

Astrophysics and particle physics with high-energy cosmic neutrinos *today and in the future*

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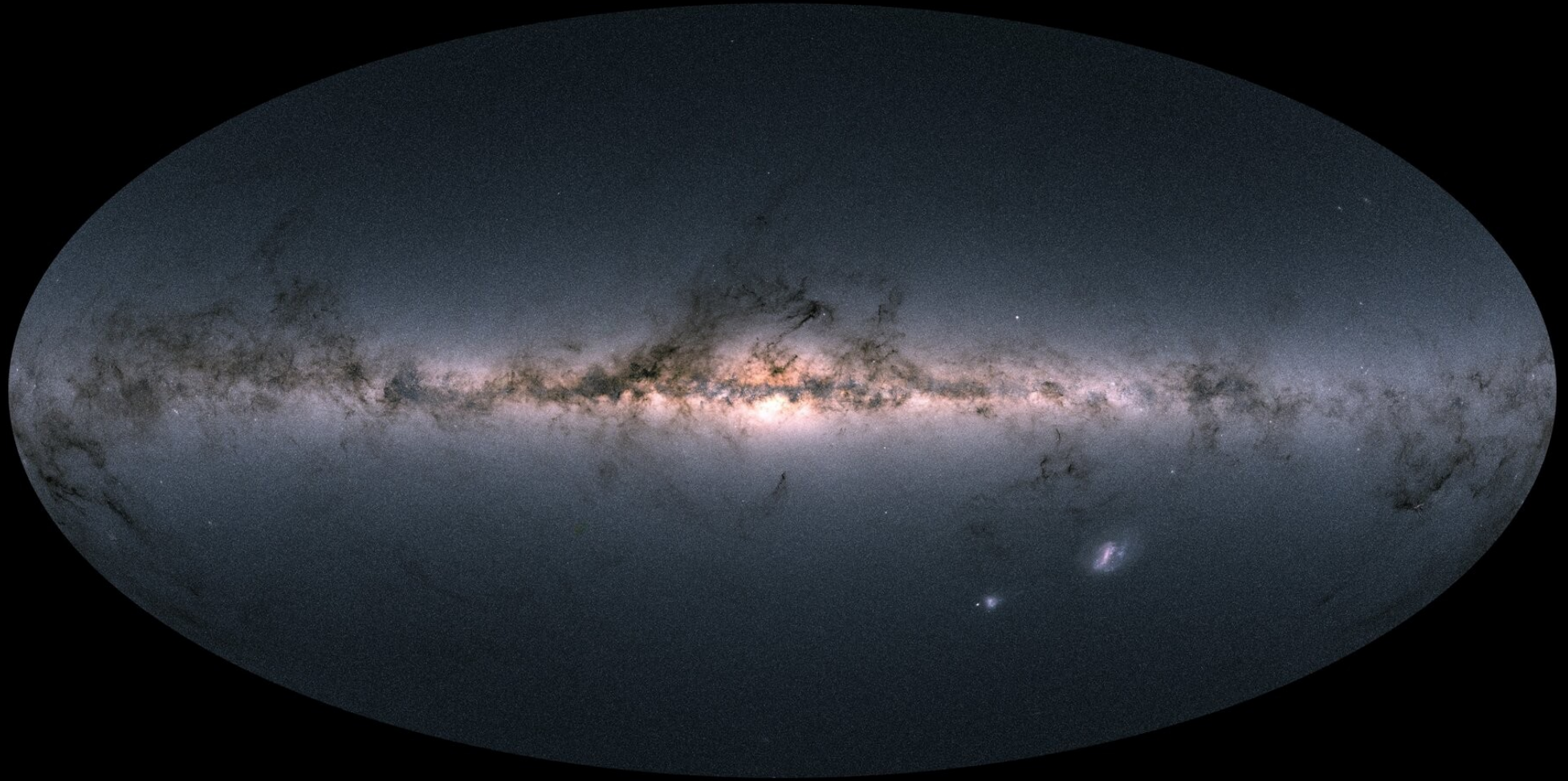
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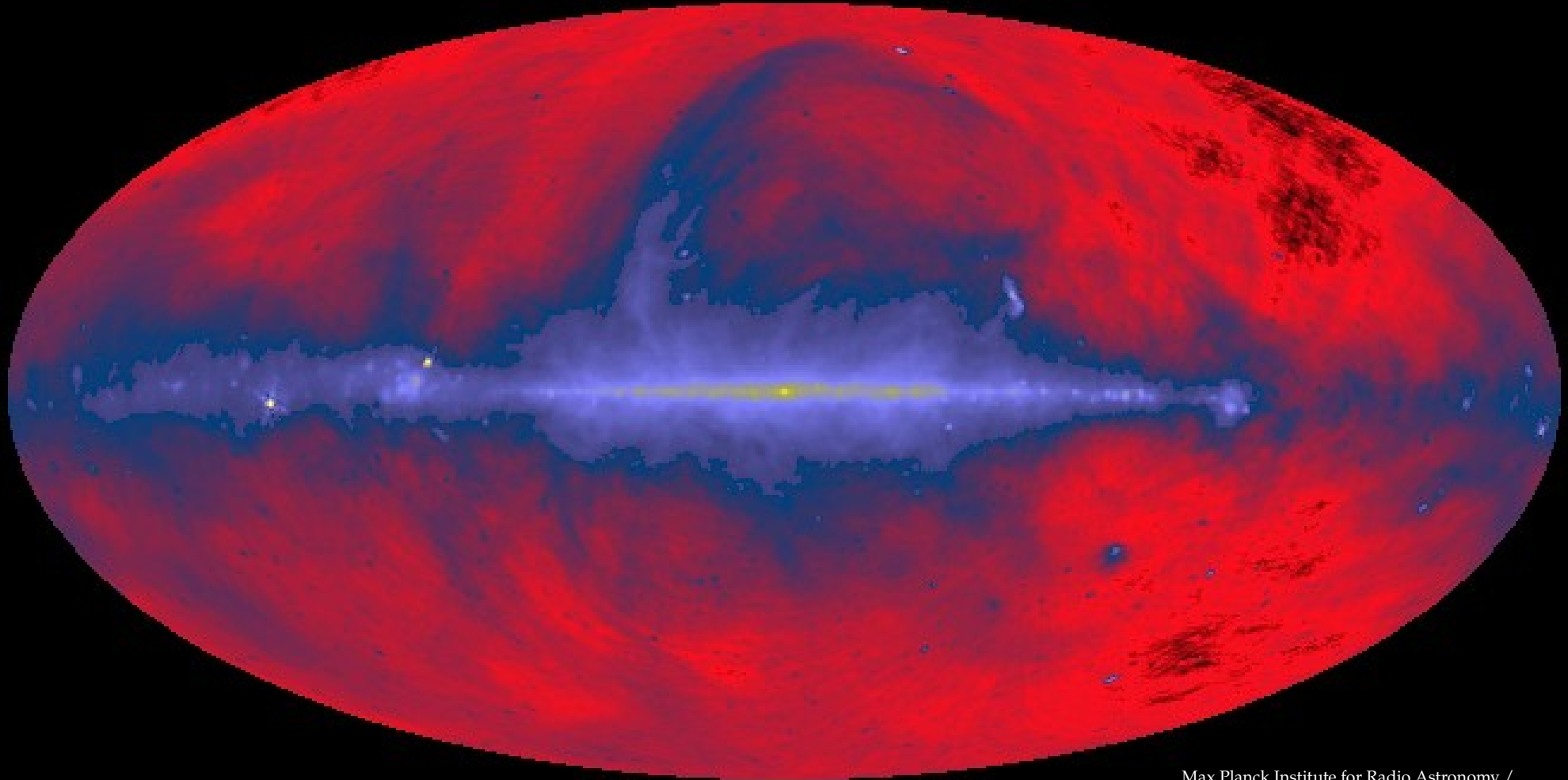
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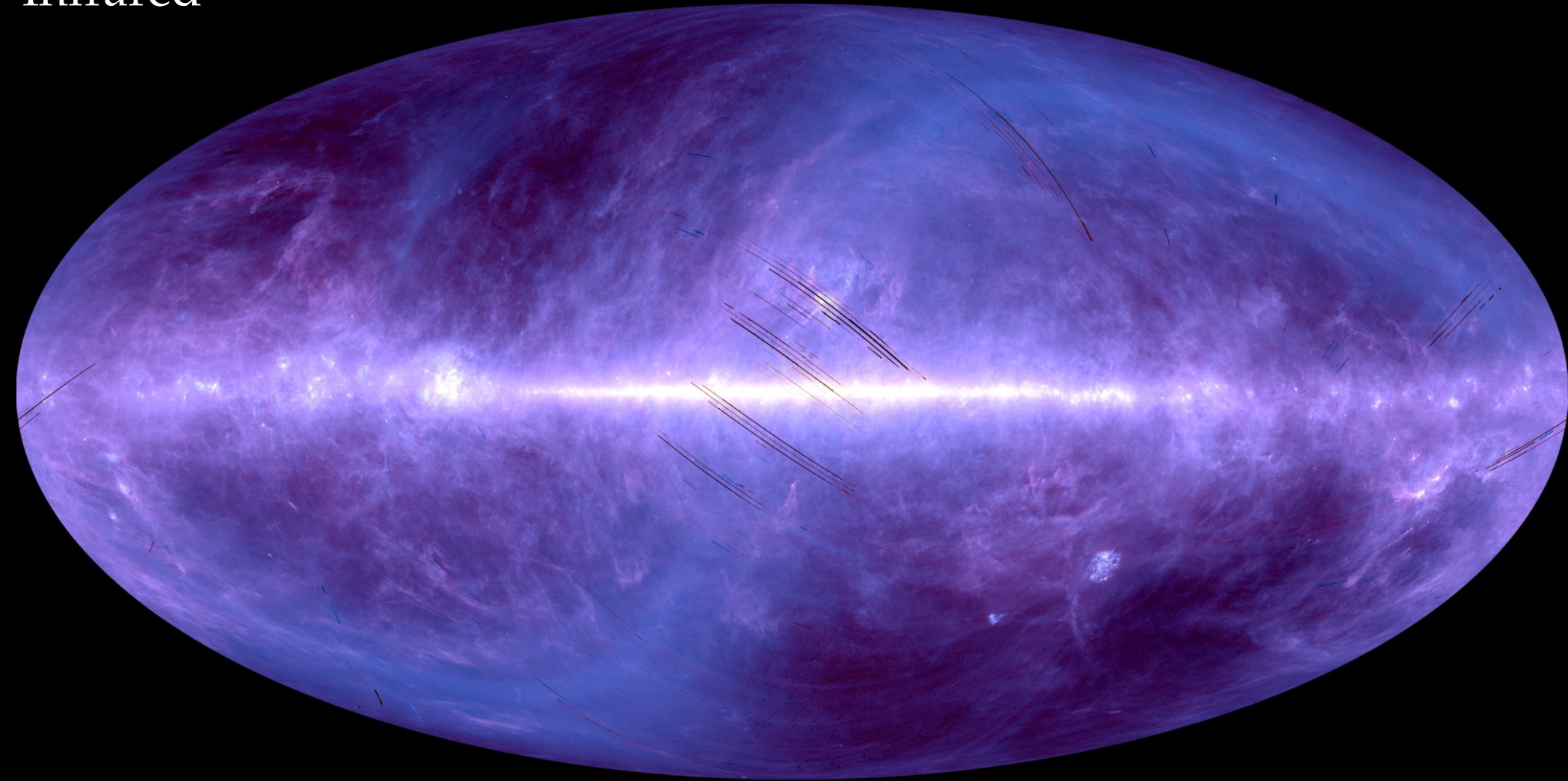


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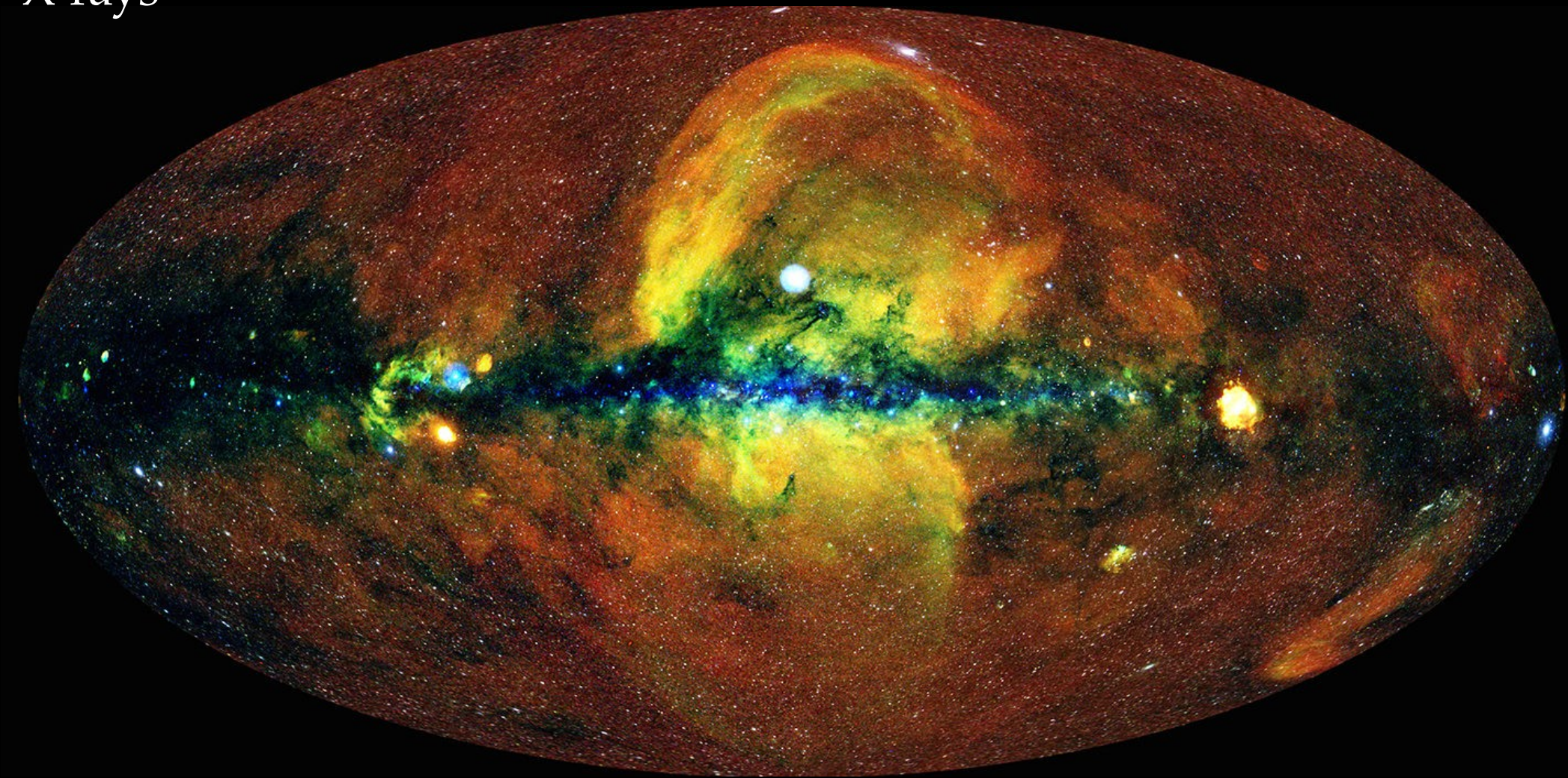


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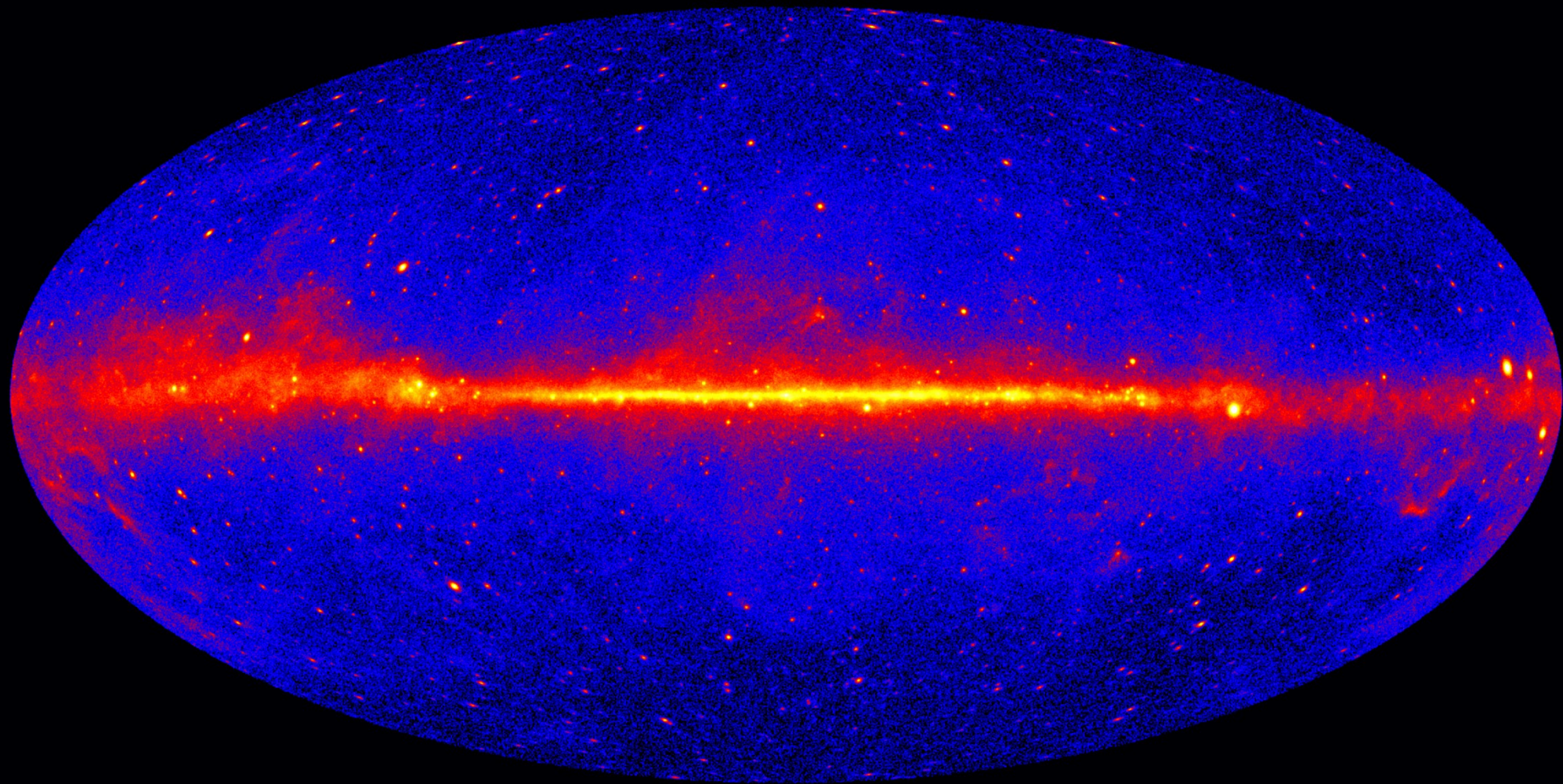
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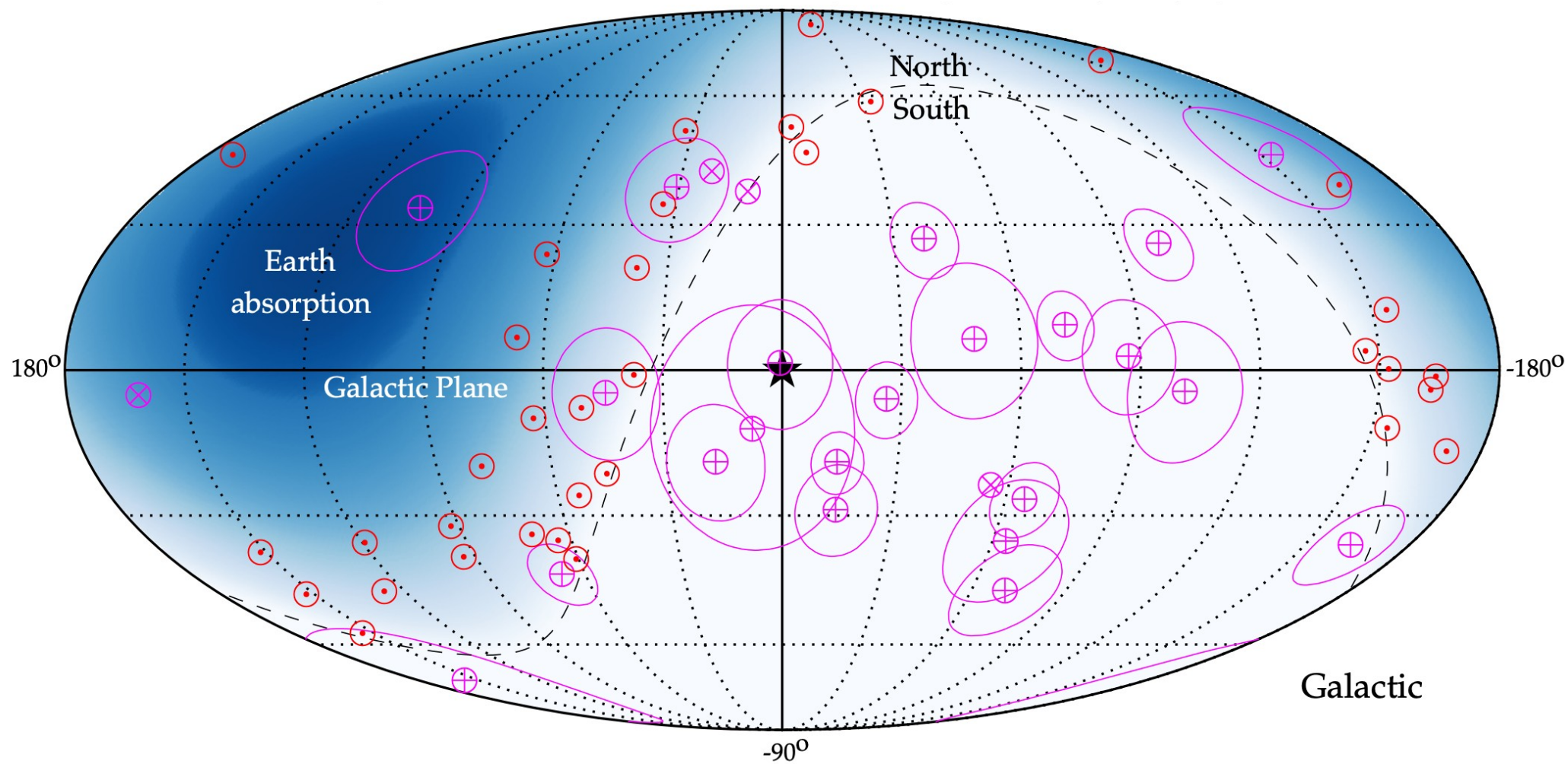
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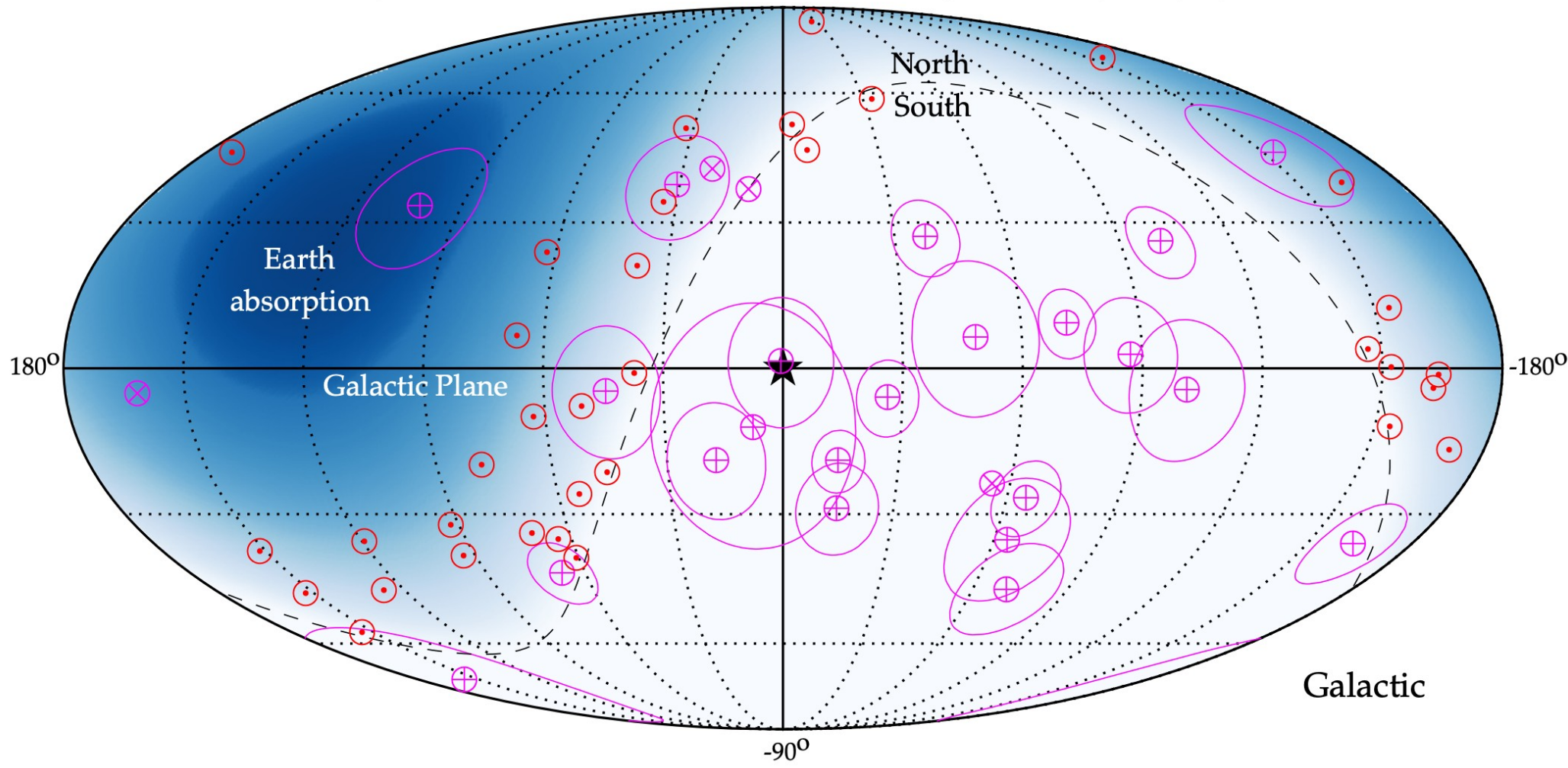
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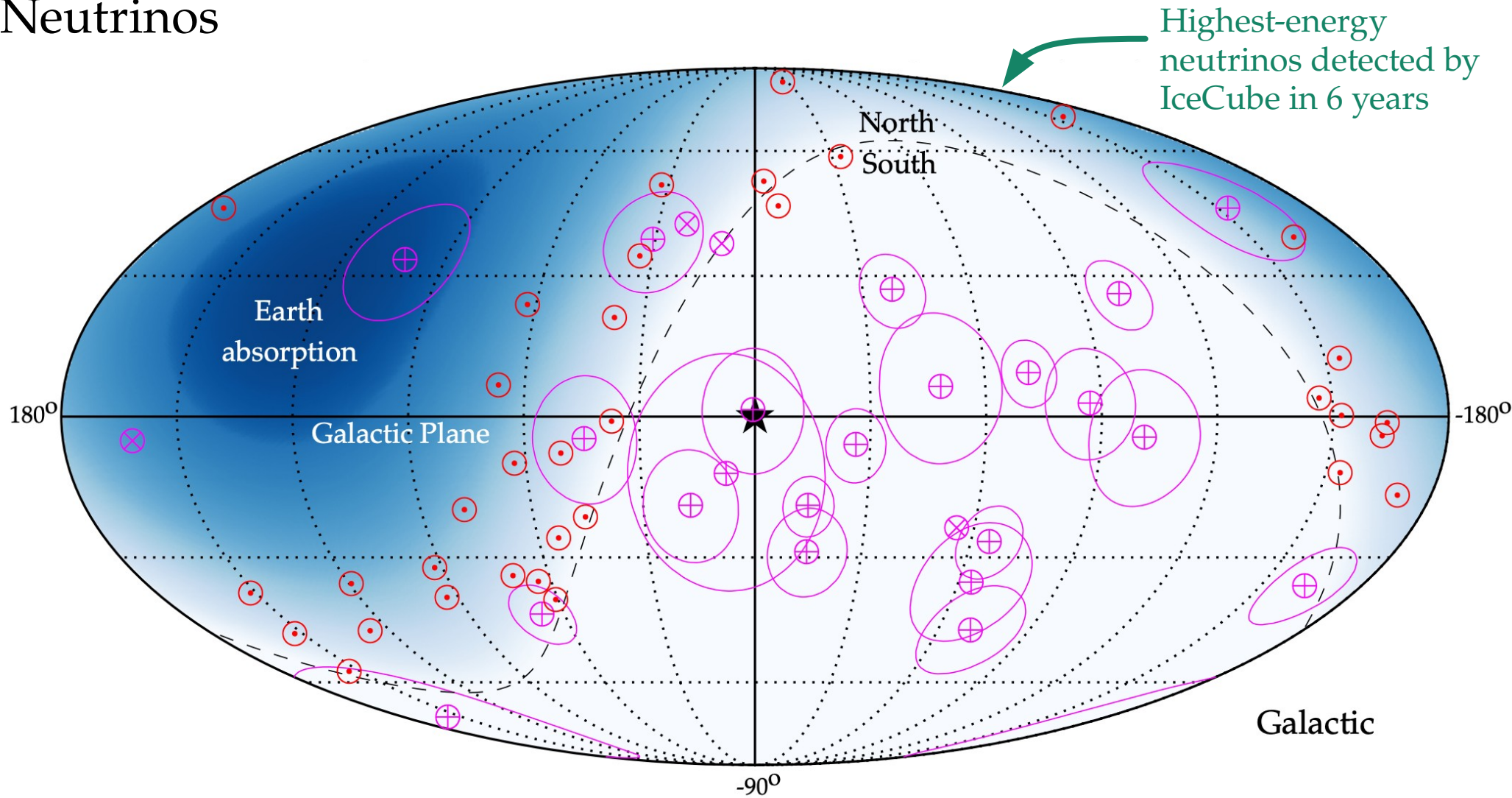
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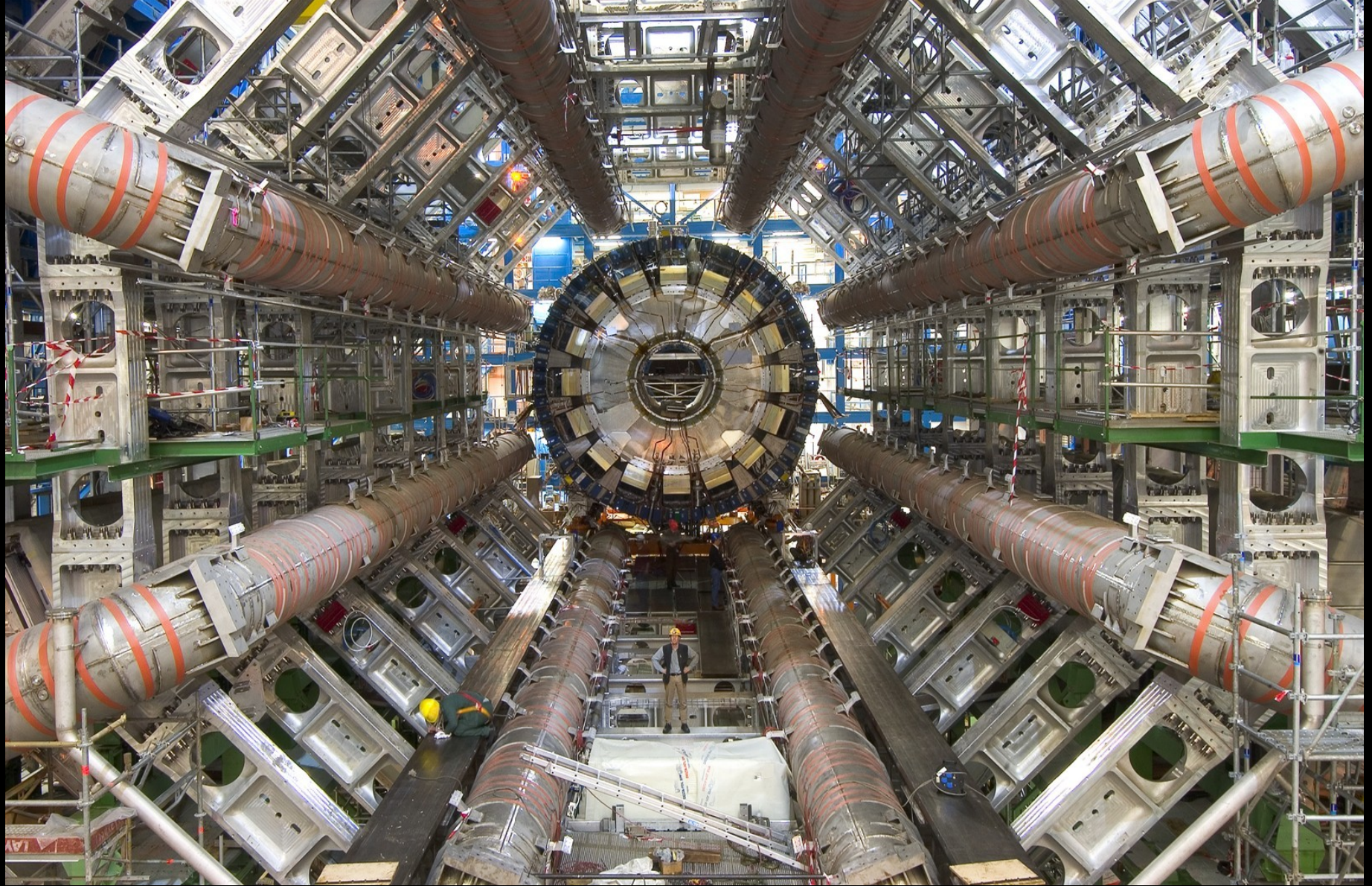


Neutrinos

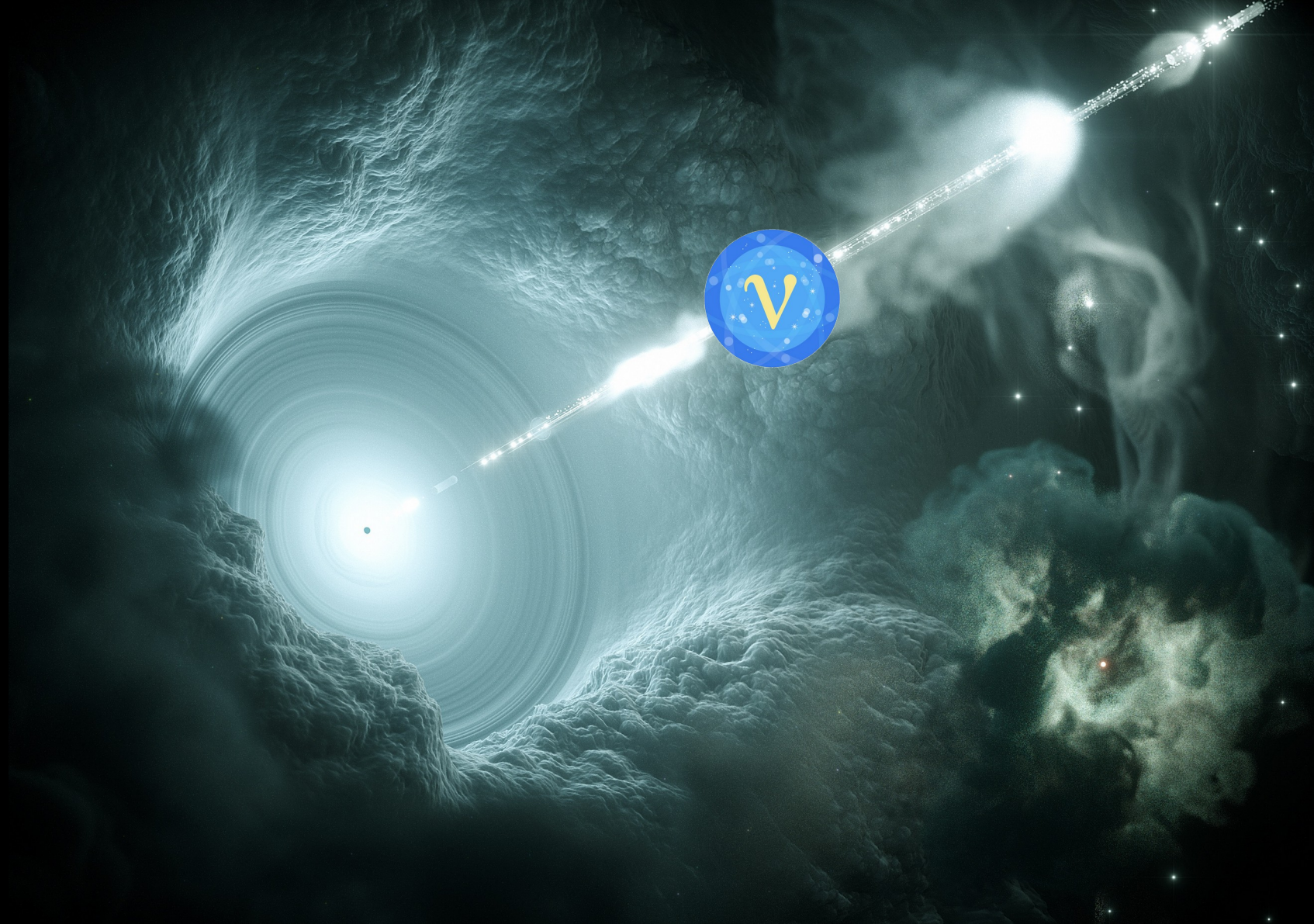


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= barely interact with matter

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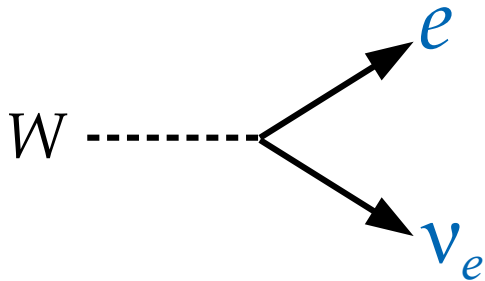
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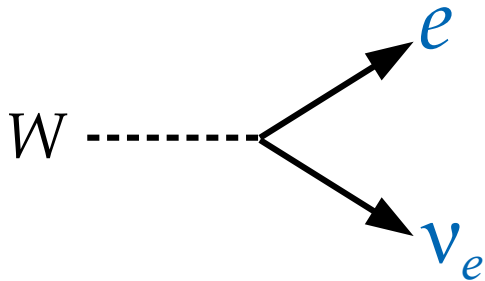
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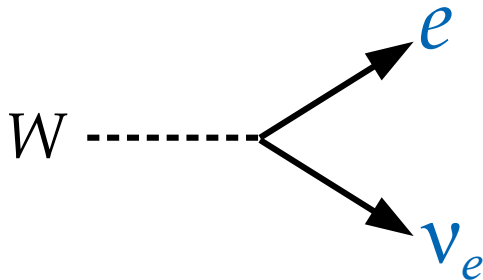
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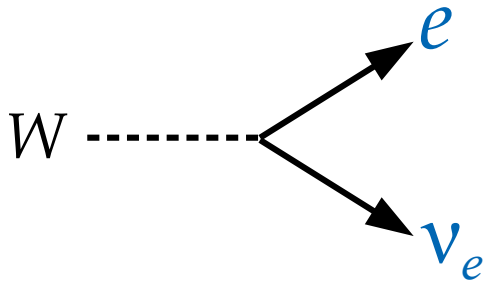


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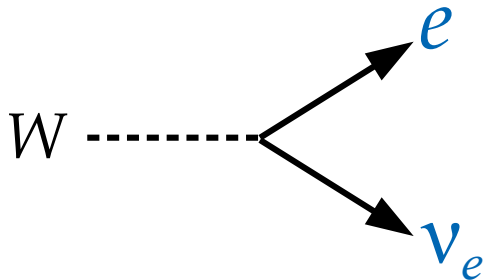
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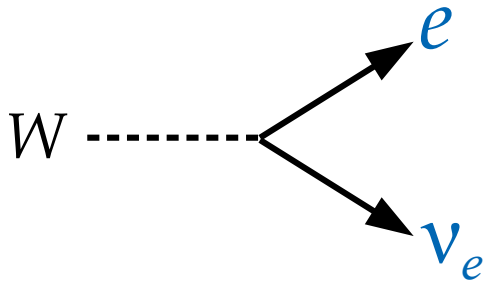
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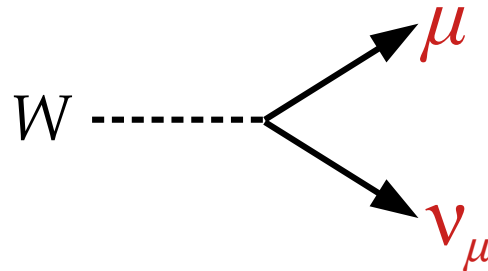
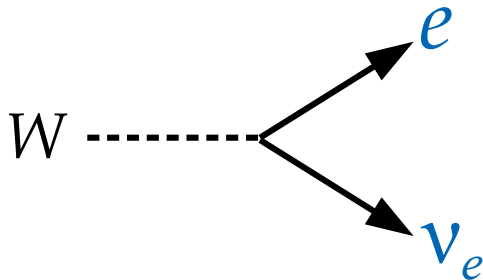
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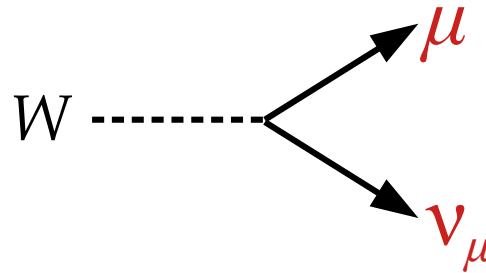
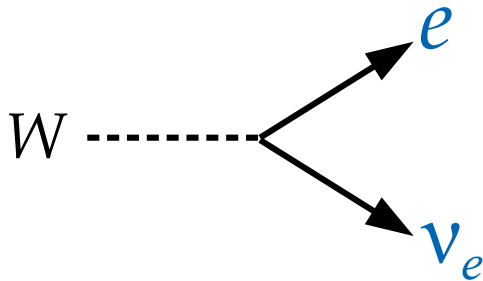
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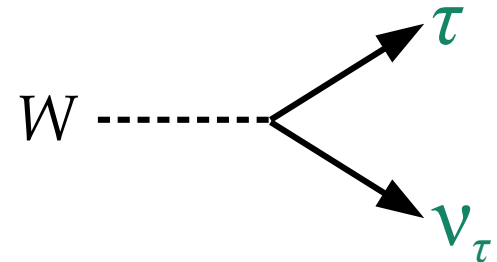
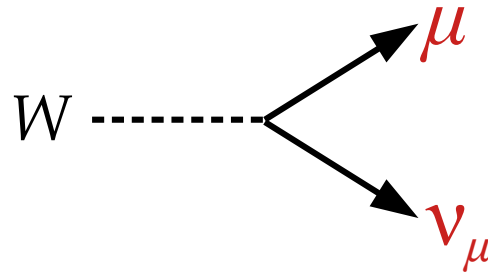
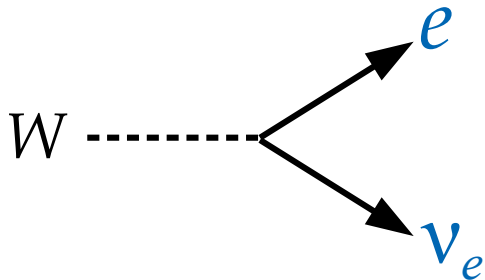
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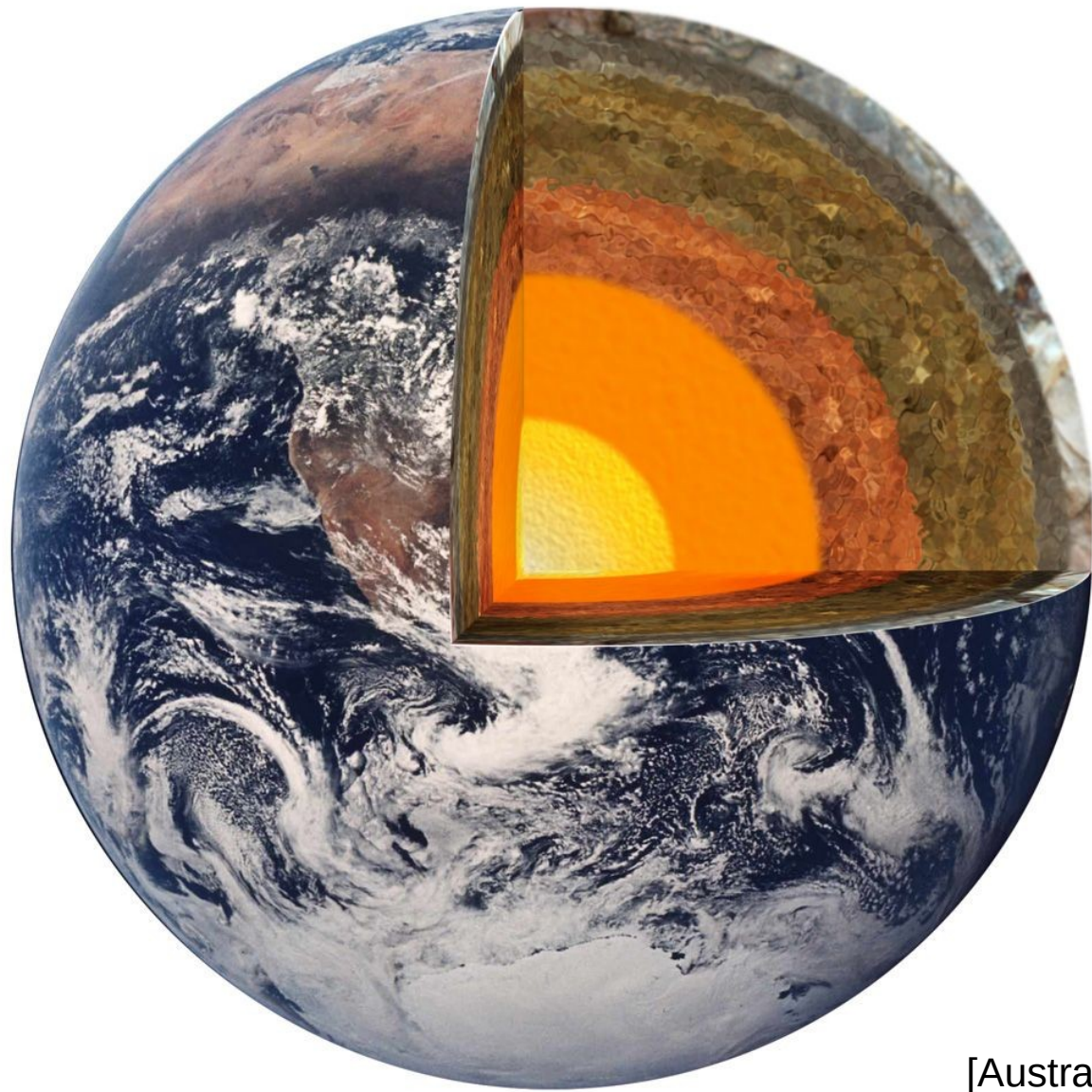
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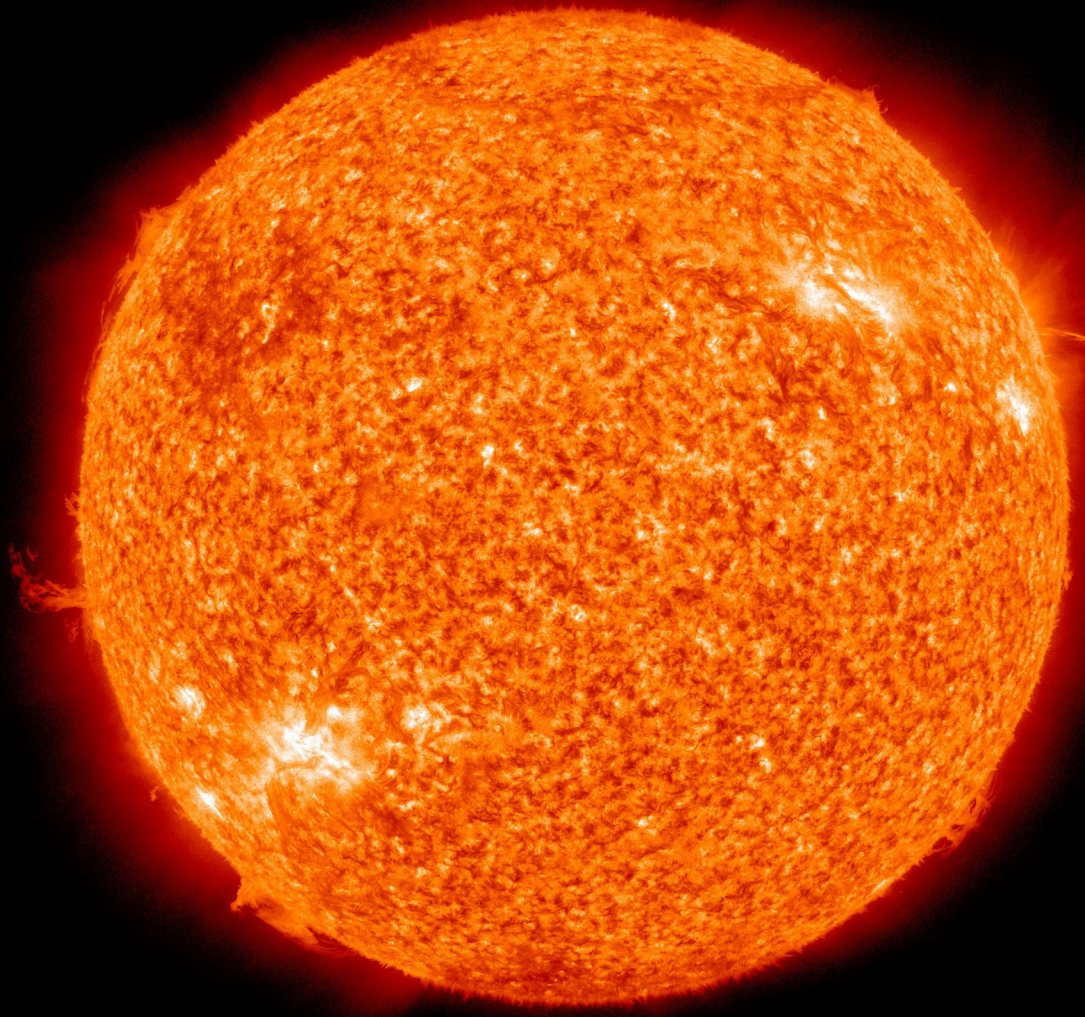
We use quantum mechanics to compute probabilities over *macroscopic* distances!



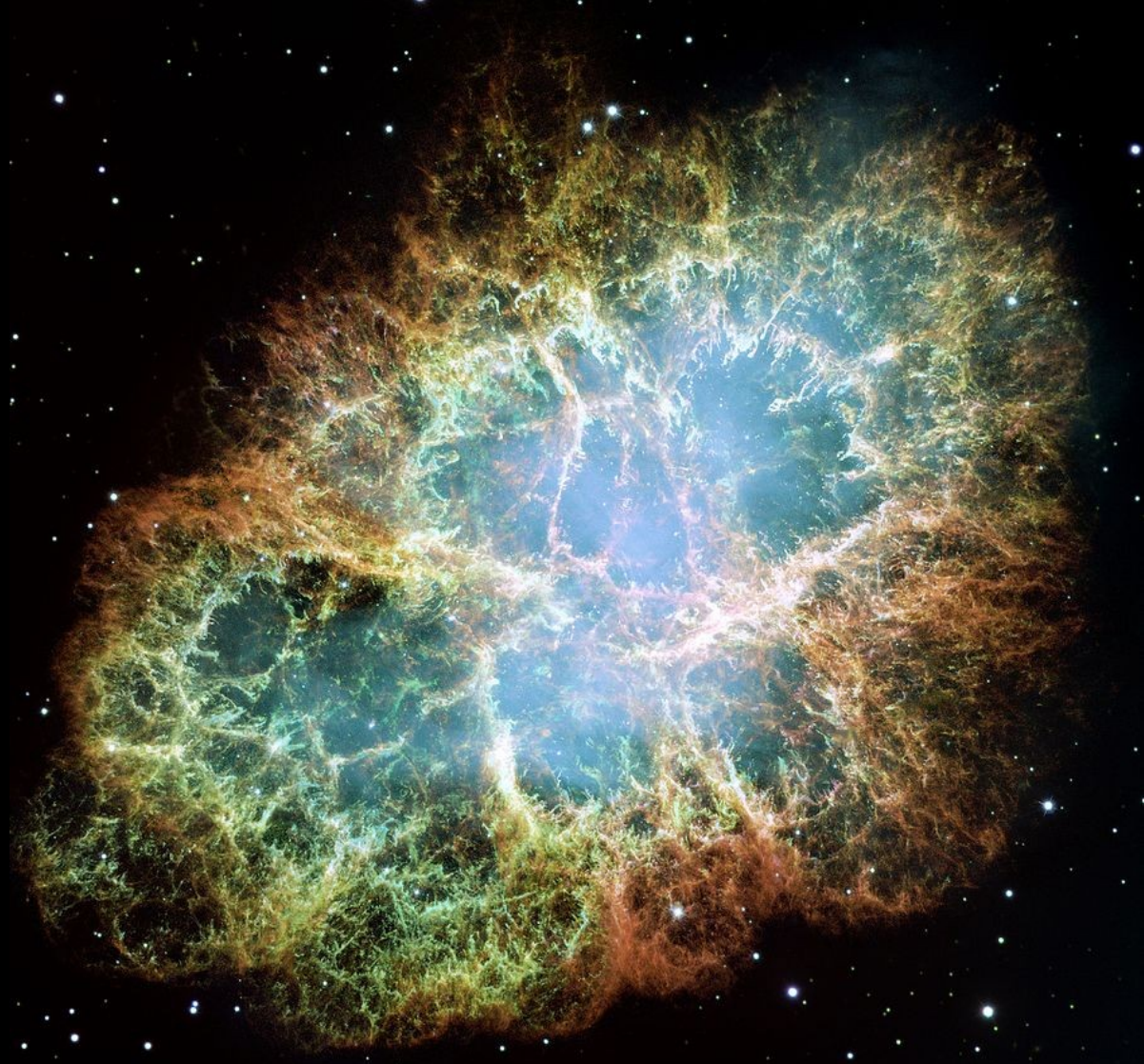
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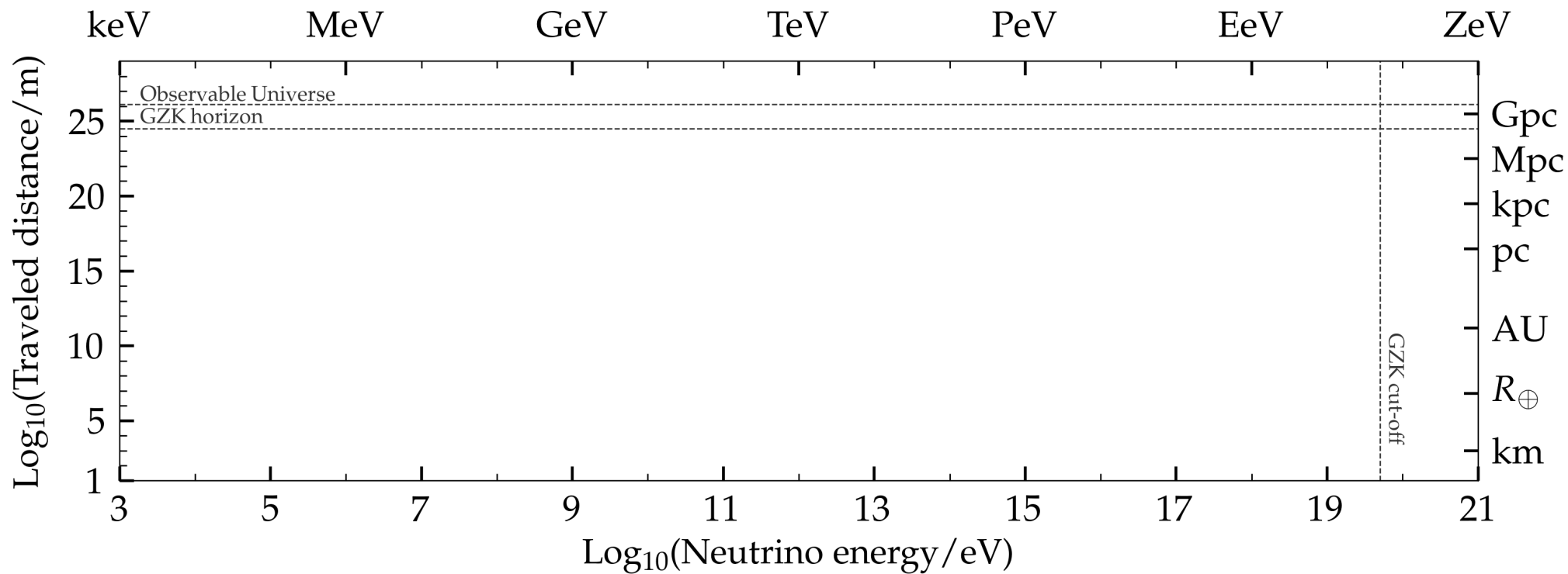


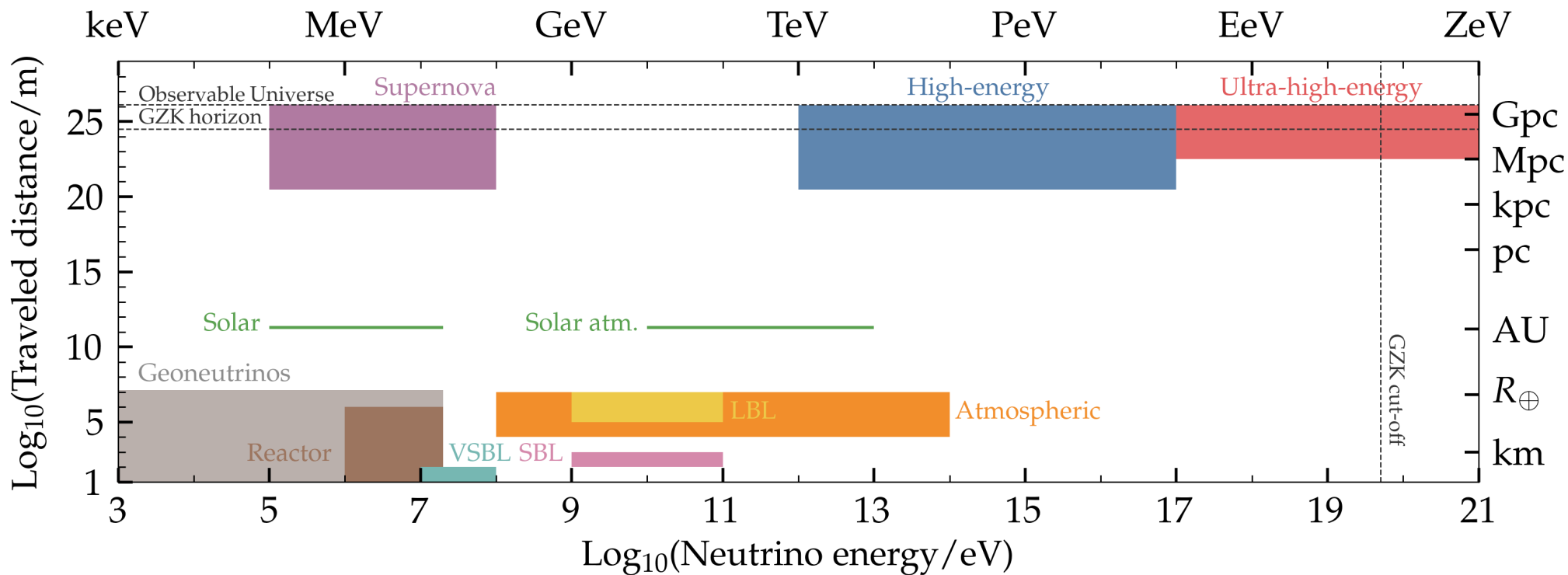
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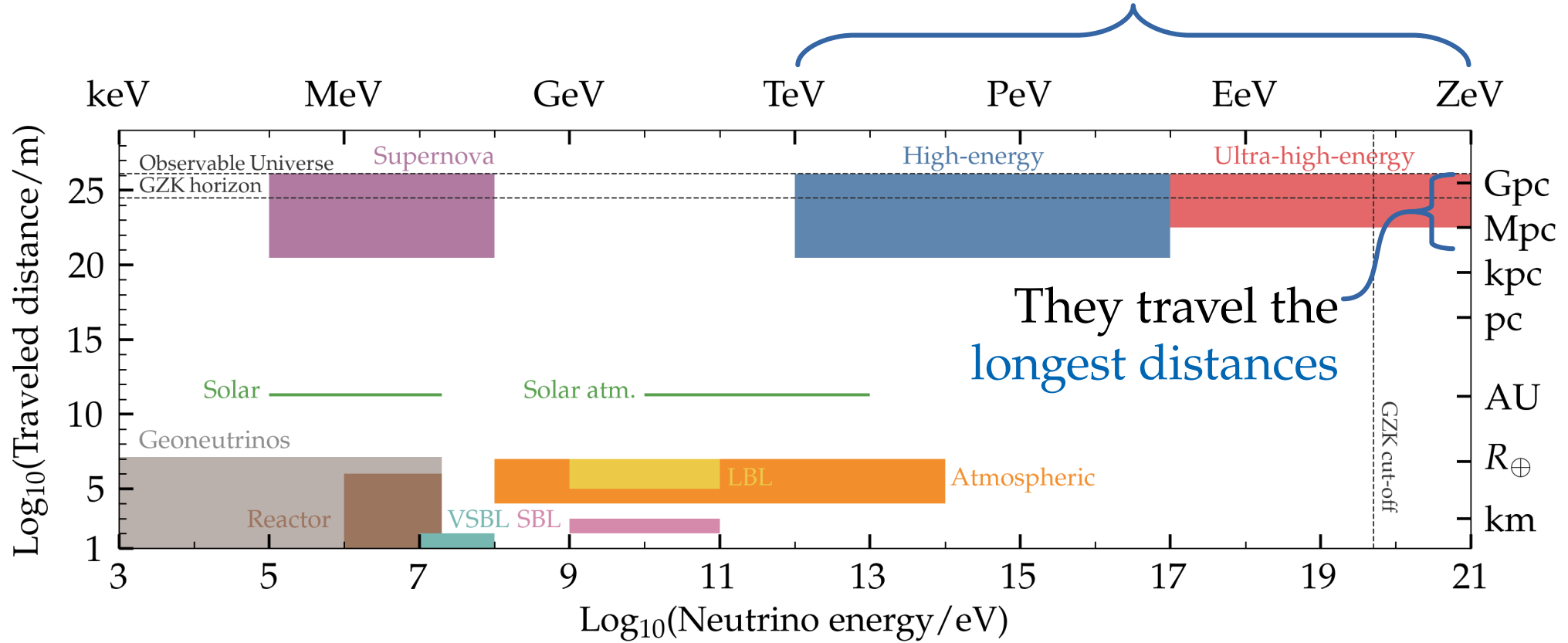
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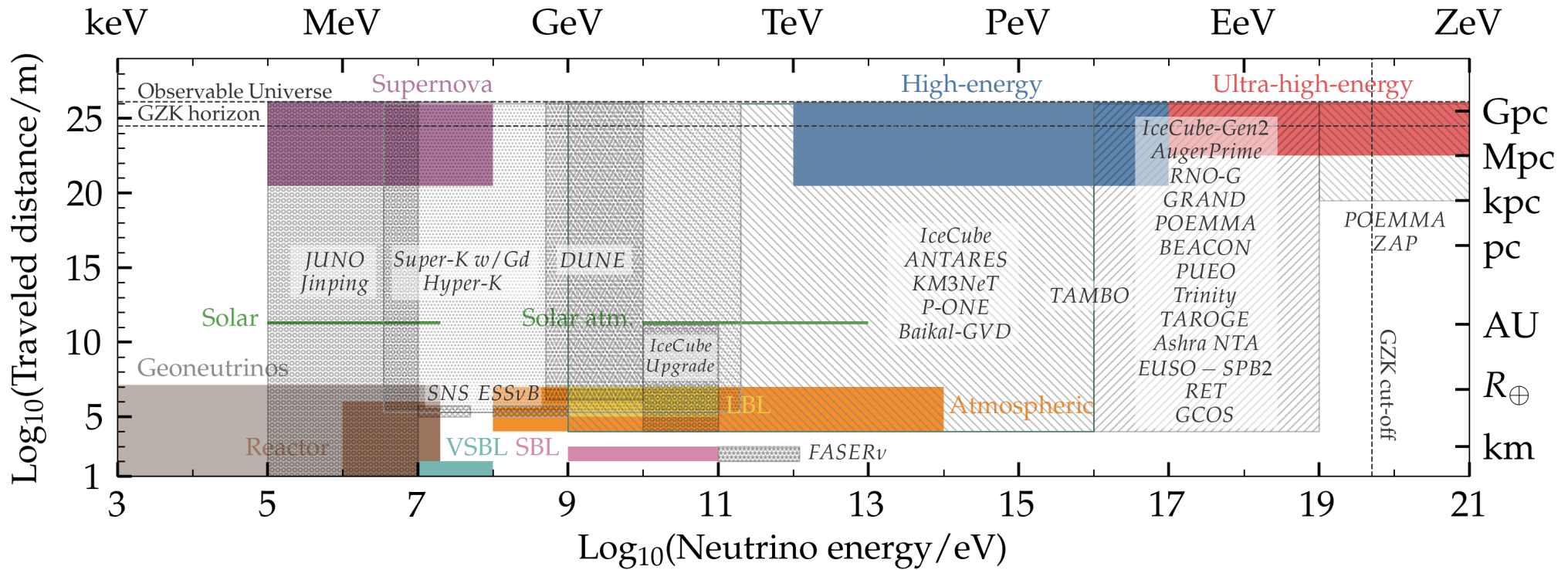


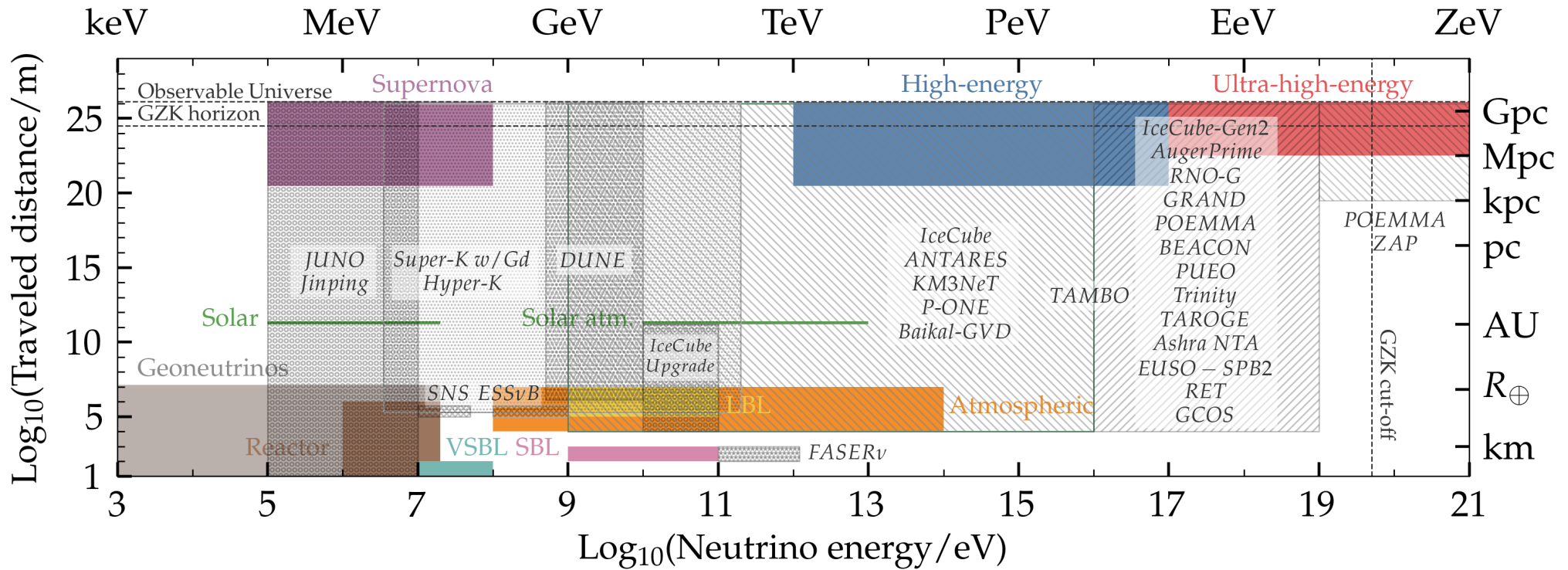




They have the **highest energies**

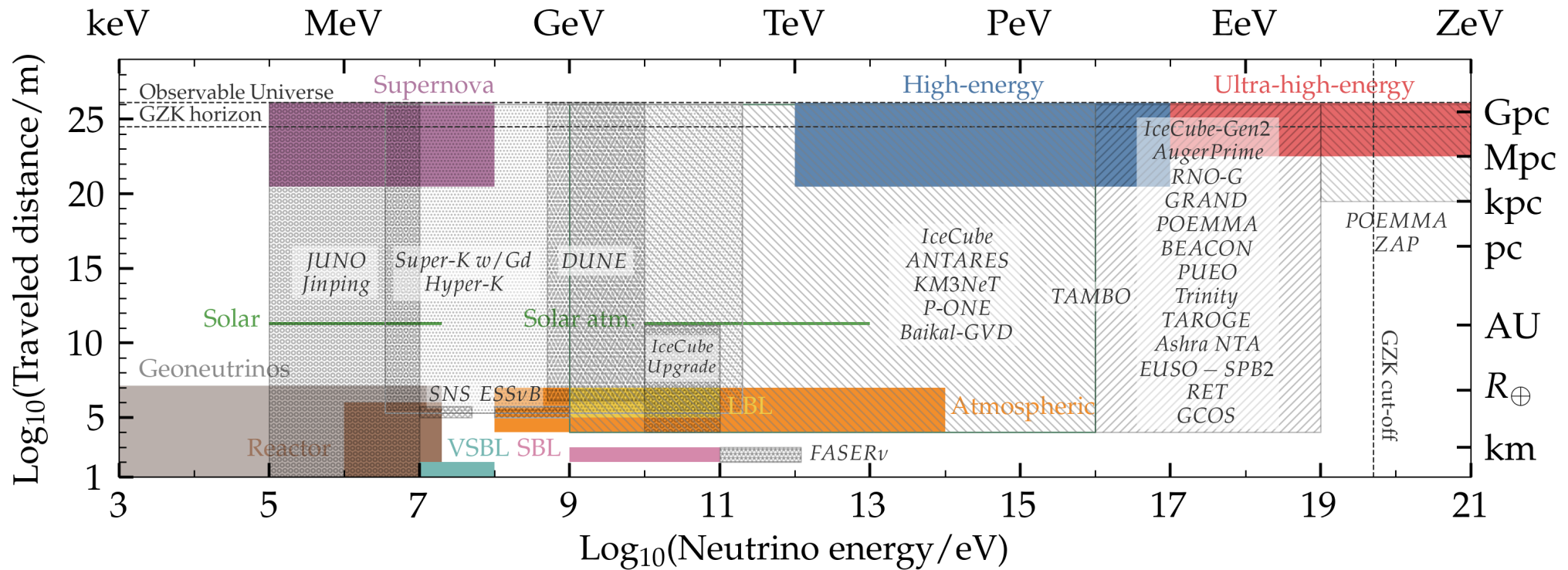




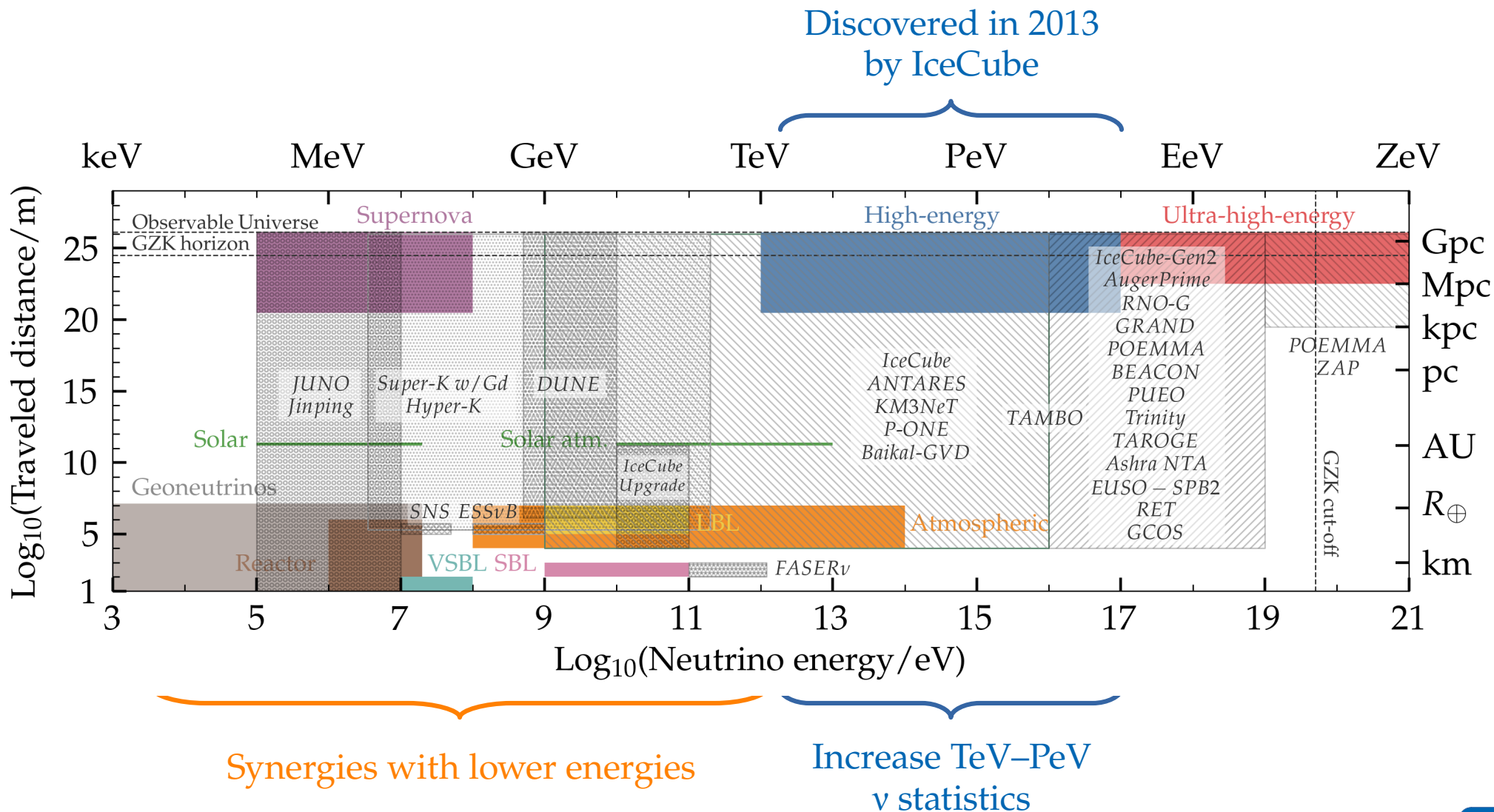


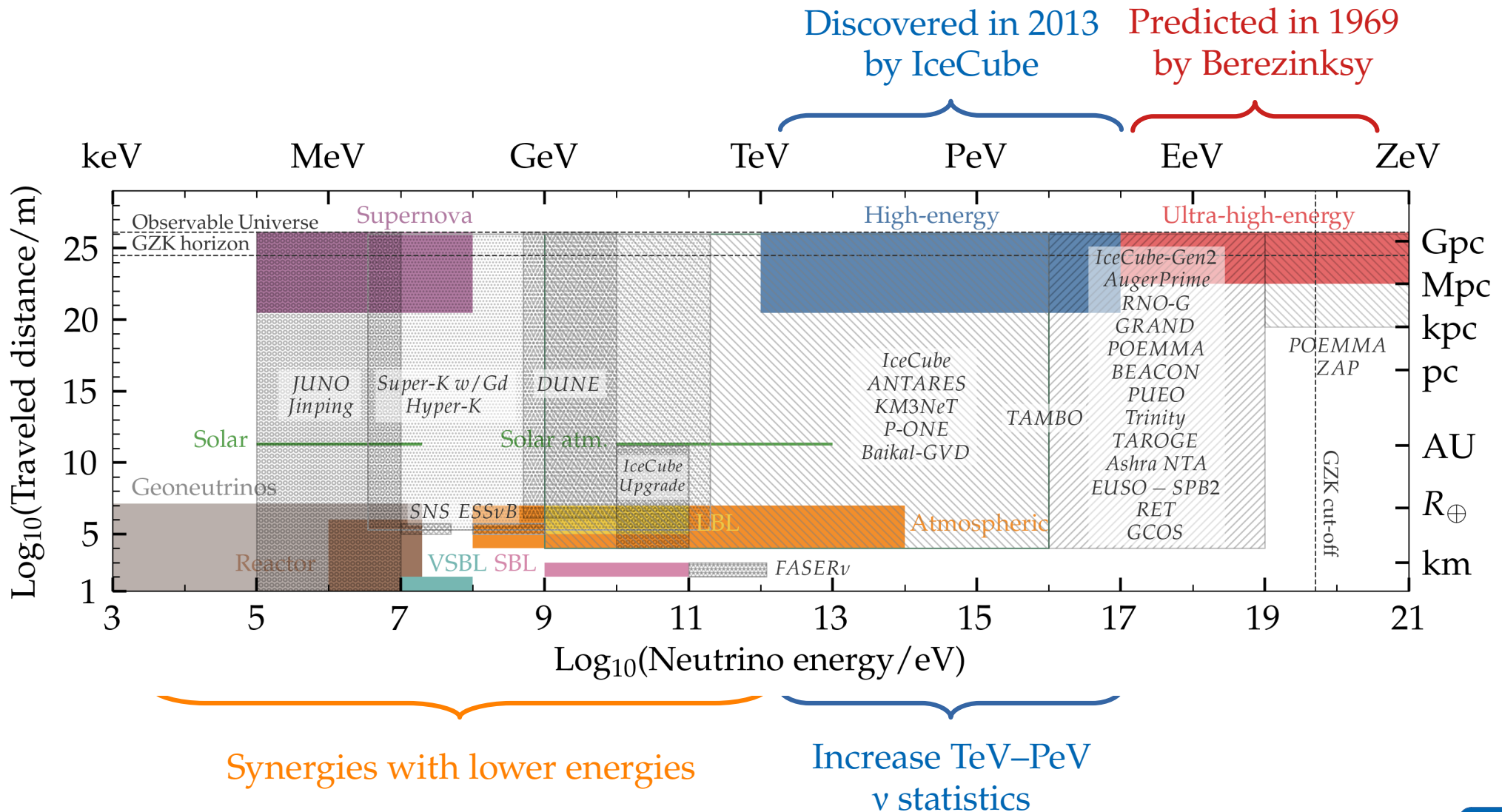
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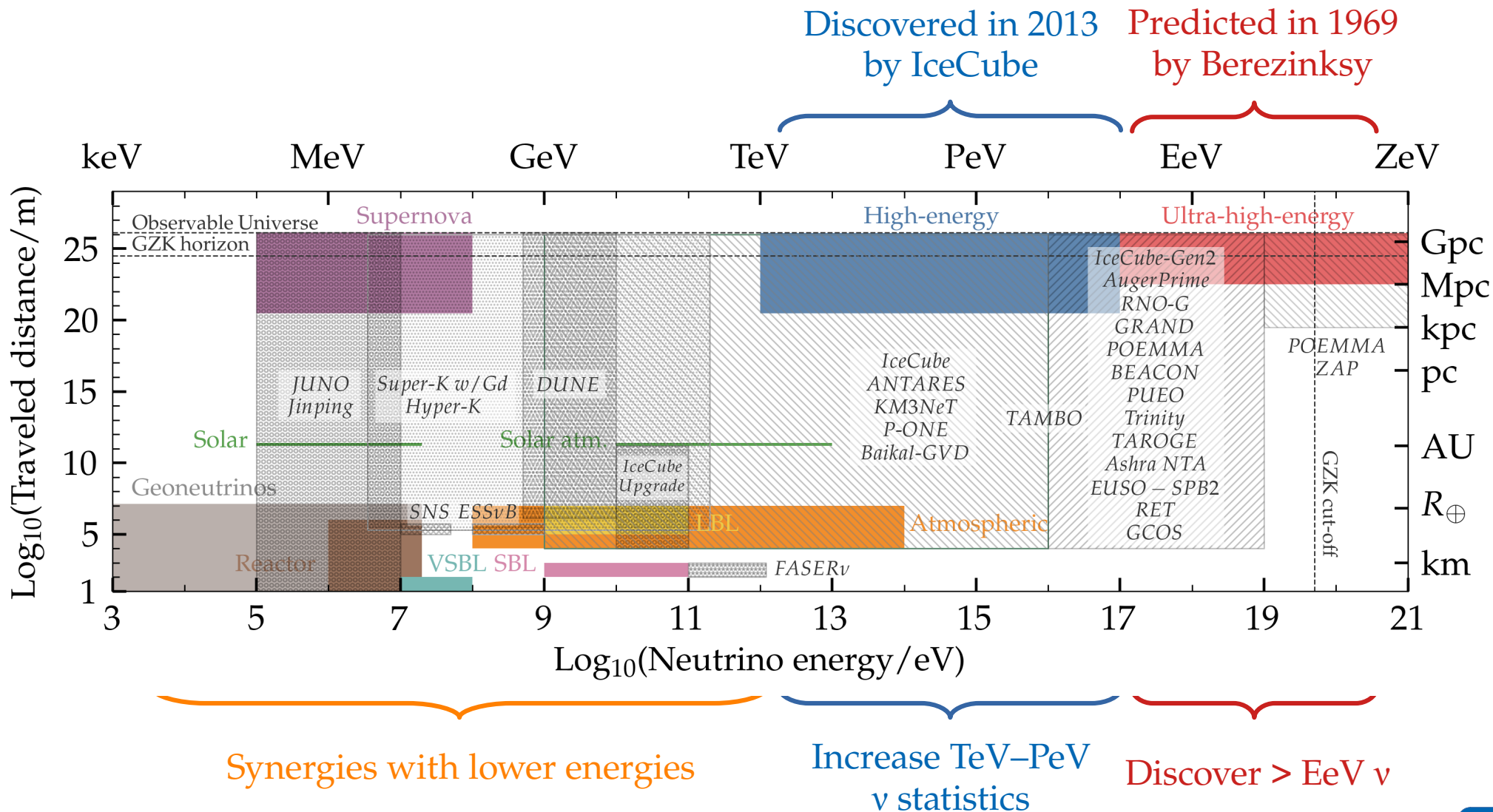
Discovered in 2013
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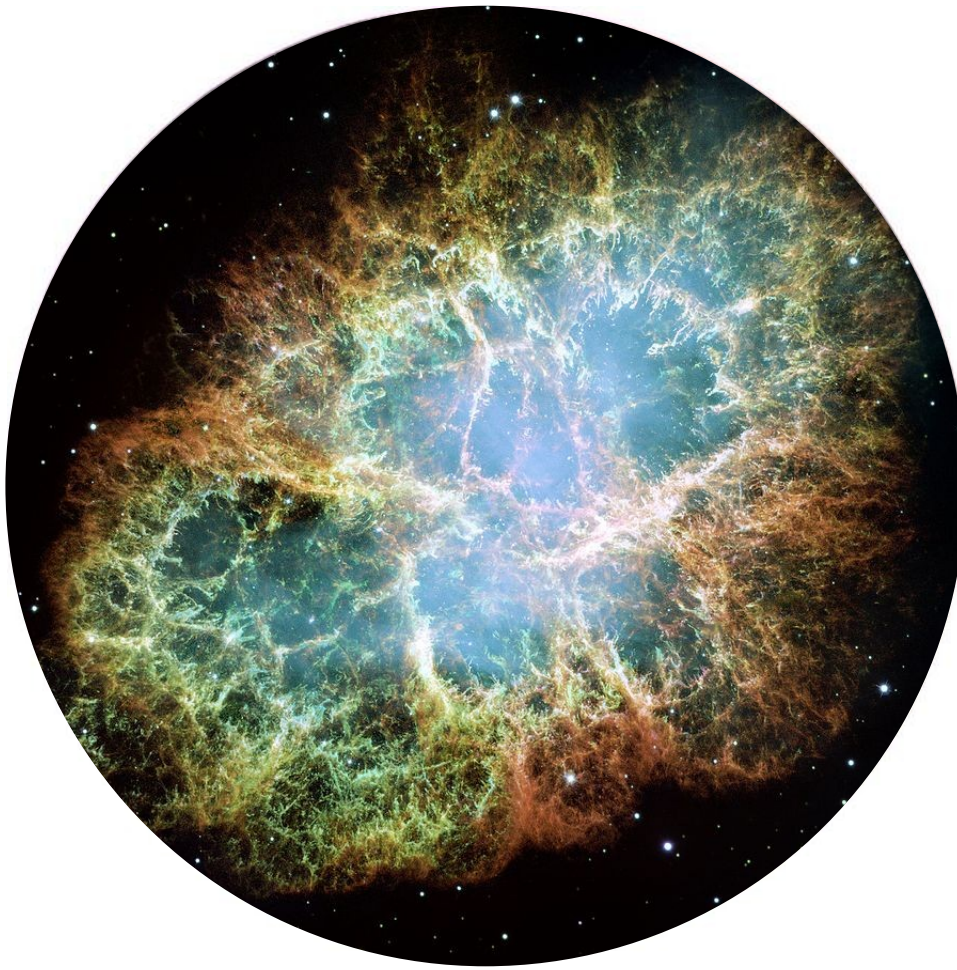




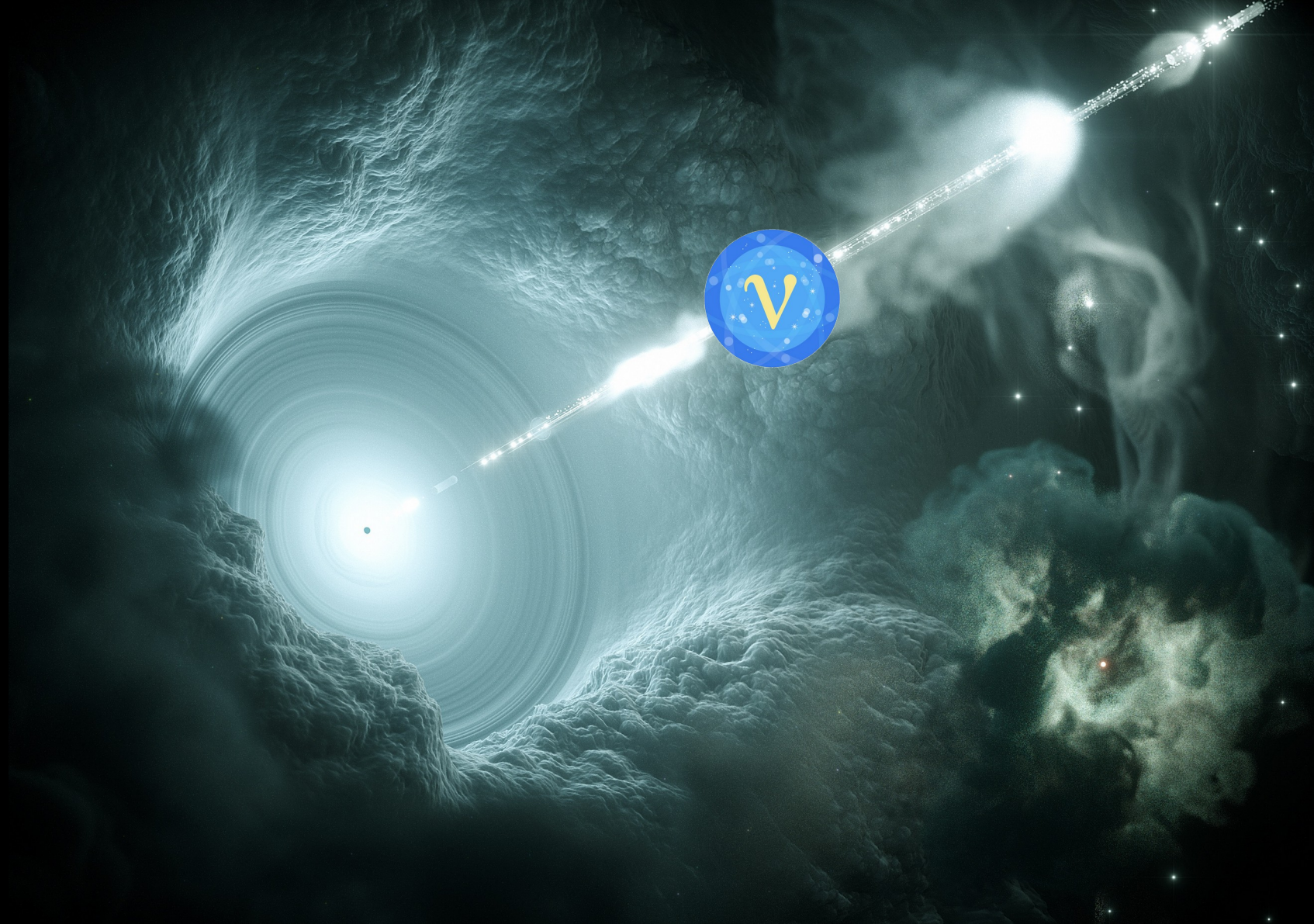
Today
TeV–PeV ν

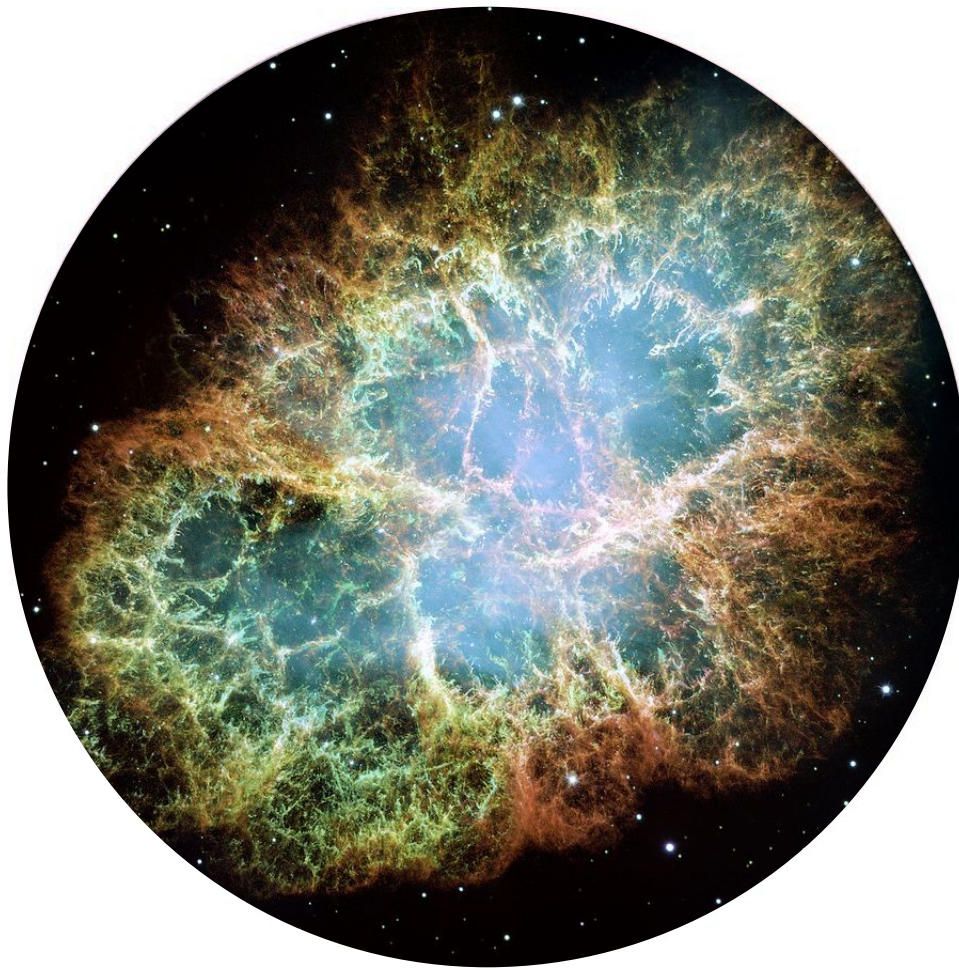
Next decade
> 100-PeV ν

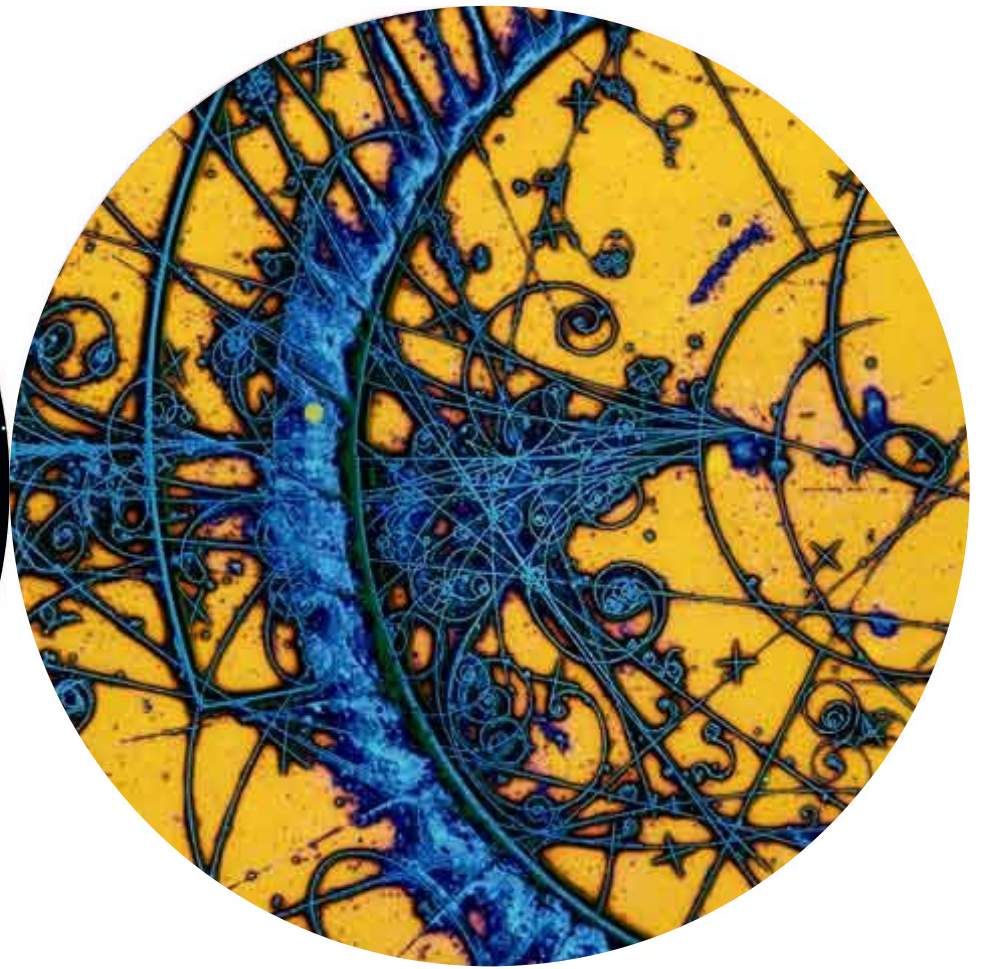
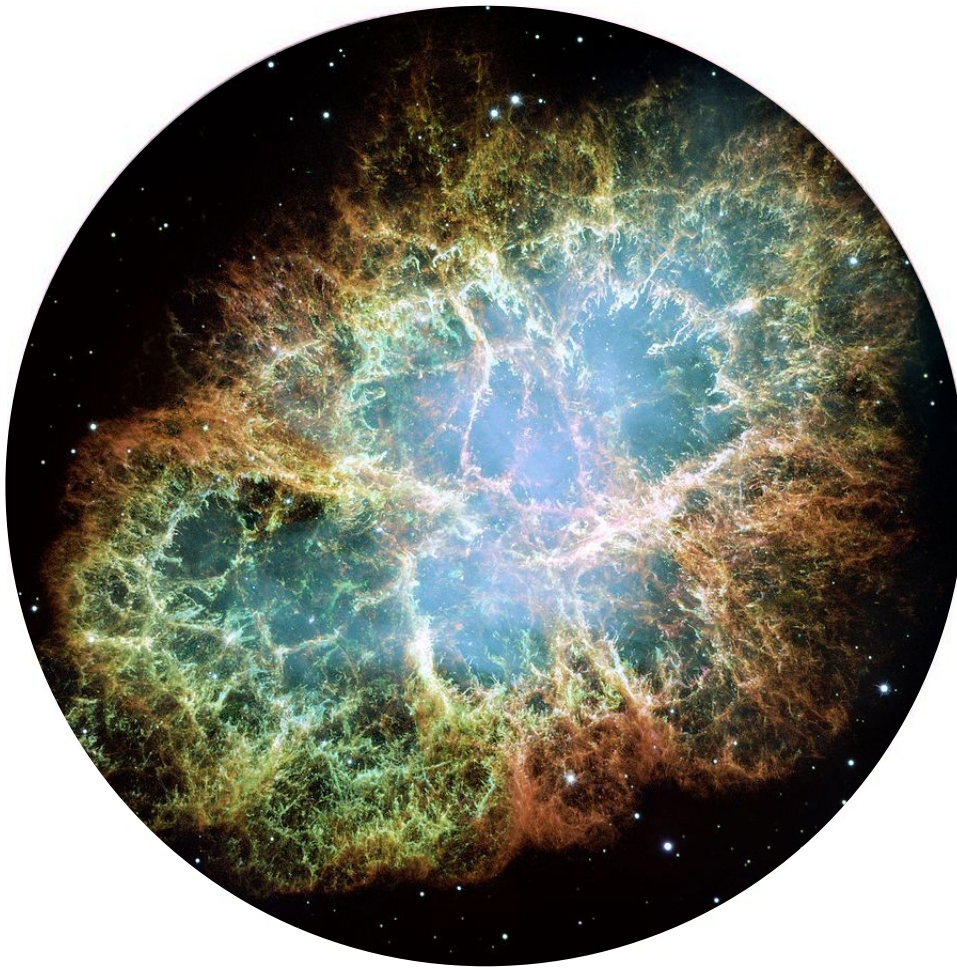




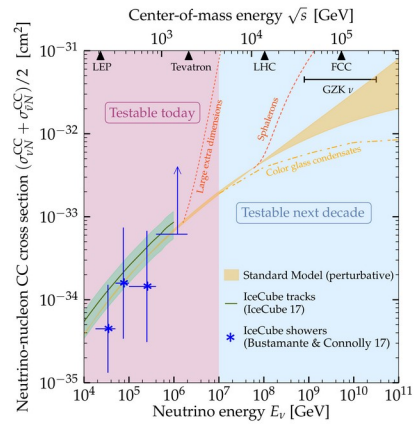






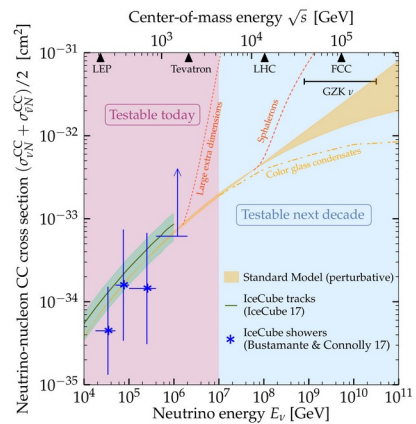


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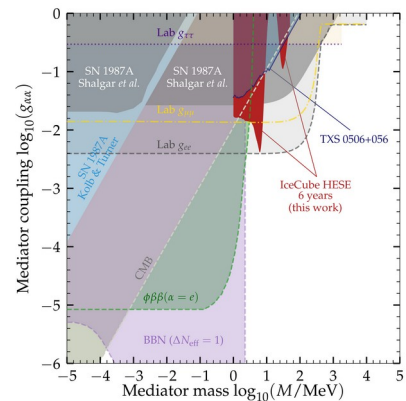
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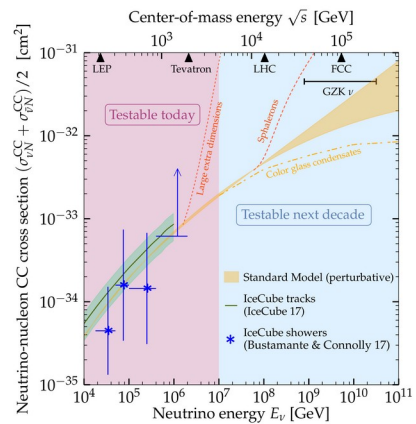
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ν self-interactions



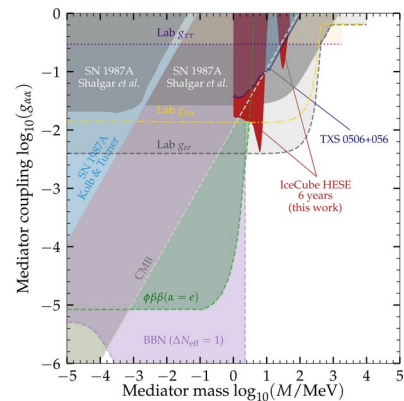
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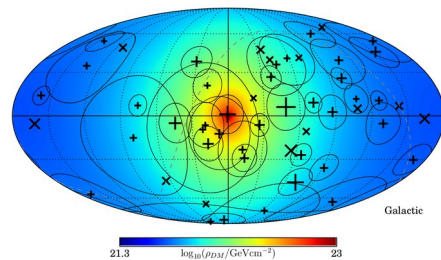
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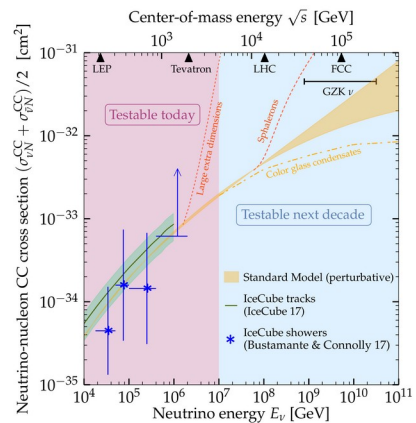
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ν scattering on Galactic DM



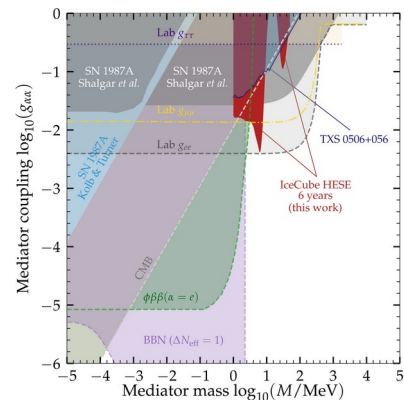
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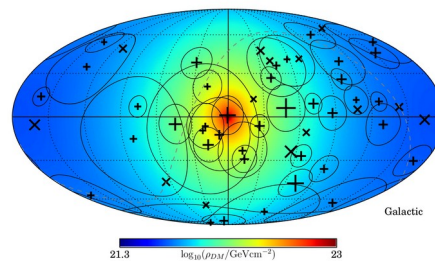
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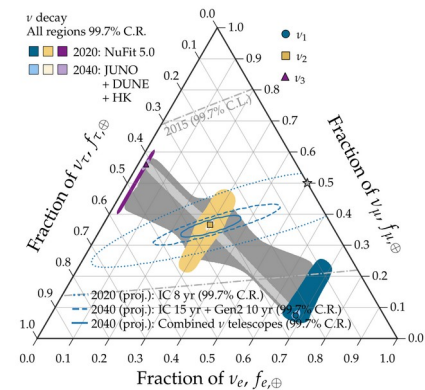
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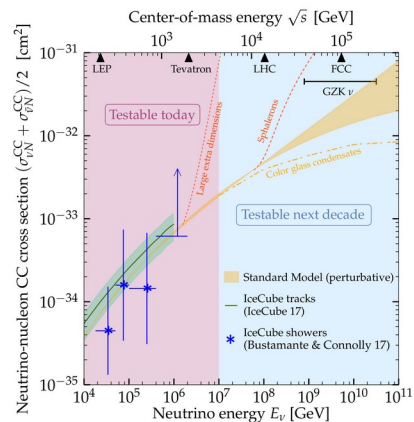
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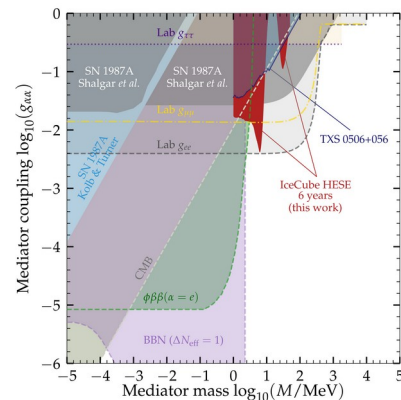
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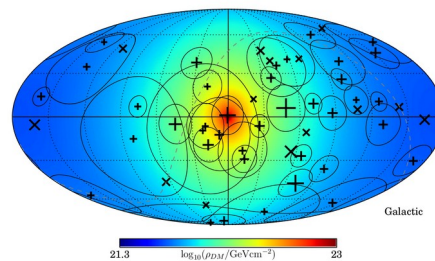
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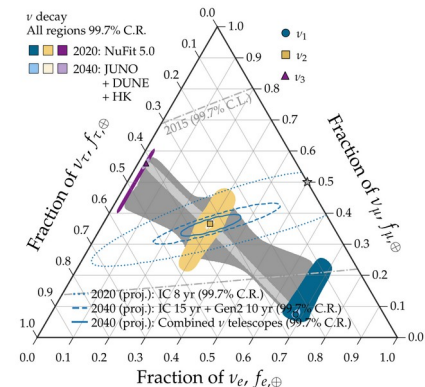
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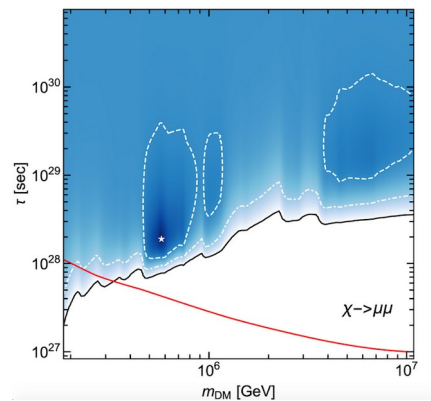
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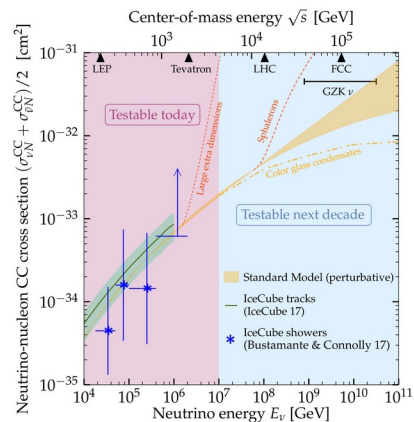
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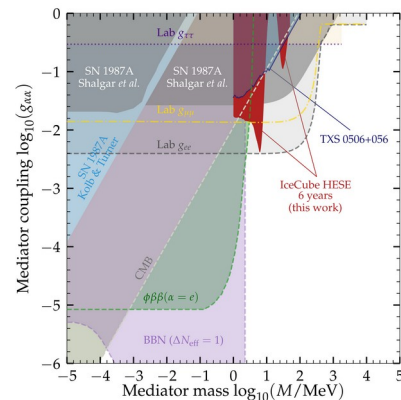
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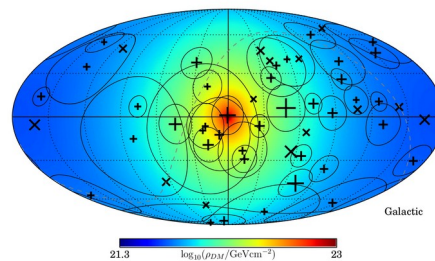
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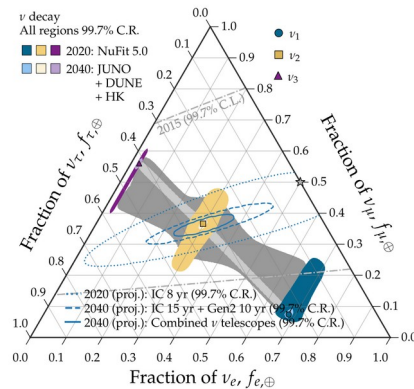
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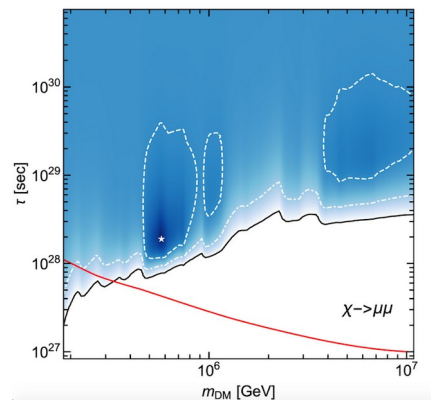
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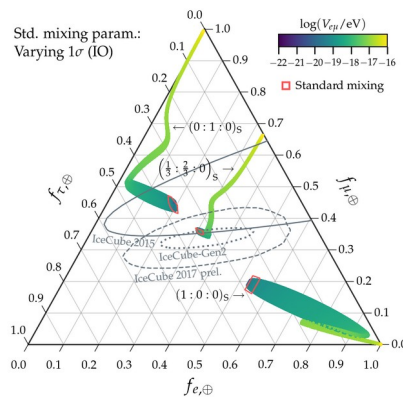
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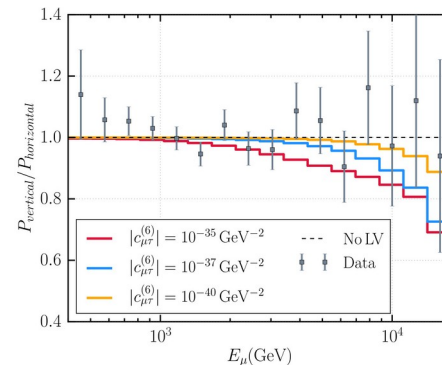
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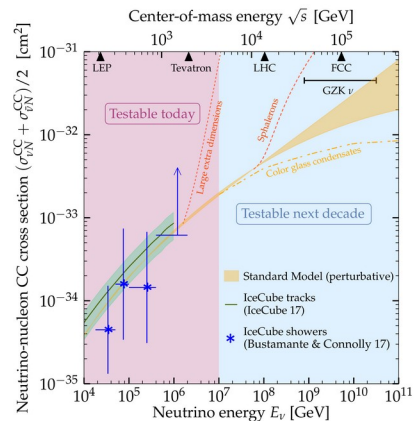
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Lorentz-invariance violation



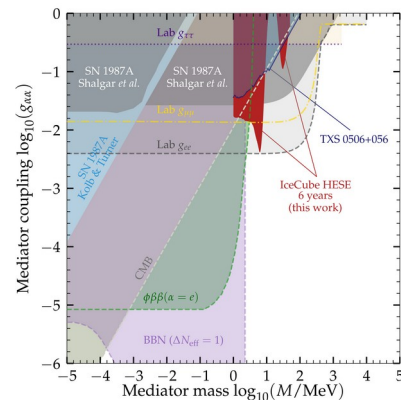
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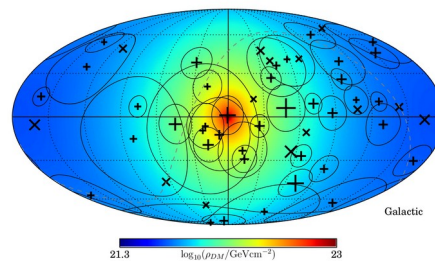
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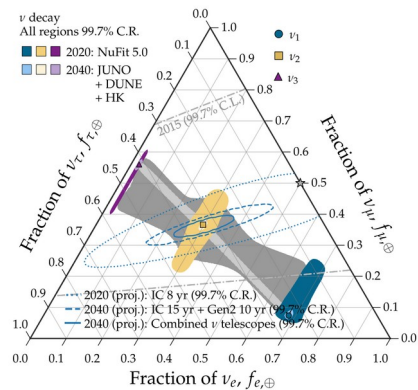
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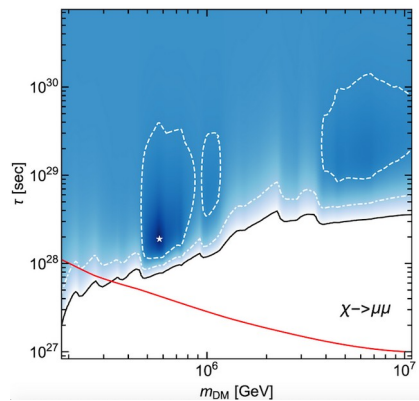
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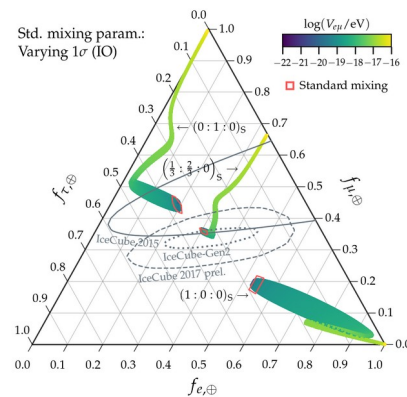
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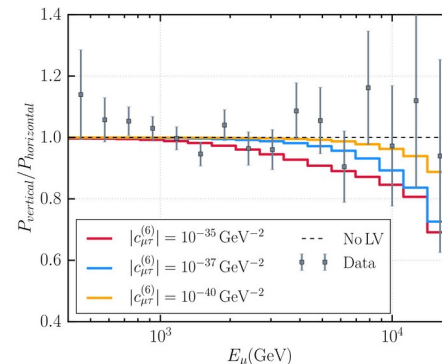
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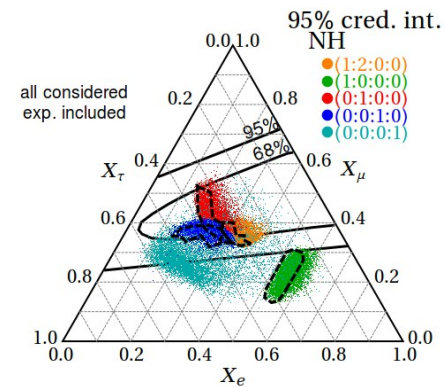
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Sterile neutrinos



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High-energy cosmic neutrinos: *The story so far*

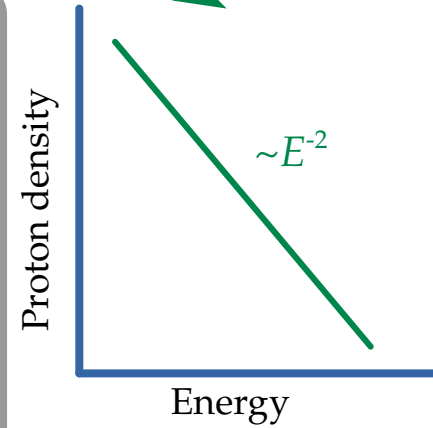
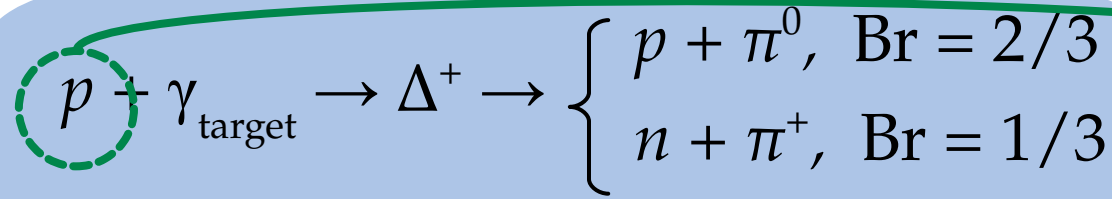
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(or $p + p$)

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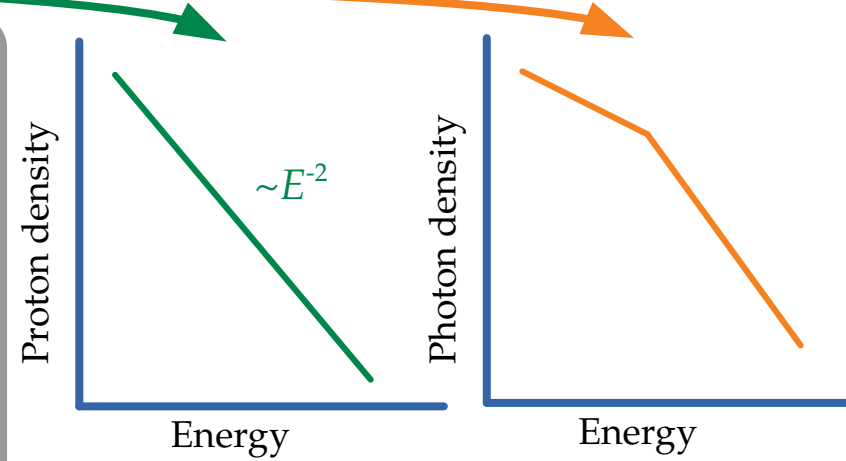
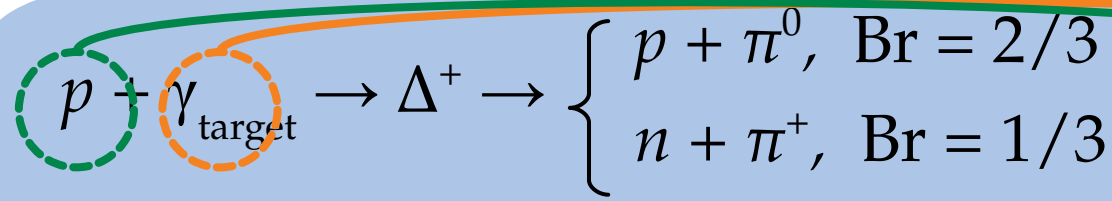
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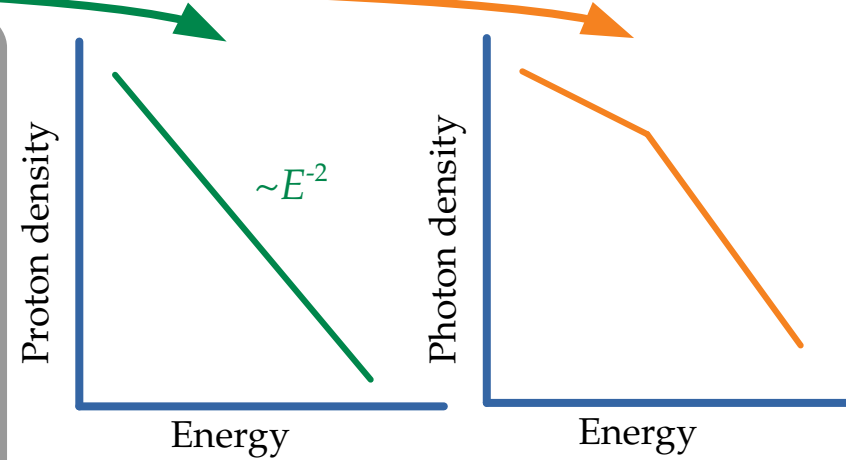
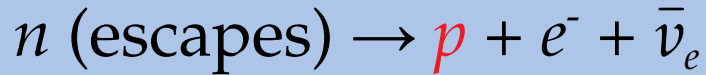
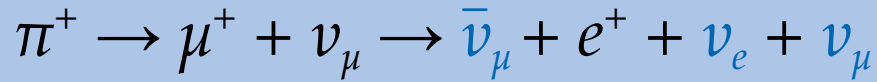
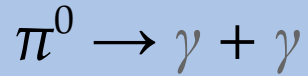
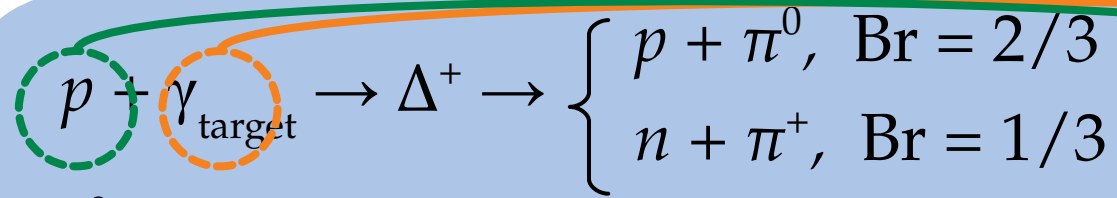
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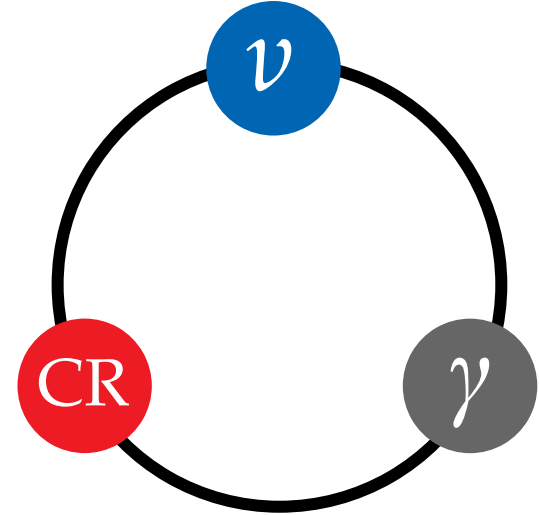
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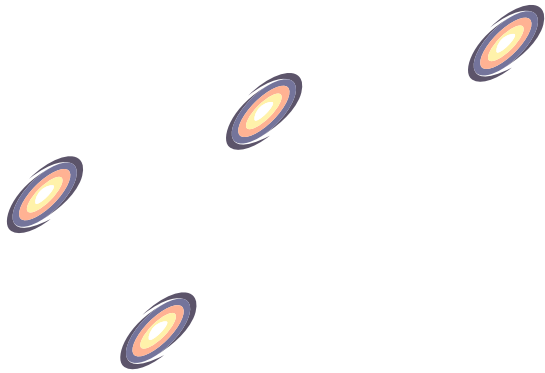
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Discovered

MeV γ

PeV p

TeV–PeV ν

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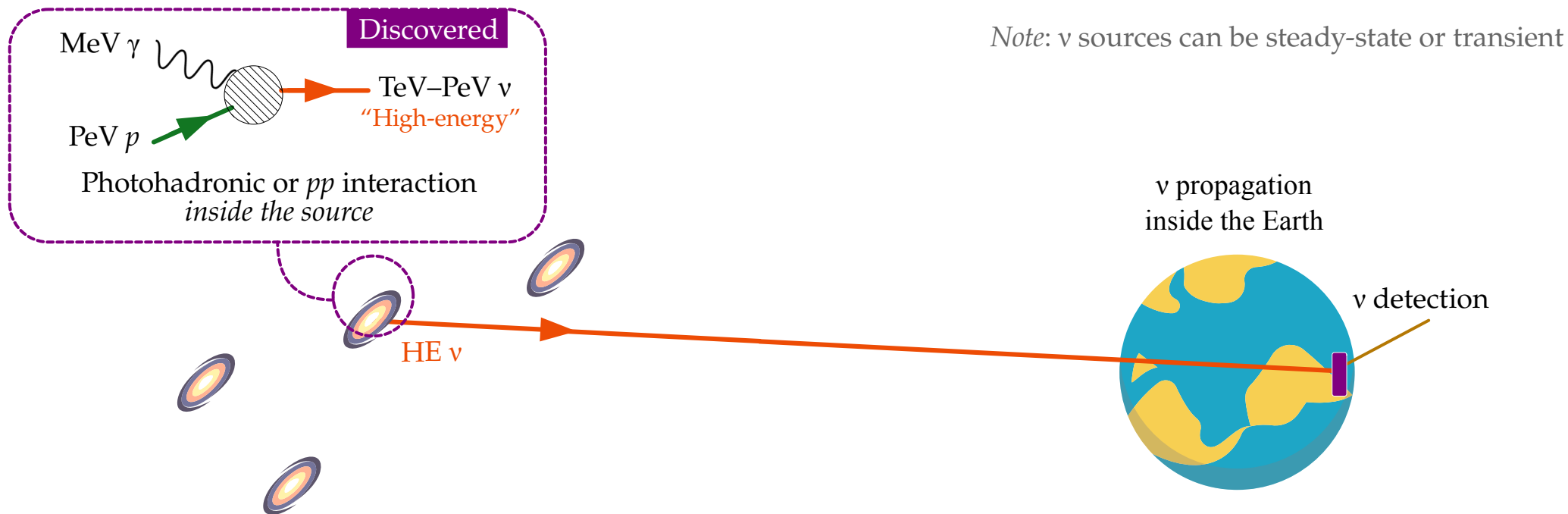
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ν propagation
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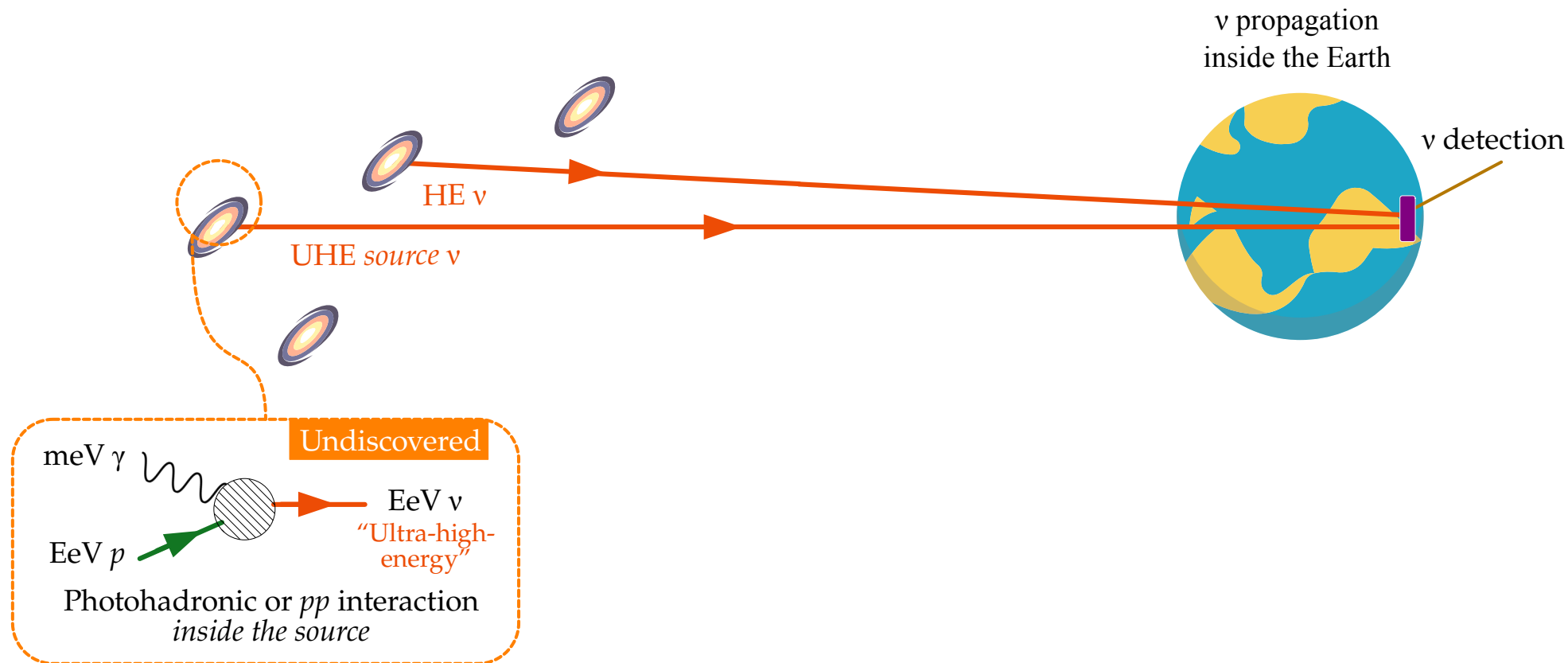
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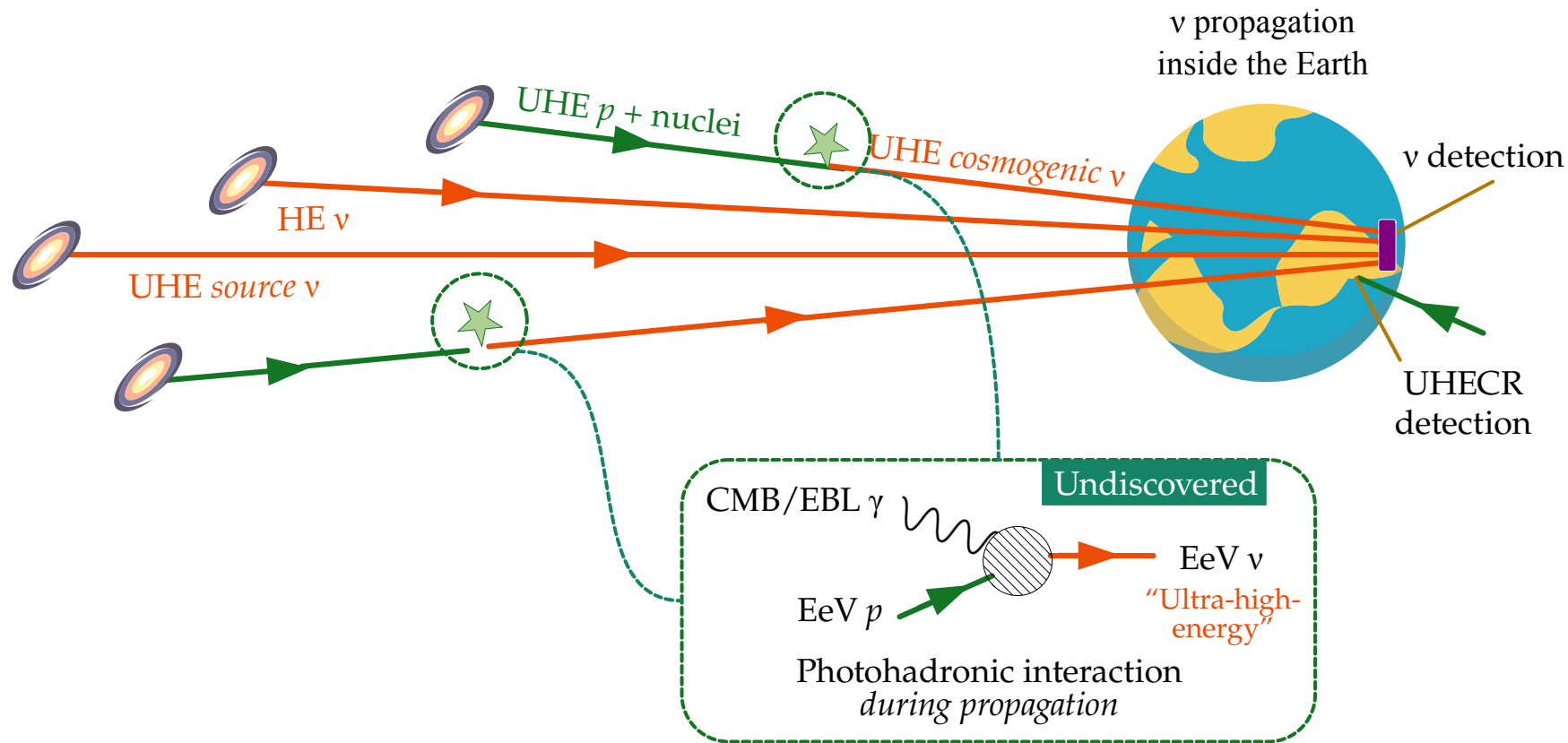
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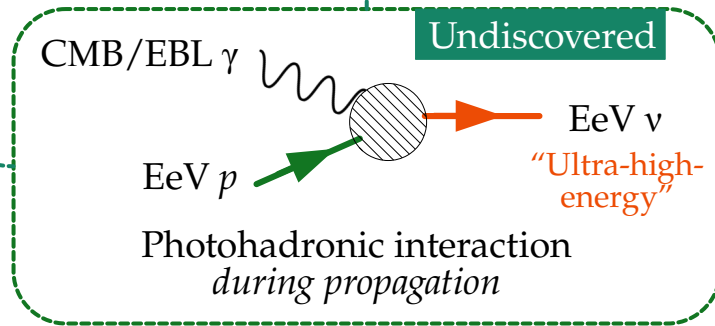
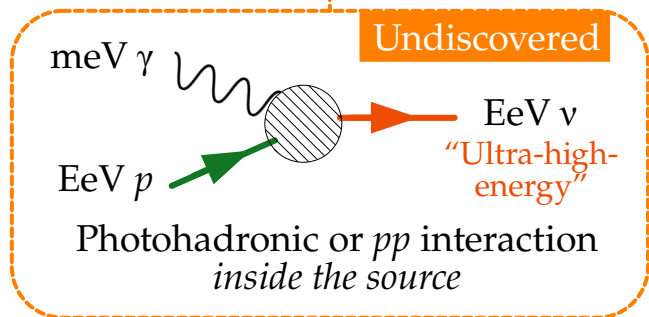
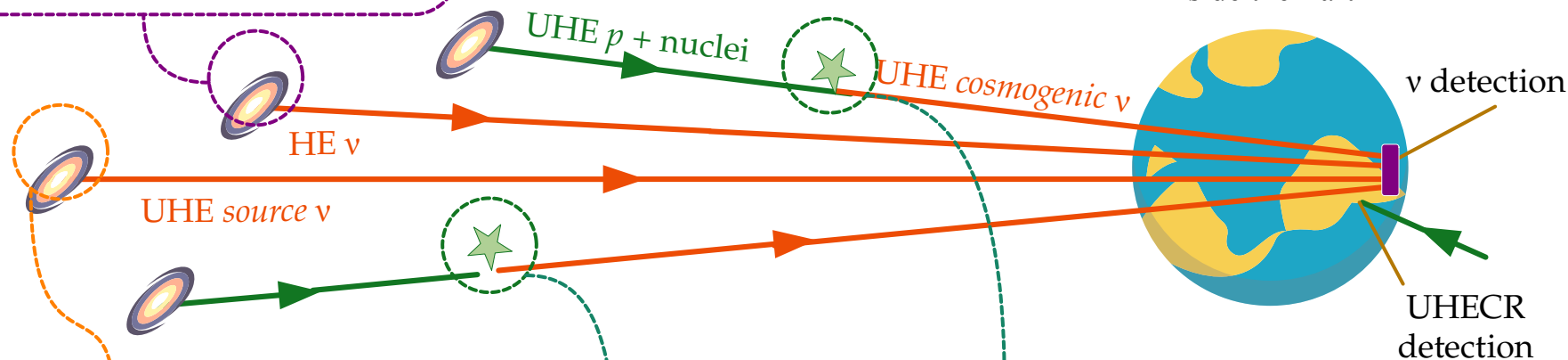
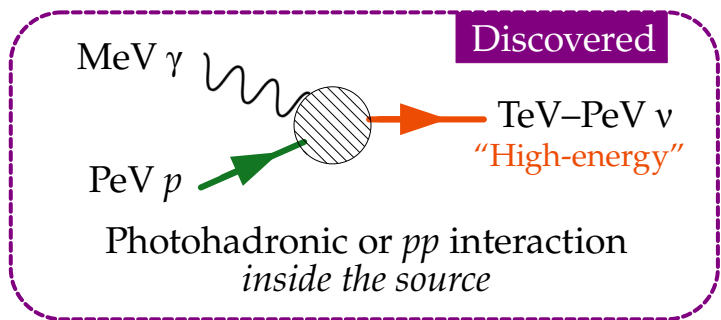
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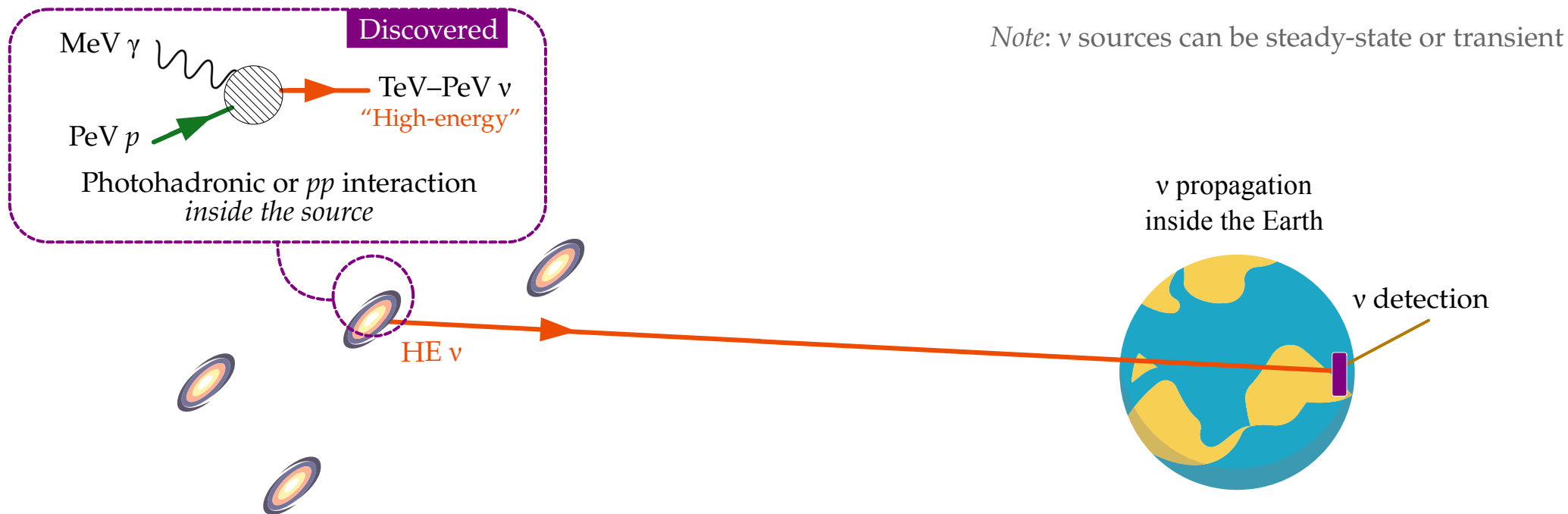
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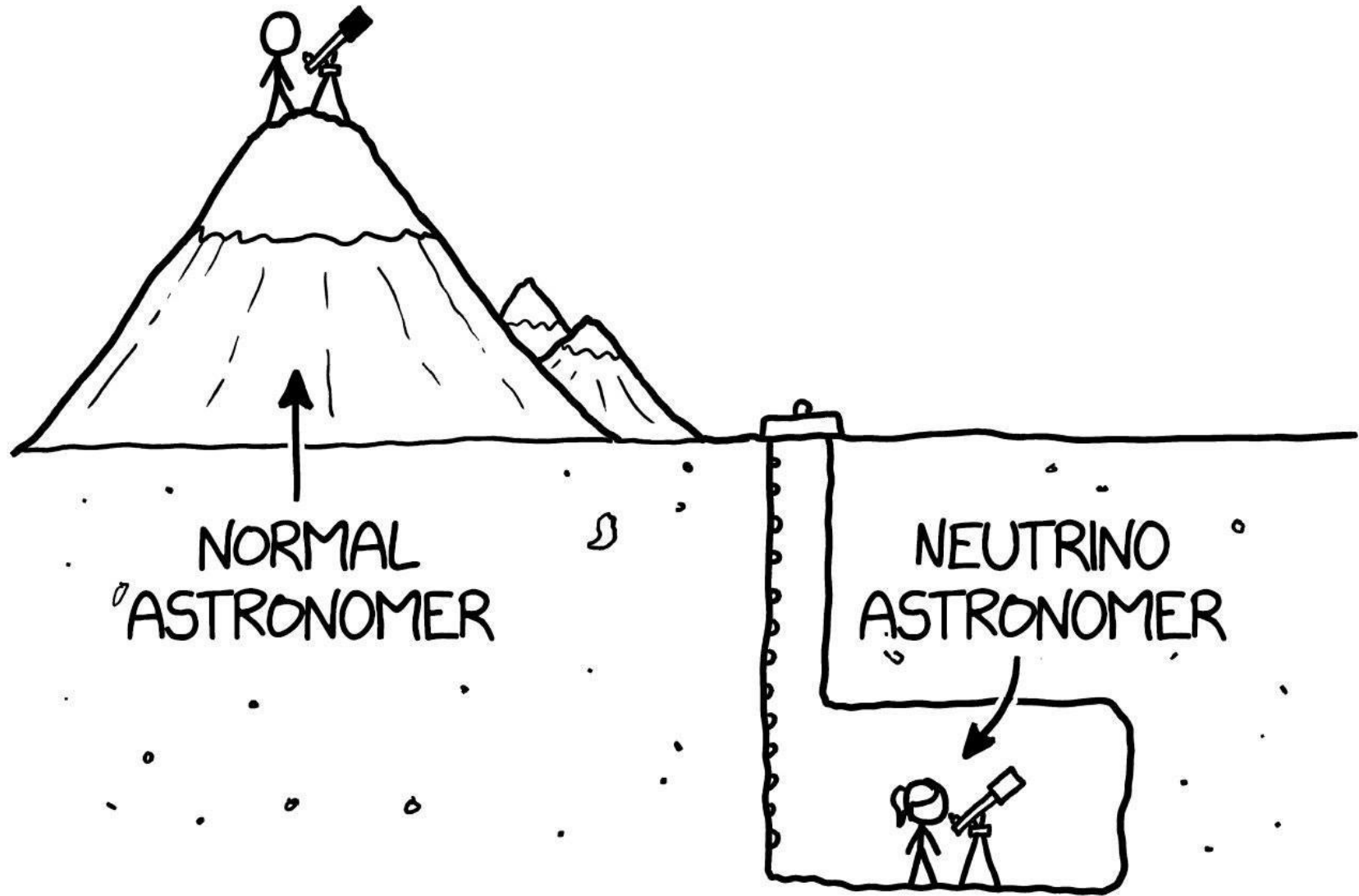
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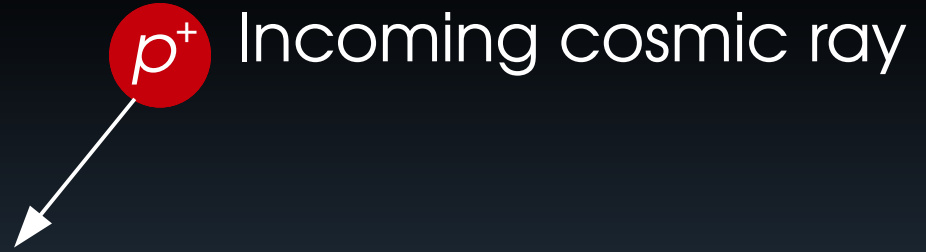




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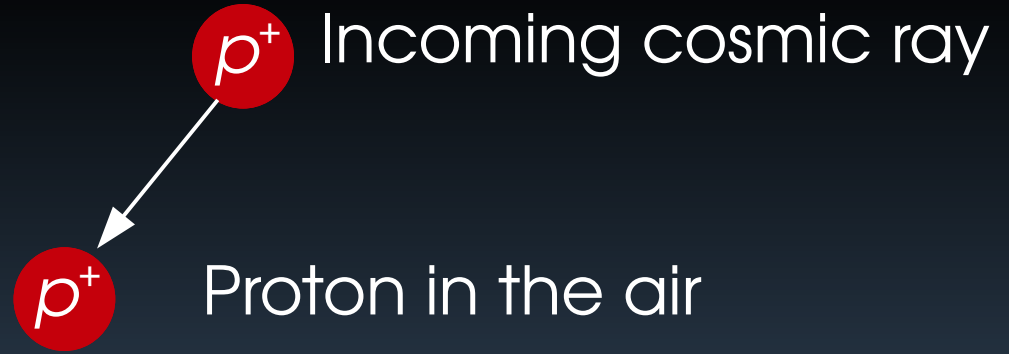
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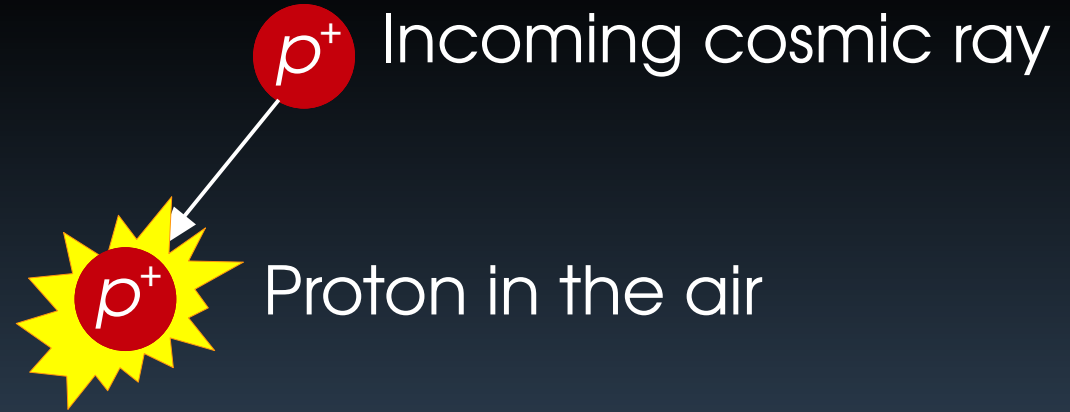
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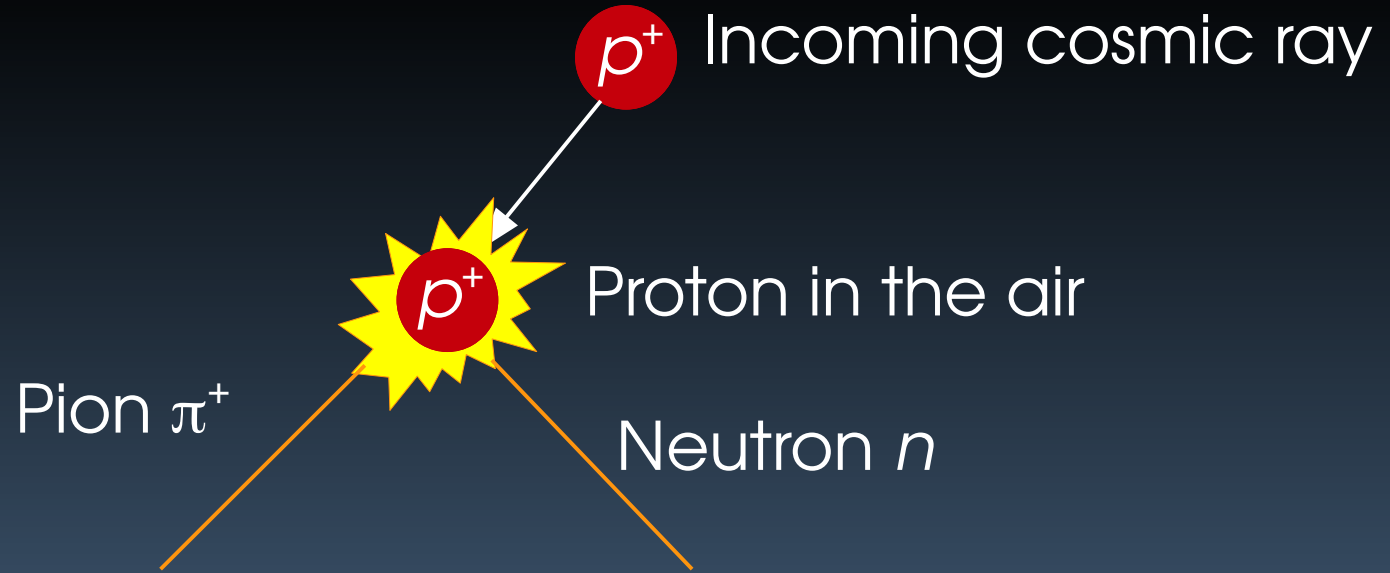
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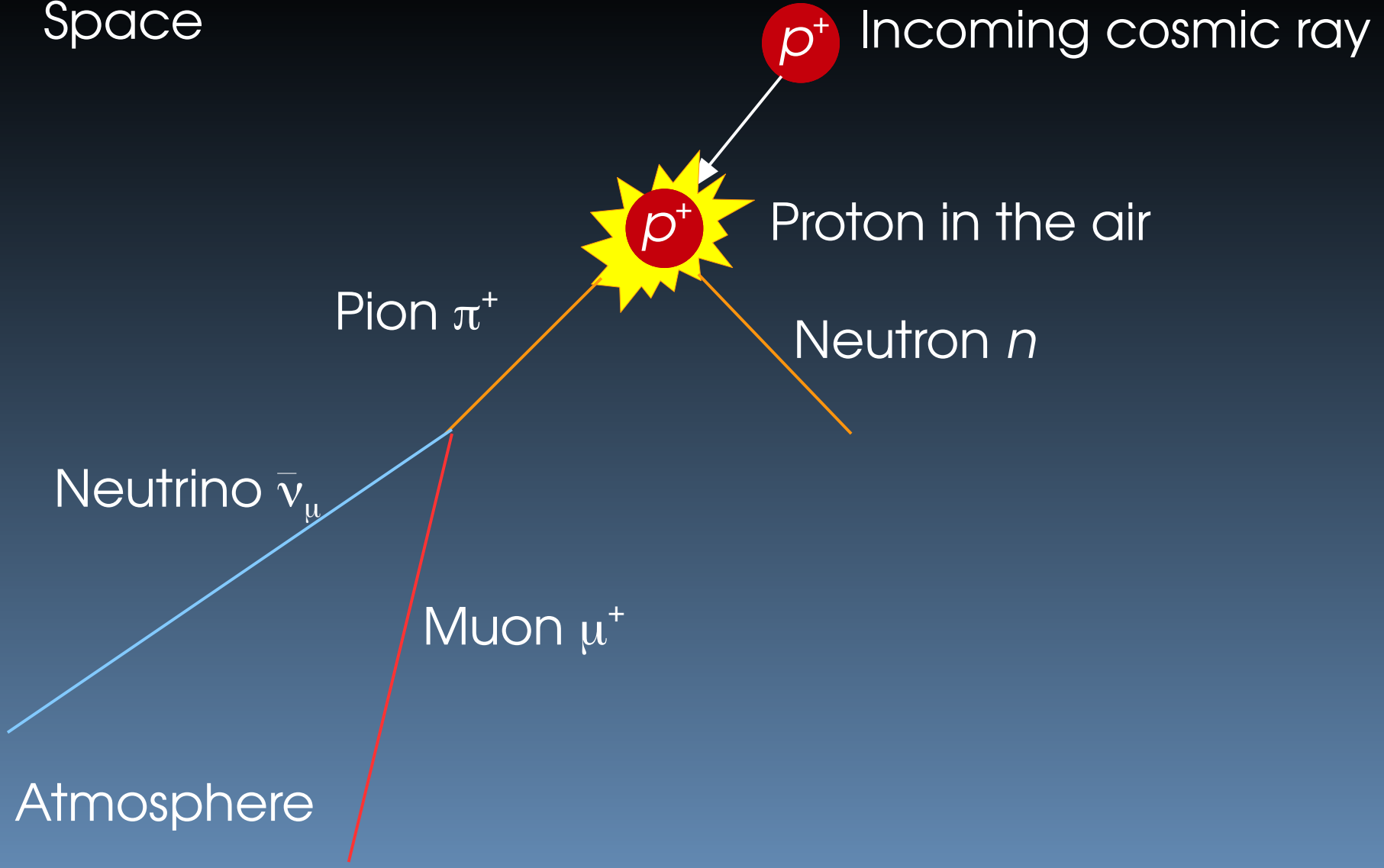
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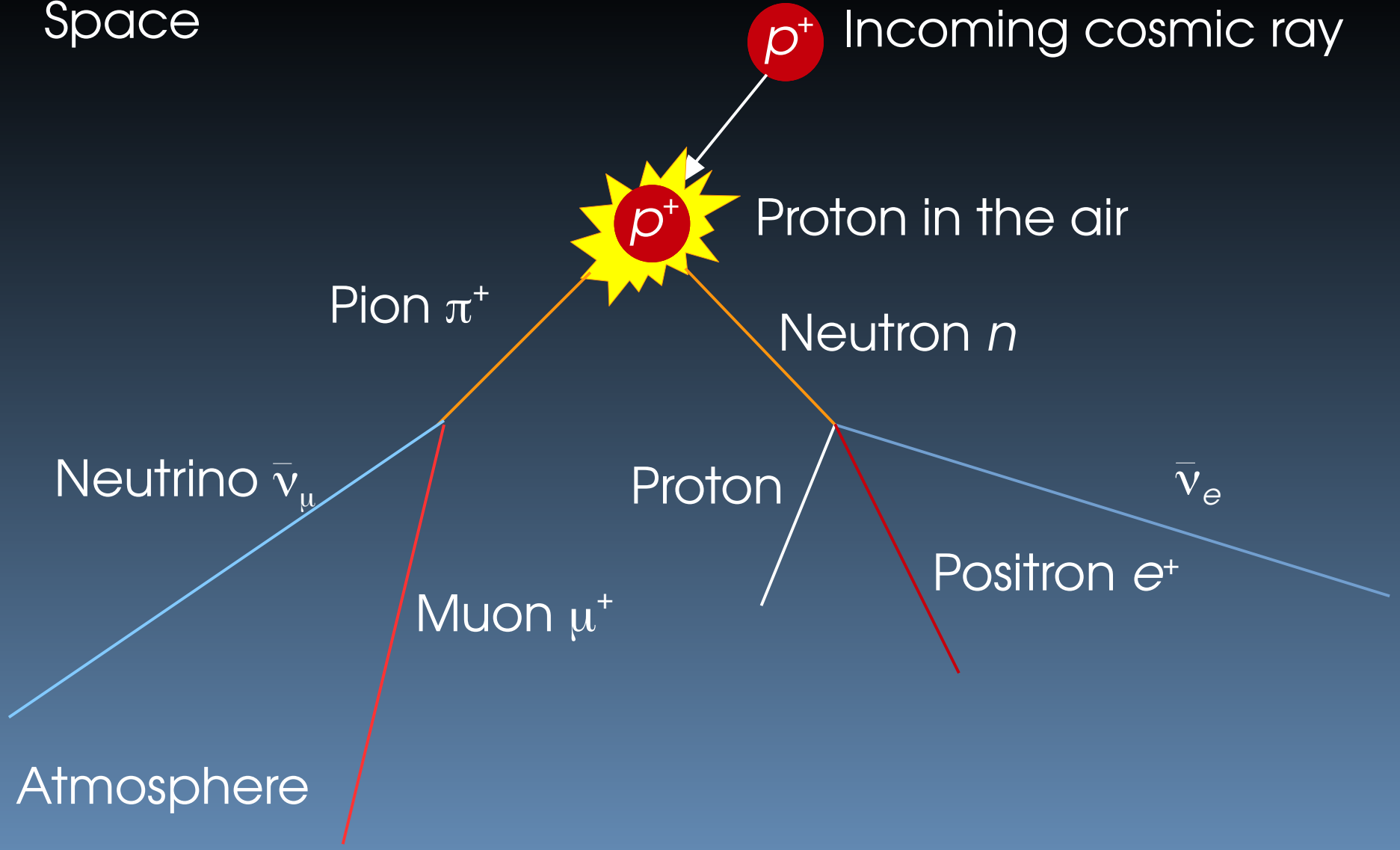
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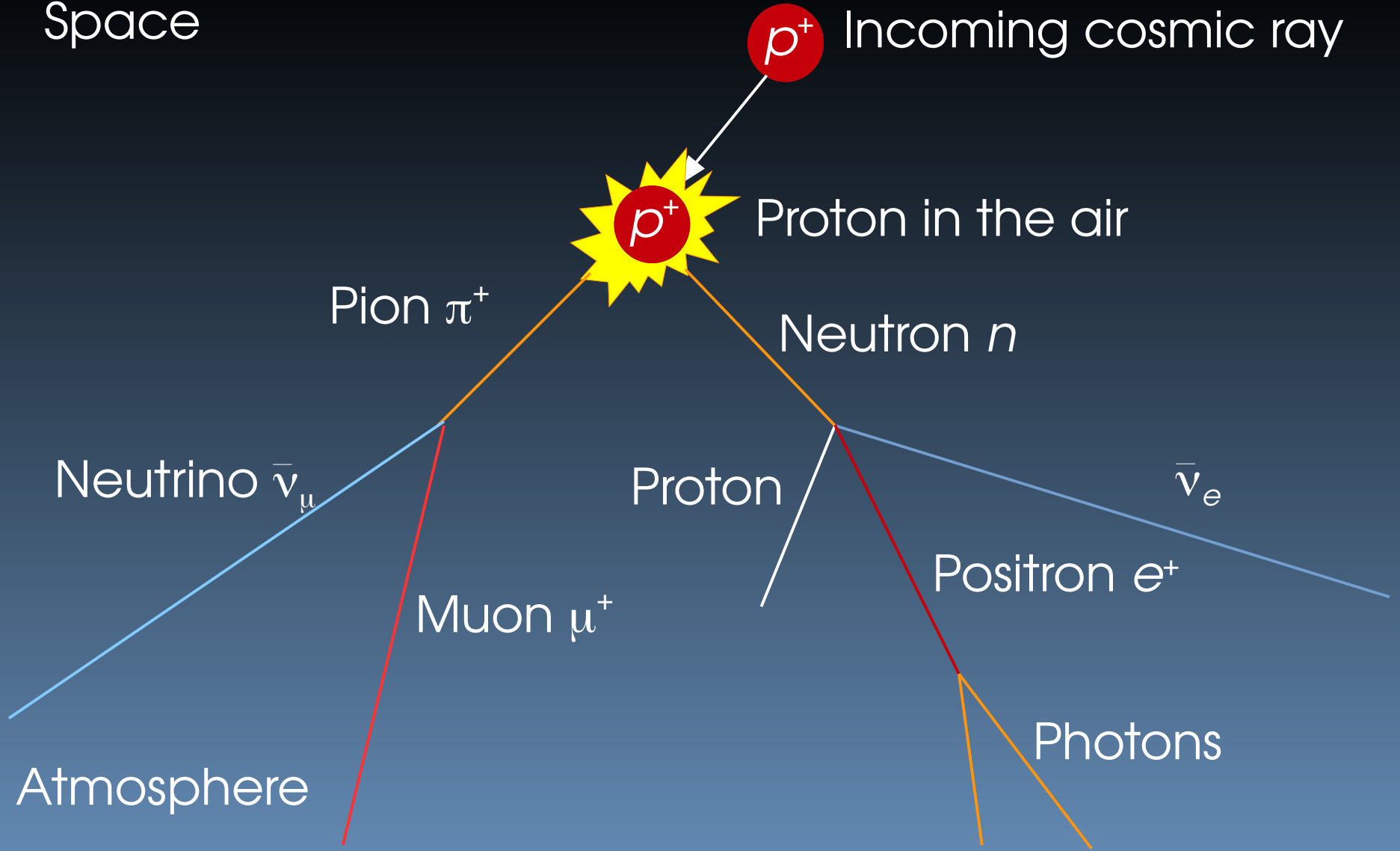
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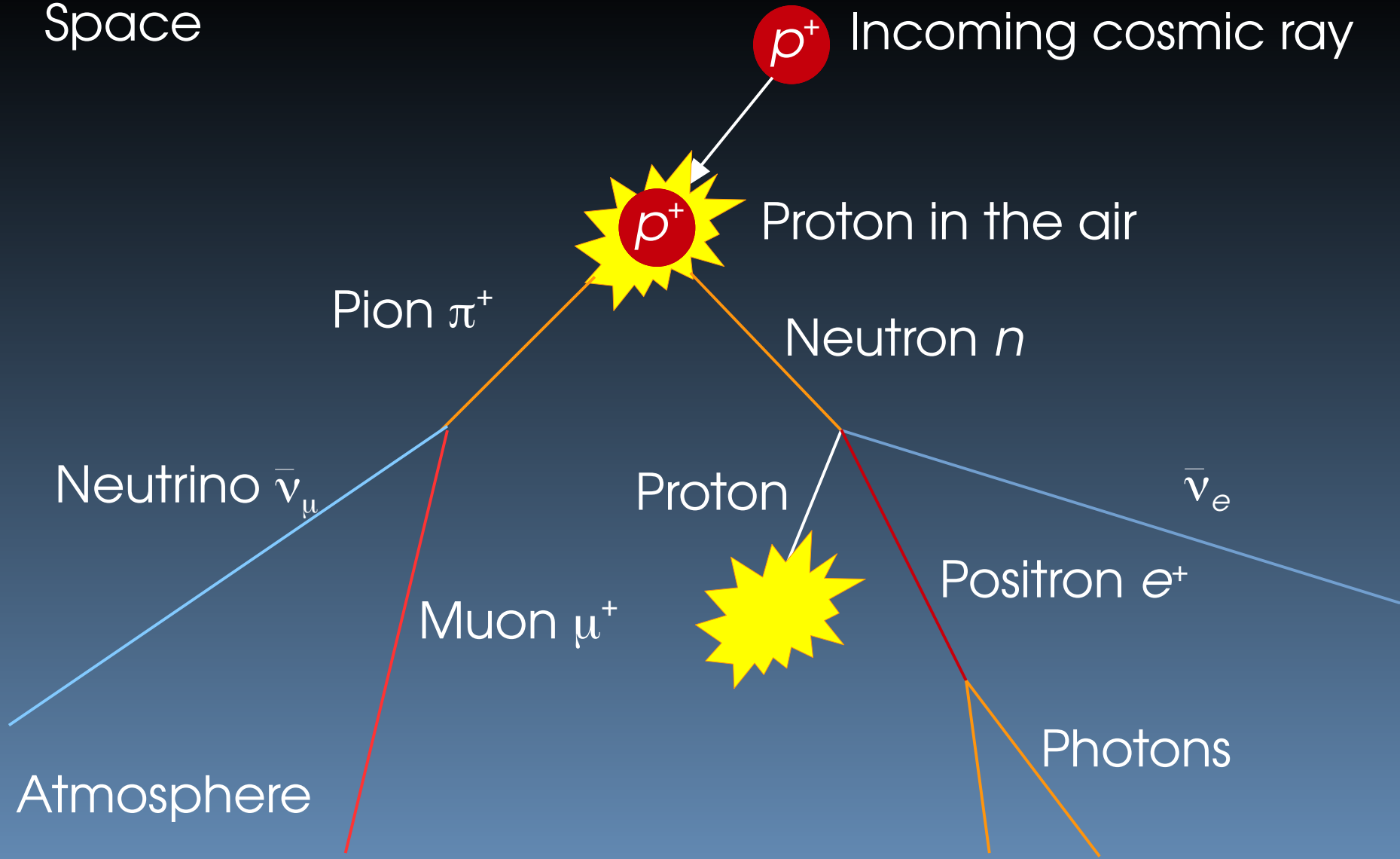
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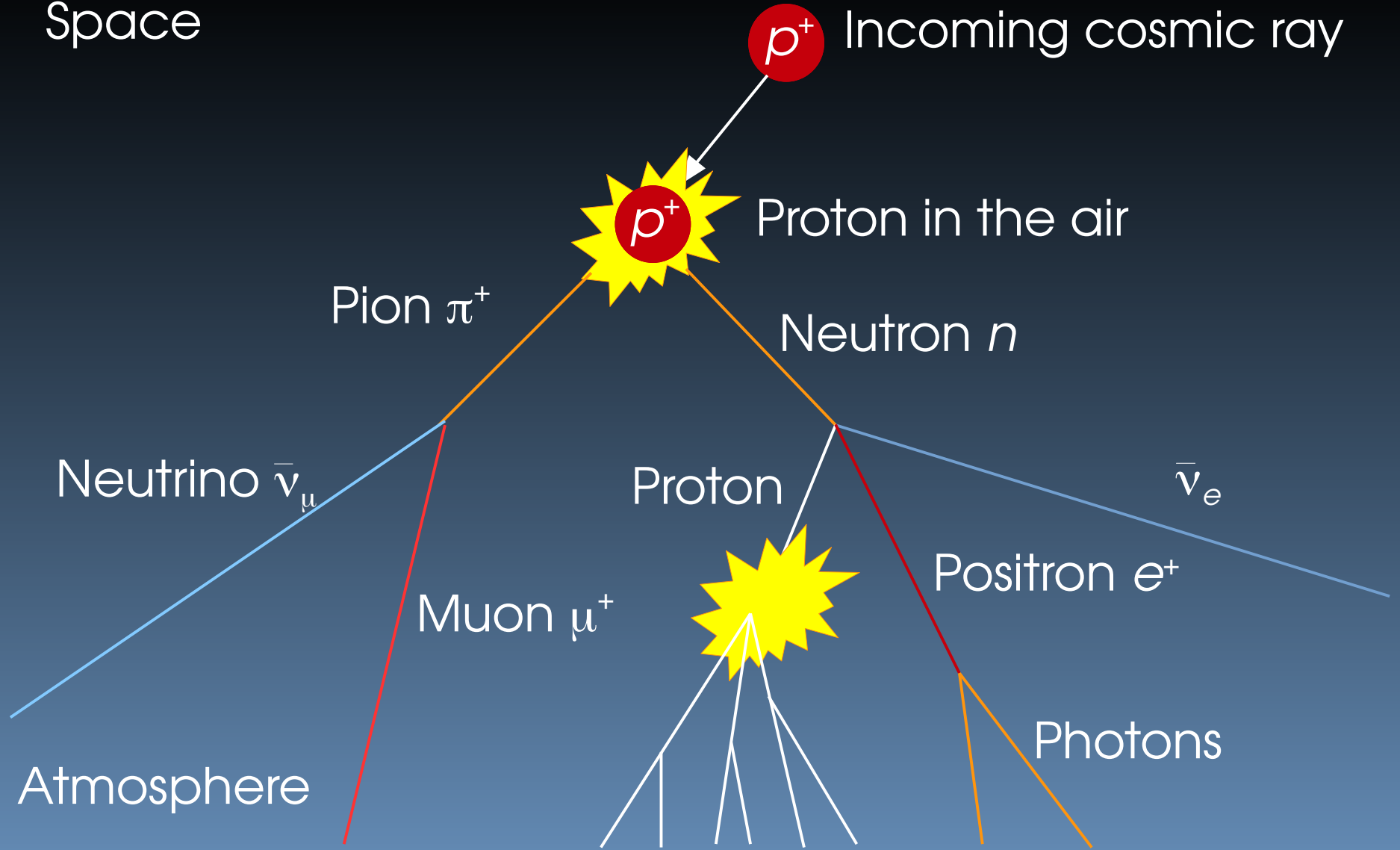
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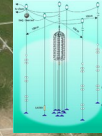
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TeV–PeV ν
telescopes,
~today

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 ν from the Southern sky



Baikal NT200+

- ▶ Lake Baikal
- ▶ Completed 1998 (upgraded 2005)
- ▶ $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ km}^3$ (10 TeV)
- ▶ $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.01 \text{ km}^3$ (10 PeV)
- ▶ 8 strings, 192+ OMs

IceCube

- ▶ South Pole
- ▶ Completed 2011
- ▶ $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 0.01 \text{ km}^3$ (10 TeV)
- ▶ $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 1 \text{ km}^3$ ($> 1 \text{ PeV}$)
- ▶ 86 strings, 5000+ OMs
- ▶ Sees high-energy astrophysical ν



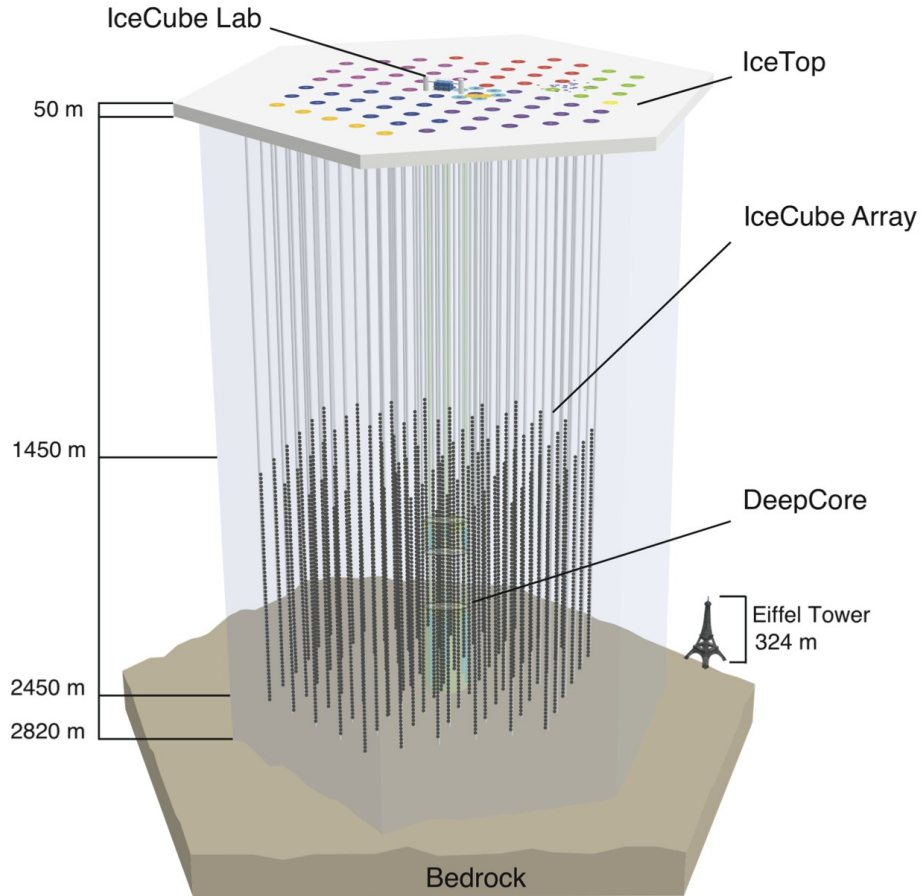
ICECUBE
SOUTH POLE NEUTRINO OBSERVATORY

OM: optical module

Strebe/Wikipedia



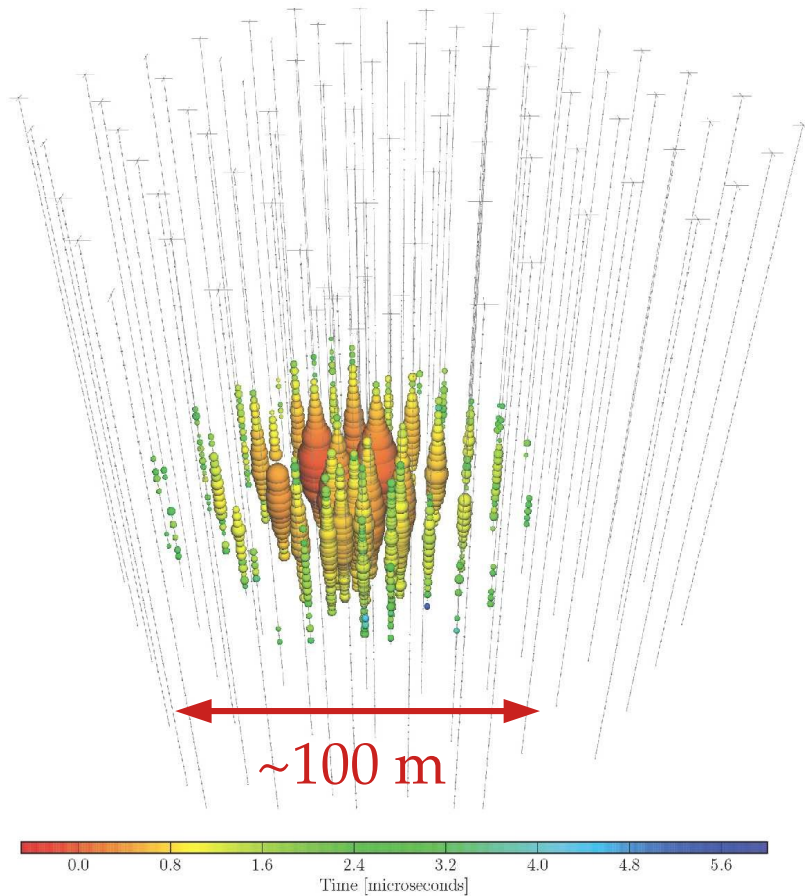
IceCube – What is it?



- ▶ Km^3 in-ice Cherenkov detector in Antarctica
- ▶ > 5000 PMTs at 1.5–2.5 km of depth
- ▶ Sensitive to neutrino energies > 10 GeV

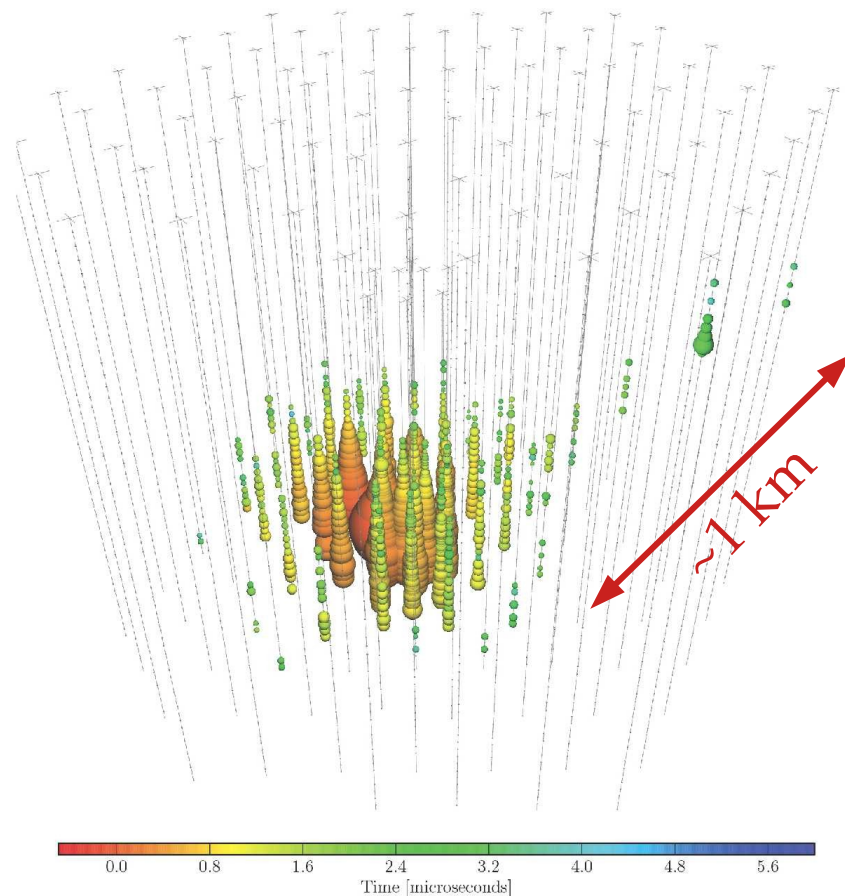


Shower (mainly from ν_e and ν_τ)

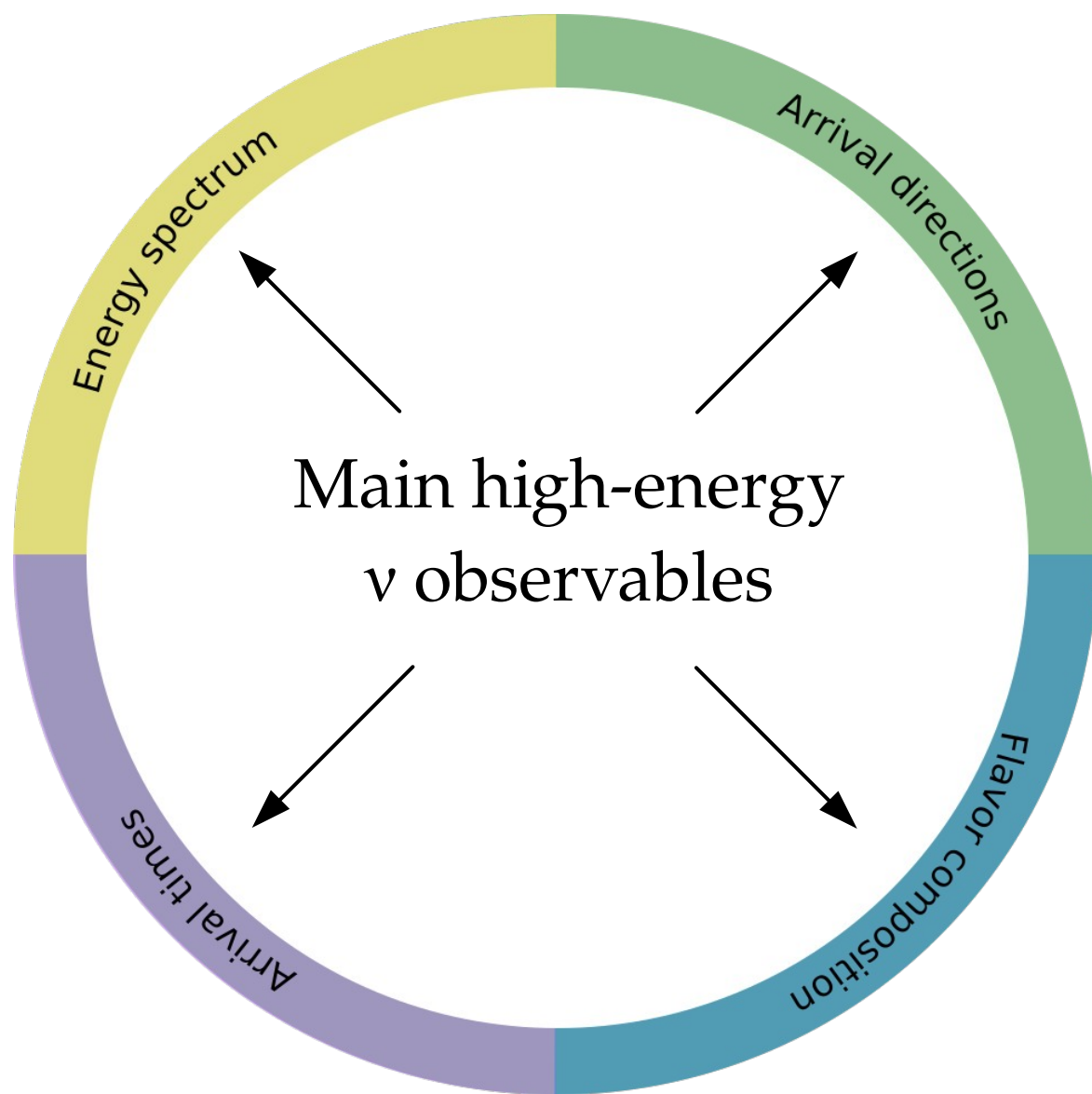


Poor angular resolution: $\sim 10^\circ$

Track (mainly from ν_μ)



Angular resolution: $< 1^\circ$

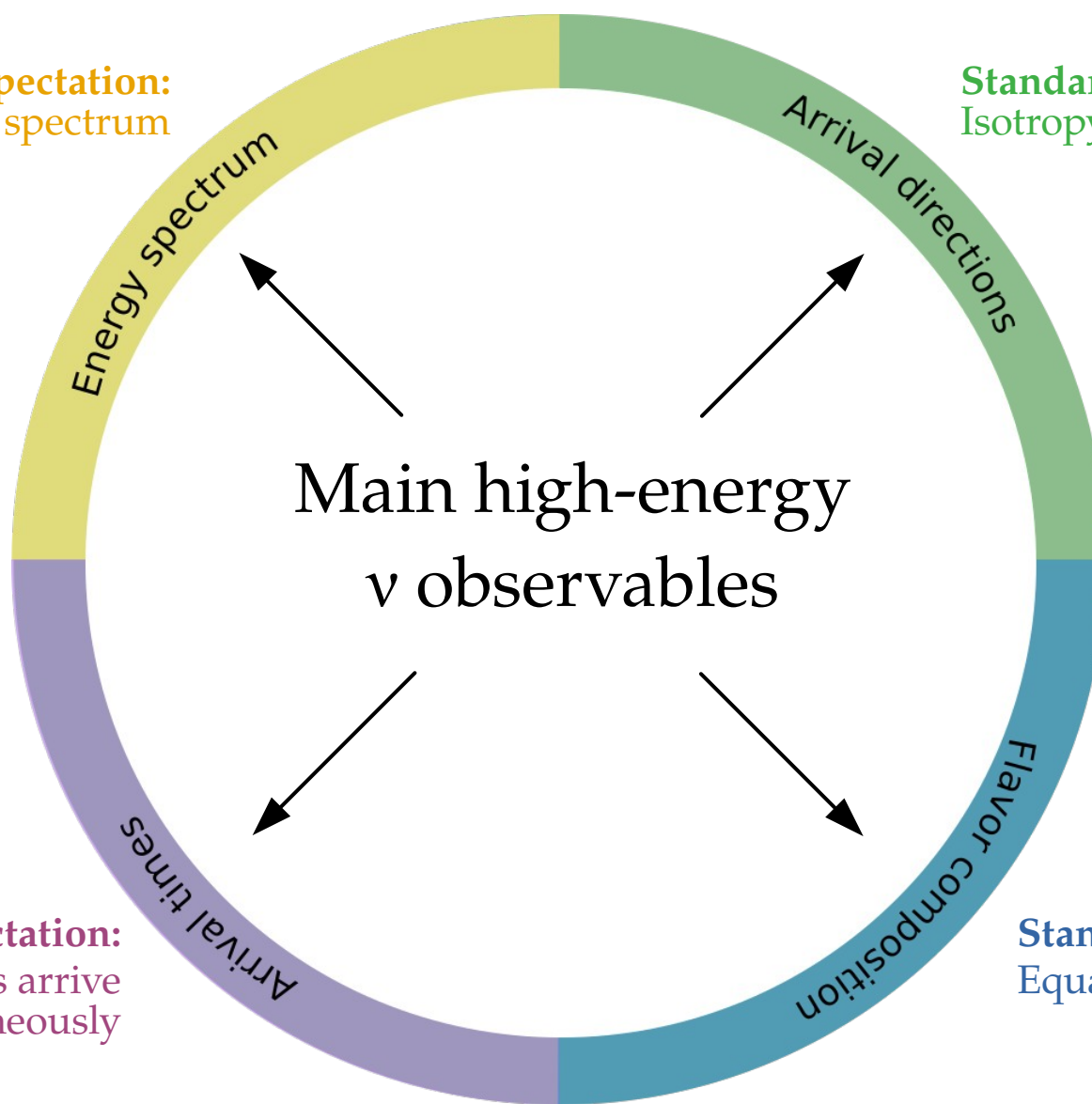


Standard expectation:
Power-law energy spectrum

Standard expectation:
Isotropy (for diffuse flux)

Standard expectation:
 ν and γ from transients arrive
simultaneously

Standard expectation:
Equal number of ν_e , ν_μ , ν_τ

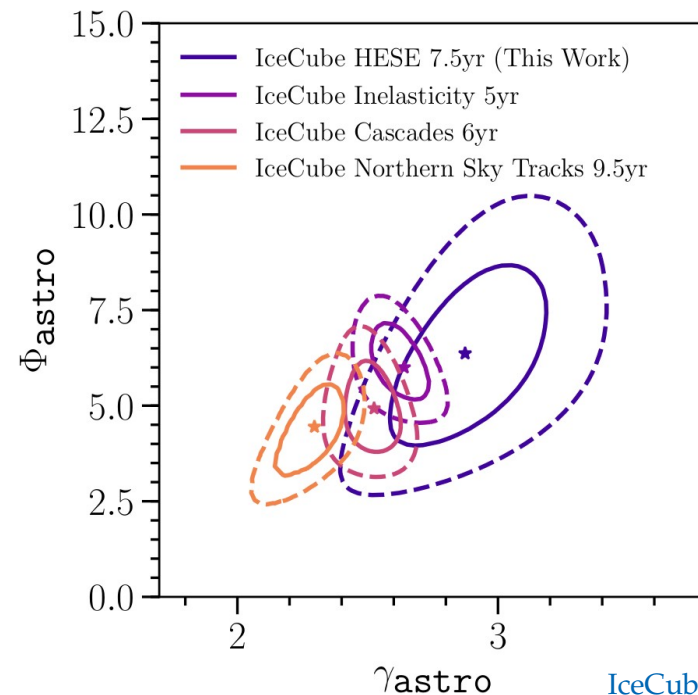
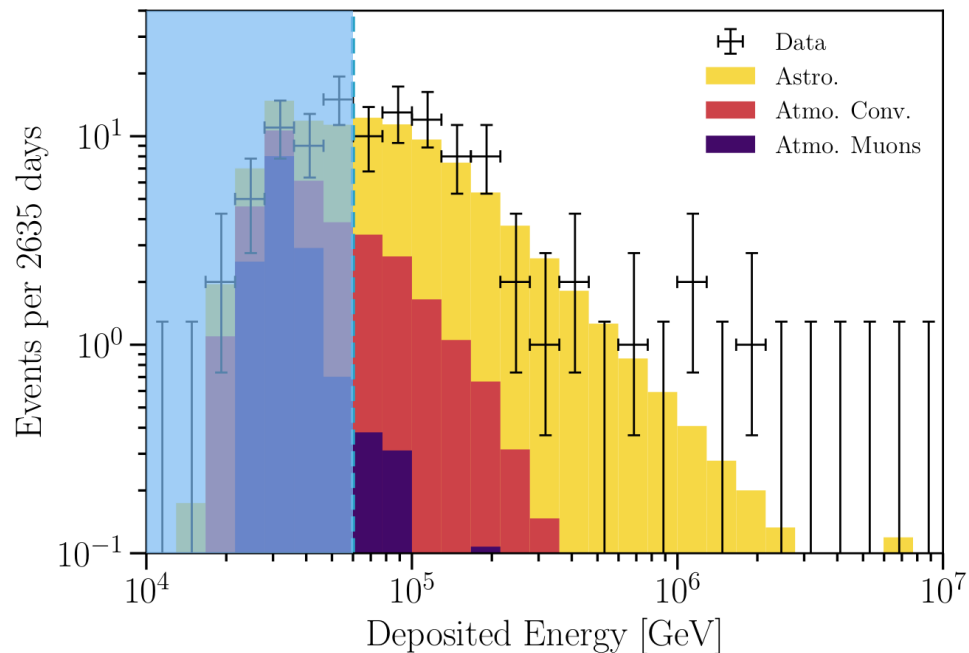


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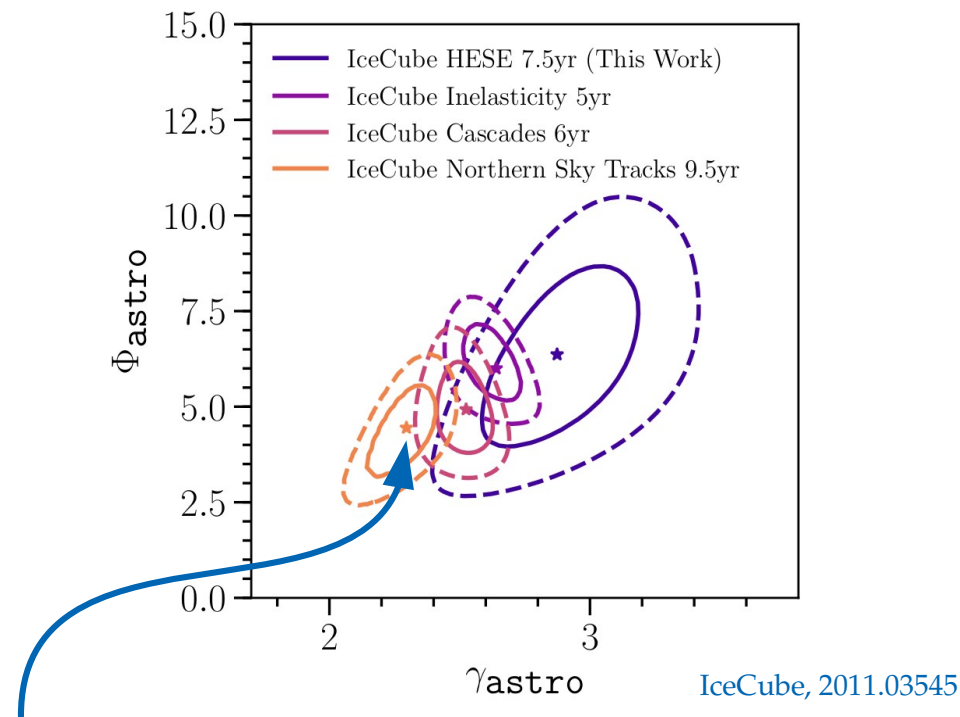
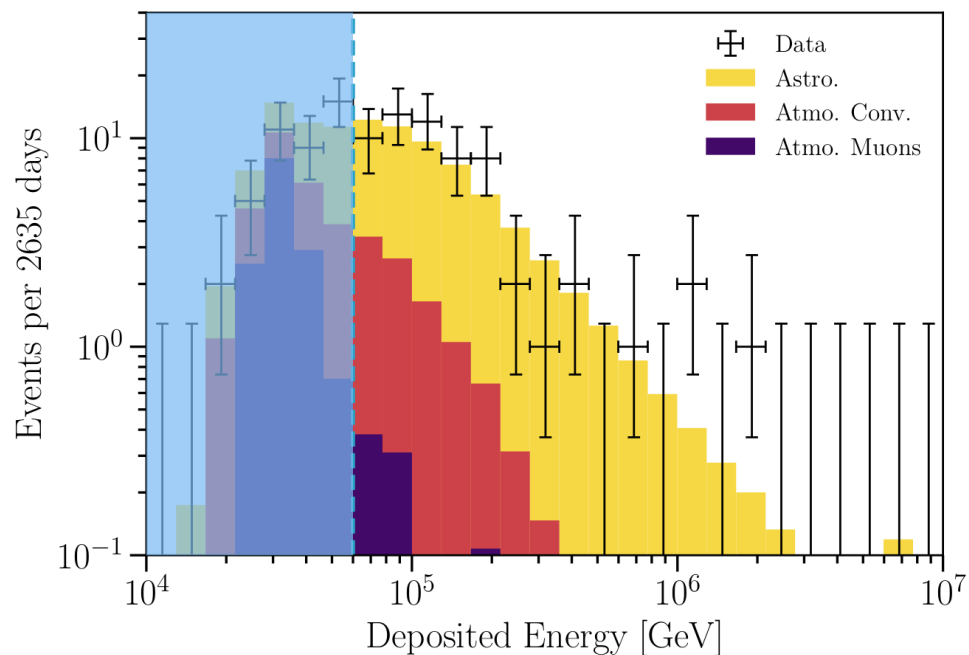
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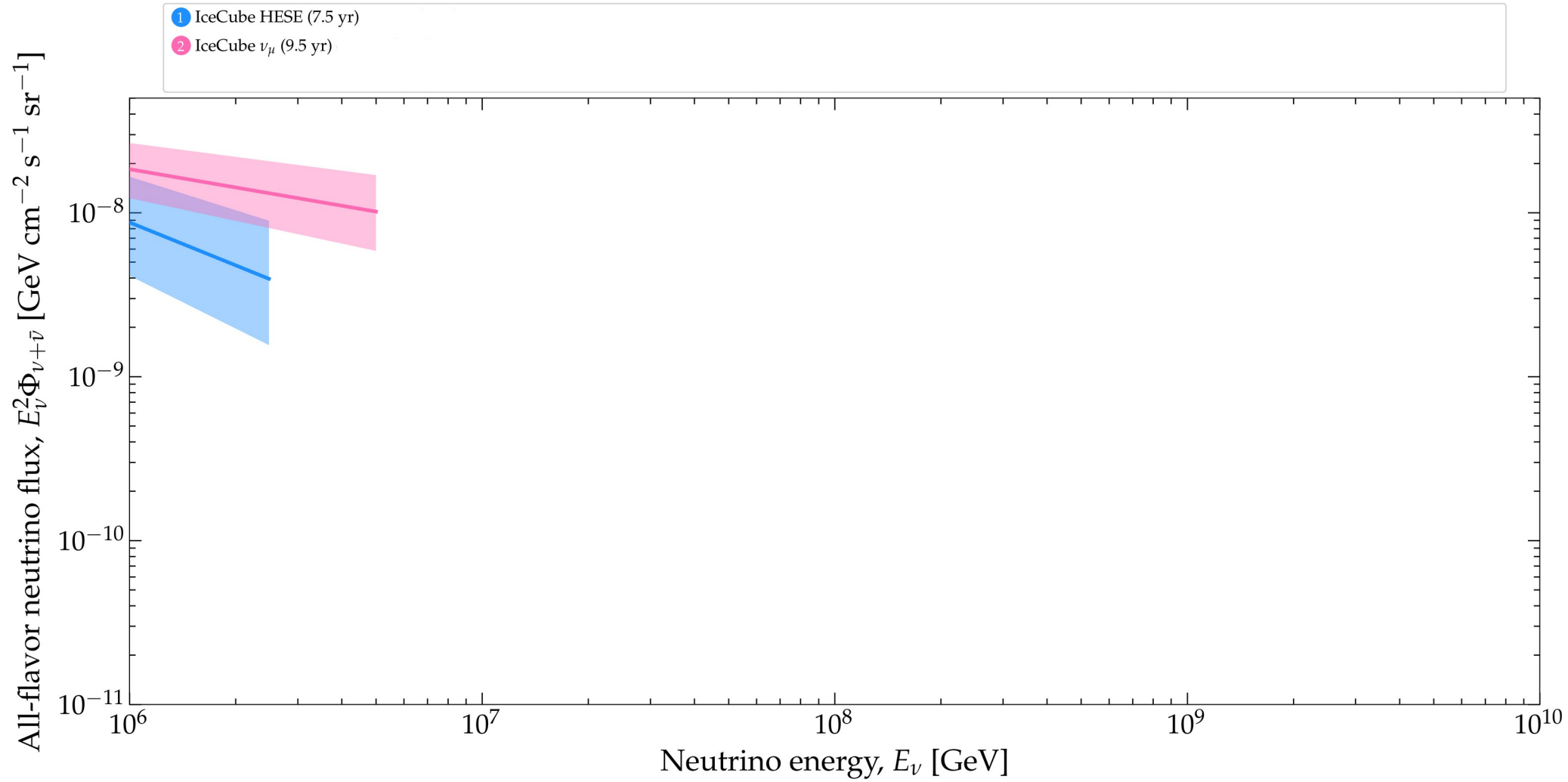
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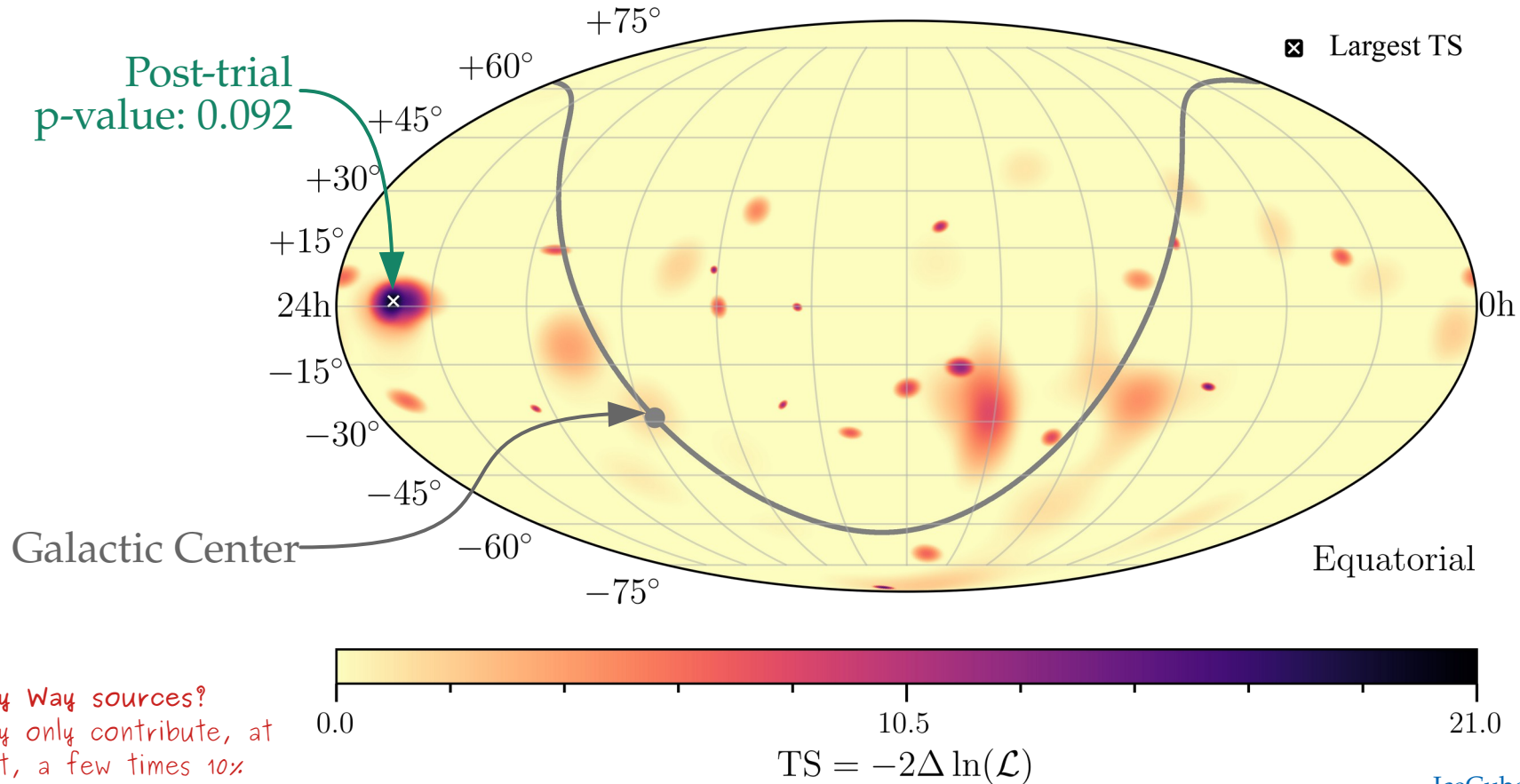
Spectrum looks harder for (lower-energy) through-going ν_μ

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Arrival directions (7.5 yr)

No significant excess in the neutrino sky map:

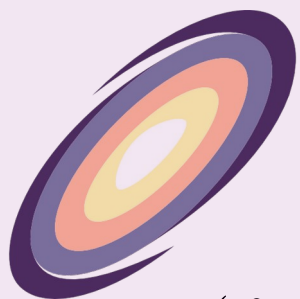


Milky Way sources?
They only contribute, at
most, a few times 10%
of the total diffuse flux

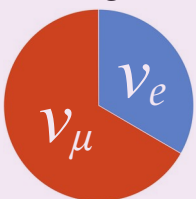
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From sources to Earth: we learn what to expect when measuring $f_{\alpha,\oplus}$

Sources



E.g.,



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

Oscillations

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

Earth



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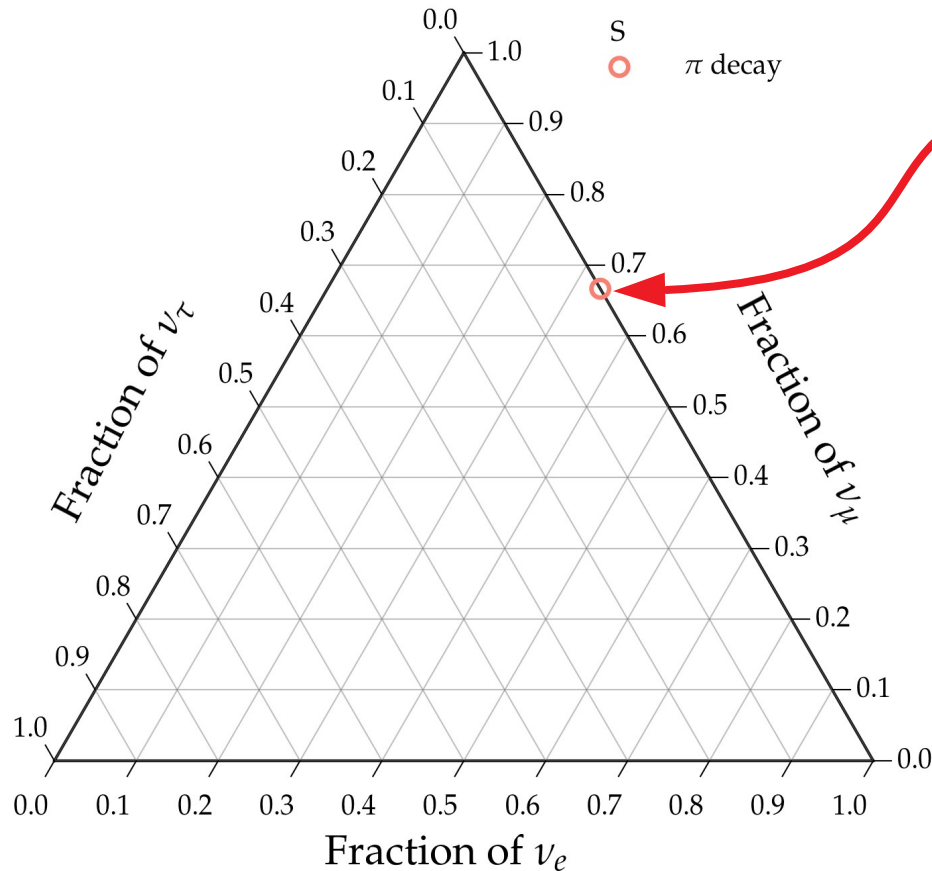
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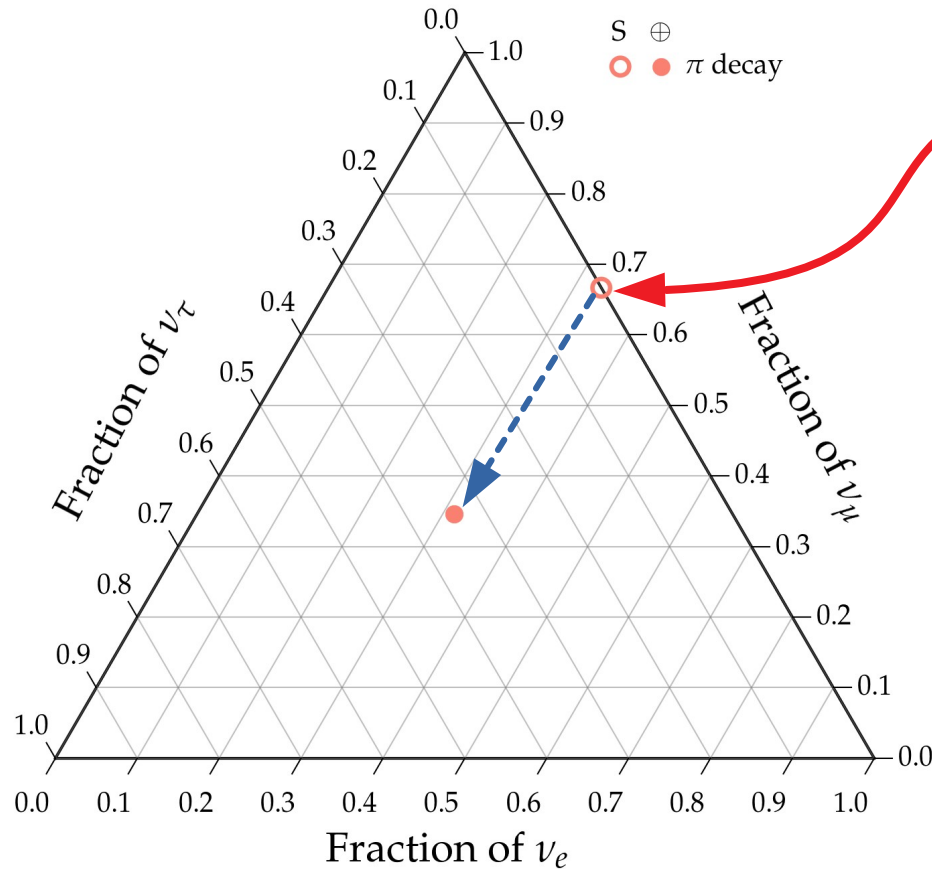


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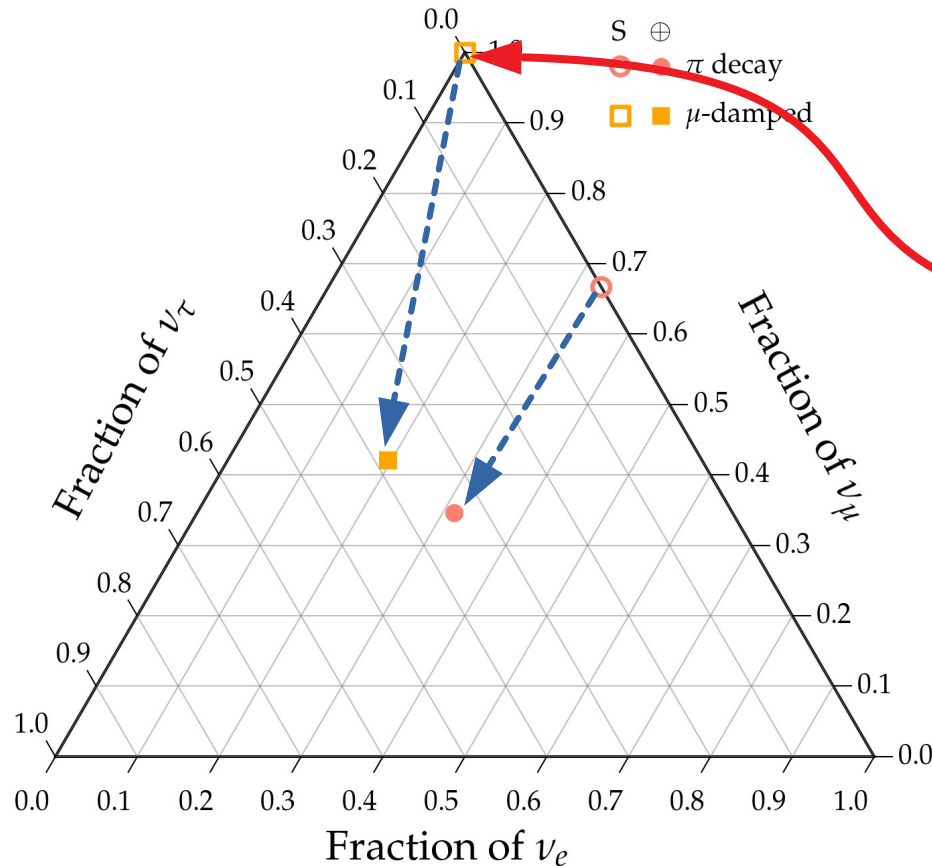


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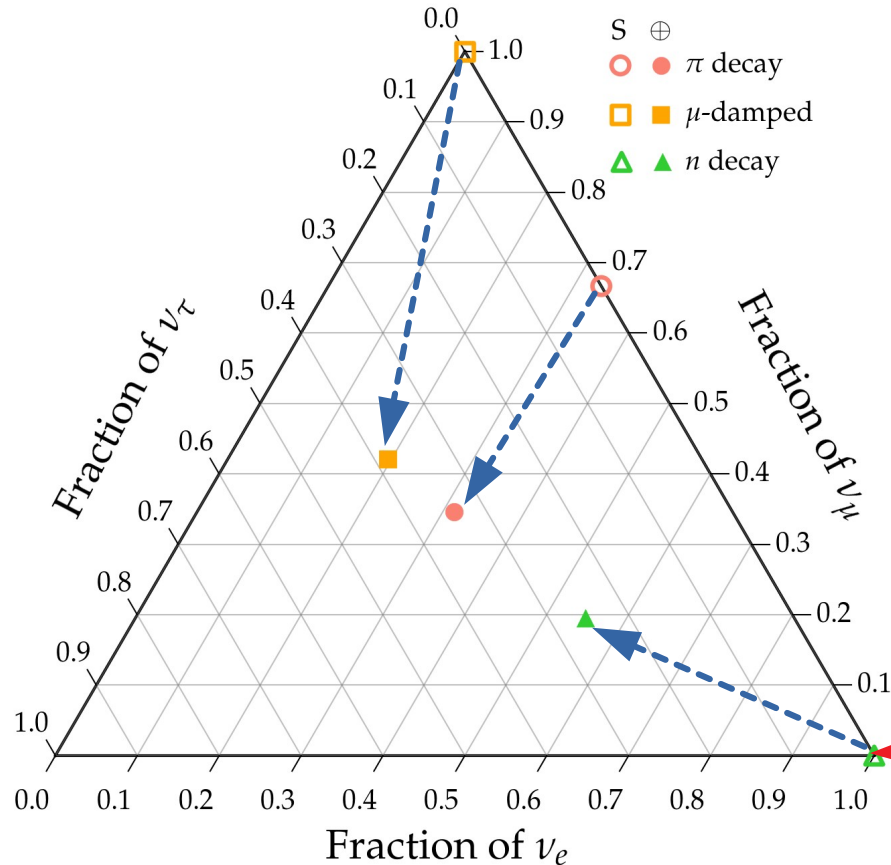
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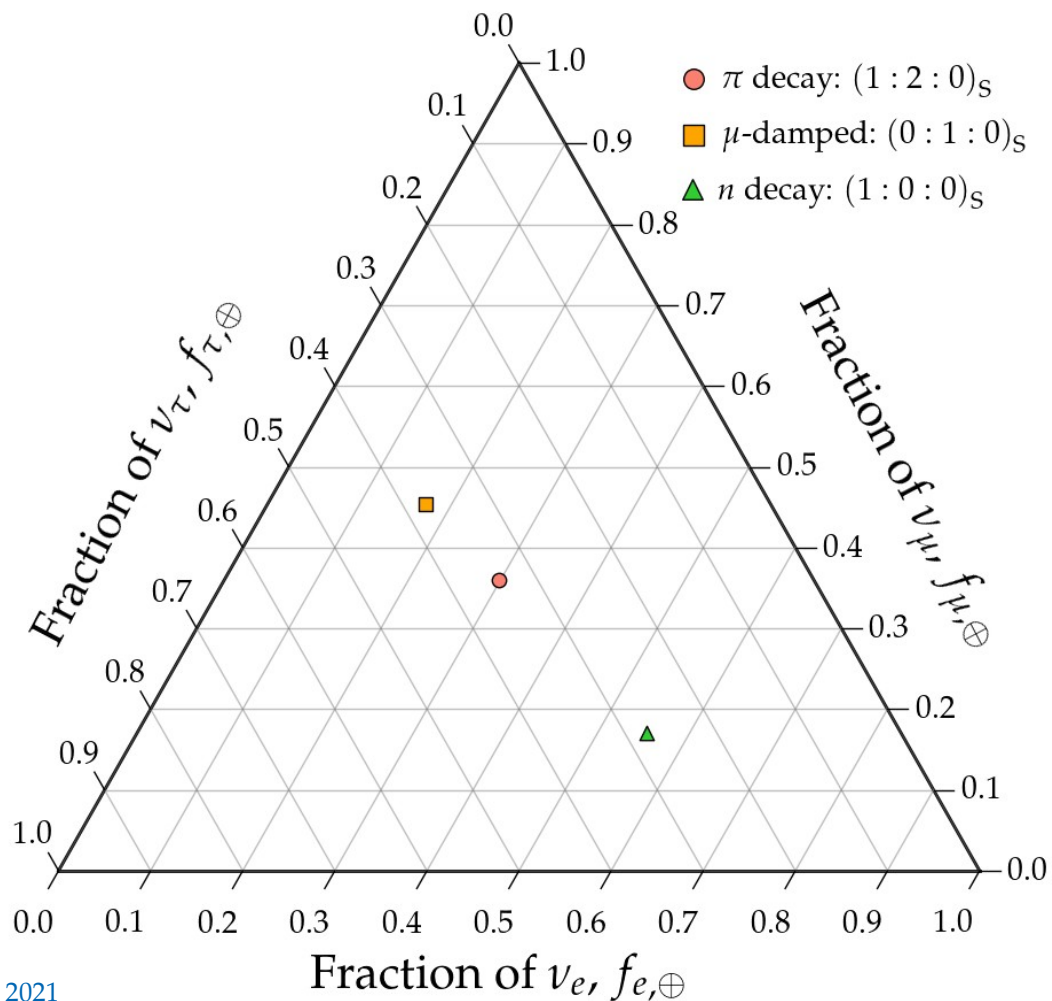
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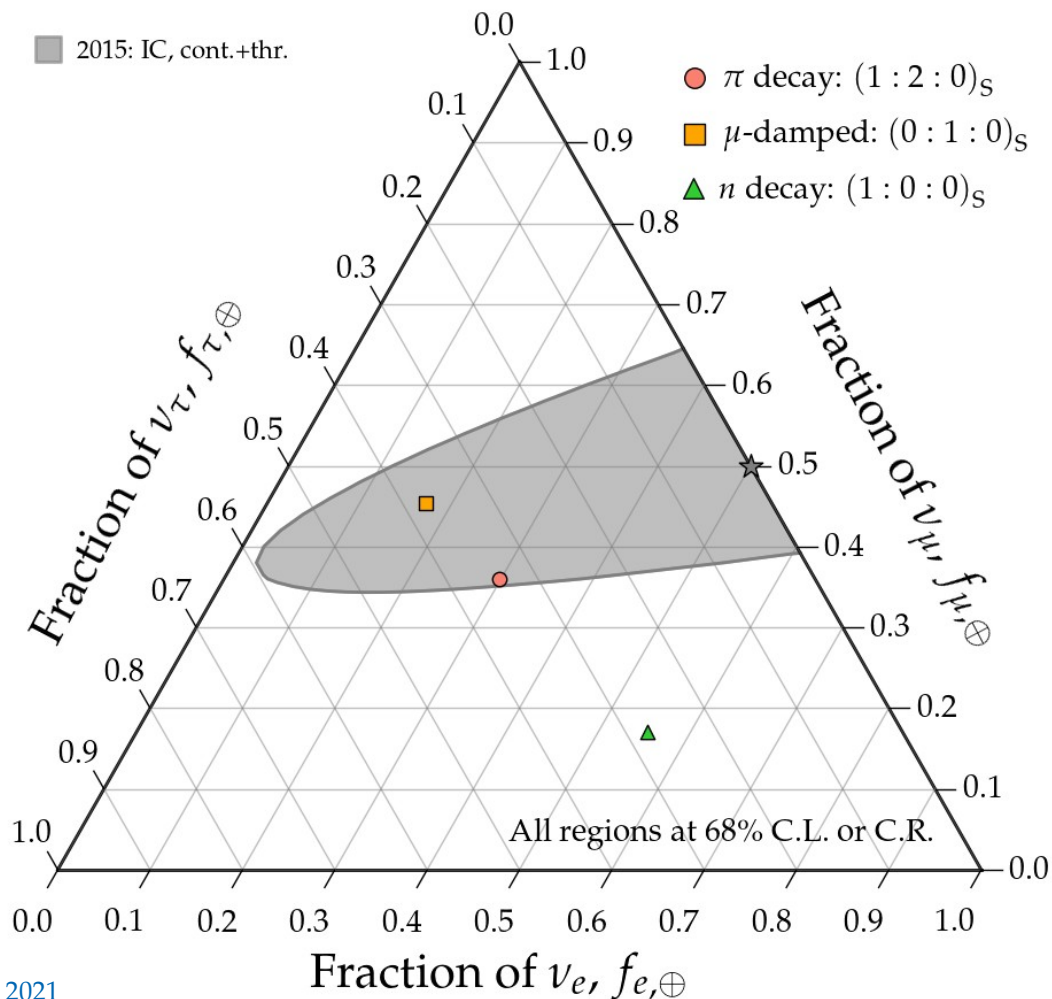
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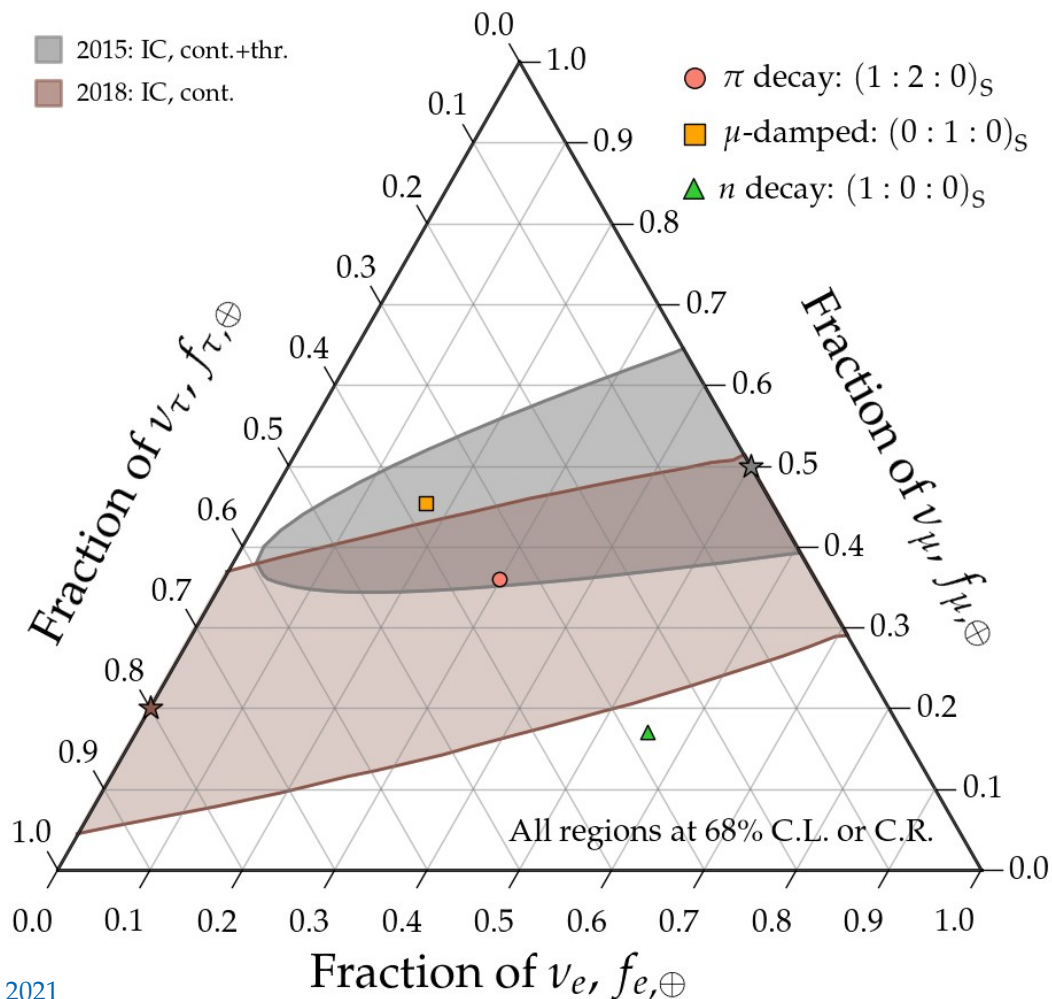
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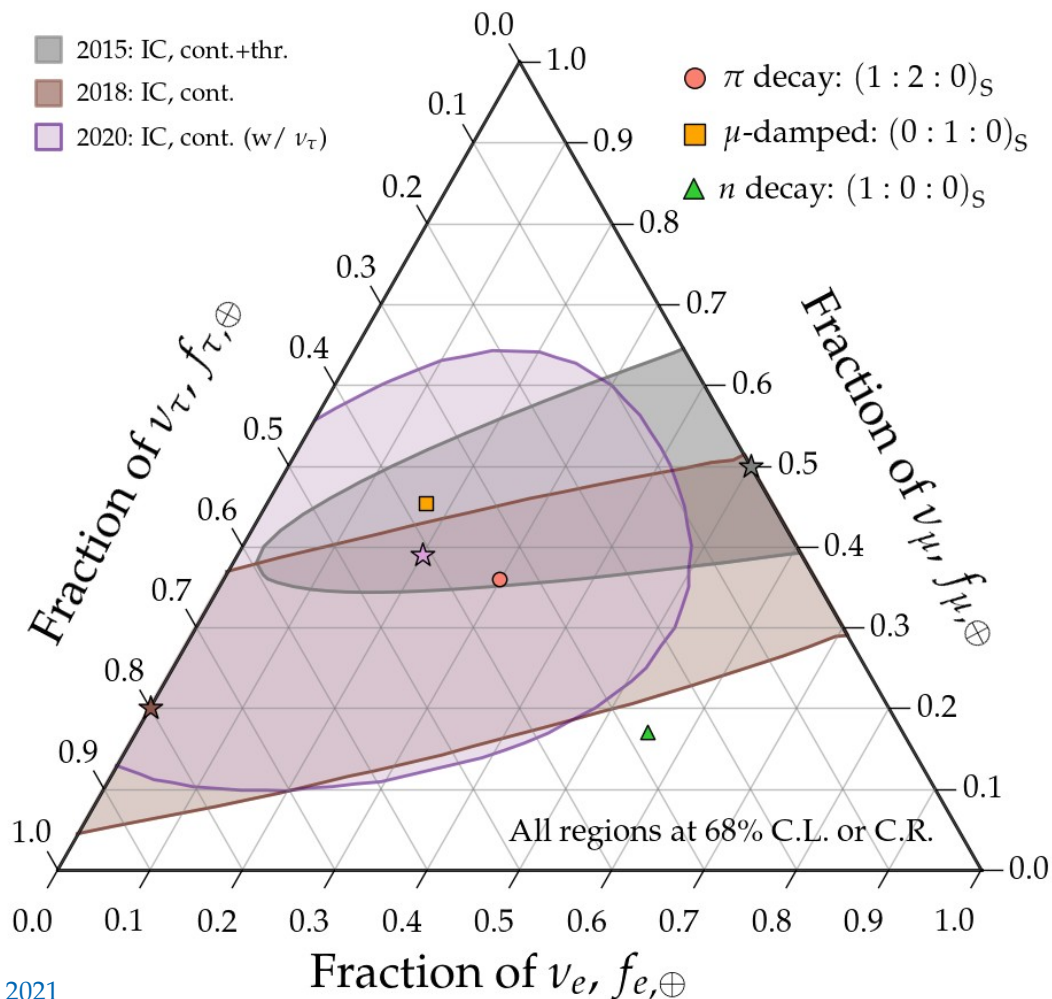
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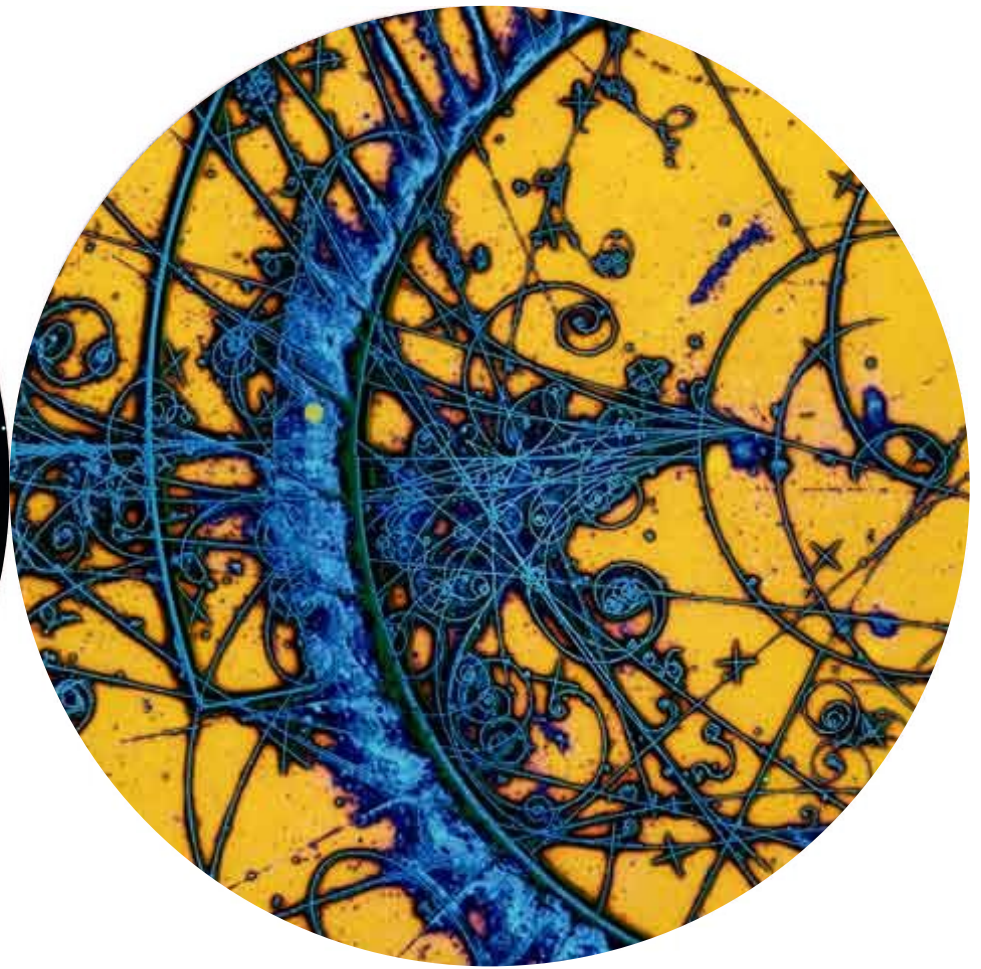
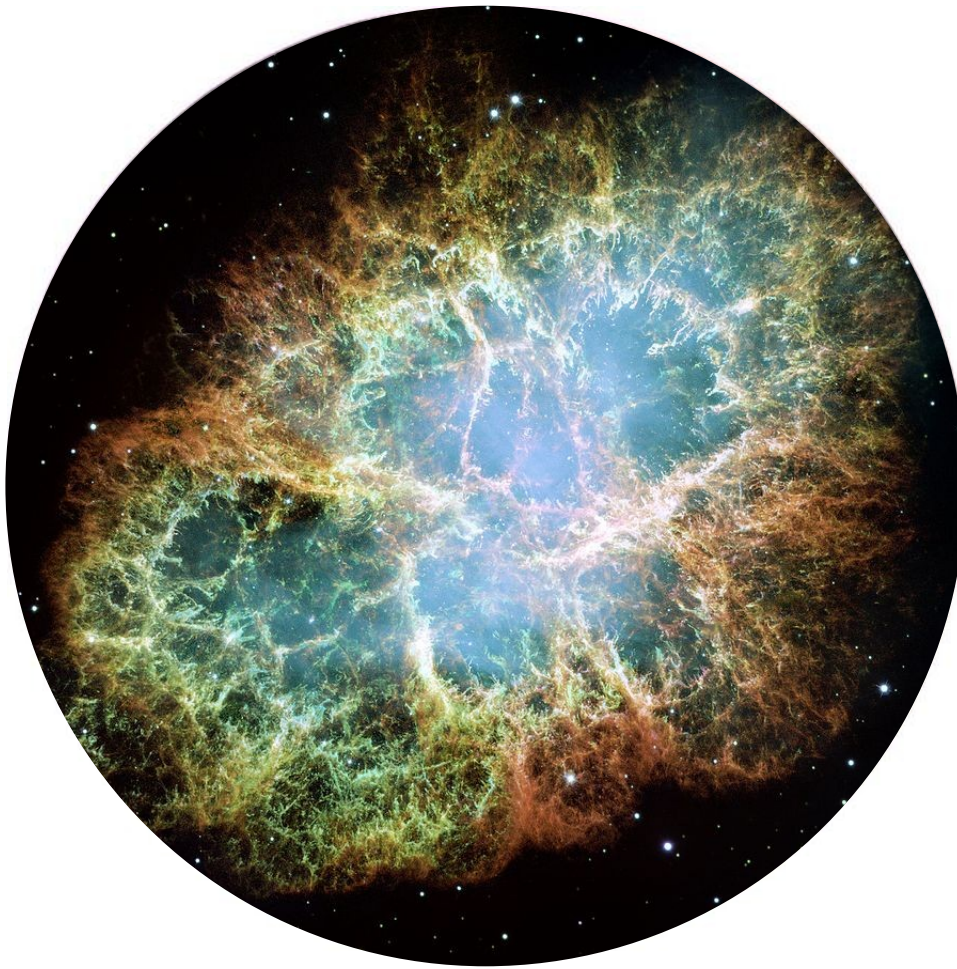
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Bigger detectors \rightarrow larger statistics

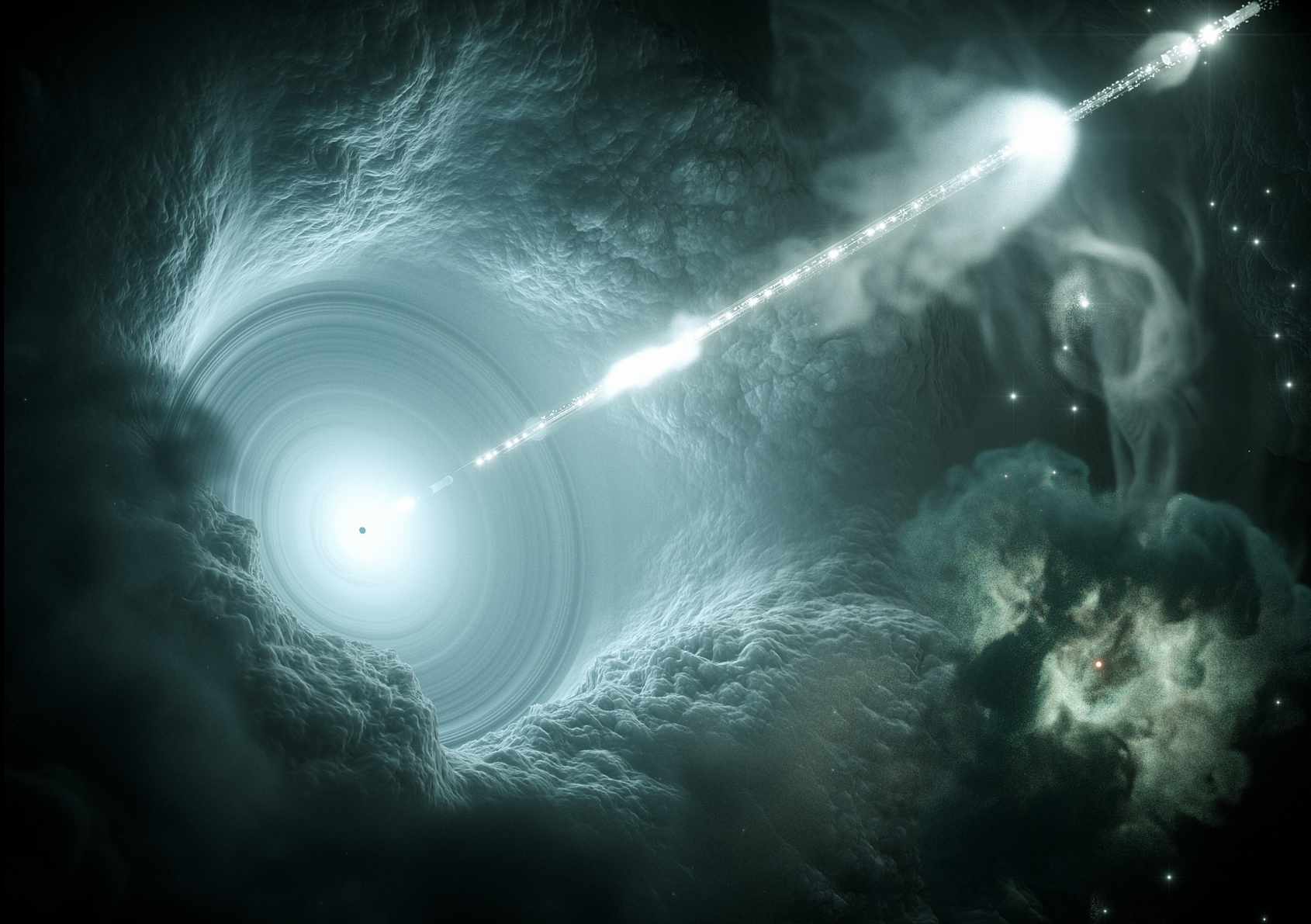
Better reconstruction

Smaller astrophysical uncertainties



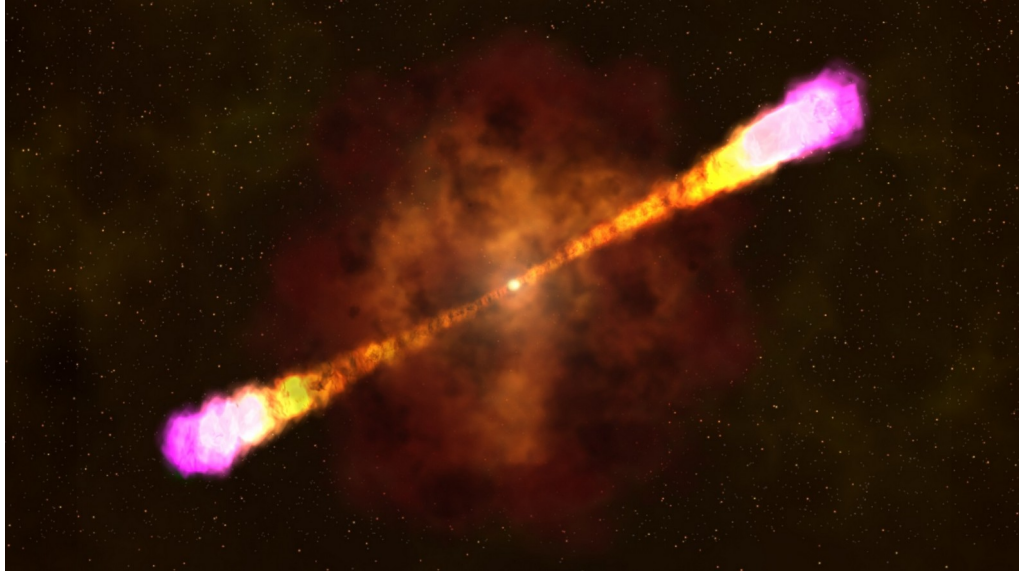
II.

What have we learned
about *astrophysics*



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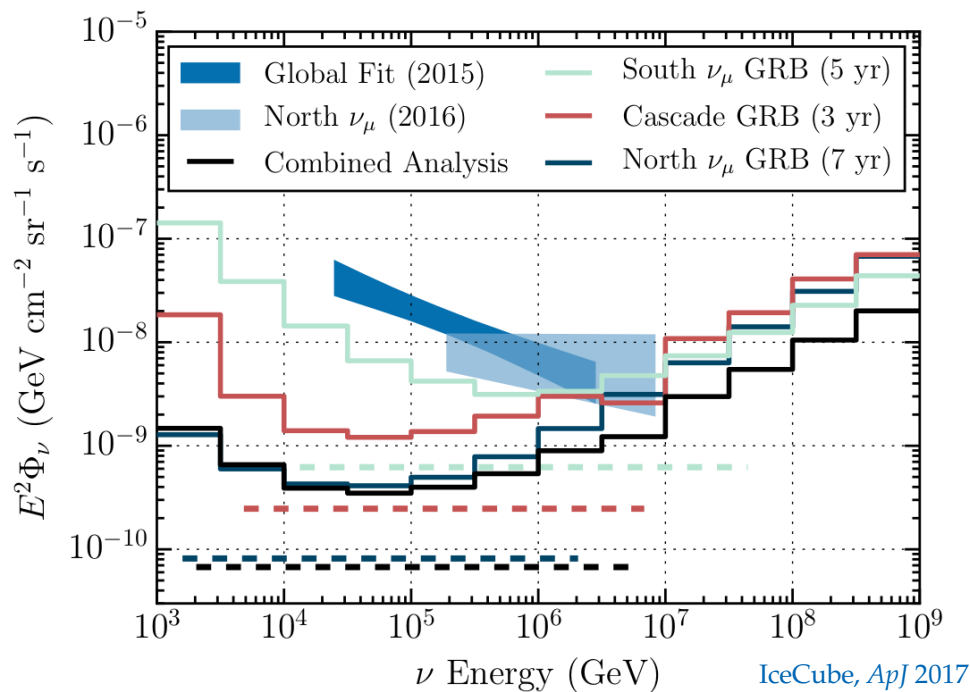


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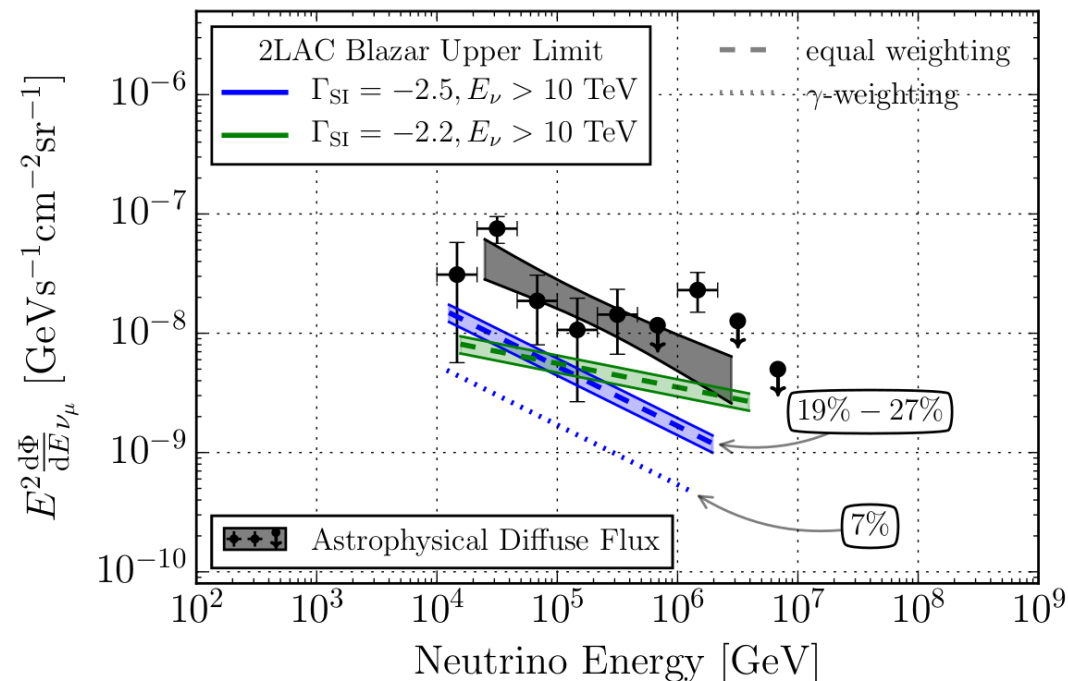
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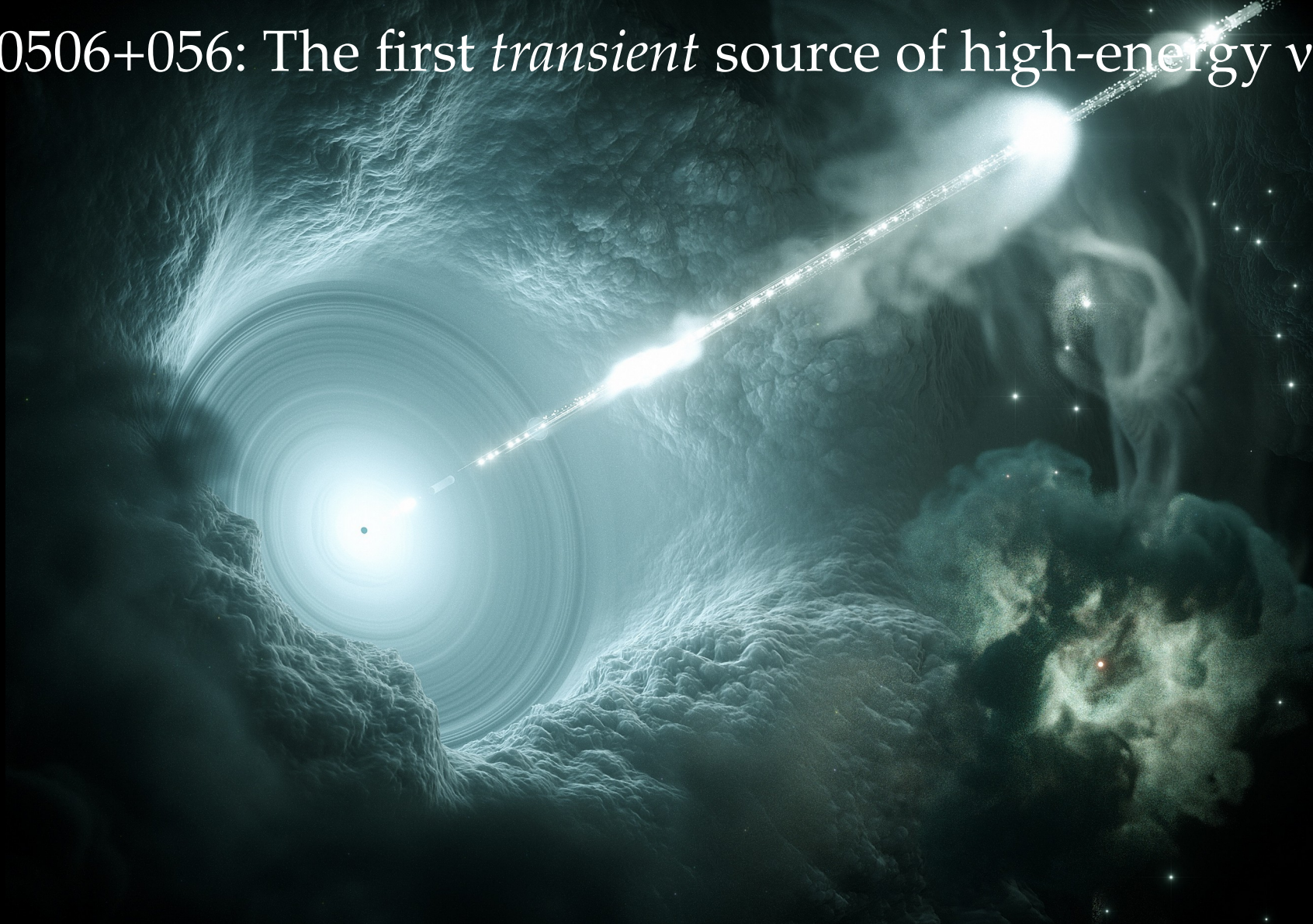
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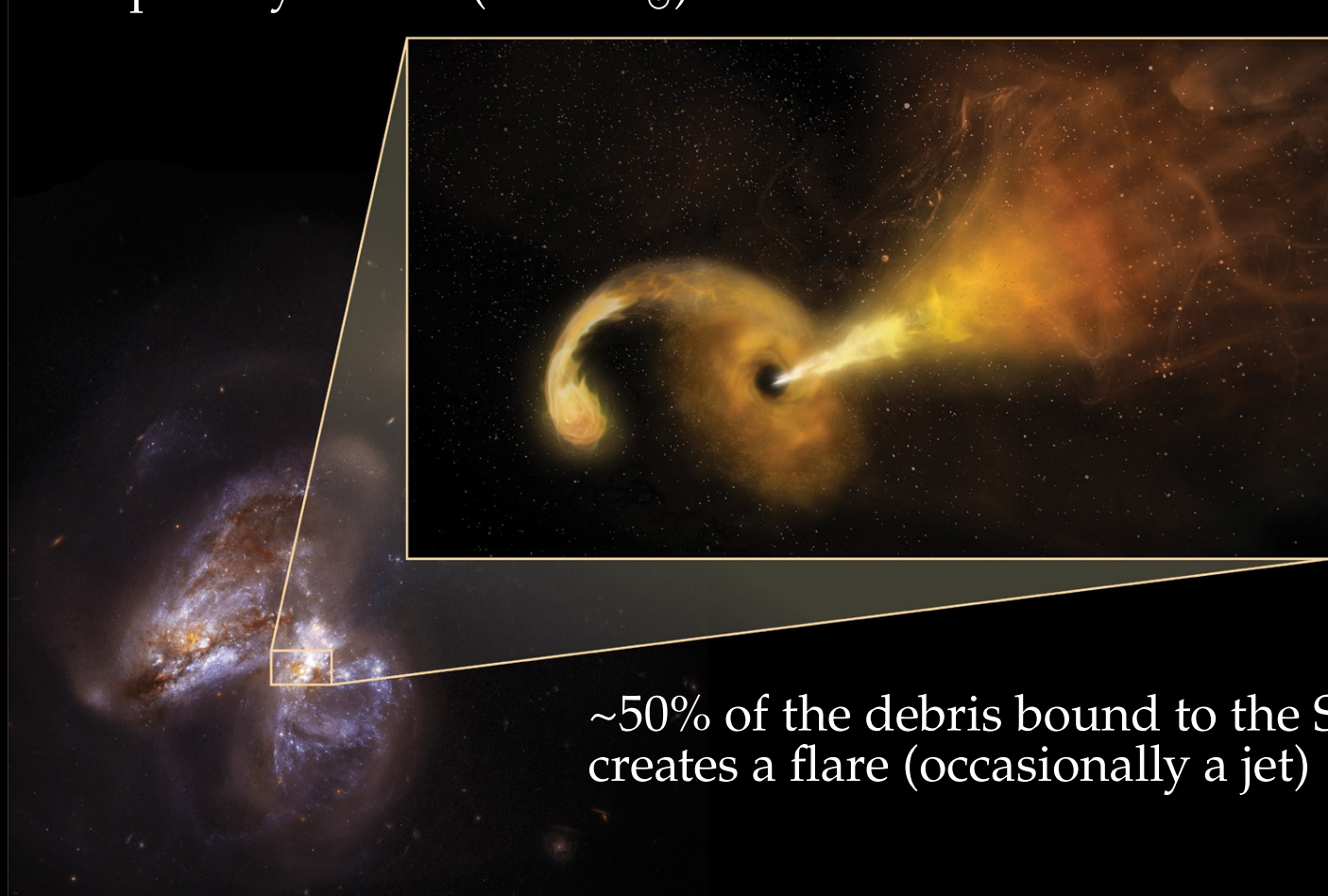
862 blazars inspected, no correlation found
< 27% contribution to diffuse flux

TXS 0506+056: The first *transient* source of high-energy ν



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)

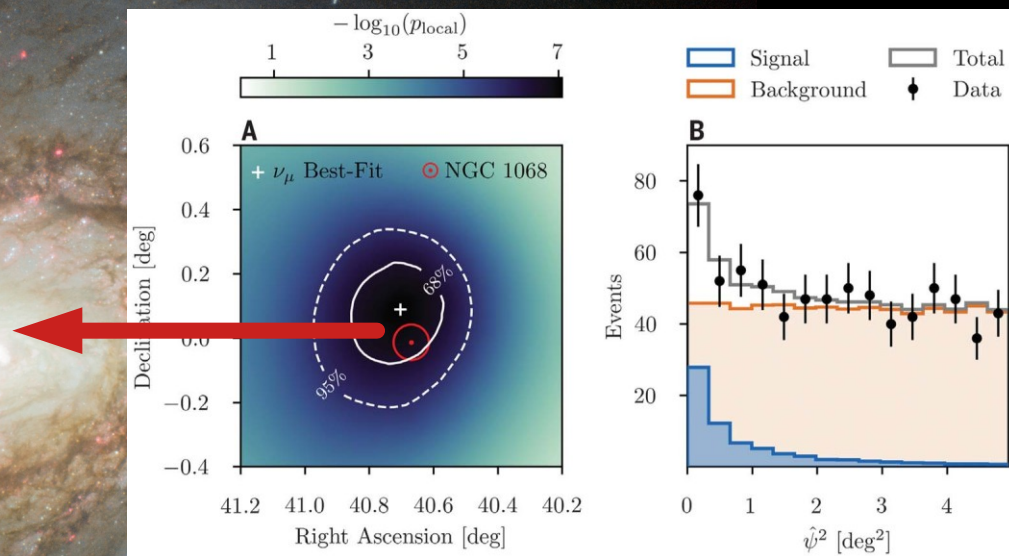
NGC1068: The first *steady-state* source of high-energy ν

Active galactic nucleus

Brightest type-2 Seyfert

79^{+22}_{-20} ν of TeV energy

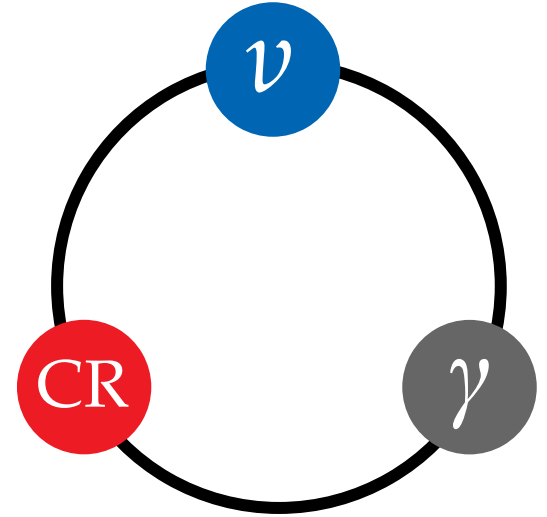
Significance: 4.2σ (global)



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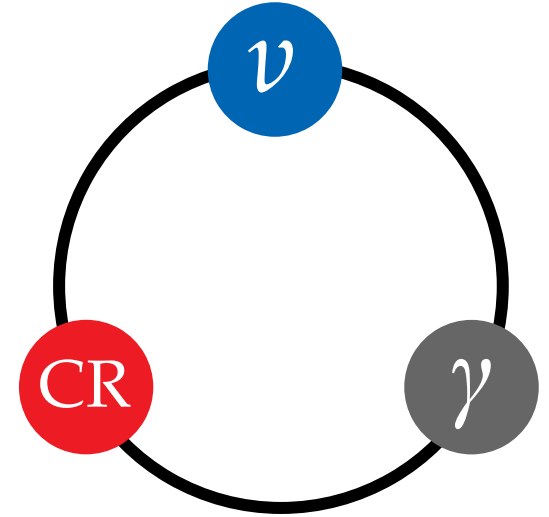
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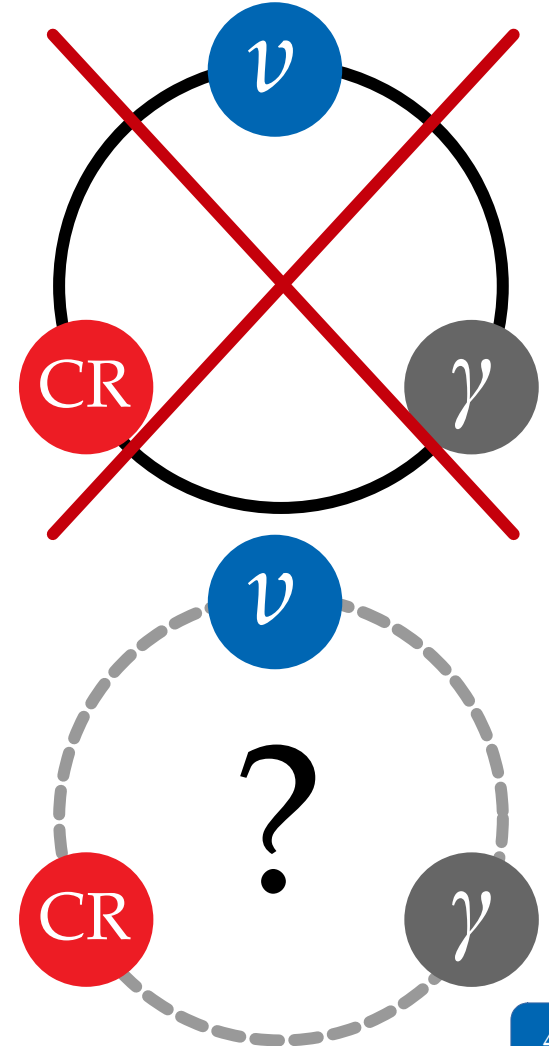
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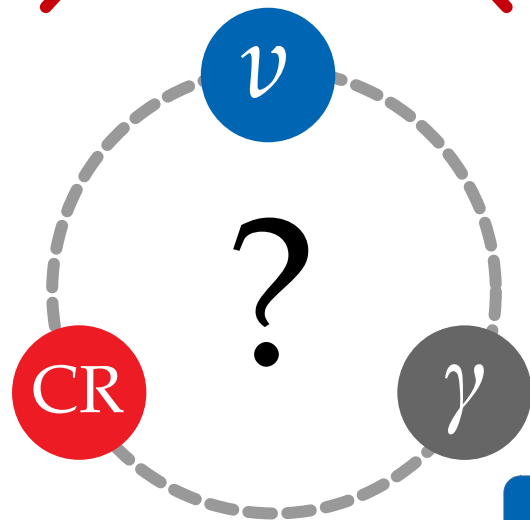
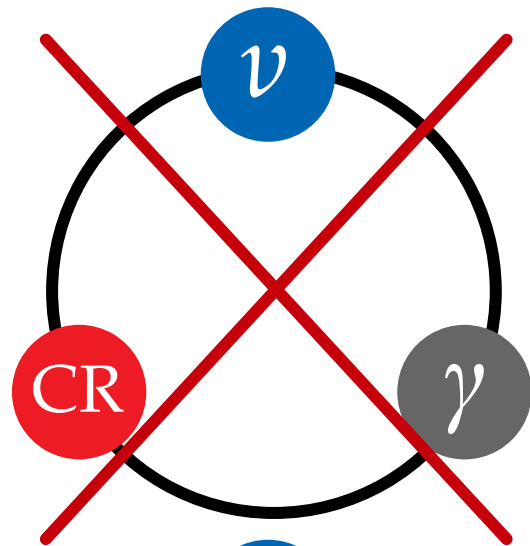
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Modeling of $p\gamma$ interactions & nuclear cascading
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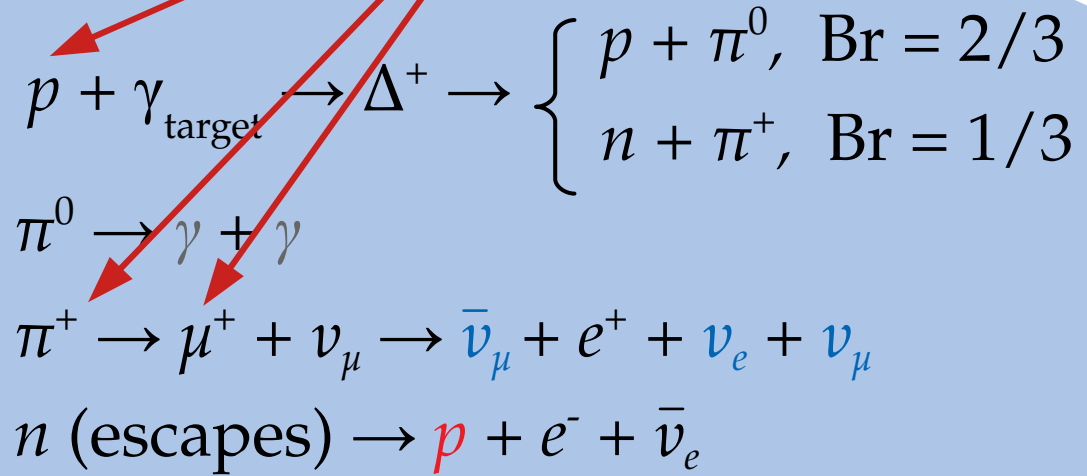
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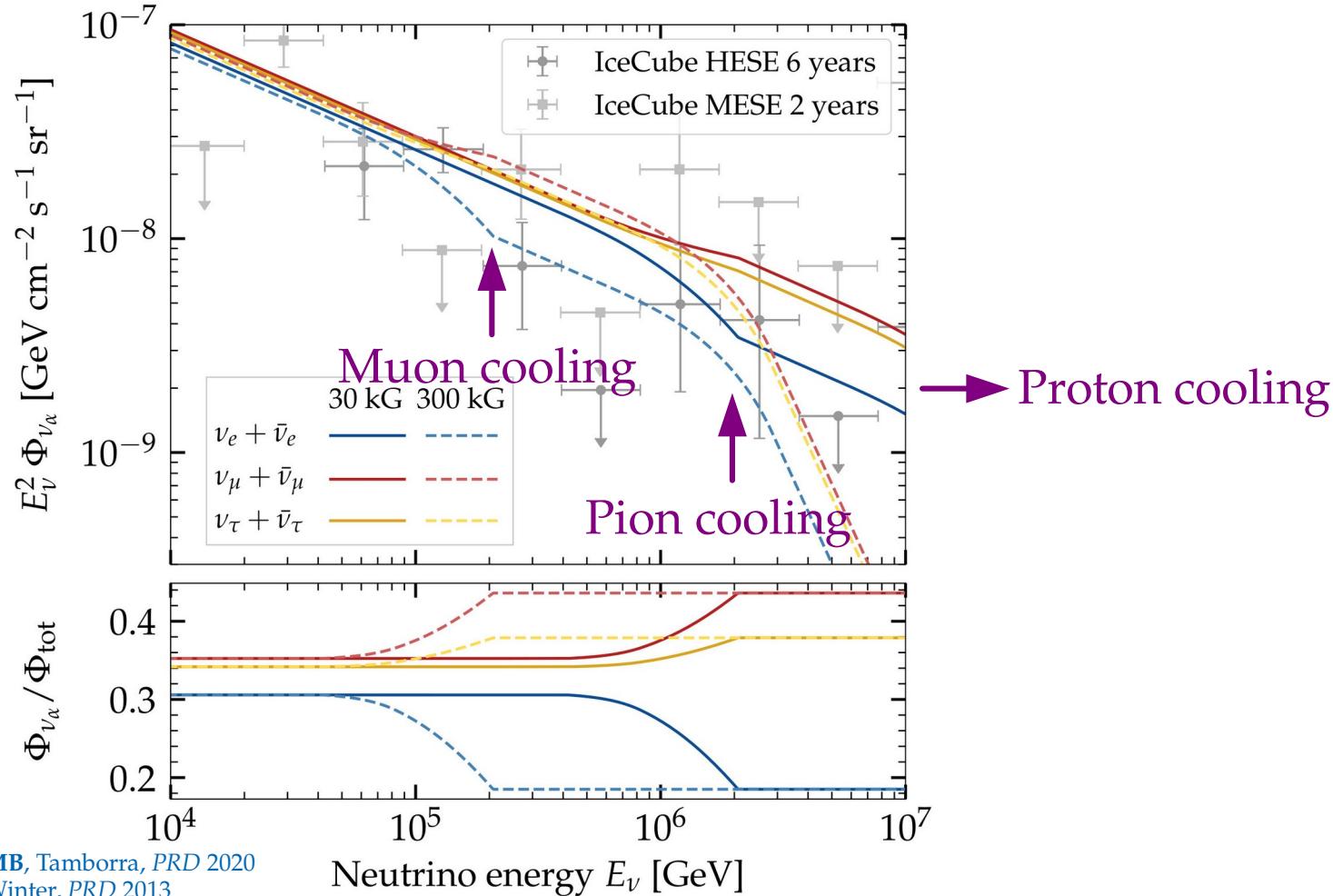
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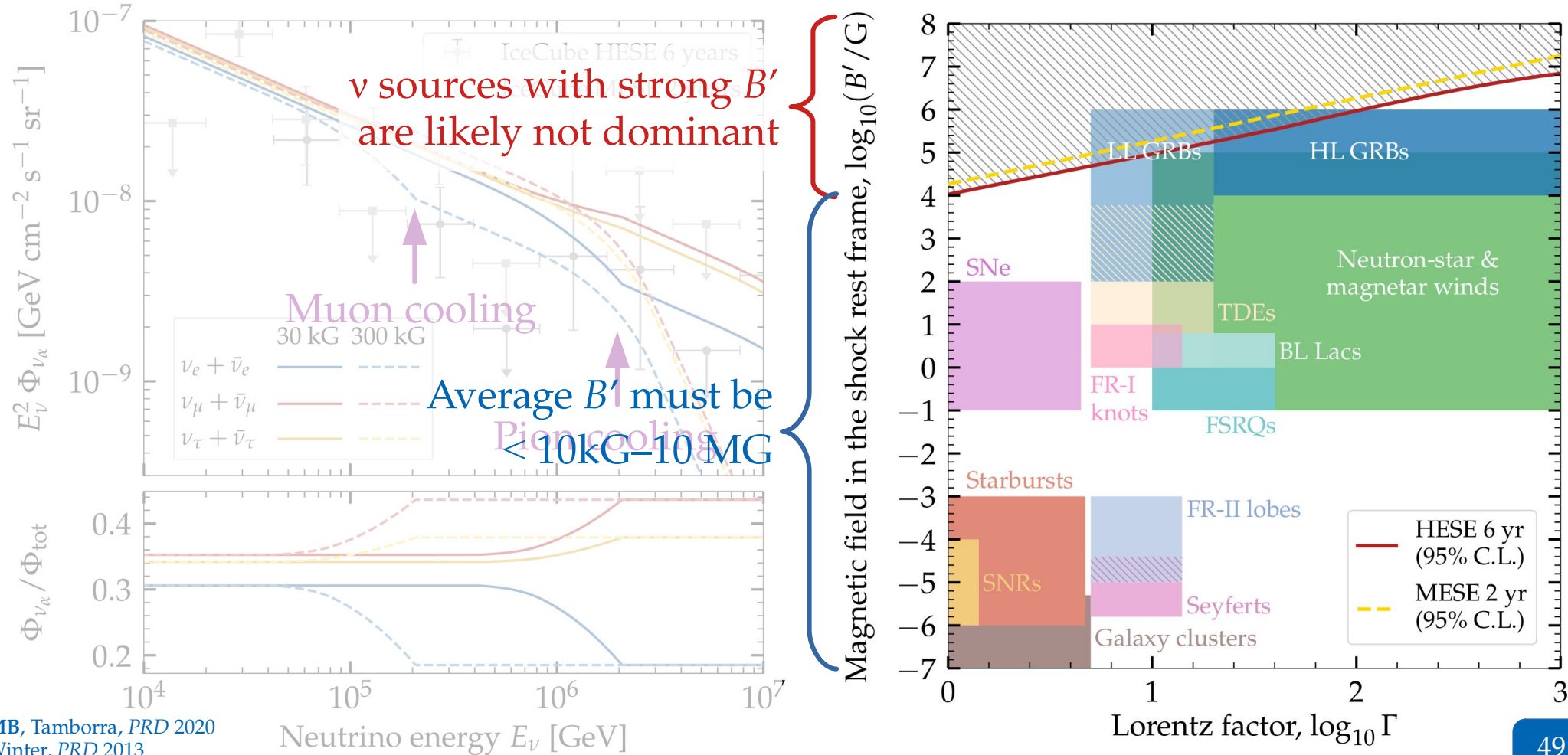
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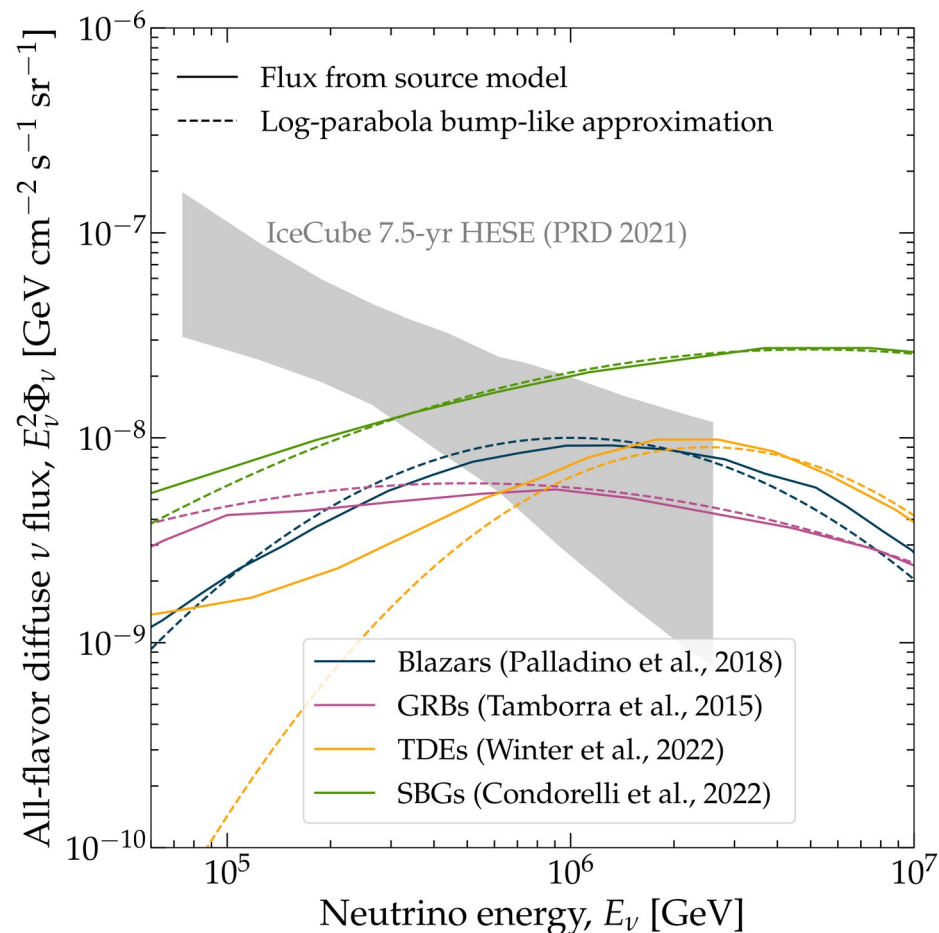
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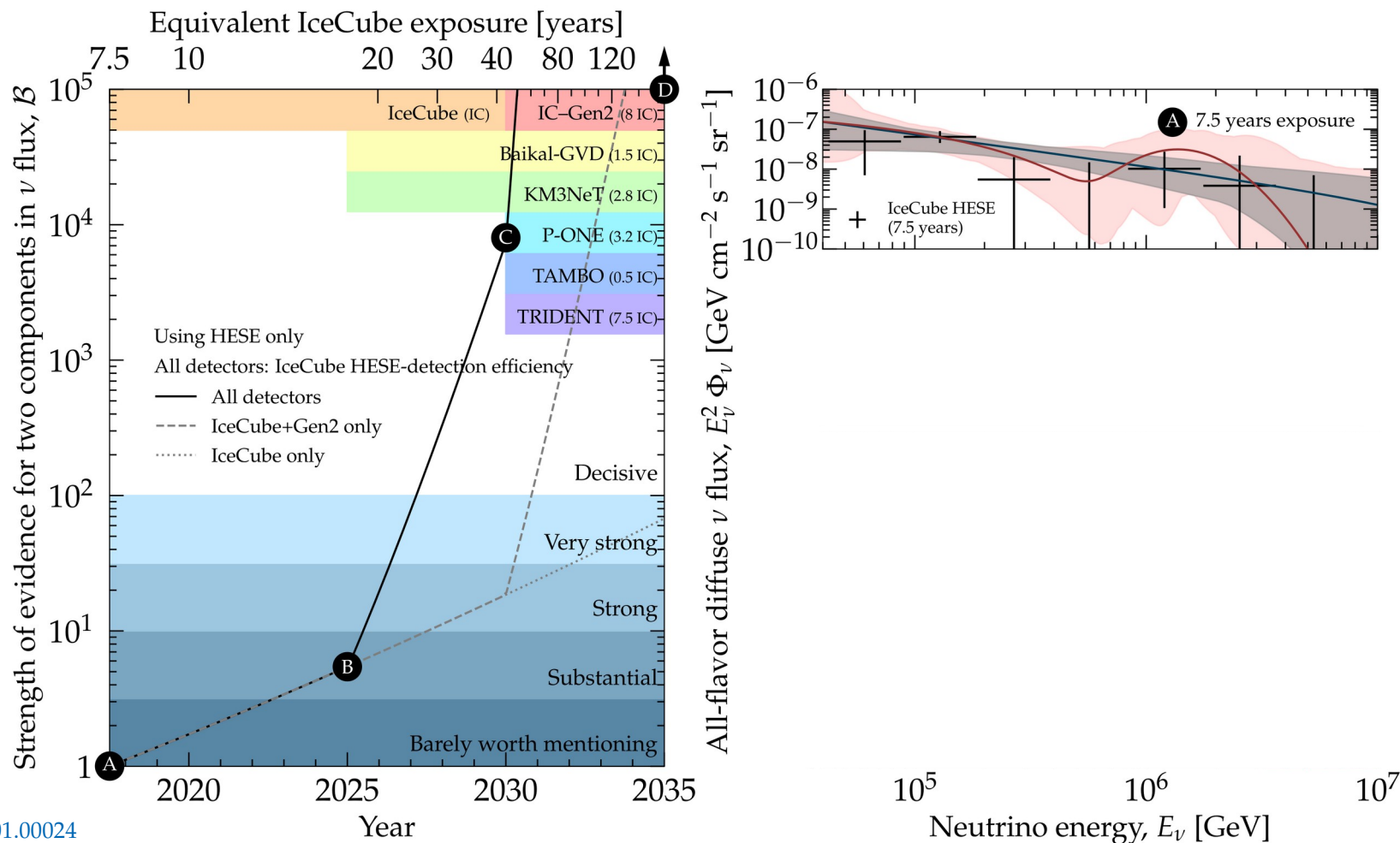
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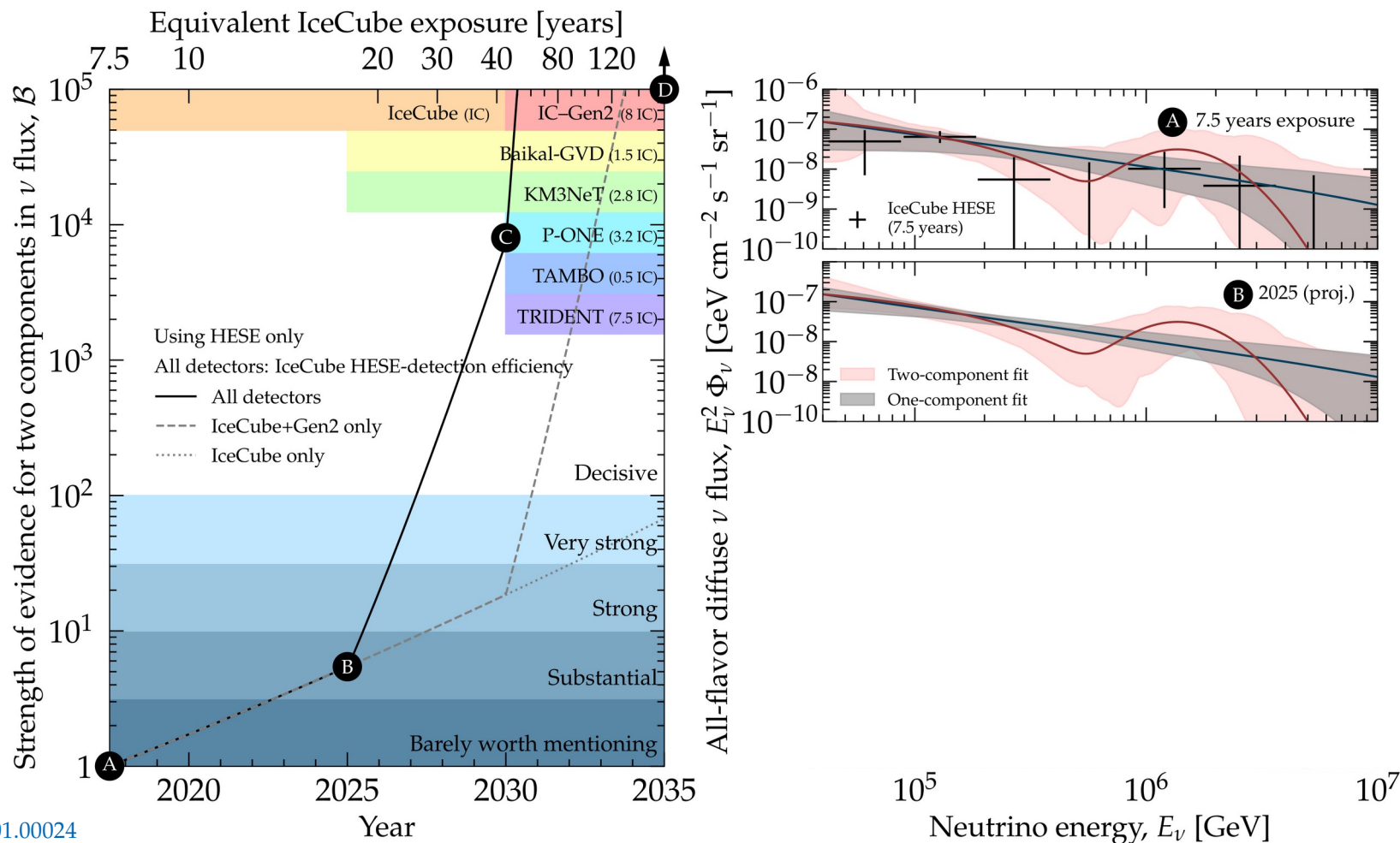
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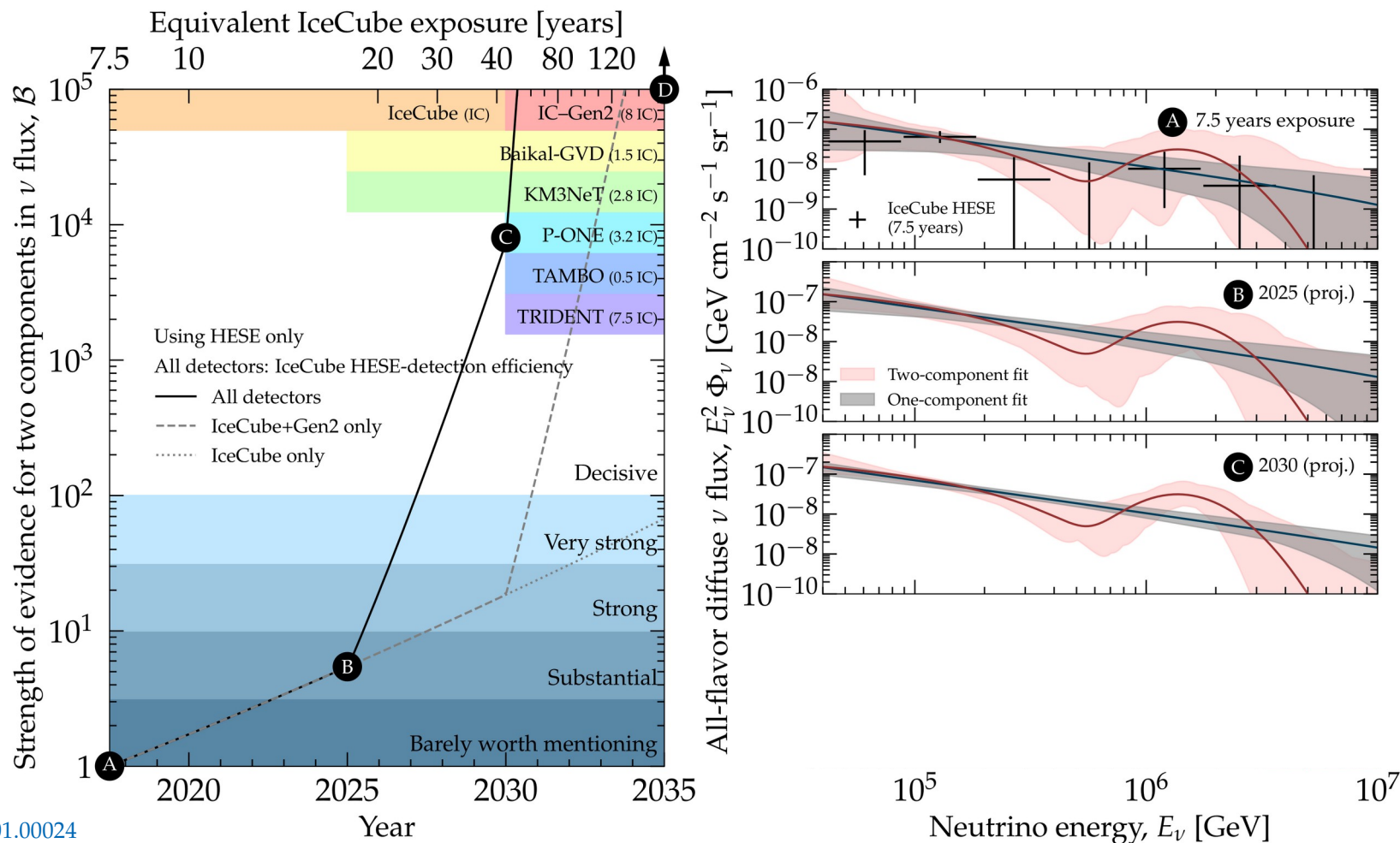
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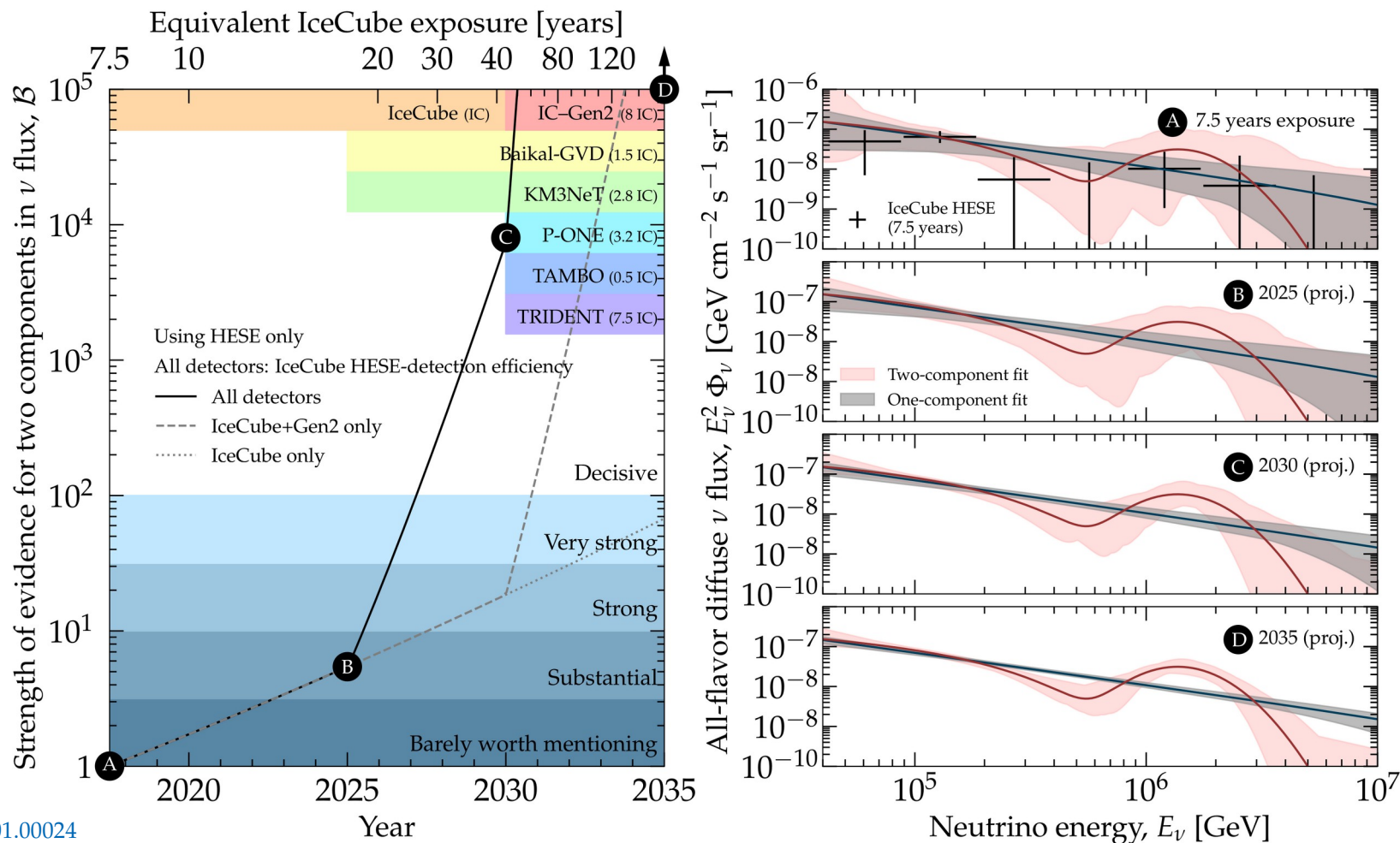
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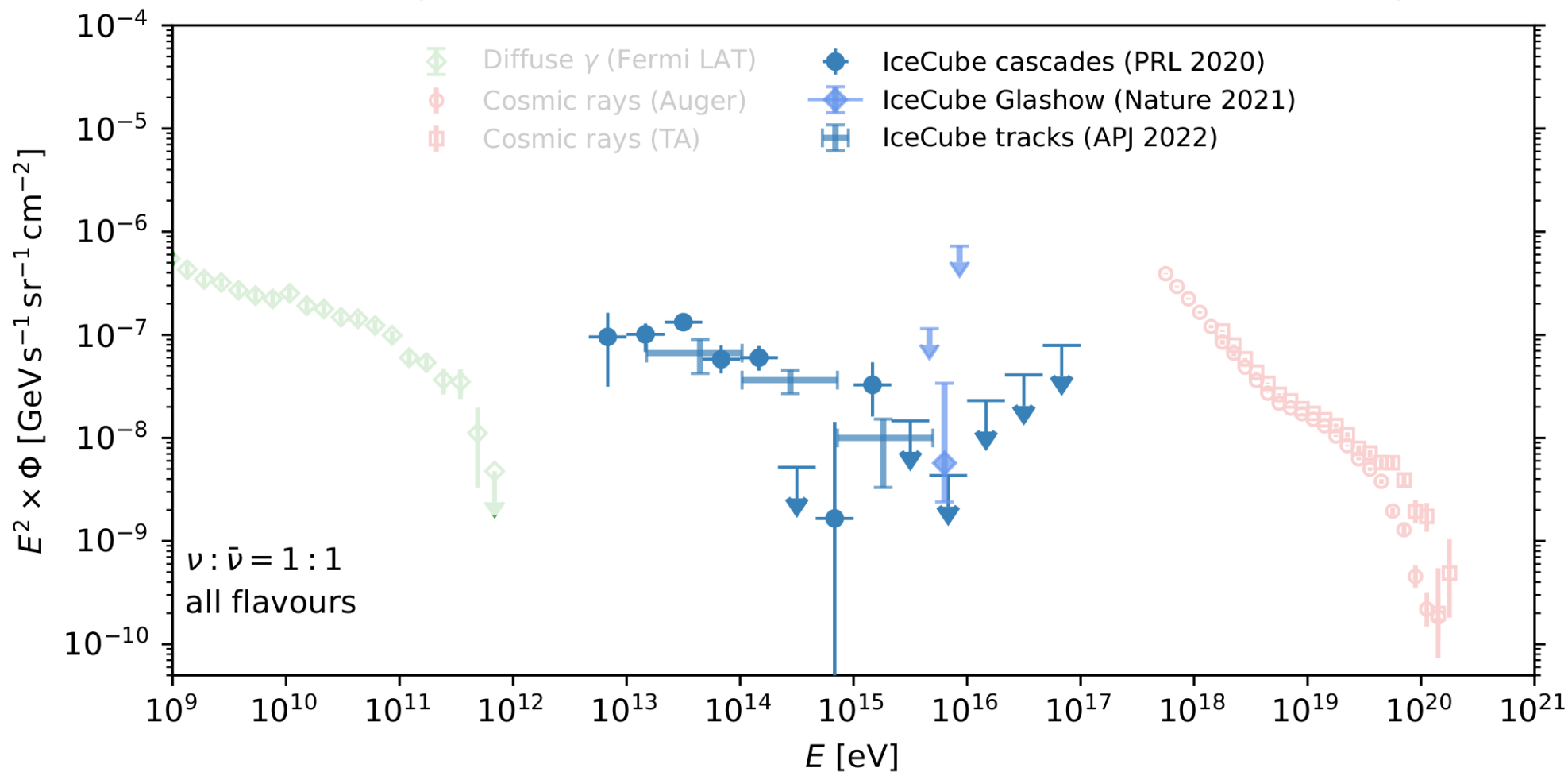
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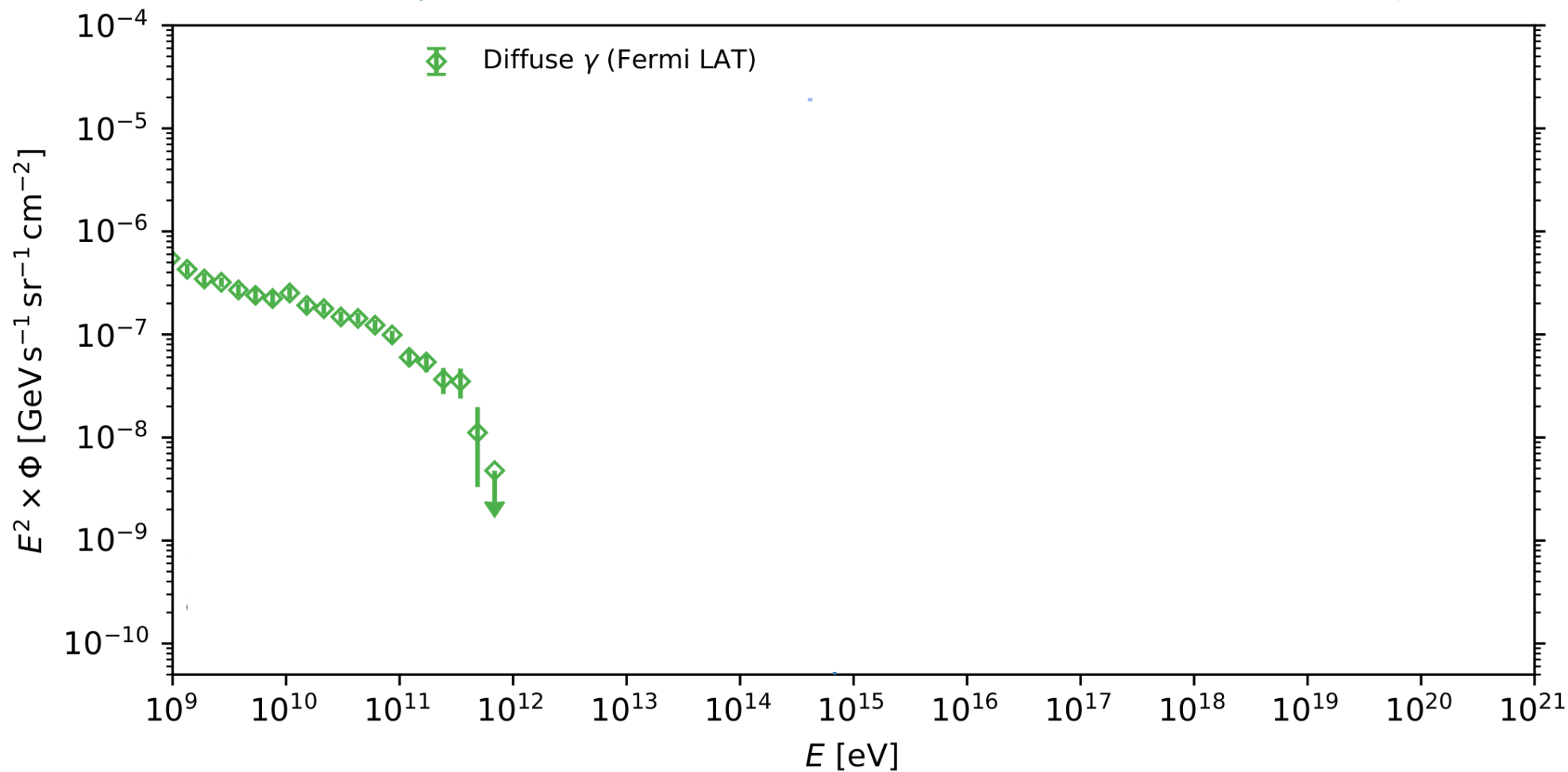
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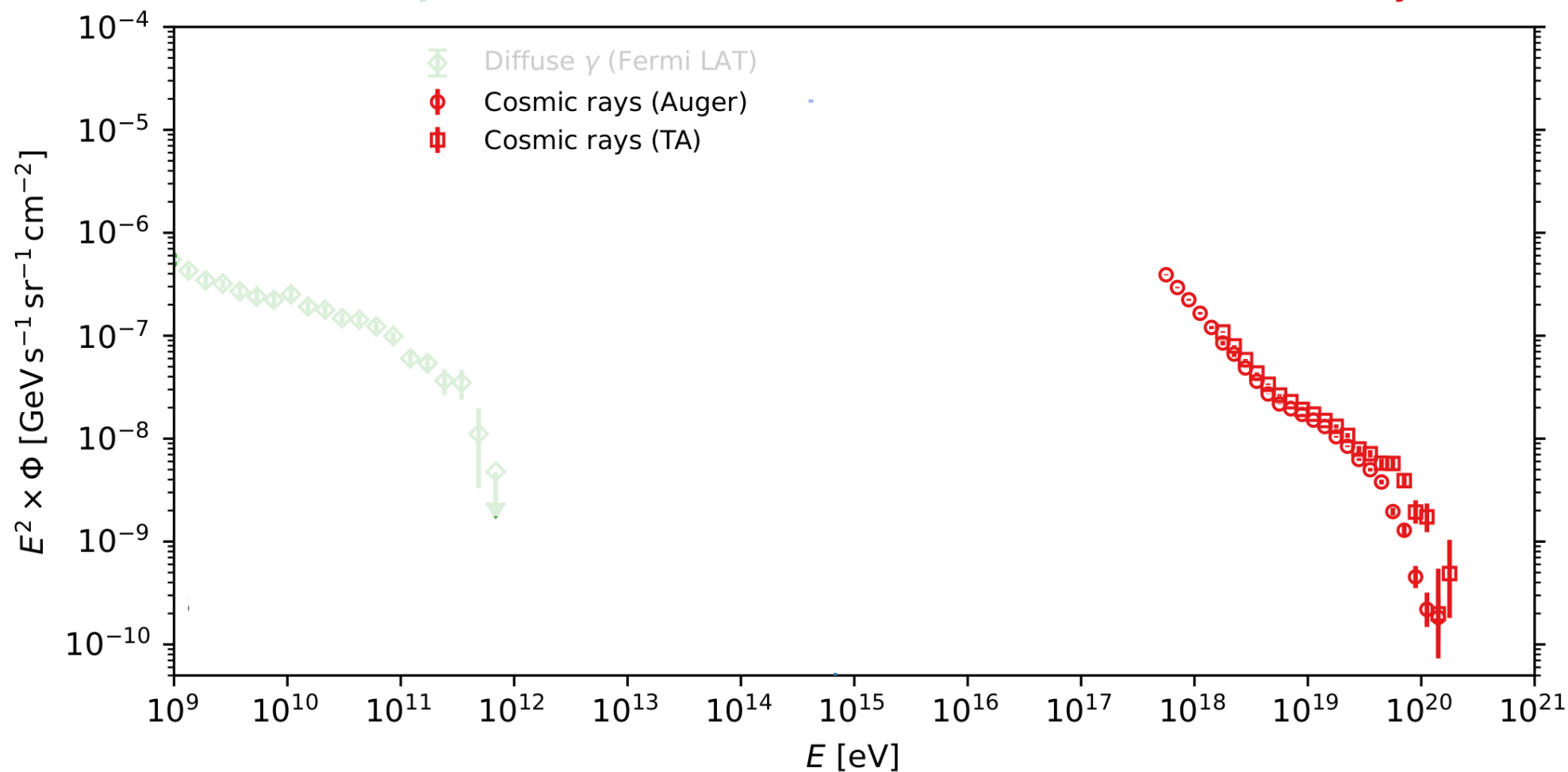
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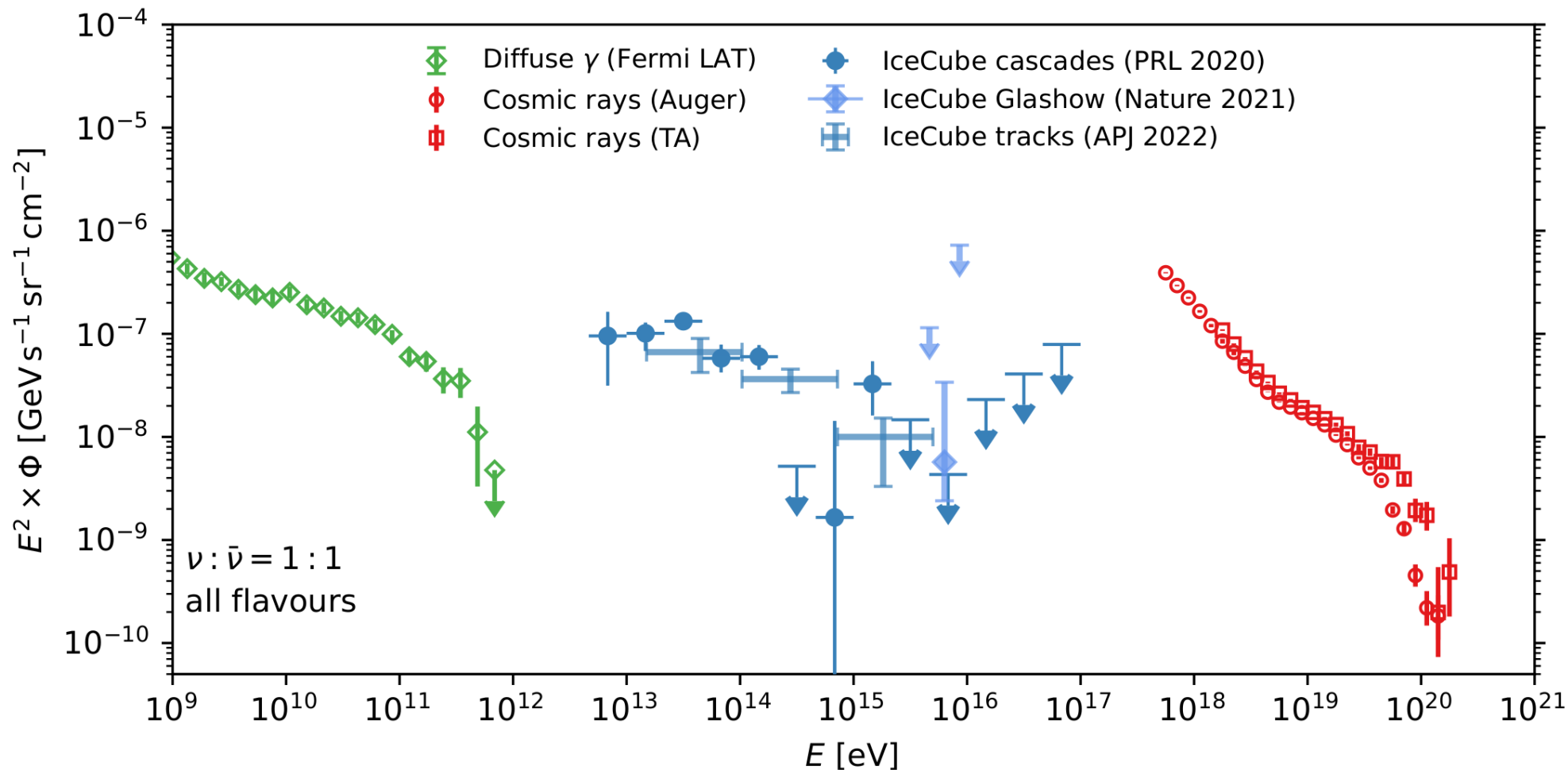
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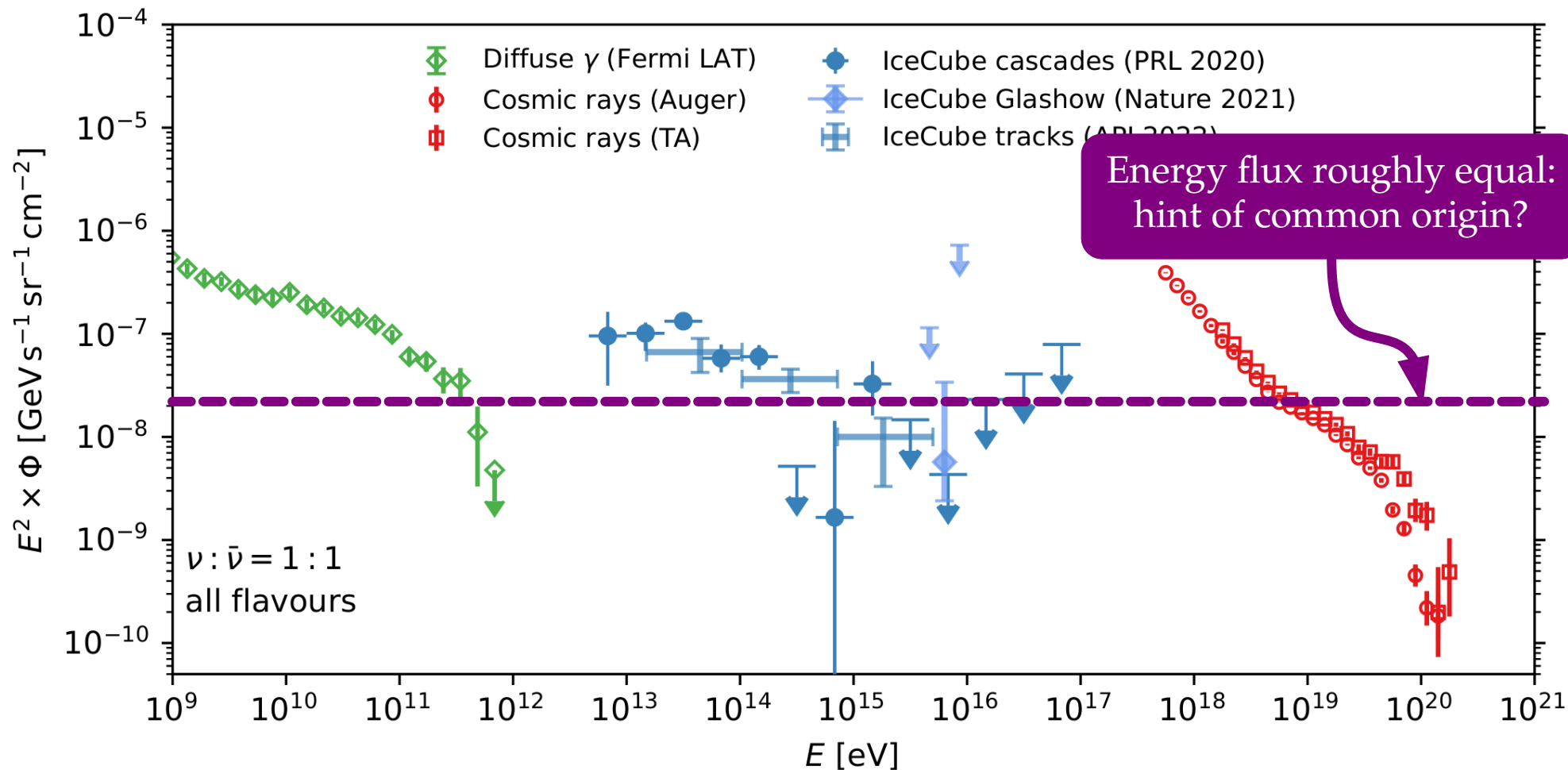
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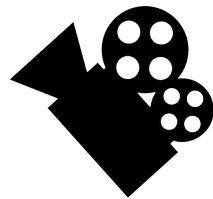
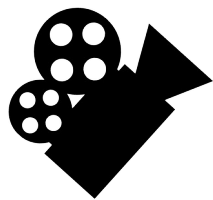


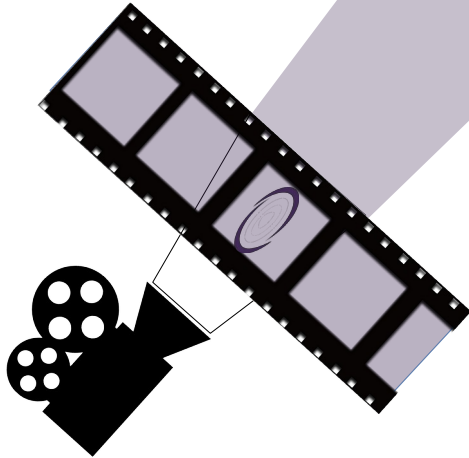
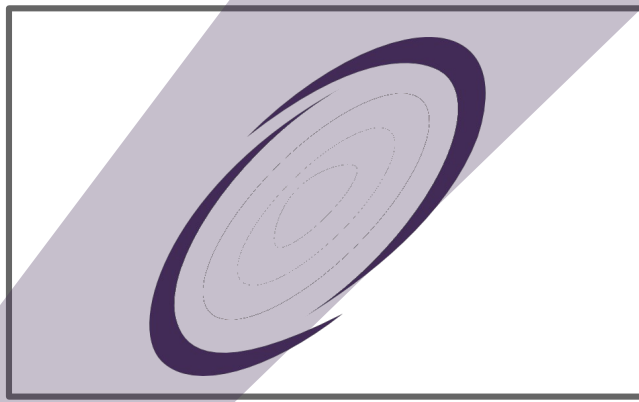
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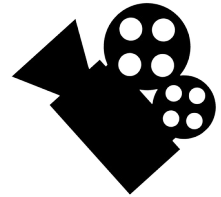
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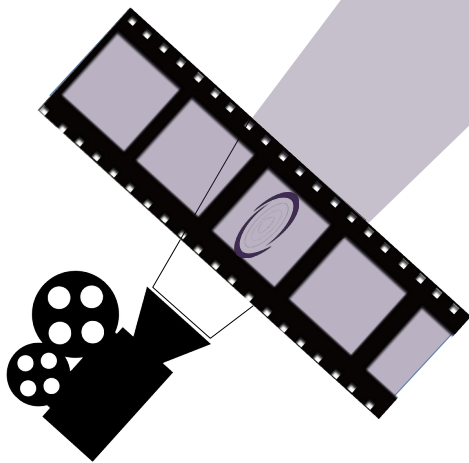
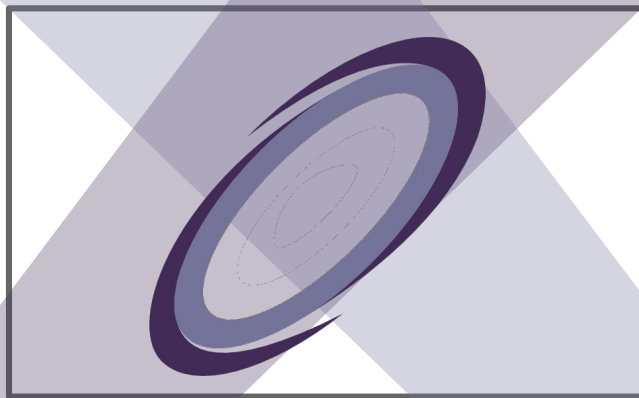




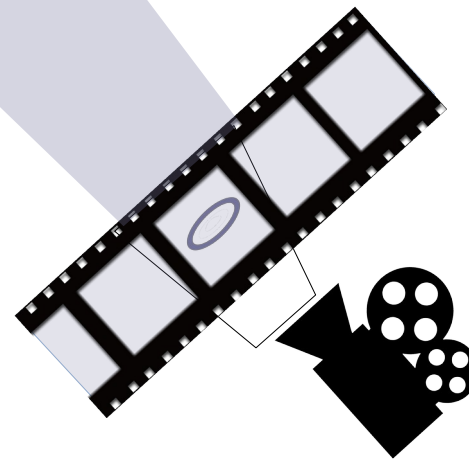


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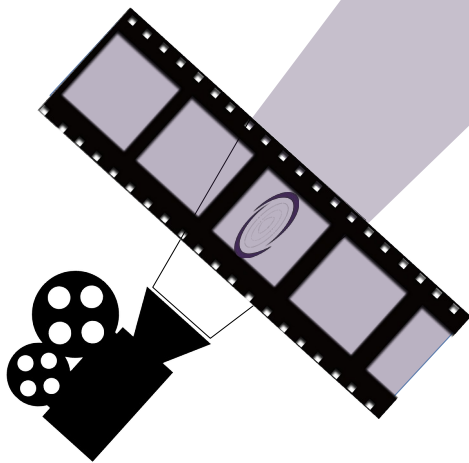
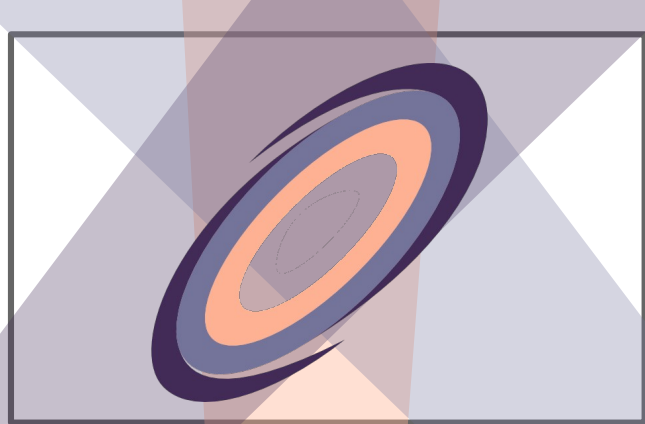




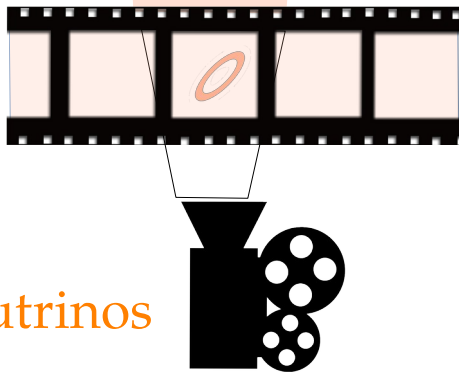
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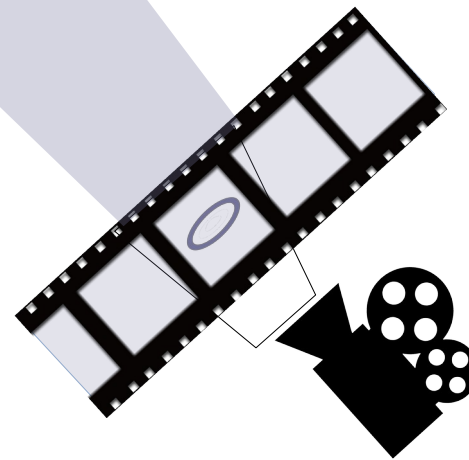
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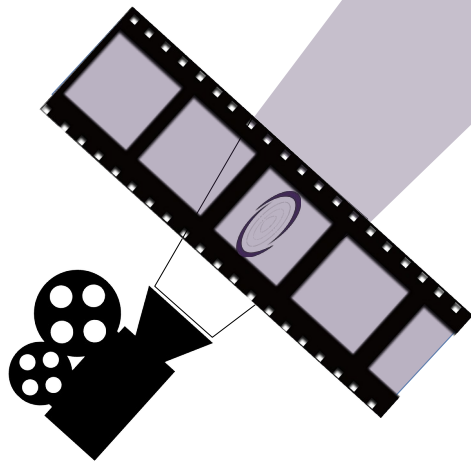
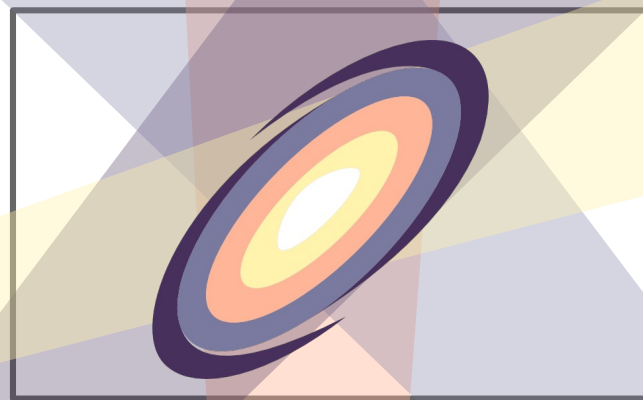


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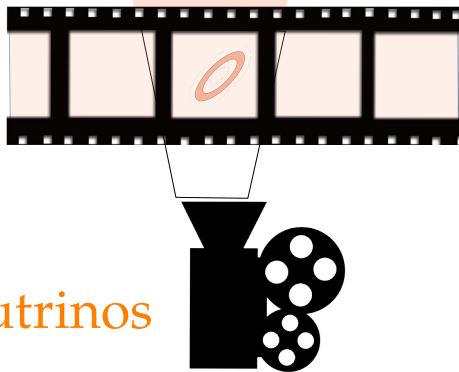


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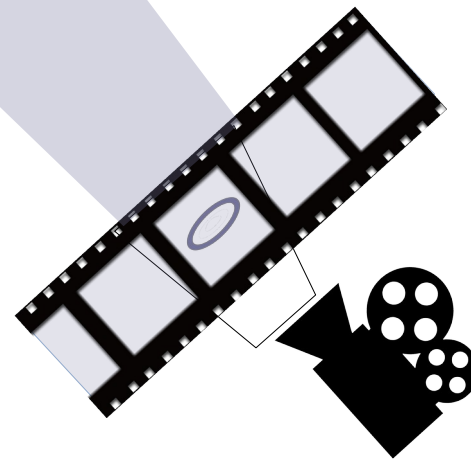
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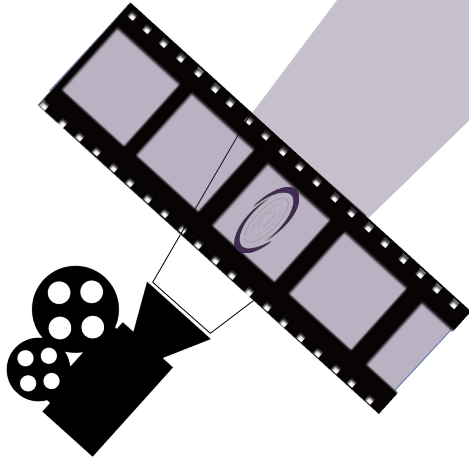
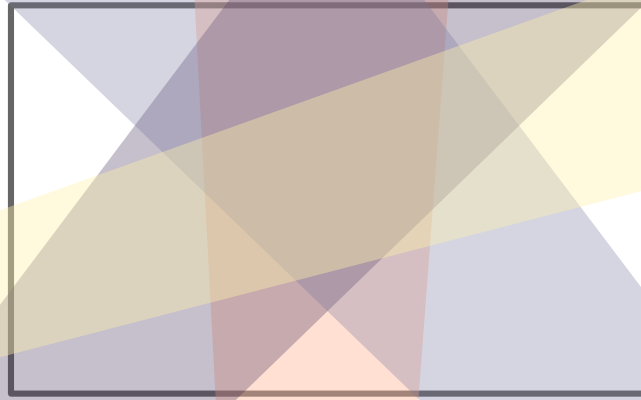


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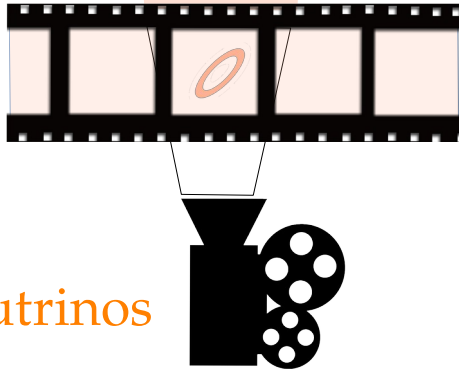
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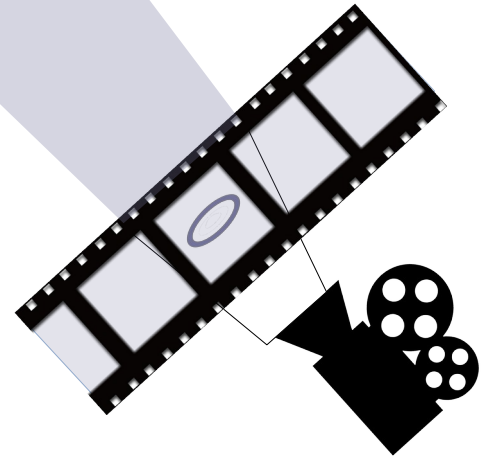
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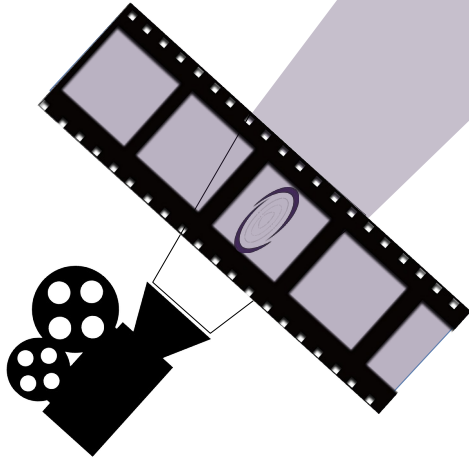
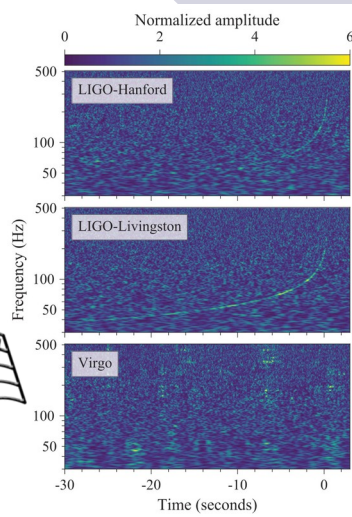


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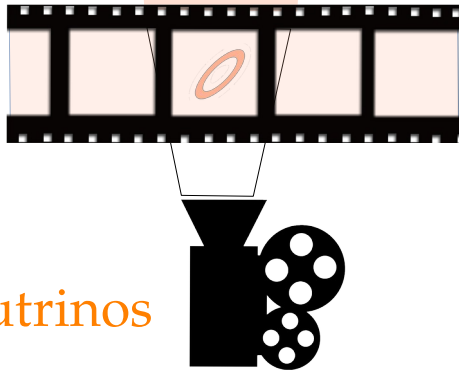
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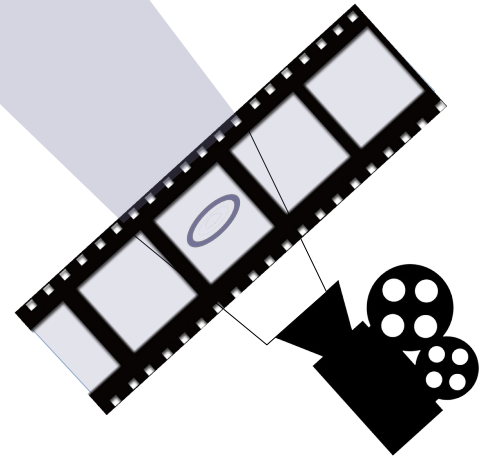
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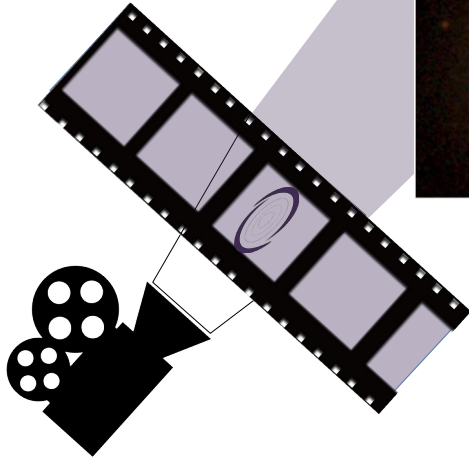
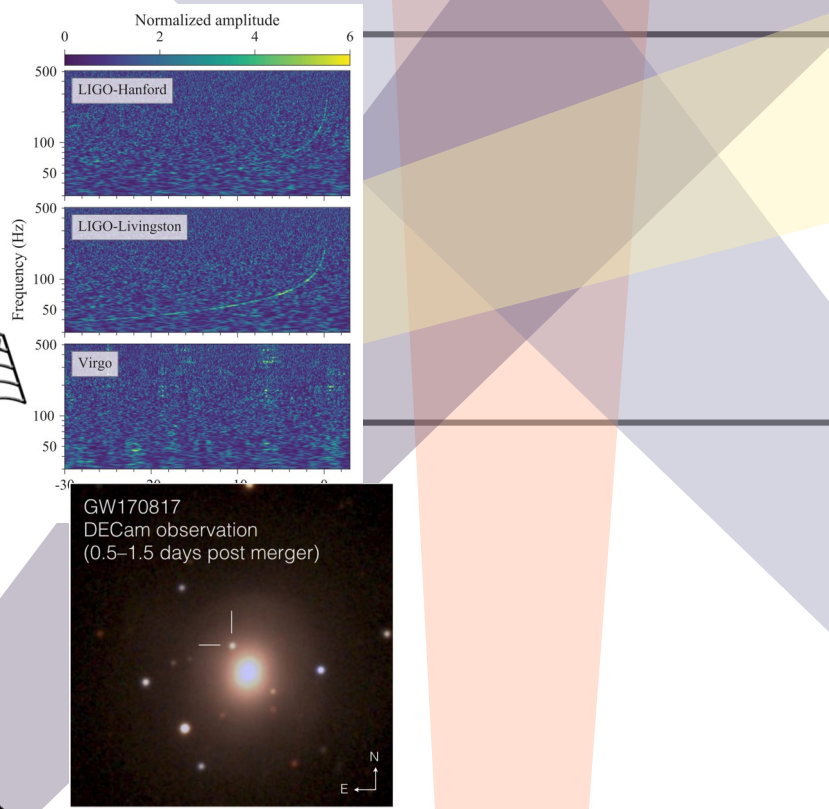


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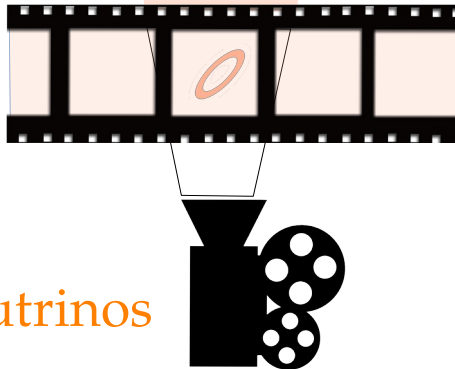
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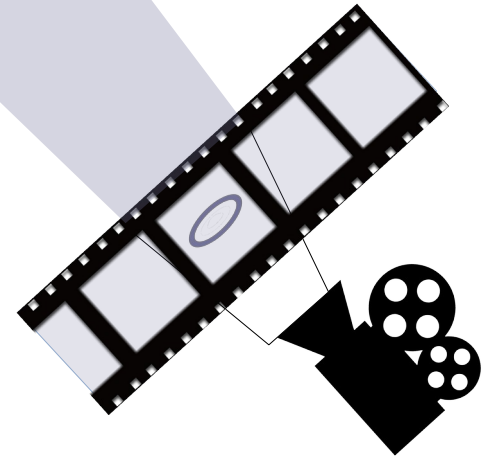
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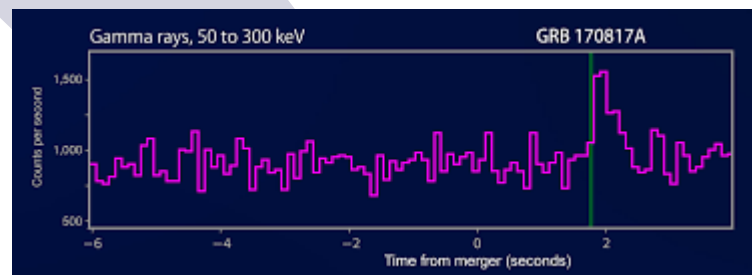
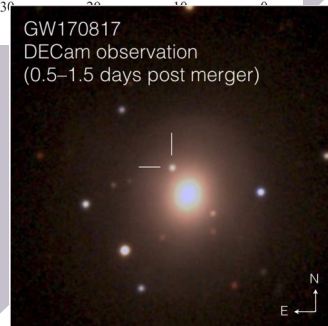
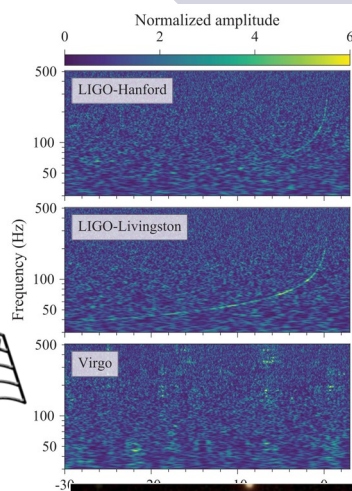


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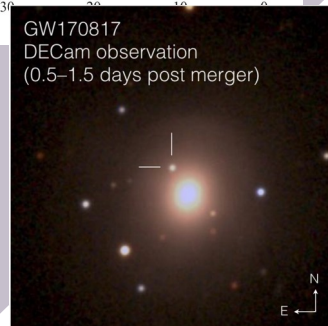
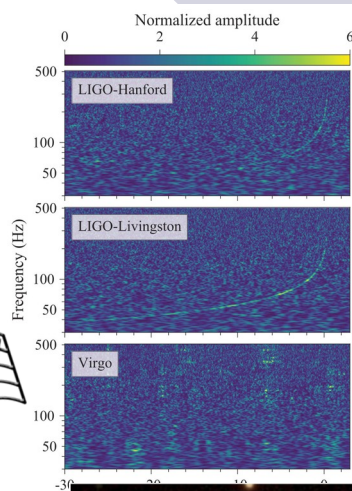
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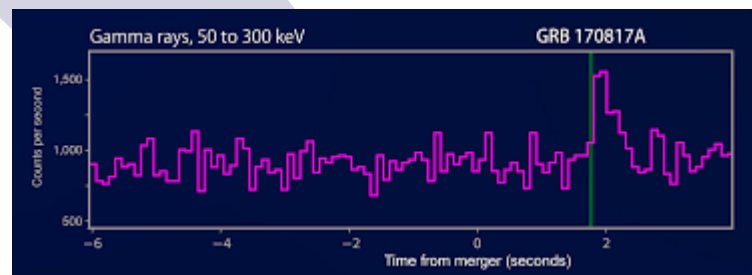
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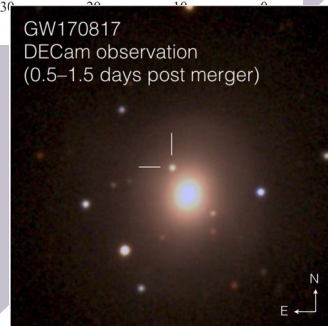
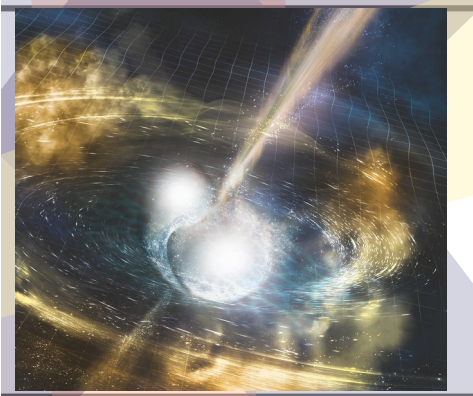
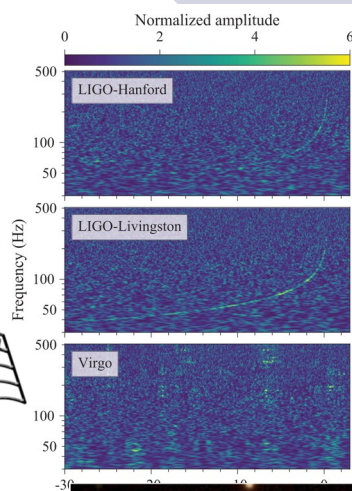
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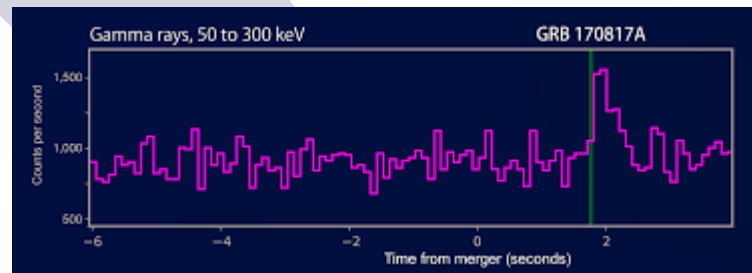
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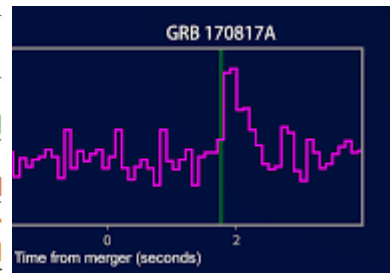
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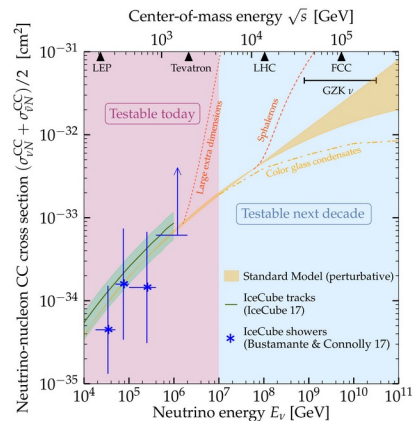


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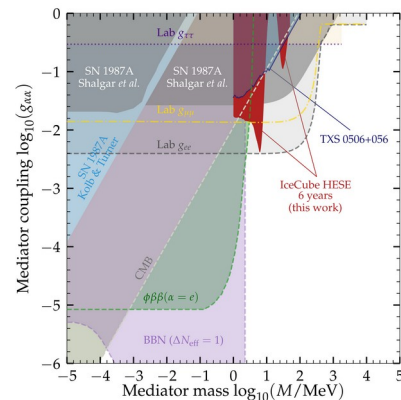
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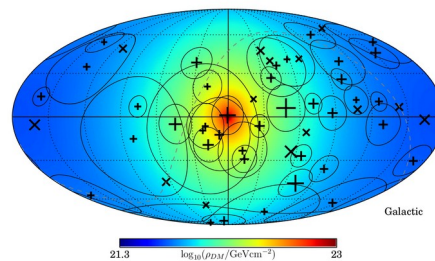
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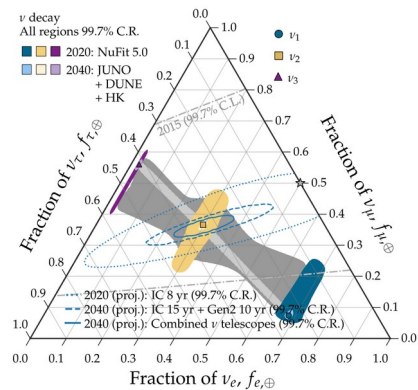
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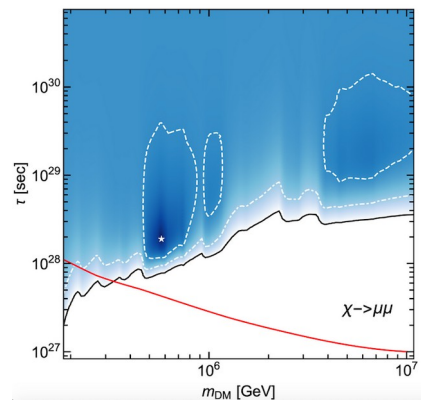
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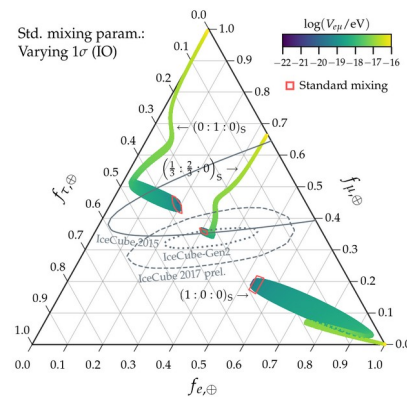
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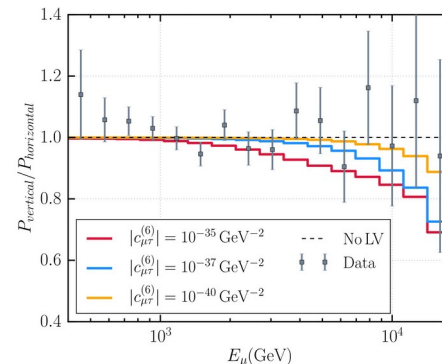
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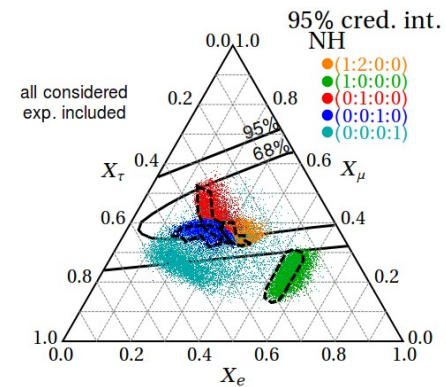
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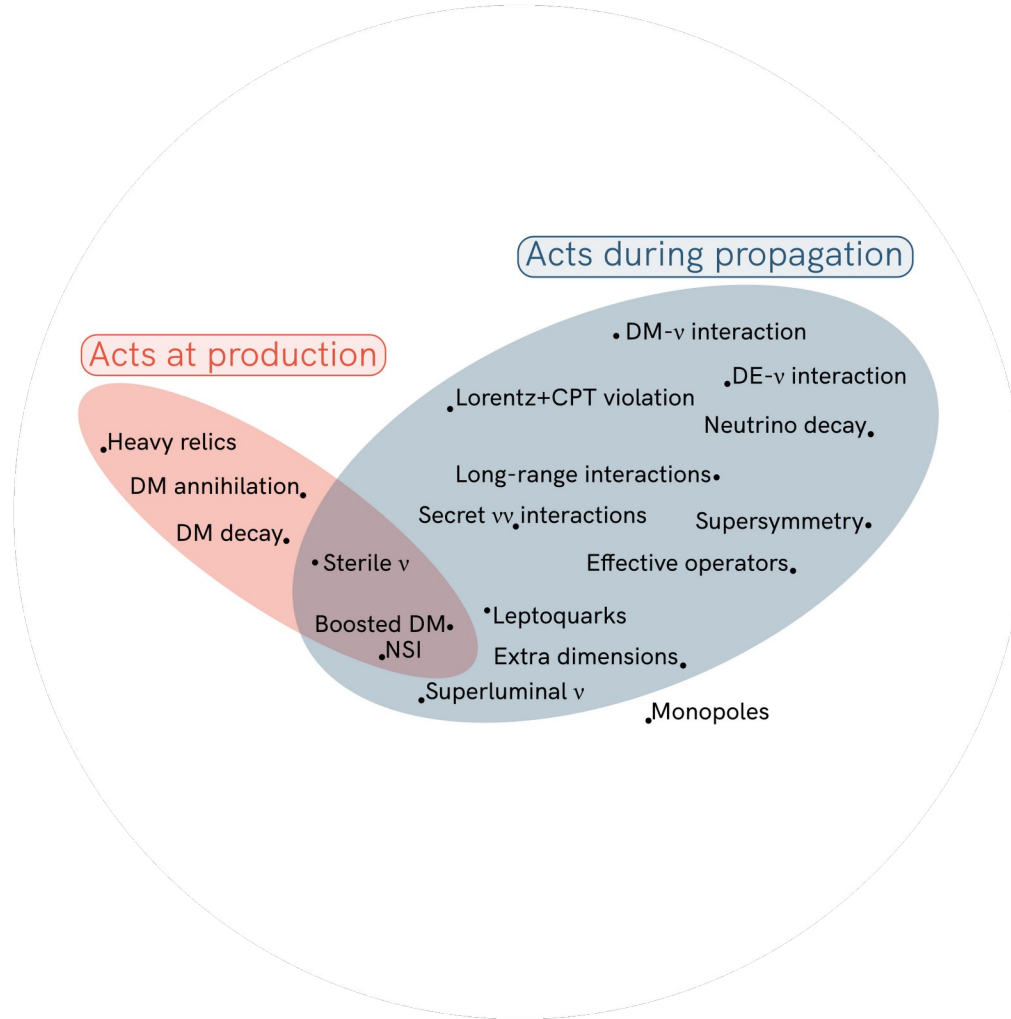
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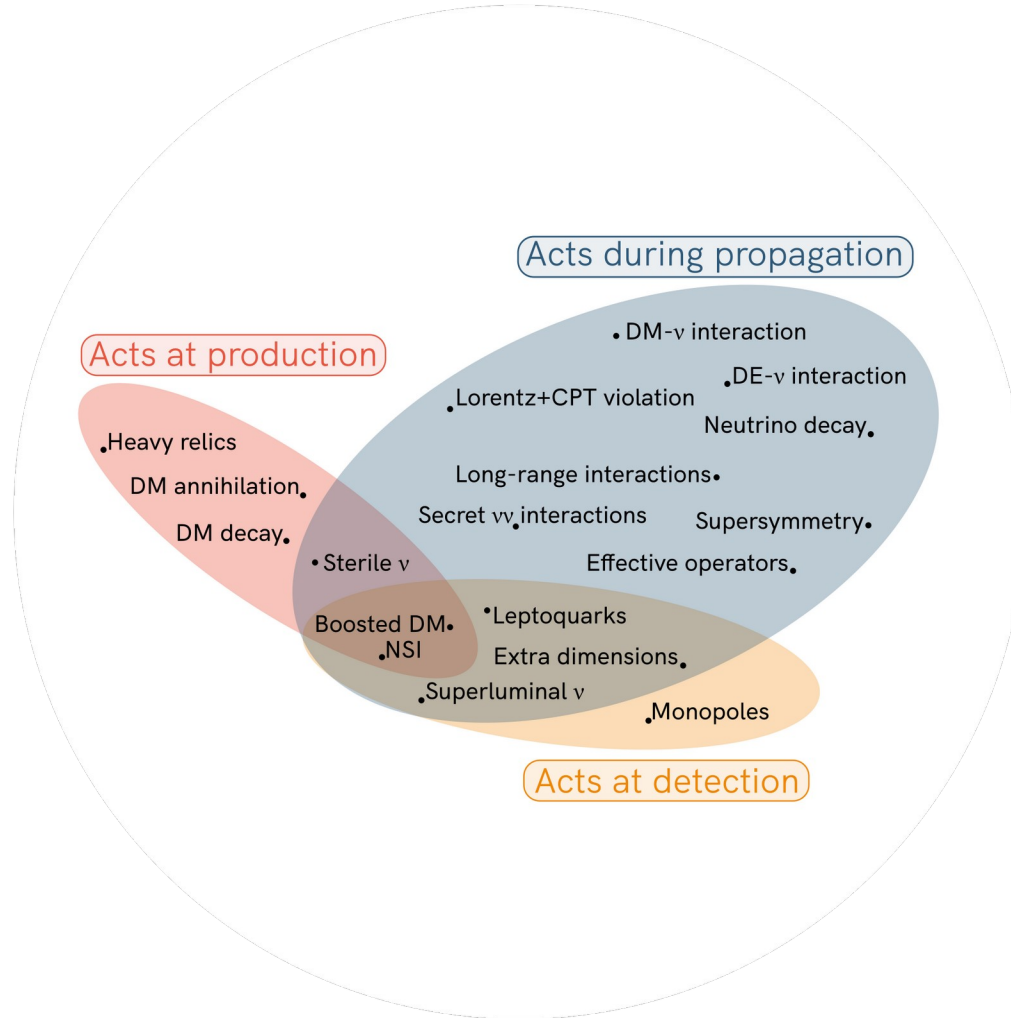
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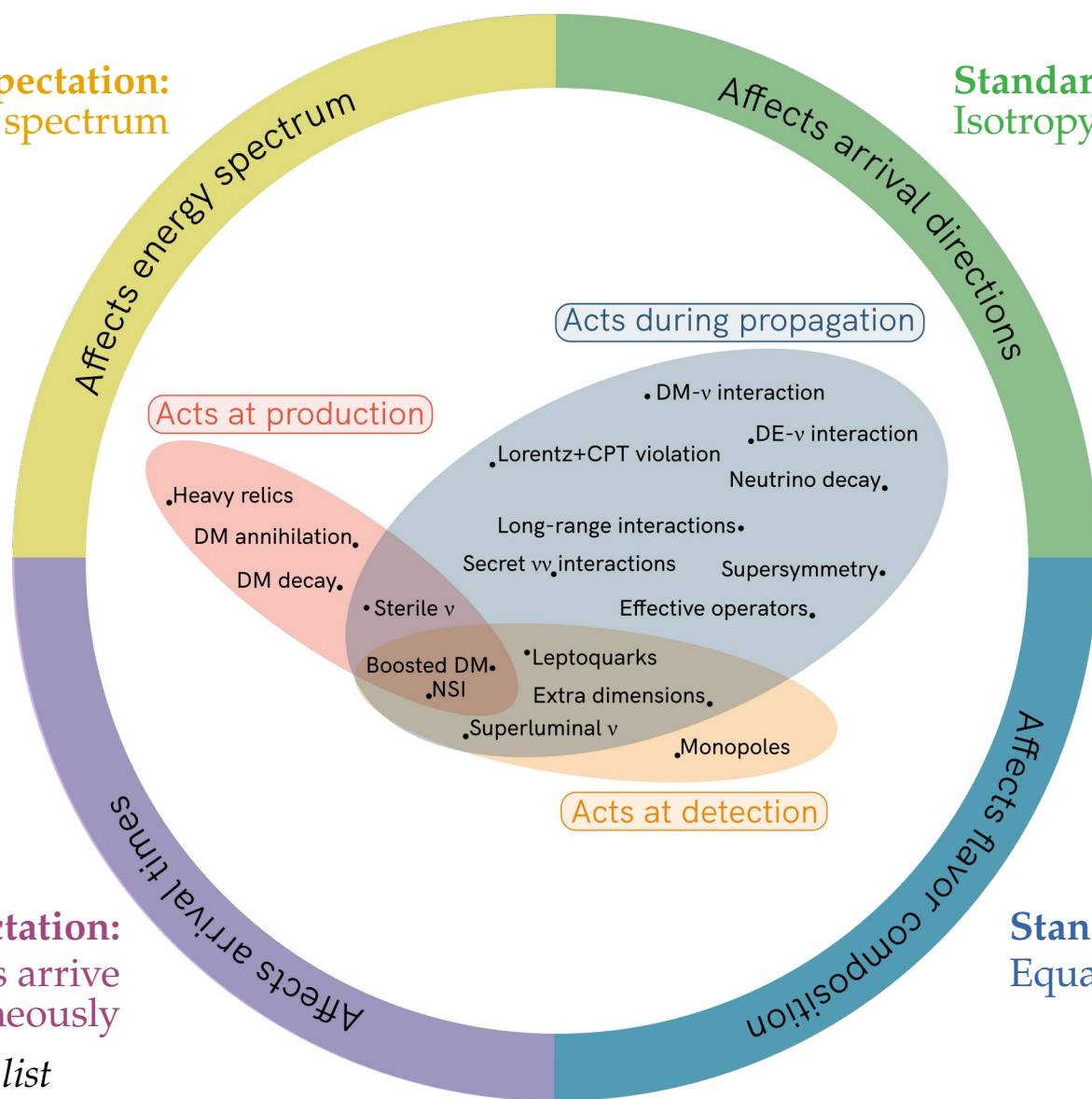
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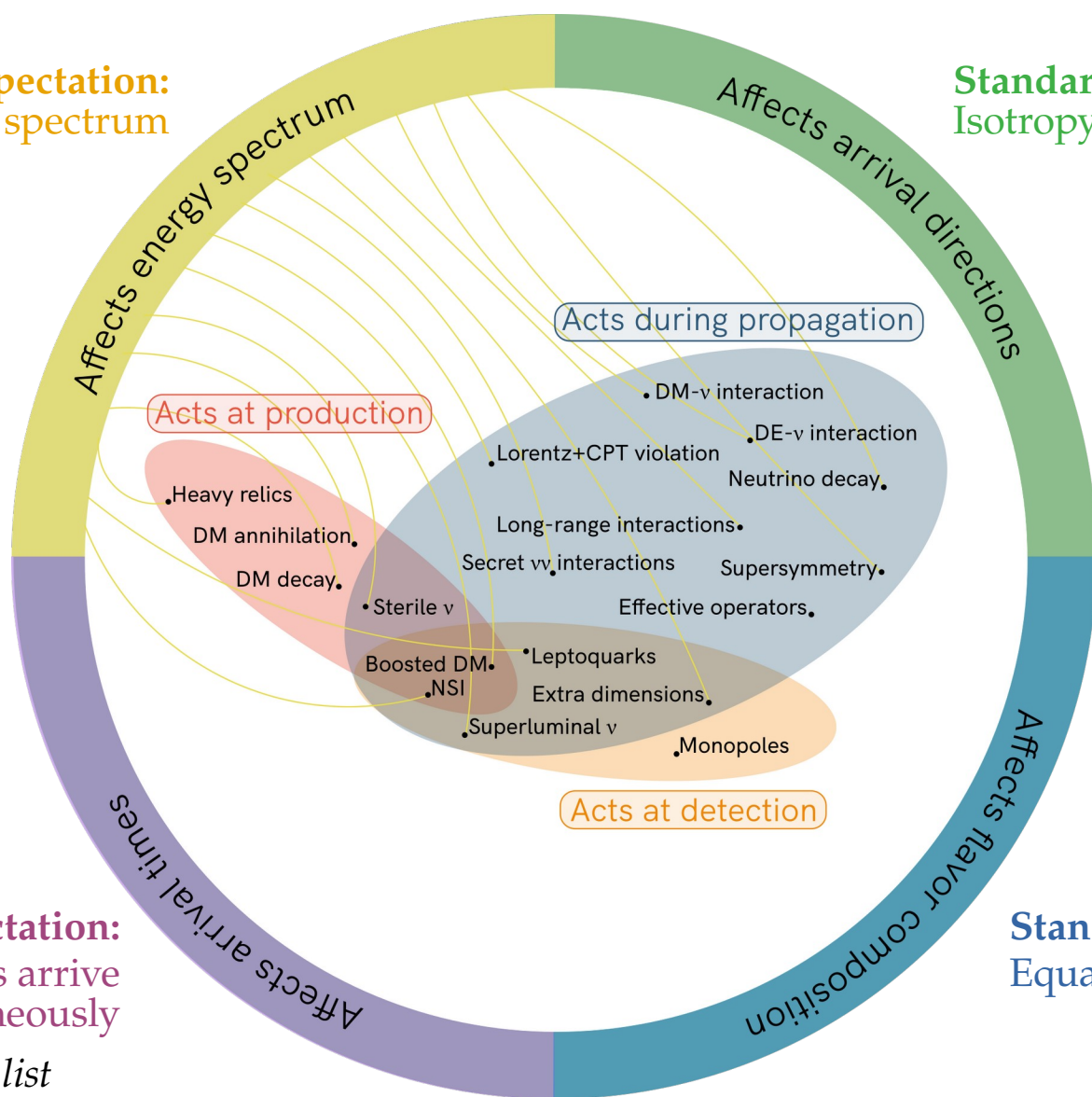
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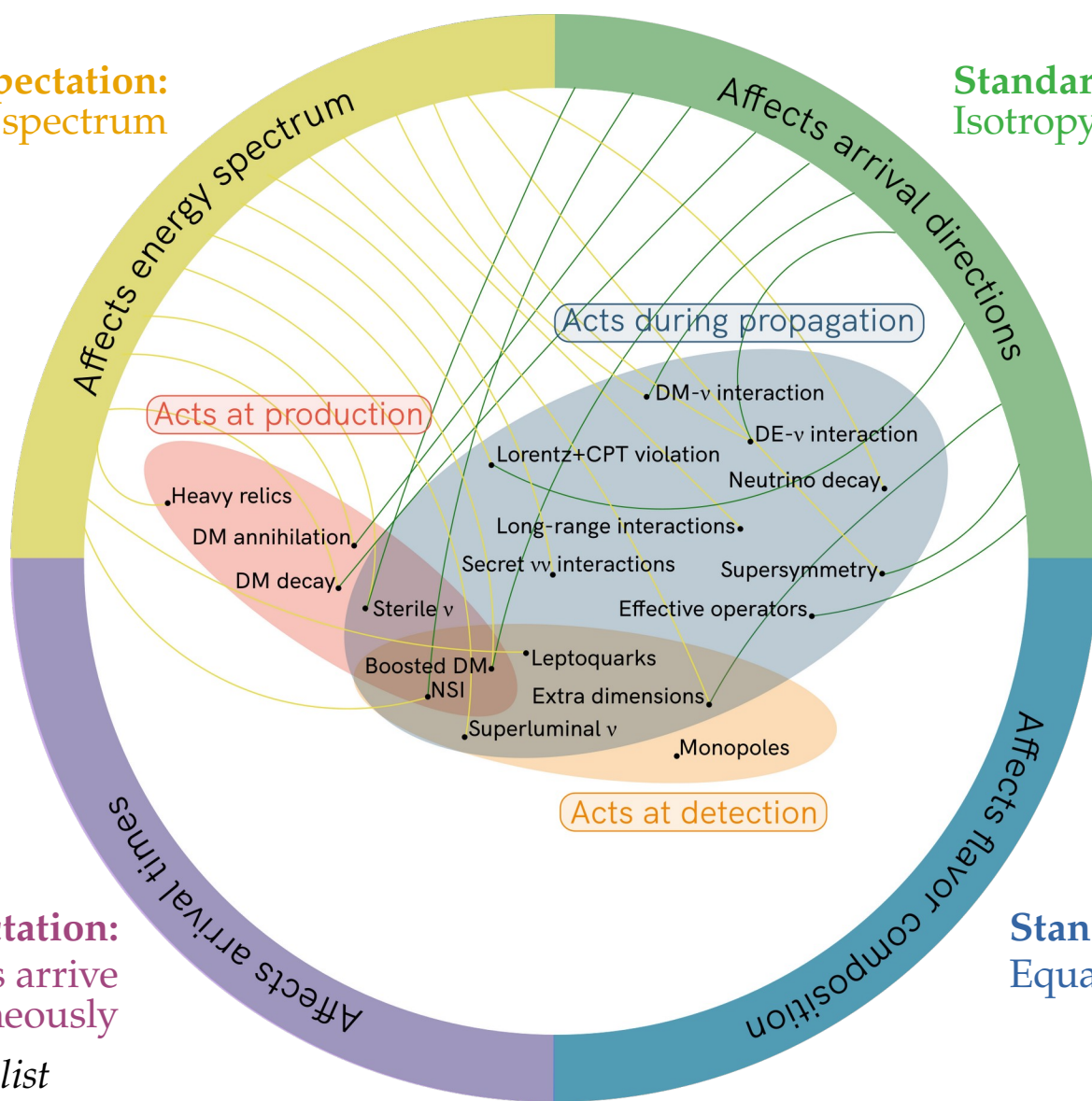
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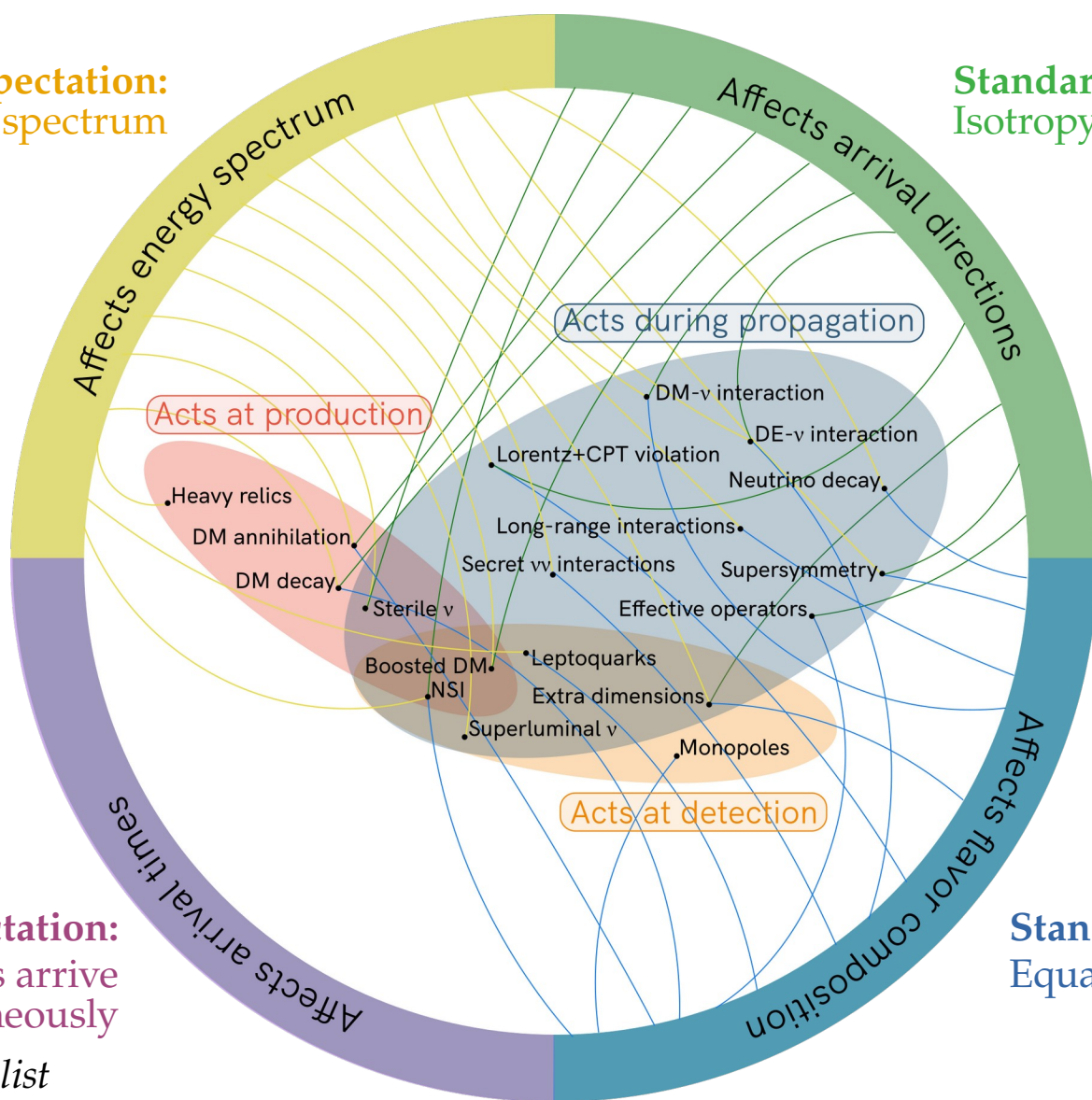
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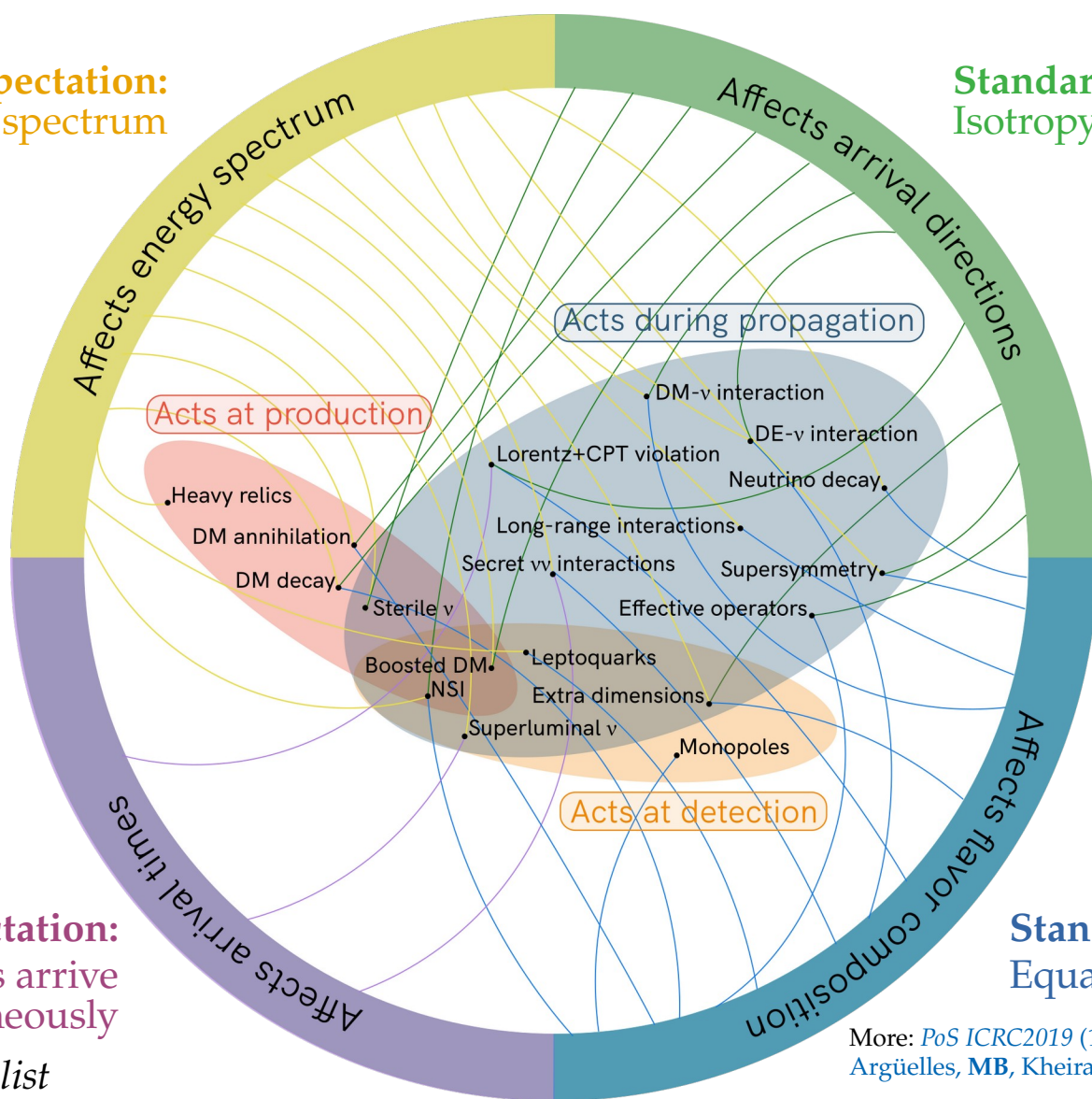
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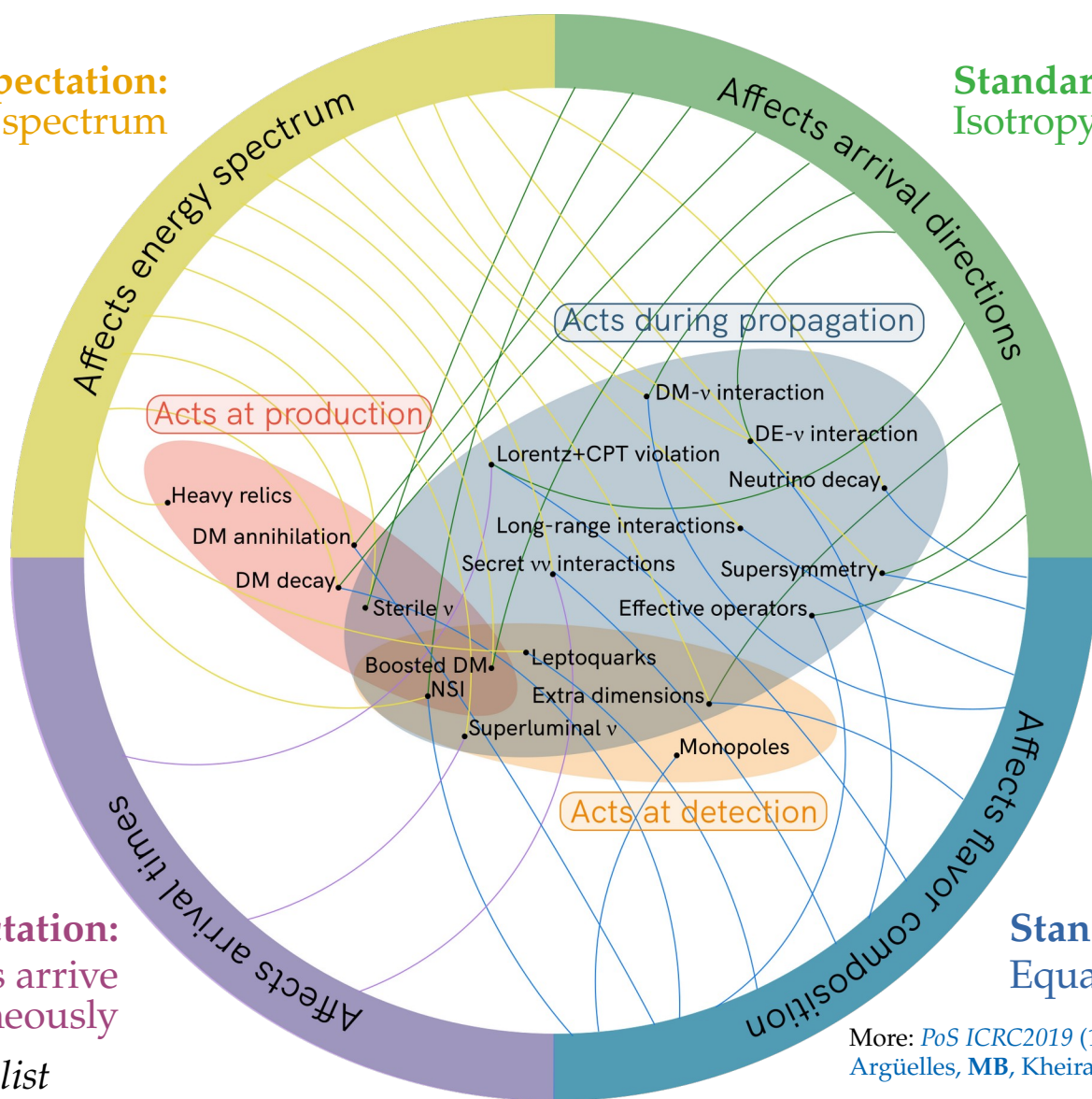
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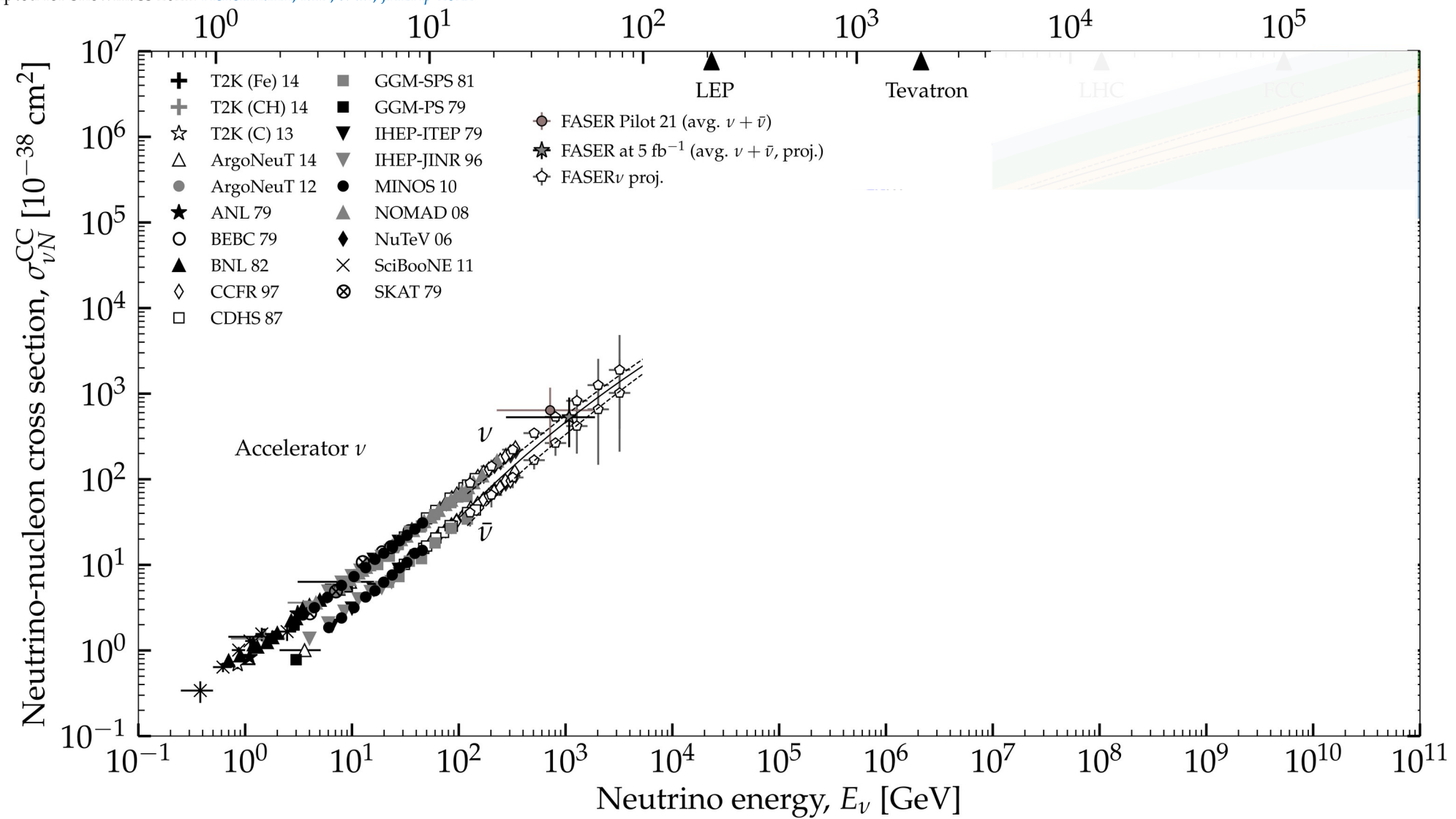
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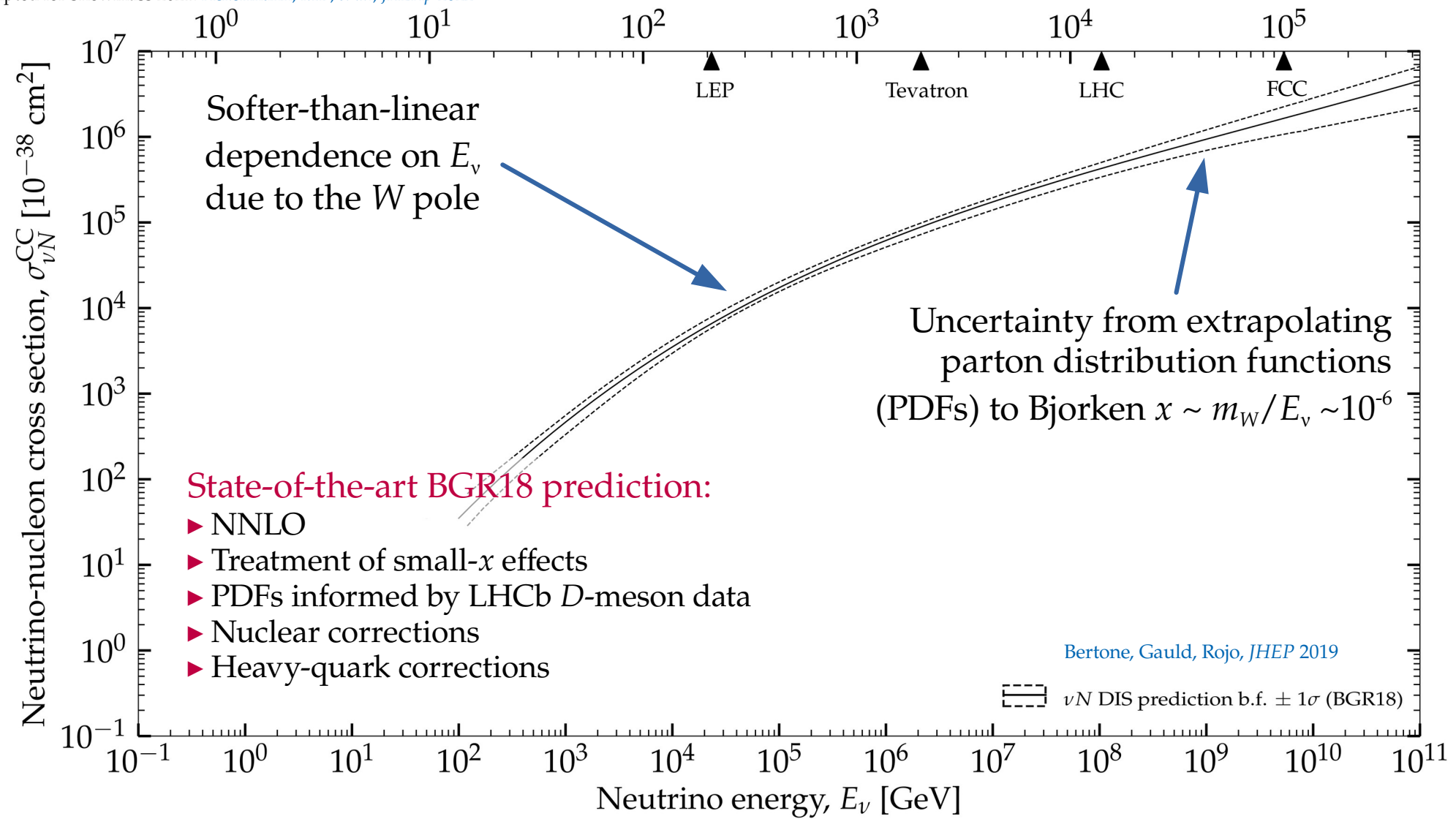
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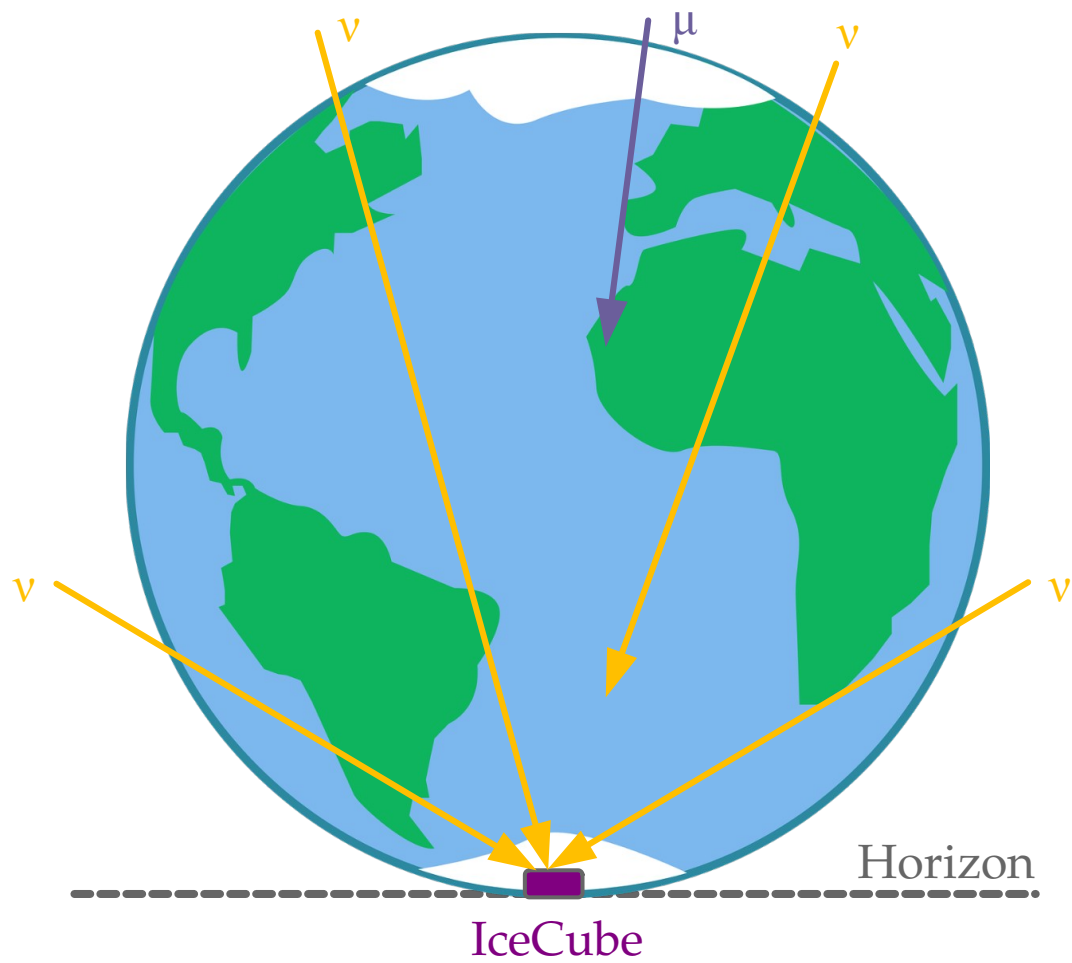
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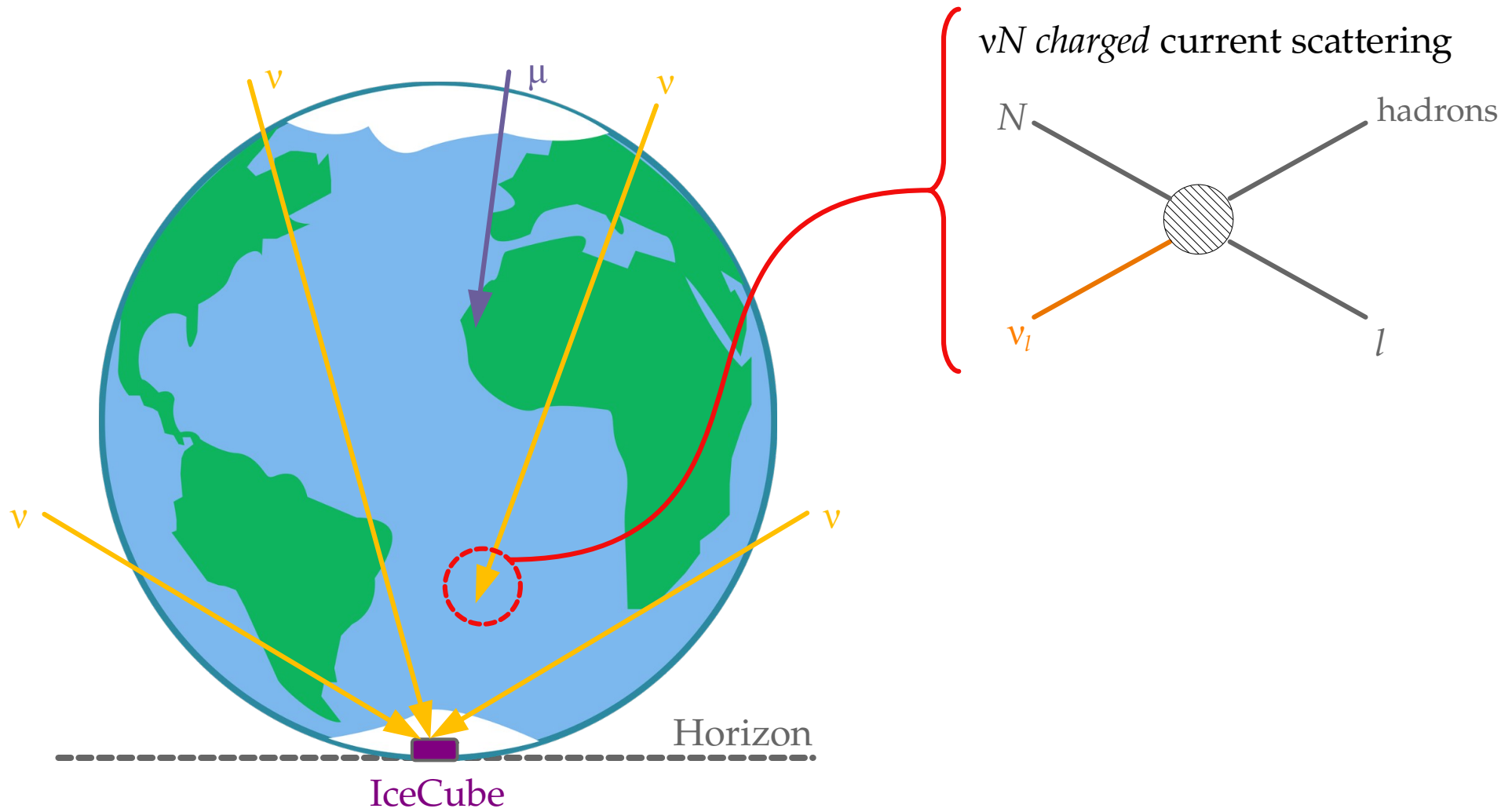
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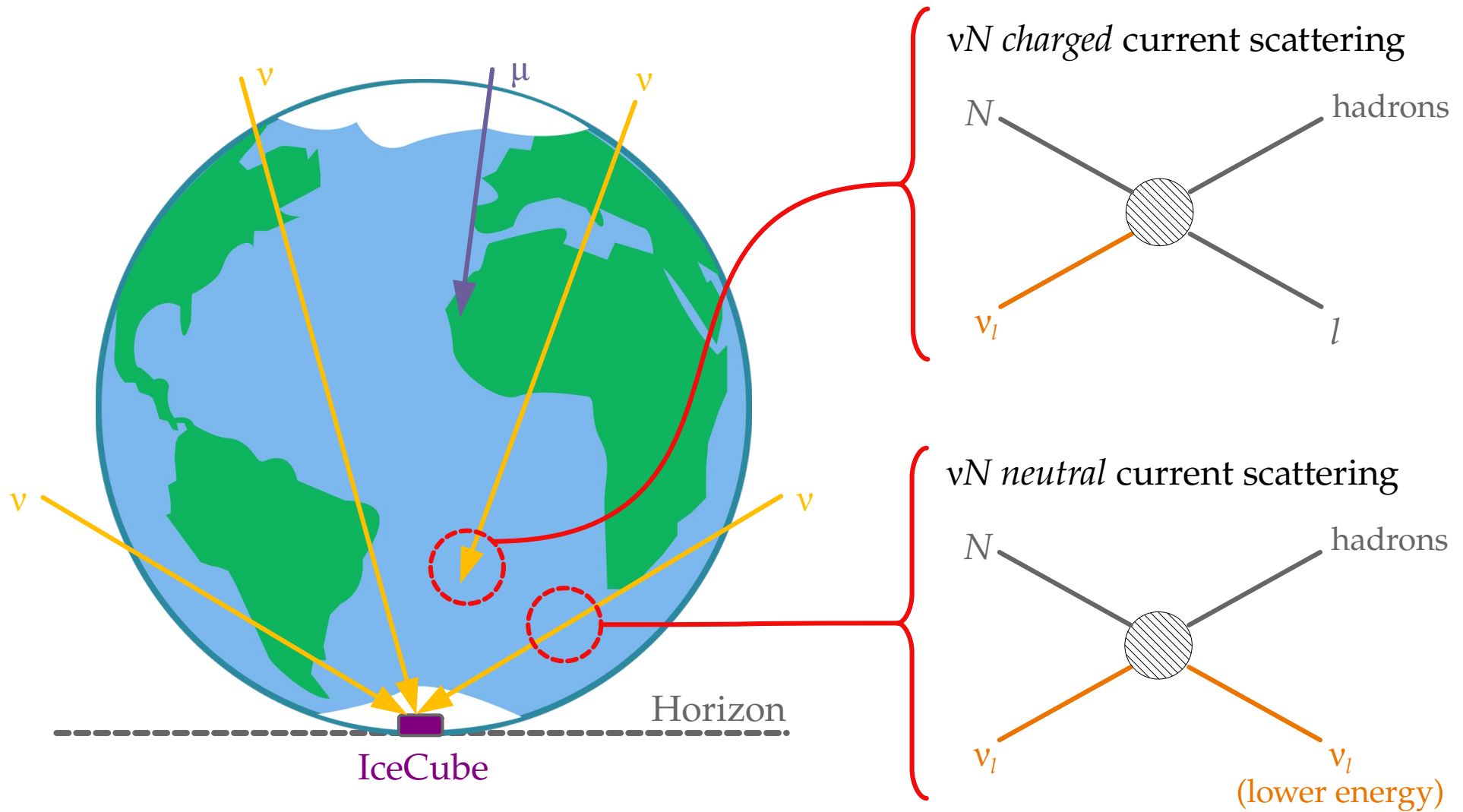


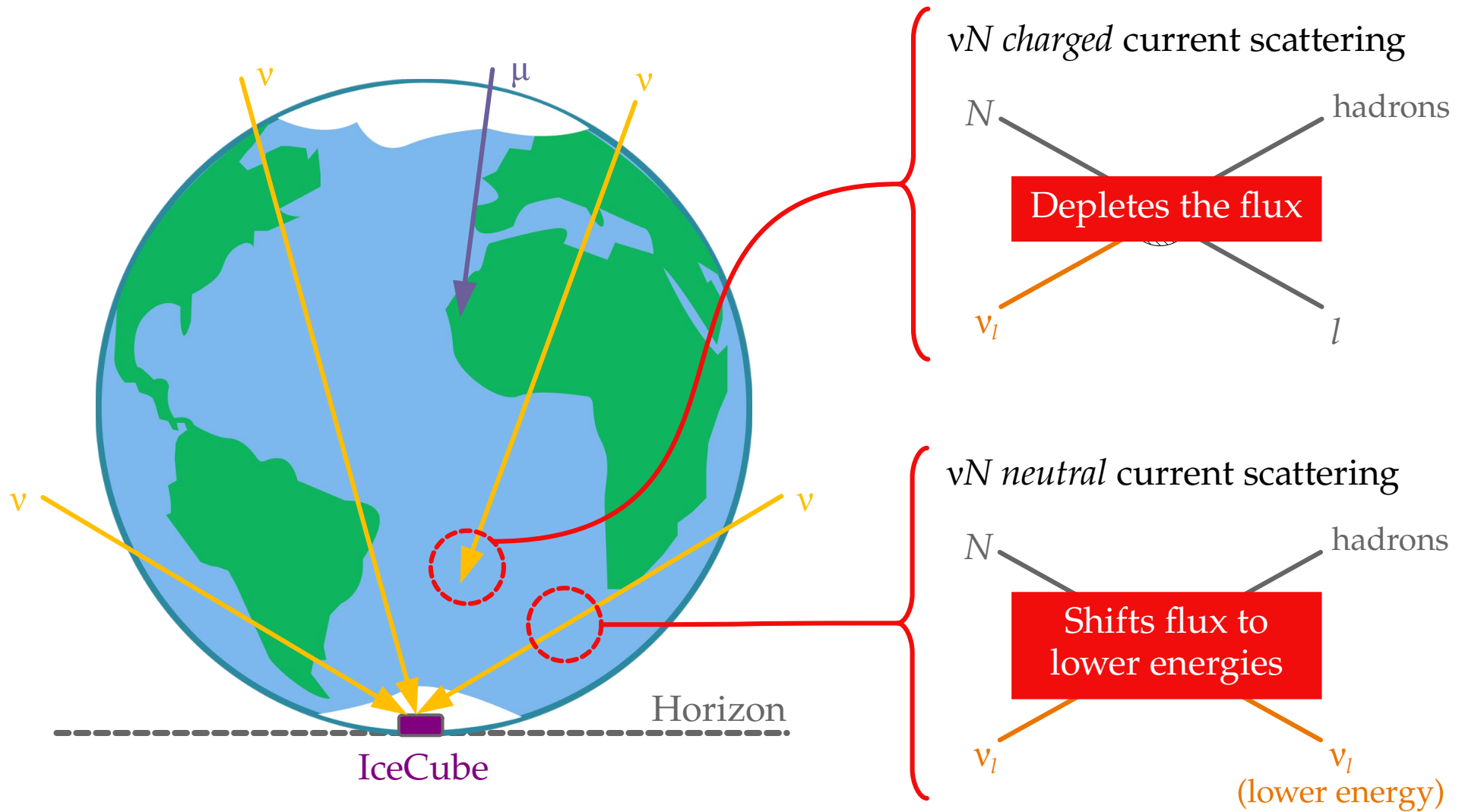
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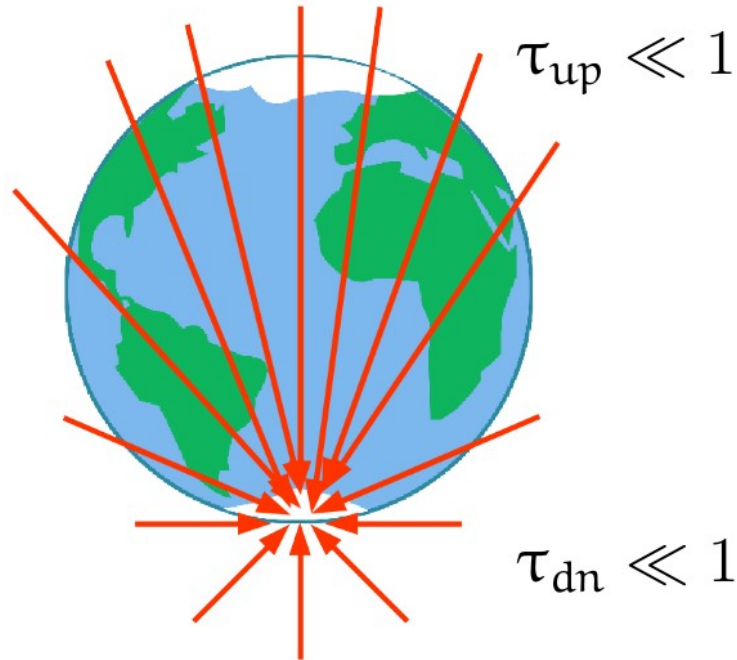




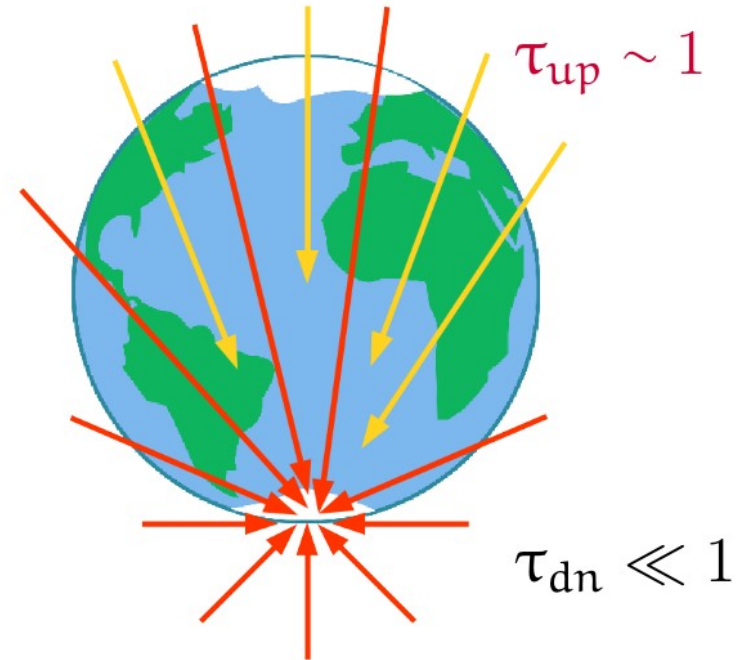
Measuring the high-energy νN cross section

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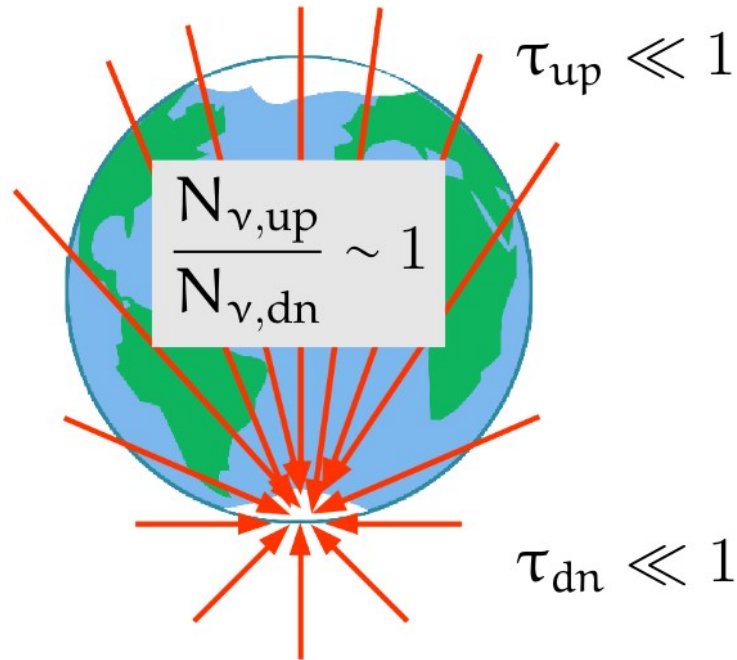
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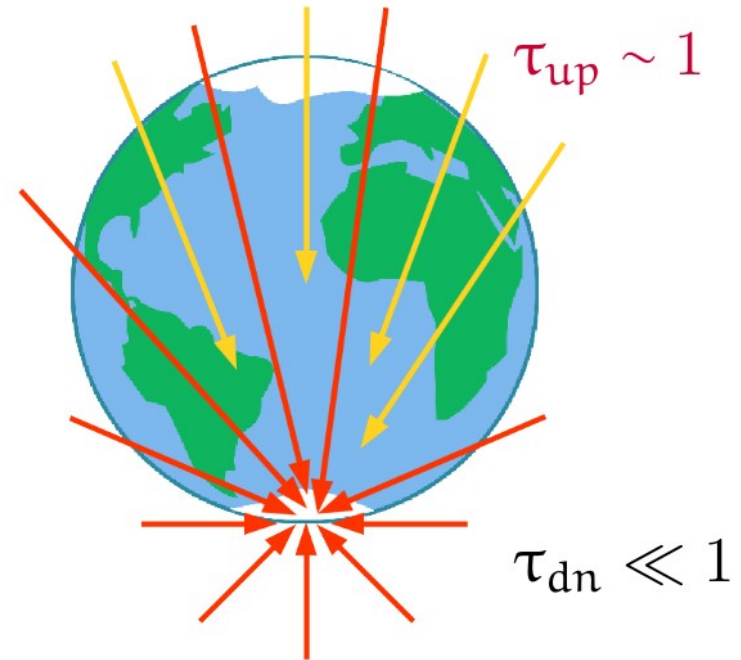
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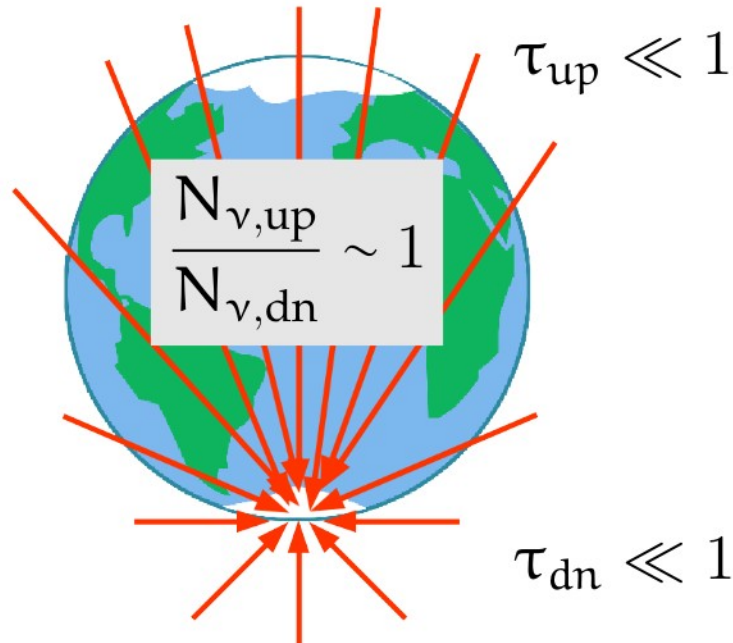
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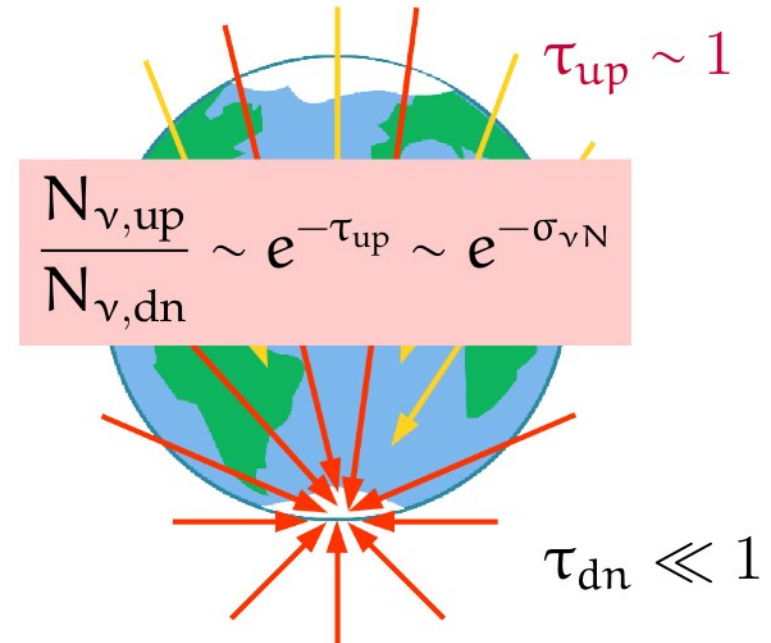
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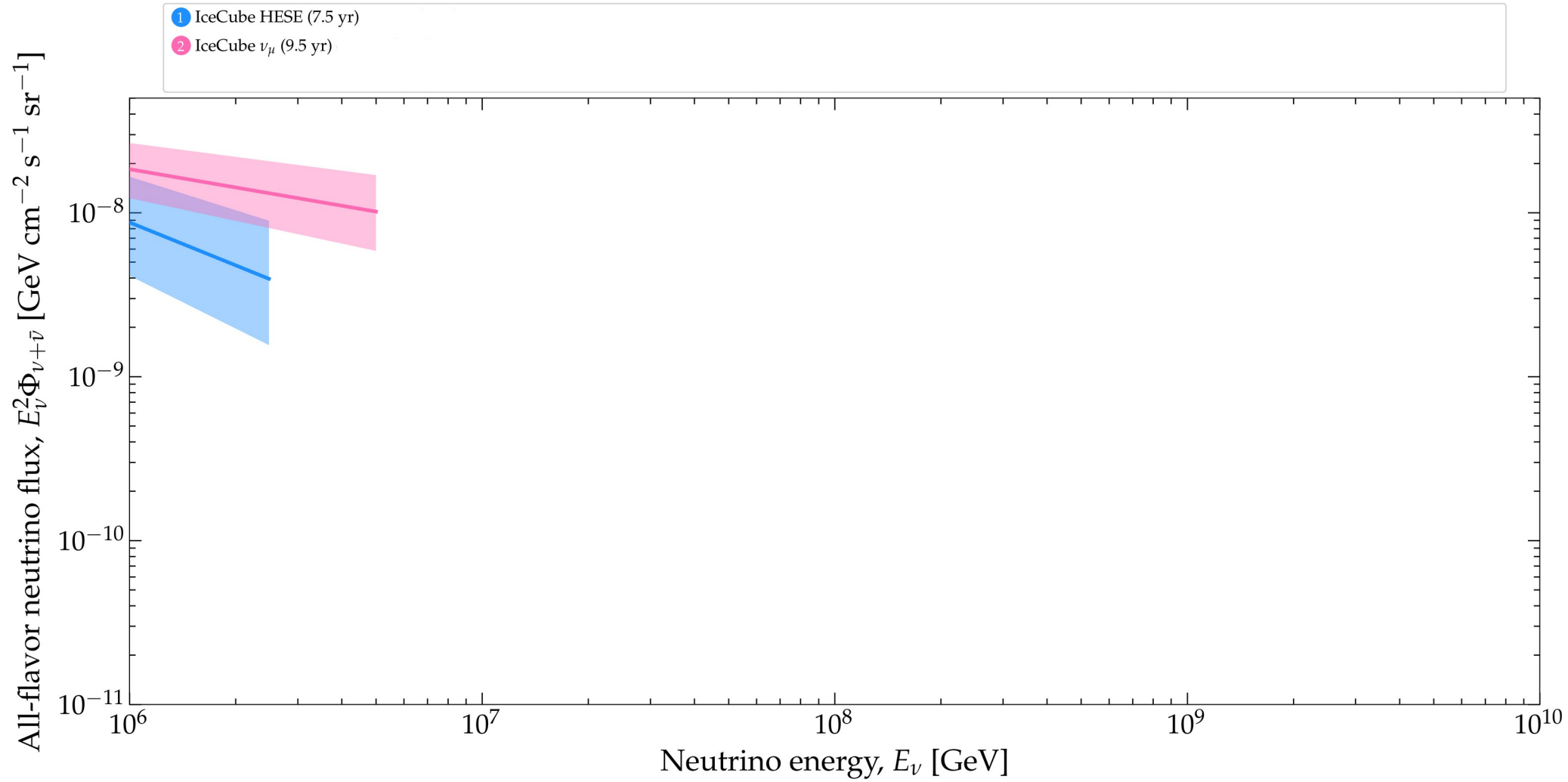
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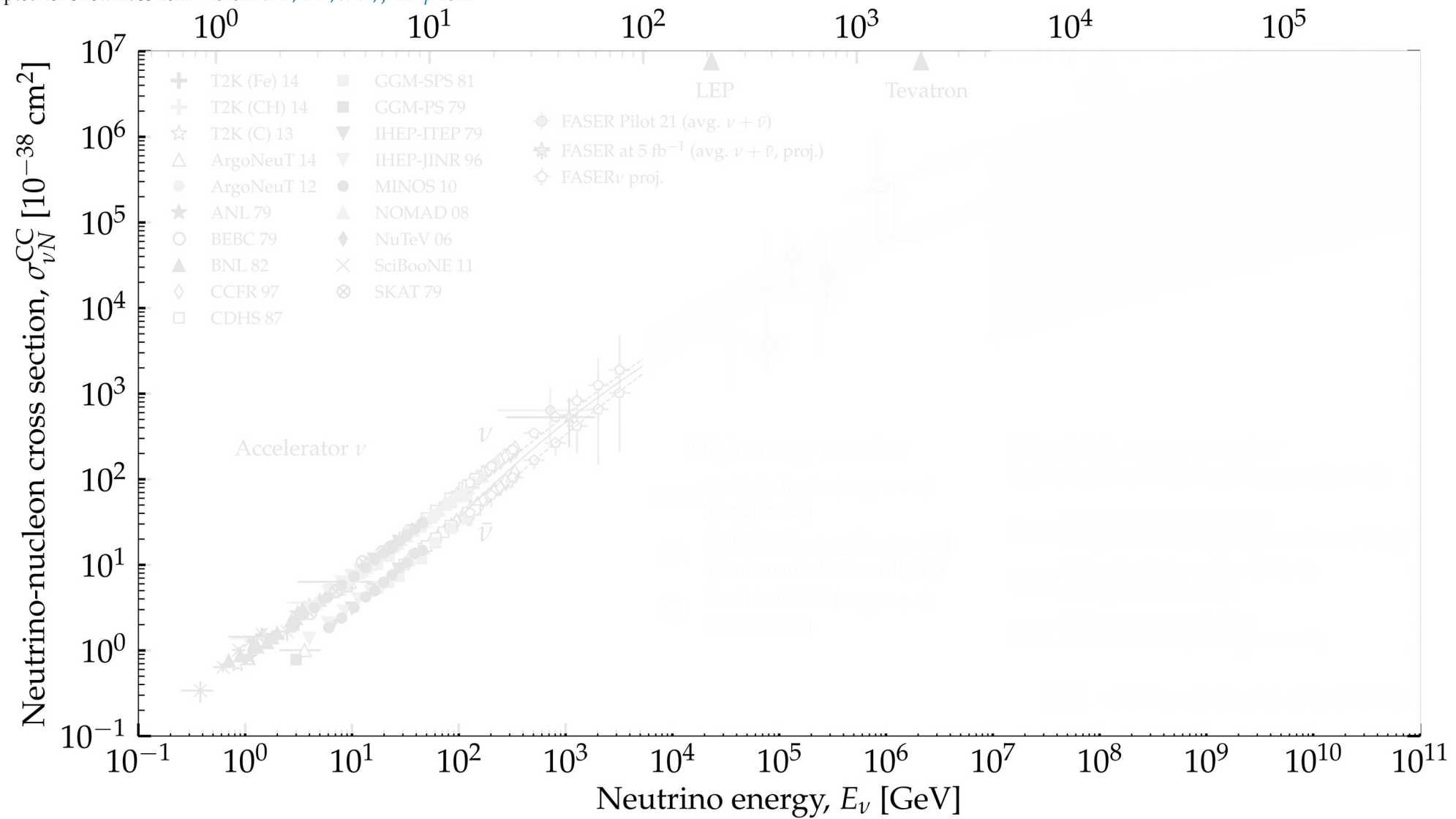


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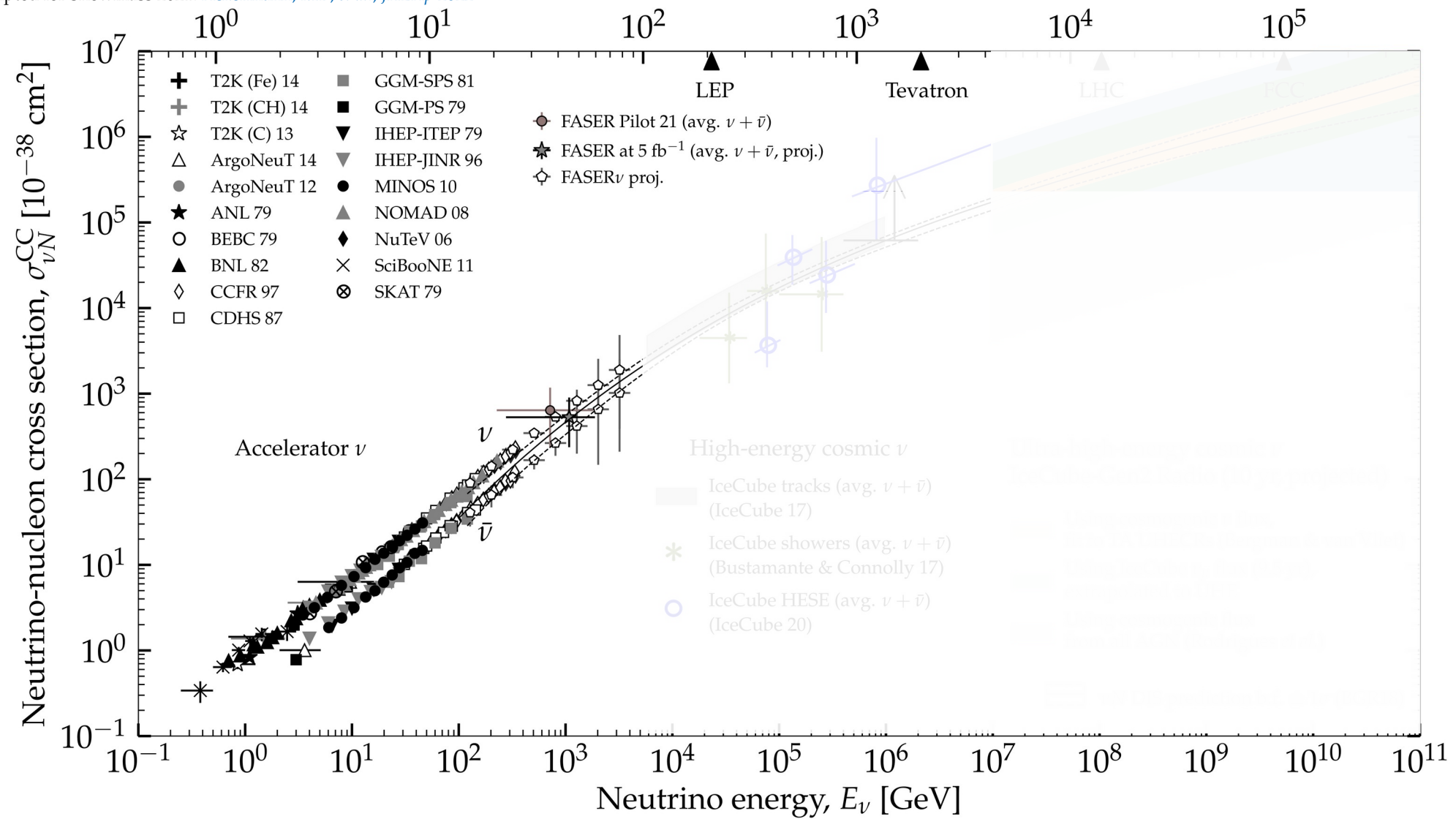




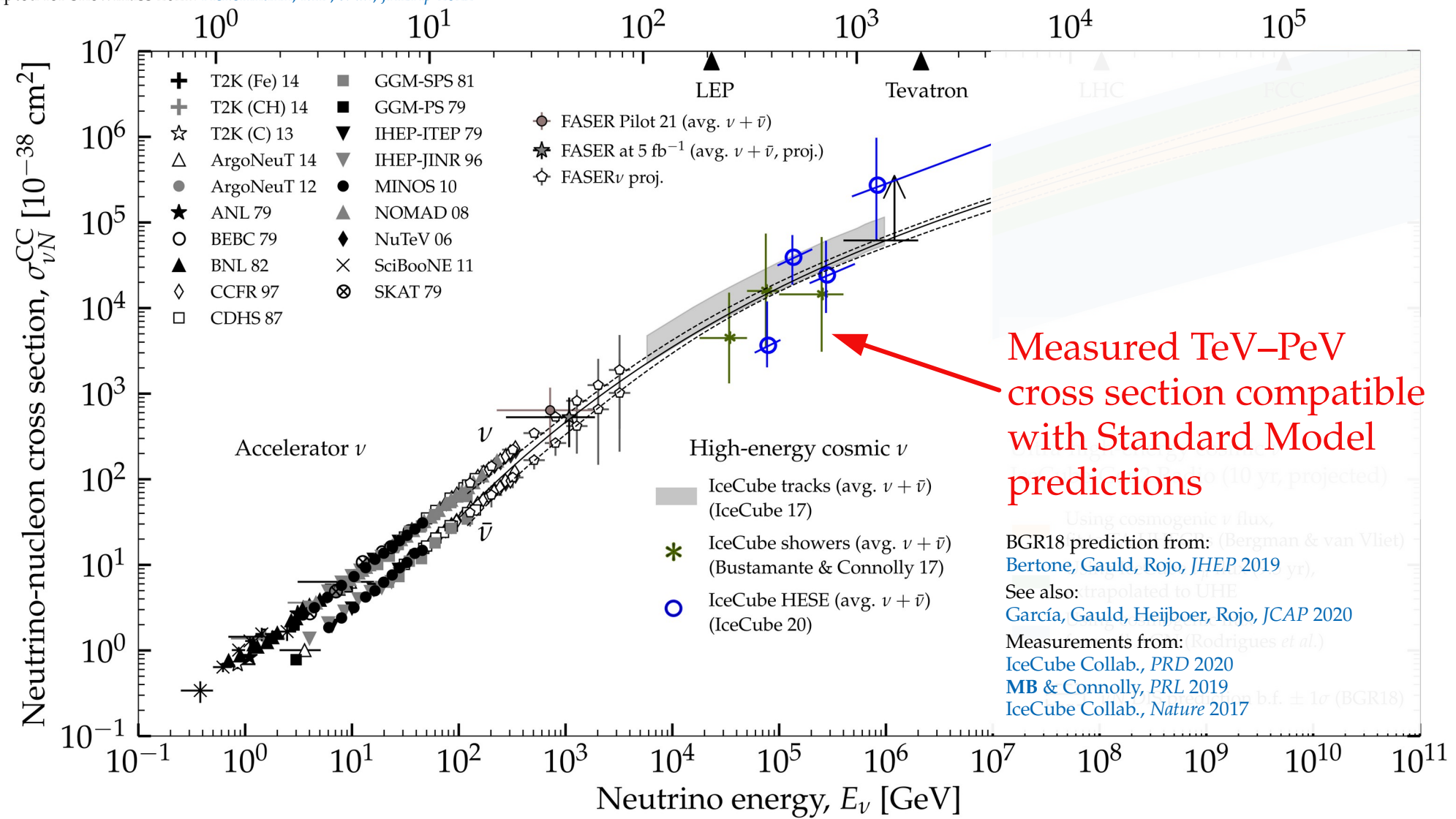
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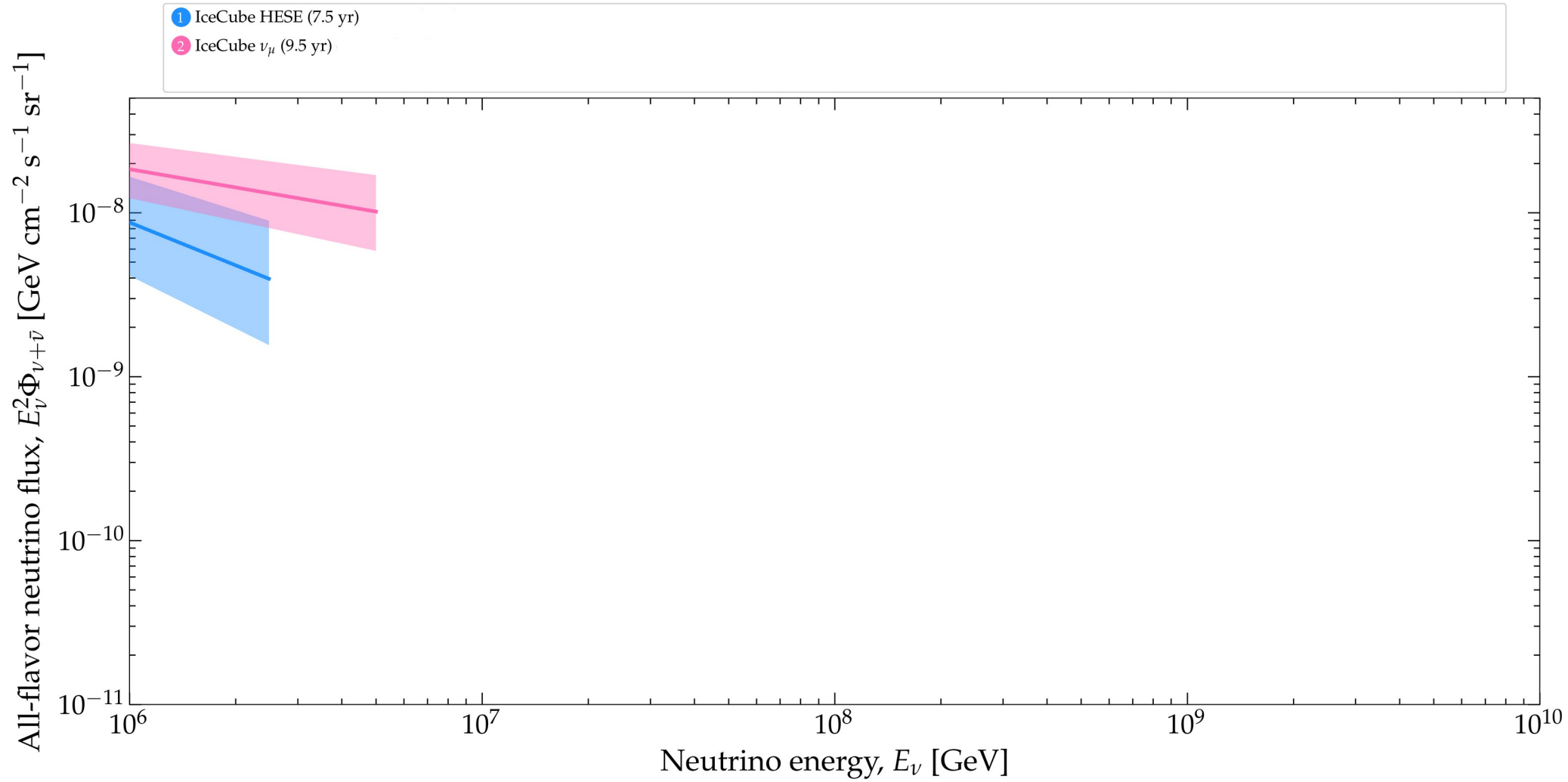
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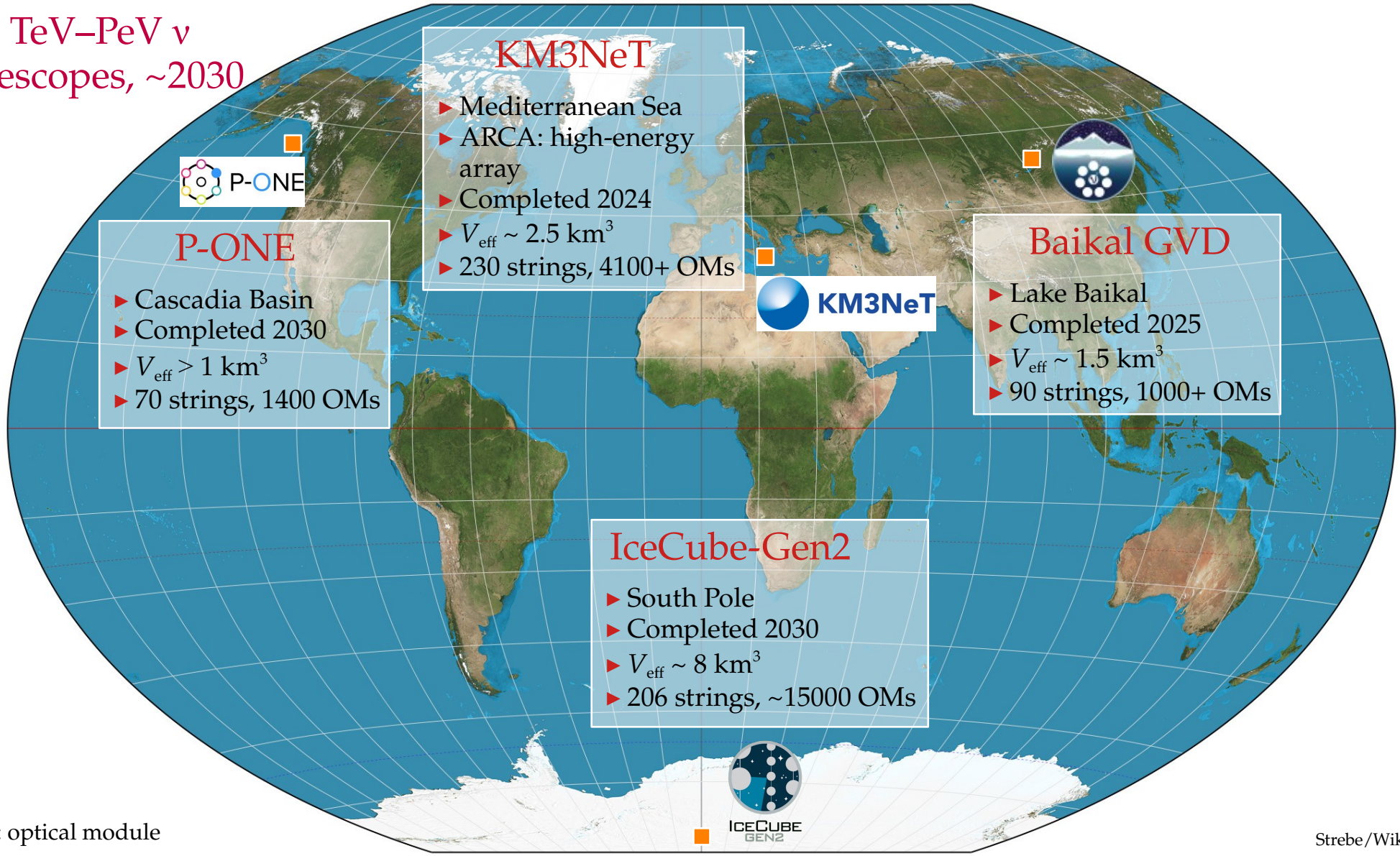
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IV. The future



TeV–PeV ν
telescopes, ~2030

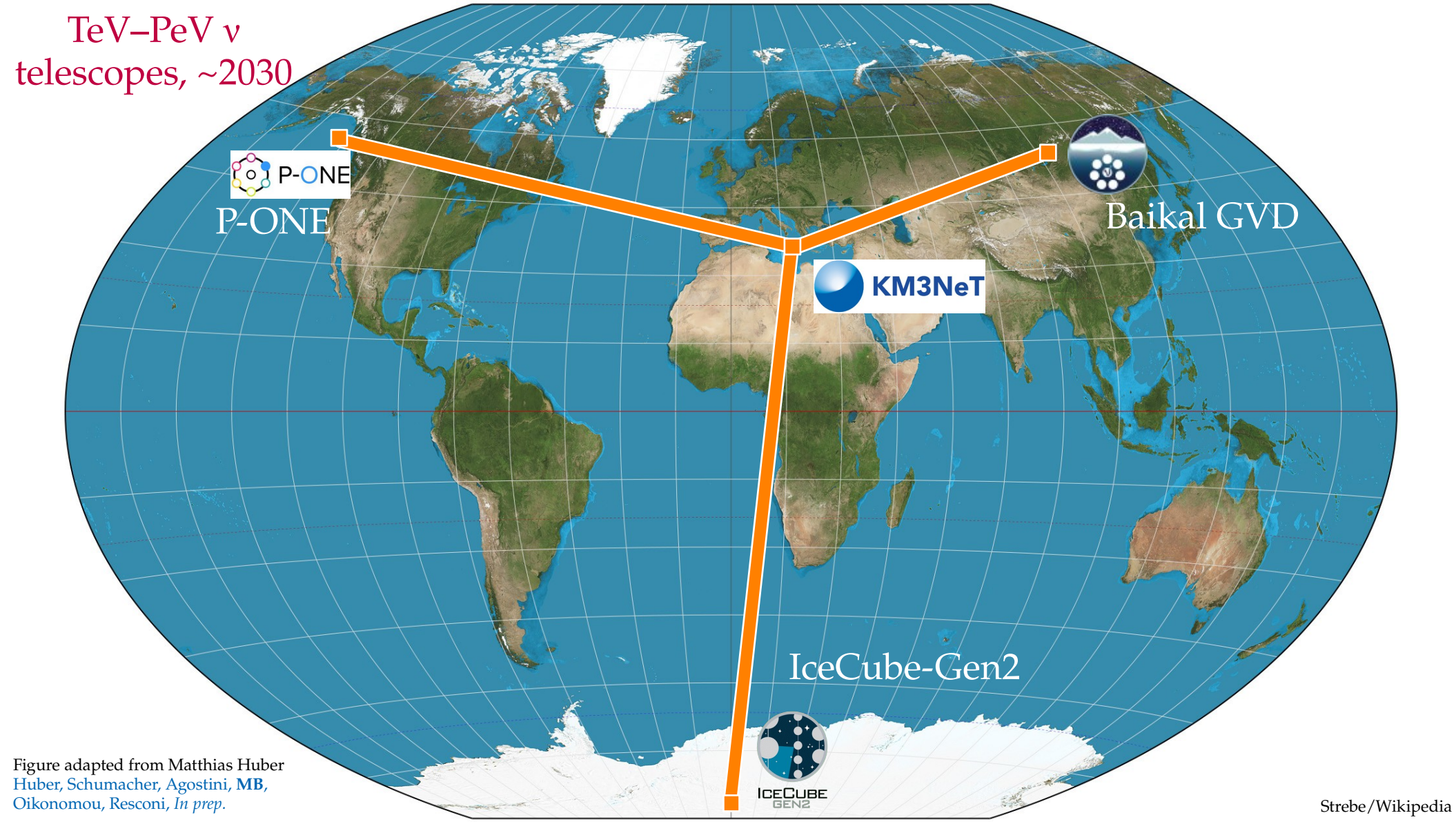


OM: optical module

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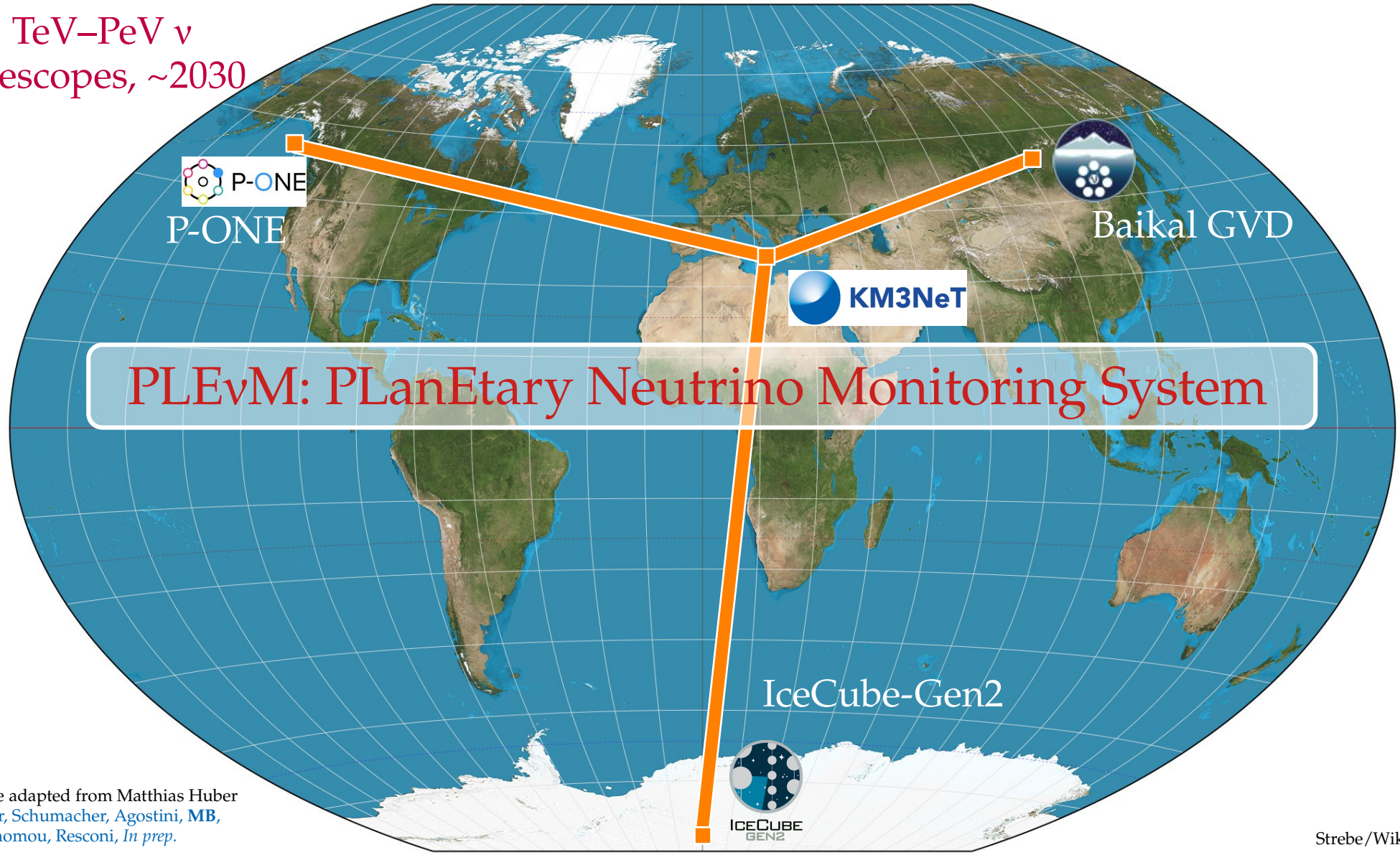
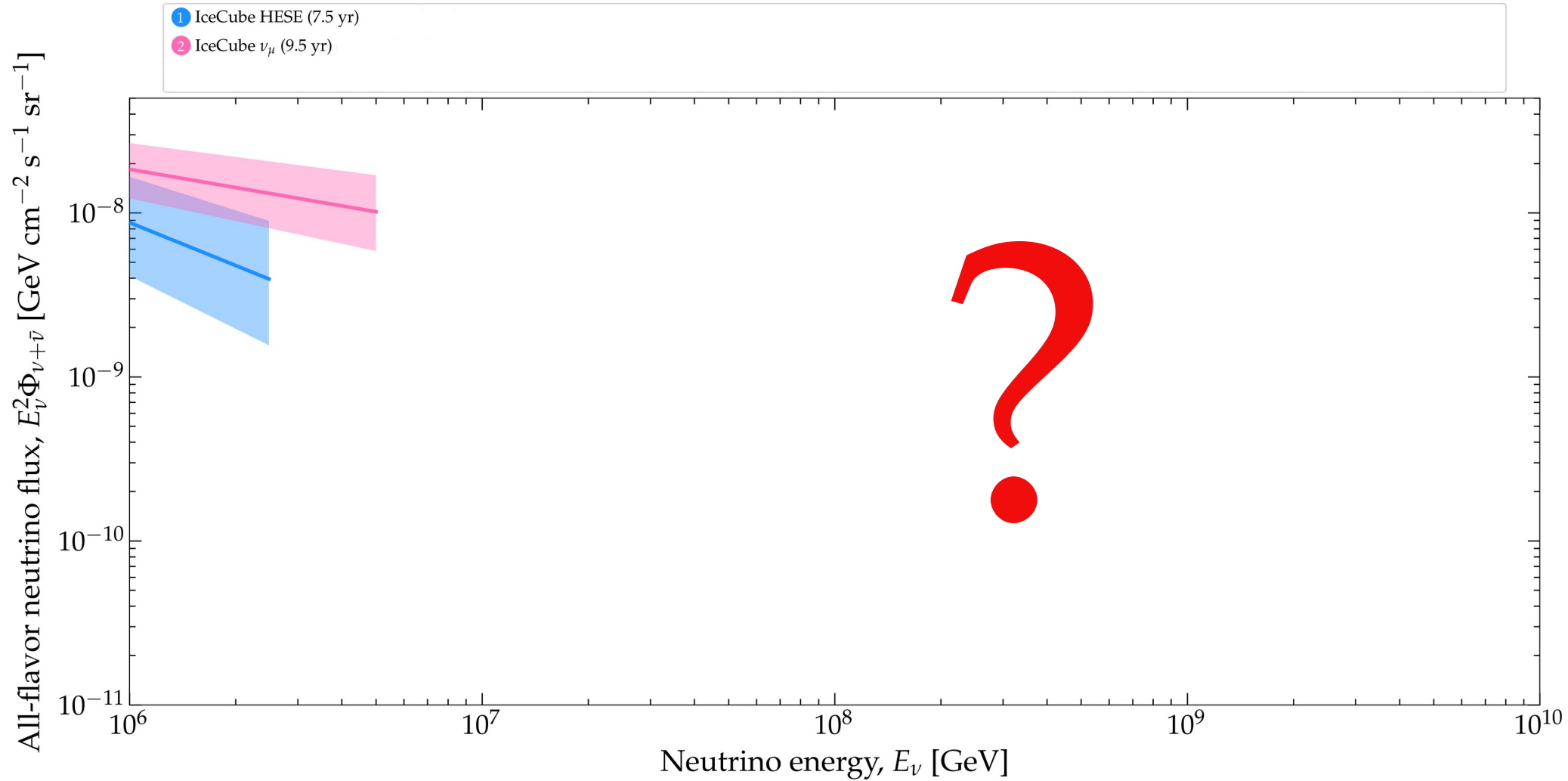
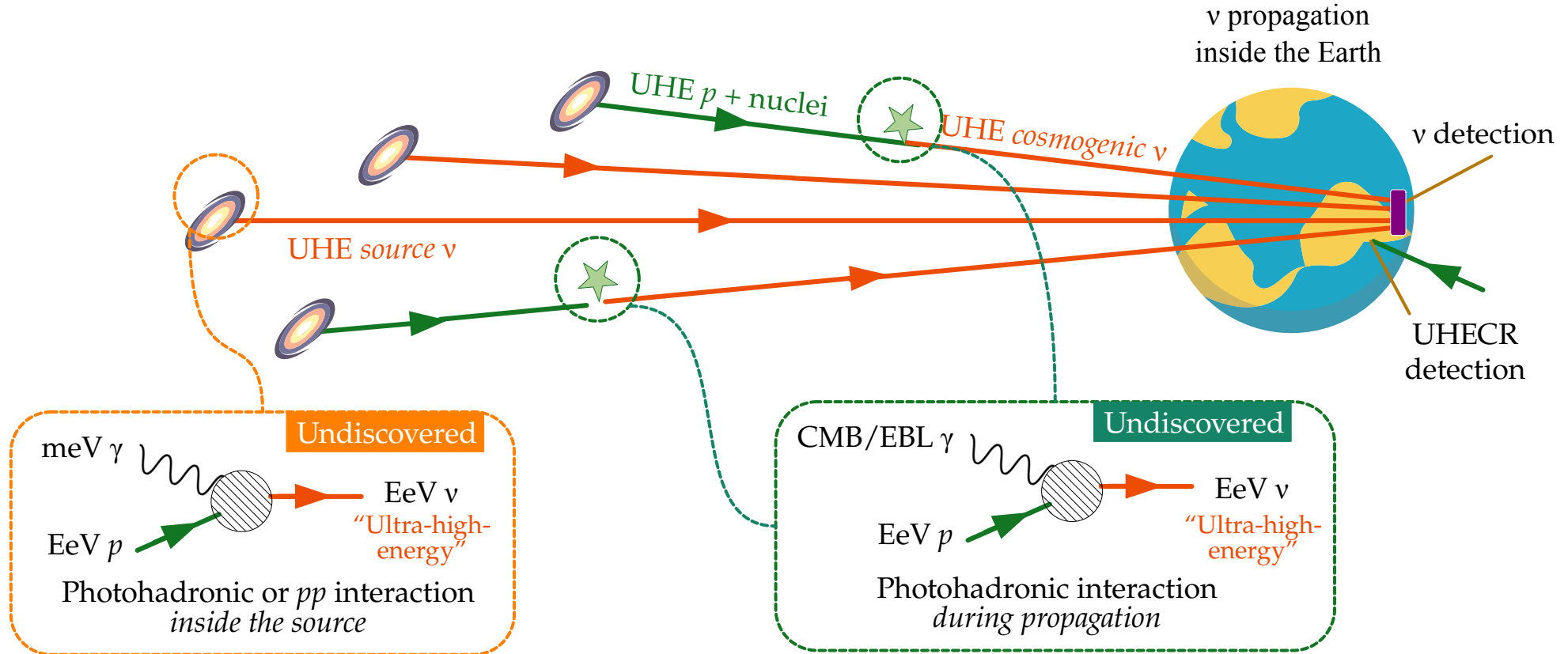


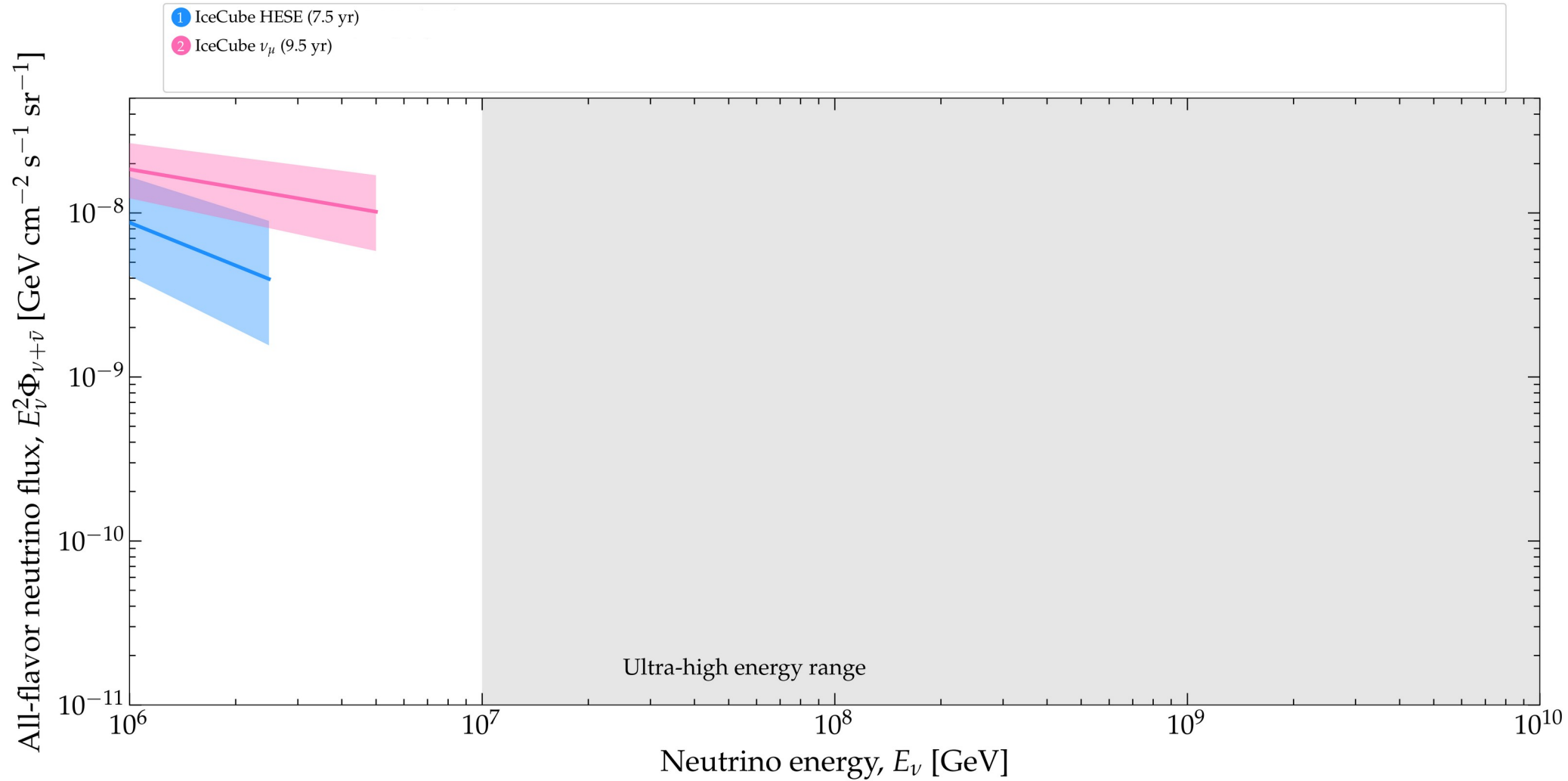
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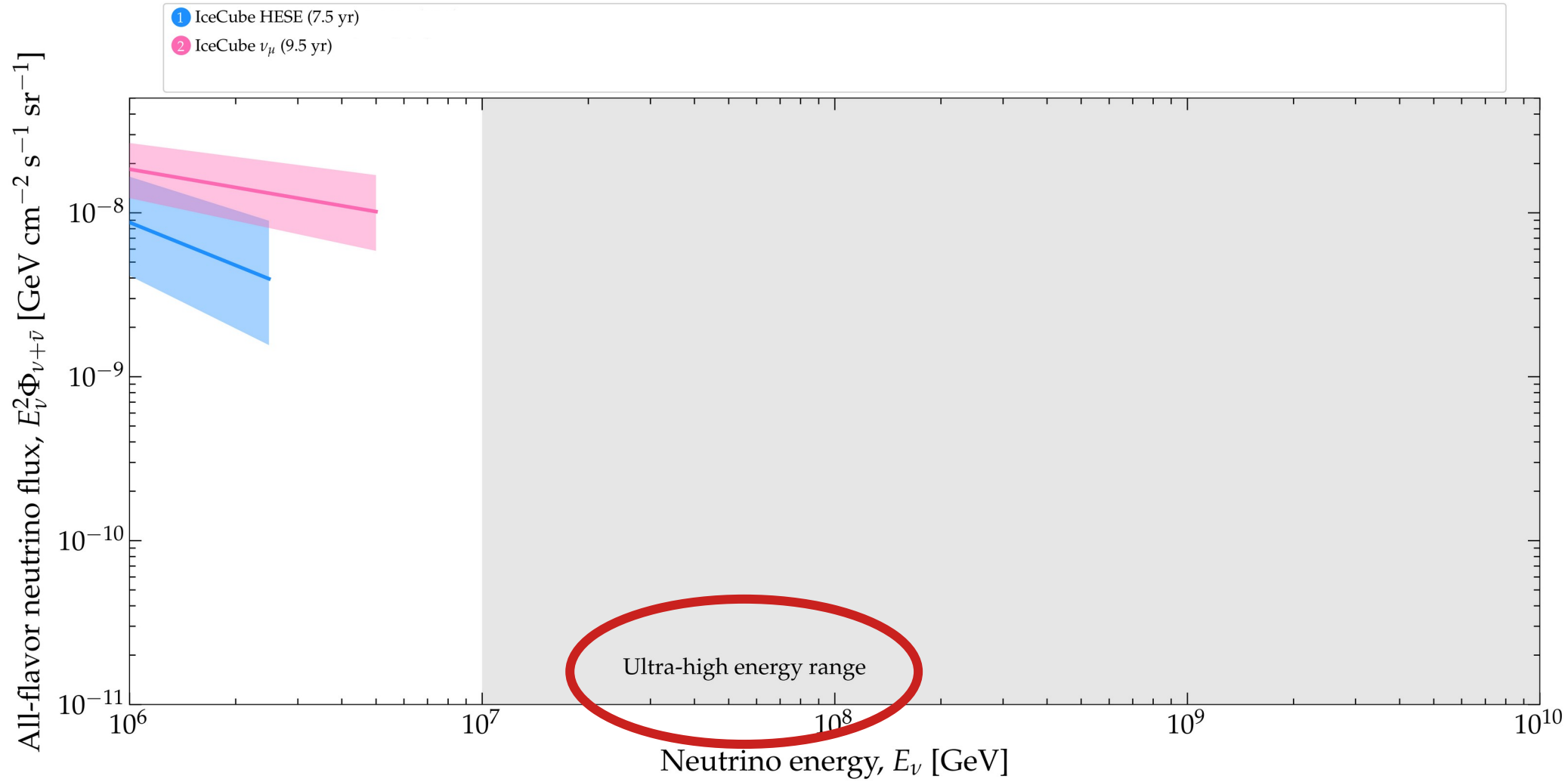


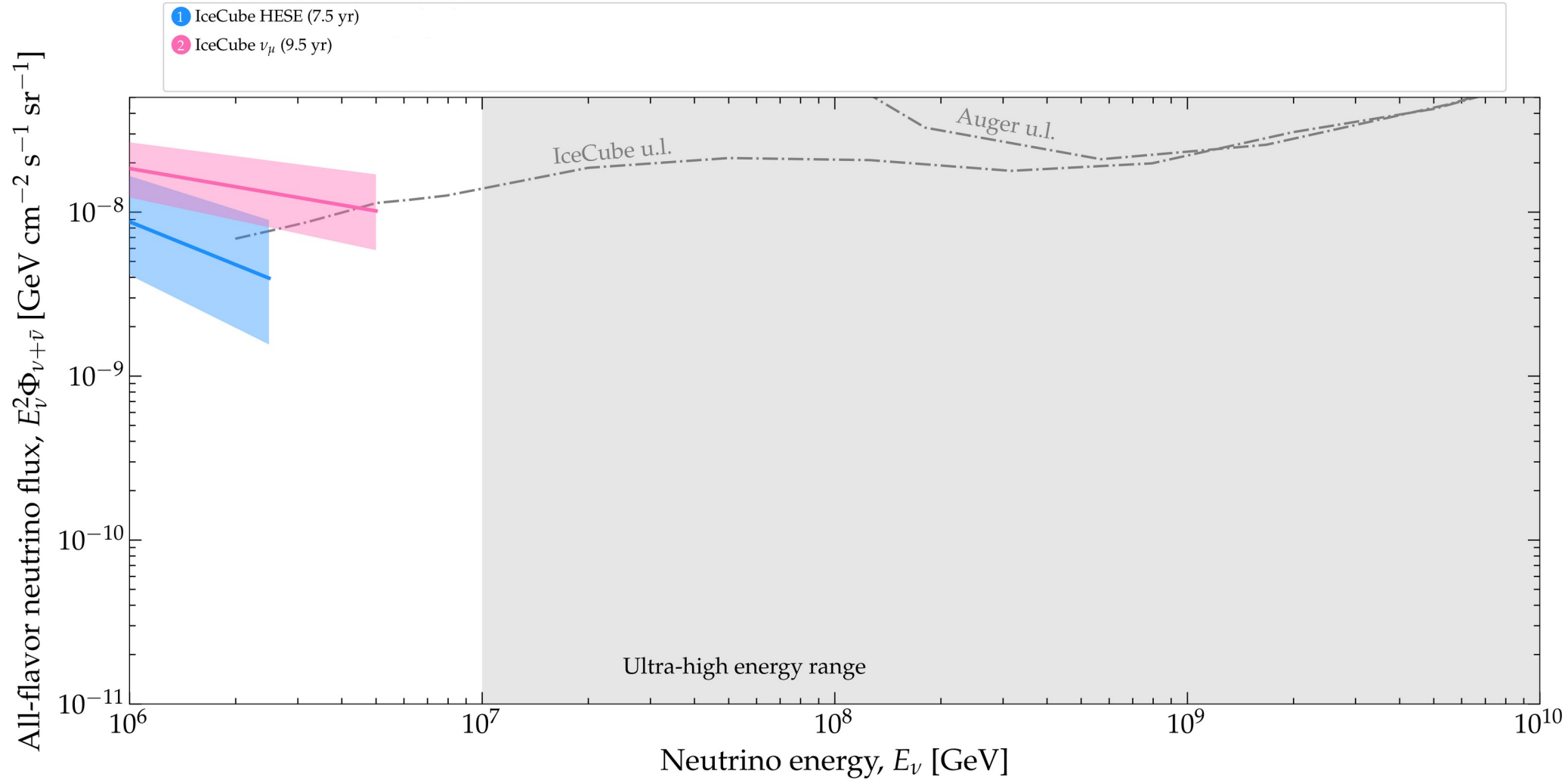
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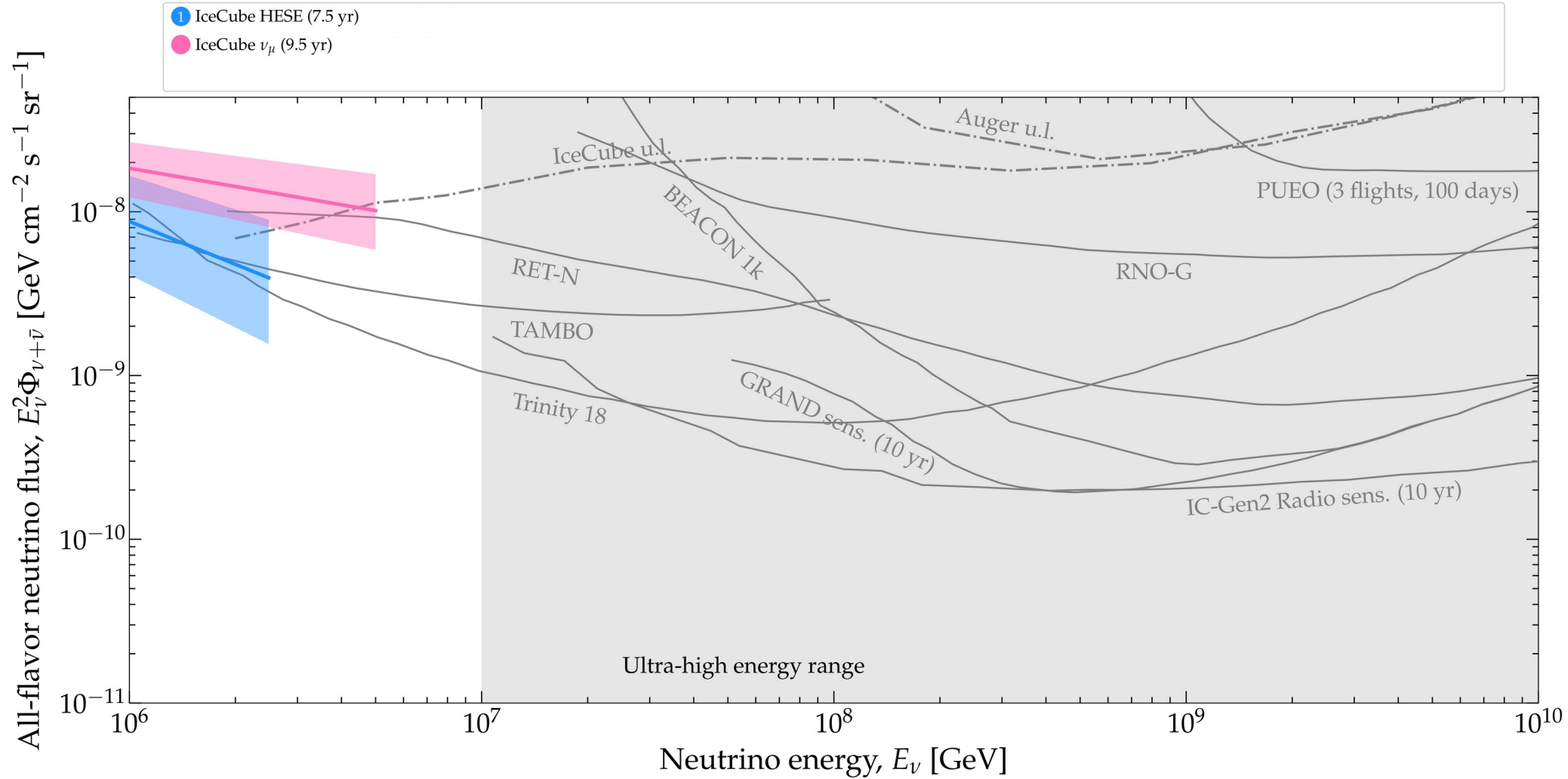
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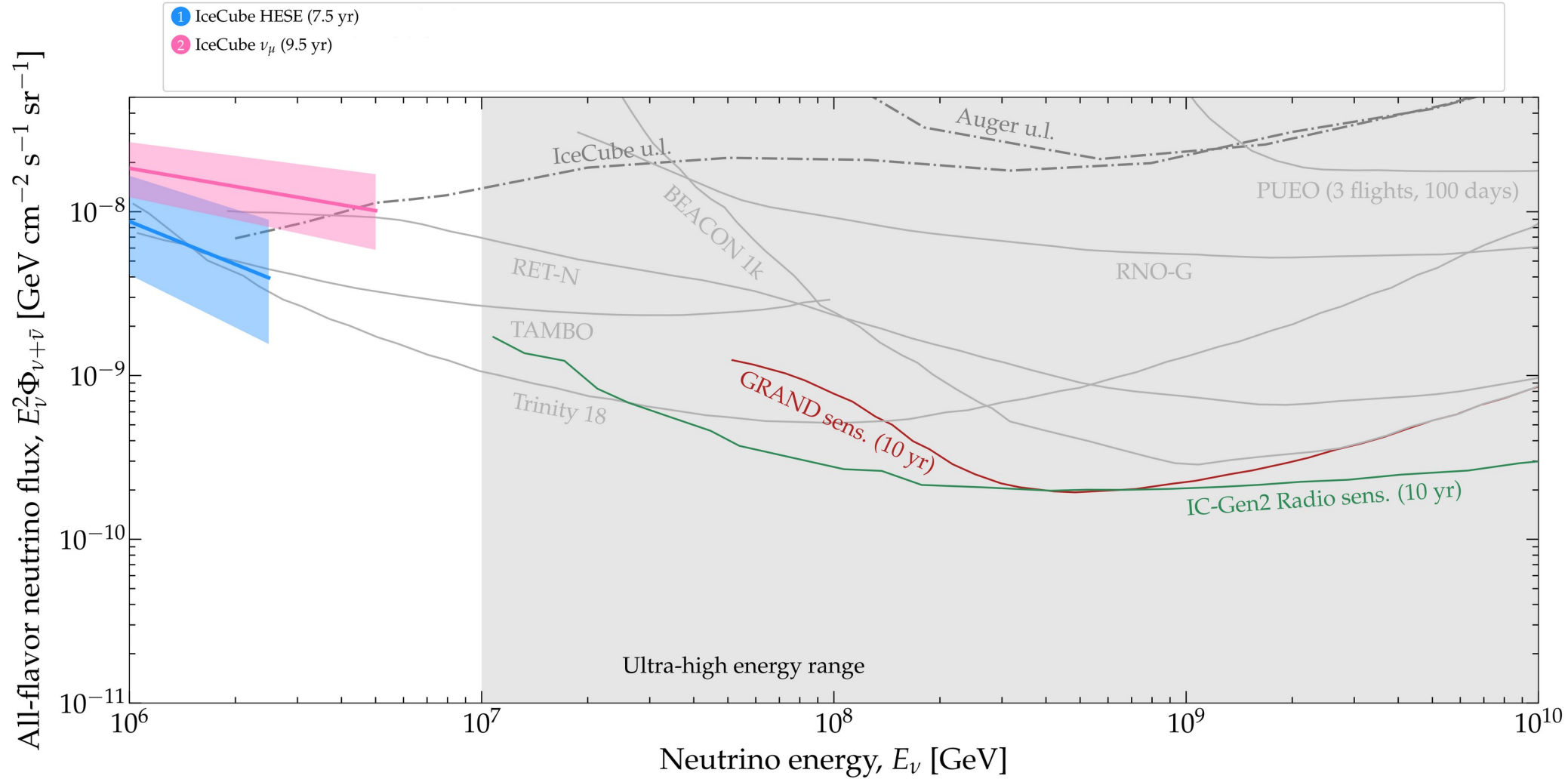




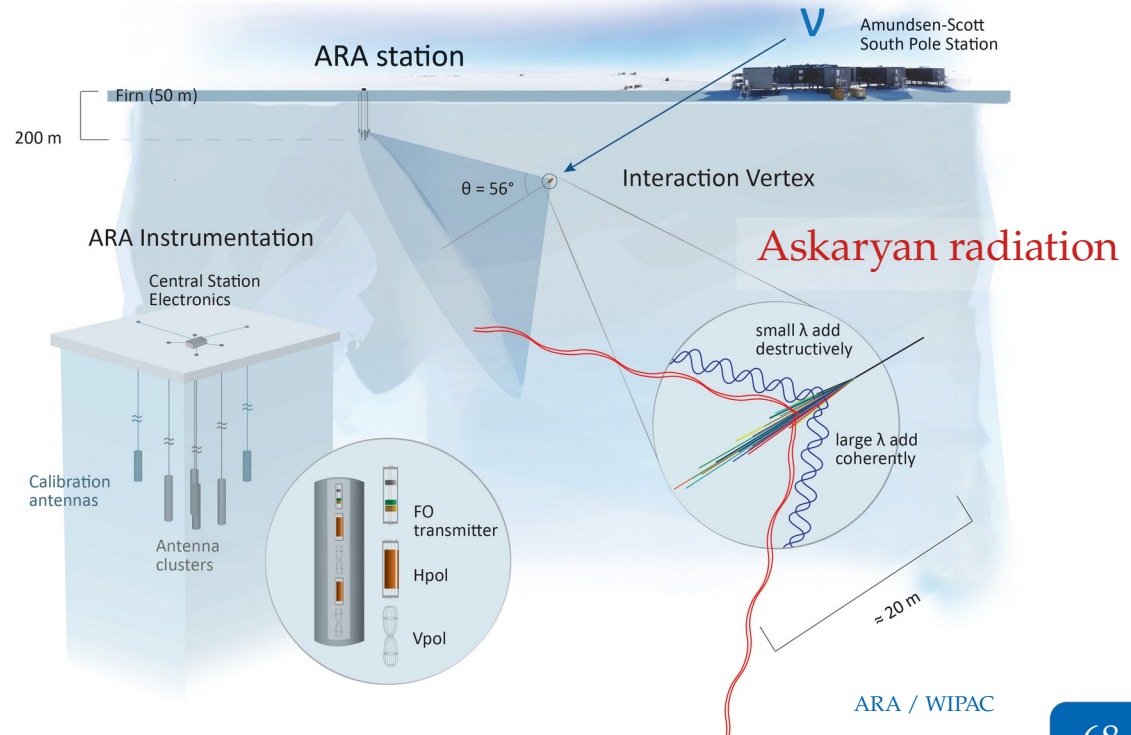
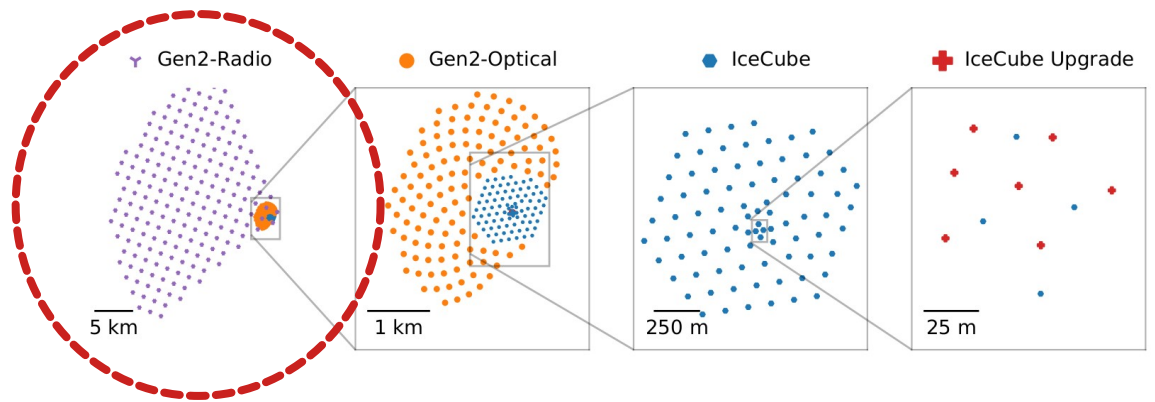
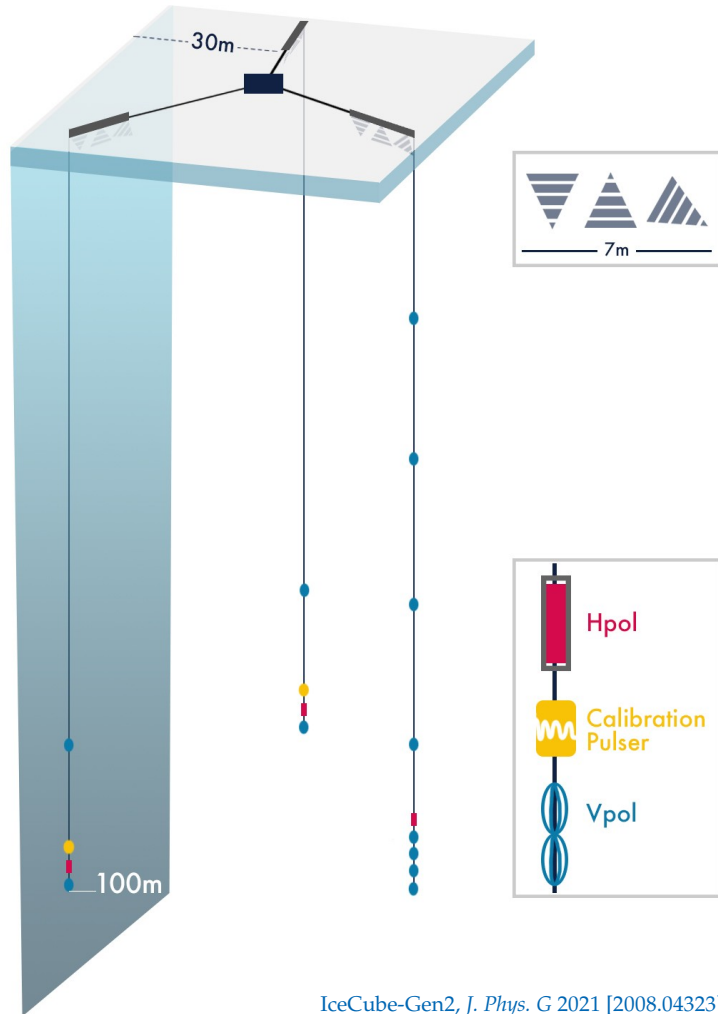






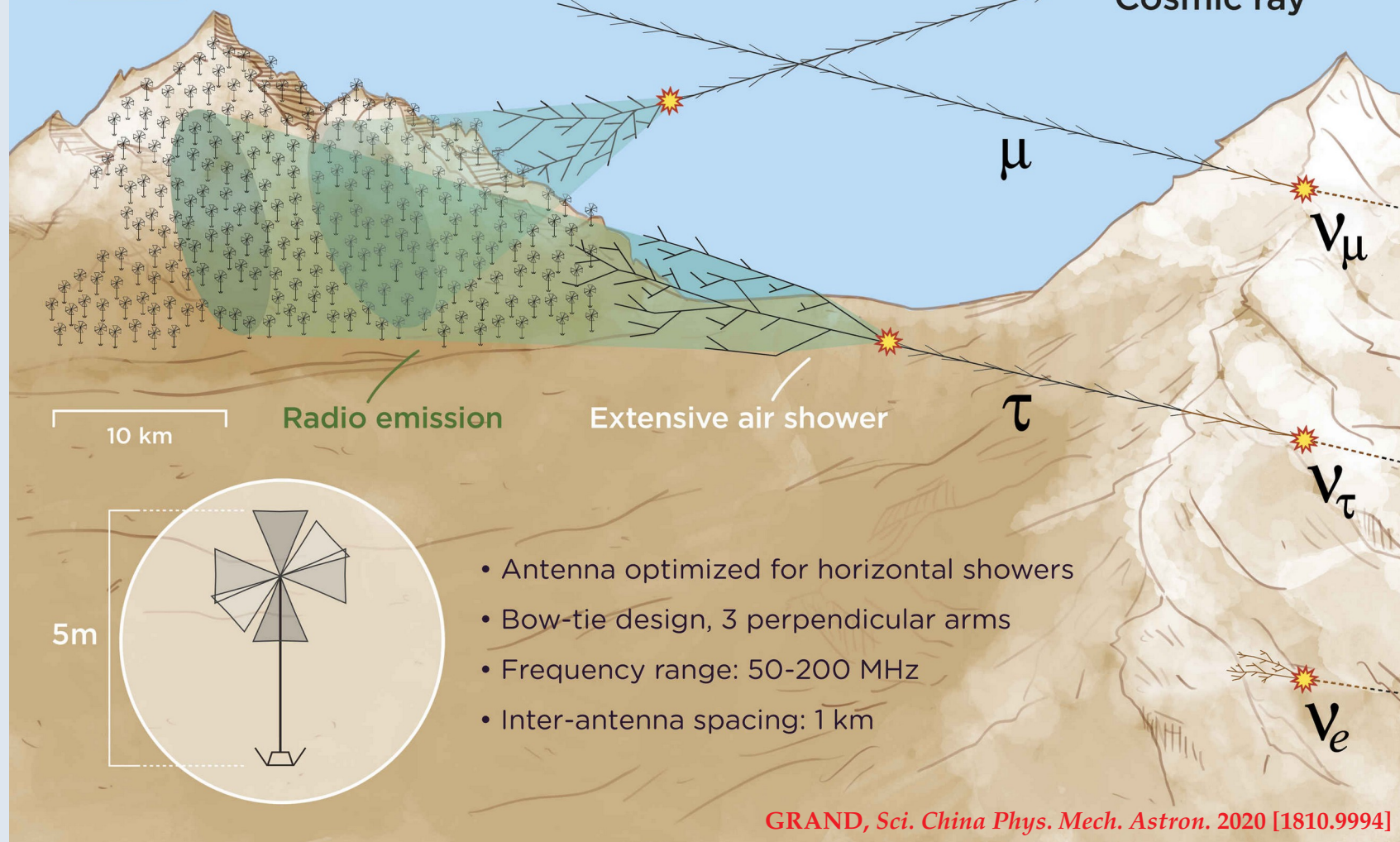


IceCube-Gen2 Radio





Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection



GRANDProto300@China



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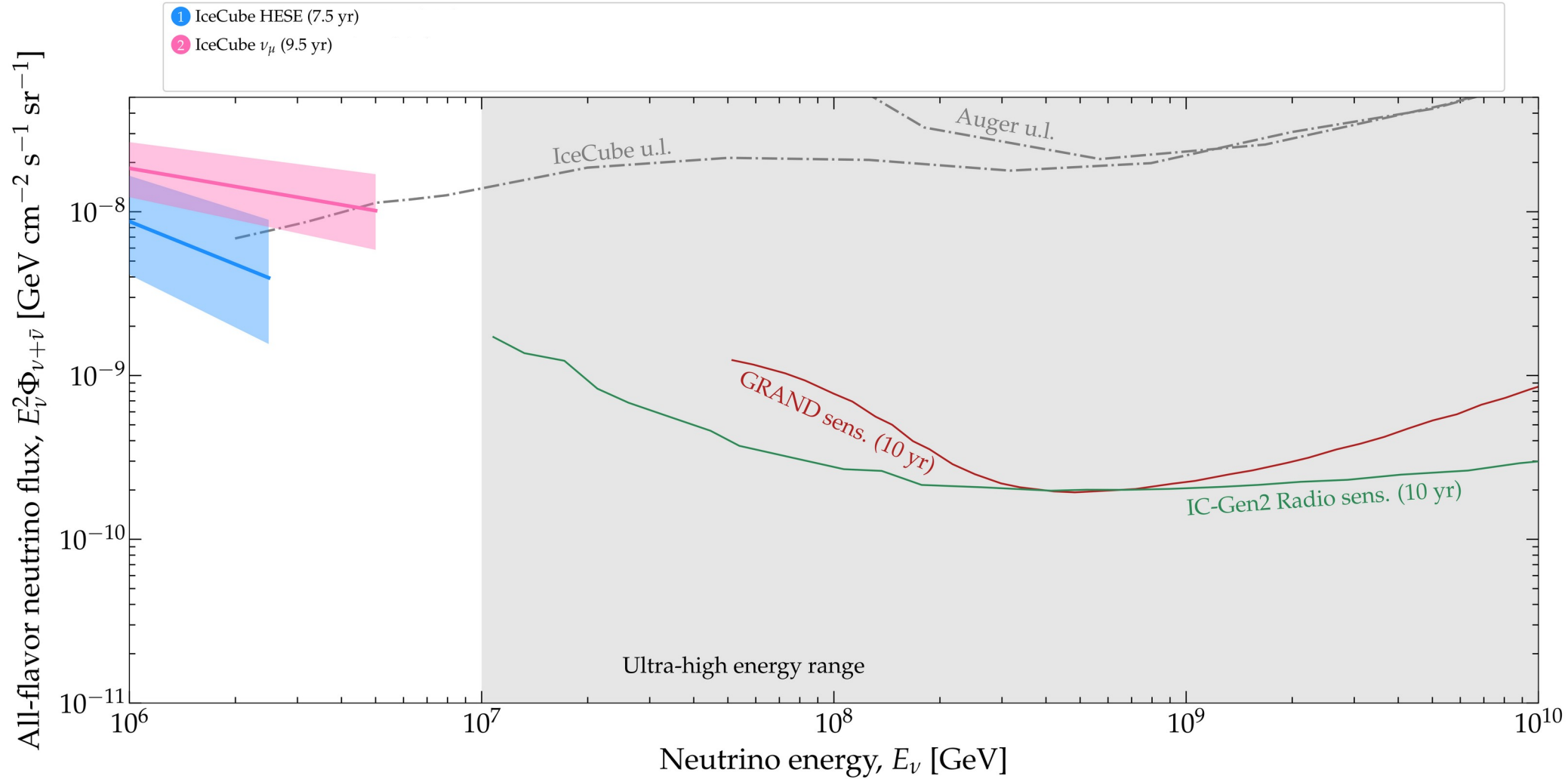


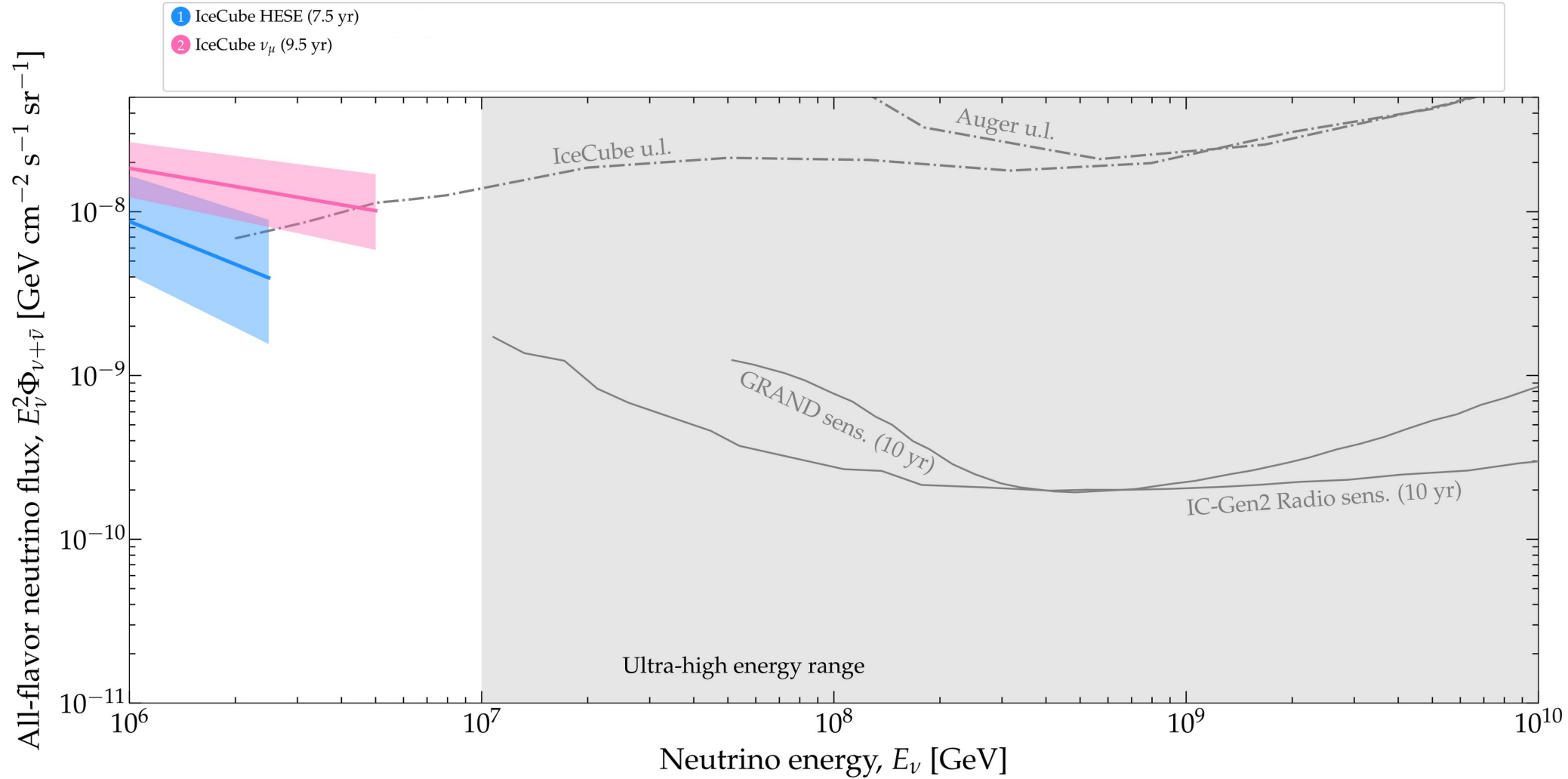
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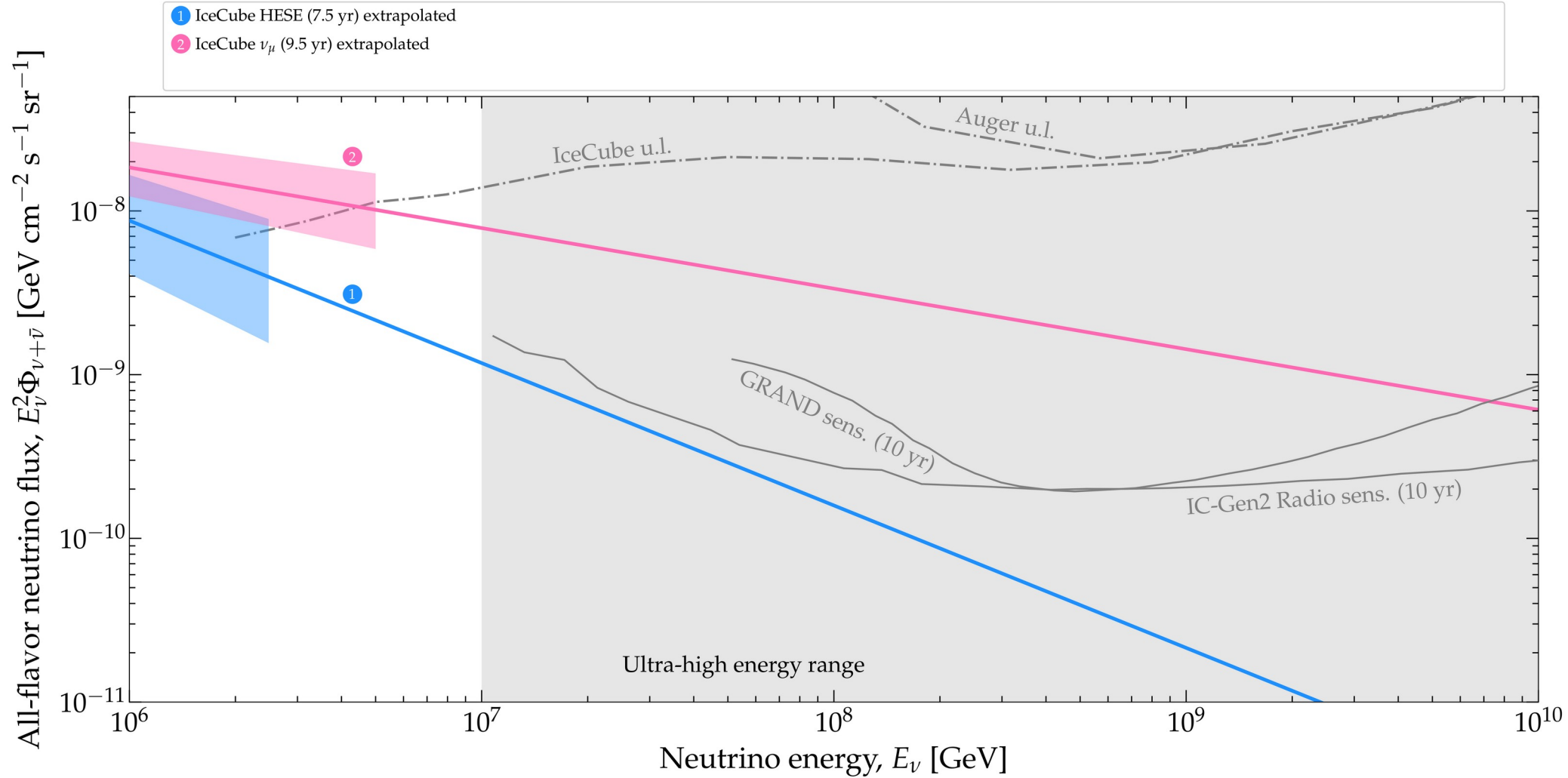


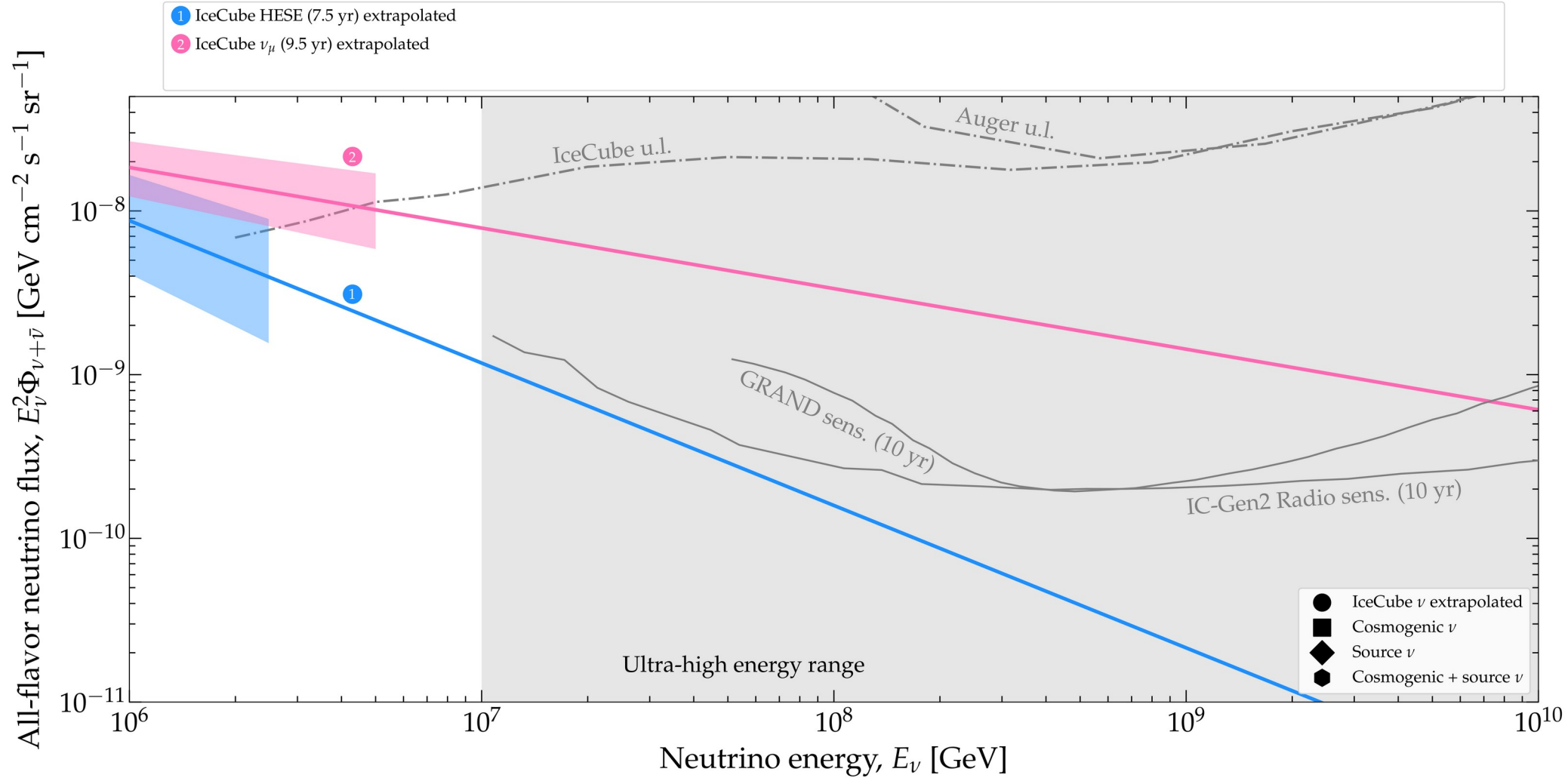
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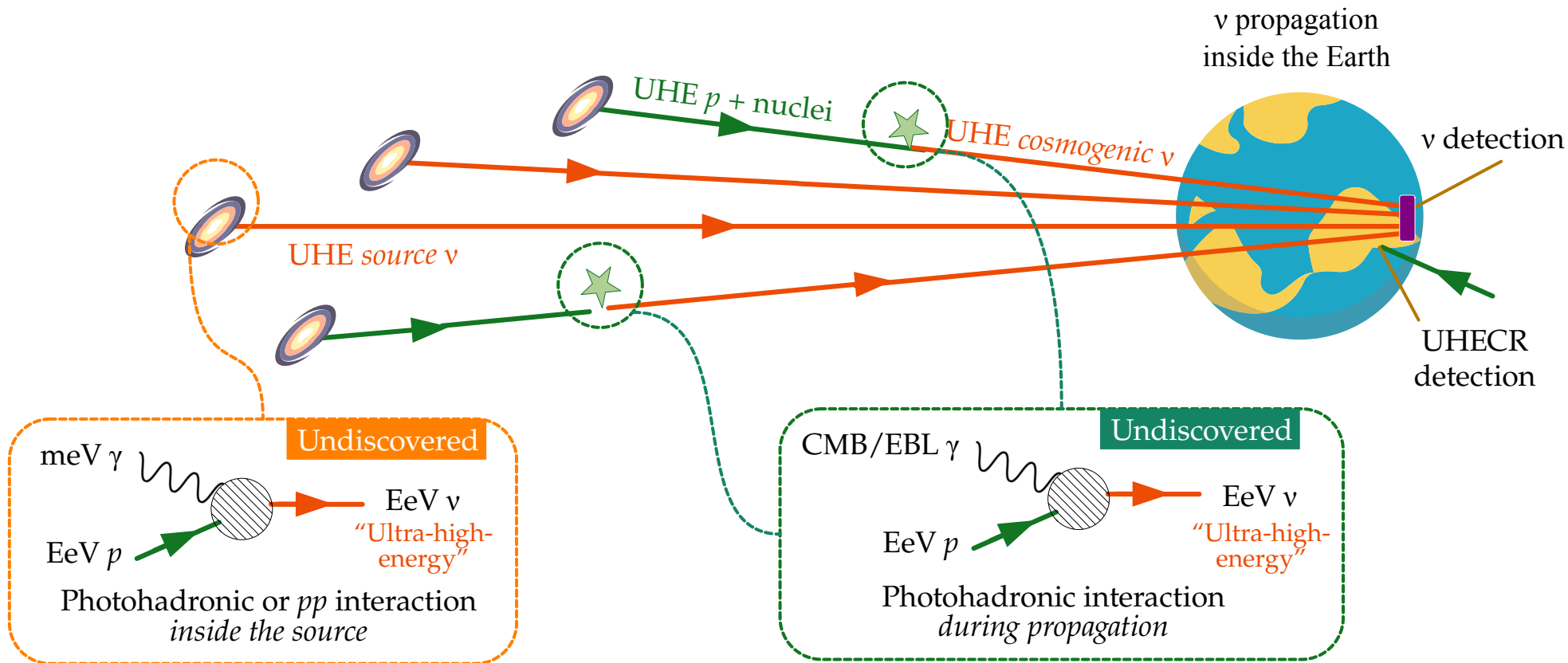


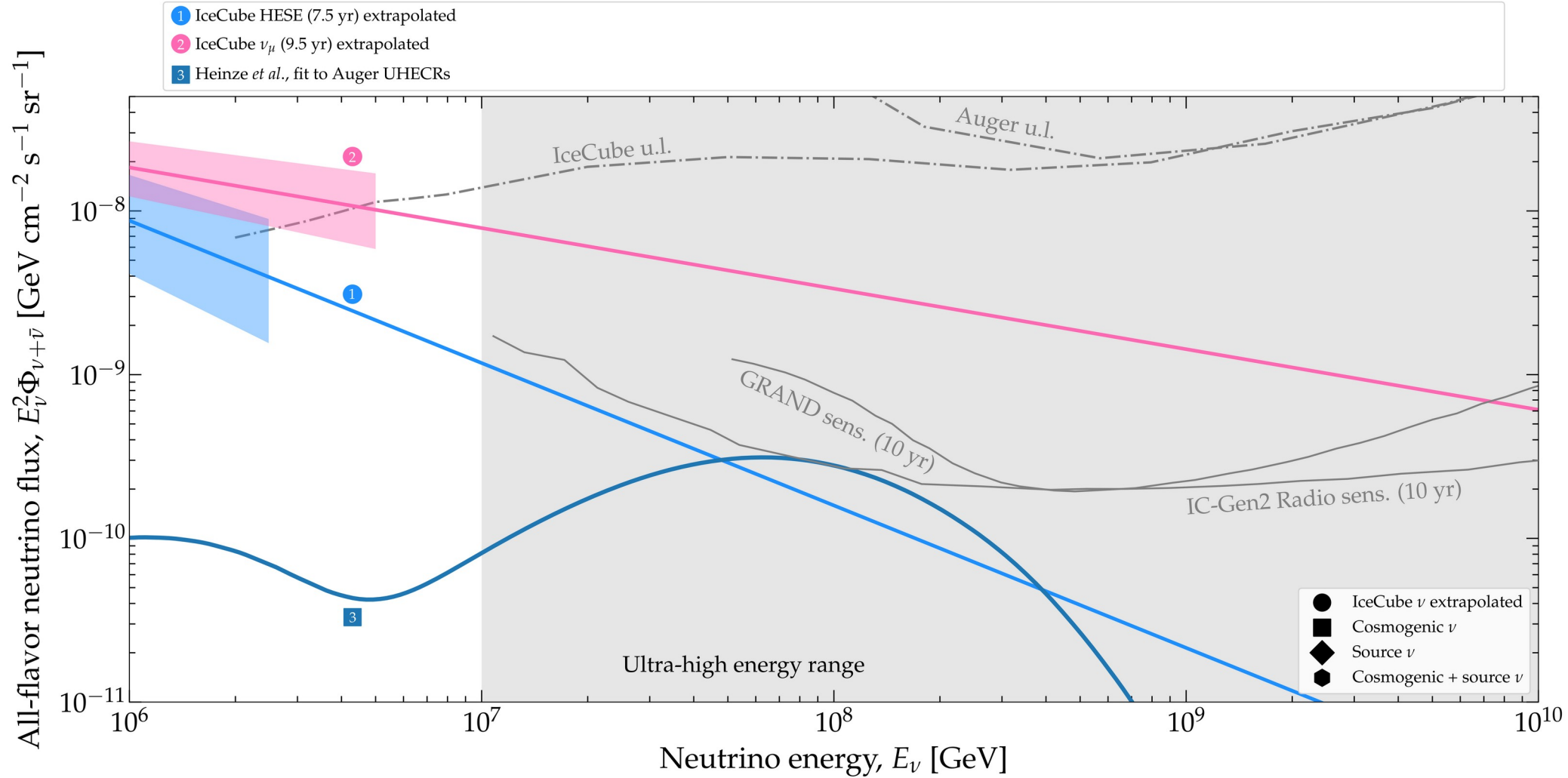


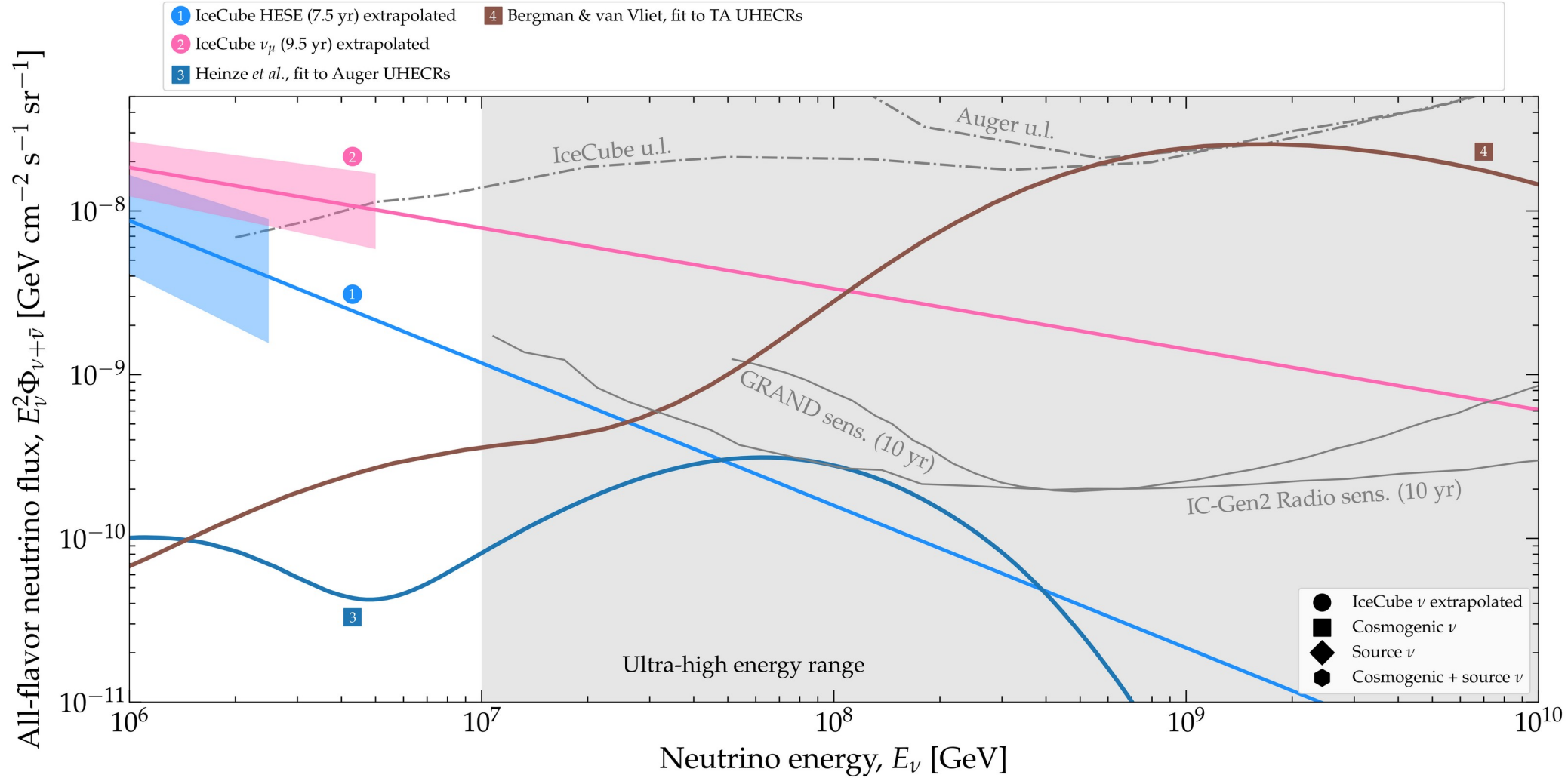


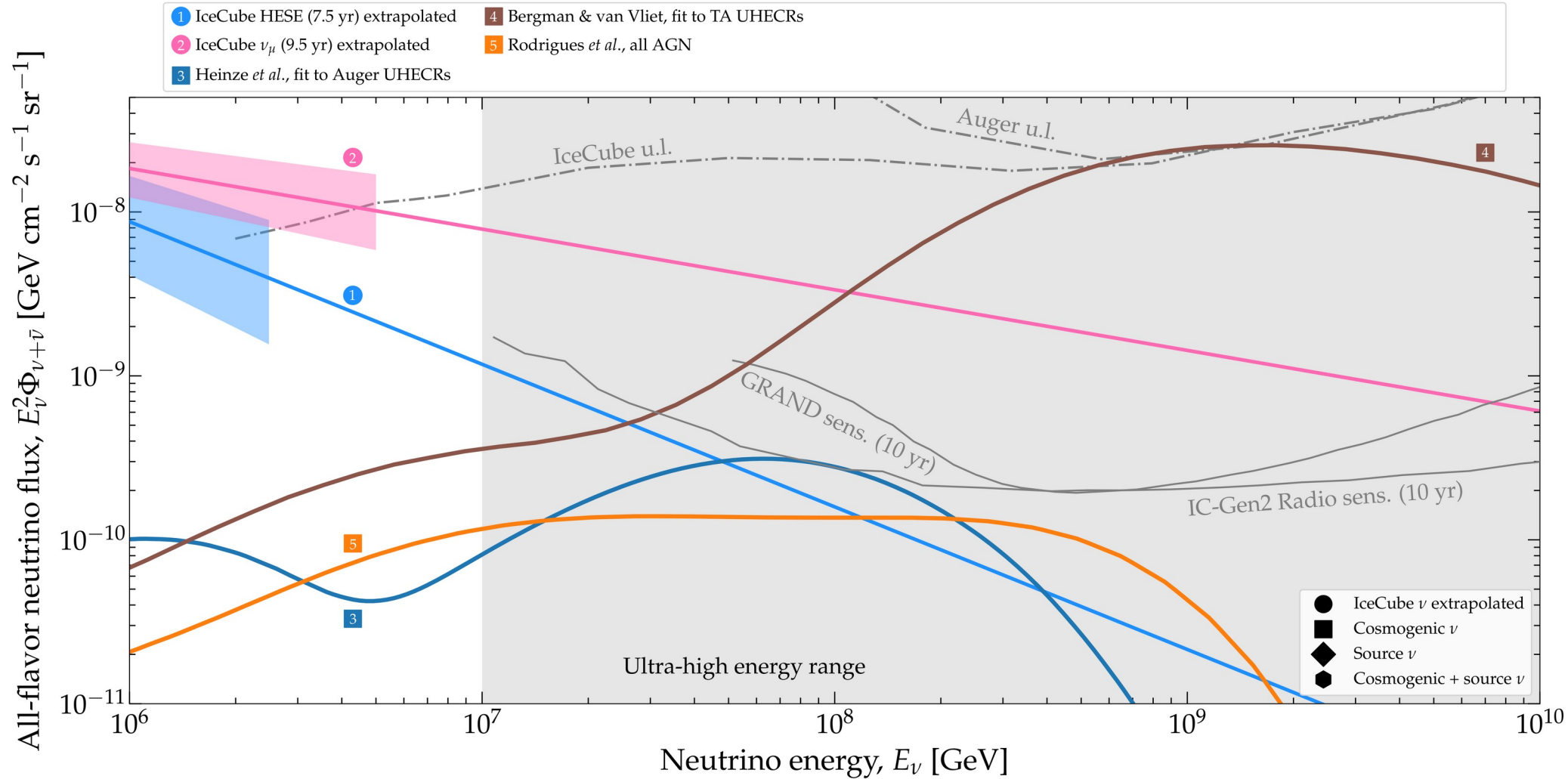
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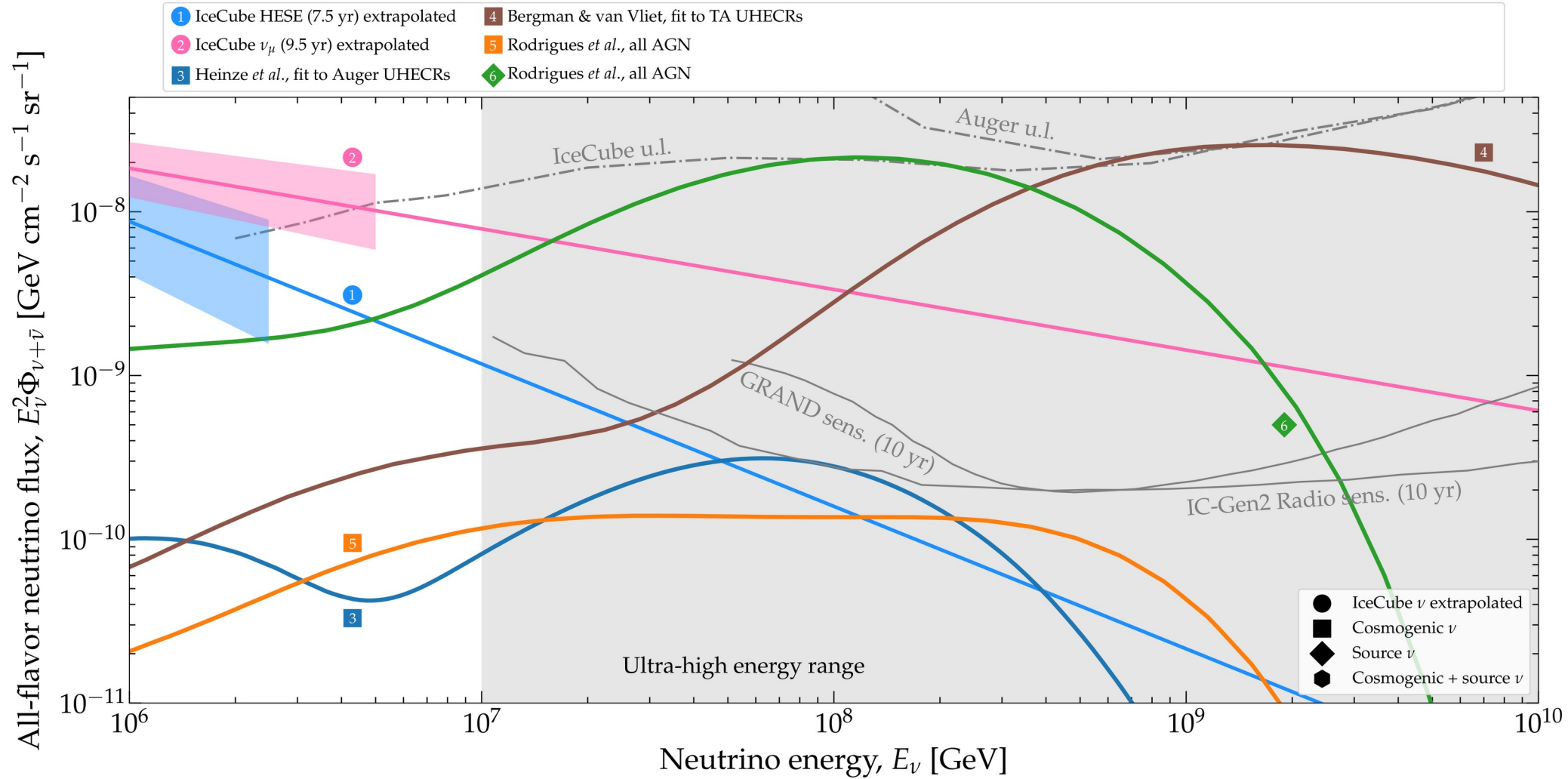
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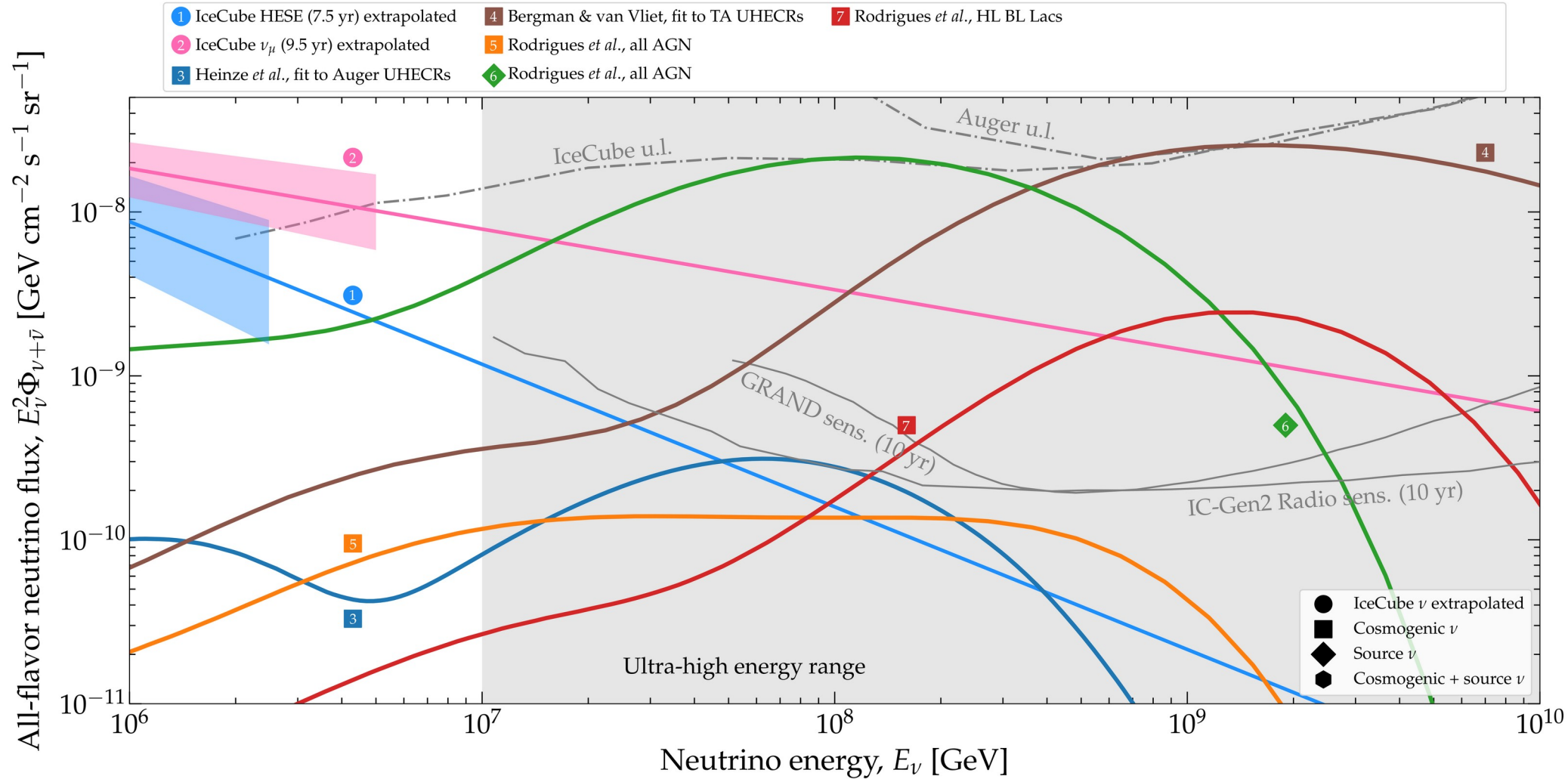


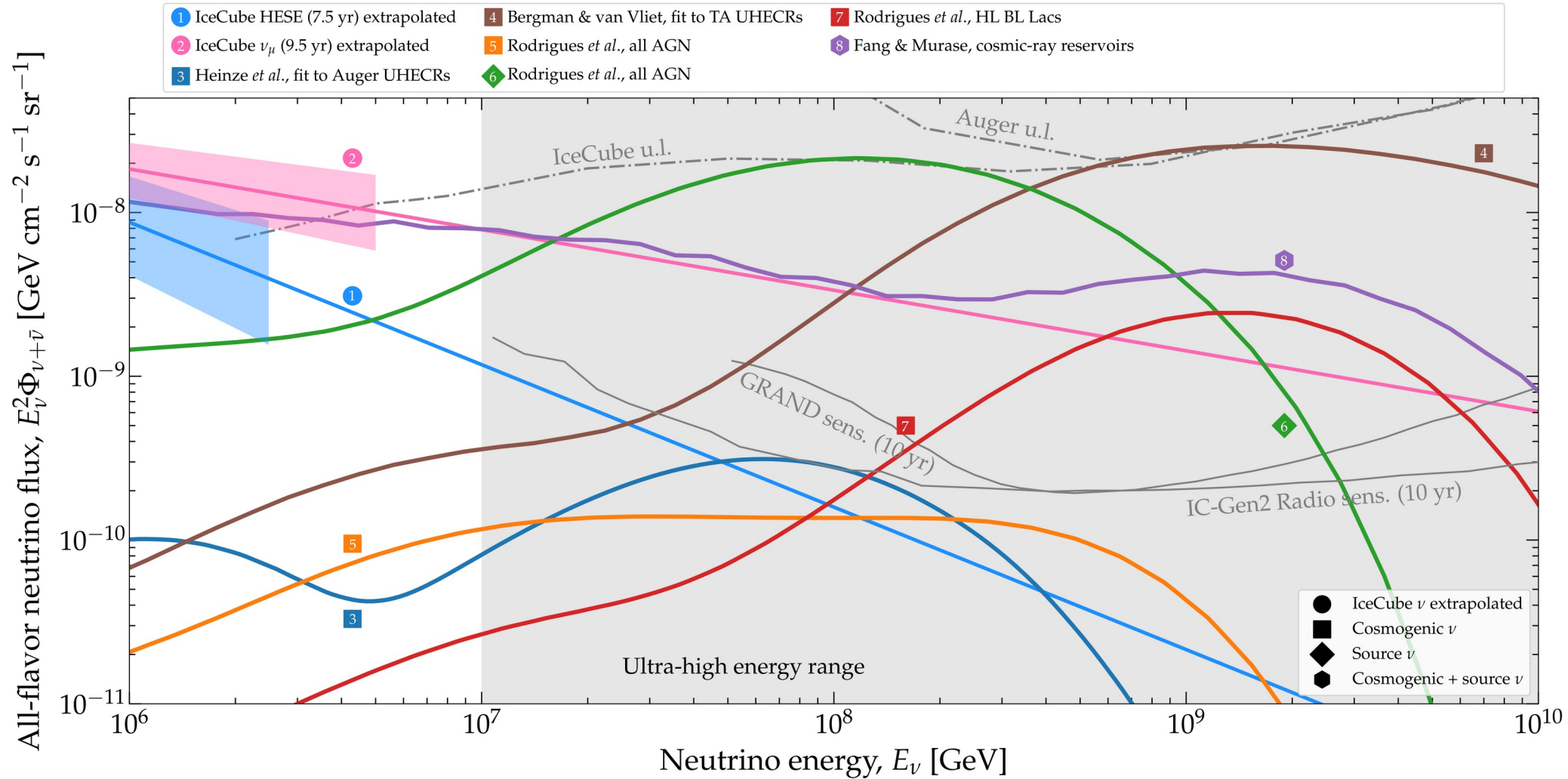


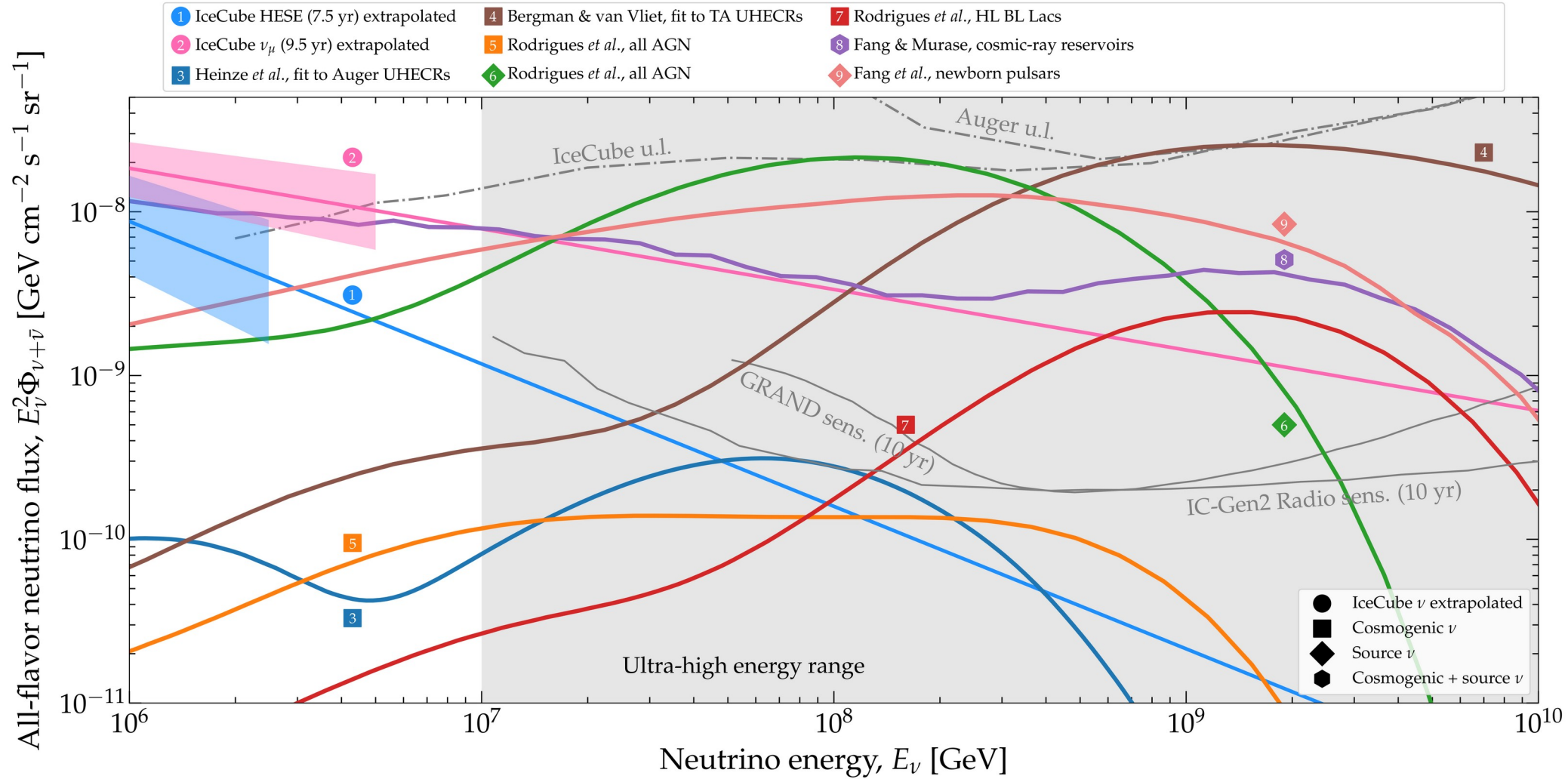


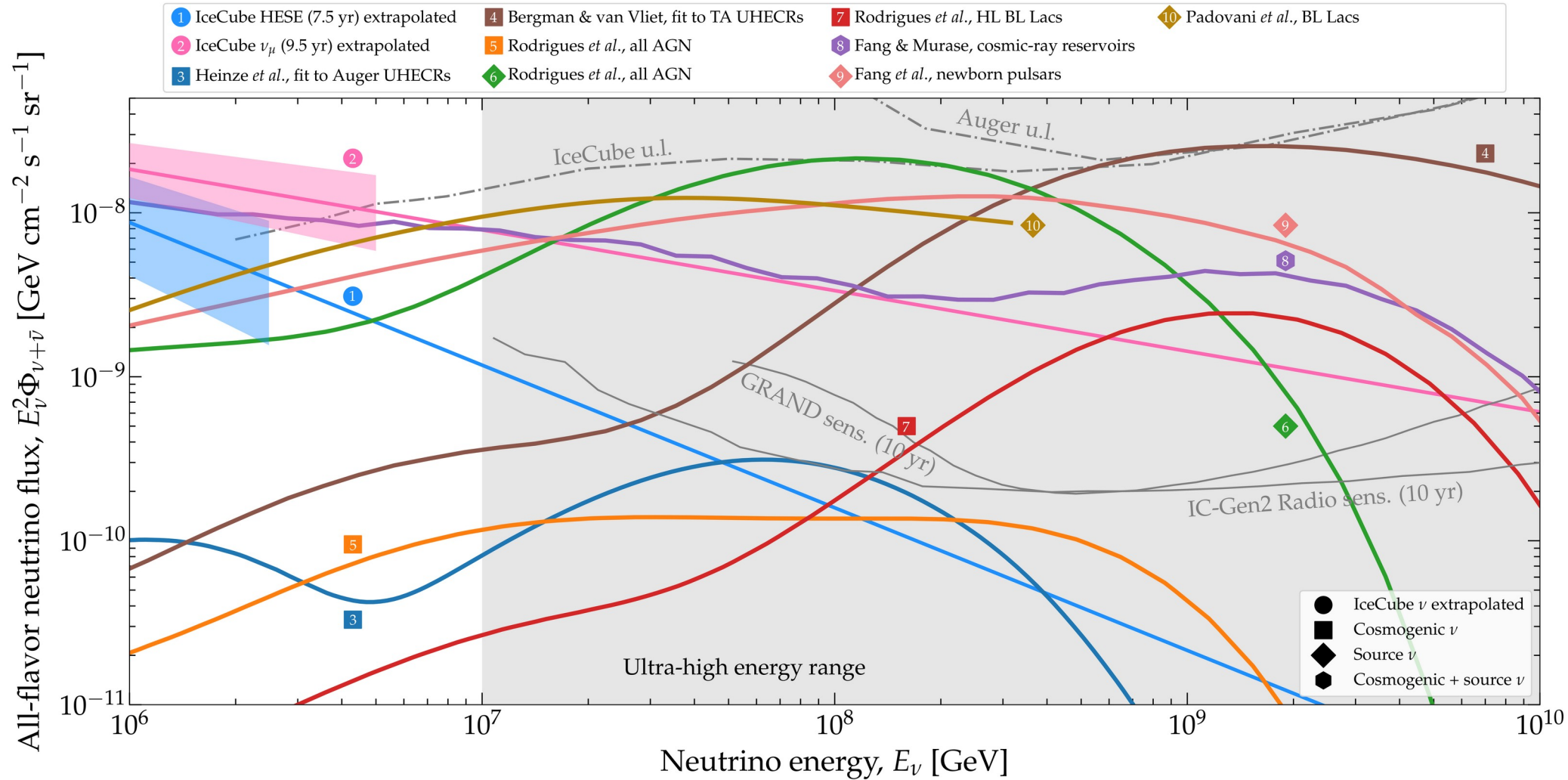






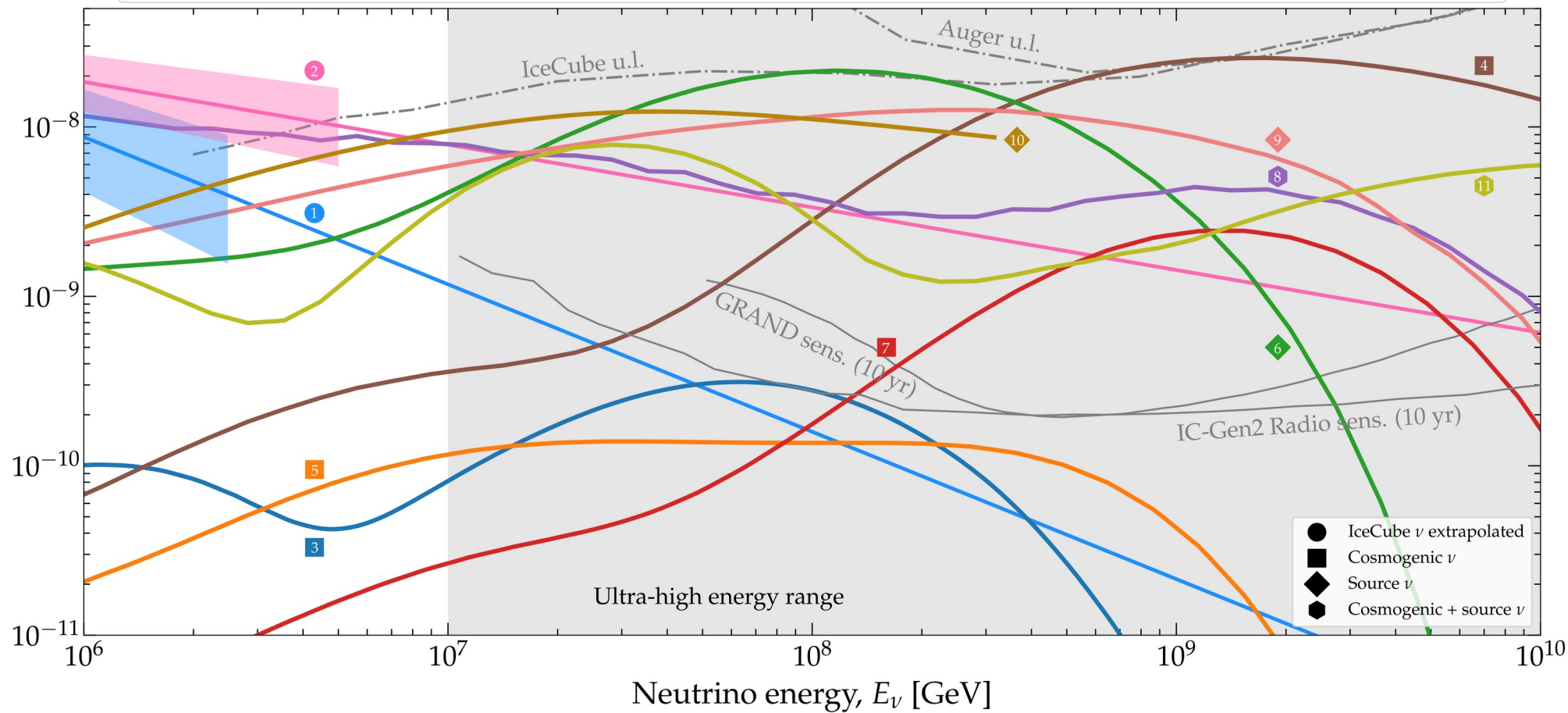


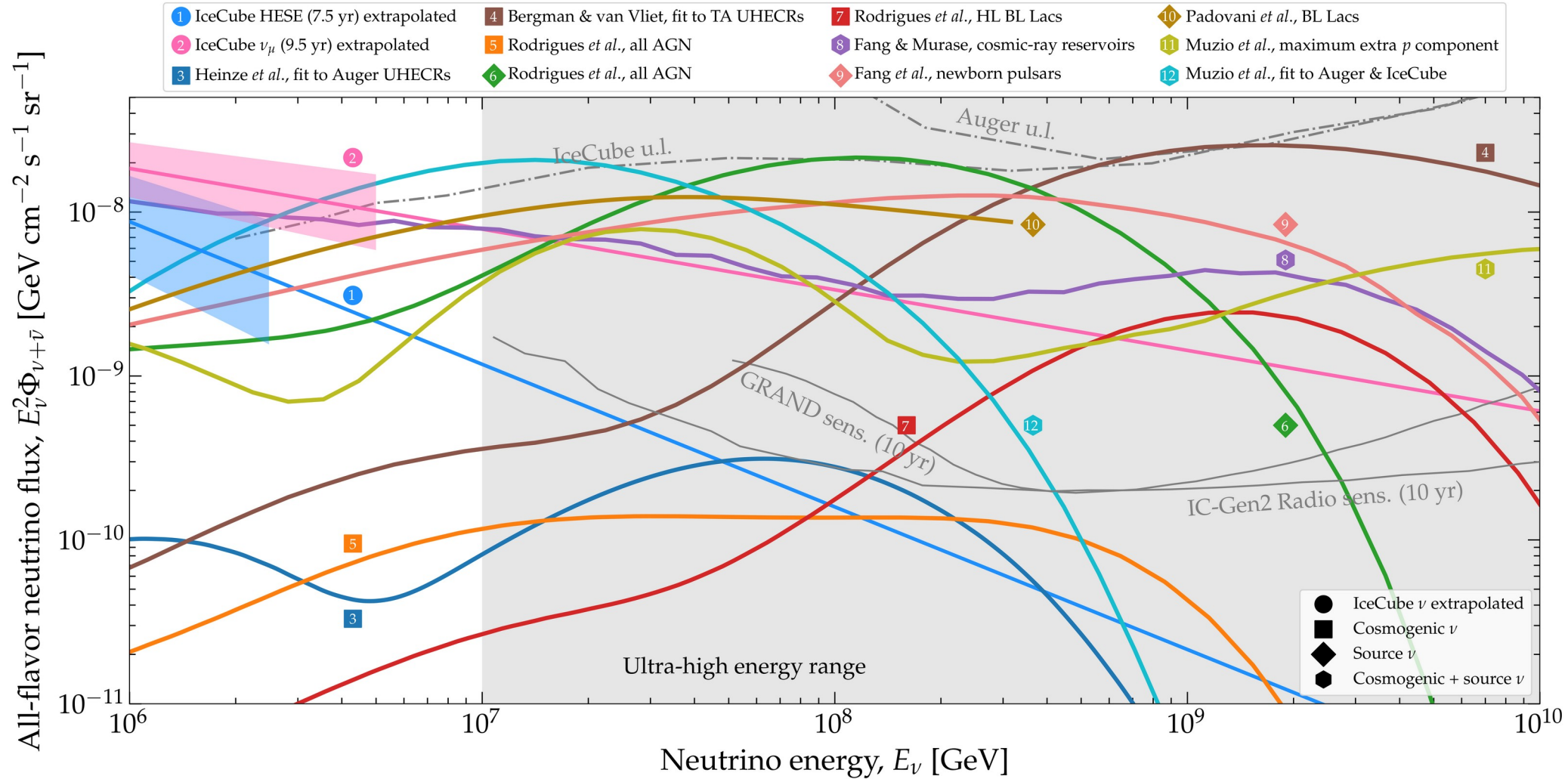




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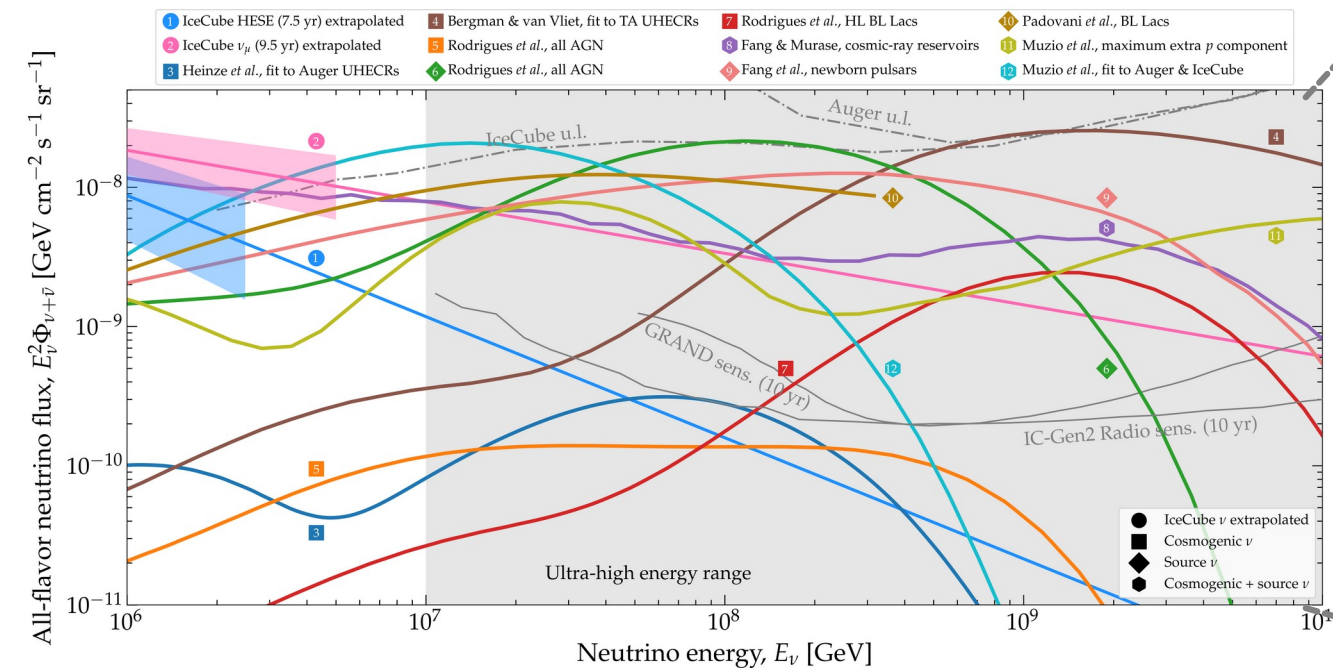




Uncertainty in UHECR properties



Uncertainty in predicted UHE neutrino flux



Higher ν flux

Lower ν flux

Higher

Maximum CR energy at sources

Lower

Harder

UHECR spectral index

Softer

Many far

Source number density

Many near

Lighter

UHECR mass composition

Heavier

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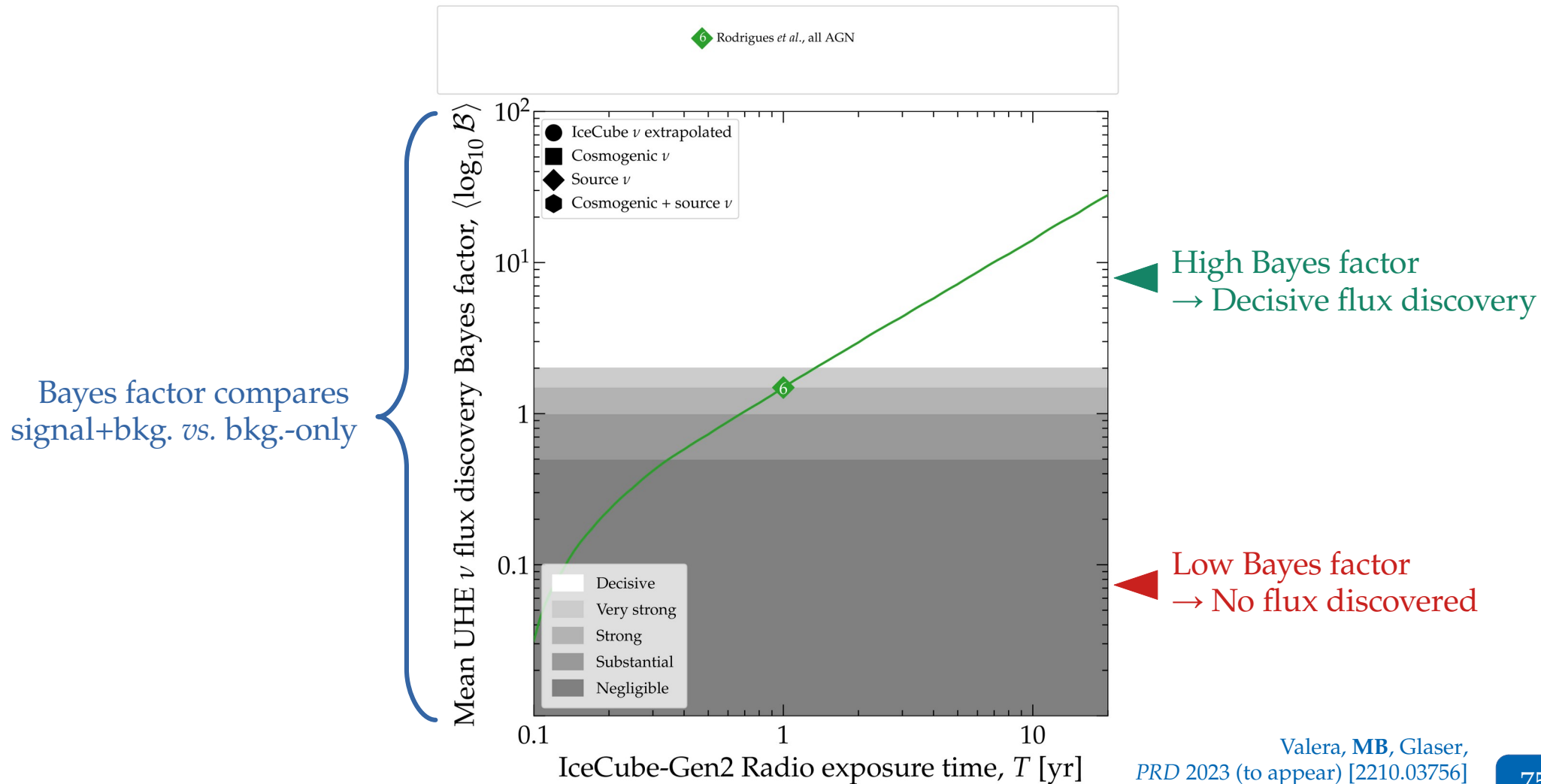
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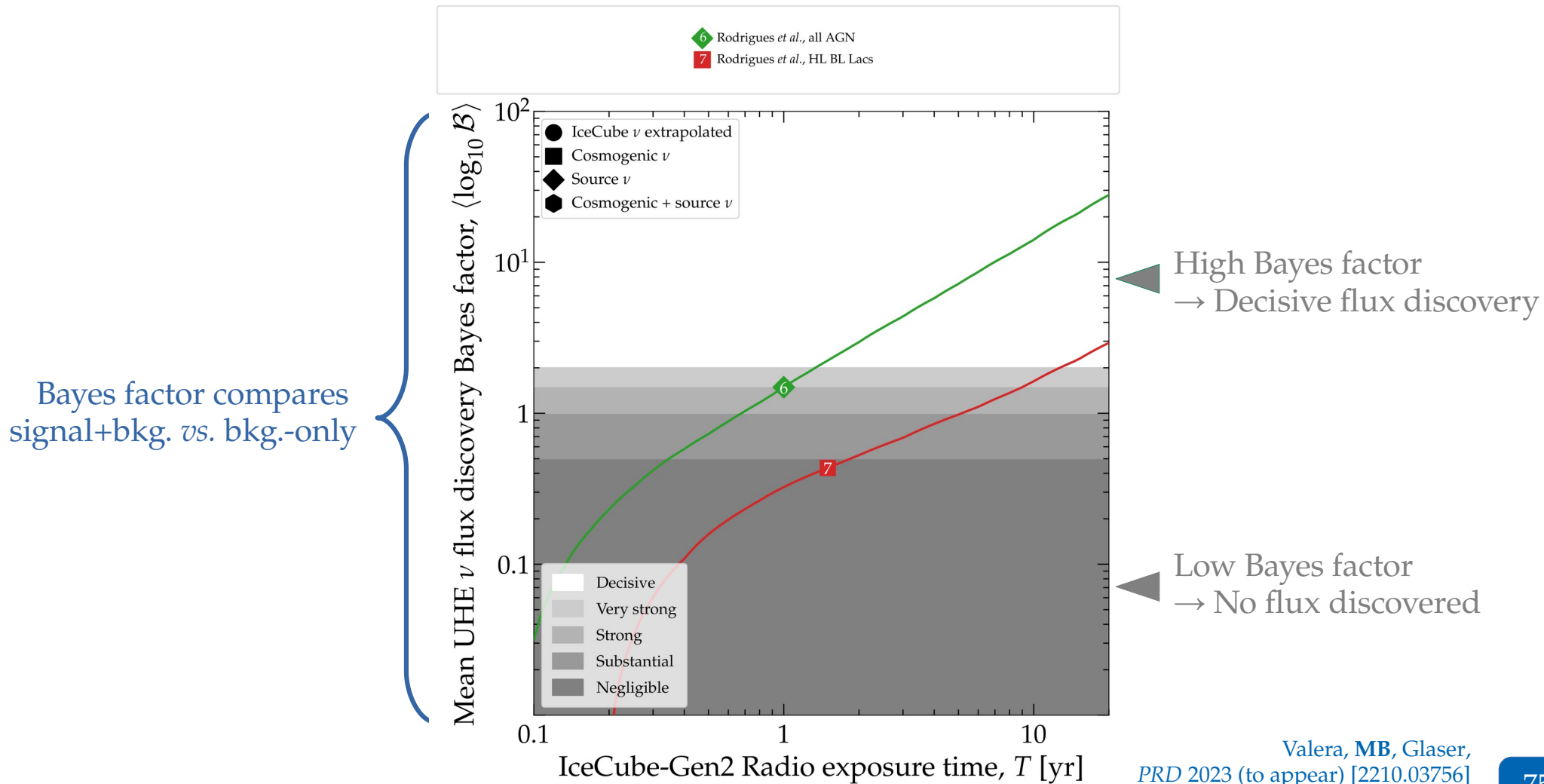


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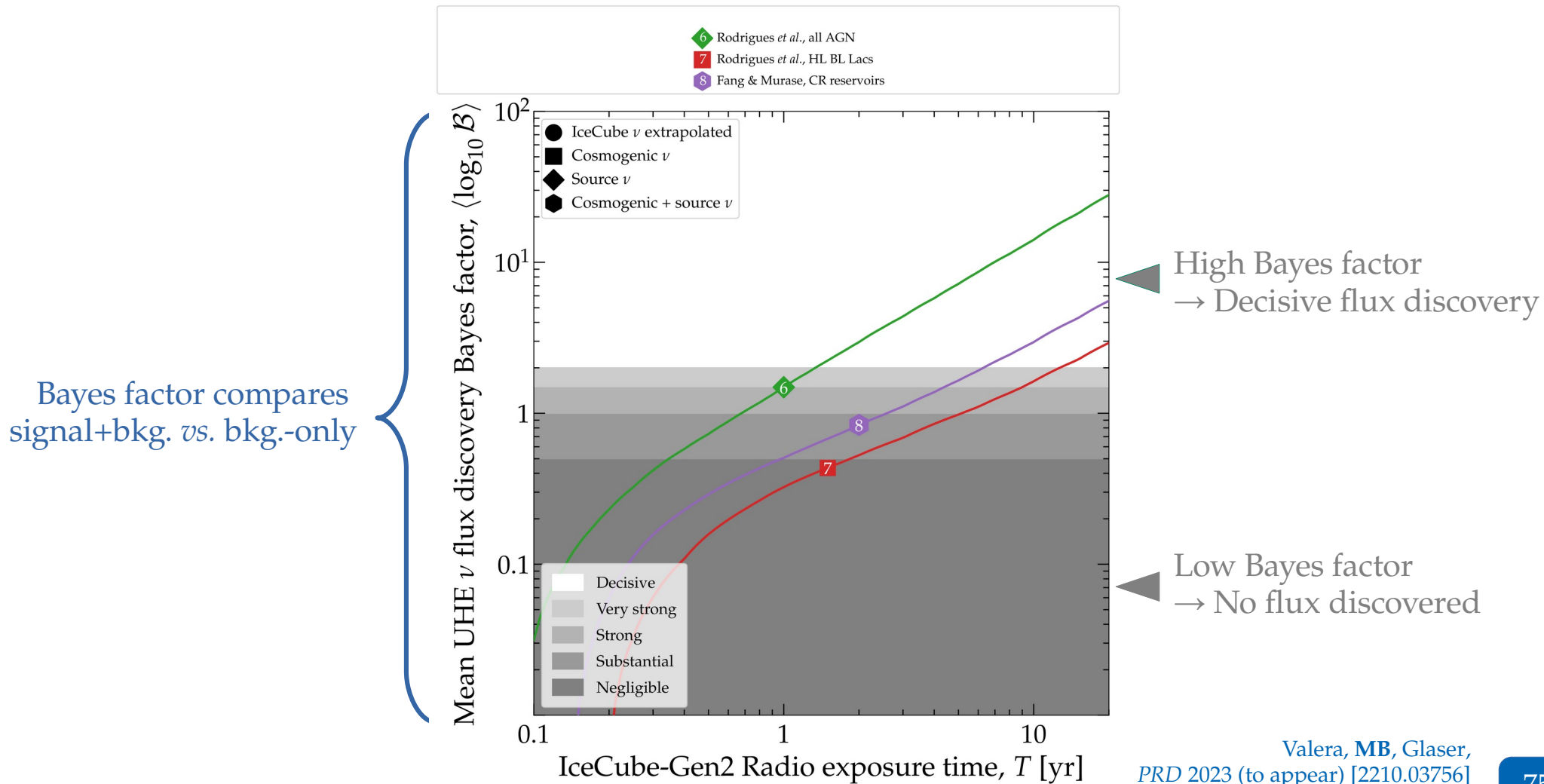
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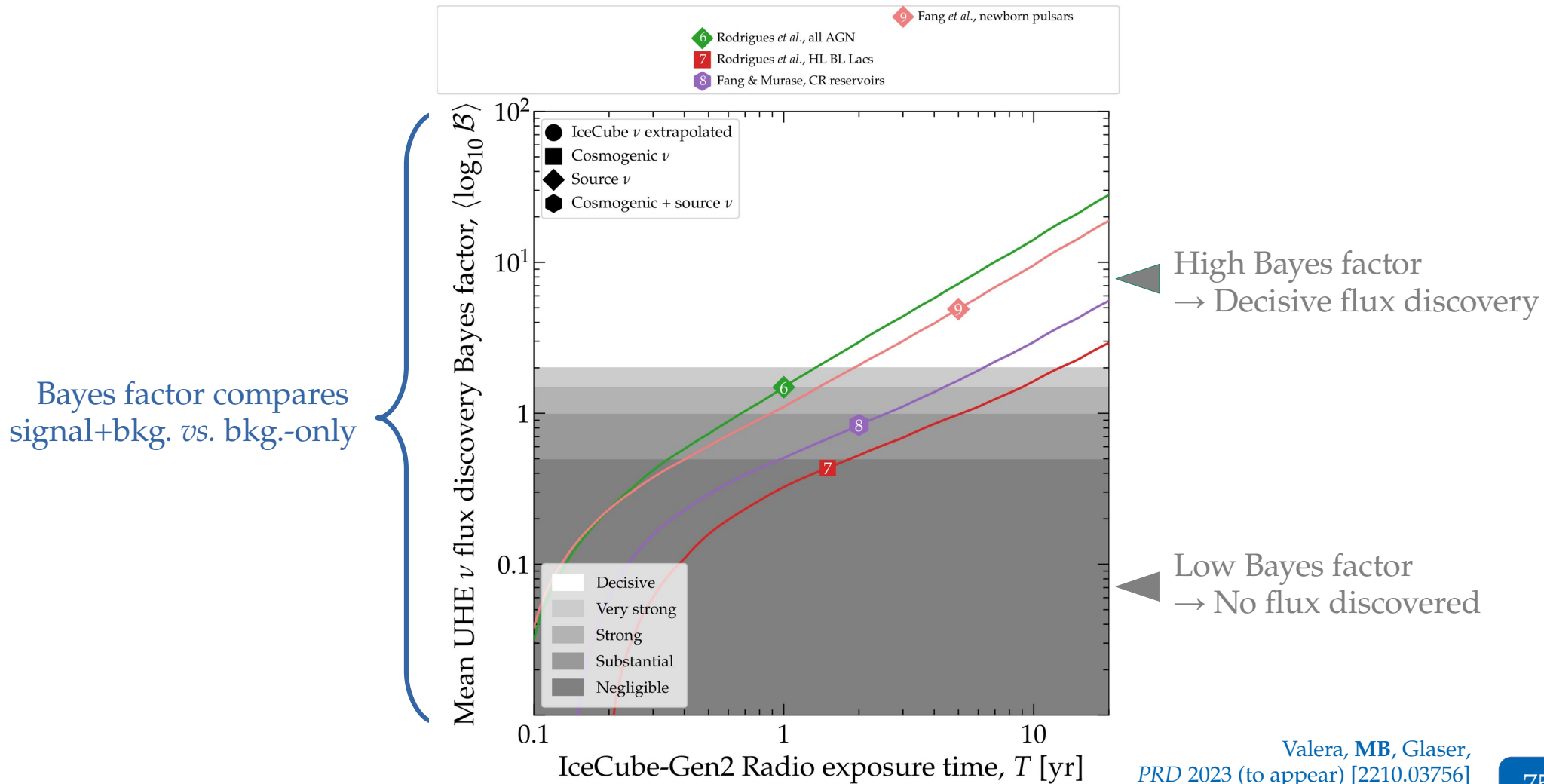
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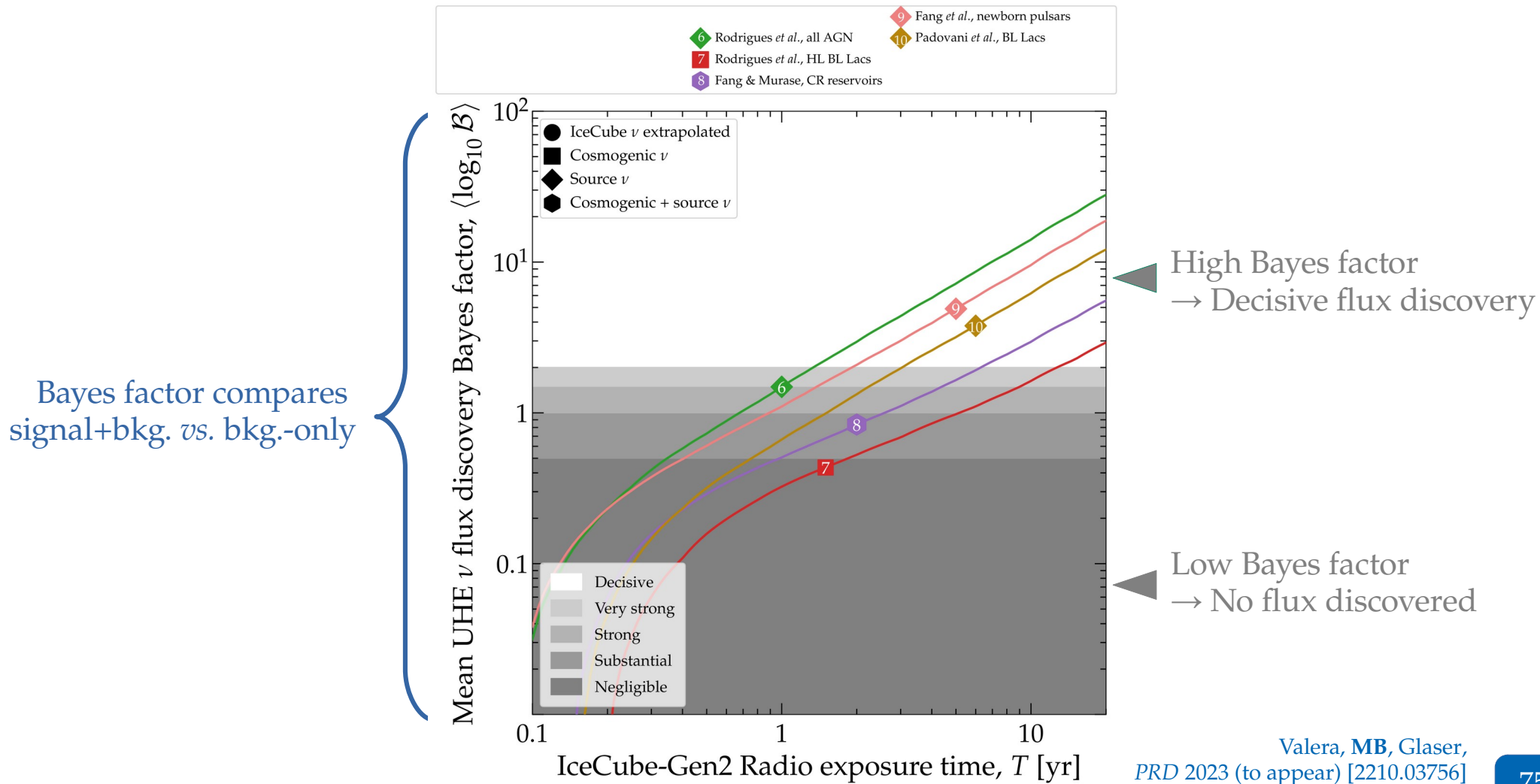
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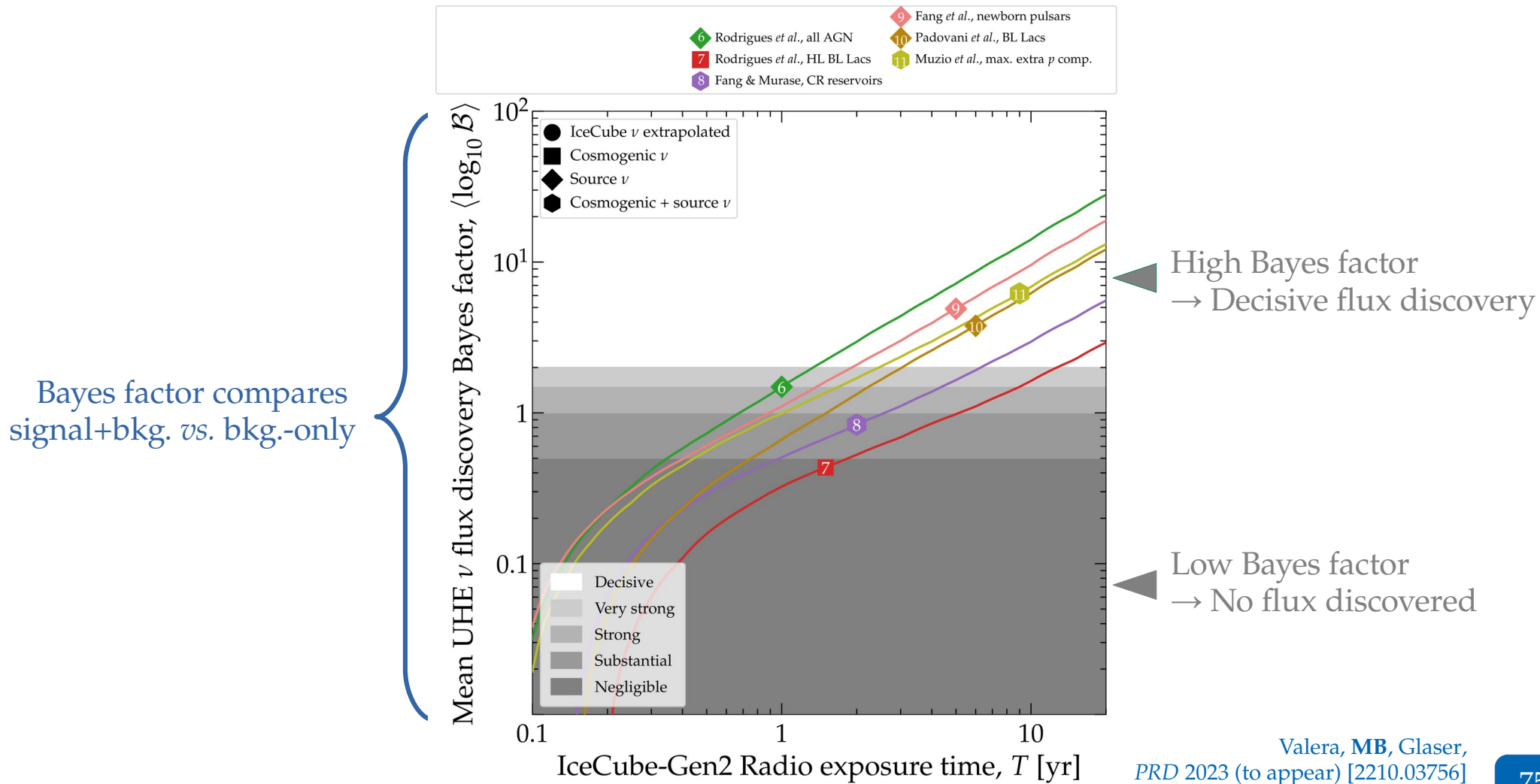
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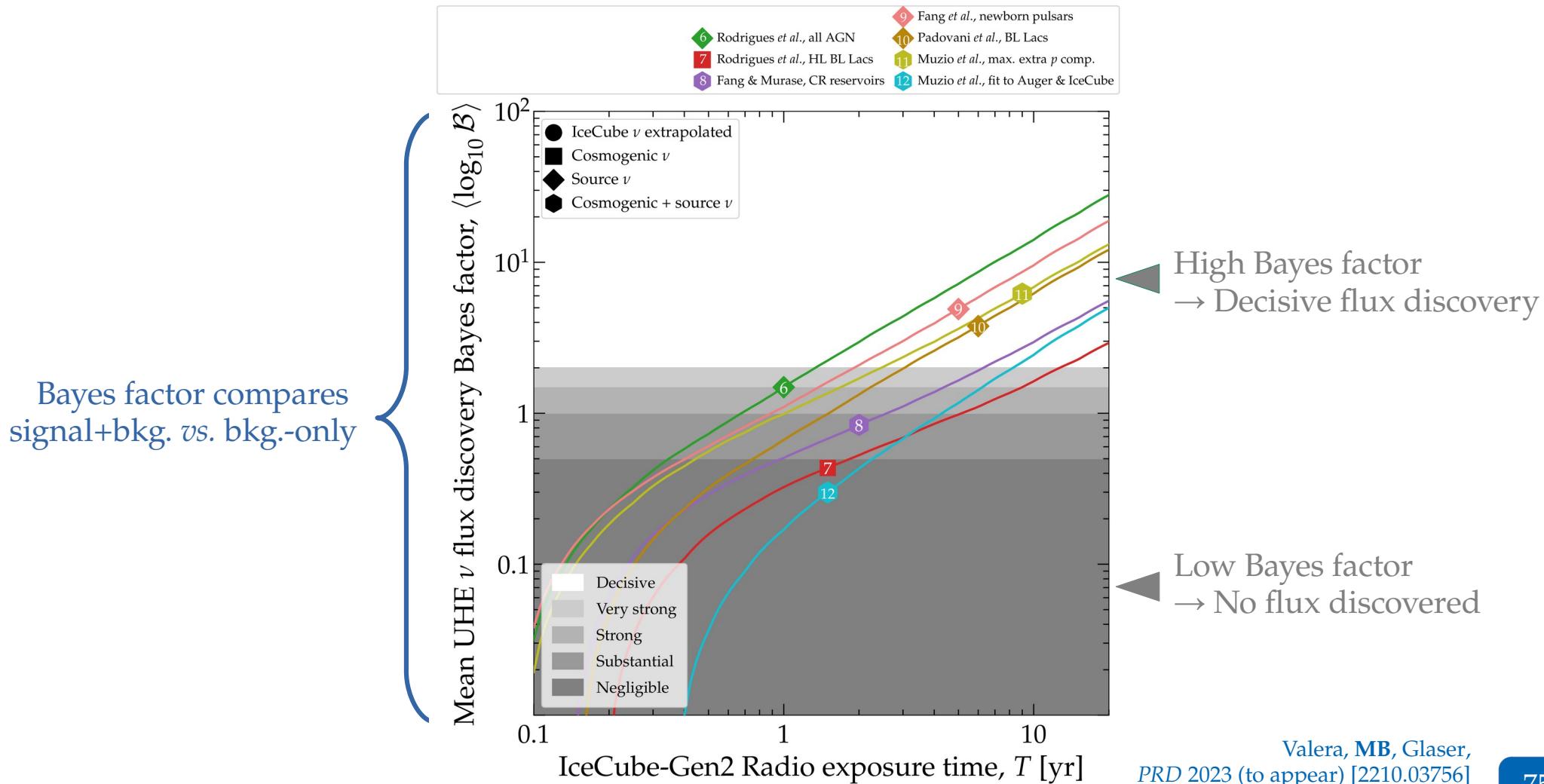
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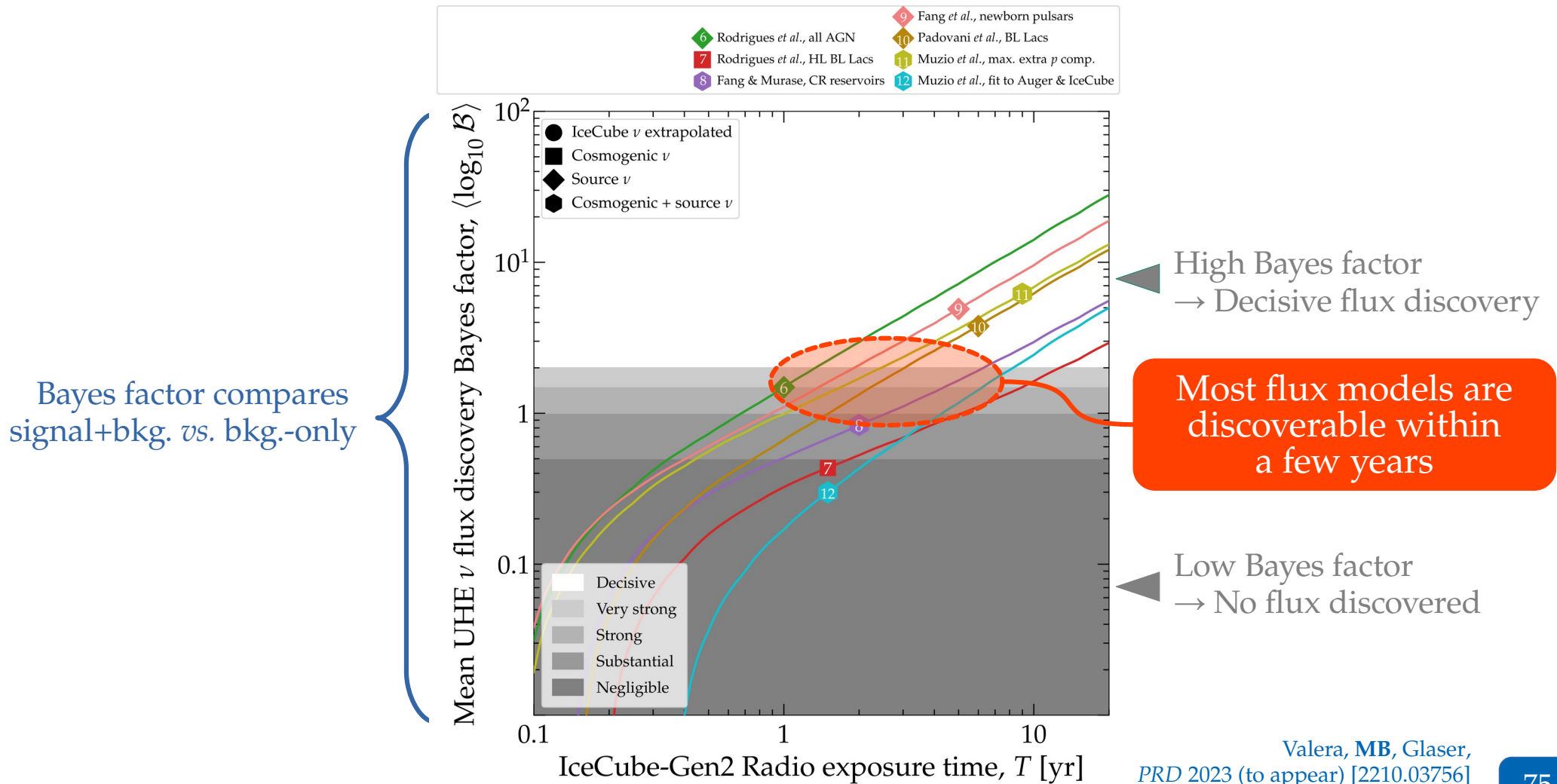
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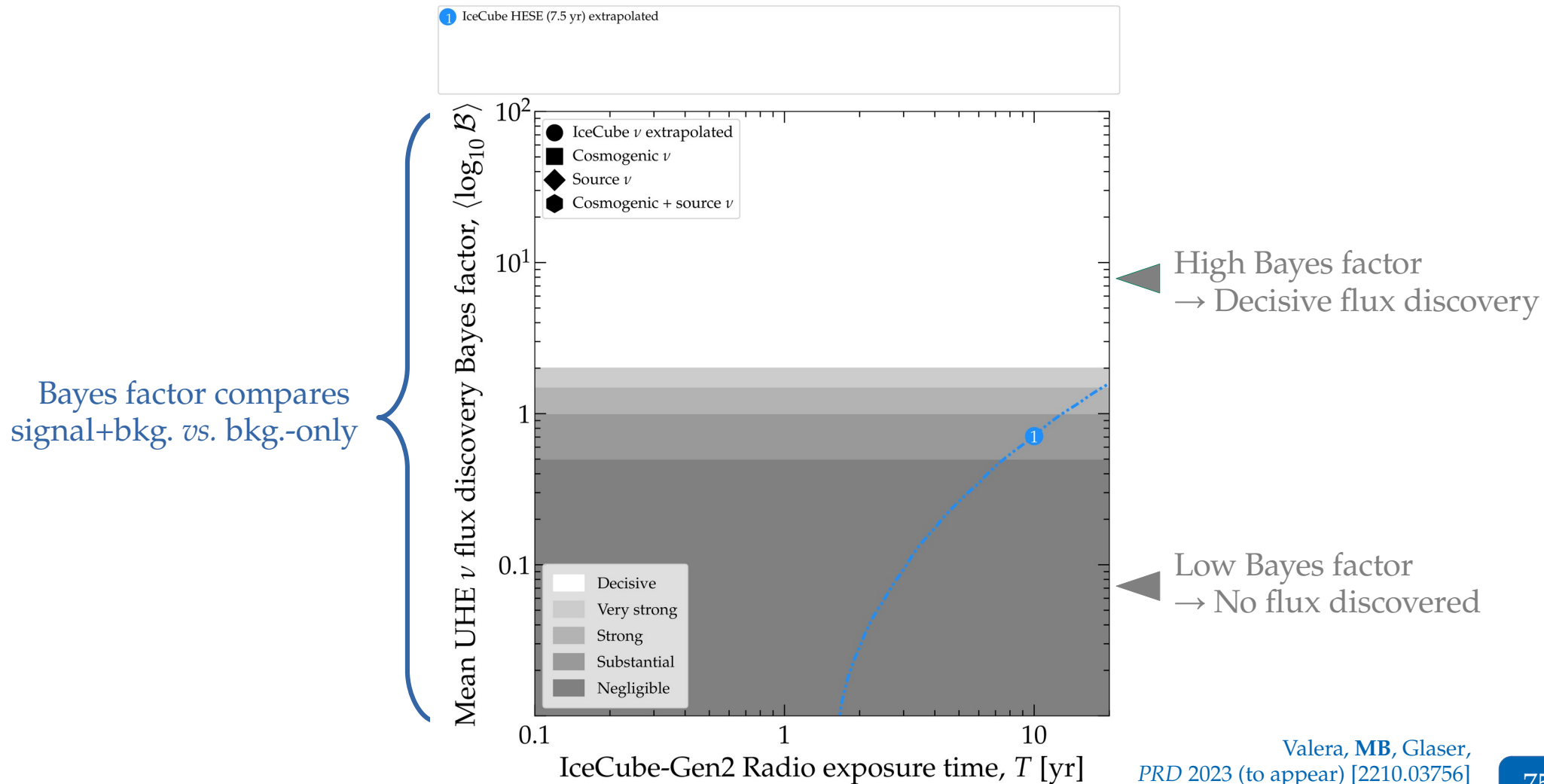
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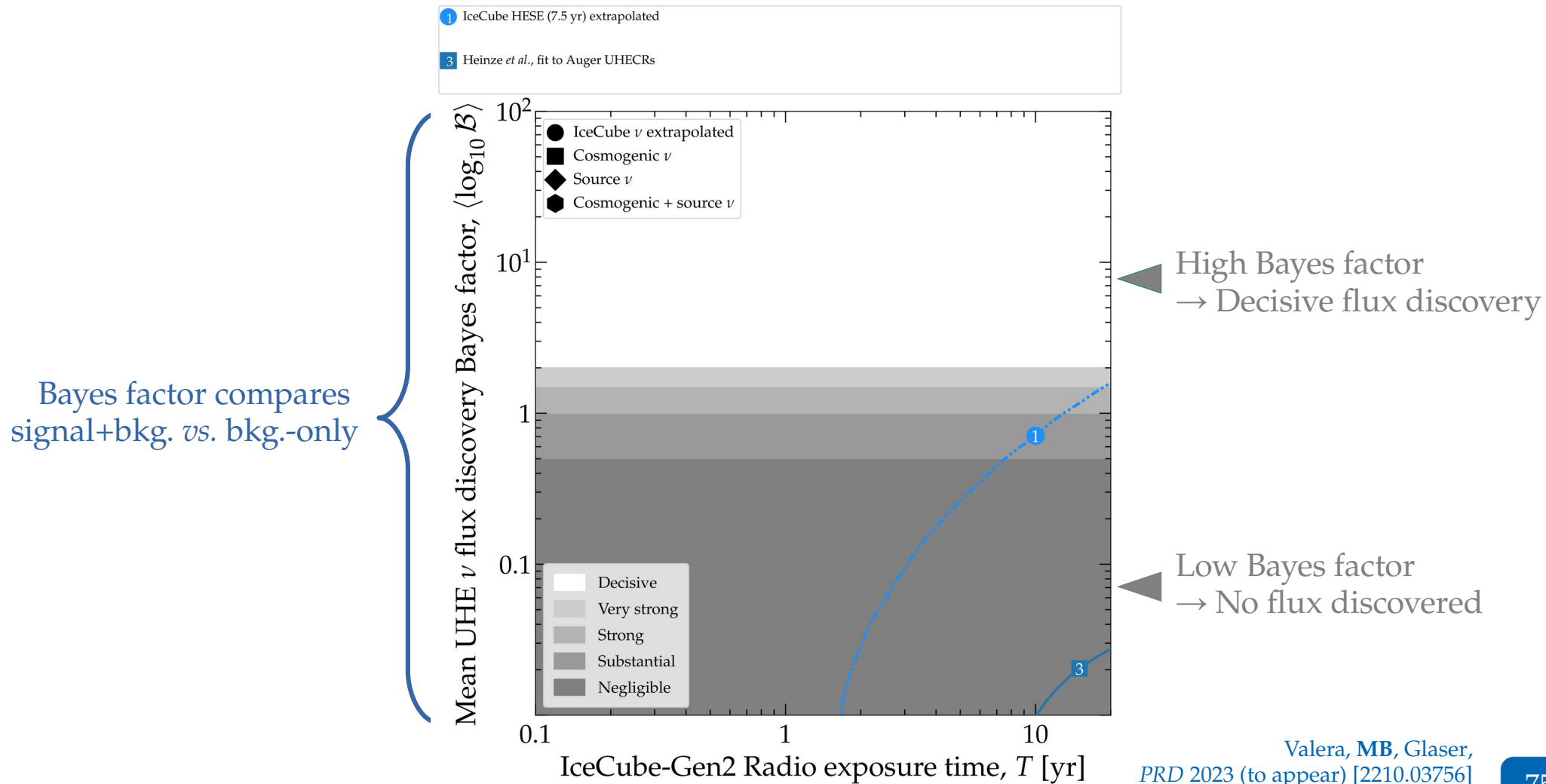
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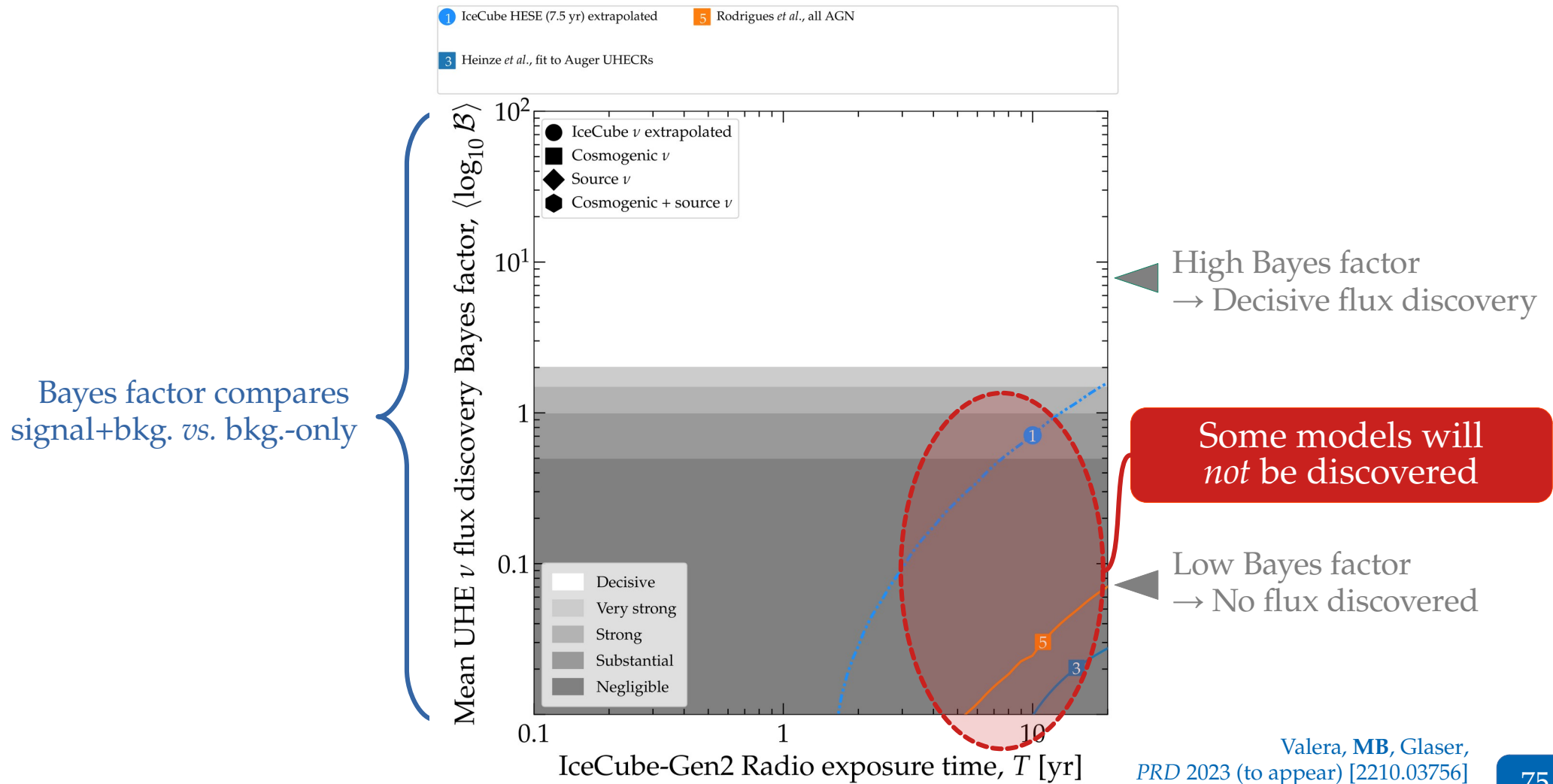
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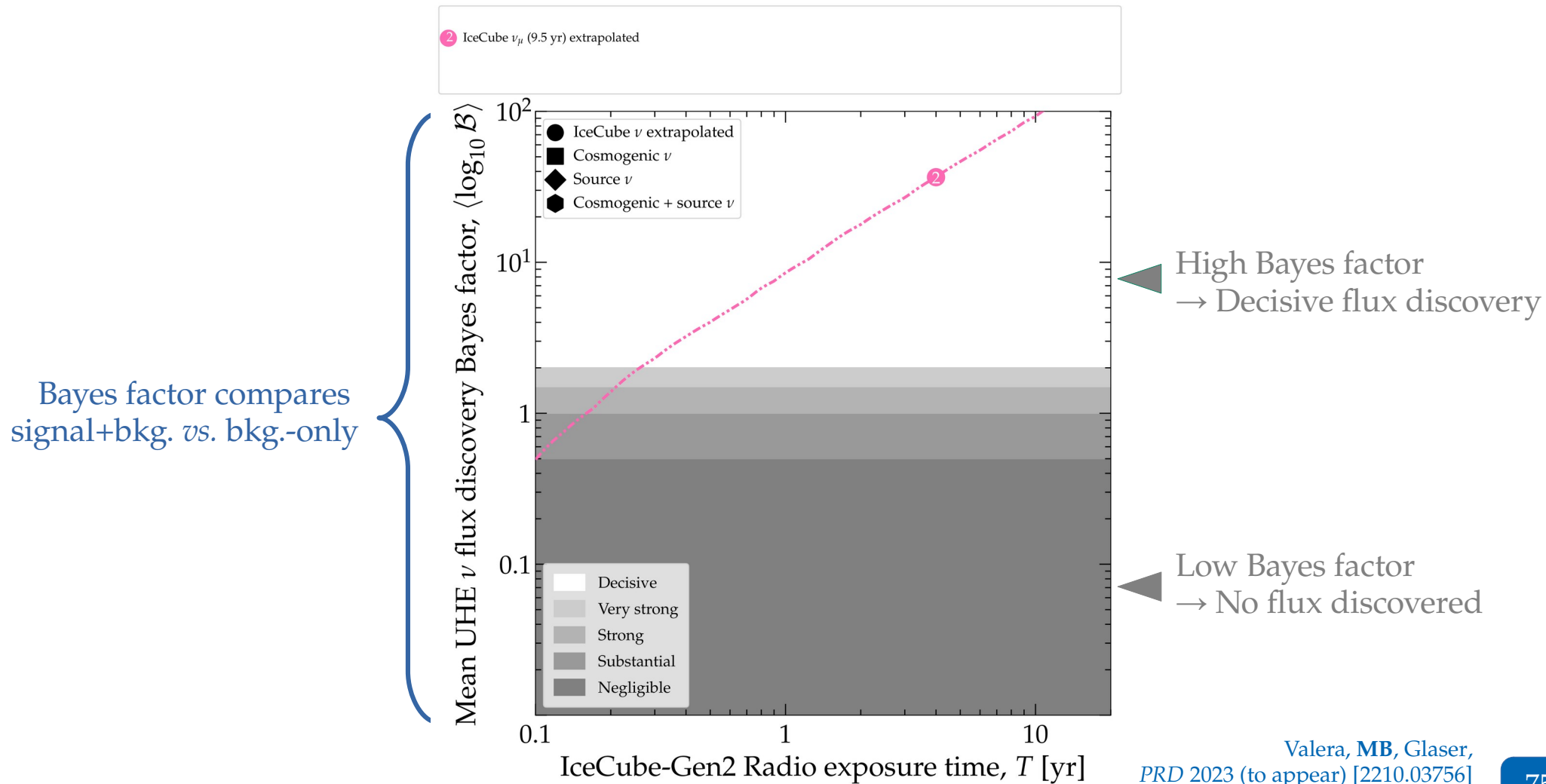
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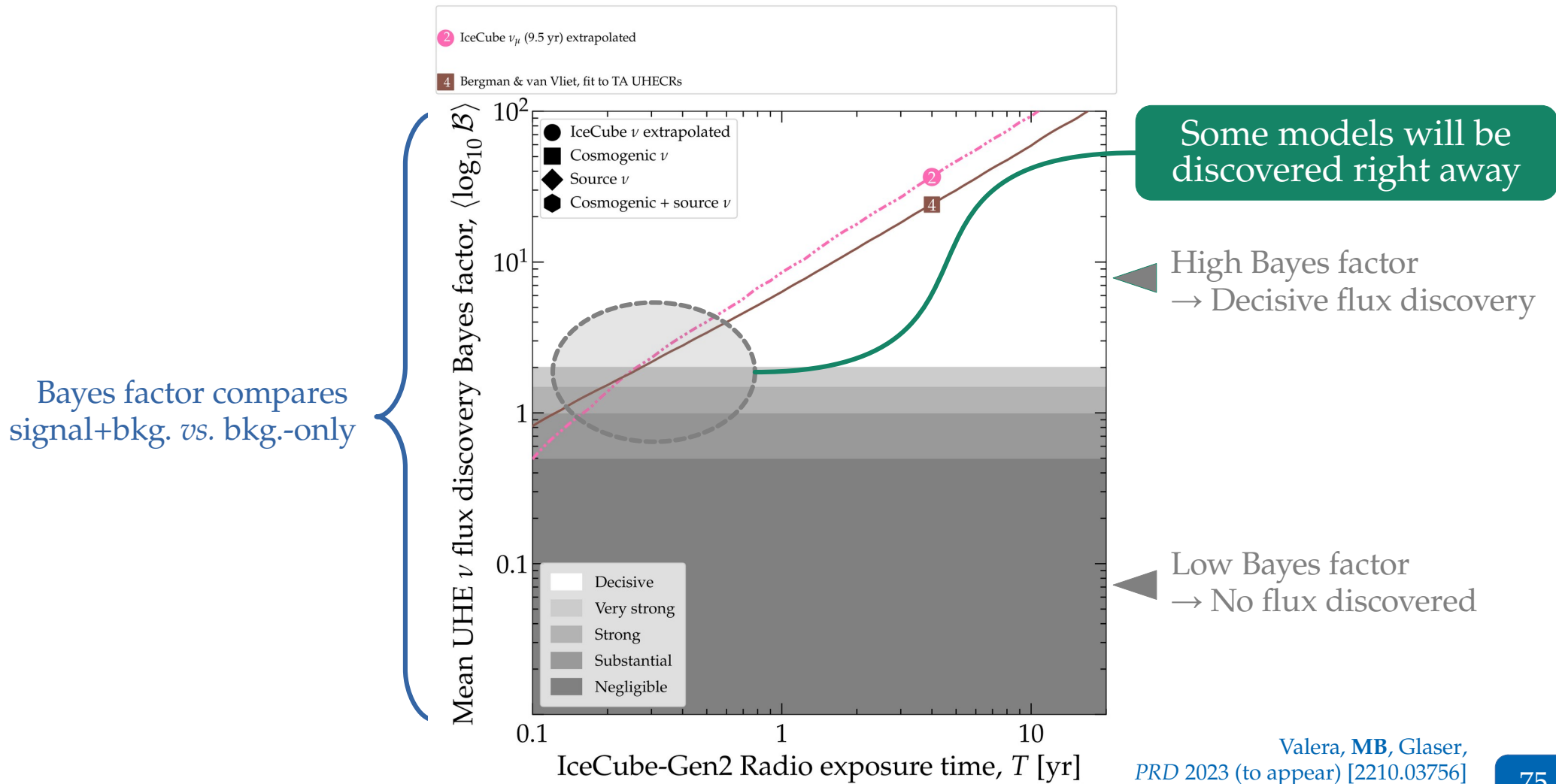
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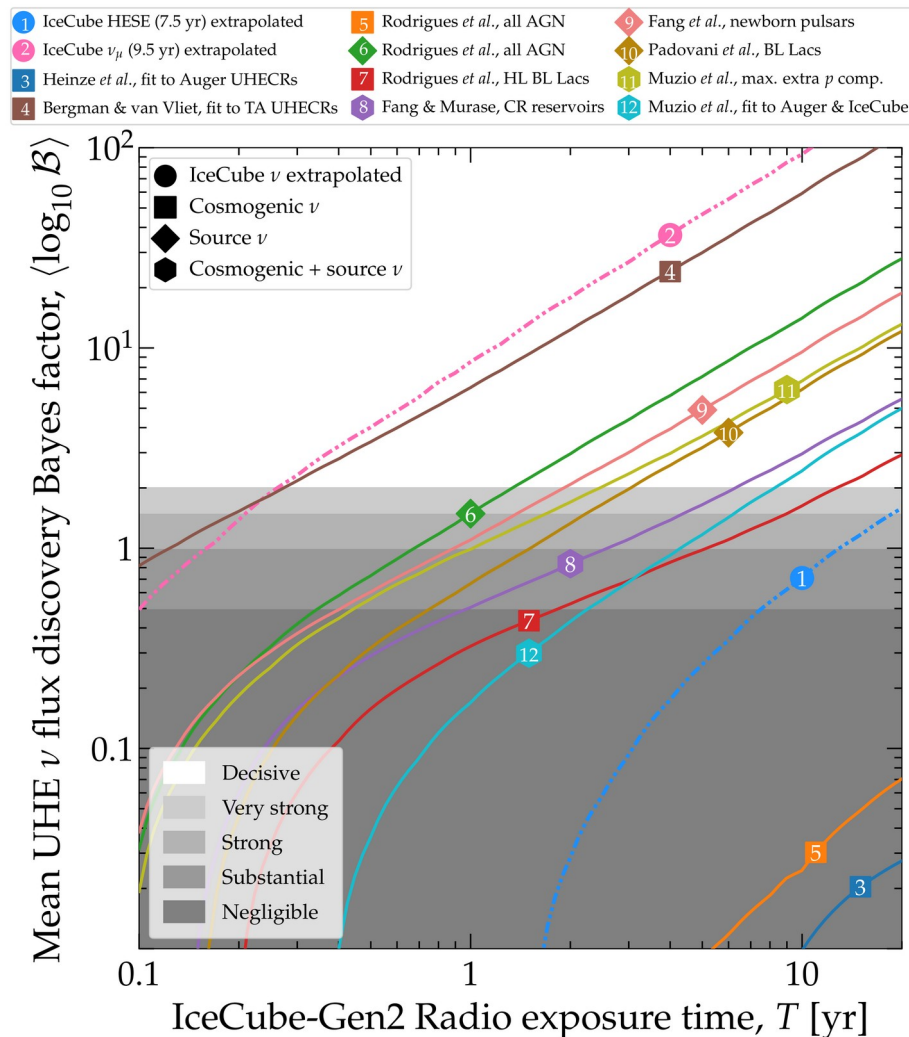


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Work led by
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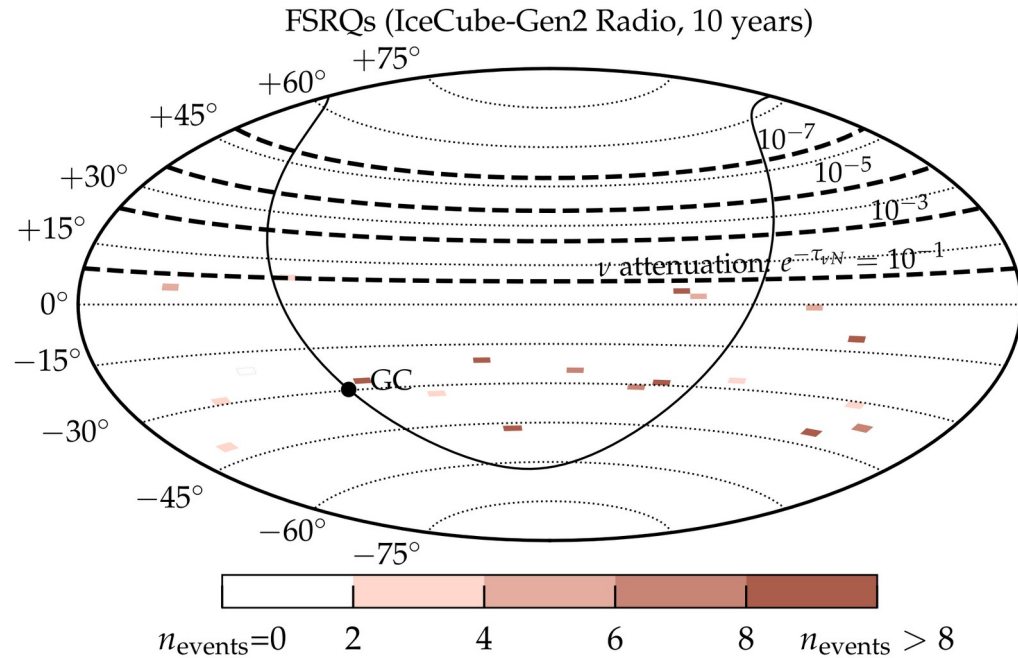
High Bayes factor
→ Decisive flux discovery

Low Bayes factor
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Valera, MB, Glaser,
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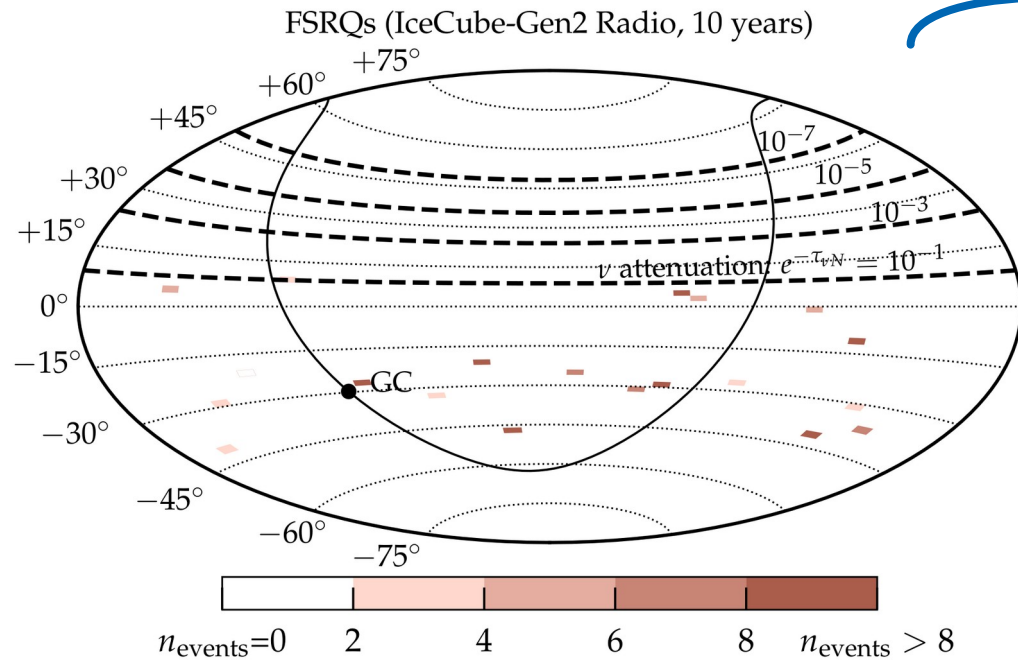
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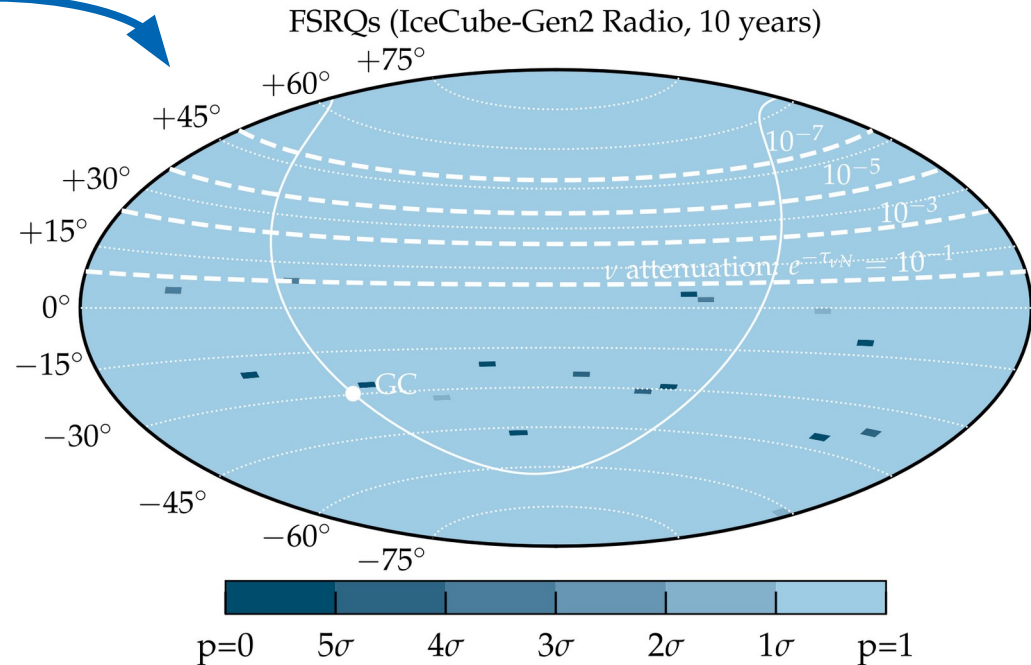
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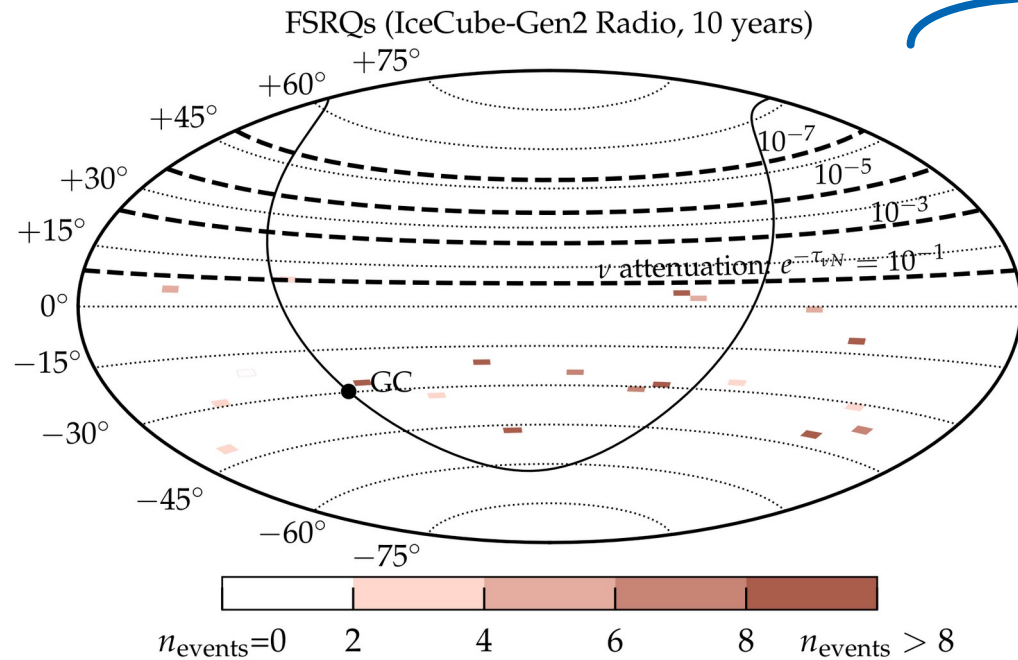
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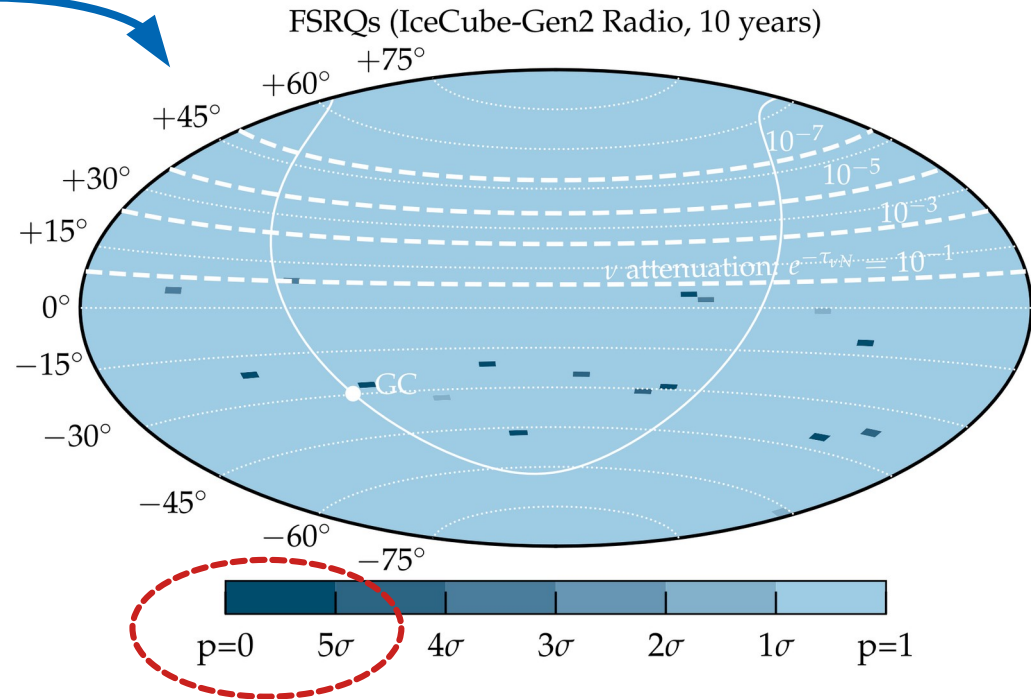
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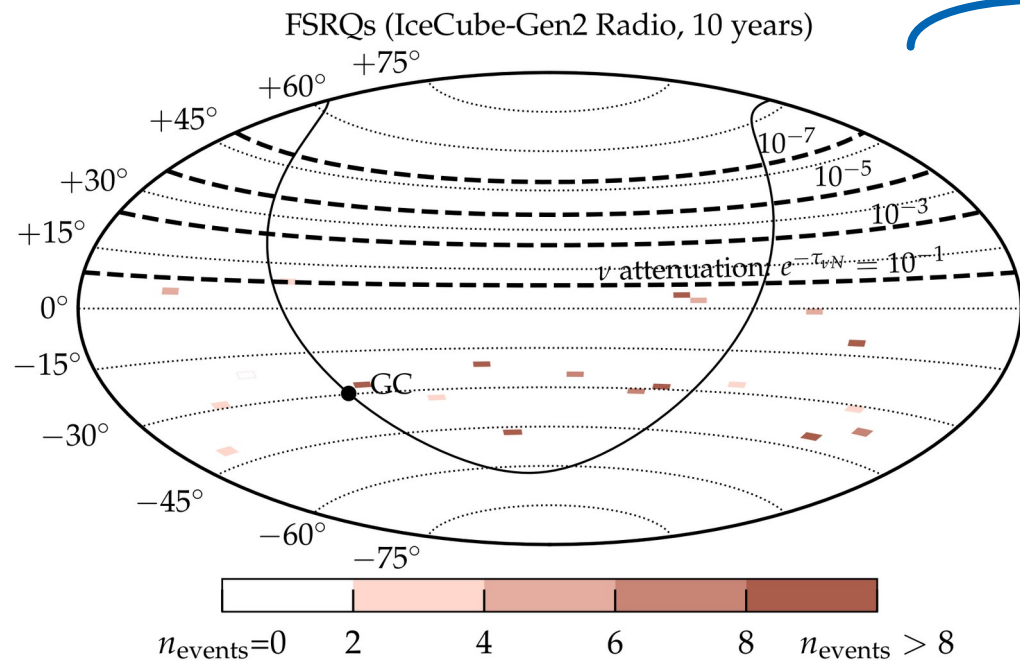
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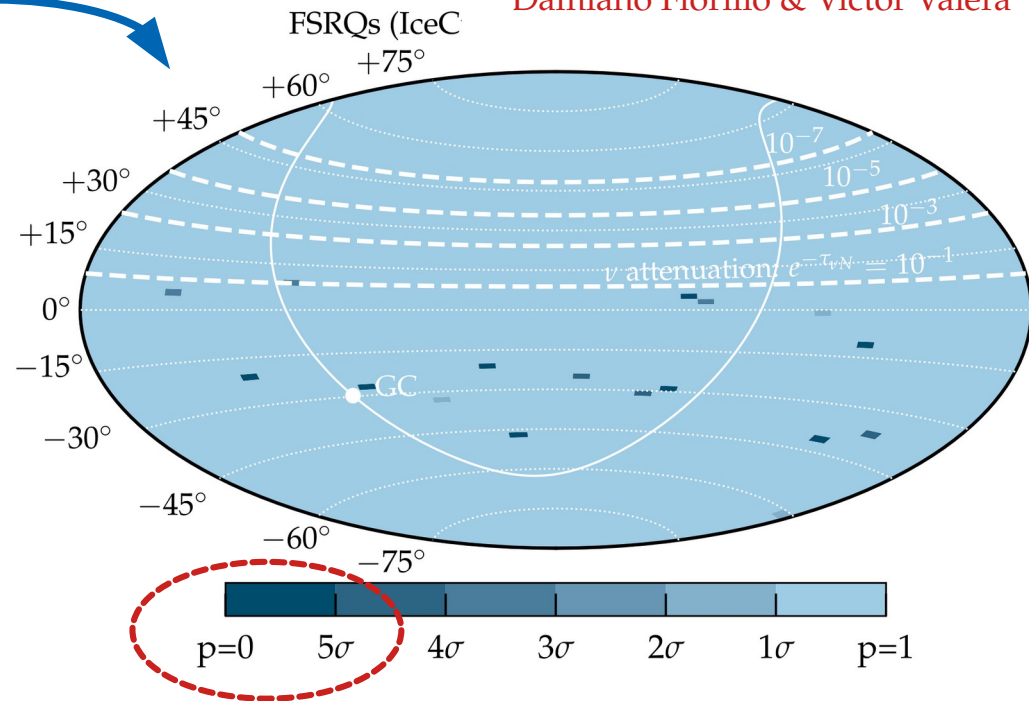
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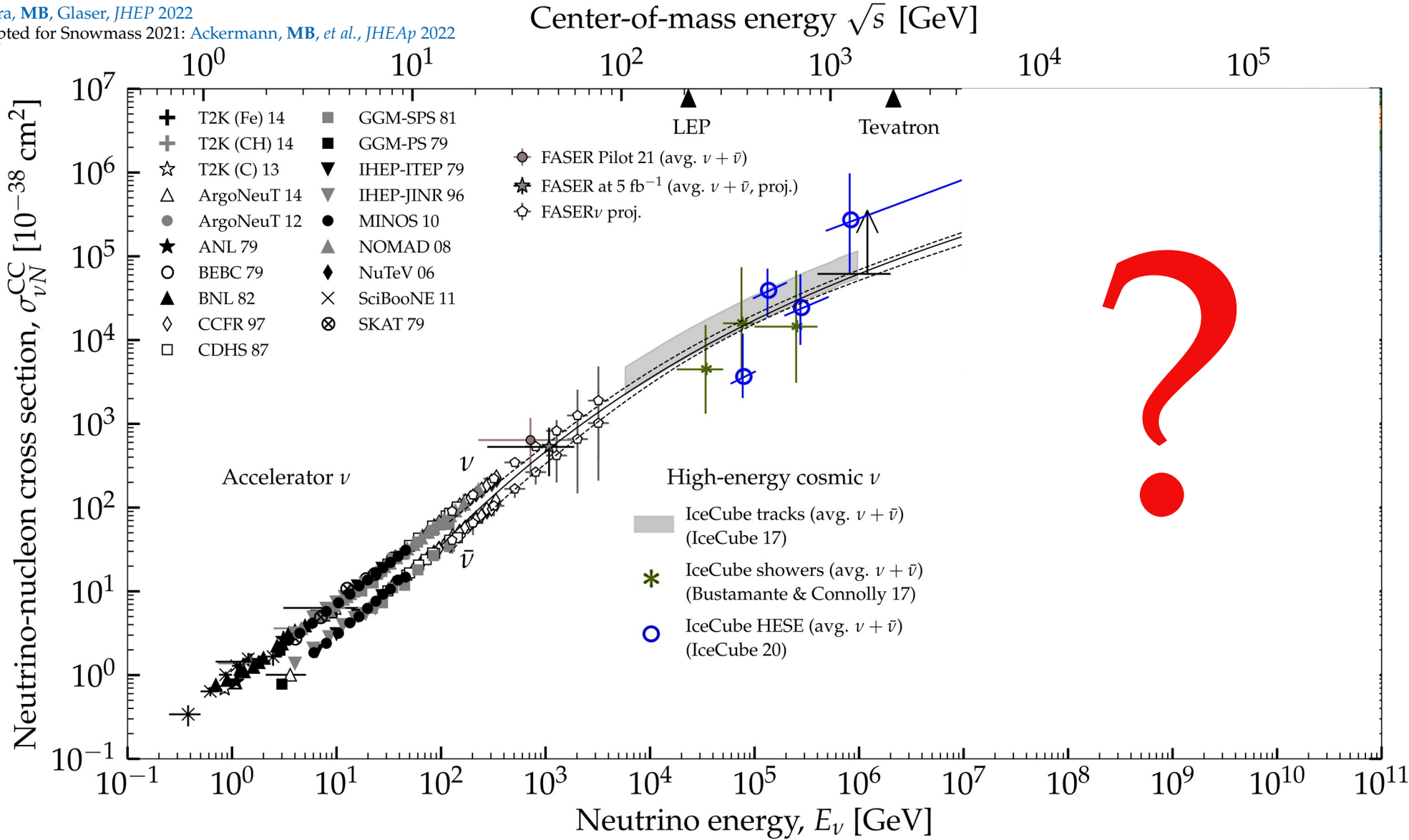


Work led by
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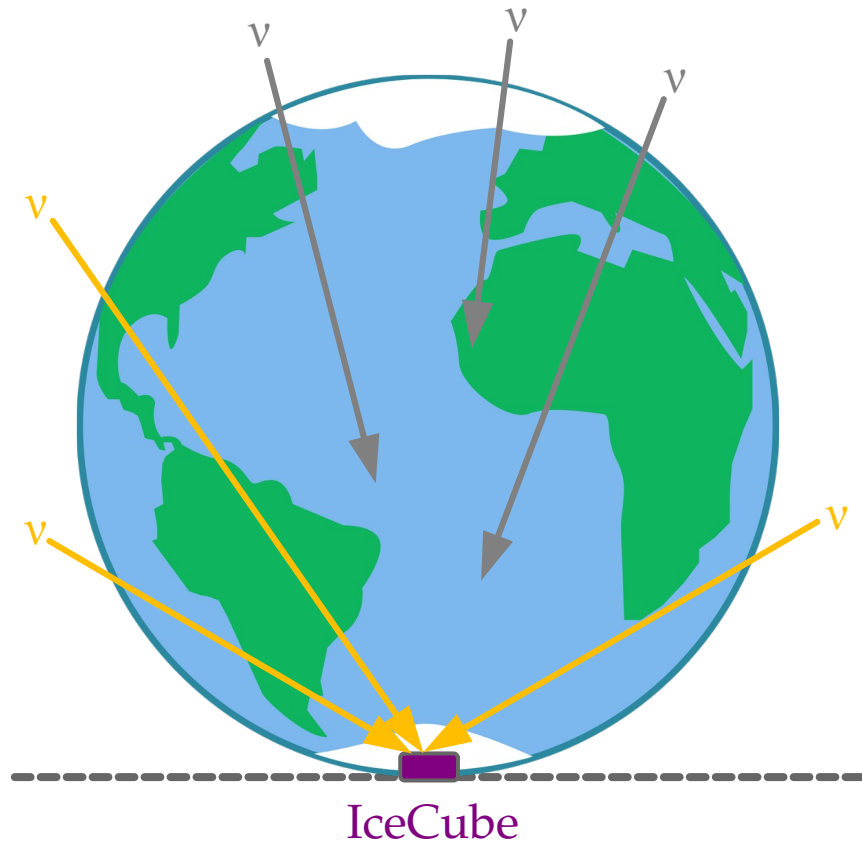
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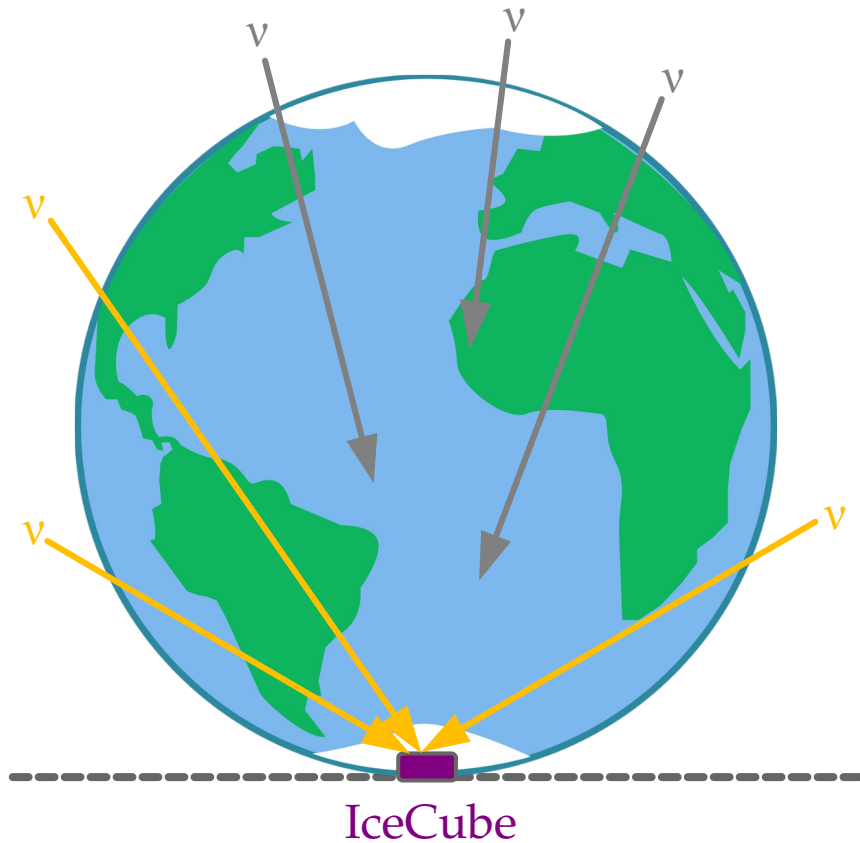


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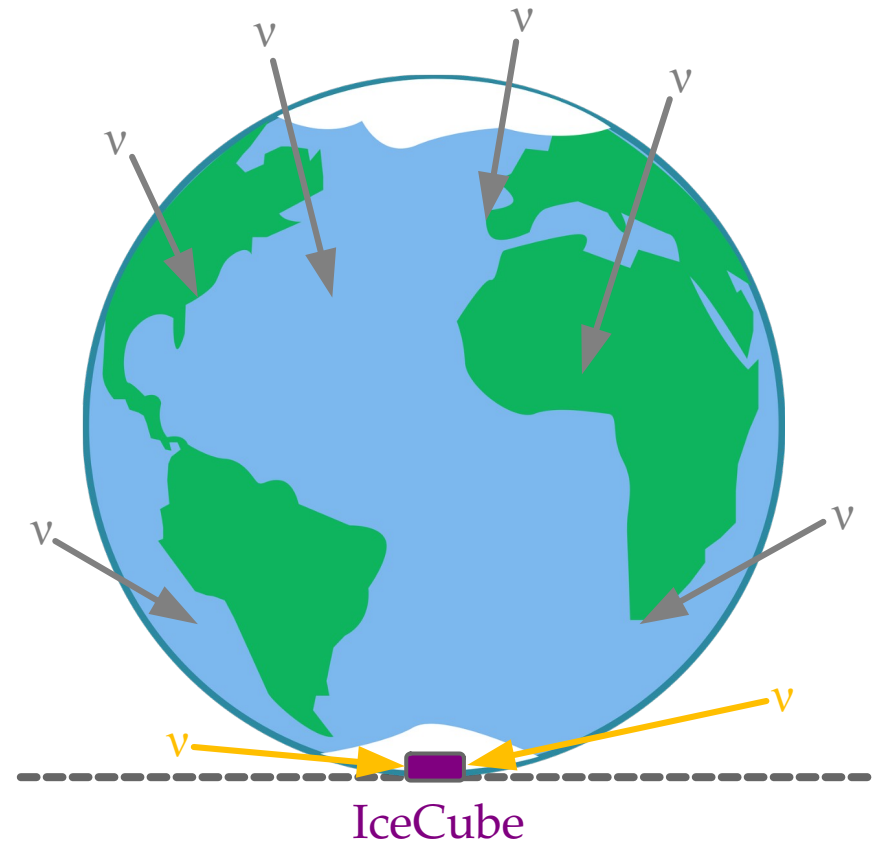
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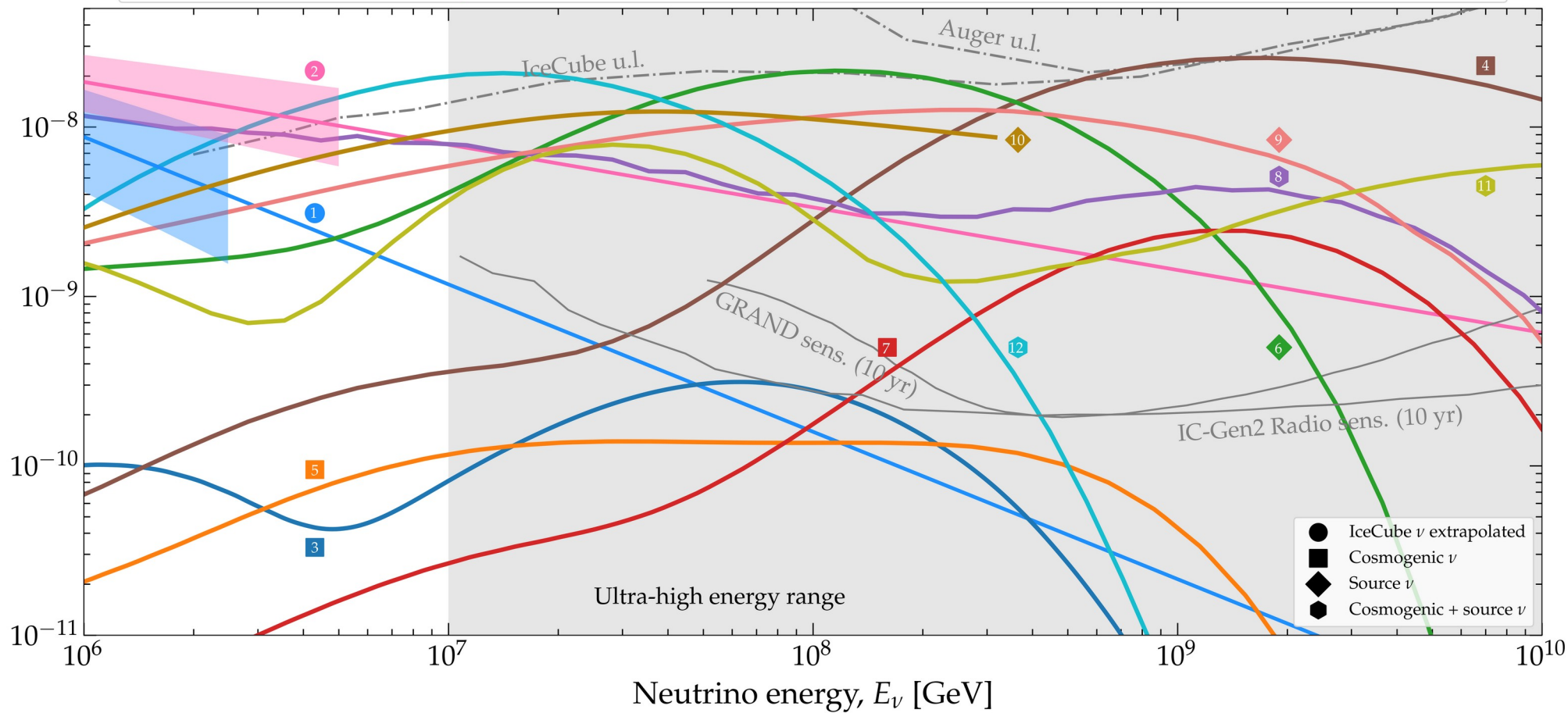
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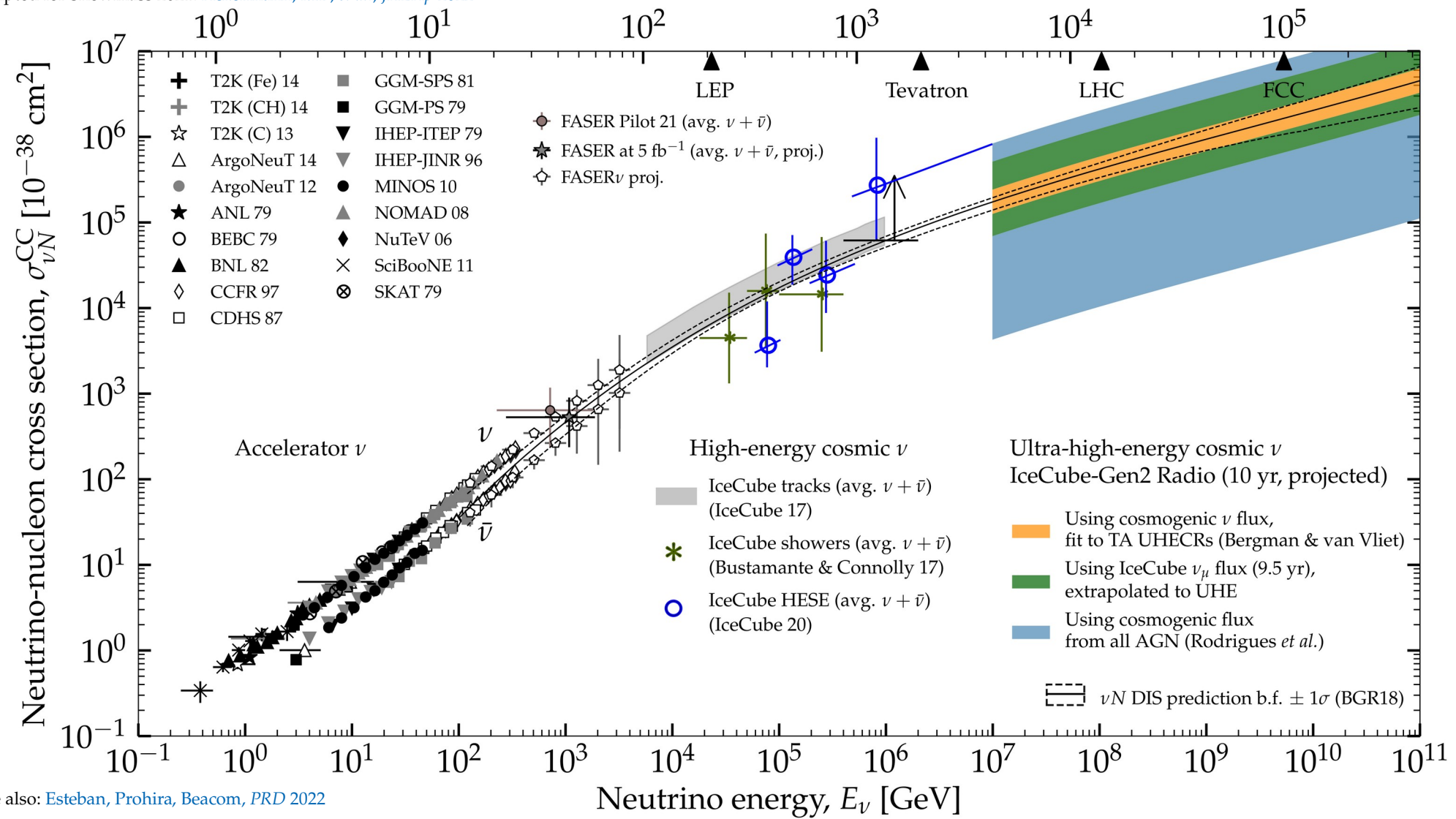
Earth is *completely* opaque,
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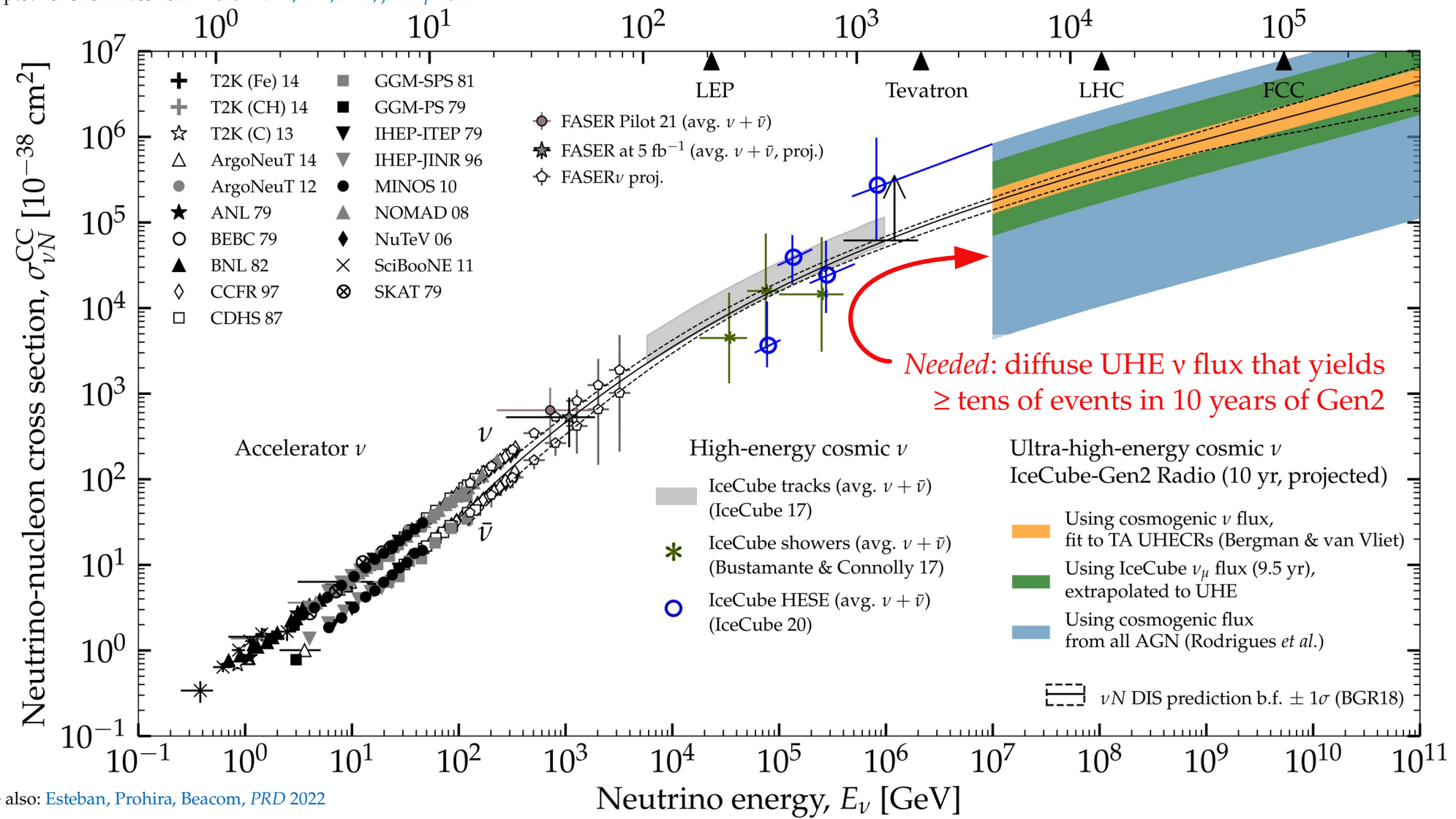
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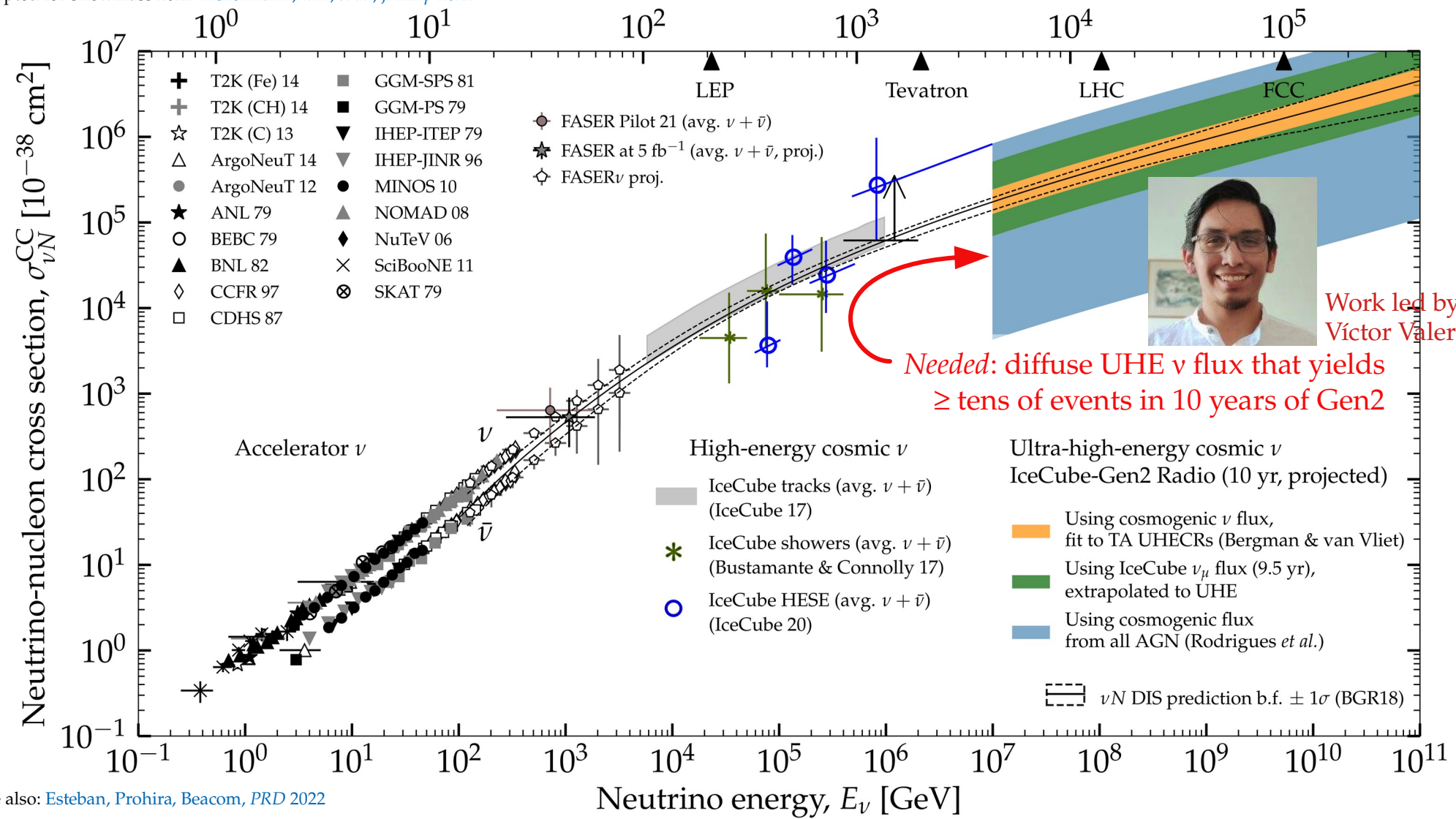
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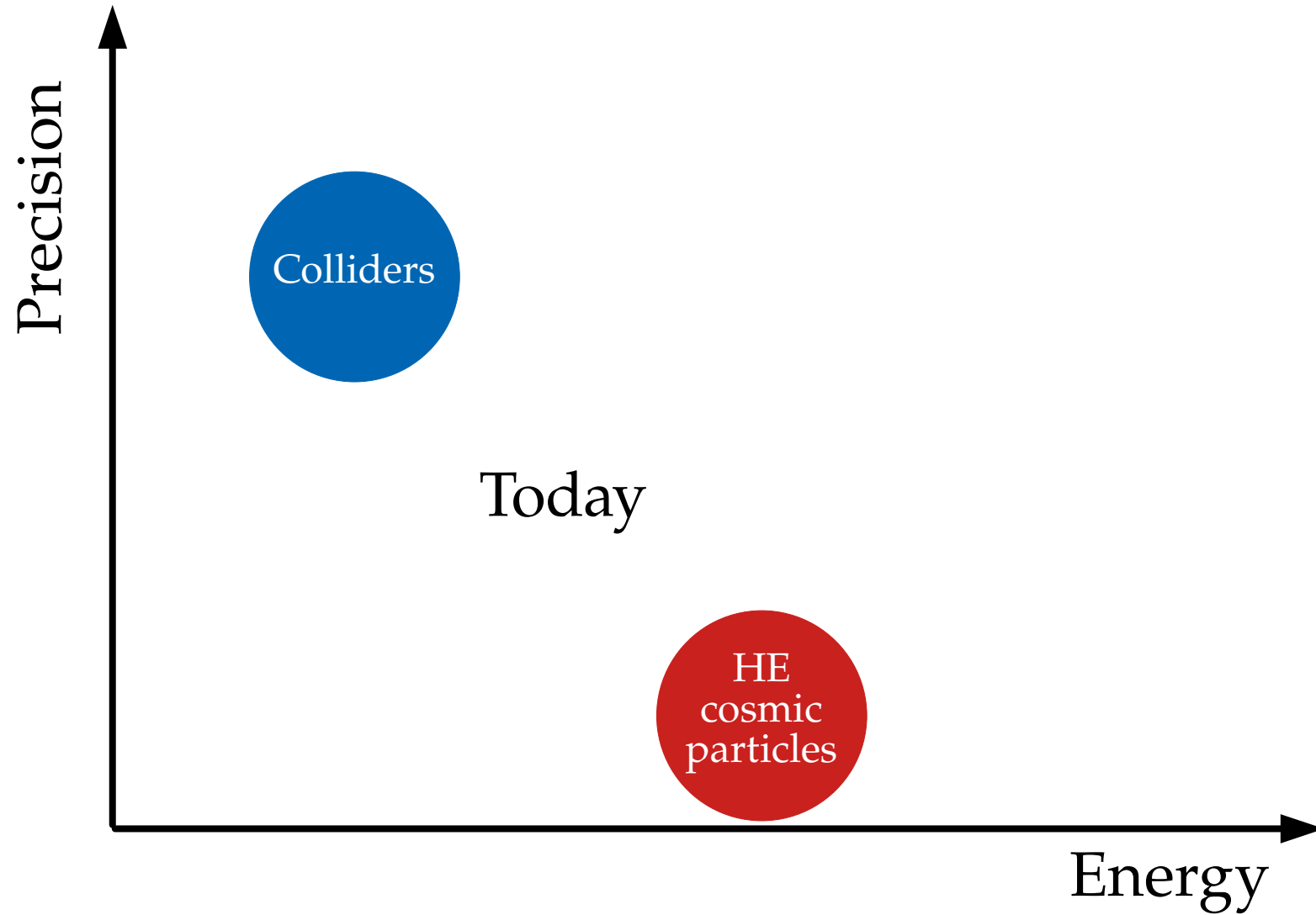


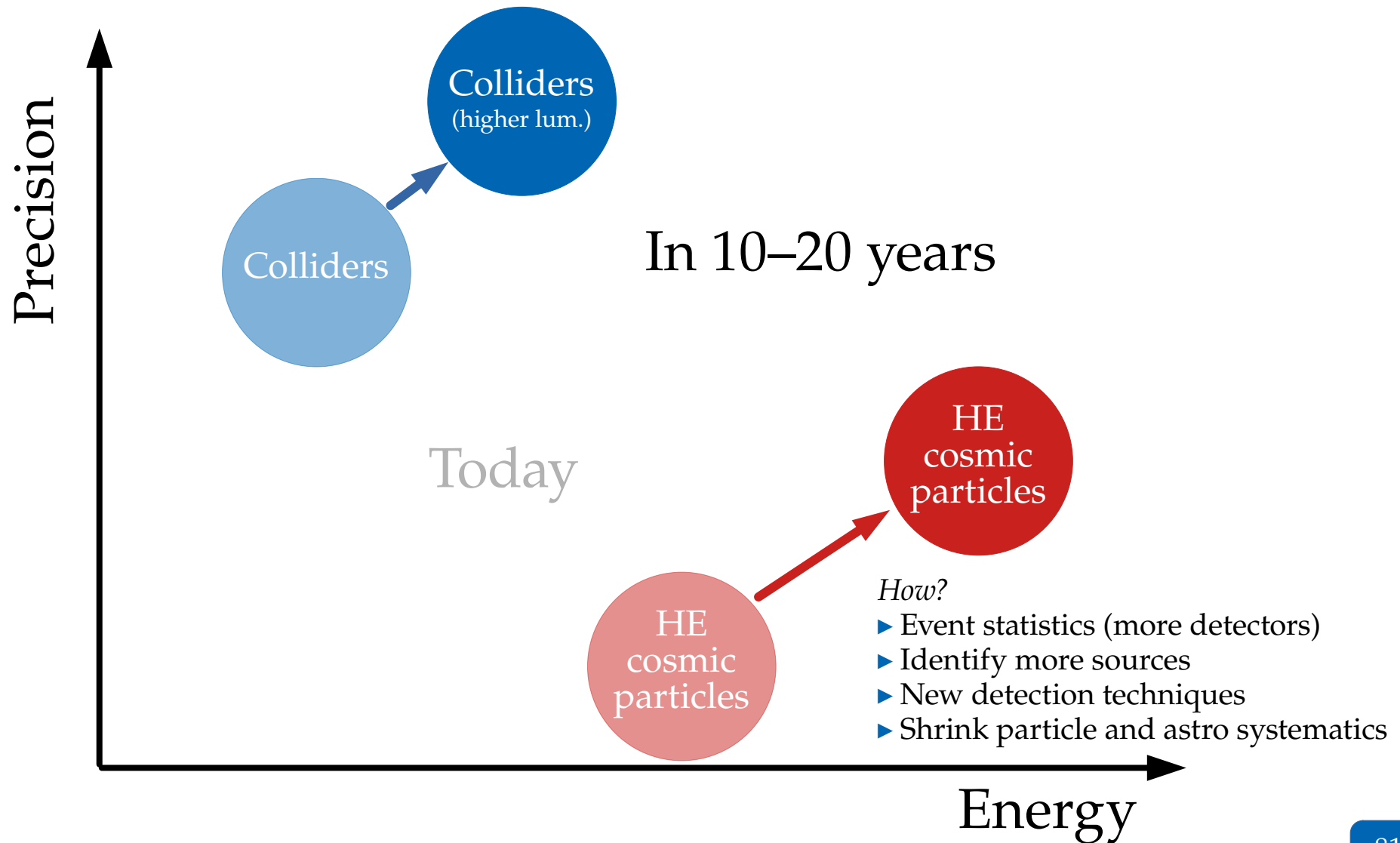
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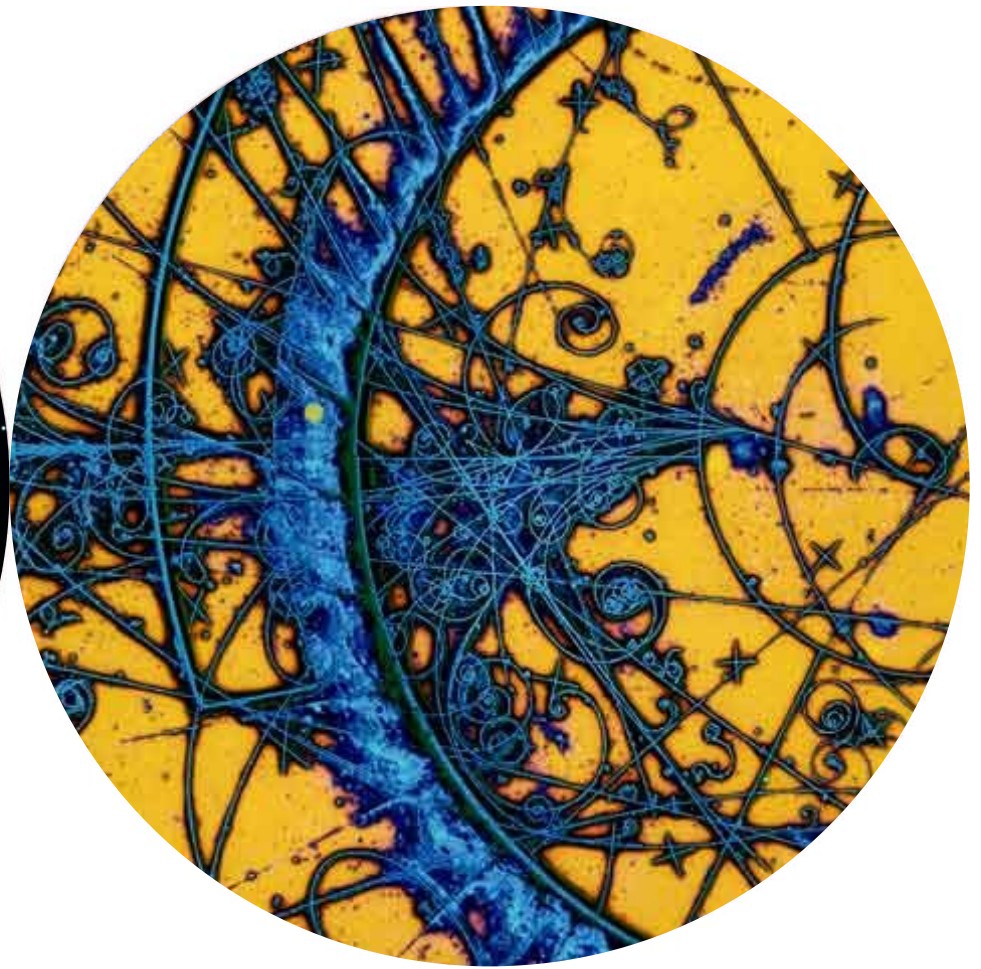
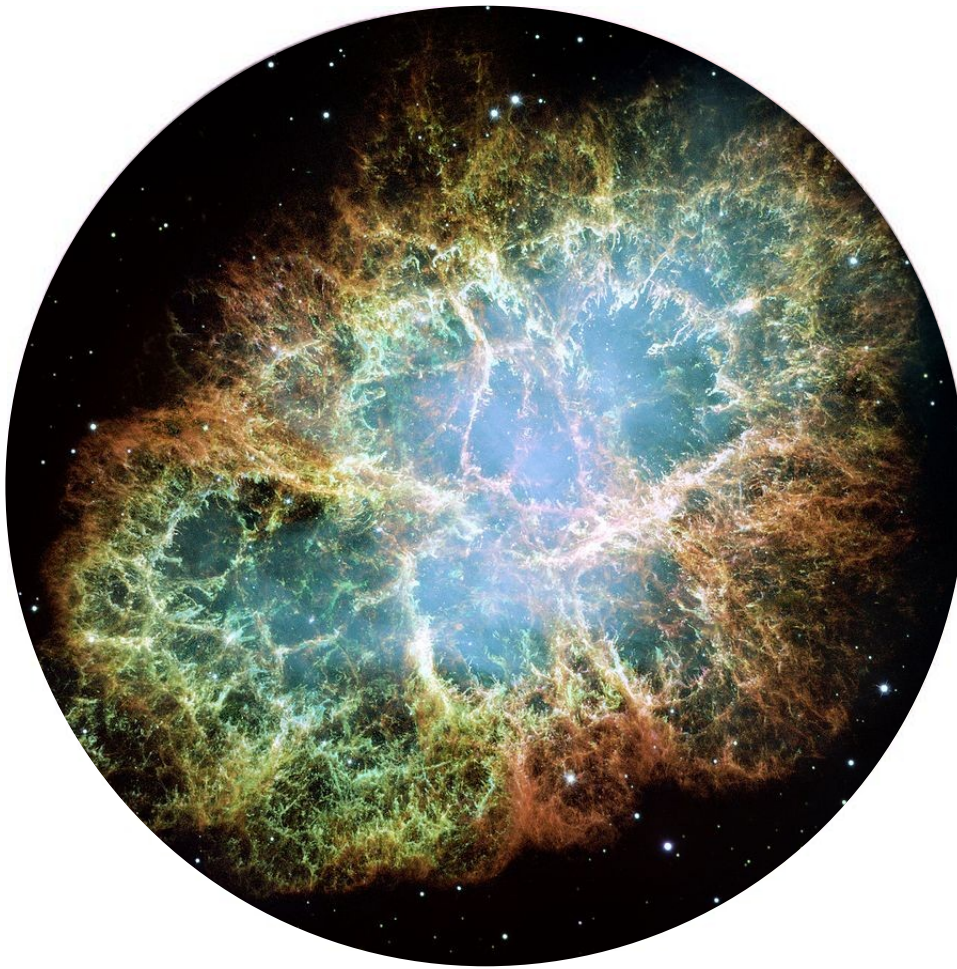


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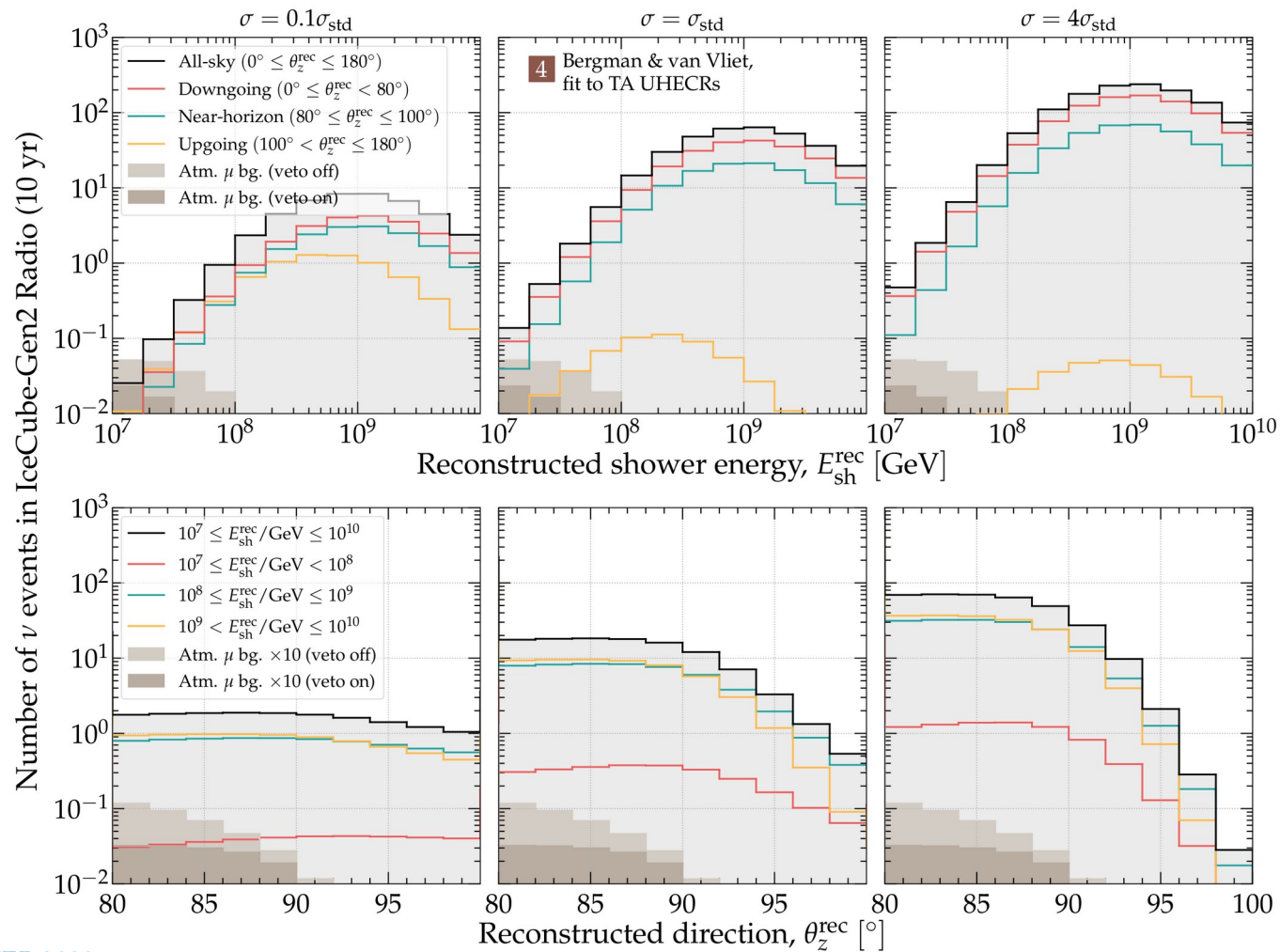
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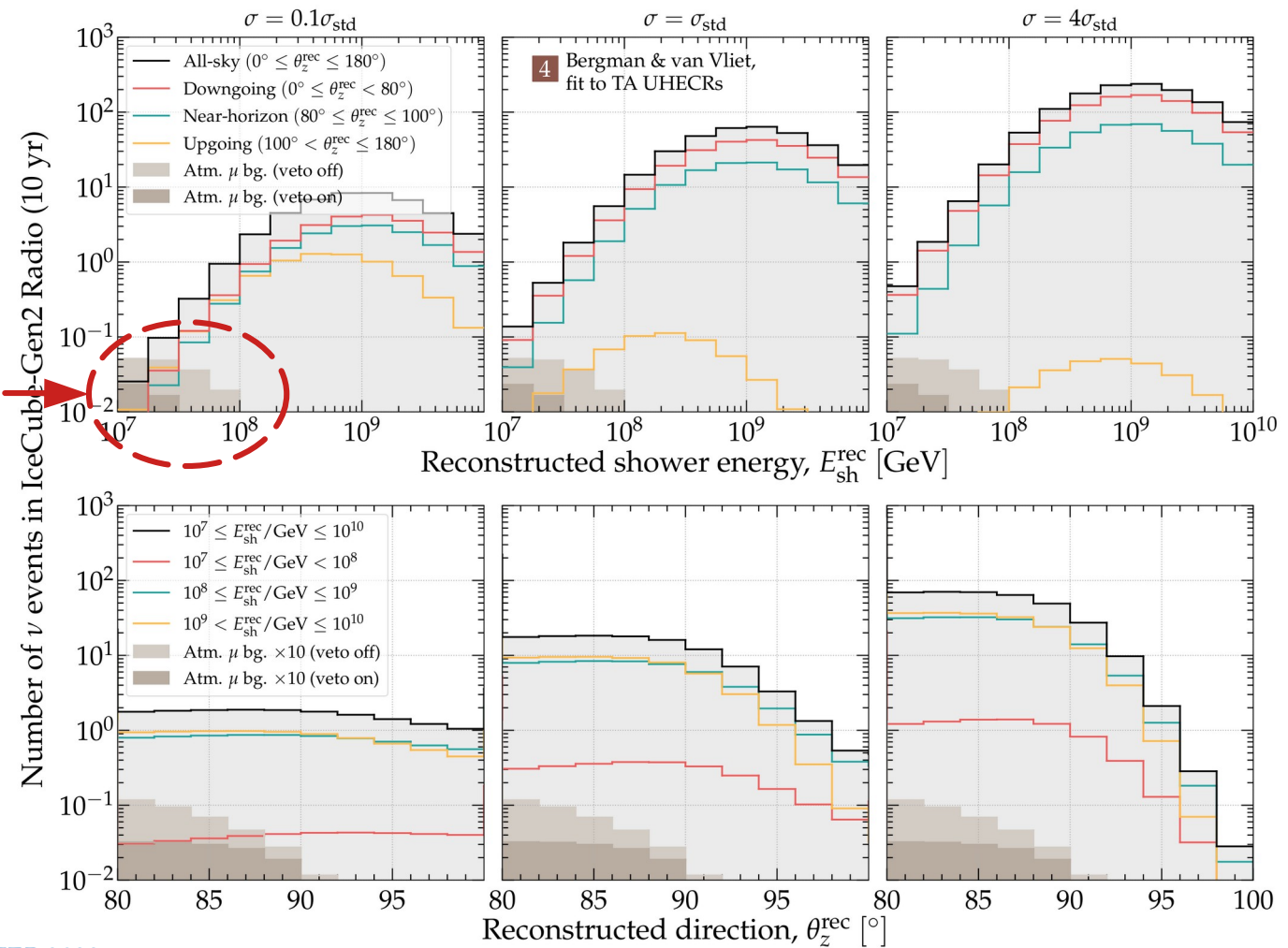
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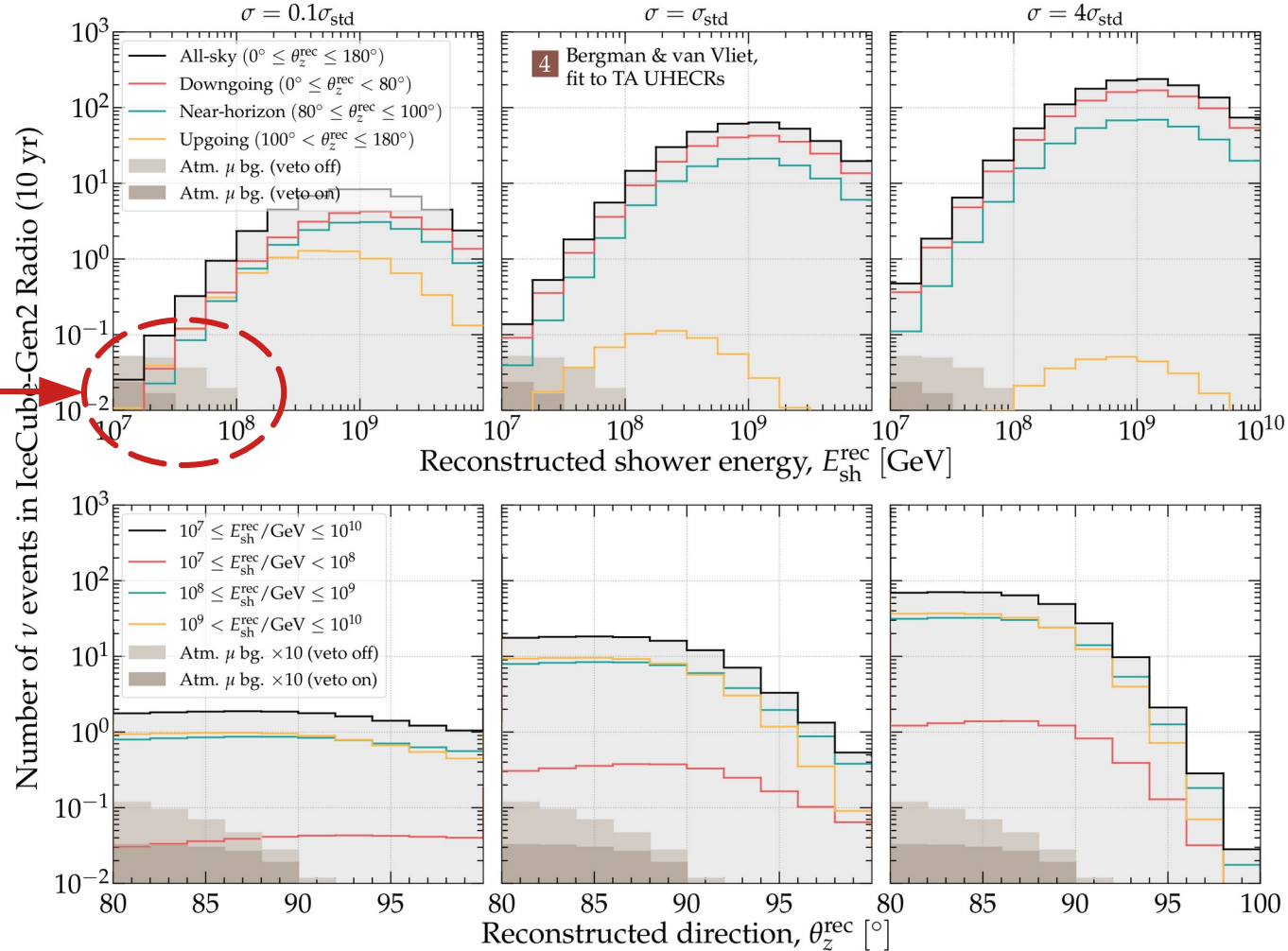
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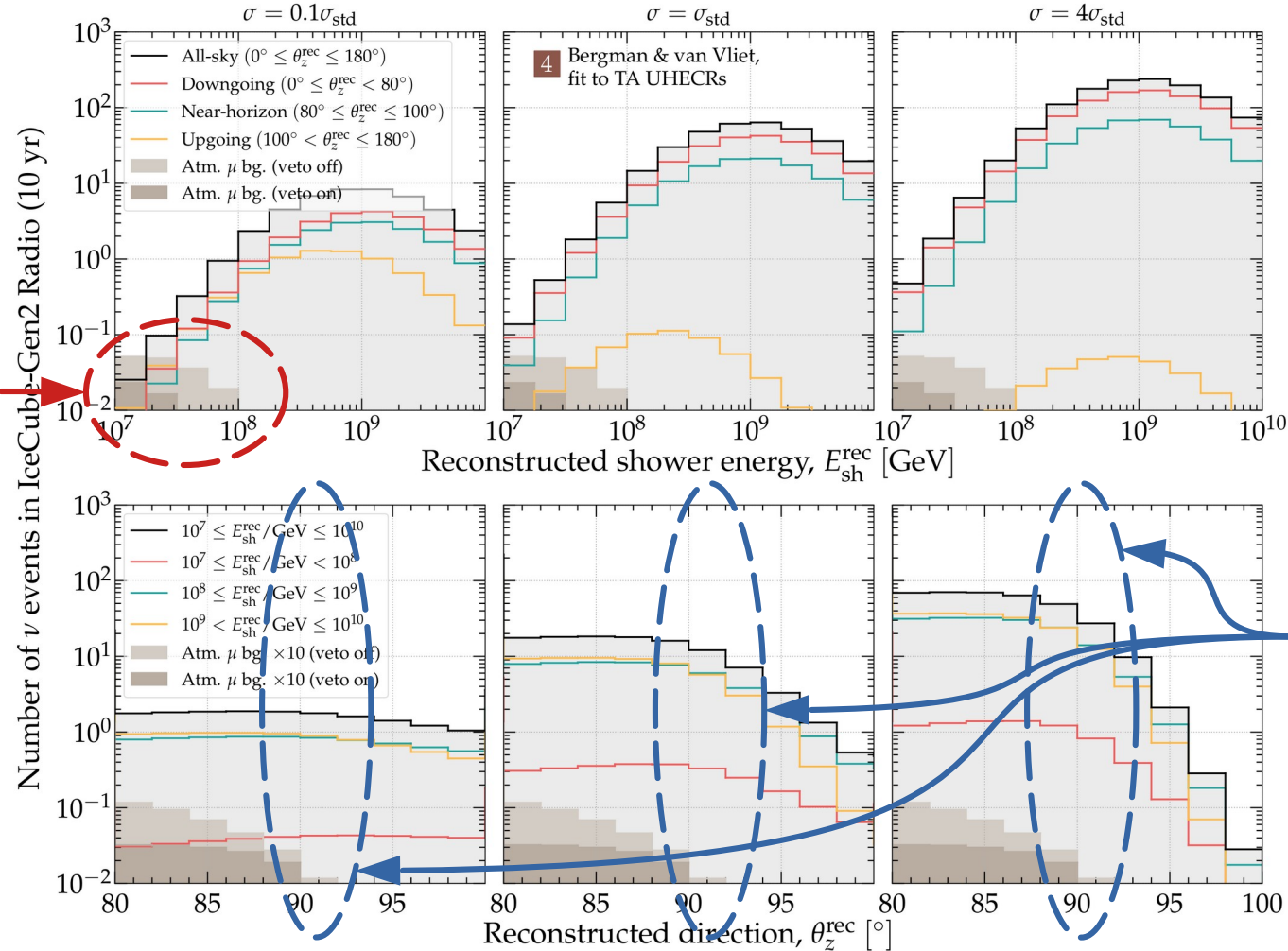
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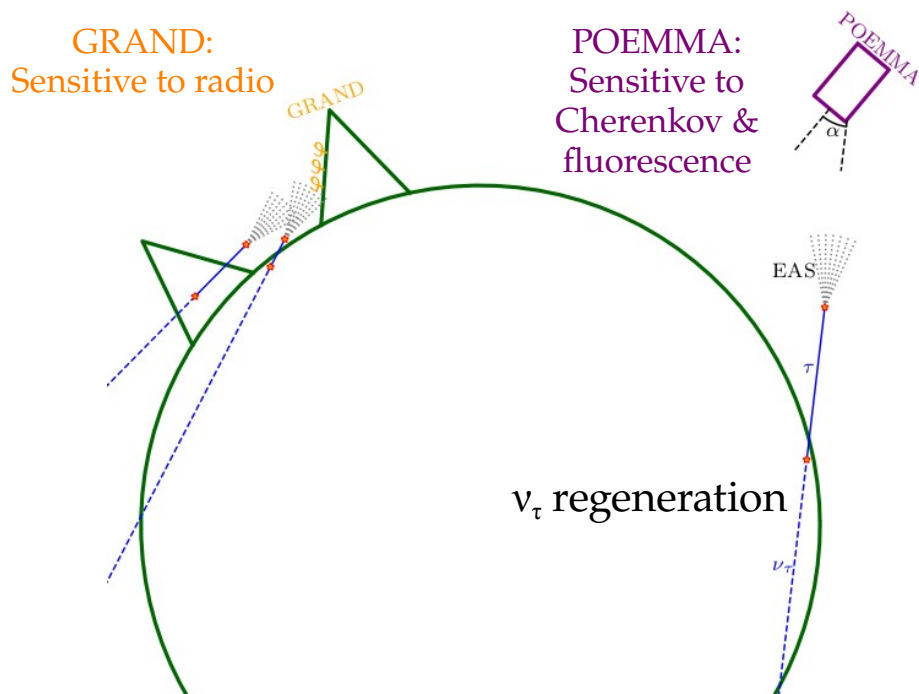
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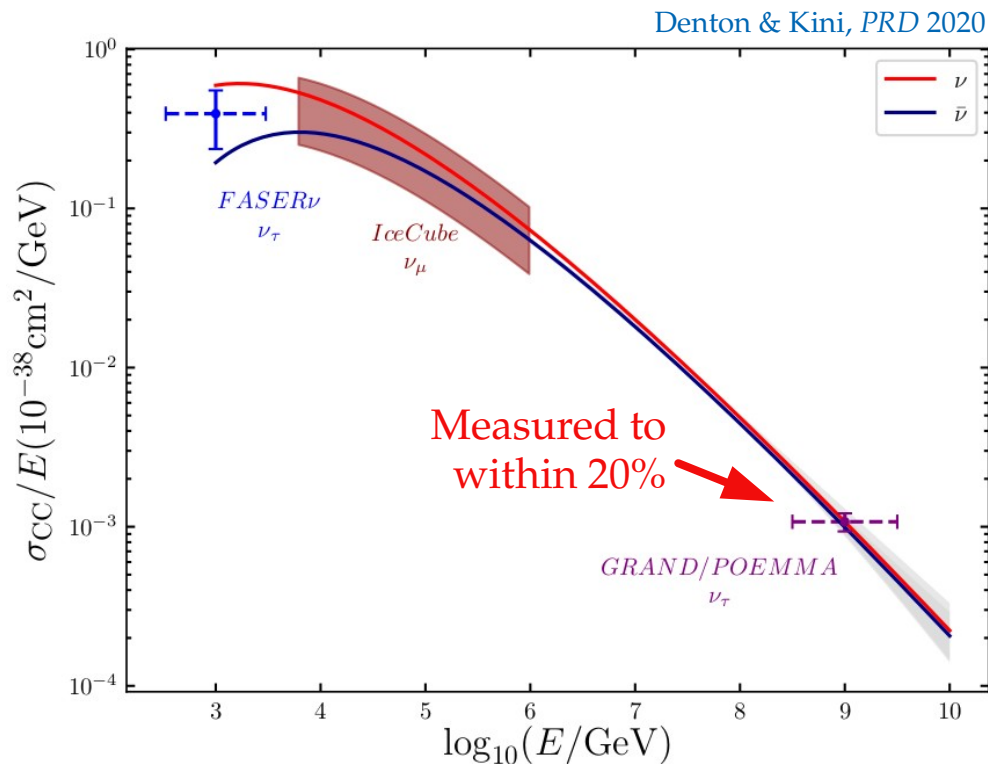
Sensitivity to cross section comes from horizontal neutrinos

GRAND & POEMMA

Both sensitive to extensive air showers induced by Earth-skimming UHE ν_τ



If they see 100 events from ν_τ with initial energy of 10^9 GeV (pre-attenuation):



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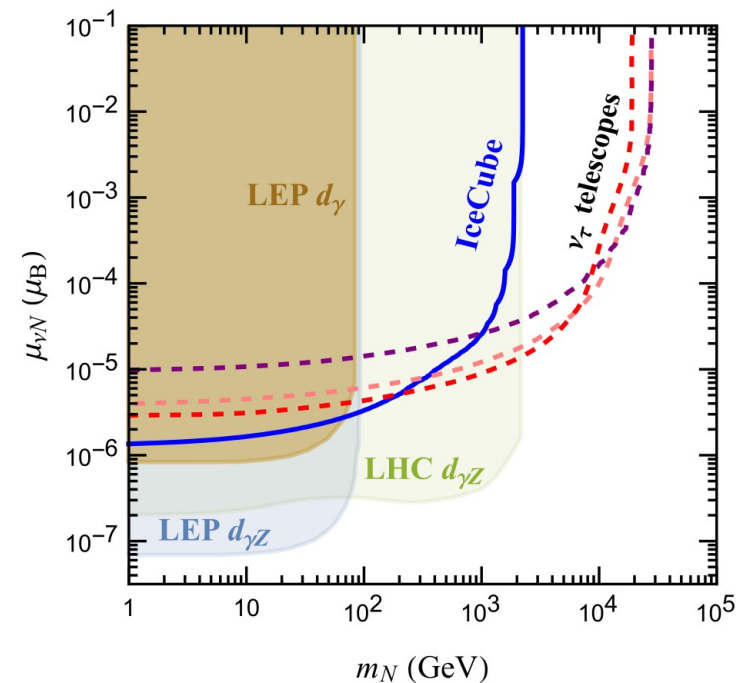
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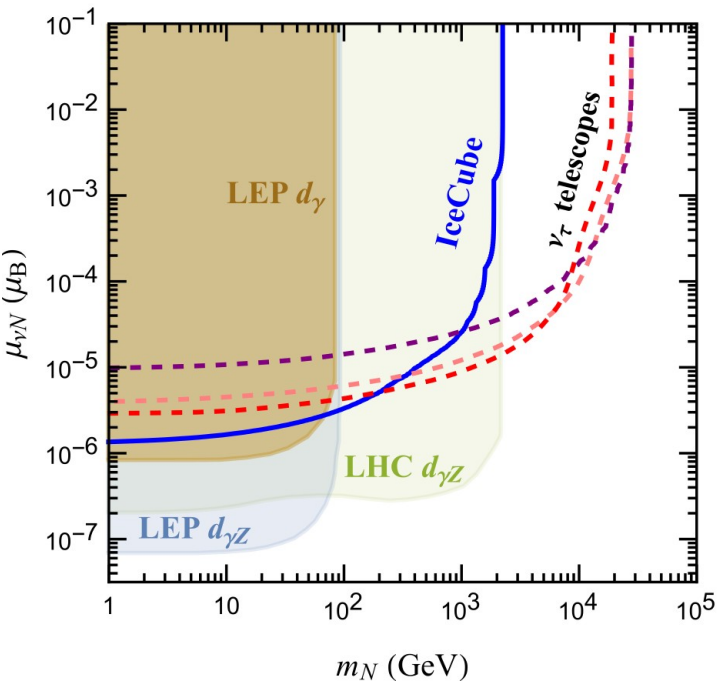
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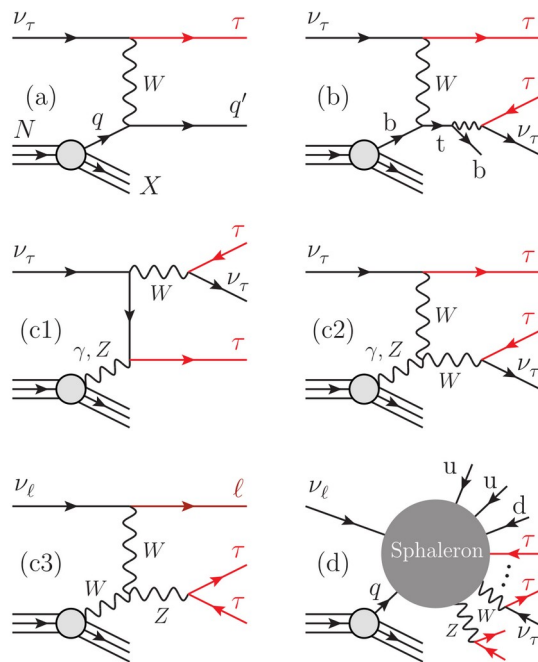


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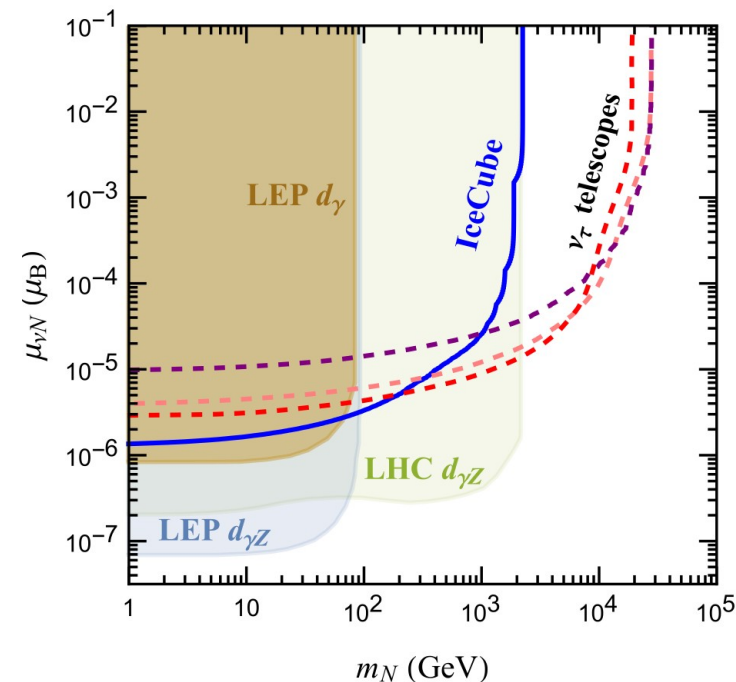
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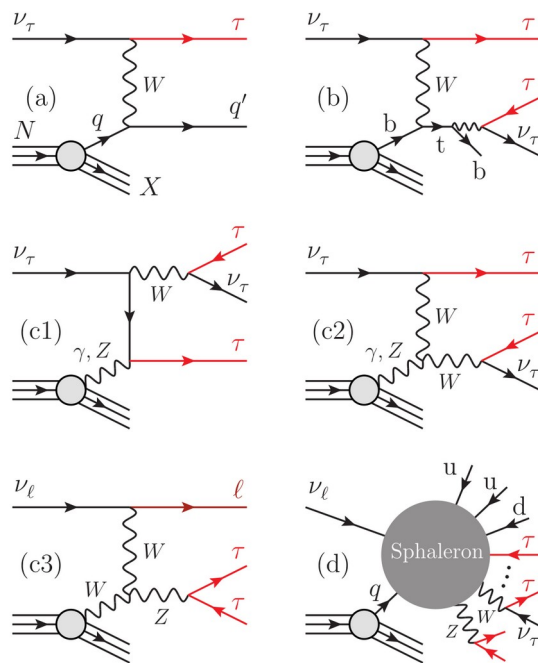
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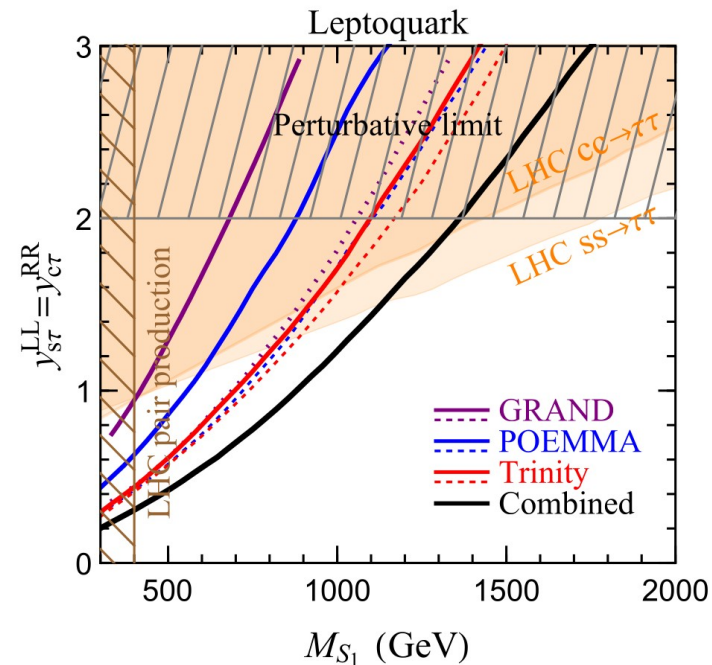
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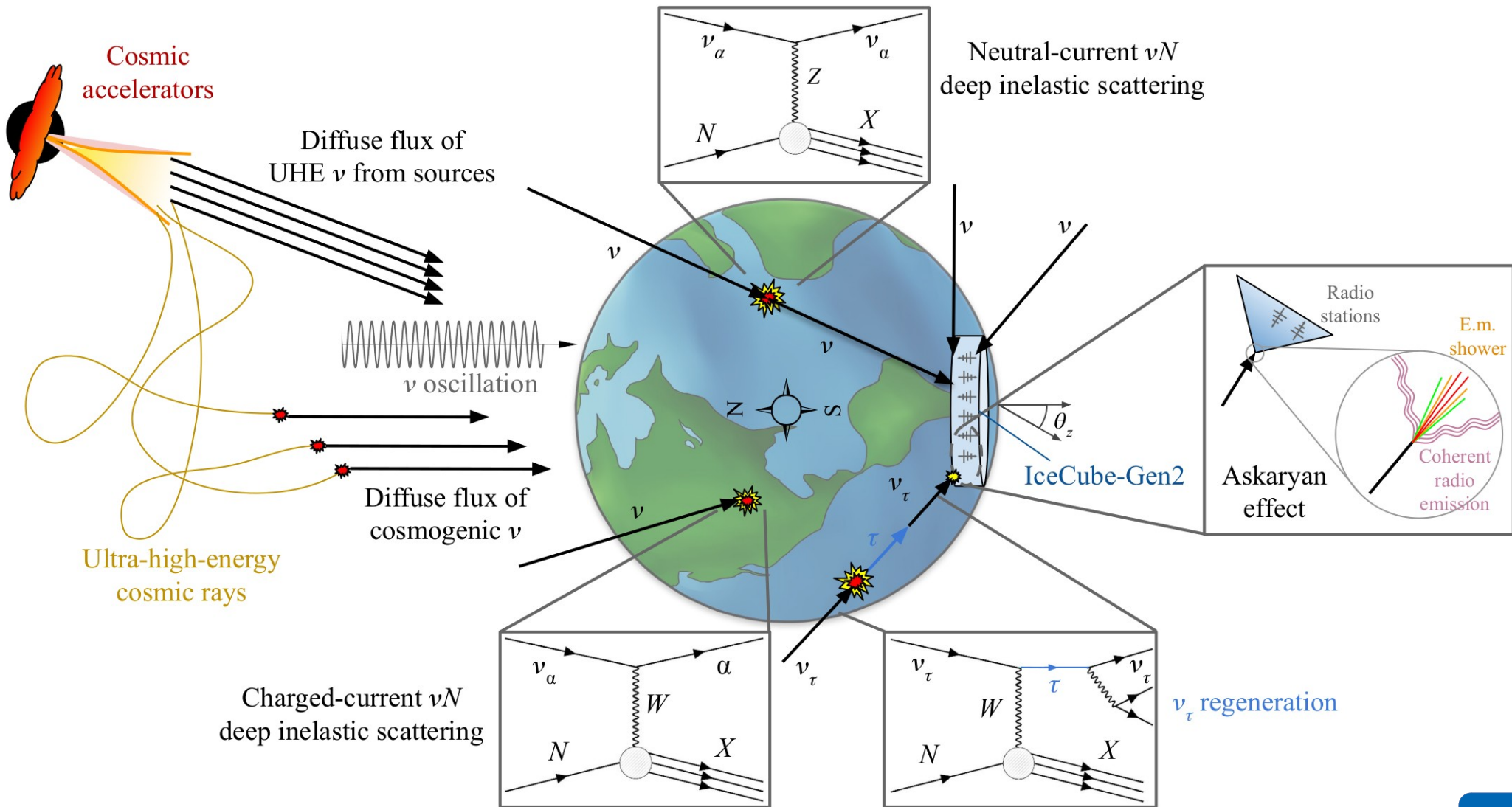


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Leptoquarks,
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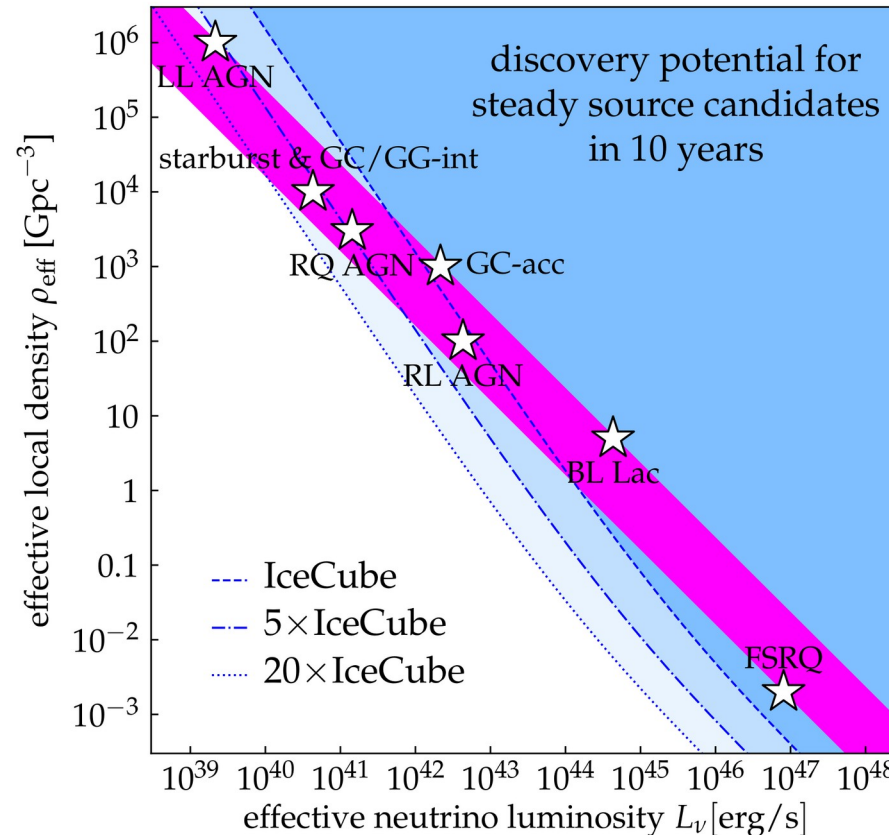
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Source discovery potential: today and in the future

■ Accounts for the observed diffuse ν flux (lower/upper edge: rapid/no redshift evolution)

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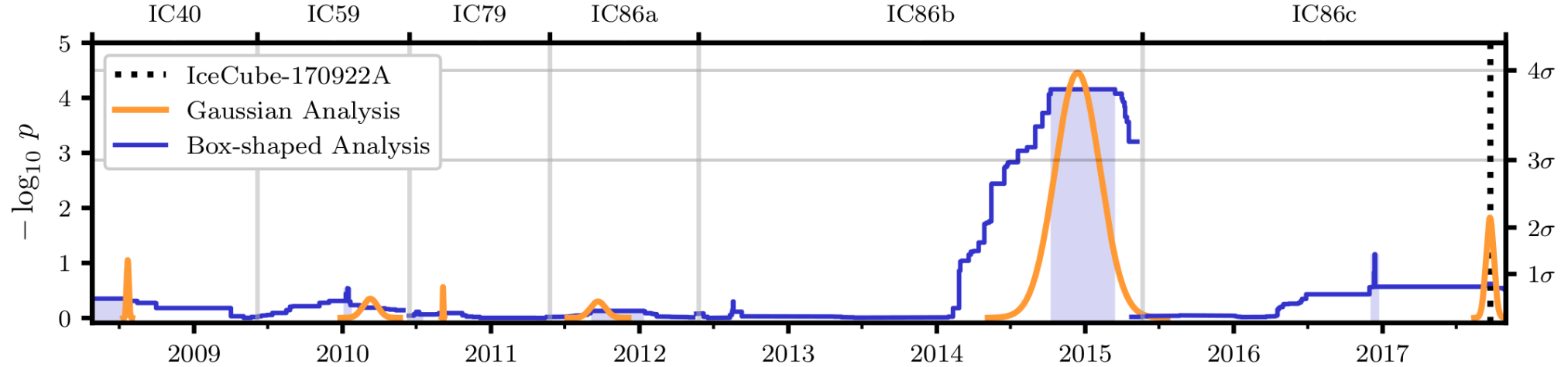


Many TeV–EeV
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in planning for
2020–2040

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KM3NeT	2021	TeV-PeV	Mediterranean	✓	✓		✓			✓			
Baikal-GVD	2021	TeV-PeV	Lake Baikal	✓	✓		✓			✓			
P-ONE	2020	TeV-PeV	Pacific Ocean	✓	✓		✓			✓			
IceCube-Gen2	2030+	TeV-EeV	South Pole	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓			
ARIANNA	2014	>30 PeV	Moore's Bay	✓		✓	✓			✓			
ARA	2011	>30 PeV	South Pole	✓		✓	✓			✓			
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ANITA	2008,2014,2016	EeV	Antarctica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
PUEO	2024	EeV	Antarctica	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
GRAND	2020	EeV	China / Worldwide	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
BEACON	2018	EeV	CA, USA/ Worldwide	✓		✓		✓	✓			✓	
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SKA	2029	>100 EeV	Australia	✓		✓			✓	✓			
Trinity	2022	PeV-EeV	Utah, USA	✓		✓		✓				✓	
POEMMA		>20 PeV	Satellite	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
EUSO-SPB	2022	EeV	New Zealand	✓		✓		✓					✓
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AugerPrime	2022	EeV	Argentina	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Telescope Array	2008	EeV	Utah, USA	✓	✓		✓			✓			
TAx4		EeV	Utah, USA	✓	✓								
TAMBO	2025-2026	PeV-EeV	Peru	✓		✓			✓		✓		

Operational		Date full operations began
Prototype		Date prototype operations began or begin
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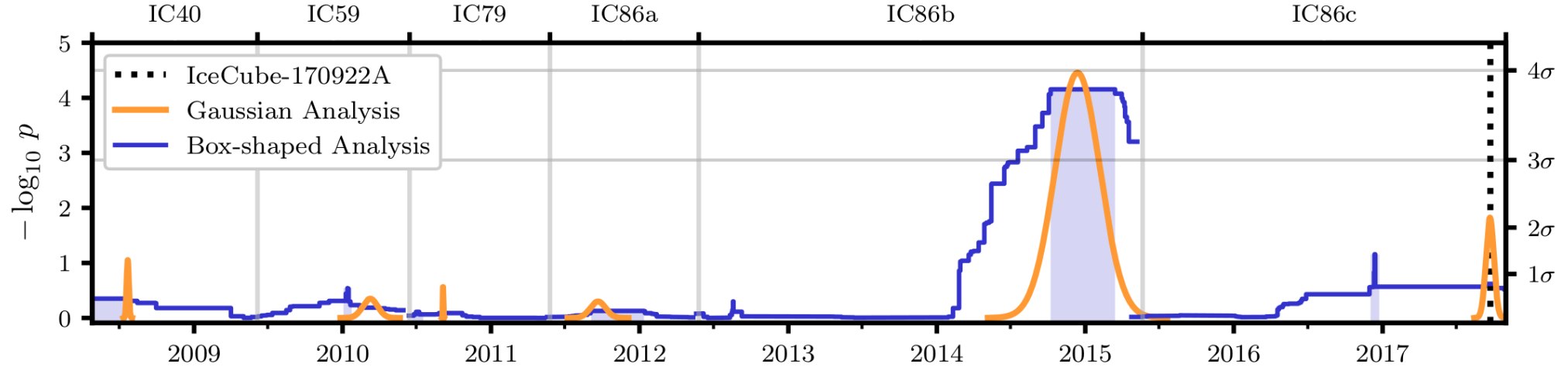
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Towards precision, finally

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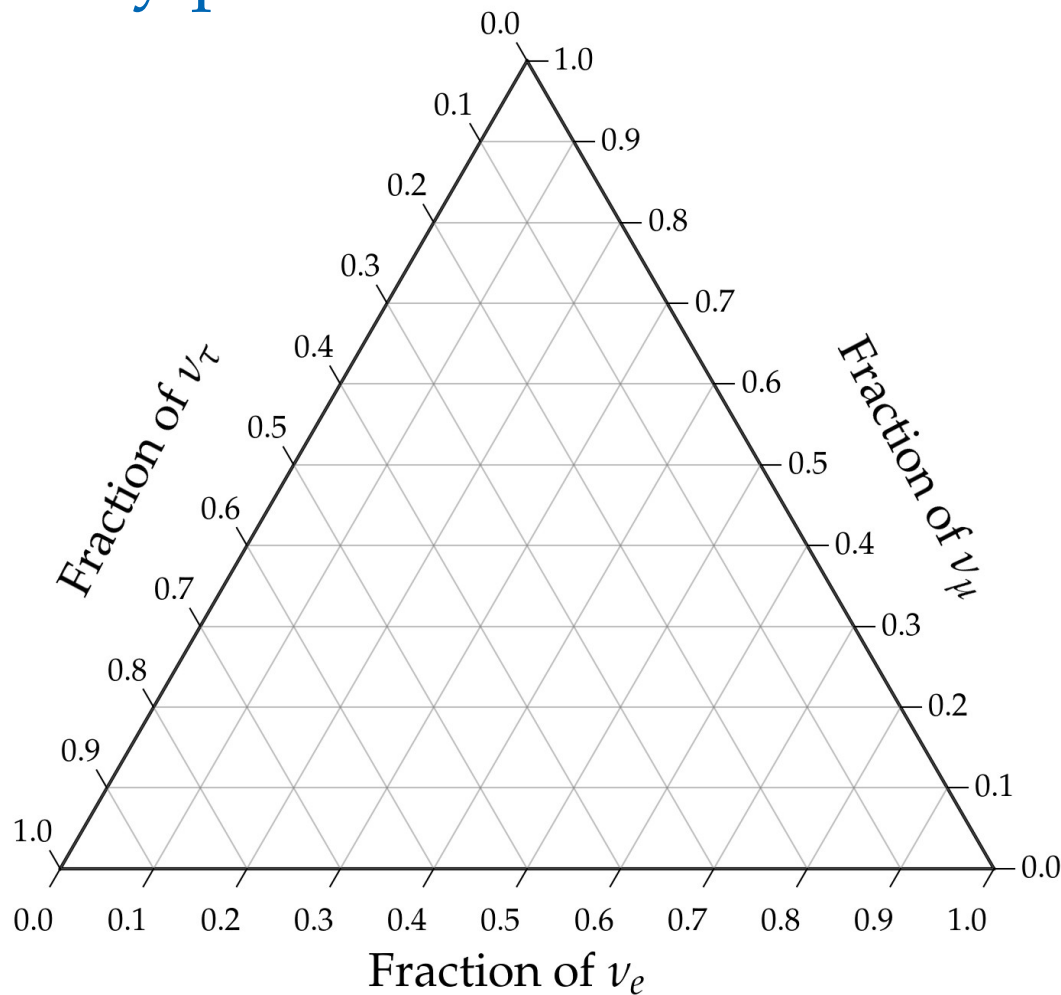
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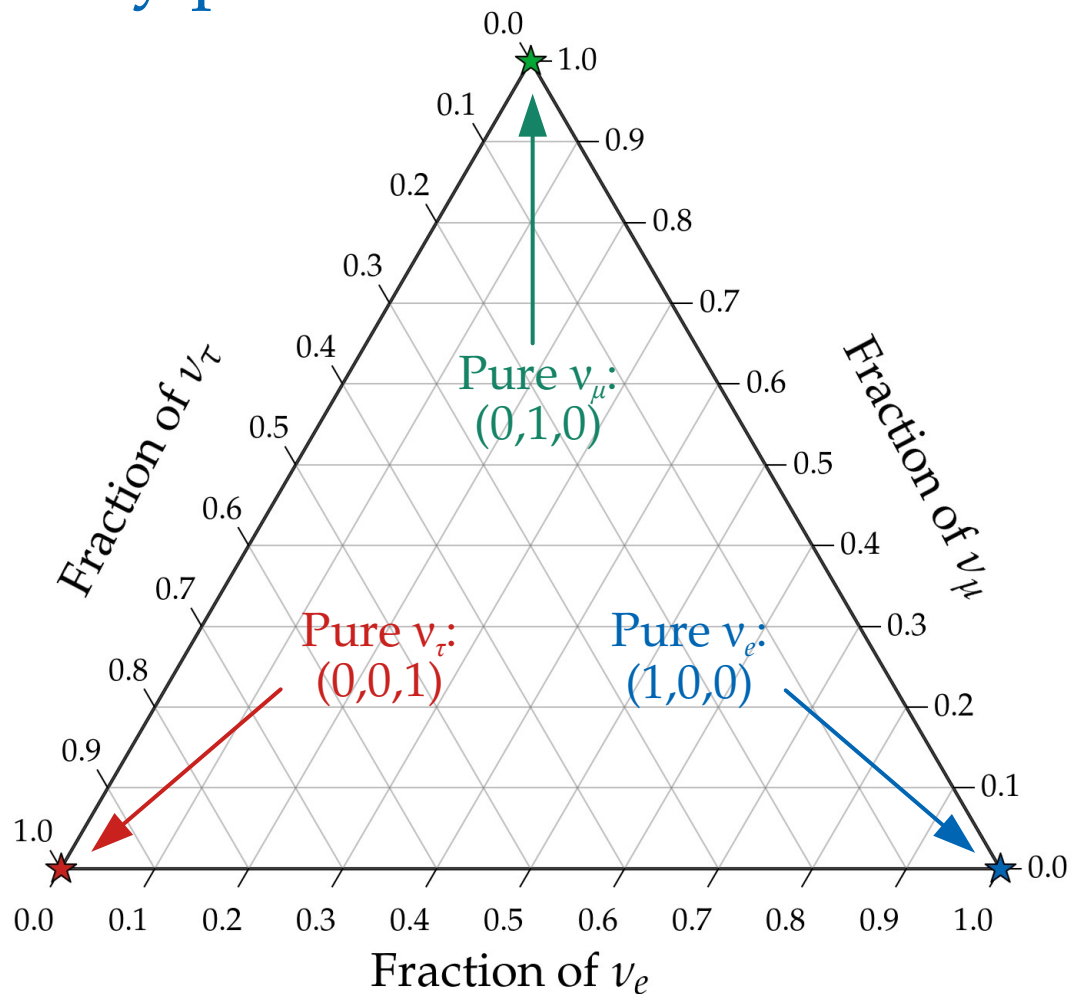
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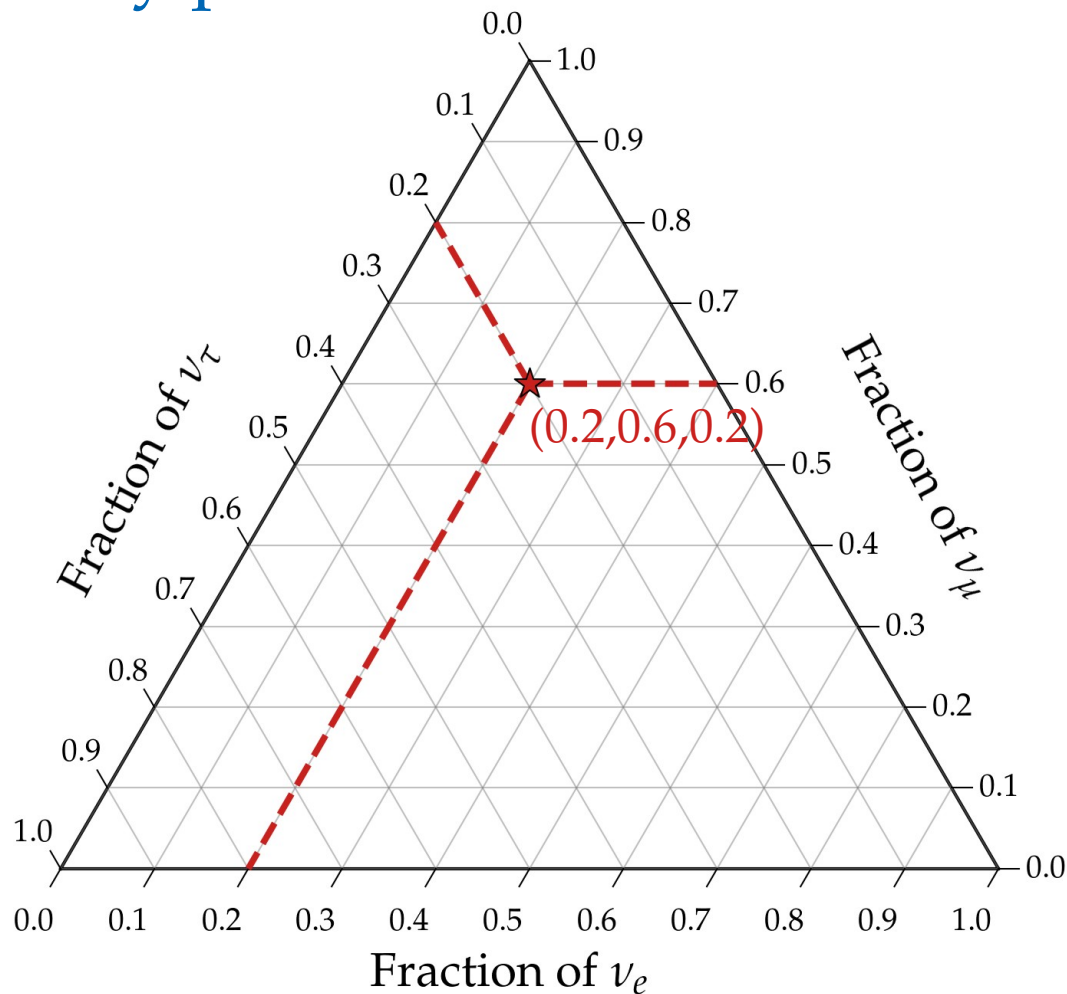
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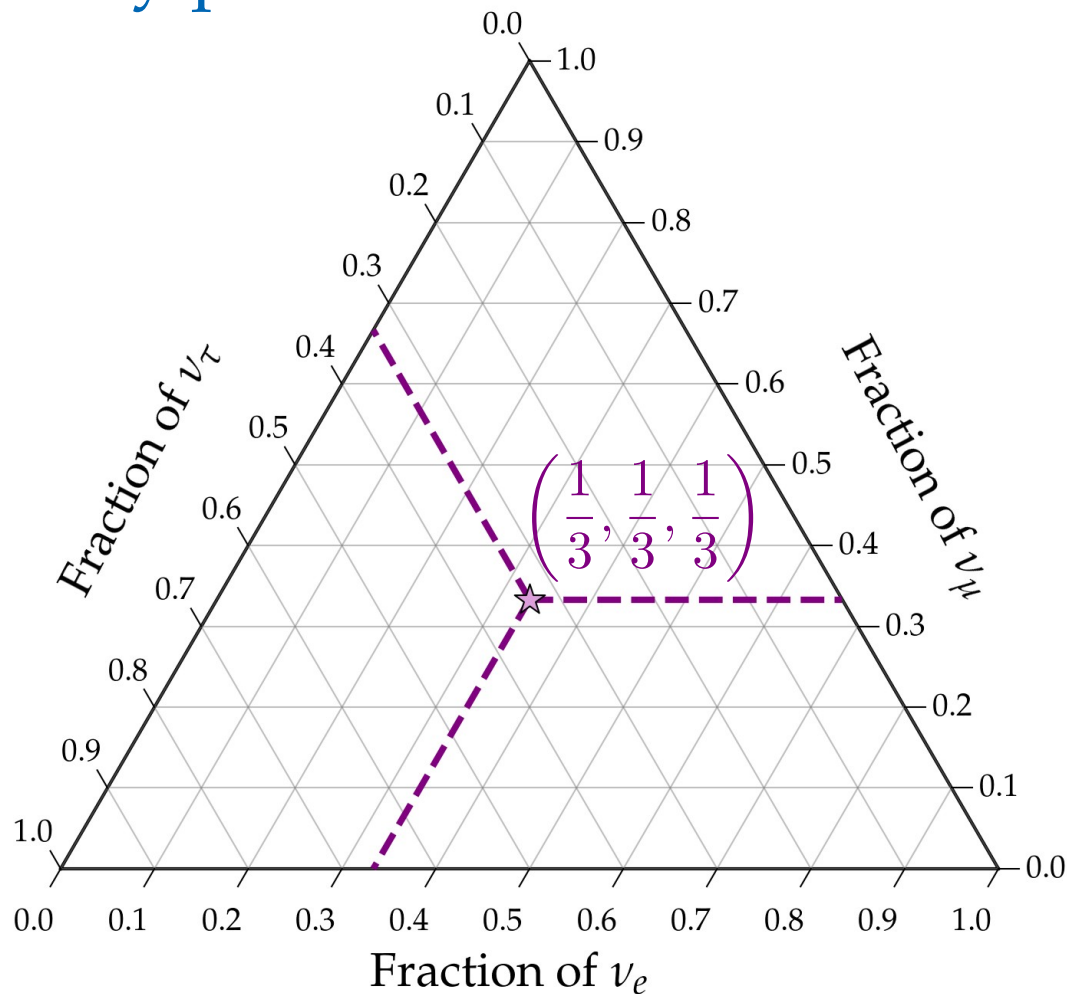
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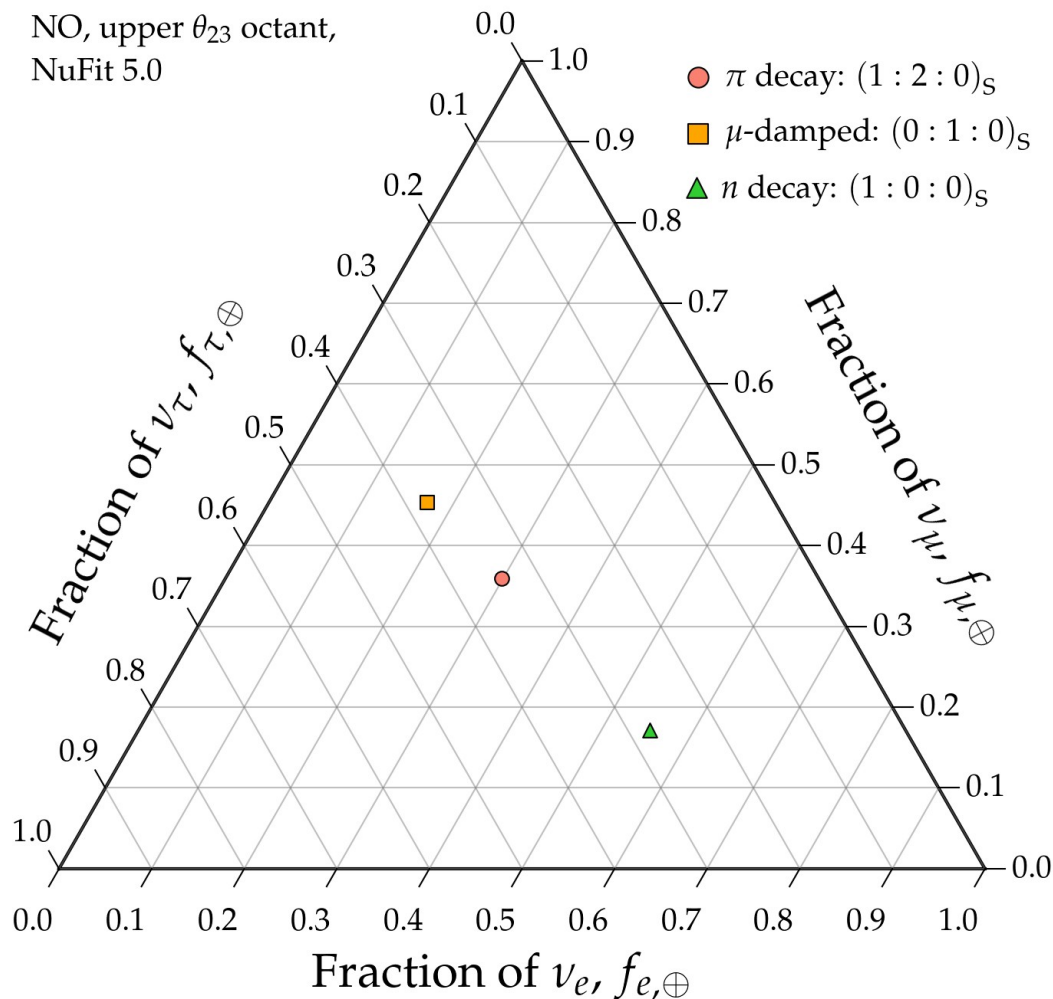
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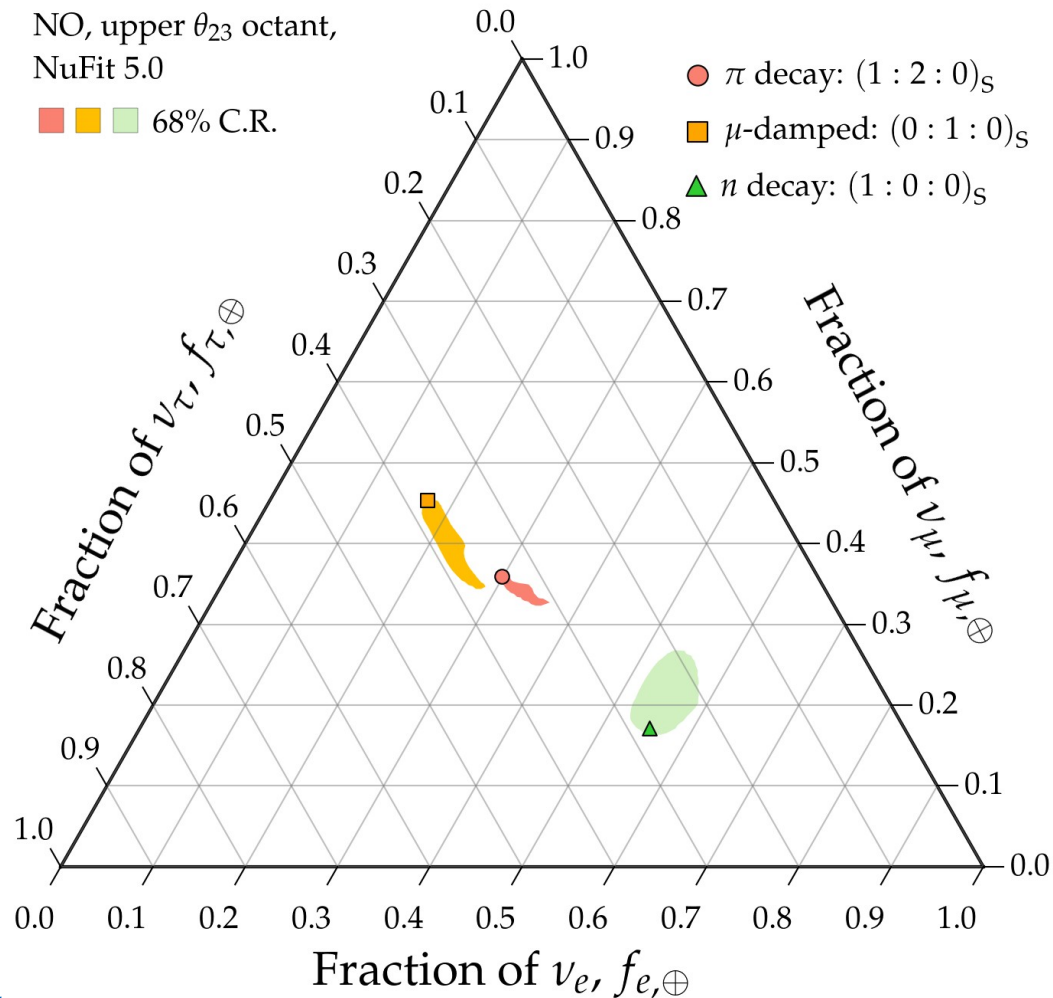
NO, upper θ_{23} octant,
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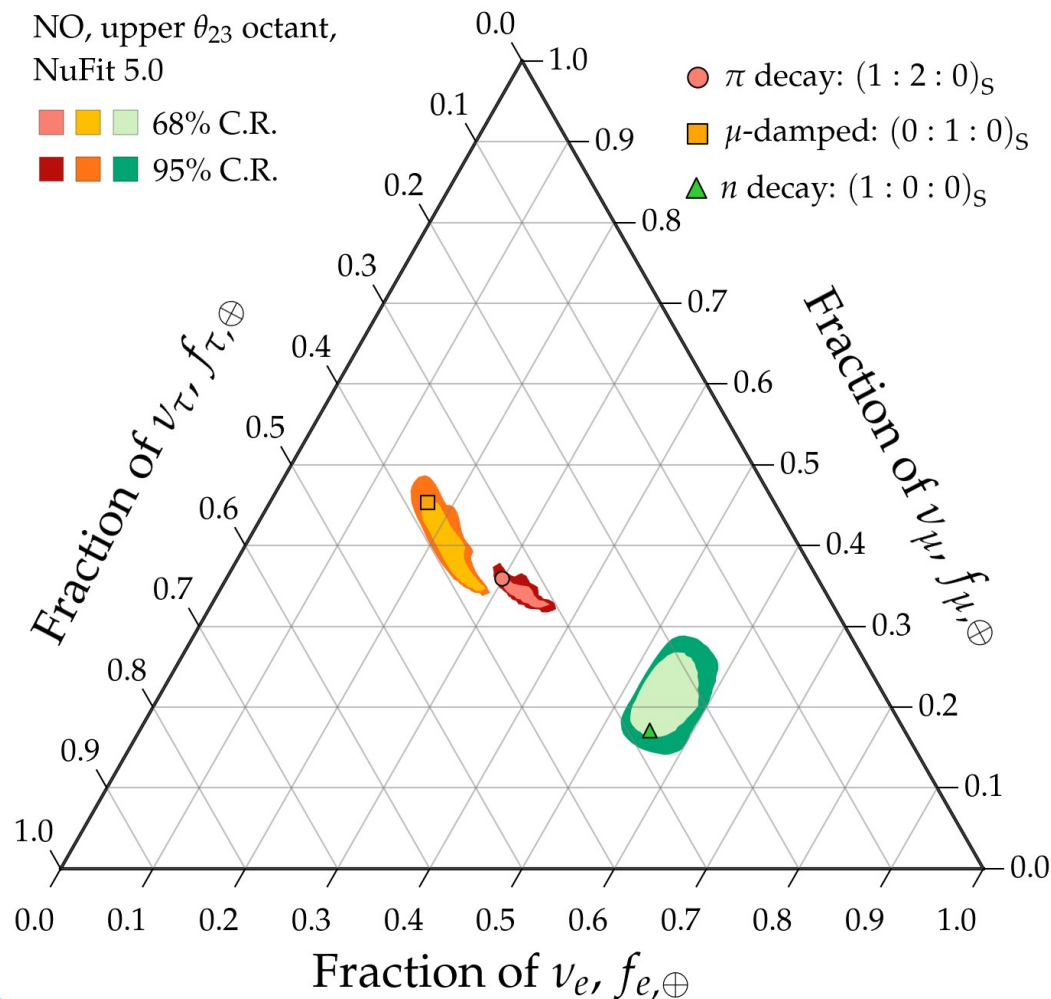
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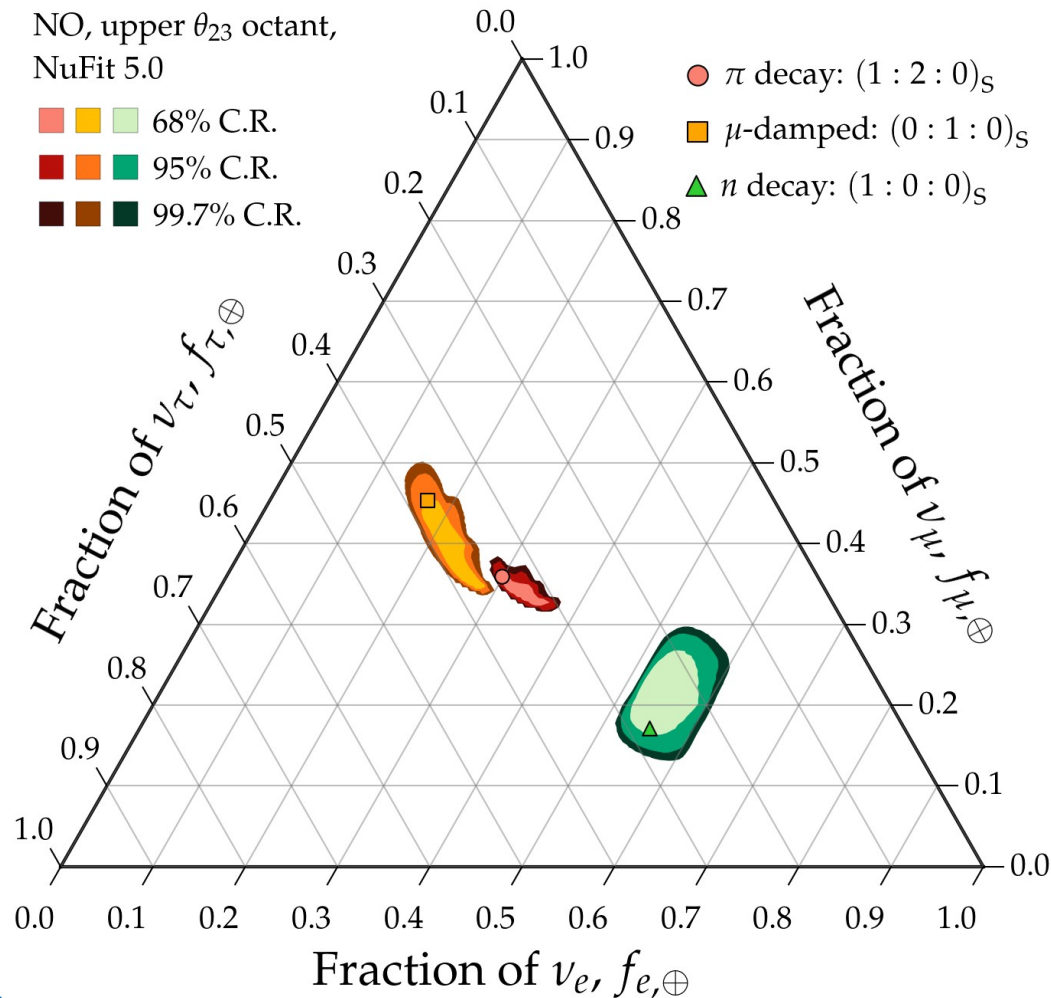
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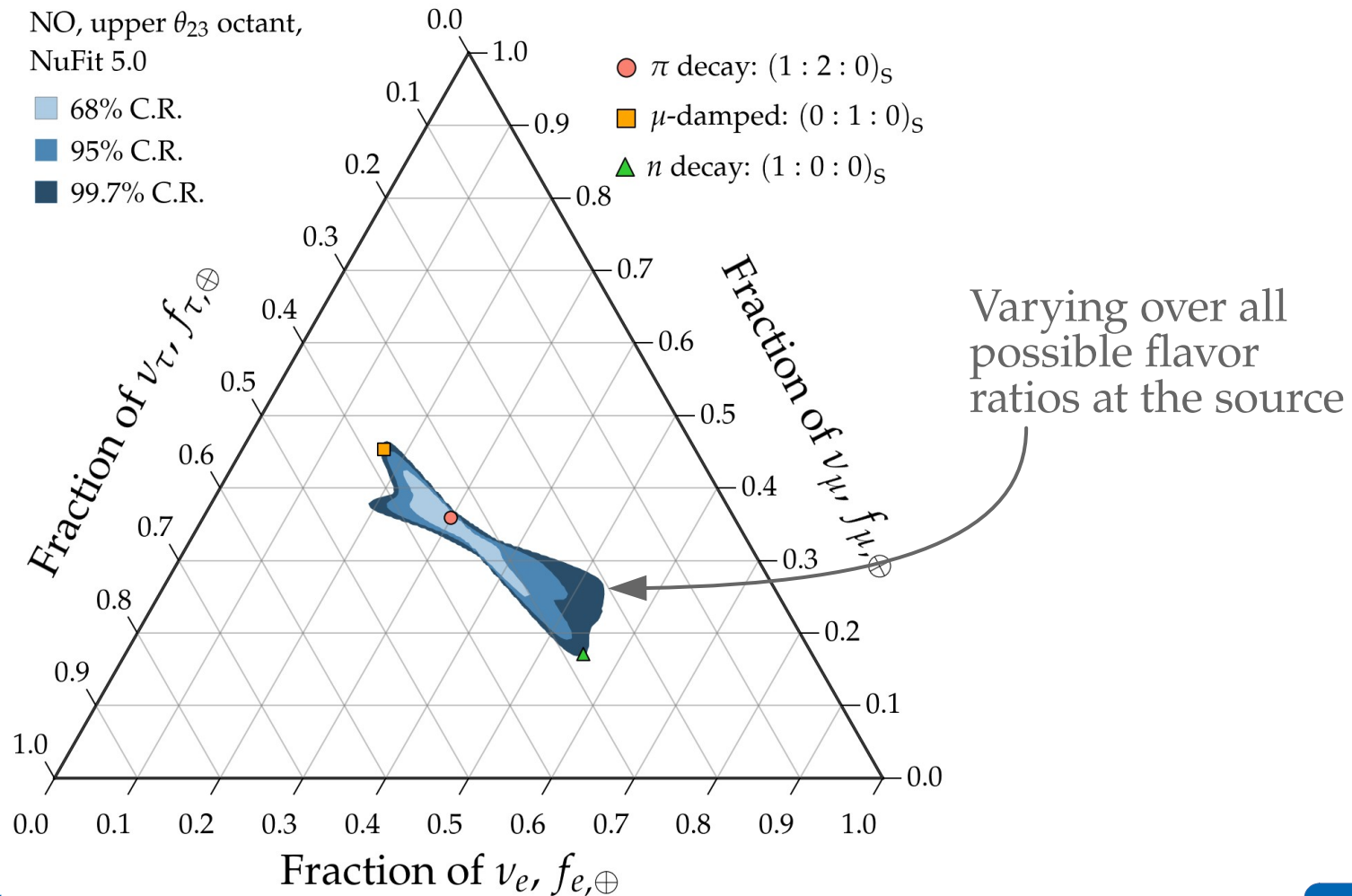
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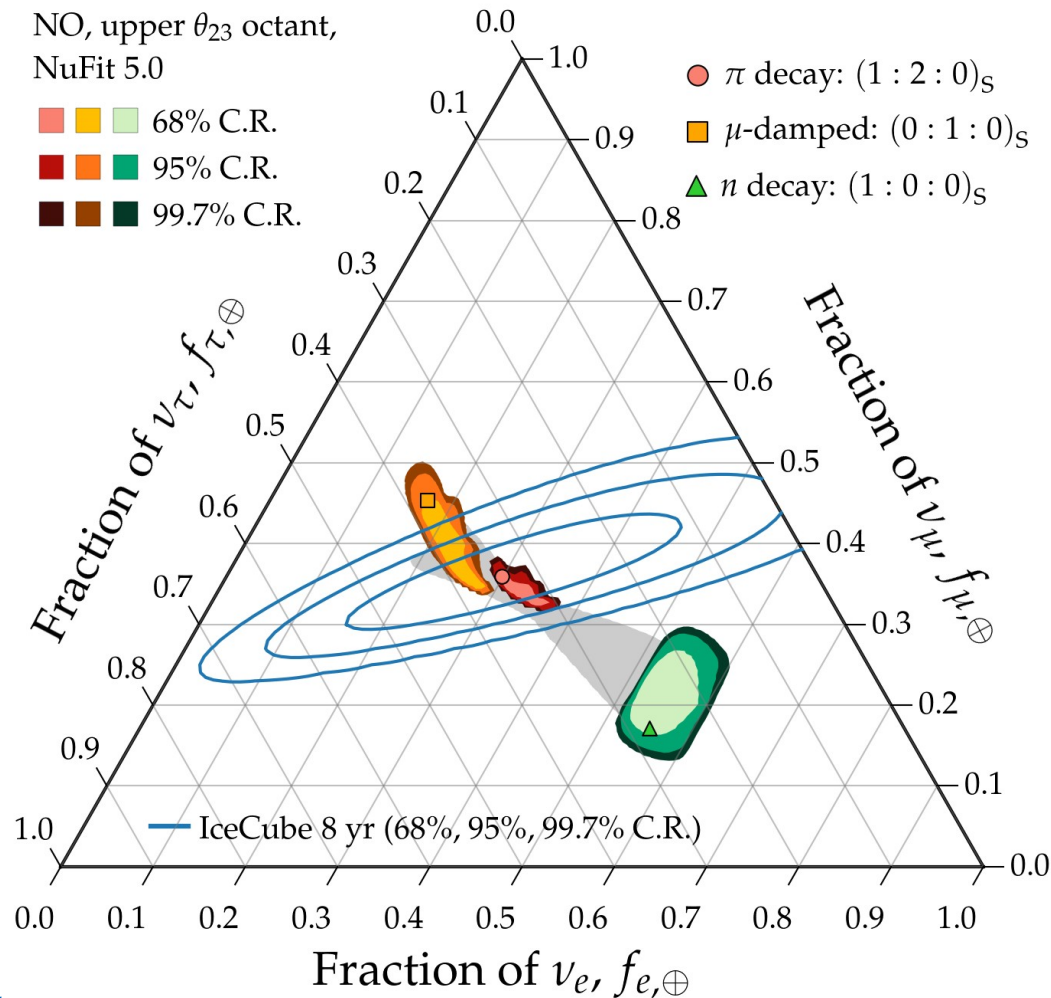
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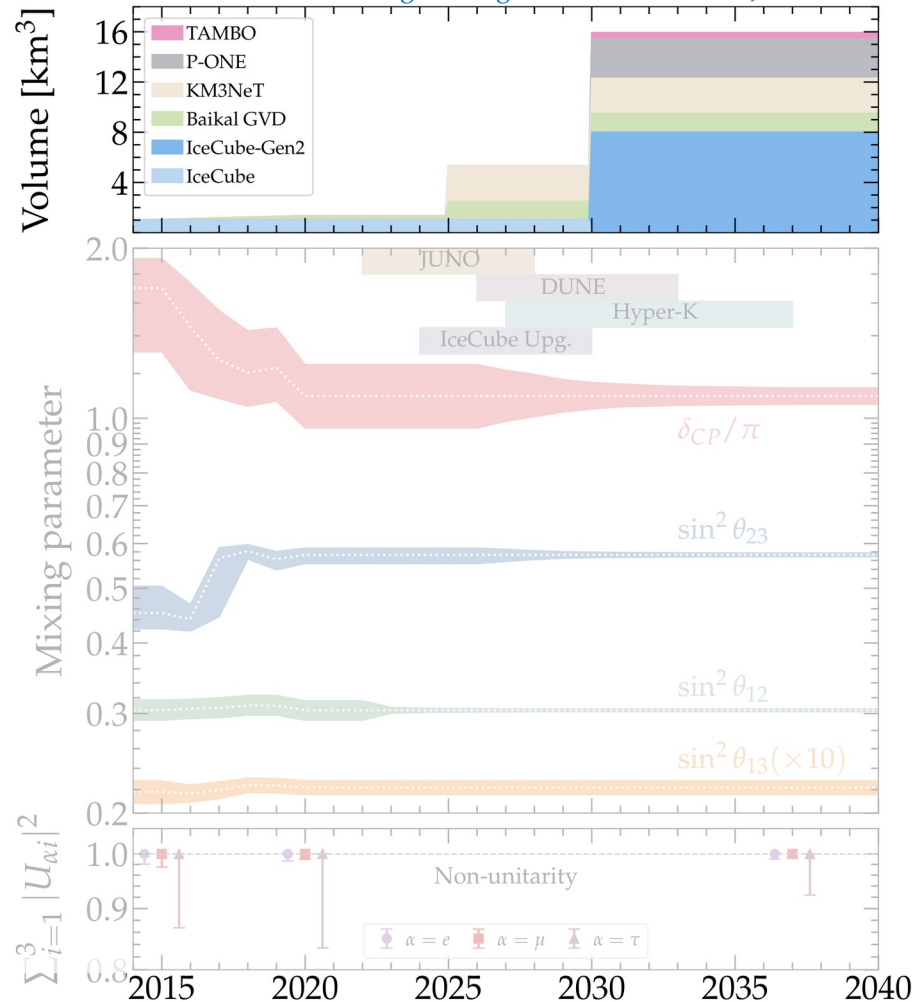


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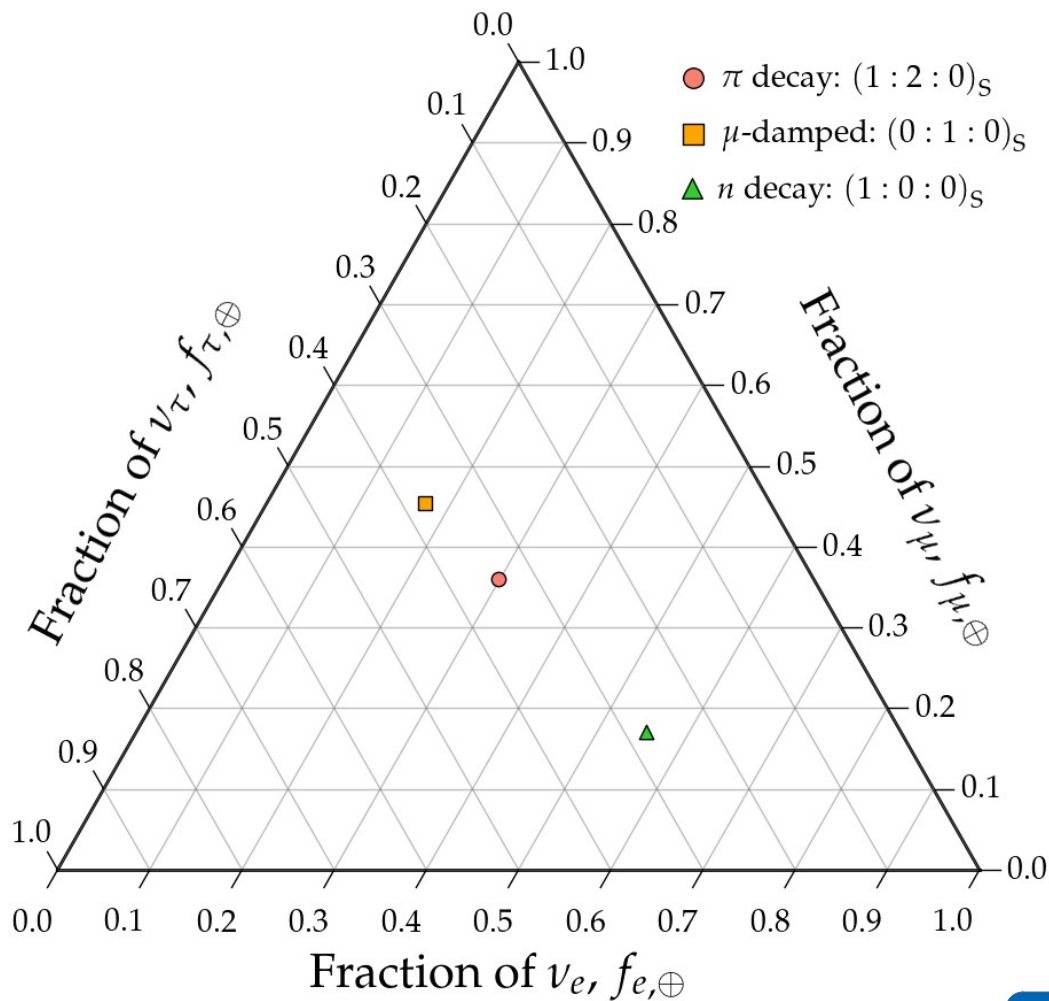
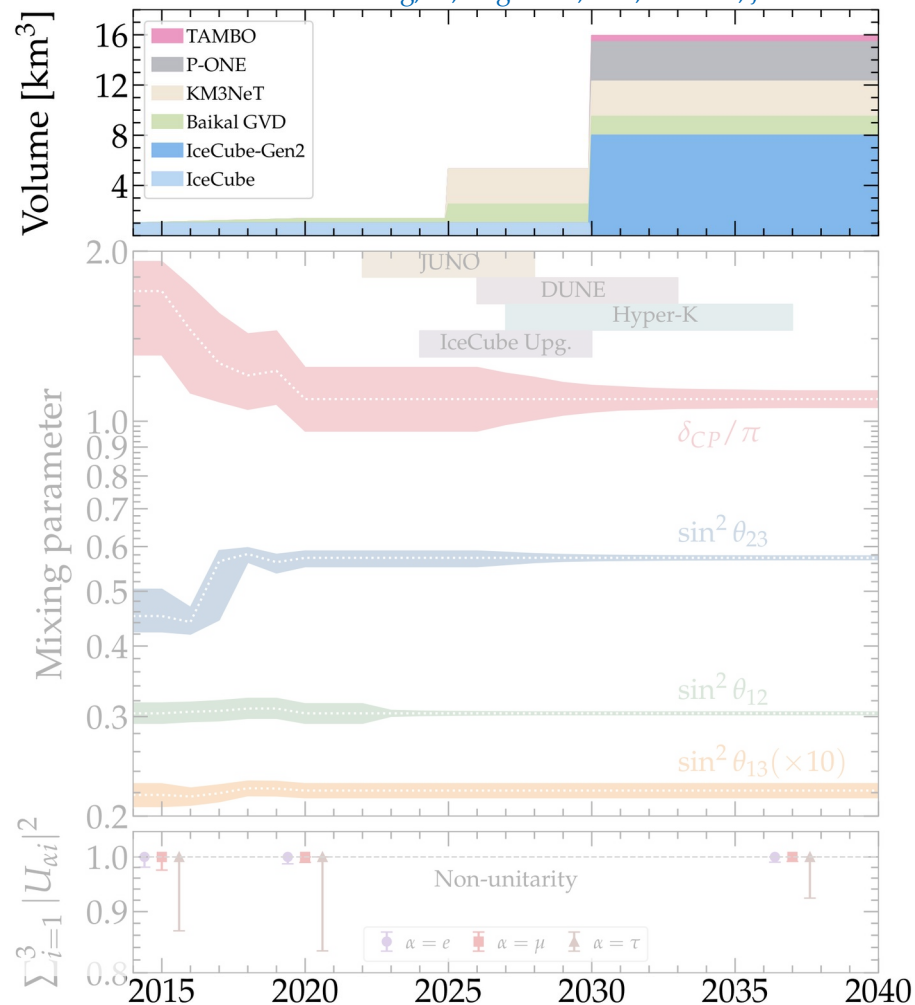
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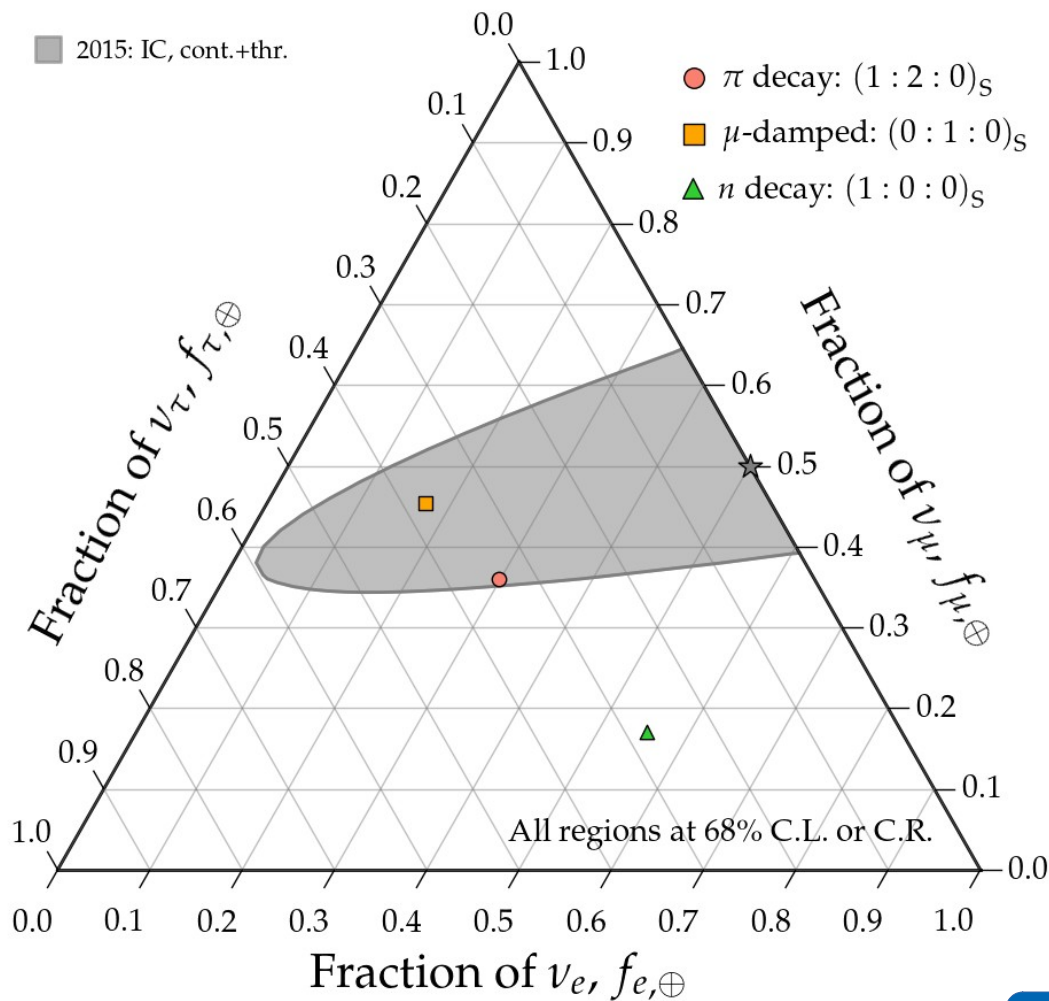
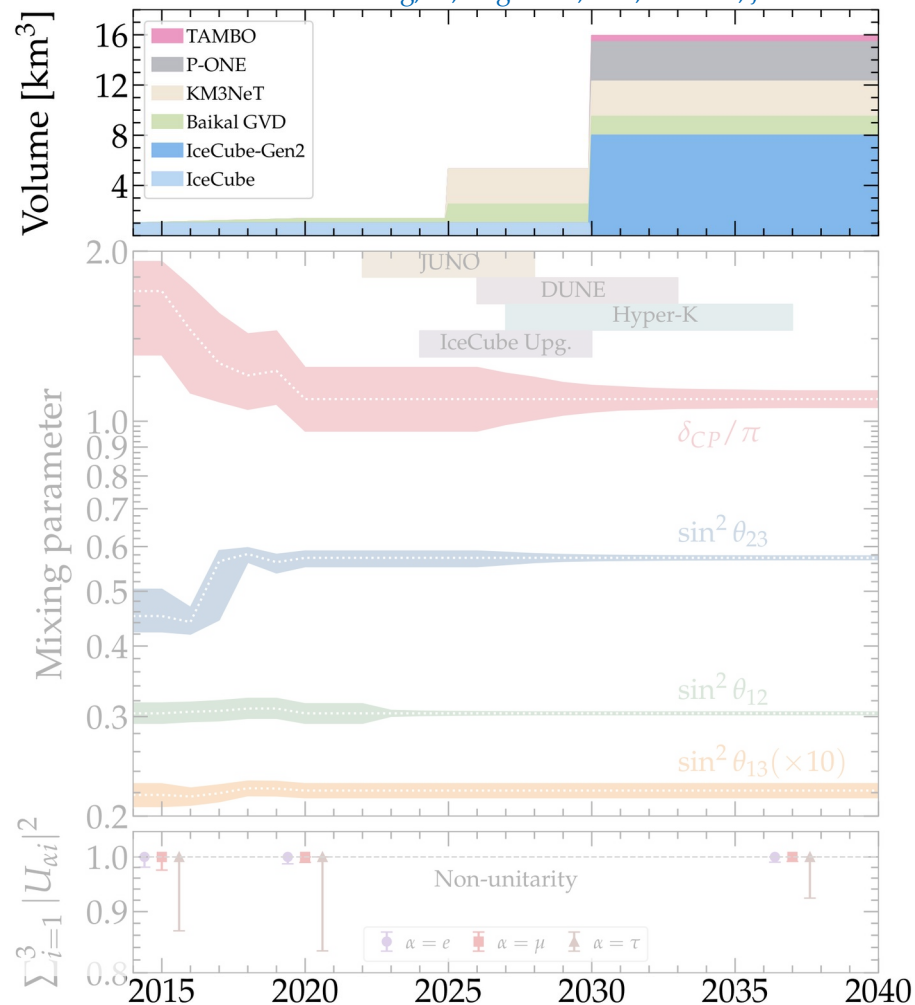
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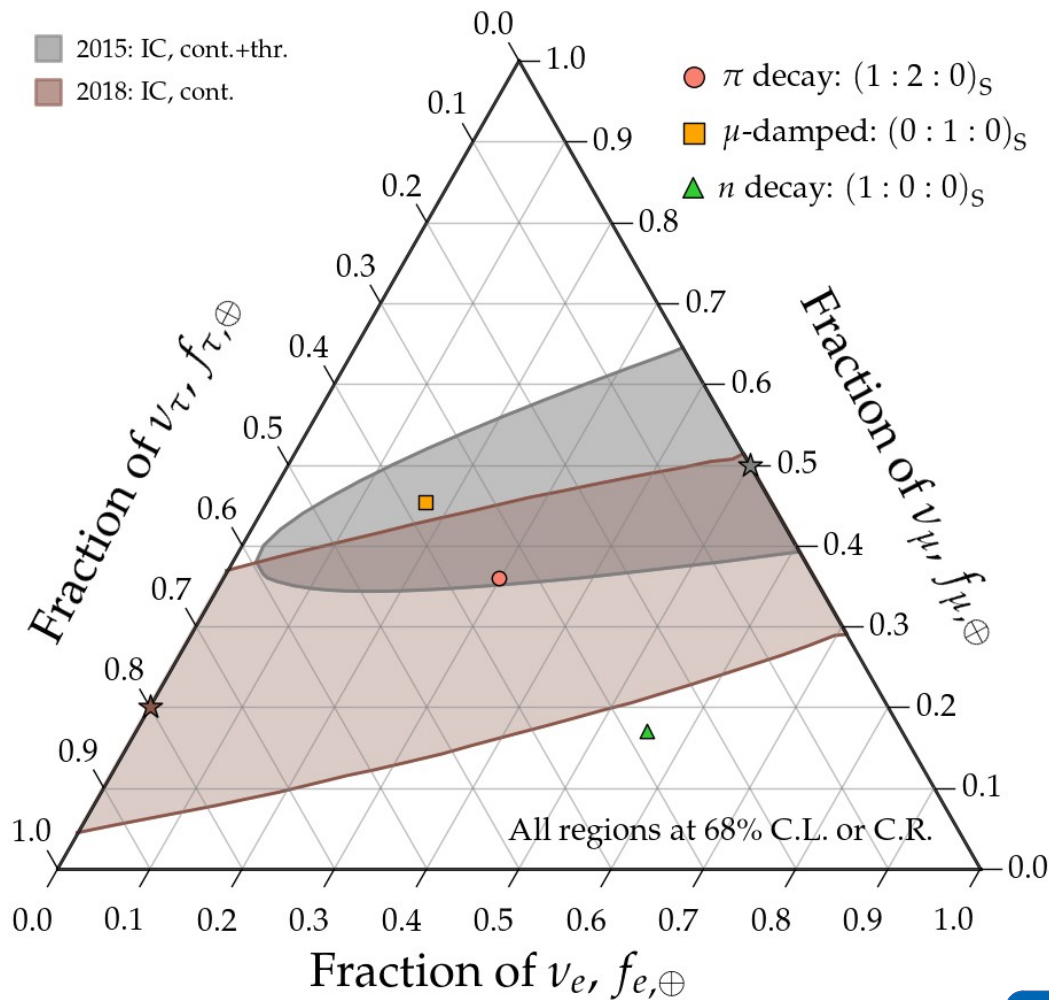
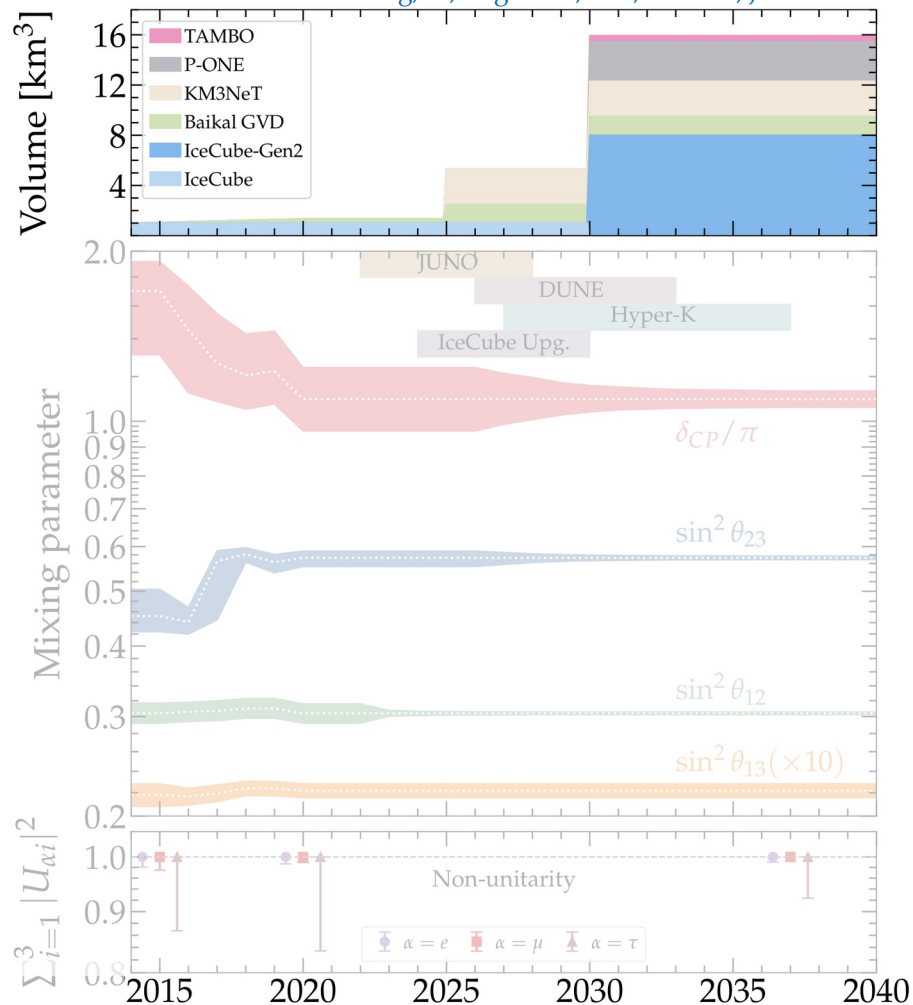
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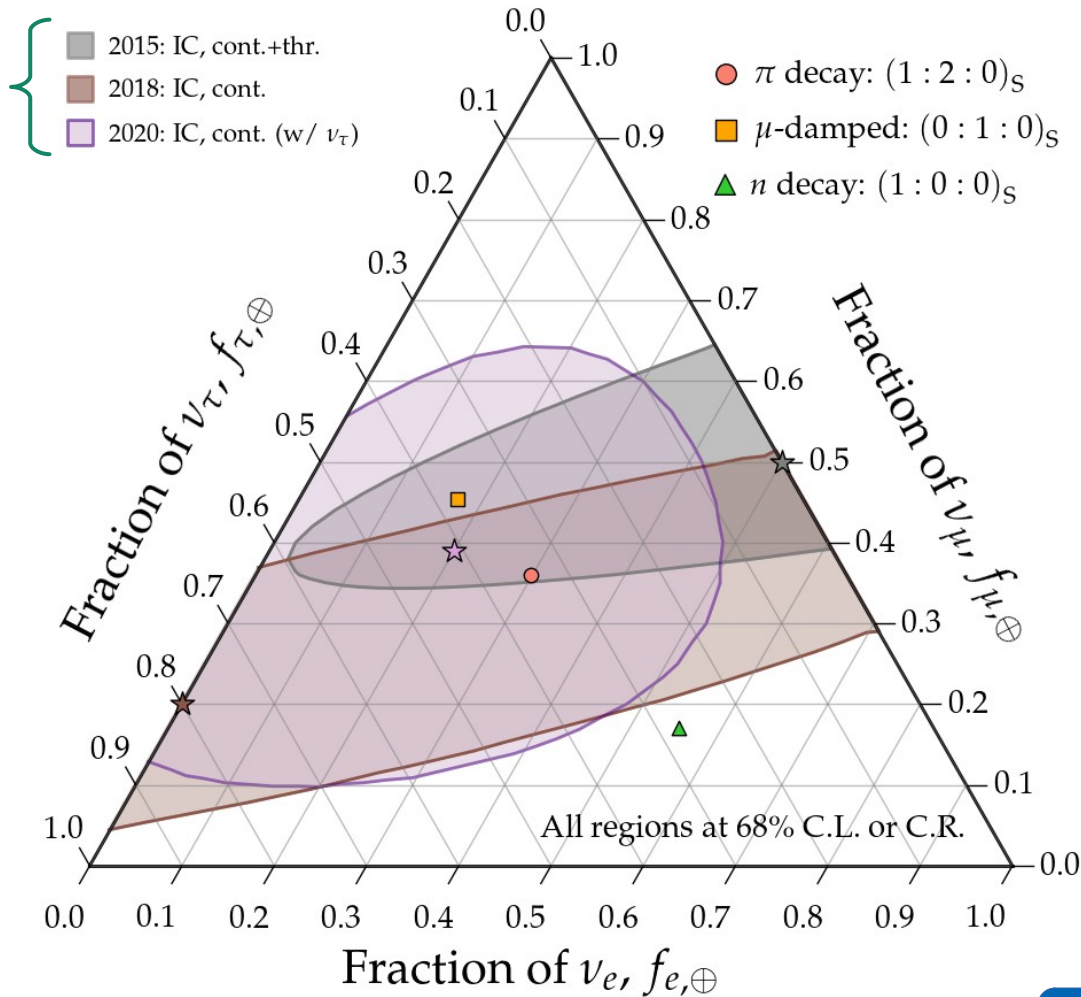
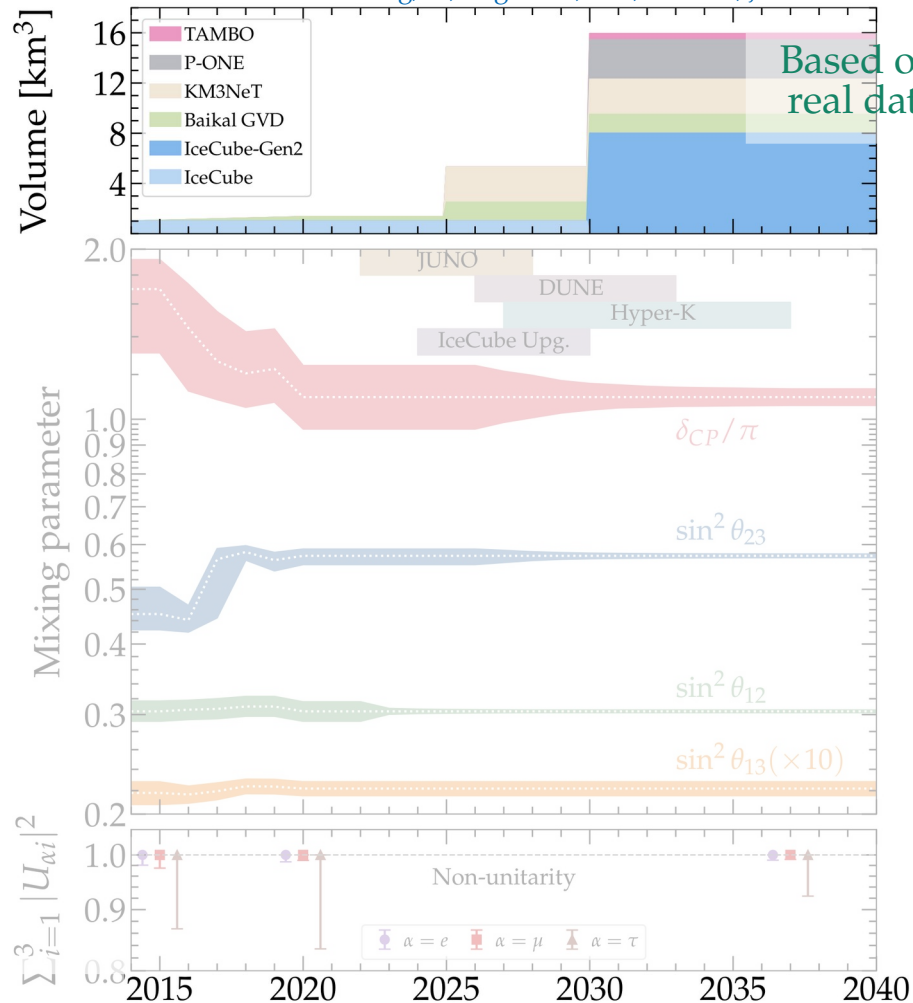
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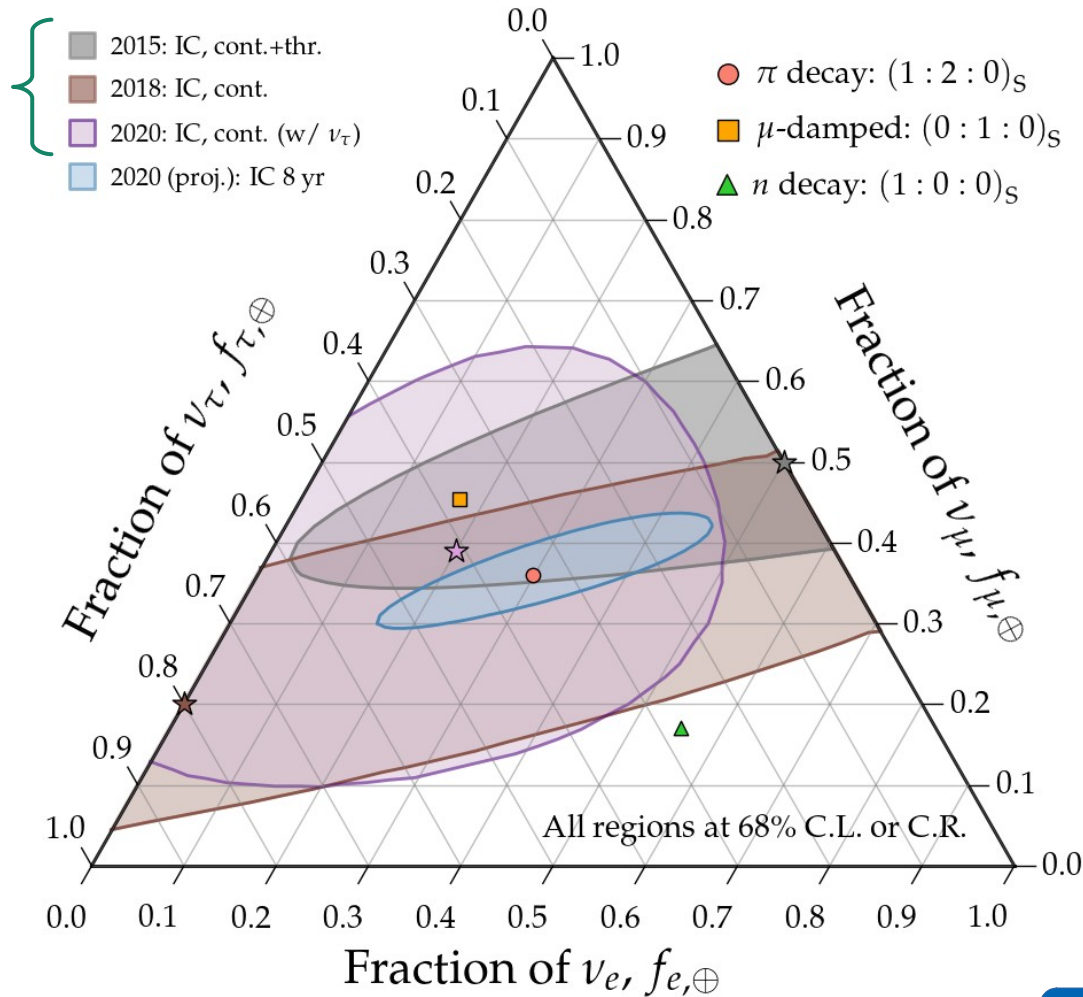
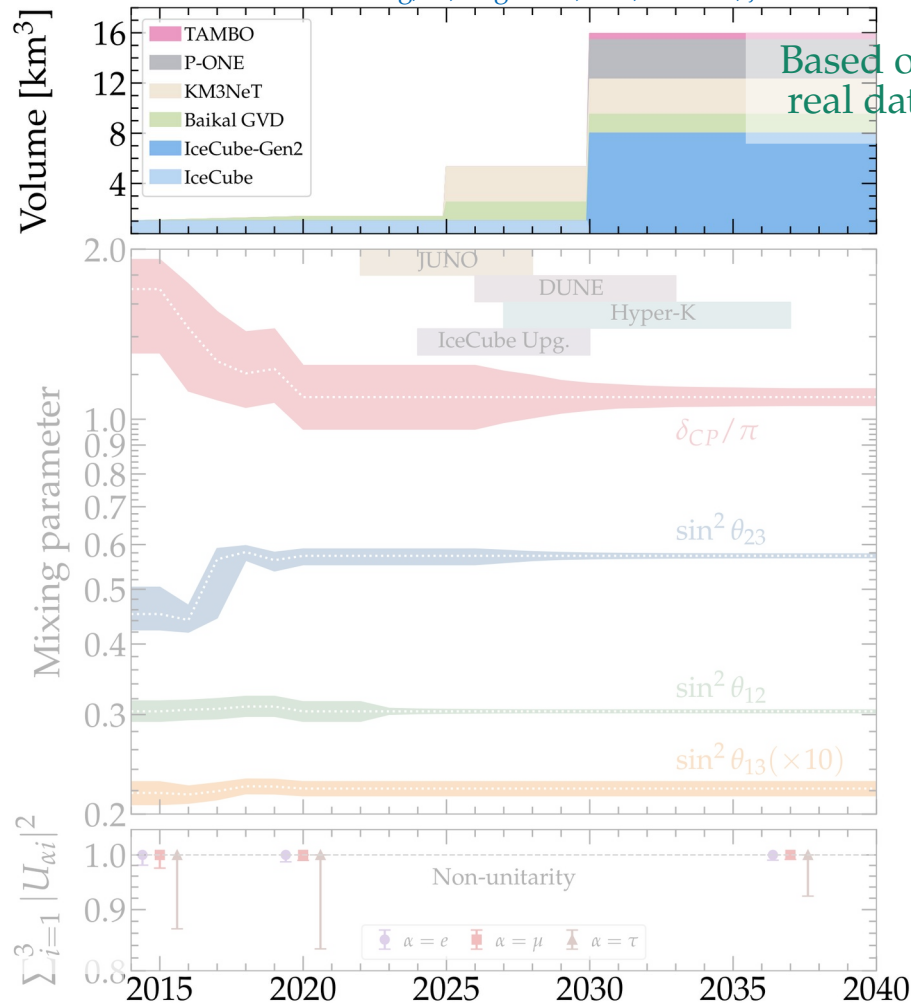
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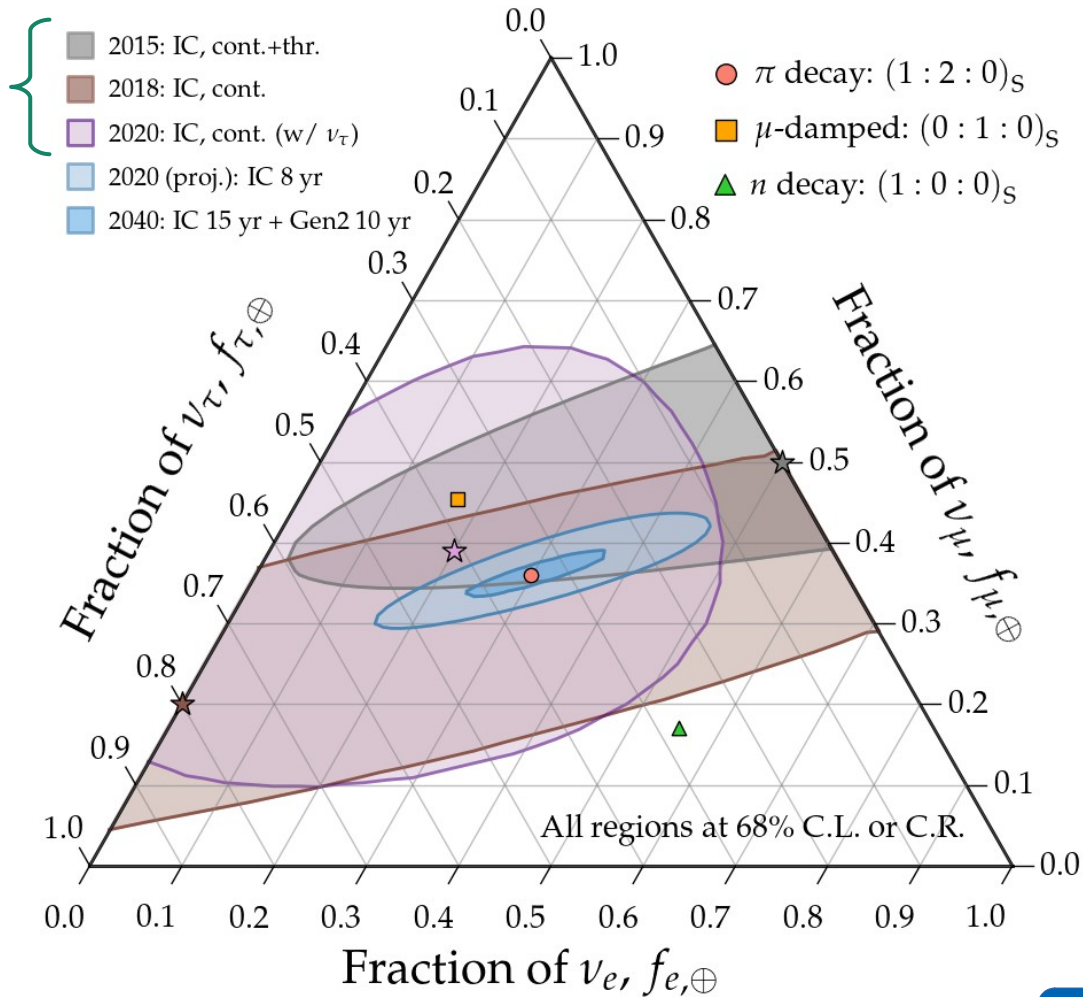
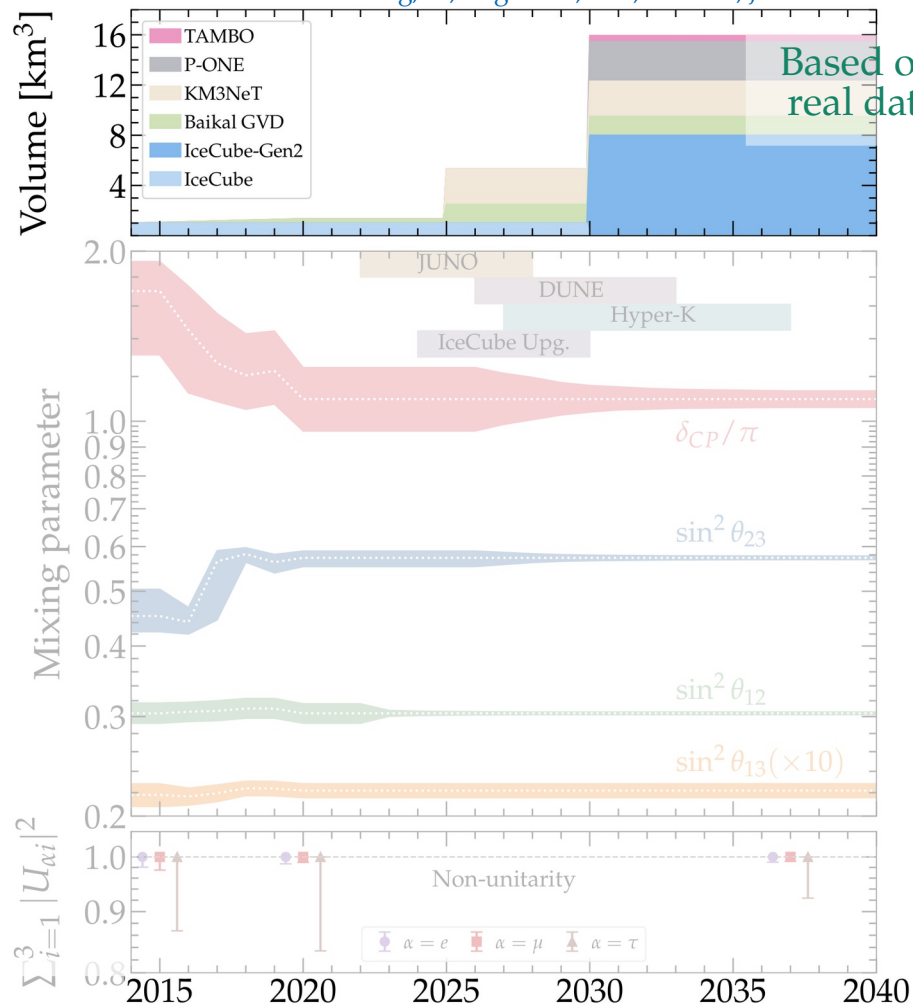
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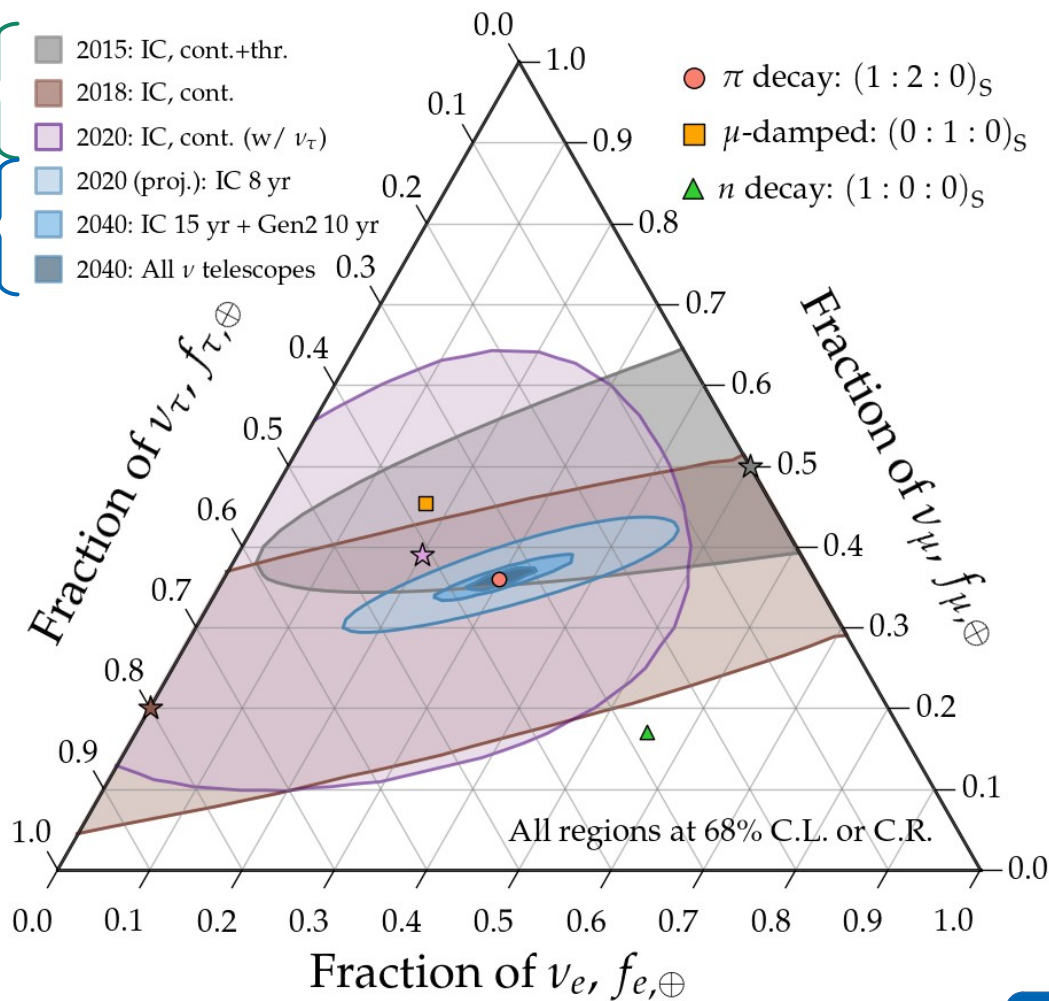
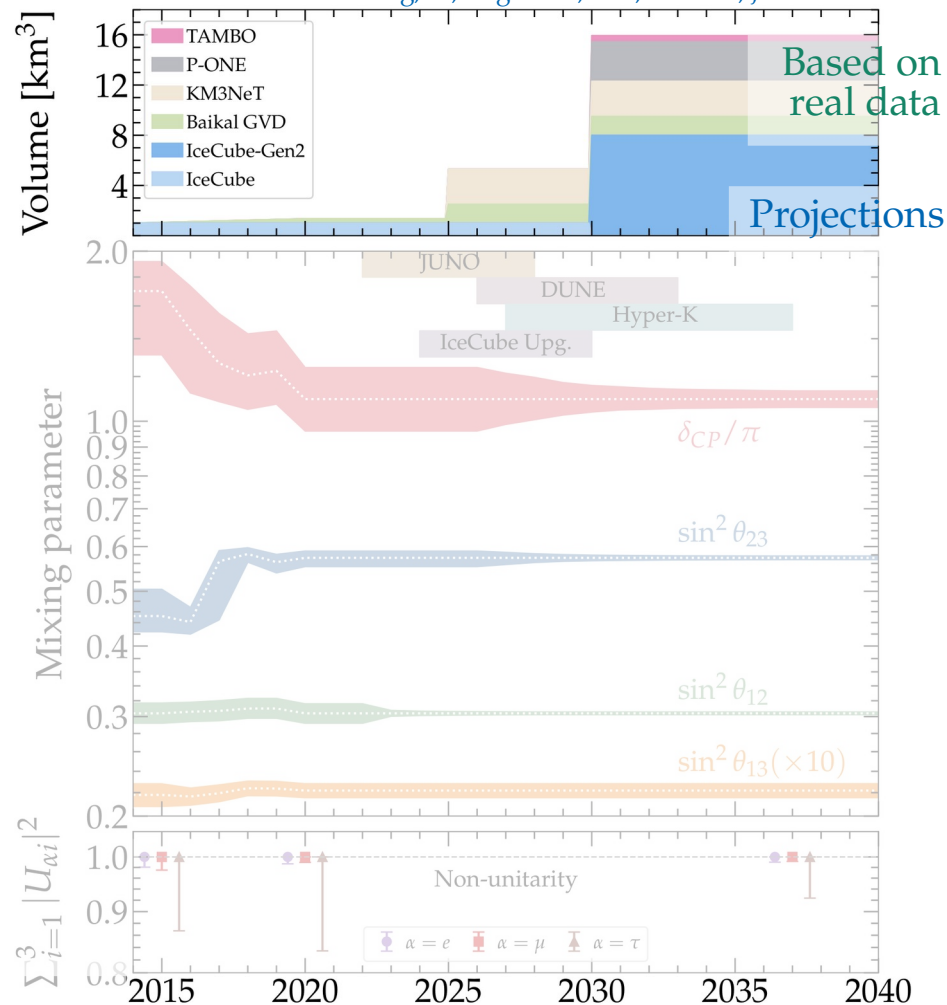
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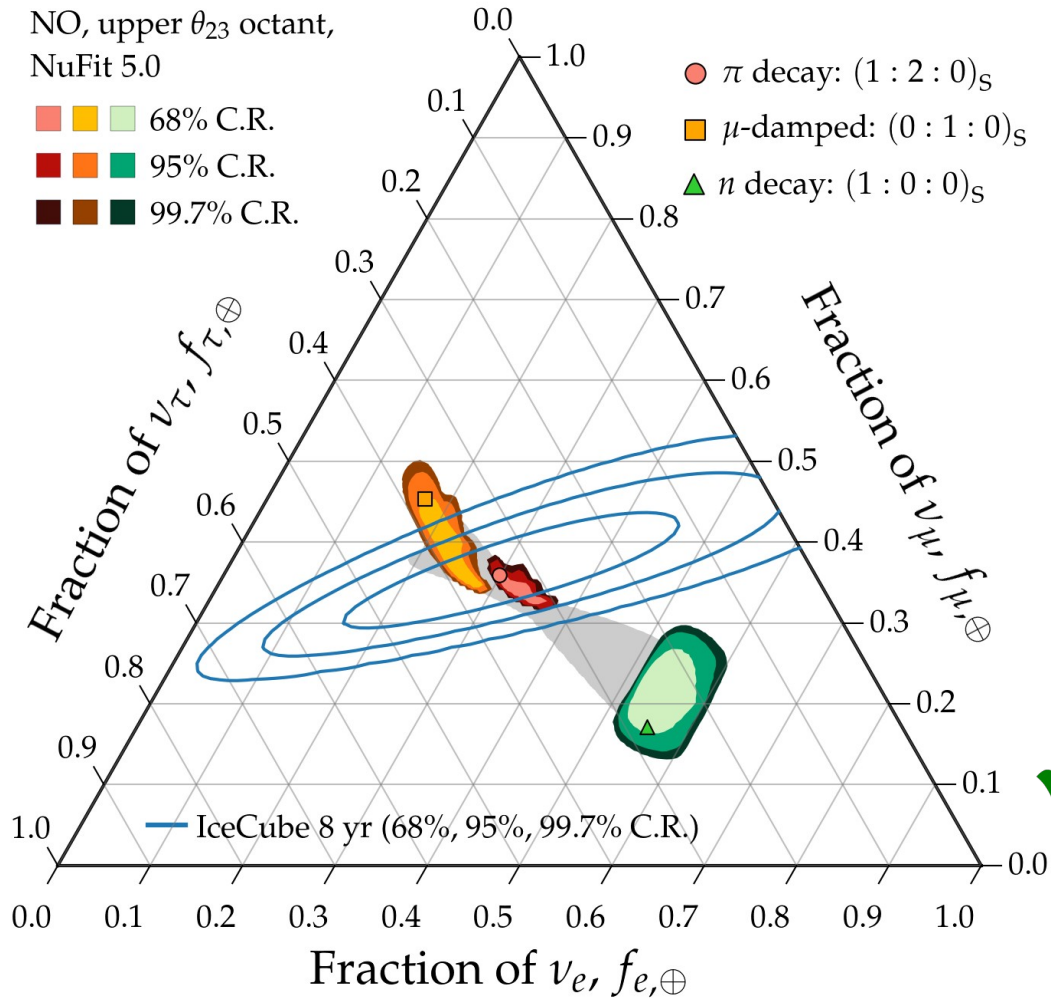


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Theoretically palatable regions: today



Two limitations:

Allowed flavor regions overlap –
Insufficient precision in the
mixing parameters

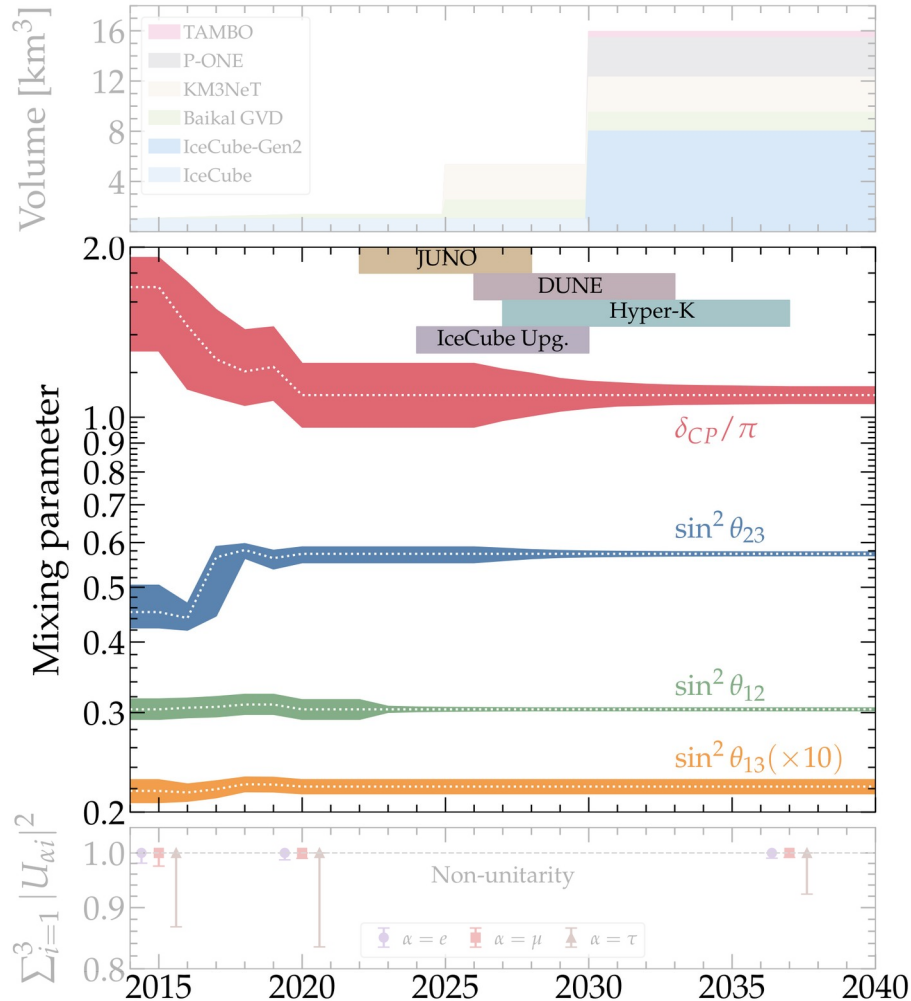
Will be overcome by 2030

Measurement of flavor ratios –
~~Cannot distinguish between
pion-decay and muon-damped
benchmarks even at 68% C.R. (1σ)~~



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How knowing the mixing parameters better helps



We can compute the oscillation probability more precisely:

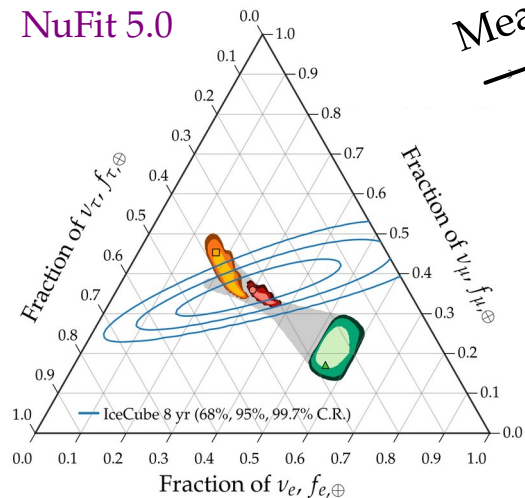
$$f_{\alpha,\oplus} = \sum_{\beta=e,\mu,\tau} P_{\beta\alpha} f_{\beta,S}$$

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

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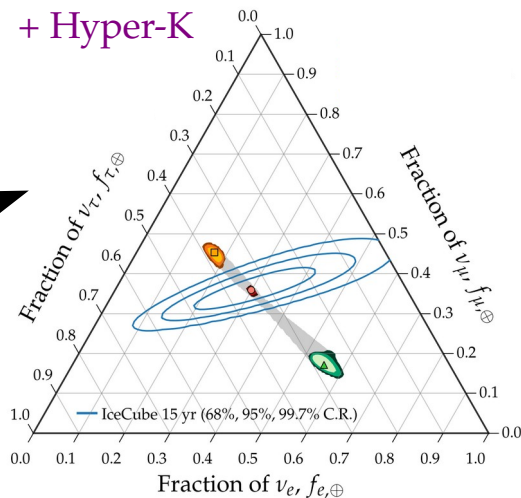
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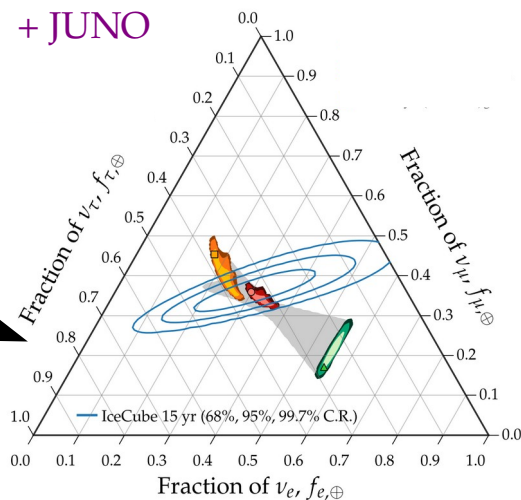


Measure θ_{23} better

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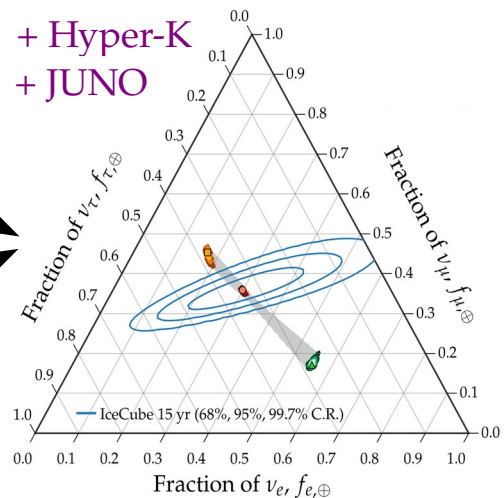
+ JUNO



Measure θ_{12} better

~2030

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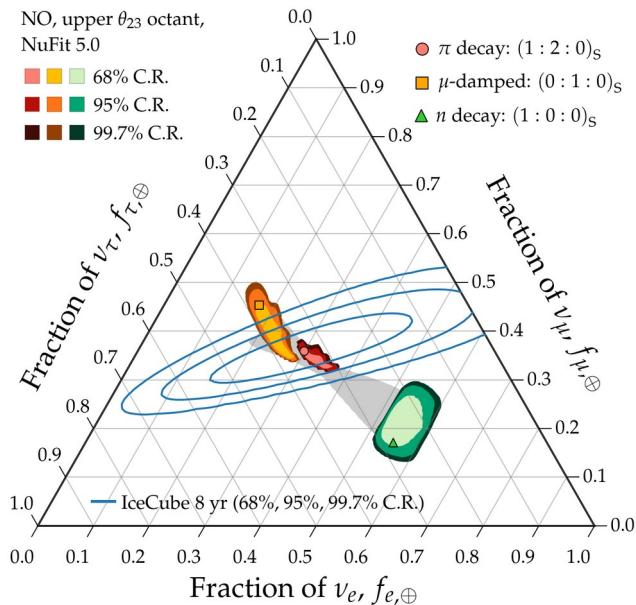
In our results:
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Marginal improvement til 2040

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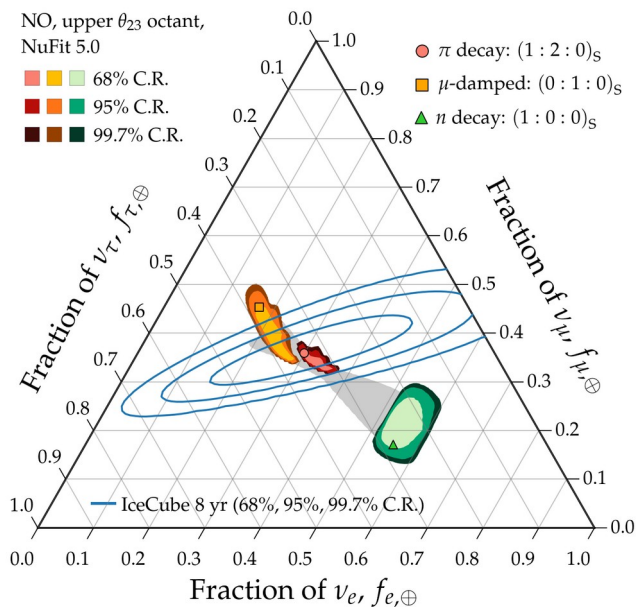


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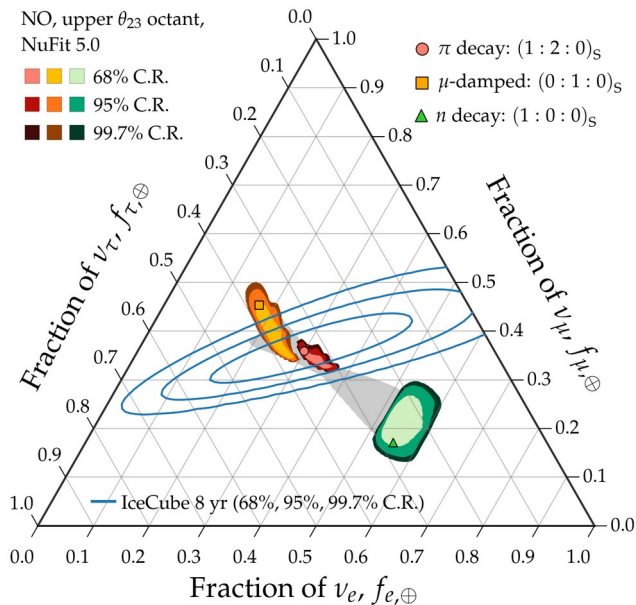
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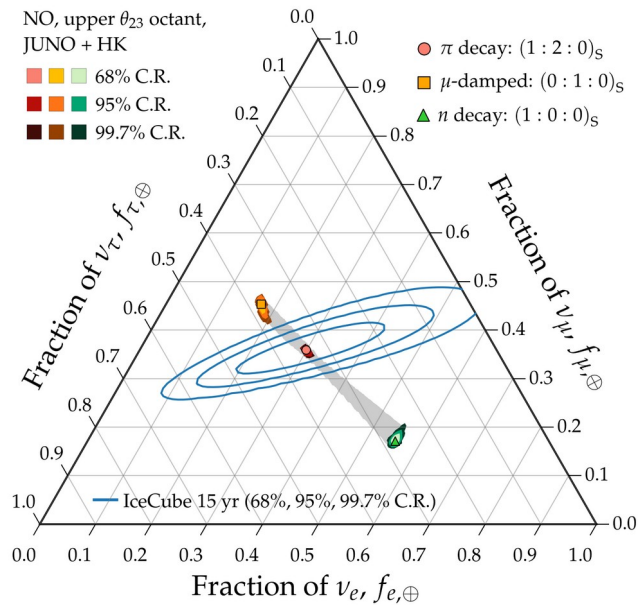
Not ideal

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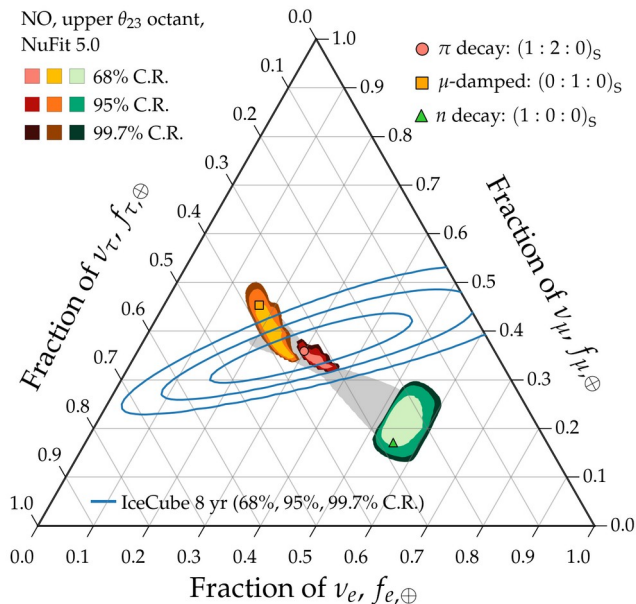
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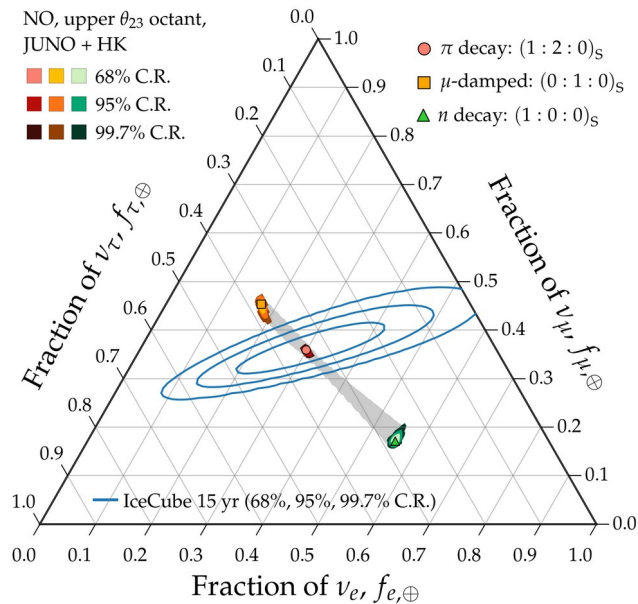


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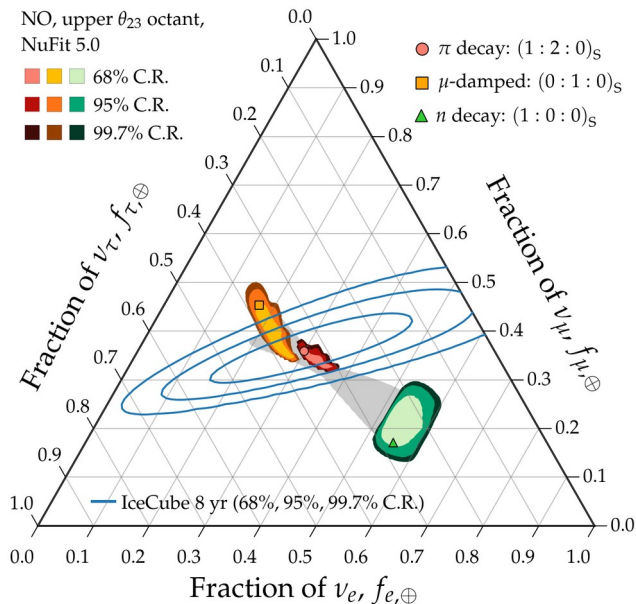
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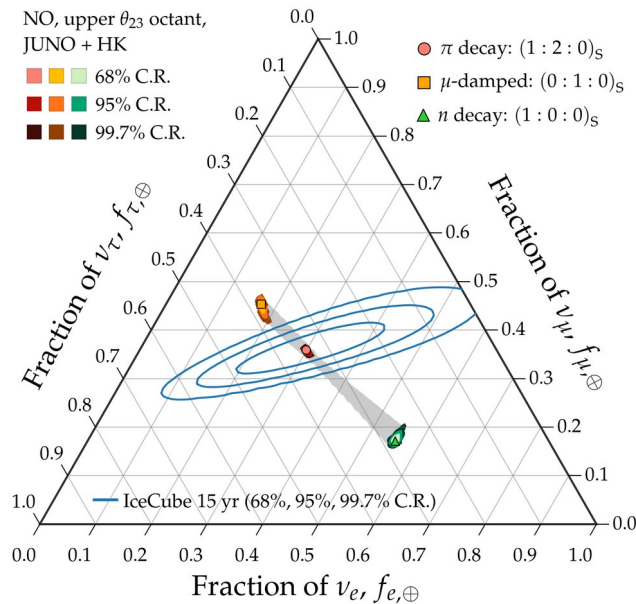
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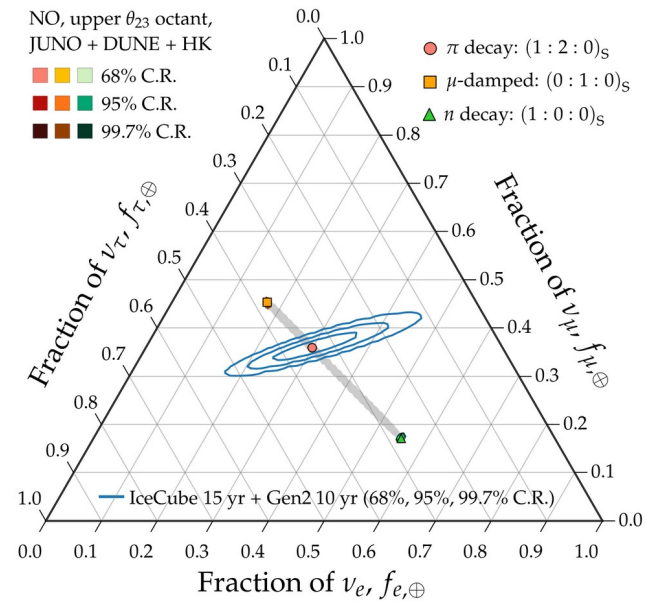
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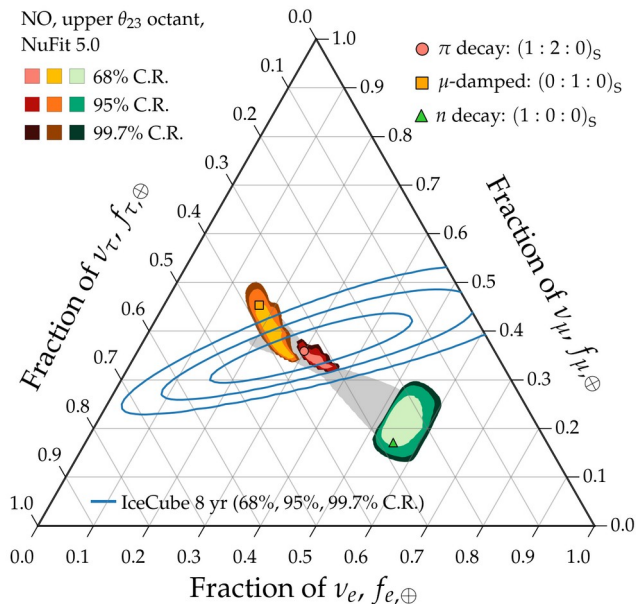
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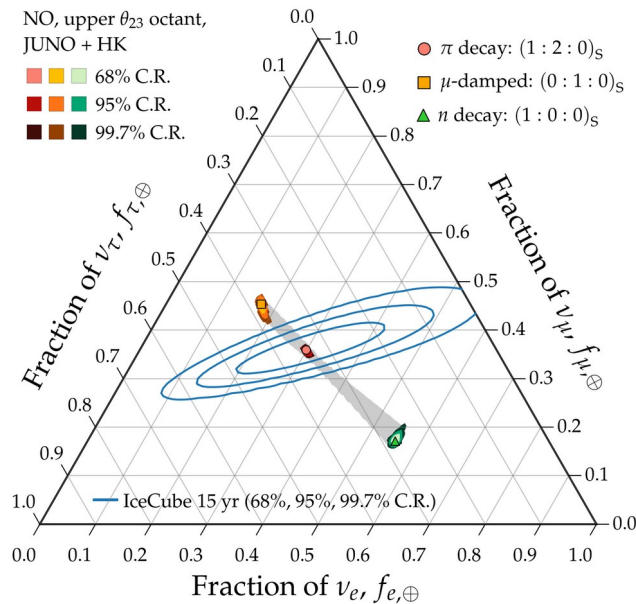
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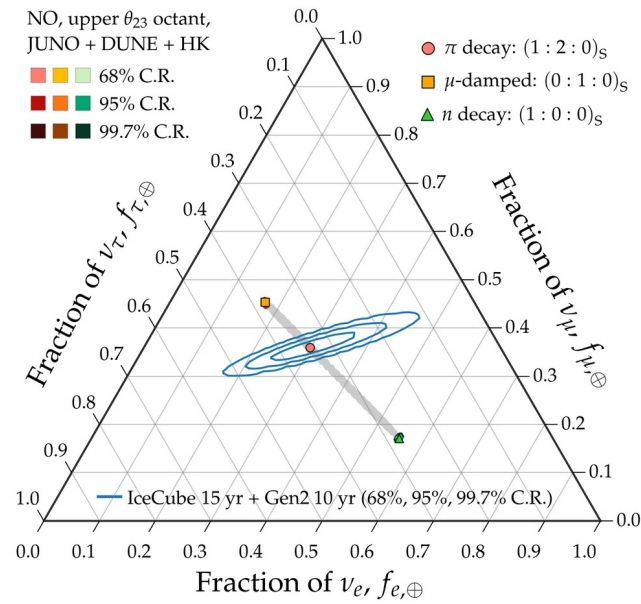
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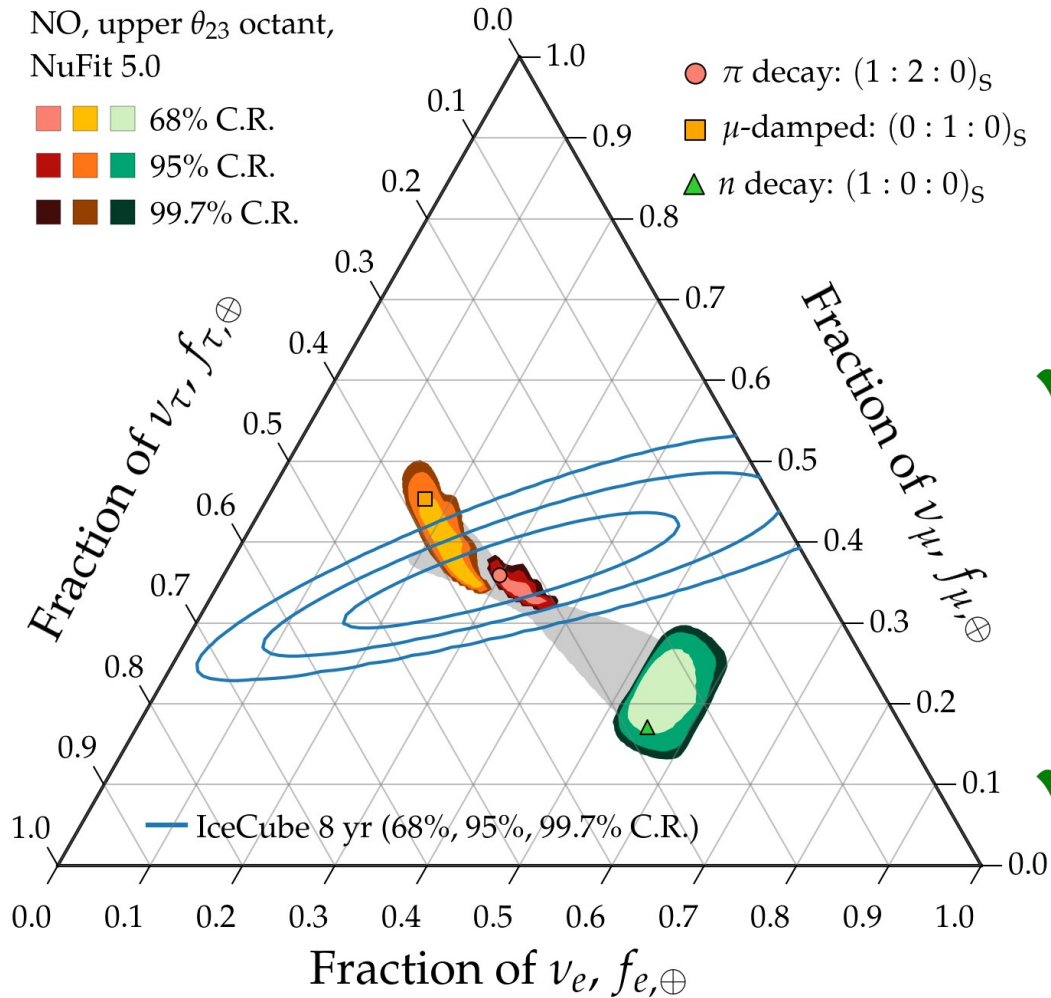
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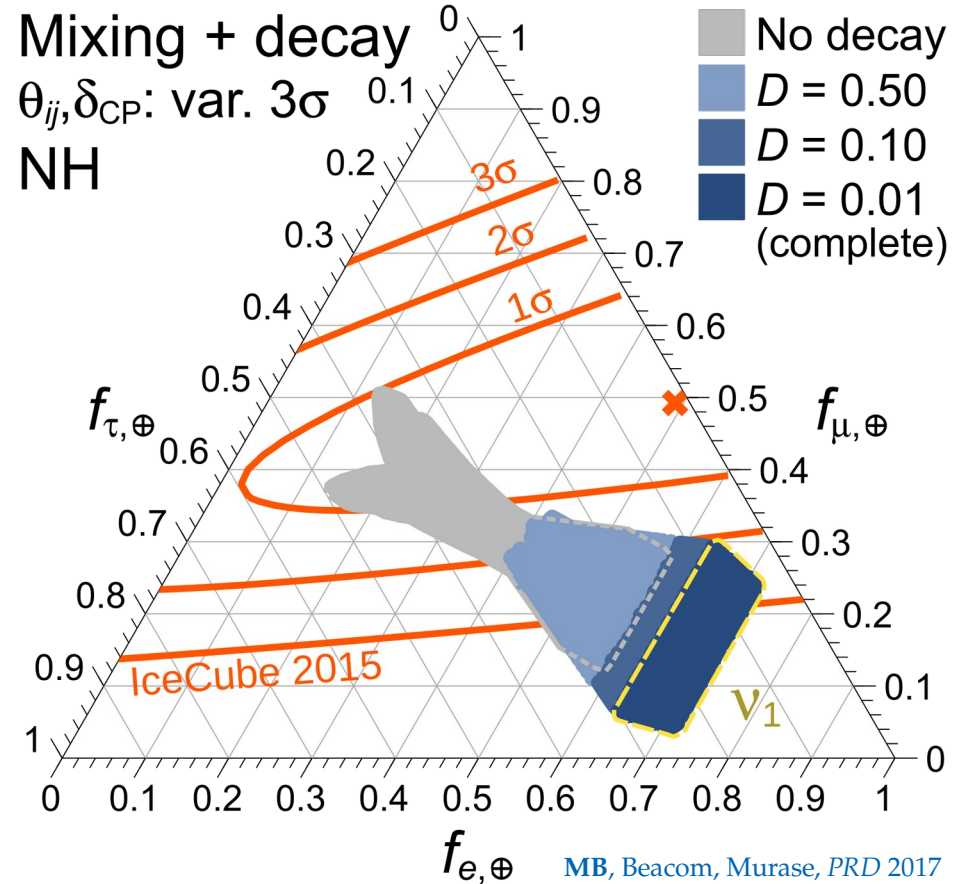
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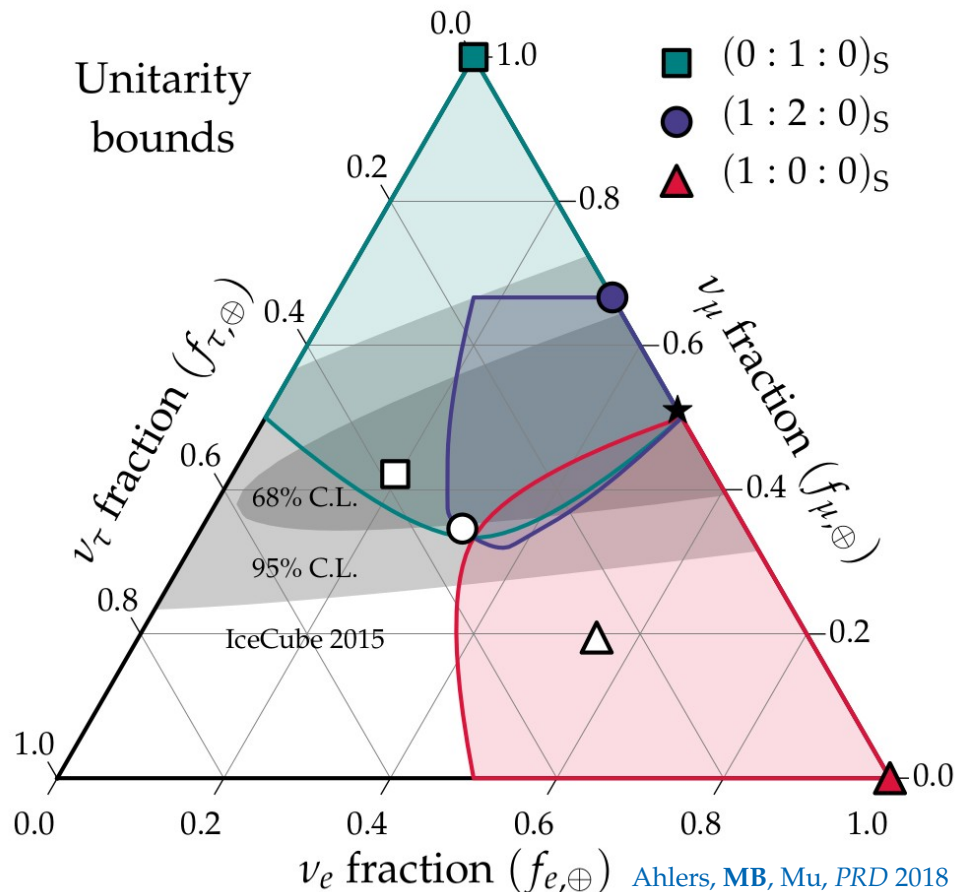
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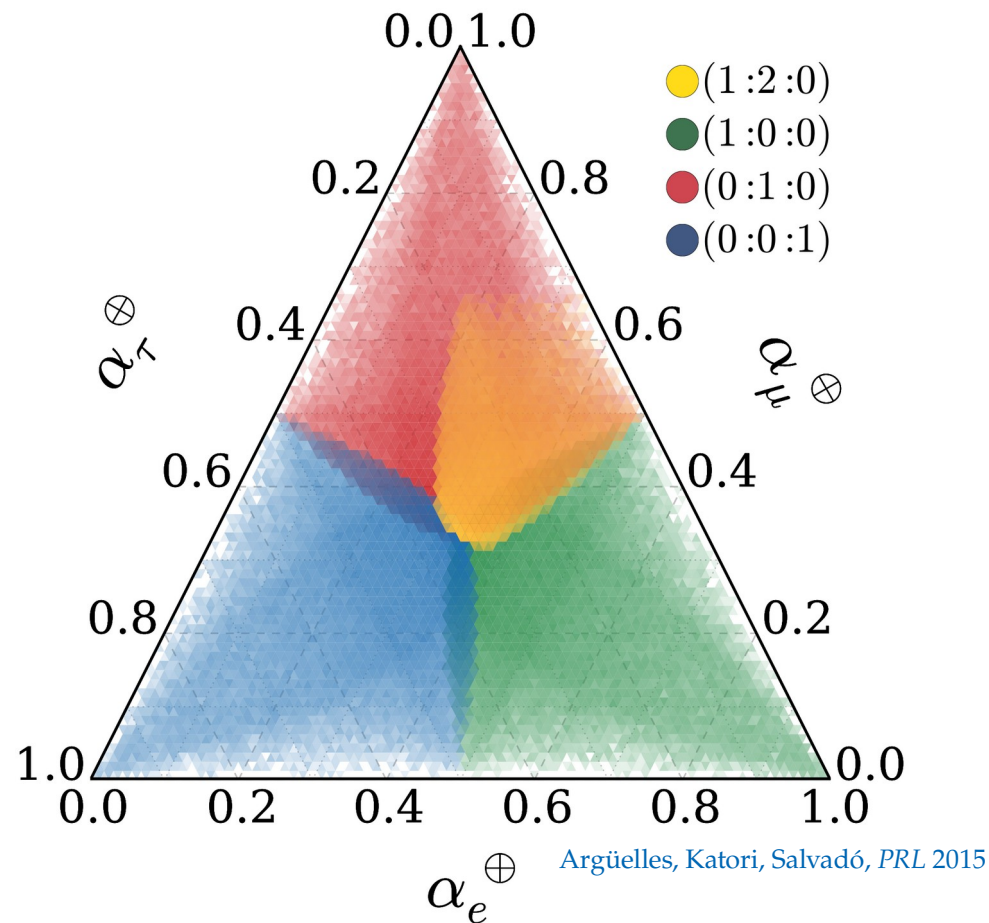
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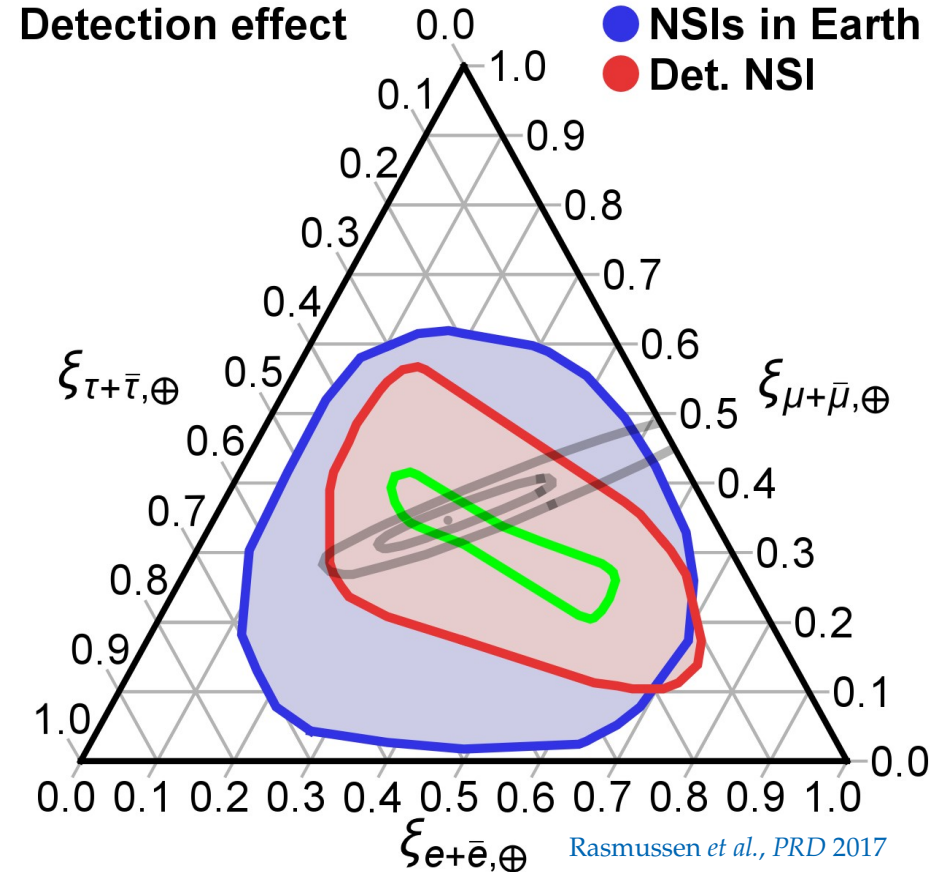
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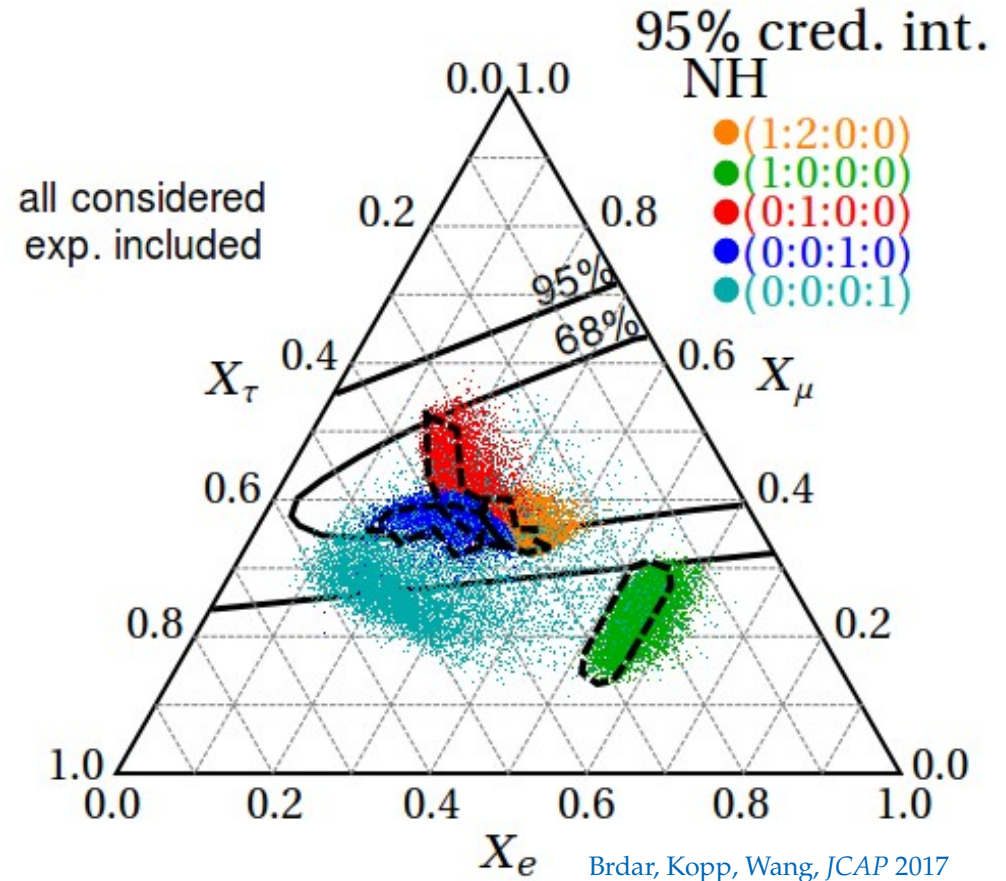
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