

Neutrino astronomy with high-energy neutrinos

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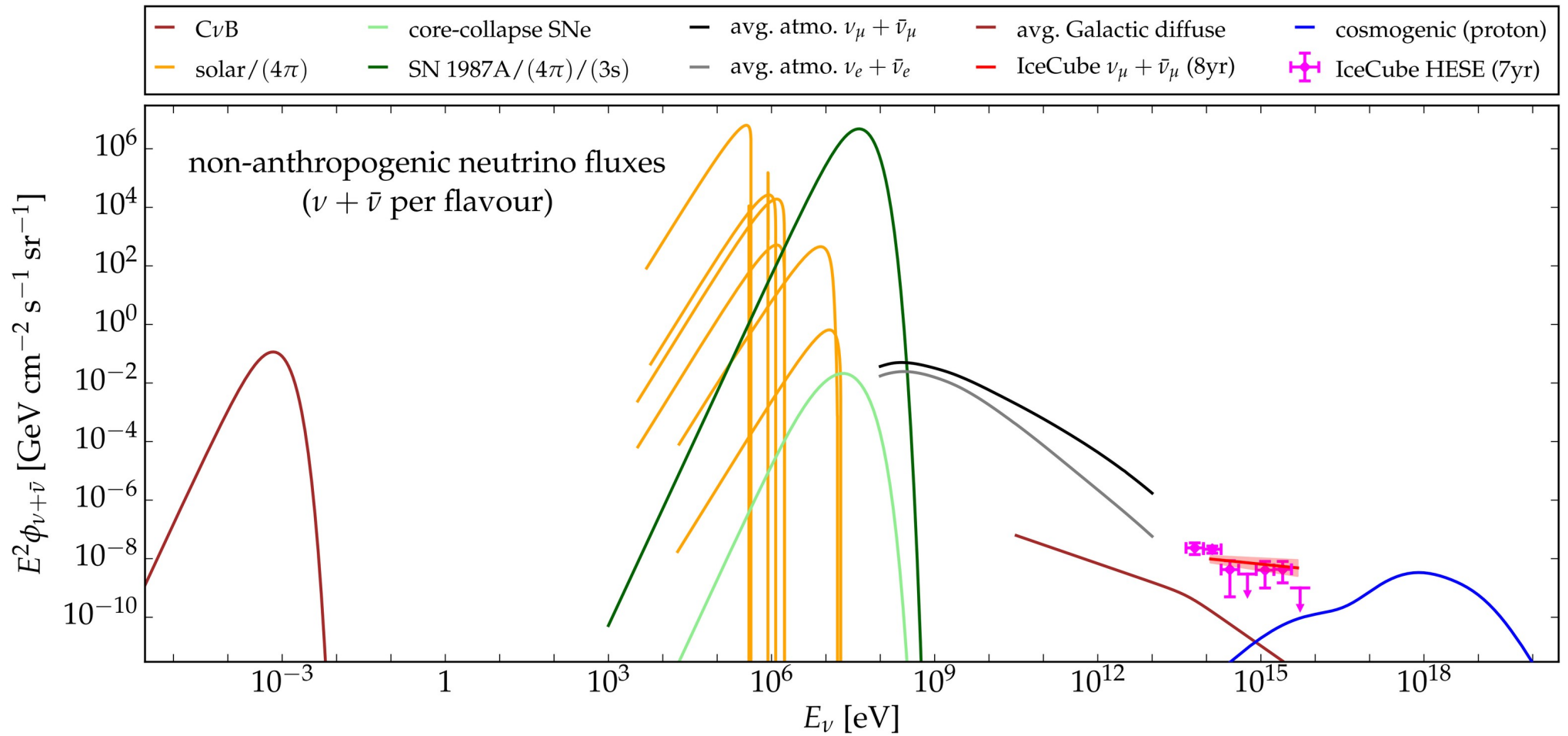


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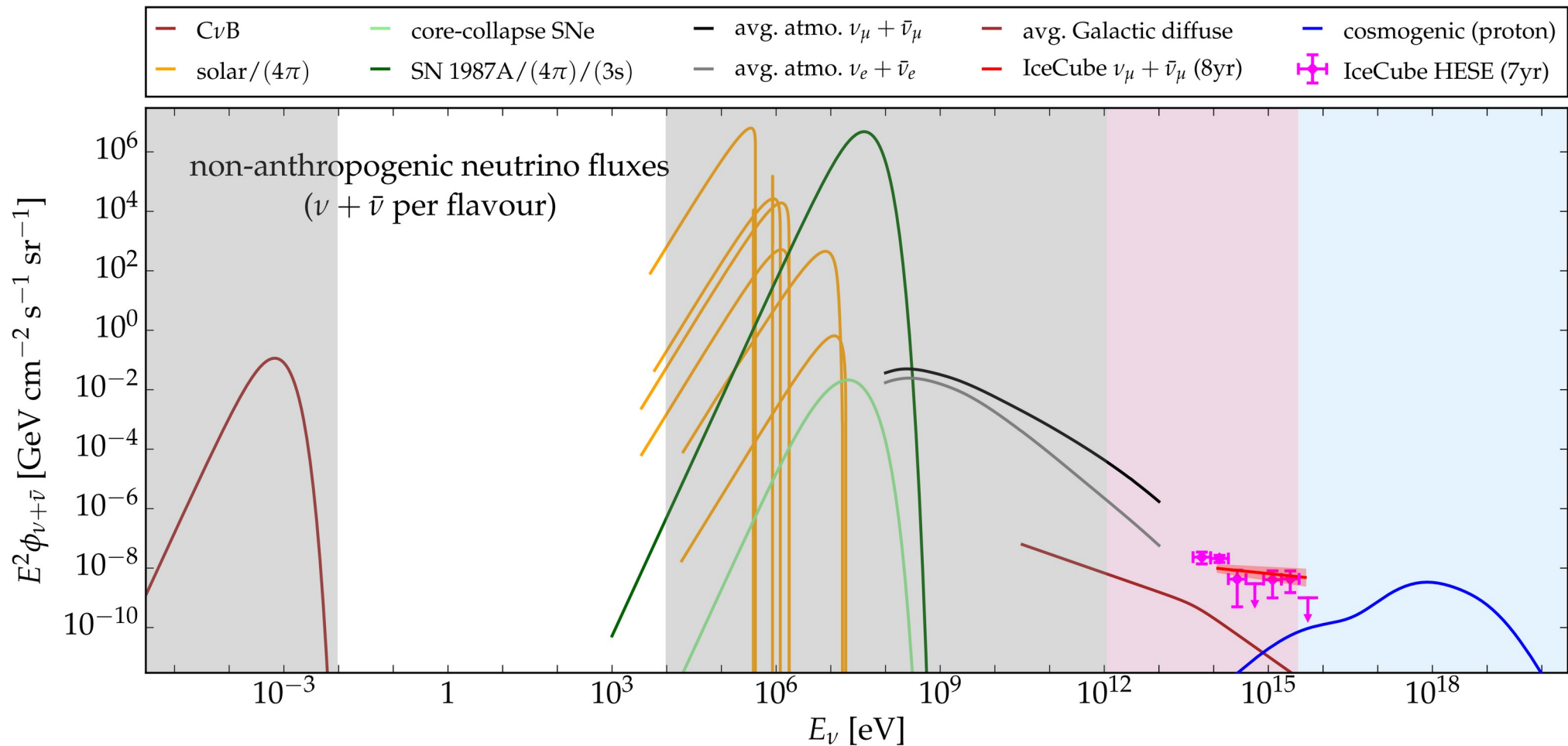


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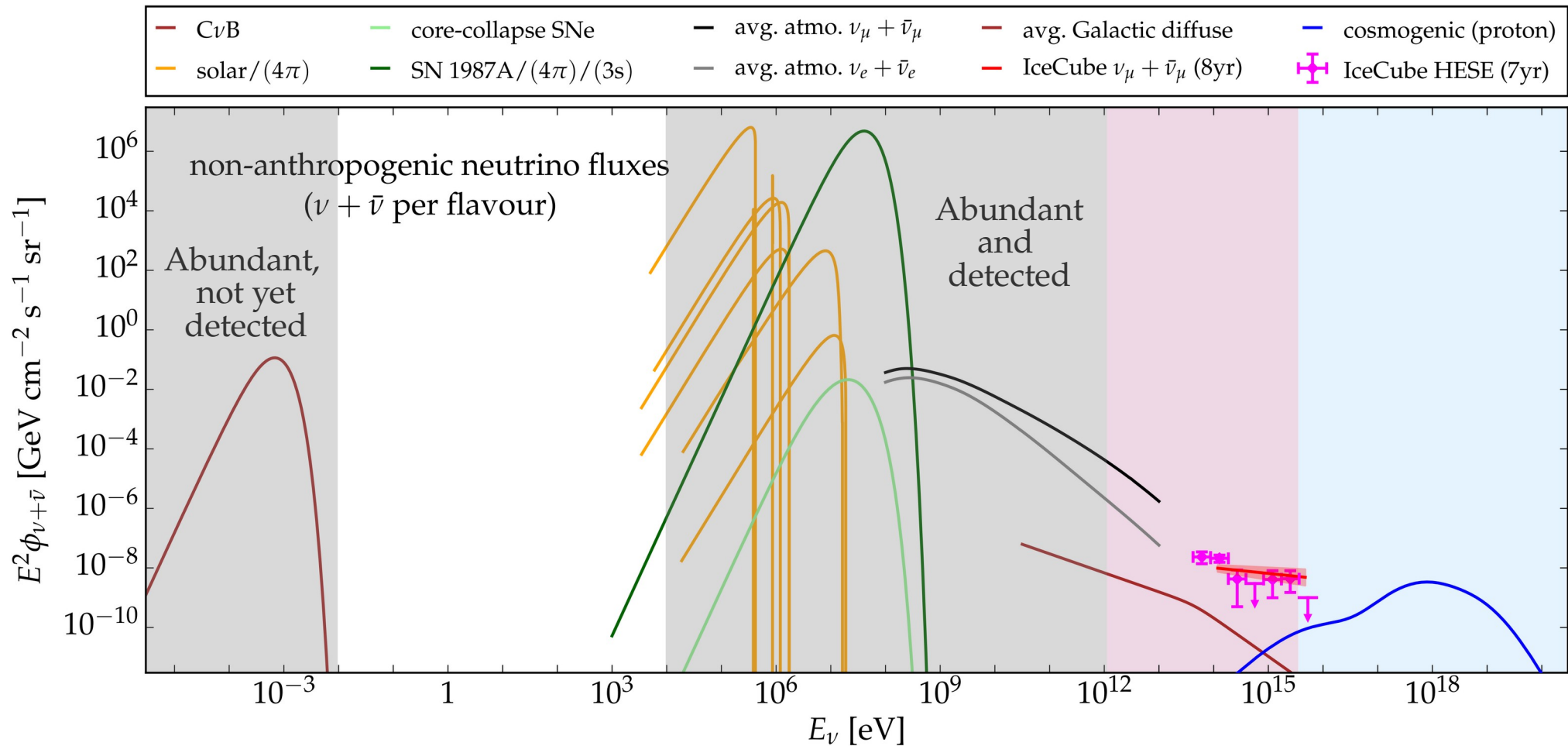


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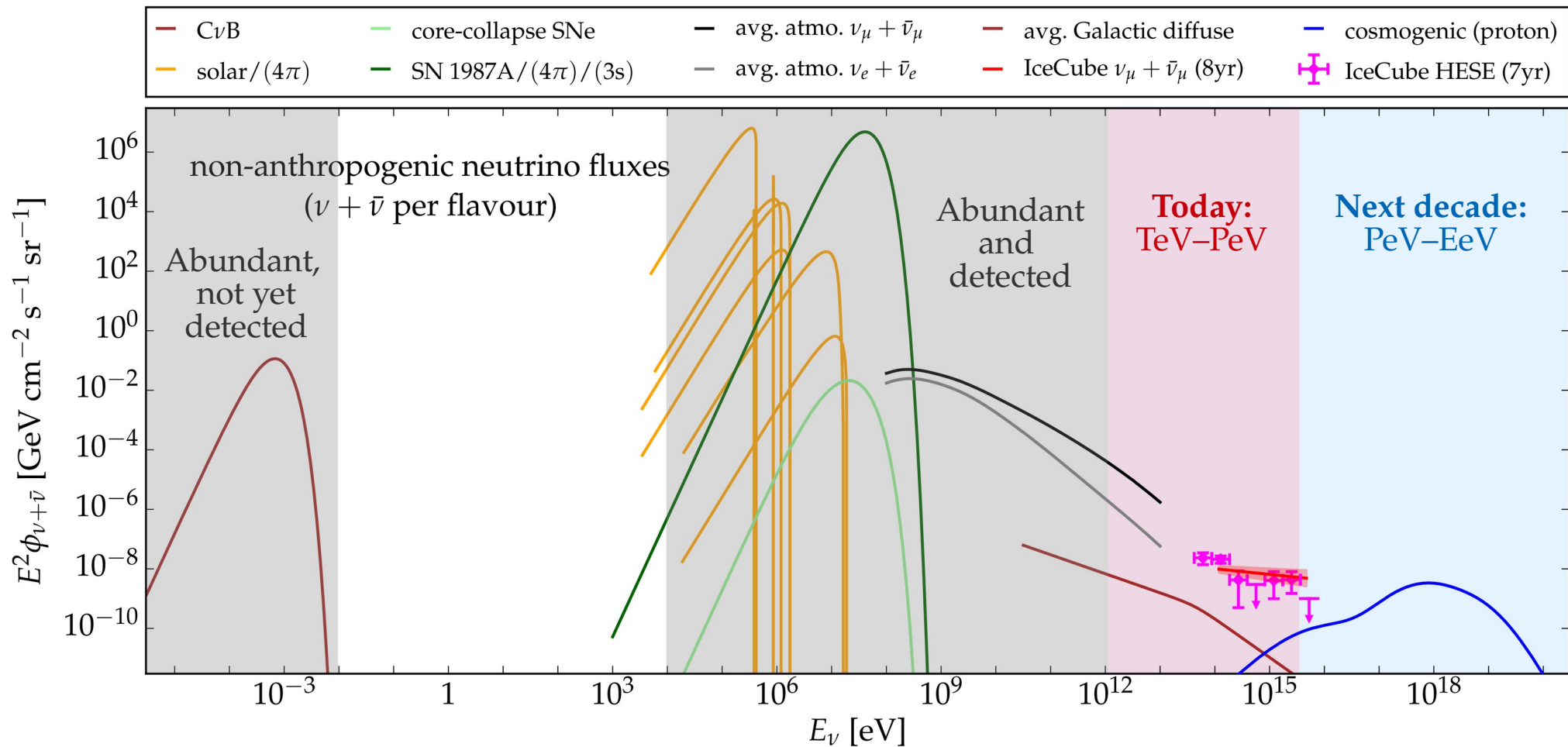


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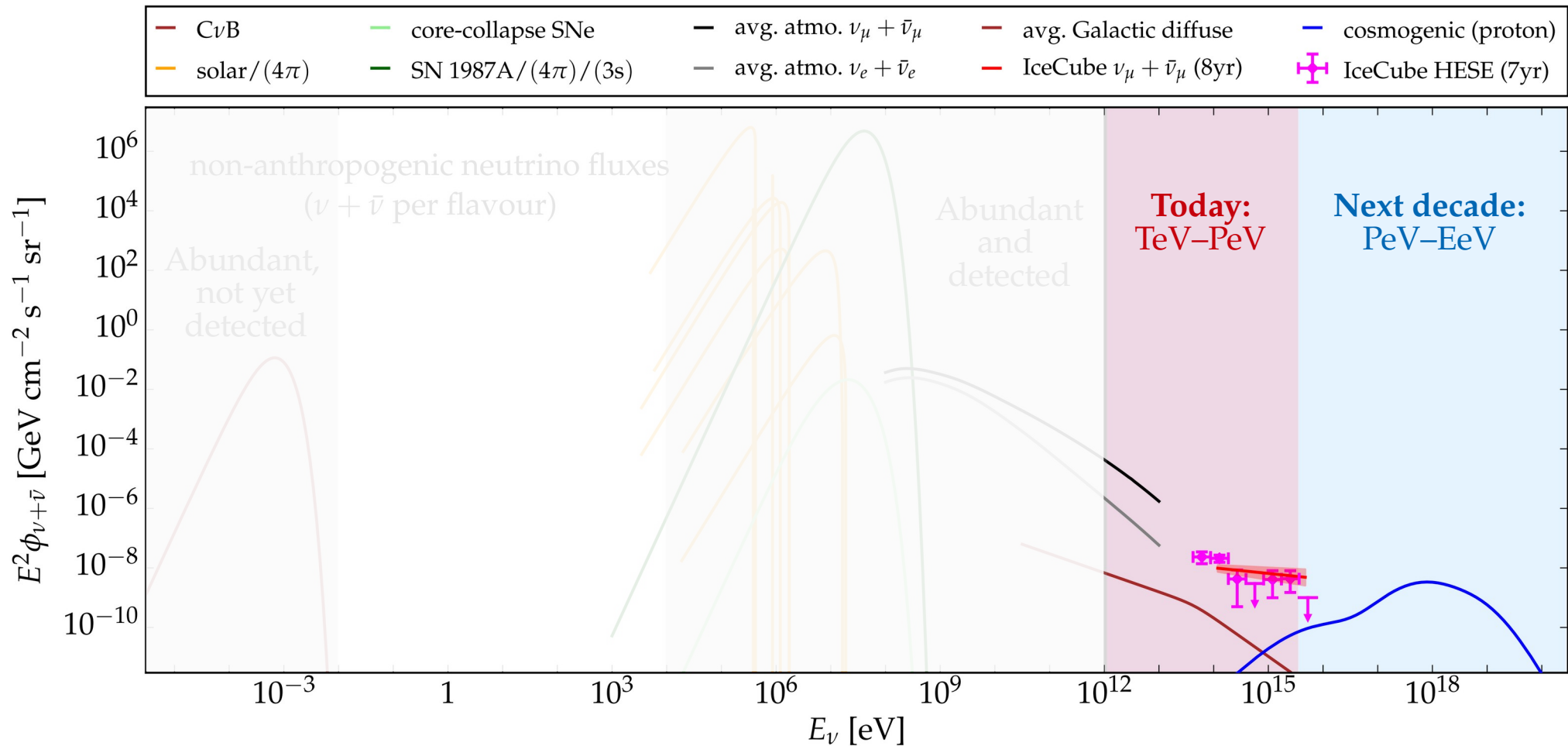


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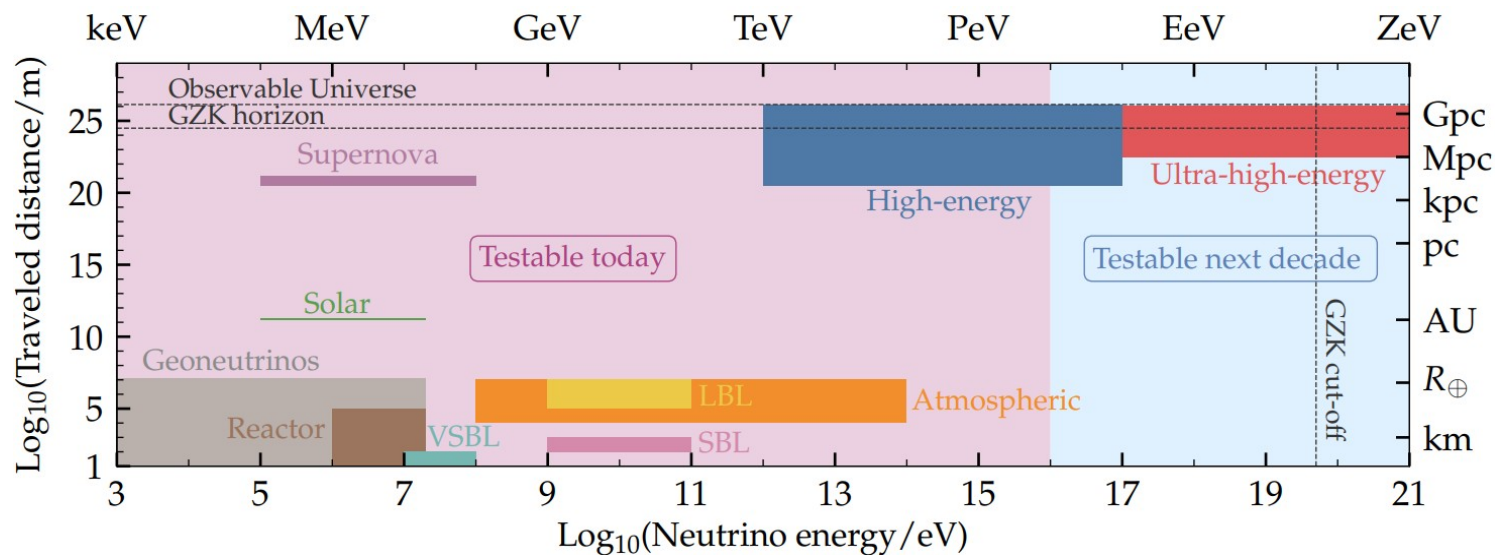
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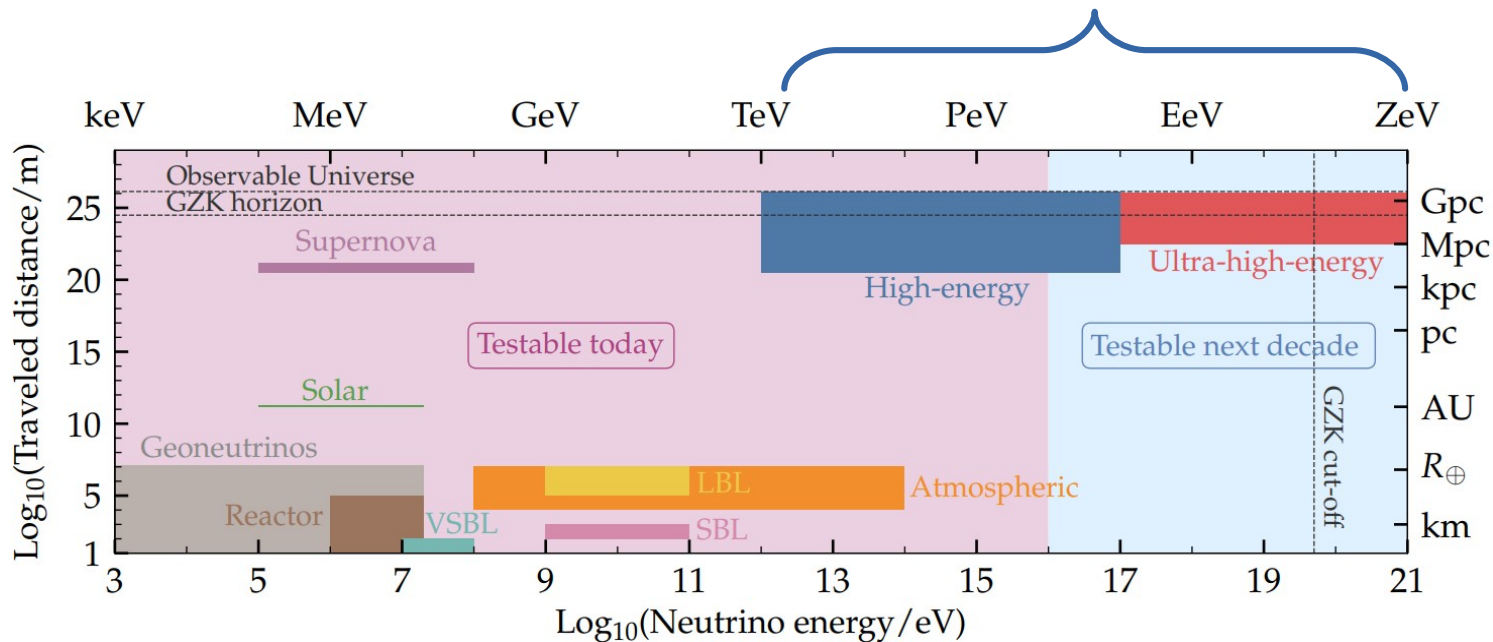
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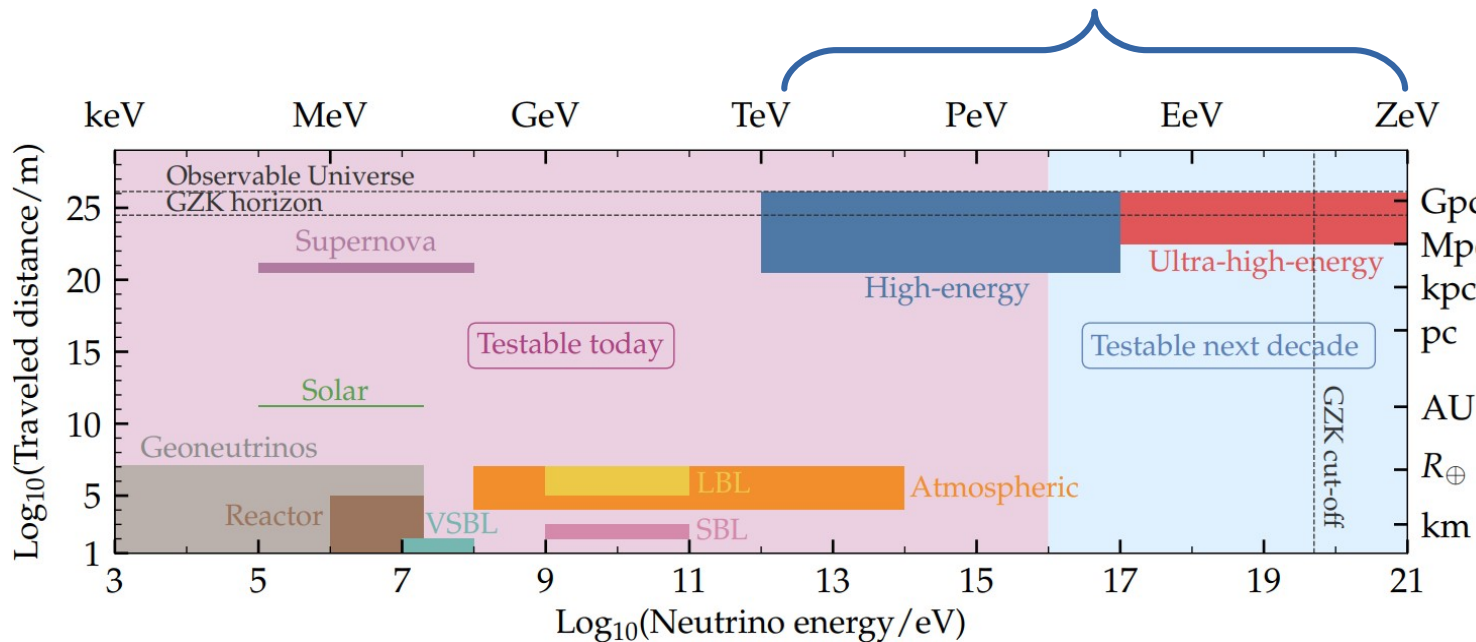
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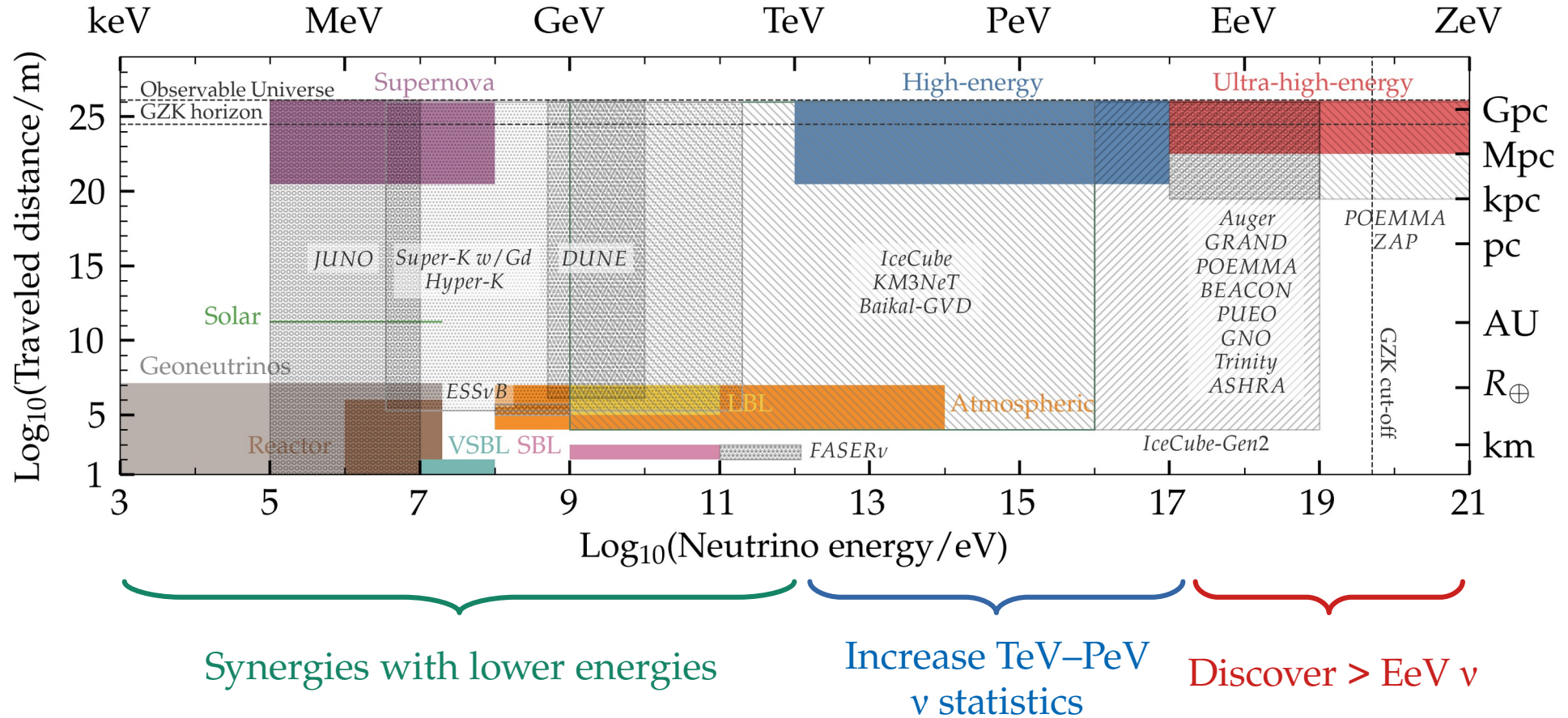
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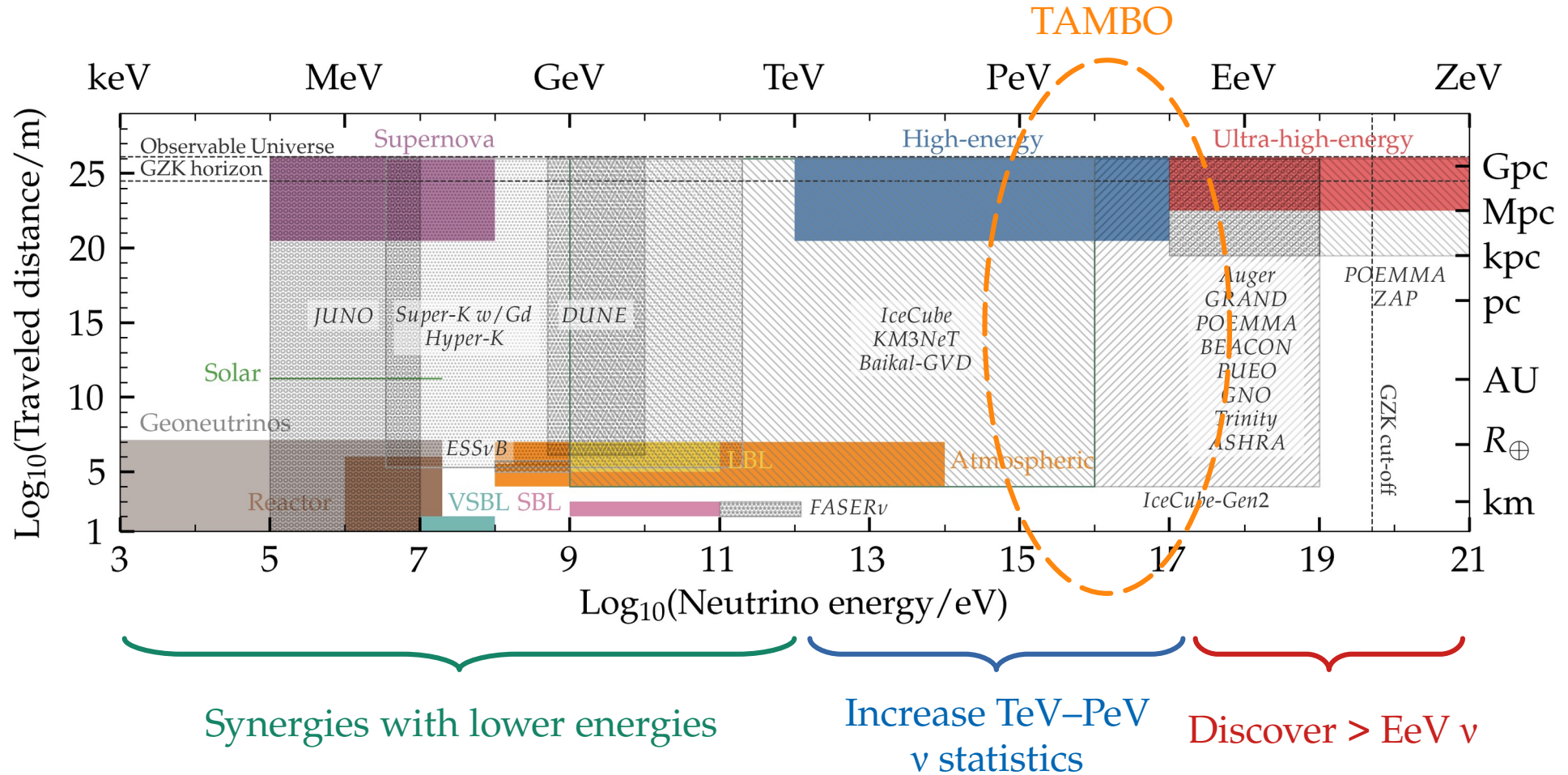


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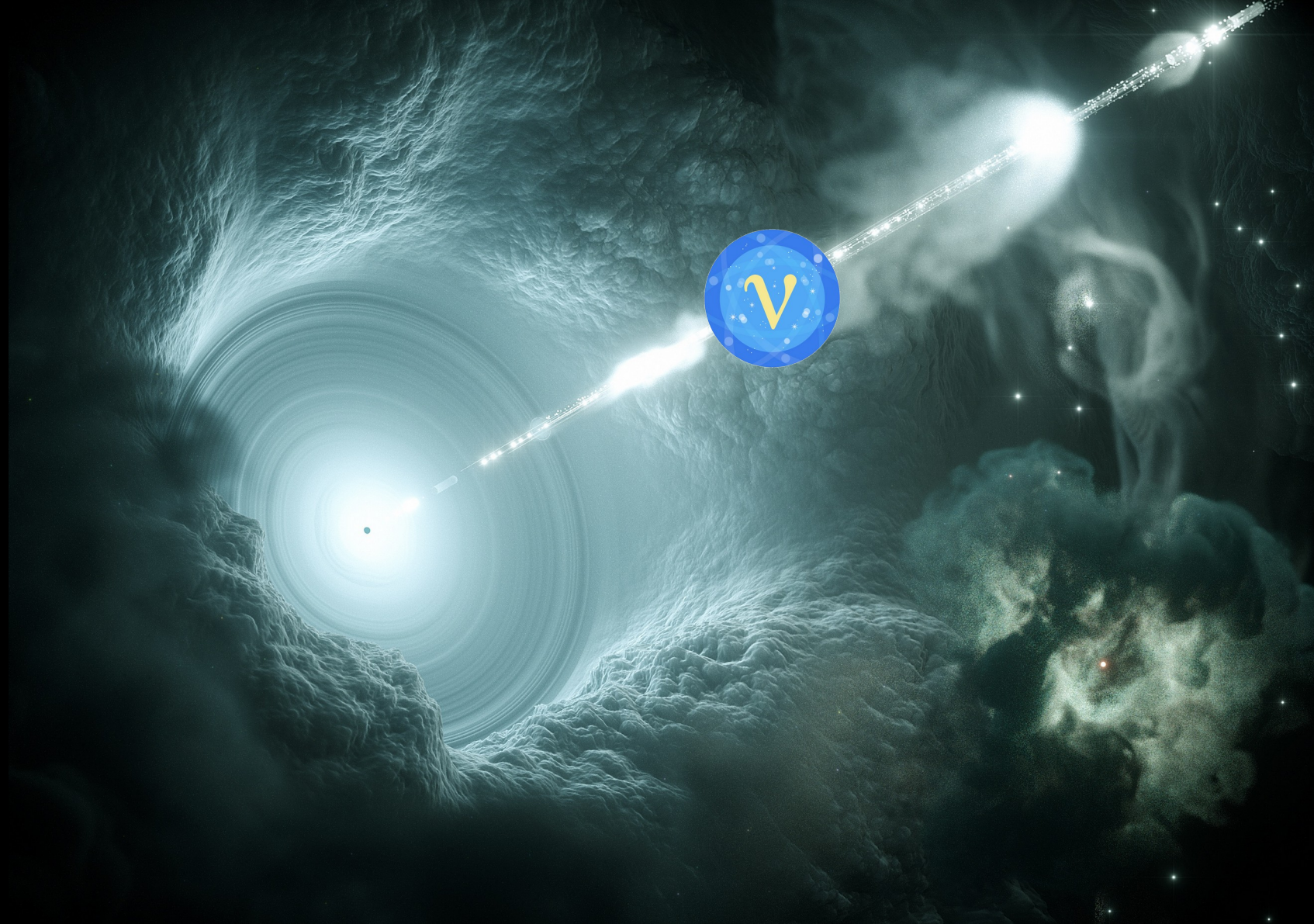
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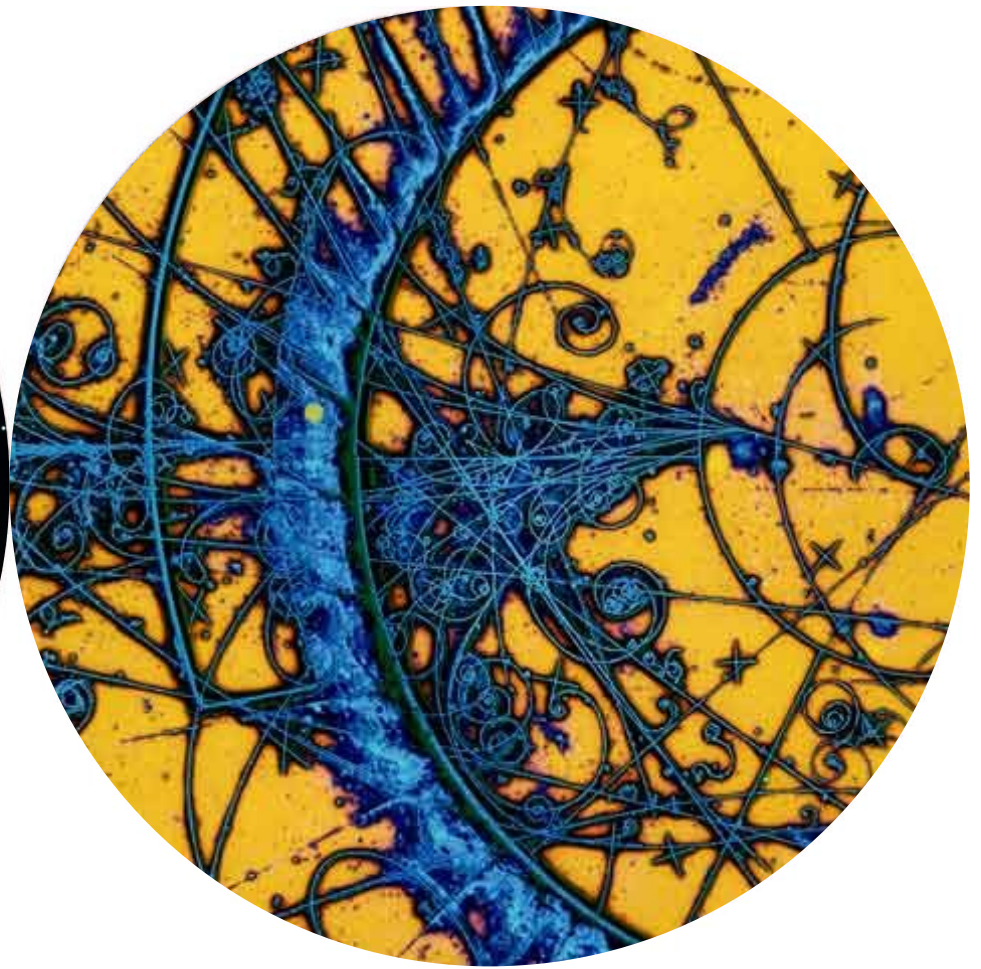




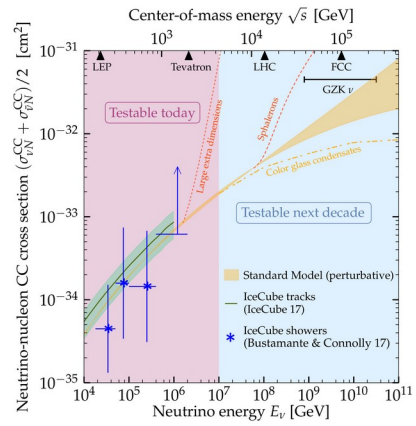






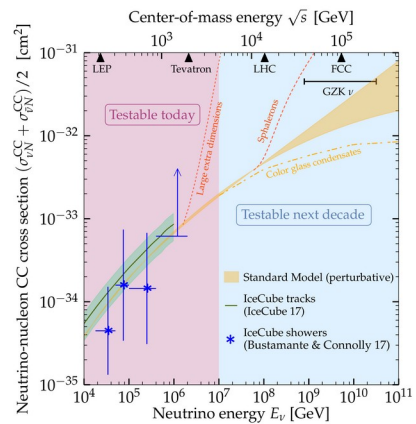


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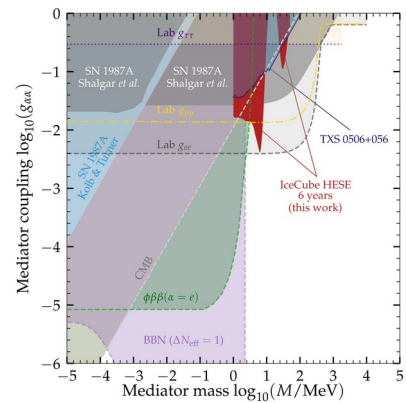
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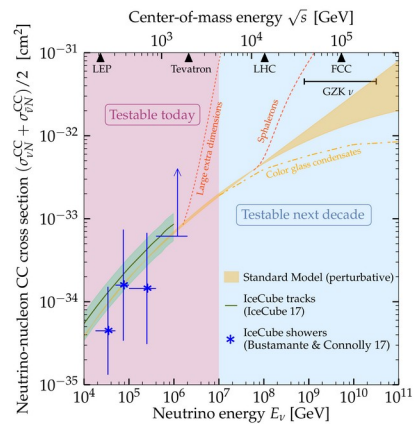
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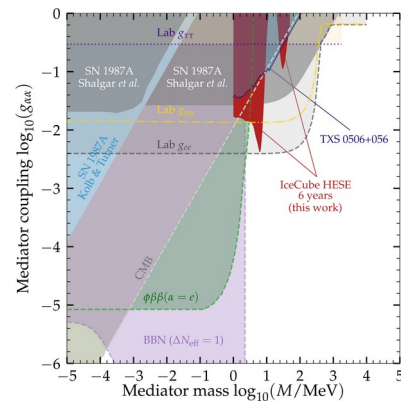
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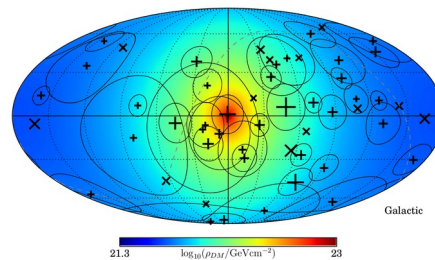
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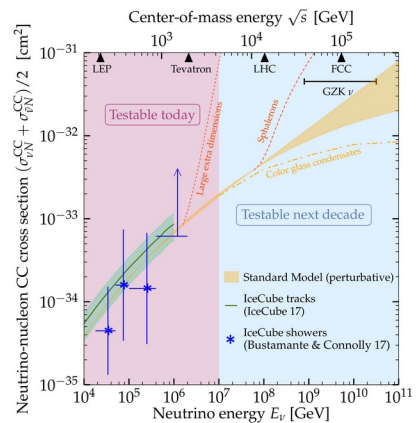
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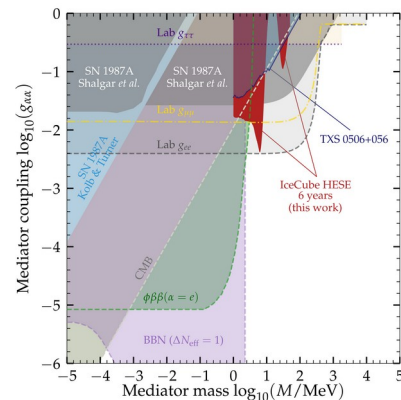
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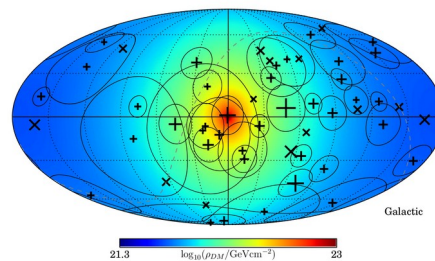
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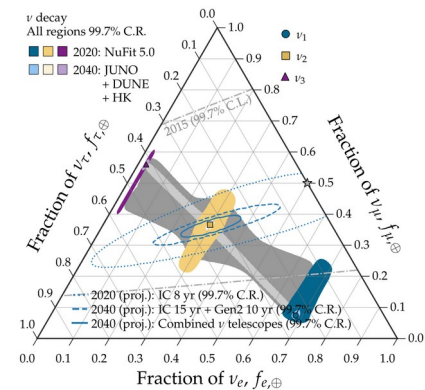
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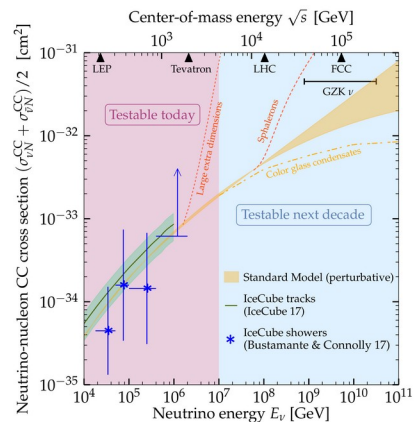
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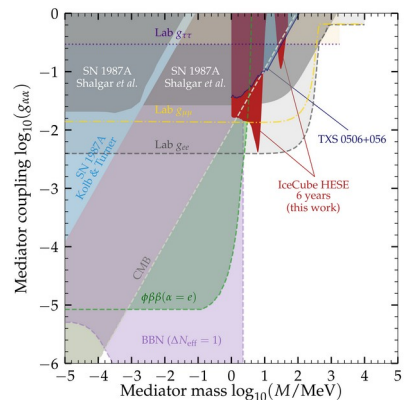
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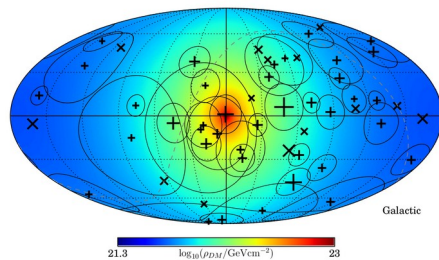
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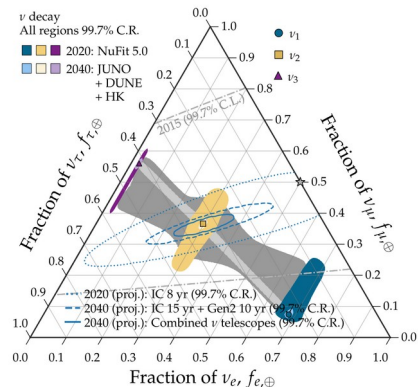
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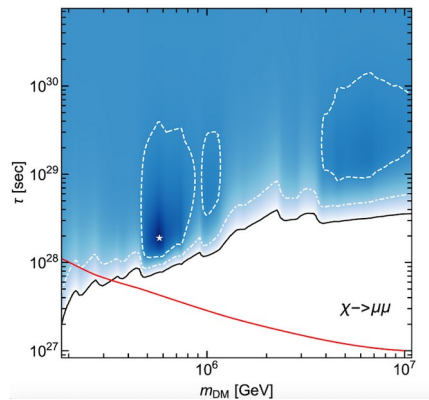
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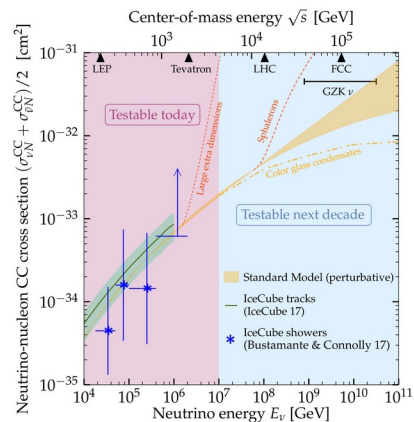
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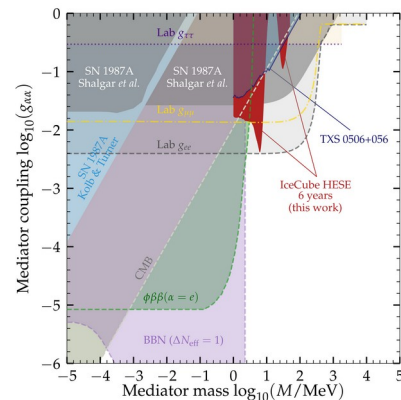
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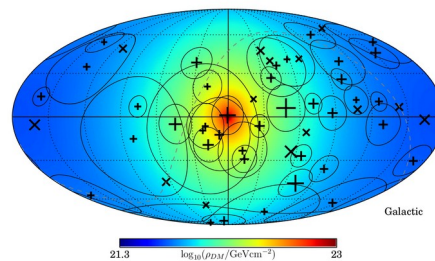
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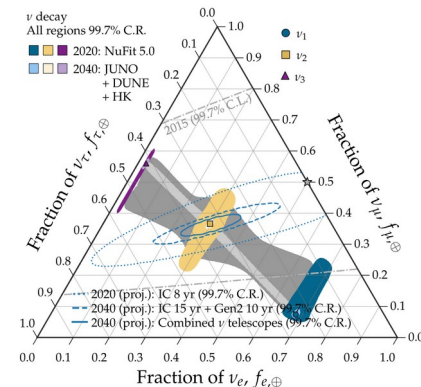
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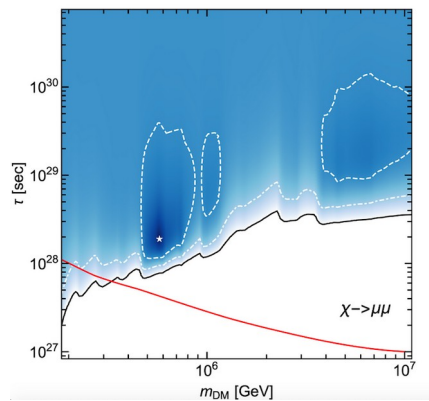
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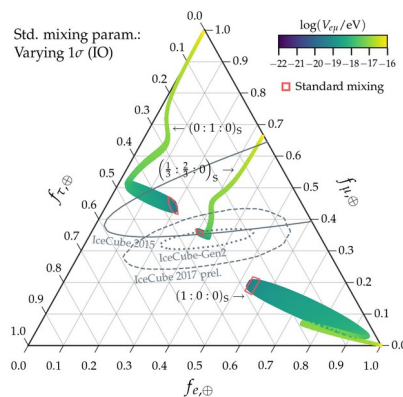
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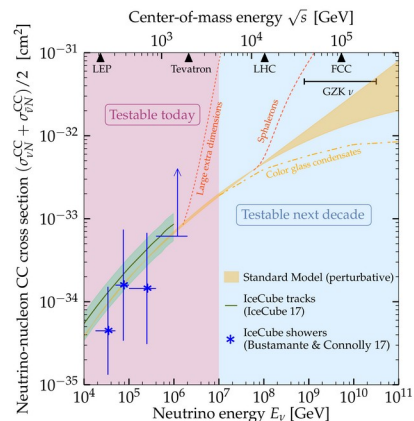
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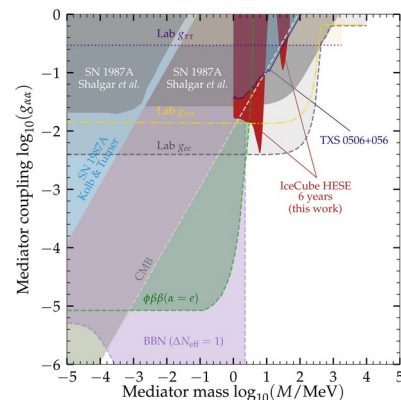
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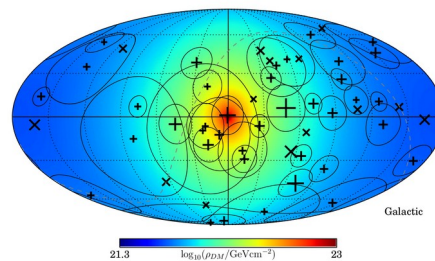
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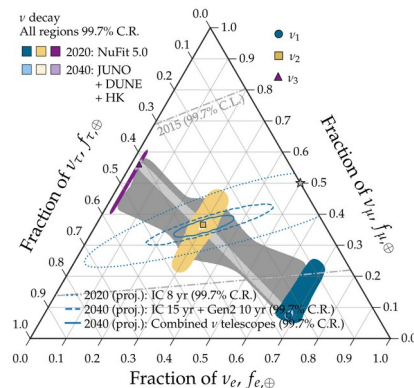
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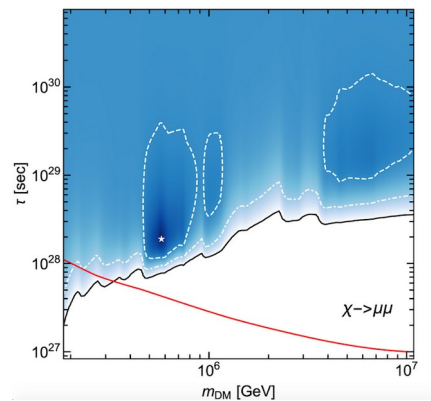
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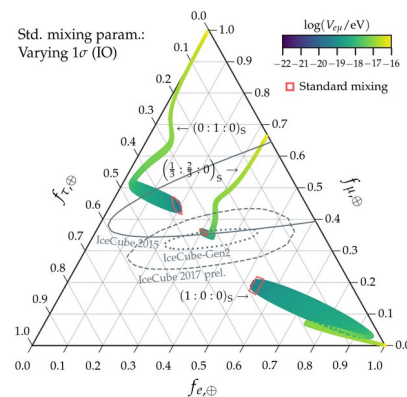
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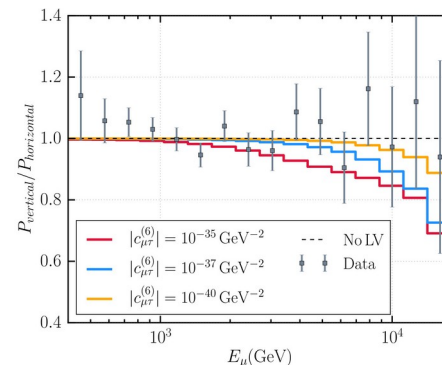
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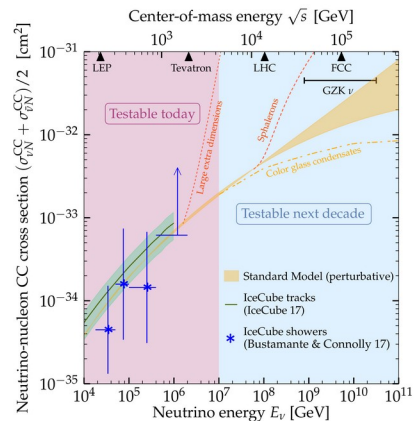
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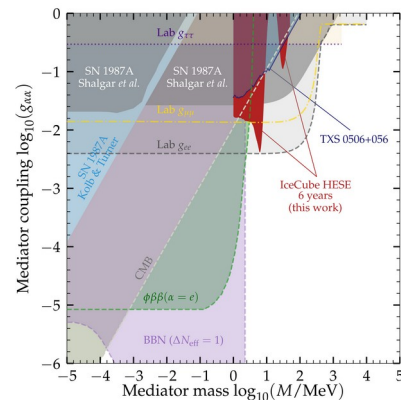
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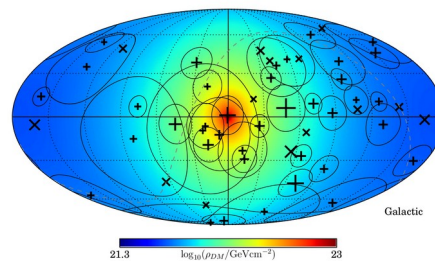
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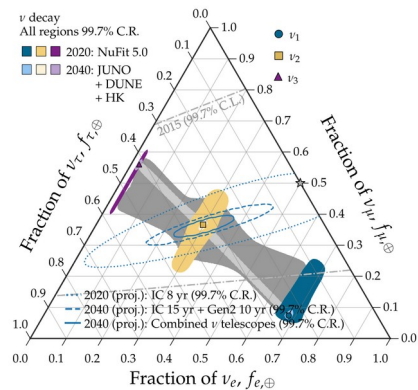
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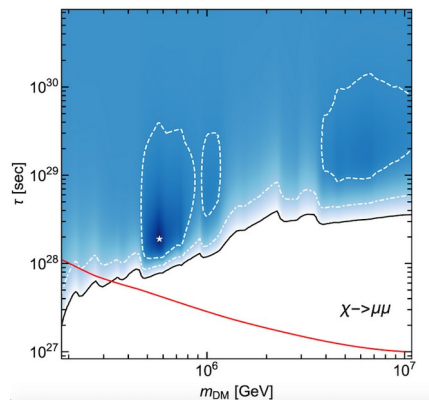
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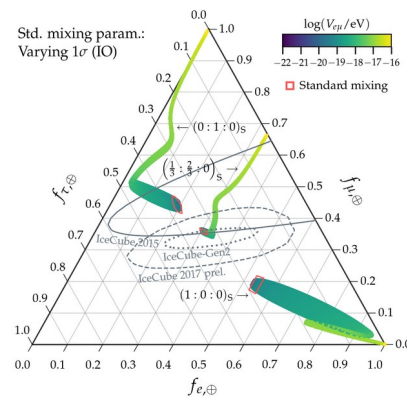
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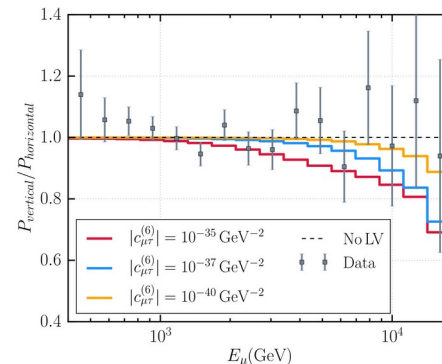
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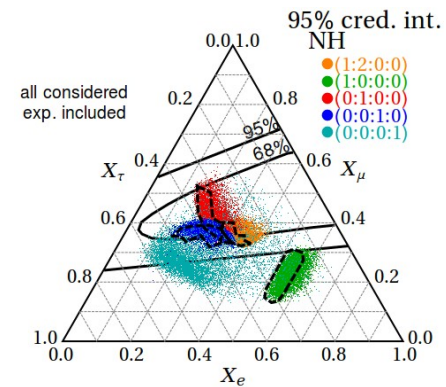
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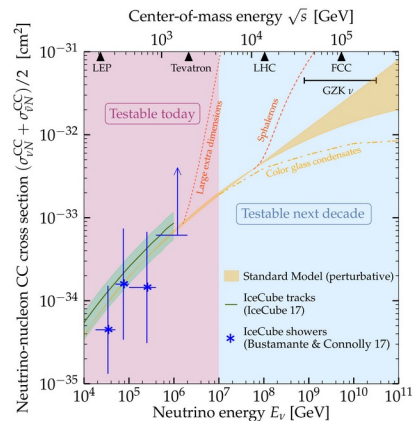
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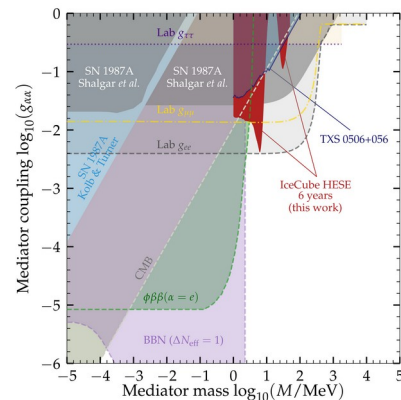
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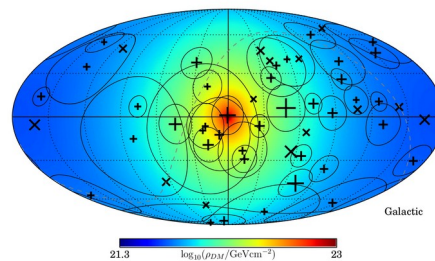
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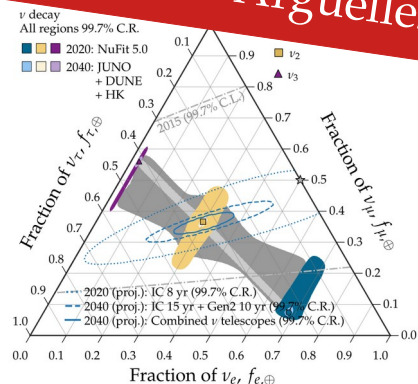
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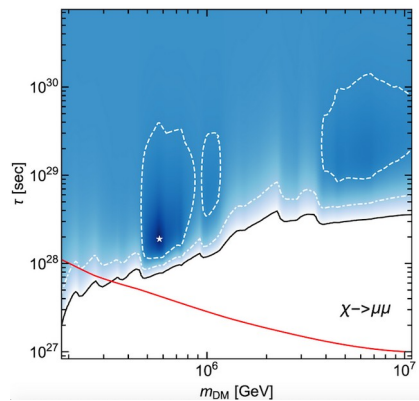
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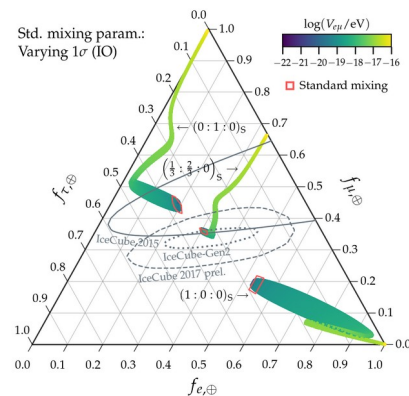
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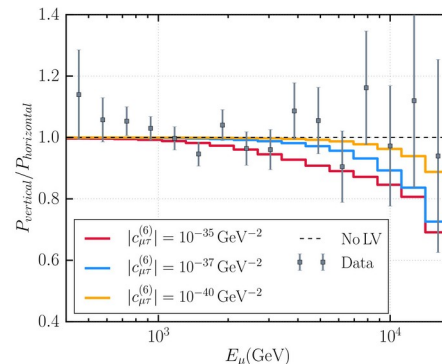
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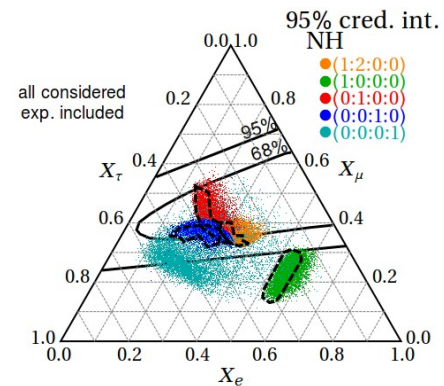
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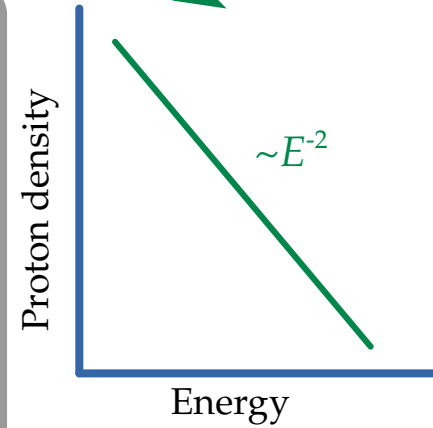
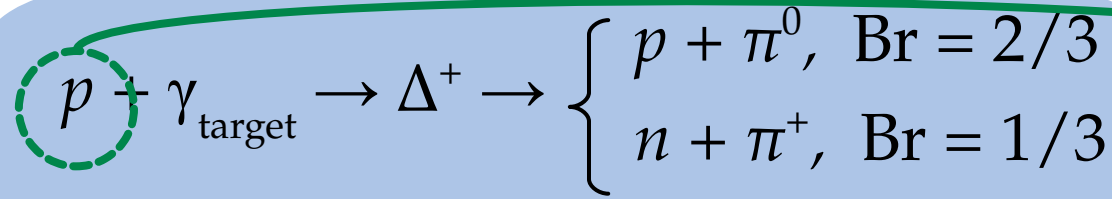
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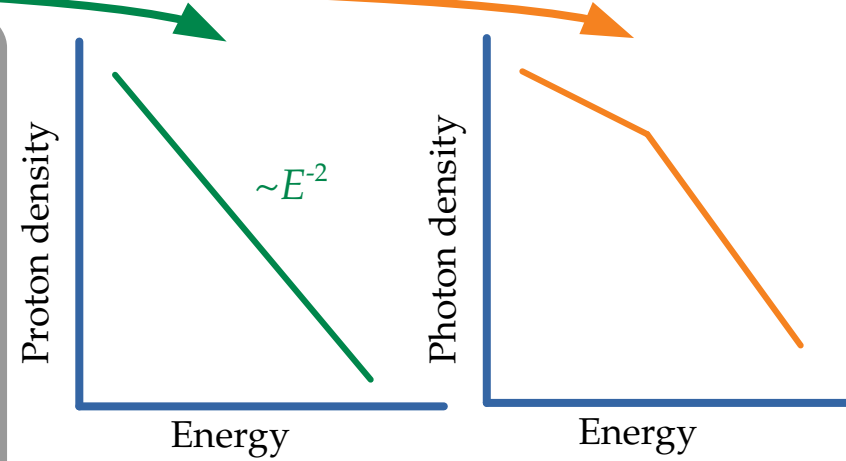
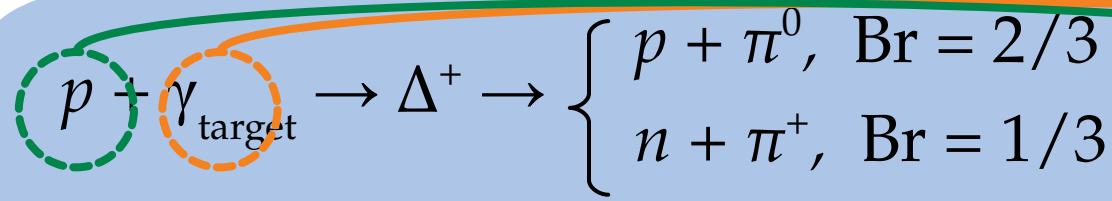
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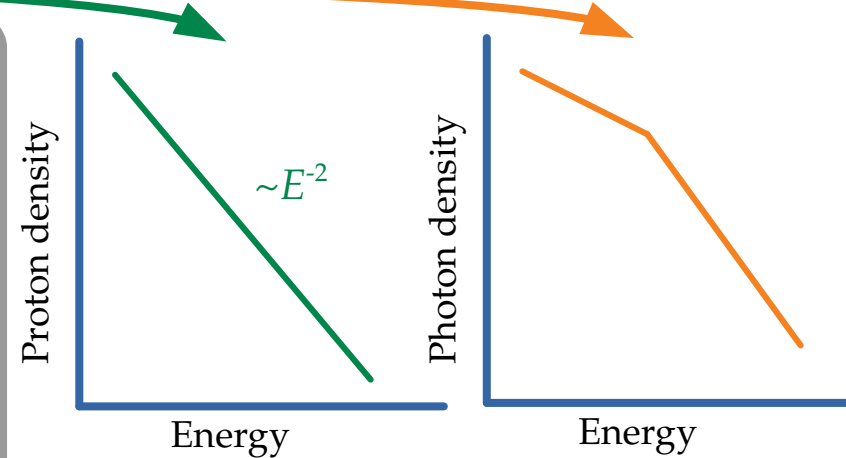
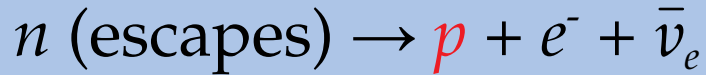
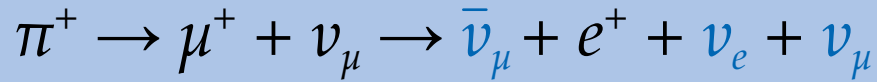
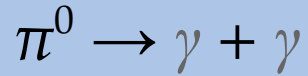
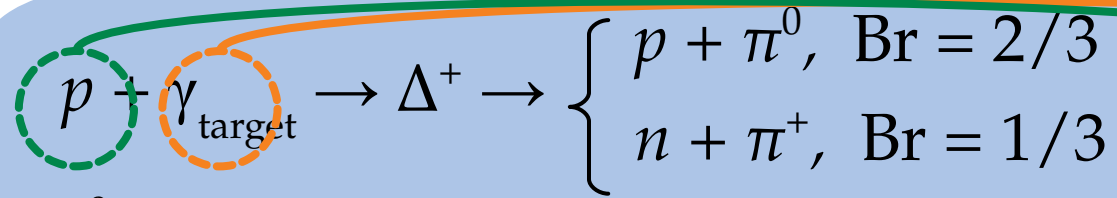
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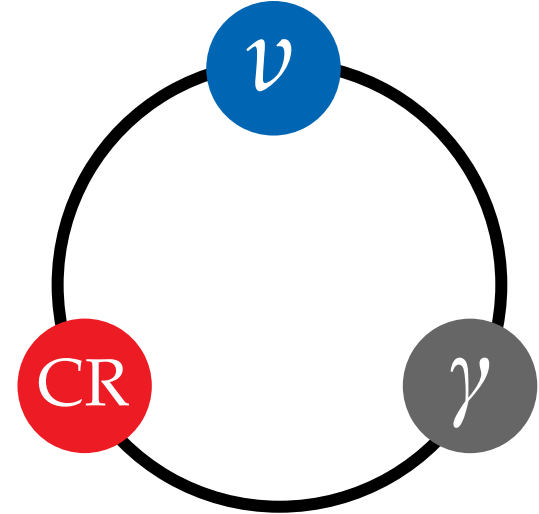
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$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu + e^+ + \nu_e + \nu_\mu$$

$$n \text{ (escapes)} \rightarrow \textcolor{red}{p} + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$



Neutrino energy = Proton energy / 20

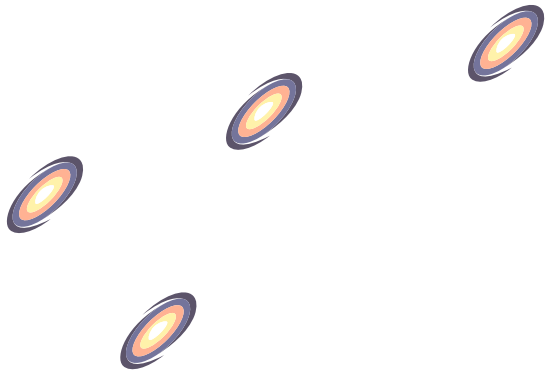
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Note: v sources can be steady-state or transient



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Discovered

MeV γ

PeV p

TeV–PeV ν

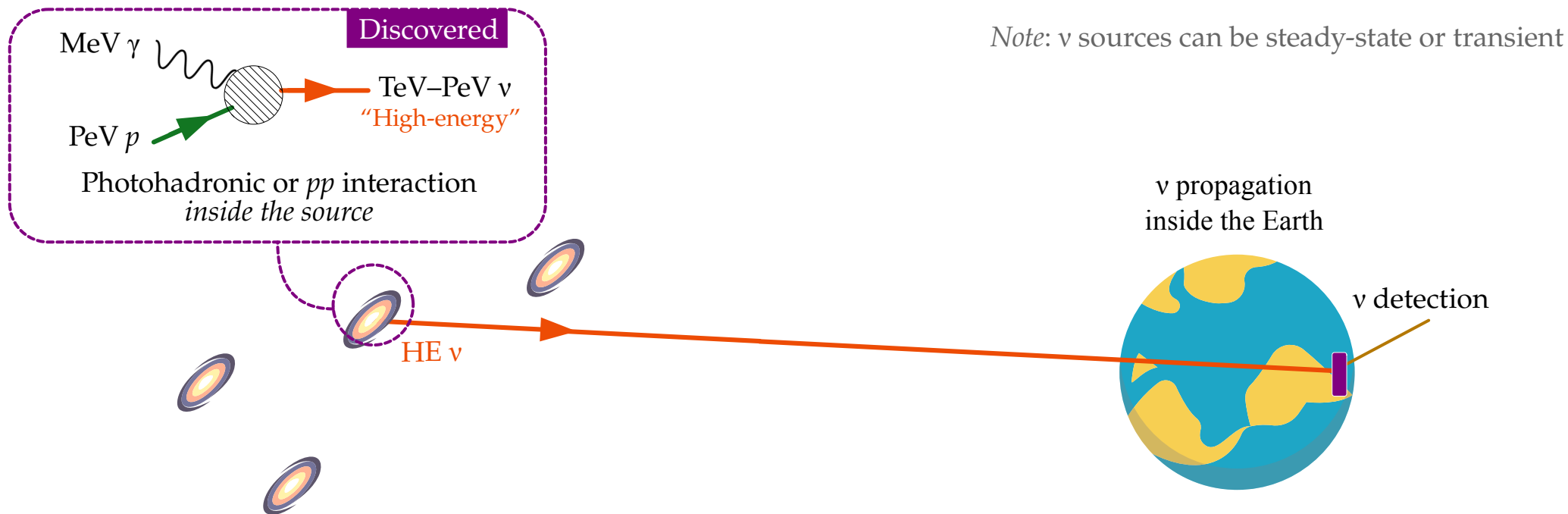
“High-energy”

Photohadronic or pp interaction
inside the source

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ν propagation
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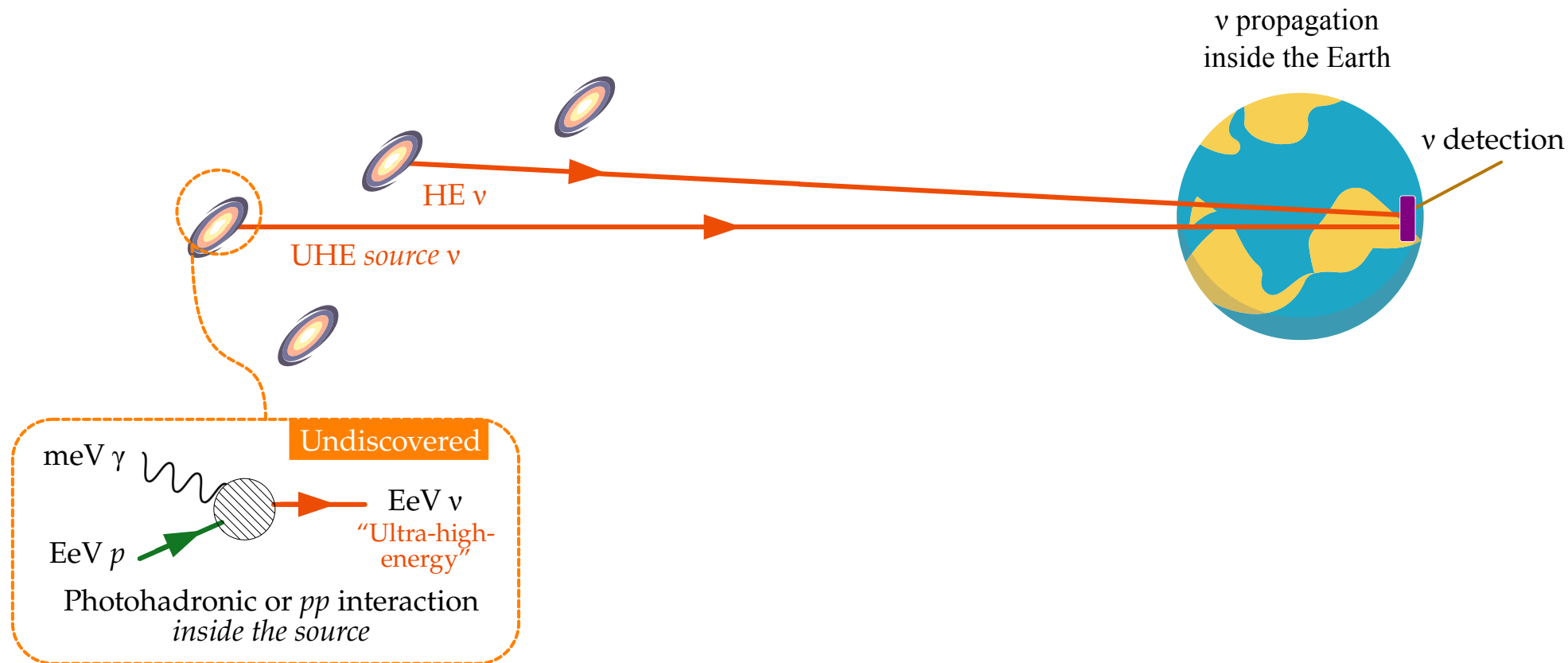
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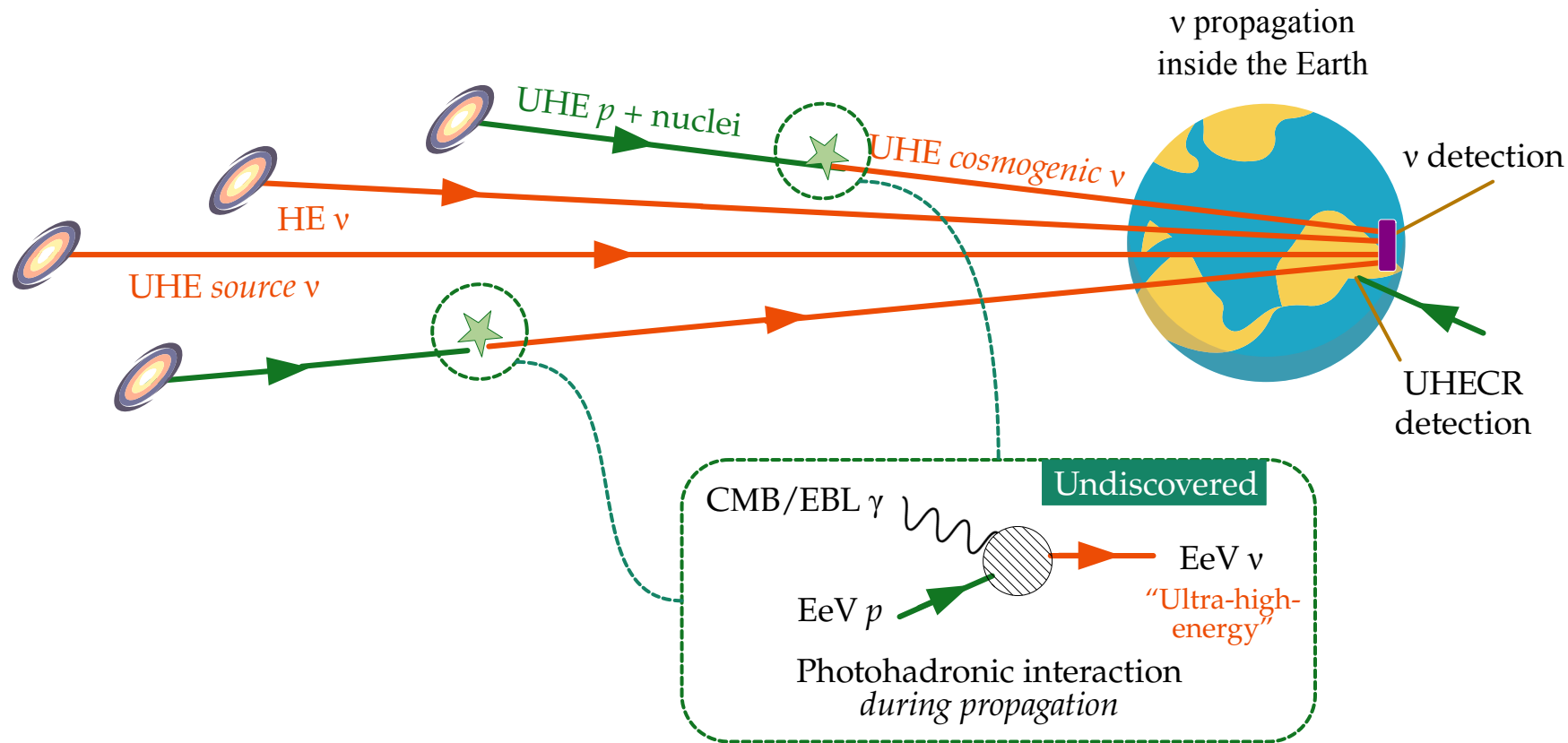
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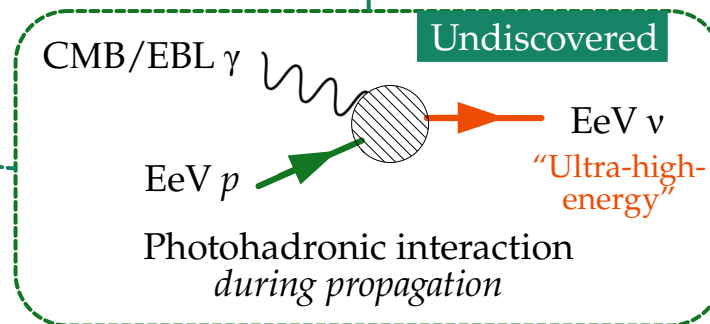
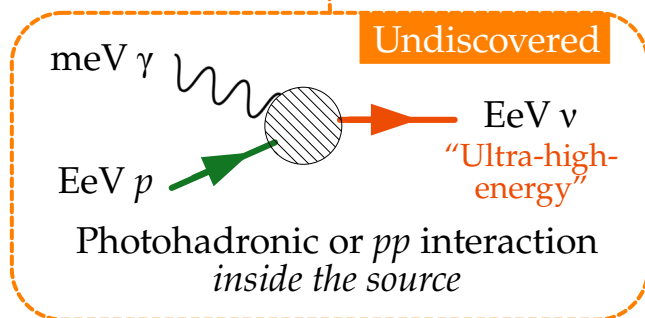
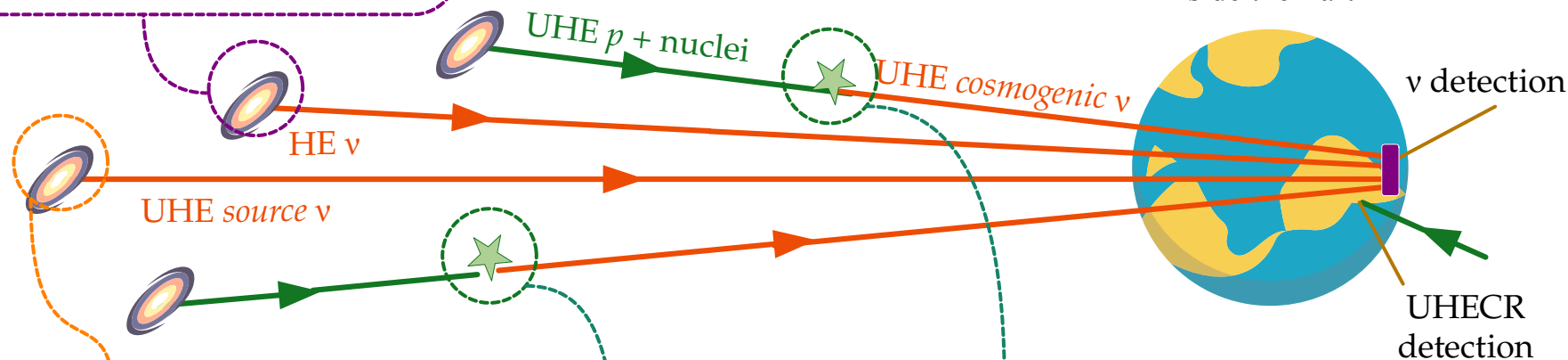
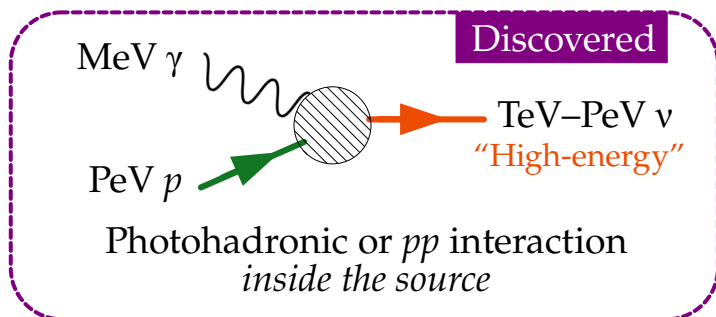
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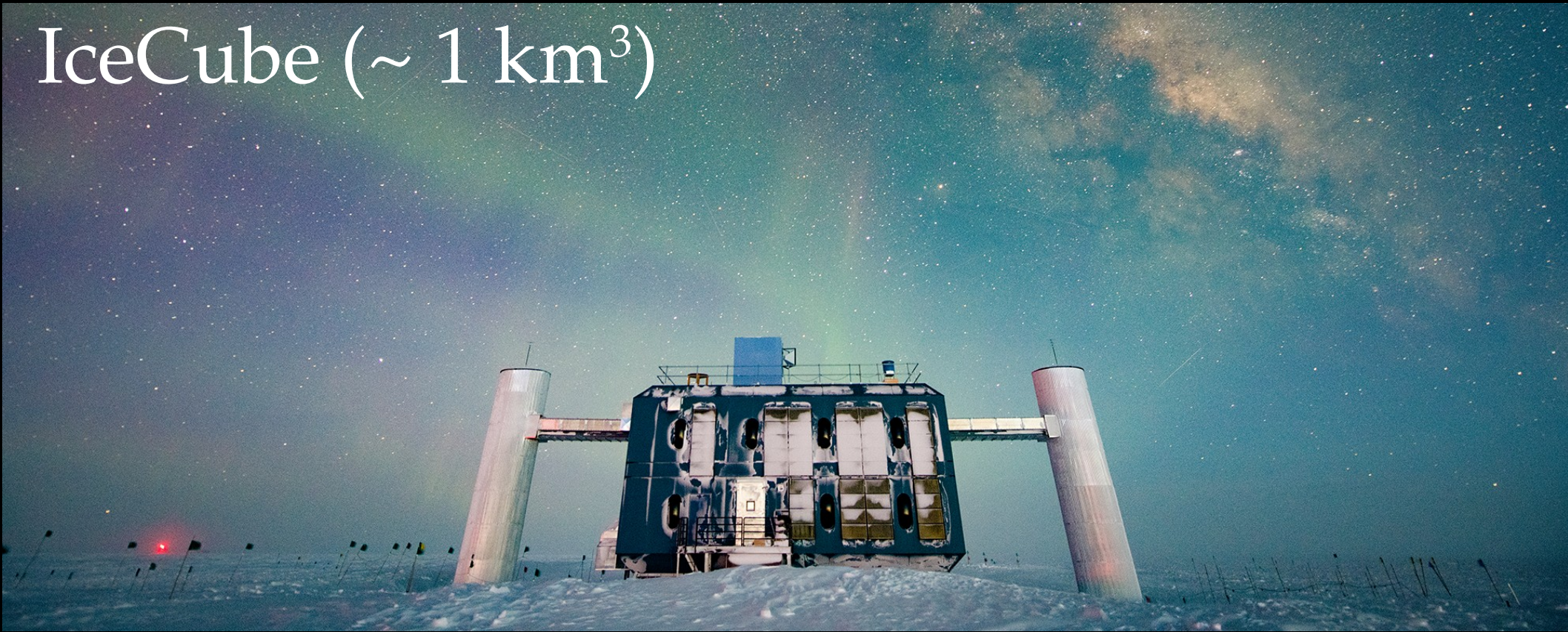
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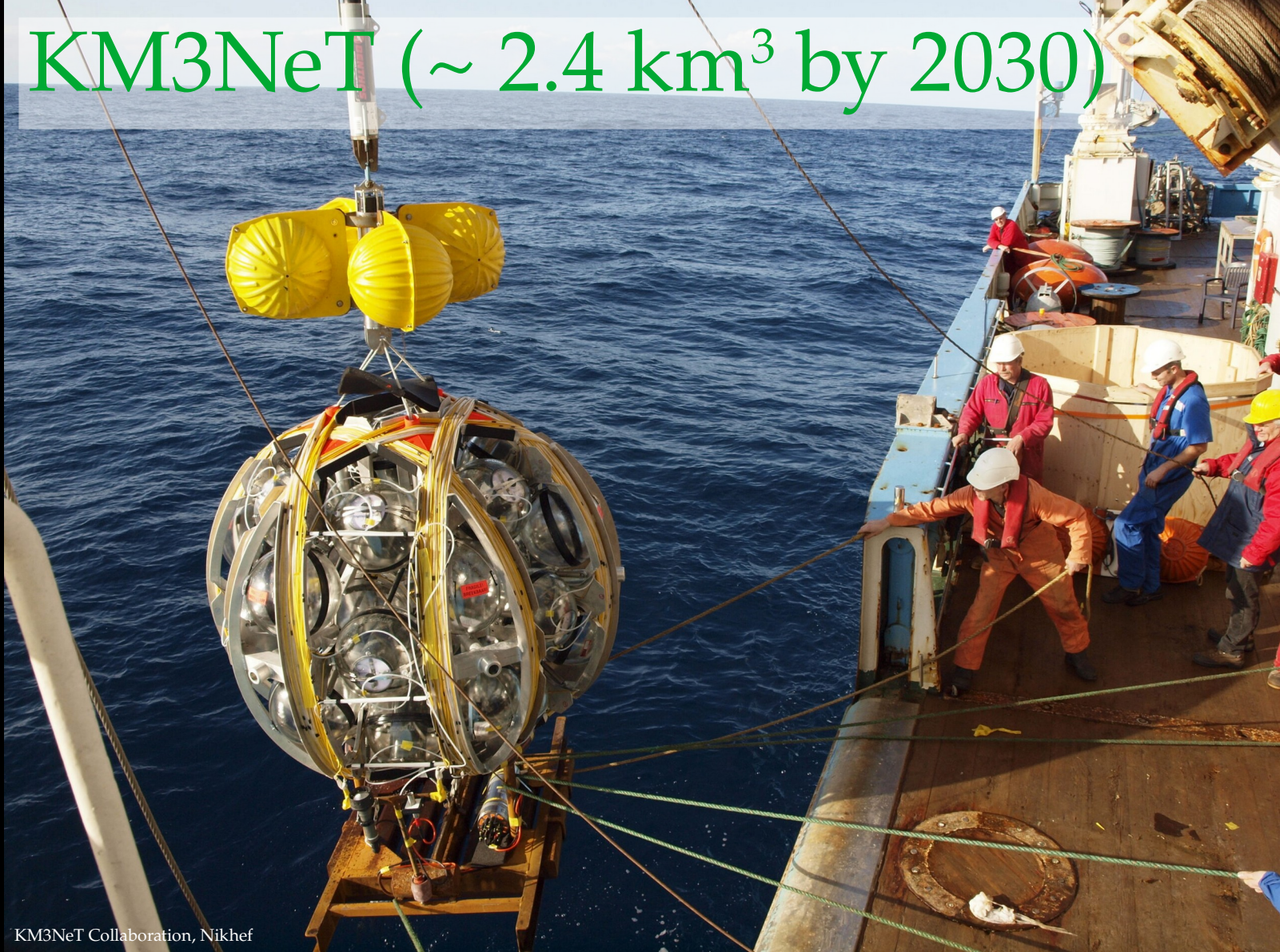
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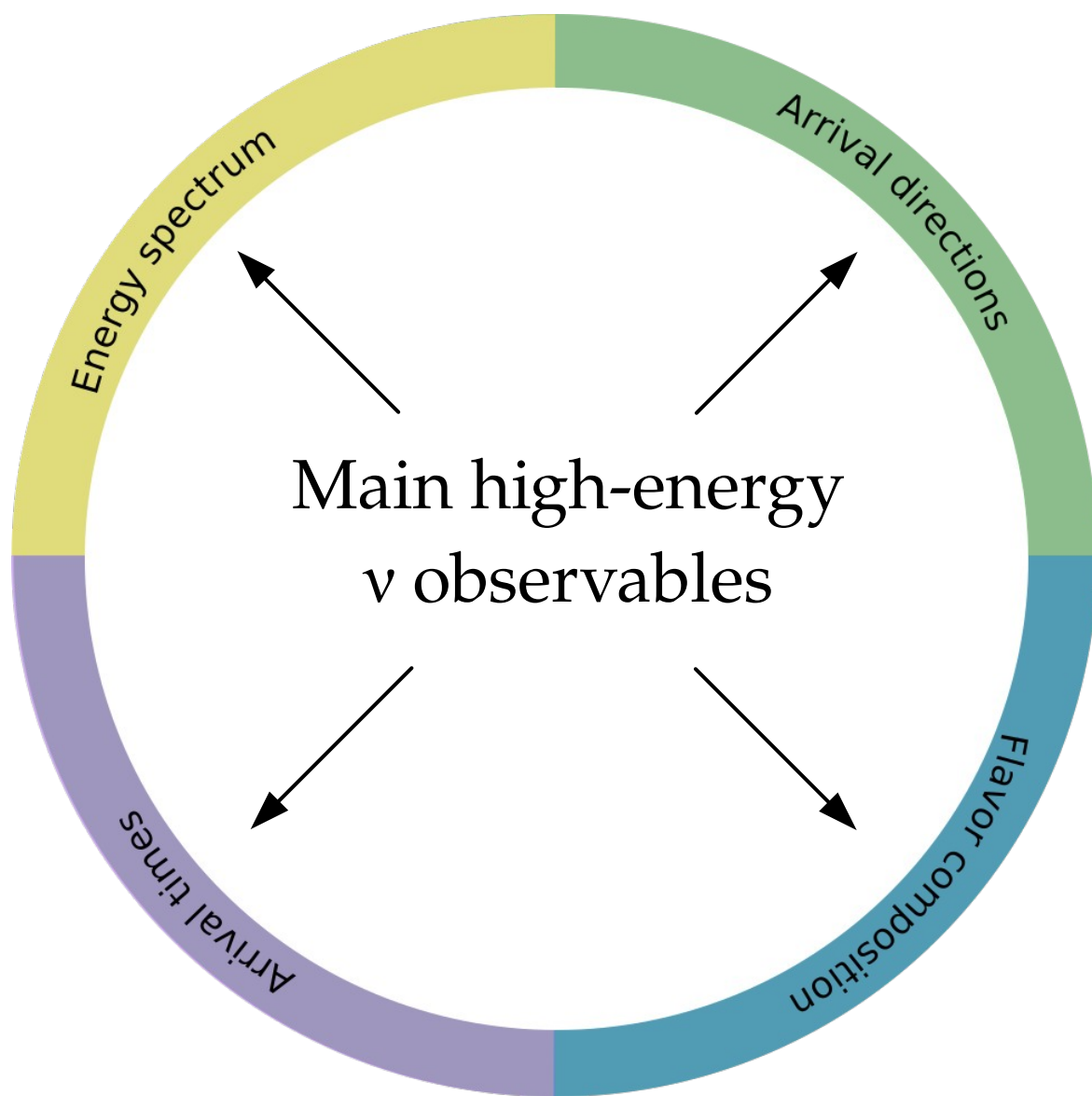


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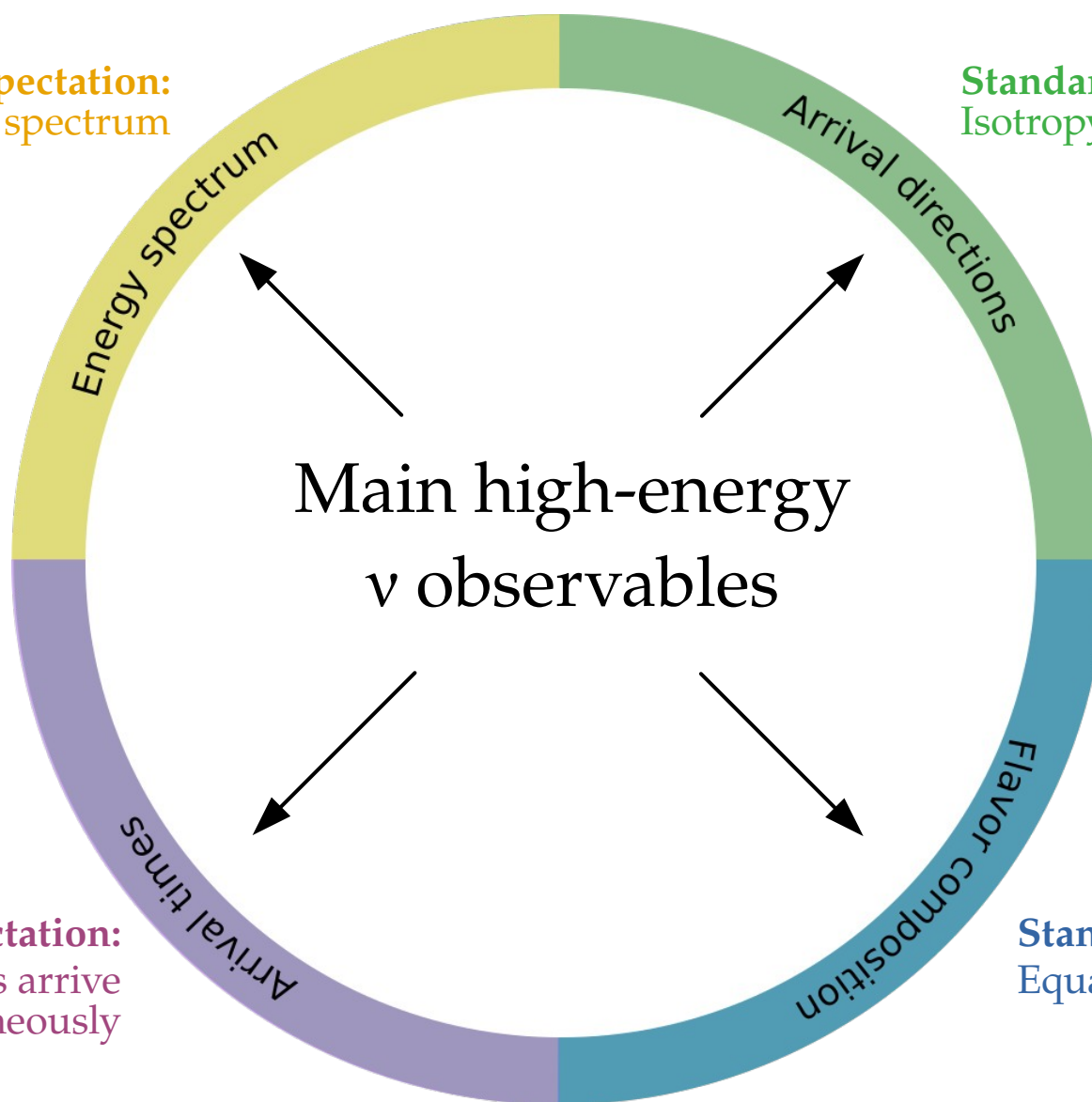


Standard expectation:
Power-law energy spectrum

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 ν and γ from transients arrive
simultaneously

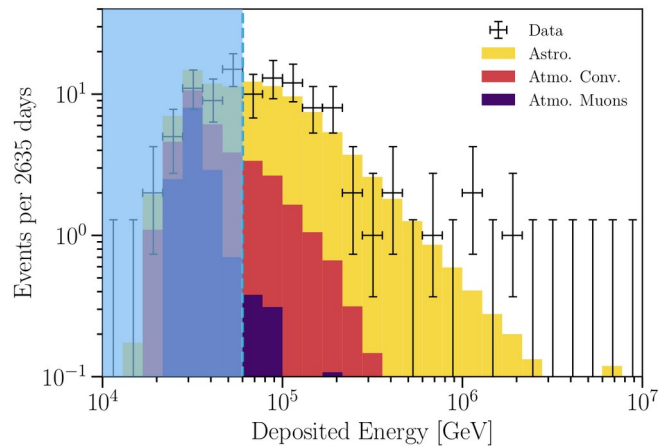
Standard expectation:
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IceCube: Energy spectrum (~ 10 yr)

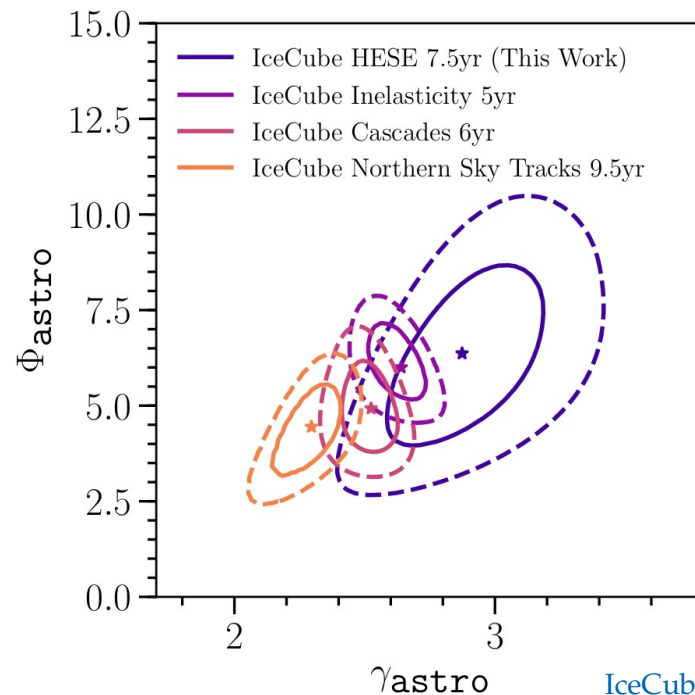
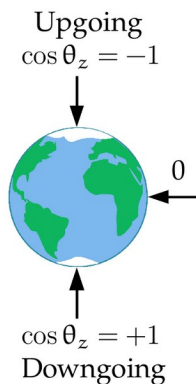
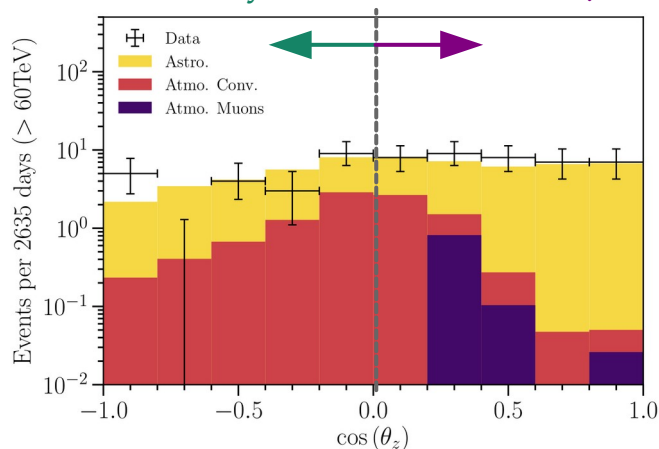
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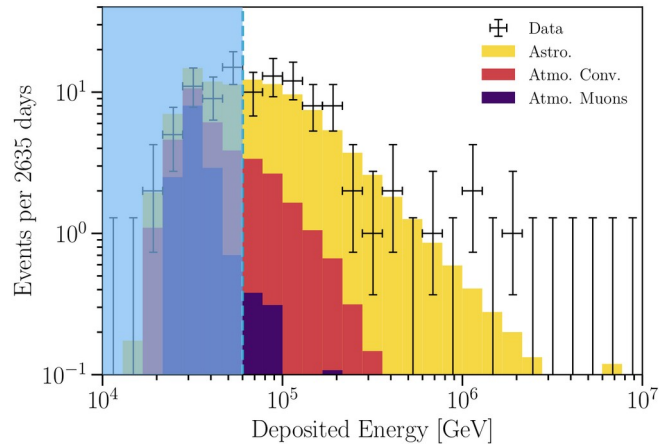
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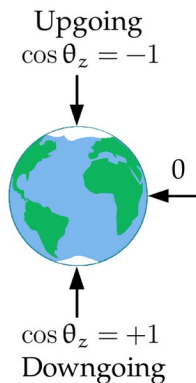
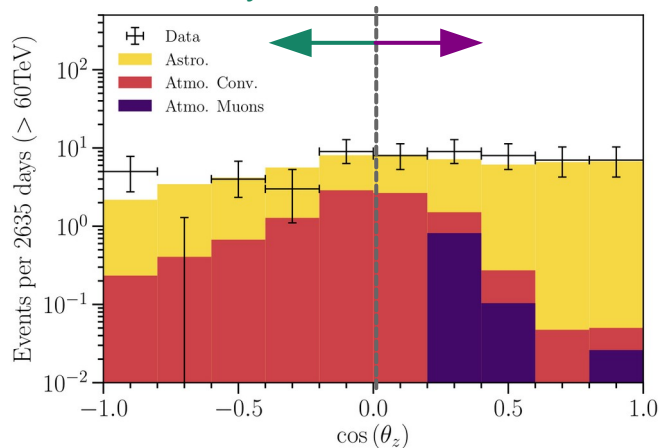
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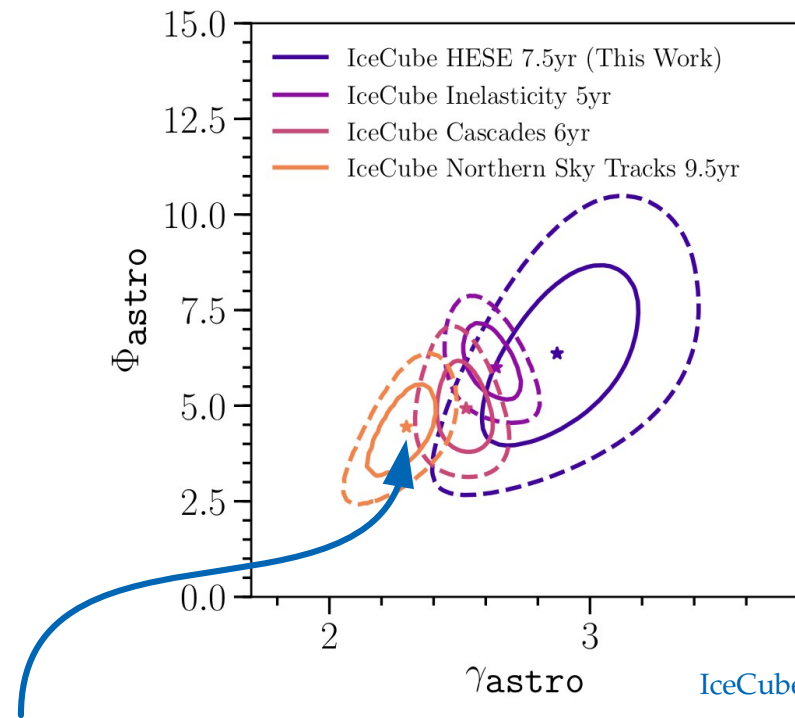


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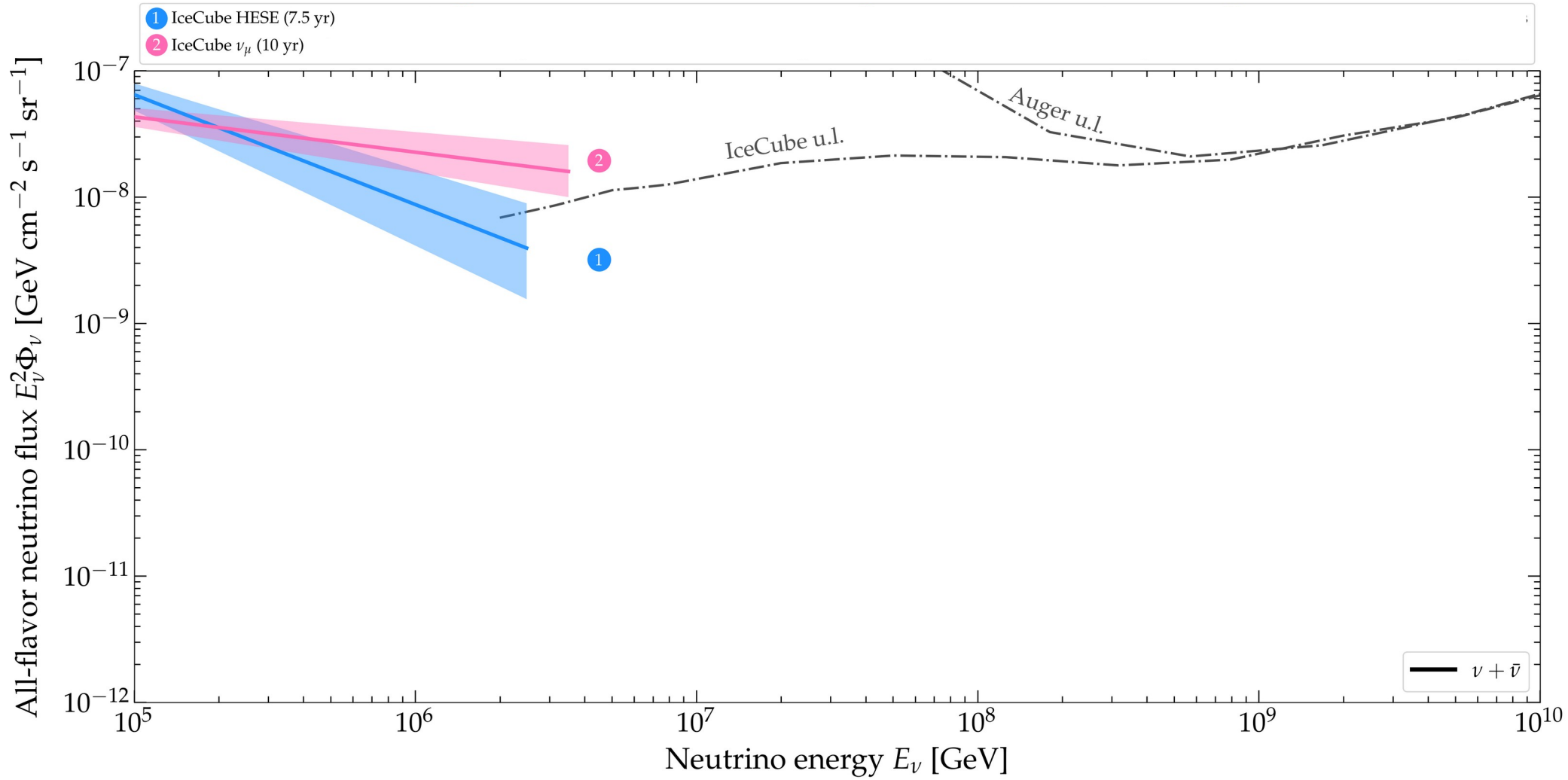
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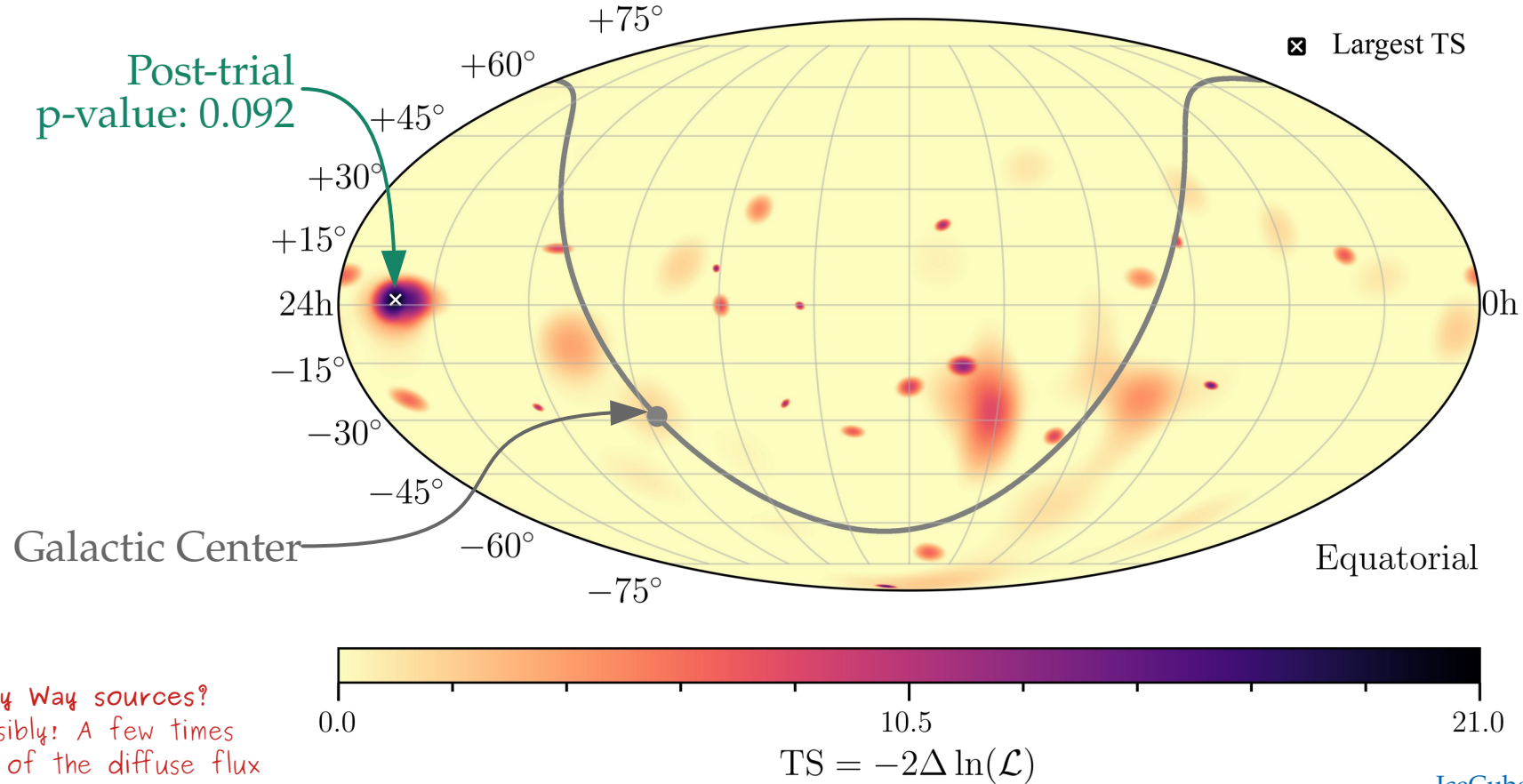
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Spectrum looks harder for through-going ν_μ



Arrival directions (HESE 7.5 yr)

No significant excess in the neutrino sky map:



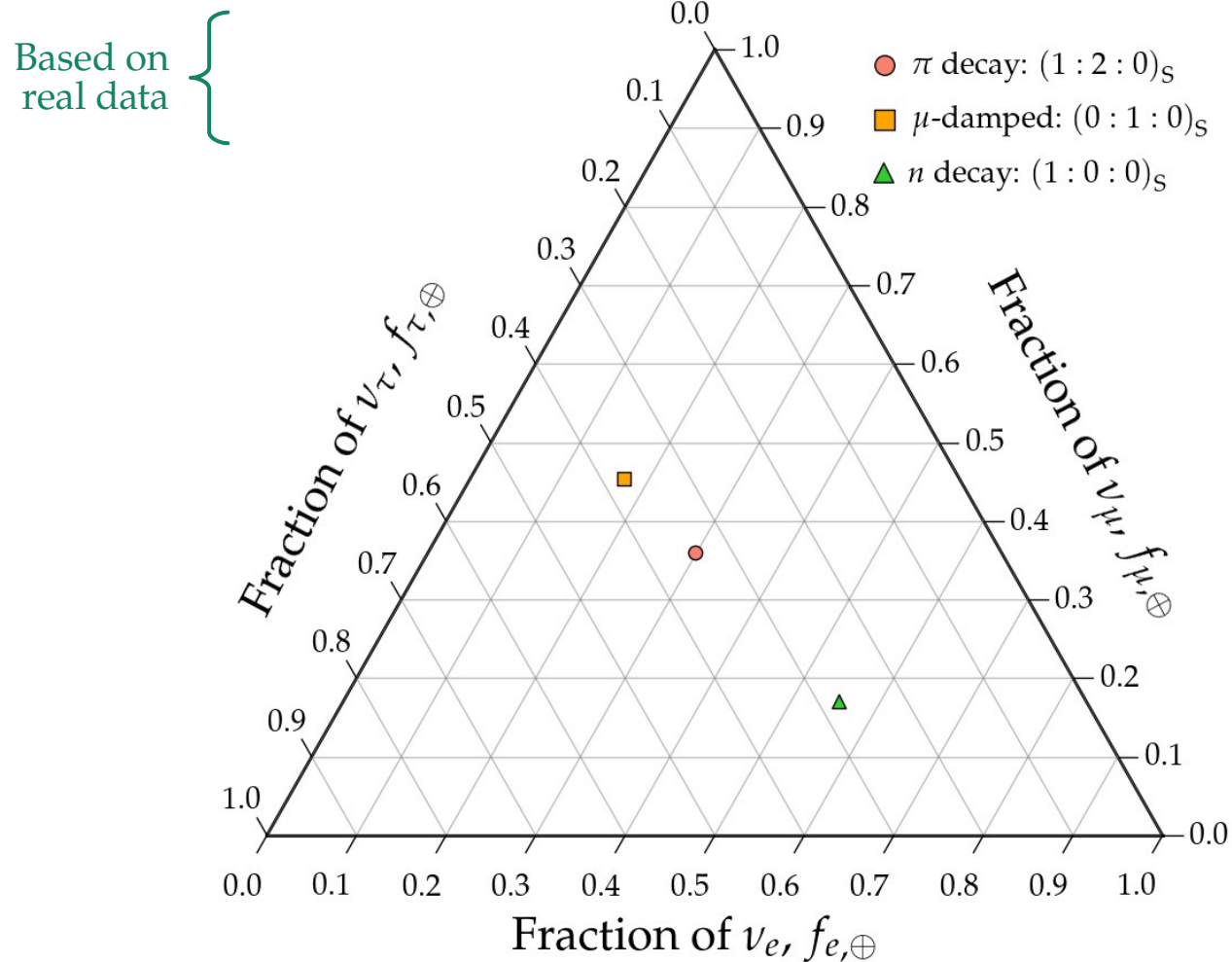
Milky Way sources?
Possibly: A few times
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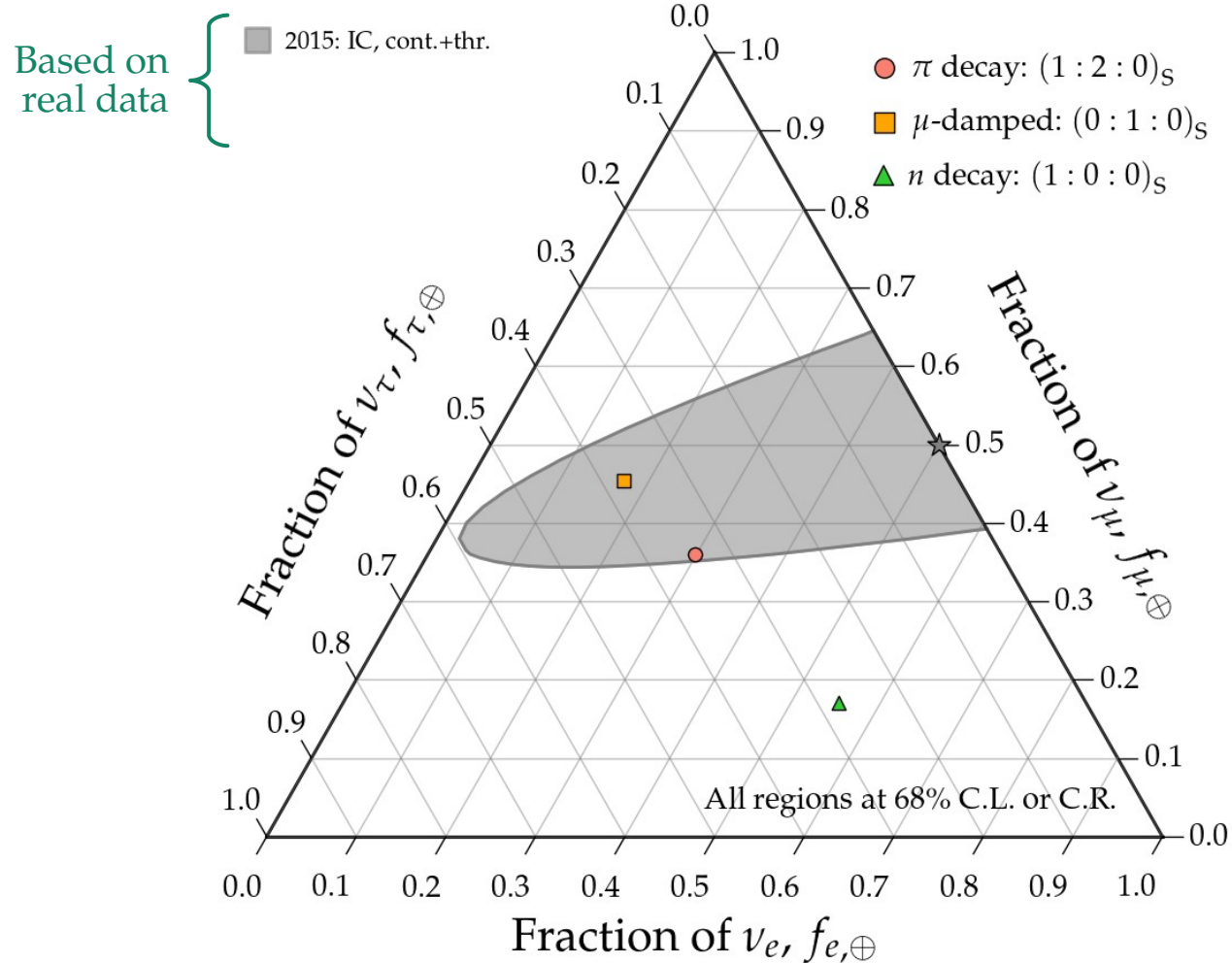
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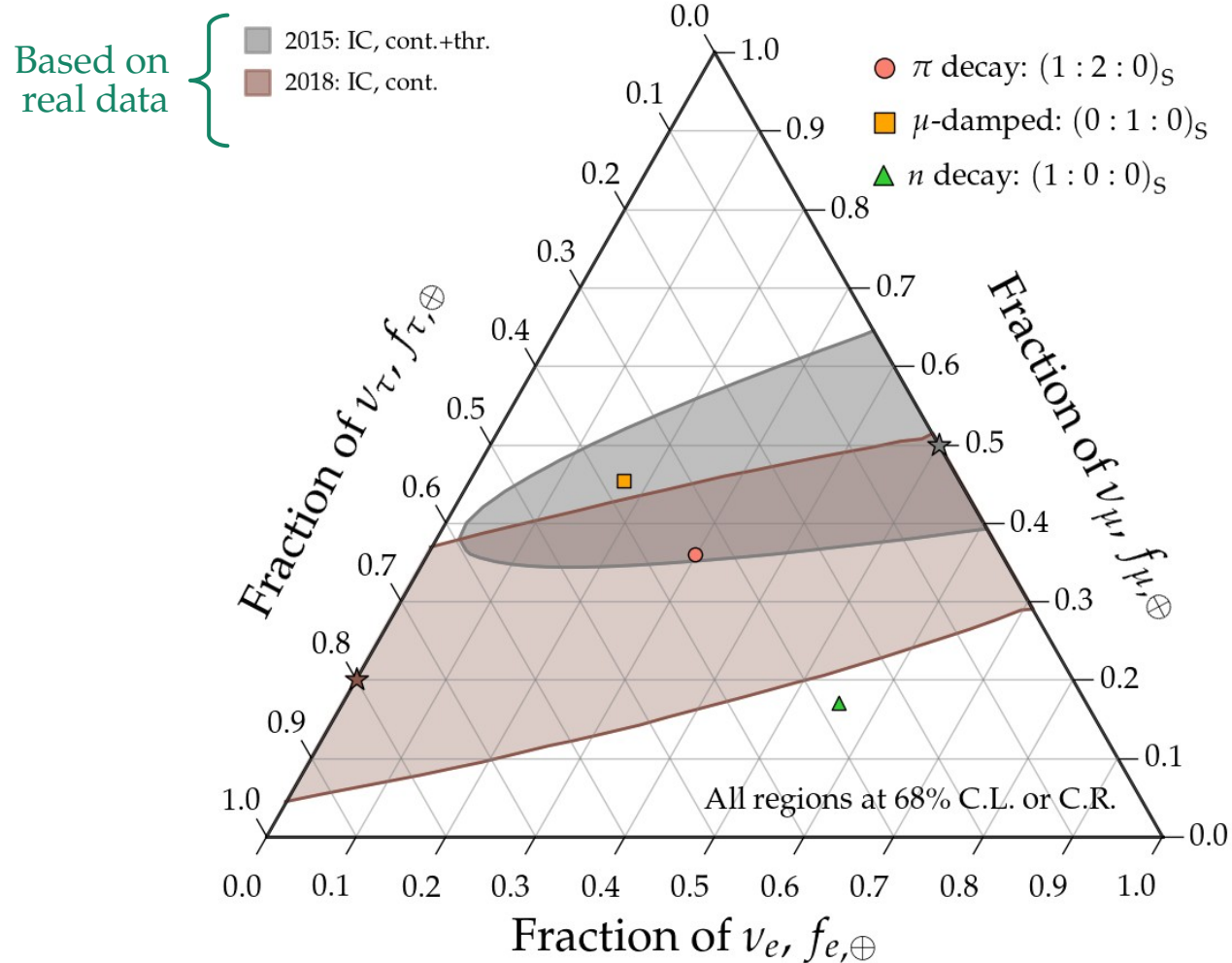
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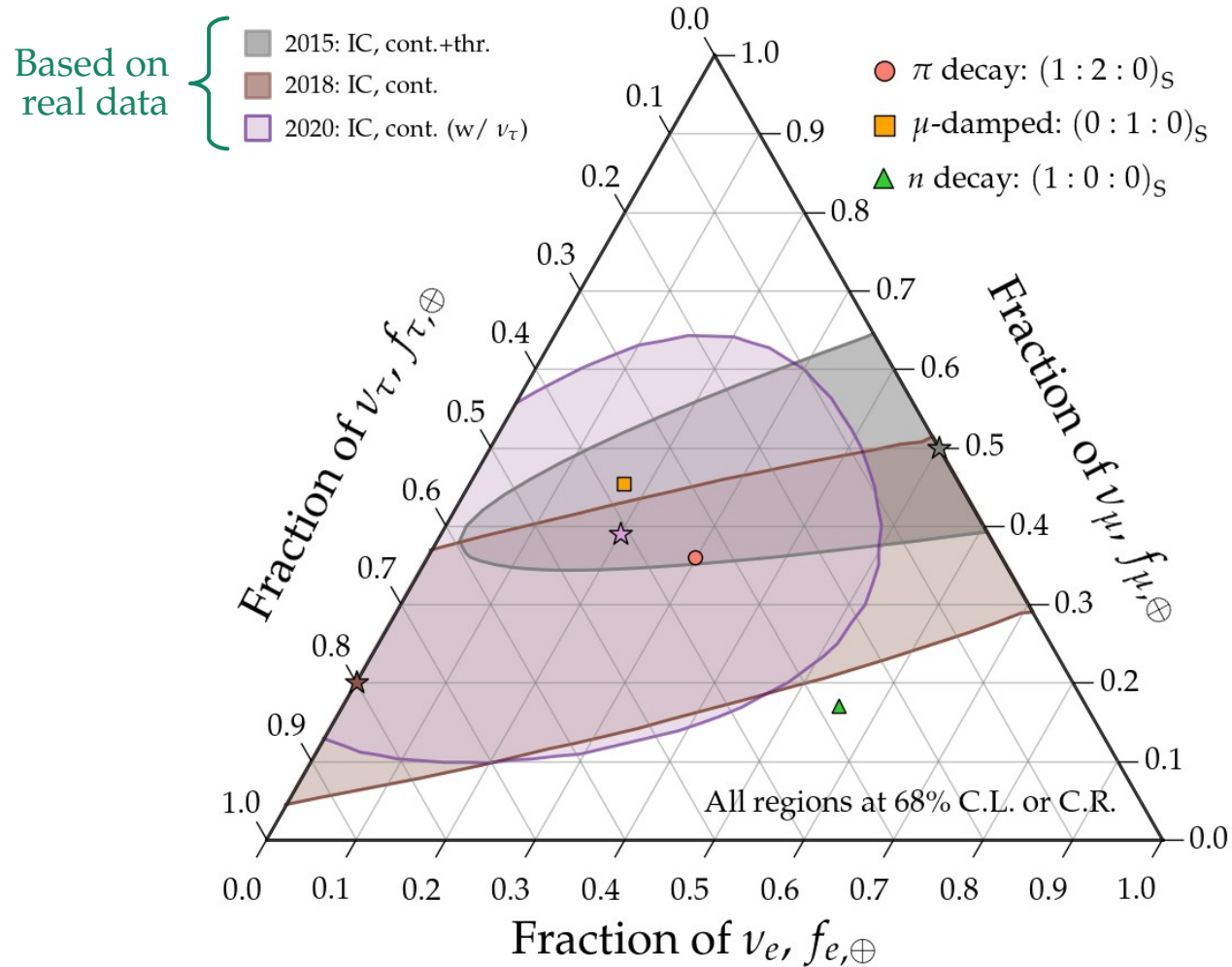
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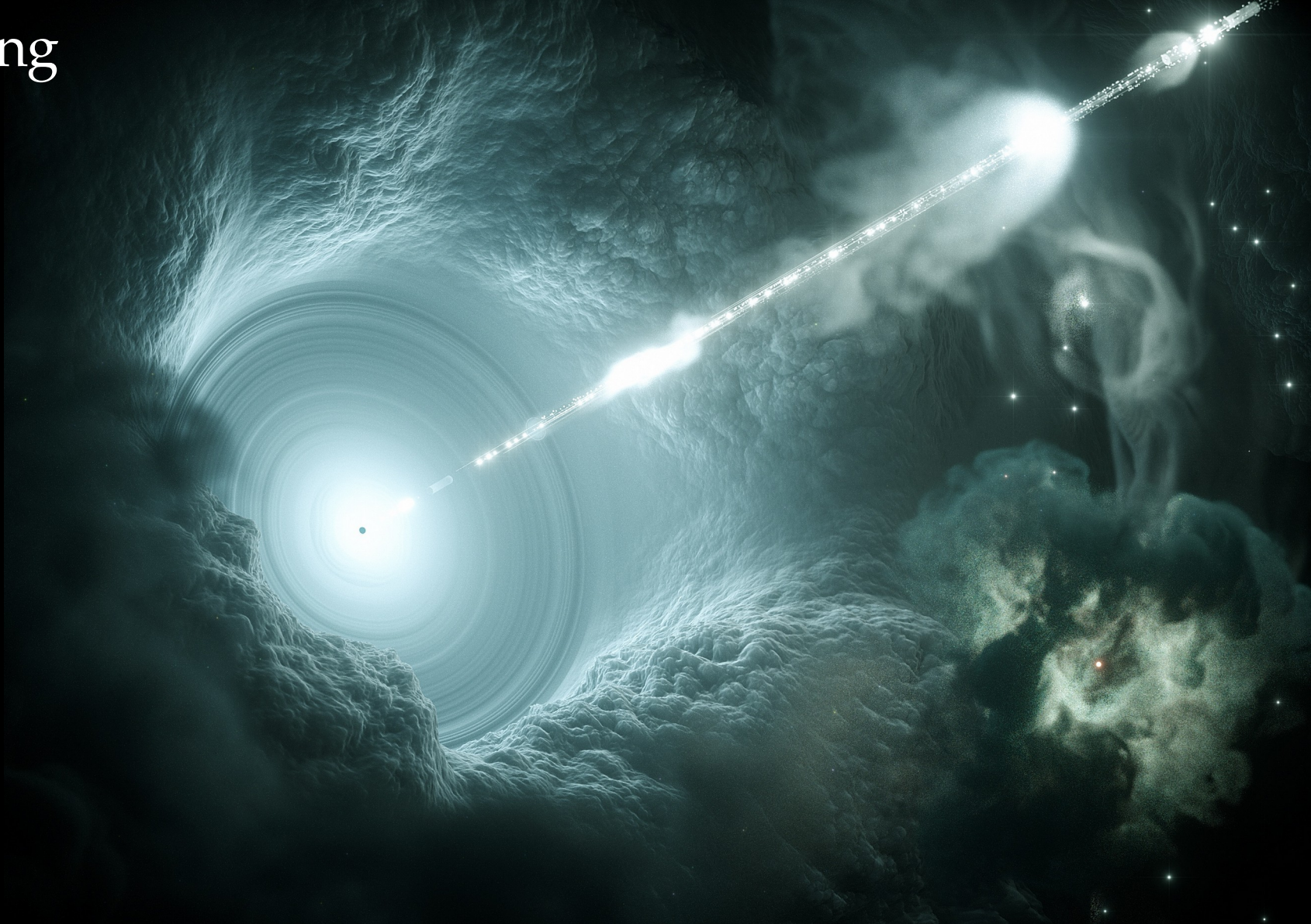
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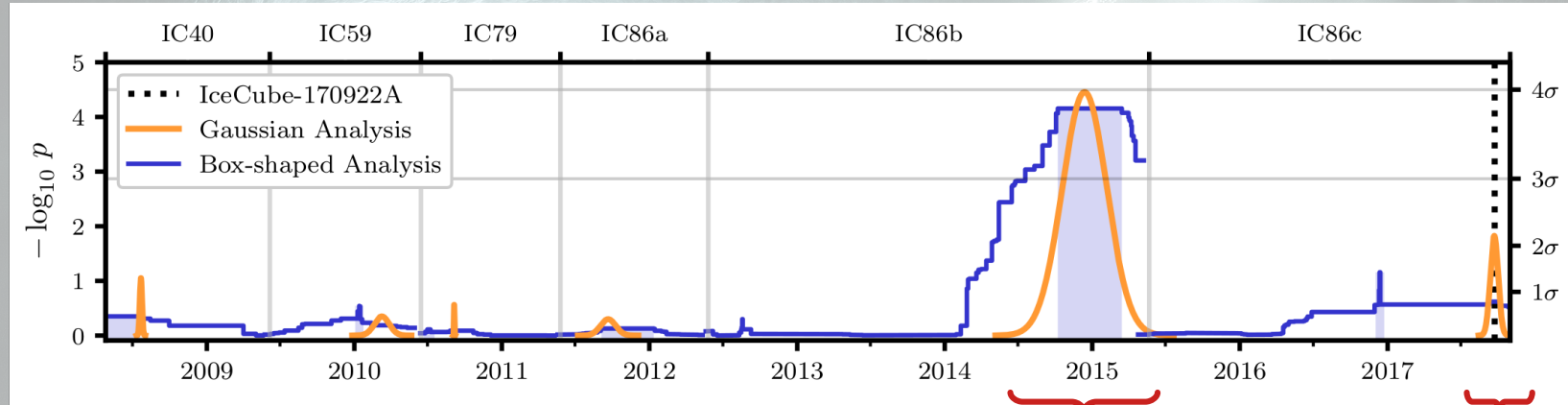
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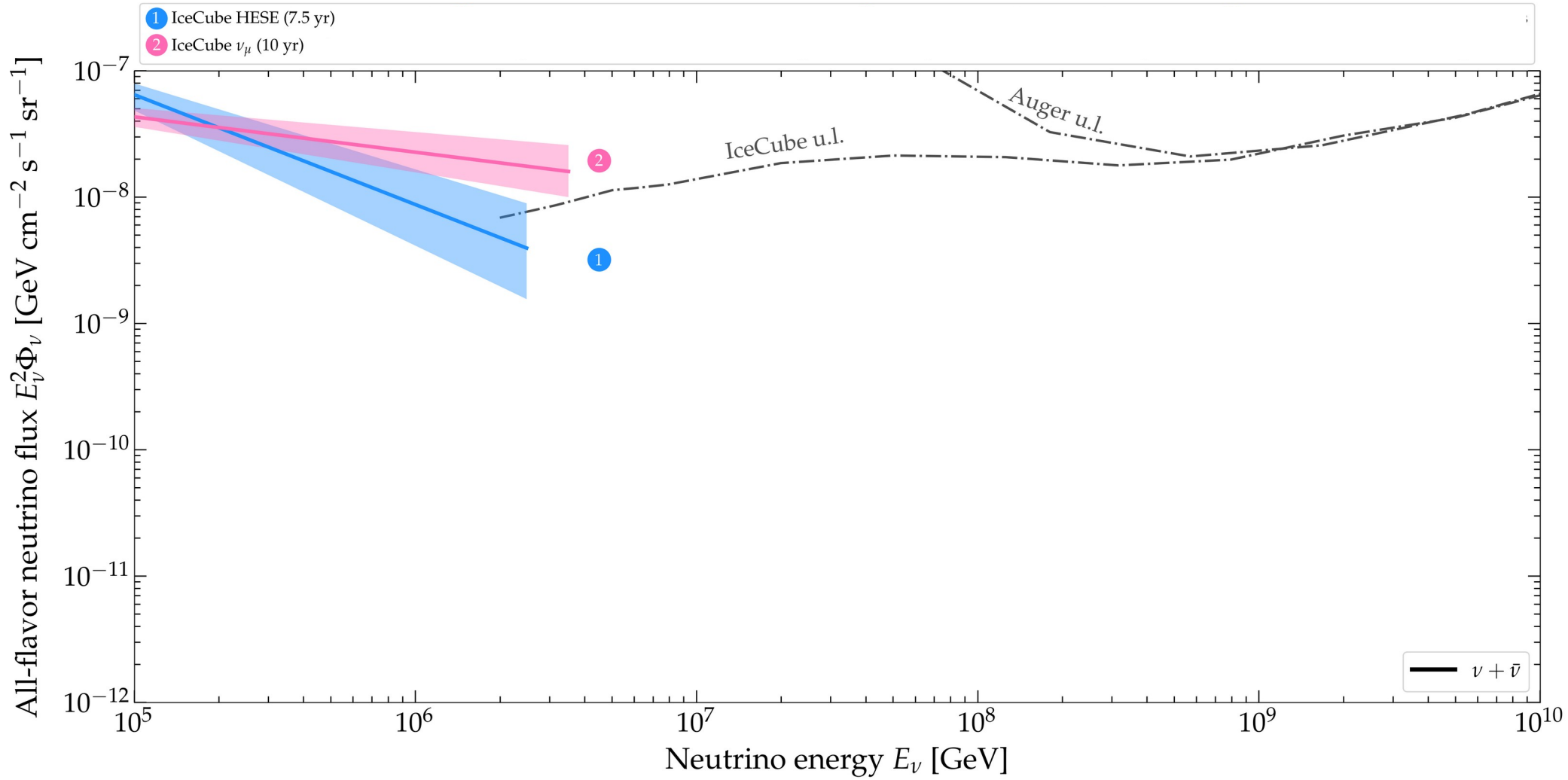


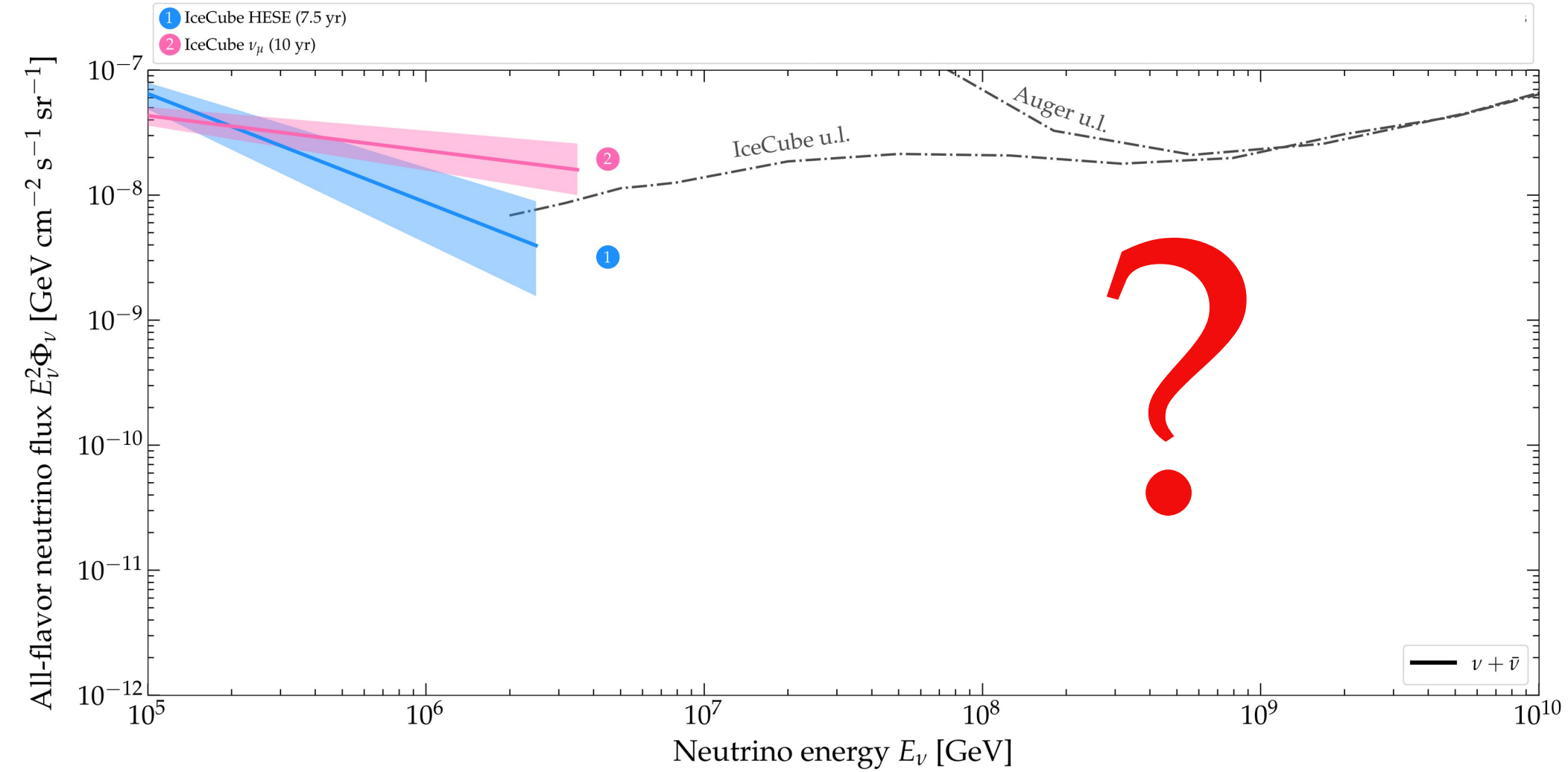
After re-analysis (2101.09836),
significance dropped
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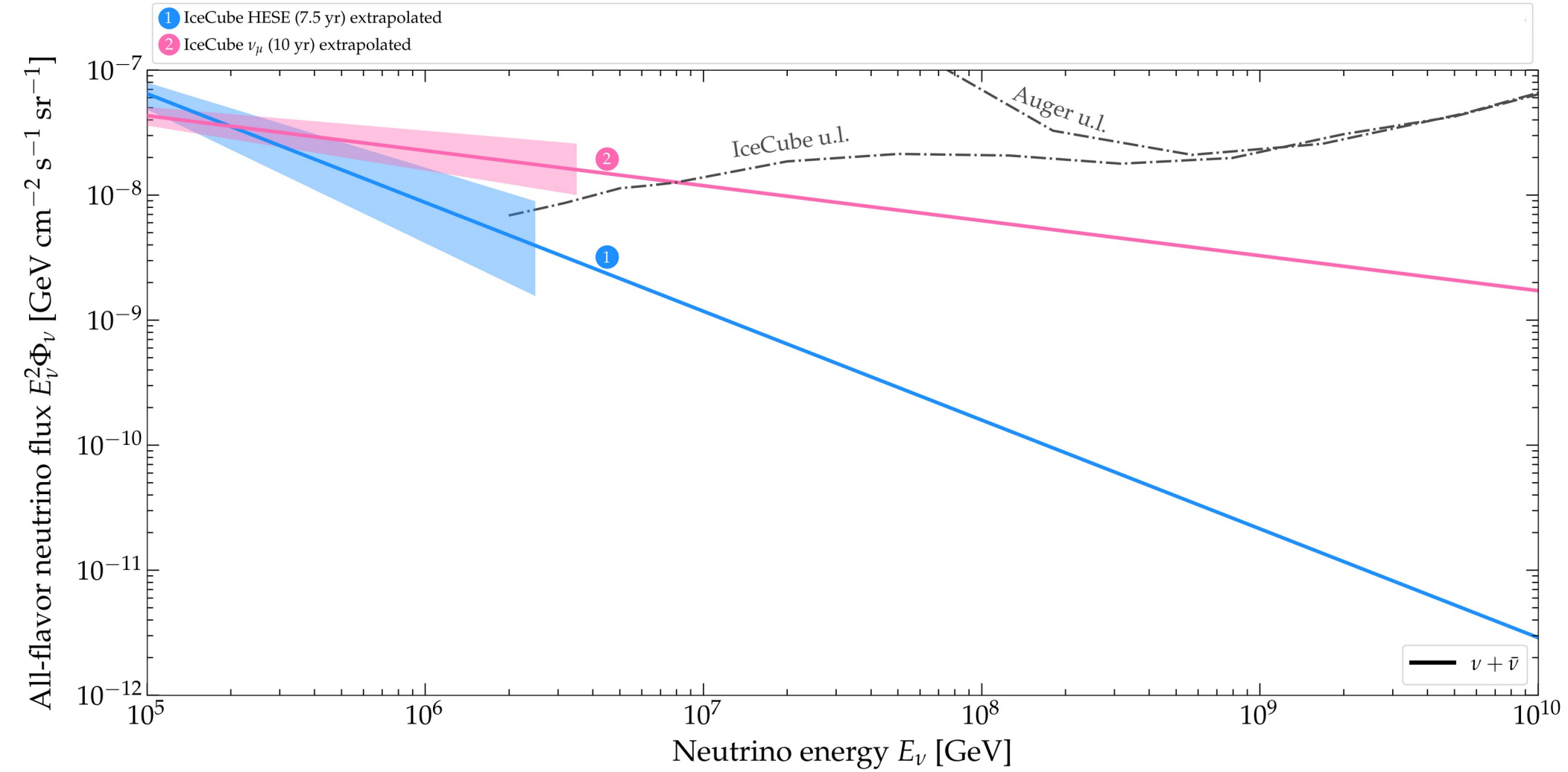
2014–2015: 13 ± 5 v flare, no X-ray flare
3.5 σ significance of correlation (post-trial)

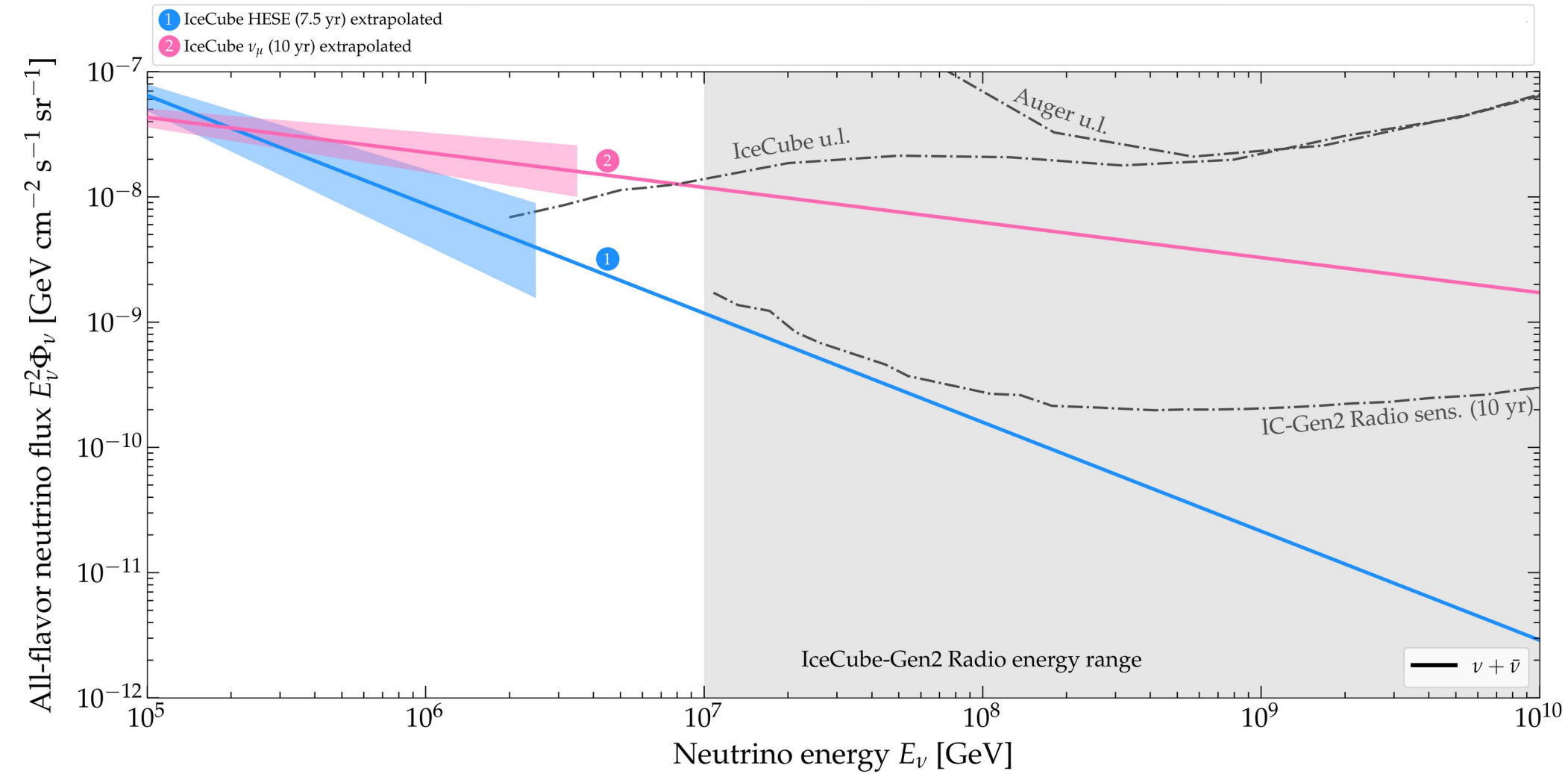
2017: one 290-TeV v + X-ray flare
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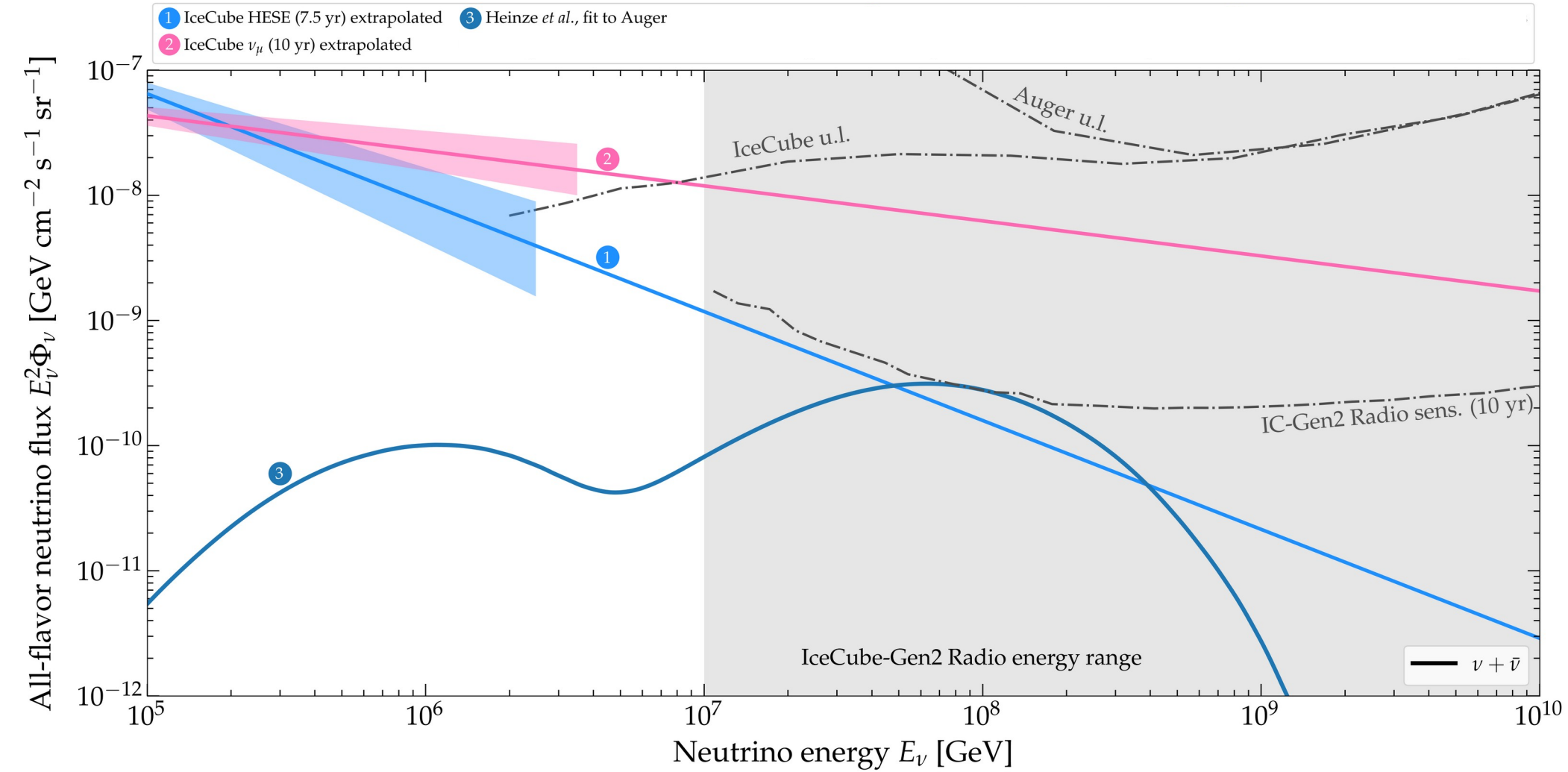
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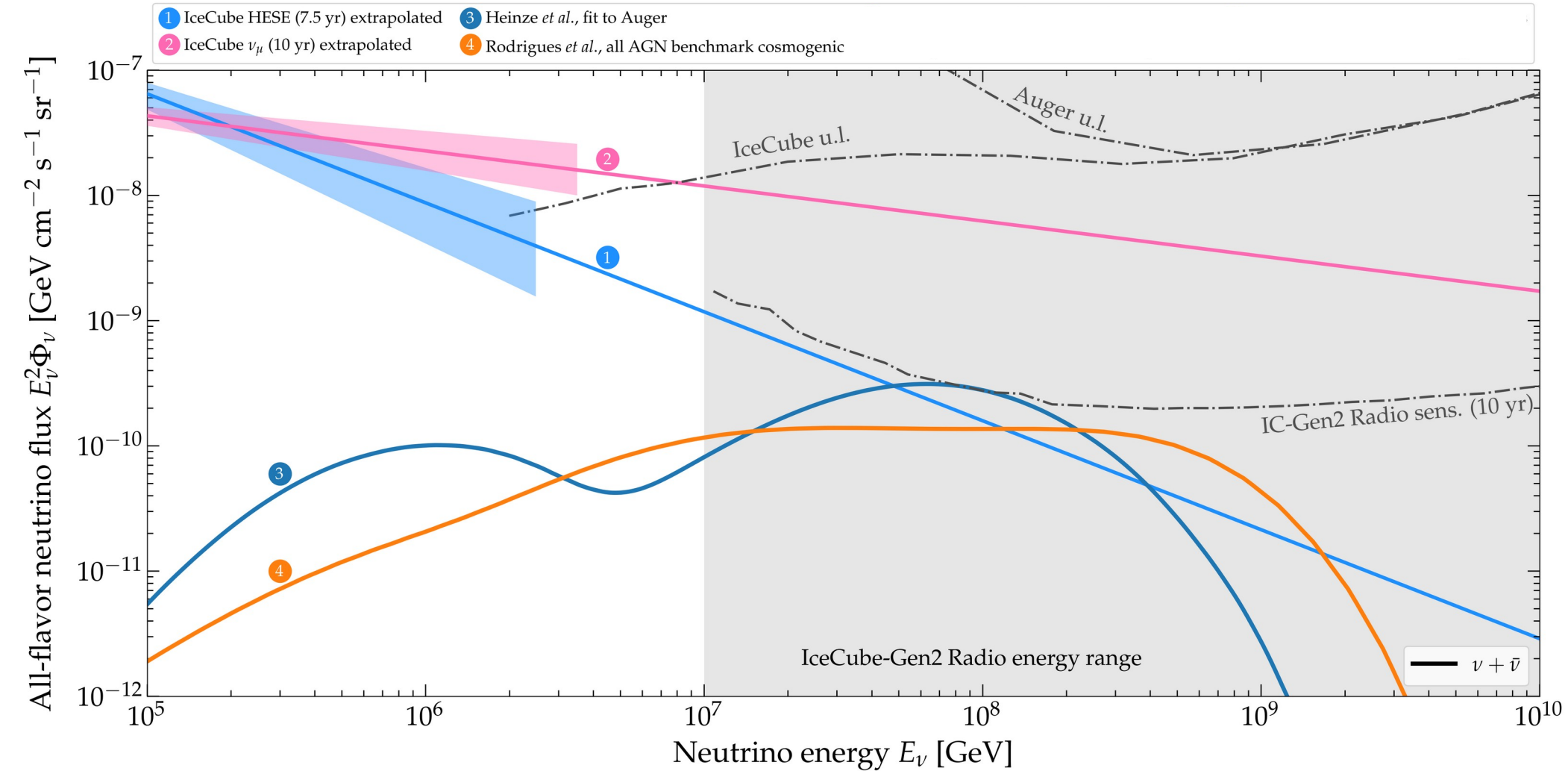


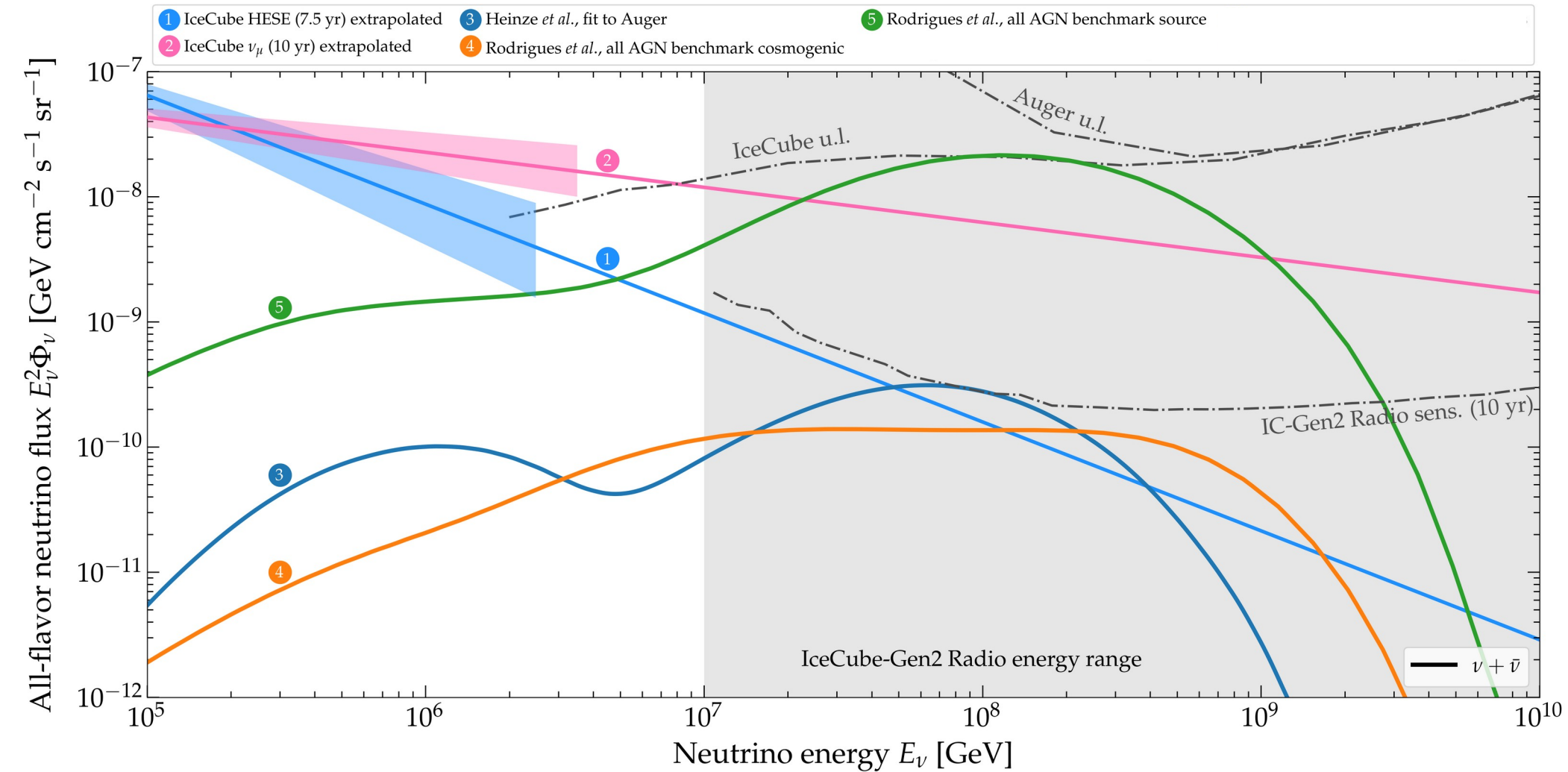


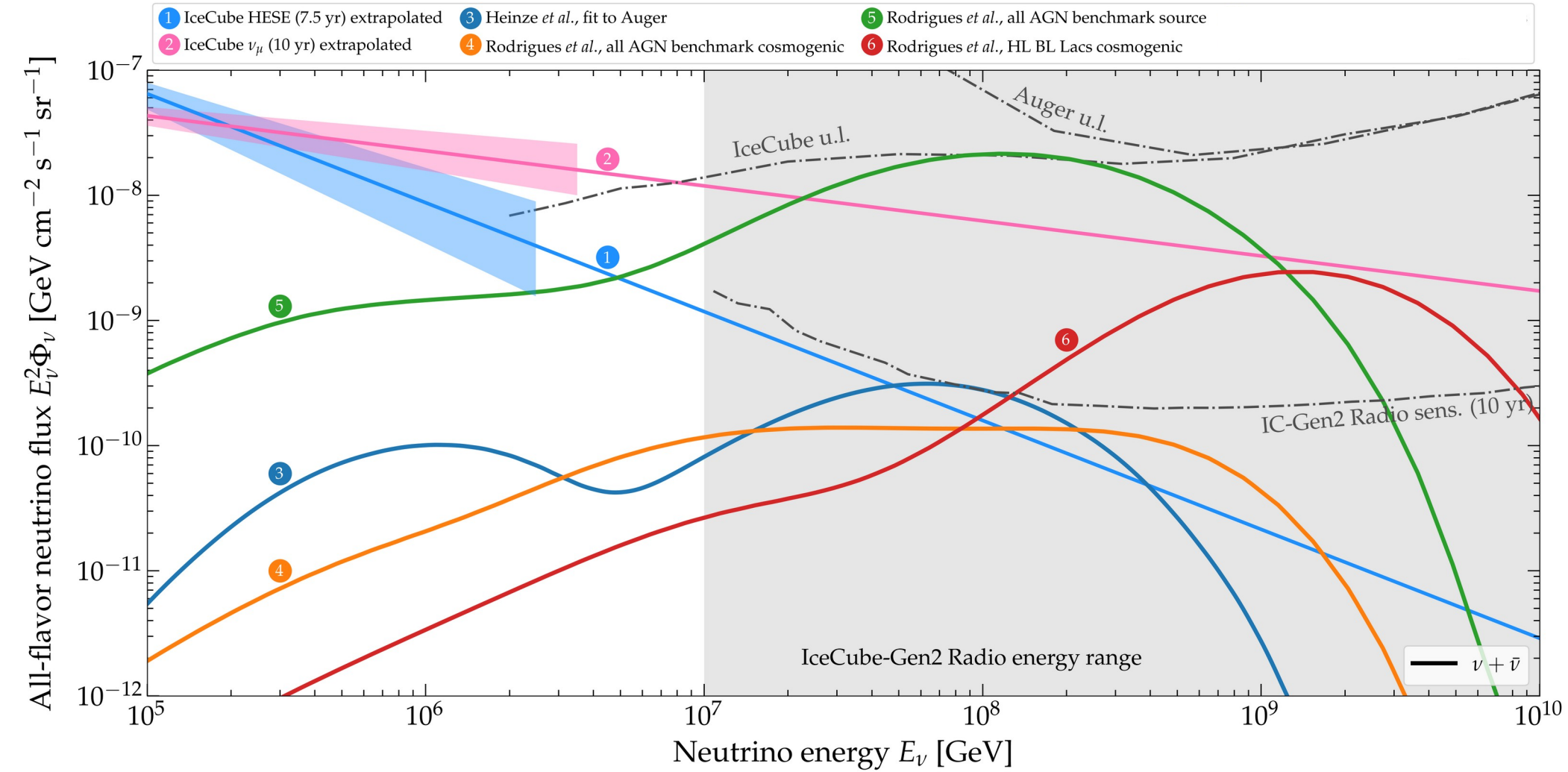


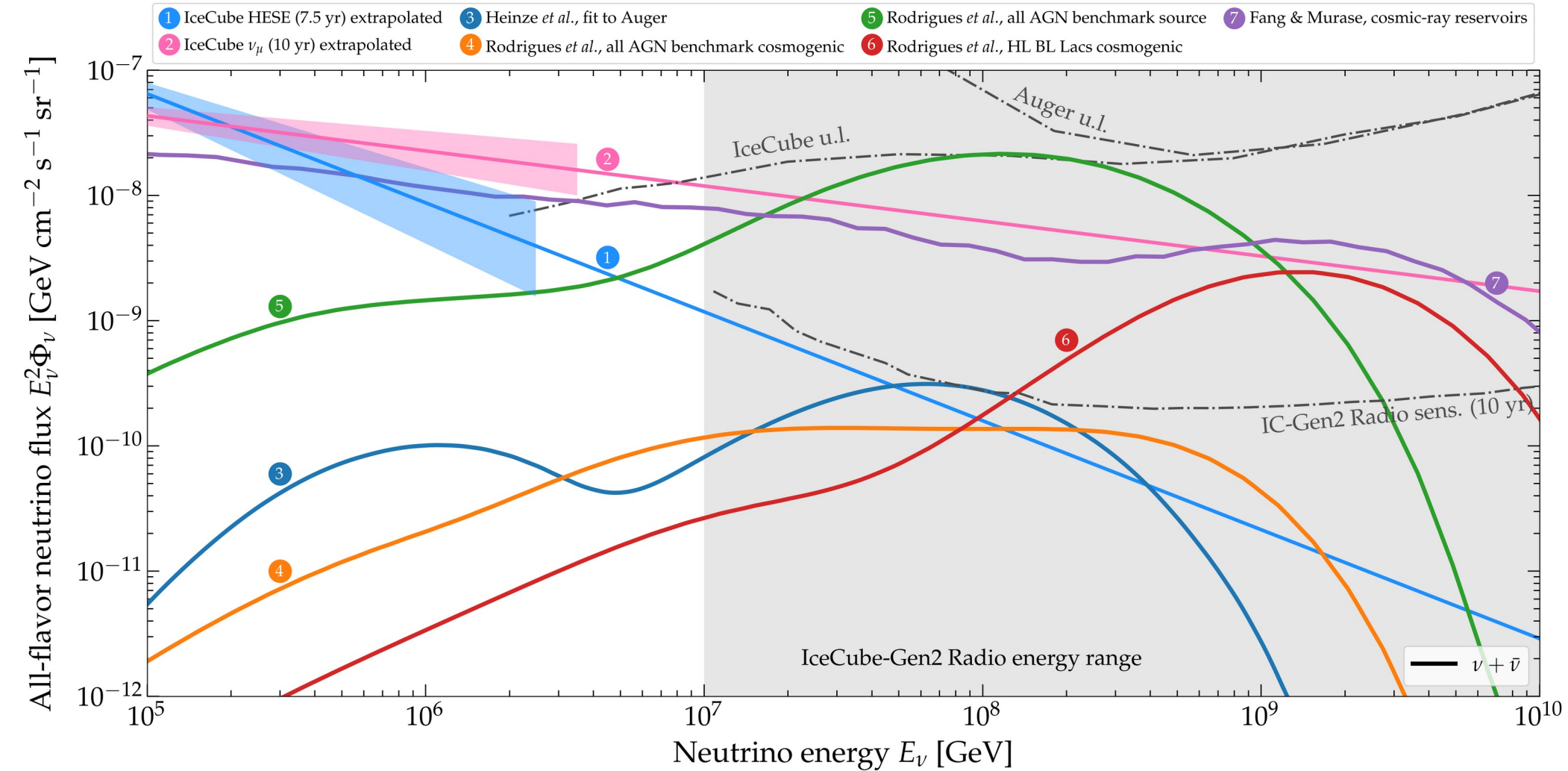




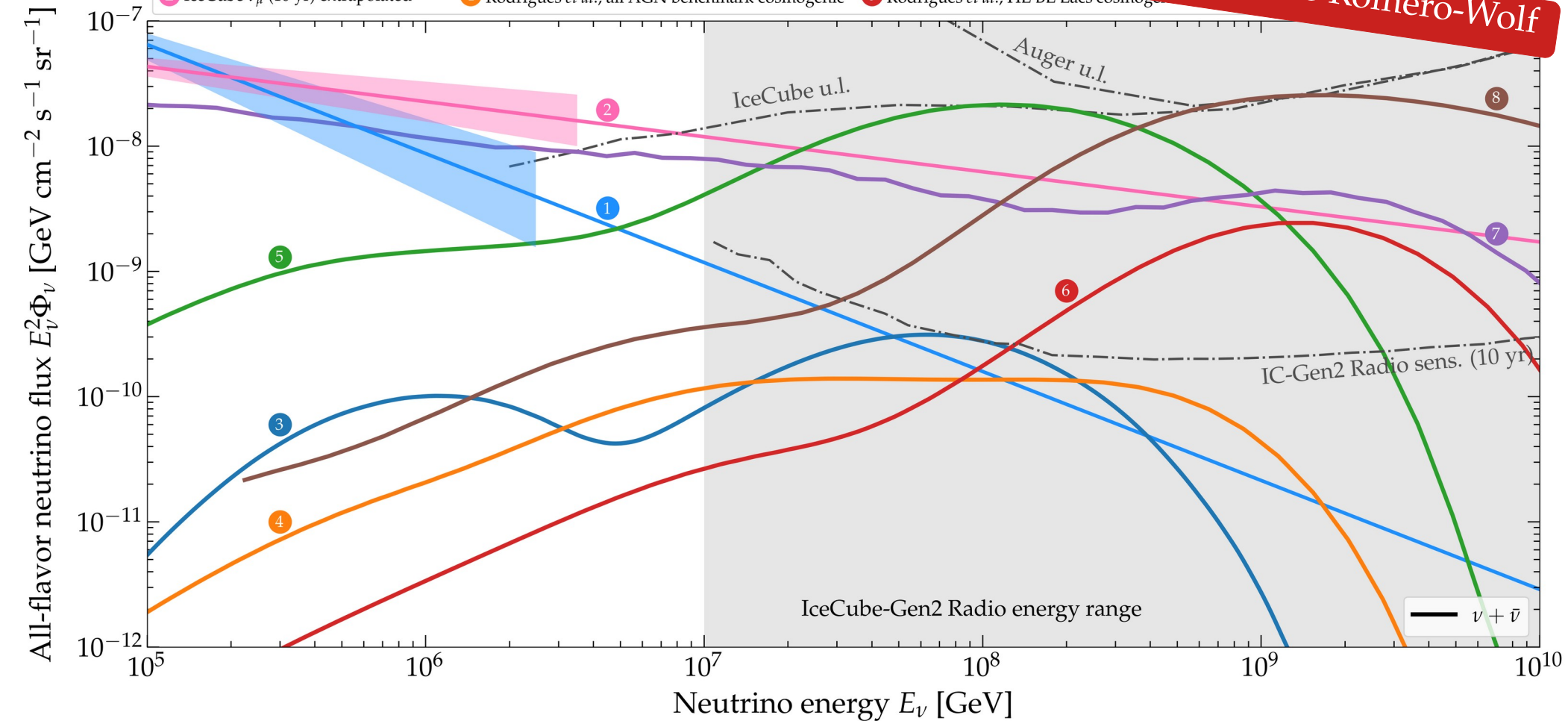


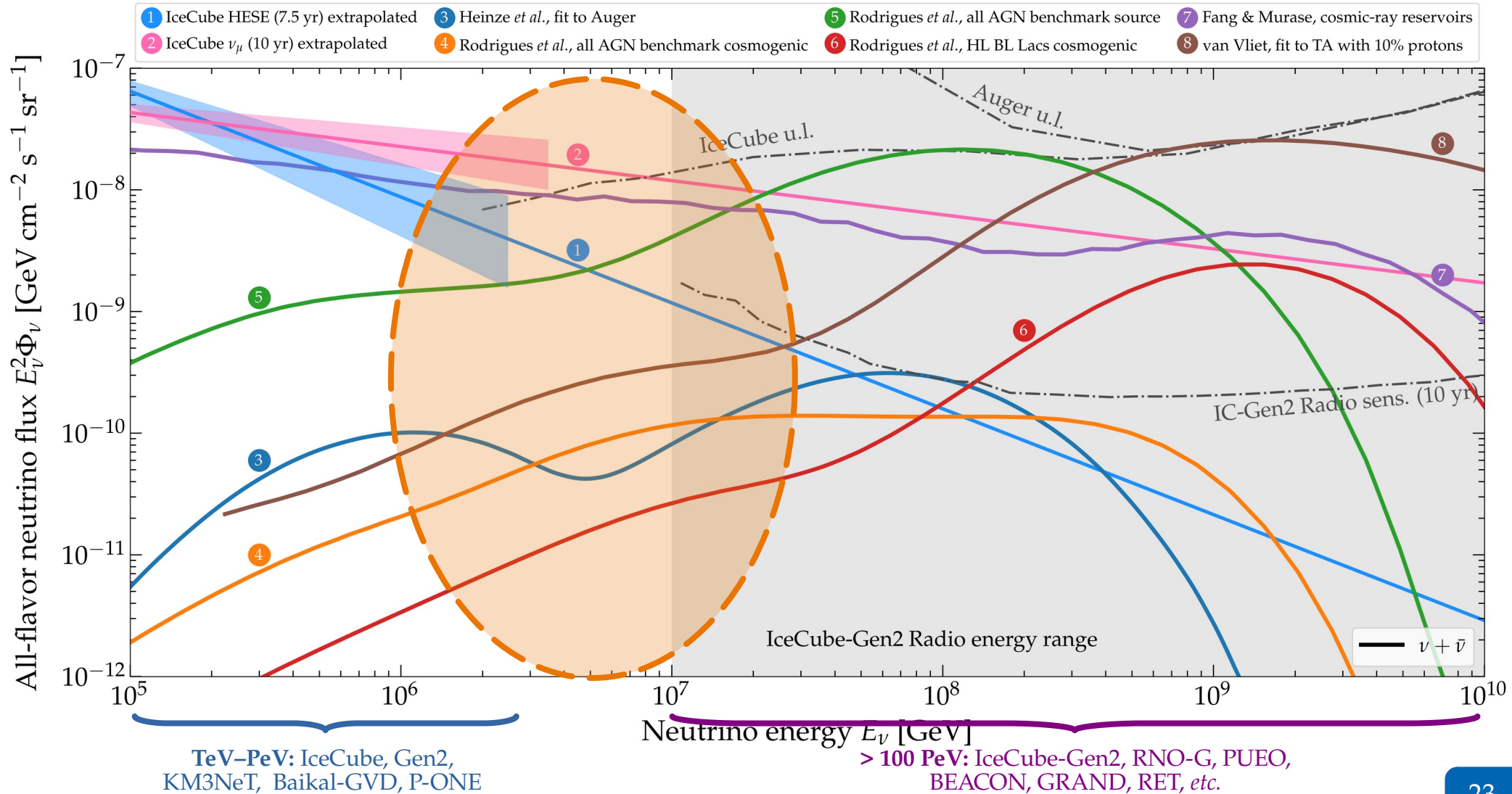






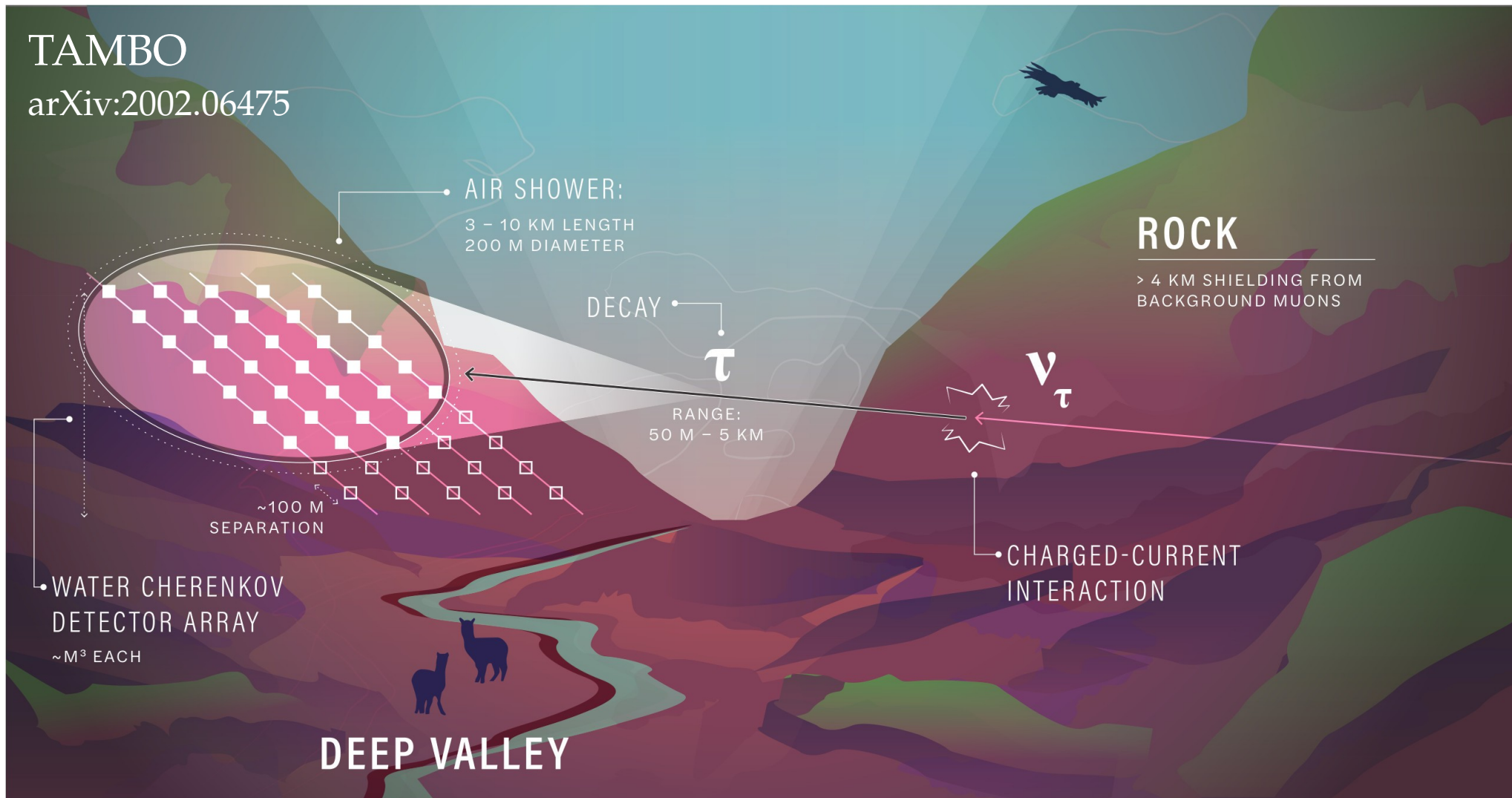
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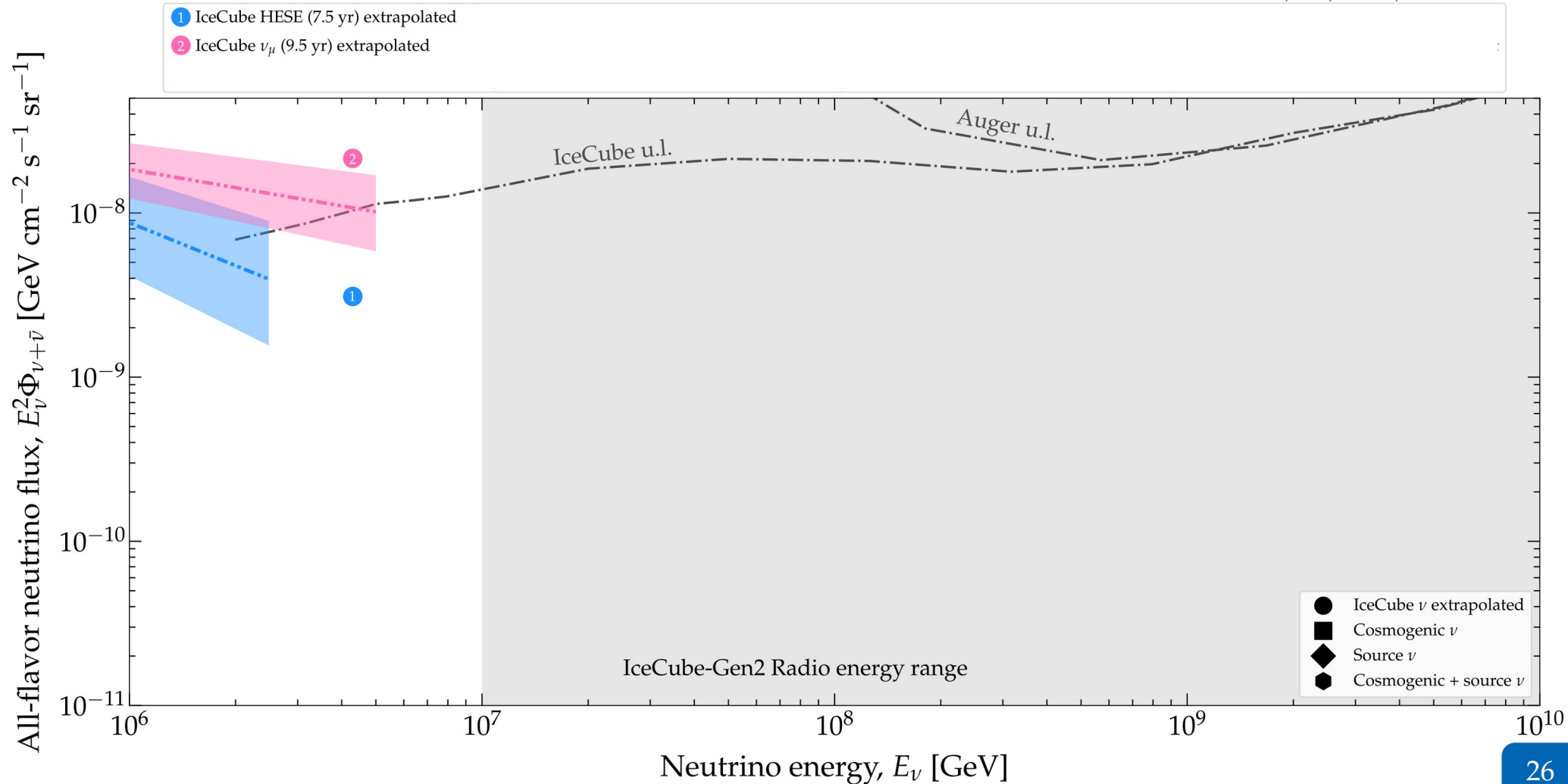
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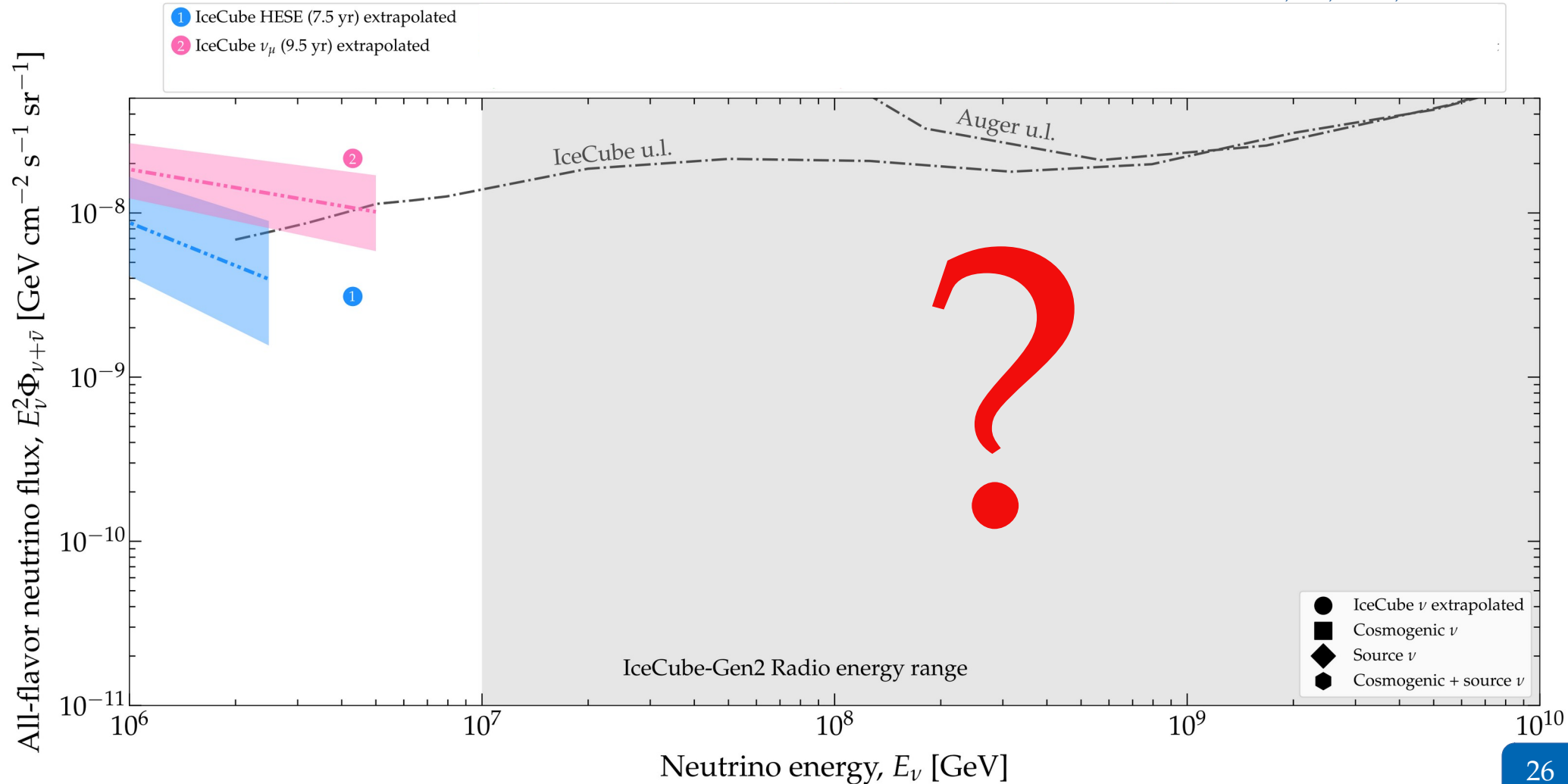
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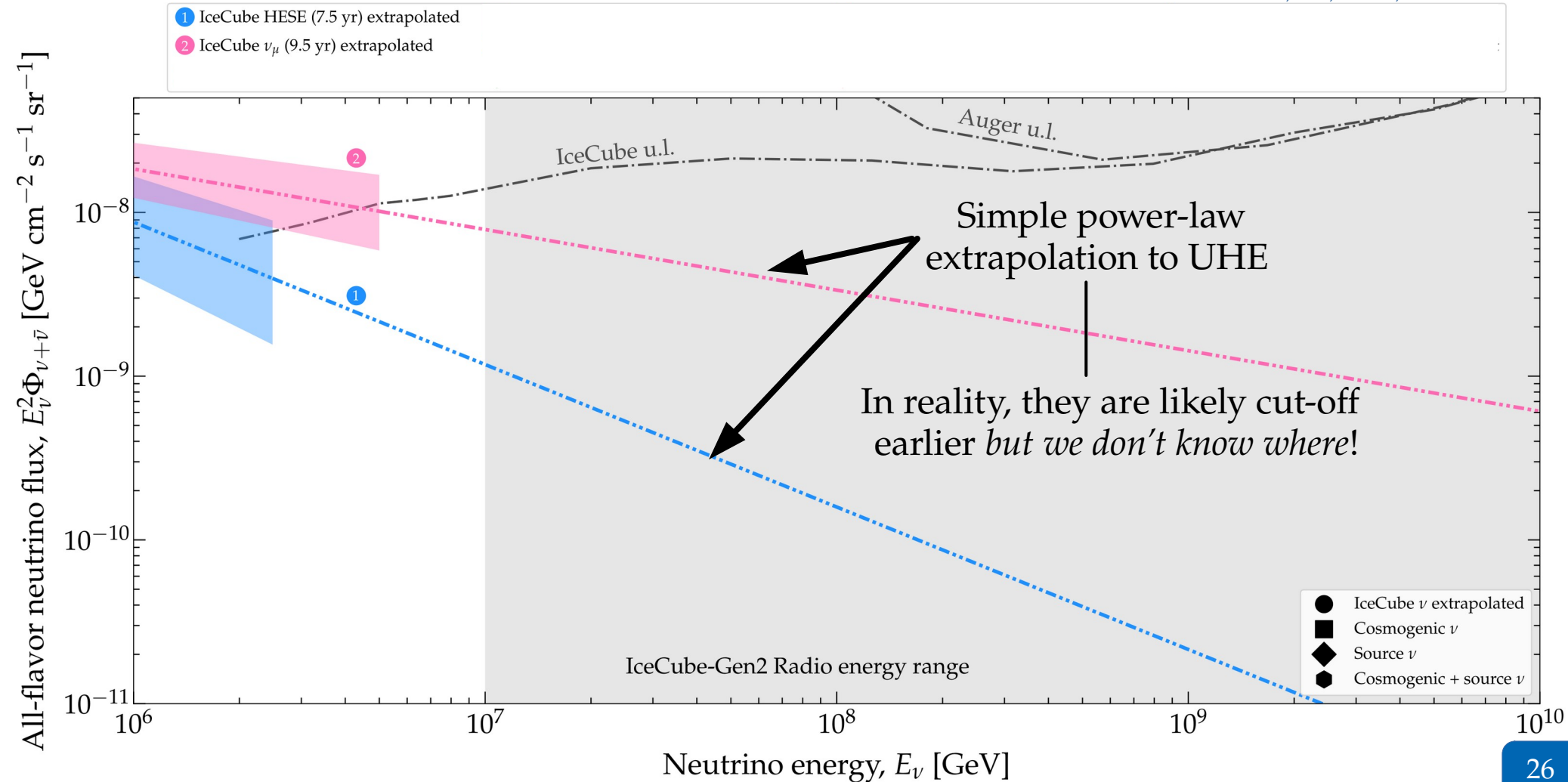
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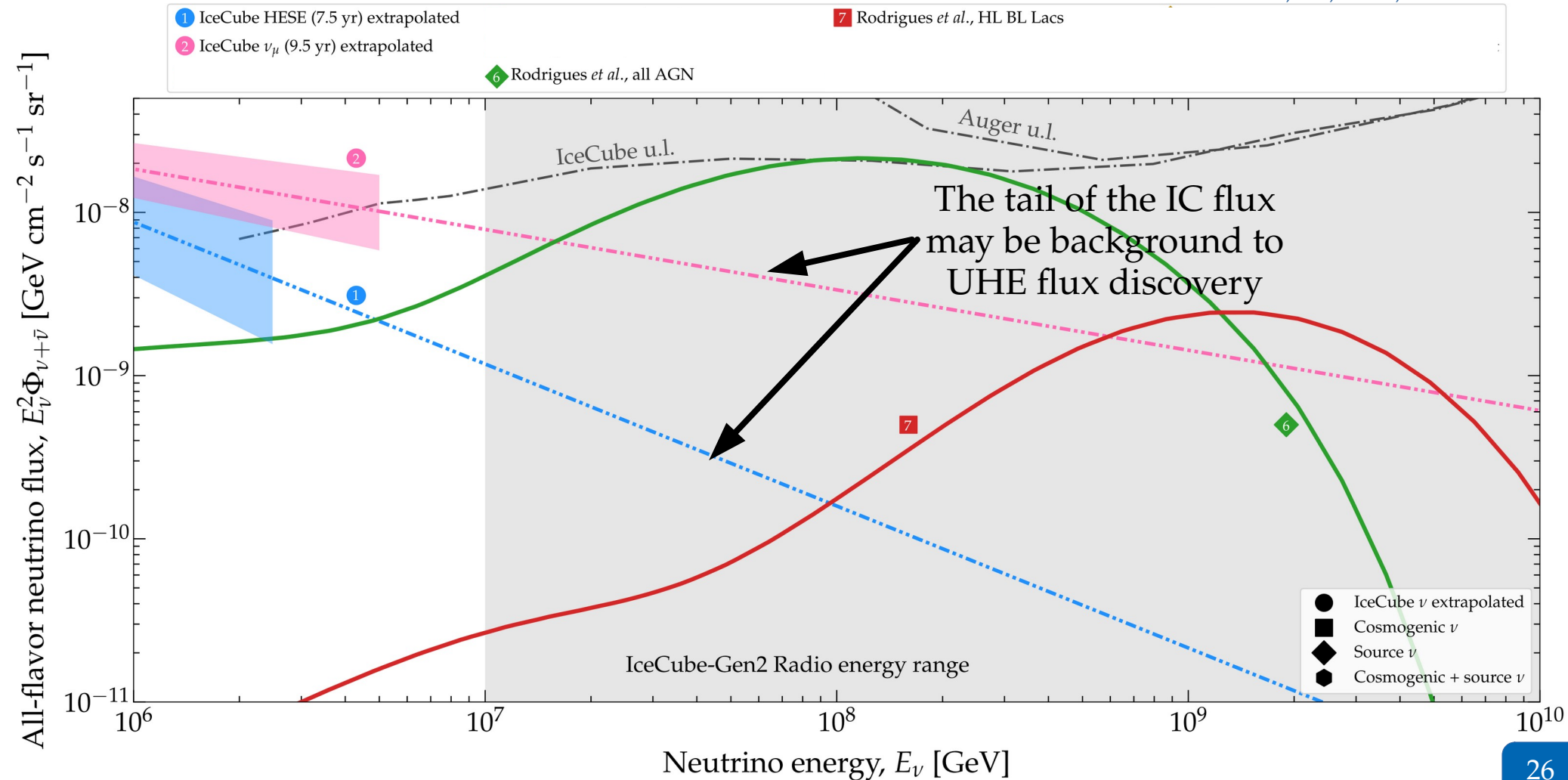
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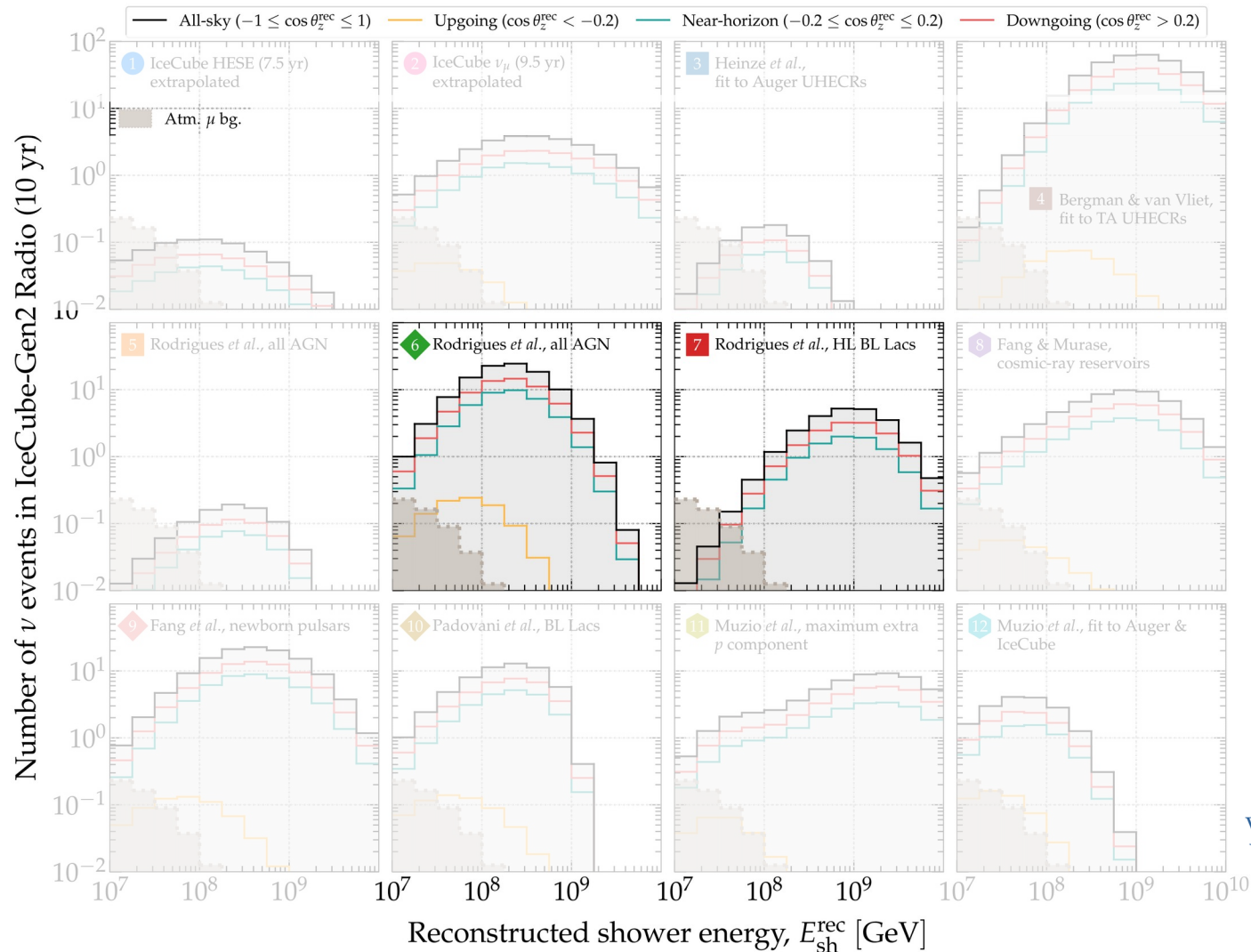


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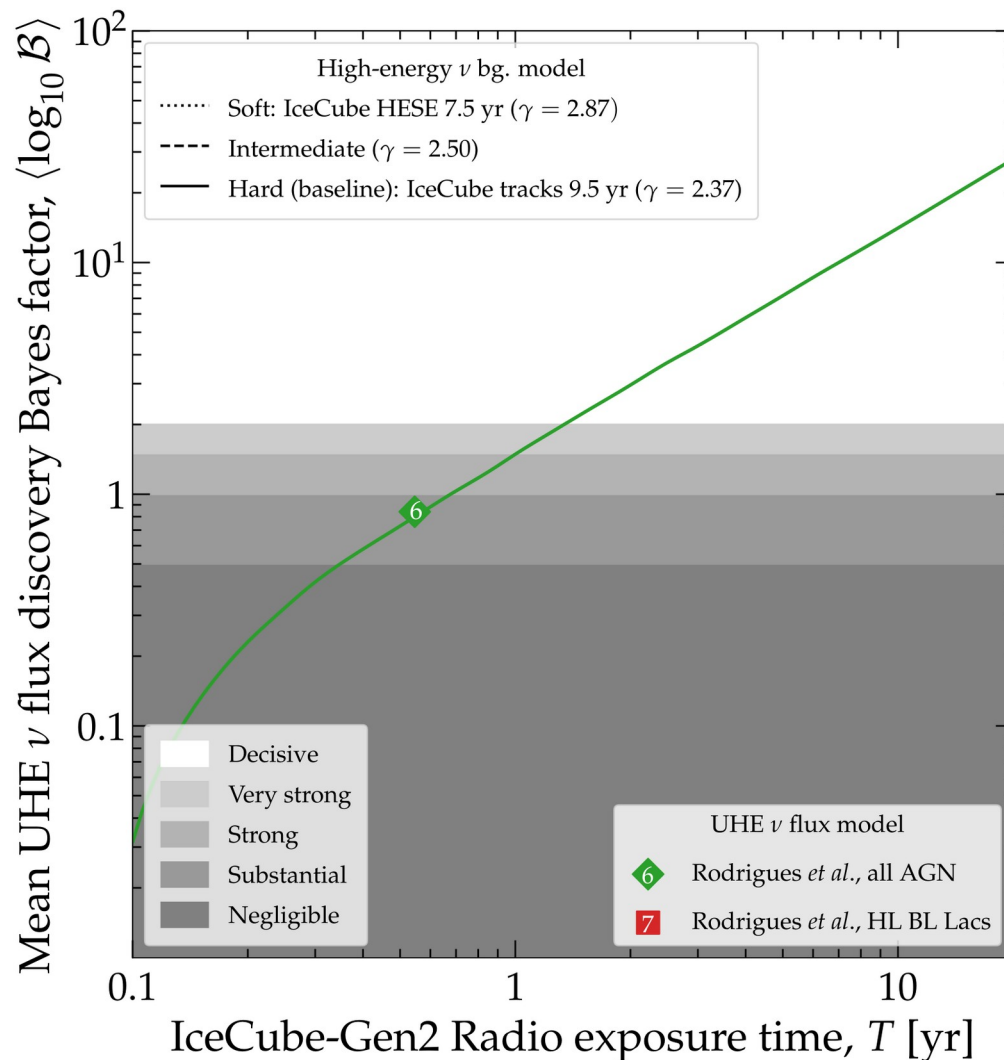
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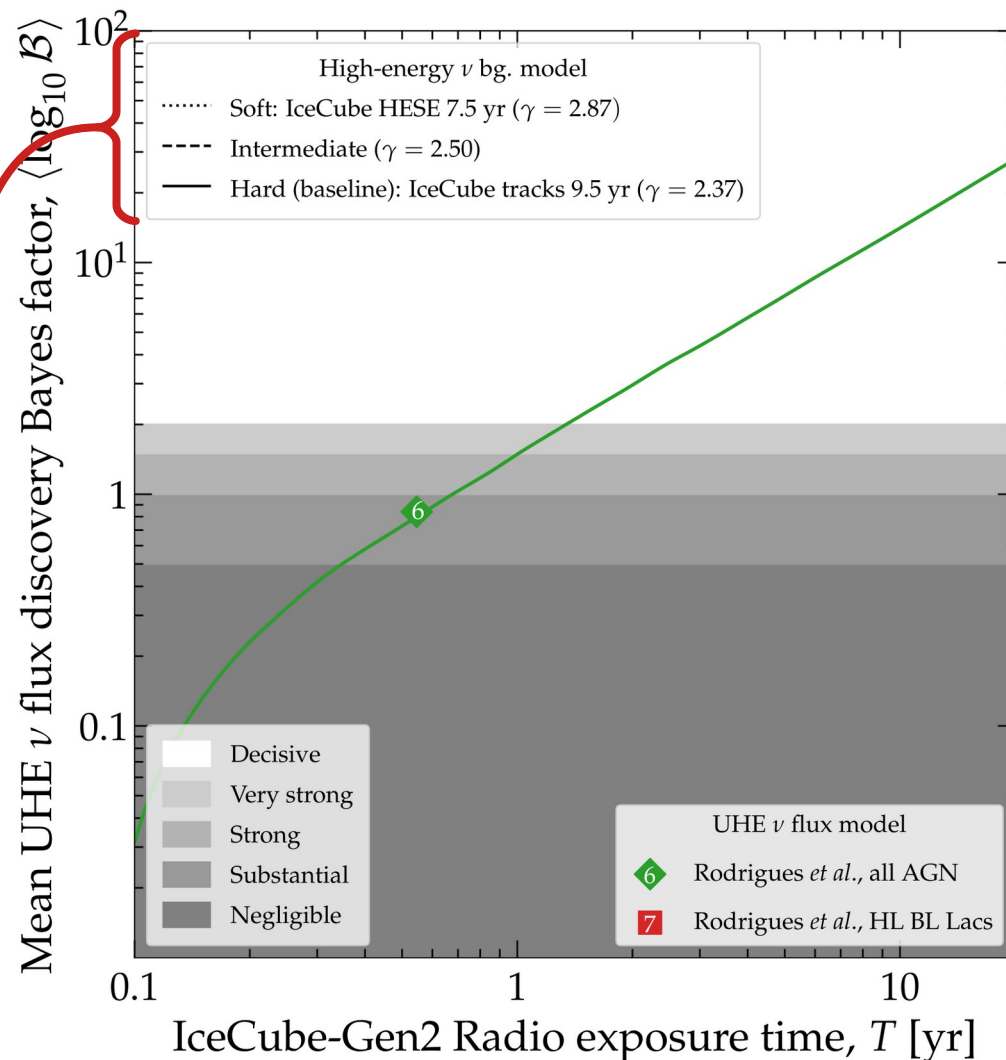
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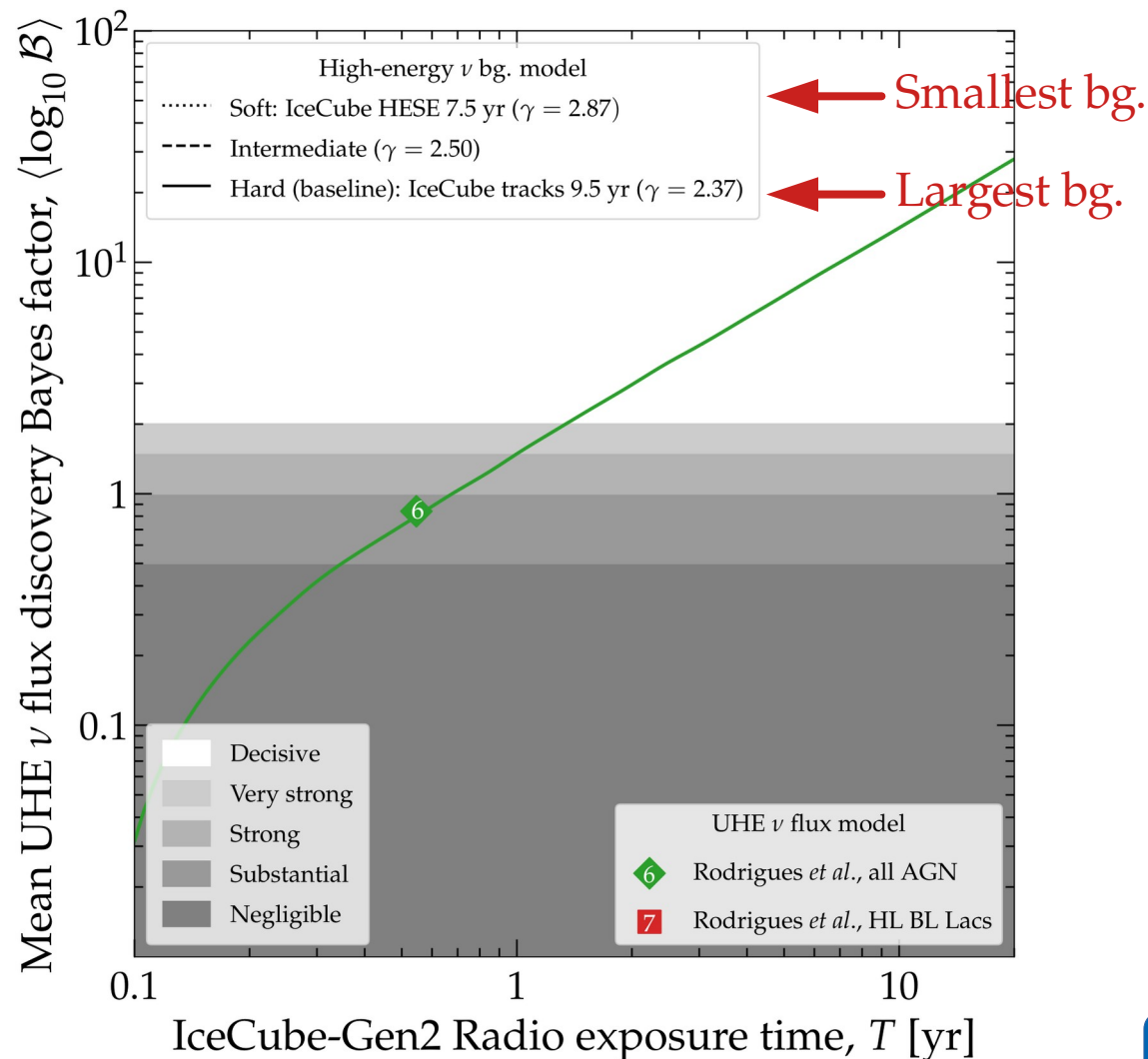
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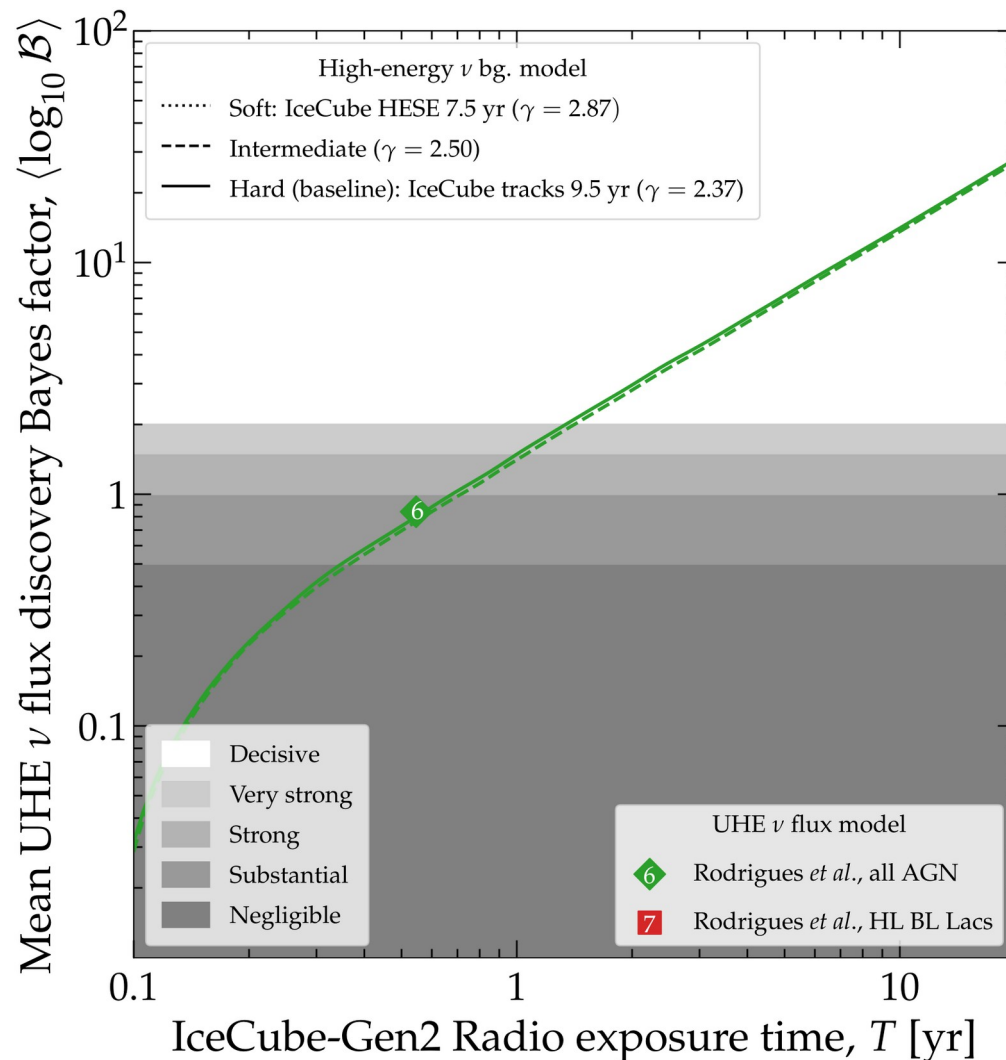
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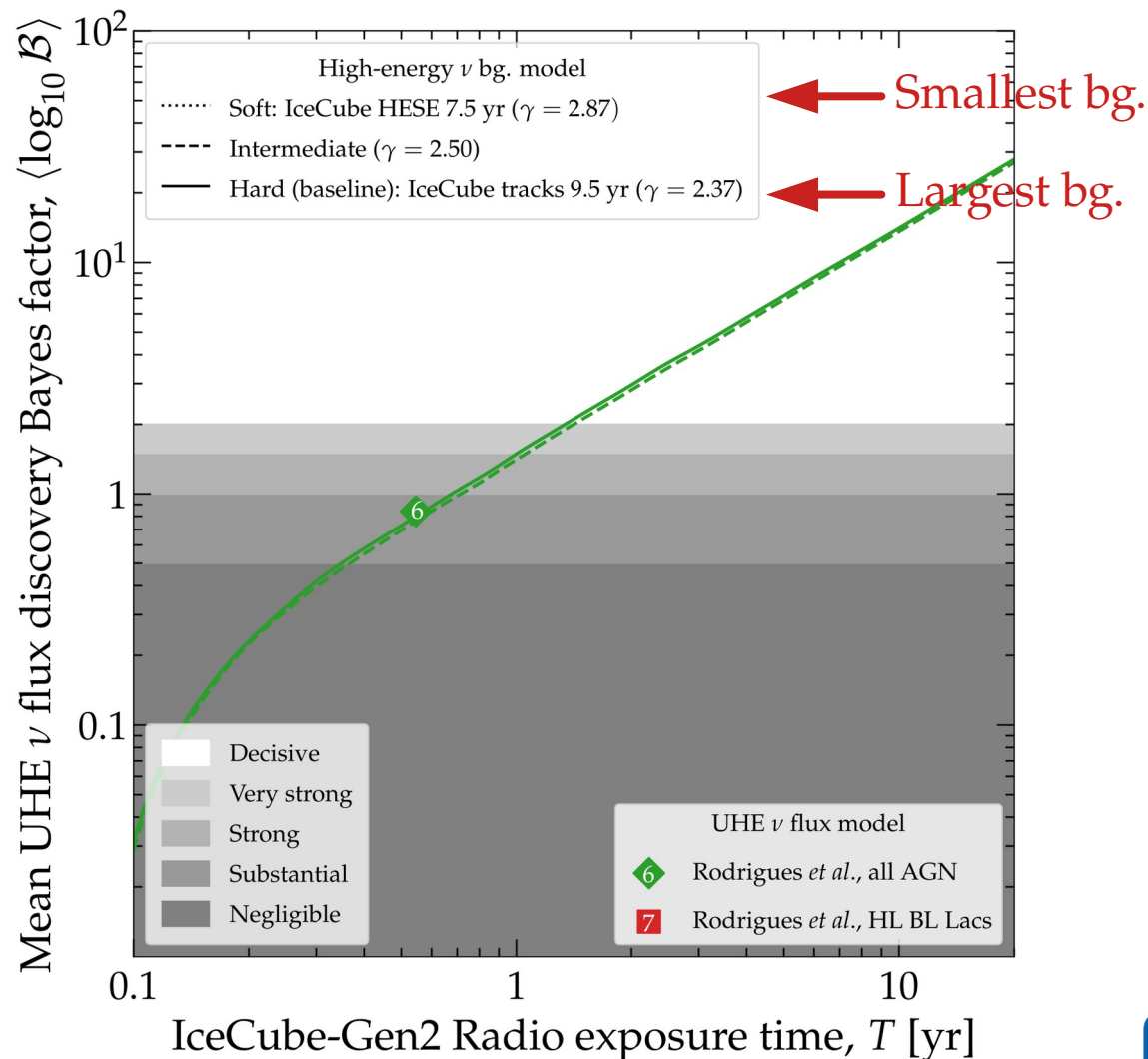
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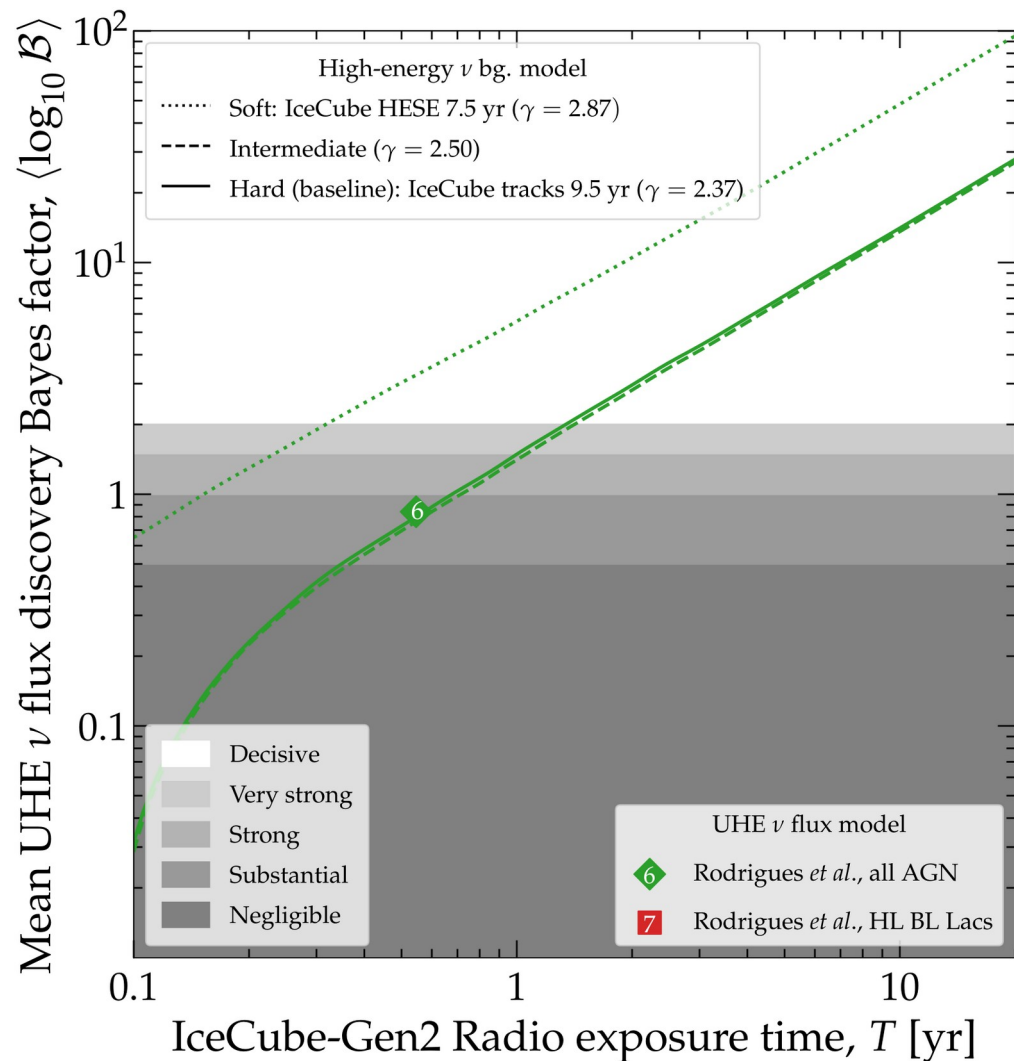
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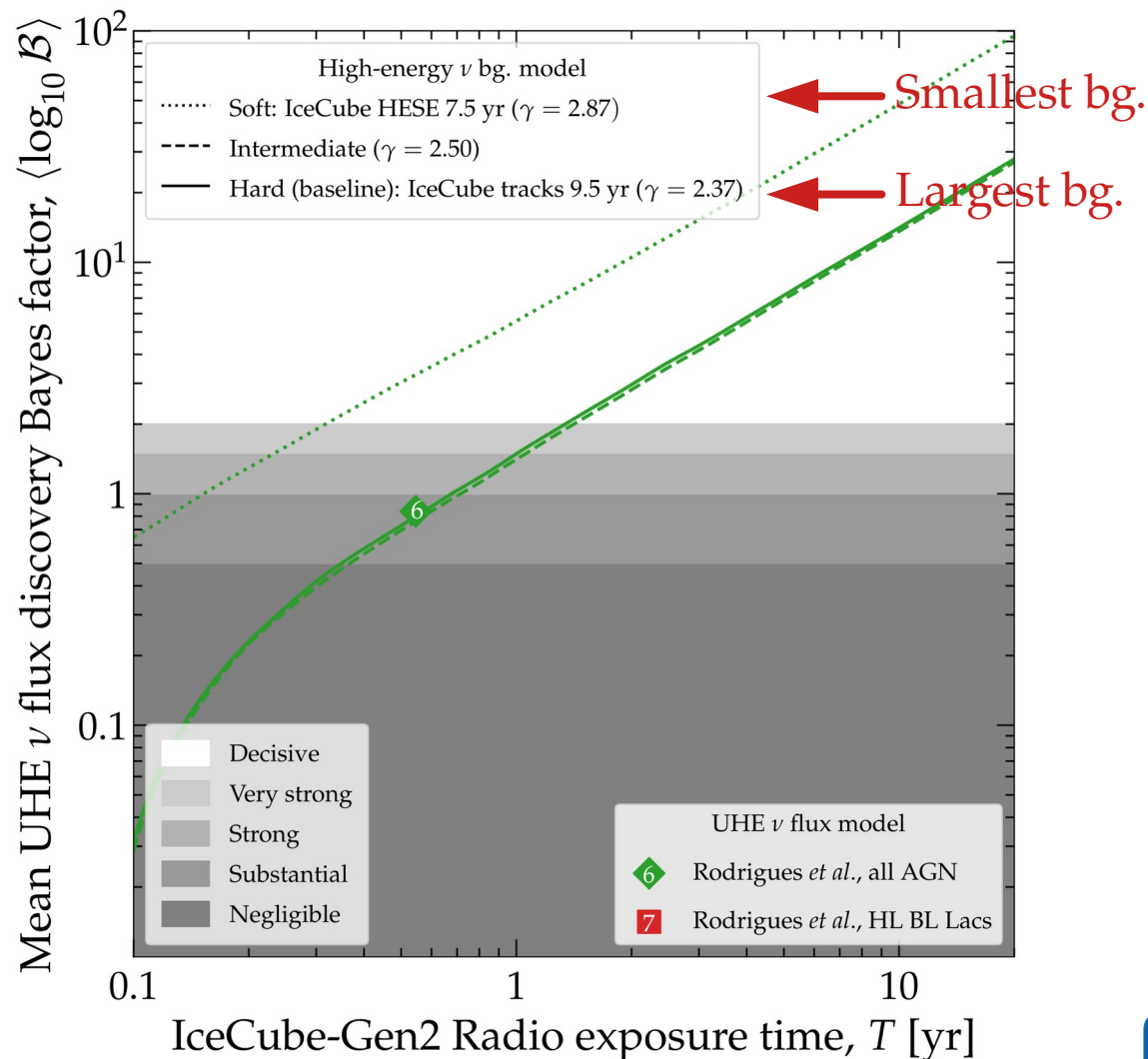
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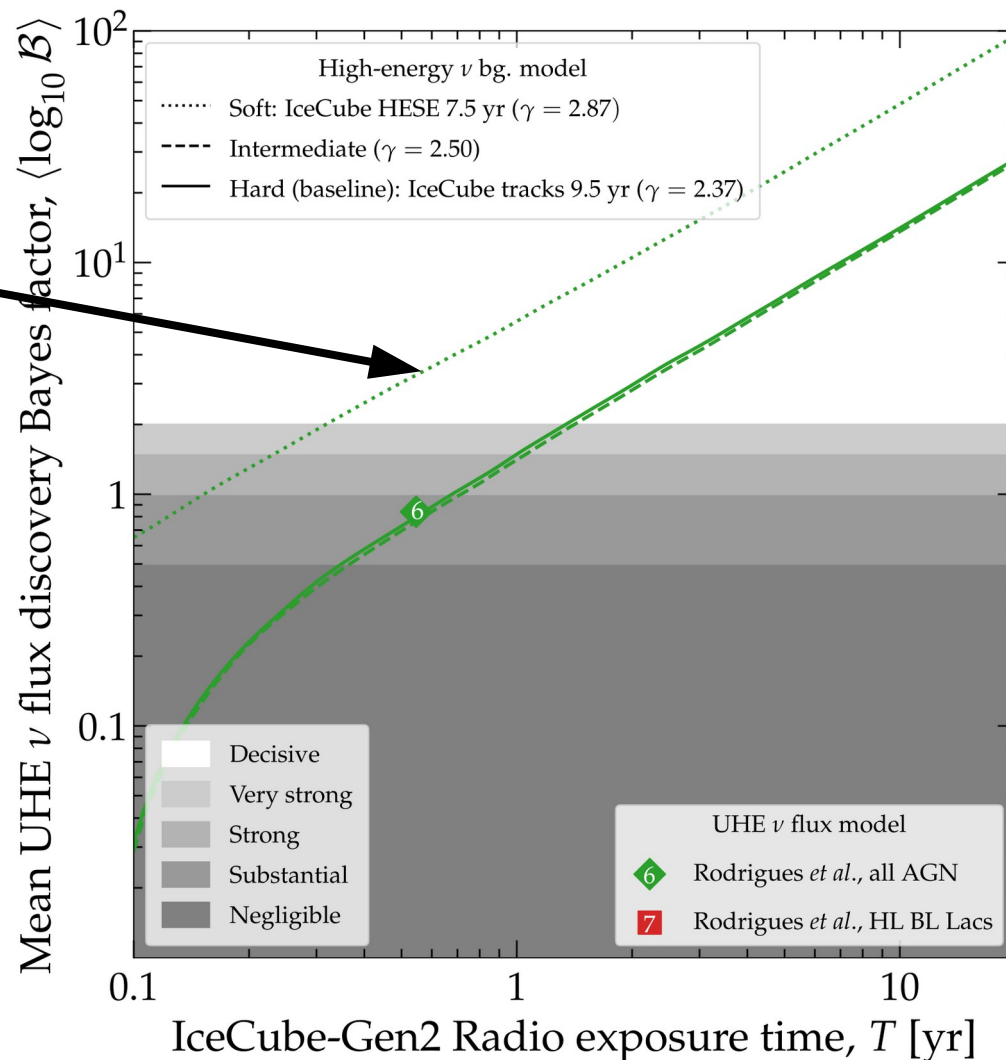
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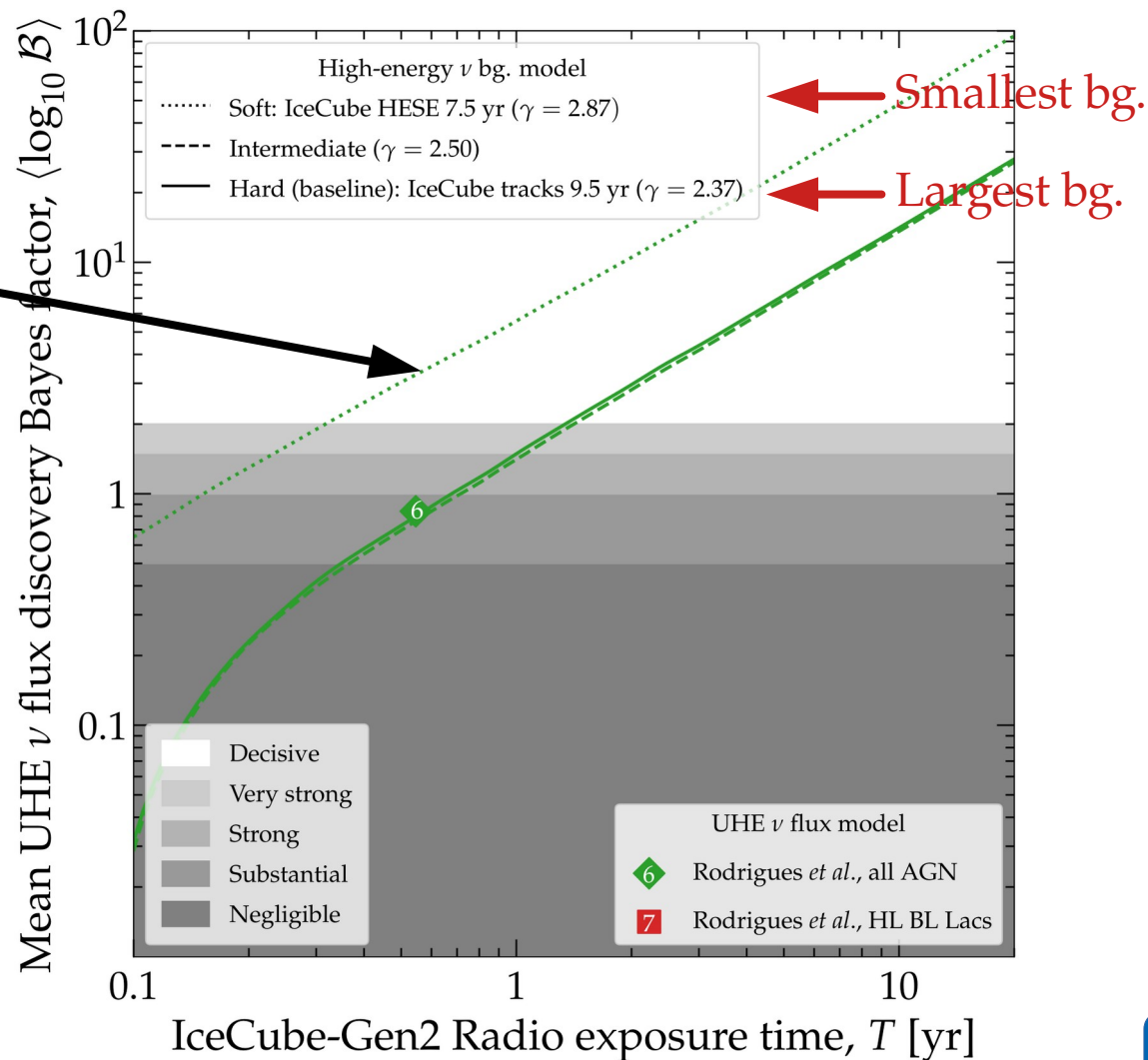
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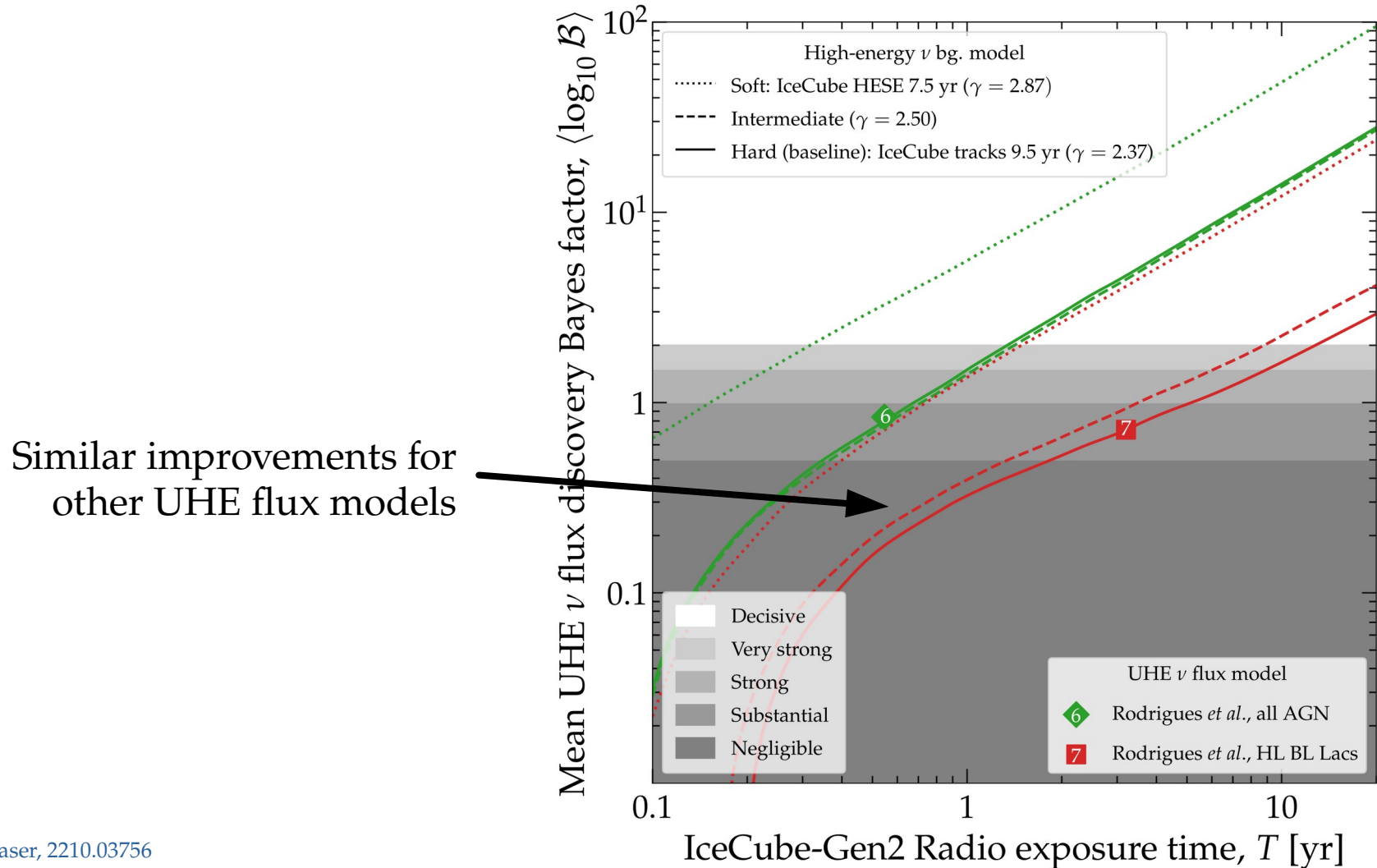


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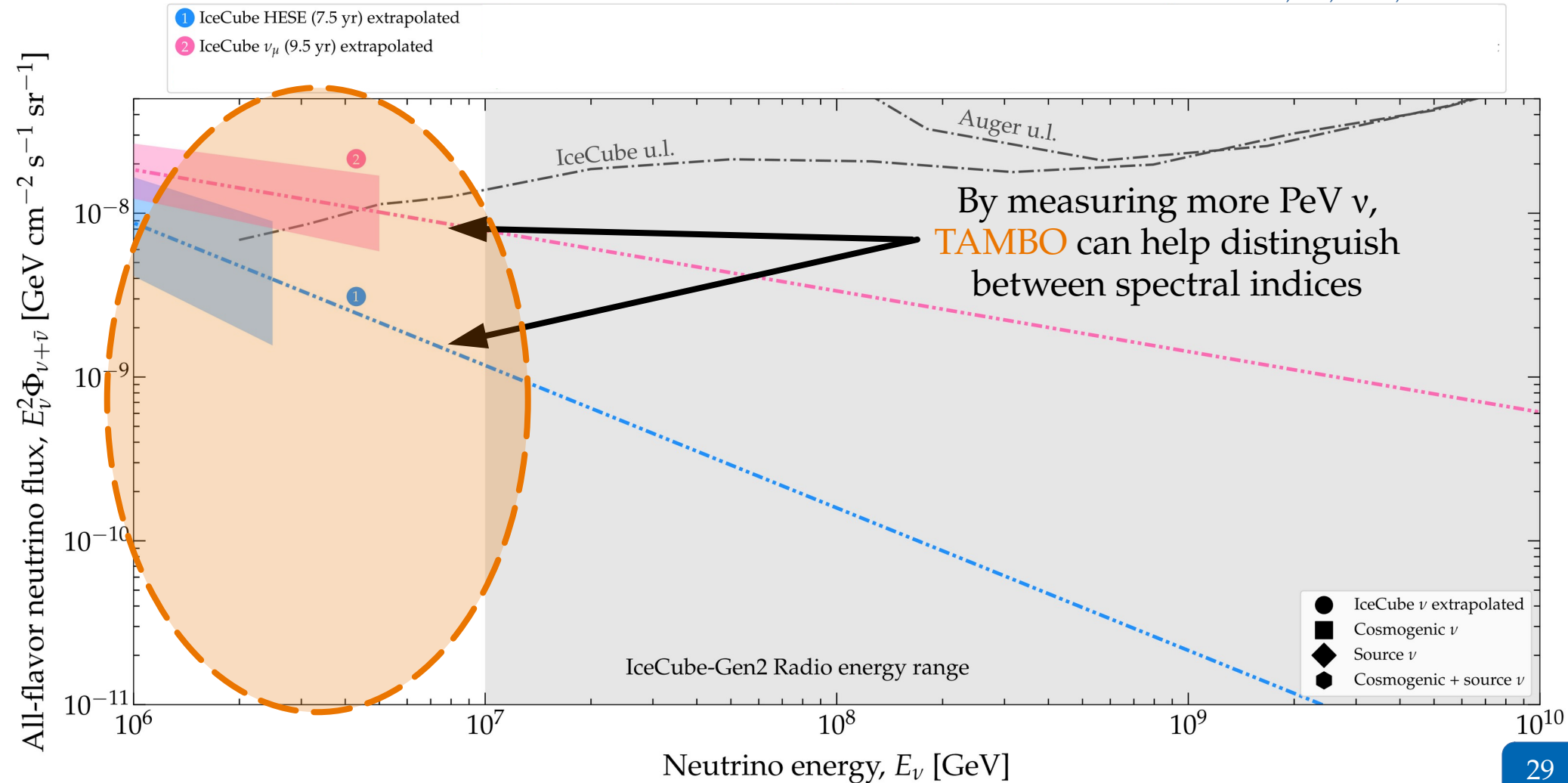


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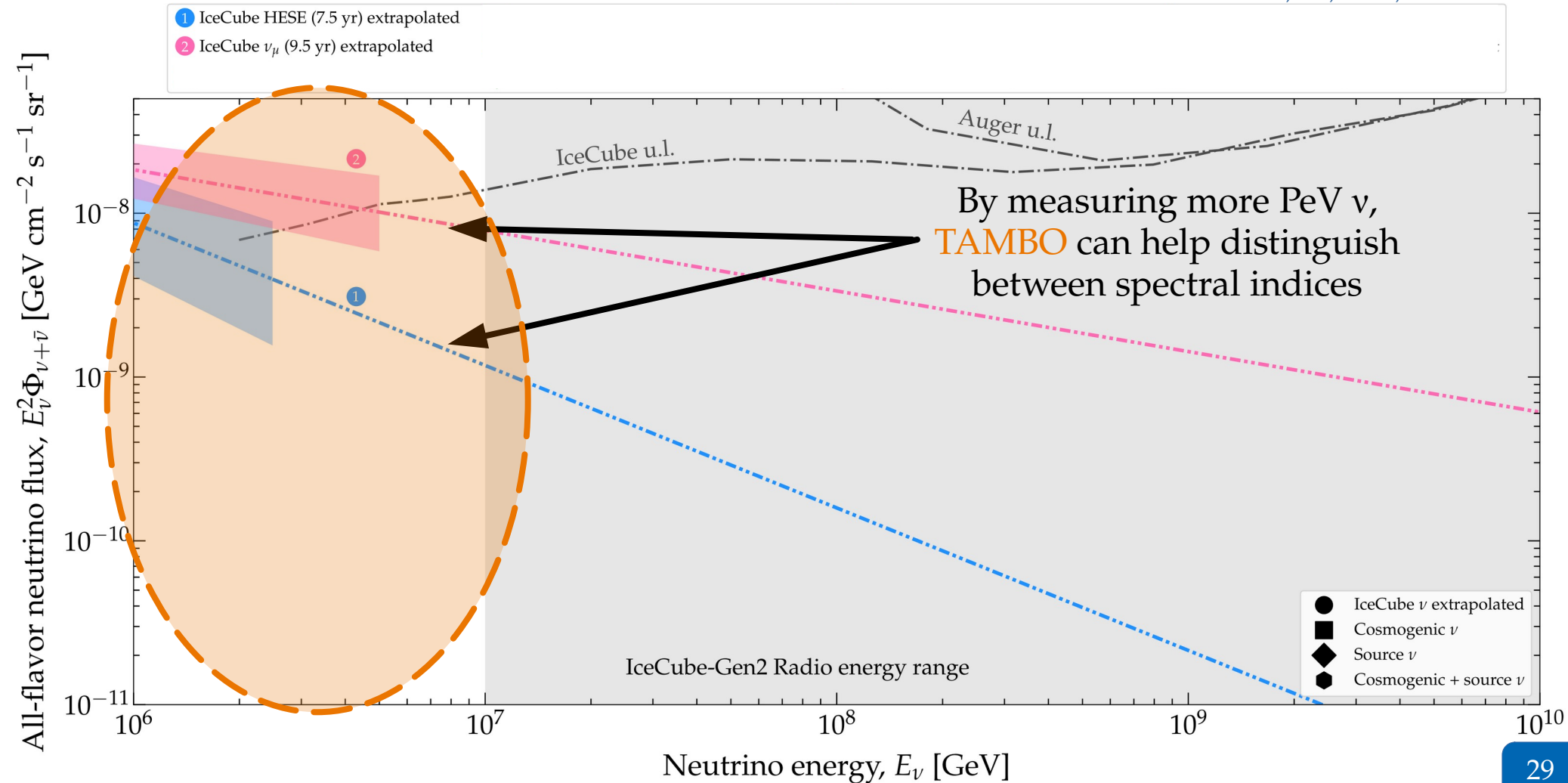
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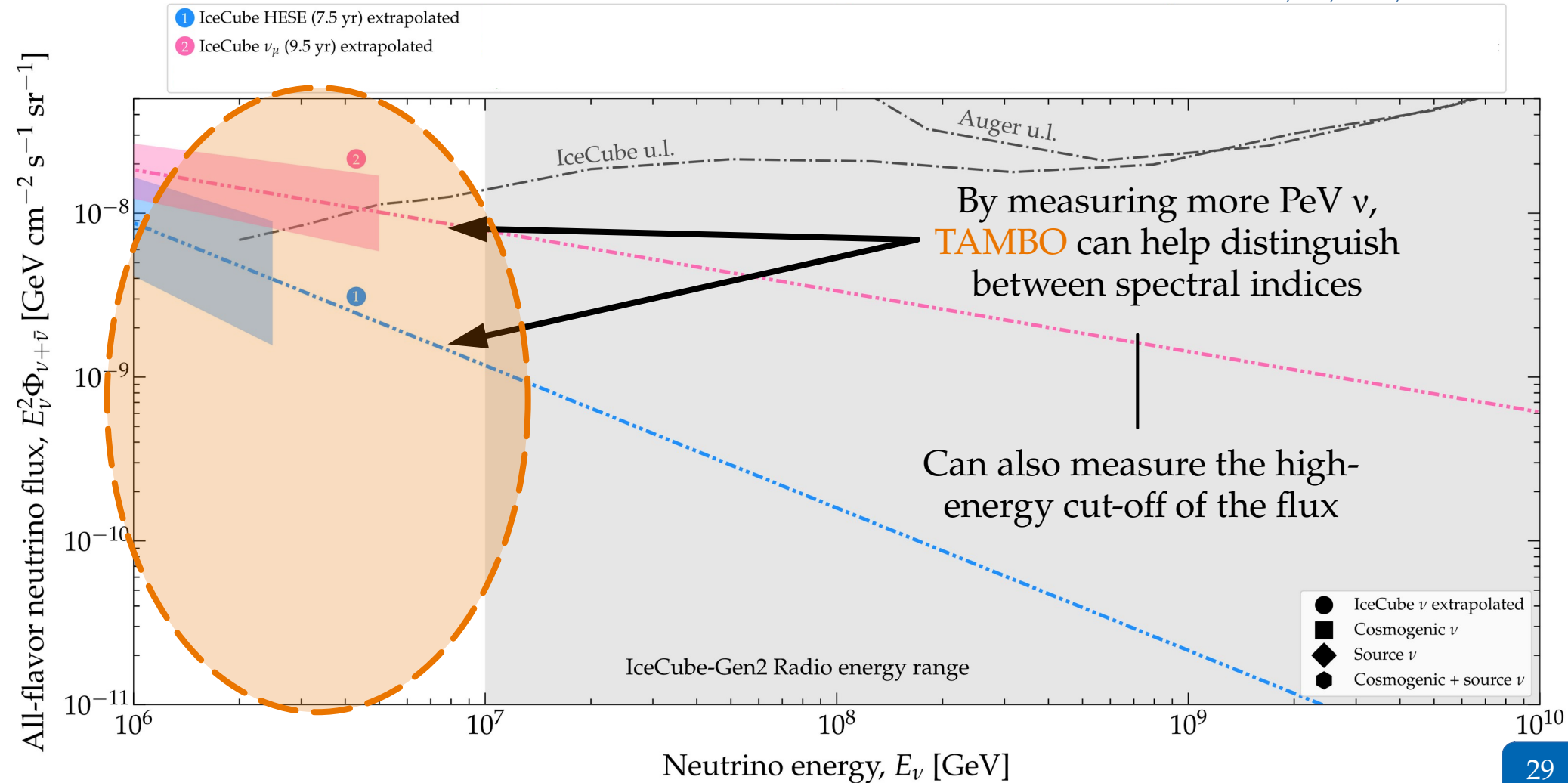
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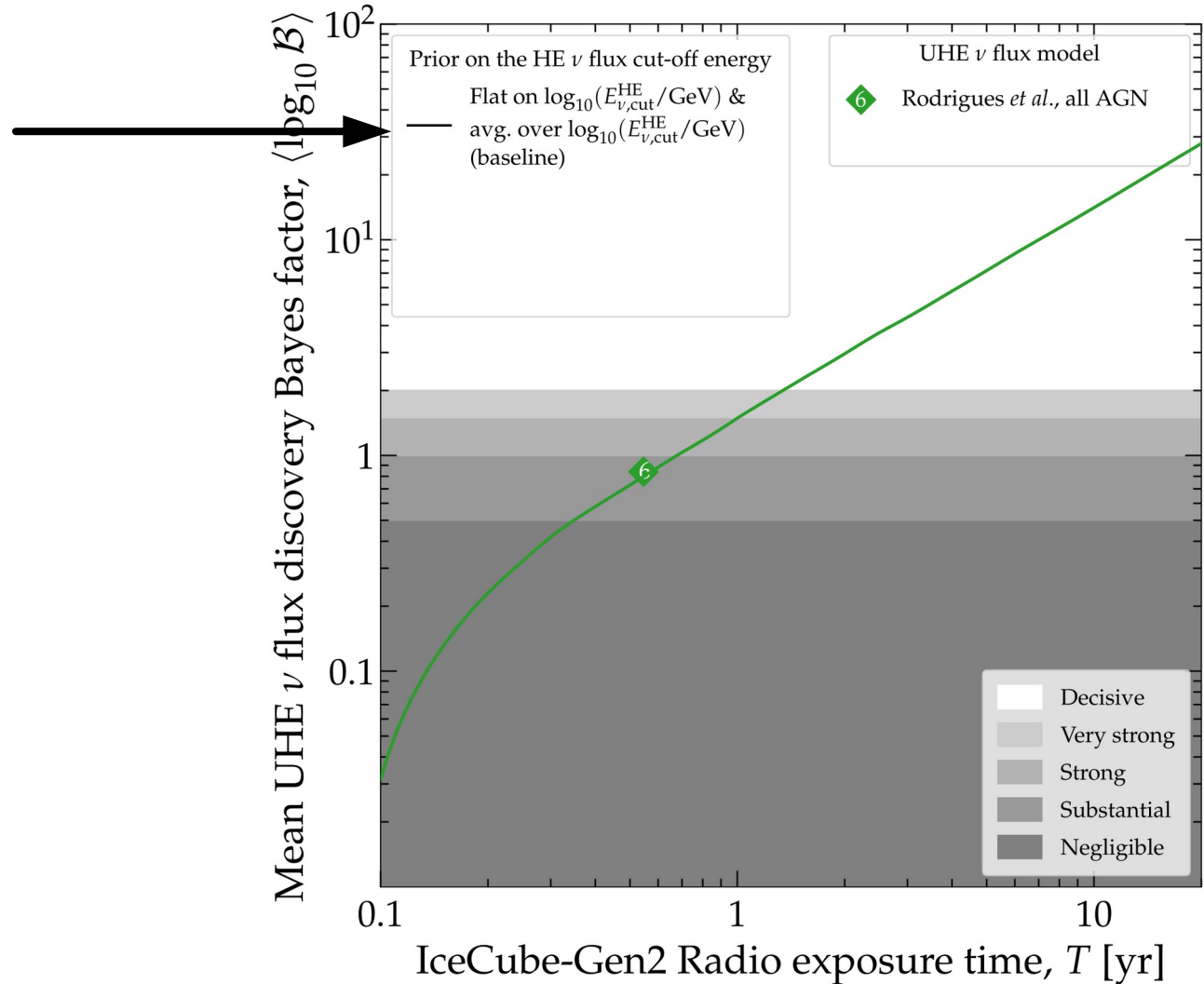
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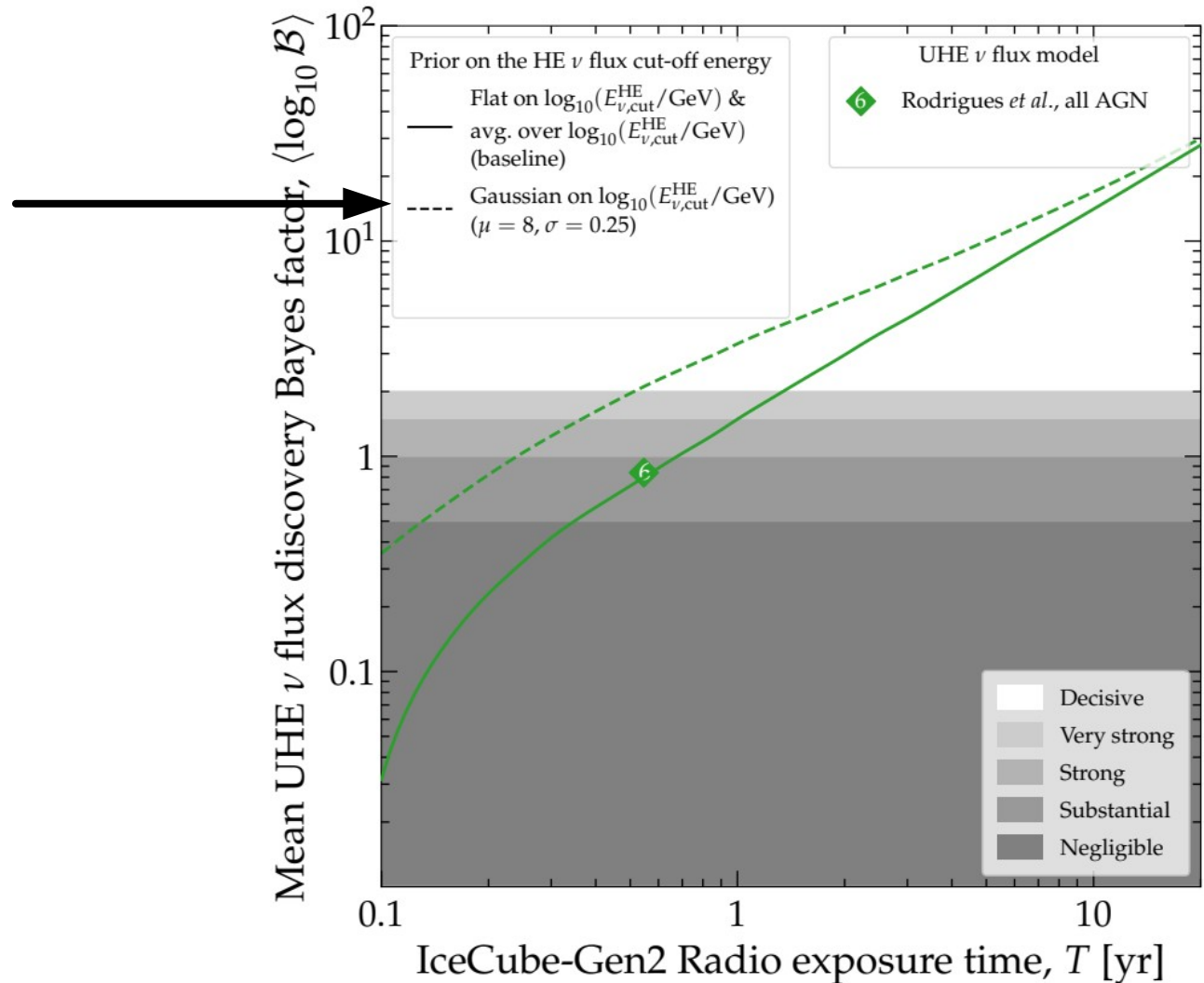
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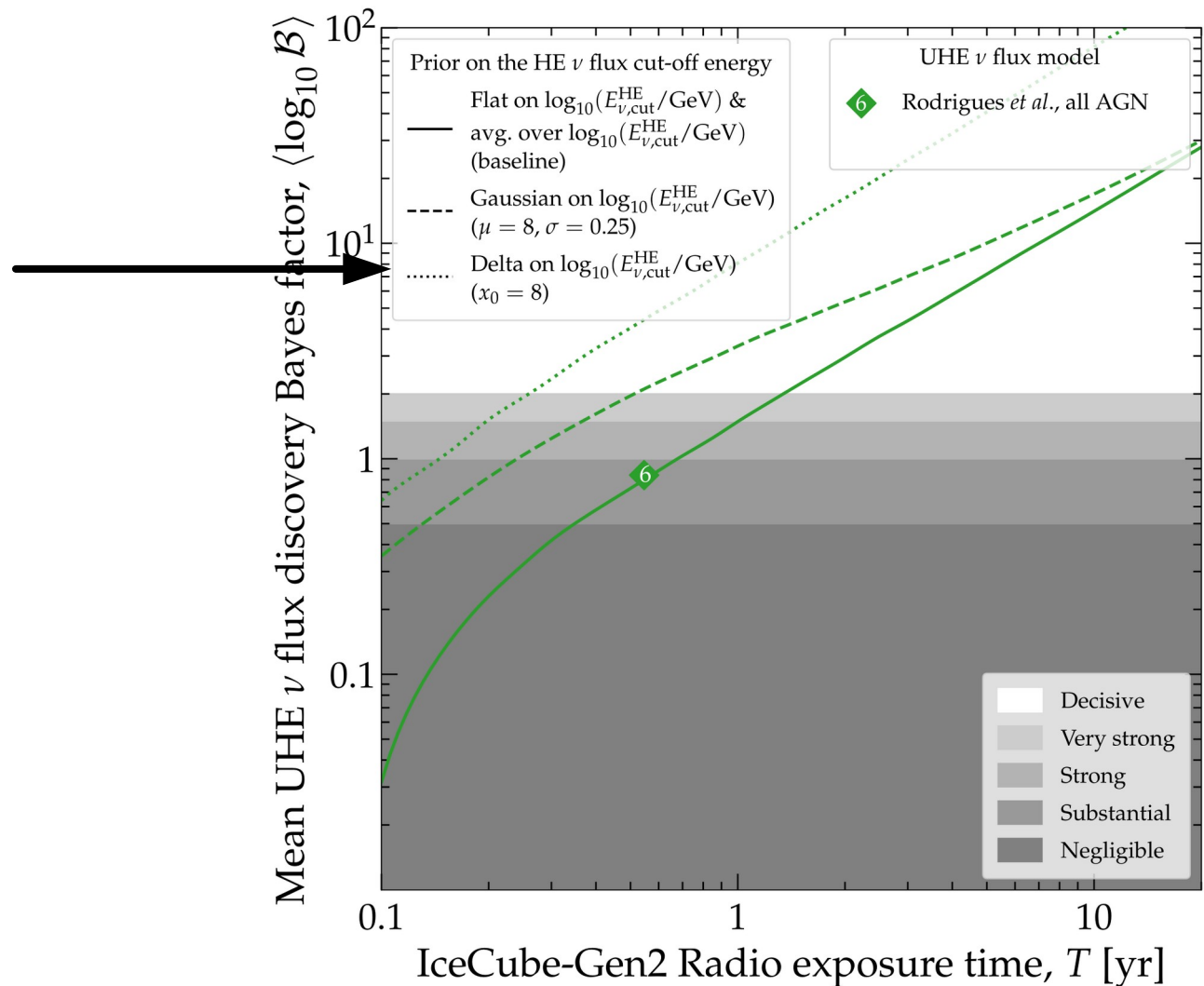
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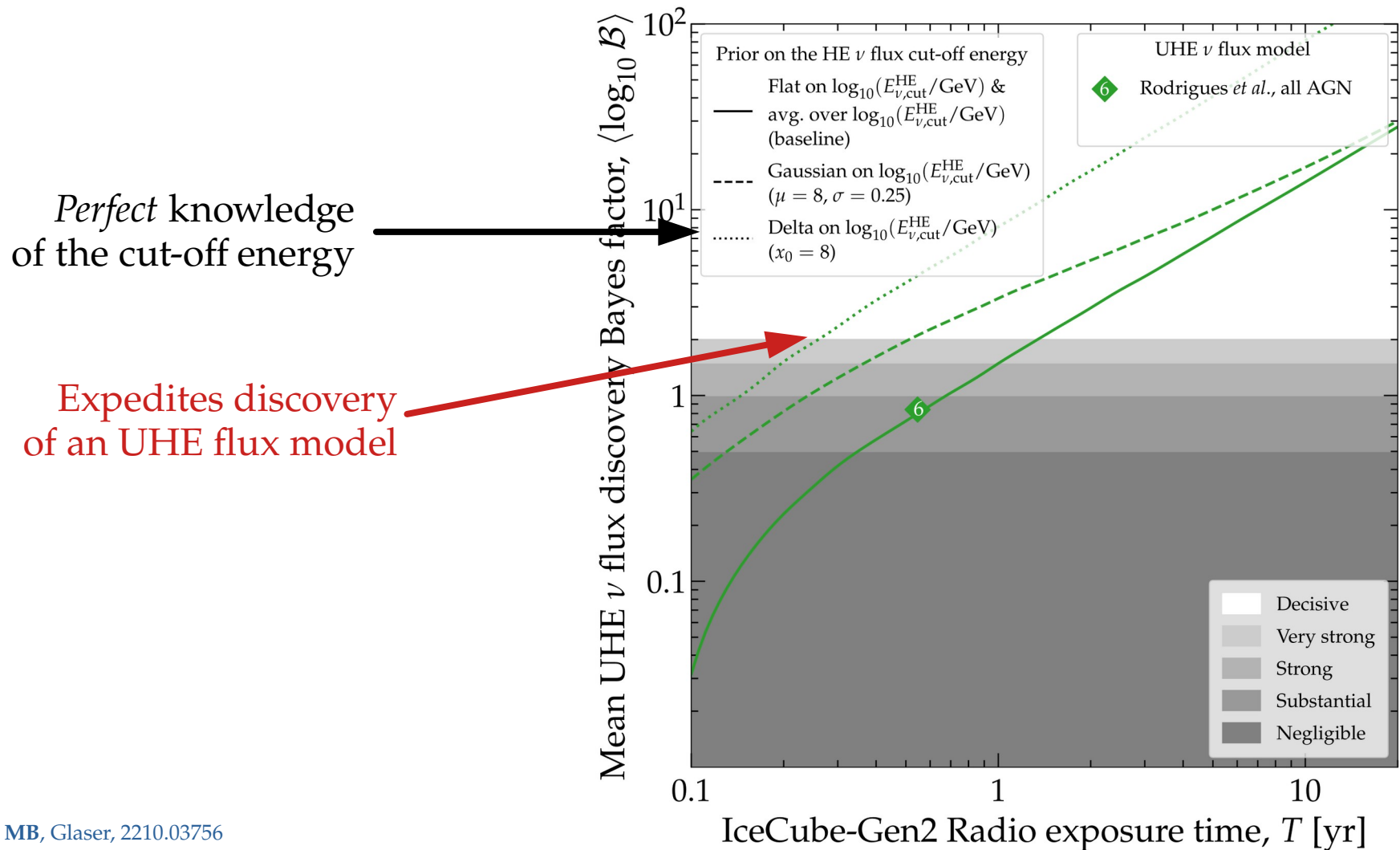


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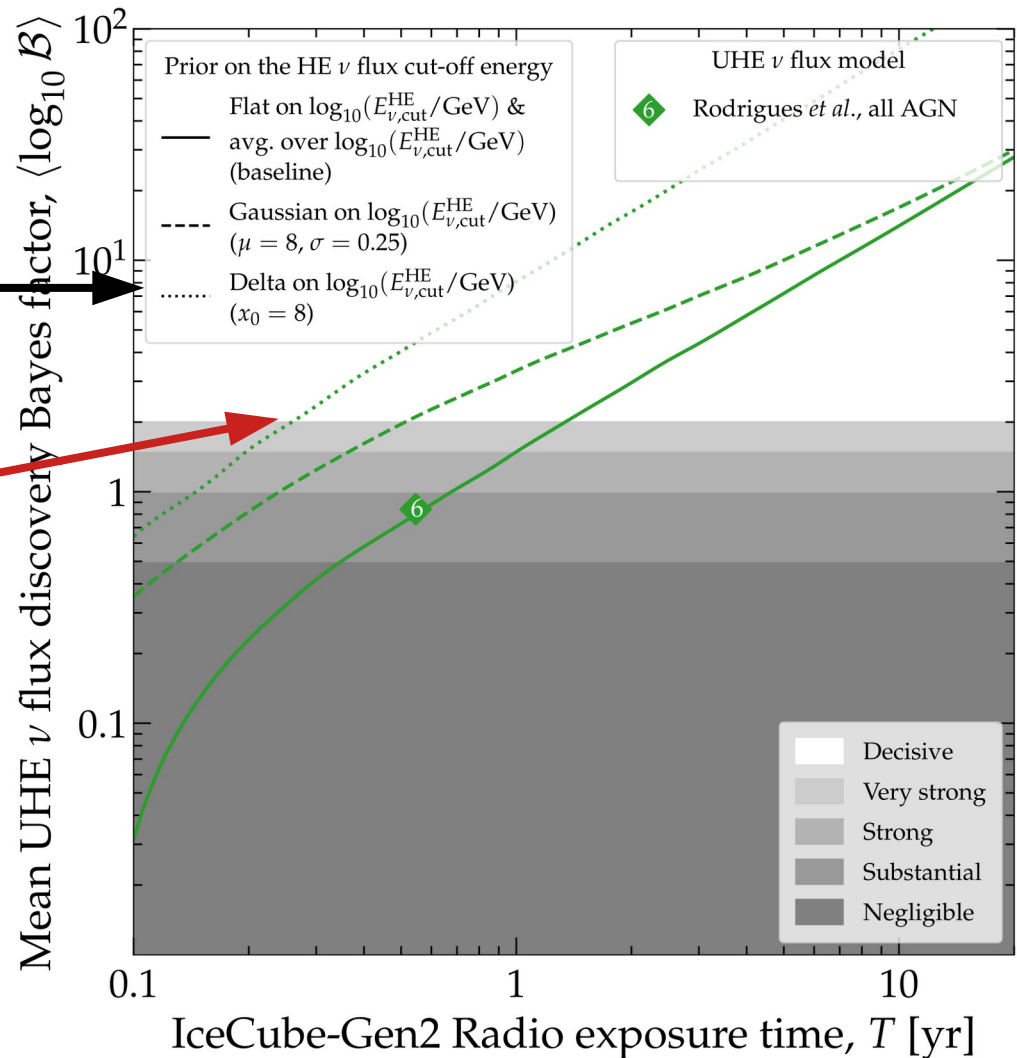


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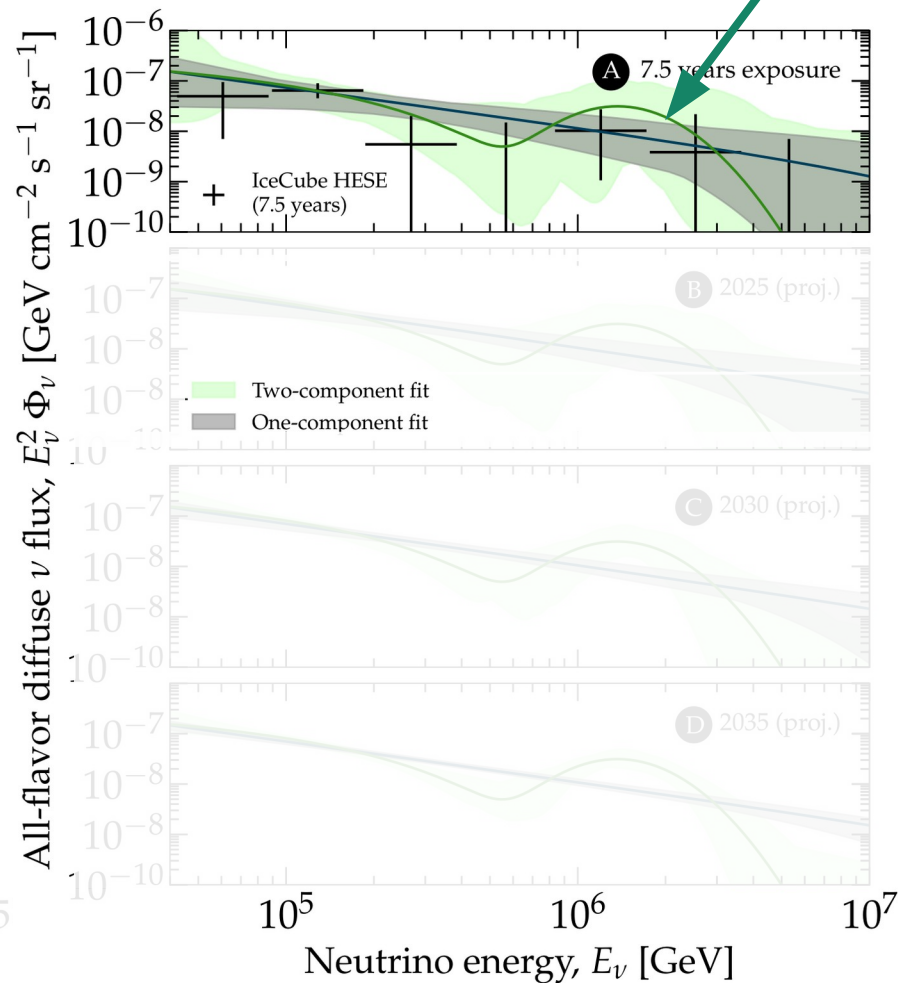
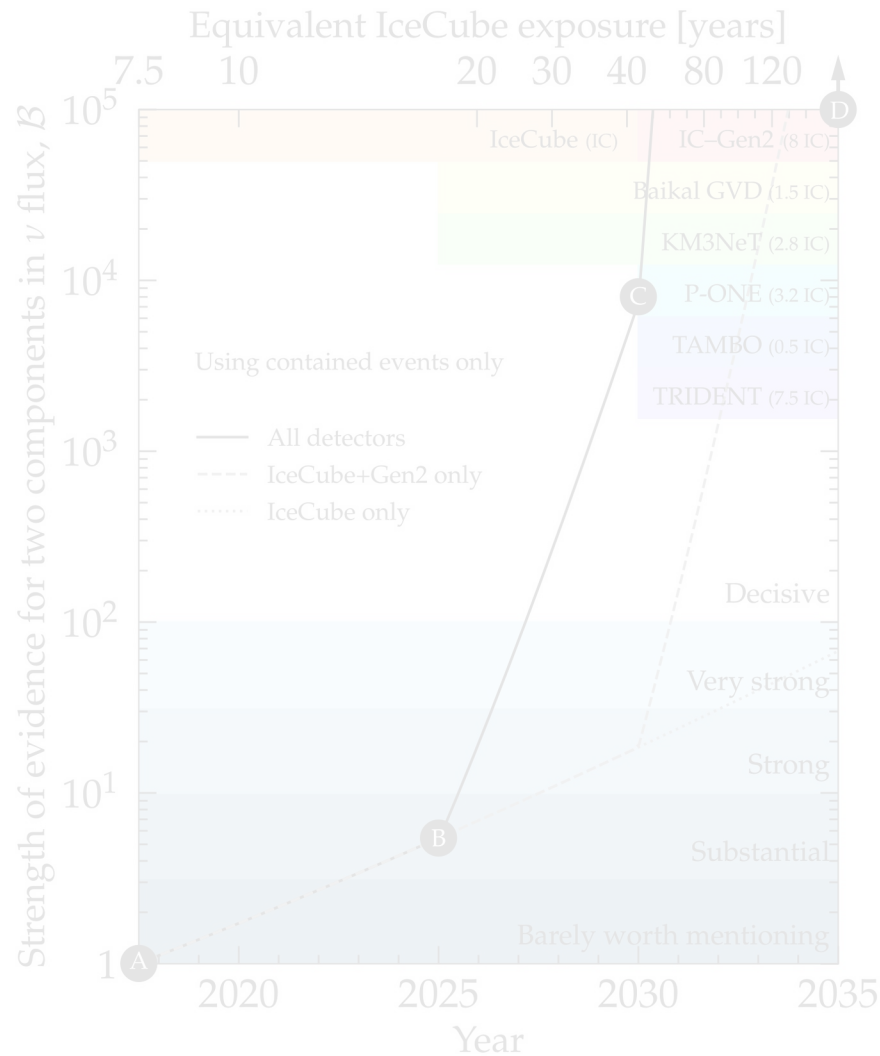
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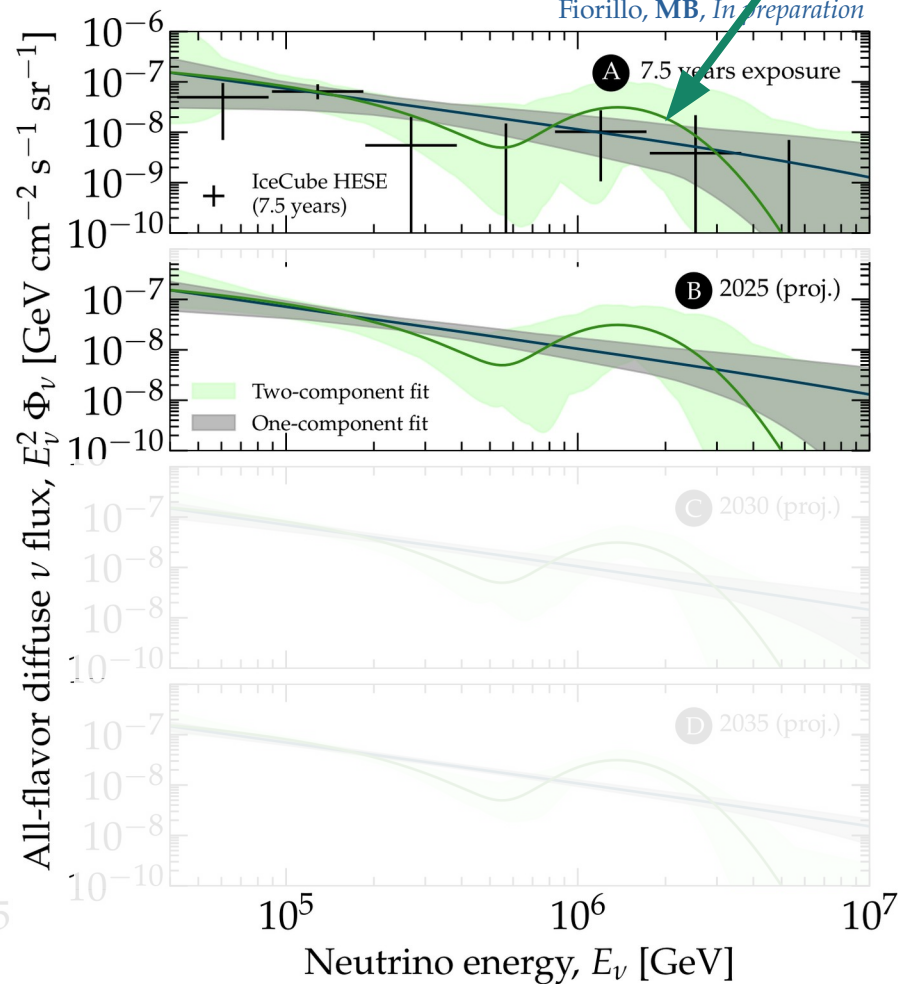
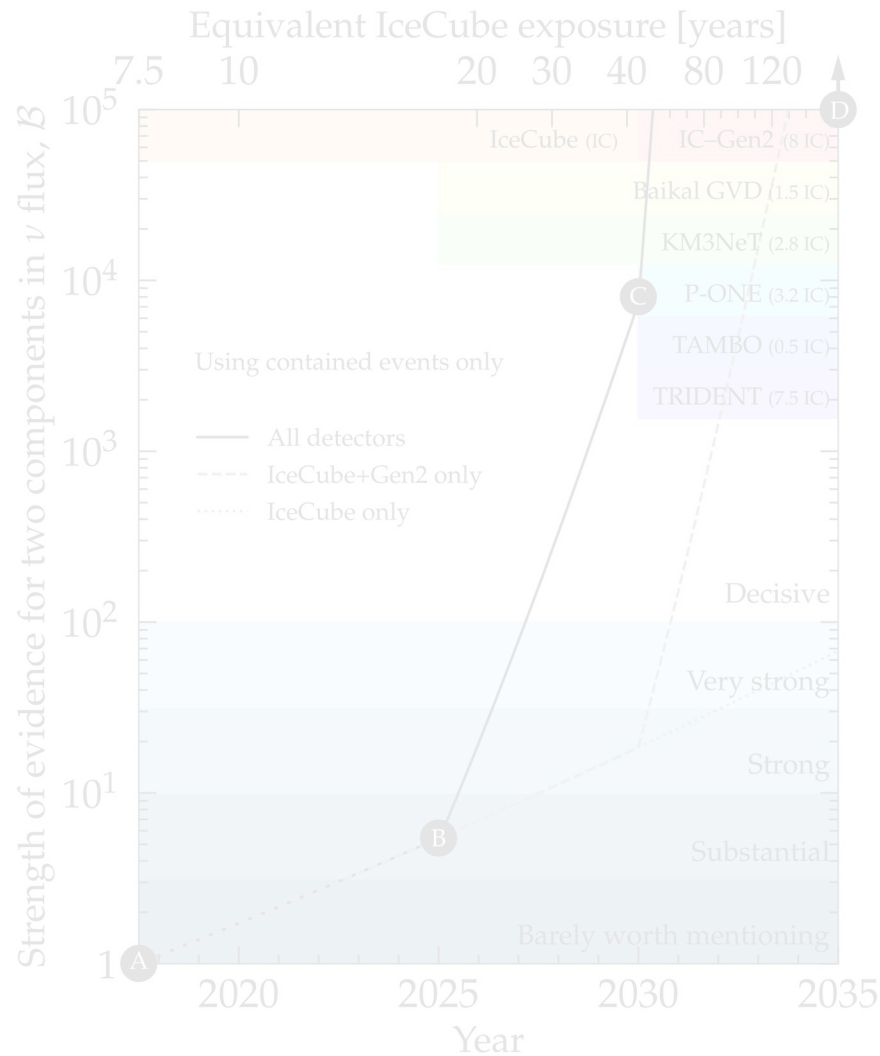
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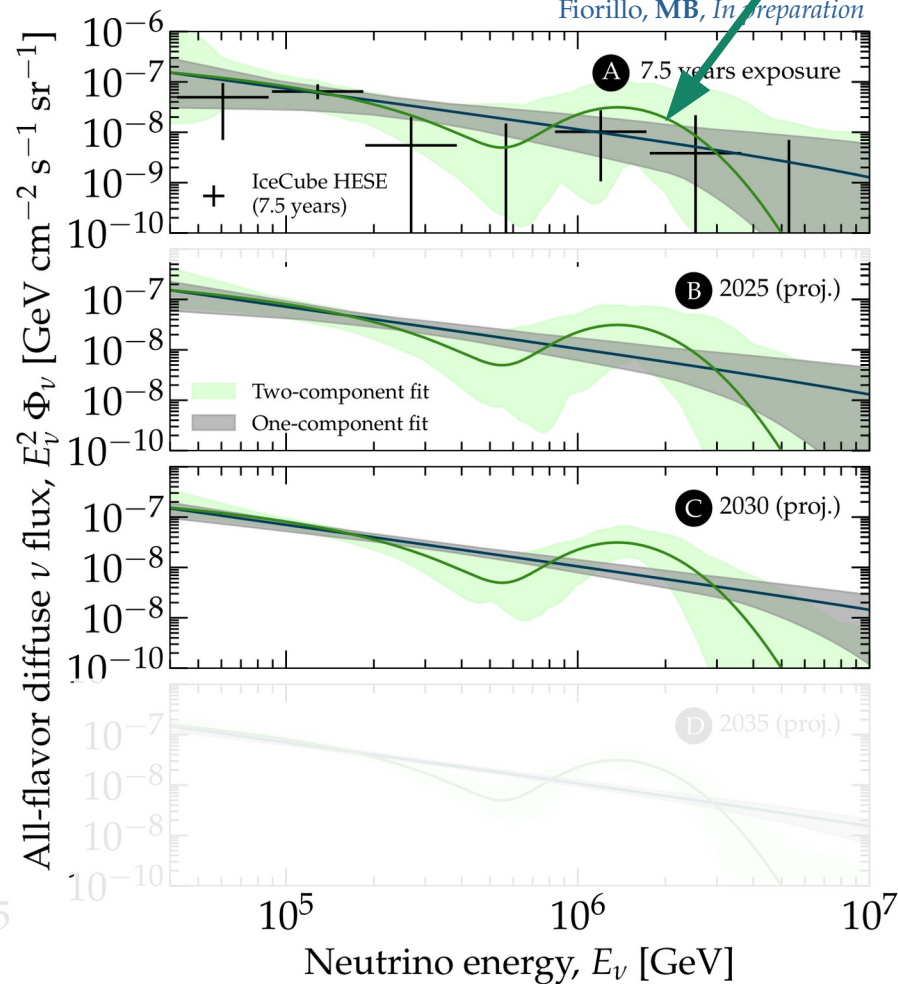
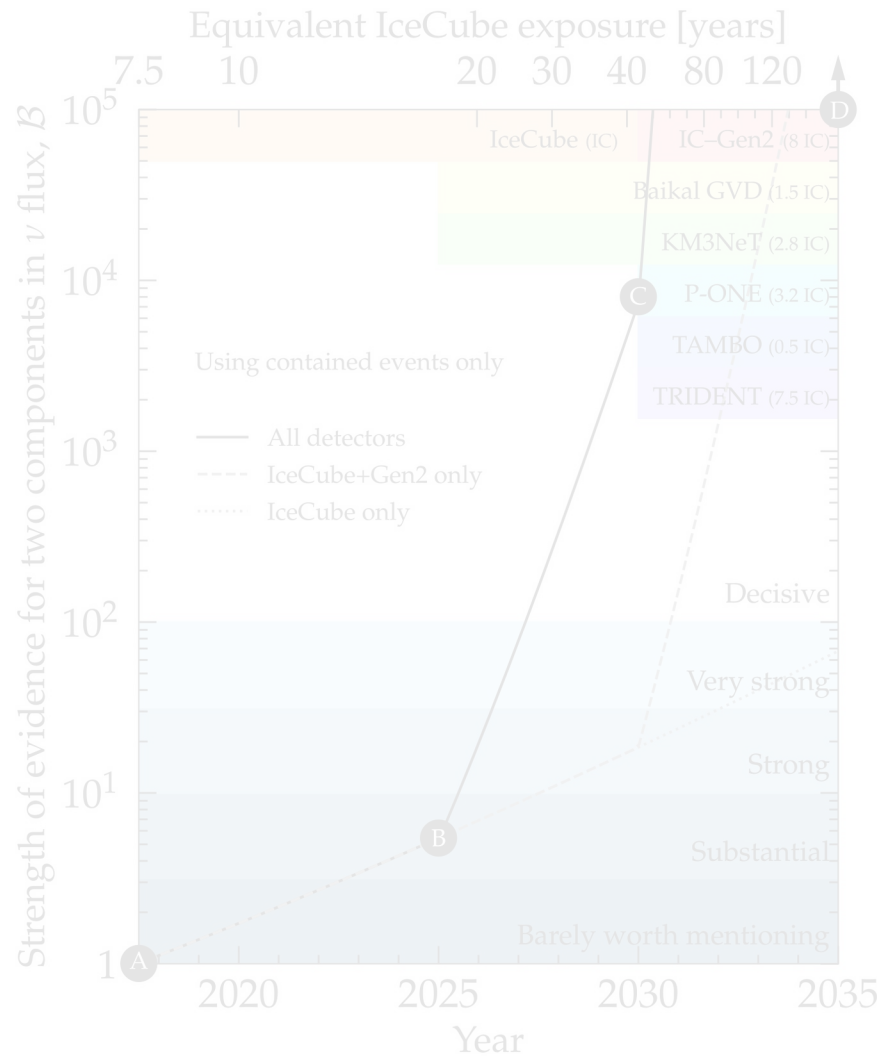
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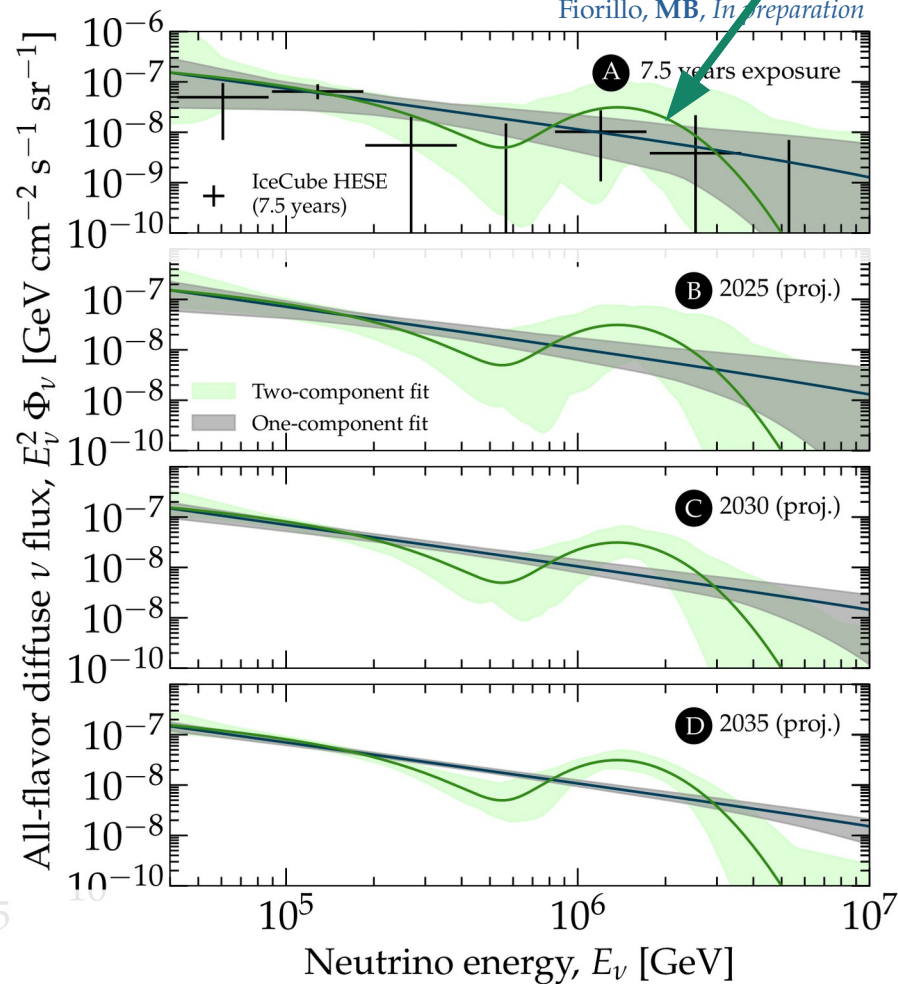
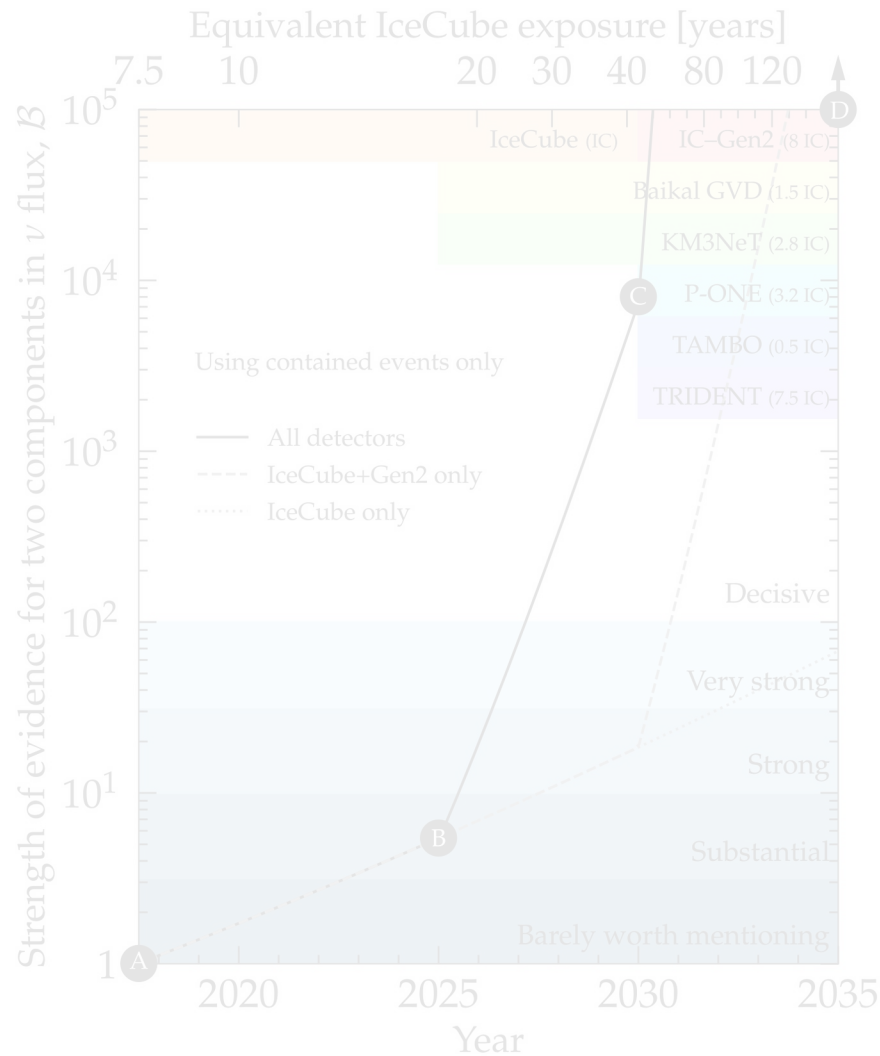
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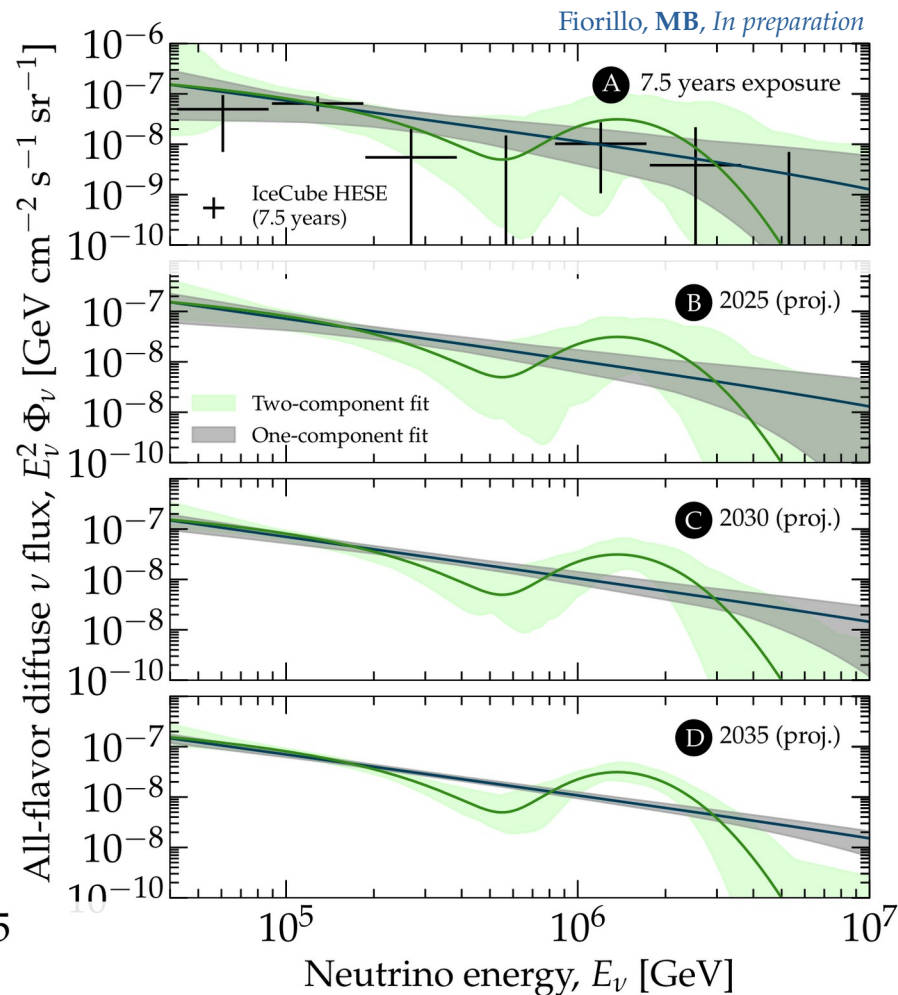
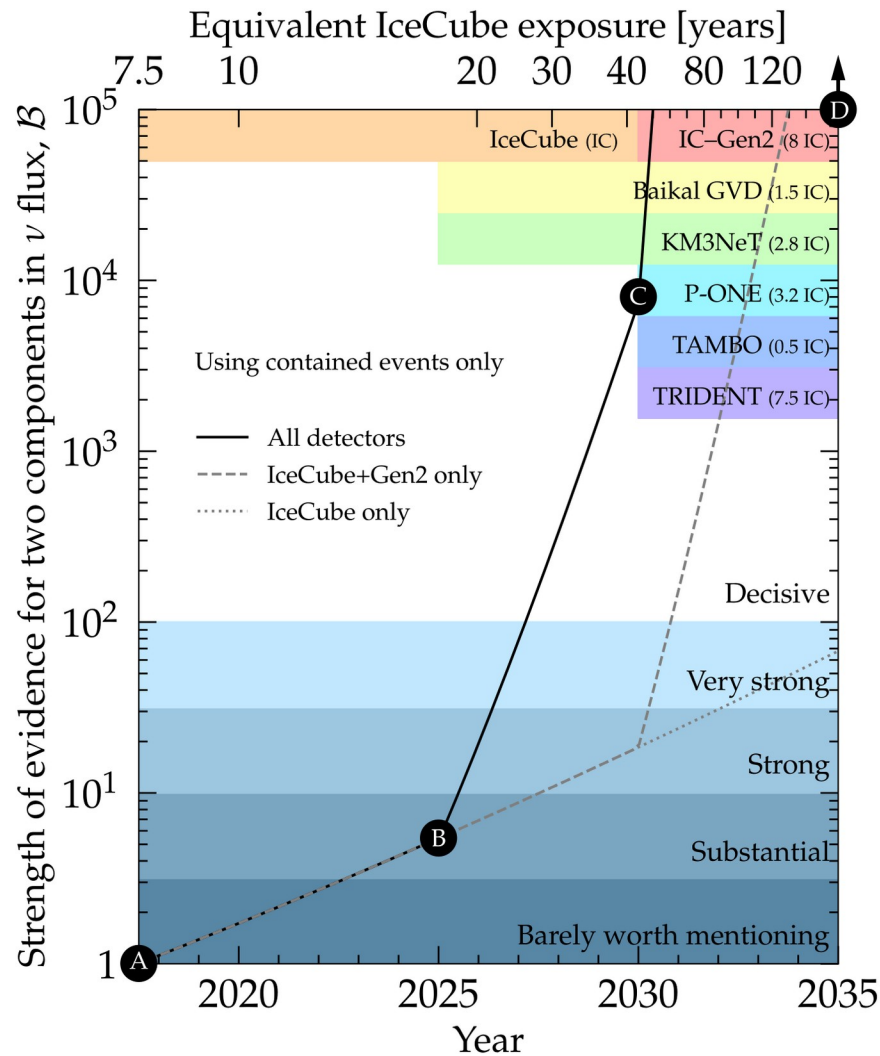


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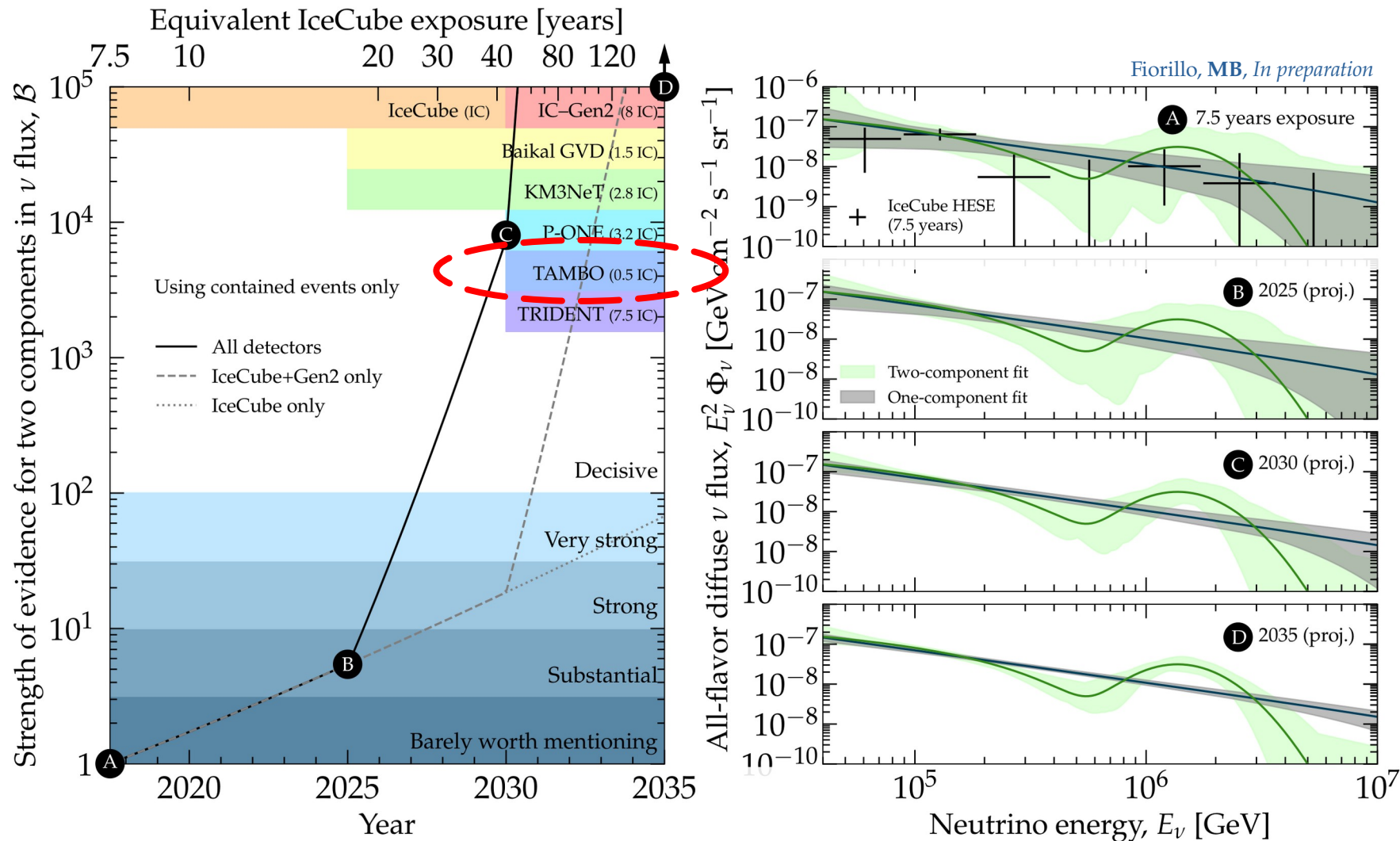
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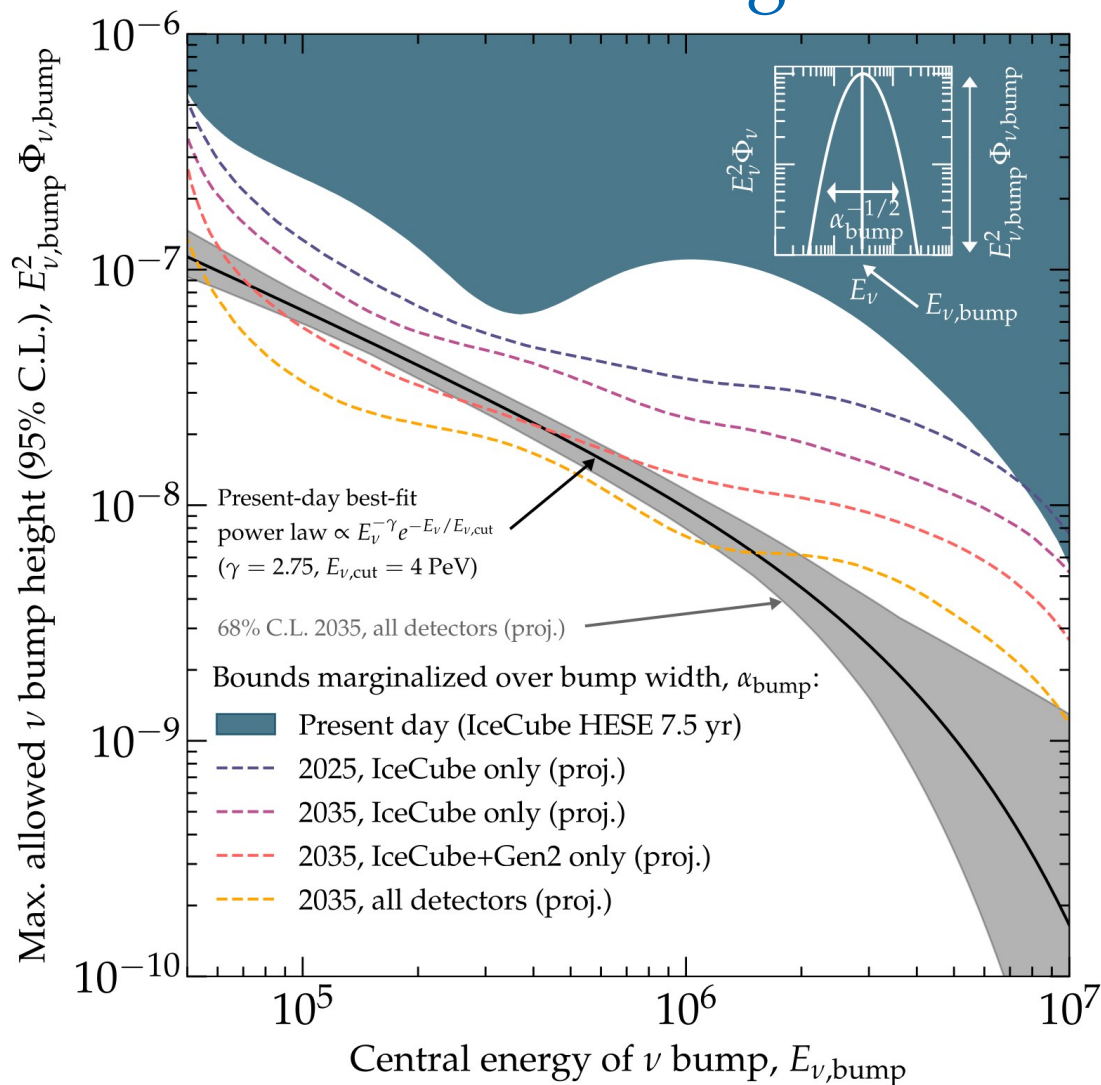
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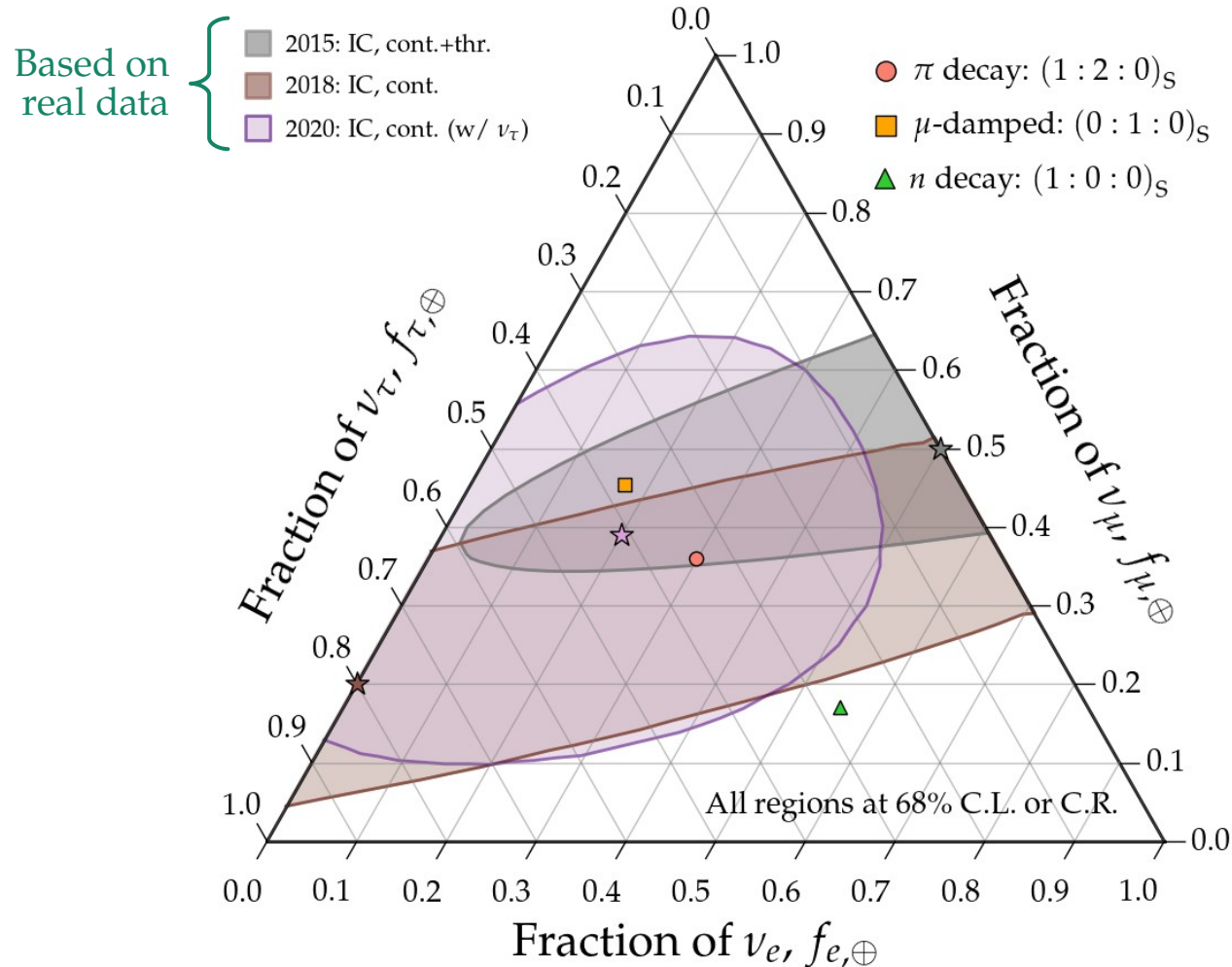
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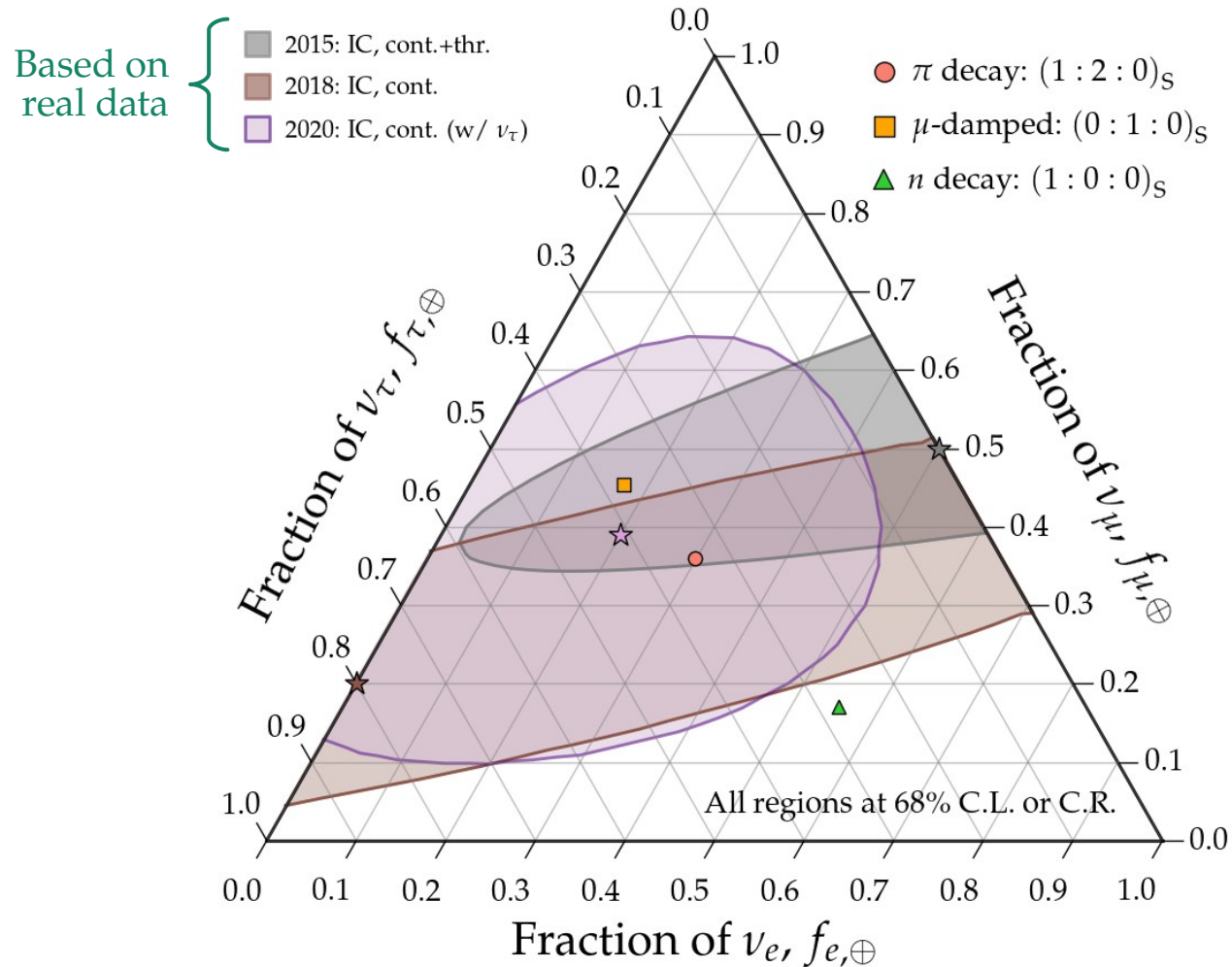
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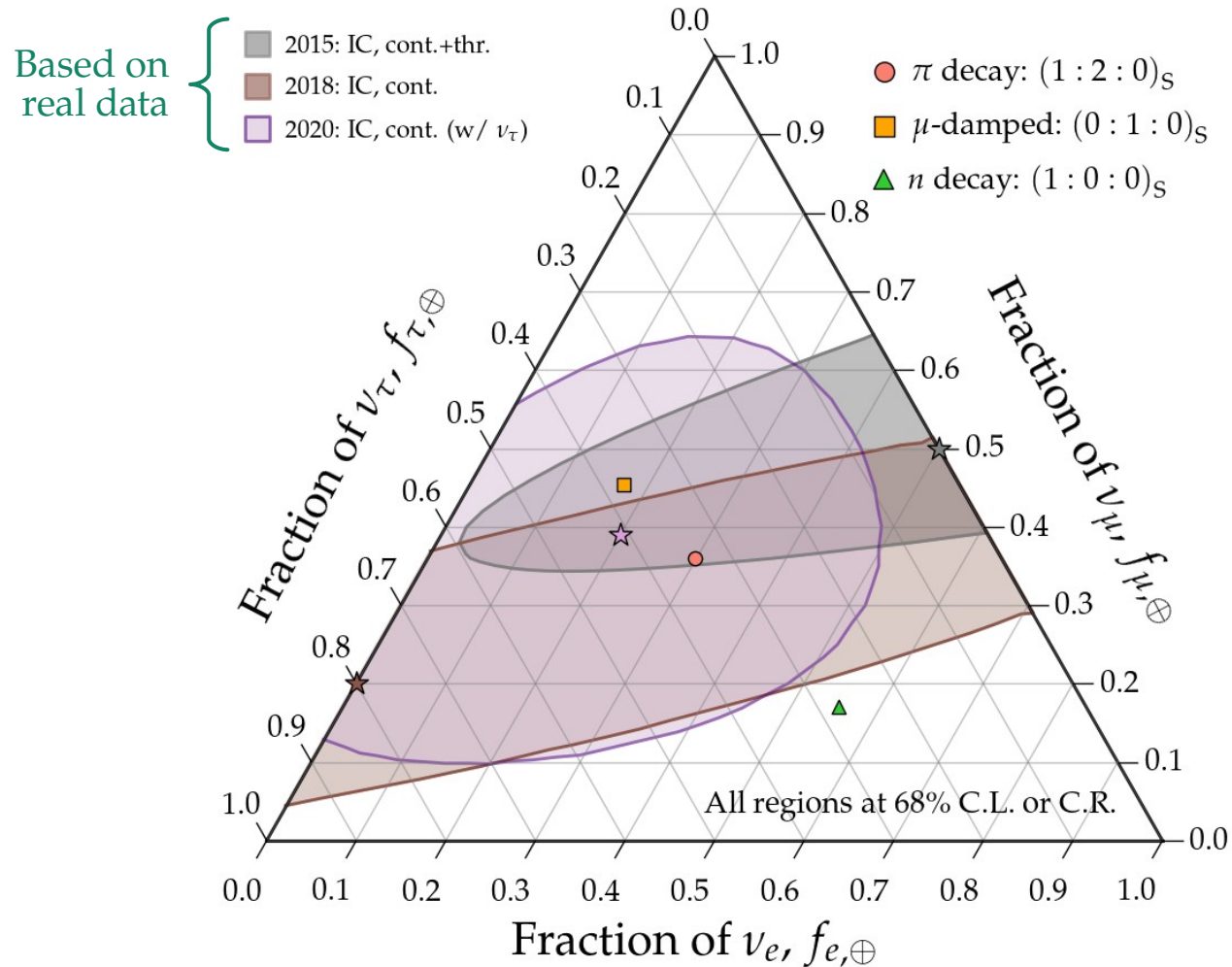
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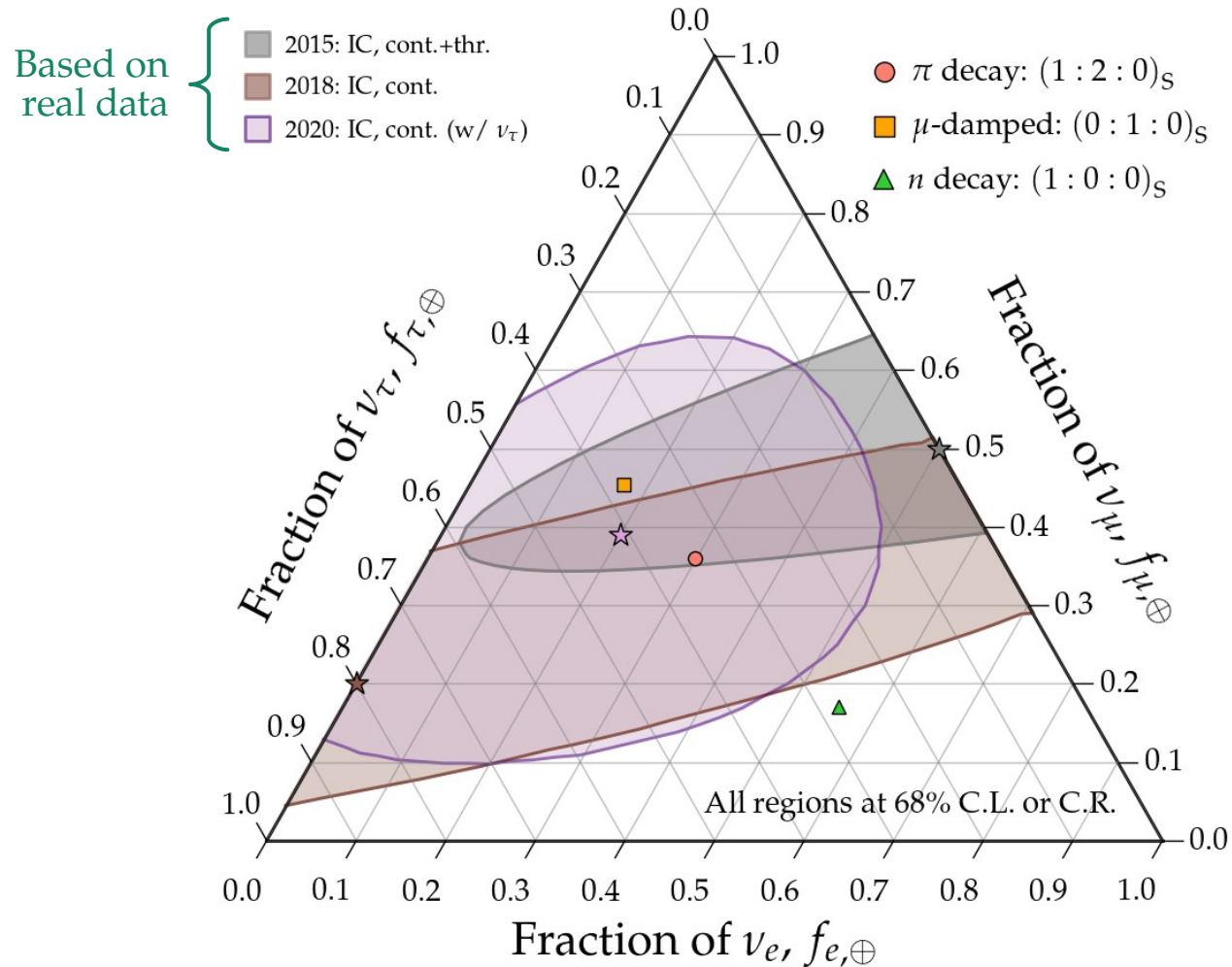
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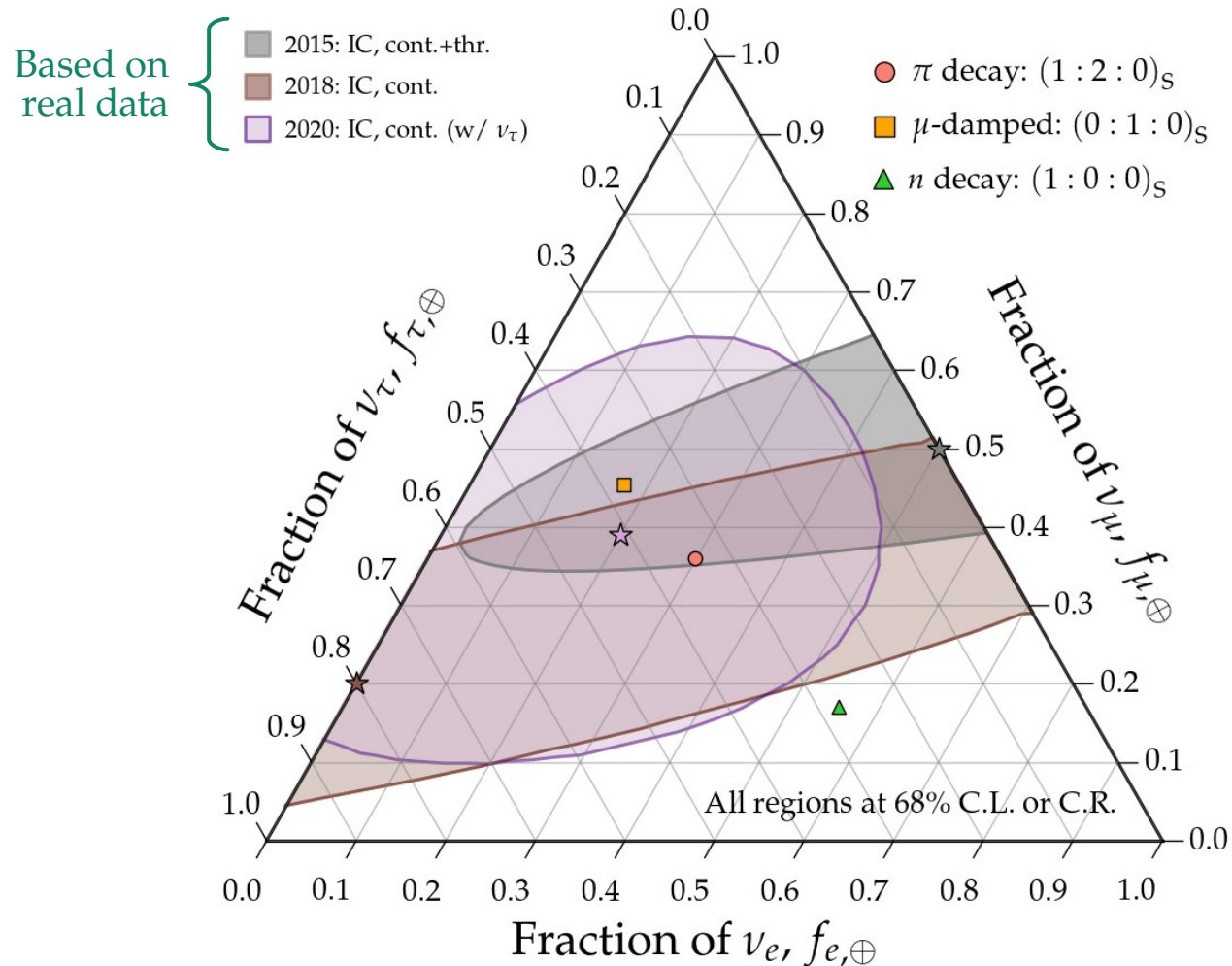
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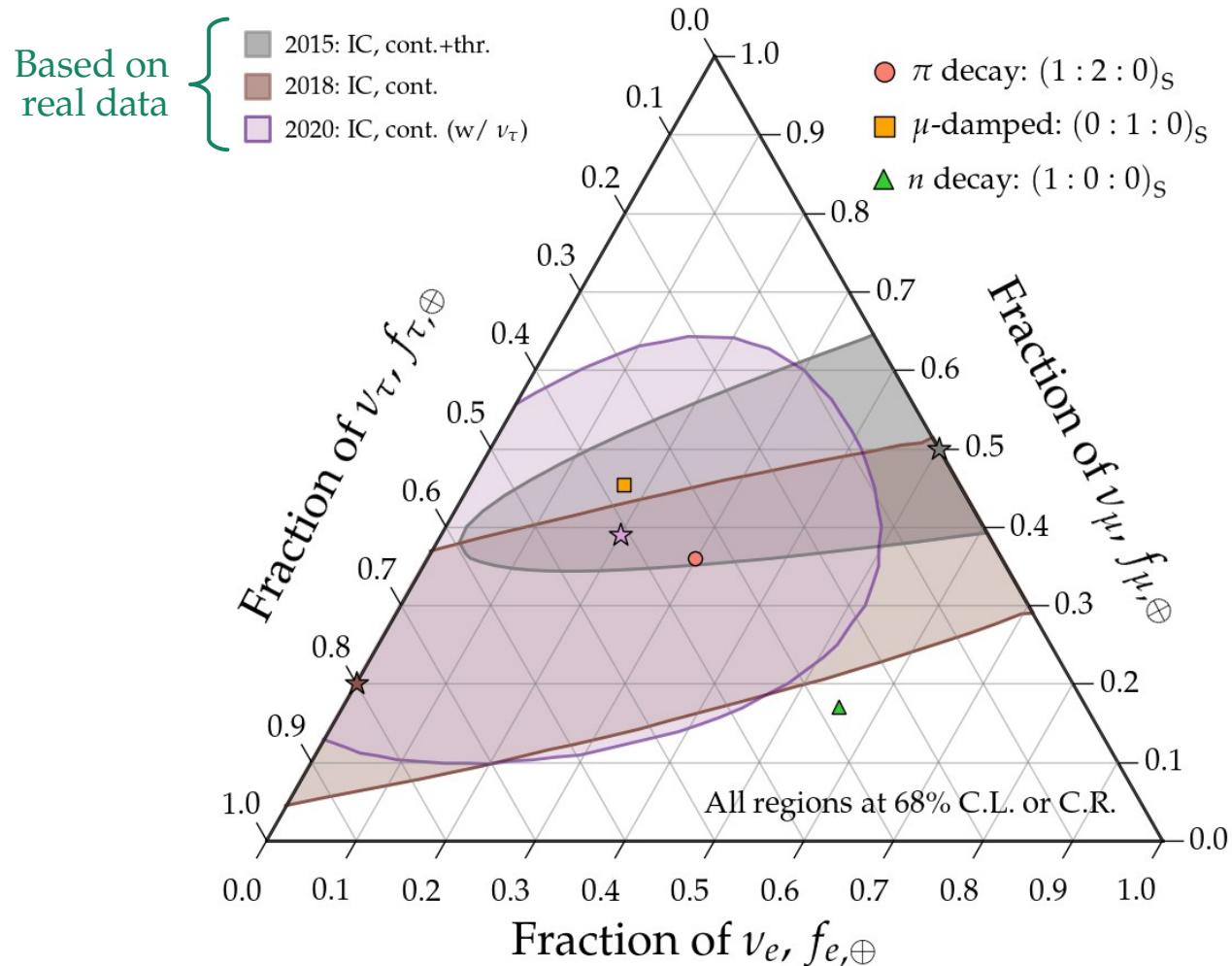
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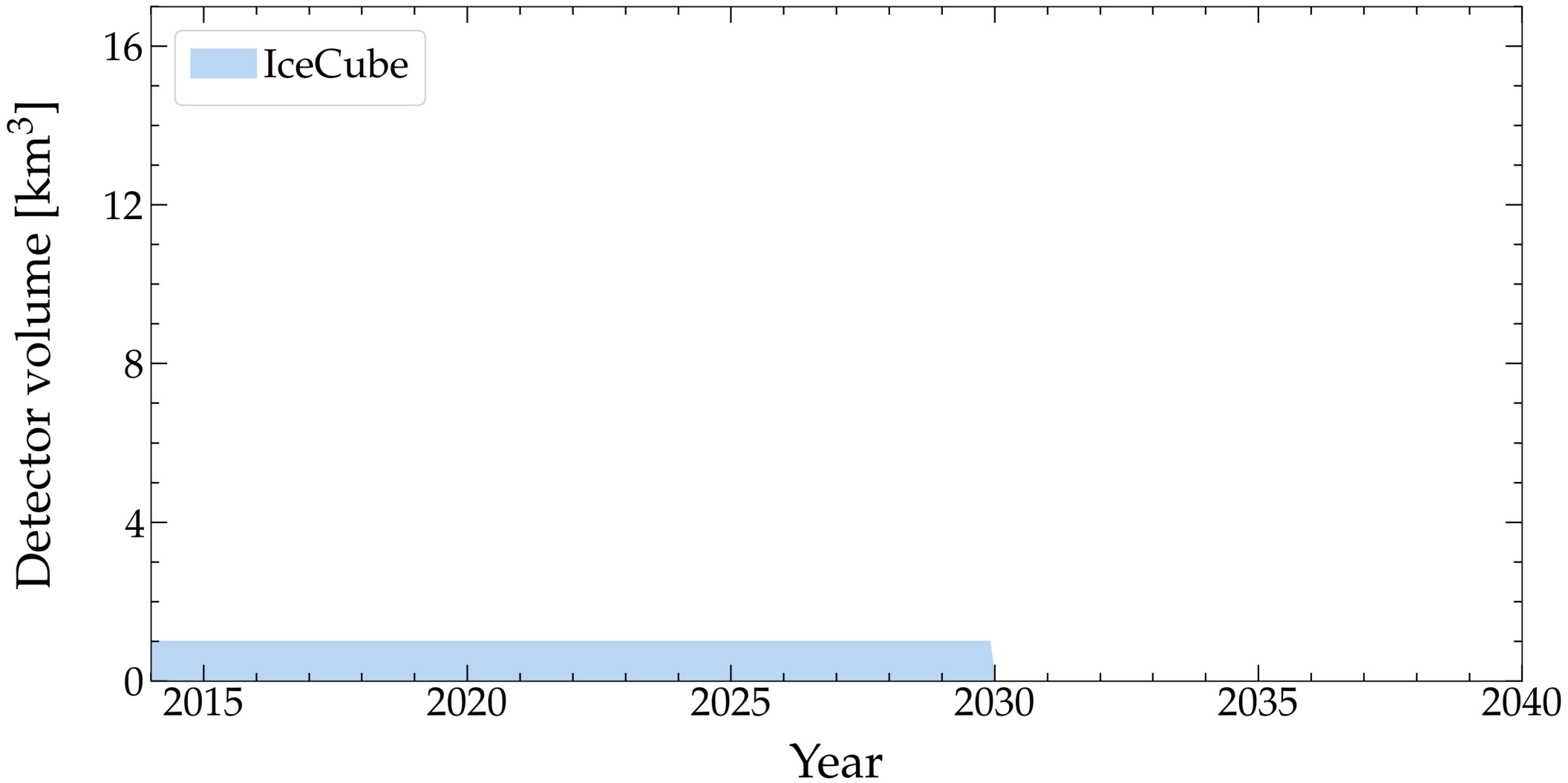


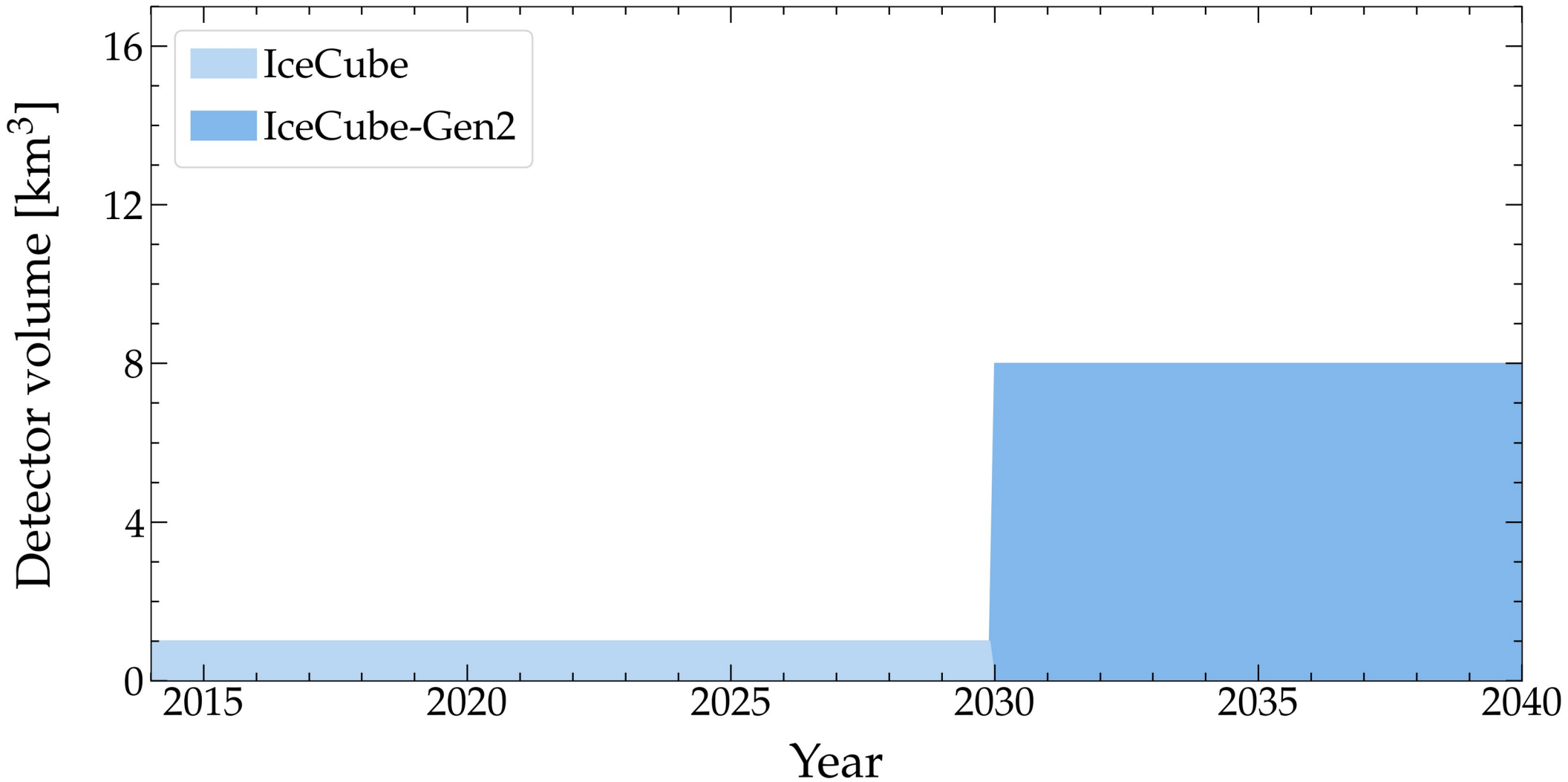
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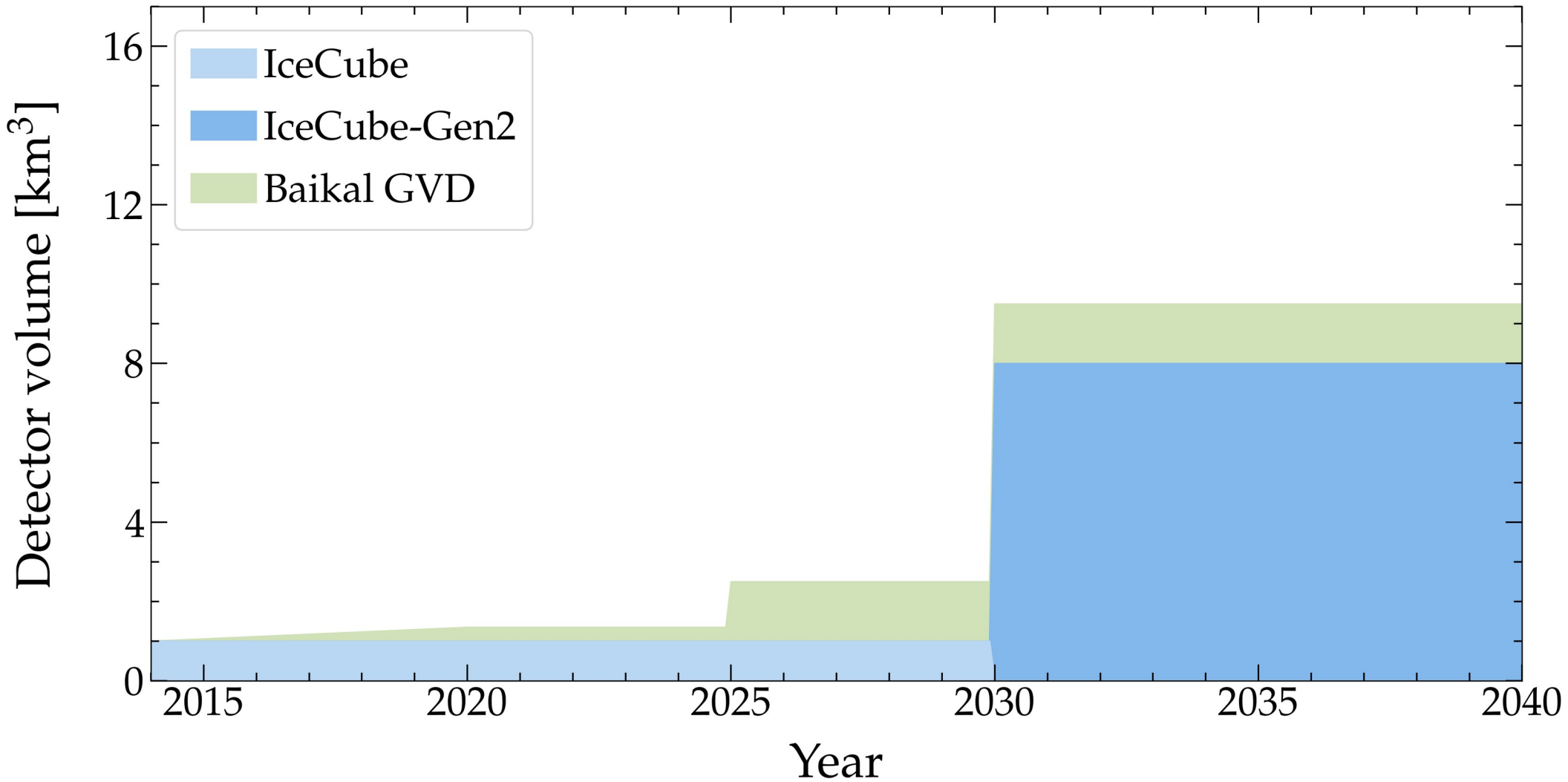


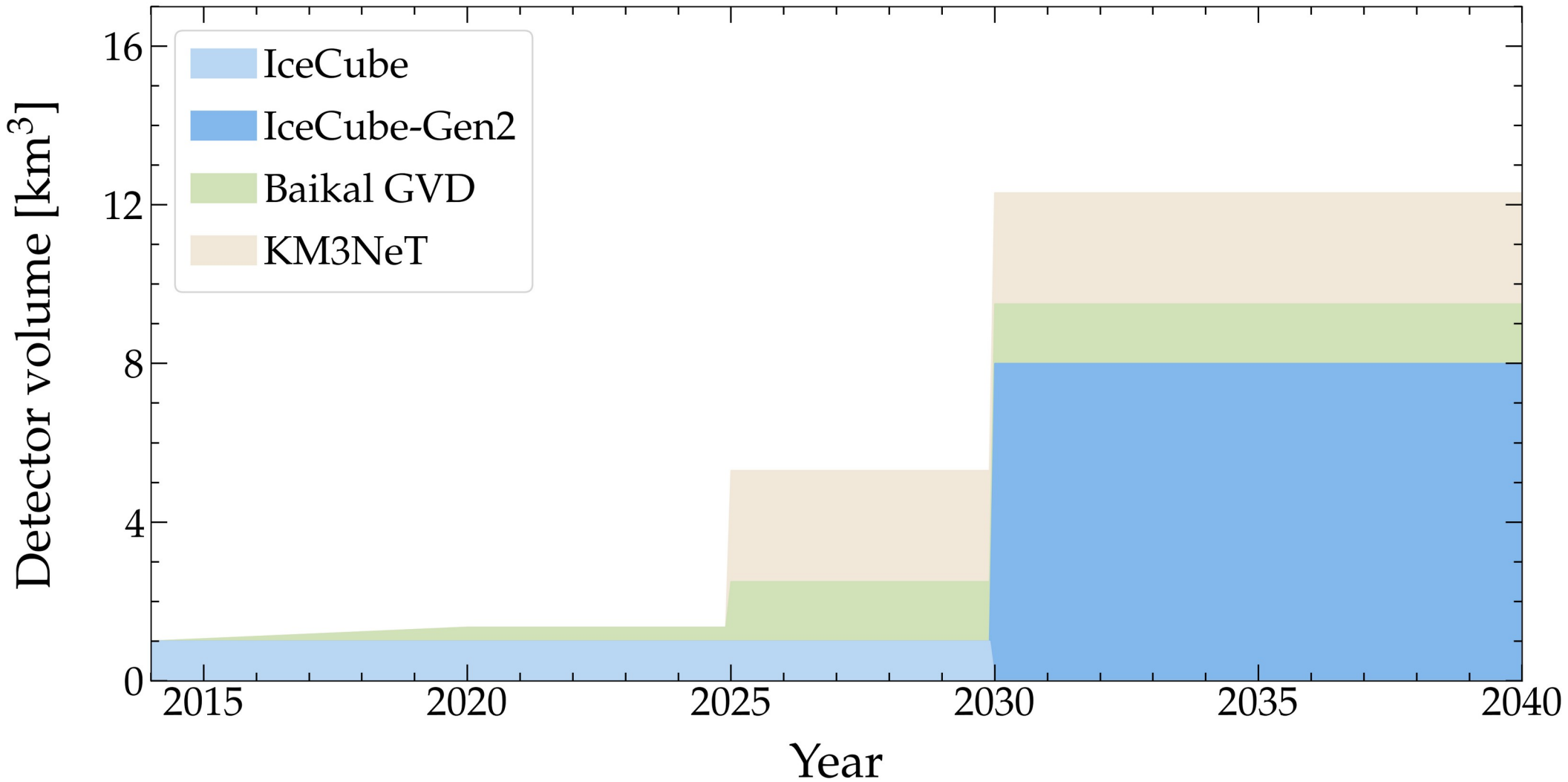
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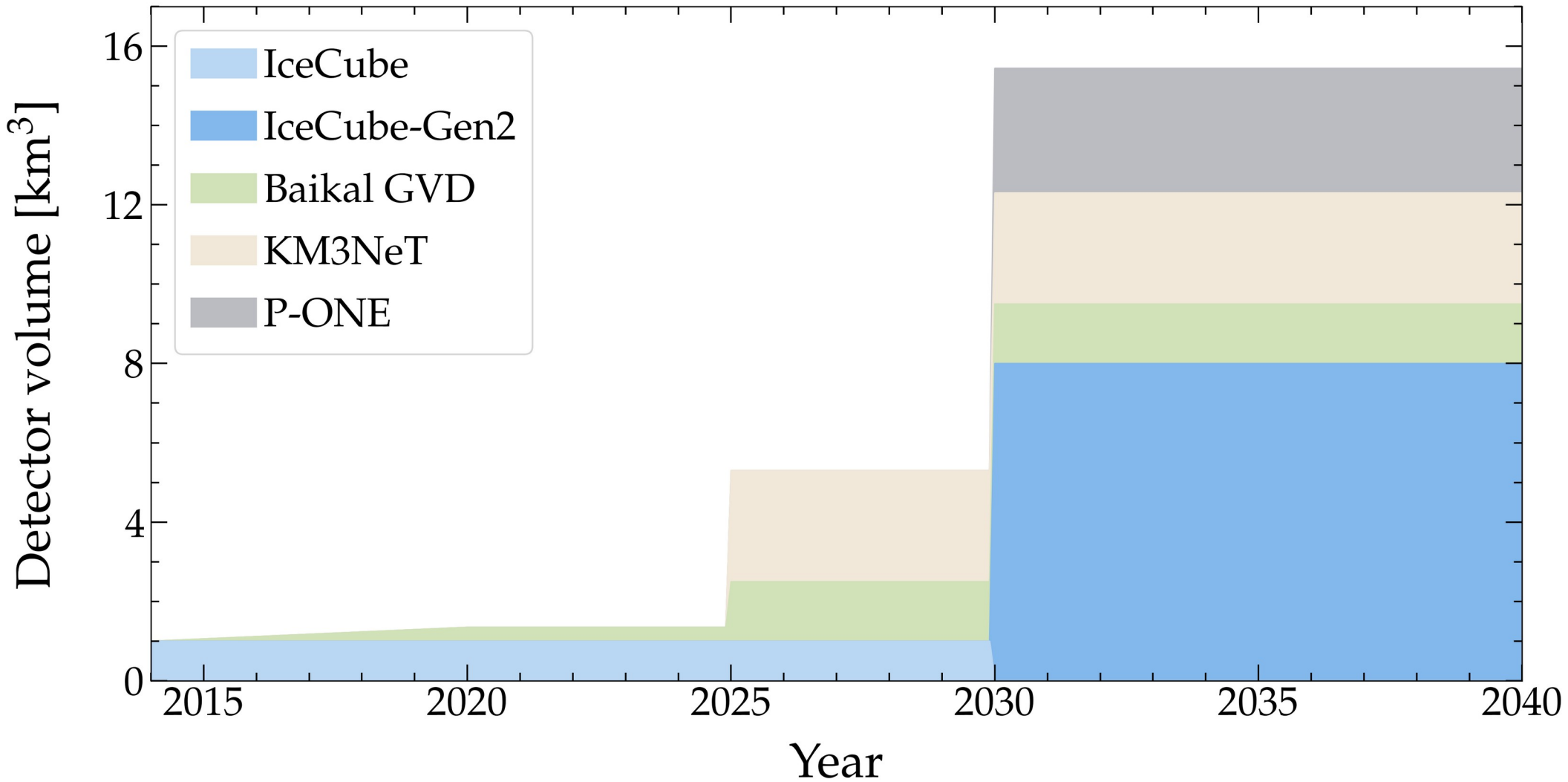


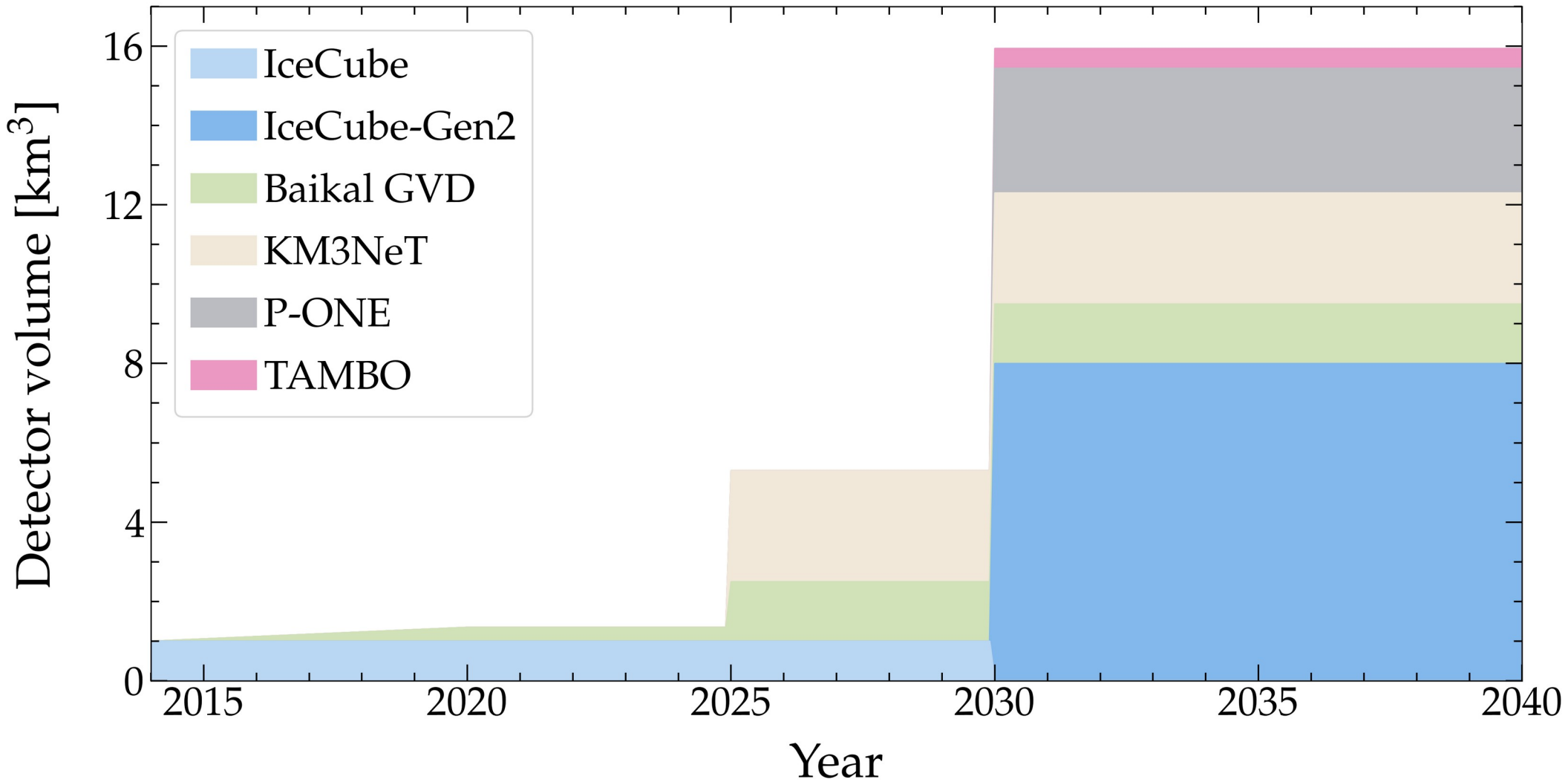


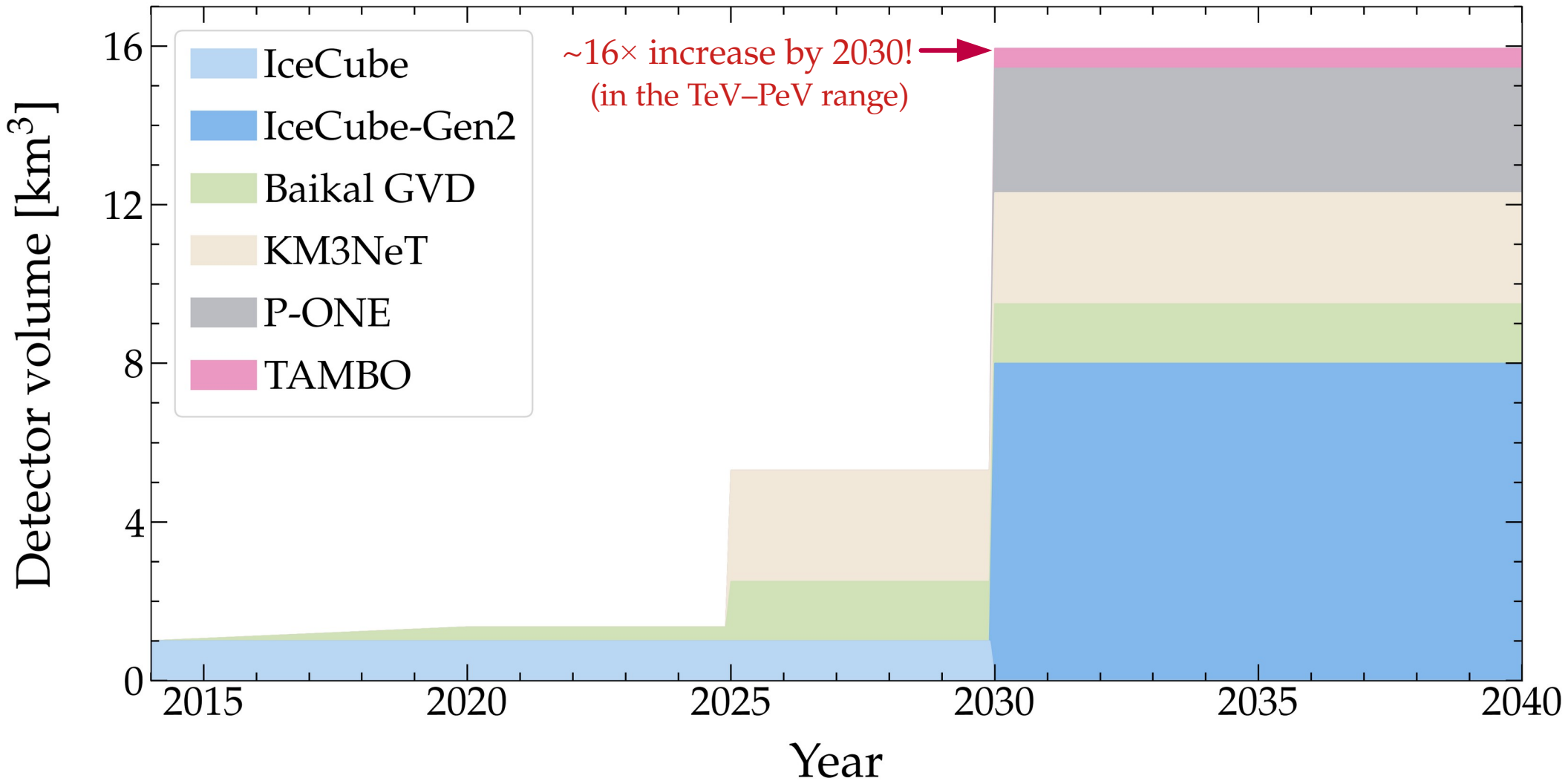






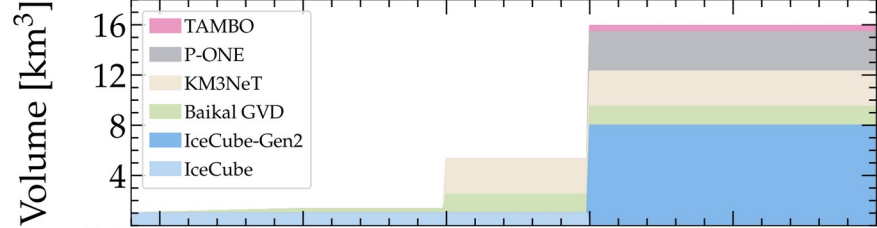






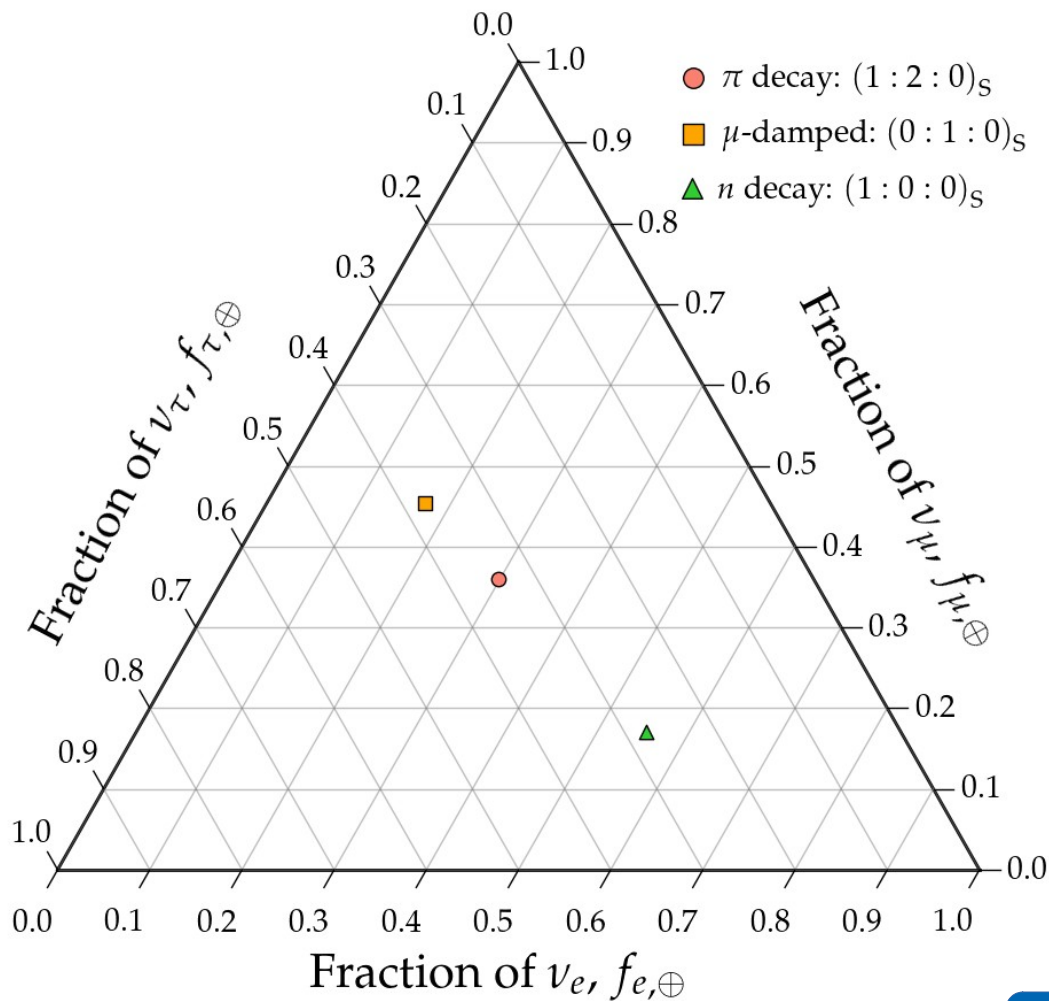
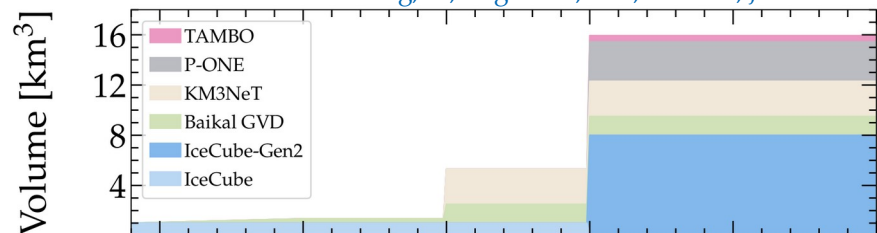
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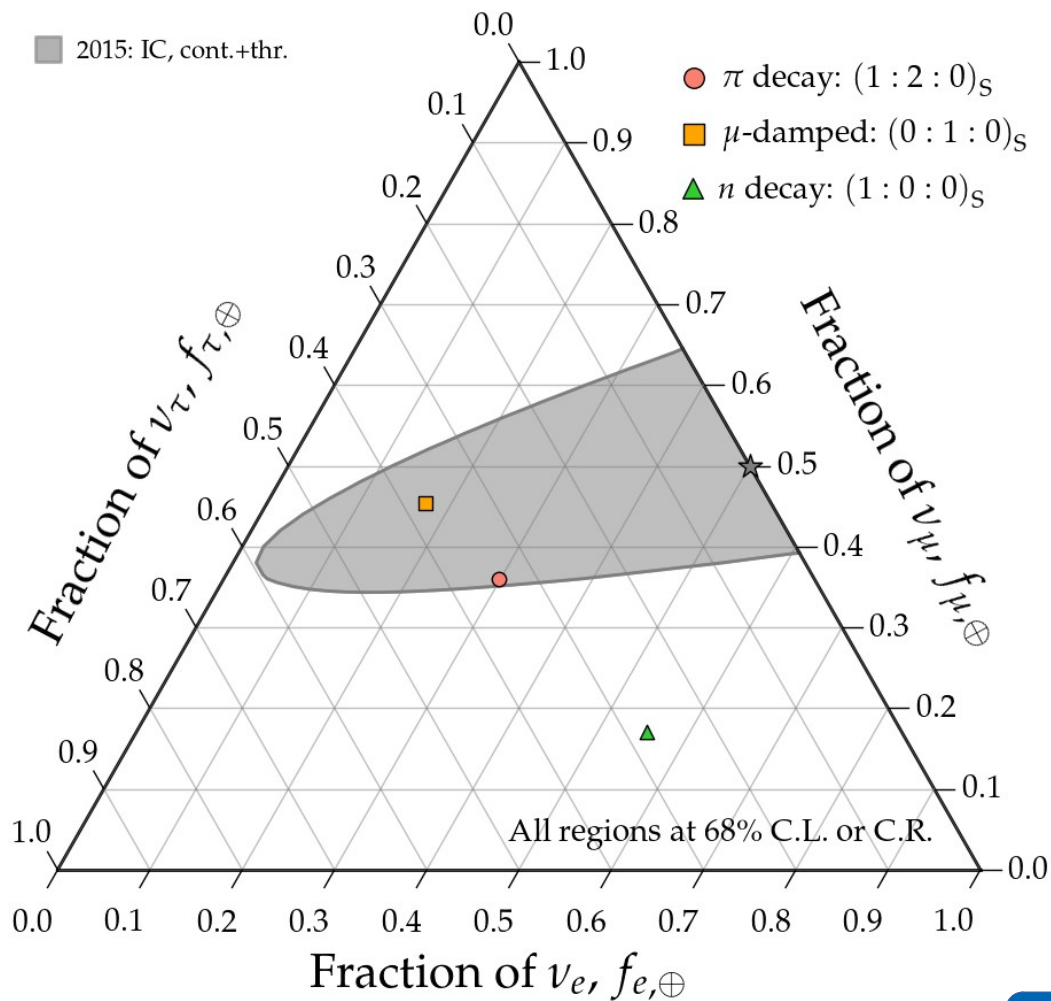
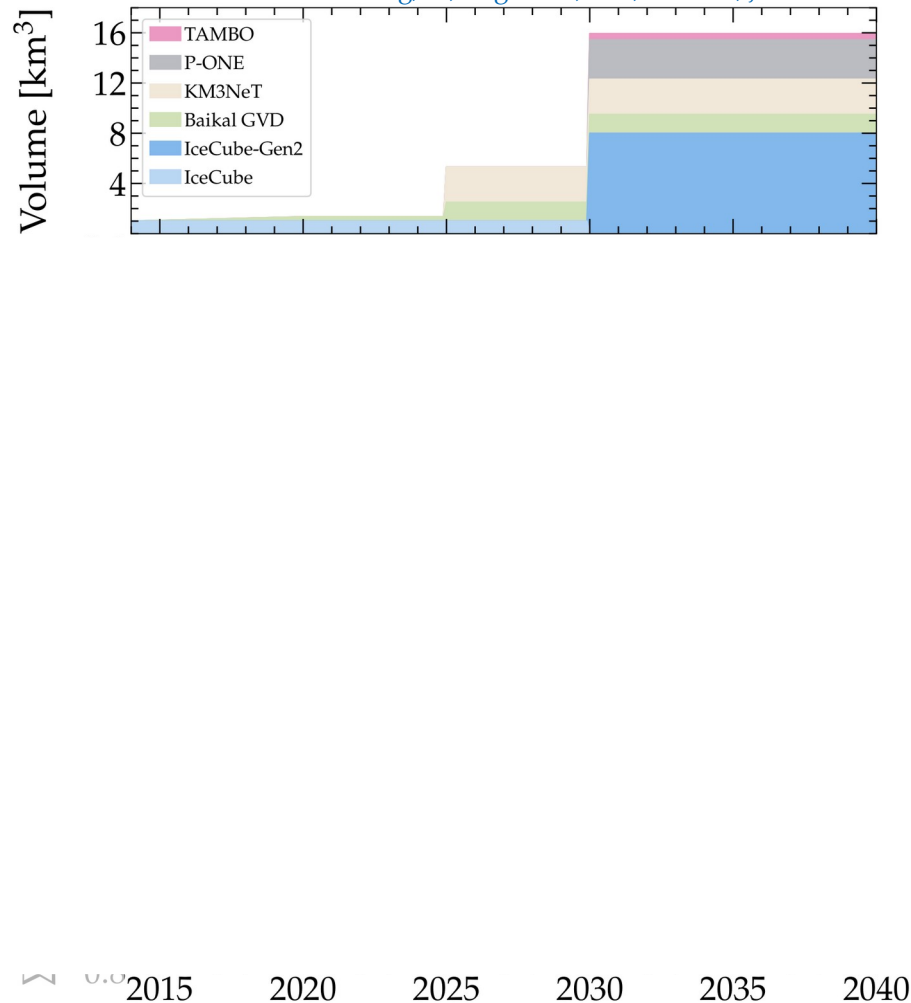
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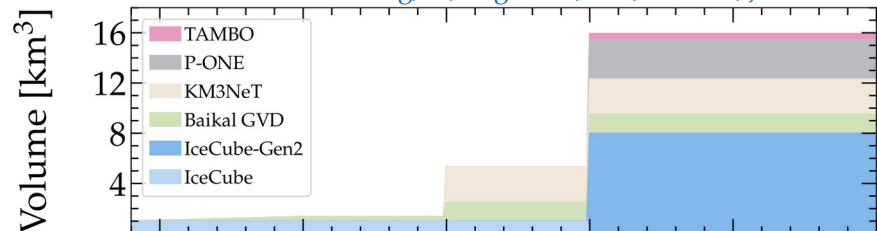
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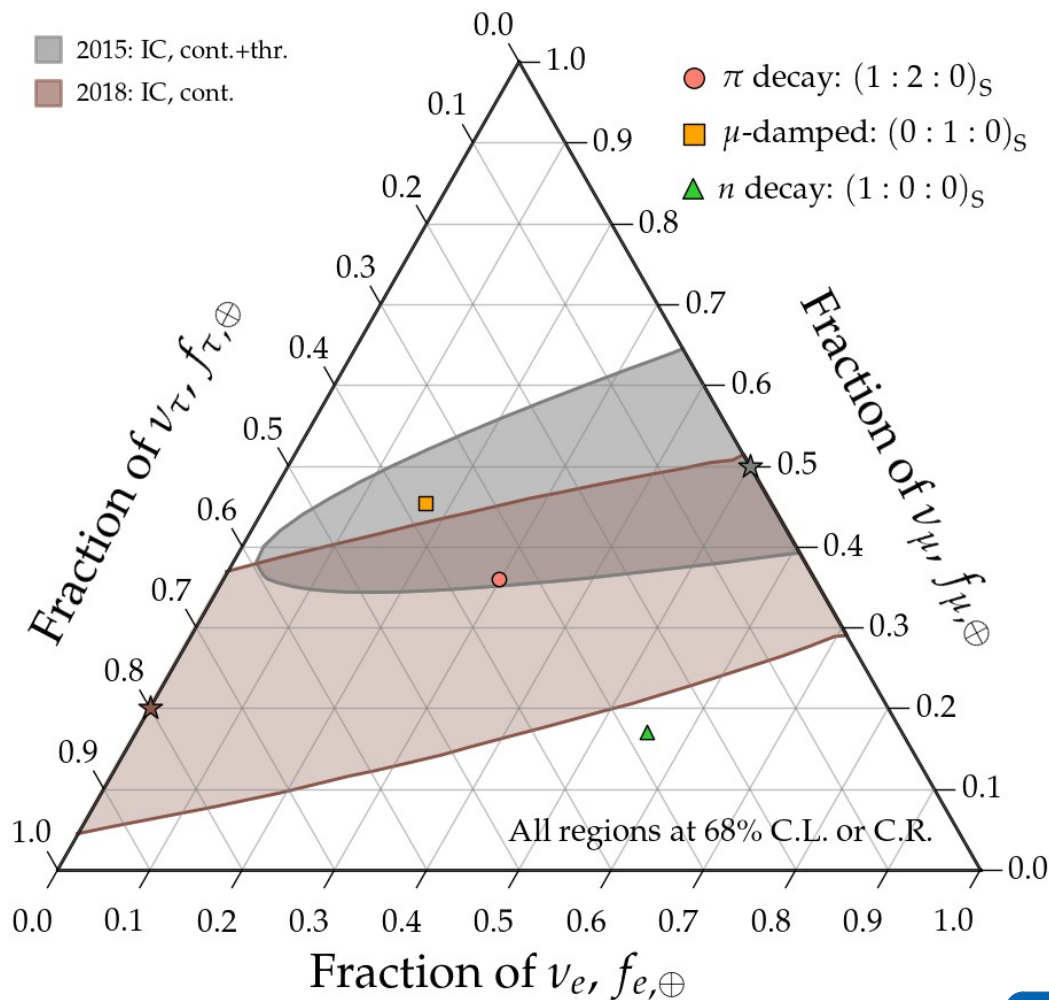


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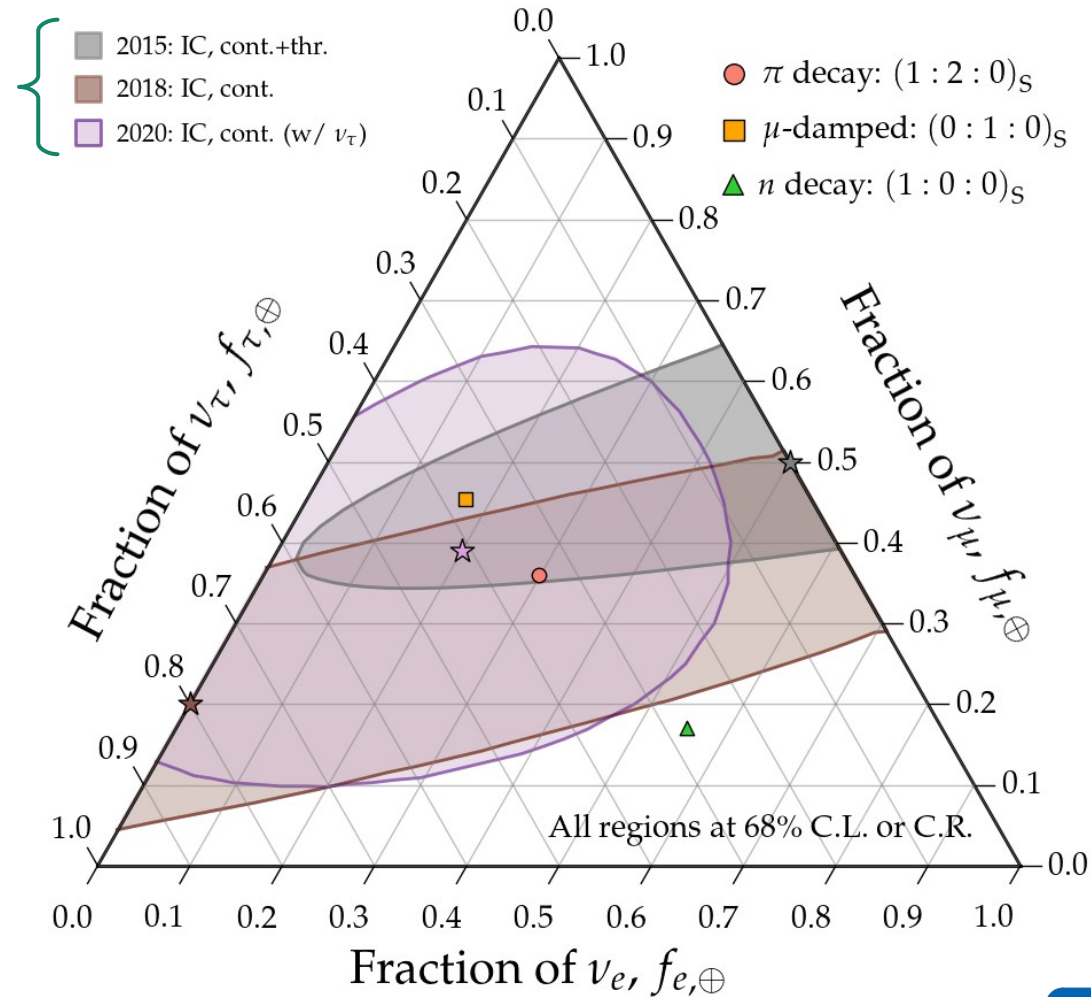
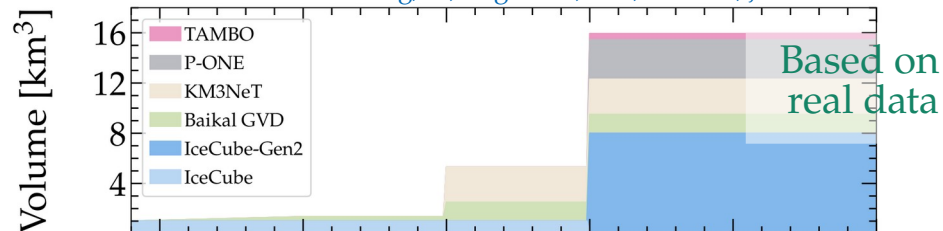


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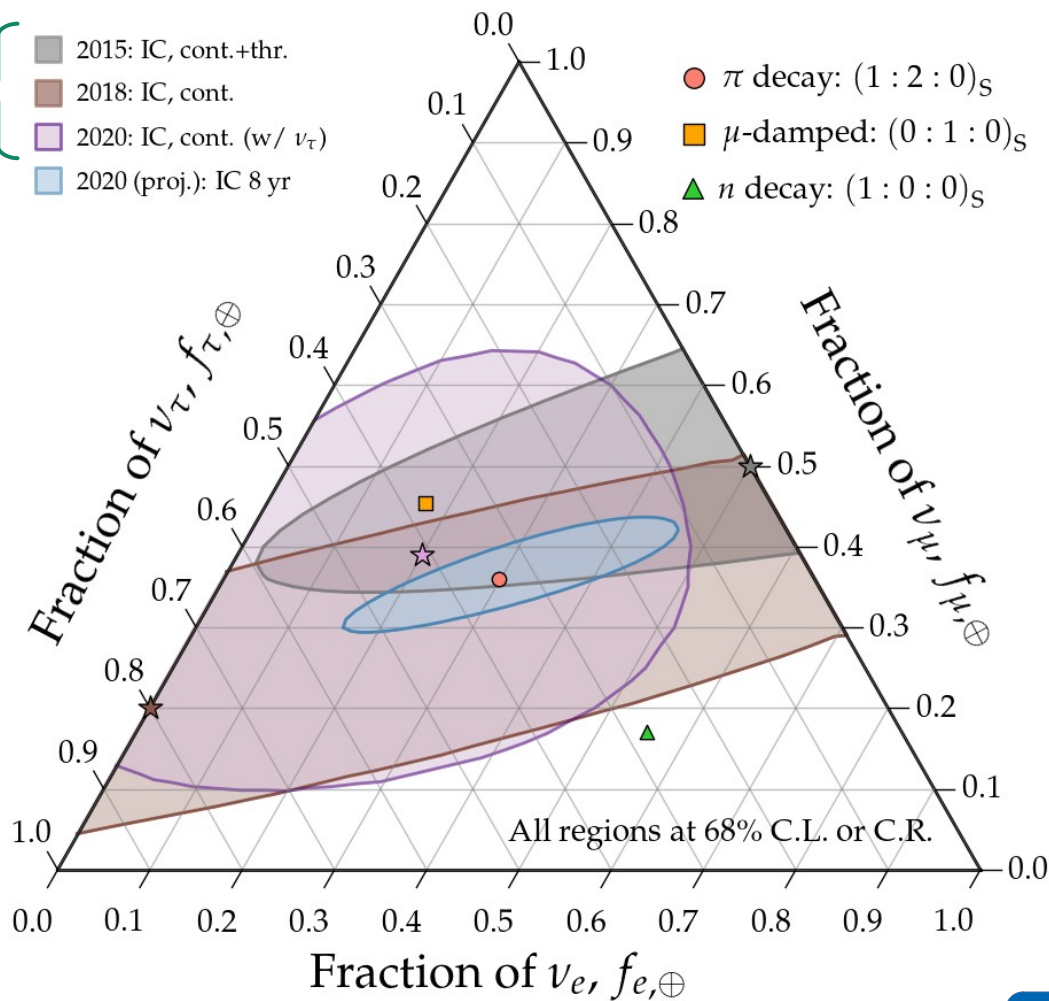
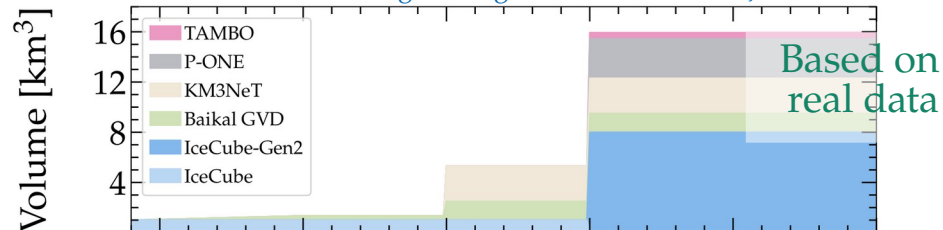
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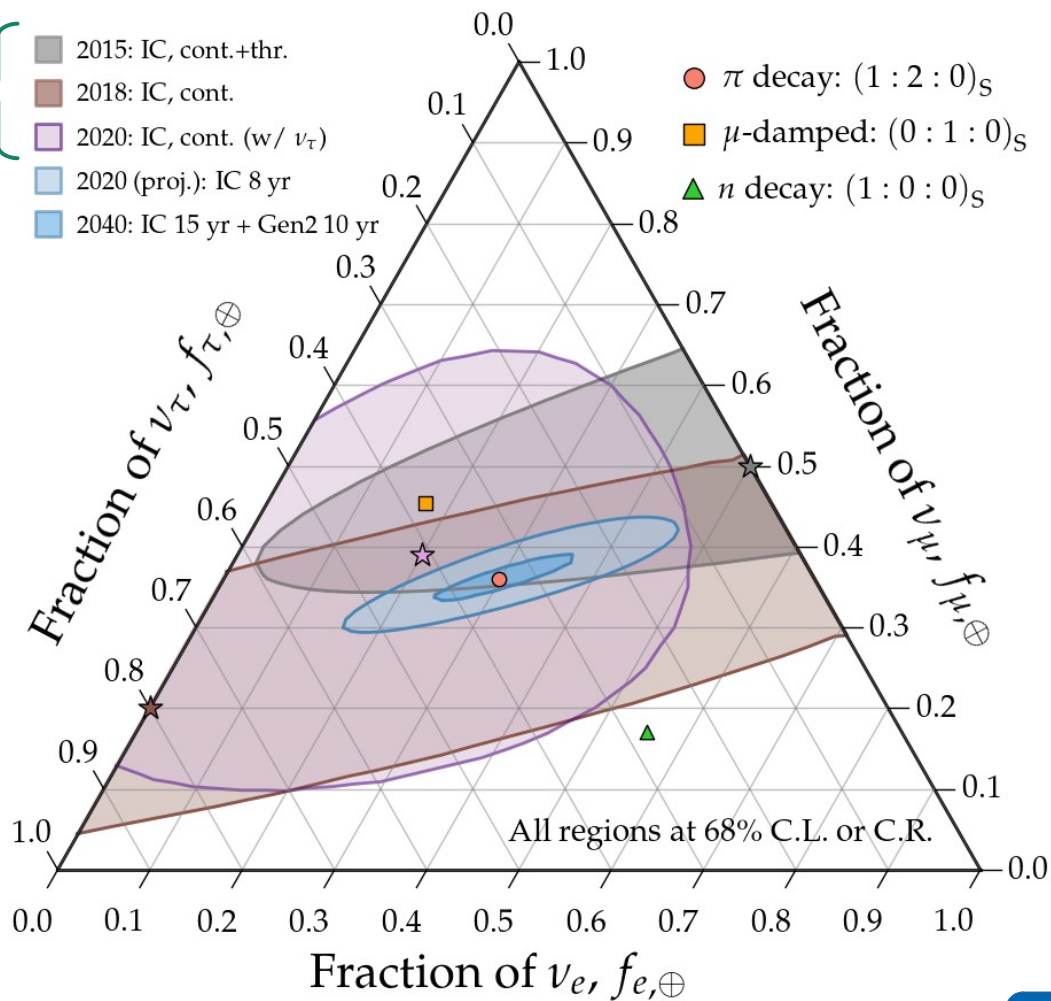
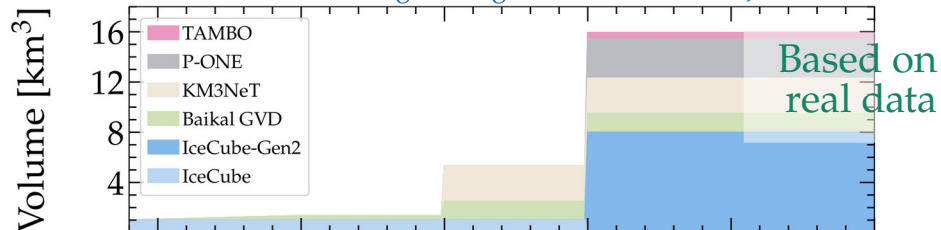
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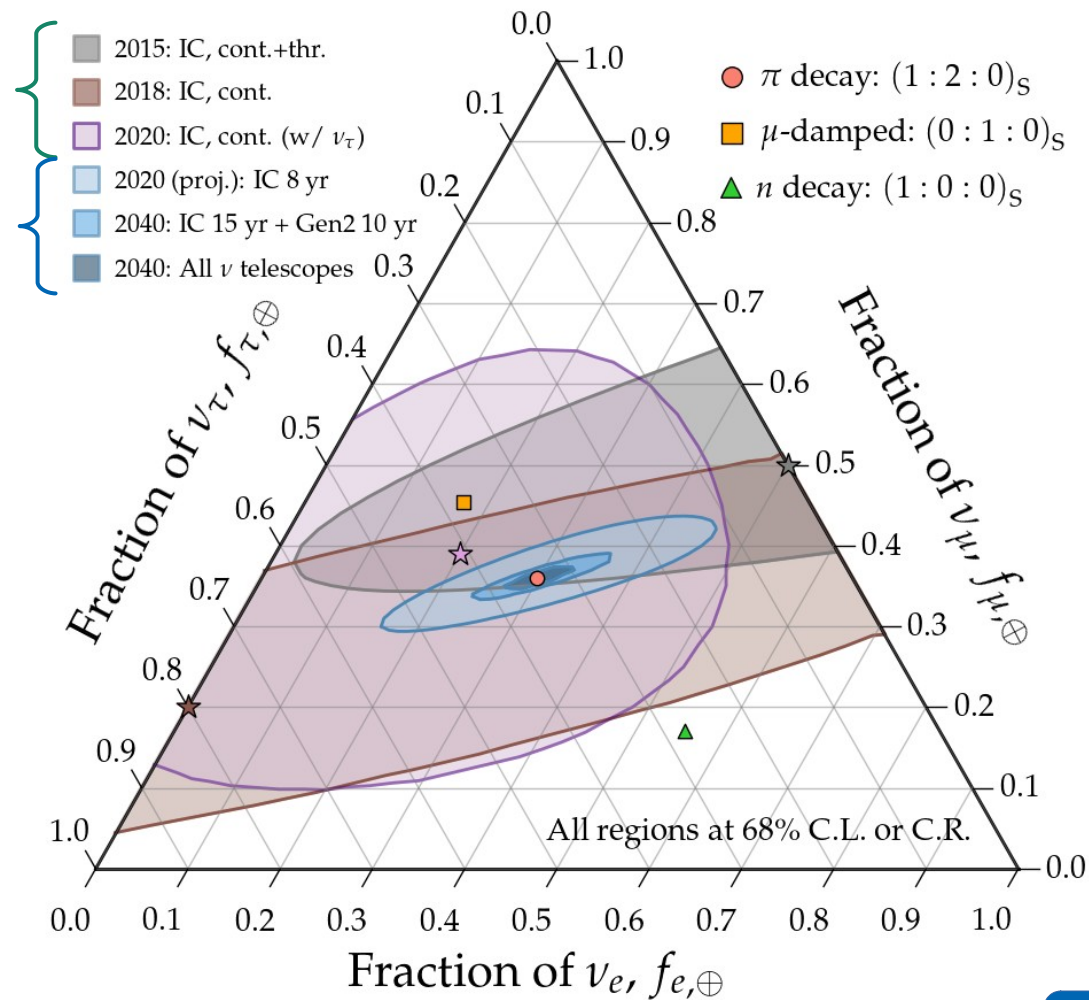
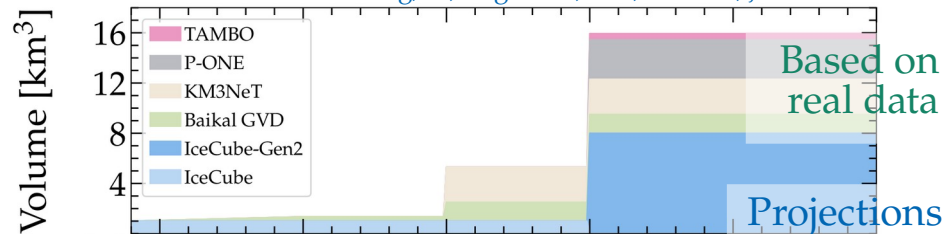
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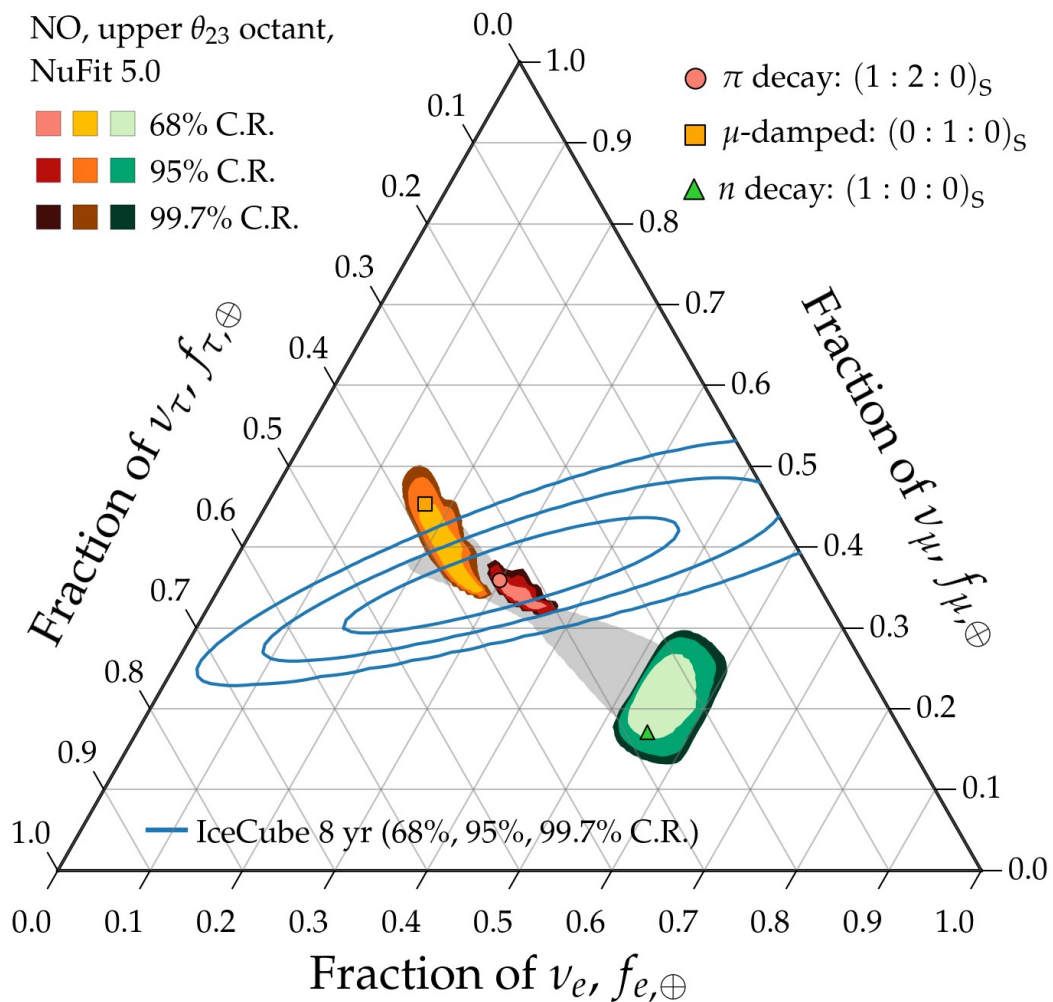
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Insufficient precision in the
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Will be overcome by 2030

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We need these to gear the preceding predictions to TAMBO:

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- ▶ Effective volume
- ▶ Benchmark energy and angular resolution
- ▶ Benchmark event rates

*With them, we can assess the position of TAMBO
as the bridge between PeV and EeV neutrinos*

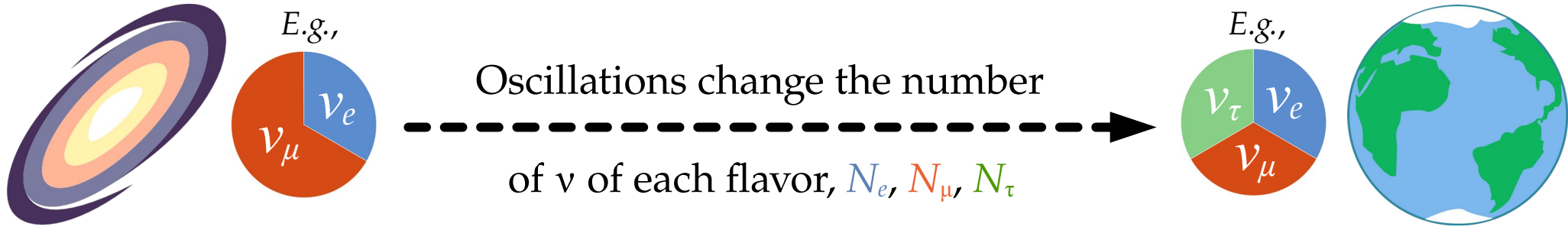
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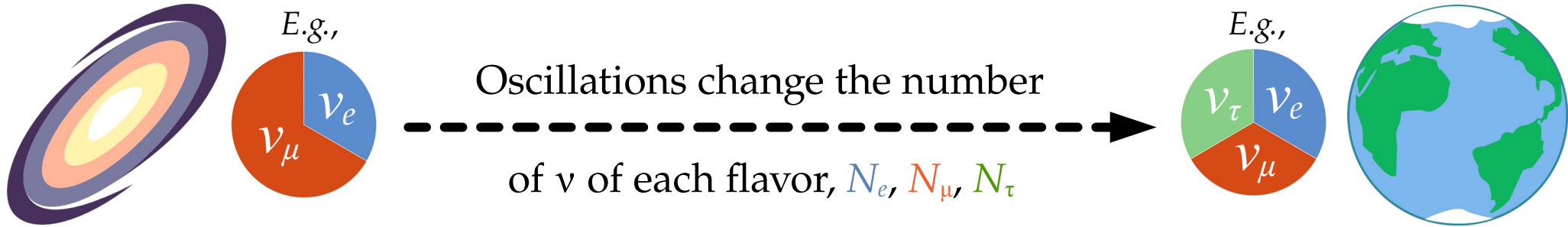
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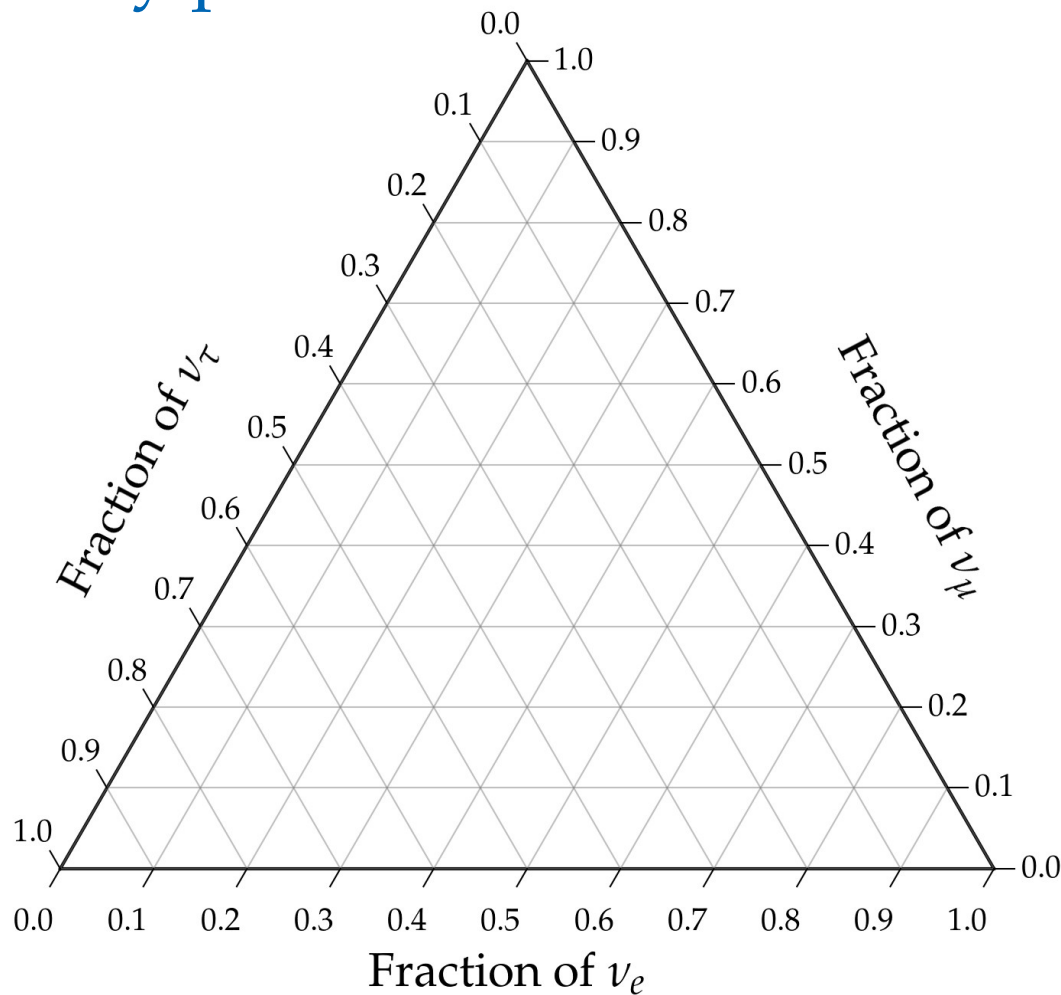
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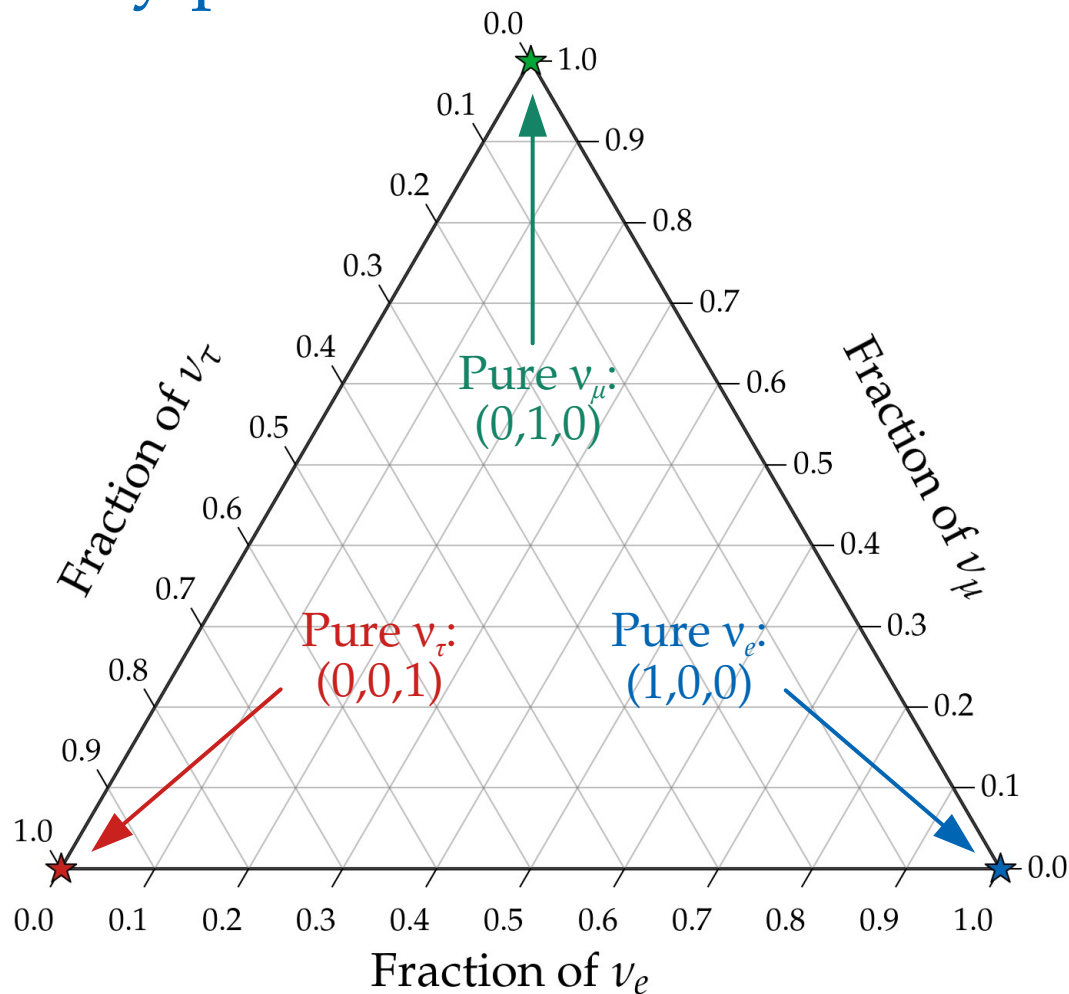
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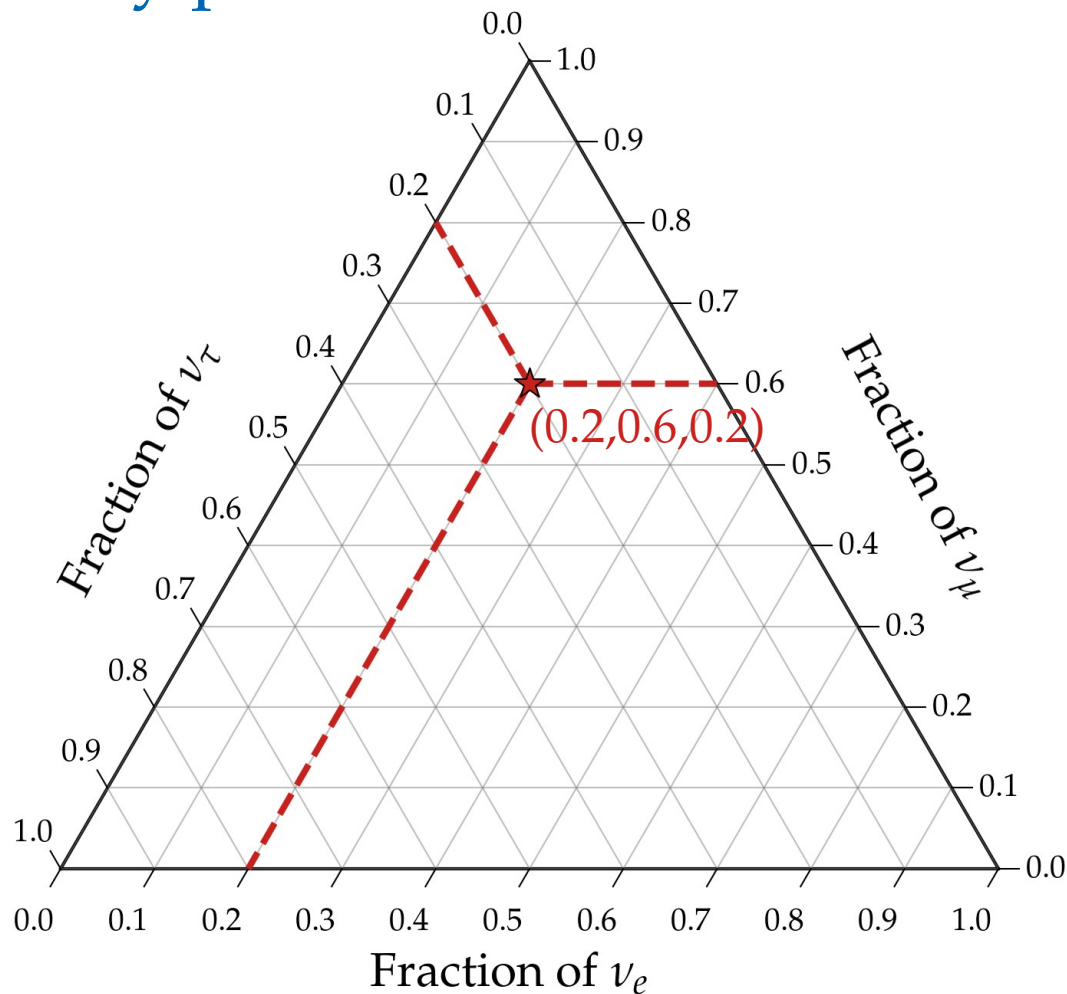
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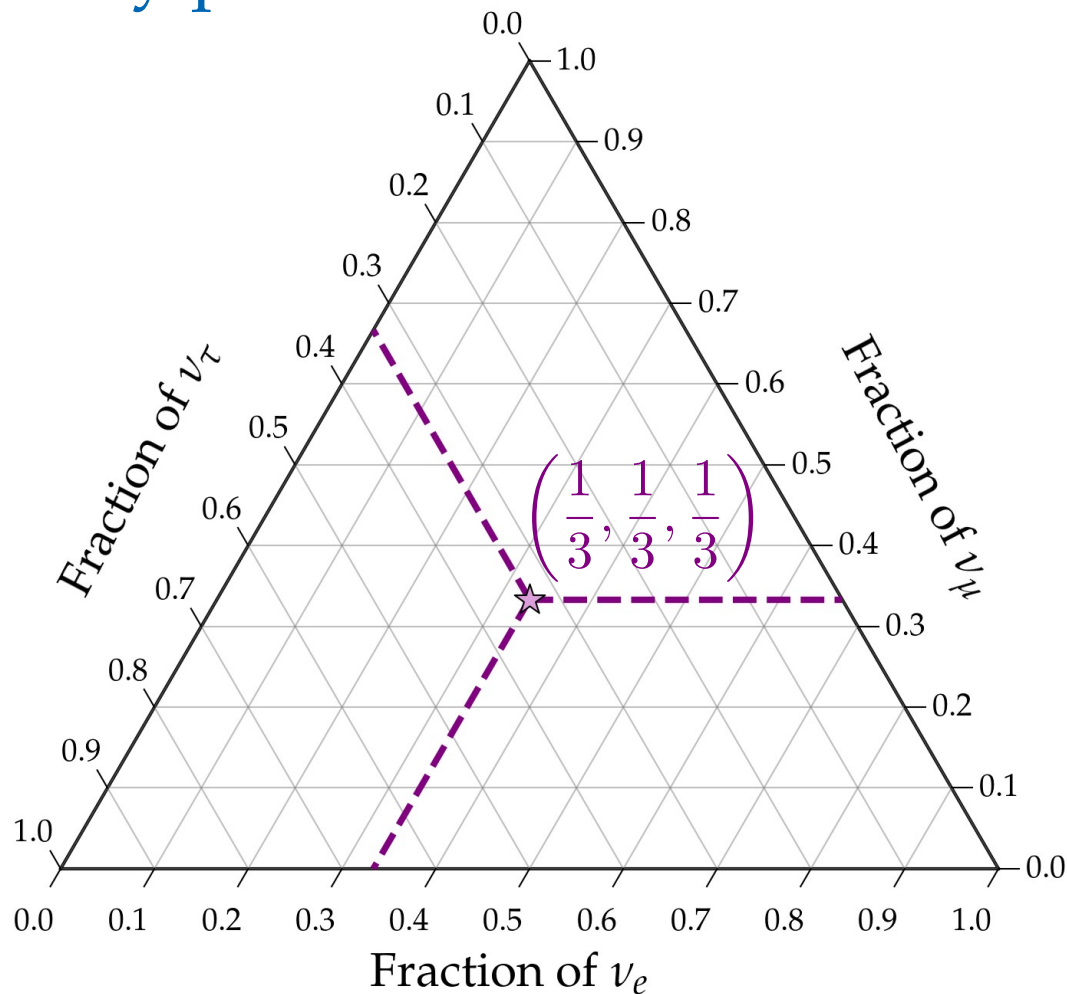
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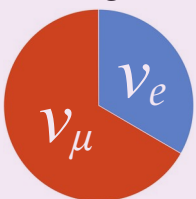


From sources to Earth: we learn what to expect when measuring $f_{\alpha,\oplus}$

Sources



E.g.,



$(f_{e,S}, f_{\mu,S}, f_{\tau,S})$

Oscillations

$(\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP})$

Earth



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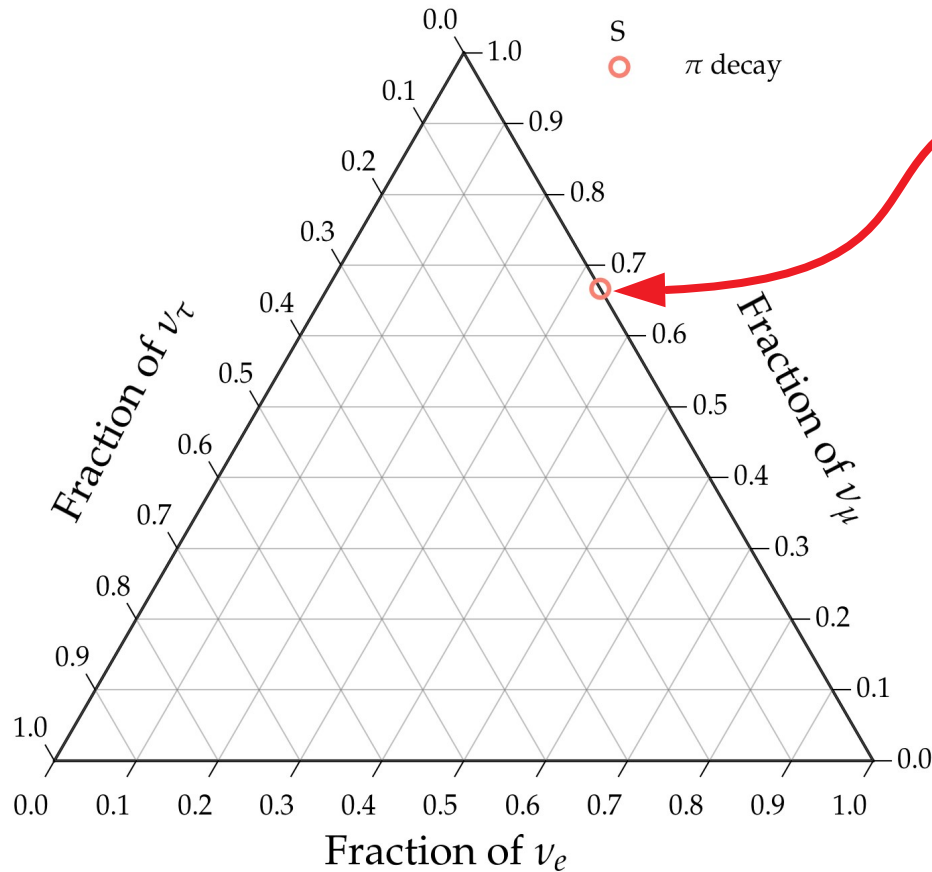
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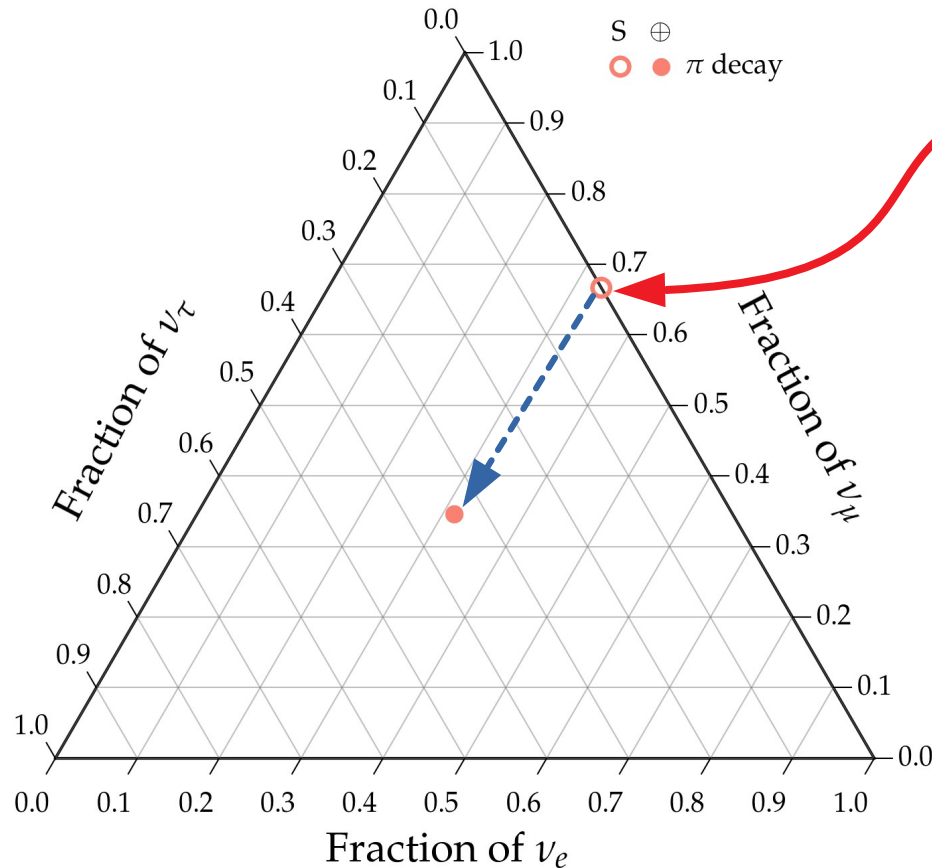


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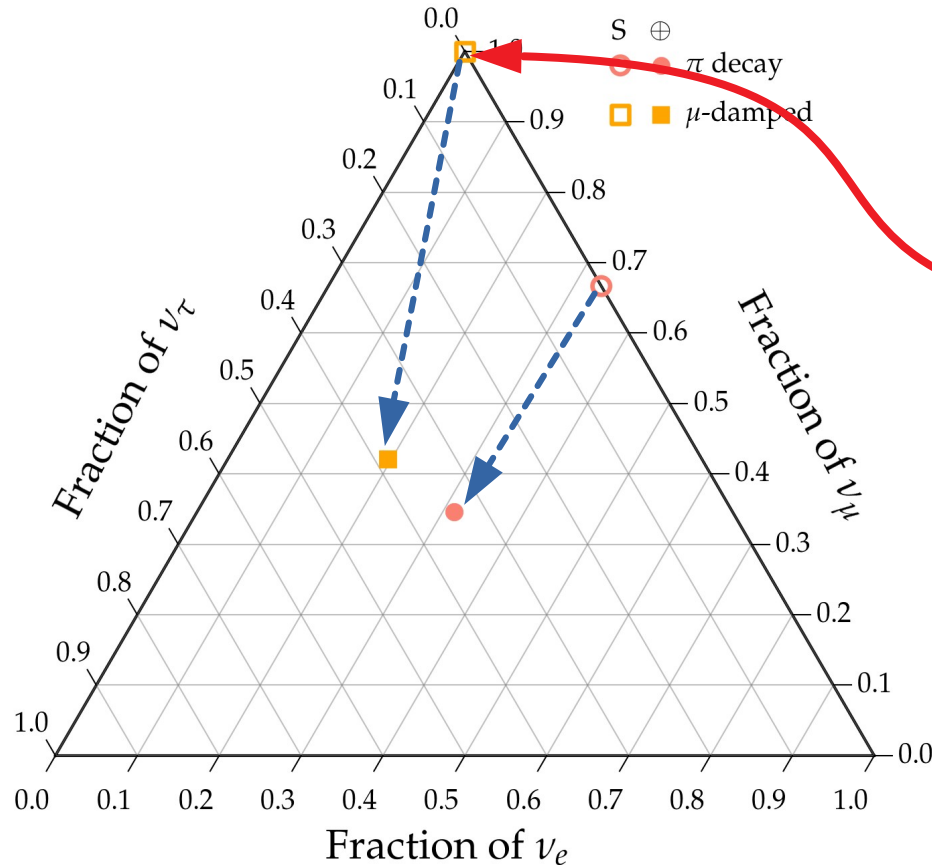


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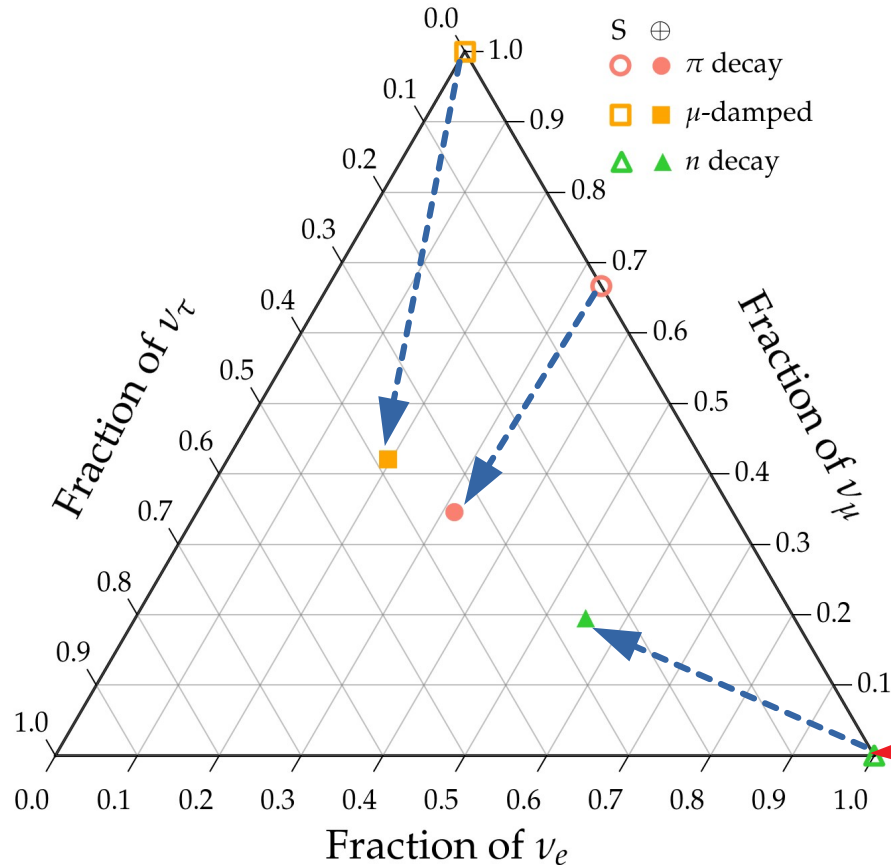
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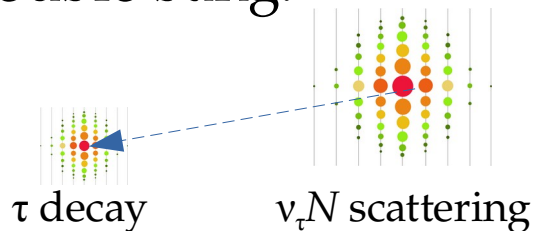
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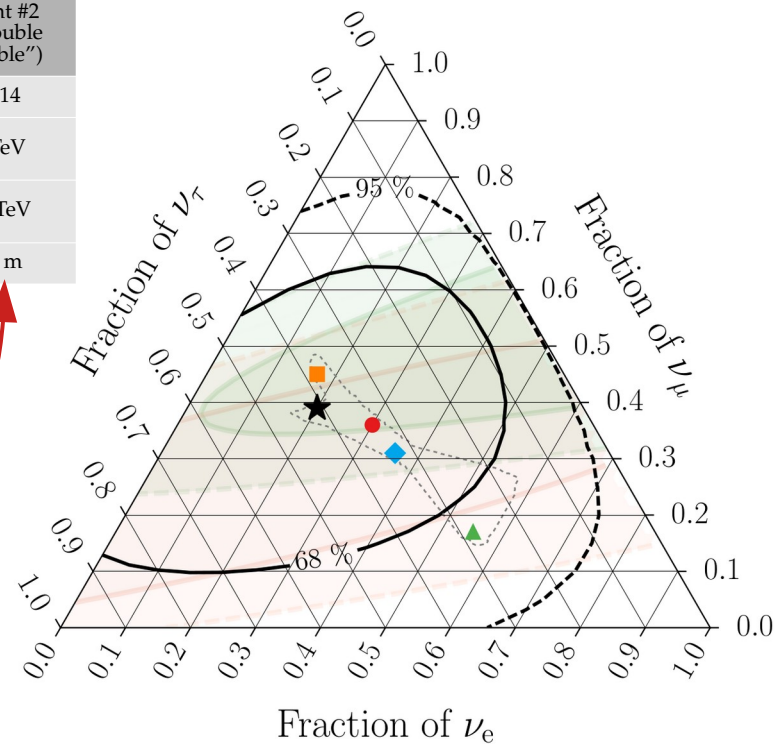
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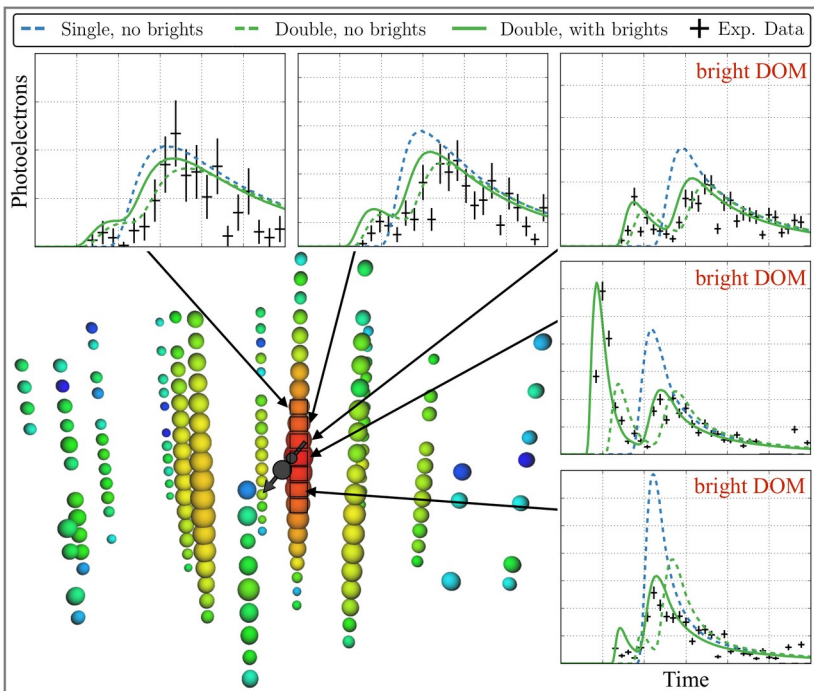
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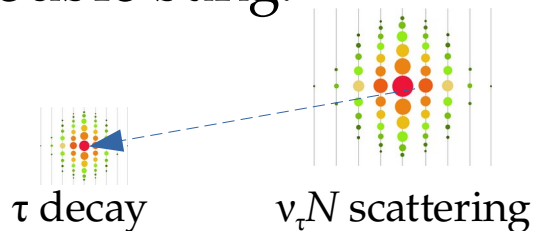
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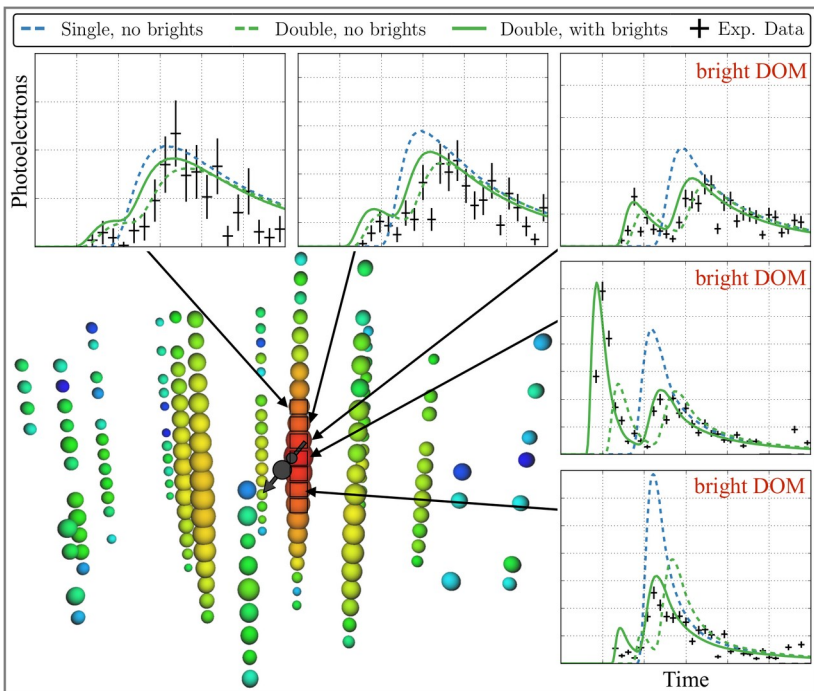
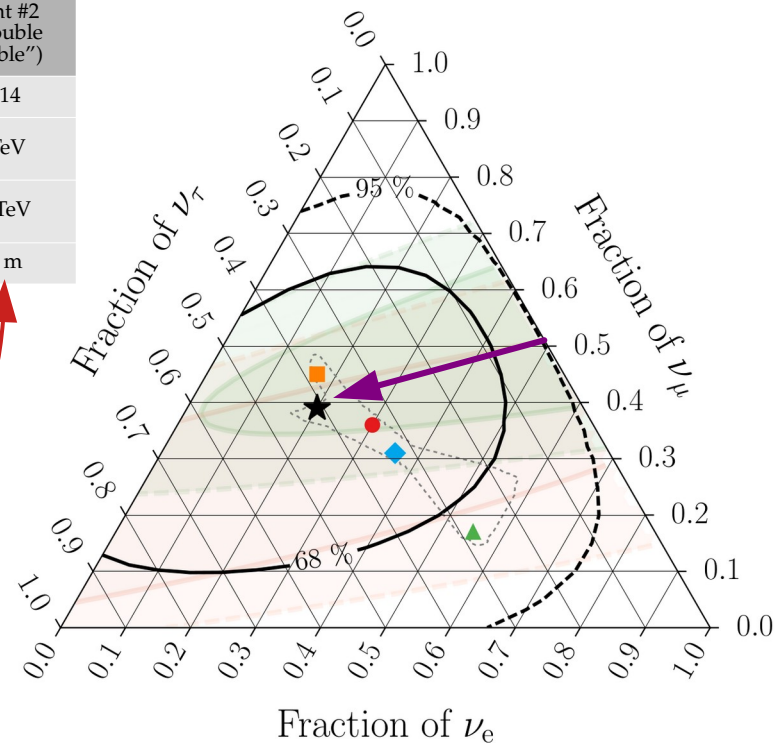
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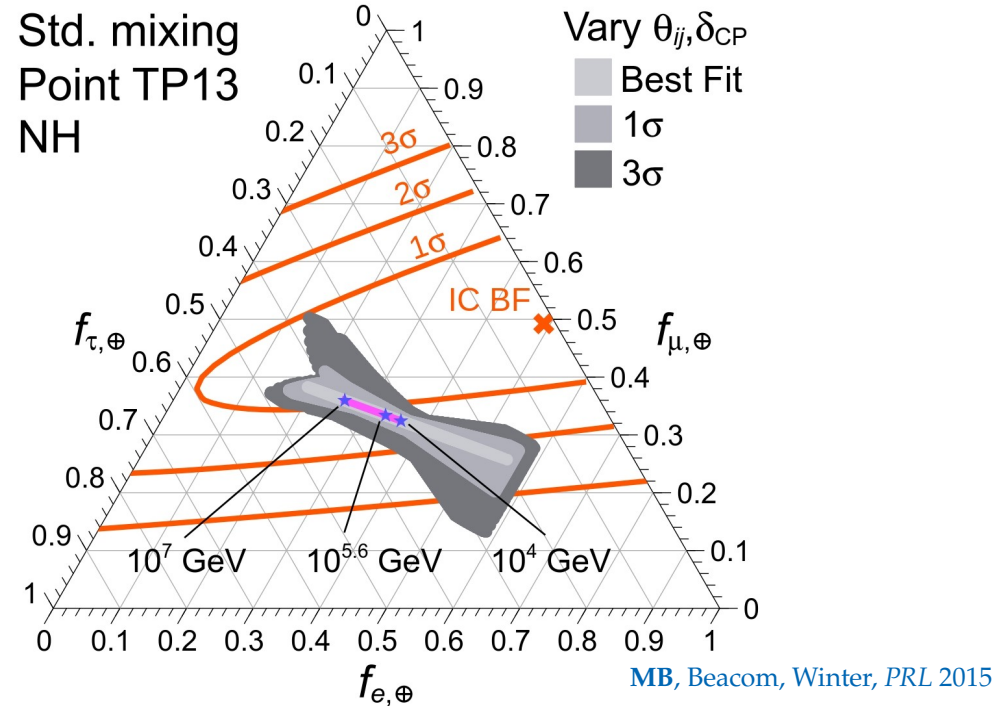
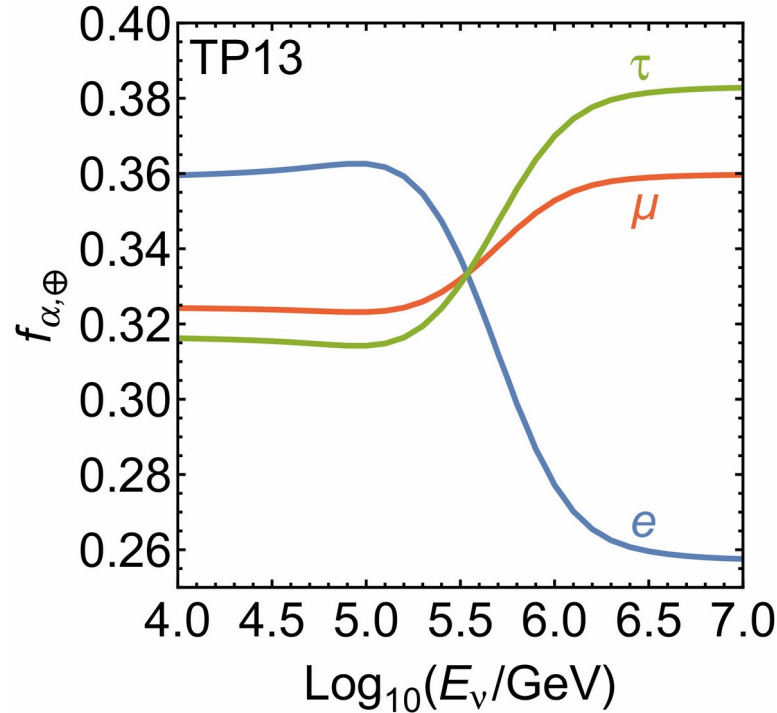


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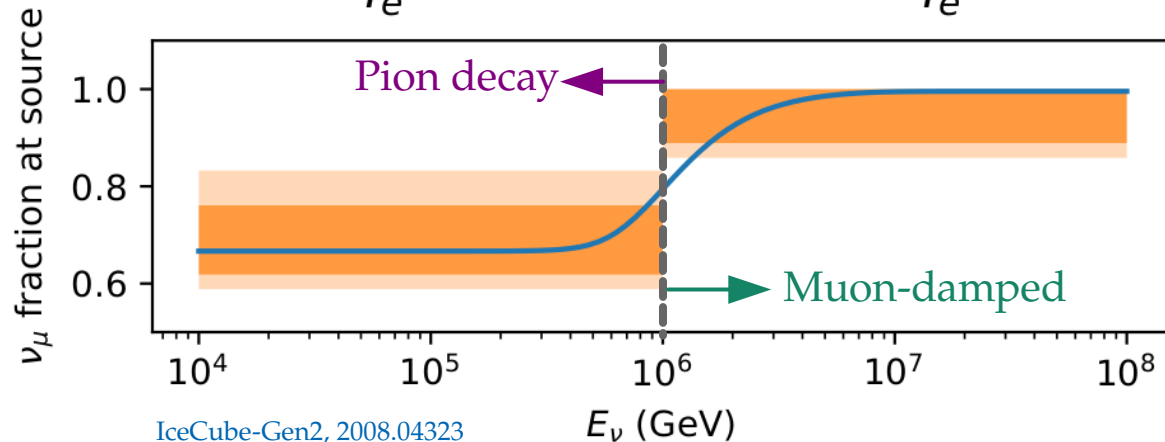
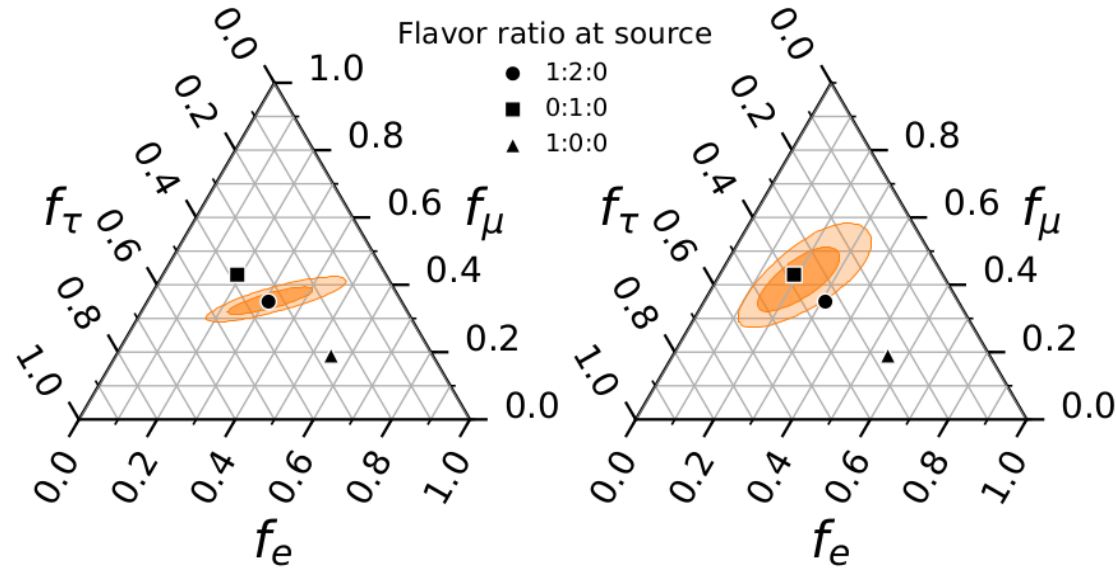
Different neutrino production channels accessible at different energies –



- ▶ TP13: $p\gamma$ model, target photons from e^-e^+ annihilation [Hümmer+, *Astropart. Phys.* 2010]
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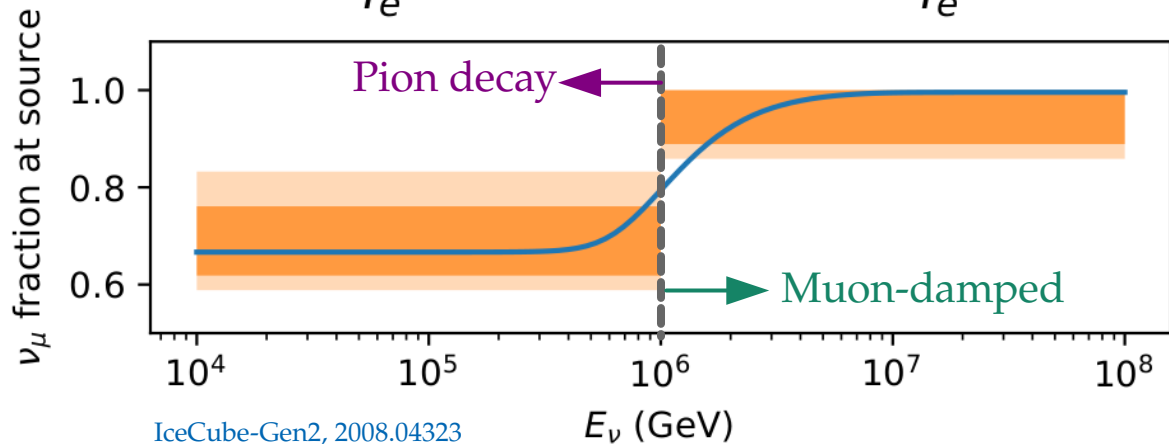
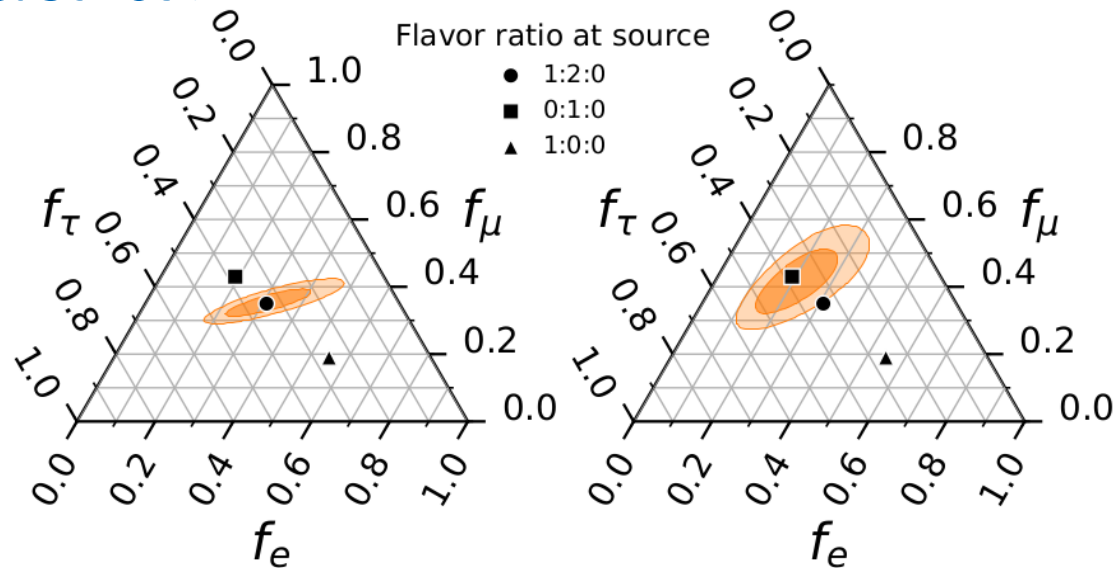
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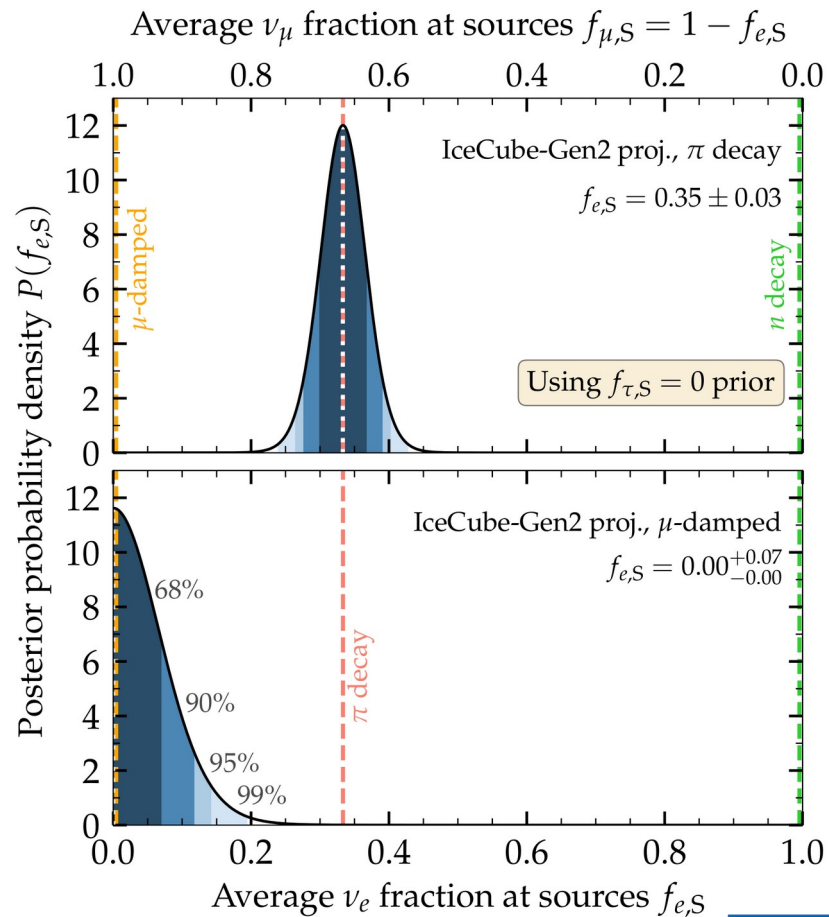
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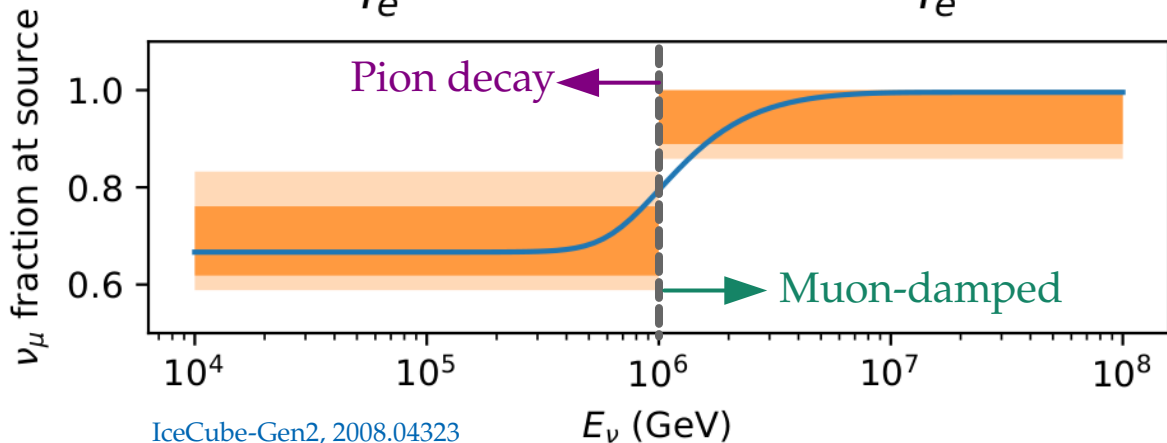
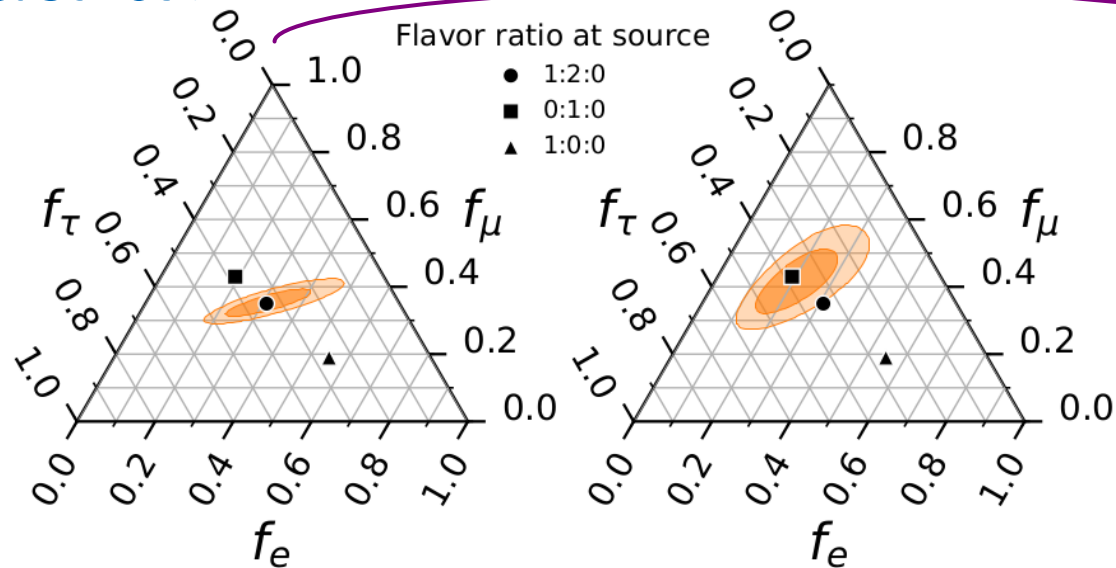


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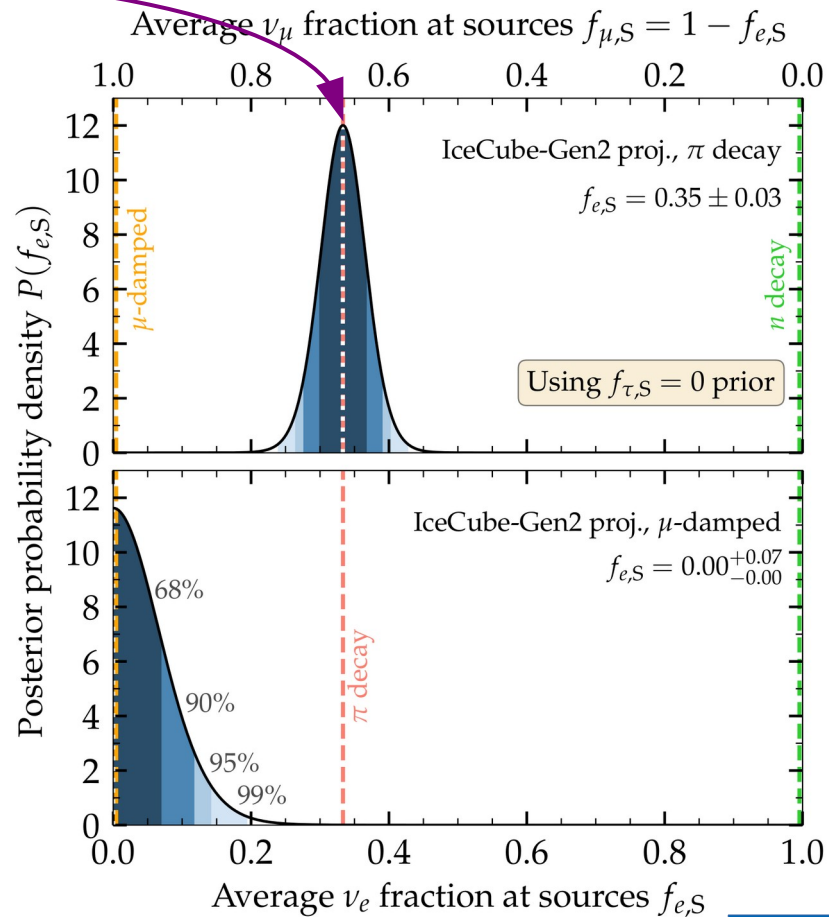
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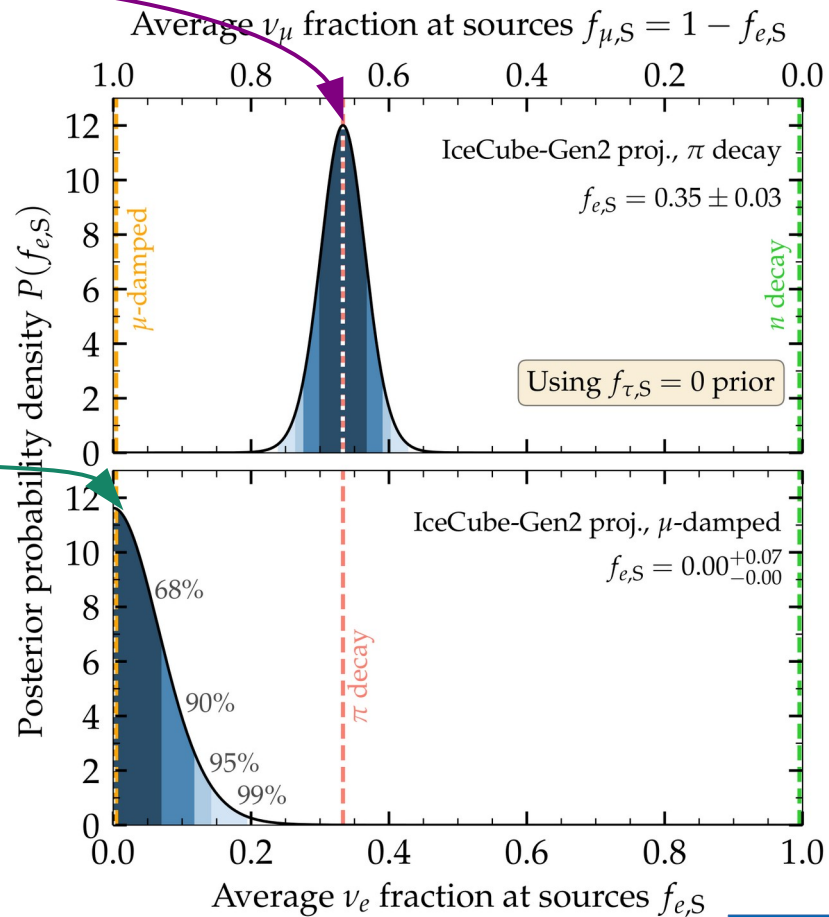
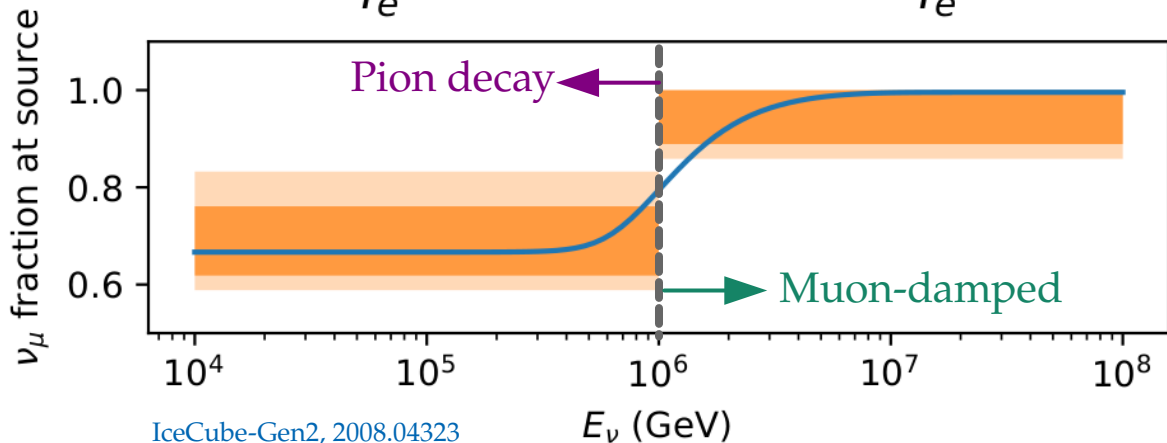
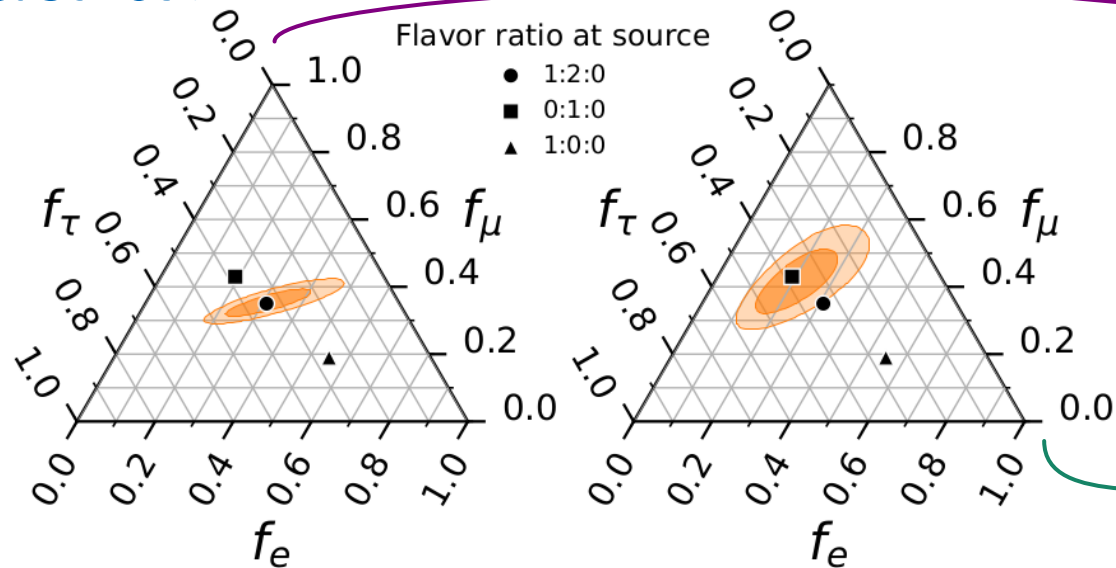


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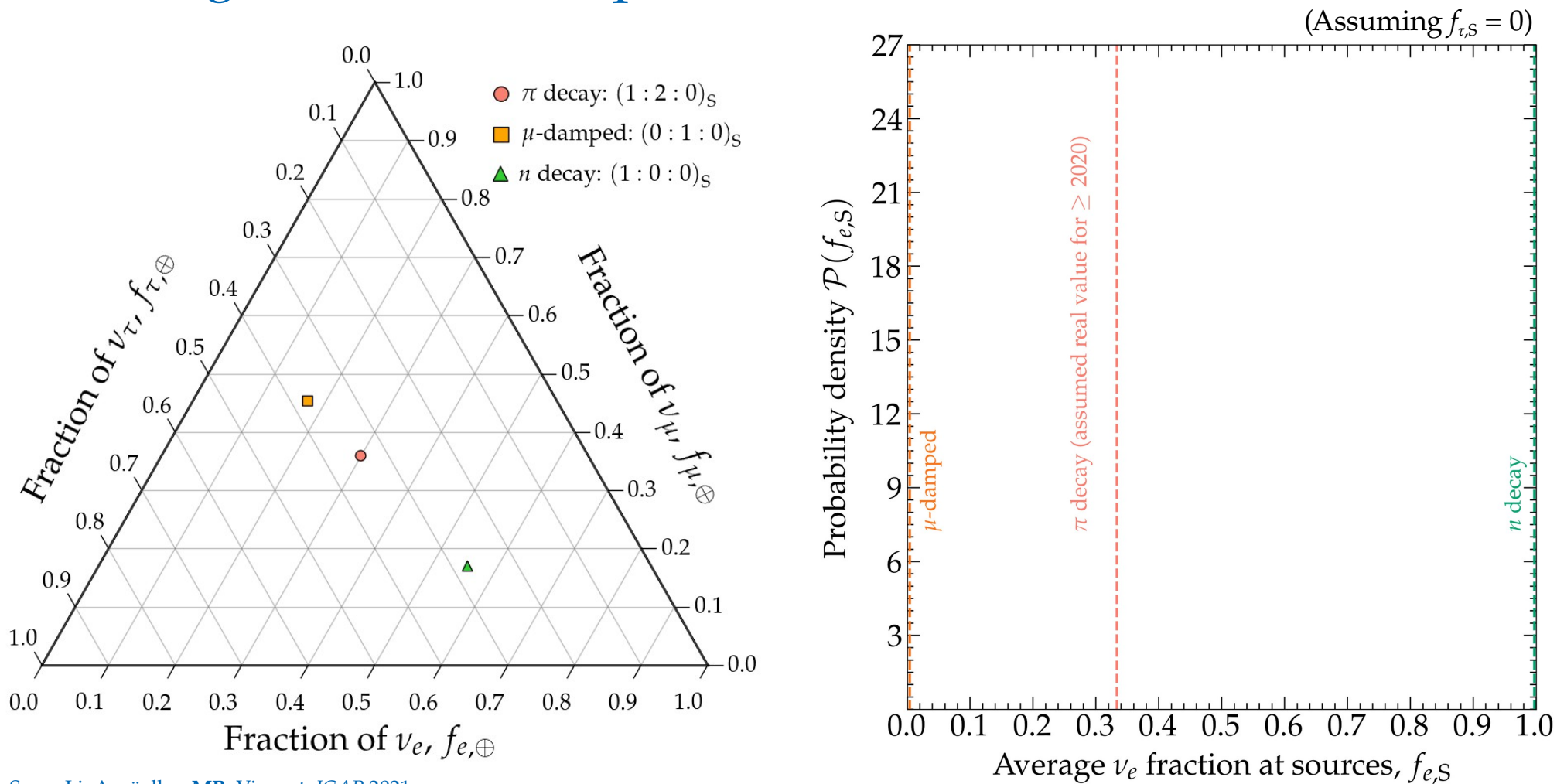
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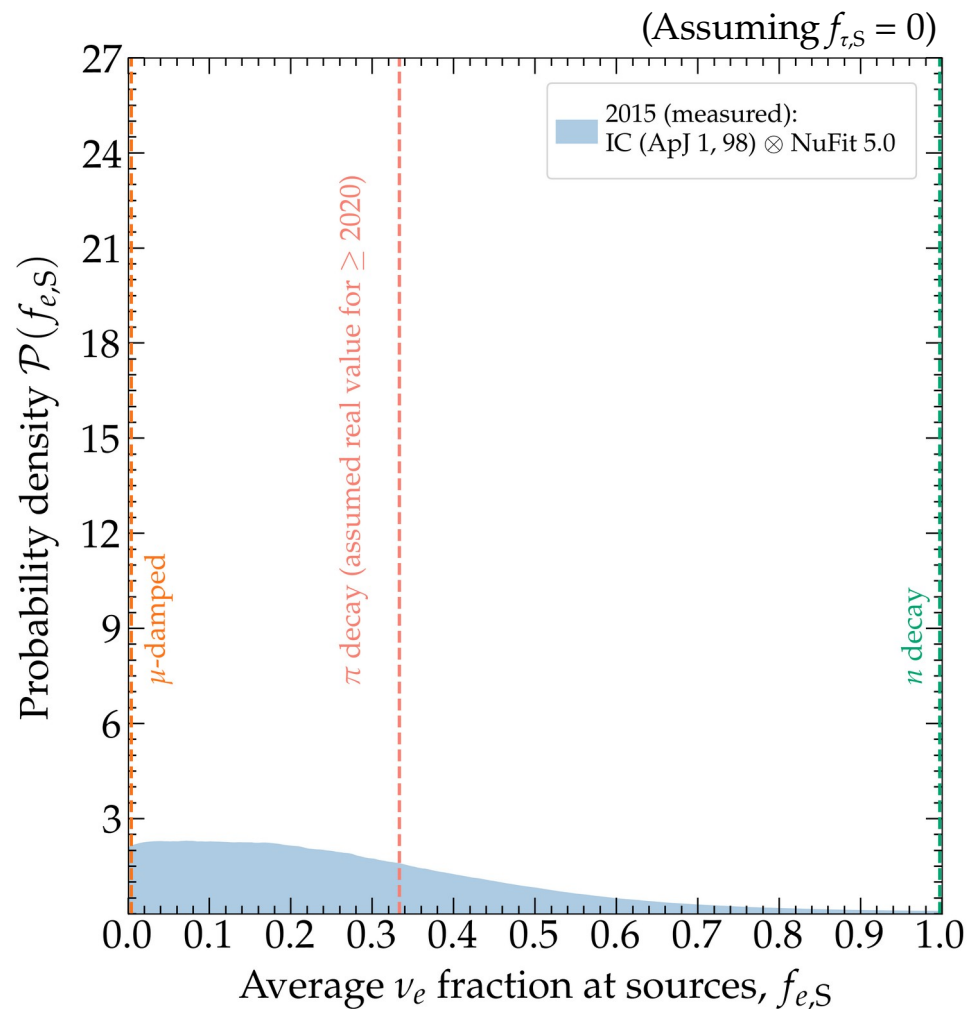
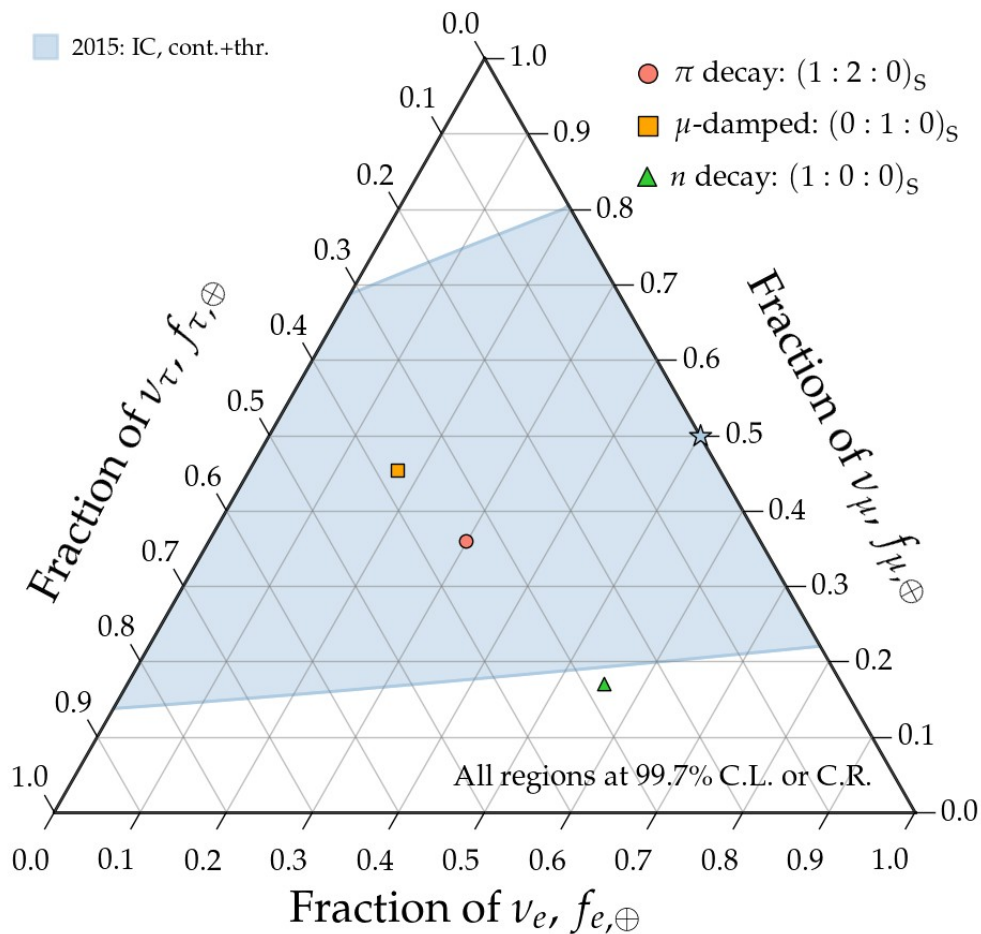


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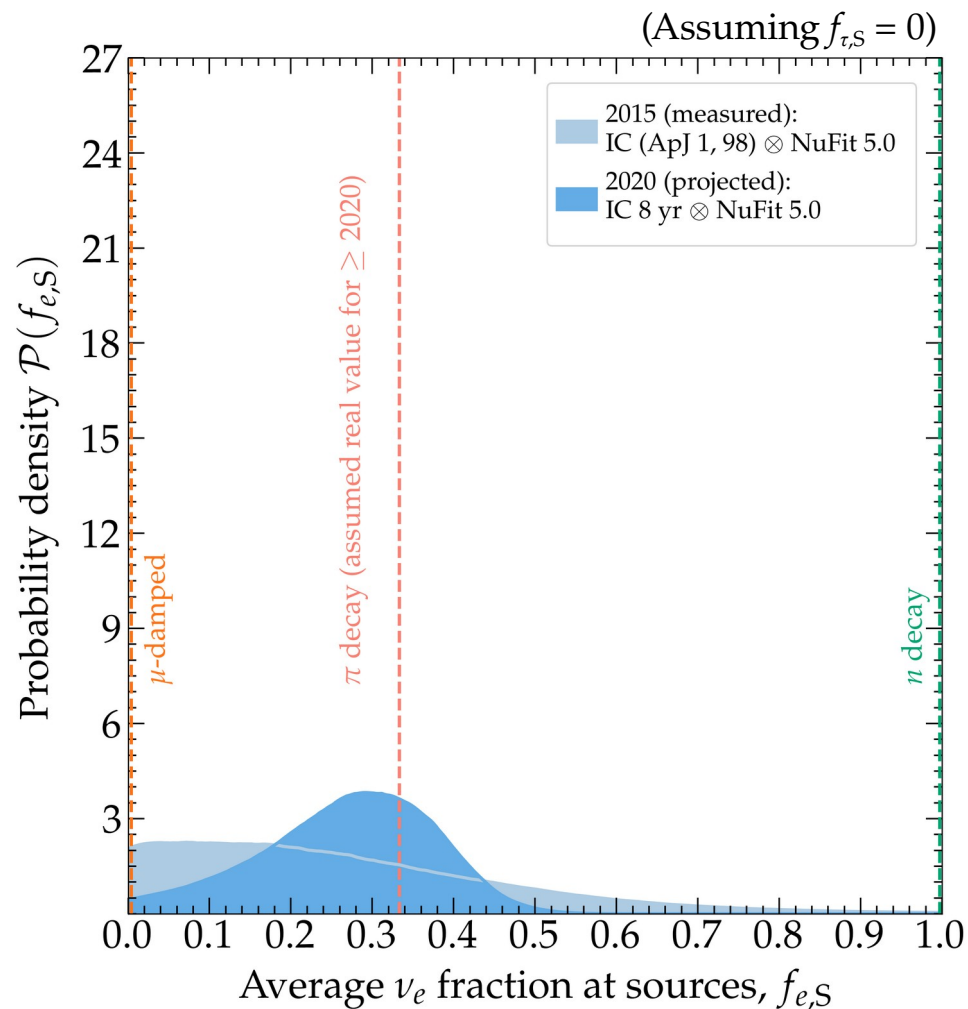
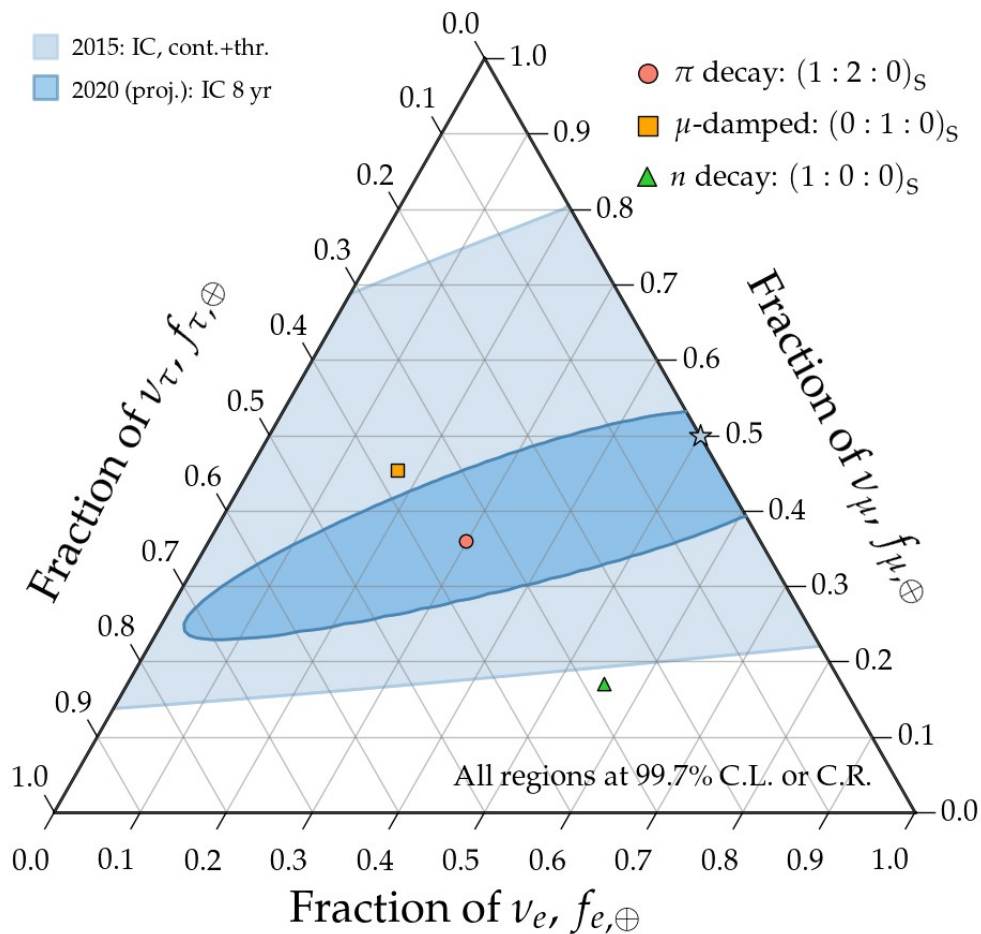
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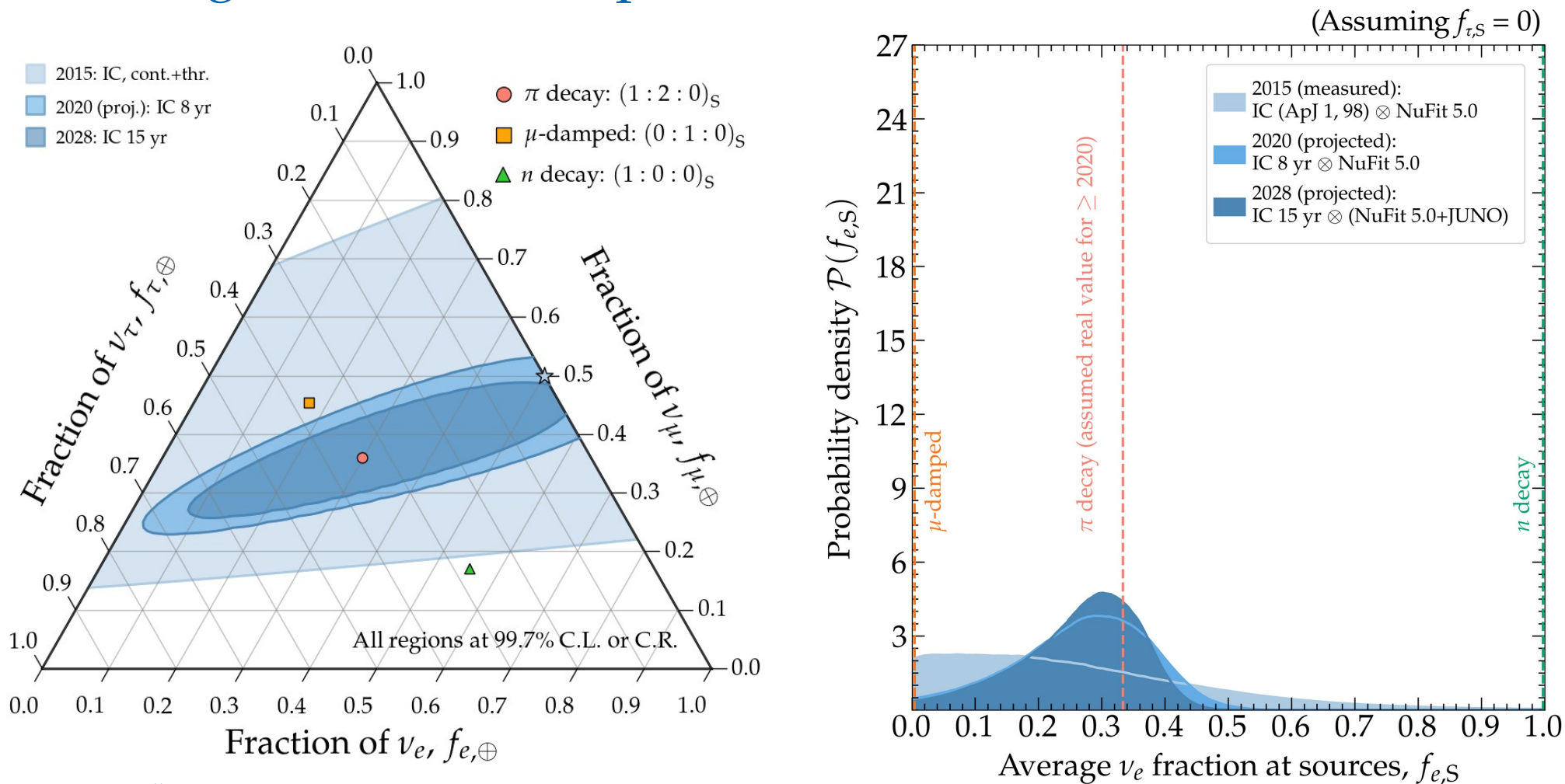
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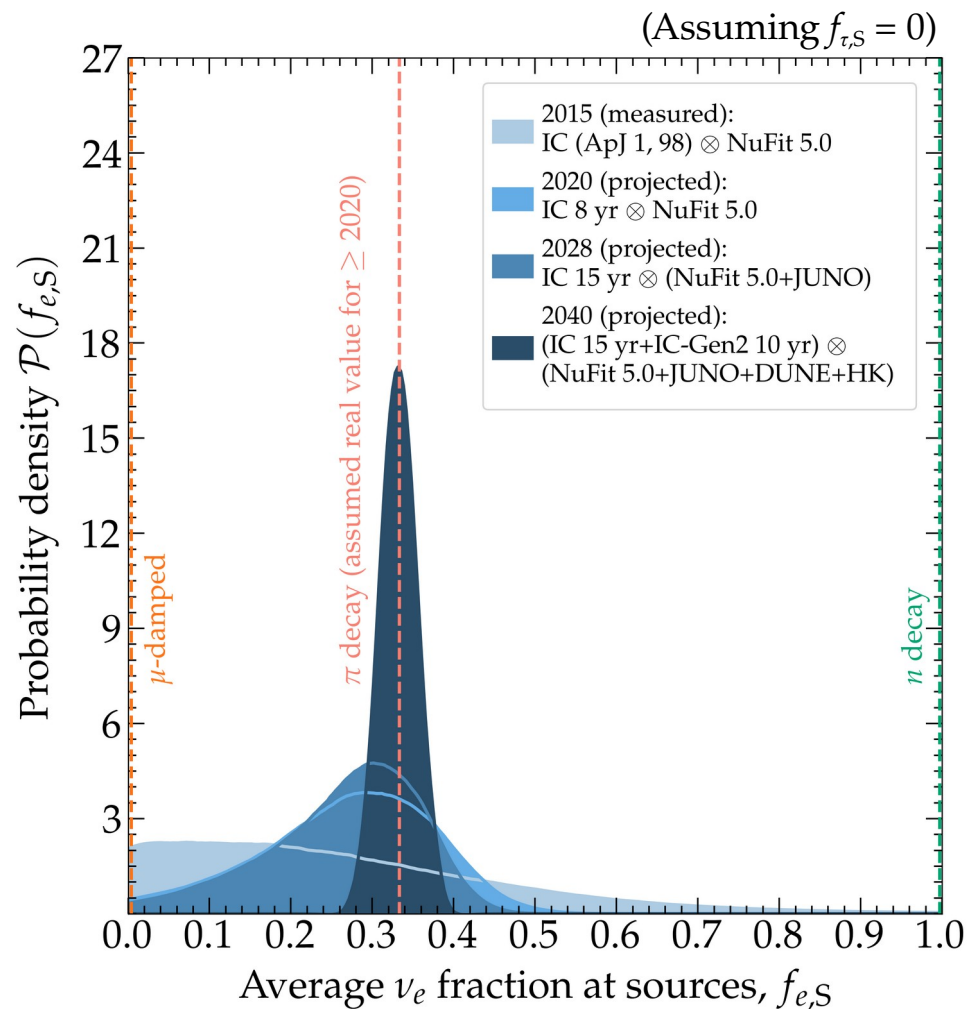
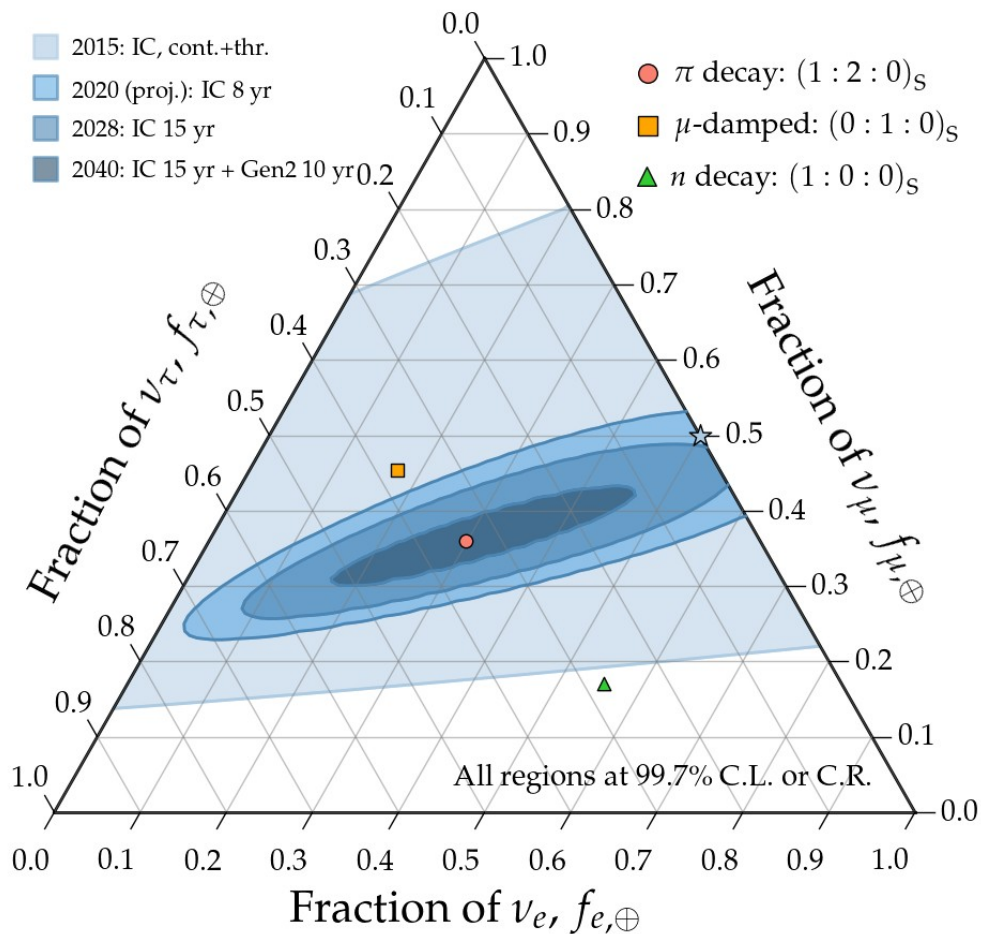
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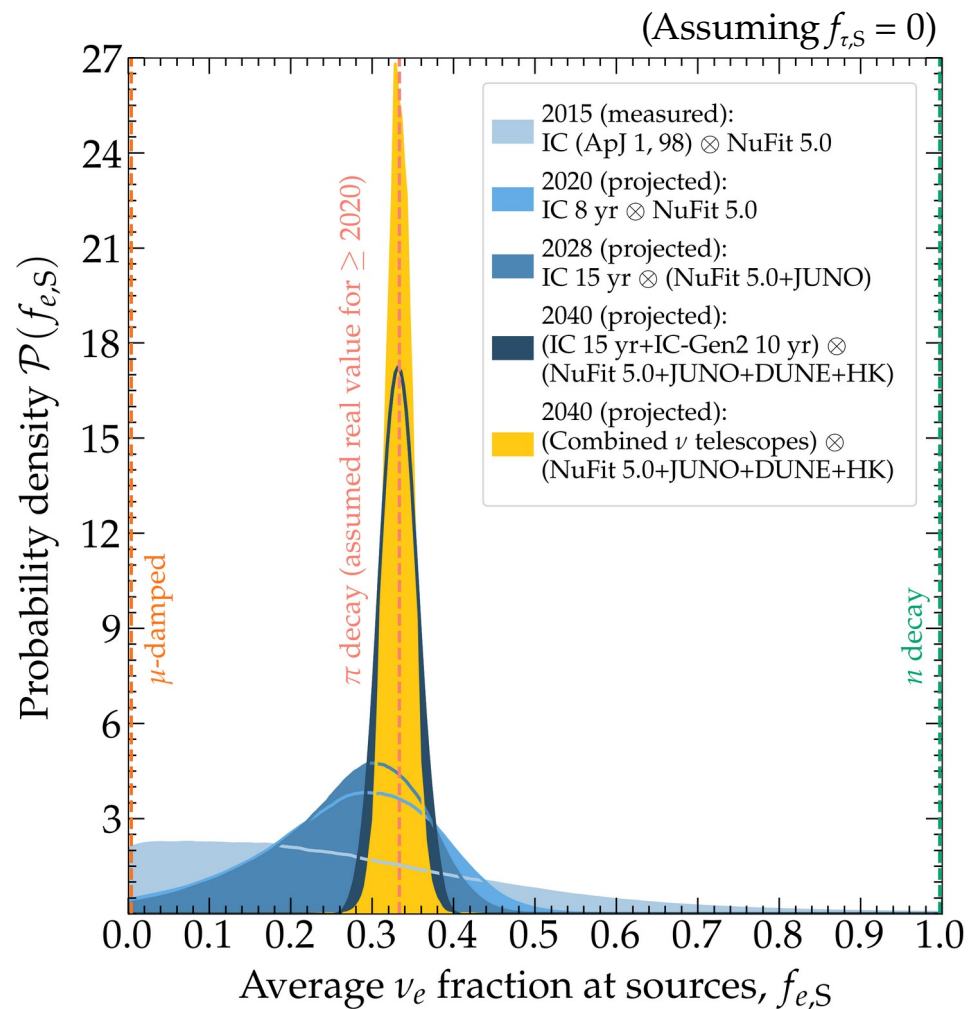
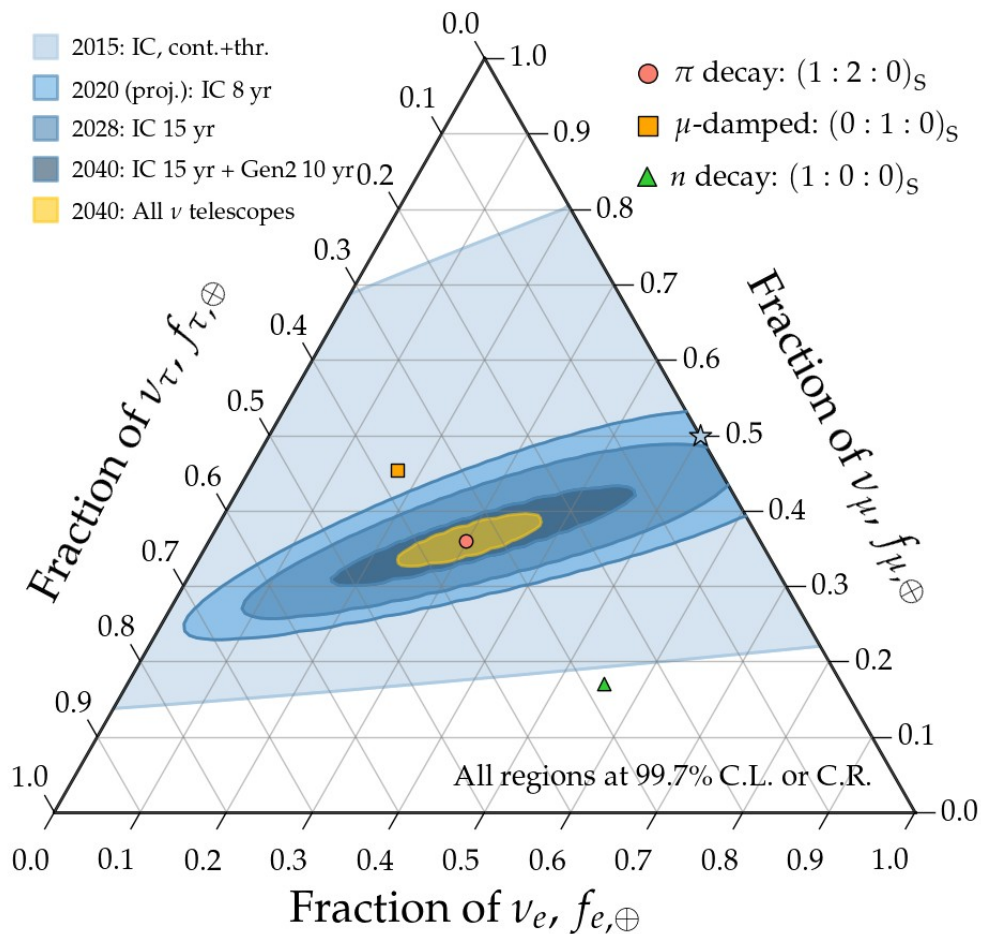
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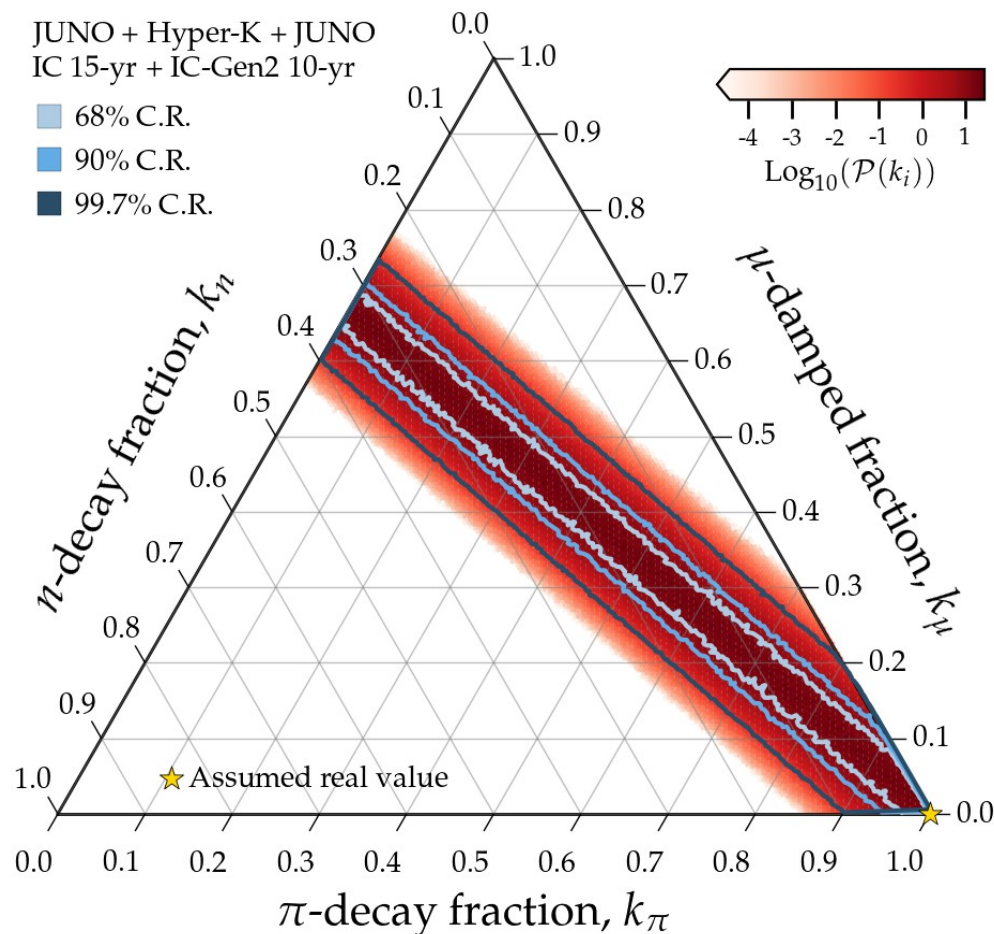
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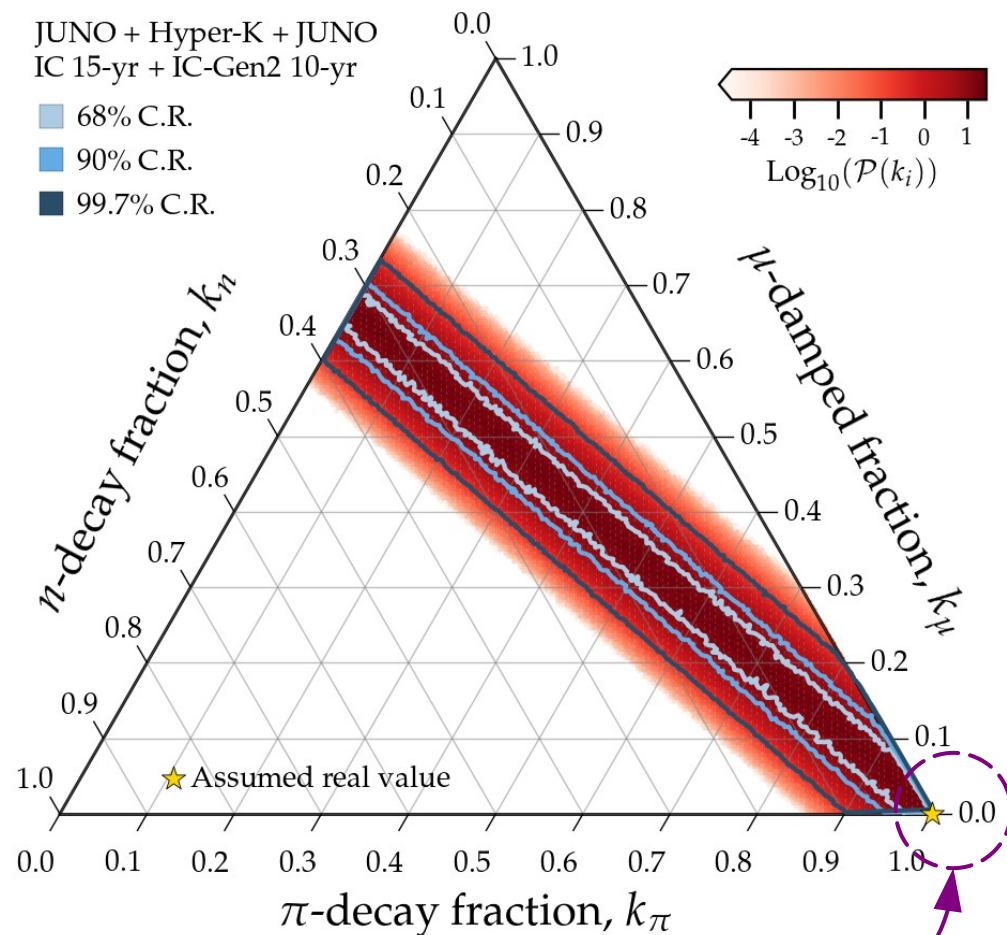
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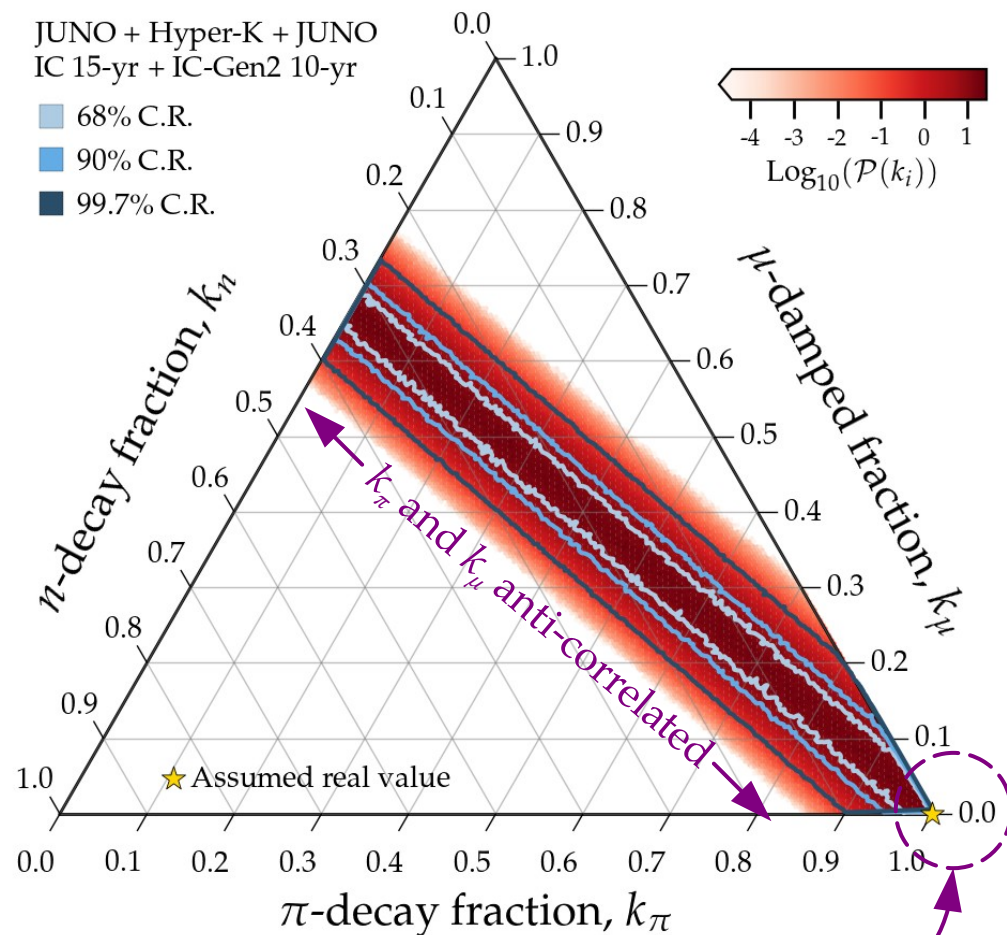
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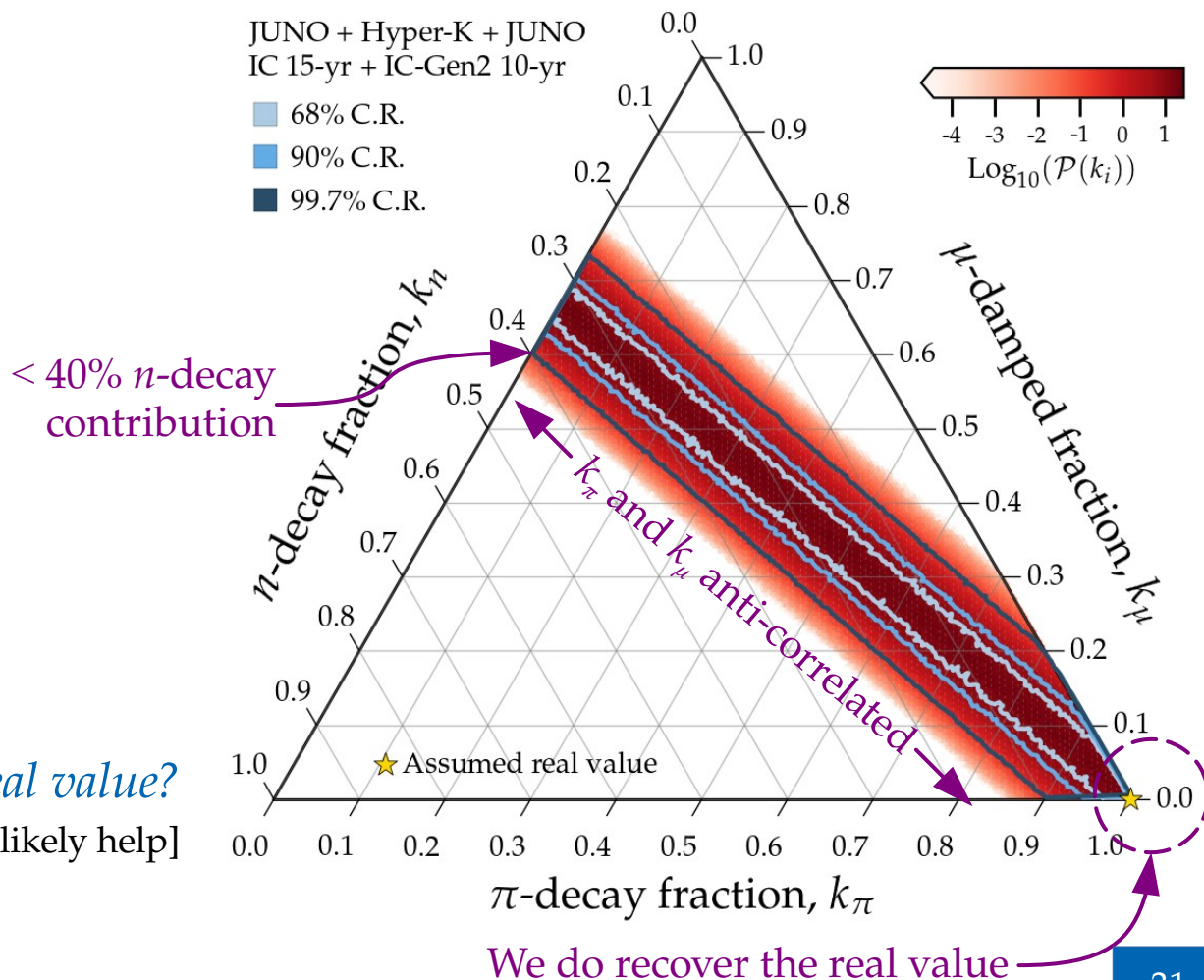
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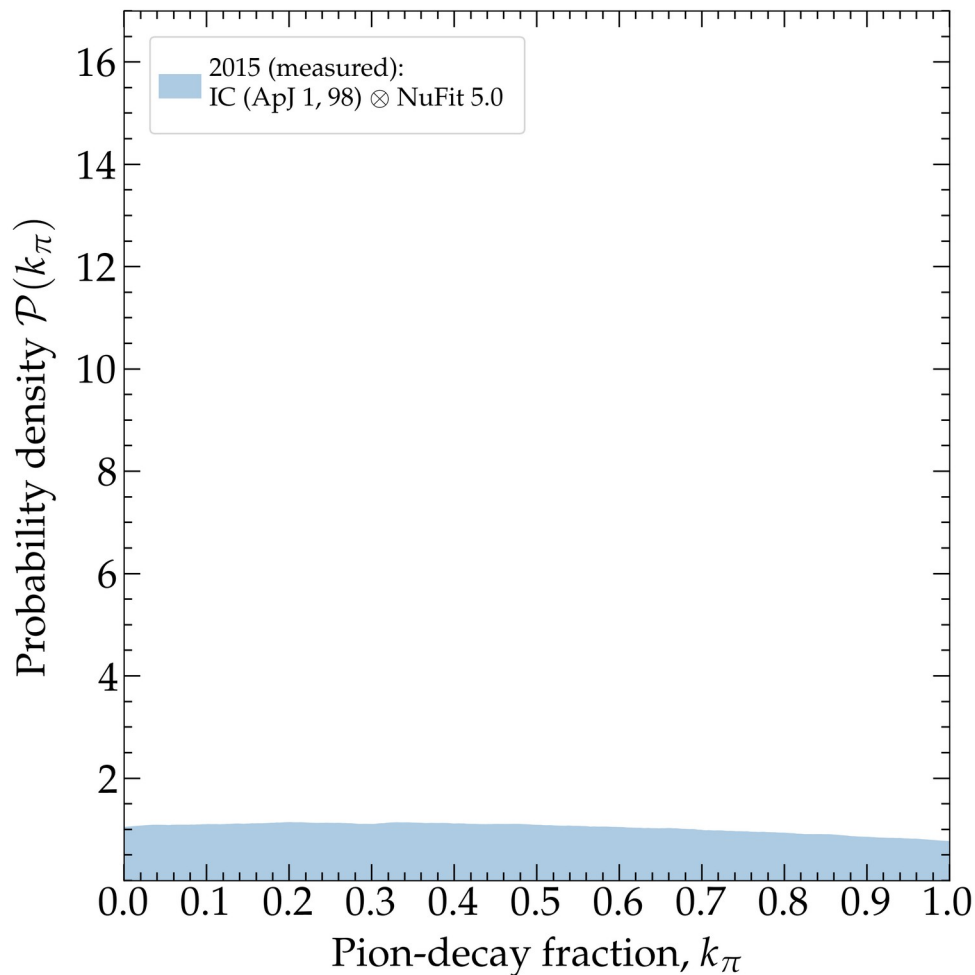
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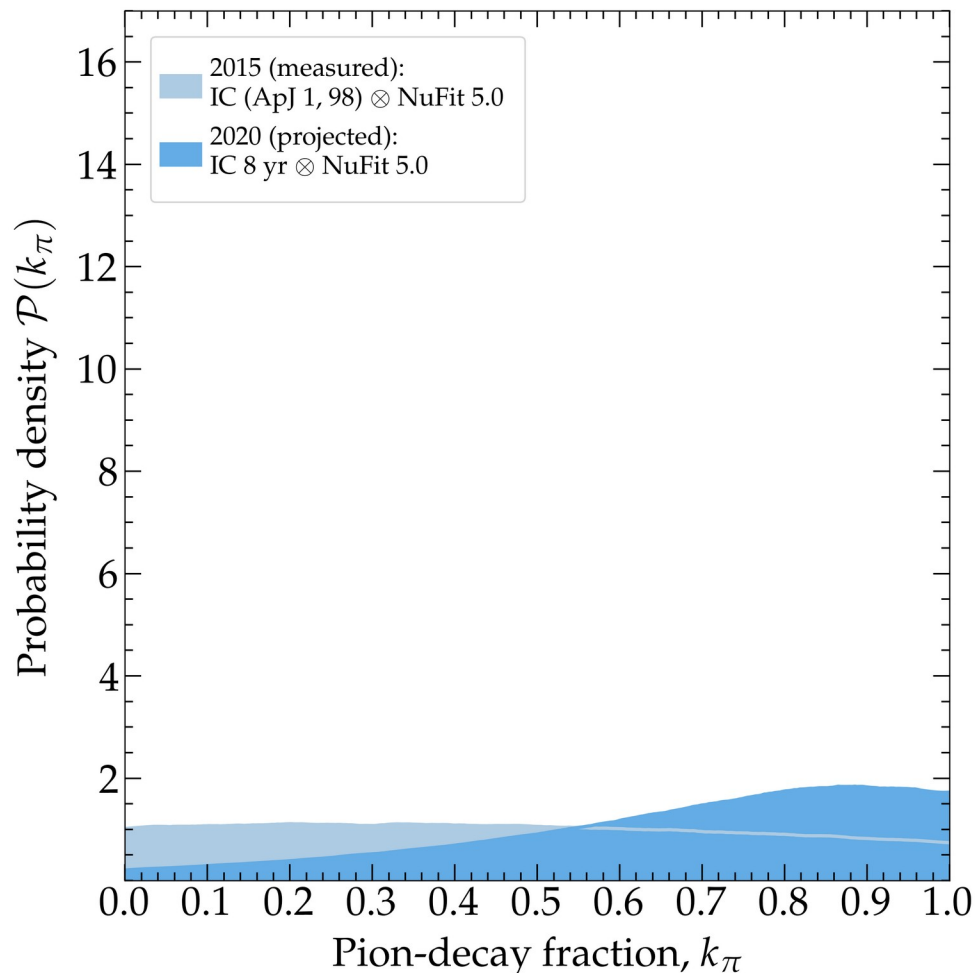
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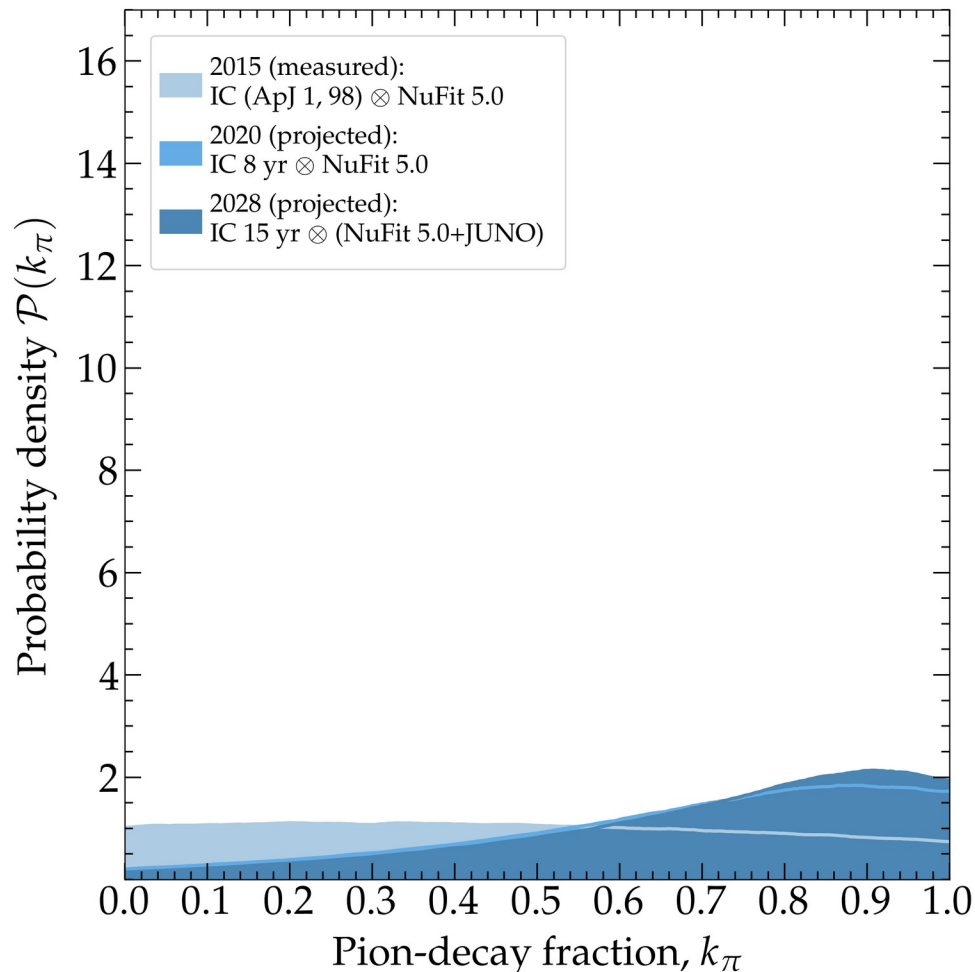
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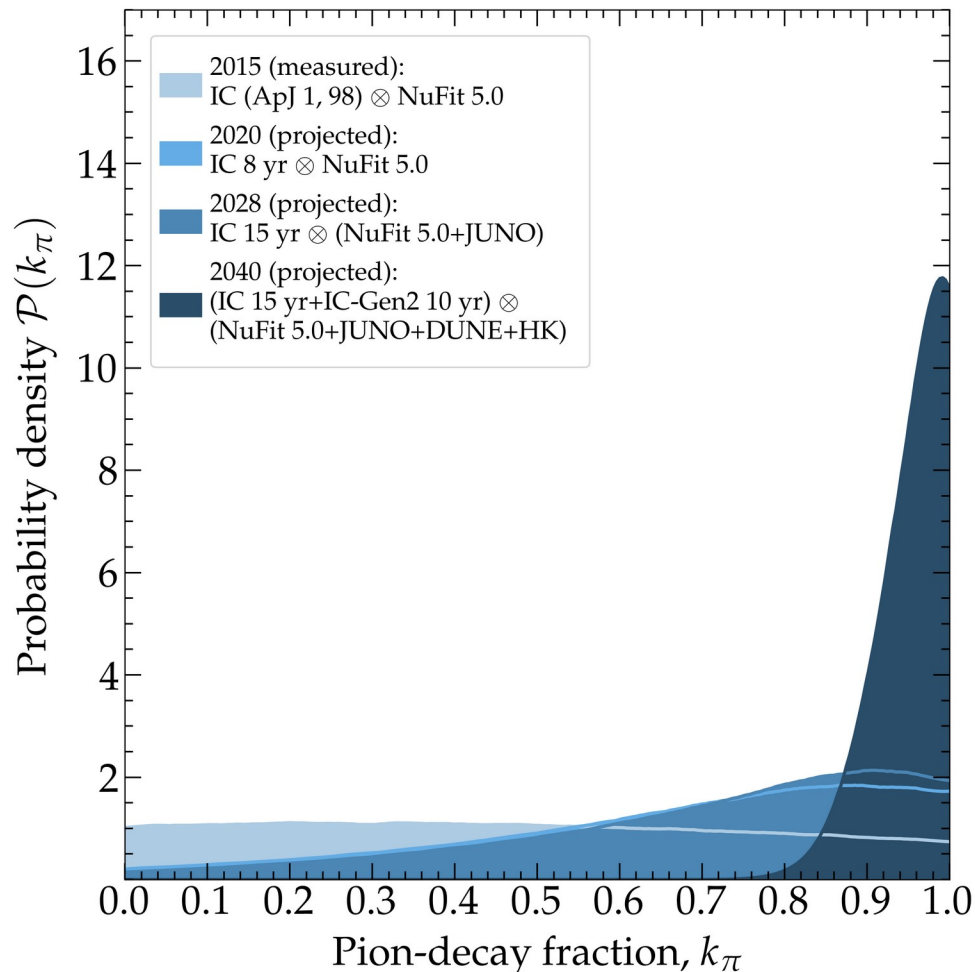
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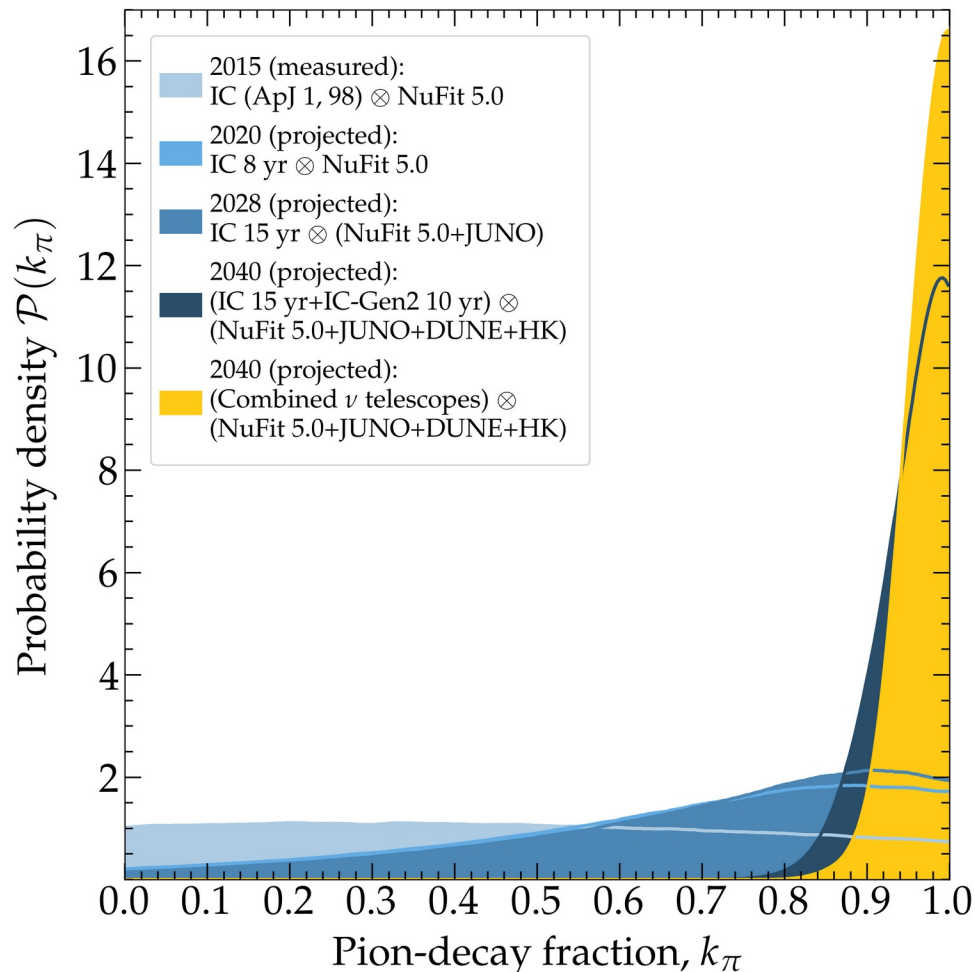
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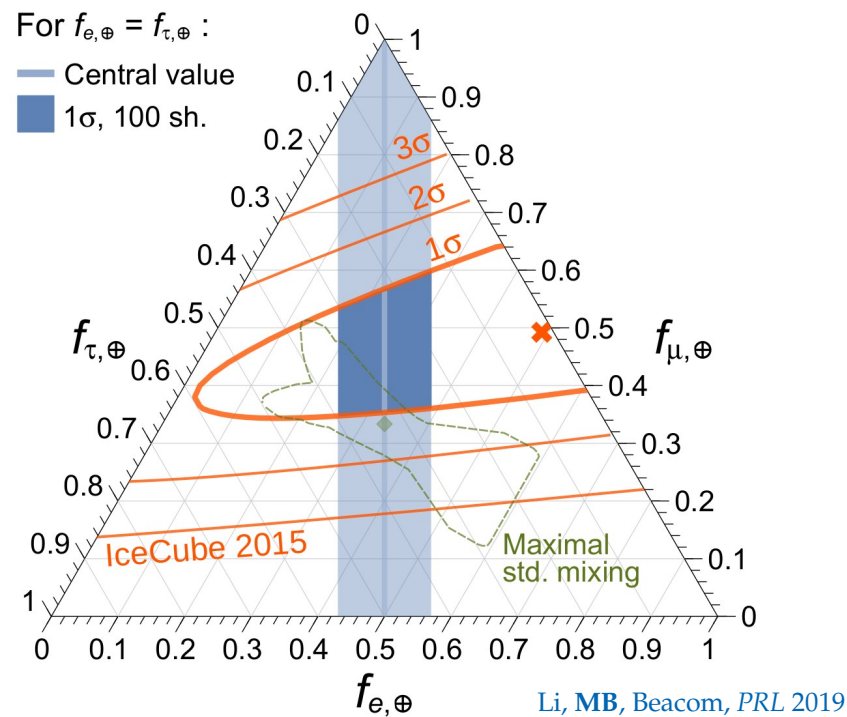
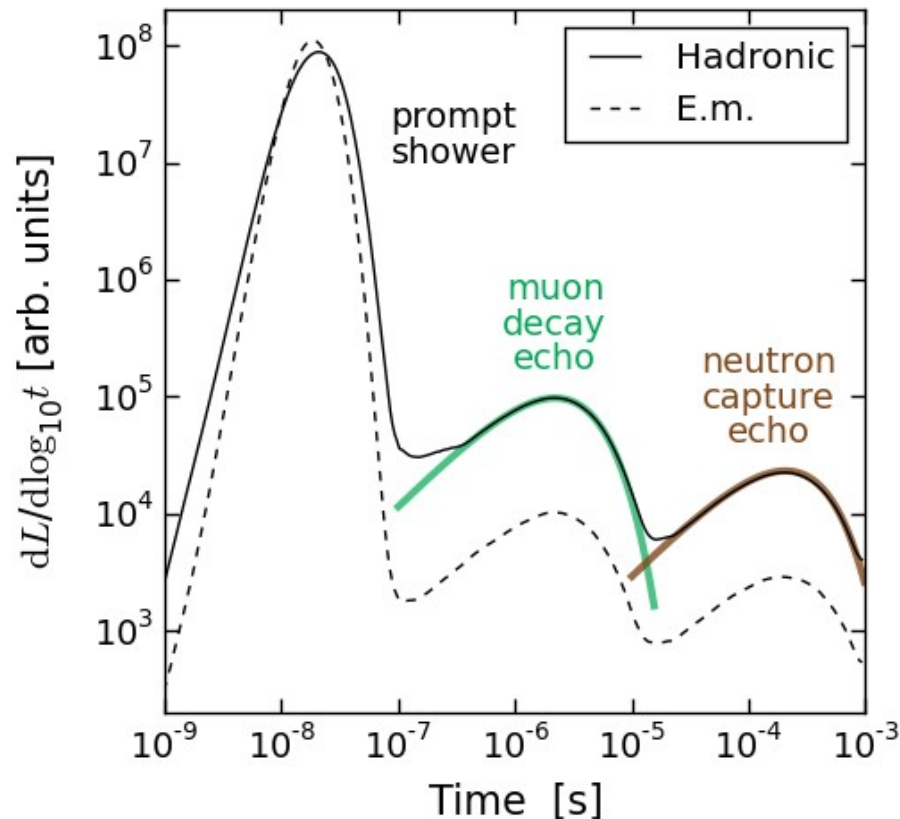
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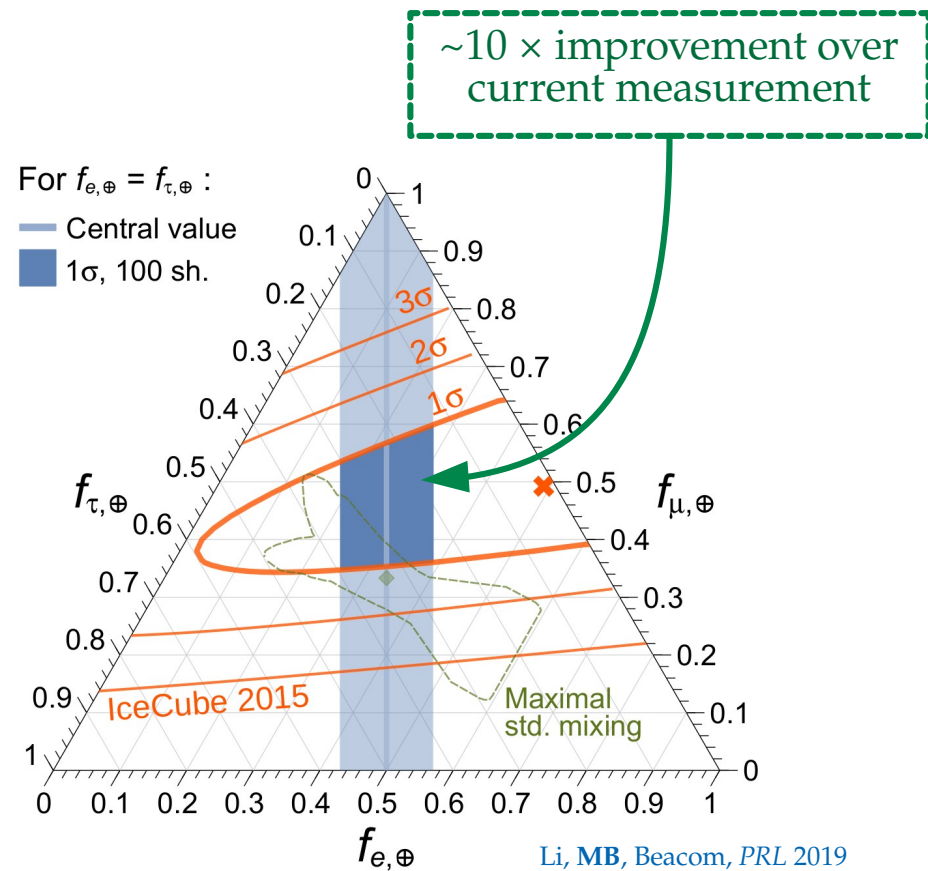
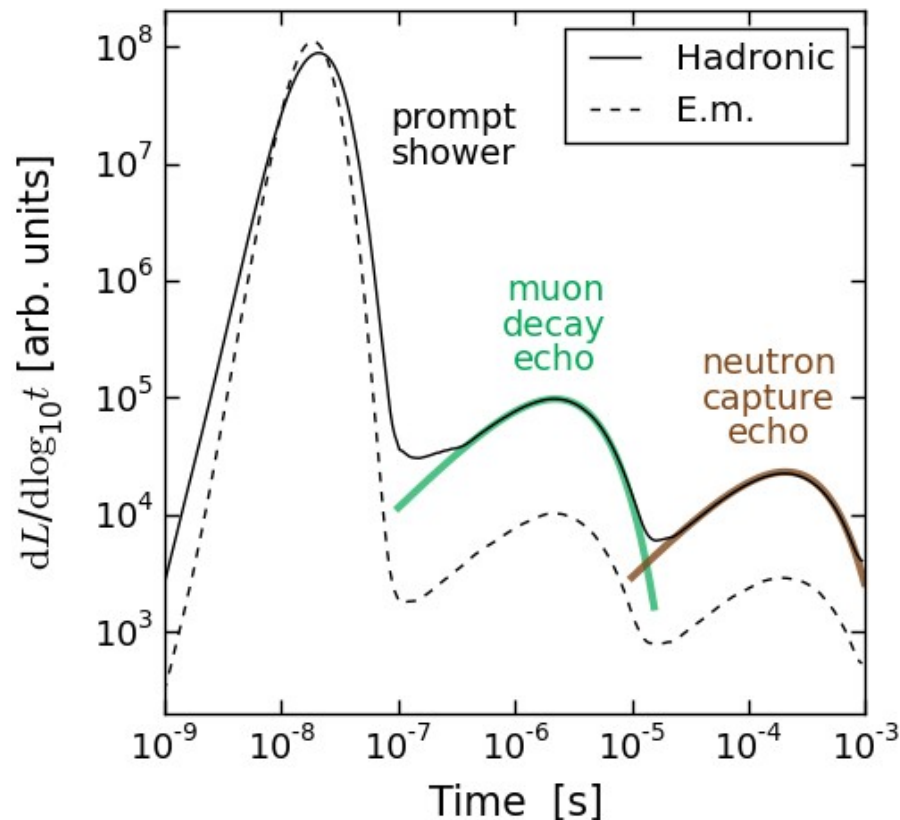
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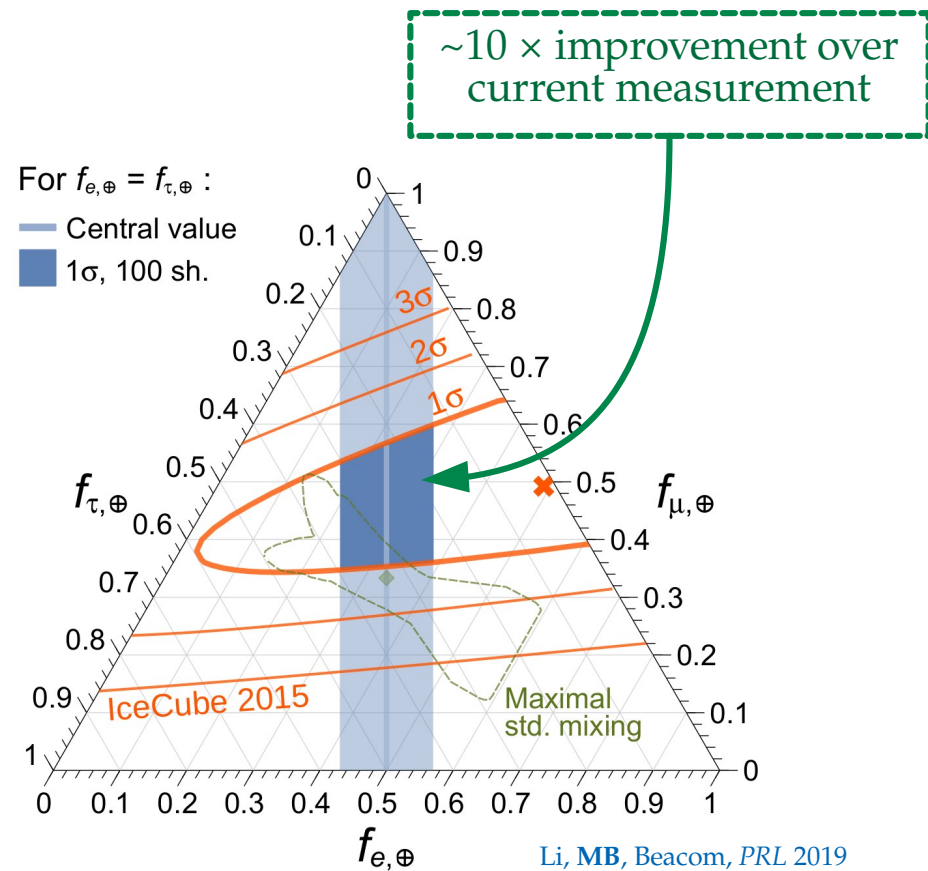
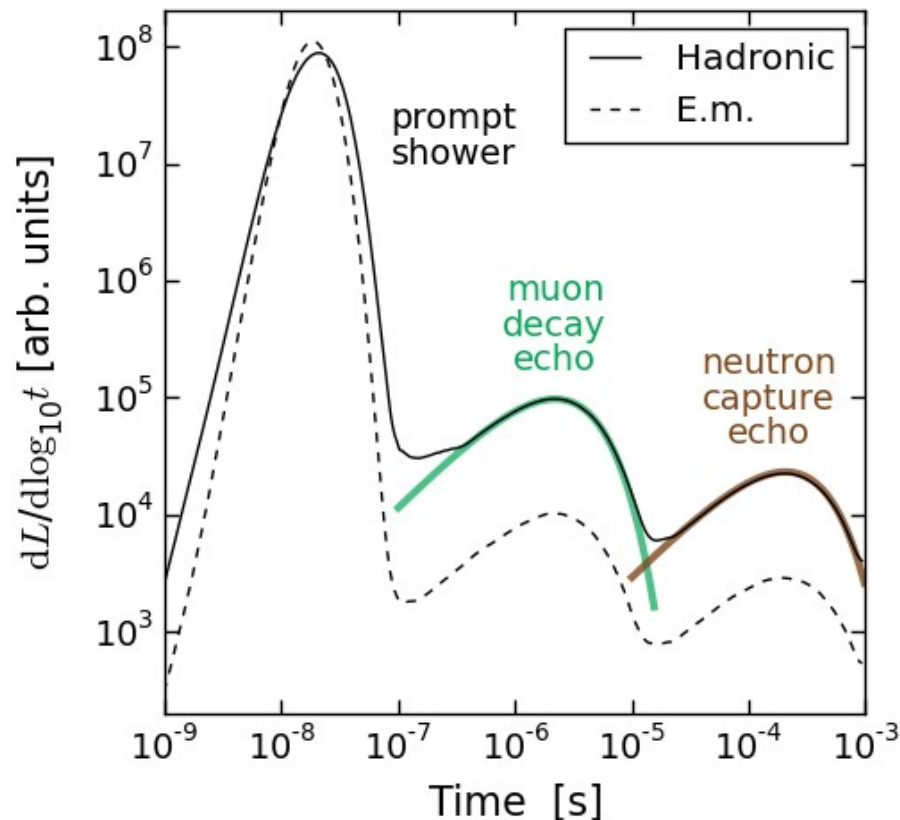
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