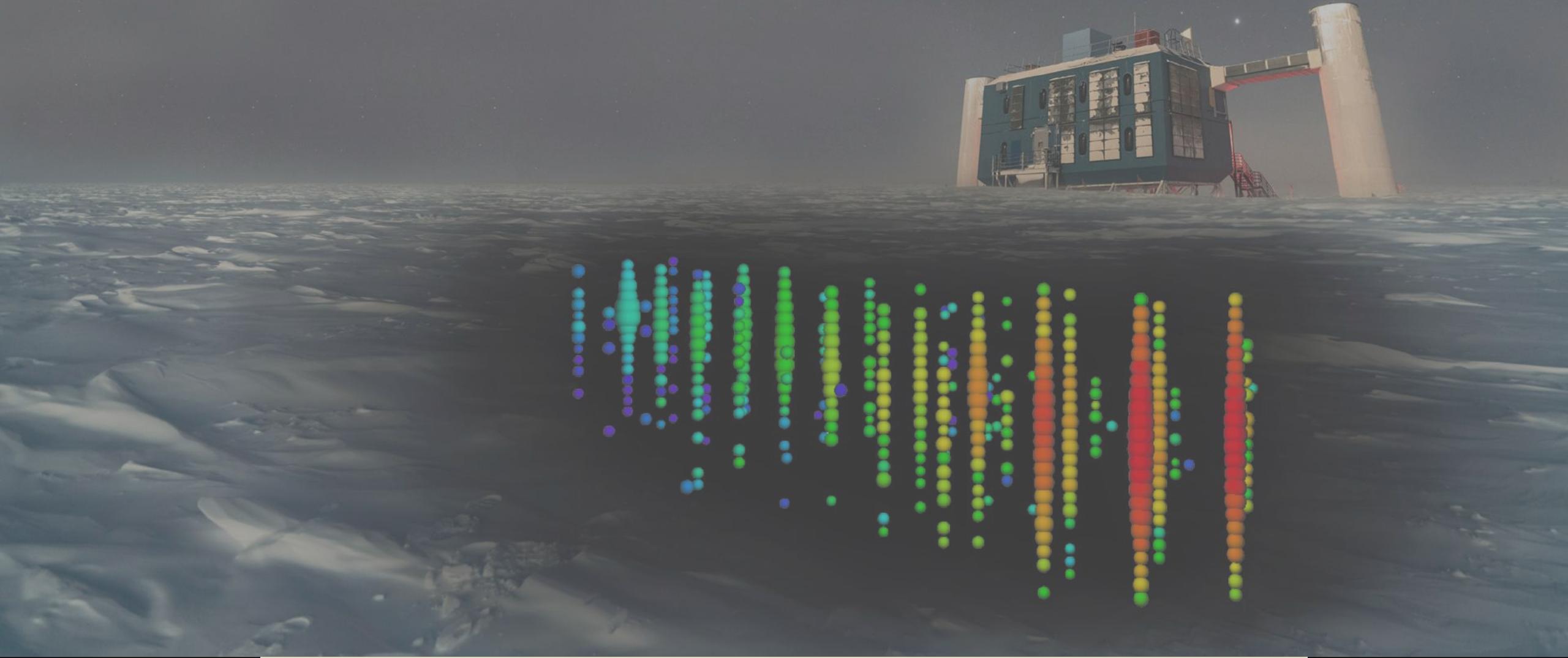


Talk: Juan Salvador
Tafoya Vargas



Talk: Stephen Linden

NEUTRINO INTERACTIONS



Synergy with Neutrino Telescopes

*Antares/KM3NeT, Baikal/GVD, IceCube/Gen2, ... P-One, Trident,
... ANITA, PUEO, GRAND, Trinity, ... ARIANNA, ARA, RNO-G*

WG1 : Juan Rojo
+ 124 members

Talks: Max Fieg,
Toni Makela, ...

NEUTRINO TELESCOPES DETECT VERY HIGH ENERGY NEUTRINOS – TO OBTAIN THE INCIDENT FLUX FROM THE EVENT RATE REQUIRES KNOWLEDGE OF THE ν -N DEEP INELASTIC SCATTERING #-SECN

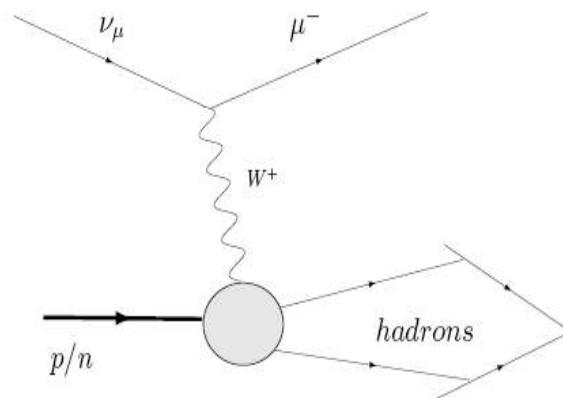
This is calculable in the (perturbative) Standard Model, if the parton distribution functions (PDFs) are known

$$\frac{\partial^2 \sigma_{\nu, \bar{\nu}}^{CC,NC}}{\partial x \partial y} = \frac{G_F^2 M E}{\pi} \left(\frac{M_i^2}{Q^2 + M_i^2} \right)$$

$Q^2 \uparrow \Rightarrow \text{propagator } \downarrow$

$$[\frac{1 + (1 - y)^2}{2} F_2^{CC,NC}(x, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{2} F_L^{CC,NC}(x, Q^2) + y \left(1 - \frac{y}{2} \right) x F_3^{CC,NC}(x, Q^2)]$$

$Q^2 \uparrow \Rightarrow \text{parton distribution functions } \uparrow$



Most of the contribution to #-secn comes from:

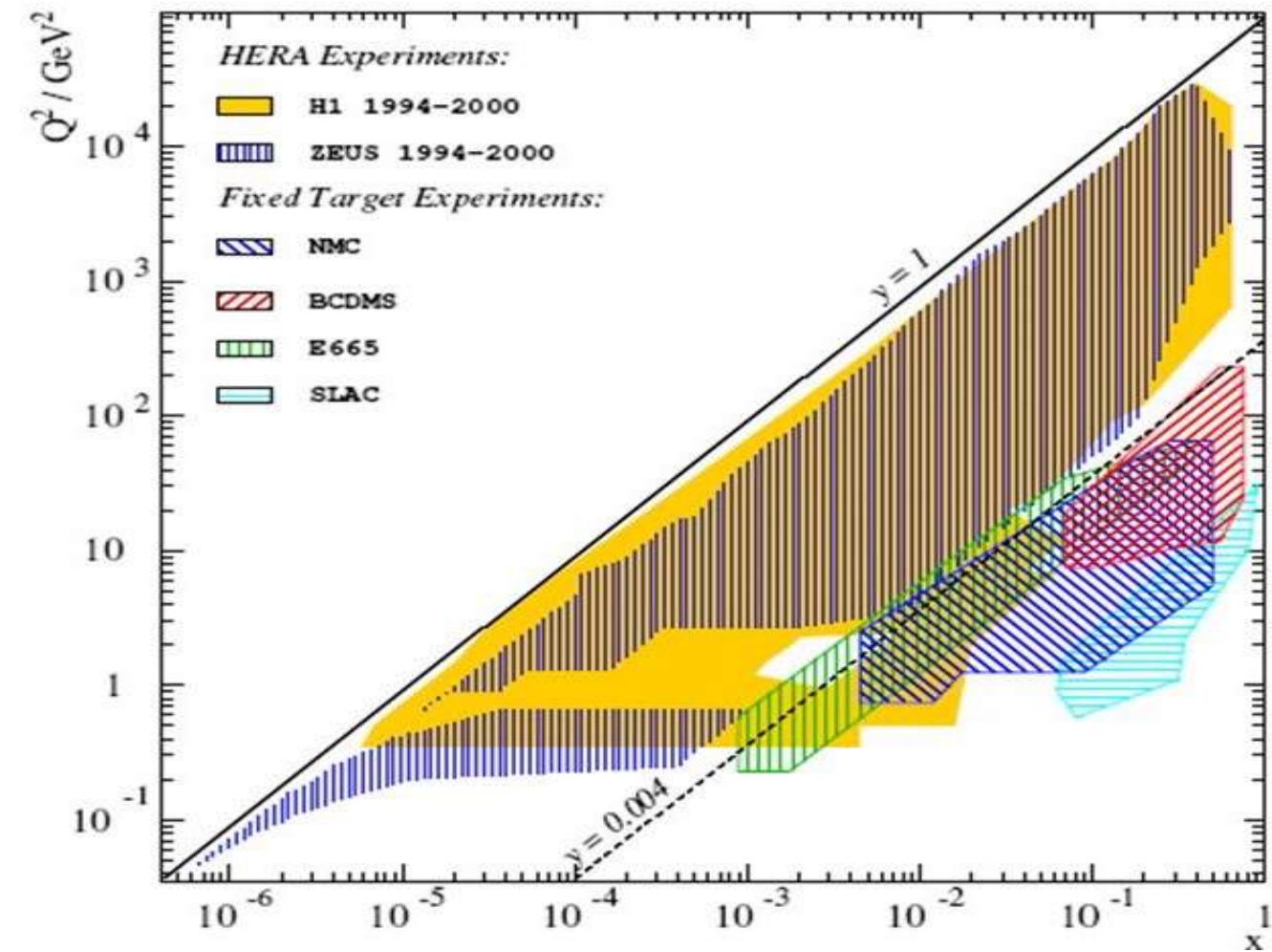
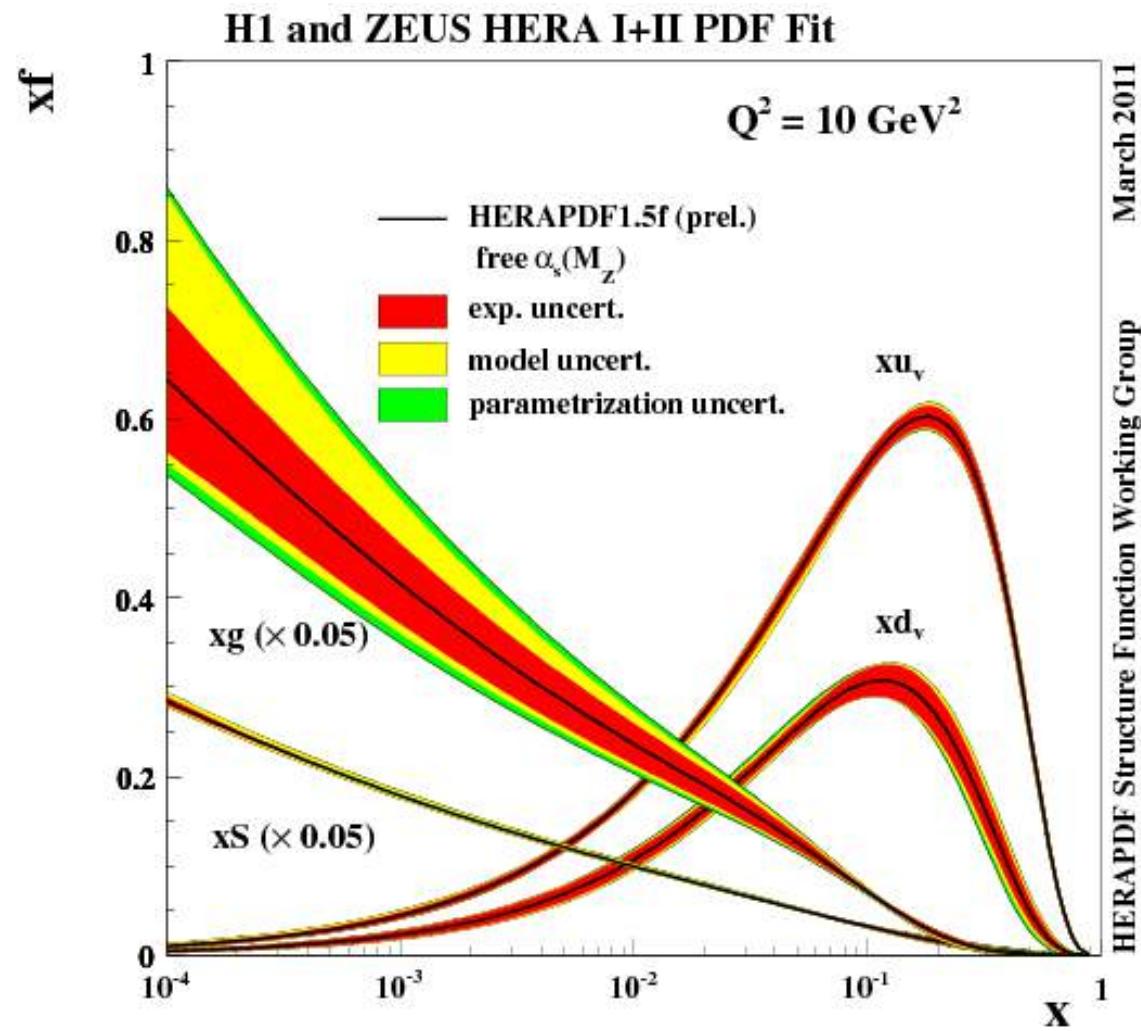
$$Q^2 \sim M_W^2 \text{ and } x \sim \frac{M_W^2}{M_N E_\nu}$$

At leading order (LO) : $F_L = 0$, $F_2 = x(u_v + d_v + 2s + 2b + \bar{u} + \bar{d} + 2\bar{c})$,
 $x F_3 = x(u_v + d_v + 2s + 2b - \bar{u} - \bar{d} - 2\bar{c}) = x(u_v + d_v + 2s + 2b - 2\bar{c})$

Can calculate numerically at Next-to-Leading-Order (NLO) ... no significant further change at NNLO

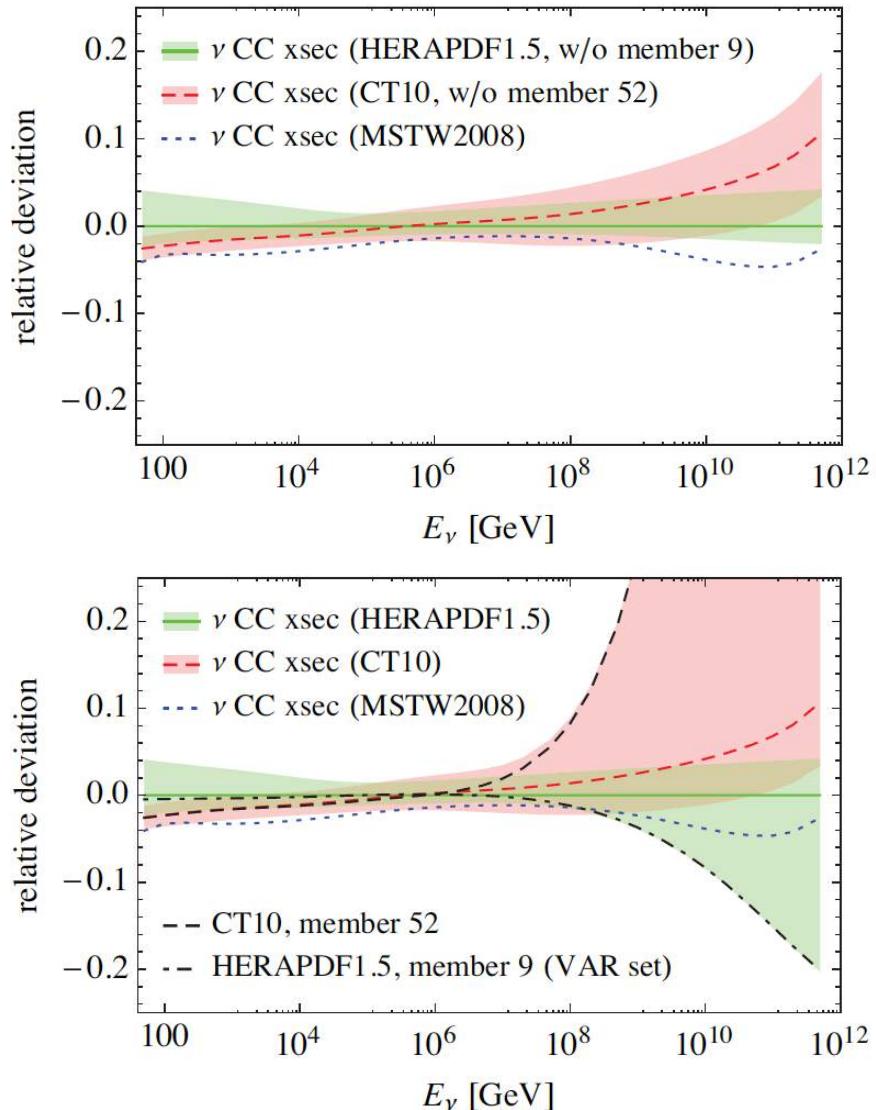
For UHE neutrinos, need to perform DGLAP evolution of measured PDFs to (high) Q^2 and (low) Bjorken-x
 (subtleties: heavy flavour thresholds, BFKL resummation, nuclear targets, ...)

The H1 & ZEUS experiments at HERA were the first to measure DIS at high Q^2 and low Bjorken- x – an unexpected finding was the *steep rise* of the gluon PDF at low x which is particularly relevant for HE neutrino interactions

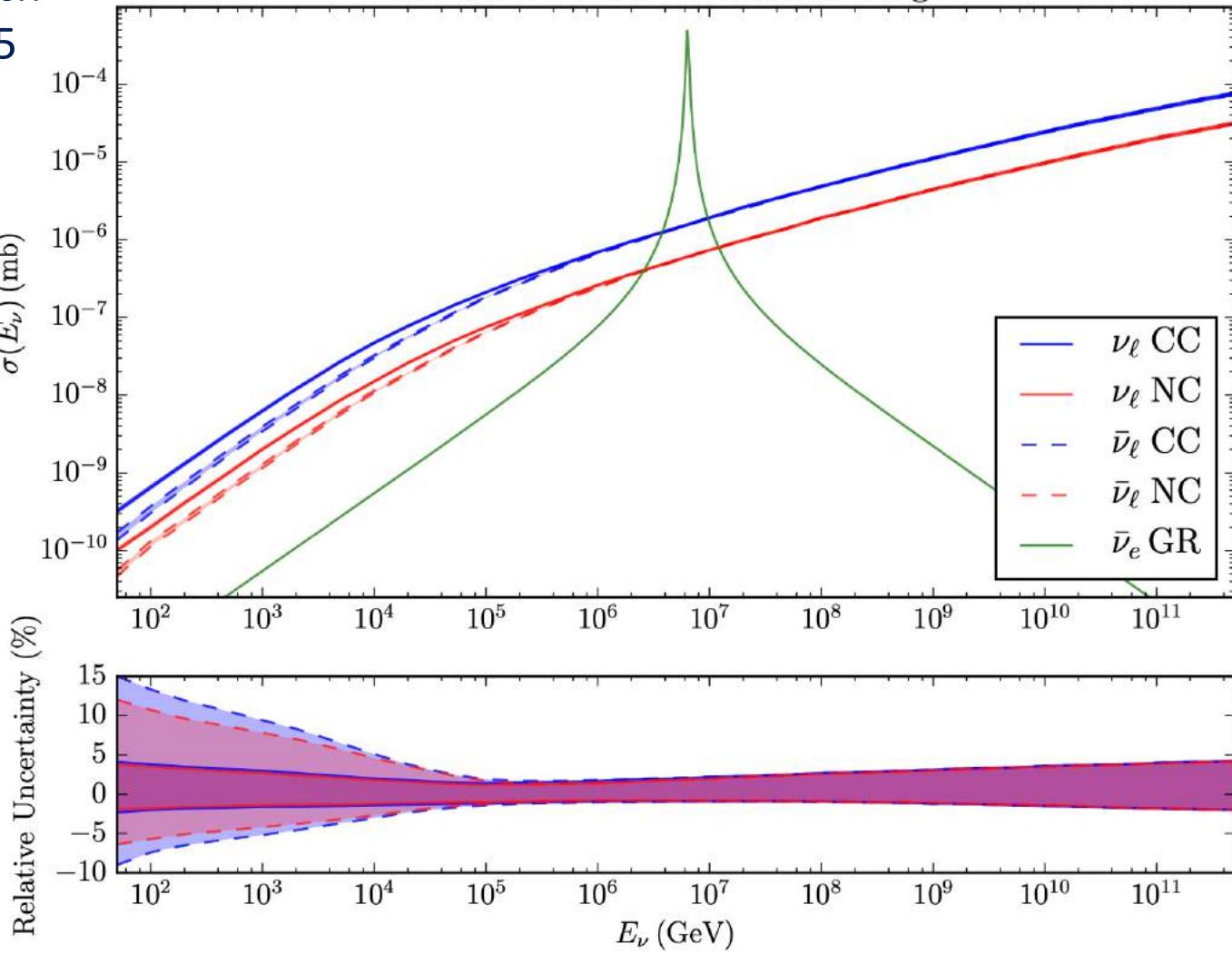


Subsequently data from the LHC (W , Z , $t\bar{t}$, jets ...) have led to more accurate PDFs and new findings
(low- x strange sea *less* suppressed than believed earlier, a hint of intrinsic charm ...)

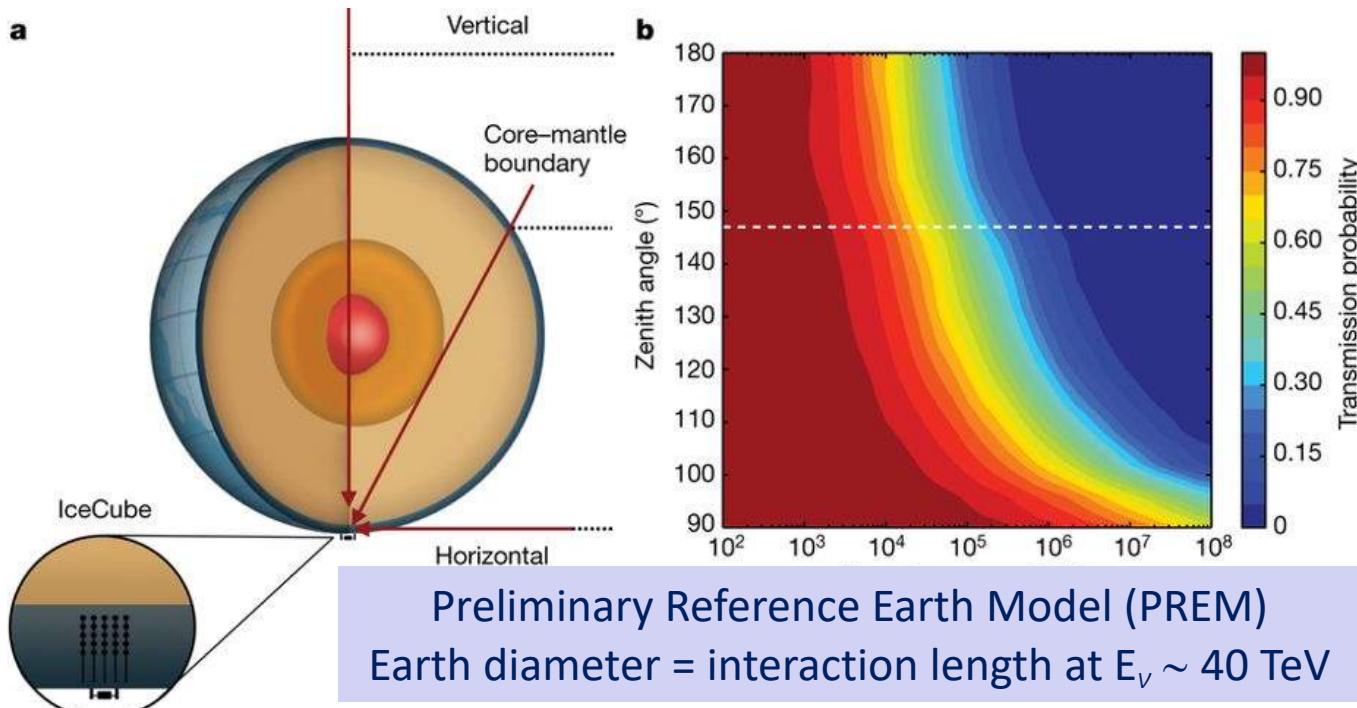
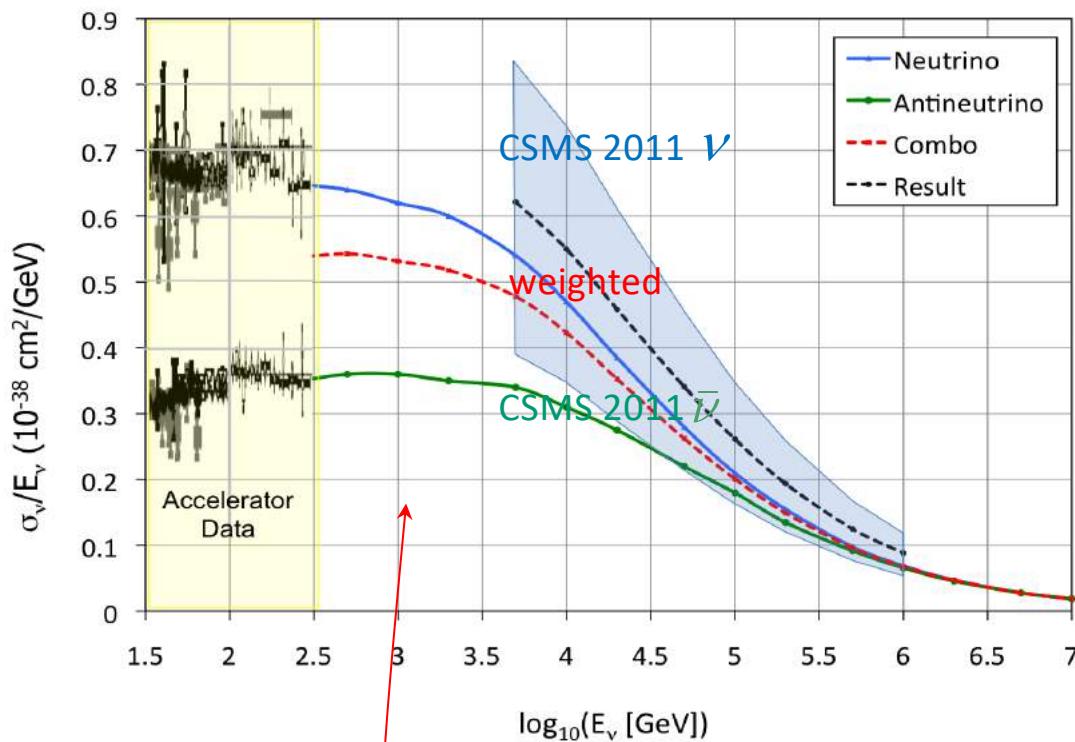
Neutrino telescopes like *IceCube* use NuGeN which incorporates a NLO calculation using HERAPDF1.5
 (Code: <https://dispred.hepforge.org/>)



HERAPDF1.5 NLO Isoscalar Target



We found good agreement between different PDF sets after rejecting *unphysical* members which would have yielded negative values for the structure function F_L (or violated the Froissart bound)

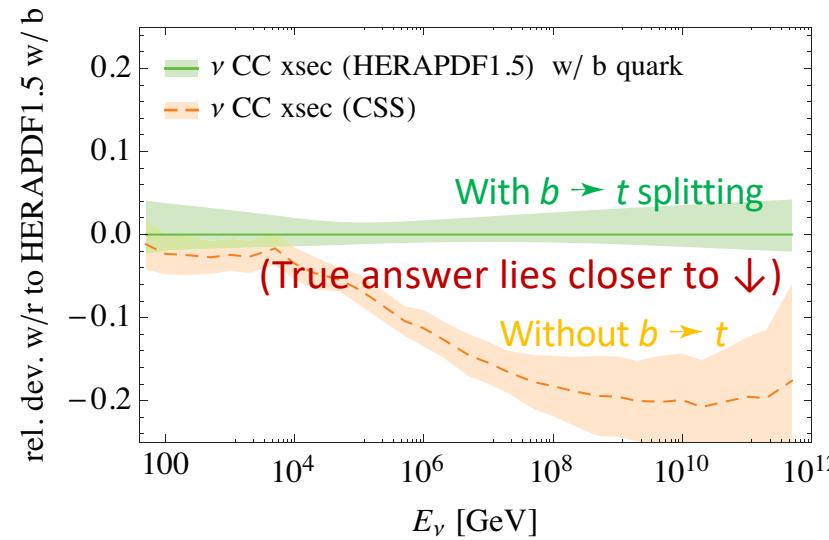
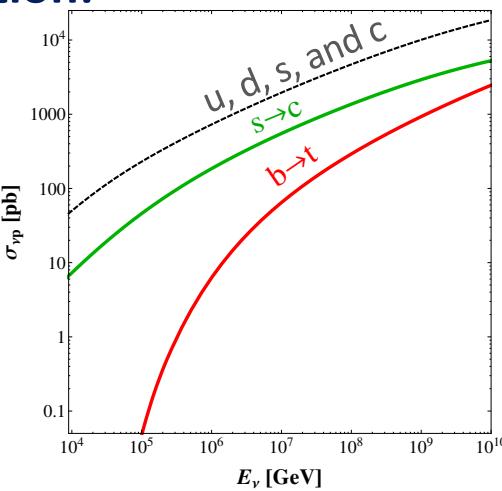
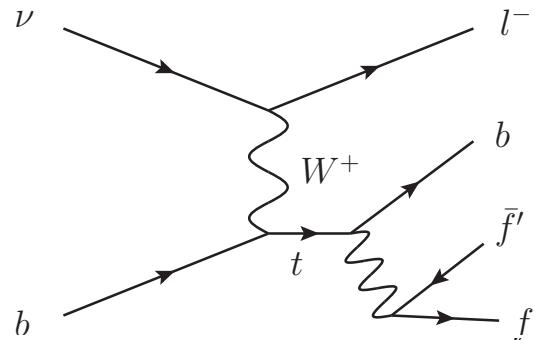


(Can also *invert* the argument to perform tomography of the Earth: Donnini *et al*, [Nature Phys. 15:37, 2019](#))

However, the measurement uncertainty is large (~30%) and the Earth absorption method works only above ~40 TeV

The FPF is well suited to bridge the gap between neutrino telescopes and measurements (upto ~350 GeV) at fixed-target experiments

* Heavy quark effects on DGLAP evolution:



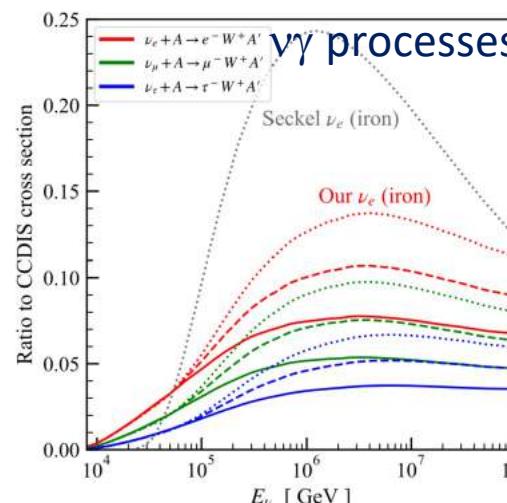
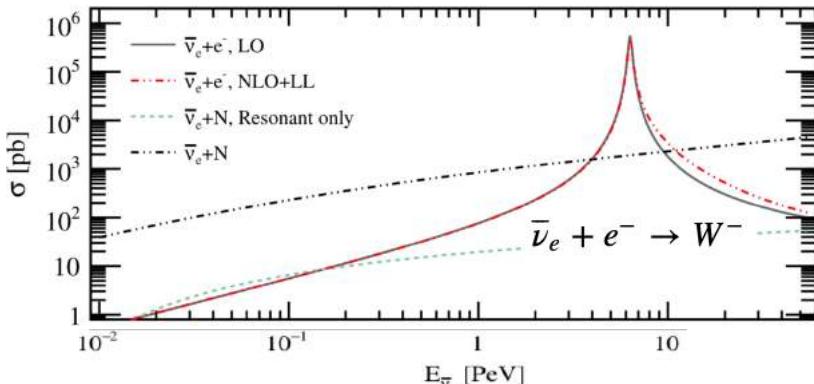
The exact way the $b \rightarrow t$ contribution turns on $\Rightarrow \sim 10\%$ syst. uncertainty

* Nuclear binding effects:

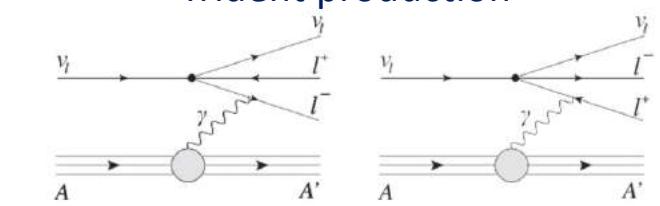
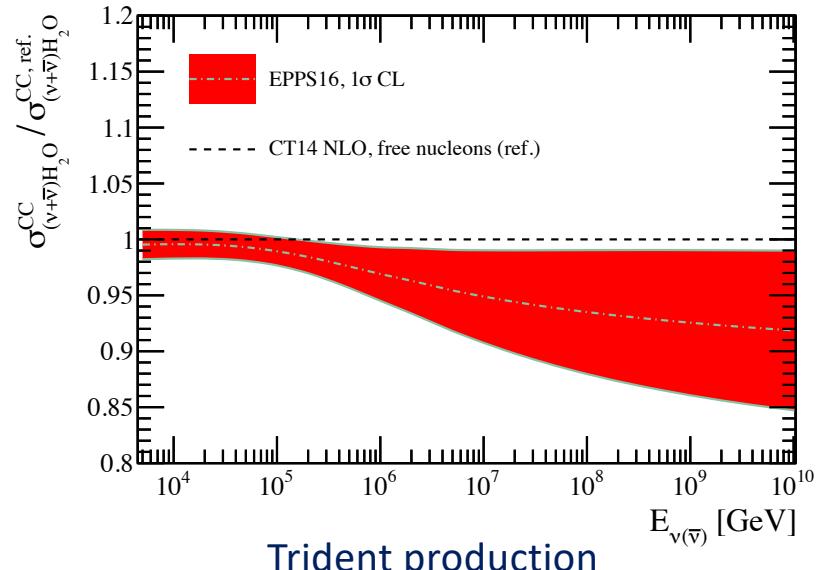
There is *no* experimental evidence for ‘shadowing’ but theory suggests it may depress the cross-section by $\sim 5\text{-}10\%$ at UHE

* Other contributions:

Glashow resonance @ 6.3 PeV

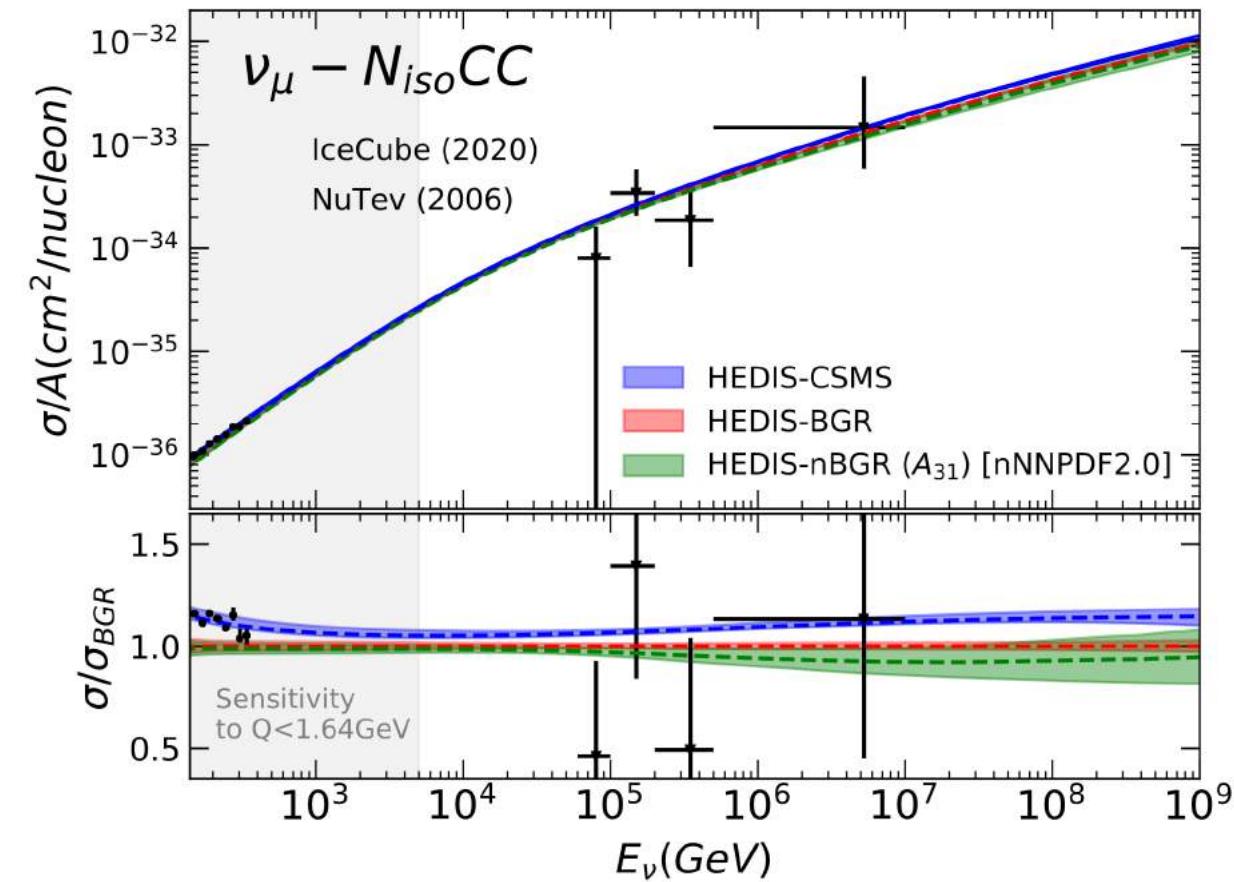
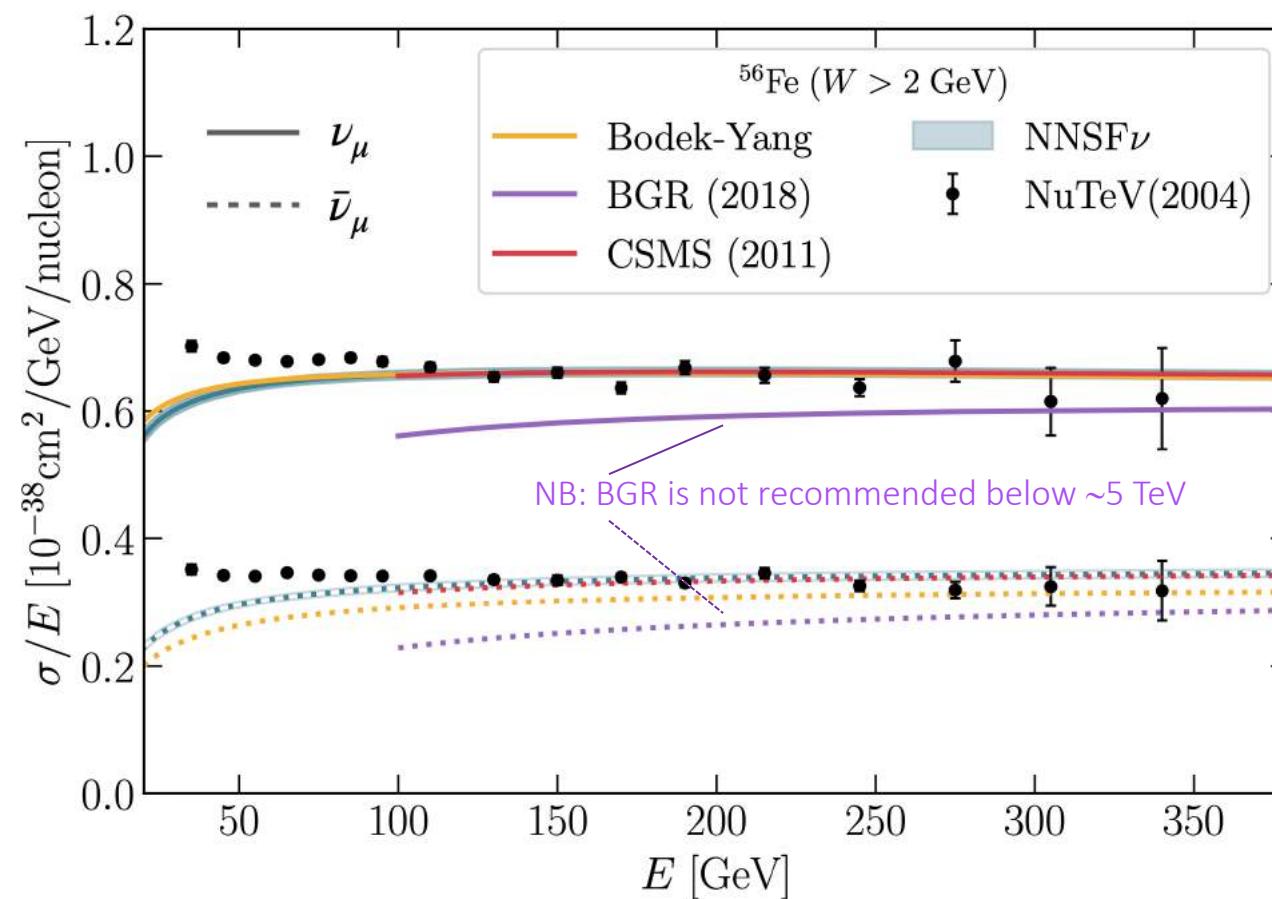


Zhou & Beacom, PRD 101:036001, 2019



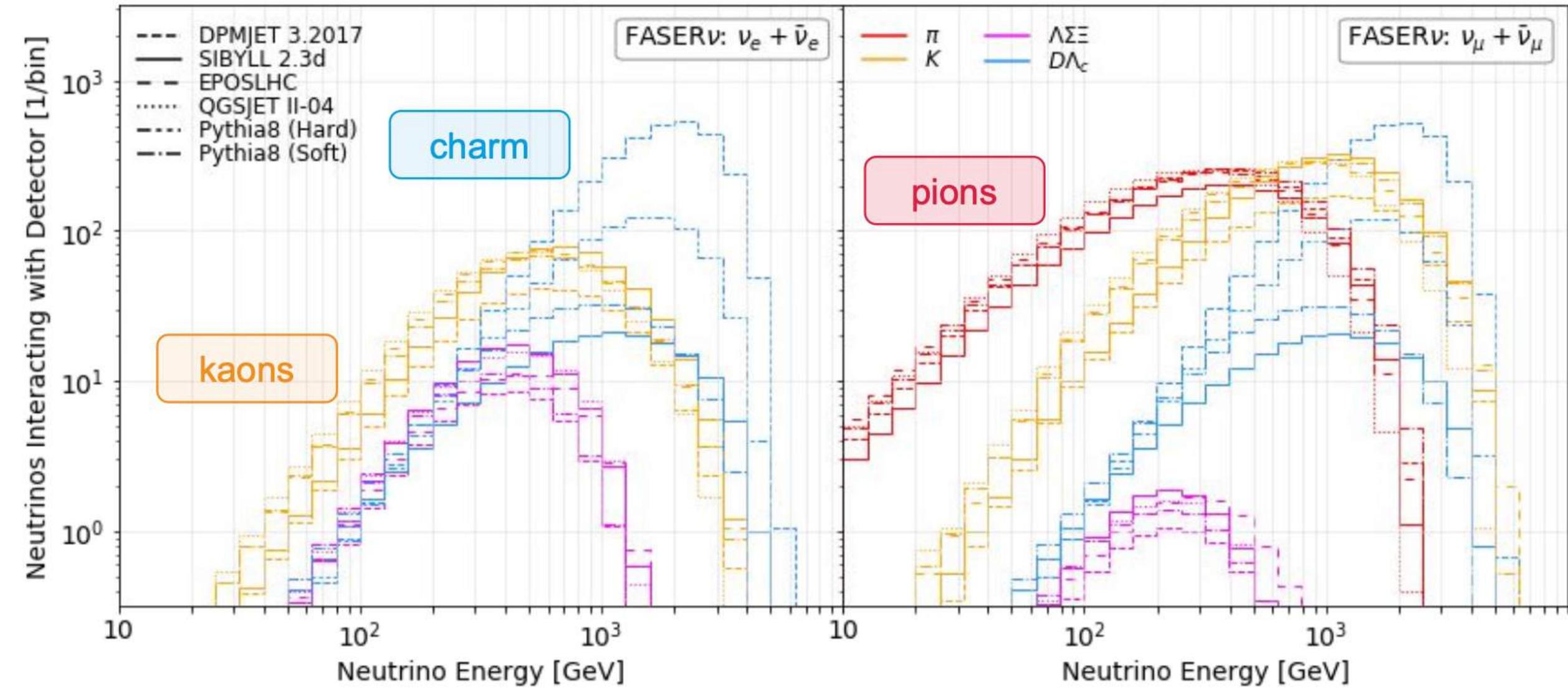
NNSF ν PROVIDES STRUCTURE FUNCTIONS FROM GEV TO MULTI-EEV ENERGIES

... being used to predict inclusive cross sections relevant for the FPF (Candido *et al.*, [JHEP 05:149, 2023](#))



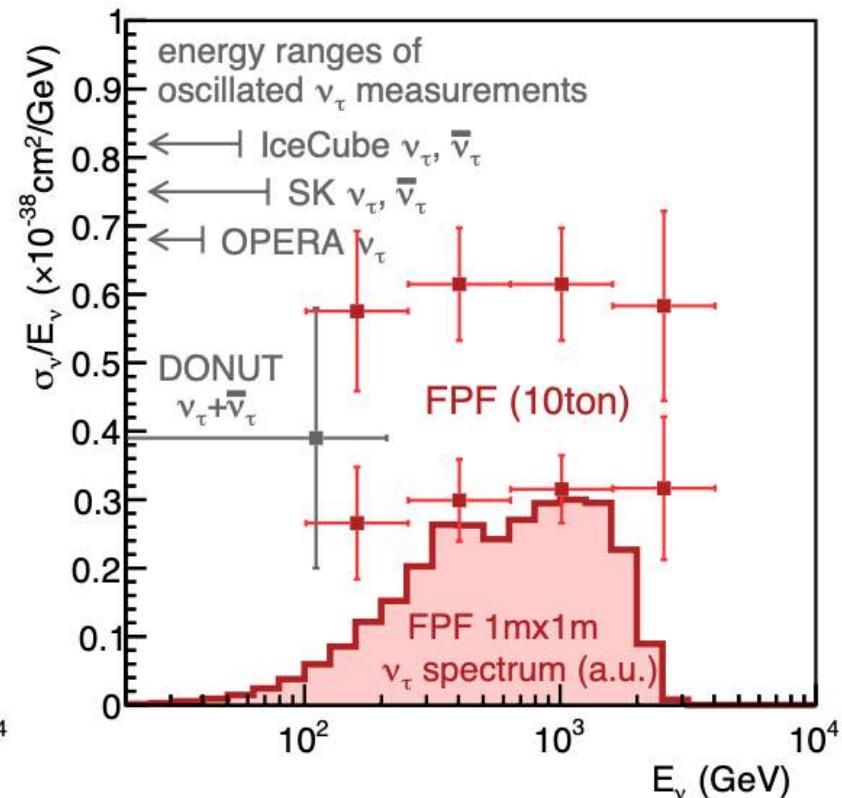
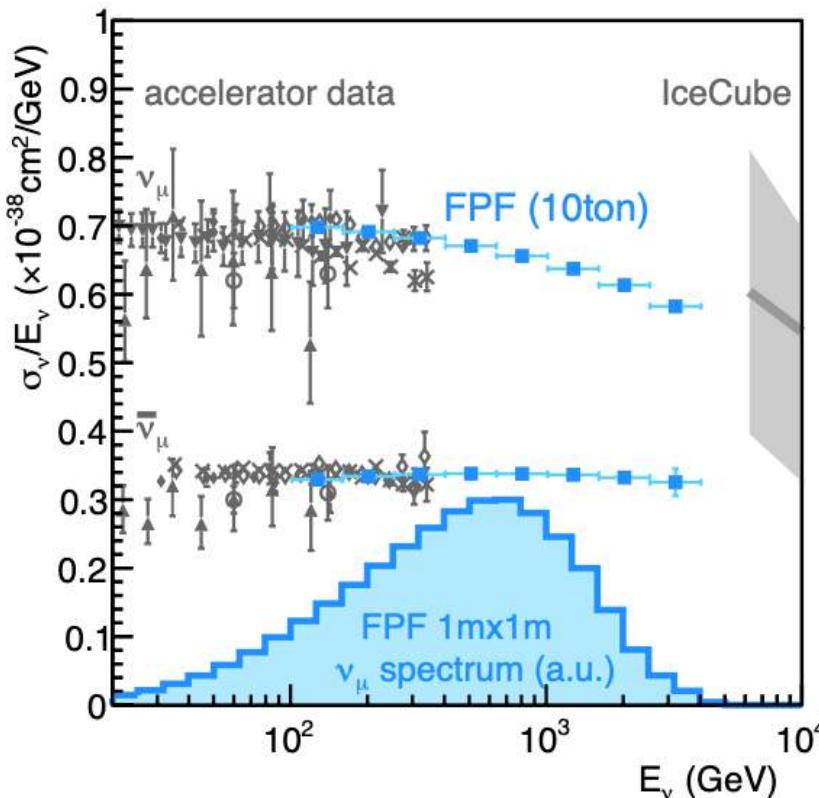
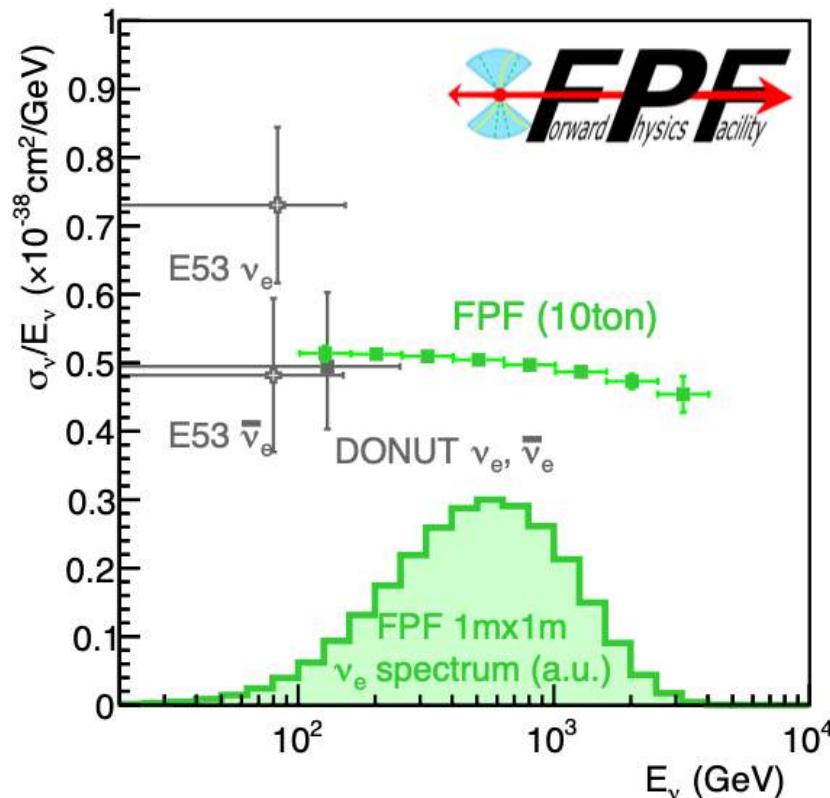
GENIEv3 has a HEDIS module offering a choice of UHE #-section calculations ([Eur.Phys.J.ST 230:4449, 2021](#))

EXPECTED SPECTRUM OF LHC NEUTRINOS

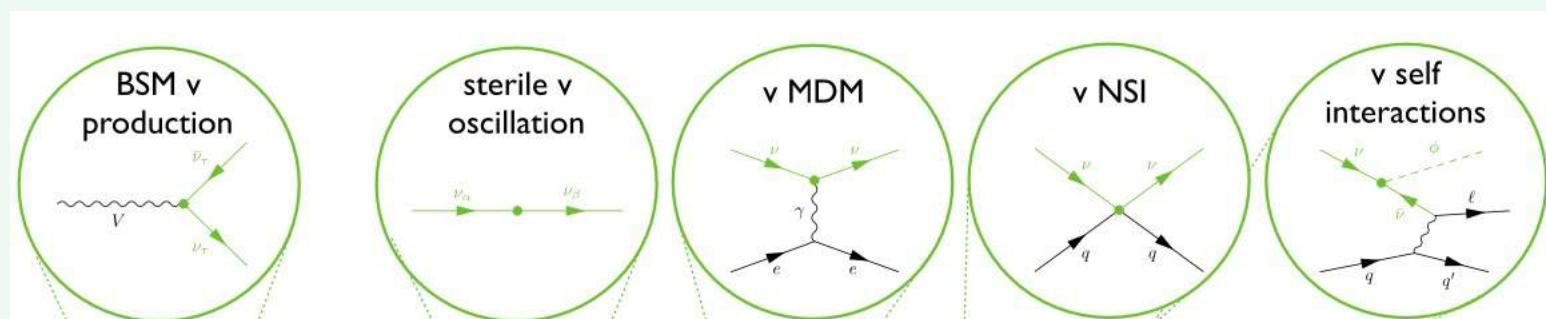


Also a probe of forward particle production ...

Neutrino flux as a function of energy for e neutrinos (left), μ neutrinos (middle), and τ neutrinos (right), with expected precision of FPF measurements (statistical uncertainties only)

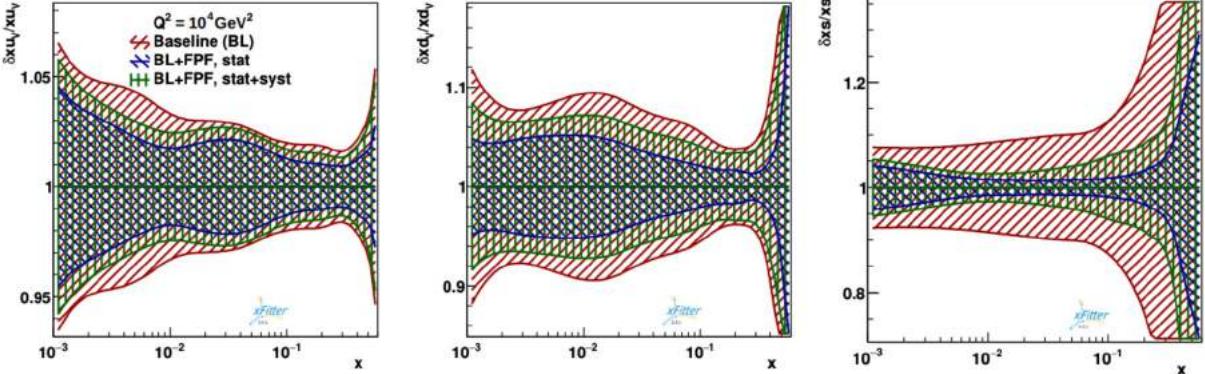


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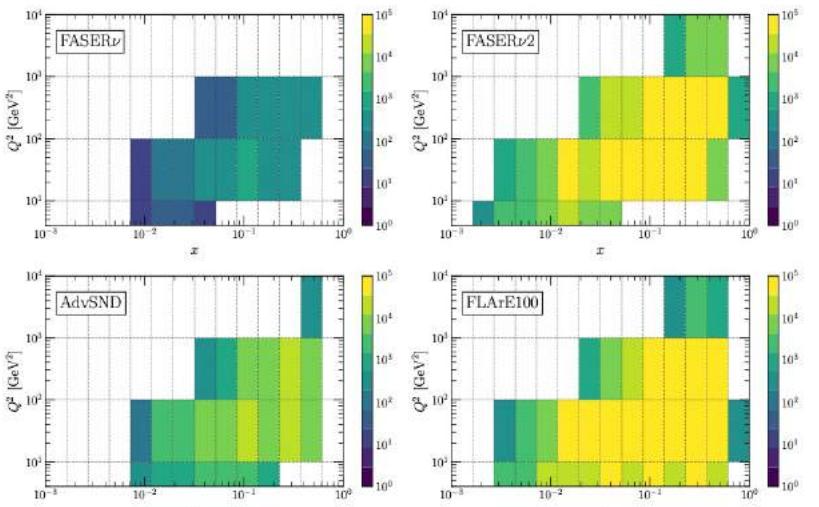


Can investigate many interesting BSM neutrino signatures too ...

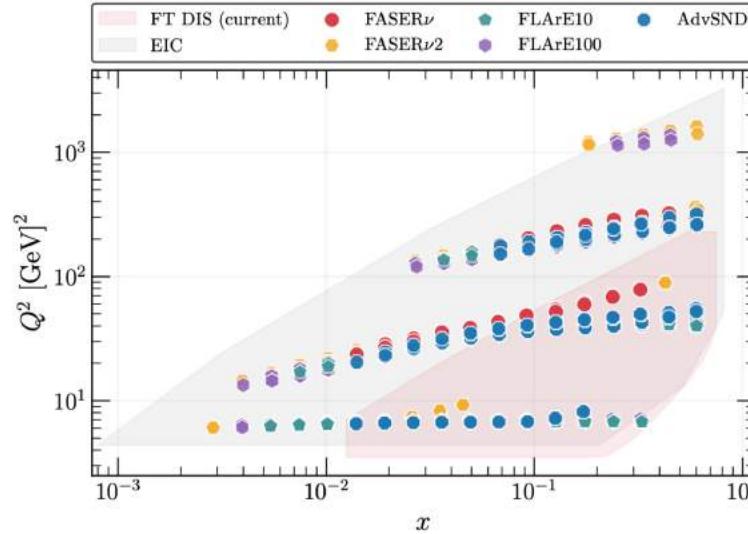
Impact on proton PDFs



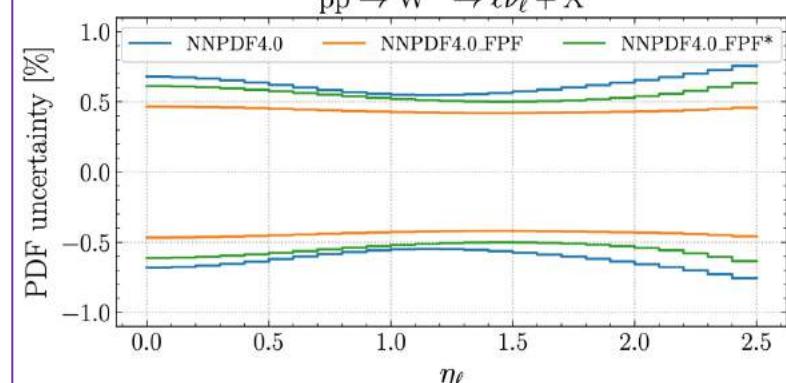
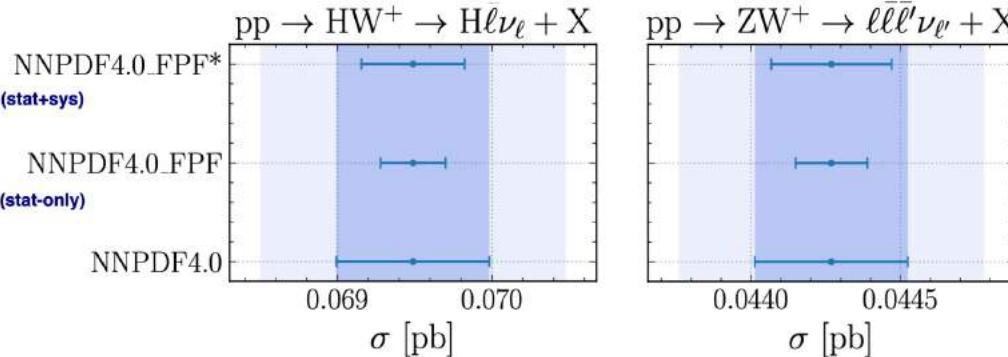
- Impact on proton PDFs quantified by the **Hessian profiling of PDF4LHC21 (xFitter)** and by direct inclusion in the **global NNPDF4.0 fit**
- Most impact on **up and down valence quarks** as well as in **strangeness**, ultimately limited by systematics, but
- PDFs improved with LHC neutrino data **enhance precision HL-LHC measurements like W mass**



Cruz-Martinez et al, 2309.09581



Implications for the HL-LHC

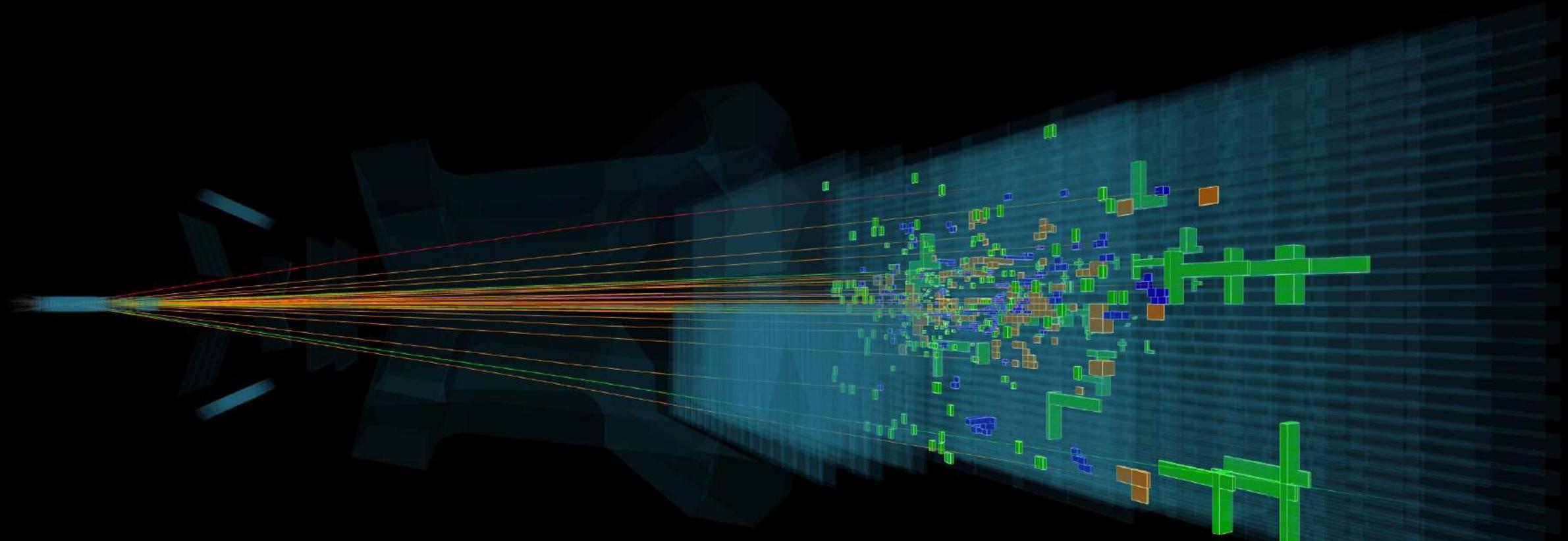


Impact on **core HL-LHC processes** i.e. single and double weak boson production and Higgs production (VH, VBF)

Also relevant for **BSM searches at large-mass** (via large-x PDFs)

Talk: Juan Rojo

CHARM PRODUCTION



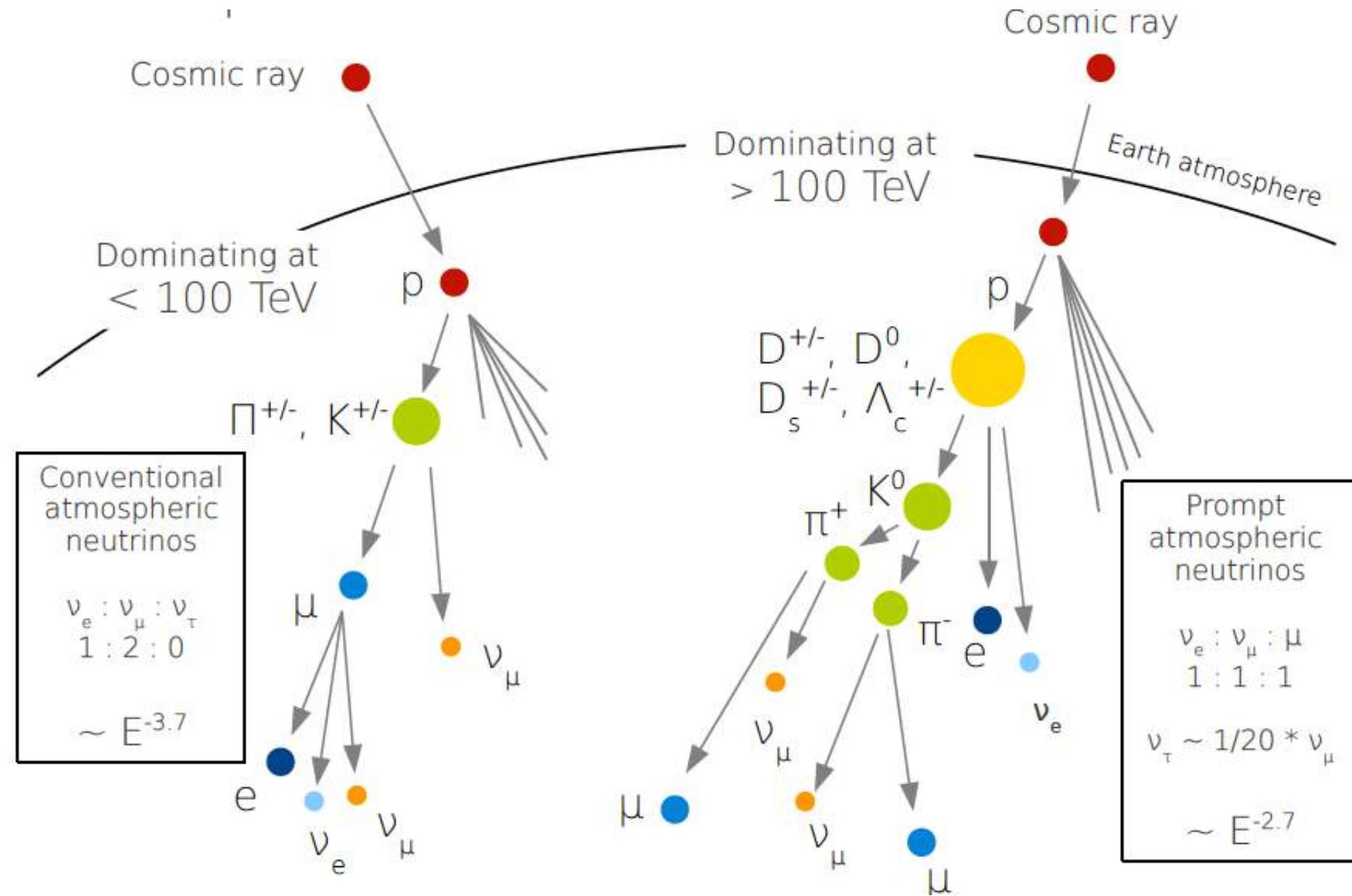
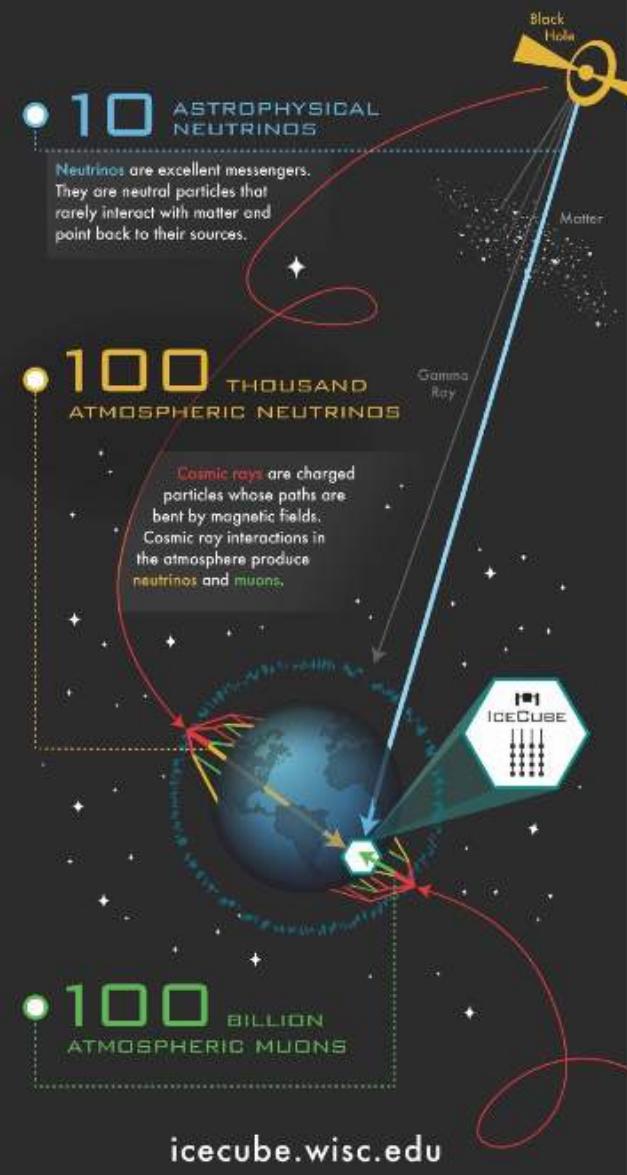
WG2 : Ana Stasto
+ 95 members

Synergy with Neutrino Telescopes:
*Antares/KM3NeT, Baikal/GVD, IceCube/Gen2, ... P-One, Trident,
... ANITA, PUEO, GRAND, Trinity, ... ARIANNA, ARA, RNO-G*

Talks: Lu Lu,
Anatoli Fedynitch

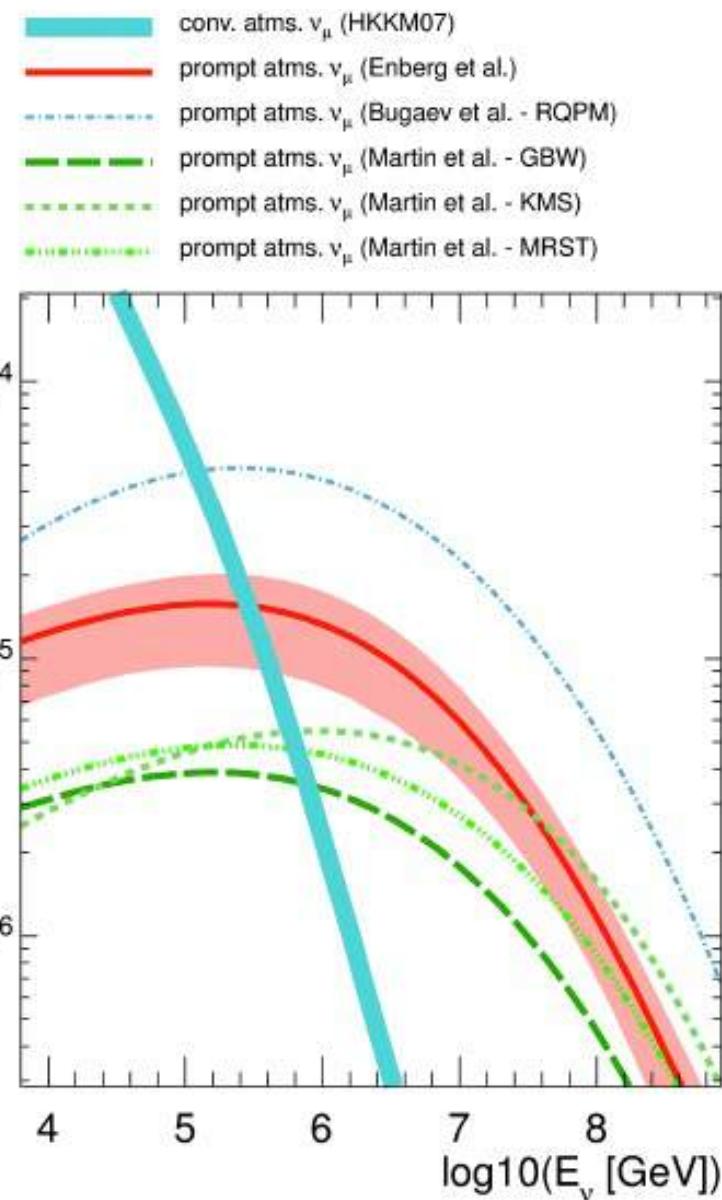
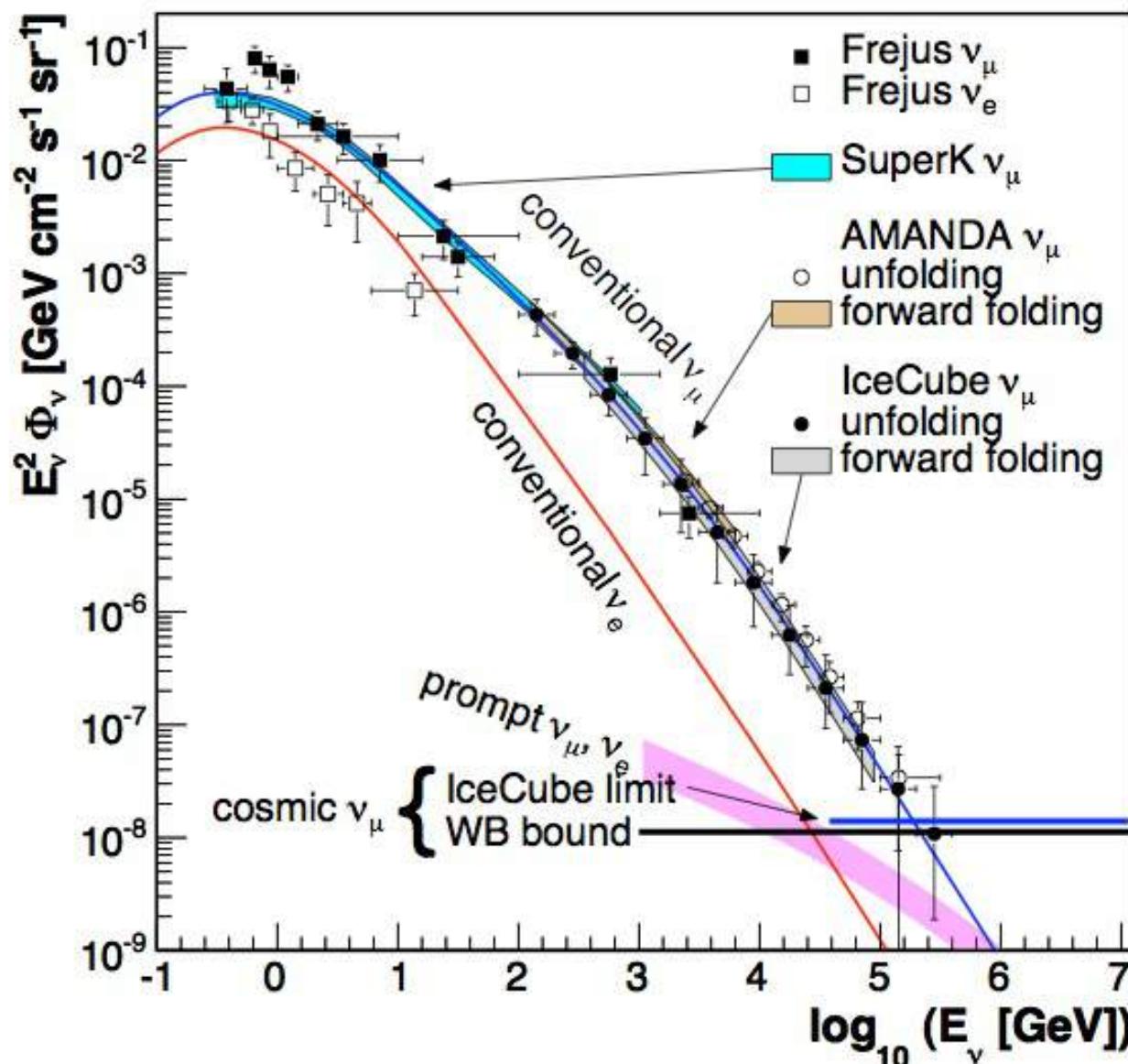
NEUTRINO TELESCOPES LOOK FOR A COSMIC SIGNAL BURIED IN A HUGE BACKGROUND OF ATMOSPHERIC NEUTRINOS

EVERY YEAR,
ICECUBE
DETECTS ABOUT...



Courtesy: Anne Schukraft

The ‘conventional flux’ is well understood as it is calibrated against many observations, but uncertainties in charm production make the prompt flux less so although it is the most important background for the astrophysical flux!



The prompt flux is *harder* than the conventional flux, and was predicted to *dominate* the total flux at $E > 10^{5-6}$ GeV

The quantity needed to determine charm production in cosmic ray air showers is:

$$Z_{ph} = \int_E^\infty dE' \frac{\phi_p(E')}{\phi_p(E)} \frac{A}{\sigma_{pA}(E)} \frac{d\sigma(pp \rightarrow c\bar{c}Y; E', E)}{dE}$$

- The **differential cross-section** can be calculated in a variety of formalisms, e.g. using the ‘colour dipole model’ of Enberg, Reno & Sarcevic ([PRD 78:043005,2008](#)) which is empirical ... so hard to estimate uncertainties

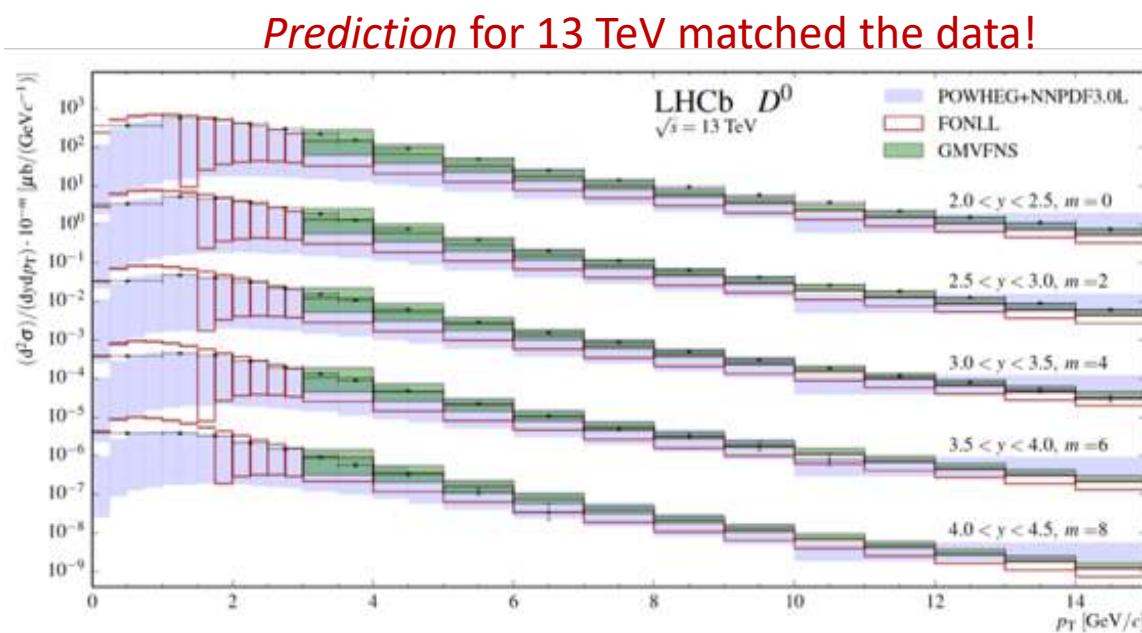
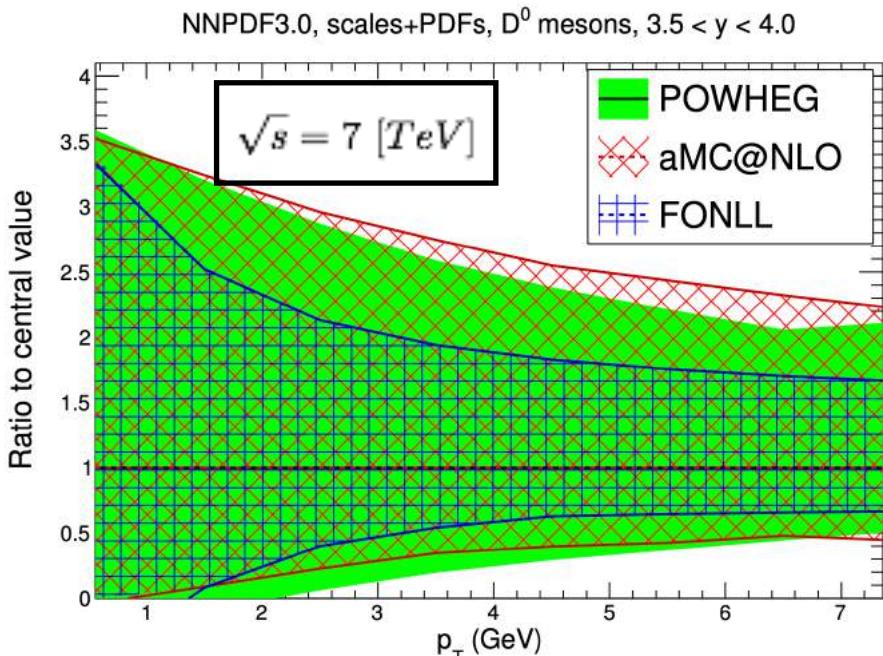
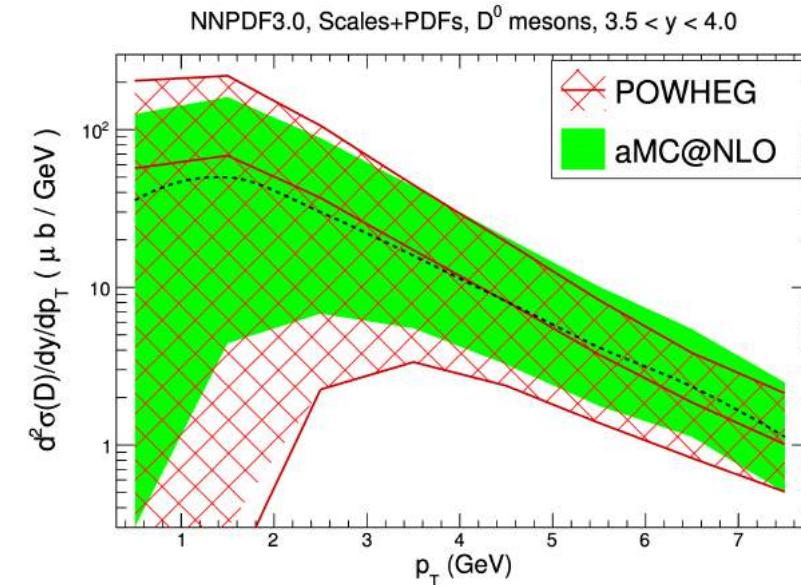
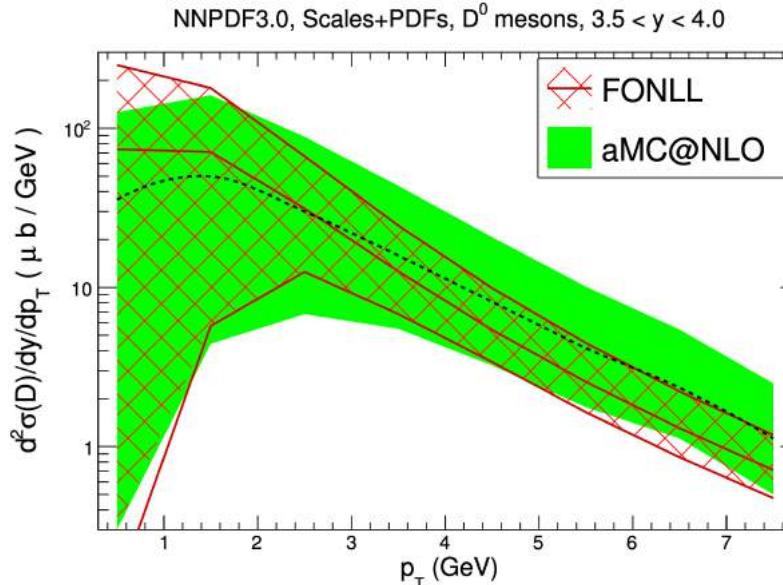
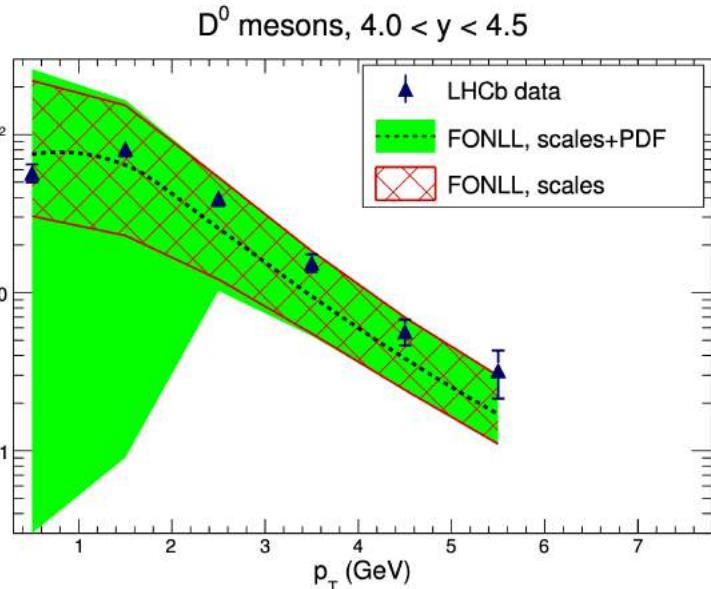
However, **perturbative QCD (with DGLAP evolution)** *can* describe charm production data for the entire kinematical region of interest, hence can calculate with **NLO+PS Monte Carlo event generators** (*modulo* theoretical uncertainties re. validity of factorisation theorem, choice of starting scale *etc*)

- Can use LHCb hadroproduction data ... conversion from CM to rest frame of the (atmospheric) fixed target:

$$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ [TeV]} \iff E_b = 2.6 \times 10^7 \text{ [GeV]}$$

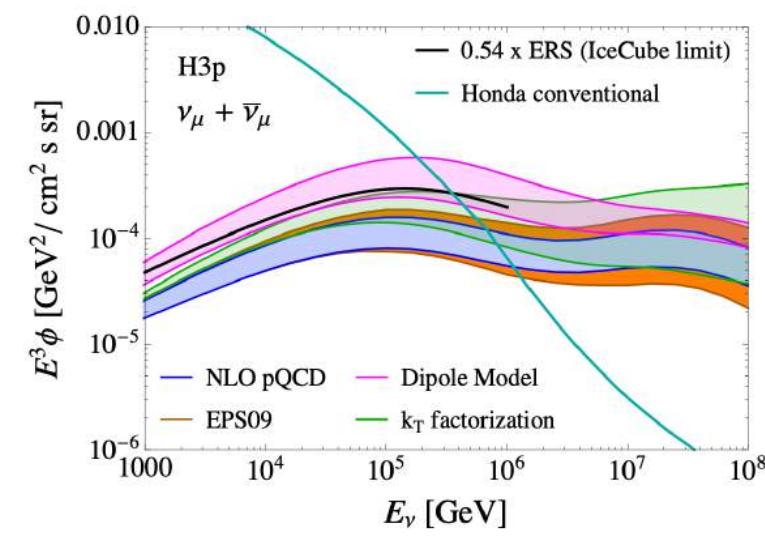
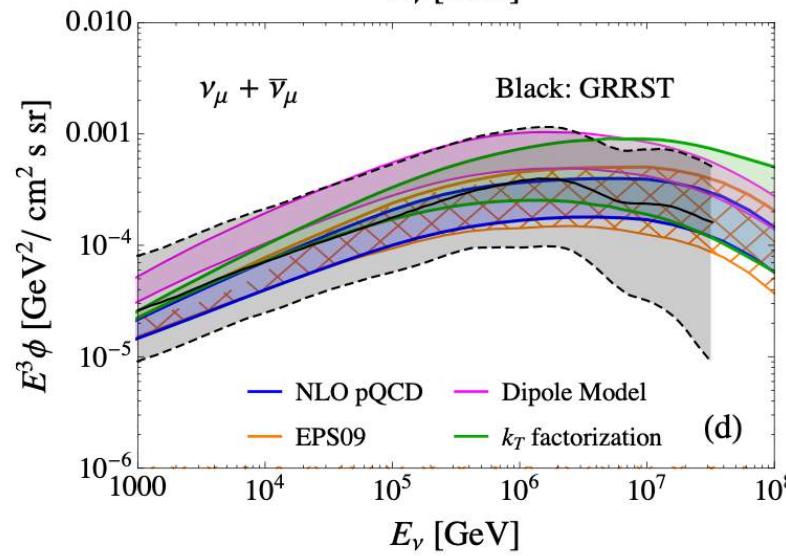
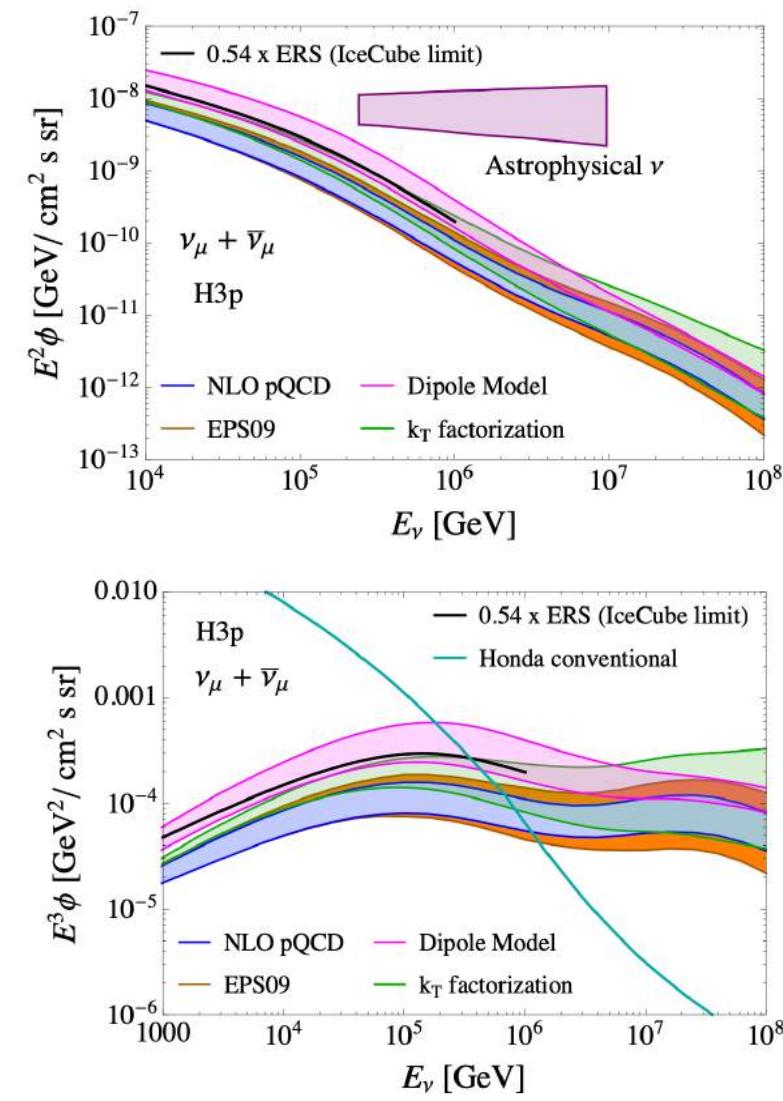
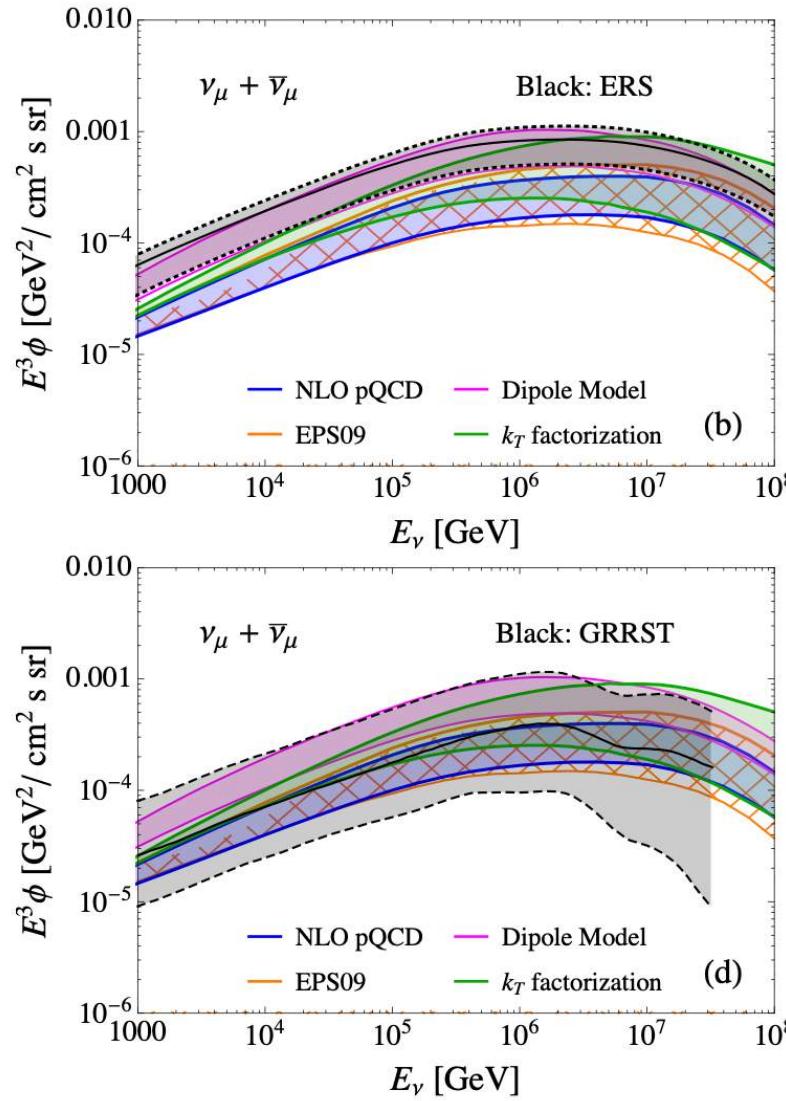
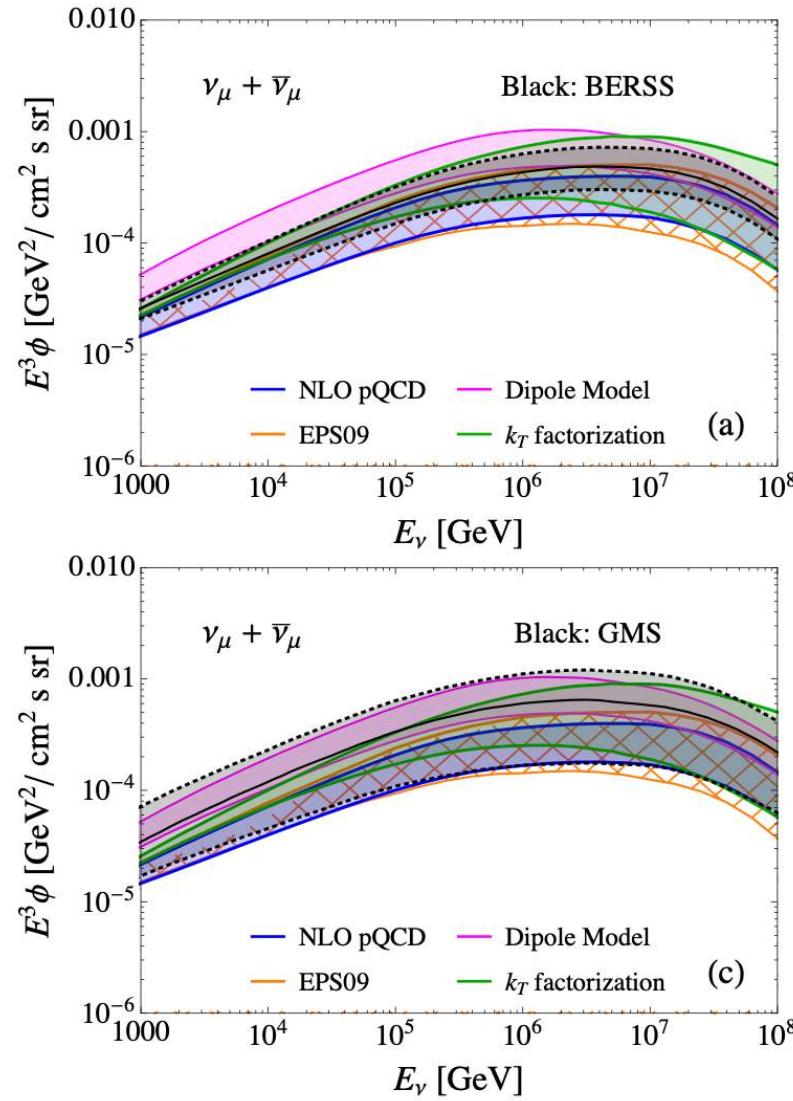
We can therefore predict the prompt neutrino flux at energies **up to 10^7 GeV** ... at these energies, charm production is dominated by **gluon fusion**, hence sensitive to the behaviour of the **gluon PDF at small-x**

FORWARD CHARM PRODUCTION & LHCb

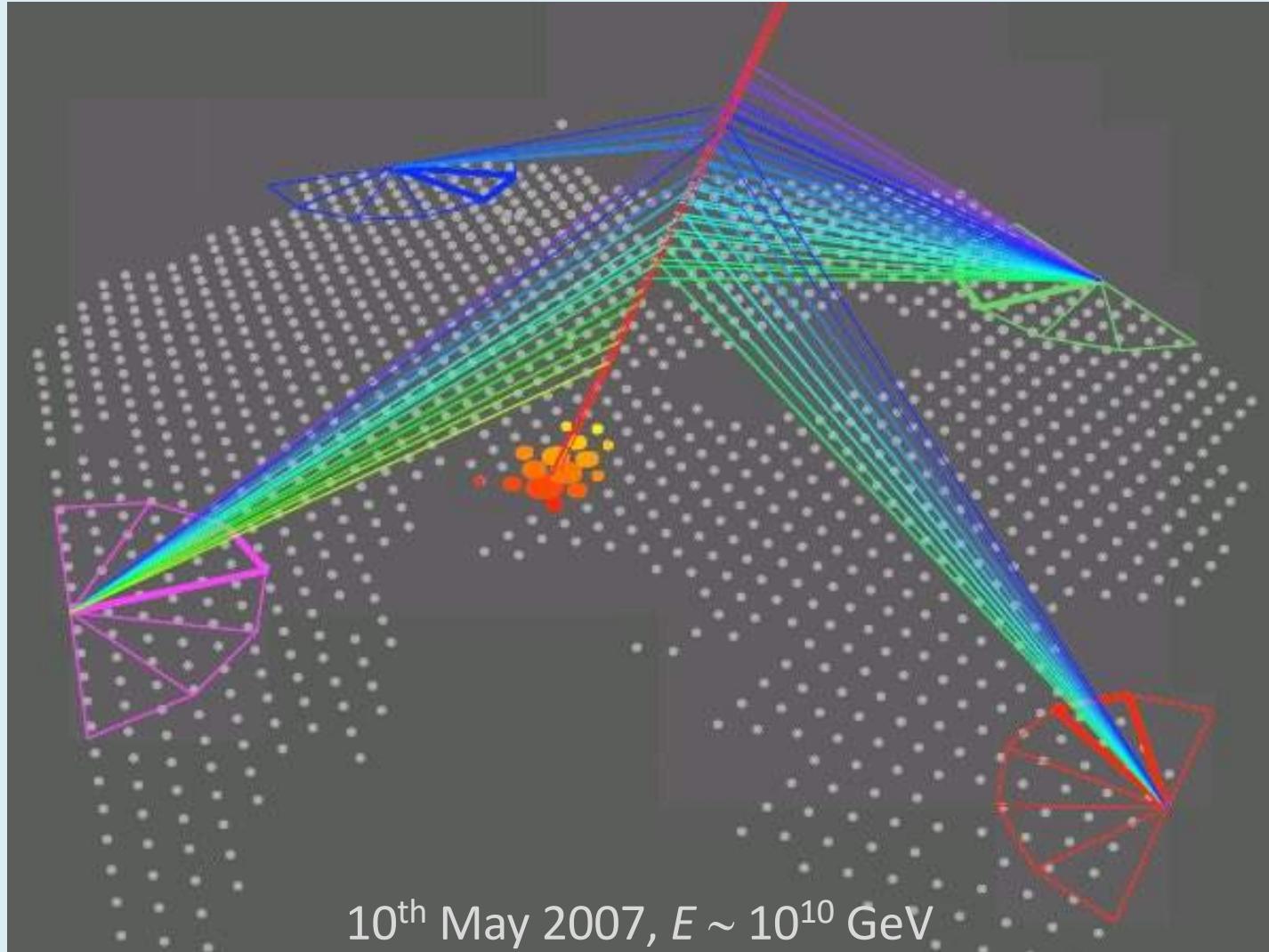


NLO predictions for forward charm production validated with LHCb data

RANGE OF PREDICTIONS NARROWED FURTHER WITH INPUT FROM LHCb



LIGHT HADRON PRODUCTION

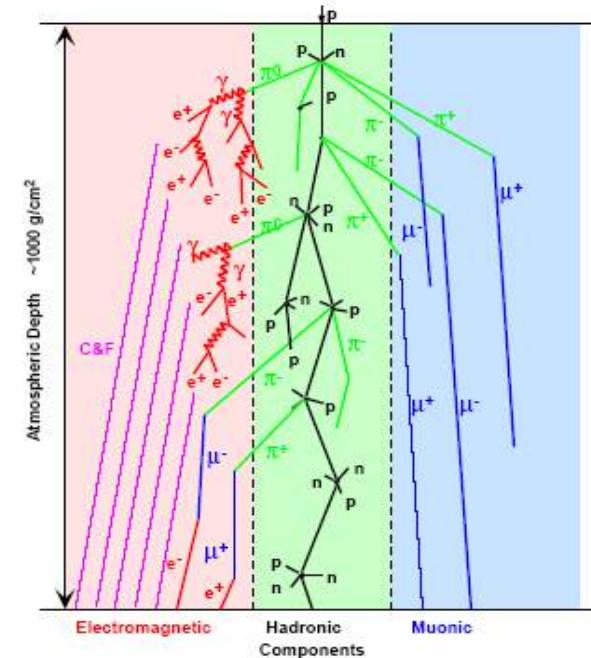


WG3: Luis Anchordoqui, Denis Soldin + 89 members

Synergy with Cosmic Ray Air Shower arrays:
Pierre Auger Observatory, IceTop, KASCADE-GRANDE, NEVOD-DECOR, SUGAR, Telescope Array, TUNKA, Yakutsk ...

Talk: Ralph Engel

Schematic Shower Development



Details depend on:
interaction cross-sections,
hadronic and el.mag. particle production,
decays, transport, ...
at energies well above man-made accelerators

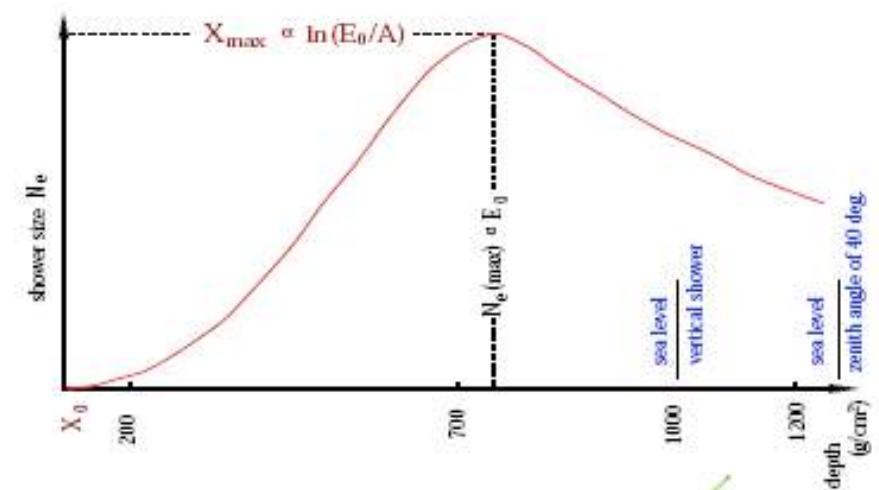
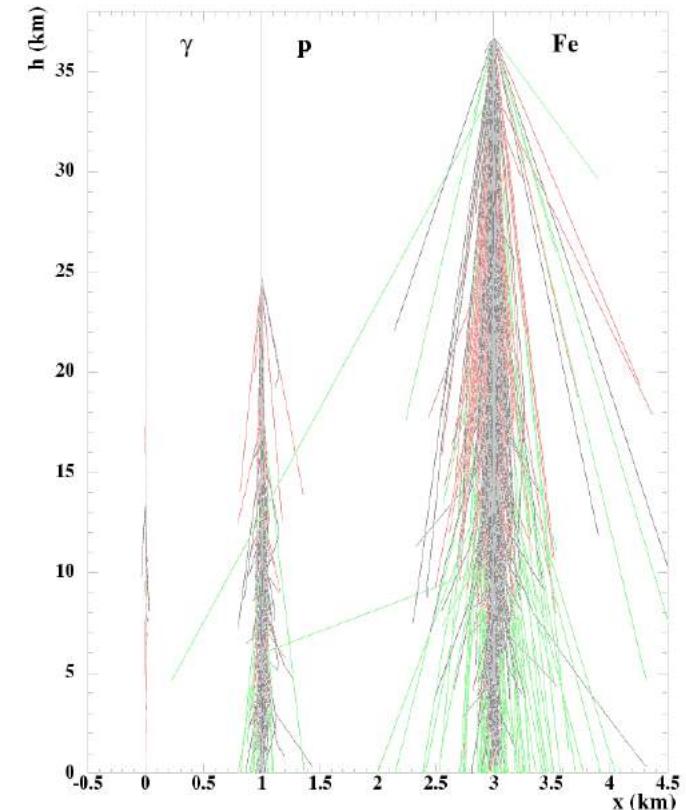
Complex interplay with many correlations
requires MC simulations

Main sources of uncertainty

- Minijet cross-section (parton densities, range of applicability)
- Transverse profile function (total #-secn, multiplicity distribution)
- Energy dependence of leading particle production
- Role of nuclear effects (saturation, stopping power, QGP)

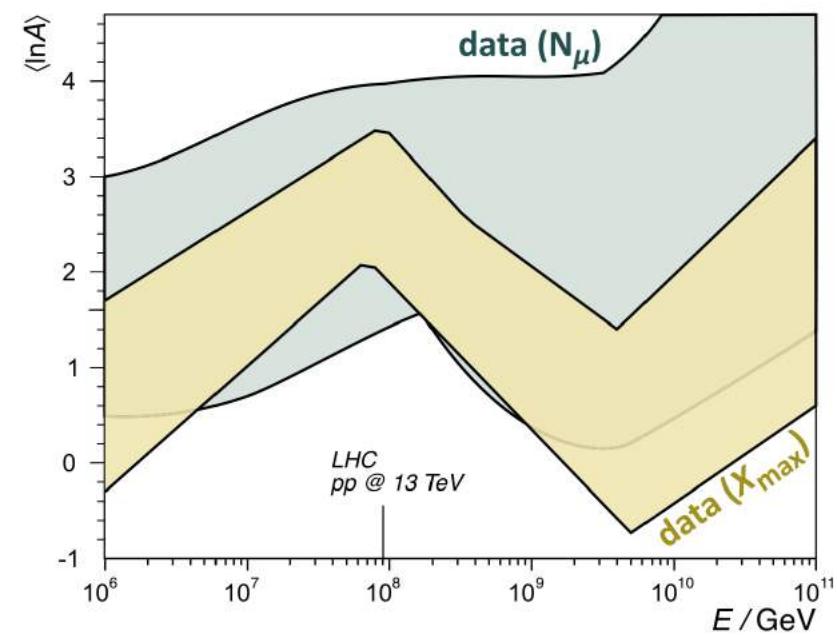
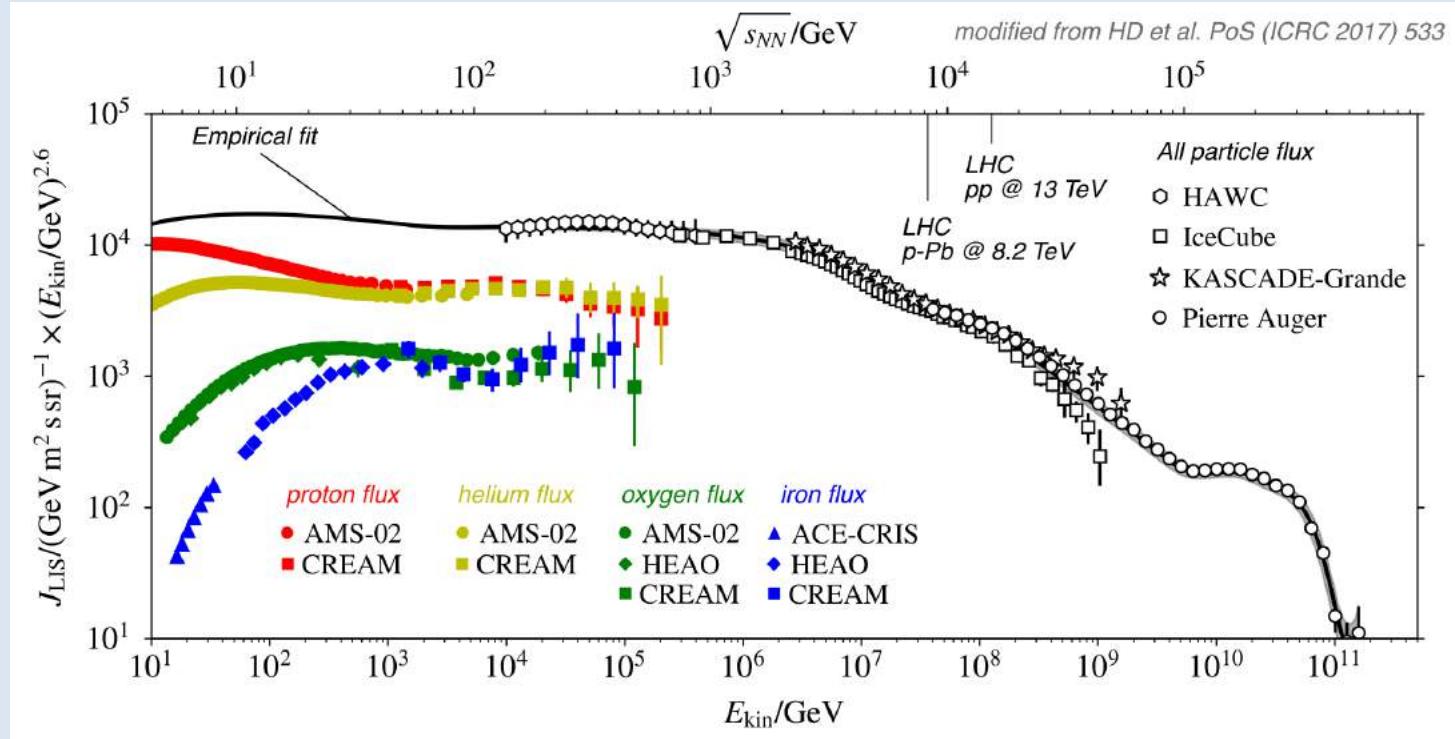
Need input from forward physics experiments

Courtesy: Johannes Knapp



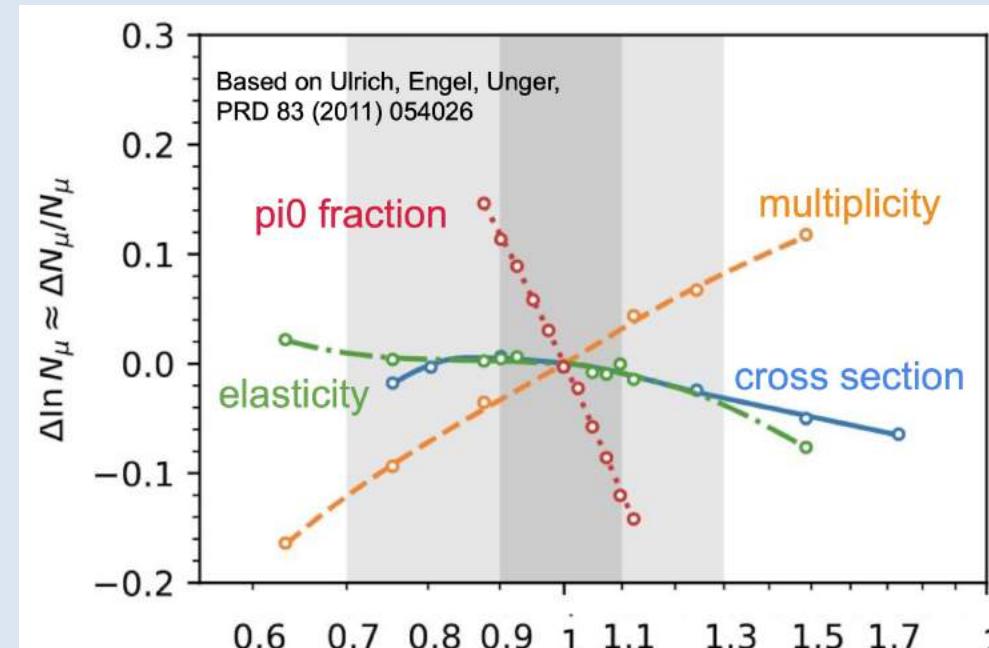
THE COSMIC RAY MUON ANOMALY

There is a ~30-60% mismatch between the observed muon flux and that expected from simulations



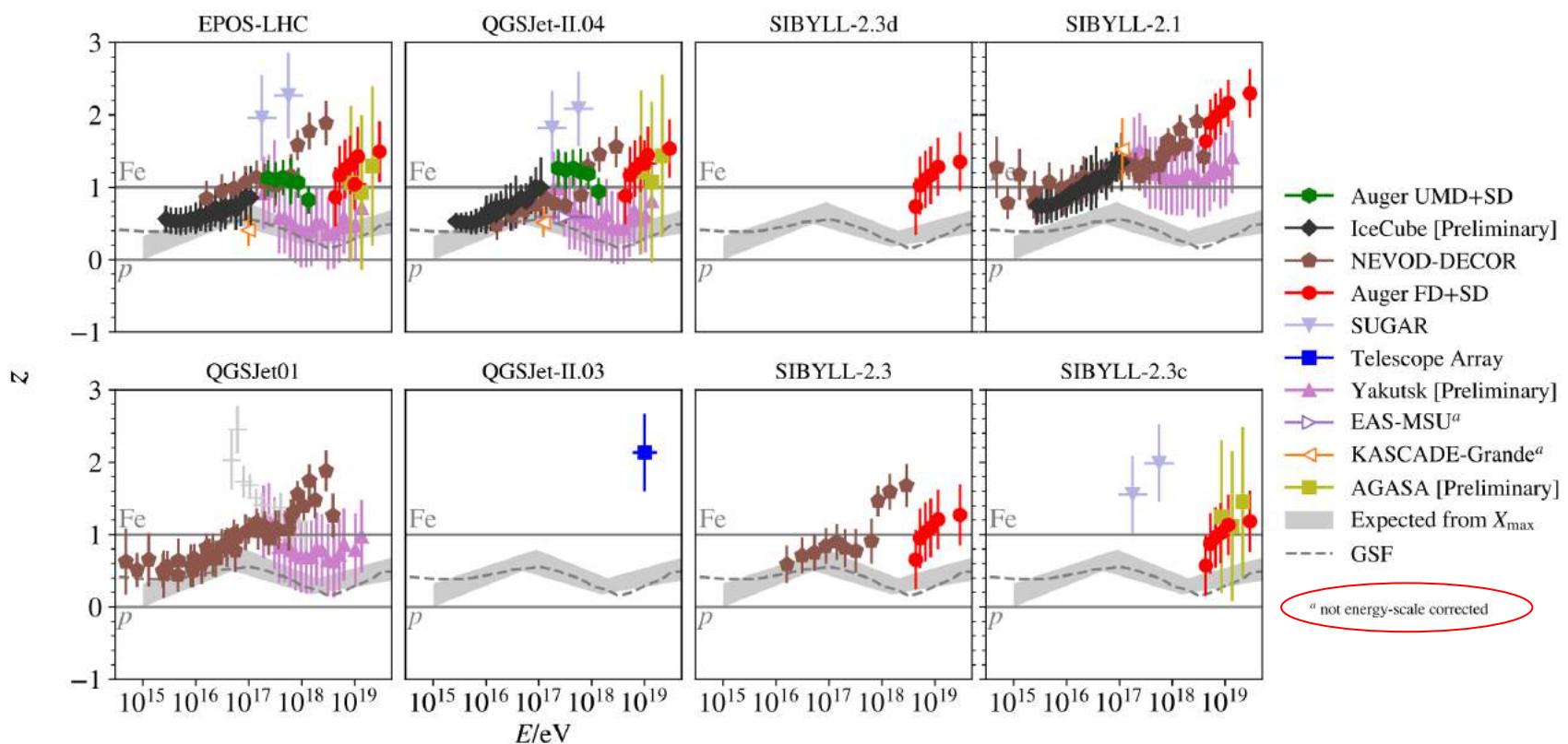
Kampert & Unger, AP 35:660, 2012

Difficult to explain away by tuning parameters without introducing other discrepancies with cosmic ray data

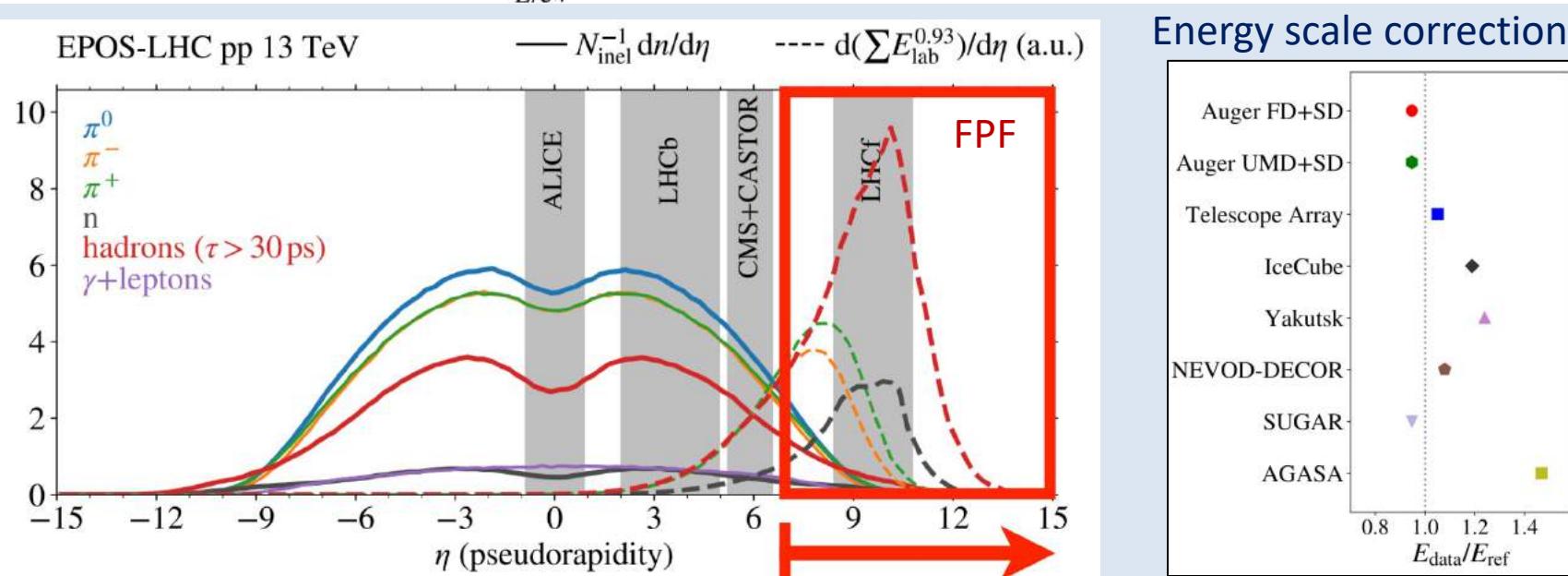


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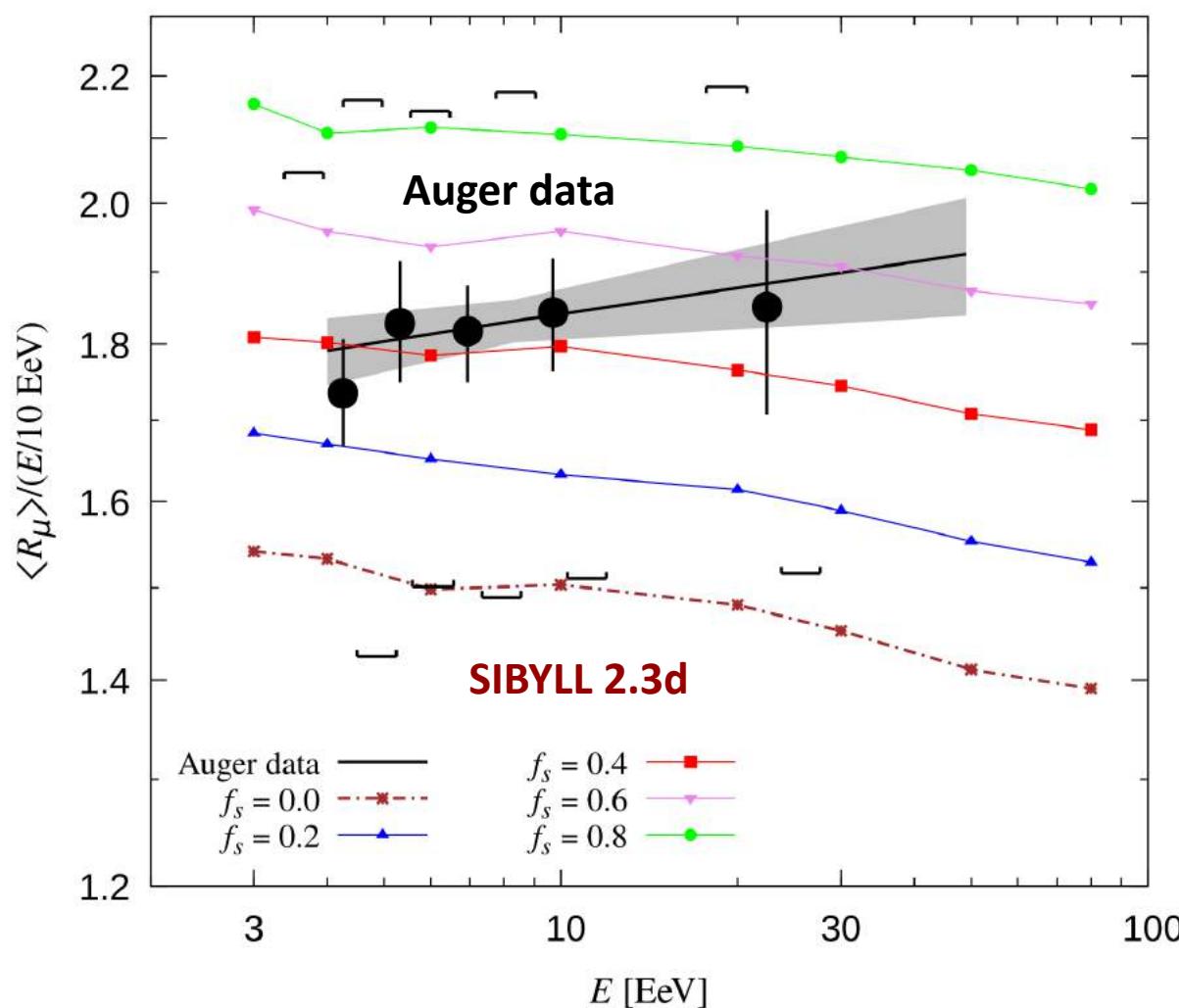
Comparison of muon flux measurements with predictions from air shower simulations + X_{\max} measurements (grey band)



The FPF will measure forward light hadron production in a kinematic range never before explored

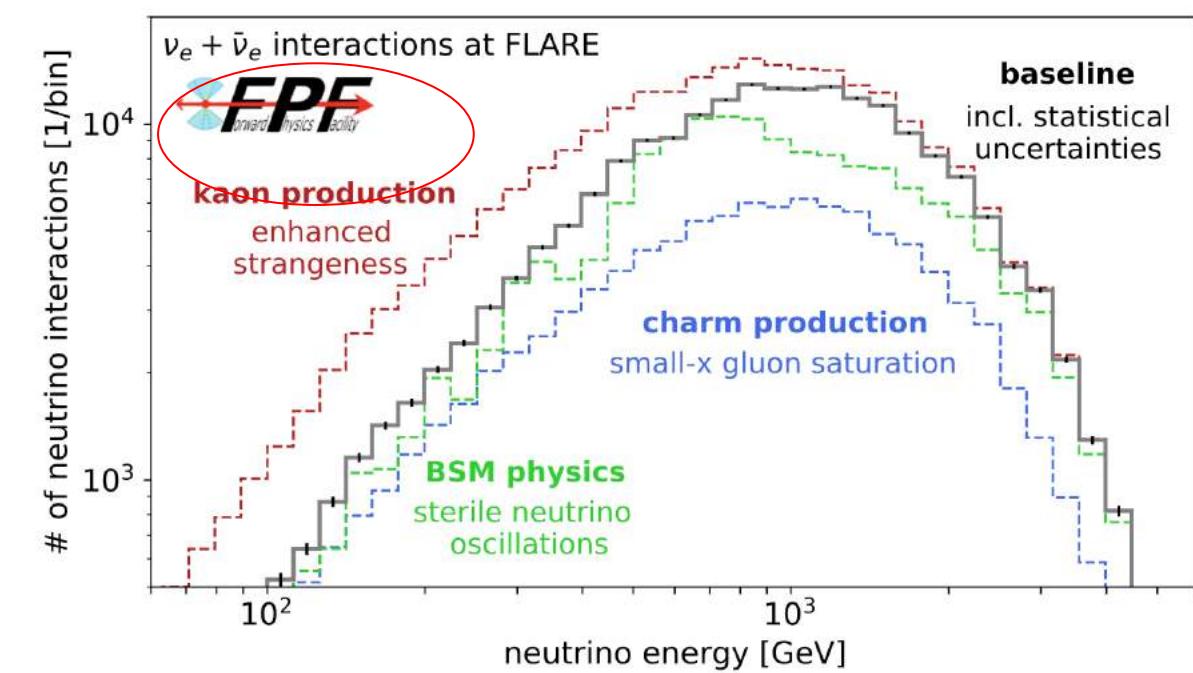


IS THE MUON DEFICIT IN SIMULATIONS WRT UHECR DATA DUE TO ENHANCED STRANGE PRODUCTION?



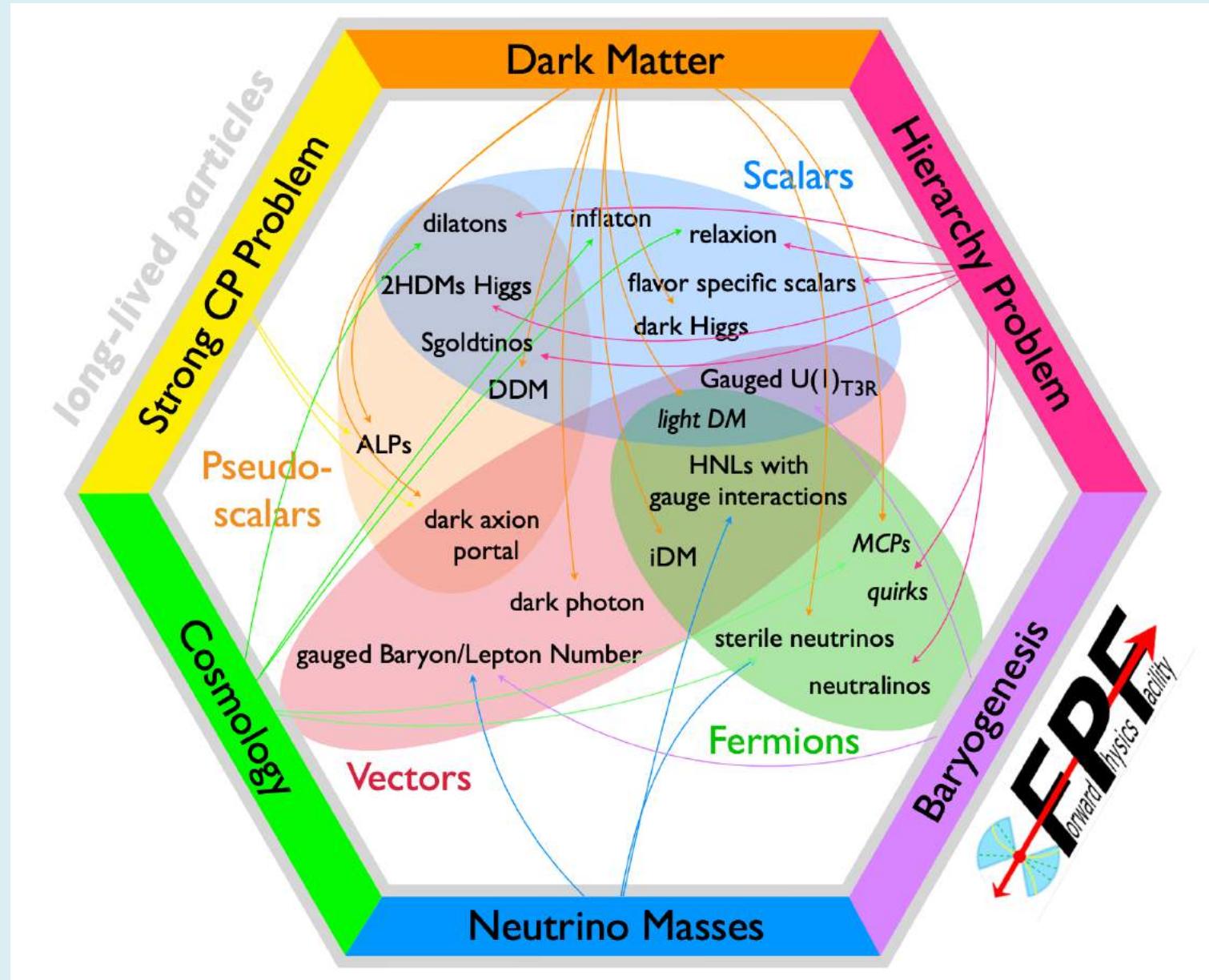
Turning a fraction f_s of forward pions
into kaons ... can solve muon puzzle!
Anchordoqui *et al*, *JHEAp* 34:19,2022

There is a suggestion of this in ALICE data ...
(Enhanced production of multi-strange hadrons
in high-multiplicity proton-proton collisions,
ALICE collaboration, *Nature Phys.* 13:535,2017)



This can be tested directly at the FPF

NEW PHYSICS



Talks: Jyotismita Adhikary, Reuven Balkin, Nicolás Bernal, Maksym Ovchynnikov, Roman Macarelli, Aparajitha Karthikeyan, Lingfeng Li, ...

WG4: Brian Batell
Sebastian Trojanowski
+ 98 members

Synergy with dark matter search experiments

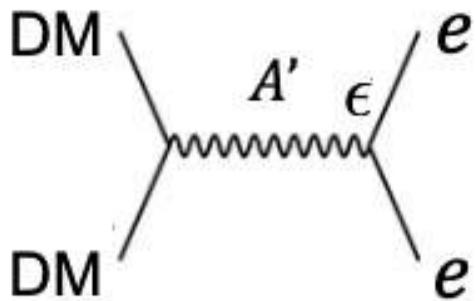
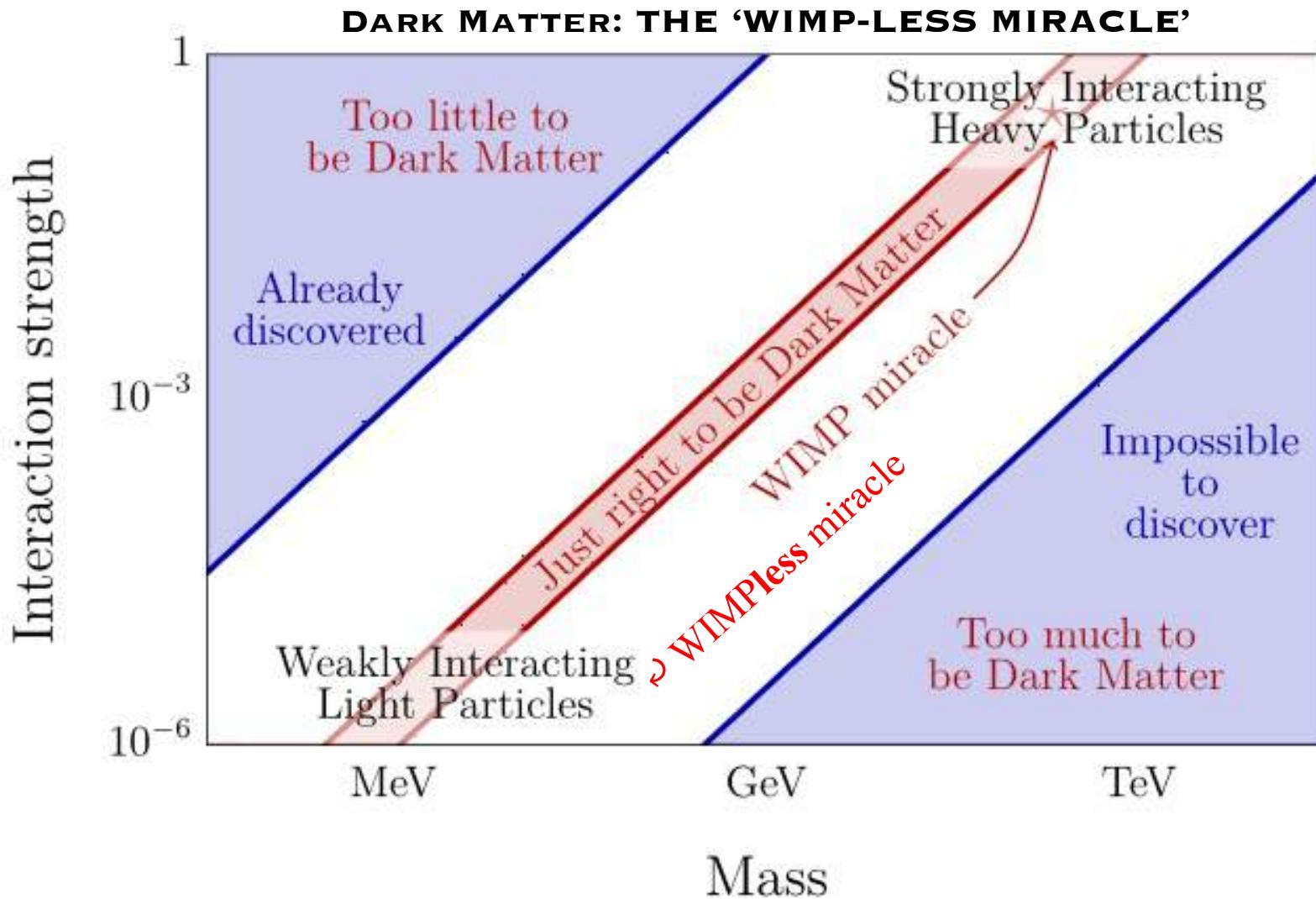
THEORETICAL MOTIVATIONS FOR NEW LIGHT FEEBLY INTERACTING/LONG-LIVED PARTICLES

SM

- Abelian, unbroken: Electromagnetism $U(1)_{\text{EM}}$
- Abelian, spontaneously broken: Hypercharge $U(1)_Y$
- Non-Abelian, spontaneously broken: Weak $SU(2)$
- Non-Abelian, dynamically broken: QCD $SU(3)$

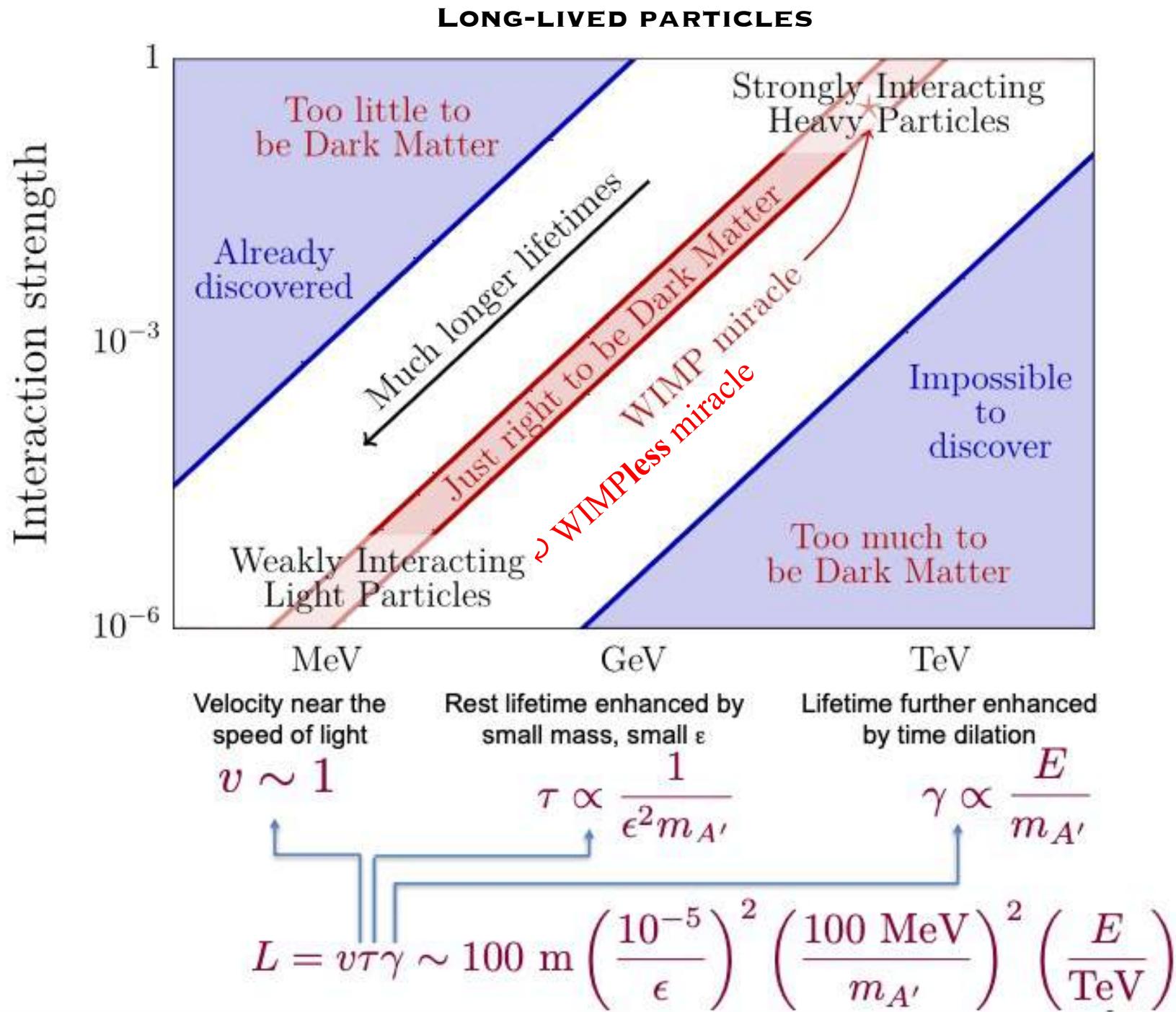
• BSM

- Abelian, unbroken: **millicharged particles** (FORMOSA)
- Abelian, spontaneously broken: **dark photon, $B - L$, $L_\mu - L_\tau$ gauge bosons** (FASER2, FASERv2, AdvSND, FLArE)
- Non-Abelian, spontaneously broken: ?
- Non-Abelian, dynamically broken: **quirks** (FASER2, FLArE, and others?)



$$\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim \epsilon^2 / m_{A'}^2$$

$$\Omega_{\text{DM}} \propto 1/\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim m_{A'}^2 / \epsilon^2$$





PLATFORM 9 3/4

THE PORTAL FORMALISM

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{portal}} = \sum O_{\text{SM}} \times O_{\text{DS}}$$



Vector portal

$$F'_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}$$

Scalar portal

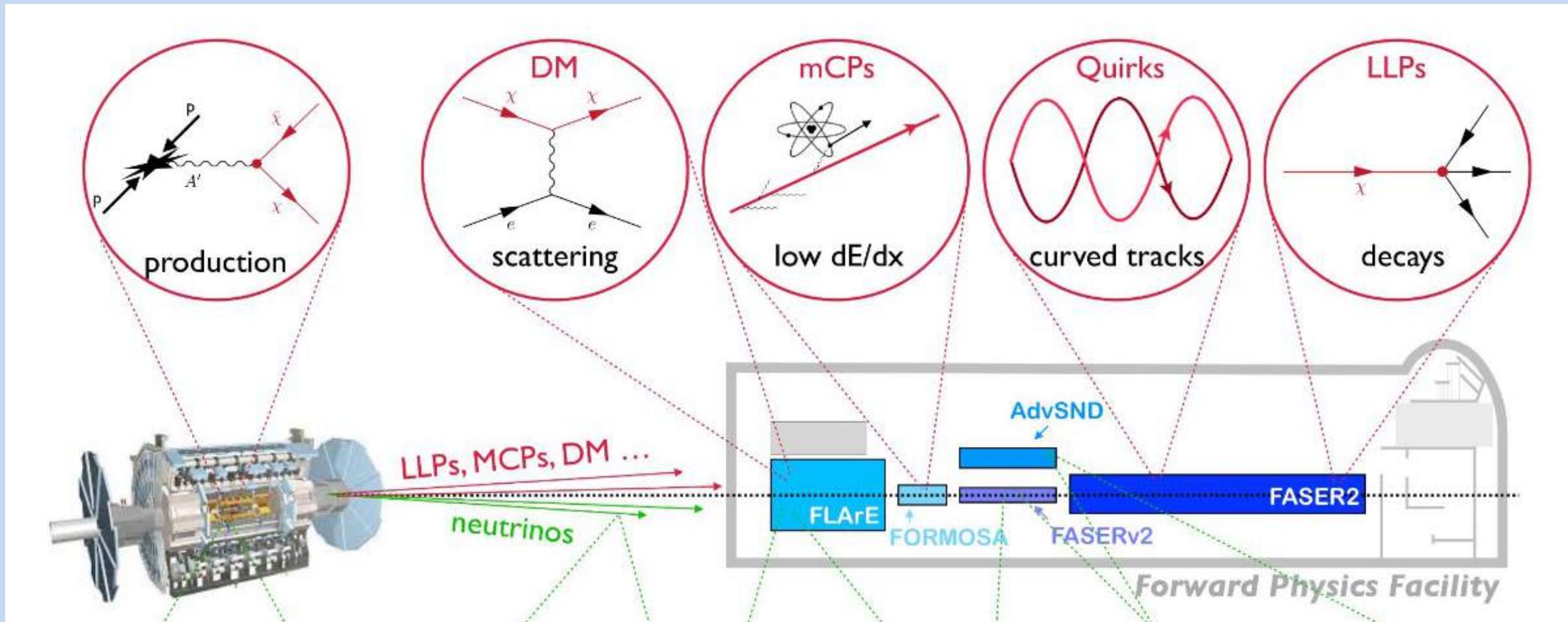
$$\phi H^\dagger H \quad \phi^2 H^\dagger H$$

Neutrino portal

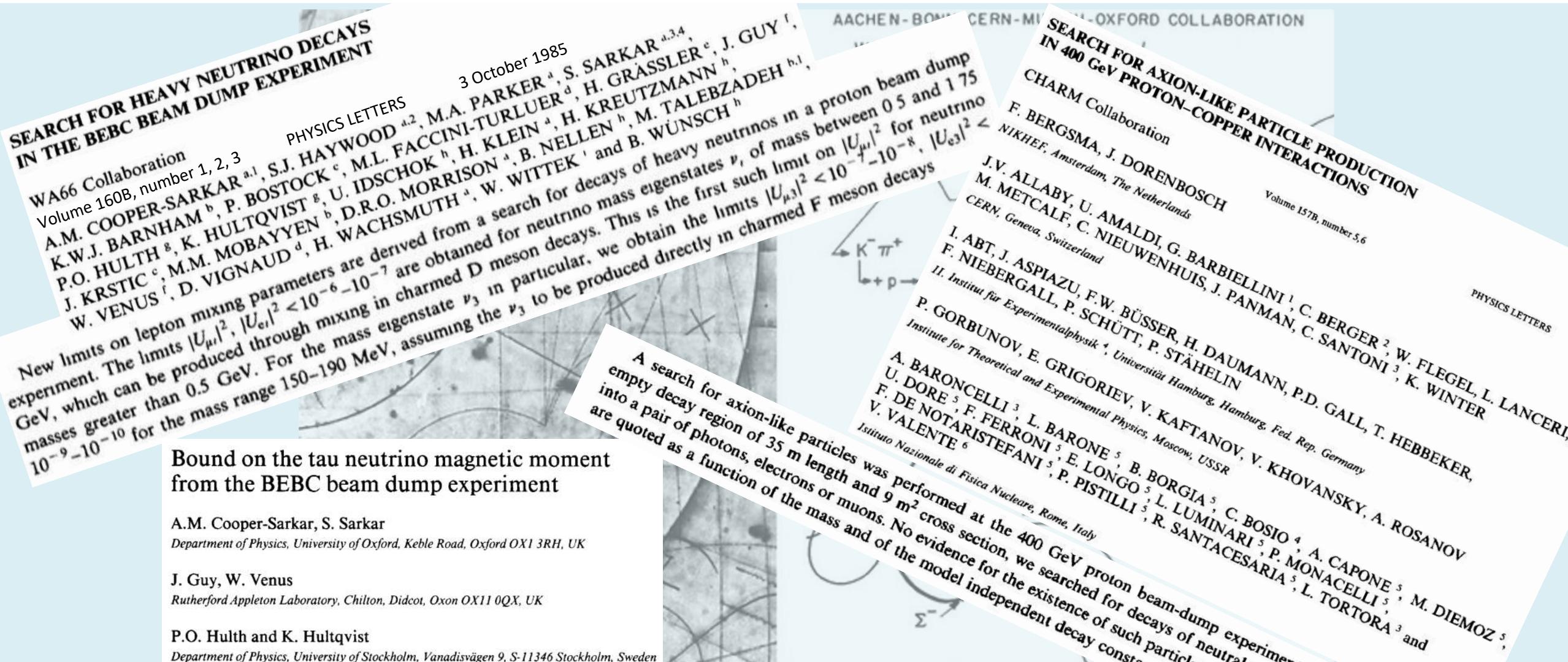
$$L H \bar{N}$$

Axion portal

$$\frac{\partial_\mu a}{f_a} \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \psi$$



Such searches were carried out ~40 years ago at CERN by the neutrino beam dump experiments at the SPS
e.g. using BEBC we searched for light neutralinos, heavy neutral leptons, neutrino magnetic moments etc



Bound on the tau neutrino magnetic moment from the BEBC beam dump experiment

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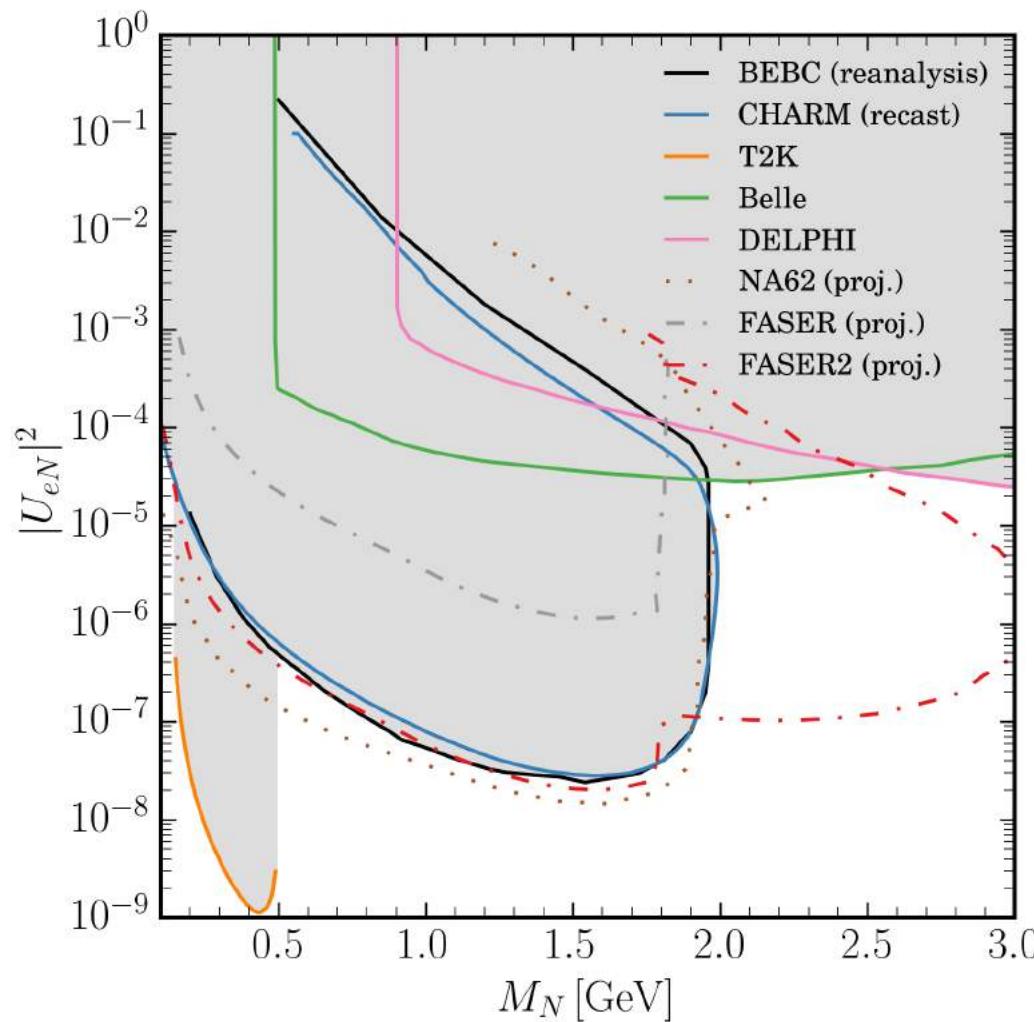
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We have searched for electrons scattered in the forward direction by neutrinos produced by dumping a 400 GeV/c proton beam on a copper target. We estimate the number of tau neutrinos produced from the decays of D_s mesons in the dump. The data limit the possible magnetic moment of tau neutrinos to be below $5.4 \times 10^{-7} \mu_B$. This rules out the suggestion that tau neutrinos of mass O(MeV) constitute the dark matter in the universe.

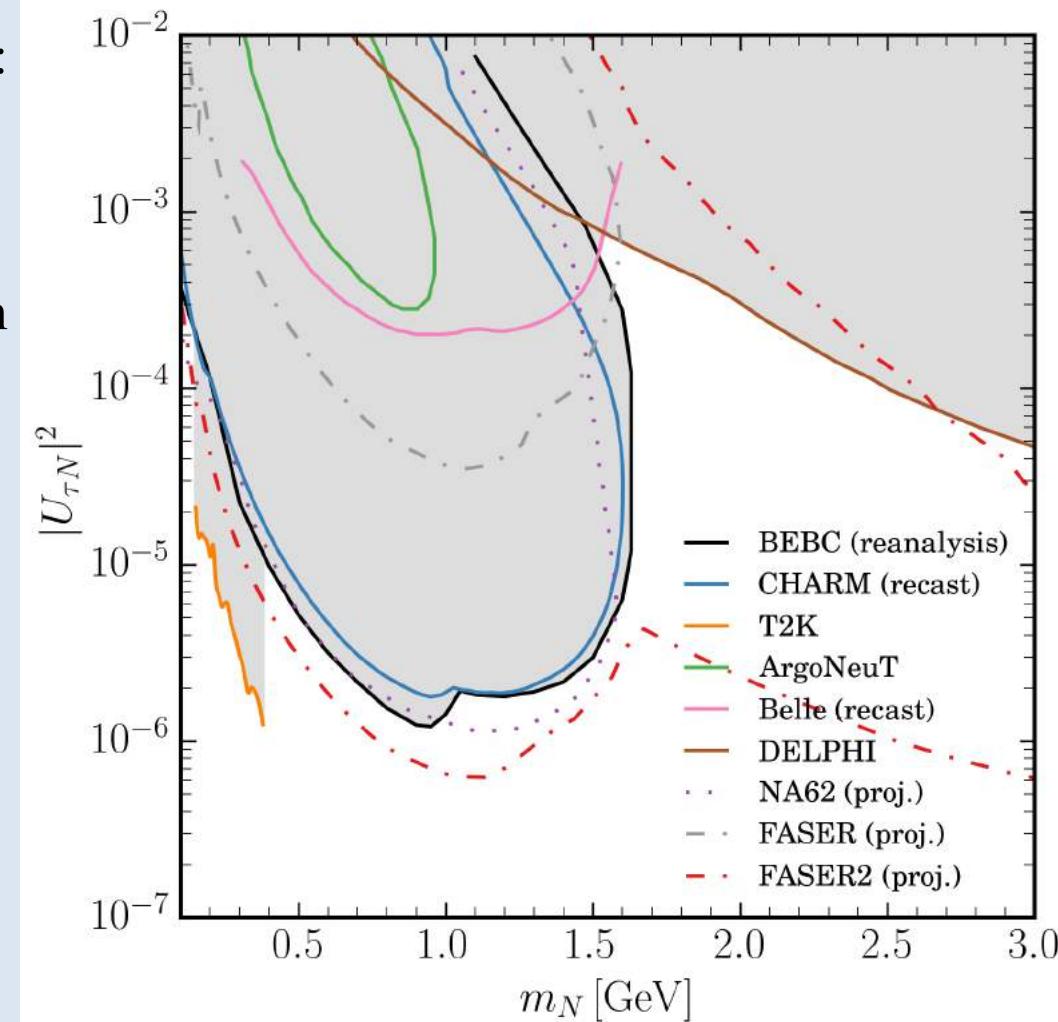
We revisit the search for heavy neutral leptons with the Big European Bubble Chamber in the 1982 proton beam dump experiment at CERN, focussing on those heavier than the kaon and mixing only with the tau neutrino, as these are far less constrained than their counterparts with smaller mass or other mixings. Recasting the previous search in terms of this model and including additional production and decay channels yields the strongest bounds to date, up to the tau mass. This applies also to our updated bounds on the mixing of heavy neutral leptons with the electron neutrino.

Barouki, Marocco, S.S., *SciPost Phys.* **13**:118,2020

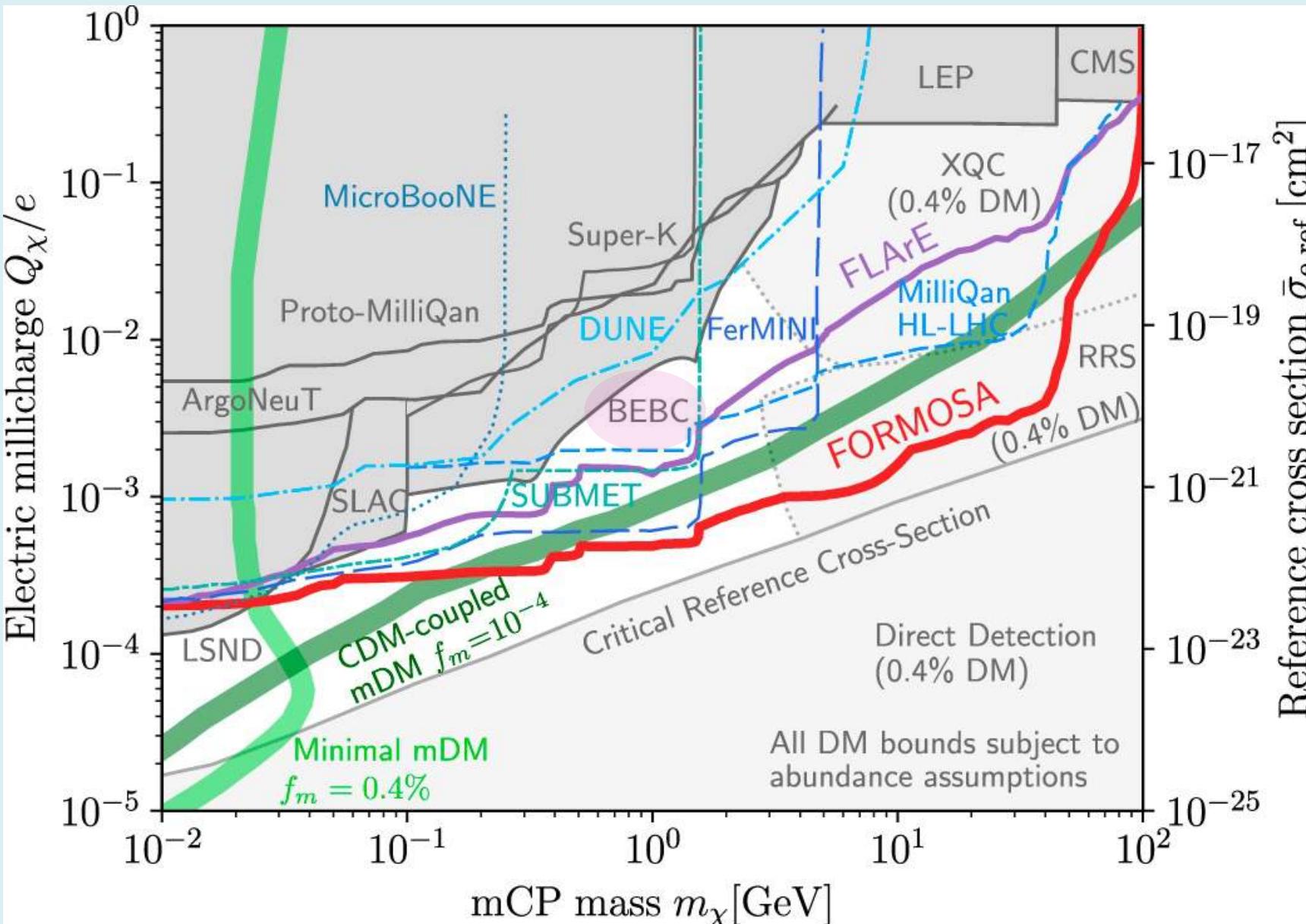


Blast from the past:
Constraints on
heavy neutral
leptons from the
BEBC WA66 beam
dump experiment

FASER2 will do
a factor of ~ 5
better up to m_c
and a factor of
 ~ 100 better up
to m_b



THE REACH FOR MILLI-CHARGED PARTICLES AT THE FPF



Πωτάνι SNACK BAR

Εὰν μὴ εἰπηταλ
ἀνέλποτον, οὐκ ἔξευ-

ρνοεί. If you do not
hope for the unexpected,
you will not find it!

HERACLITUS
Healthy greek snacks
Organic coffee-cocoa-
chocolate-

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