

# Possible Multi-Messenger Astrophysics on a Blazar

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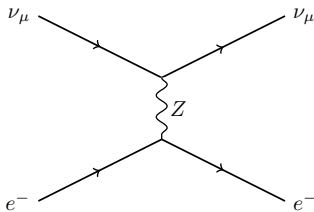
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- Optical very old, new fields in last hundred years
- Importance and History of Multi Messenger Astrophysics
- Solar Flare in 1940
- SN1987A in Large Magellanic Cloud in 1987
  - 25 neutrinos at 3 observatories
  - confirmed model core-collapse ( neutrinos carry 99% Energy )
  - Nobel Prize 2002
- NS merger
  - big in the news
- Blazar
  - not so big in the news
  - what we will talk about

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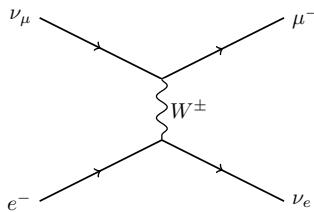
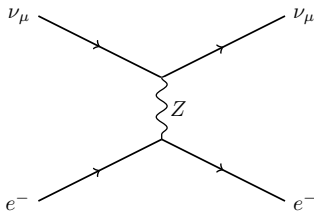
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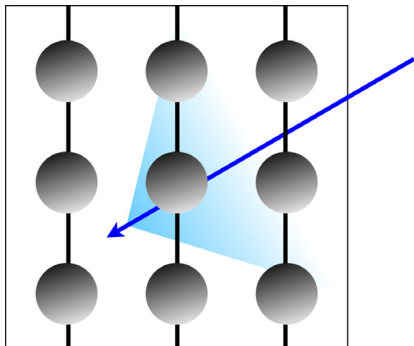


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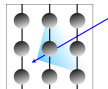


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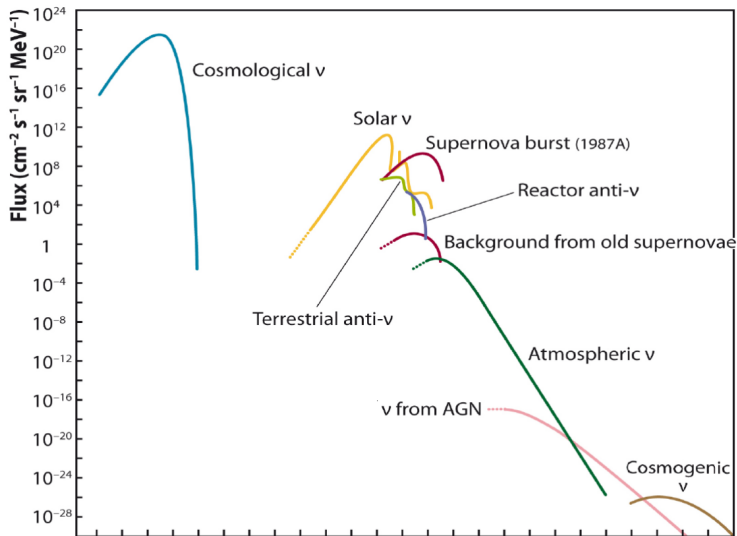
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- Interactions
  - Neutral Current: energy into  $e^-$ ,  $\nu_e$  flies off
  - Charged C:  $\nu_\mu$  on  $e^-$  goes to  $\nu_e$  with  $\mu$
- Cherenkov light
- Digital-Optical Modules
- Recap: idea of telescope

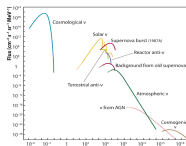
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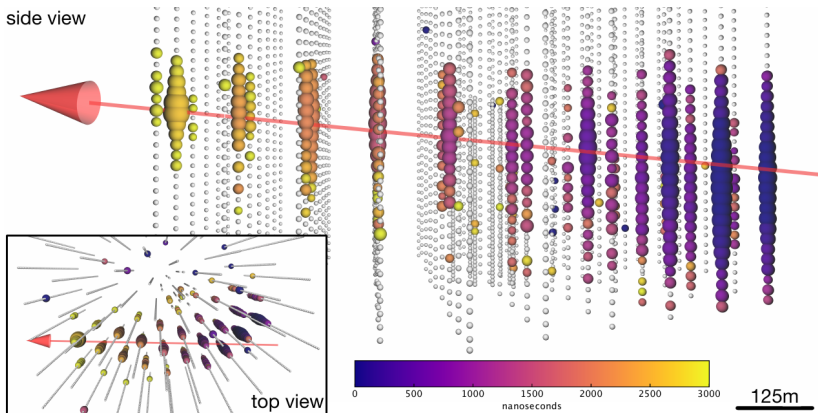


- Distinction Atmospheric vs Astrophysical
  - steep decline for  $\lesssim$  TeV
  - lower energies
  - solar flare, sn1987A only because of flux
- Observatories: IceCube, ANTARES
  - IceCube: 100 GeV - several PeV
  - ANTARES: 10 GeV - 100 TeV
- Types of events
  - Tracklike (through-going)
  - Showerlike

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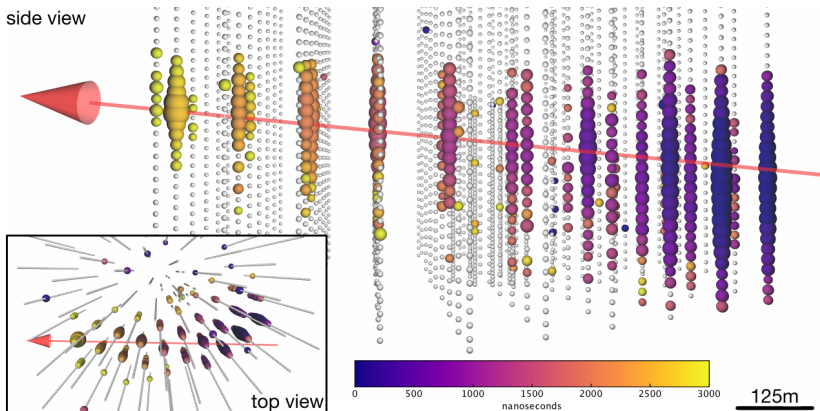


- Traversing Muon
- Energy deposited 23.7 TeV



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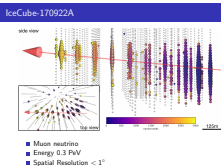


- Muon neutrino
- Energy 0.3 PeV
- Spatial Resolution  $< 1^\circ$

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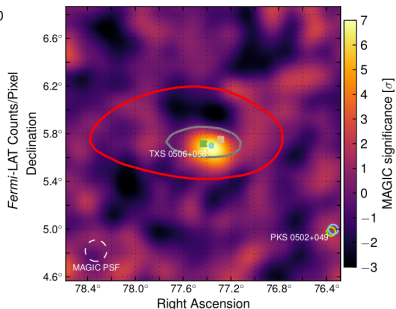
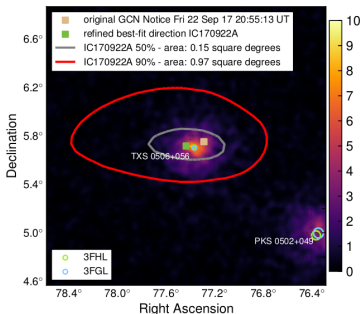
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- 22 sept 2017 Icecube
- Muon detection (automated analysis)
- real-time alert system
- 43 secs initial direction and energy
- Muon track
- → zenith angle  $5.7 \pm 0.5$
- → interaction outside
- → simulations
- IC robust > PeV, individual atmospheric not excluded  $\sim 100\text{TeV}$
- followup ANTARES data
  - no candidates ( $\pm 1$  day)
  - sensitivity 1/10 of IceCube at declination
- ⇒ EM observation needed

## EM pinpointing of IC170922A

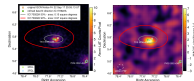


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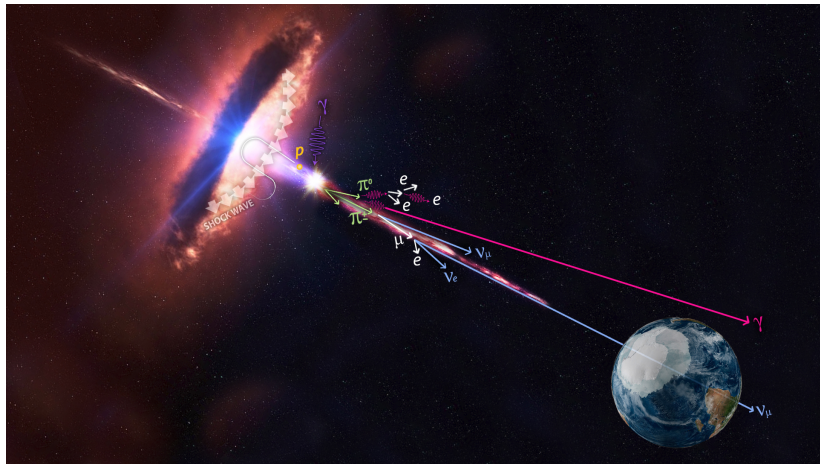


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- Fermi-LAT instrument
  - 20 MeV to 300 GeV + pair-conversion ( $e^- + e^+$ )
  - all-sky survey ( entire sky every 3h )
- Fermi-LAT observation
  - object  $0.1^\circ$  from best-fitting direction known source
  - brightening since April 2017, confirmed by AGILE (italian)
  - automated processing  $\rightarrow$  previous flare  $\rightarrow$  because neutrino
- MAGIC instrument
  - telescope on La Palma
  - 50 GeV to 30 TeV
- MAGIC observation
  - observation non-optimal 2h  $\rightarrow$  nothing
  - observation good 13h  $\rightarrow 374 \pm 62$  excess photons
- VERITAS, HESS no observations  $\rightarrow$  upper limits (coming slide)
- HAWC no source above 1TeV in (archival) data
- $z < 1$  from flux and extragalactic background light interaction

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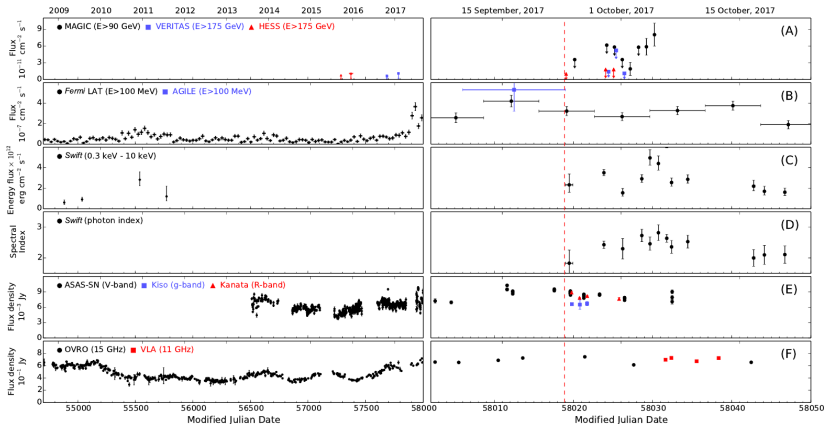
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- Active Galactic Nucleus
- early optical and radio detections
- Jet from Central BH
- Blazar = jet pointed at us
- Joke: earth wrongly rotated for current event

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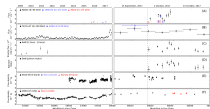




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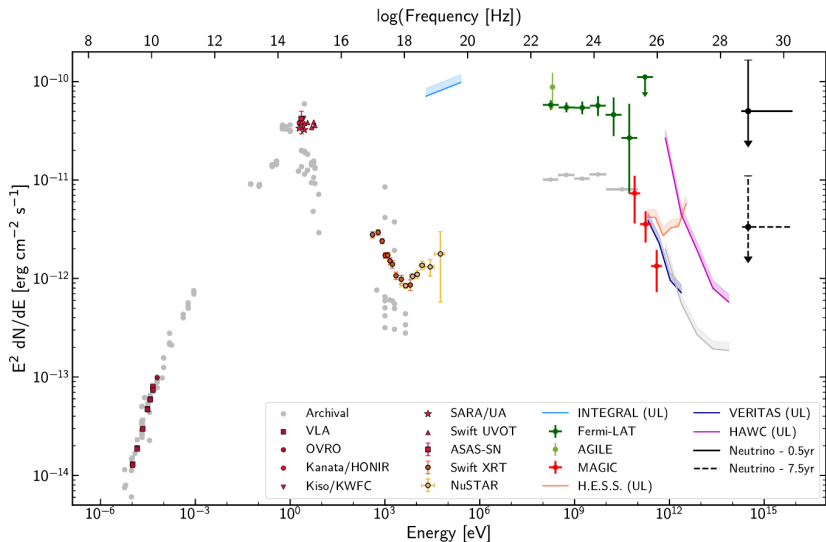
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- Not only Gamma Rays: X-ray to Radio
- dates: left: 22 Aug 2008 to 6 Sept 2017  
right: 6 Sept 2017 to 22 Sept 2017
- VHE  $\gamma$ : flare, difference because of Energy and Exposure
- $\gamma$ : flare (AGILE confirmation), earlier flare
- X-Ray: 9 sources within 2.1 sq deg

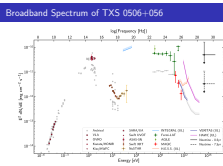
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- observations within 14 days of IC-170922A
- archival data
- UL is upper limit
- double bump structure (characteristic of non-thermal emission)
- redshift difficult non-thermal outshines spectral lines
- later redshift measurement from optical data ( $z = 0.3365 \pm 0.0010$ )
- Extrapolated Spectra connect smoothly

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- IC-170922A not enough for science
  - neutrino production models
  - neutrino to gamma
- real-time alert system since Apr 2016
- 41 archival events also tested with TXS
- neutrino 2014 - points to Blazar - lower energy

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