

The flavor composition of high-energy cosmic neutrinos: *towards high statistics and ultra-high energies*

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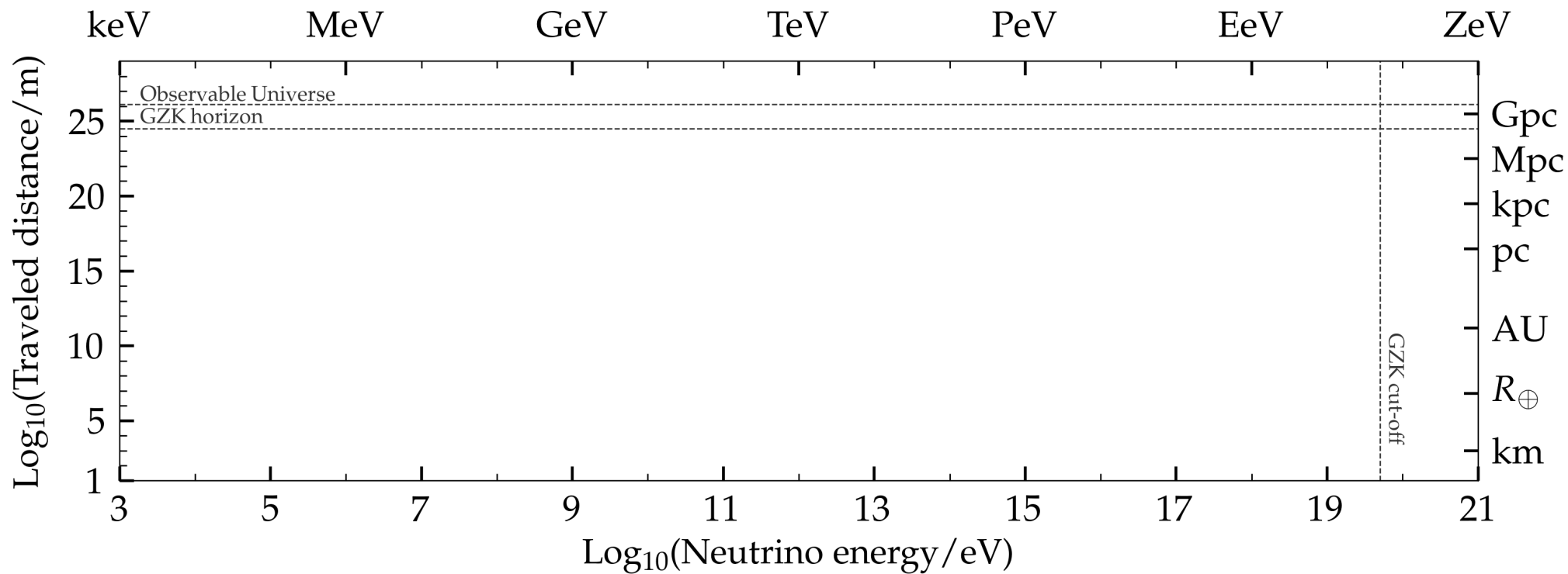
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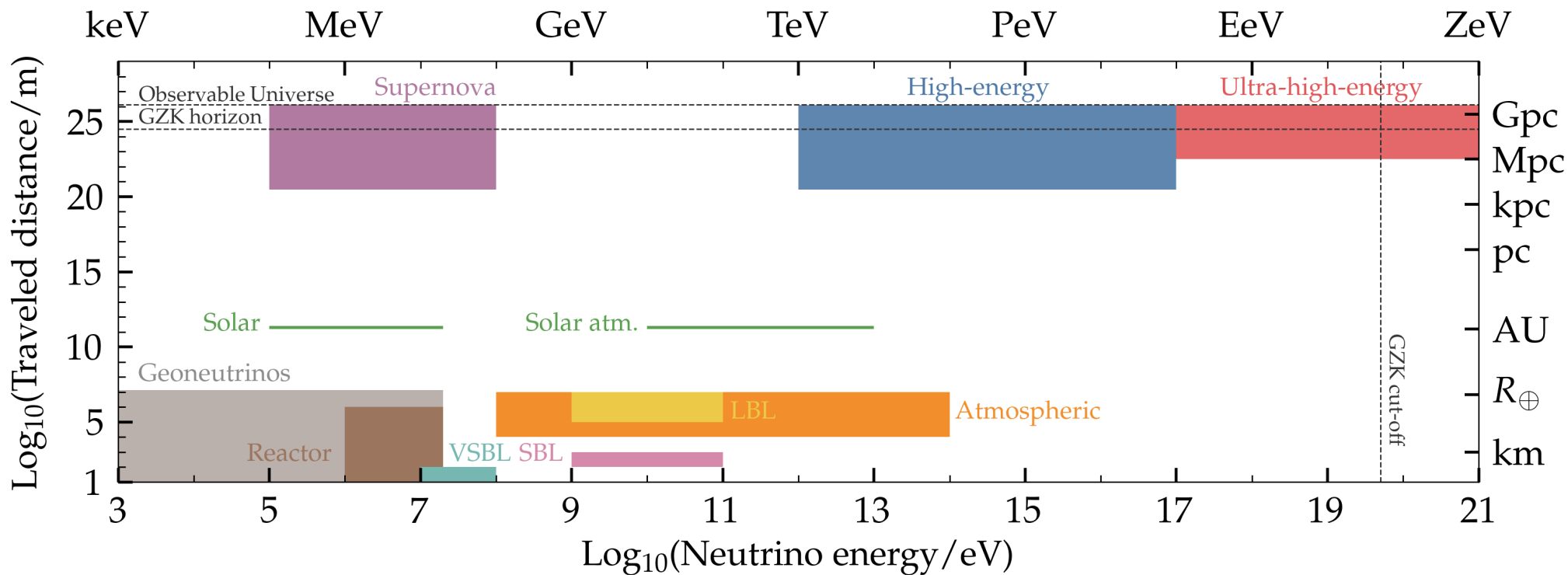
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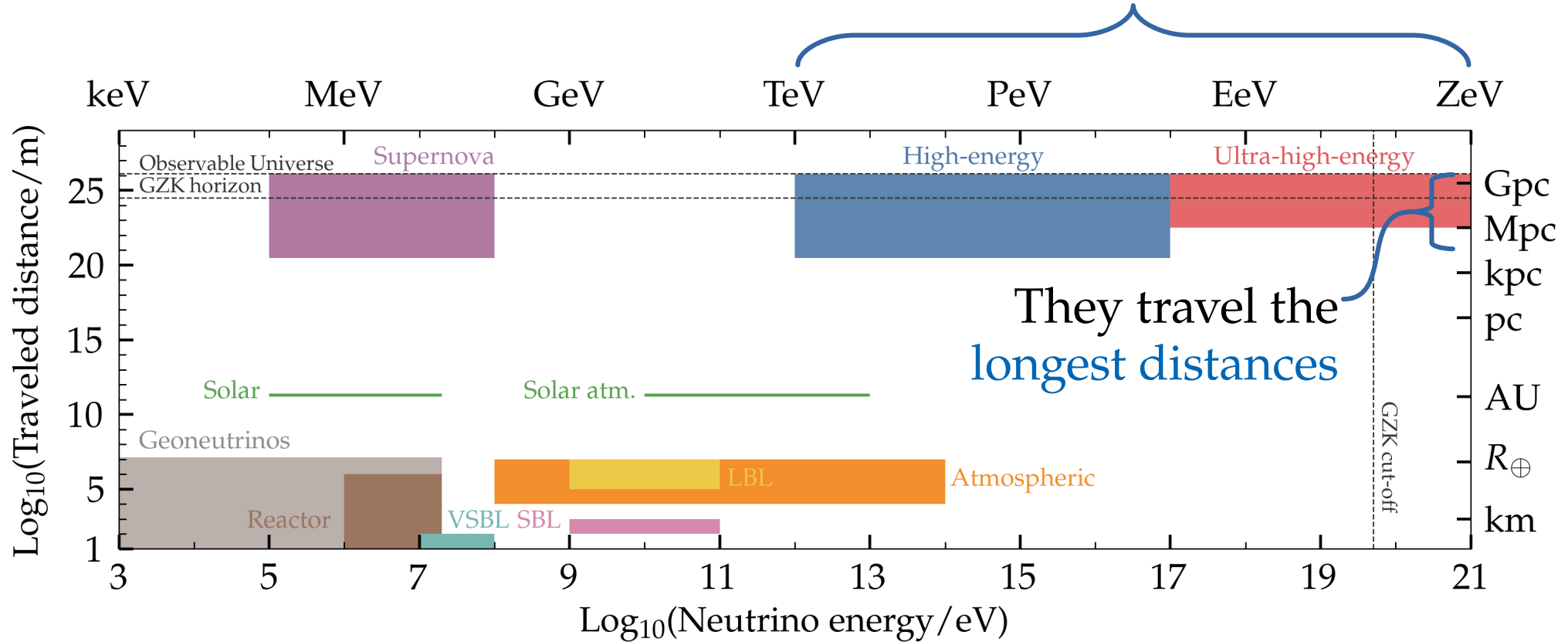
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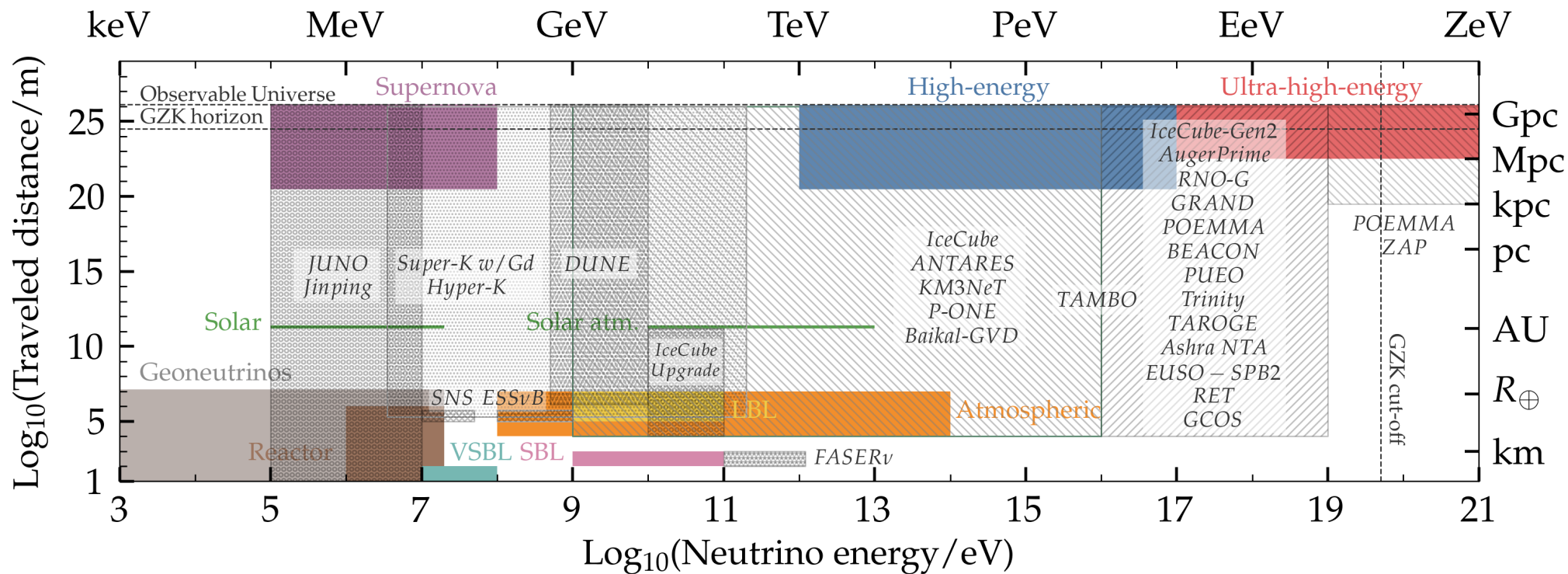


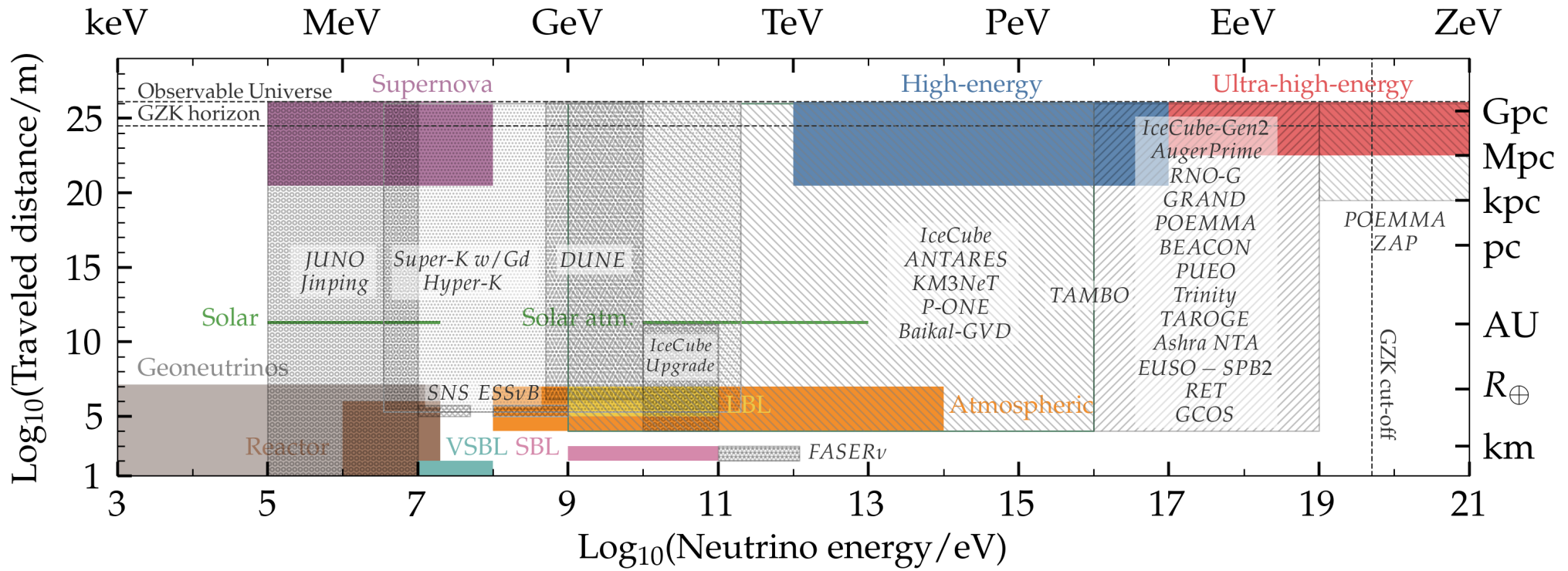




They have the **highest energies**

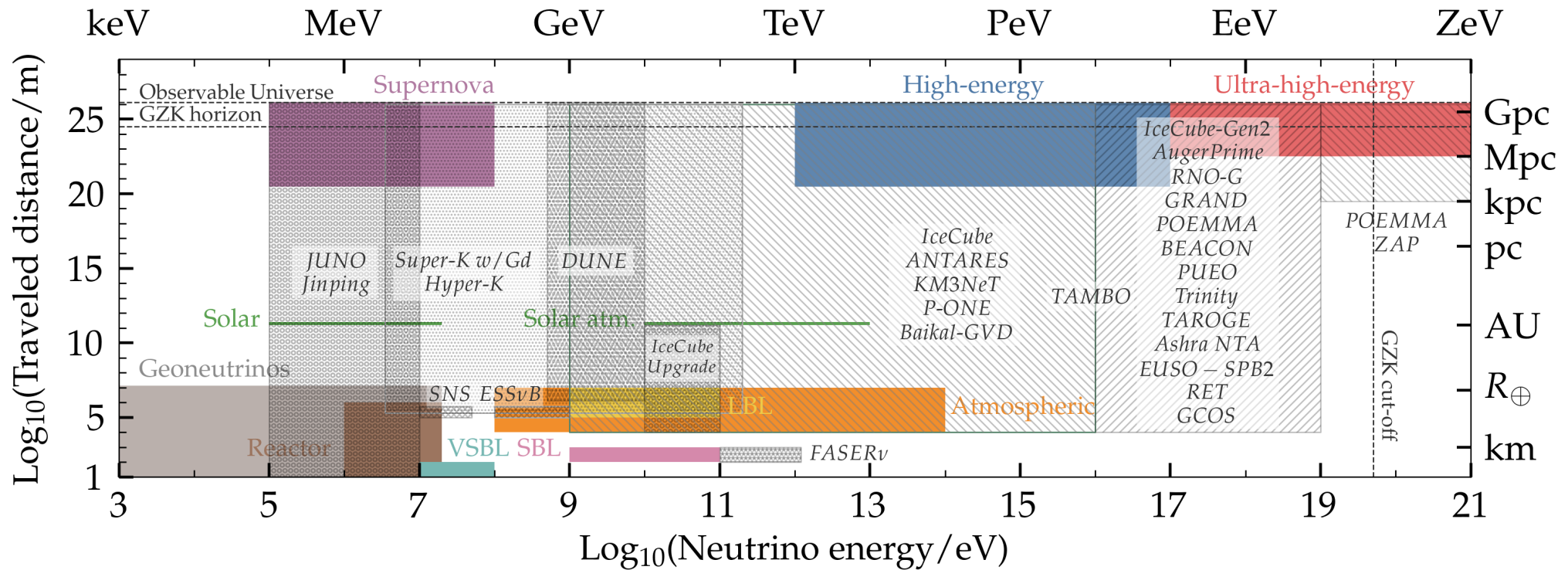




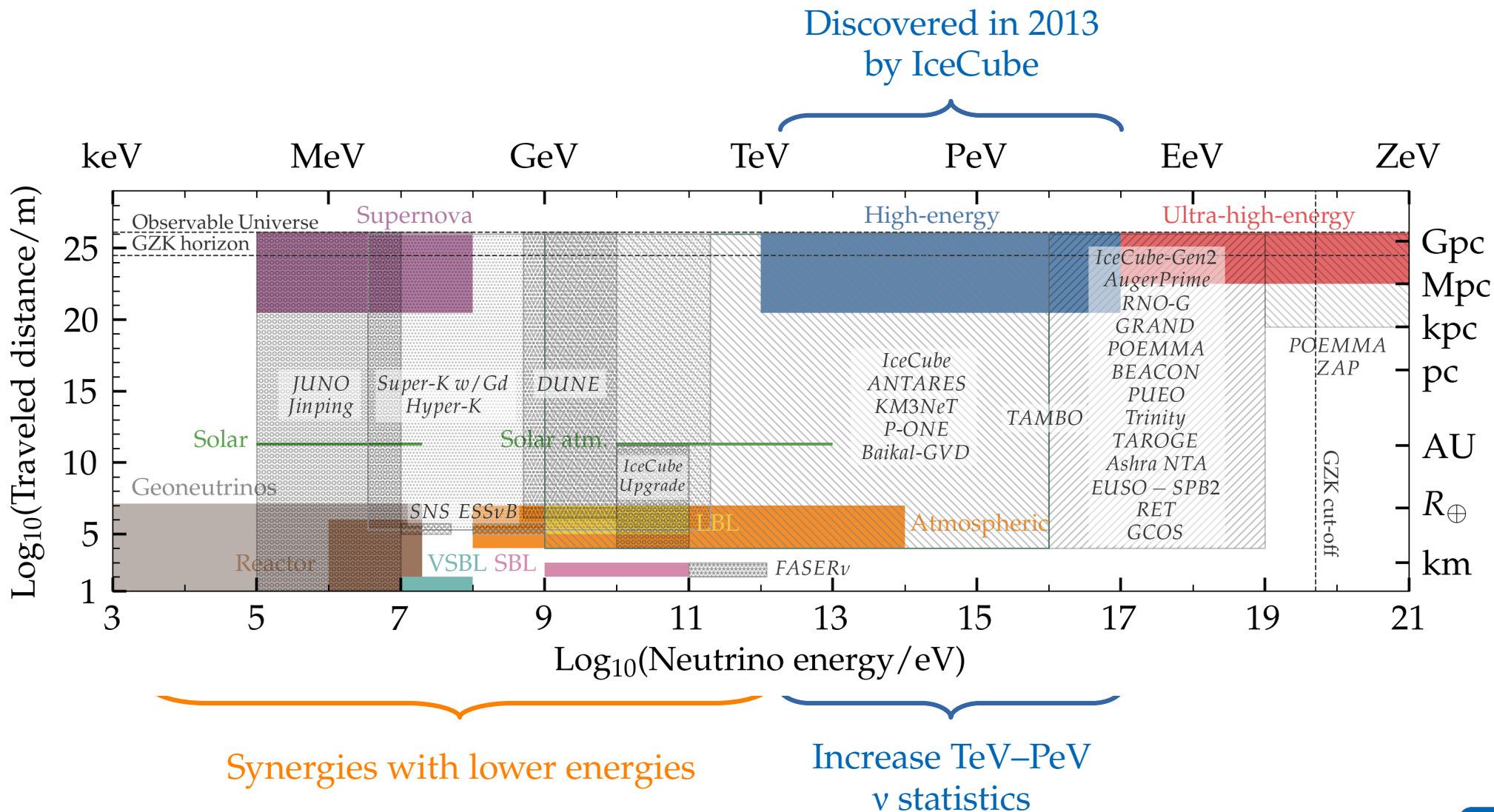


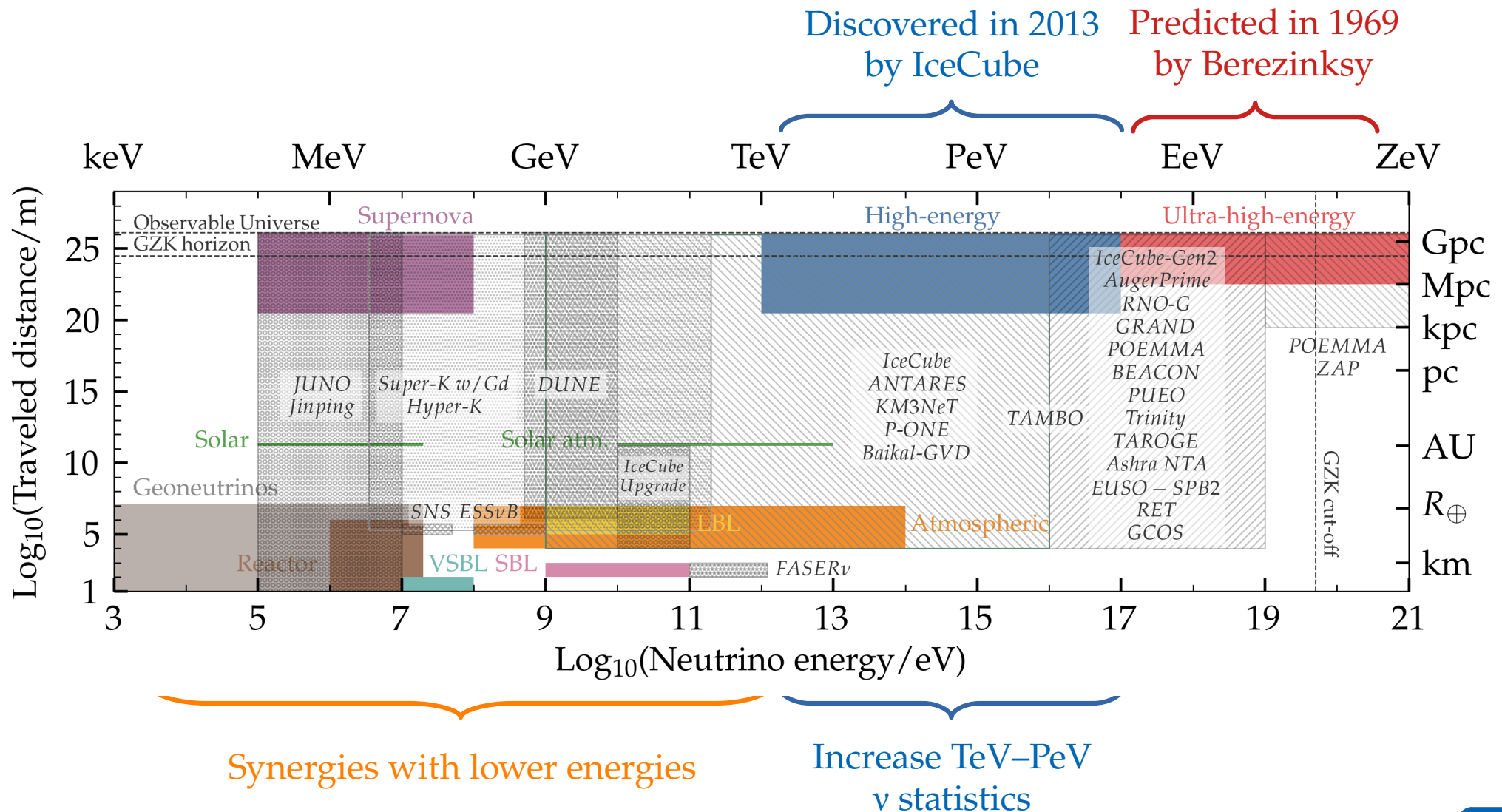
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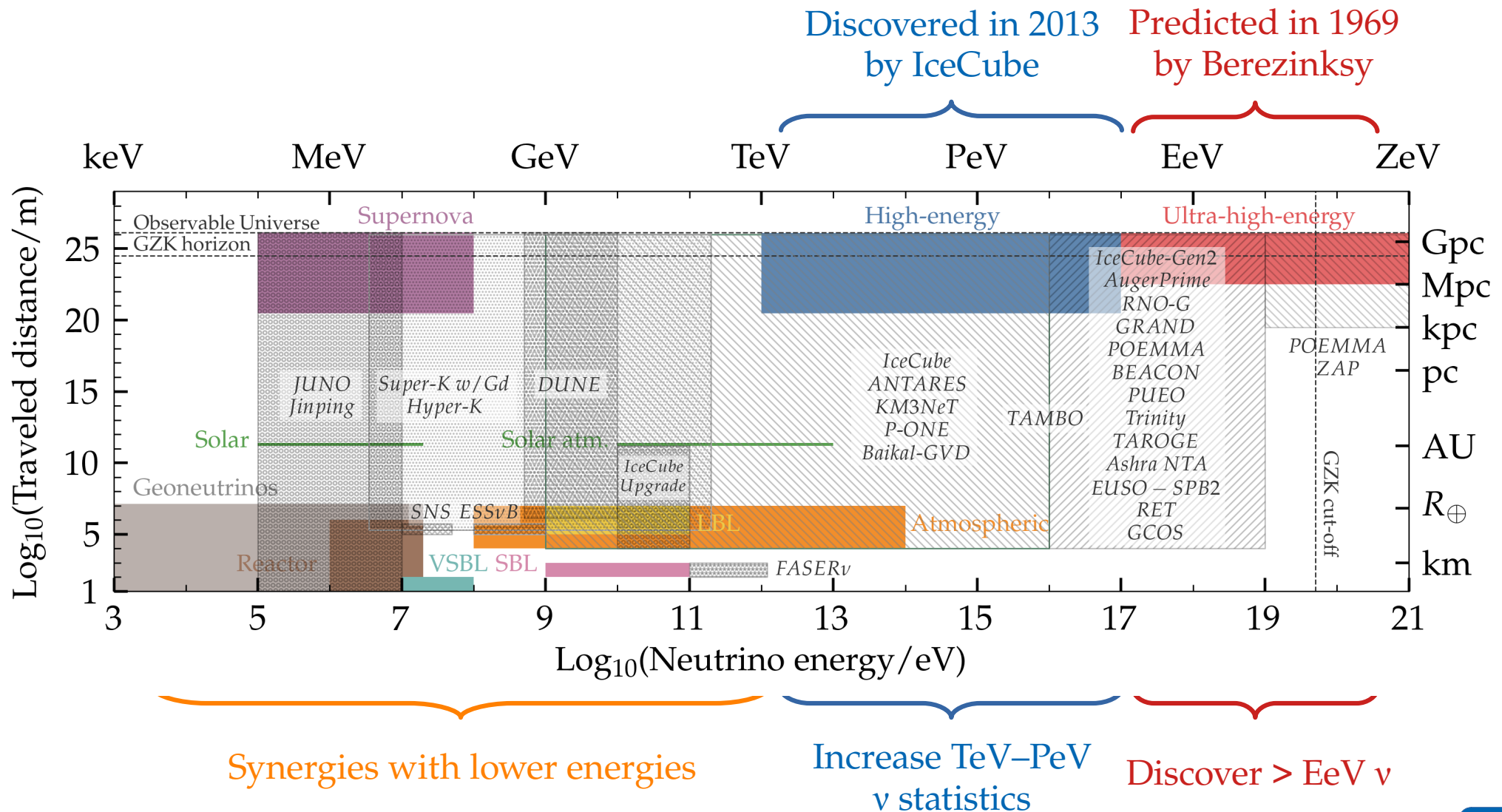
Discovered in 2013
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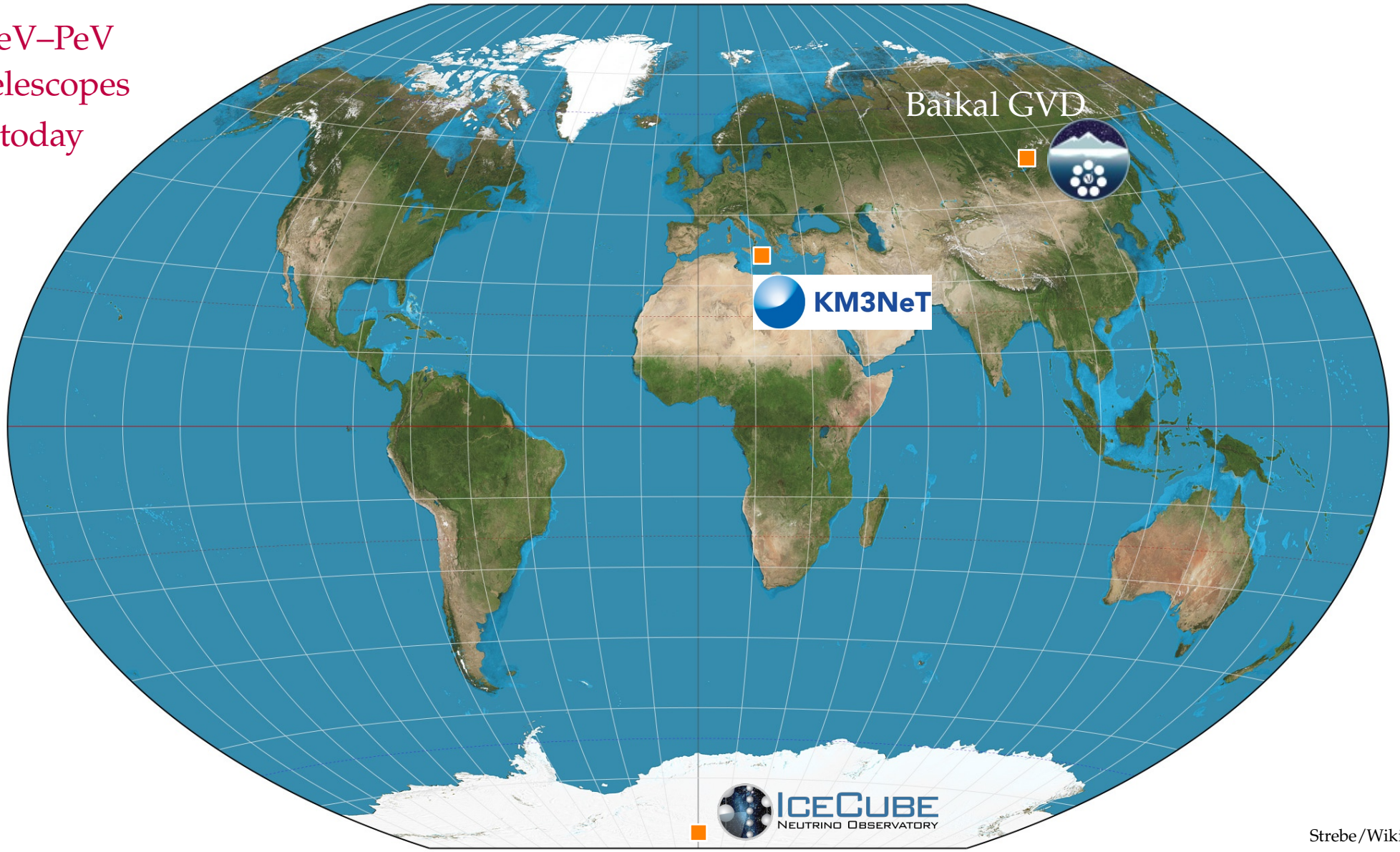
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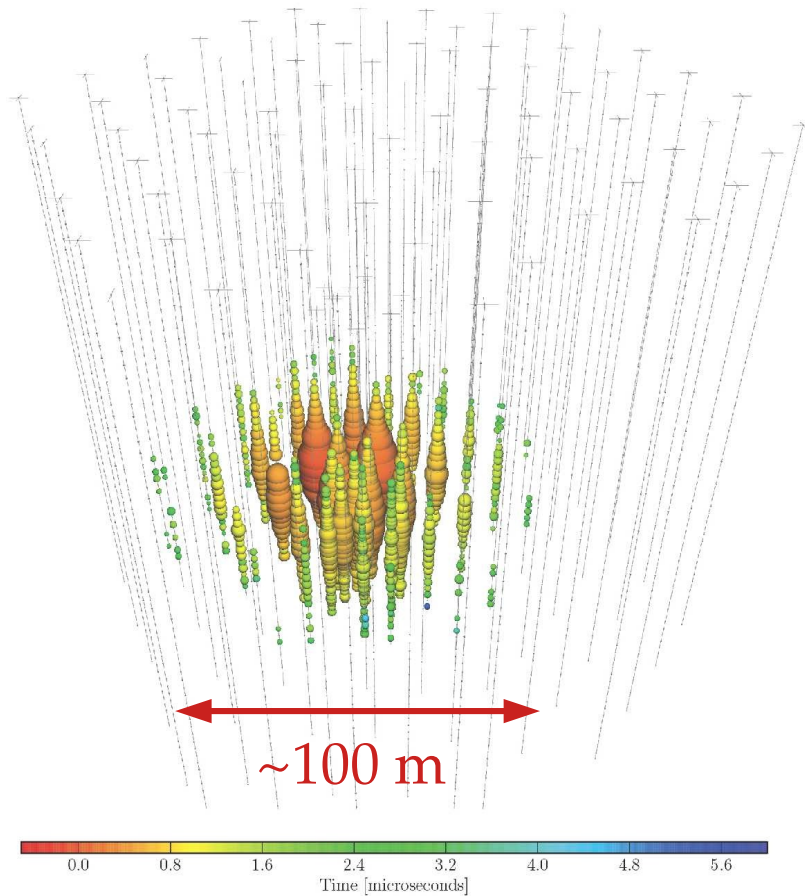




TeV–PeV
 ν telescopes
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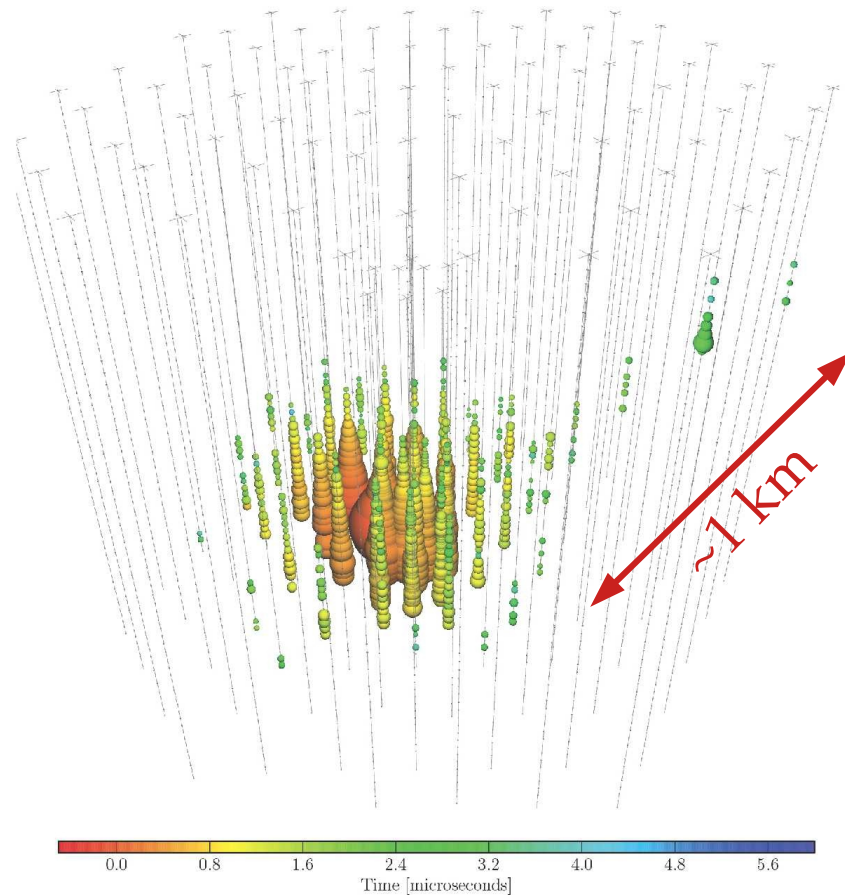


Shower (mainly from ν_e and ν_τ)

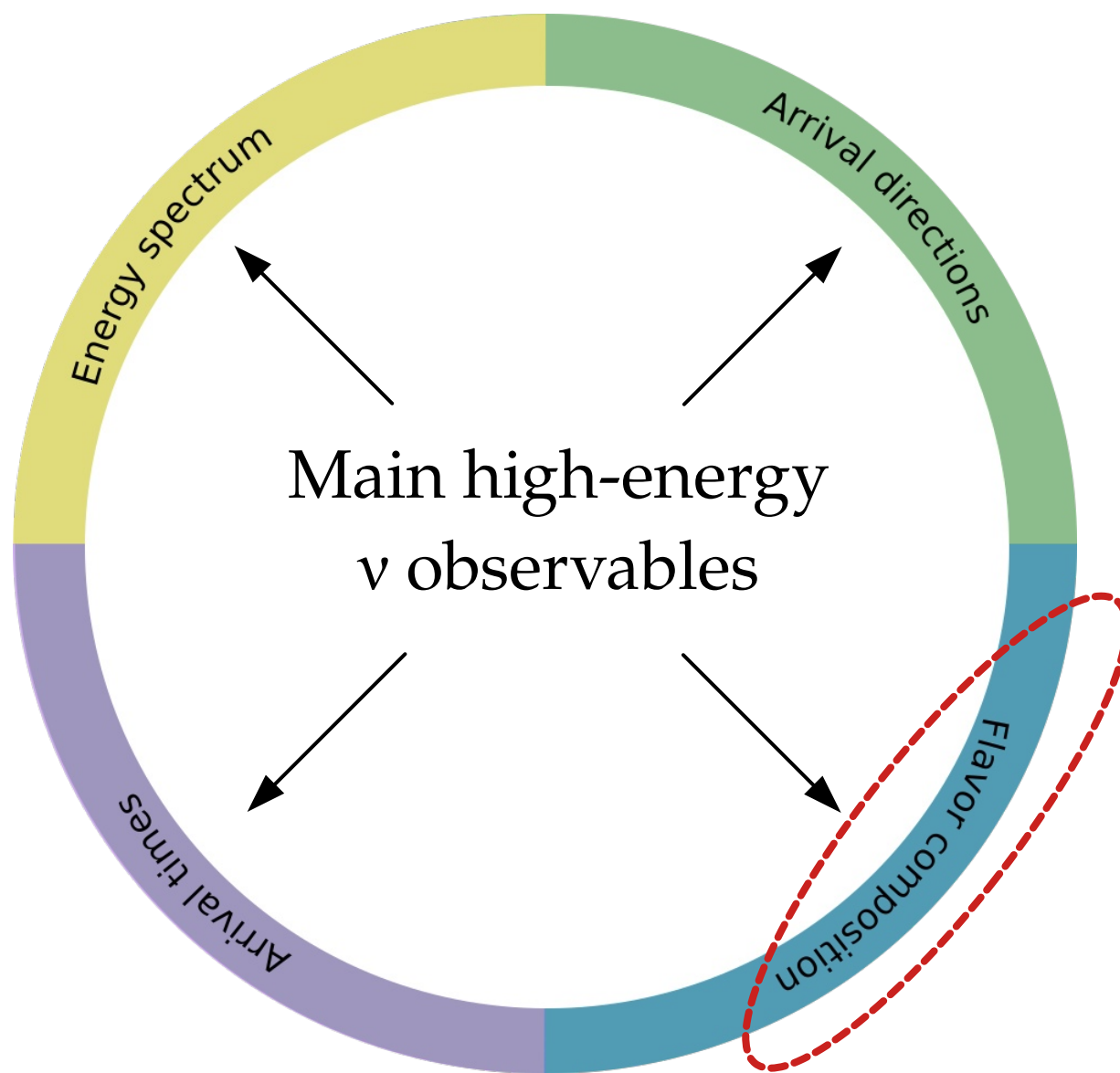


Poor angular resolution: $\sim 10^\circ$

Track (mainly from ν_μ)



Angular resolution: $< 1^\circ$

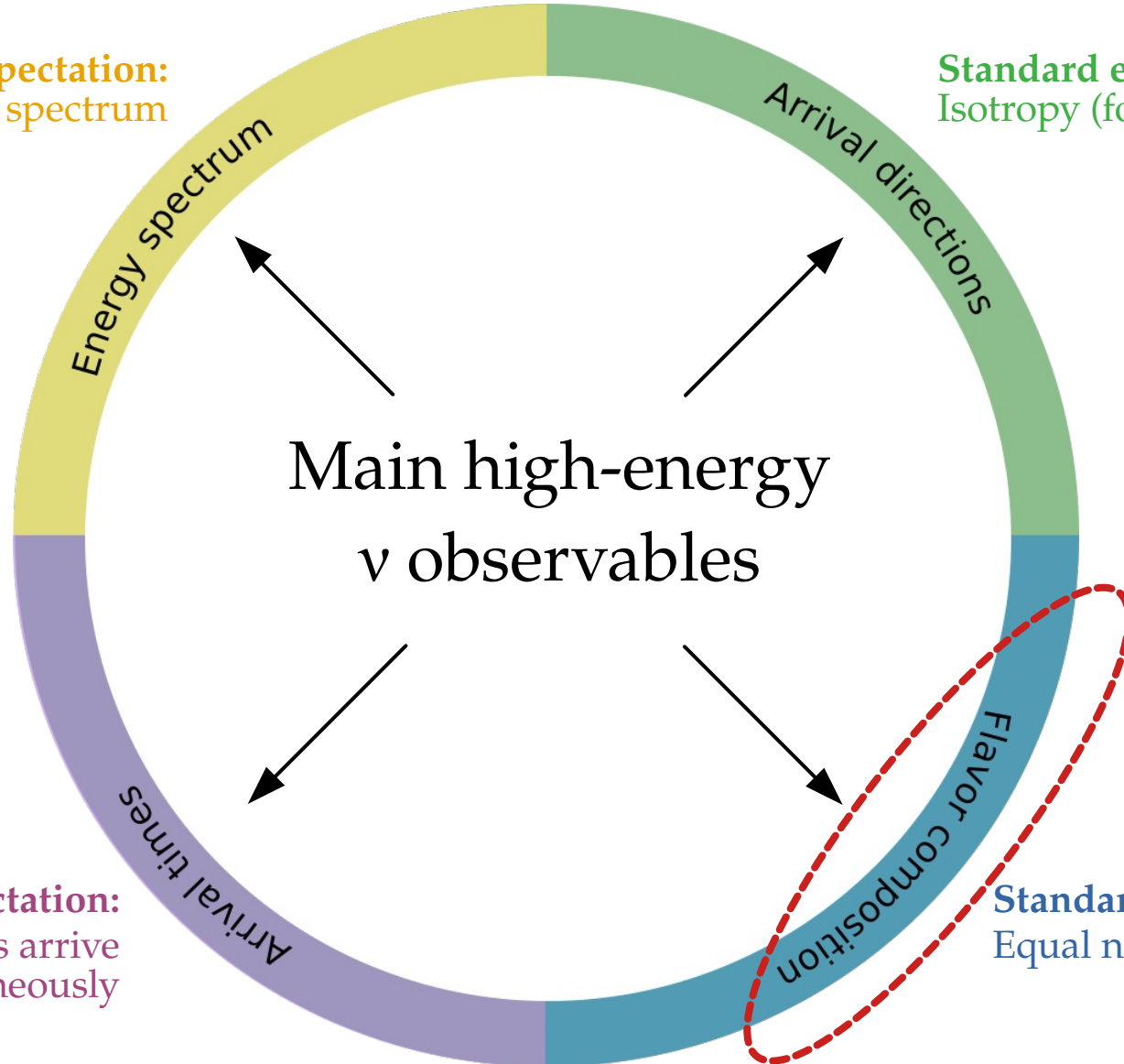


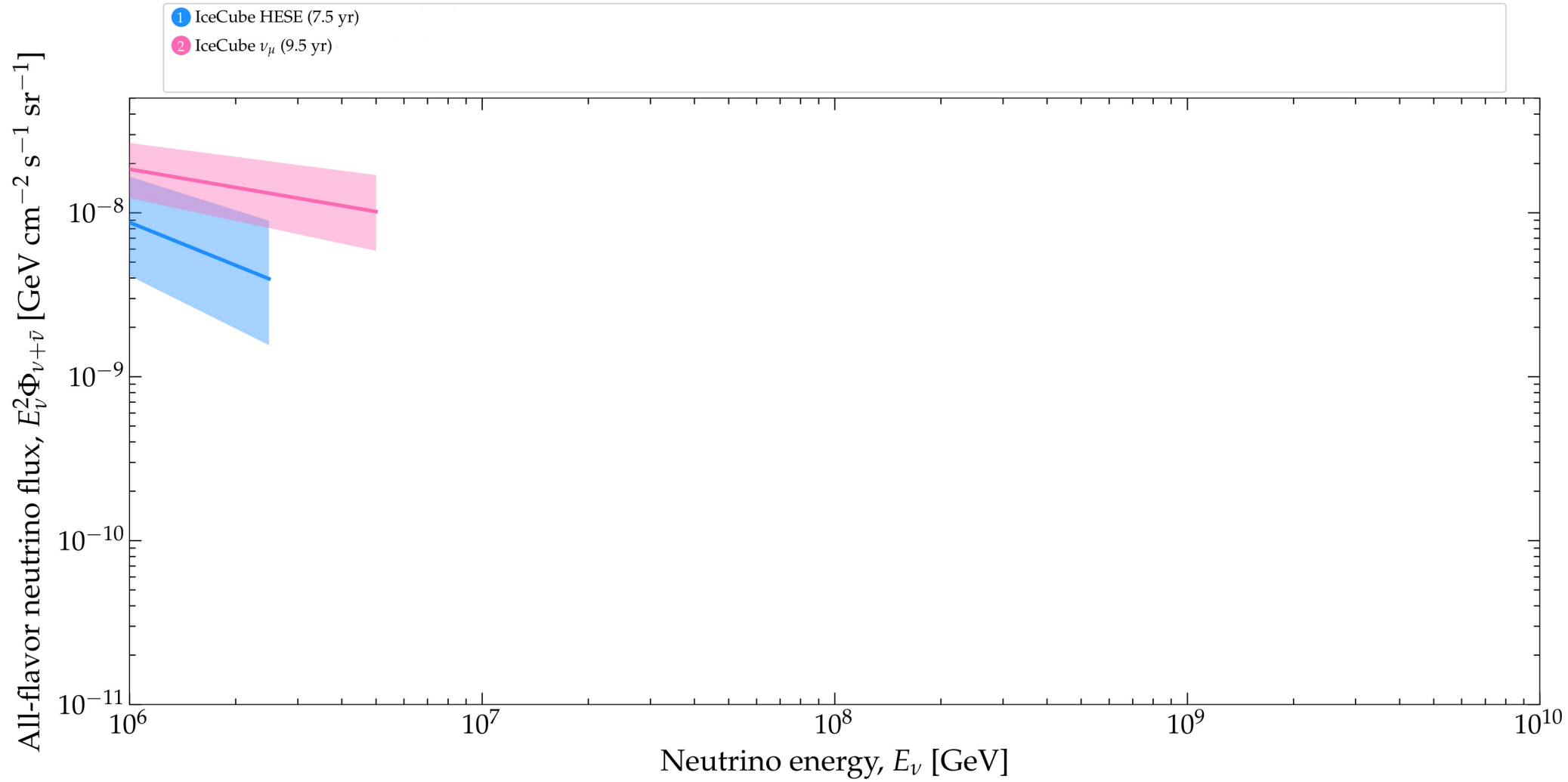
Standard expectation:
Power-law energy spectrum

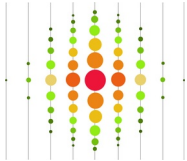
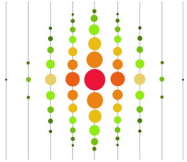
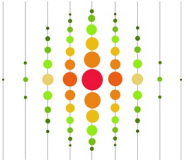
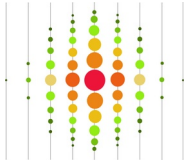
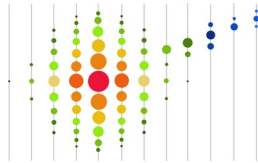
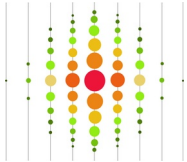
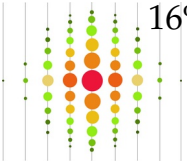
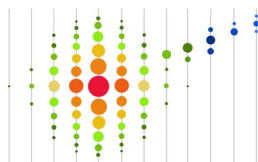
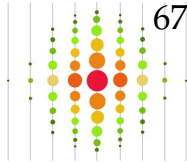
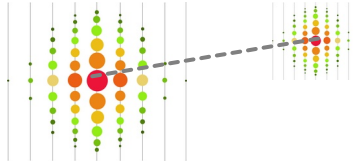
Standard expectation:
Isotropy (for diffuse flux)

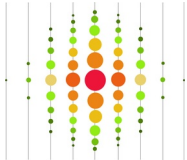
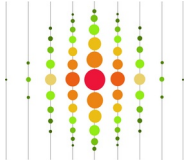
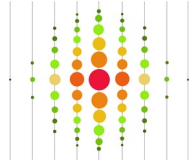
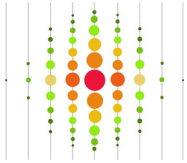
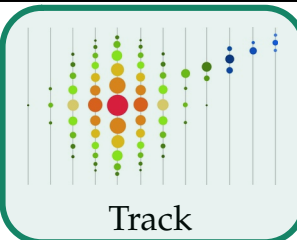
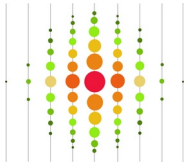
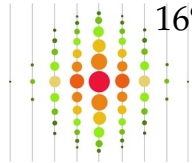
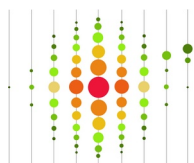
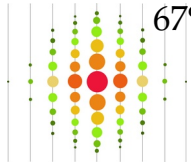
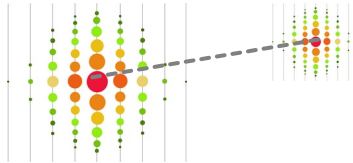
Standard expectation:
 ν and γ from transients arrive
simultaneously

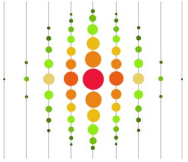
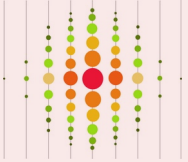

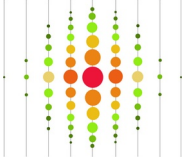
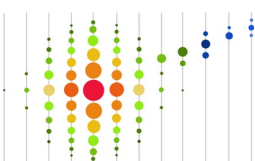
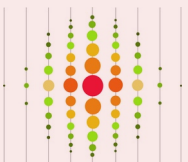
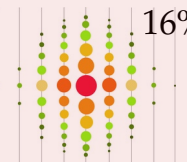
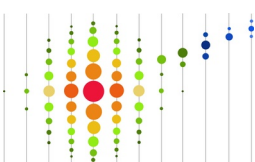
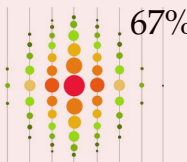
Standard expectation:
Equal number of ν_e , ν_μ , ν_τ

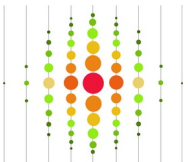
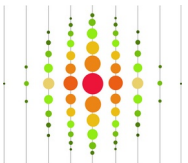
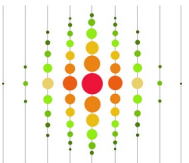
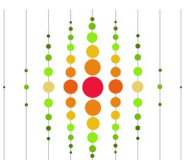
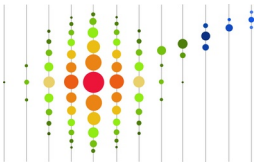
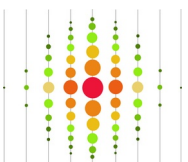
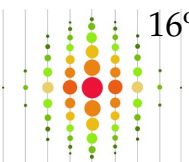

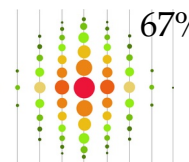
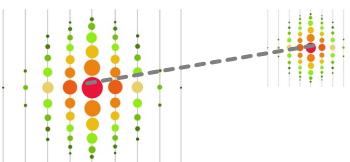




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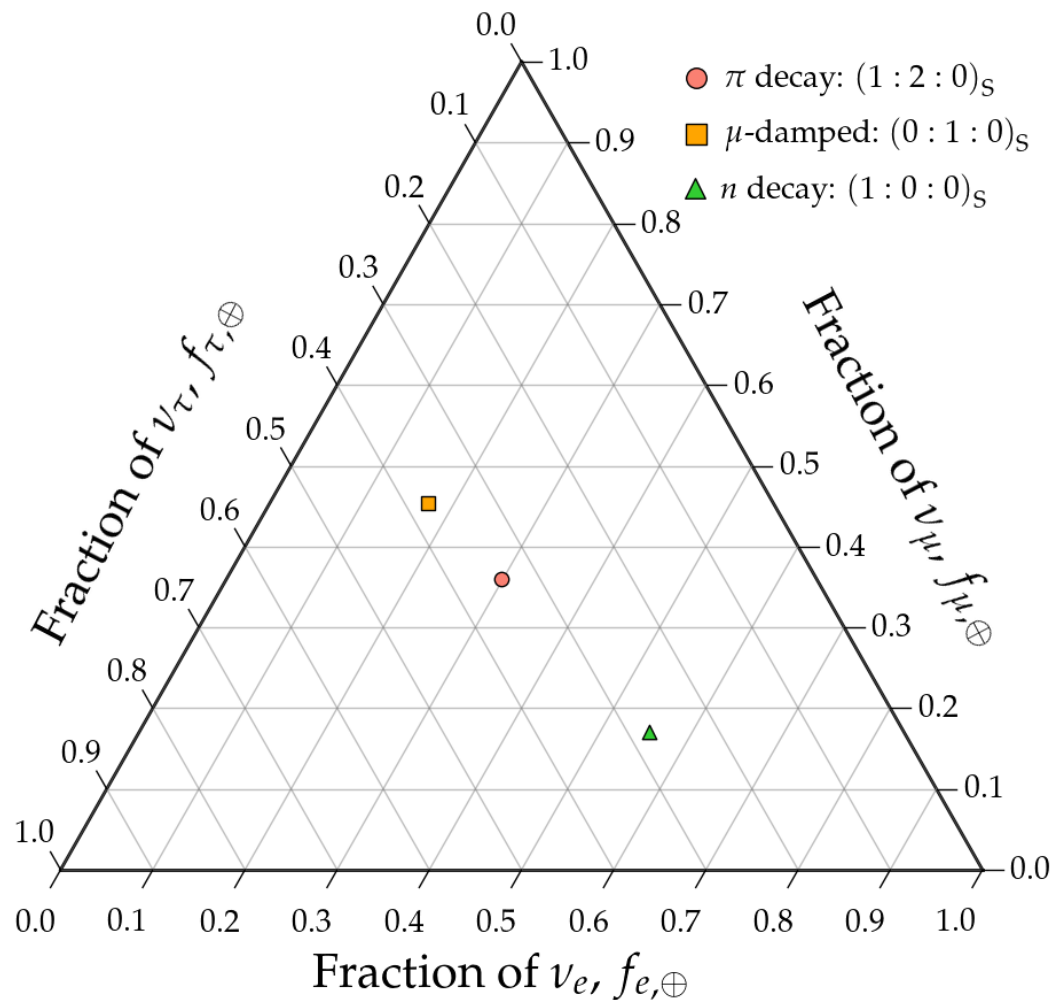
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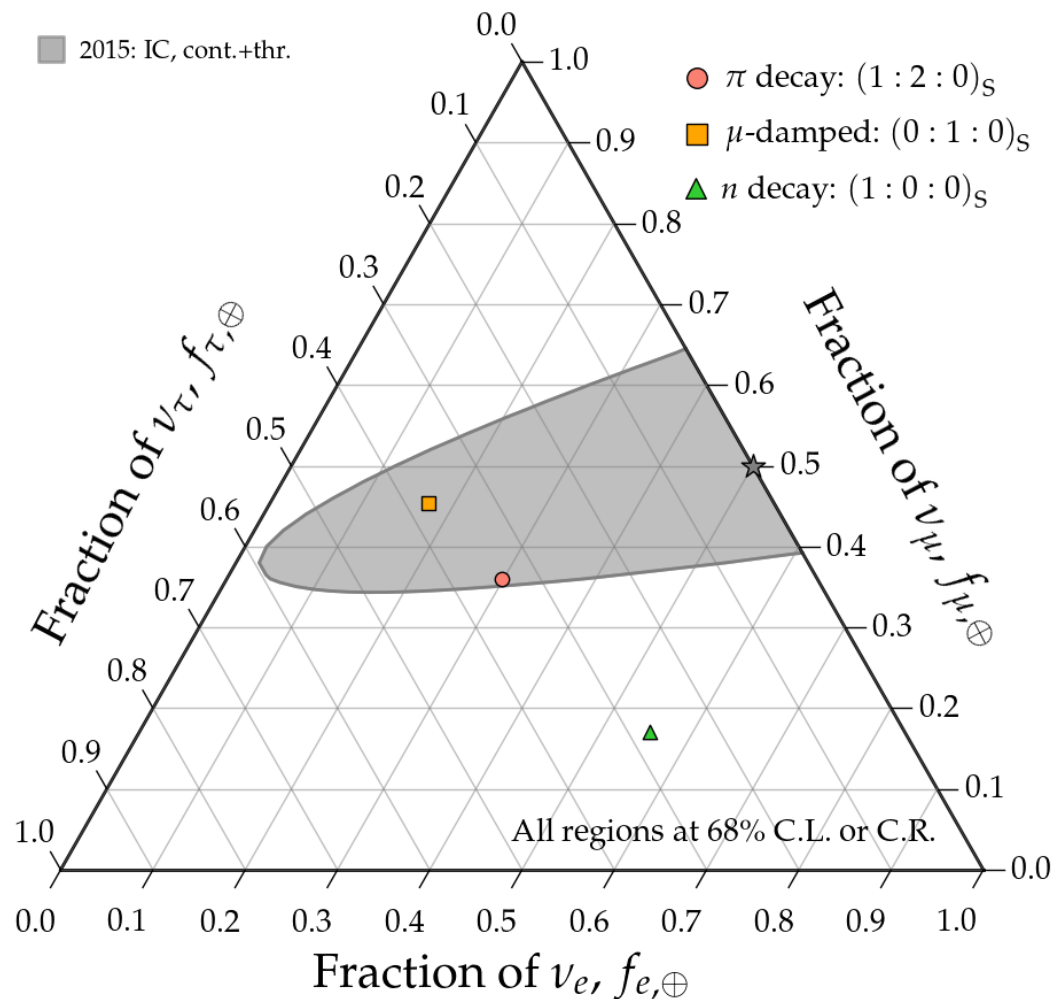
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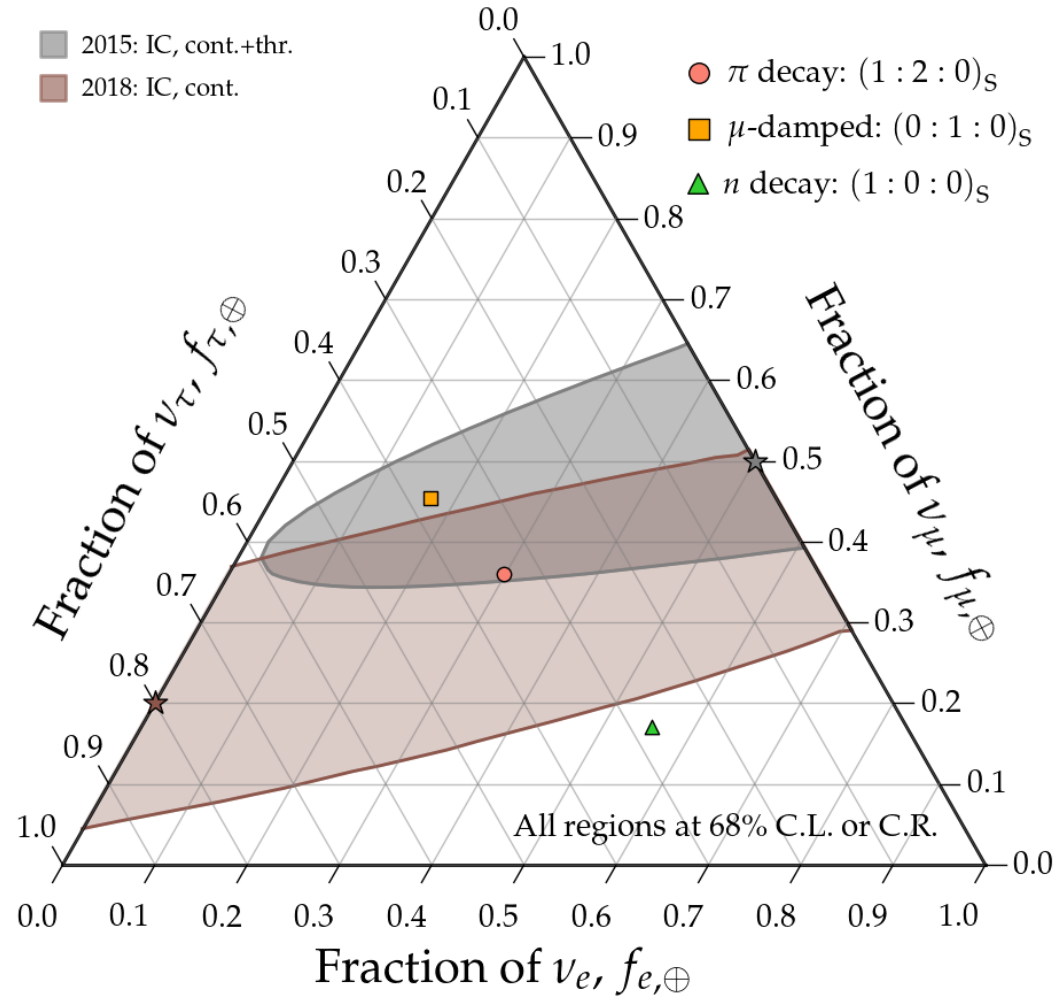
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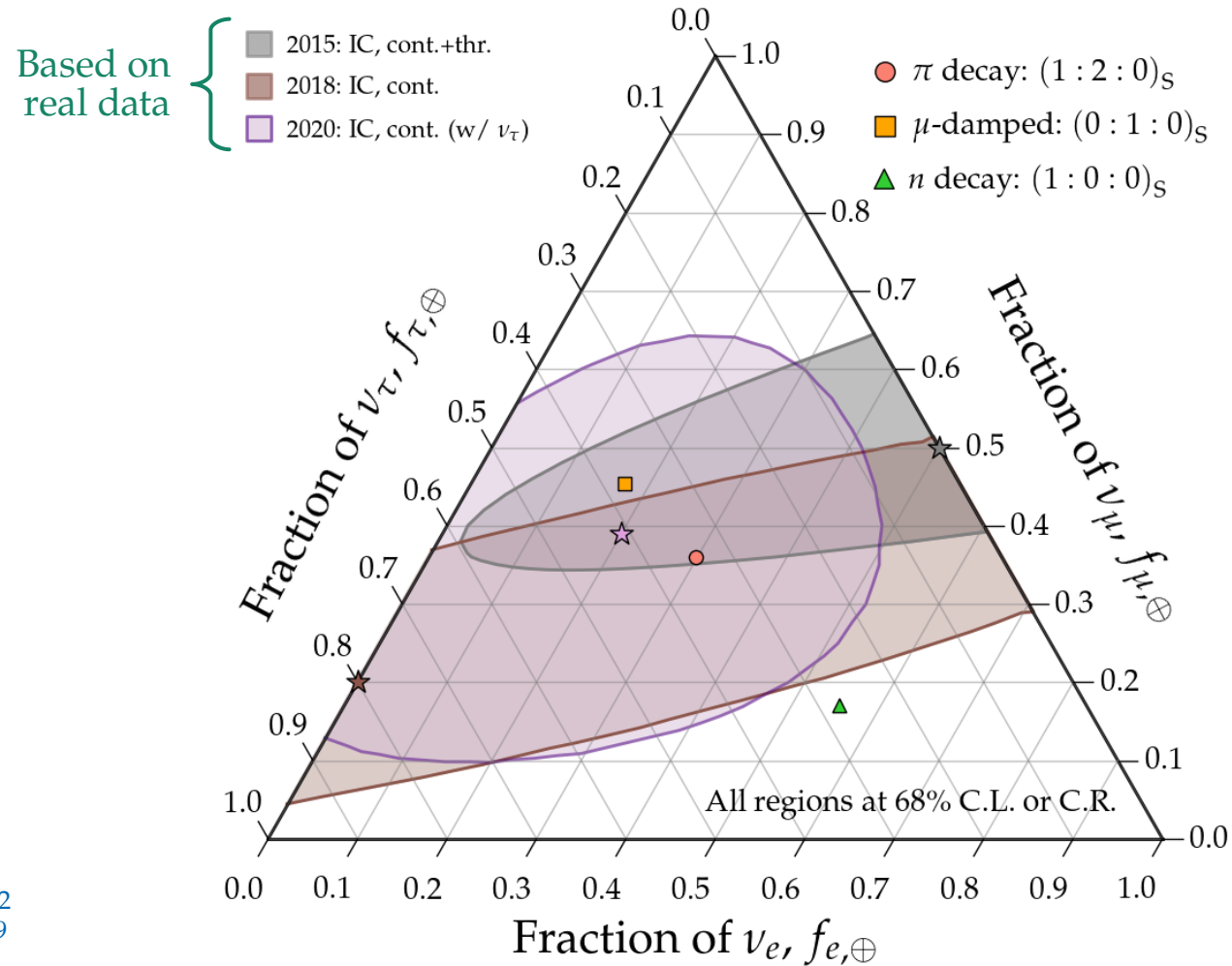
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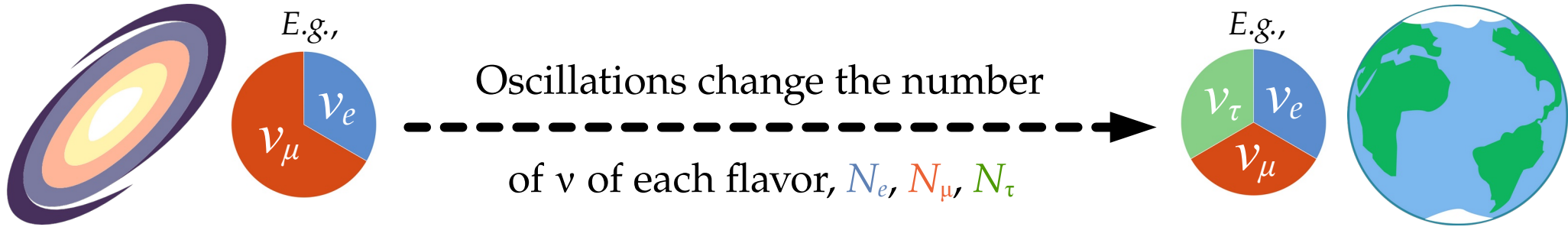
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Earth

Up to a few Gpc



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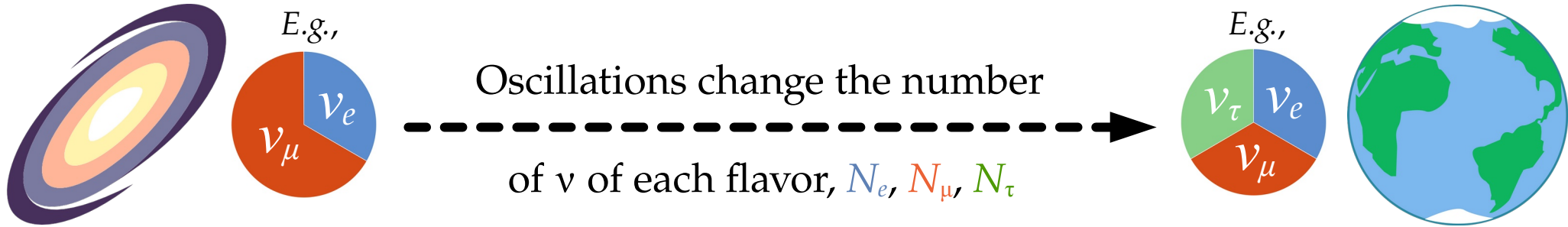
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Standard oscillations
or
new physics

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



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

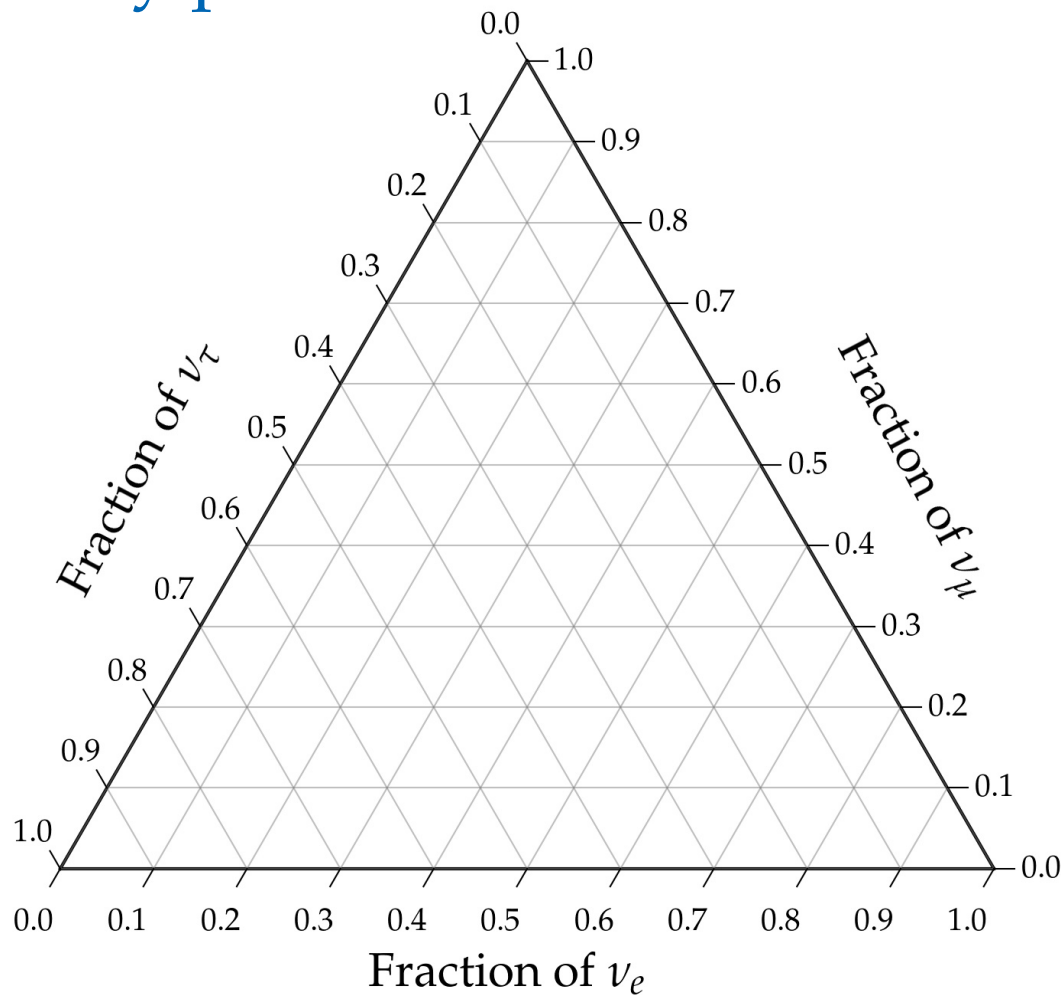
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Follow the tilt of the tick marks

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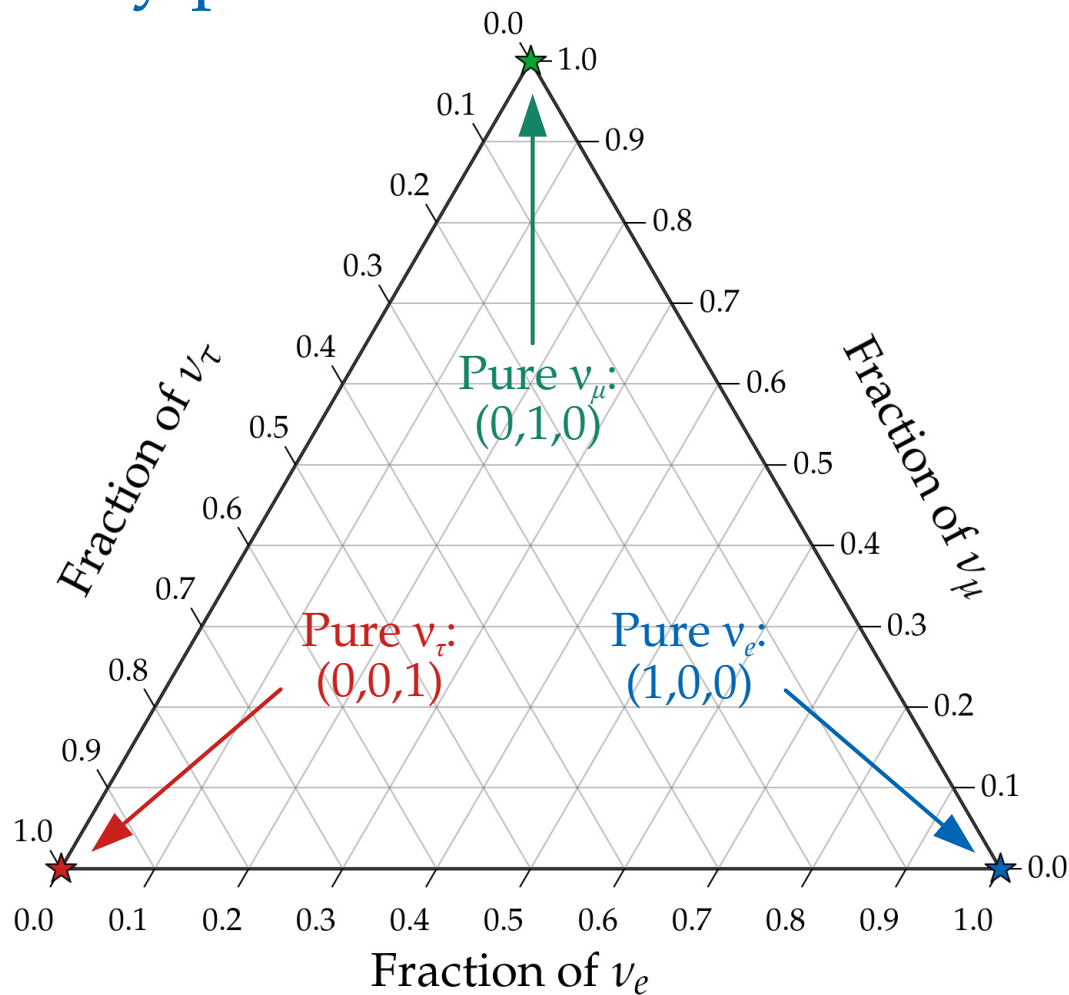
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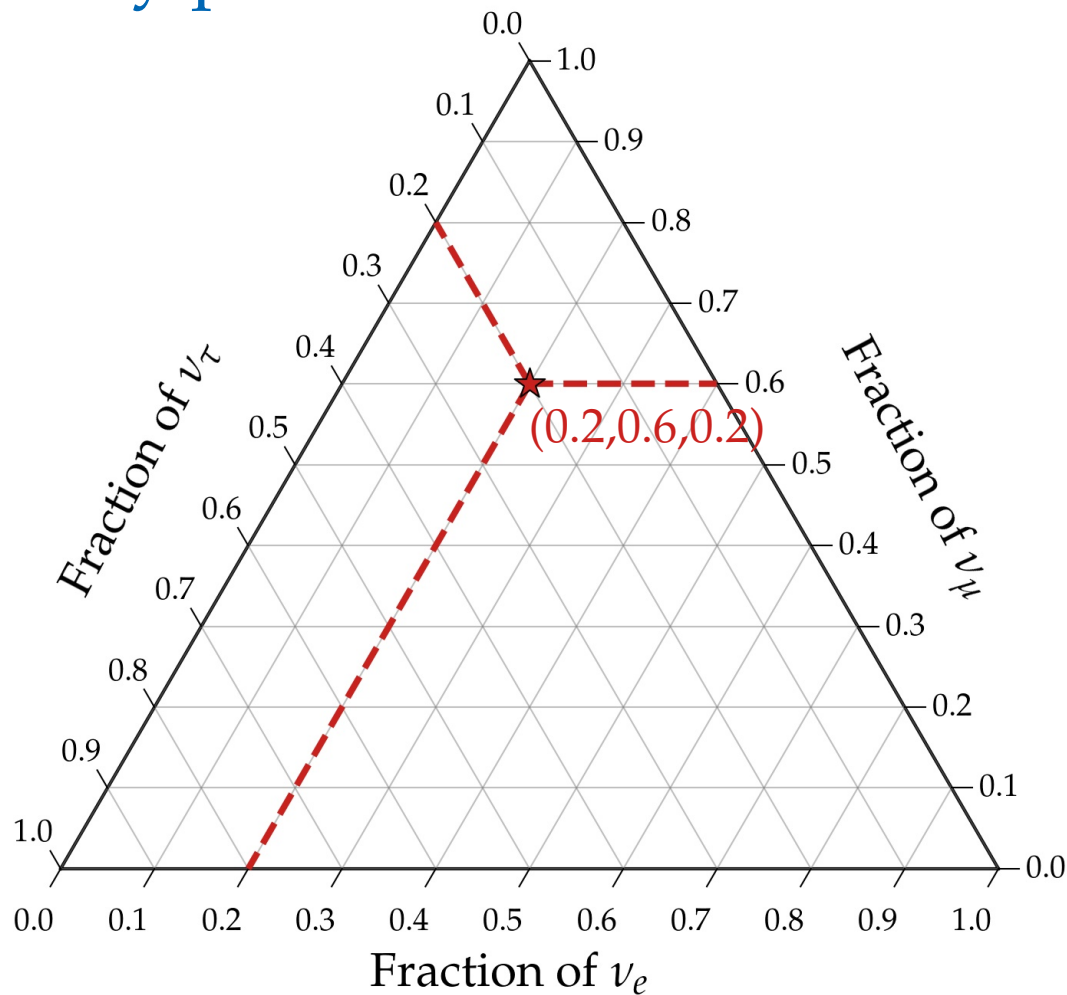
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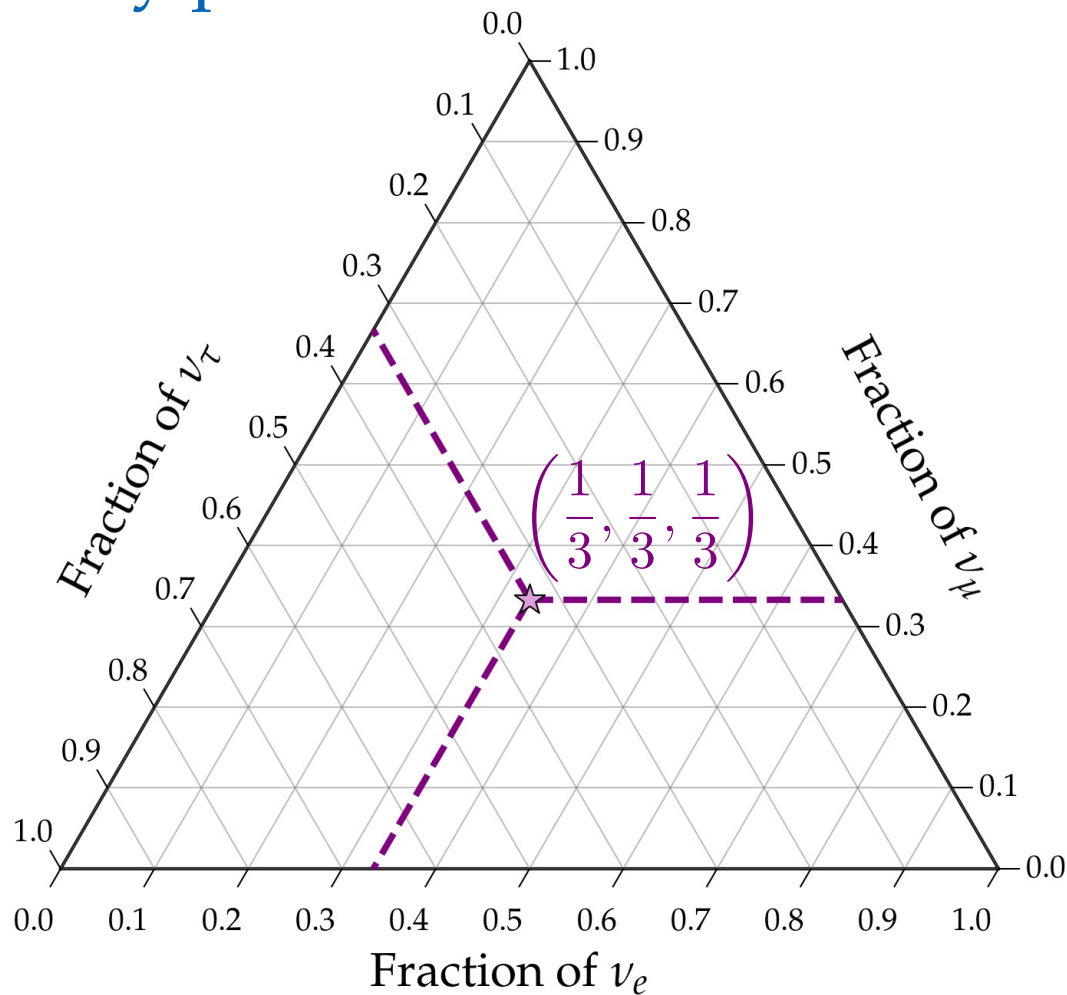
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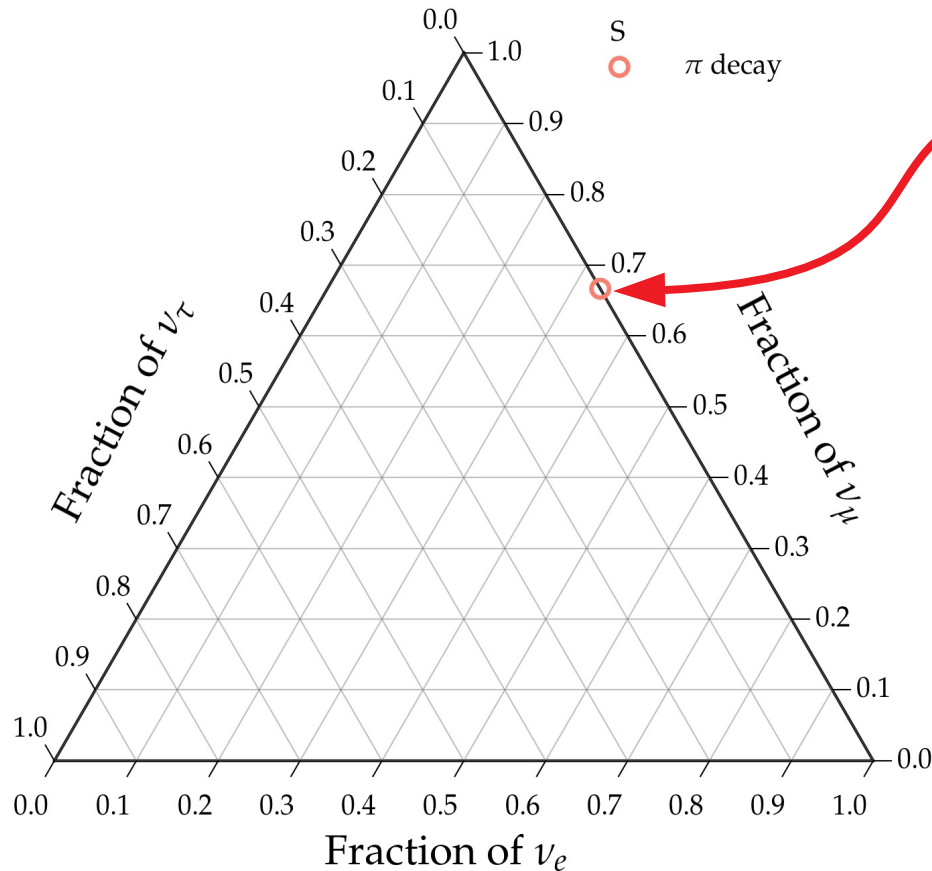
$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \text{ followed by } \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

Full π decay chain

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Note: ν and $\bar{\nu}$ are (so far) indistinguishable
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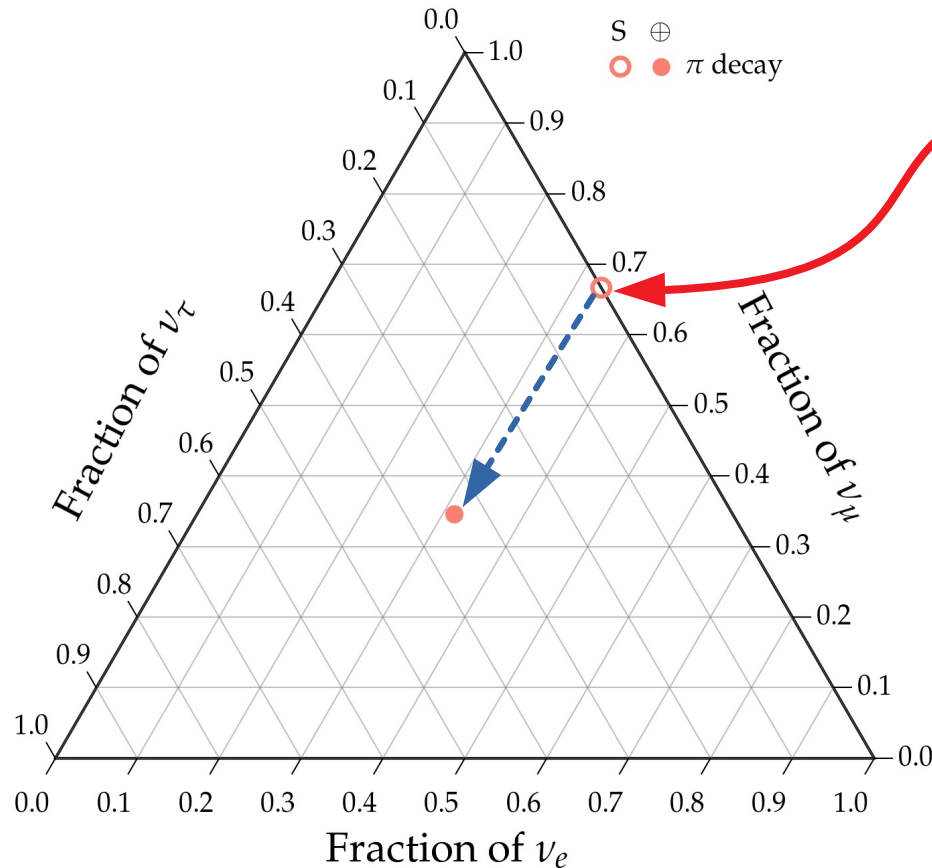


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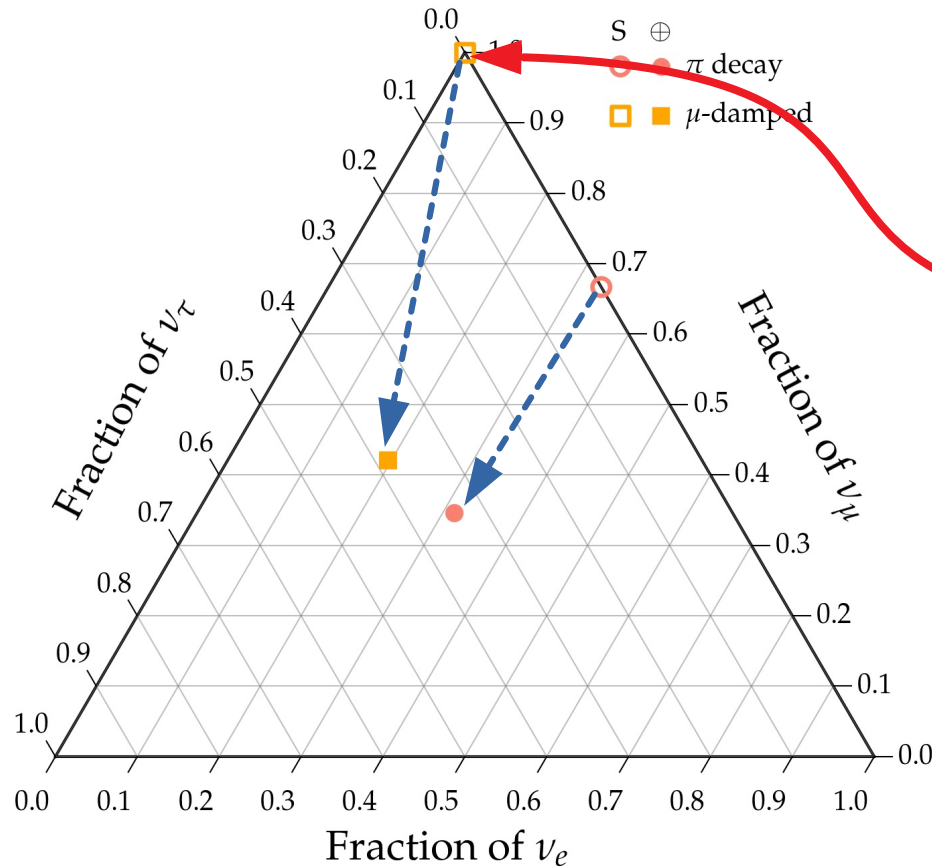


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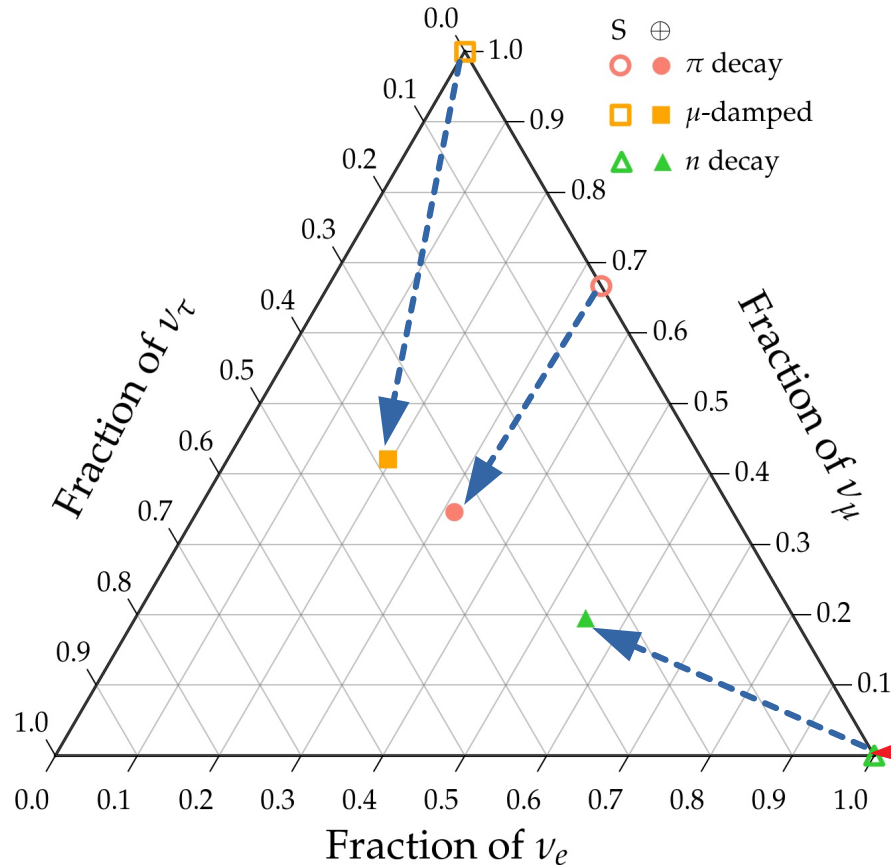
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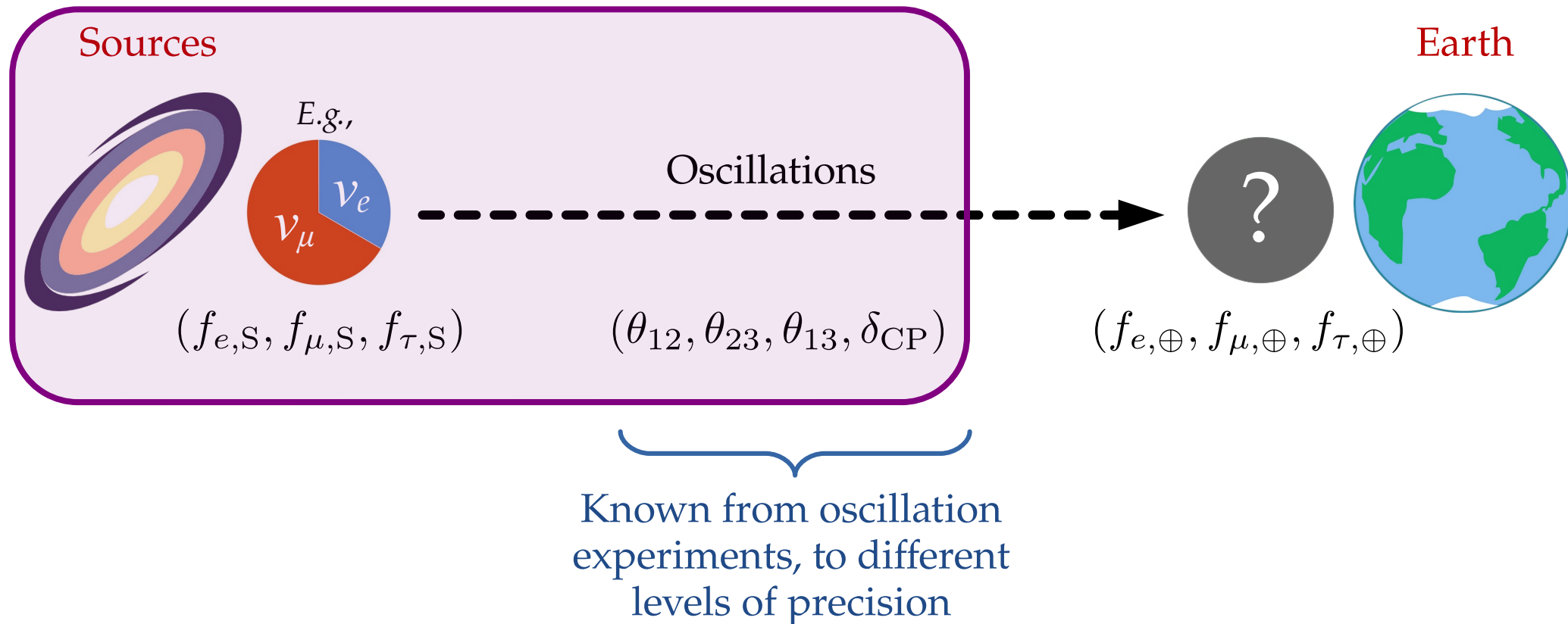
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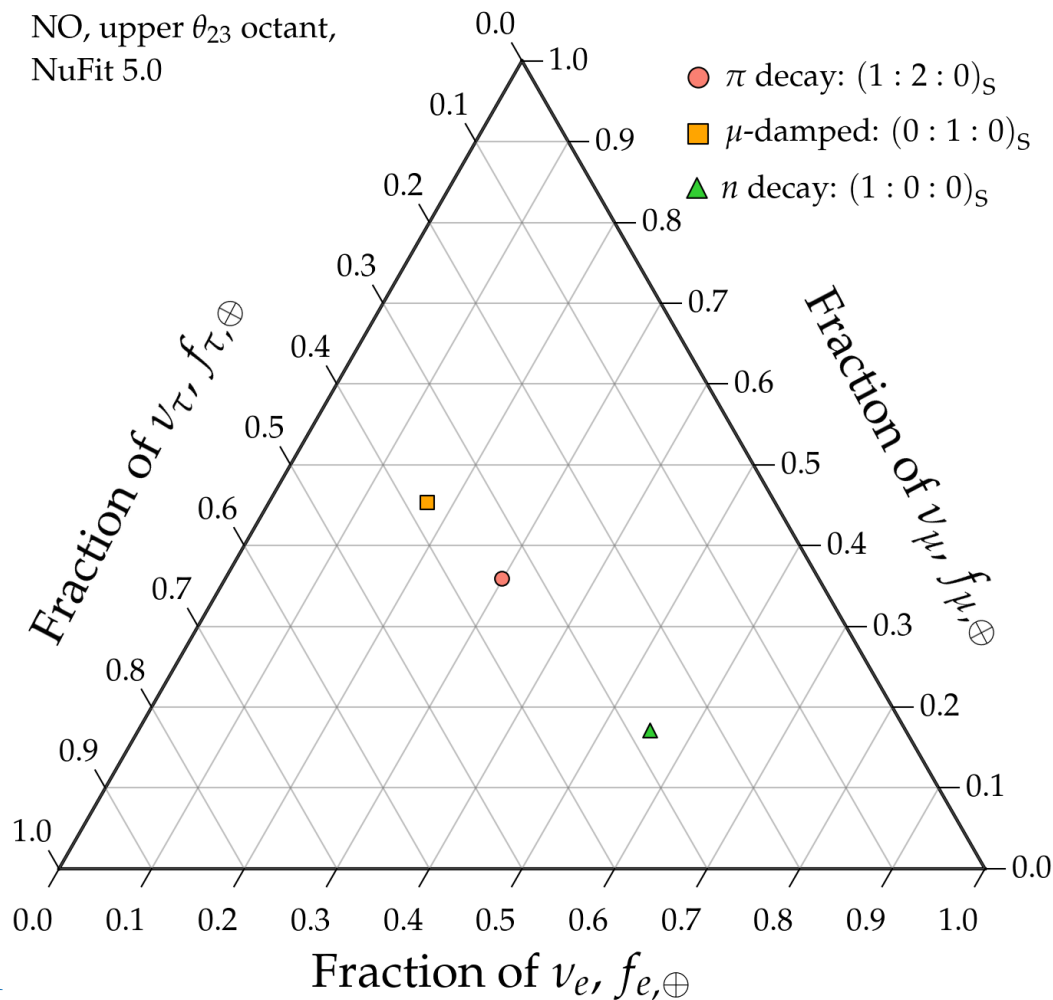
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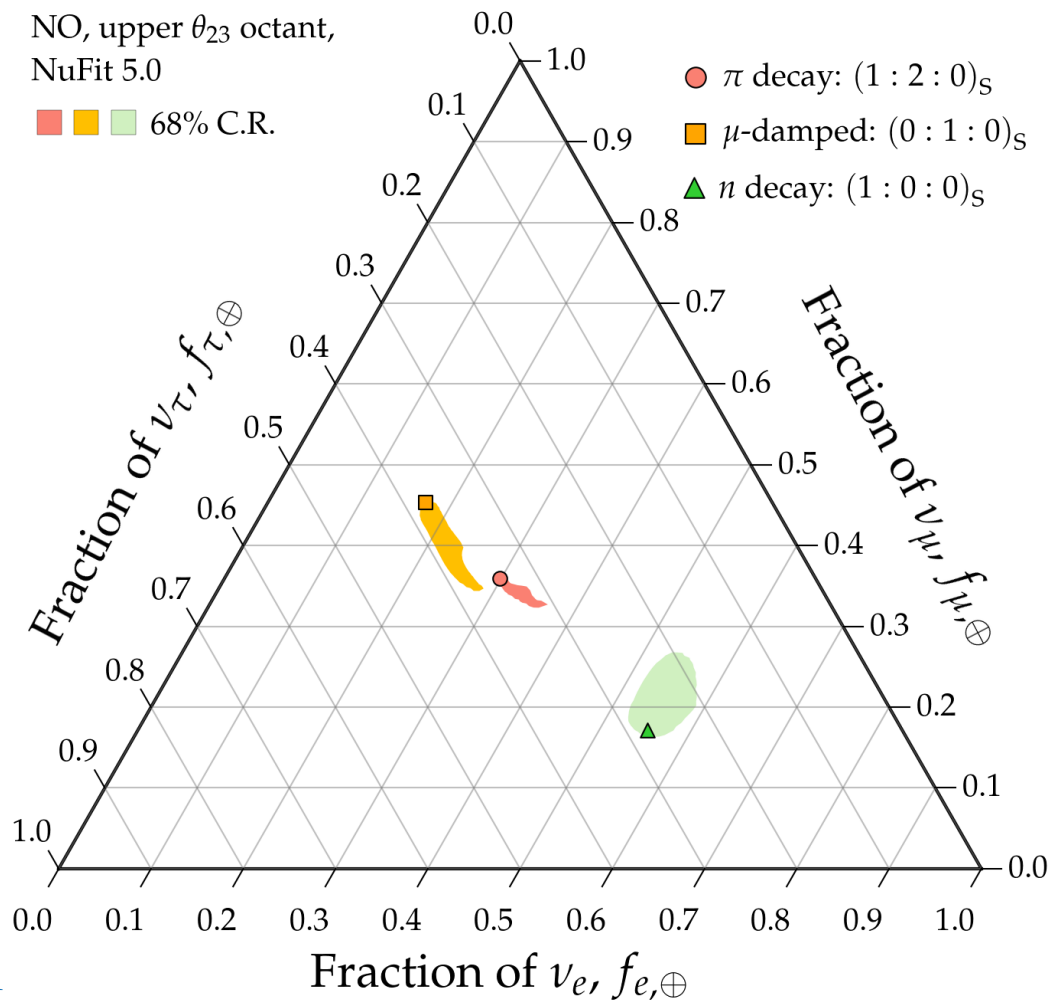
NO, upper θ_{23} octant,
NuFit 5.0



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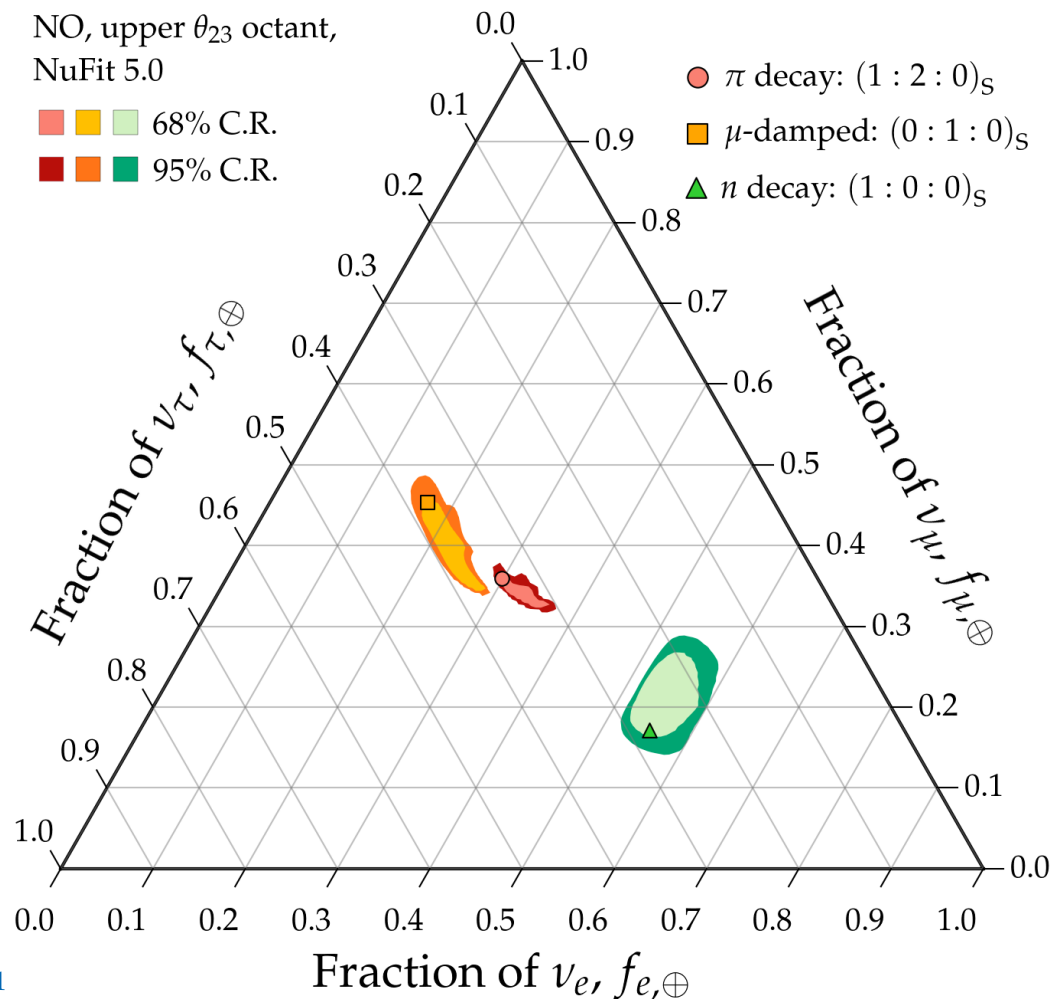
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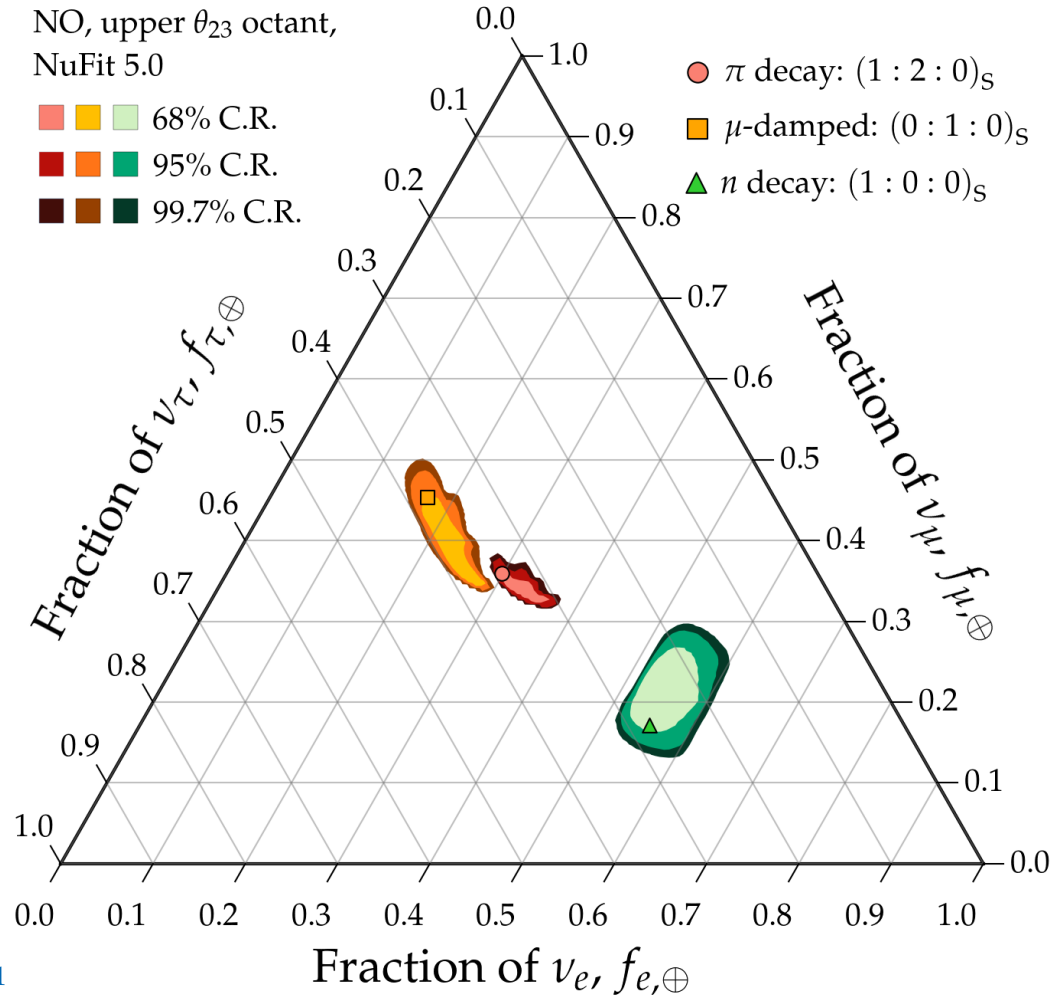
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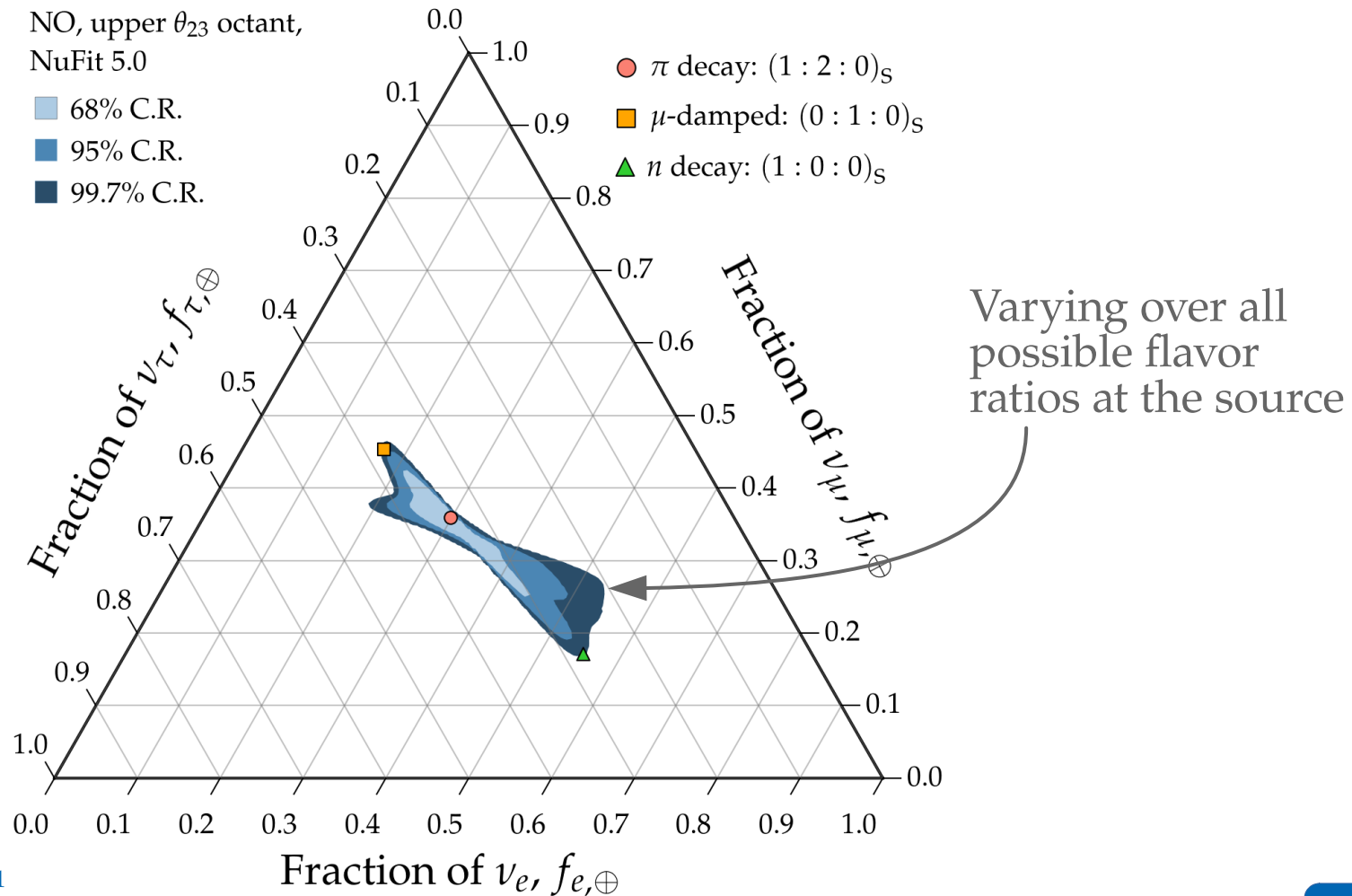
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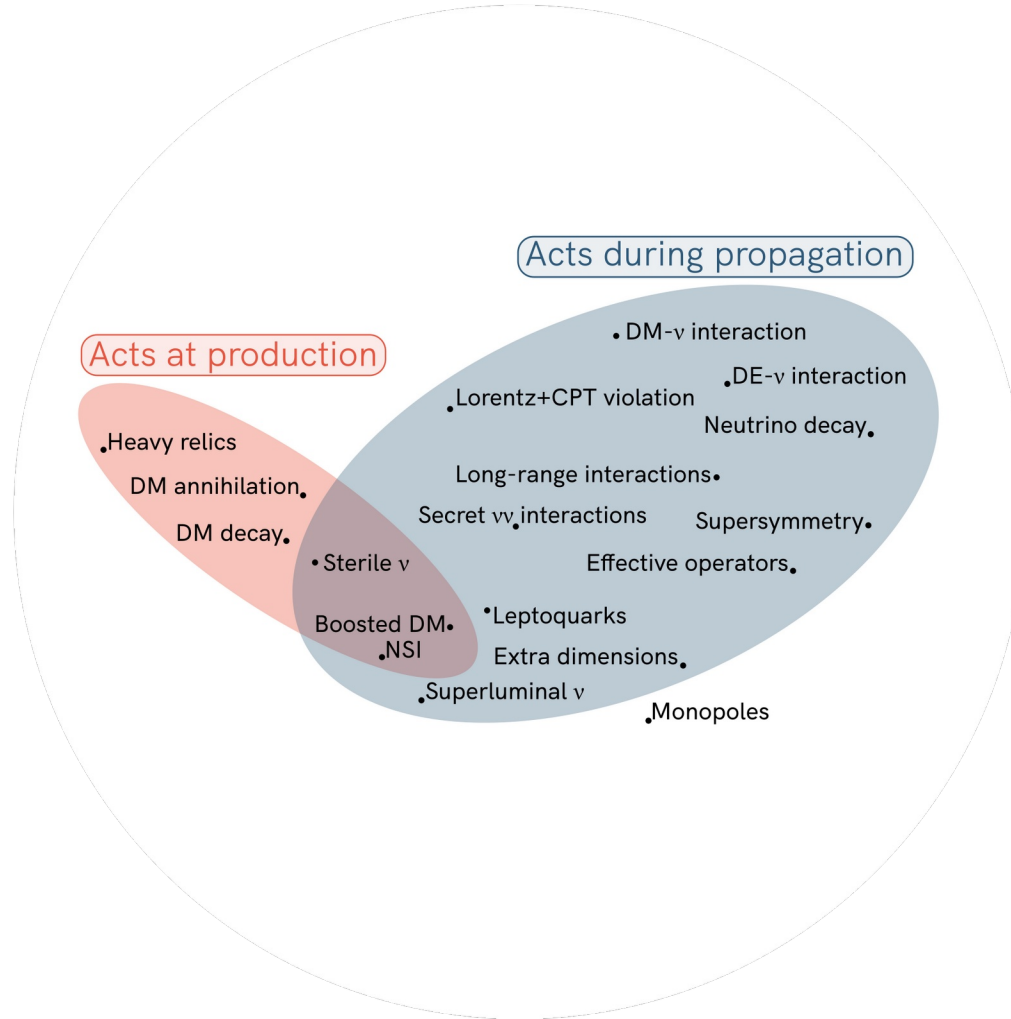
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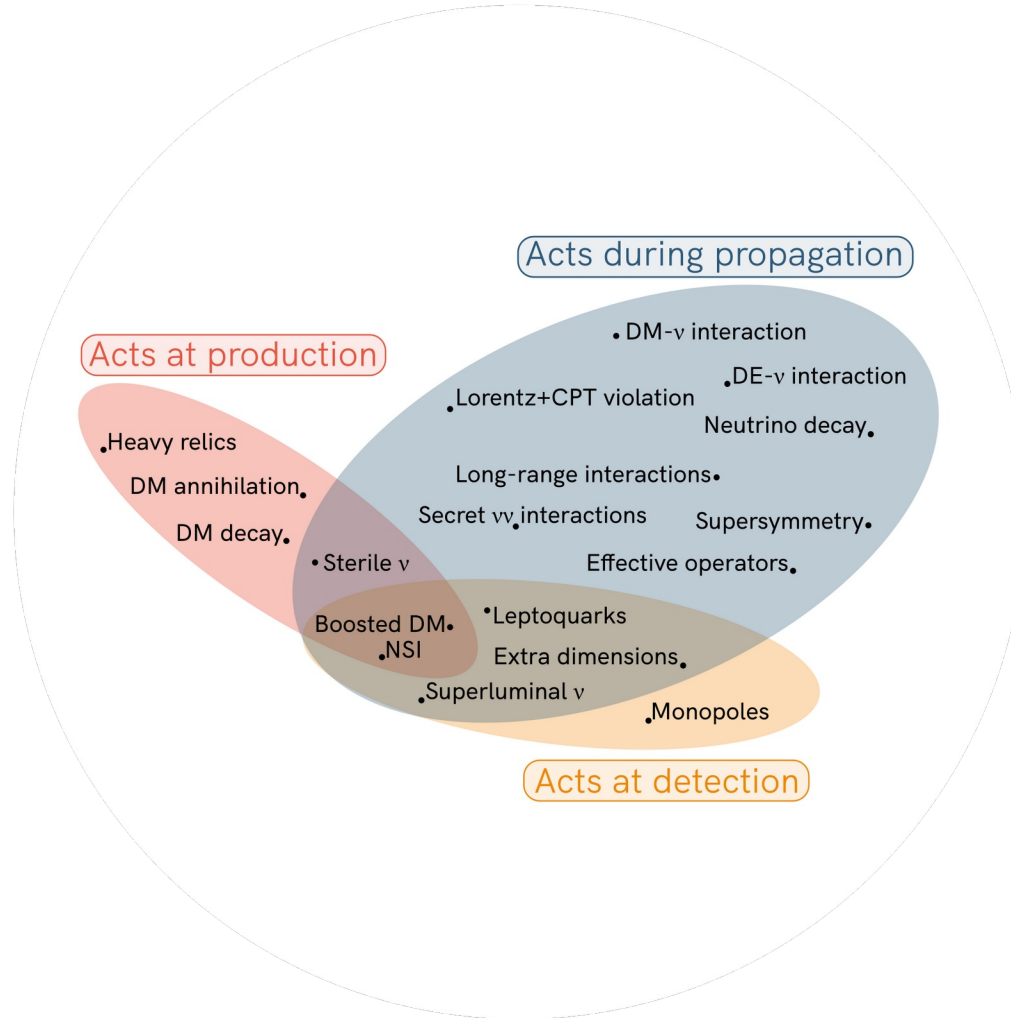
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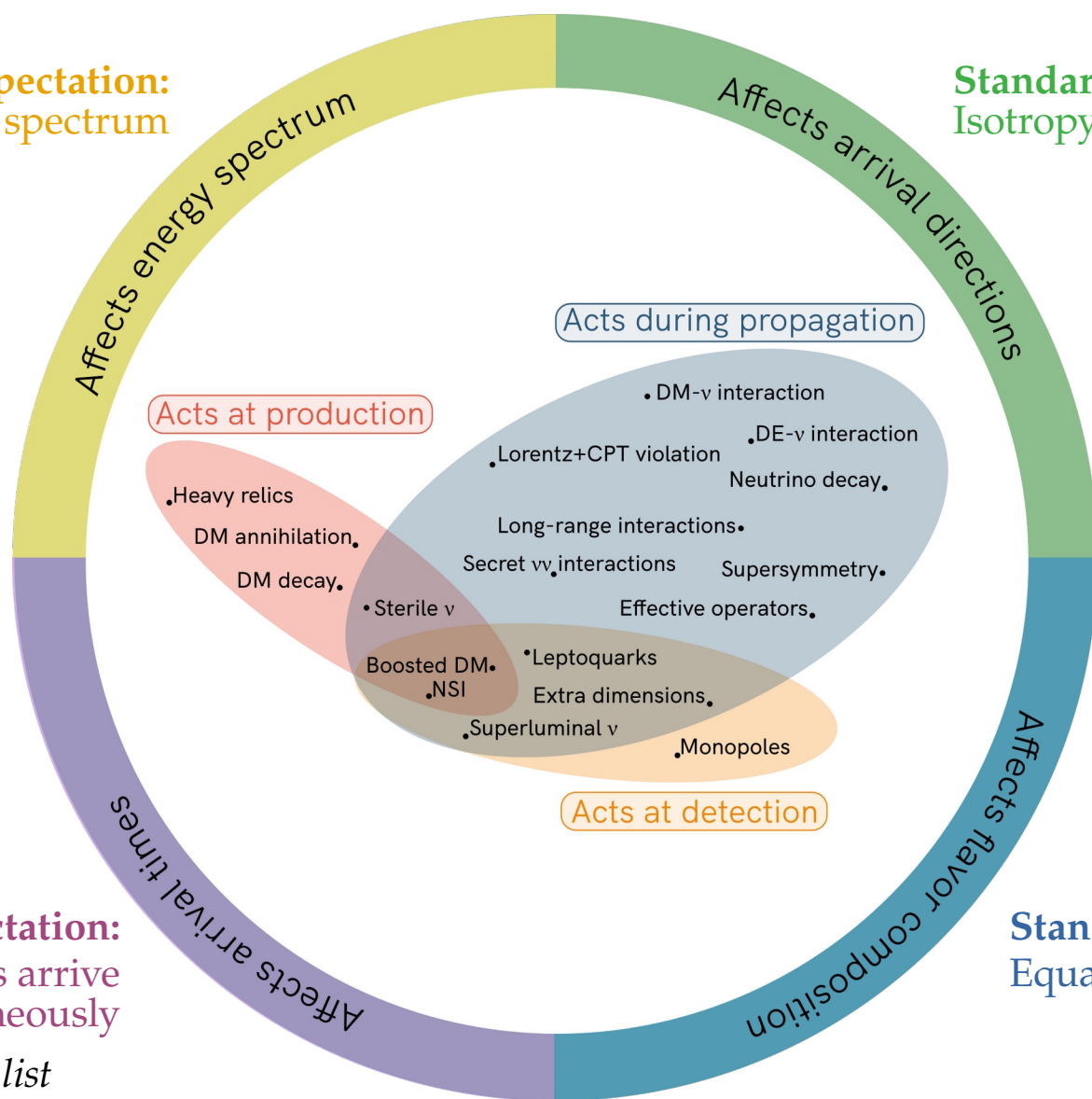
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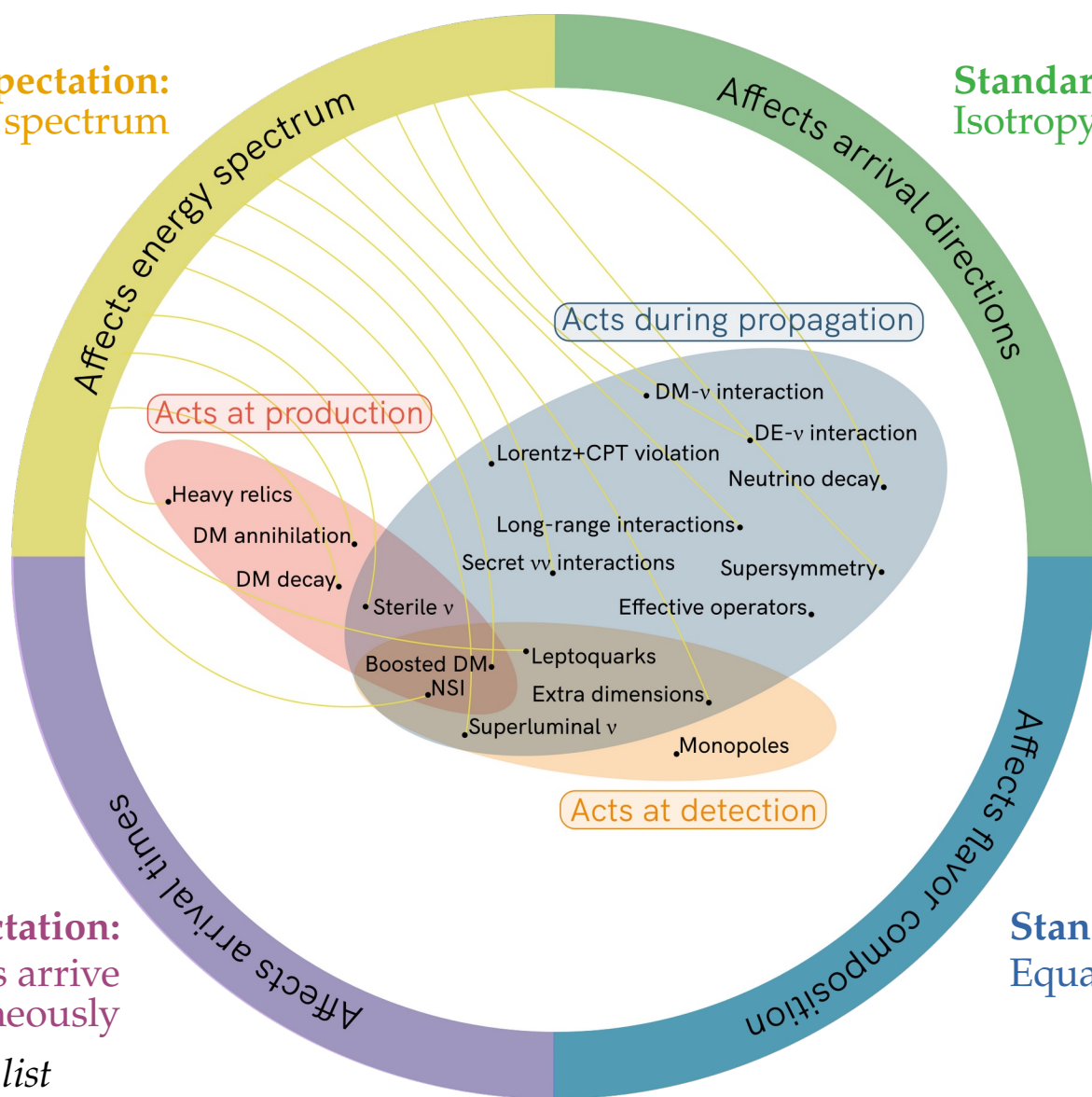
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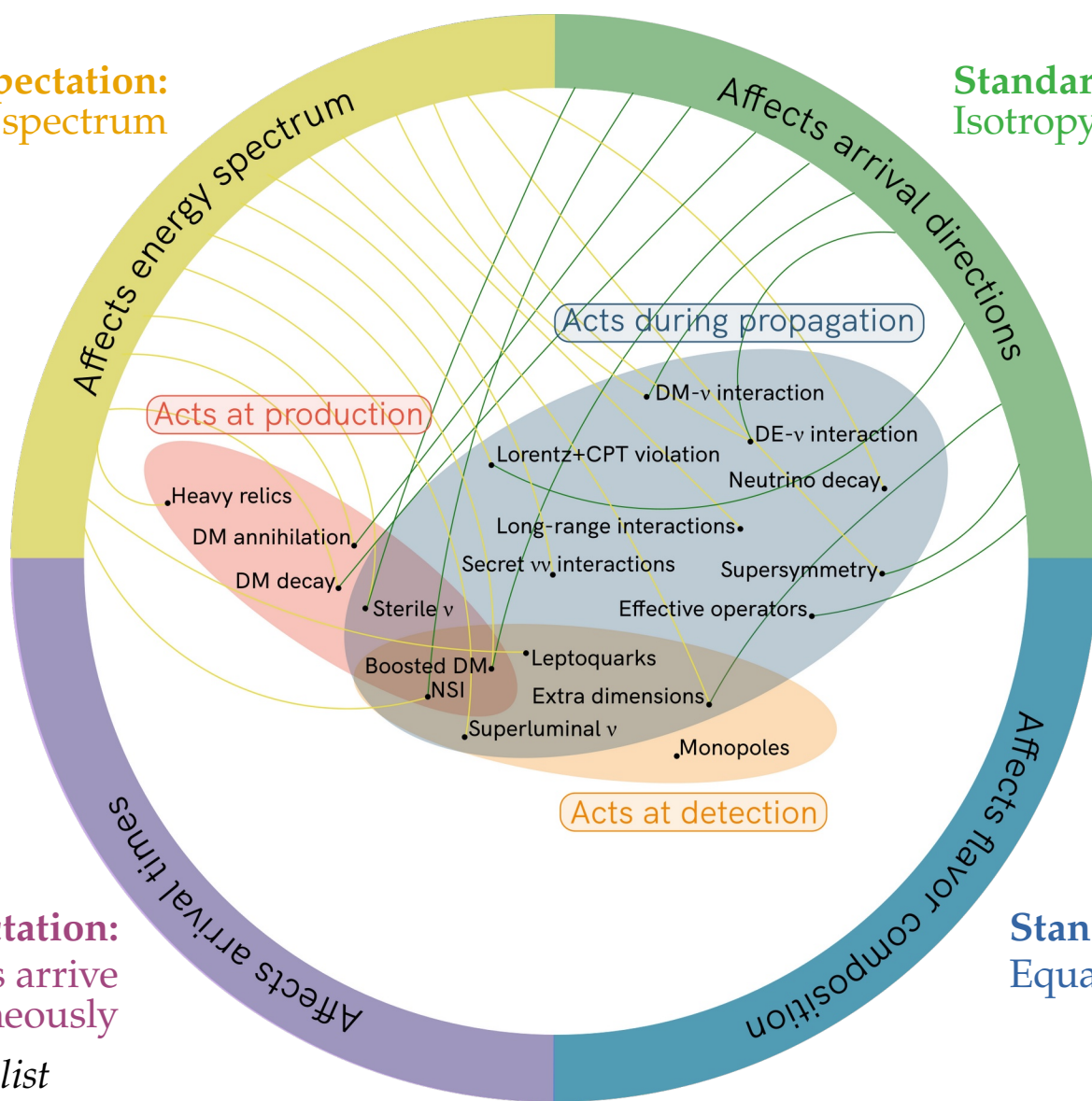
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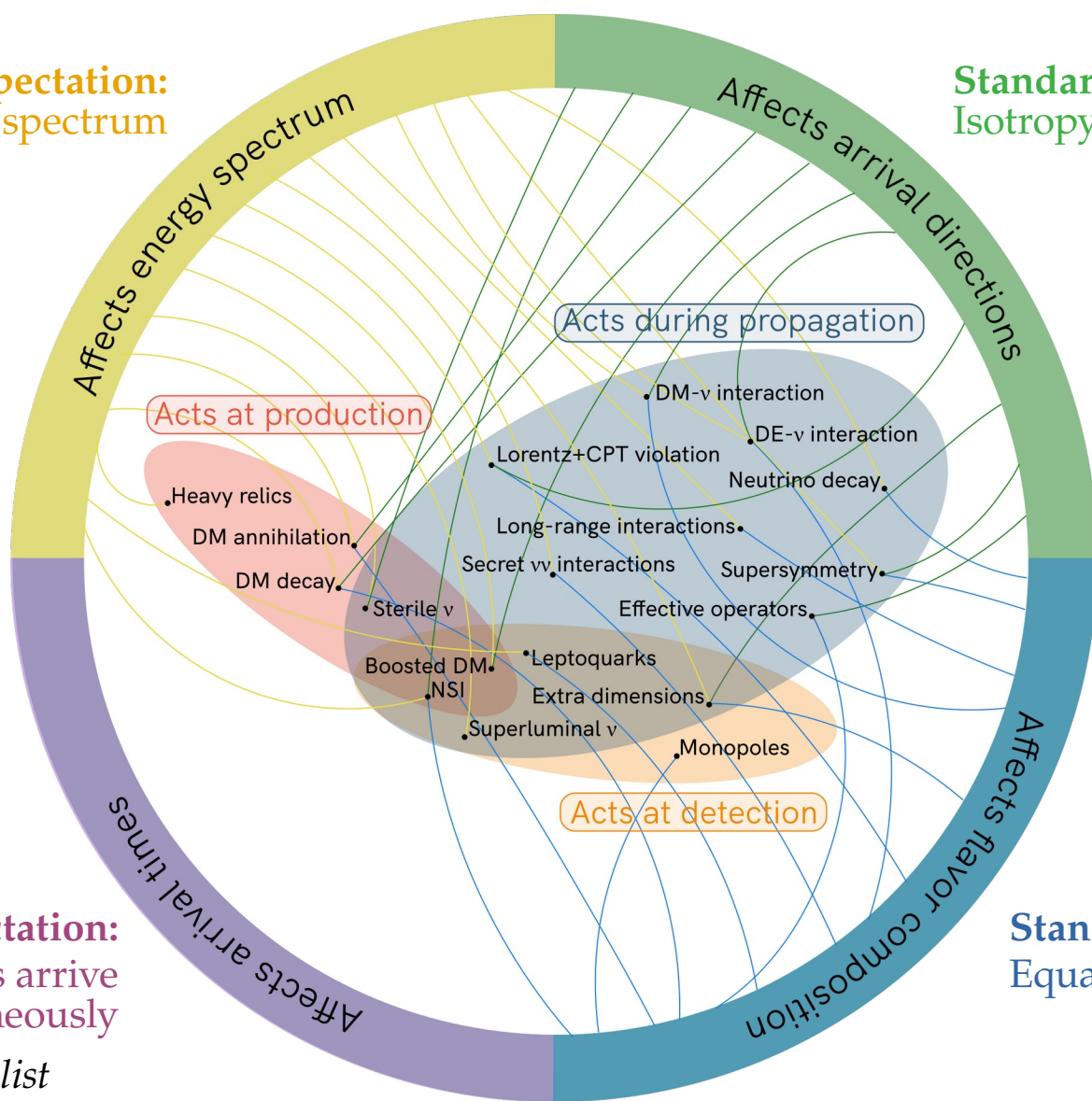
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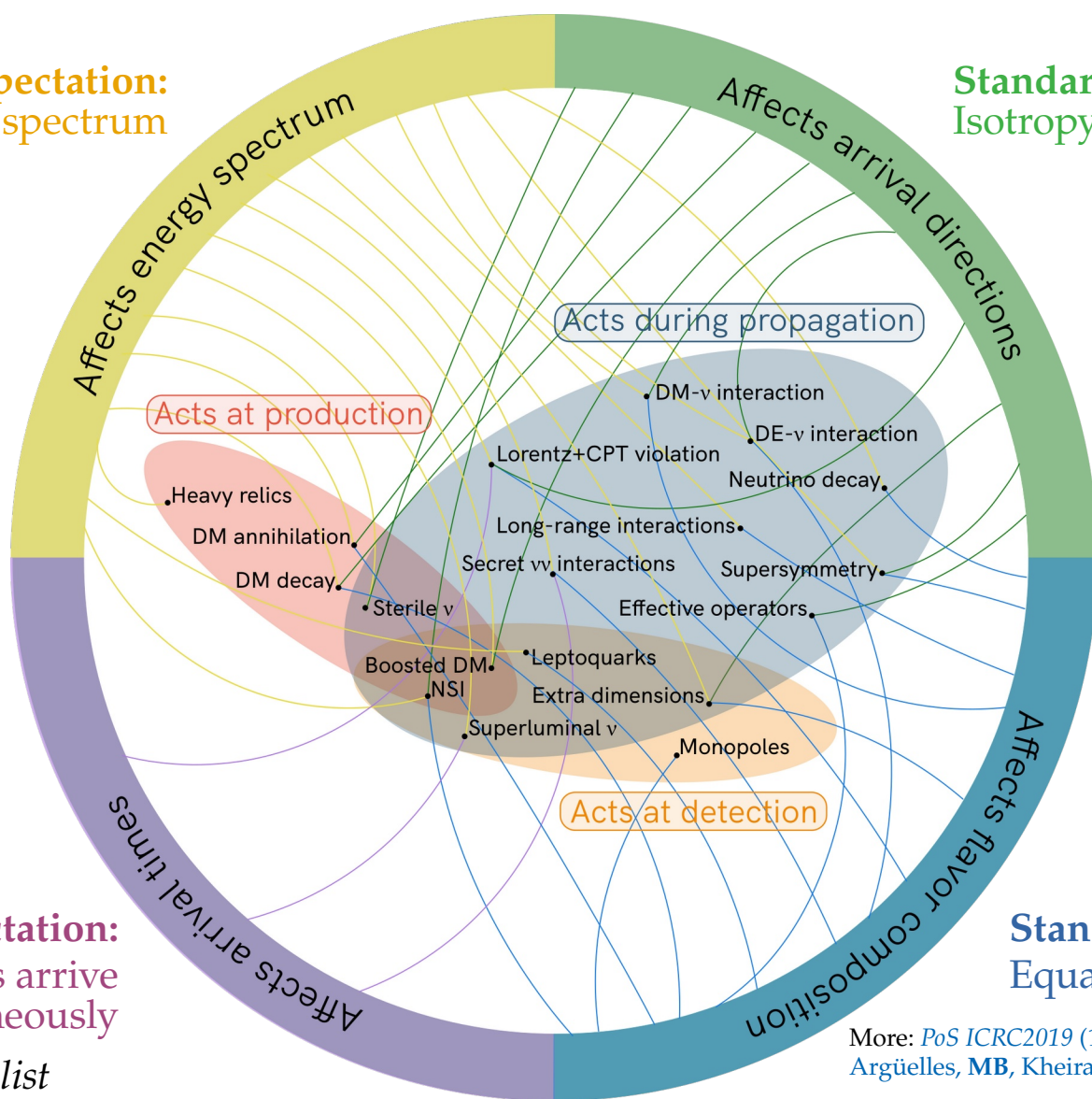
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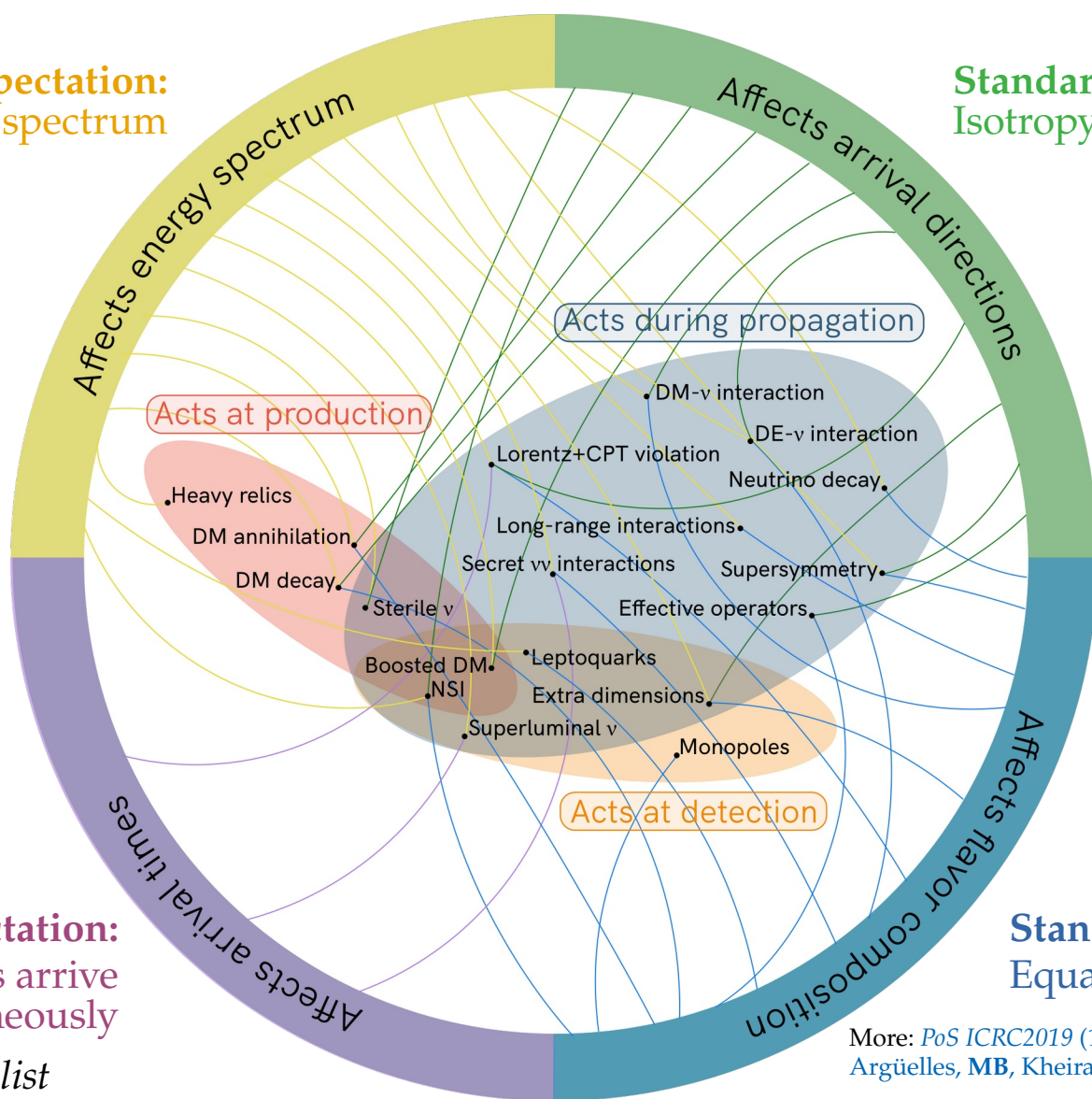
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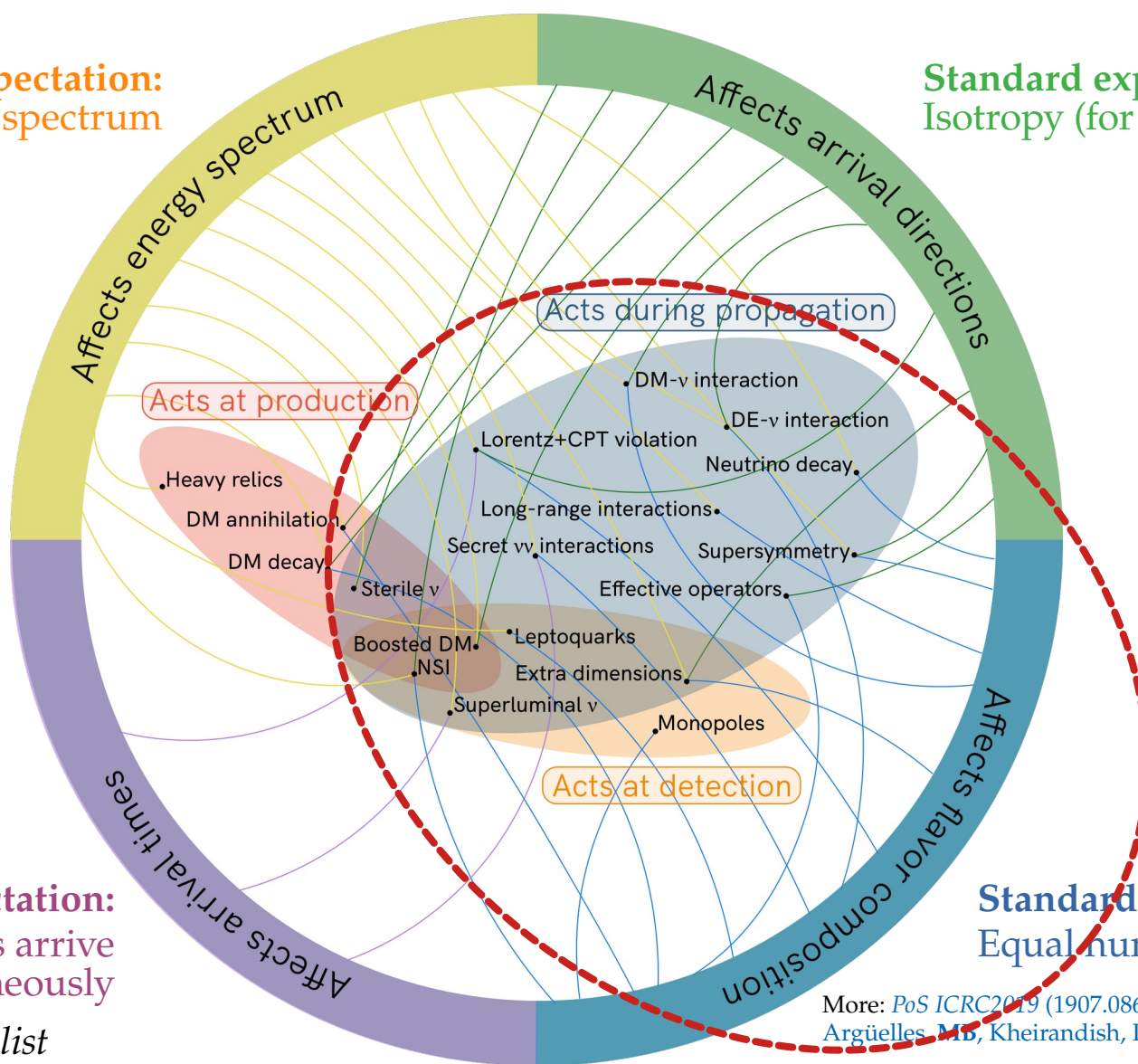
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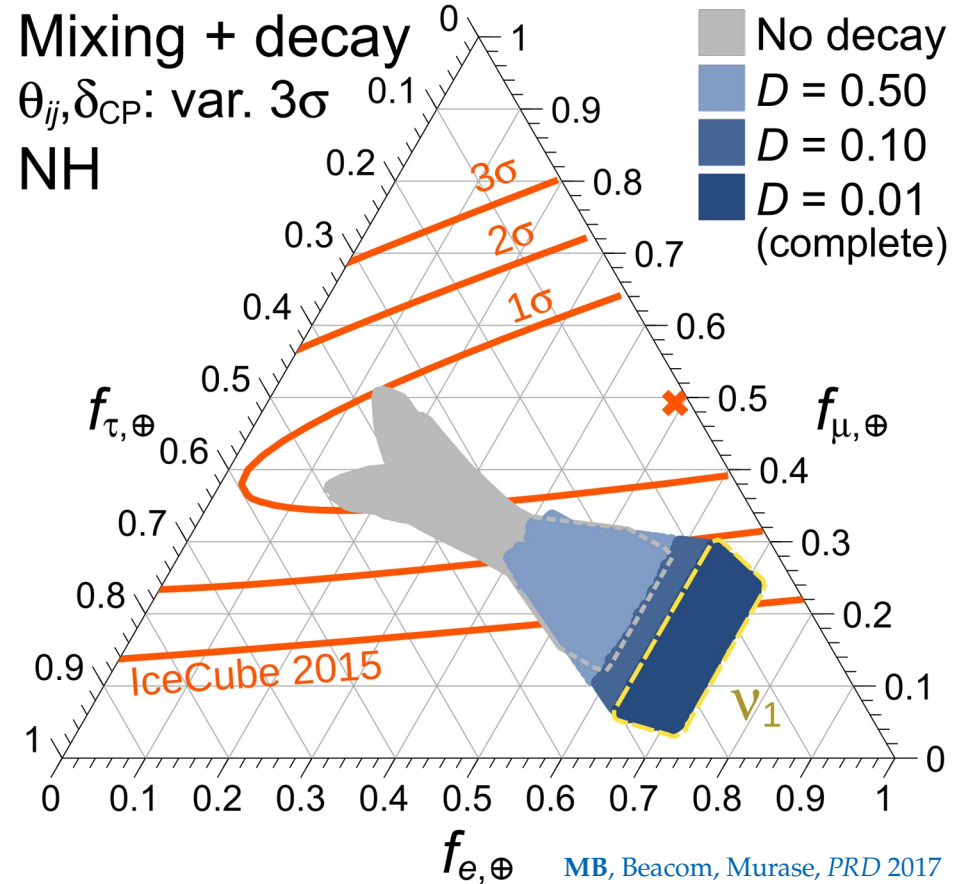
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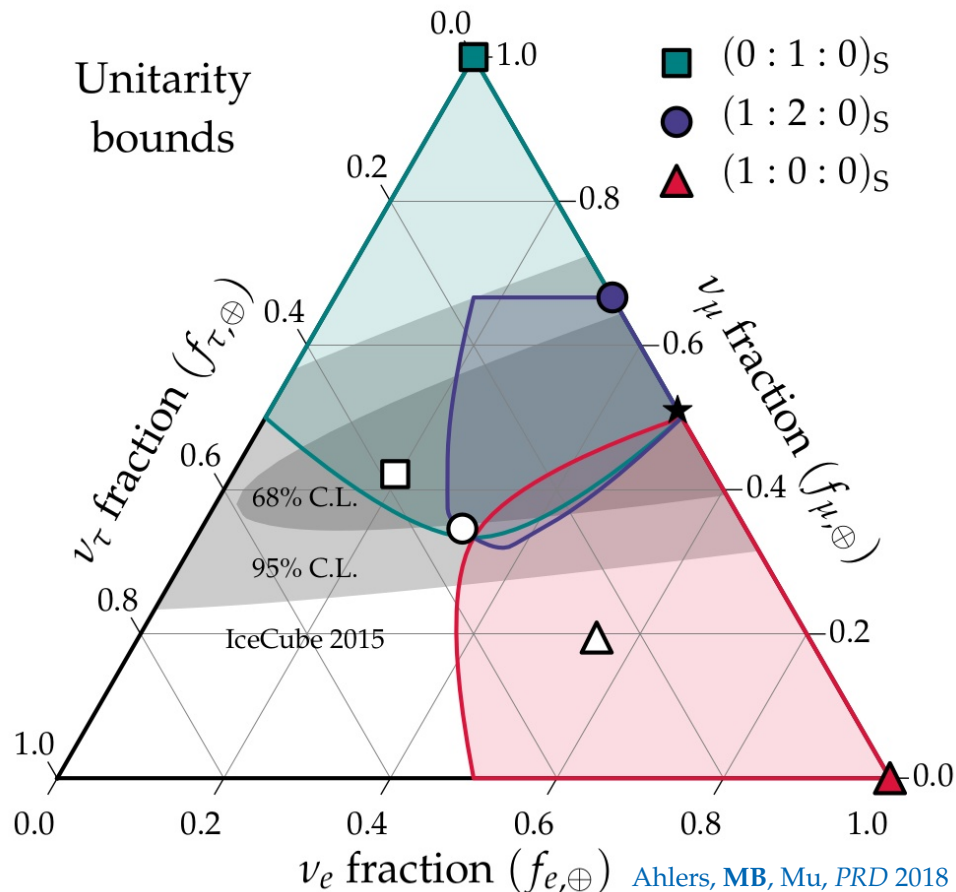
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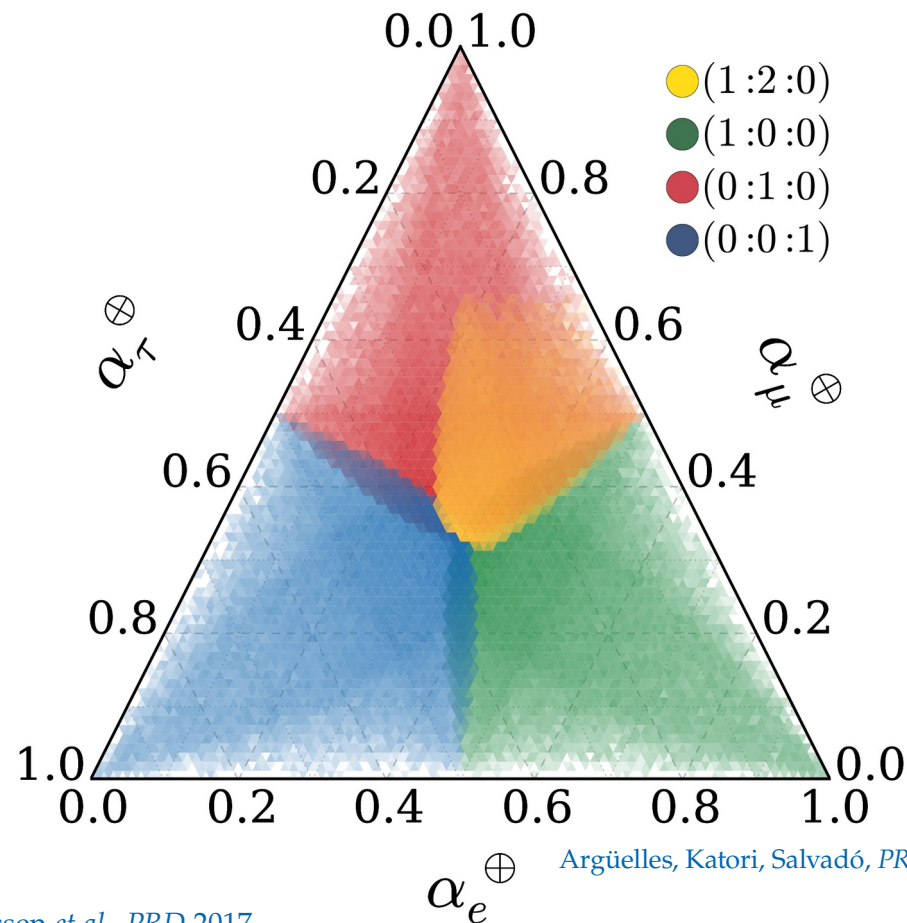
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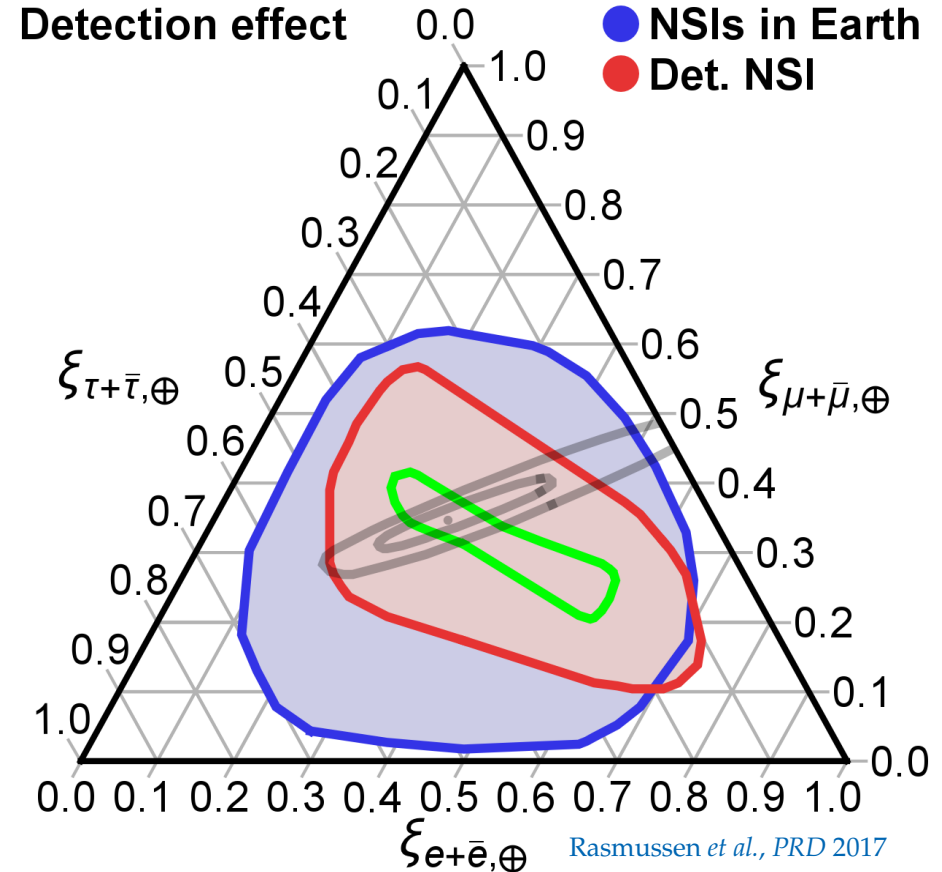
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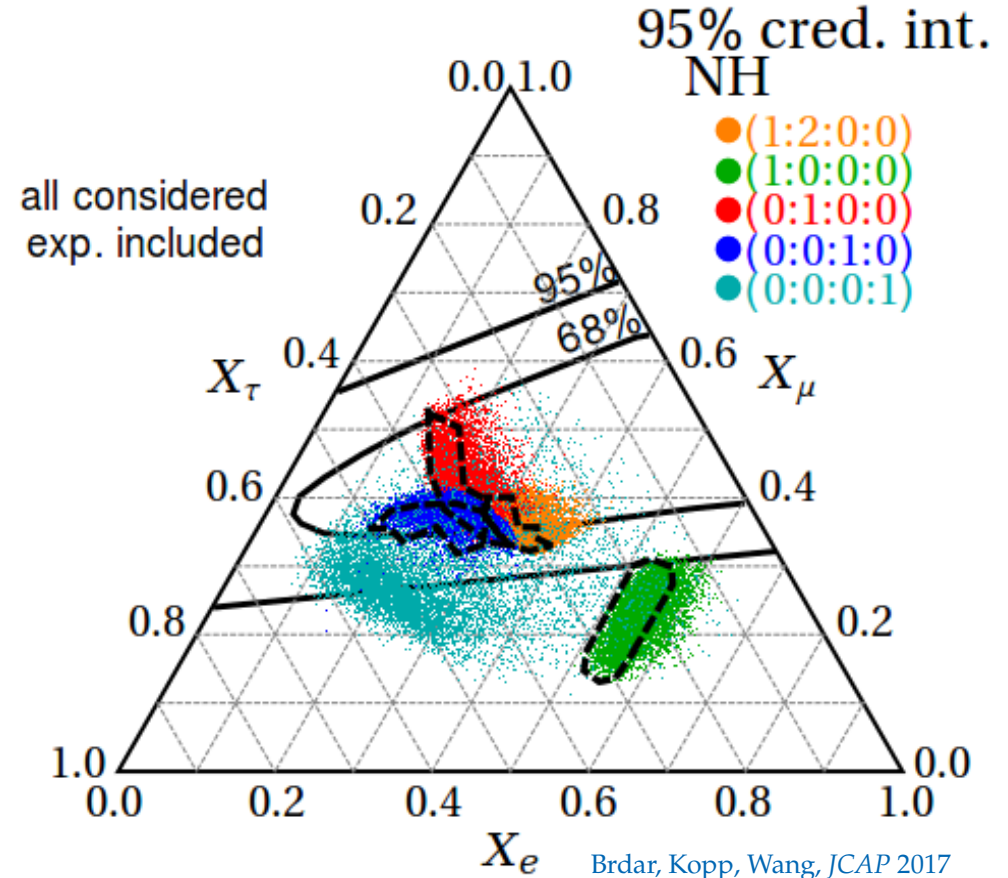
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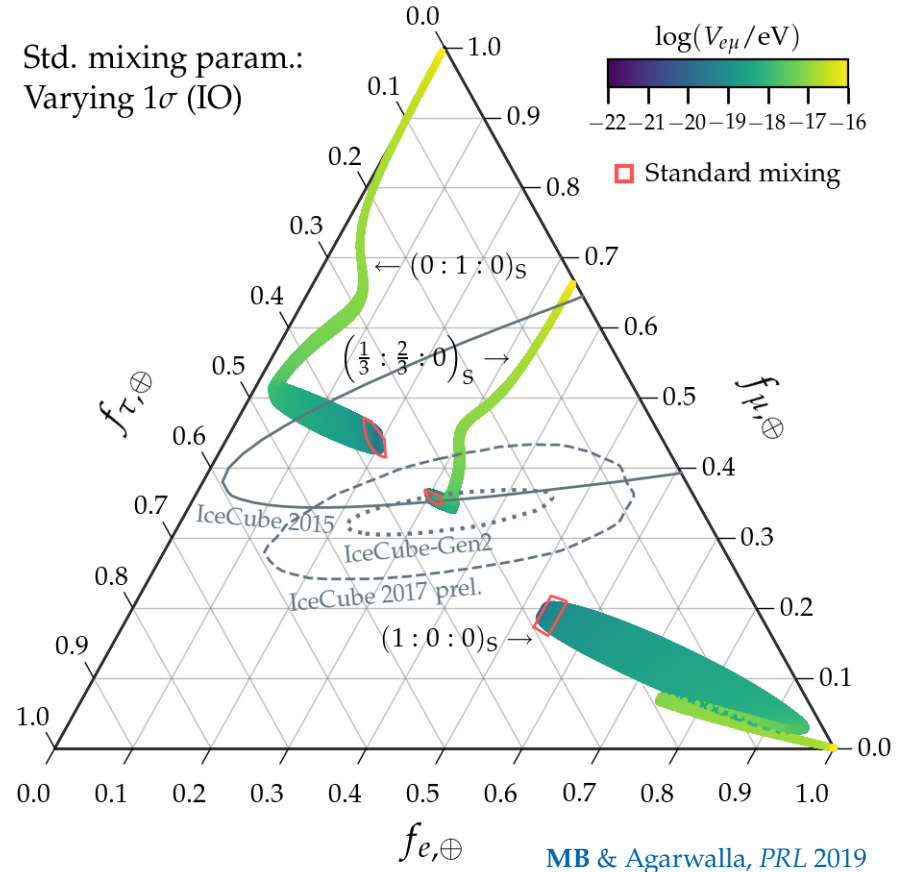
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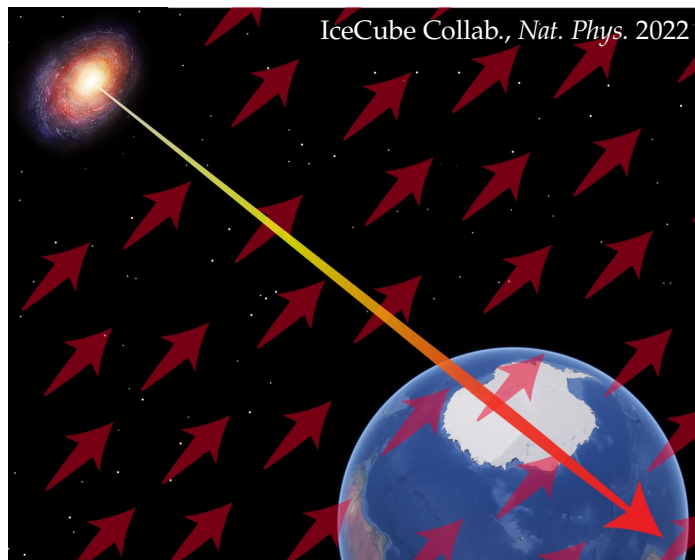
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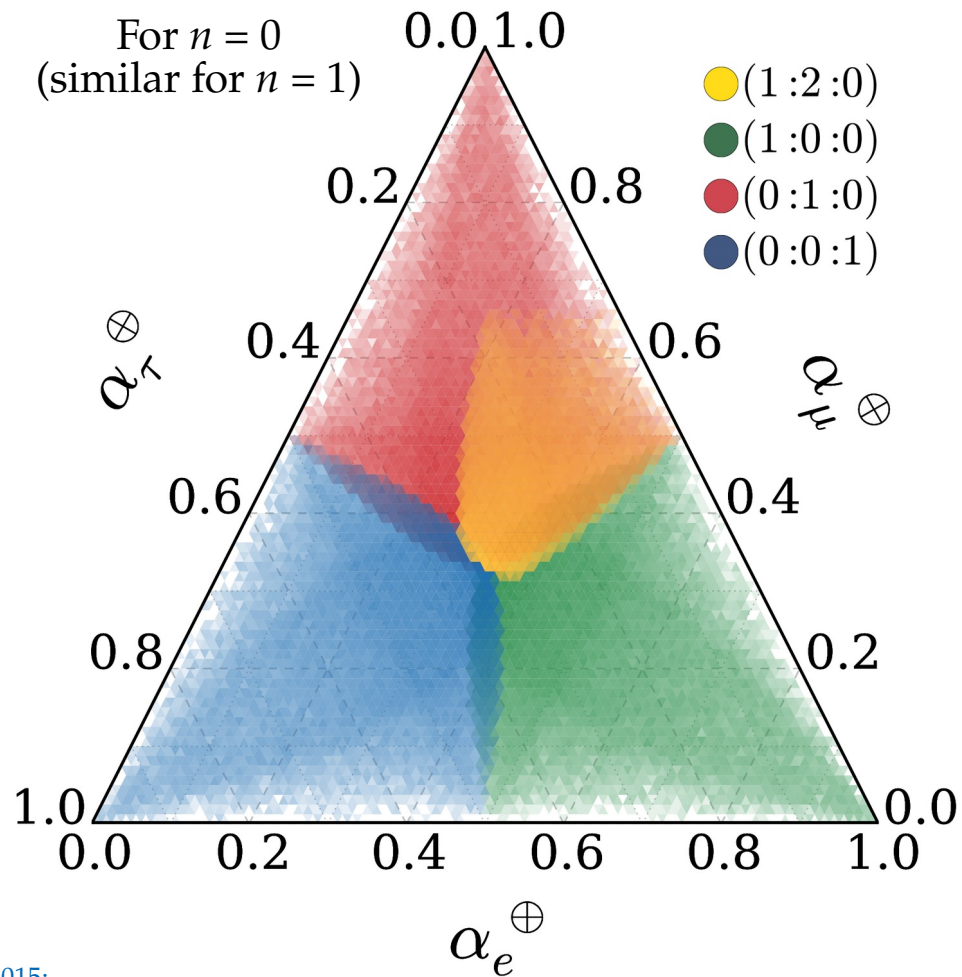
Lorentz-invariance violation can fill up the flavor triangle



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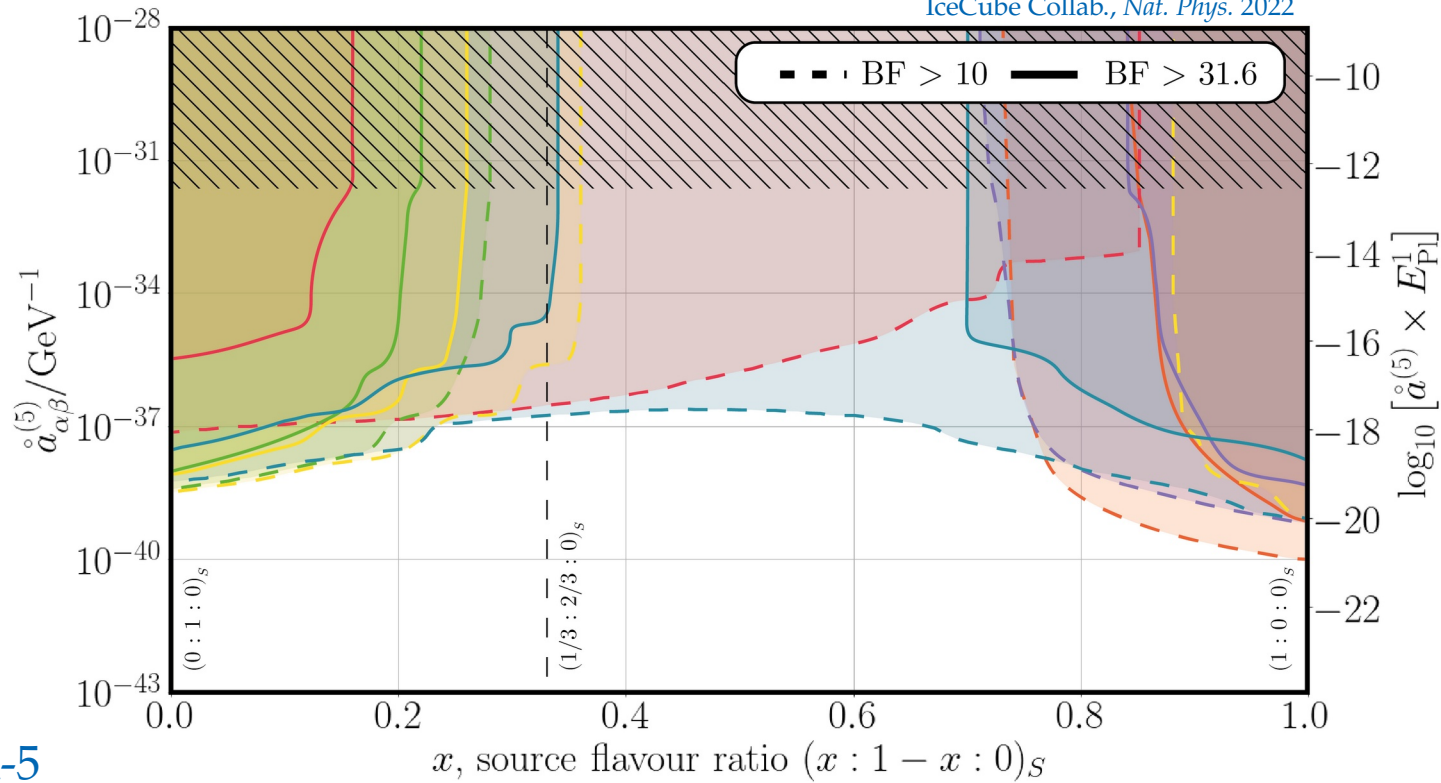
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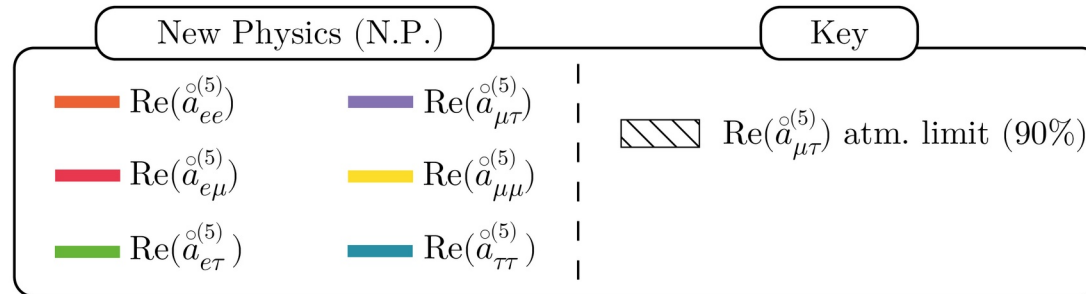


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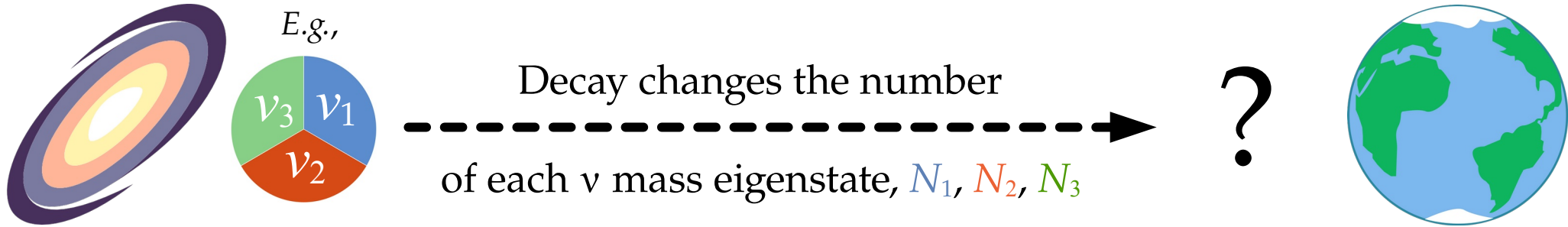
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$L \sim$ up to a few Gpc



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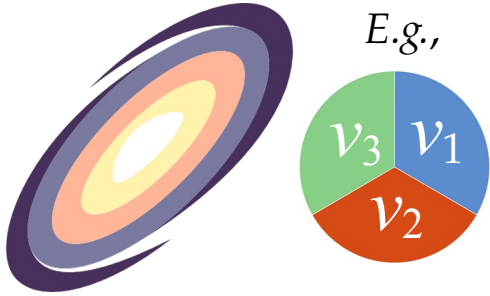
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... but ν that travel longer L are more attenuated!

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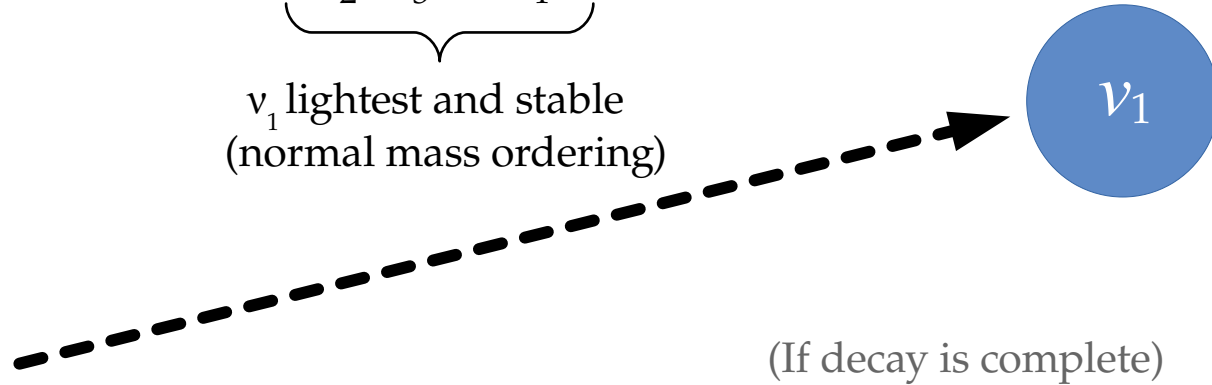
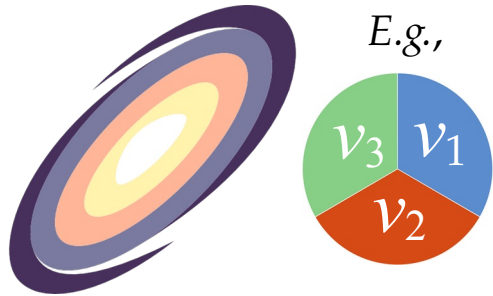
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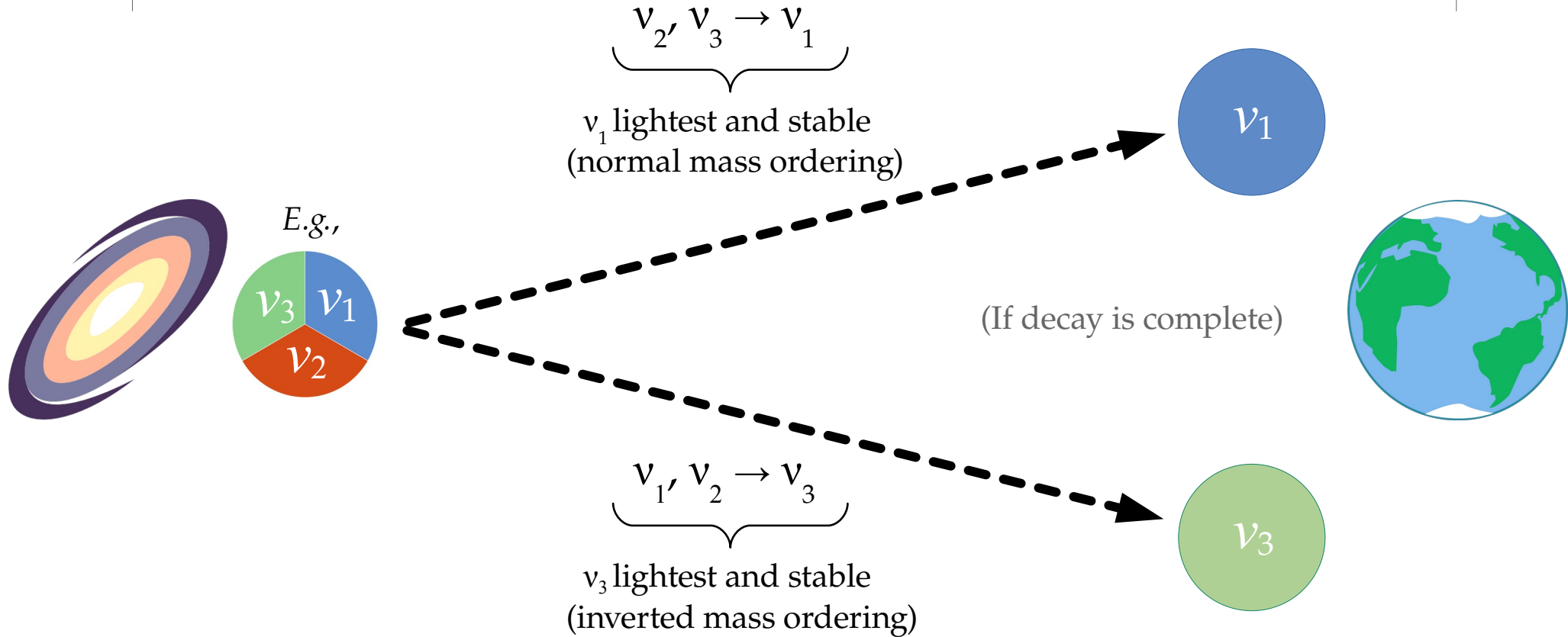
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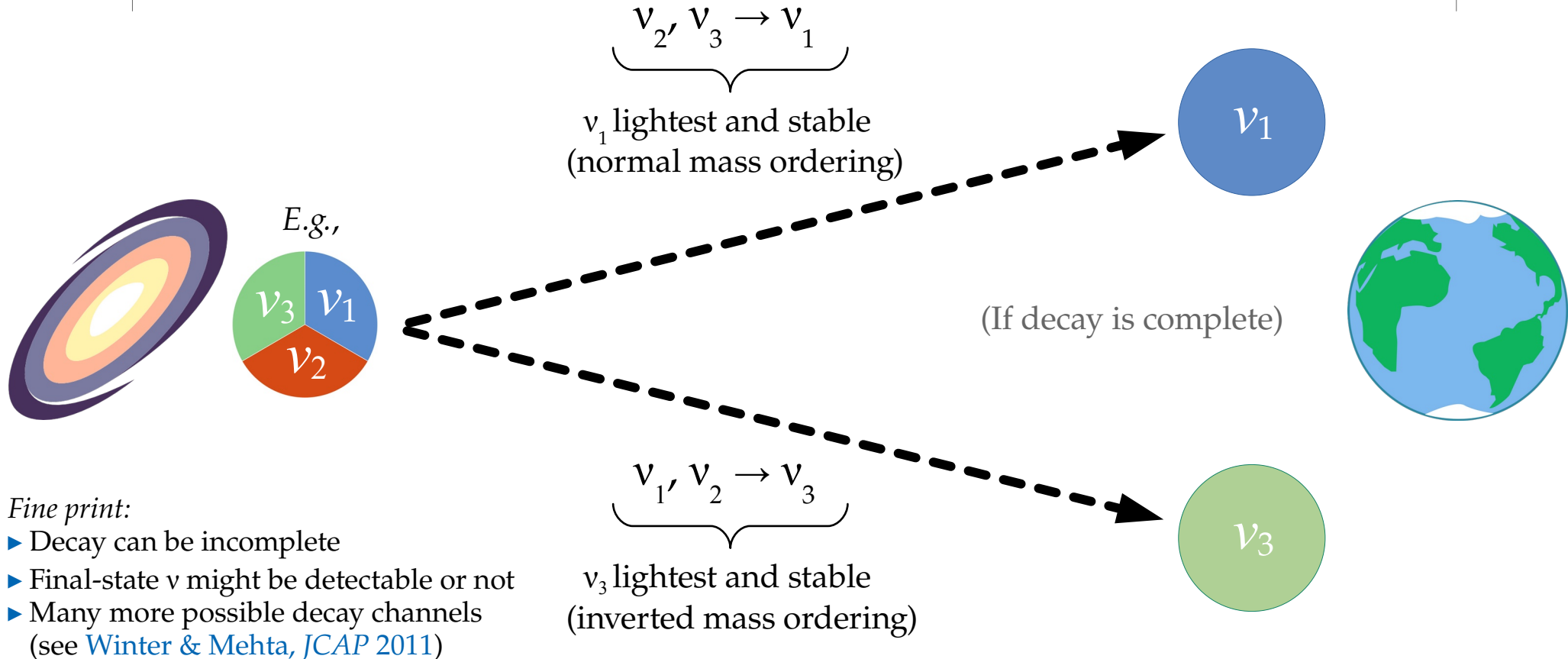
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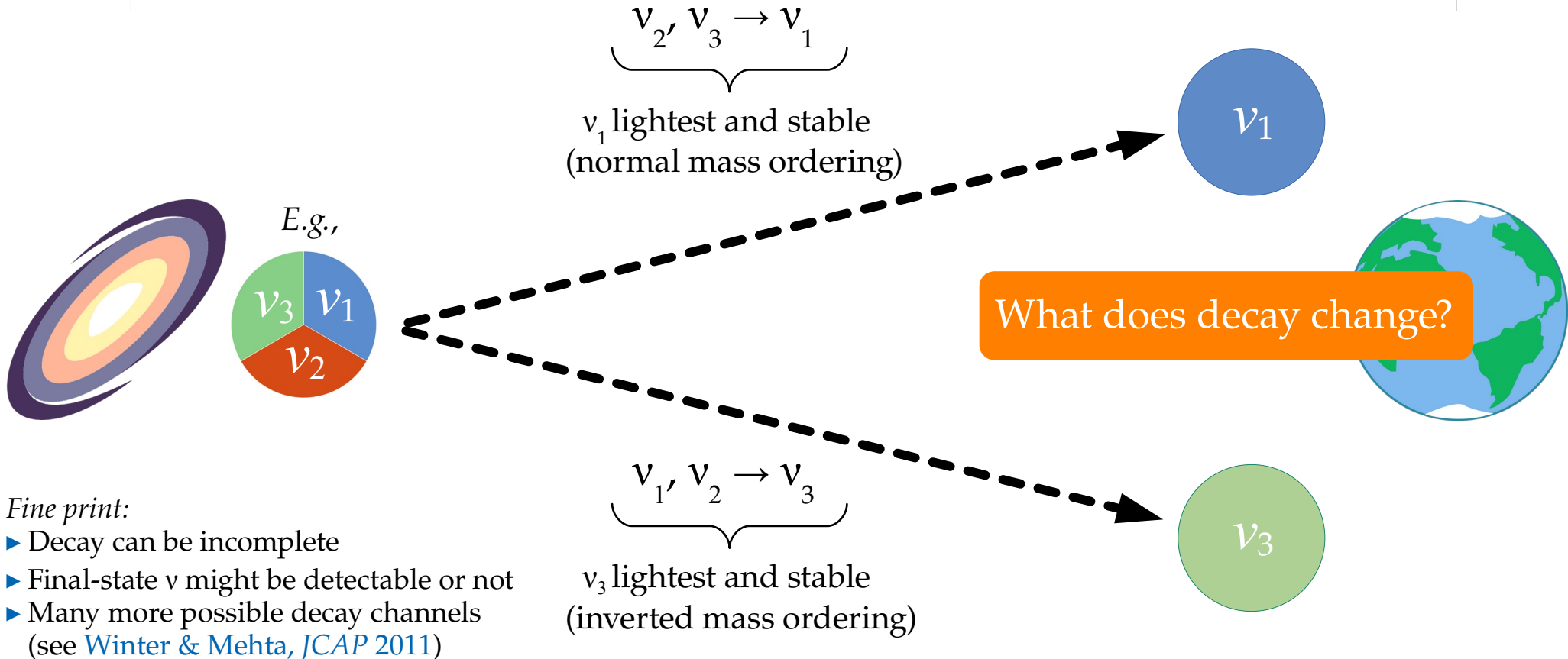
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Fine print:

- ▶ Decay can be incomplete
- ▶ Final-state ν might be detectable or not
- ▶ Many more possible decay channels
(see [Winter & Mehta, JCAP 2011](#))

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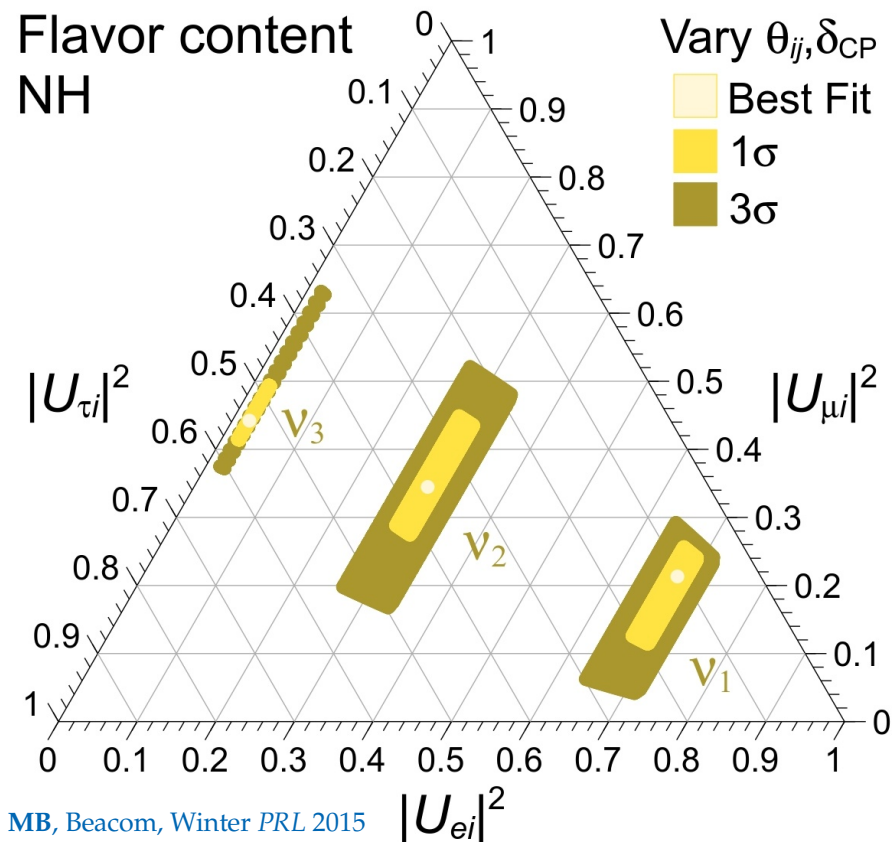
Flavor content of mass eigenstates:

Known to within 2%

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

Known to within 8%

Known to within 20% (or worse)



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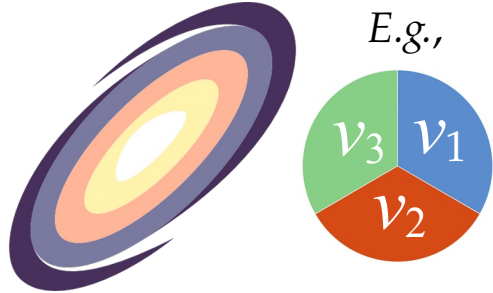
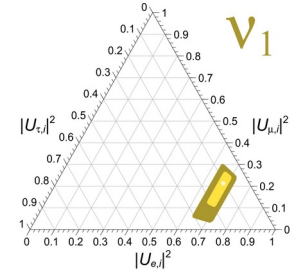
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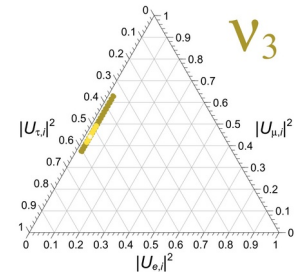
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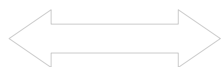
ν_3 lightest and stable
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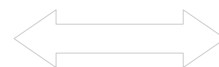
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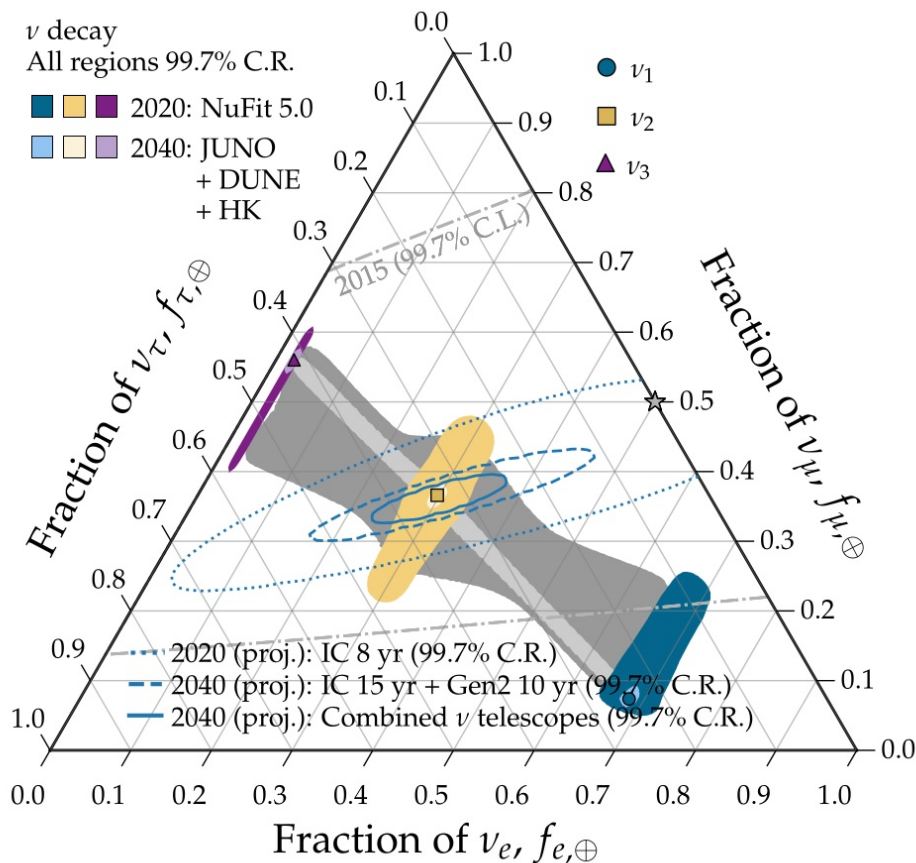
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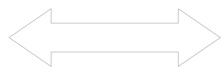
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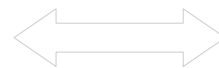
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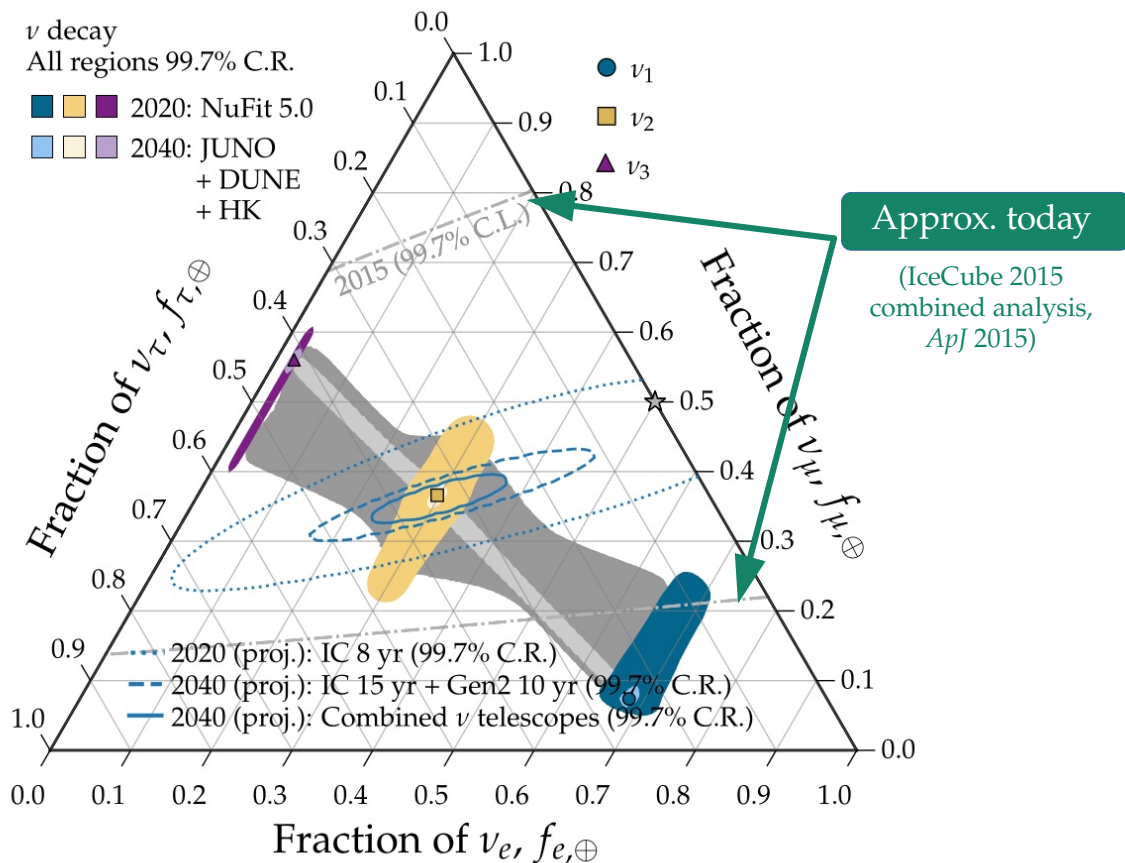
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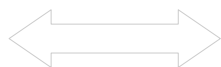
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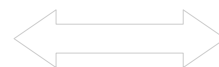
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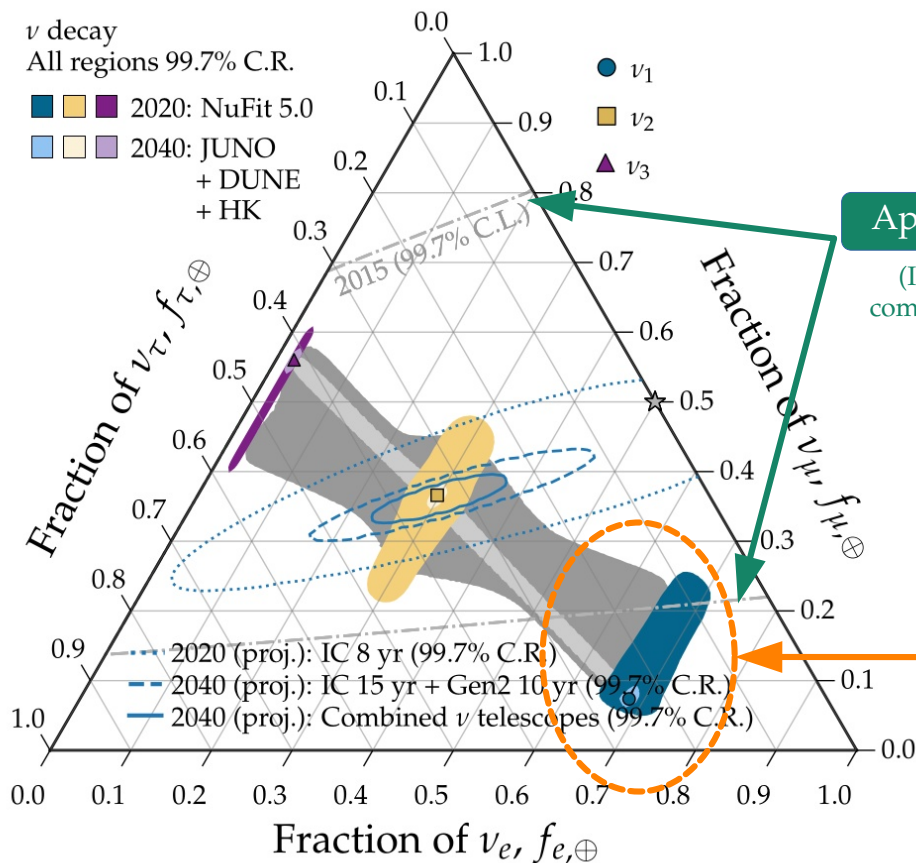
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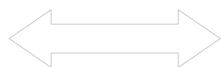
(IceCube 2015
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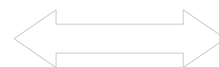
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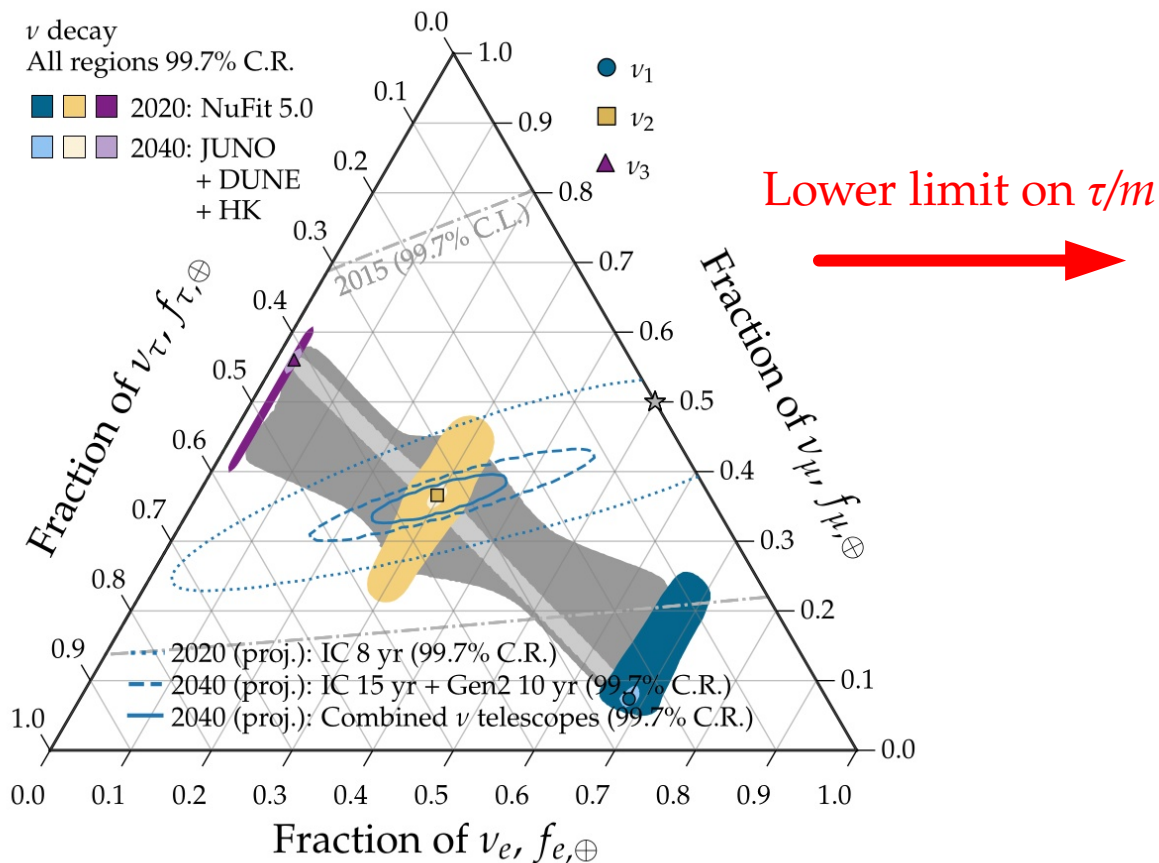
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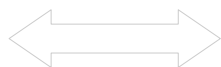
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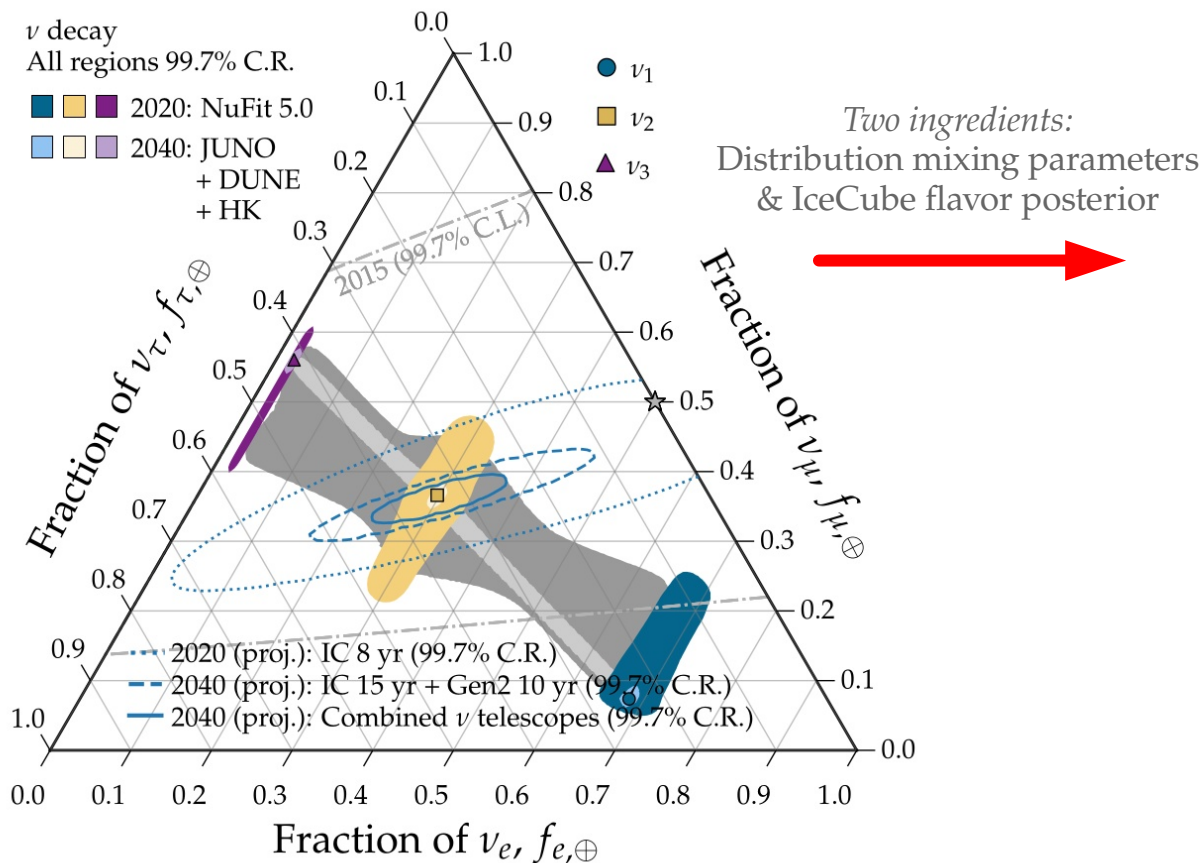
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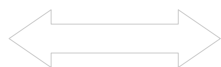
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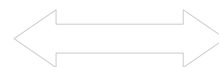
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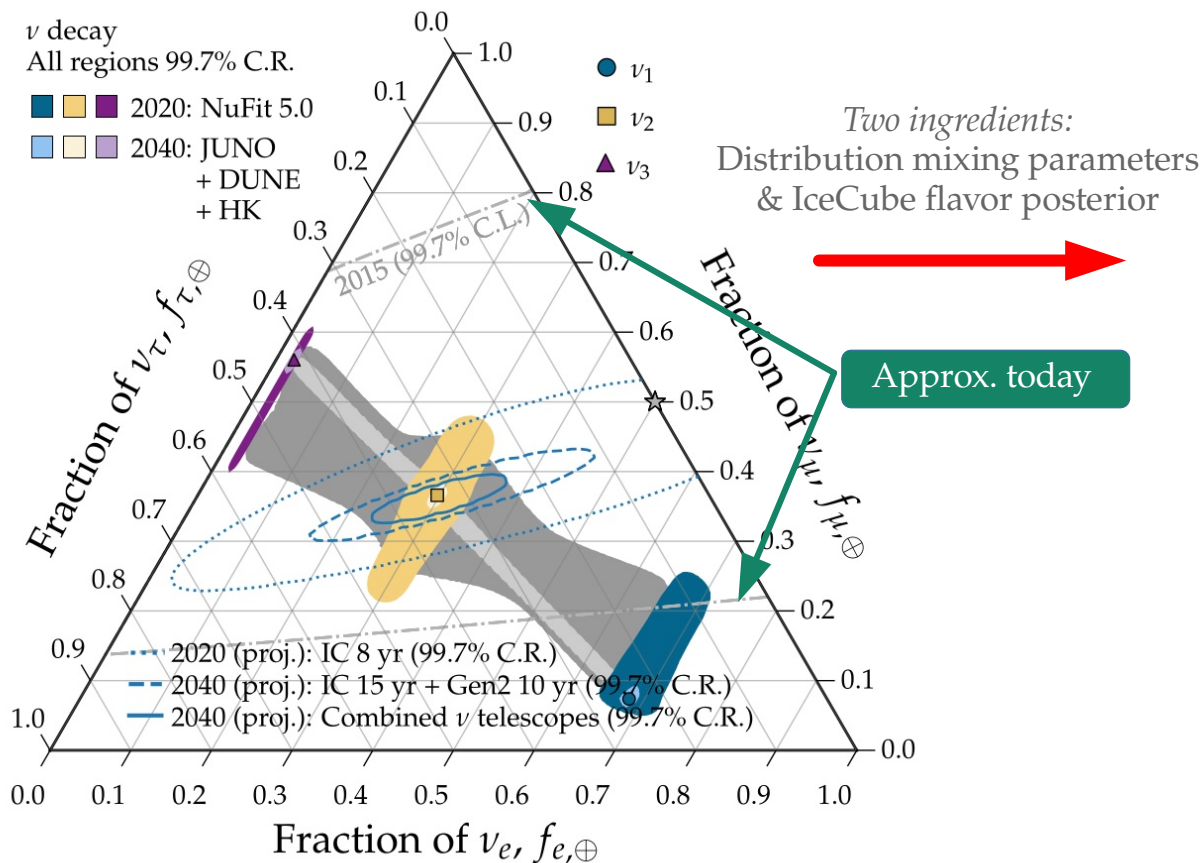
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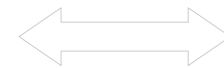
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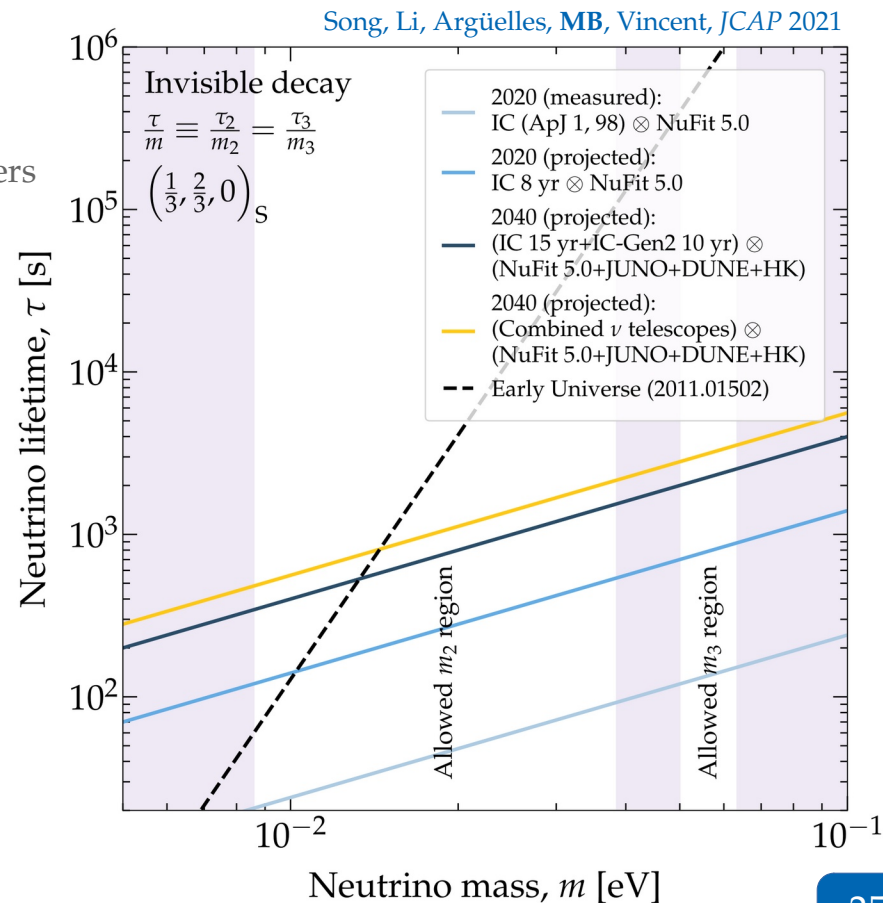
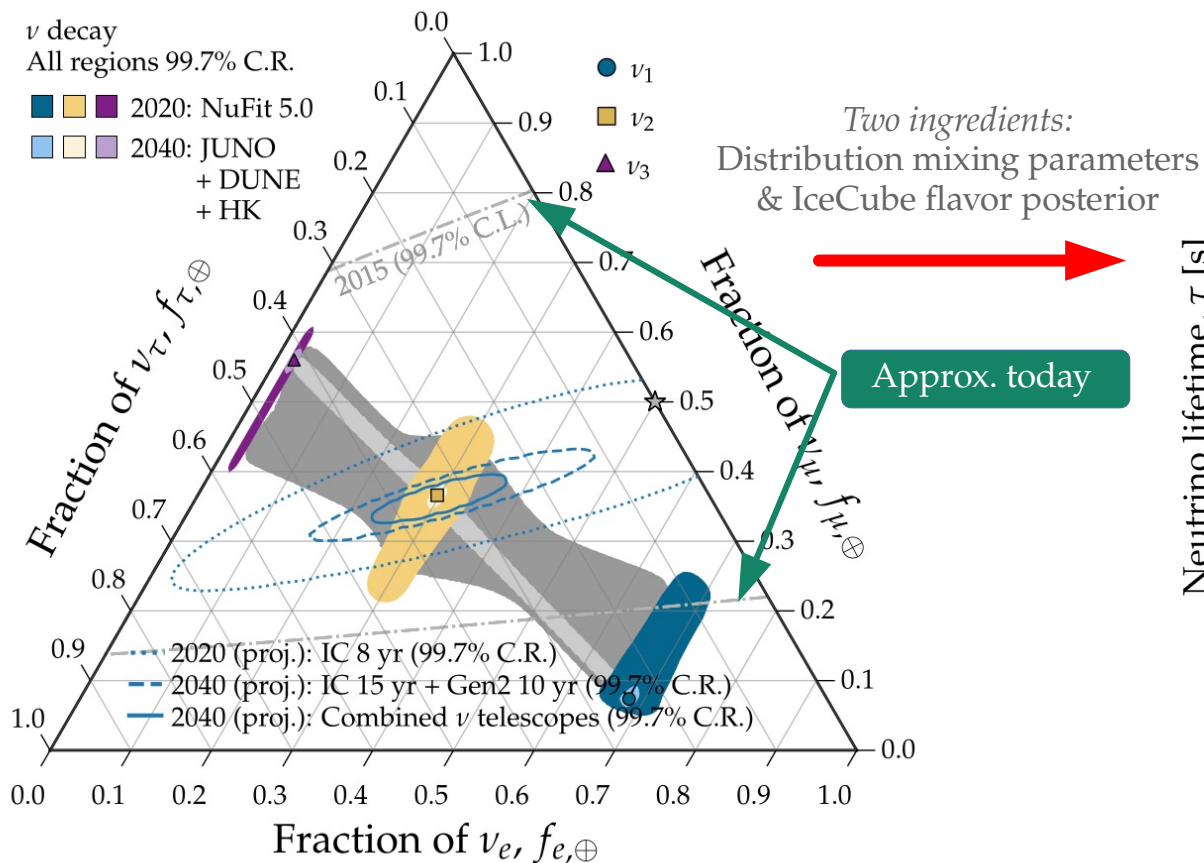
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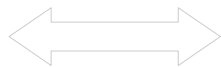
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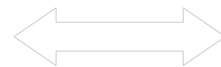
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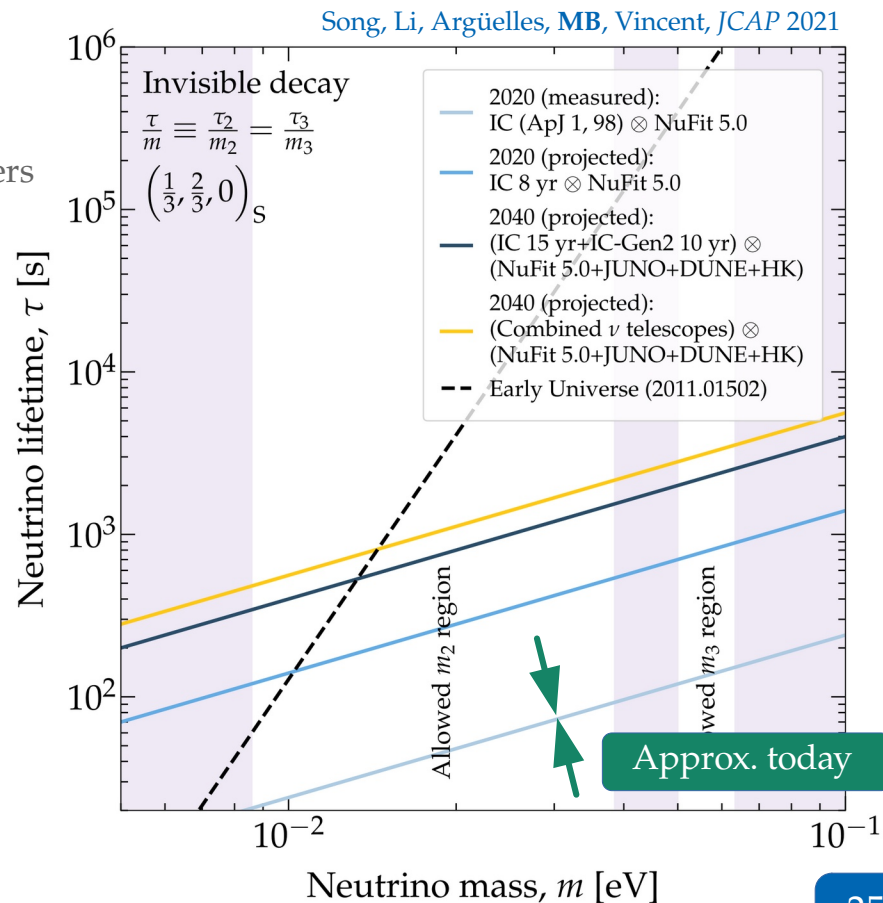
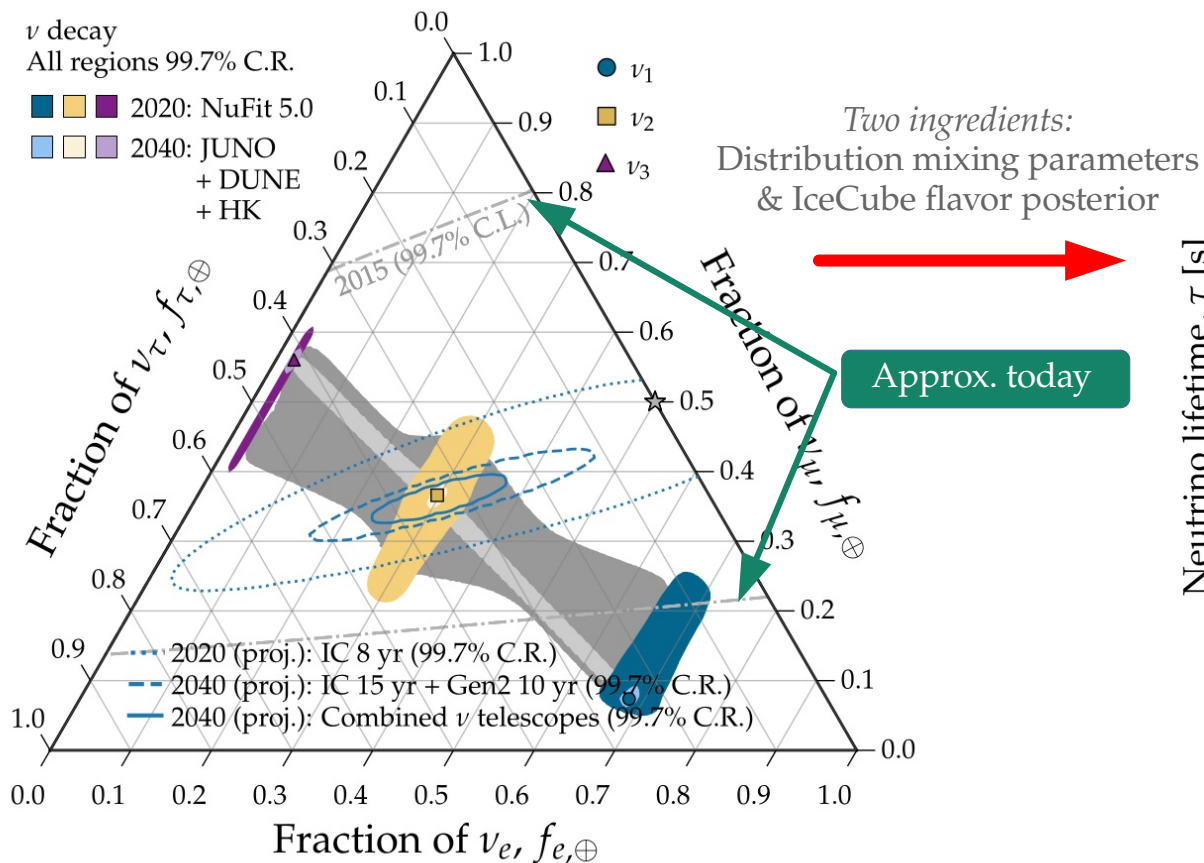
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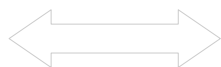
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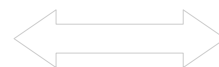
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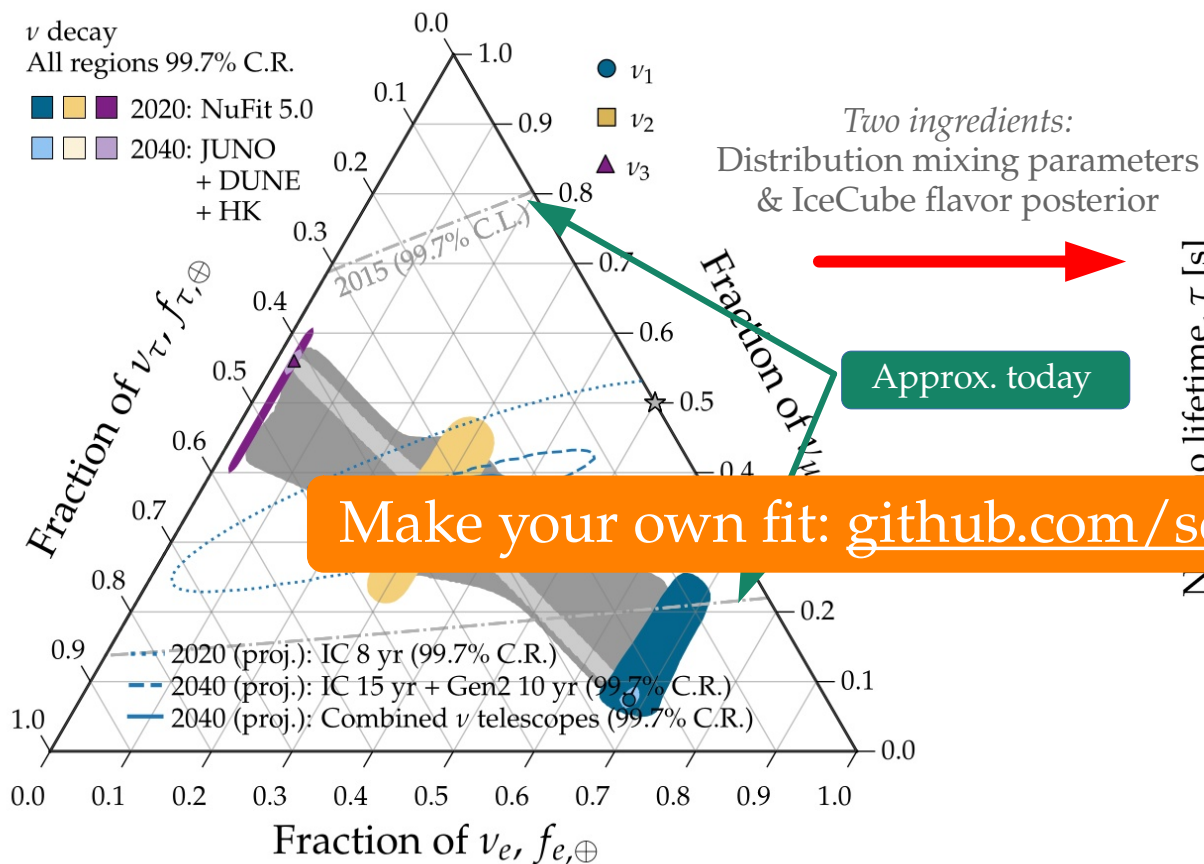
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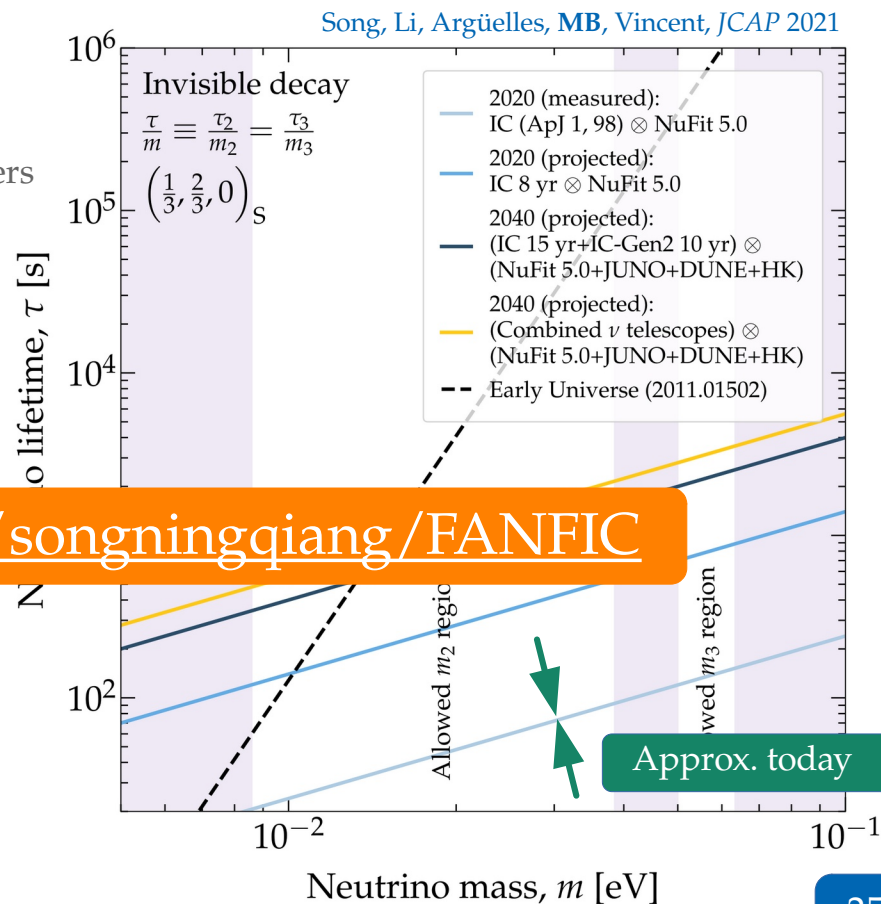
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Make your own fit: github.com/songningqiang/FANFIC



Towards
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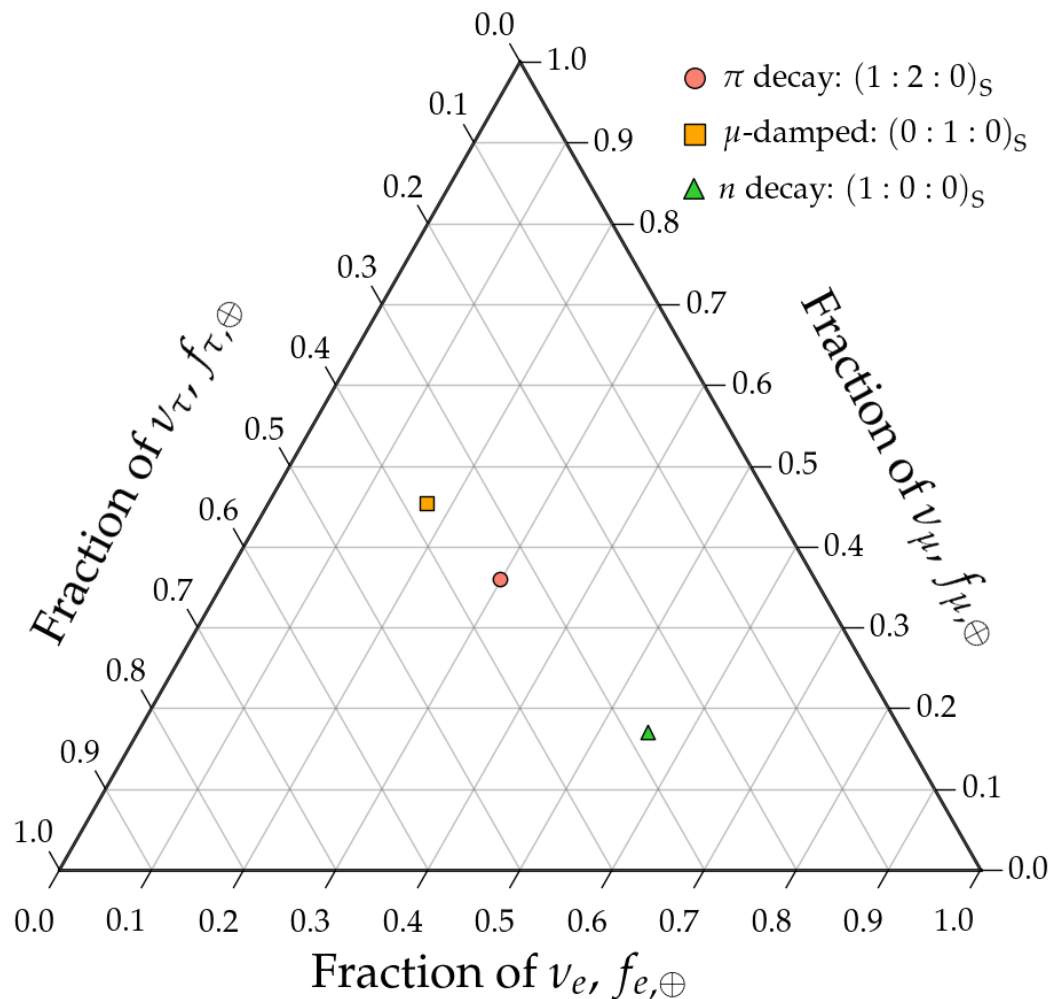
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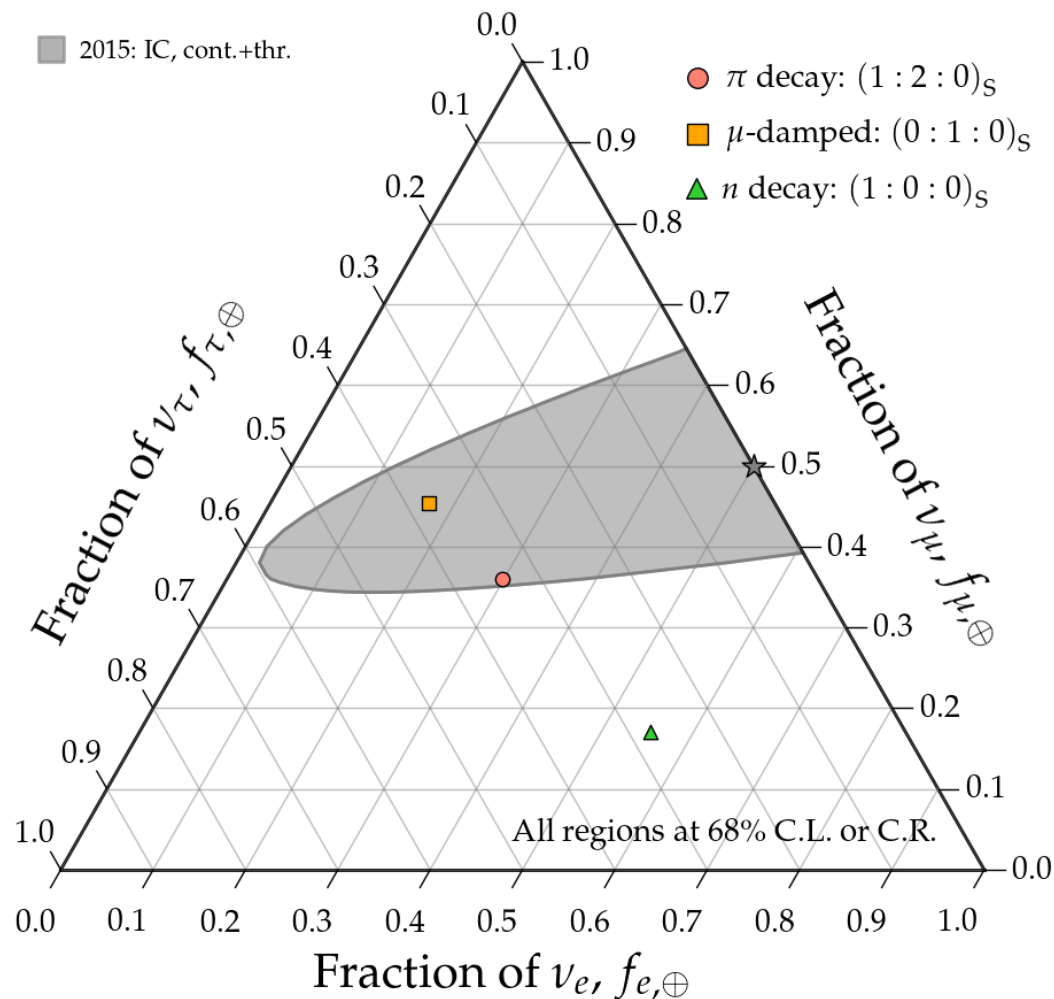
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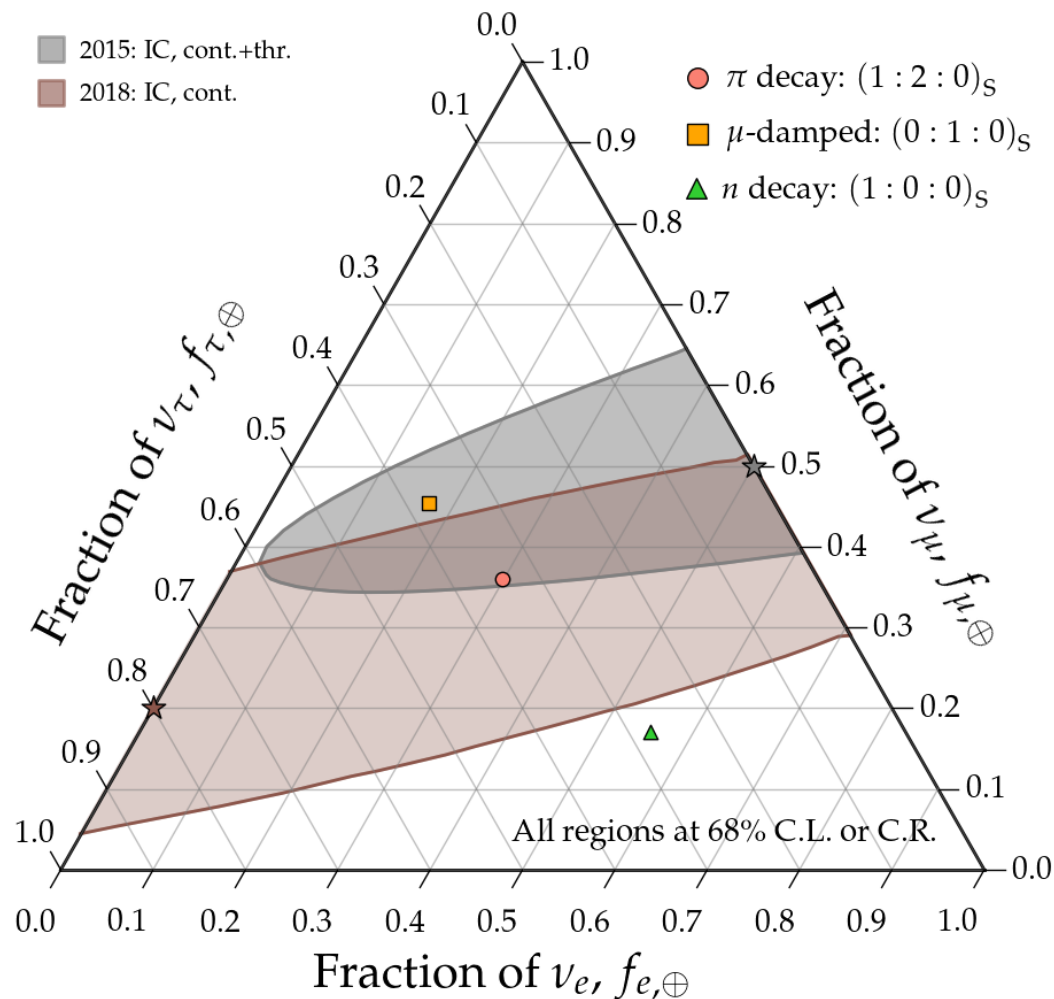
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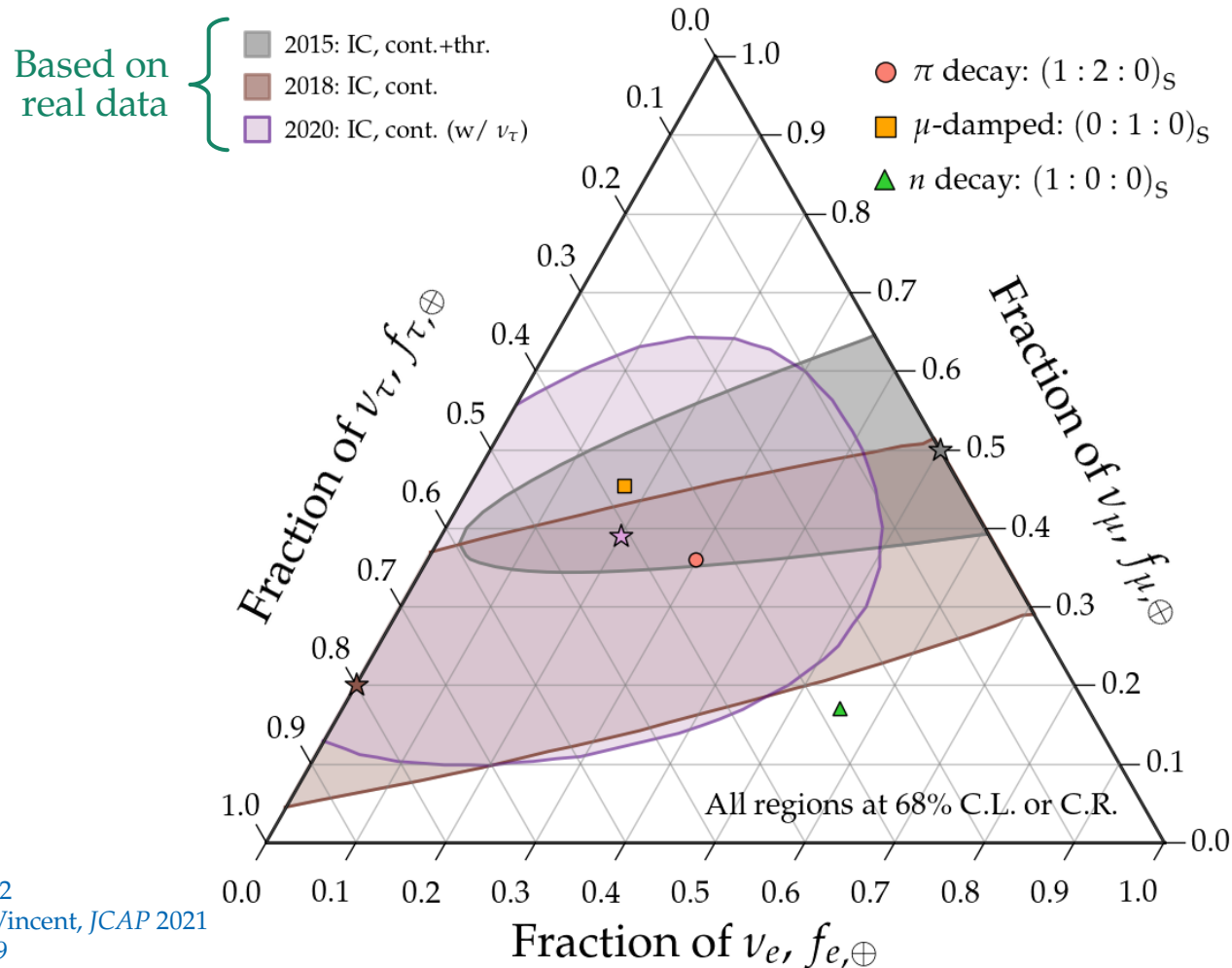
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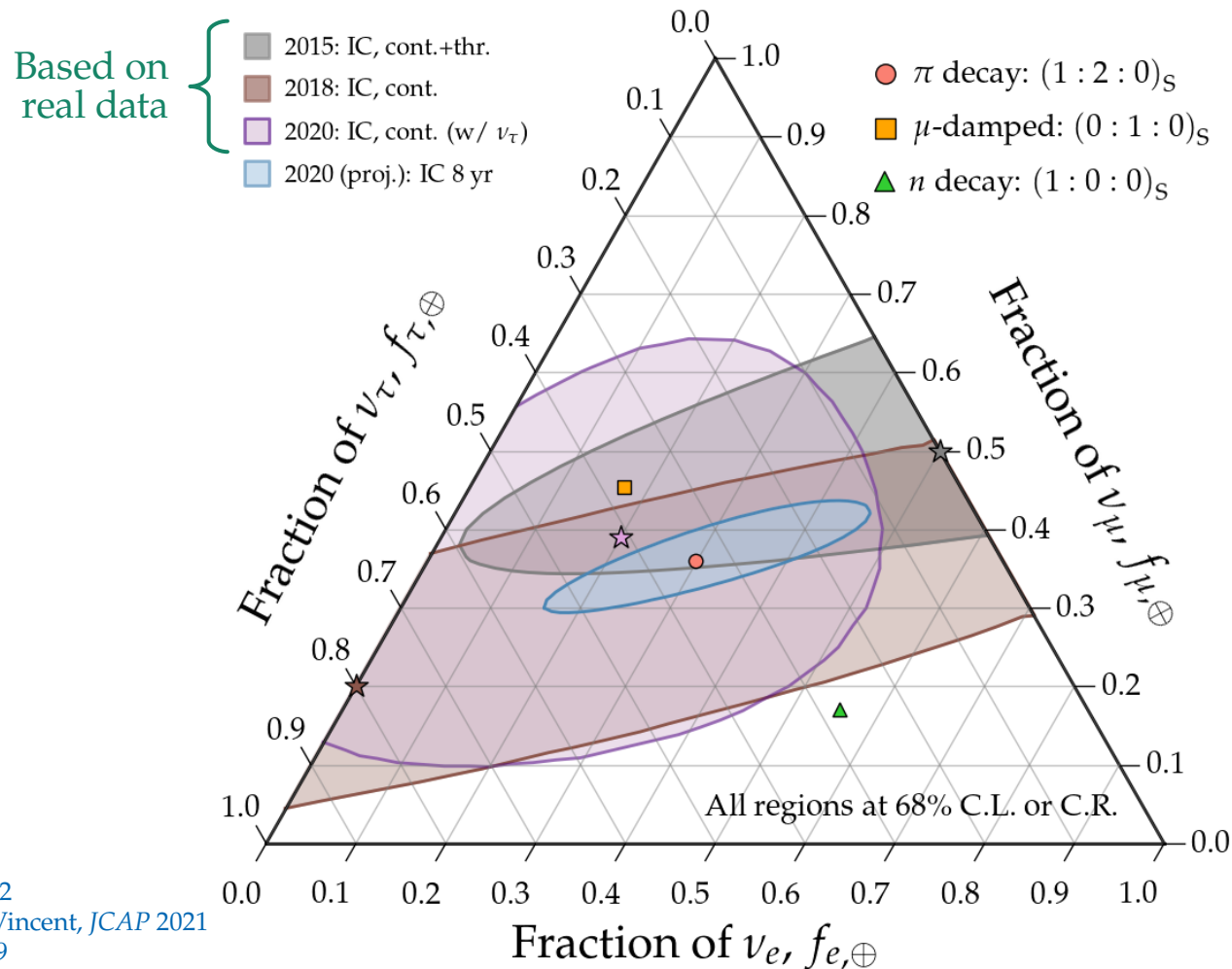
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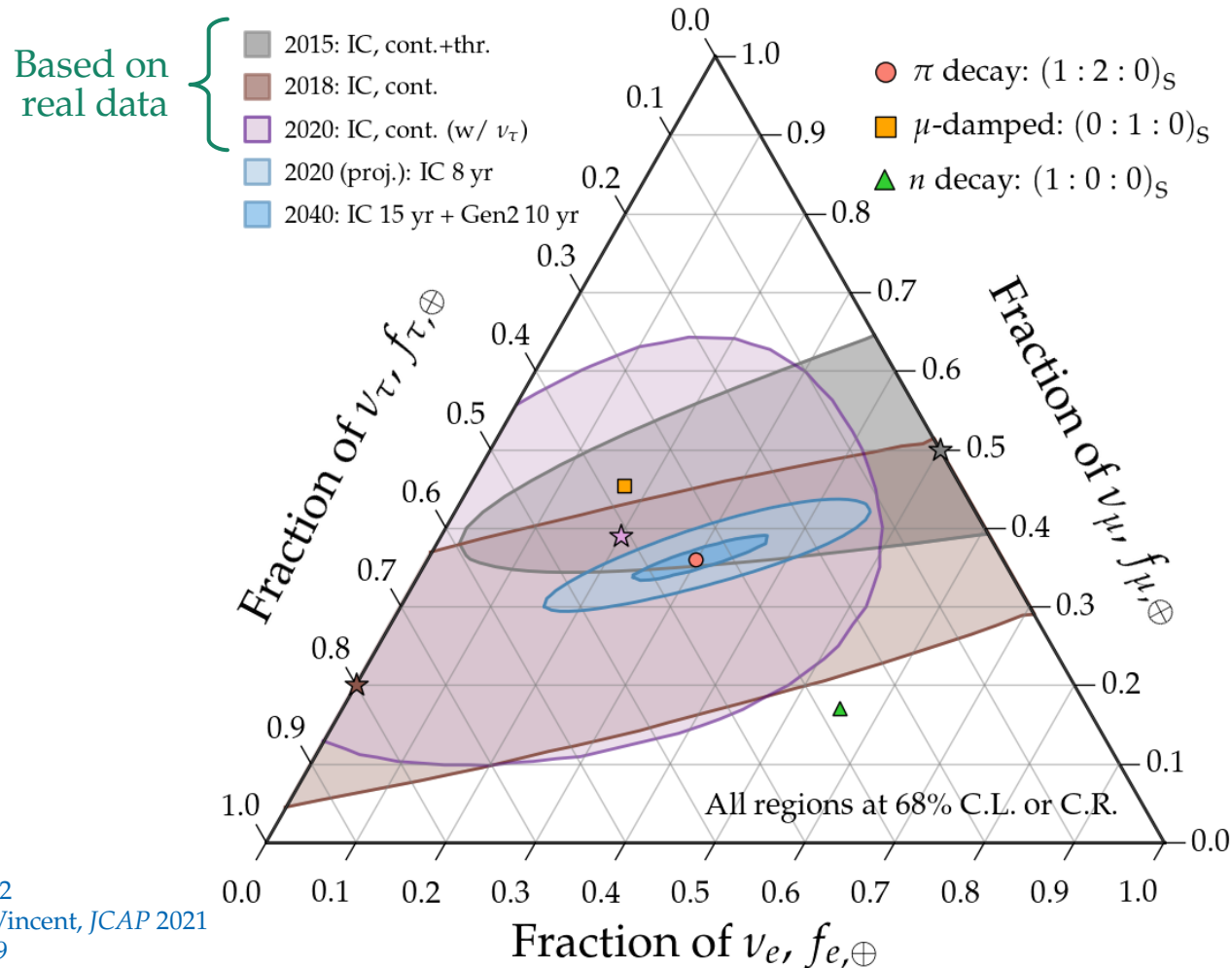
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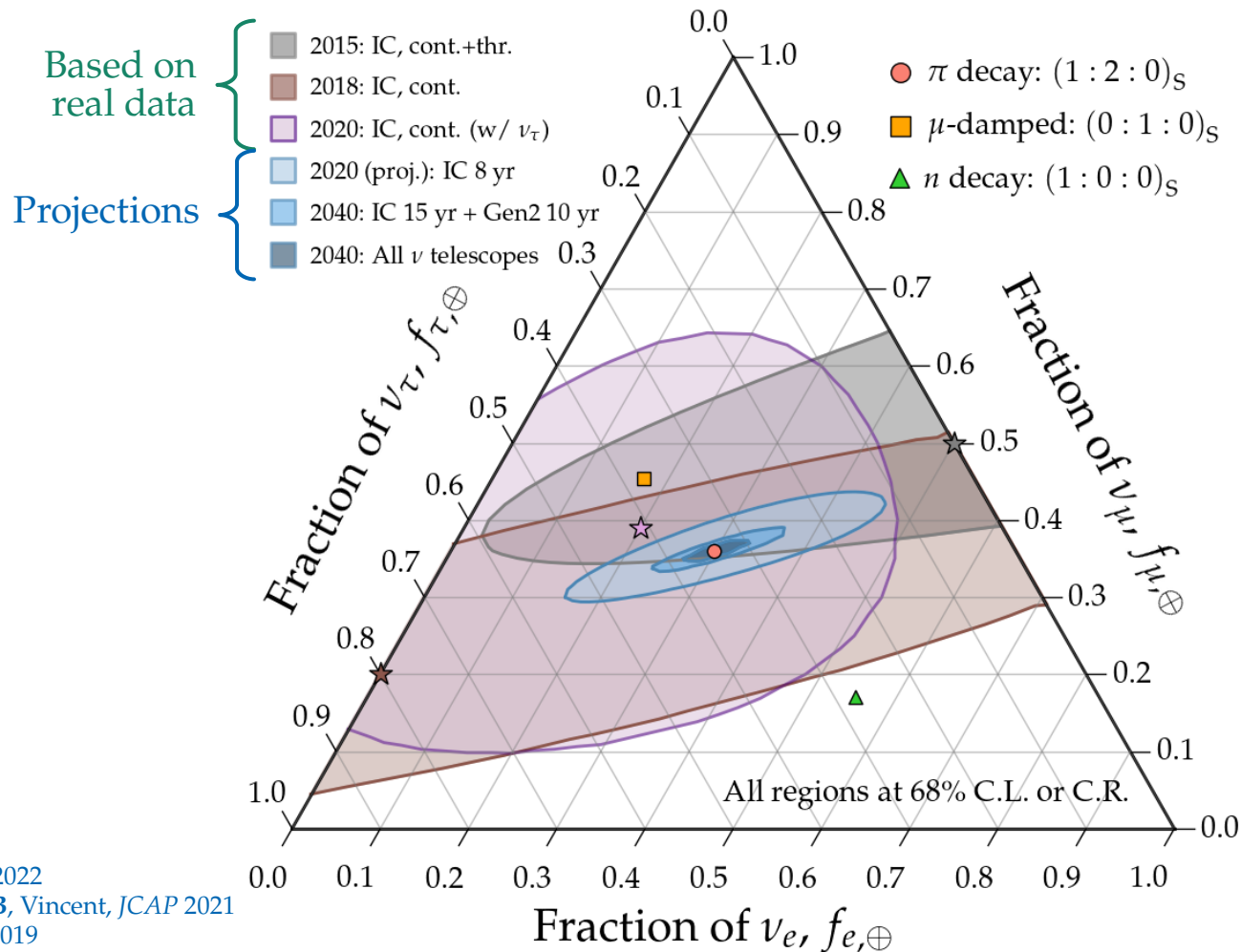
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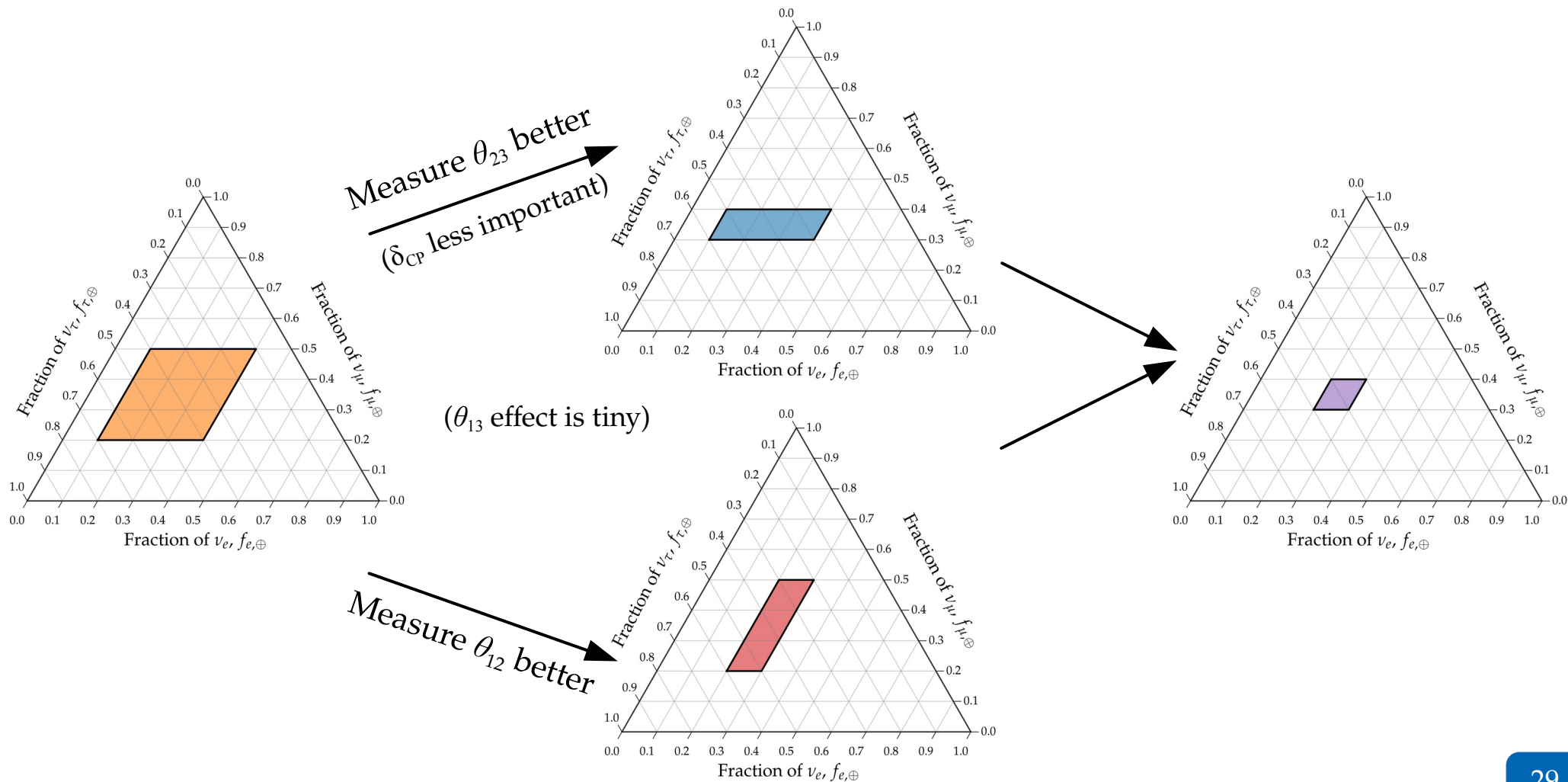
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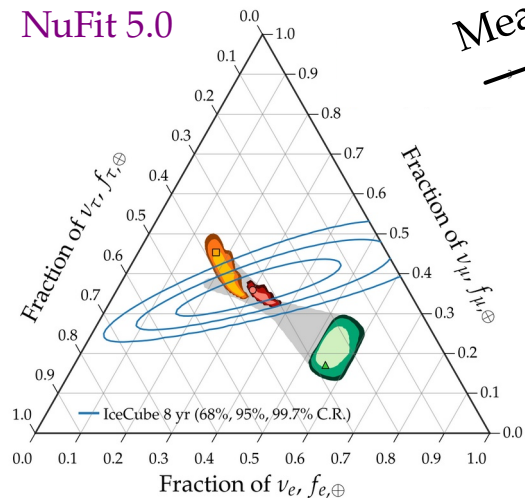
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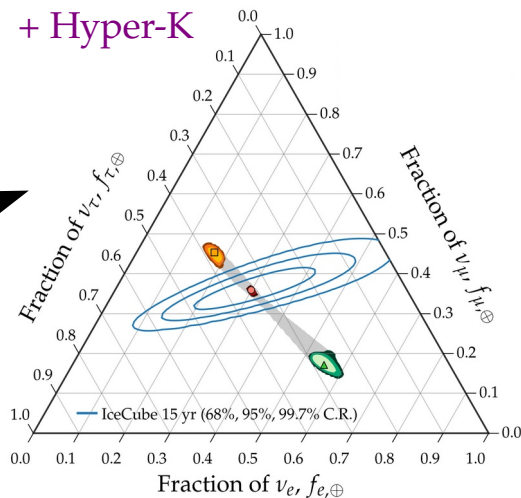
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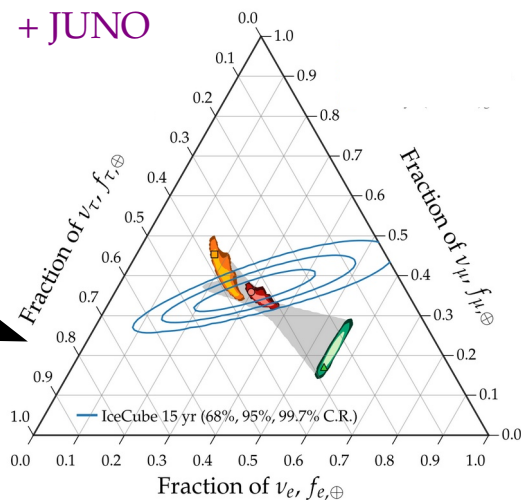


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+ Hyper-K



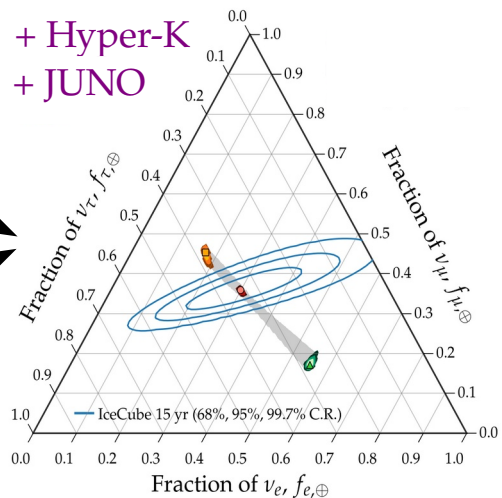
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Measure θ_{12} better

~2030

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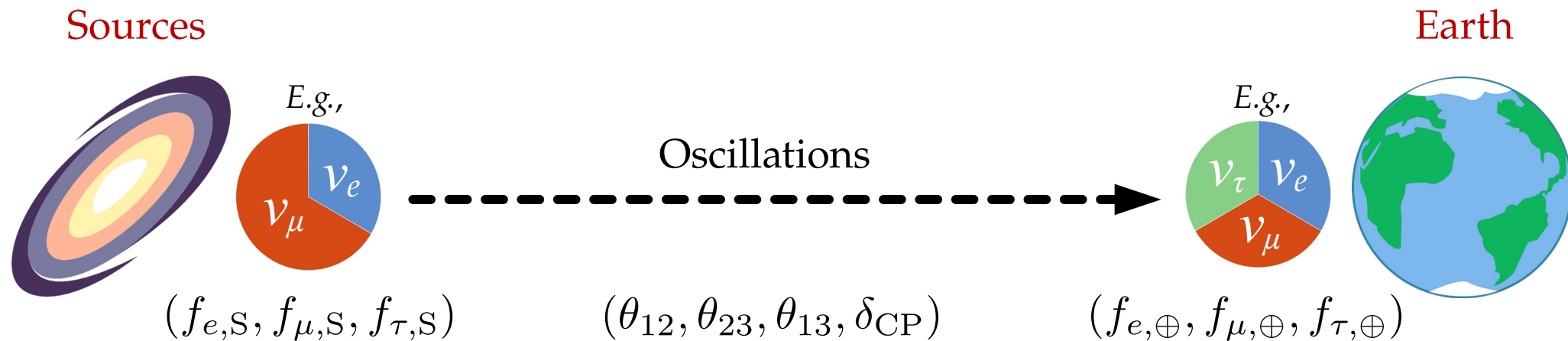


In our results:
JUNO + Hyper-K + DUNE

Marginal improvement til 2040

Back to the sources

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



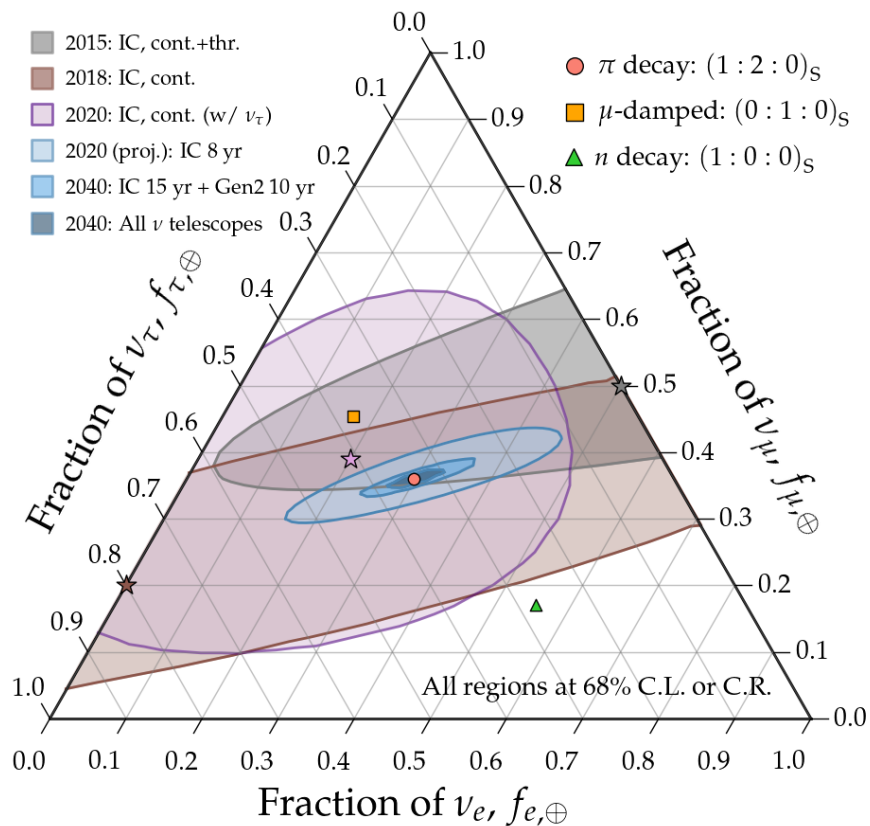
From Earth to sources: we let the data teach us about $f_{\alpha,S}$

Inferring the flavor composition at the sources

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Flavor ratios measured at Earth,

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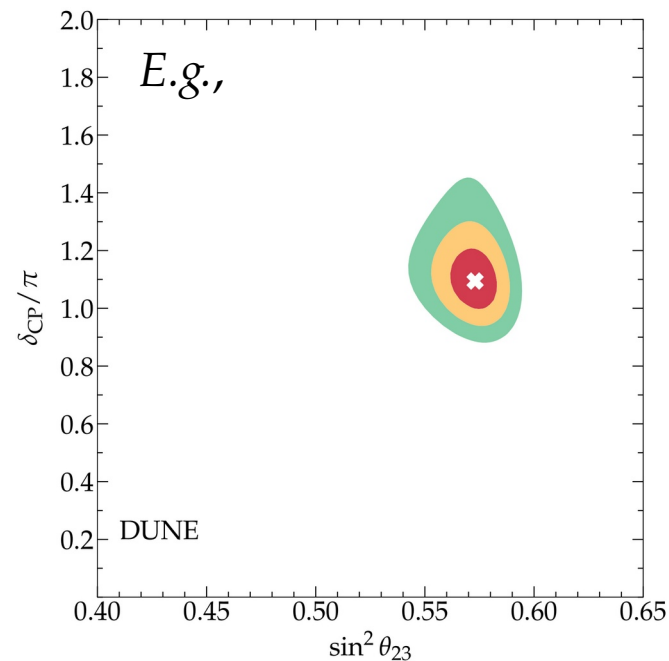


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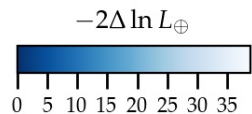
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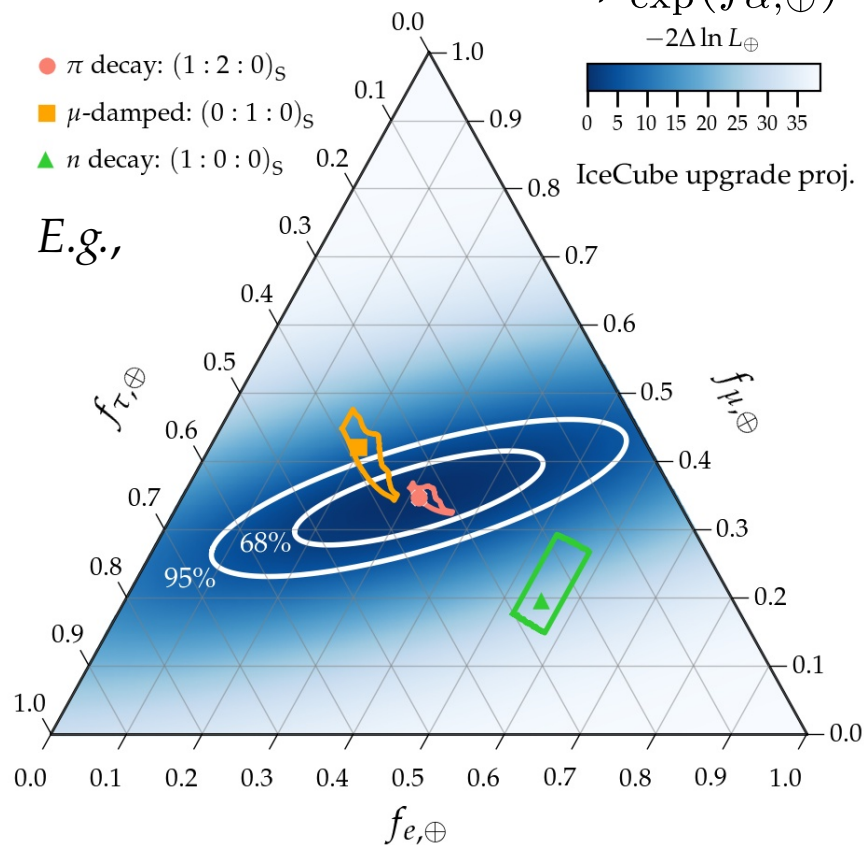
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IceCube upgrade proj.

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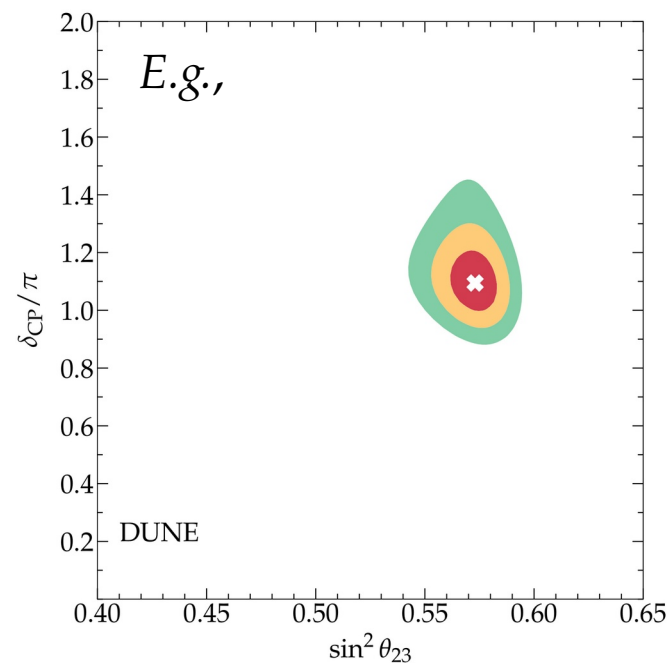
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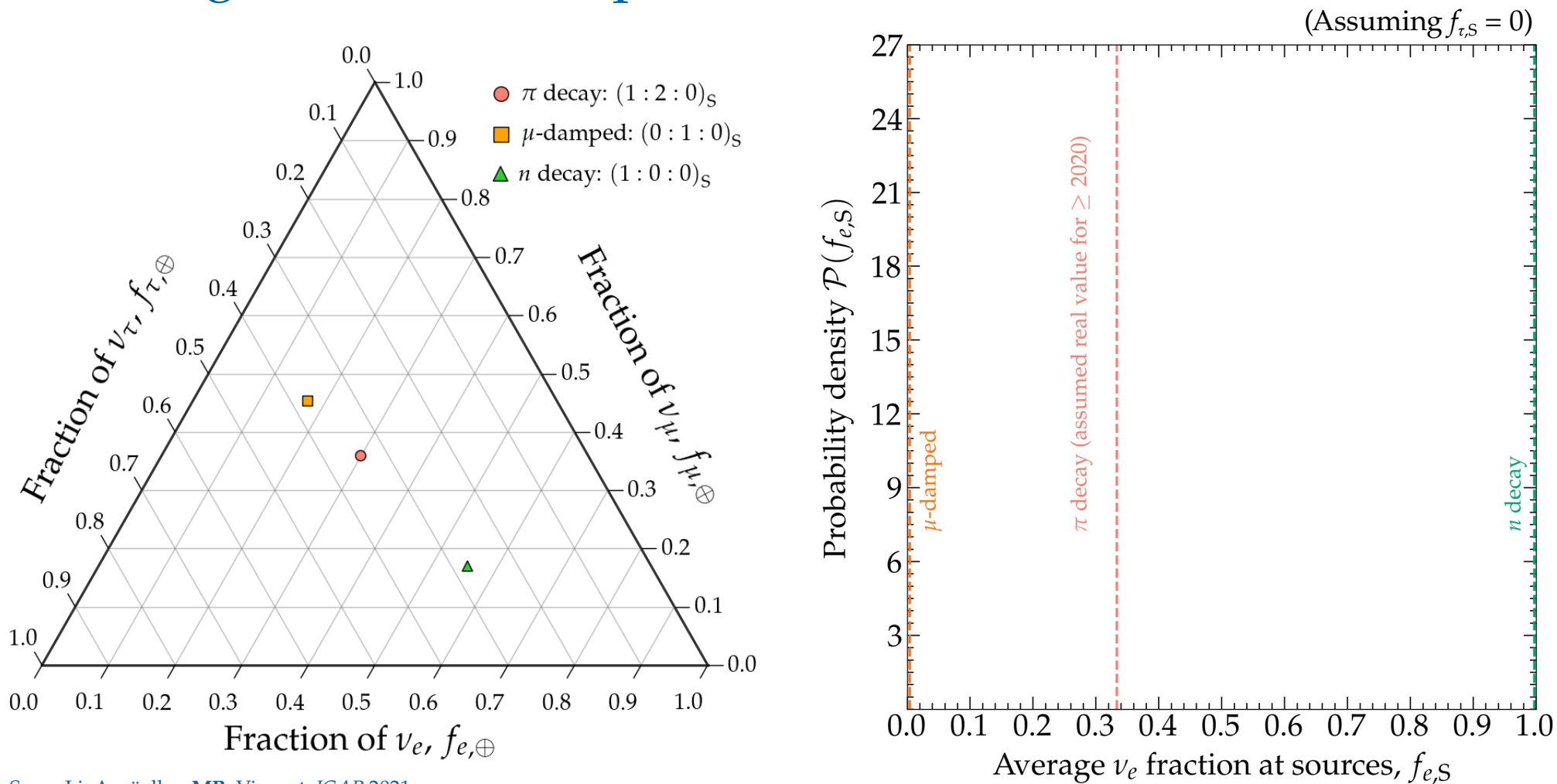
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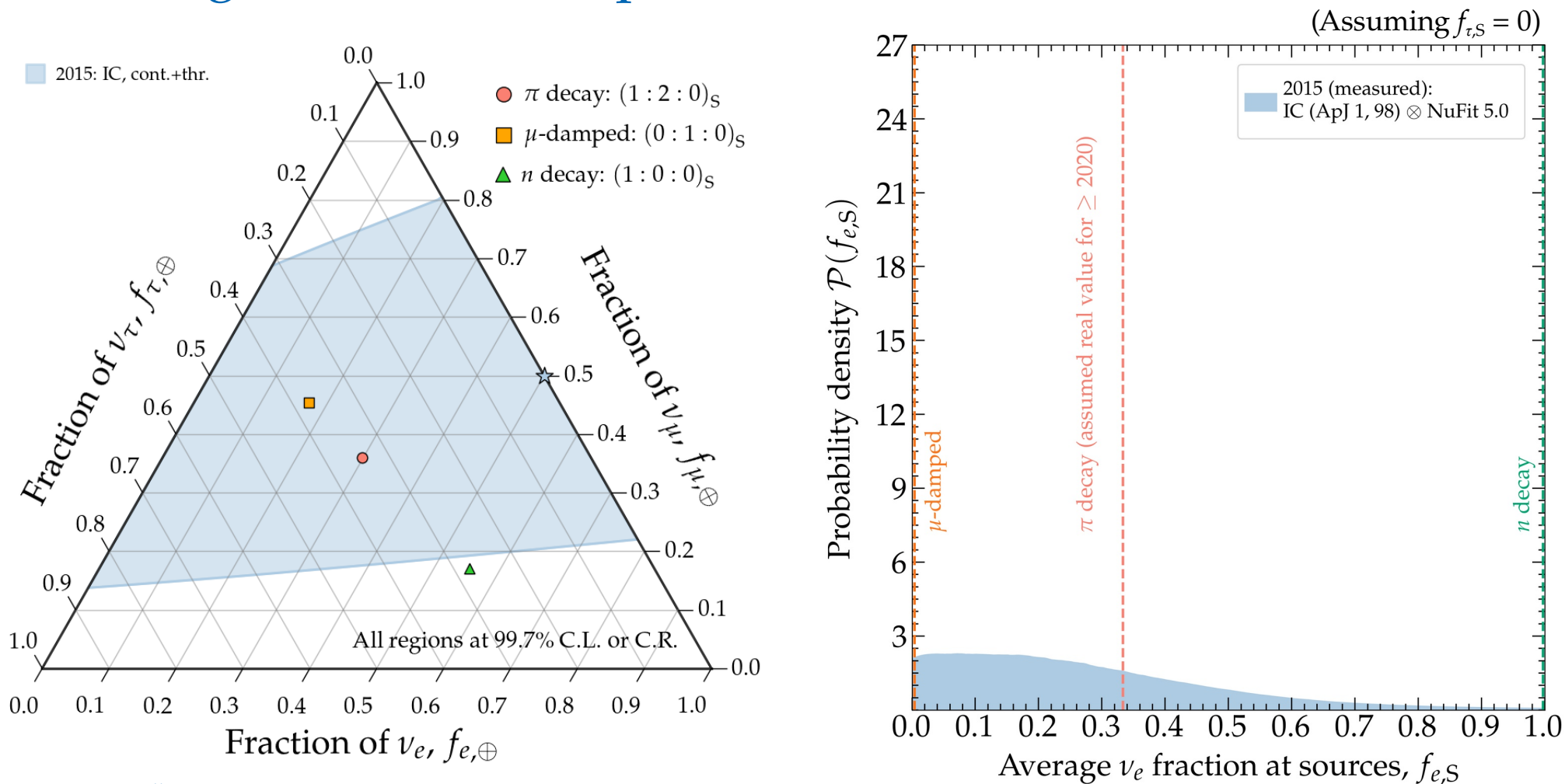


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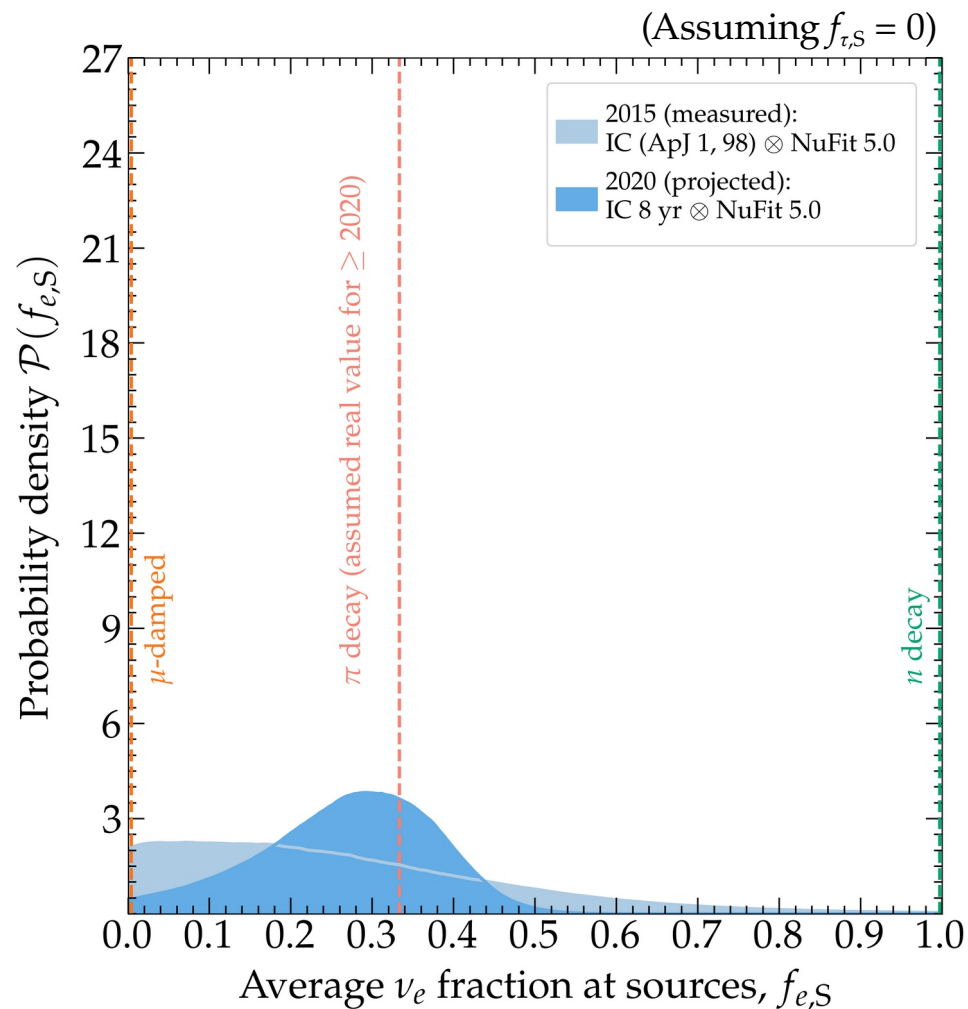
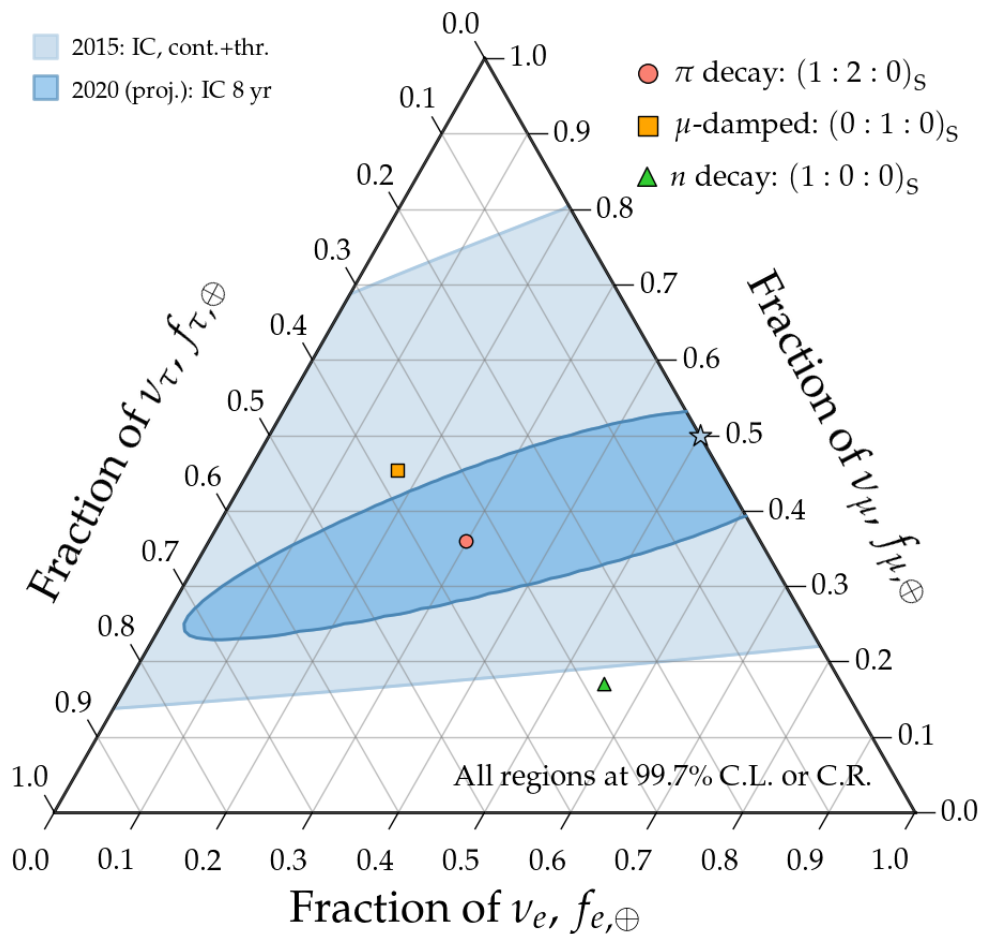
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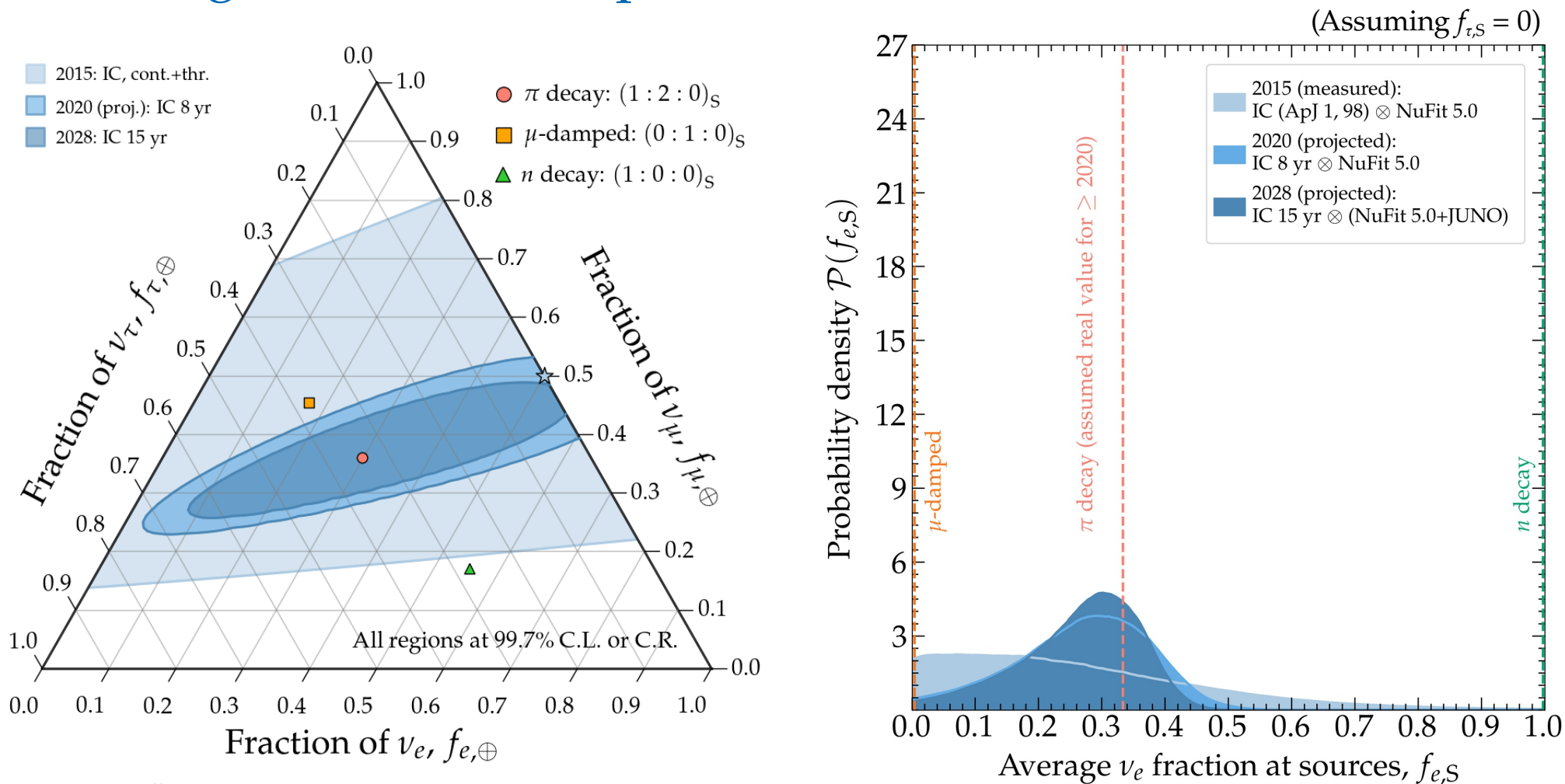
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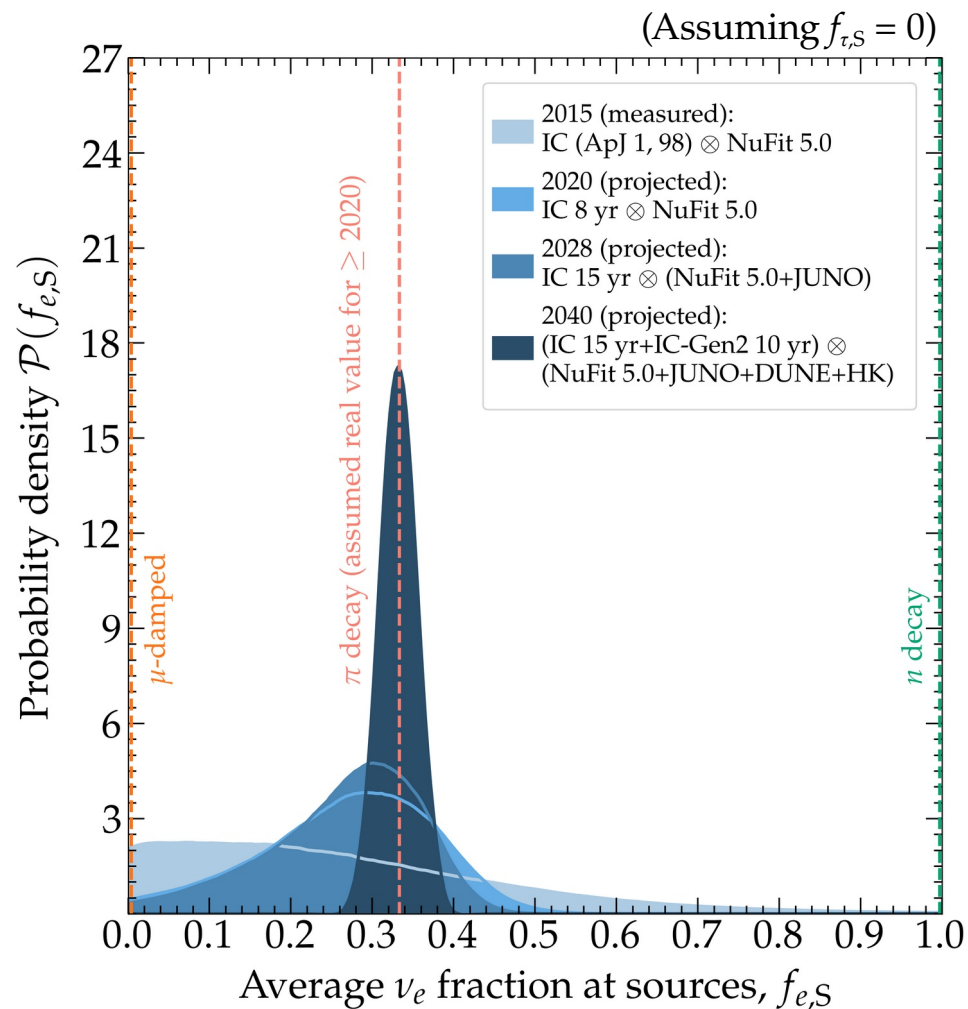
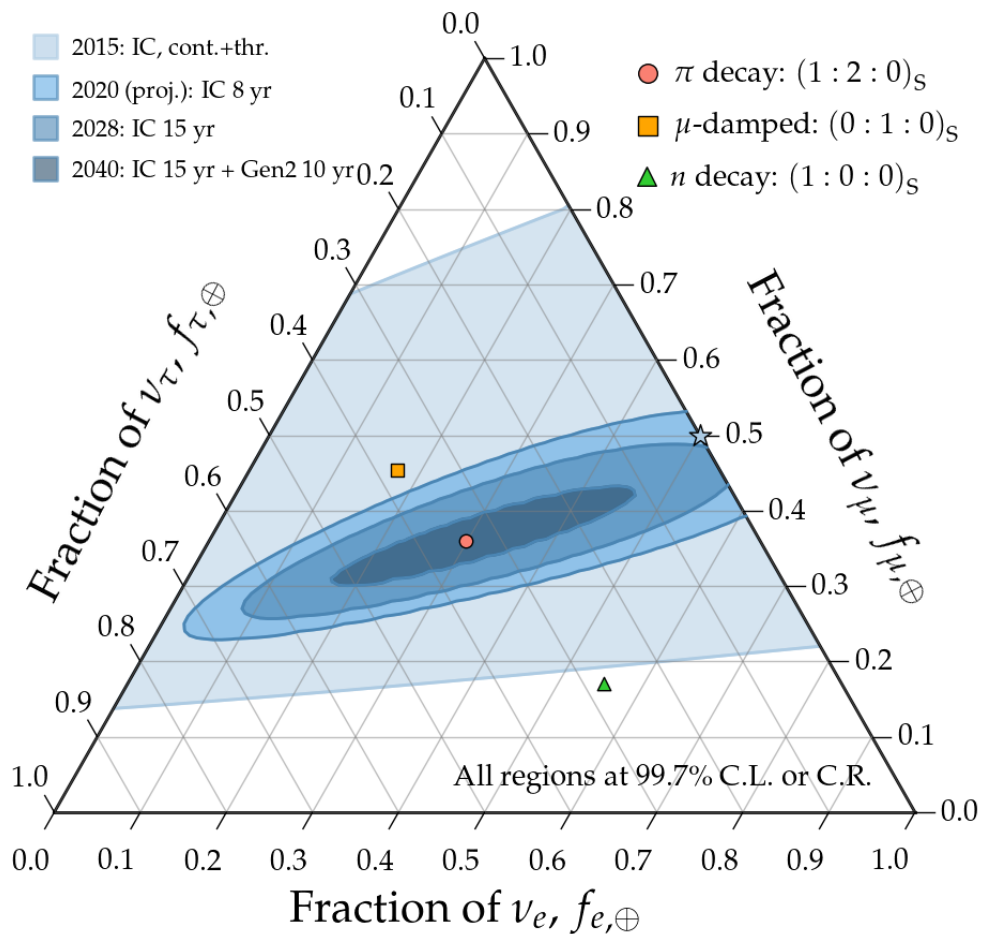
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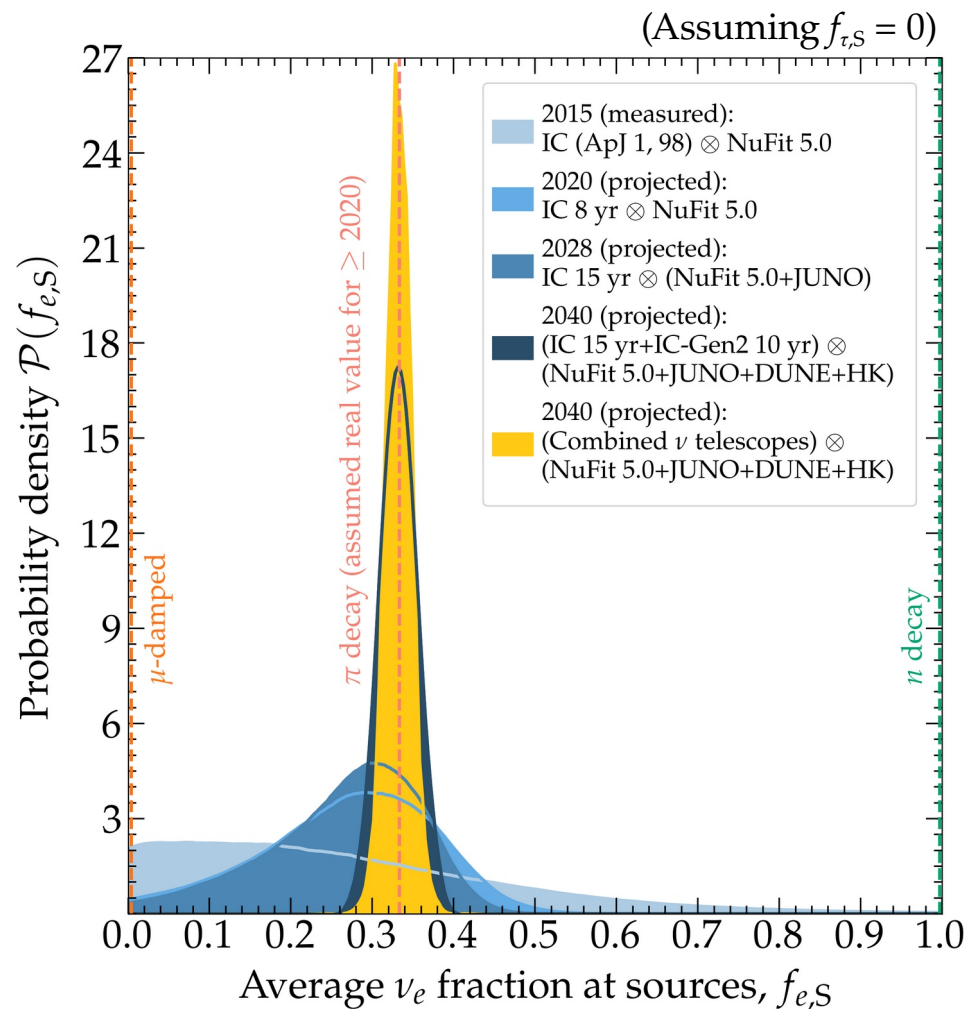
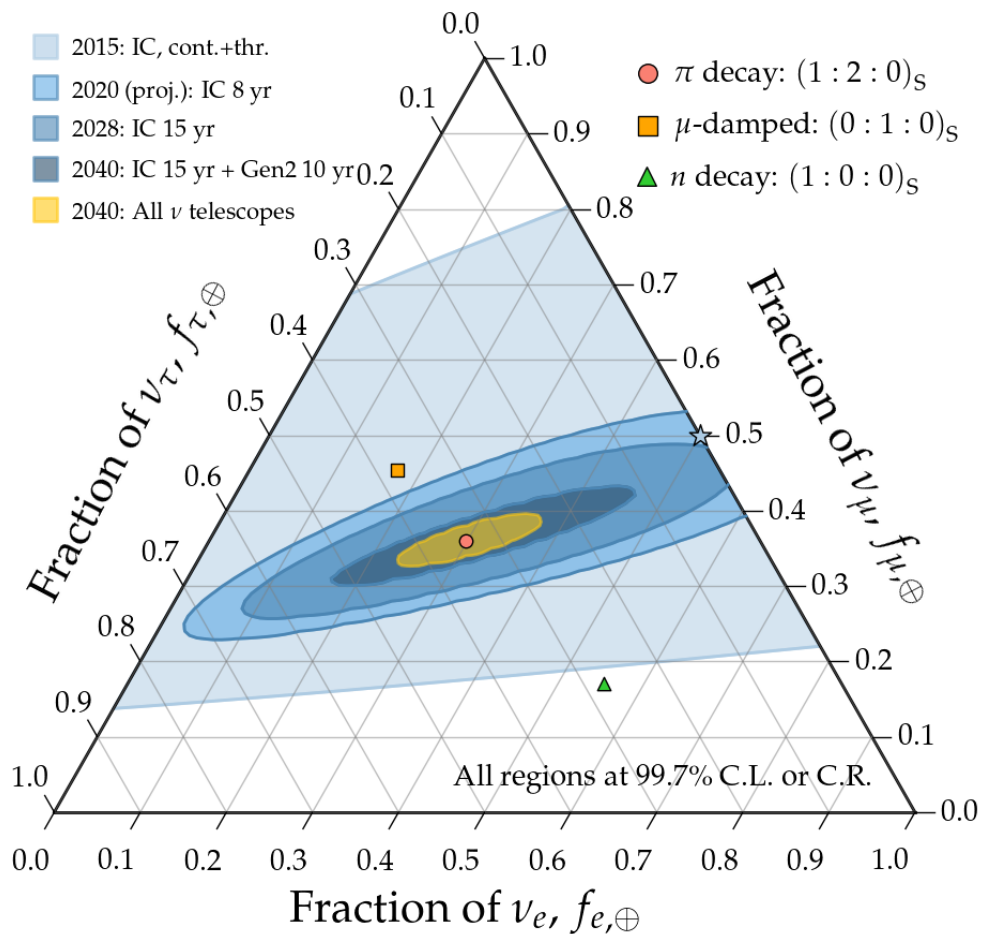
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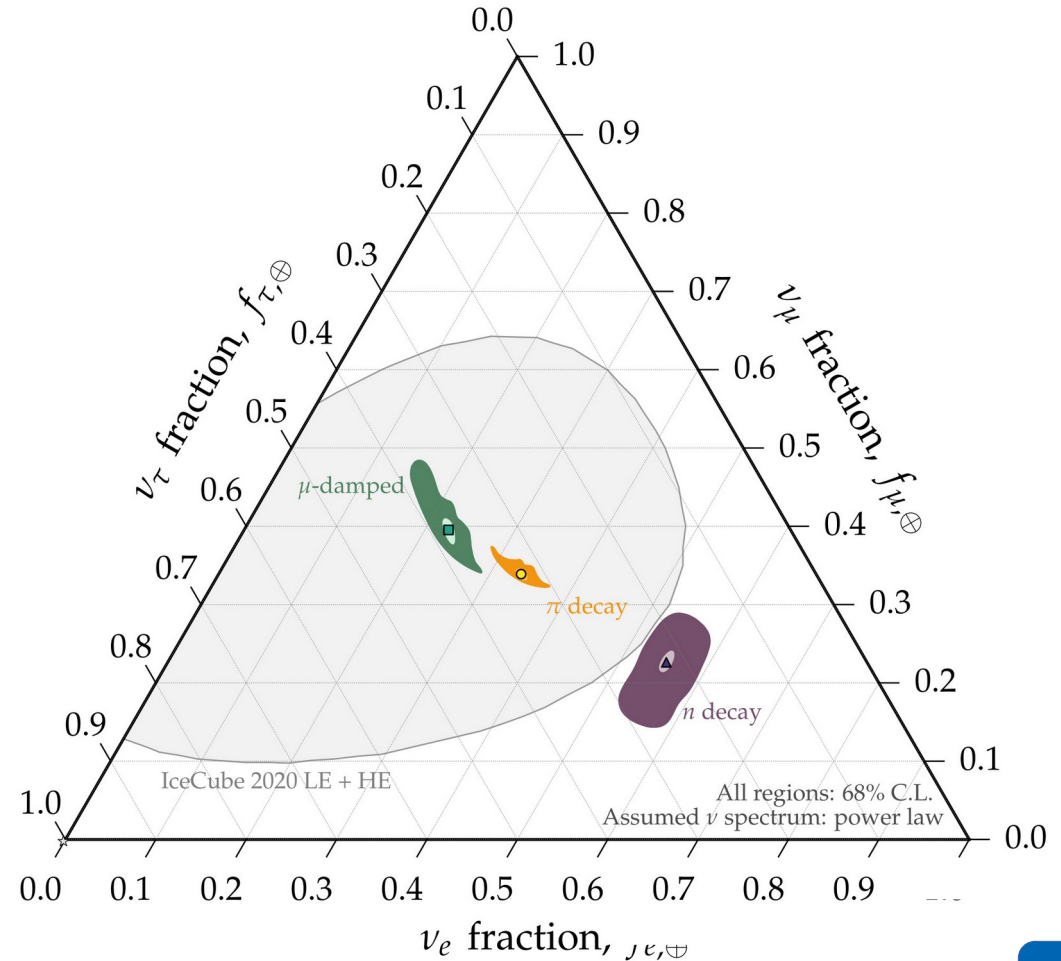


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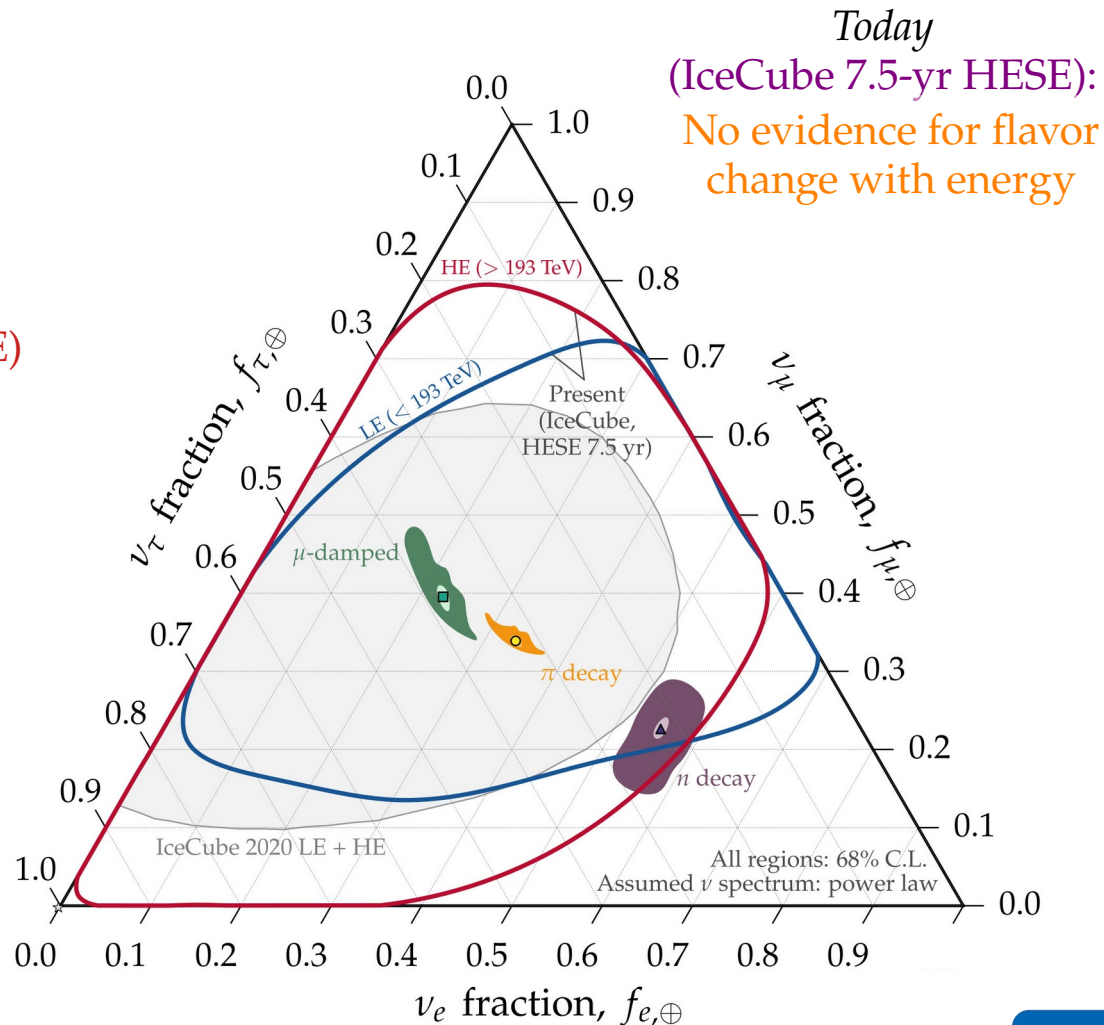
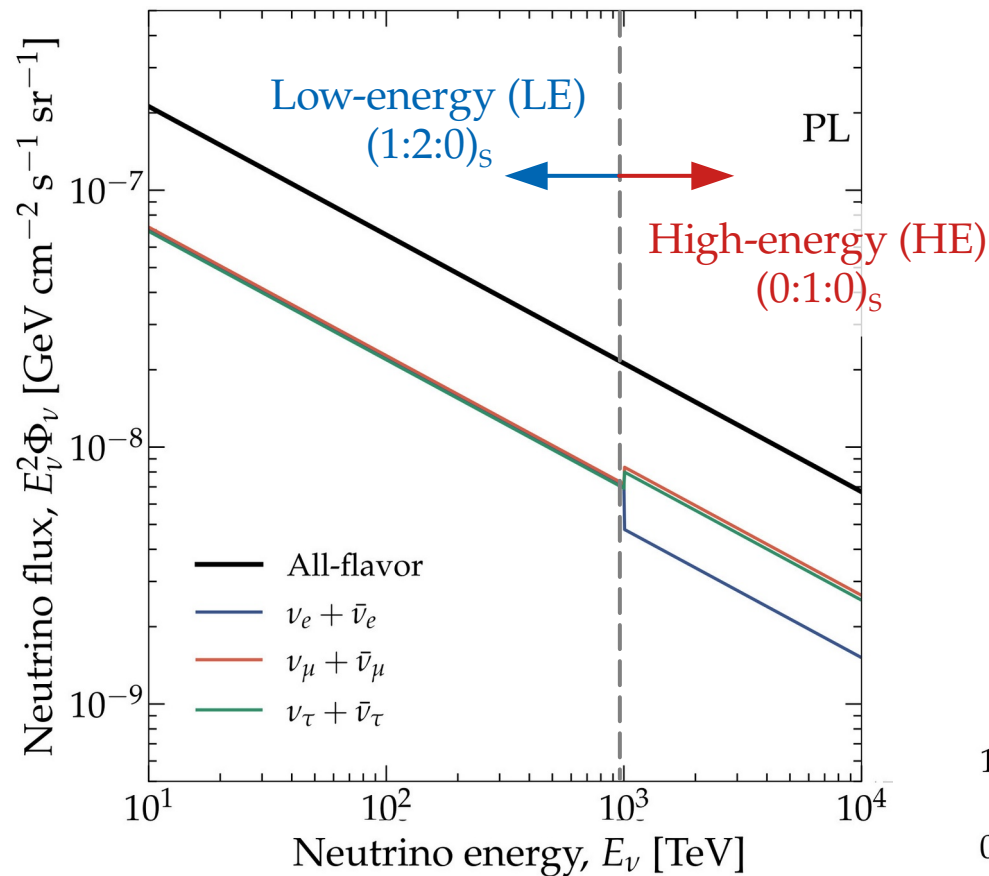
*Measuring energy-dependent
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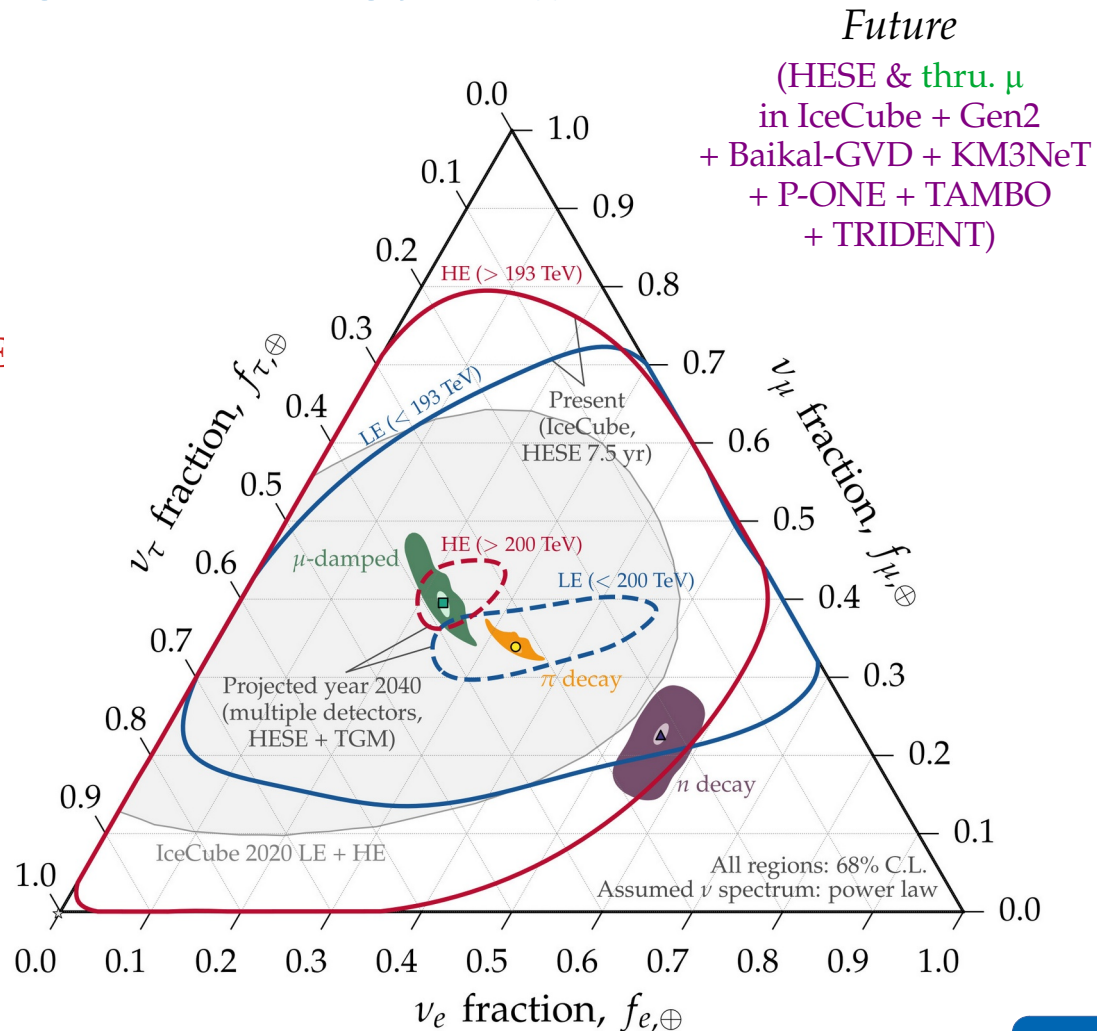
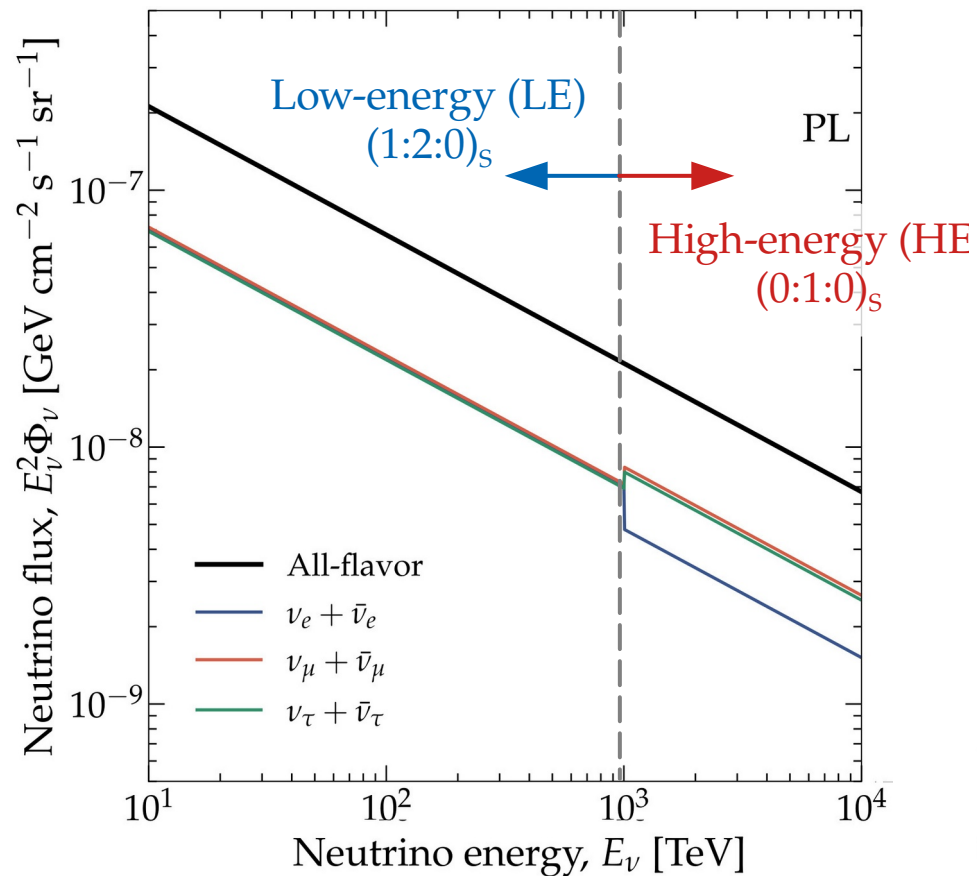
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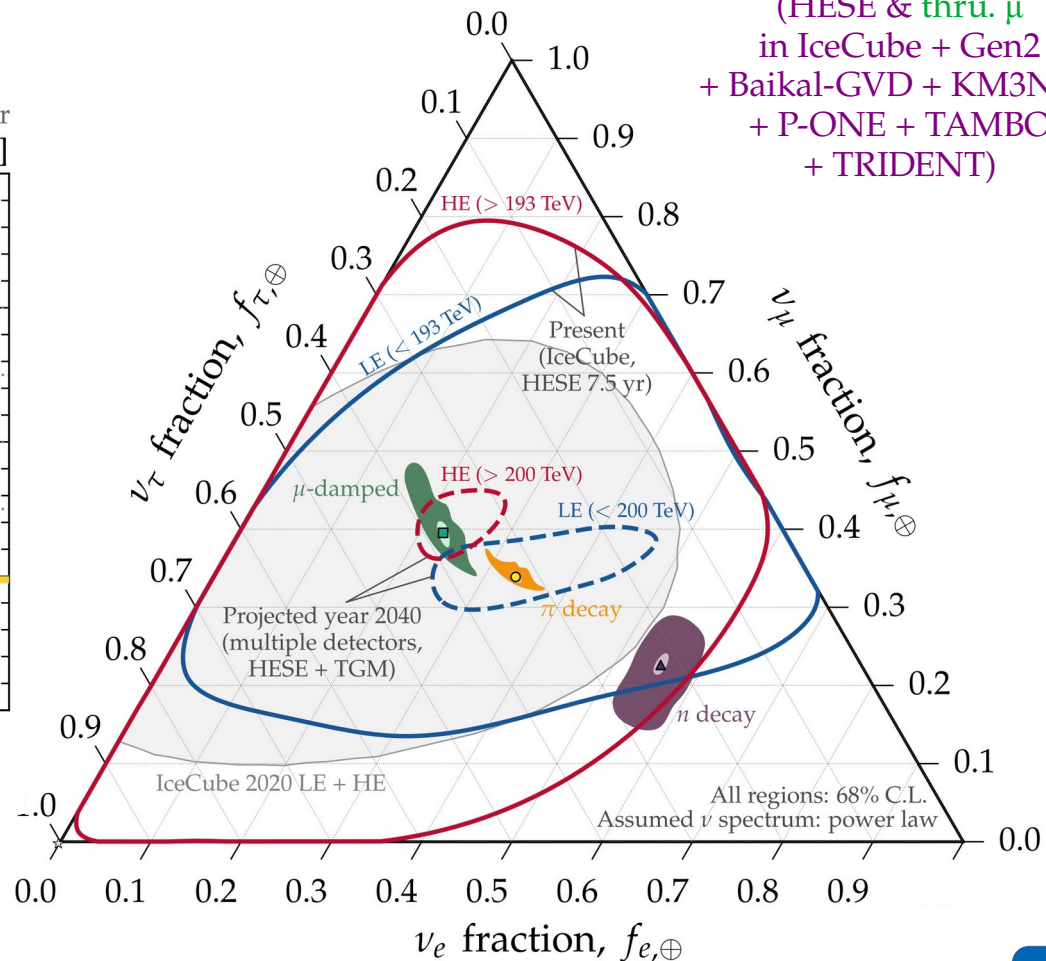
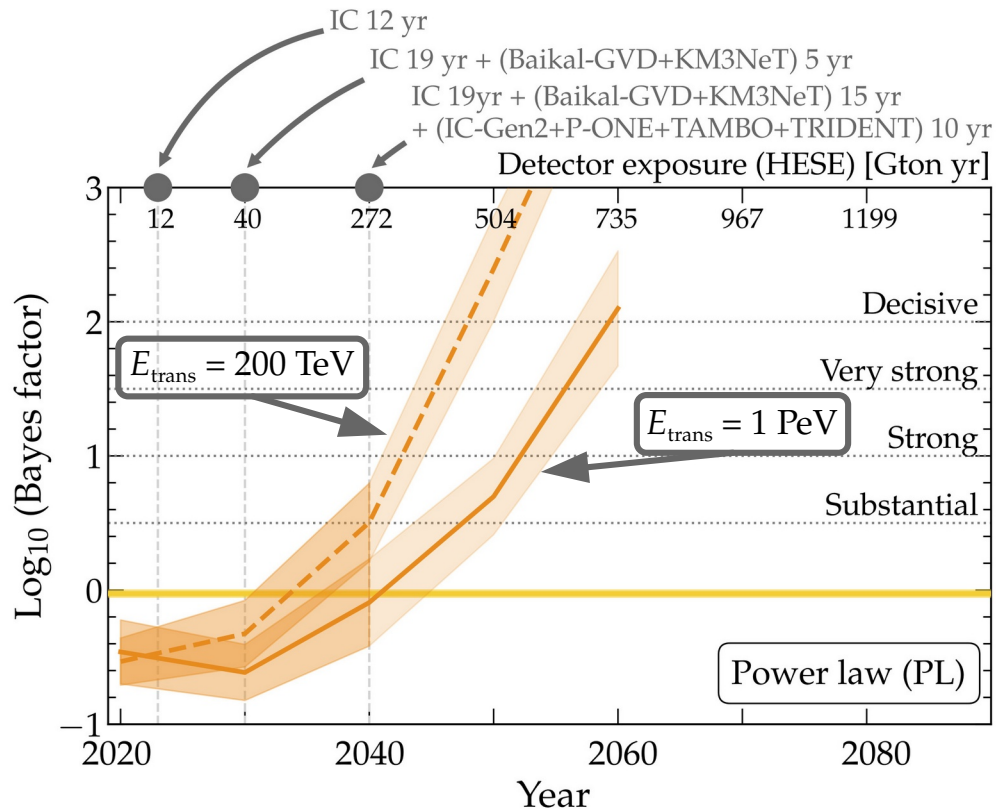
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Flavor composition: measuring the energy dependence

Future

(HESE & thru. μ
in IceCube + Gen2
+ Baikal-GVD + KM3NeT
+ P-ONE + TAMBO
+ TRIDENT)



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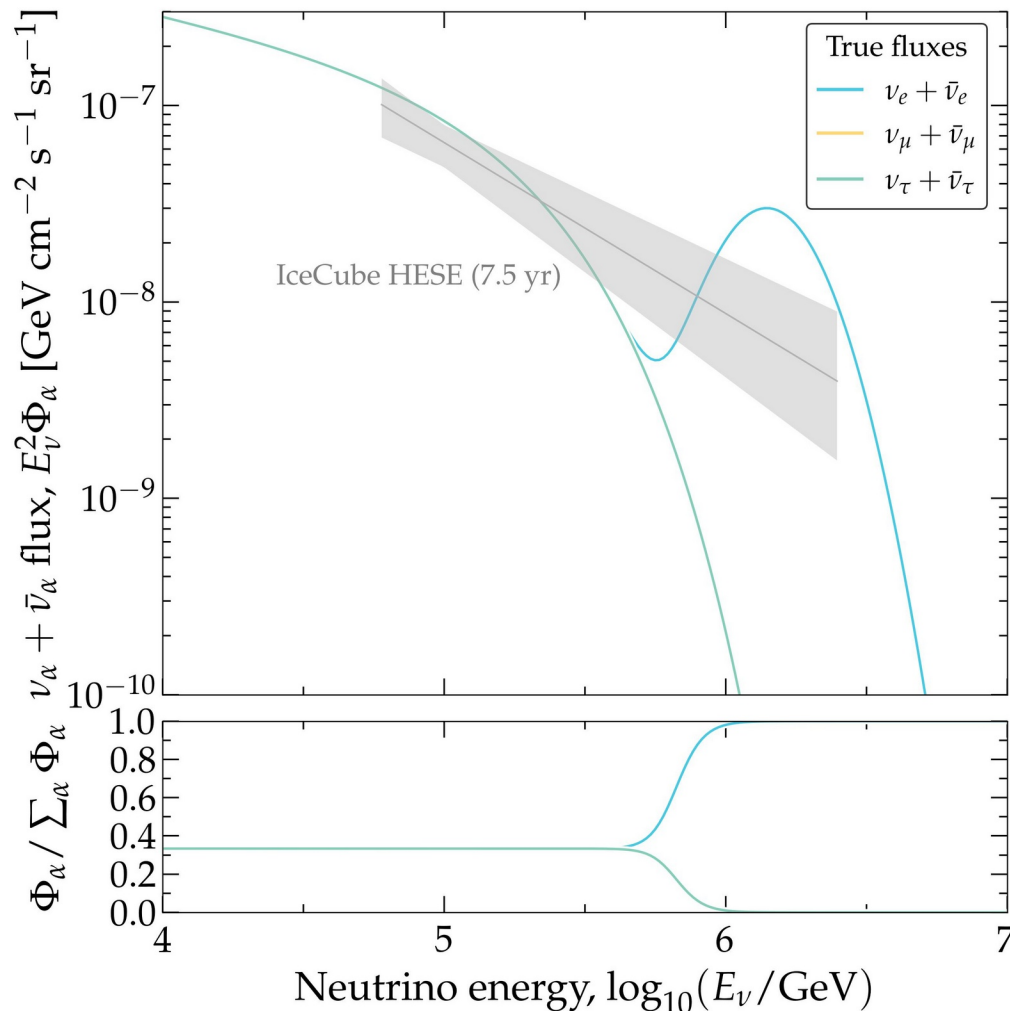
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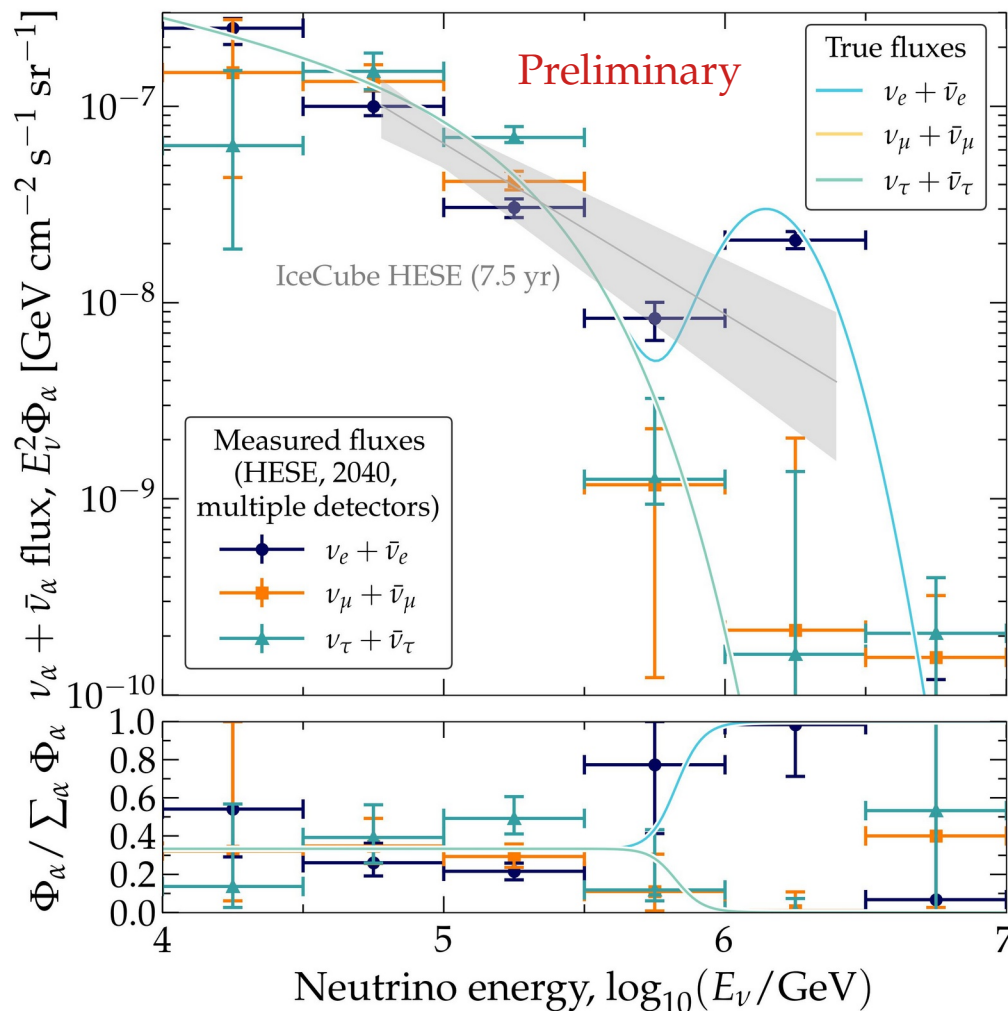
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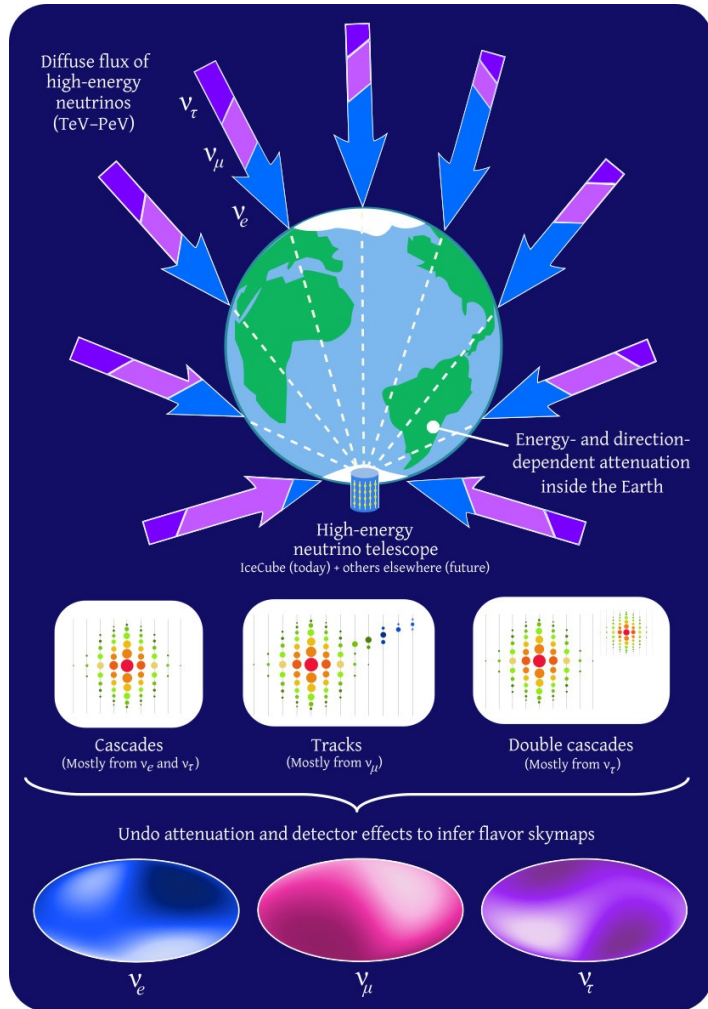
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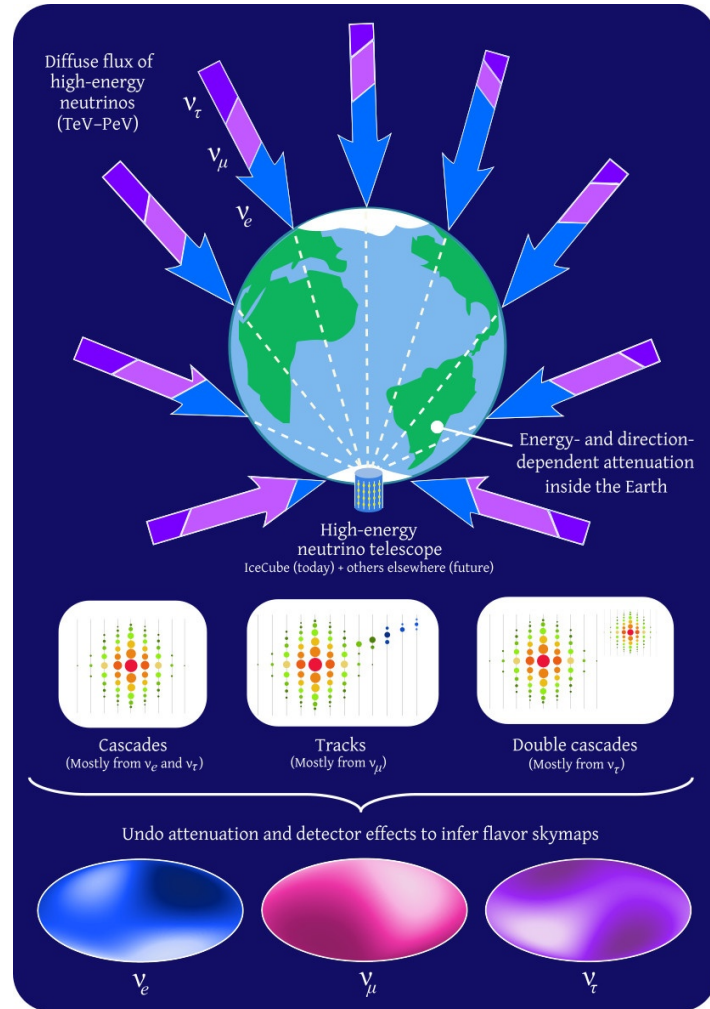
Measuring flavor anisotropy

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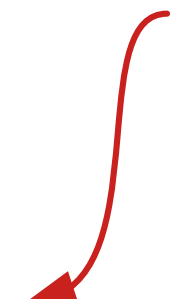


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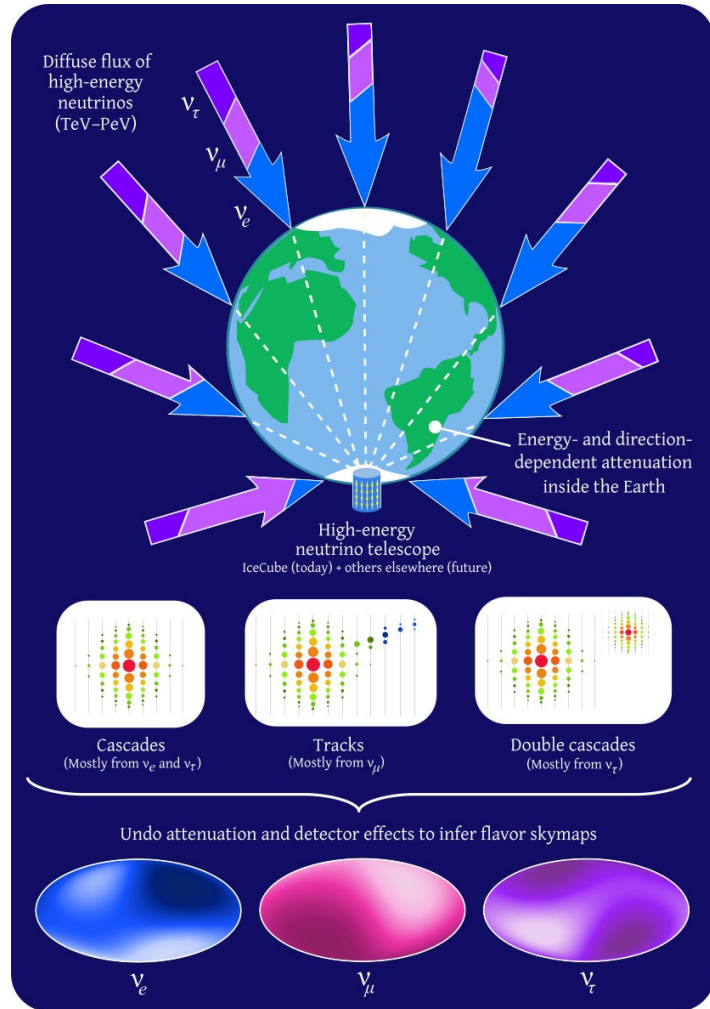


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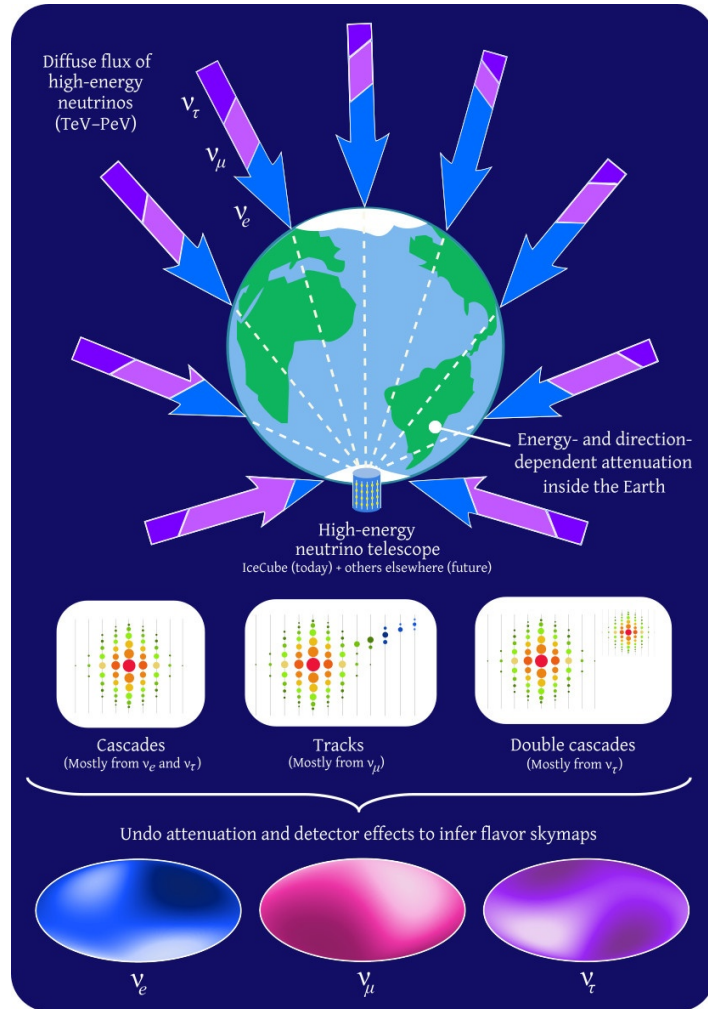


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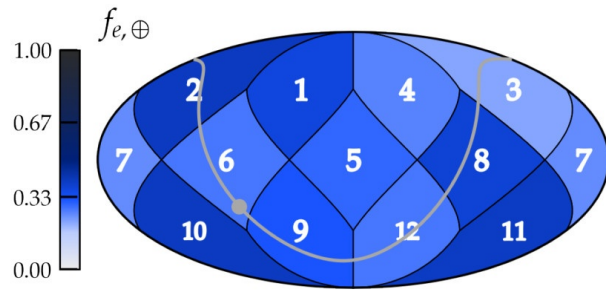
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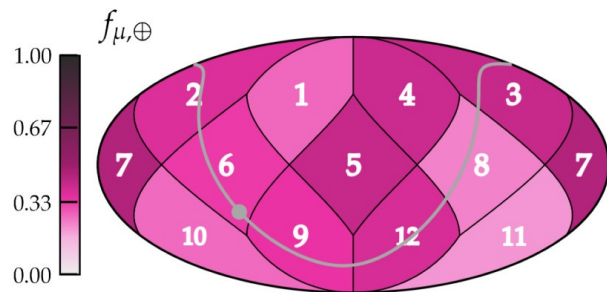
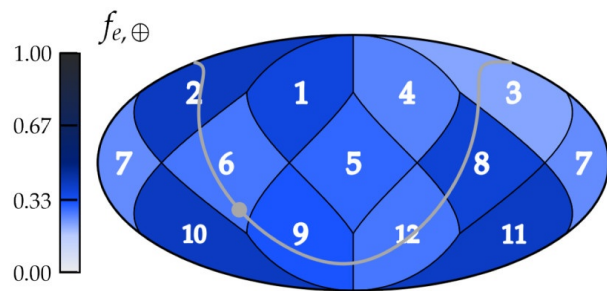


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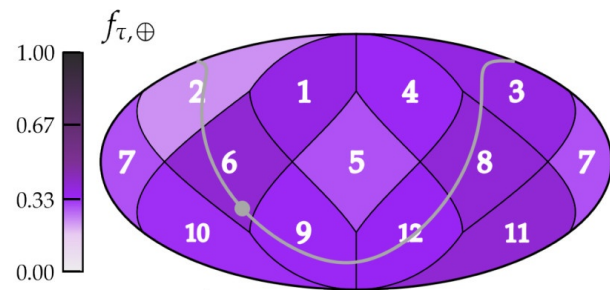
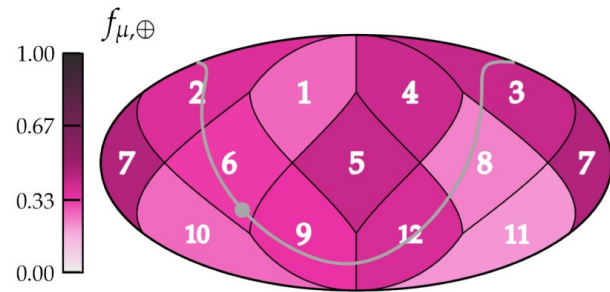
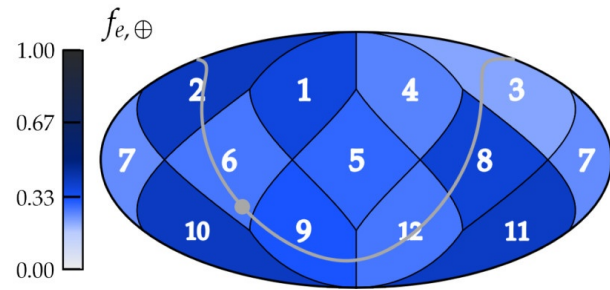
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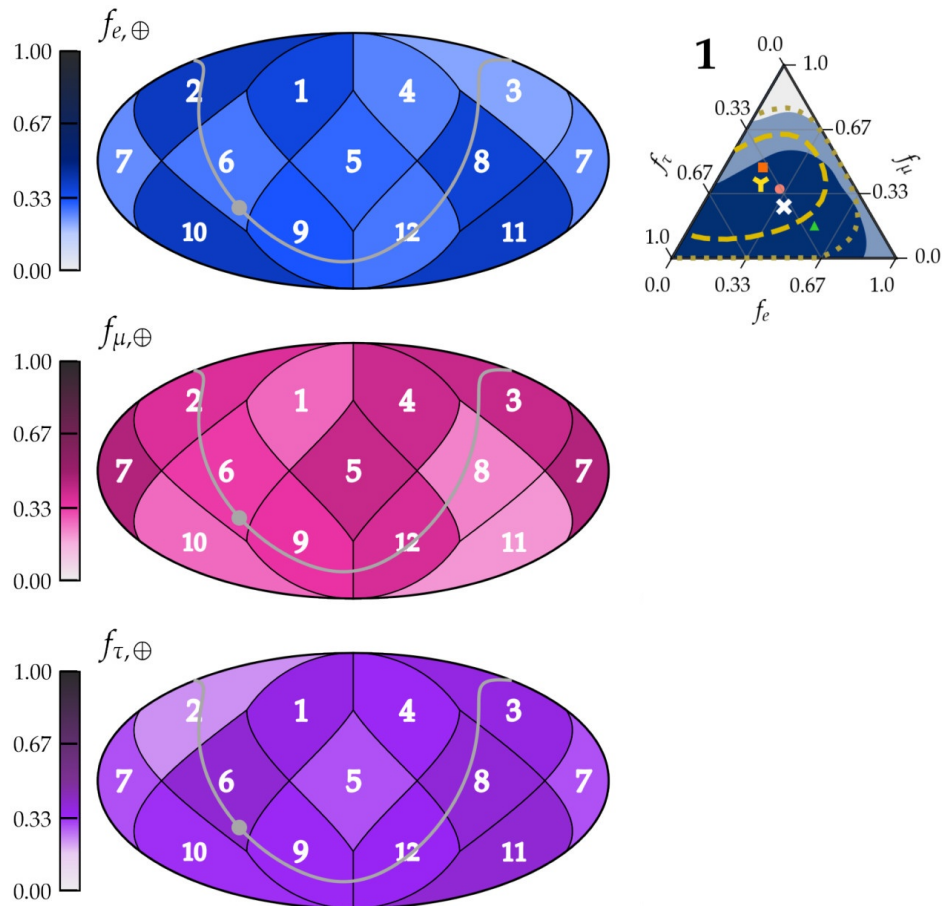
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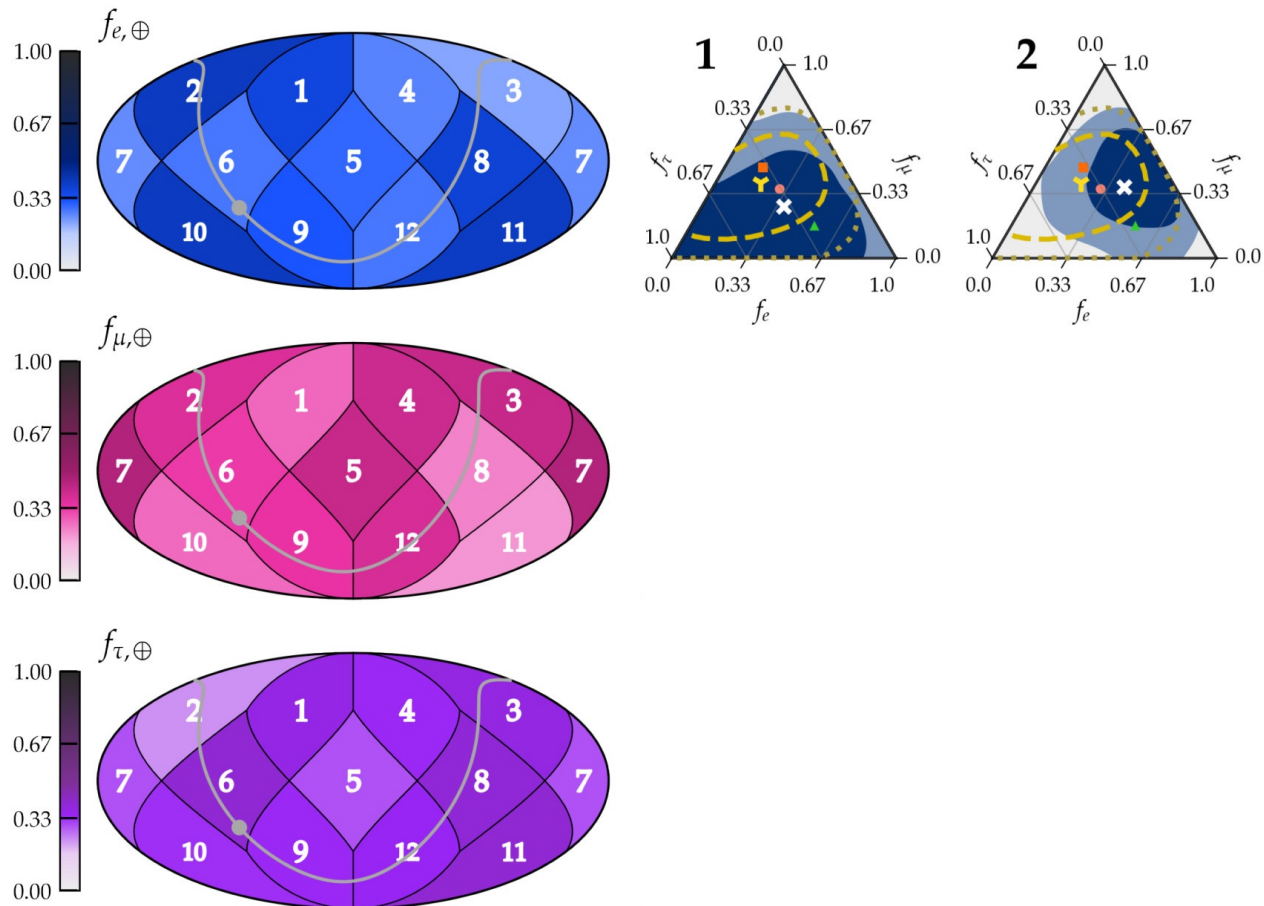
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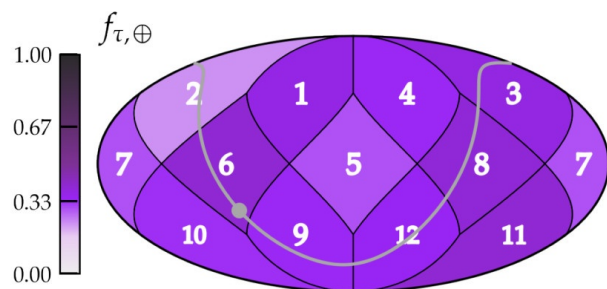
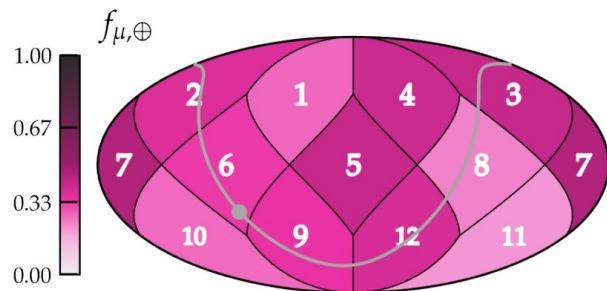
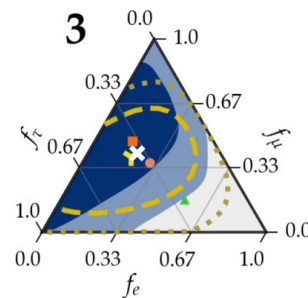
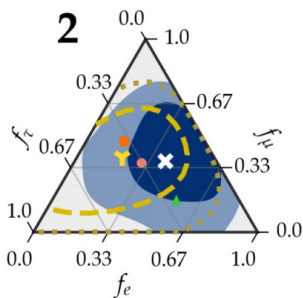
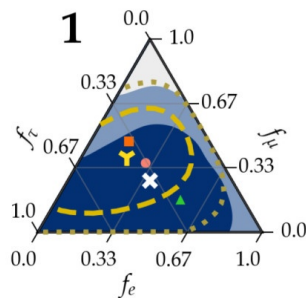
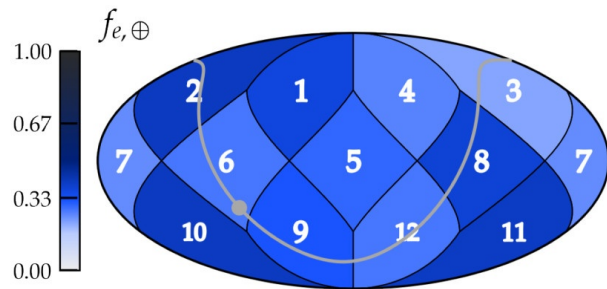
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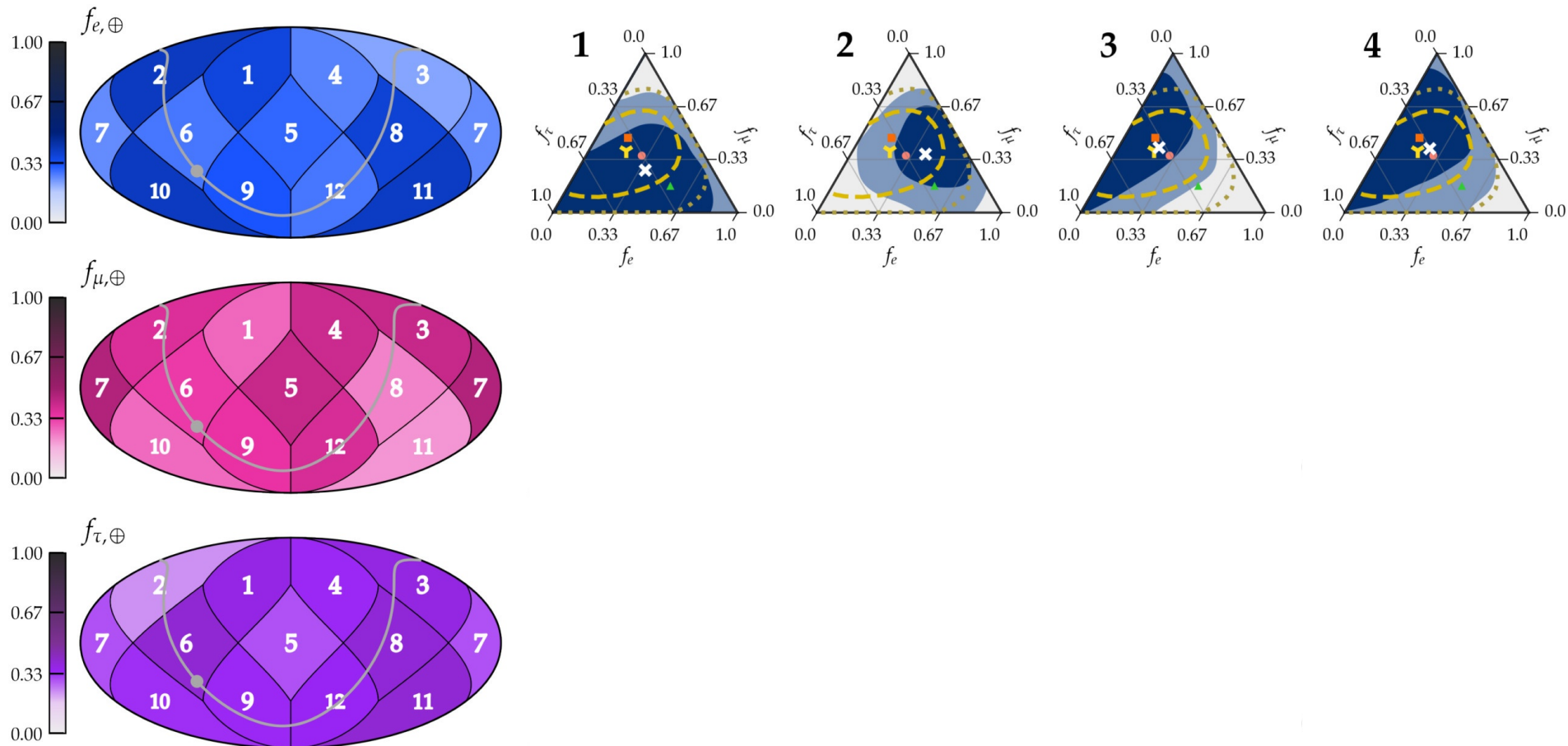
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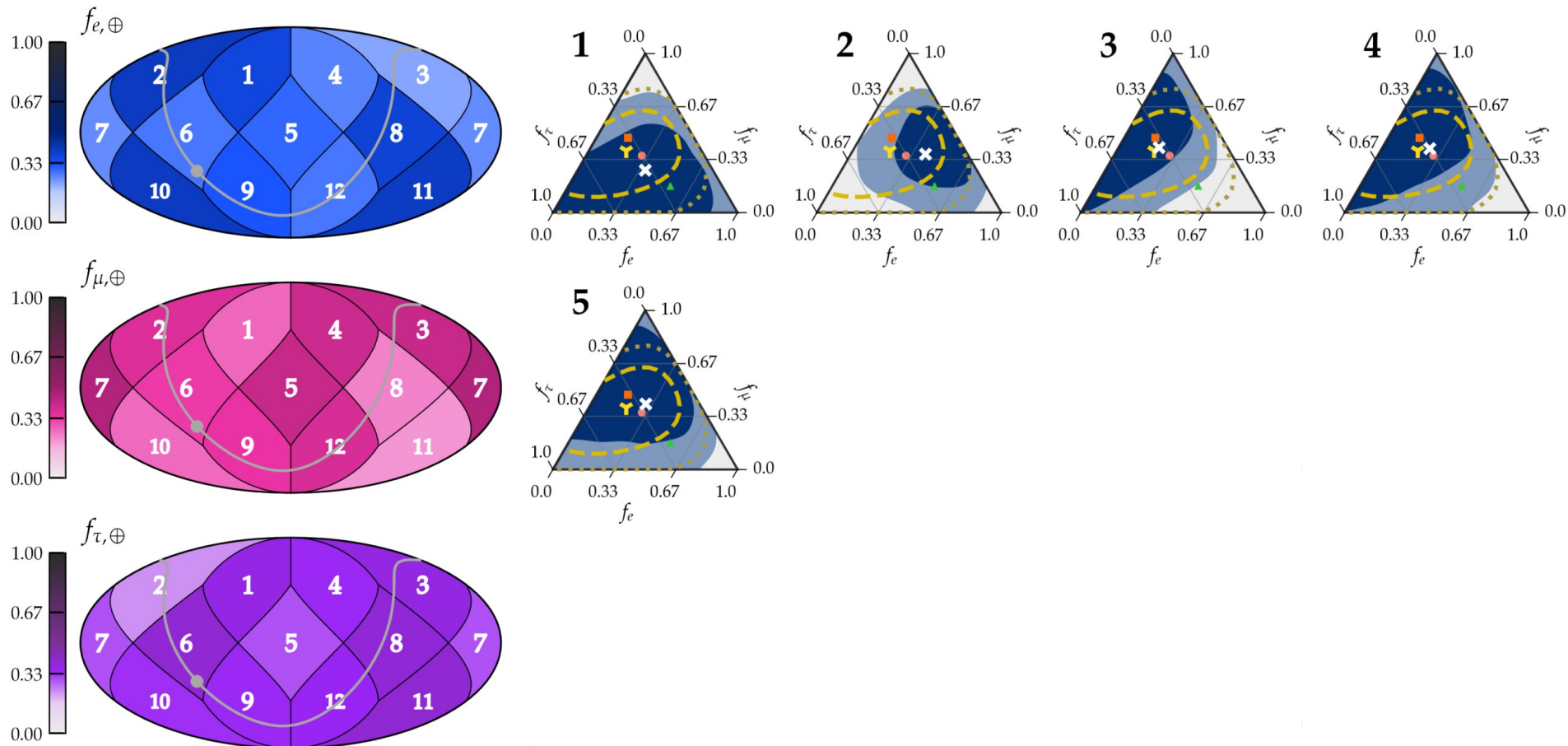
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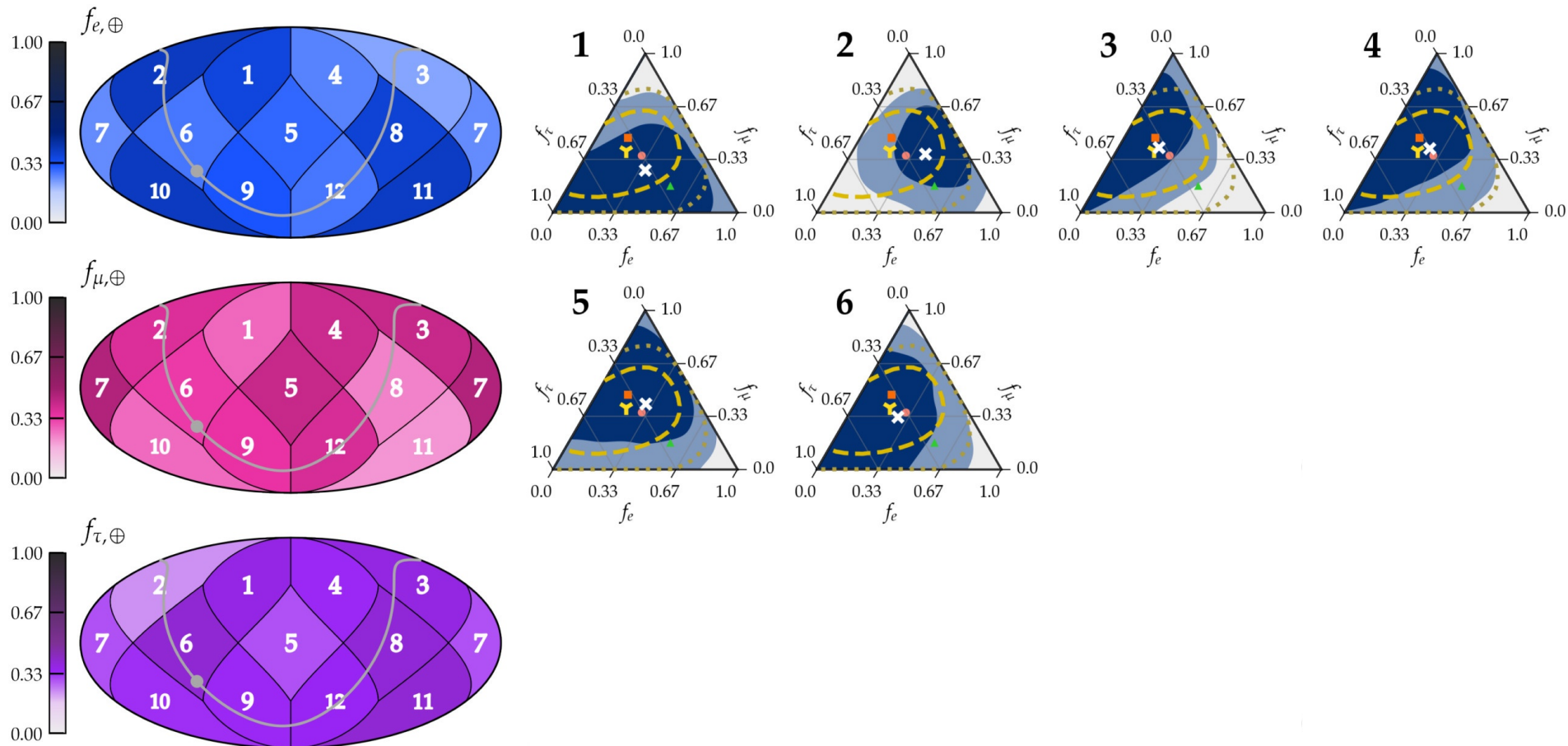
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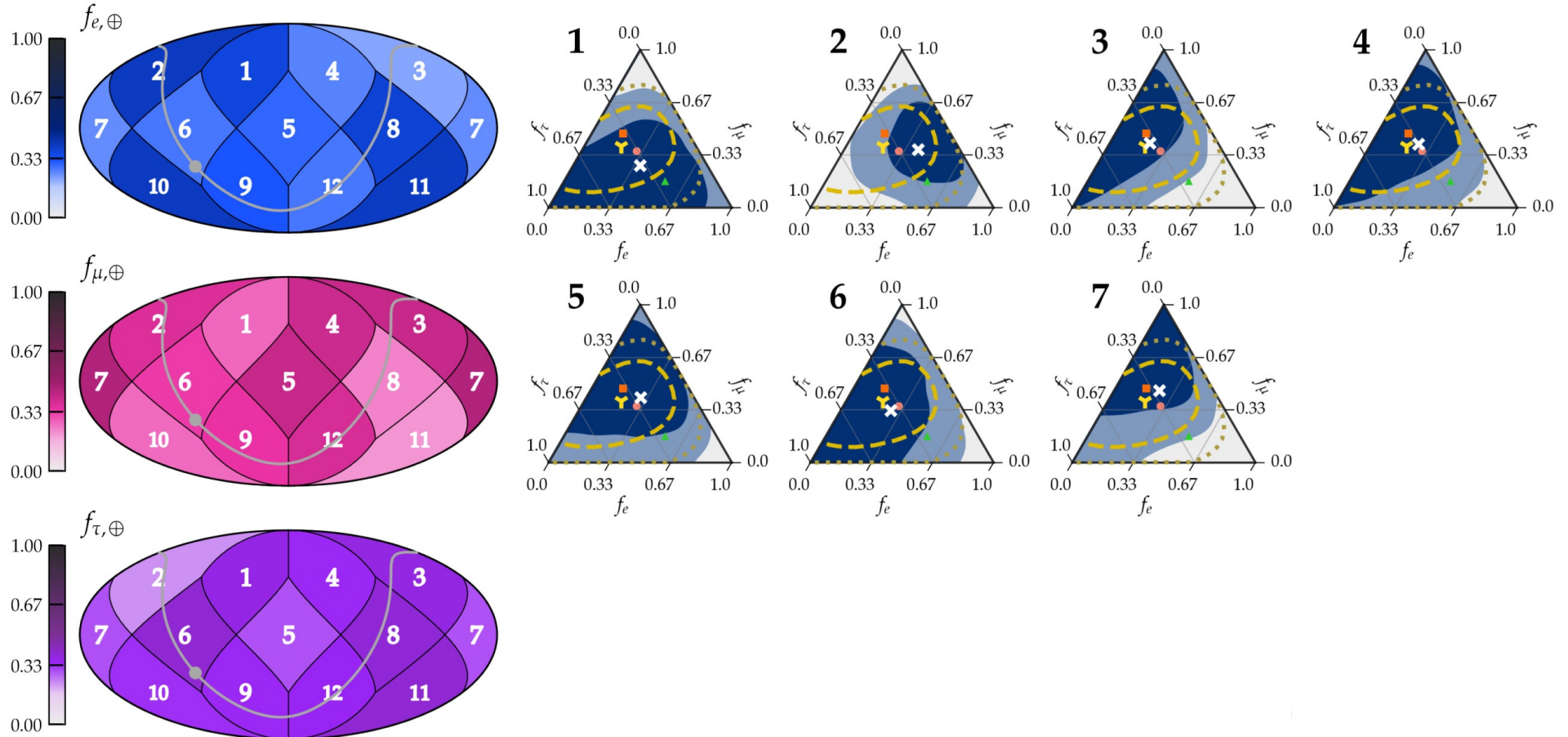
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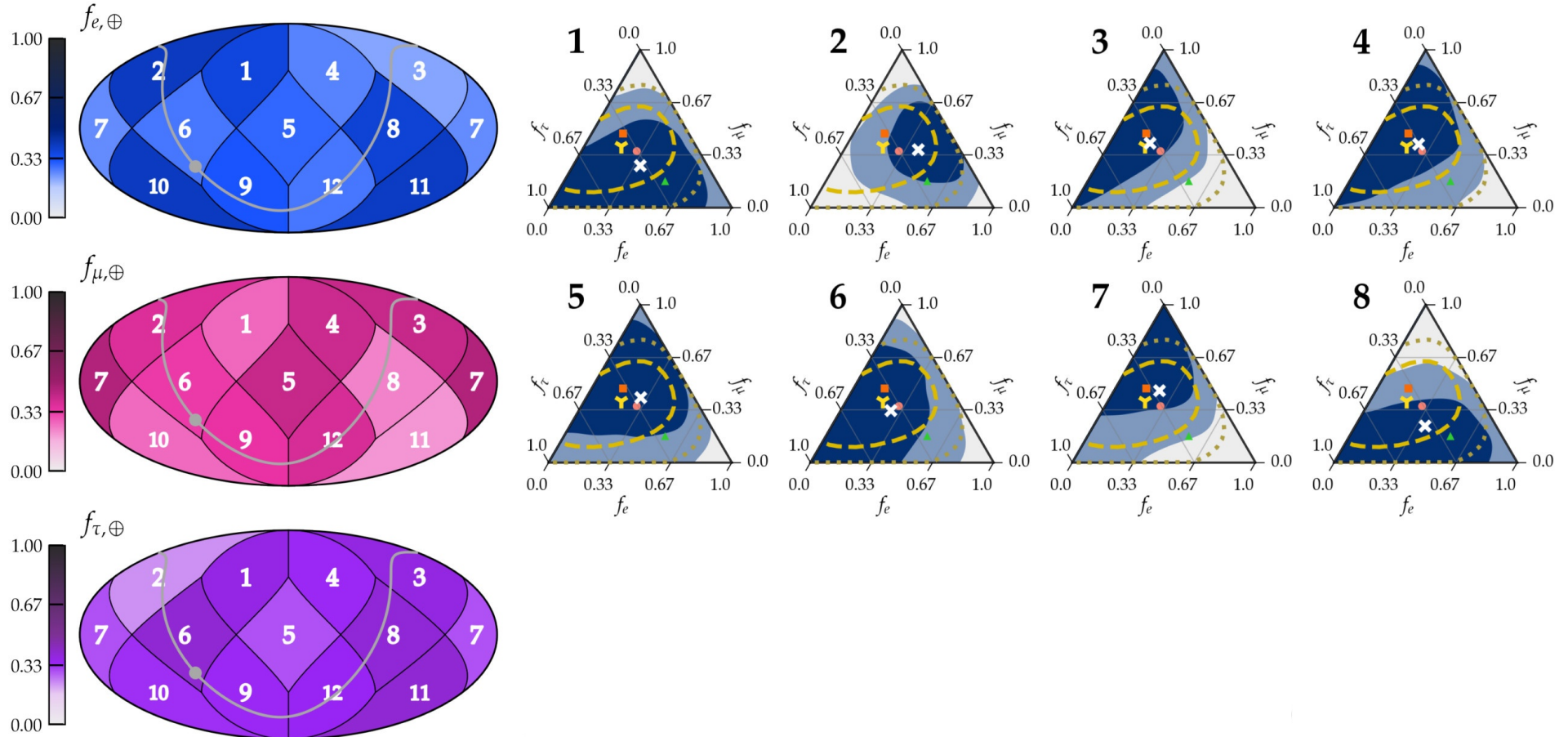
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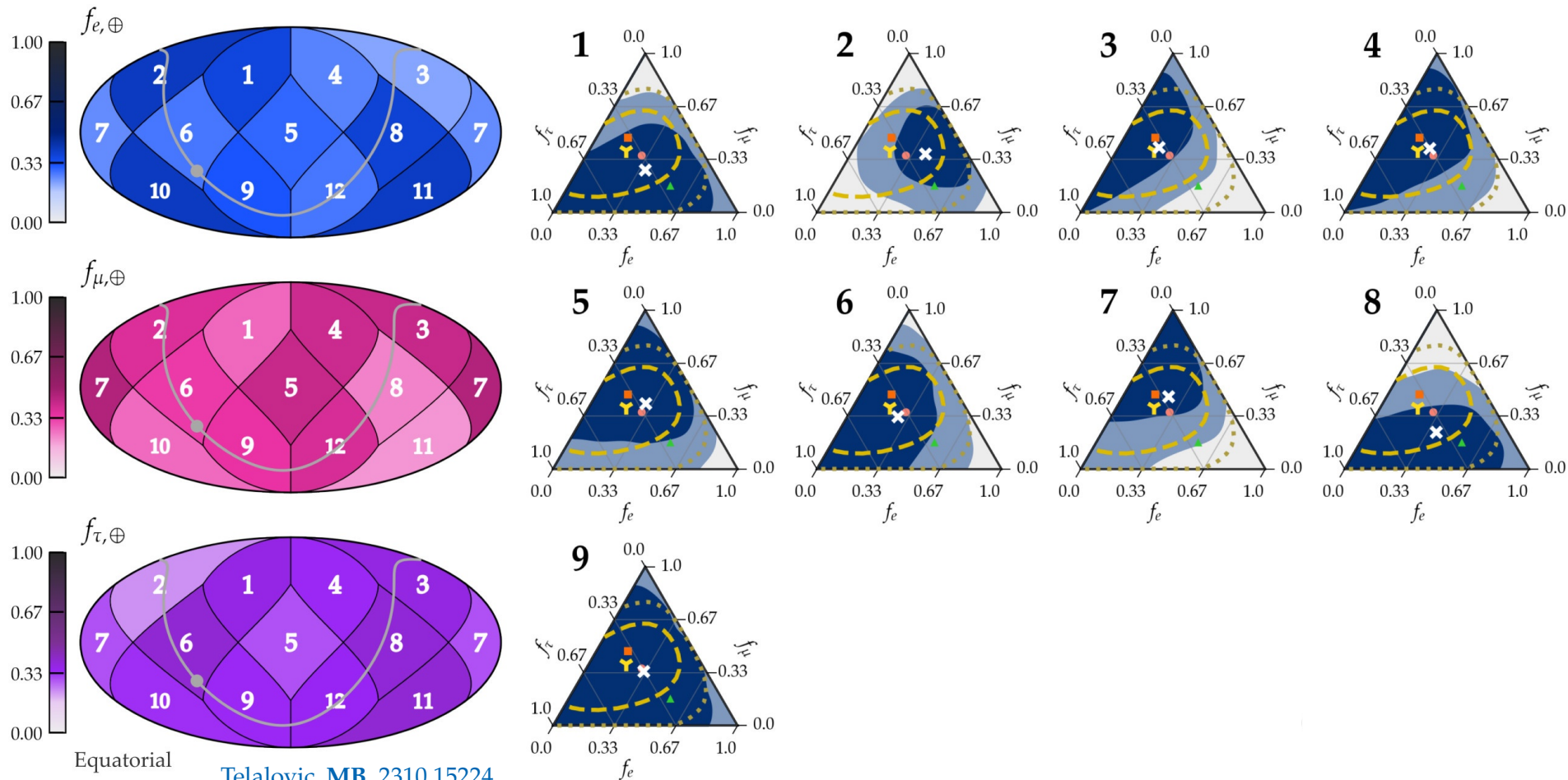
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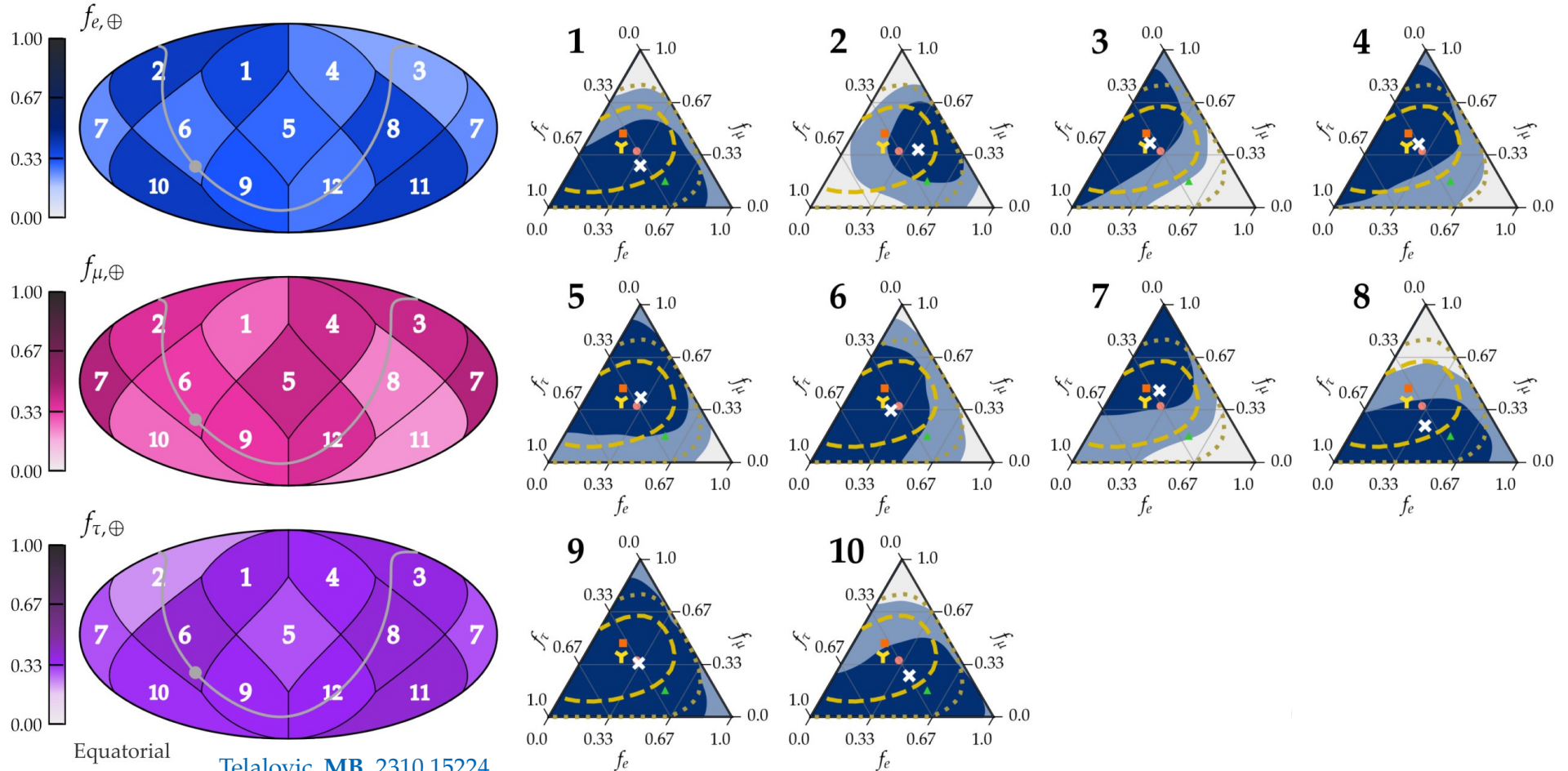
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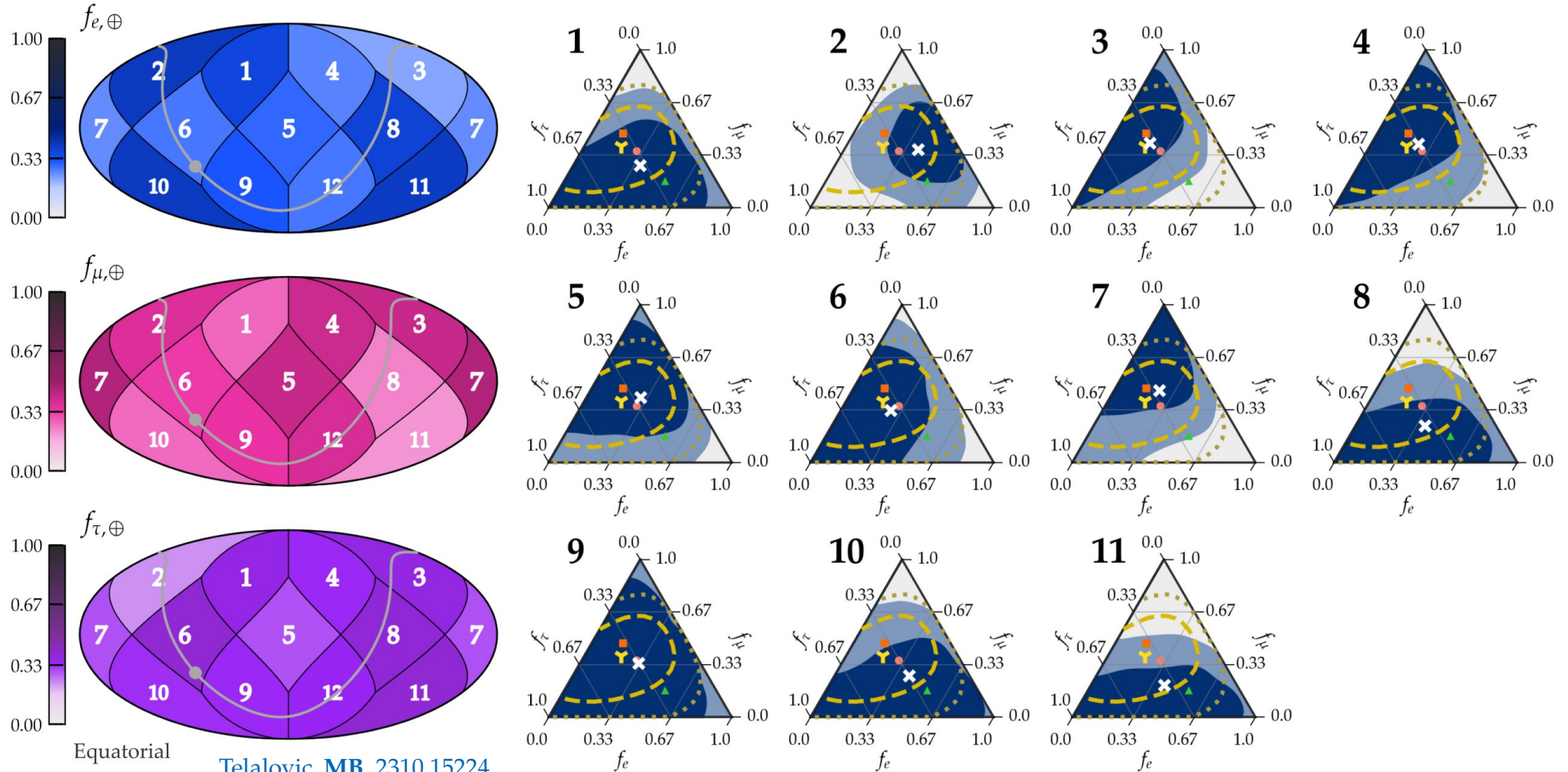
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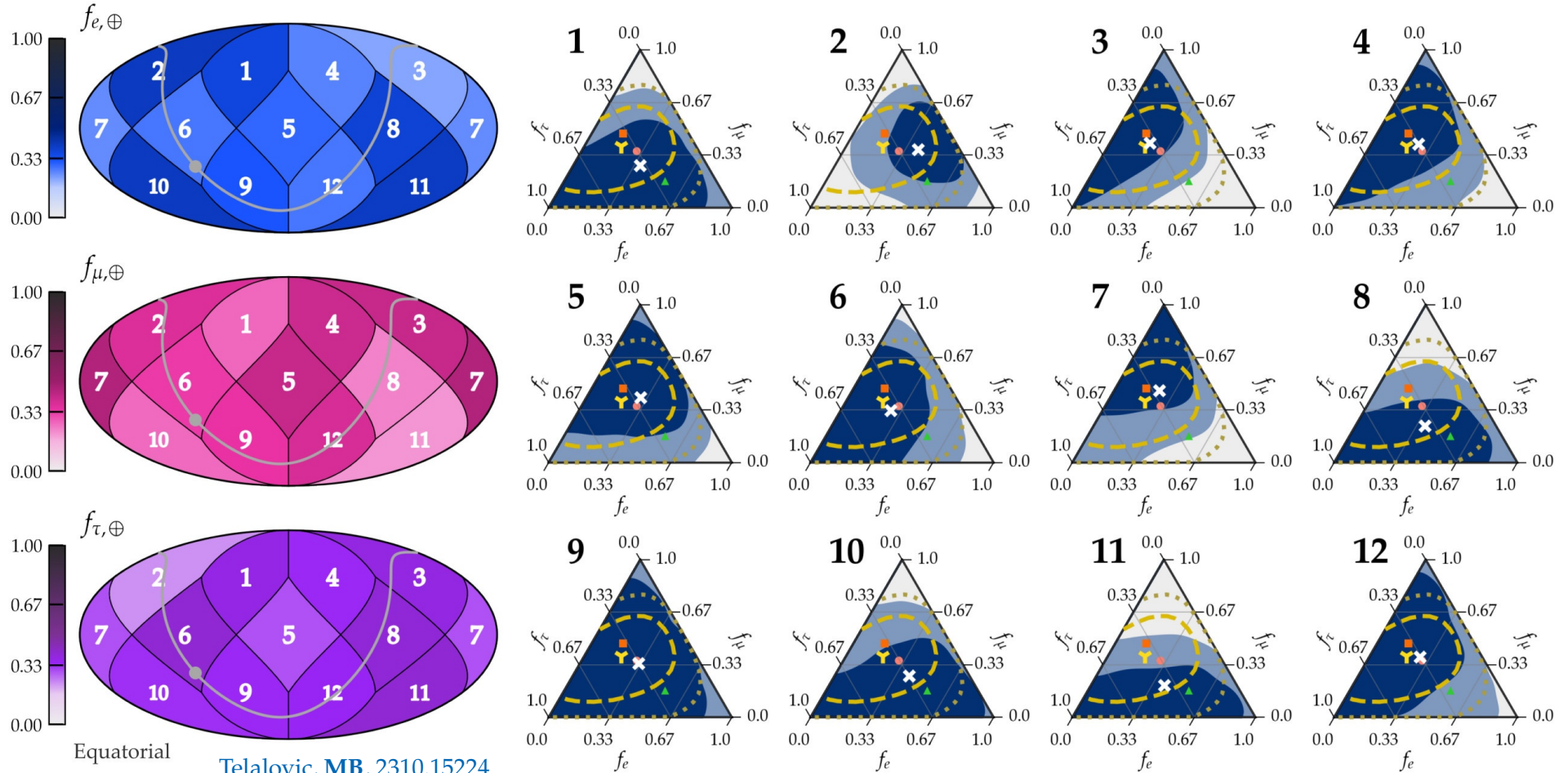
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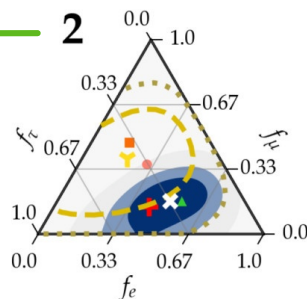
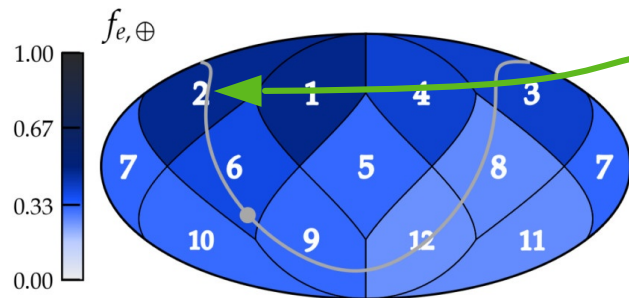
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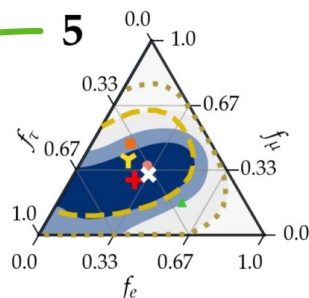
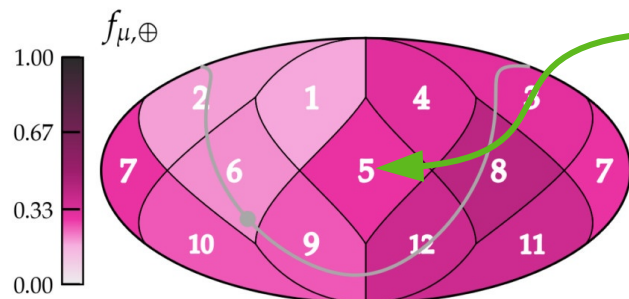
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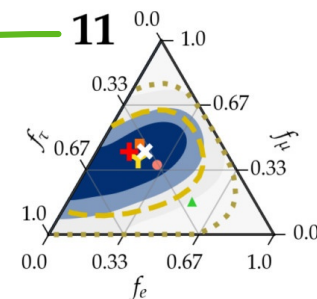
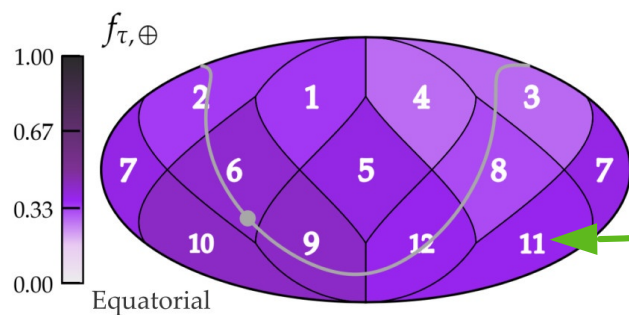
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We place the first constraints on
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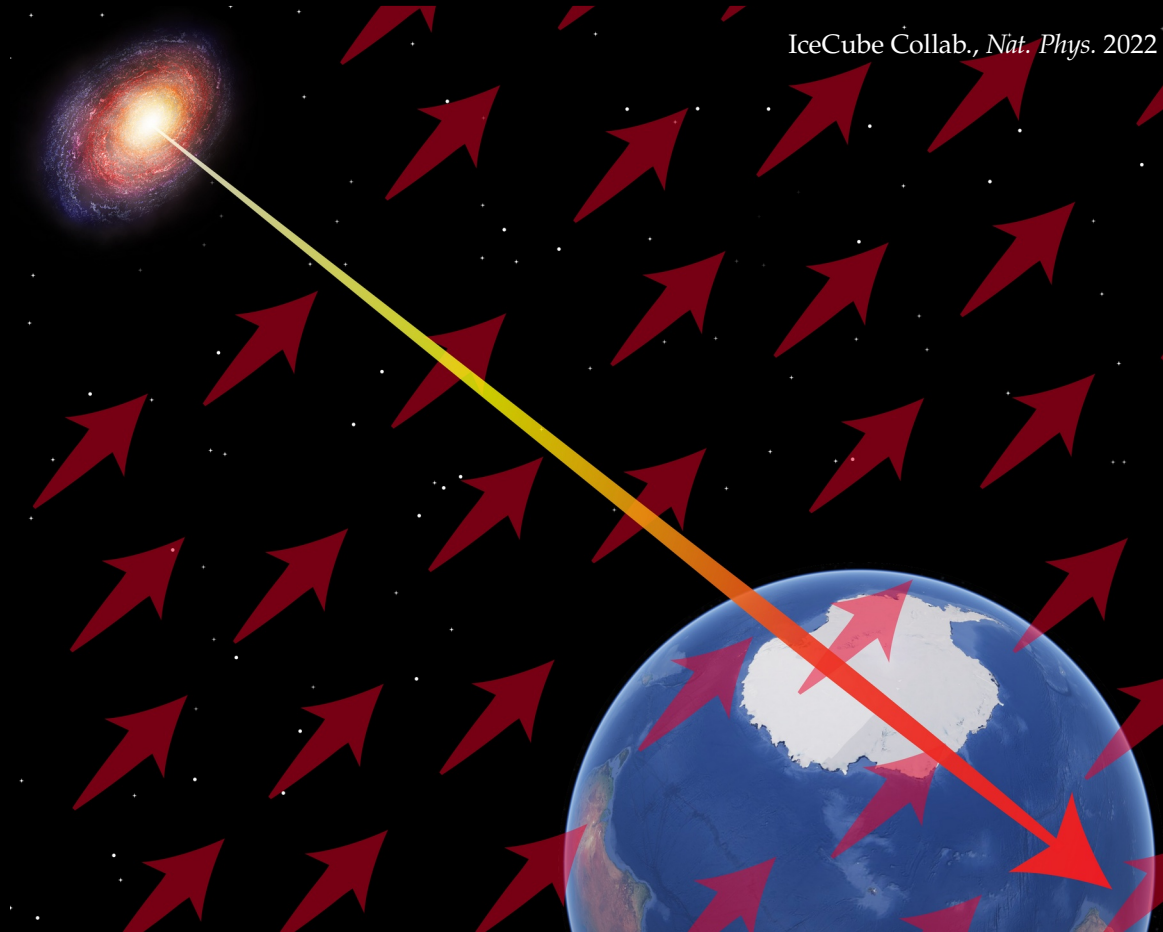


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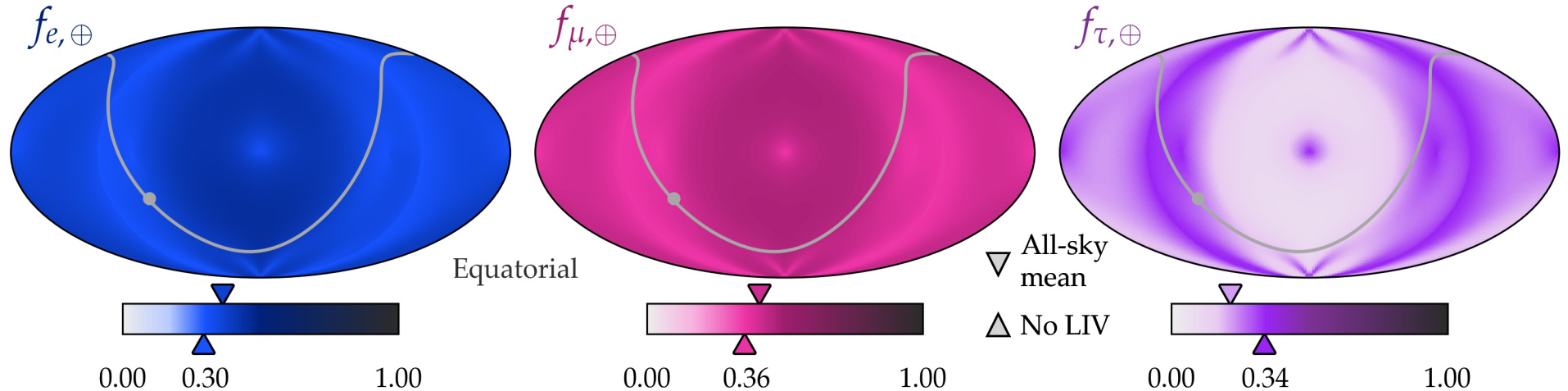
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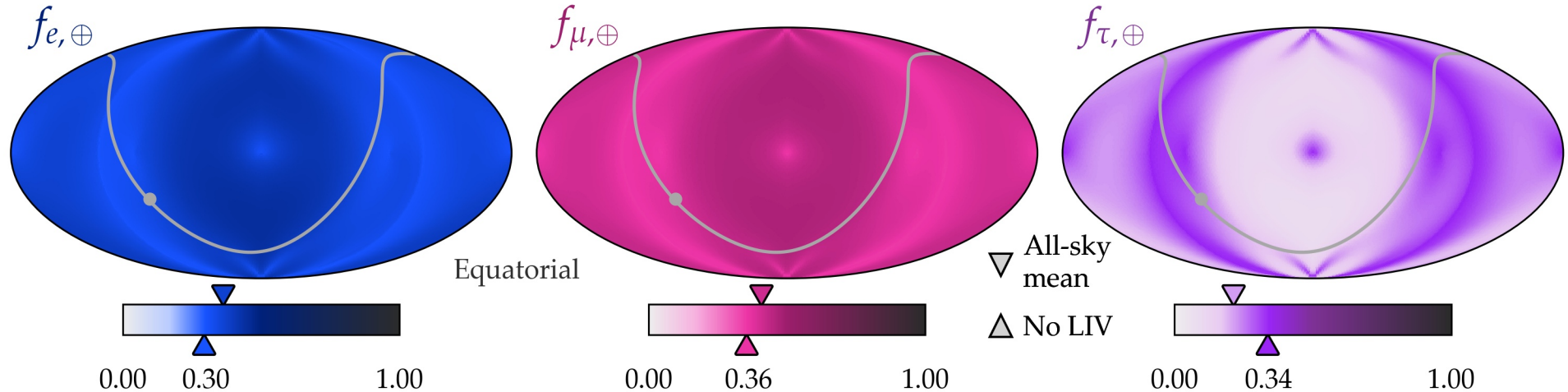
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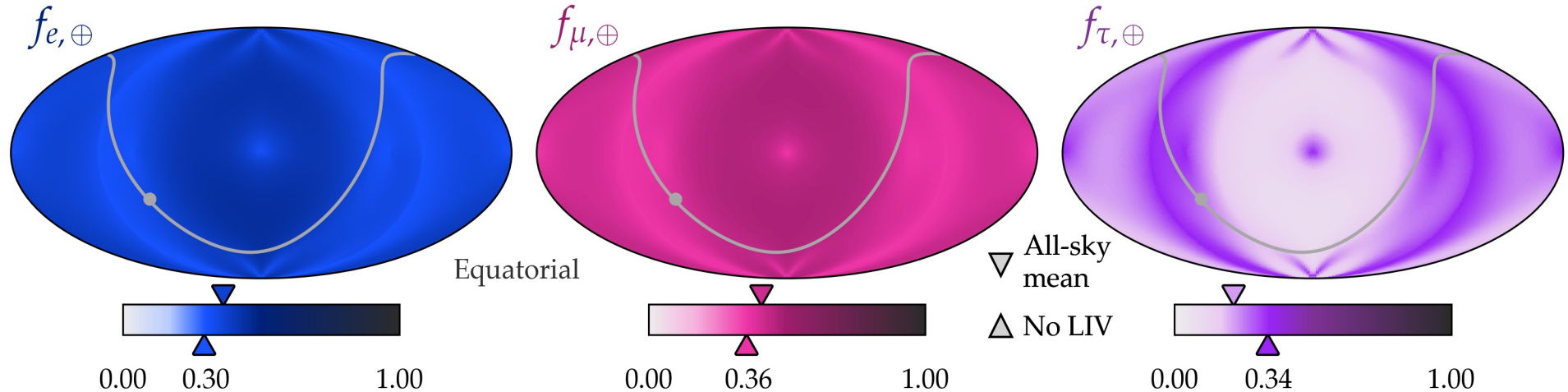
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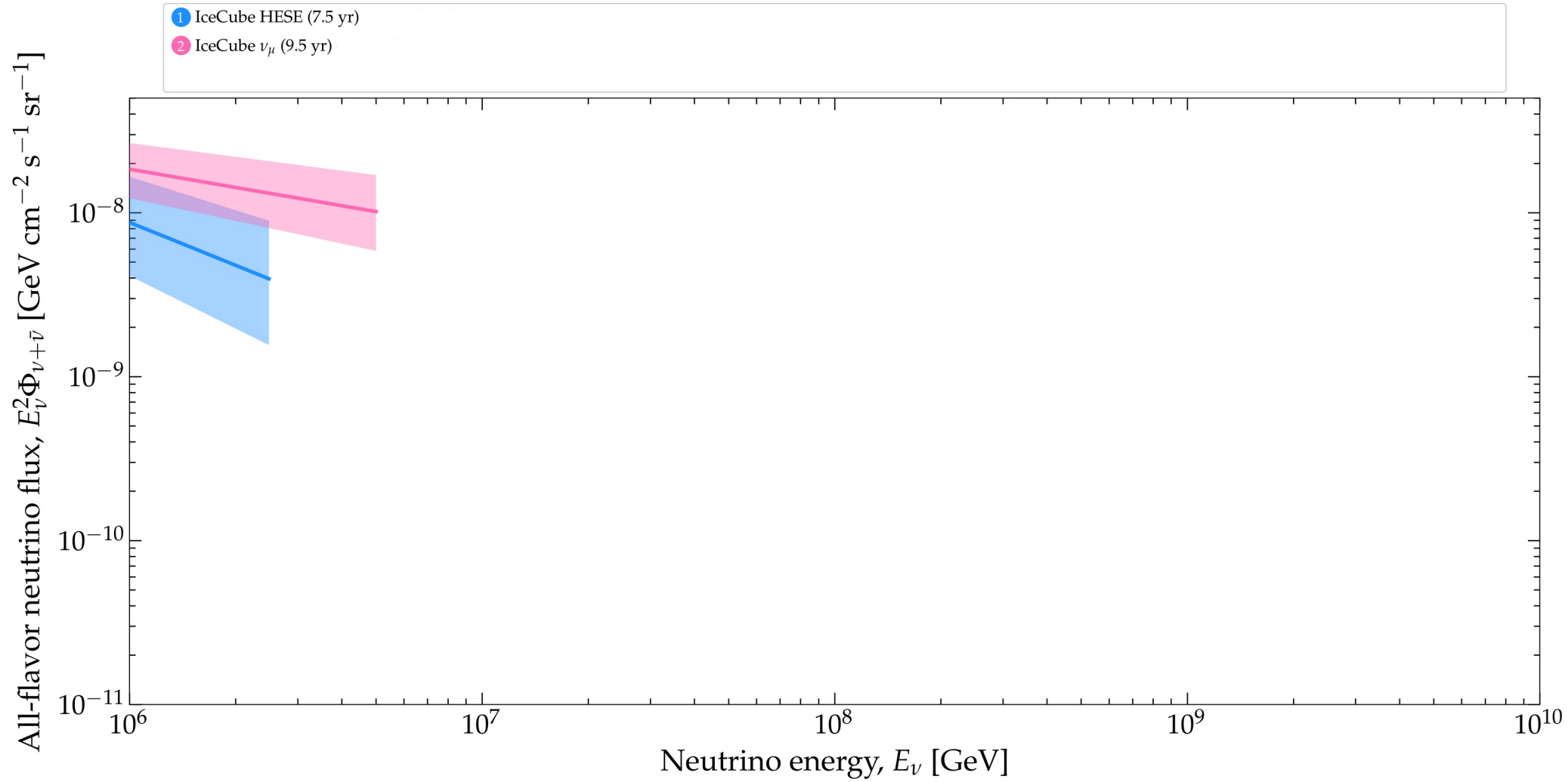


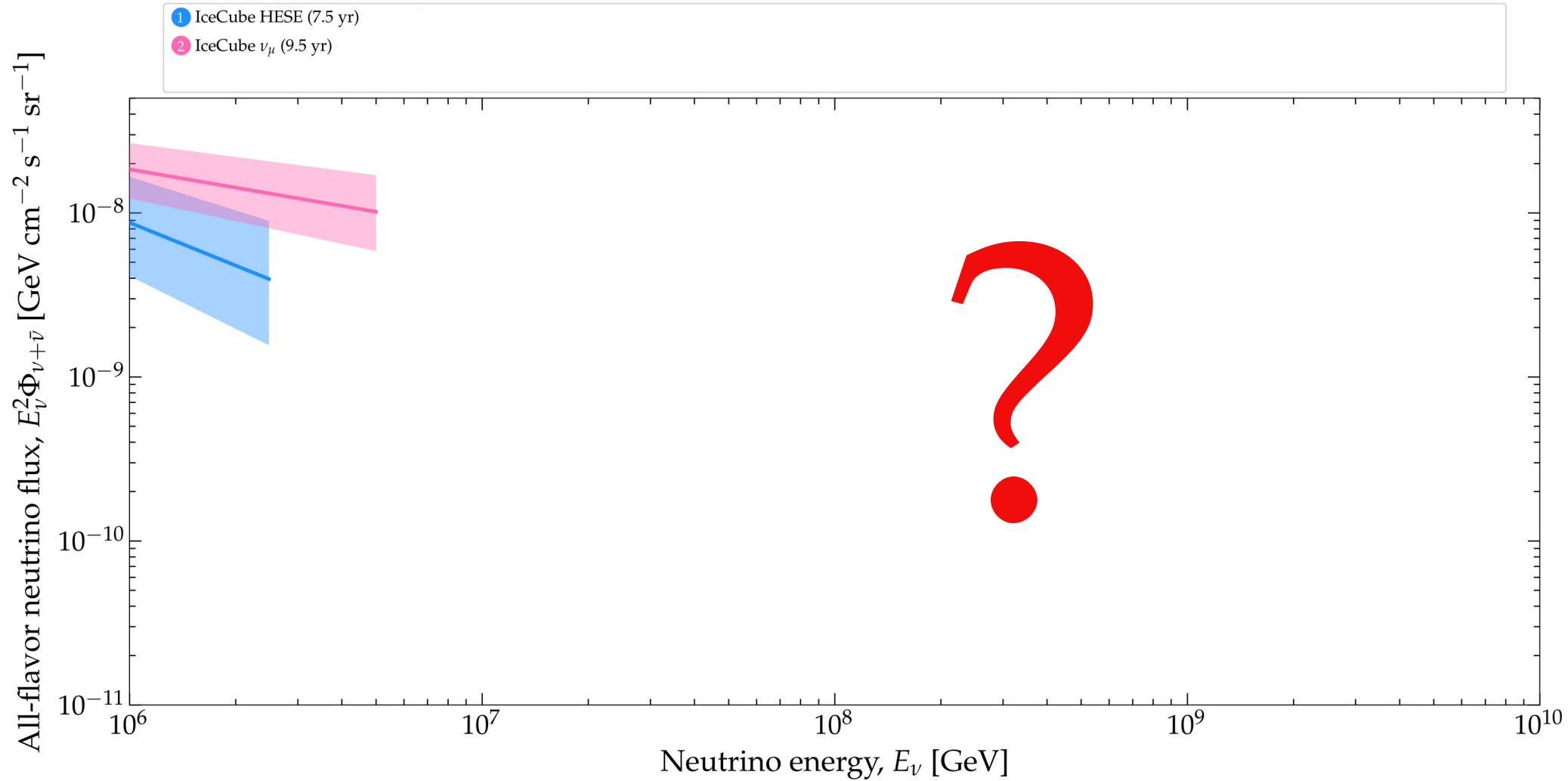
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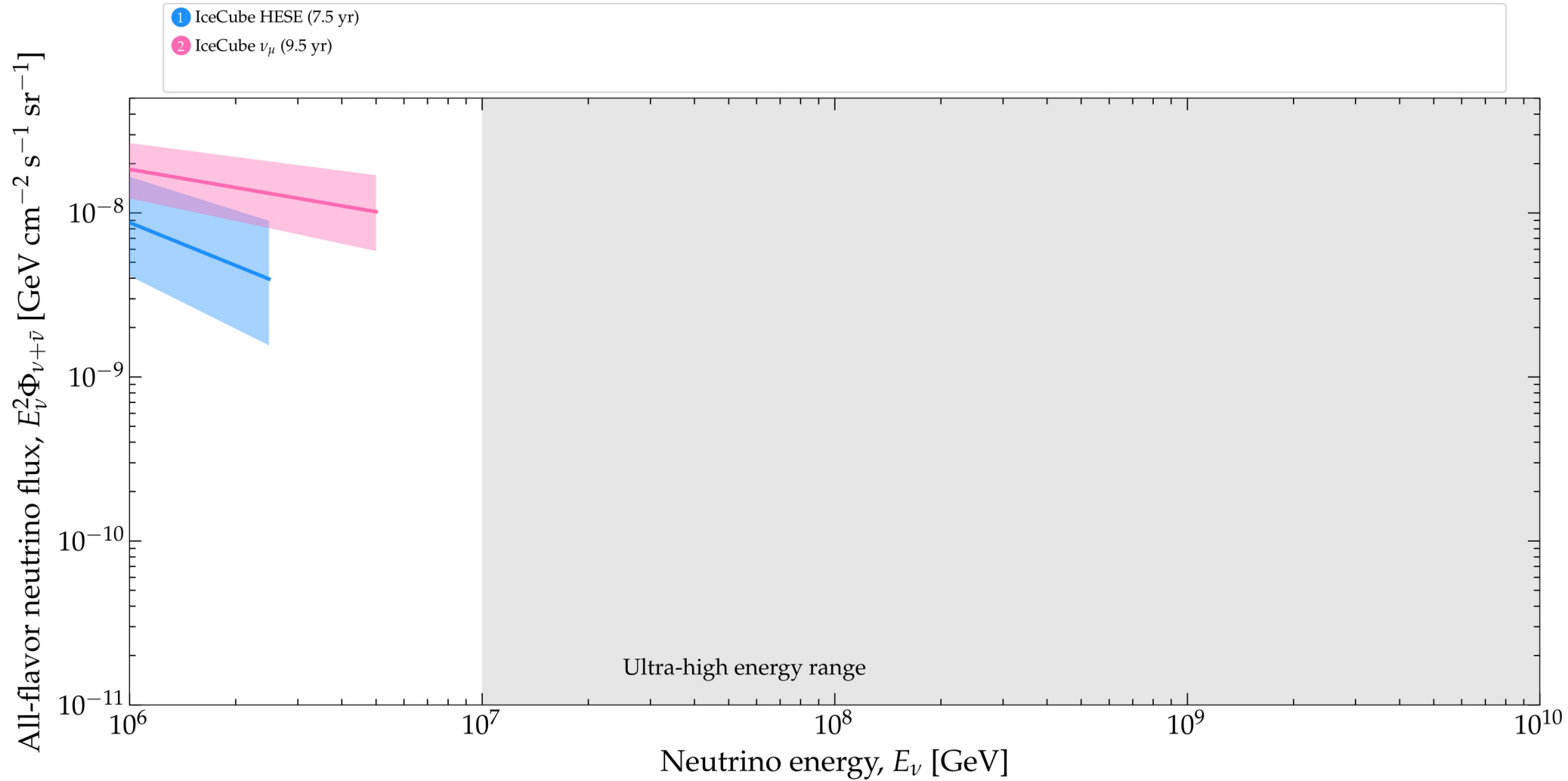
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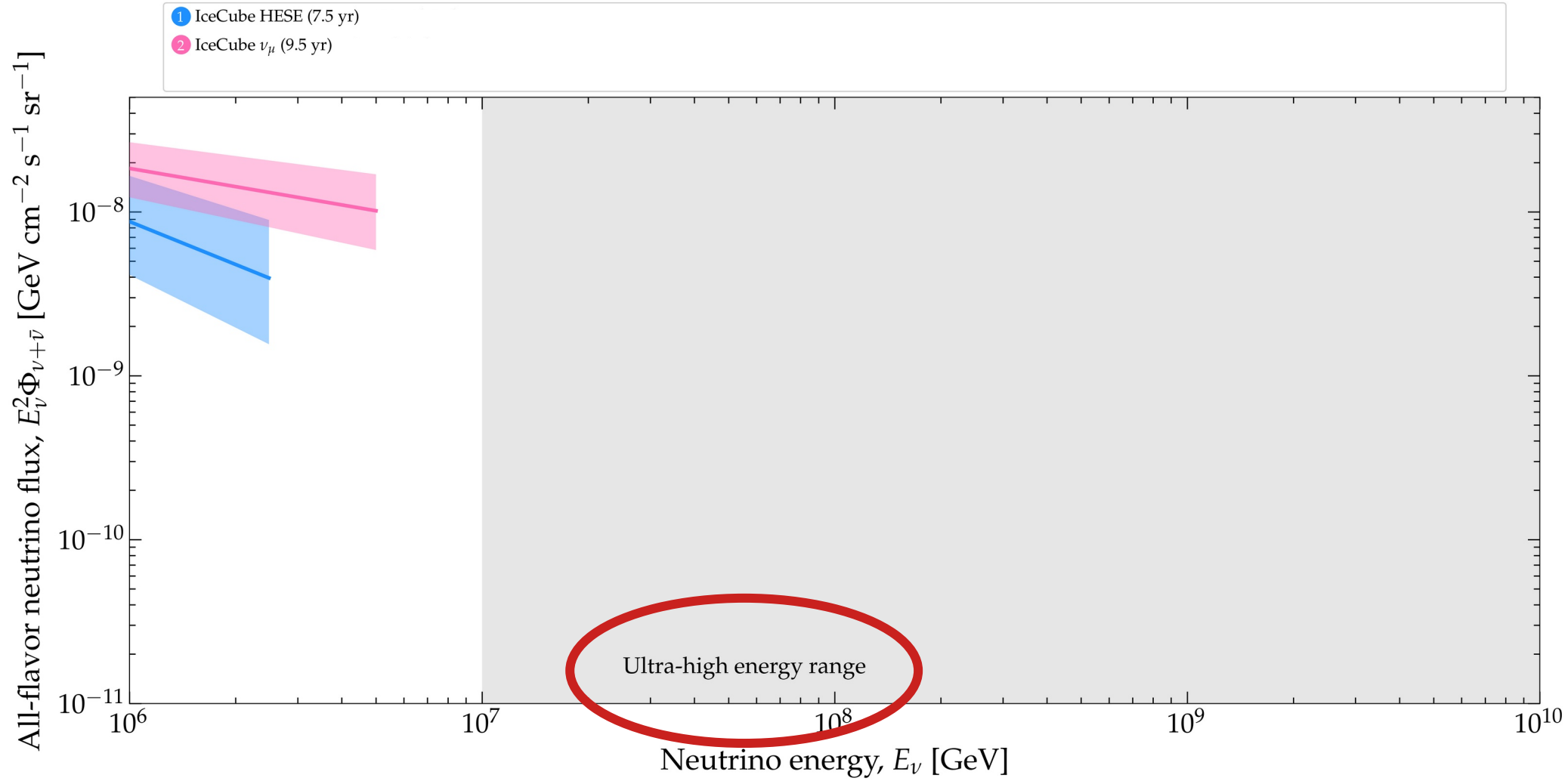
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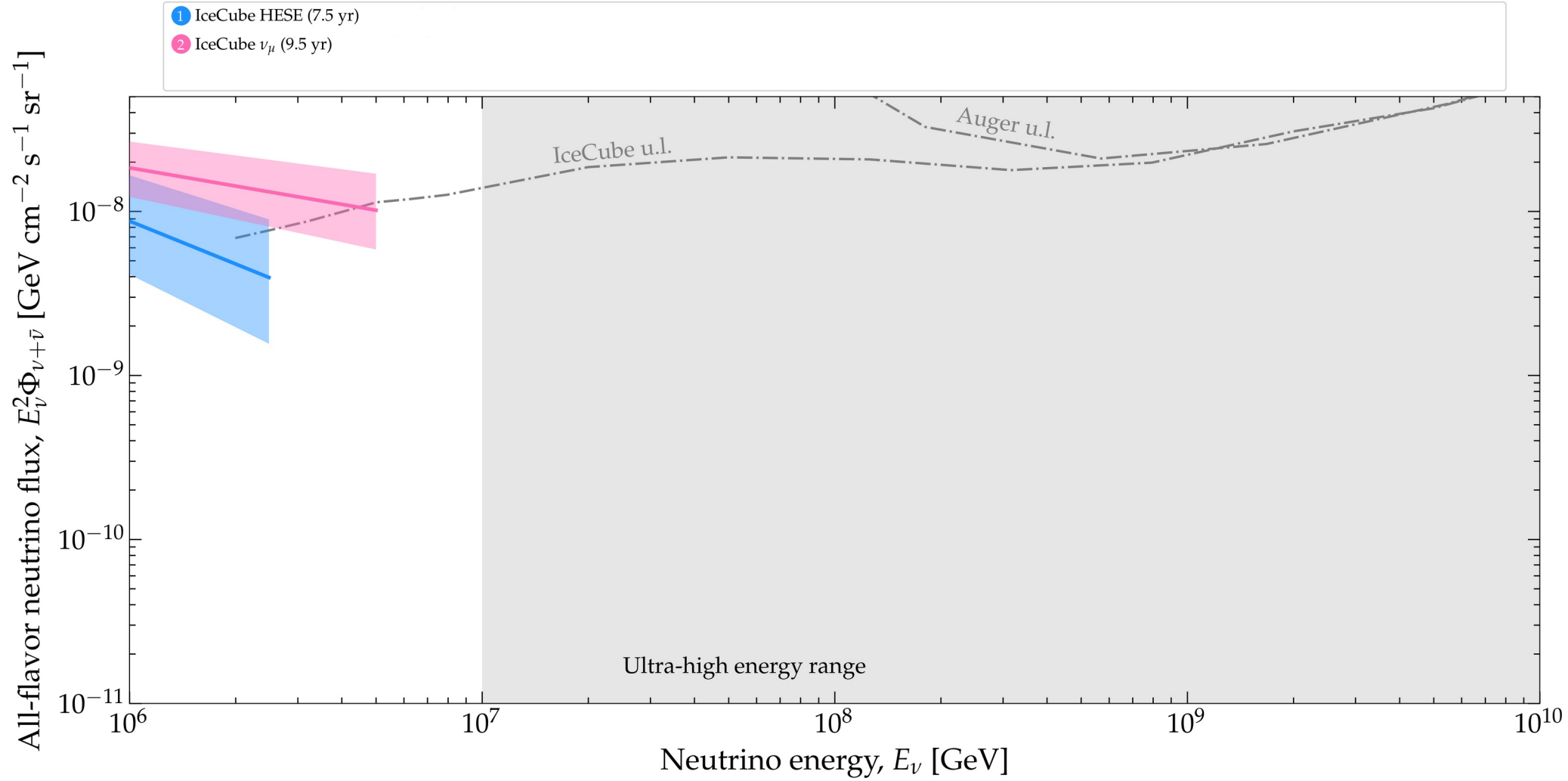
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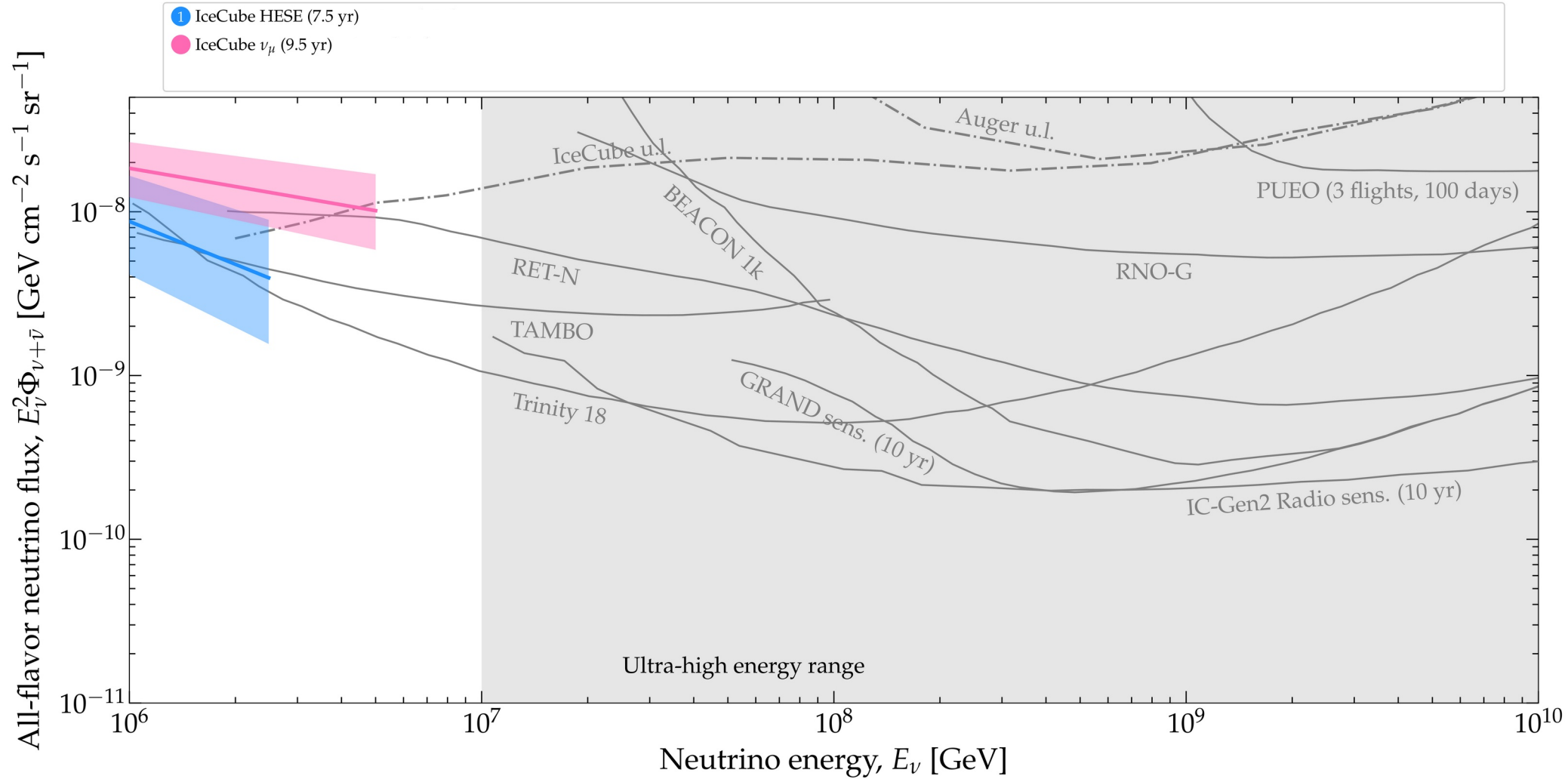


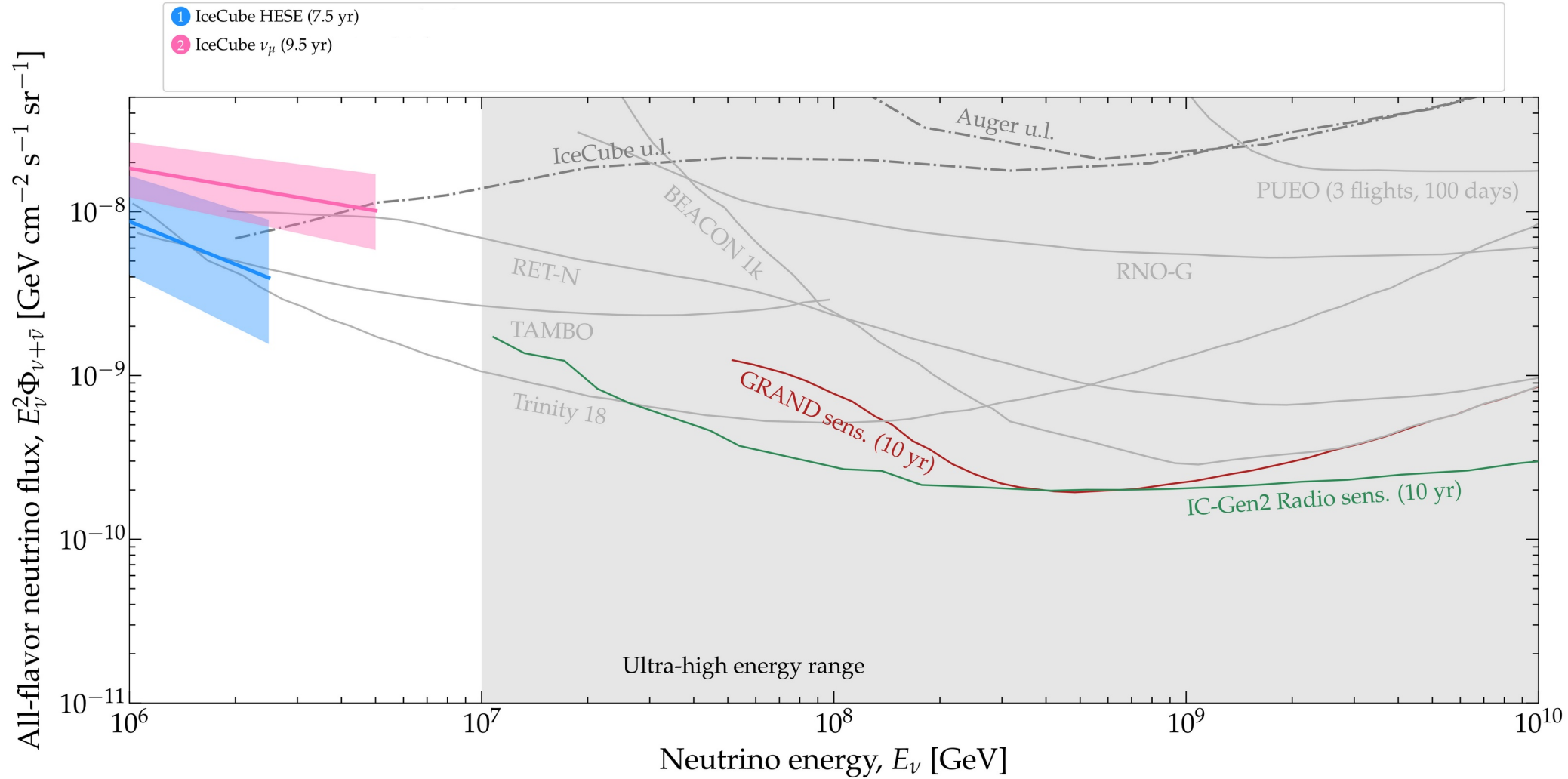


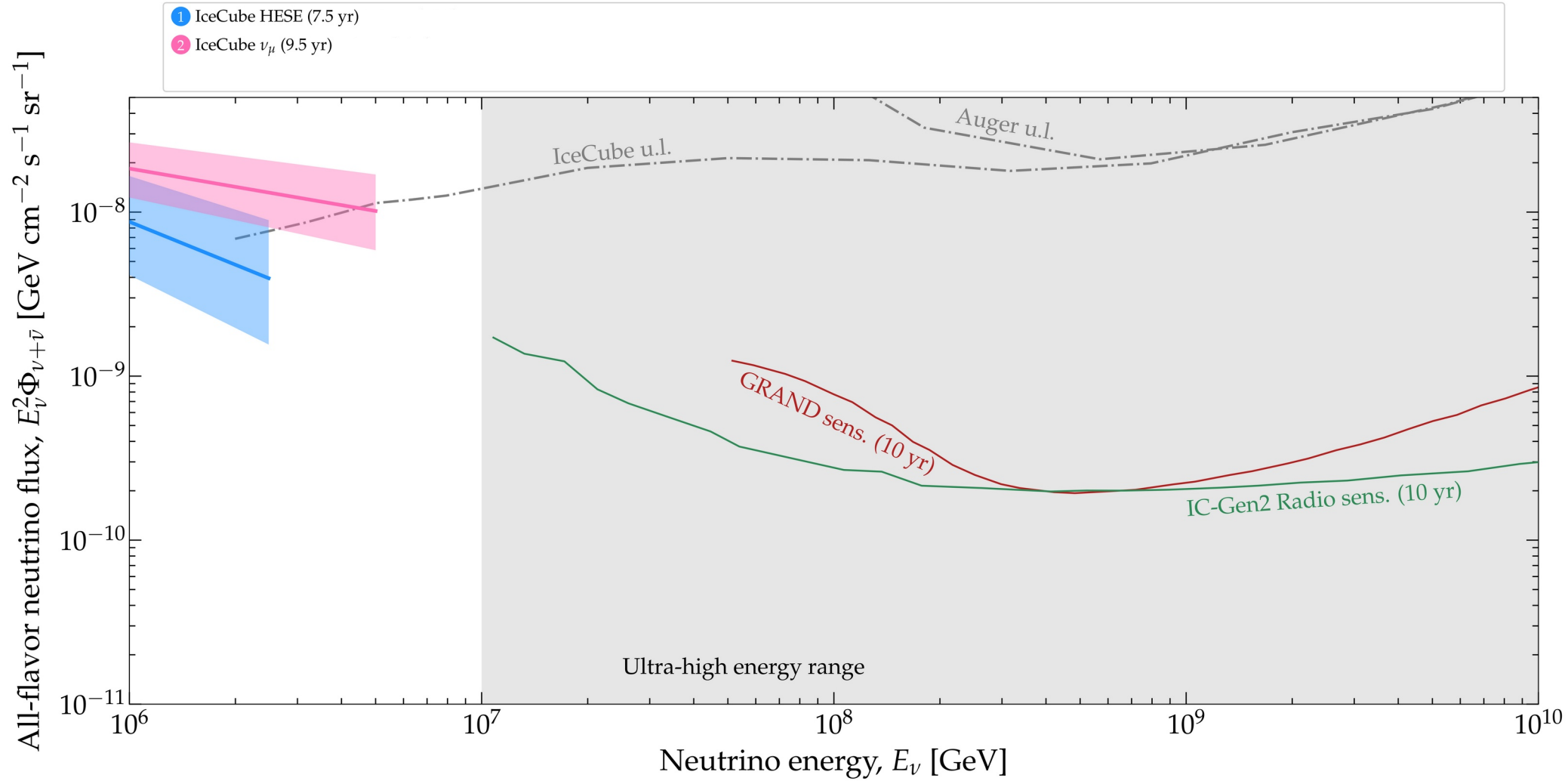


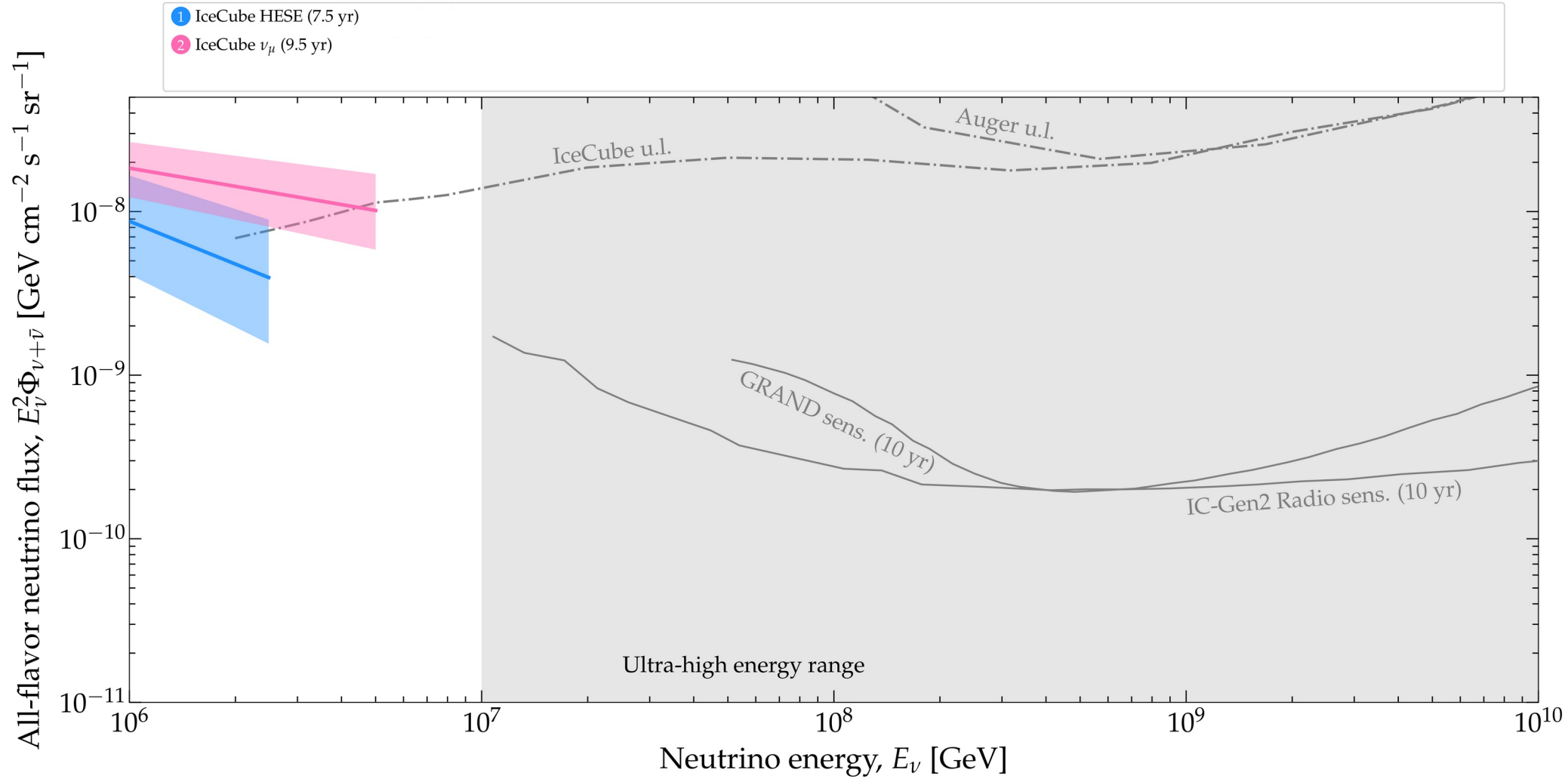


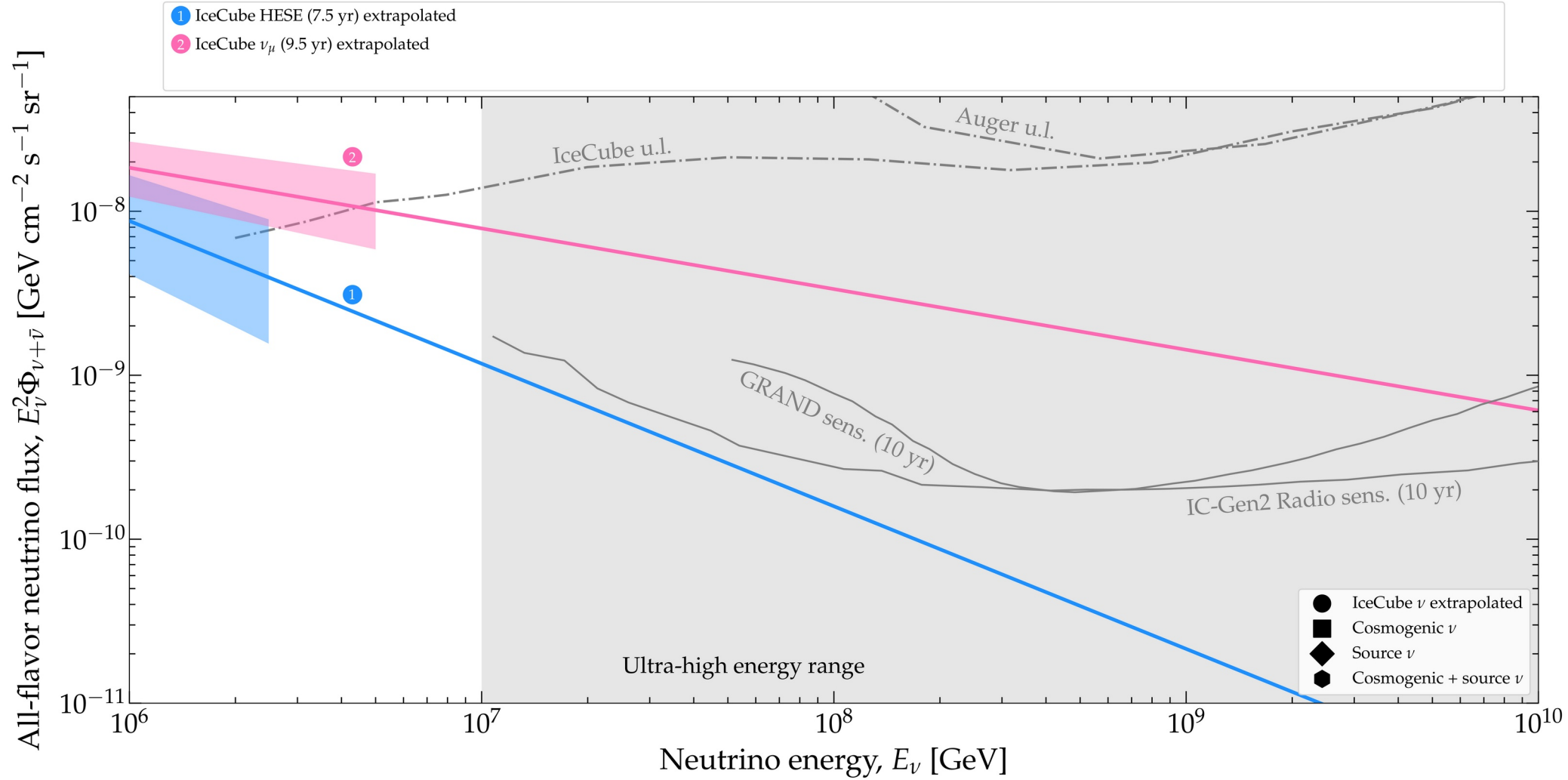


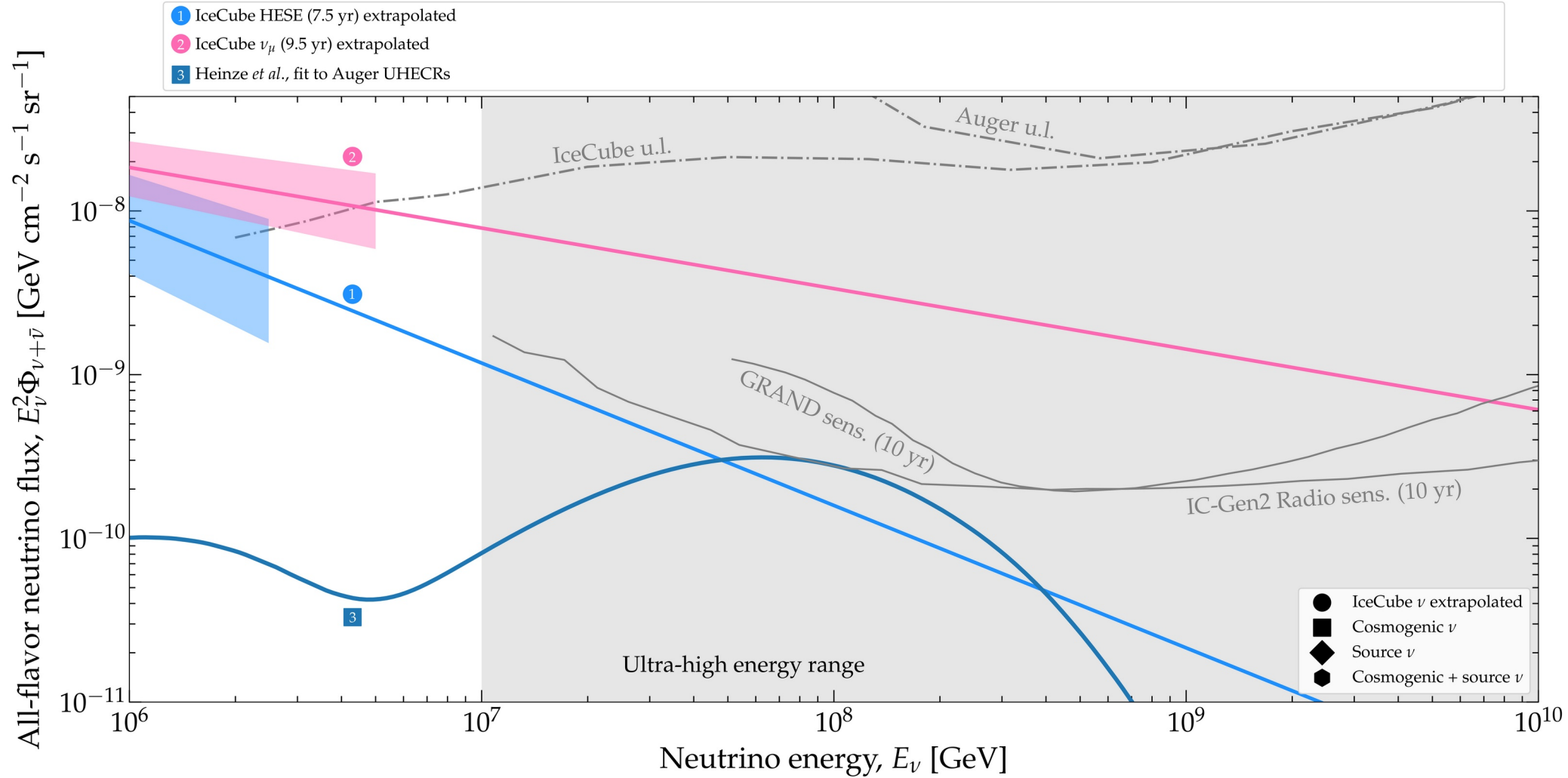


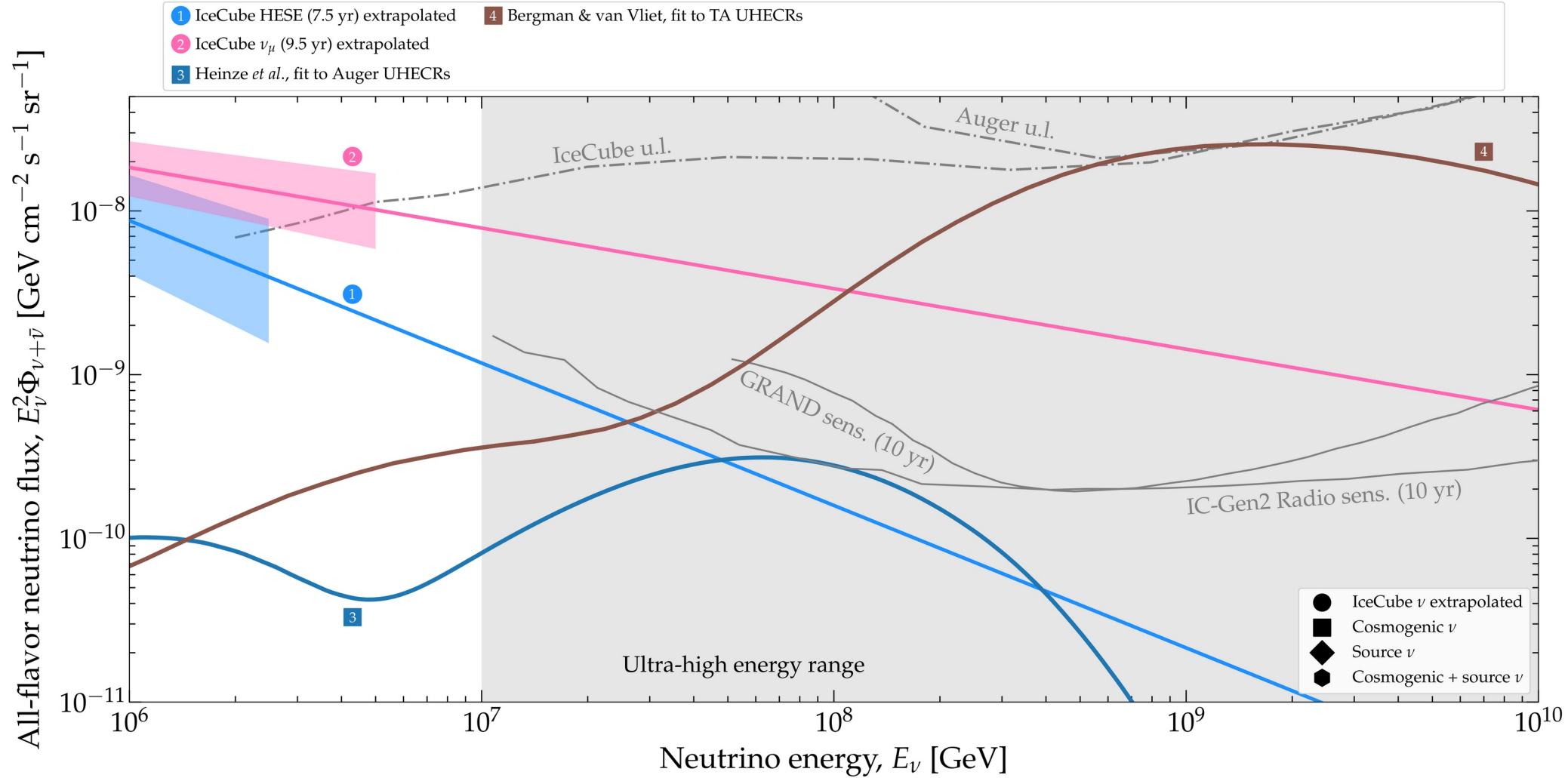


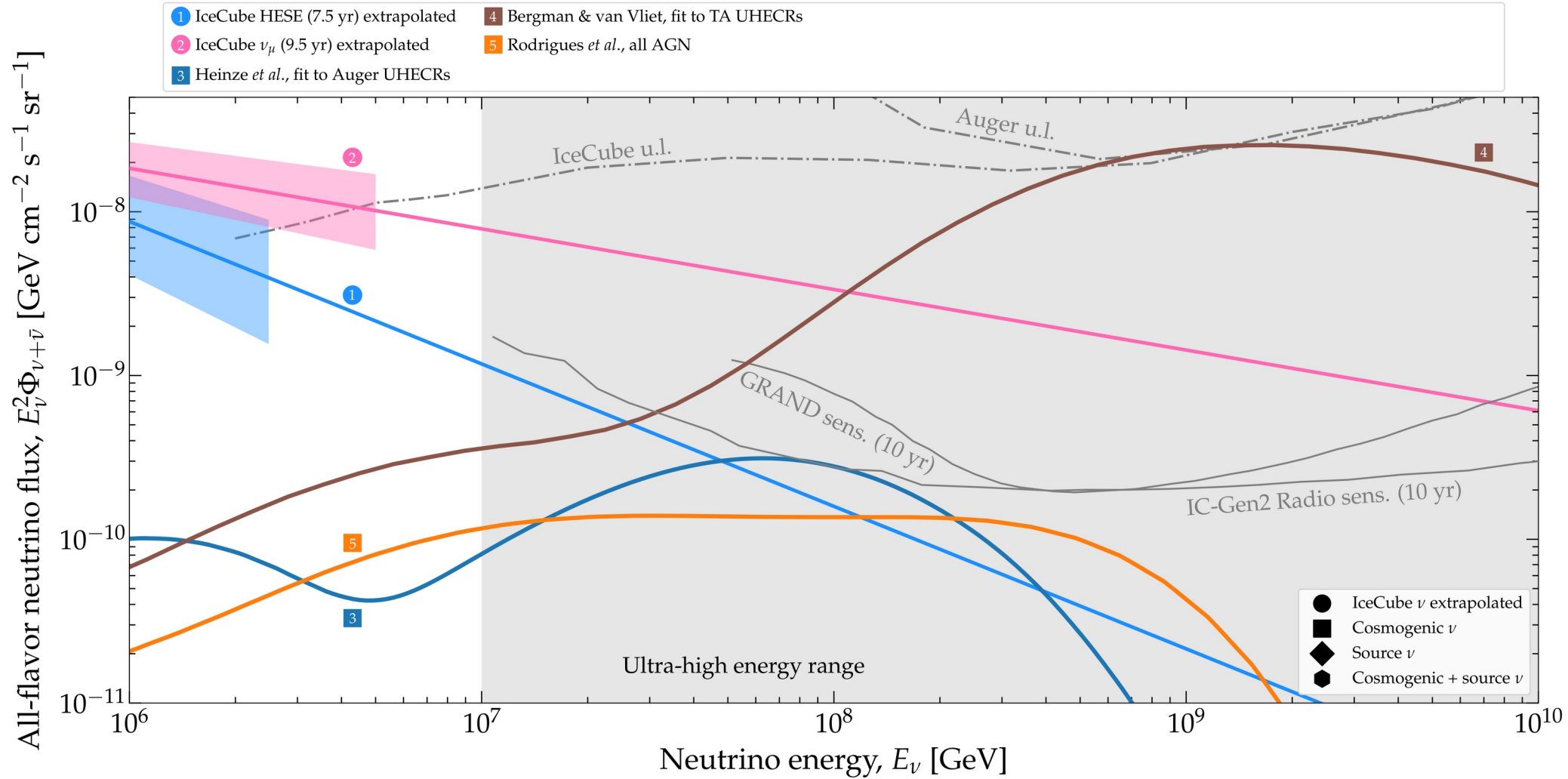


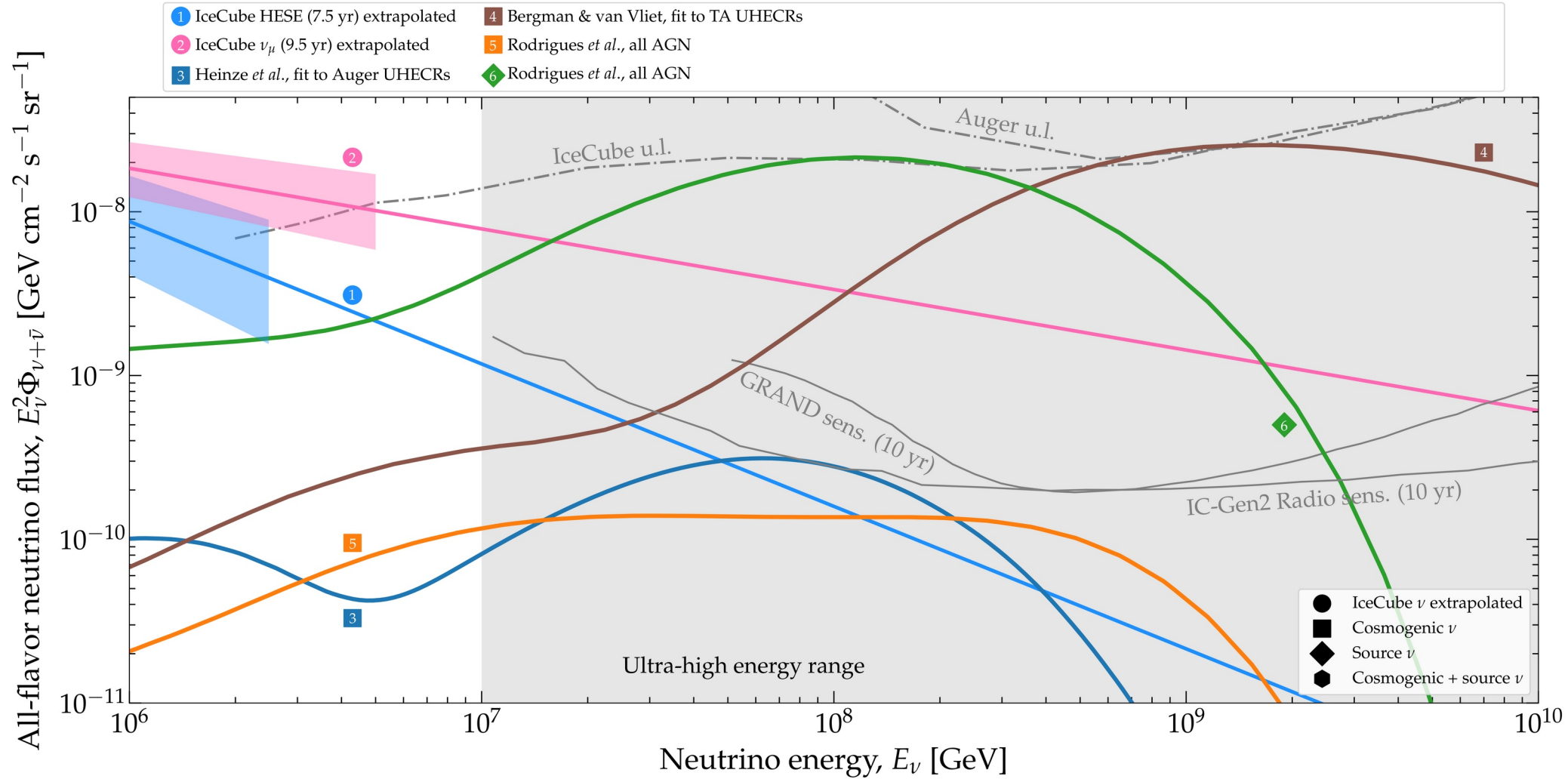


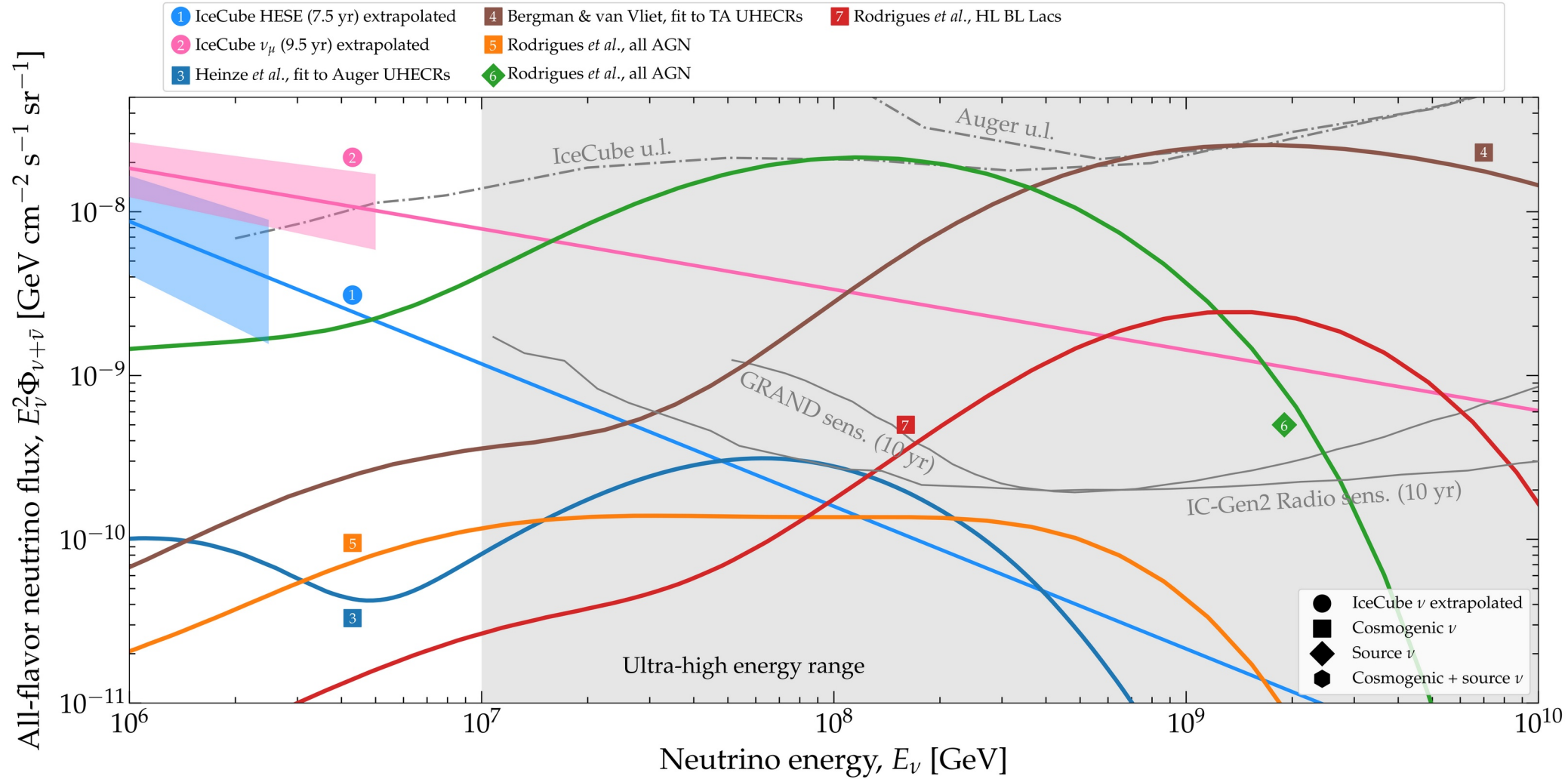






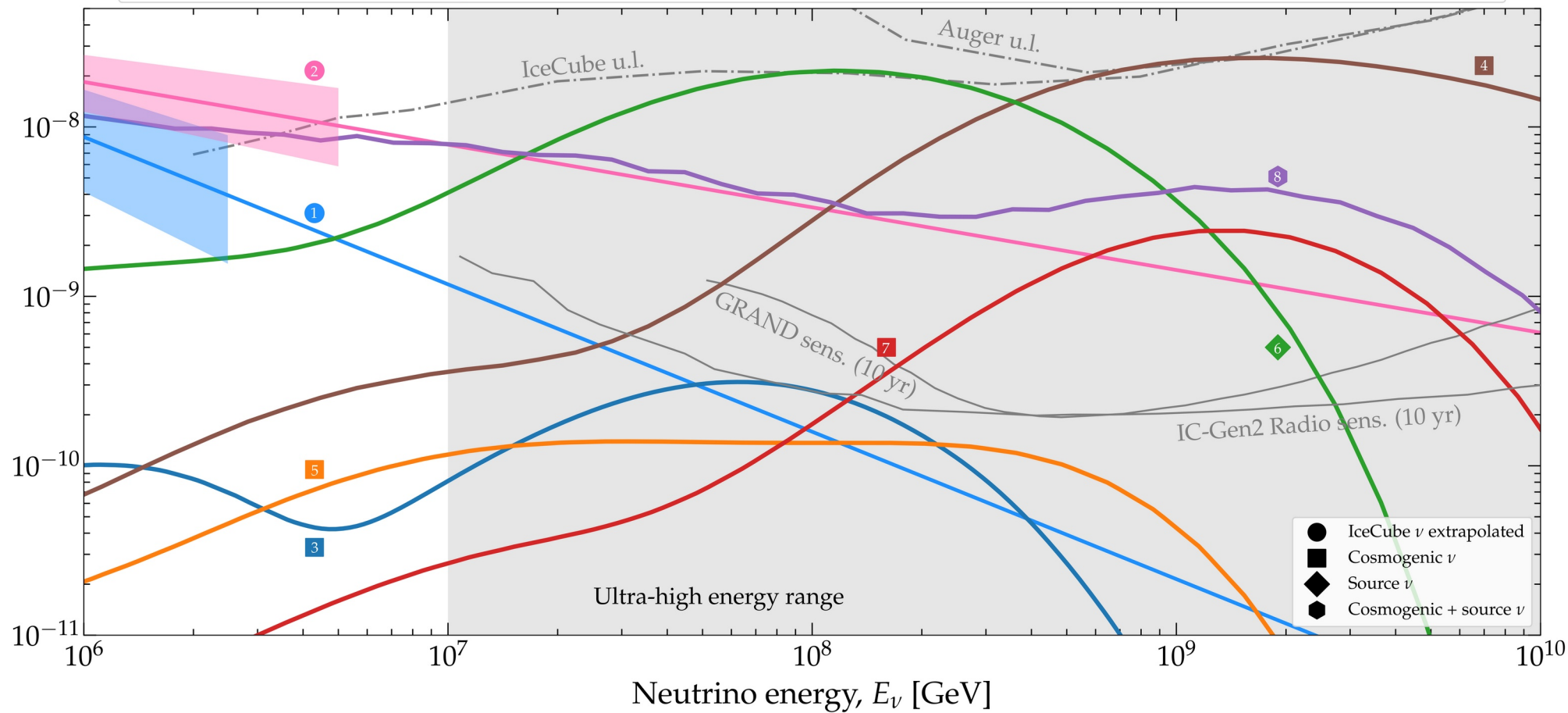


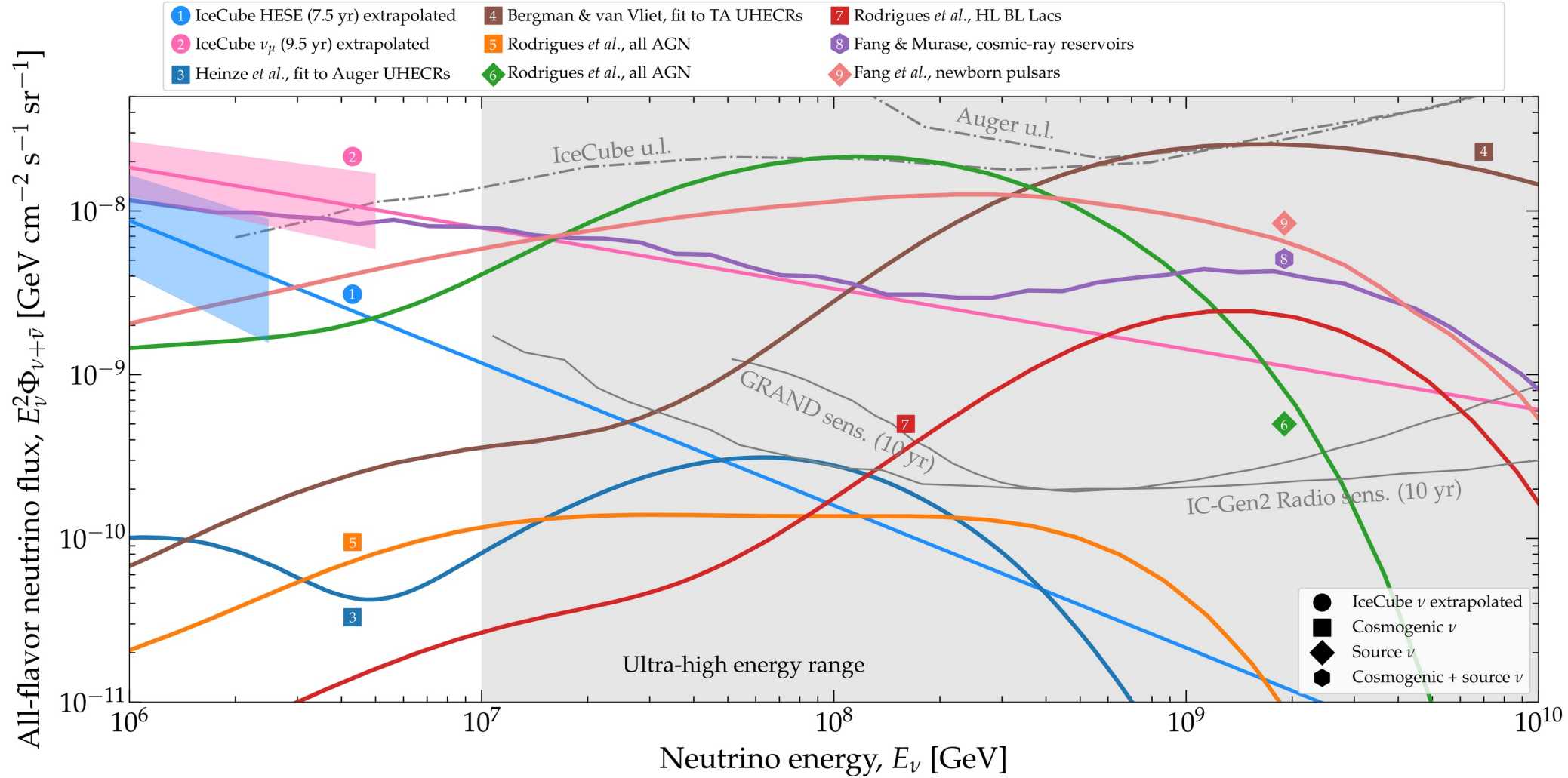


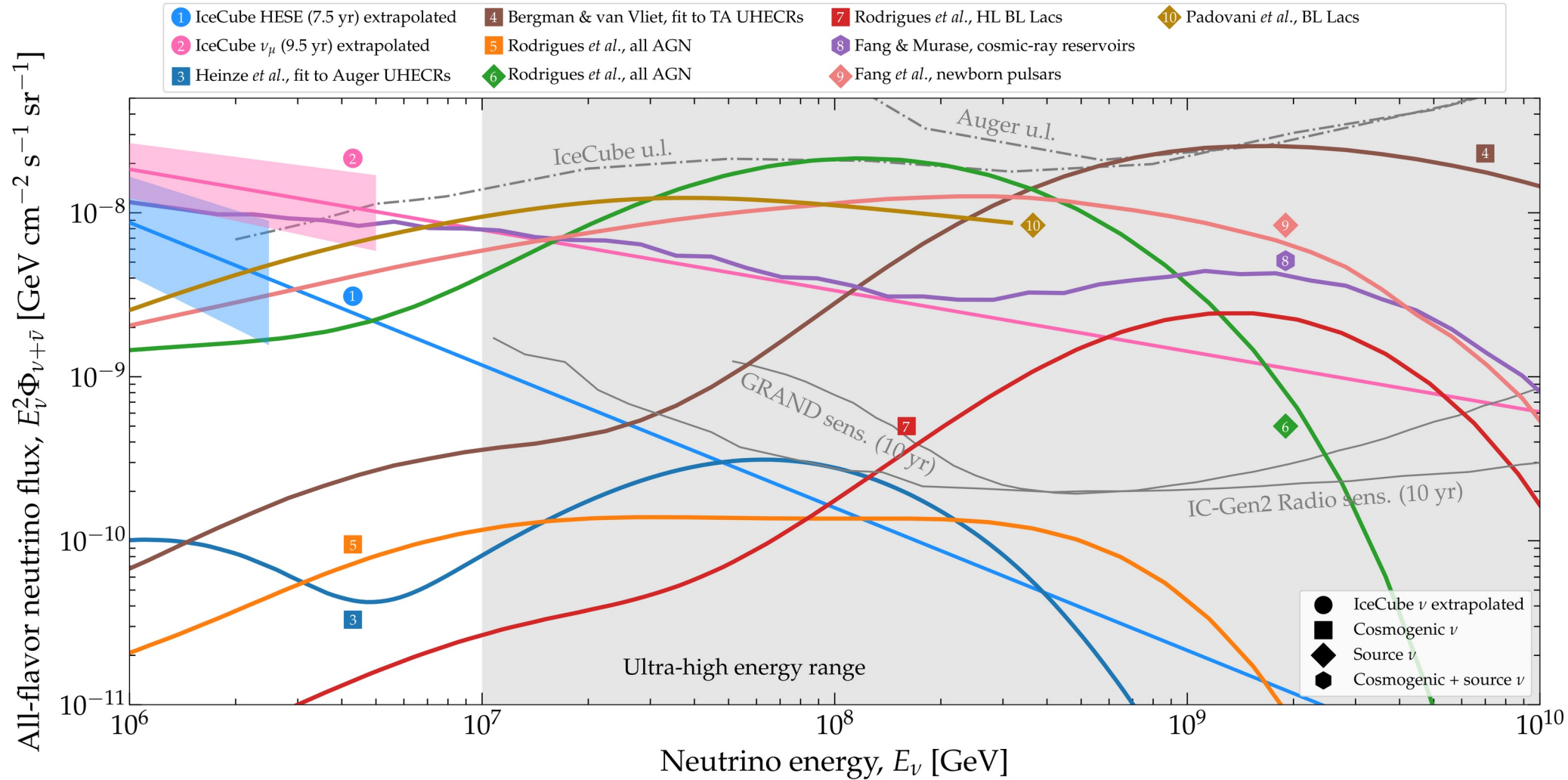


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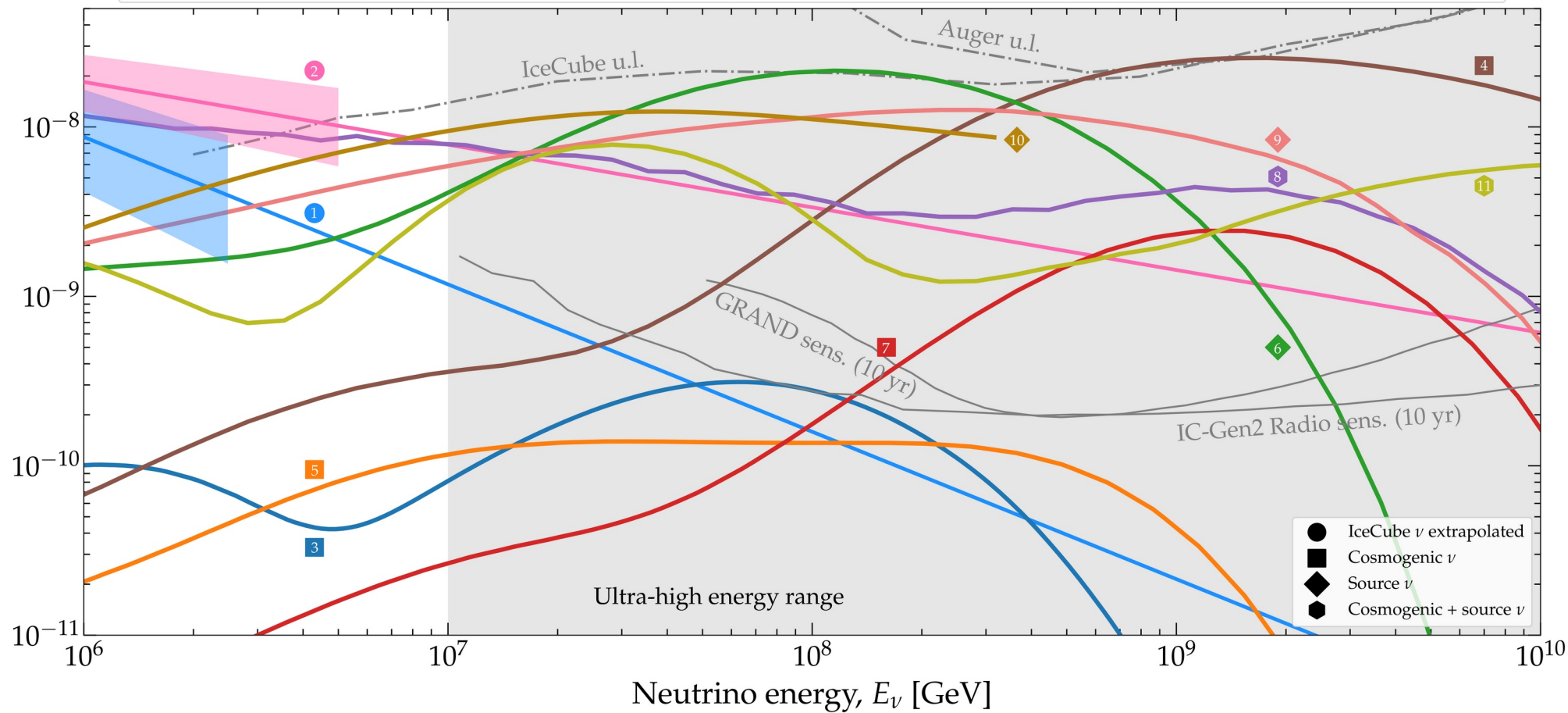


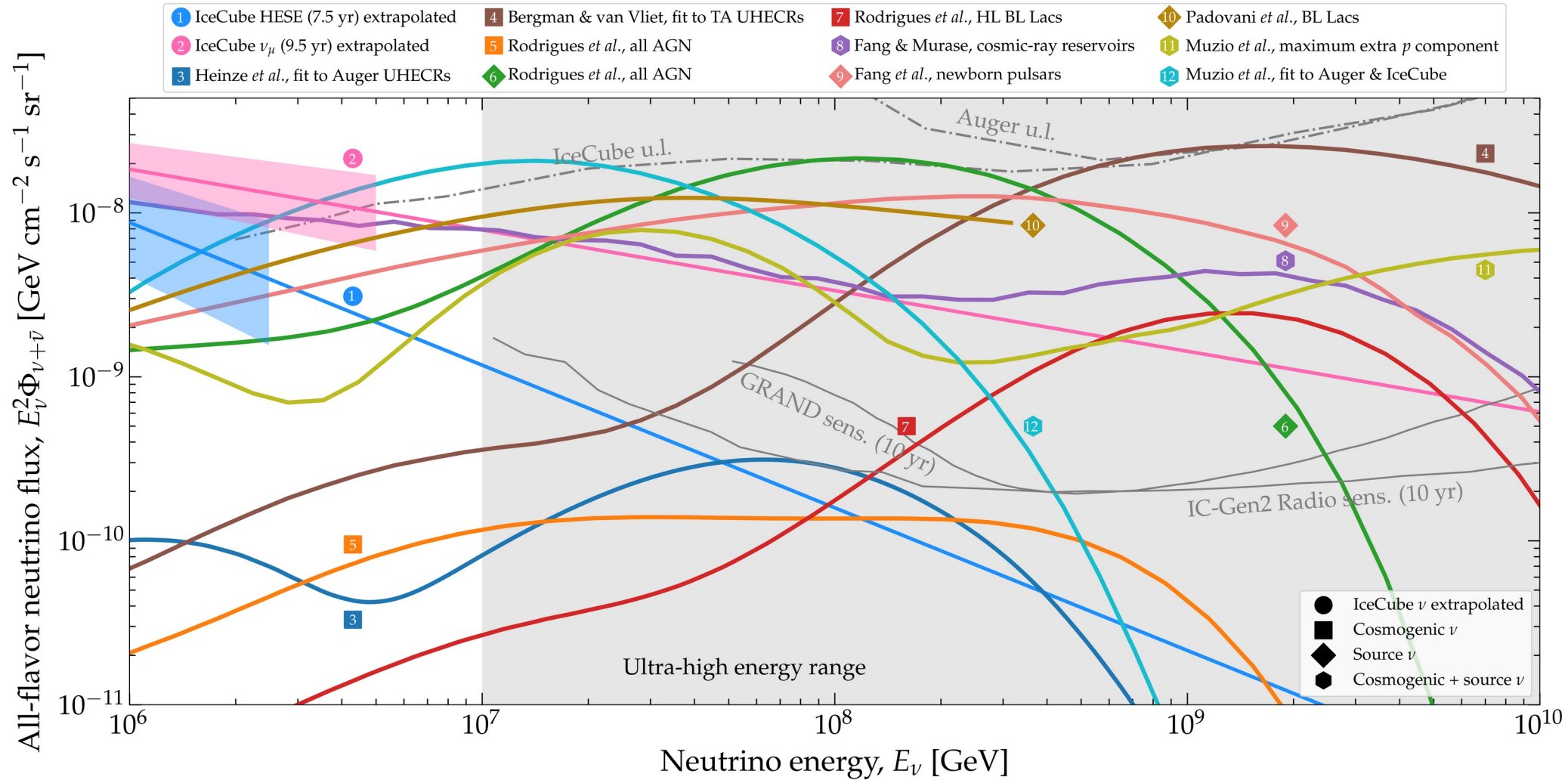




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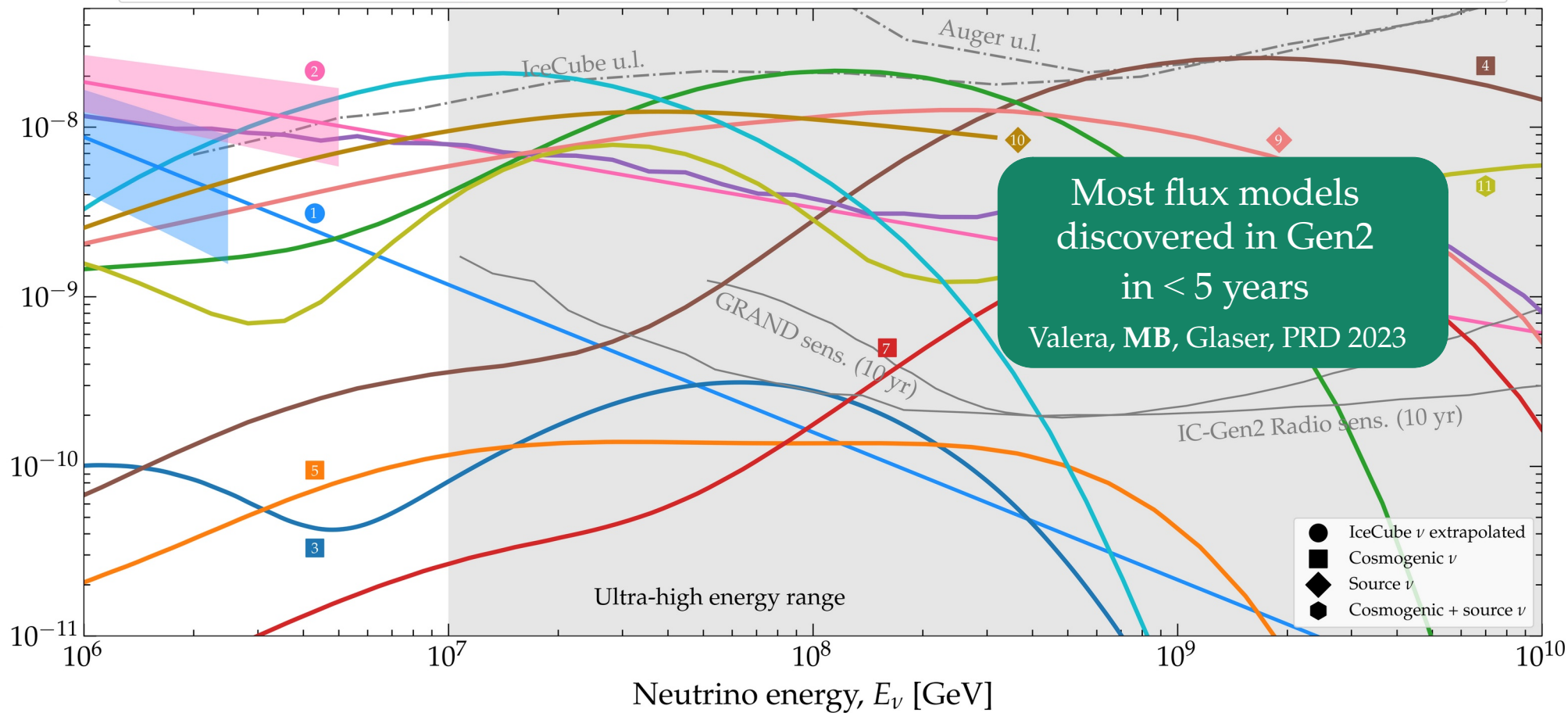
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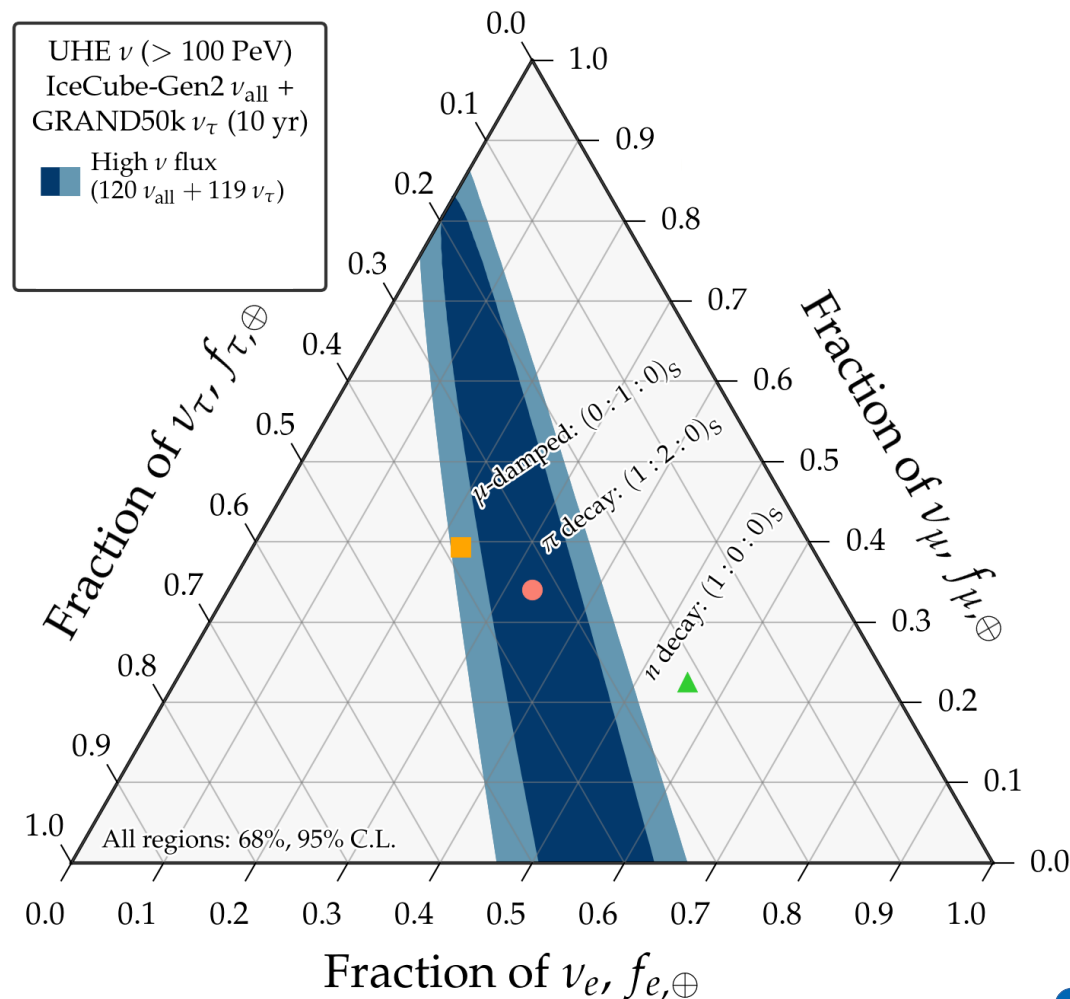
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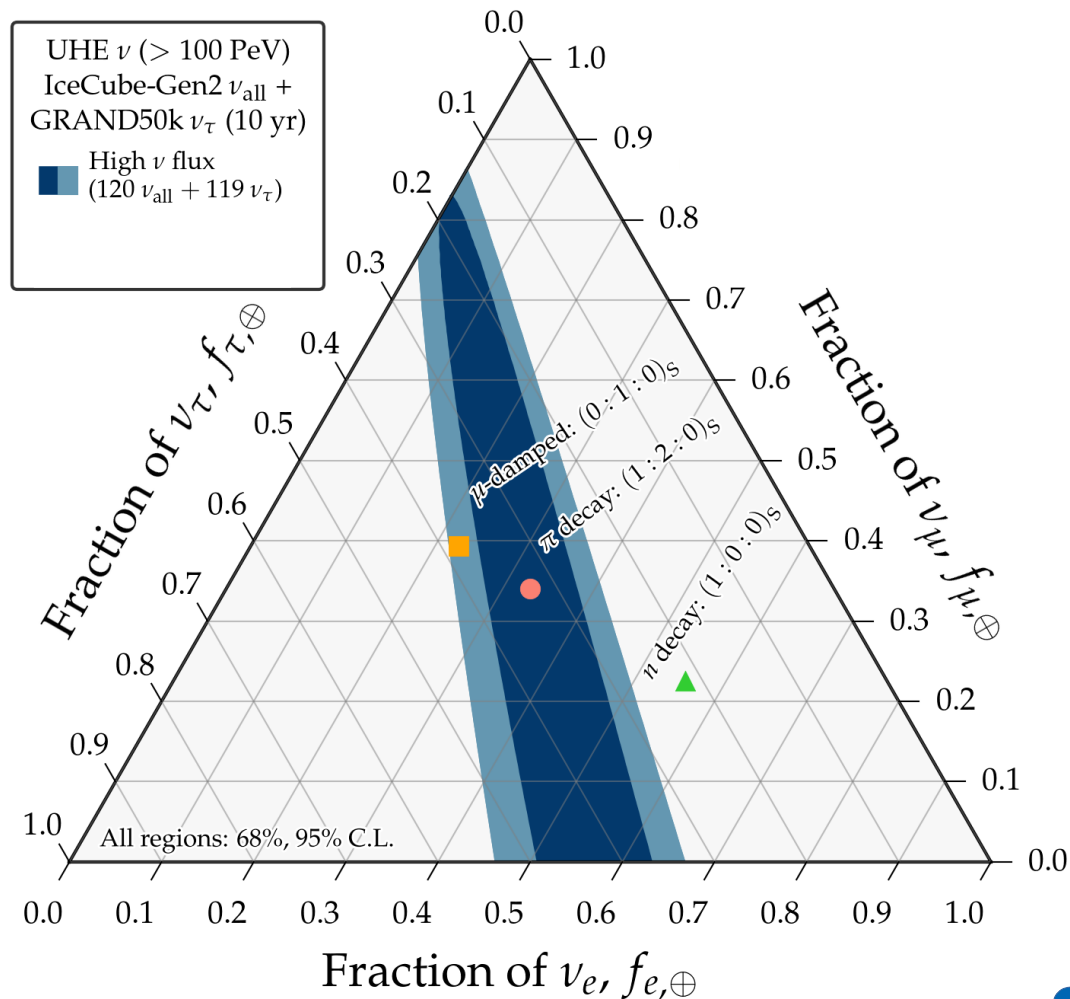


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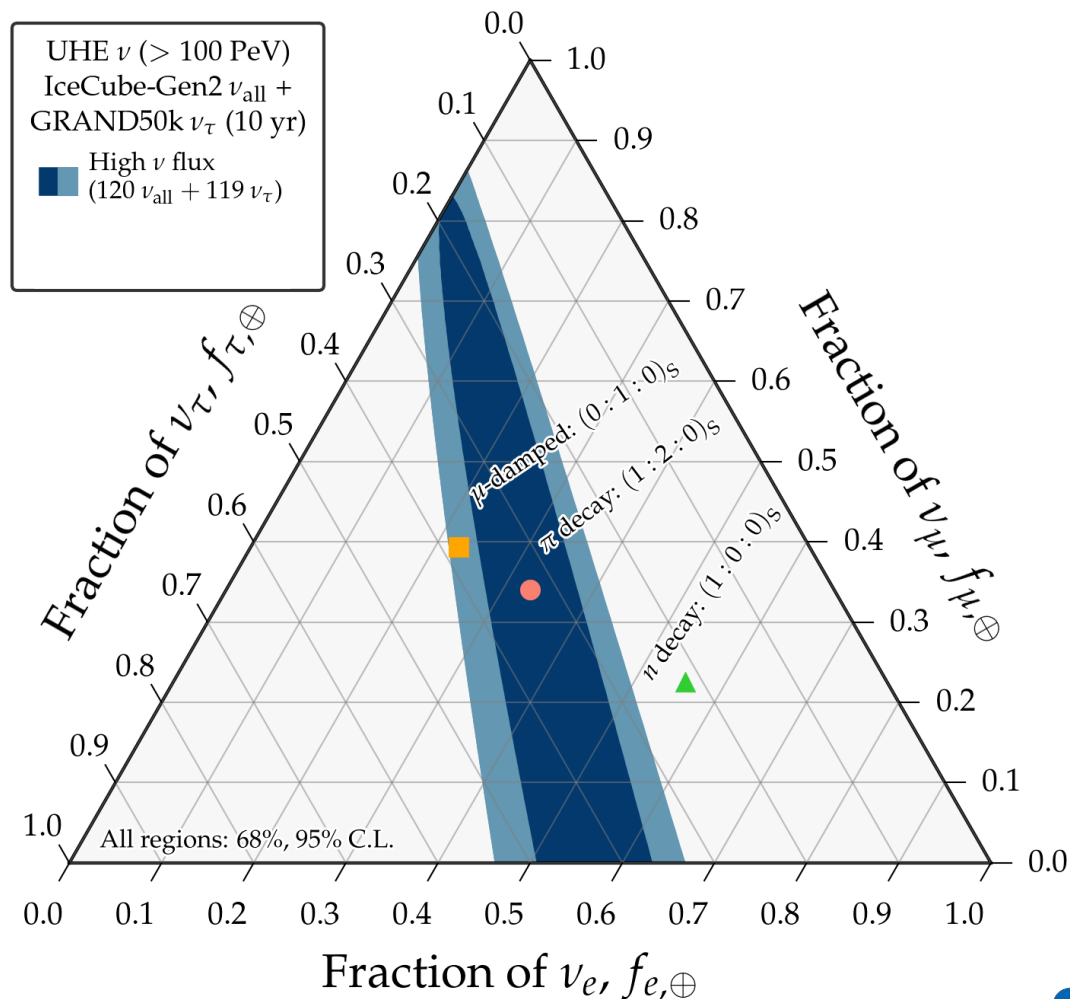
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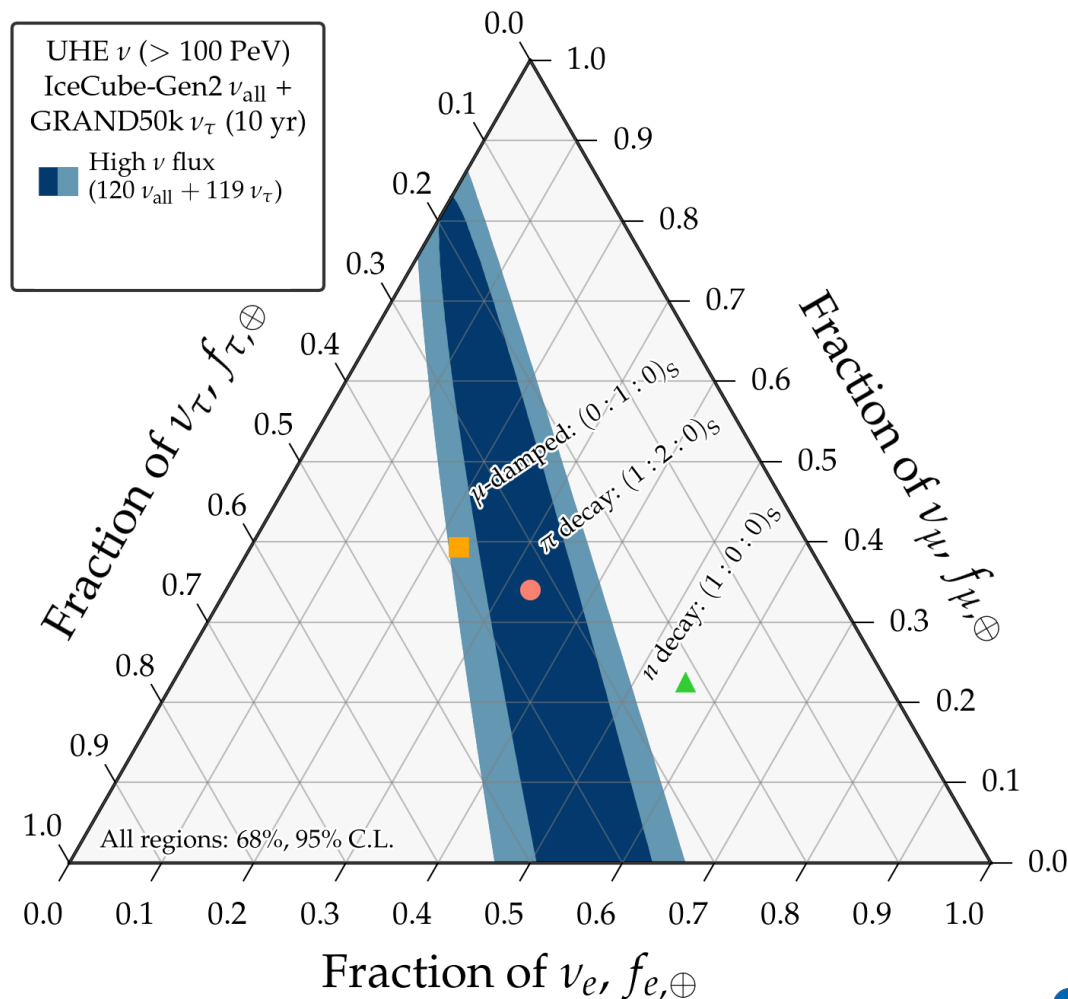
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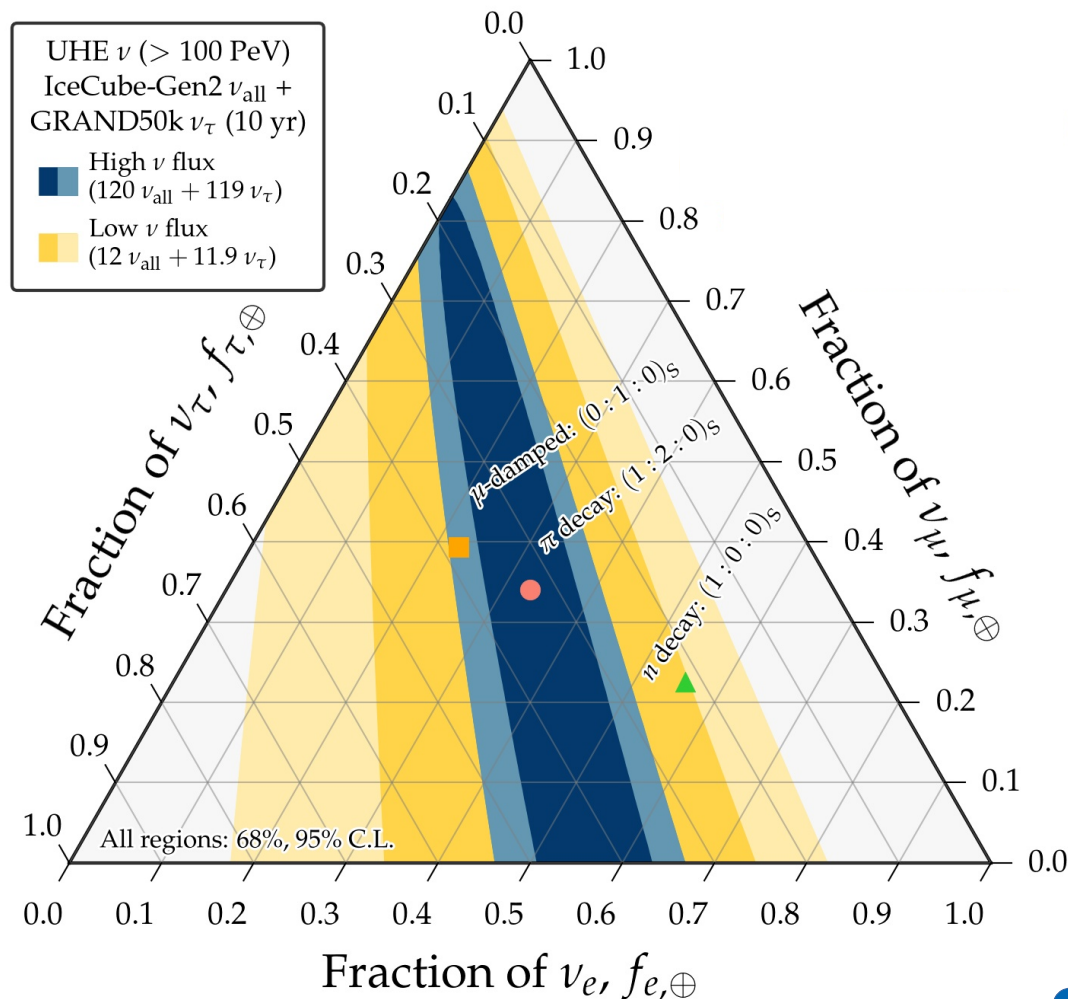
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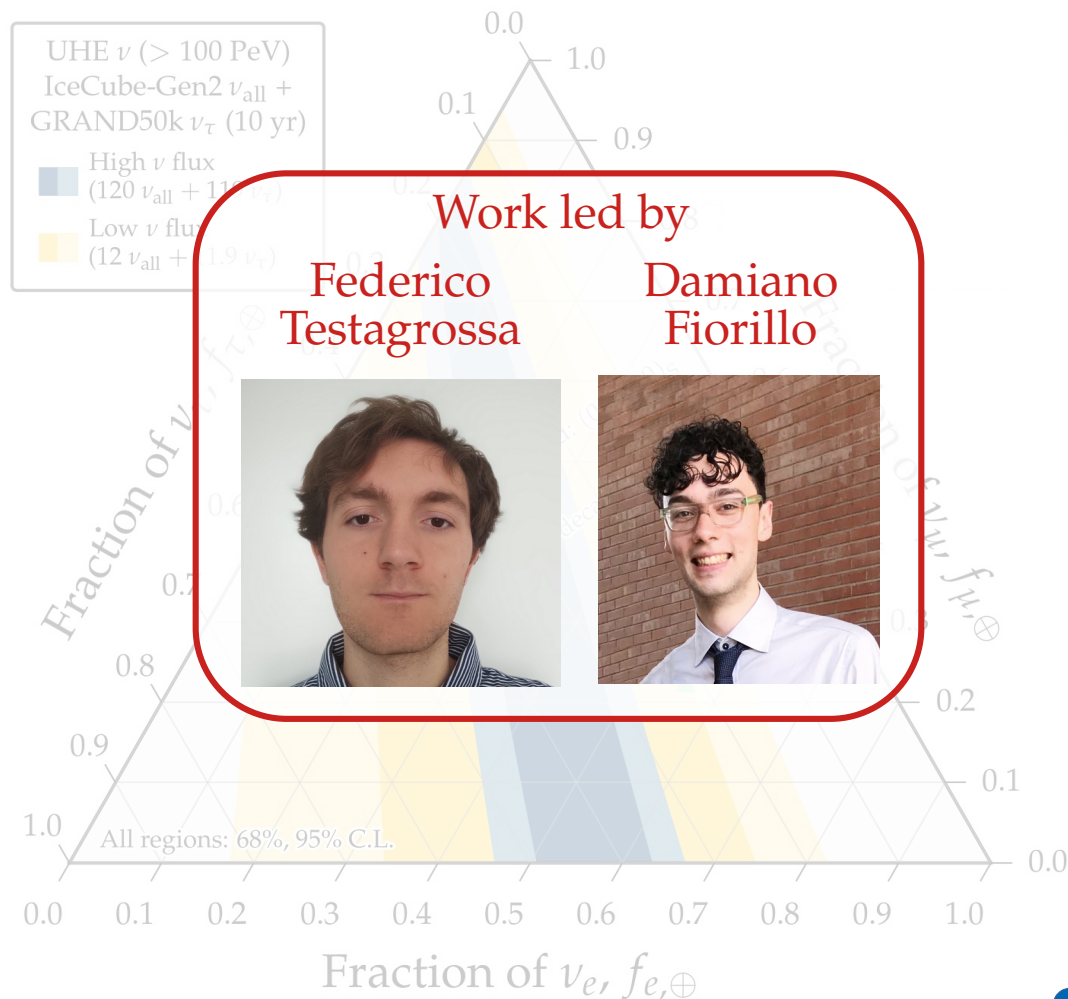
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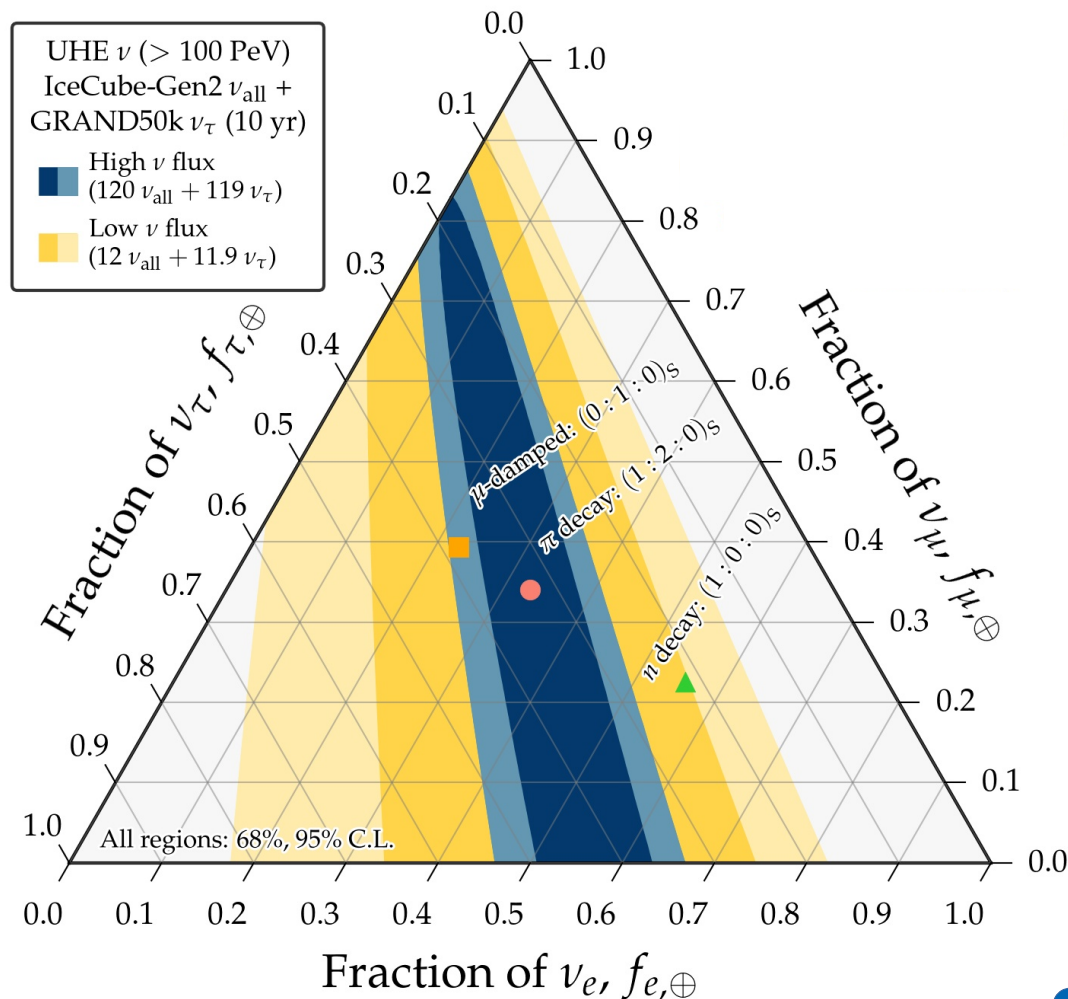
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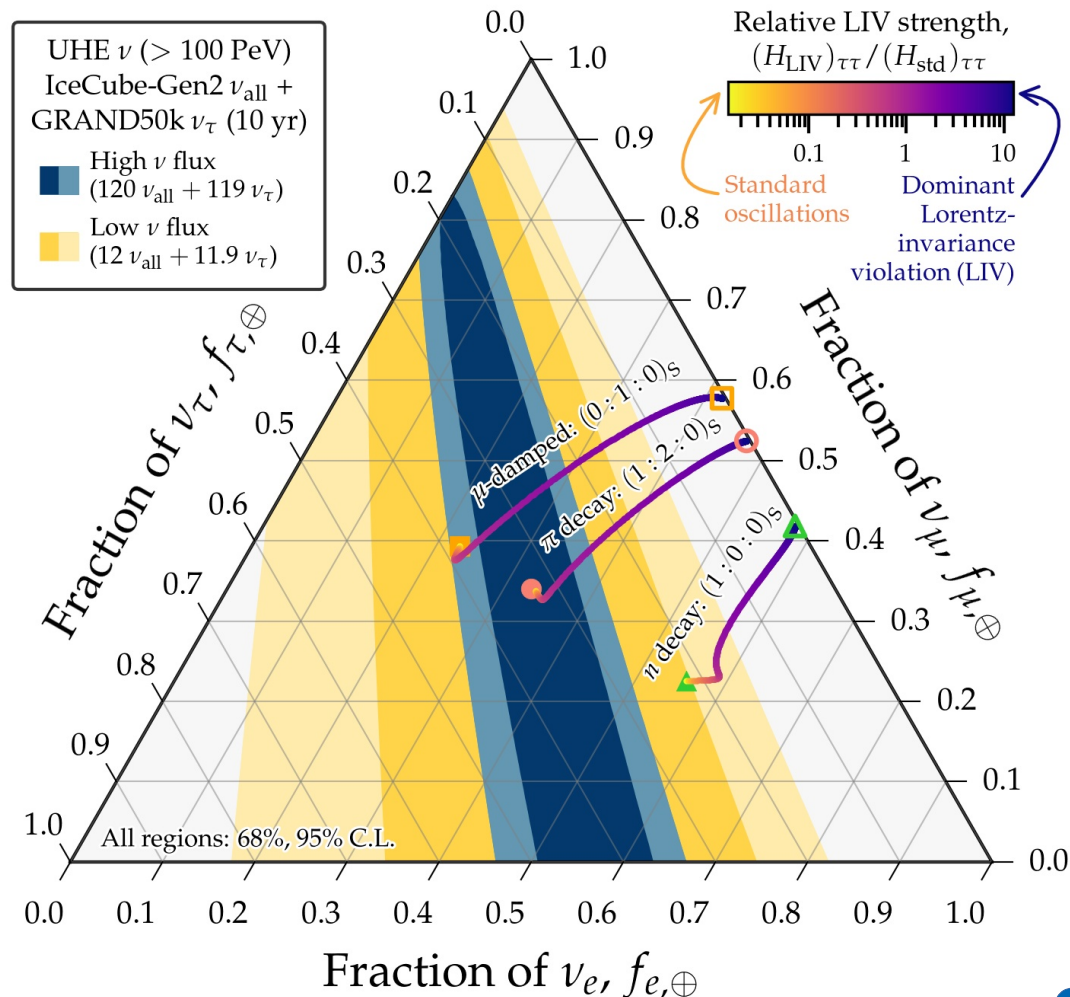
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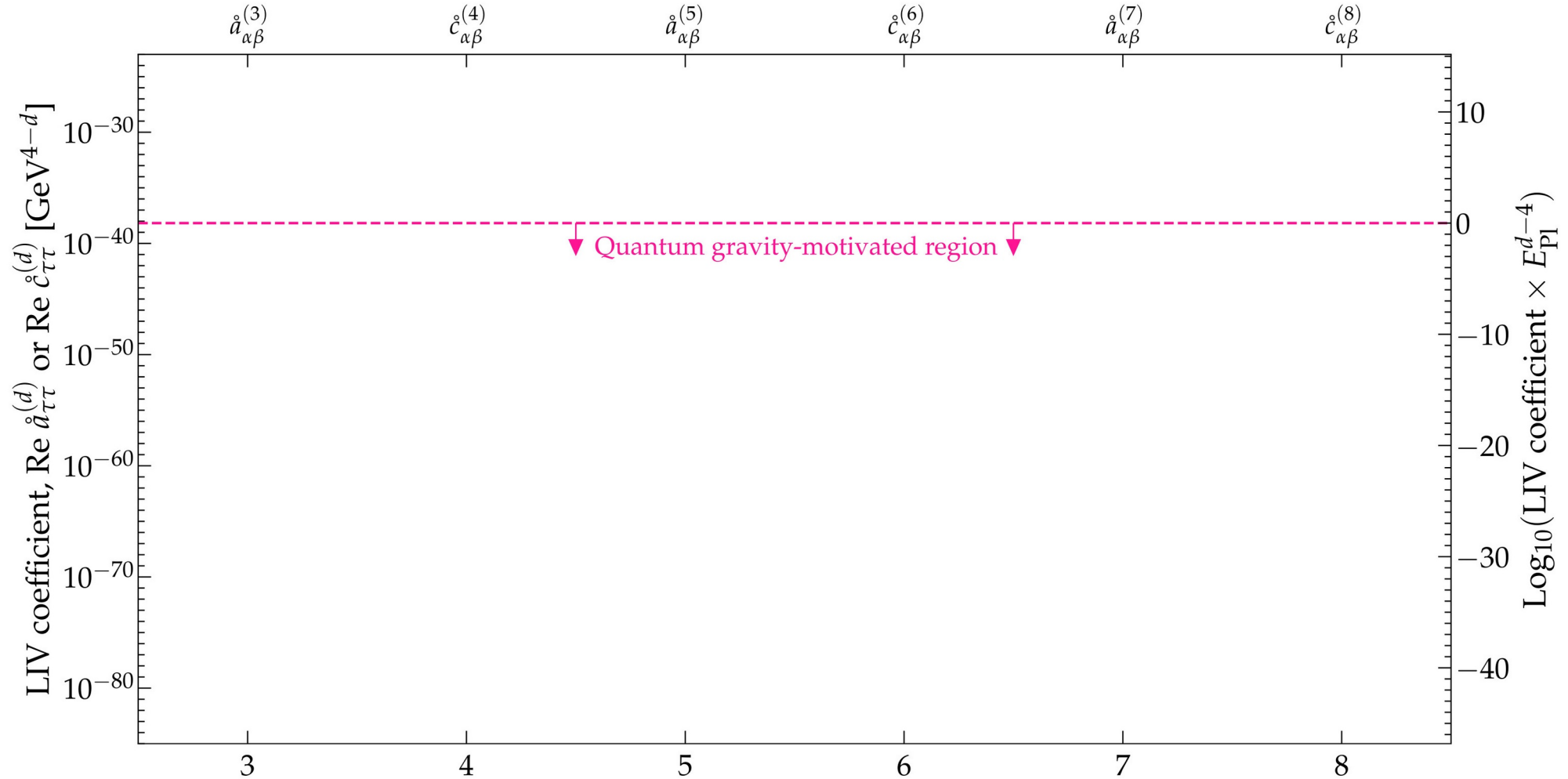
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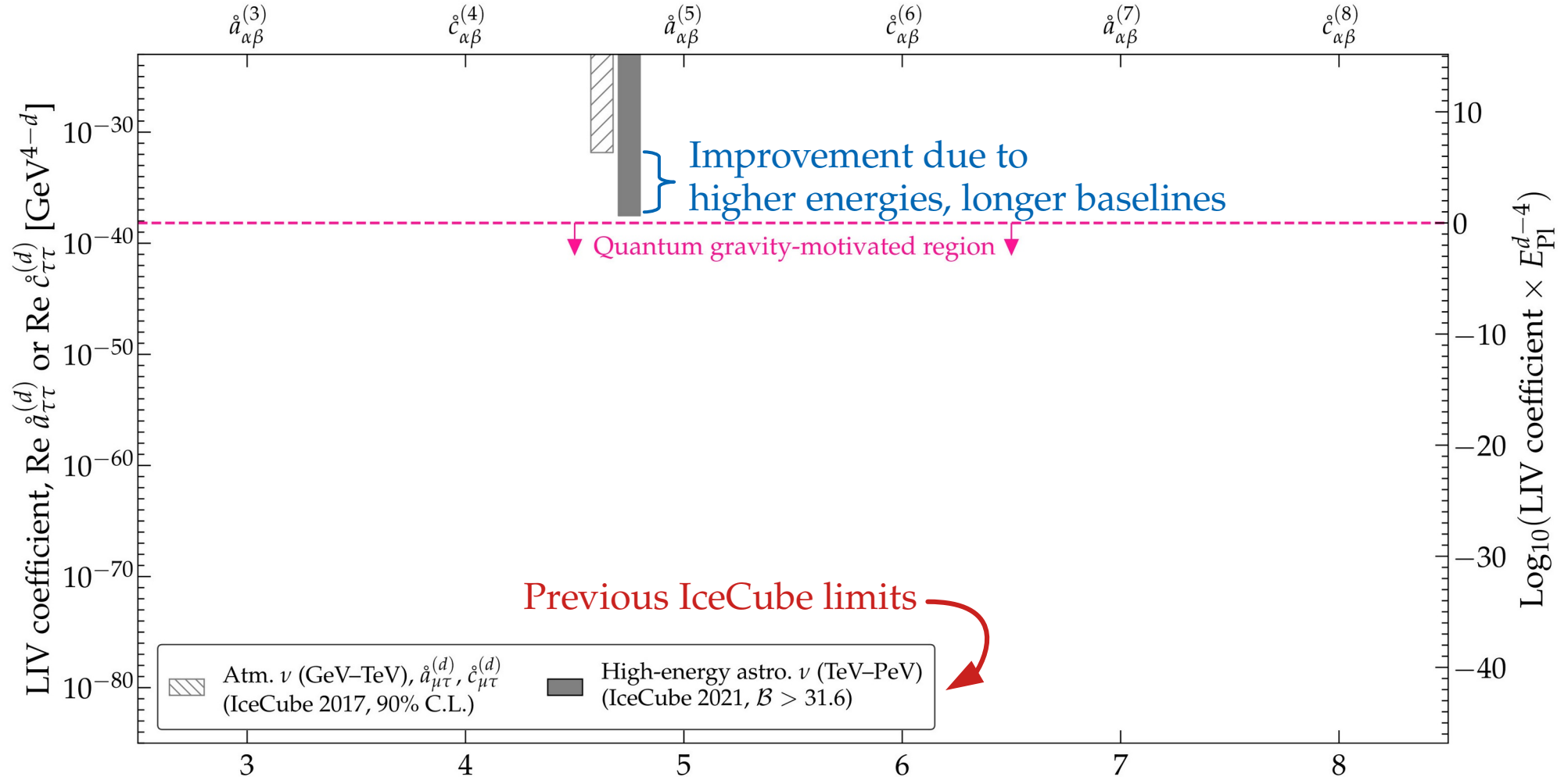
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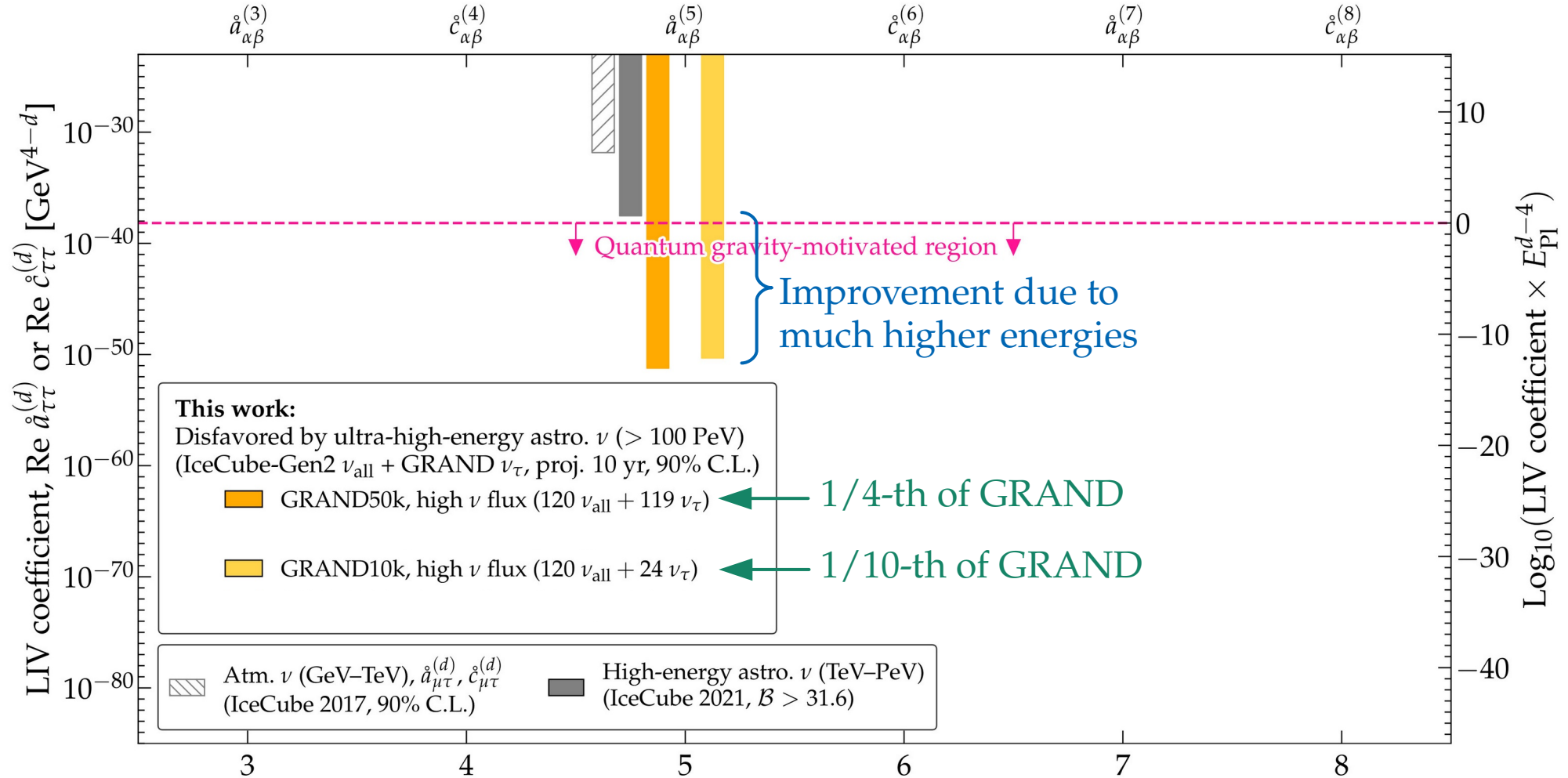
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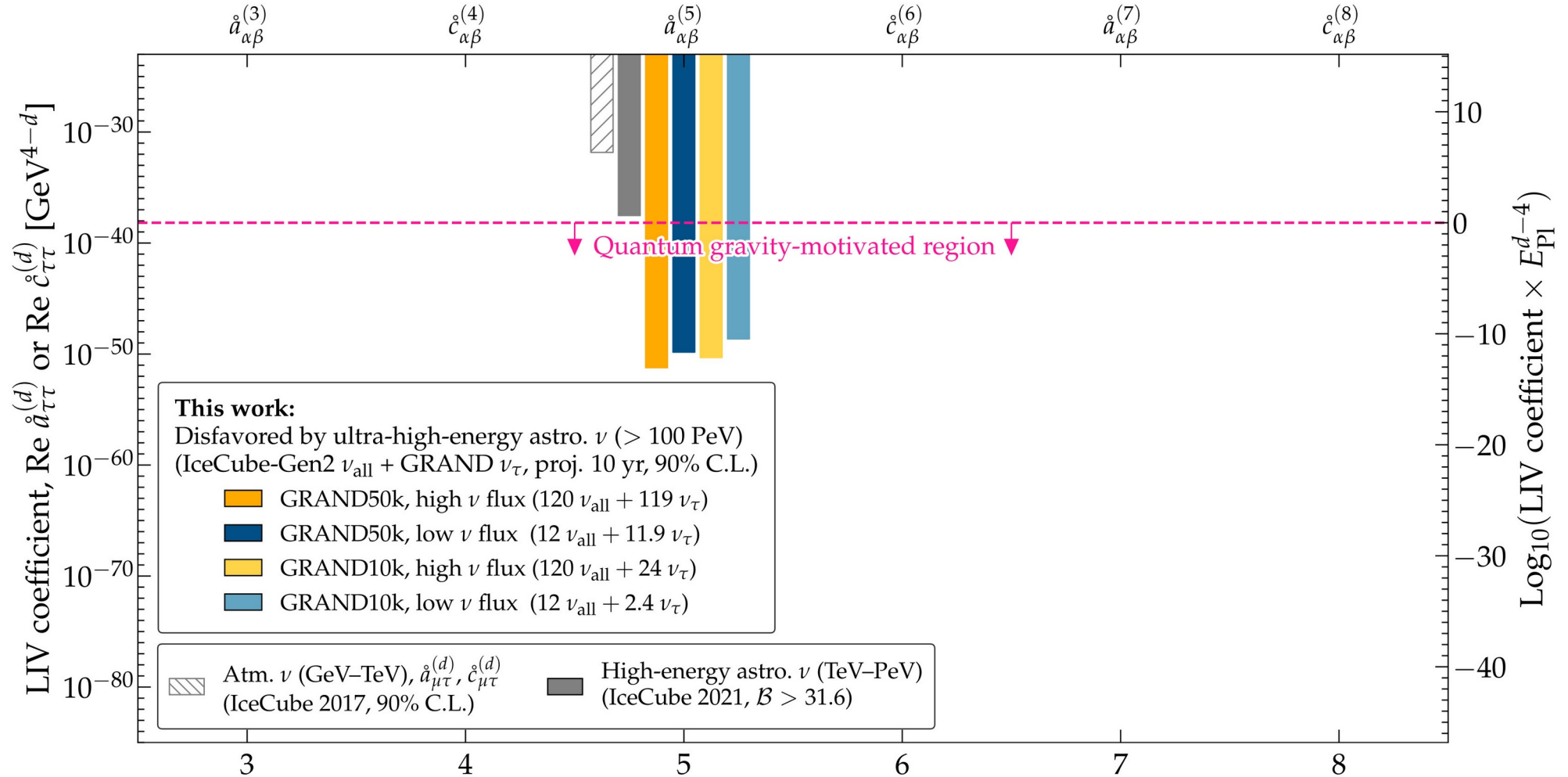


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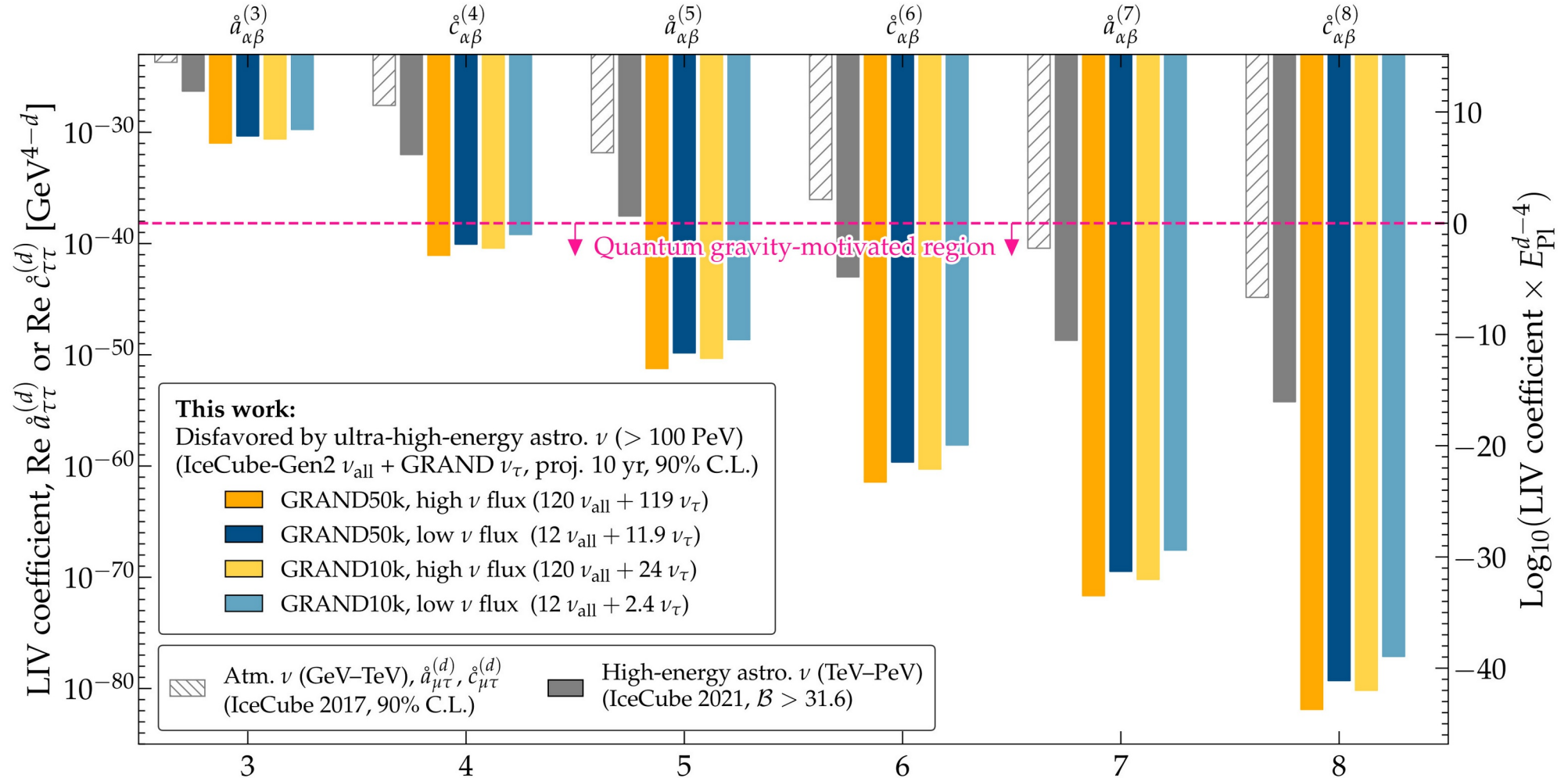


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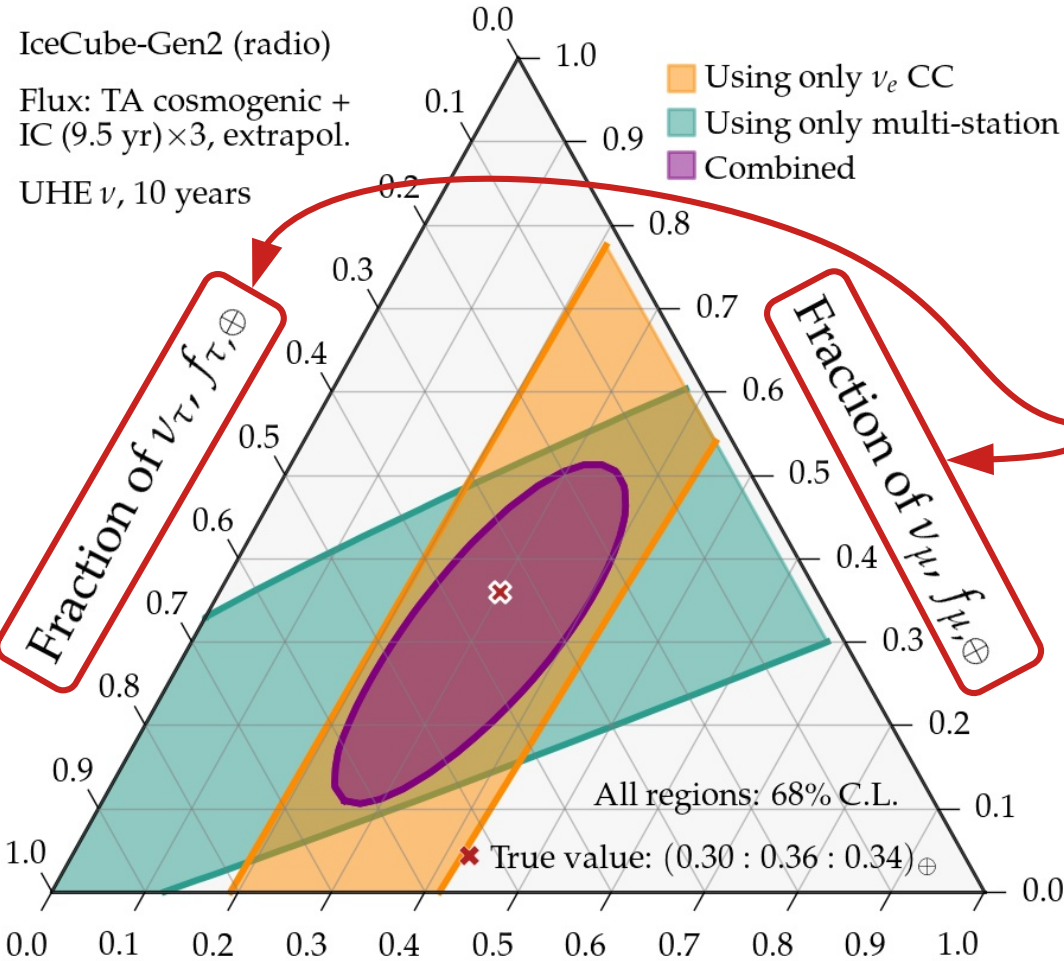


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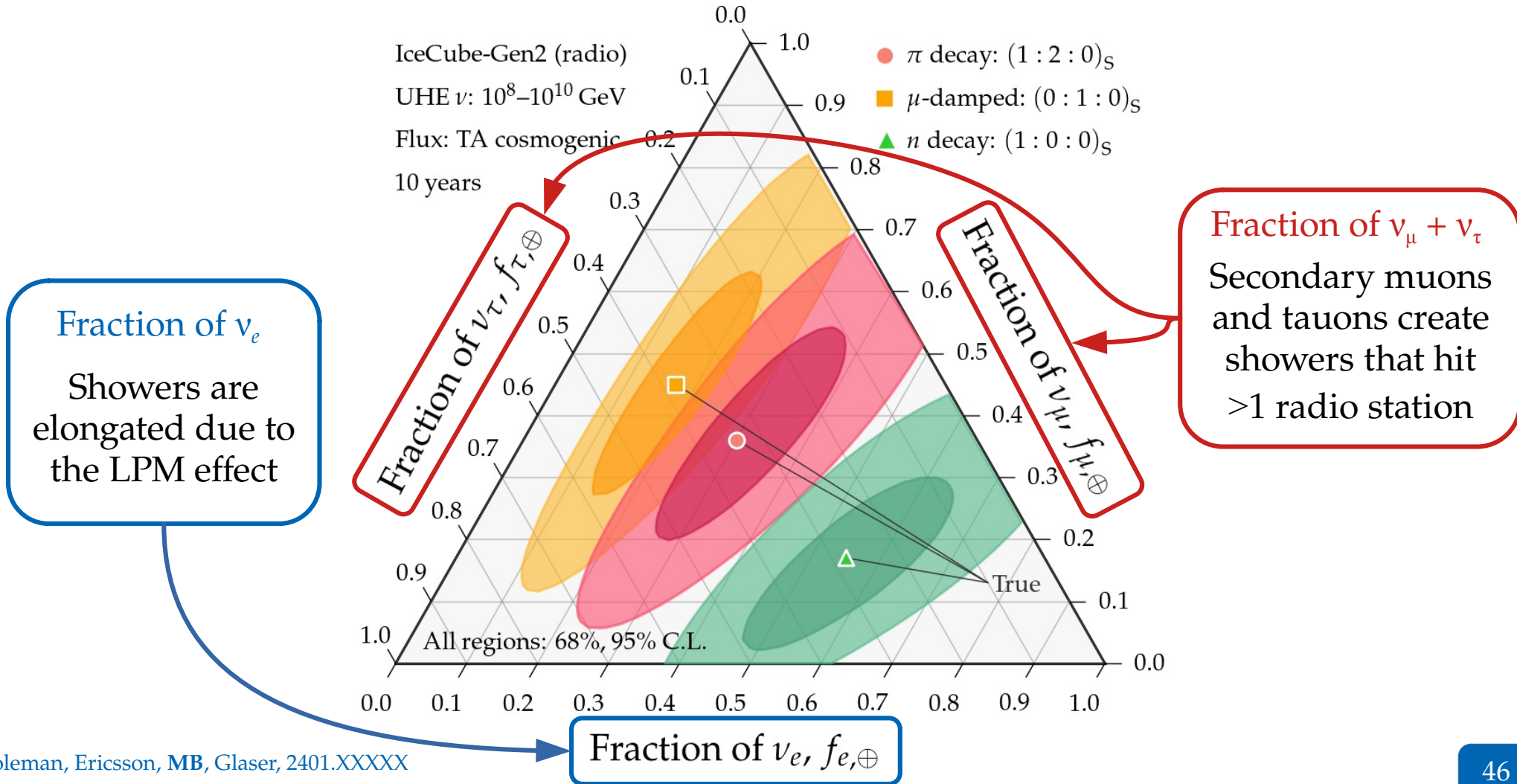
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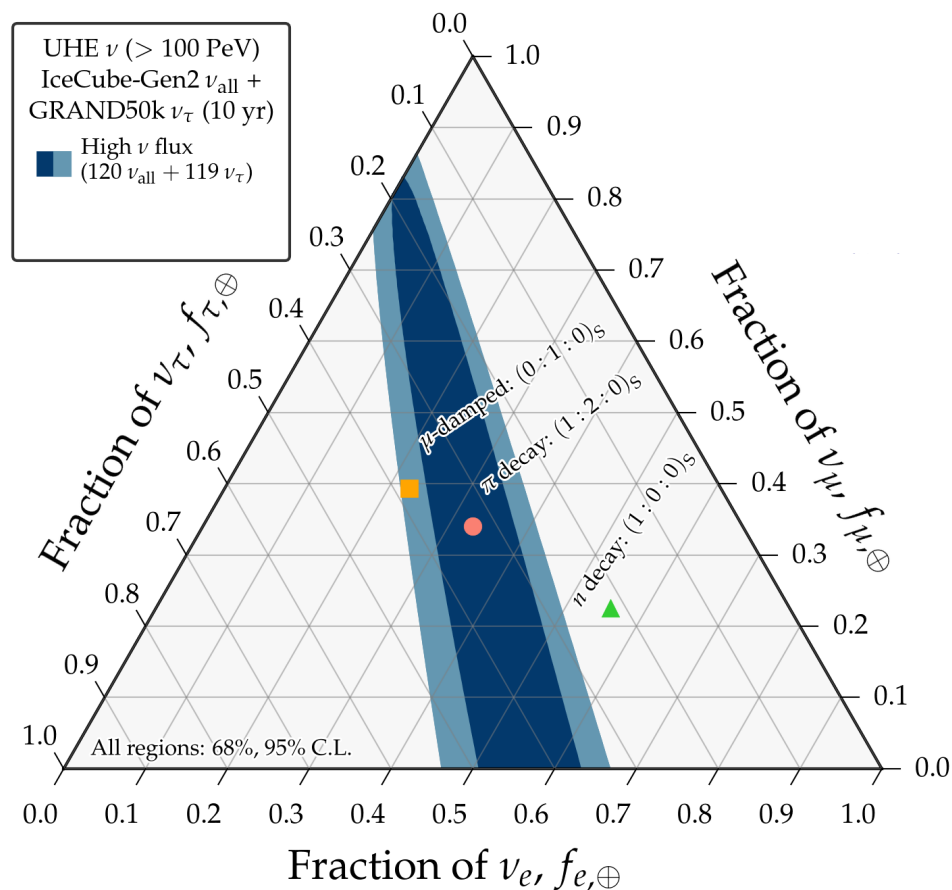
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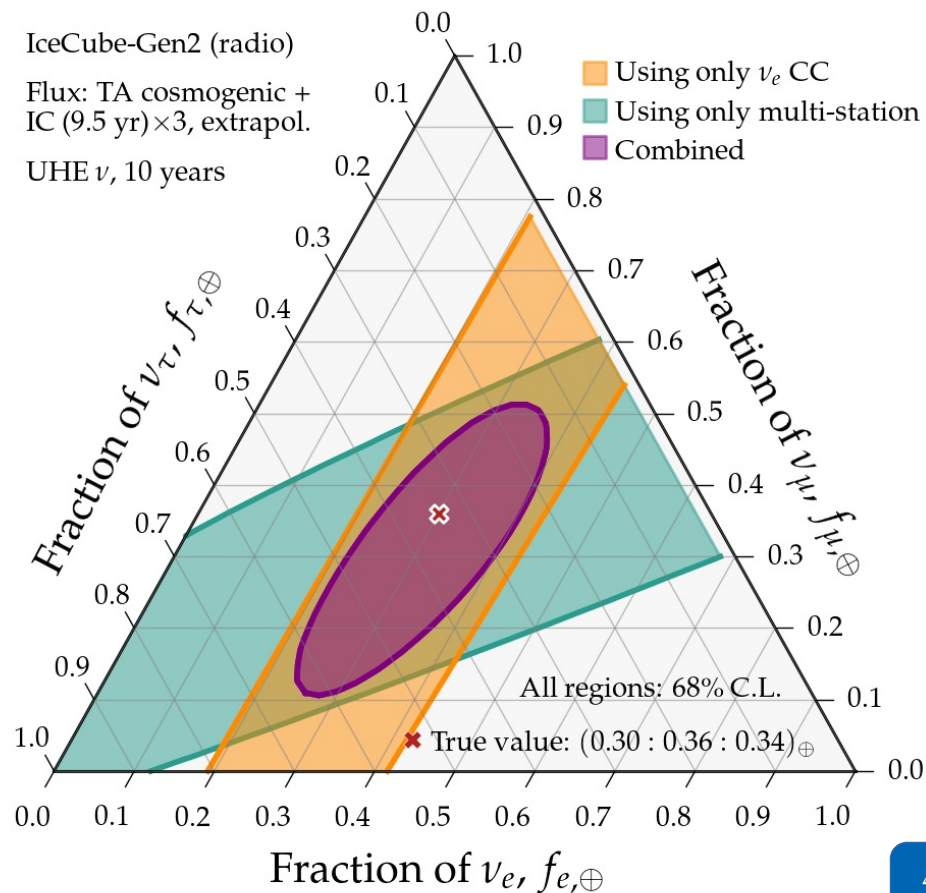
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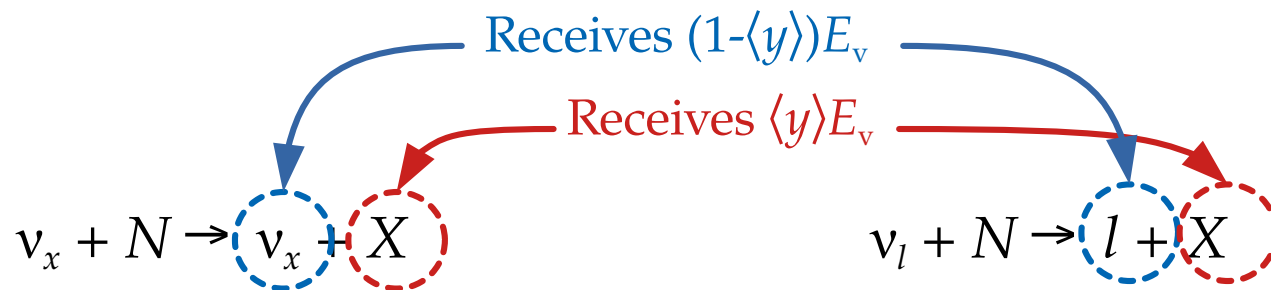
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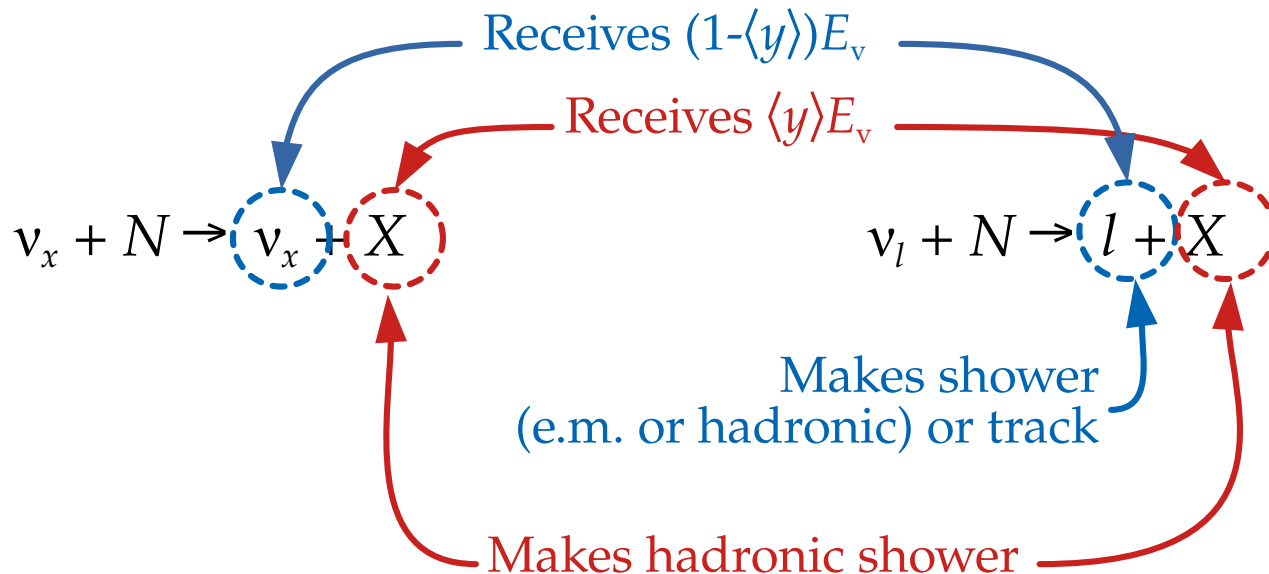
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Theoretically palatable flavor regions

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MB, Beacom, Winter, PRL 2015

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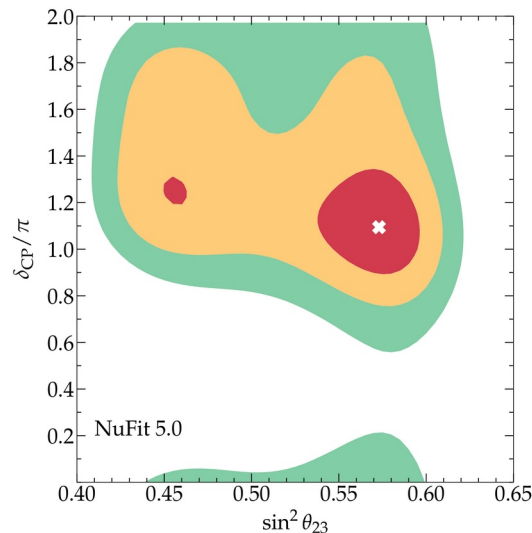
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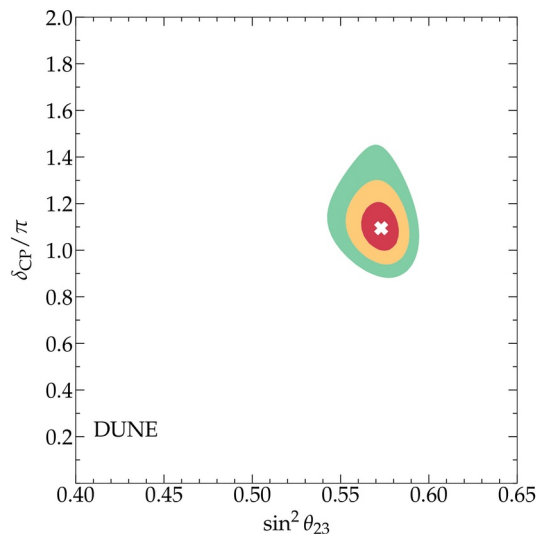
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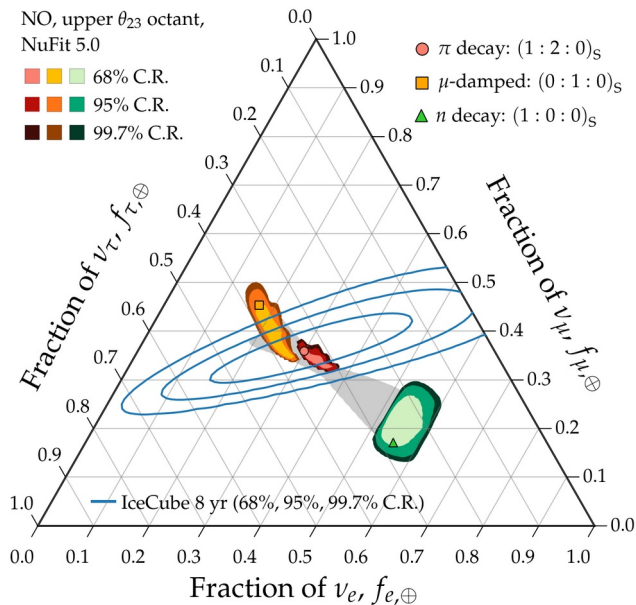
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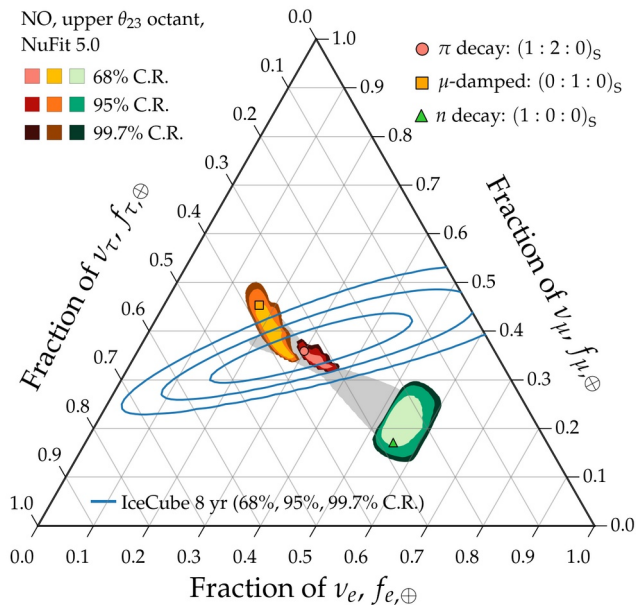


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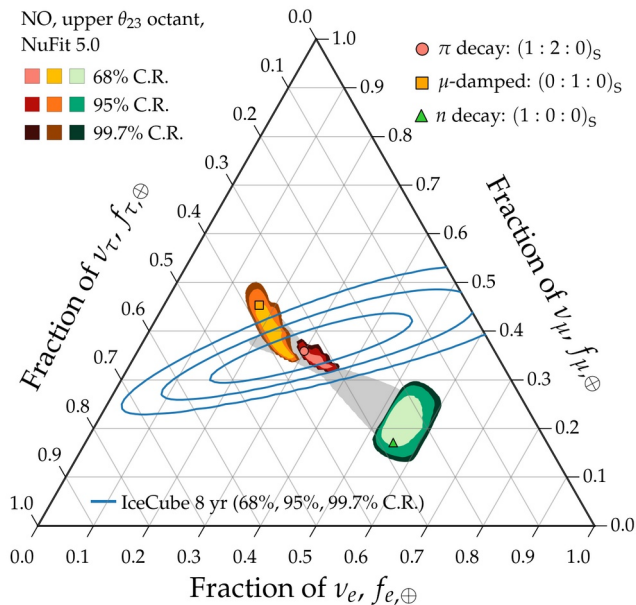
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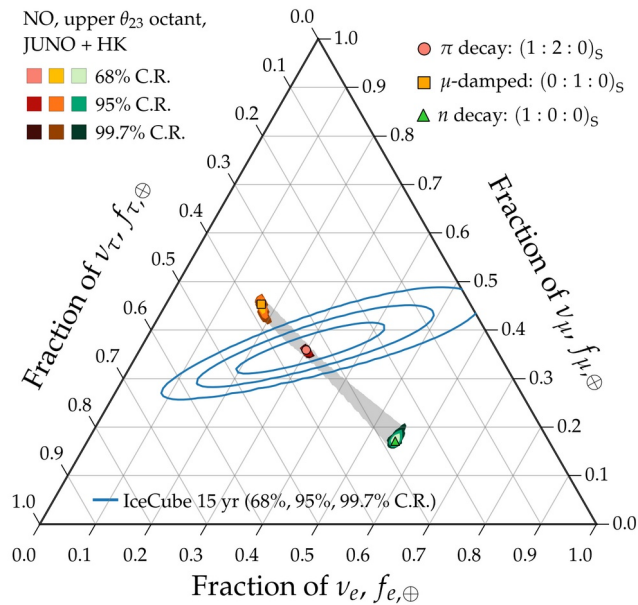
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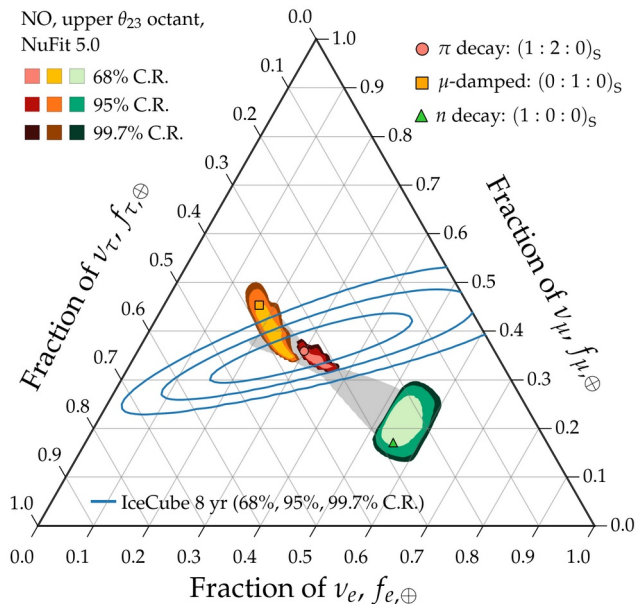
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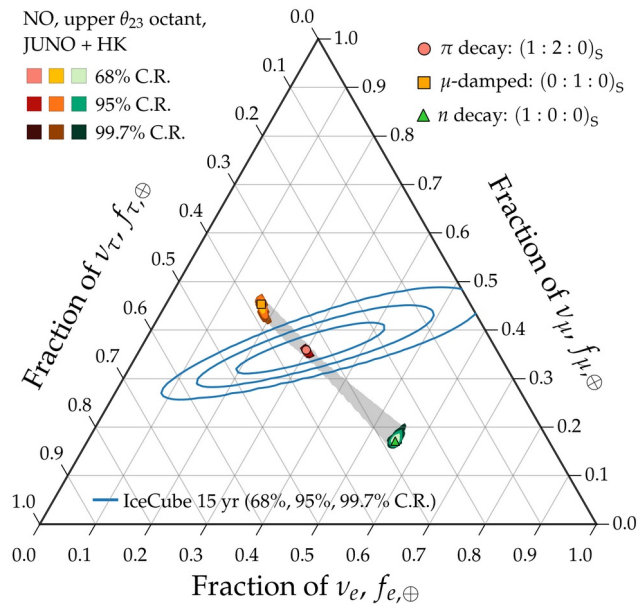


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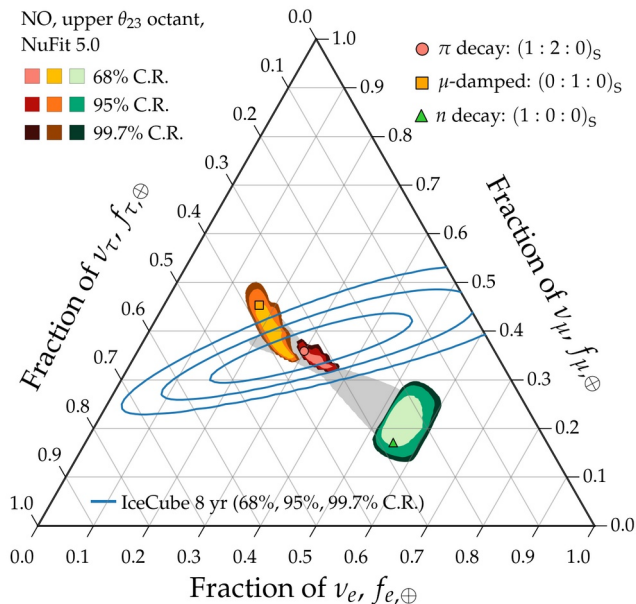
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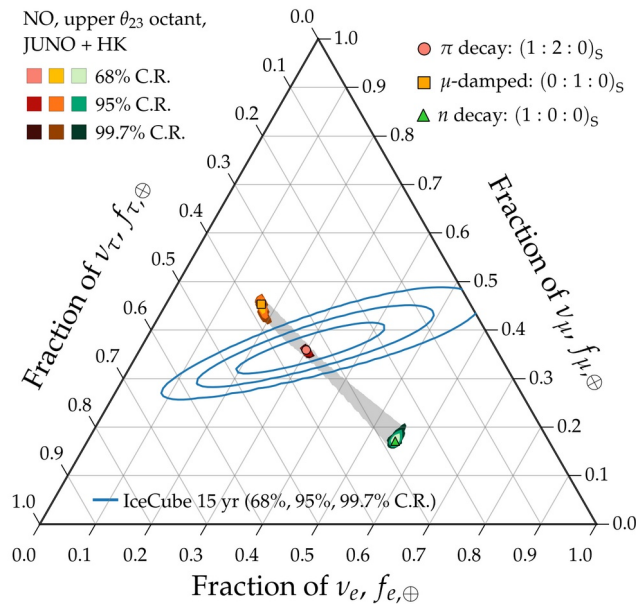
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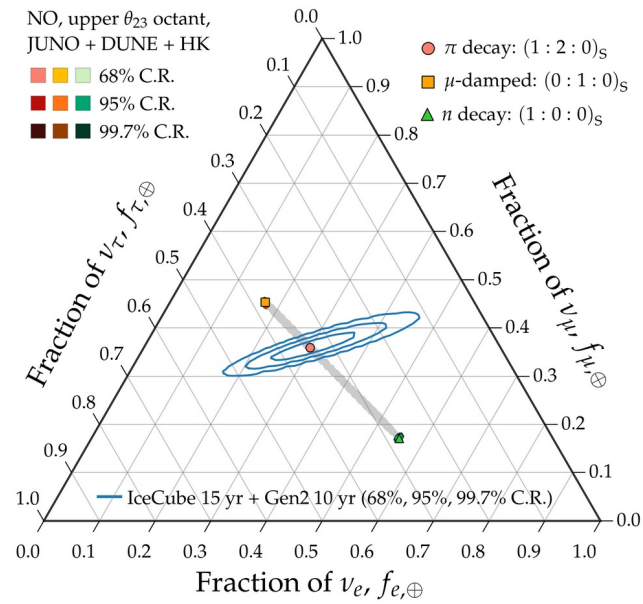
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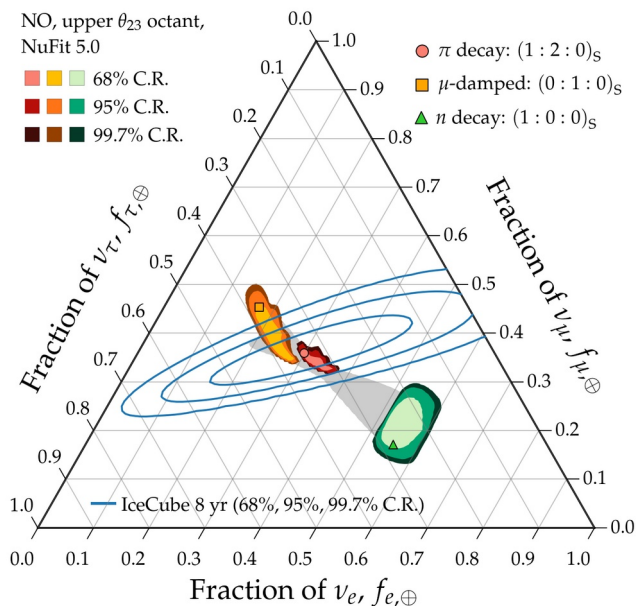
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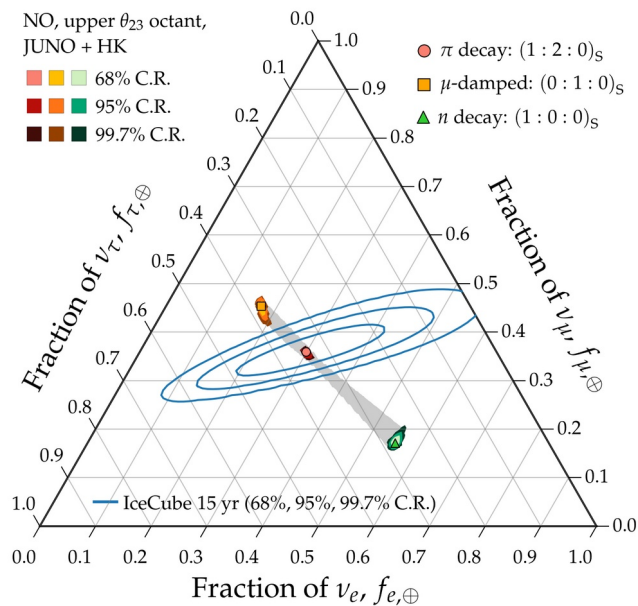
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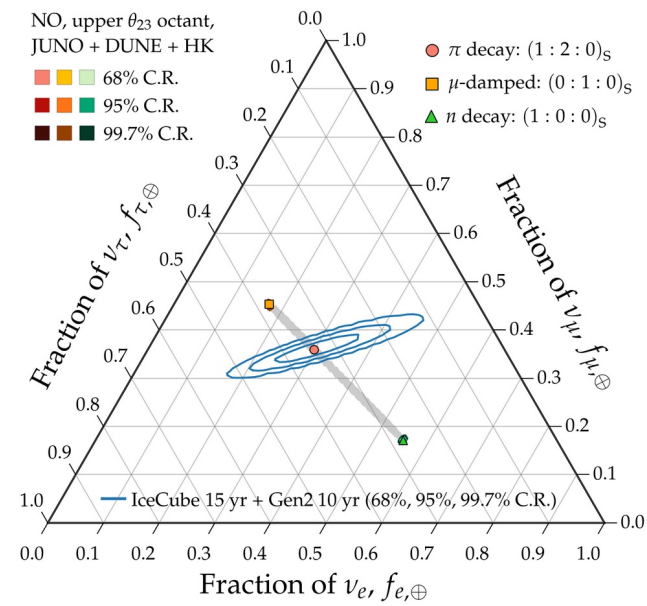
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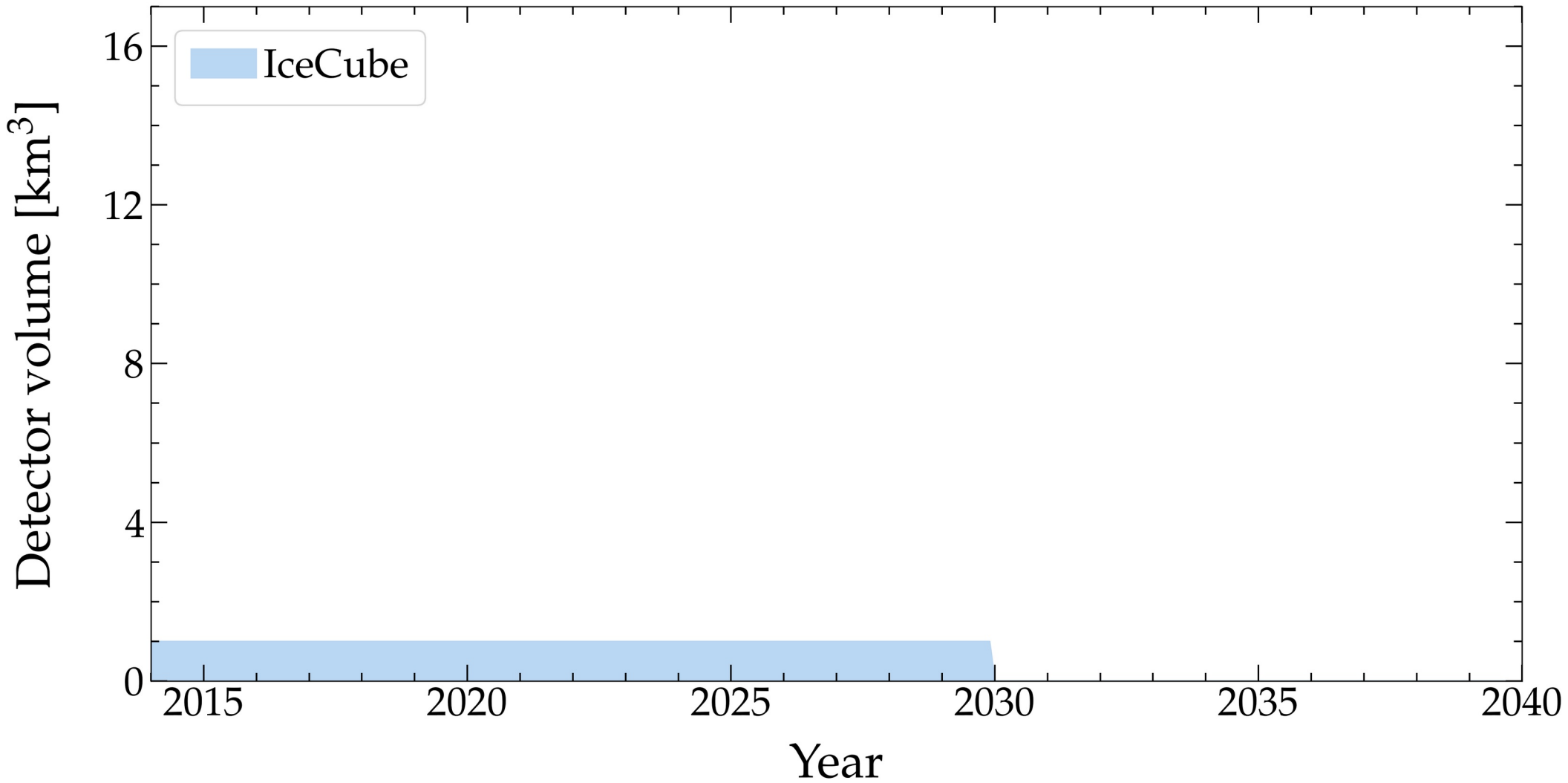
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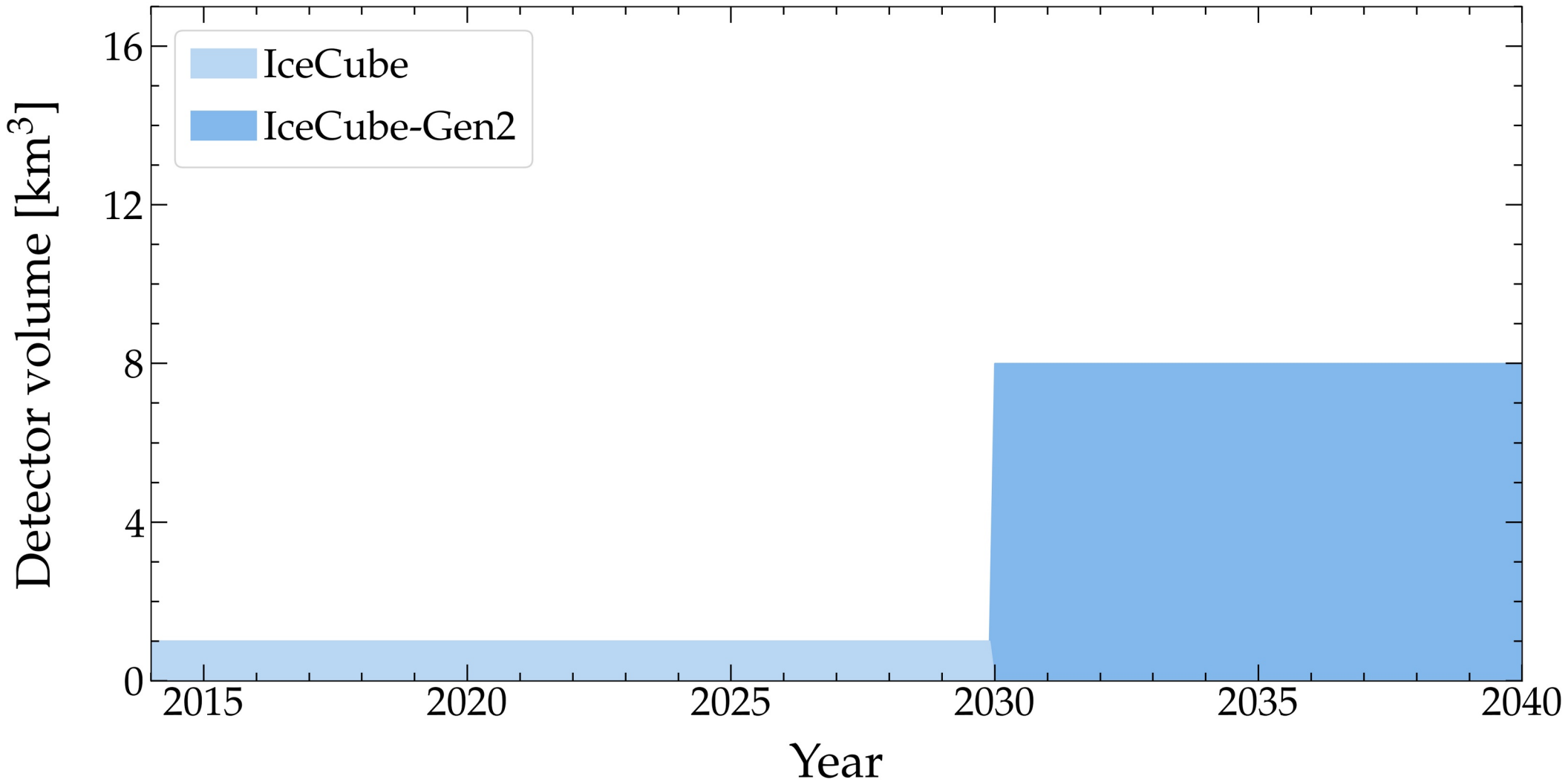
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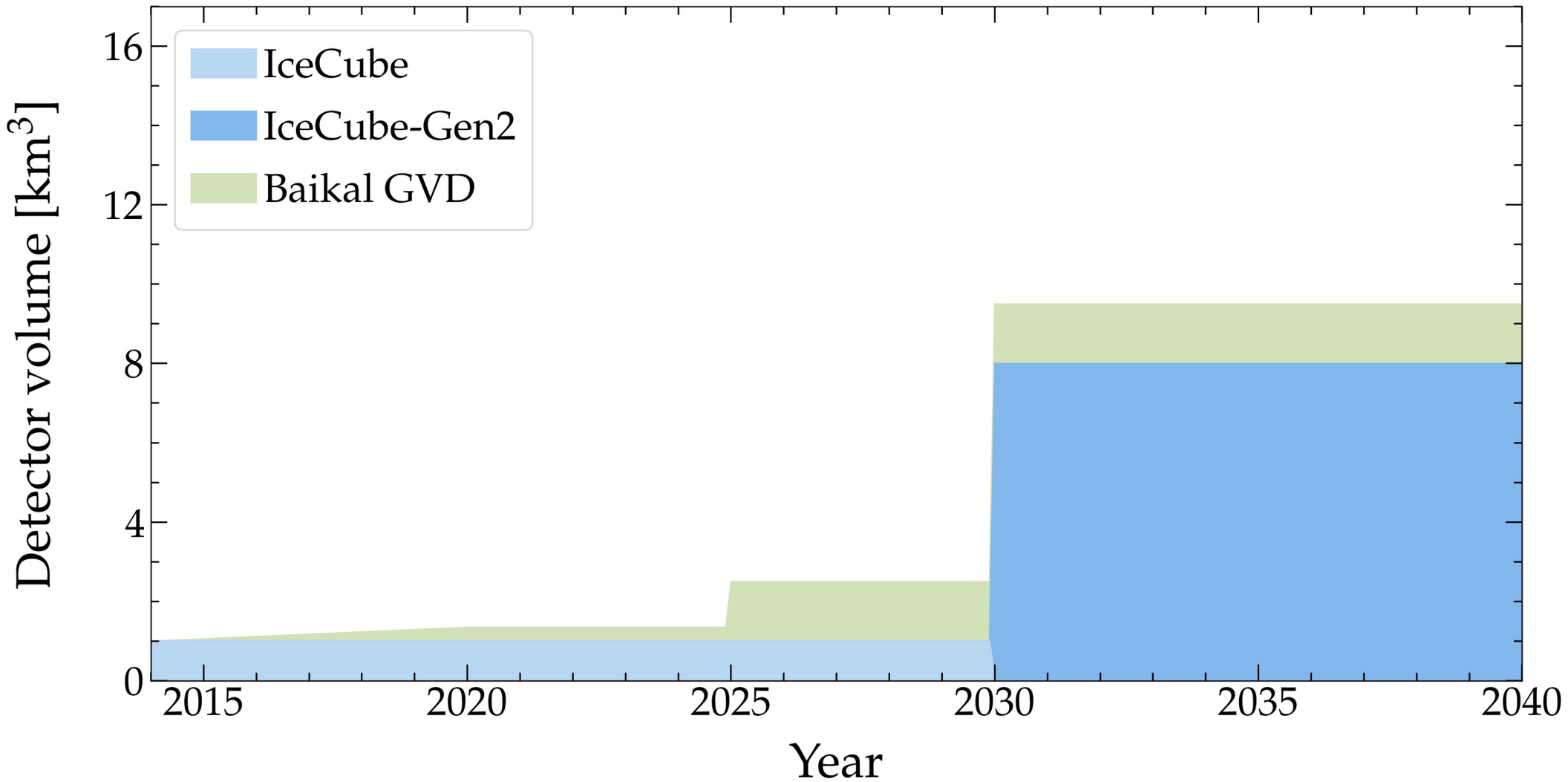


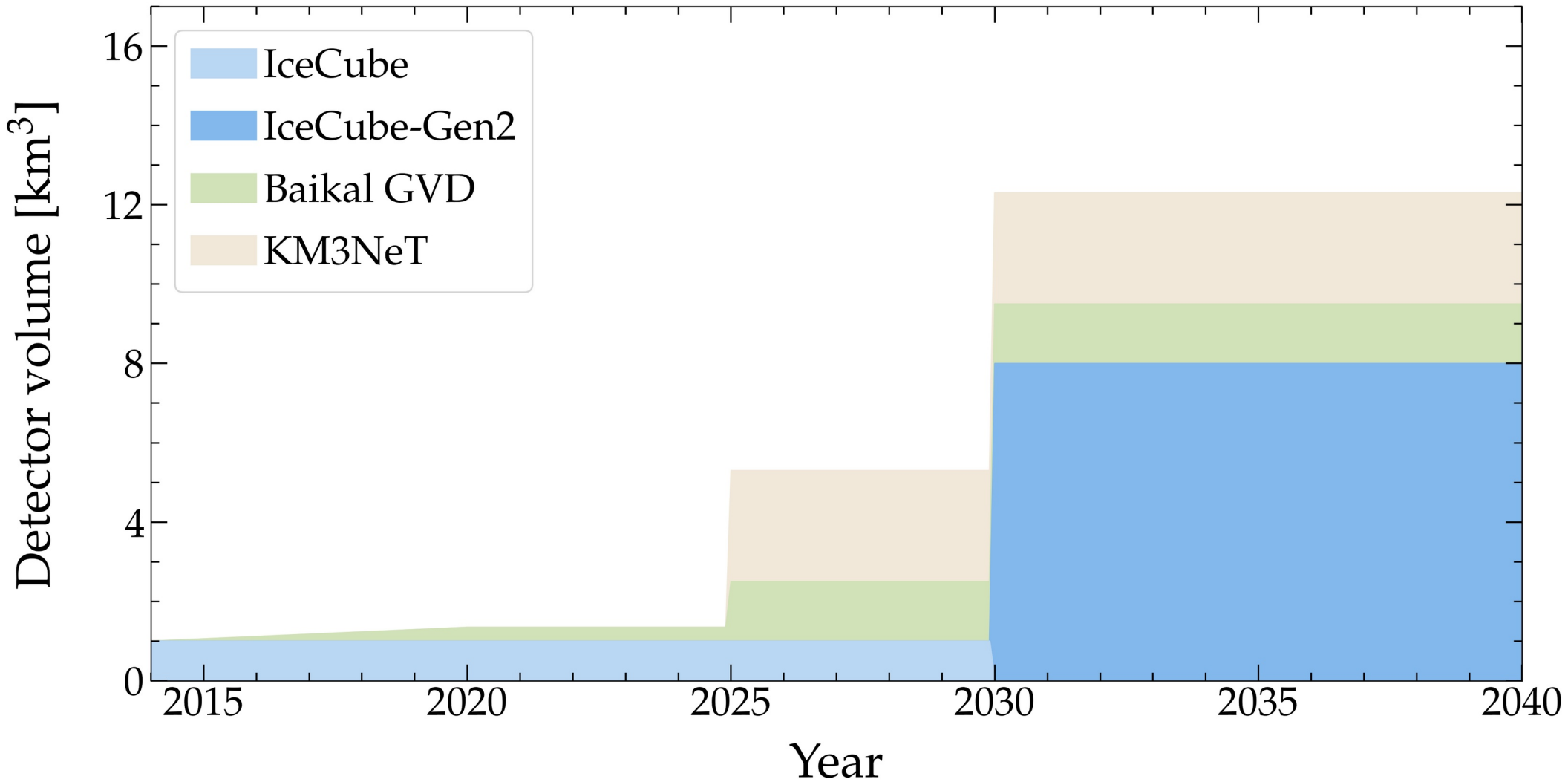
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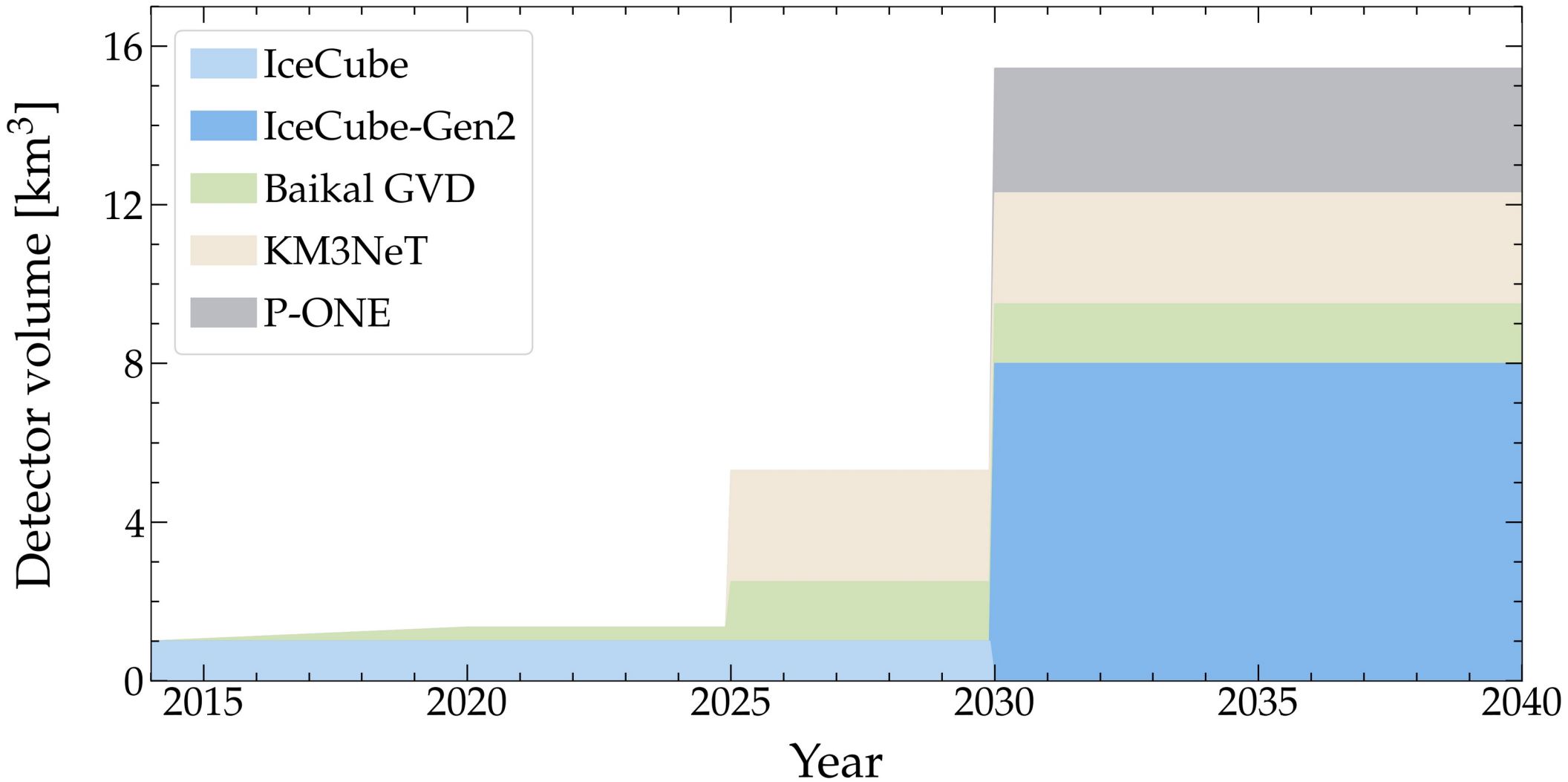
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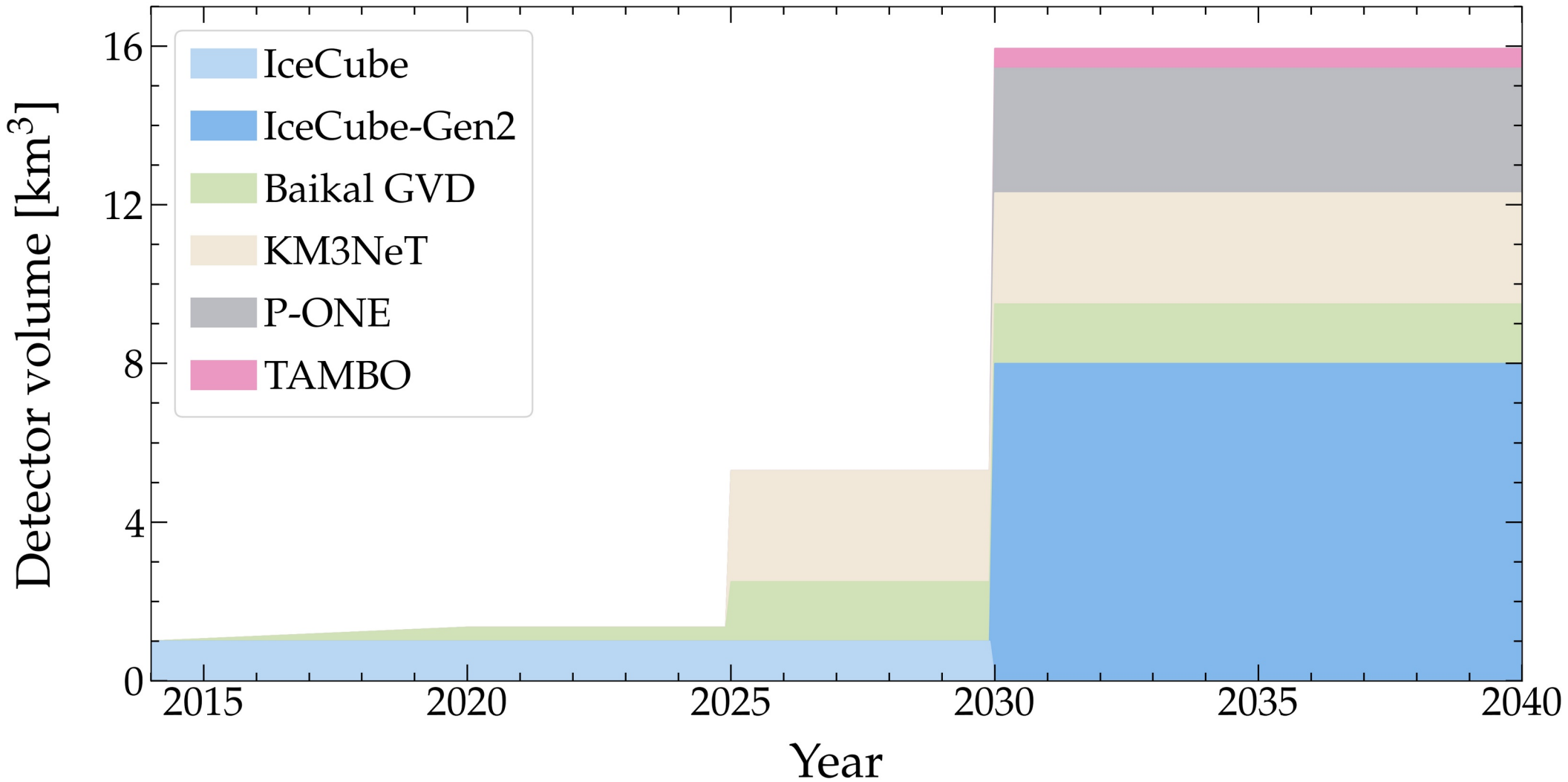


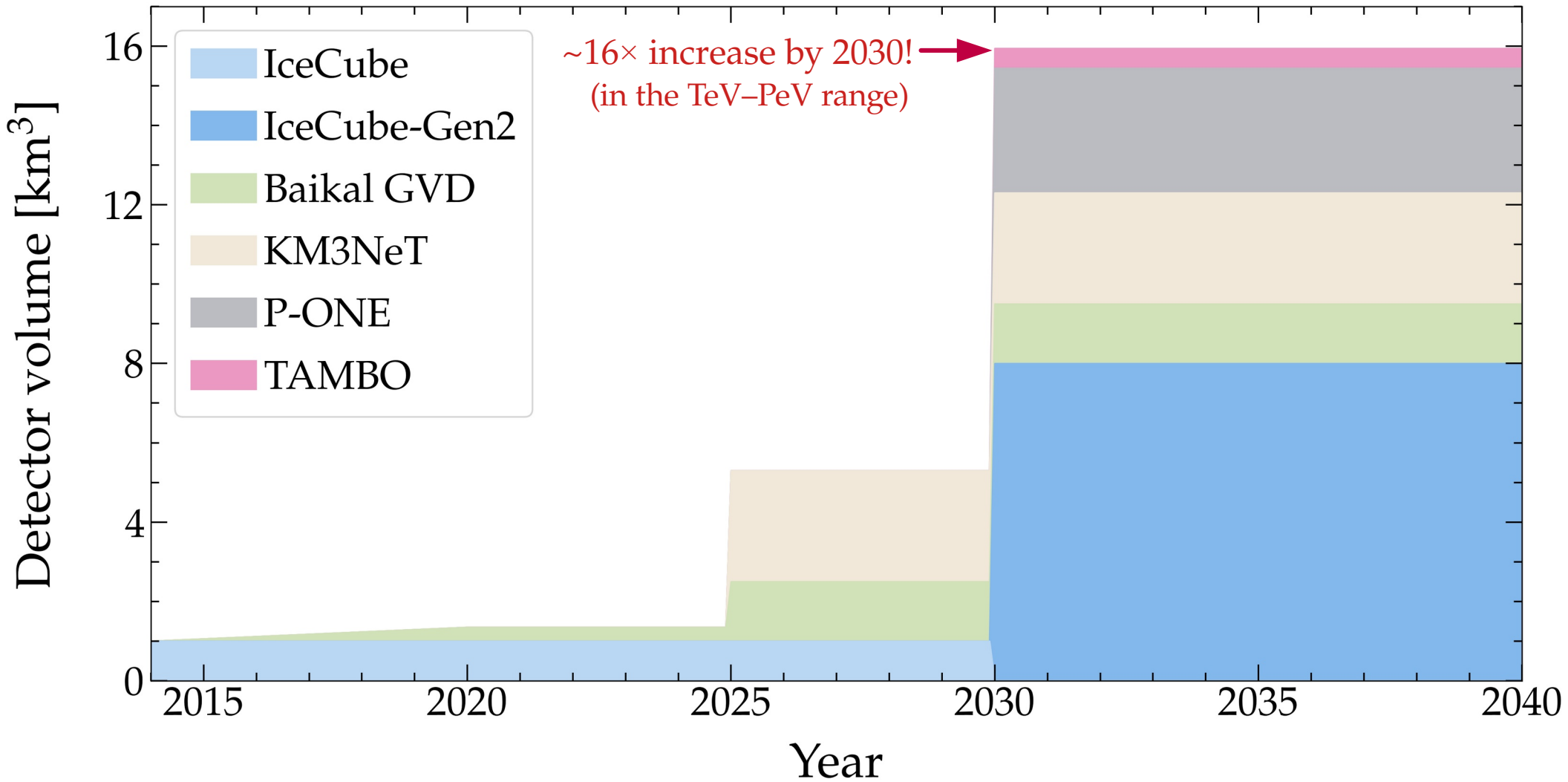












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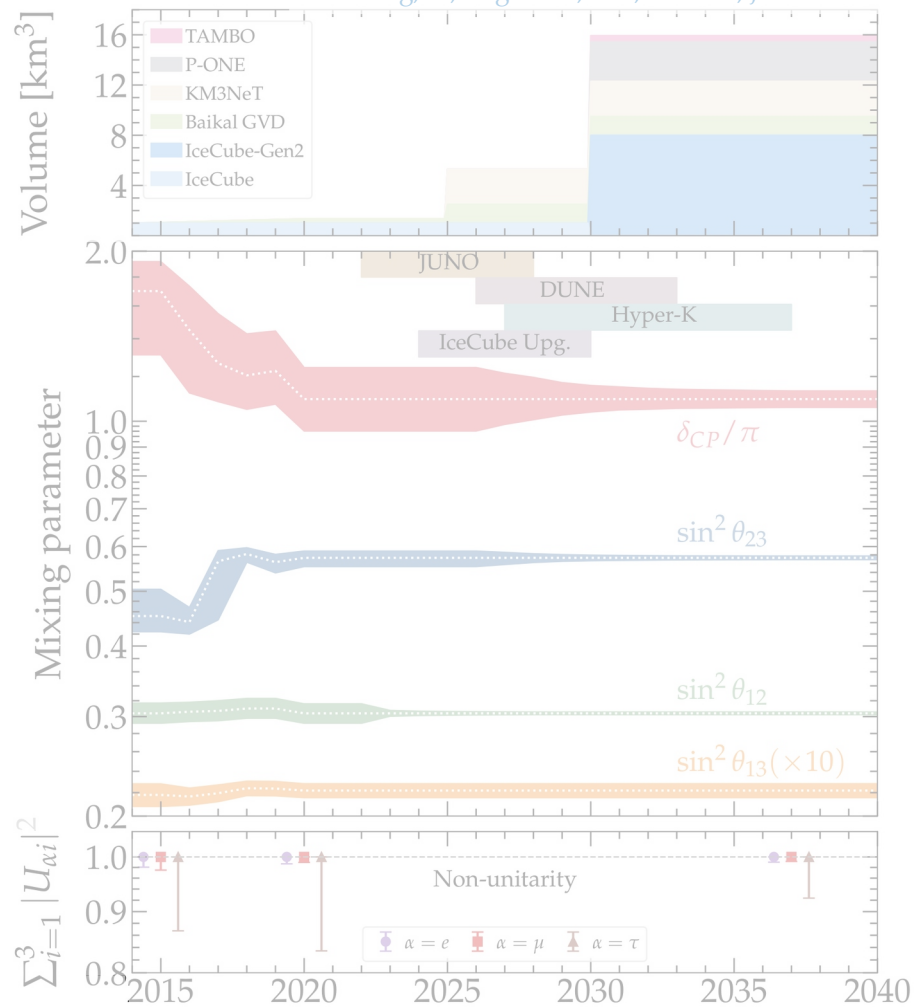
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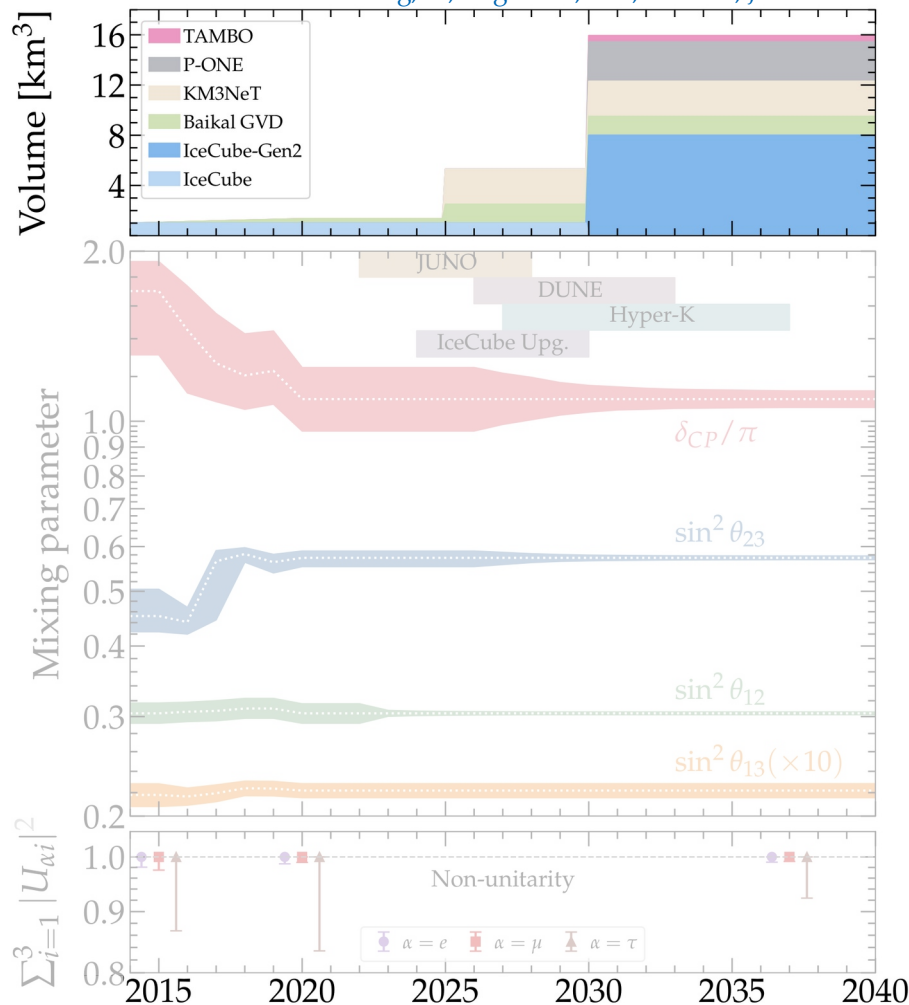
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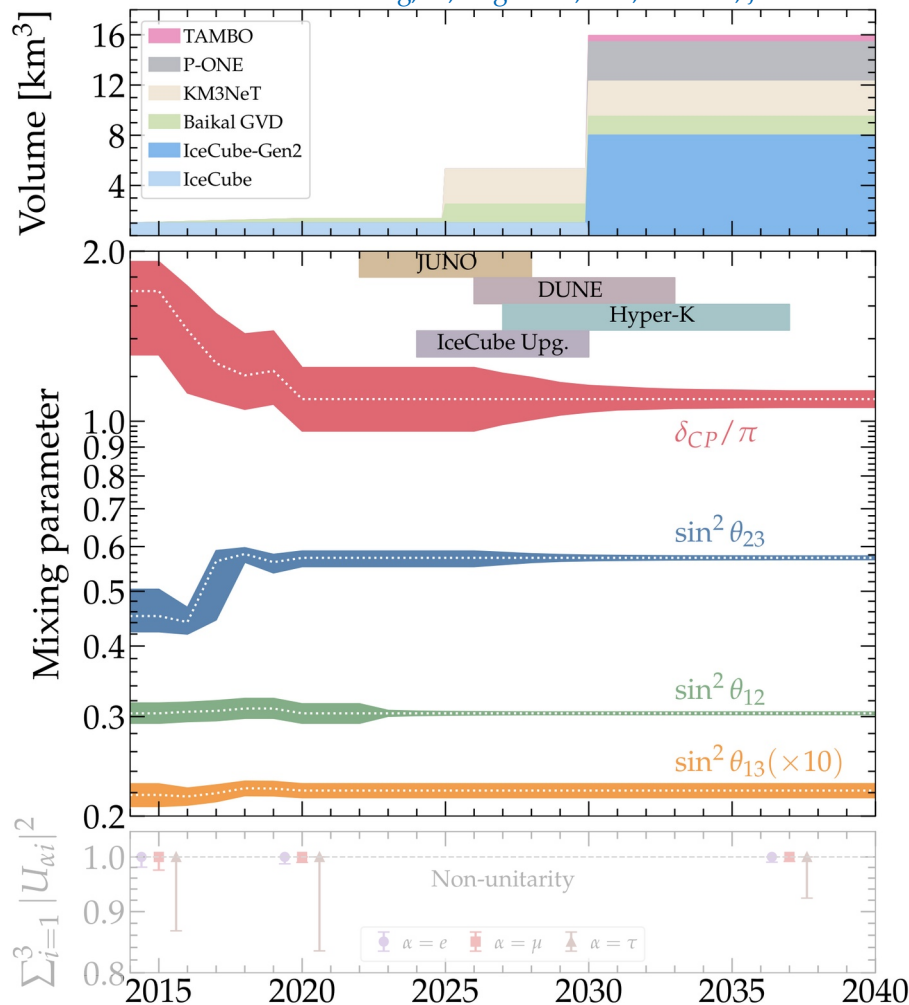


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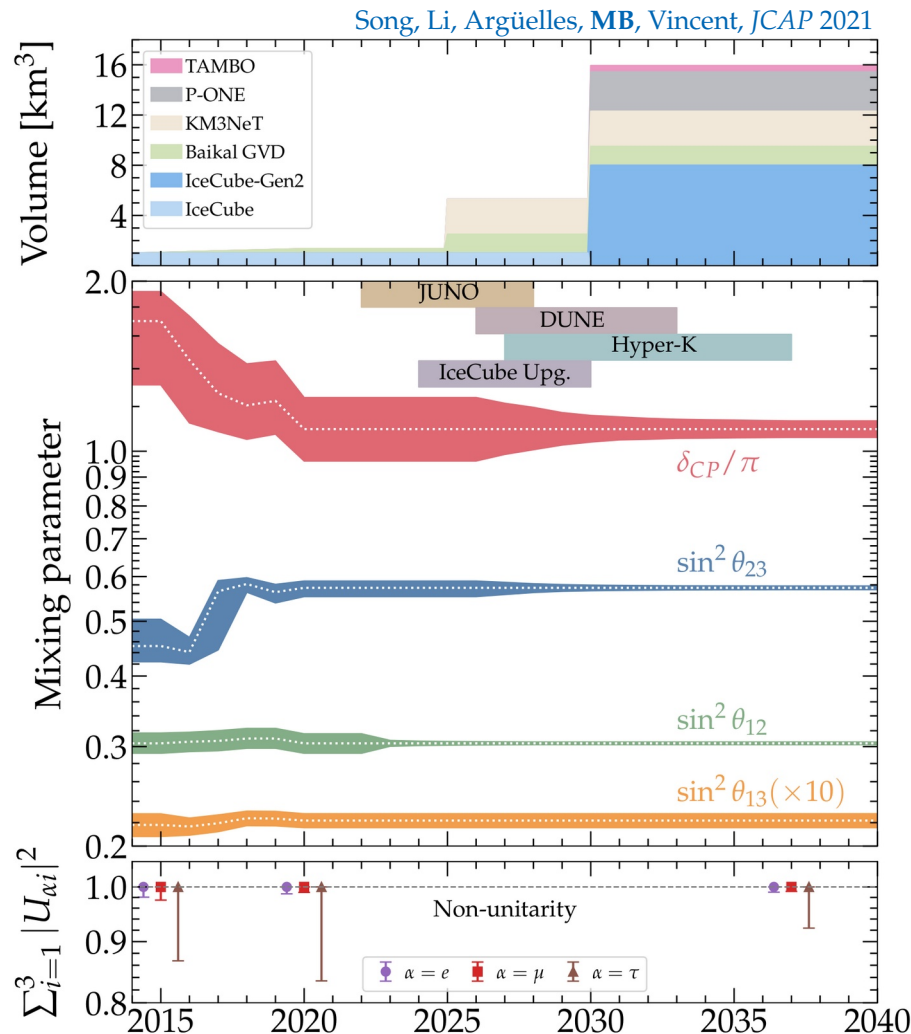
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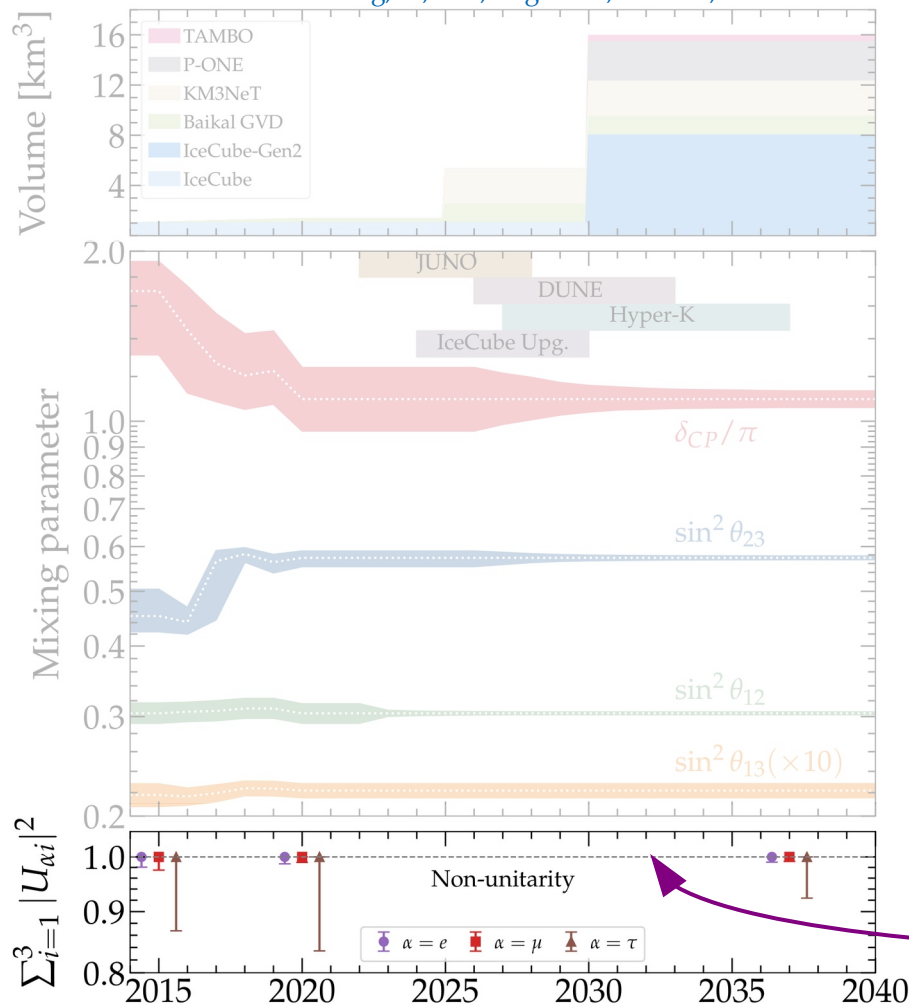
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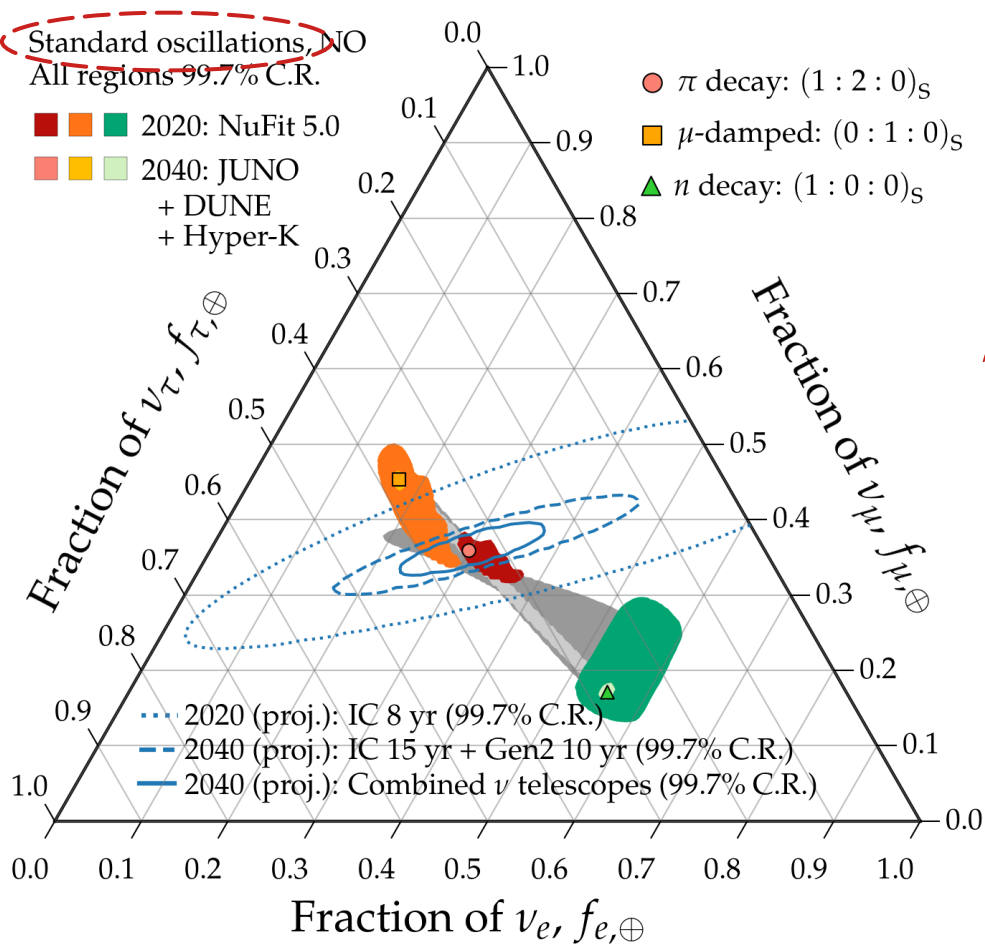
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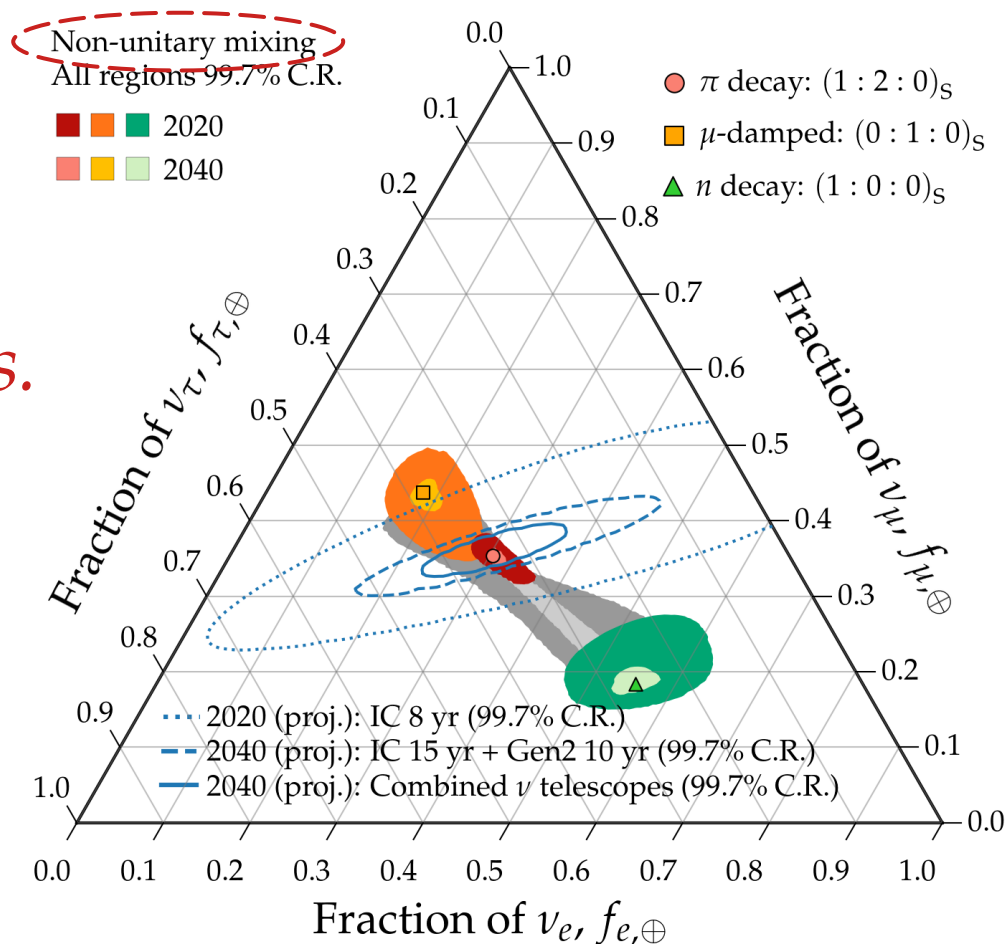
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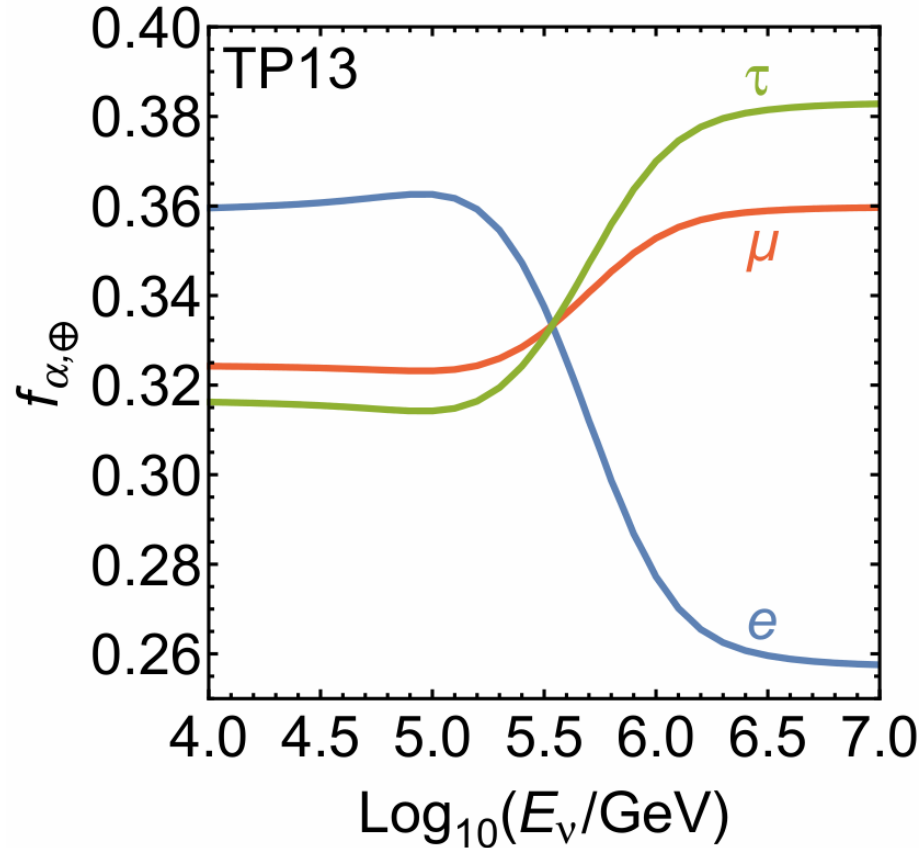
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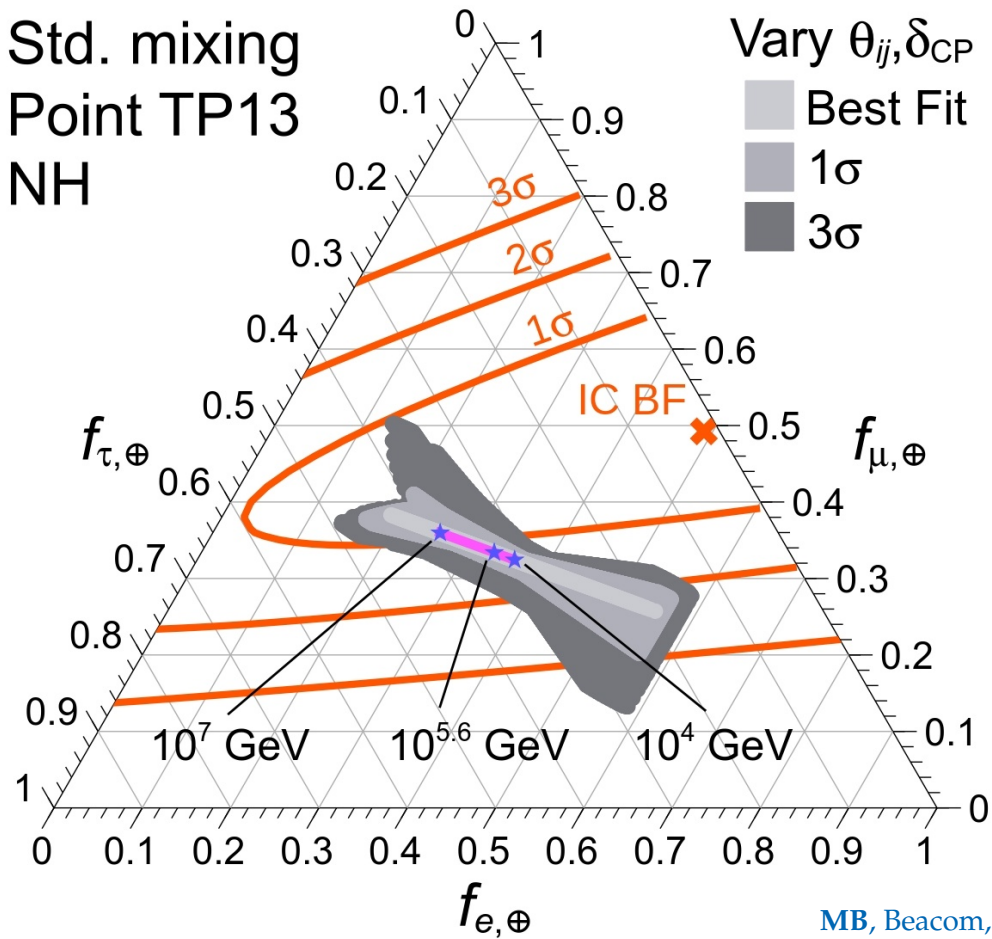
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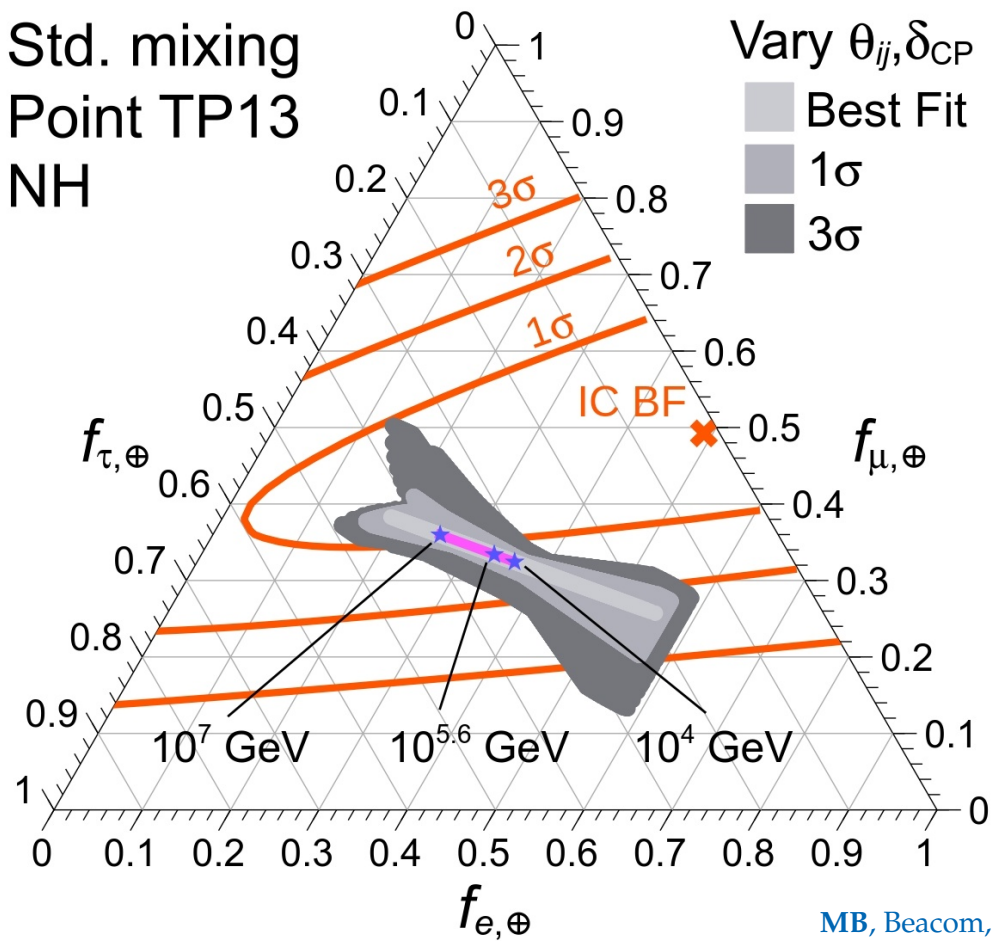
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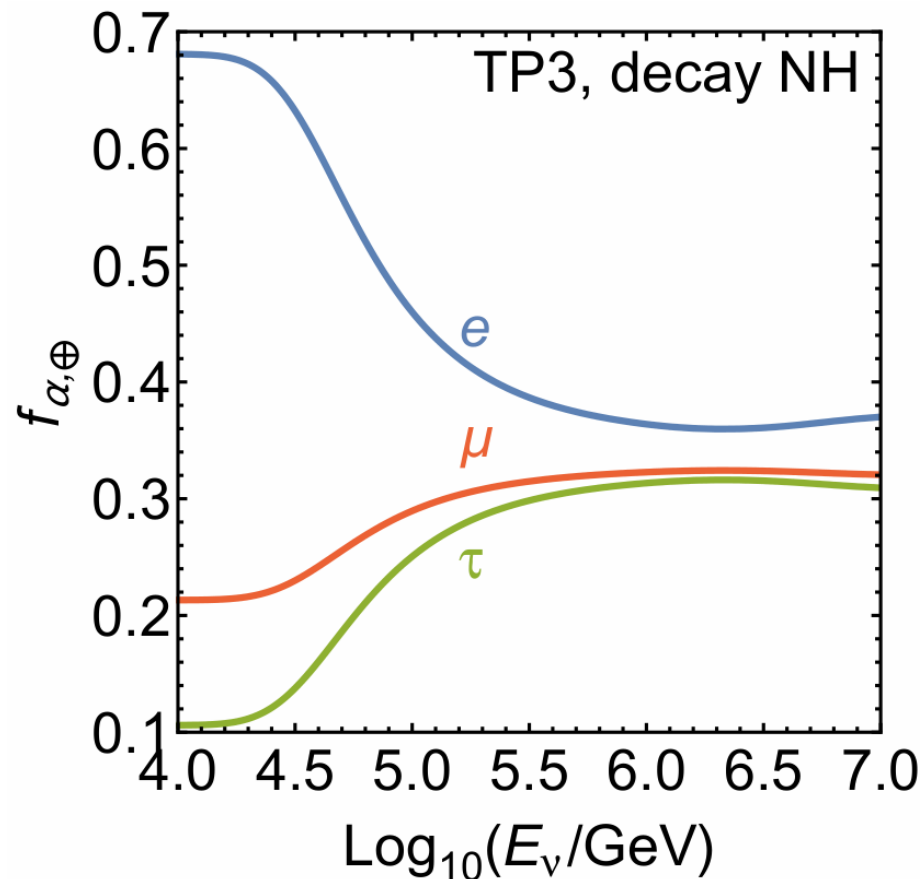
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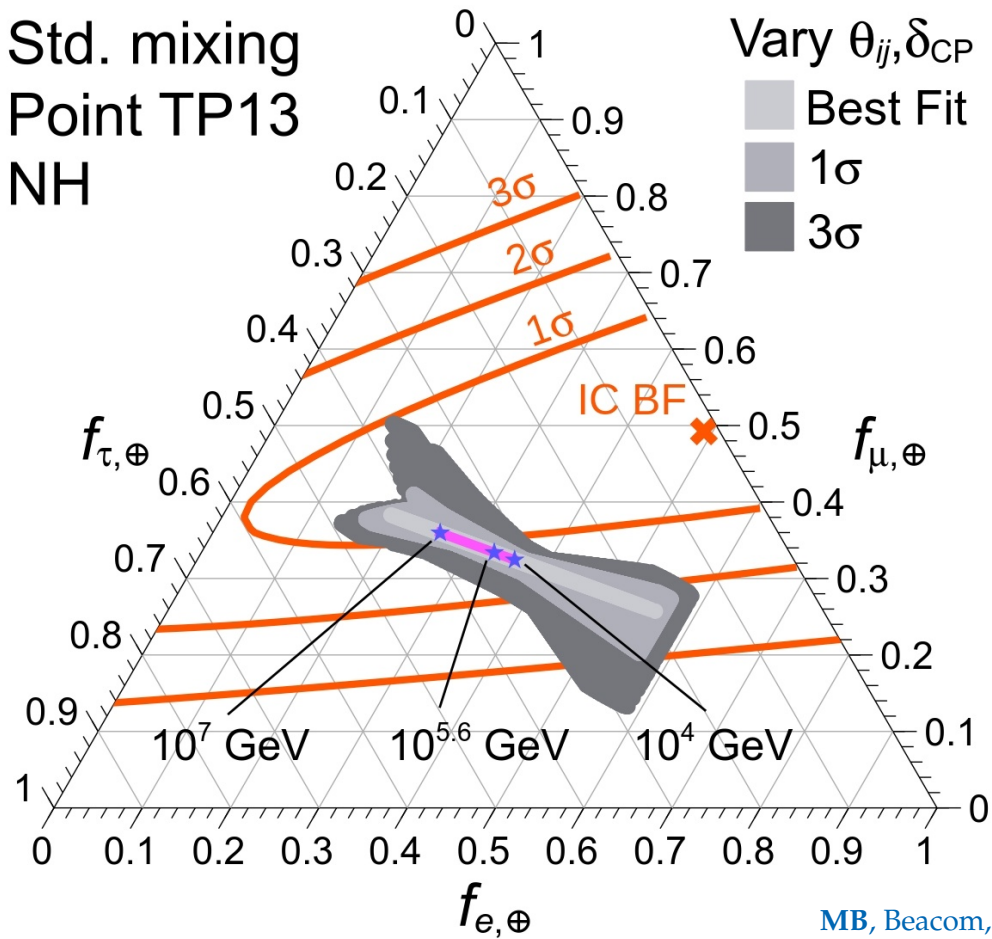
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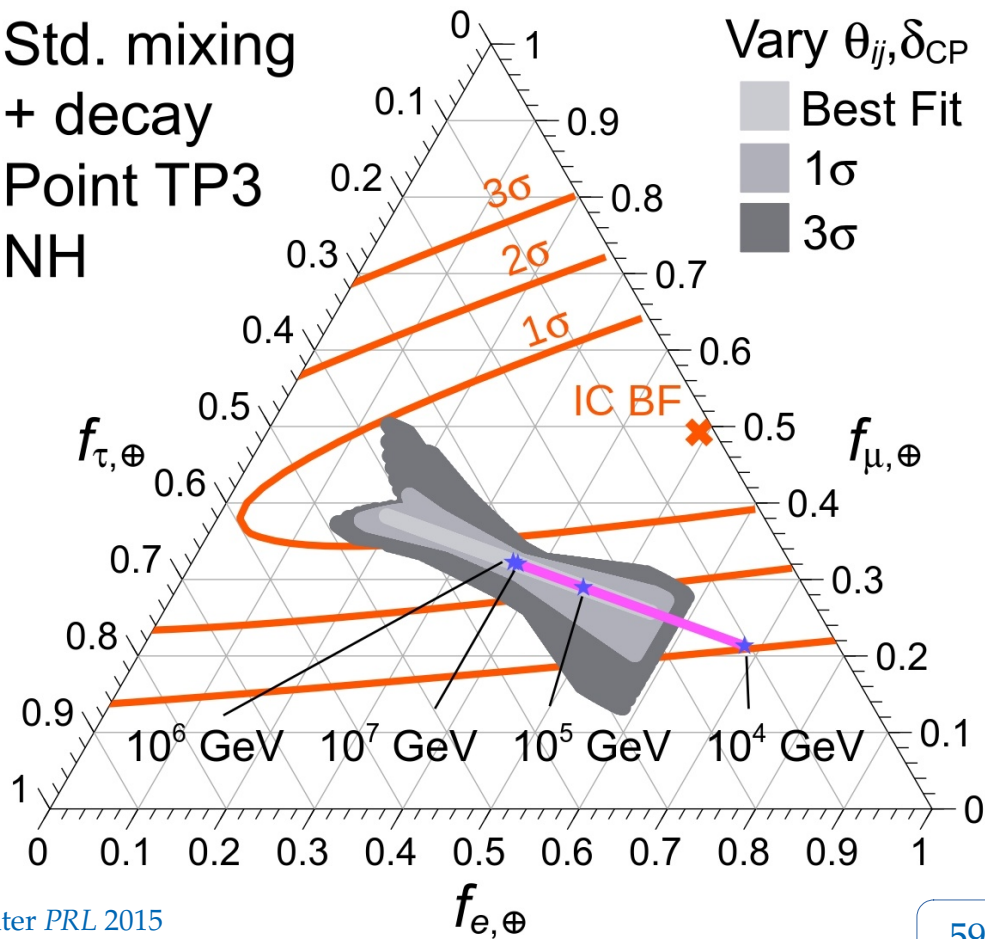
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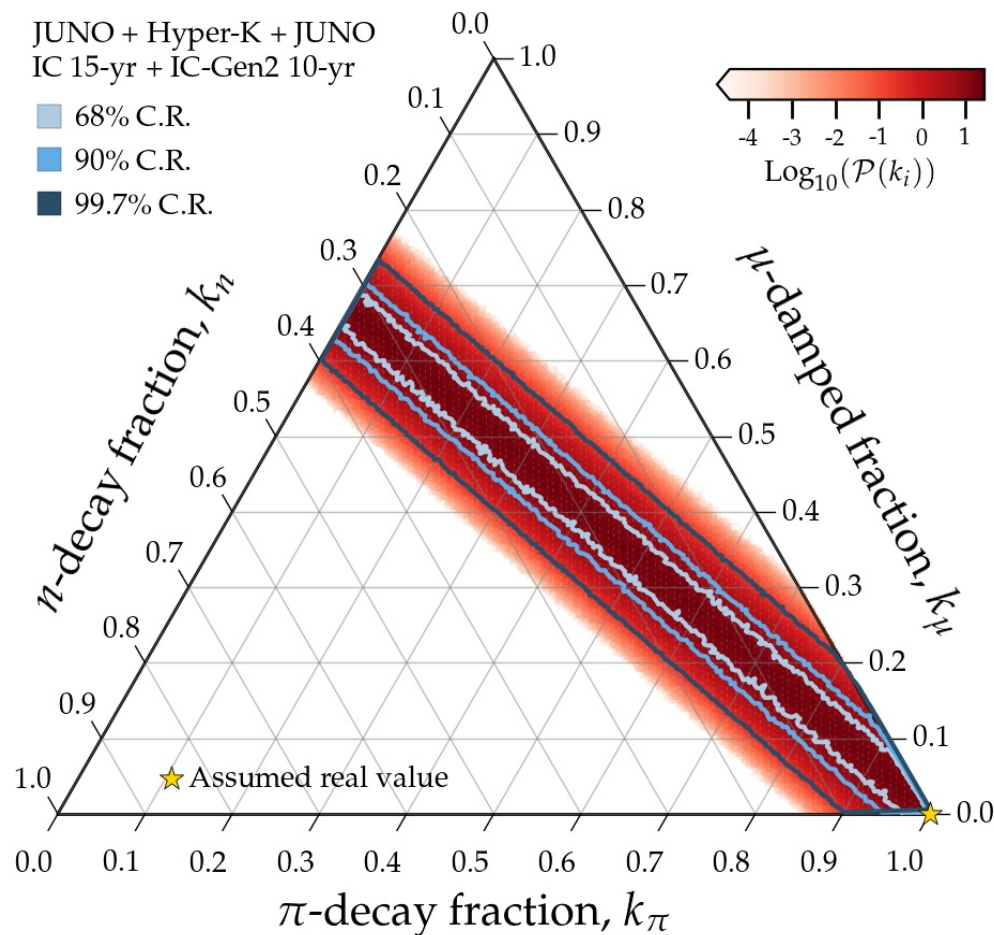
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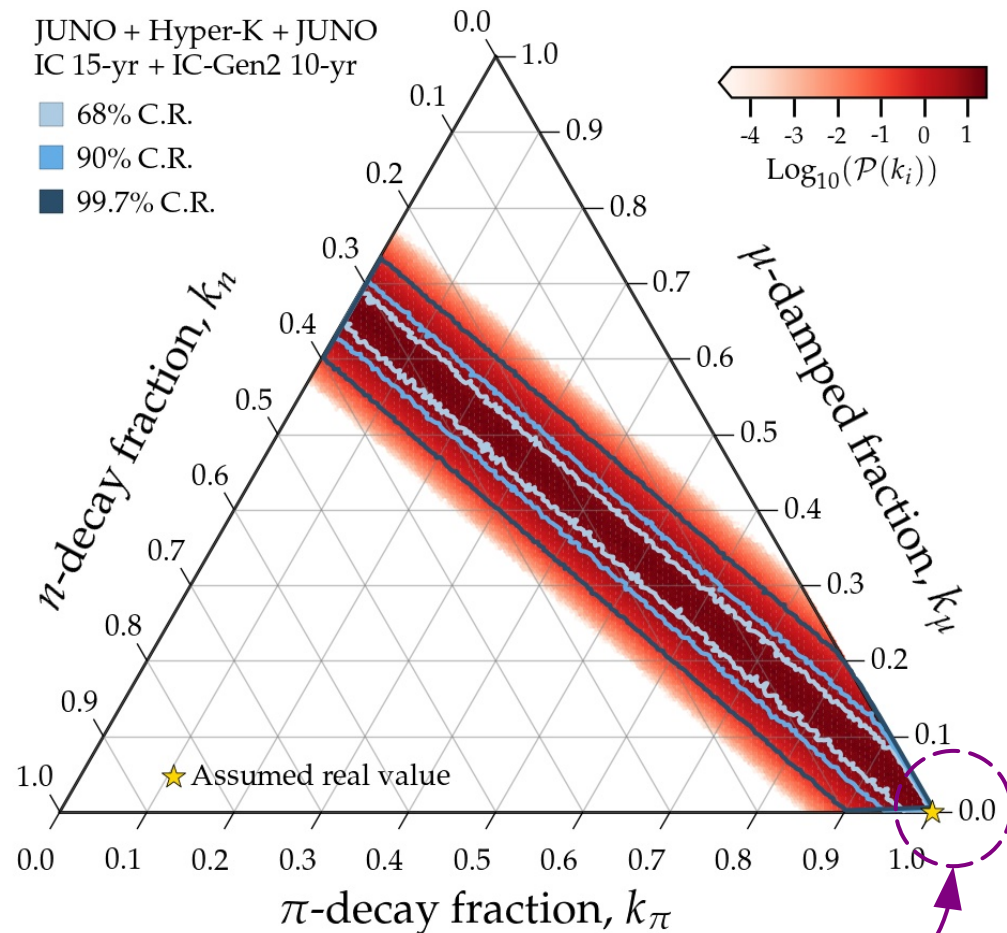
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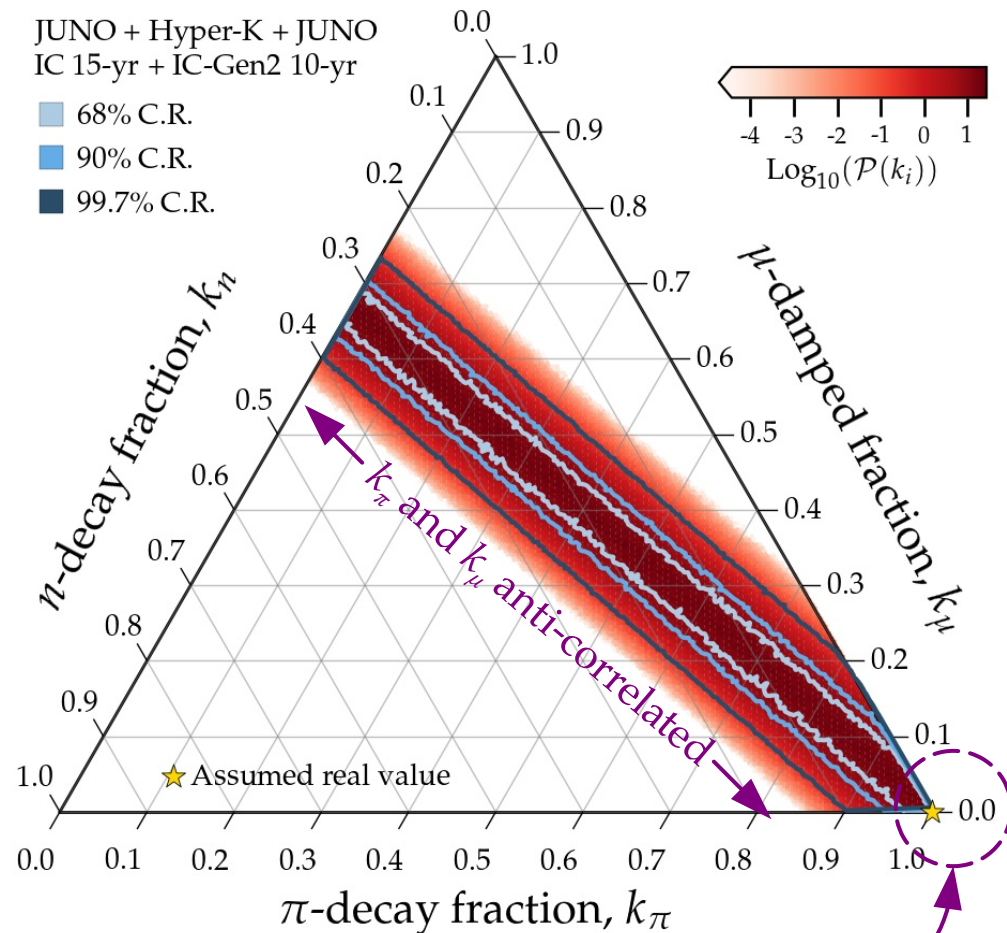
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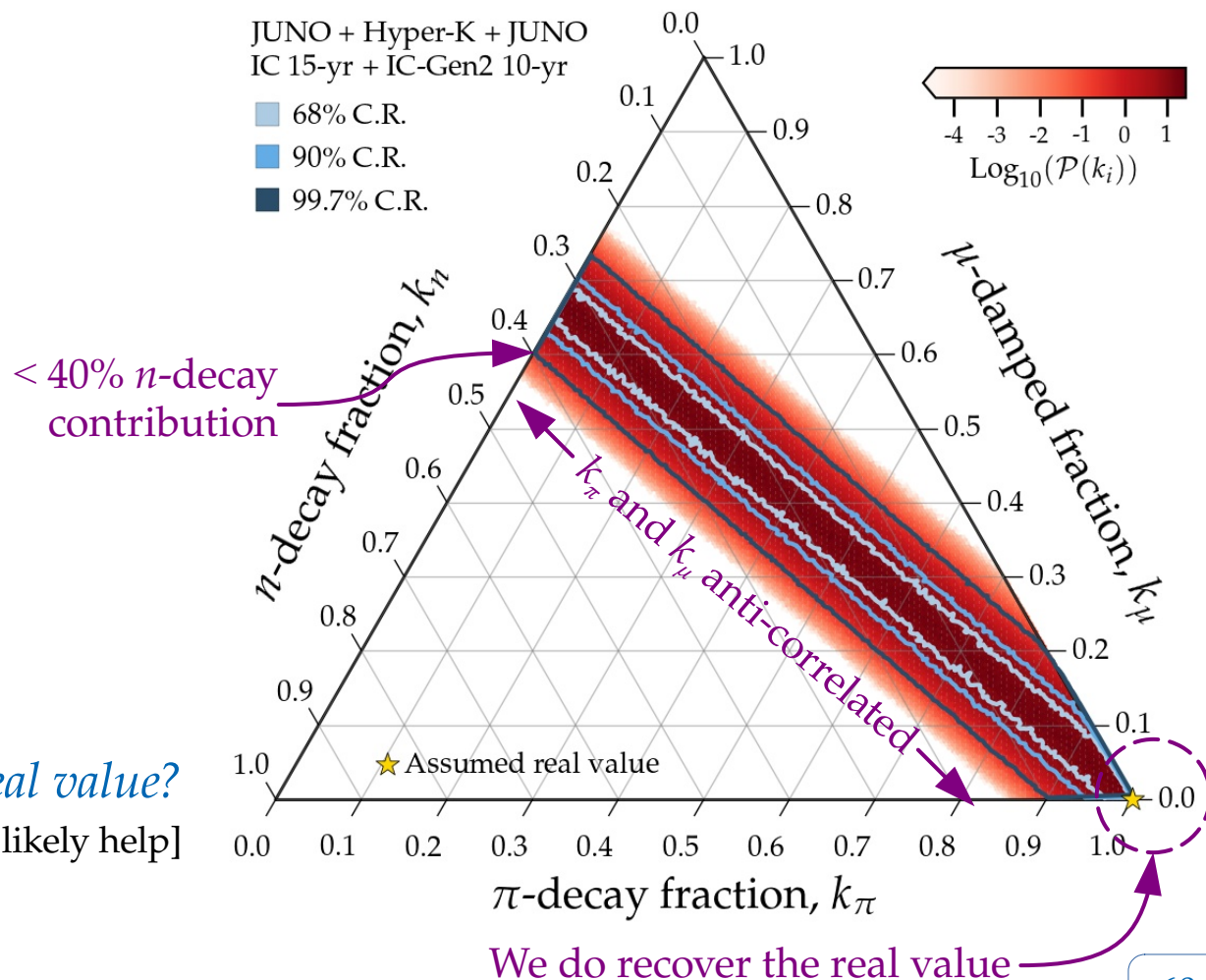
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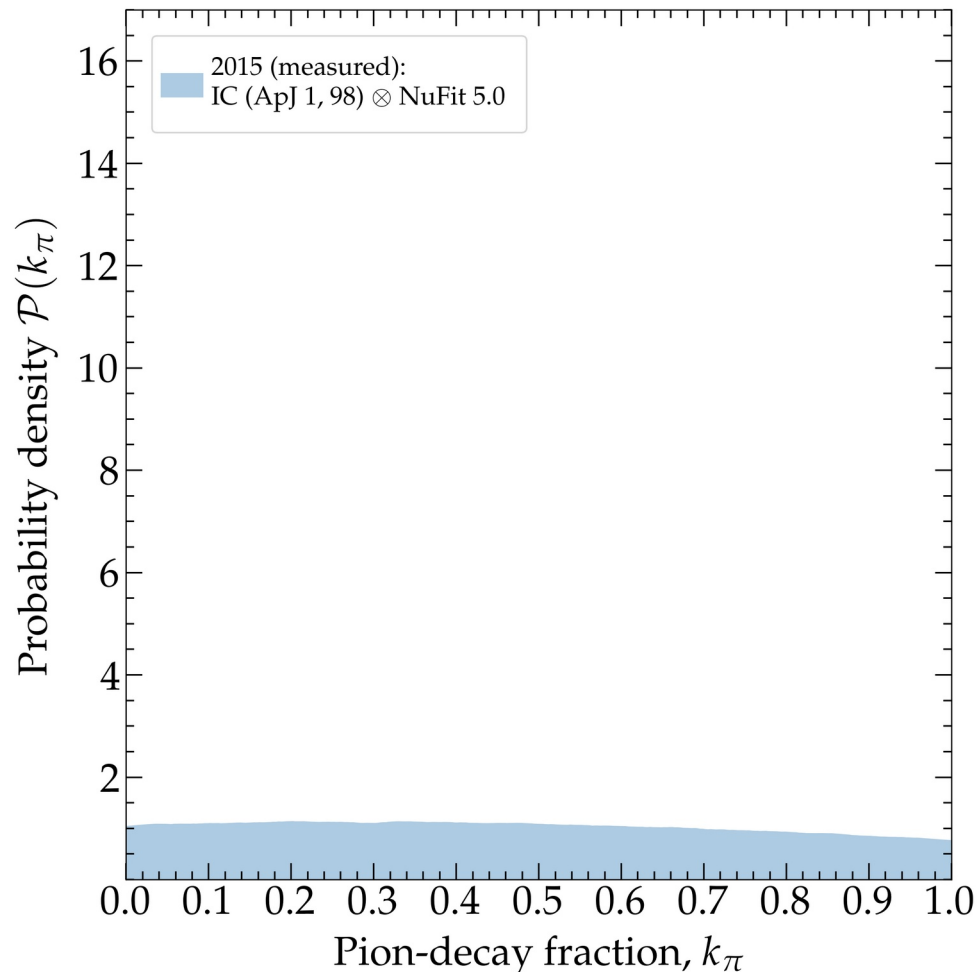
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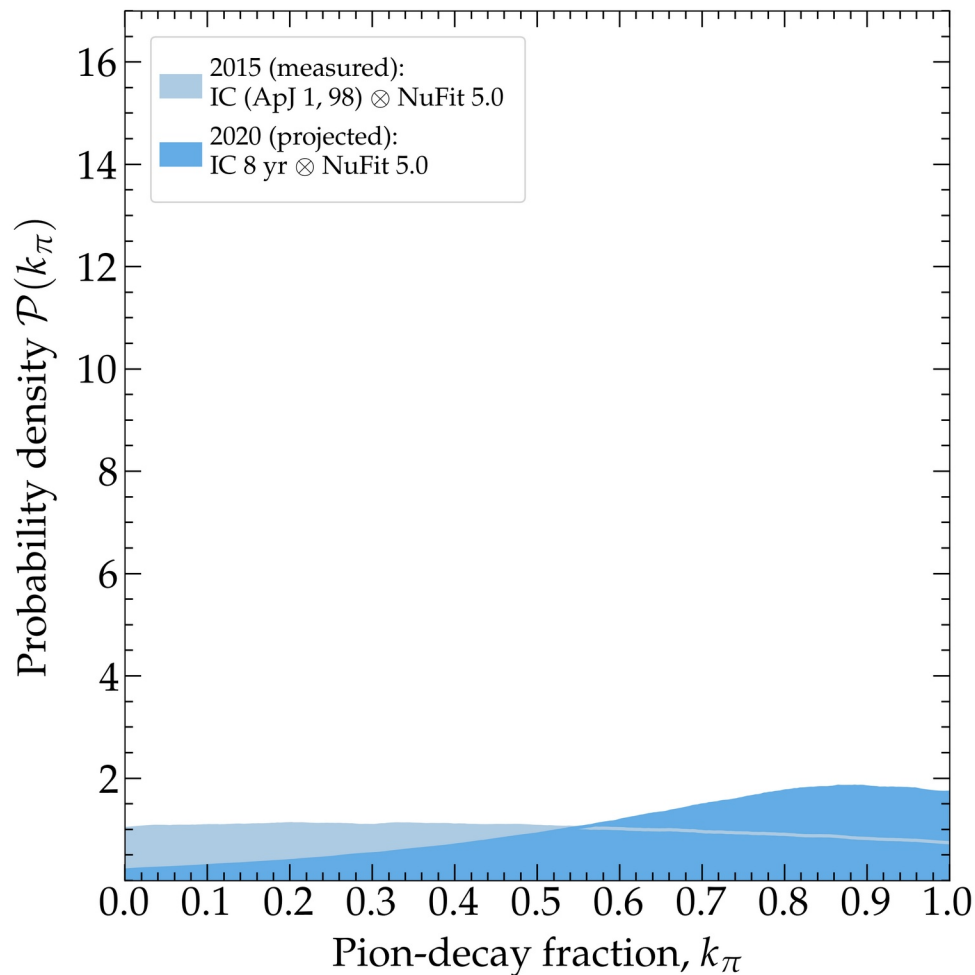
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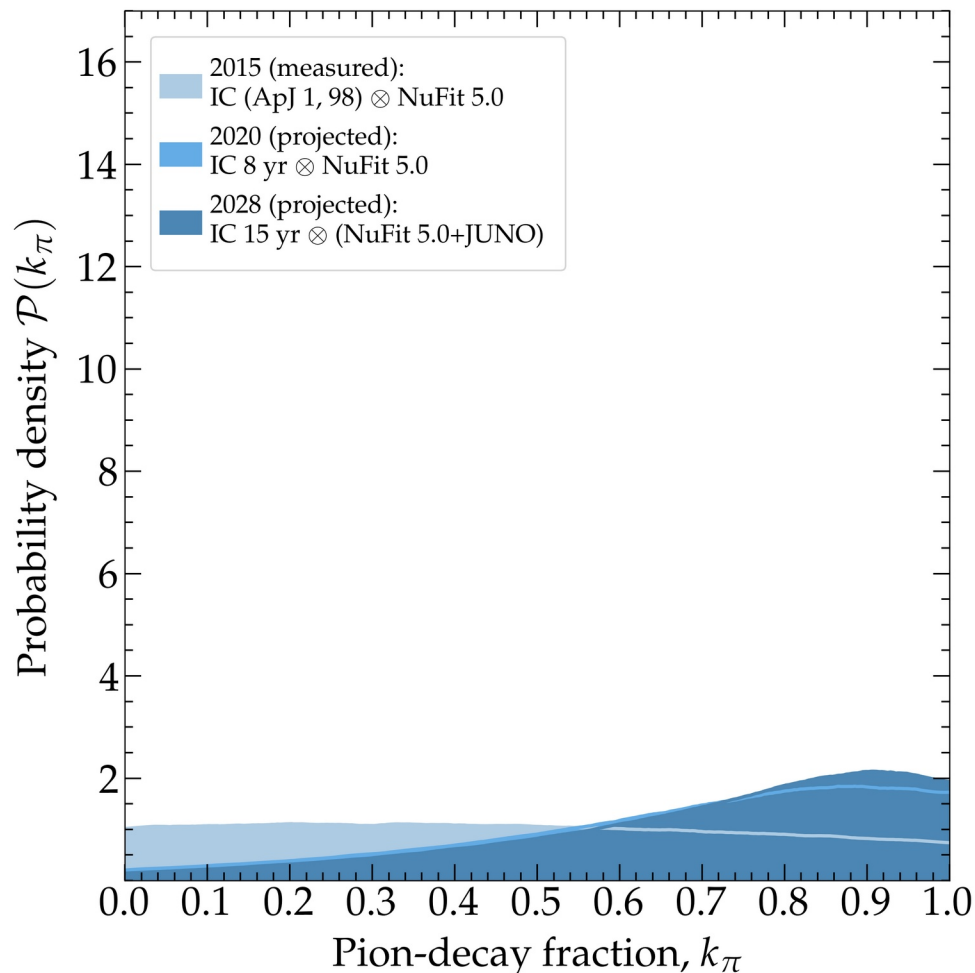
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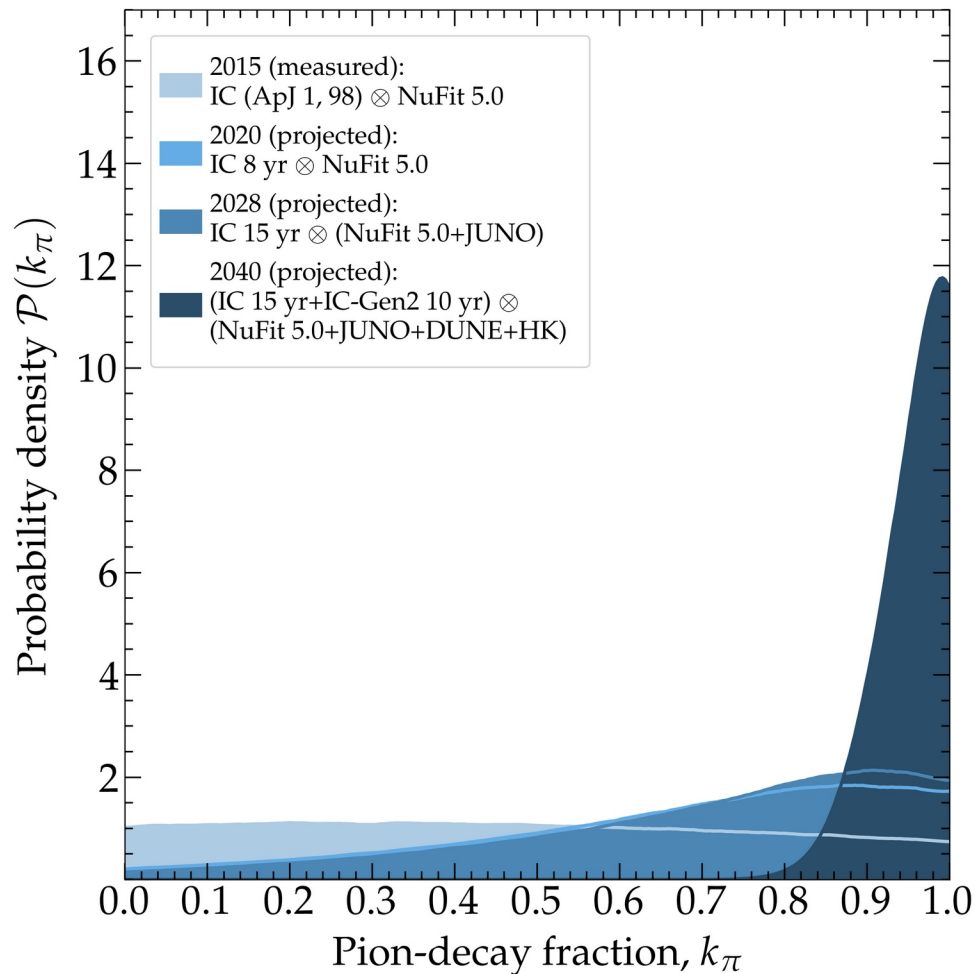
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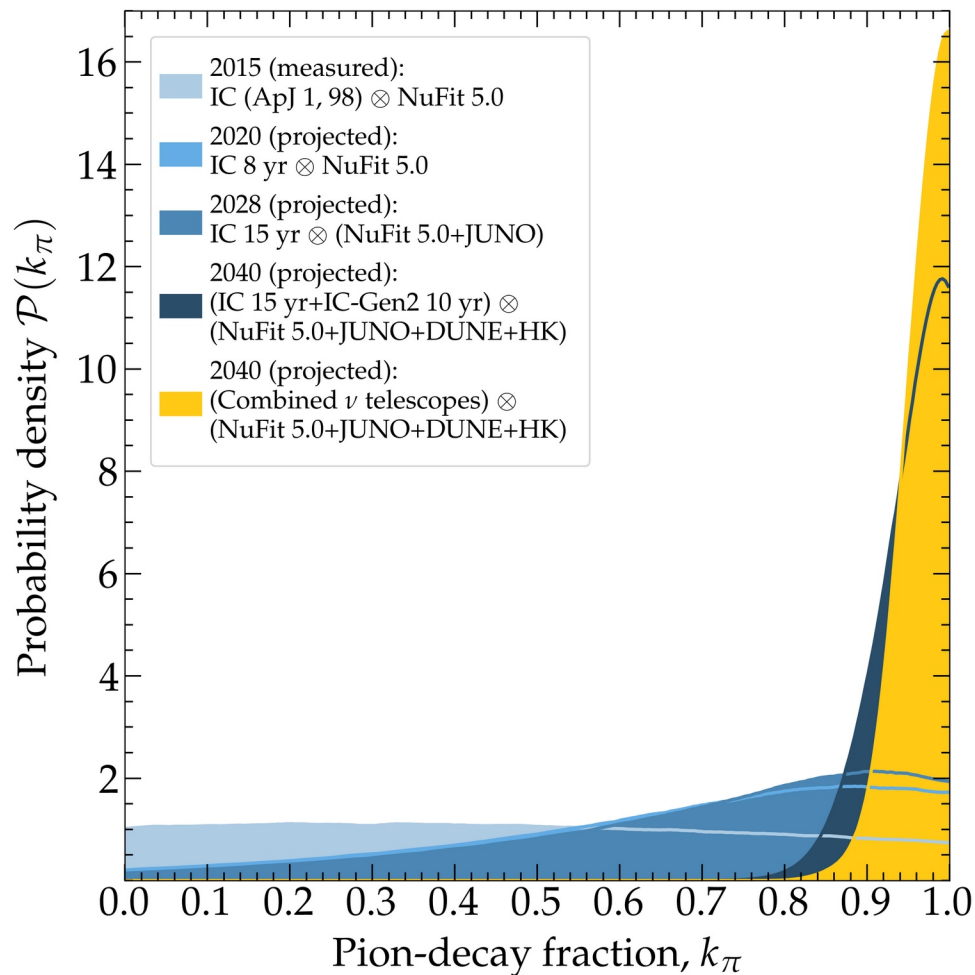
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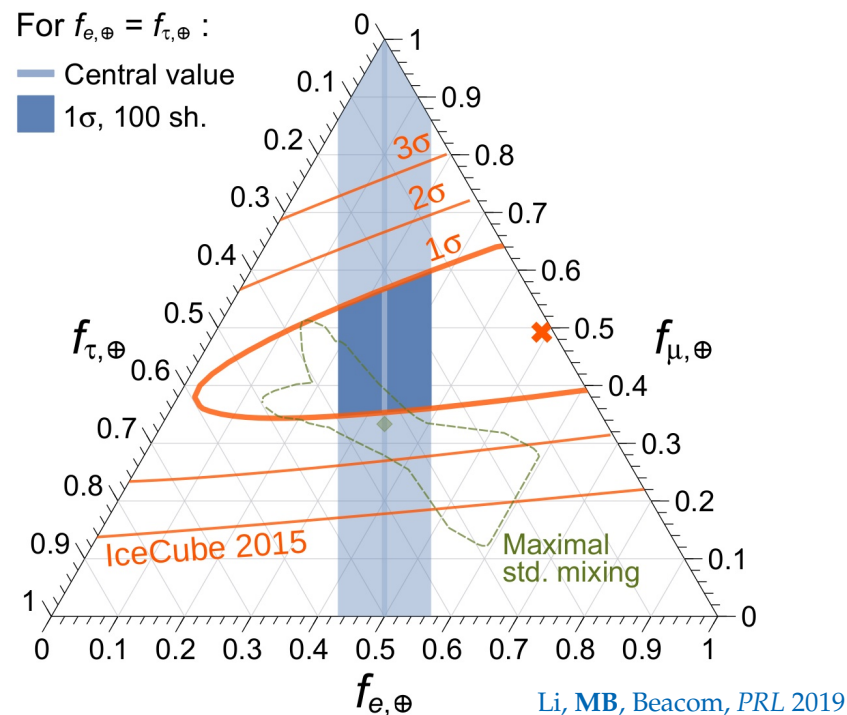
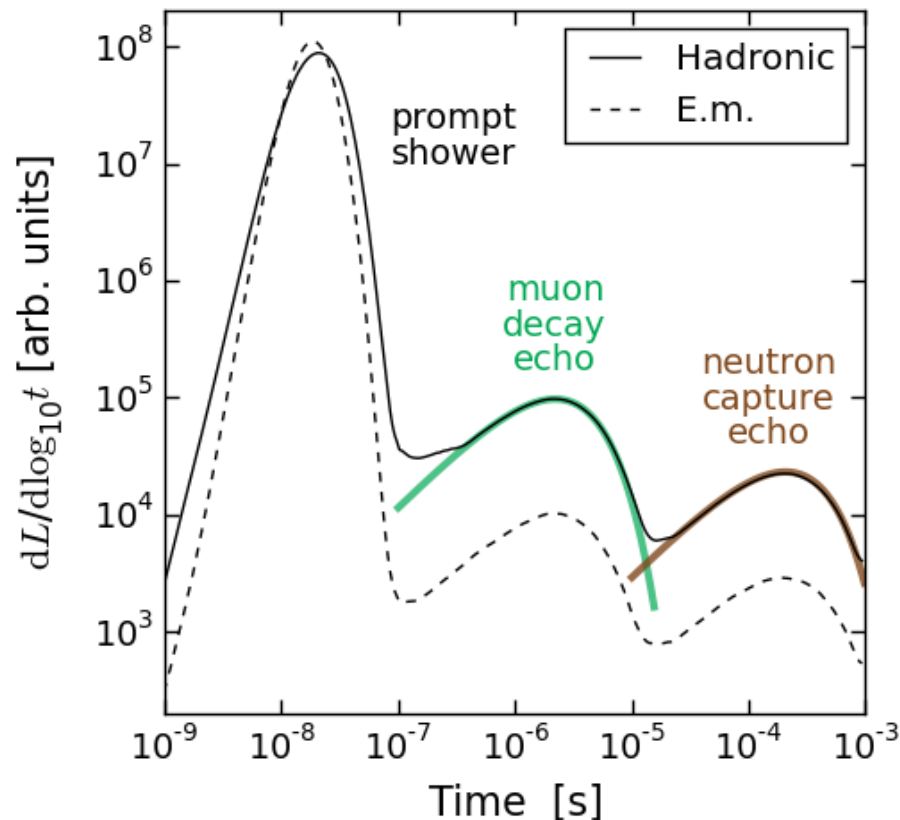
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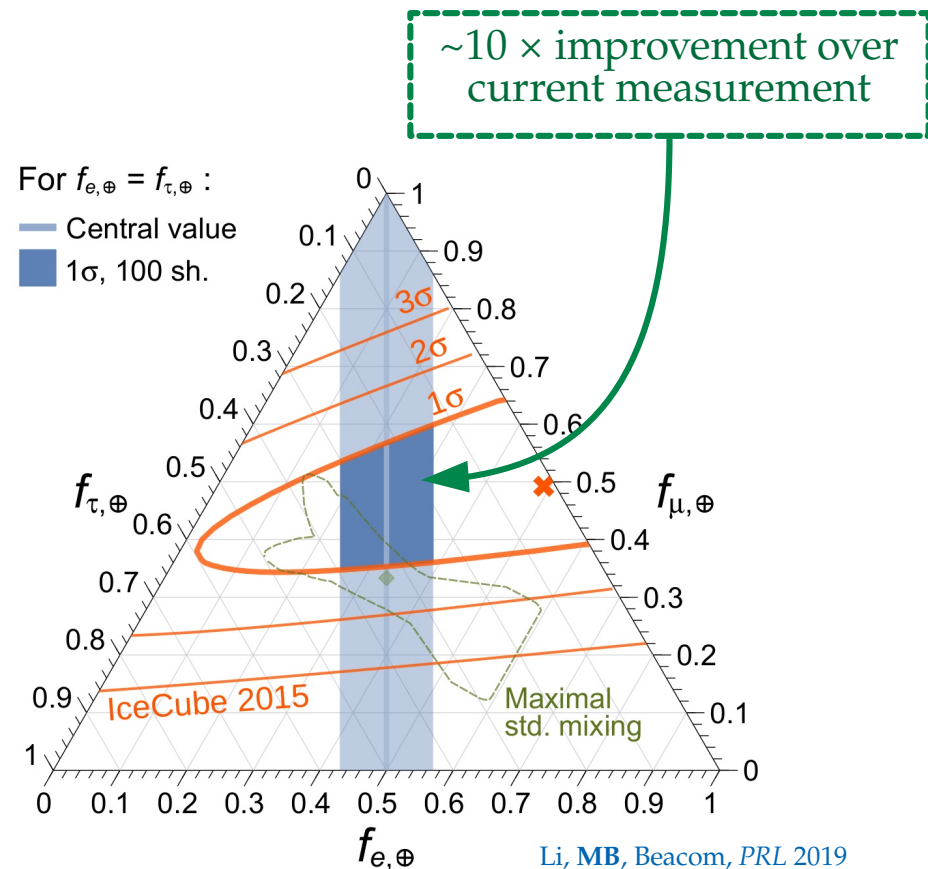
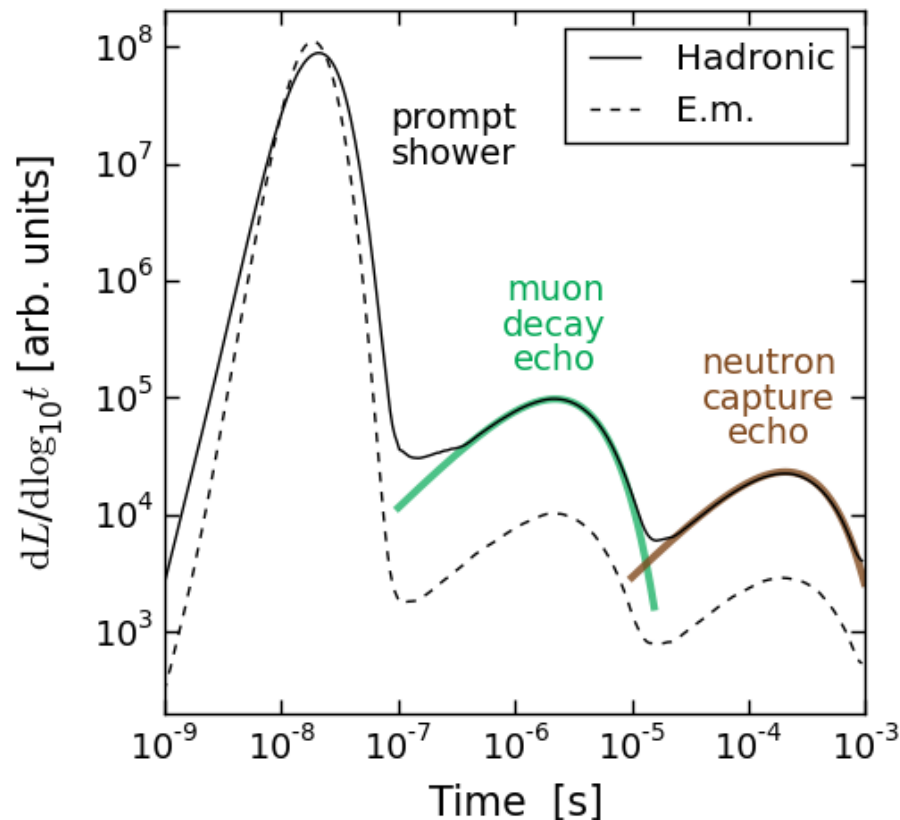
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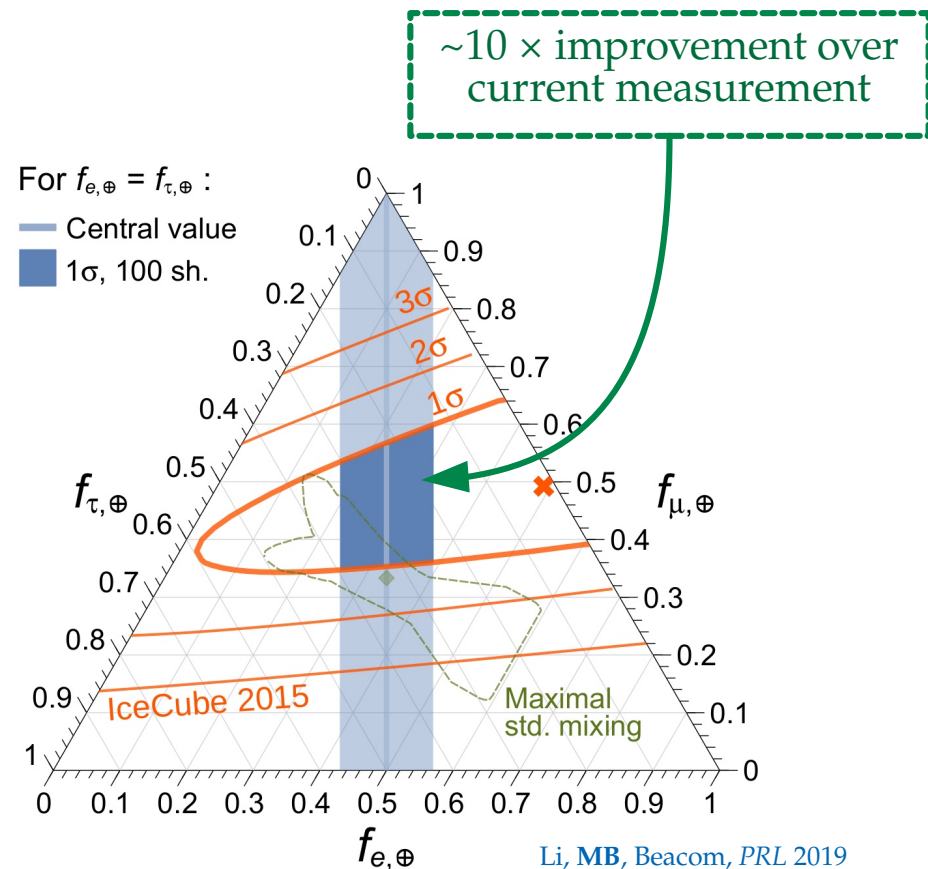
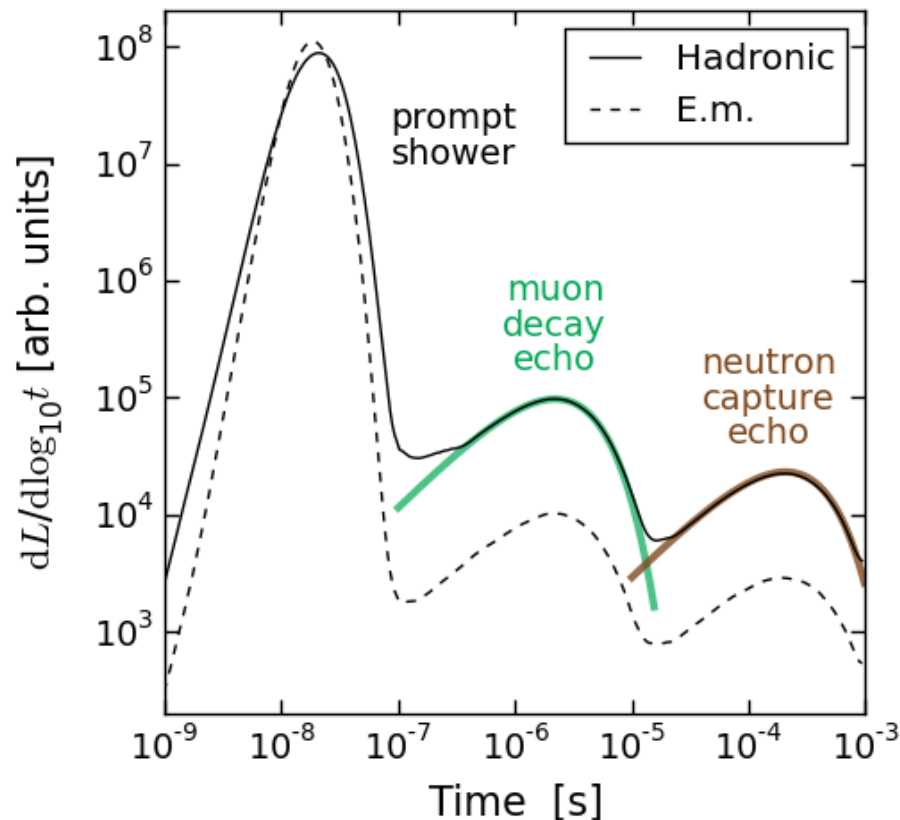
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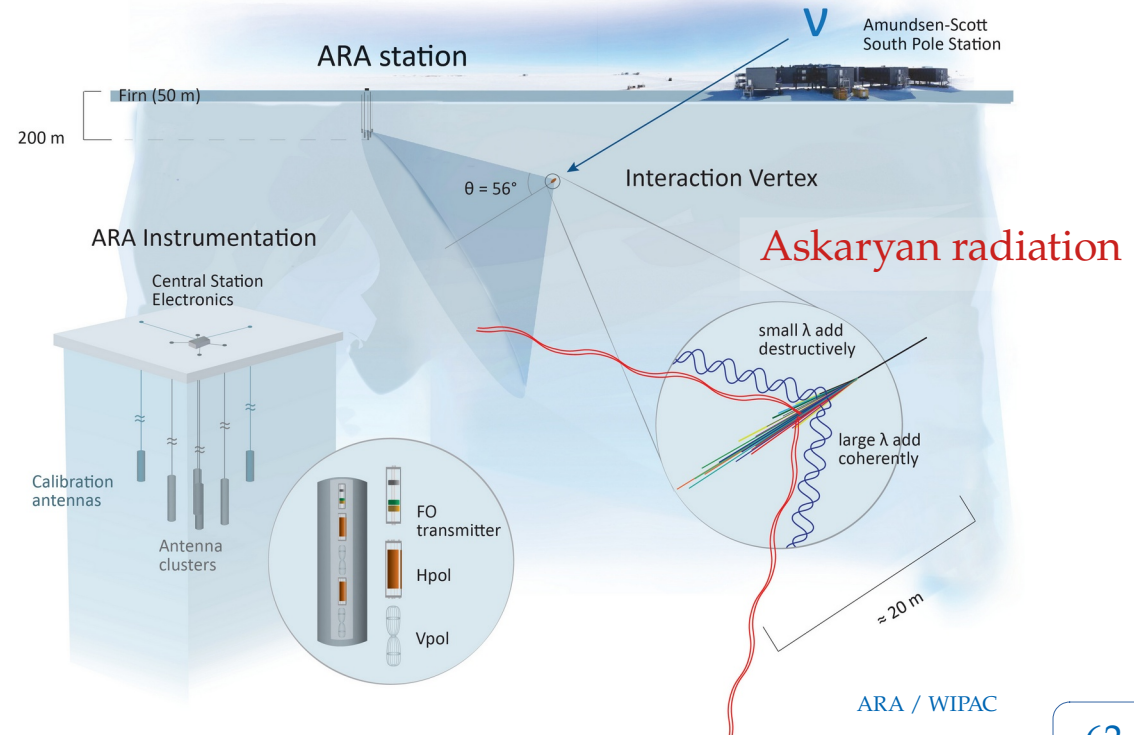
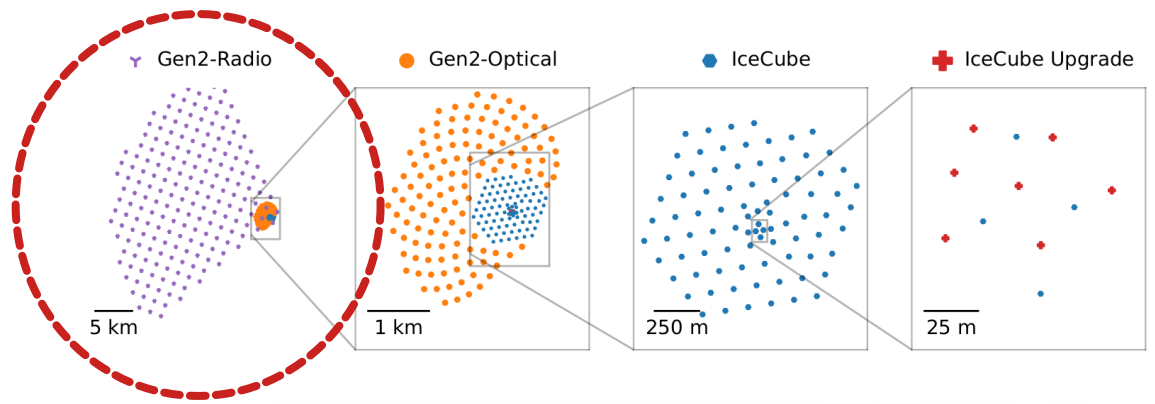
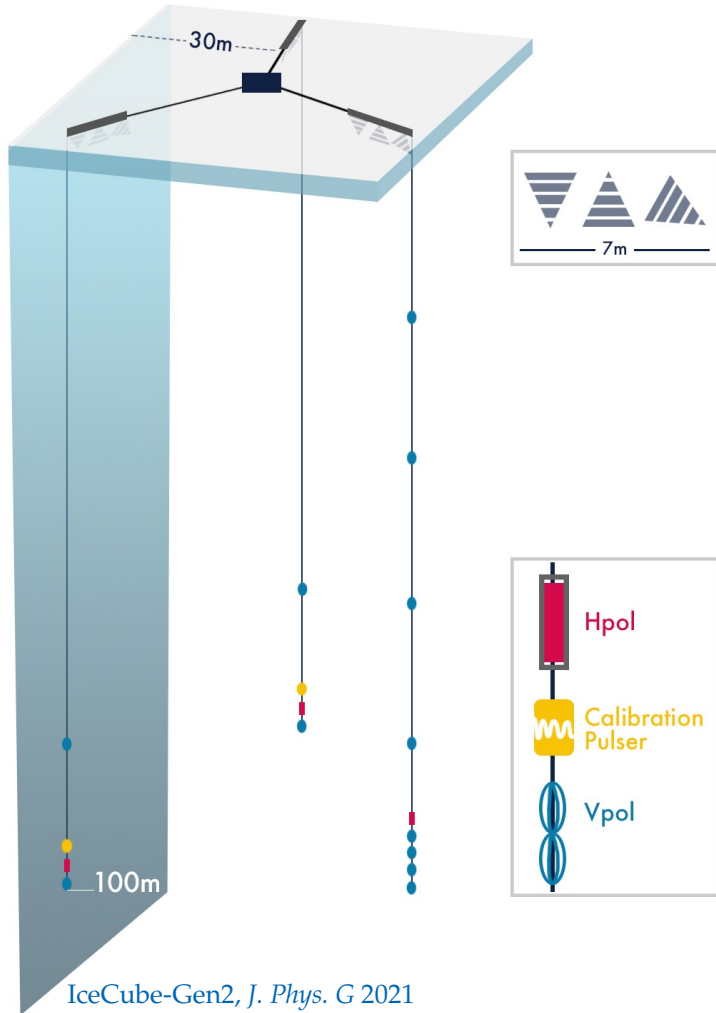


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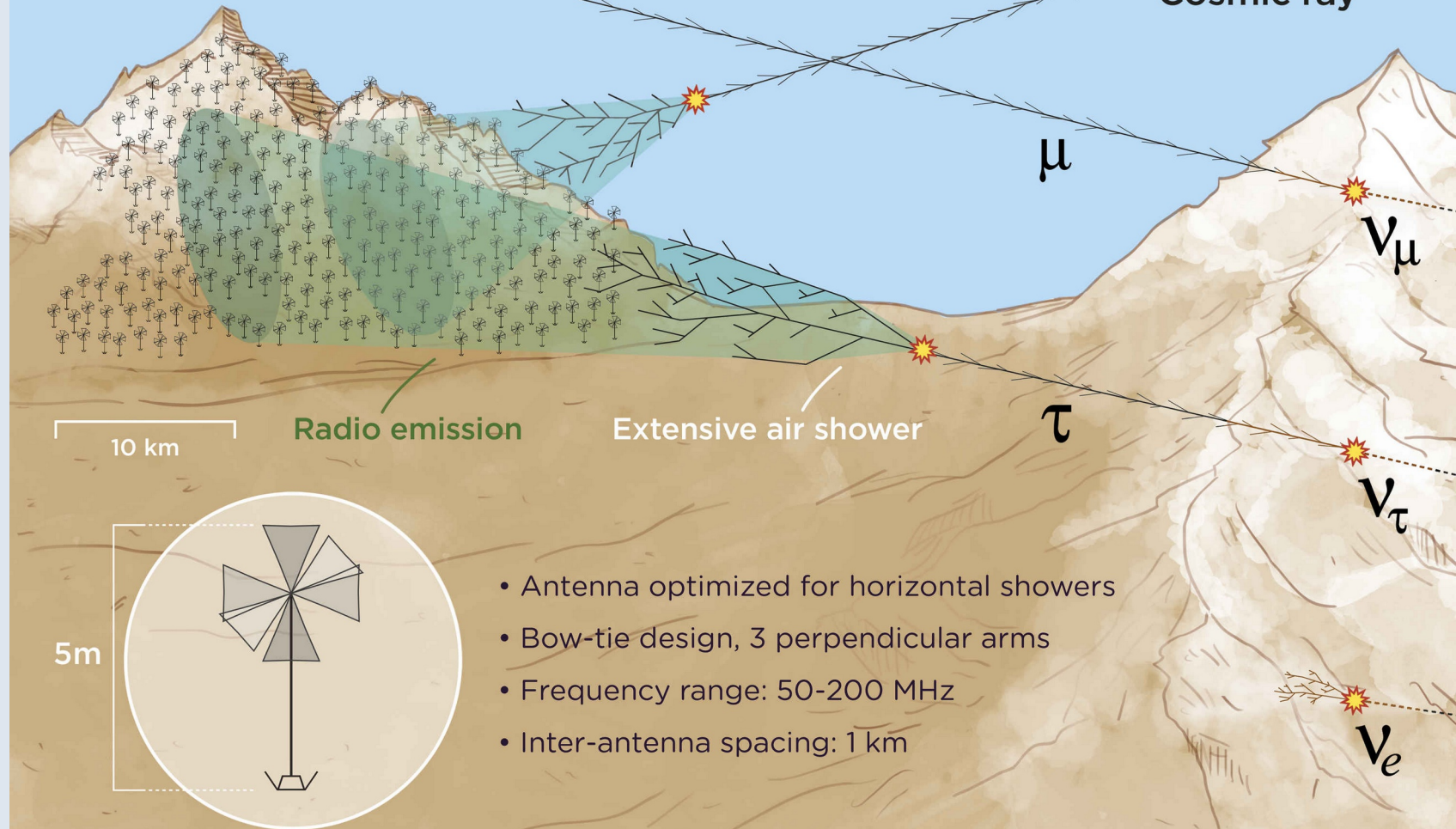


IceCube-Gen2 Radio





Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection



10 km

Radio emission

Extensive air shower

Cosmic ray

μ

ν_μ

τ

ν_τ

ν_e

5m

- Antenna optimized for horizontal showers
- Bow-tie design, 3 perpendicular arms
- Frequency range: 50-200 MHz
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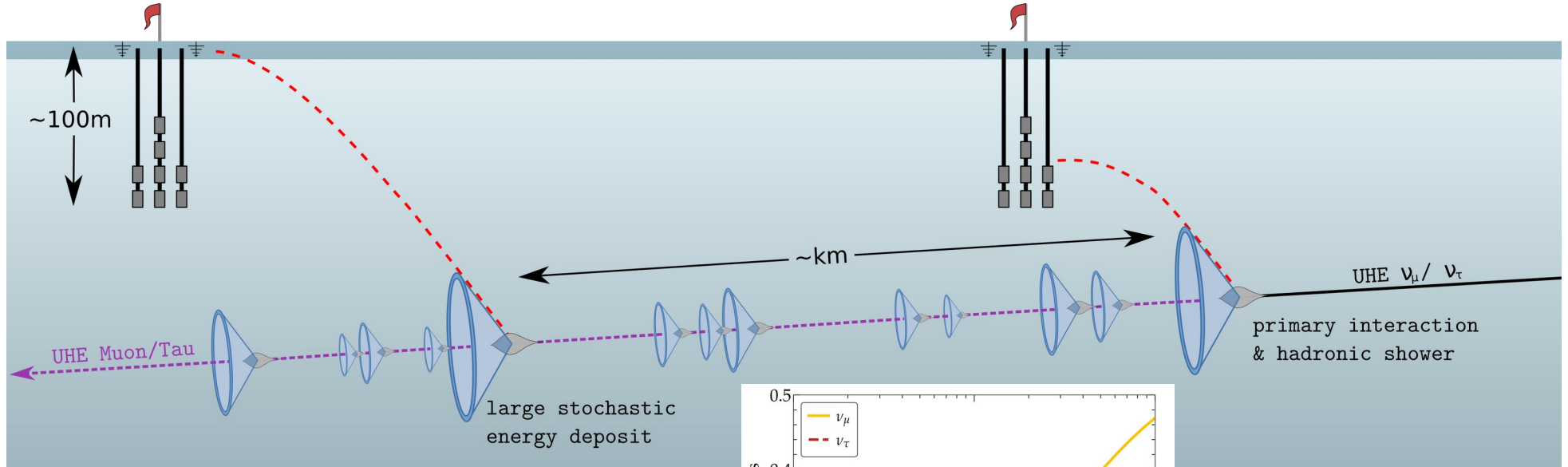


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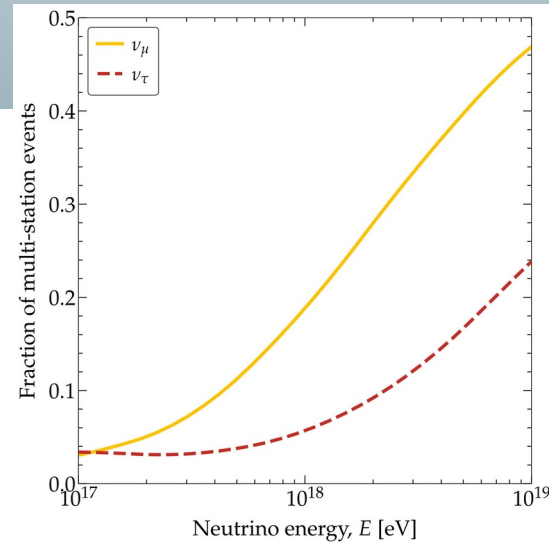


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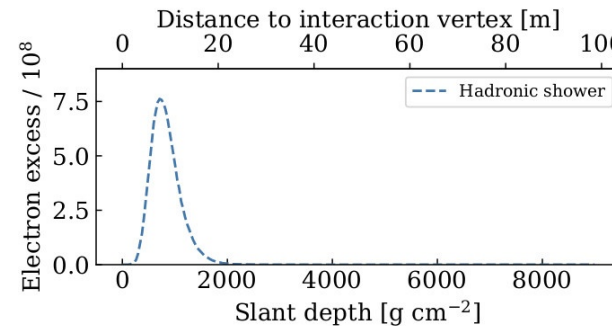
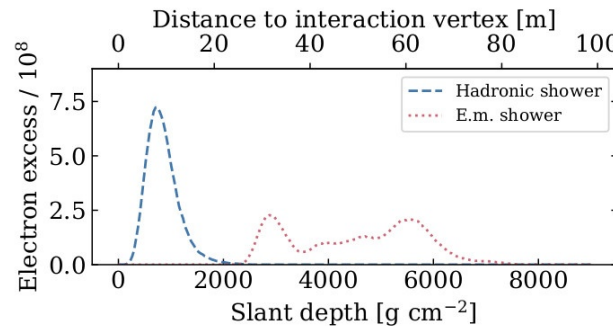
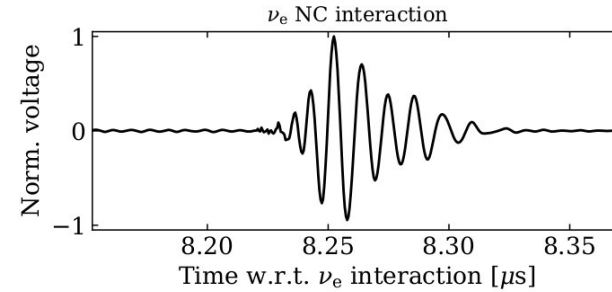
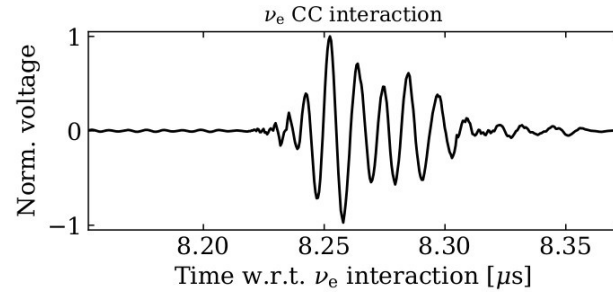
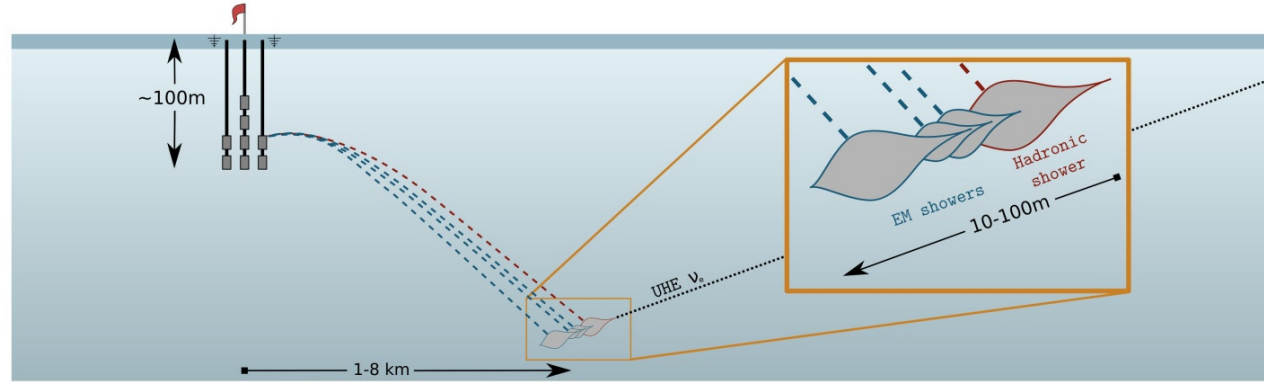
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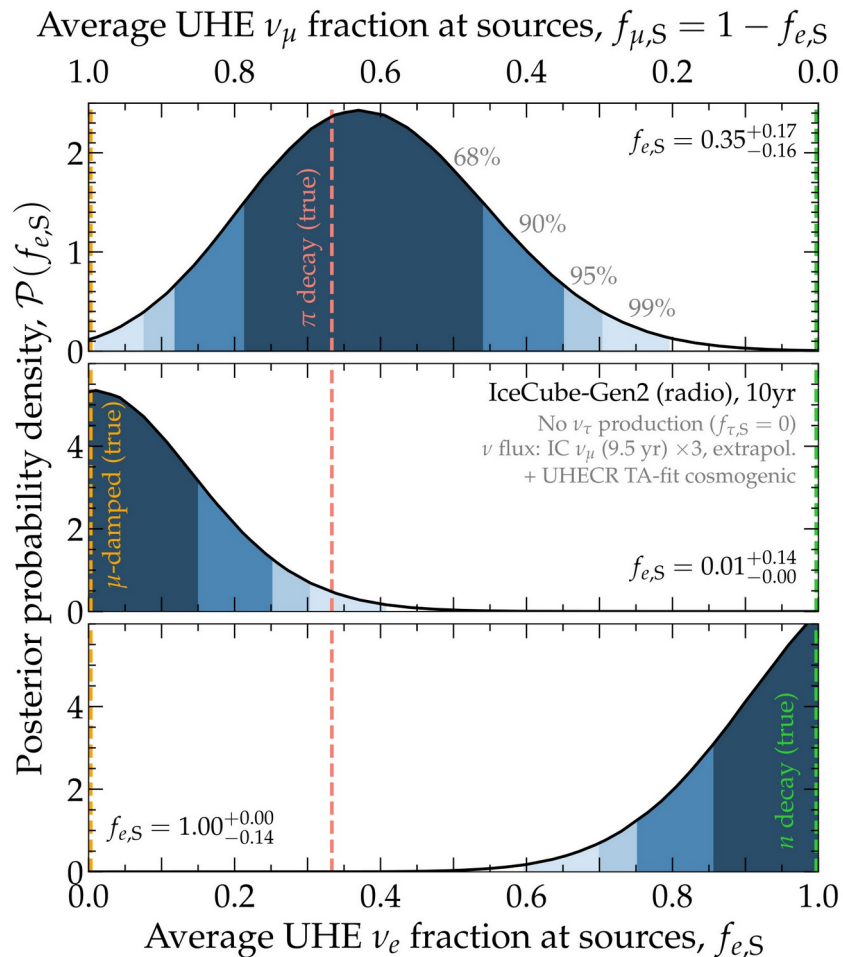
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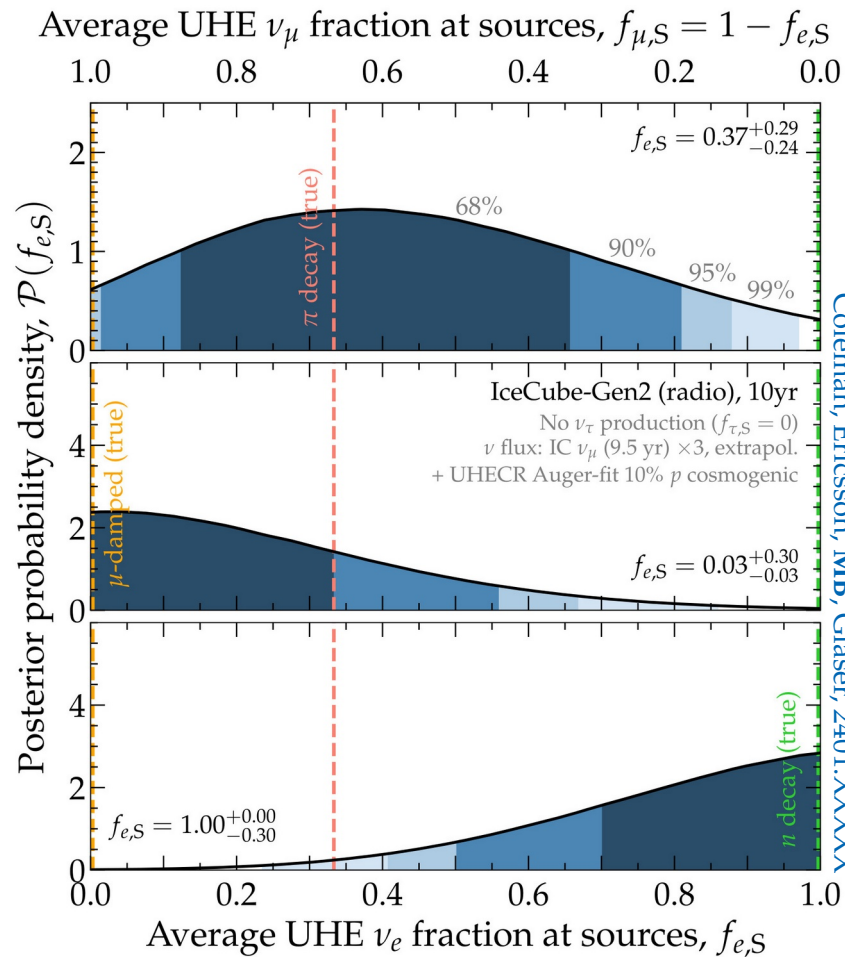
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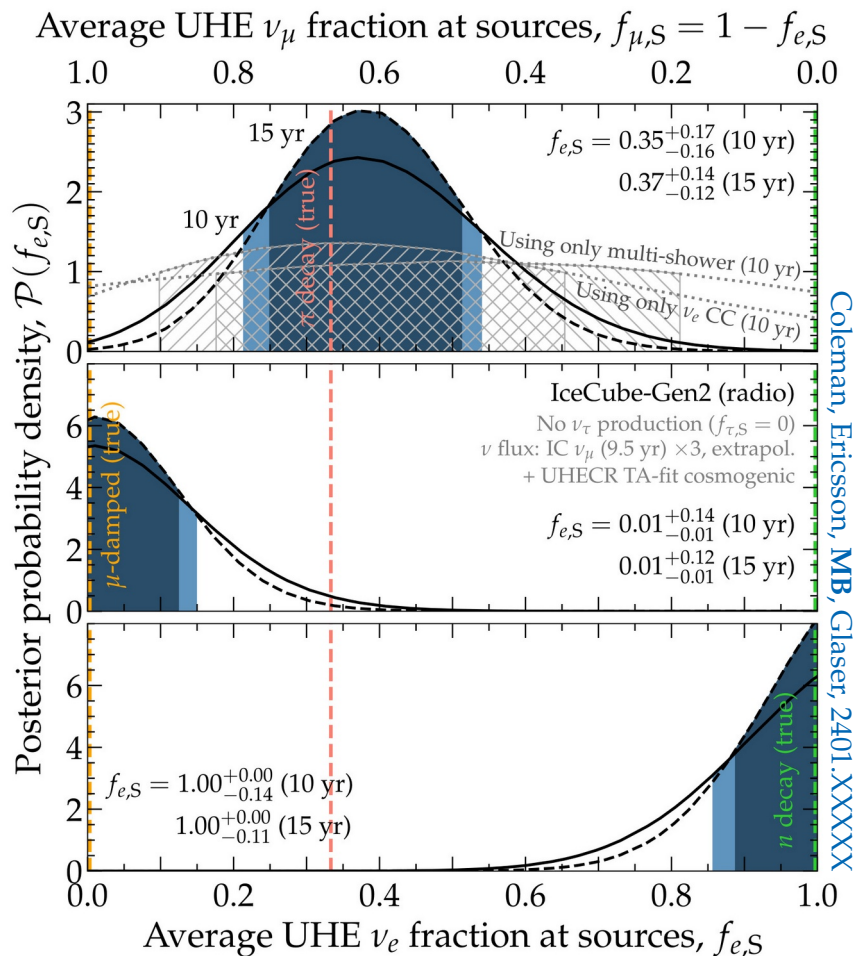
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10 yr vs. 15 yr, individual channels



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