

# *Higher, further, faster:* neutrino physics at the cosmic and energy frontiers

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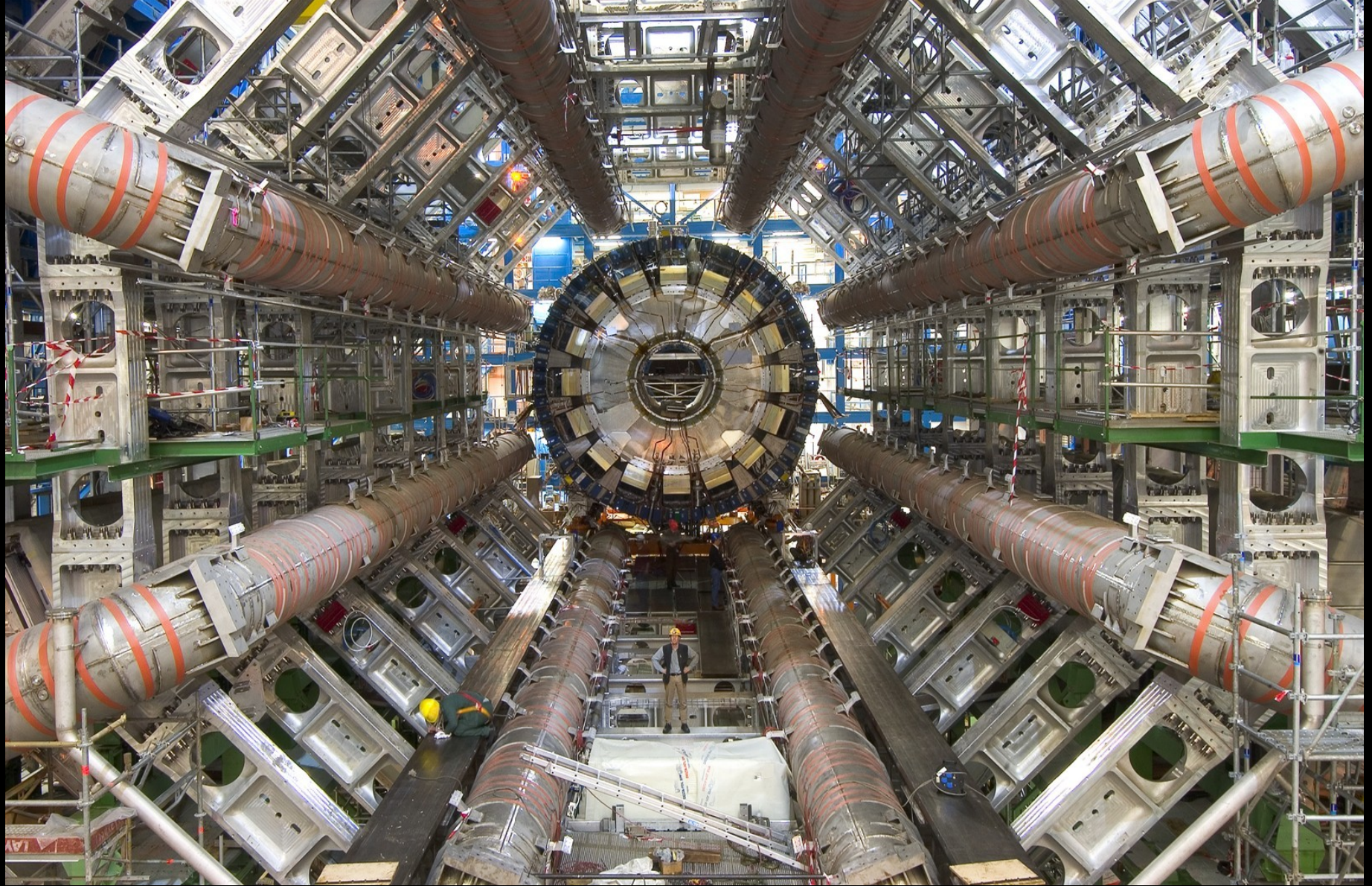
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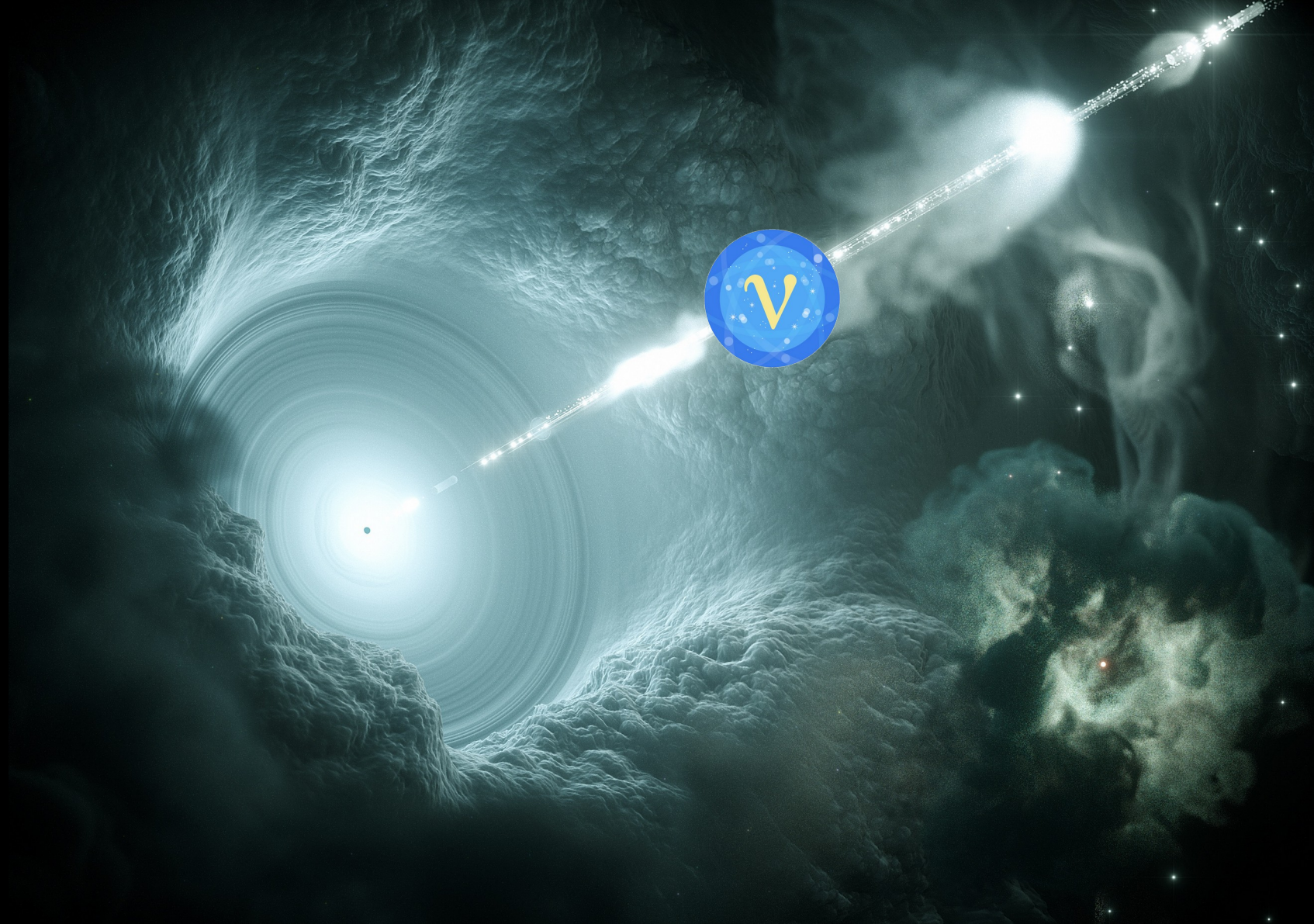














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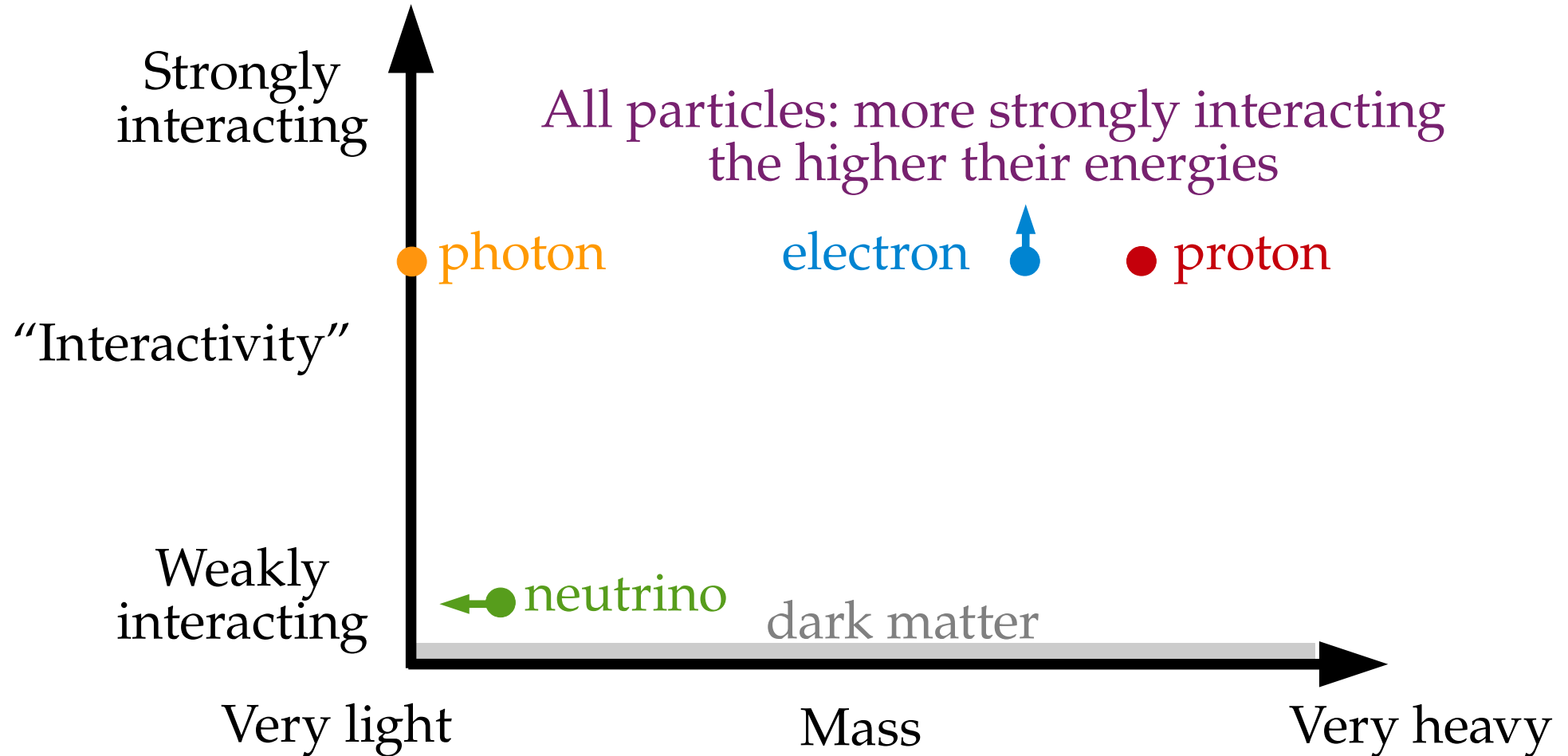
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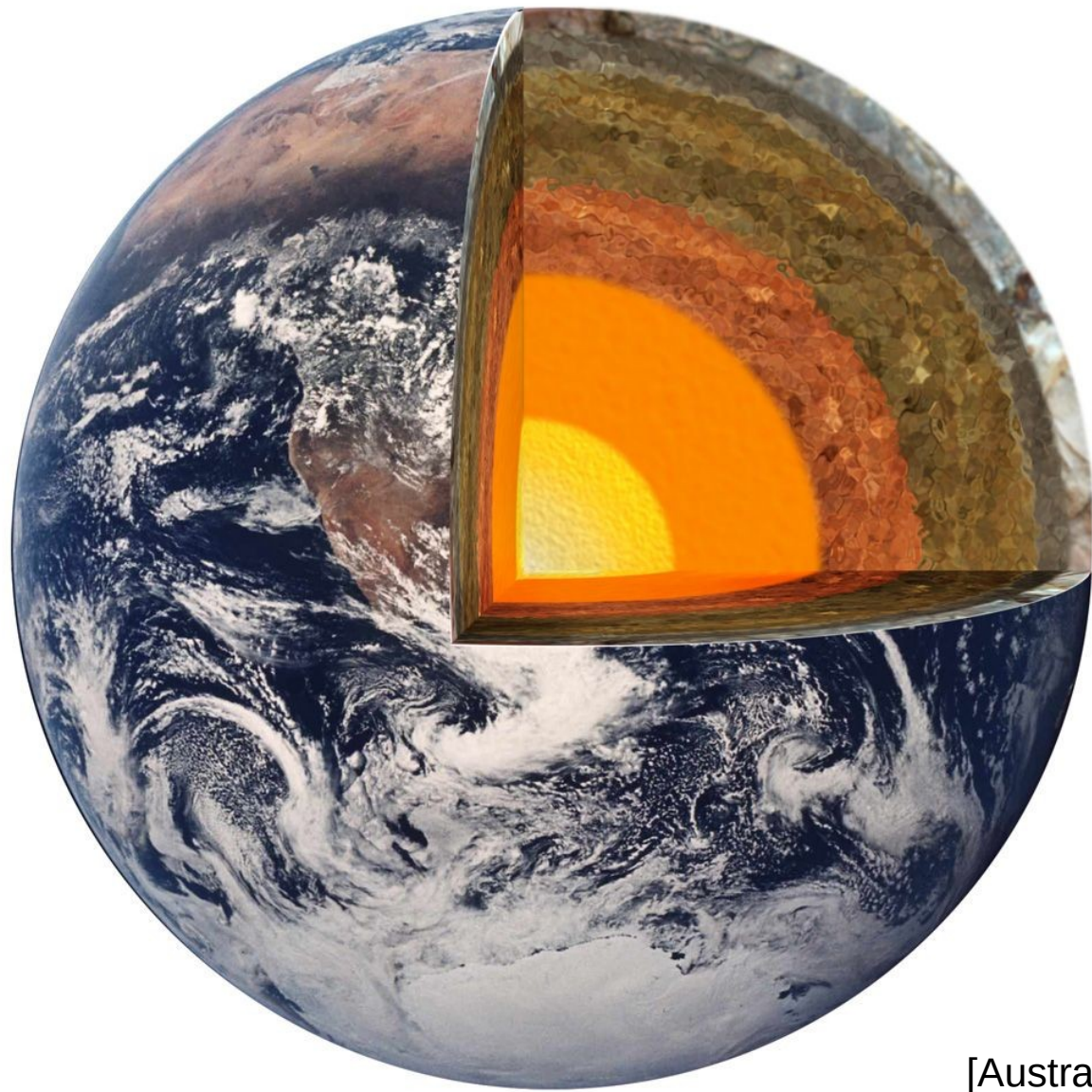






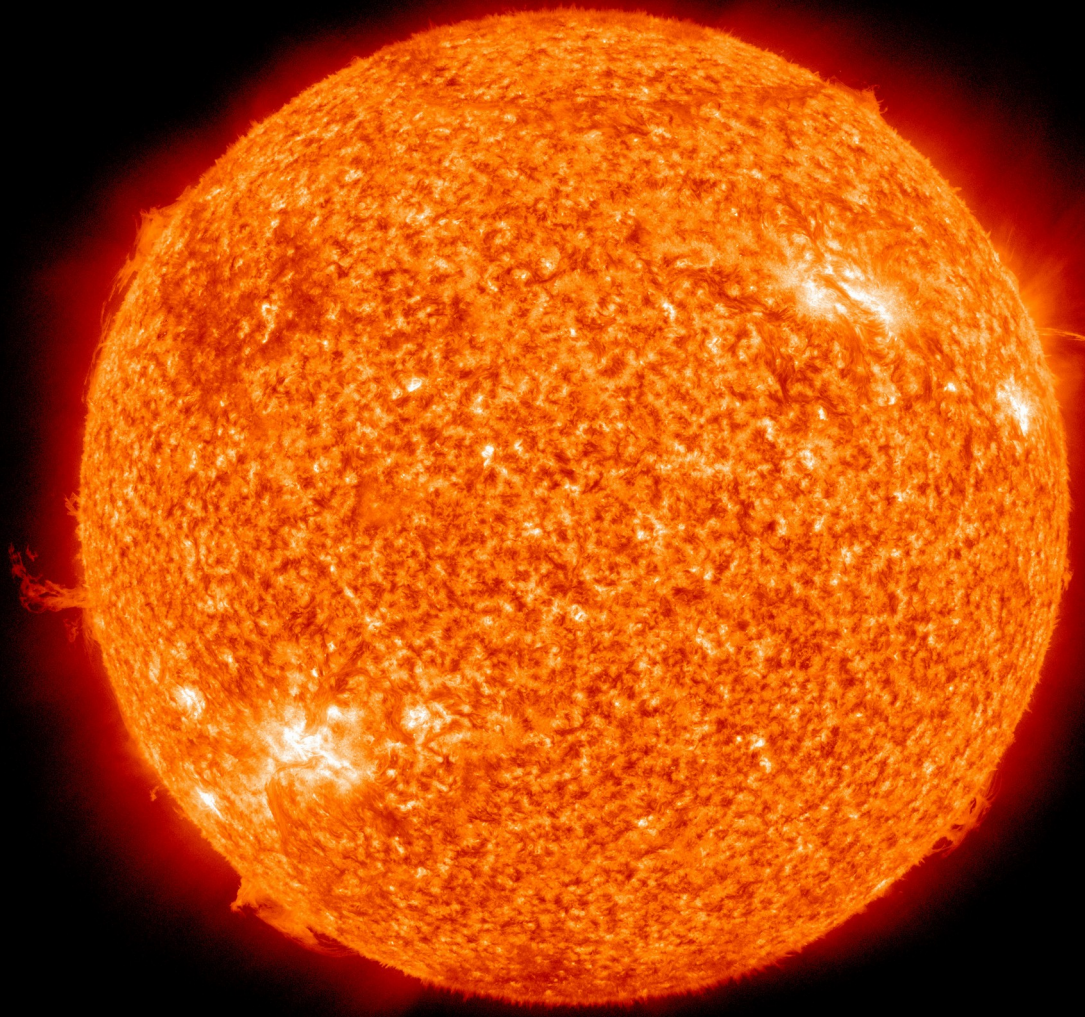
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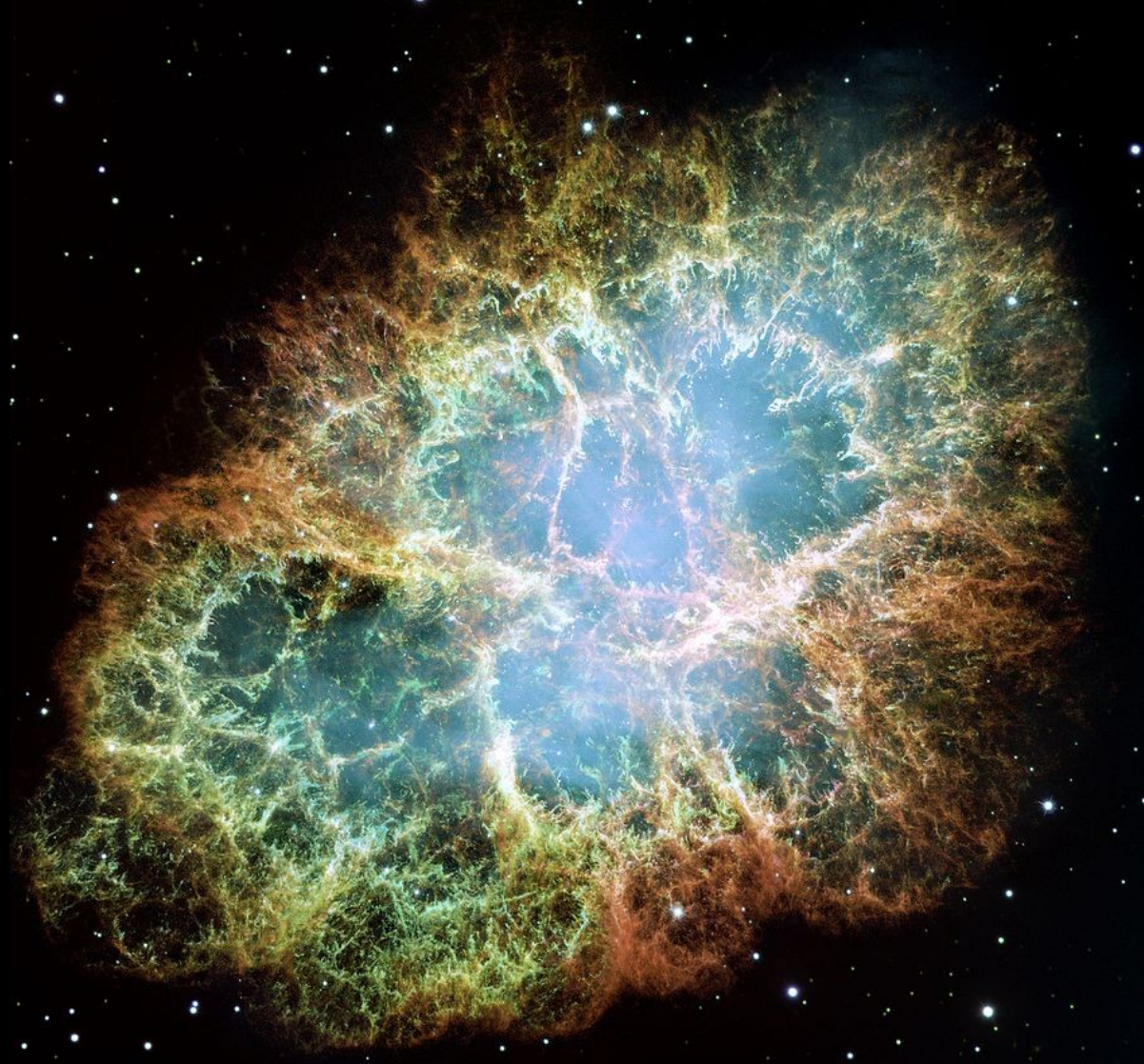


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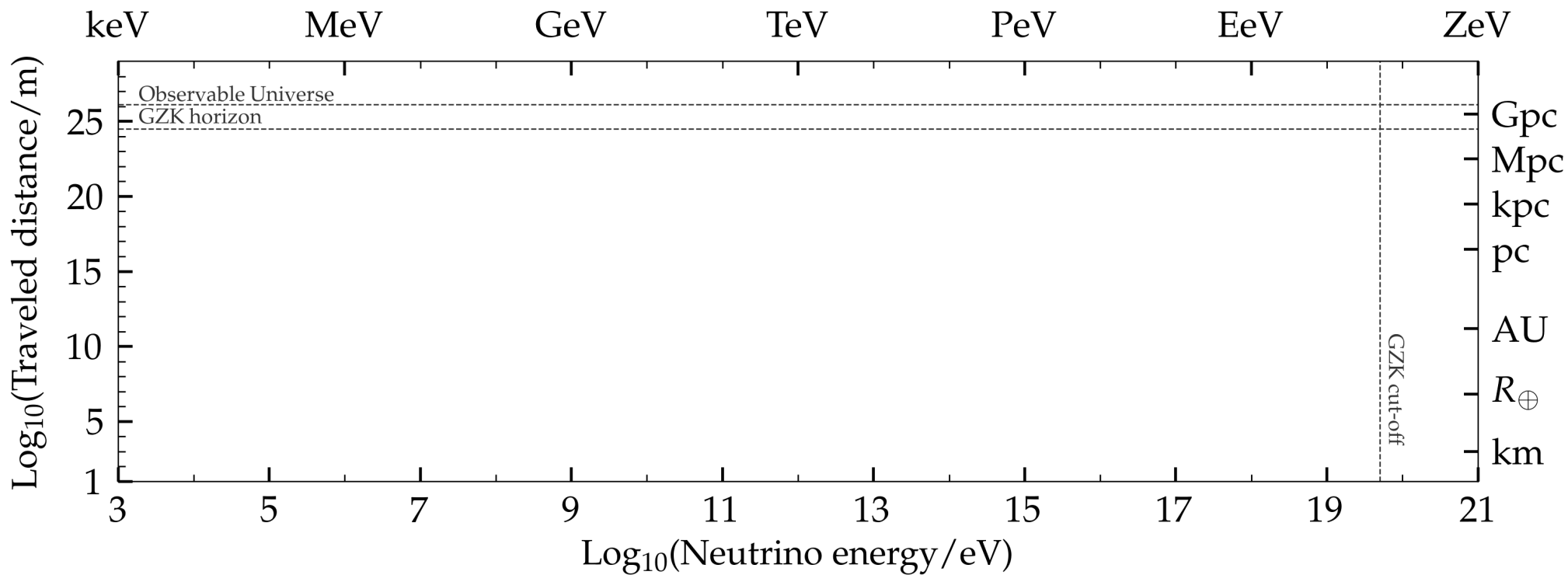
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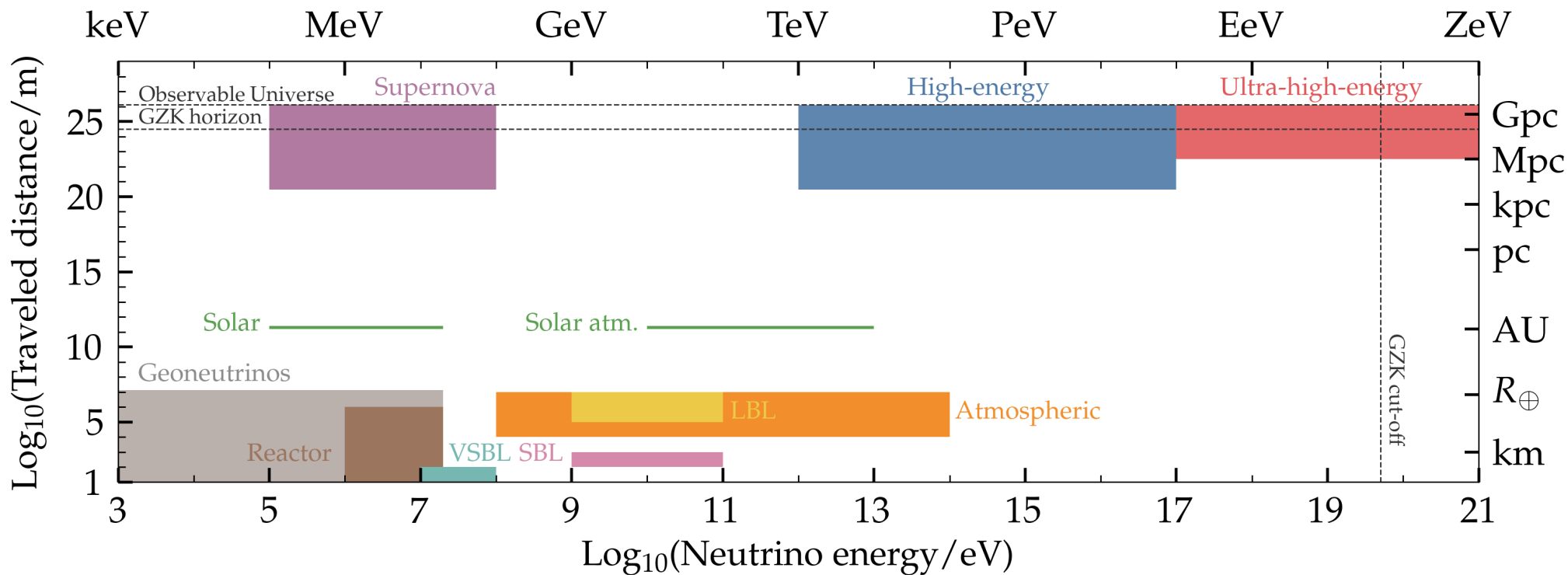
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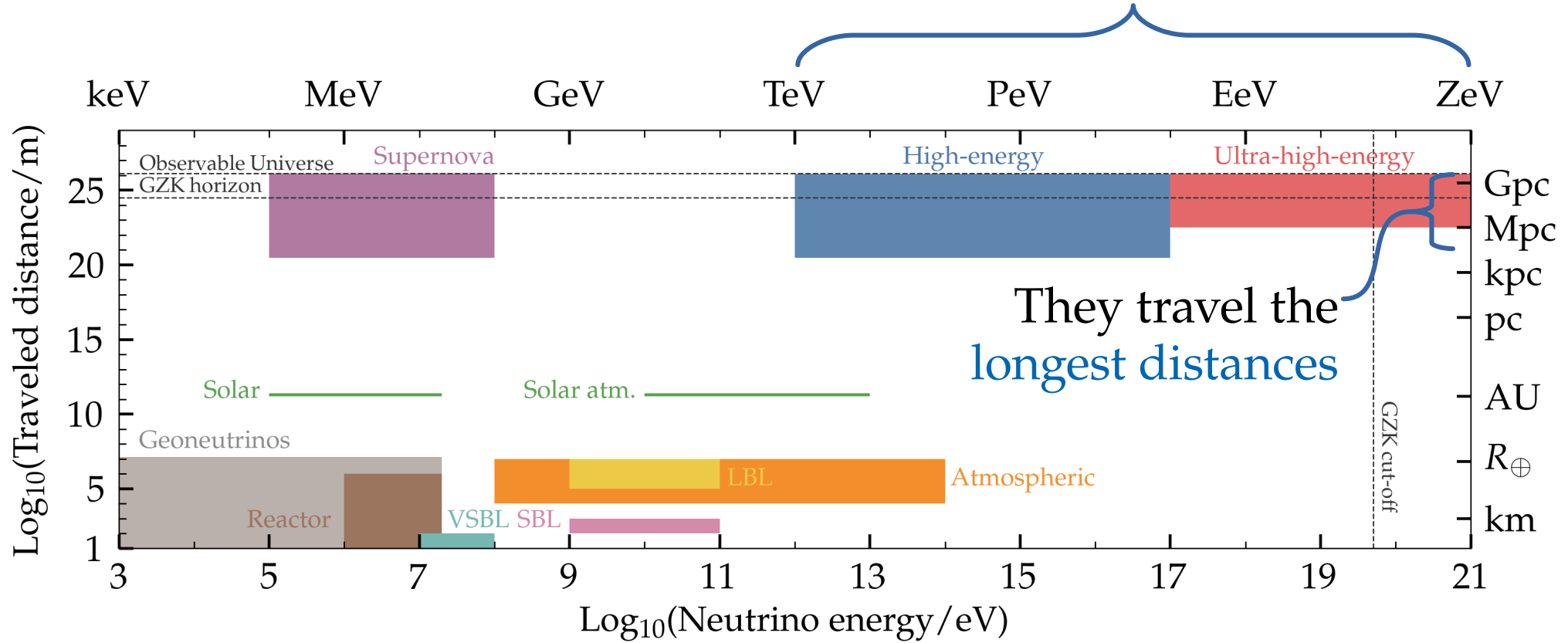


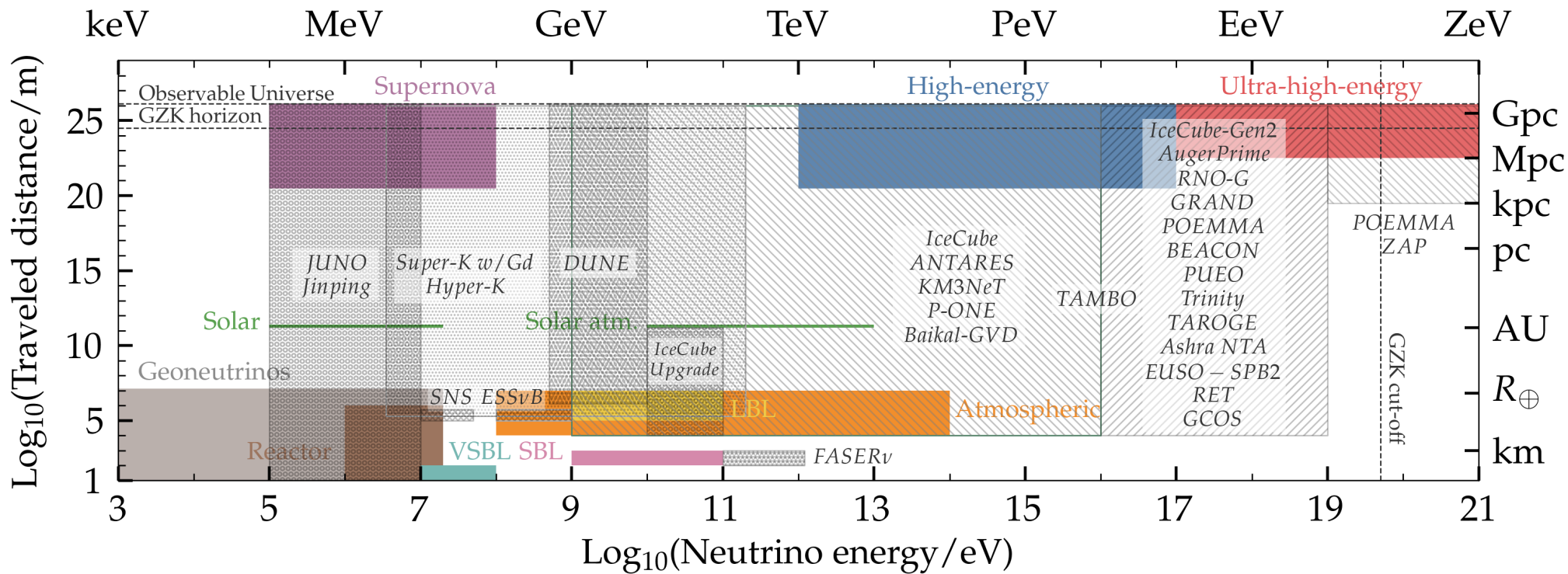




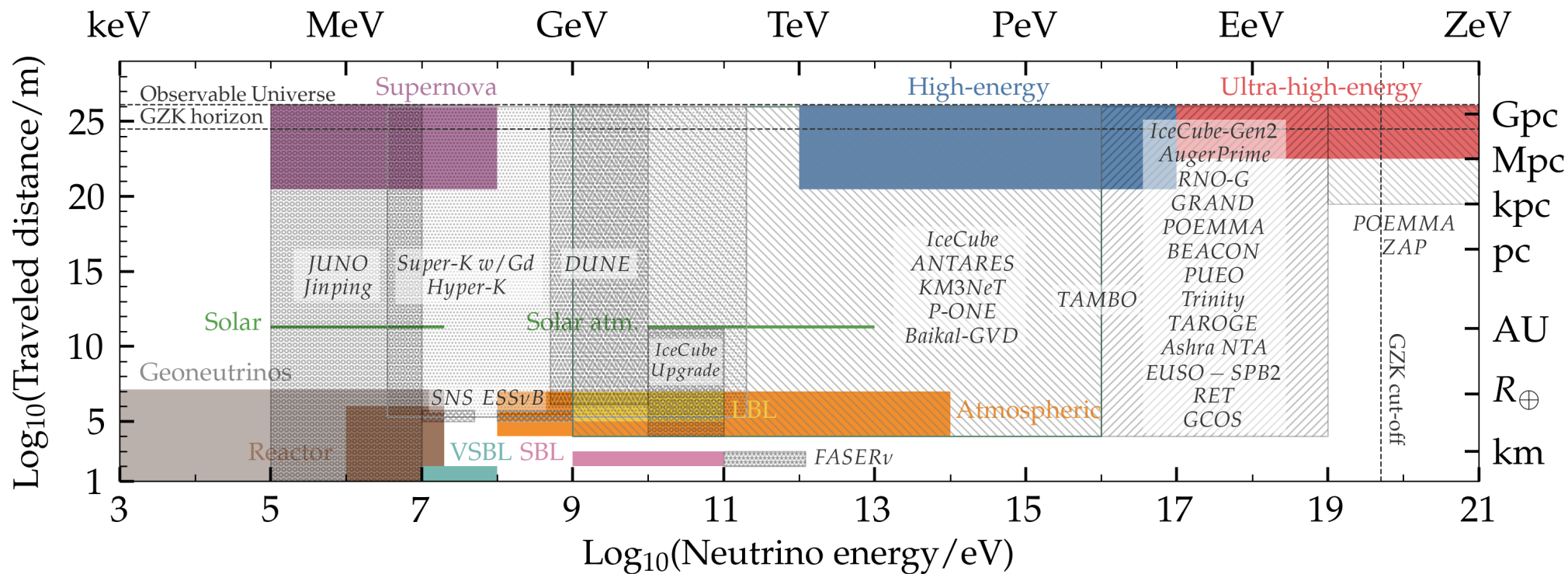


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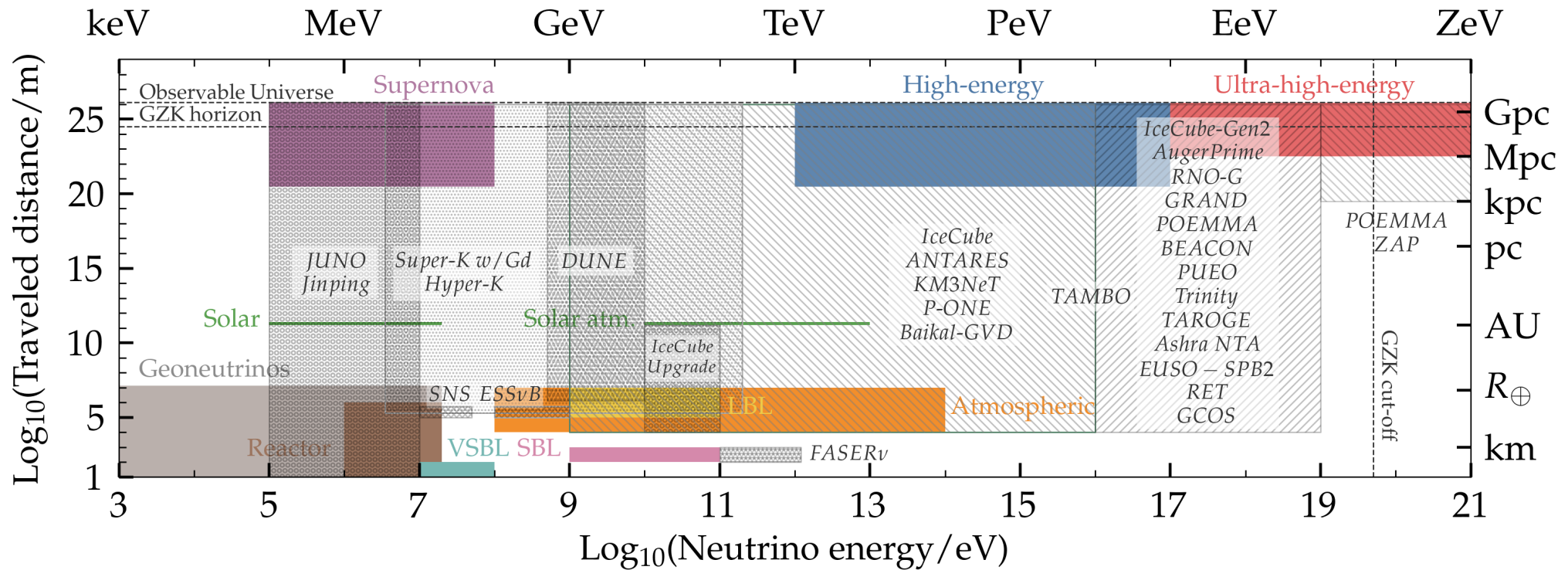






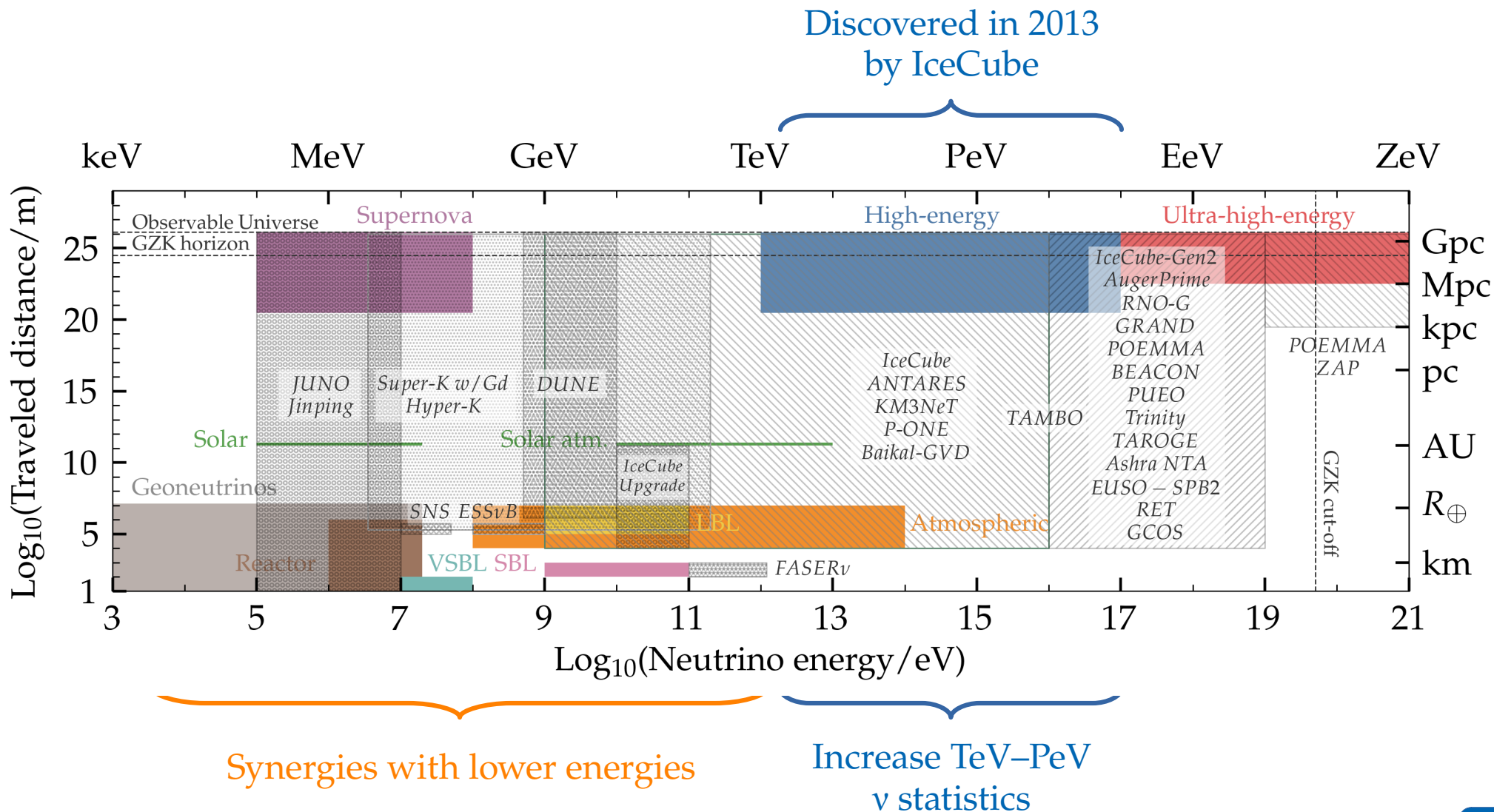
Synergies with lower energies

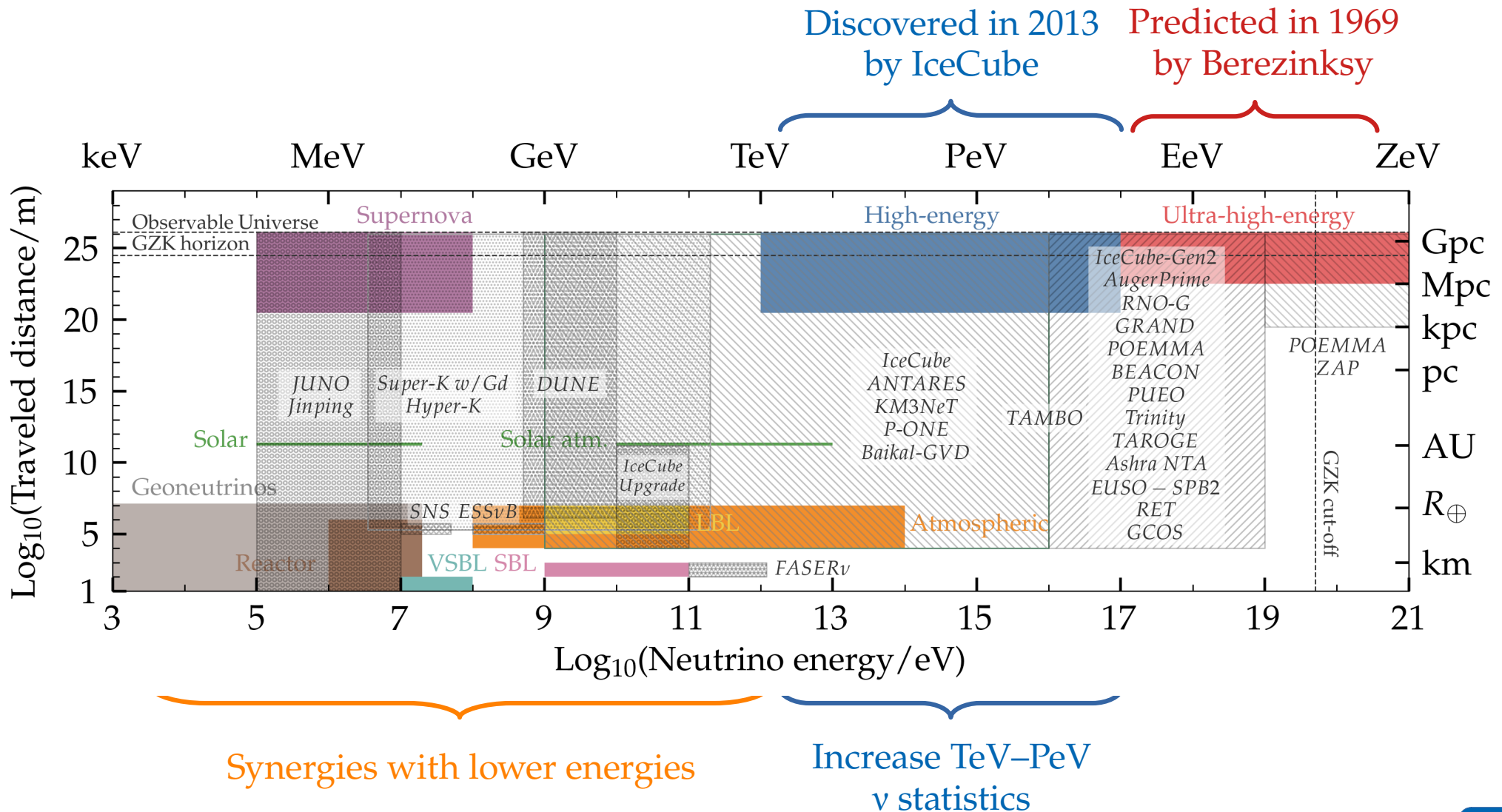
Discovered in 2013  
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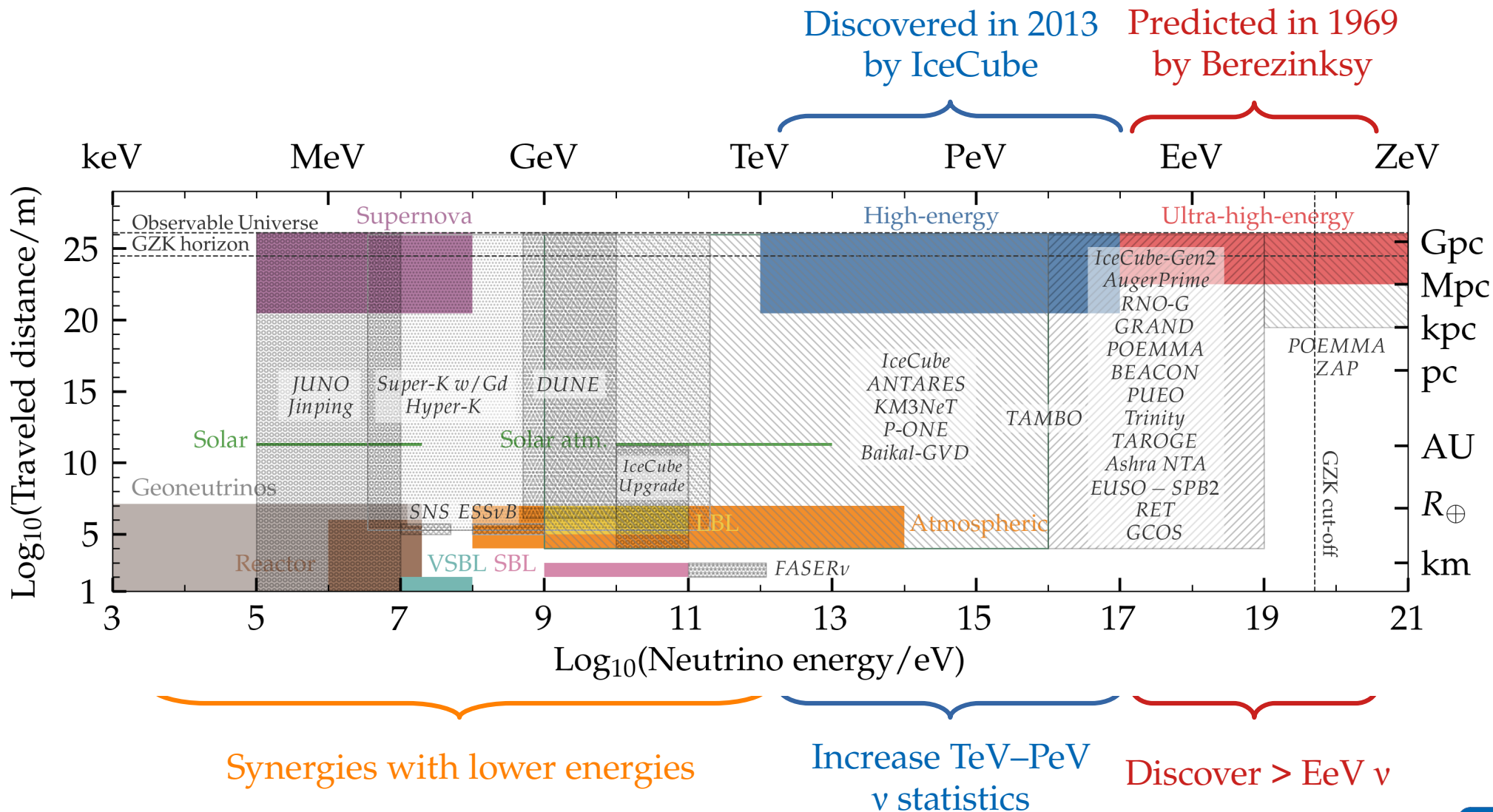
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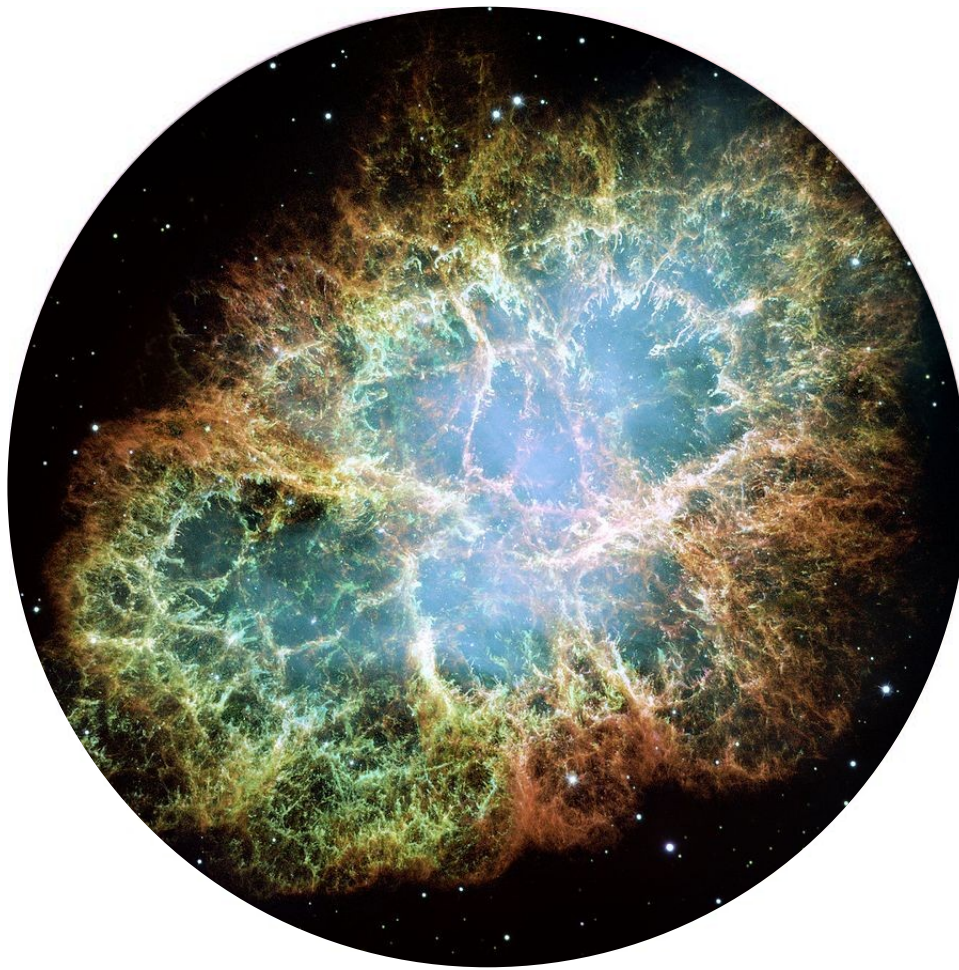
*Today*  
TeV–PeV  $\nu$

*Next decade*  
> 100-PeV  $\nu$





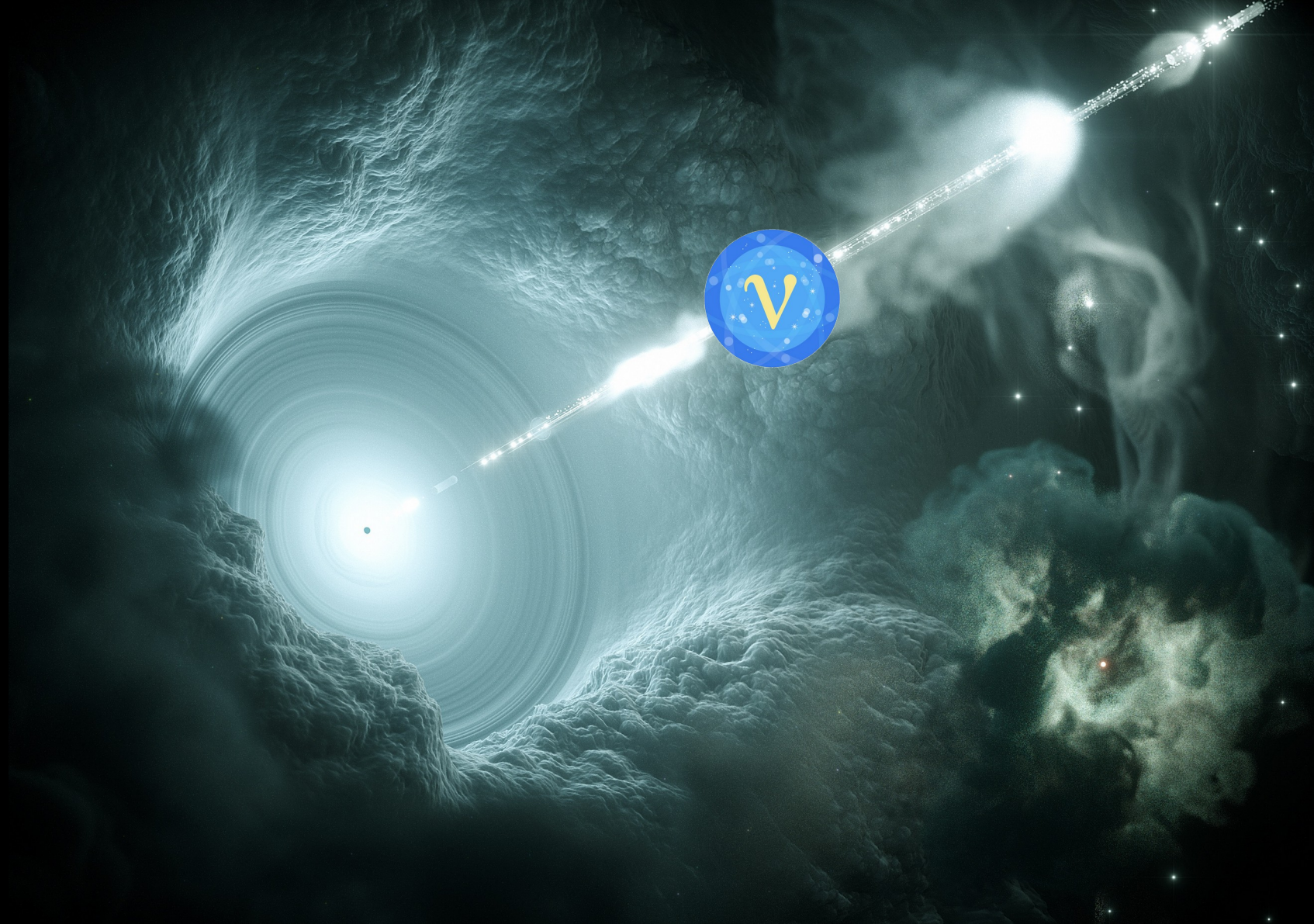




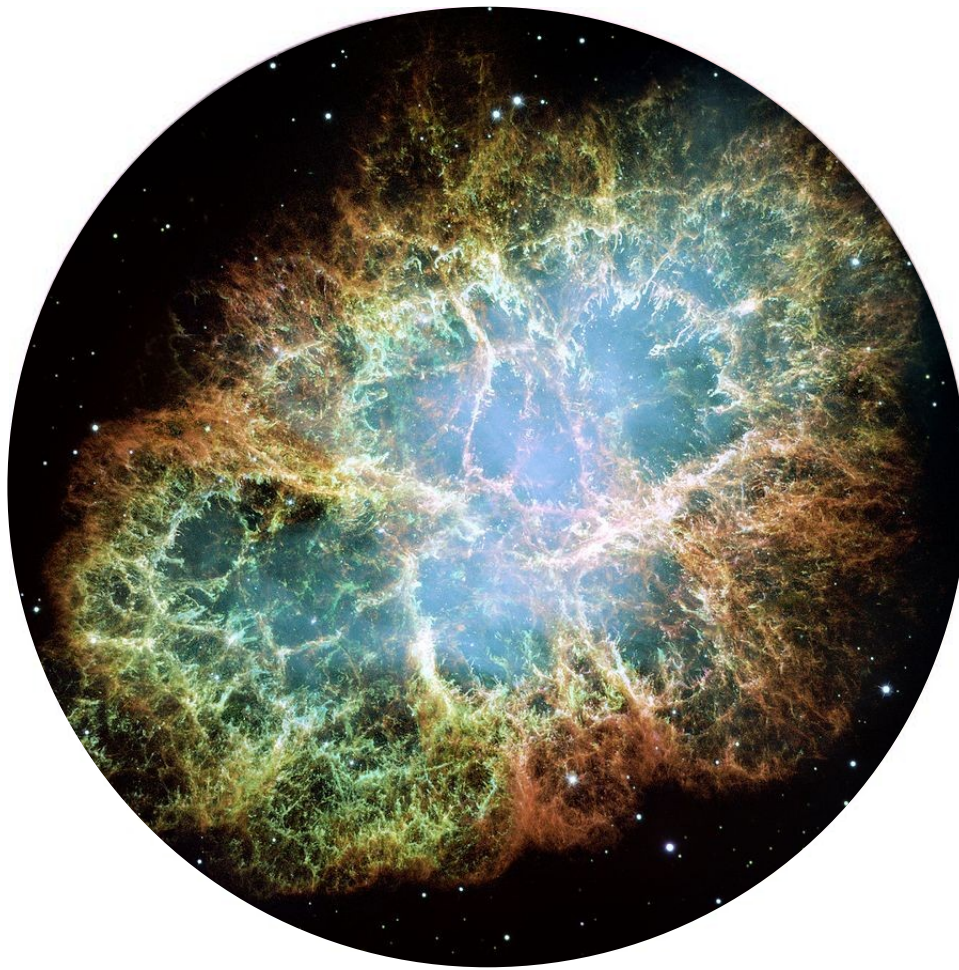




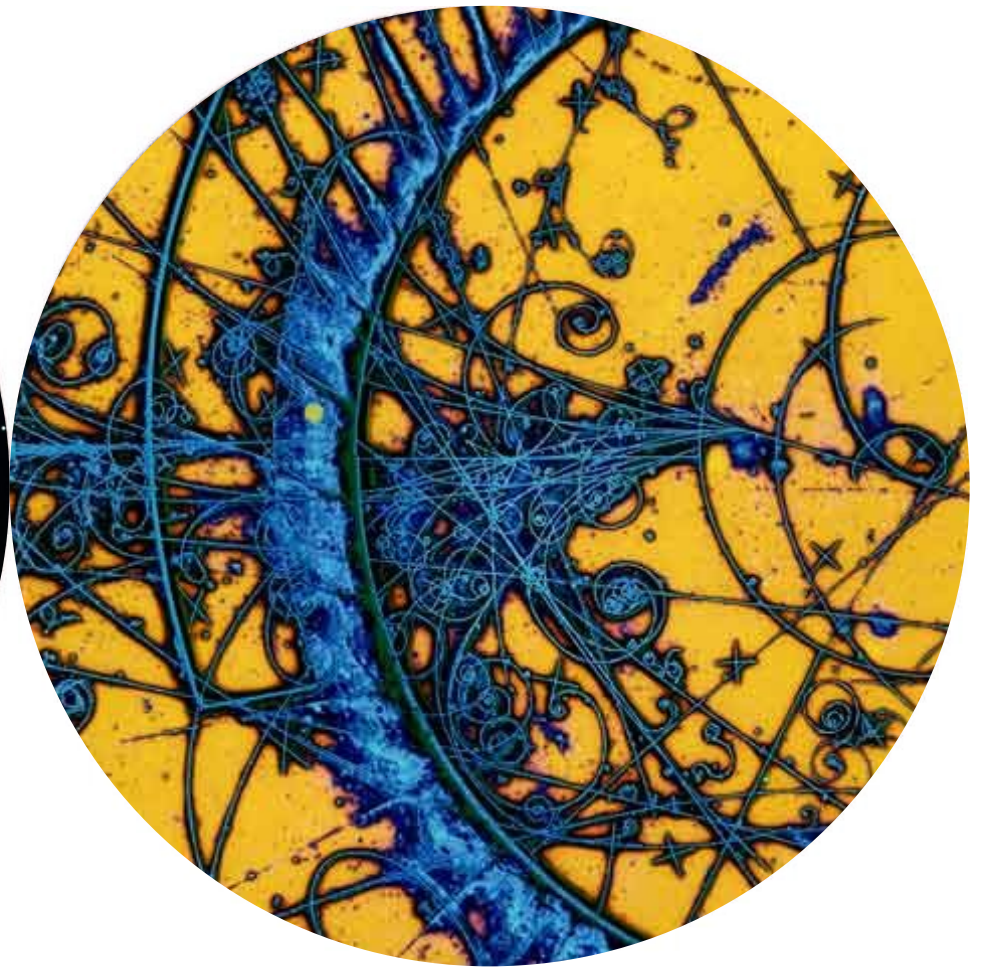








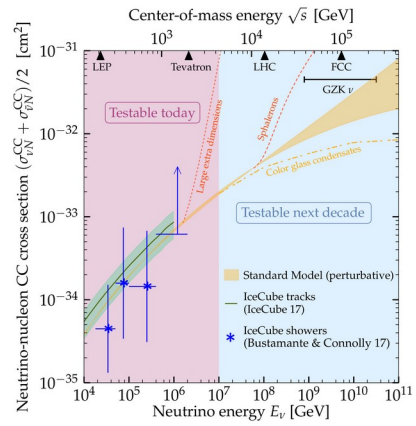






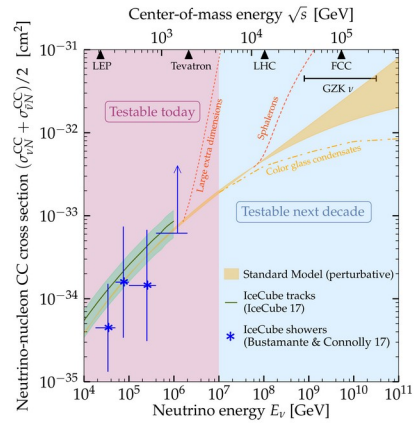


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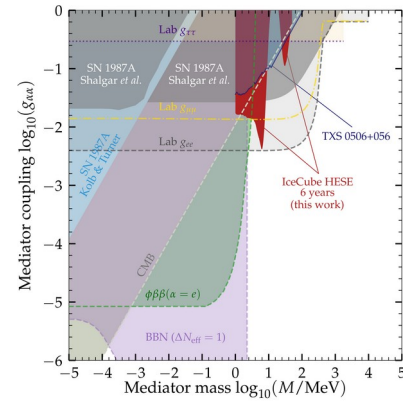
MB & Connolly, *PRL* 2019

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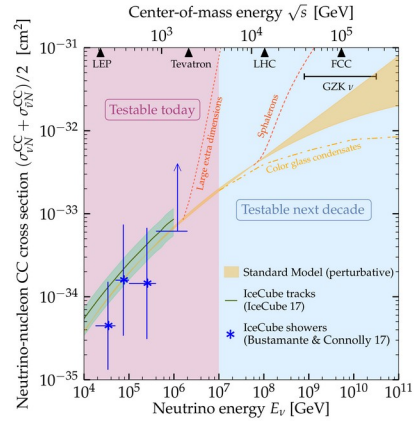
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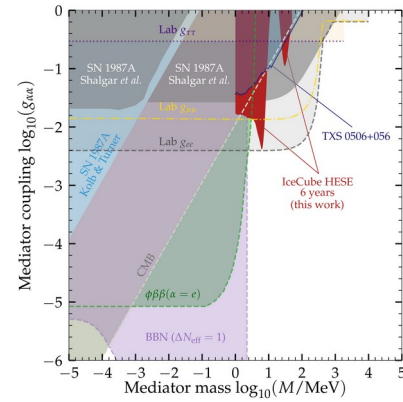


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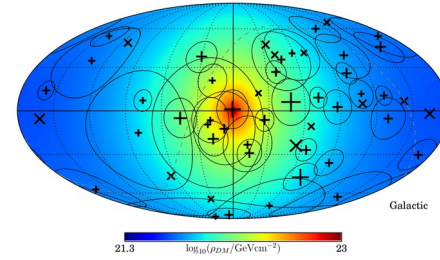
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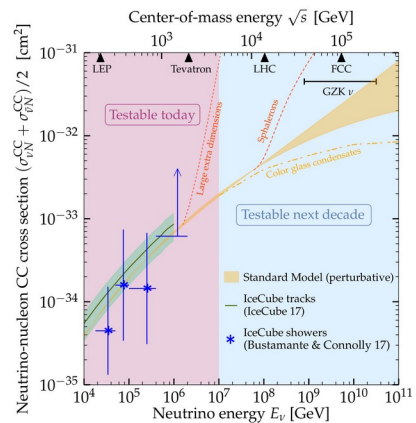
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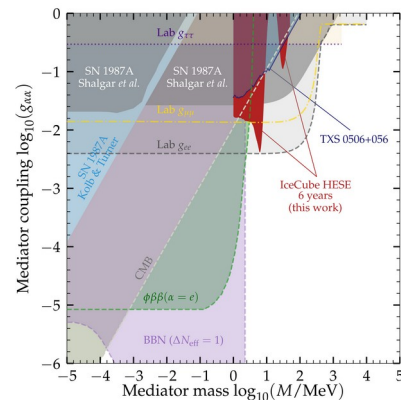
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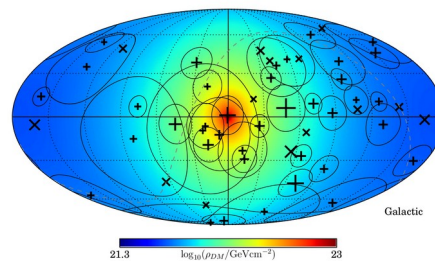
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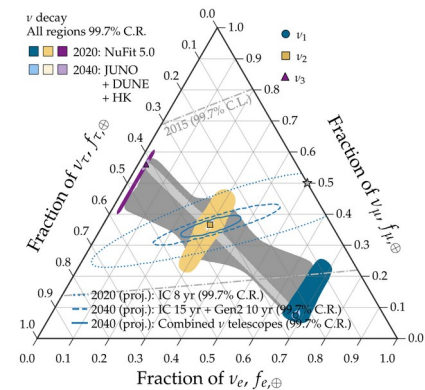
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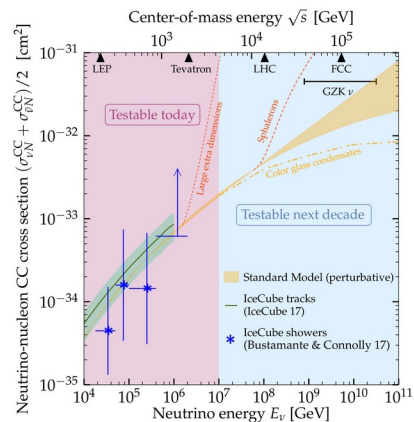
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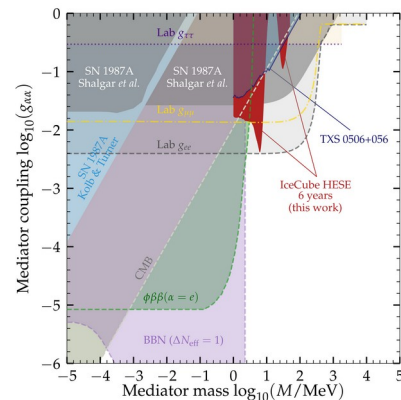
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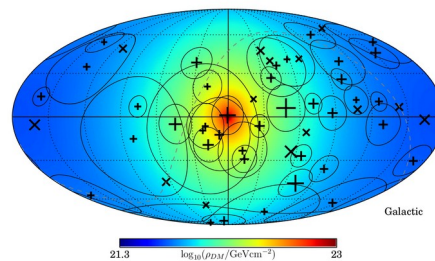
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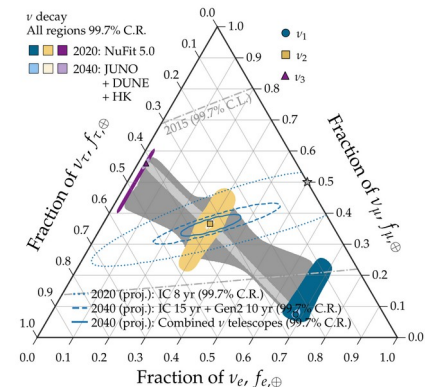
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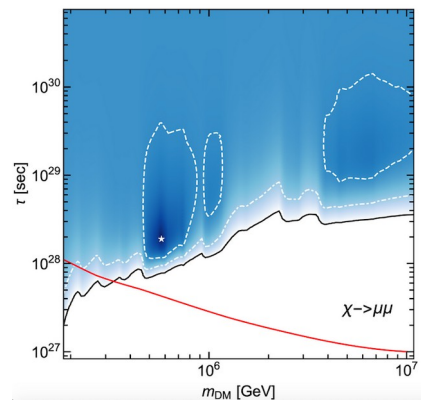
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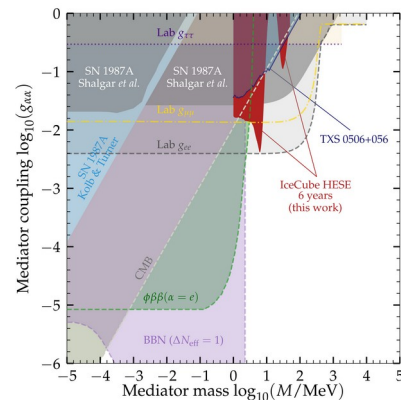
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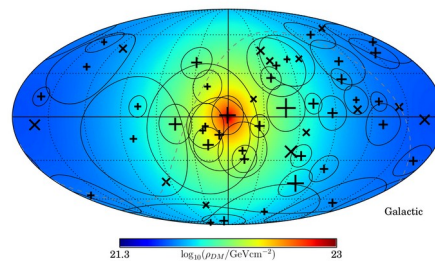
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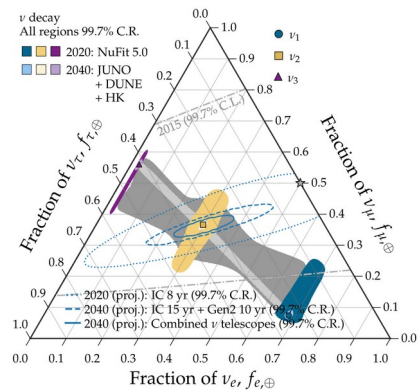
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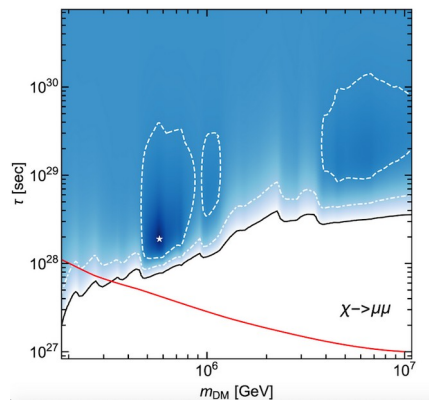
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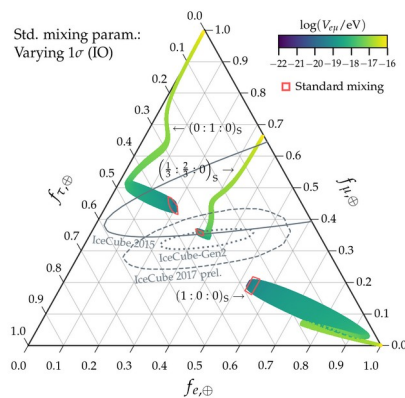
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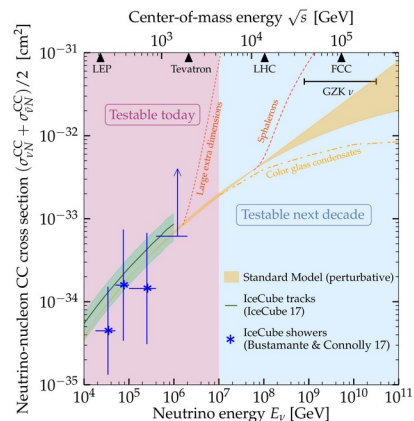


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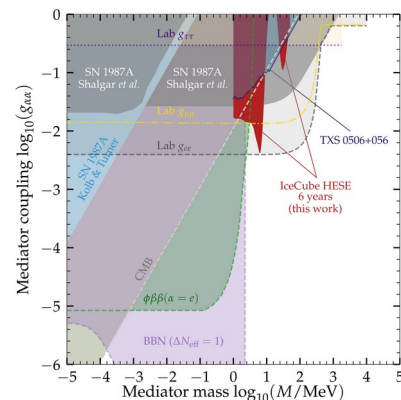
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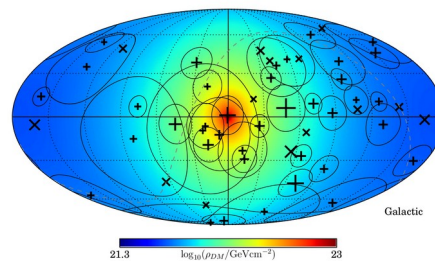
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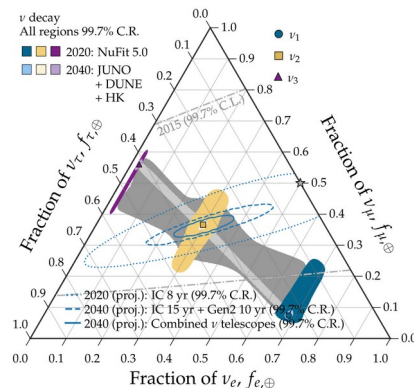
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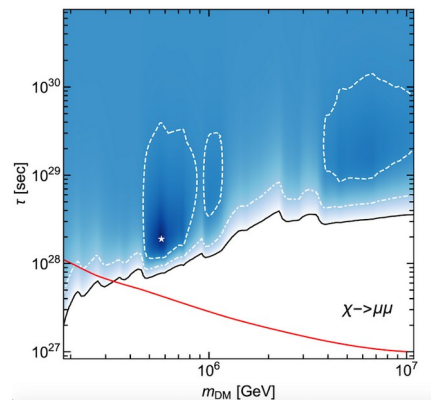
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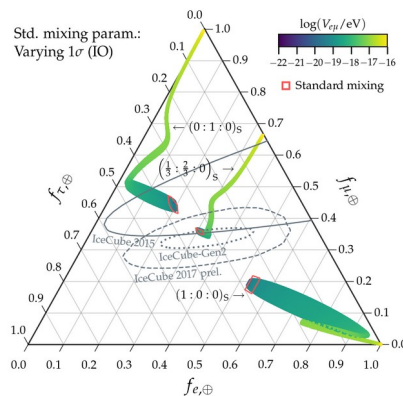
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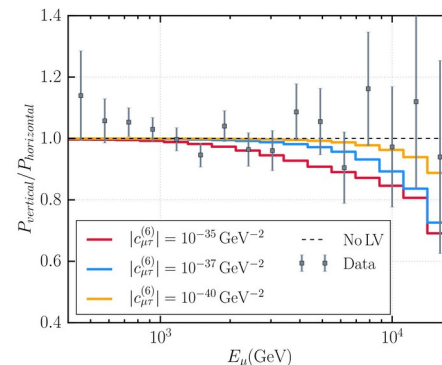
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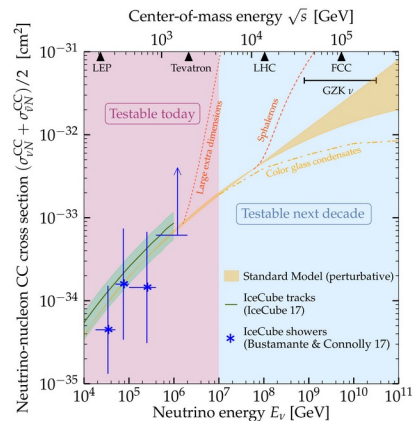
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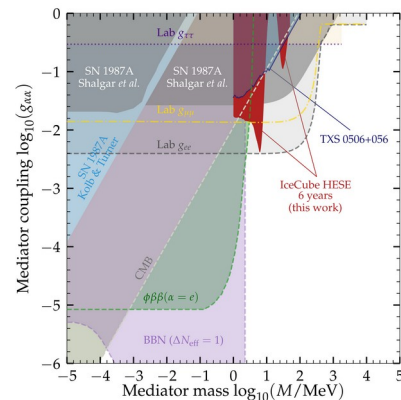
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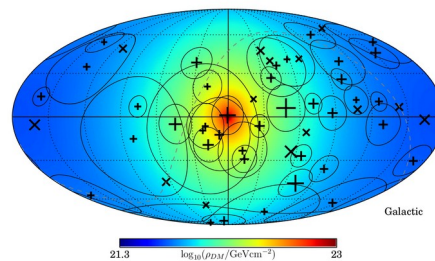
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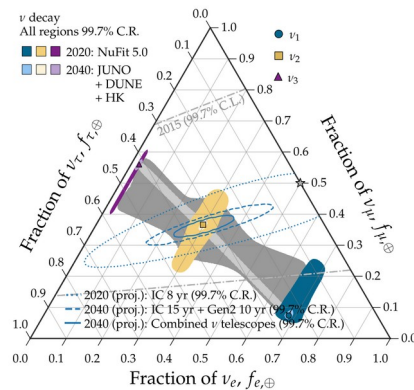
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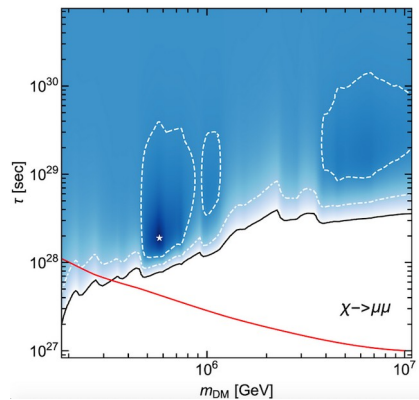
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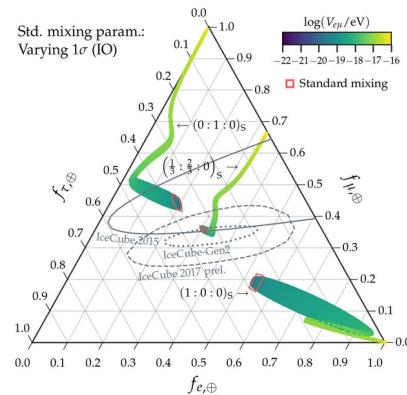
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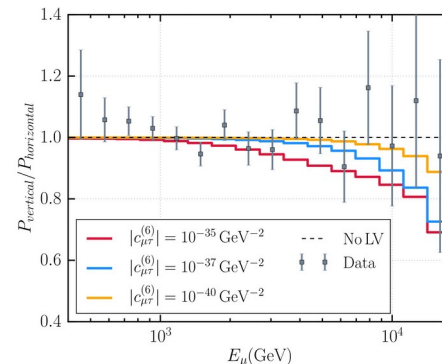
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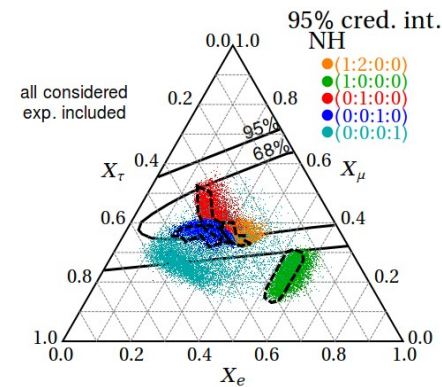
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# High-energy cosmic neutrinos: *Basics and current status*



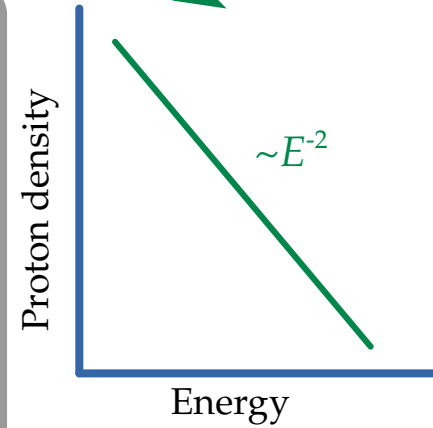
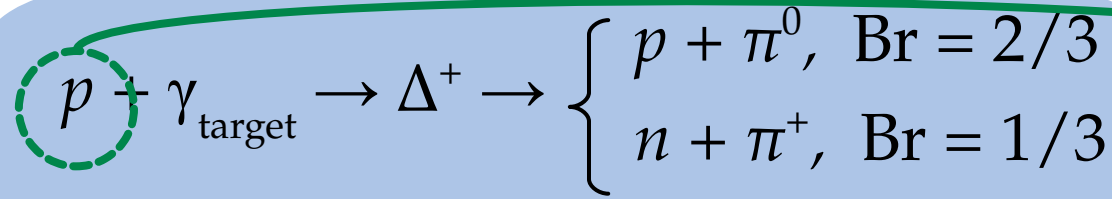
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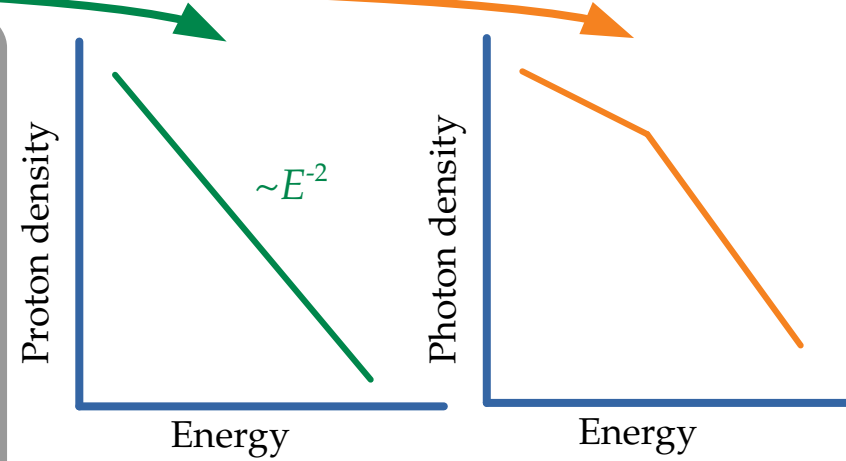
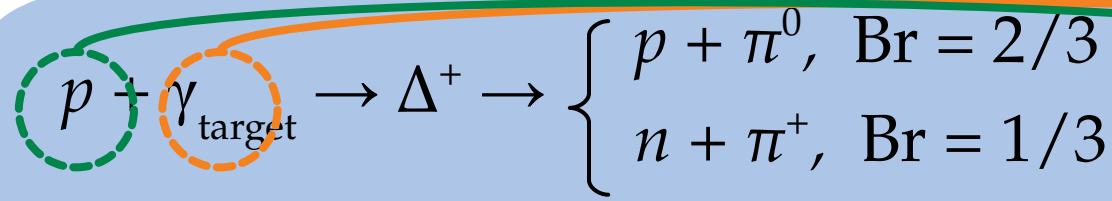
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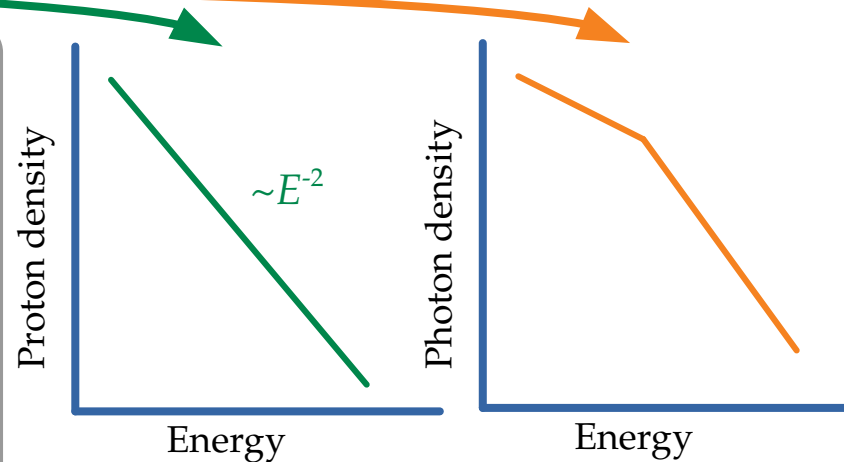
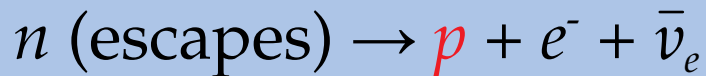
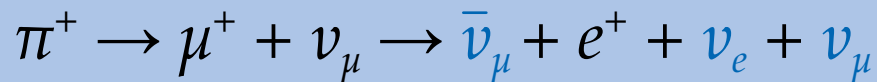
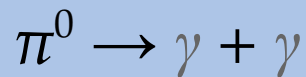
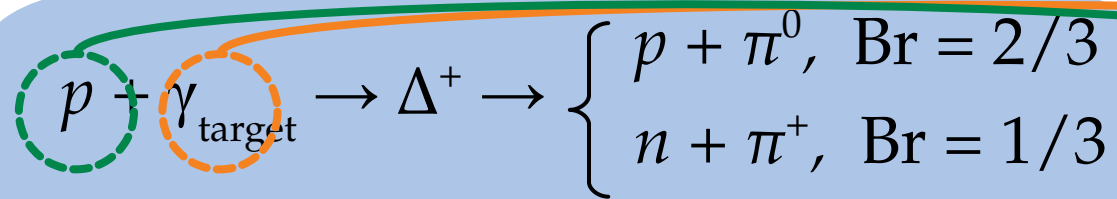
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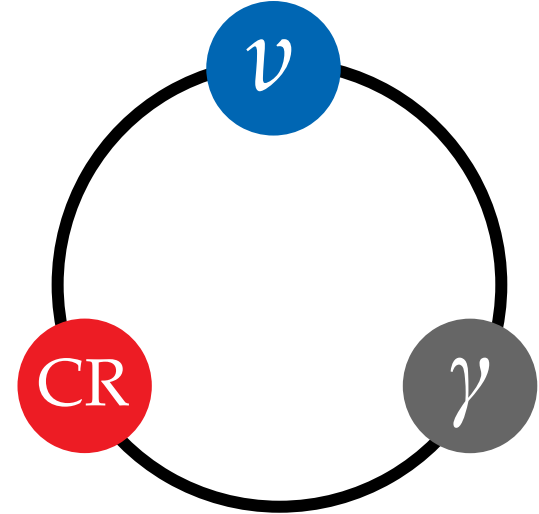
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$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_\mu + e^+ + \nu_e + \nu_\mu$$

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



Neutrino energy = Proton energy / 20

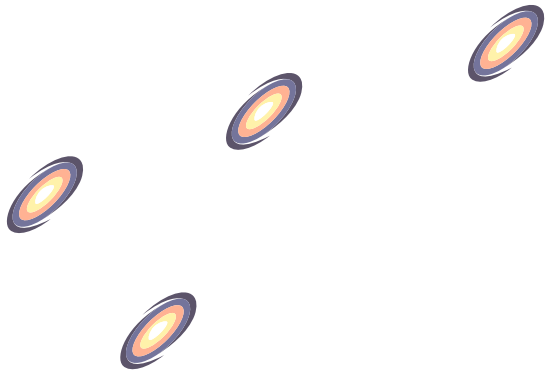
Gamma-ray energy = Proton energy / 10

Redshift



$z = 0$

*Note: v sources can be steady-state or transient*





Redshift

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Discovered

MeV  $\gamma$

PeV  $p$

TeV–PeV  $\nu$

“High-energy”

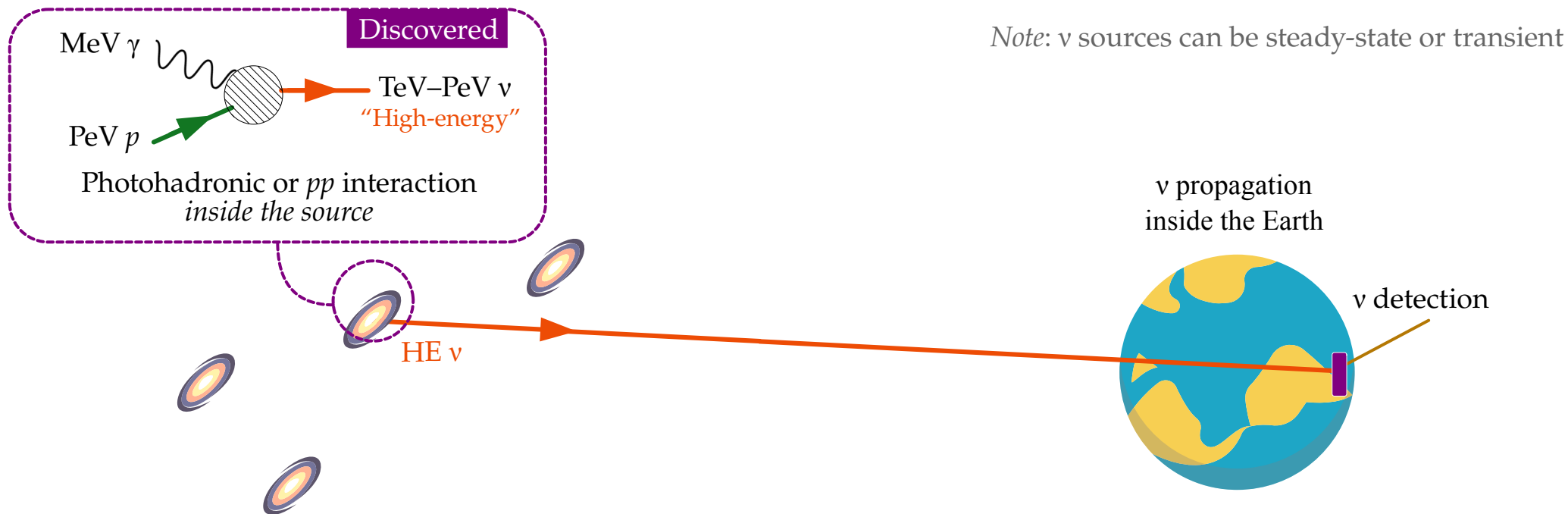
Photohadronic or  $pp$  interaction  
*inside the source*

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$\nu$  propagation  
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$\nu$  detection

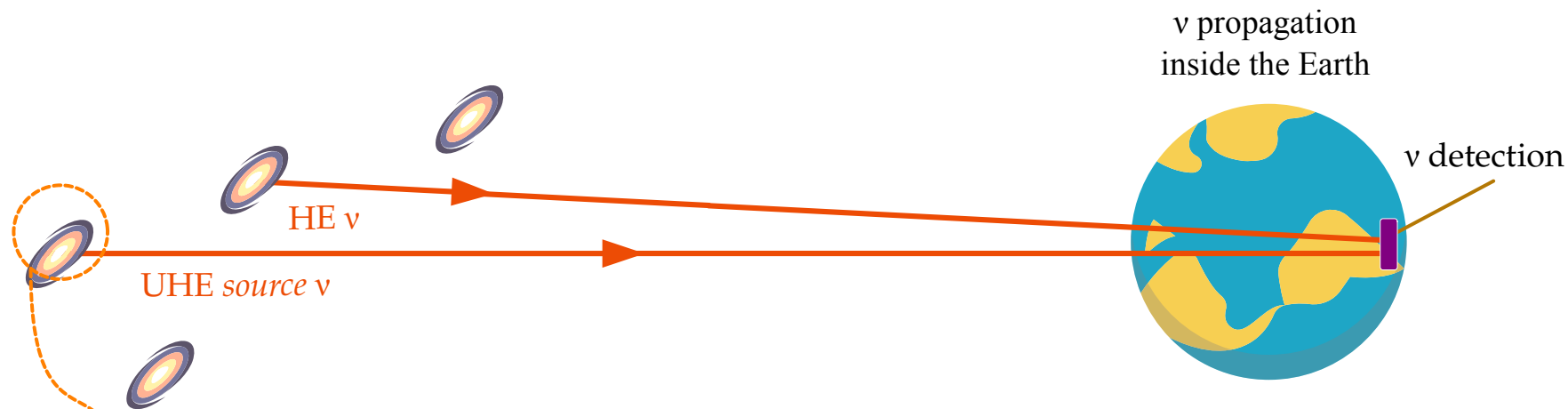
HE  $\nu$



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Undiscovered

meV  $\gamma$

EeV  $p$

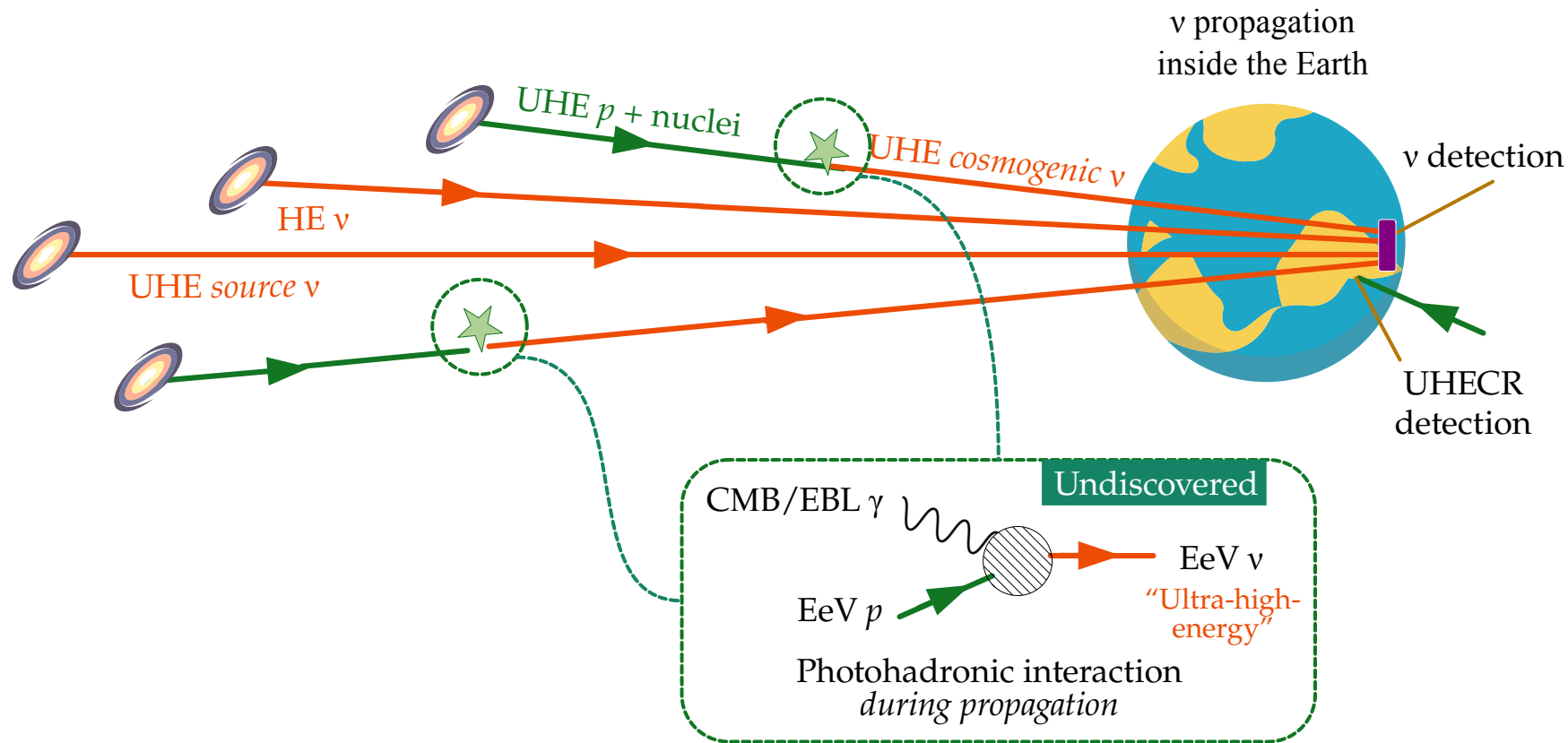
EeV  $\nu$

"Ultra-high-energy"

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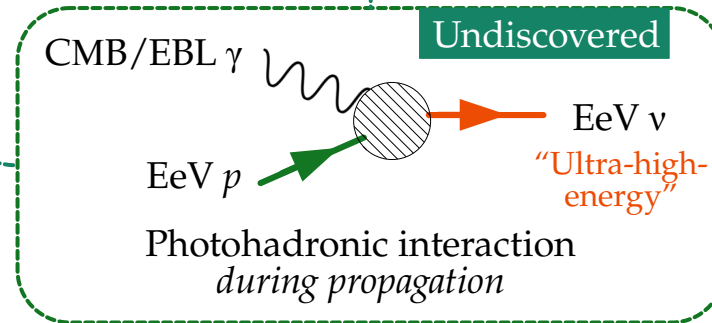
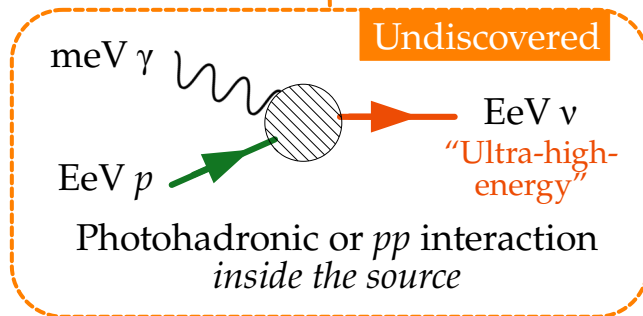
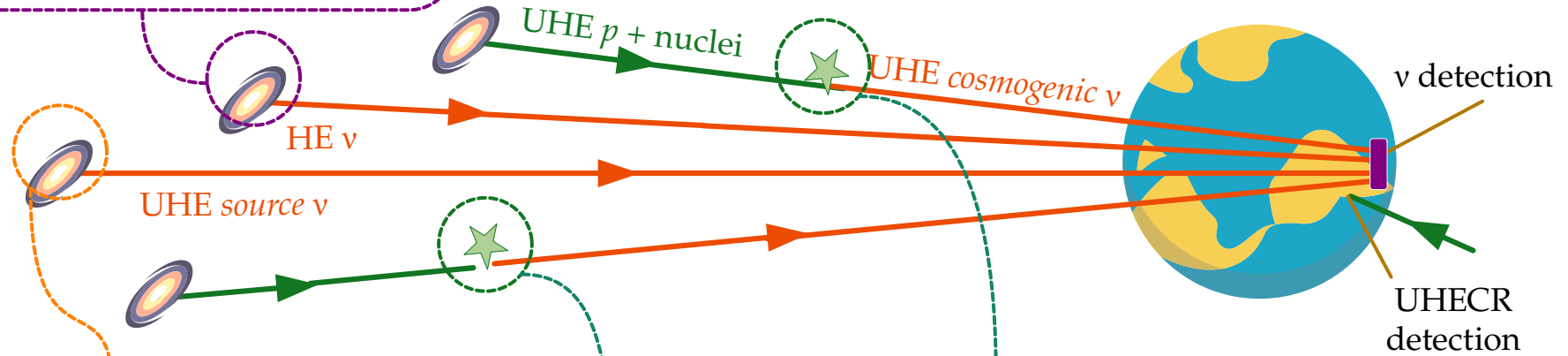
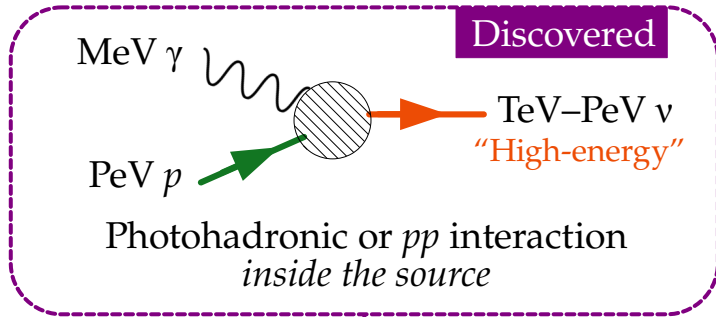
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“High-energy”

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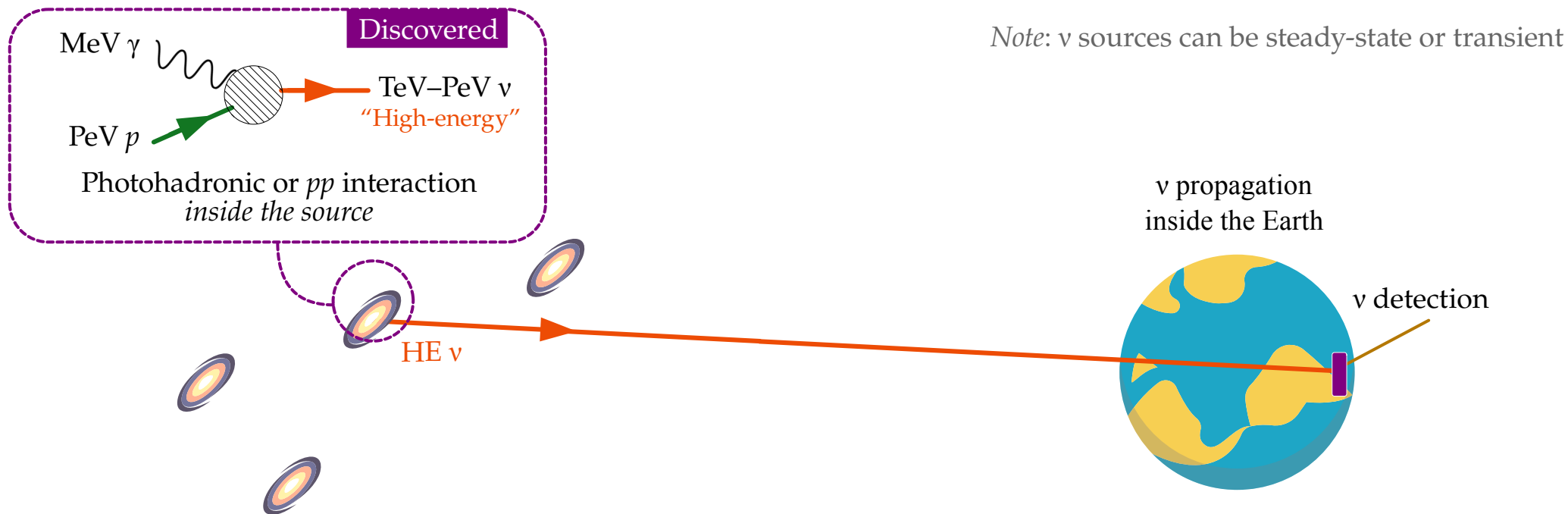
Photohadronic or  $pp$  interaction  
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Note:  $\nu$  sources can be steady-state or transient

HE  $\nu$

$\nu$  propagation  
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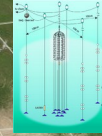
$\nu$  detection



TeV–PeV  $\nu$   
telescopes,  
~today

## ANTARES

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- ▶ Completed 2008
- ▶  $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.2 \text{ km}^3$  (10 TeV)
- ▶  $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 1 \text{ km}^3$  (10 PeV)
- ▶ 12 strings, 900 OMs
- ▶ Sensitive to  $\nu$  from the Southern sky



## Baikal NT200+

- ▶ Lake Baikal
- ▶ Completed 1998 (upgraded 2005)
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- ▶  $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.01 \text{ km}^3$  (10 PeV)
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## IceCube

- ▶ South Pole
- ▶ Completed 2011
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- ▶  $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 1 \text{ km}^3$  ( $> 1 \text{ PeV}$ )
- ▶ 86 strings, 5000+ OMs
- ▶ Sees high-energy astrophysical  $\nu$



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SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

OM: optical module

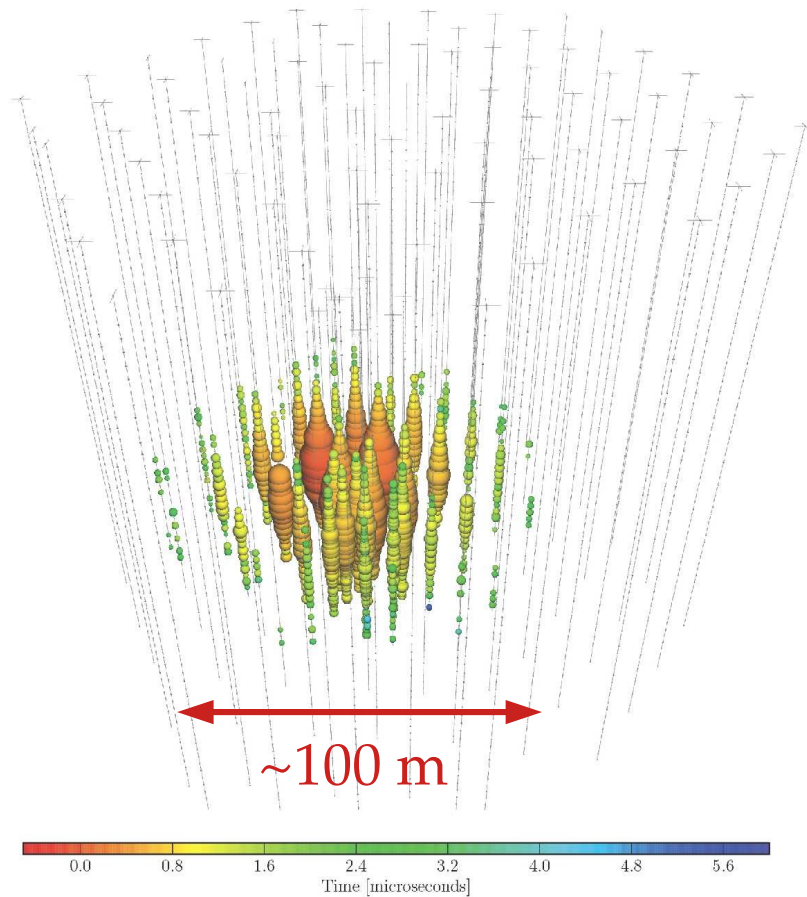
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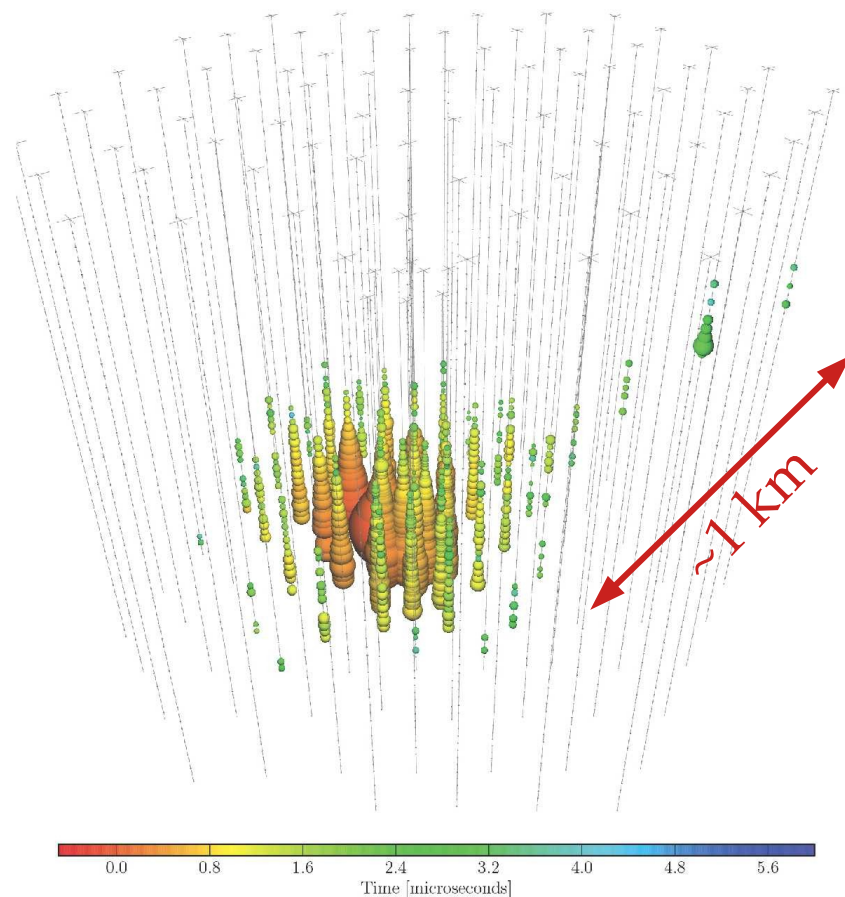


## Shower (mainly from $\nu_e$ and $\nu_\tau$ )

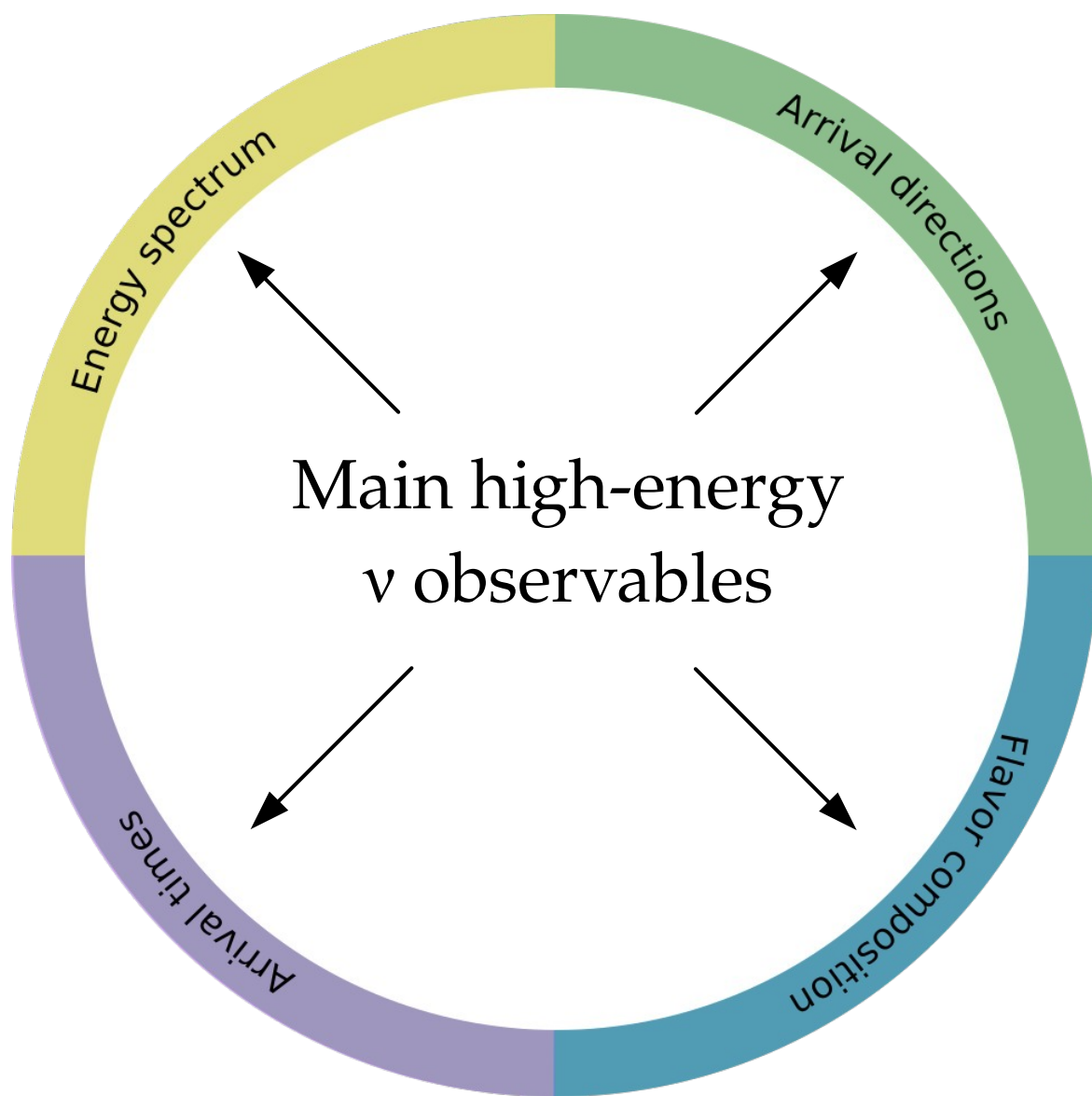


Poor angular resolution:  $\sim 10^\circ$

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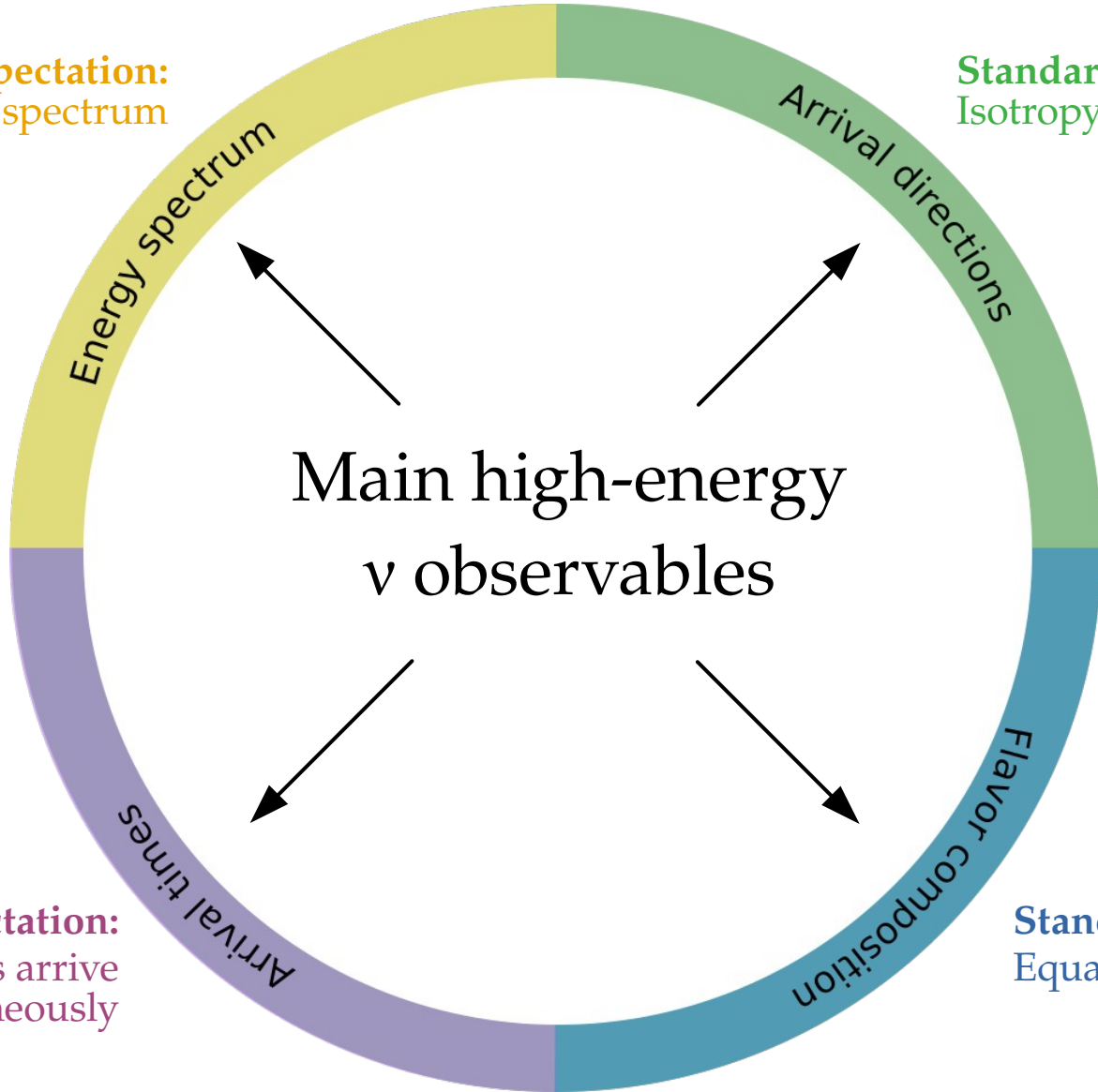


Angular resolution:  $< 1^\circ$



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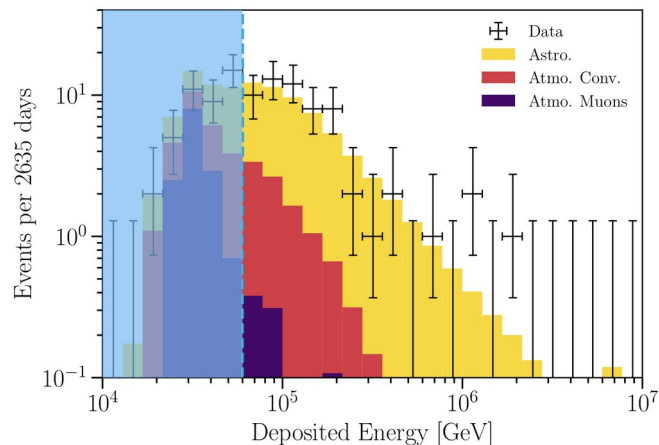
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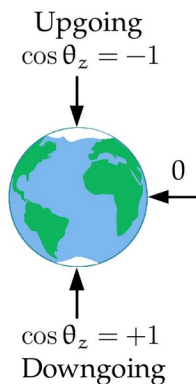
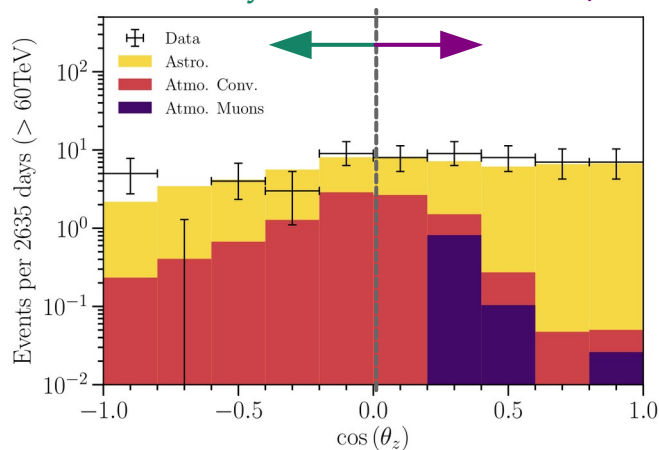


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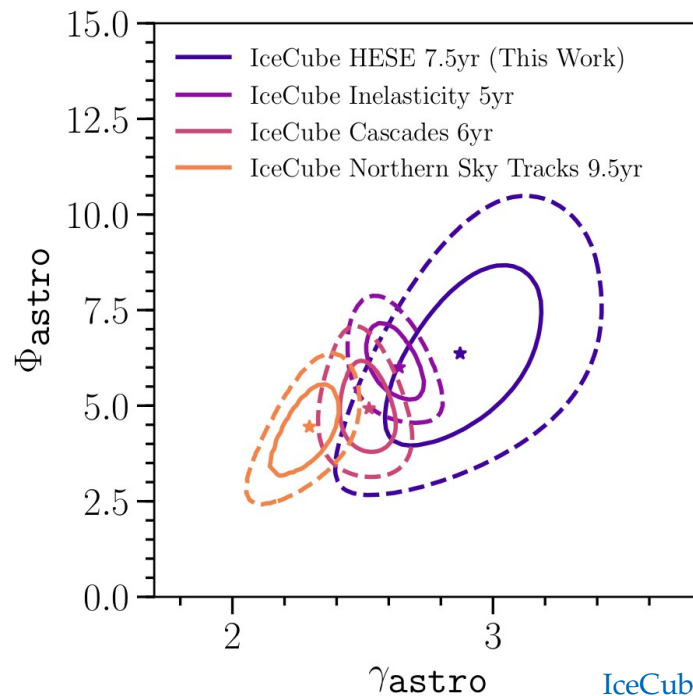


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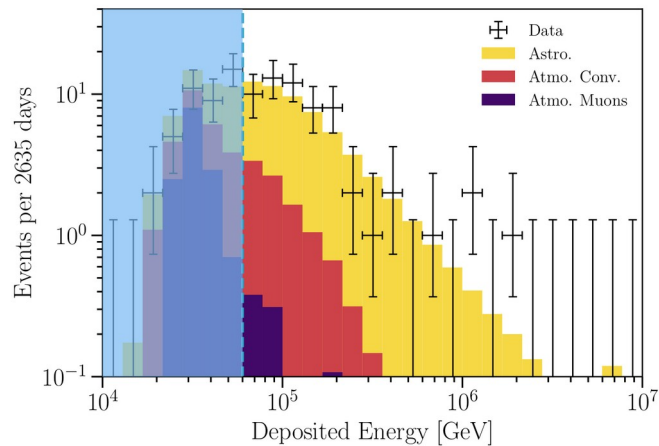
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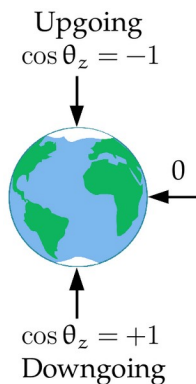
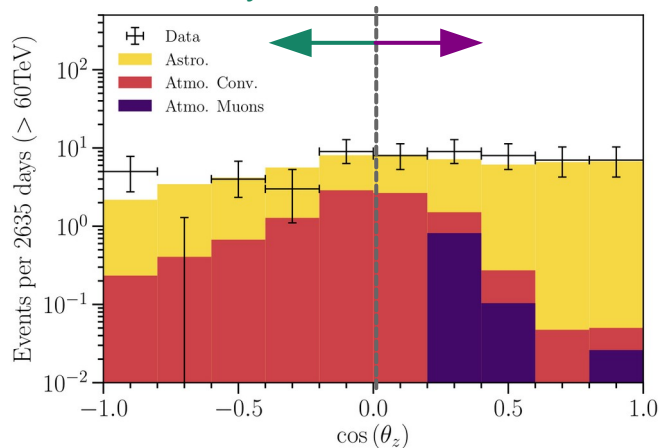
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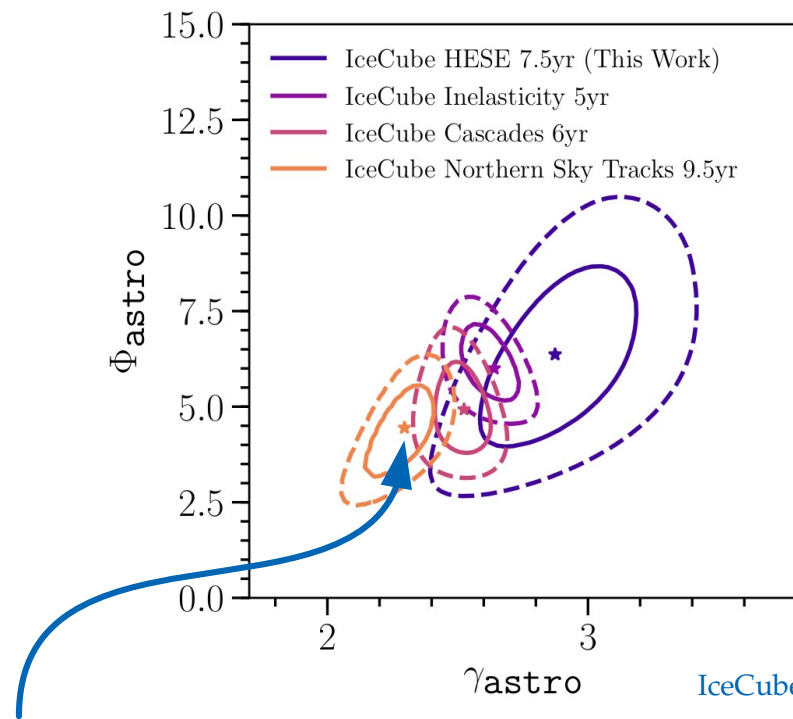


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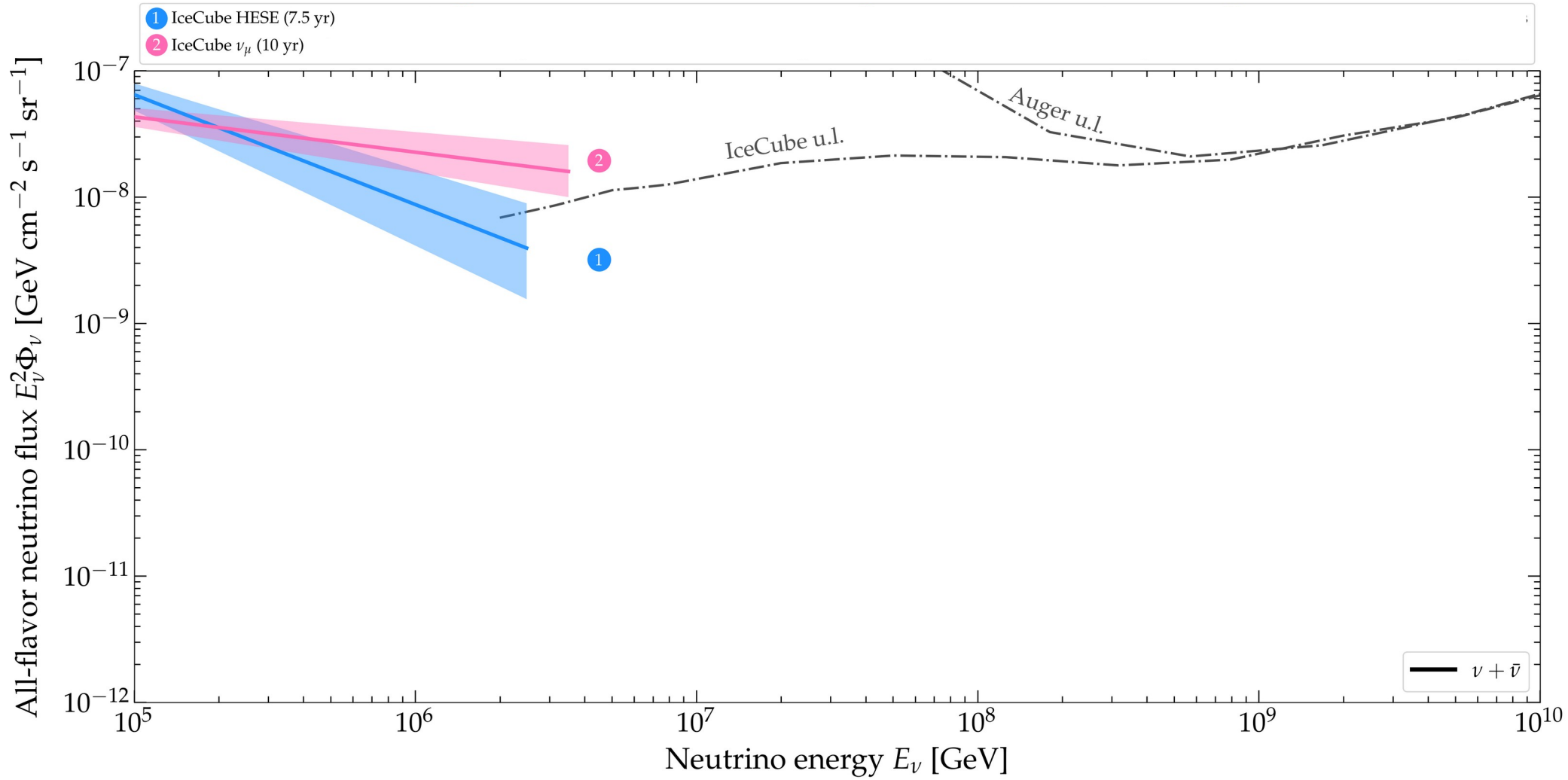
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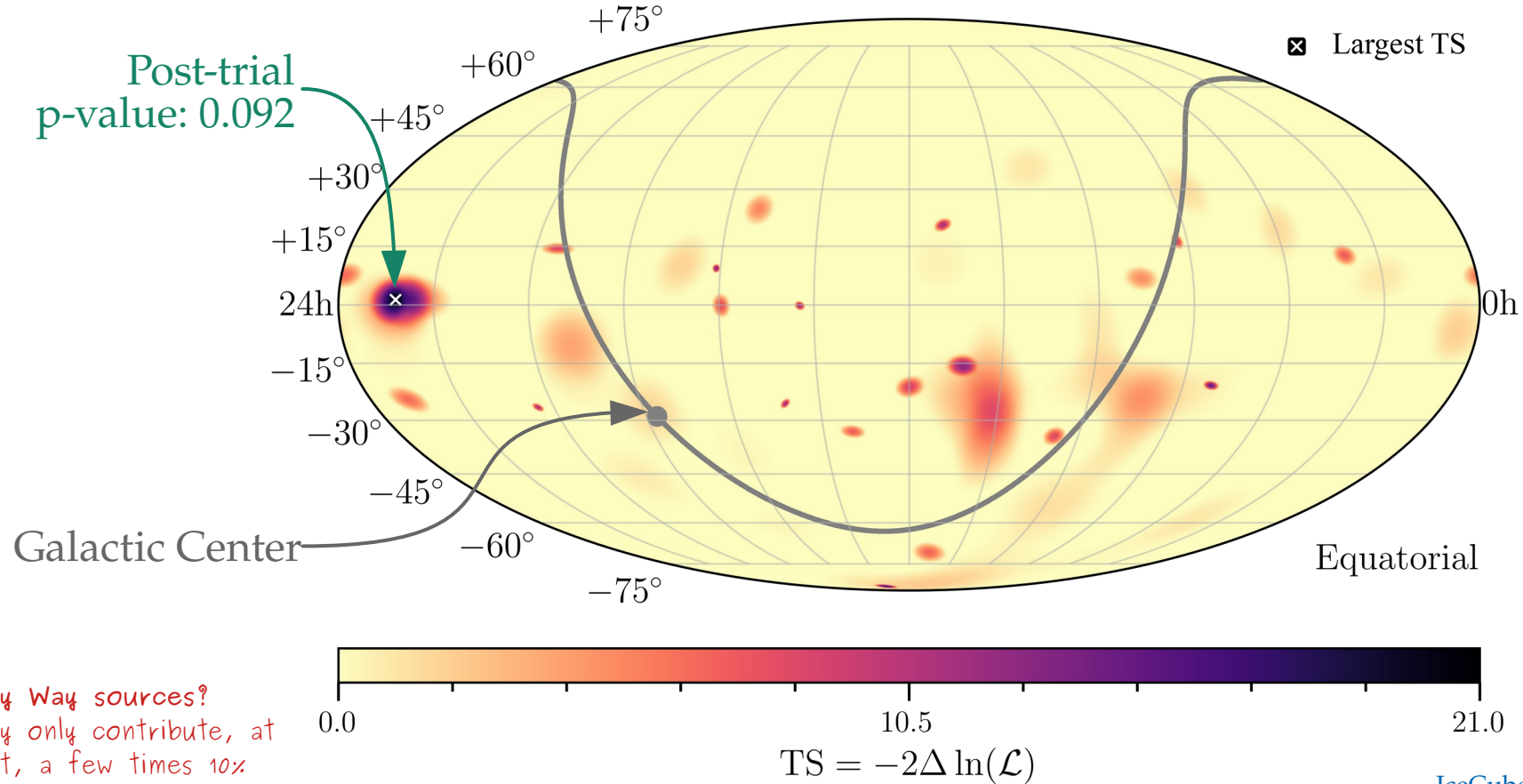
Spectrum looks harder for through-going  $\nu_\mu$





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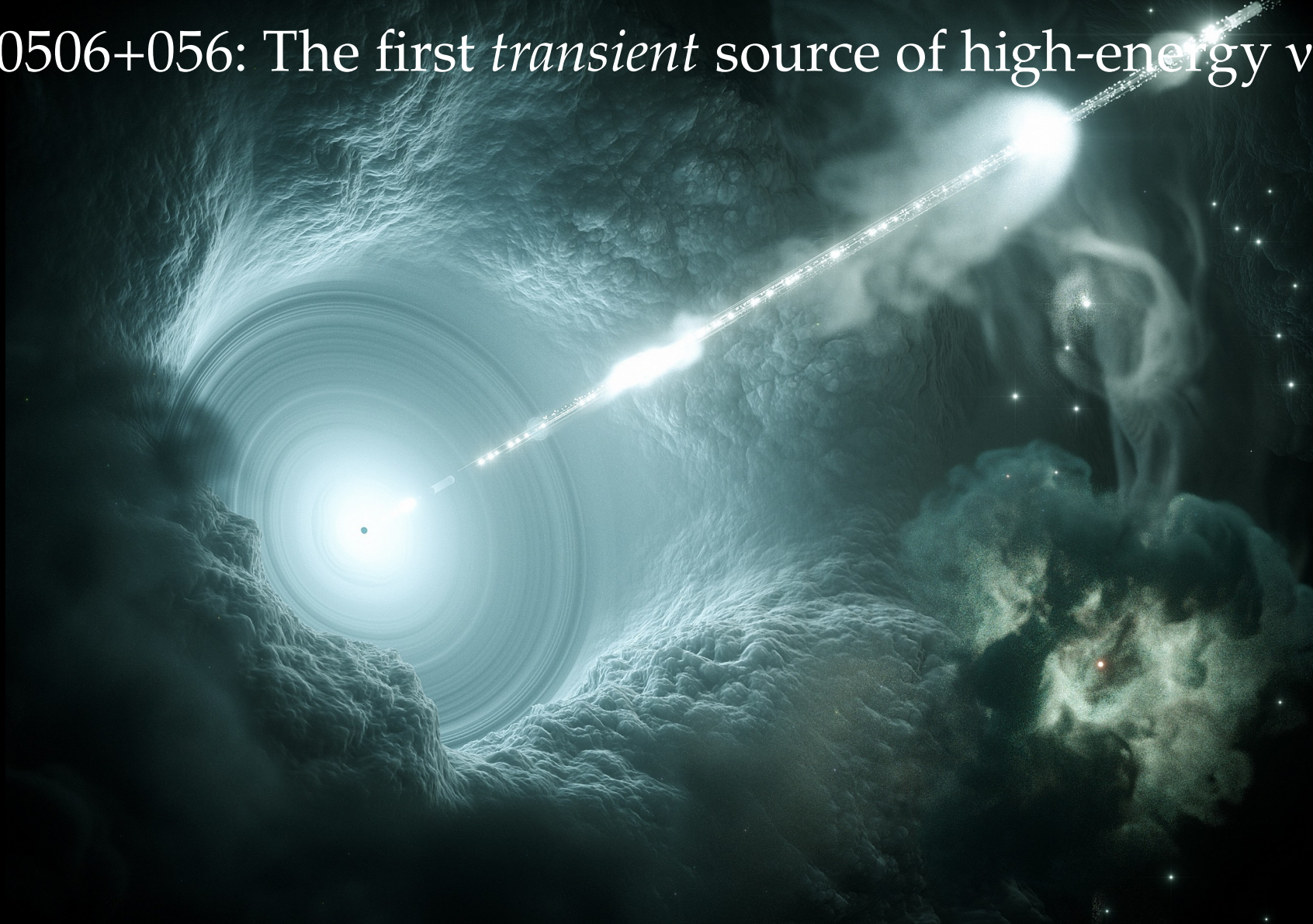
No significant excess in the neutrino sky map:



Milky Way sources?  
They only contribute, at  
most, a few times 10%  
of the total diffuse flux

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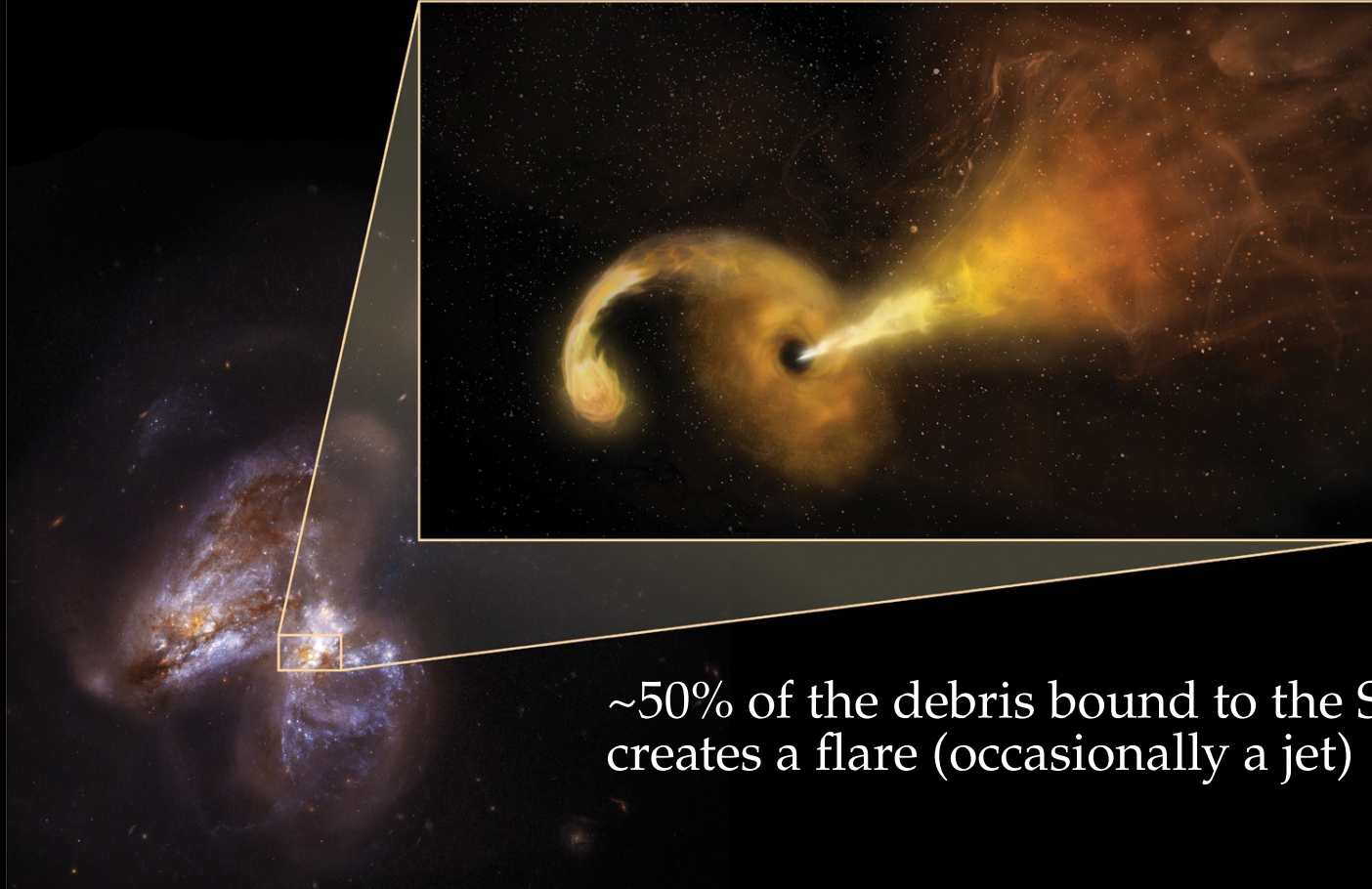
# TXS 0506+056: The first *transient* source of high-energy $\nu$





# Tidal disruption events

Solar-mass star disrupted by SMBH ( $>10^5 M_{\odot}$ )



~50% of the debris bound to the SMBH,  
creates a flare (occasionally a jet)

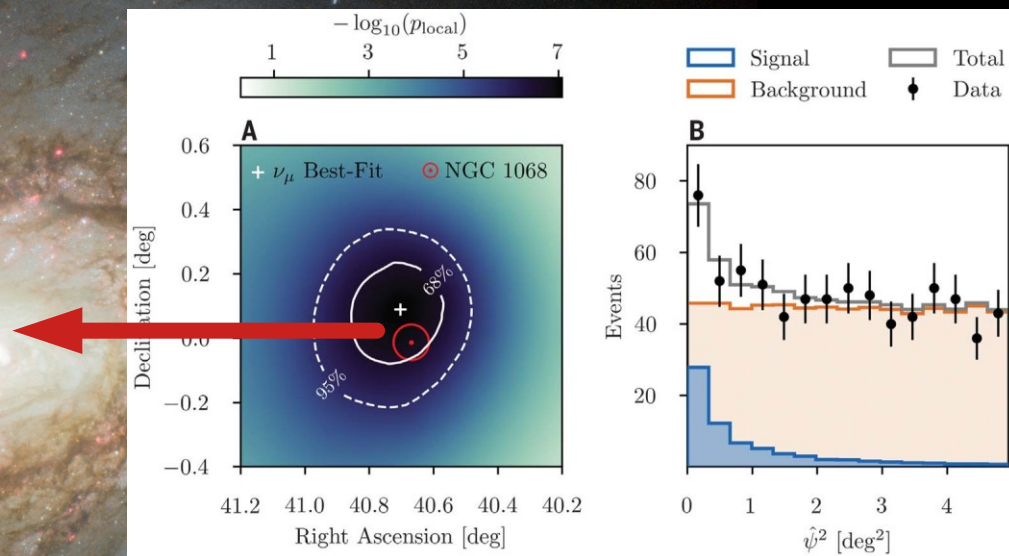
# NGC1068: The first *steady-state* source of high-energy $\nu$

Active galactic nucleus

Brightest type-2 Seyfert

$79^{+22}_{-20}$   $\nu$  of TeV energy

Significance:  $4.2\sigma$  (global)





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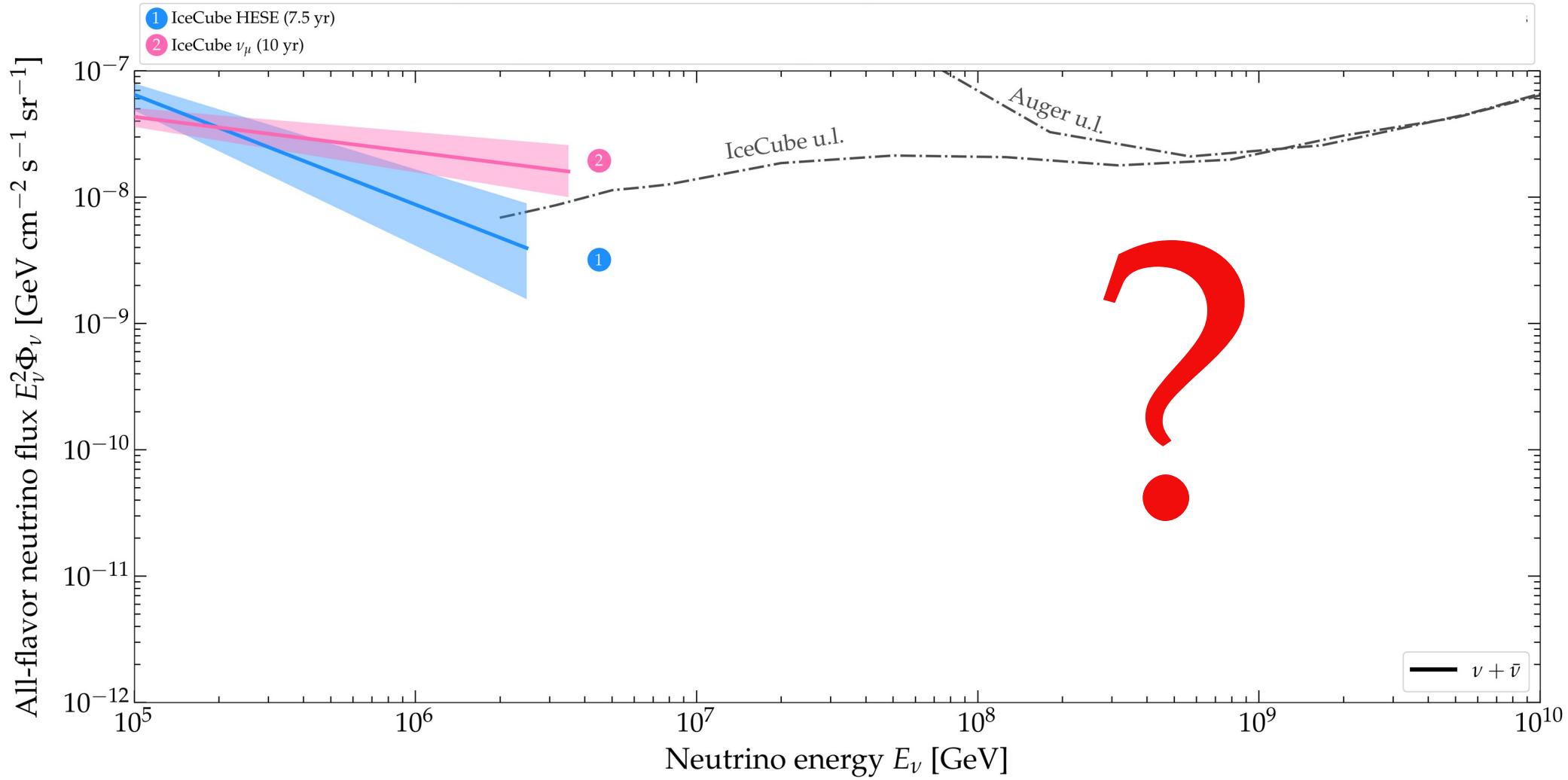
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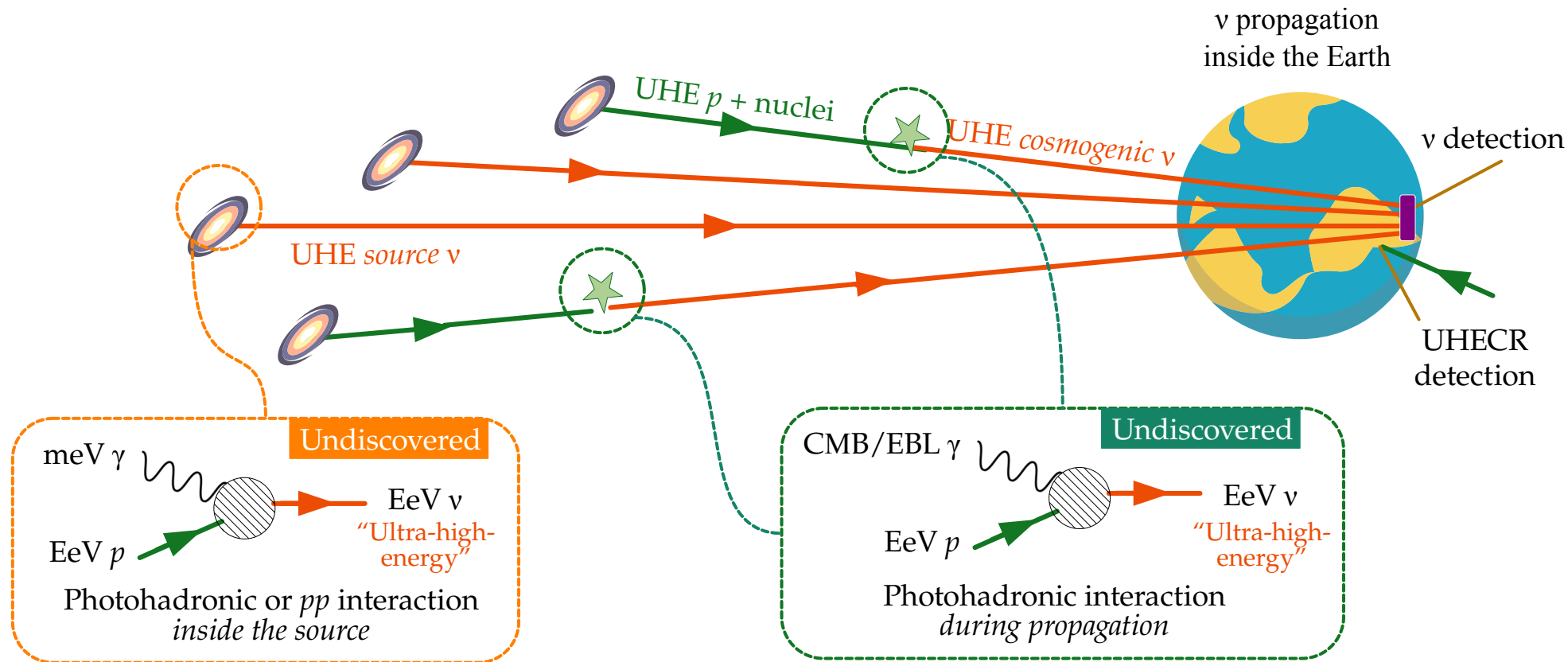
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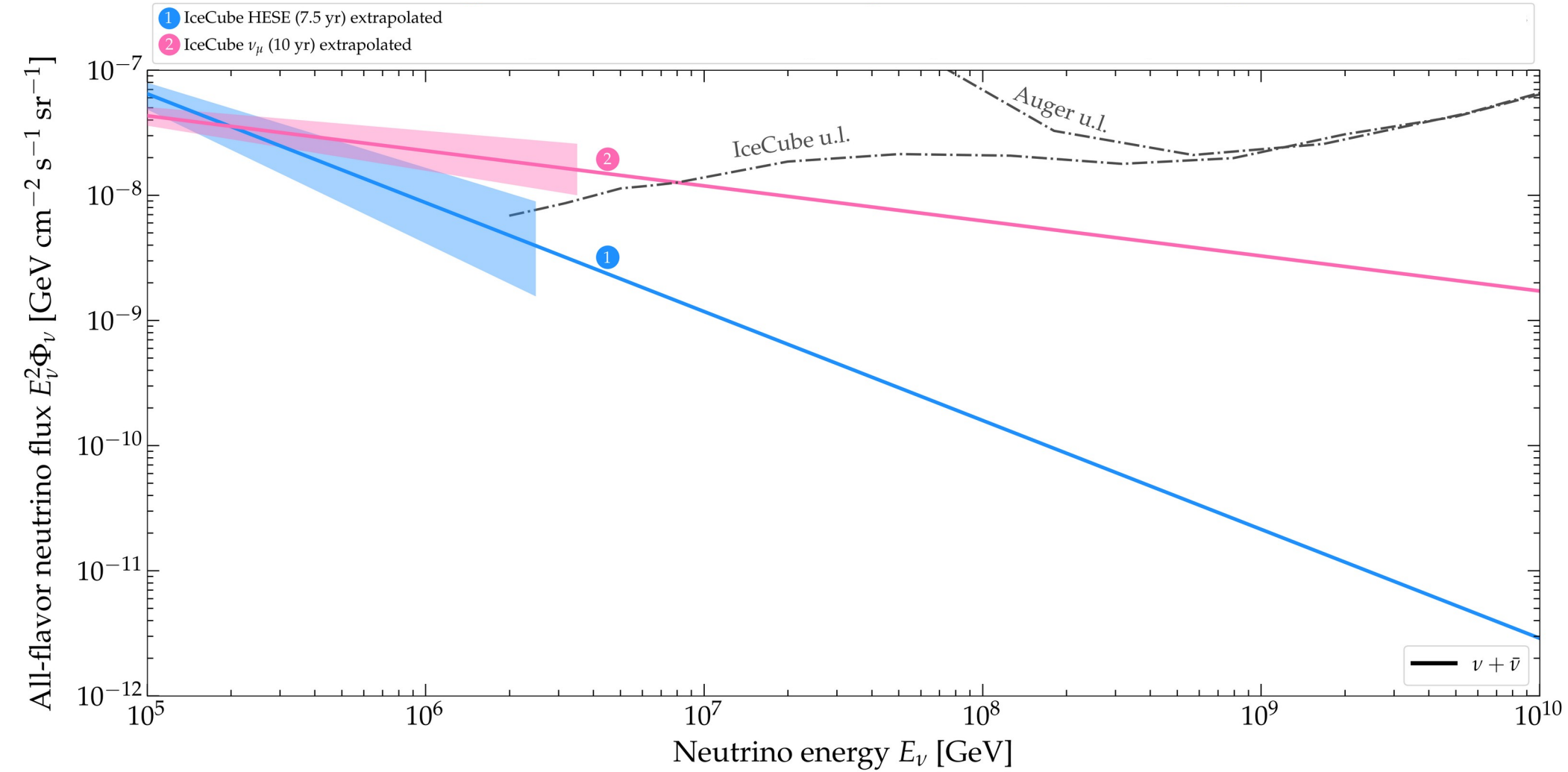


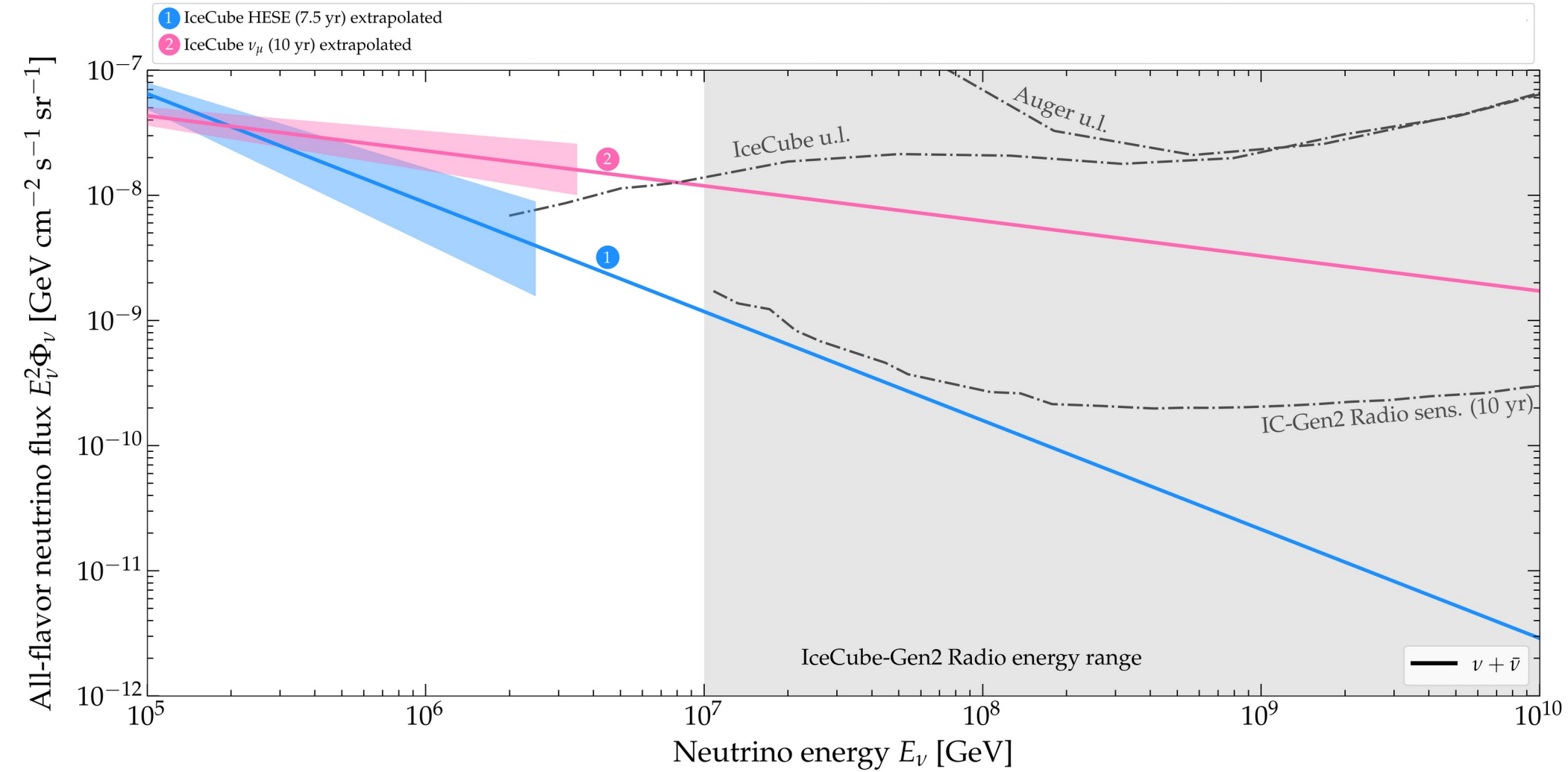


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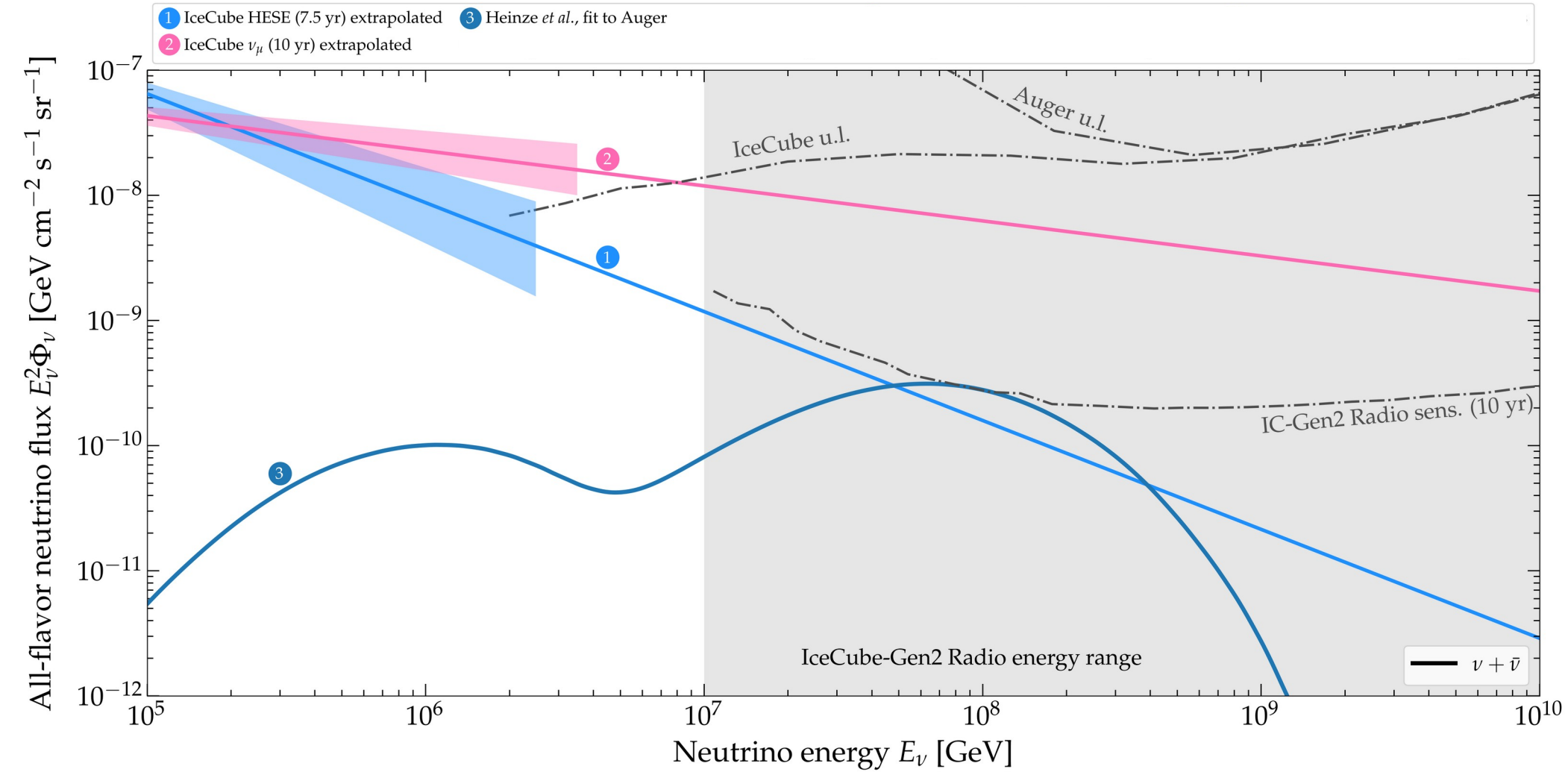
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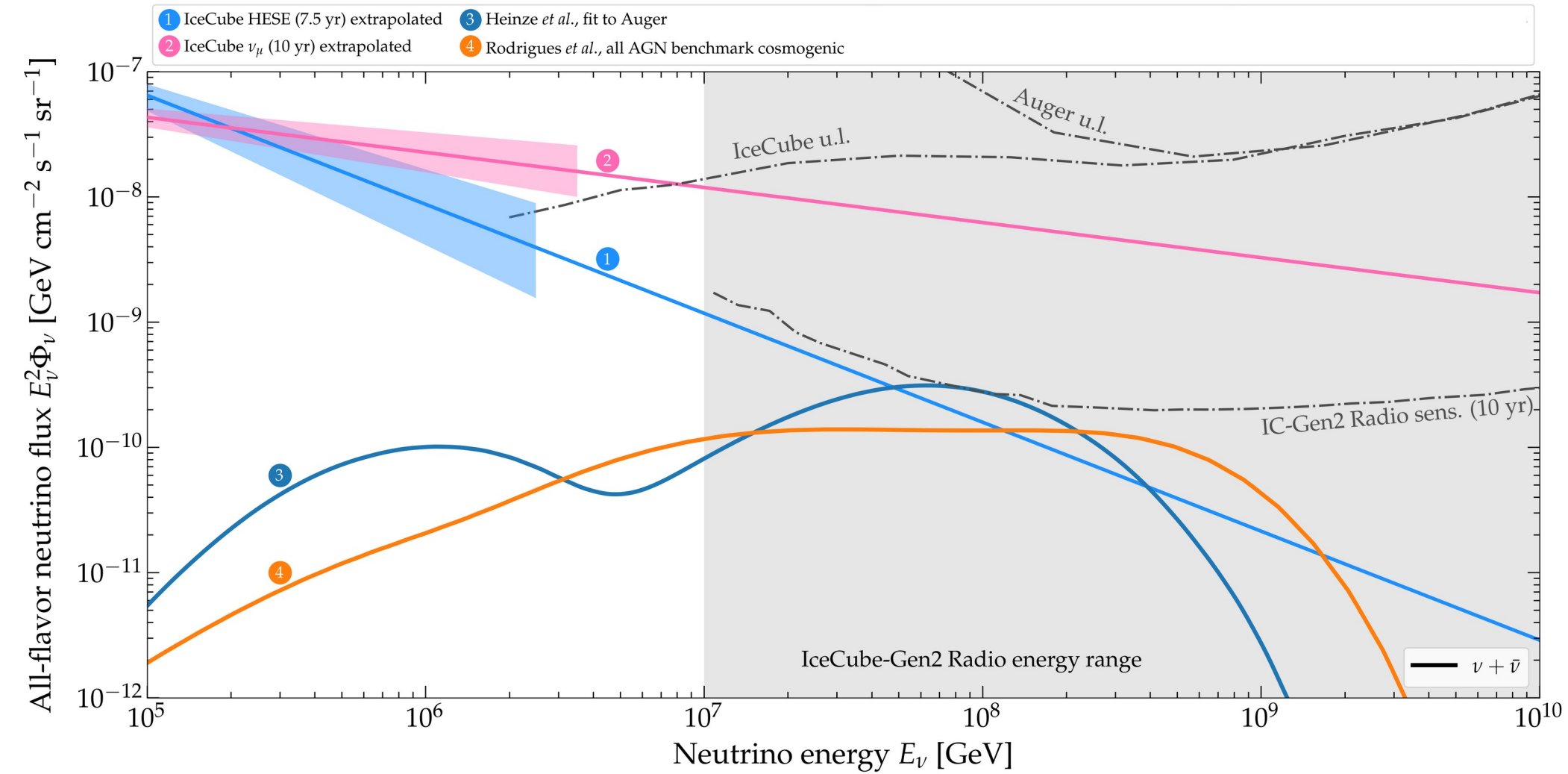


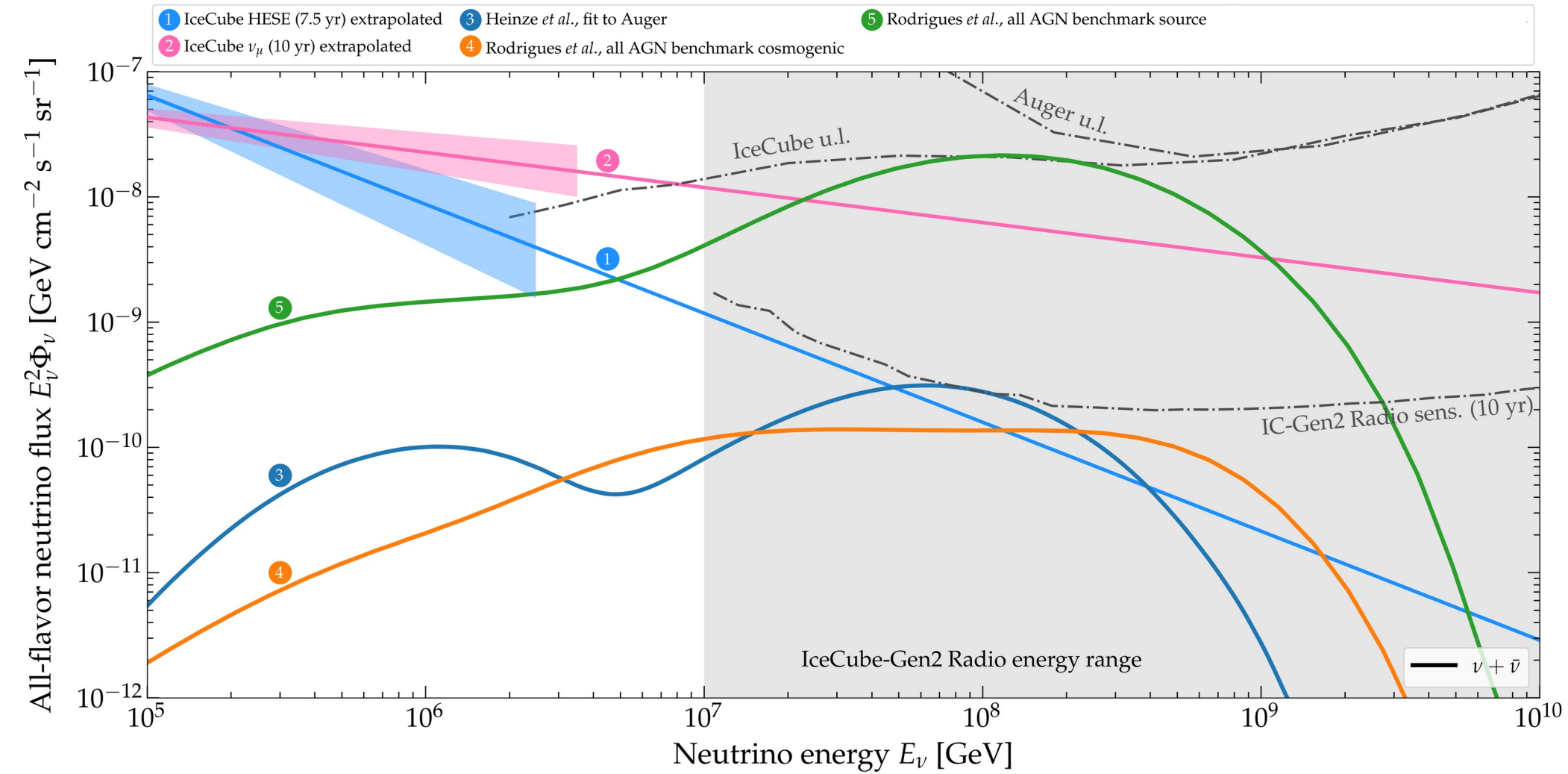


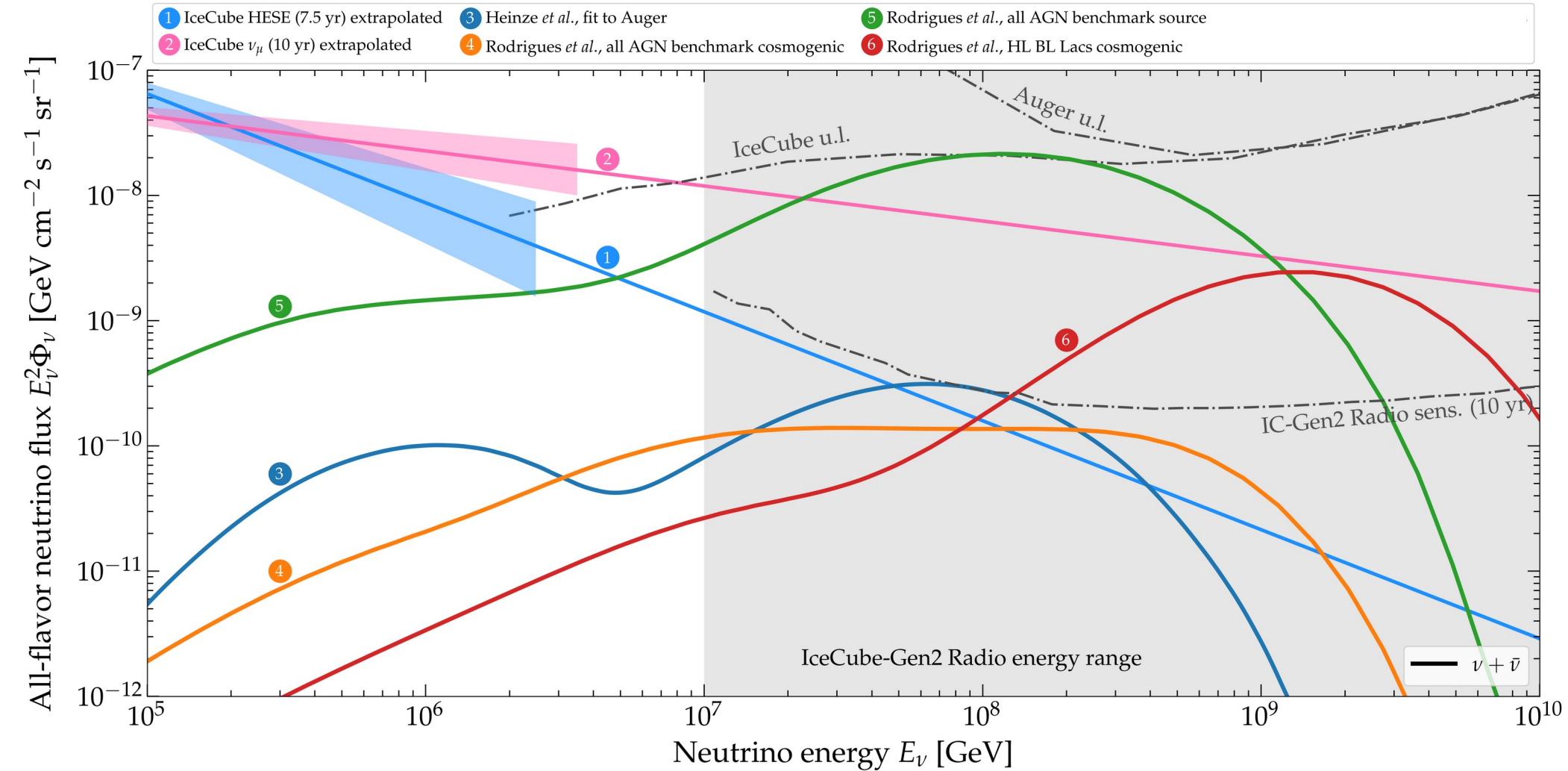




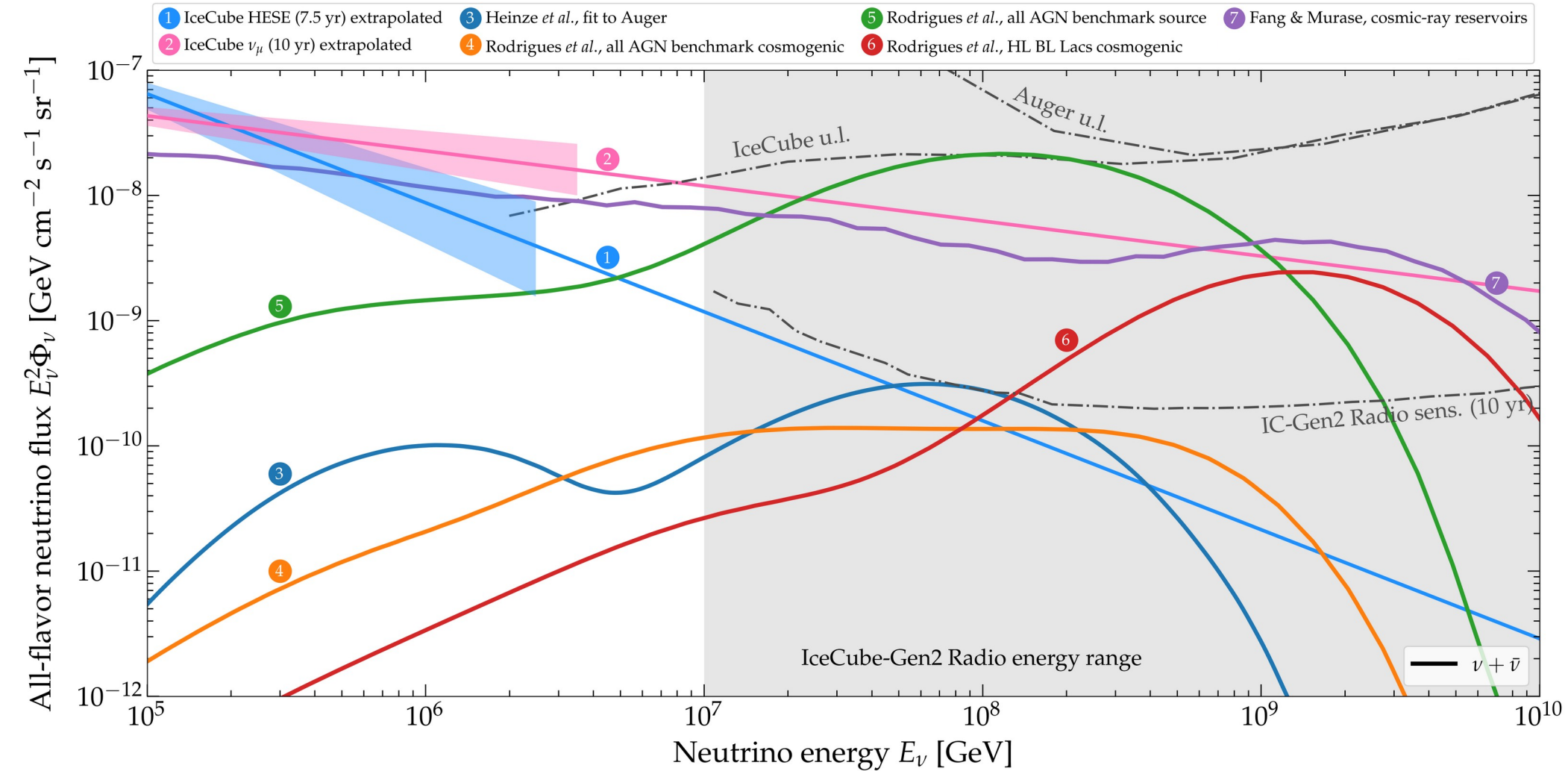


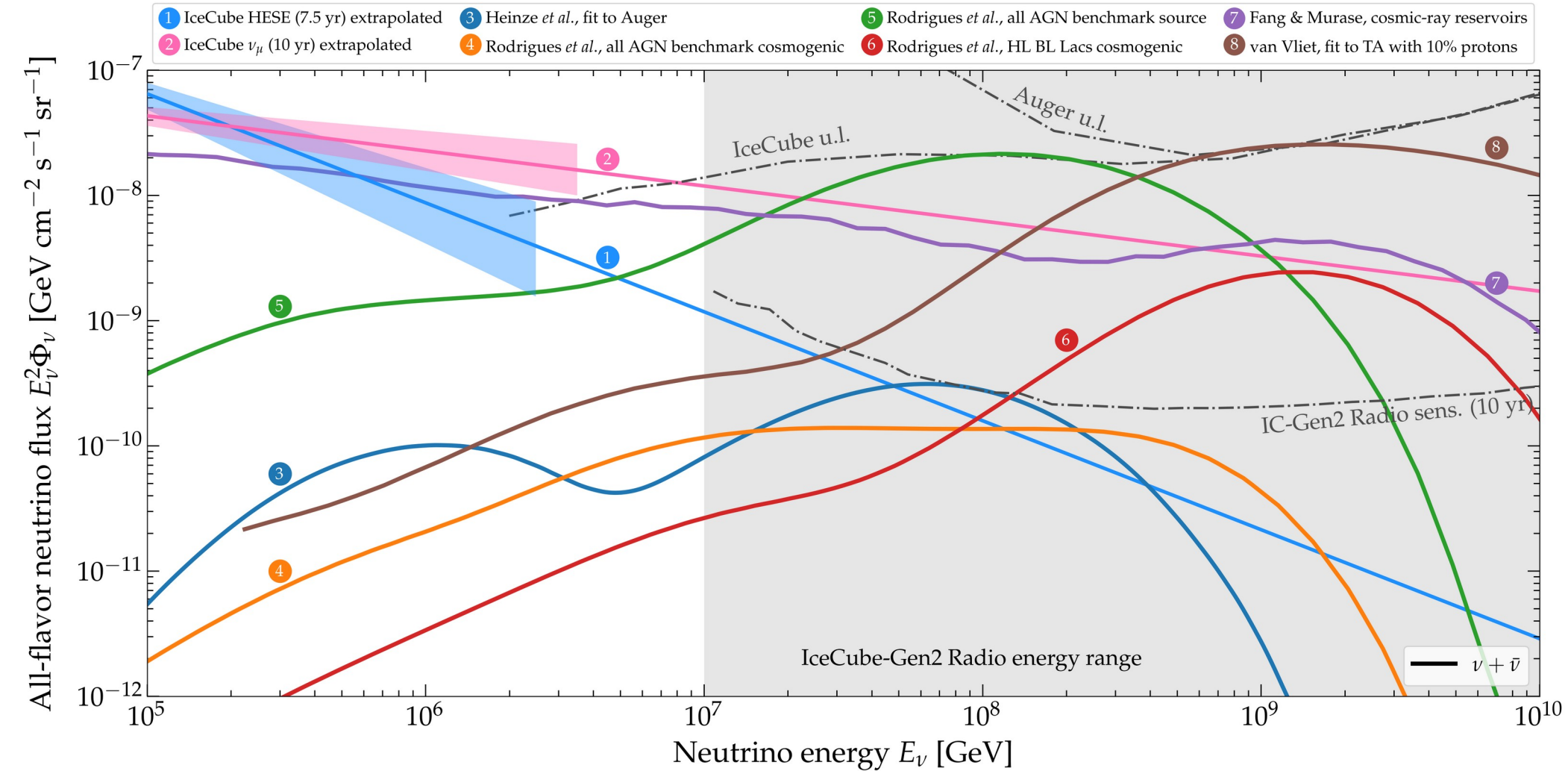












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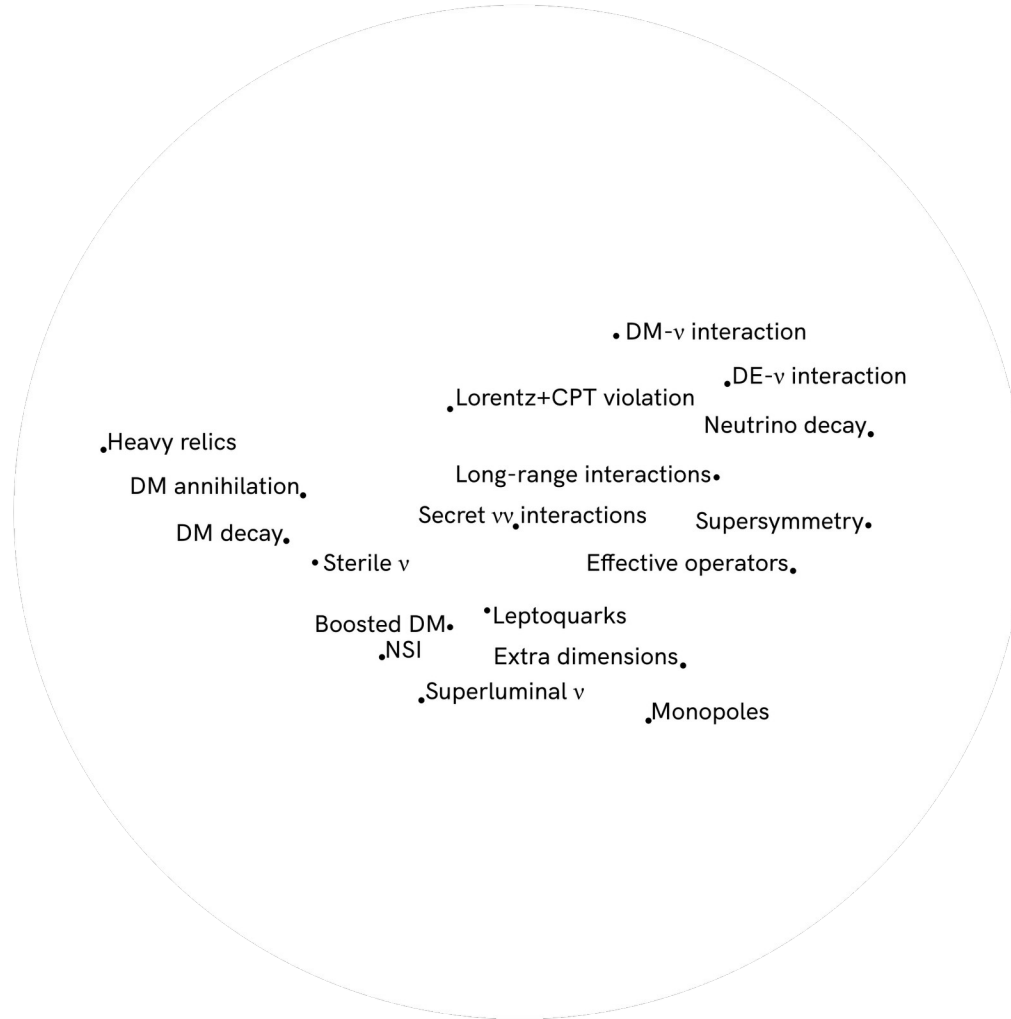
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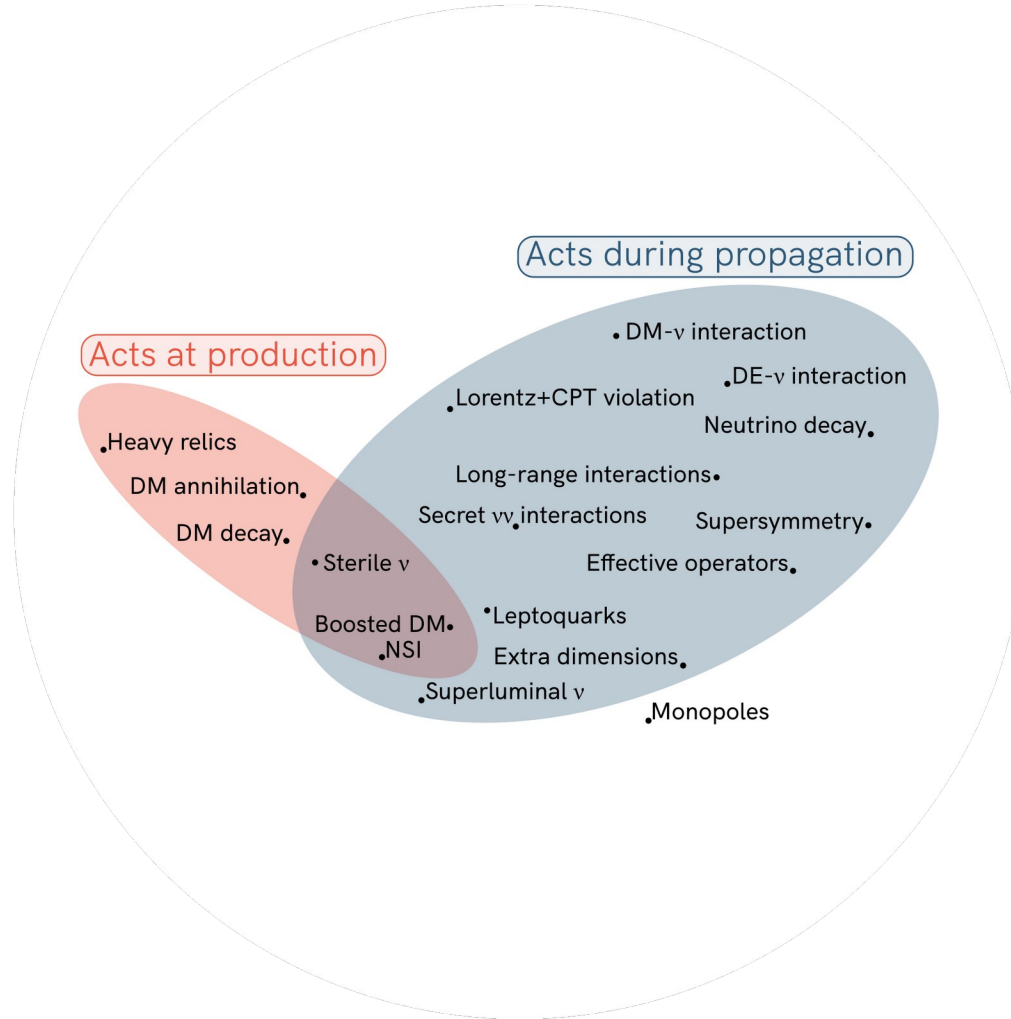




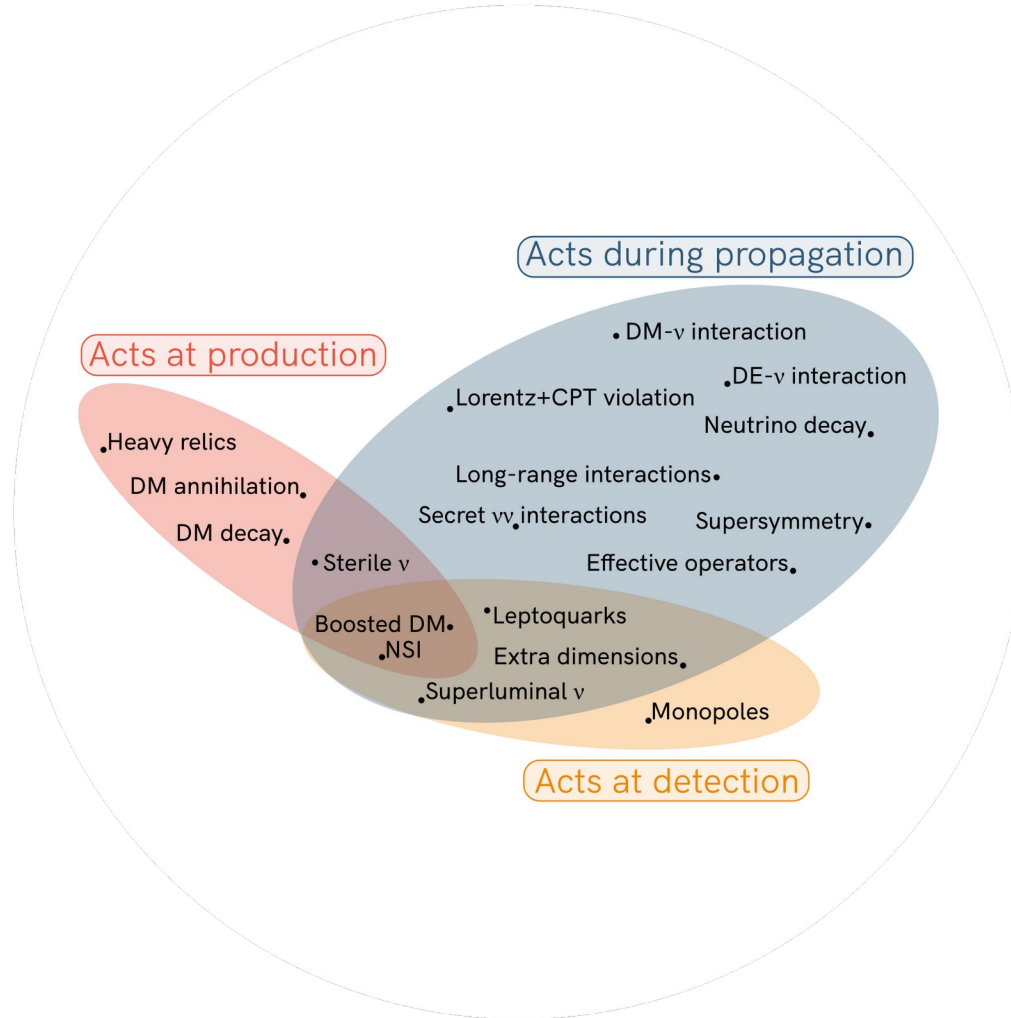
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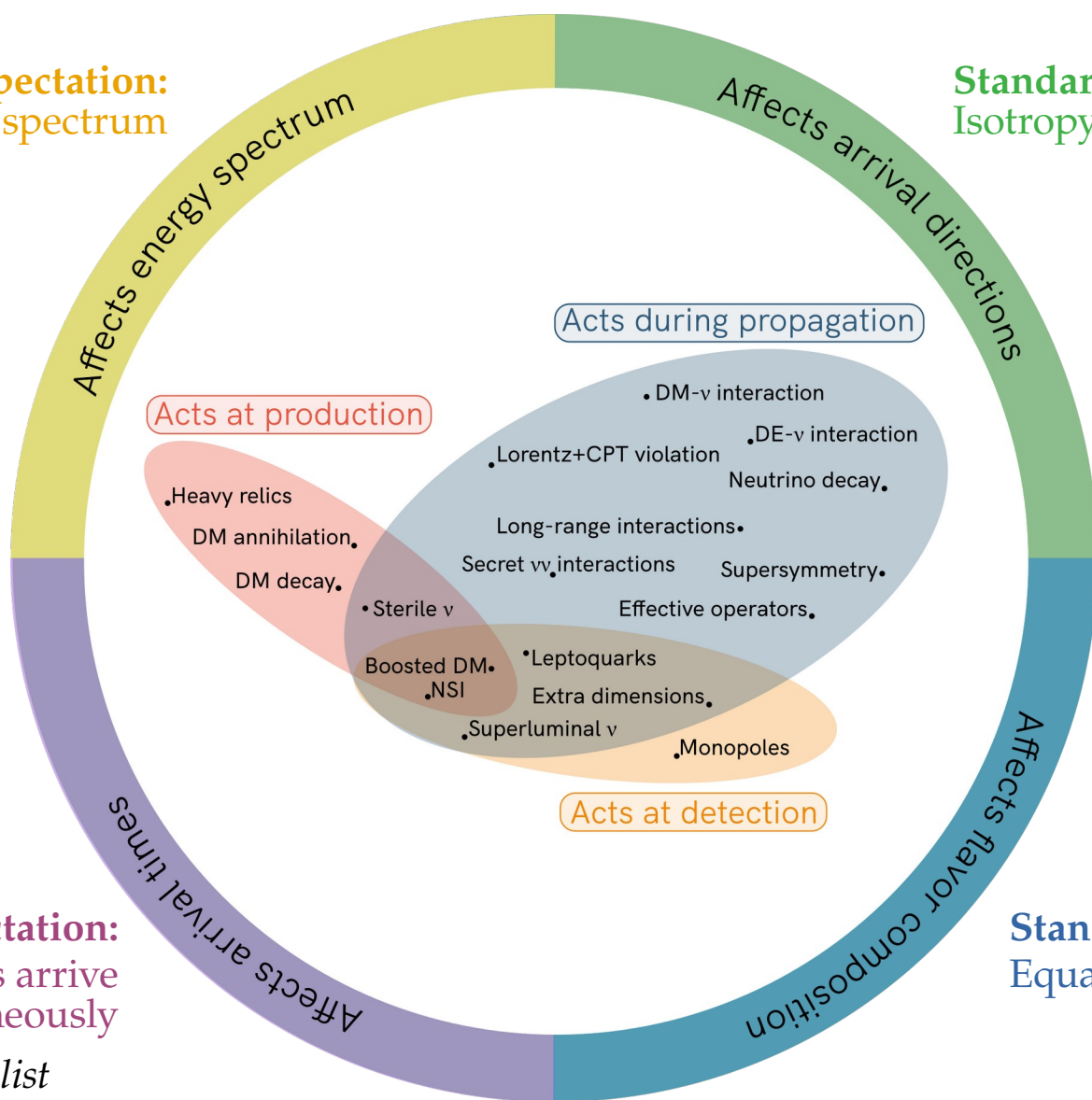
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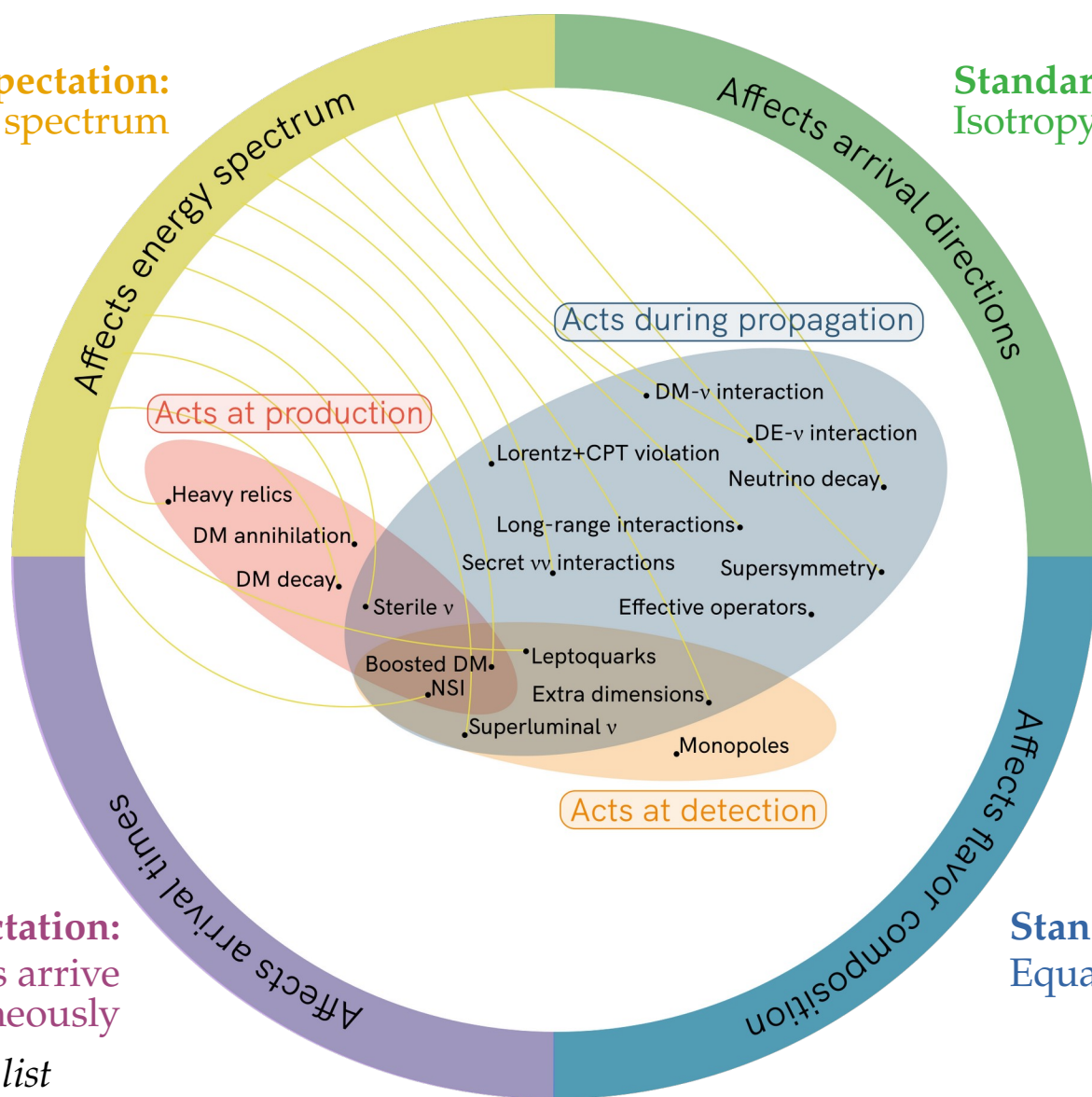
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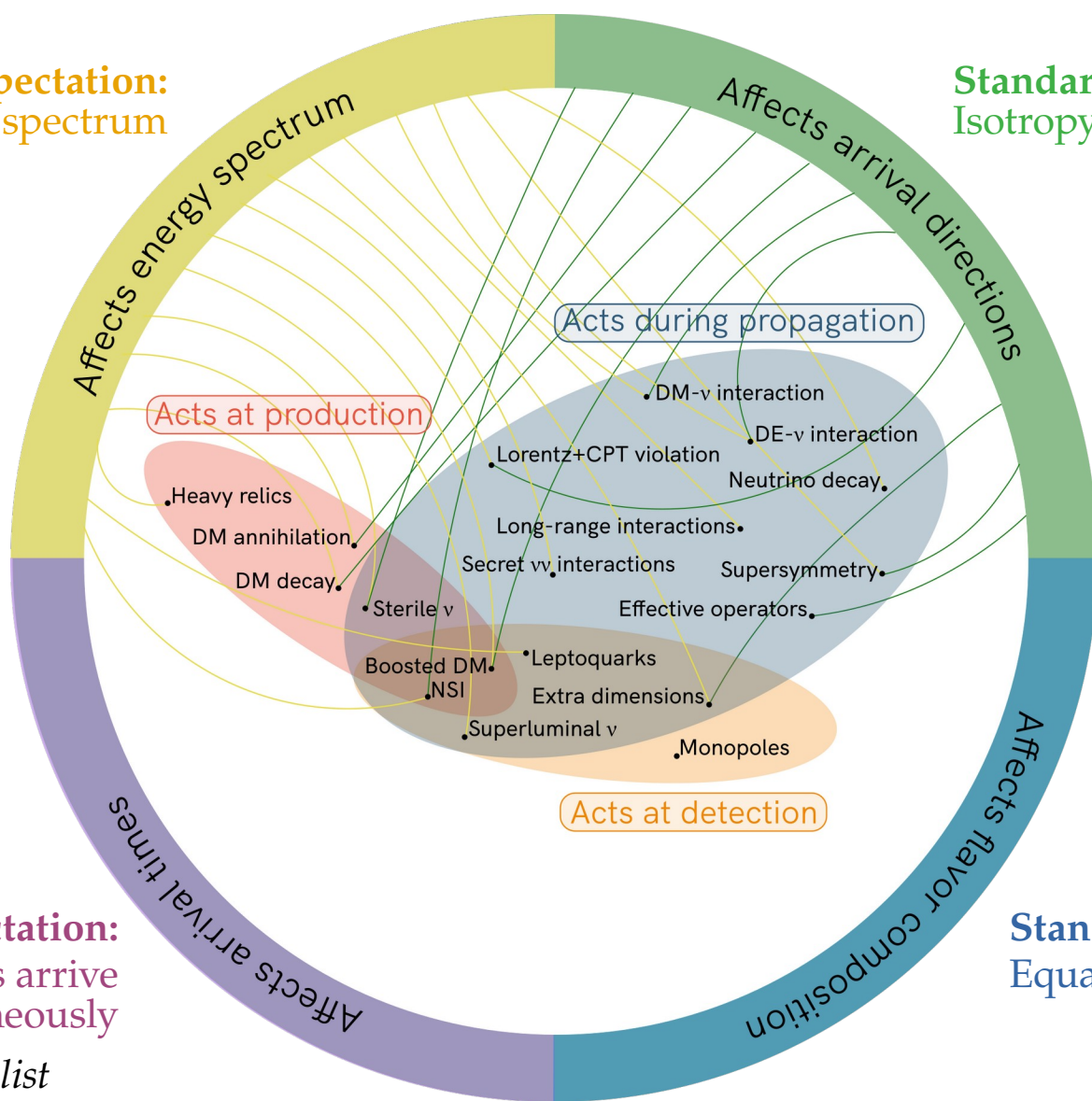
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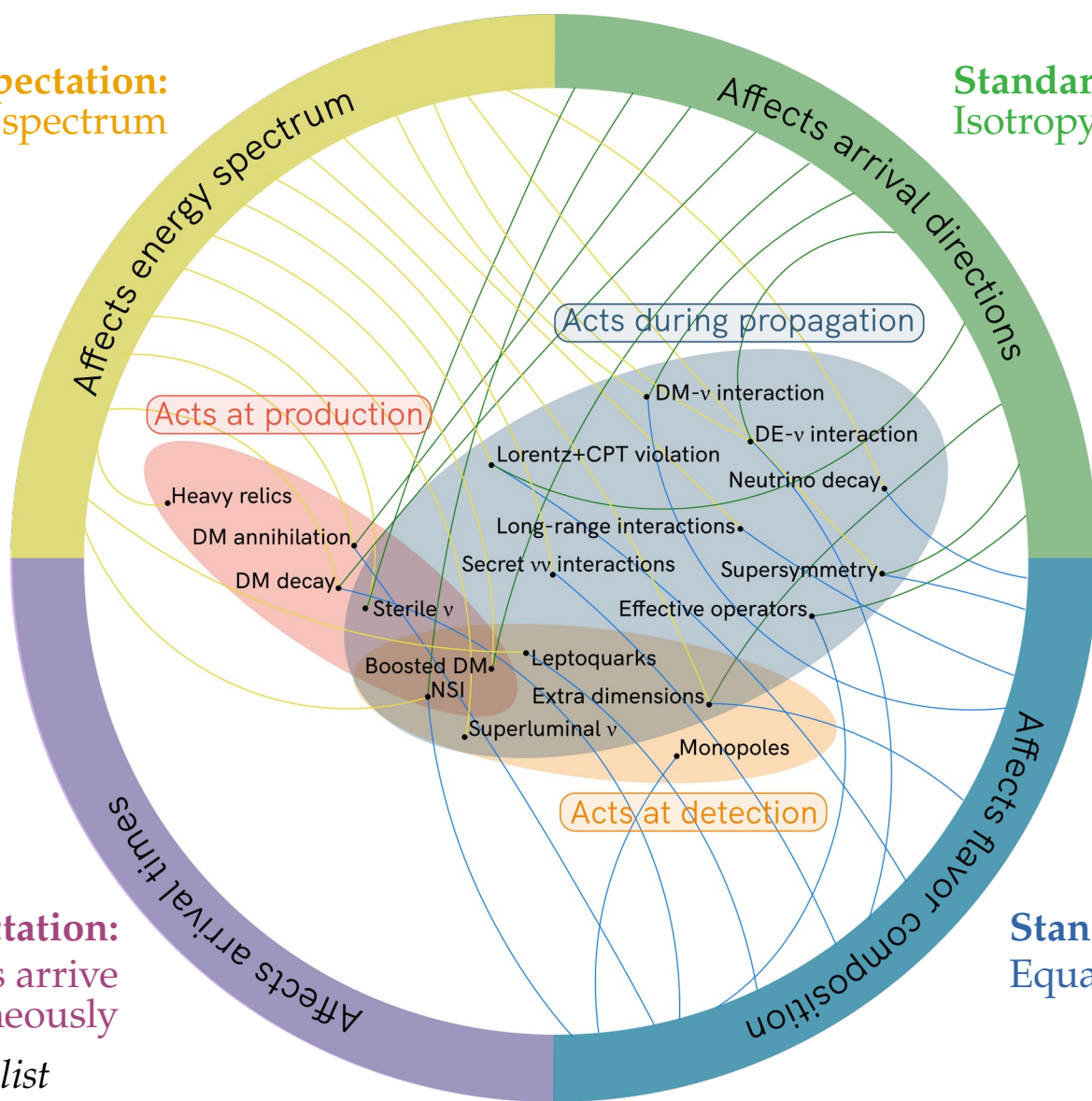
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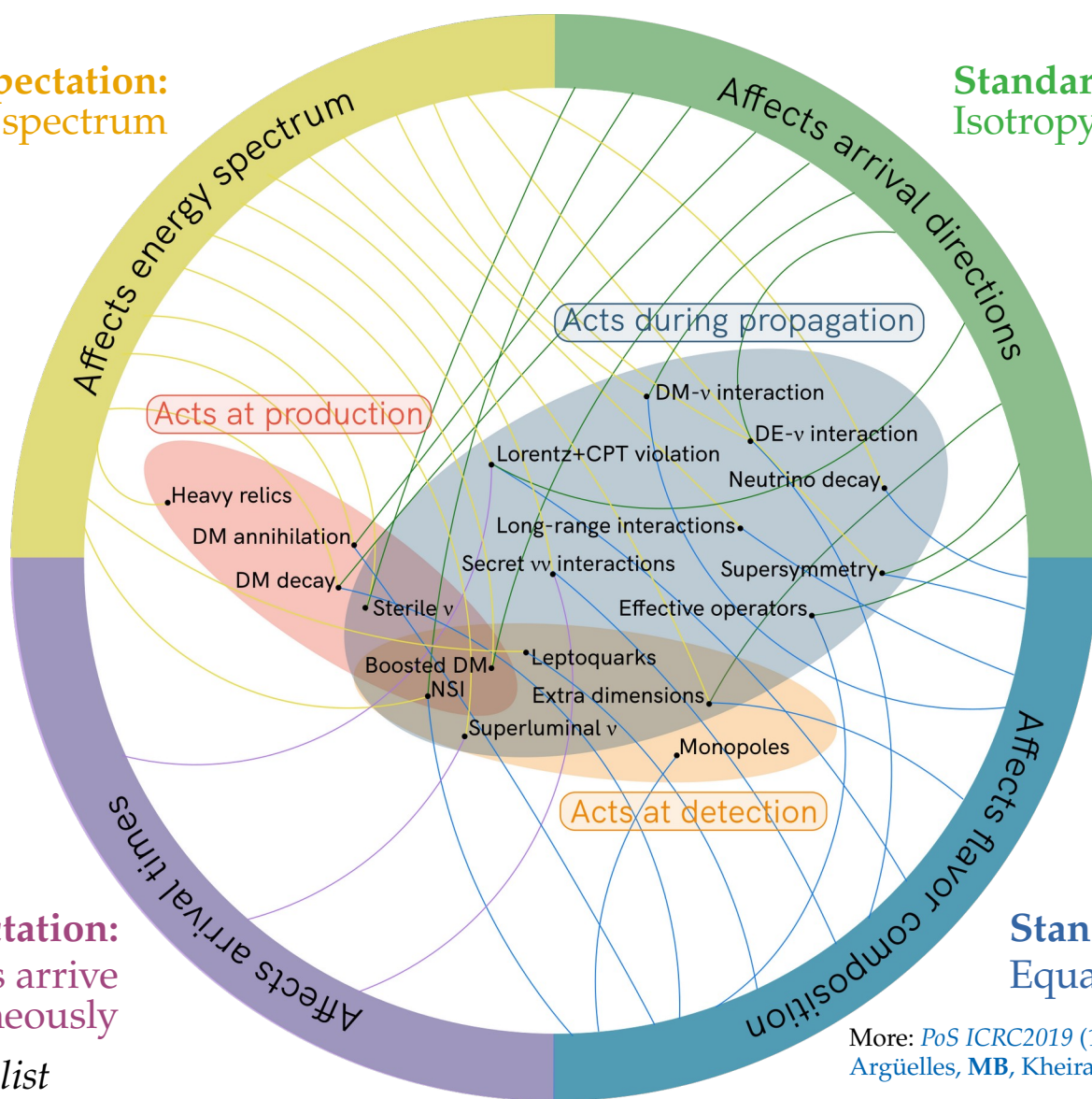
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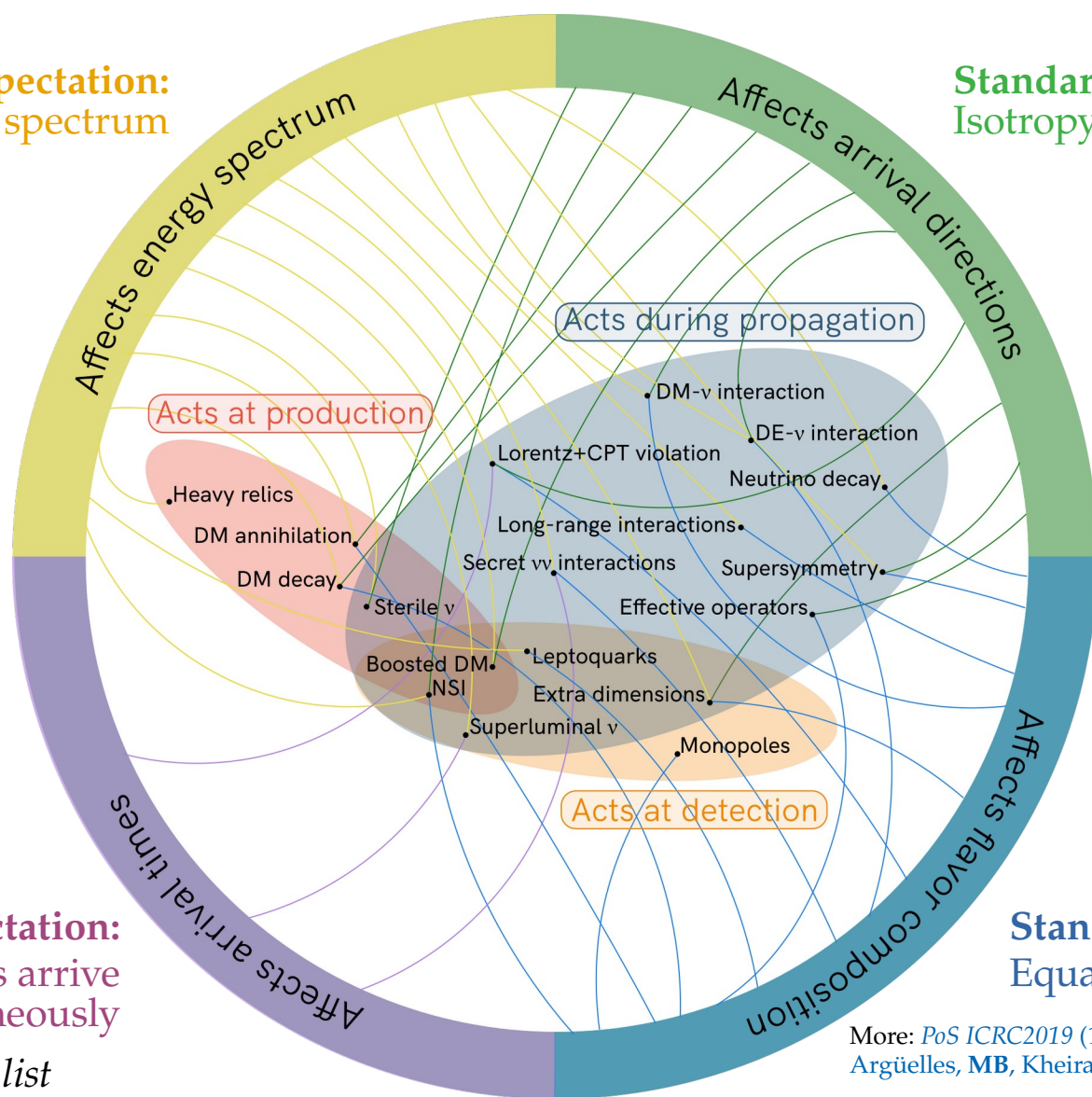
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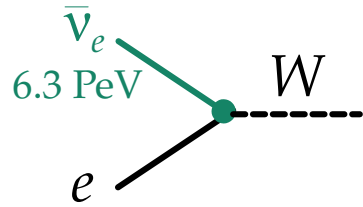
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*Long-sought, finally seen*

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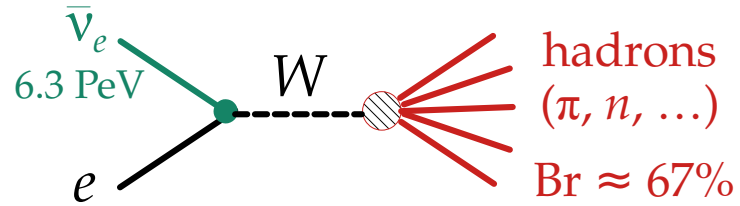
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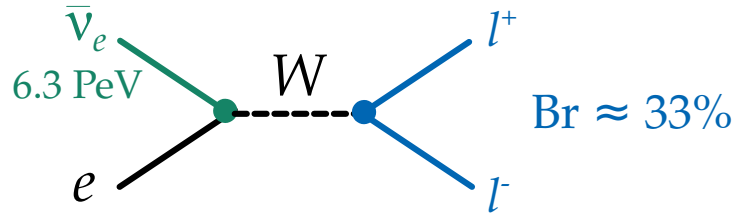
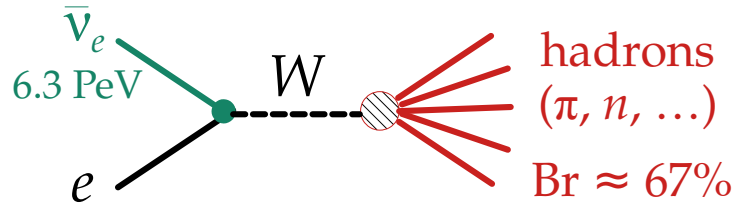
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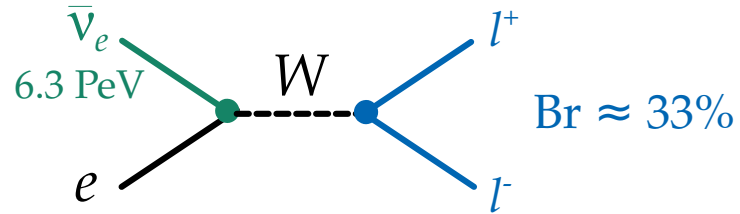
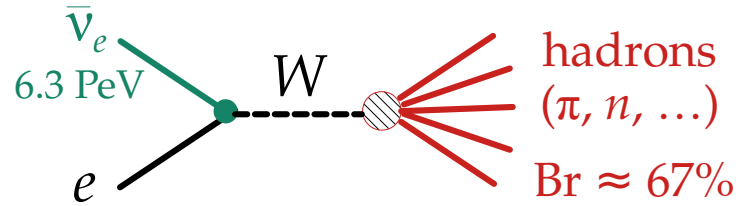
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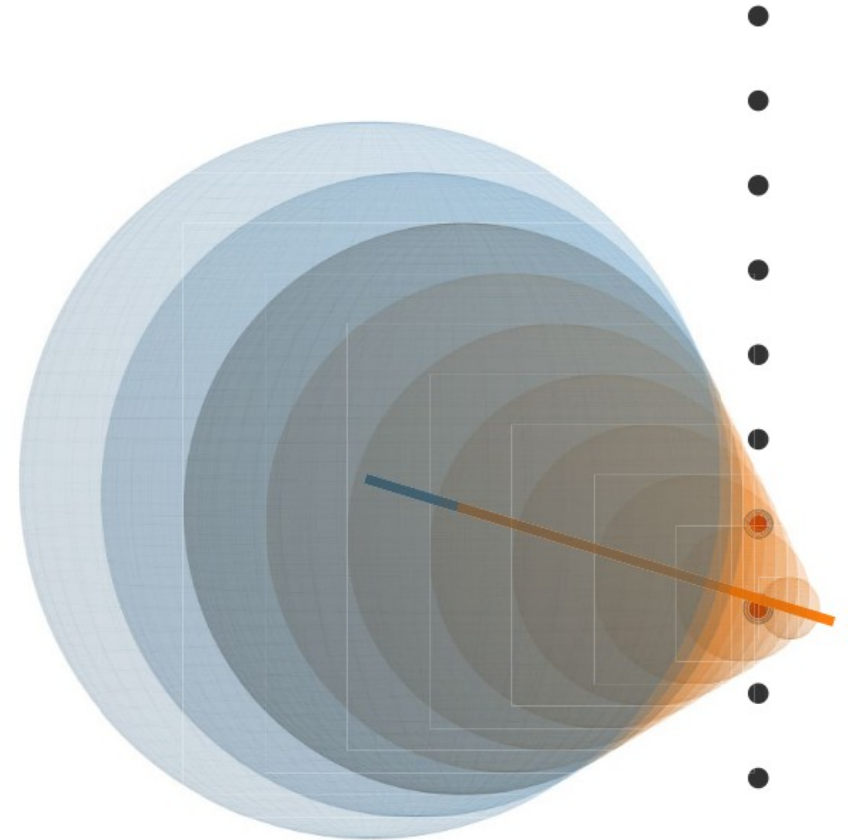


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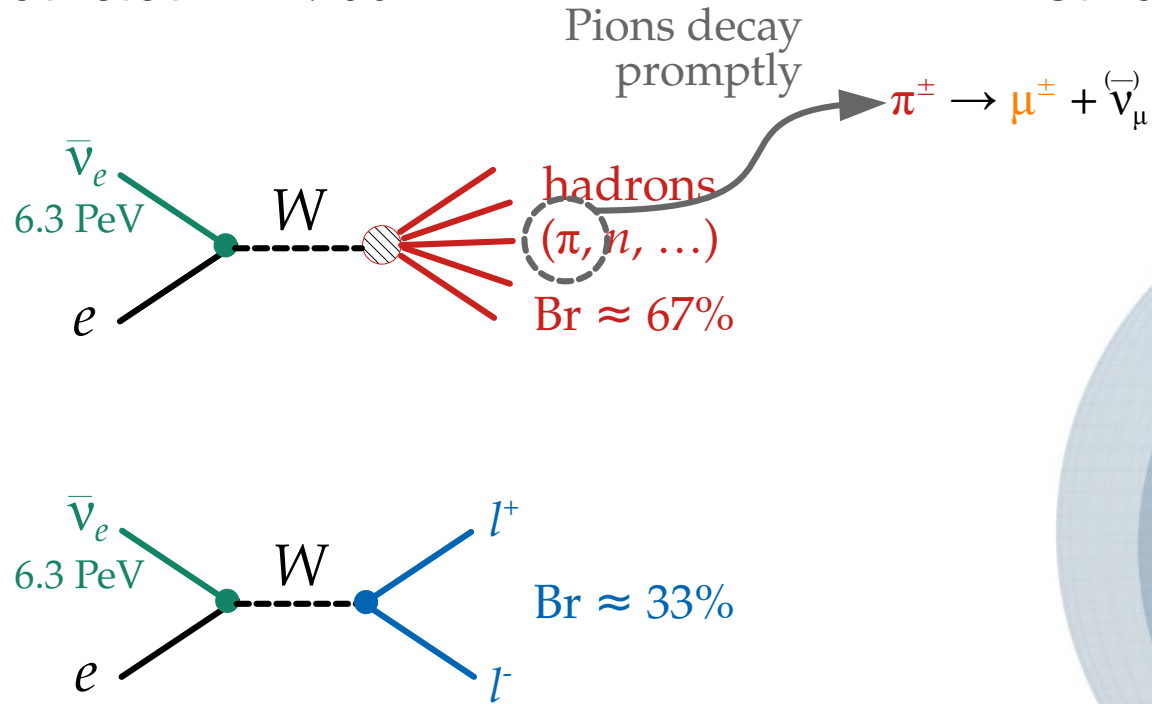


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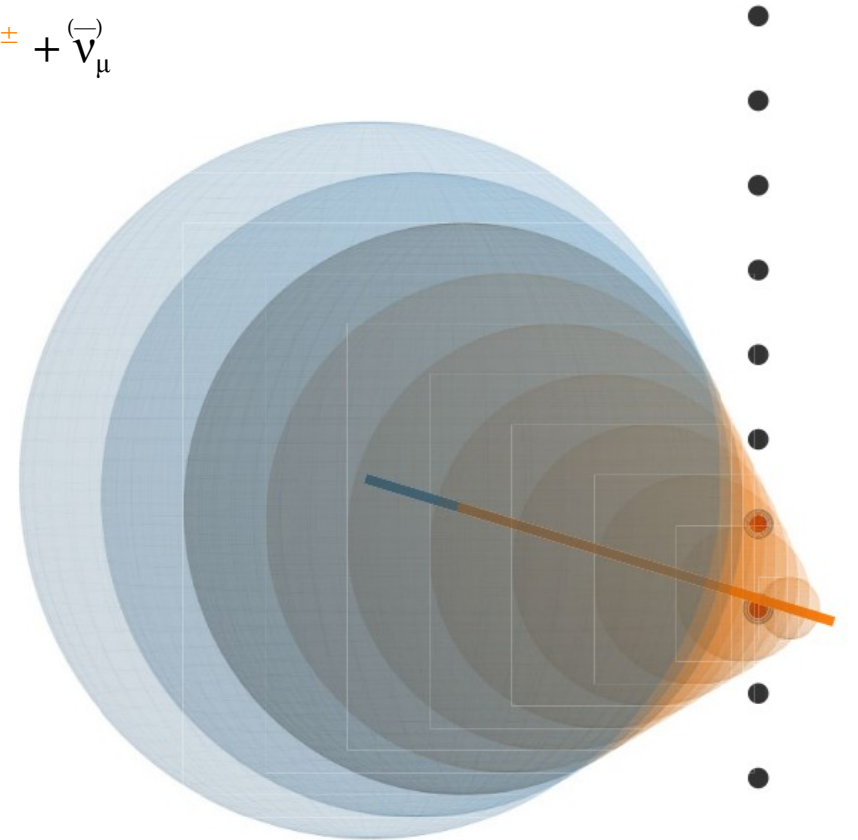


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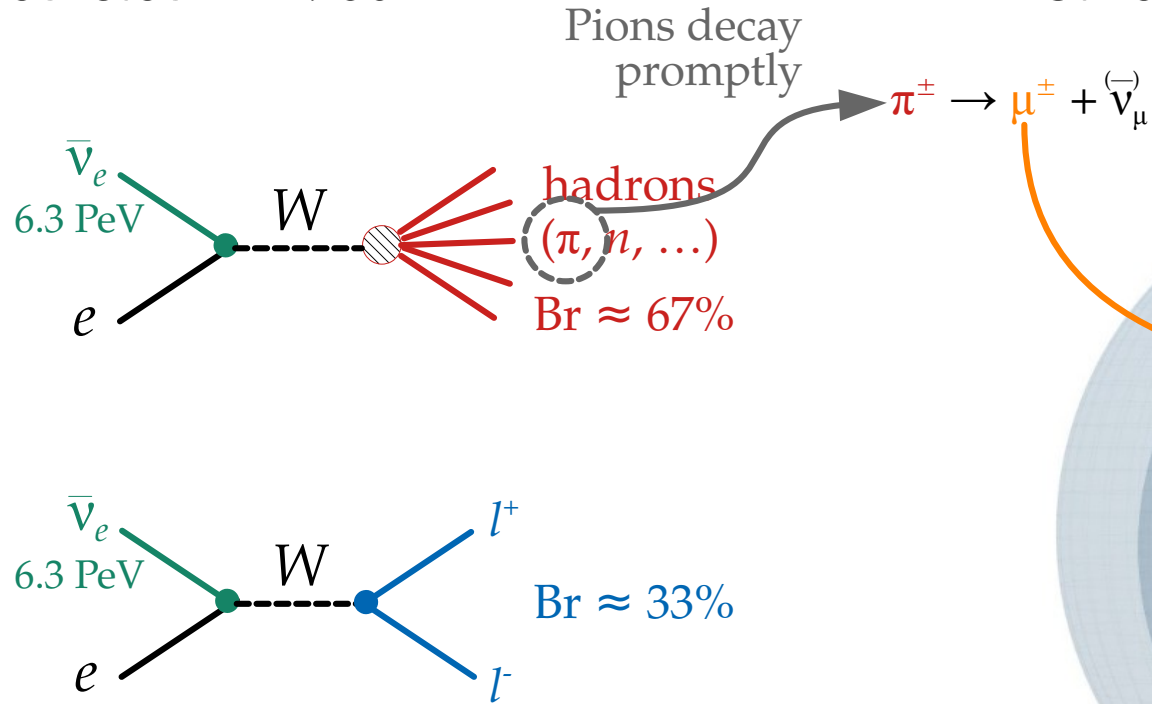


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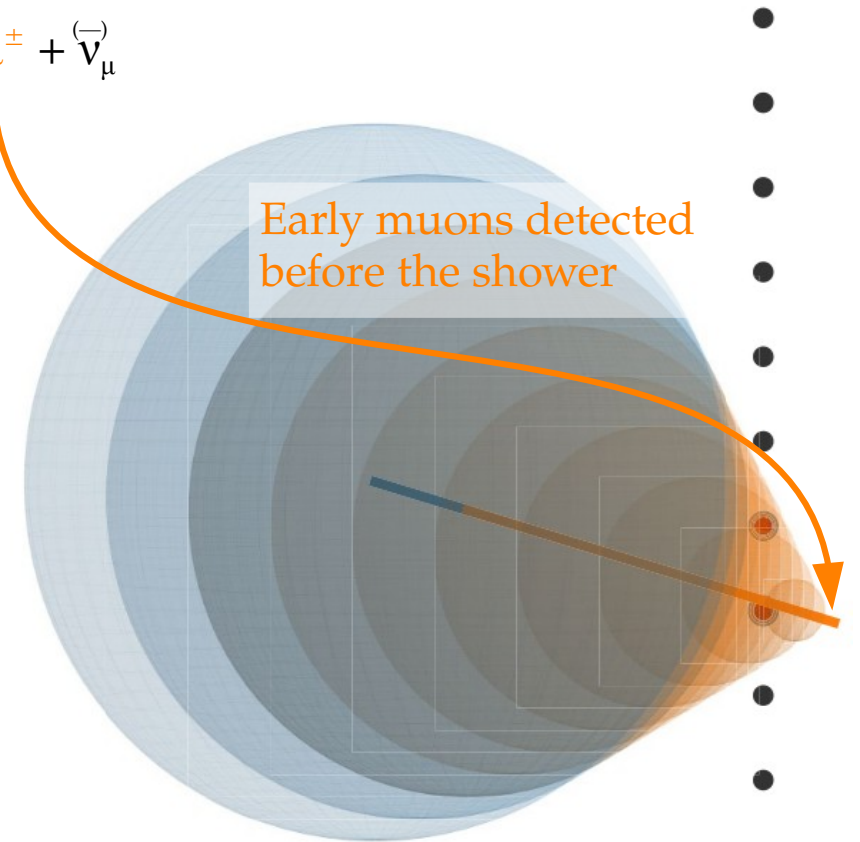


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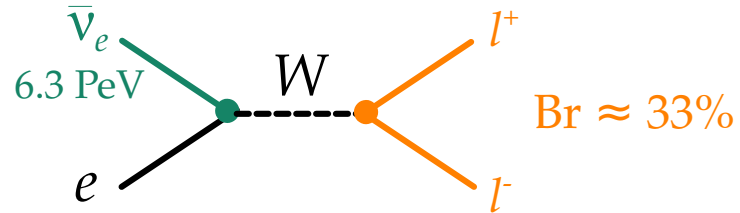
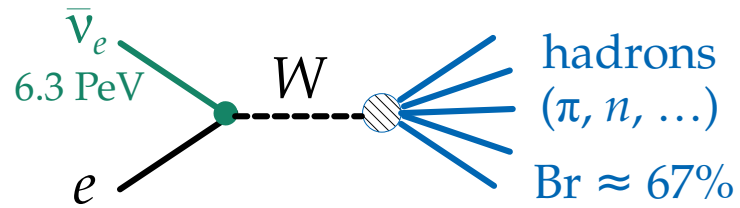
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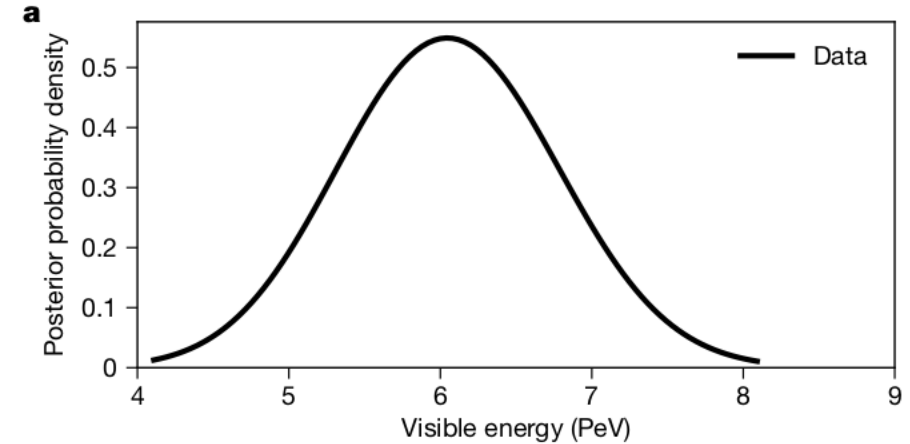


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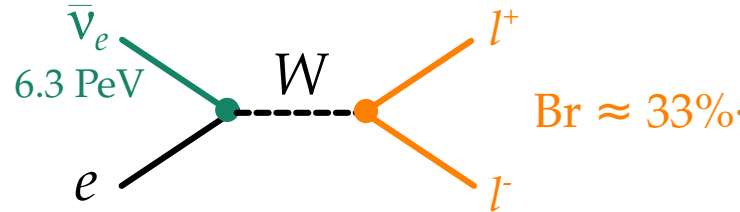
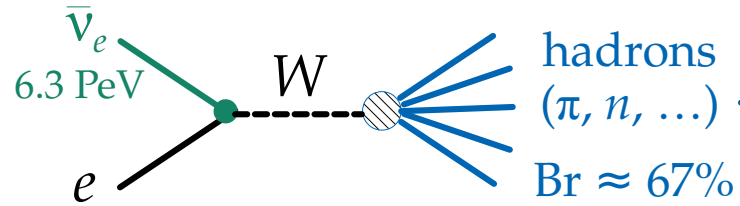


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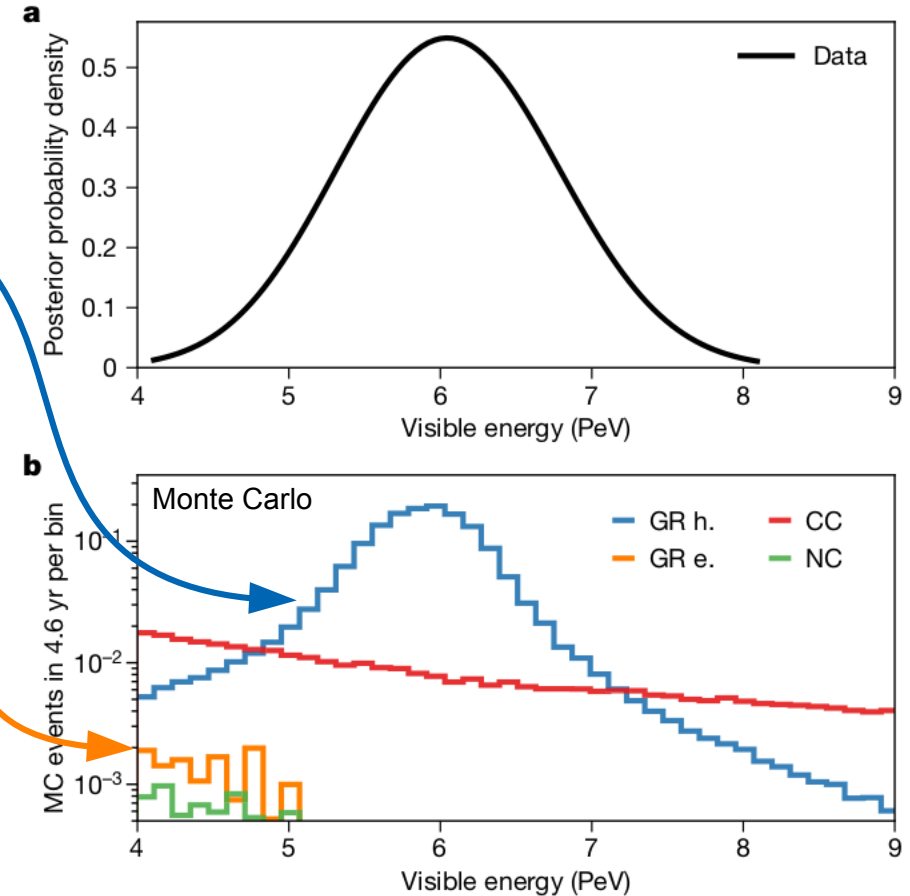


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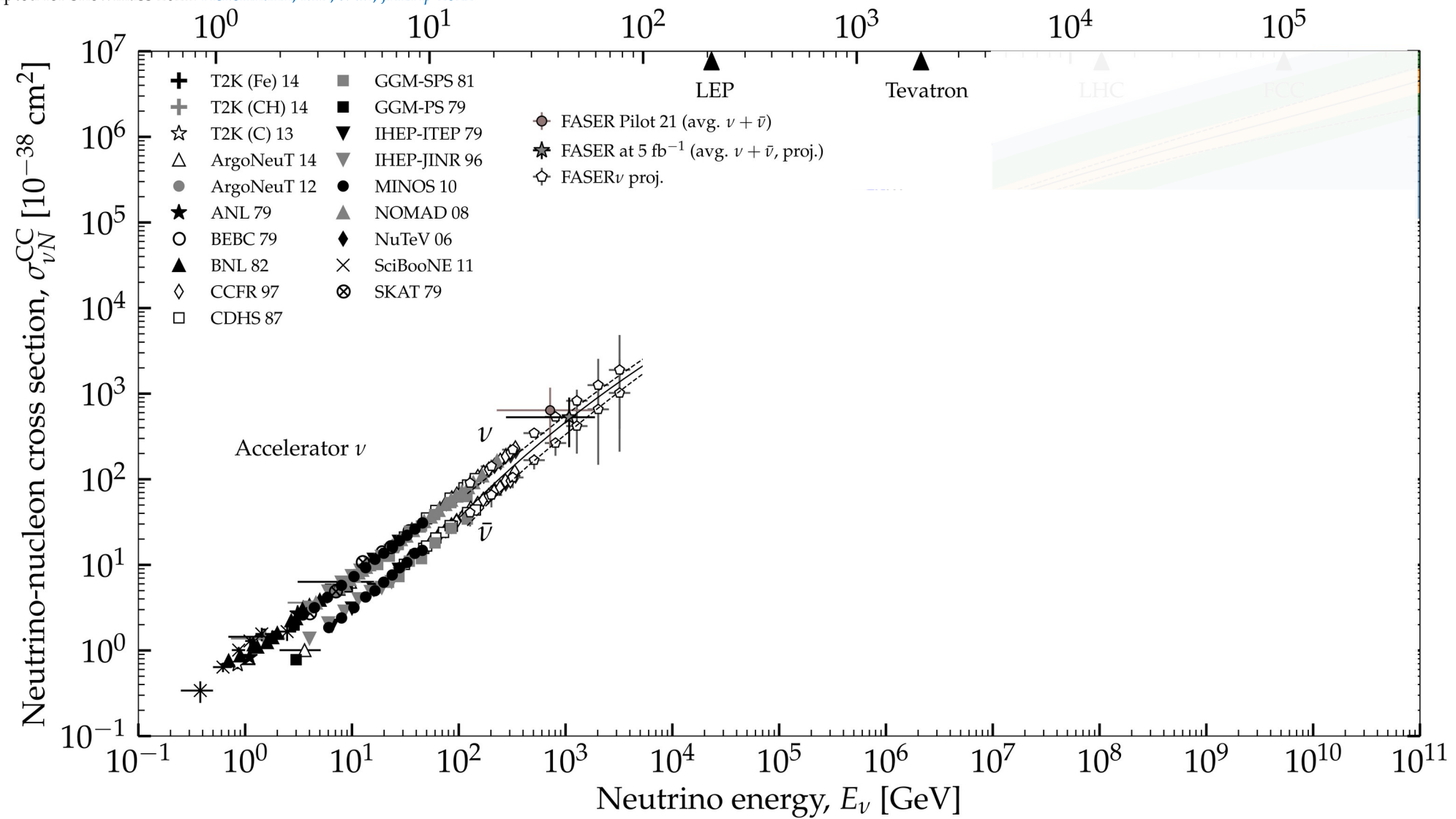


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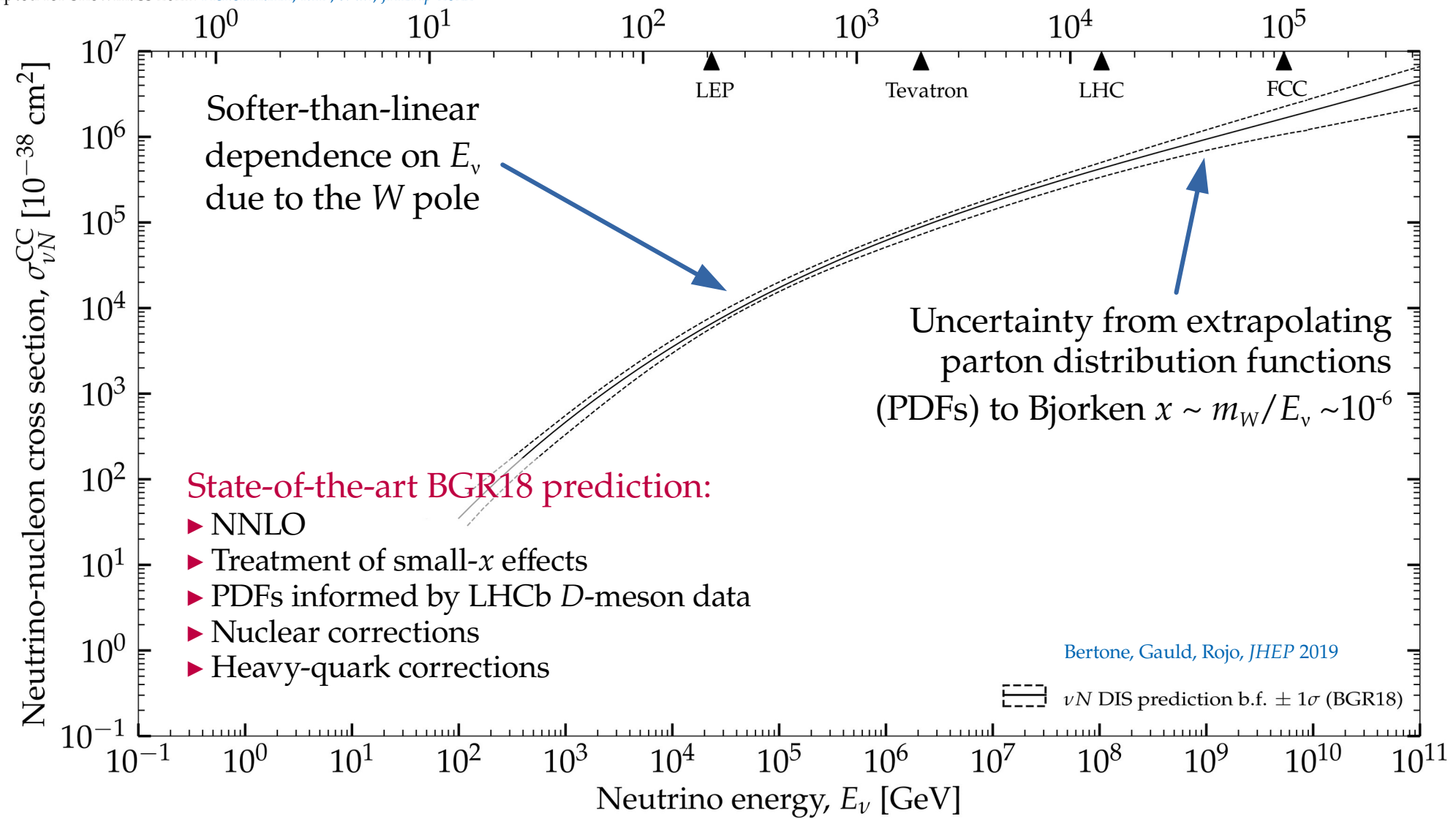
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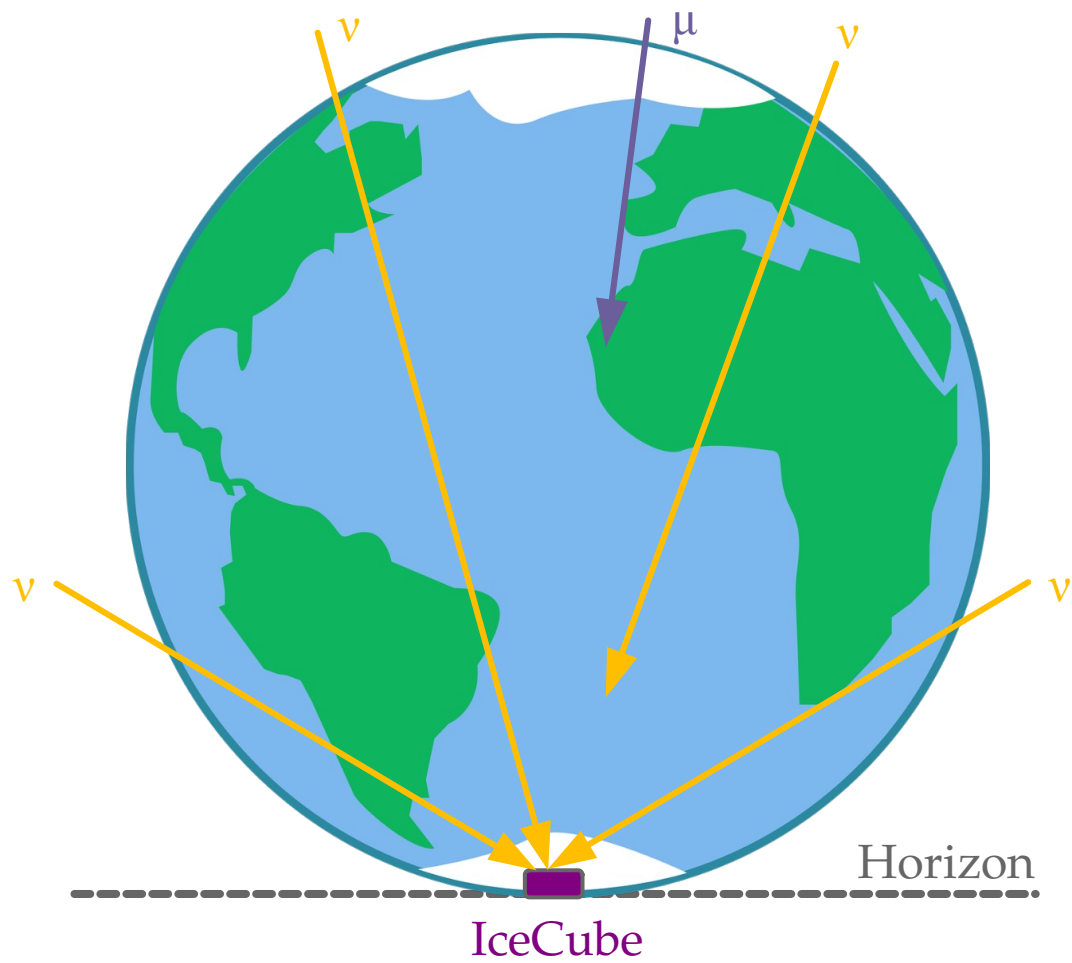
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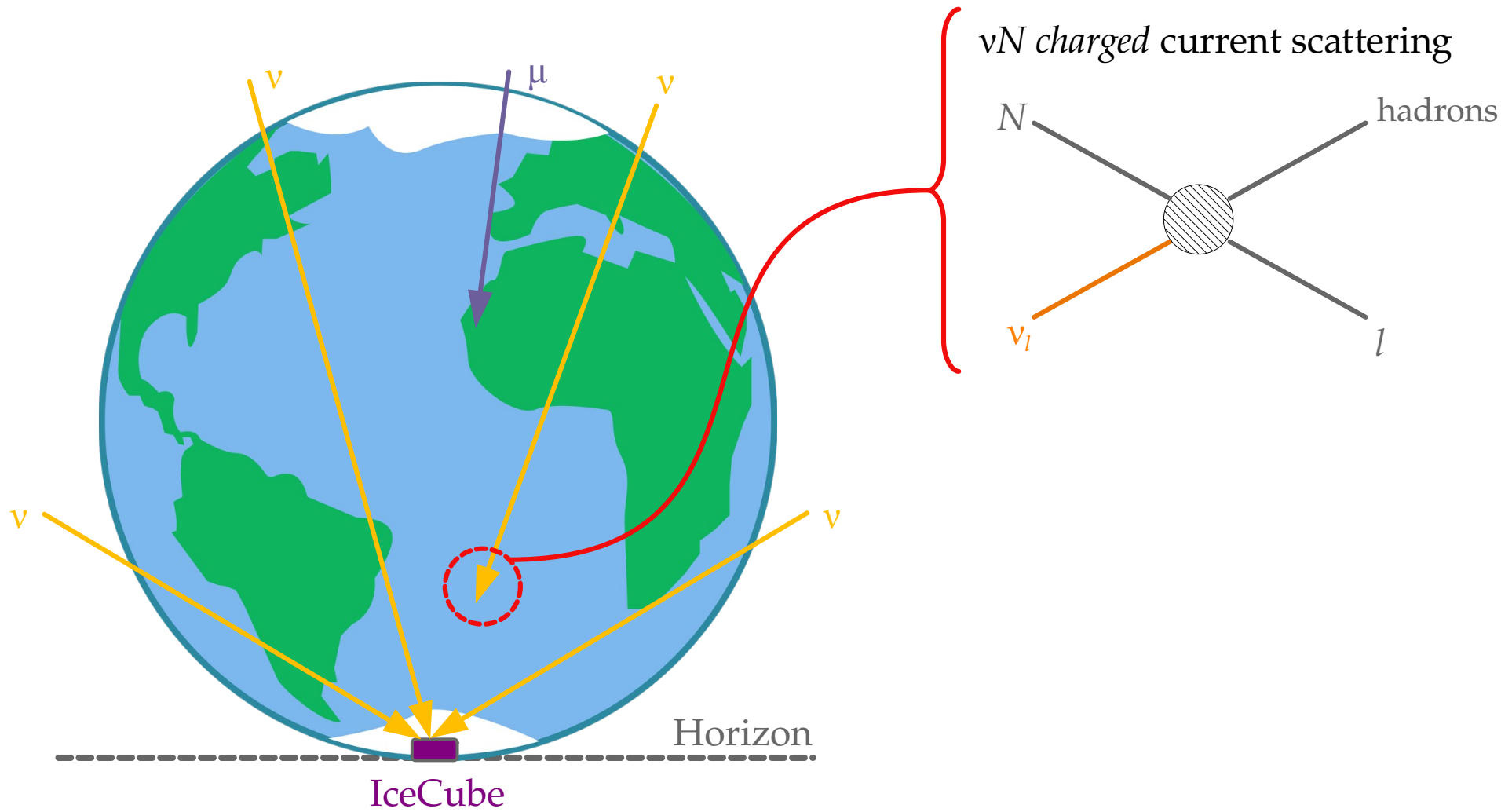


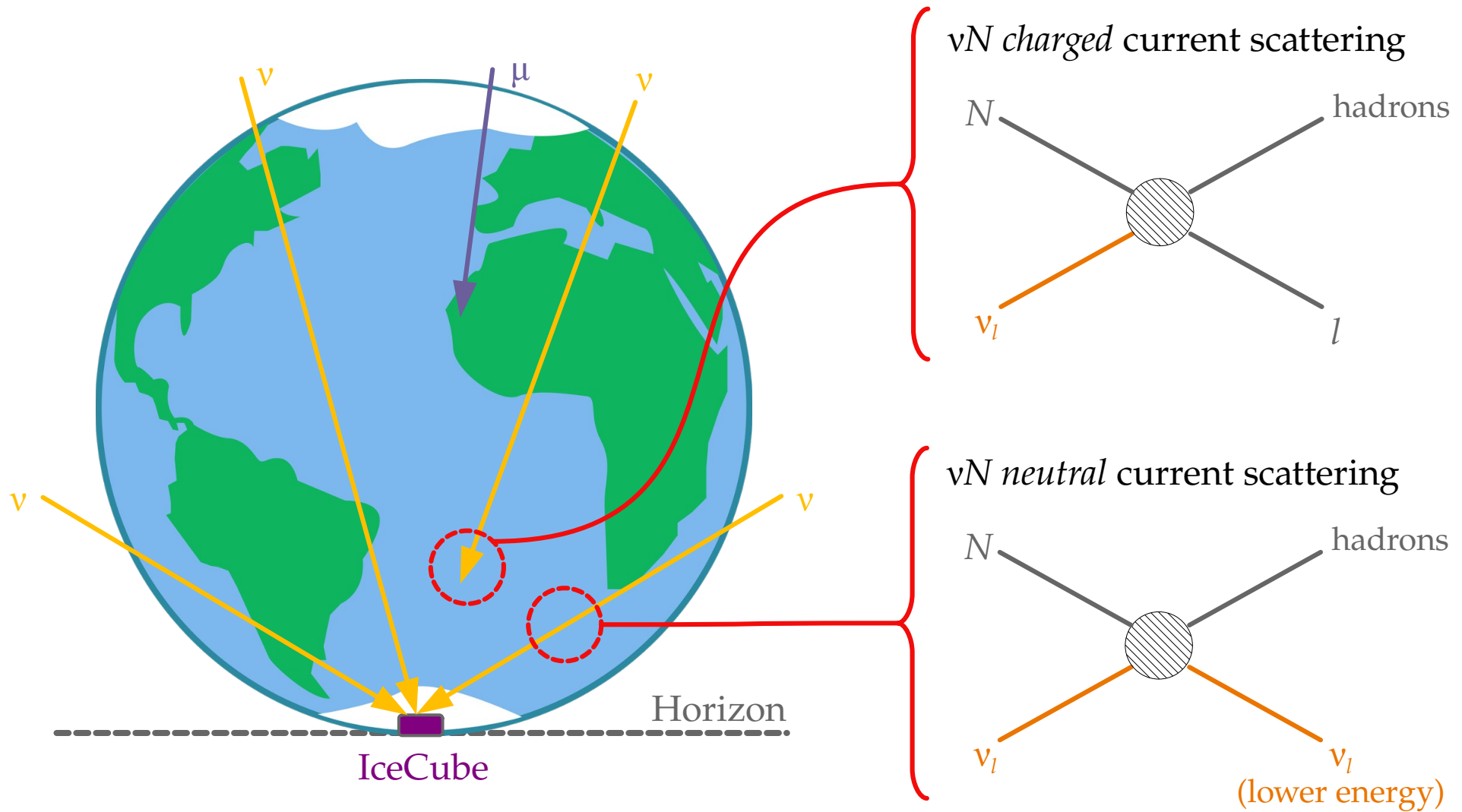


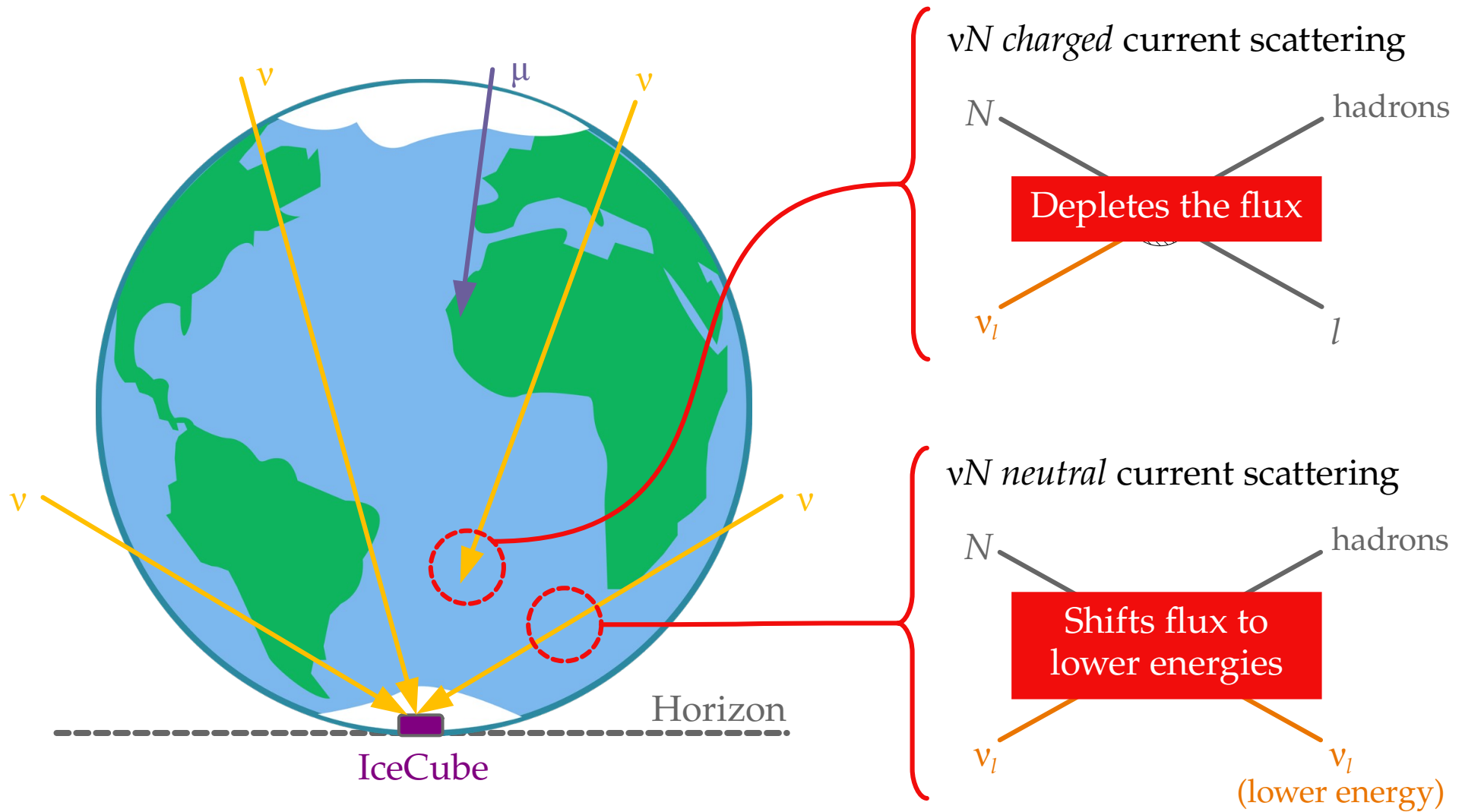
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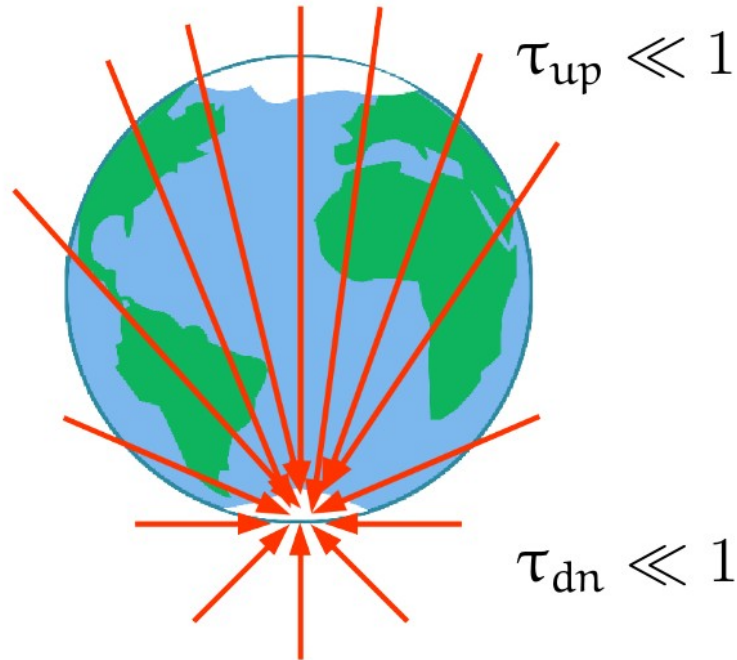




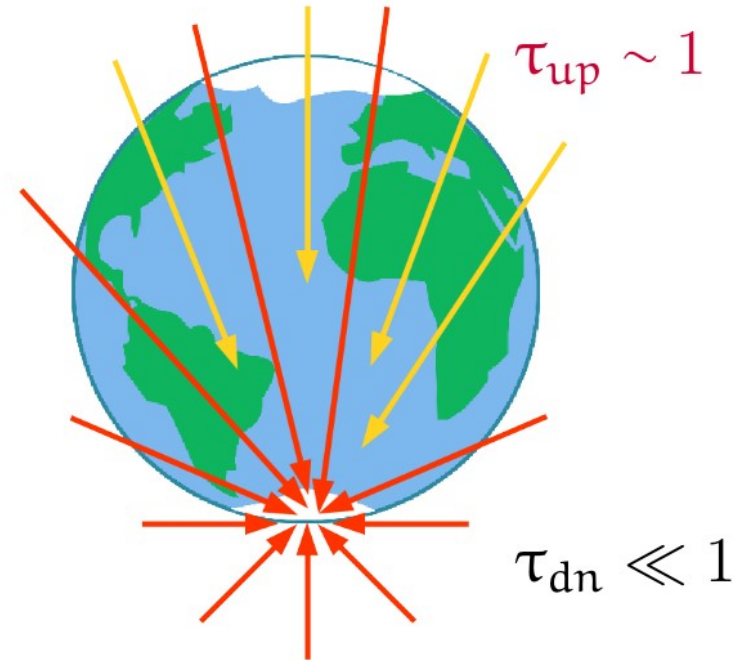
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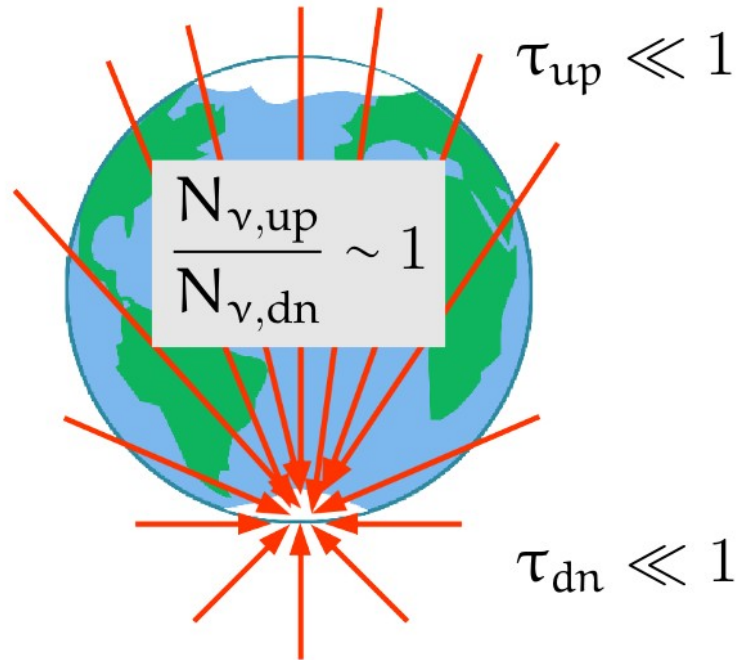
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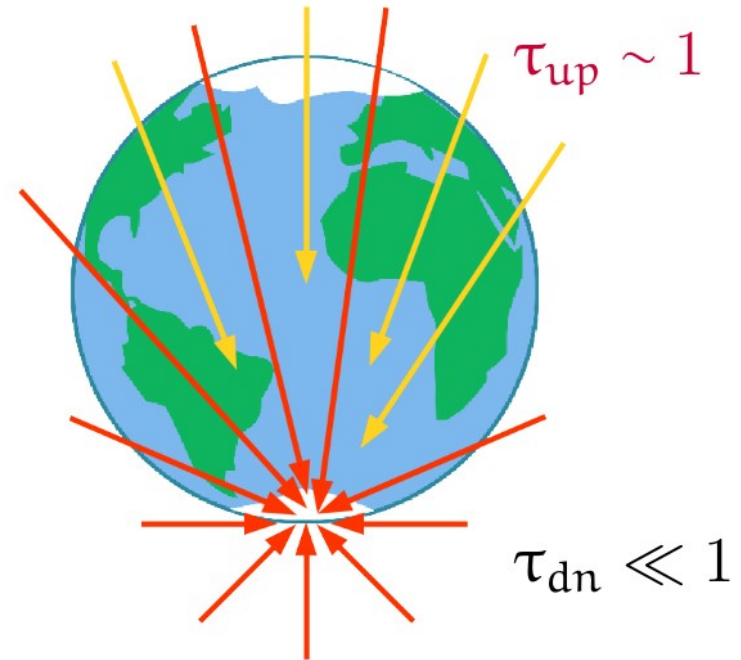
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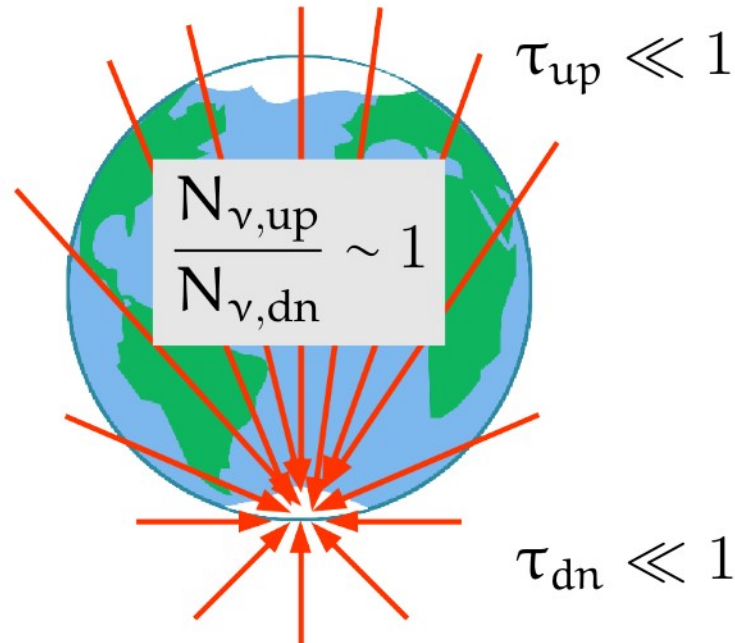
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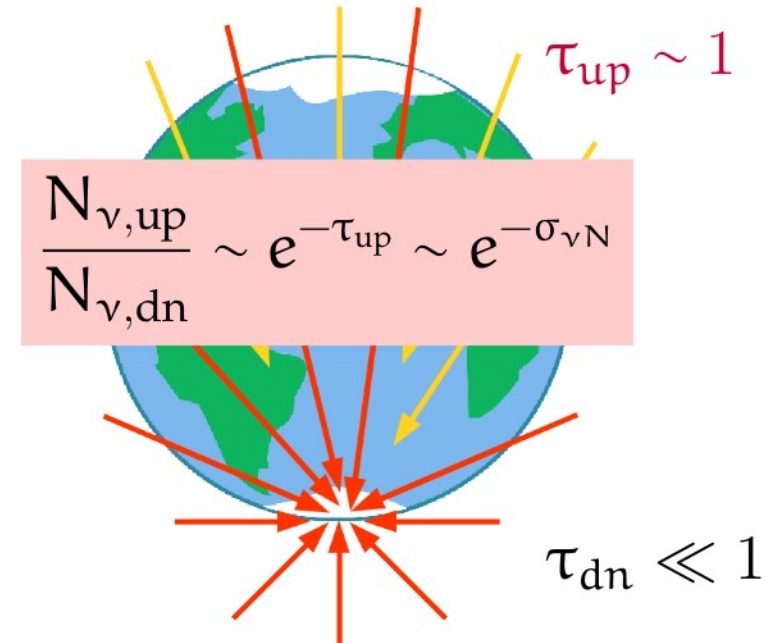
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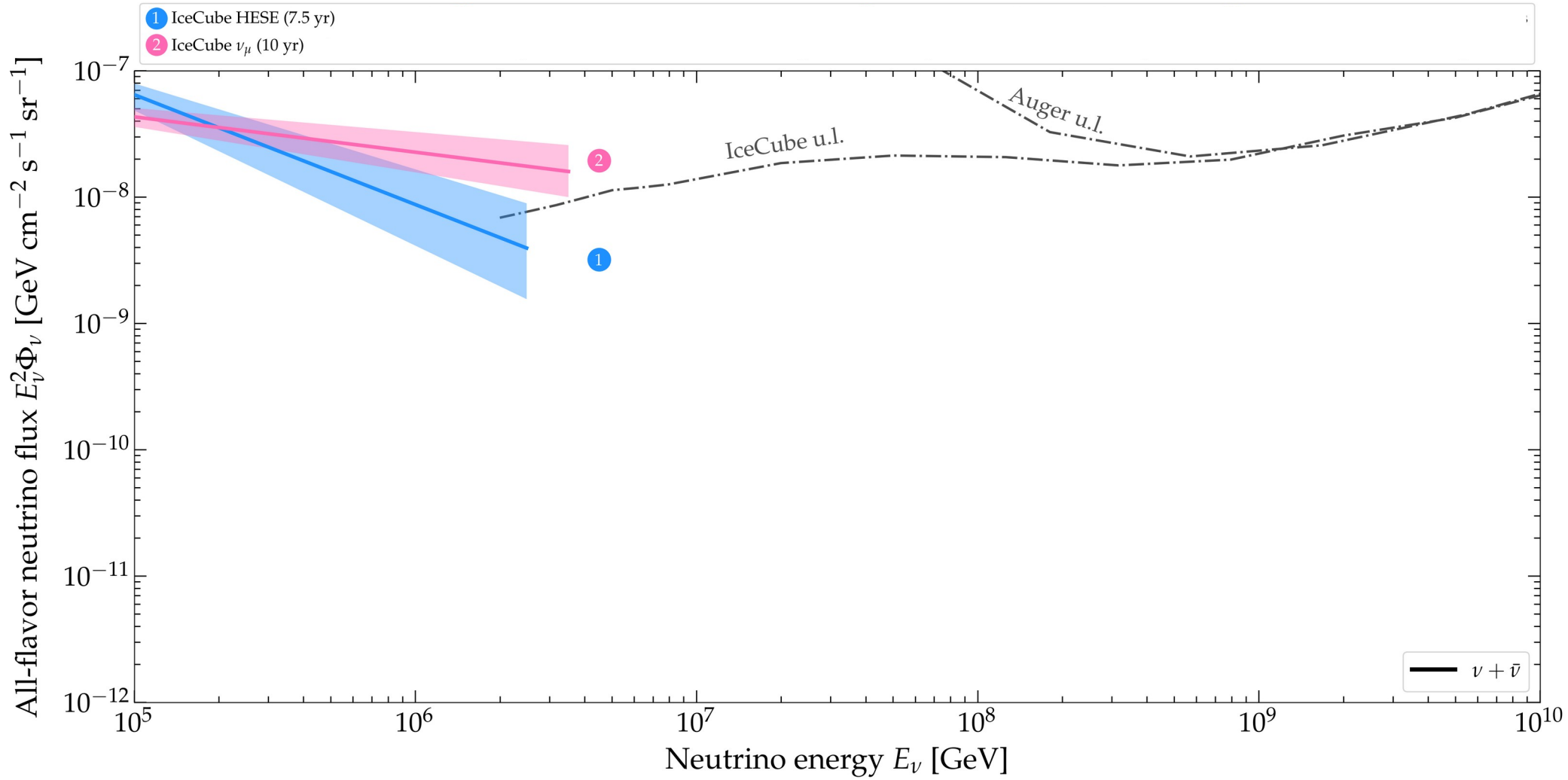
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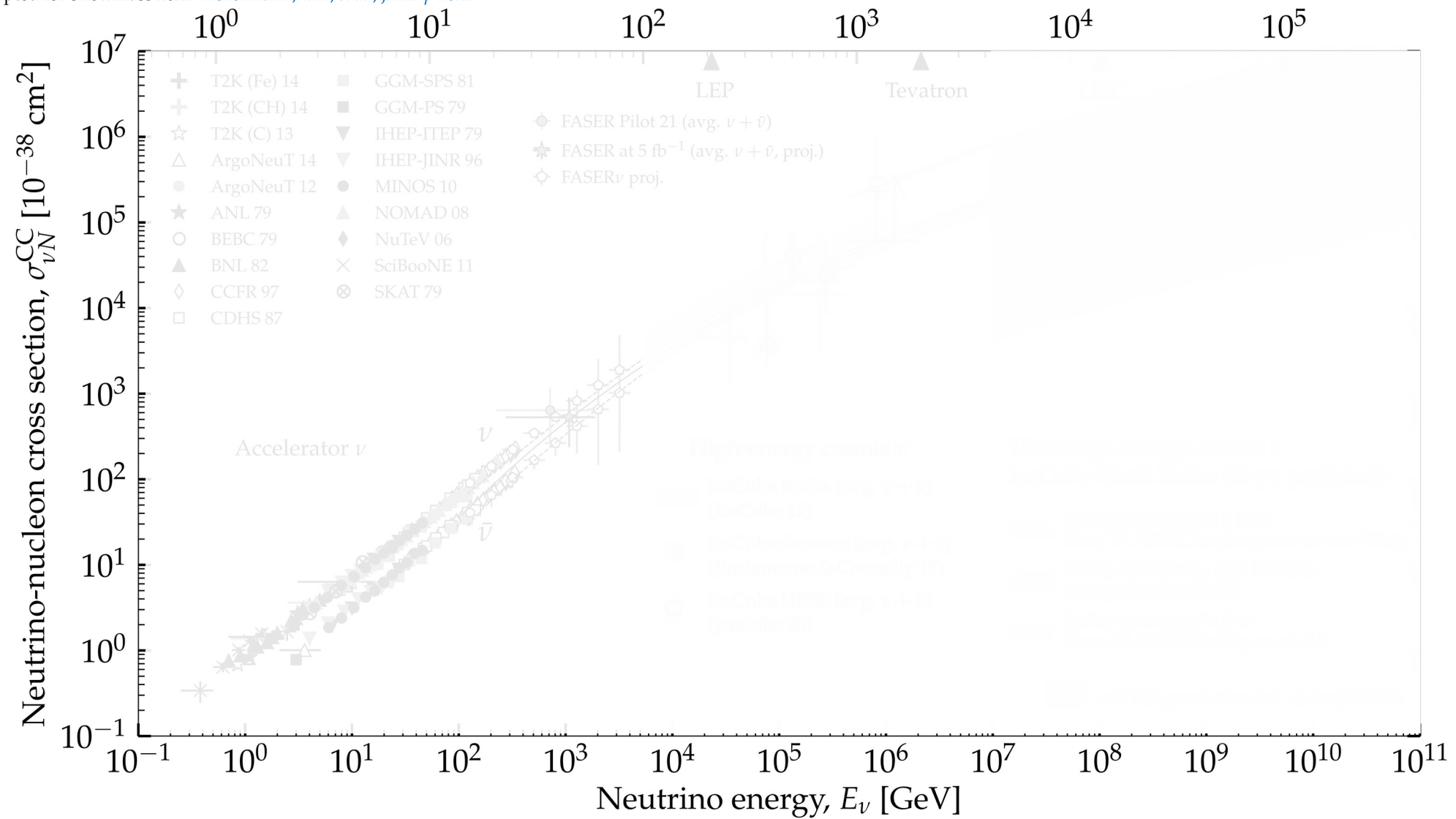


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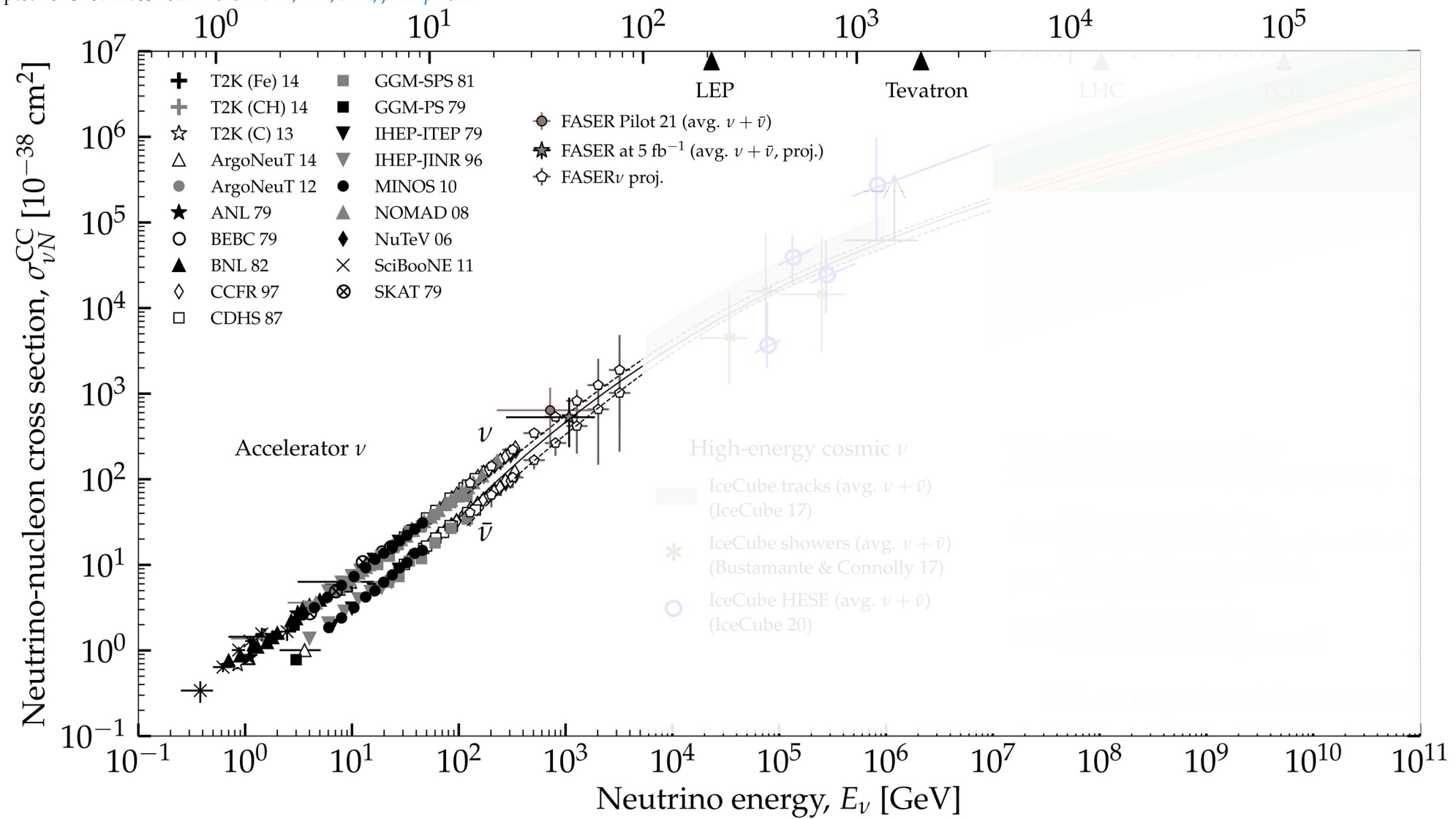


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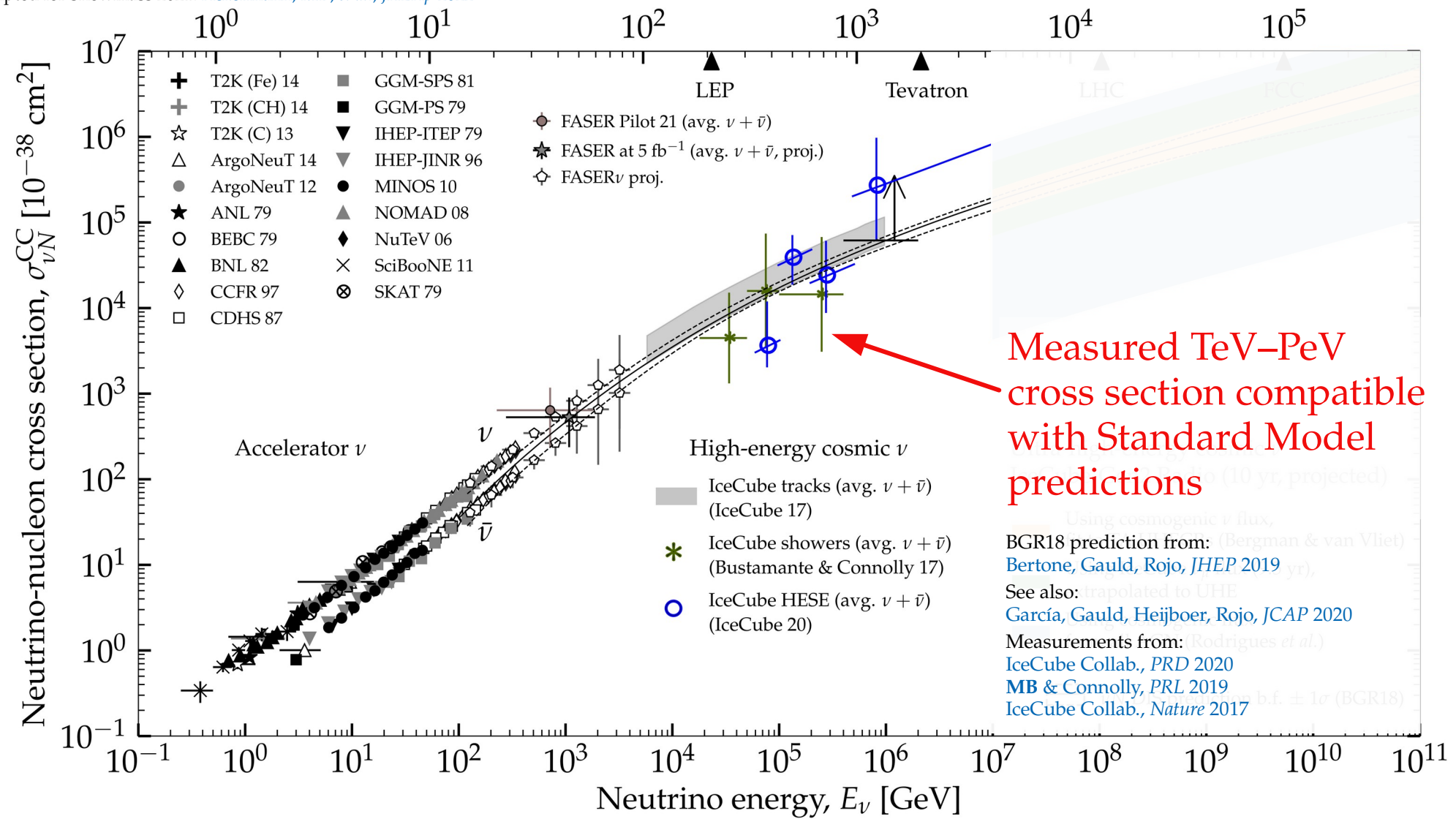




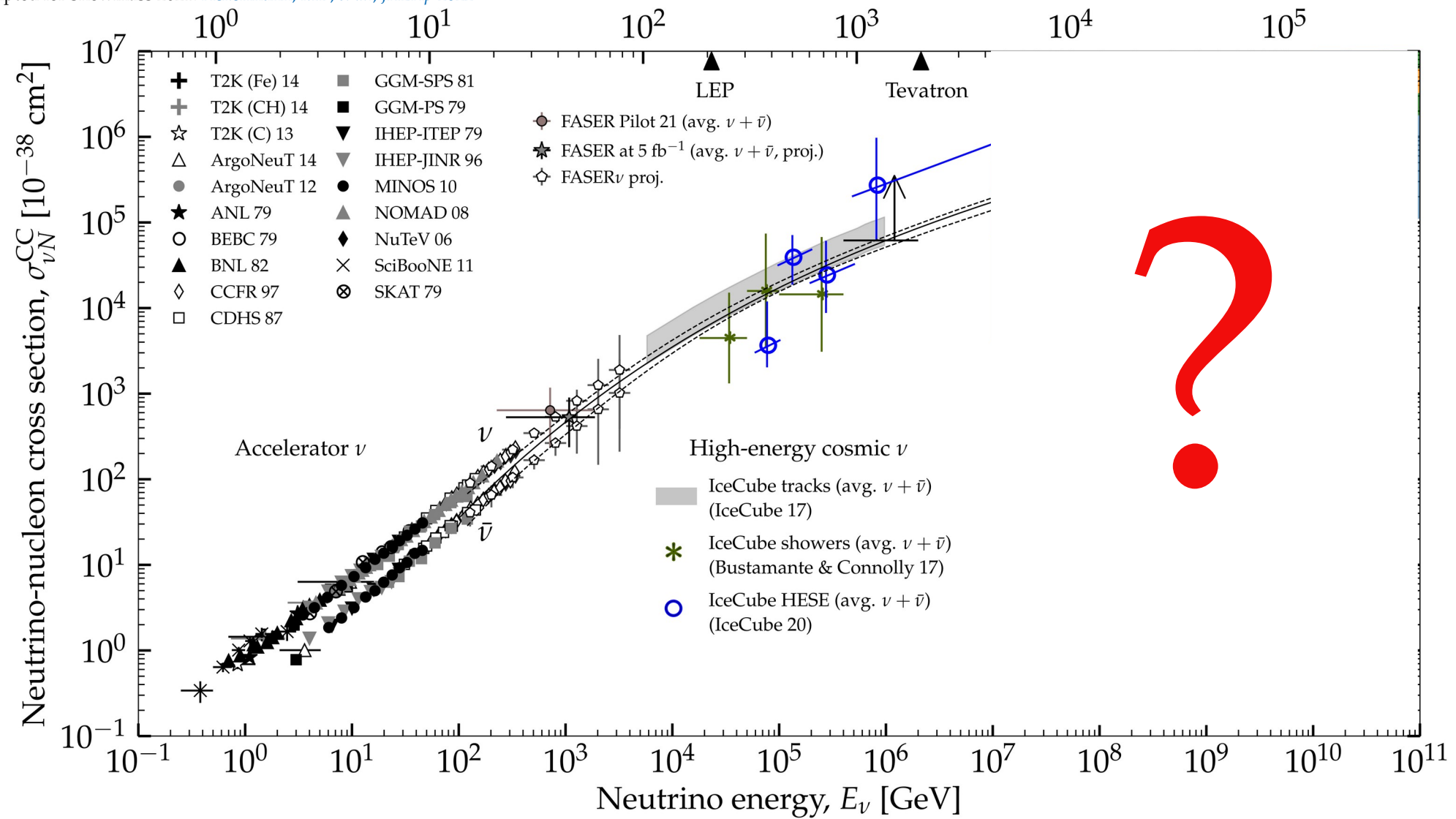
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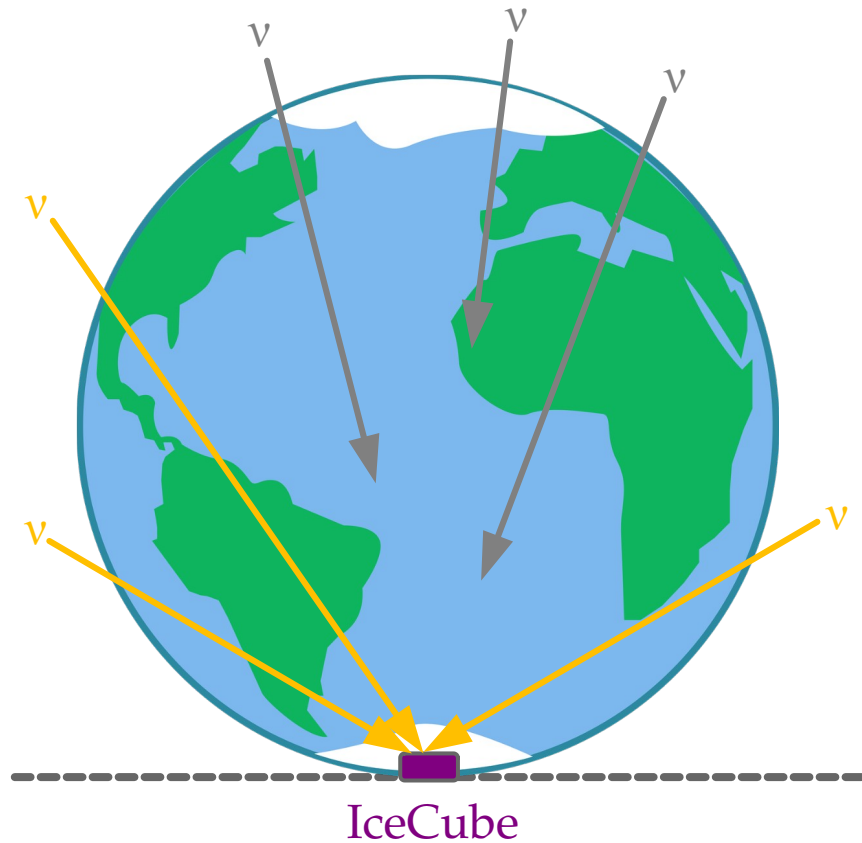
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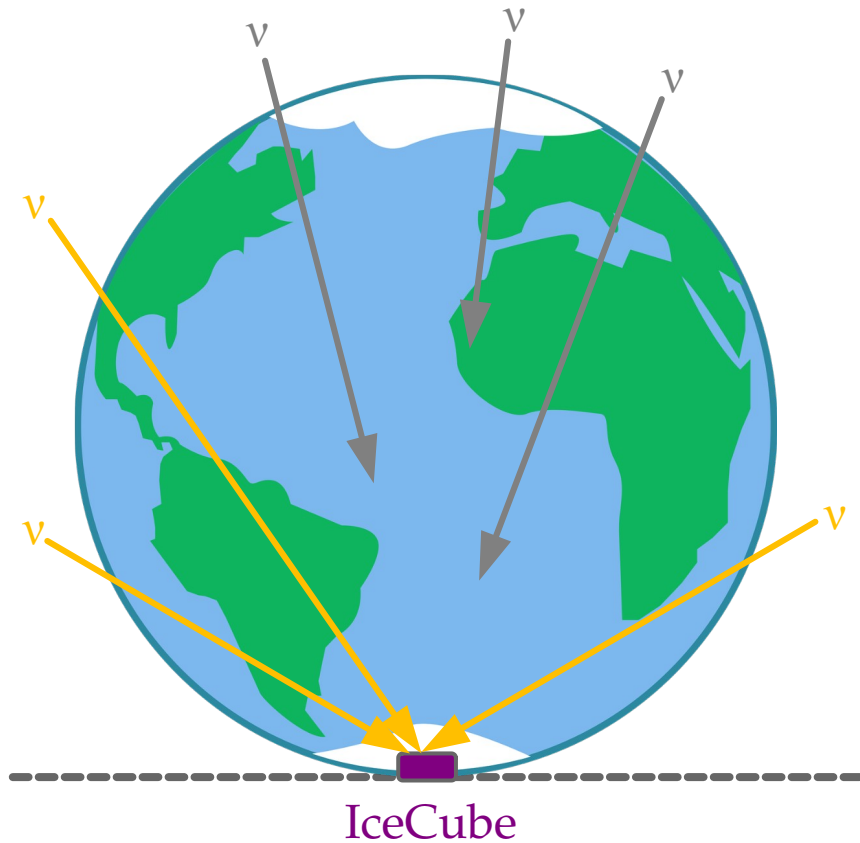


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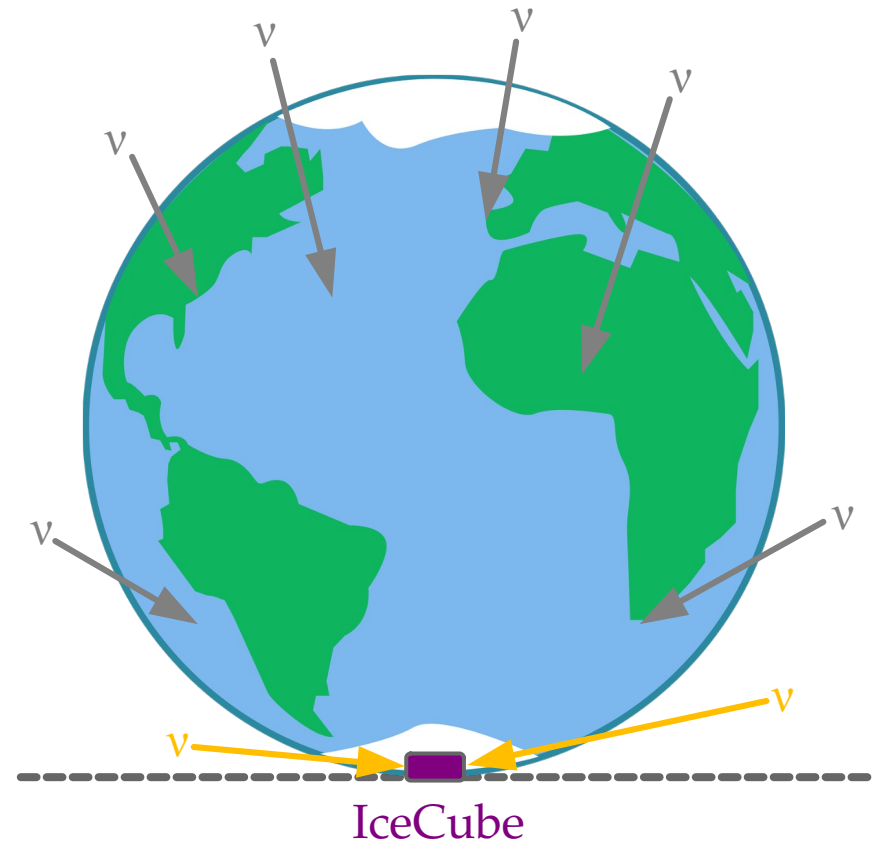
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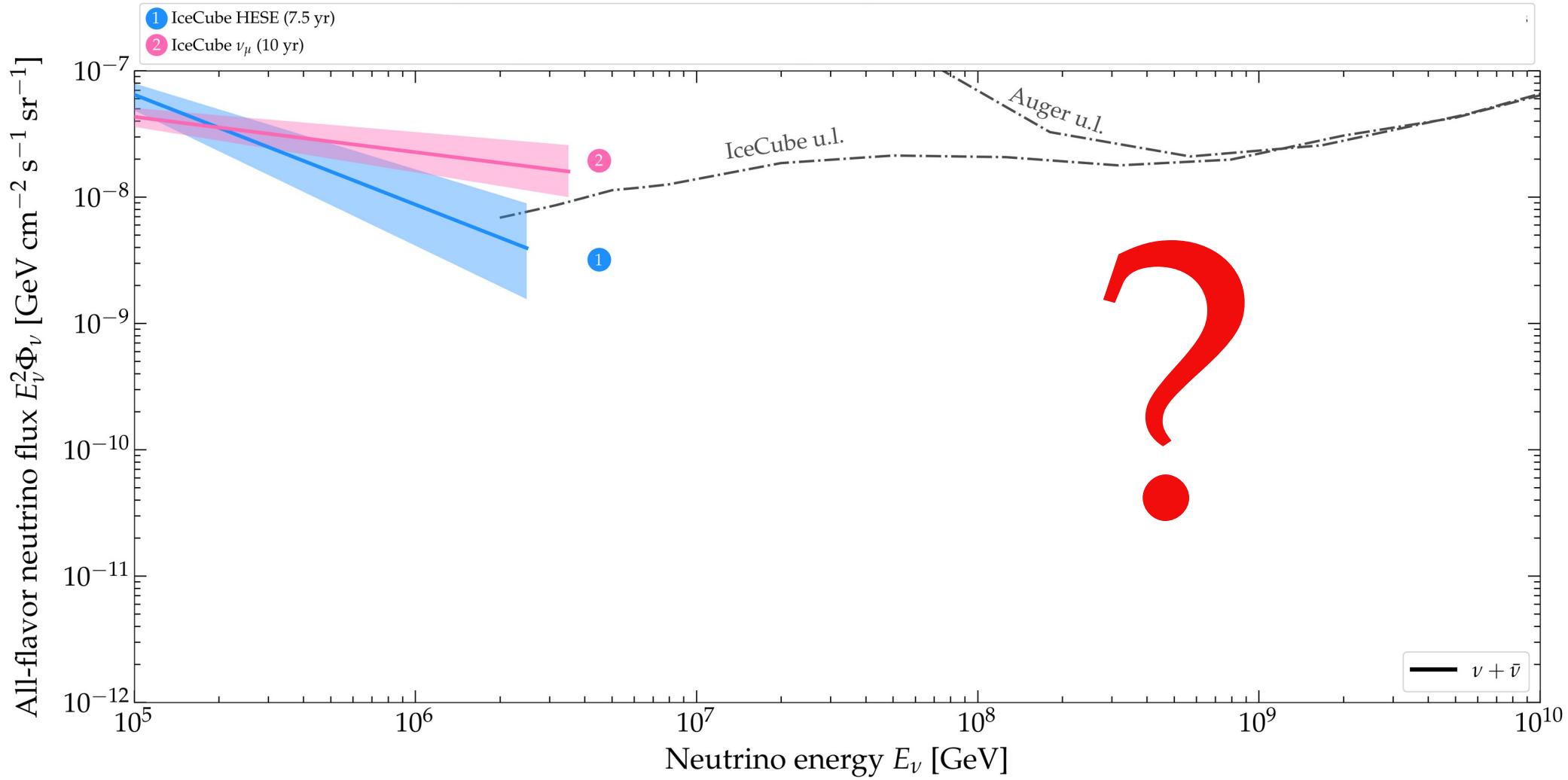
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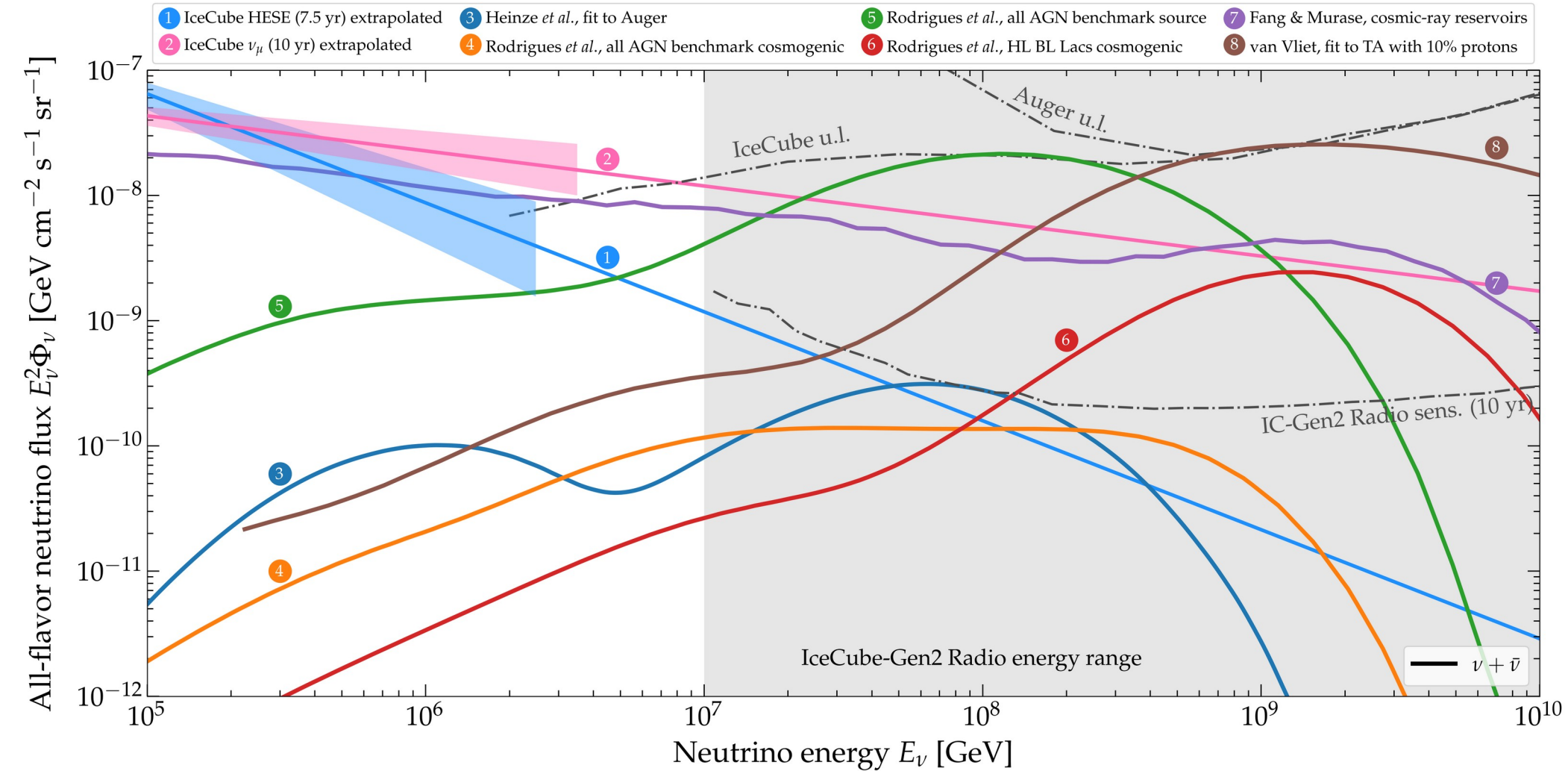
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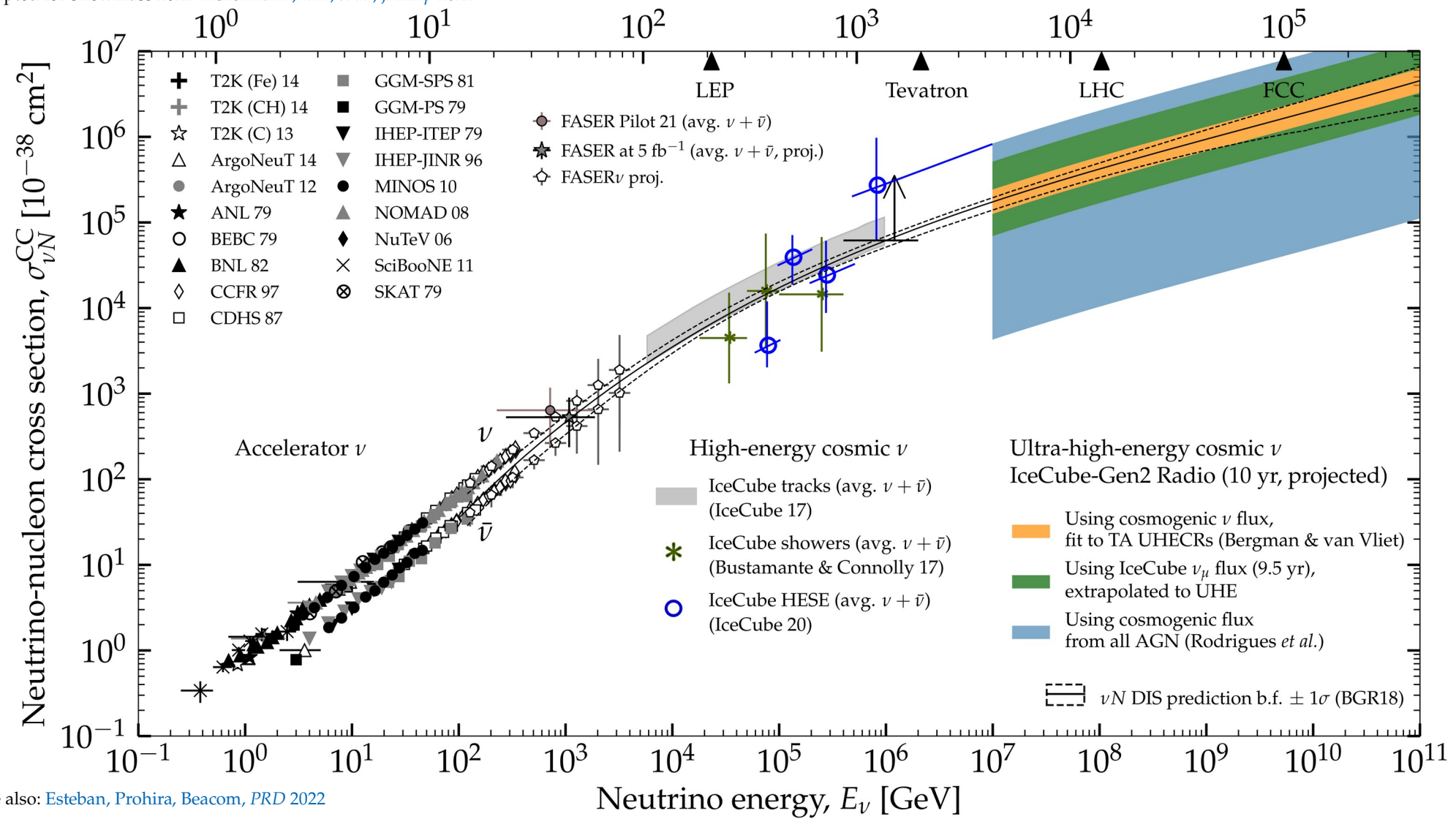
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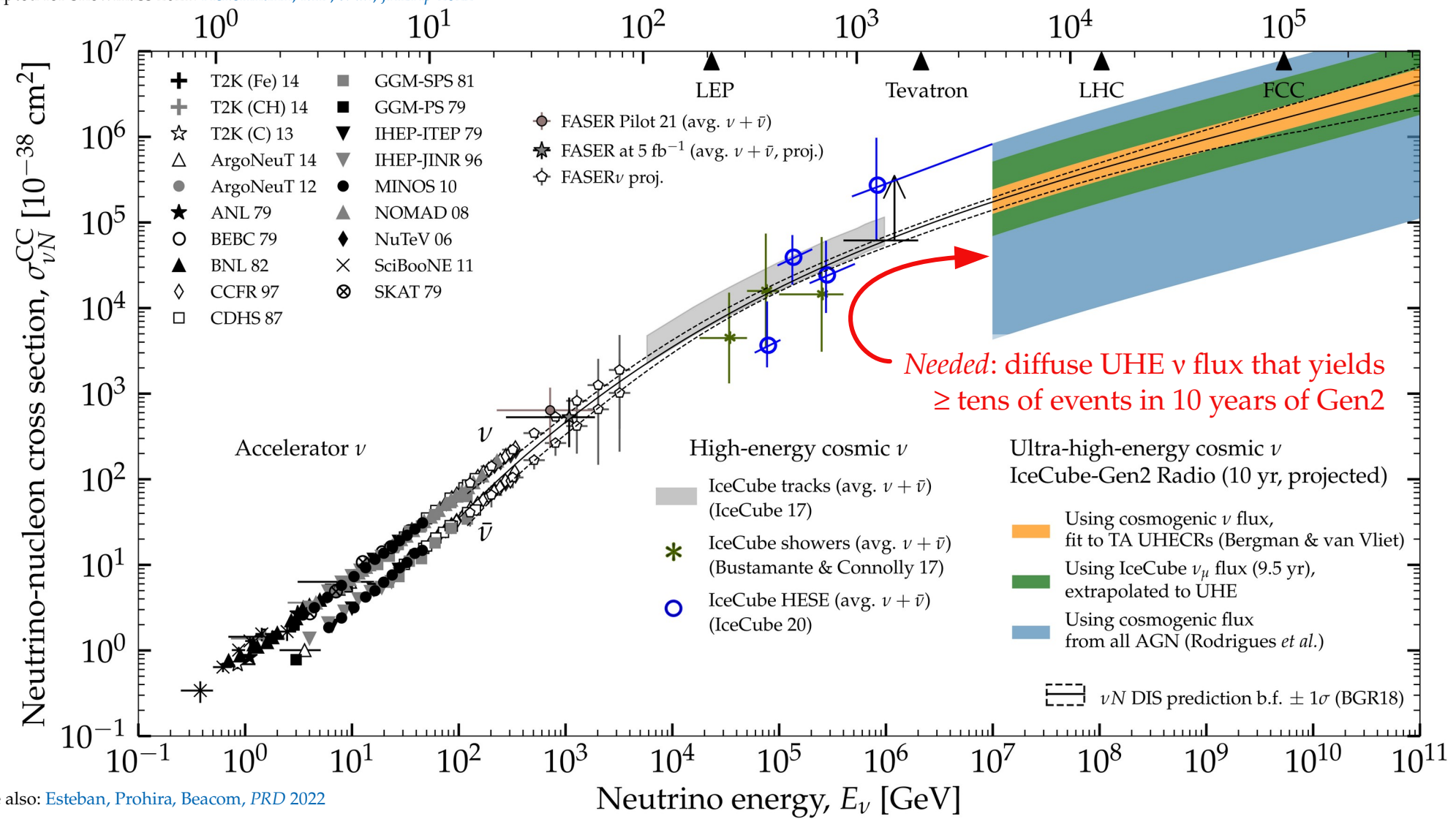




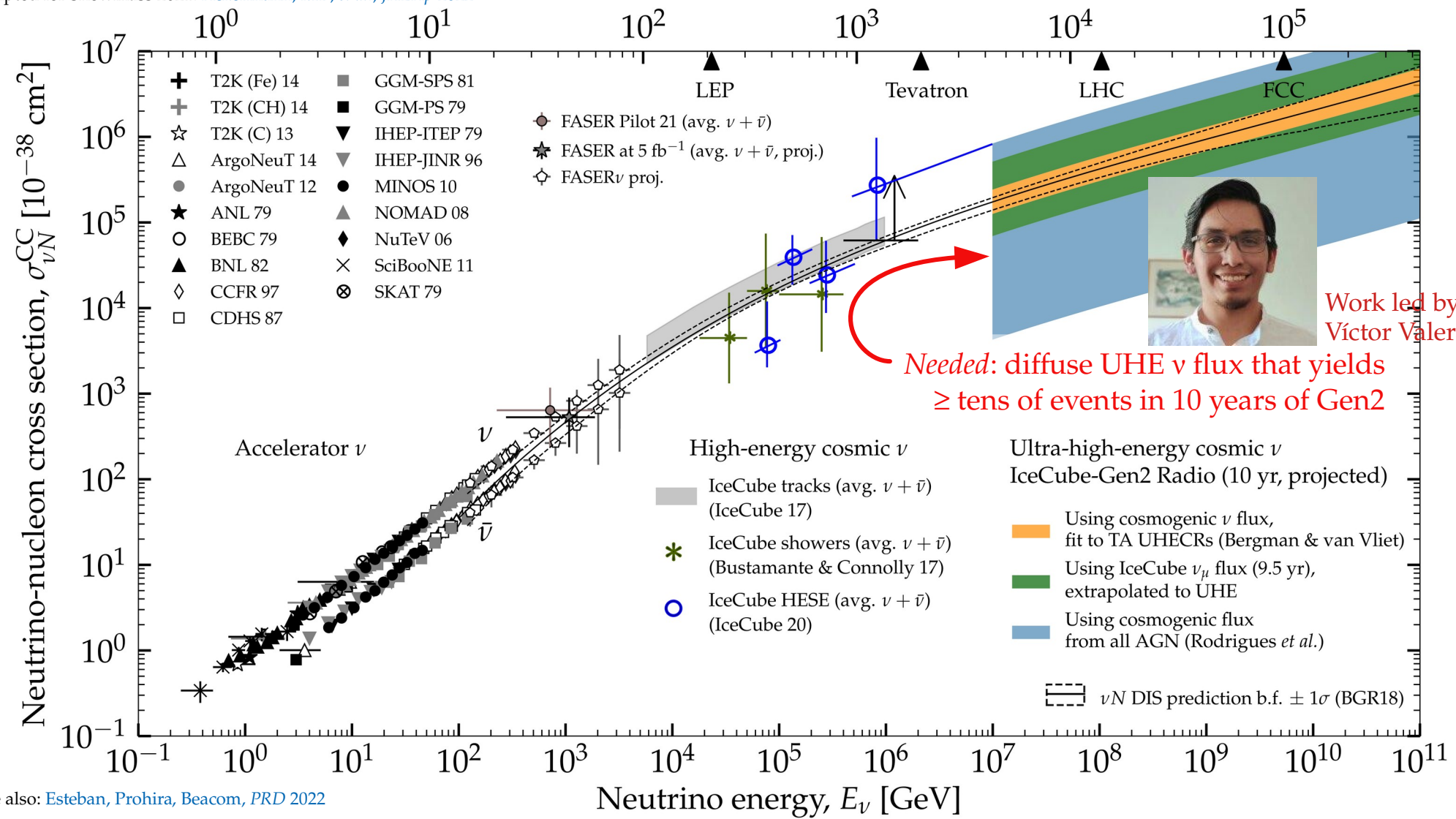
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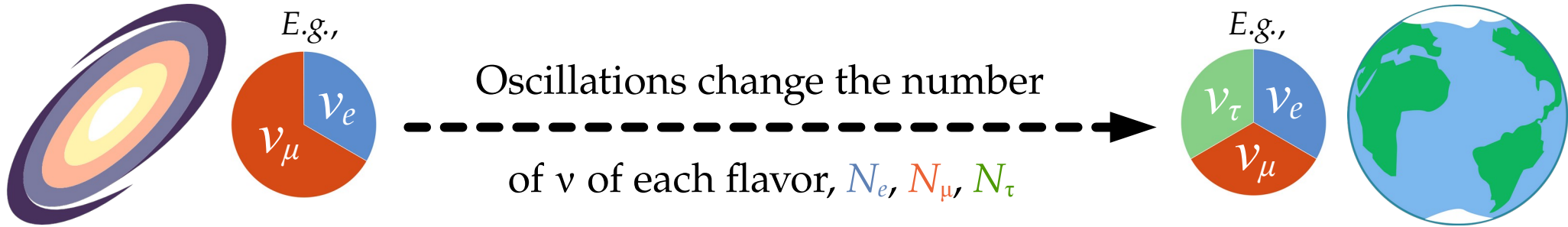
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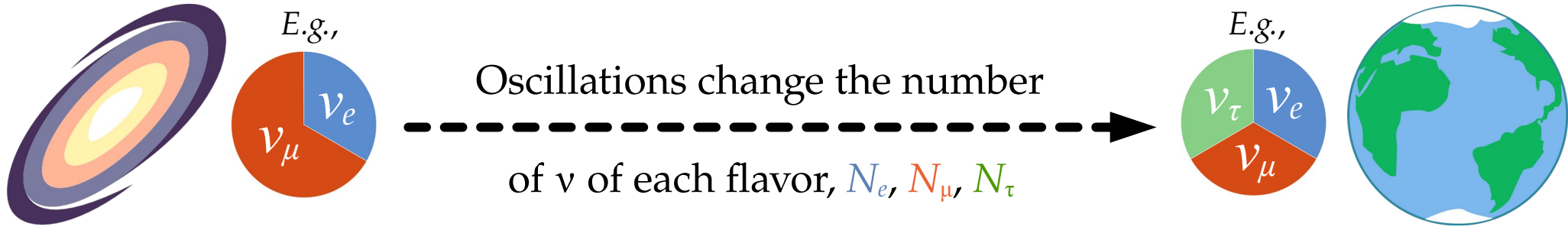
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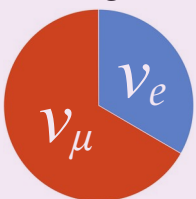
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E.g.,



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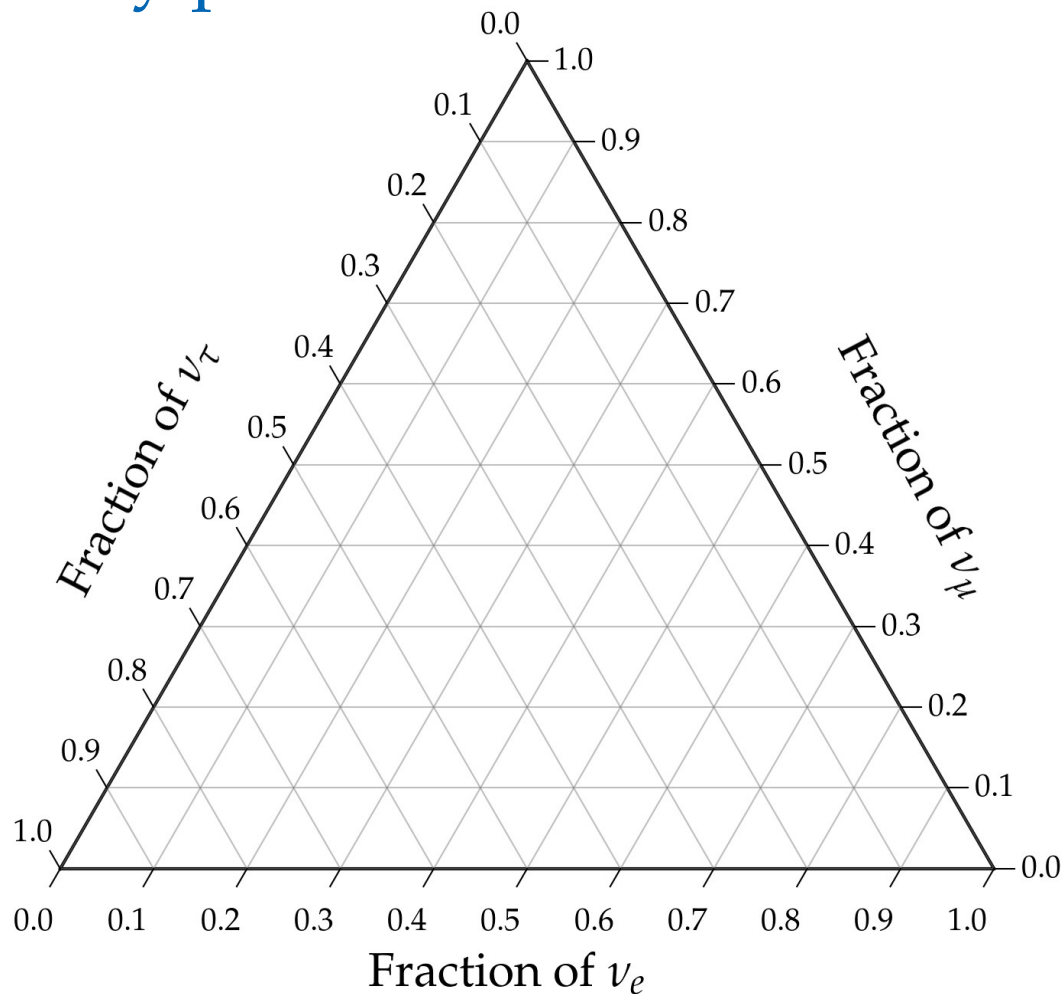
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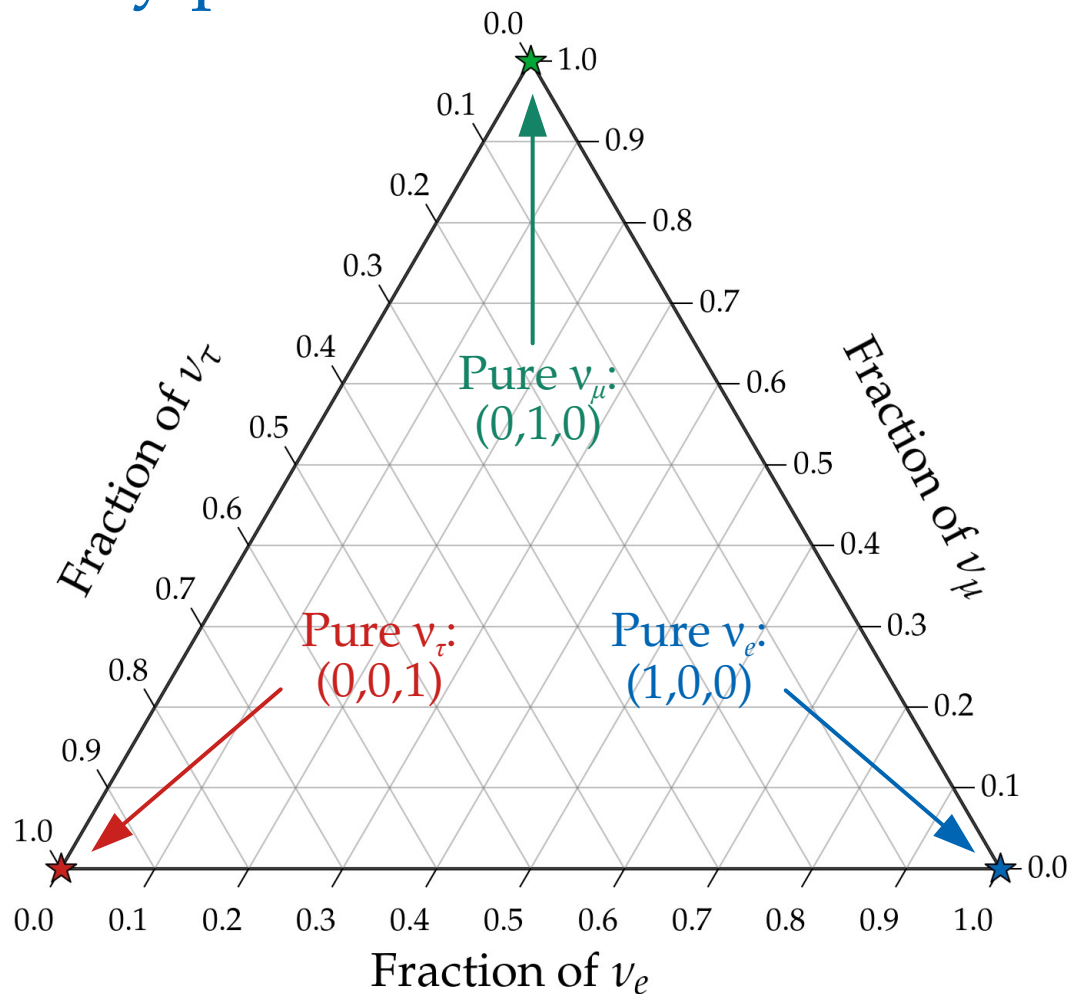
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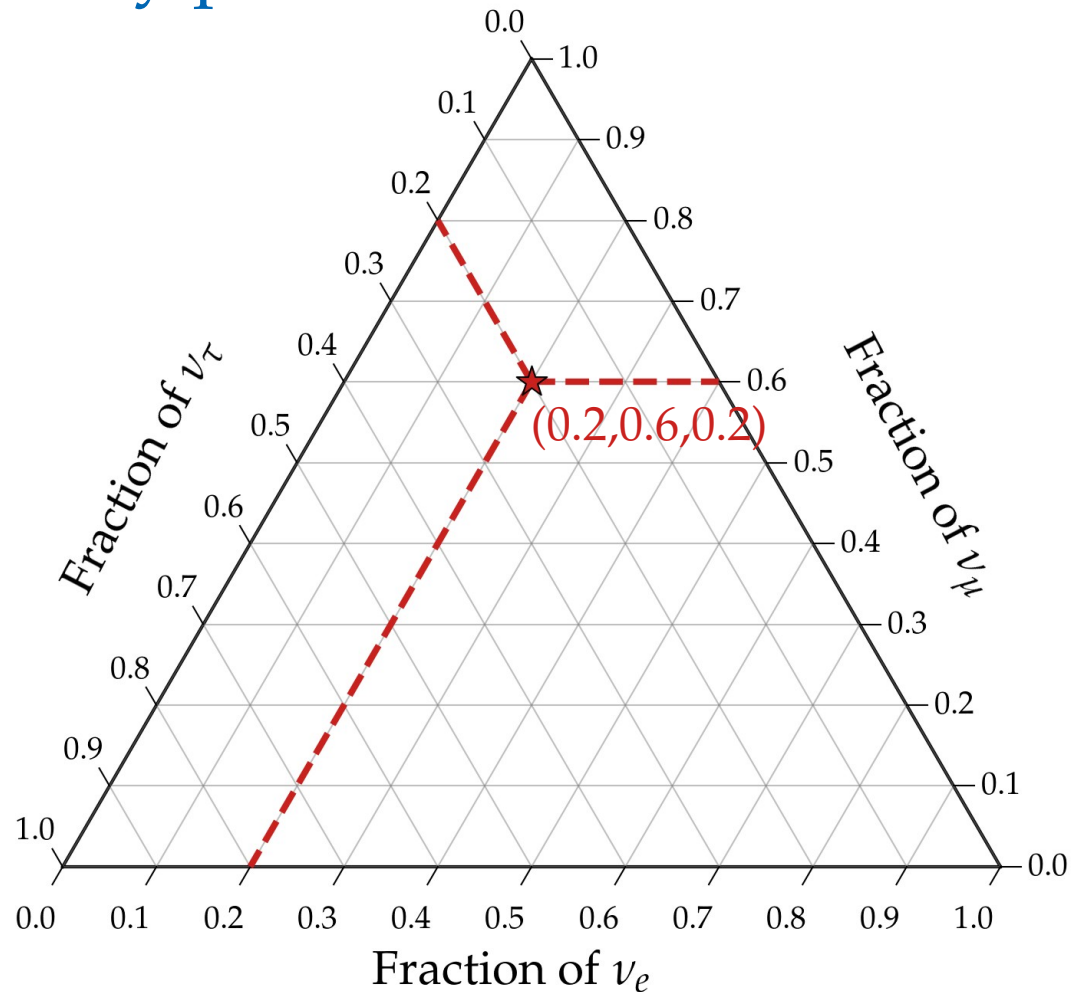
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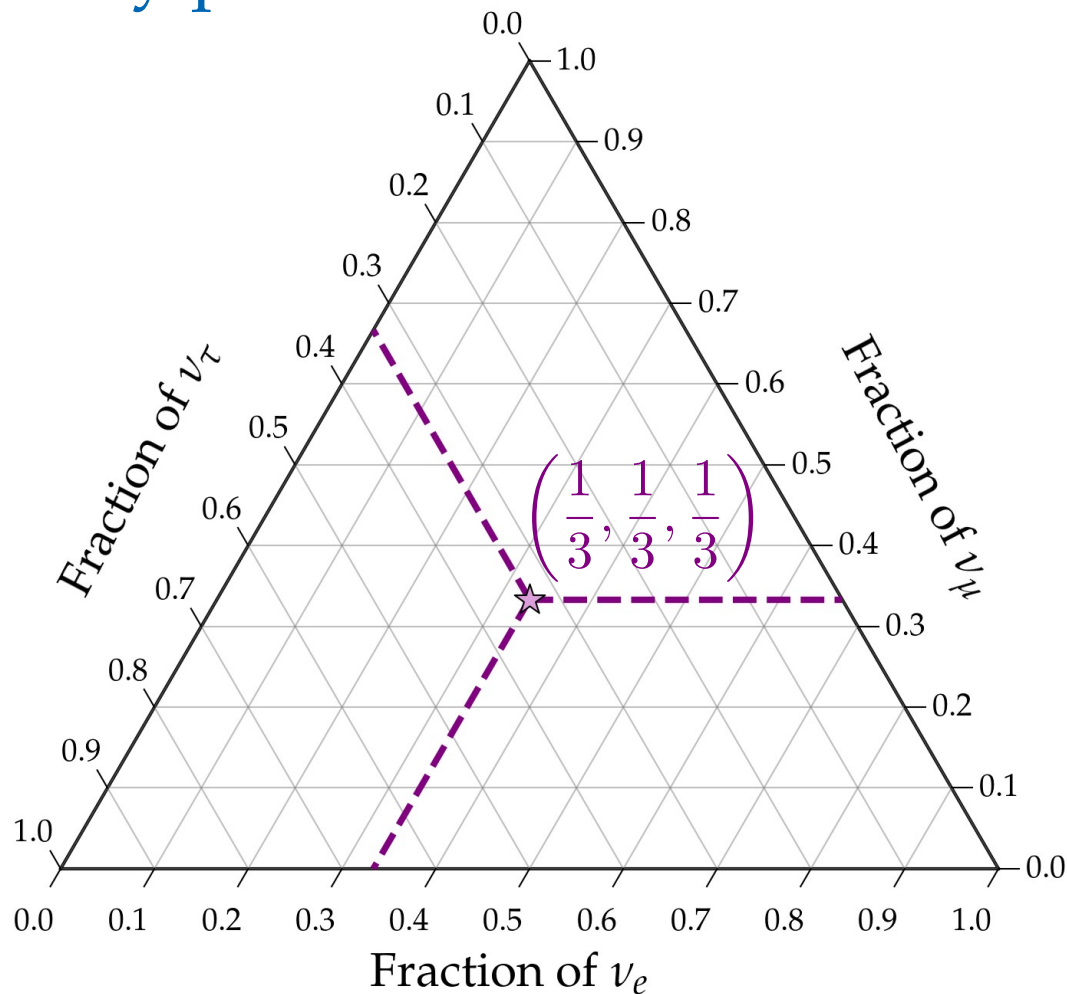
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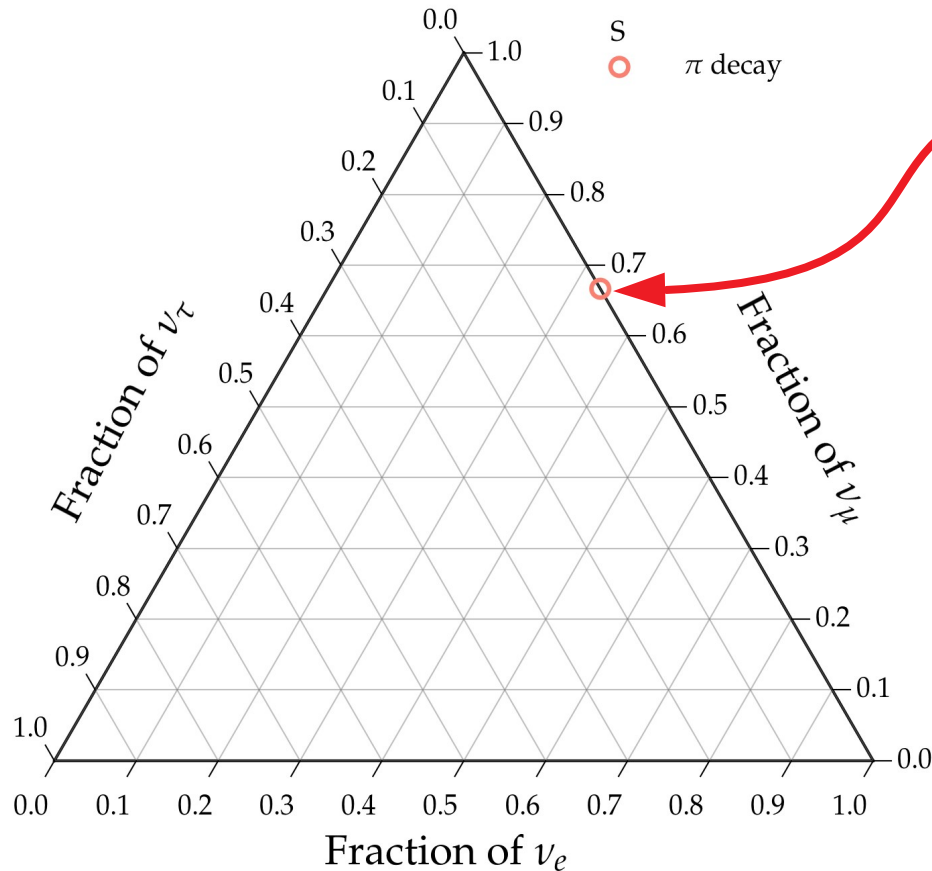
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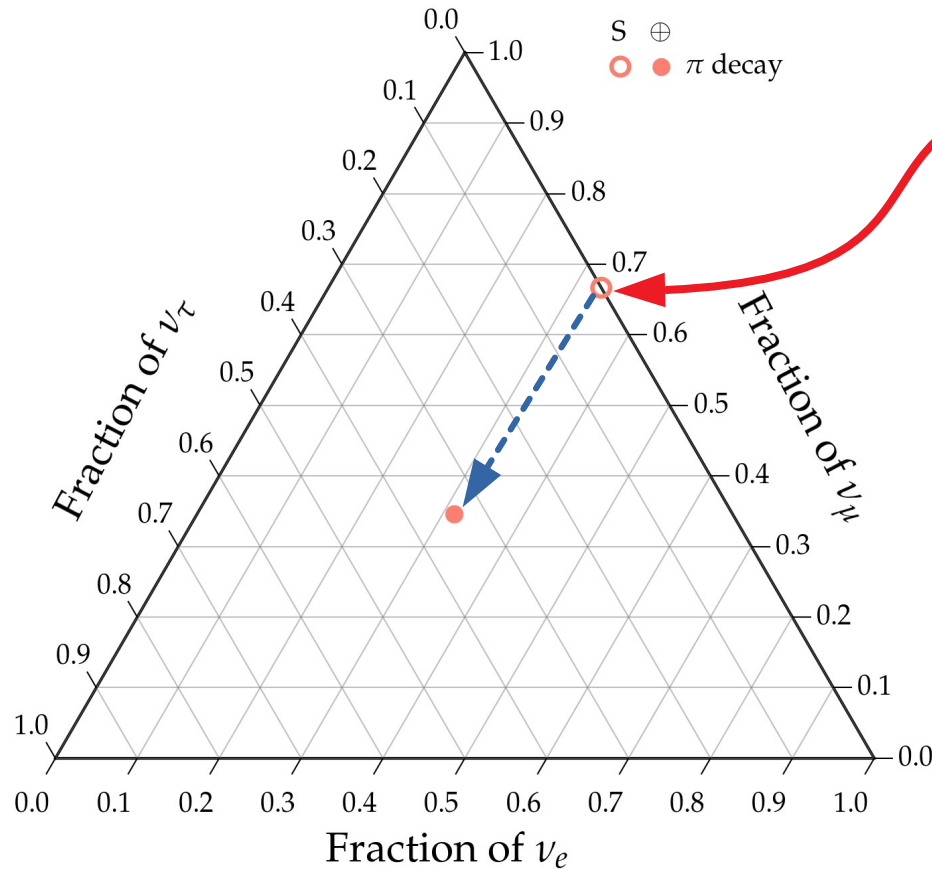
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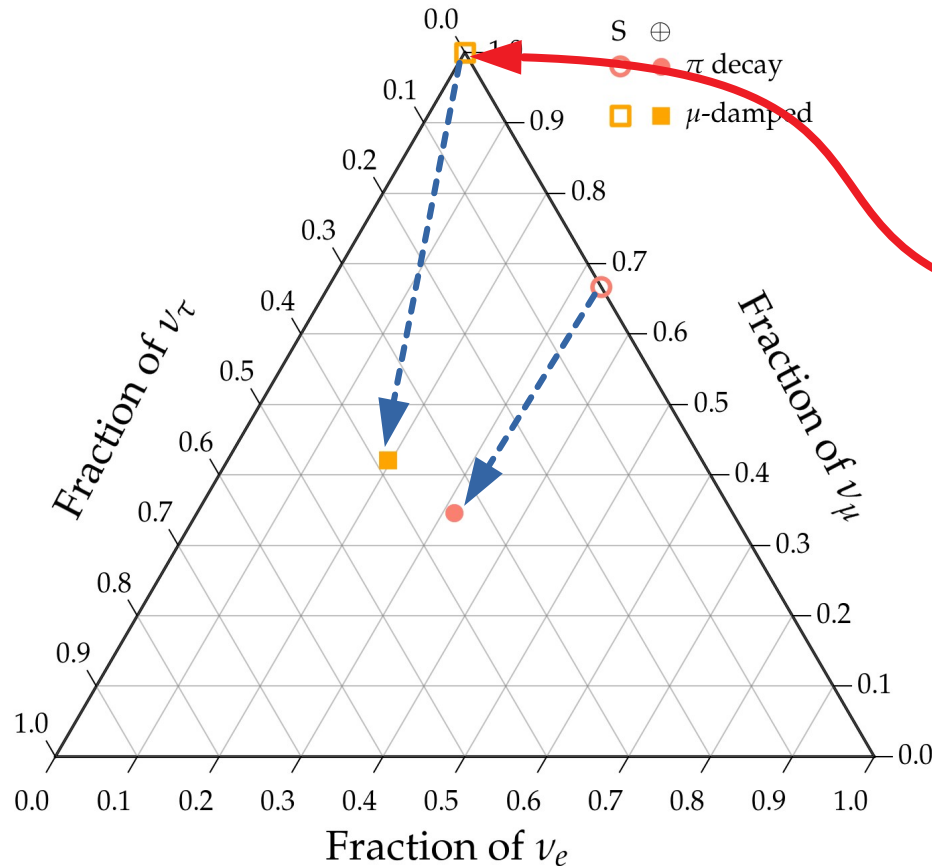


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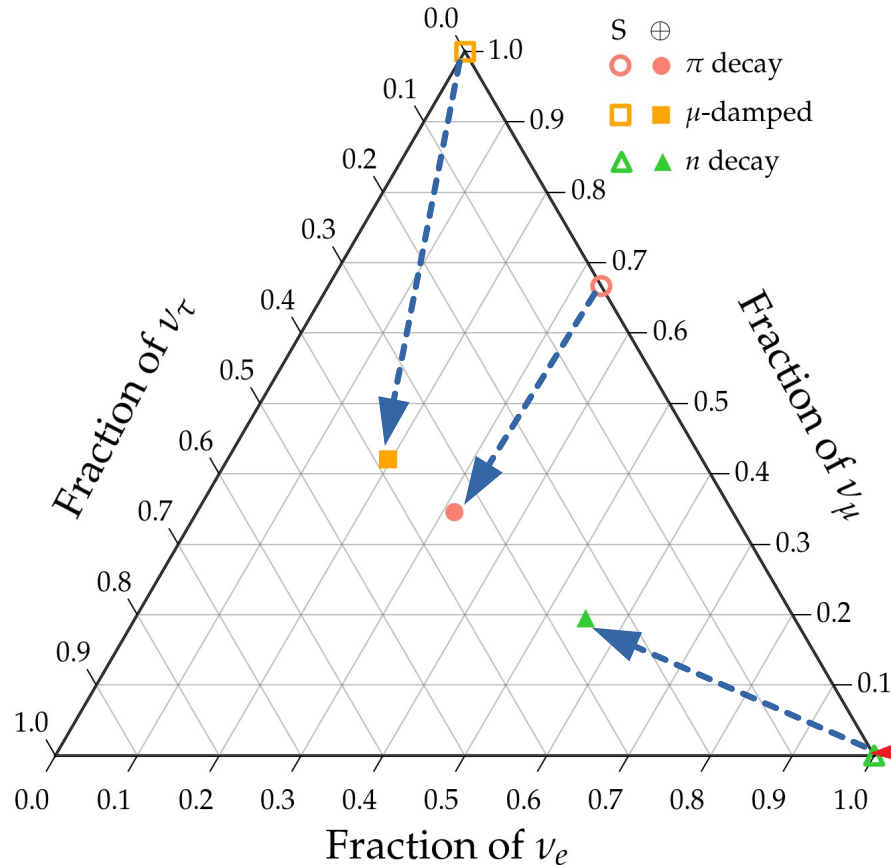
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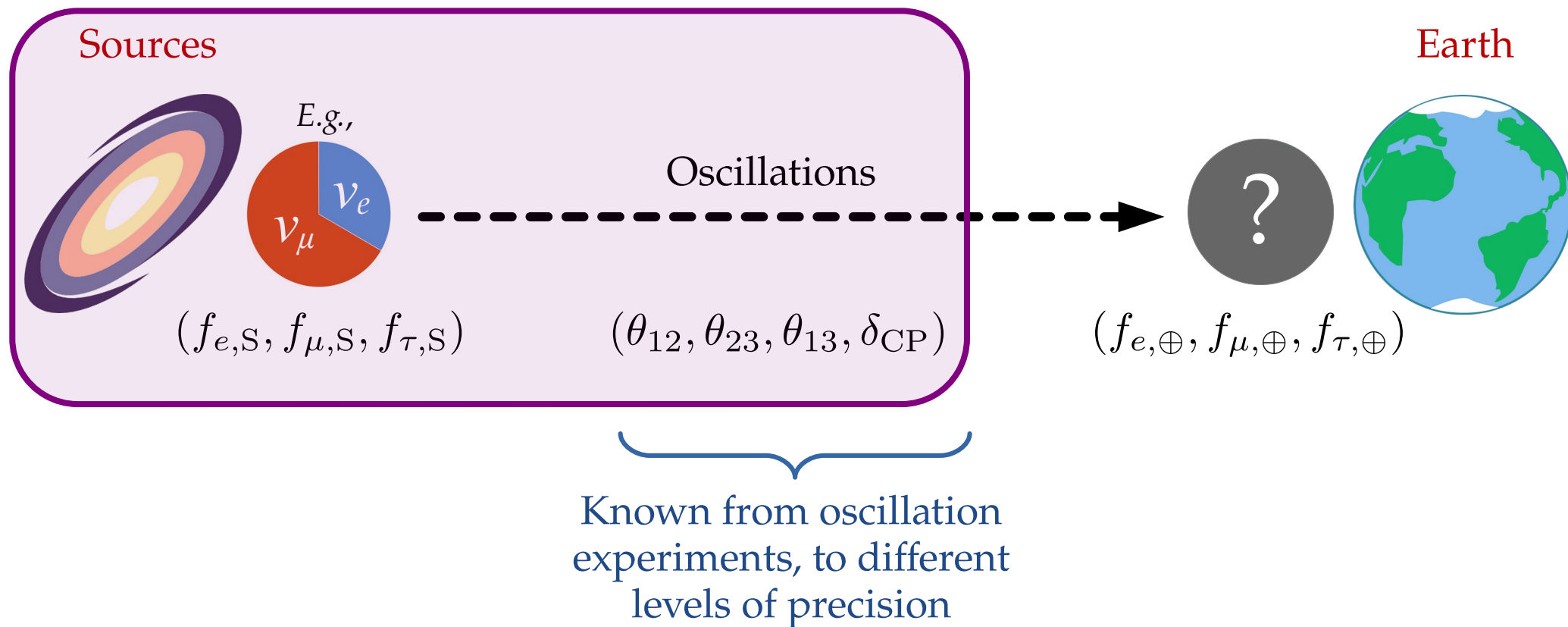
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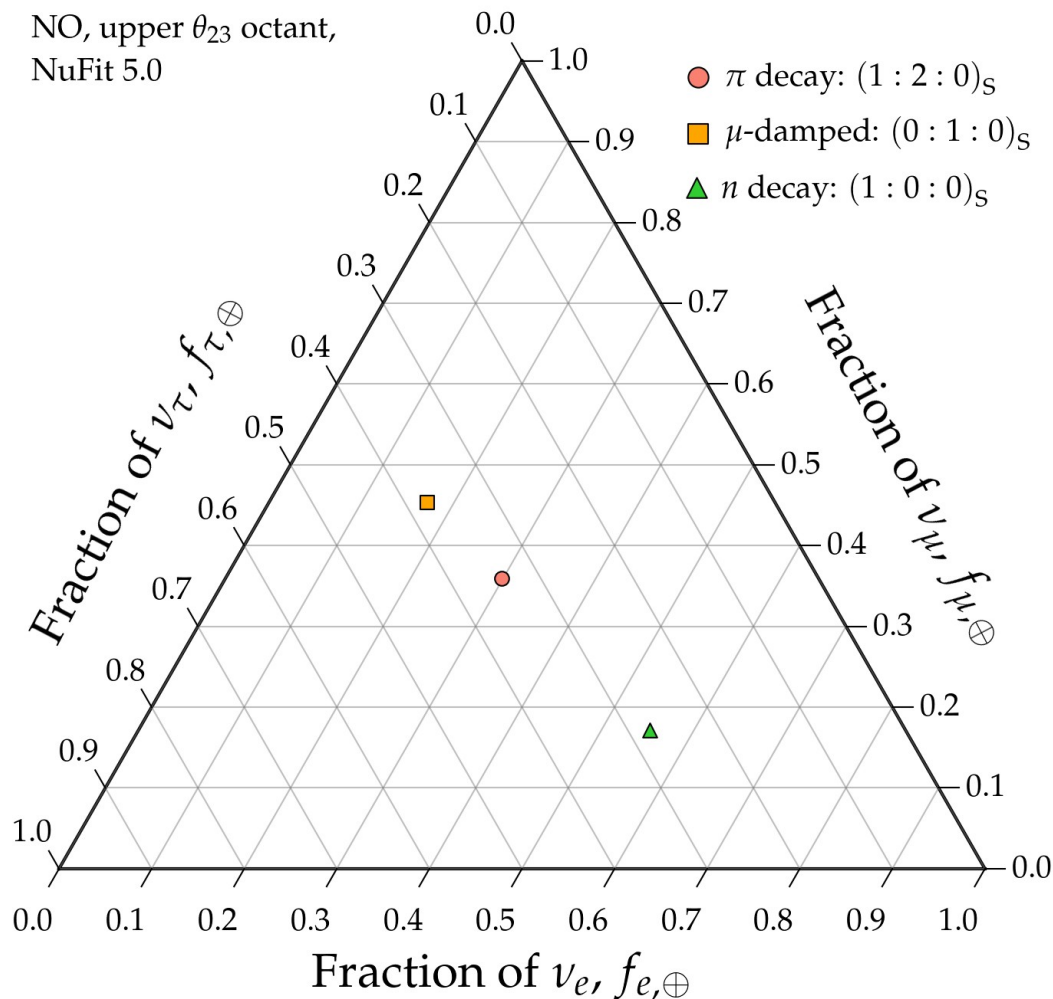
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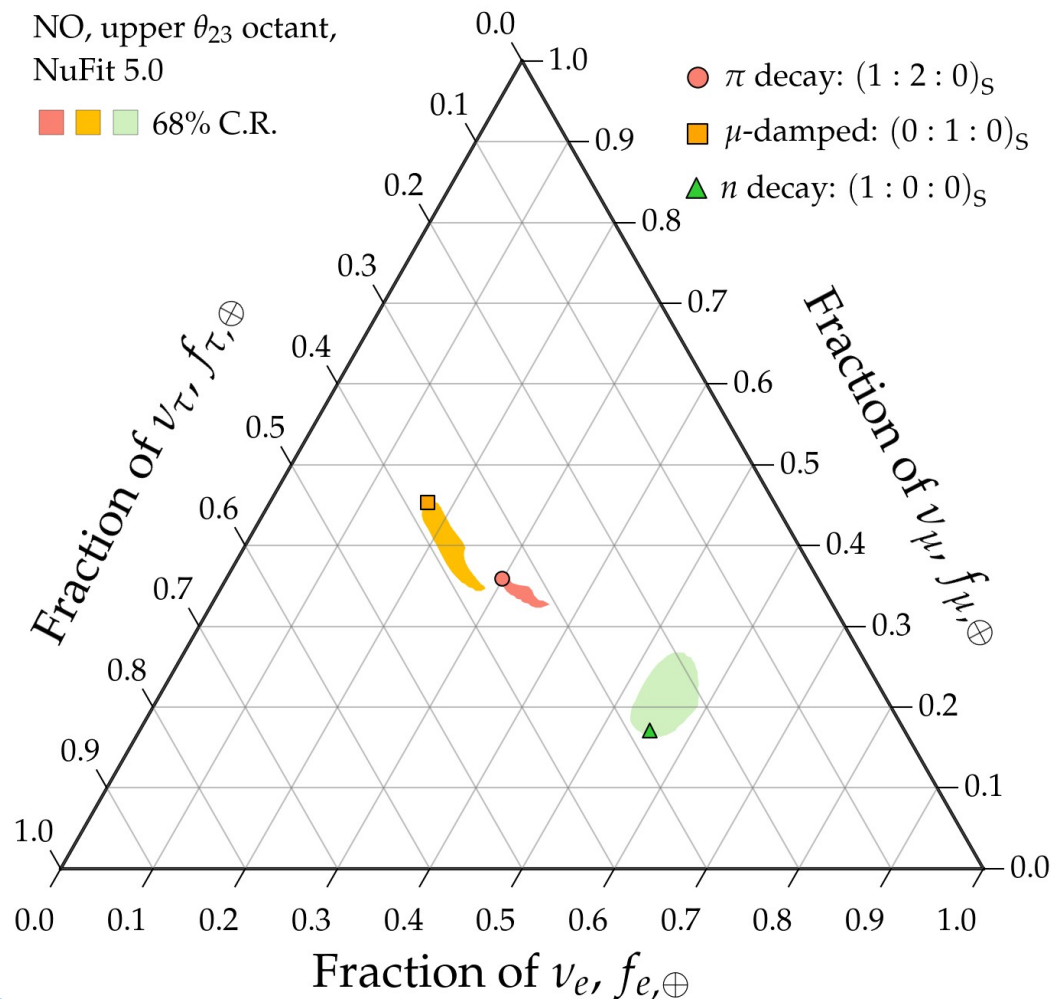


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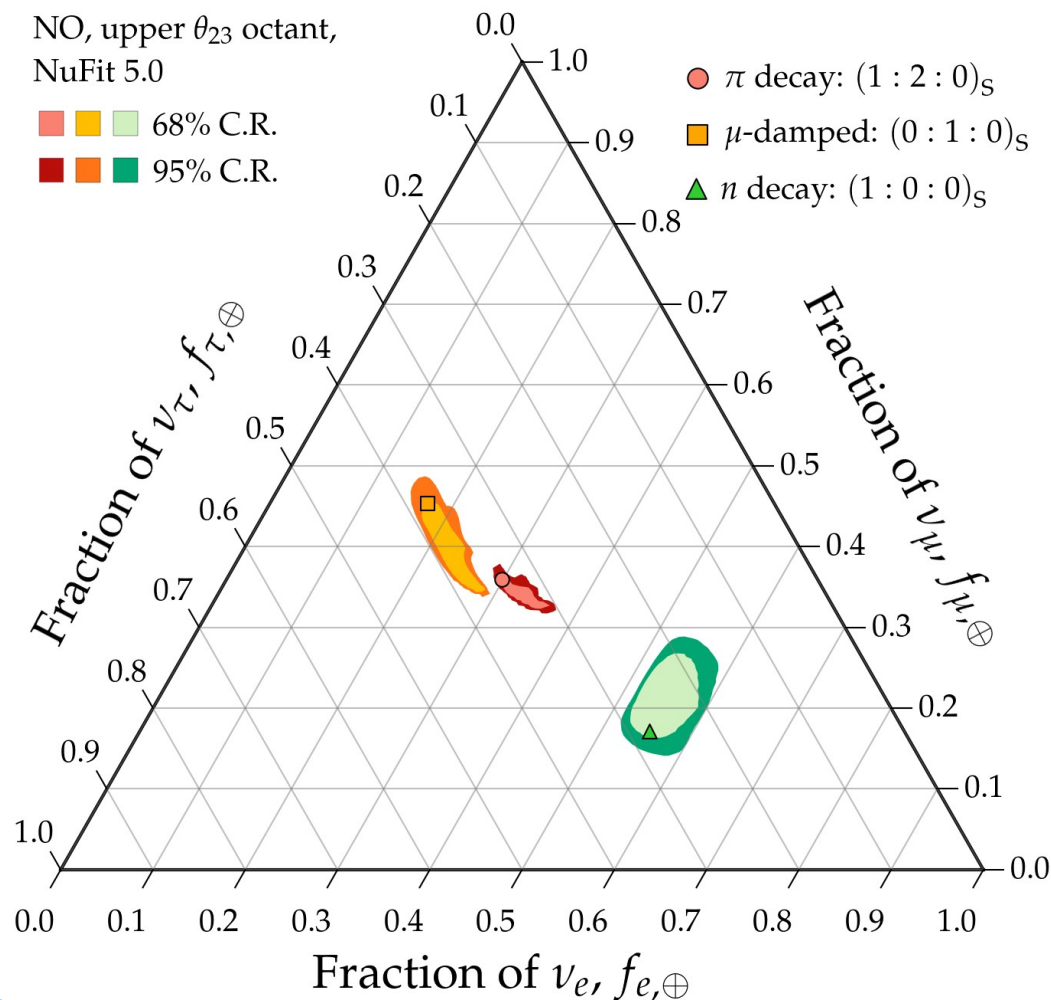
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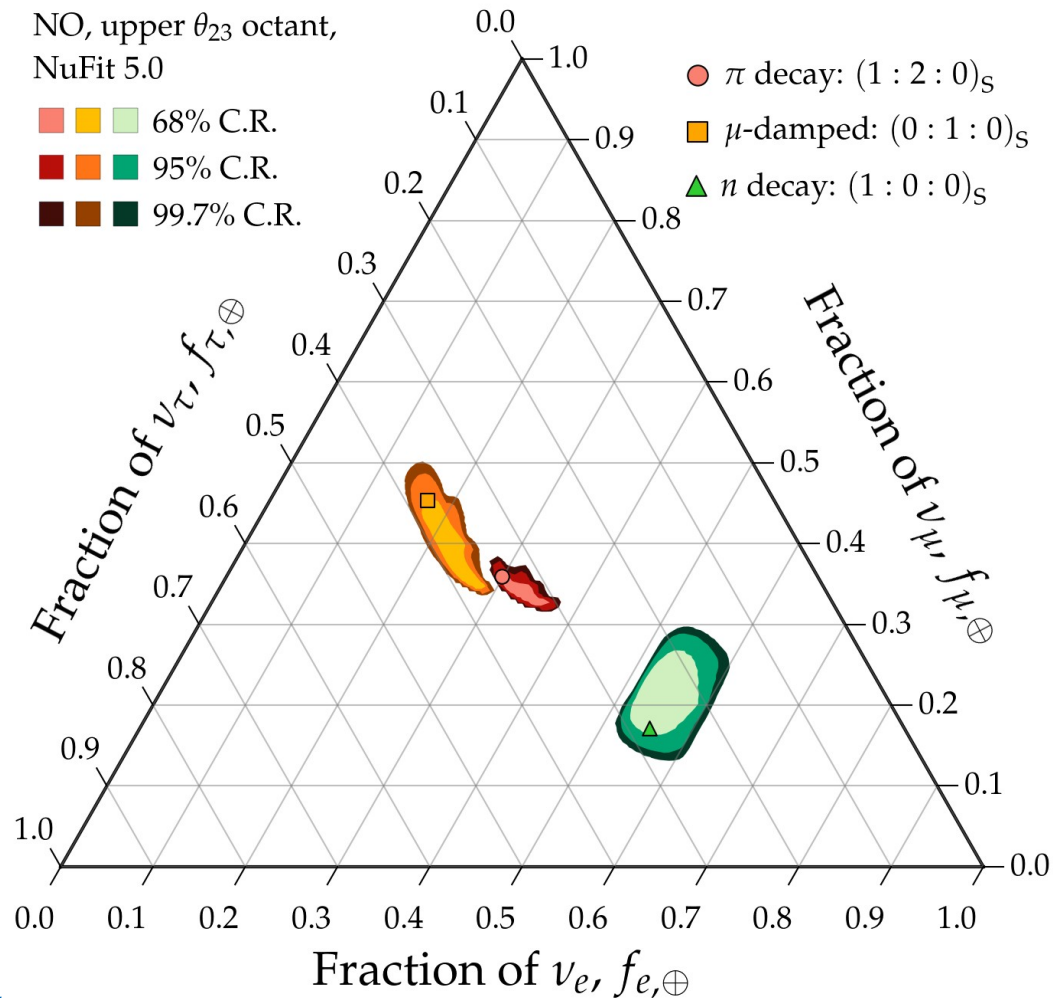
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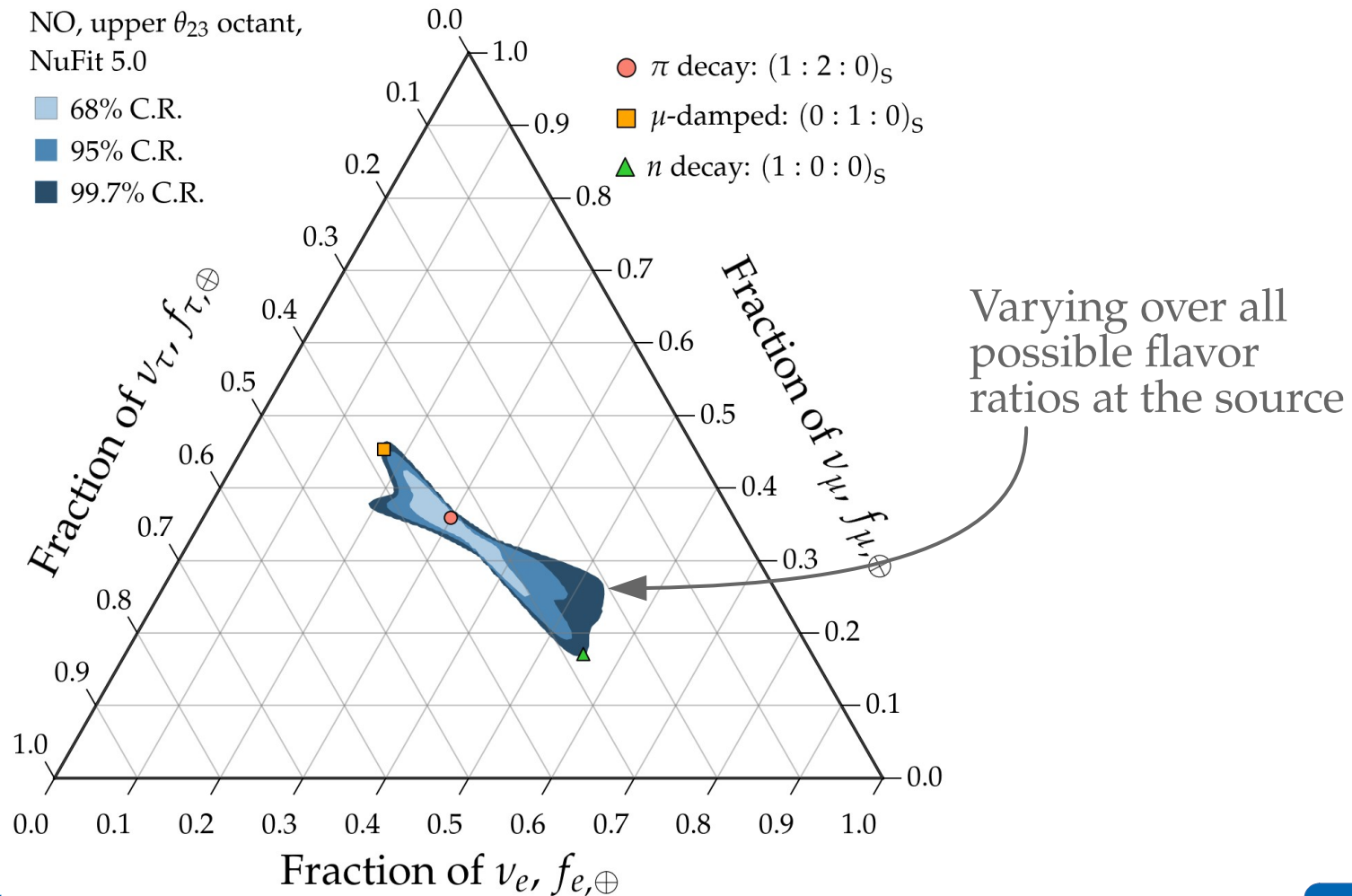
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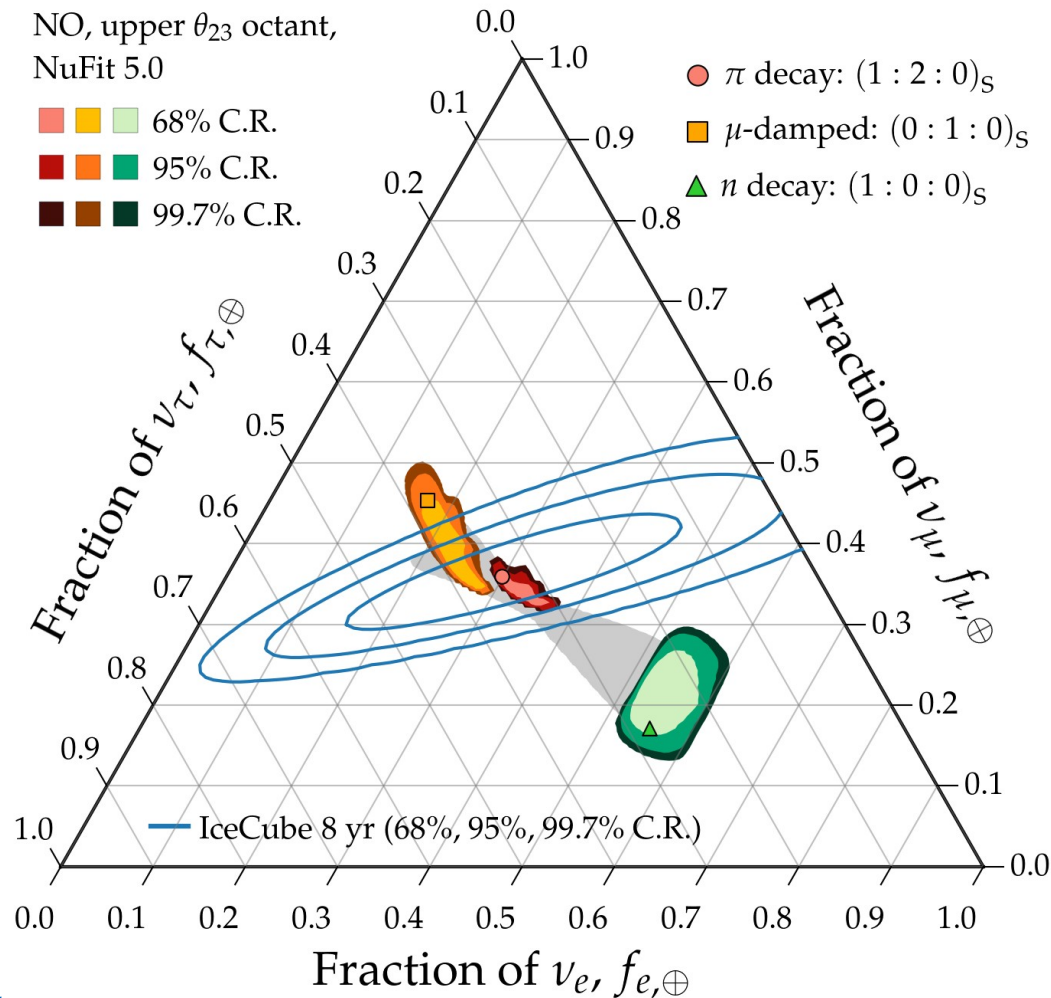
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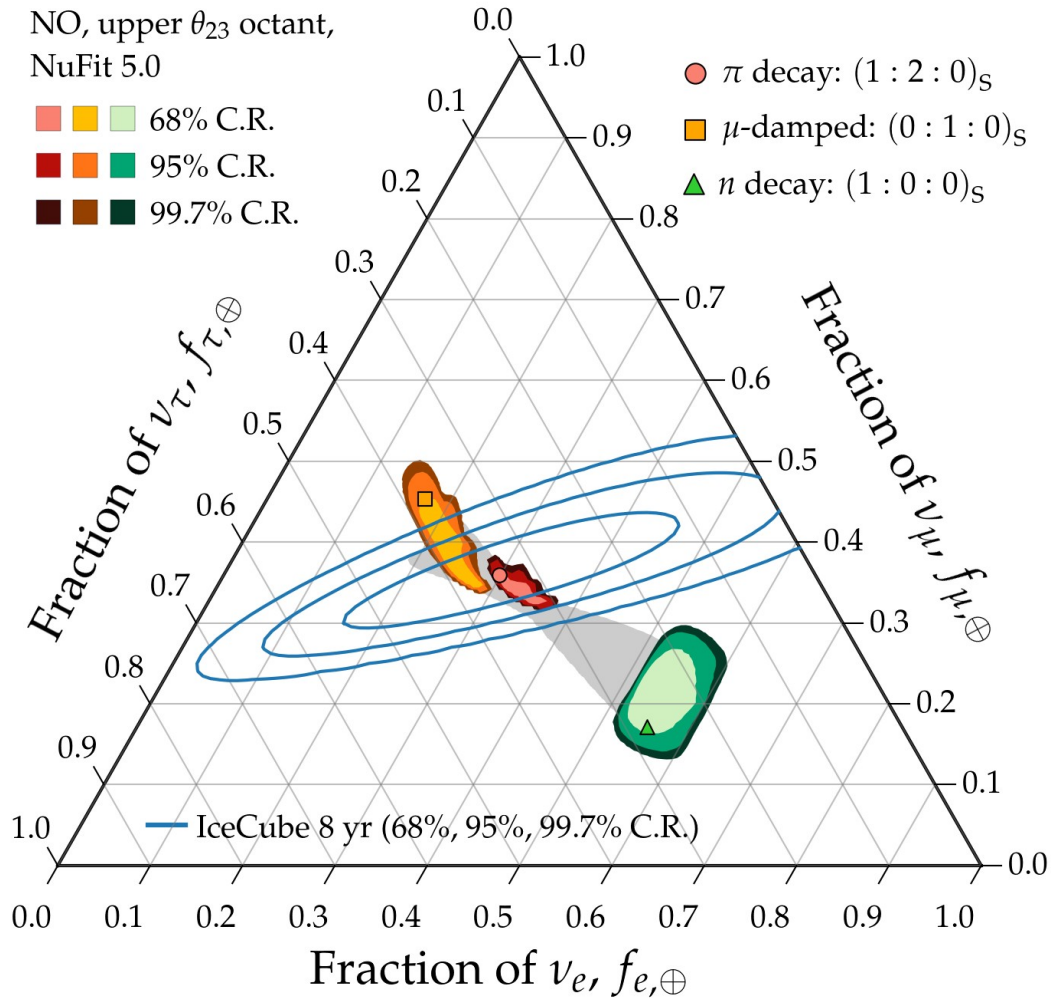


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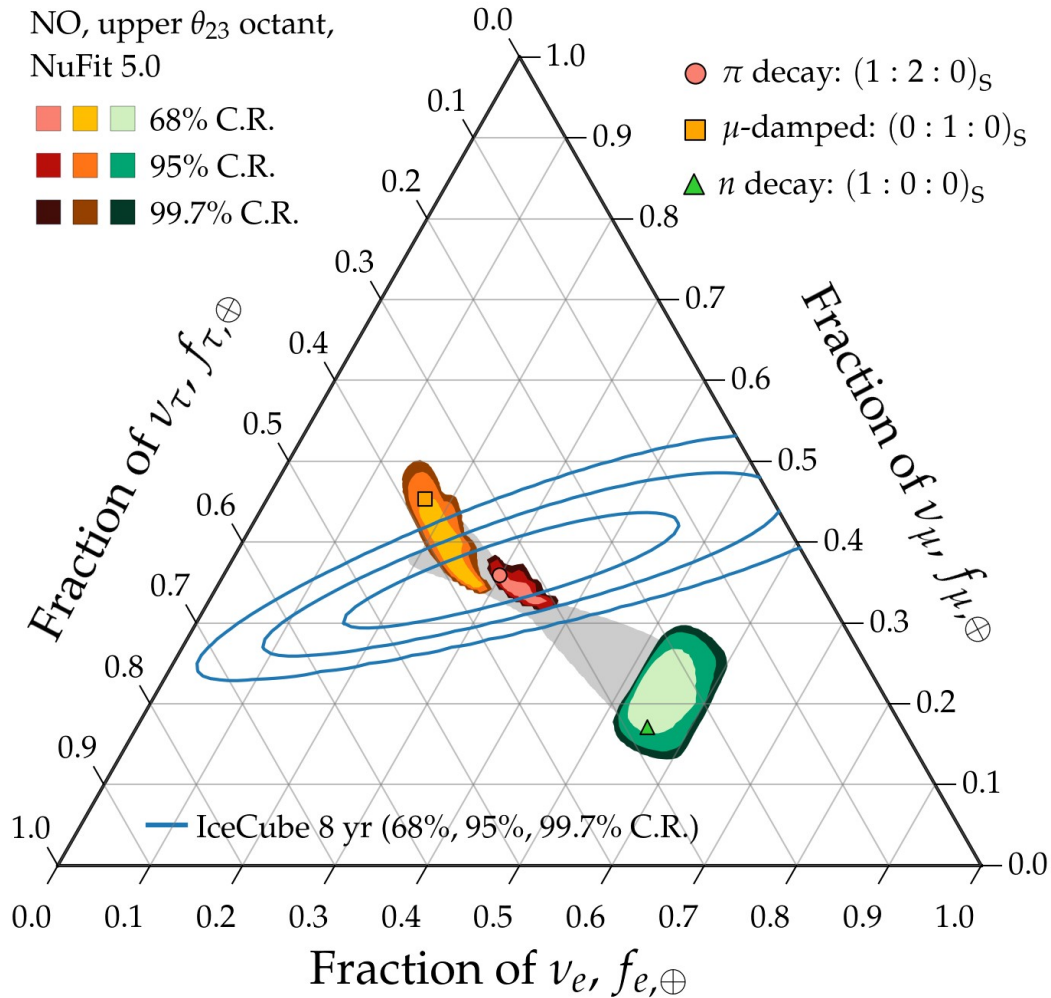


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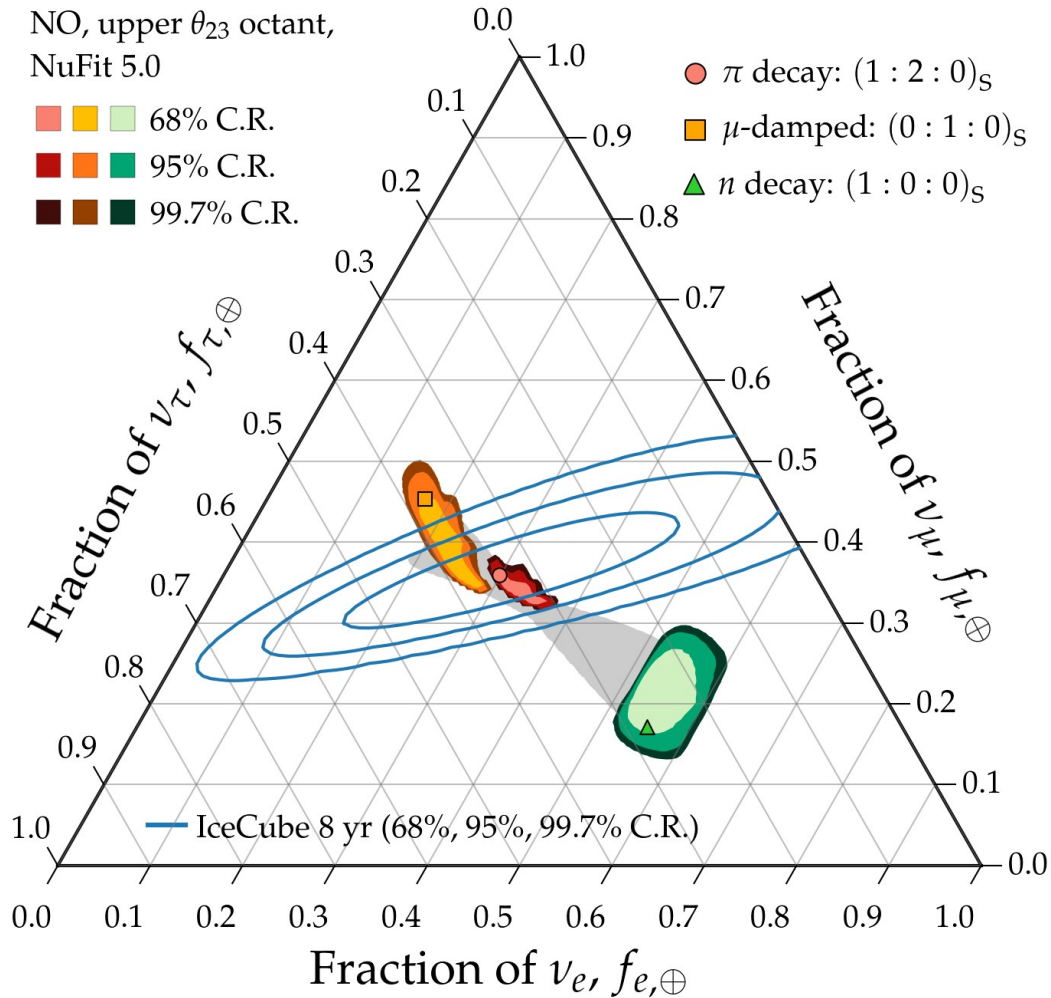
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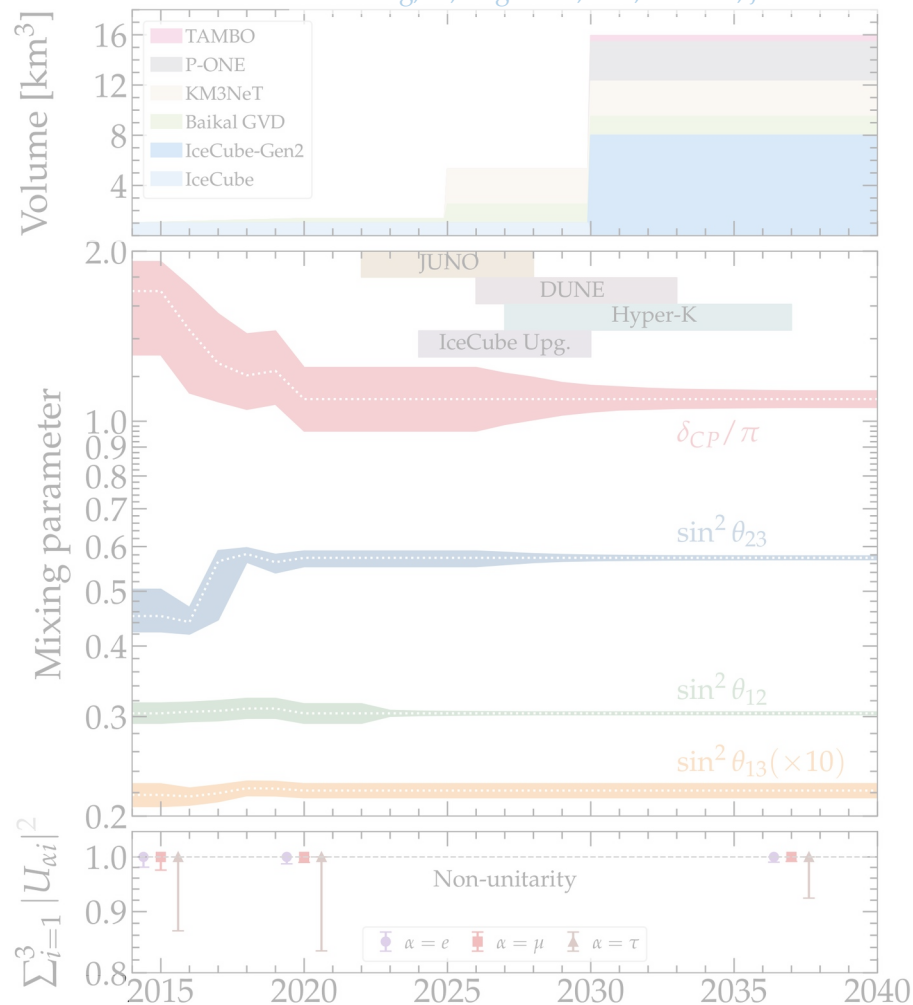
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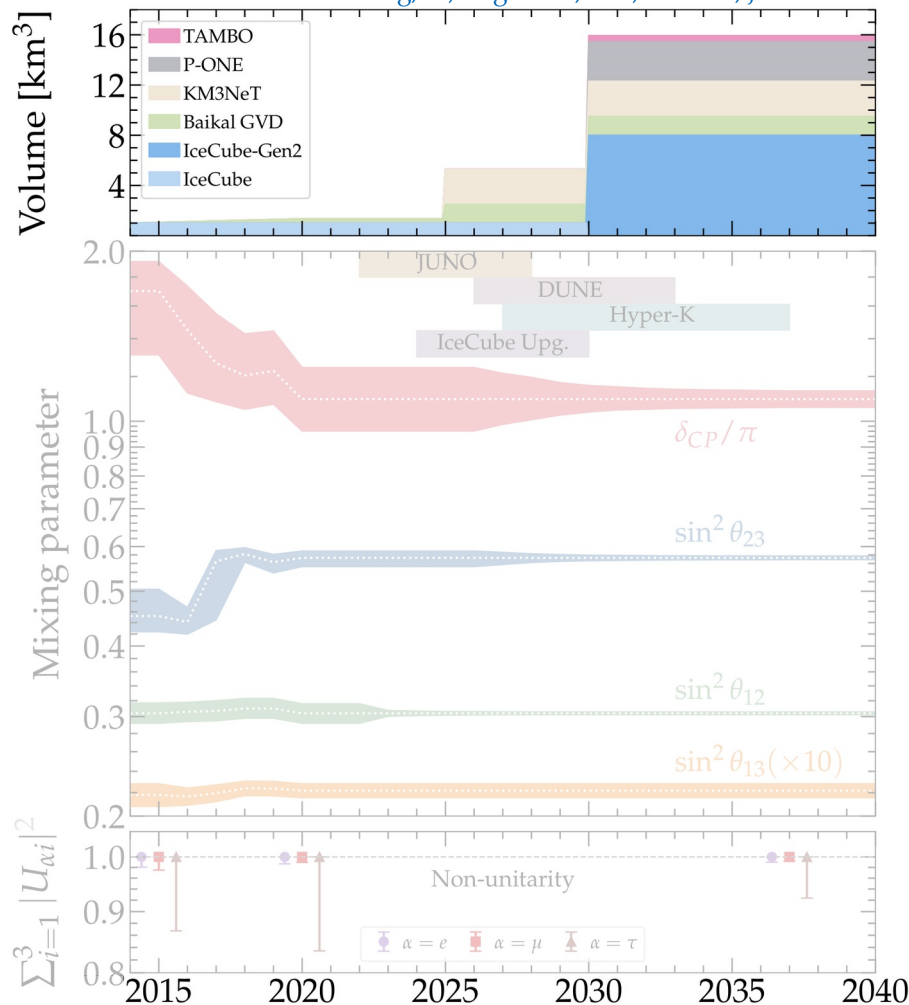
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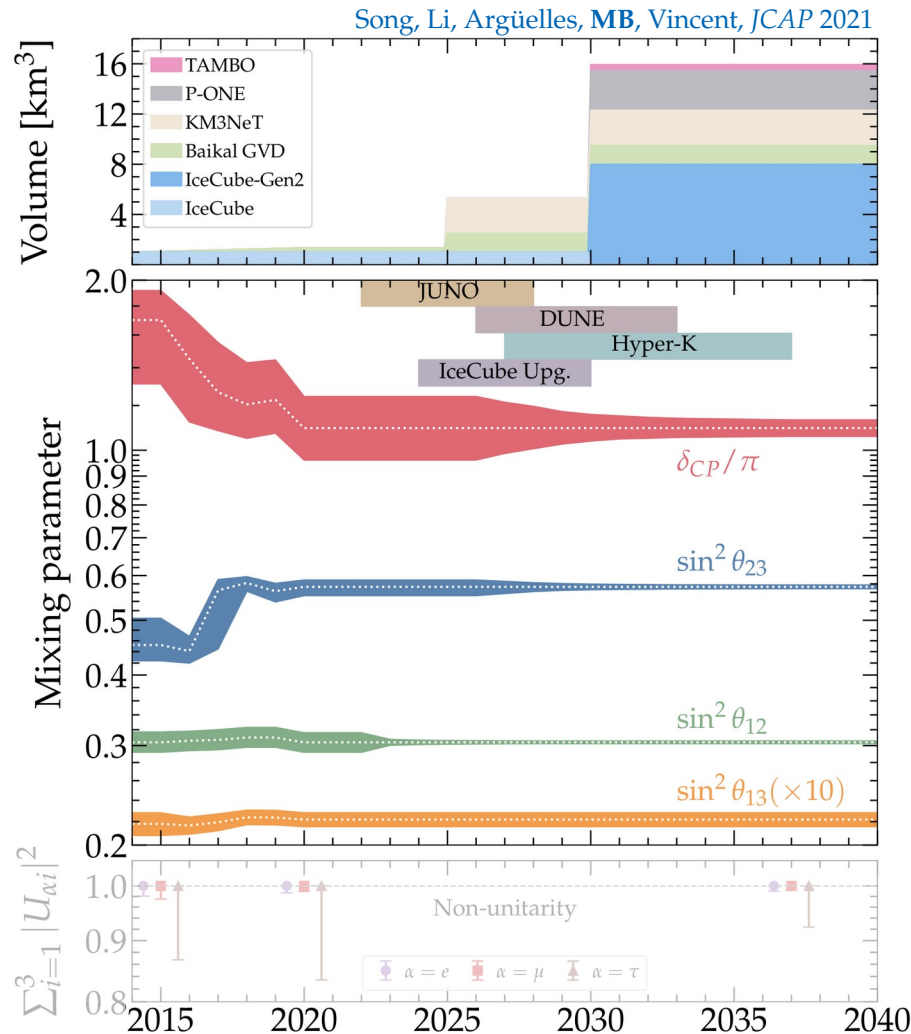


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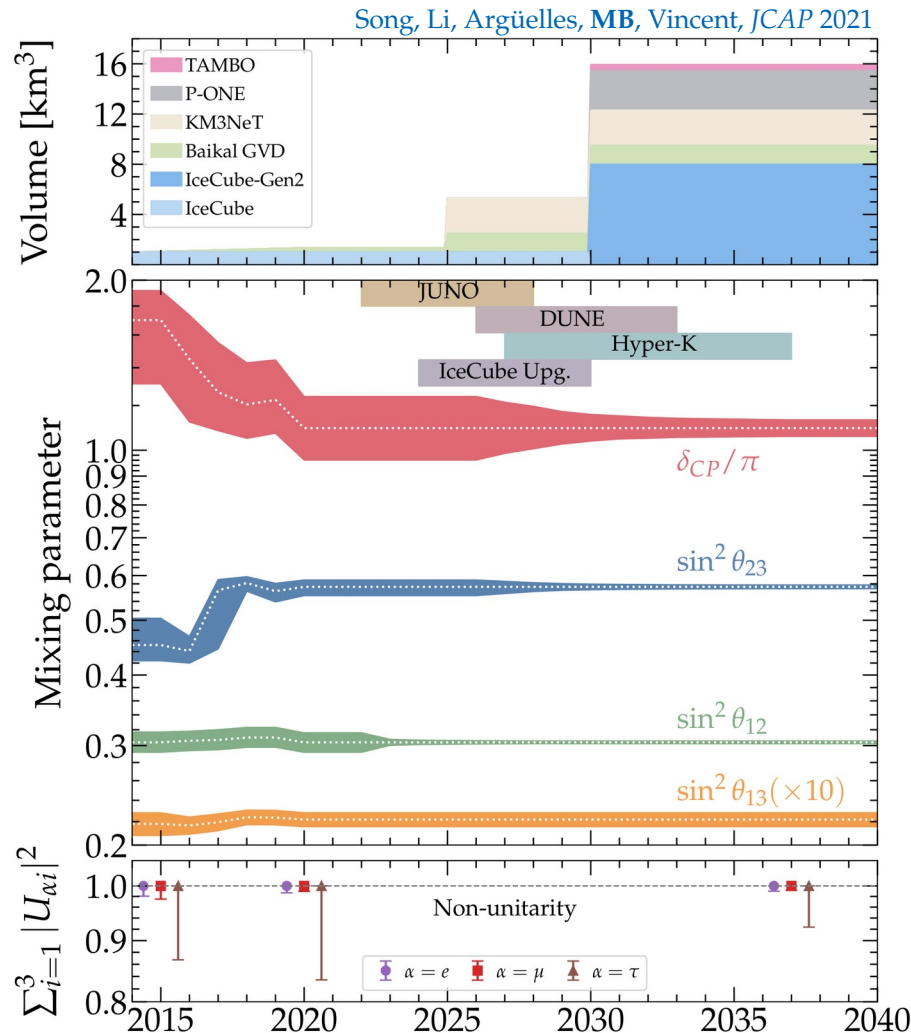
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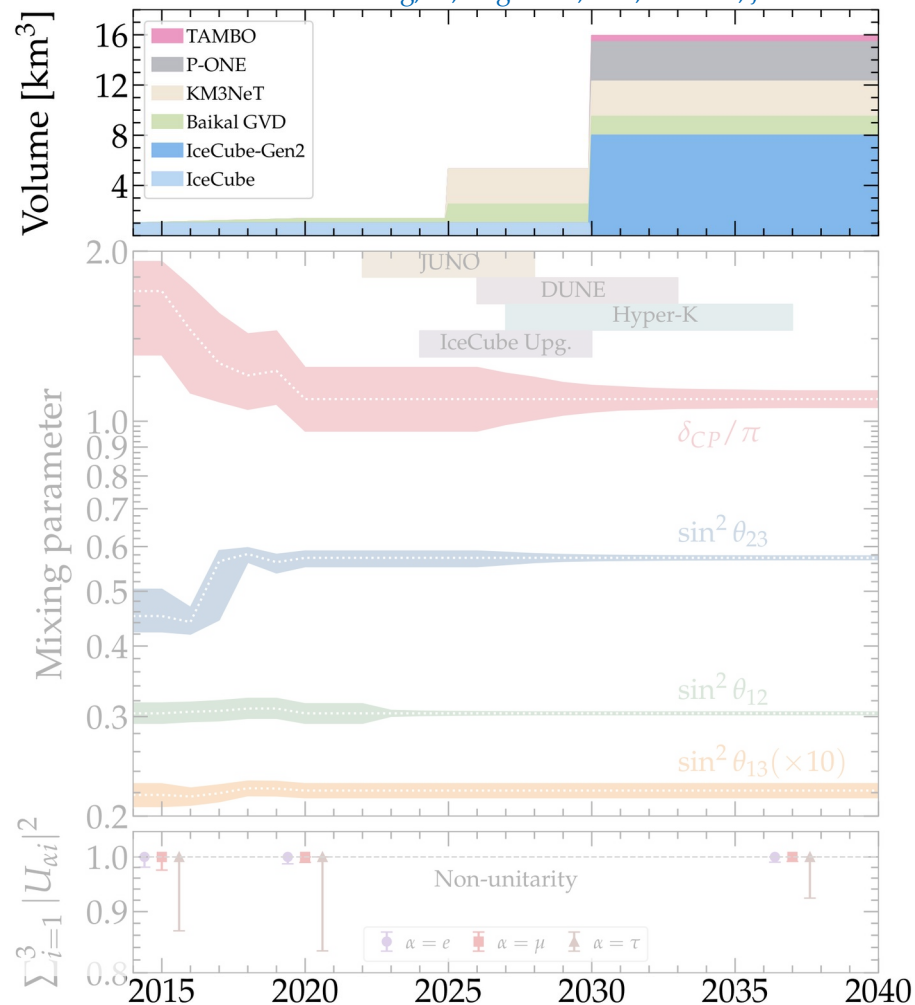
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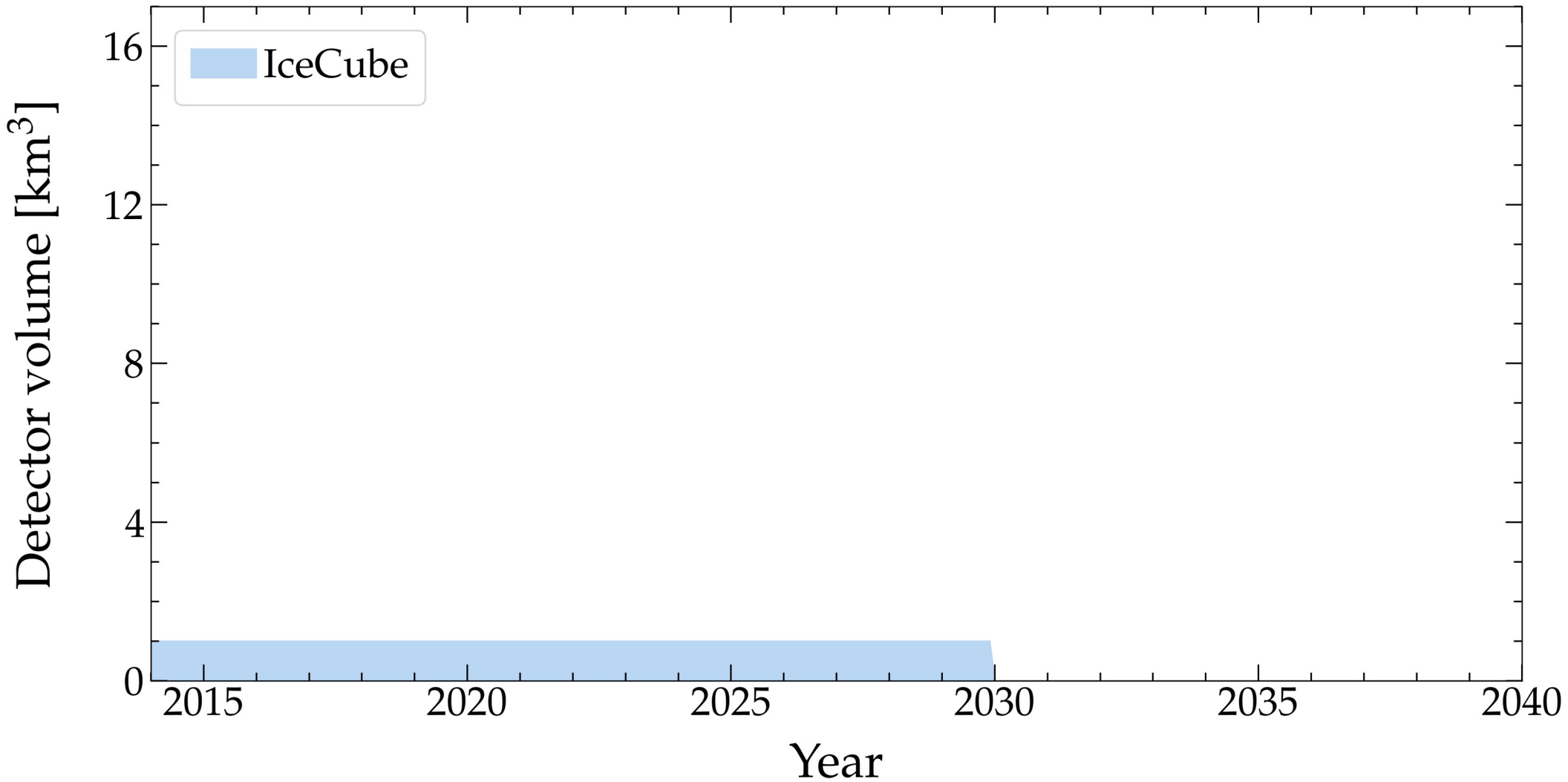
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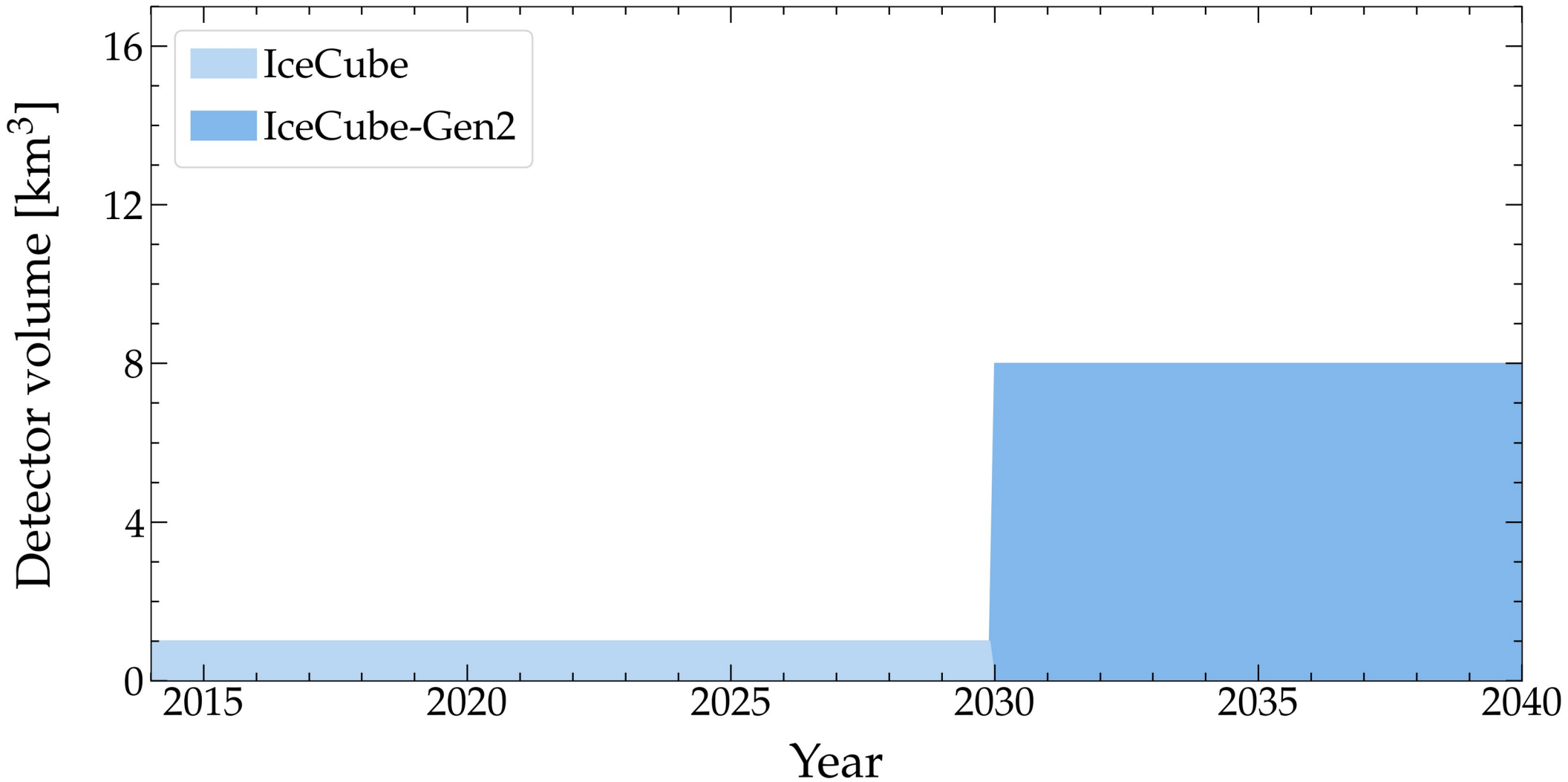
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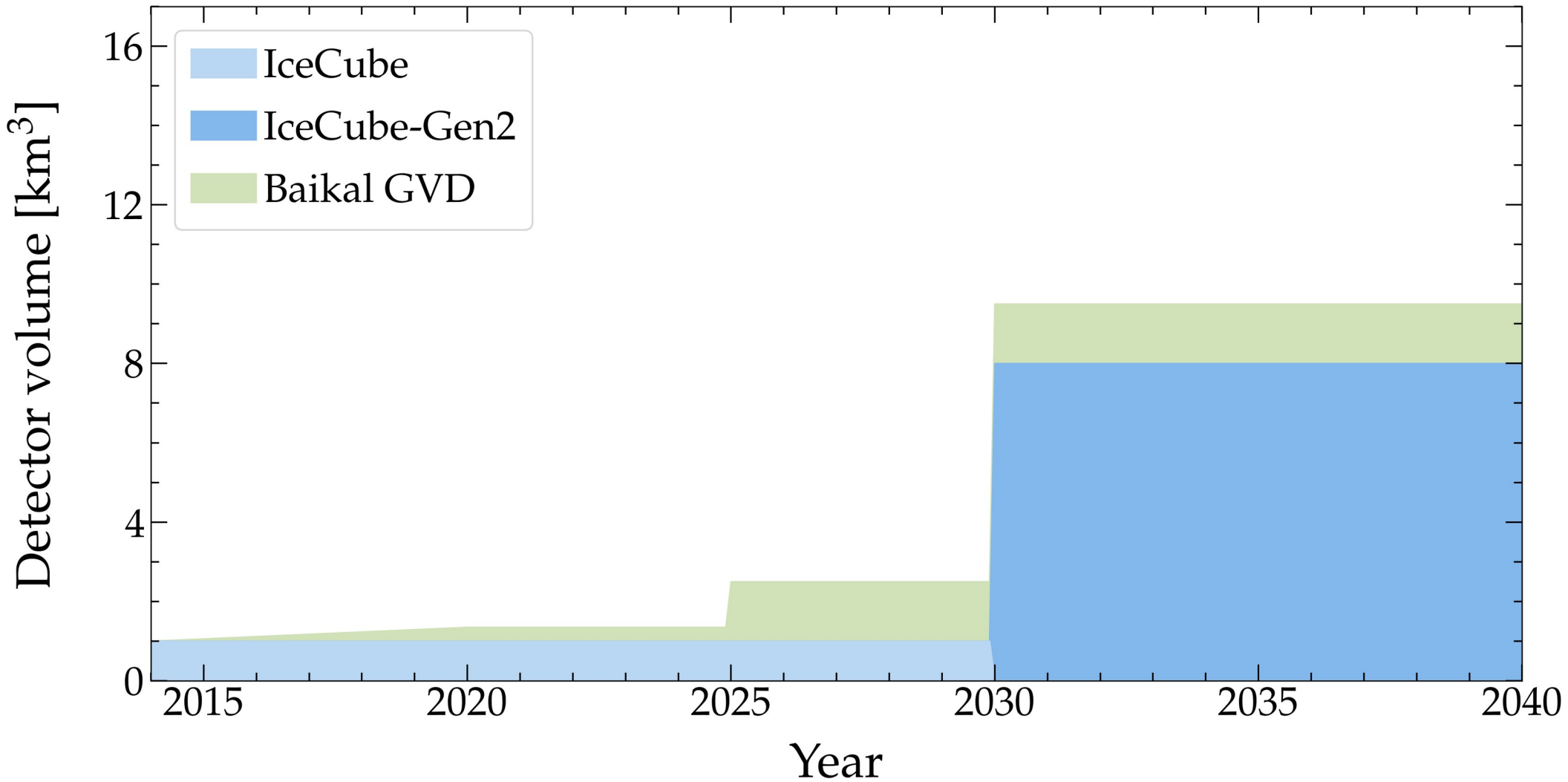
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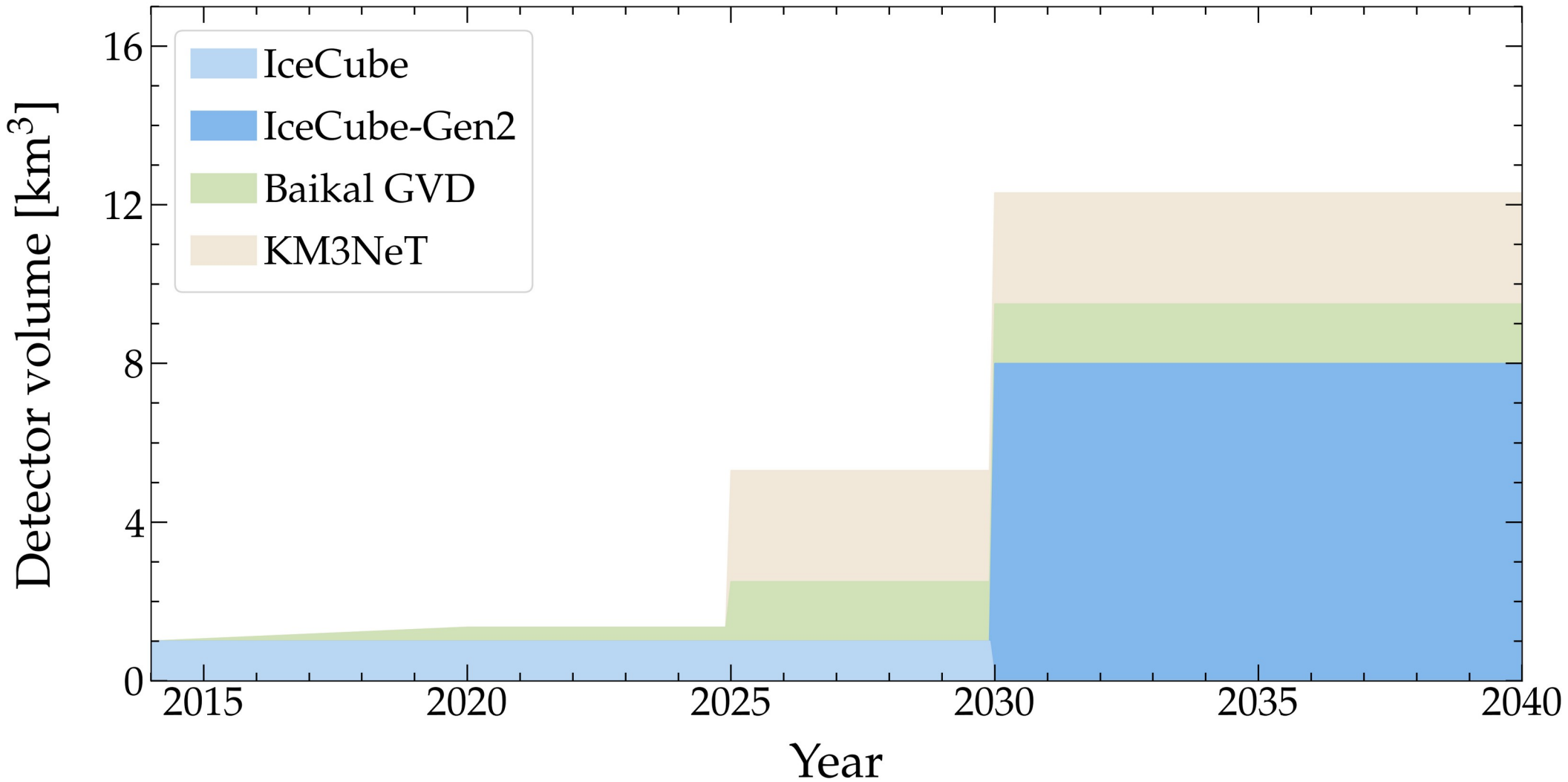


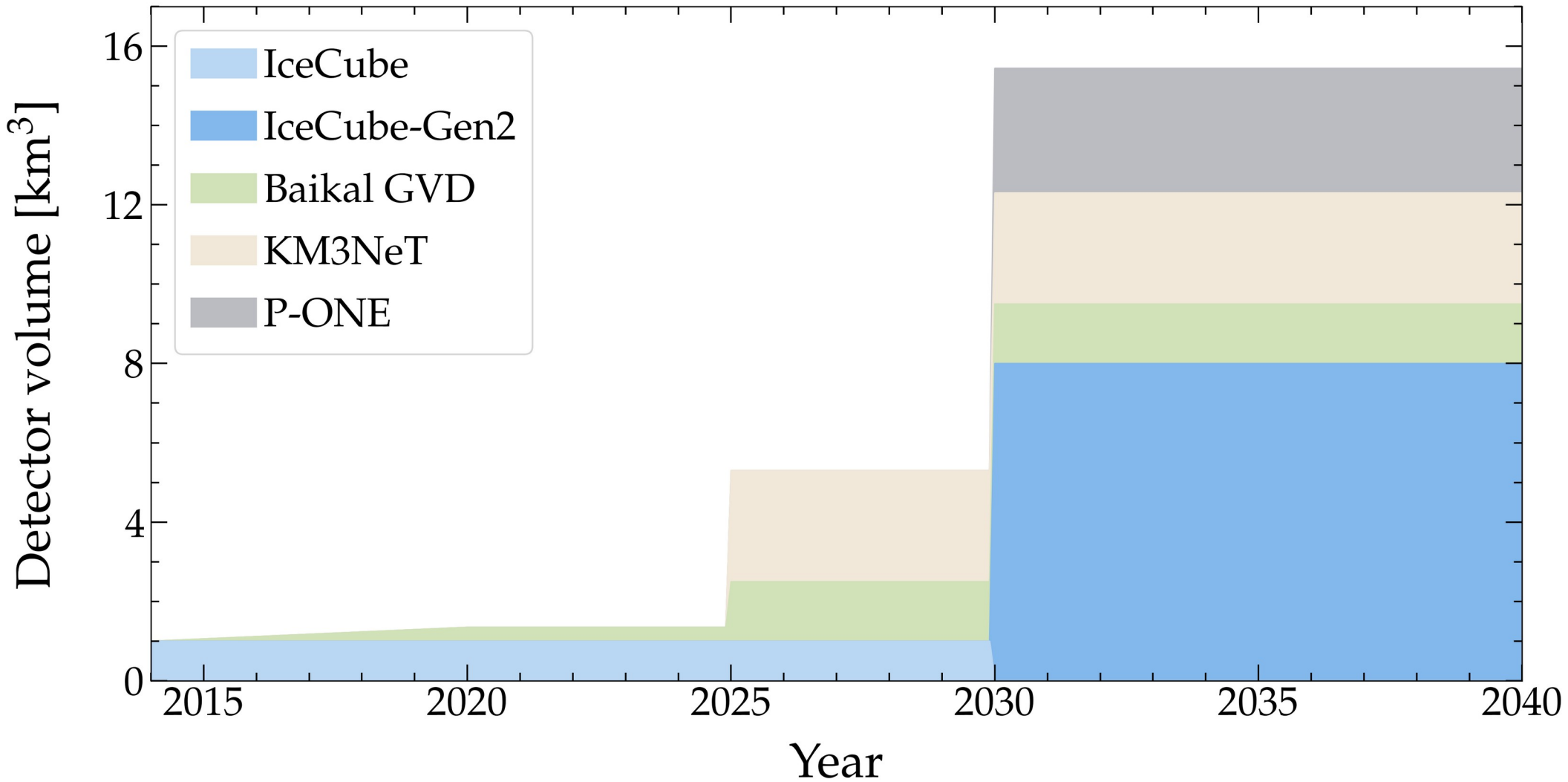


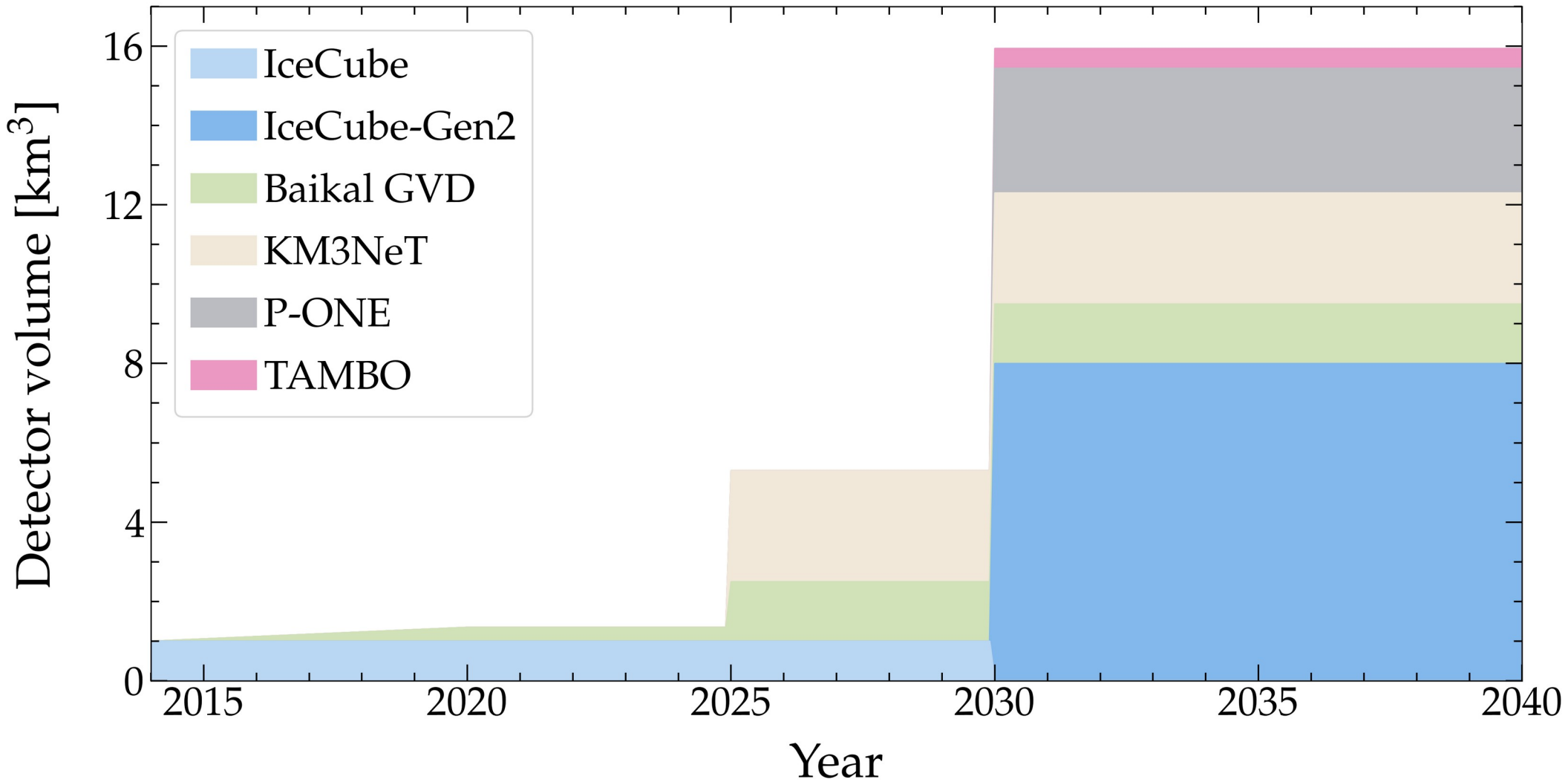


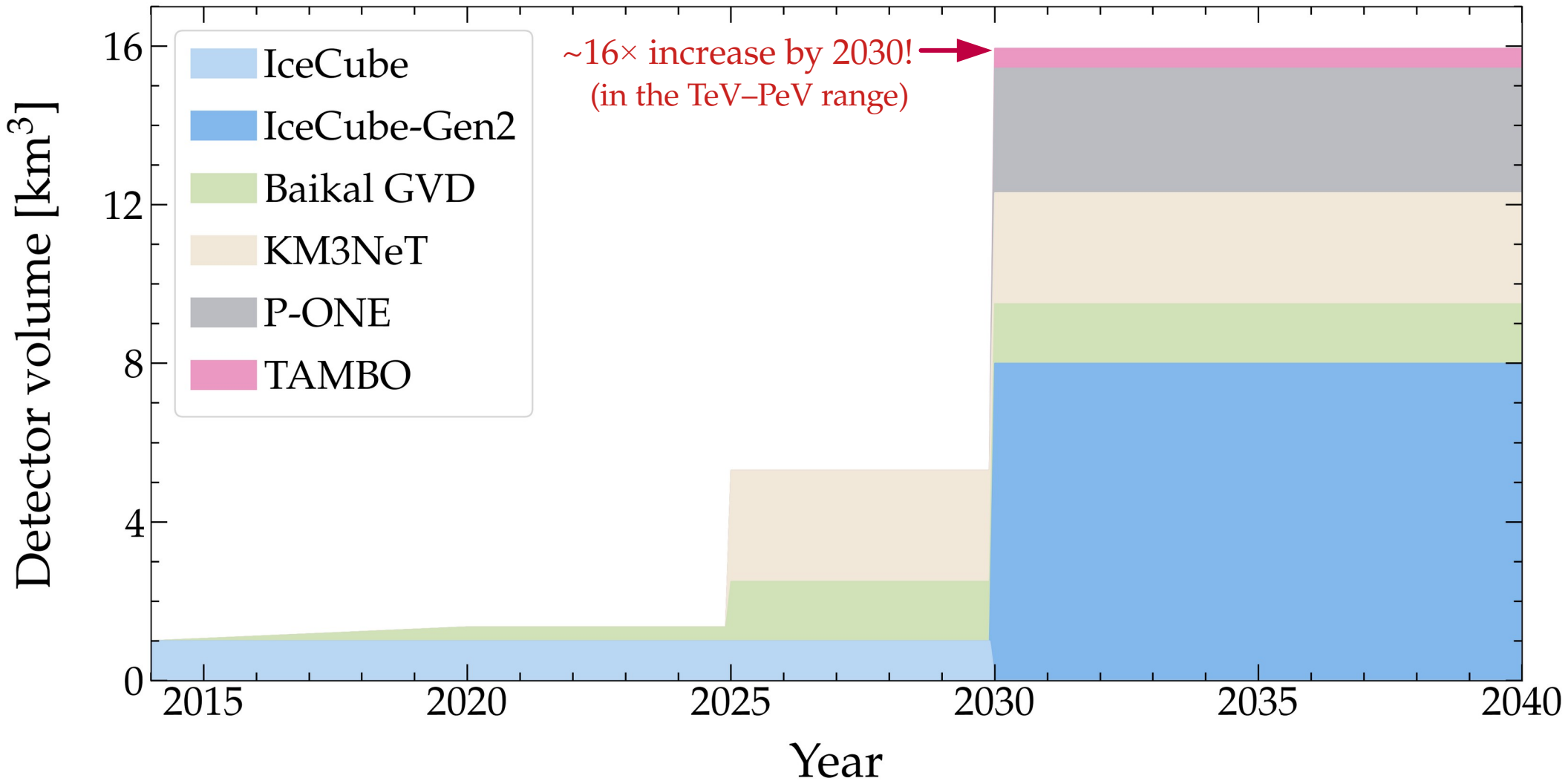








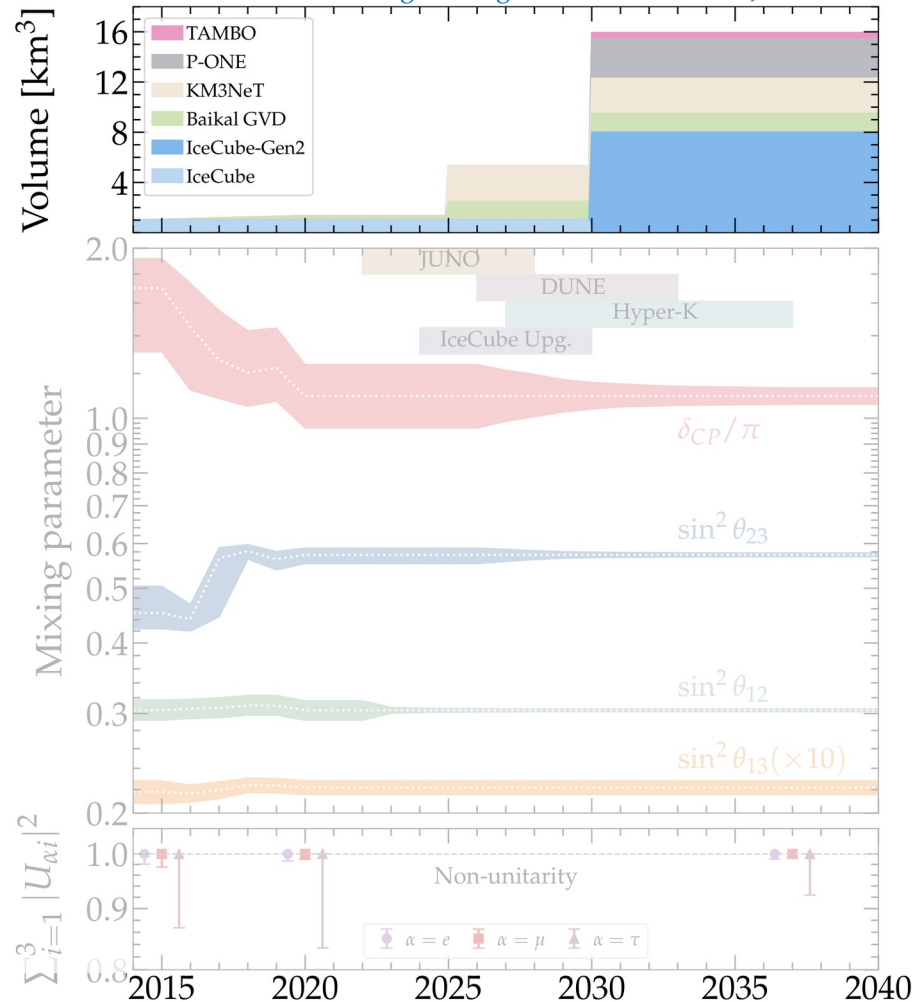






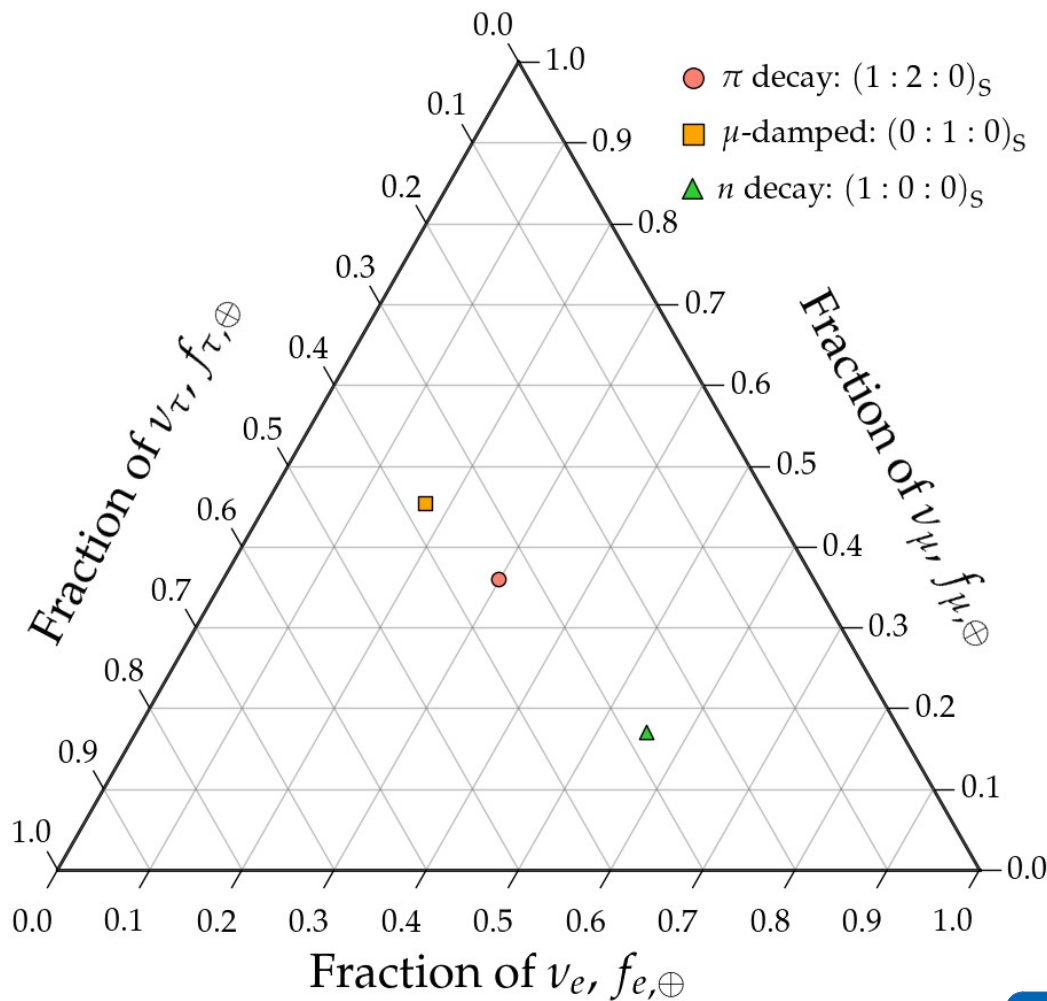
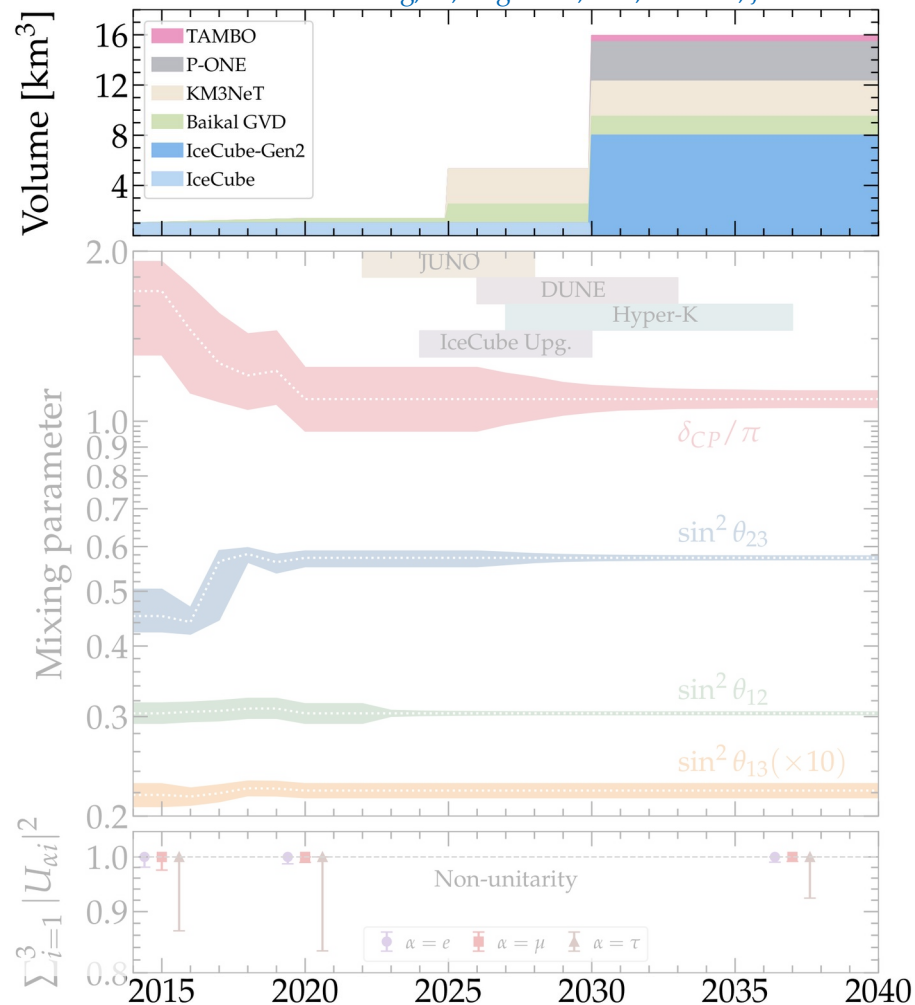
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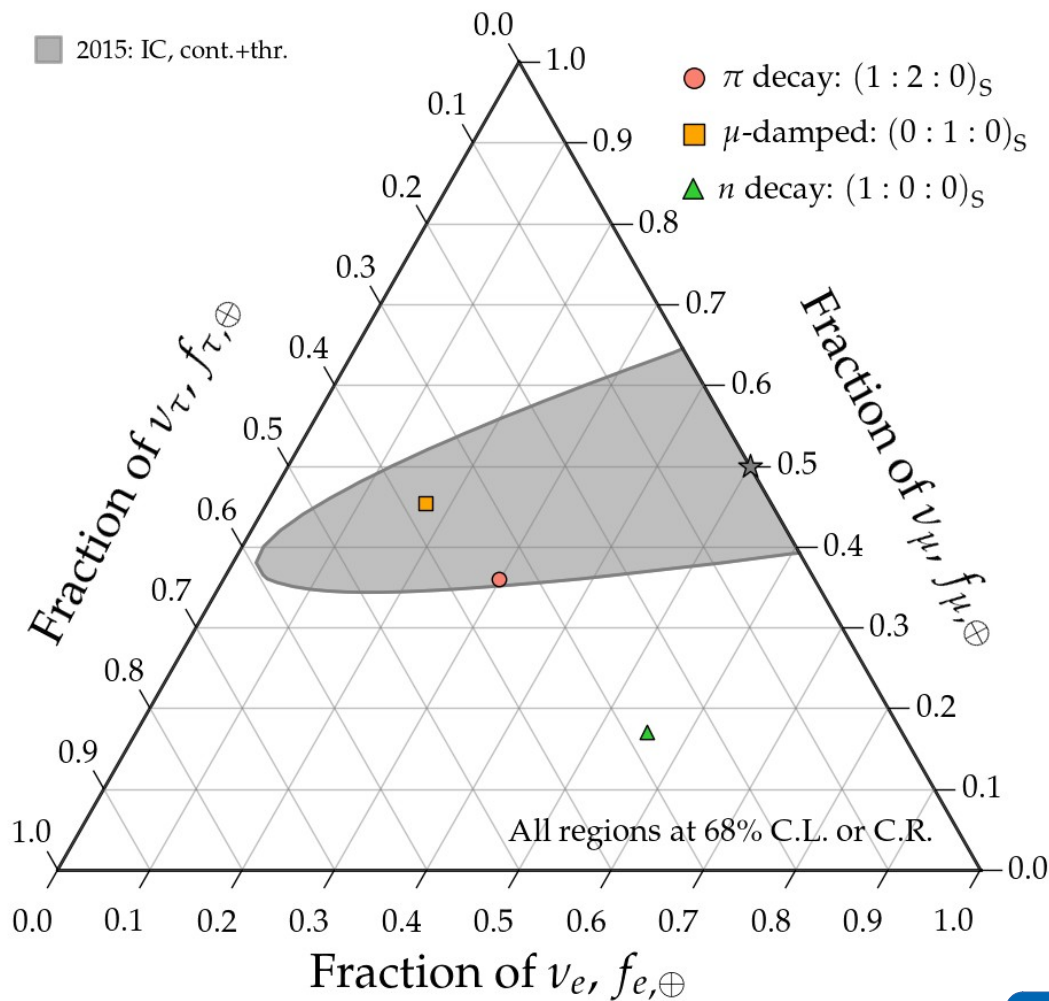
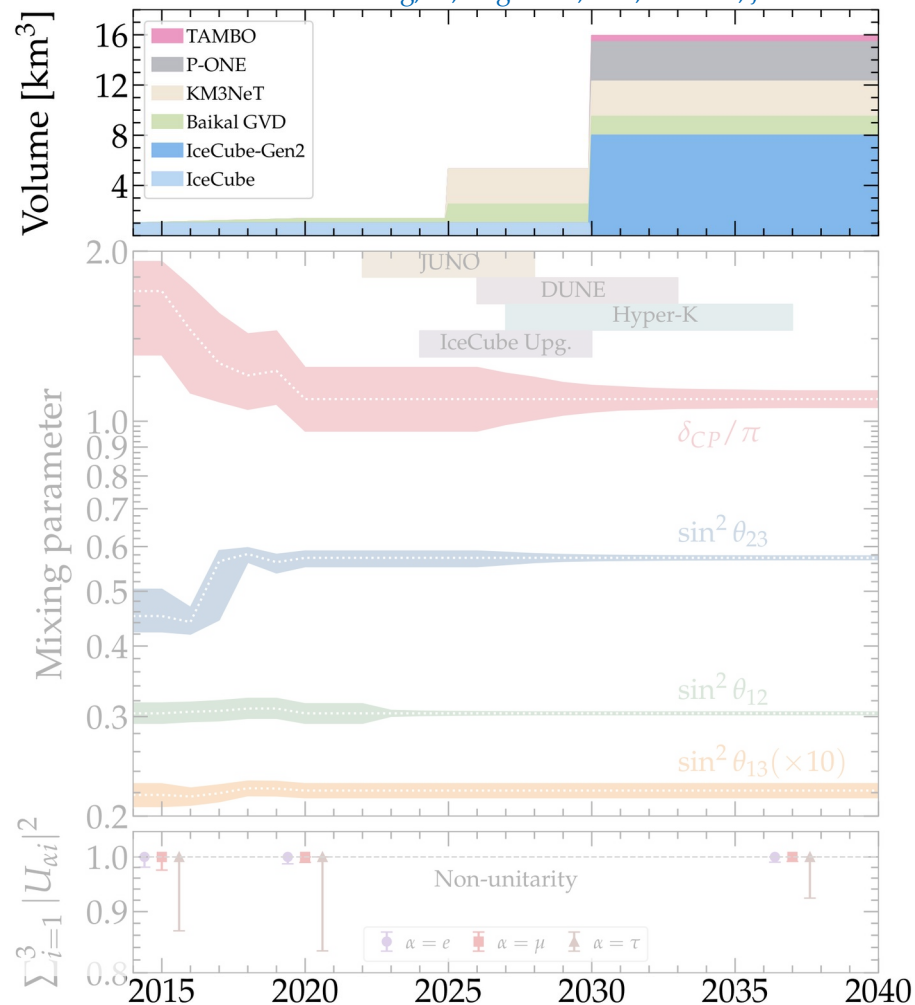
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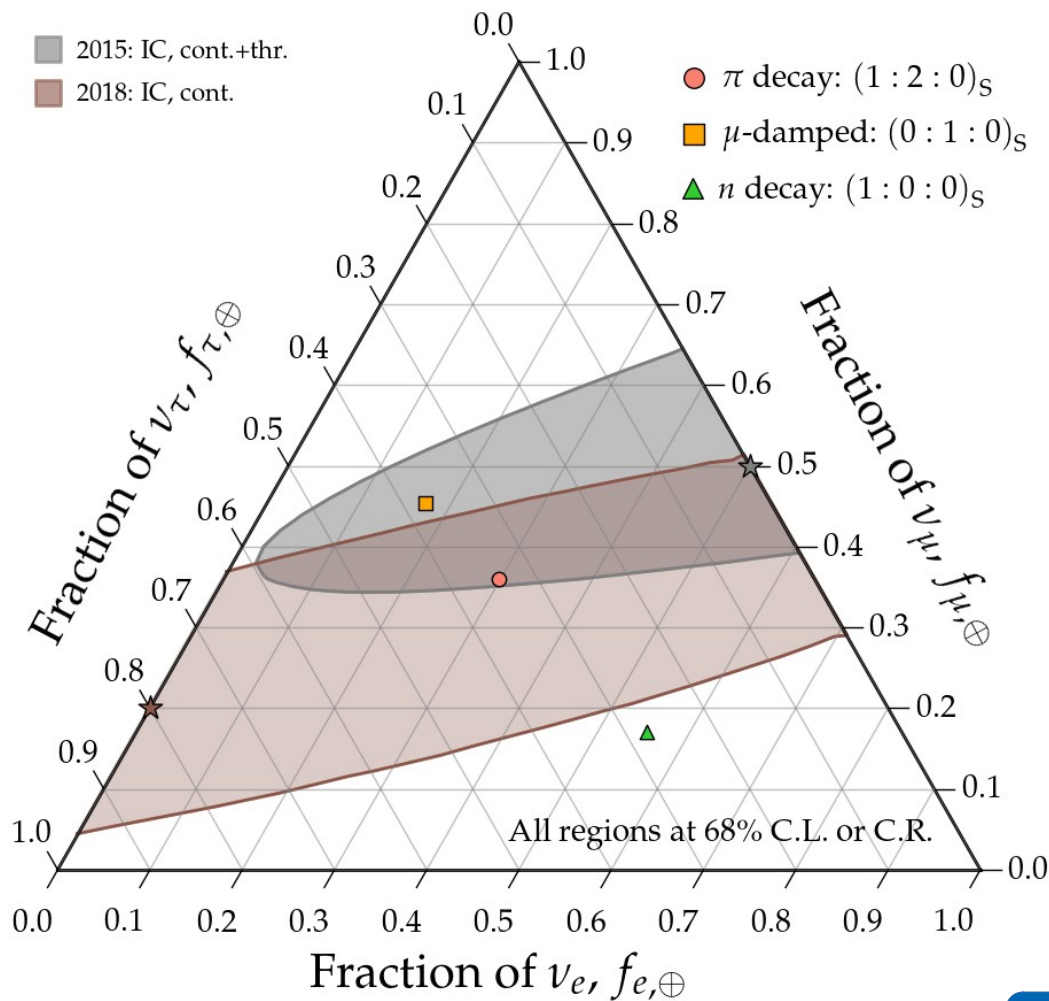
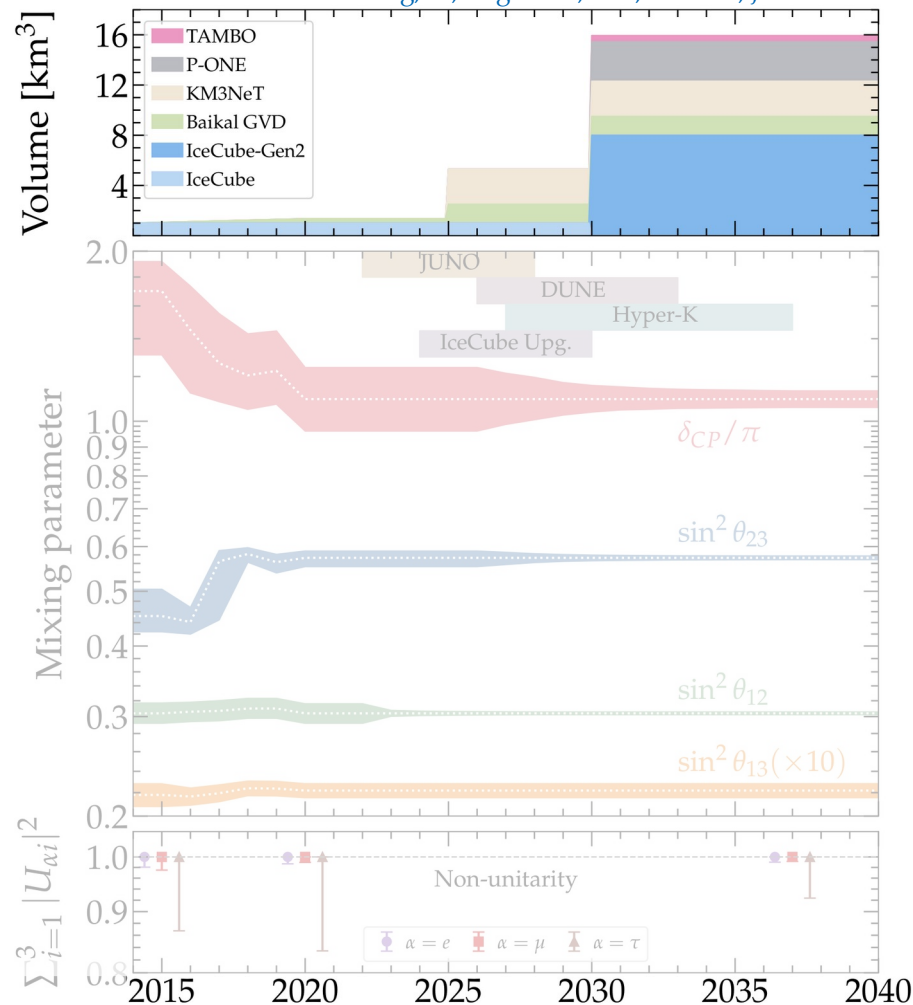
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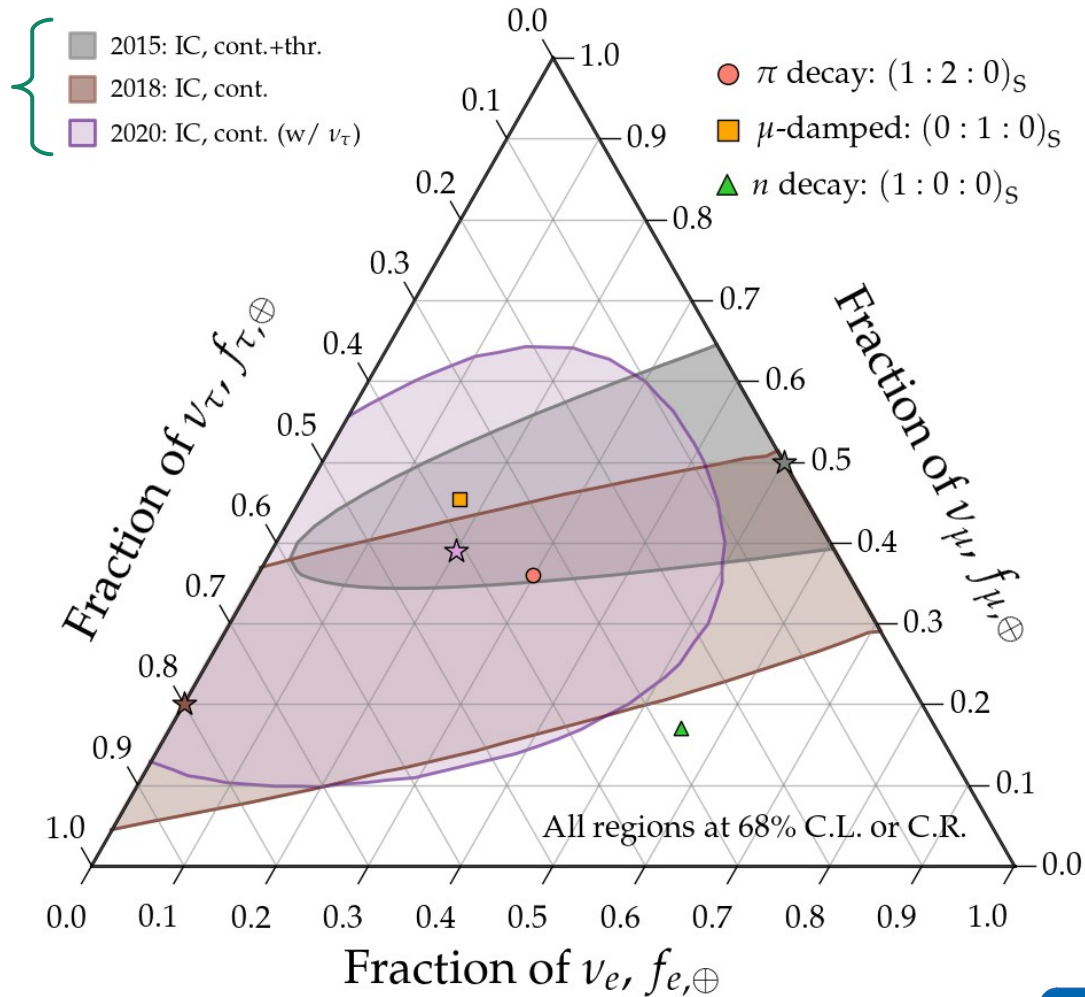
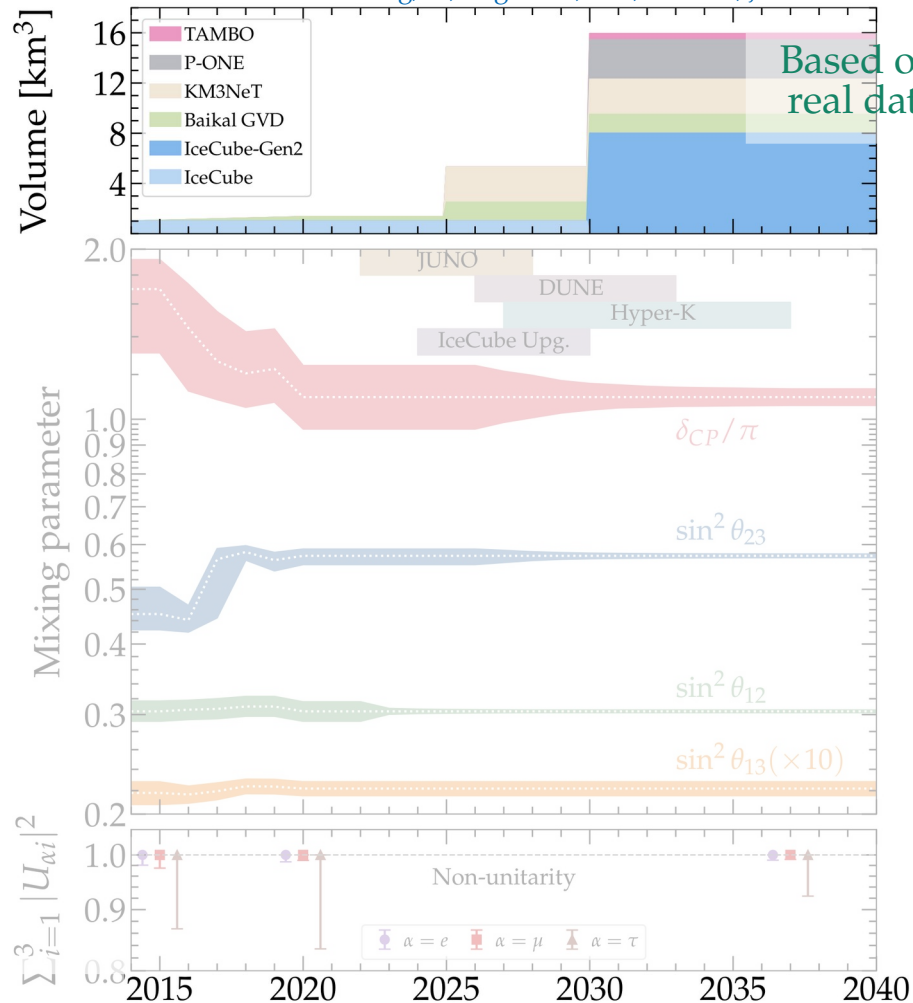
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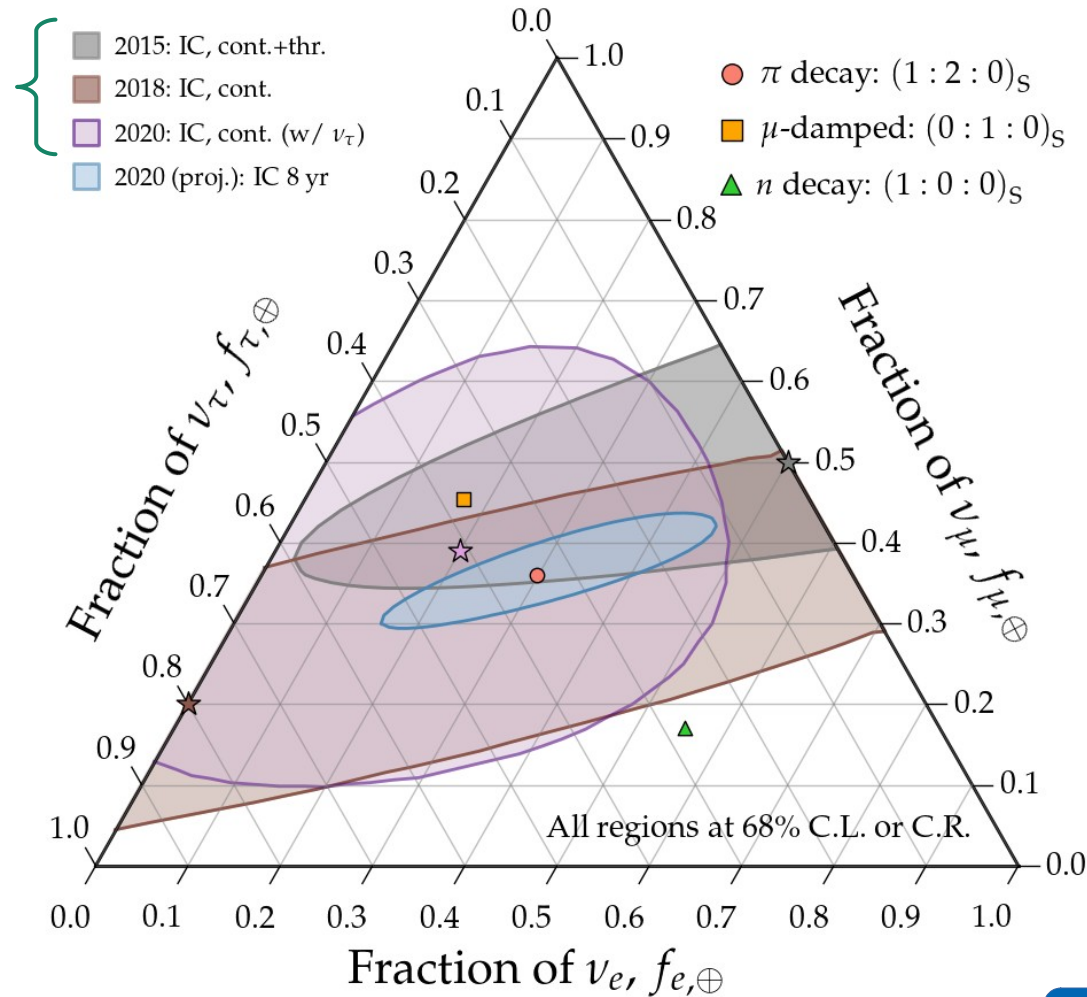
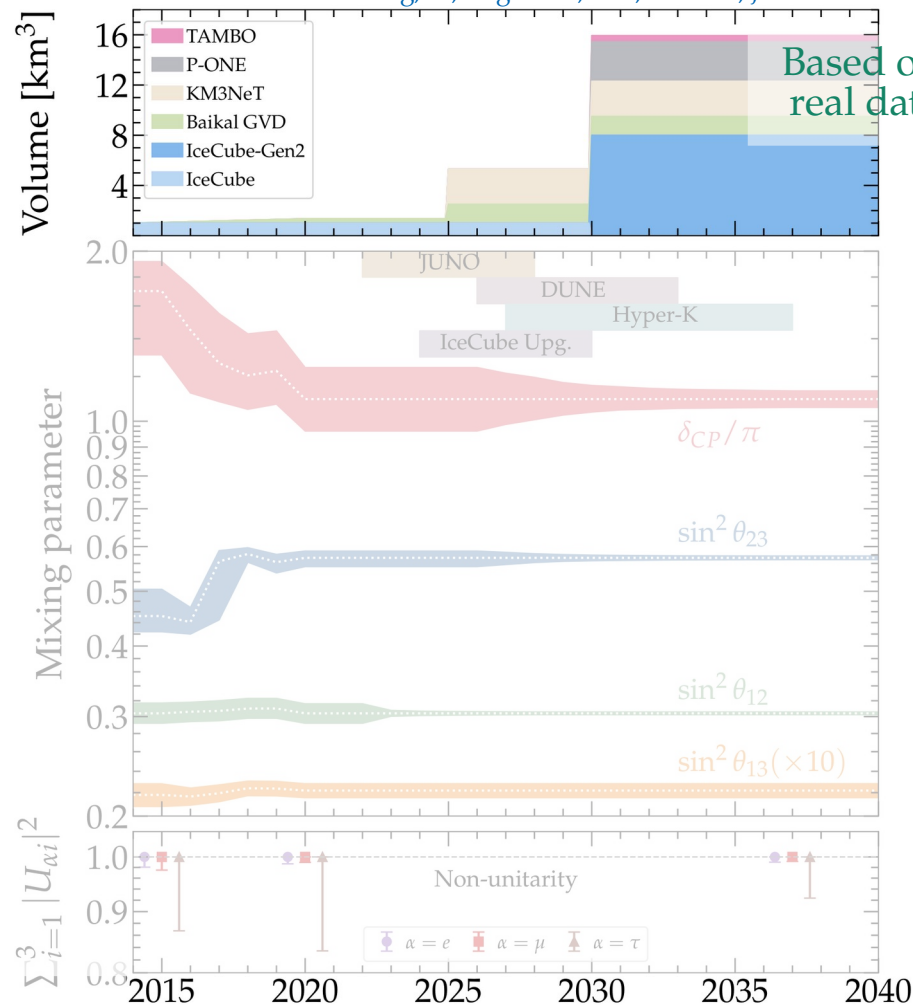
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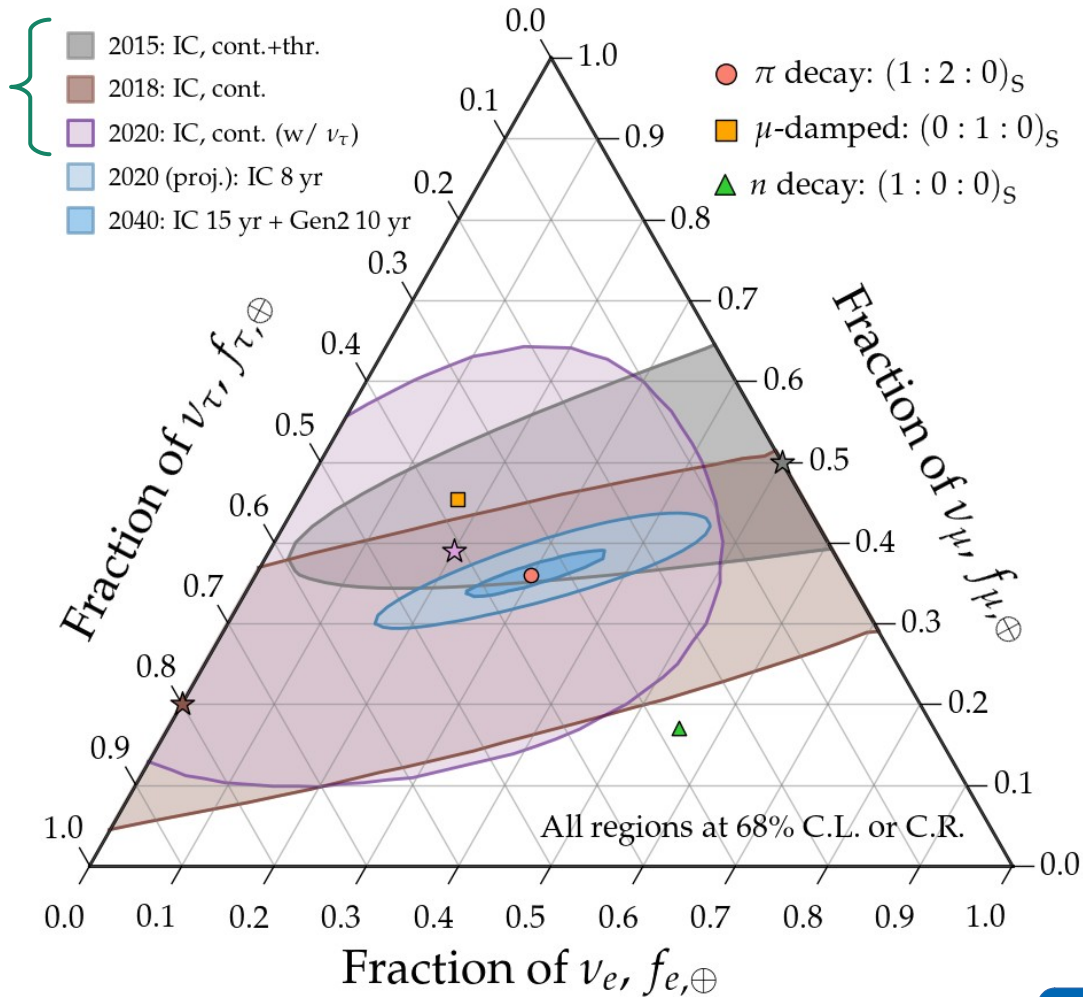
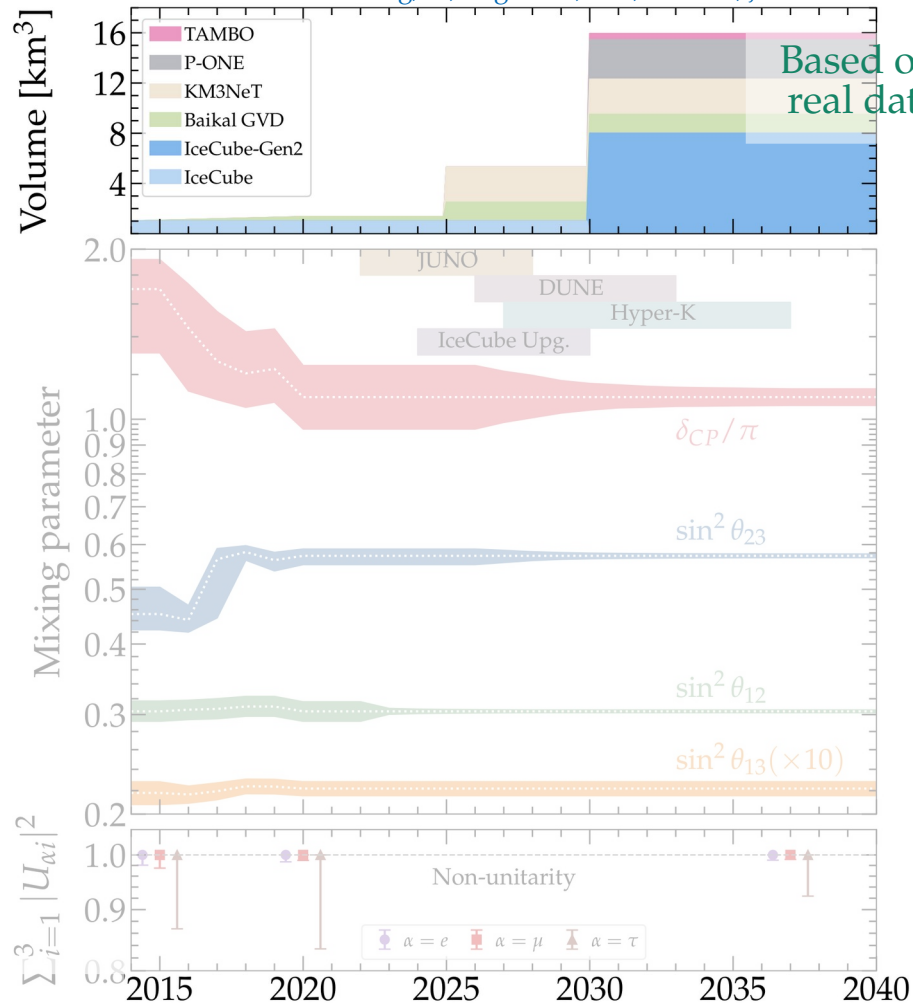
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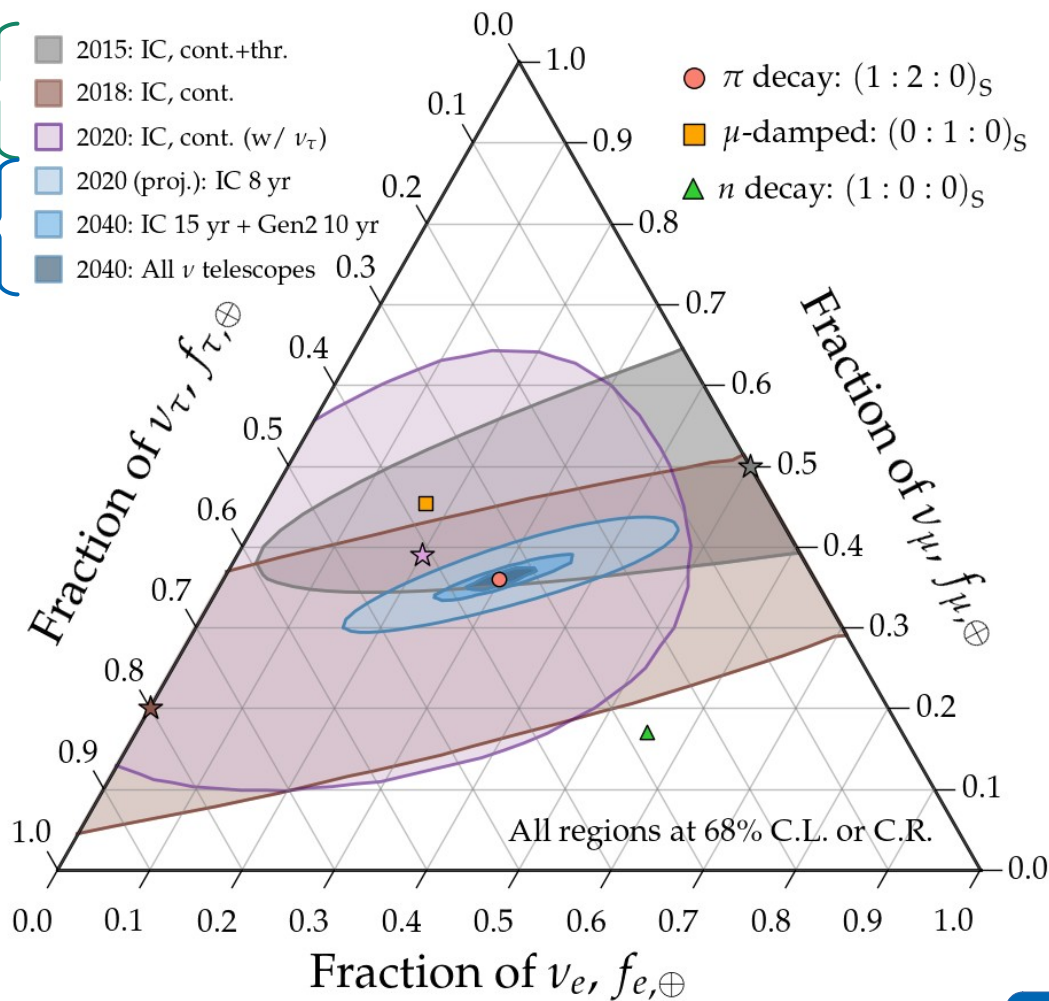
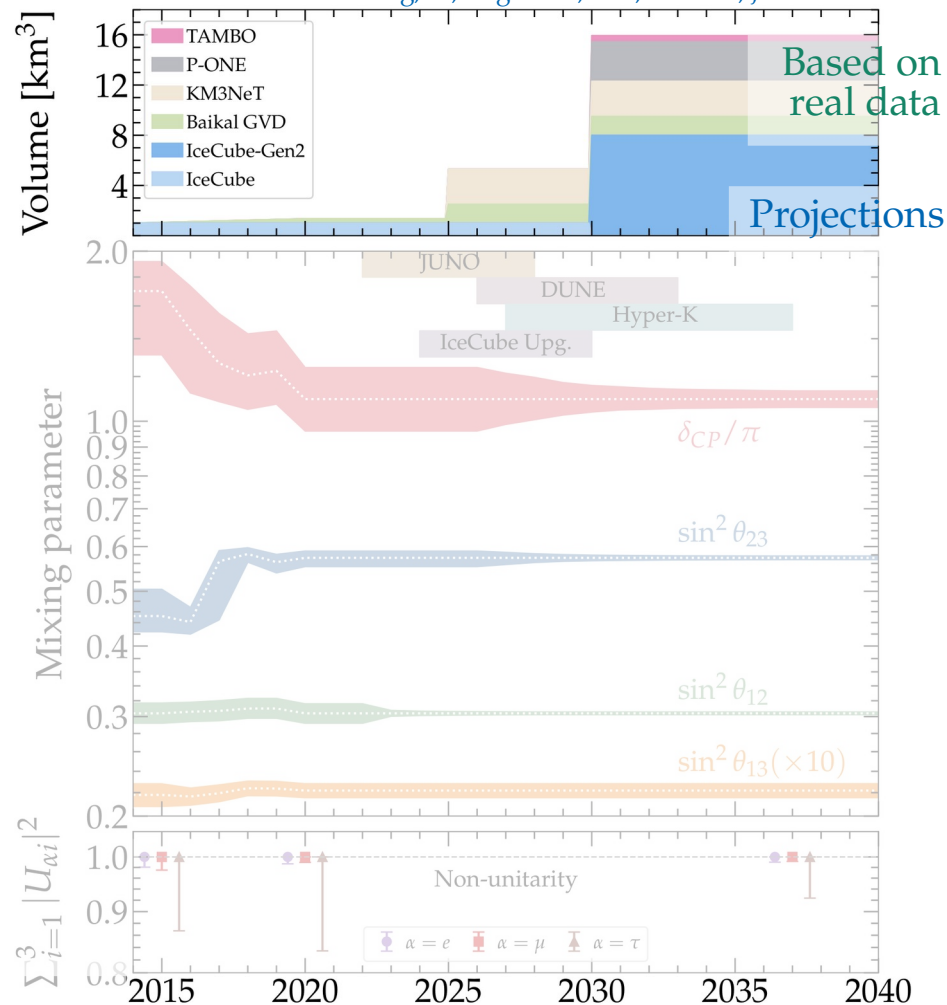
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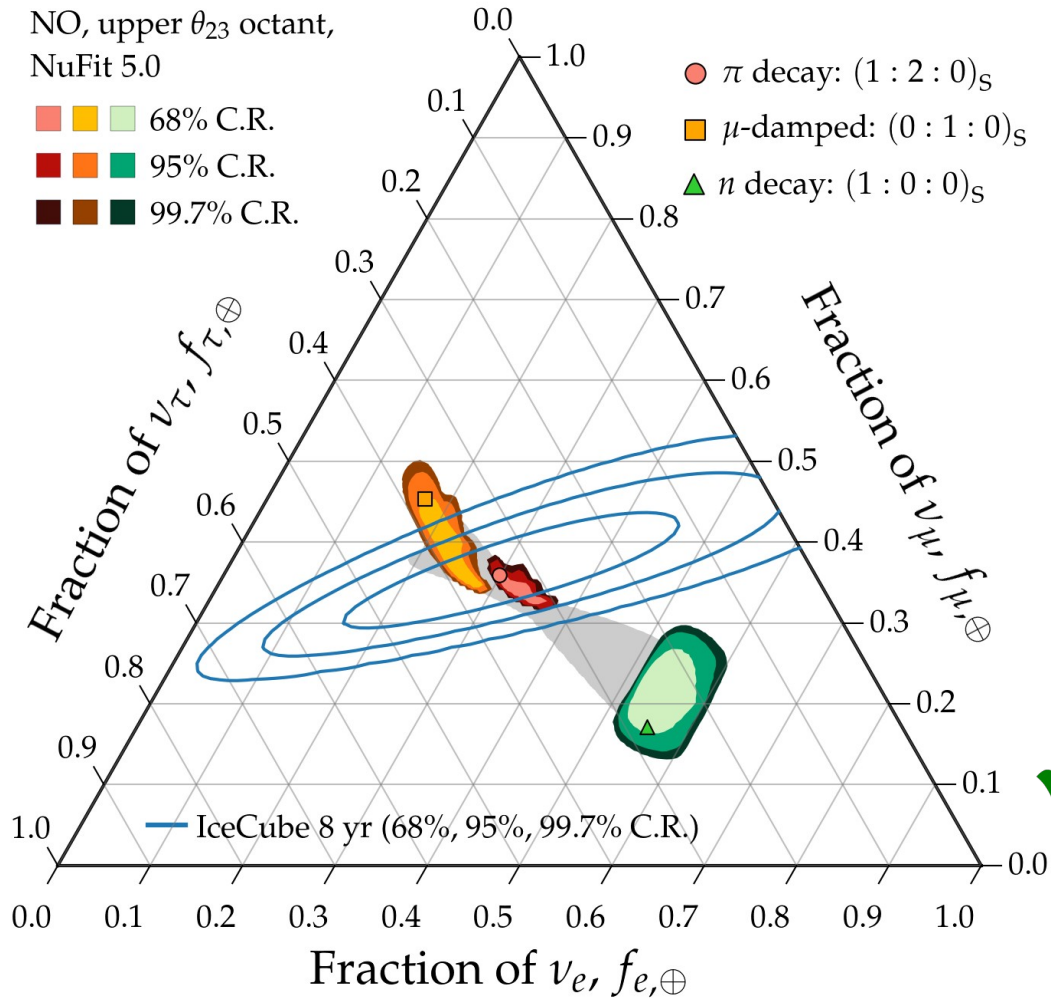


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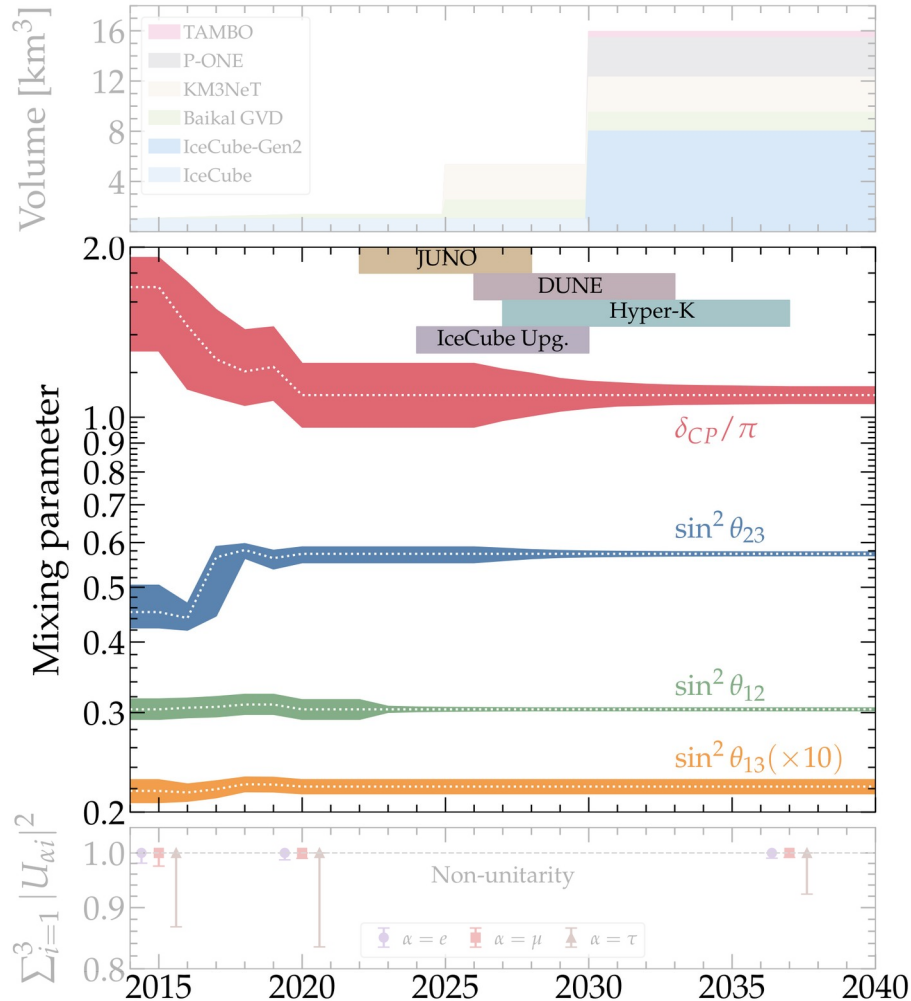
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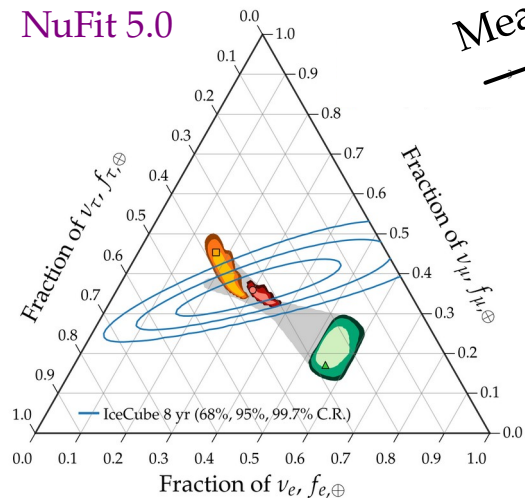
So we can convert back and forth between source and Earth more precisely



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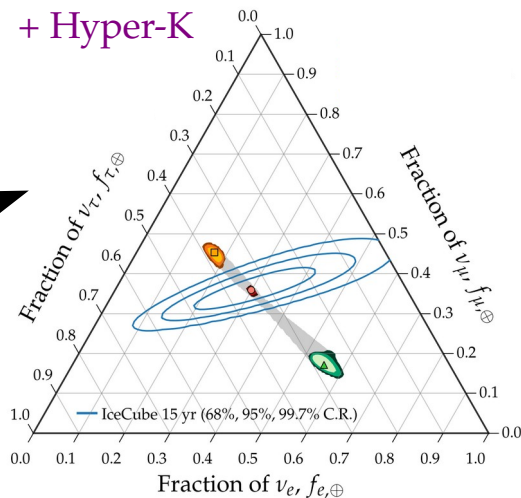
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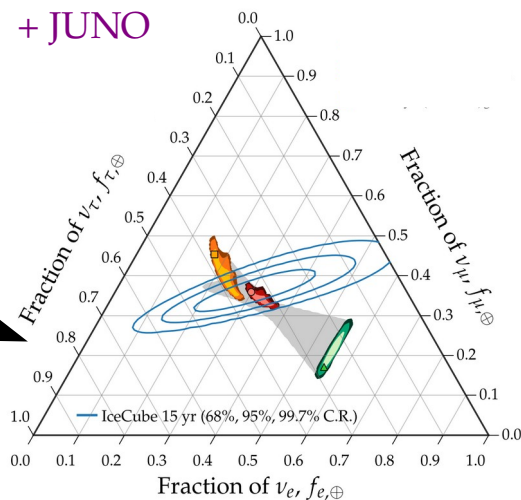


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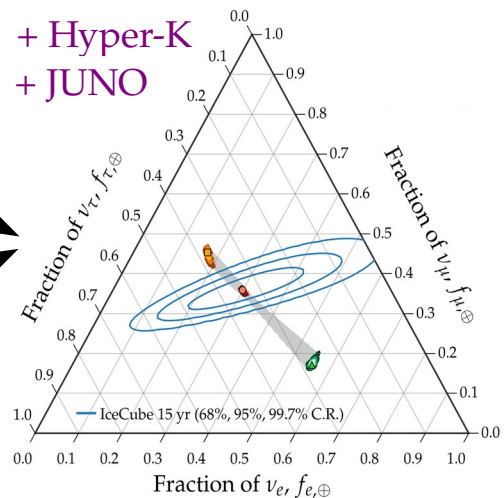
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~2030

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In our results:  
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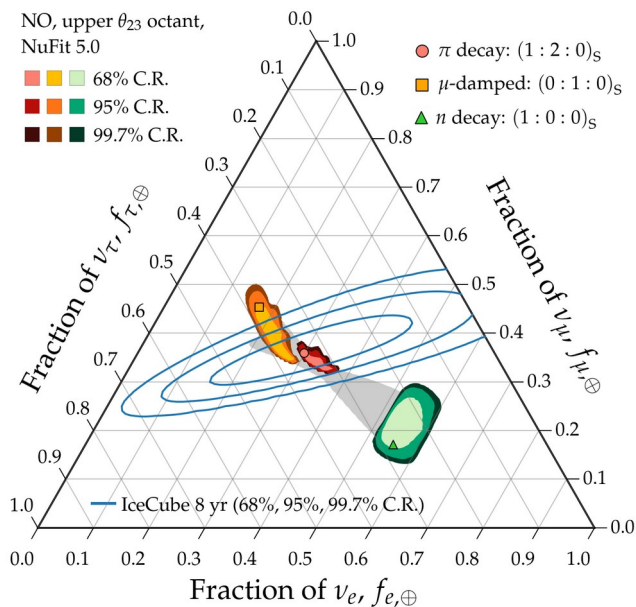
Marginal improvement til 2040



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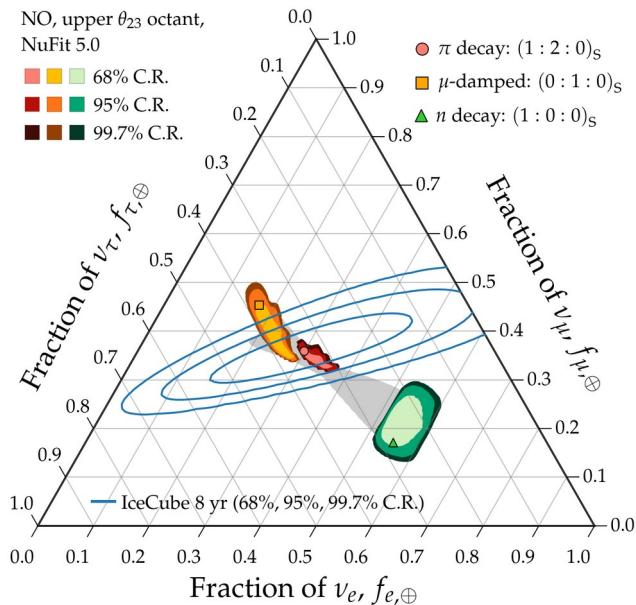


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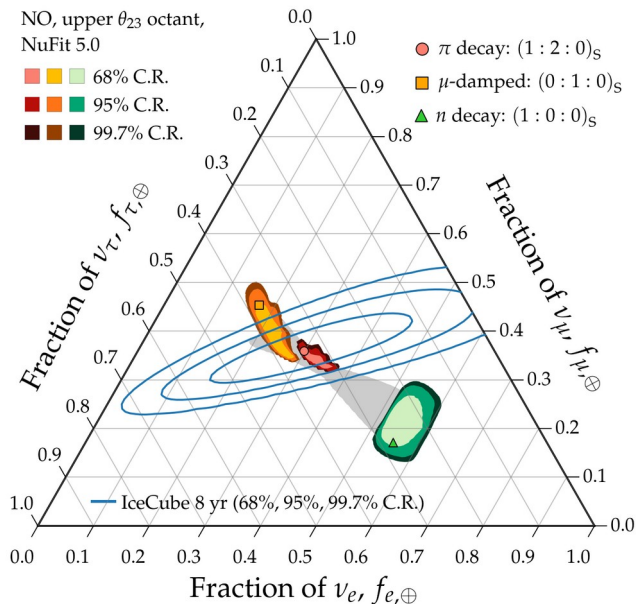
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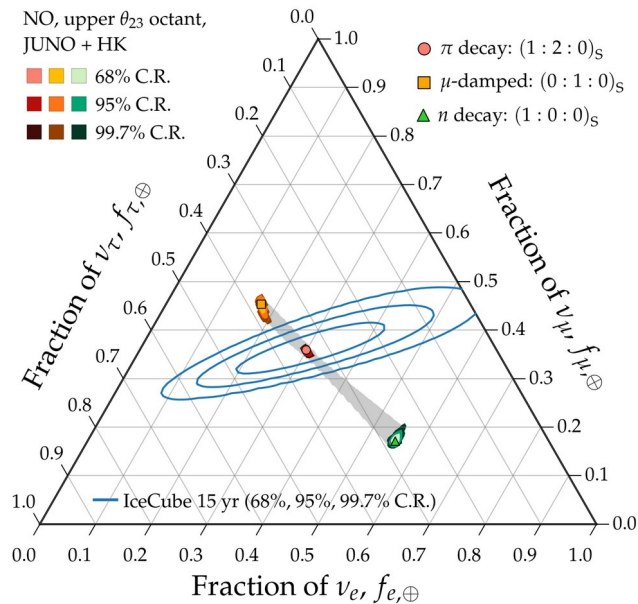


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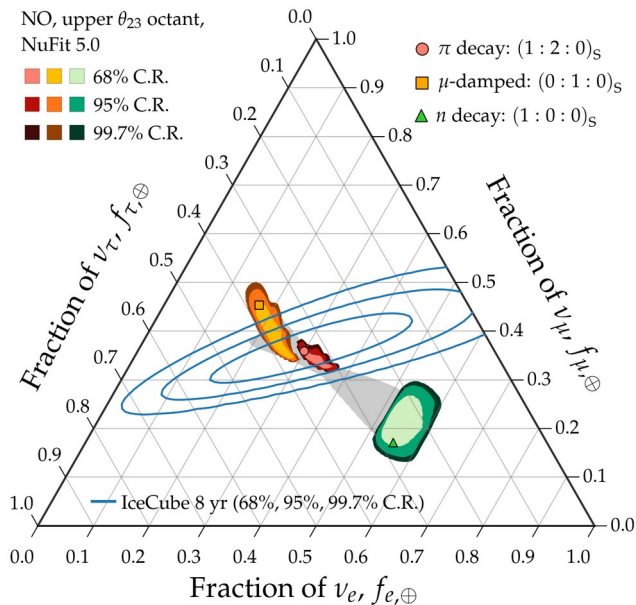


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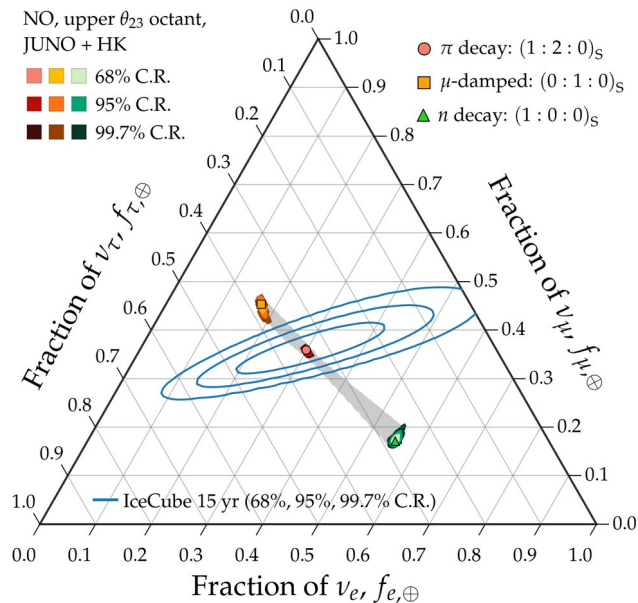


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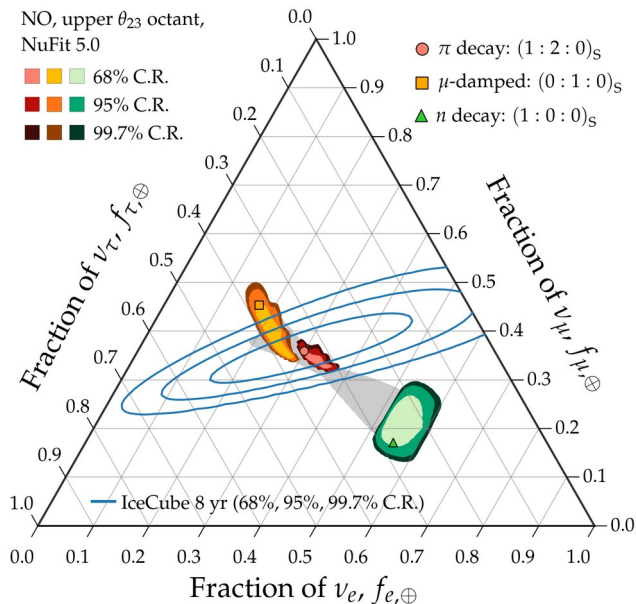
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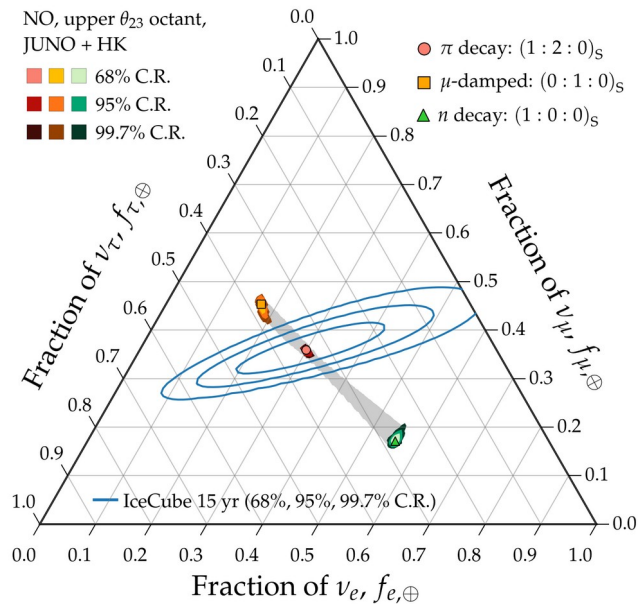
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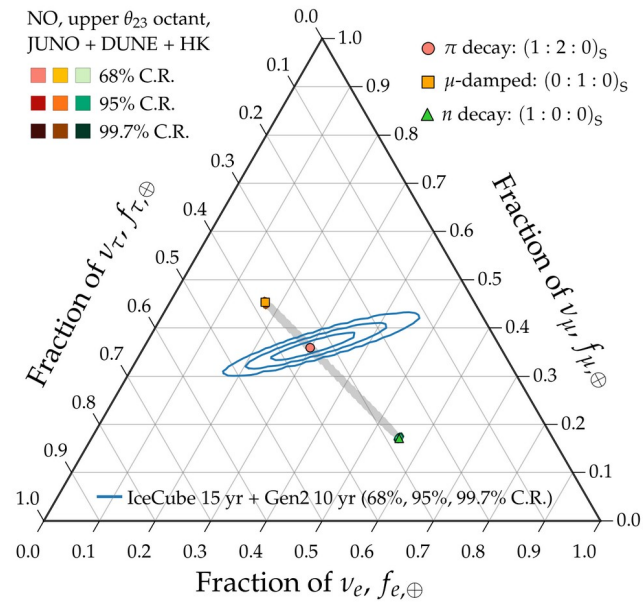
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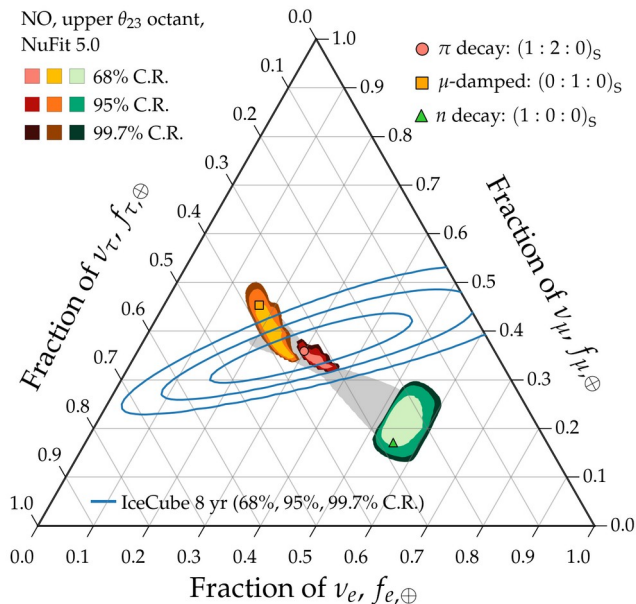


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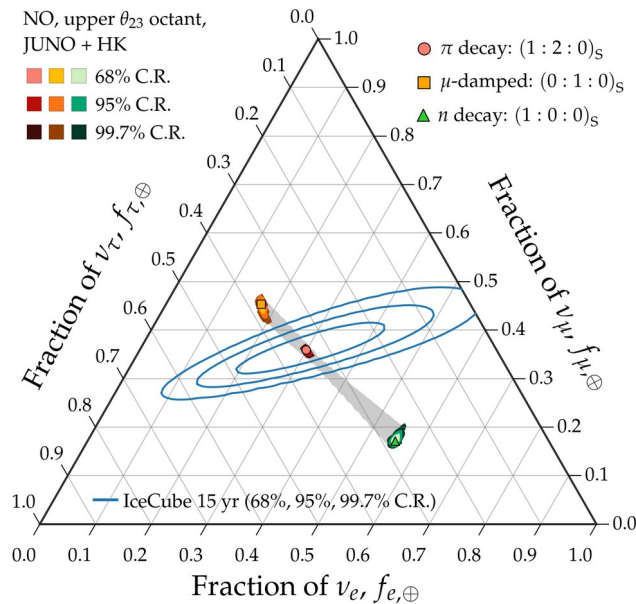
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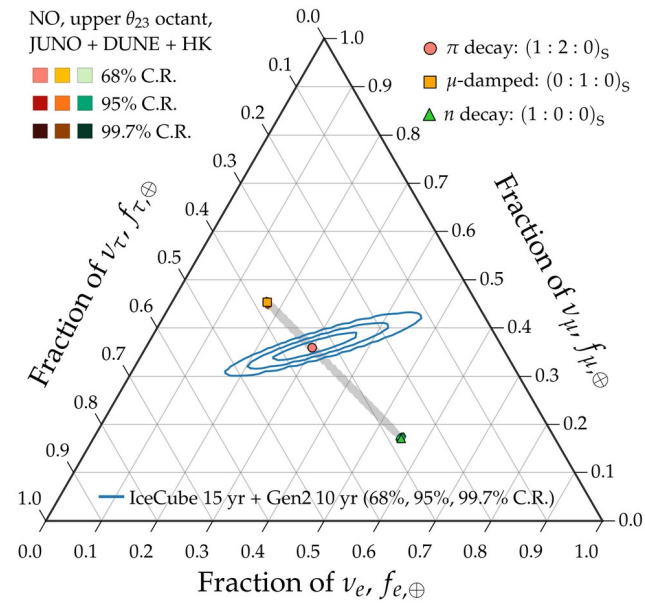
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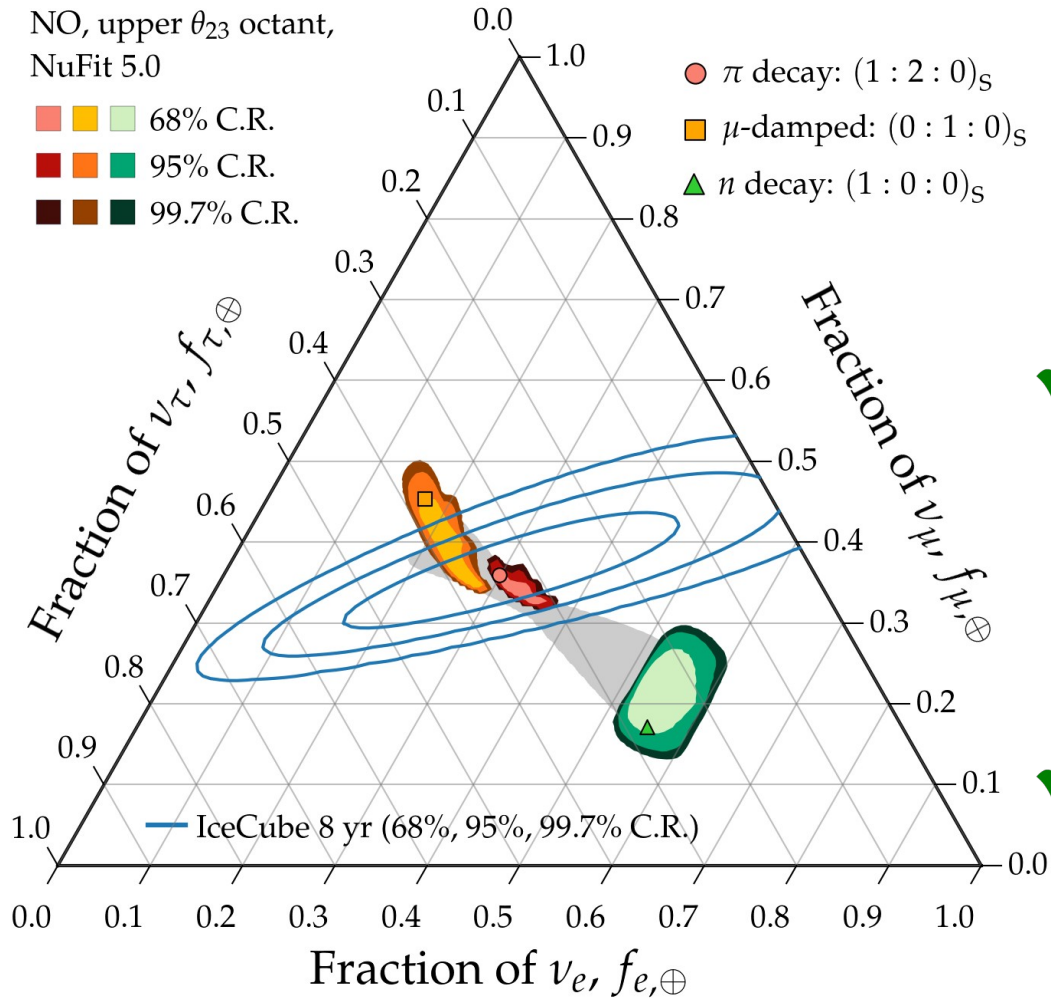
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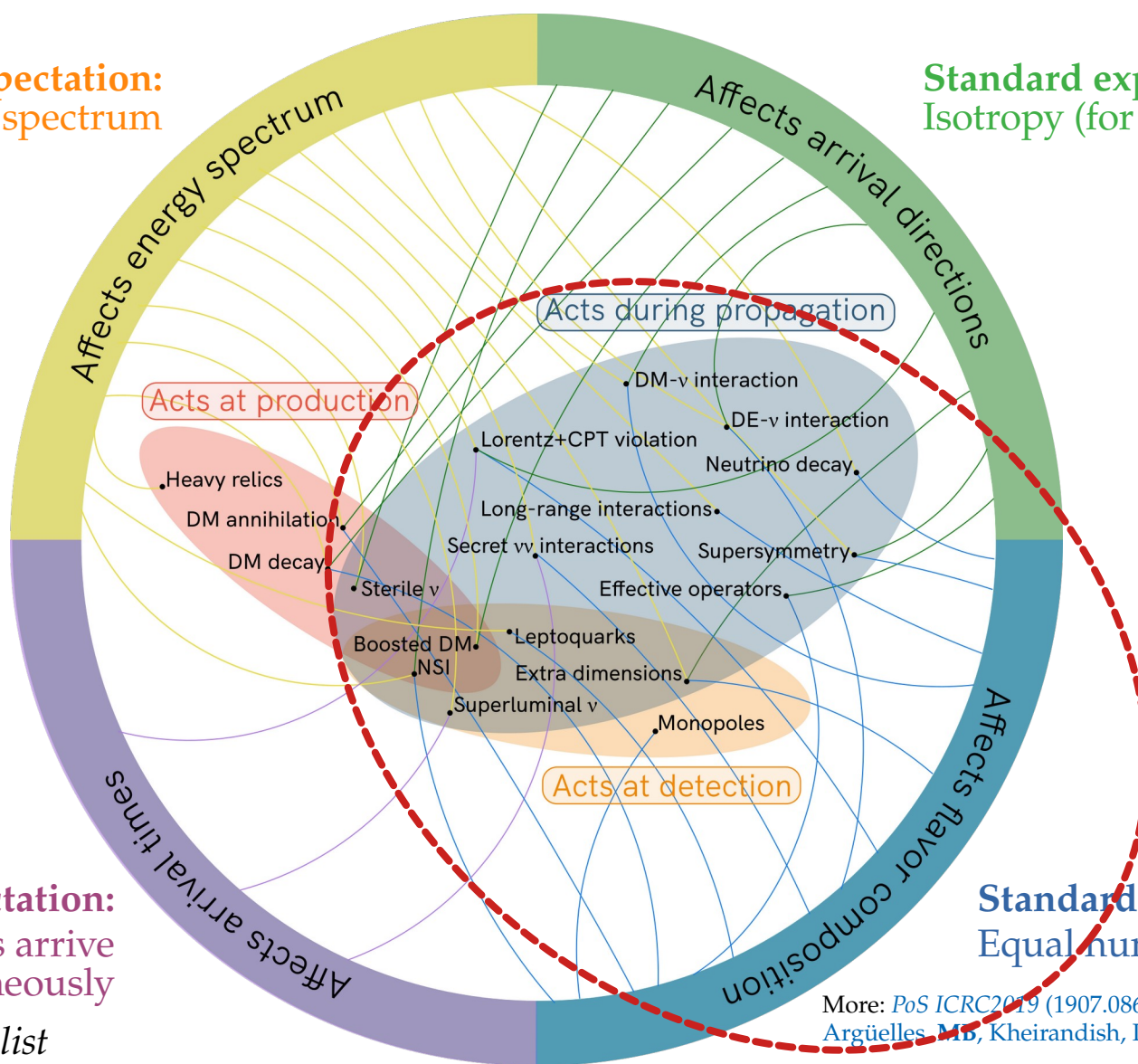
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Power-law energy spectrum

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Isotropy (for diffuse flux)

**Standard expectation:**  
 $\nu$  and  $\gamma$  from transients arrive  
simultaneously

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Equal number of  $\nu_e$ ,  $\nu_\mu$ ,  $\nu_\tau$

*Note: Not an exhaustive list*



More: *PoS ICRC2019* (1907.08690)

Argüelles, M.B., Kheirandish, Palomares-Ruiz, Salvadó, Vincent

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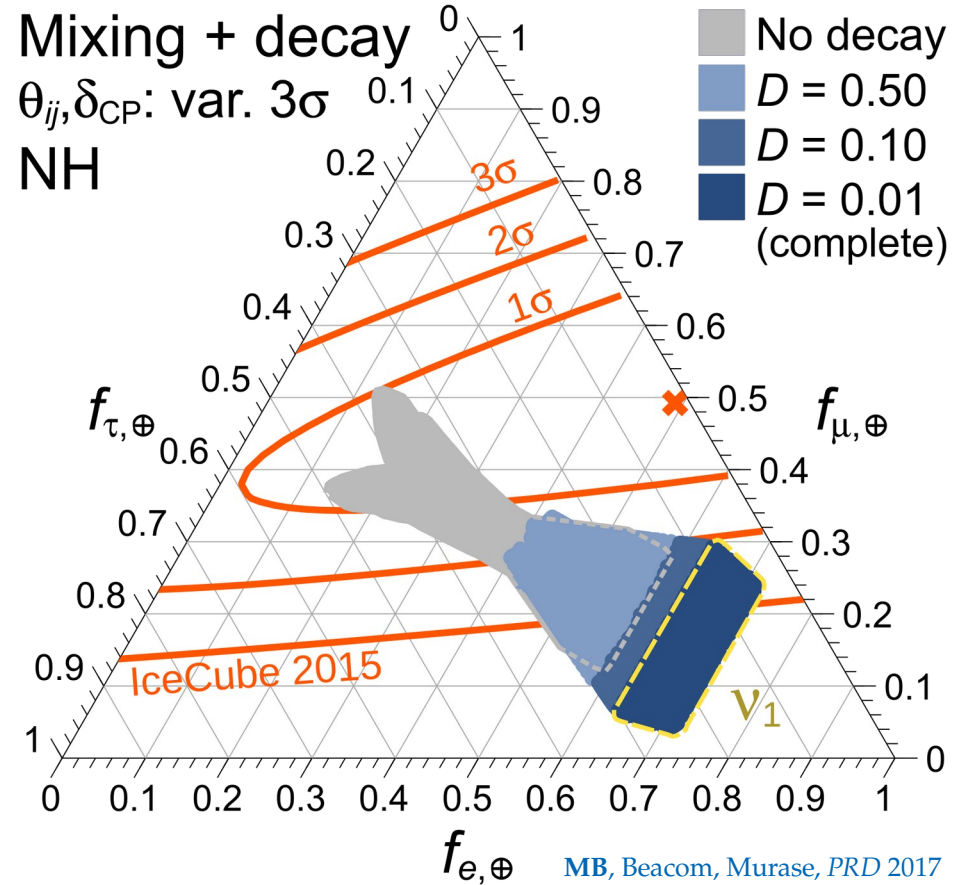
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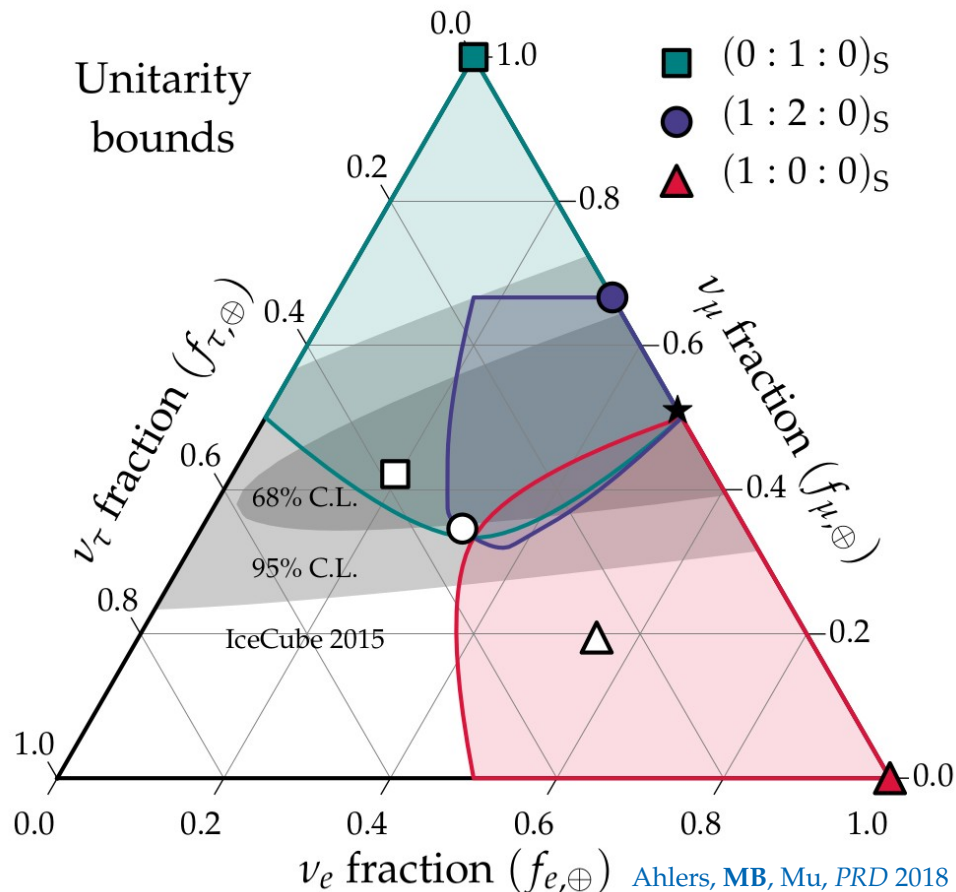
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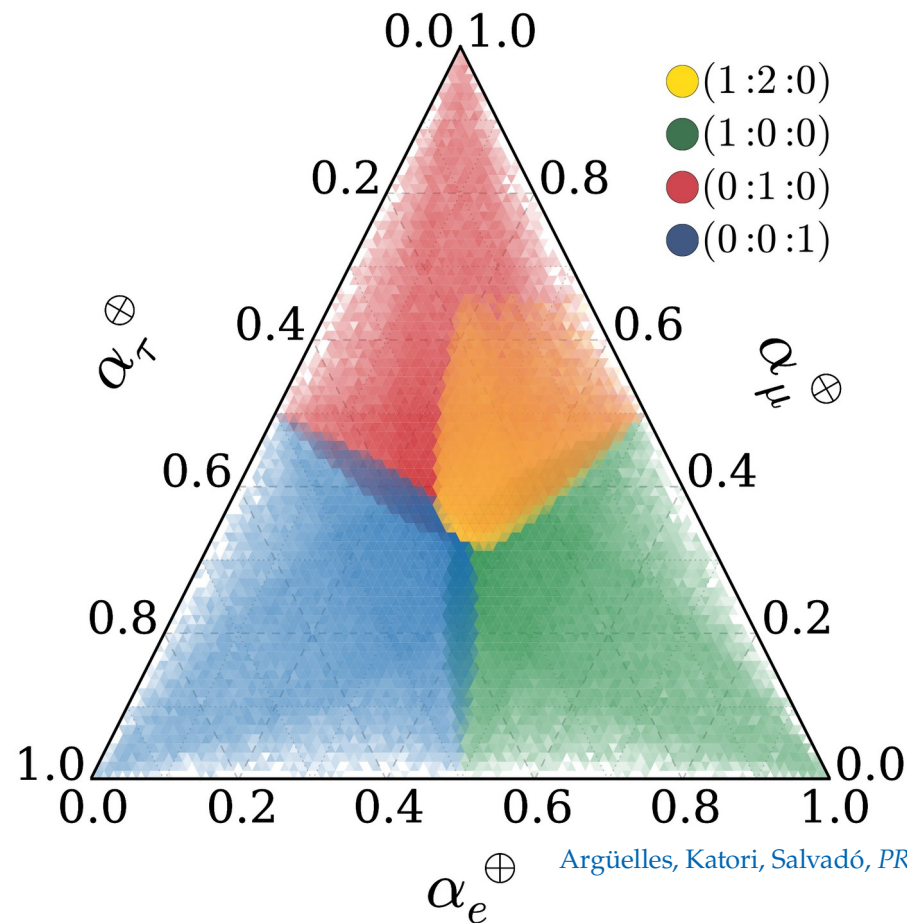
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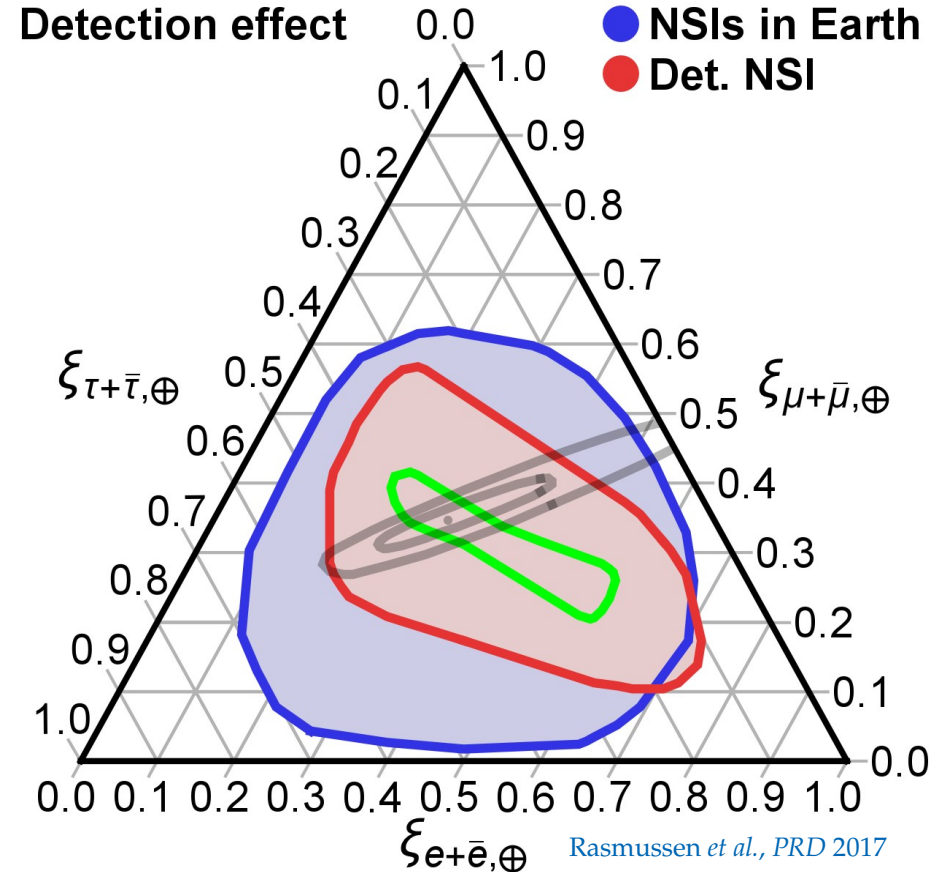
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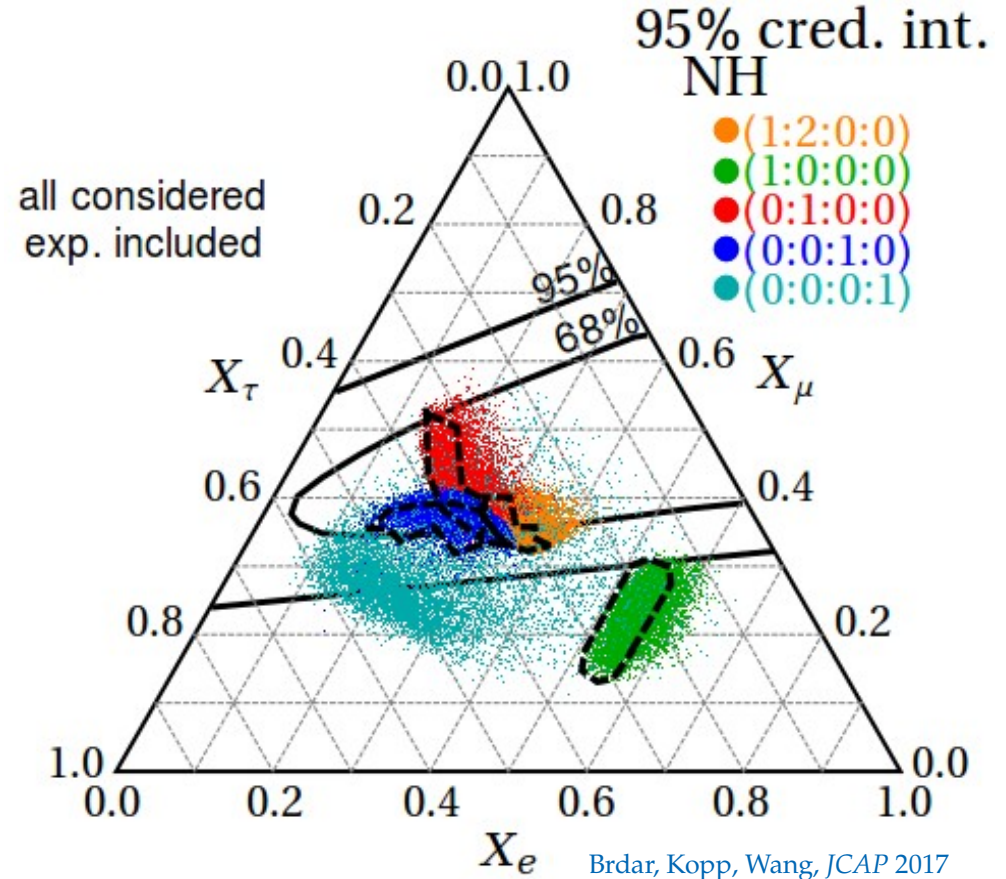
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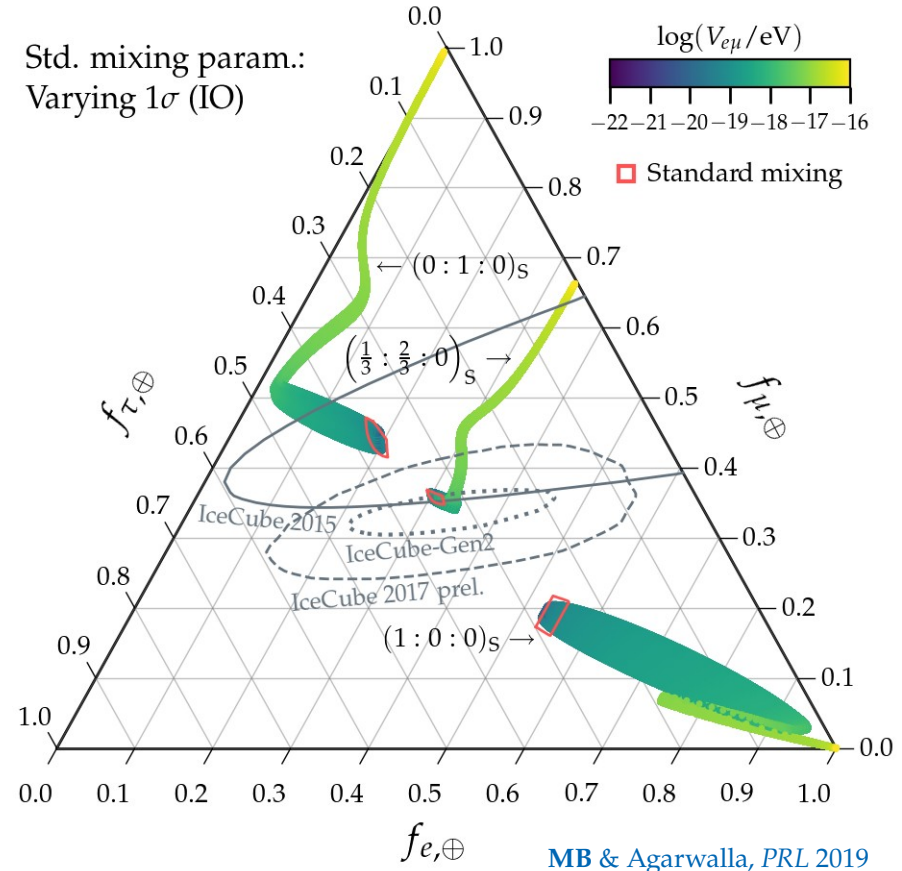
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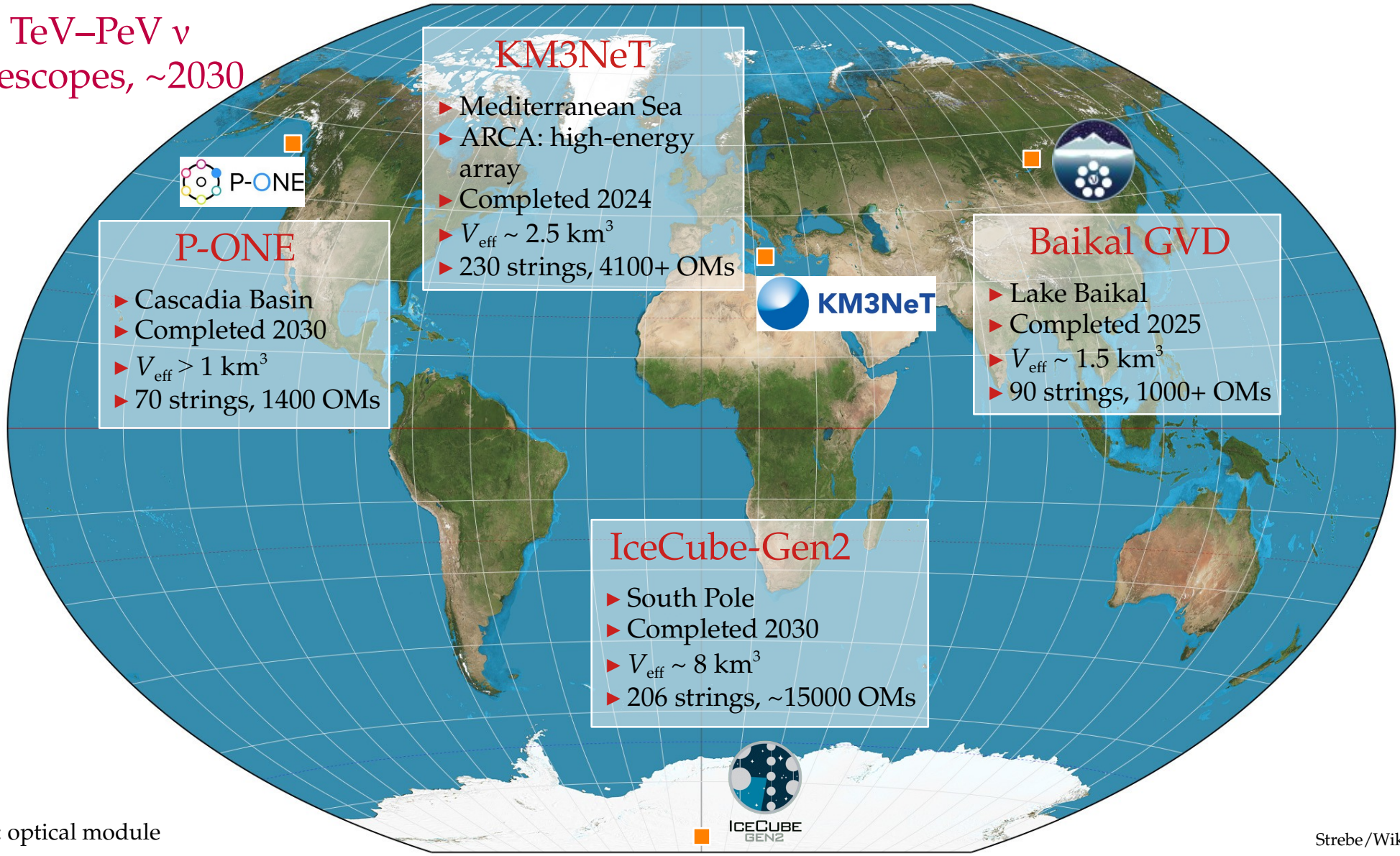
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*What's next?*



TeV–PeV  $\nu$   
telescopes, ~2030



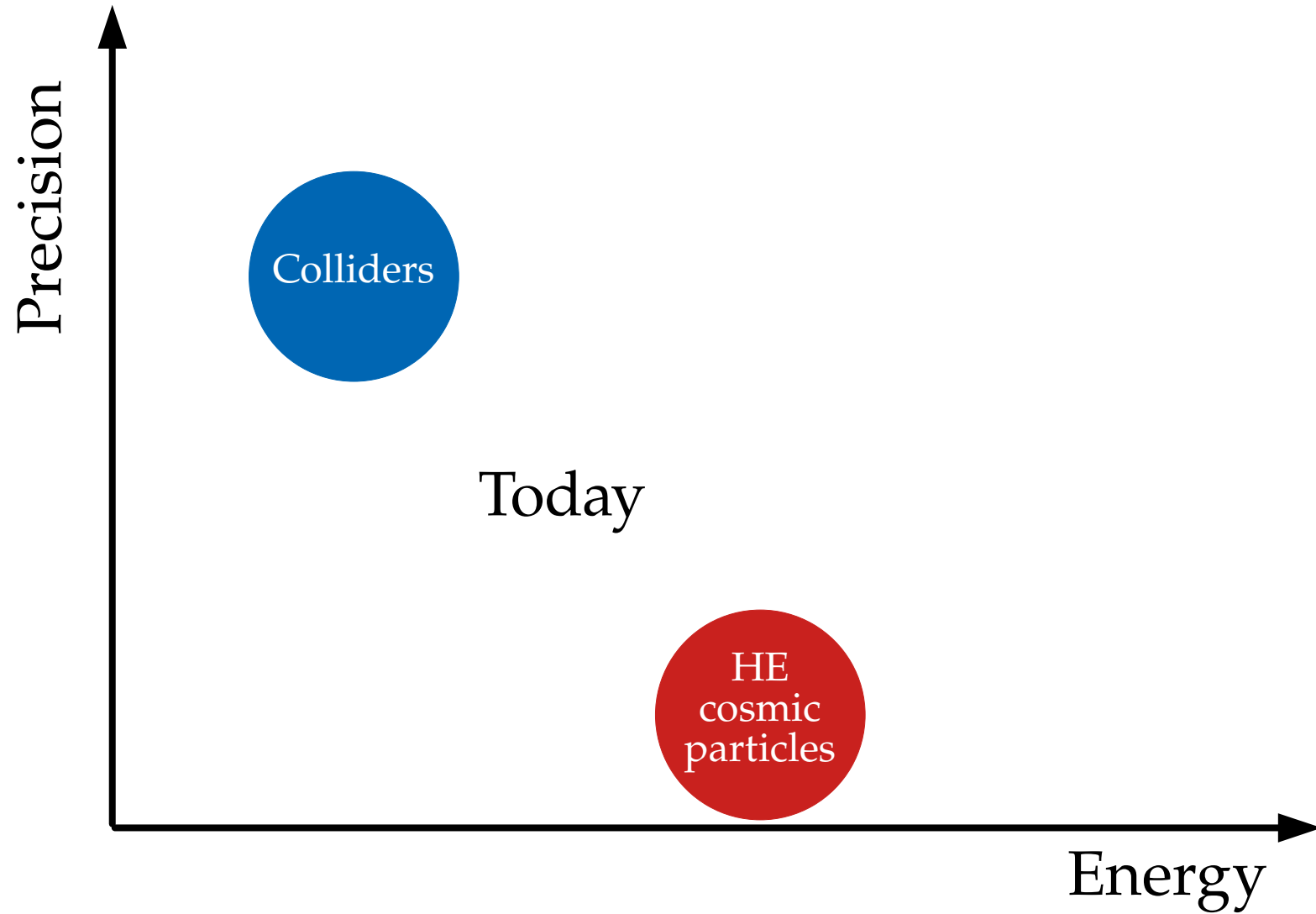
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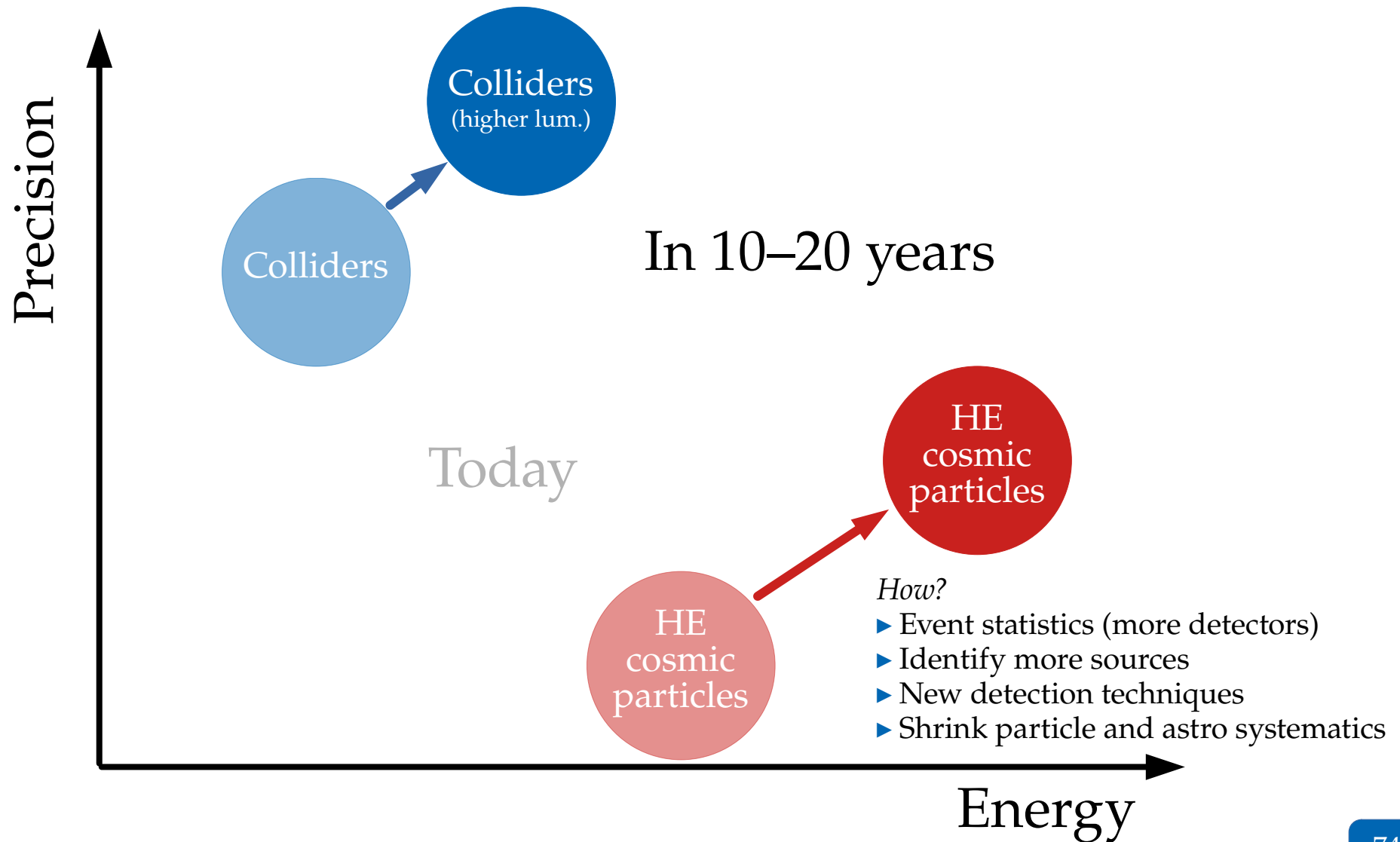
Many TeV–EeV  
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in planning for  
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Operational		Date full operations began
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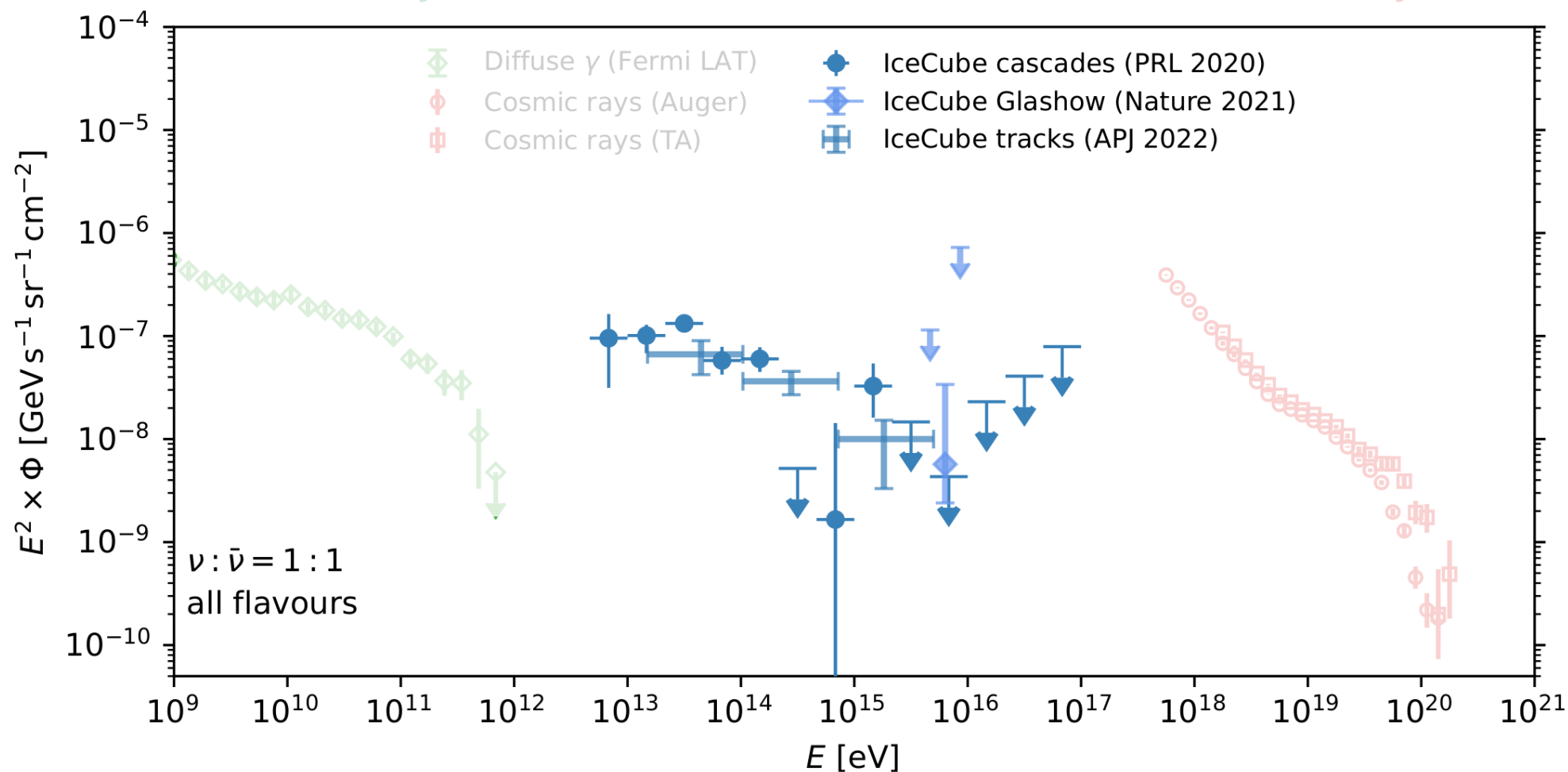




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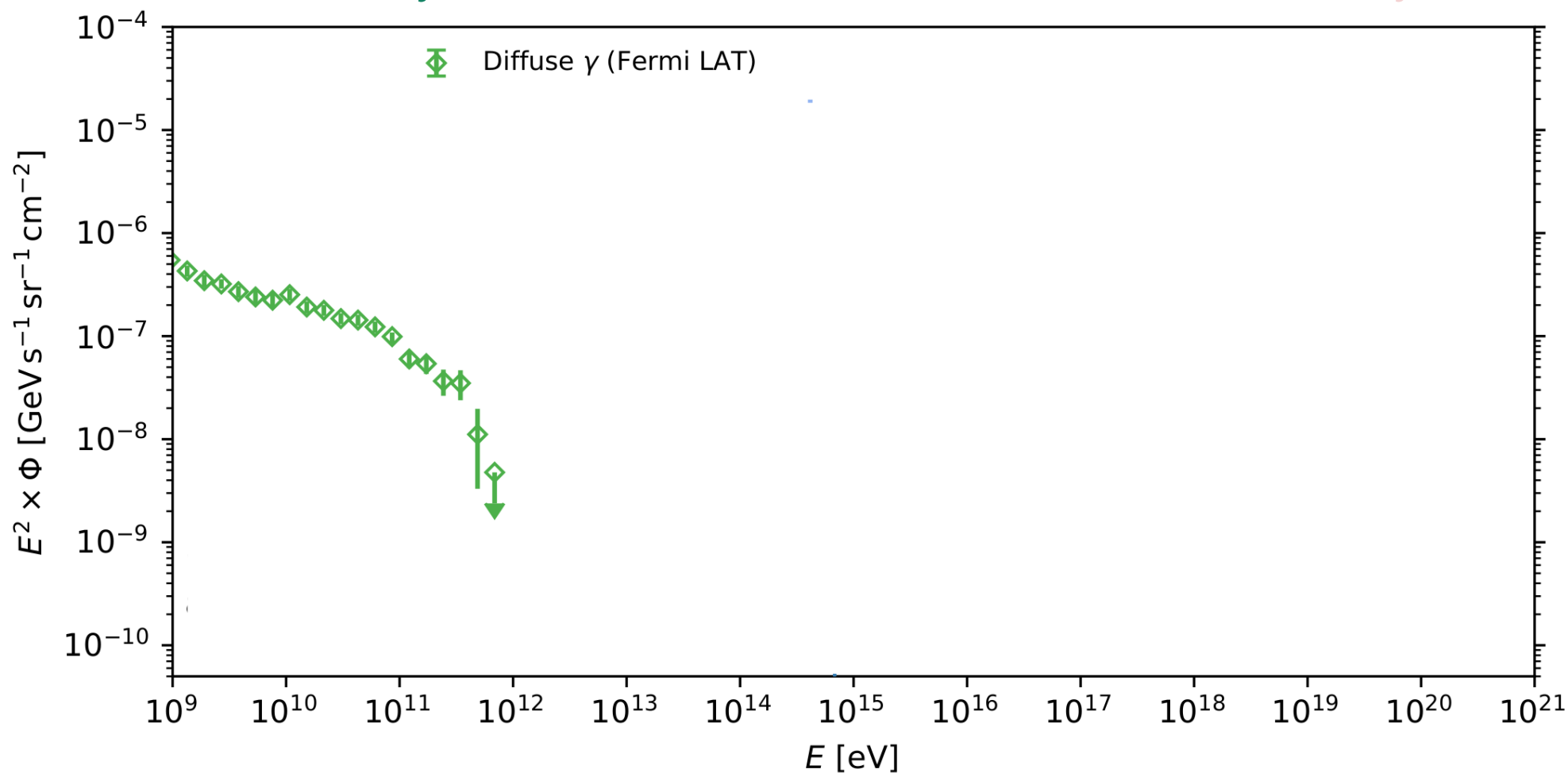
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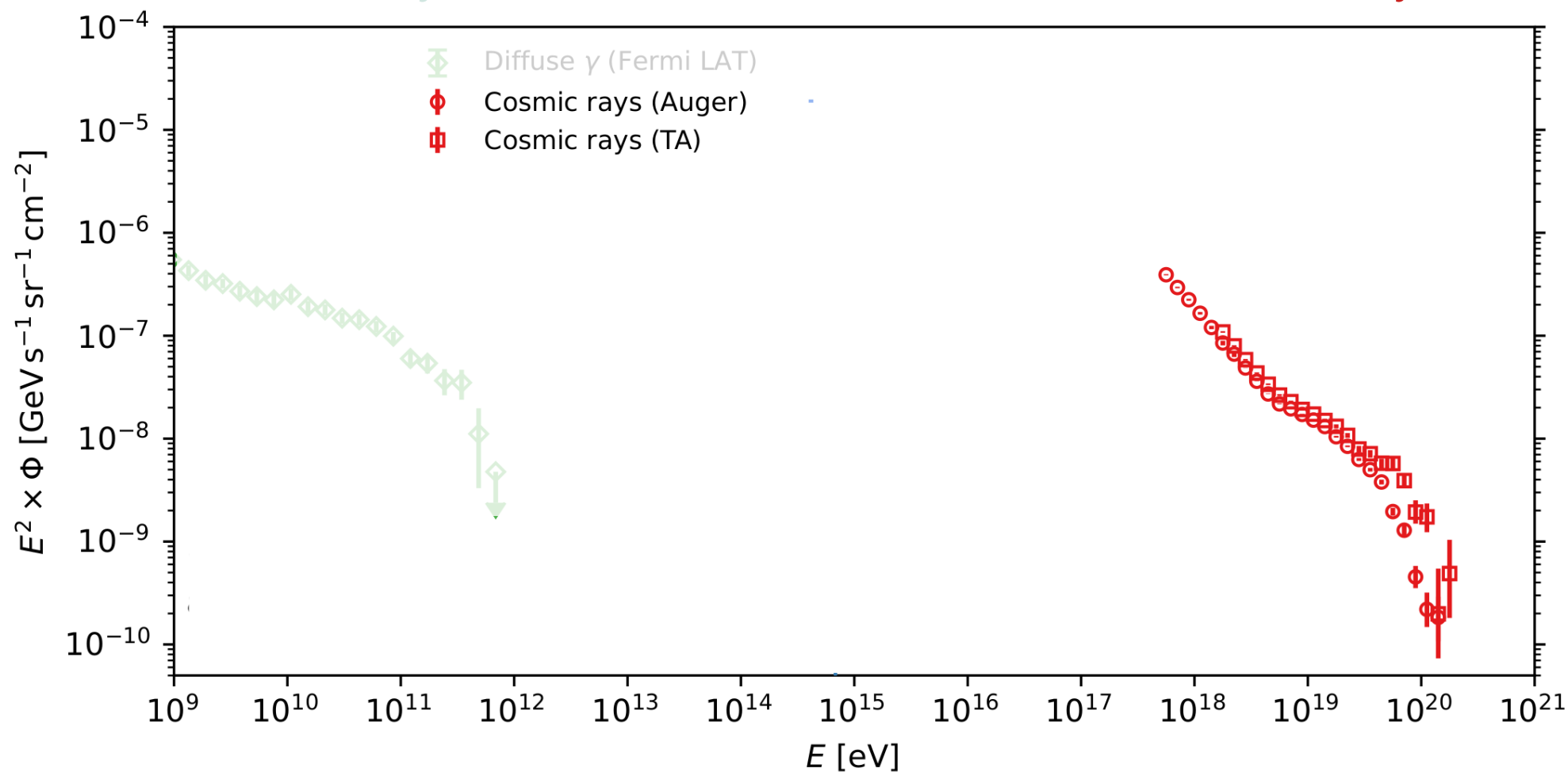




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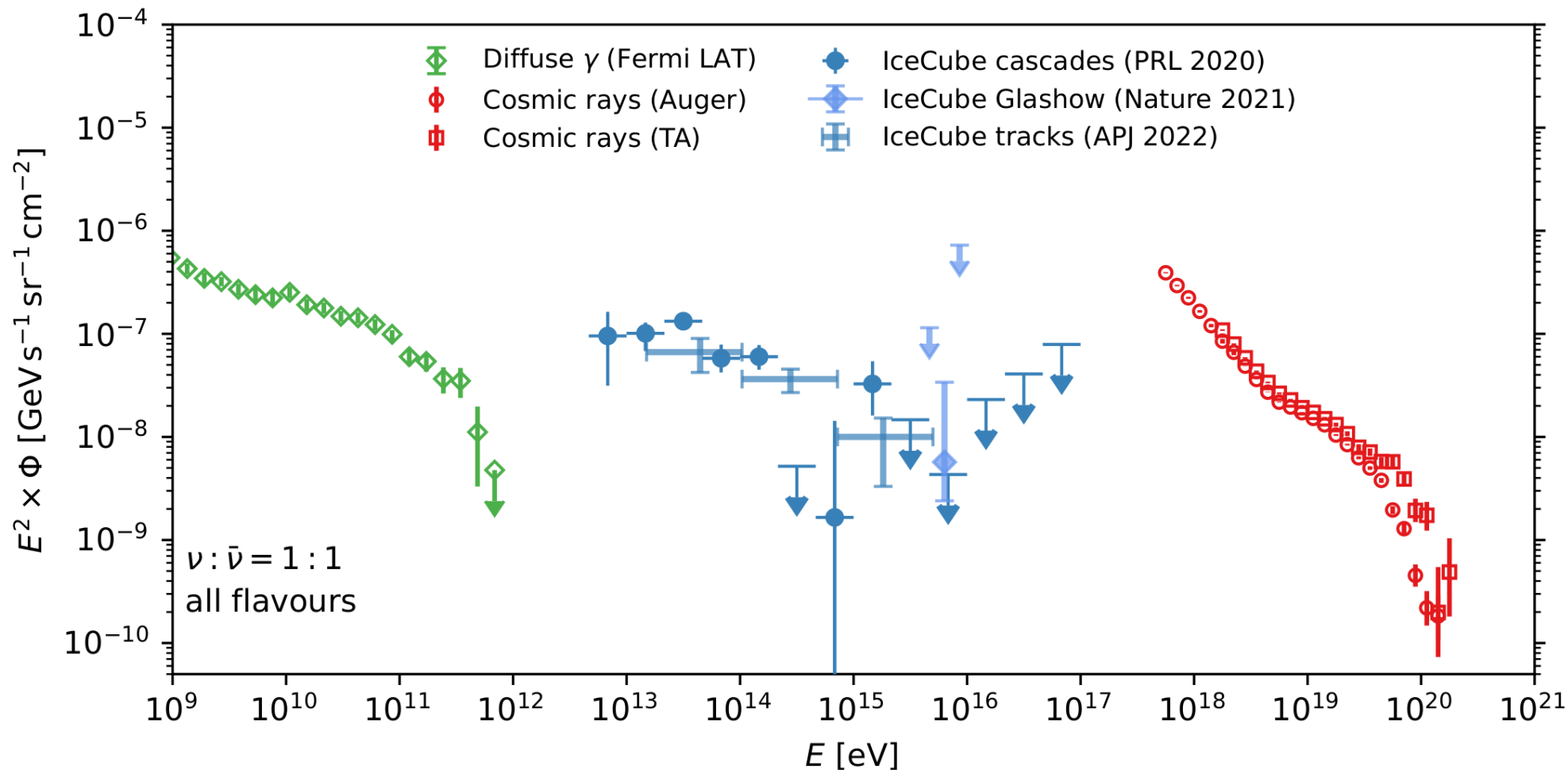
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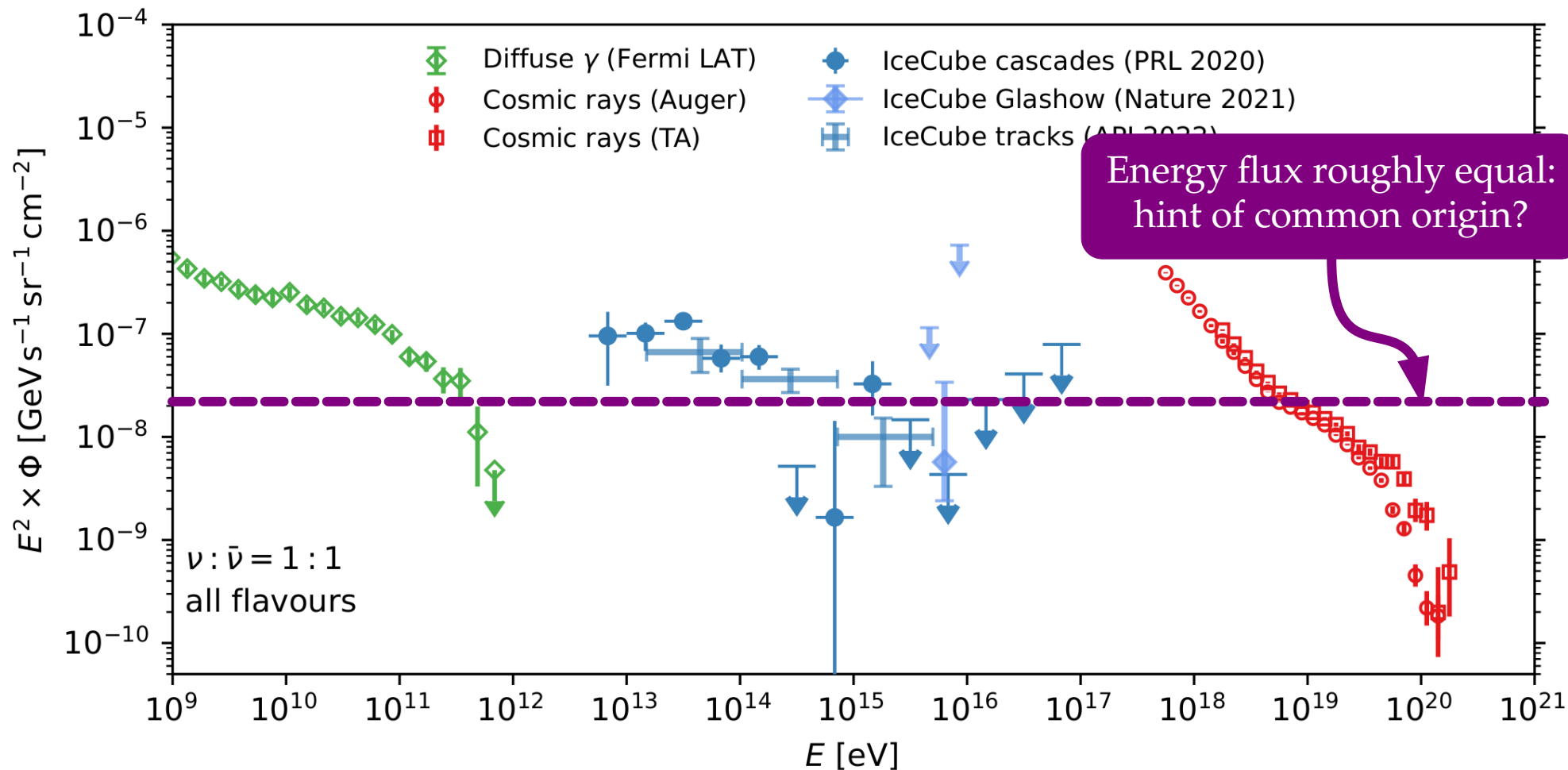
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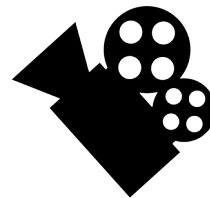
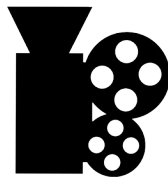
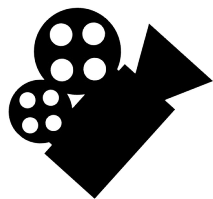


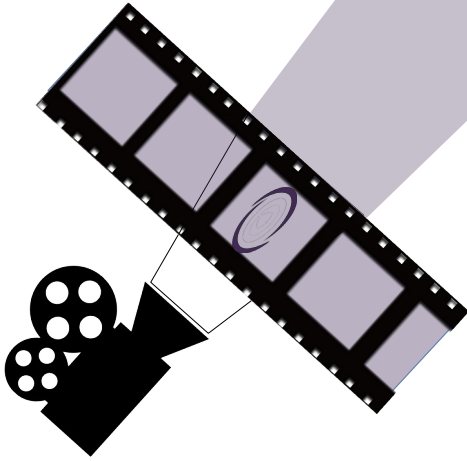
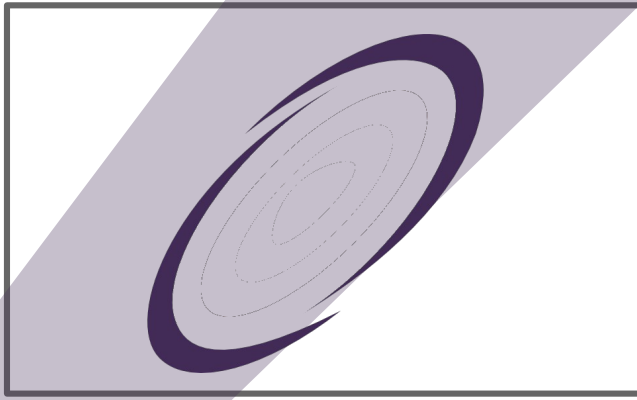
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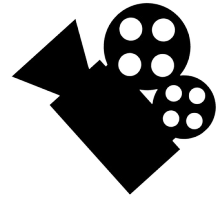
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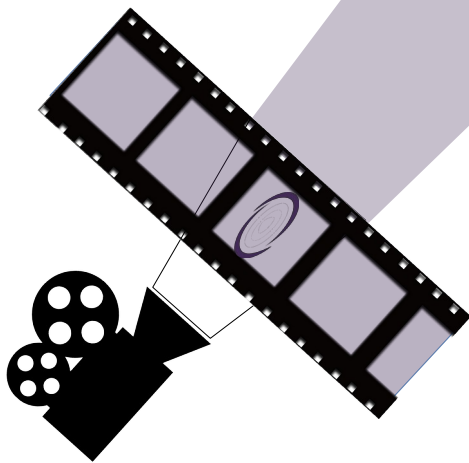
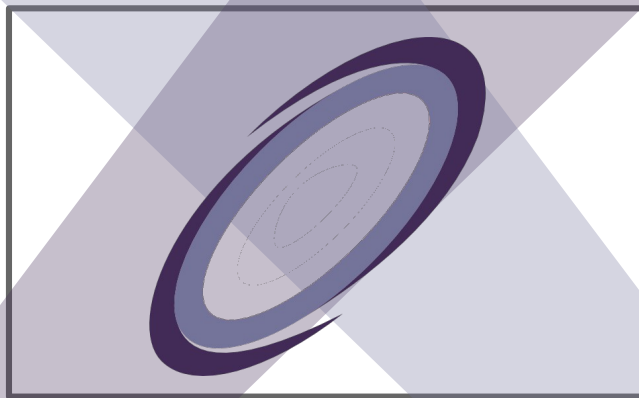




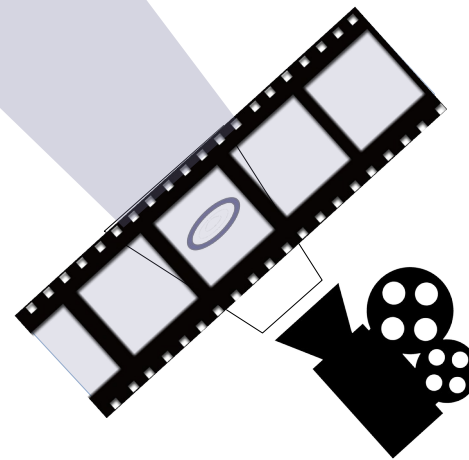


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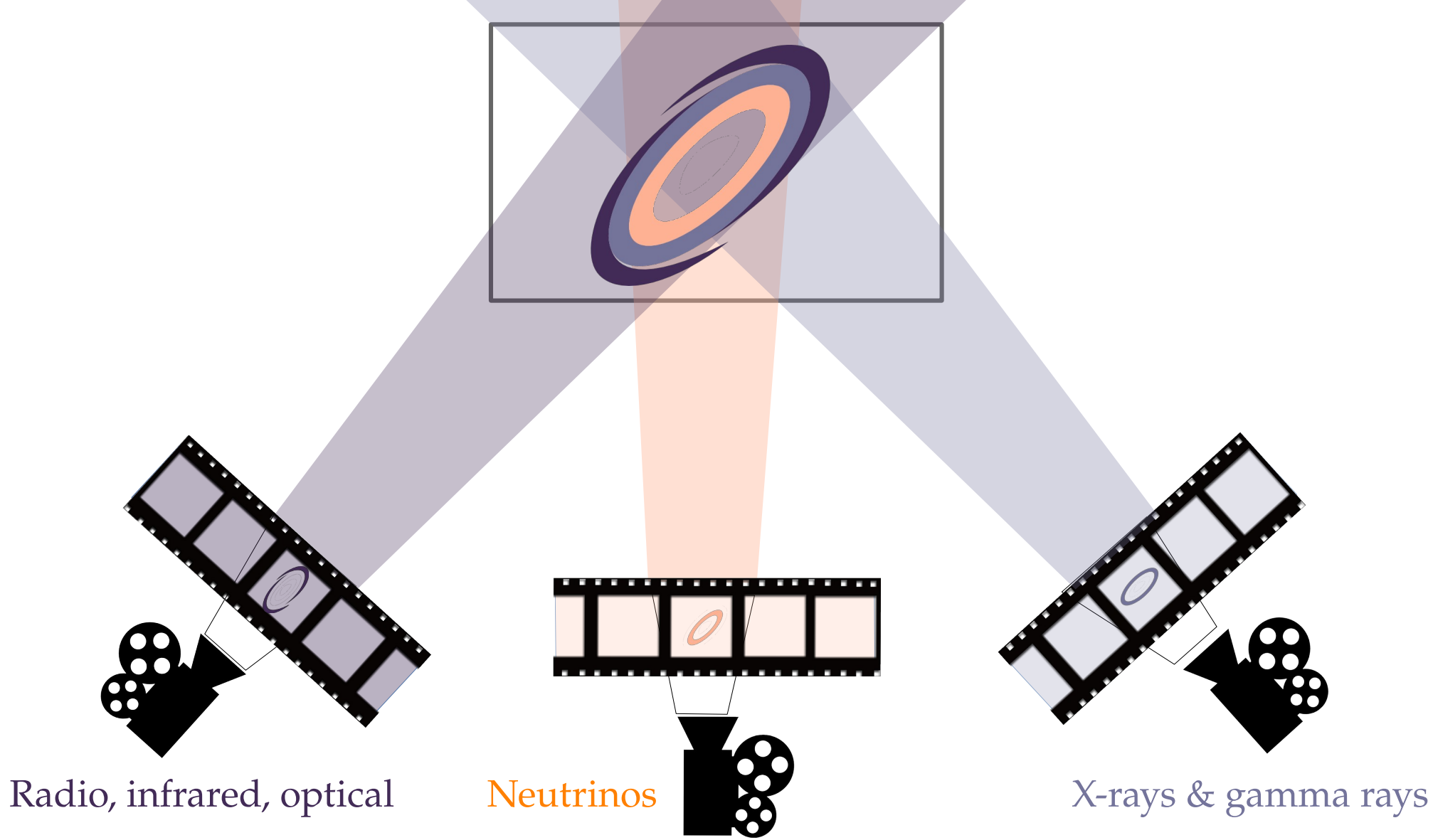


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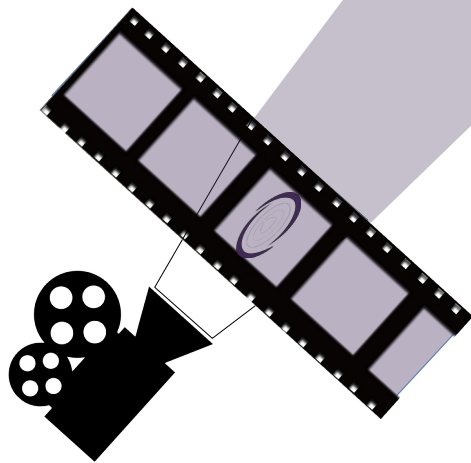
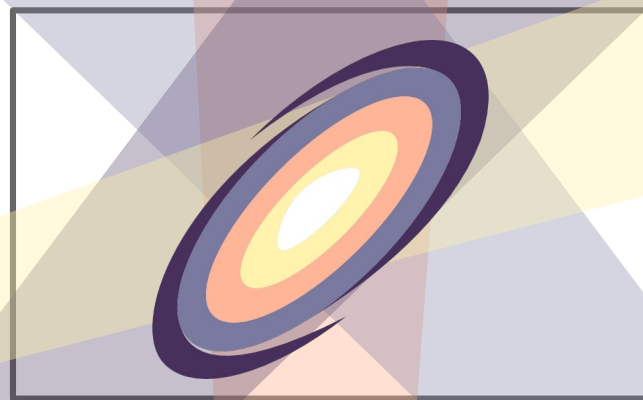


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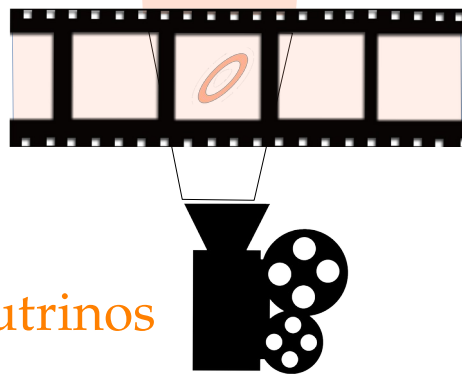




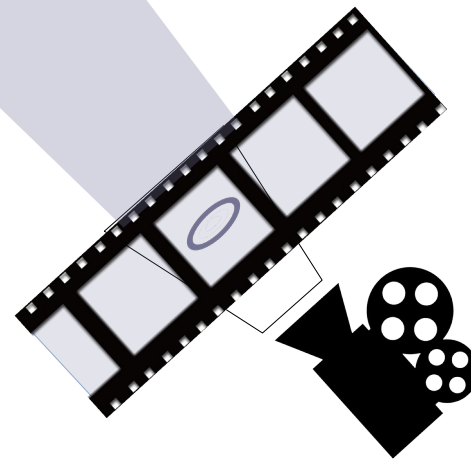
Gravitational waves



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Thanks!

Backup slides

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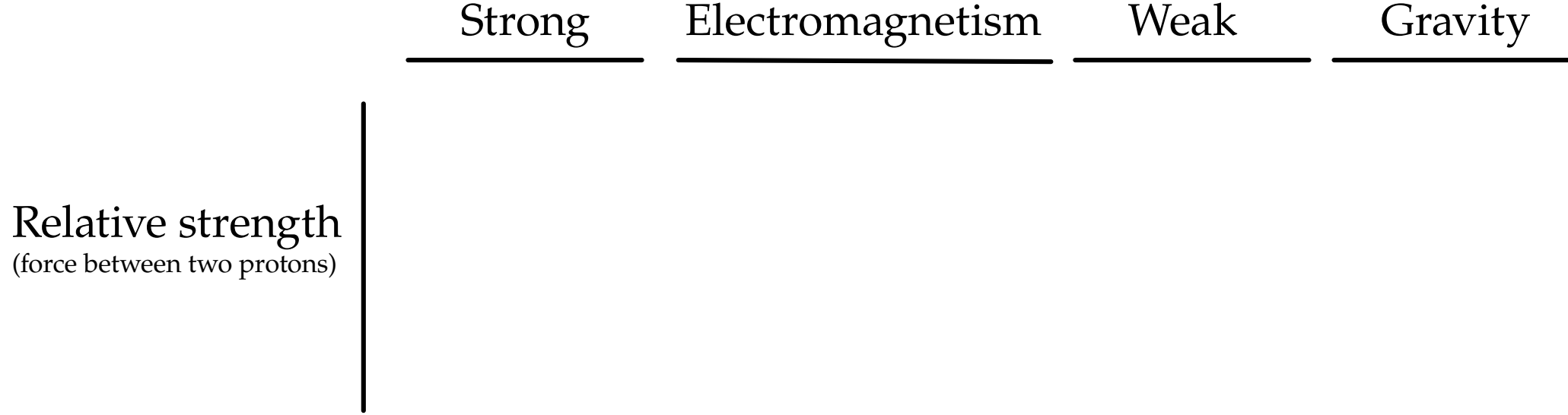
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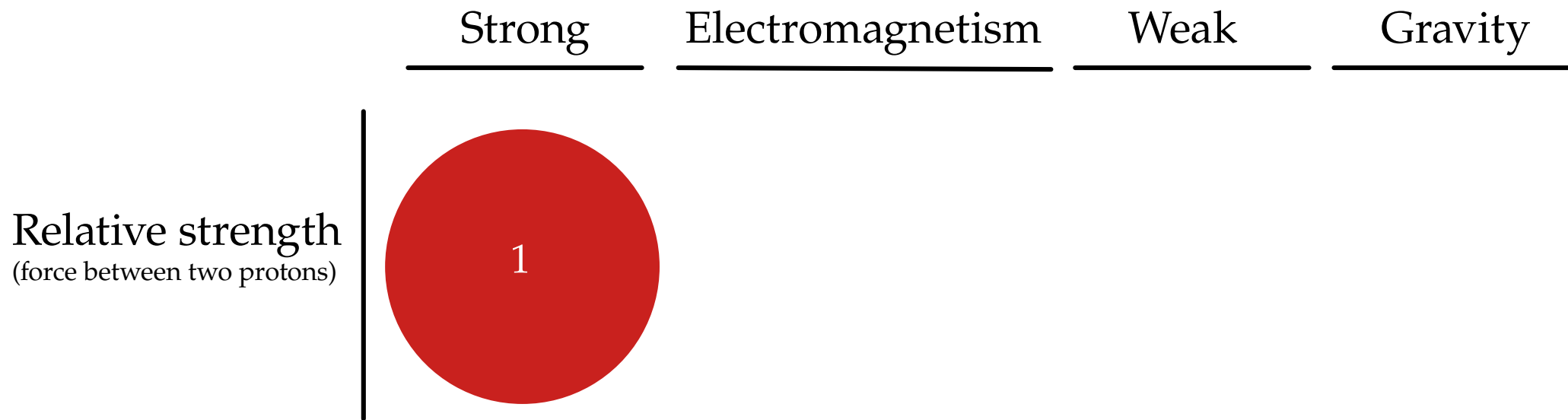
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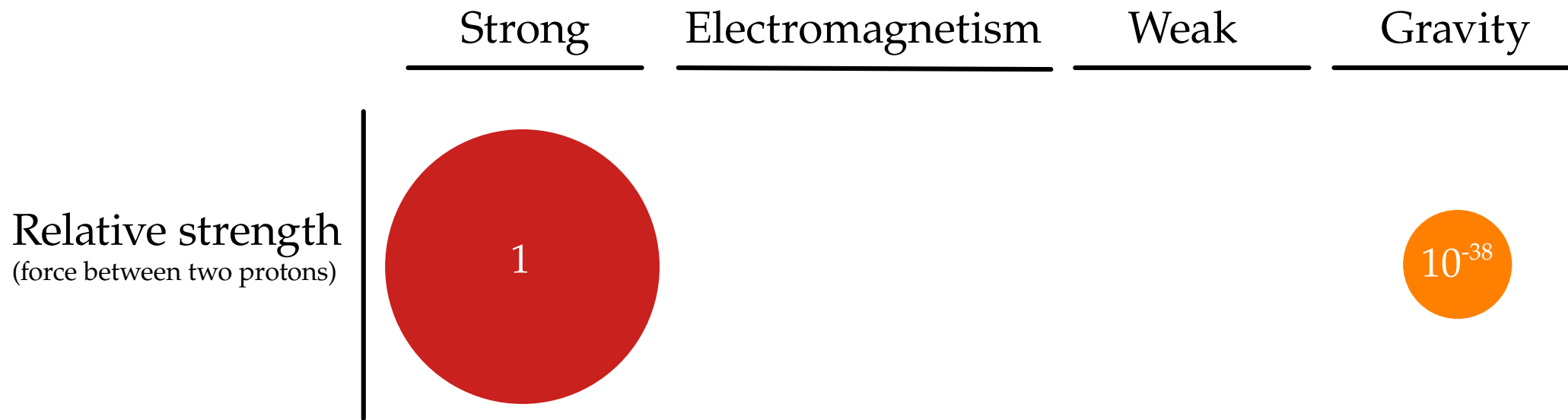
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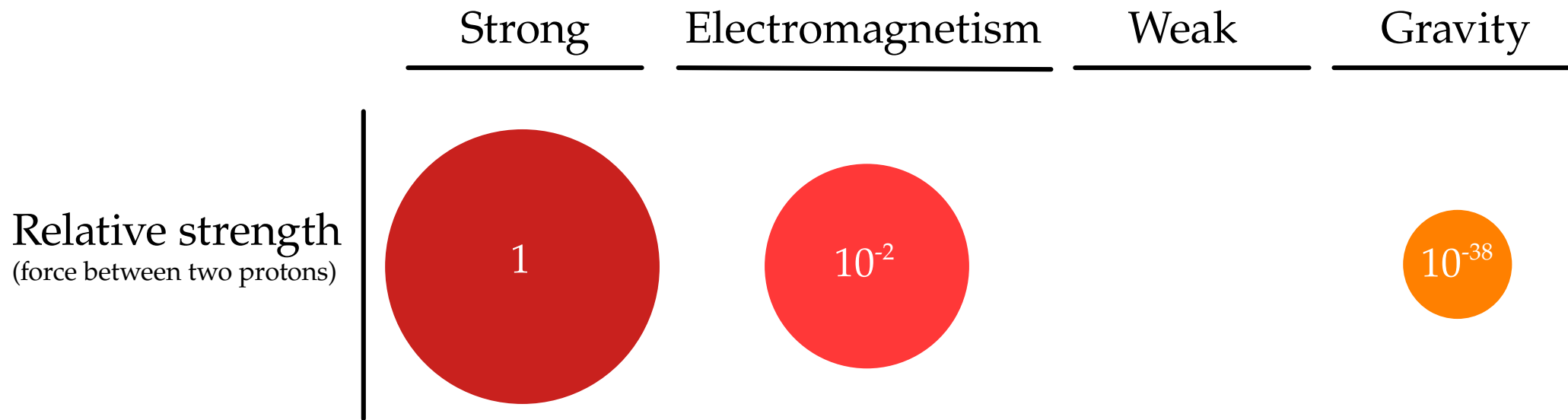
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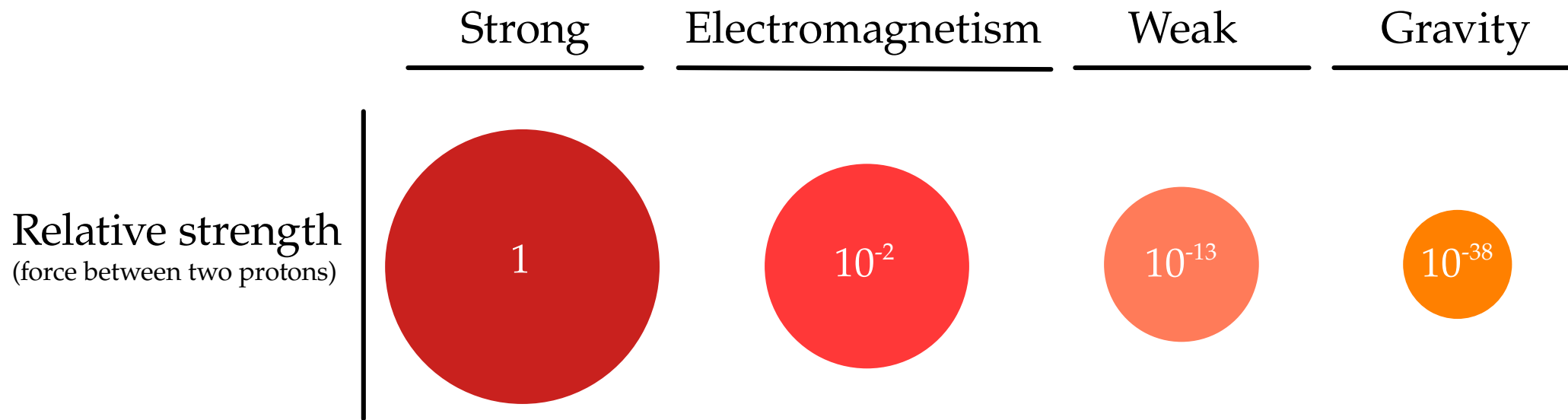
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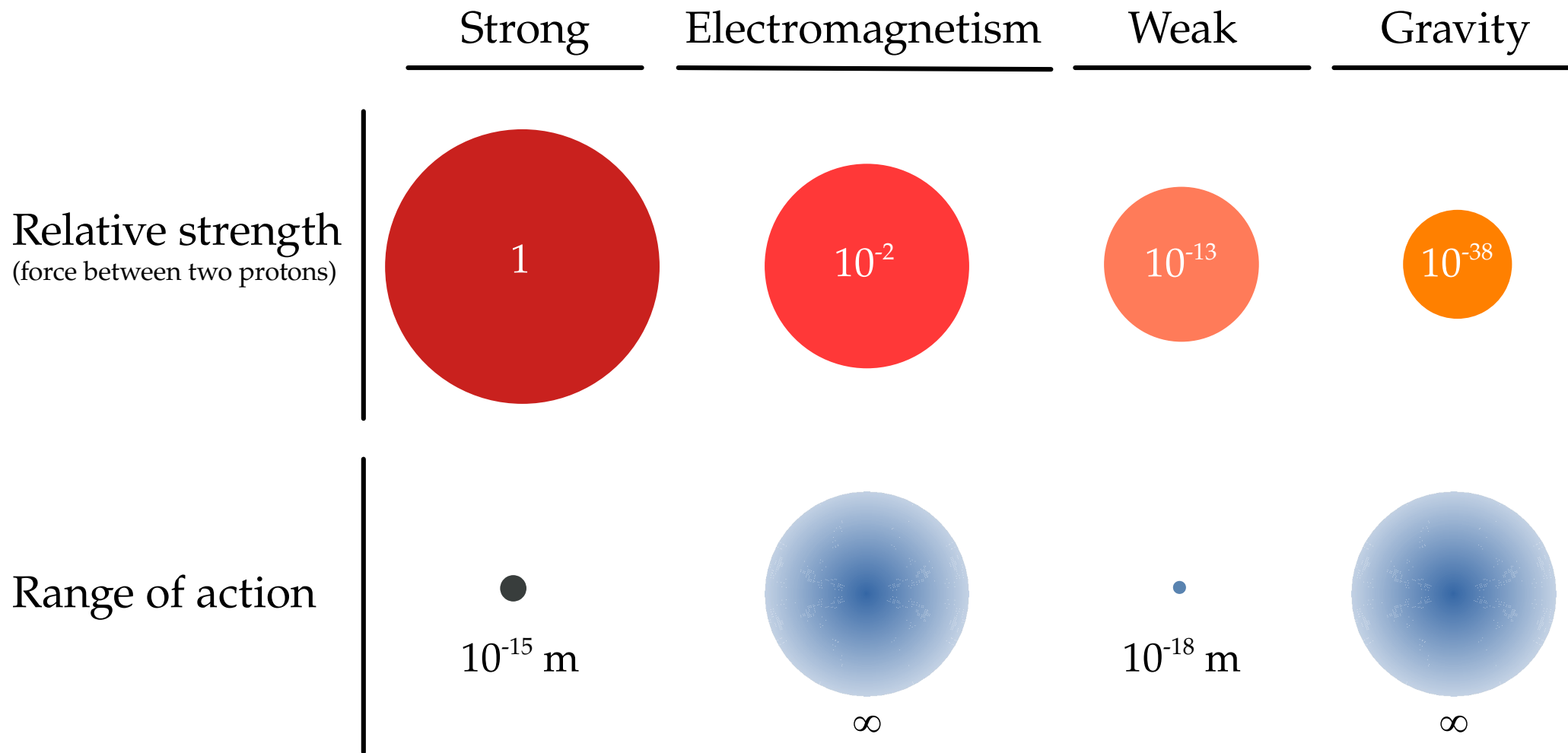


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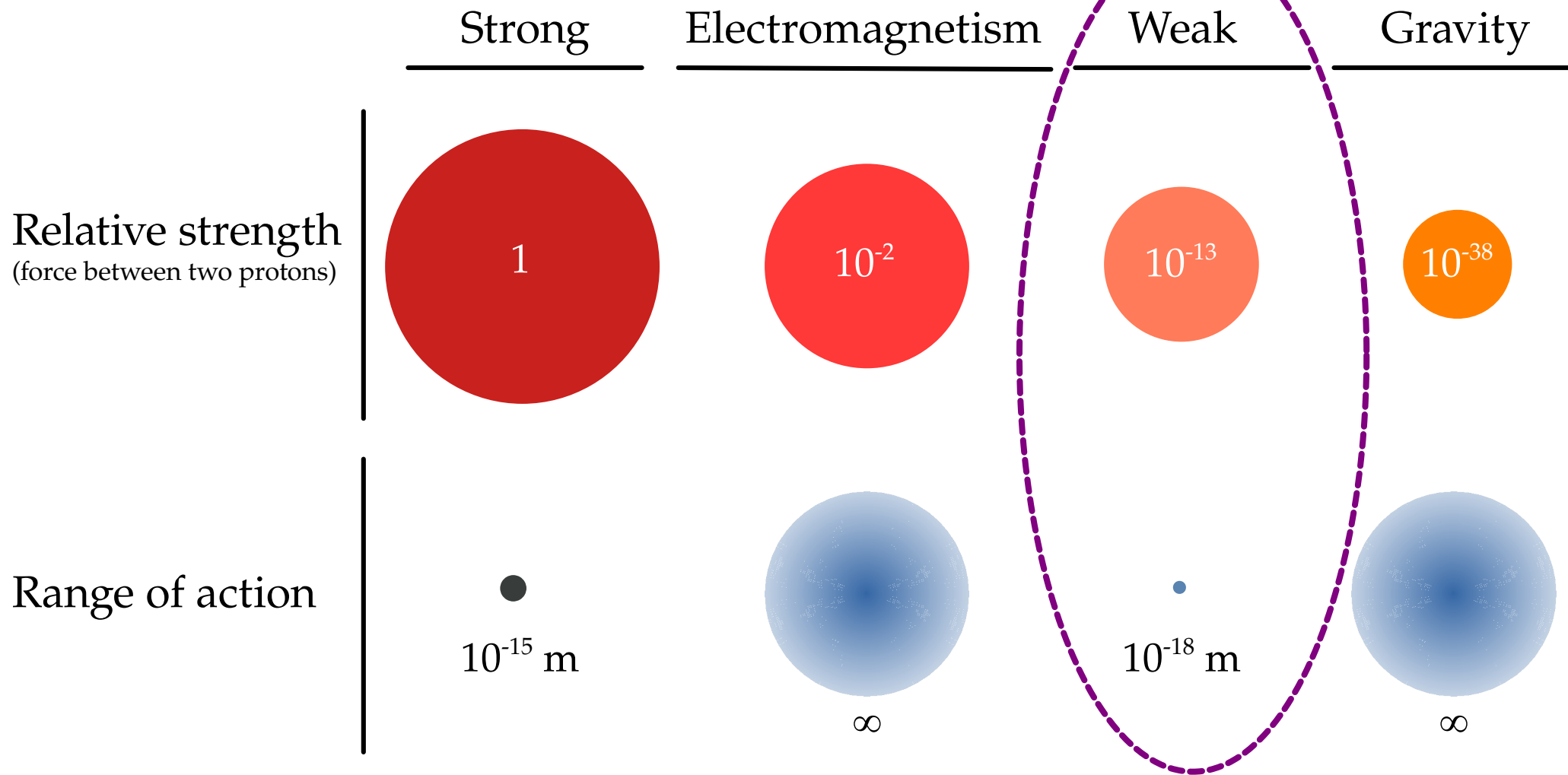




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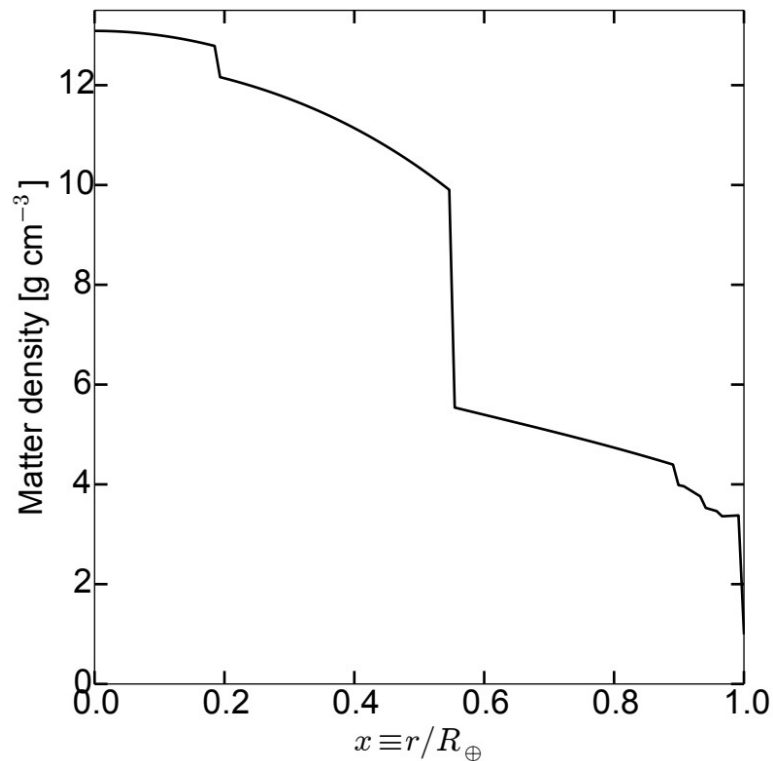
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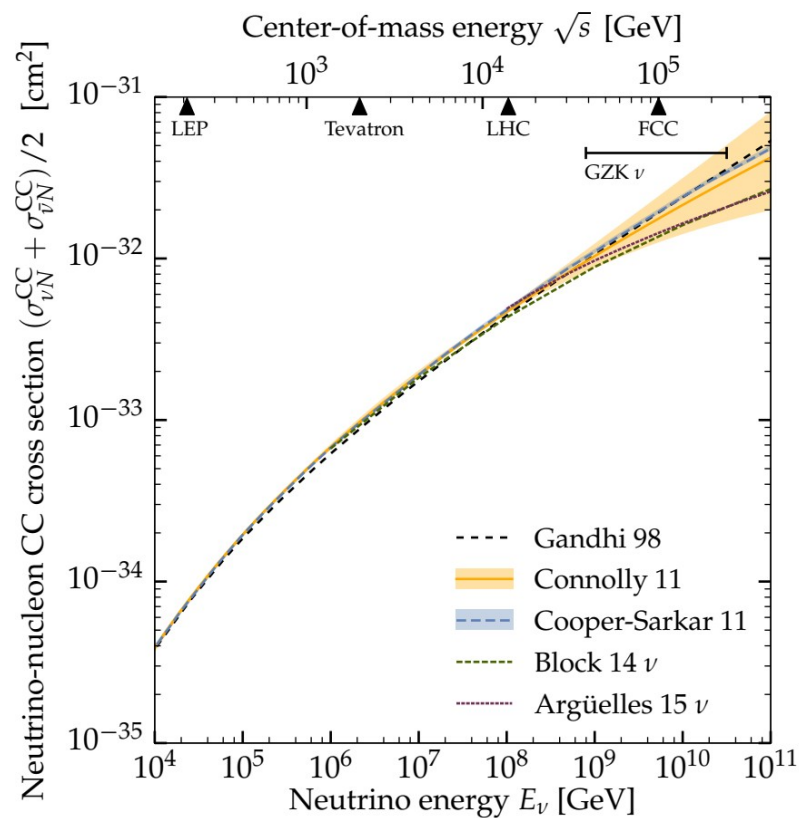
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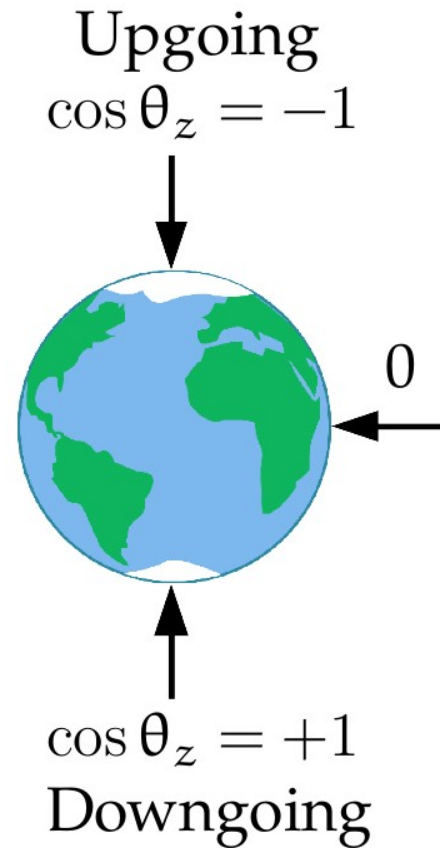
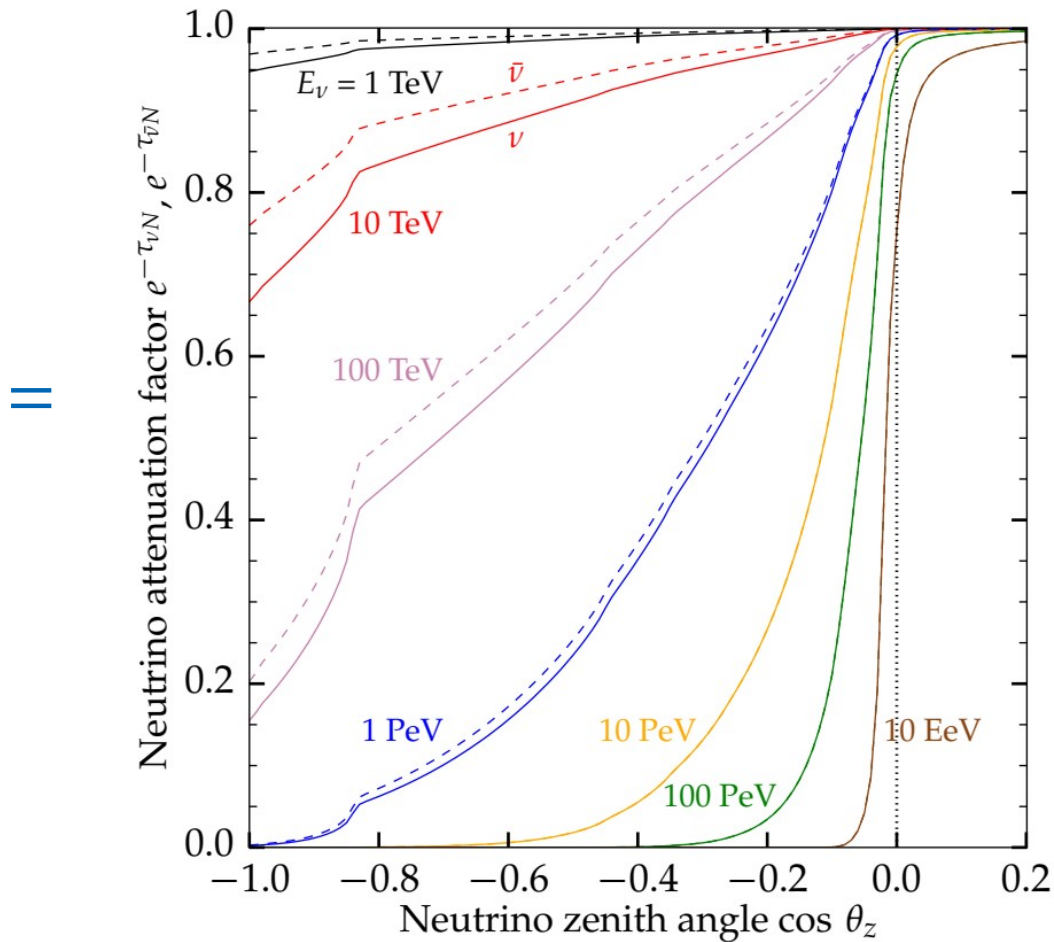


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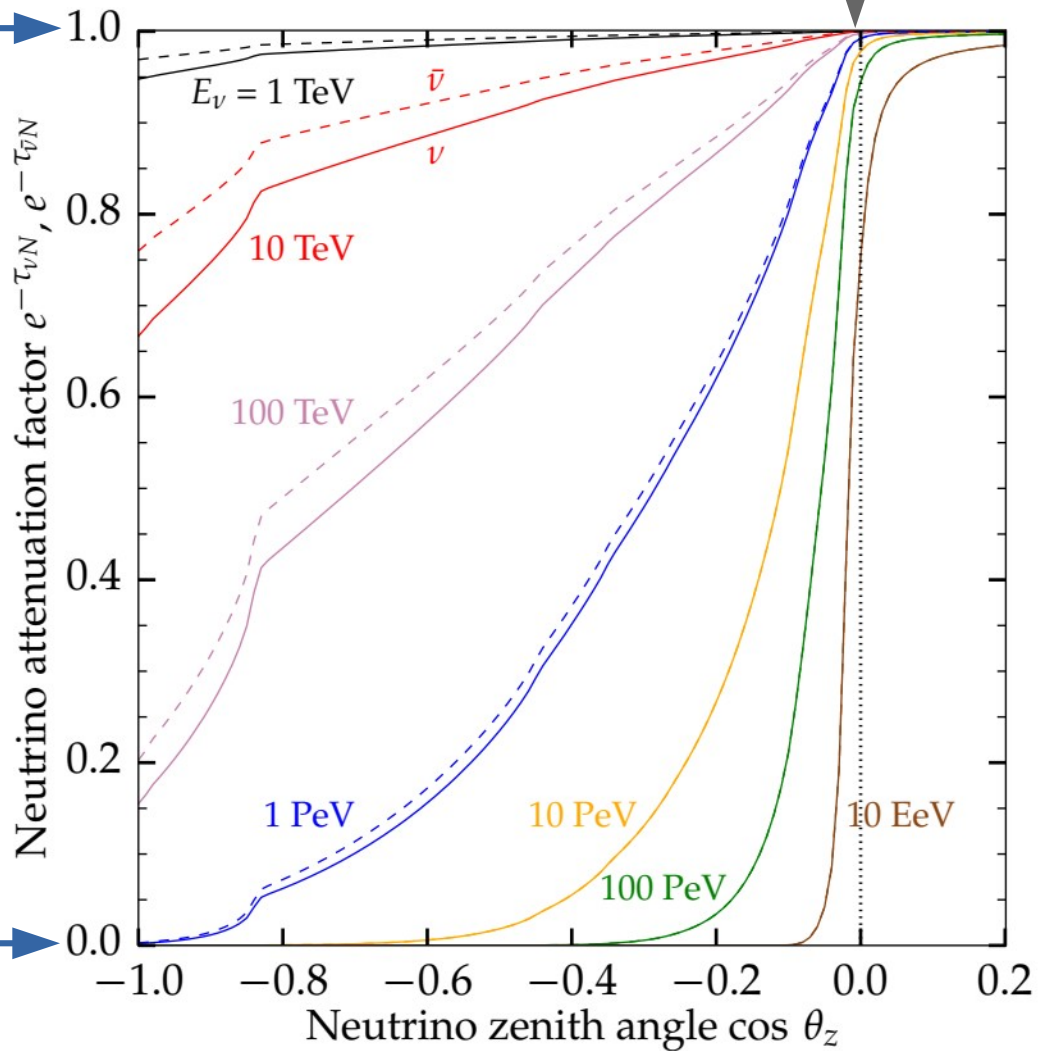
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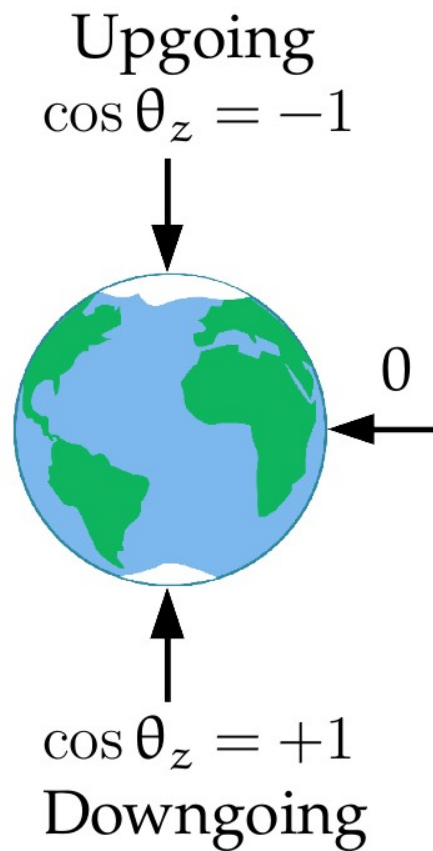
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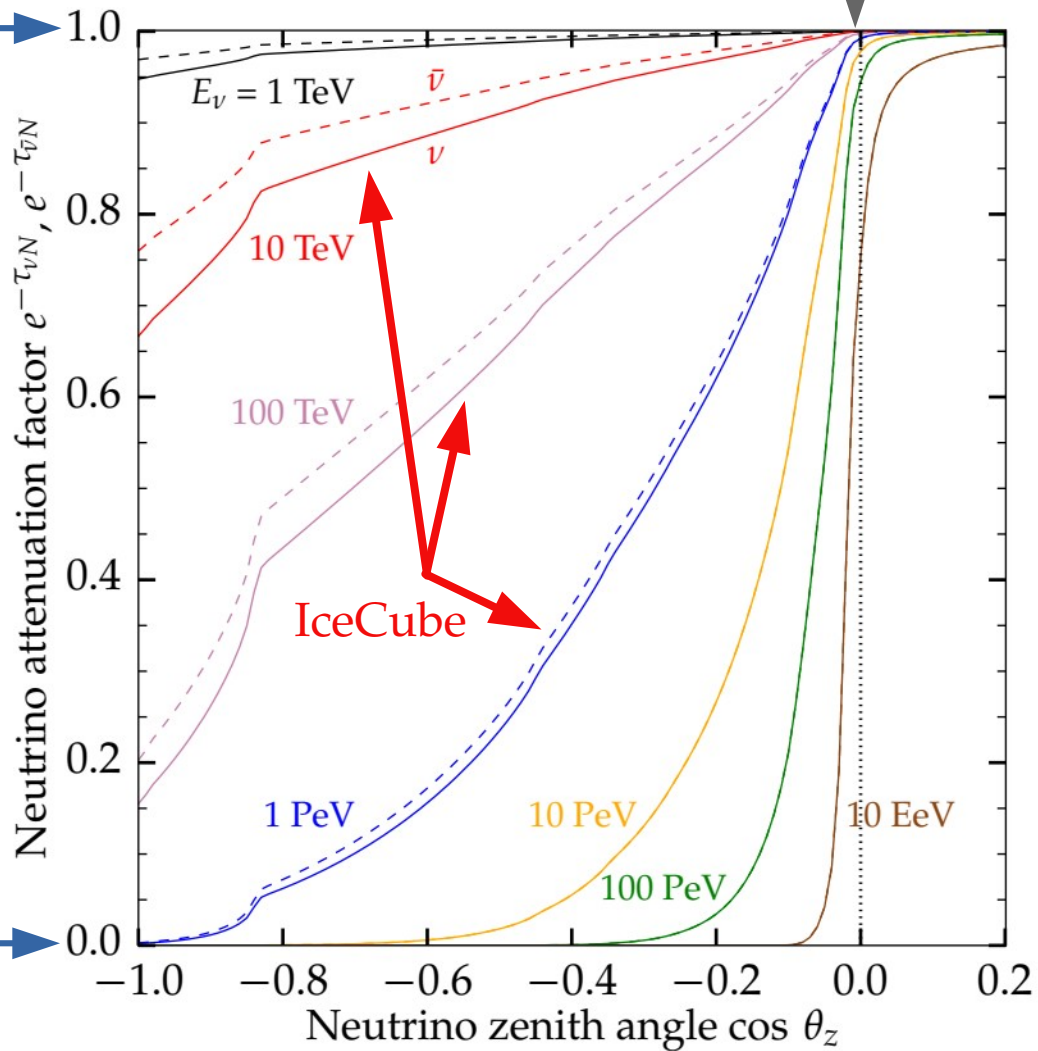
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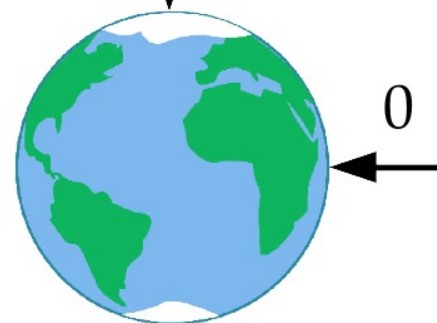


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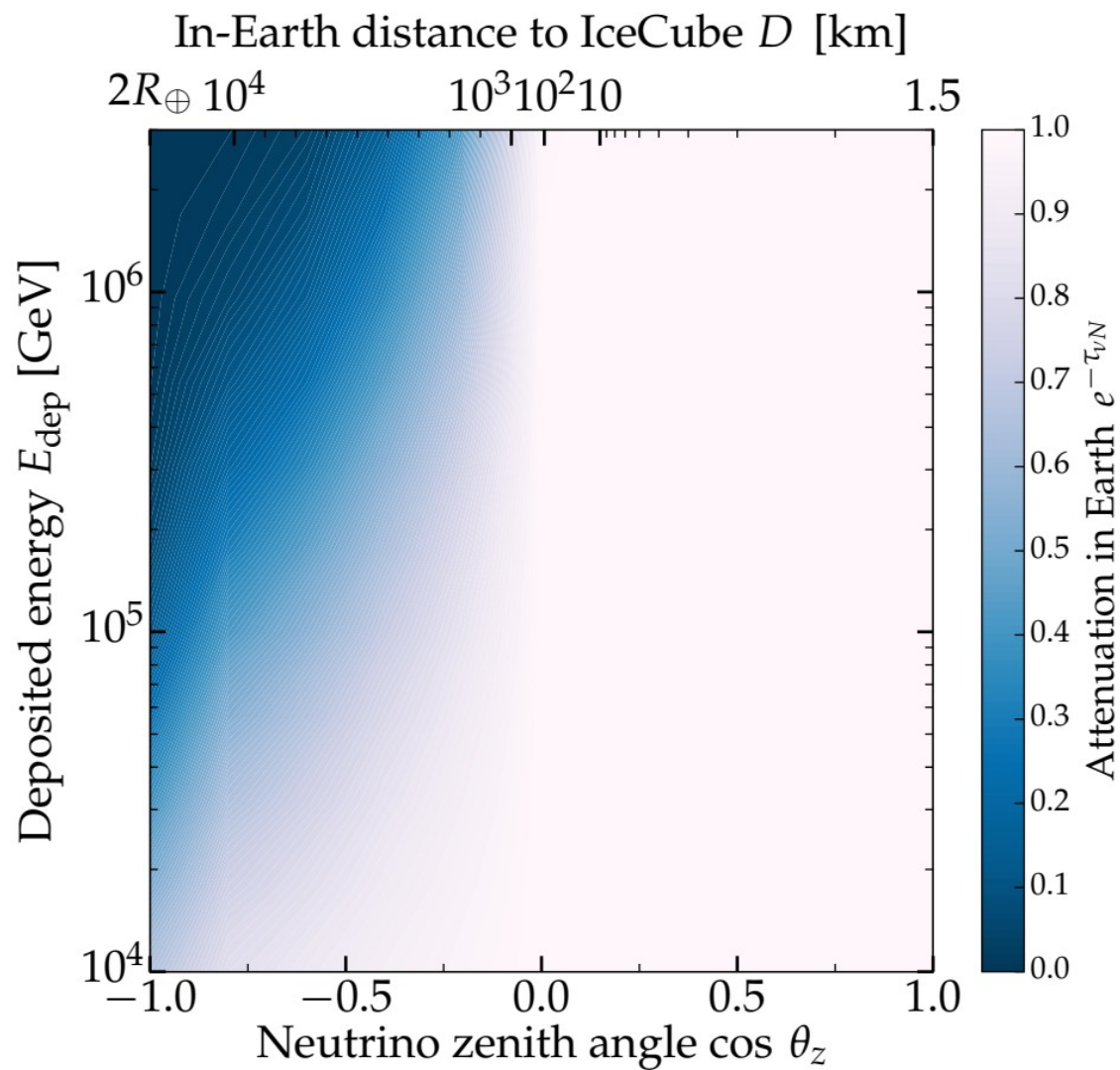
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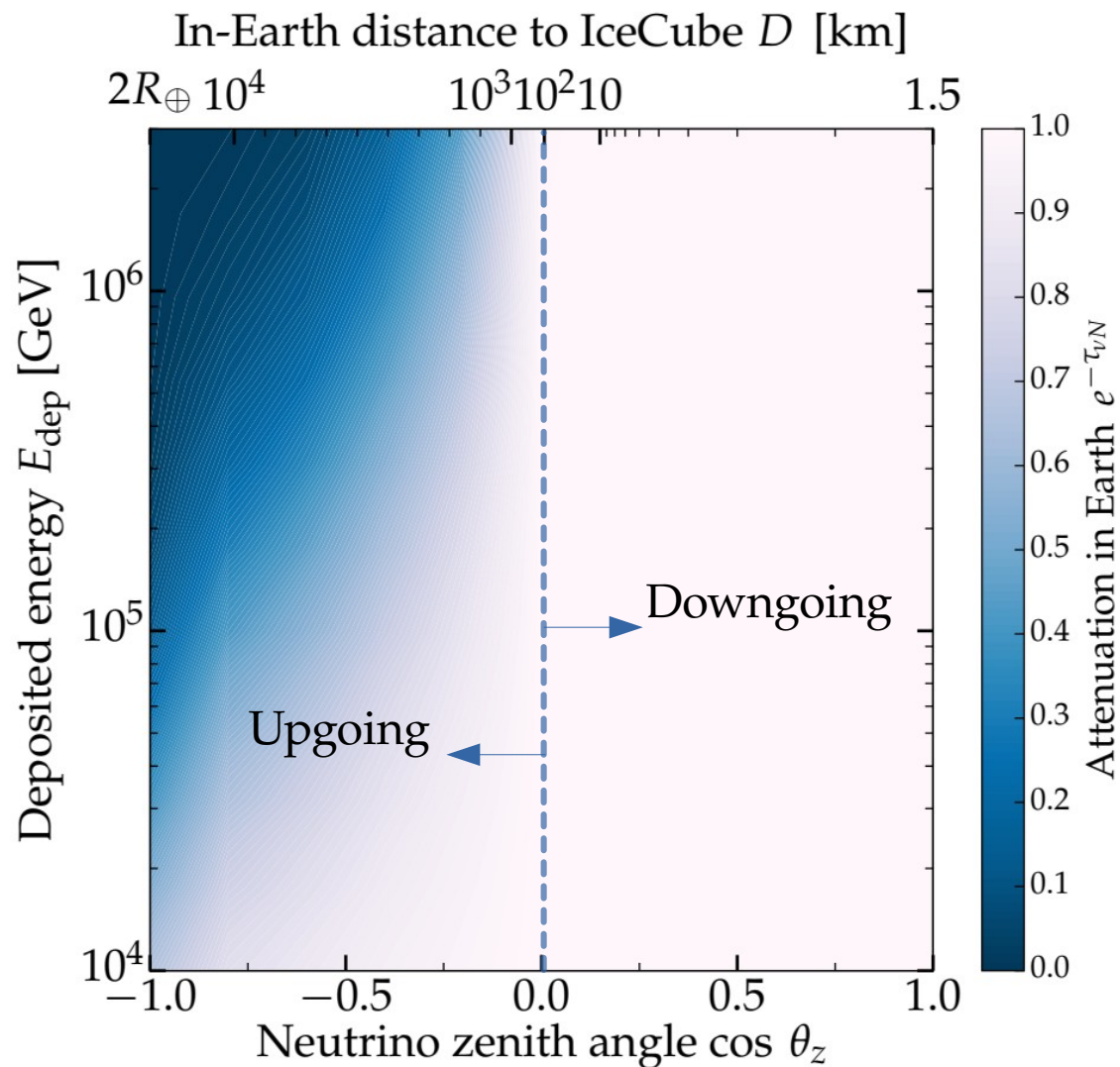
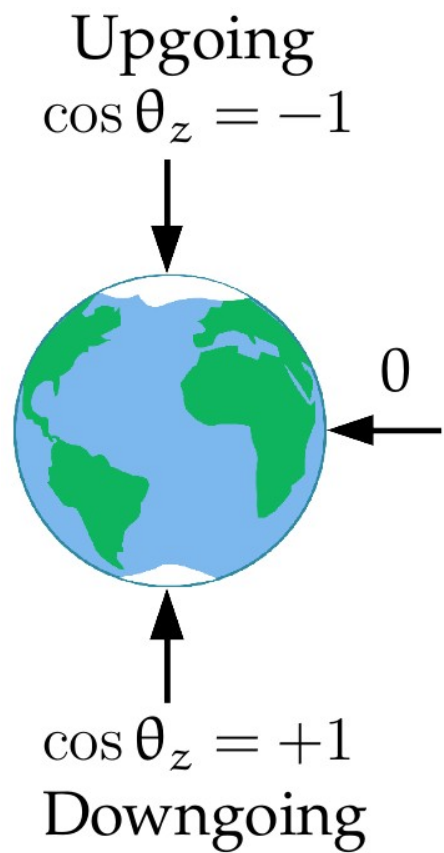
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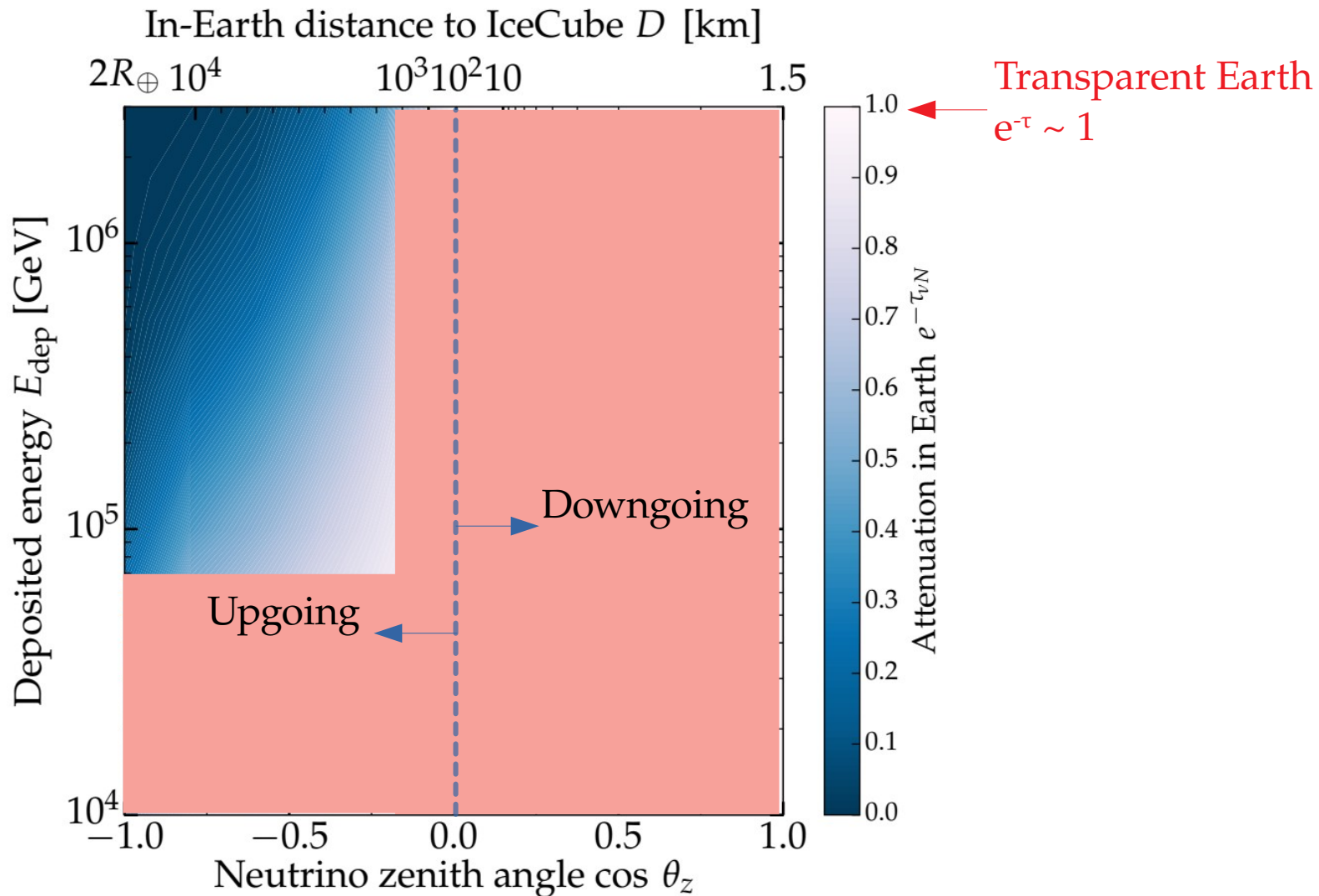
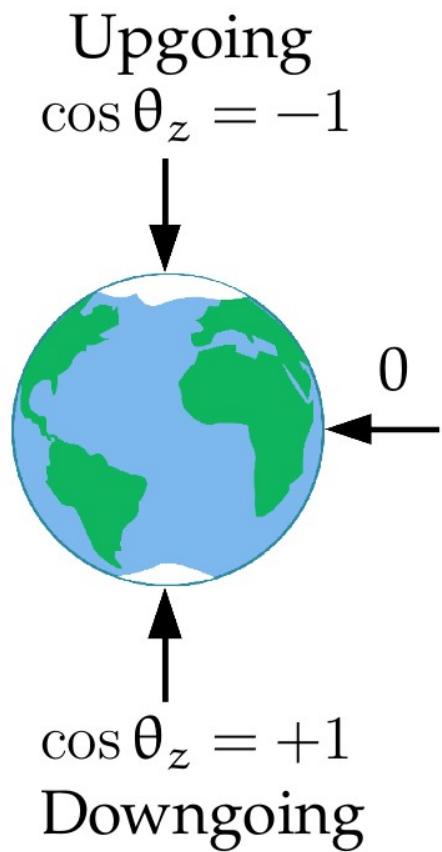


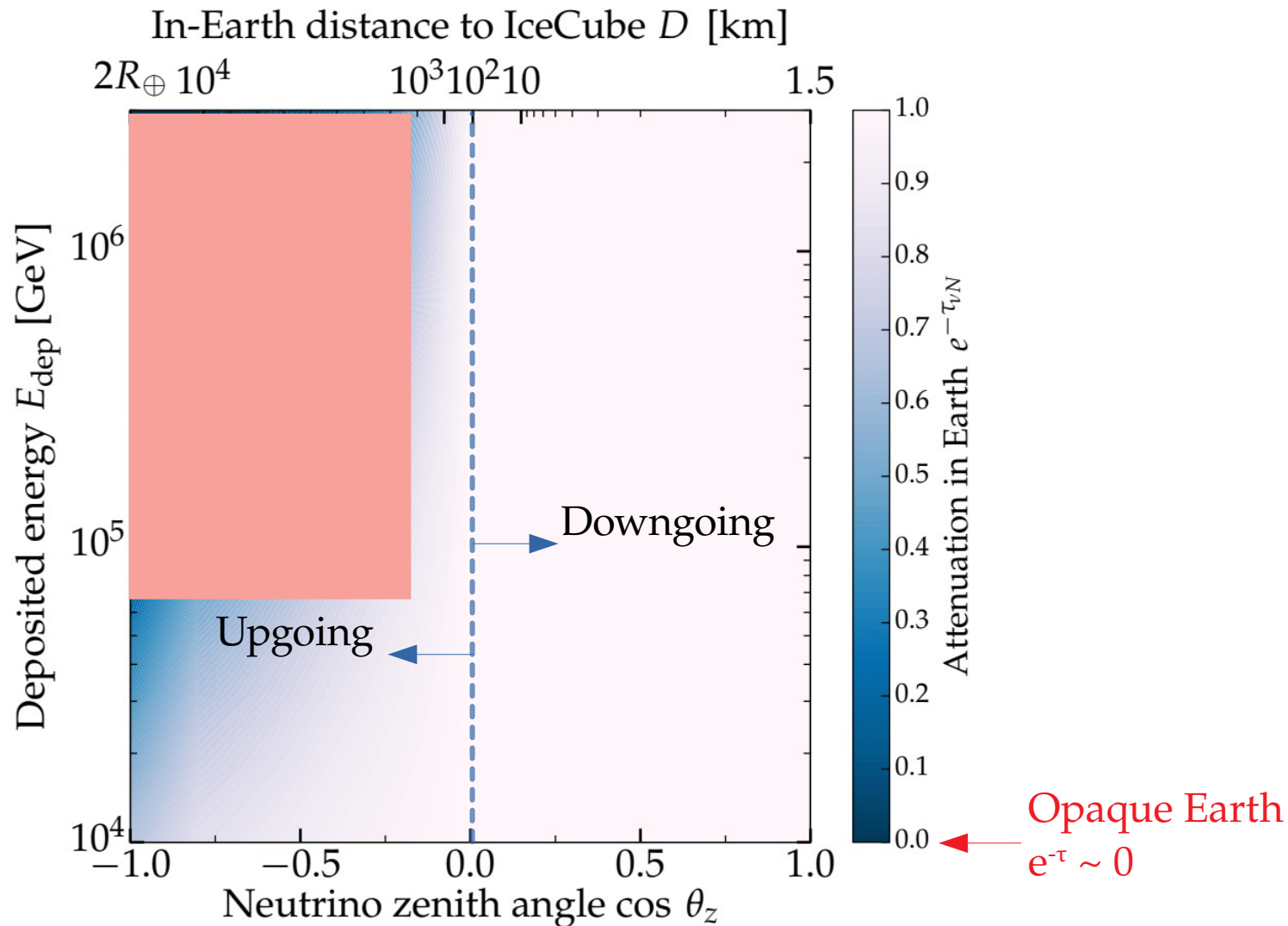
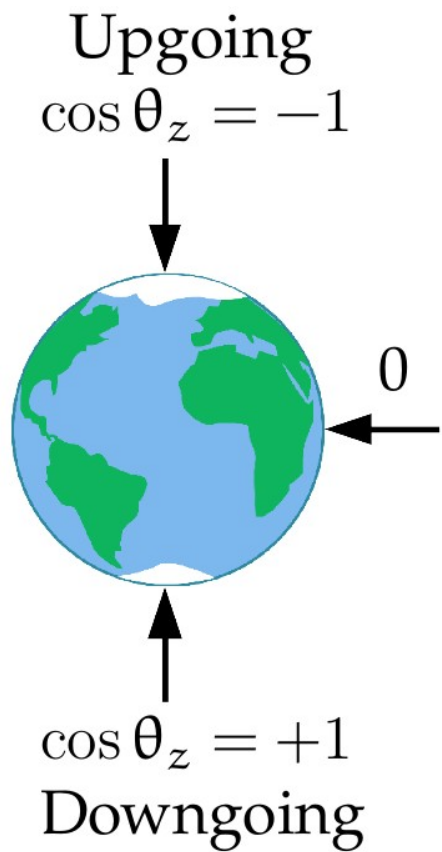
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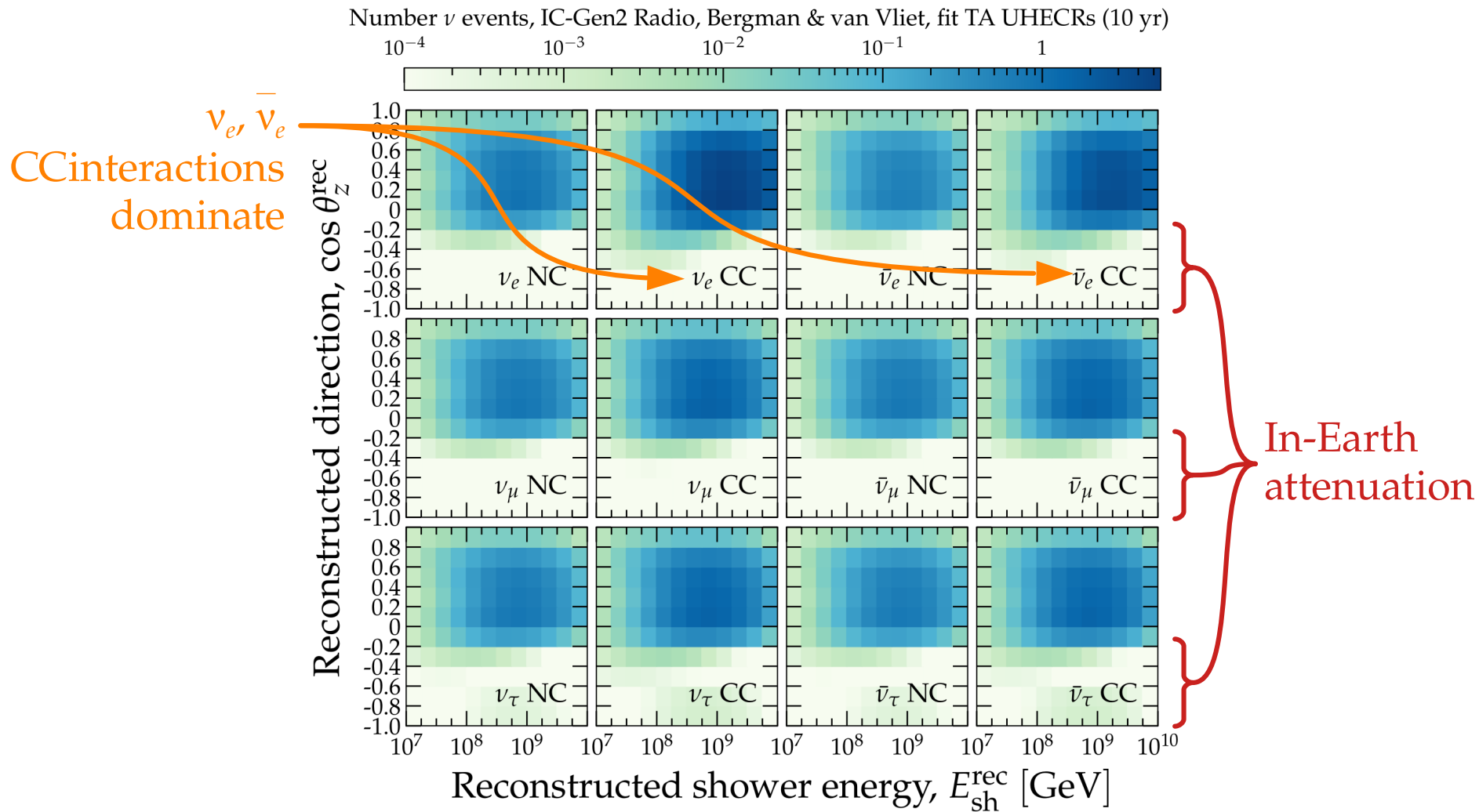


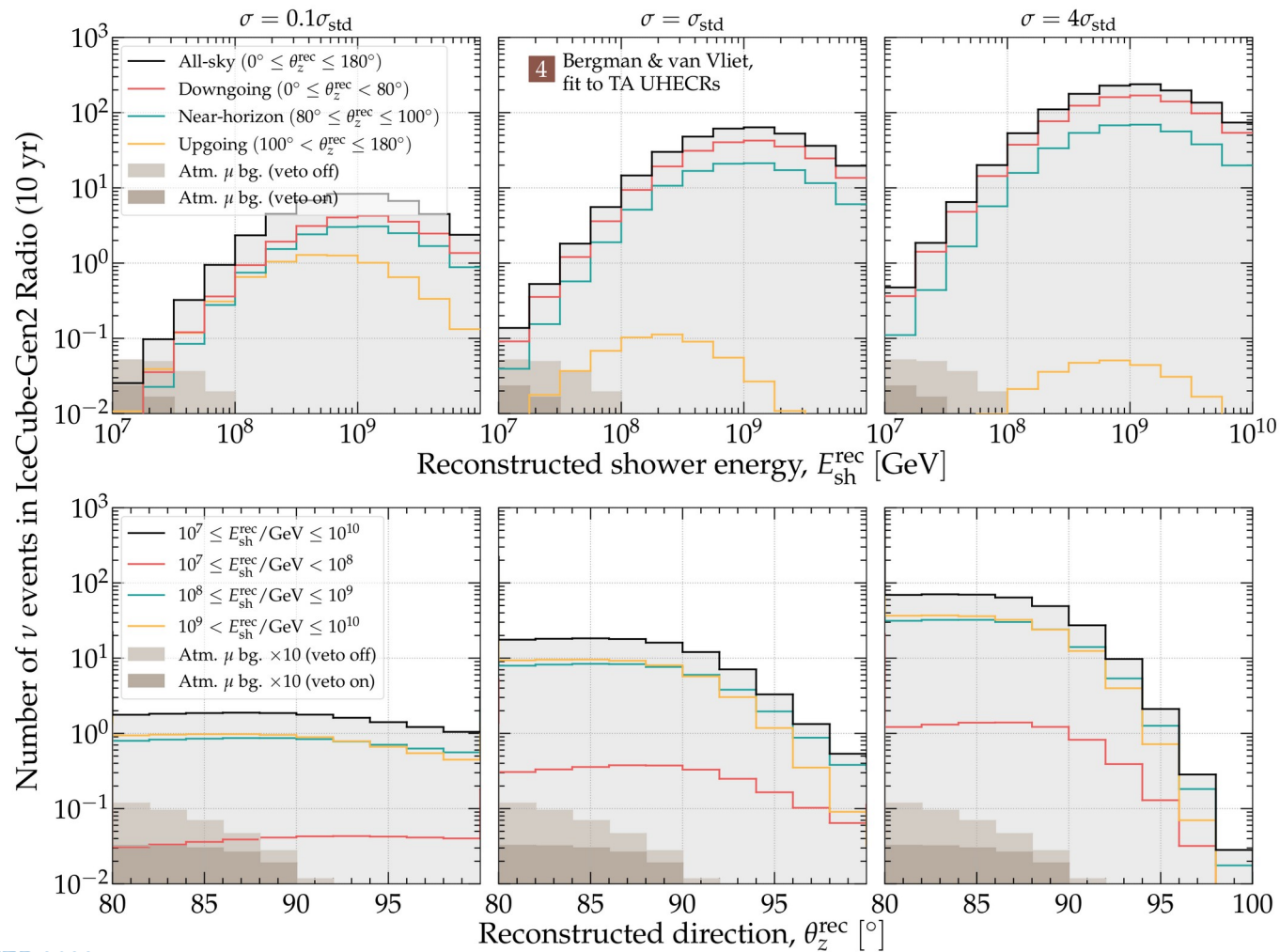






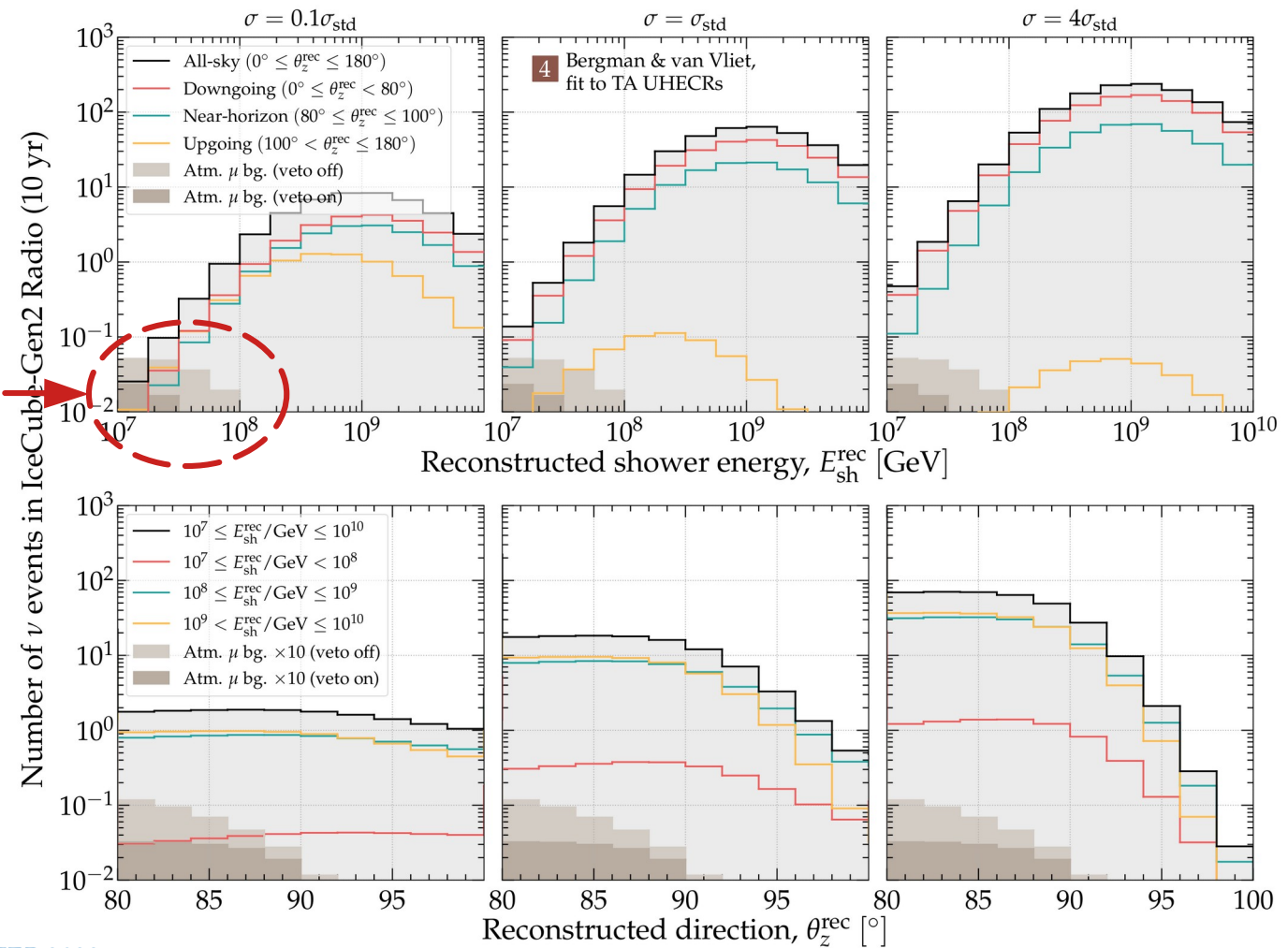
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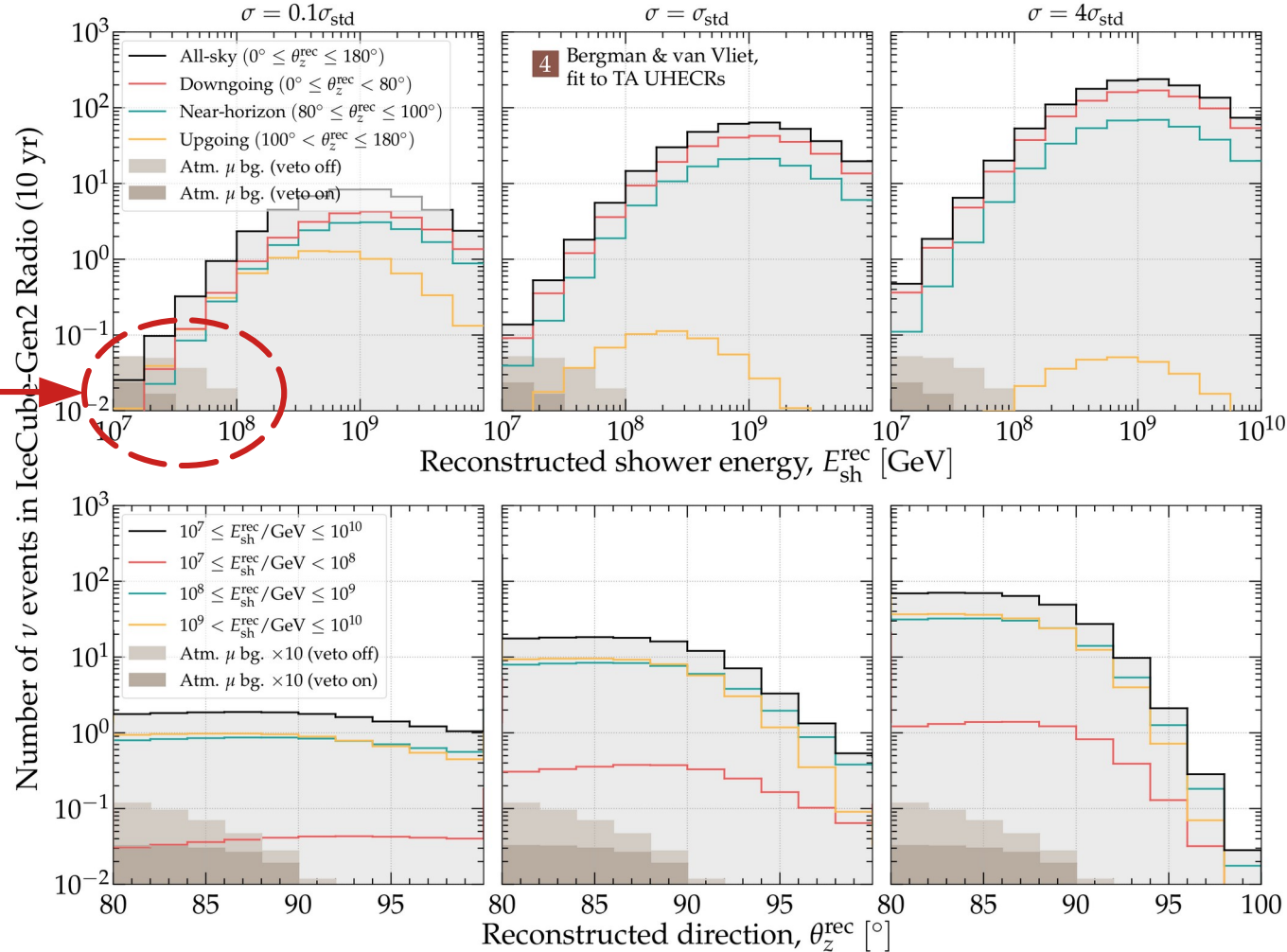




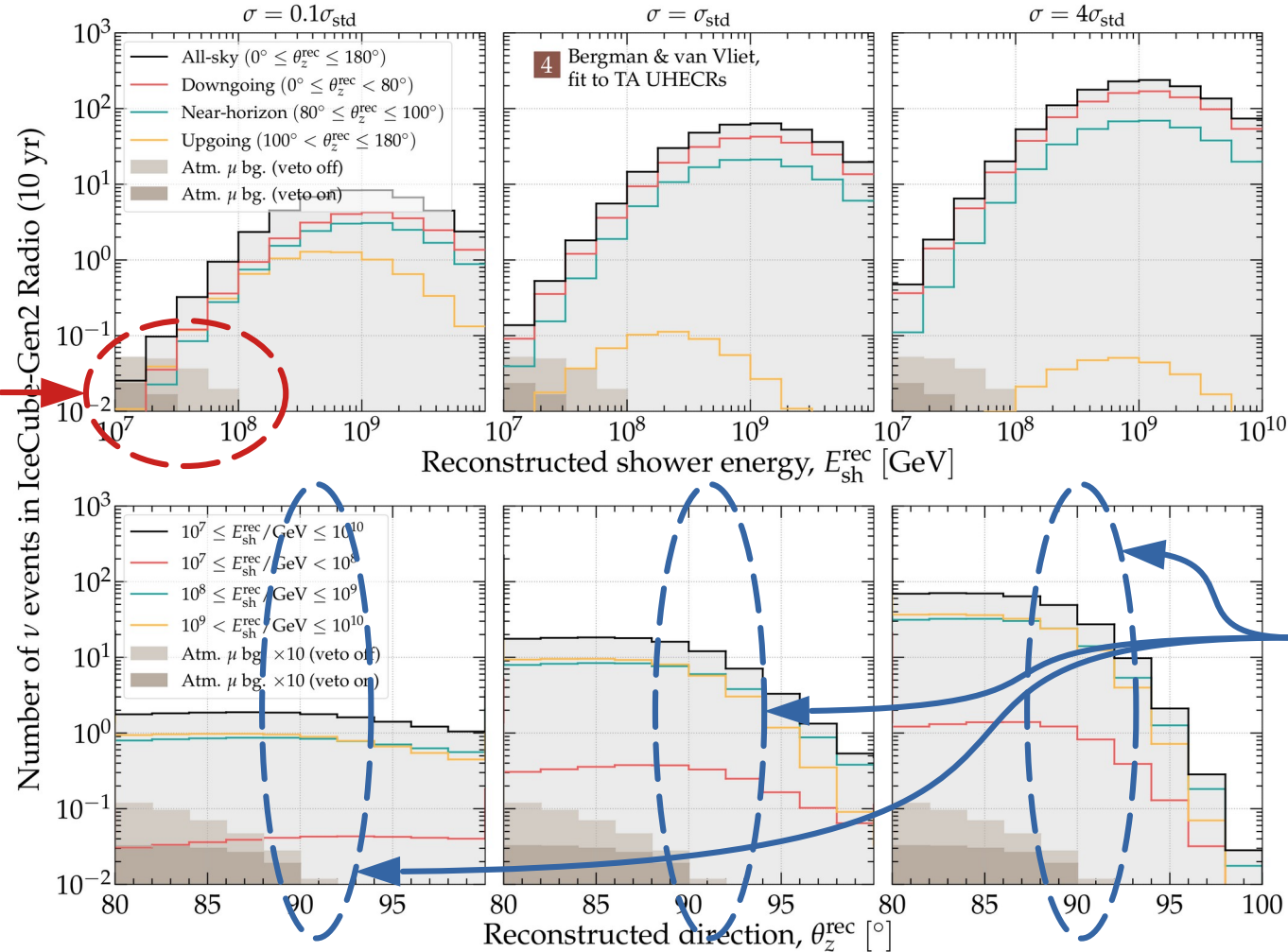
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Sensitivity to cross section comes from horizontal neutrinos

# Measuring cross section *and* flux normalization

Two physical parameters:

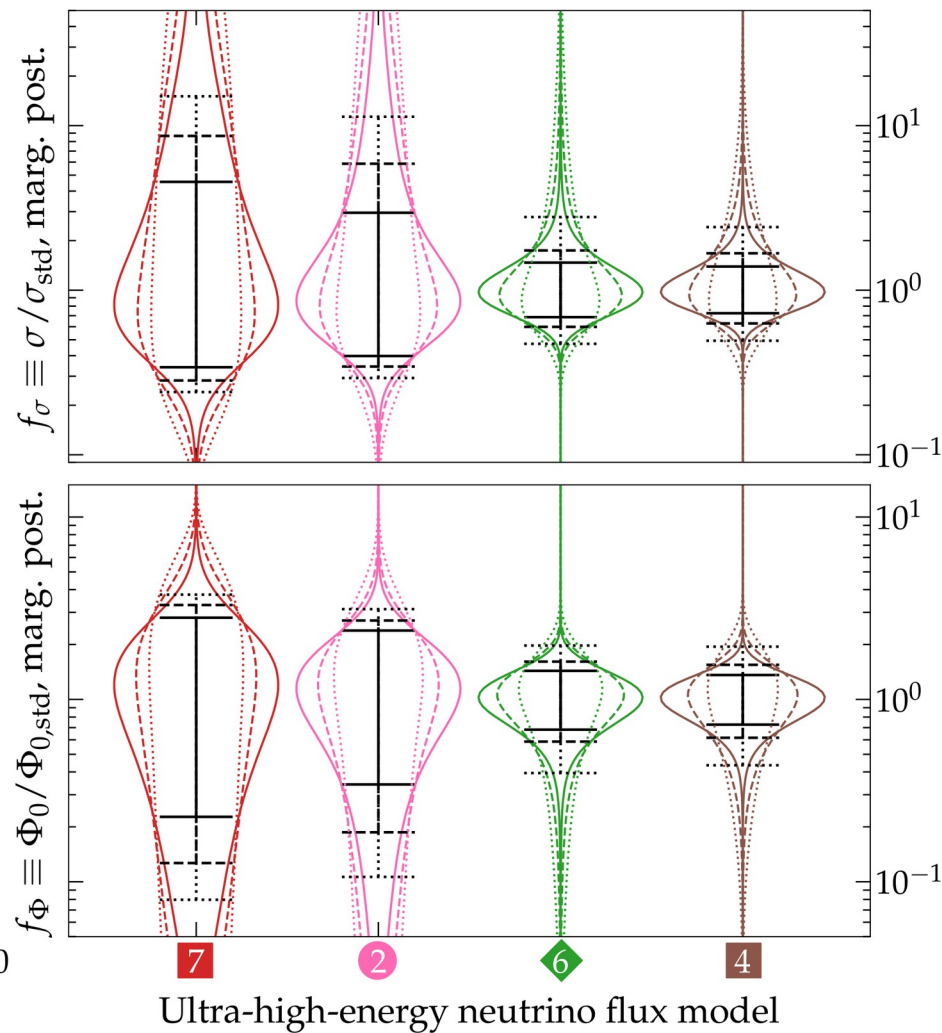
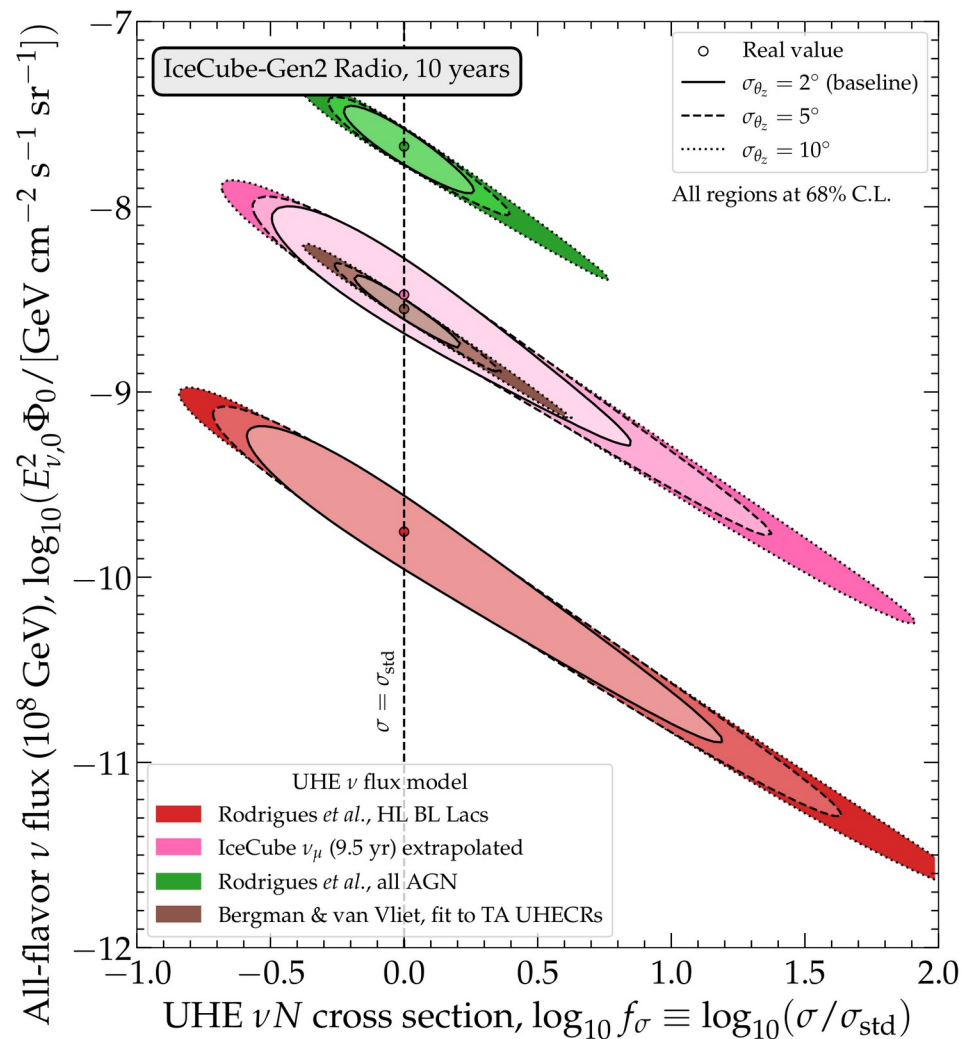
Neutrino-nucleon cross section:  $f_{\sigma} = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{std}}}$

Neutrino flux normalization:  
(Keep the spectral shape fixed for now)  $f = \frac{\Phi_{\nu}(10^8 \text{ GeV})}{\Phi_{\nu,\text{std}}(10^8 \text{ GeV})}$

We vary and extract both simultaneously *always*,  
and marginalize over each at a time

# Effect of angular resolution

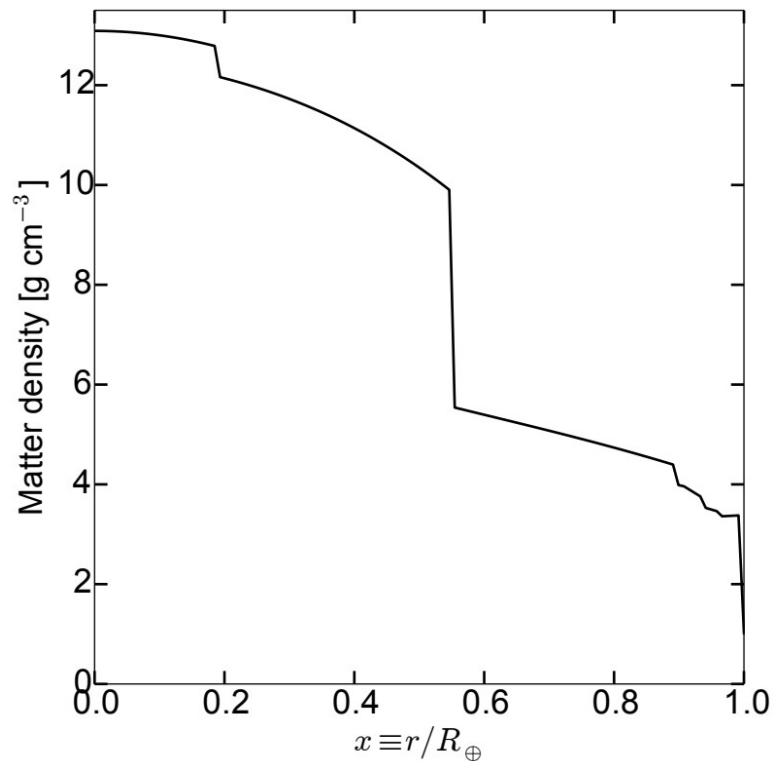
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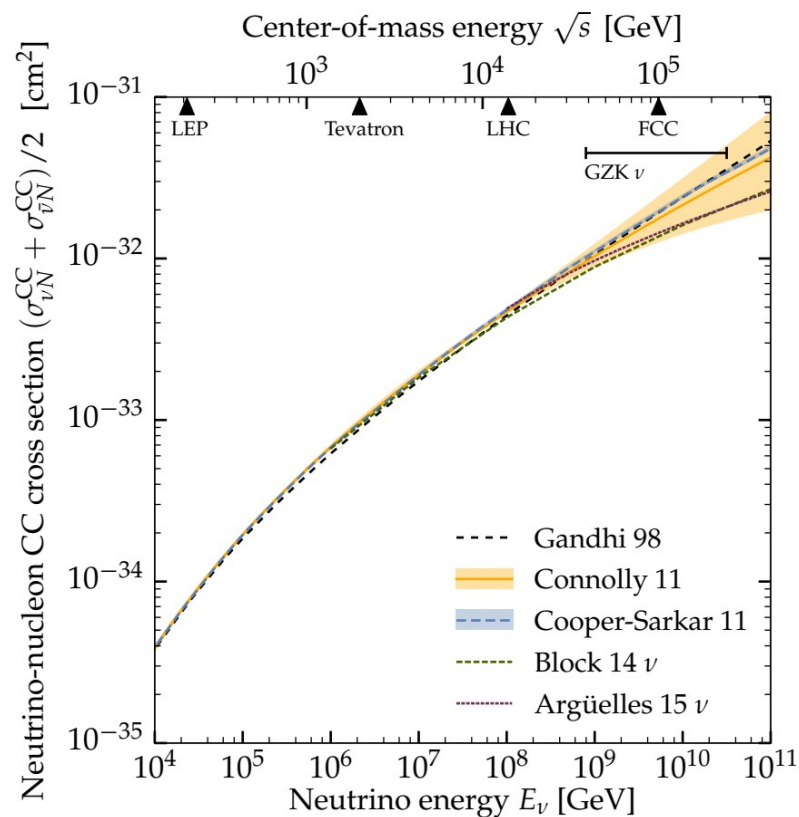
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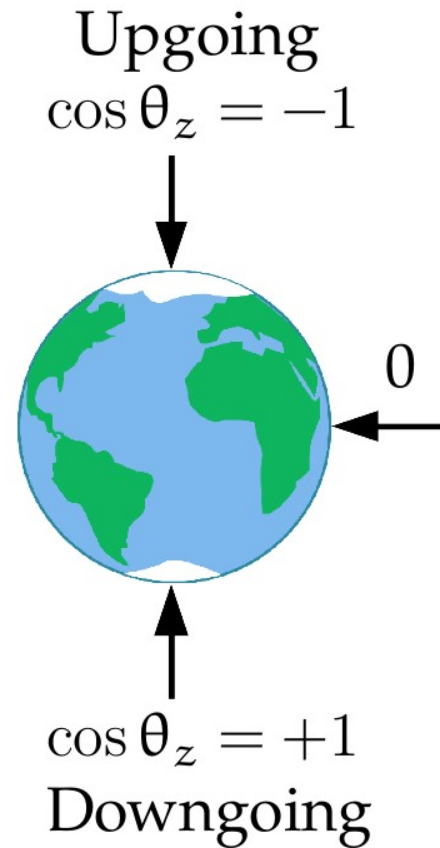
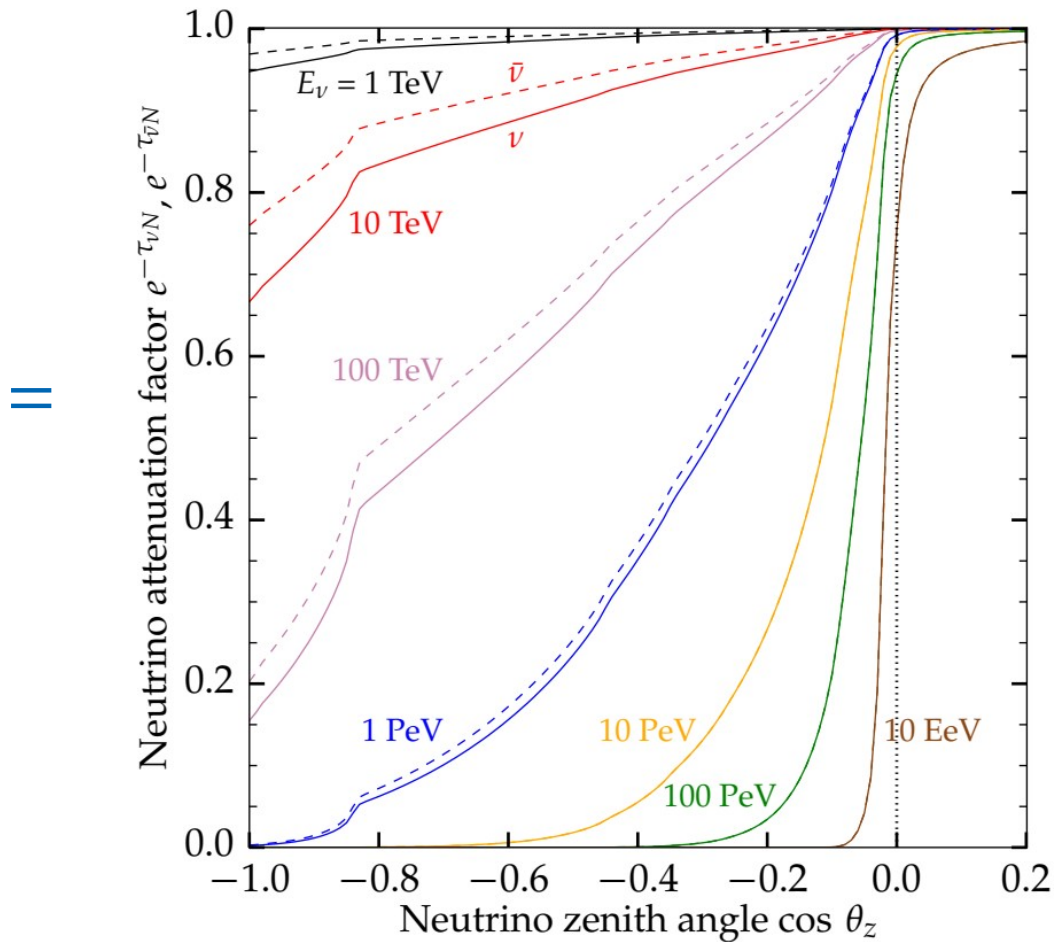
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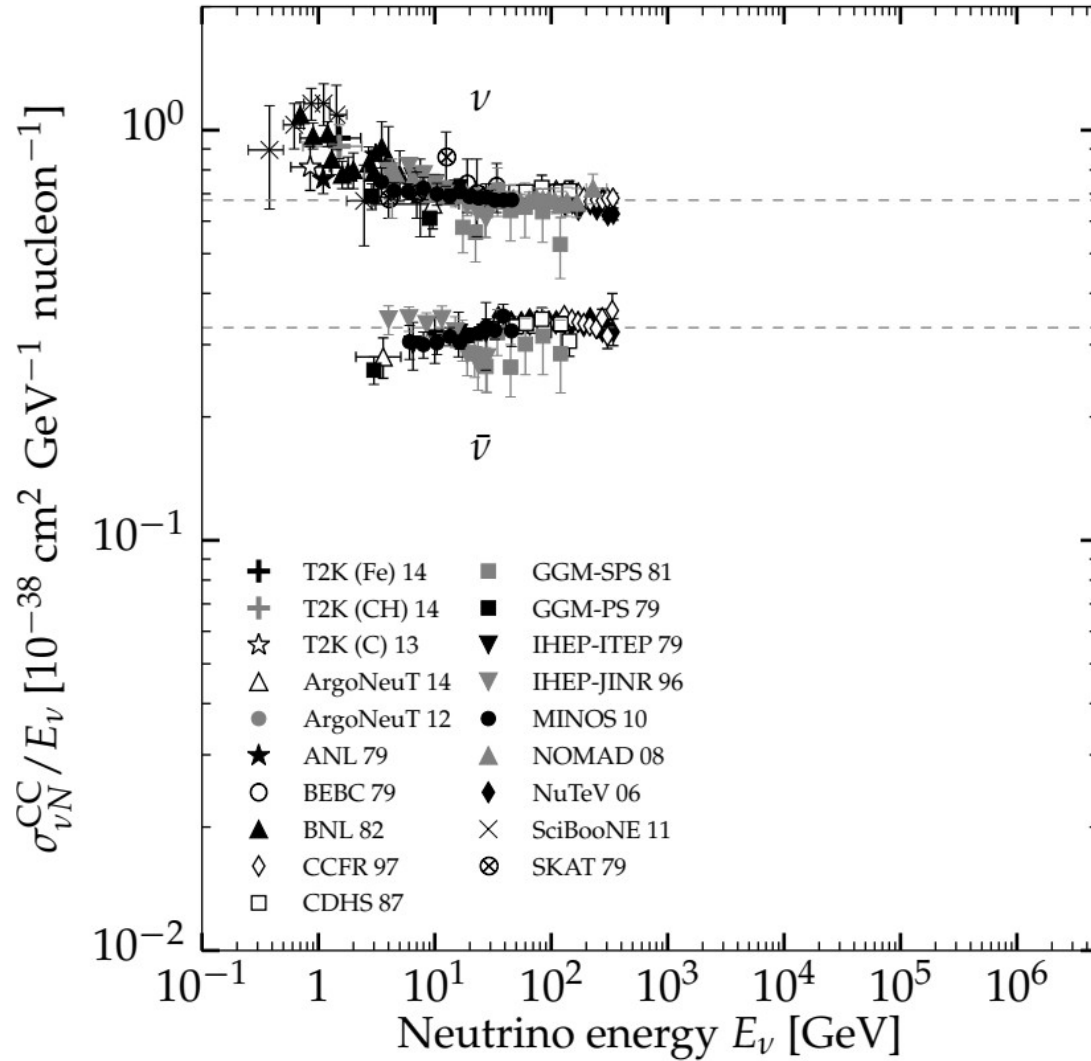
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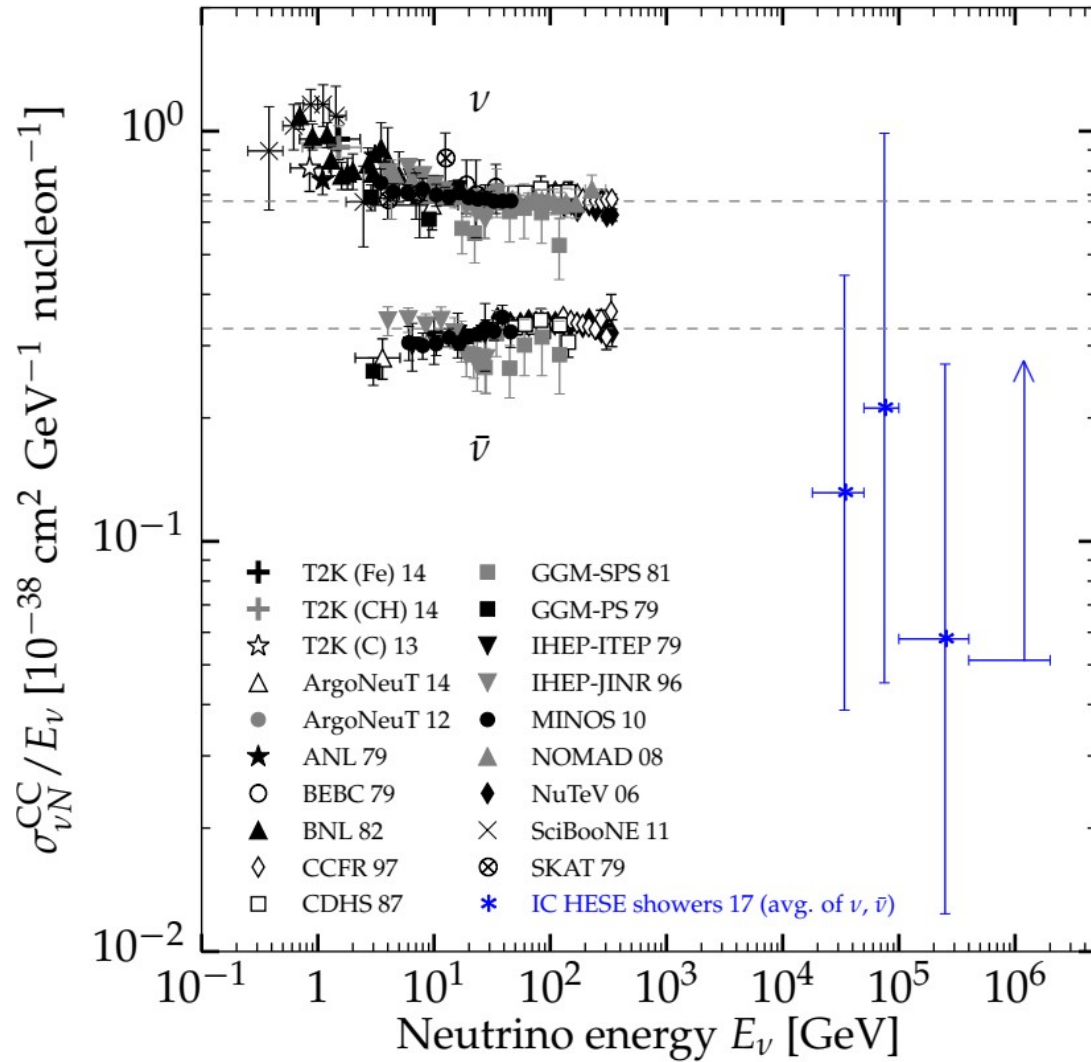


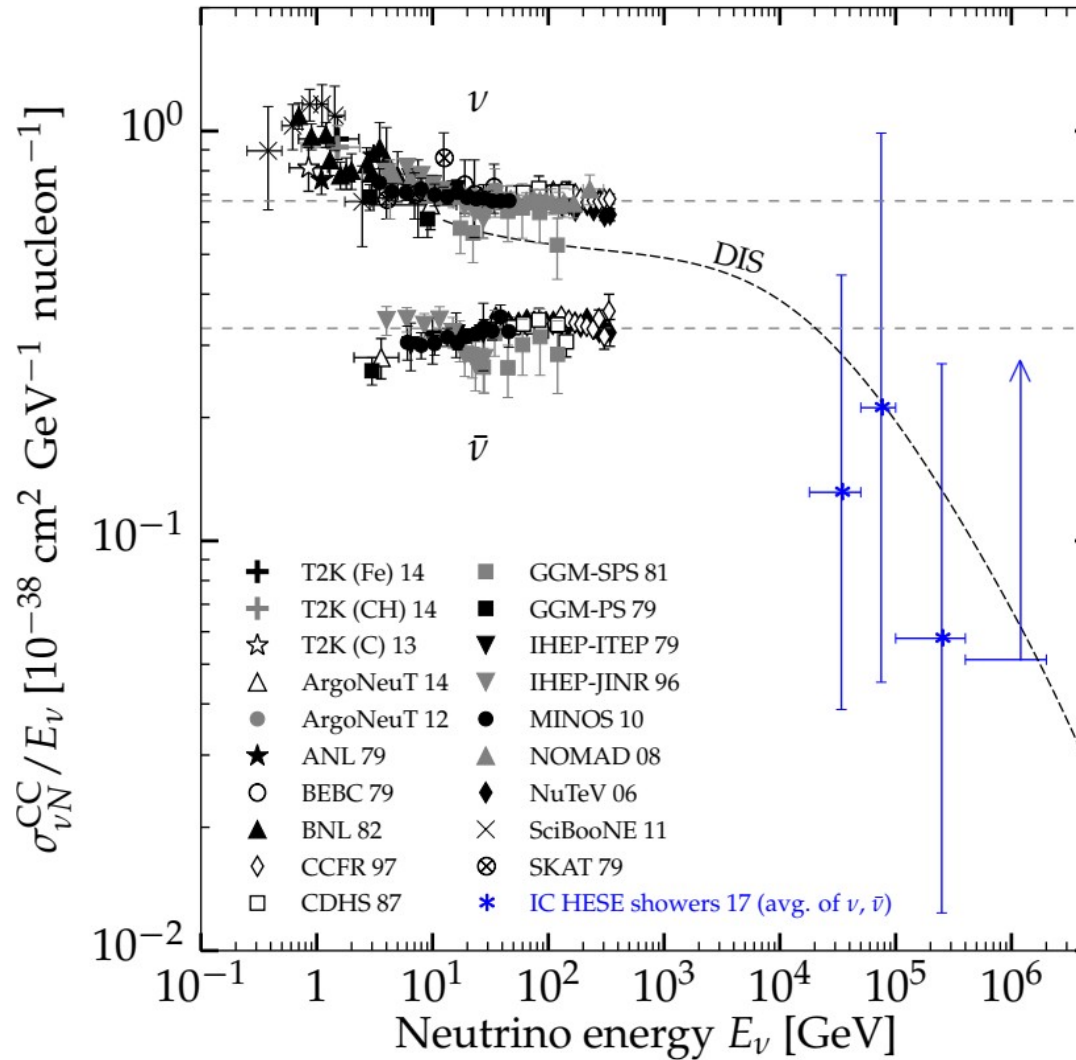


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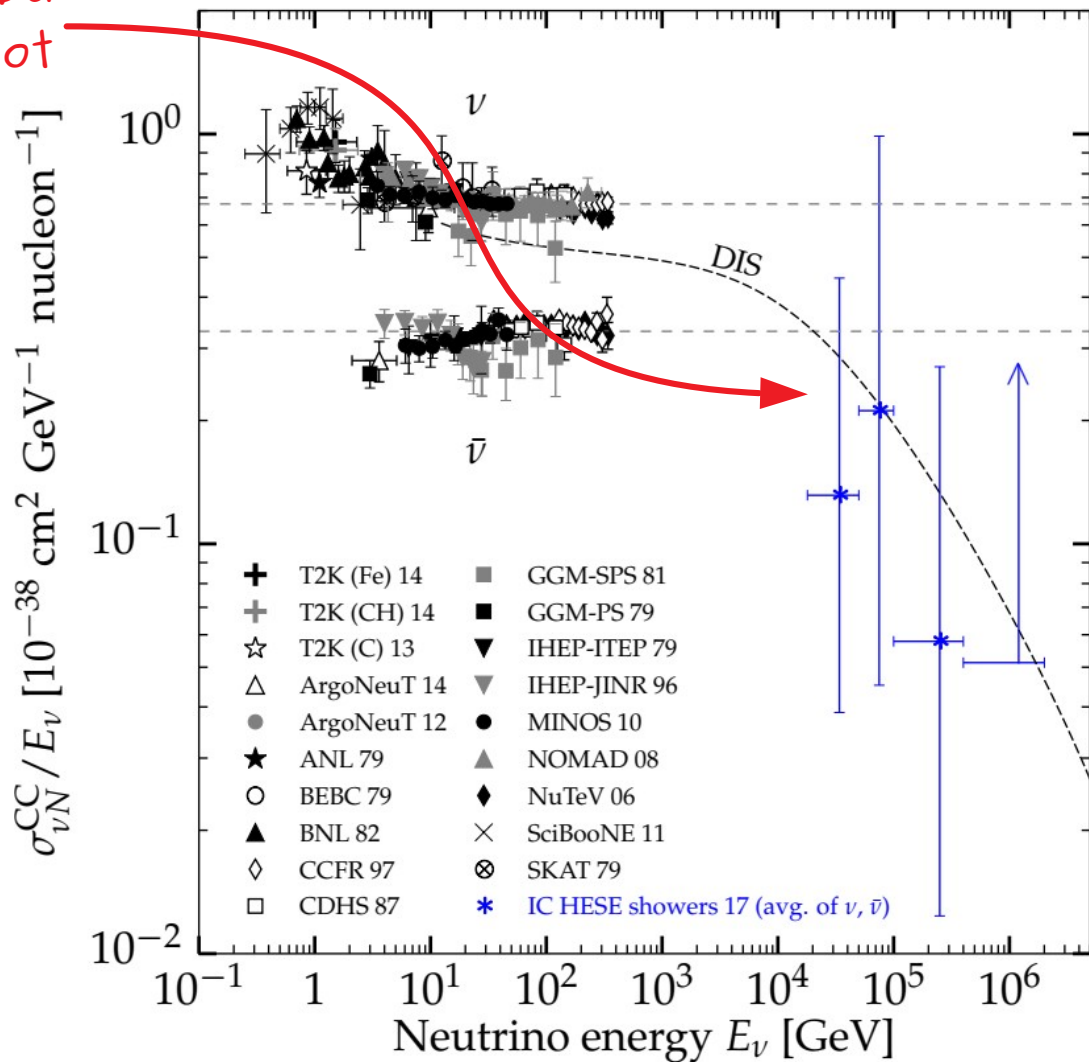








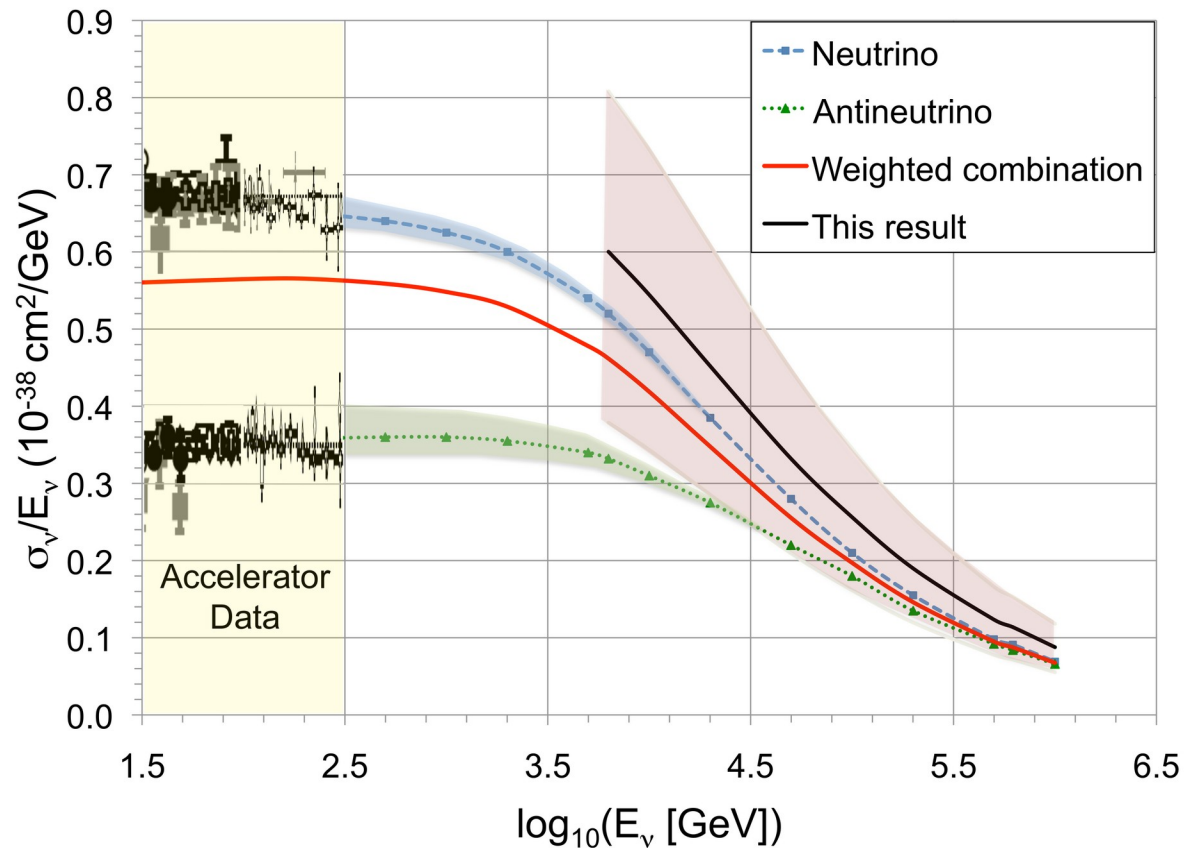
Extending the PDG  
cross-section plot



MB & Connolly PRL 2019  
See also: IceCube, Nature 2017

# Using through-going muons instead

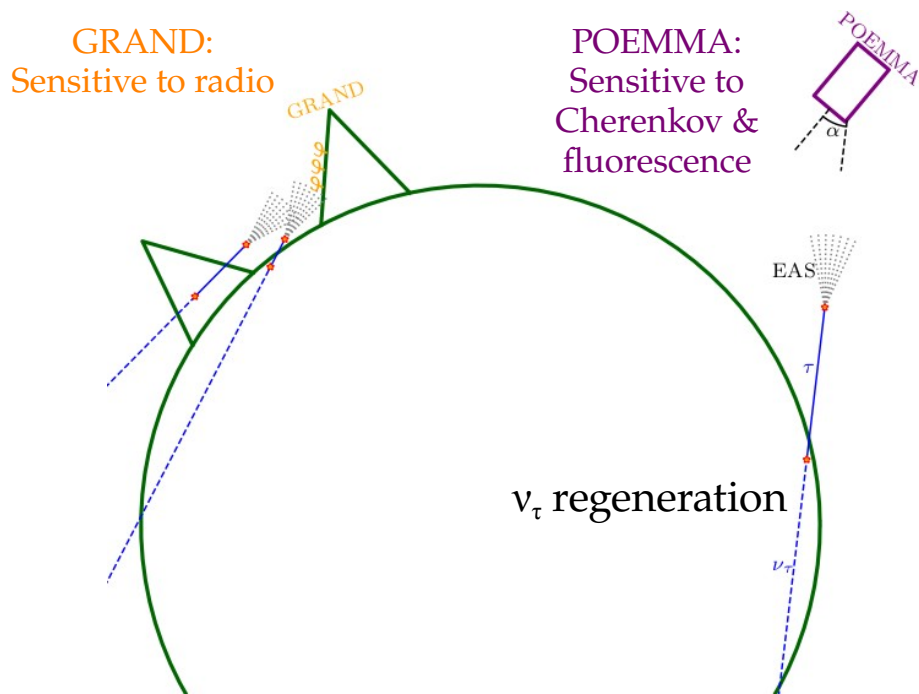
- ▶ Use  $\sim 10^4$  through-going muons
- ▶ Measured:  $dE_\mu/dx$
- ▶ Inferred:  $E_\mu \approx dE_\mu/dx$
- ▶ From simulations (uncertain):  
most likely  $E_\nu$  given  $E_\mu$
- ▶ Fit the ratio  $\sigma_{\text{obs}}/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$   
 $1.30^{+0.21}_{-0.19}(\text{stat.})^{+0.39}_{-0.43}(\text{syst.})$
- ▶ All events grouped in a single  
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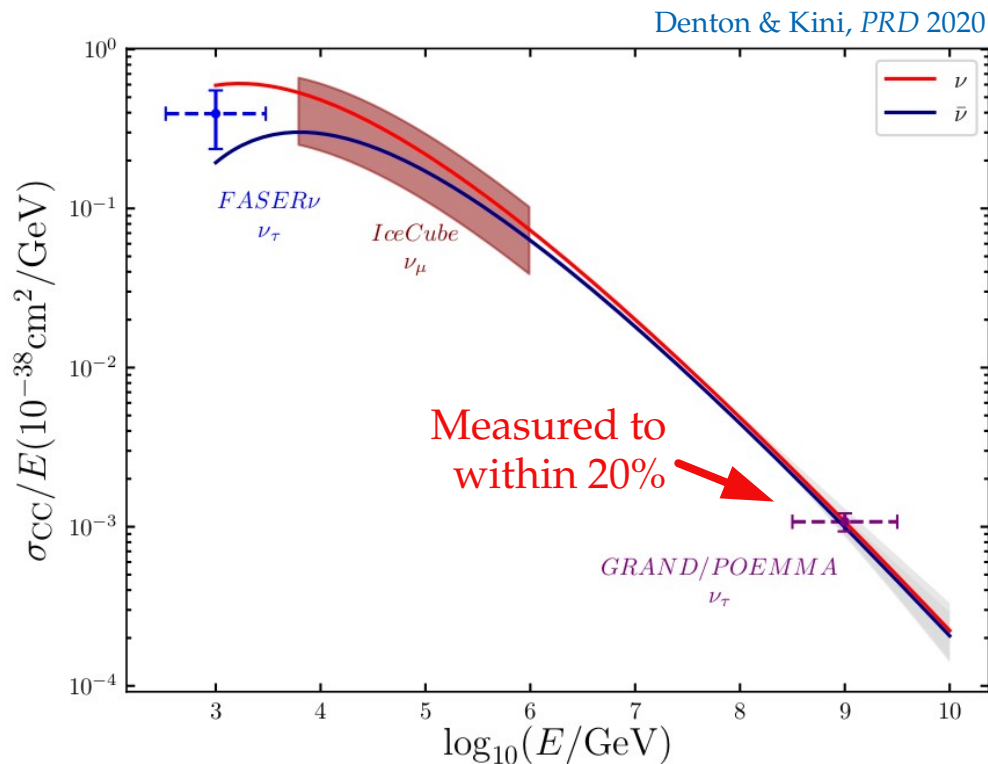


# GRAND & POEMMA

Both sensitive to extensive air showers  
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If they see 100 events from  $\nu_\tau$  with initial energy of  $10^9$  GeV (pre-attenuation):



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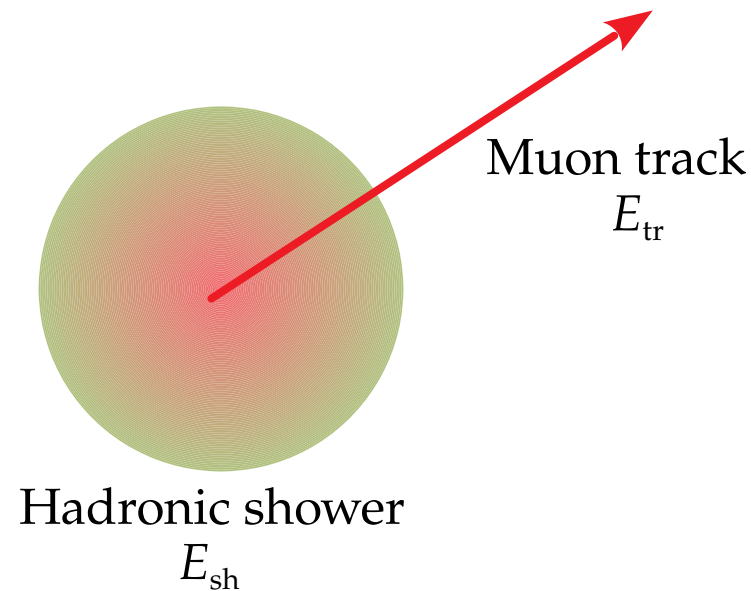
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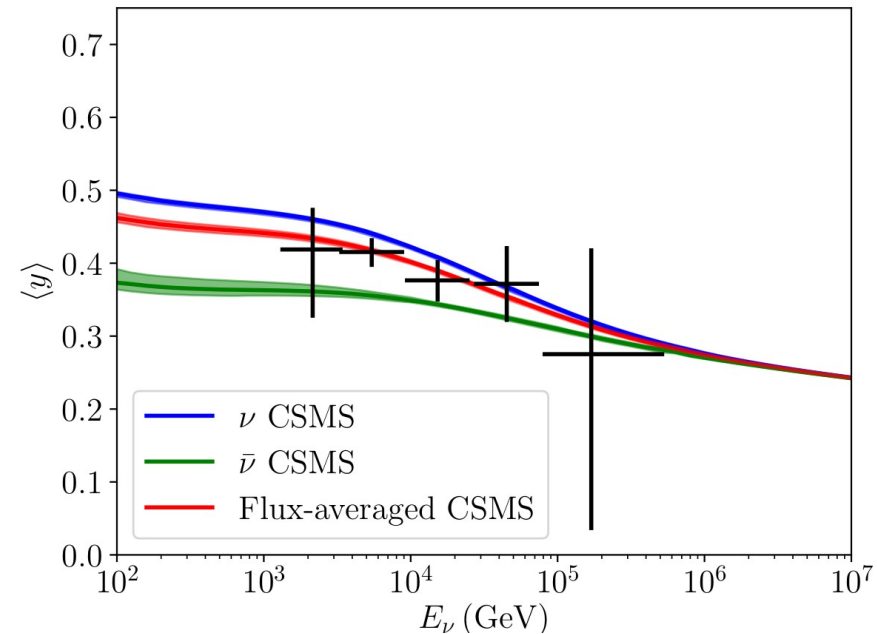
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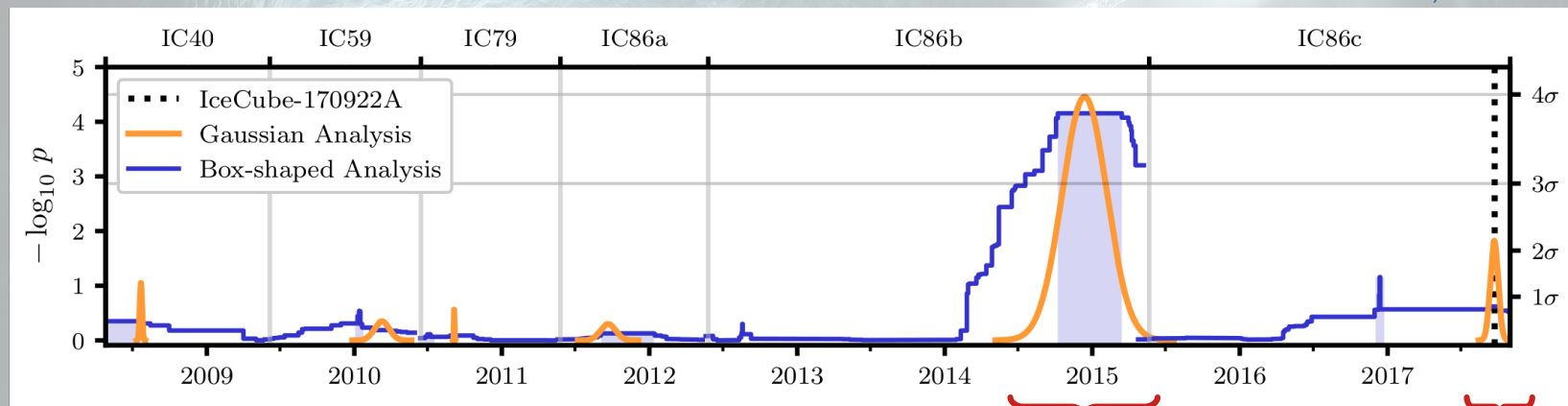


IceCube Collab., PRD 2019

# TXS 0506+056: The first *transient* source of high-energy $\nu$

## Blazar TXS 0506+056:

IceCube, *Science* 2018



After re-analysis (2101.09836),  
significance dropped  
from  $p=7 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $p=8 \times 10^{-3}$

2014–2015:  $13 \pm 5$   $\nu$  flare, no X-ray flare  
3.5 $\sigma$  significance of correlation (post-trial)

2017: one 290-TeV  $\nu$  + X-ray flare  
1.4 $\sigma$  significance of correlation

Combined (pre-trial): 4.1 $\sigma$

Flux normalization

Cross section

All-flavor  $\nu$  flux ( $10^8$  GeV),  $\log_{10}(E_{\nu,0}^2 \Phi_0 / [\text{GeV cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1} \text{sr}^{-1}])$

IceCube-Gen2 Radio, 10 years

- Real value
- ☆ Best fit
- 68% C.L.
- 95% C.L.
- 99.7% C.L.

- UHE  $\nu$  flux model
- Rodrigues *et al.*, HL BL Lacs
  - IceCube  $\nu_\mu$  (9.5 yr) extrapolated
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  - Bergman & van Vliet, fit to TA UHECRs

UHE  $\nu N$  cross section,  $\log_{10} f_\sigma \equiv \log_{10}(\sigma / \sigma_{\text{std}})$

- $\log_{10} \sigma / \sigma_{\text{std}}$
- 0.09<sup>+0.75</sup><sub>-0.37</sub>
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  - 0.01<sup>+0.18</sup><sub>-0.15</sub>
  - 0.01<sup>+0.16</sup><sub>-0.13</sub>

- $\log_{10} E_{\nu,0}^2 \Phi_0$
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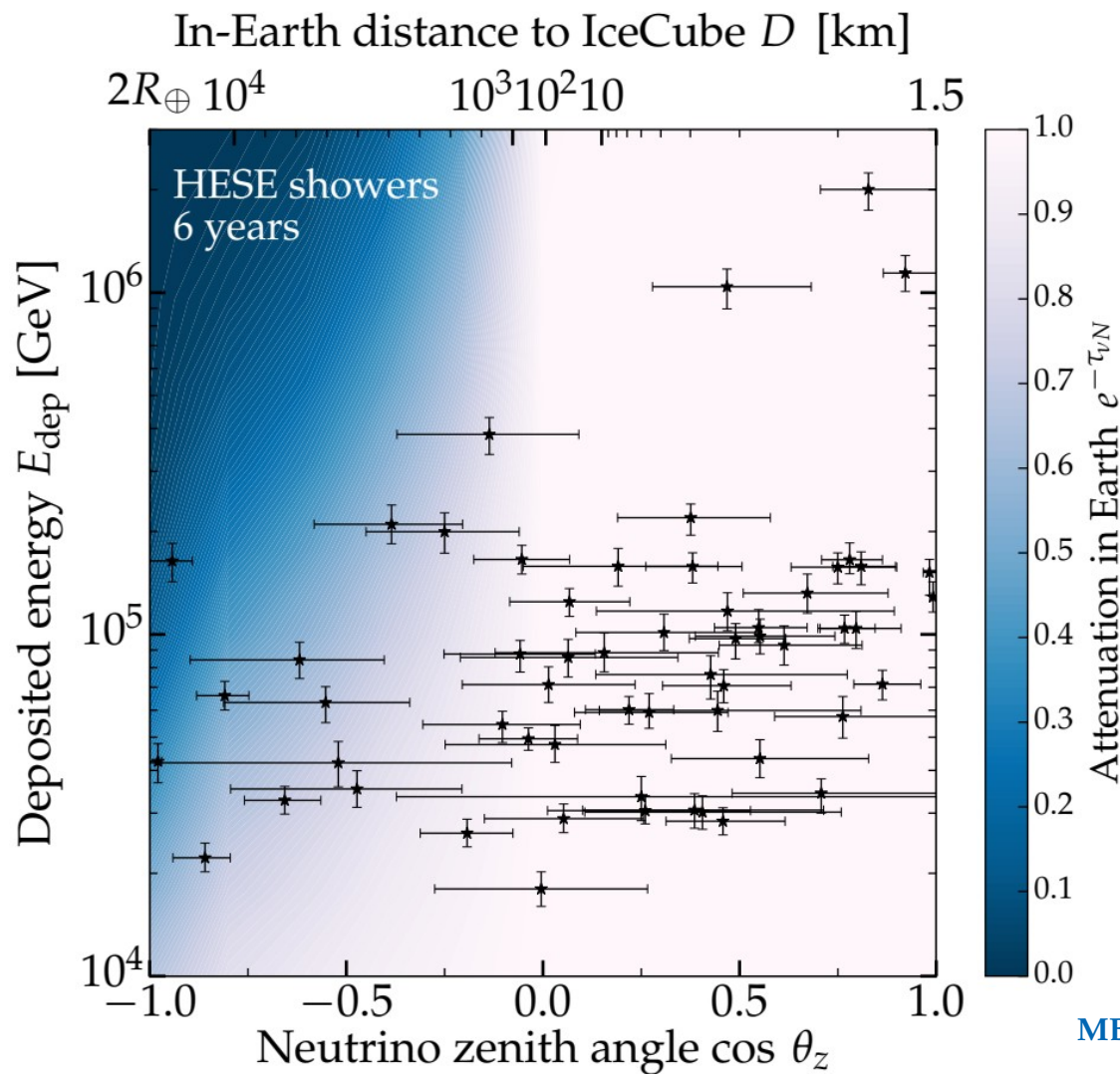
Needed to measure the cross section?

~30–300 events

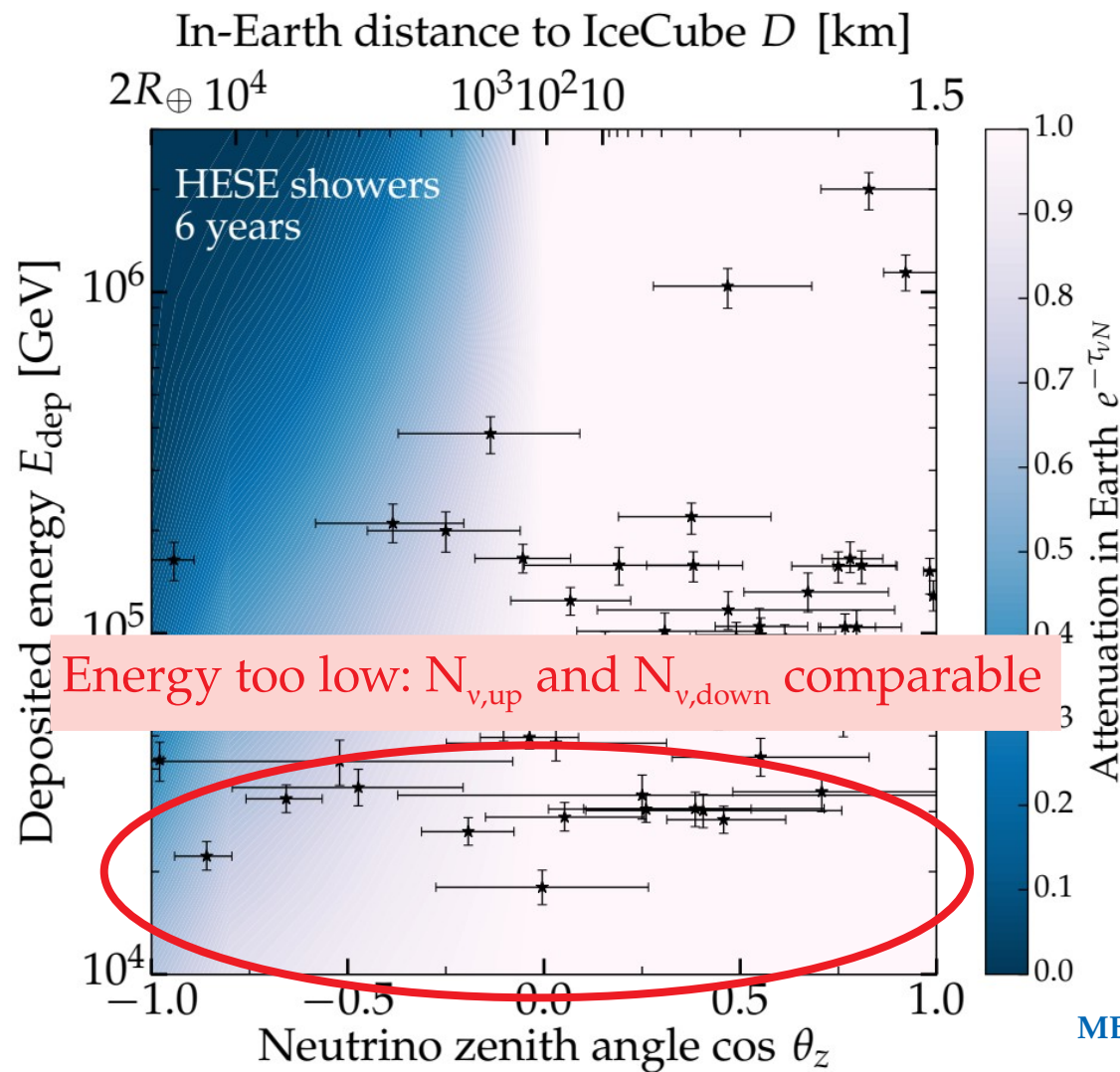
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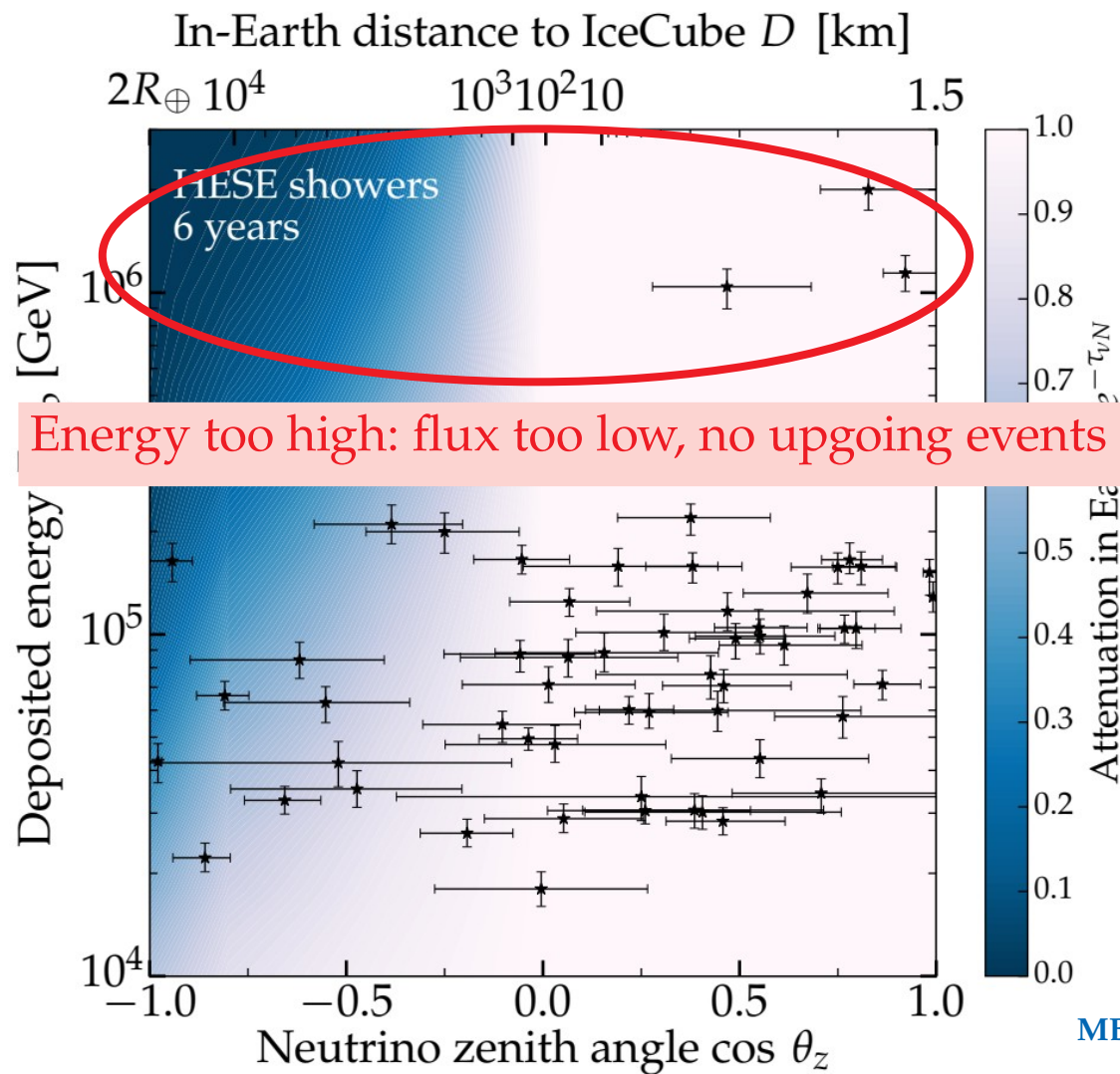
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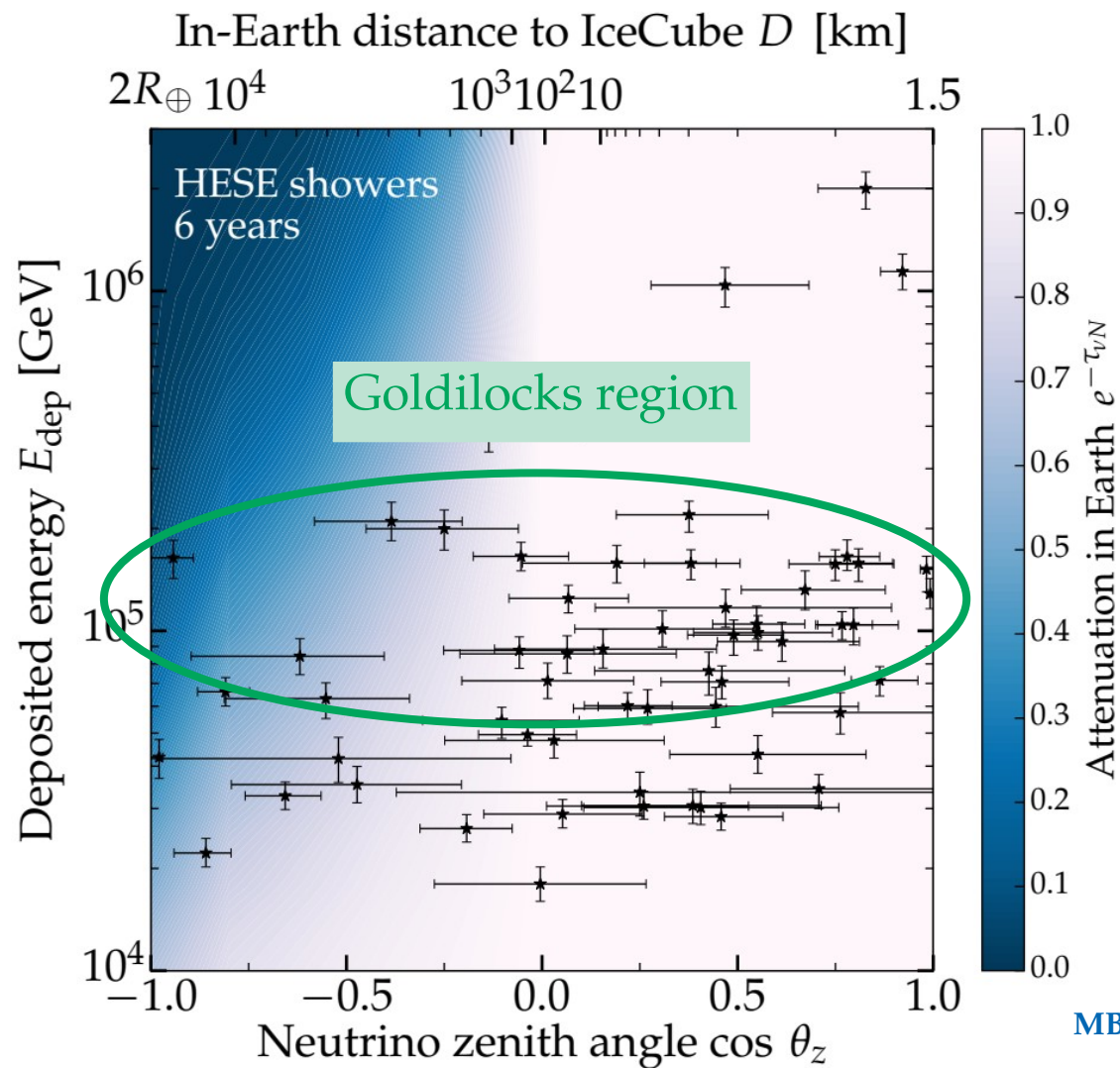












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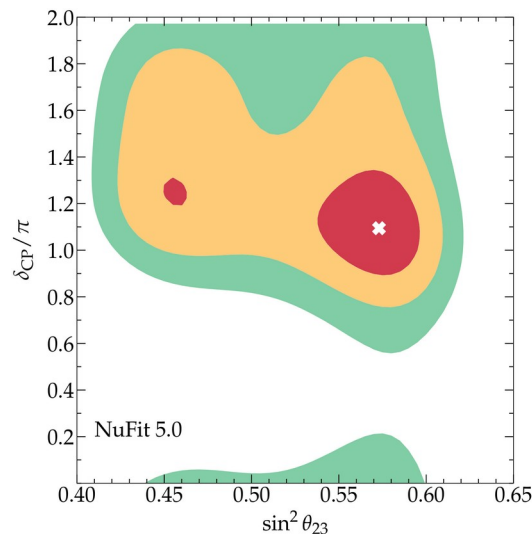
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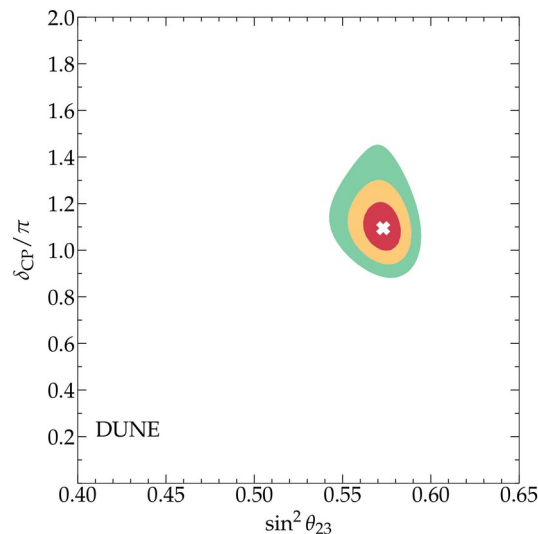
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An *et al.*, *J. Phys. G* 2016  
DUNE, 2002.03005

Huber, Lindner, Winter, *Nucl. Phys. B* 2002



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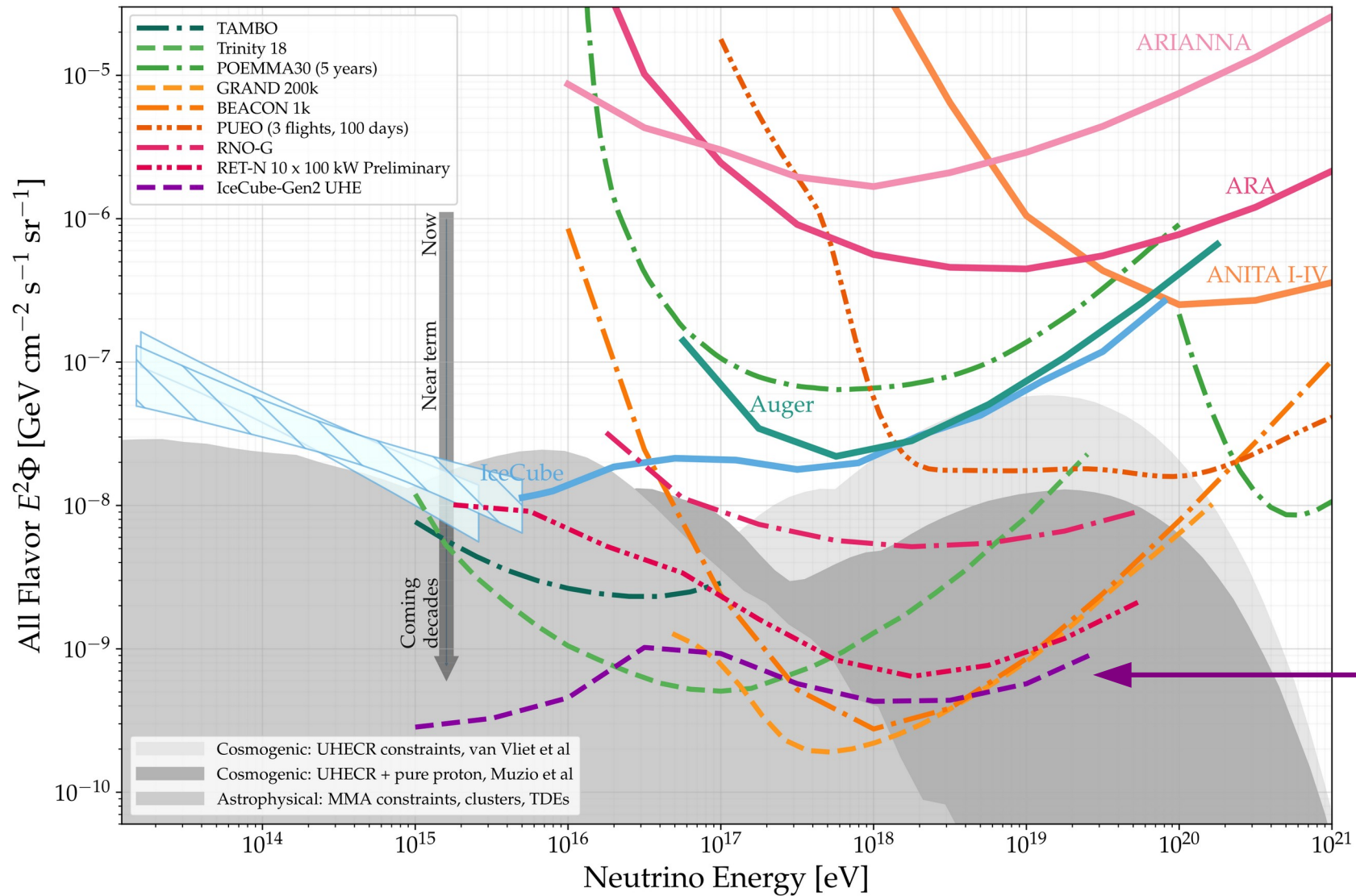
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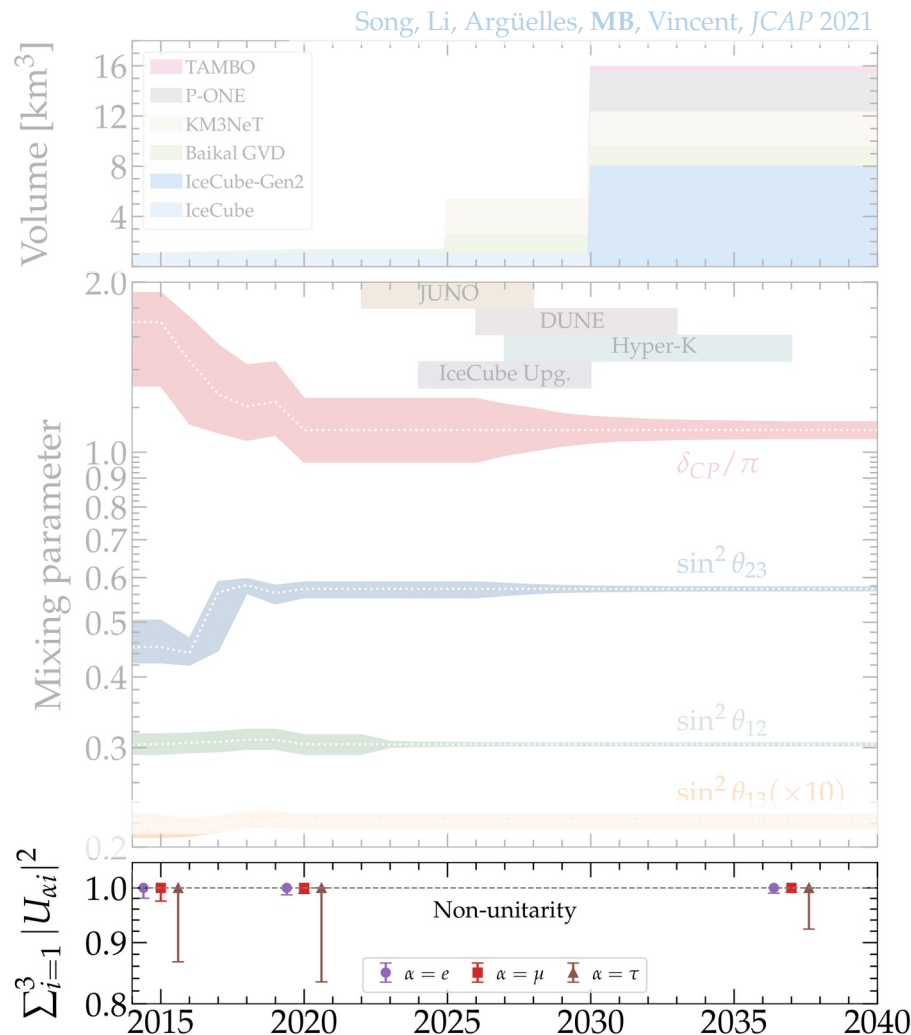
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# Three reasons to be excited



## Flavor measurements:

New neutrino telescopes = more events, better flavor measurement

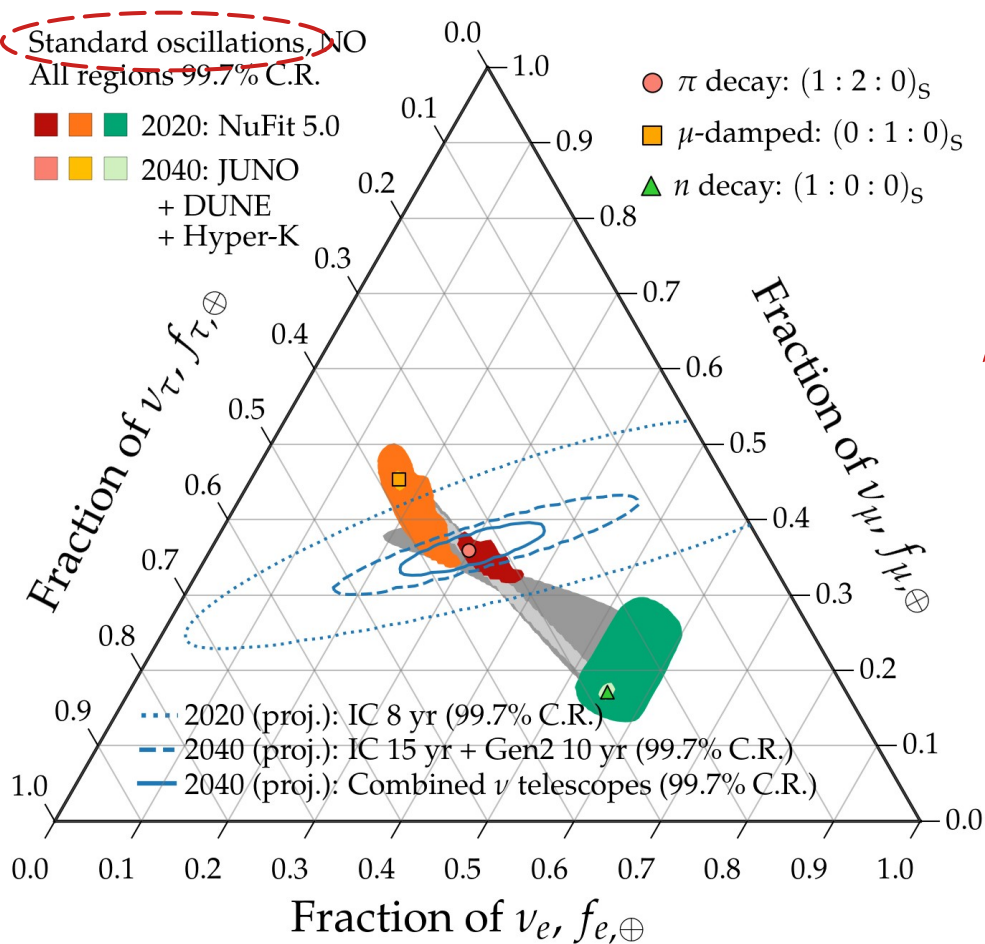
## Oscillation physics:

We will know the mixing parameters better (JUNO, DUNE, Hyper-K, IceCube Upgrade)

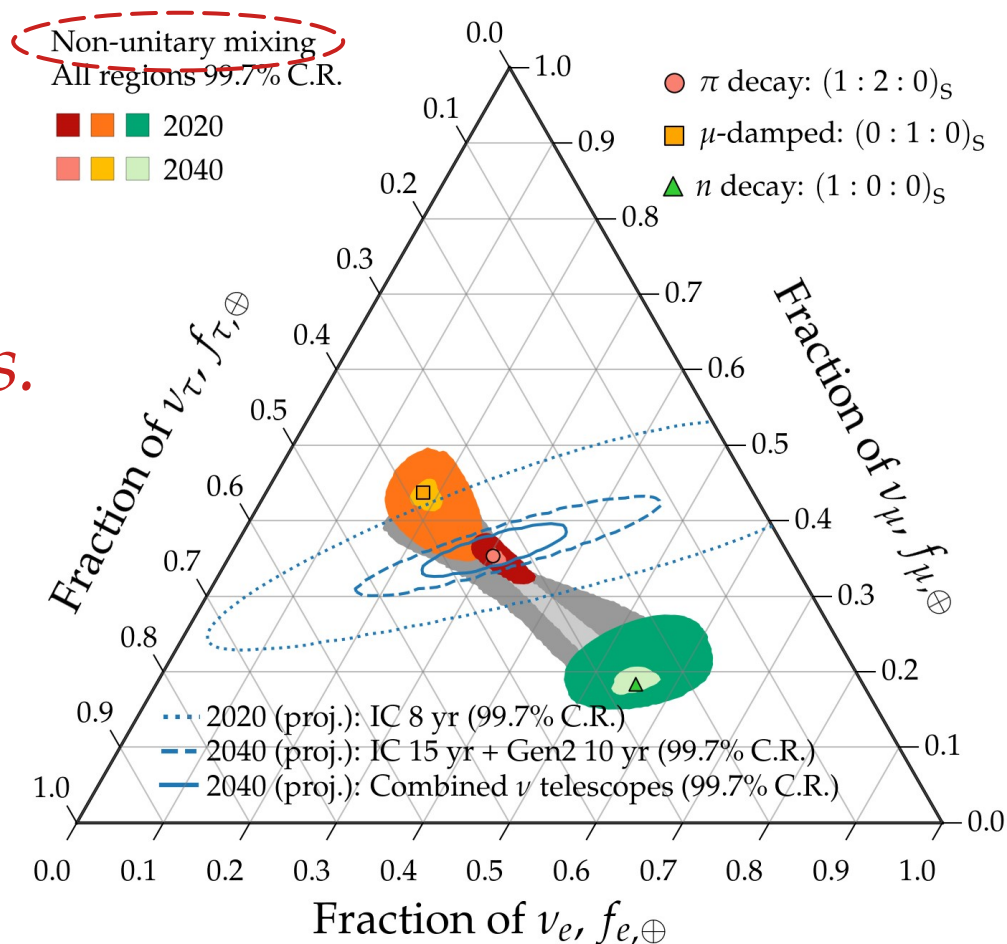
## Test of the oscillation framework:

We will be able to do what we want even if oscillations are non-unitary

# No unitarity? No problem



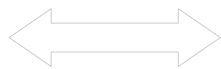
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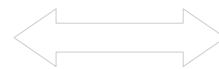
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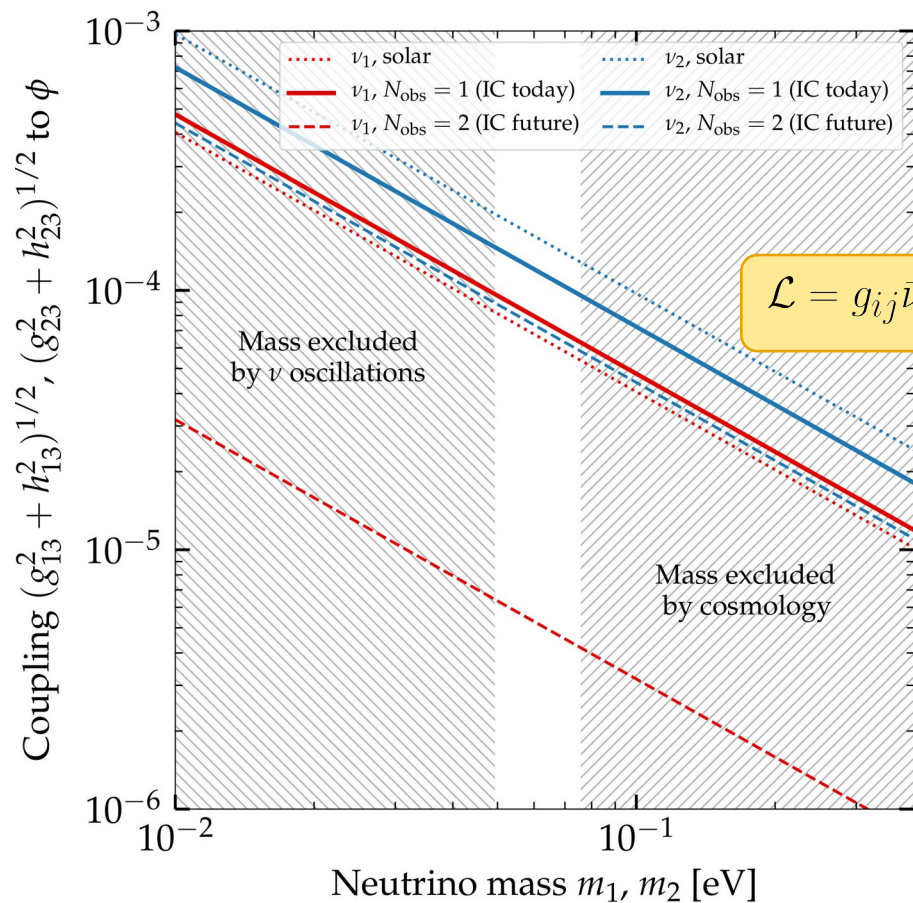


Spectrum shape



Event rate

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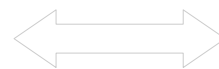
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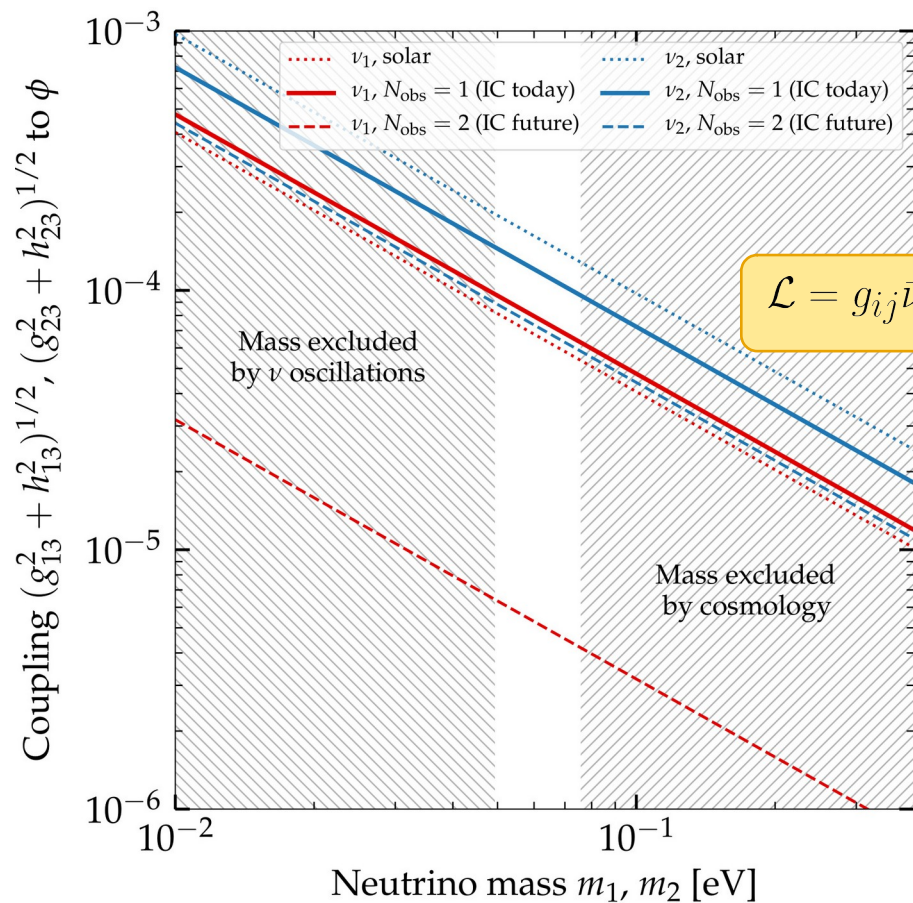
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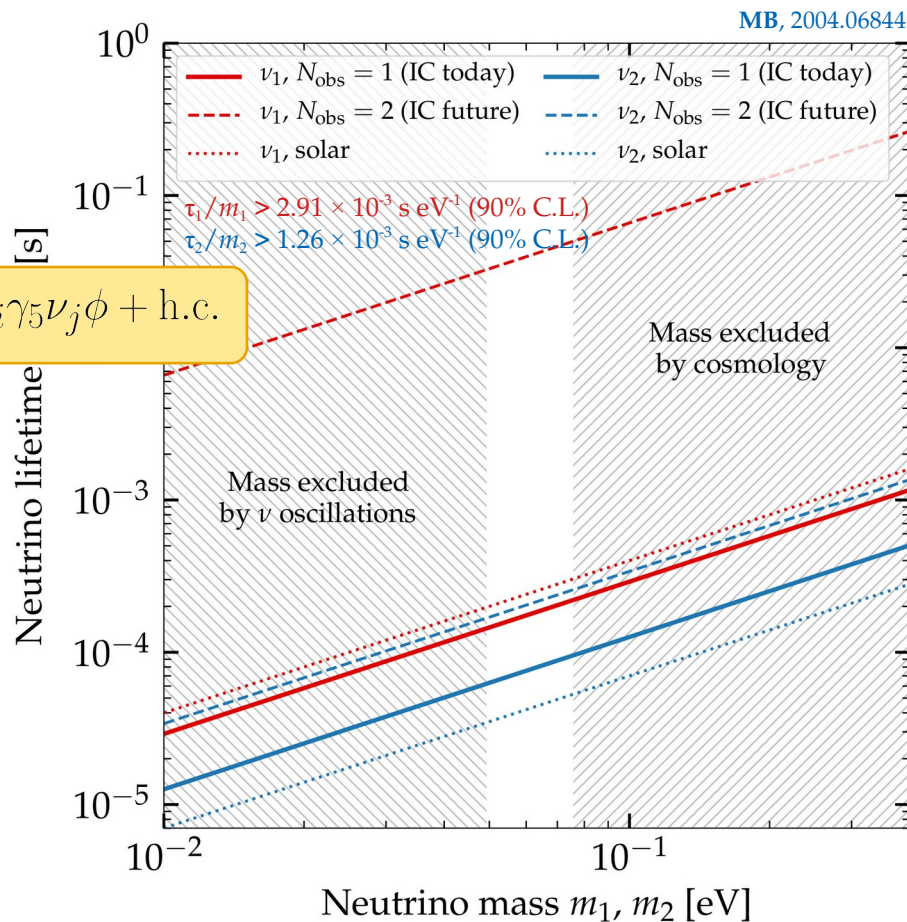


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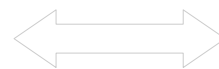
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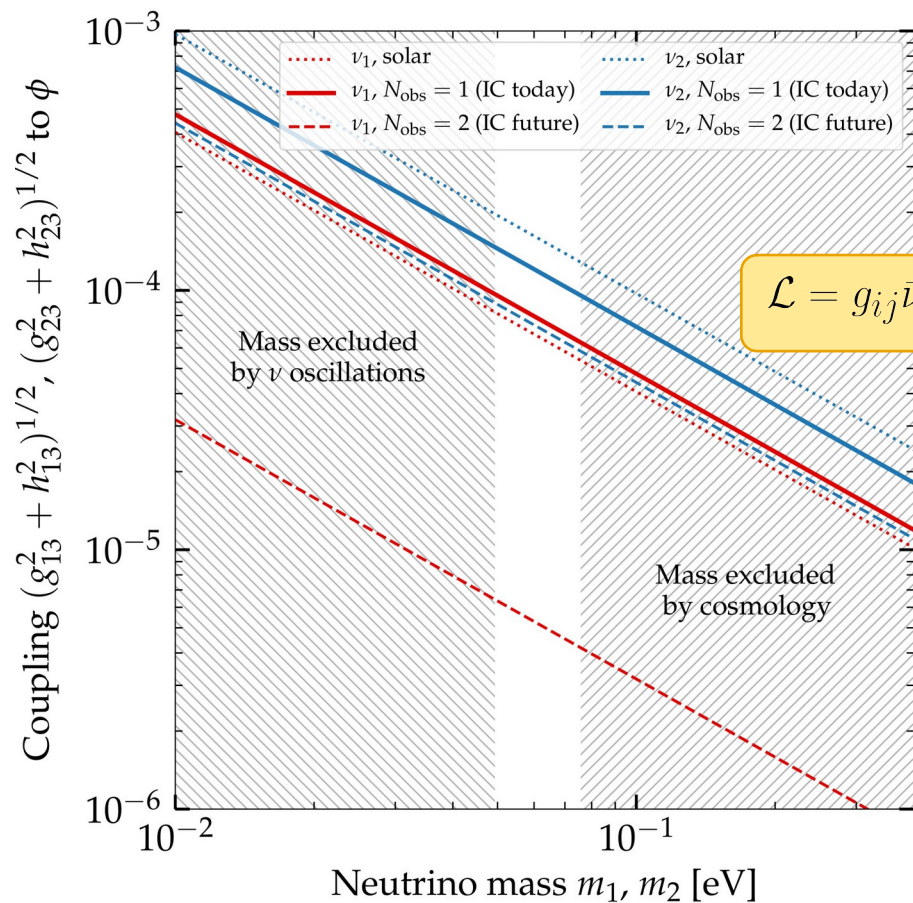
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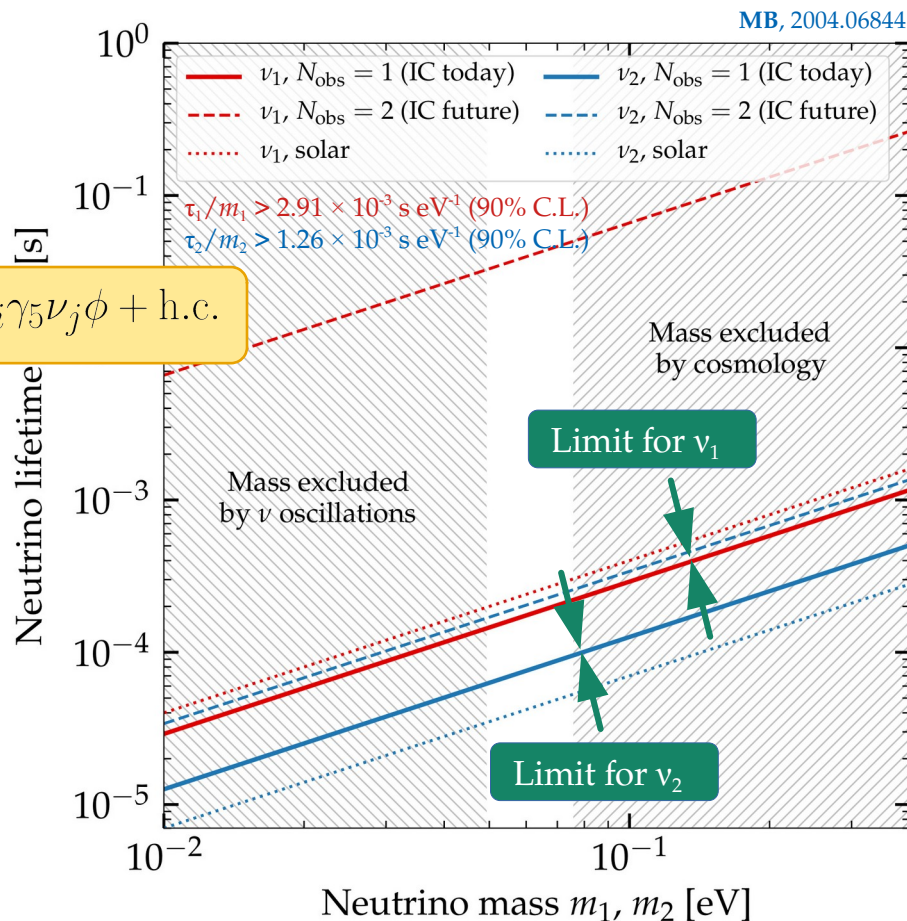


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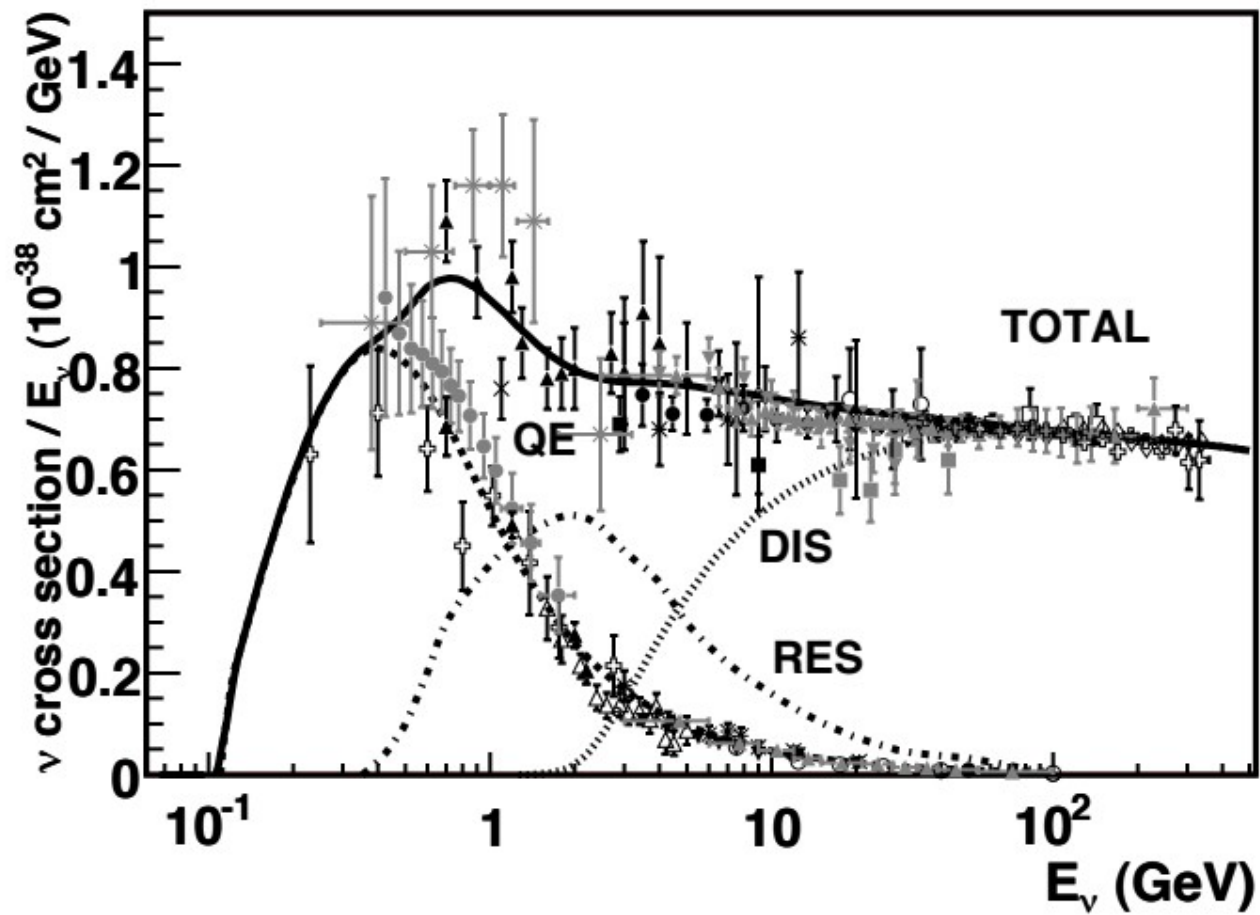
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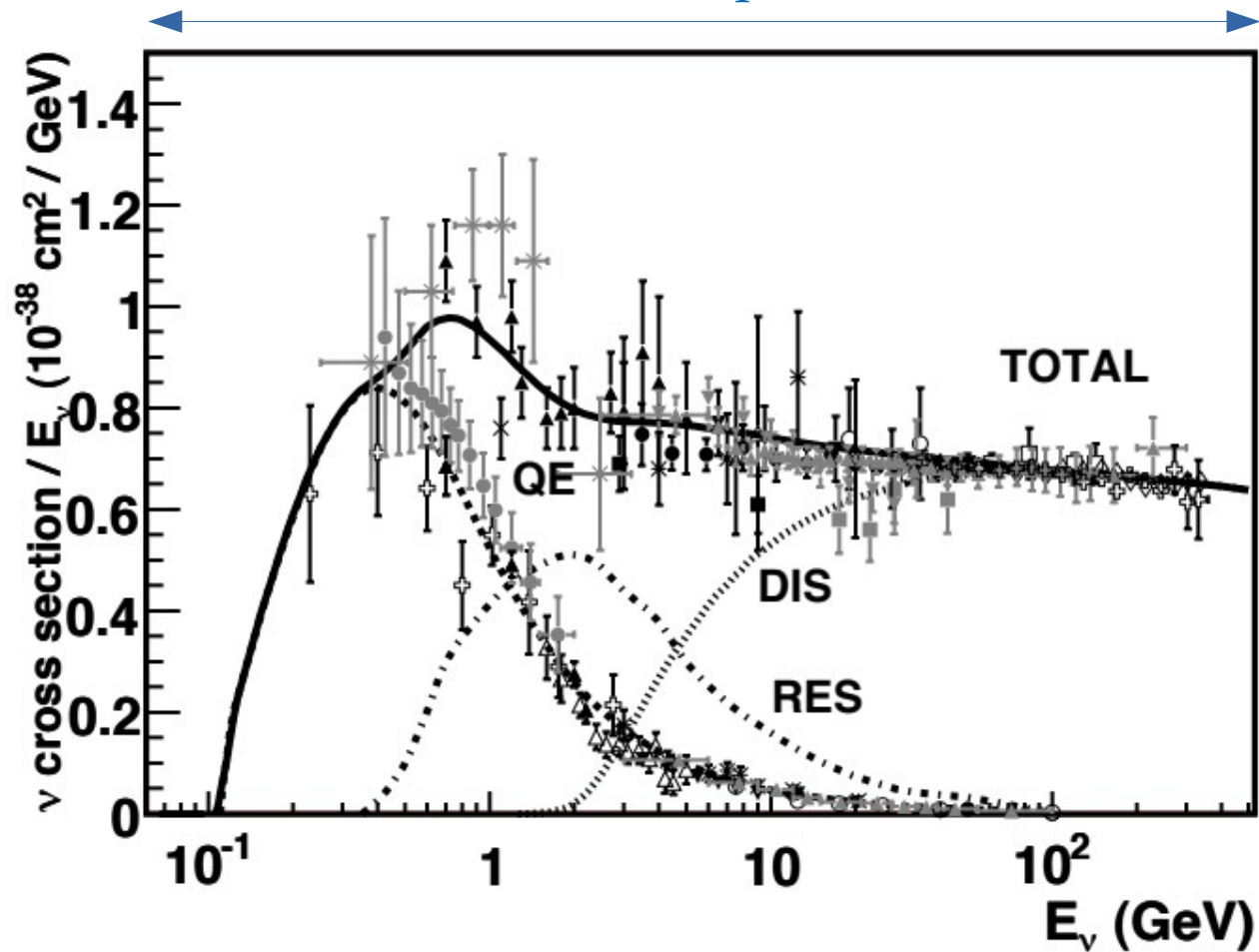


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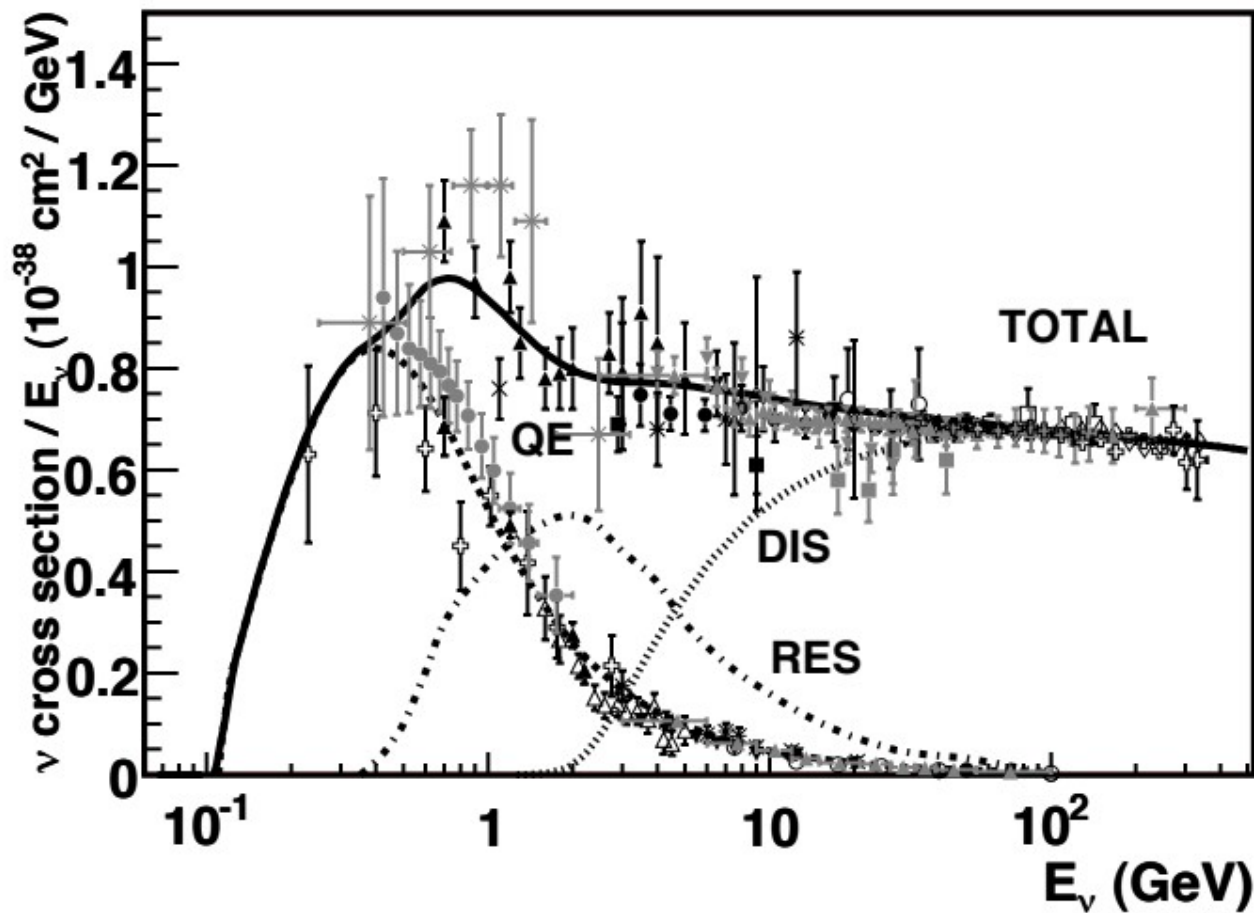


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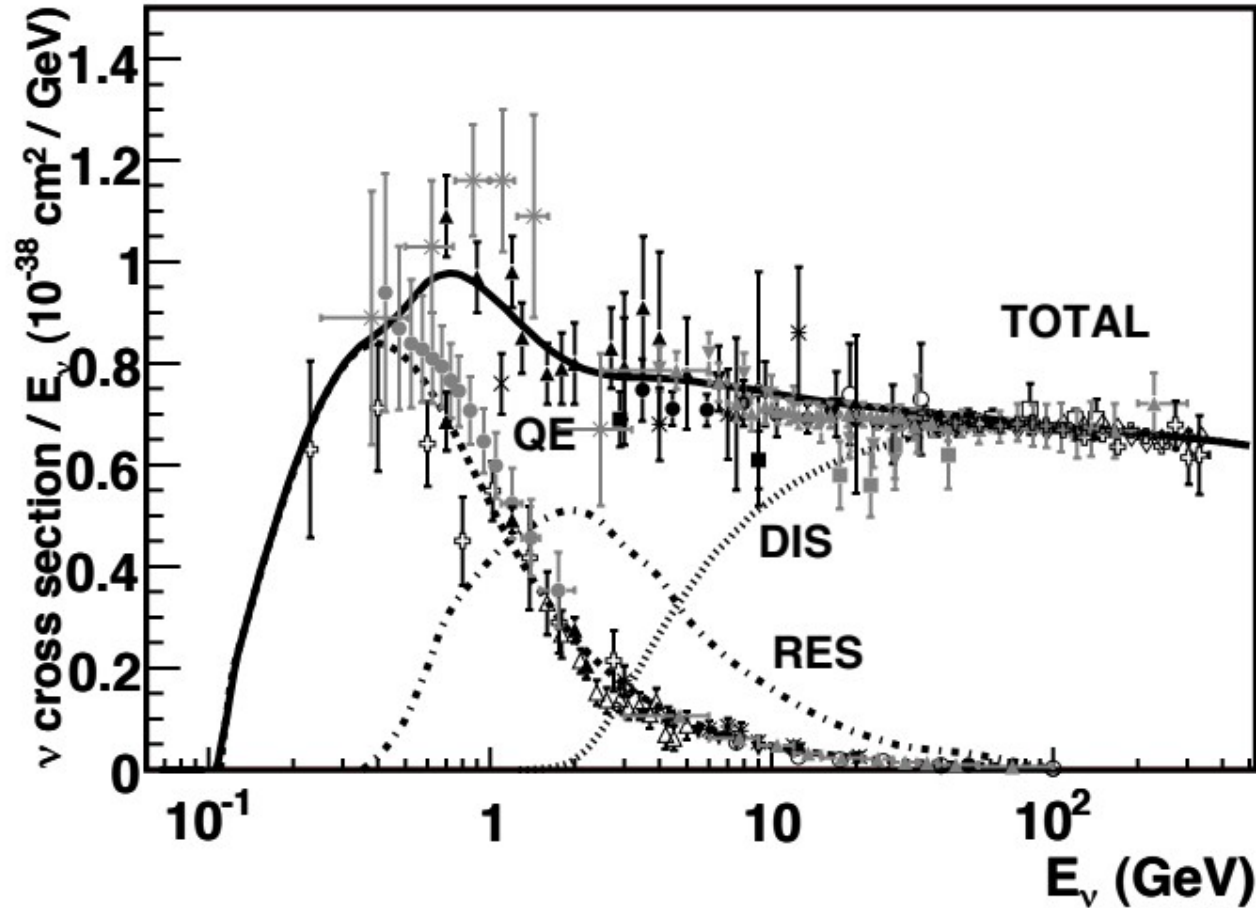
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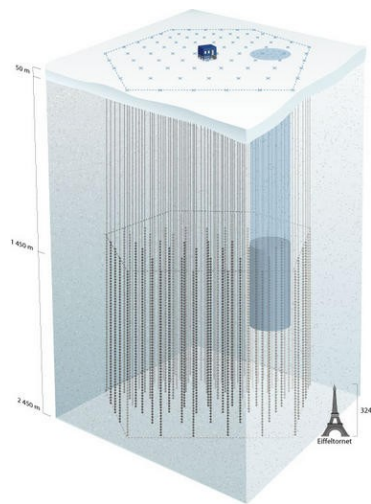
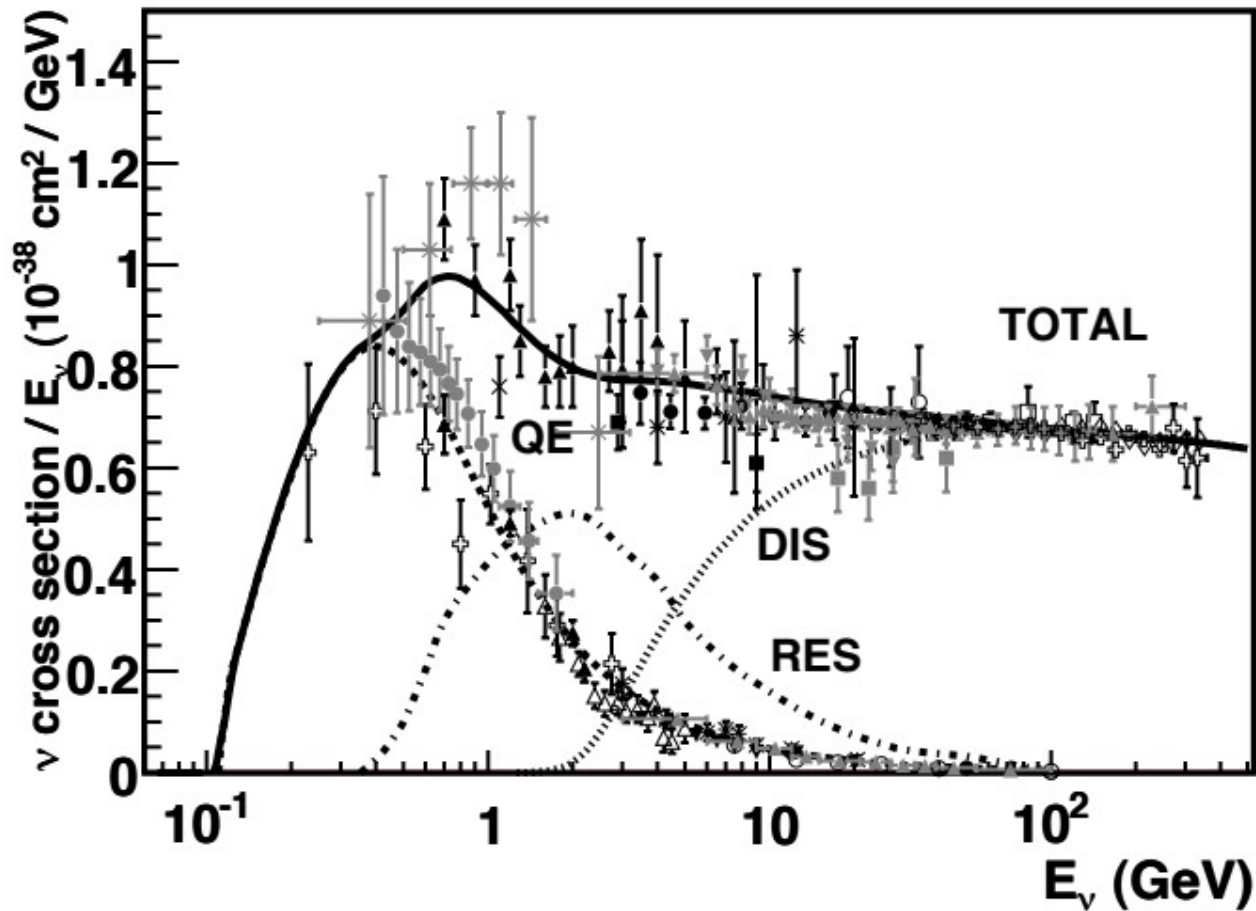


No  
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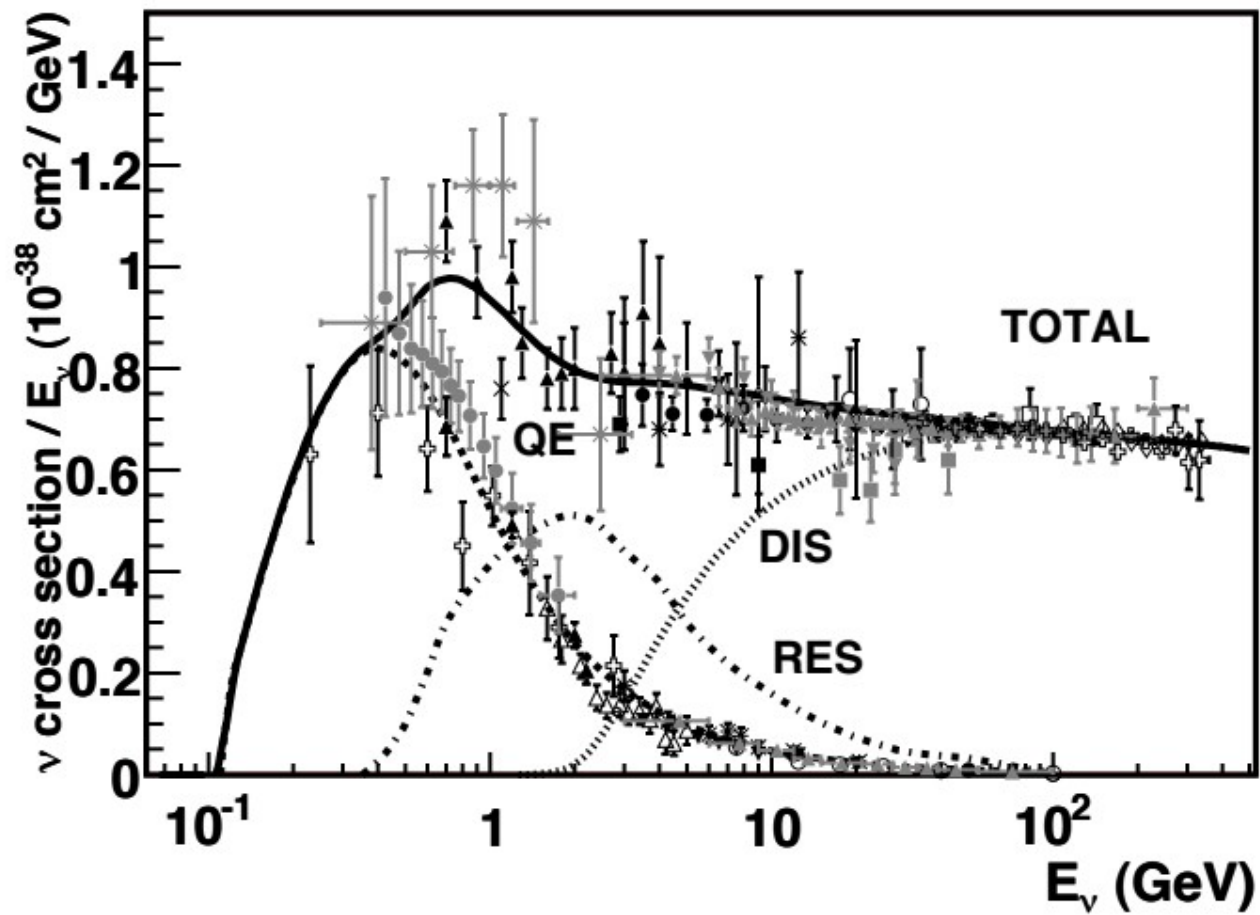


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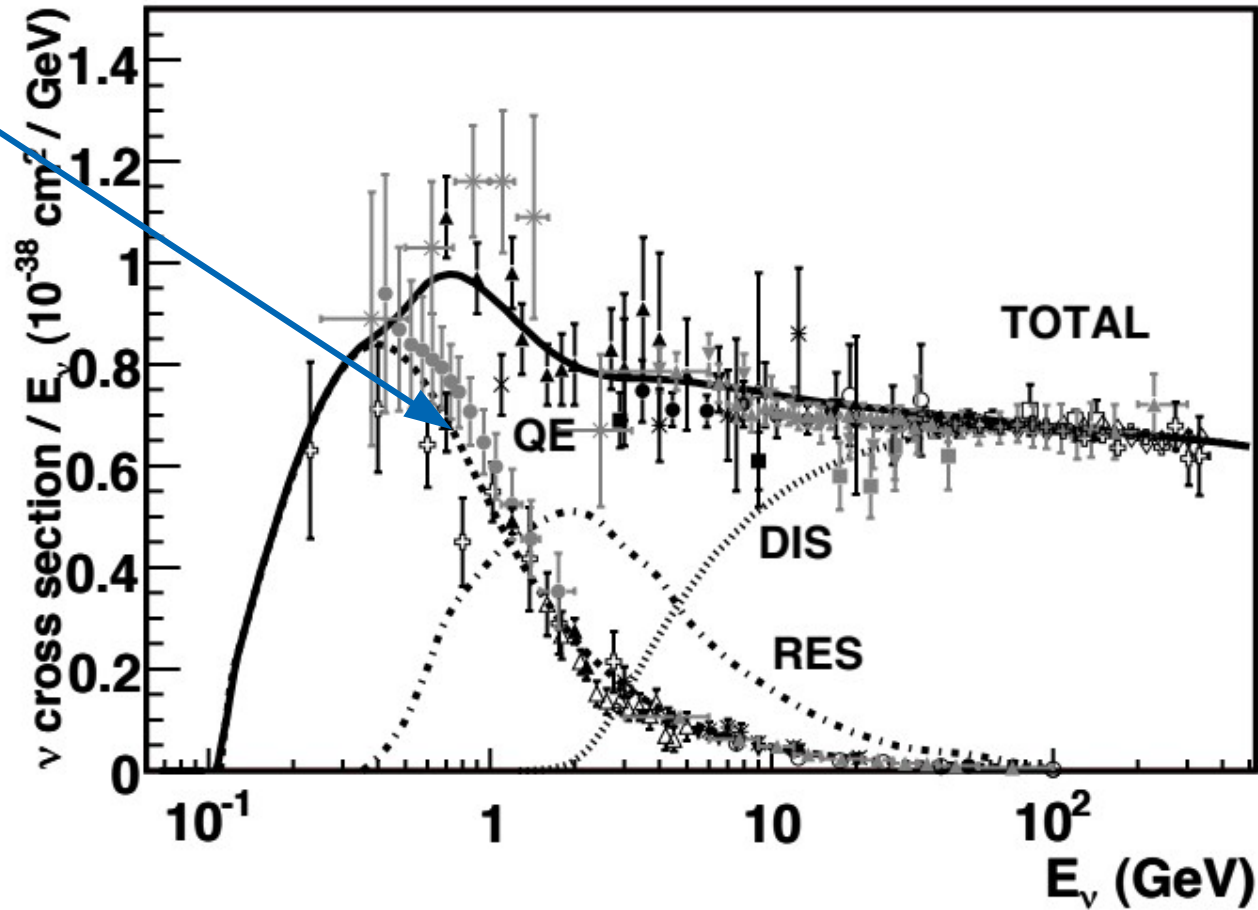
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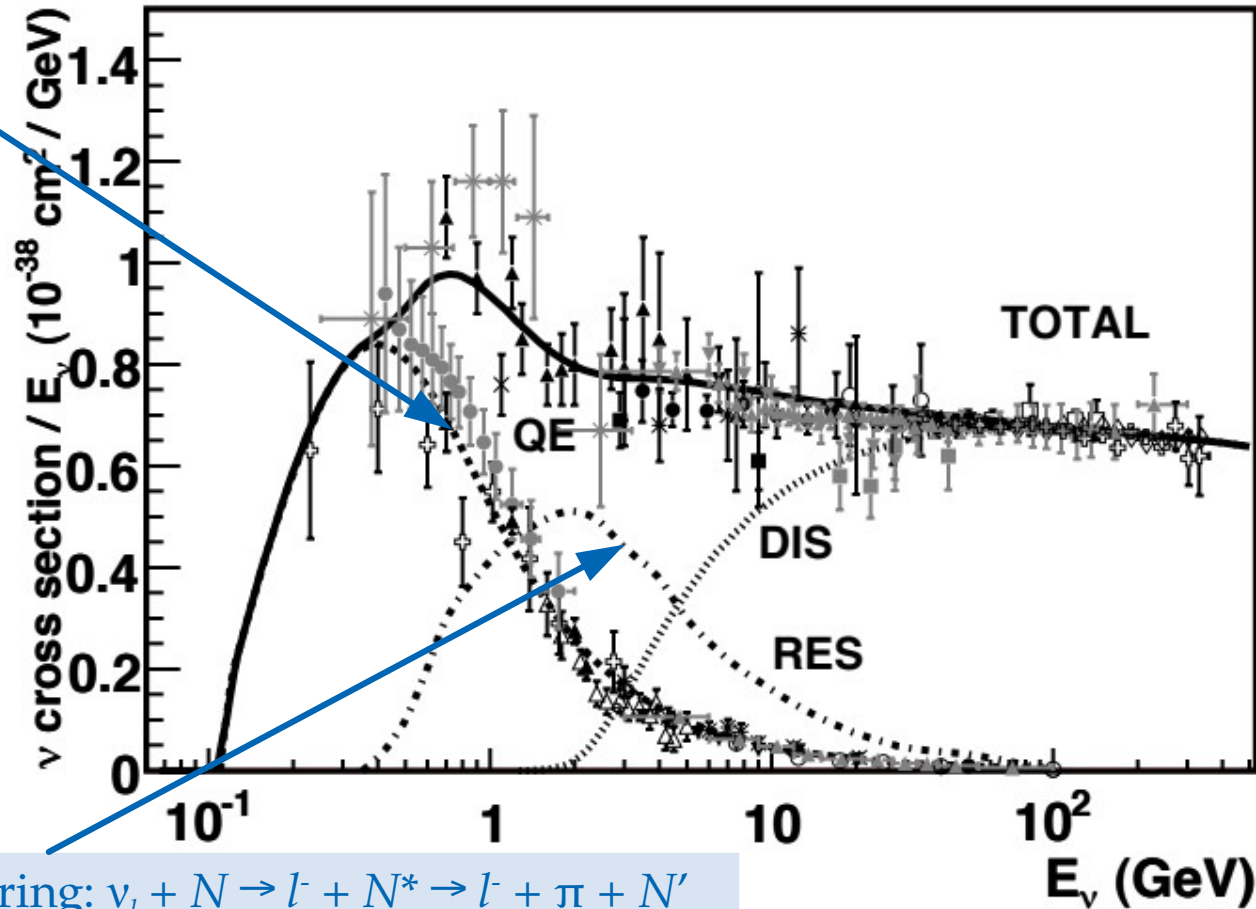
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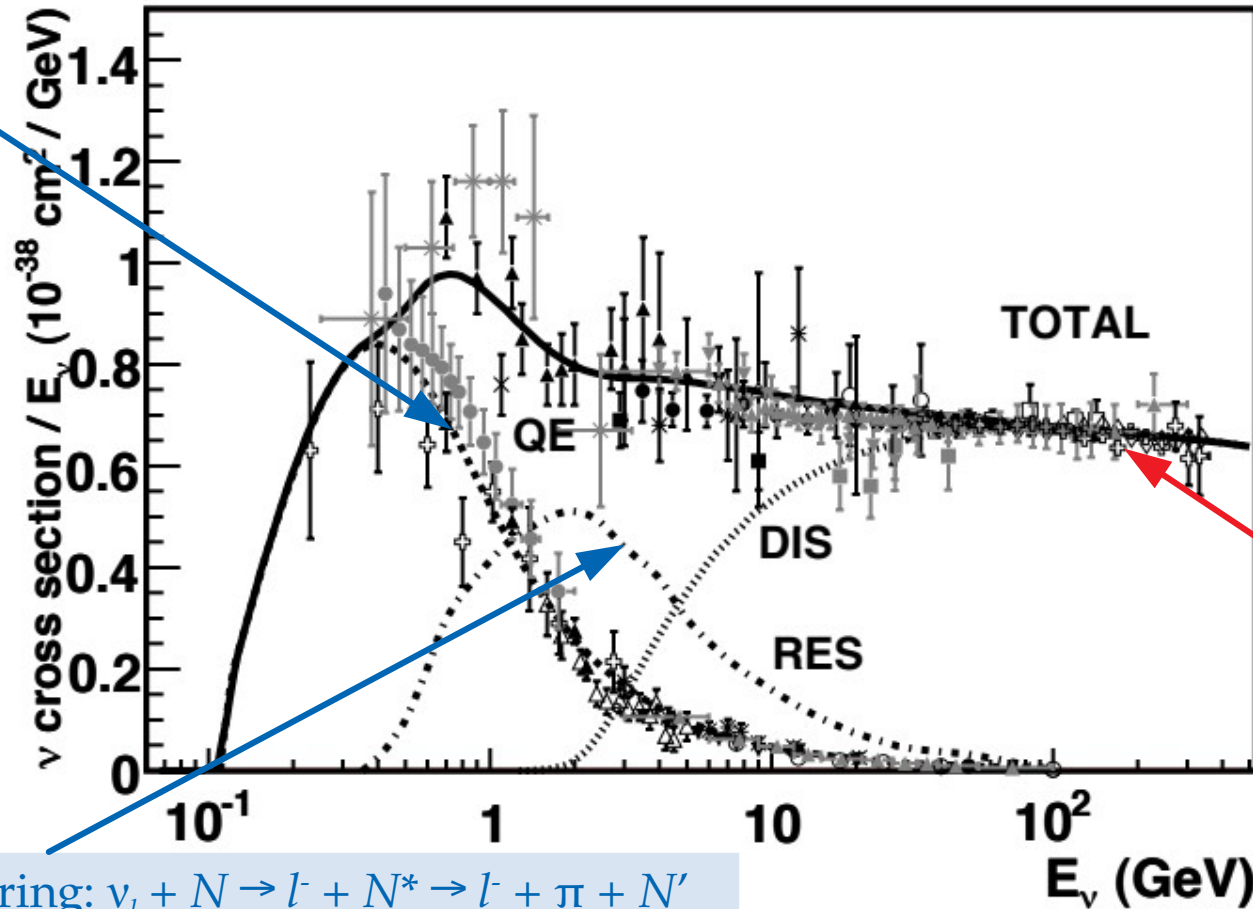


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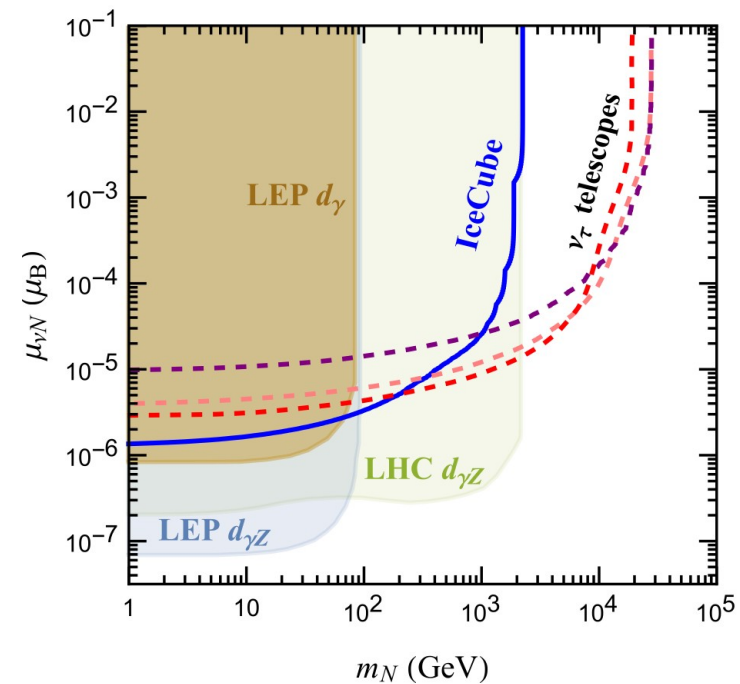
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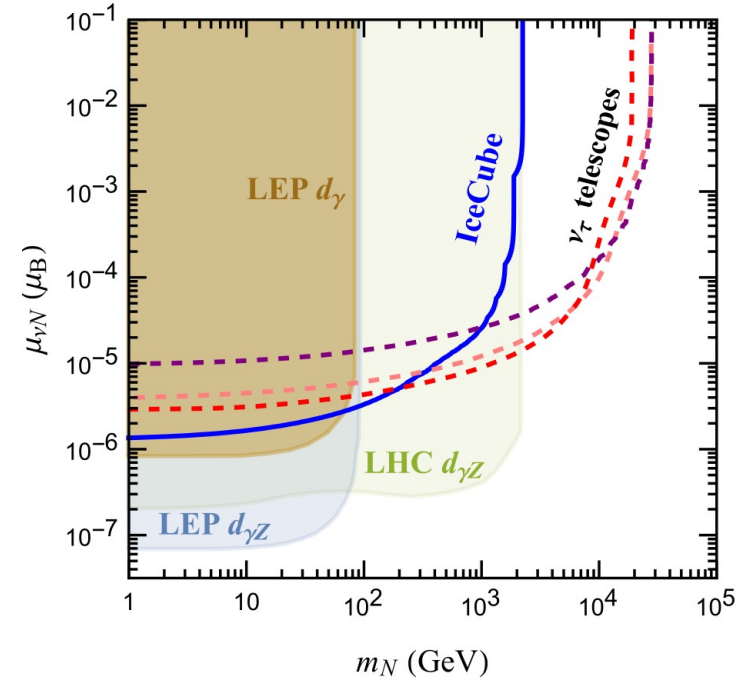
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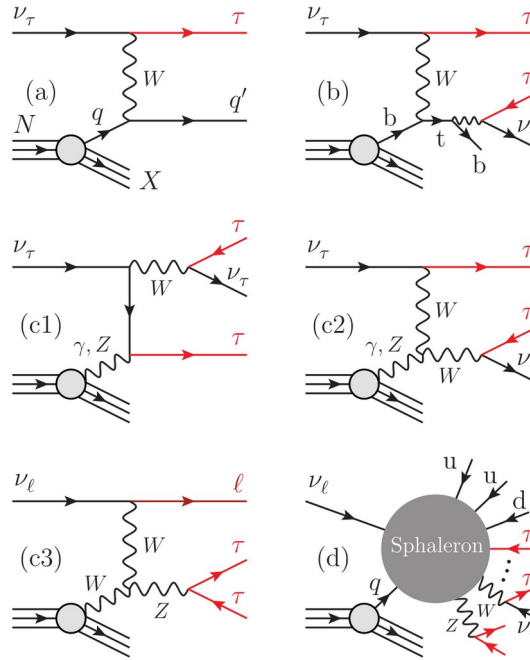
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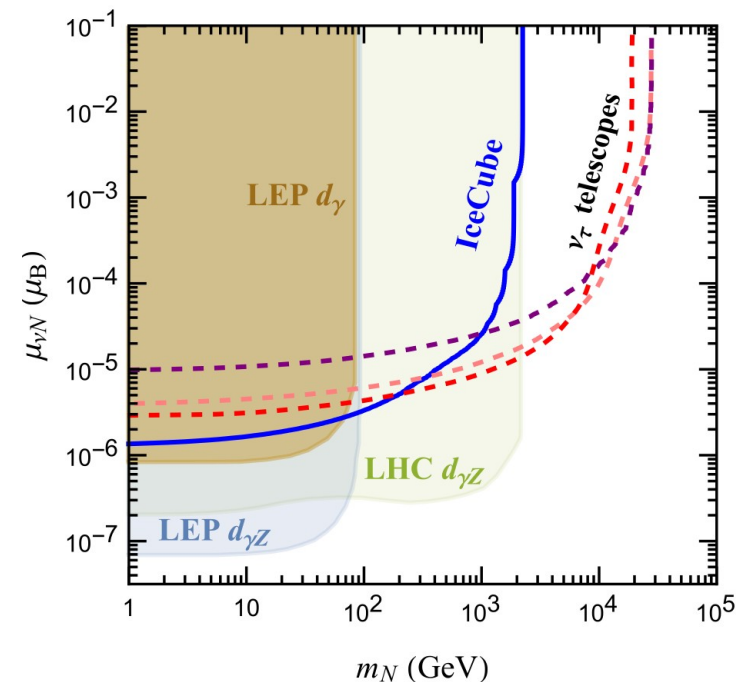
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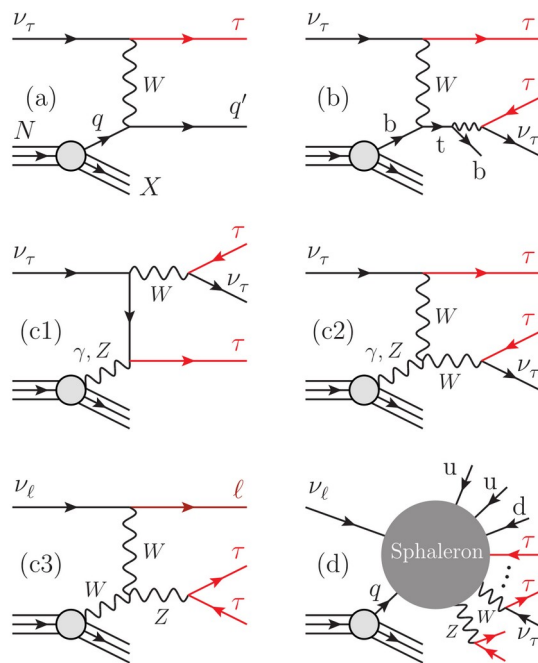
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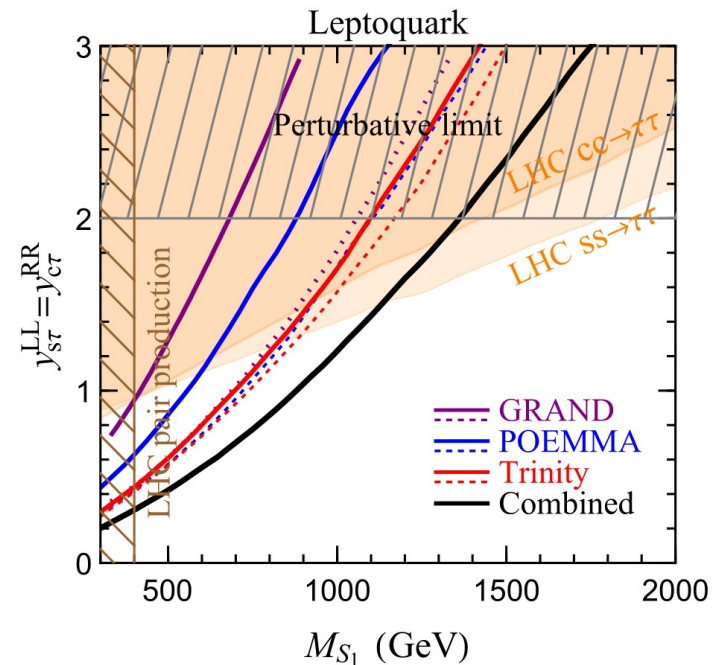
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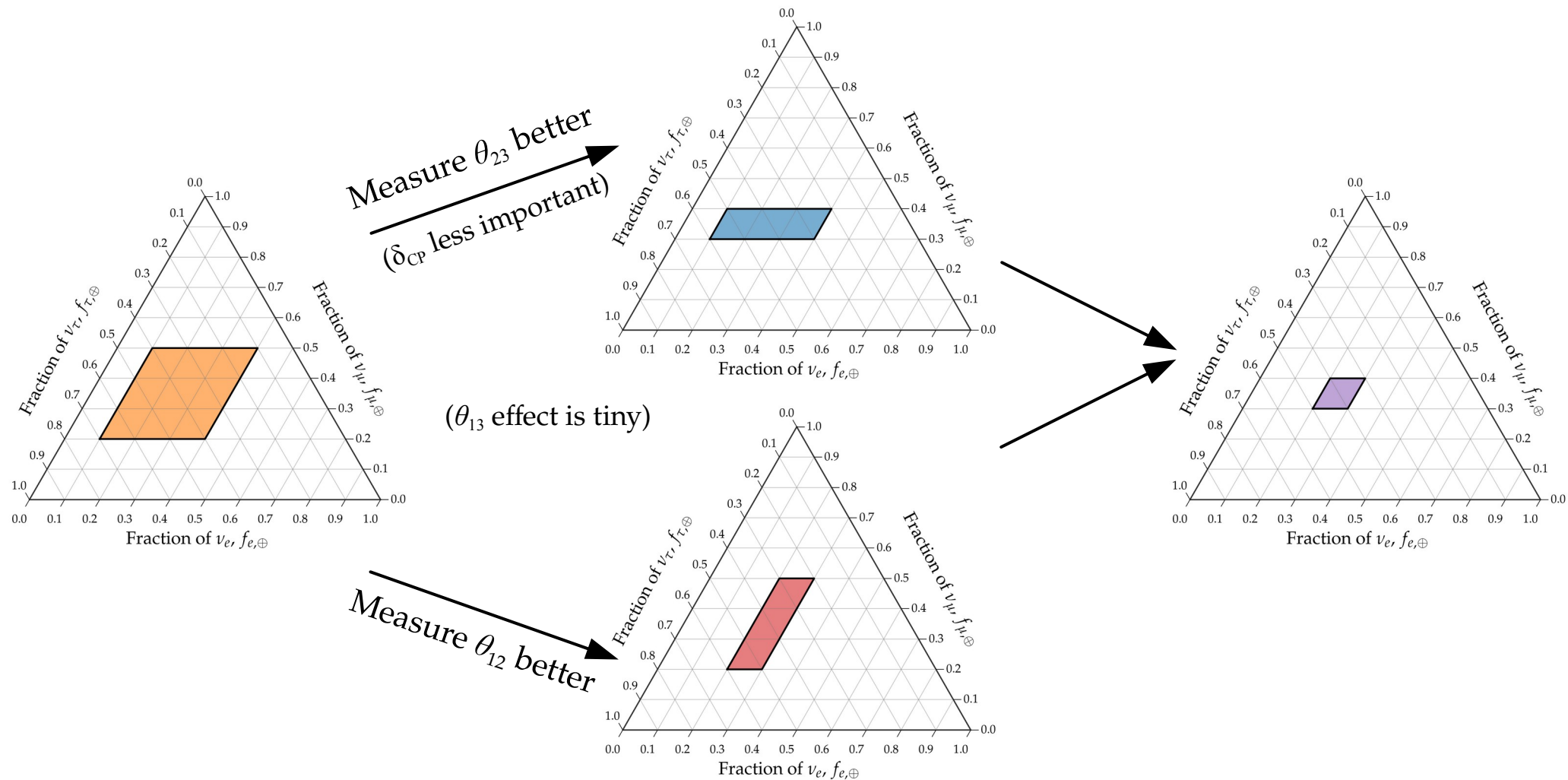
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Leptoquarks,  
charged Higgs, etc.



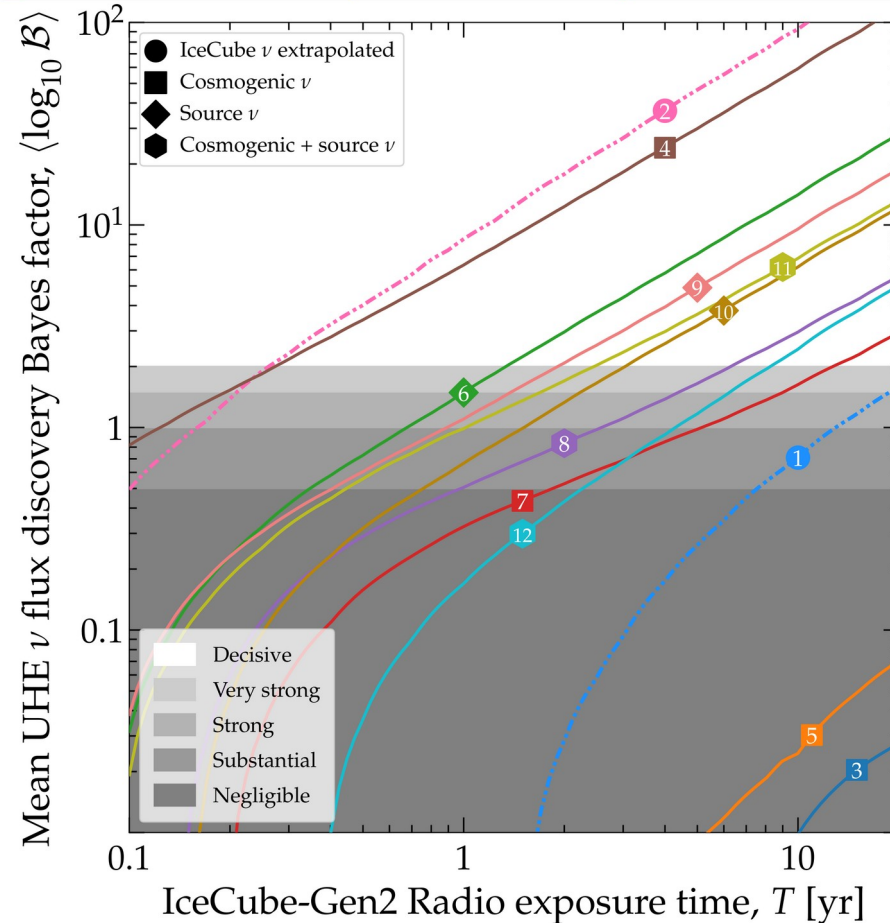
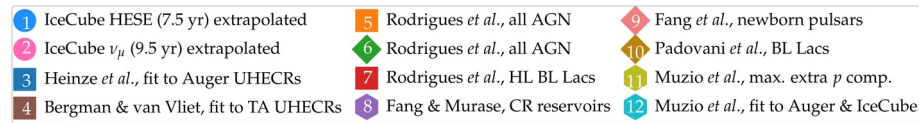
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# How knowing the mixing parameters better helps





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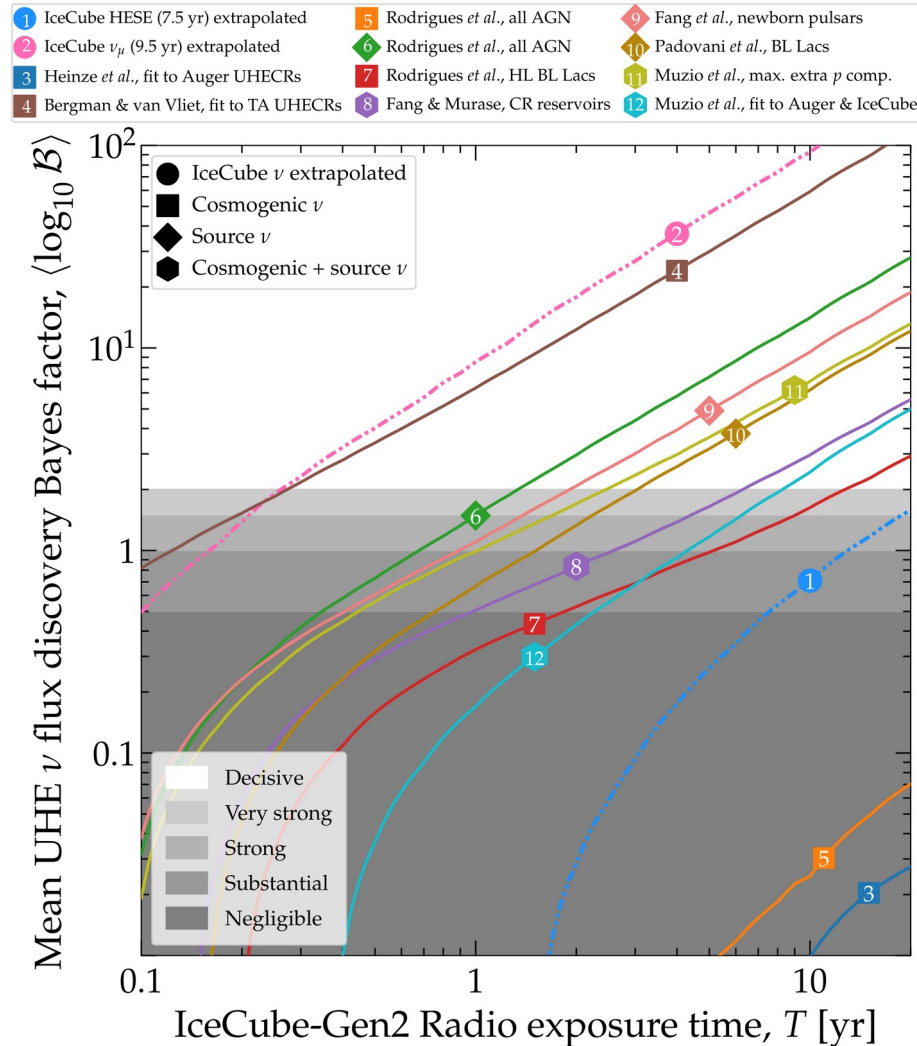


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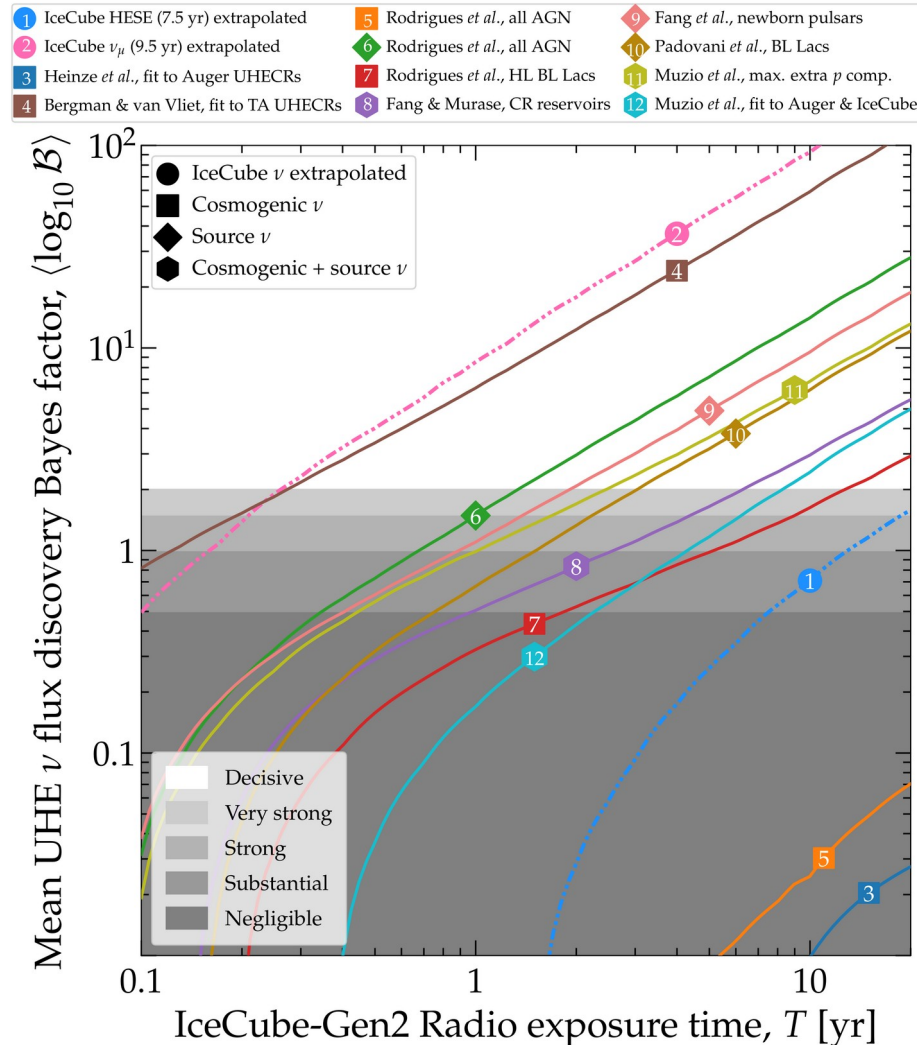
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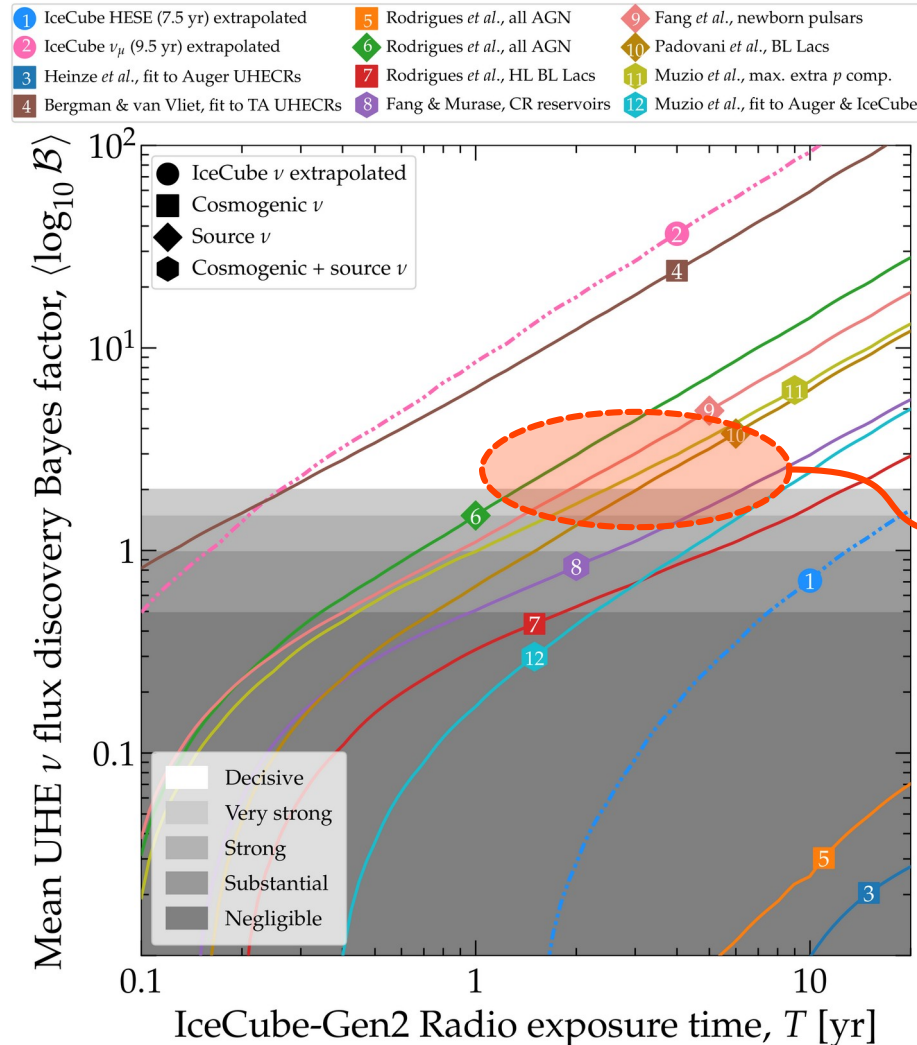
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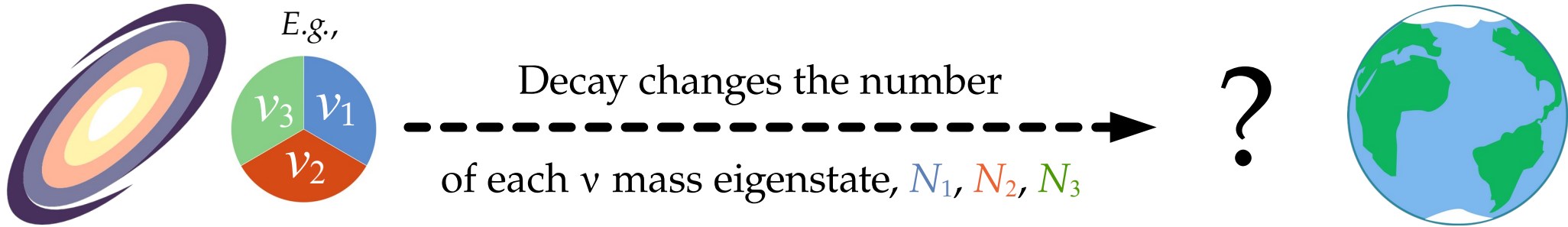
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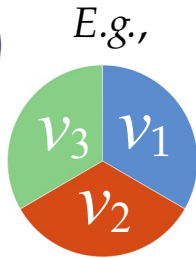
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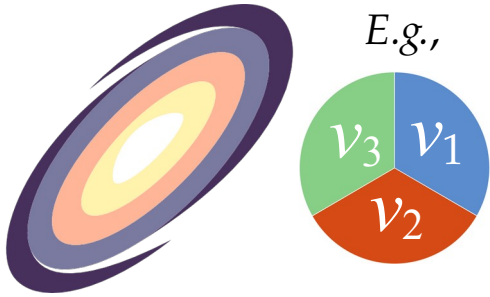
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... but  $\nu$  that travel longer  $L$  are more attenuated!

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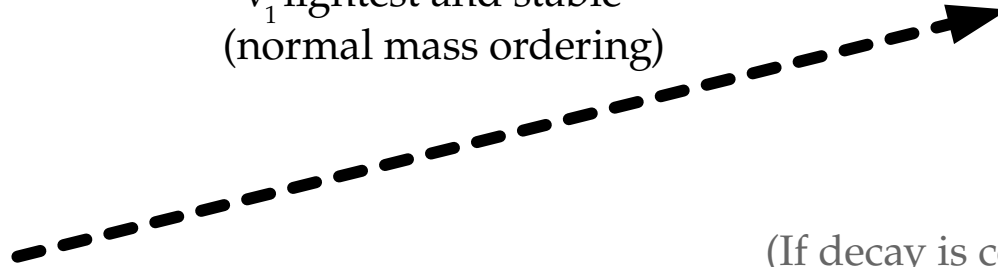
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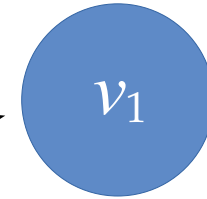
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E.g.,



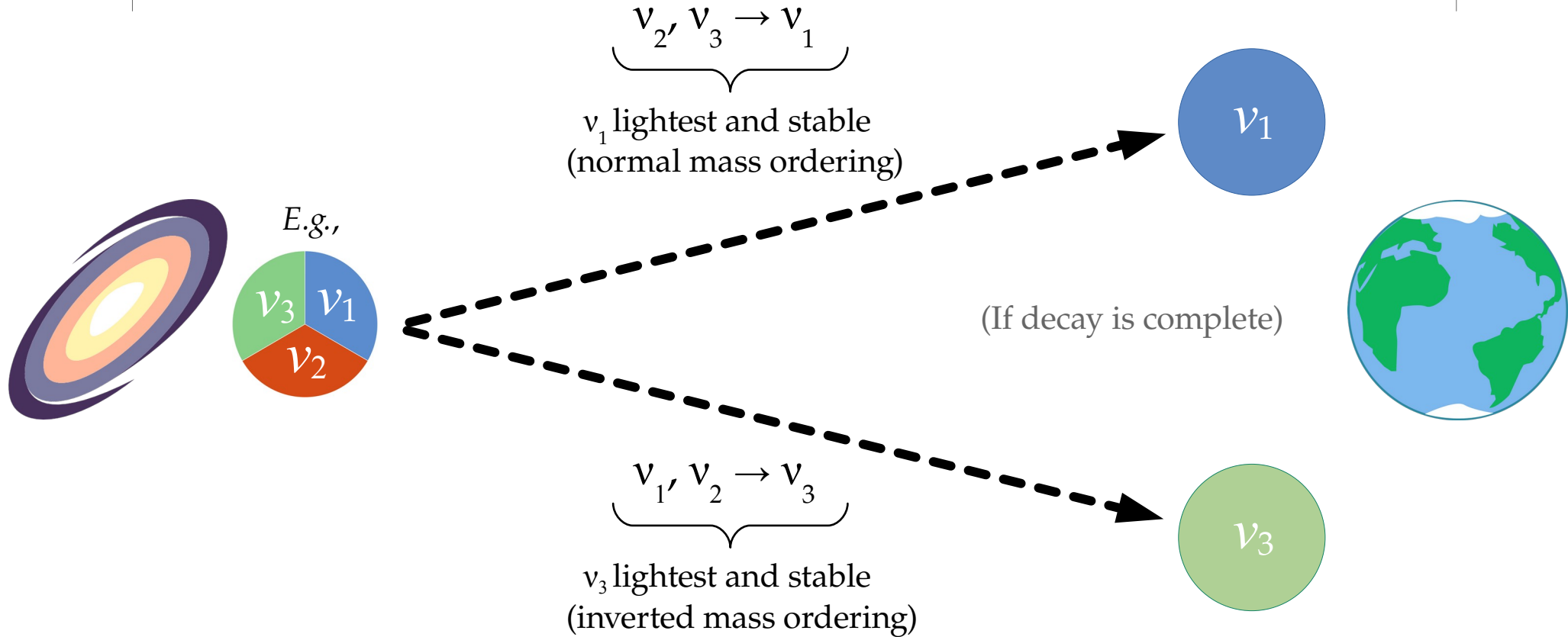
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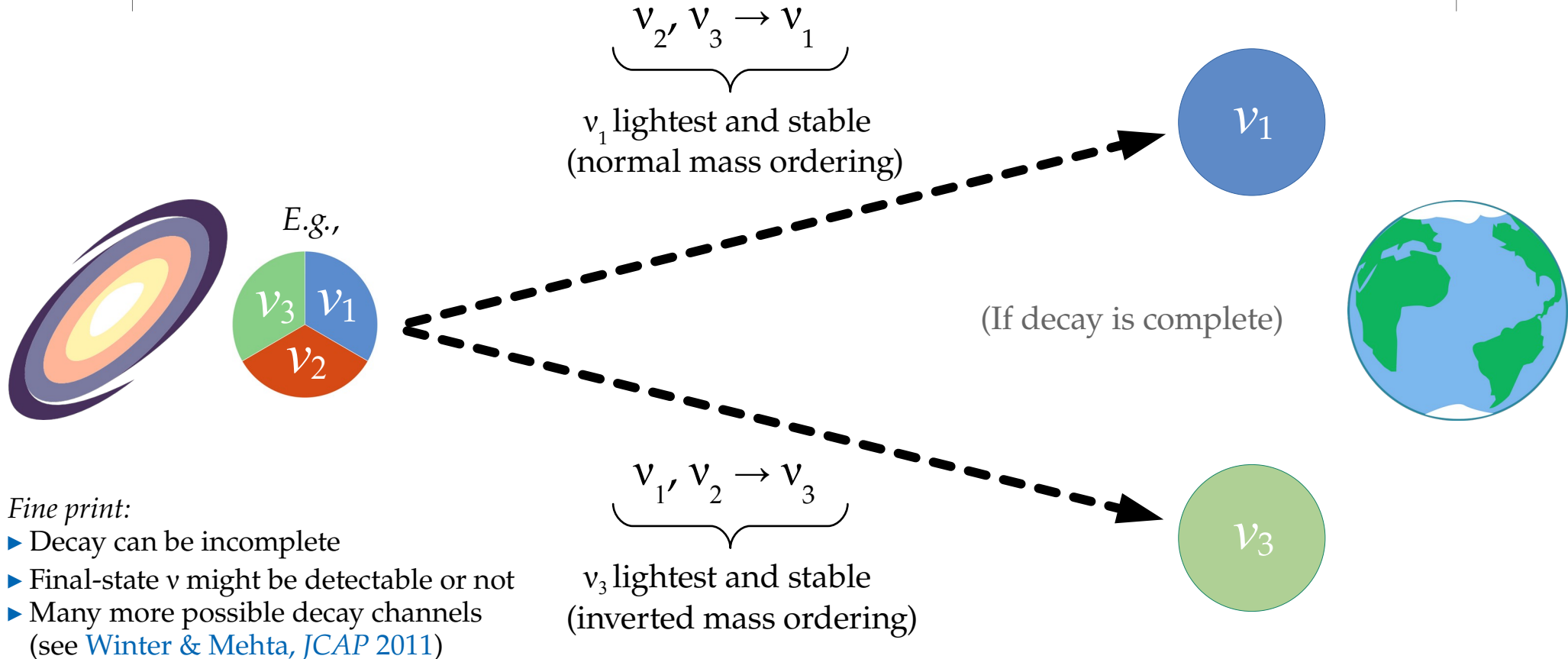
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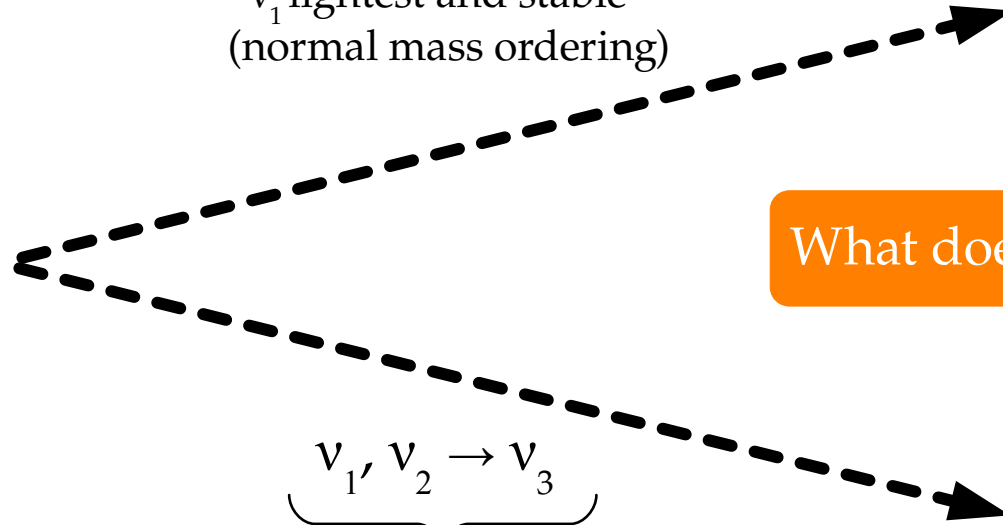
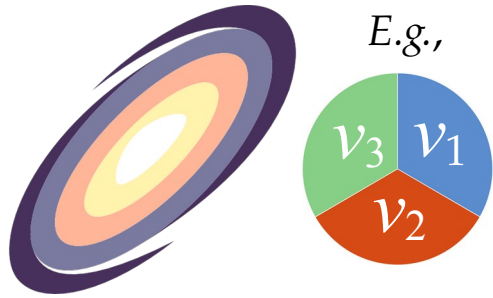
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$\nu_3$  lightest and stable  
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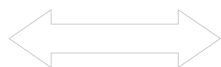
- Decay can be incomplete
- Final-state  $\nu$  might be detectable or not
- Many more possible decay channels  
(see [Winter & Mehta, JCAP 2011](#))

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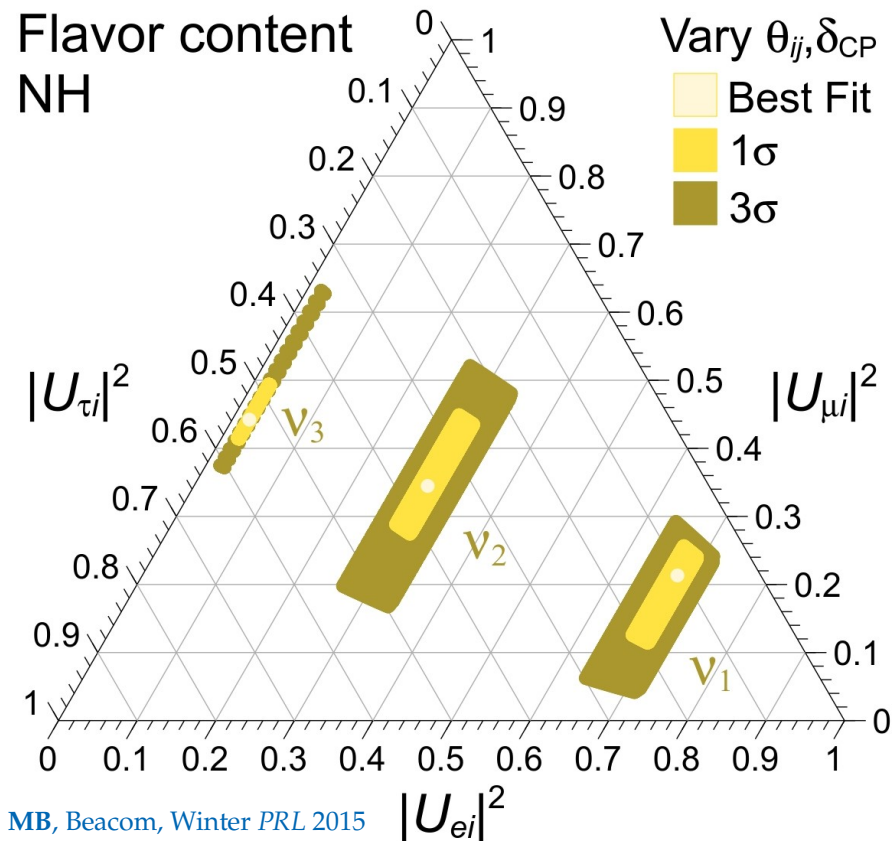
Flavor content of mass eigenstates:

Known to within 2%

$$|U_{\alpha i}|^2 = |U_{\alpha i}(\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta_{\text{CP}})|^2$$

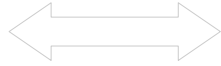
Known to within 8%

Known to within 20%  
(or worse)



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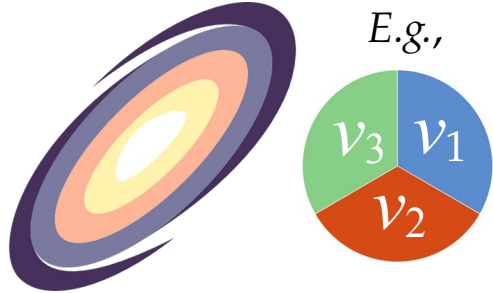
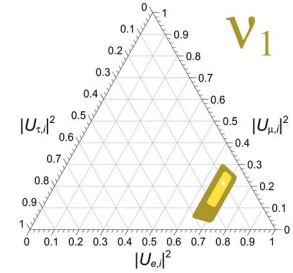
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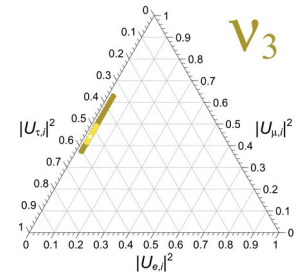
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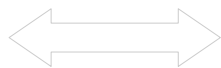
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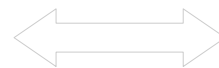
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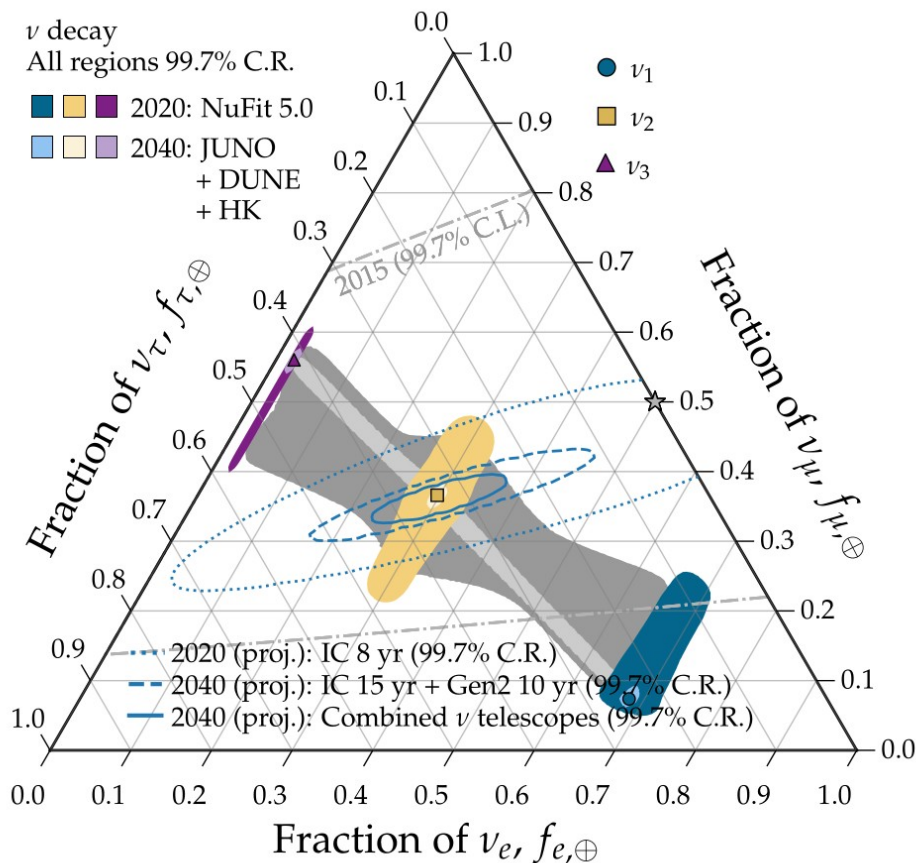
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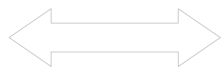




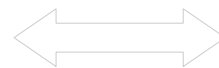
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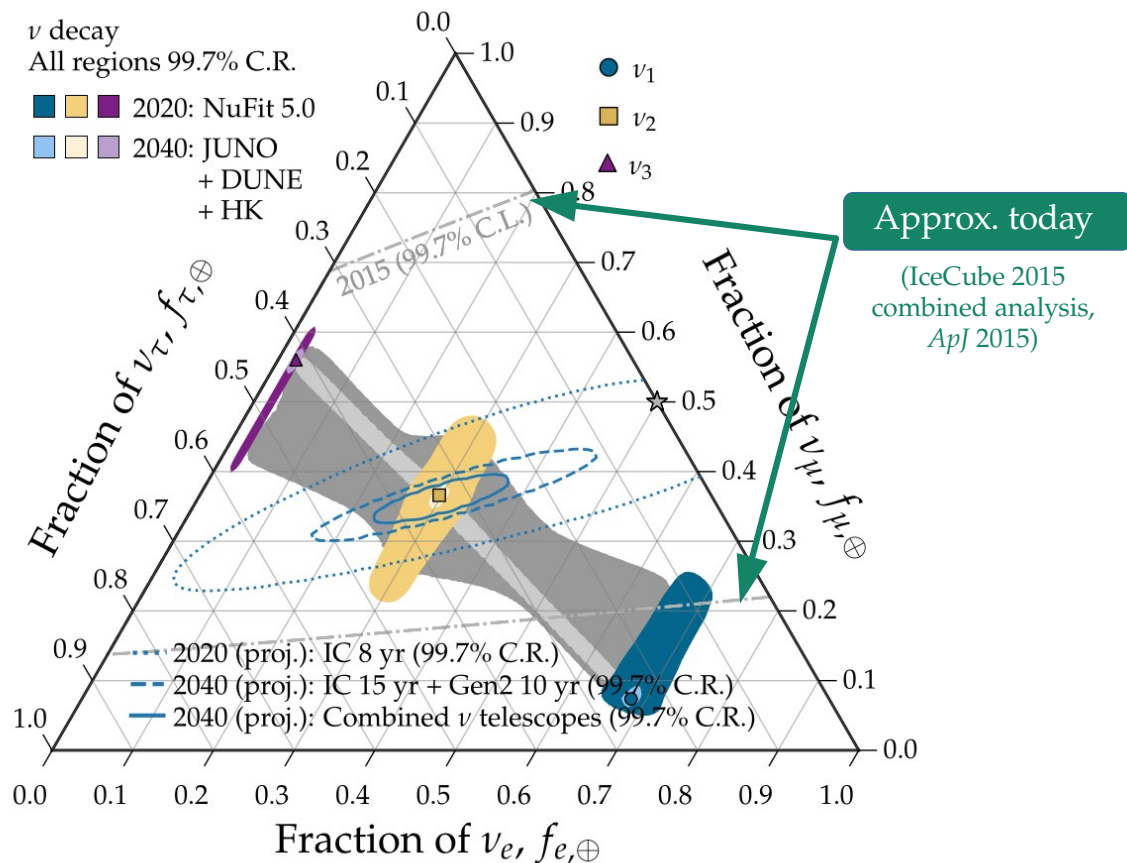
Flavor composition



Spectrum shape



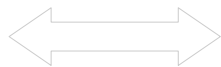
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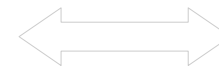
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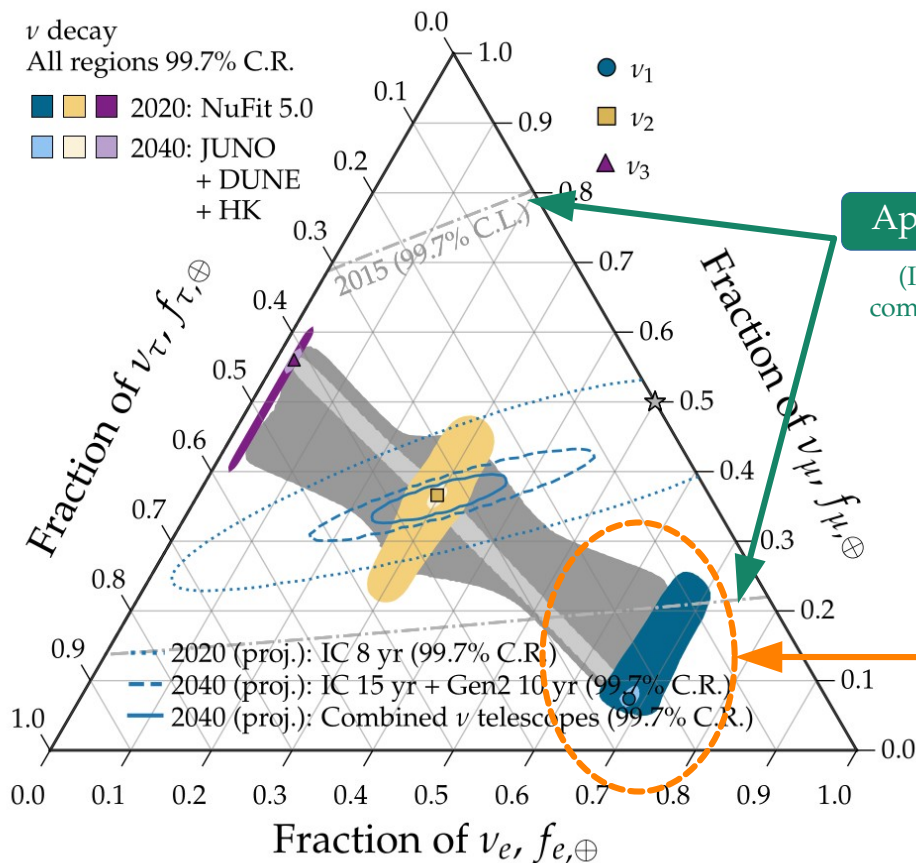
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Approx. today

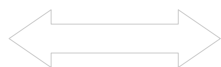
(IceCube 2015  
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Complete decay into  
 $\nu_1$  disfavored by 2015  
IceCube flavor measurement

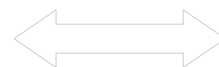
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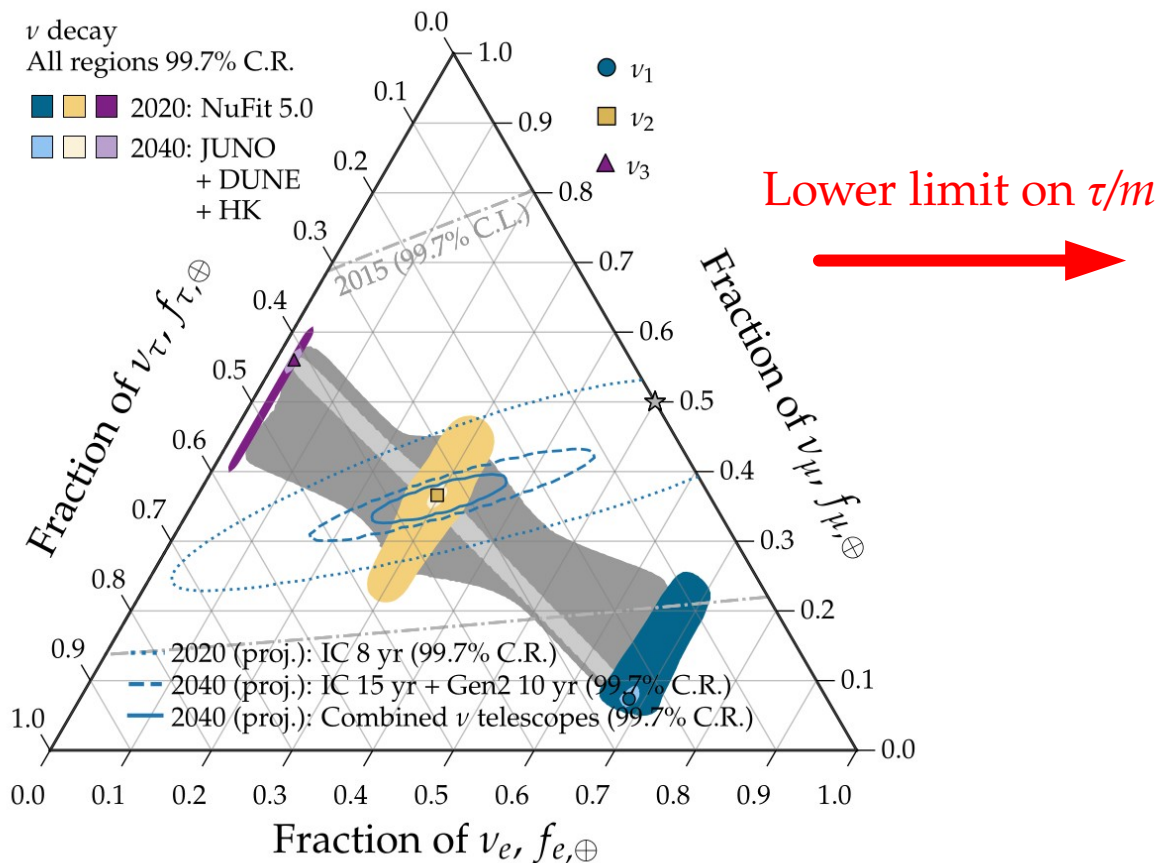
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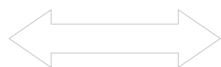
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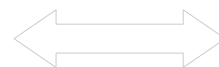
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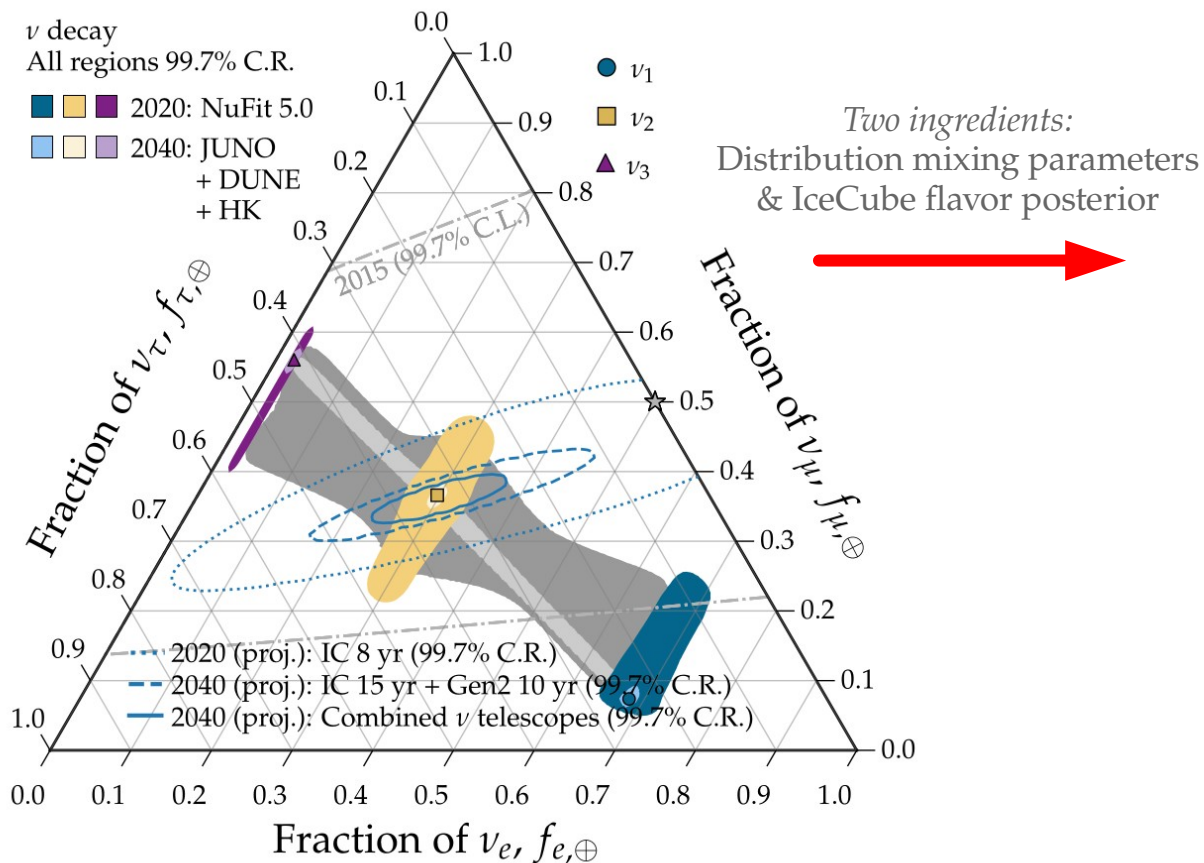
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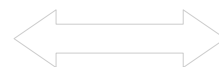
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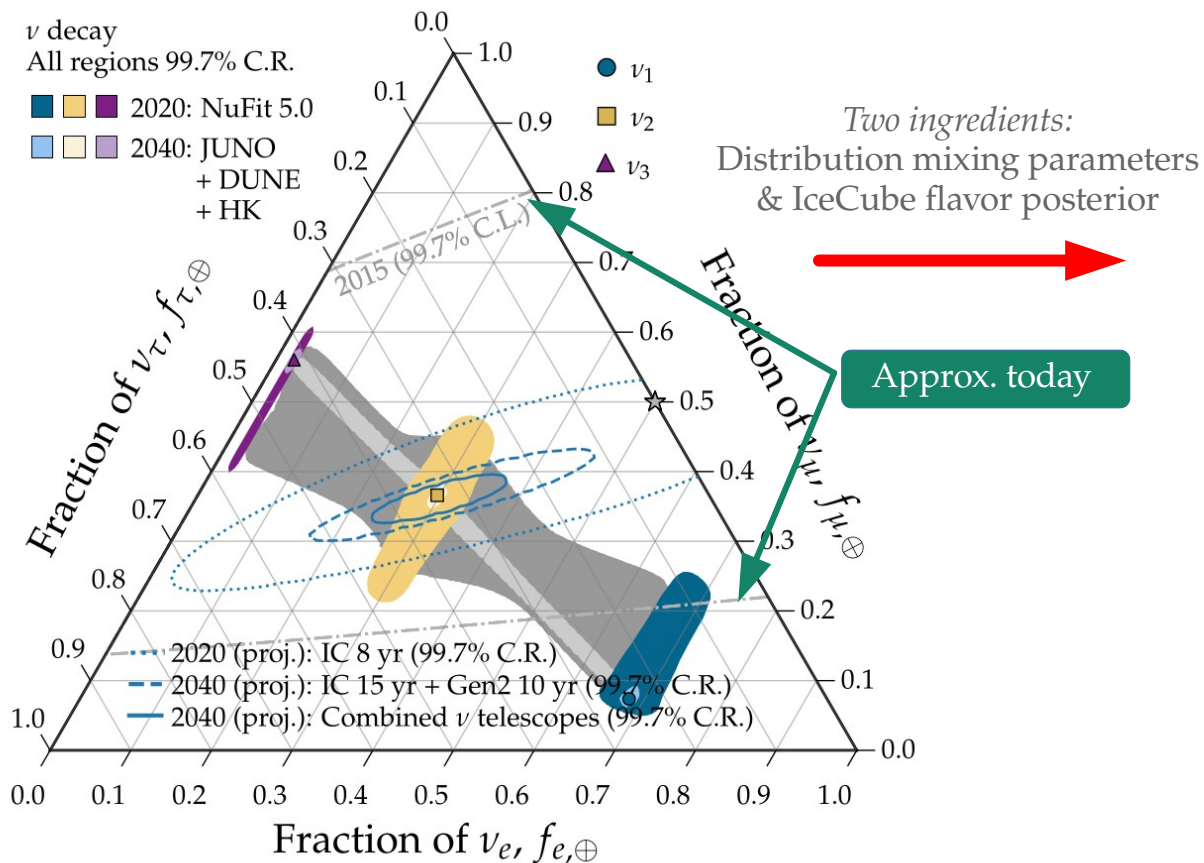
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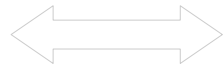




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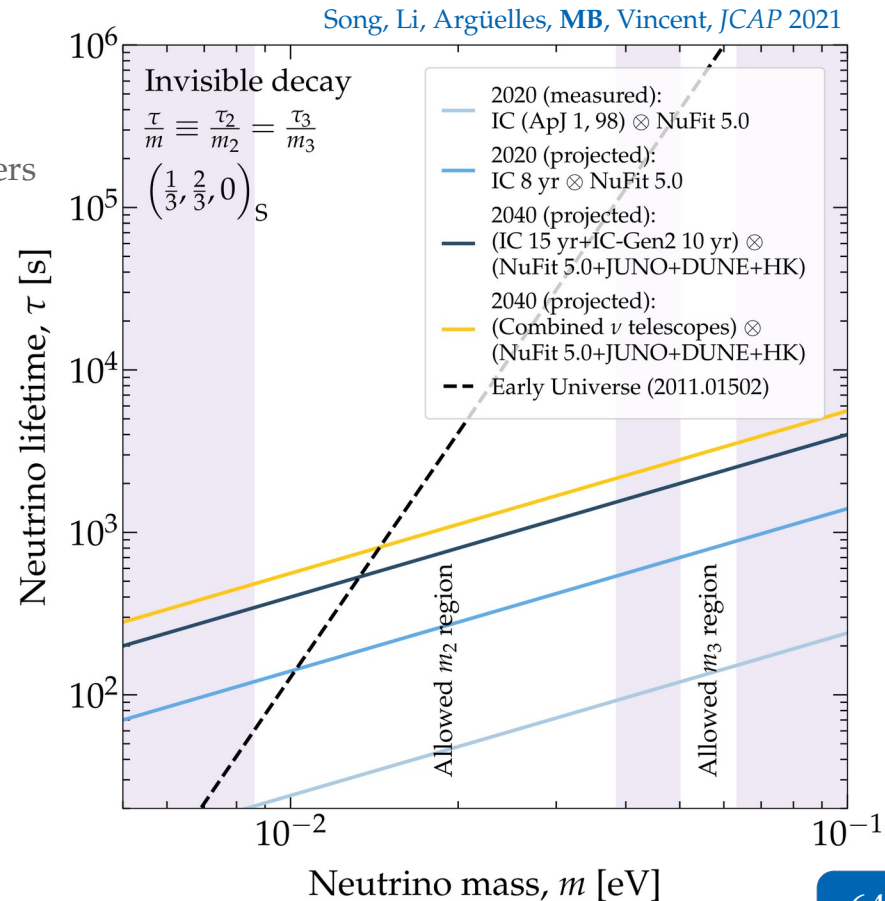
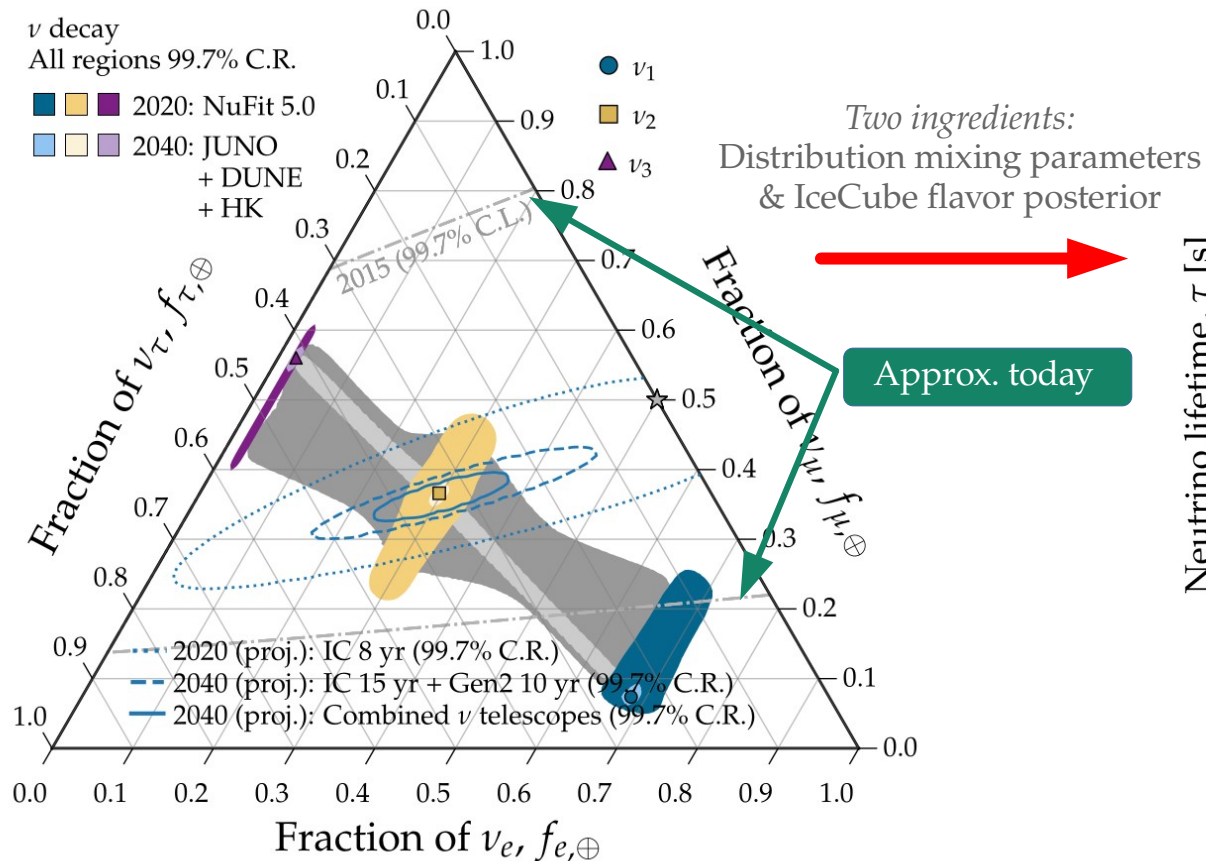
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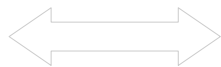




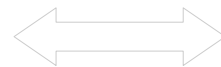
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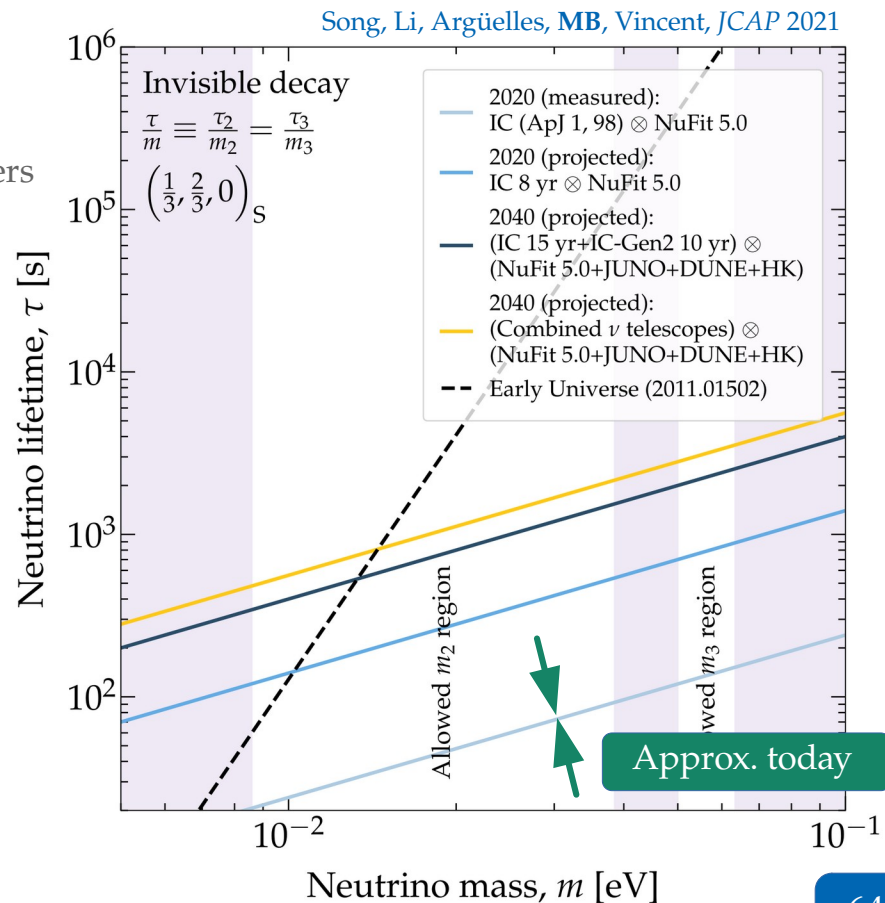
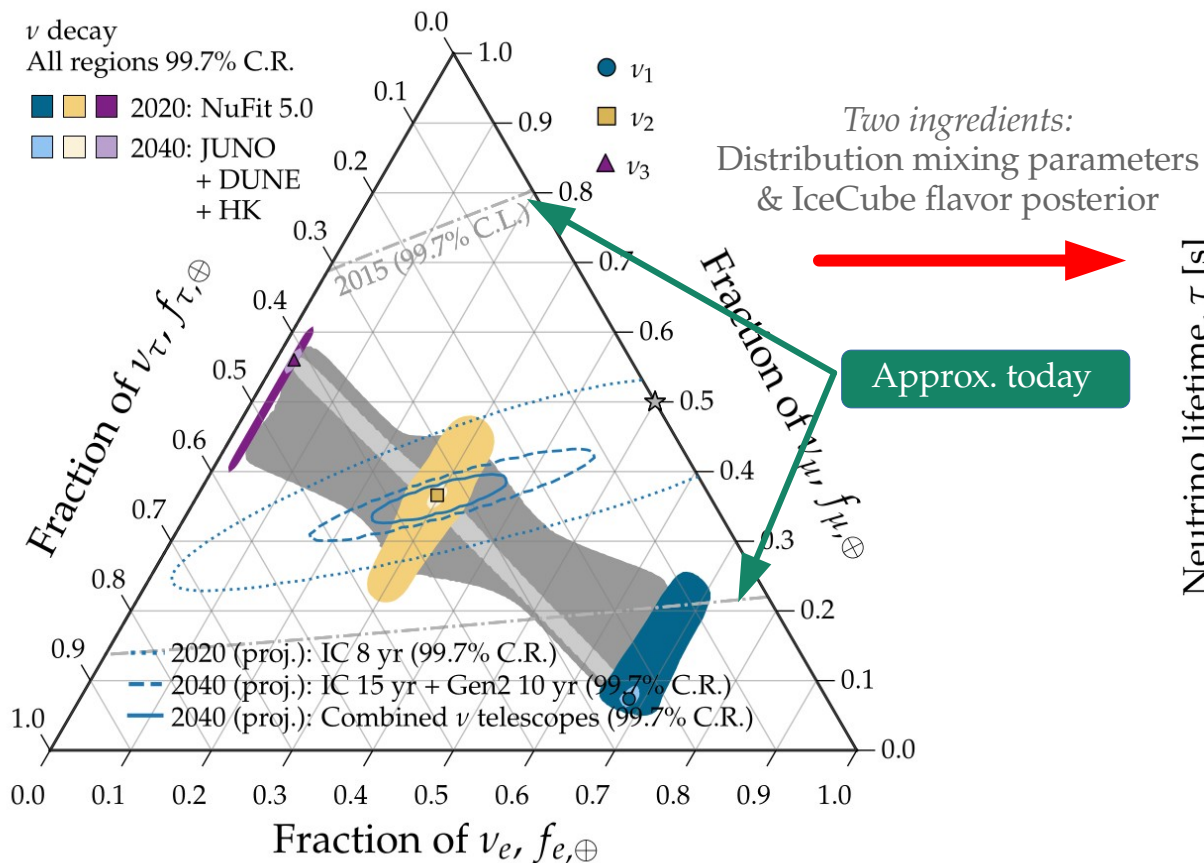
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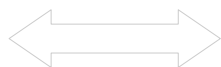
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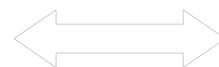
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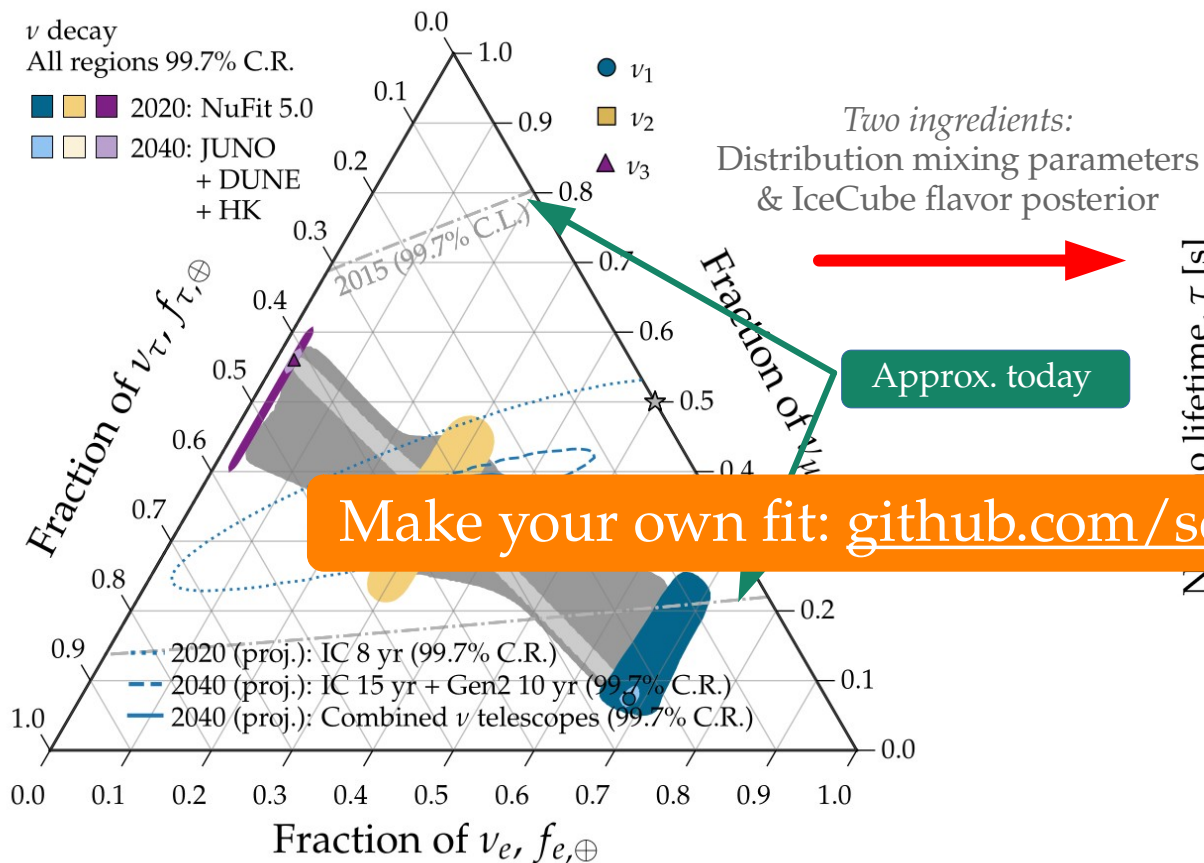
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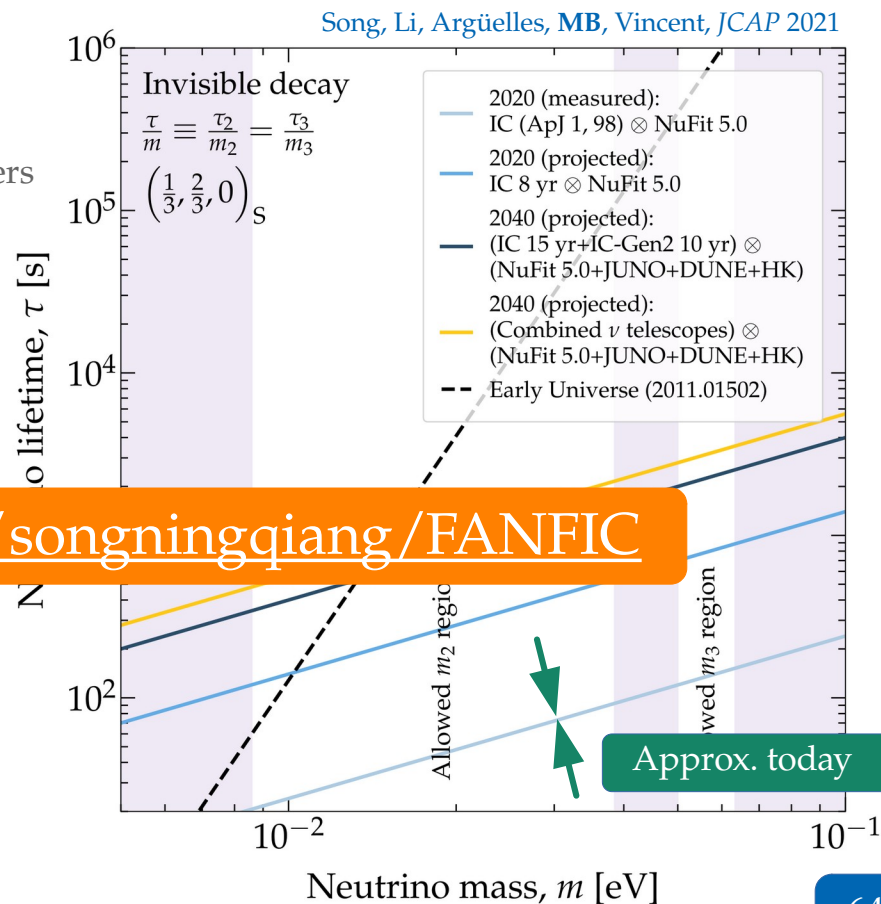
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Make your own fit: [github.com/songningqiang/FANFIC](https://github.com/songningqiang/FANFIC)



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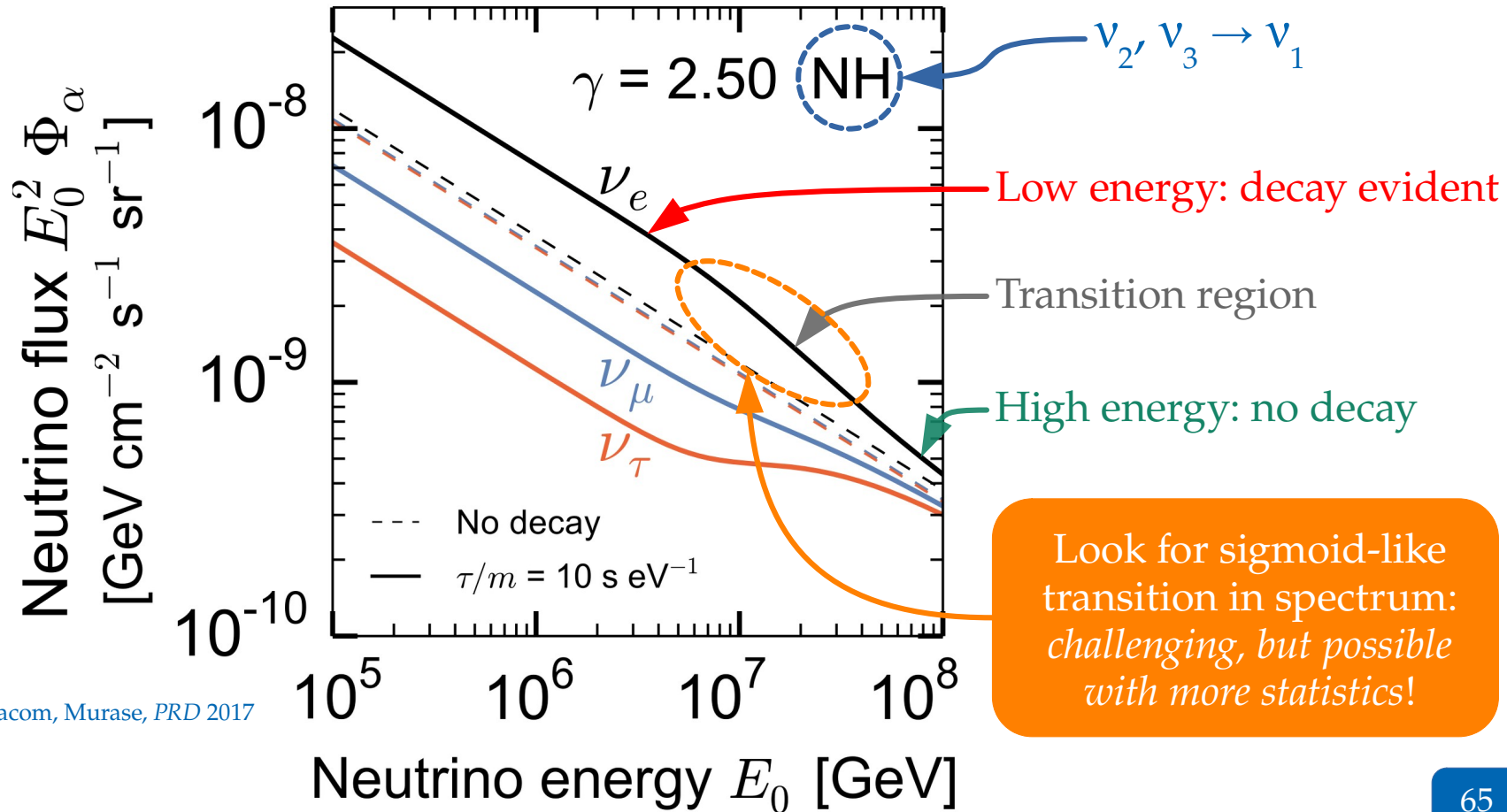
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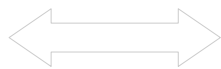


MB, Beacom, Murase, *PRD* 2017

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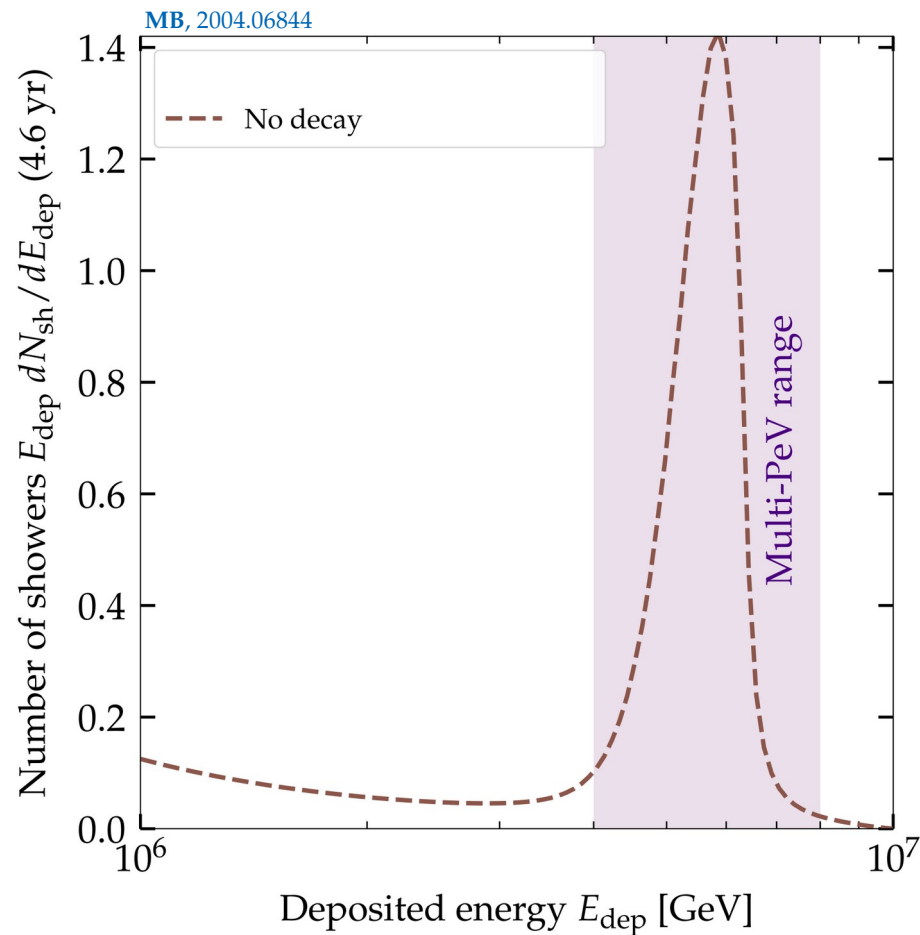
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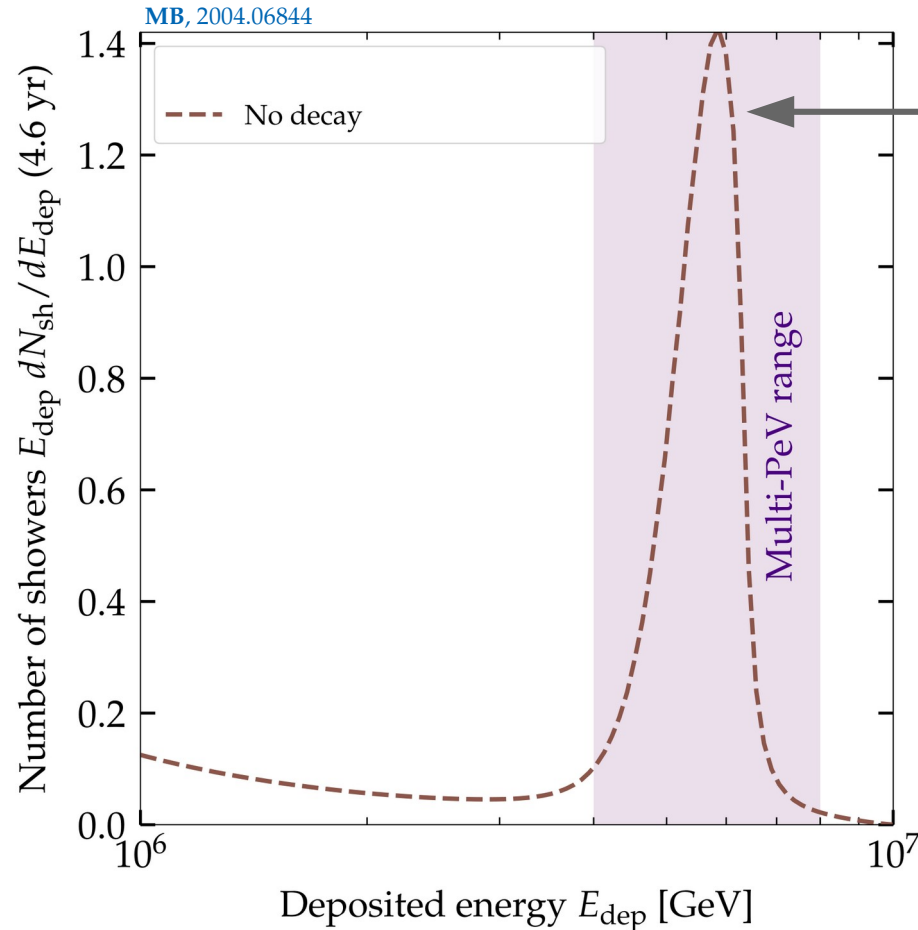
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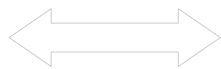
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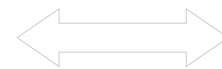
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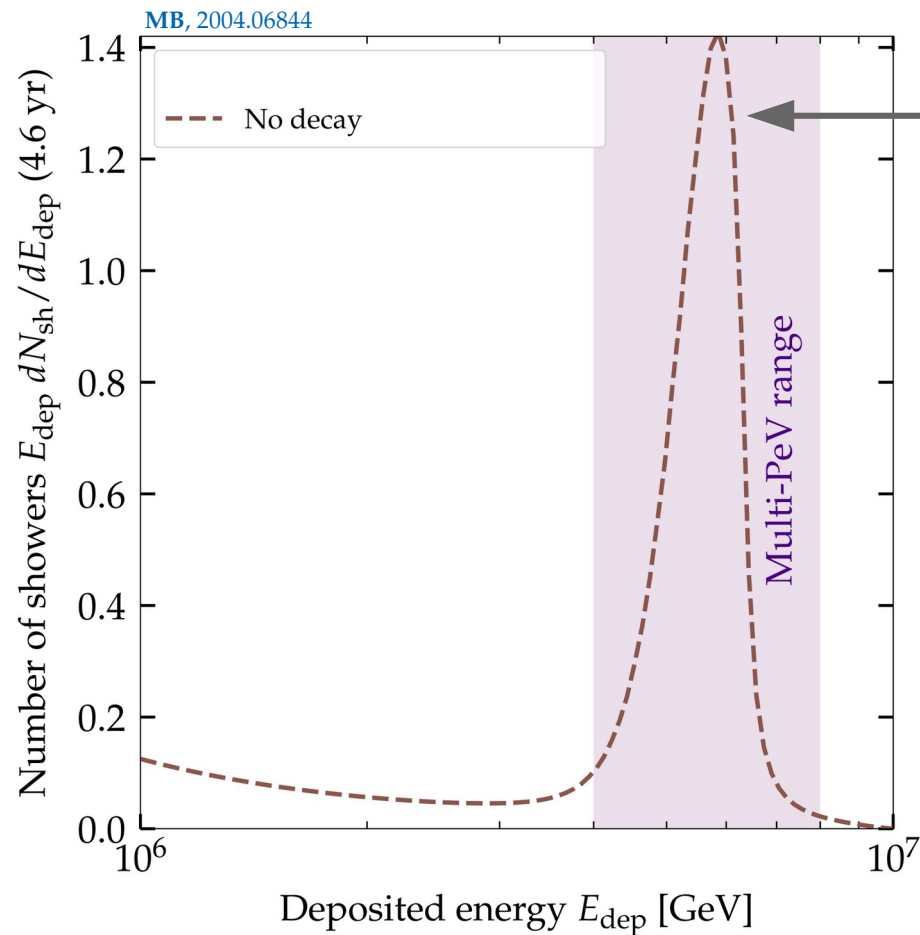
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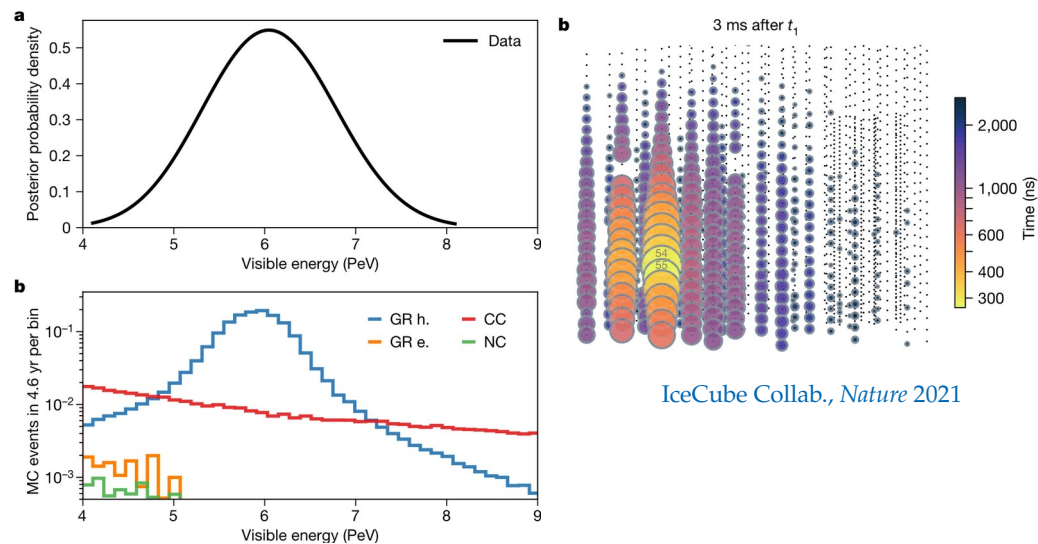


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IceCube has seen one GR candidate in 4.6 years:



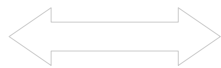
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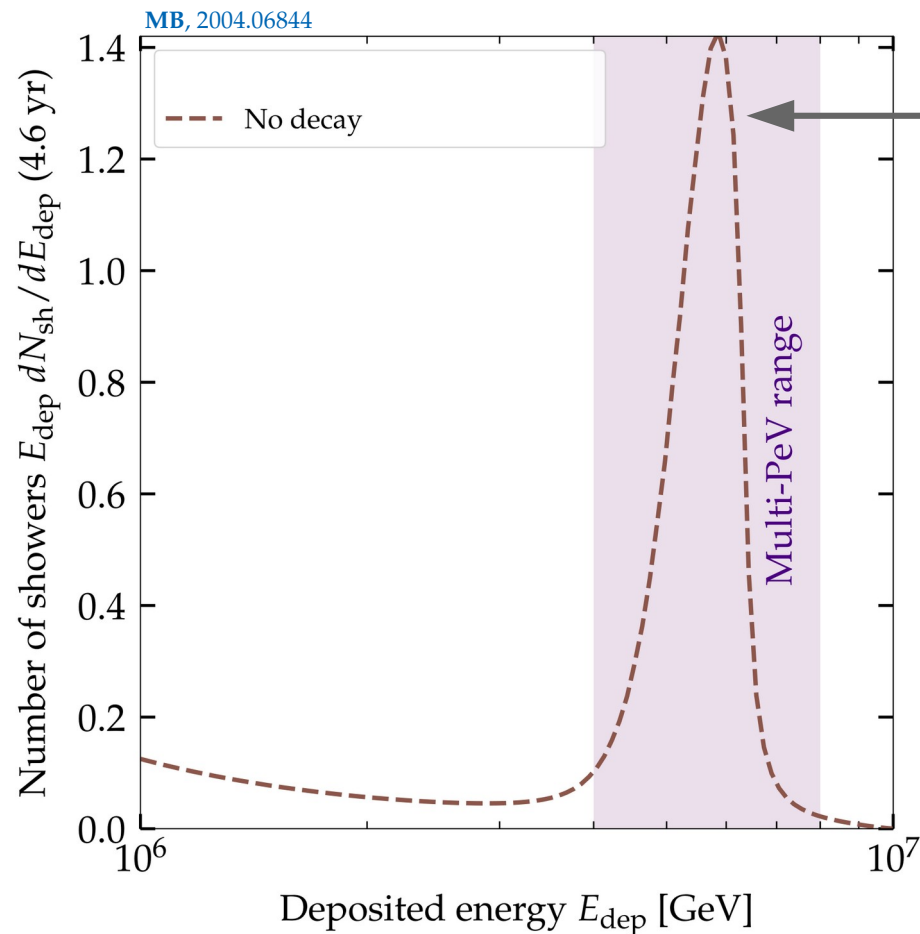
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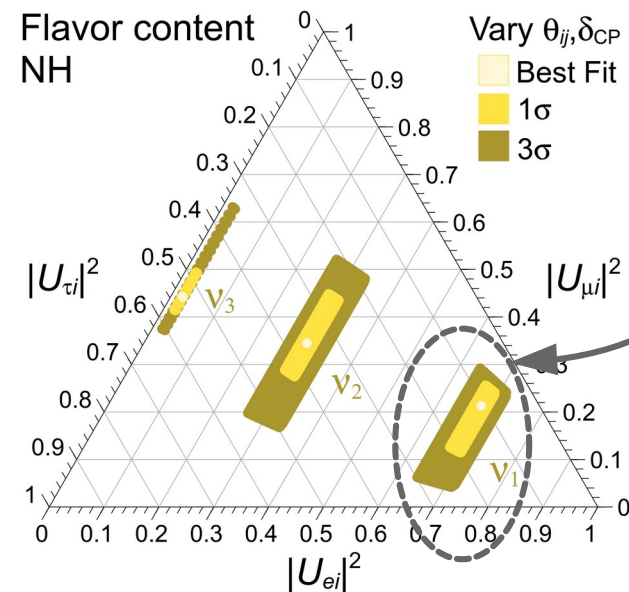
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$\nu_1$  is the mass eigenstate with the most  $e$  flavor



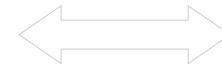
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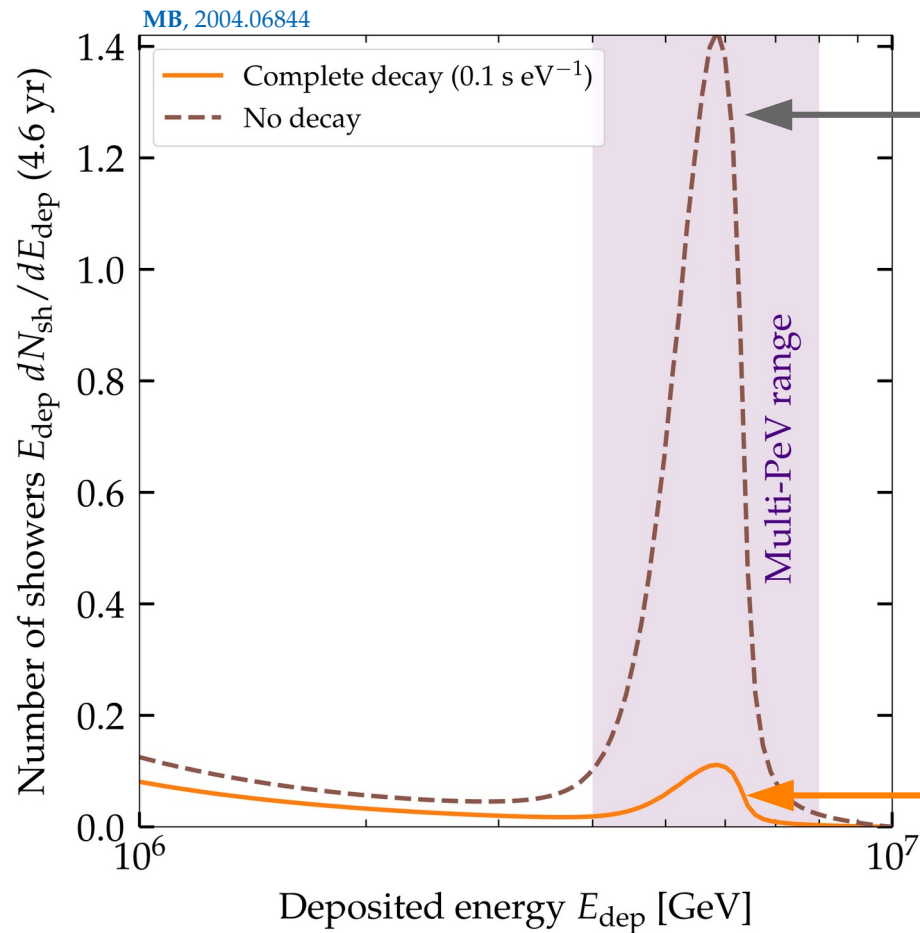
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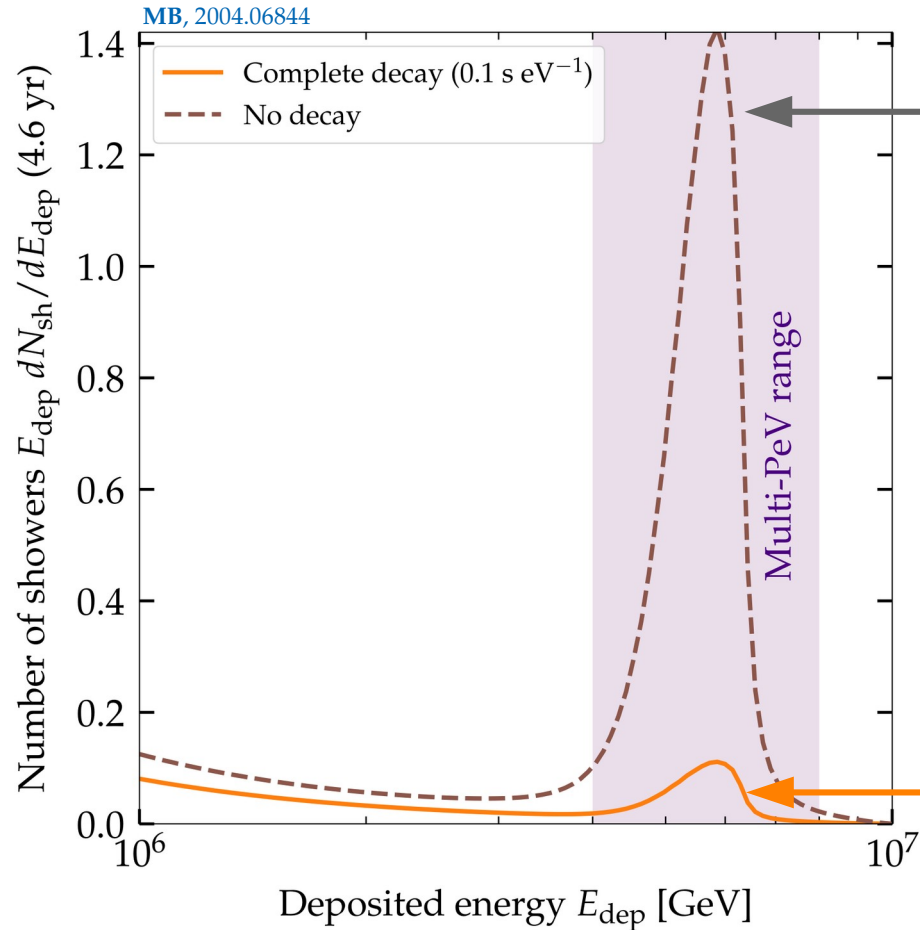
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So by having observed 1 GR event we can place a *lower* limit on the lifetime of  $\bar{\nu}_1$  ( $= \nu_1$ )

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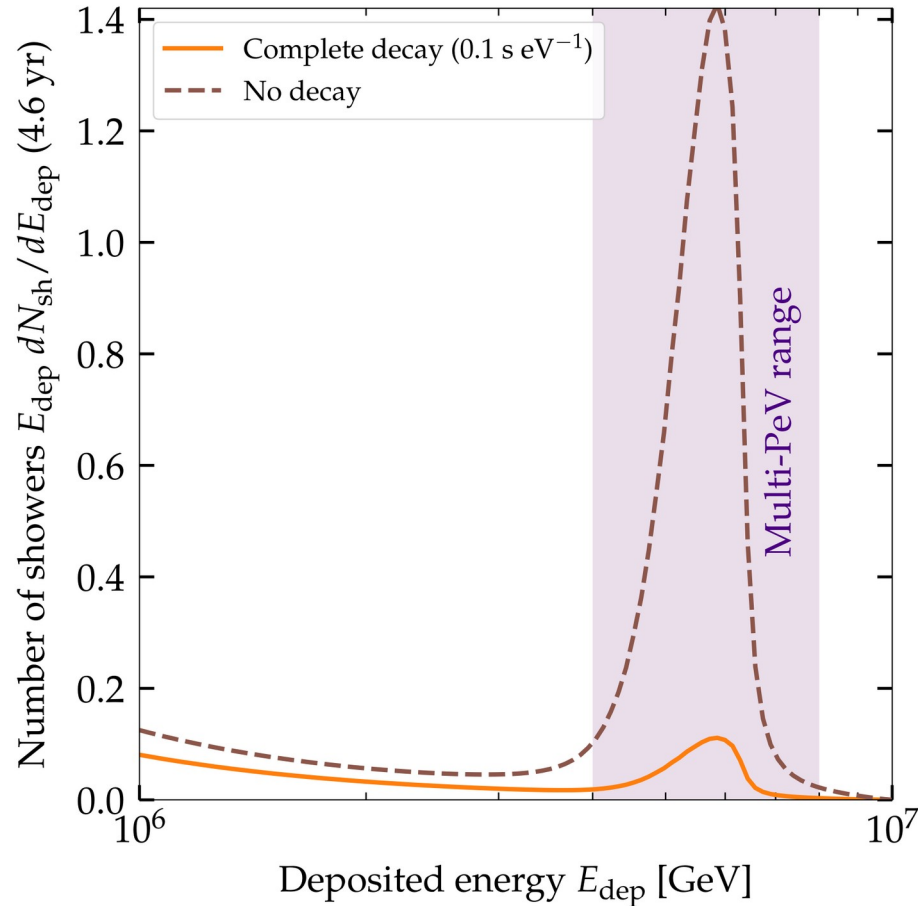


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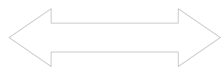
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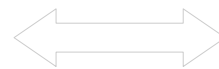
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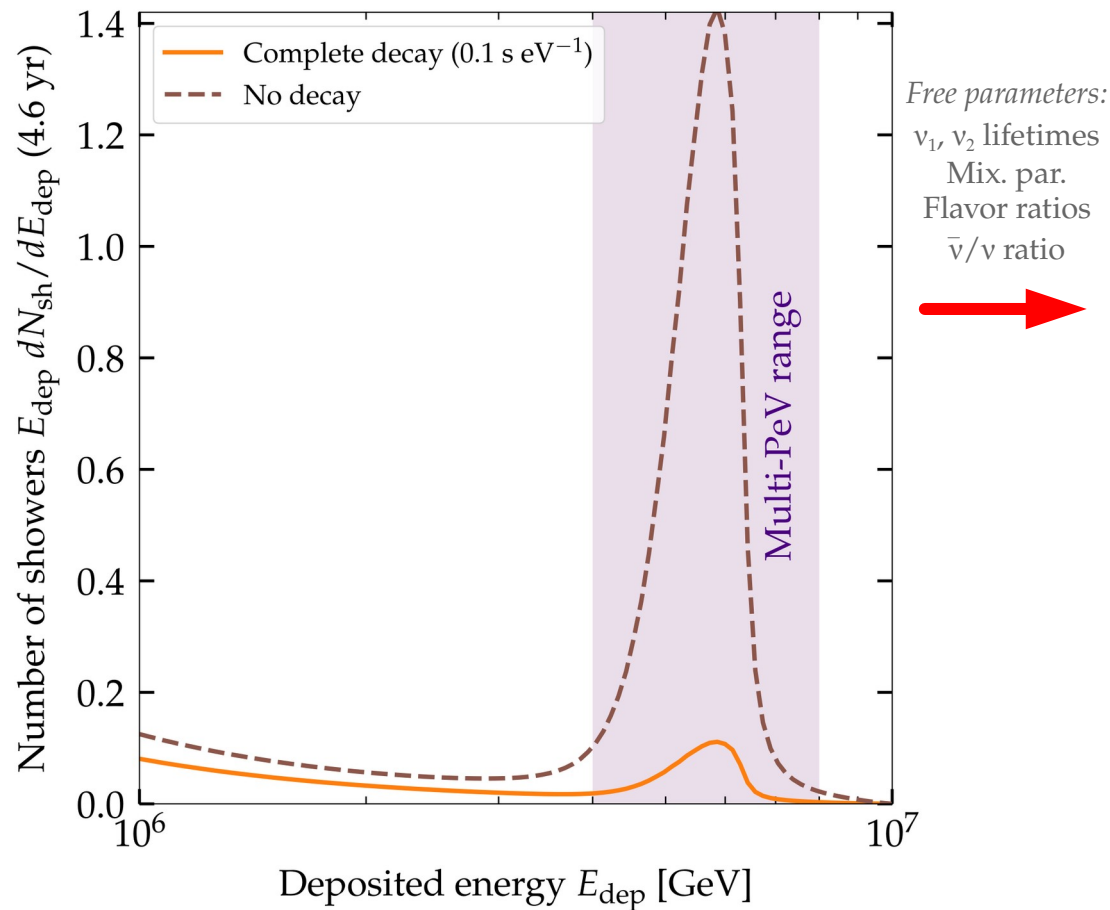


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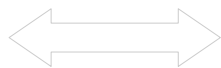
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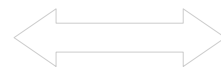
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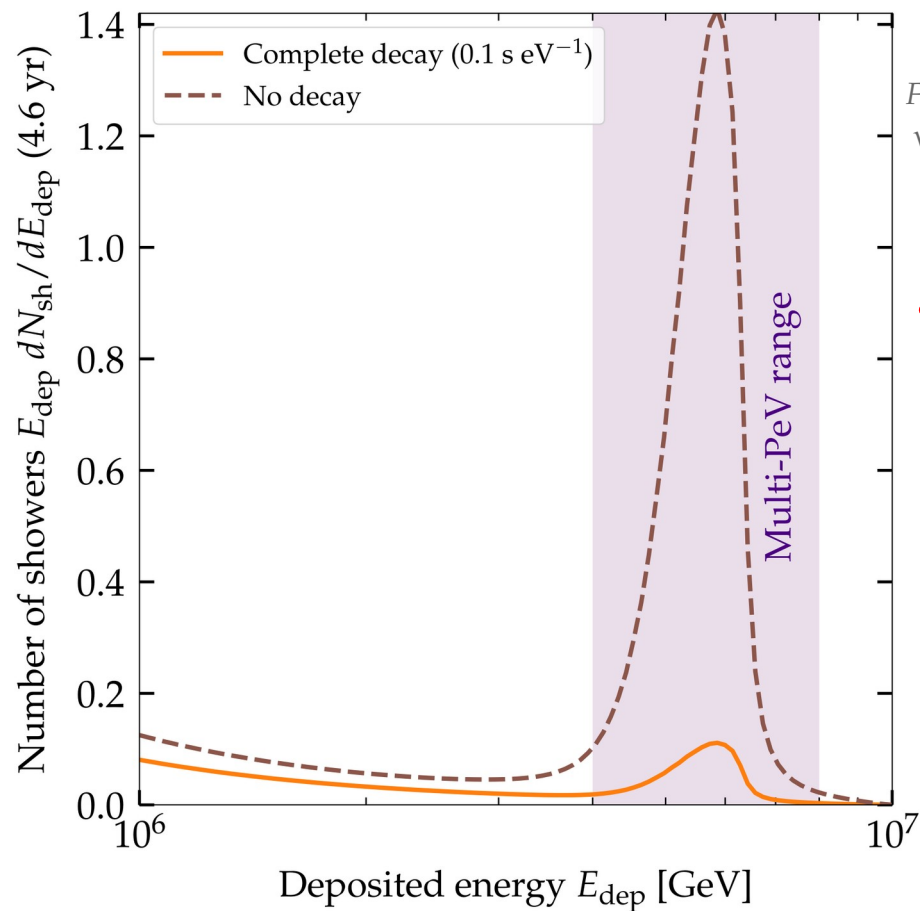
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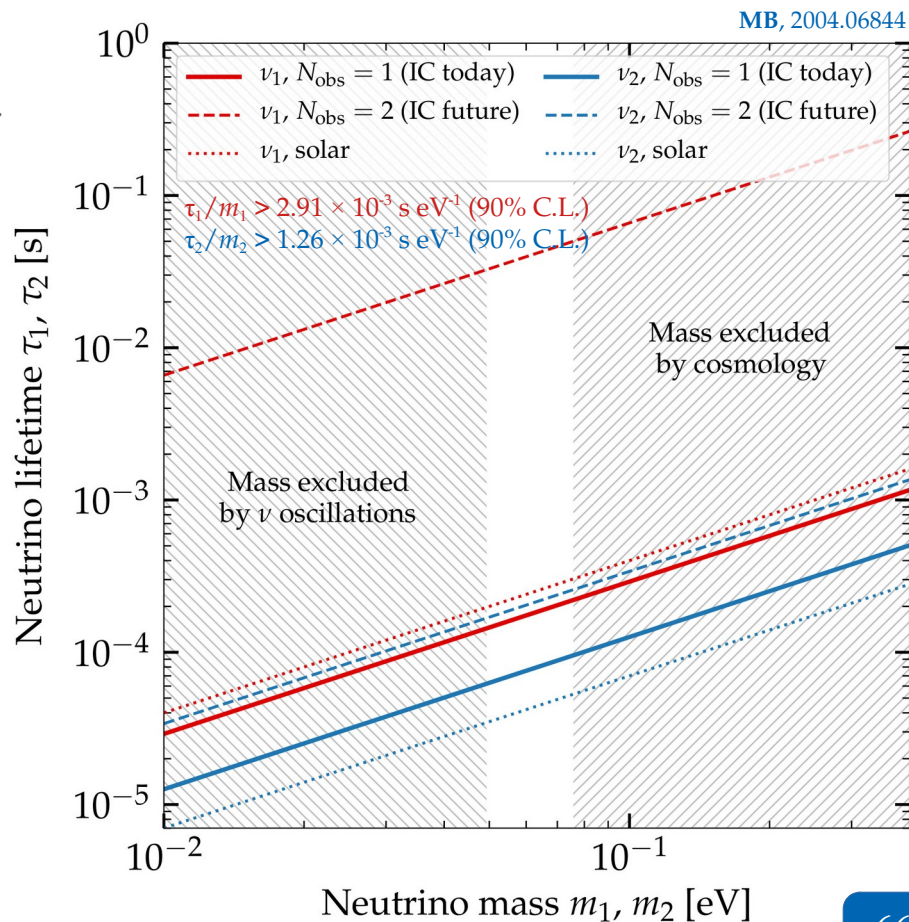
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Mix. par.

Flavor ratios

$\bar{\nu}/\nu$  ratio

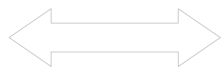




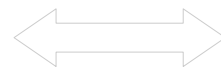
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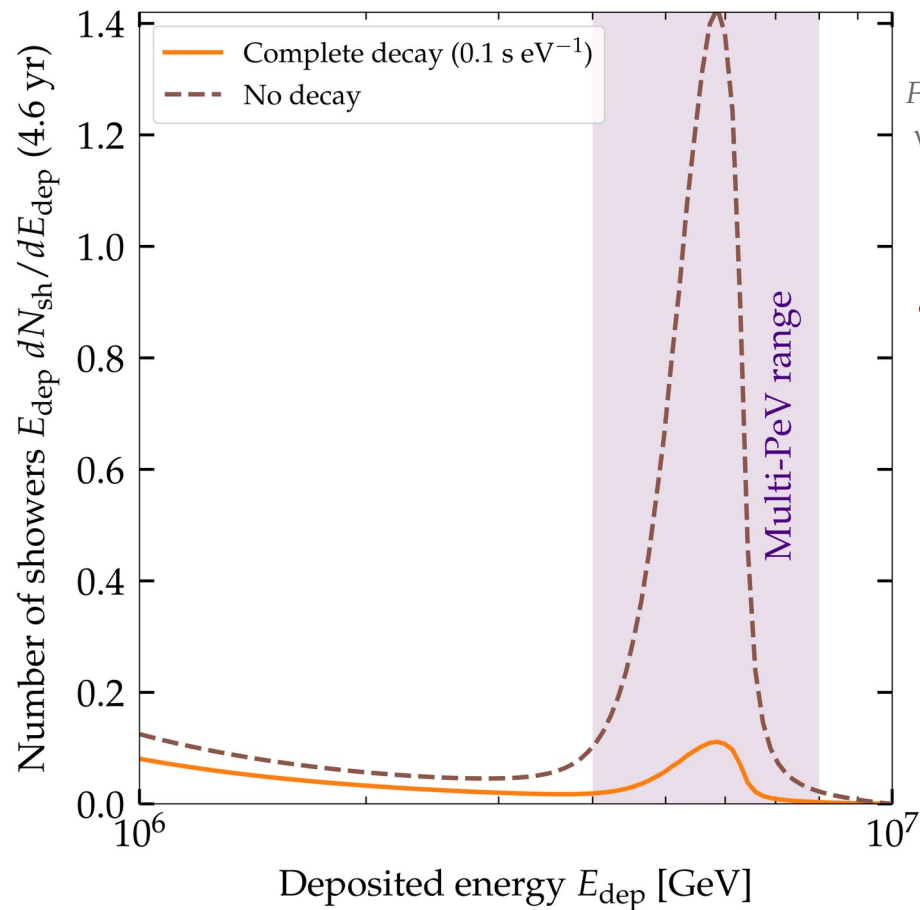
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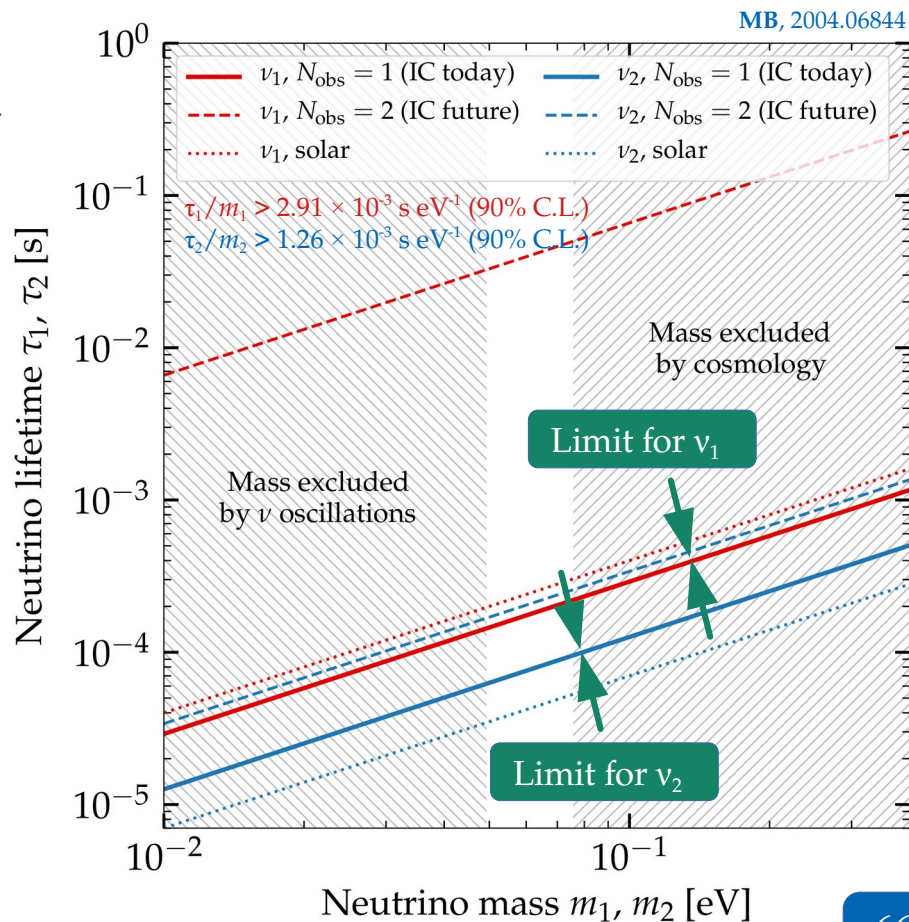


Event rate



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5. New neutrino interactions:  
*Are there secret  $\nu\nu$  interactions?*

Astrophysical neutrino sources

Earth

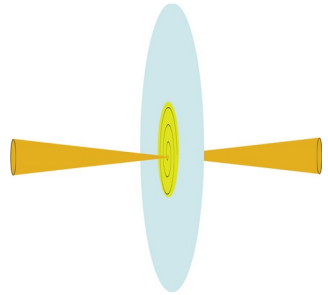


Galactic (kpc) or extragalactic (Mpc – Gpc) distance

# Astrophysical neutrino sources

Earth

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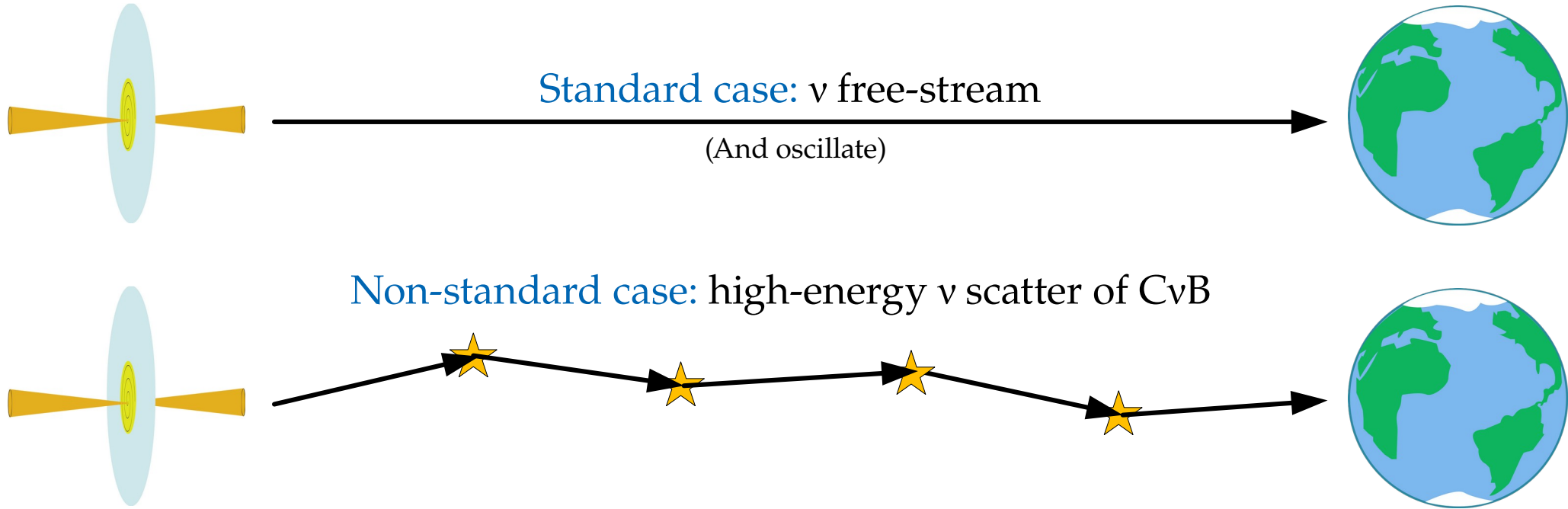


Standard case:  $\nu$  free-stream

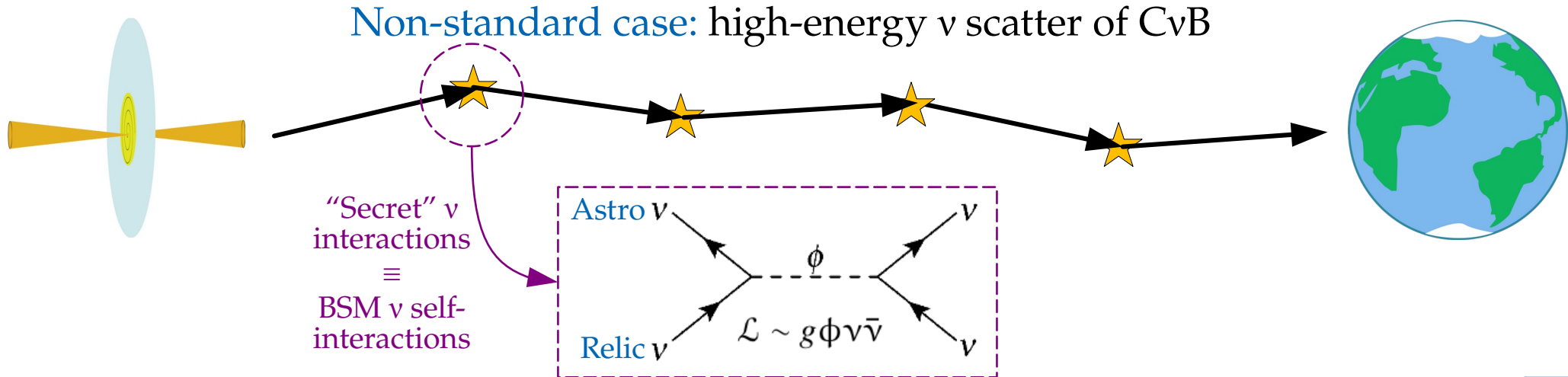
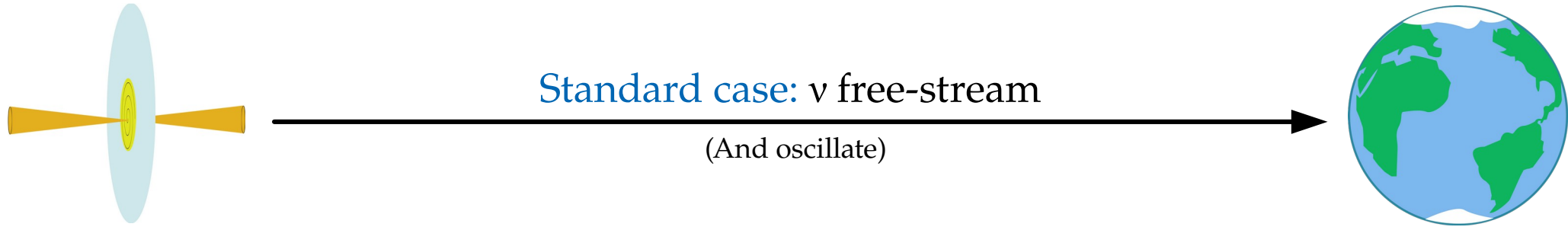
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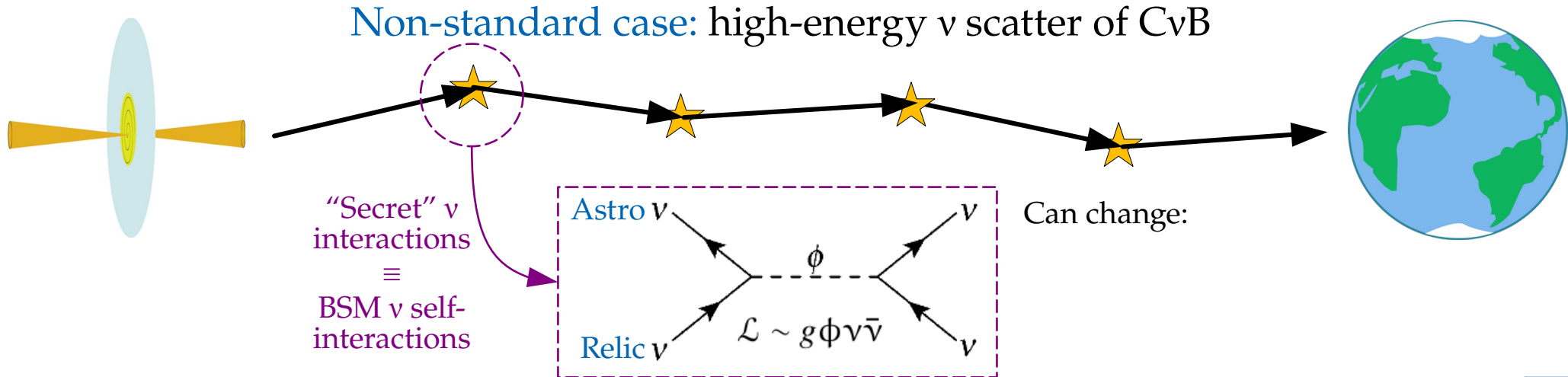
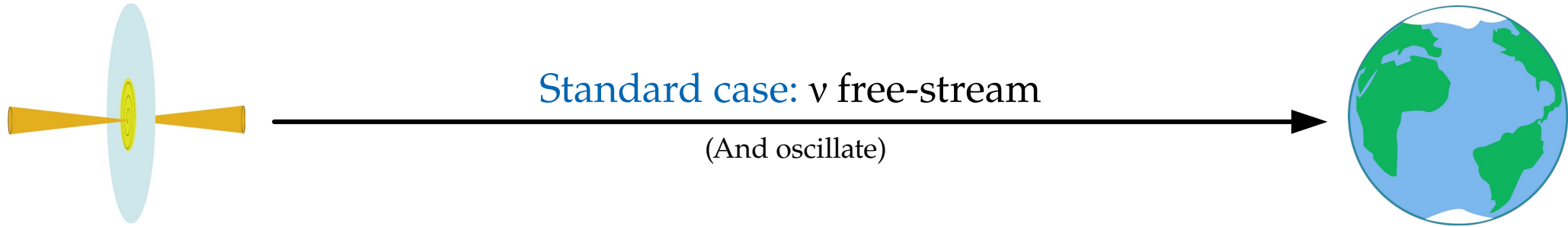


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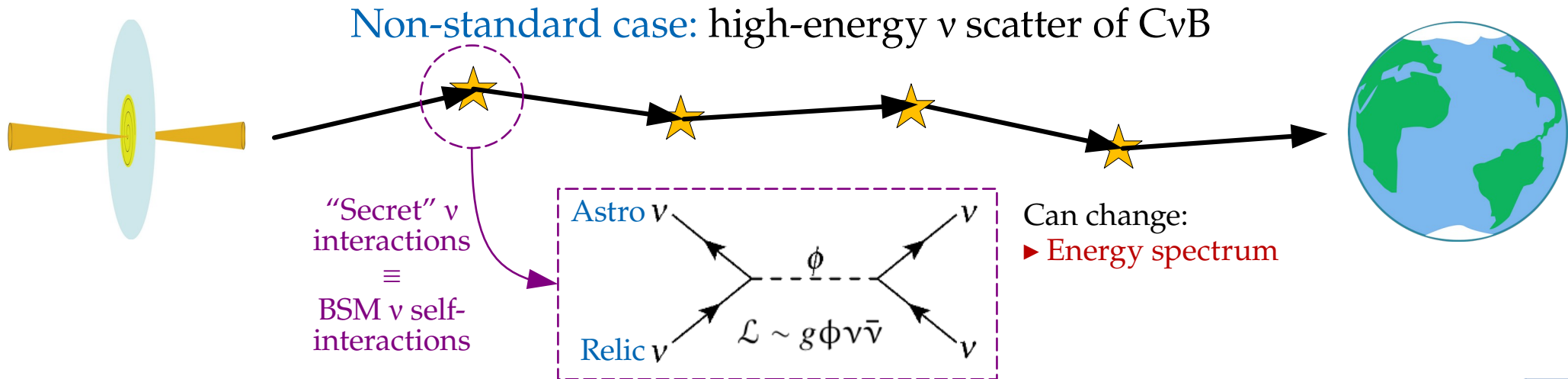
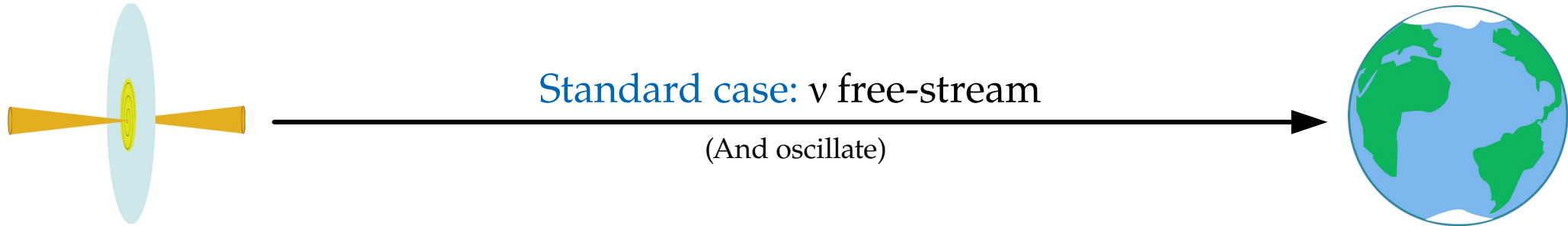




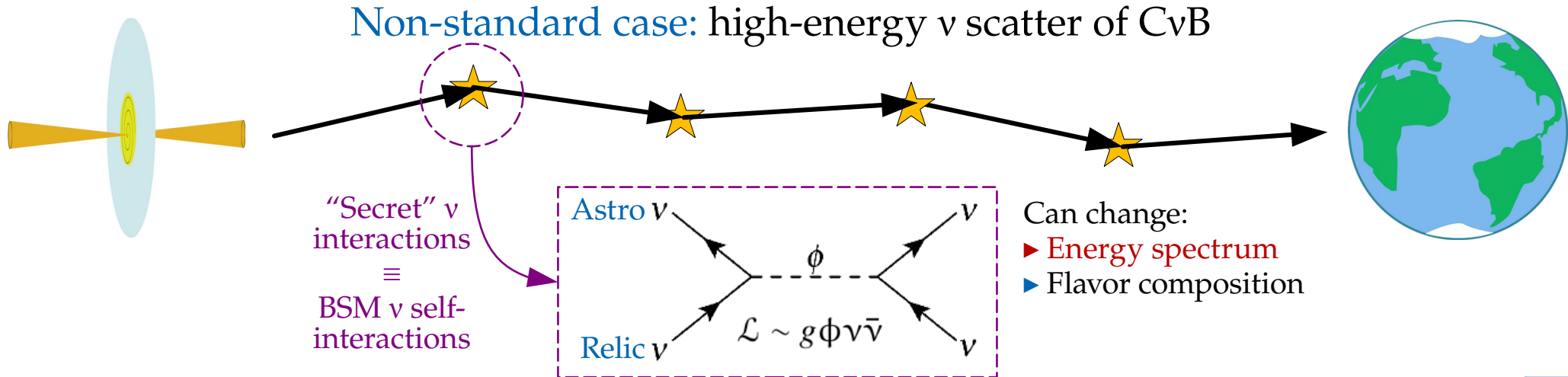
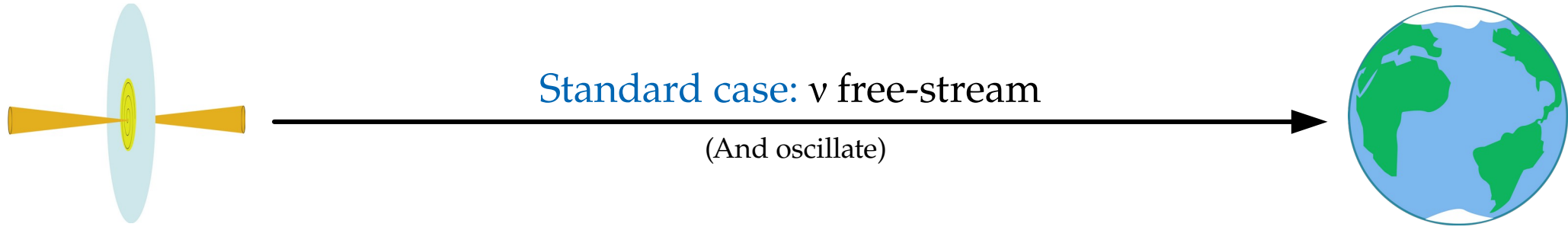
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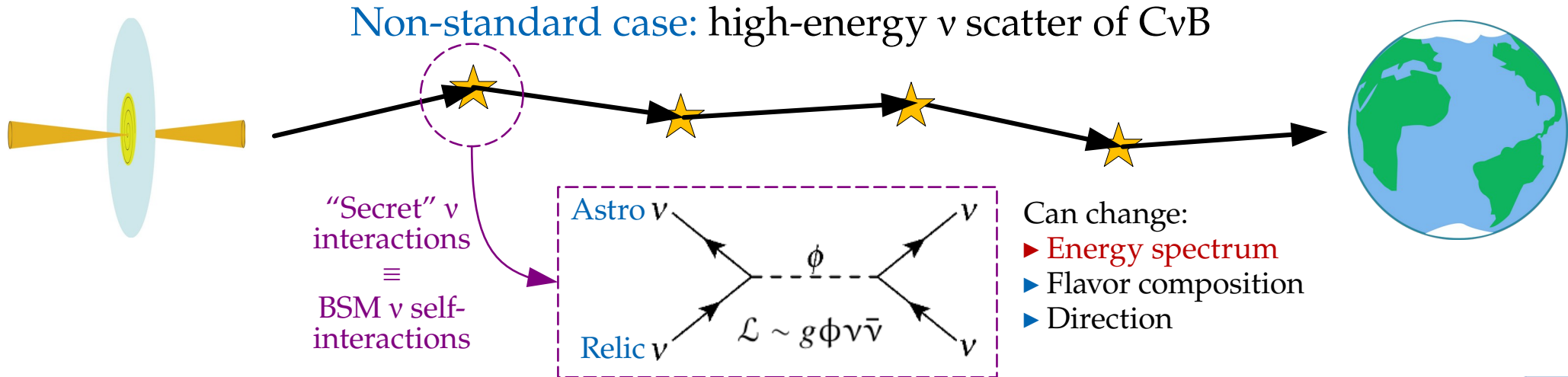
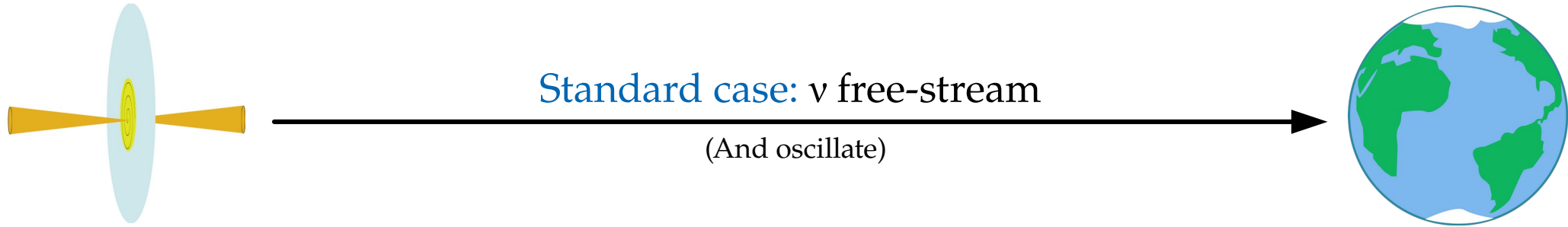
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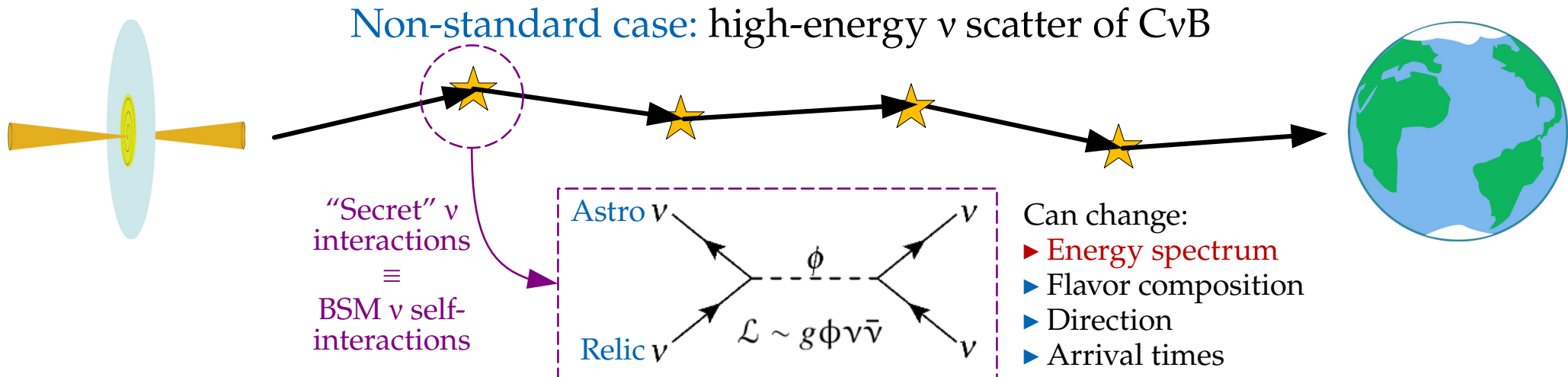
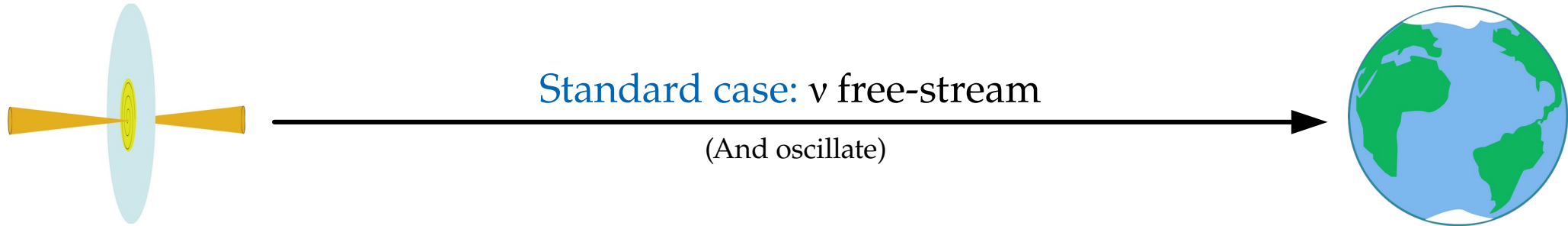
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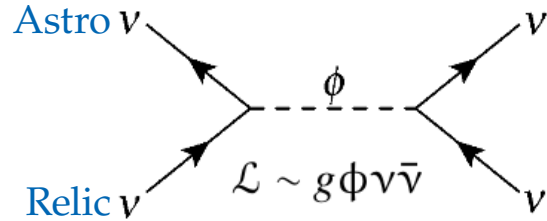


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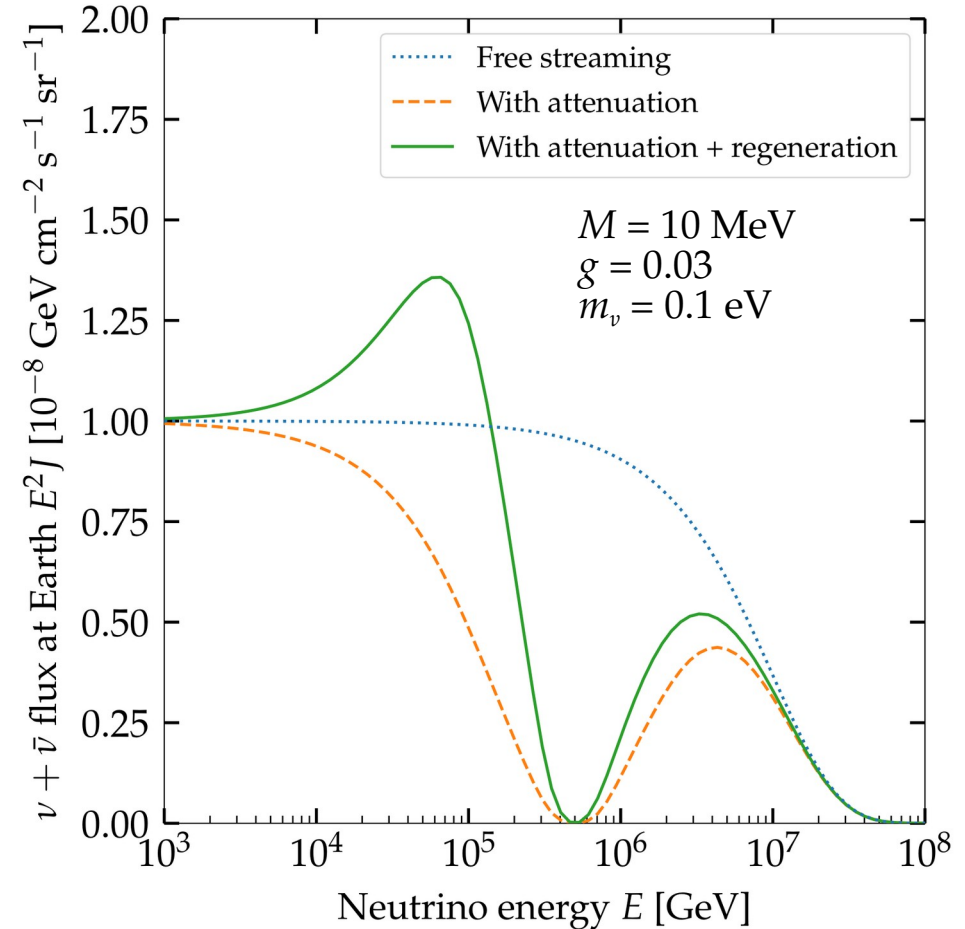
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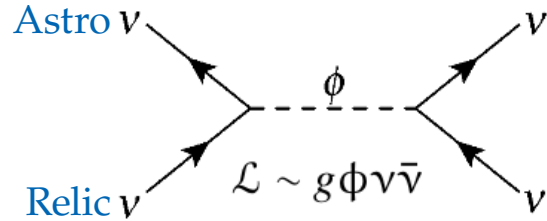
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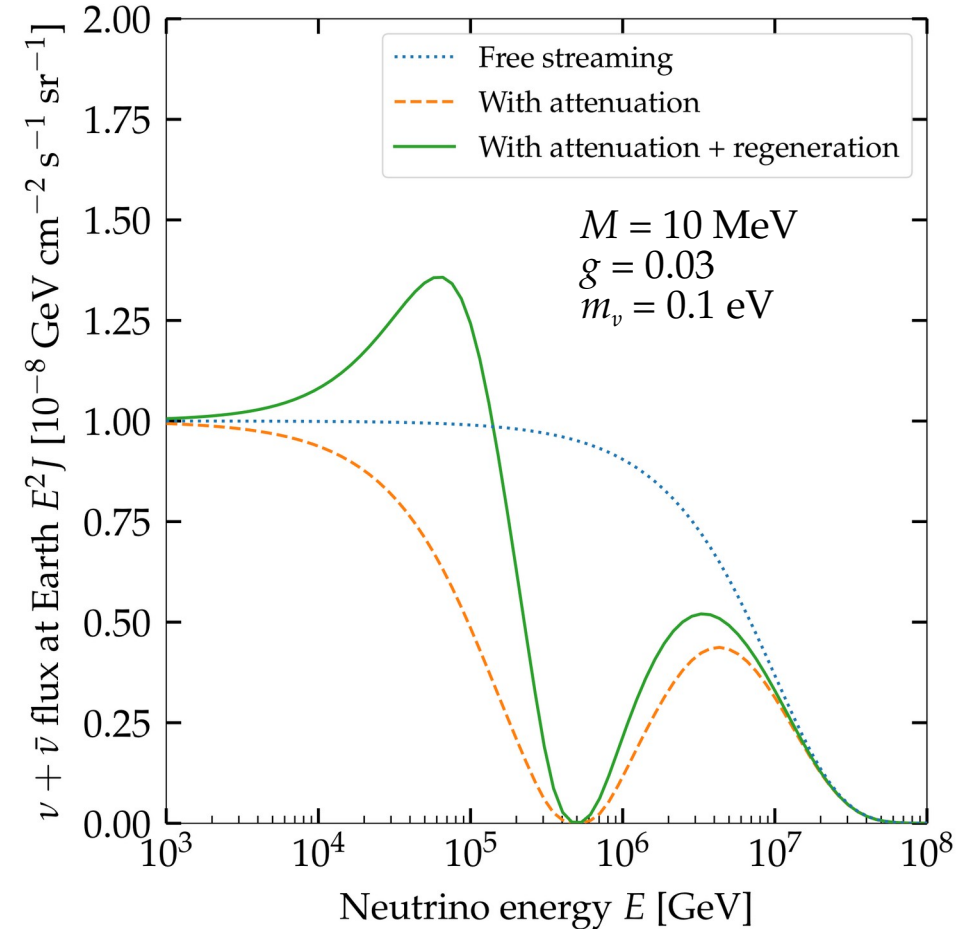


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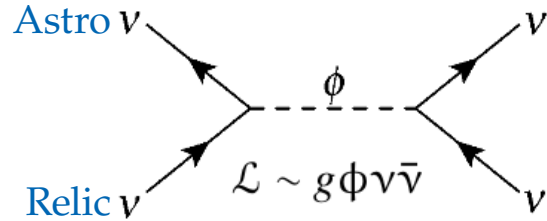
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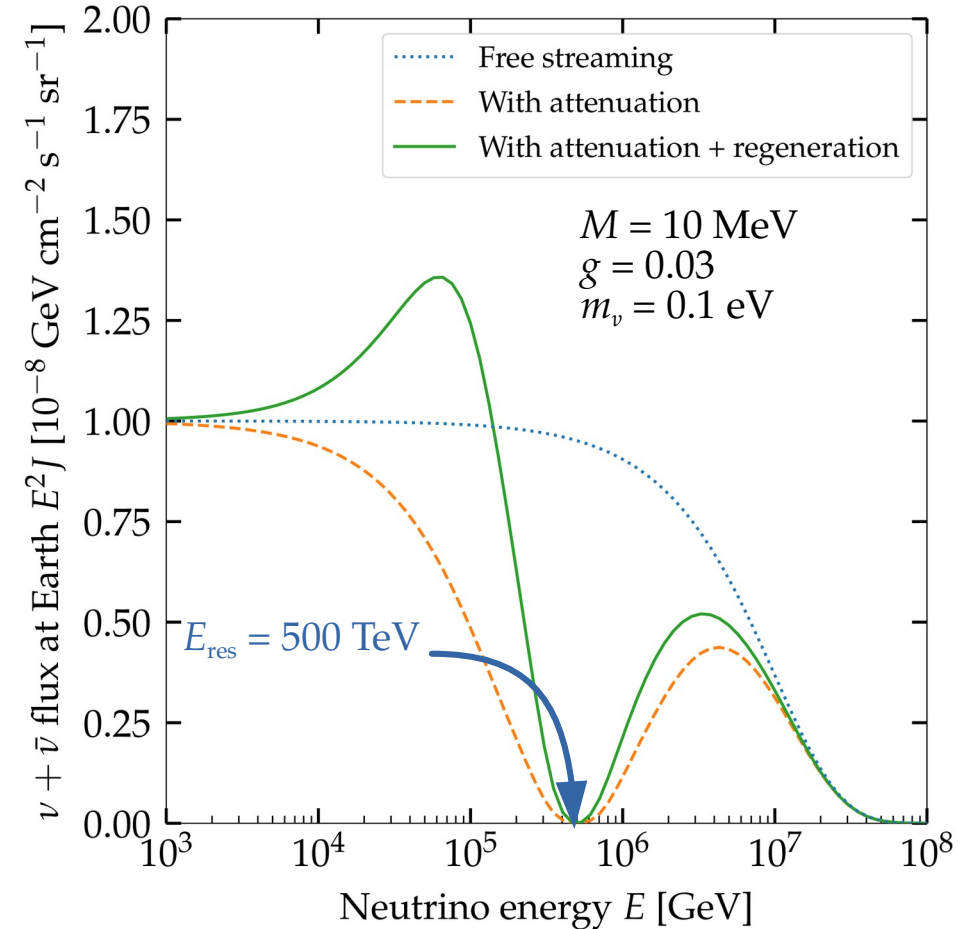


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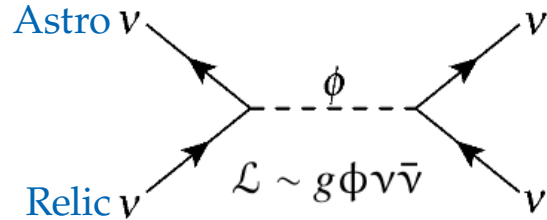
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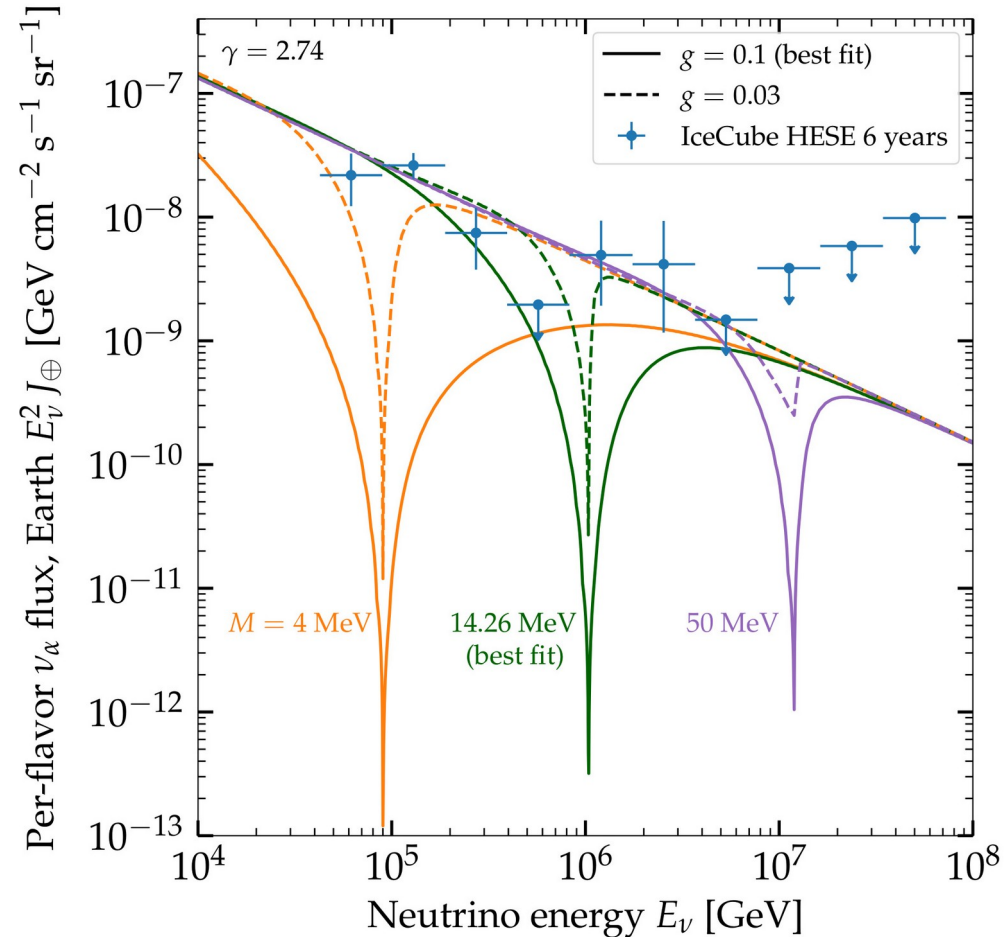


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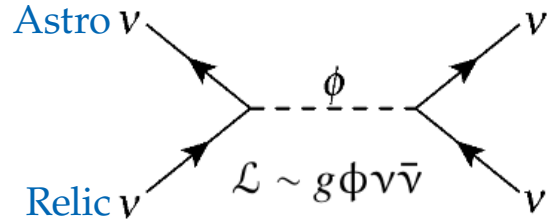
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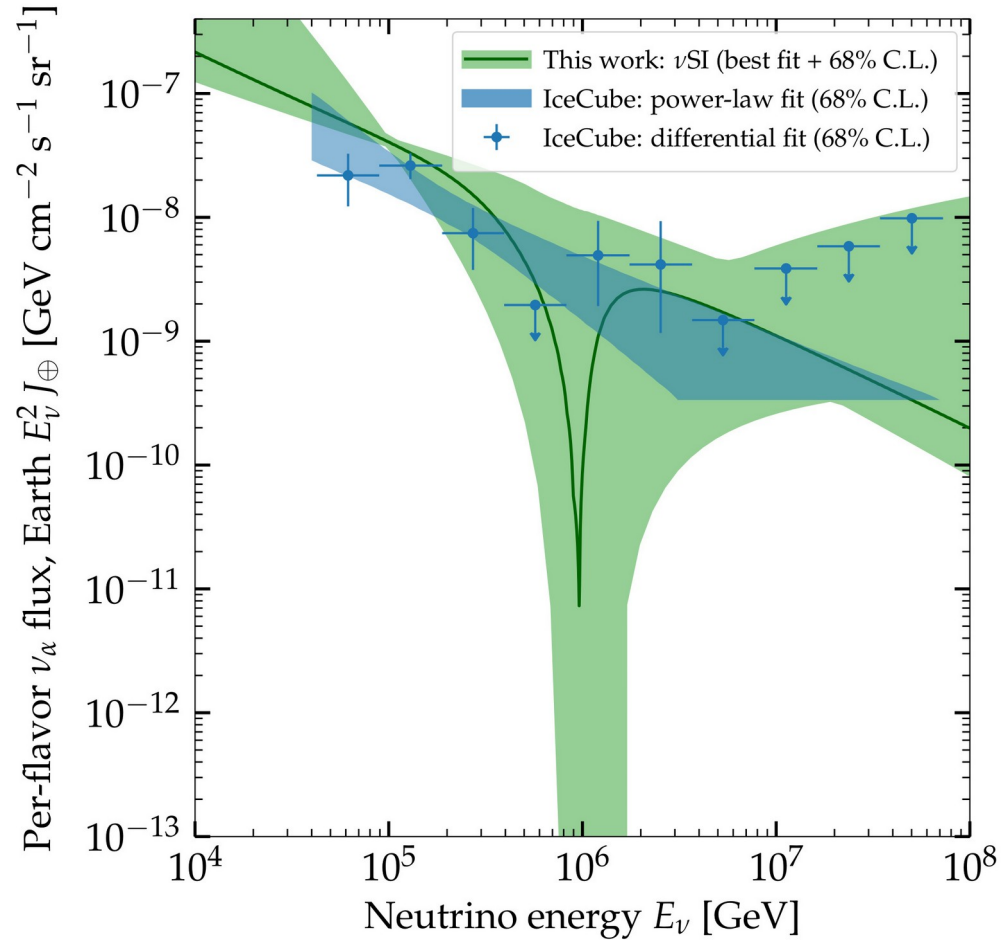
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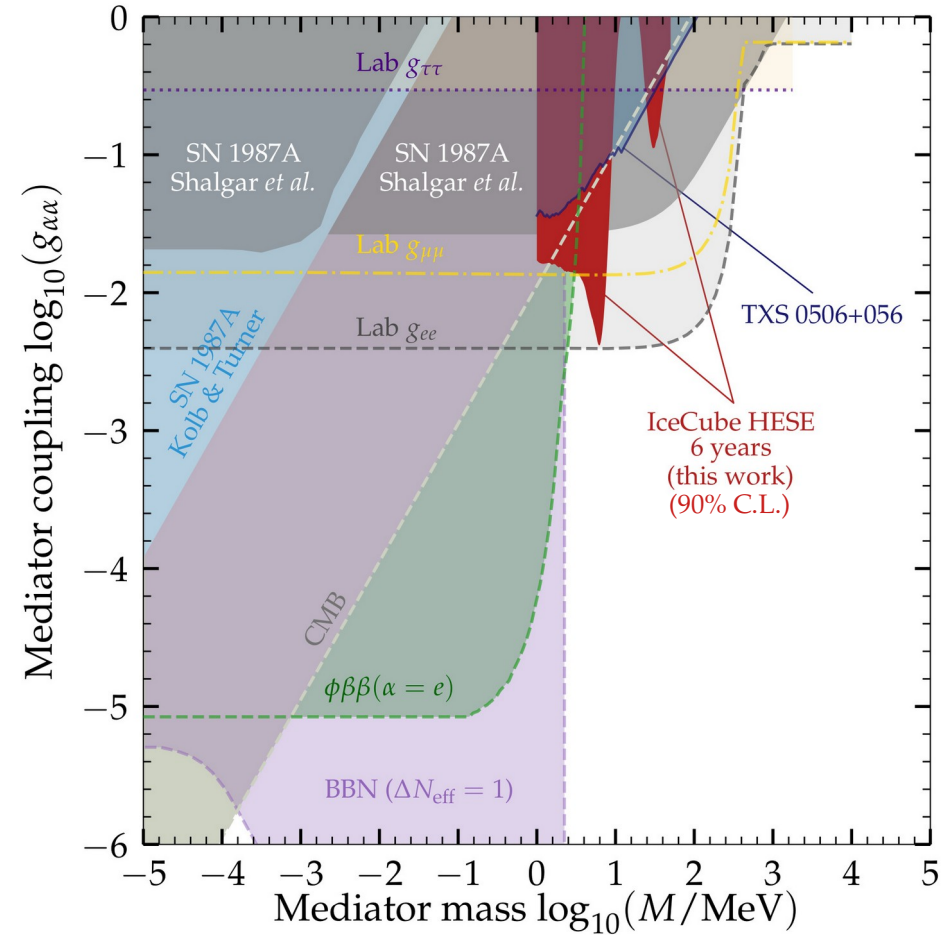
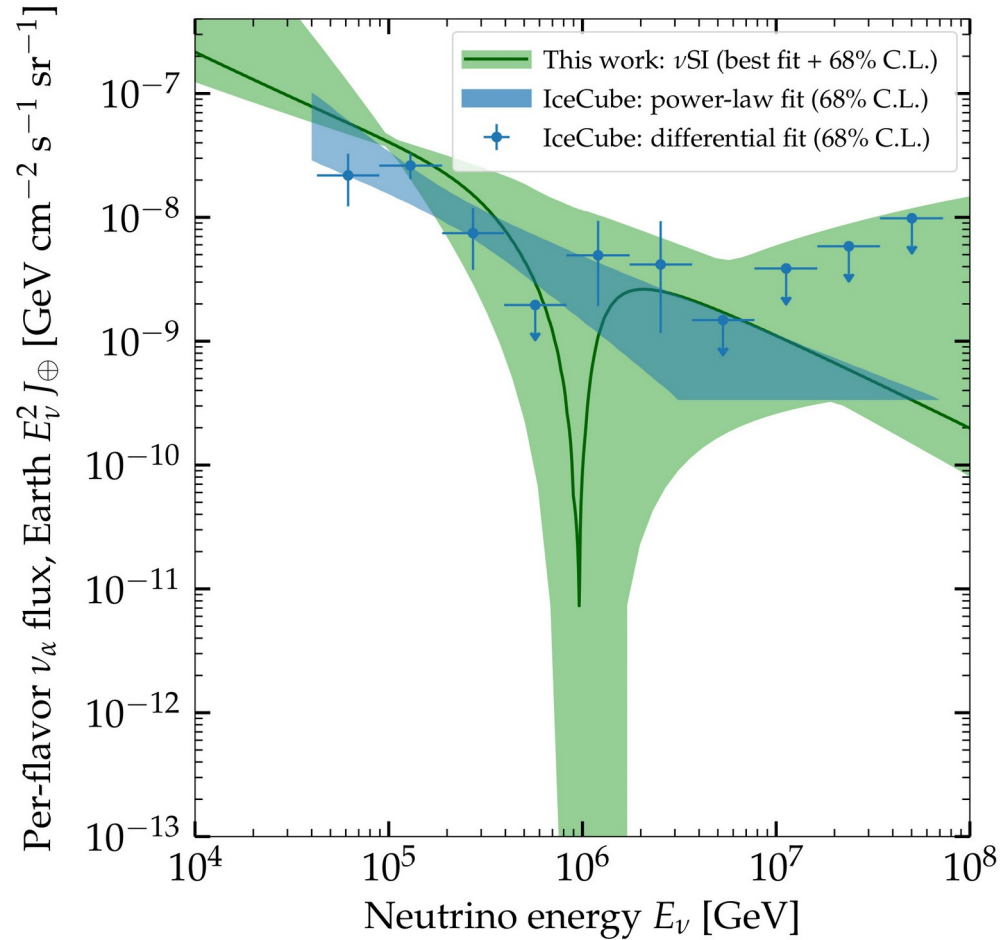
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