

High-energy neutrino physics & astrophysics

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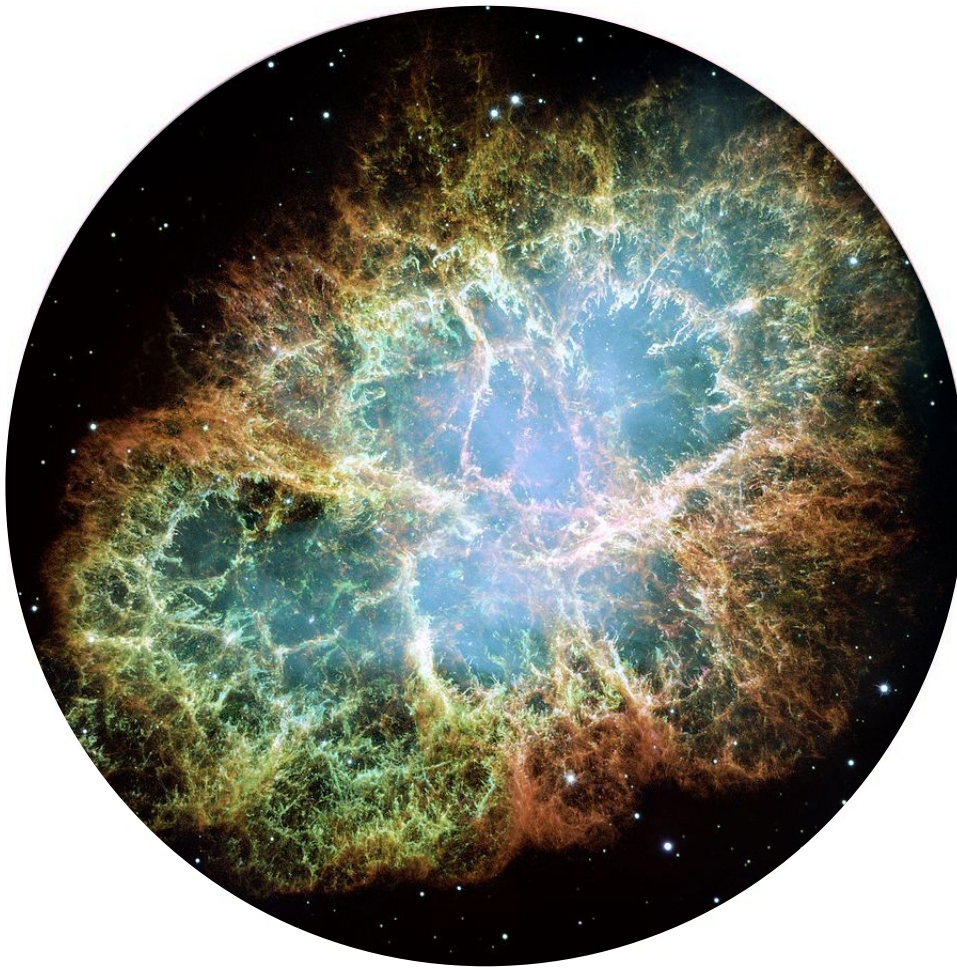
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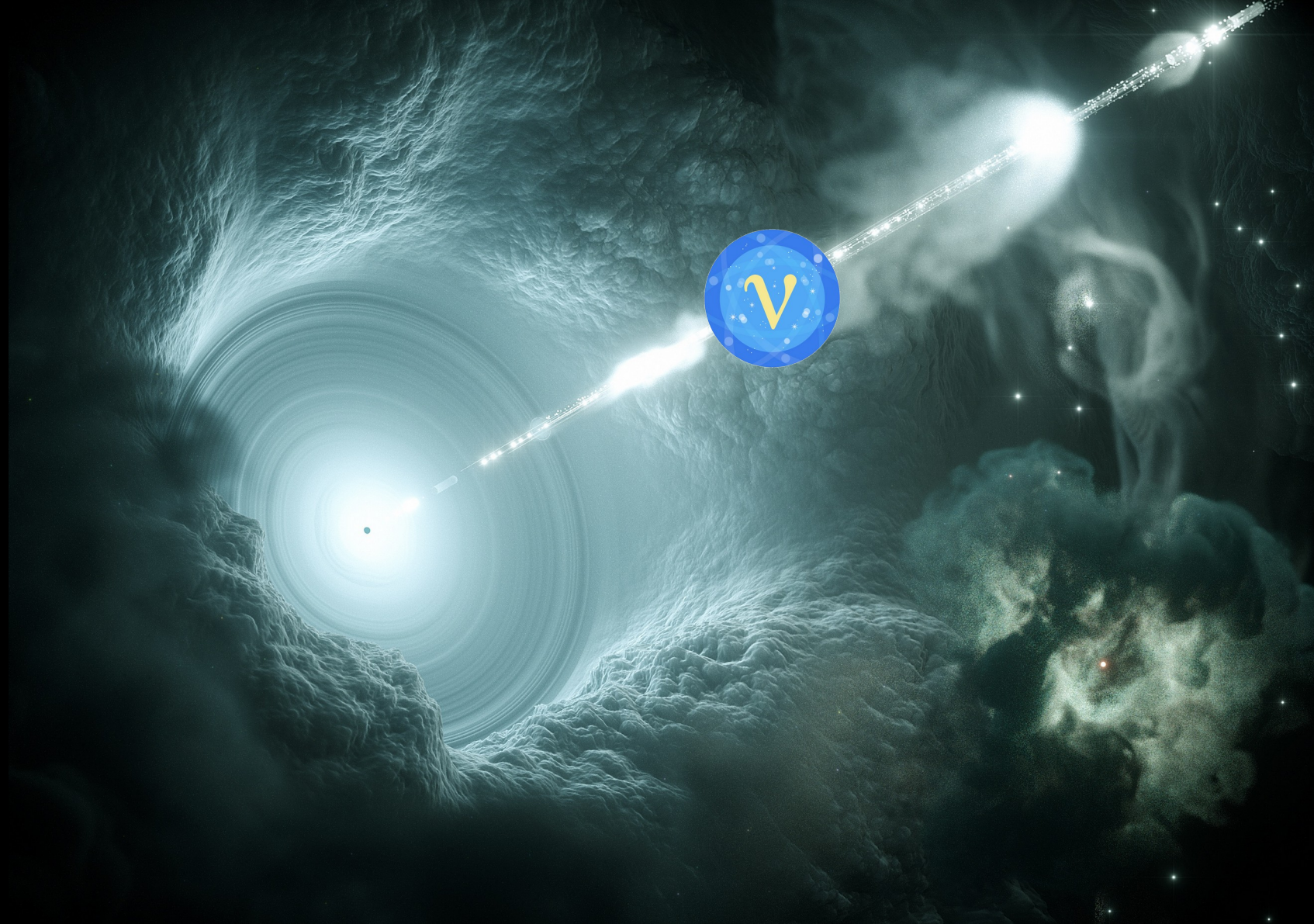
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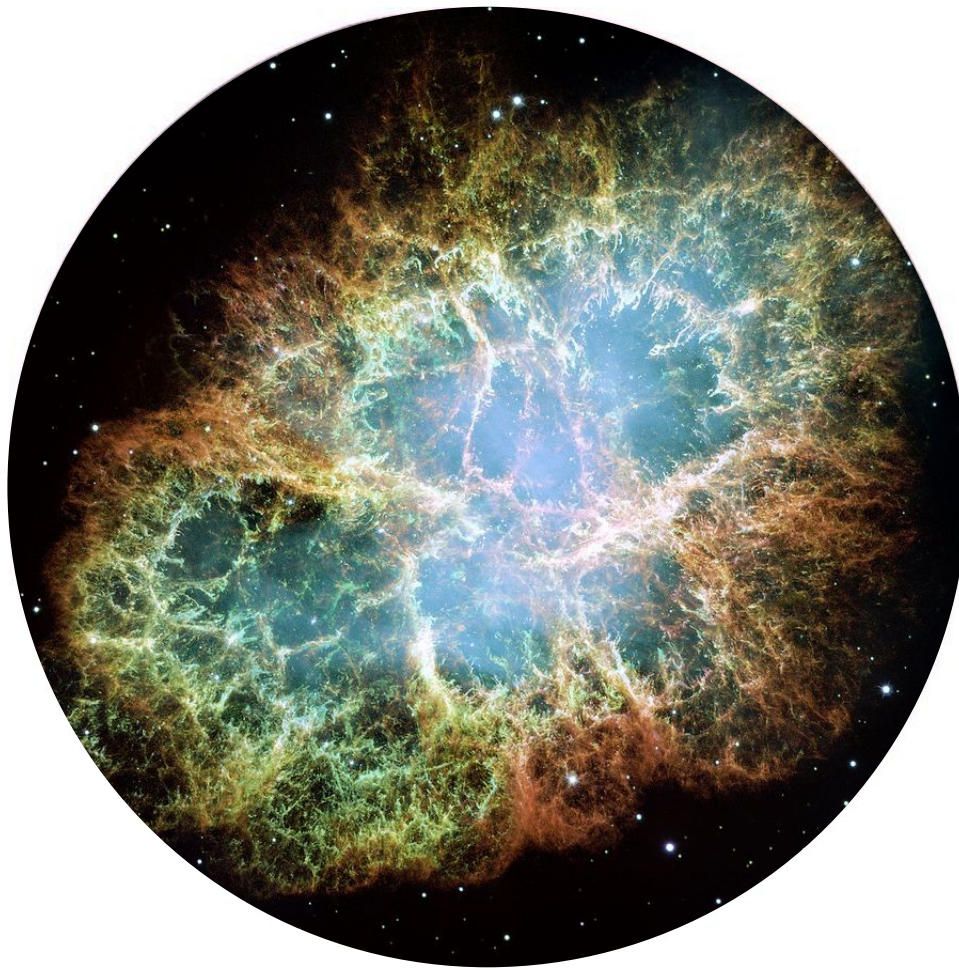
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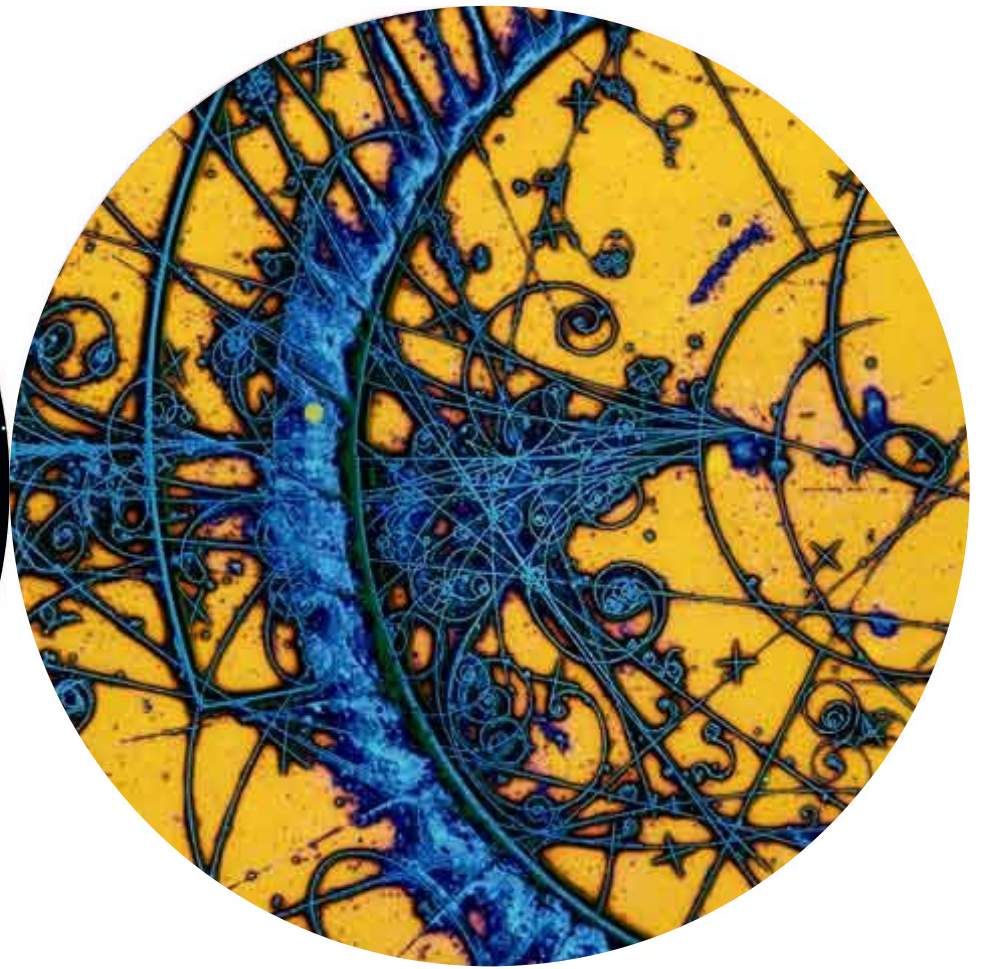
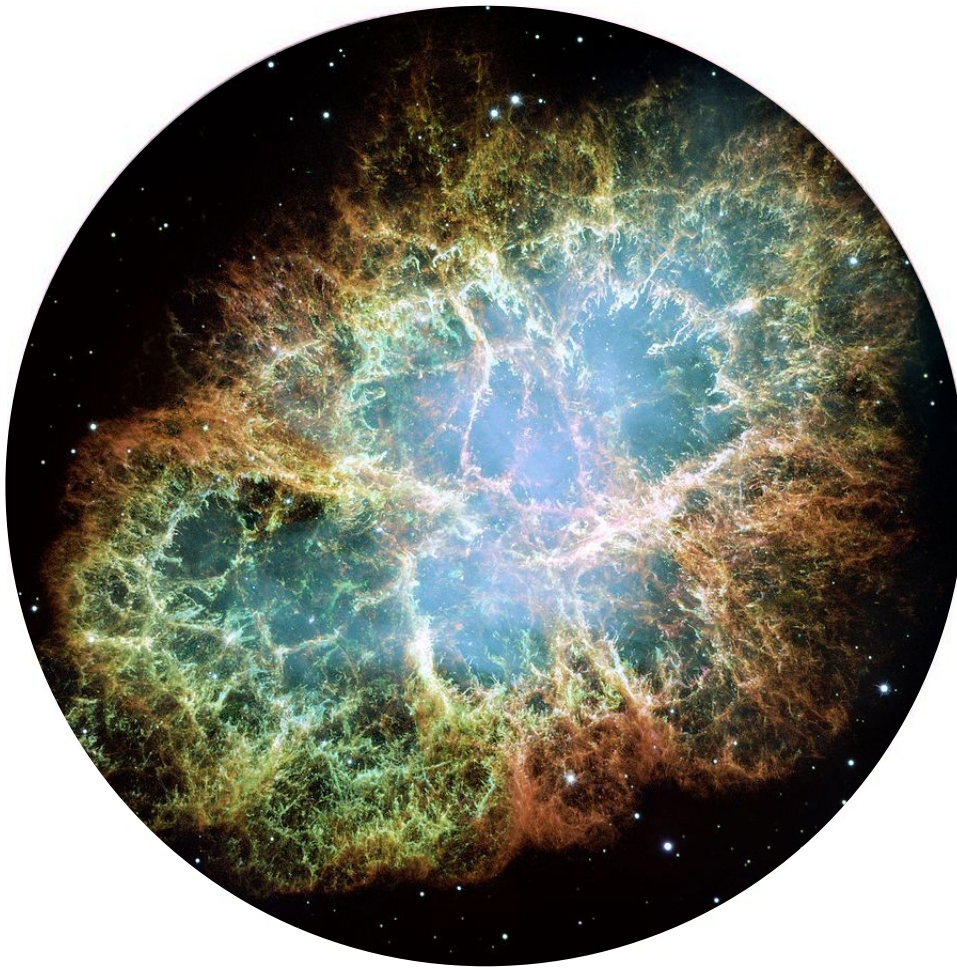




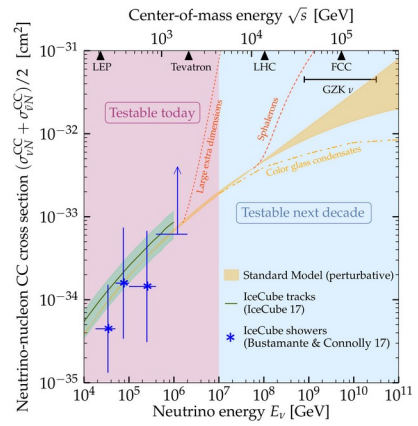






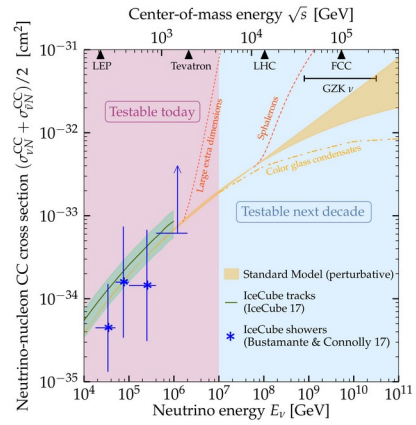


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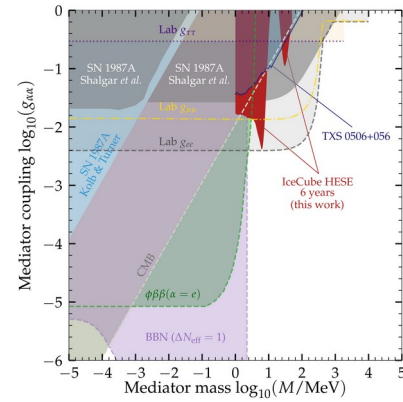
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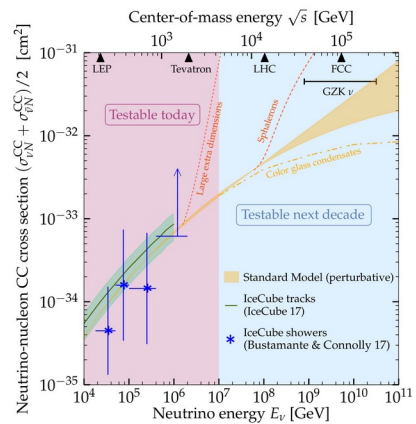
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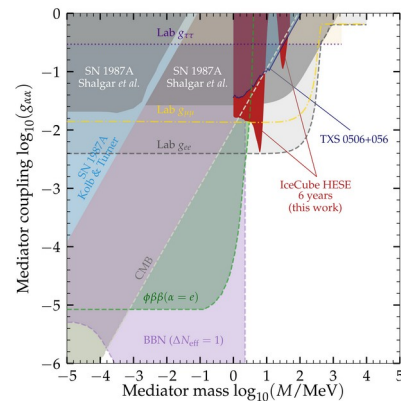
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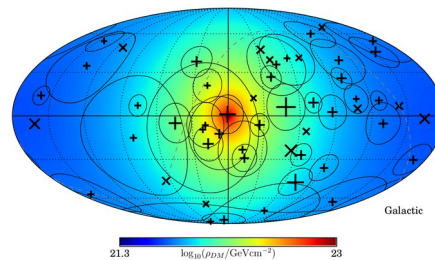
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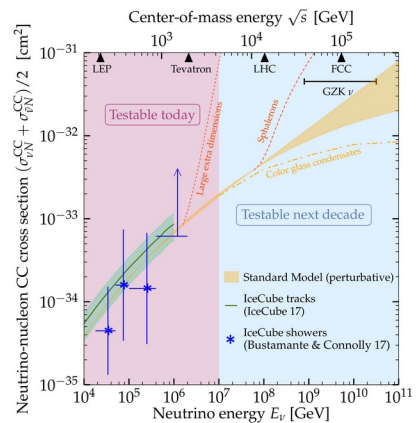
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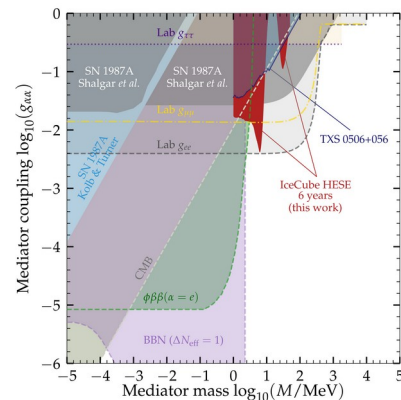
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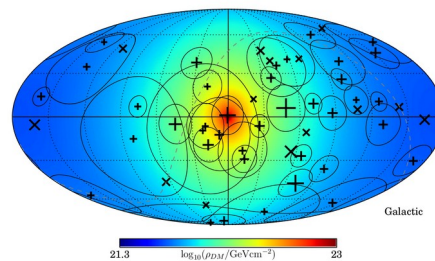
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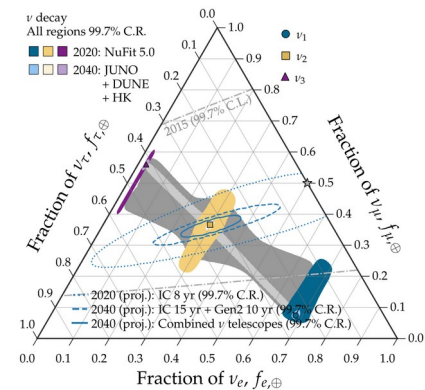
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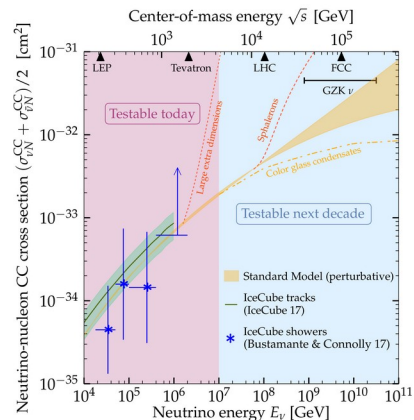


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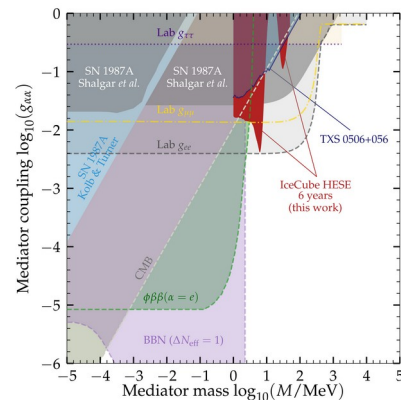
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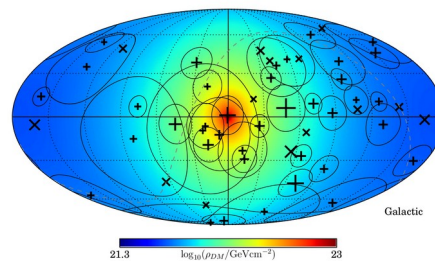
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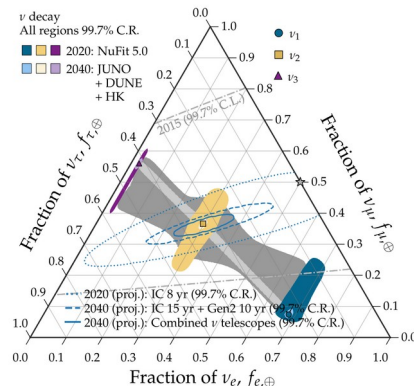
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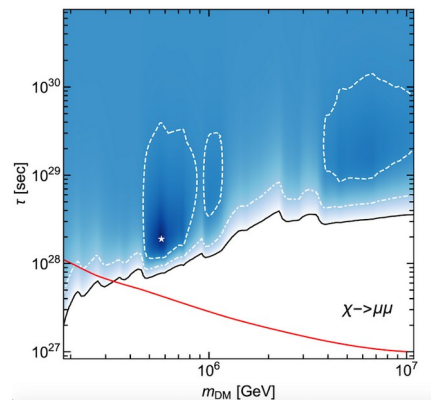
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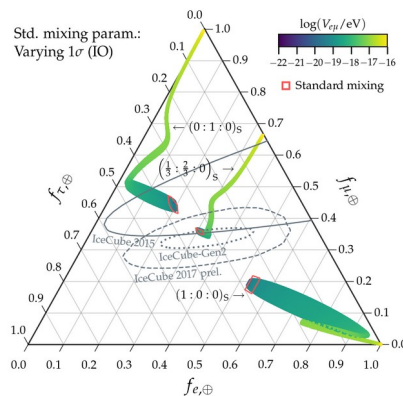
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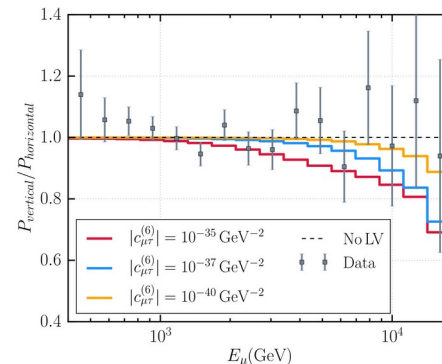
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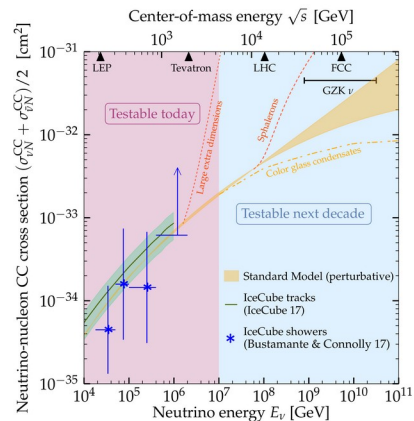
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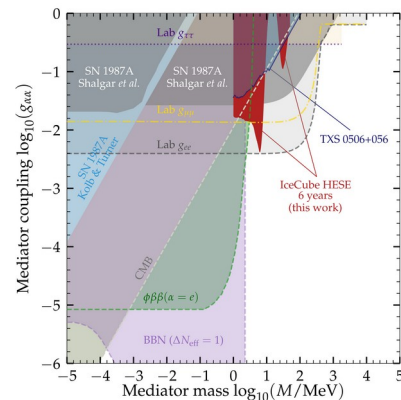
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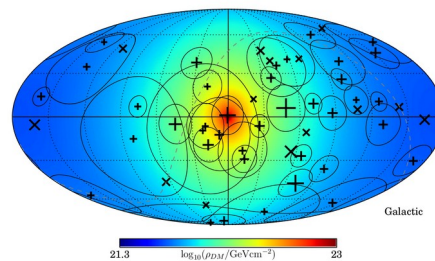
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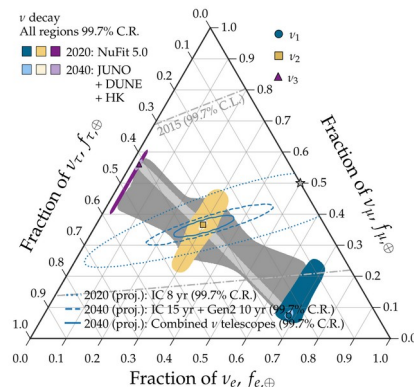
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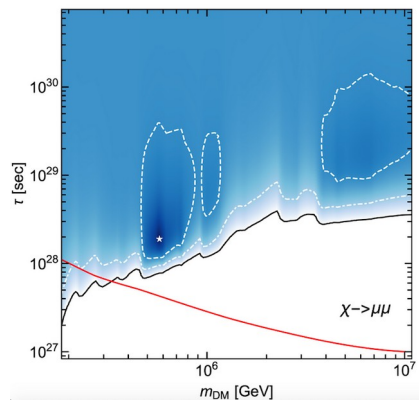
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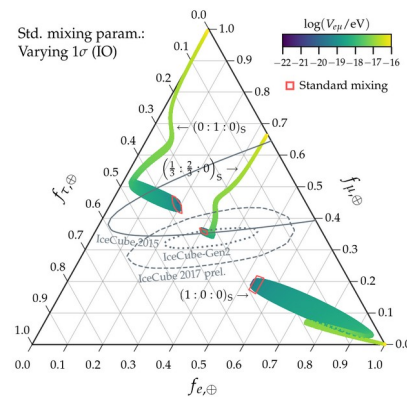
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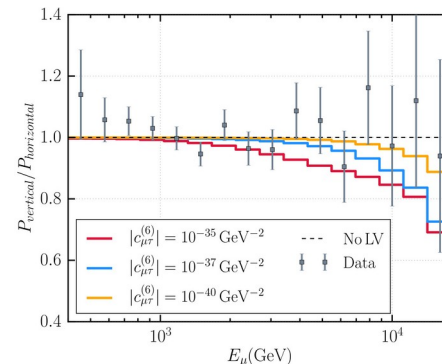
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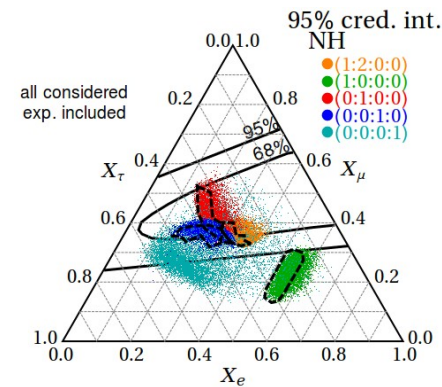
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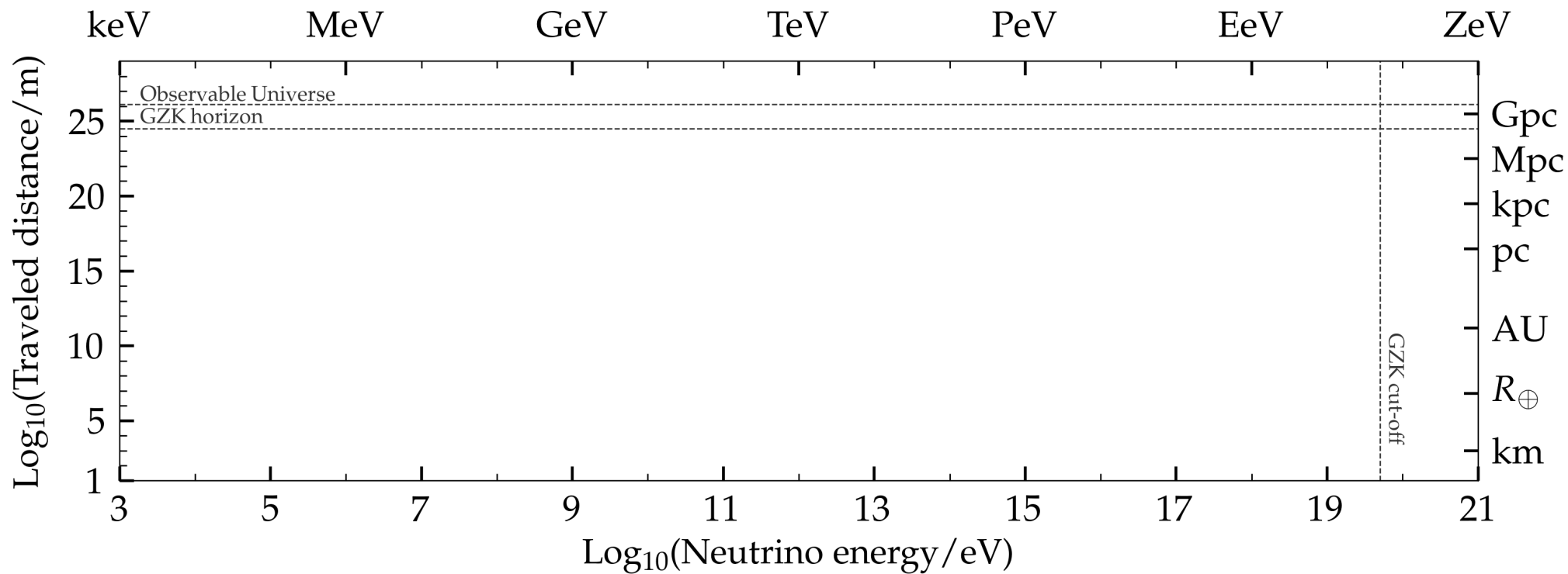


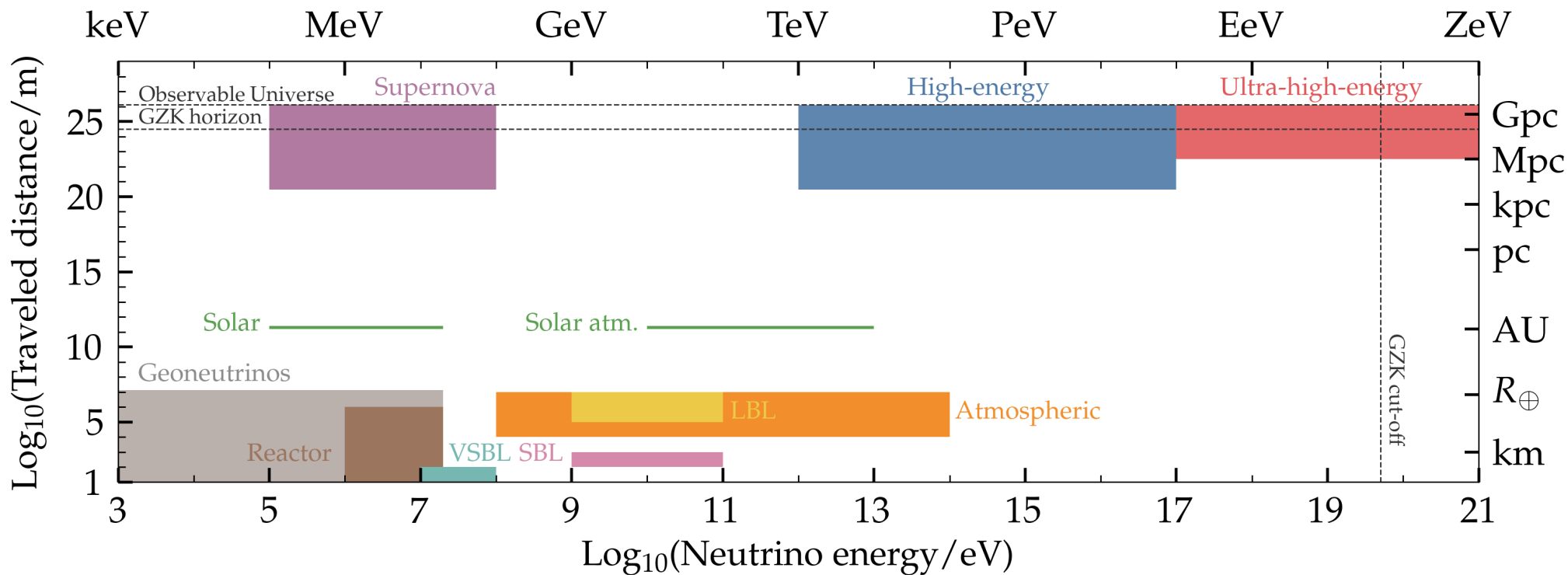
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Sterile neutrinos

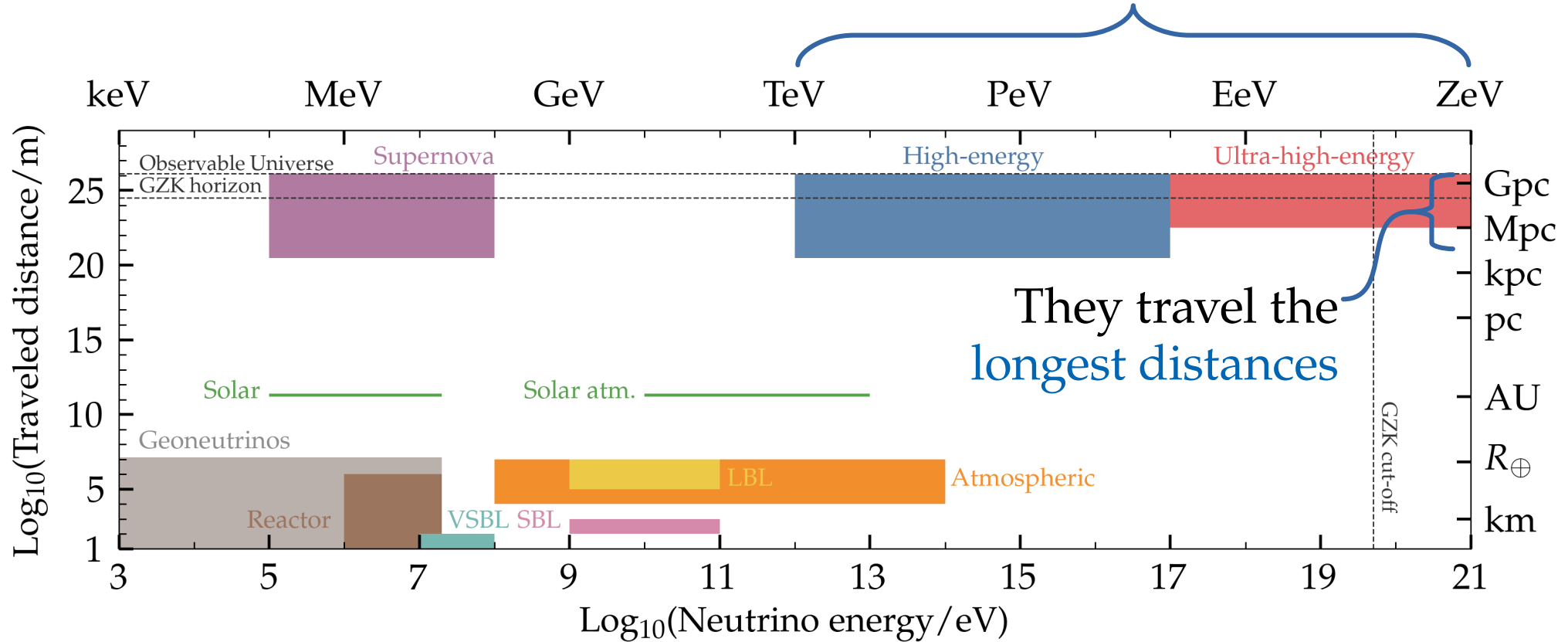


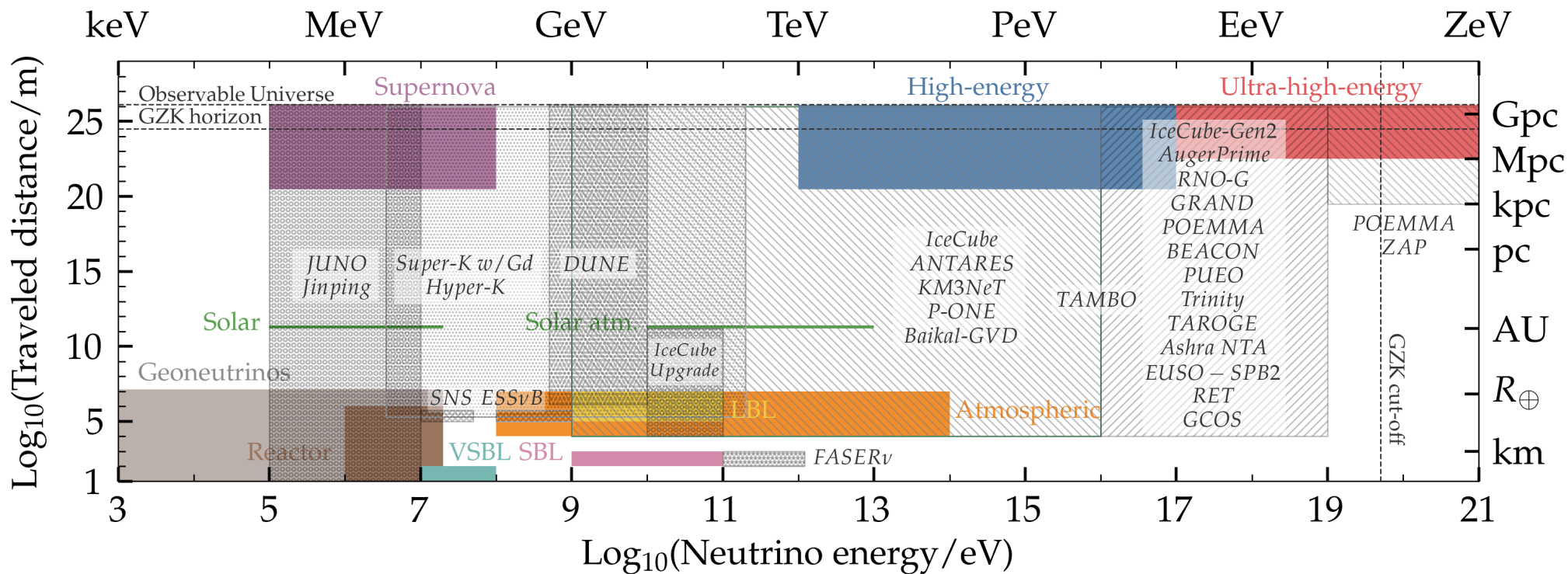
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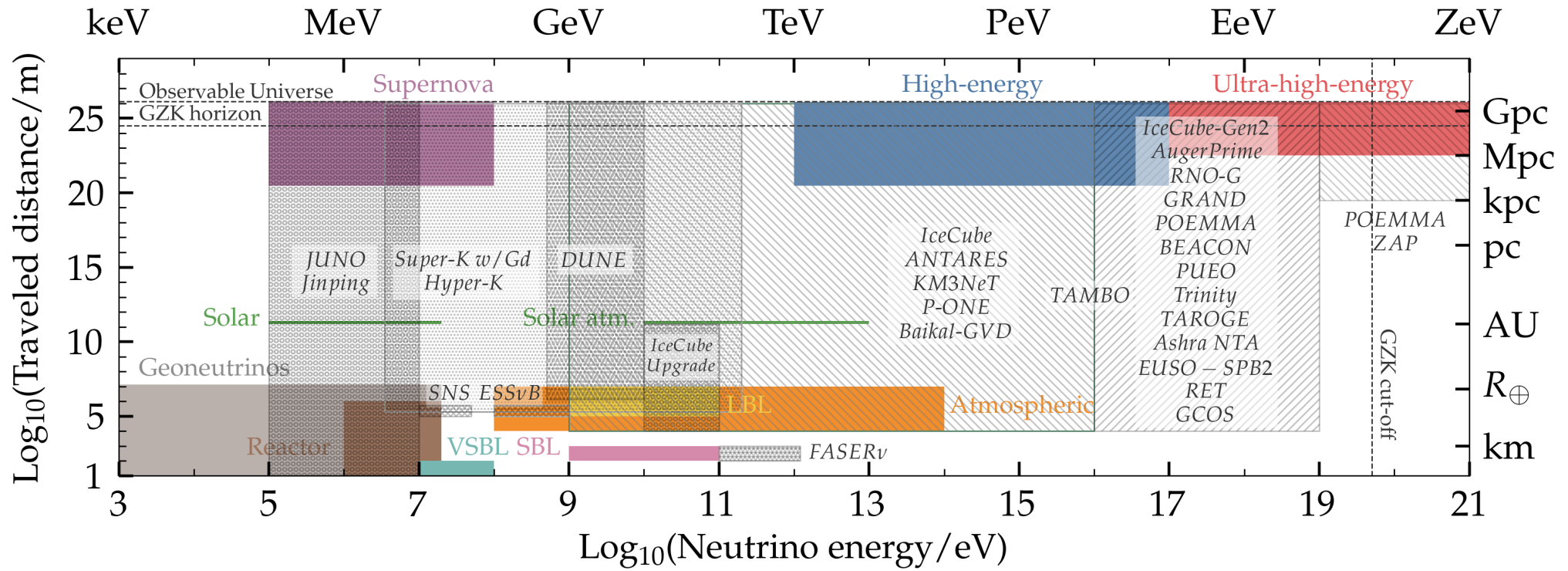




They have the **highest energies**

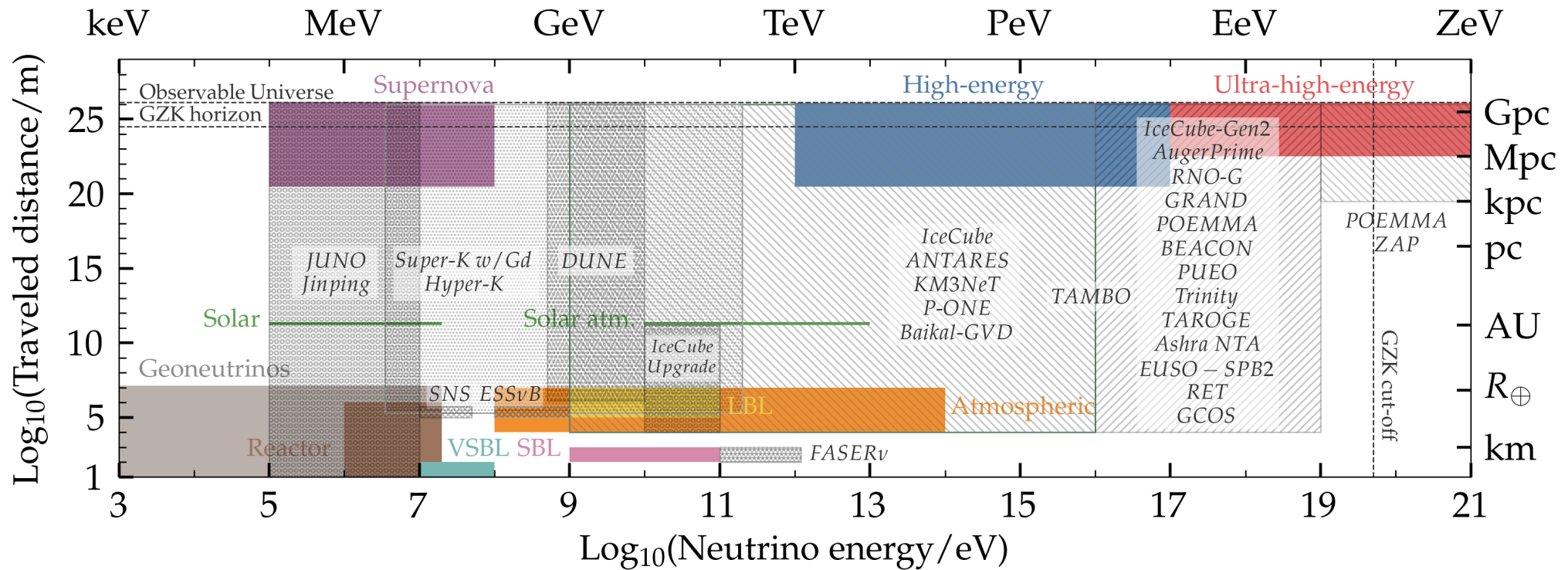




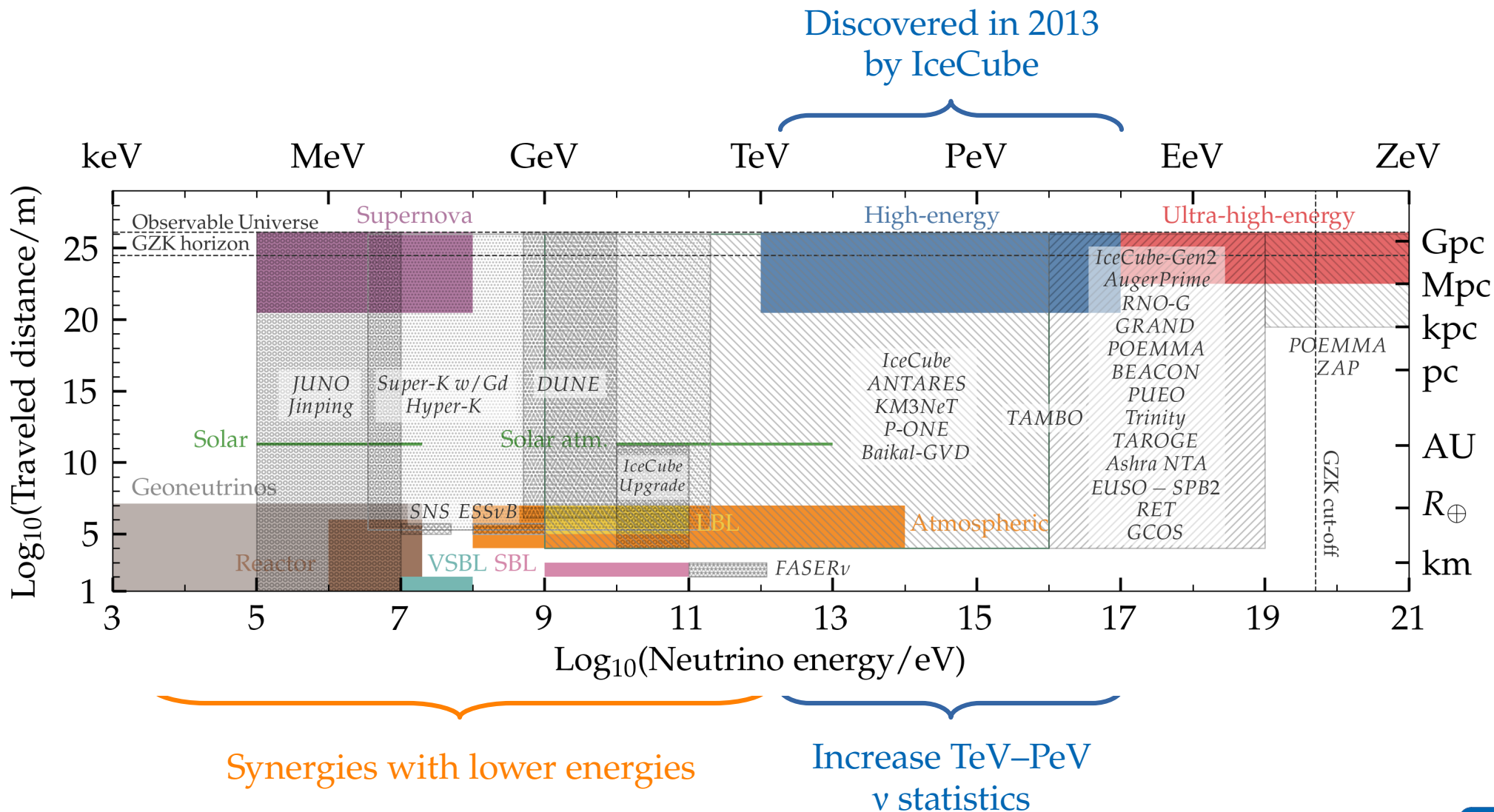


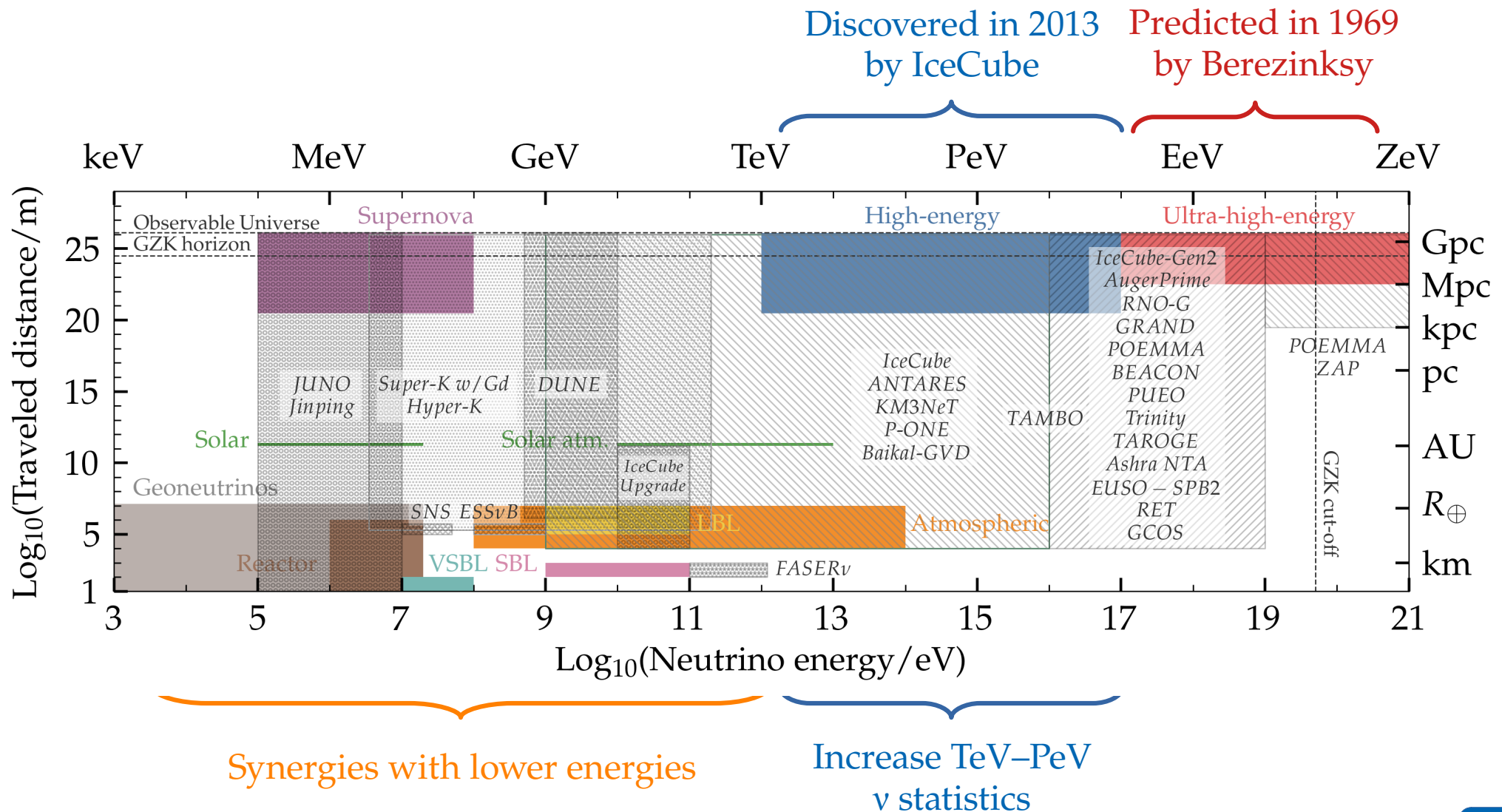
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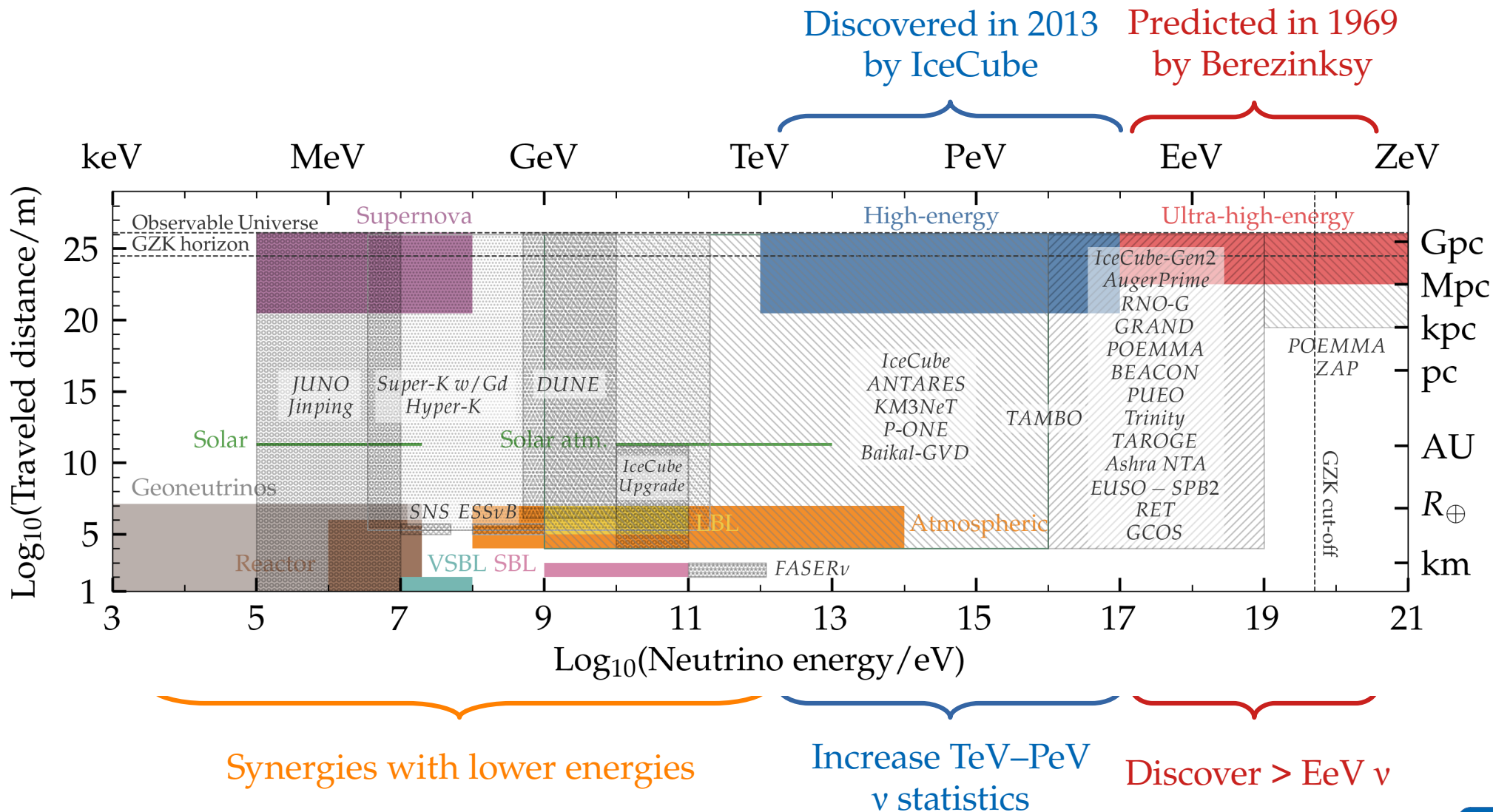
Discovered in 2013
by IceCube



Synergies with lower energies







Today
TeV–PeV ν

Astro: Find & understand sources

Particle: Turn predictions into tests

Next decade
> 100-PeV ν

Make predictions for
a new energy regime

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The story so far

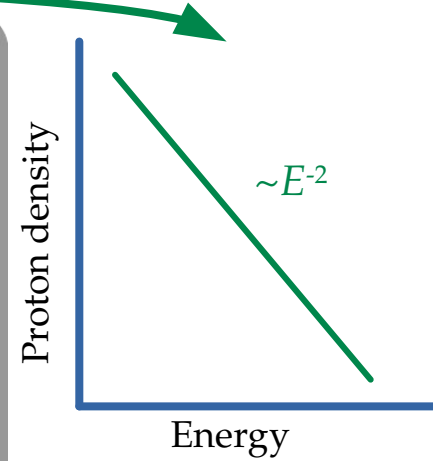
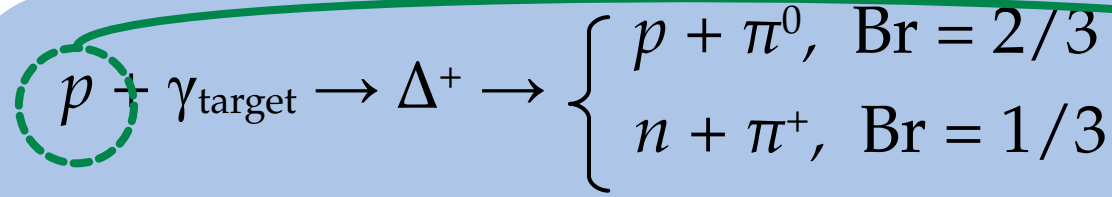
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(or $p + p$)

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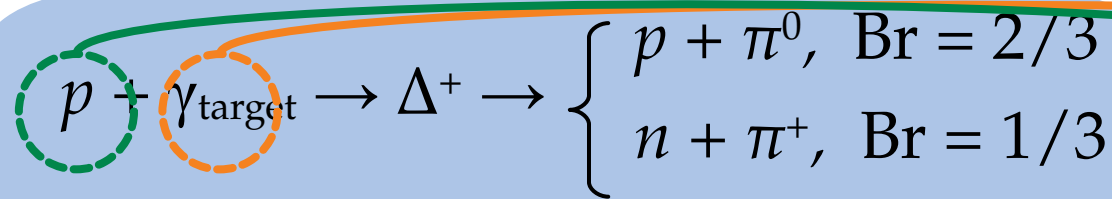
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Proton density

Energy

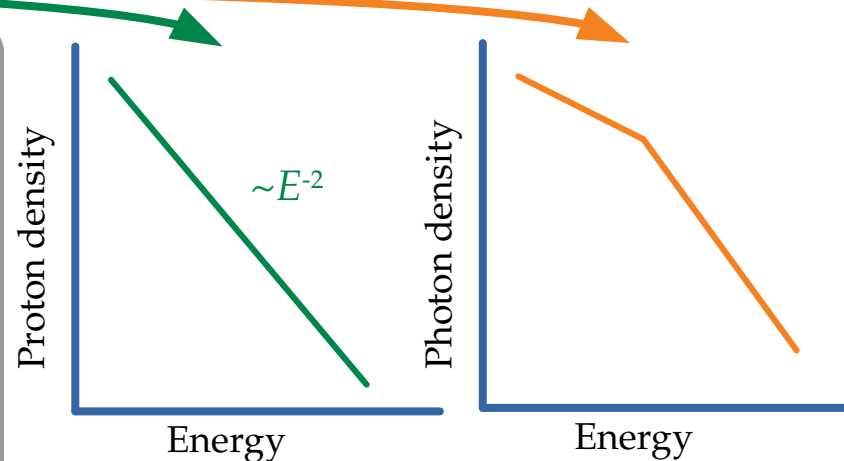
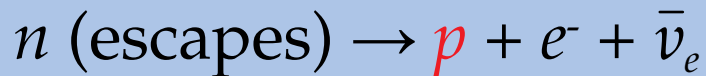
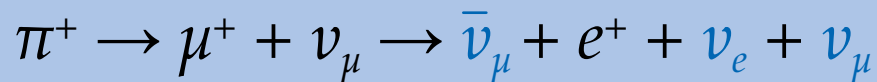
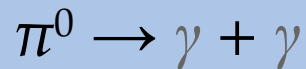
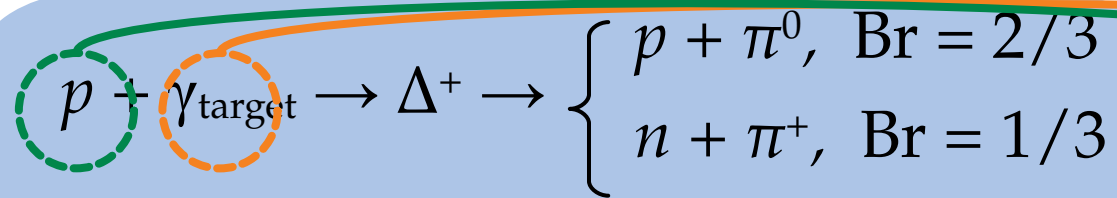
$\sim E^{-2}$

Photon density

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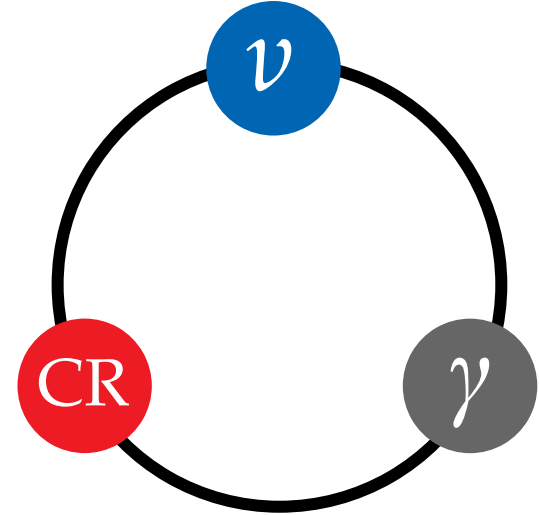
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$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

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

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



Neutrino energy = Proton energy / 20

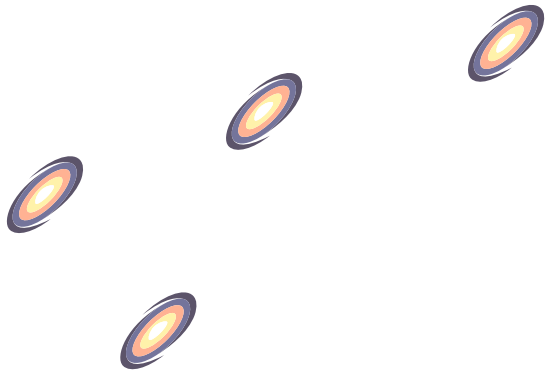
Gamma-ray energy = Proton energy / 10

Redshift



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Note: v sources can be steady-state or transient



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Discovered

MeV γ

PeV p

TeV–PeV ν

“High-energy”

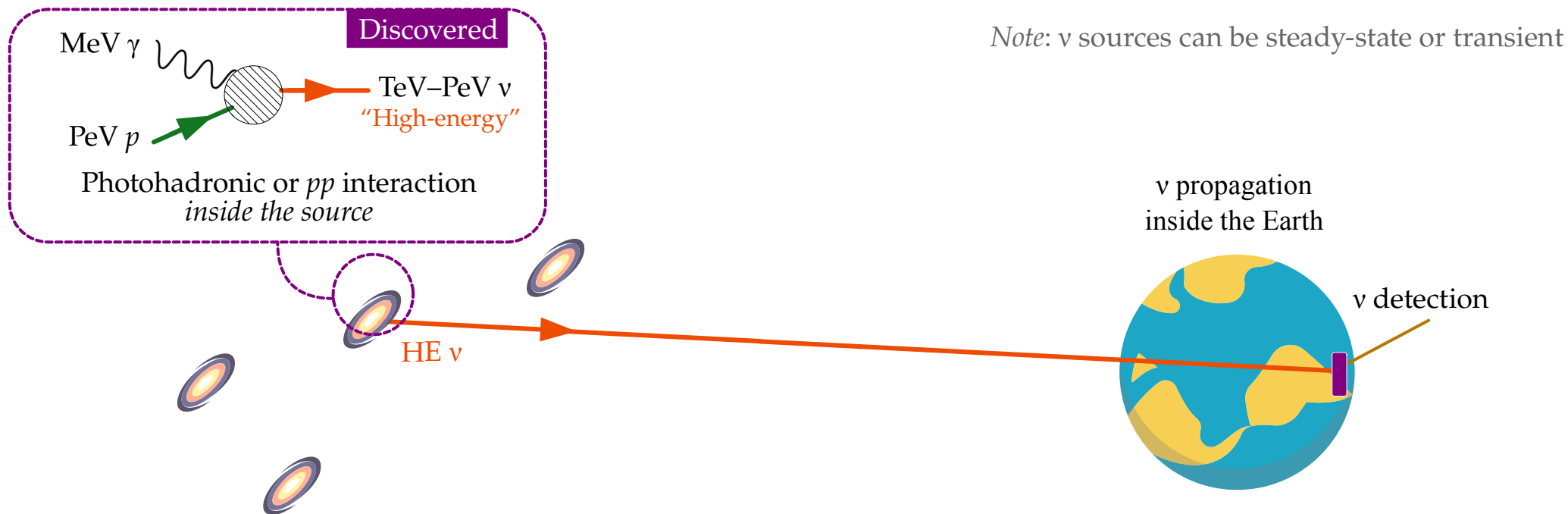
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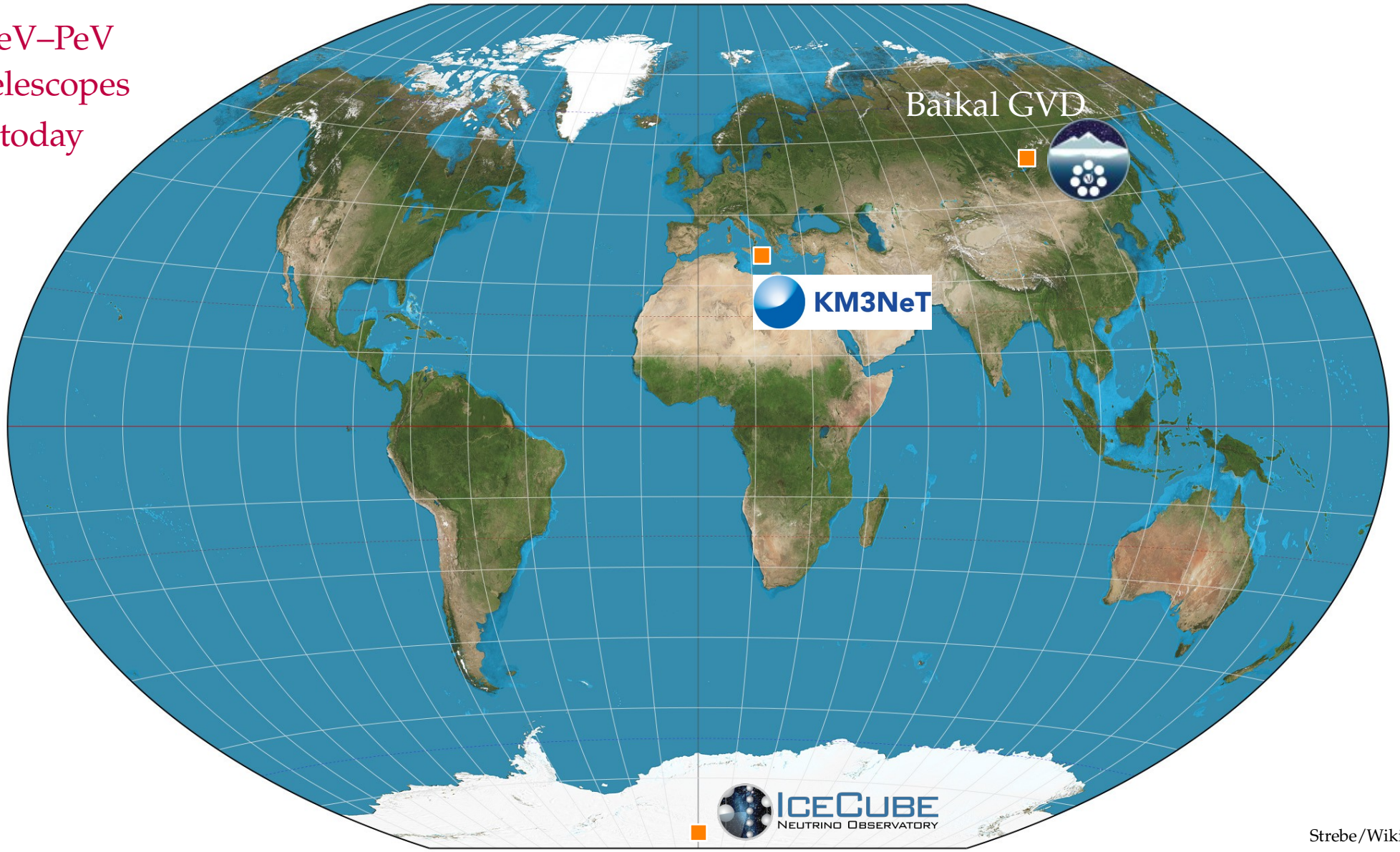
HE ν

ν propagation
inside the Earth

ν detection

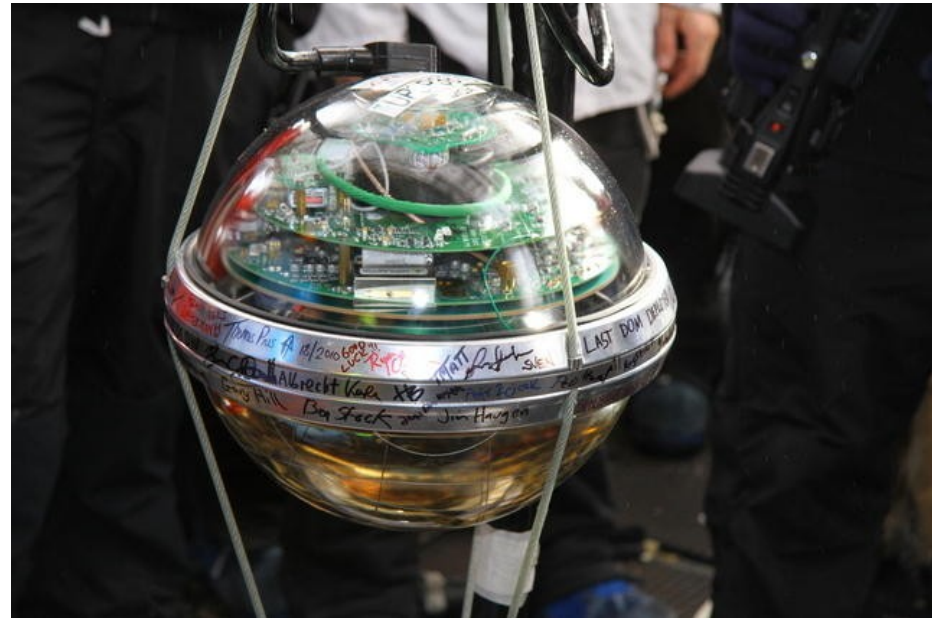
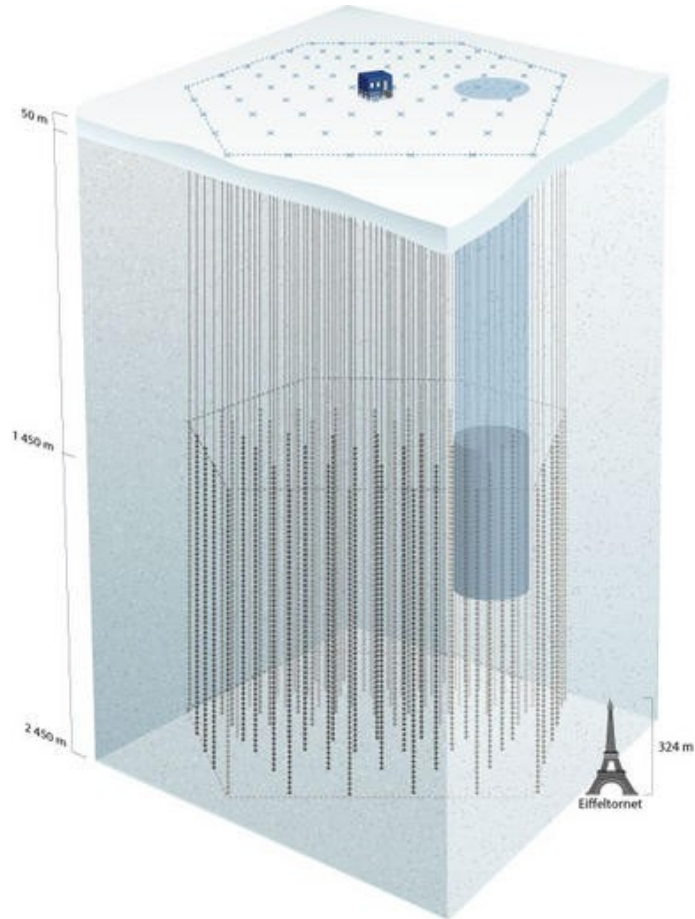


TeV–PeV
 ν telescopes
today

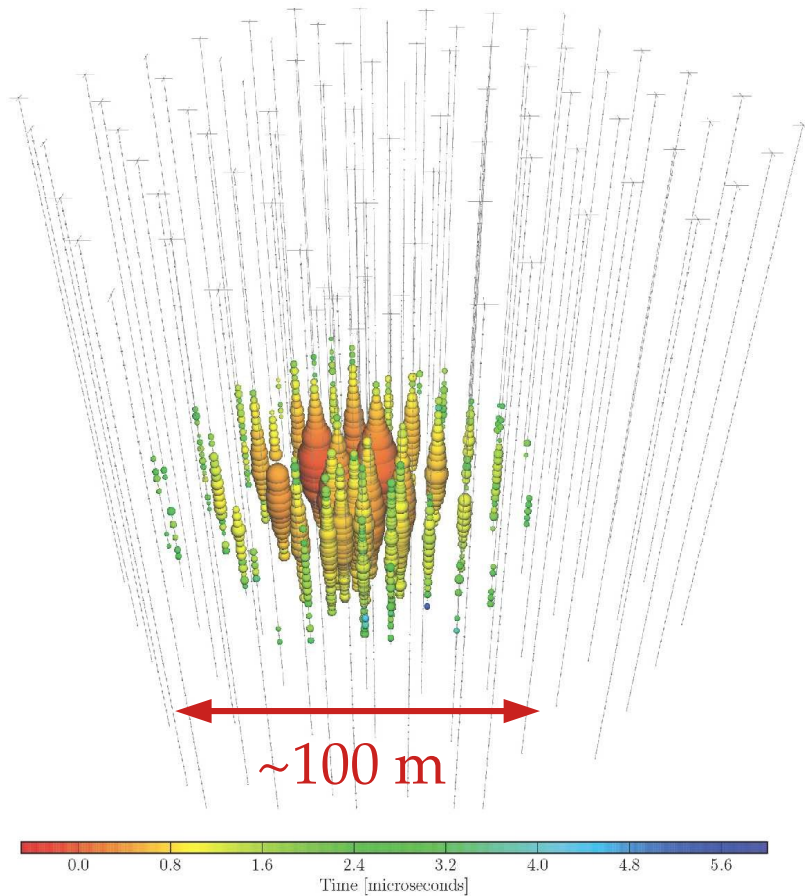


IceCube – What is it?

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

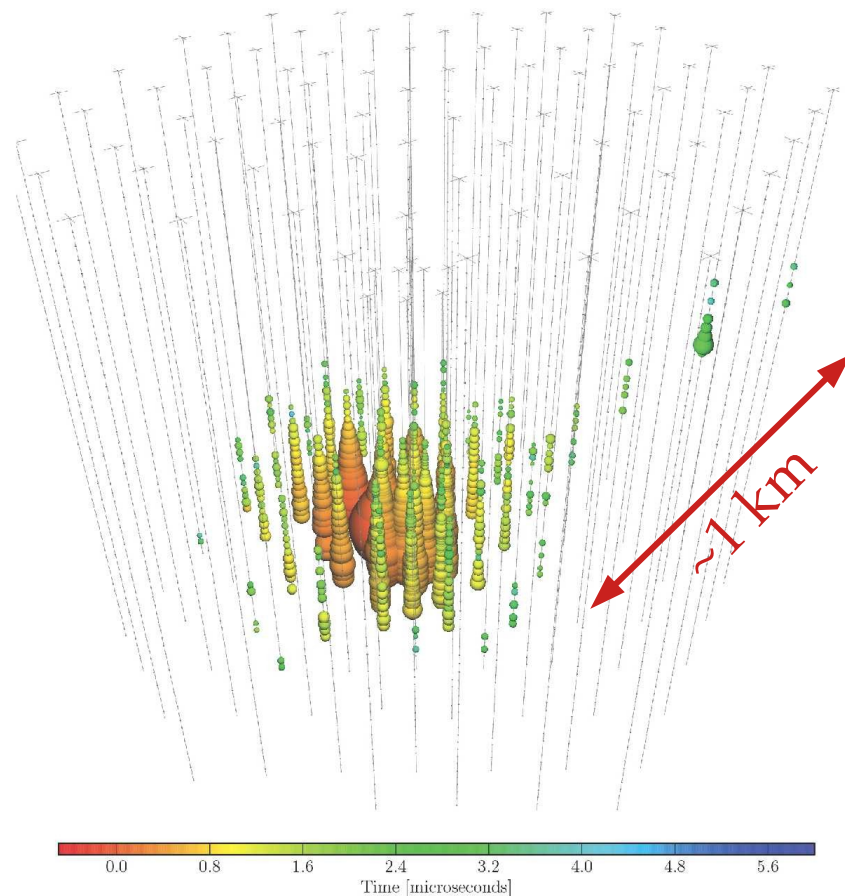


Shower (mainly from ν_e and ν_τ)

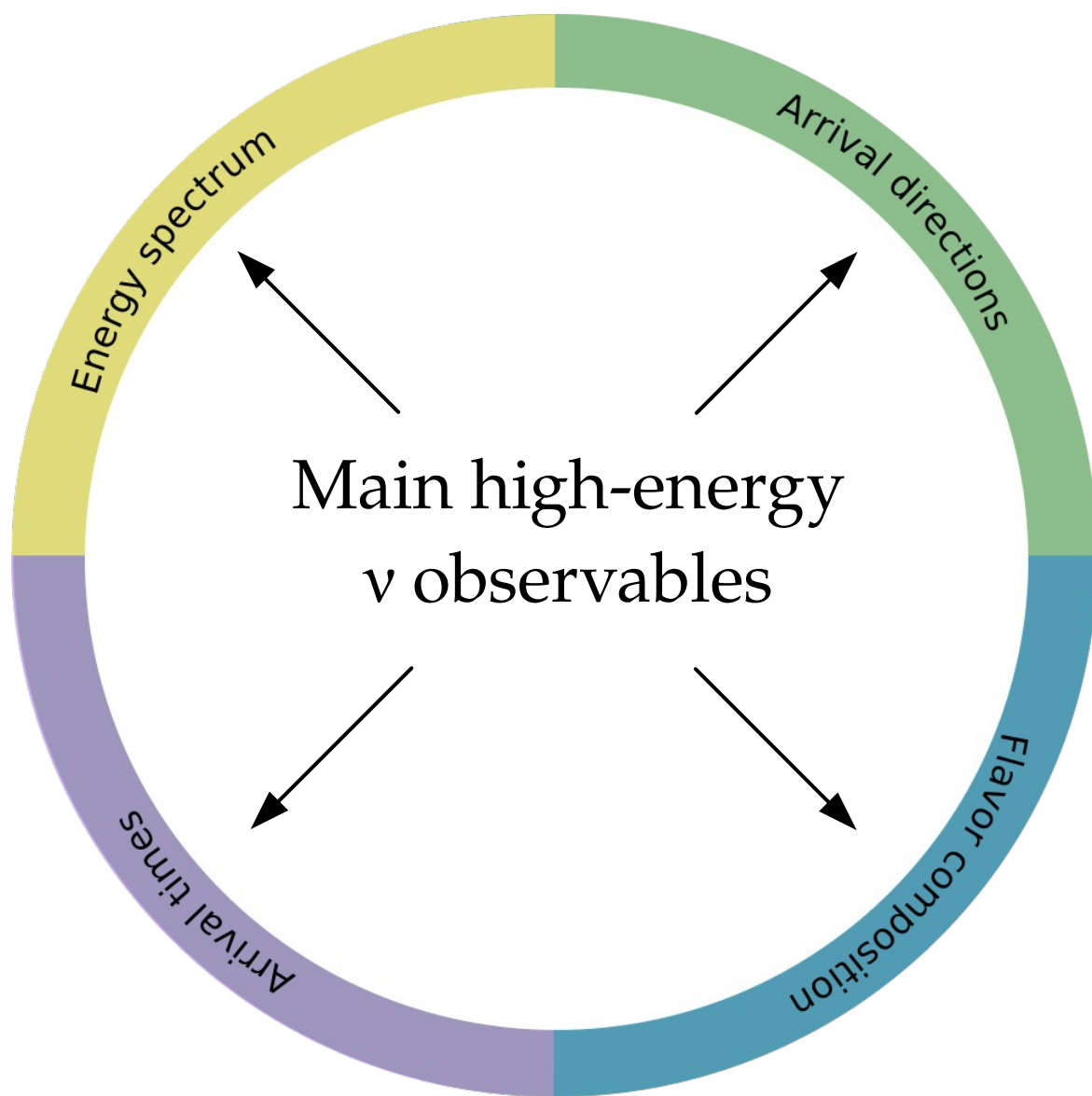


Poor angular resolution: $\sim 10^\circ$

Track (mainly from ν_μ)



Angular resolution: $< 1^\circ$

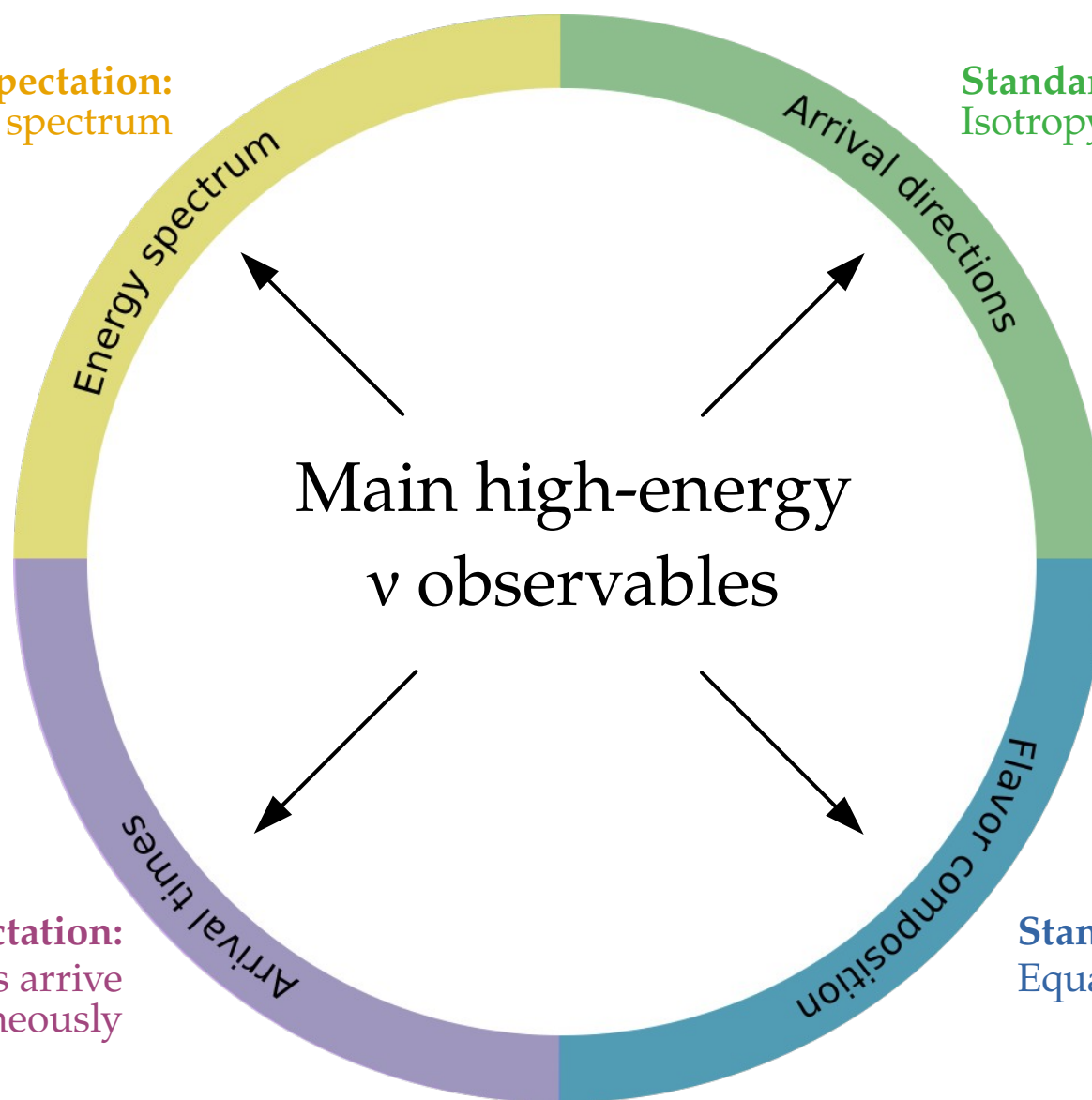


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Power-law energy spectrum

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Isotropy (for diffuse flux)

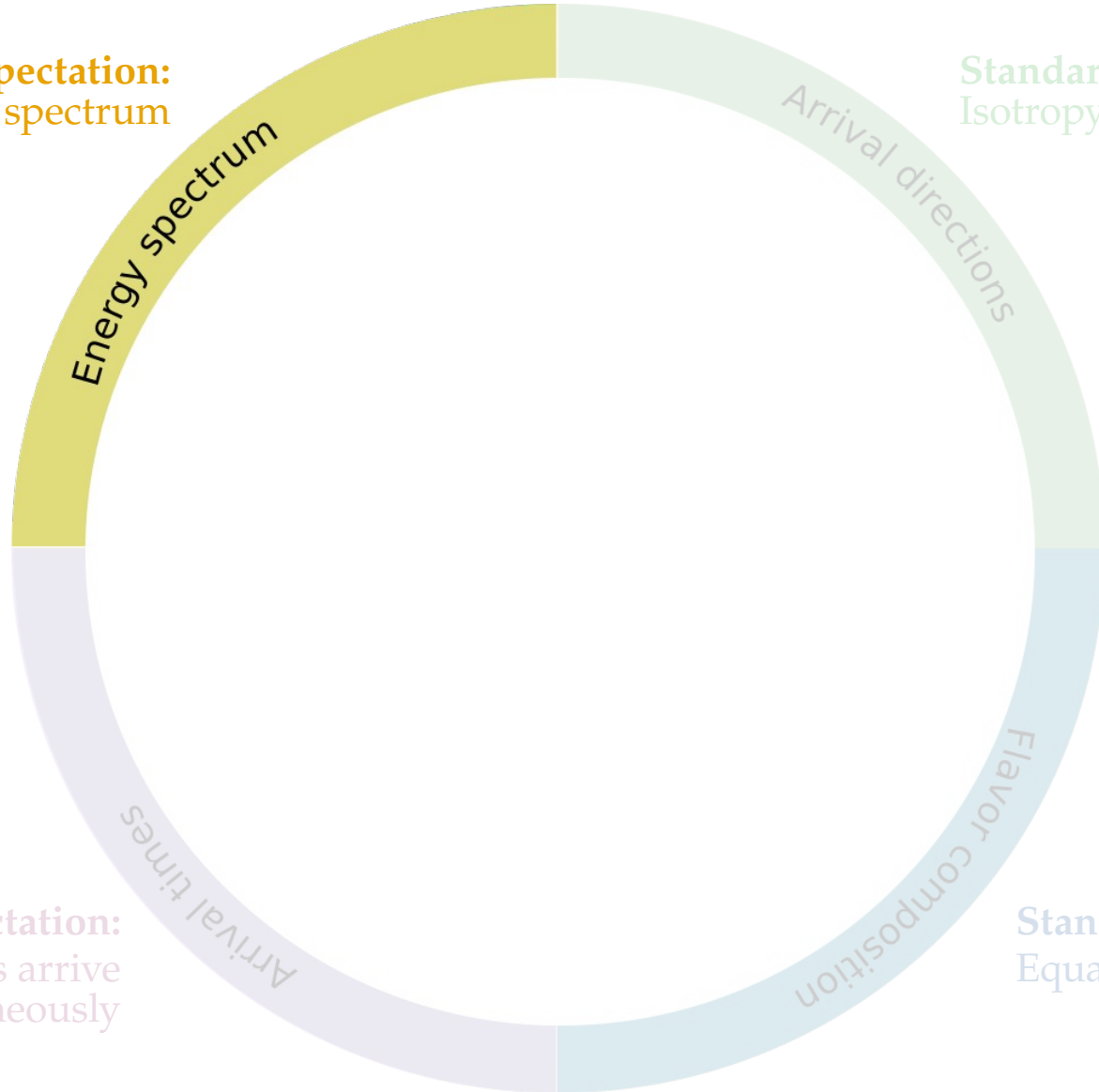
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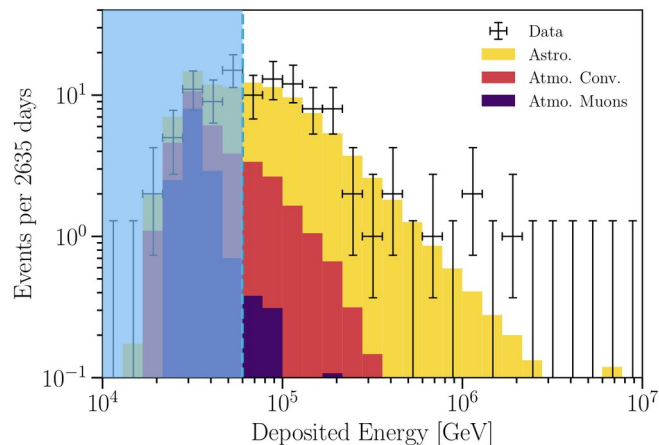
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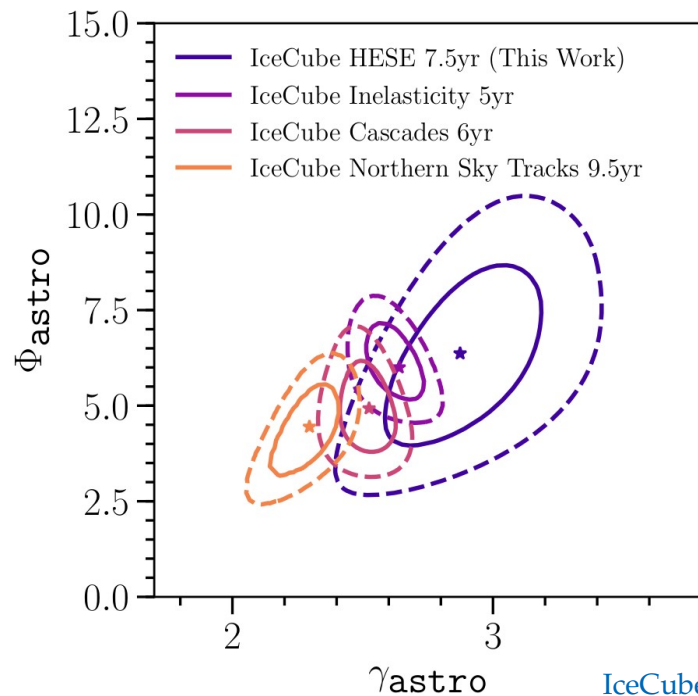
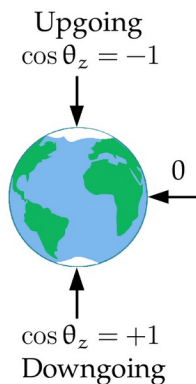
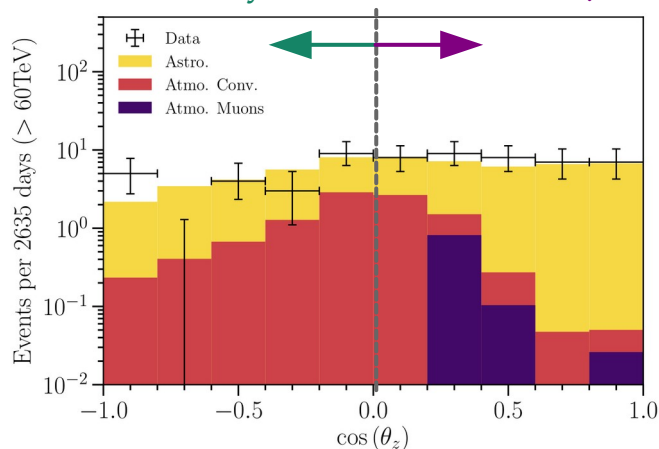
100+ contained events above 60 TeV:

Data is fit well by a single power law:



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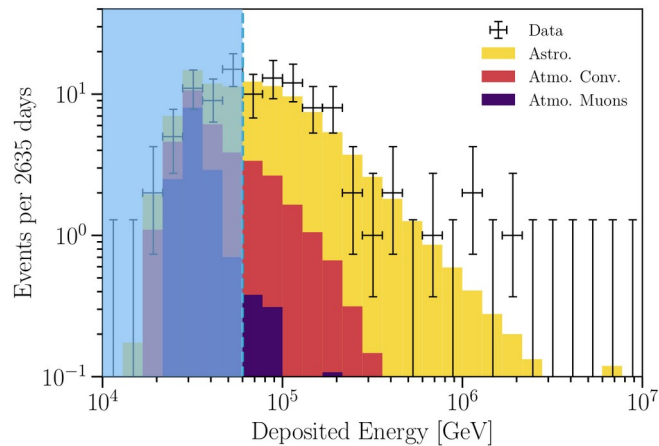
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IceCube, 2011.03545

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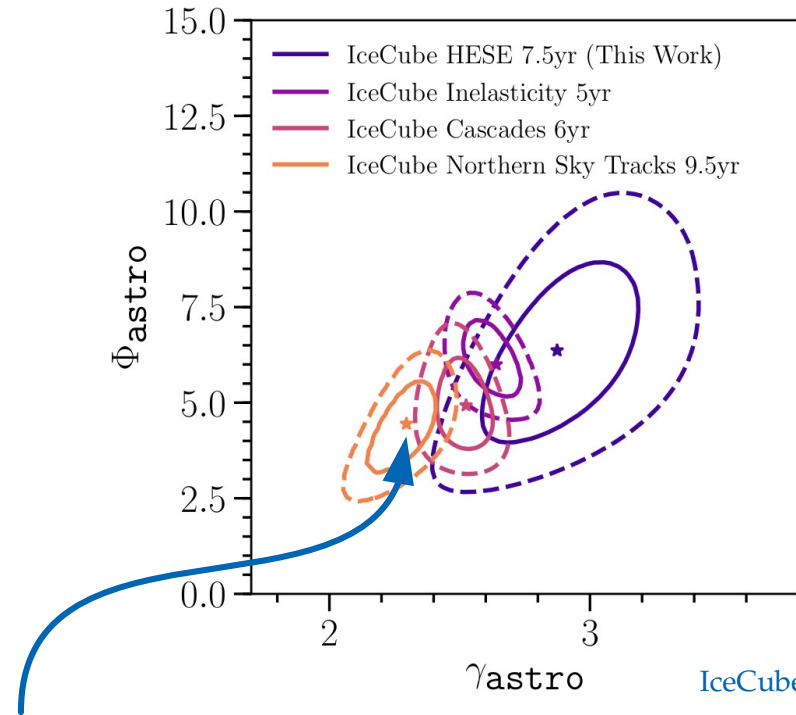
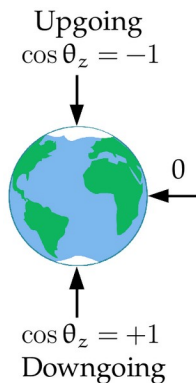
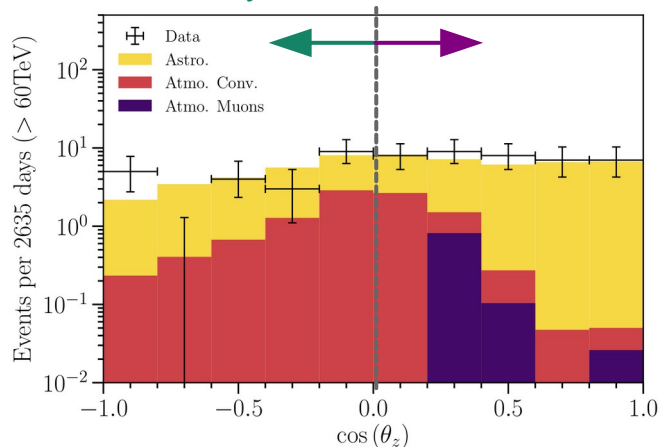
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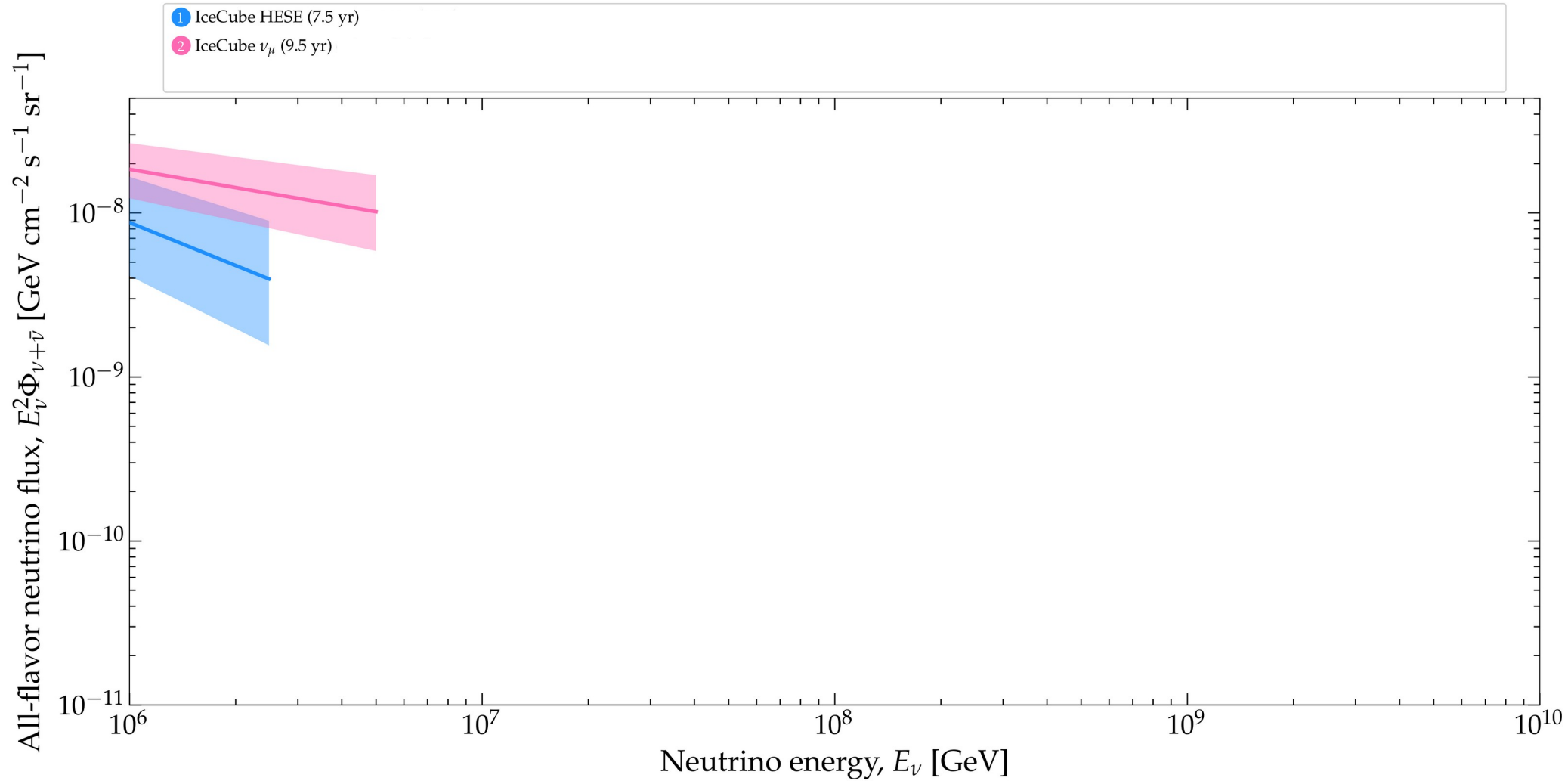
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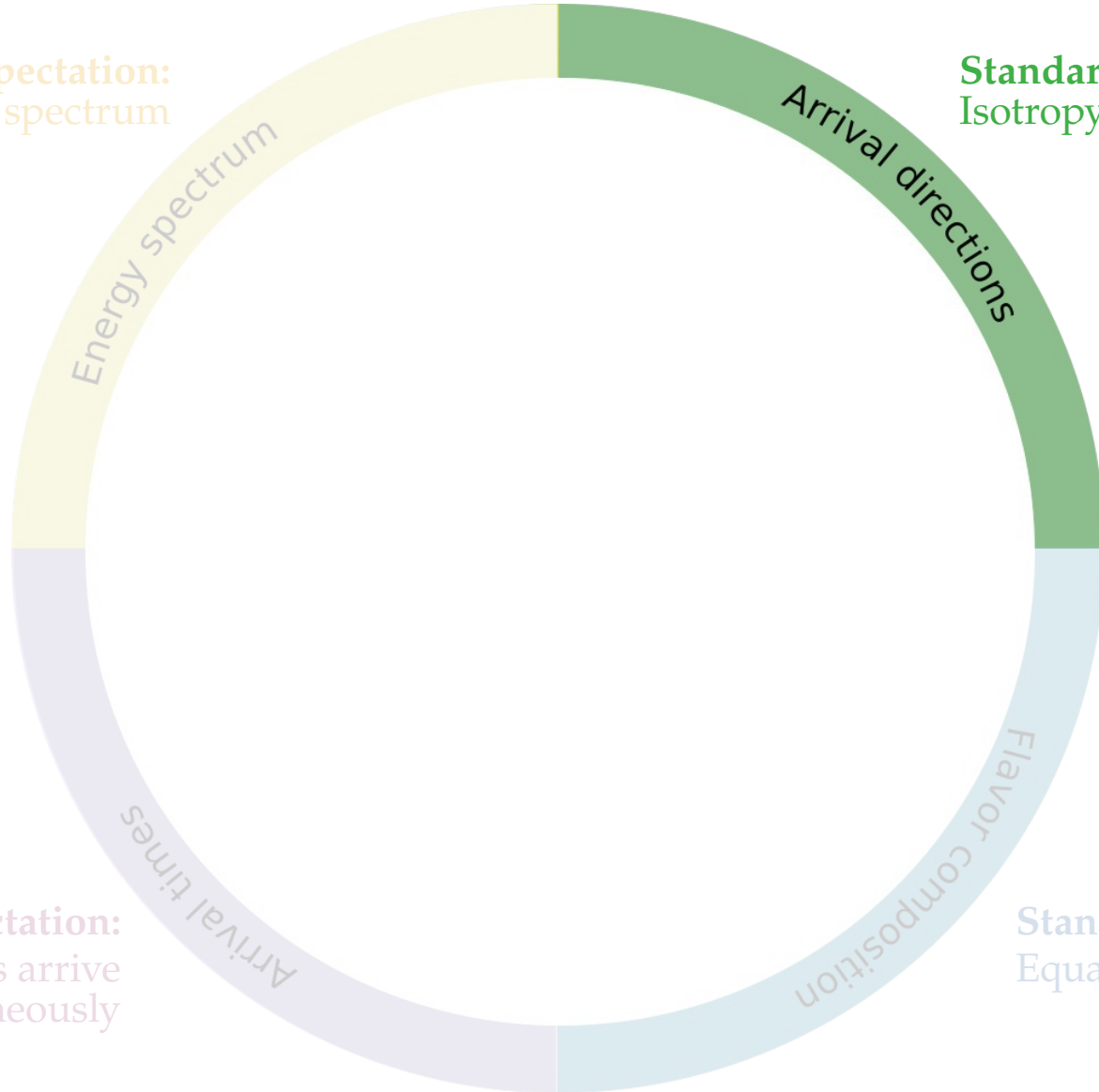
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Spectrum looks harder for through-going ν_μ



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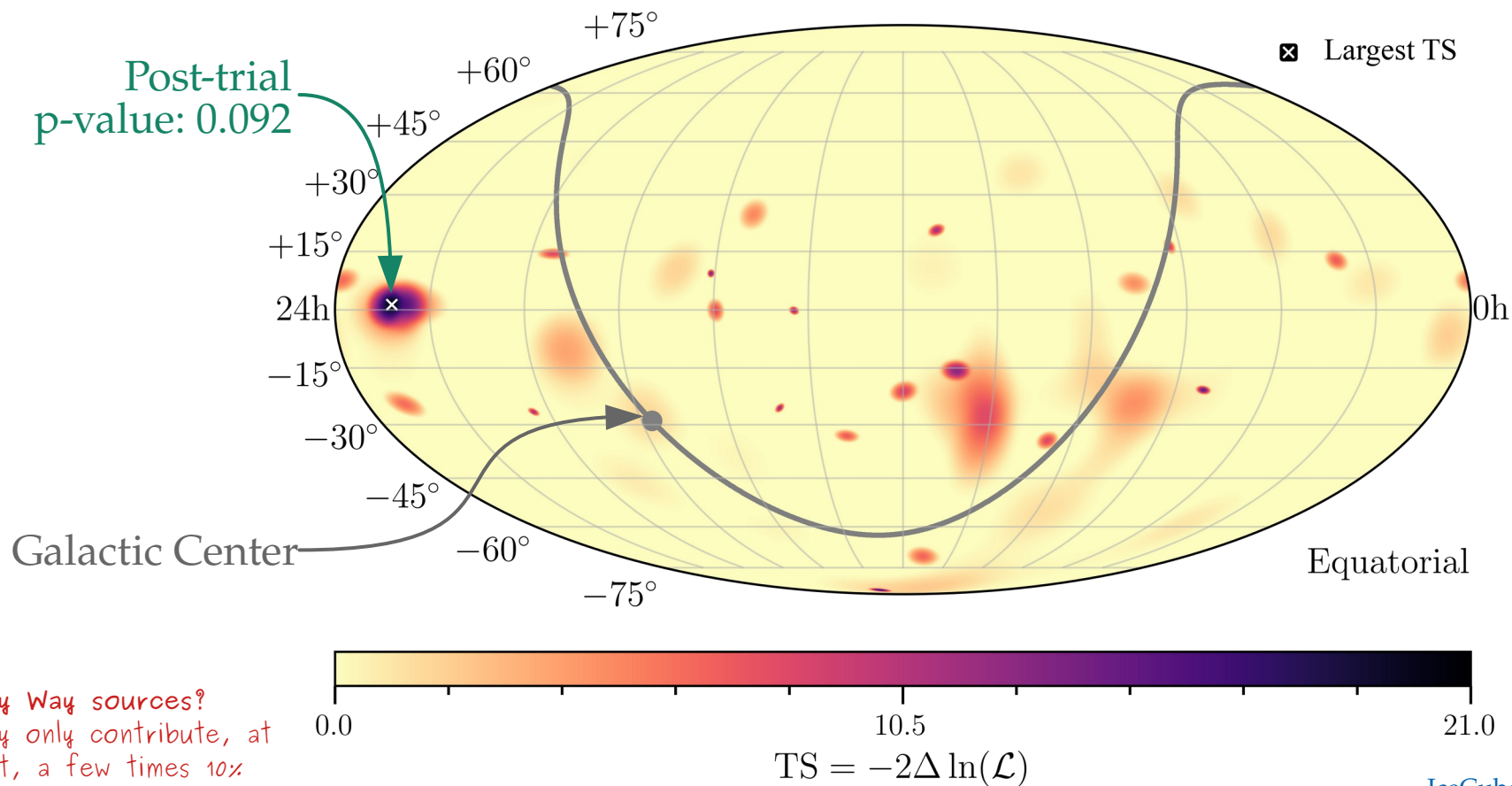


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Distribution of arrival directions (7.5 yr)

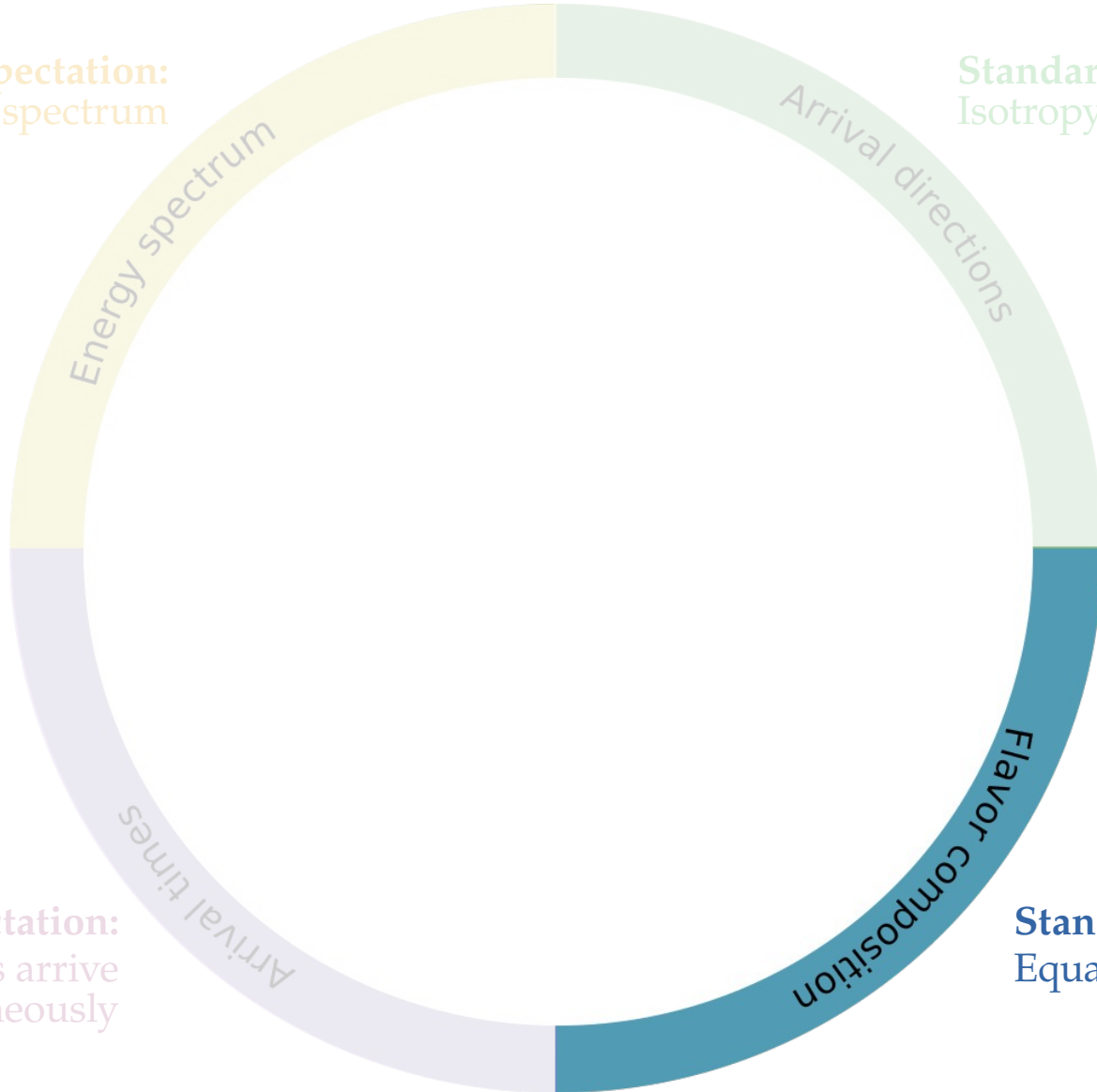
No significant excess in the neutrino skymap:



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

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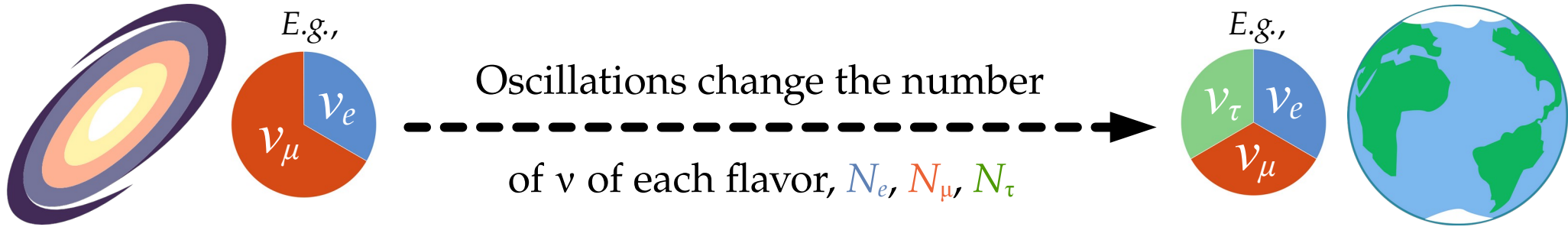
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Astrophysical sources

Earth

Up to a few Gpc



Different production mechanisms yield different flavor ratios:

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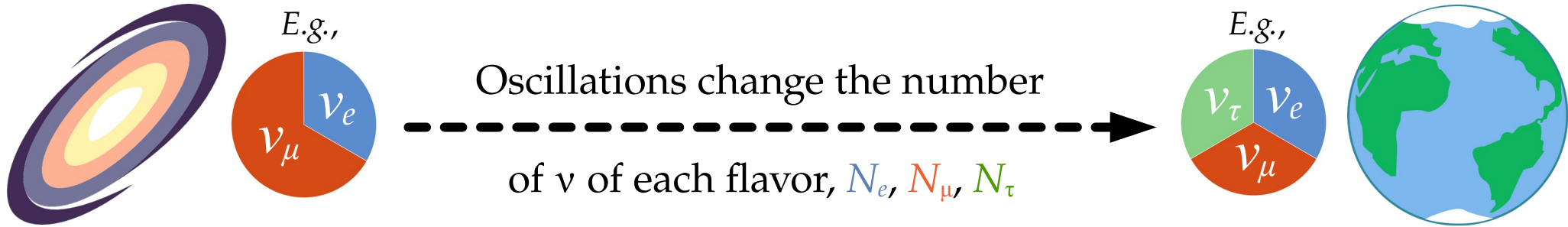
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Astrophysical sources

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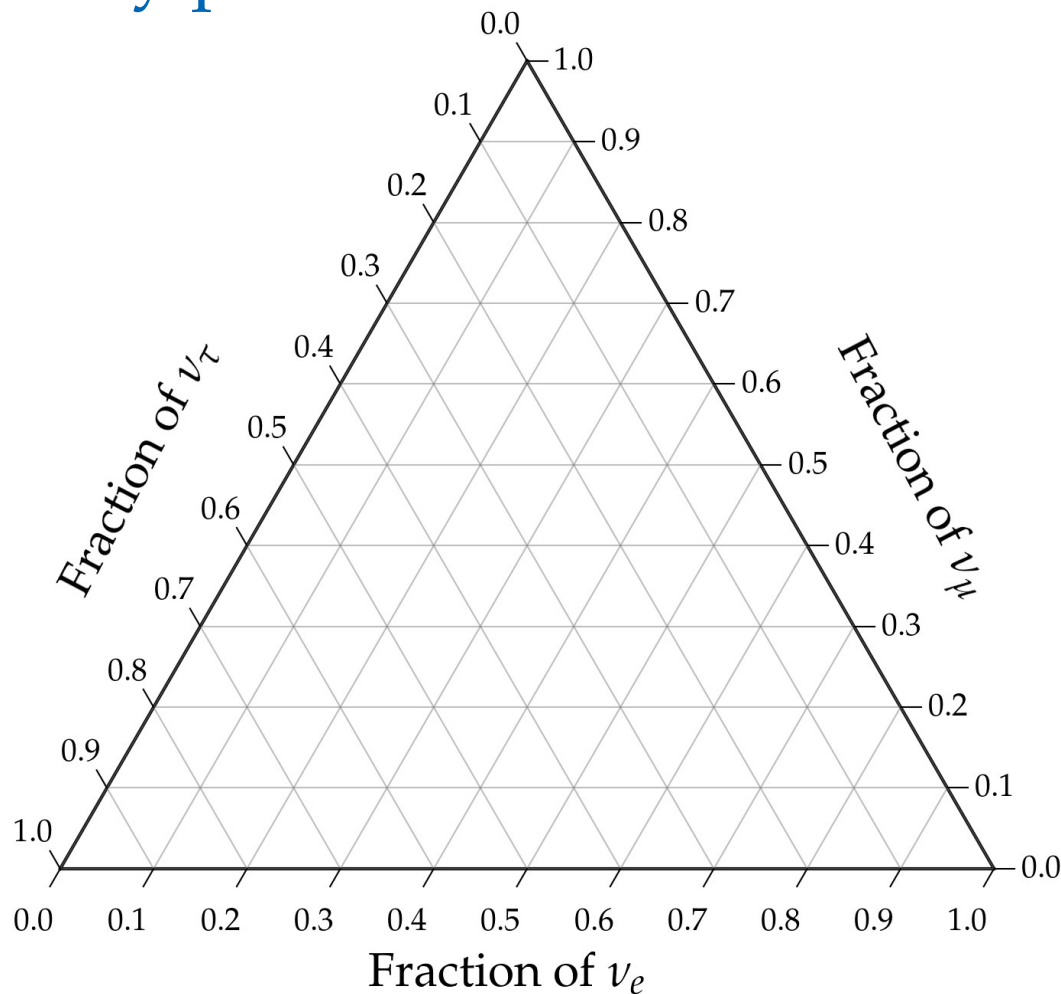
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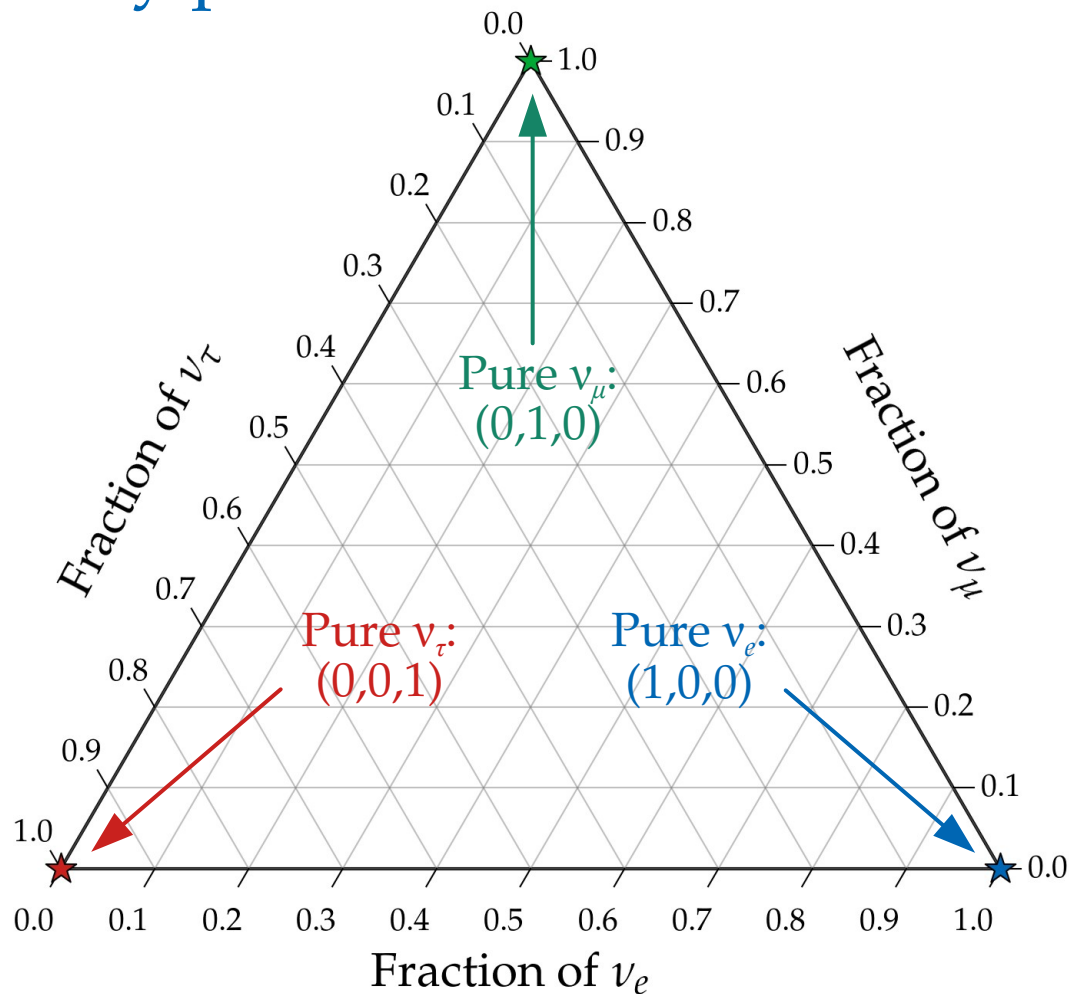
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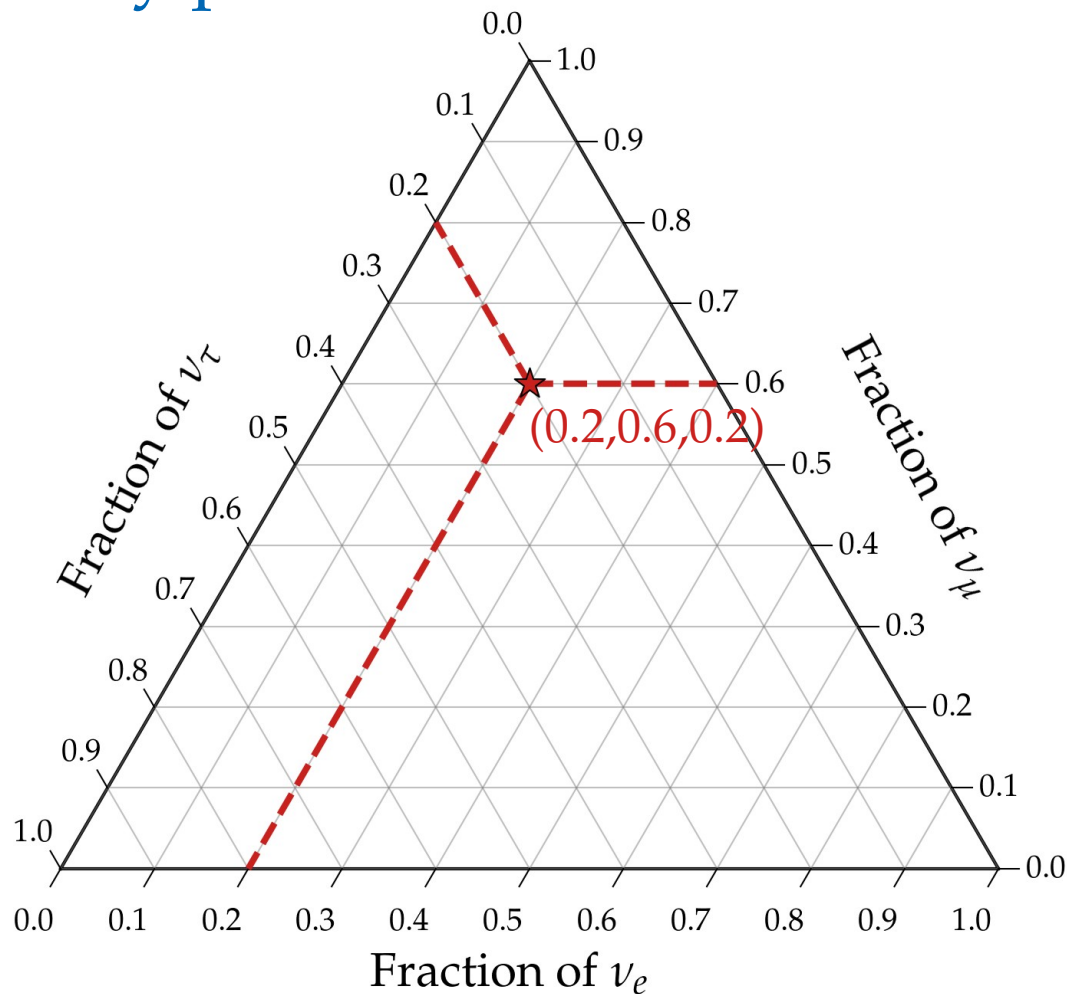
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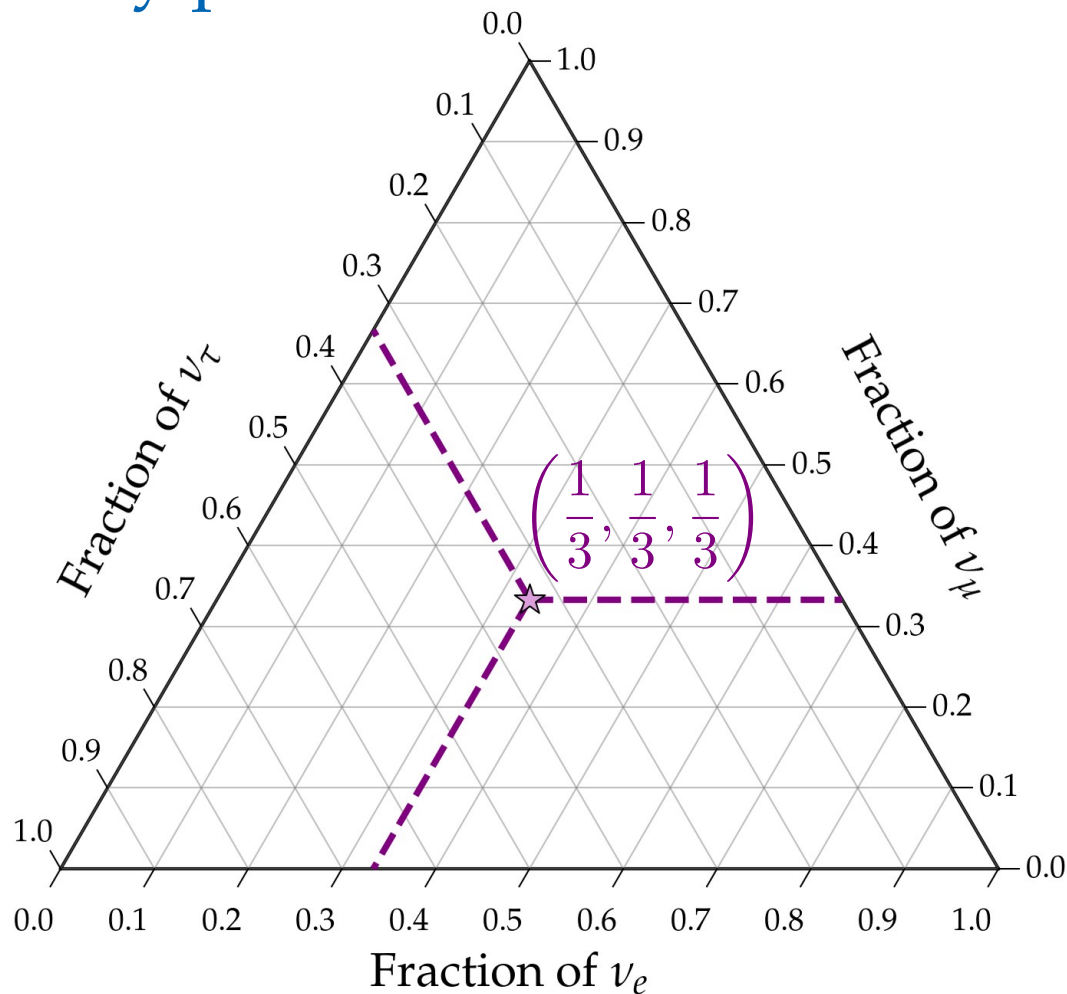
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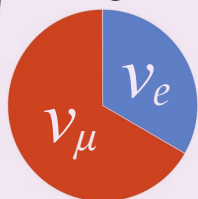


From sources to Earth: we learn what to expect when measuring $f_{\alpha,\oplus}$

Sources



E.g.,



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

Oscillations

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

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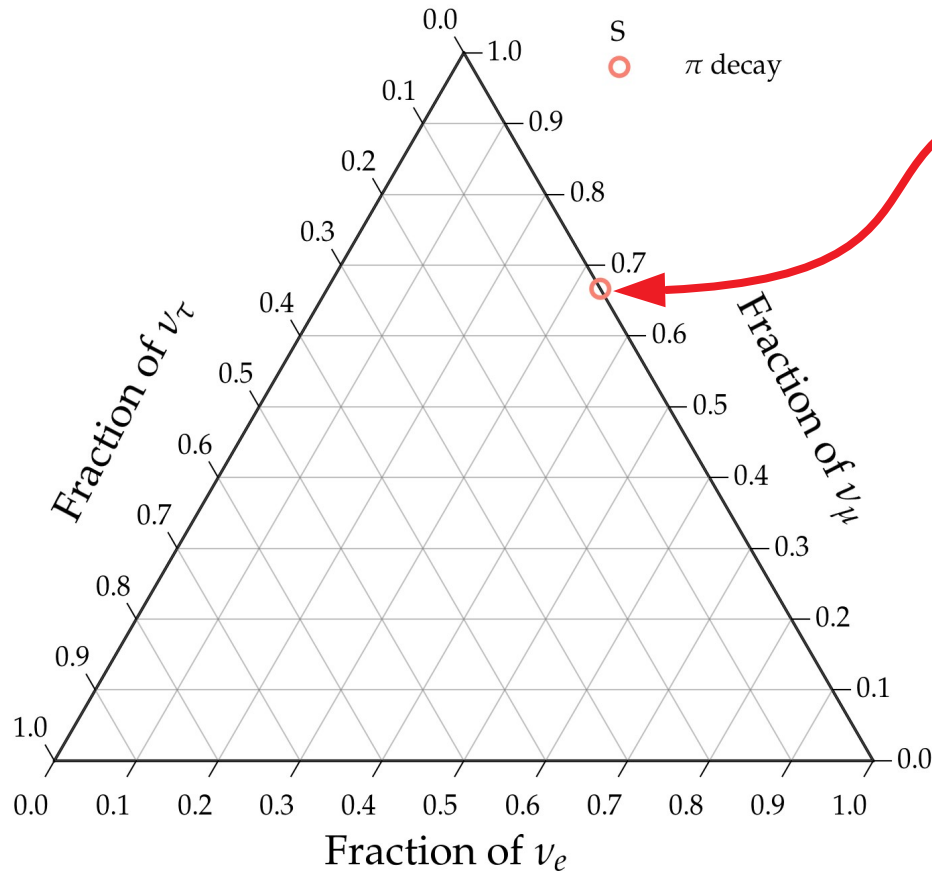
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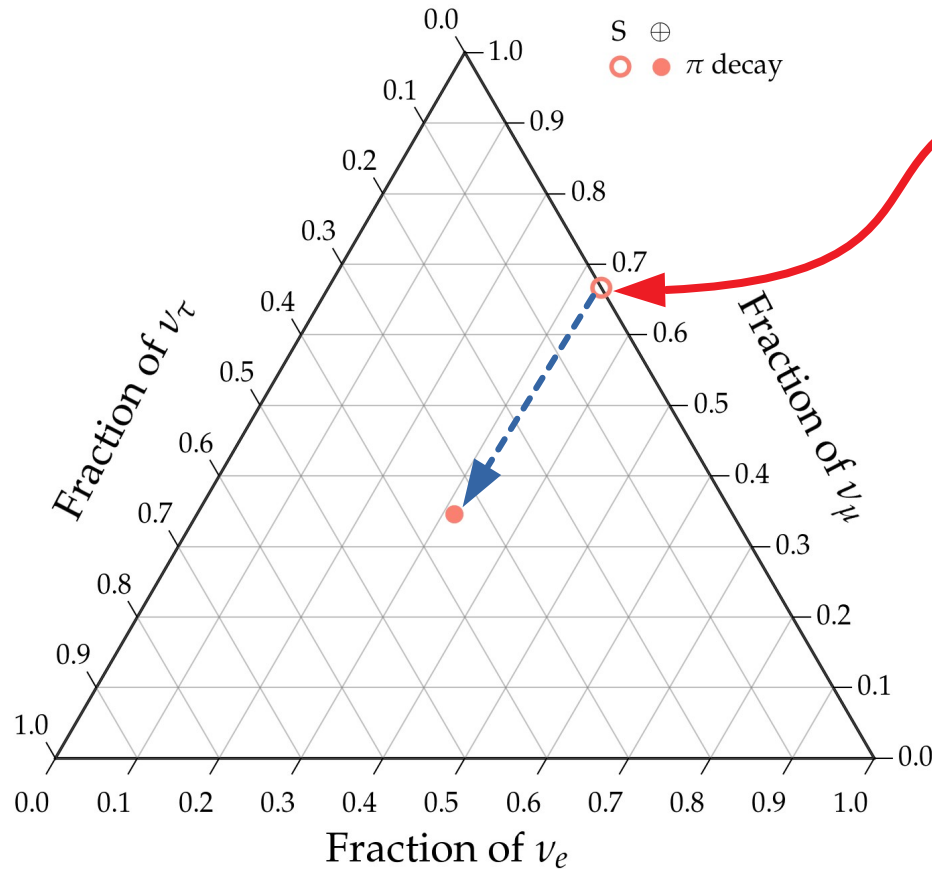
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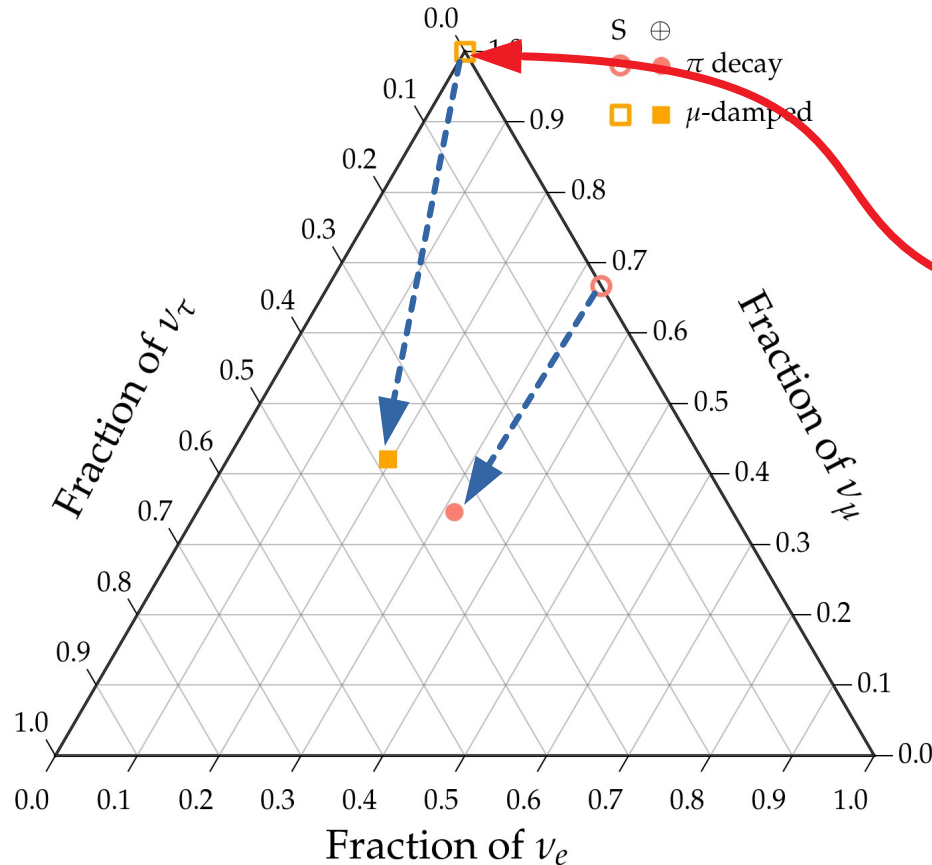


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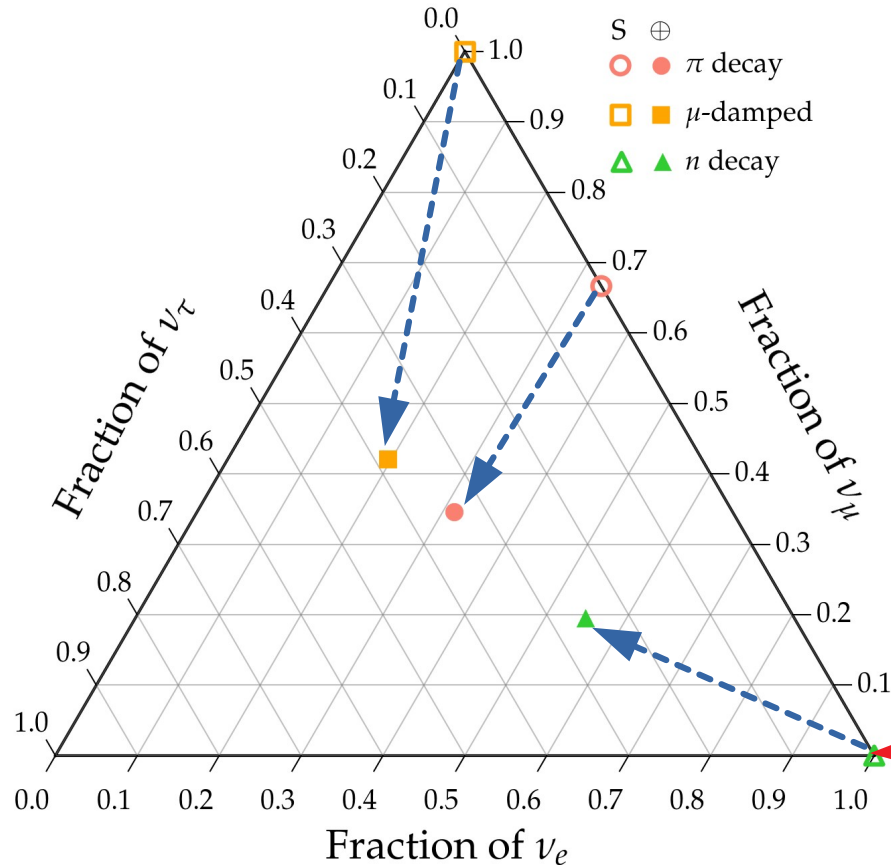
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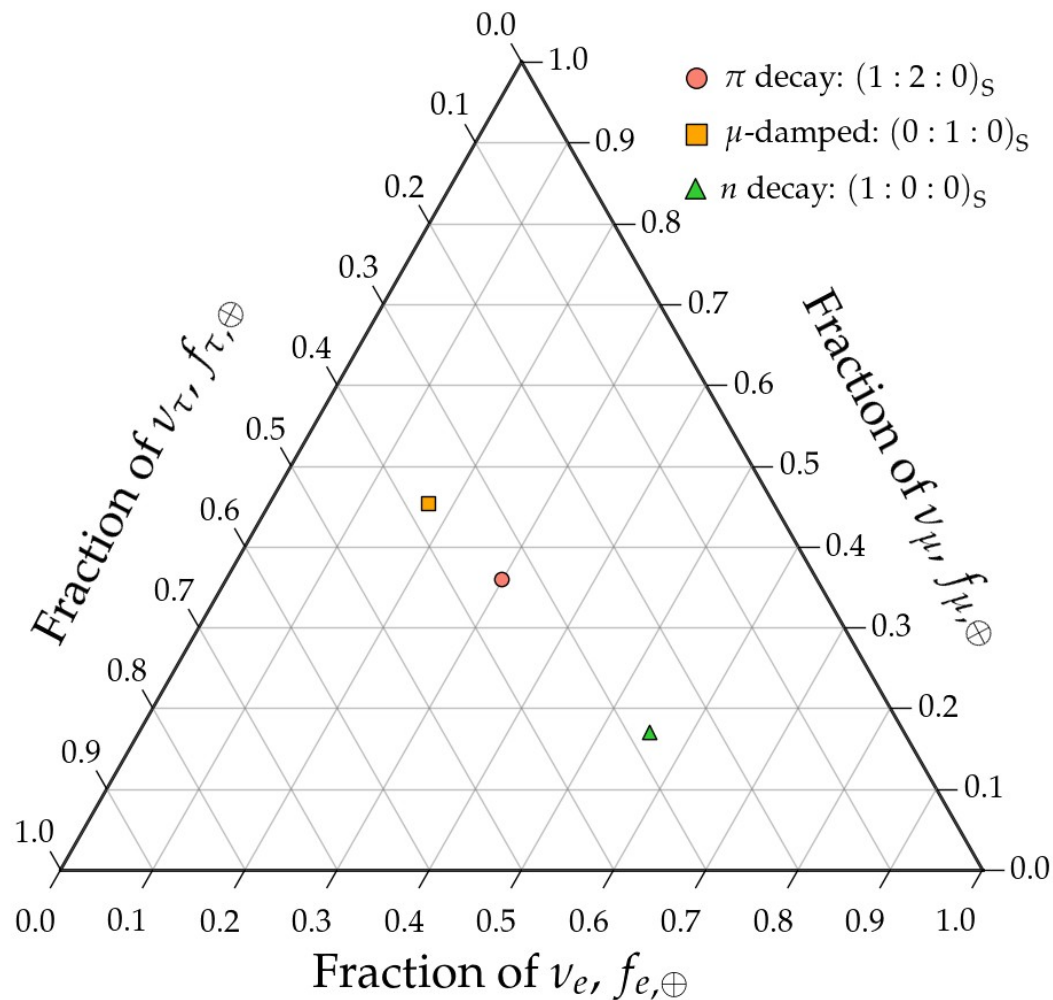
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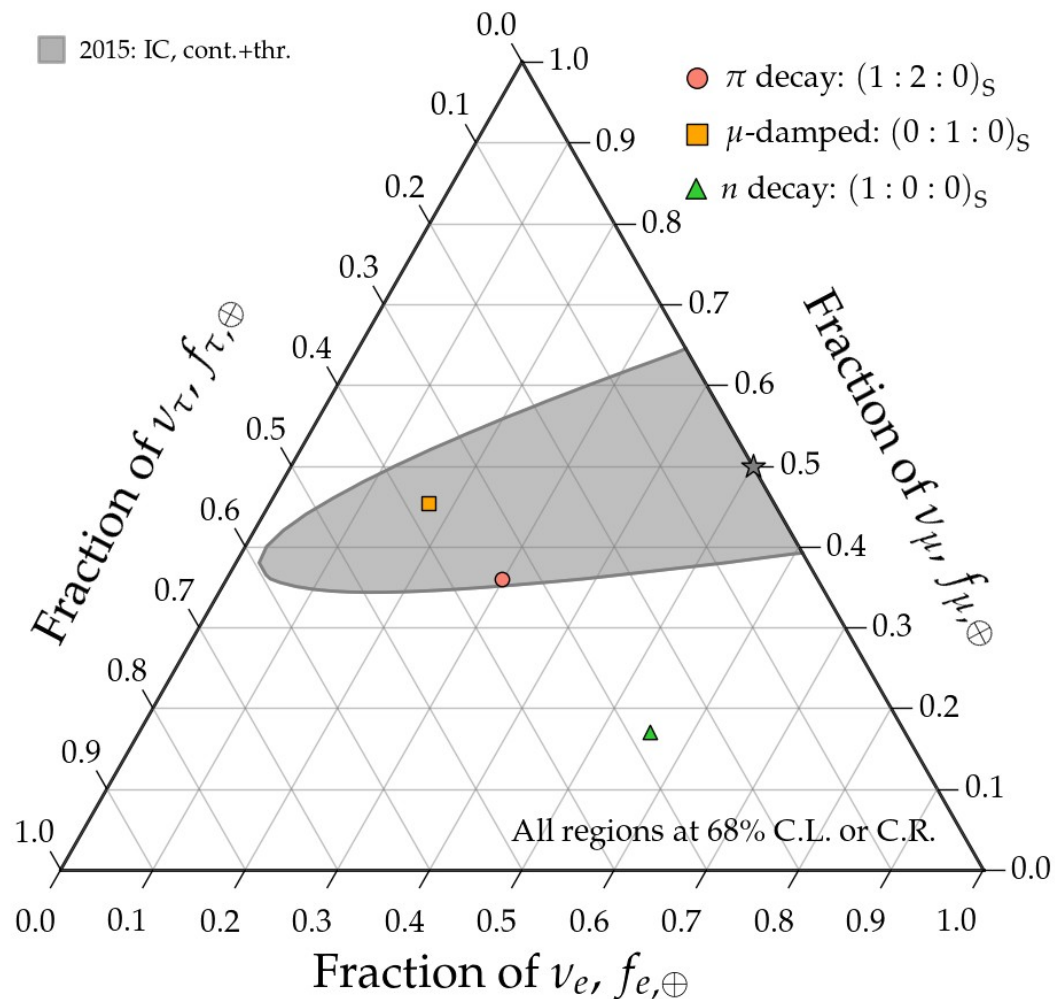
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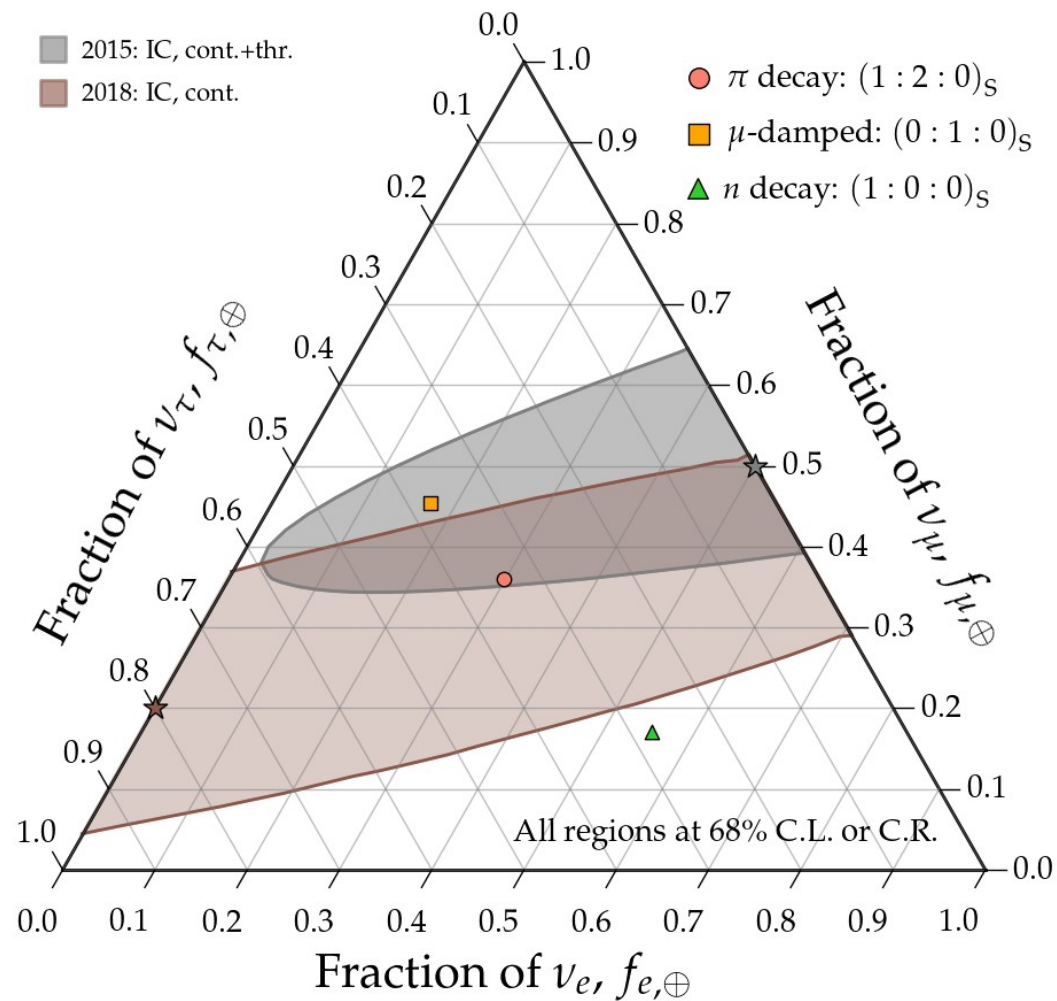
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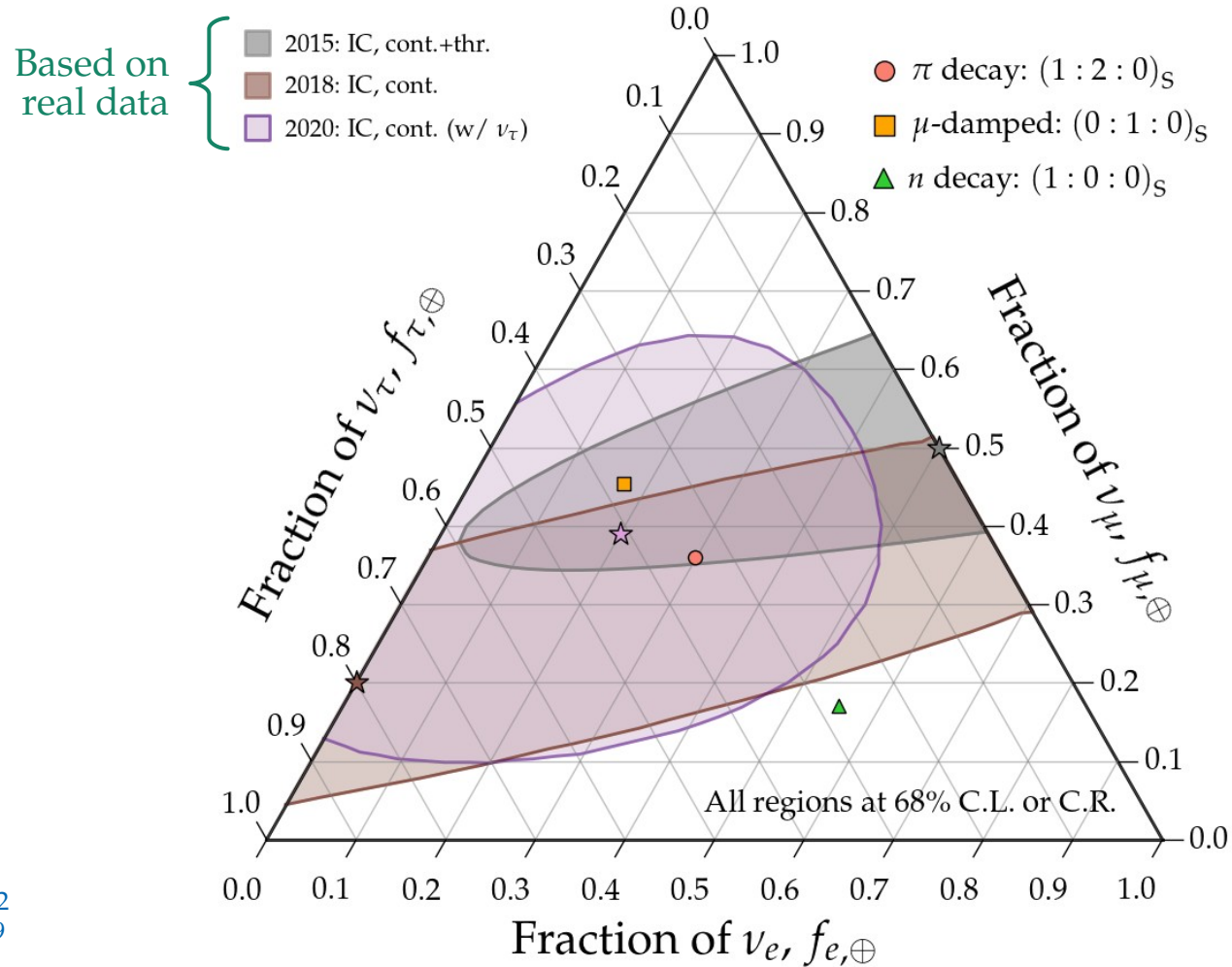
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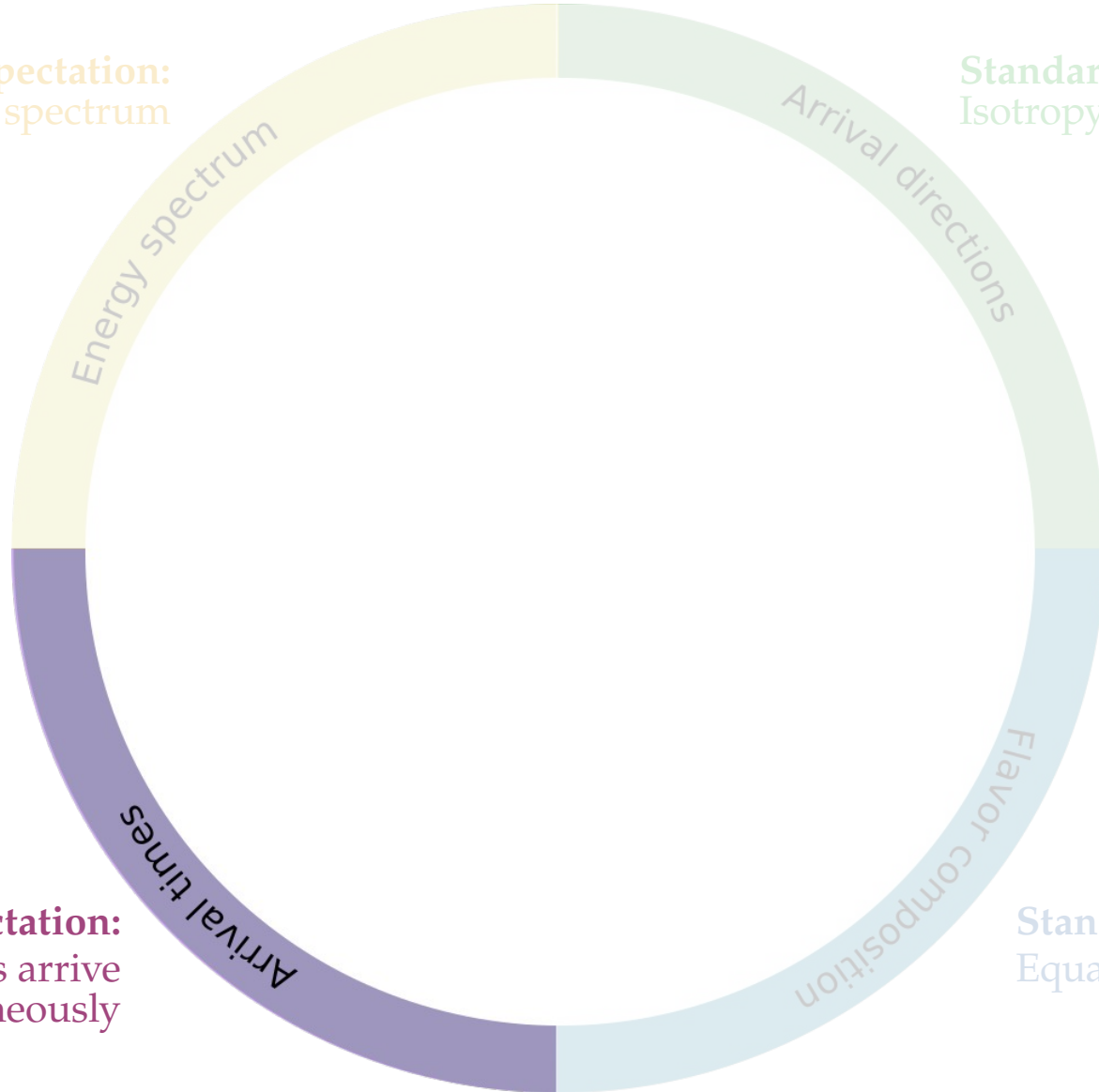


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Standard expectation:
Power-law energy spectrum

Standard expectation:
Isotropy (for diffuse flux)



Standard expectation:
 ν and γ from transients arrive simultaneously

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Equal number of ν_e , ν_μ , ν_τ

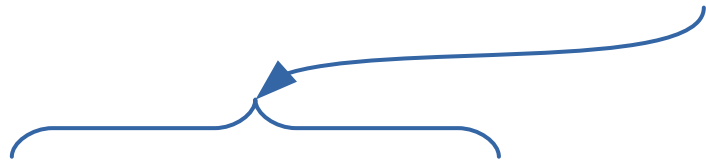
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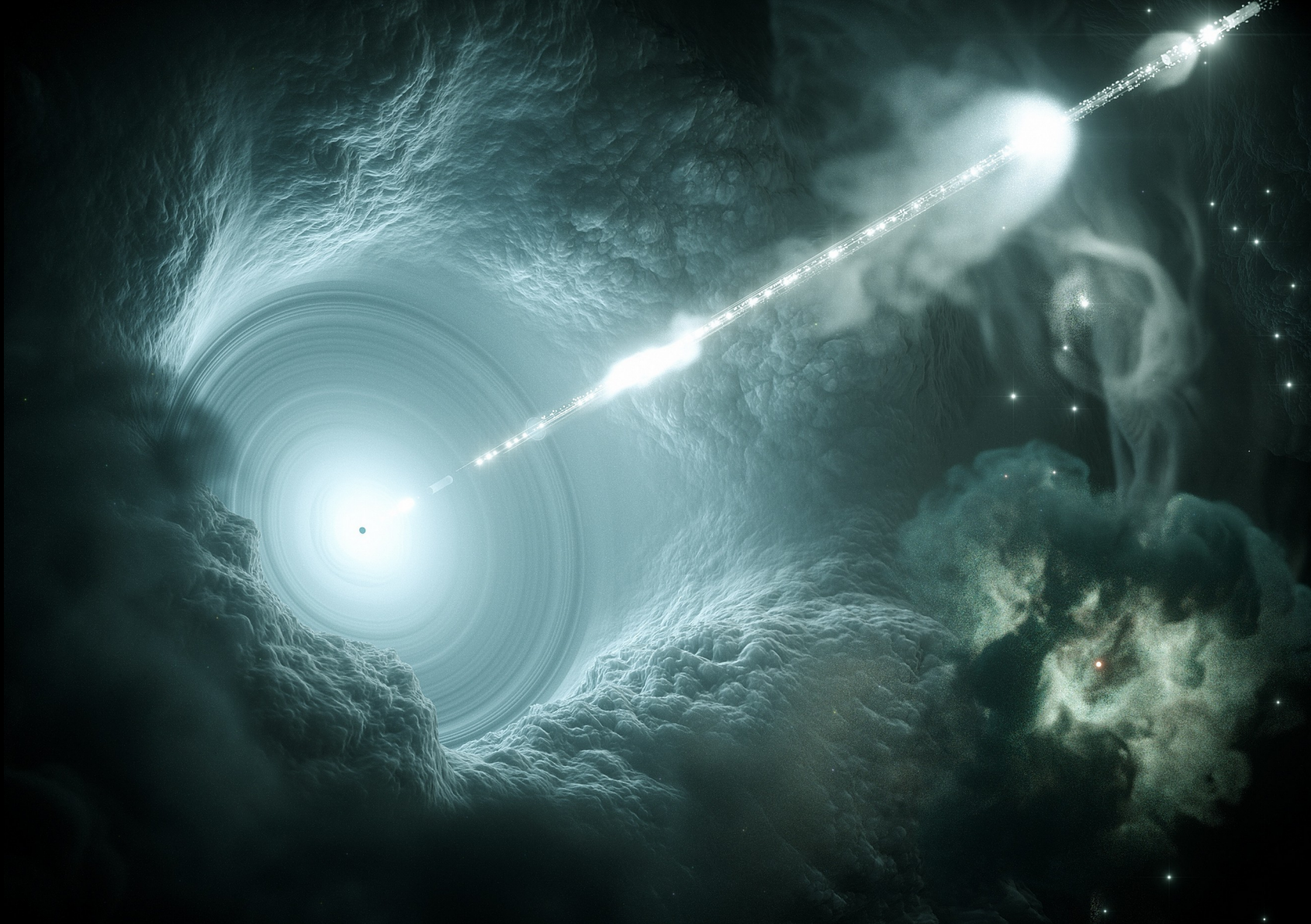
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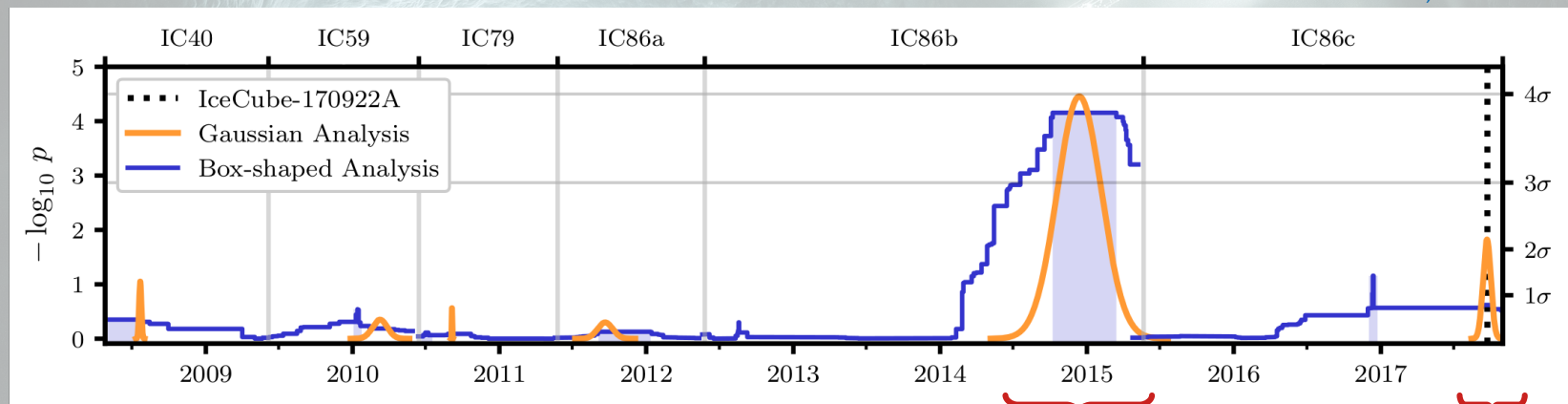
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Today

TeV–PeV ν

Astro: Find & understand sources

Particle: Turn predictions into tests

Key developments:

Bigger detectors \rightarrow larger statistics

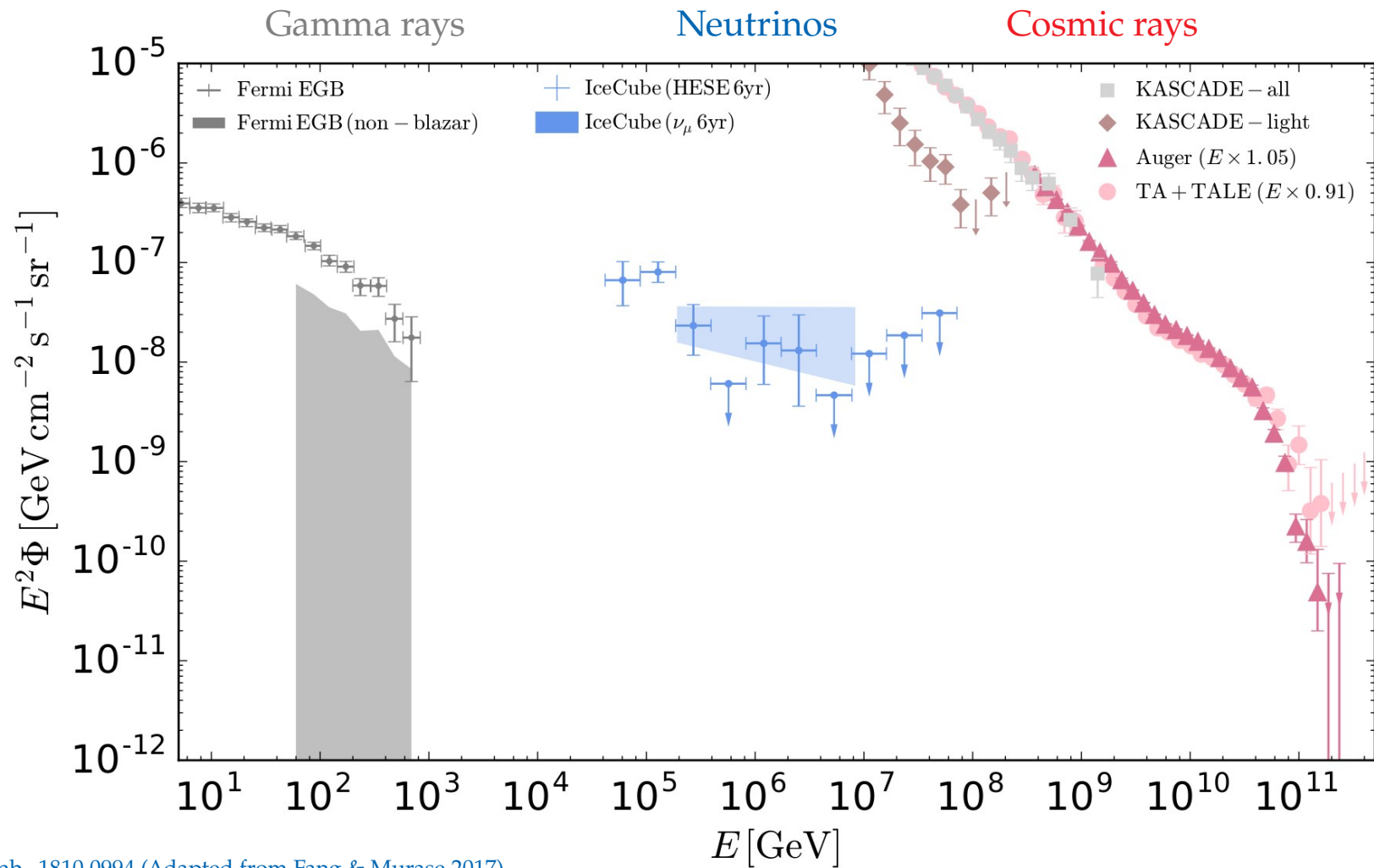
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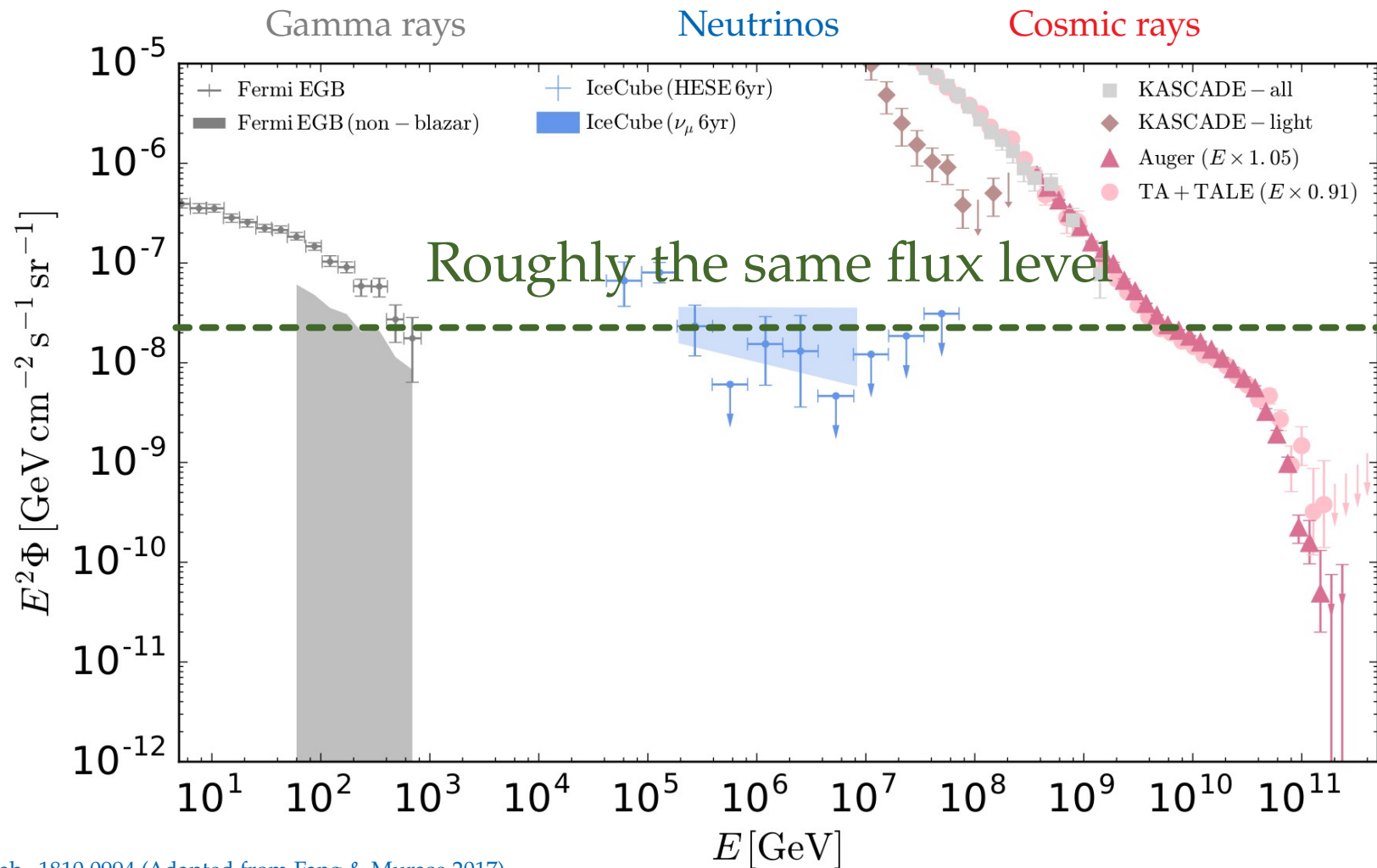
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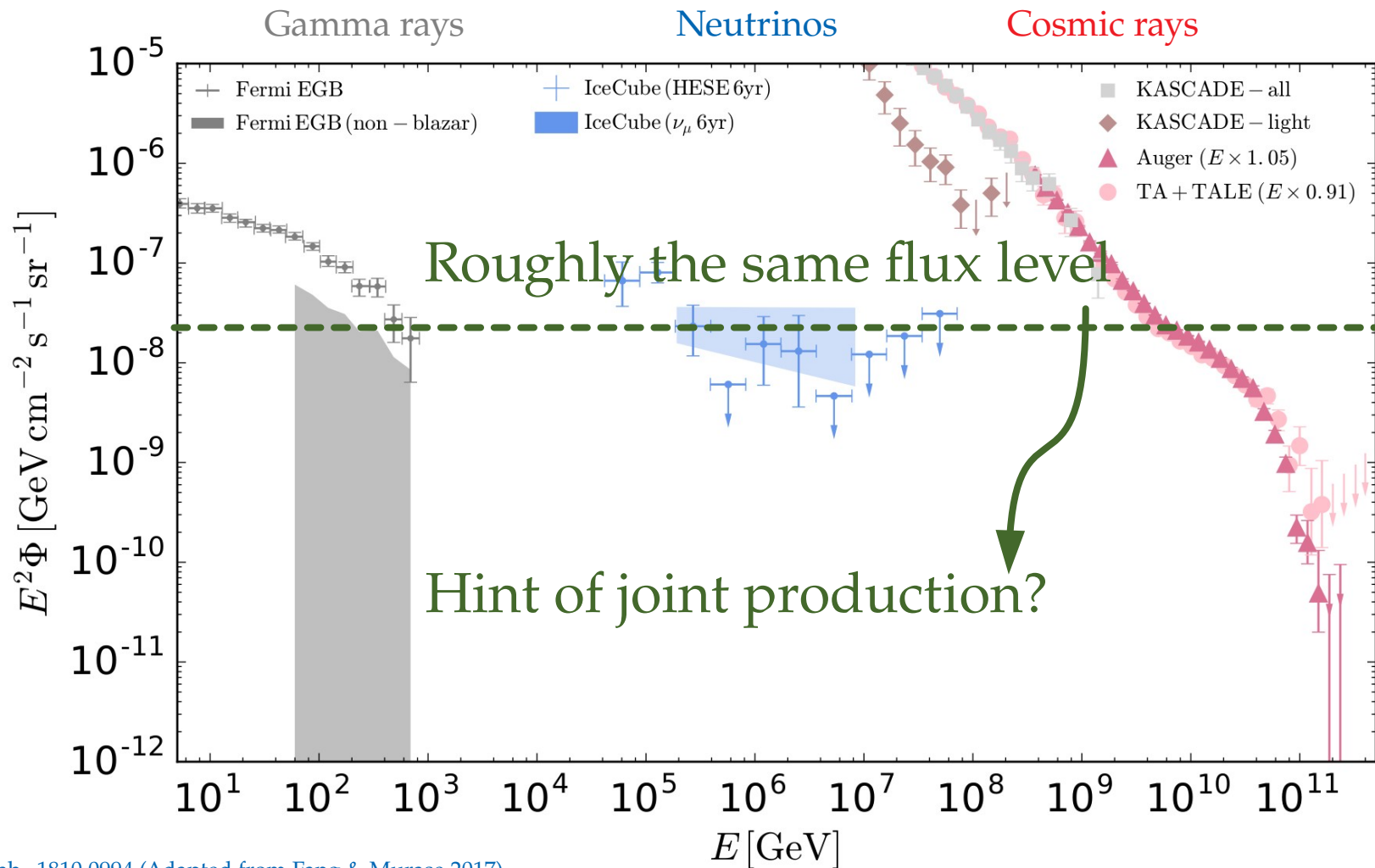
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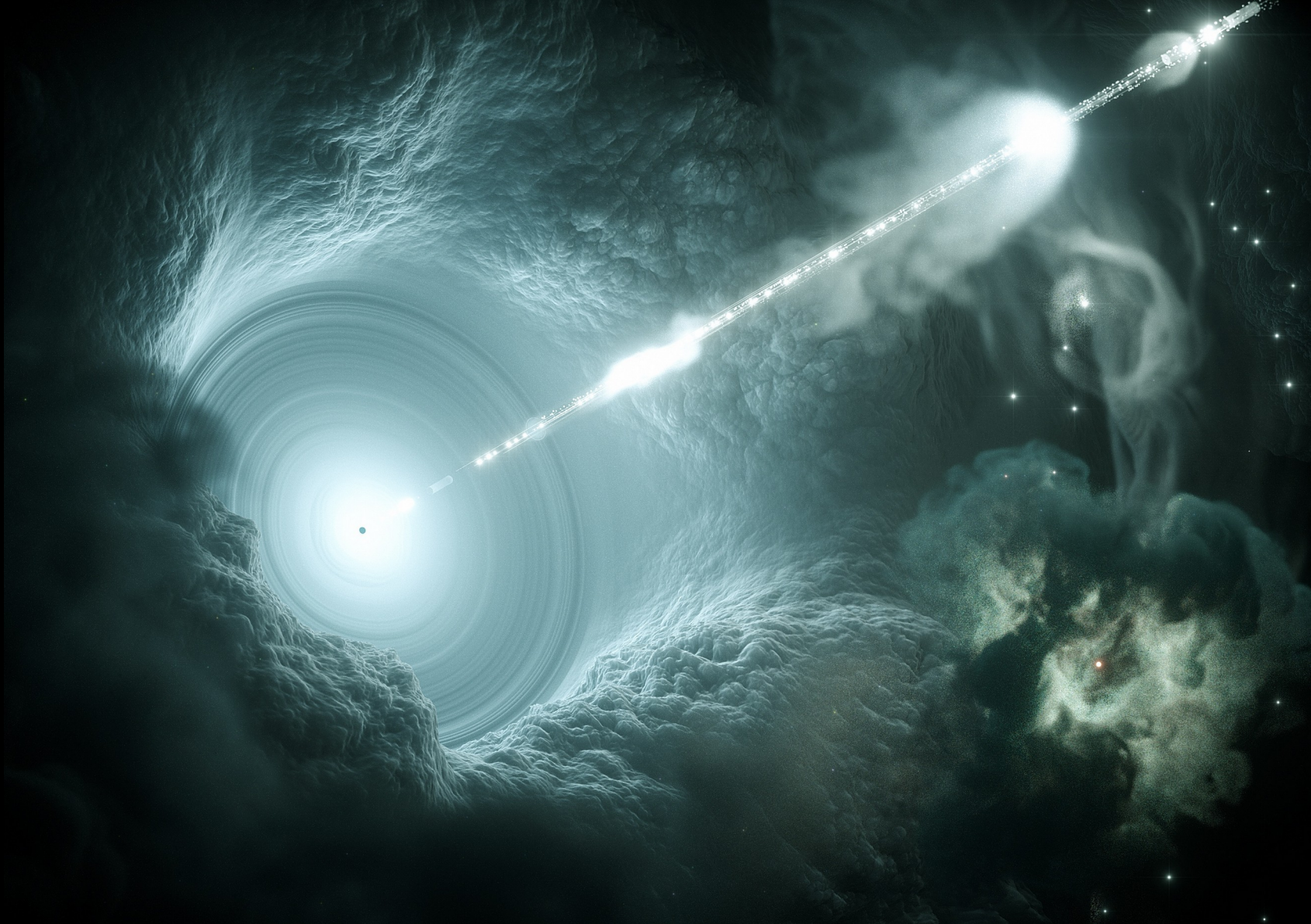


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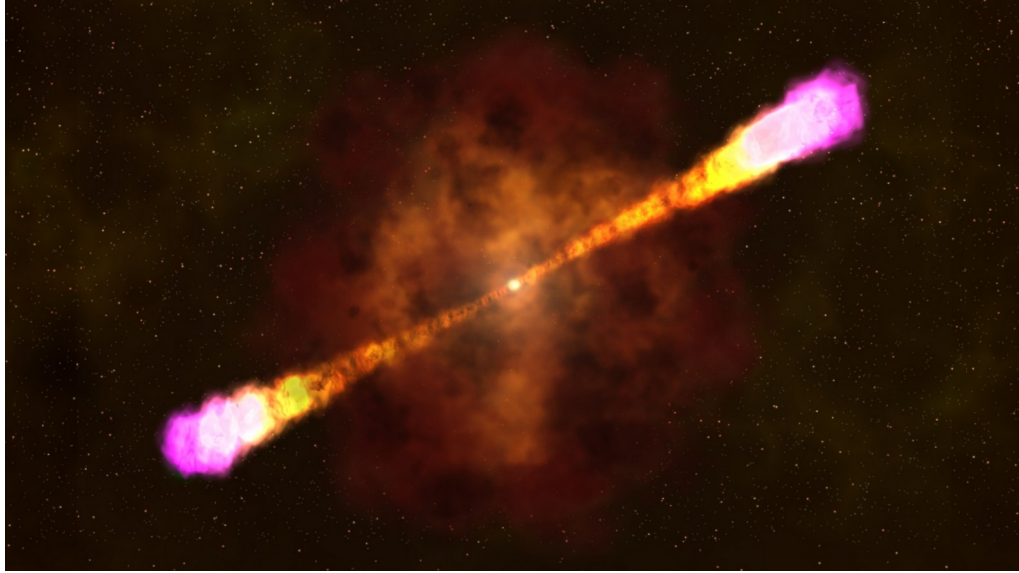
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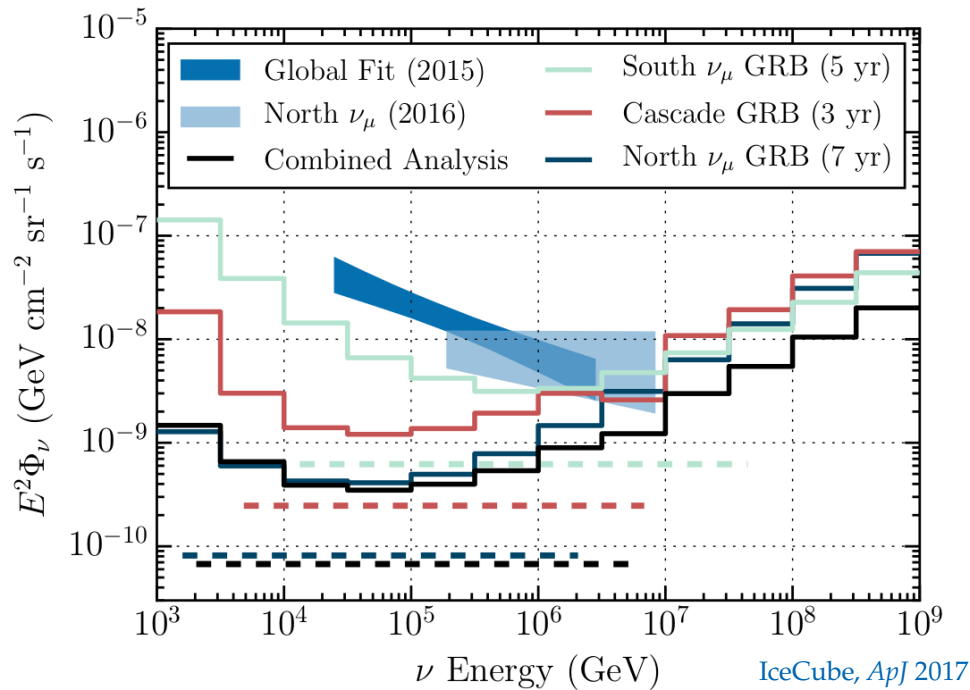


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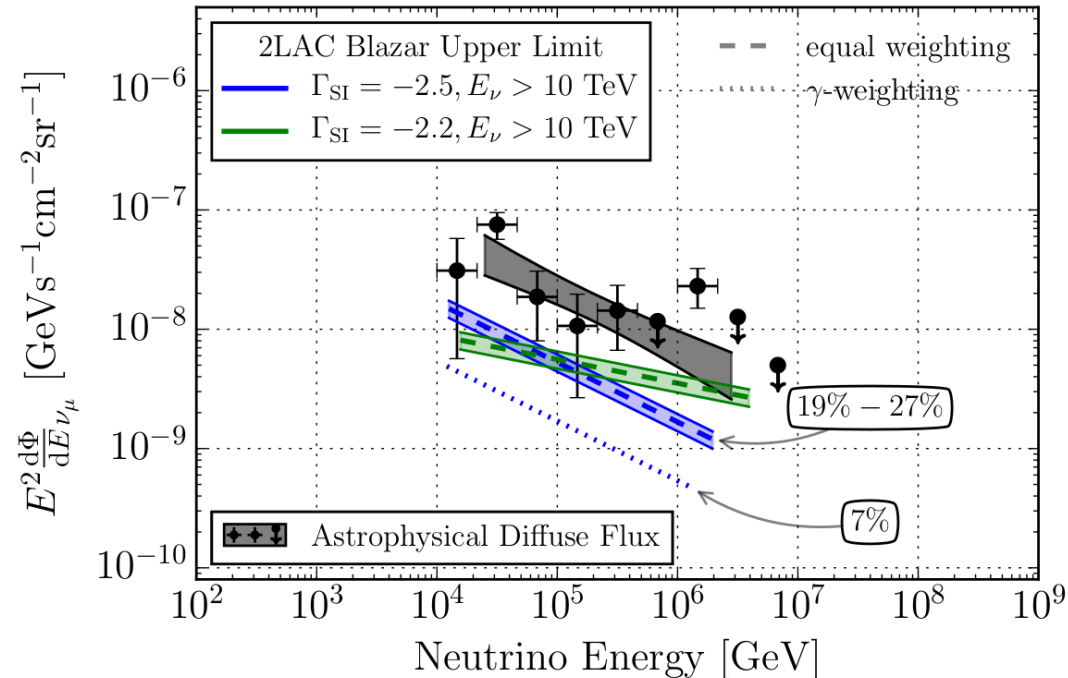
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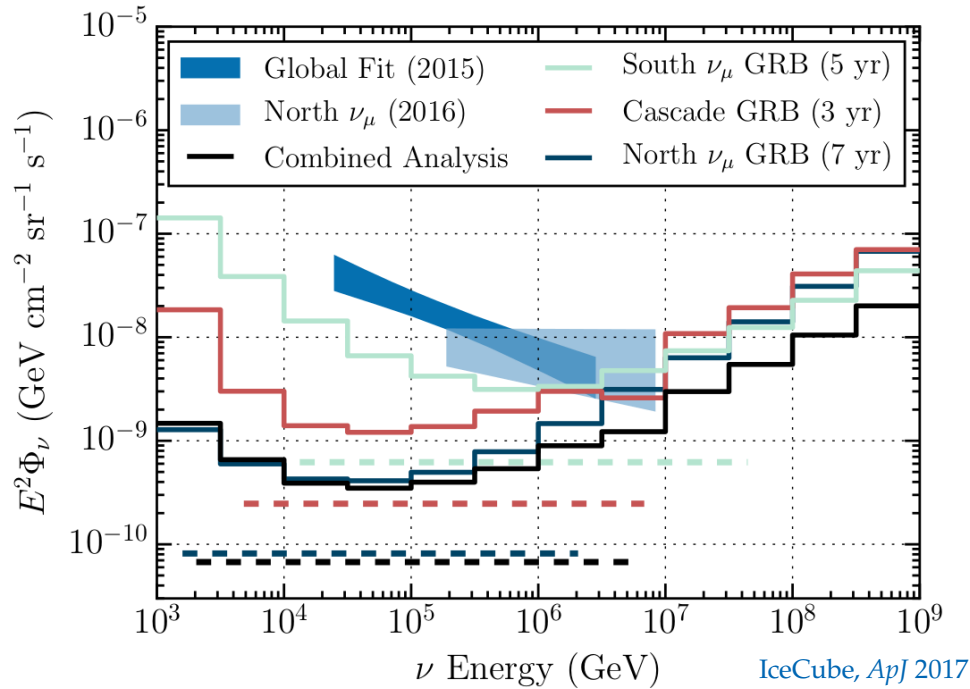
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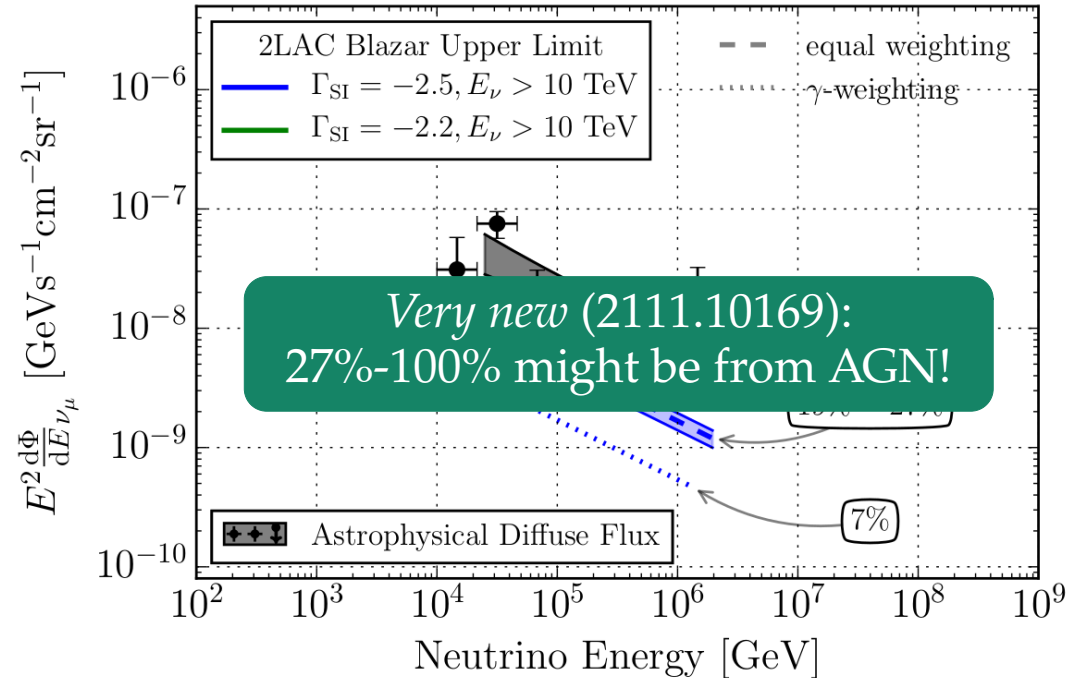
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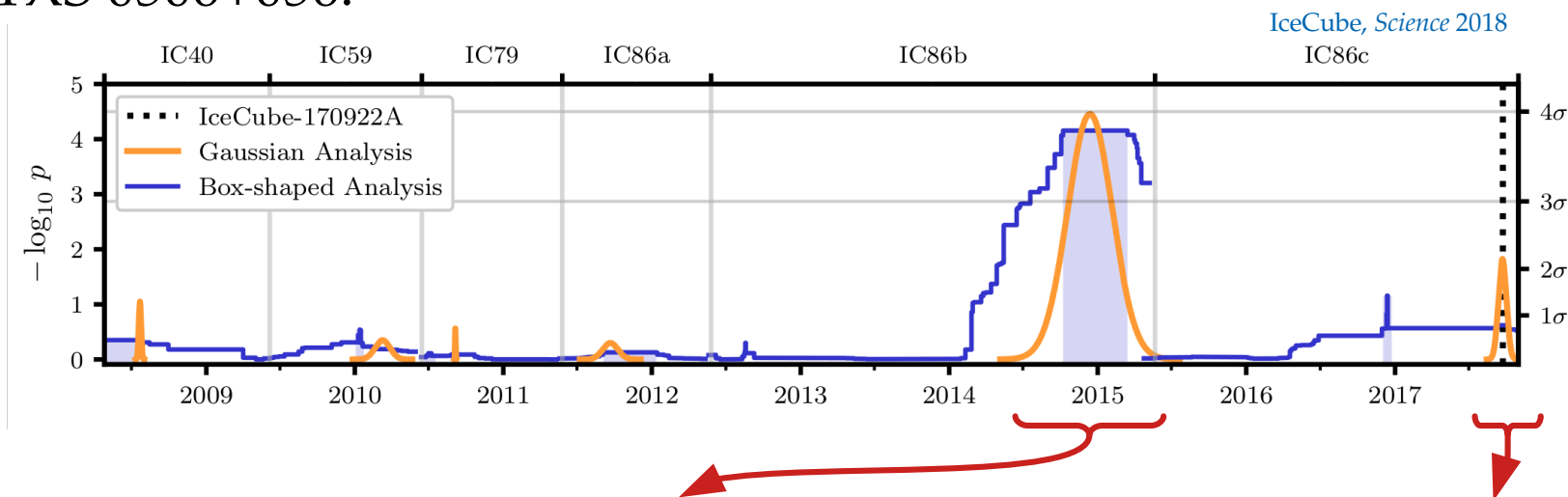
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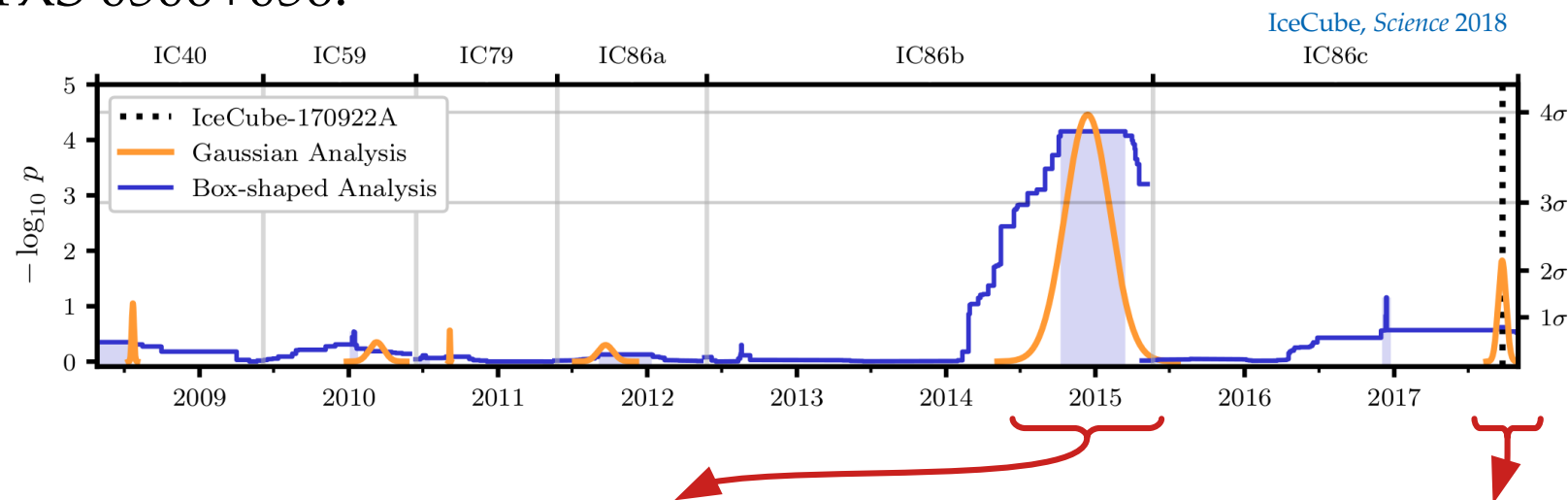
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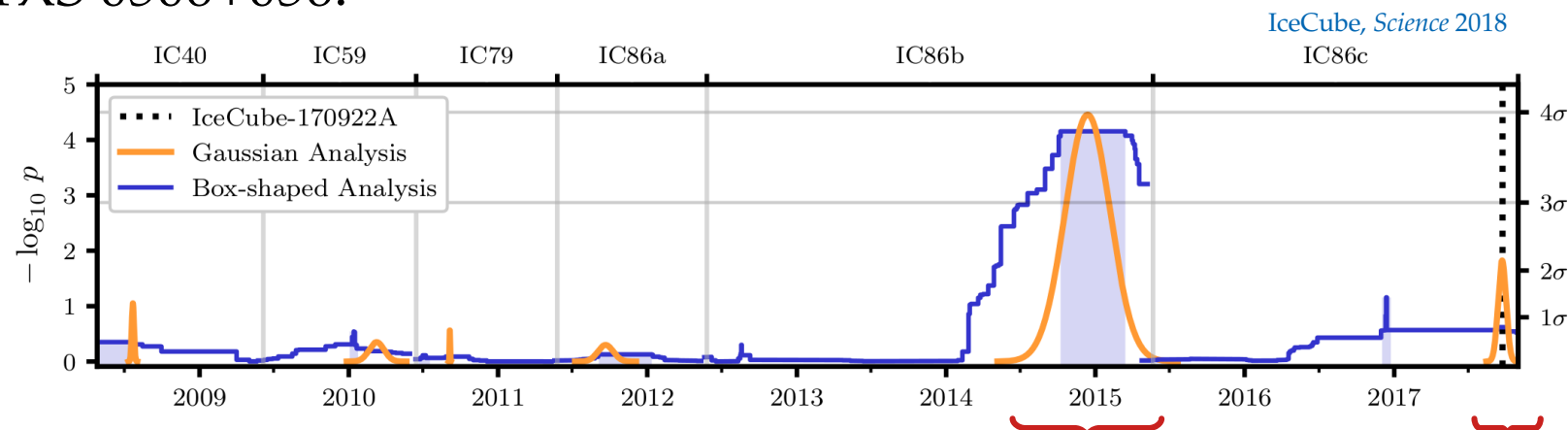
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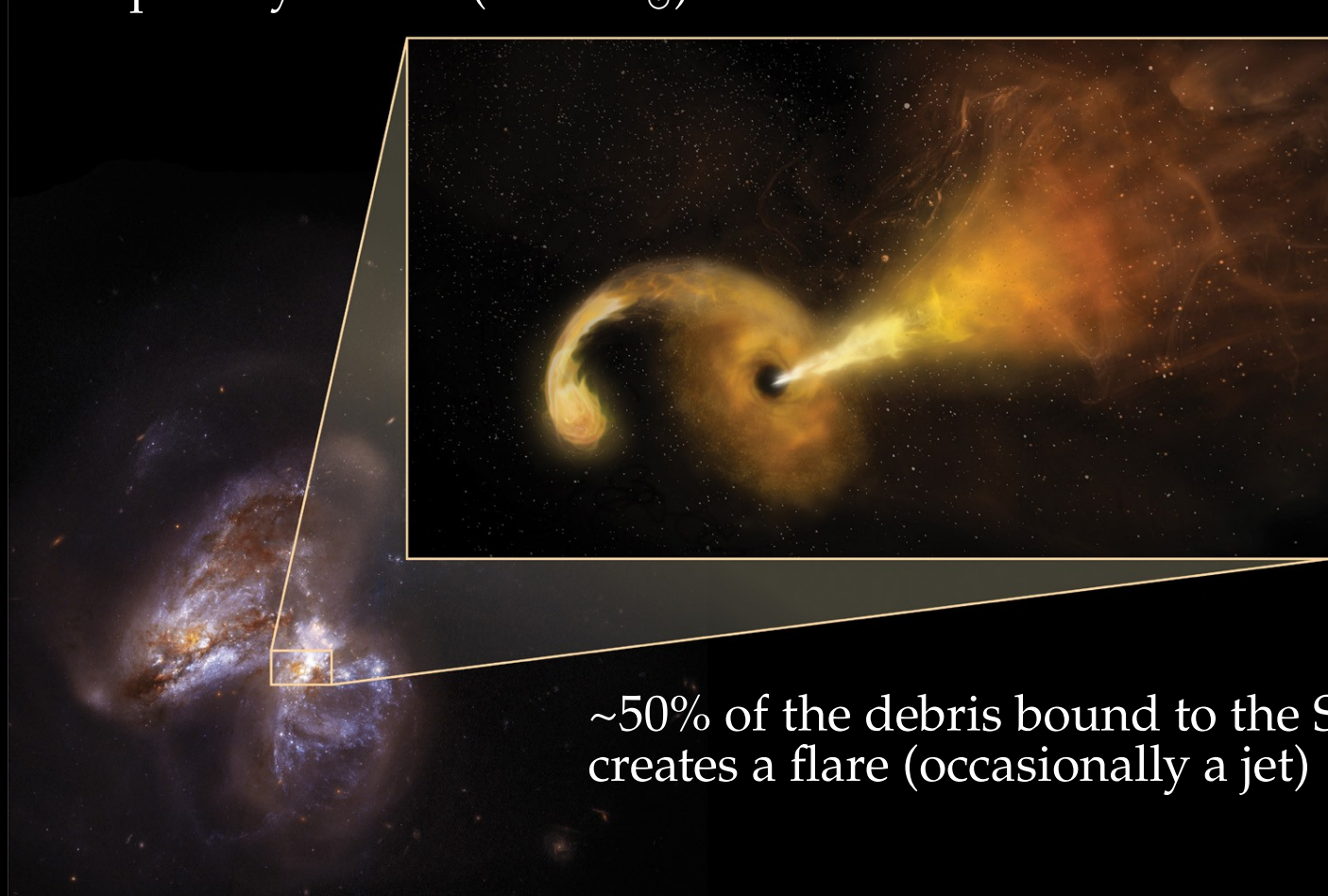
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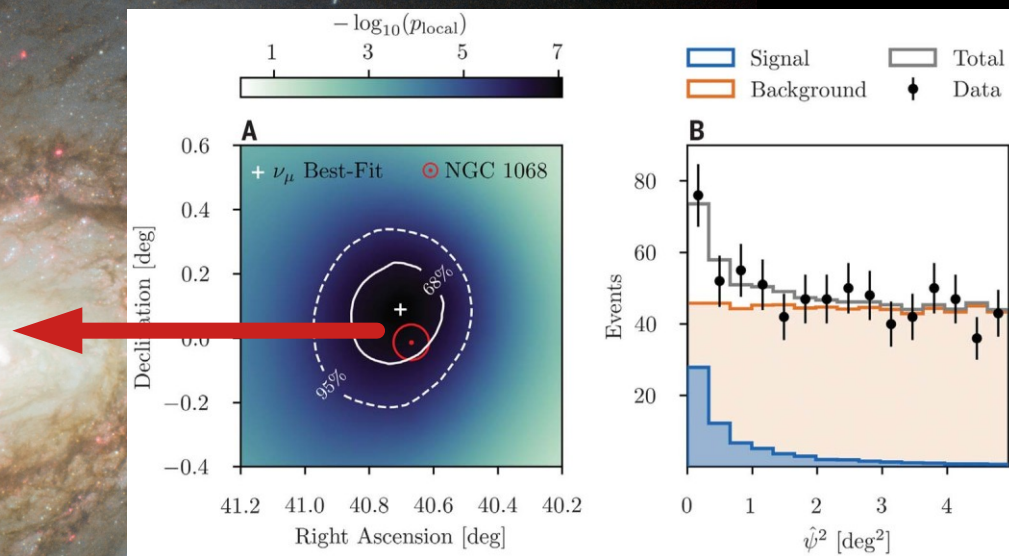
NGC1068: The first *steady-state* source of high-energy ν

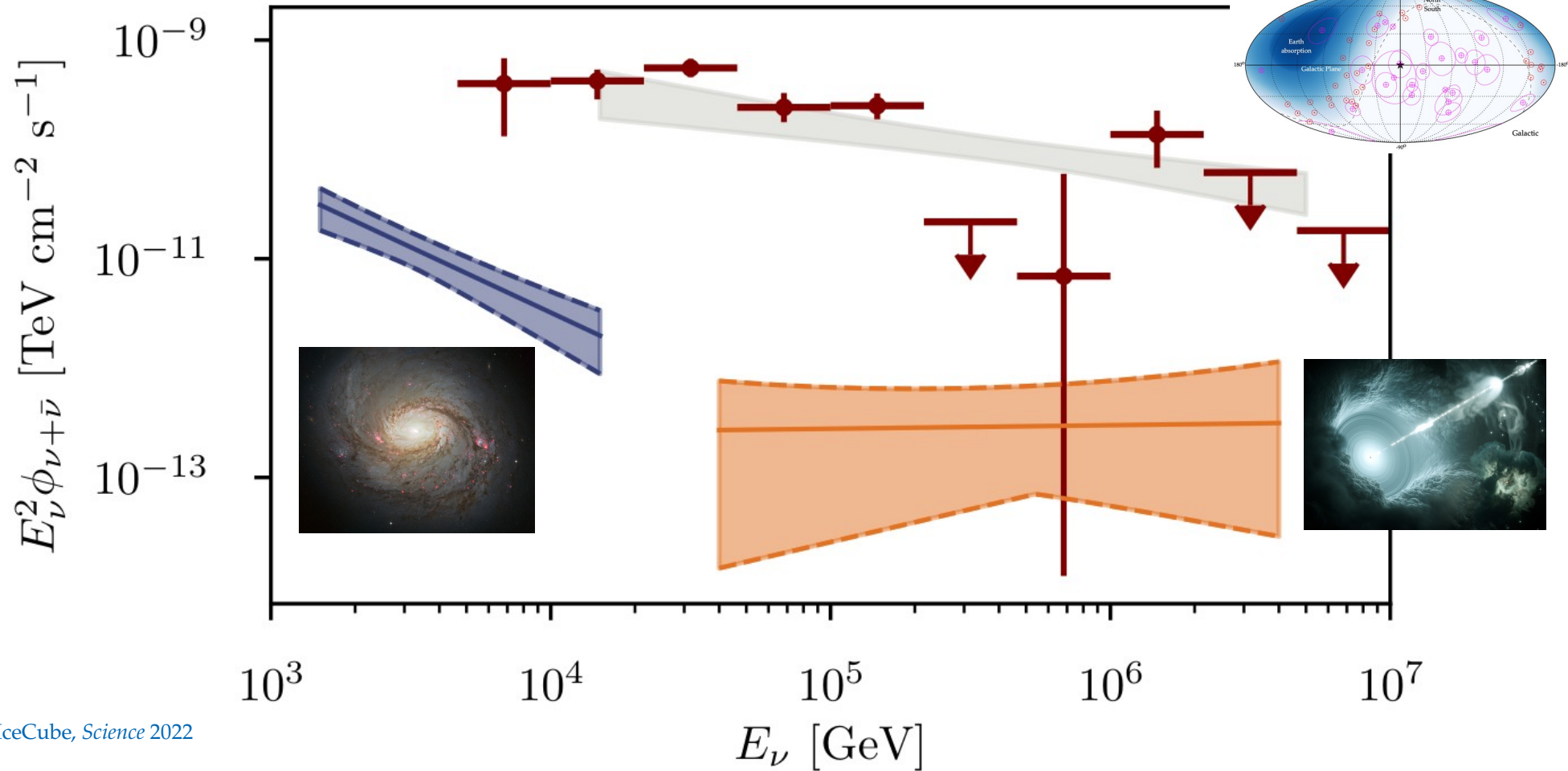
Active galactic nucleus

Brightest type-2 Seyfert

79^{+22}_{-20} ν of TeV energy

Significance: 4.2σ (global)

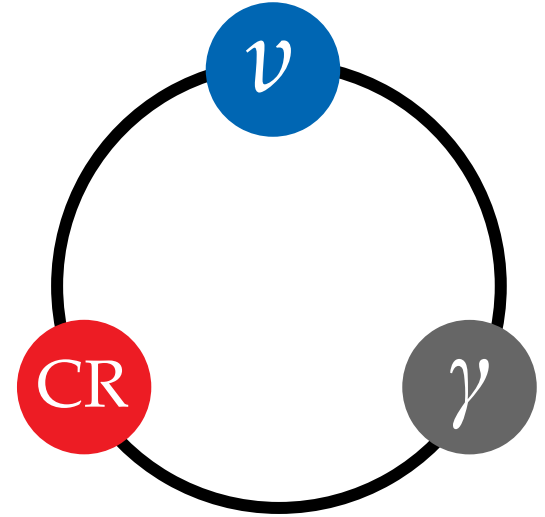




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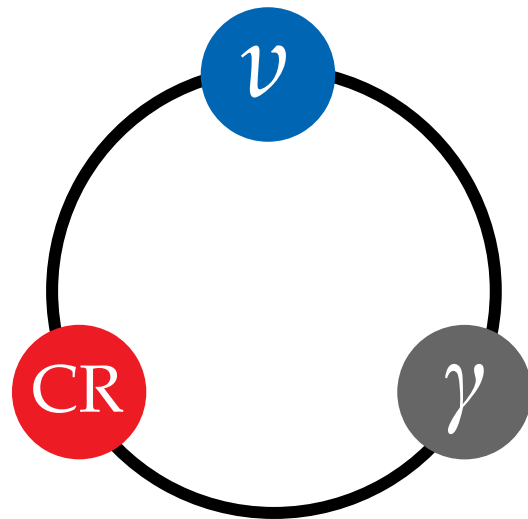
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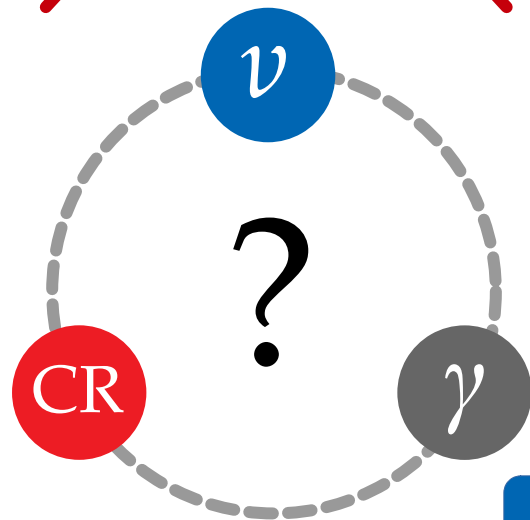
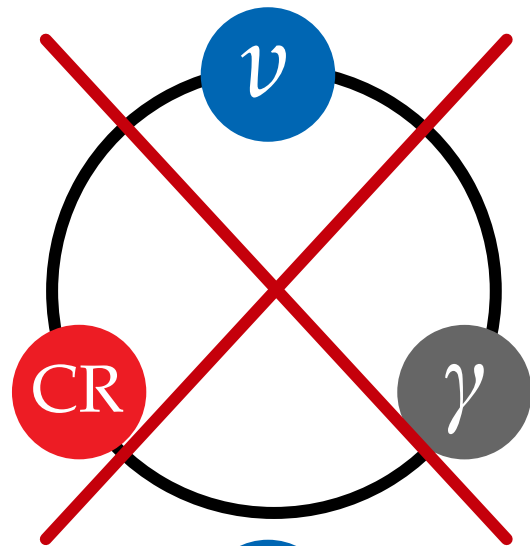
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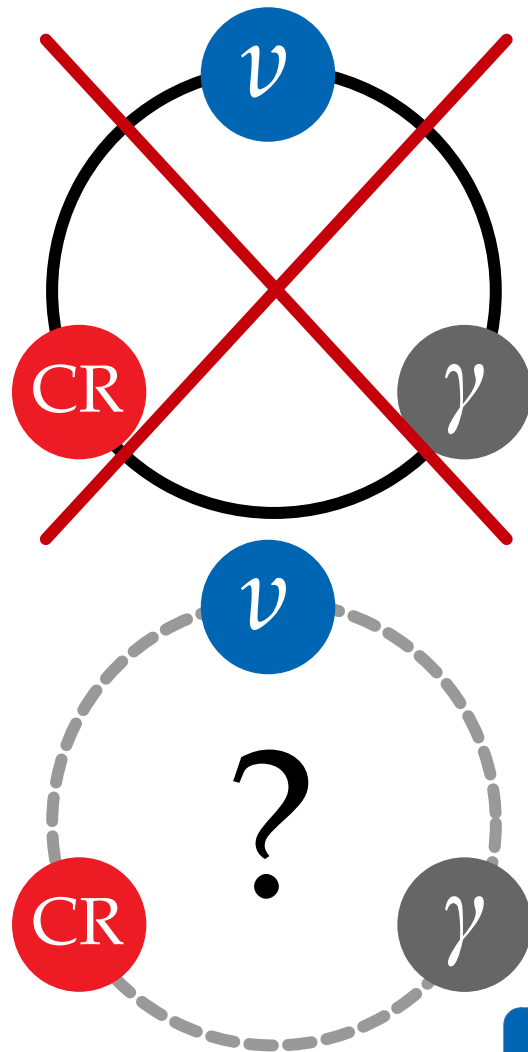
Sources that make neutrinos via $p\gamma$
may be opaque to 1–100 MeV gamma rays

Murase, Guetta, Ahlers, *PRL* 2016

Modeling of $p\gamma$ interactions & nuclear cascading
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Morejon, Fedynitch, Boncioli, Winter, *JCAP* 2019

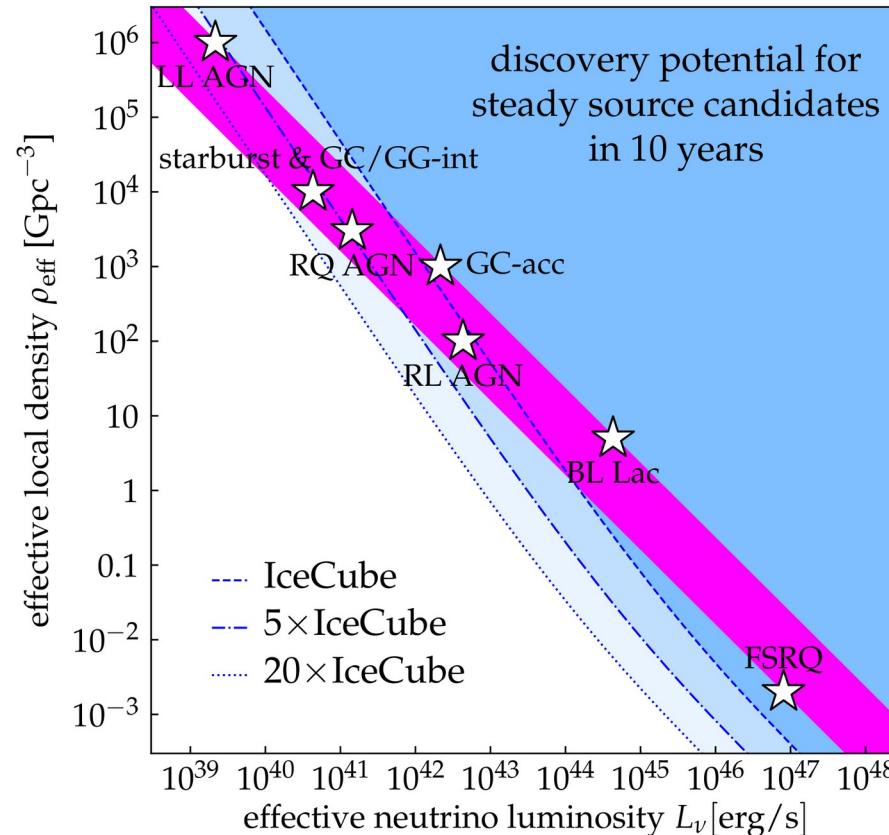
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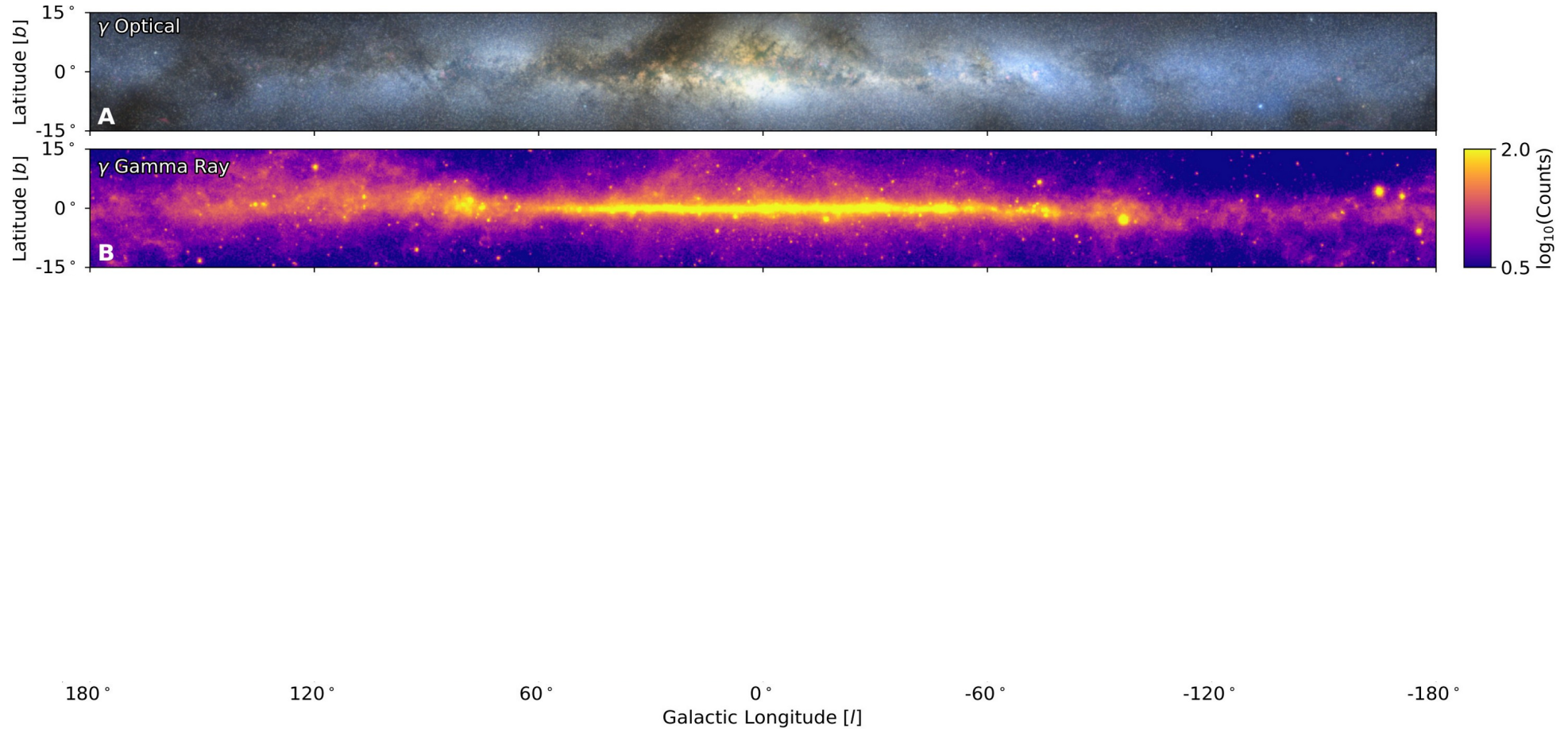
Source discovery potential: today and in the future

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

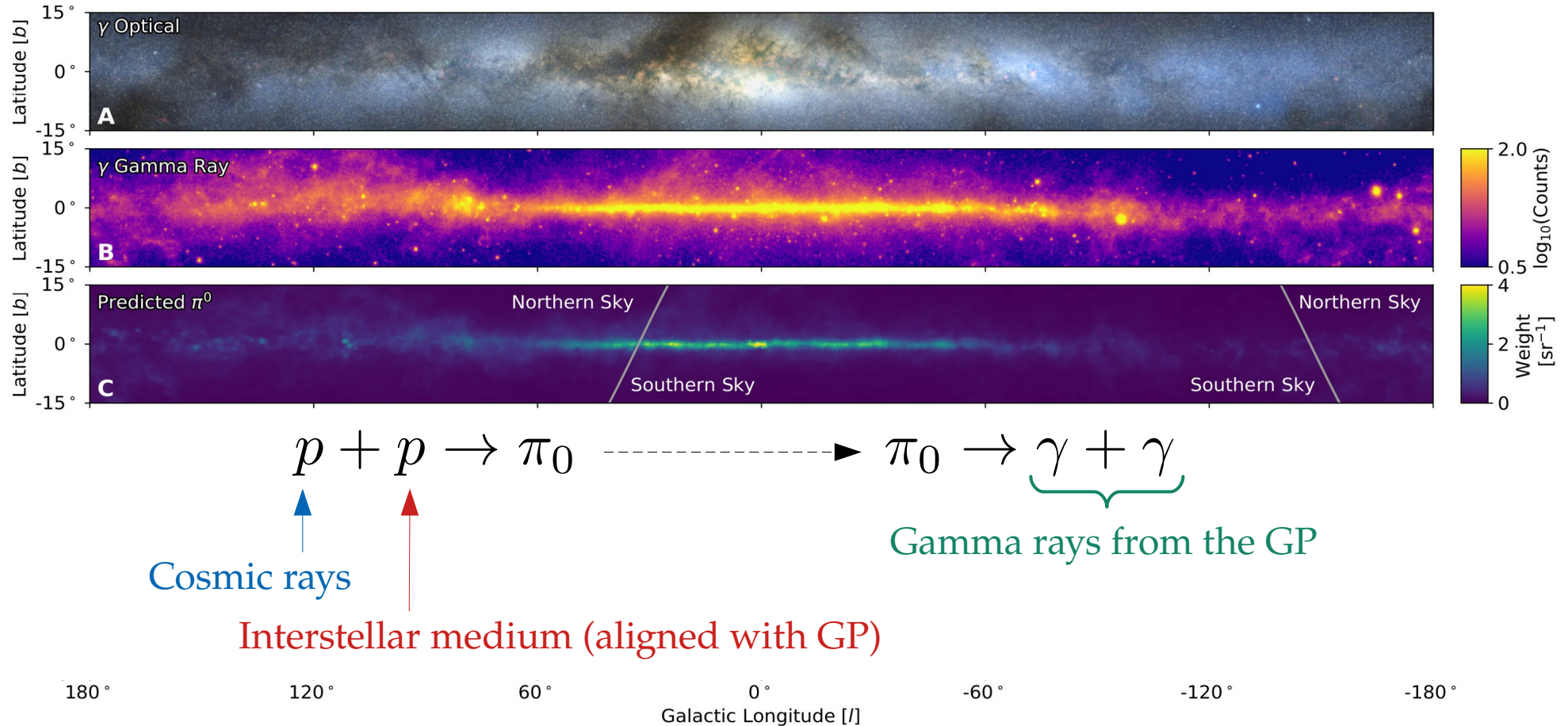
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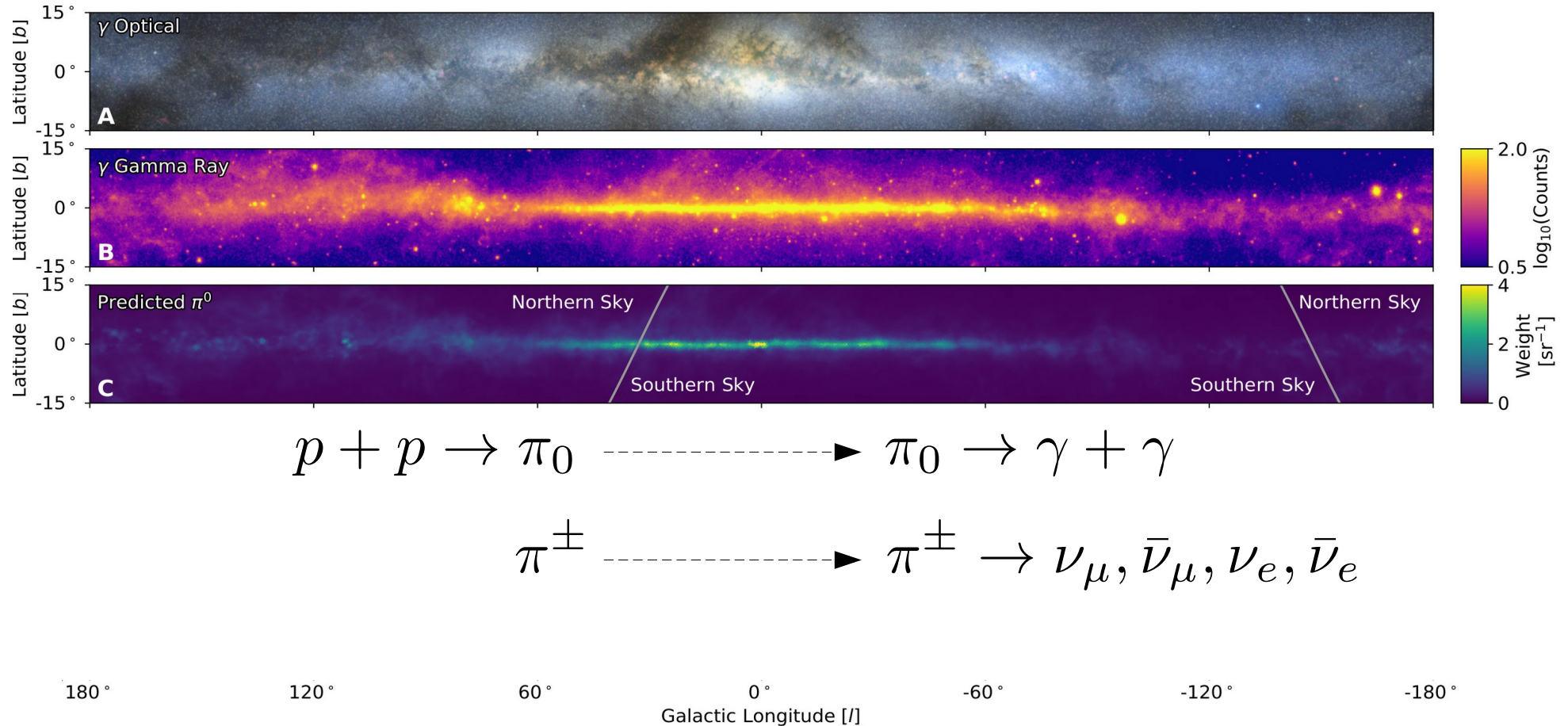
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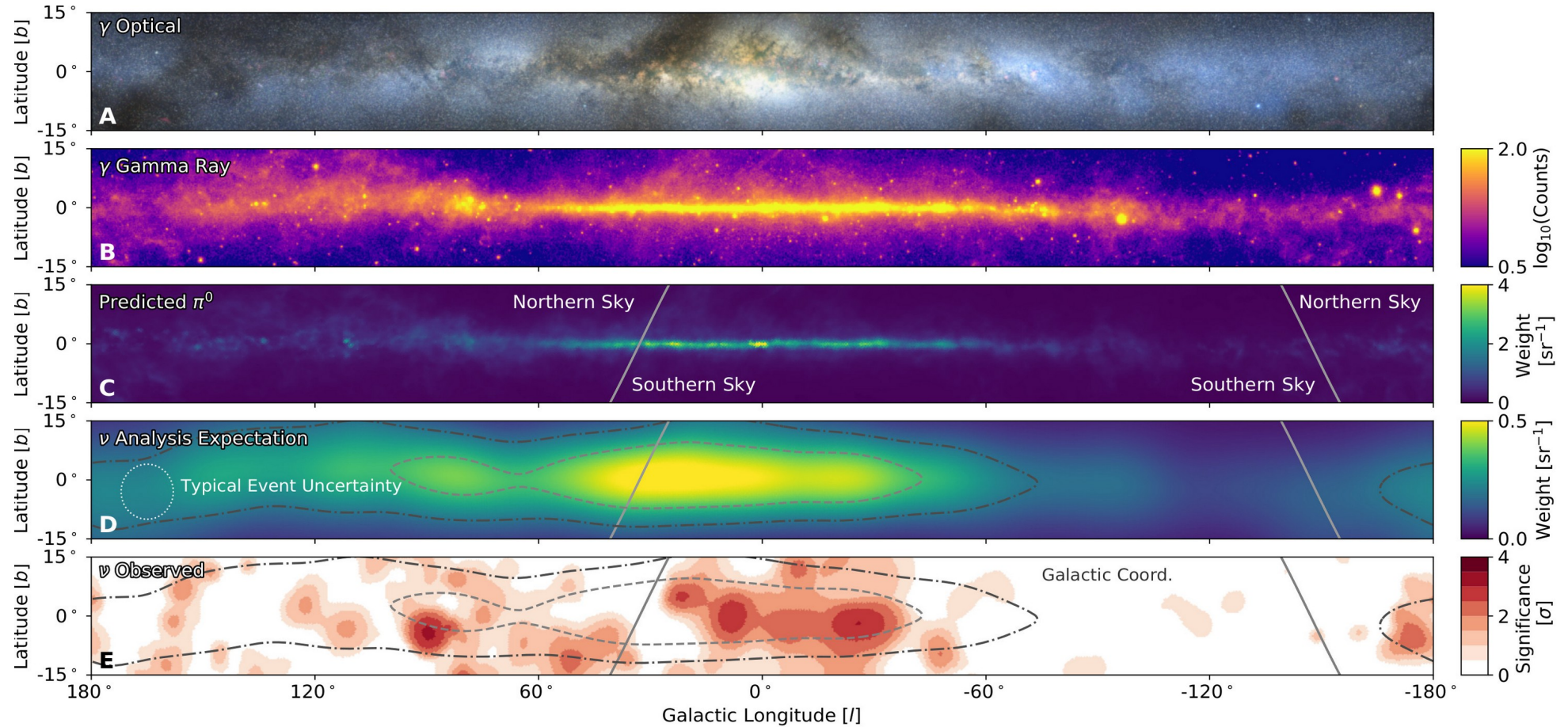
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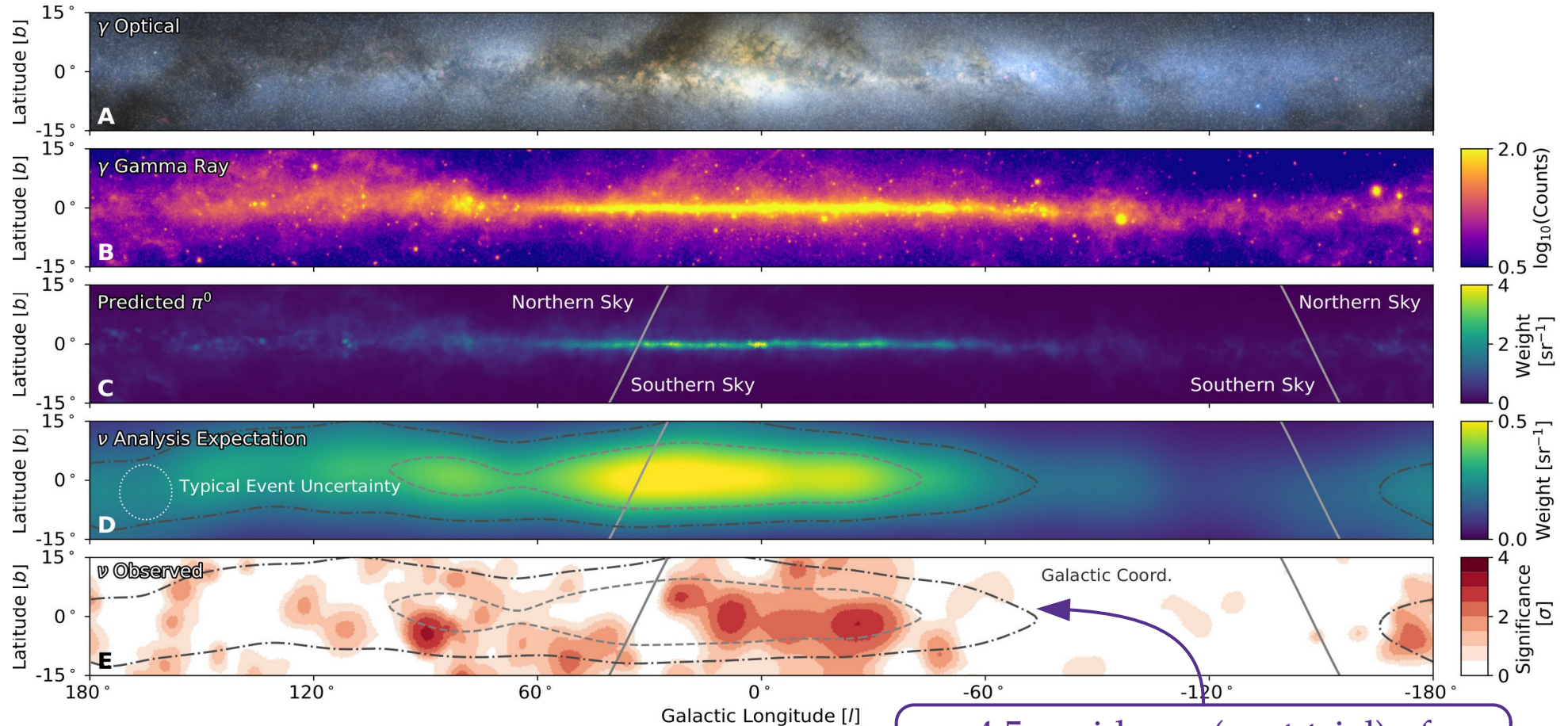
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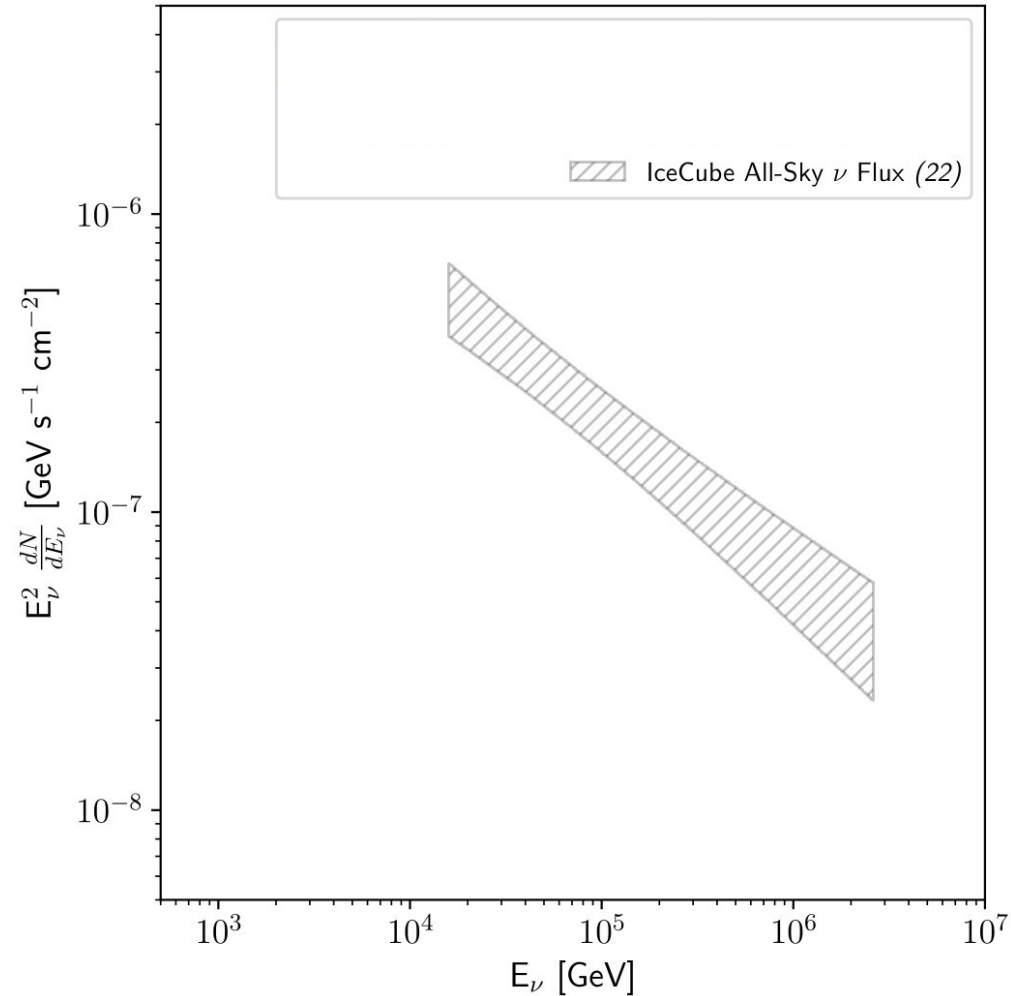


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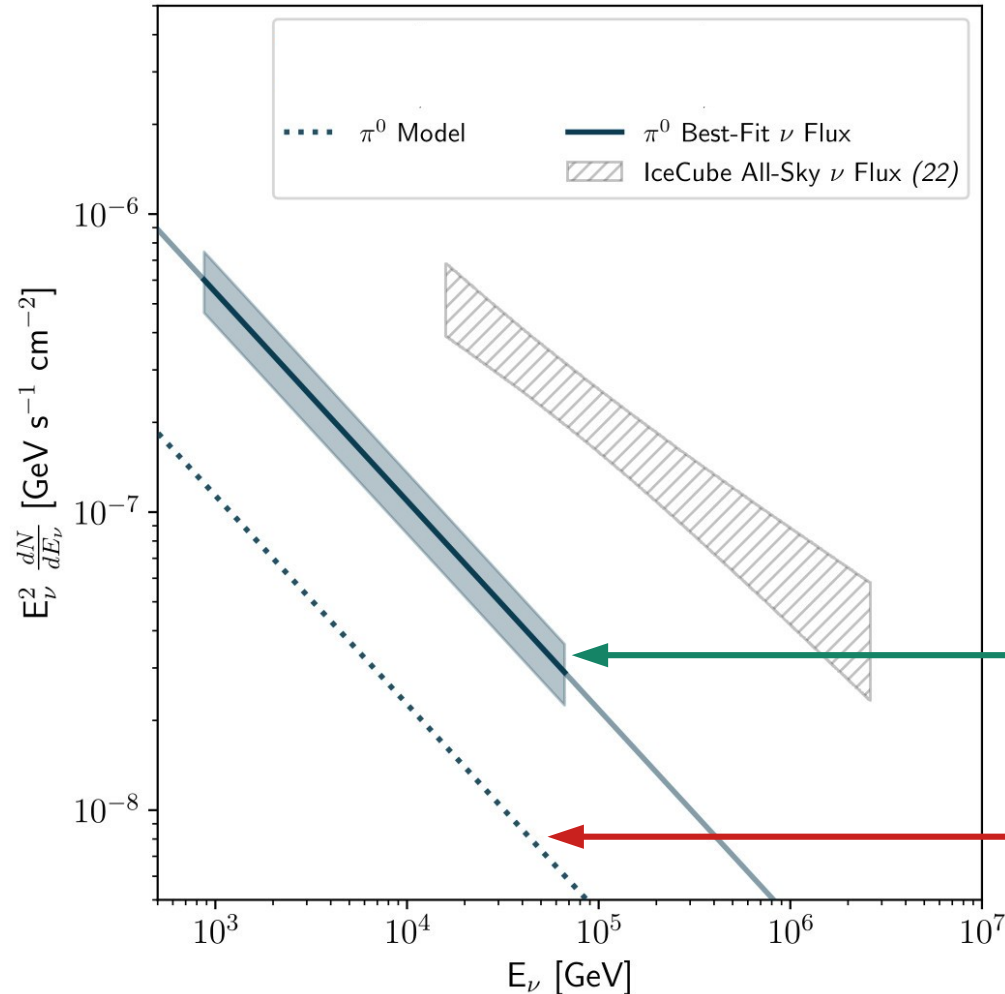


4.5 σ evidence (post-trial) of
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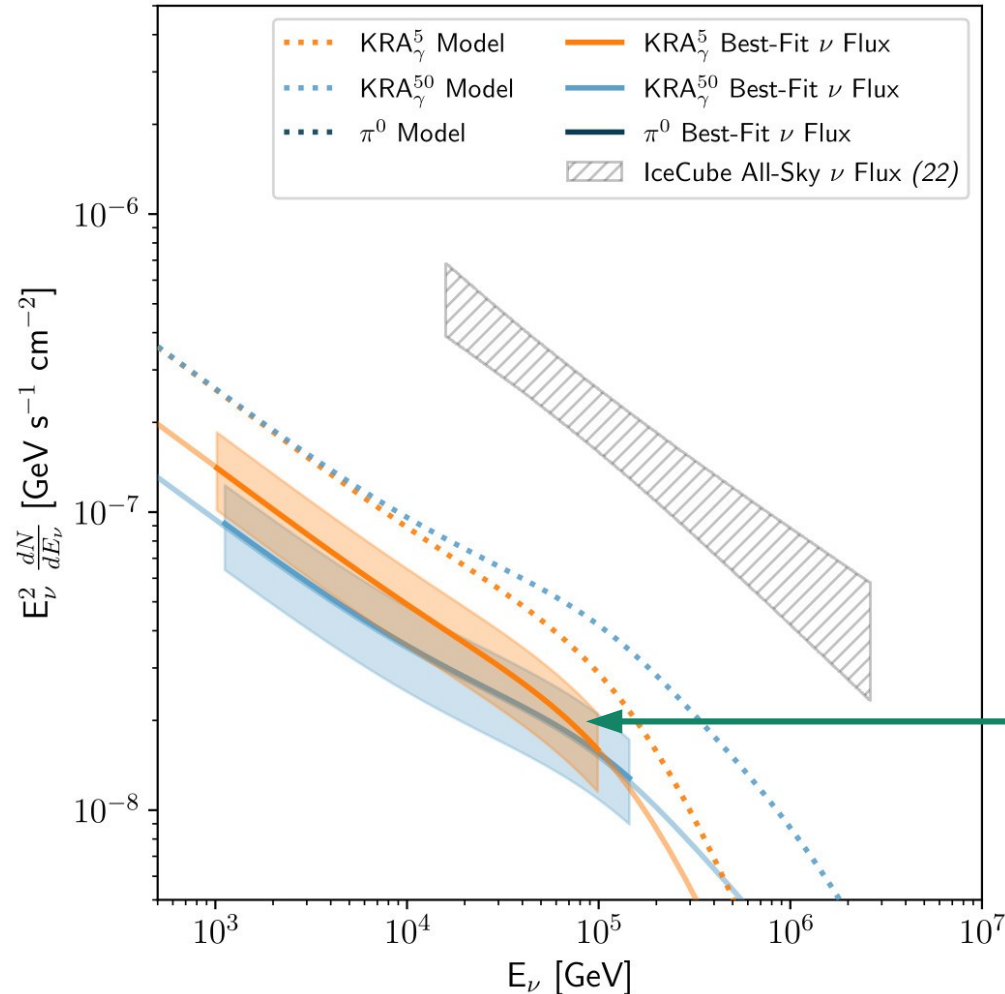
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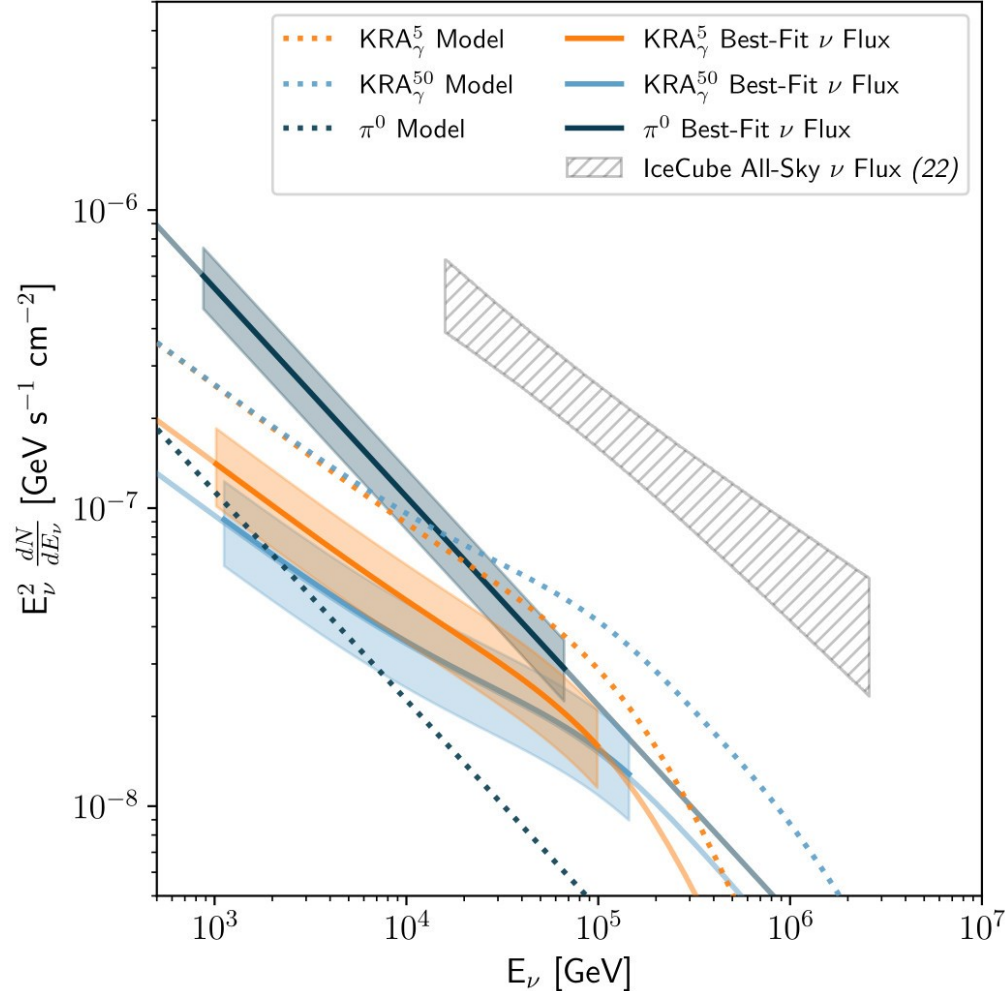
KRA_γ^5 : Spectrum varies spatially, harder ν spectrum, cut-off at 5 PeV in CR energy

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High-energy neutrinos from the Galactic Plane



Three models of Galactic diffuse ν :

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None of the models matched data

(caveat: there are relatively simple models)

No Galactic ν source identified

(likely diffuse + source: Fang & Murase, 2307.02905)

GP flux is 6–13% of all-sky at 30 TeV

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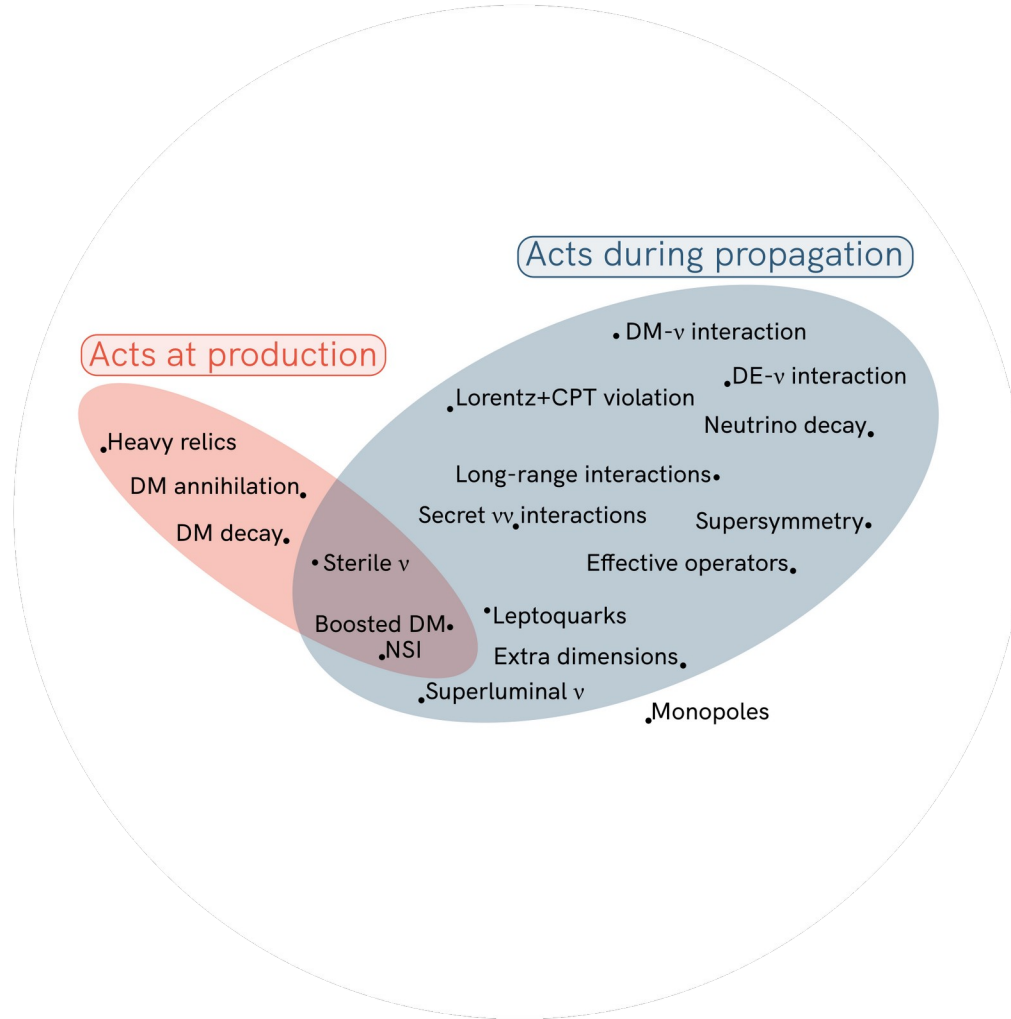
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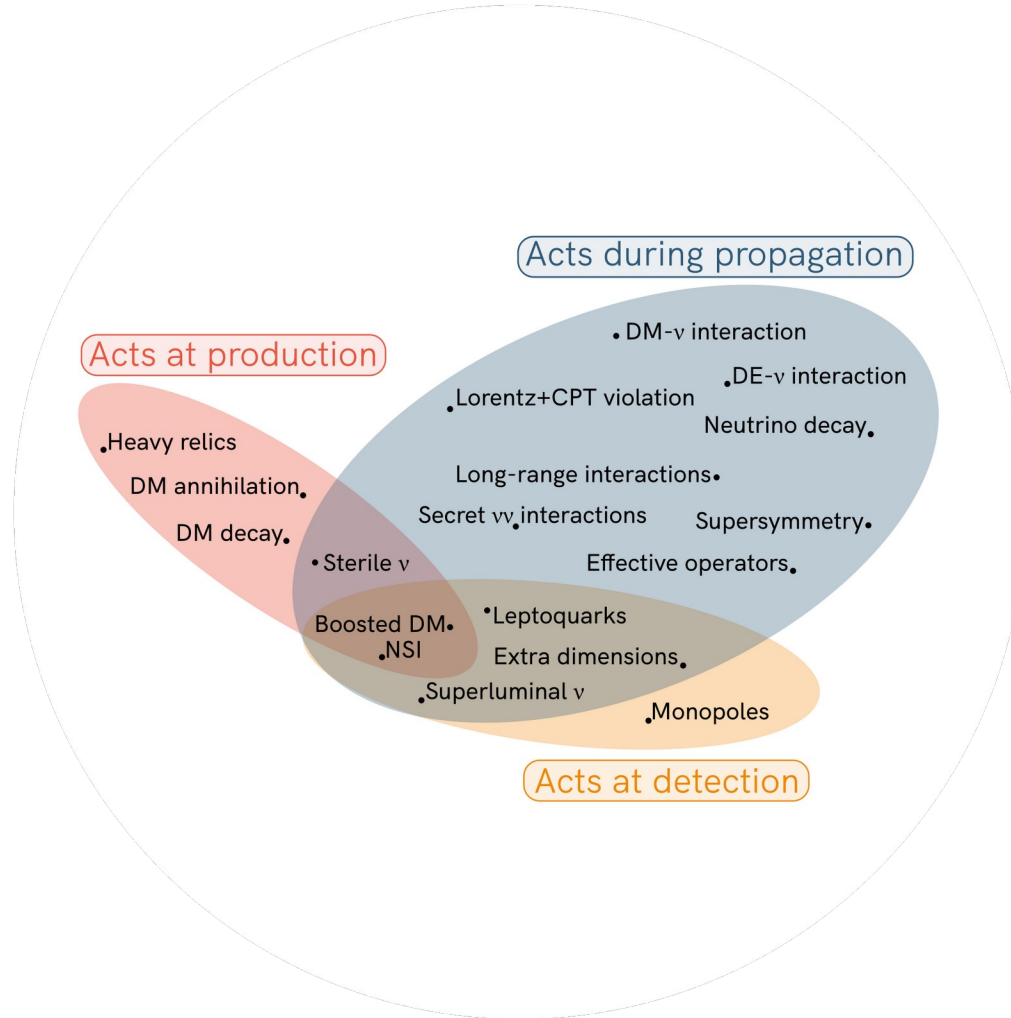
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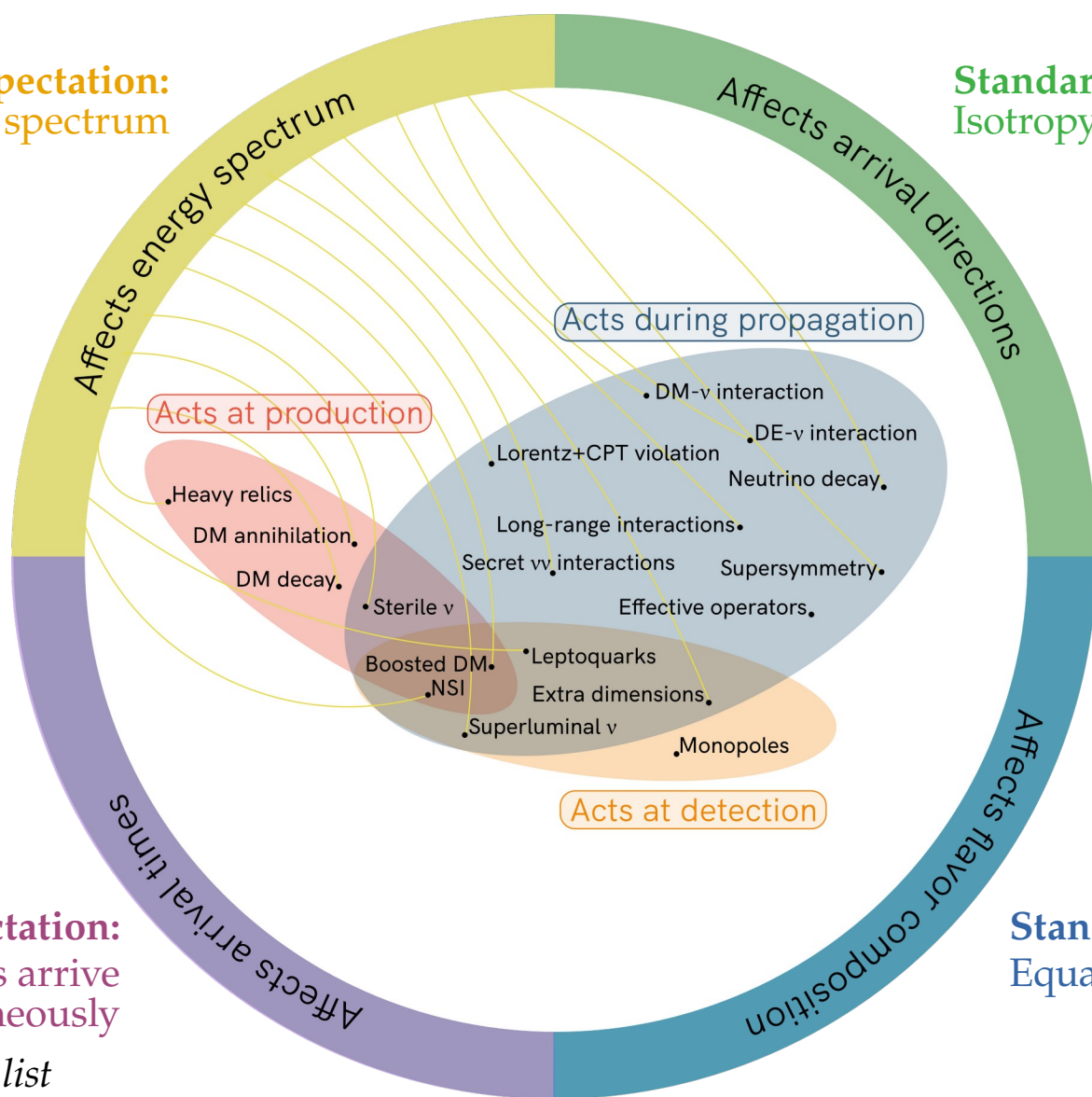
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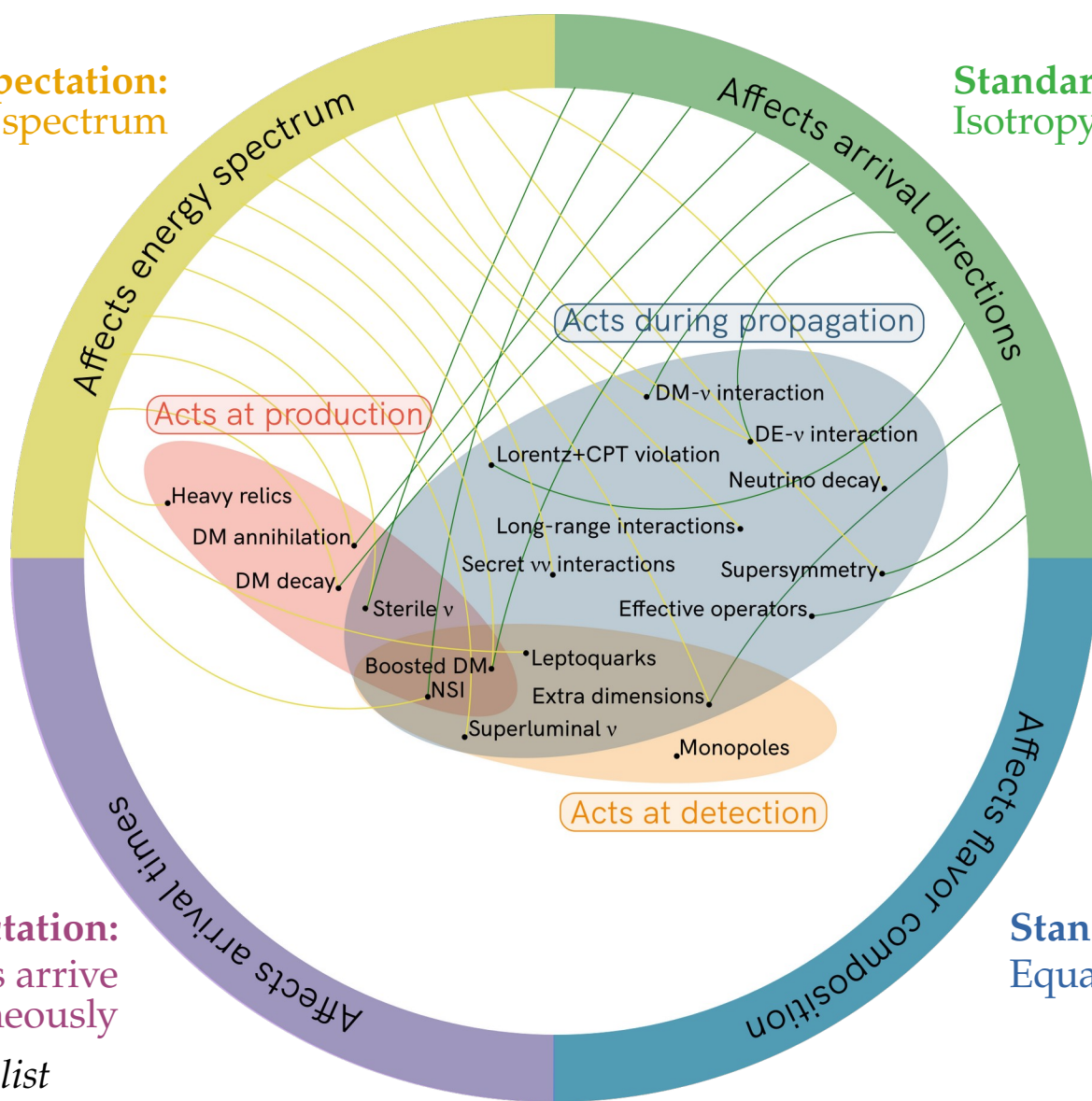
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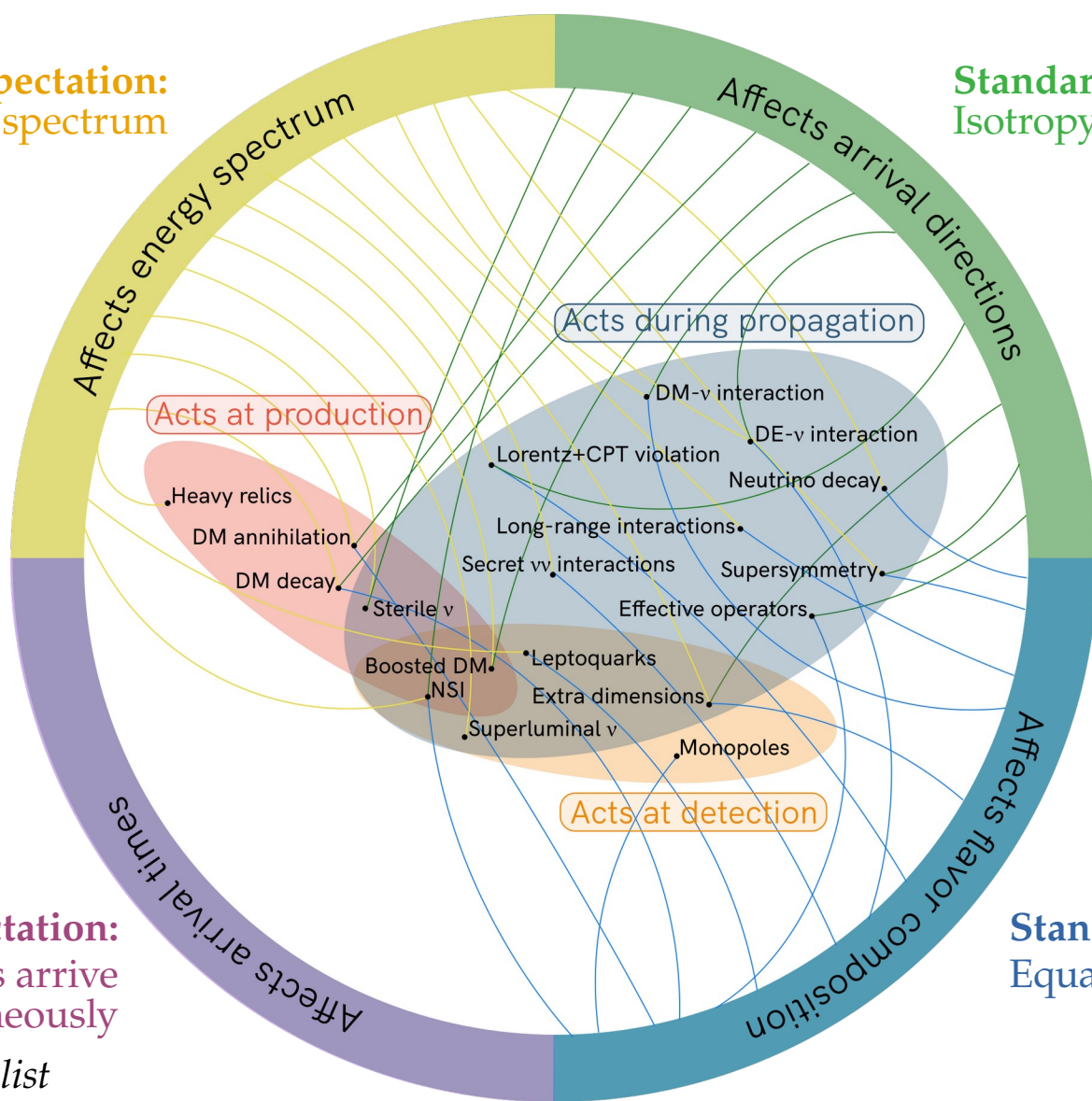
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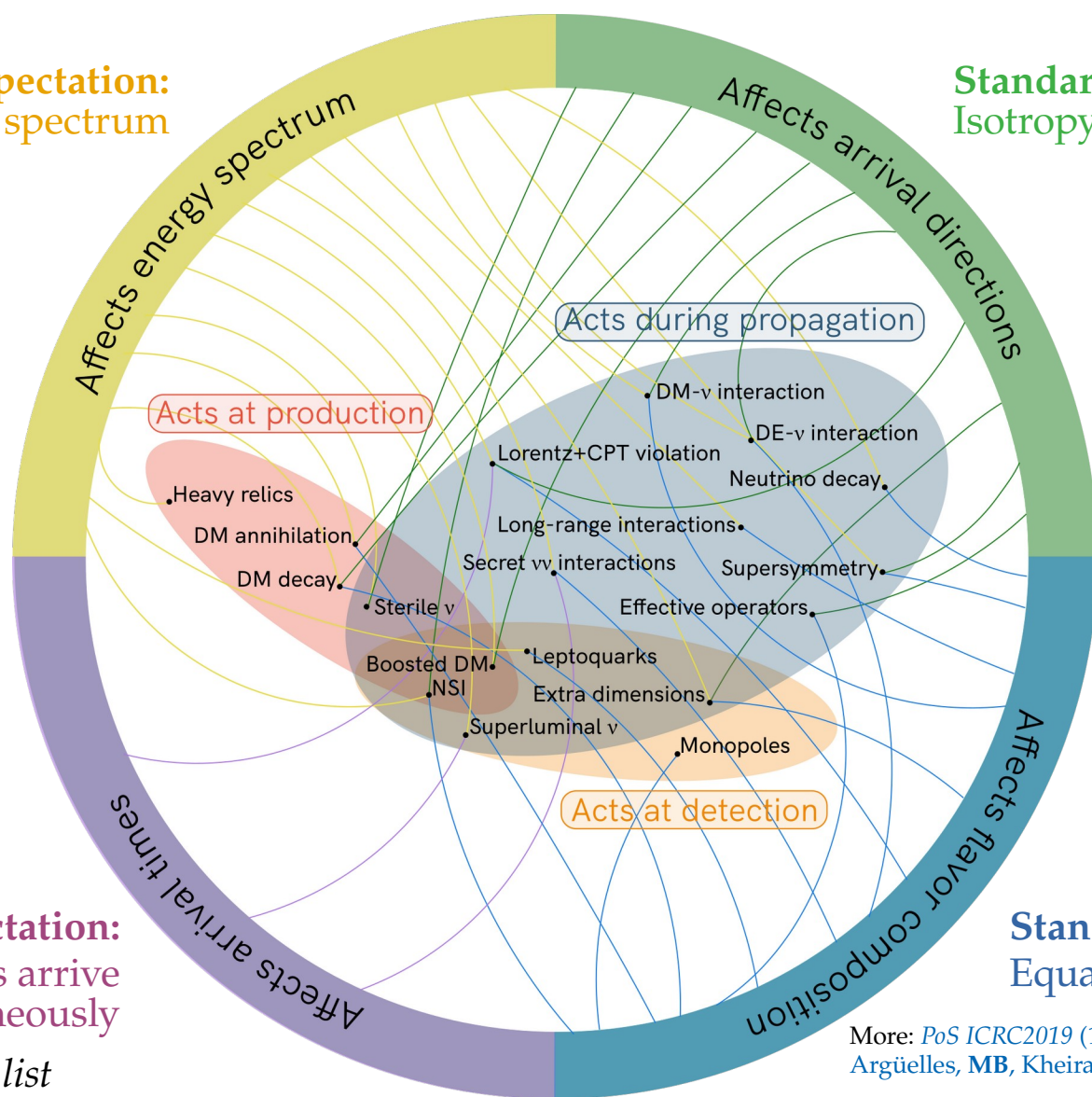
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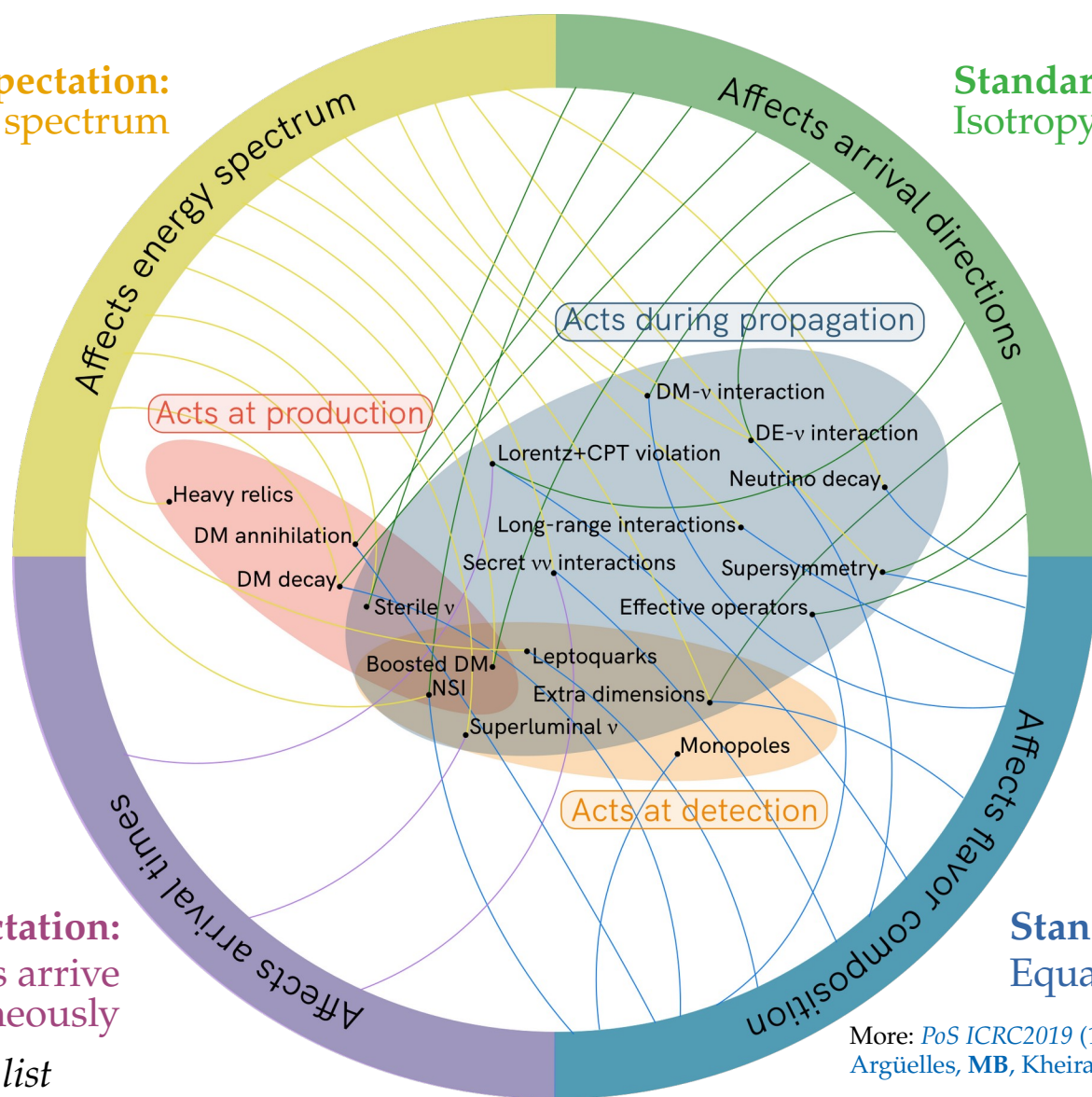
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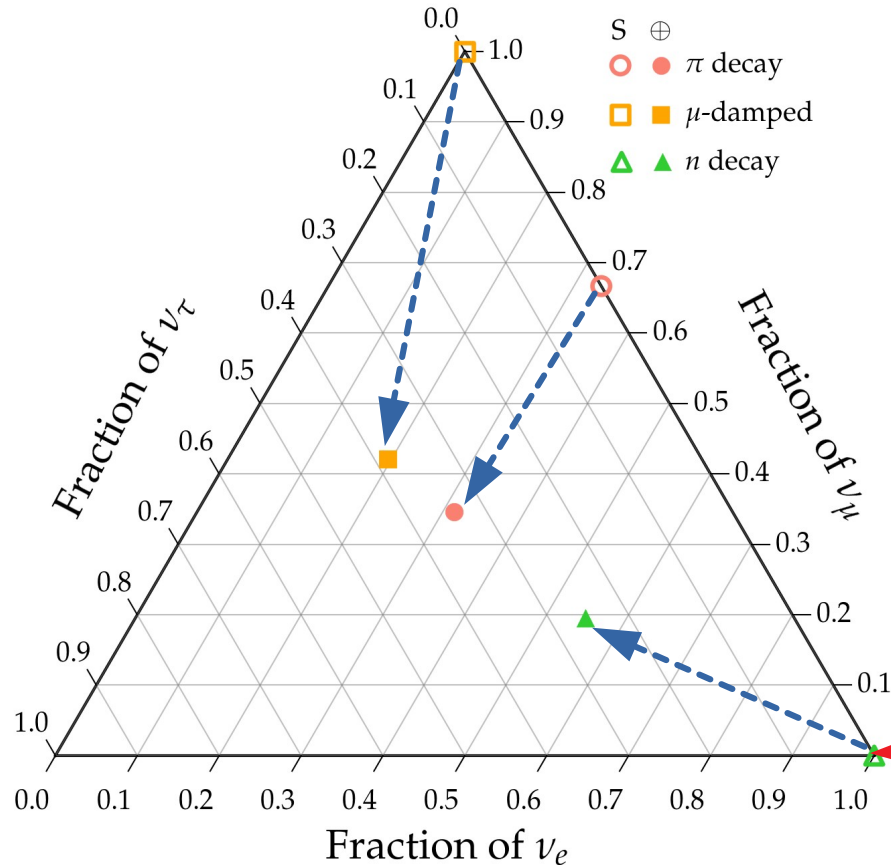
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Towards precision, finally

(with the help of lower-energy experiments)

One likely TeV–PeV ν production scenario:

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



Full π decay chain

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Muon damped

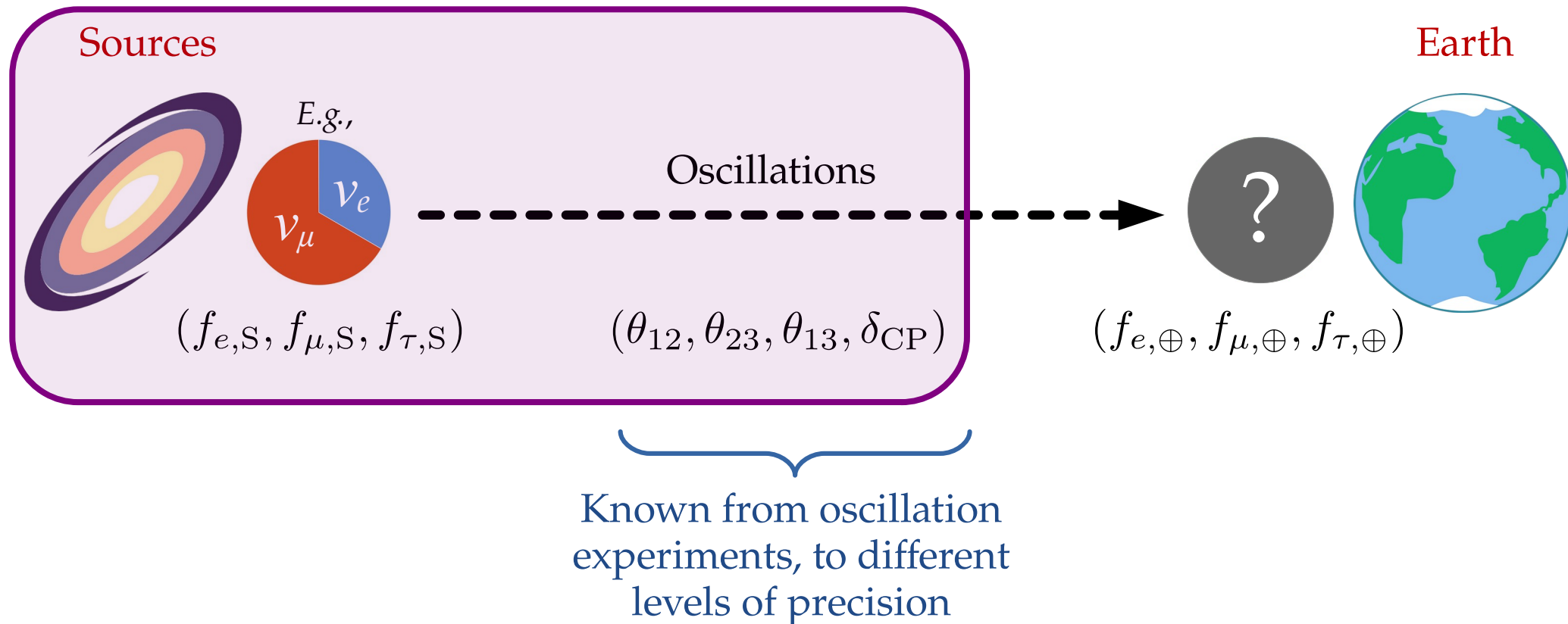
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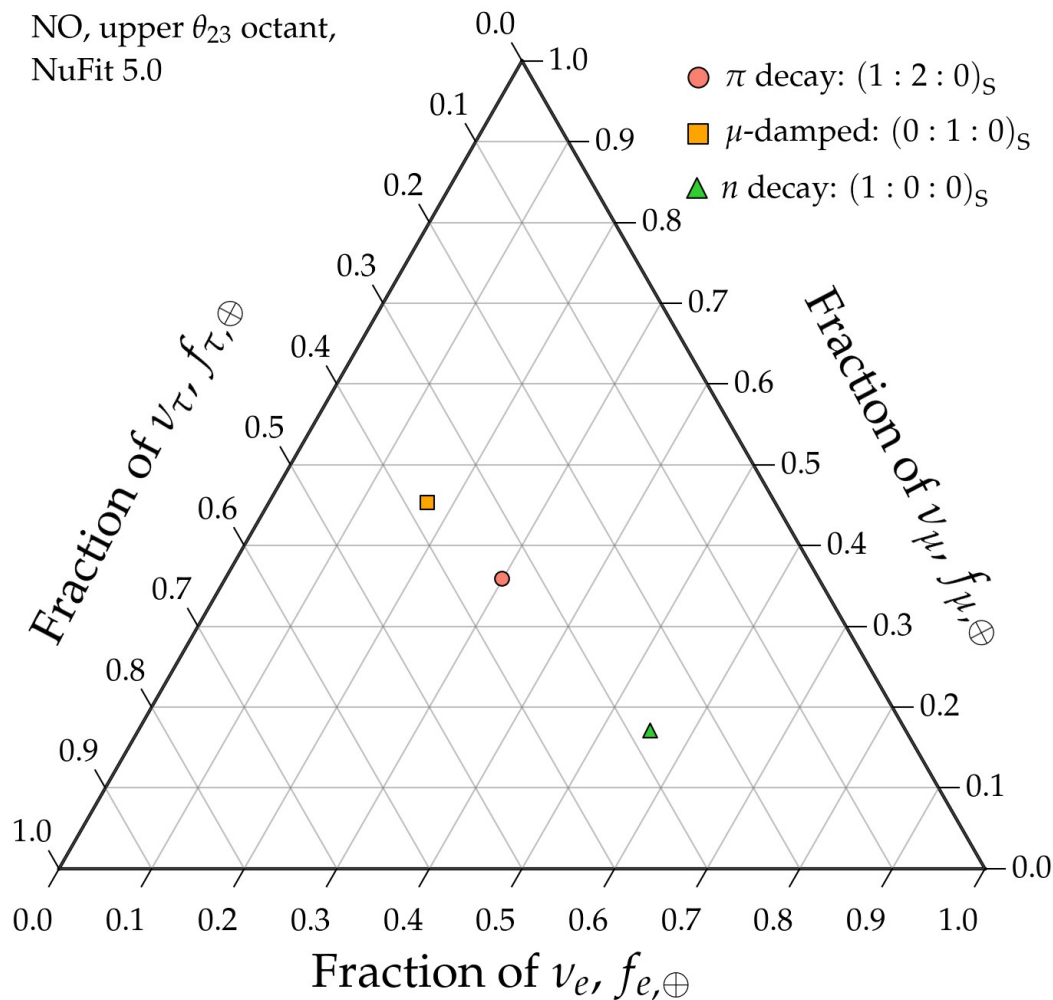
Note: ν and $\bar{\nu}$ are (so far) indistinguishable in neutrino telescopes

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



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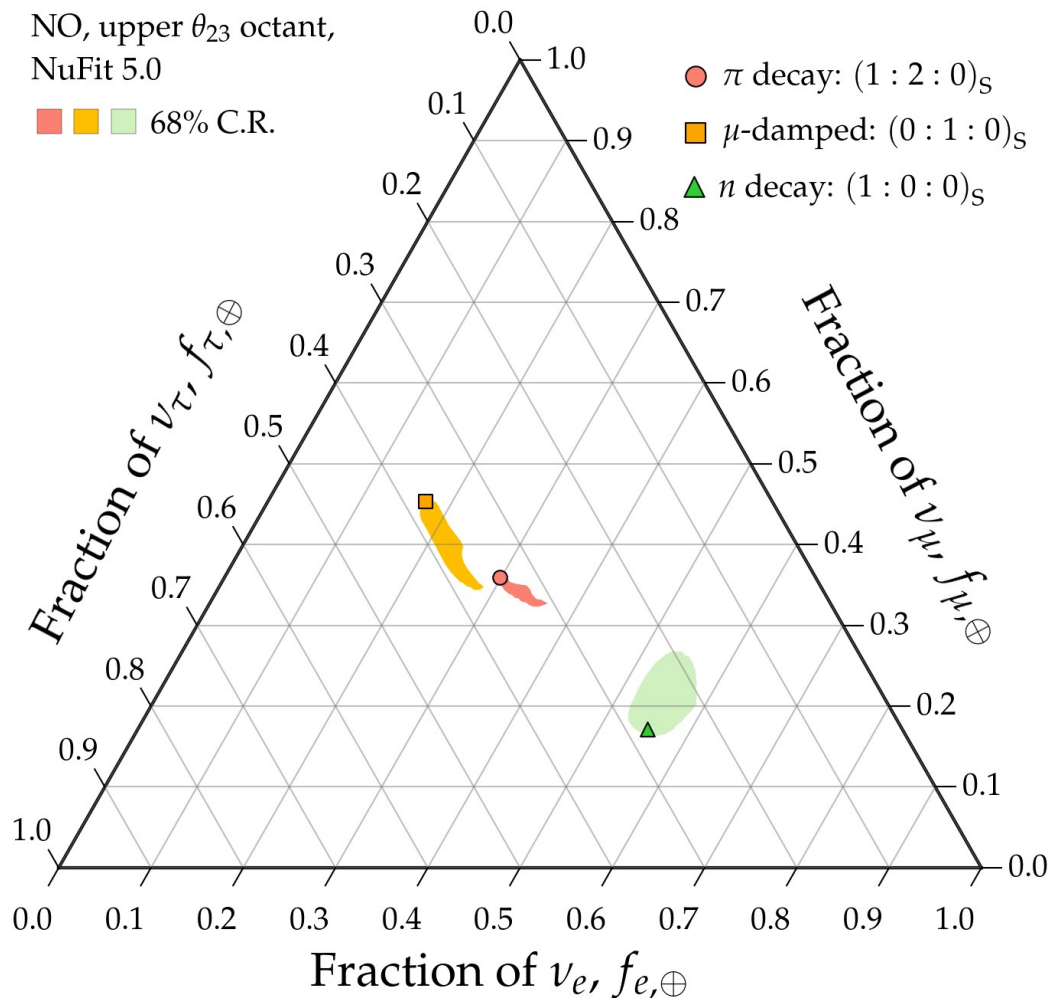
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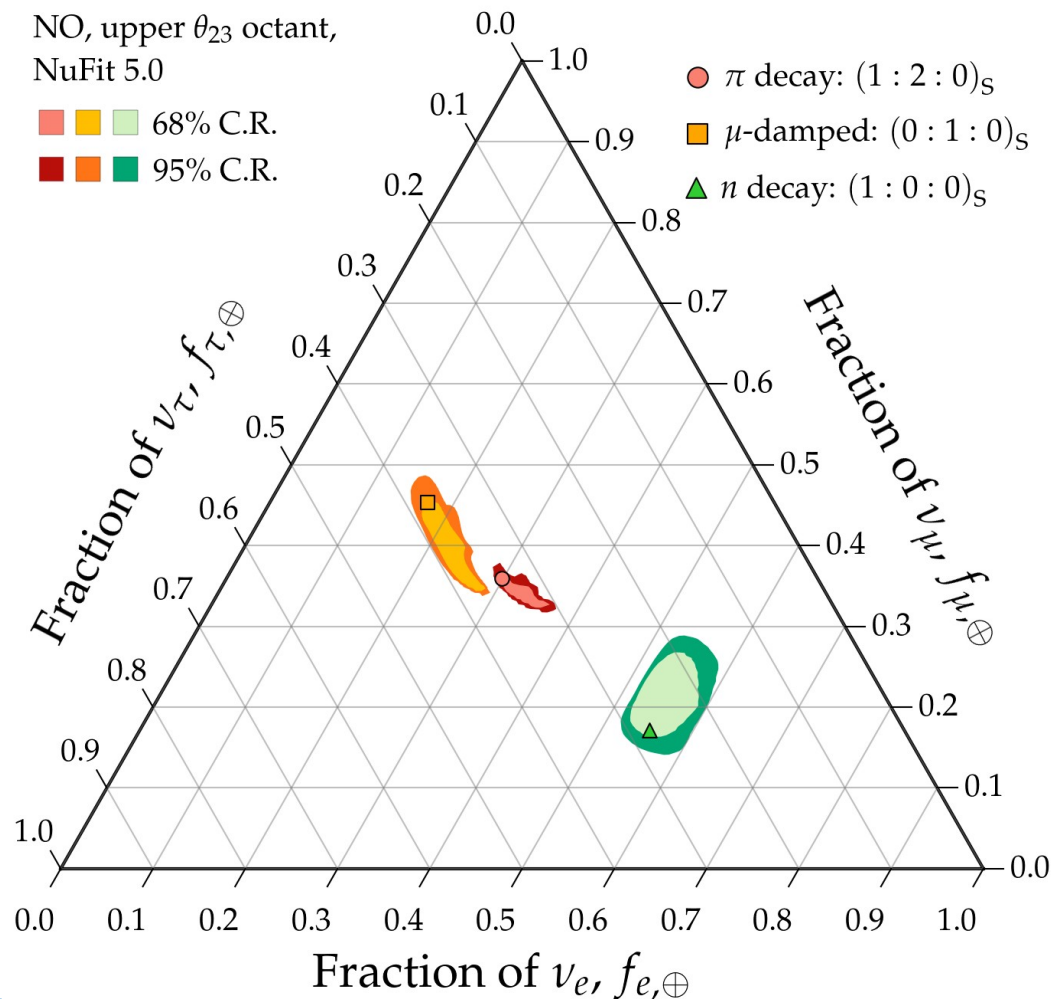
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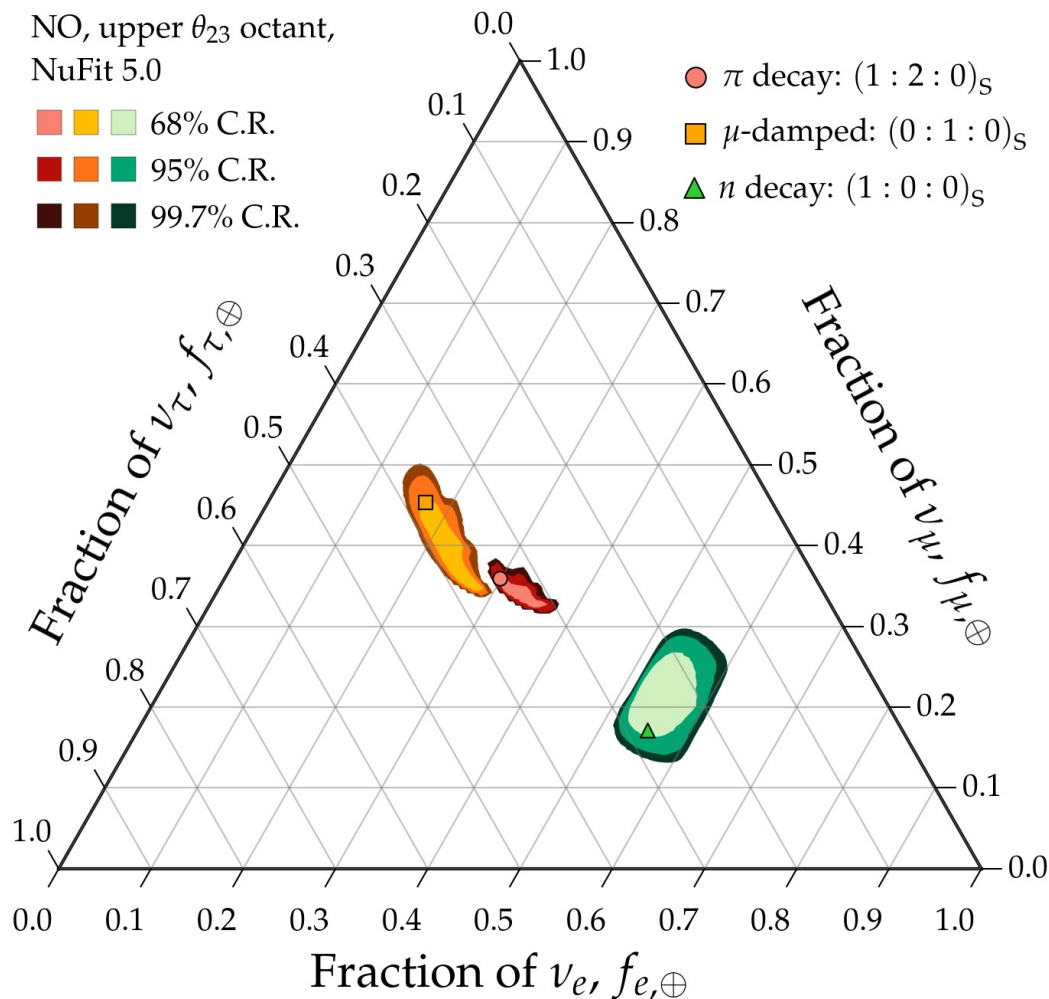
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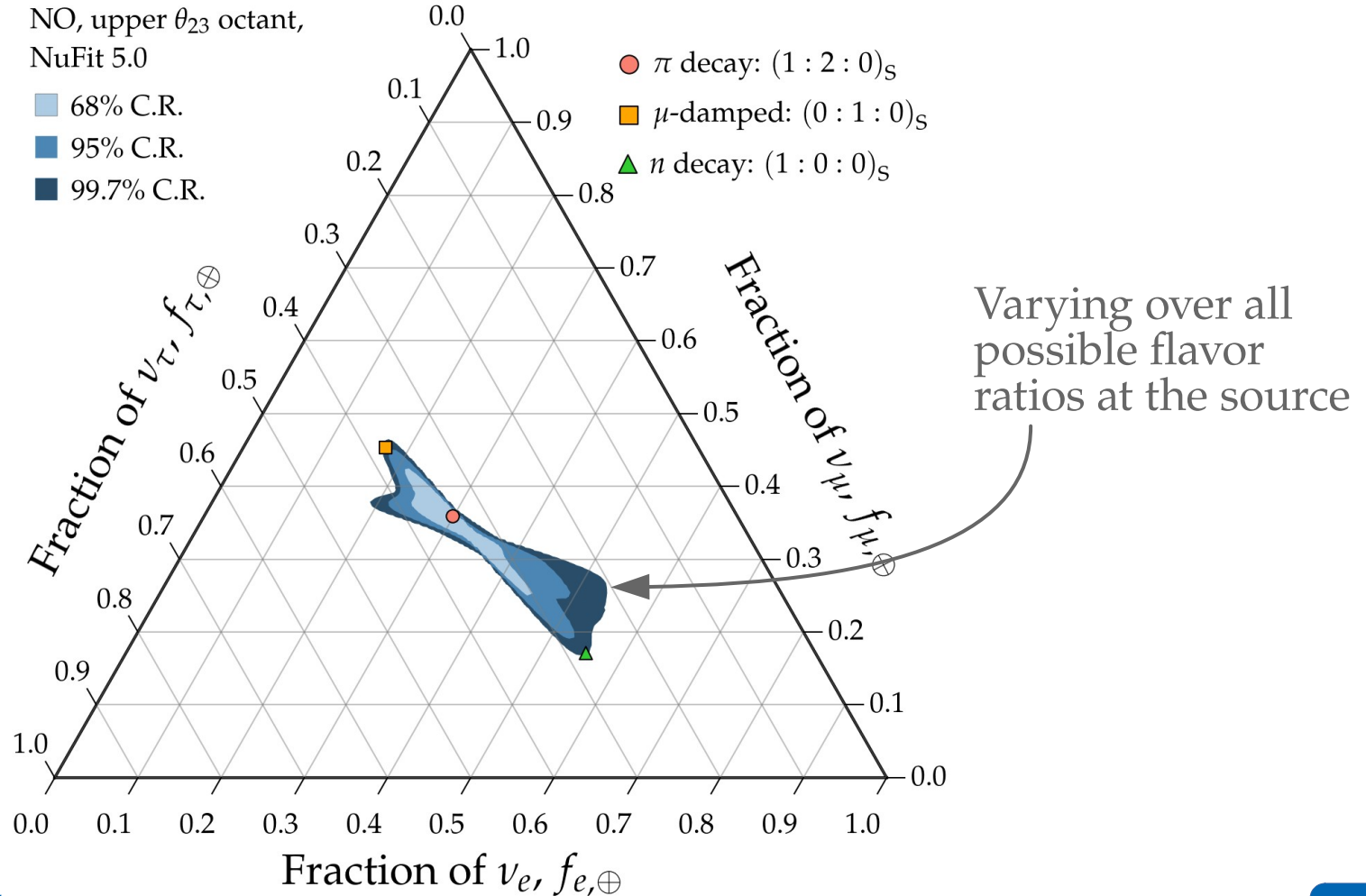
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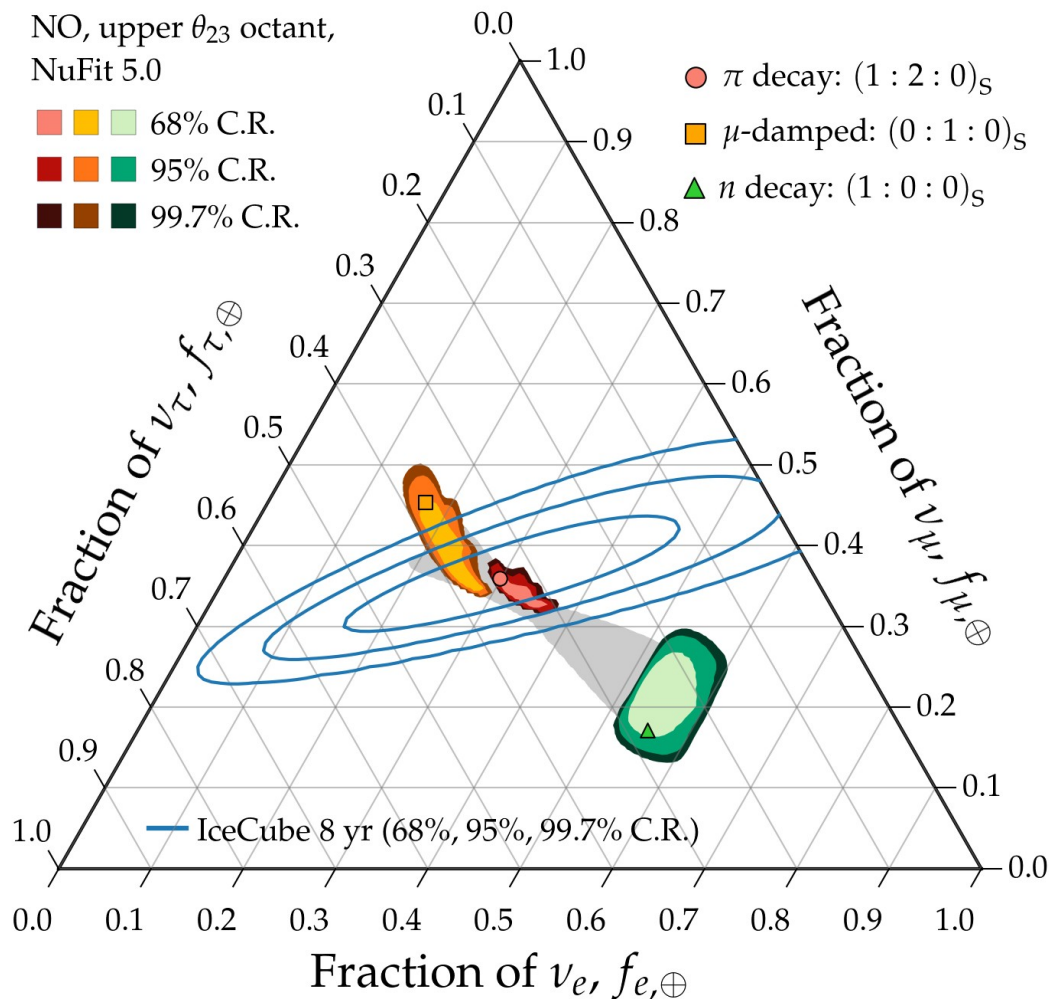
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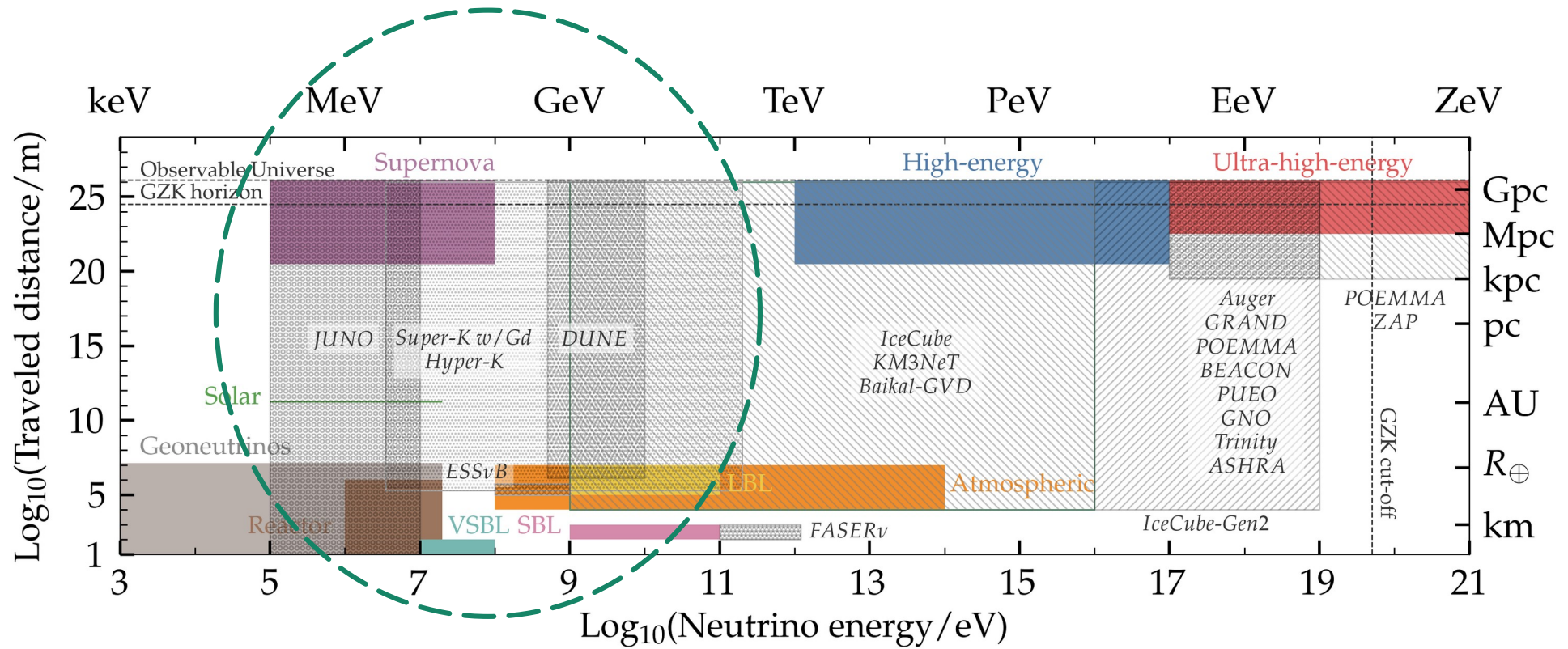
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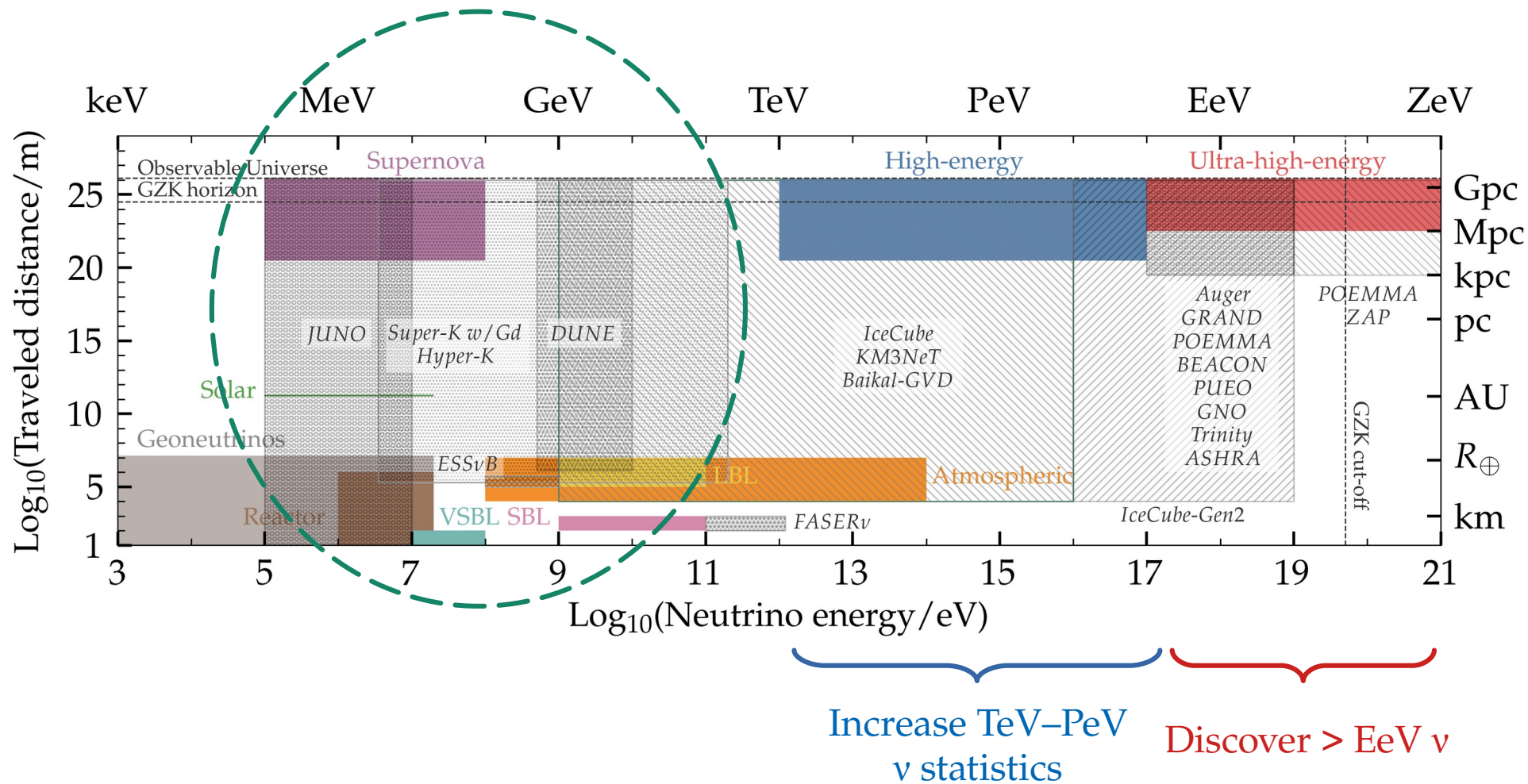
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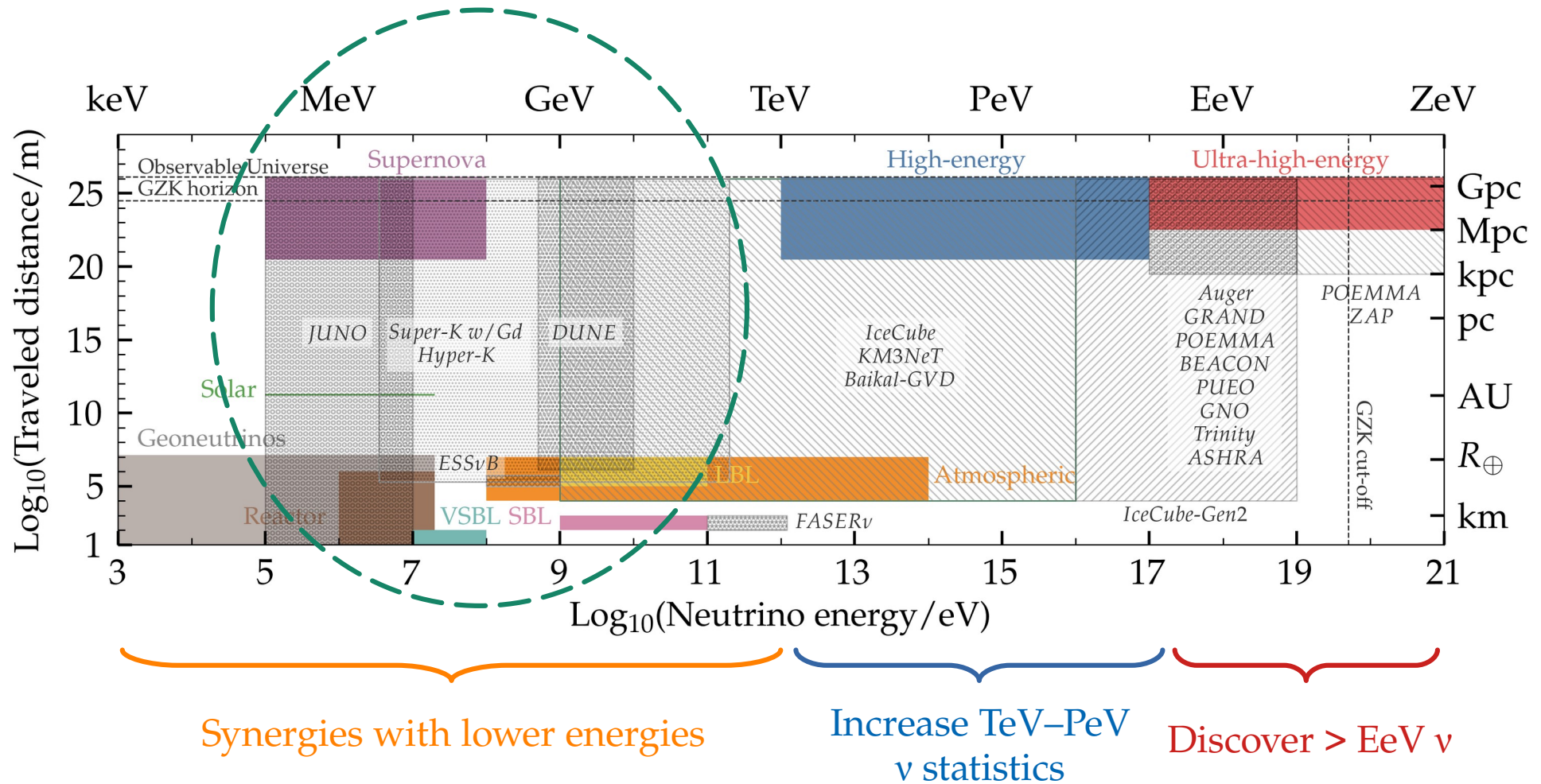
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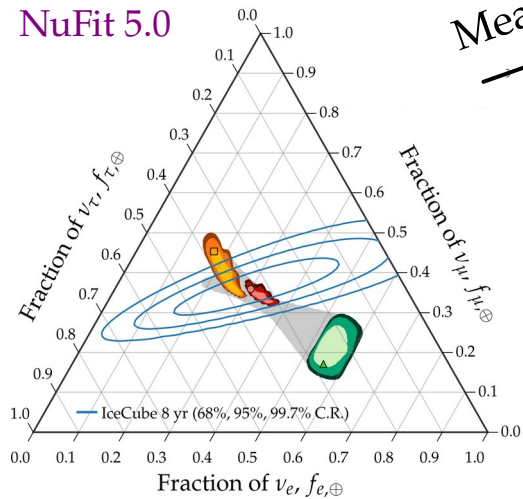
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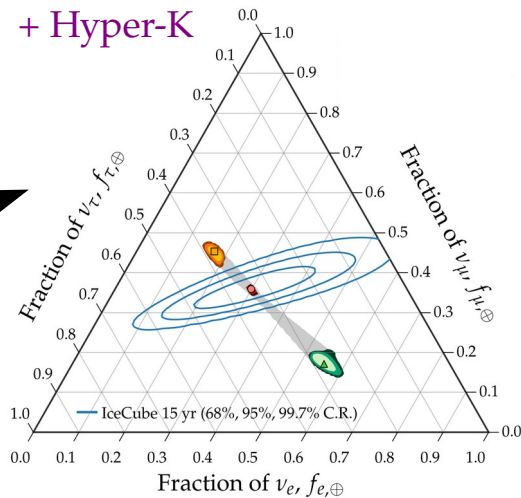
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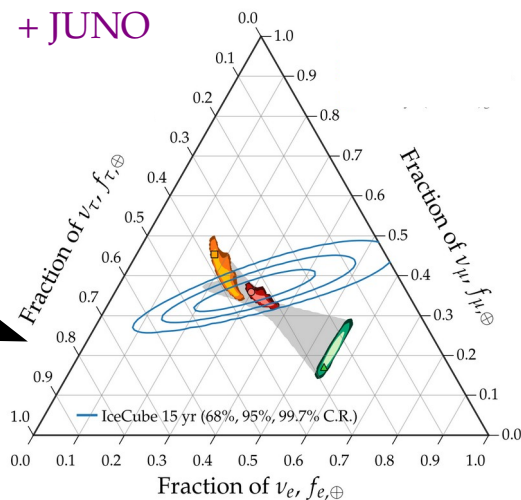


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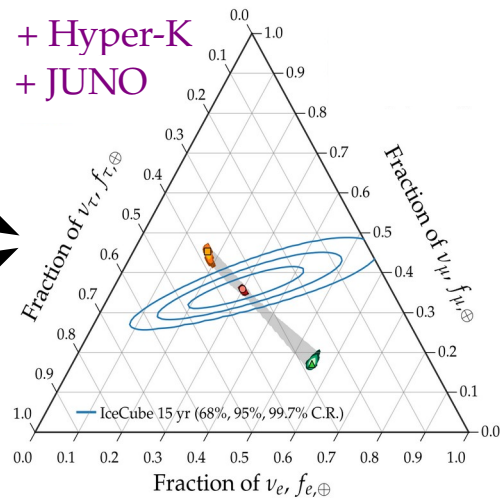
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~2030

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In our results:
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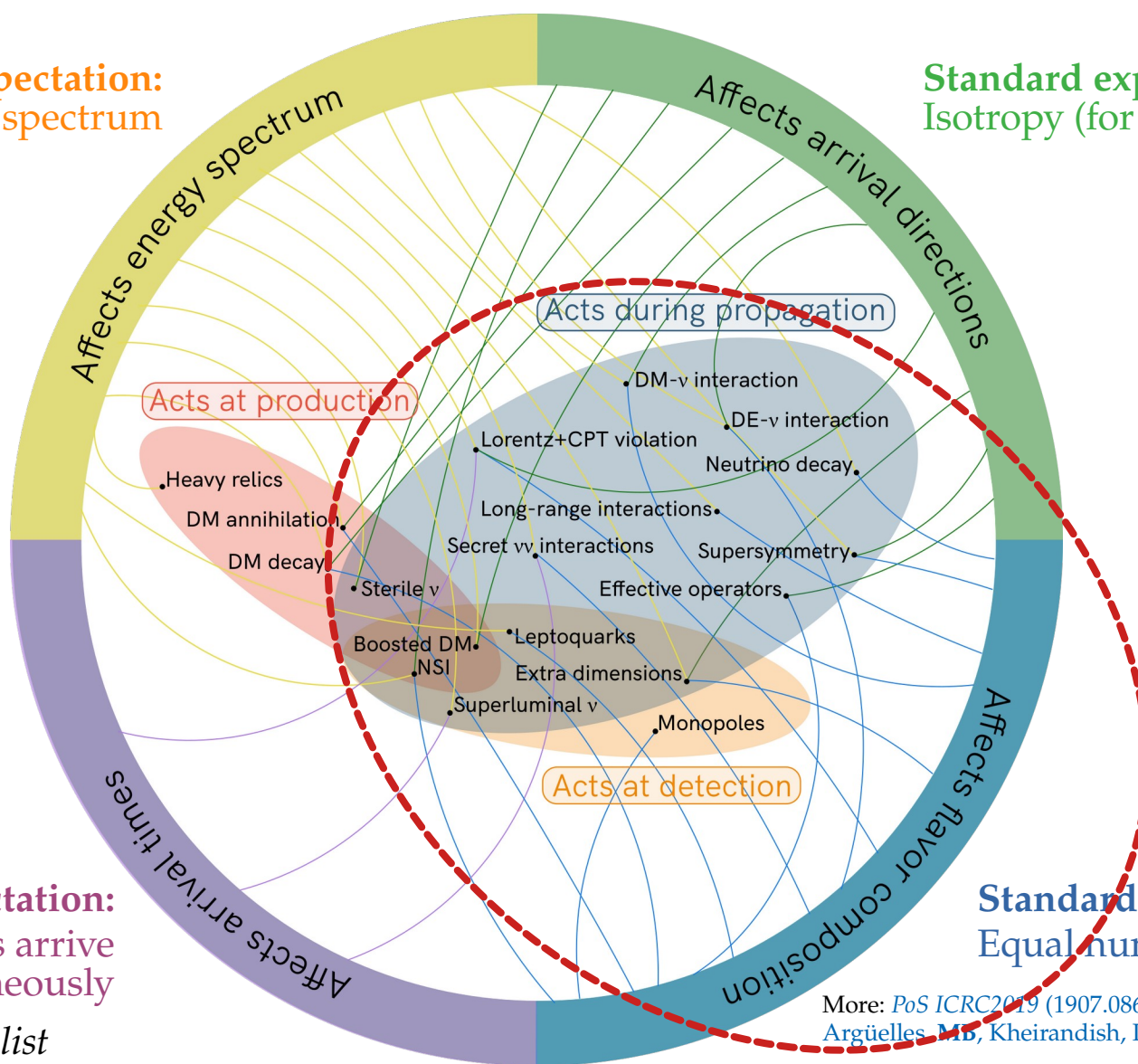
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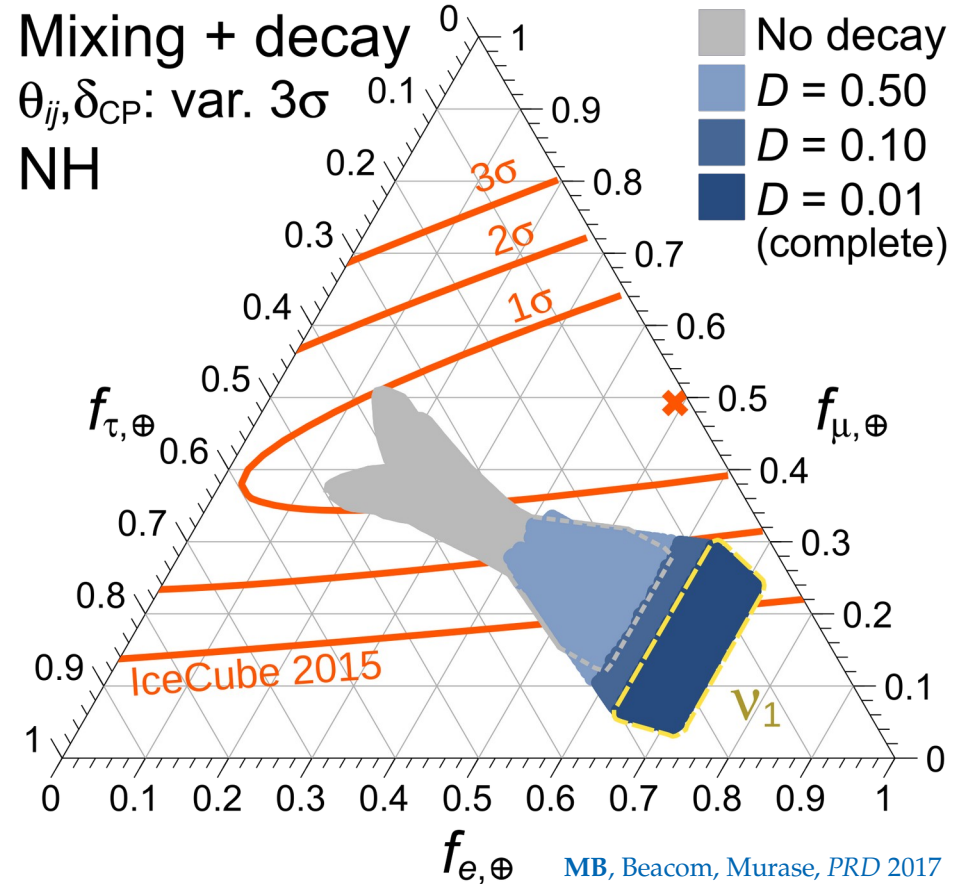
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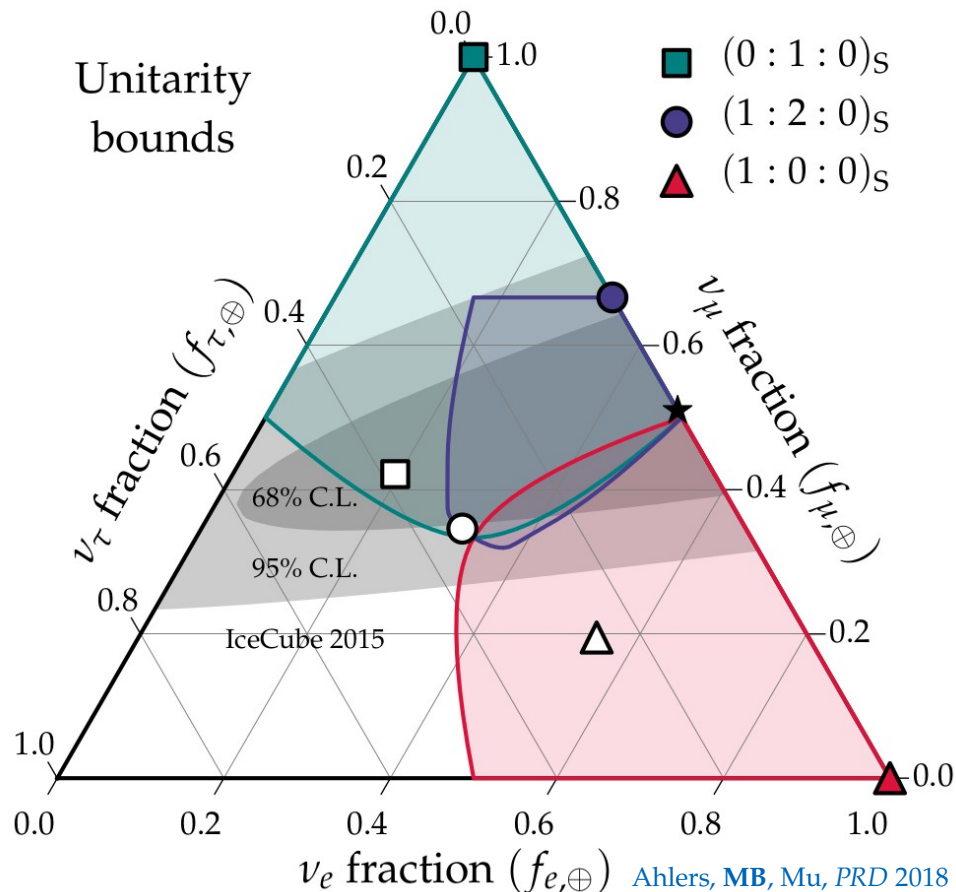
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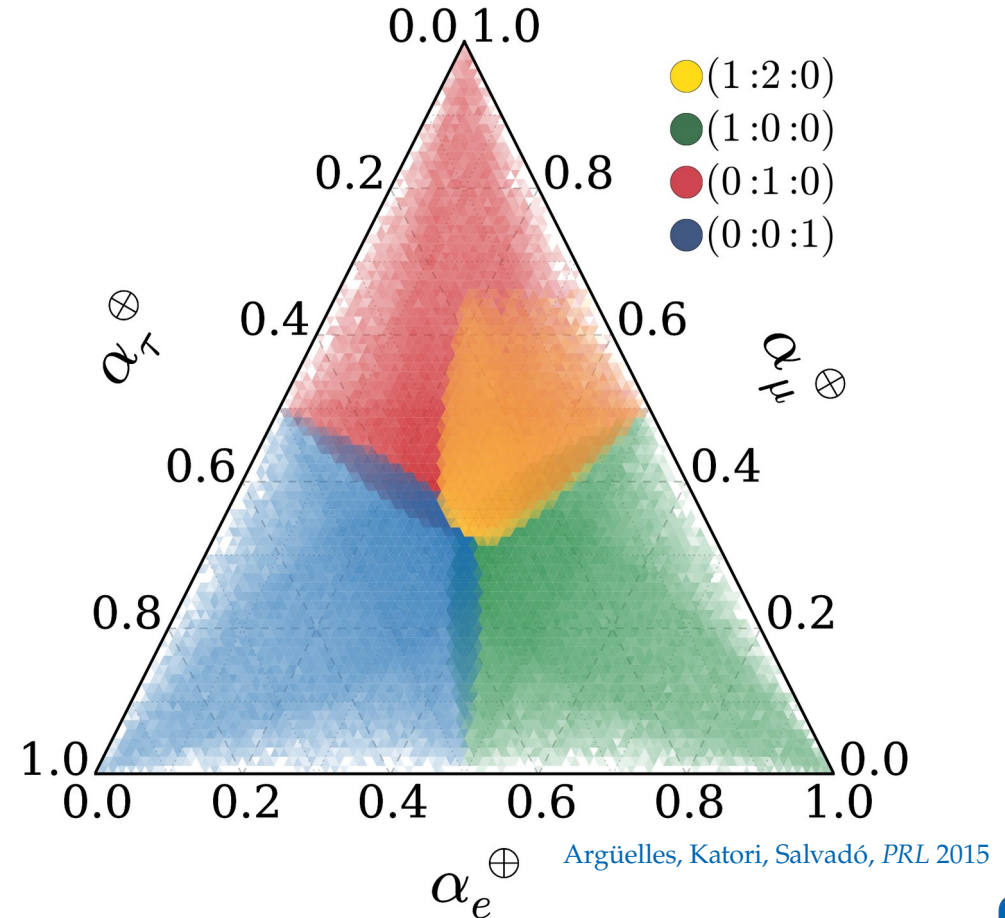
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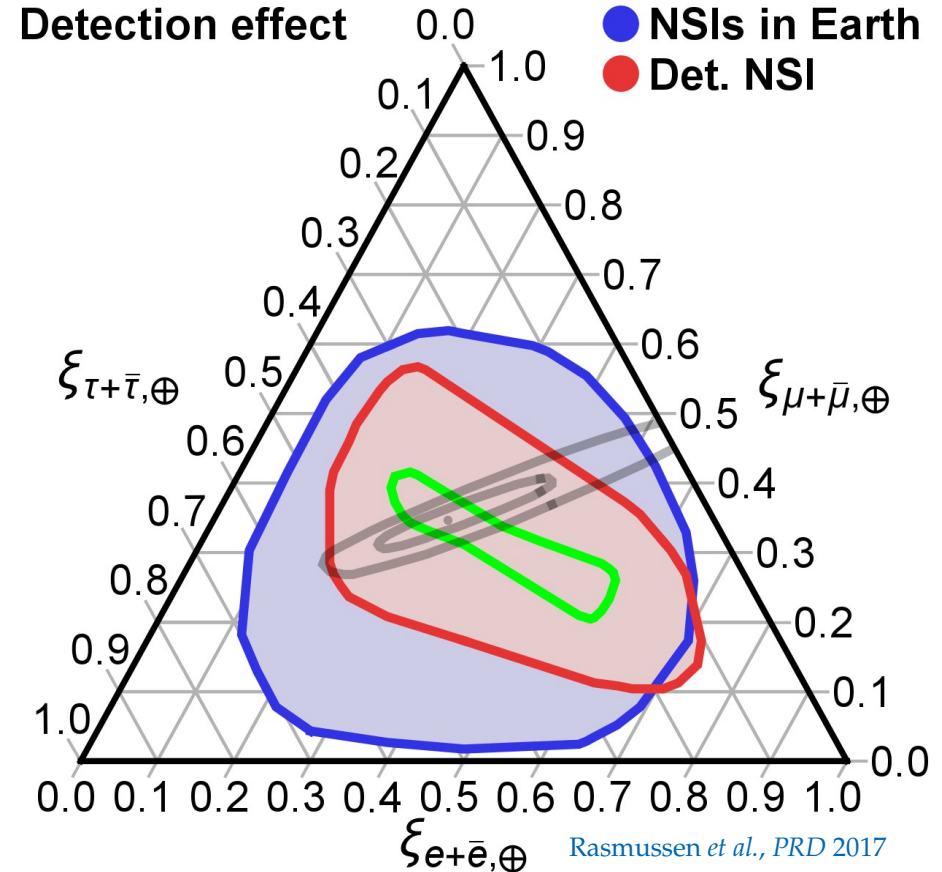
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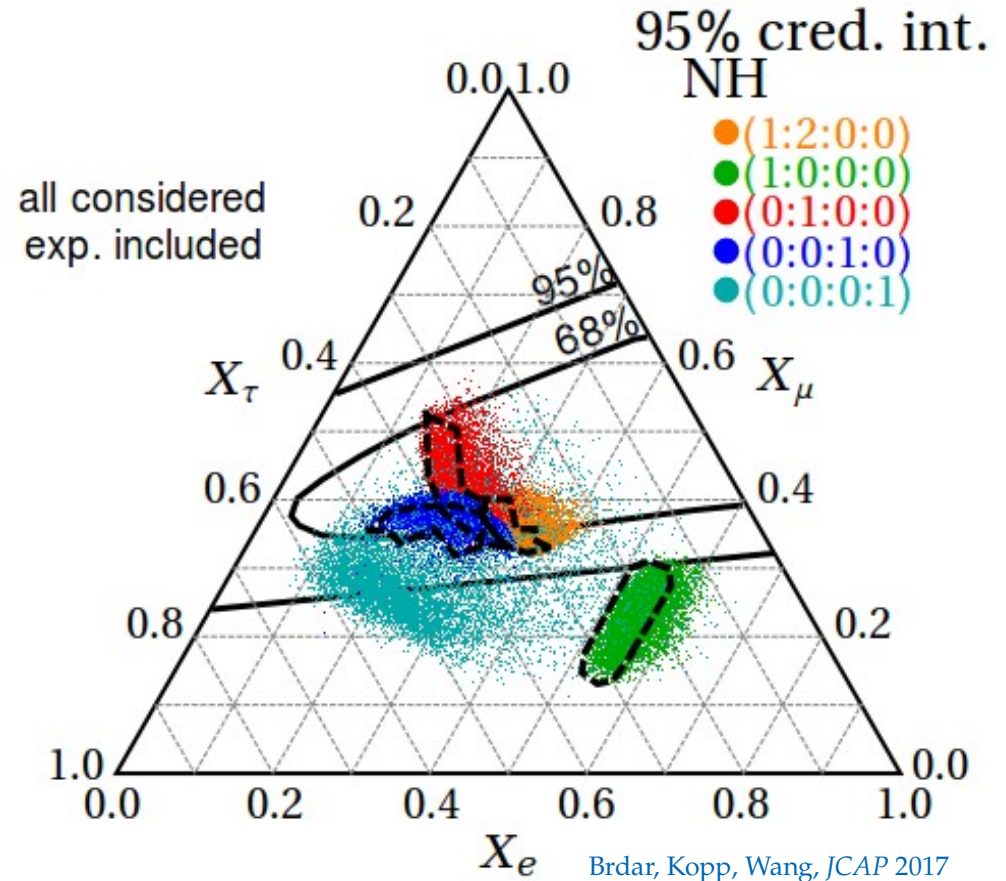
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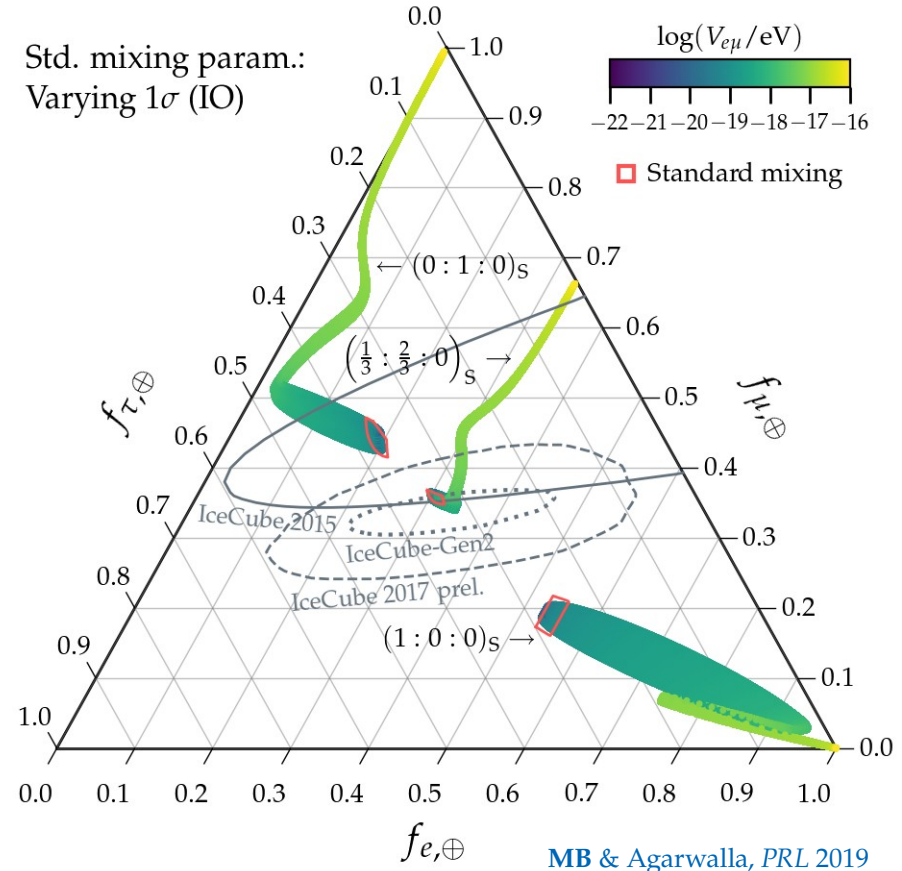
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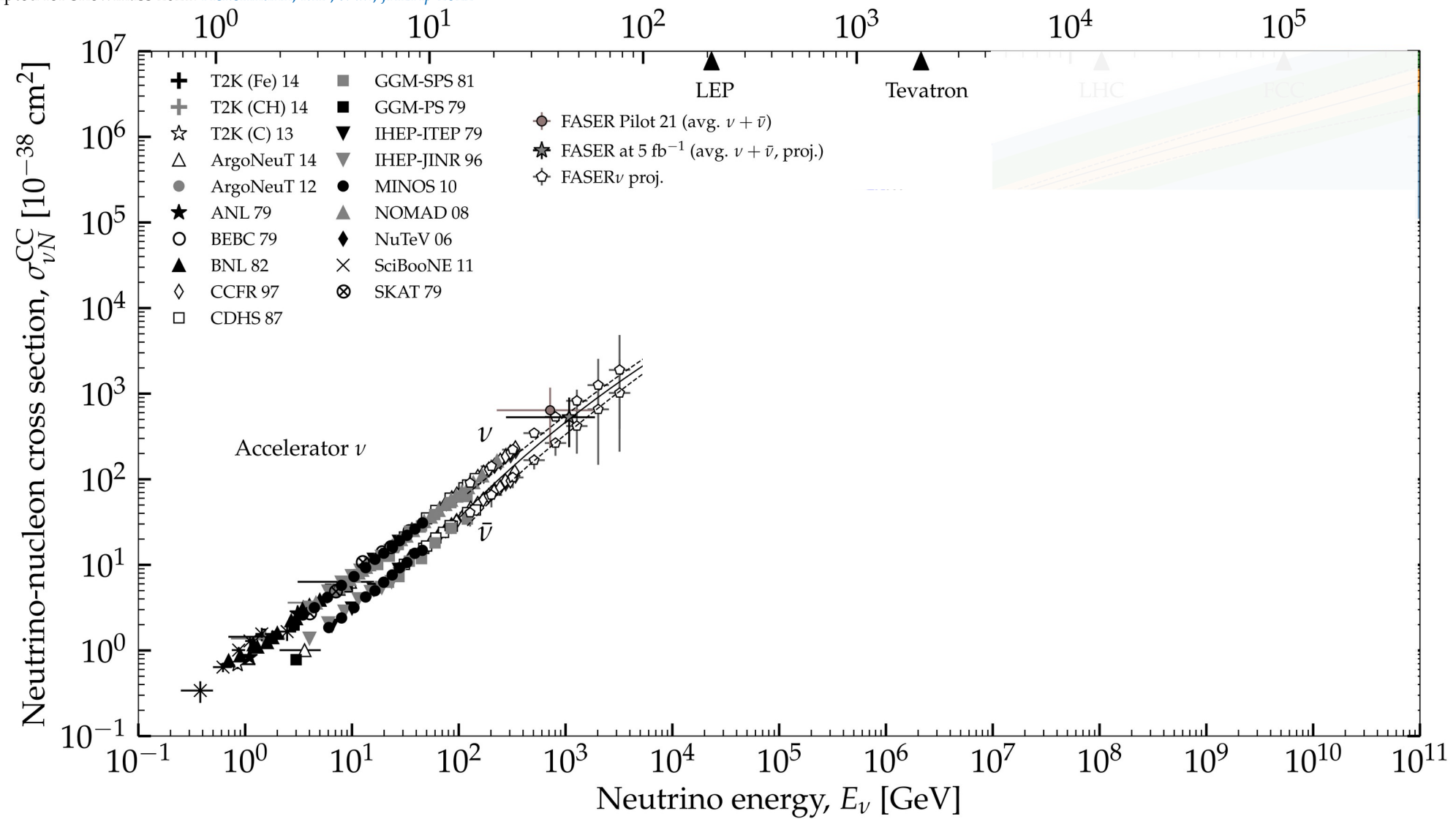
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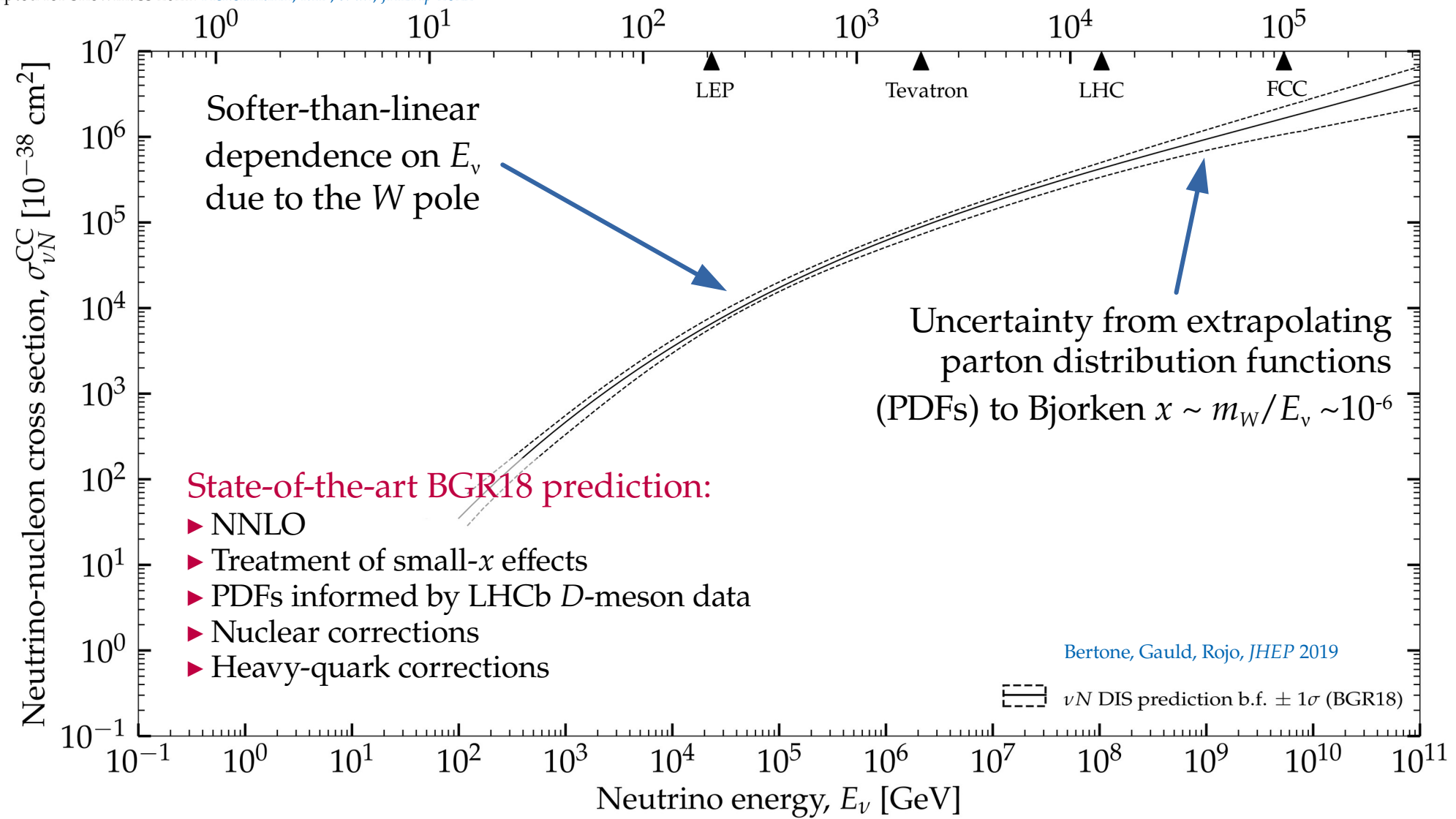
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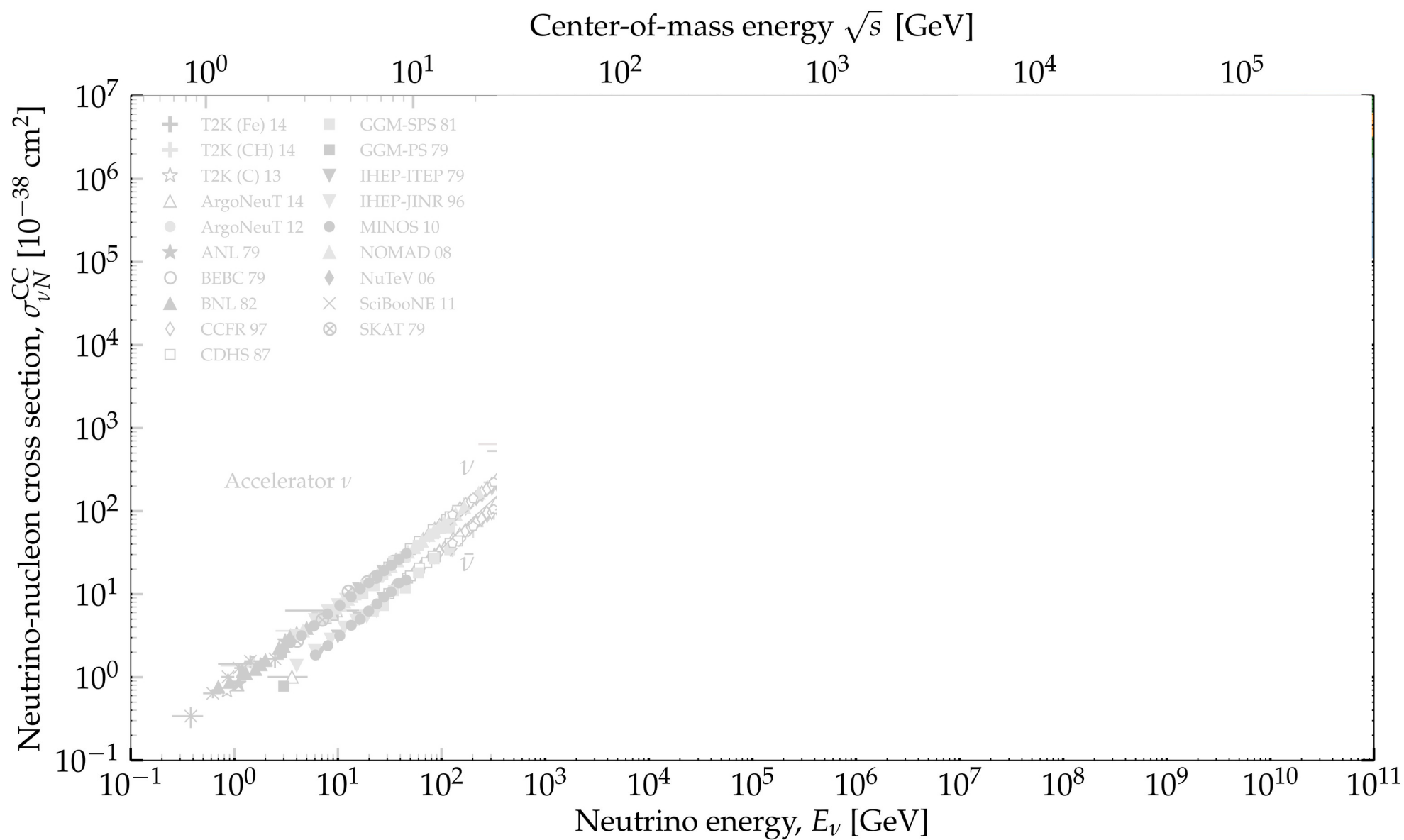
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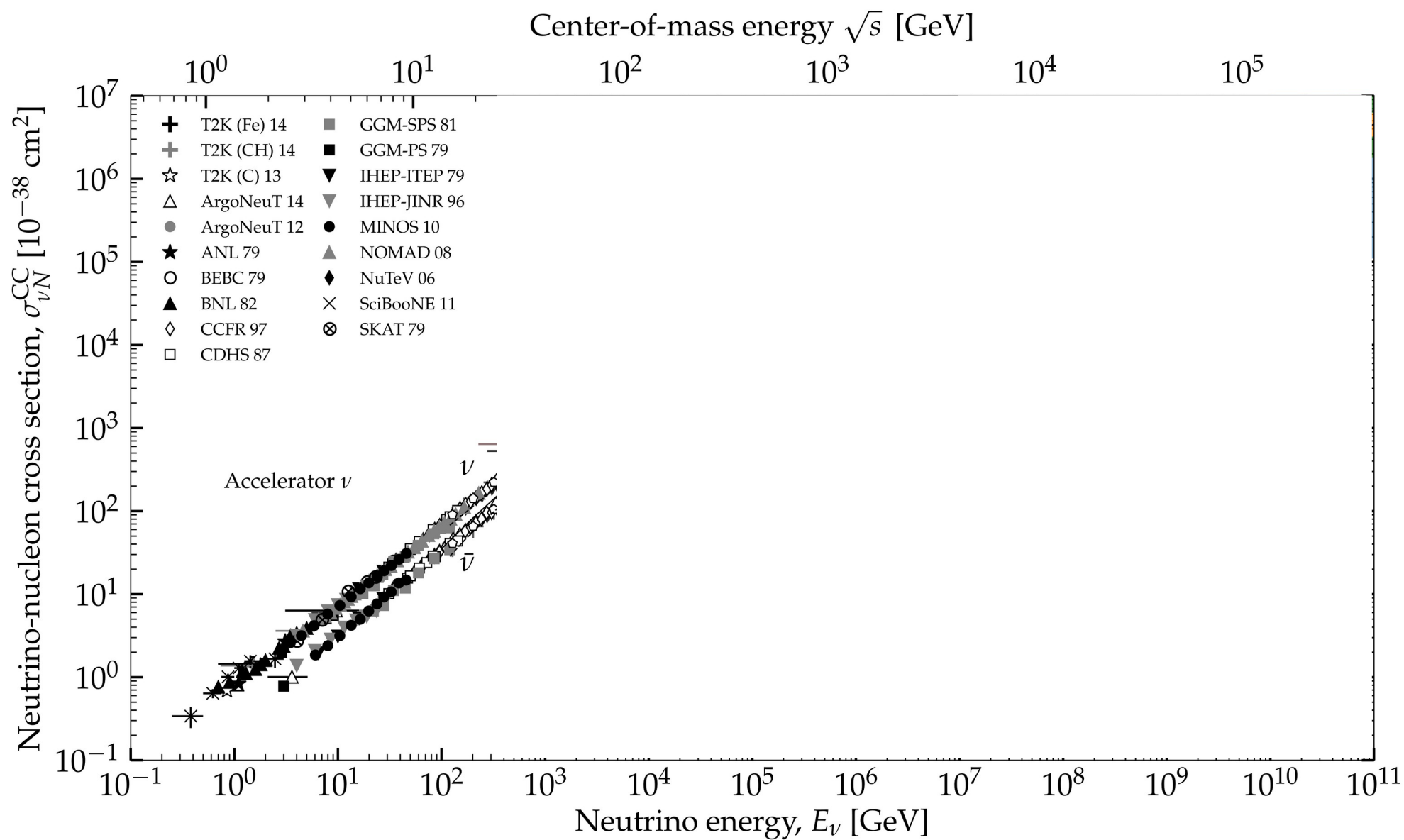
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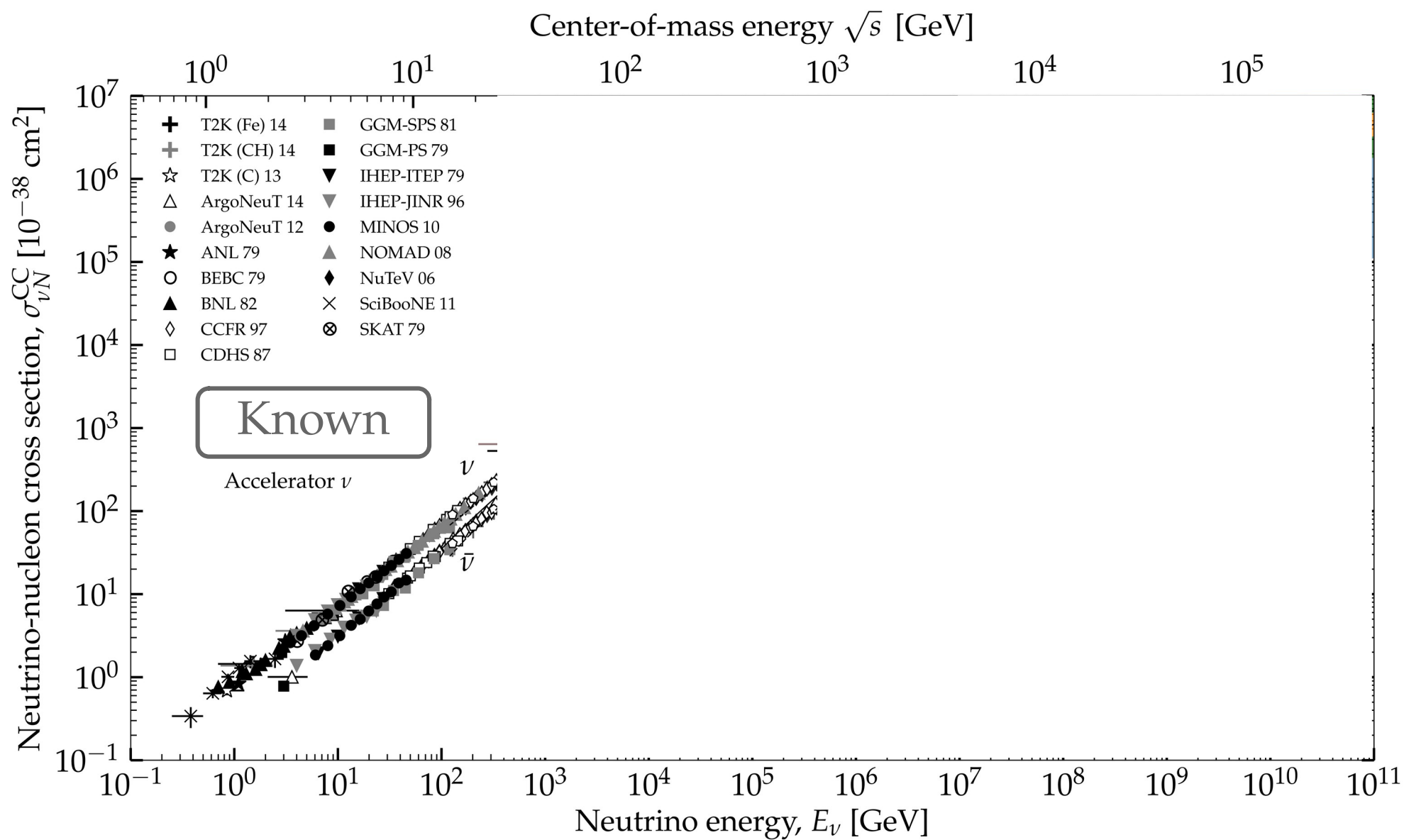


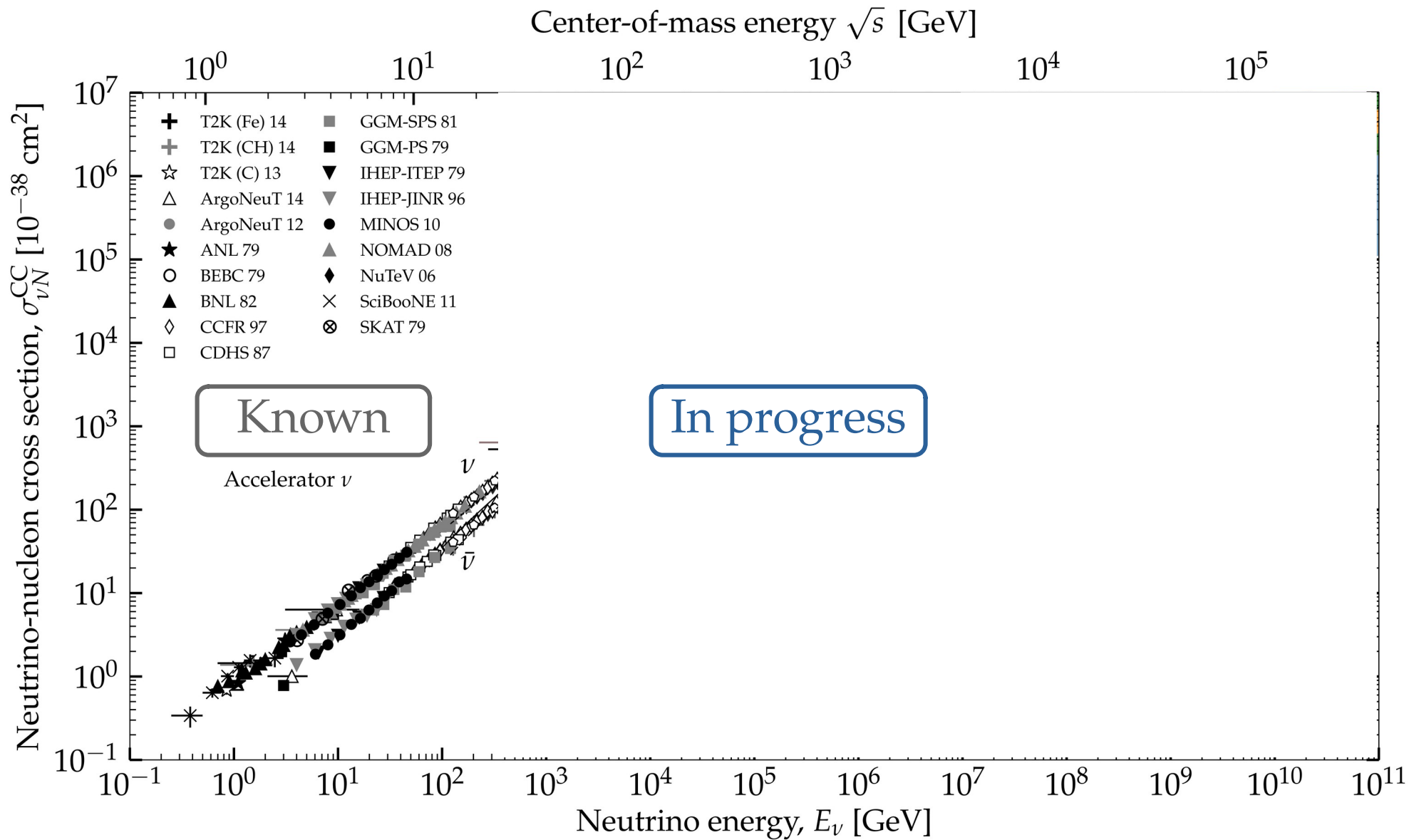
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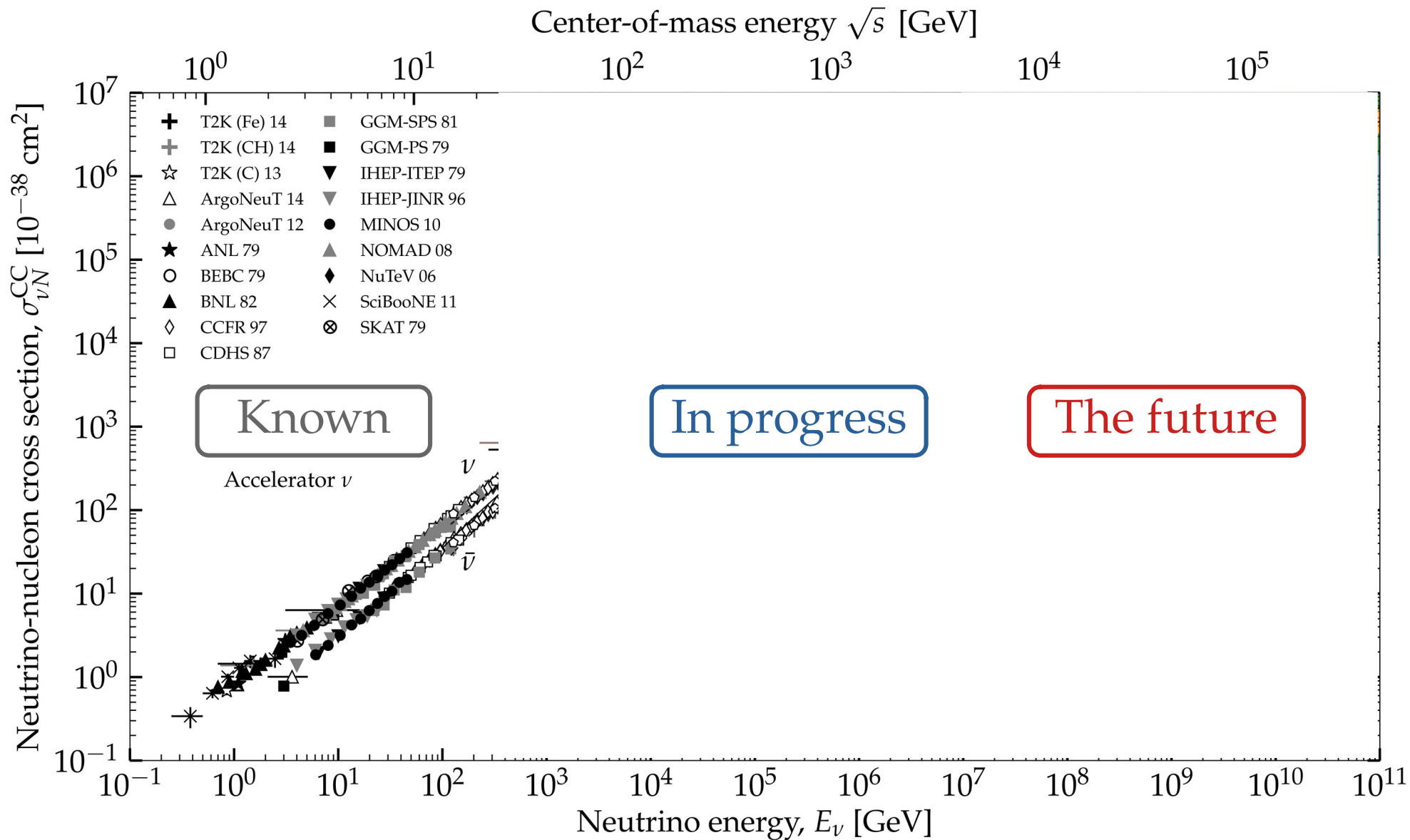


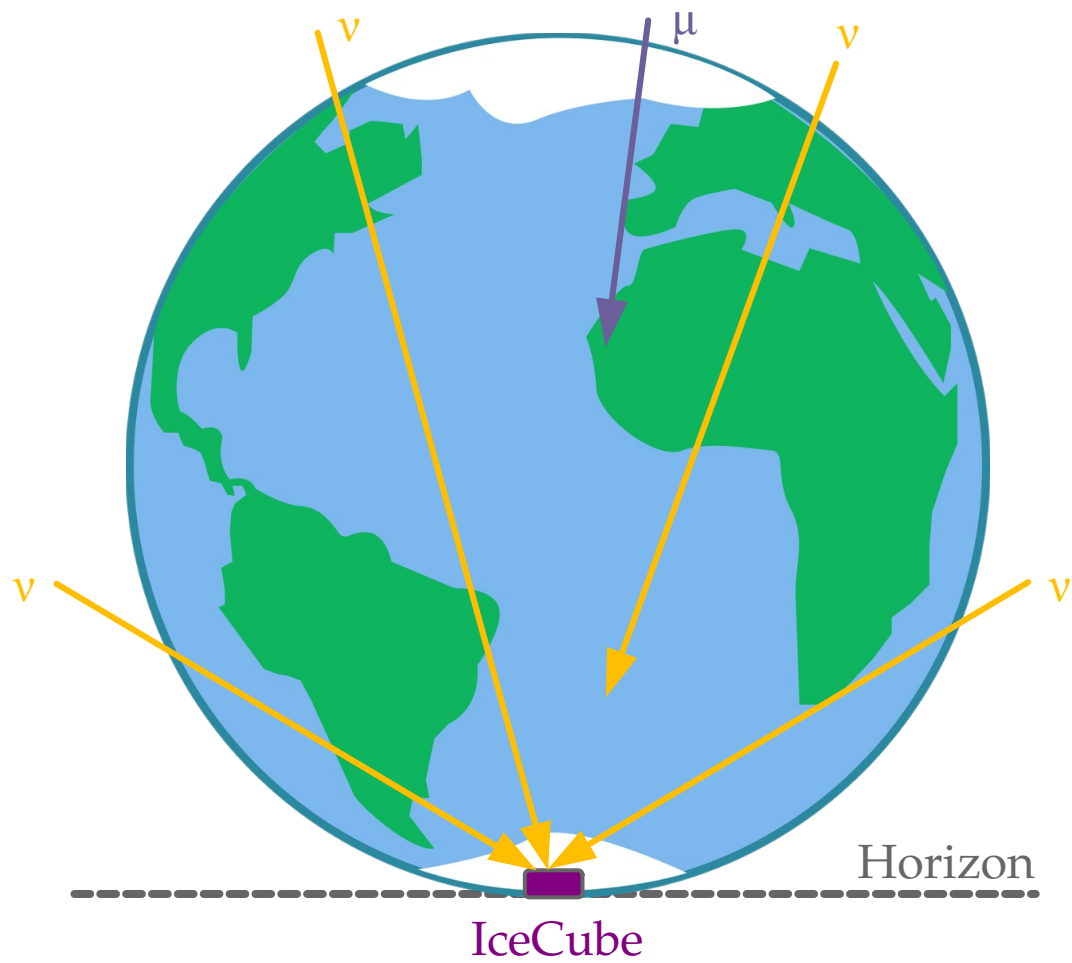


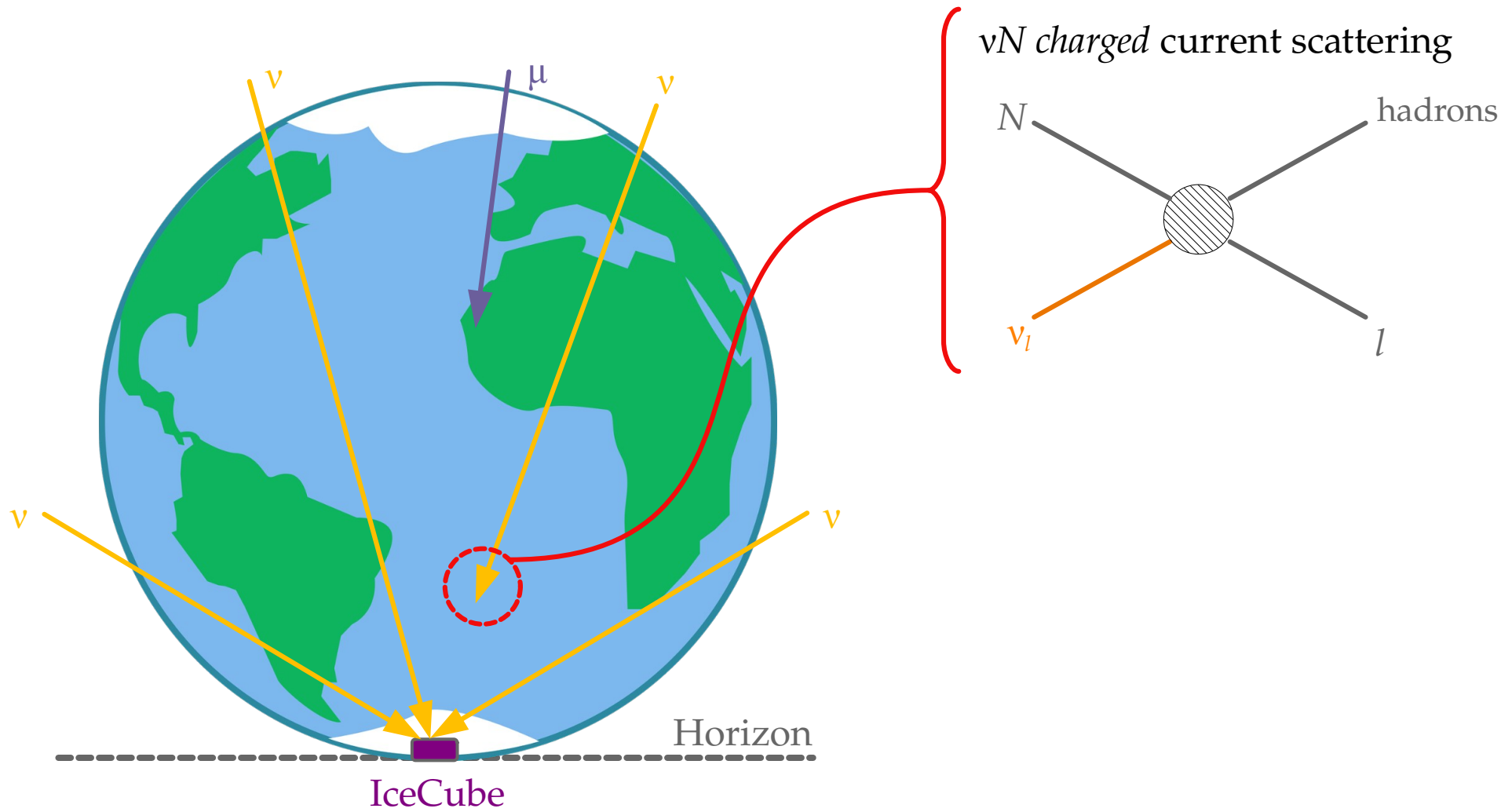


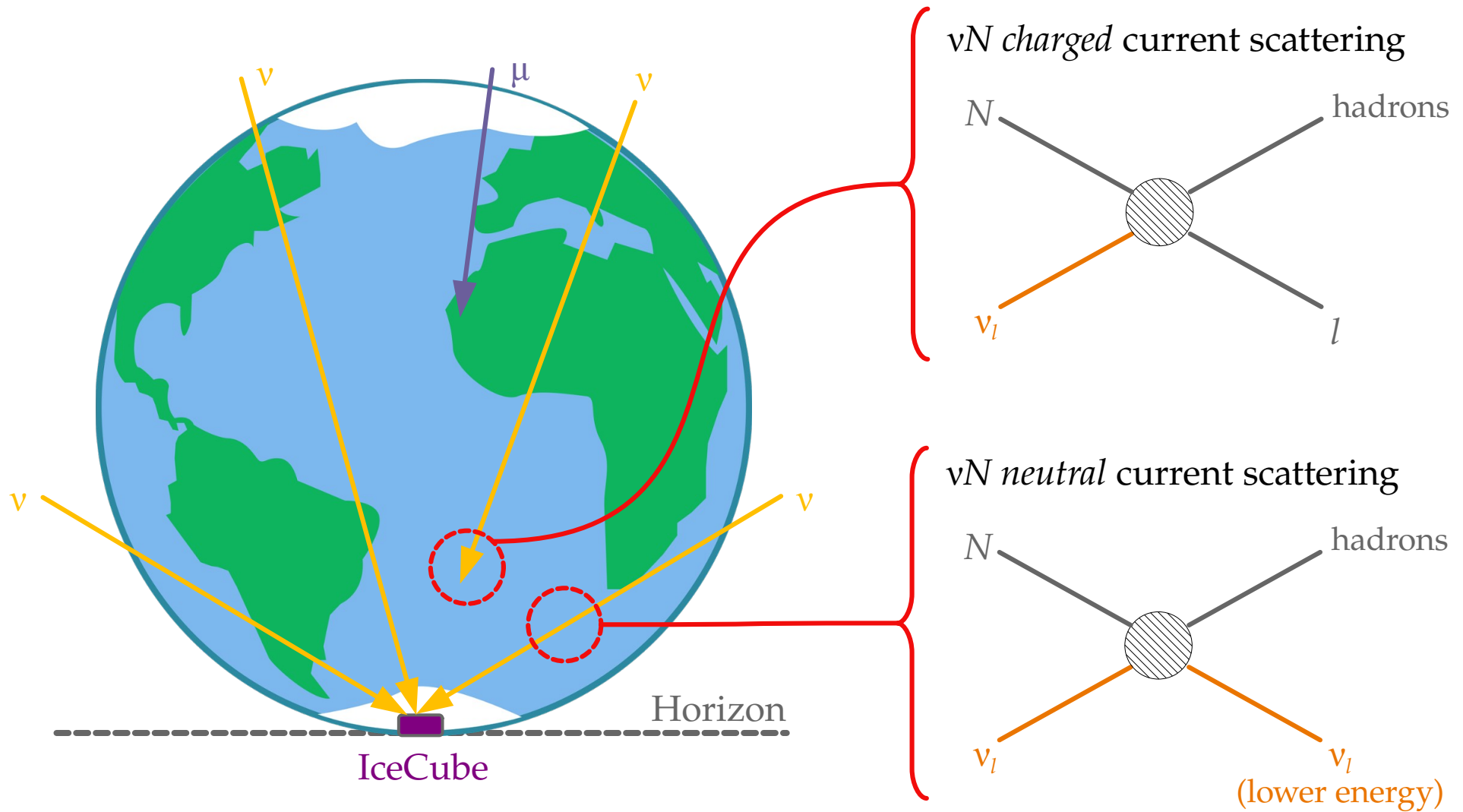


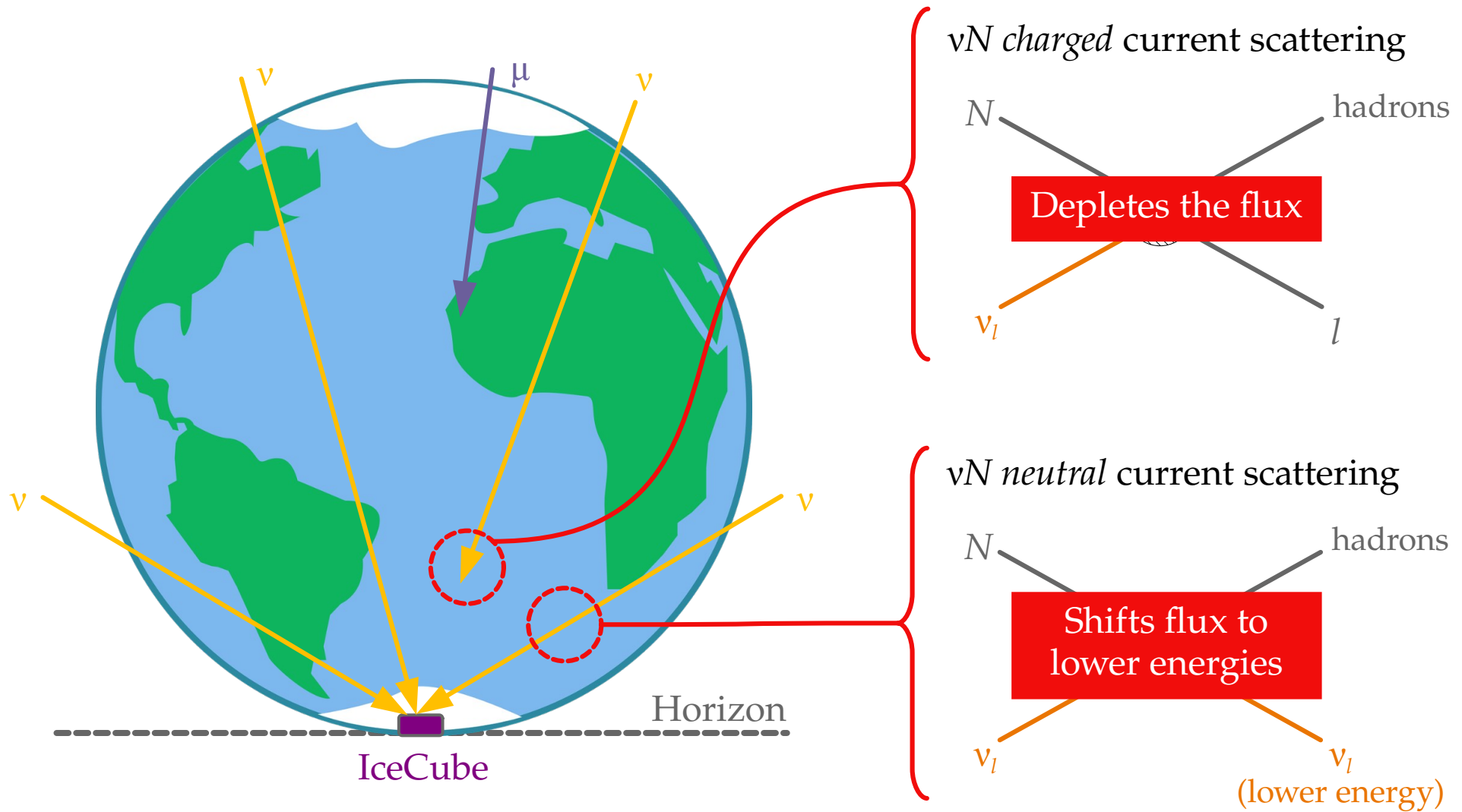








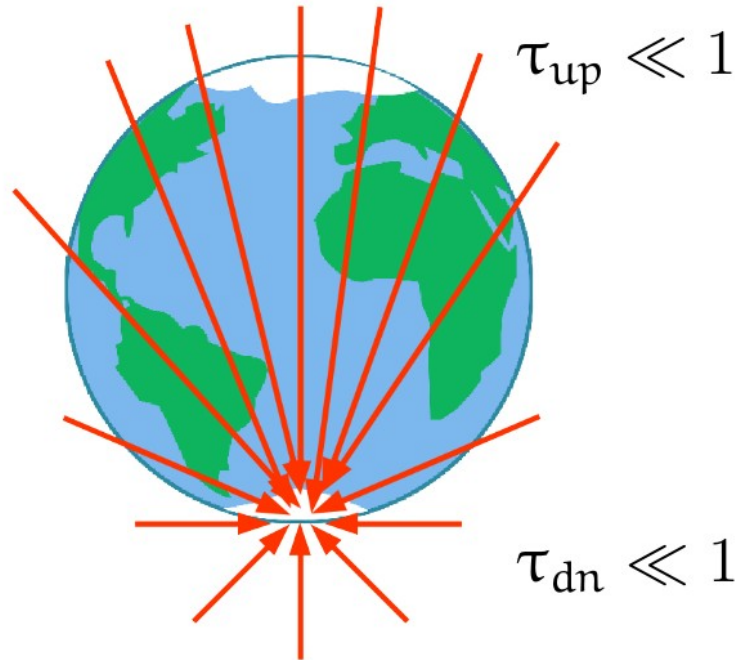




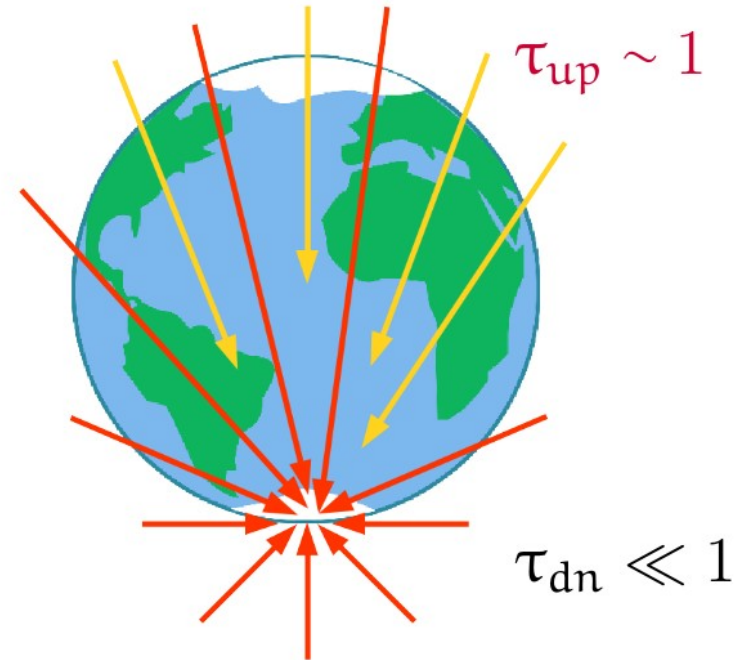
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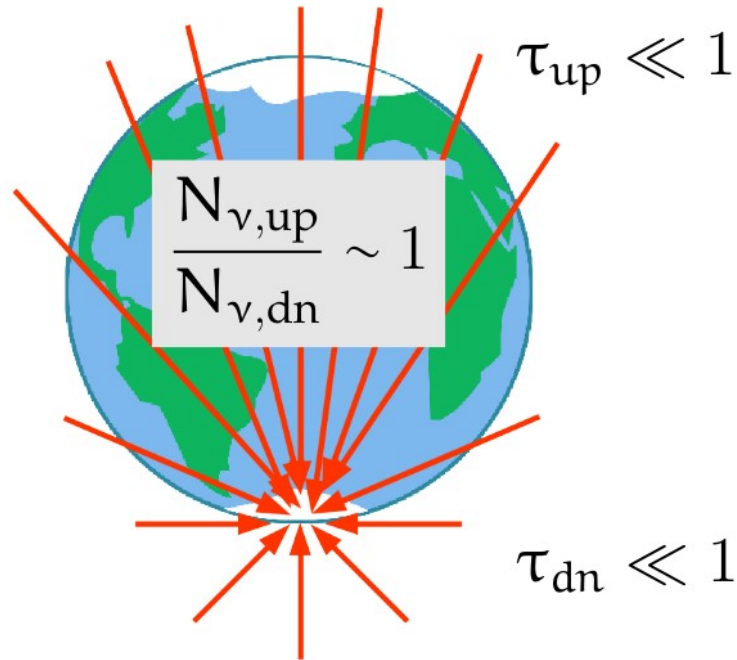
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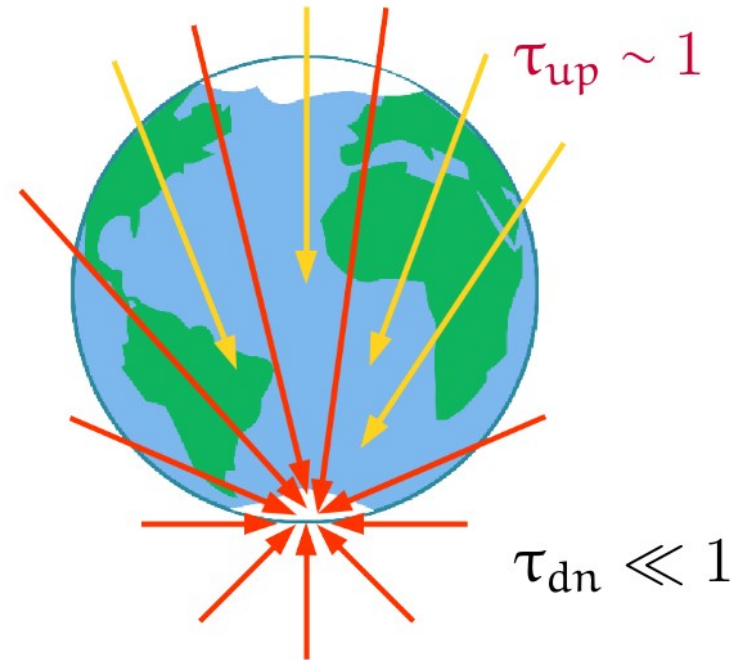
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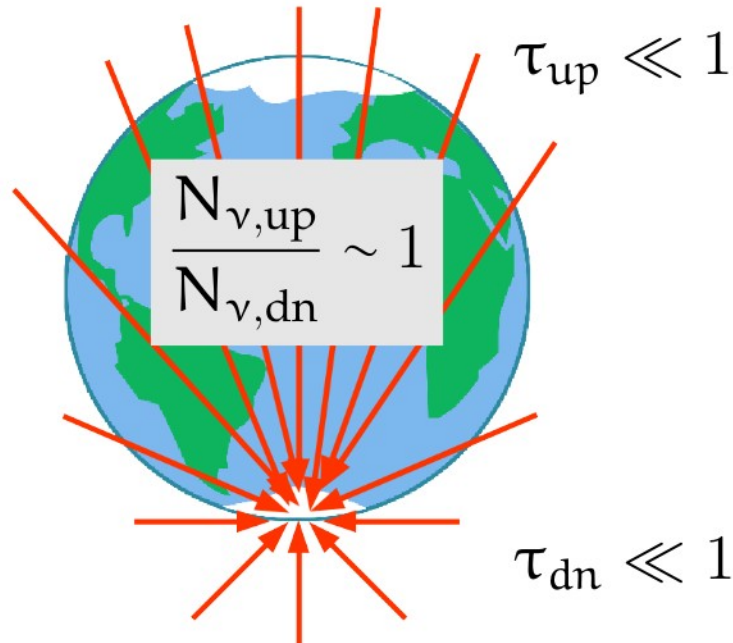
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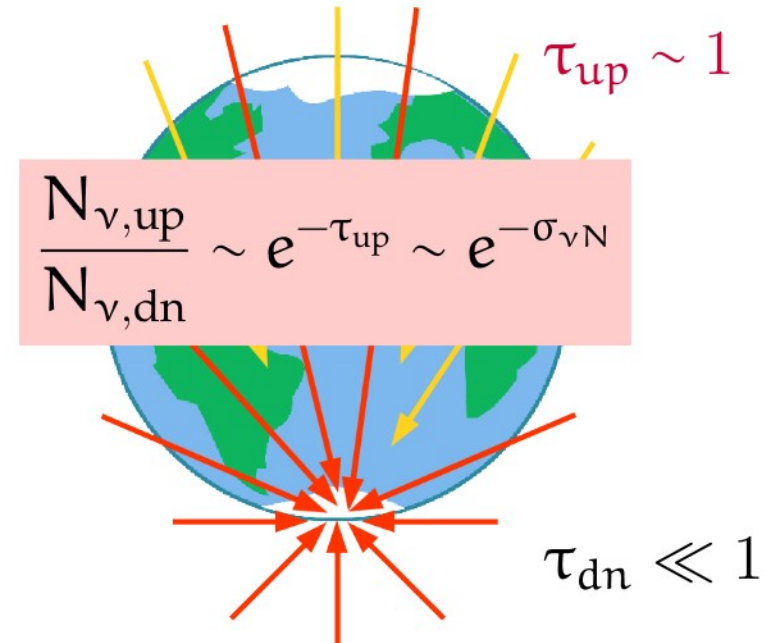
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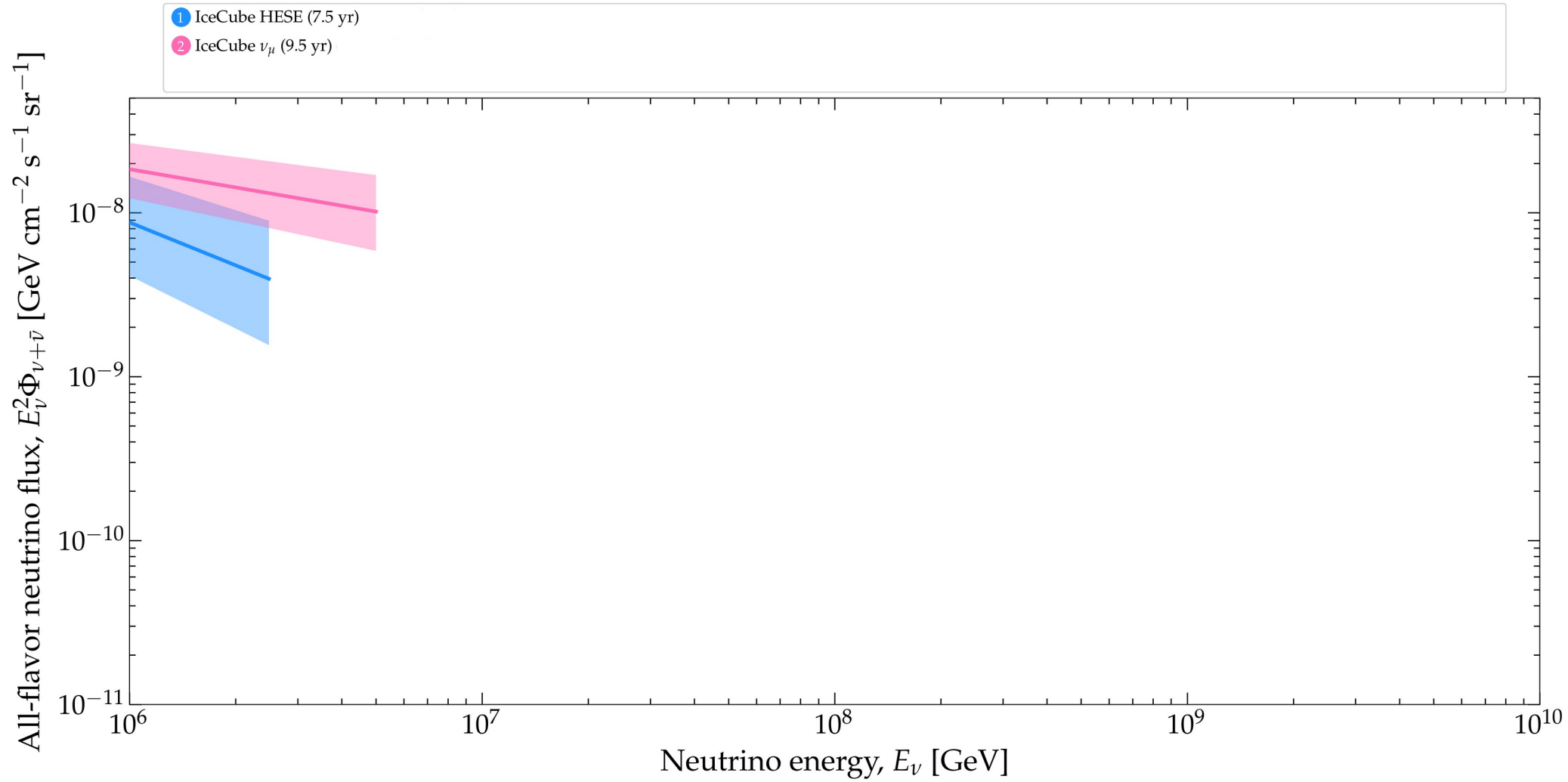
$$\text{Optical depth to } \nu N \text{ int's} = \frac{\text{Distance from Earth's surface to IceCube}}{\text{Mean free path inside Earth}} \equiv \tau(E_\nu, \theta_z) \propto \sigma_{\nu N}$$

Below ~ 10 TeV: Earth is transparent

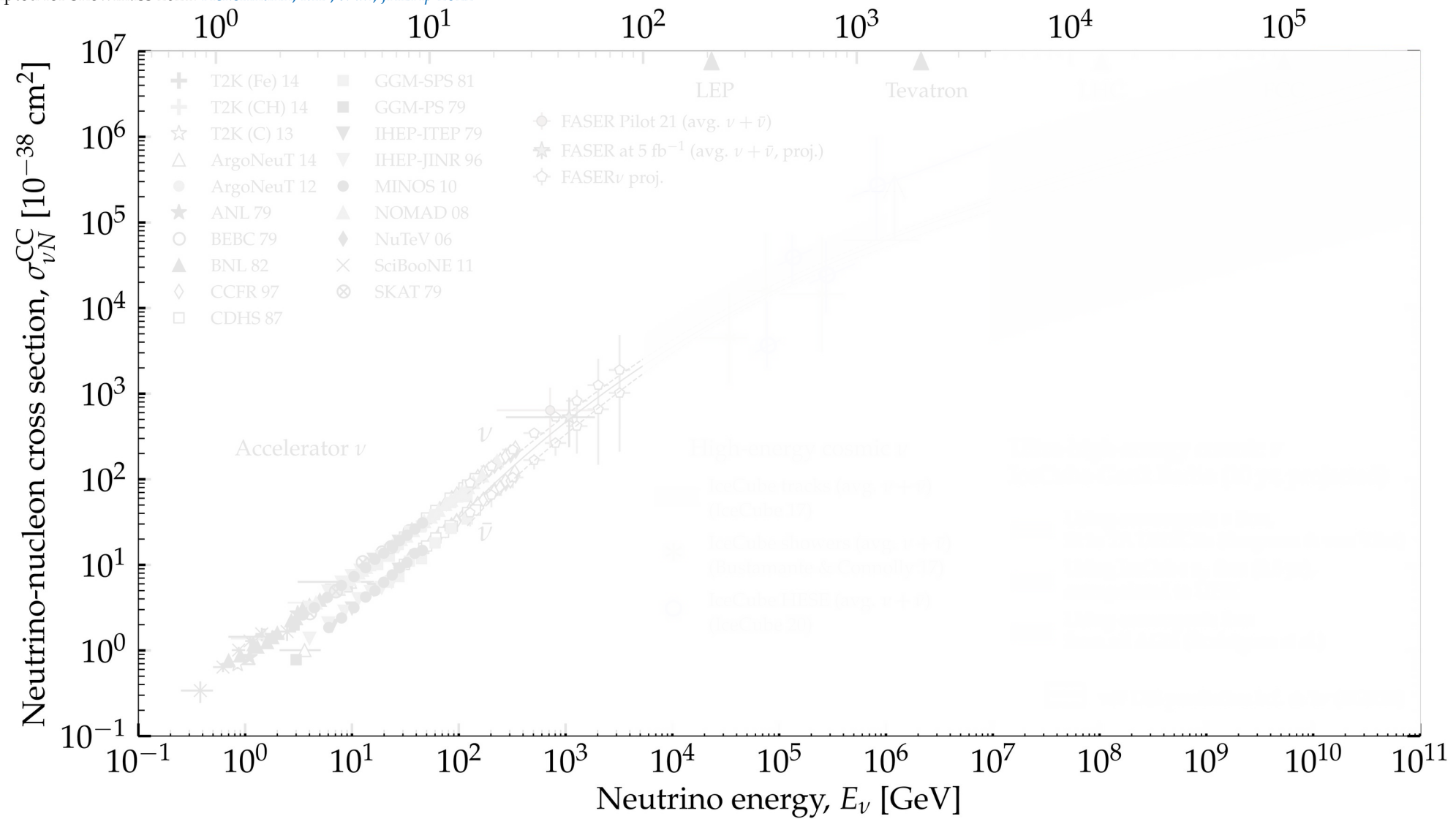


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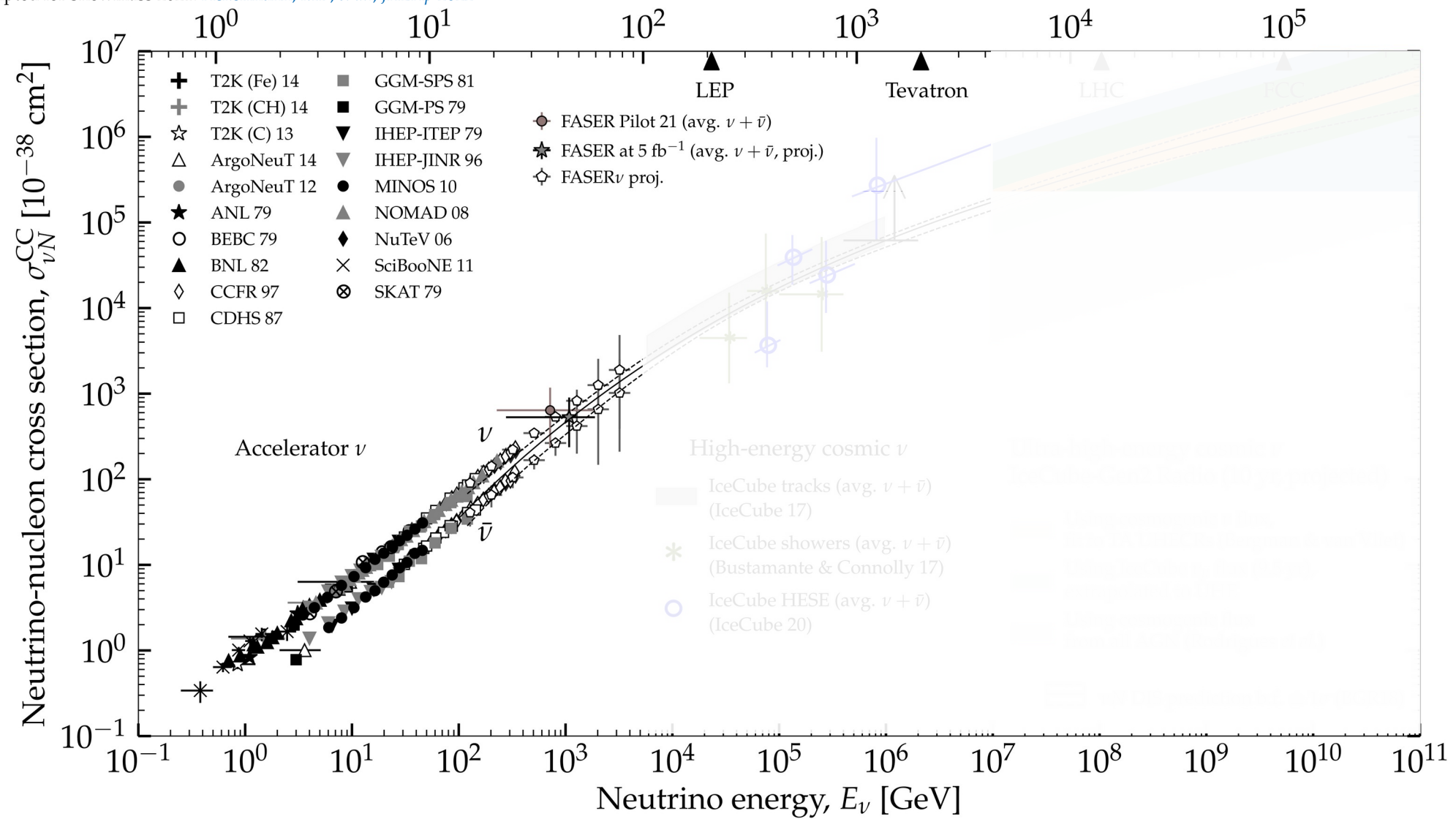




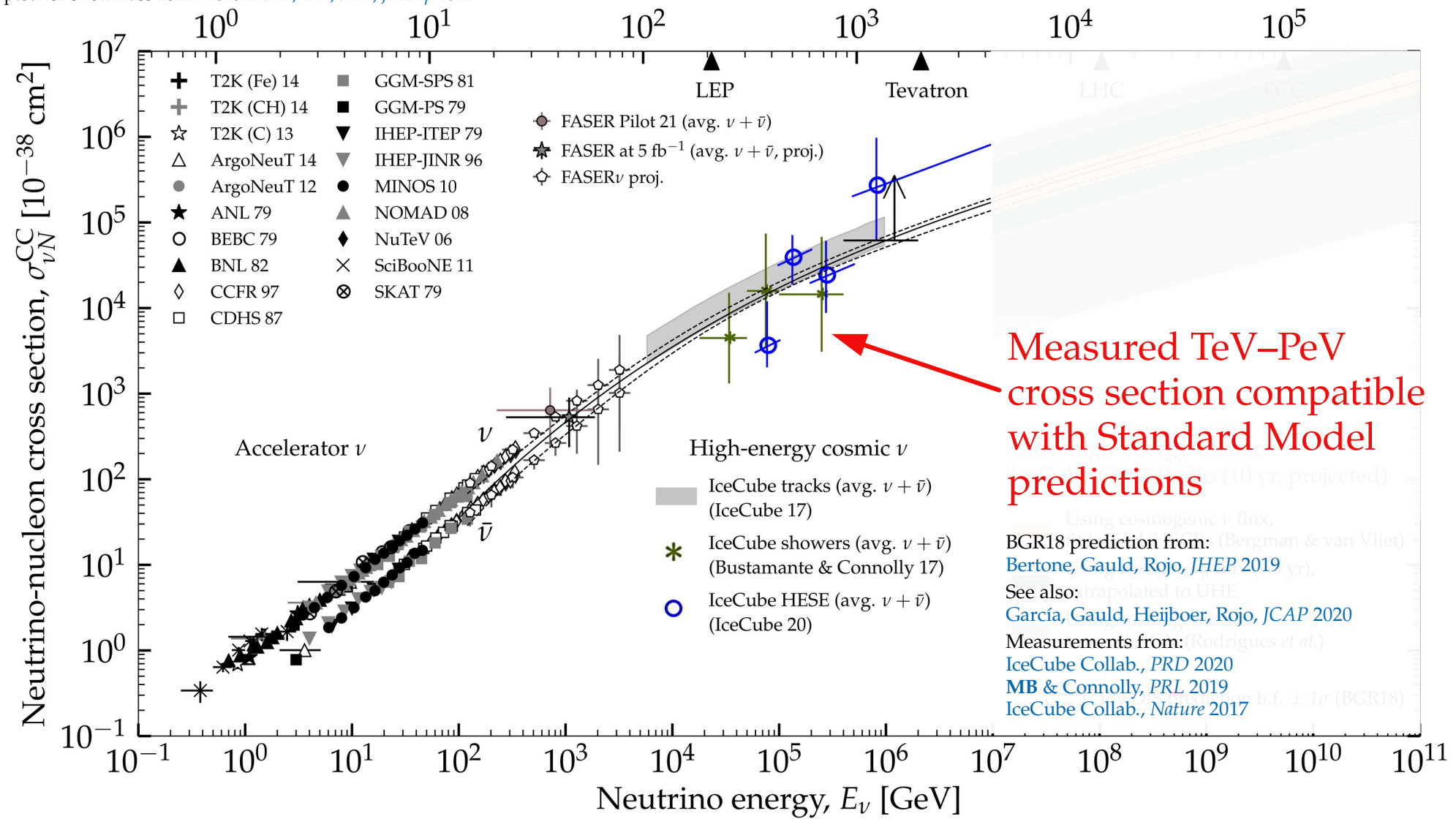
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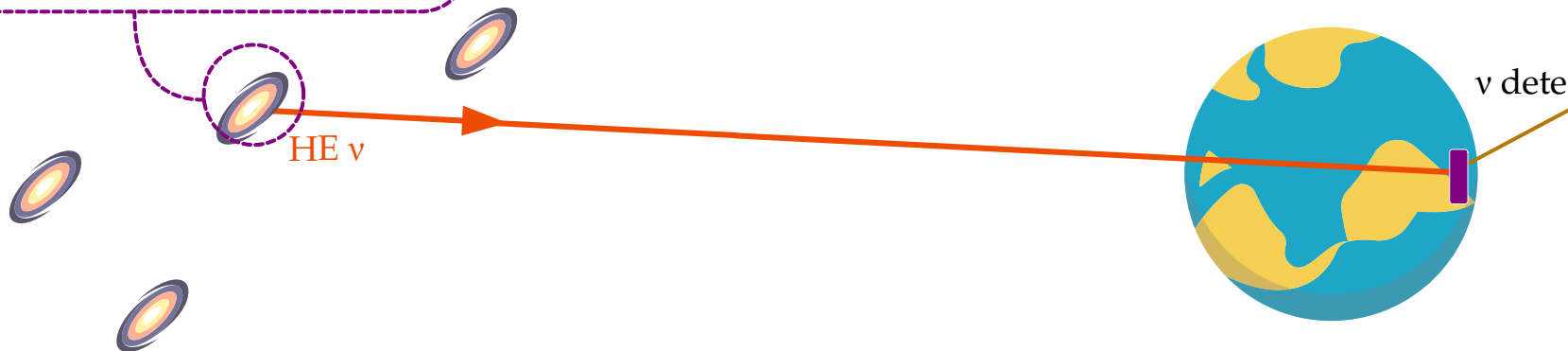
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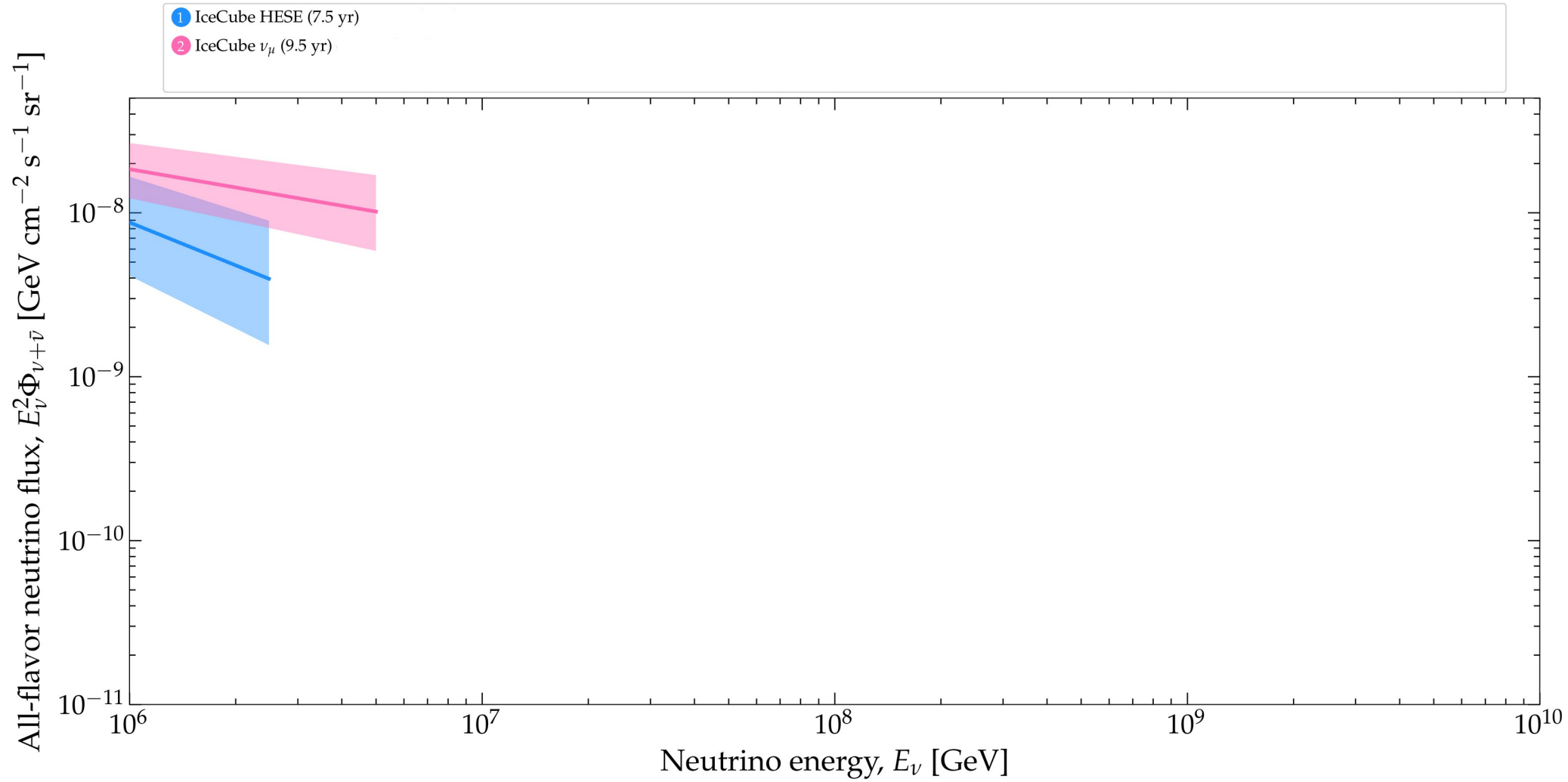
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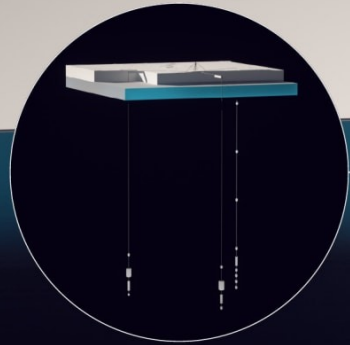




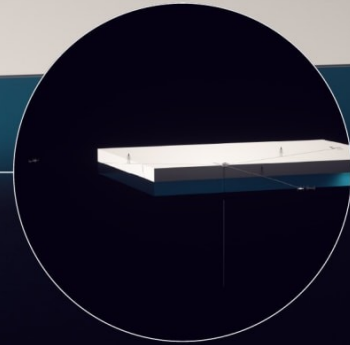
TeV–PeV
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2030s



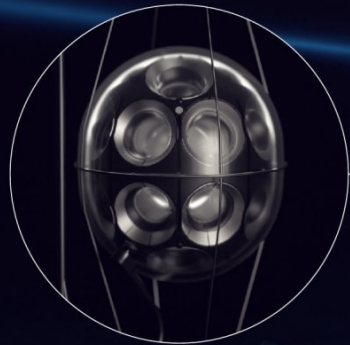
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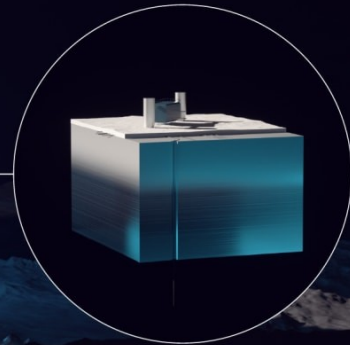
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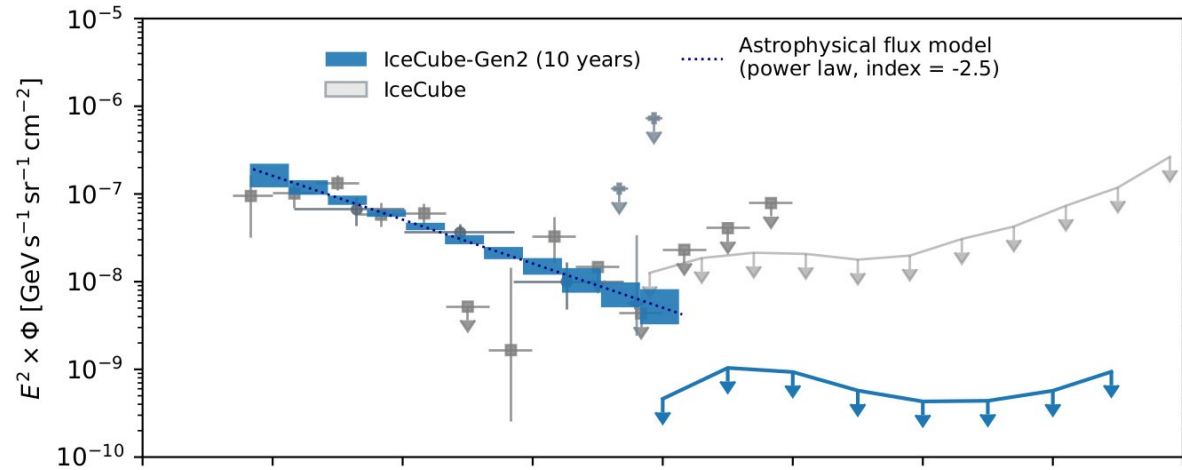
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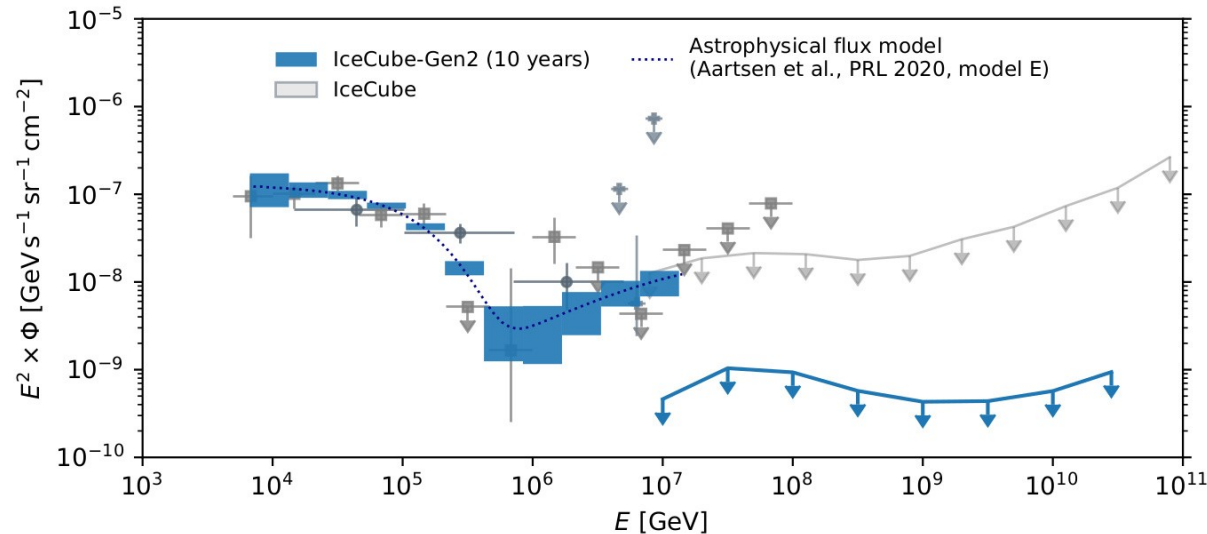
IceCube | Laboratory

South Pole
Effective volume: $\sim 8 \text{ km}^3$
206 strings, 15,000 optical modules

Measuring the diffuse flux *precisely*



Assuming a power-law
flux ν flux $\propto E^{-2.5}$



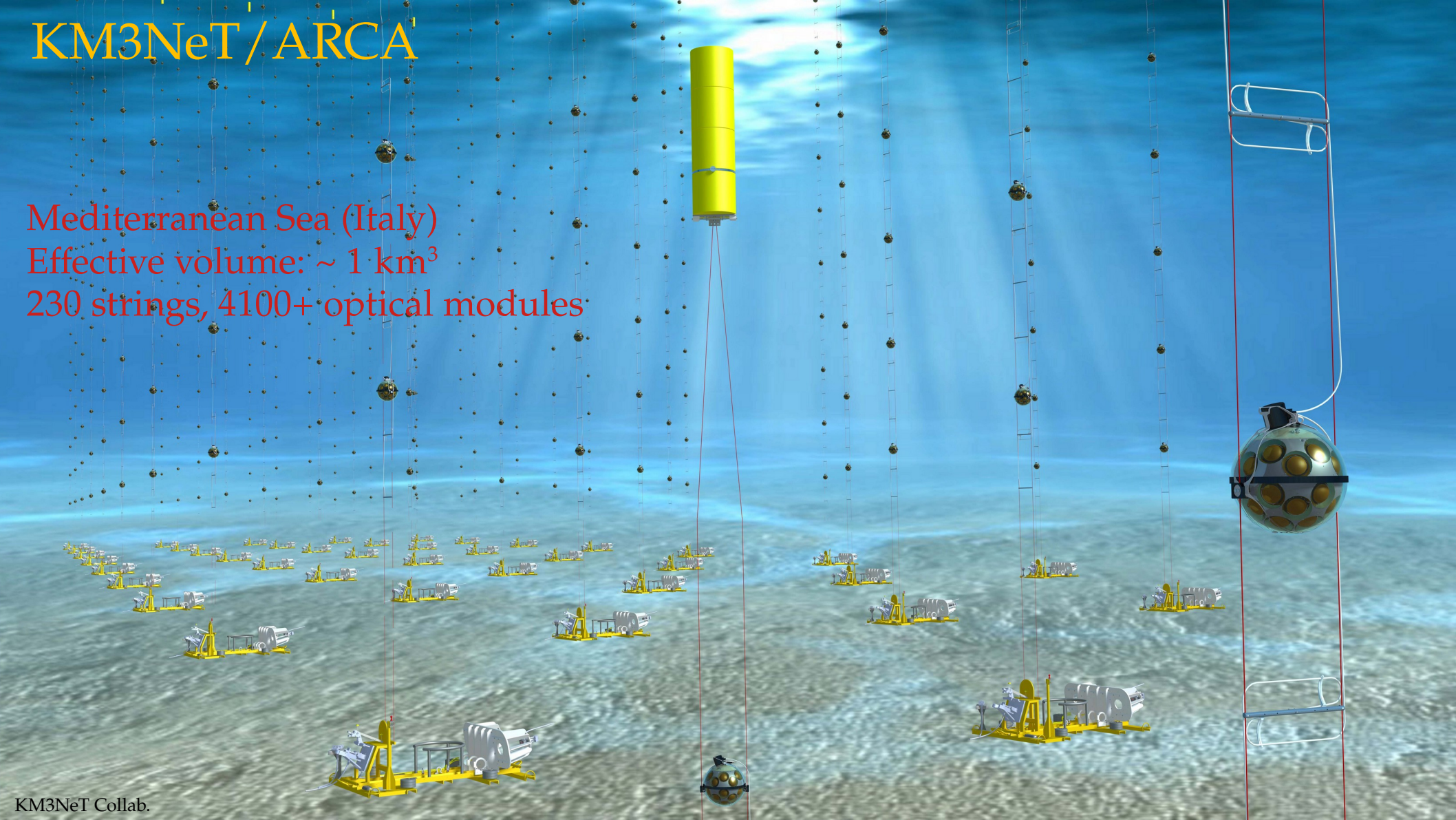
Assuming a power-law ν
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KM3NeT/ARCA

Mediterranean Sea (Italy)

Effective volume: $\sim 1 \text{ km}^3$

230 strings, 4100+ optical modules

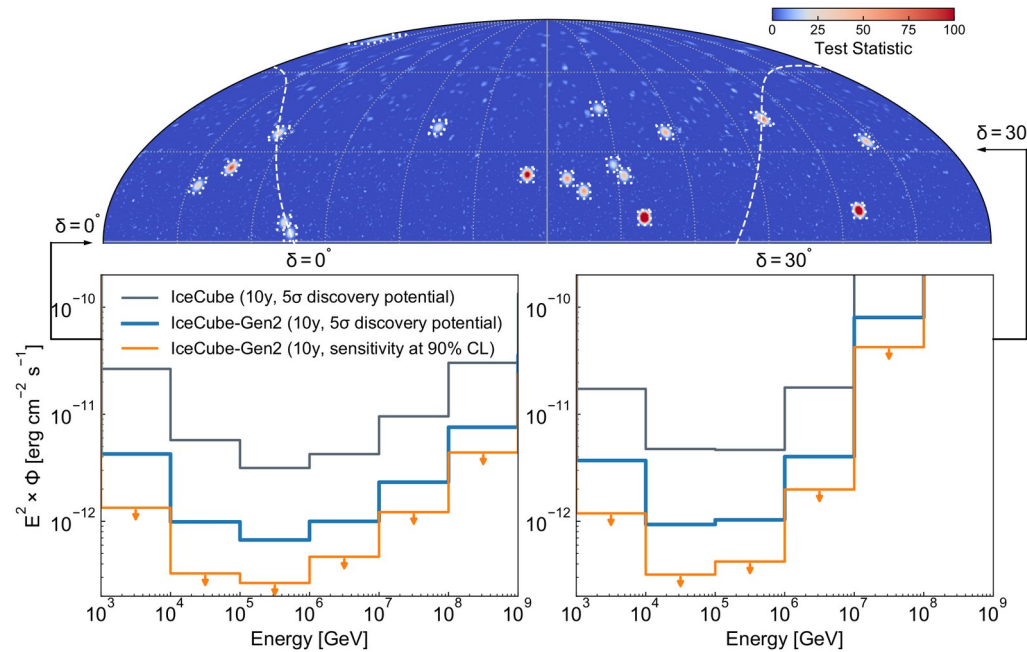


Point-source limits

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IceCube-Gen2 (optical)

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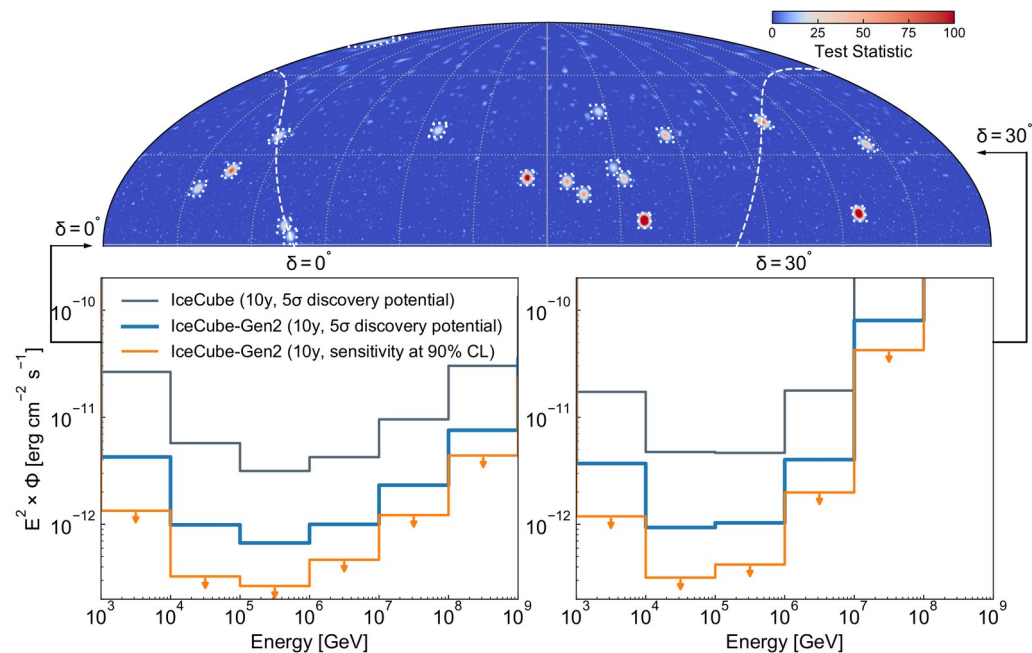


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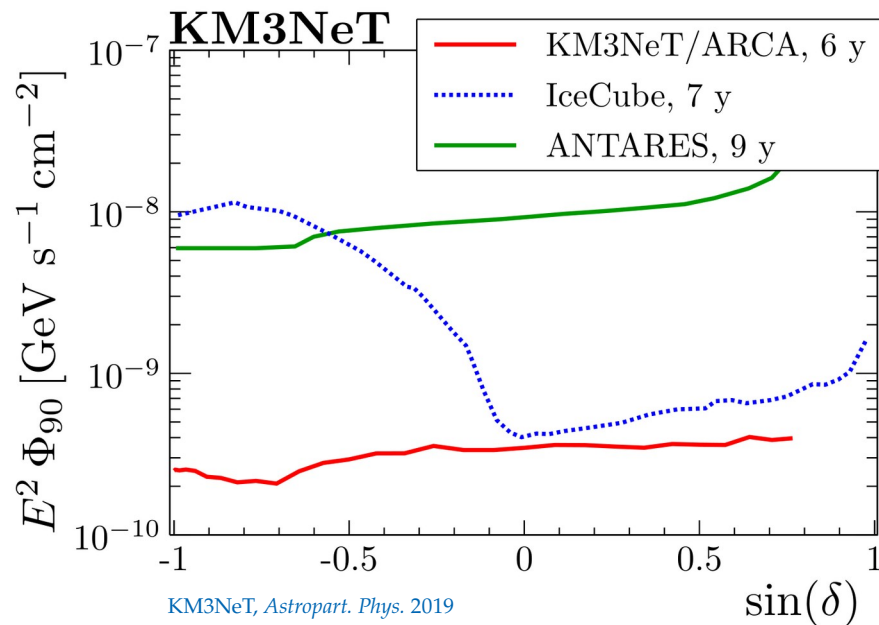
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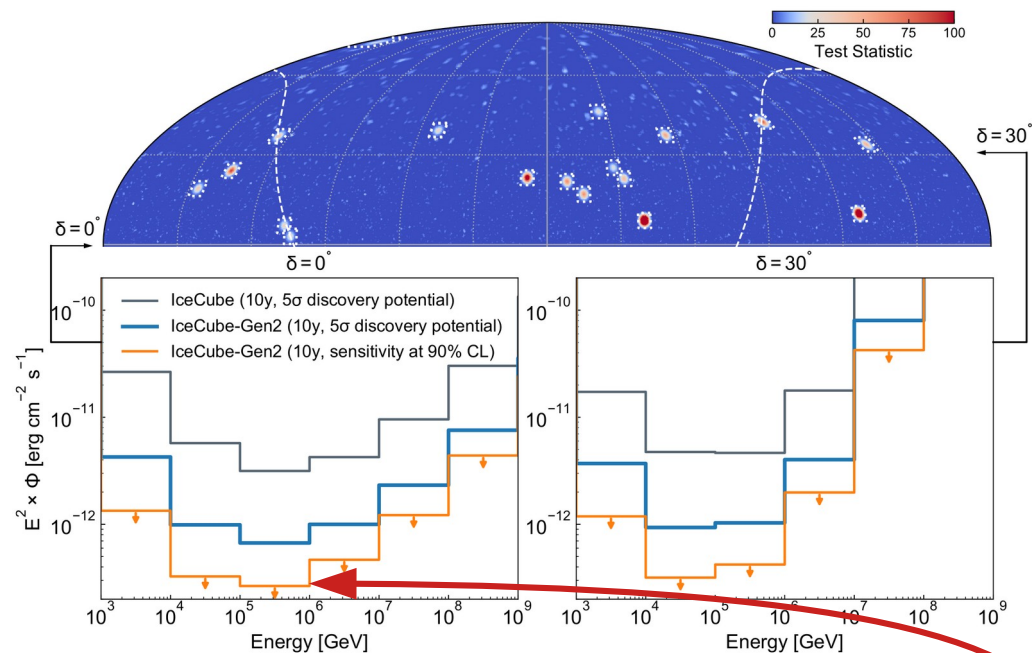


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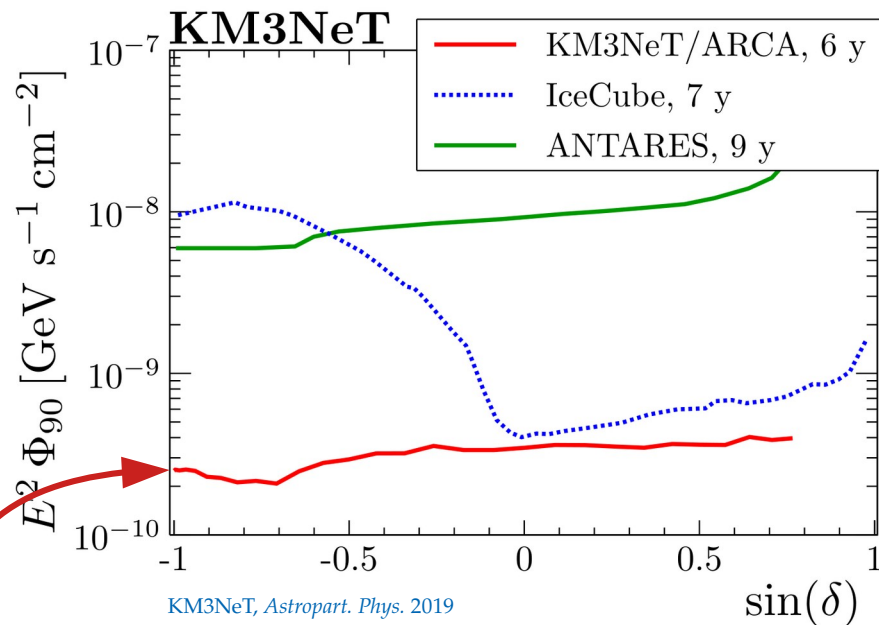
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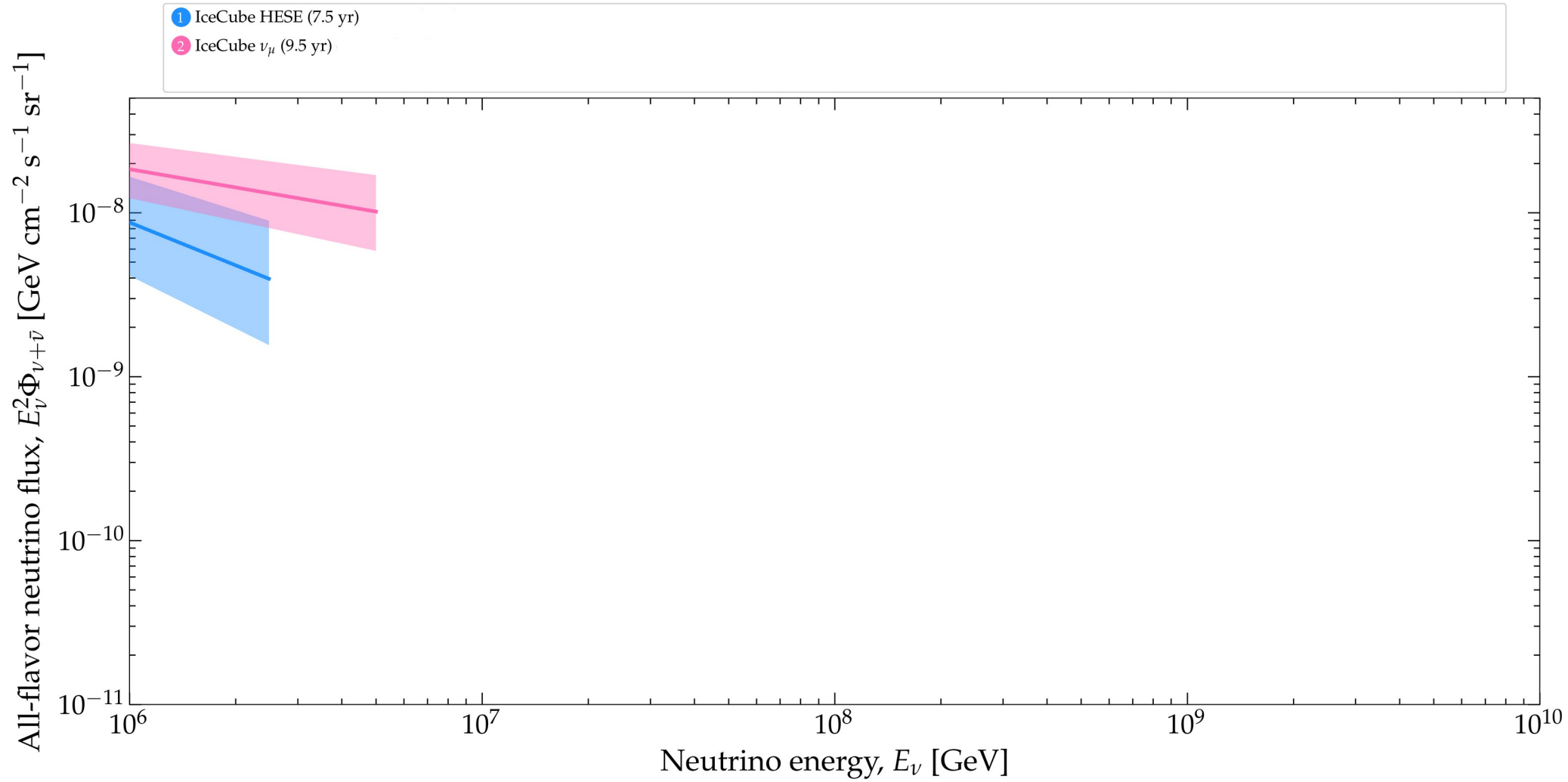


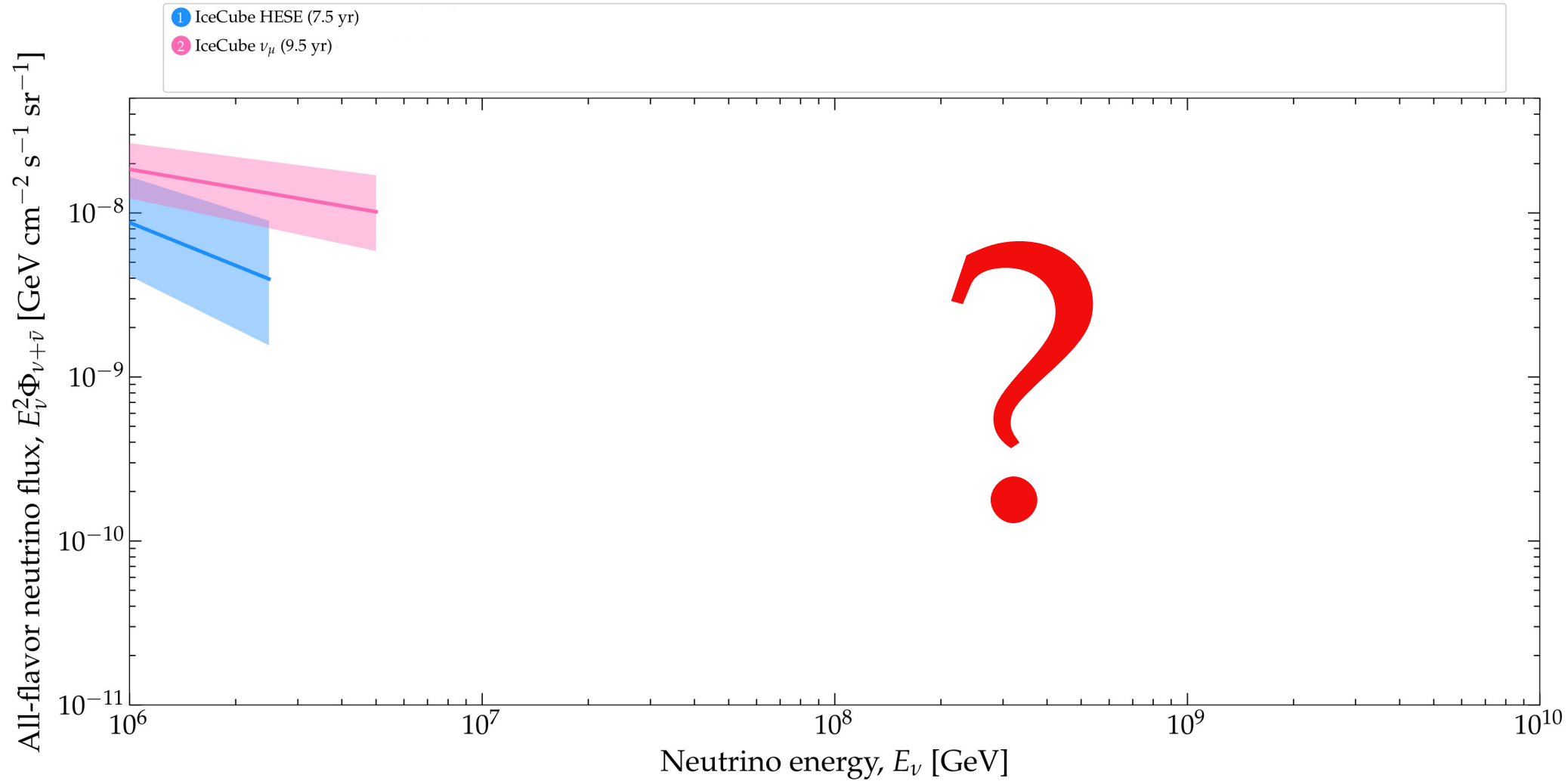
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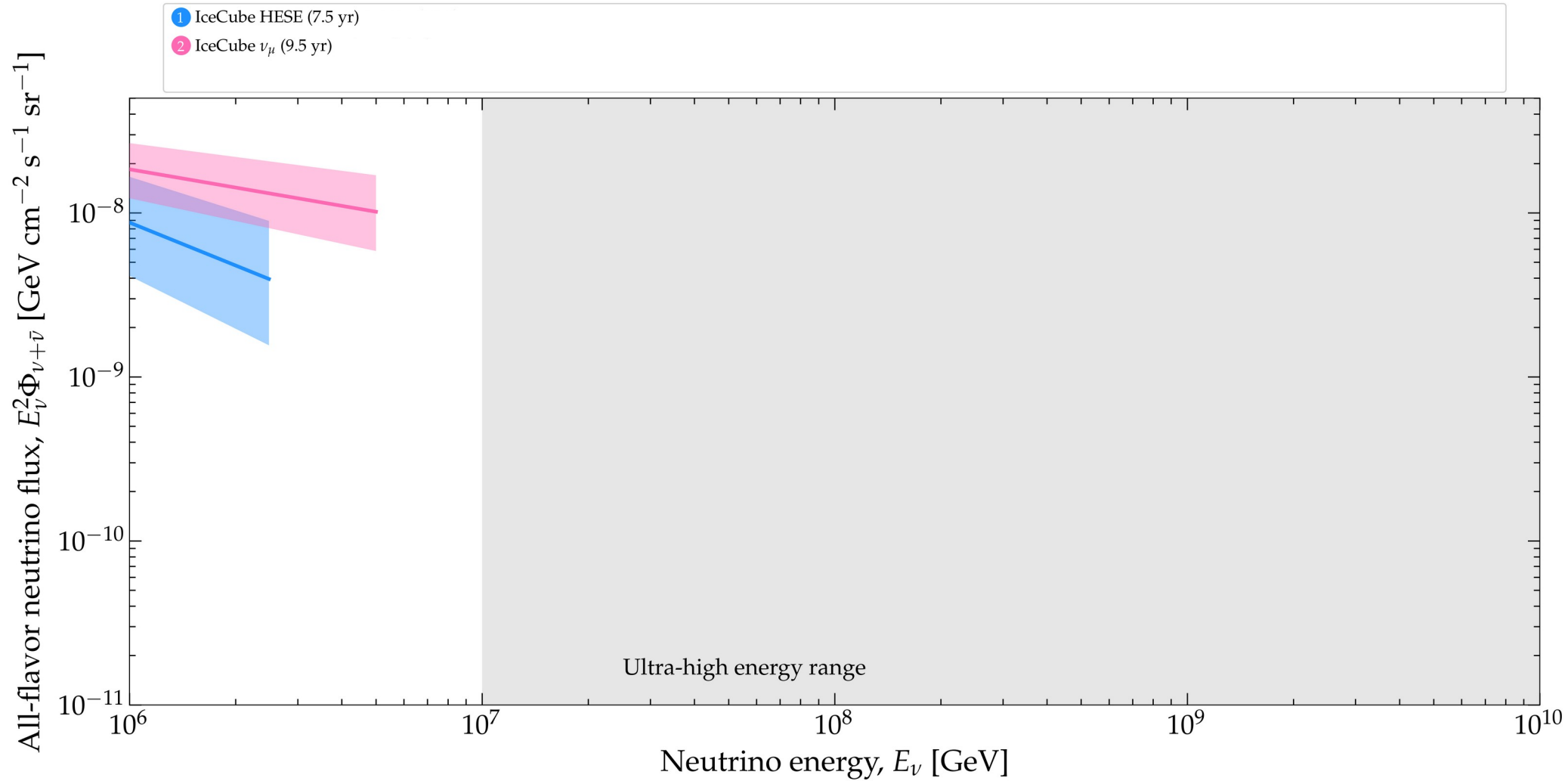
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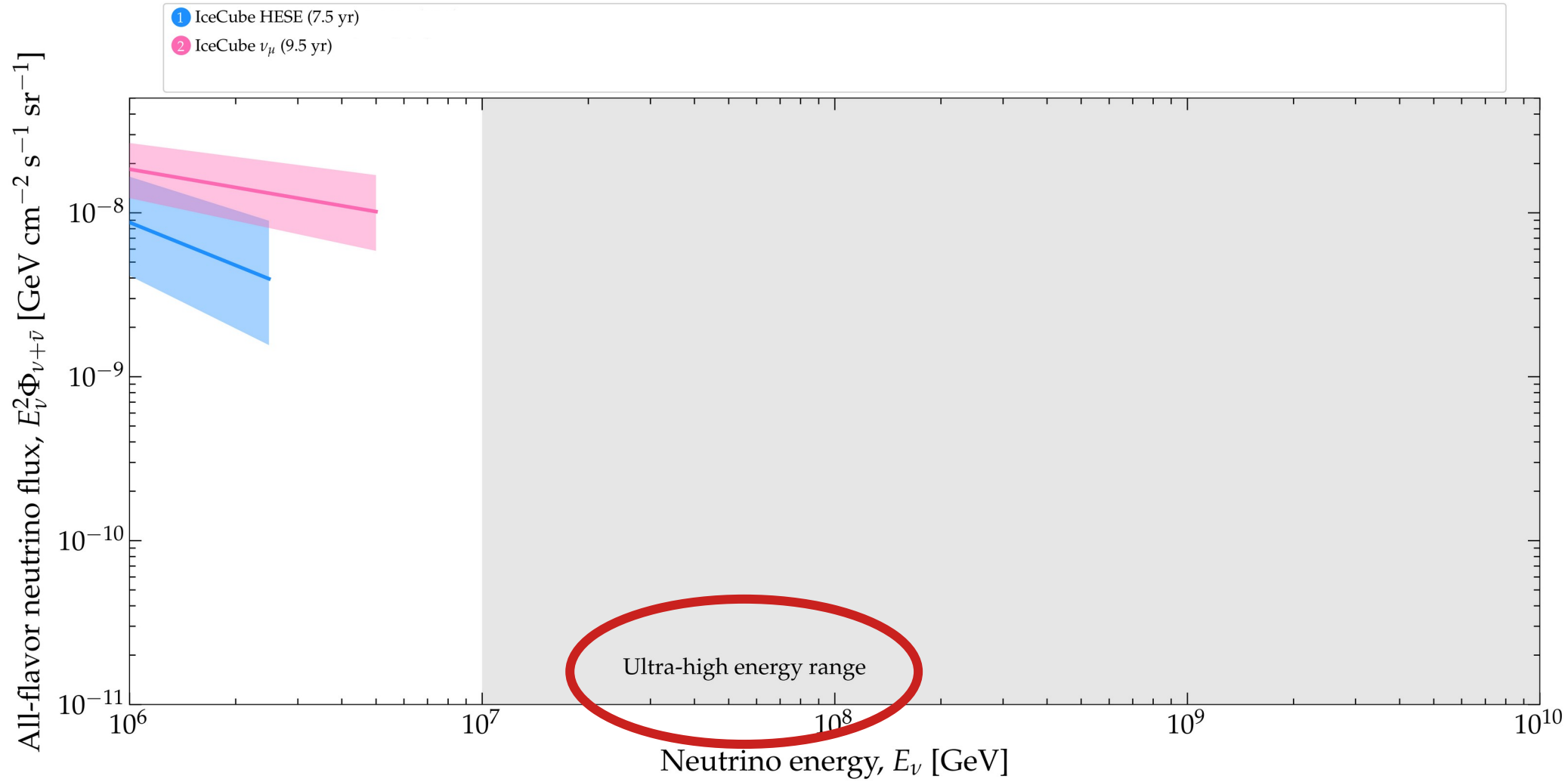
Build different

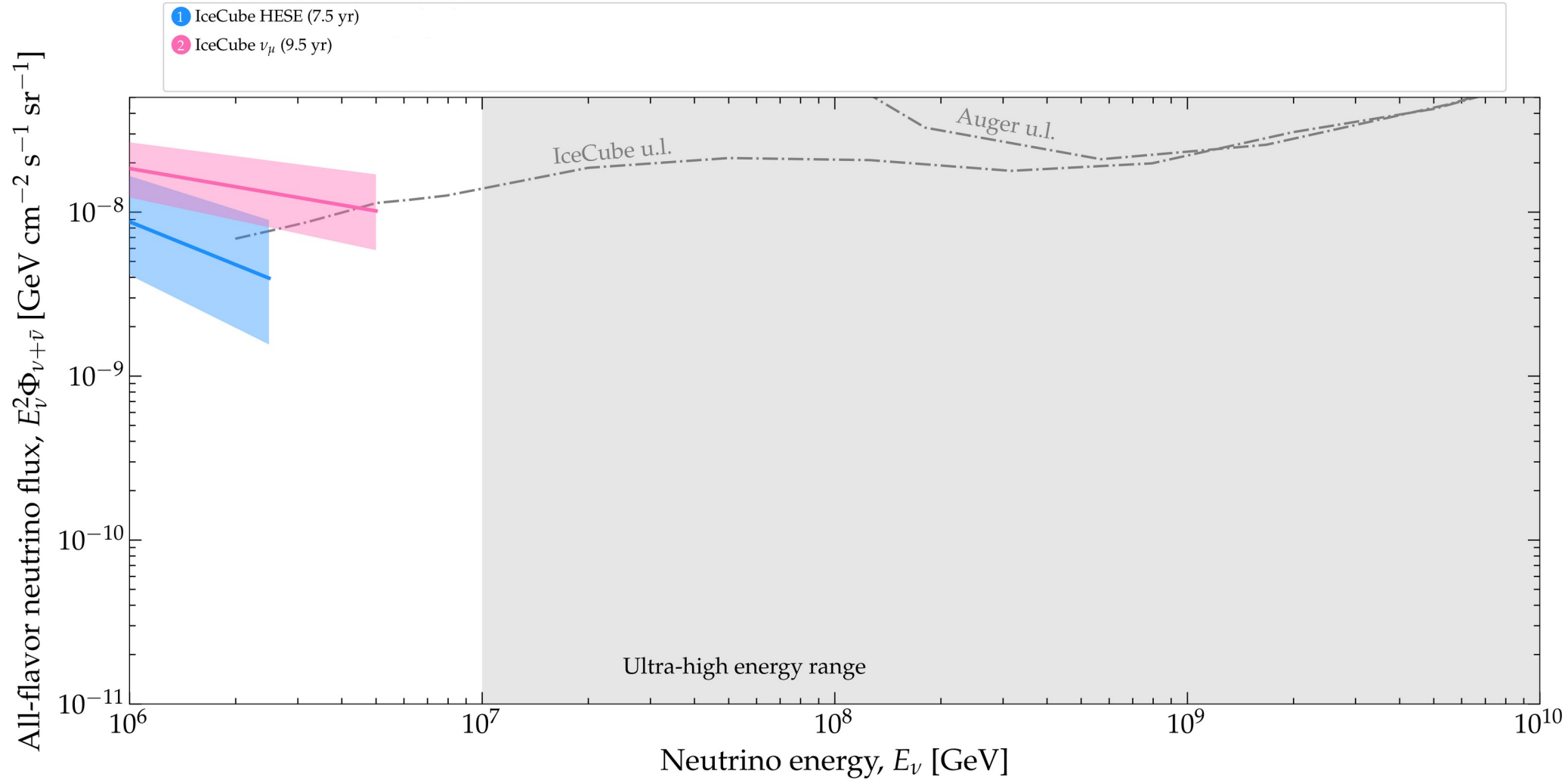
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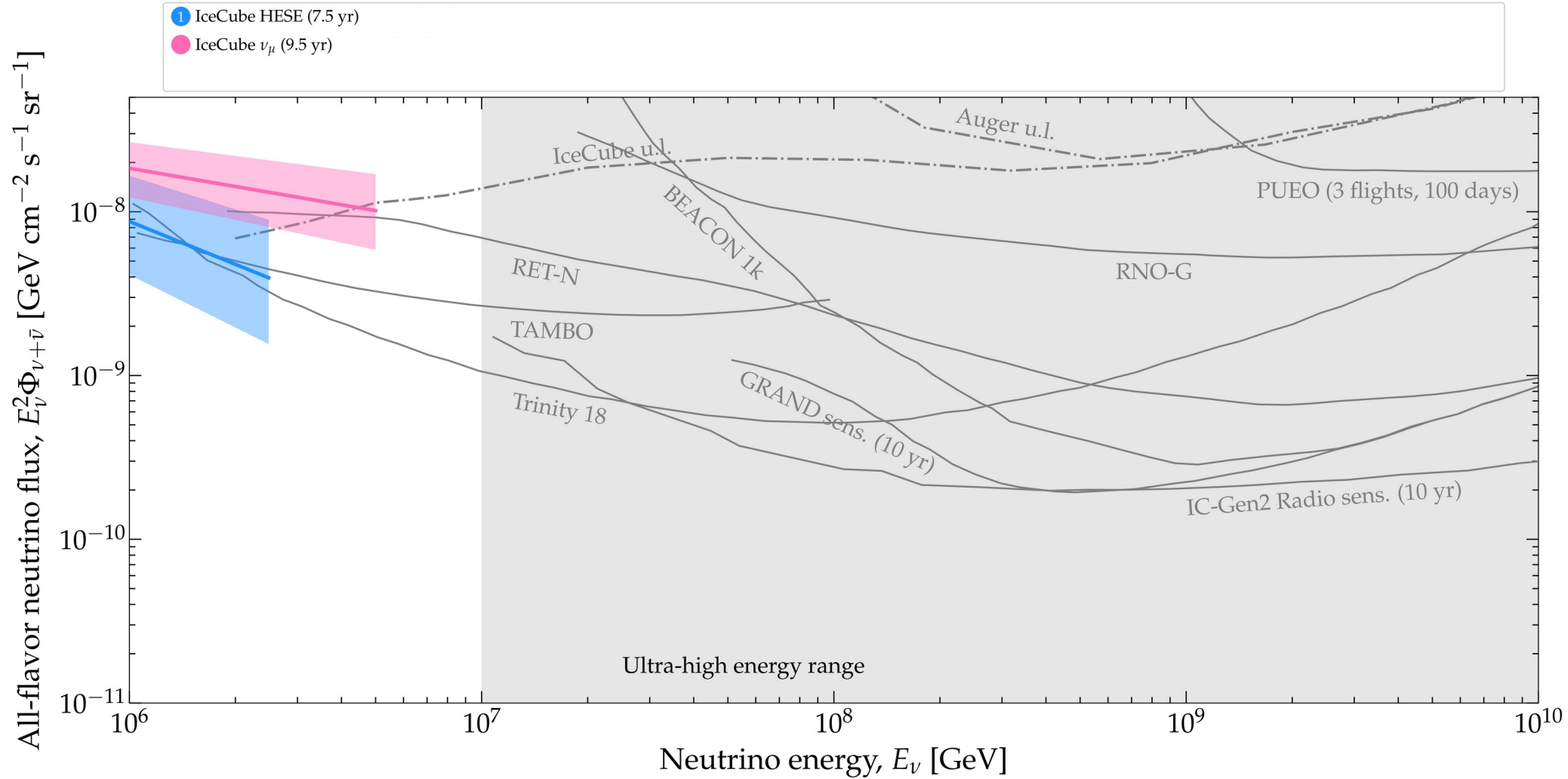


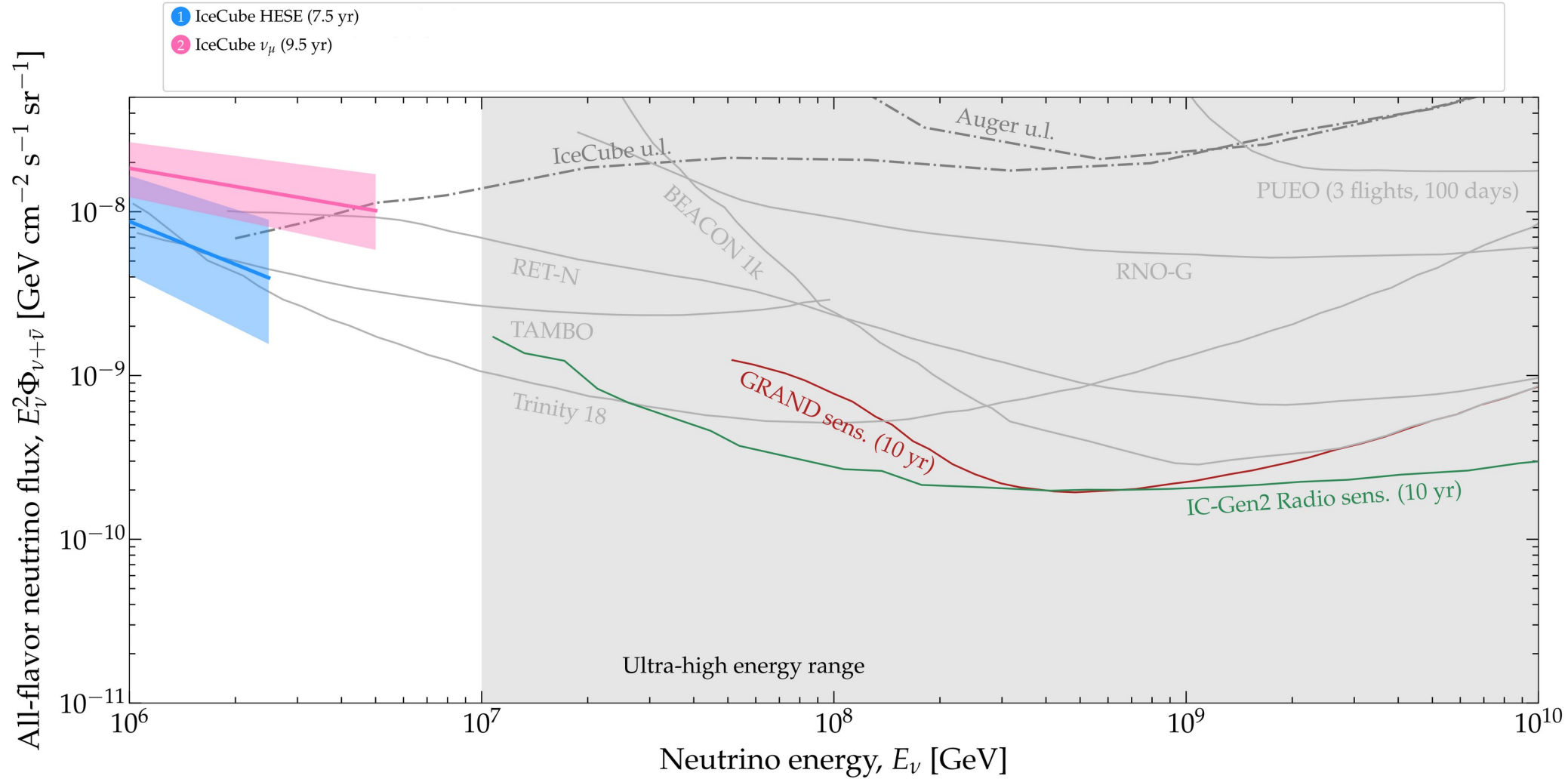


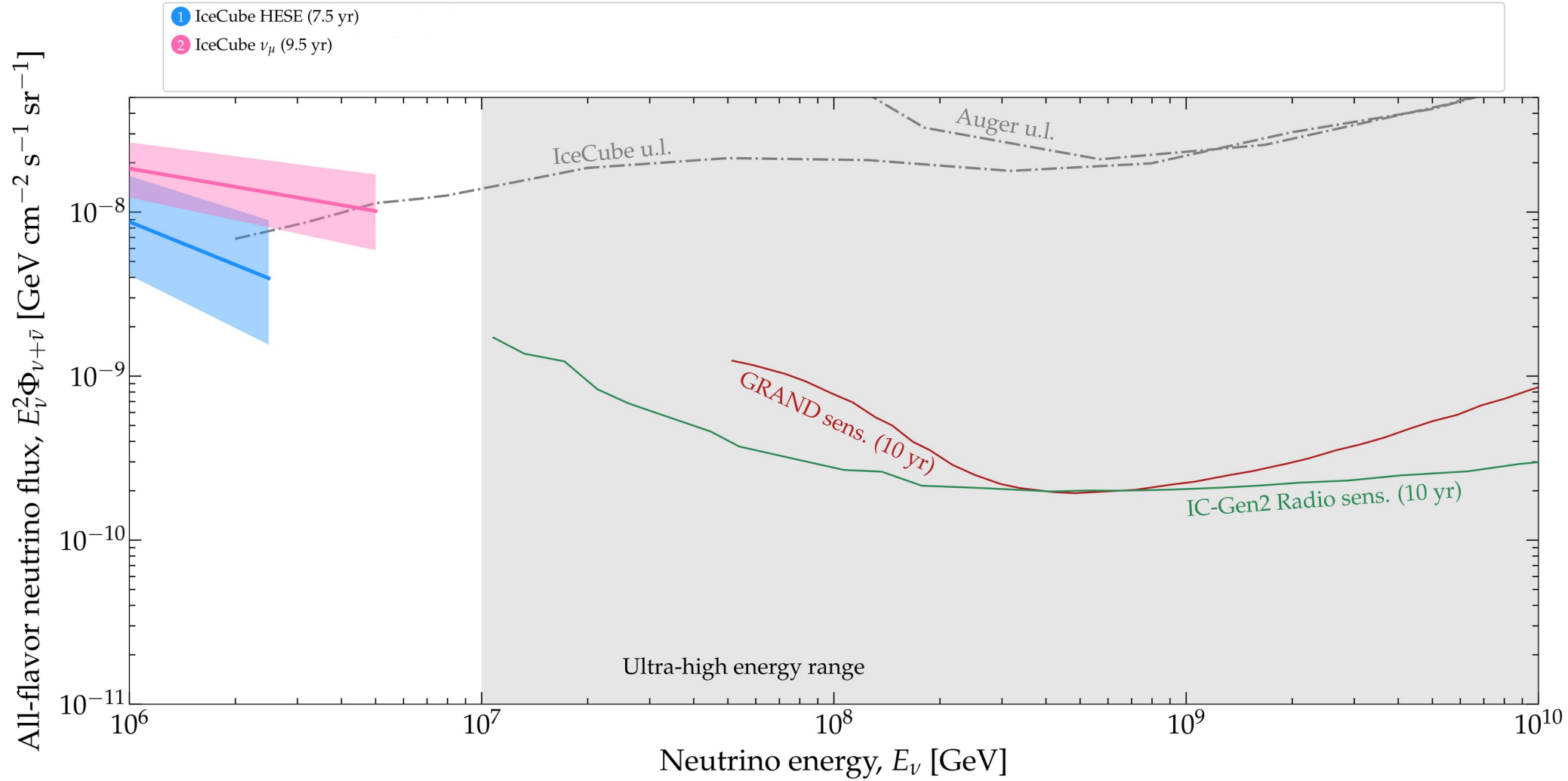












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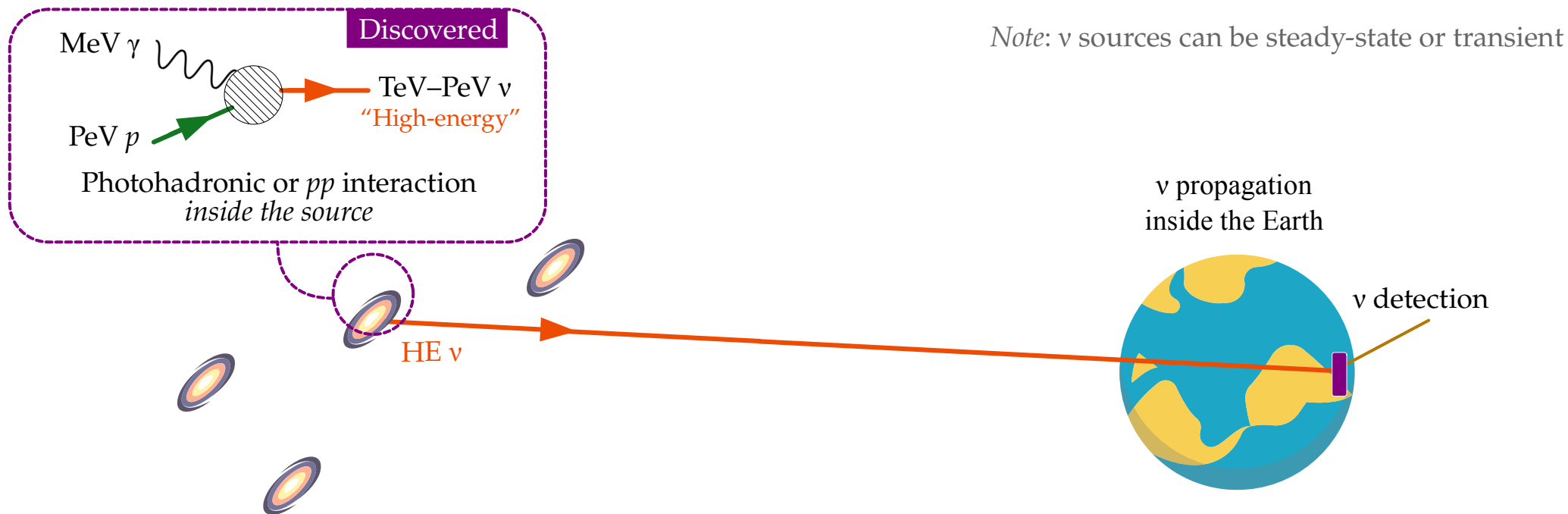
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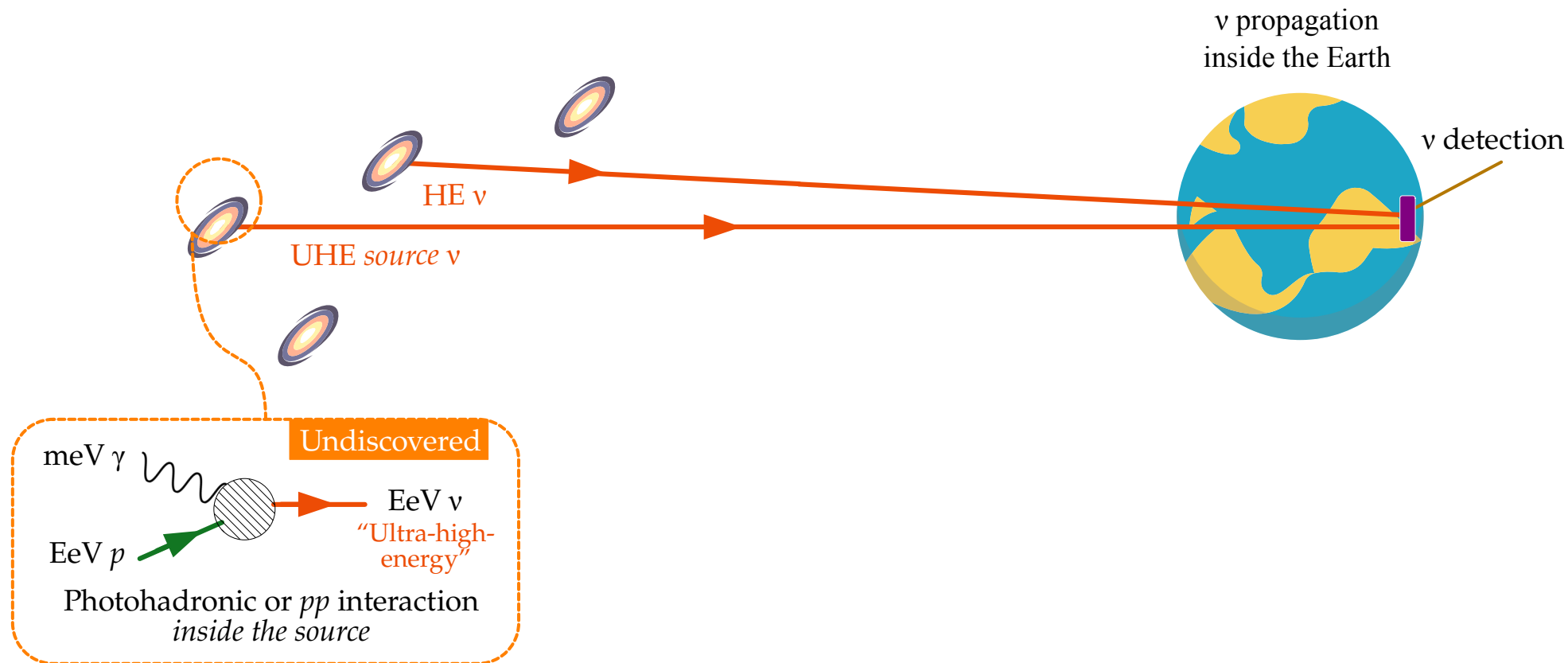
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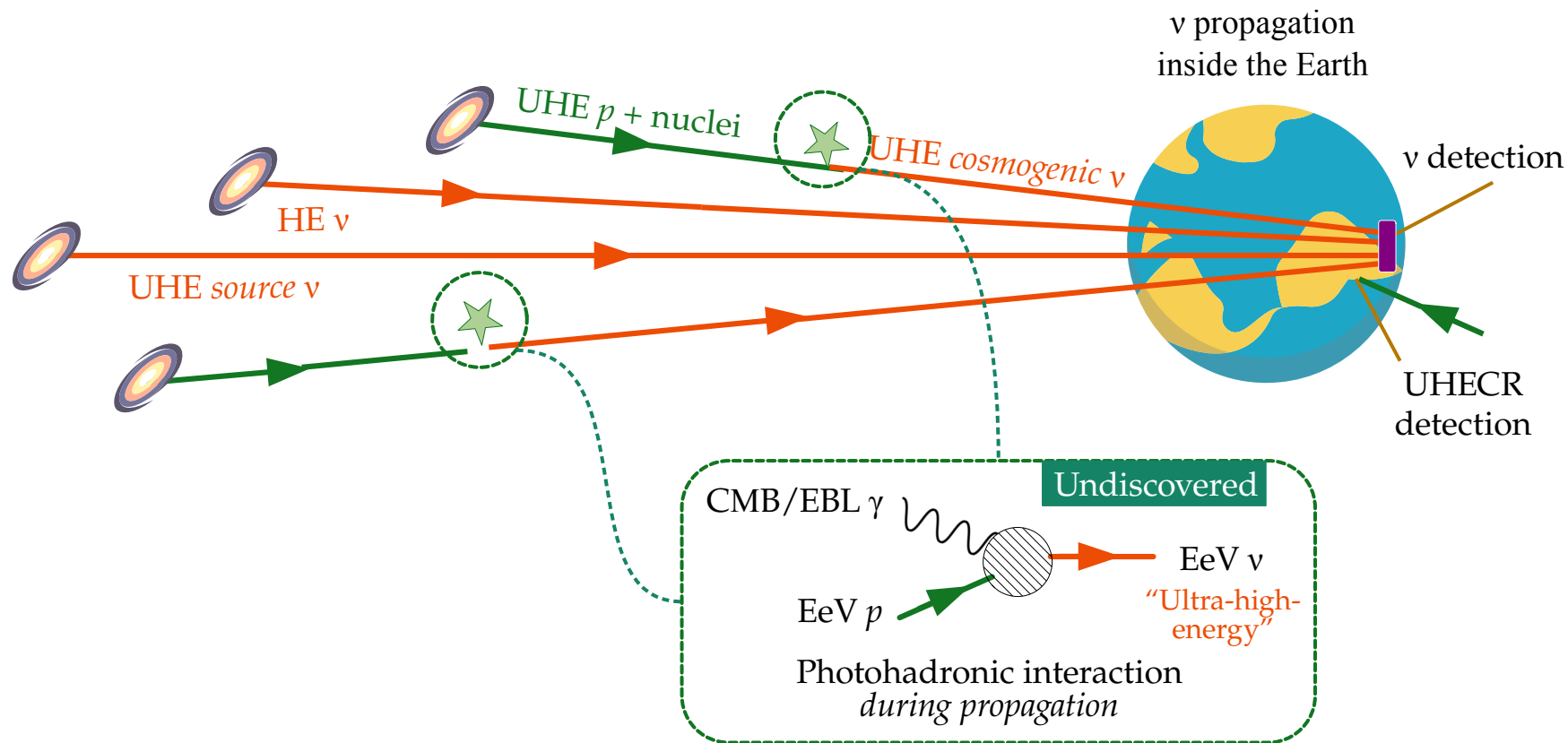
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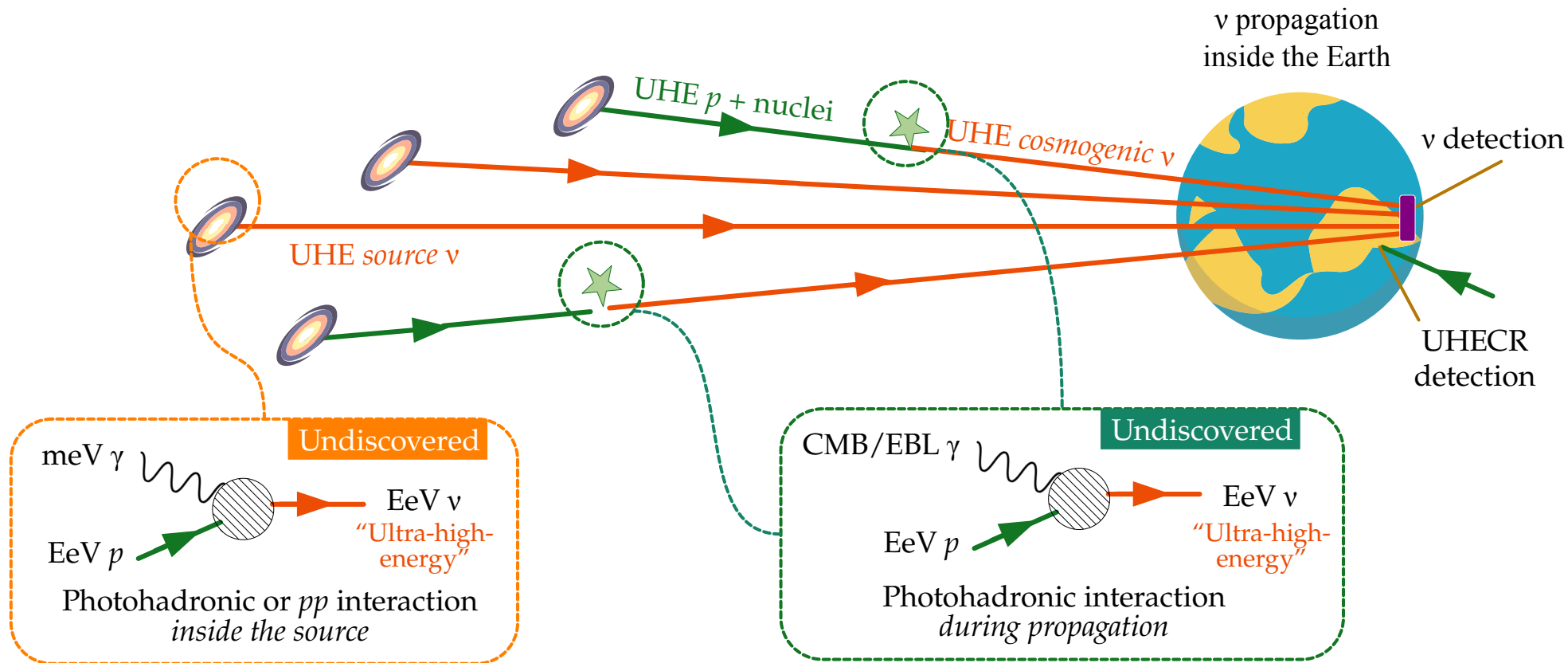
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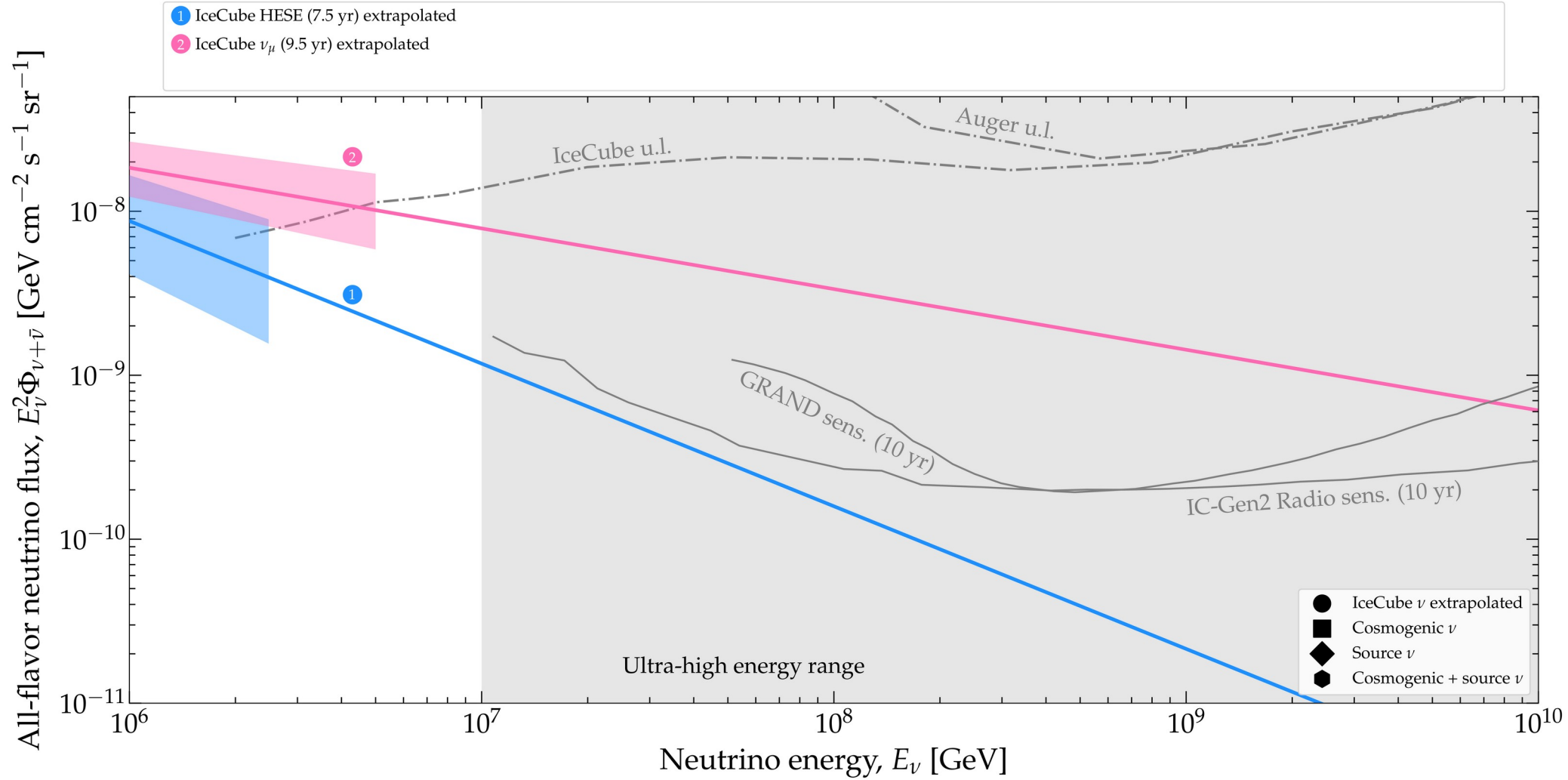
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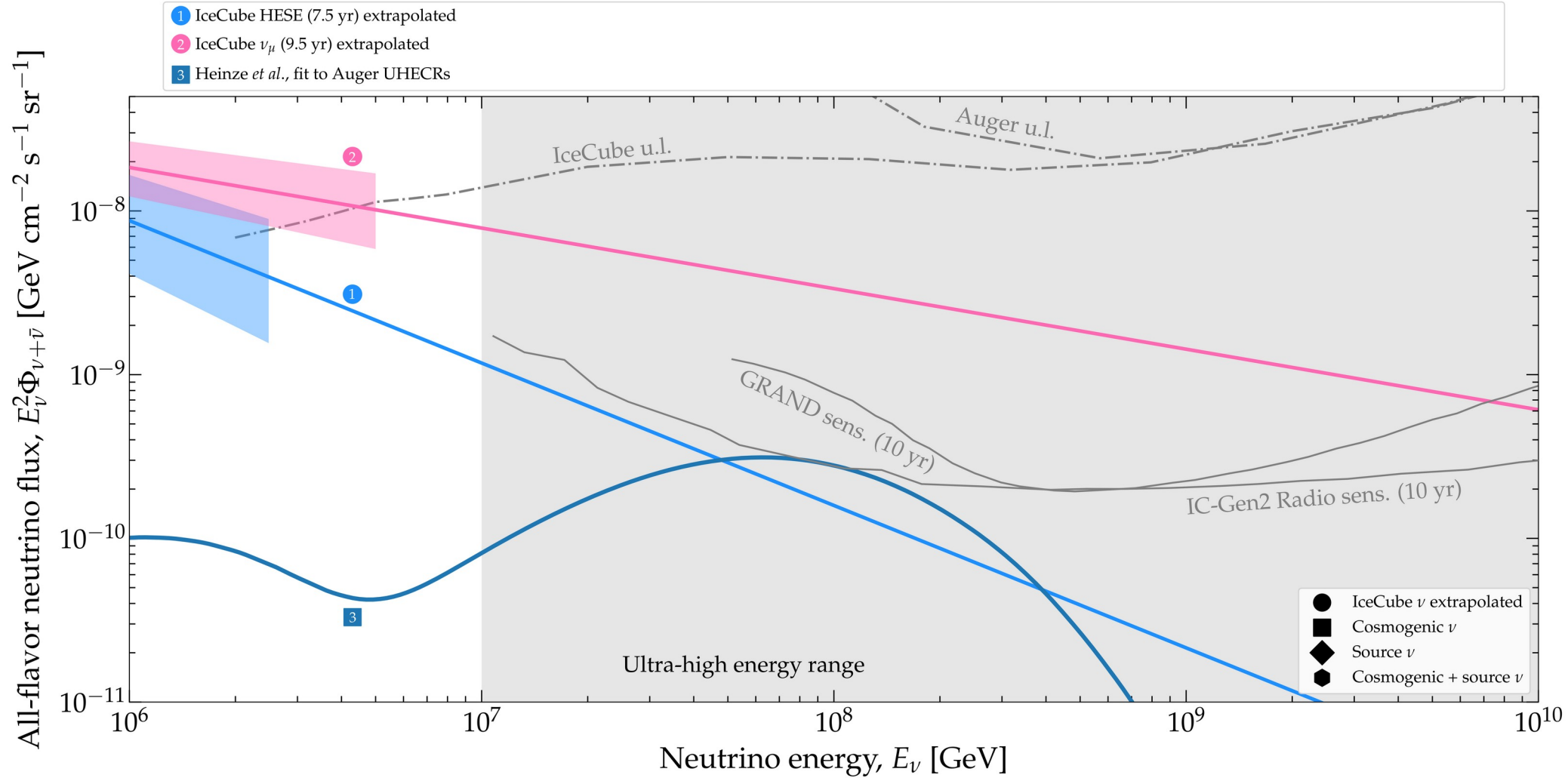


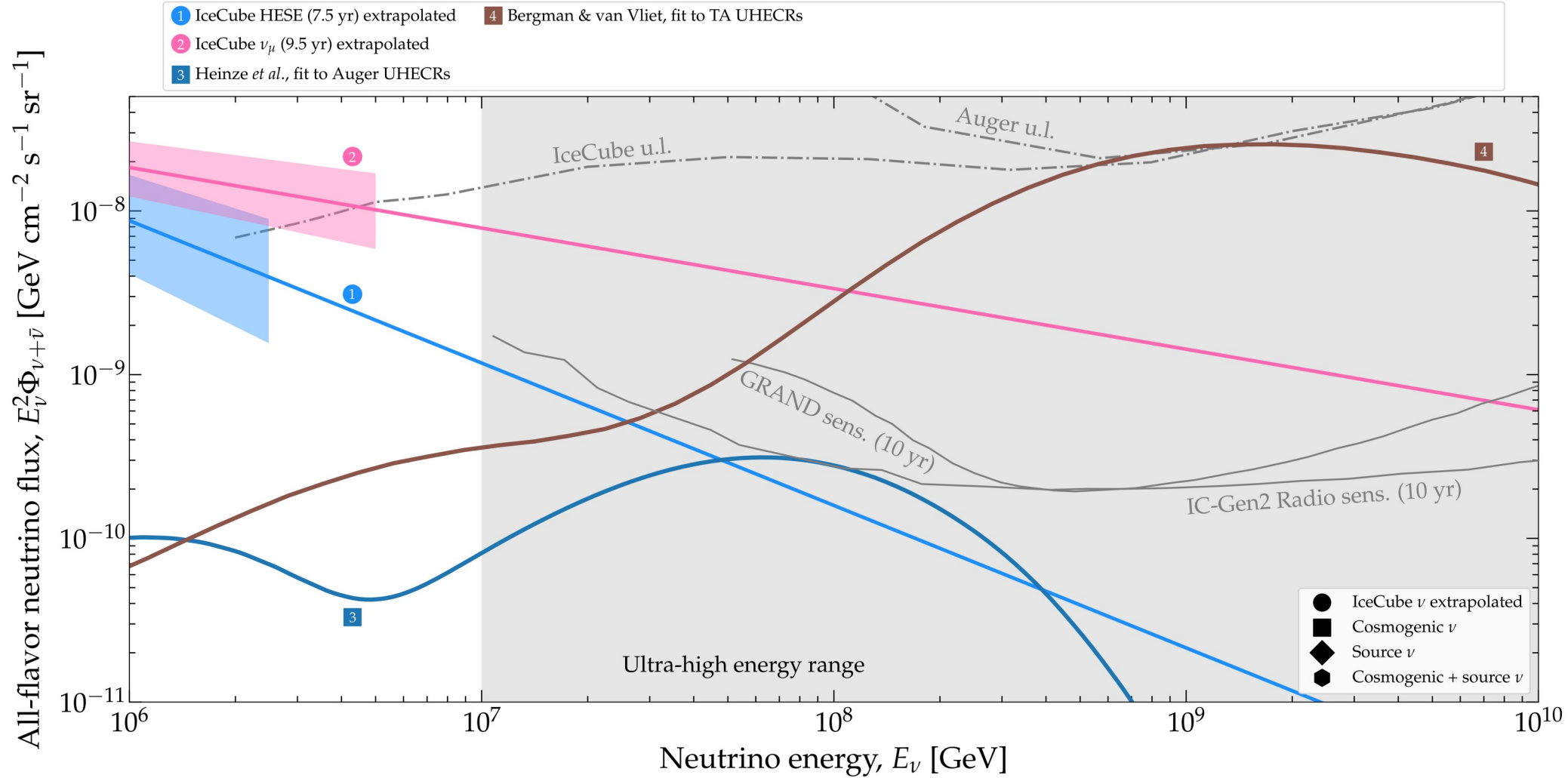
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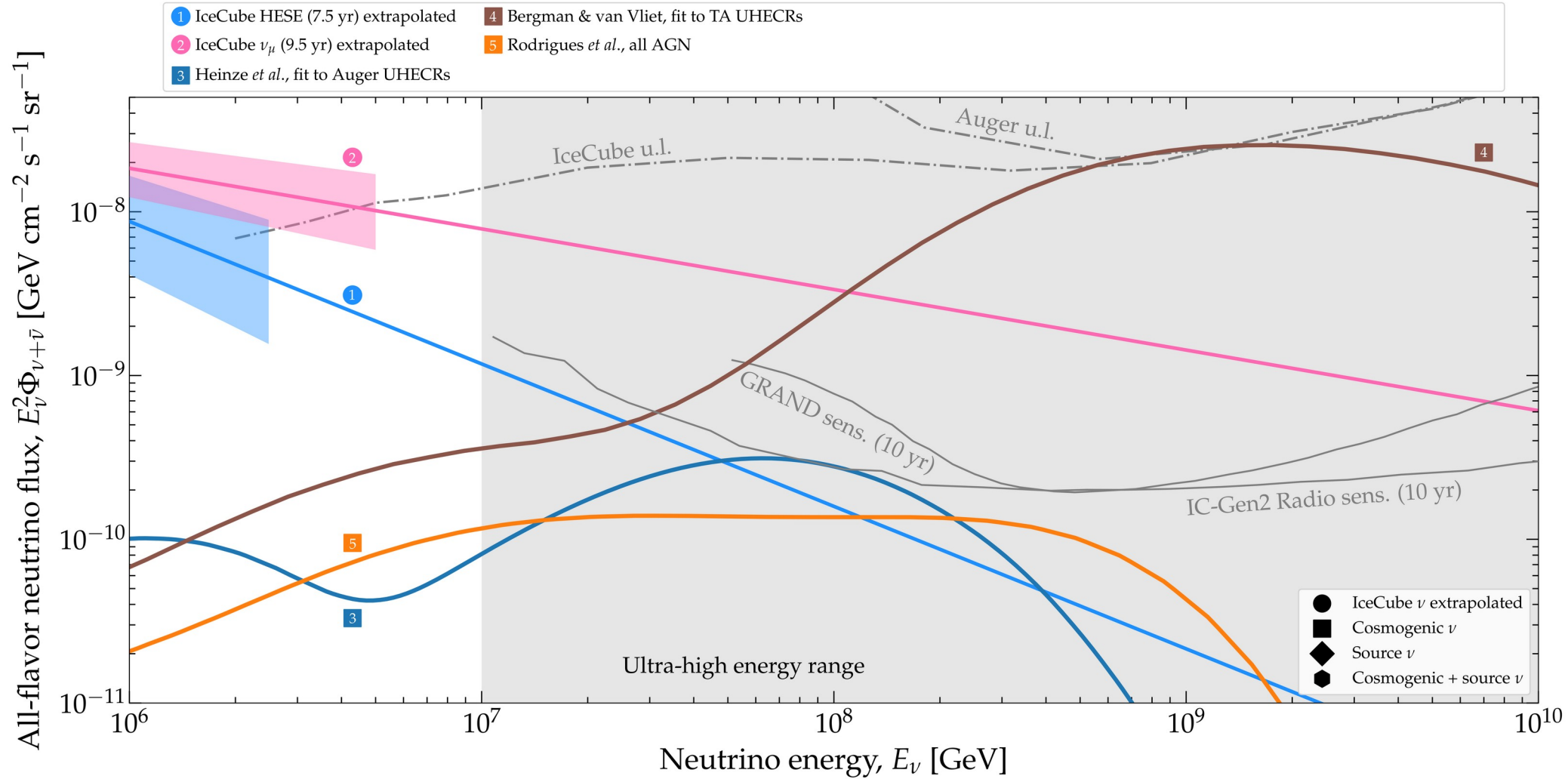
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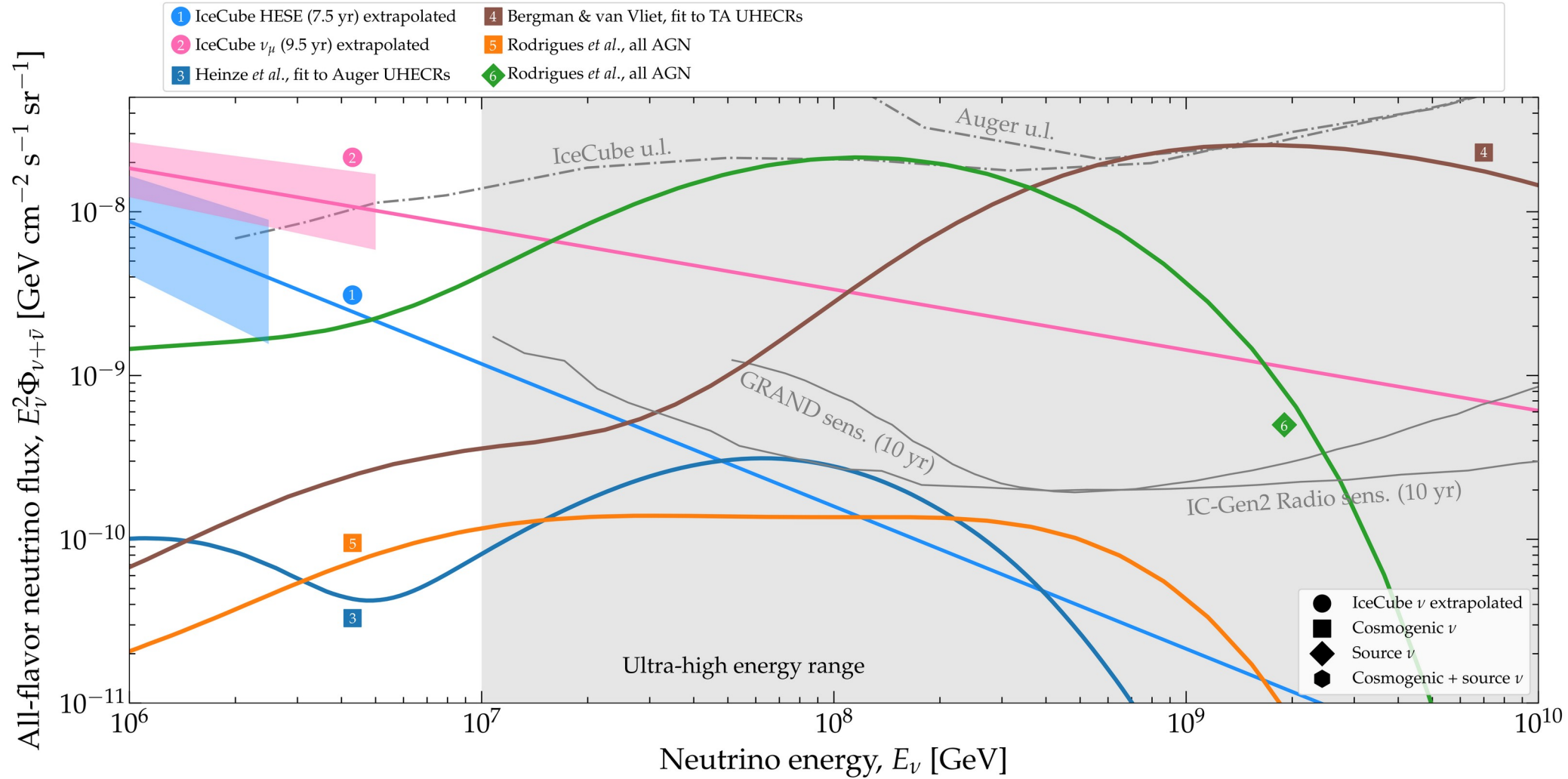






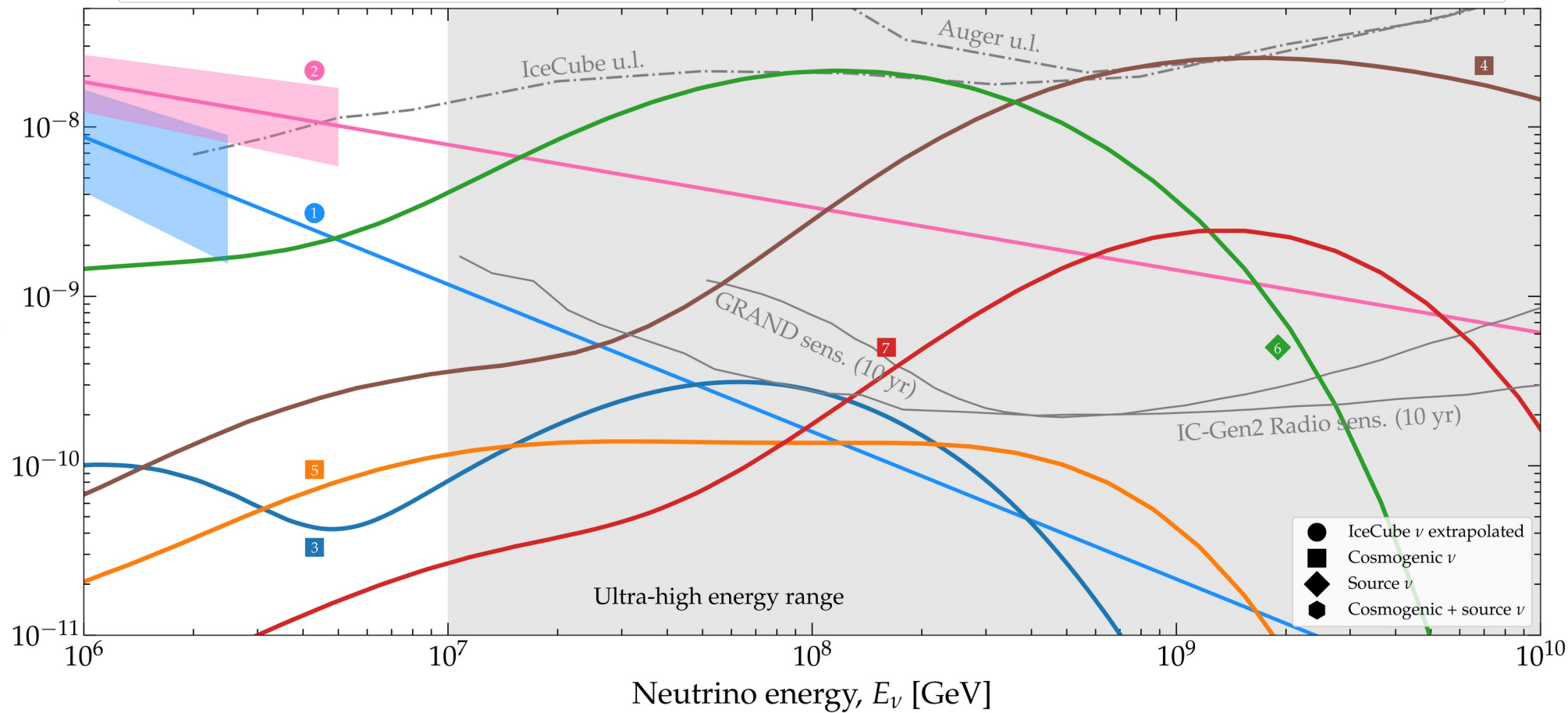


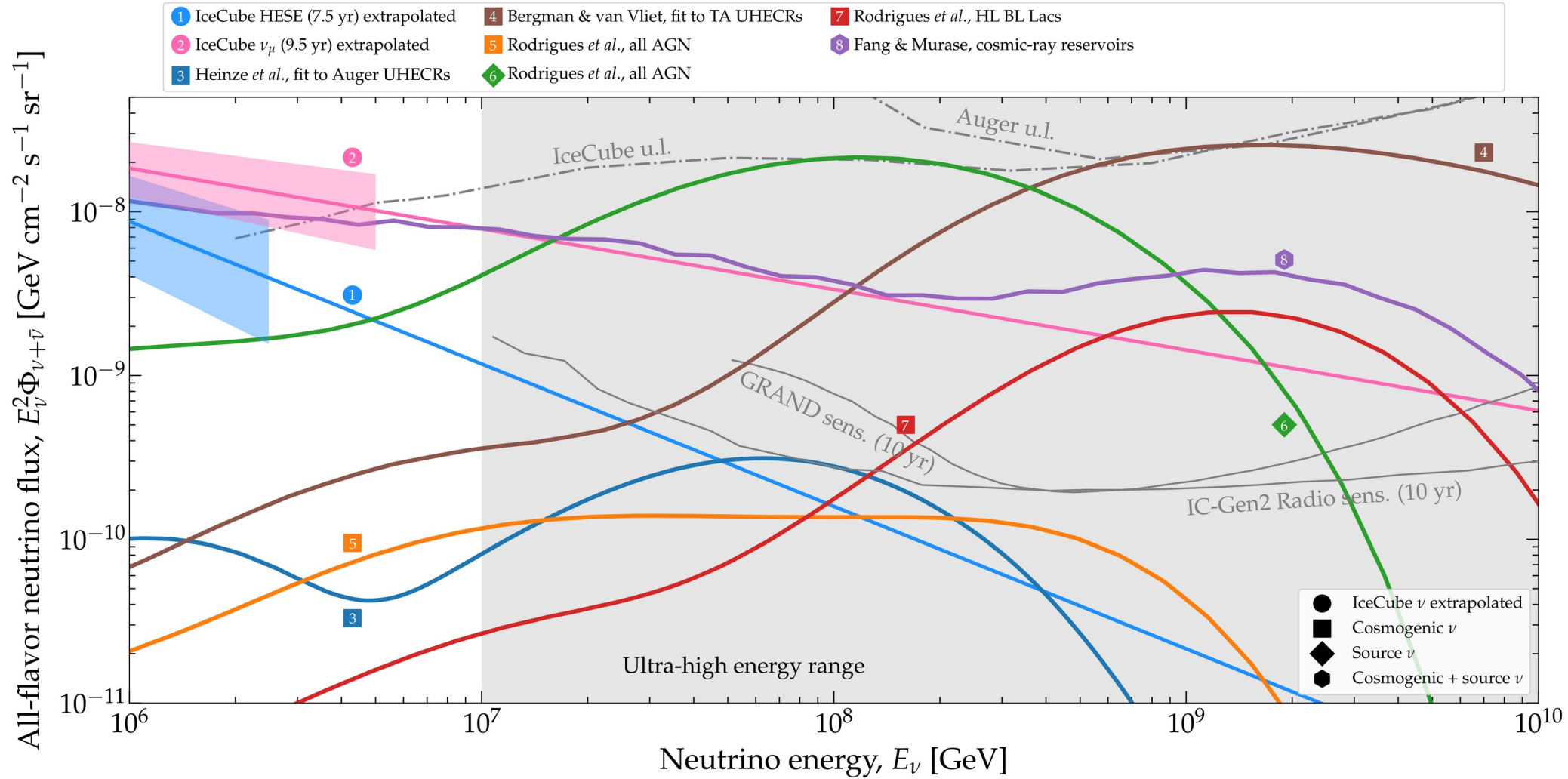




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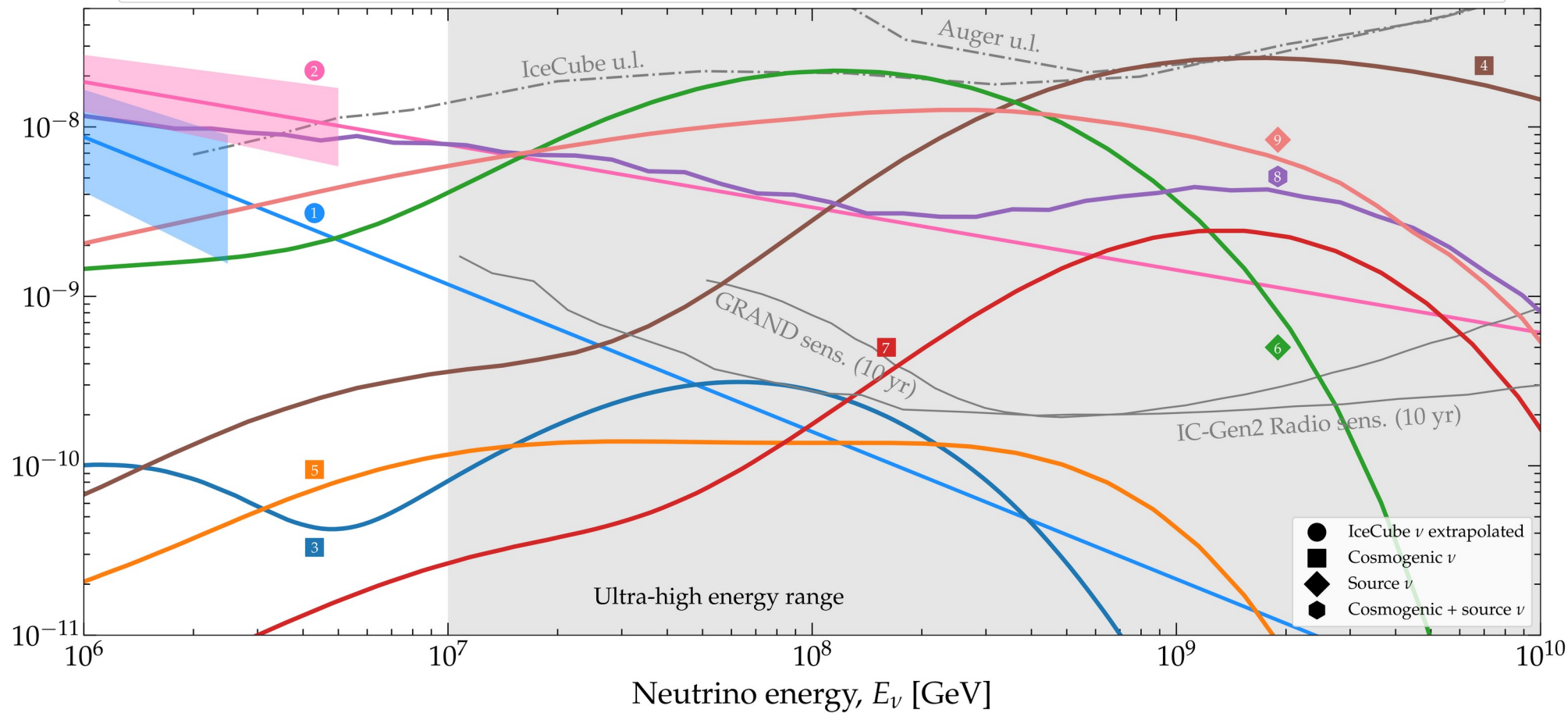
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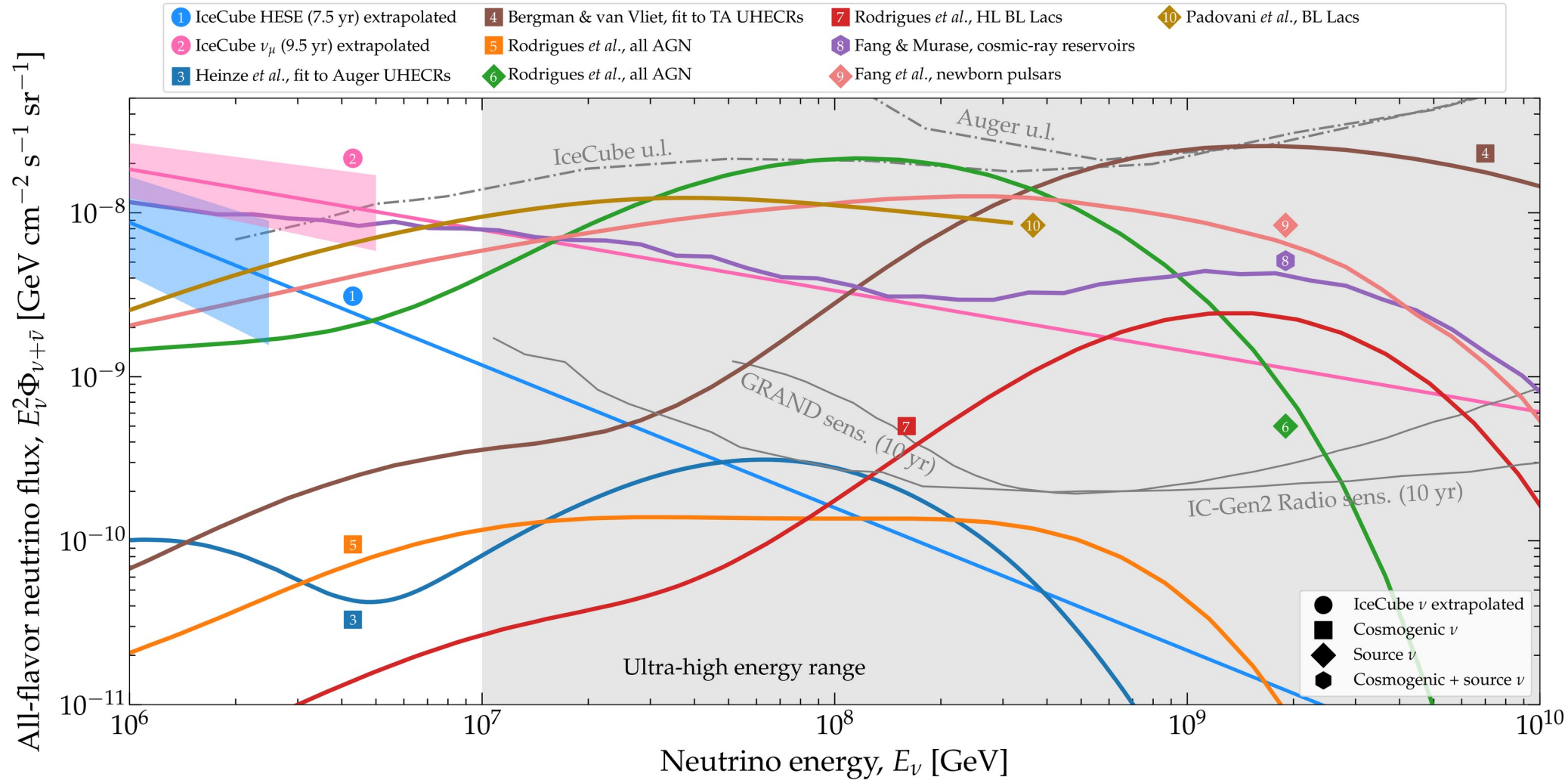


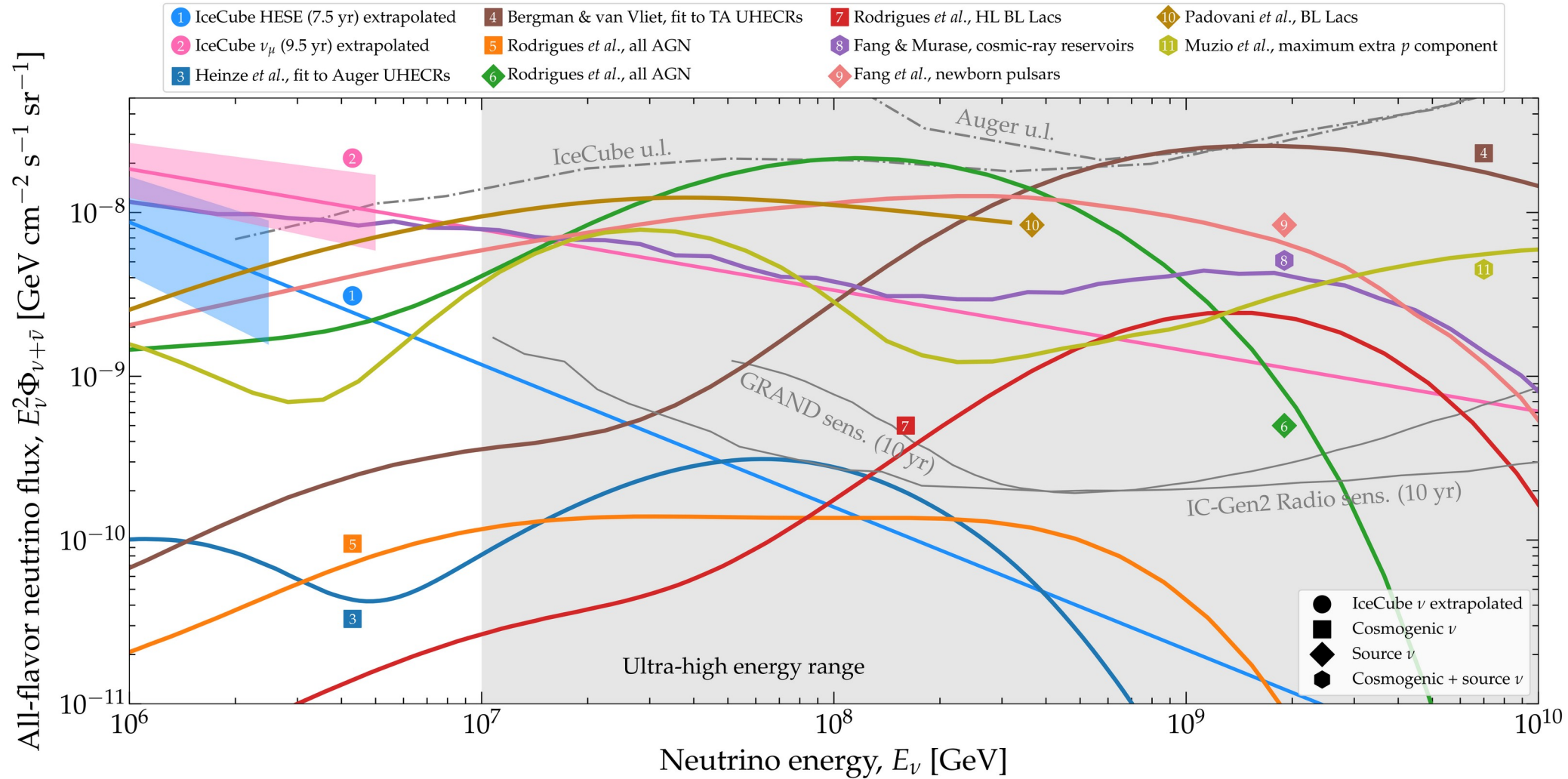


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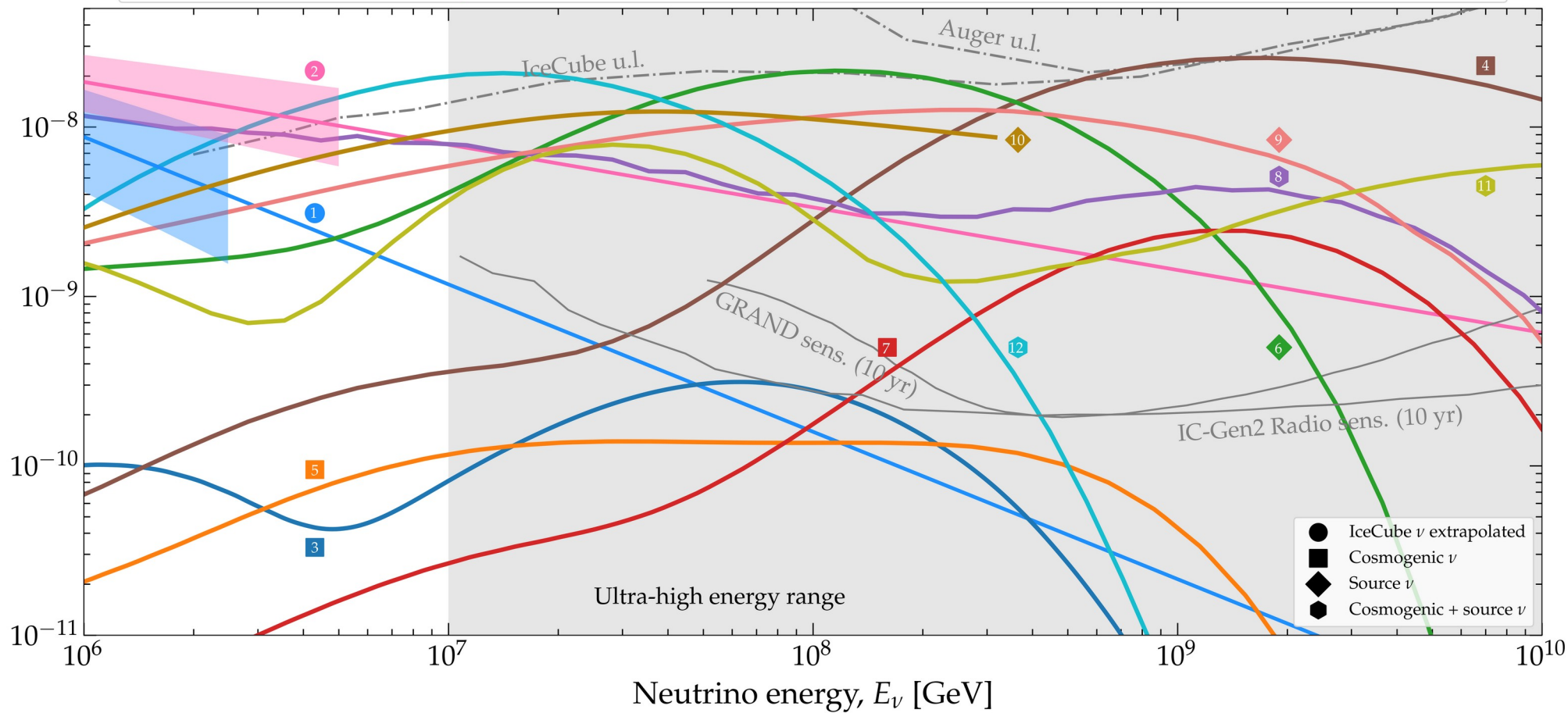




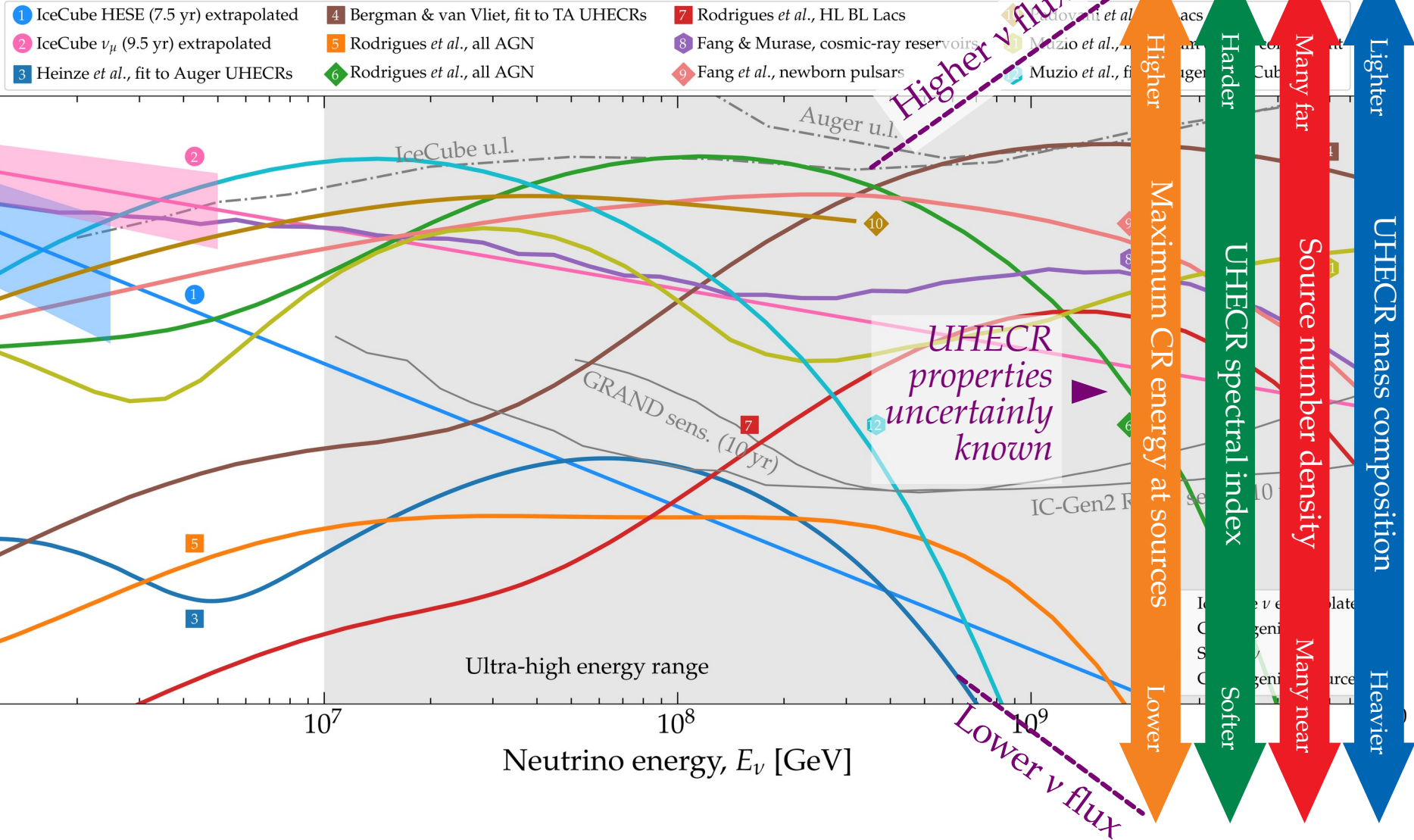


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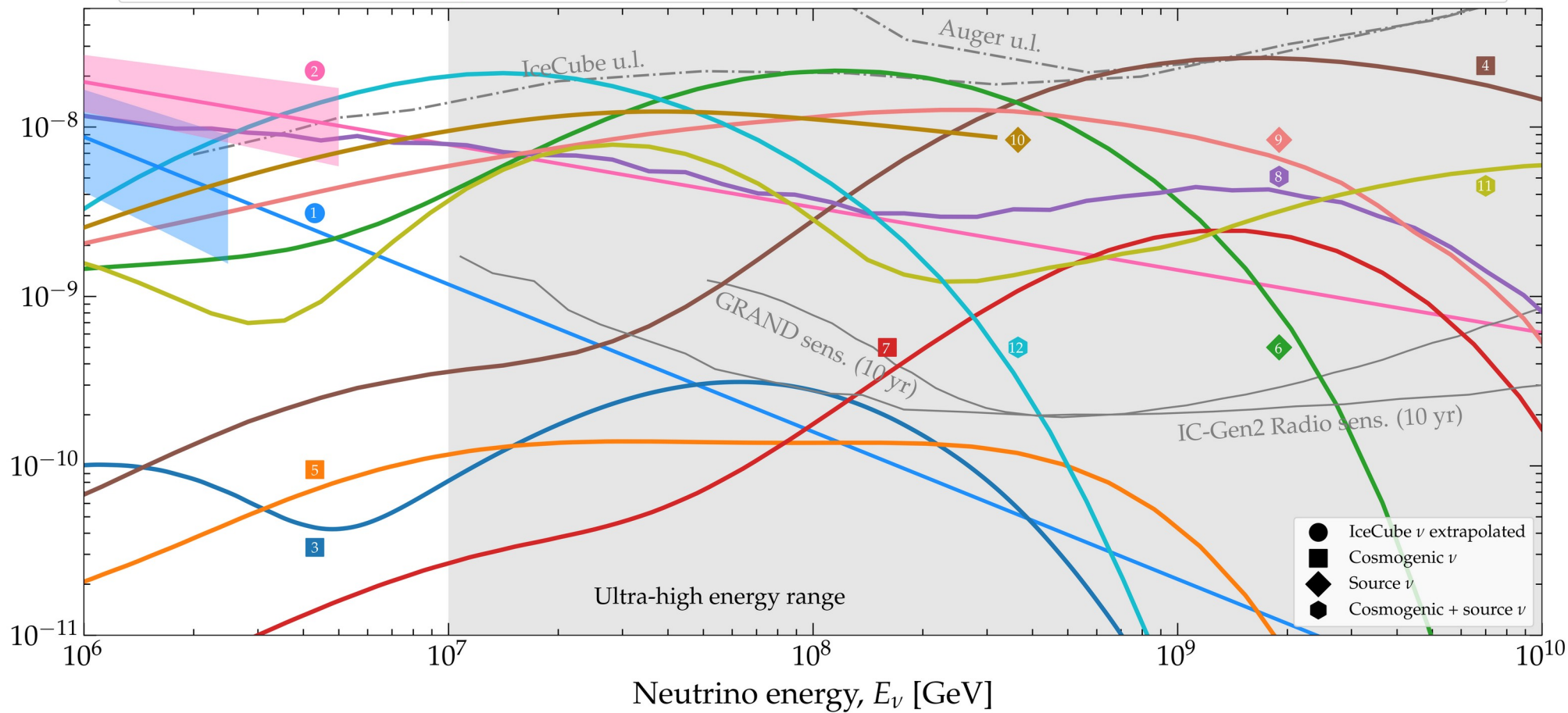


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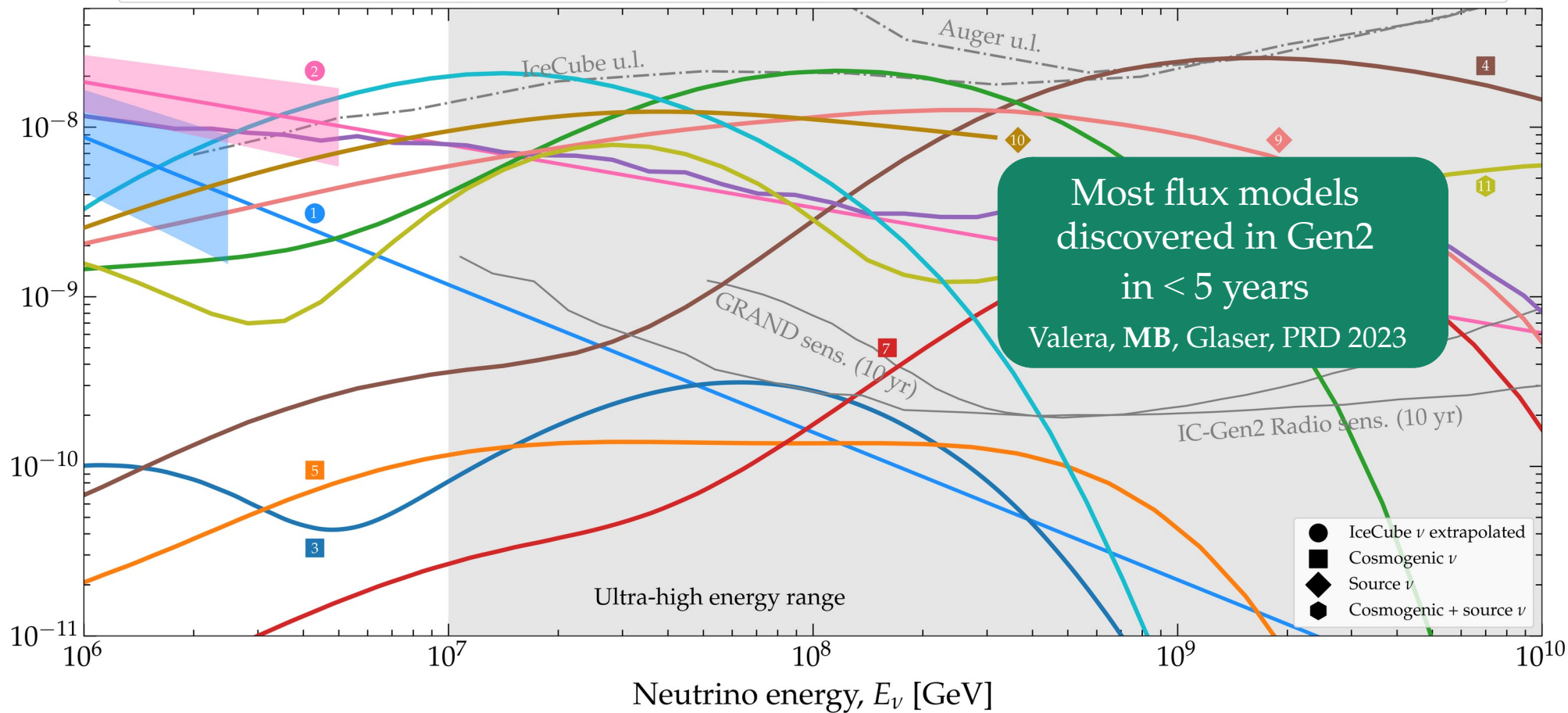
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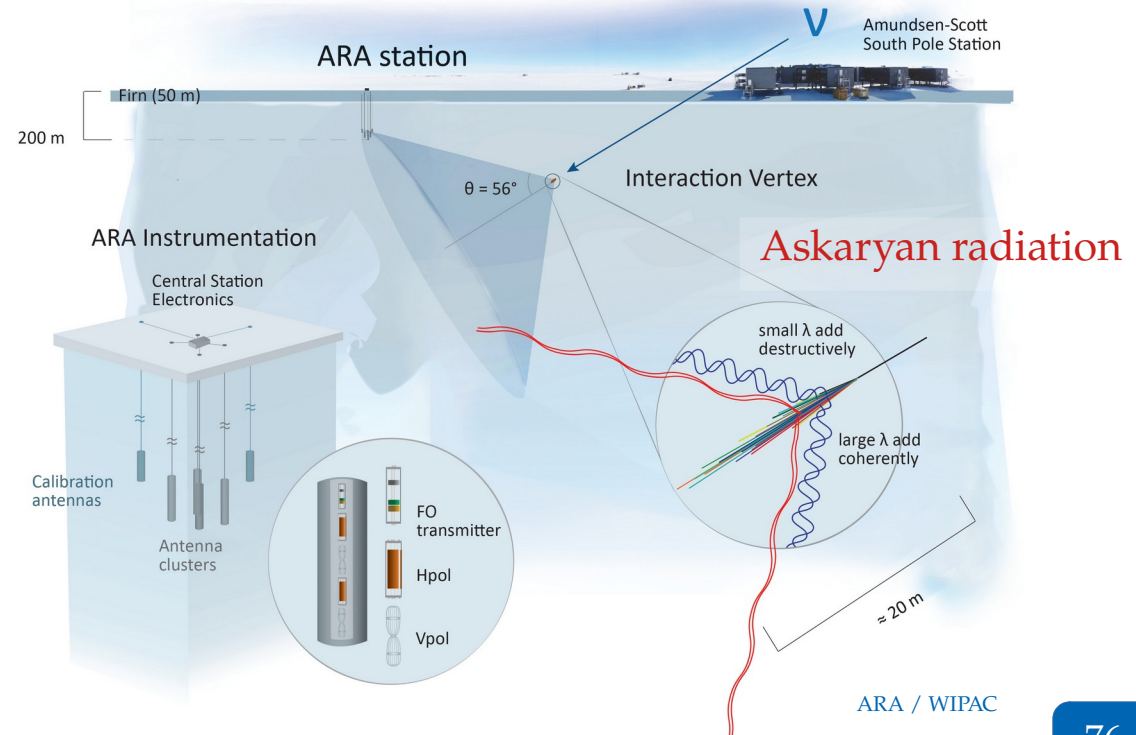
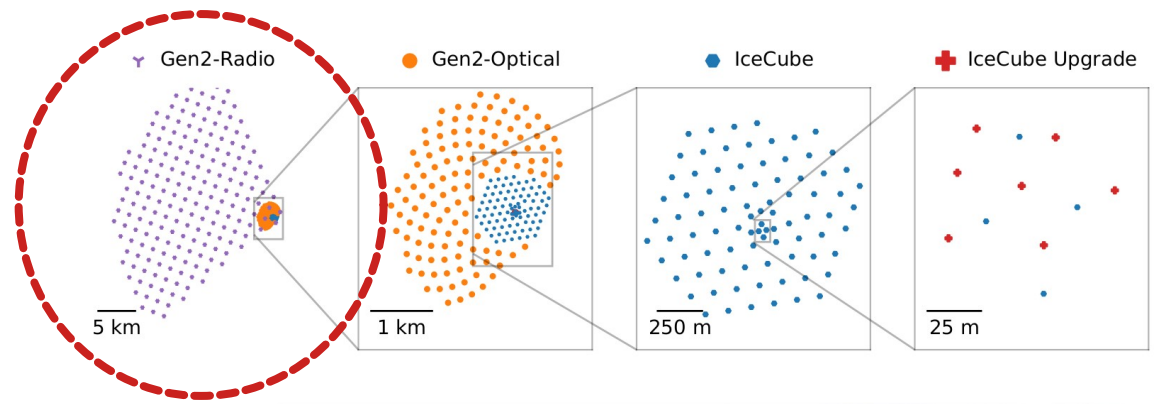
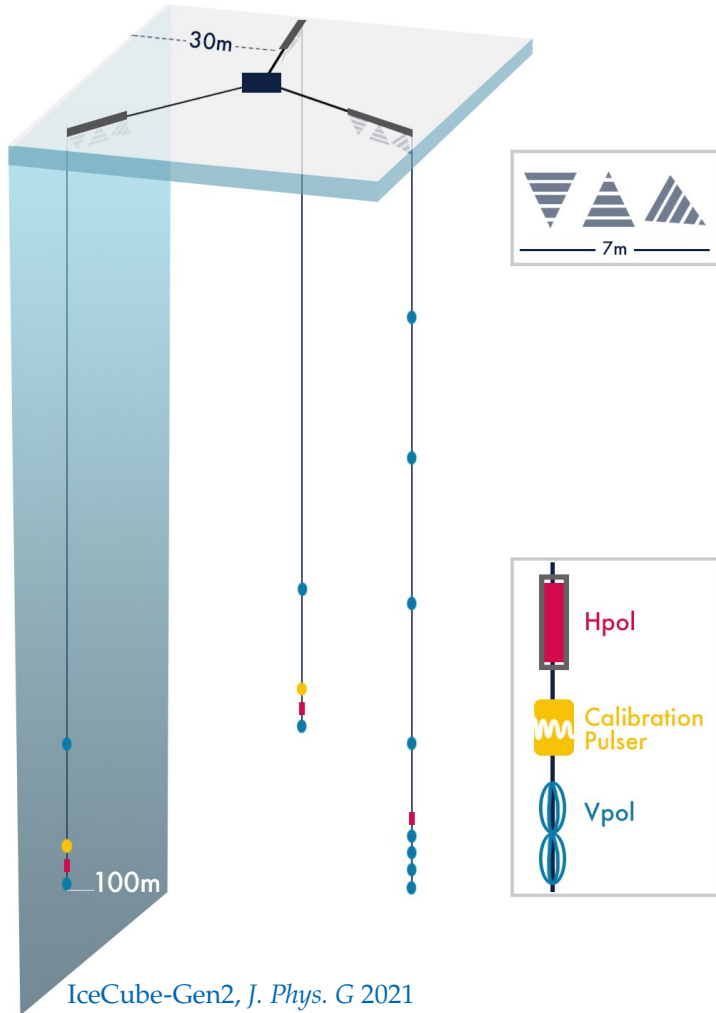


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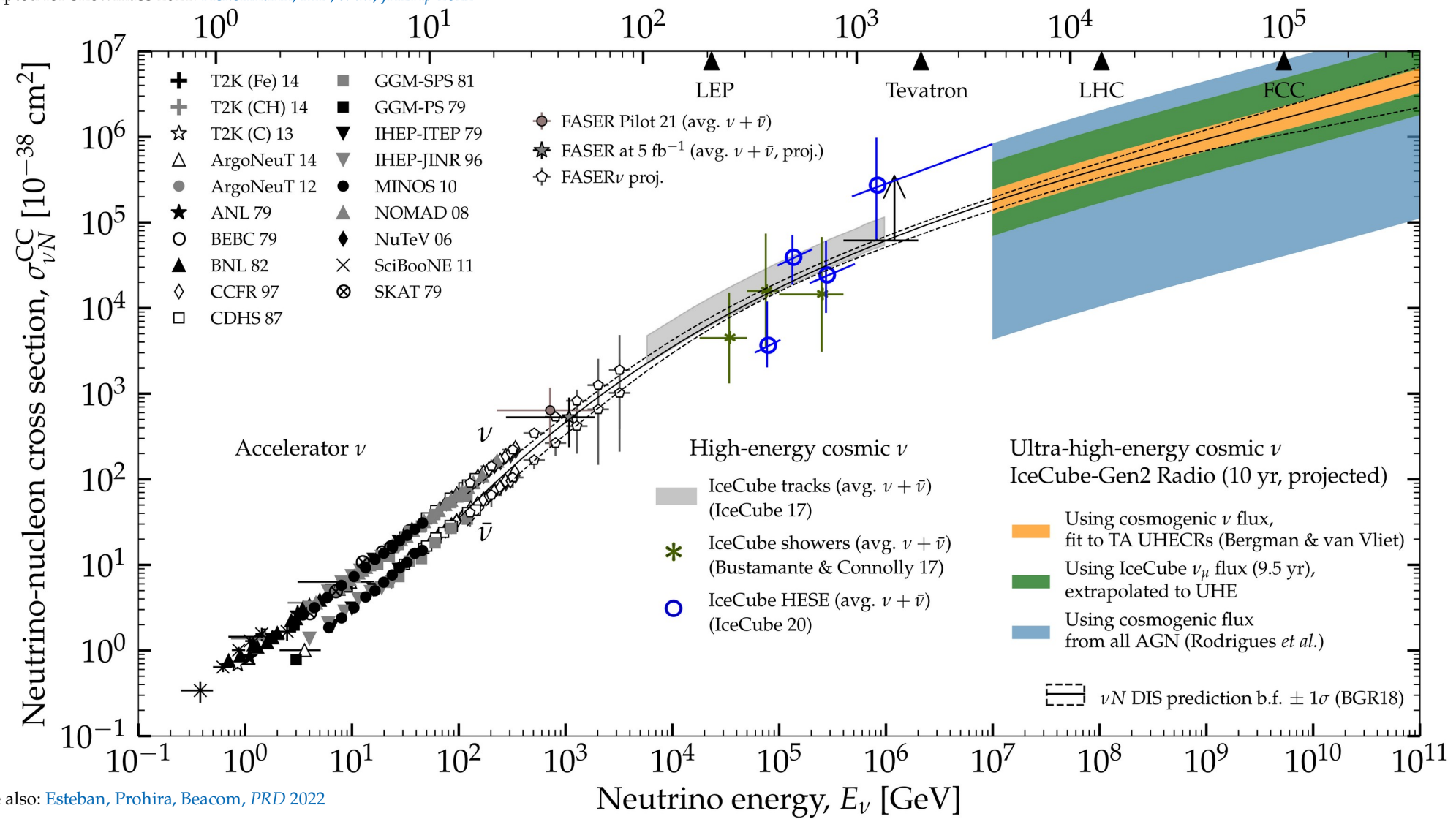
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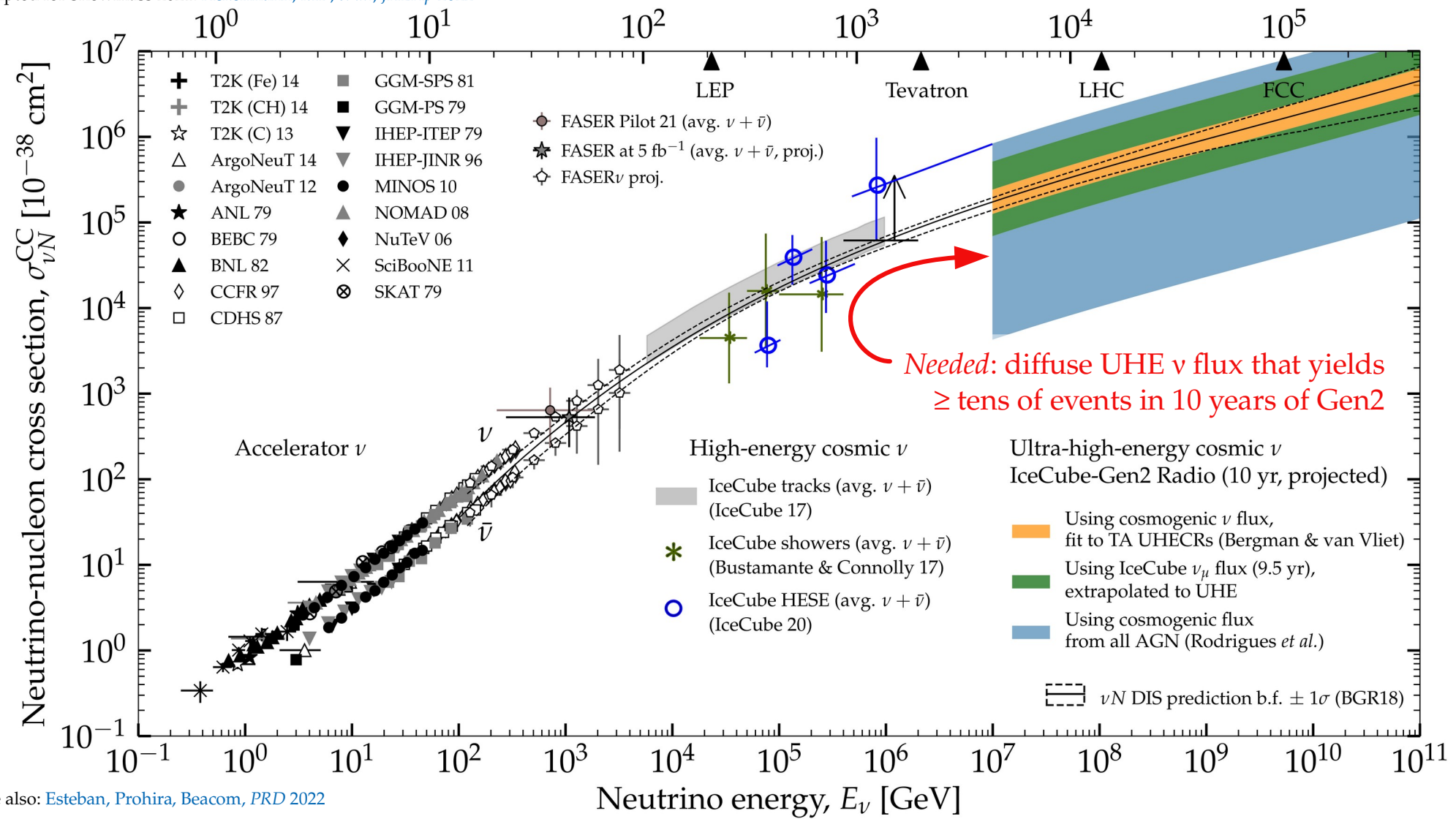
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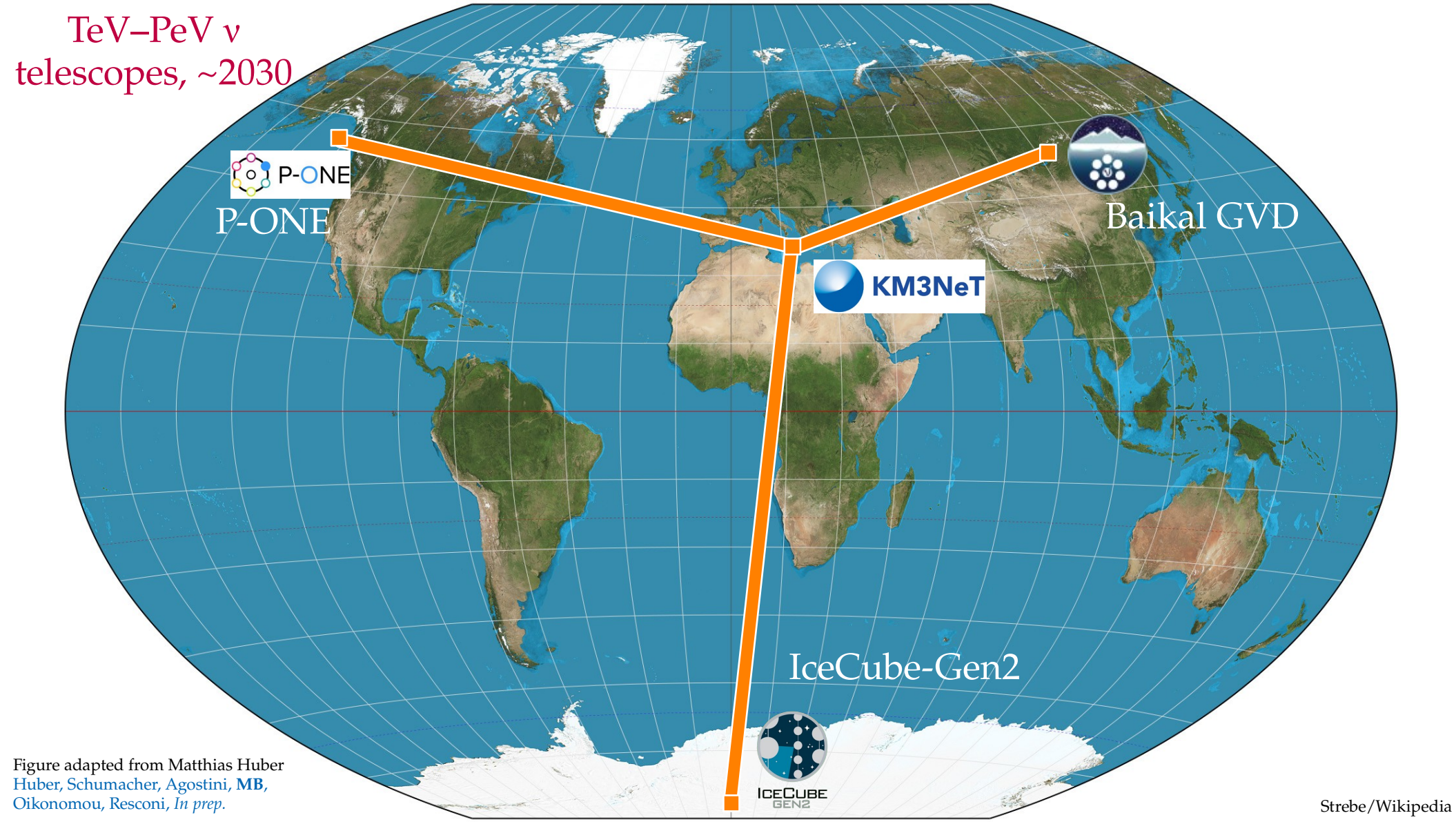
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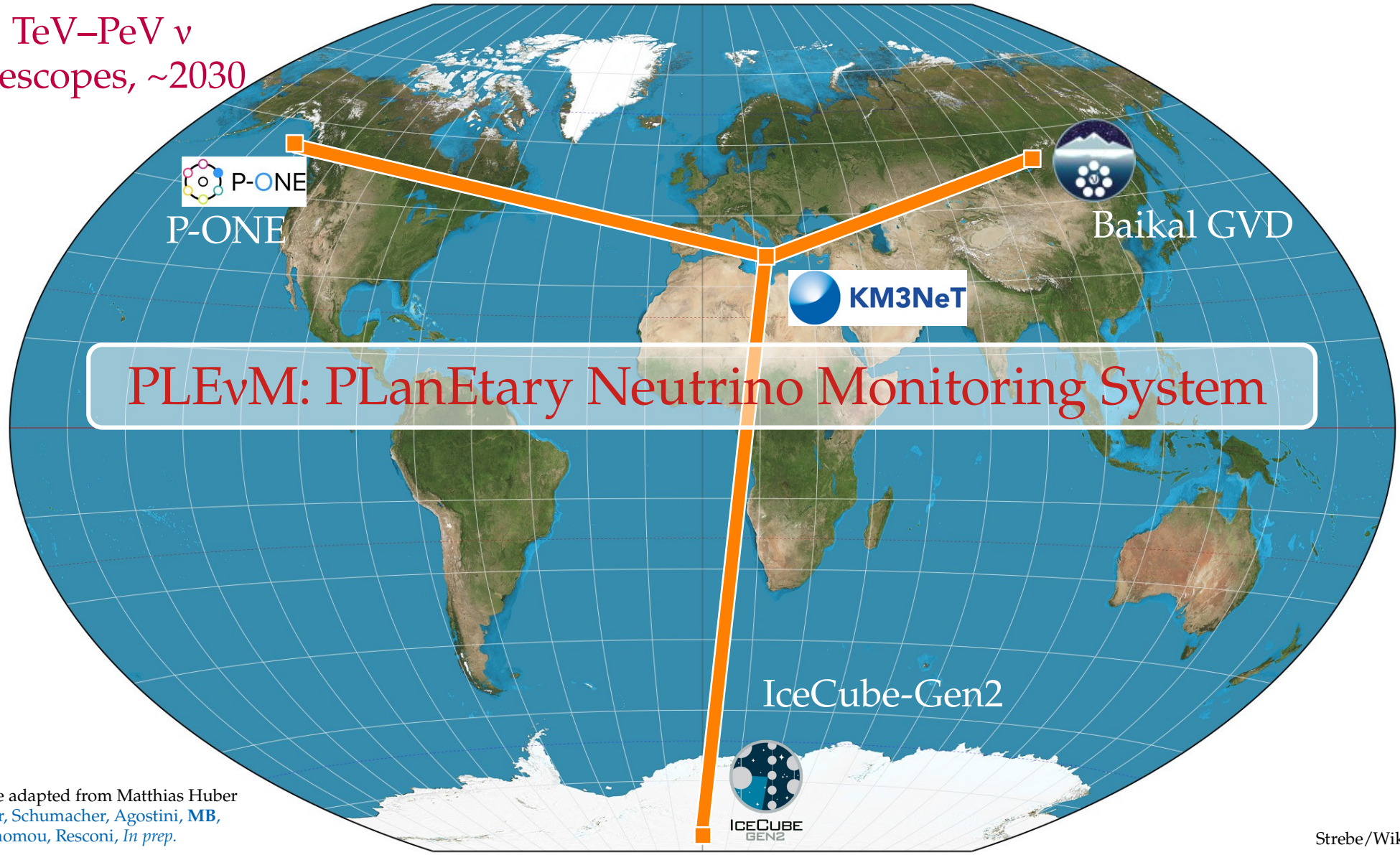


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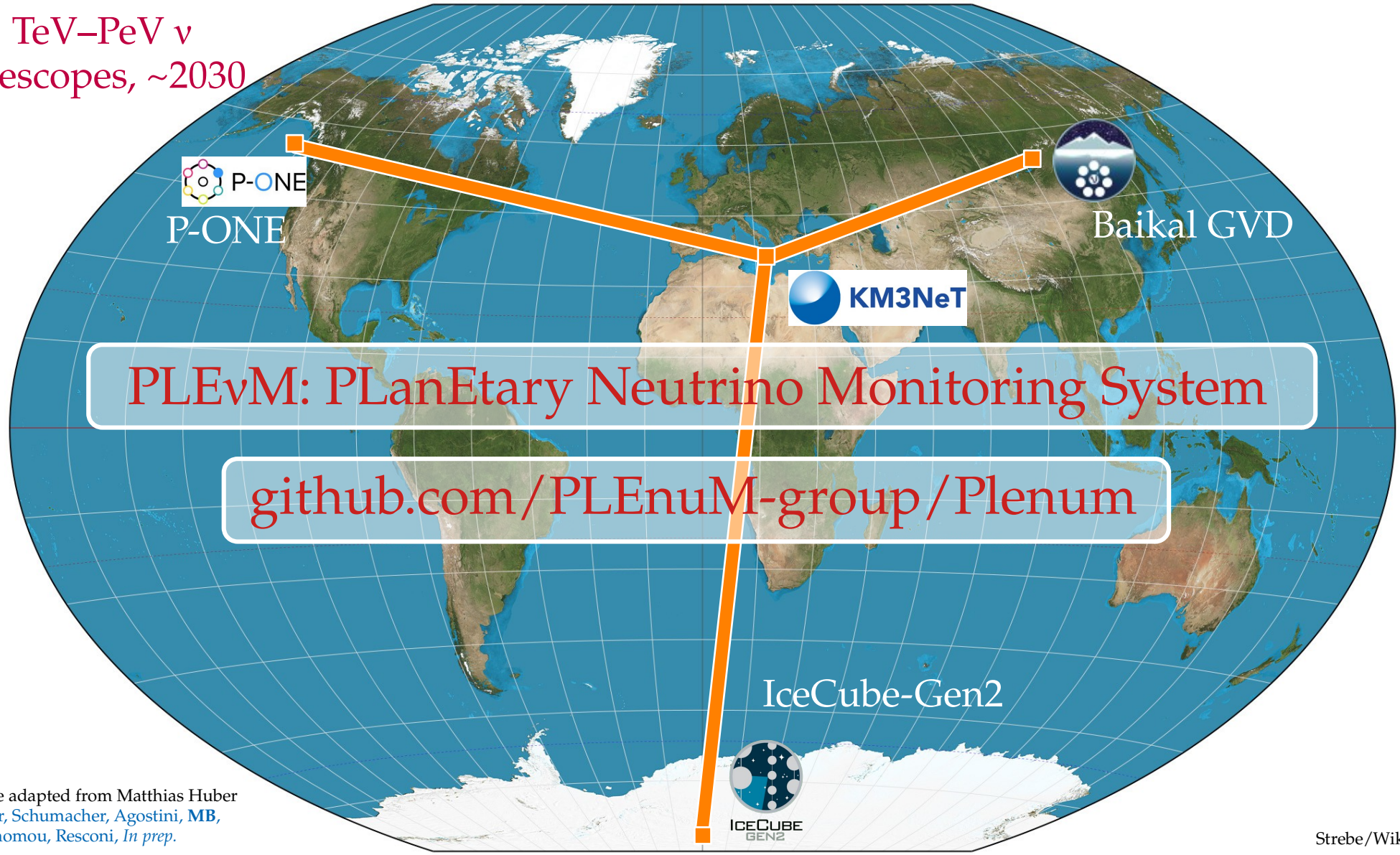







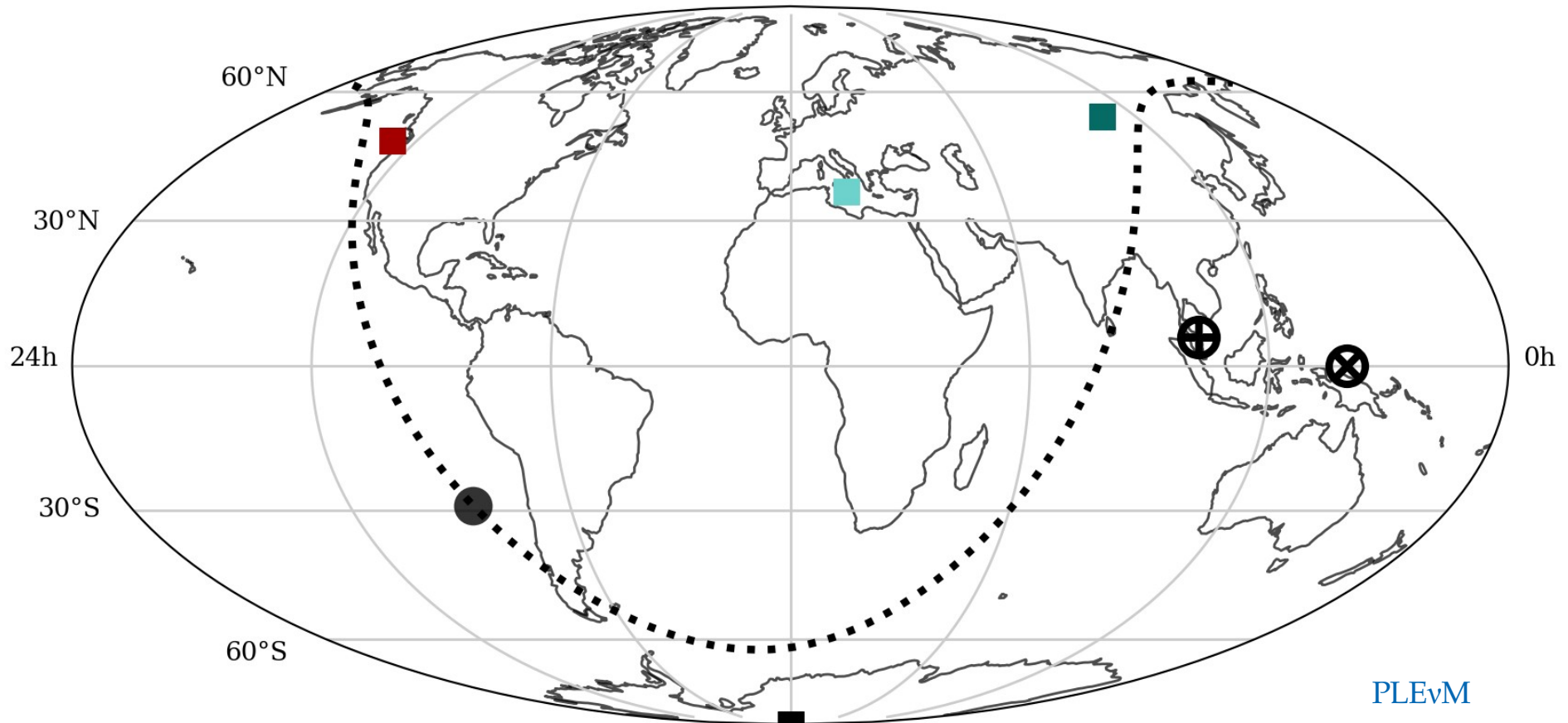









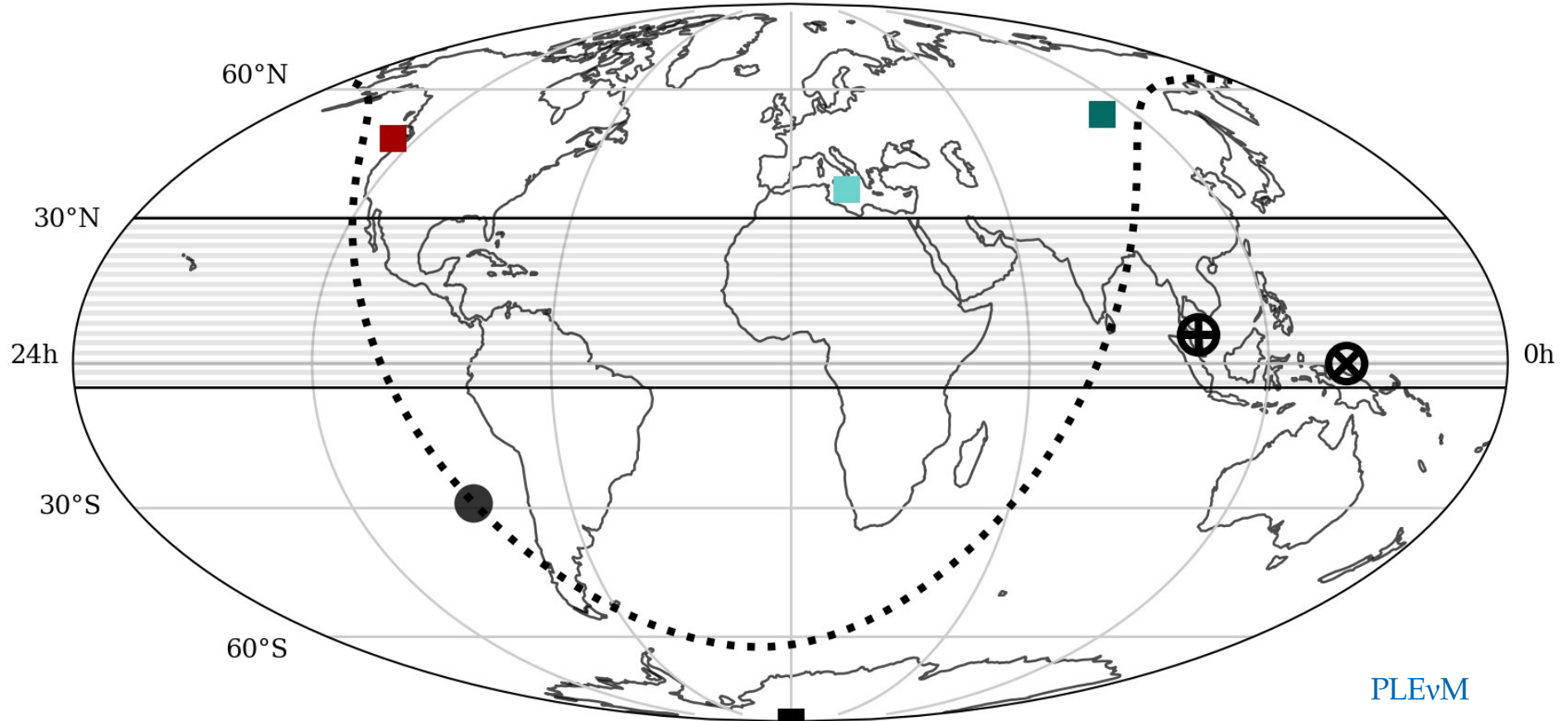
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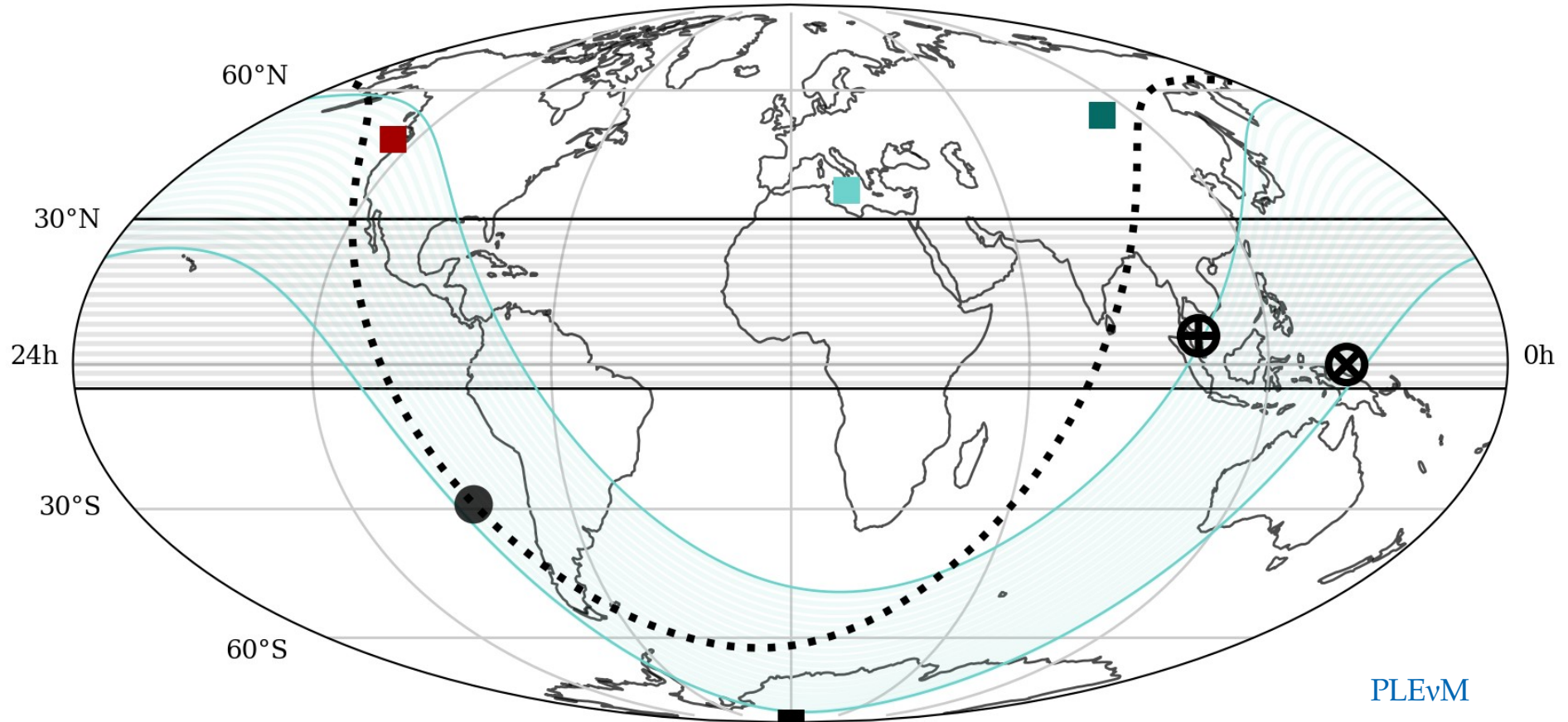
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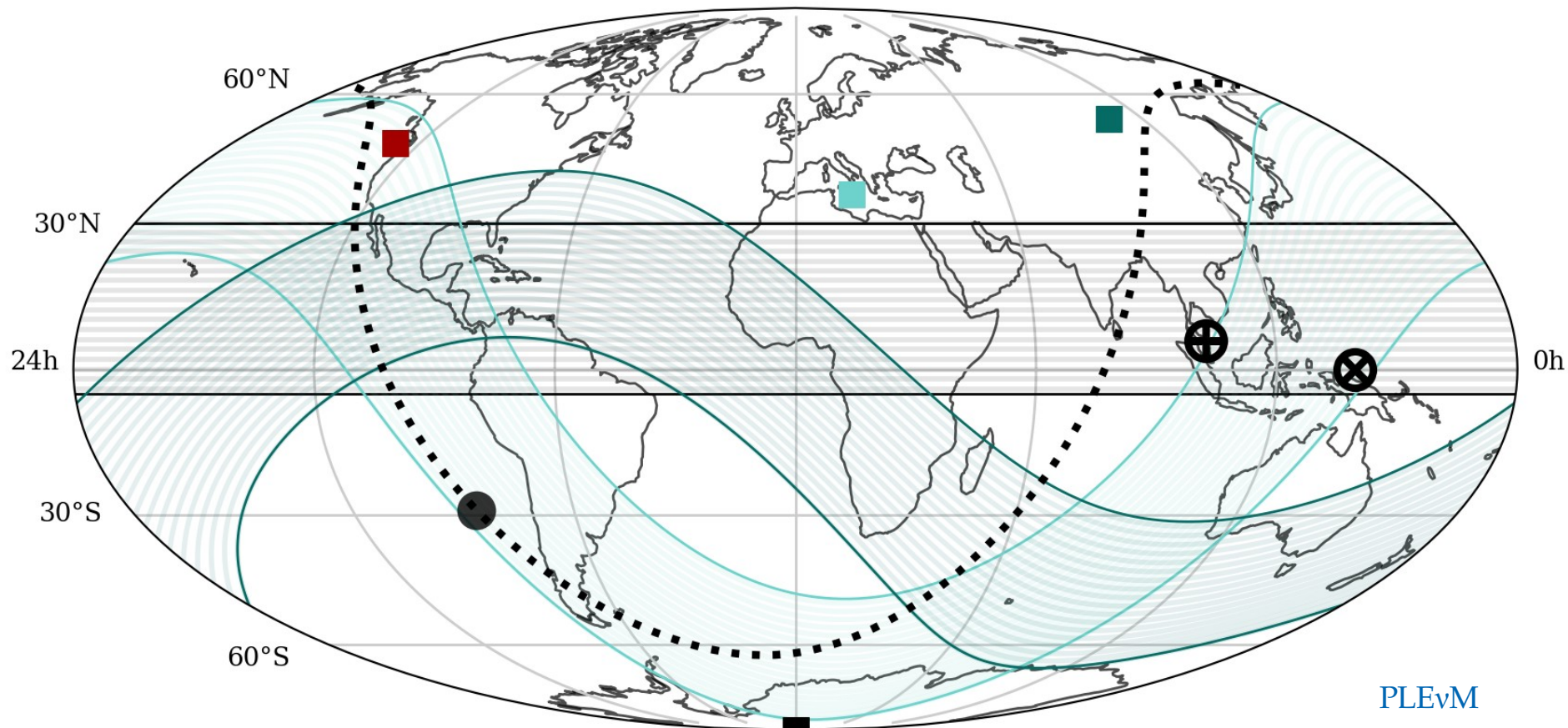
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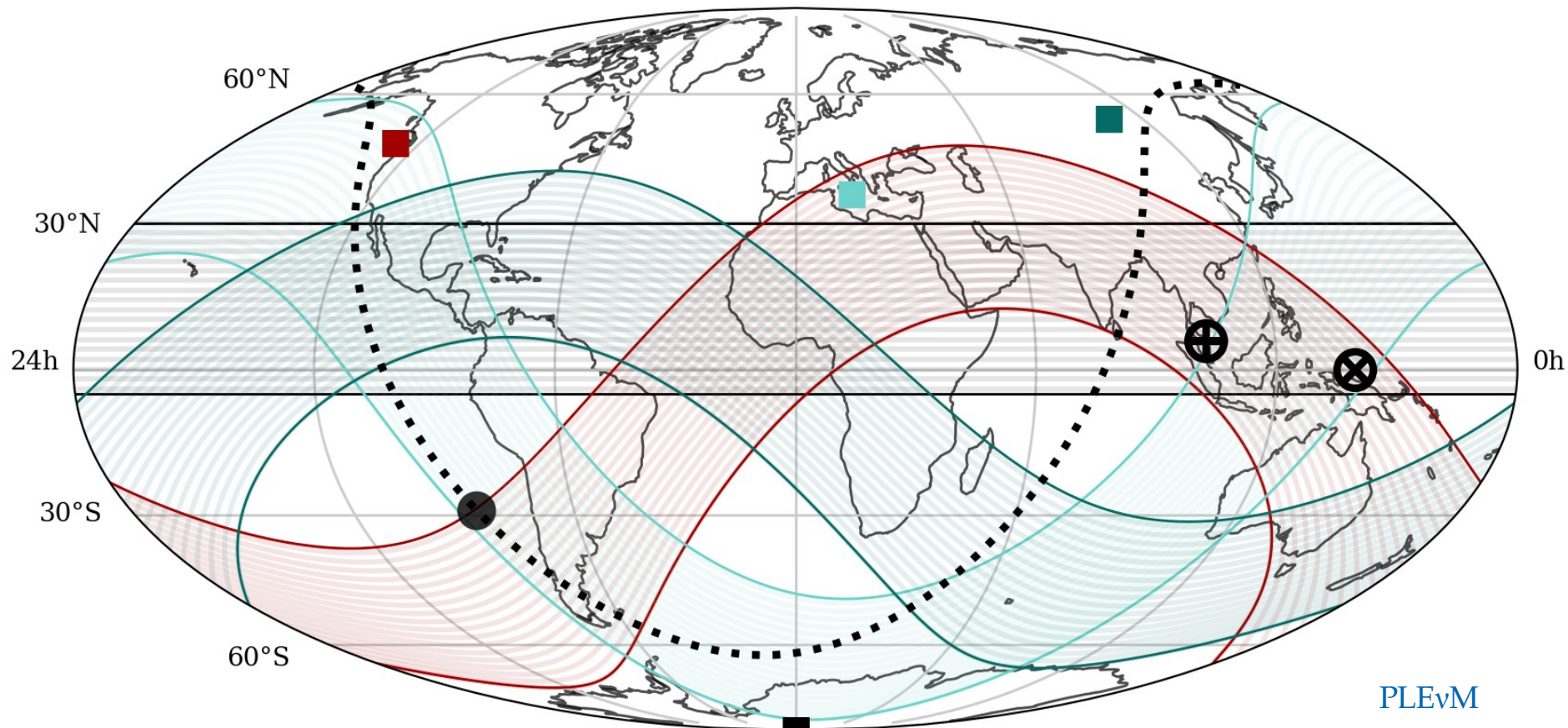
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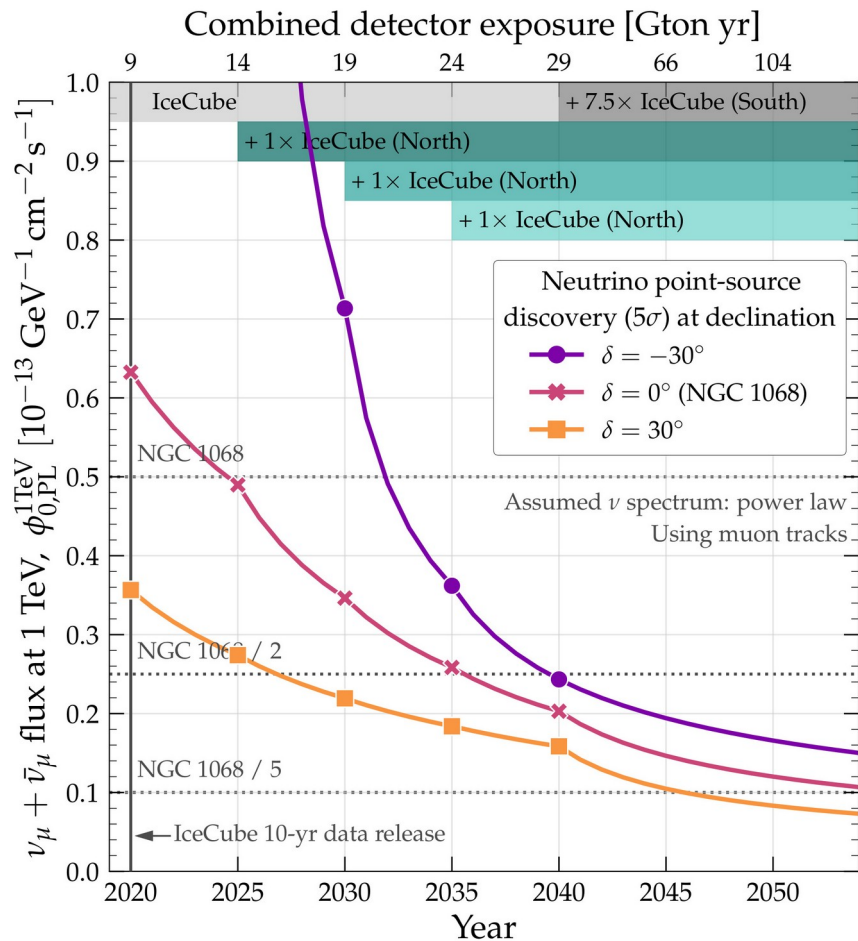
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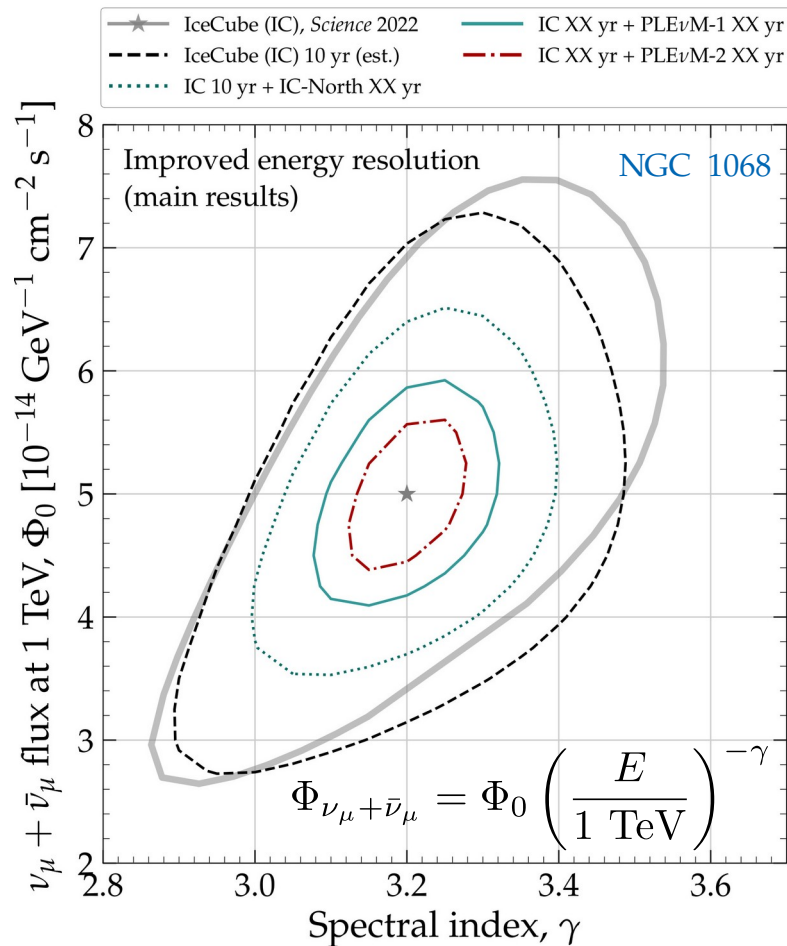
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High-statistics, full-sky neutrino astronomy

Discovering dimmer sources, faster



Fitting the ν spectrum from a source





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10–20 years
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How do we get there?

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Precision tests with PeV ν
First tests with EeV ν

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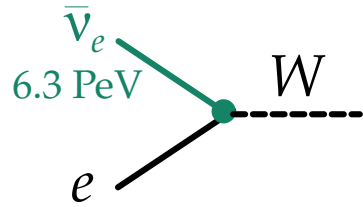
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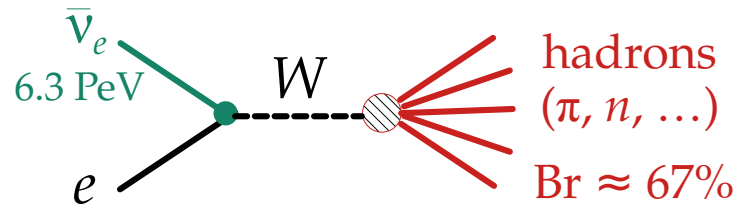
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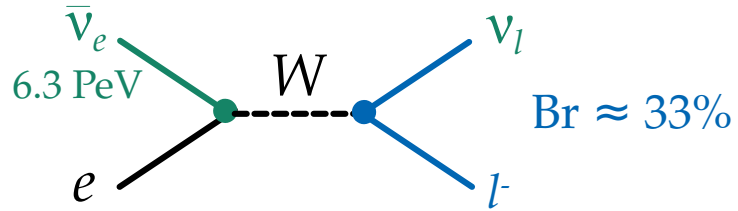
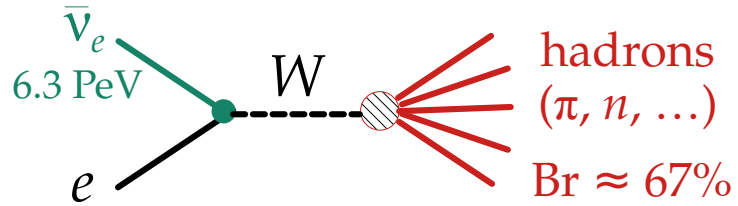
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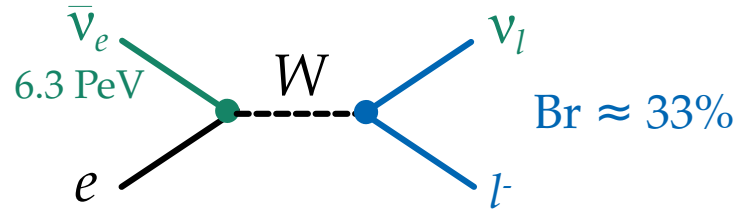
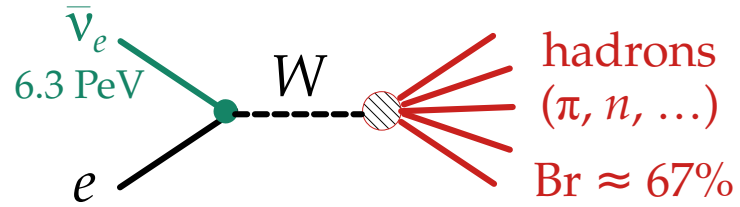
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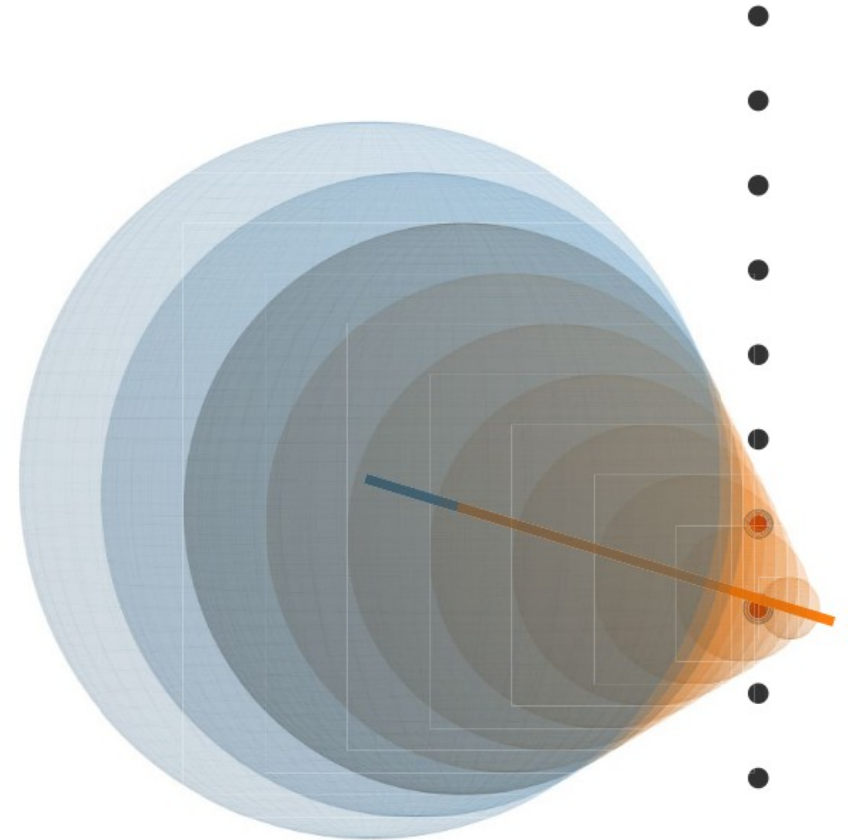


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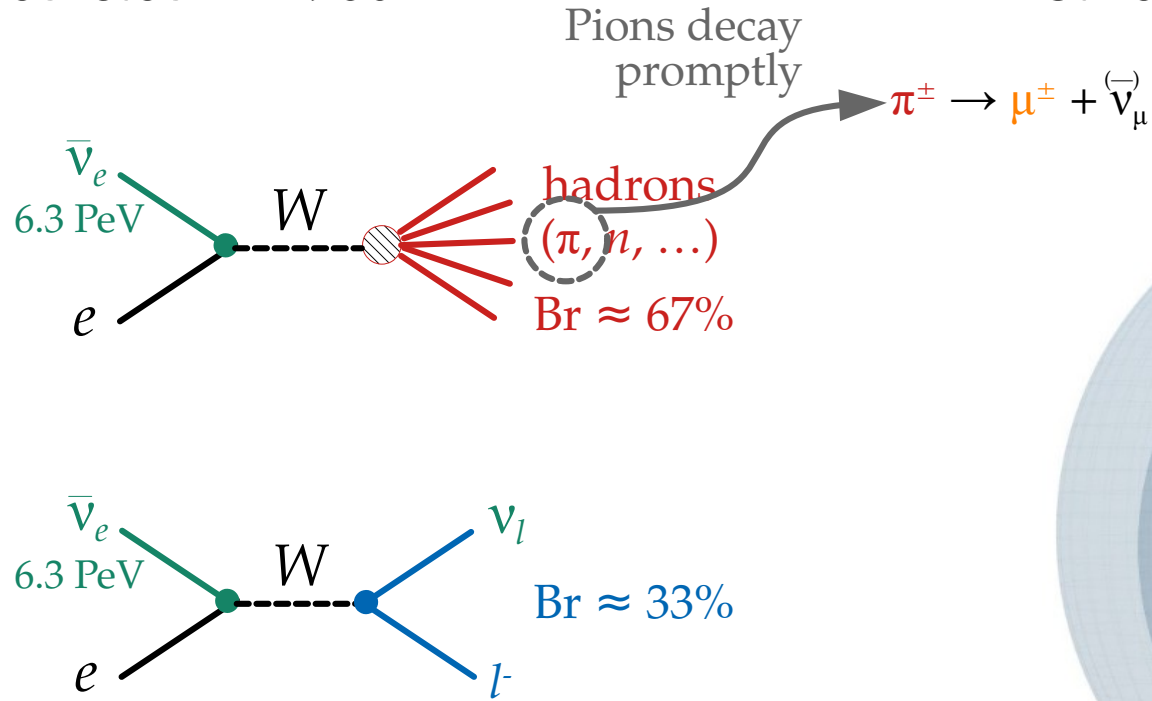


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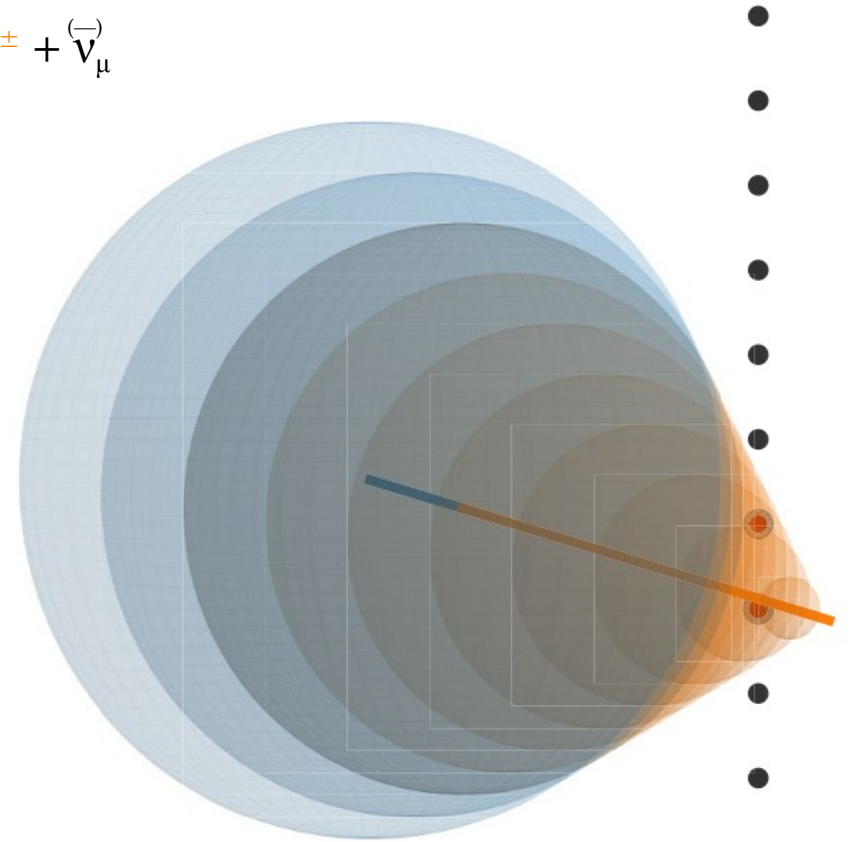


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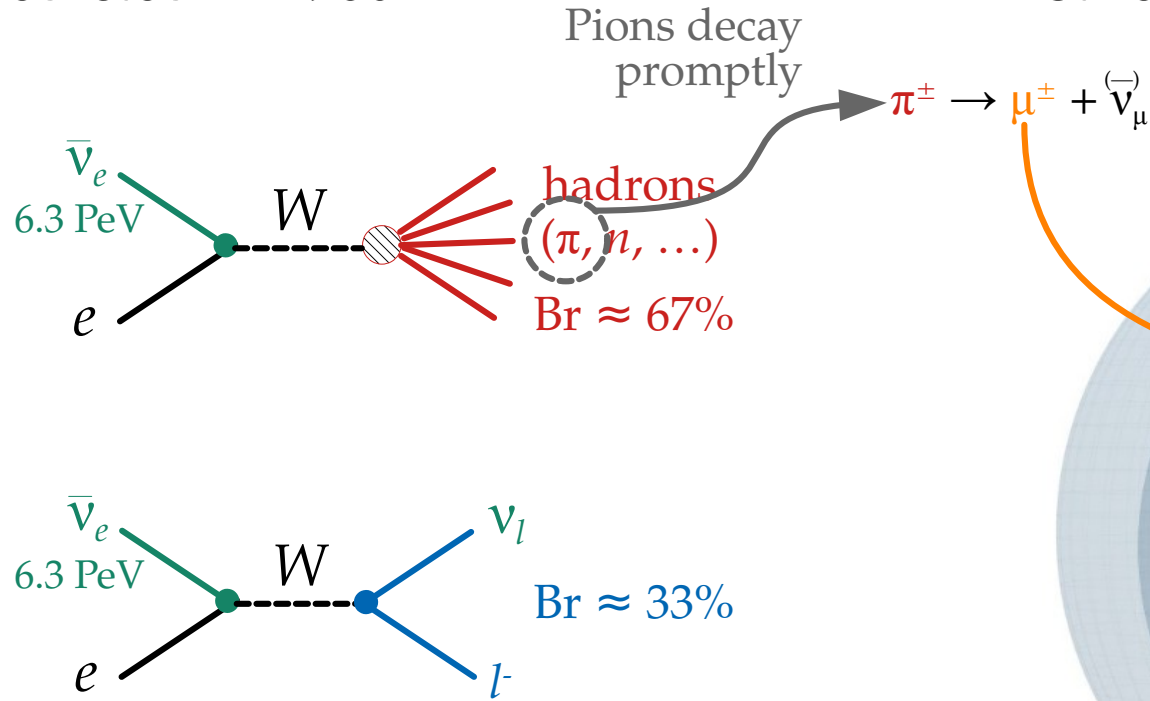


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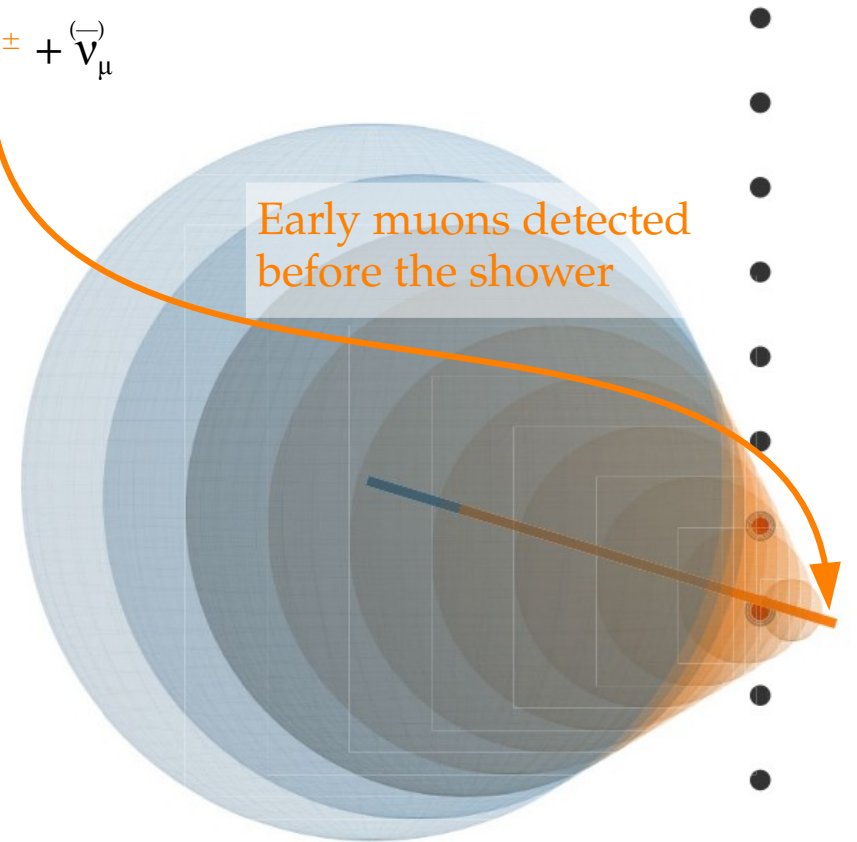


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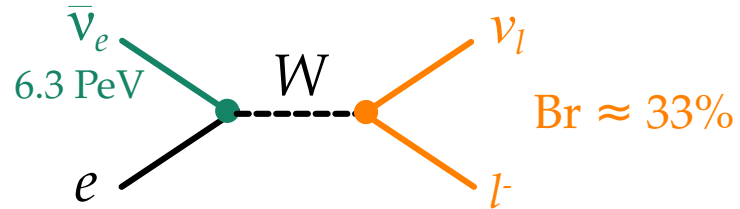
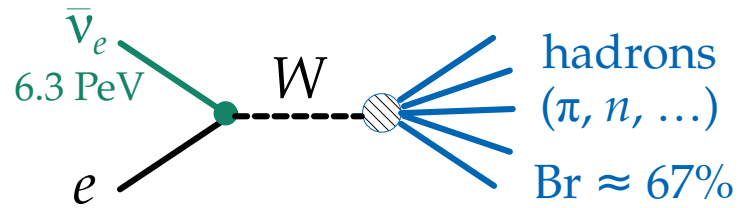


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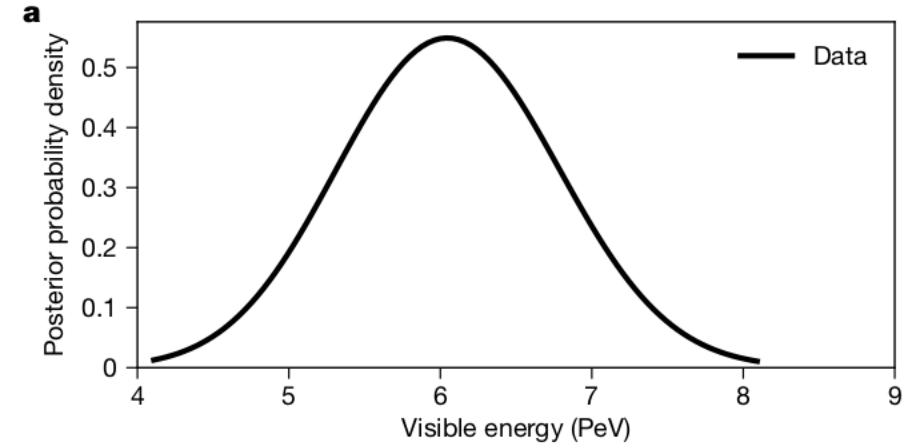


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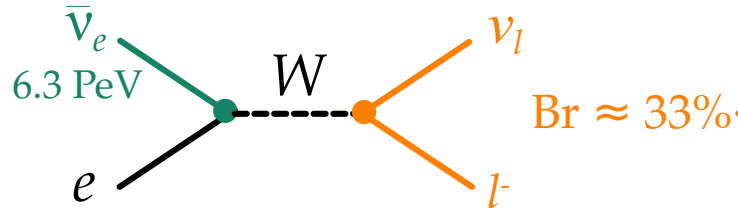
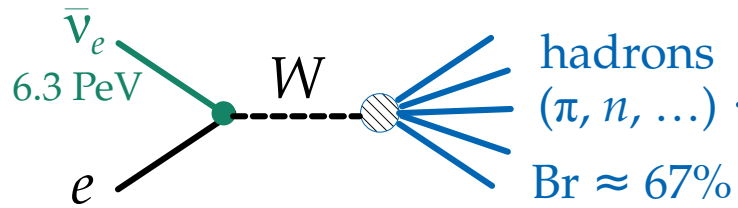


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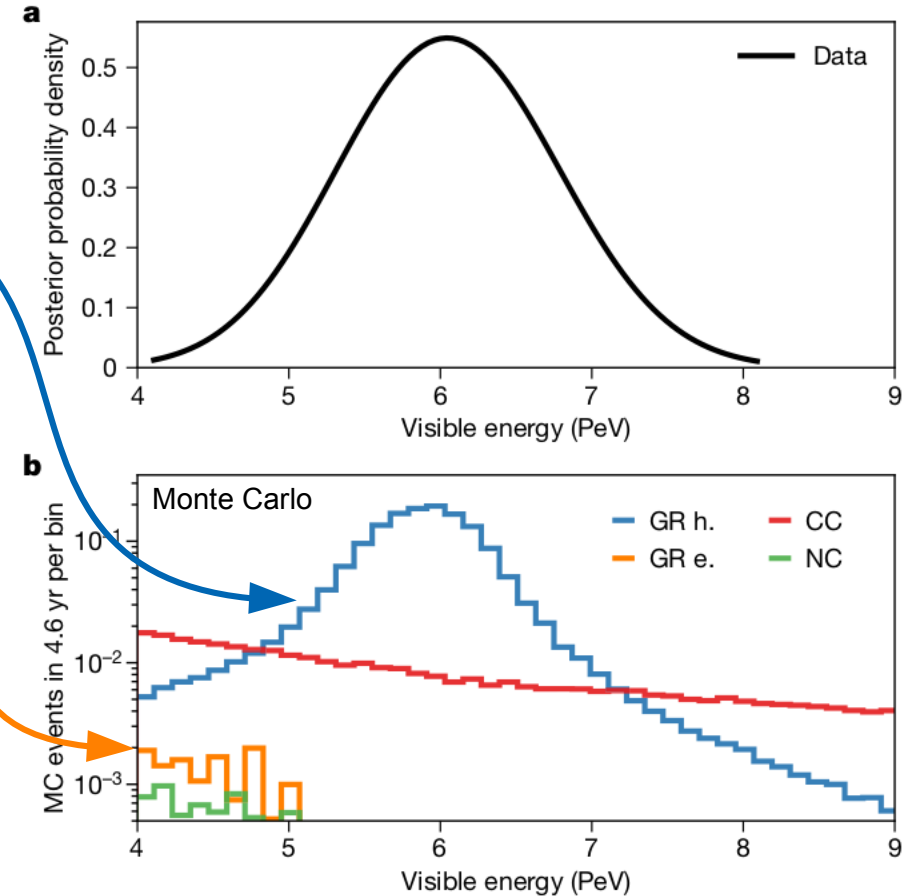


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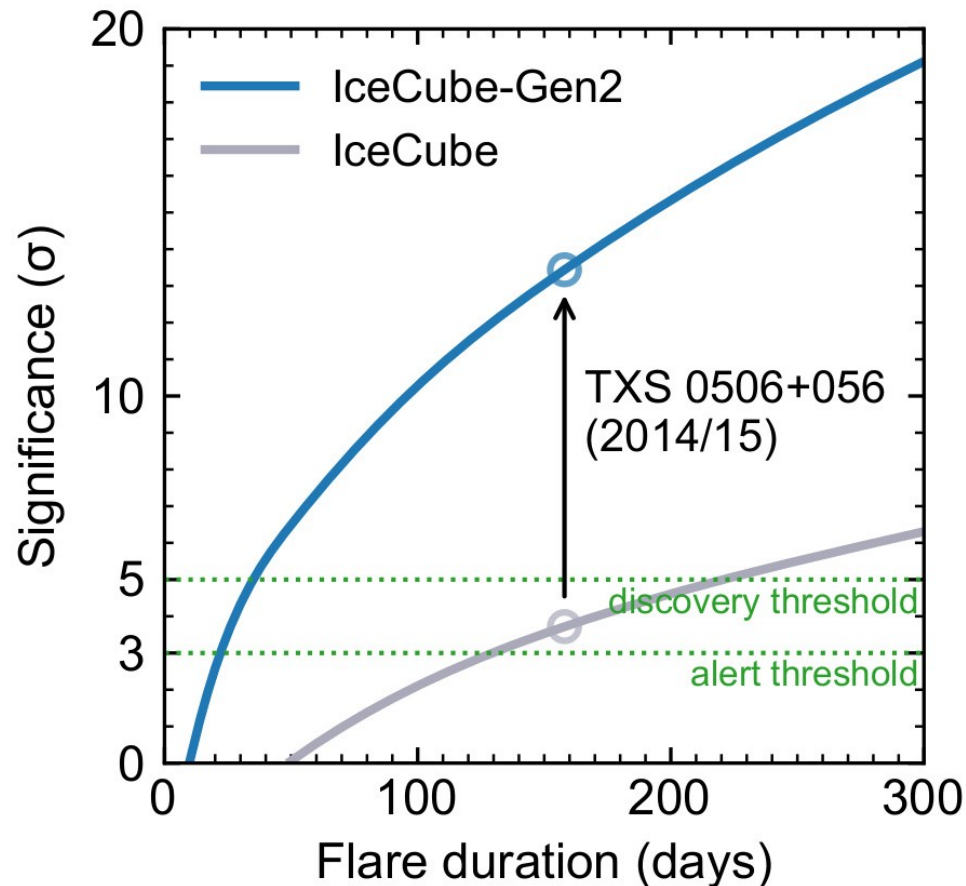


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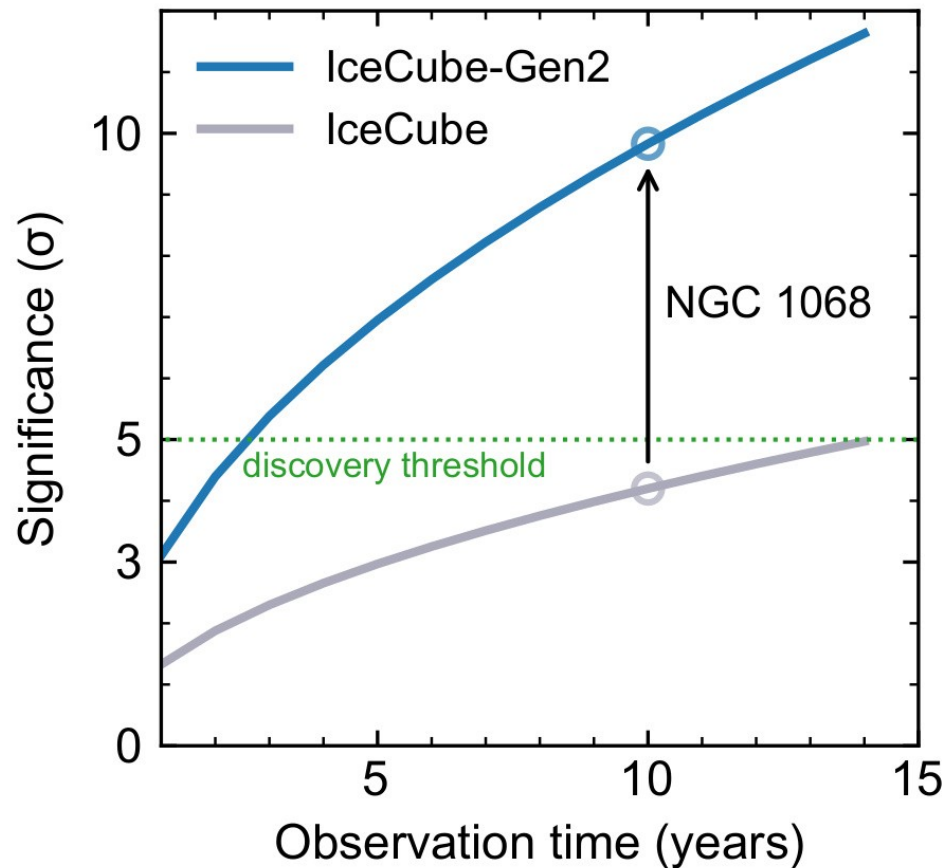


Discovering sources fast, with high significance

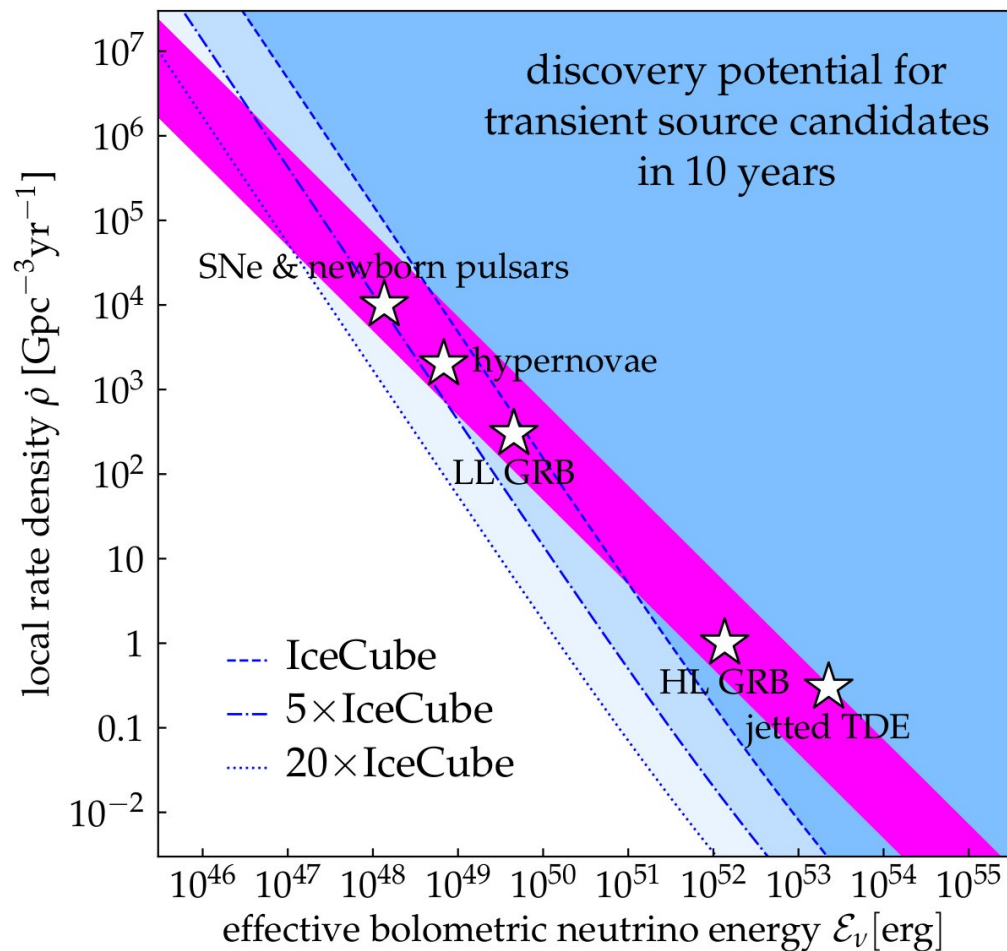
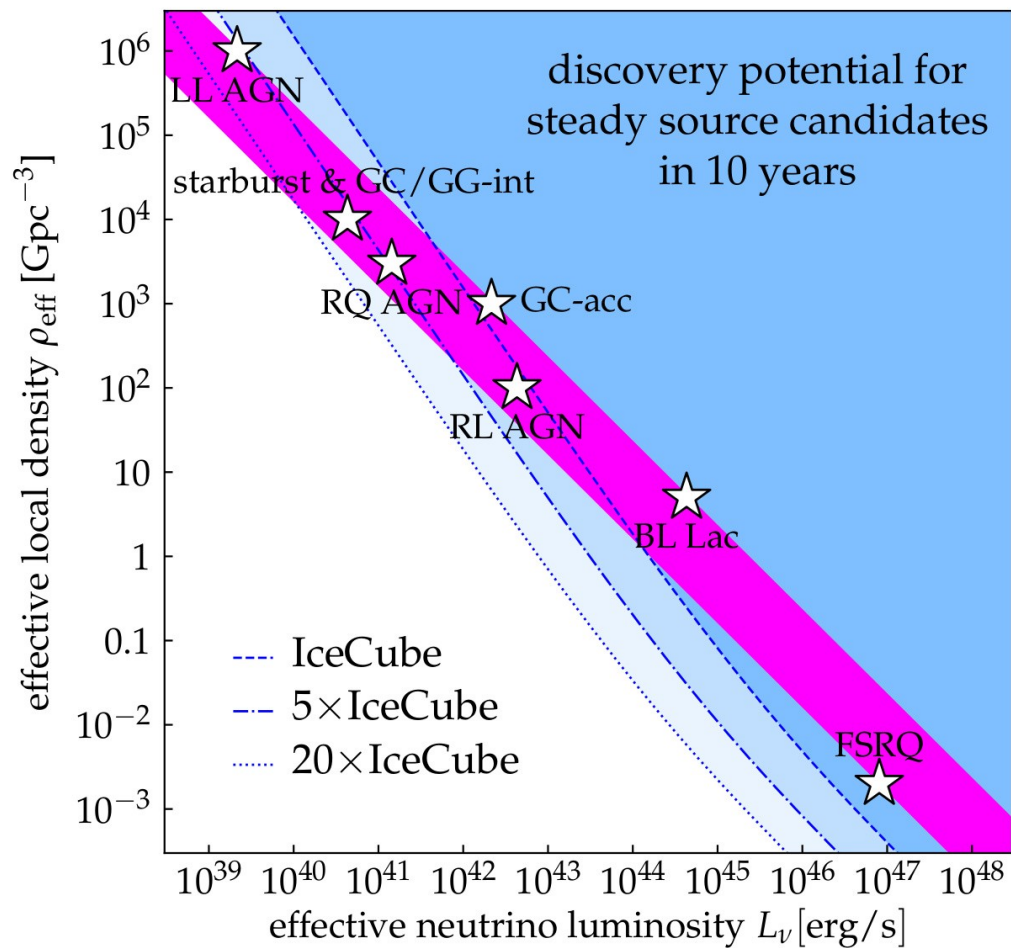
TXS 0506+056



NGC 1068



Constraining candidate source populations

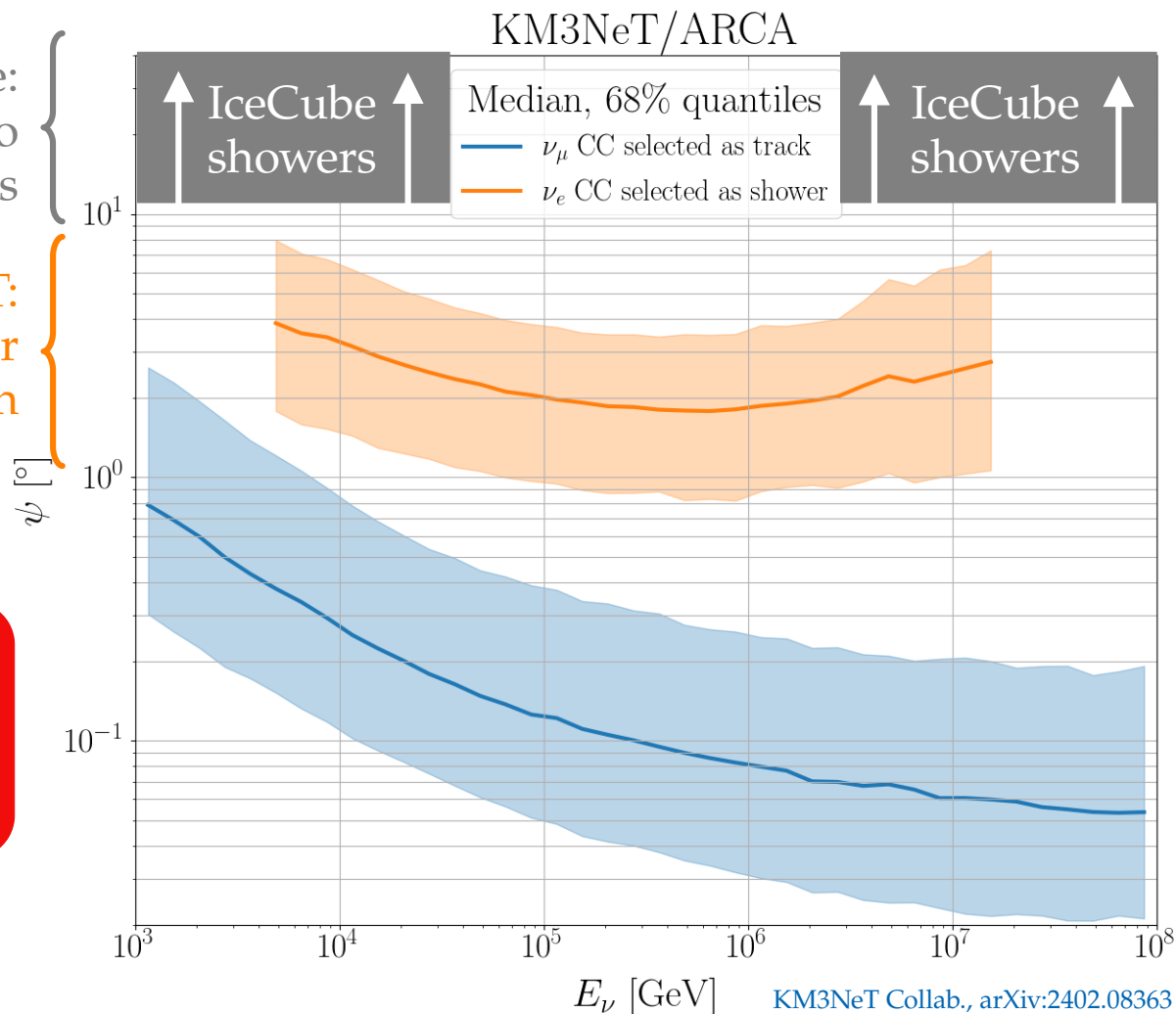


Boosting source searches with showers

IceCube:
Hard to use showers to
find point sources

KM3NeT:
Degree-scale shower
Angular resolution

Light scattering length
in water > in ice
(100–300 m *vs.* 4–40 m)



Characterizing the diffuse power-law flux in PLEvM

$$E^2 \phi = \phi_{100\text{TeV}} \left(\frac{E}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{2-\gamma}$$

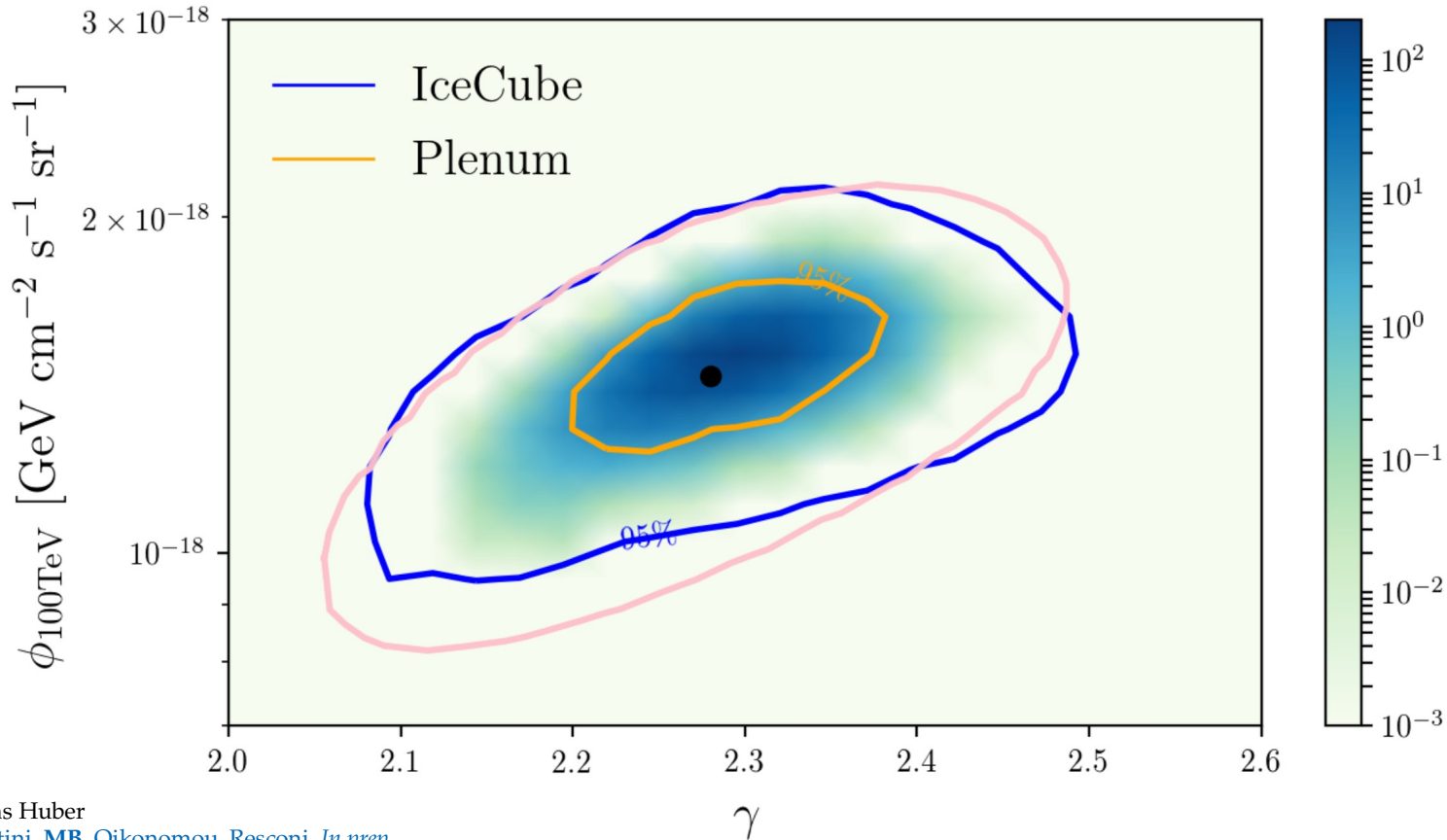
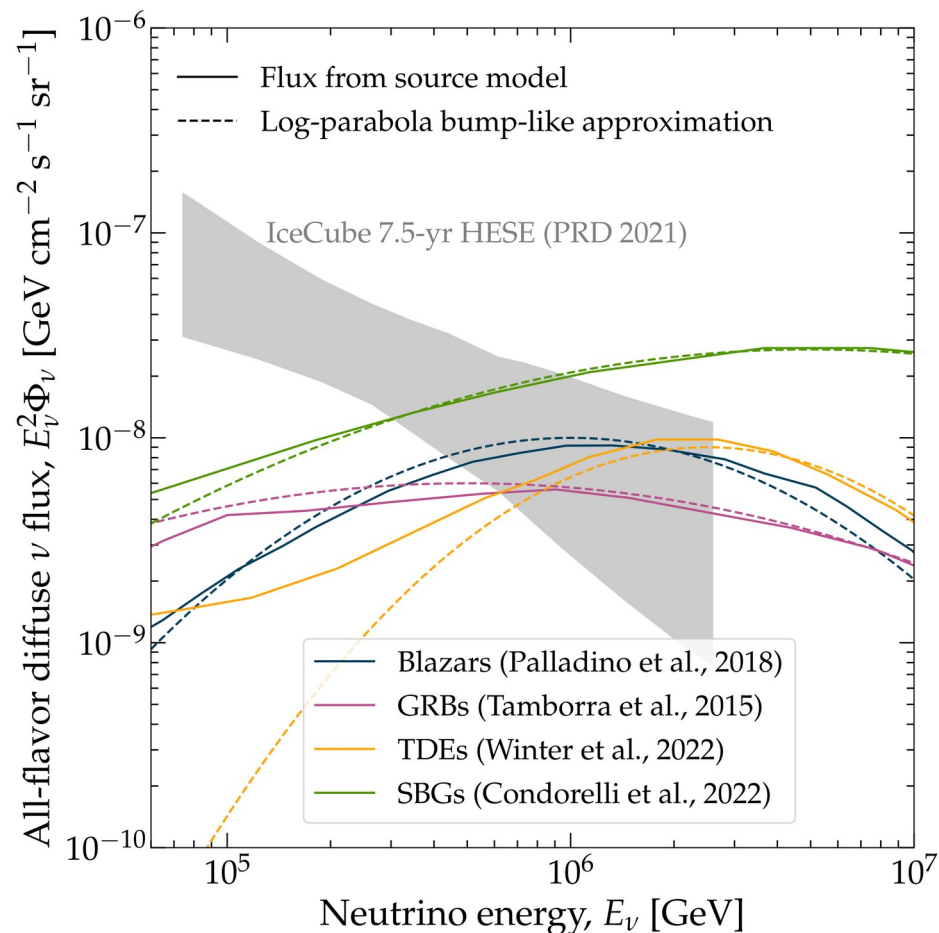


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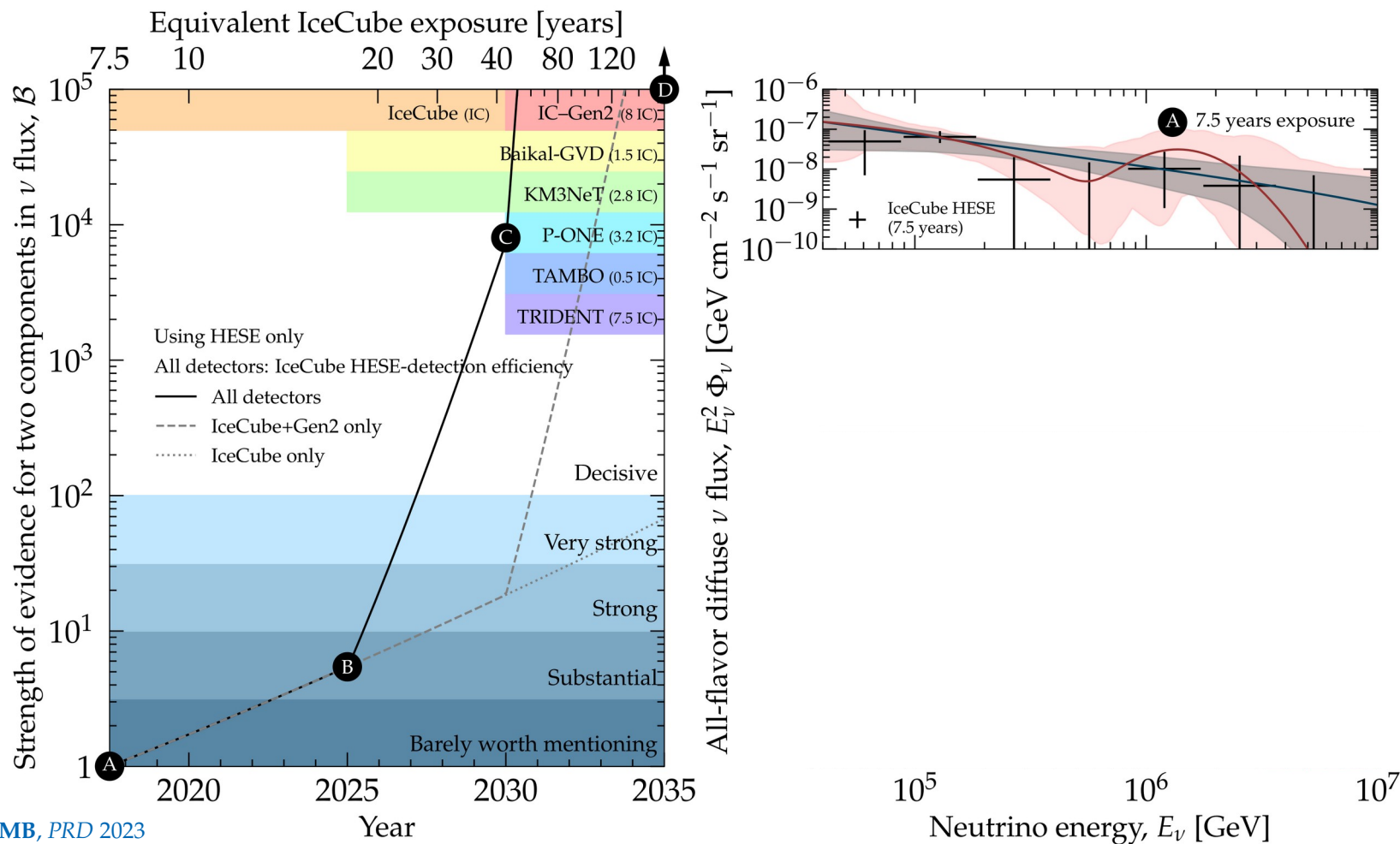
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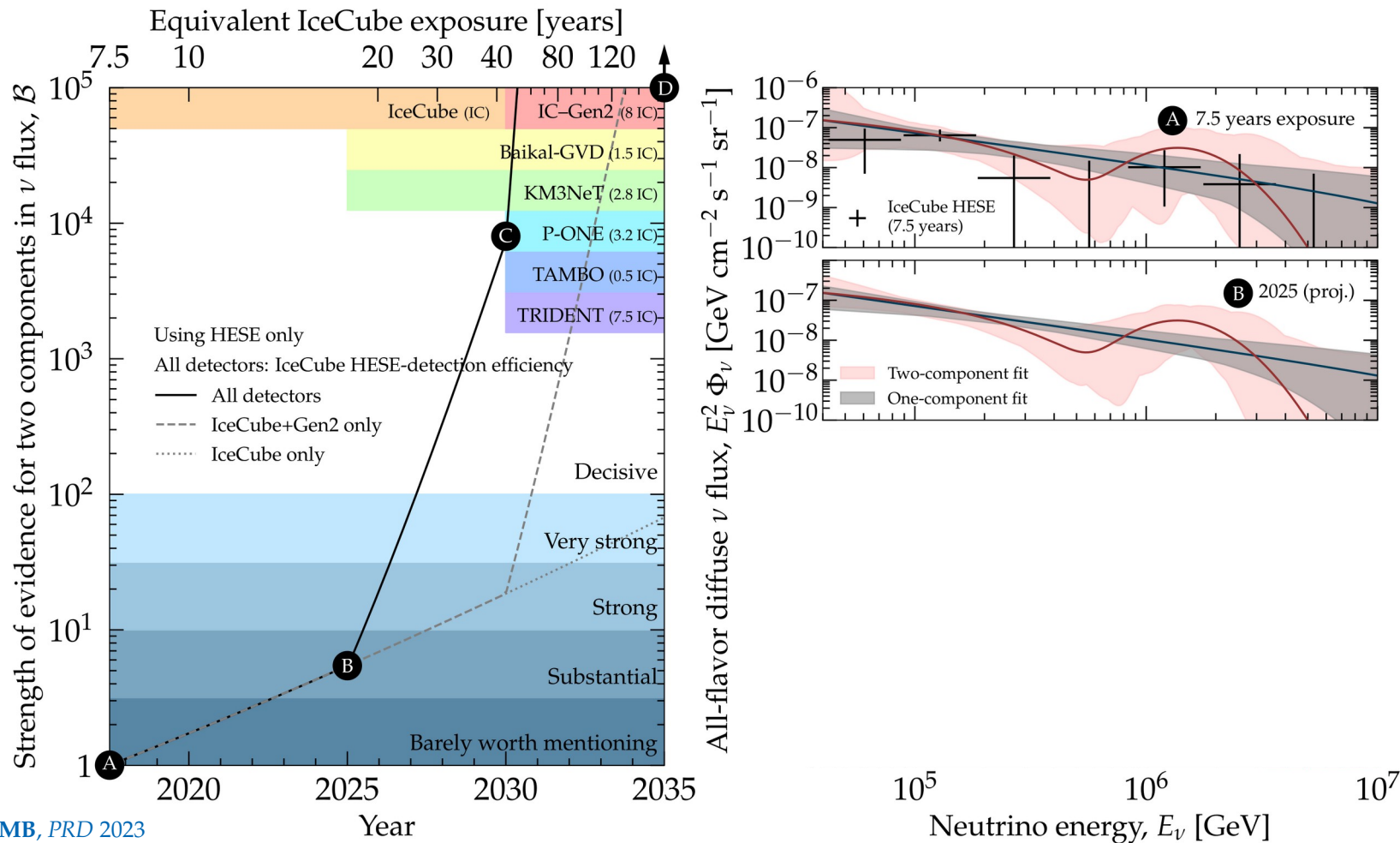
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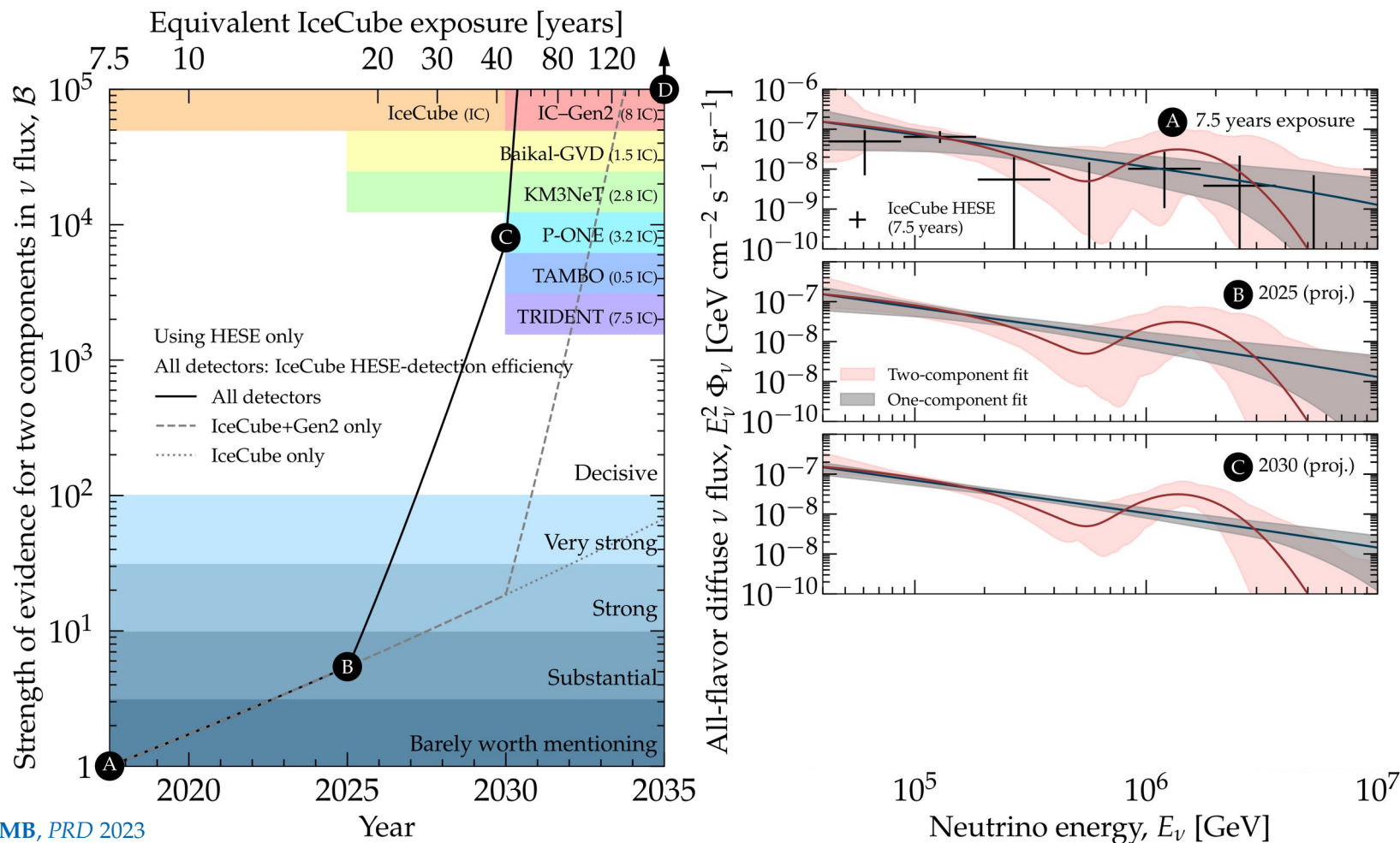
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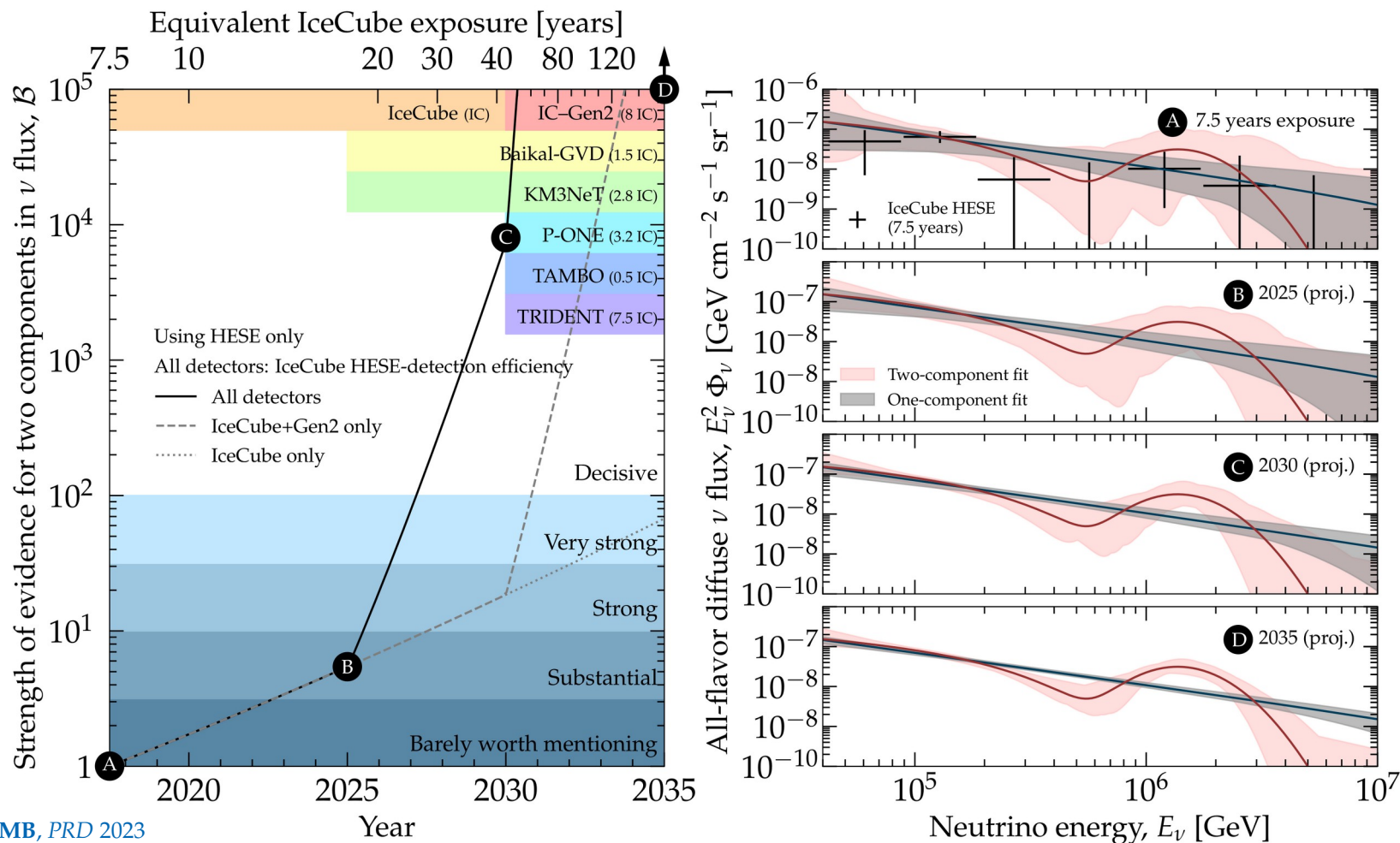
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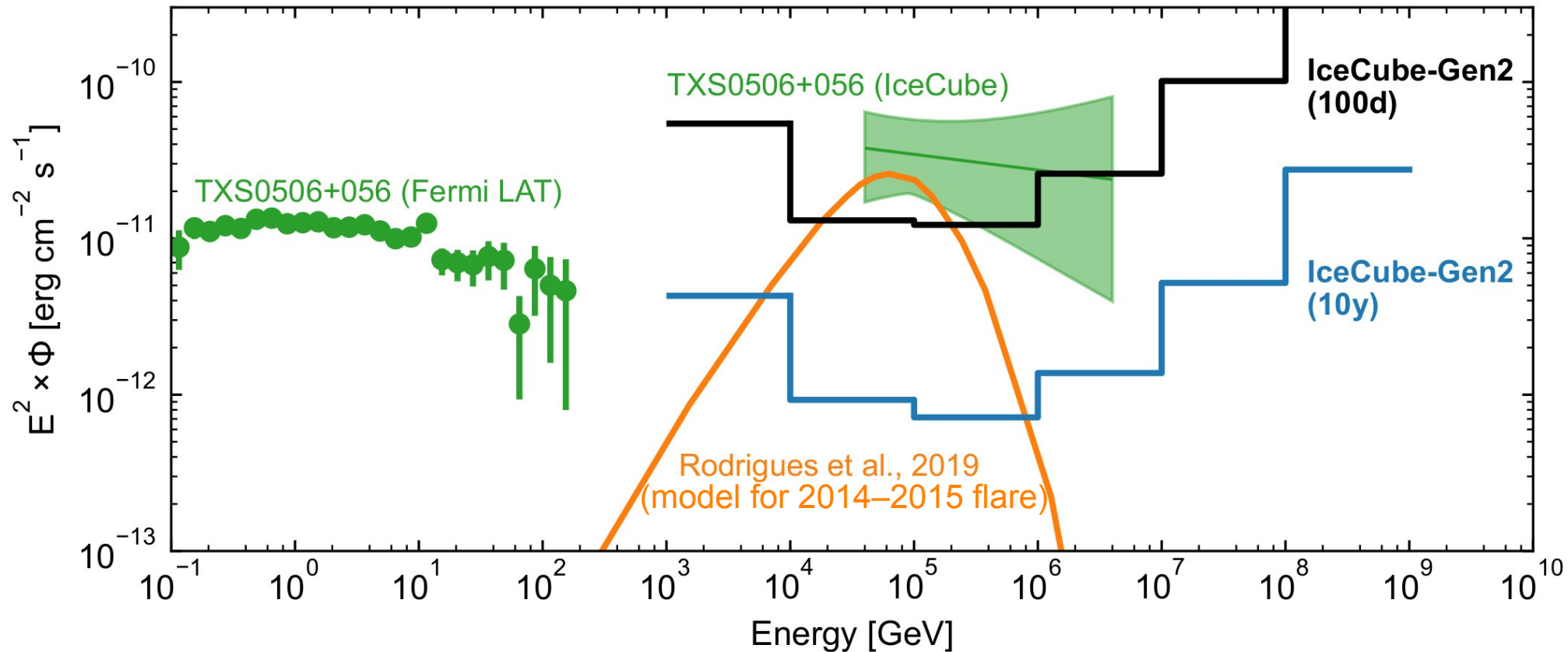
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High-statistics neutrino blazar flares

Observing the 2014–2015 TXS 0506+056 at 5σ :



Many TeV–EeV
v telescopes
in planning for
2020–2040

				Flavor	Technique		Neutrino Target			Geometry			
Experiments	Phase & Online Date	Energy Range	Site	All Flavor Tau	Optical / UV	Showers Radio	H ₂ O Atmosphere	Earth's limb Topography	Lunar Regolith	Planar Arrays Embedded	Valley Mountains	Balloon	Satellite
IceCube	2010	TeV-EeV	South Pole	✓	✓		✓			✓			
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	✓		✓	✓			✓			
RNO-G	2021	>30 PeV	Greenland	✓		✓	✓			✓			
RET-N	2024	PeV-EeV	Antarctica	✓		✓	✓			✓			
ANITA	2008,2014,2016	EeV	Antarctica	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓
PUEO	2024	EeV	Antarctica	✓	✓		✓	✓					✓
GRAND	2020	EeV	China / Worldwide	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
BEACON	2018	EeV	CA, USA/ Worldwide	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		
TAROG-M	2018	EeV	Antarctica	✓		✓		✓	✓		✓		
SKA	2029	>100 EeV	Australia	✓		✓			✓	✓			
Trinity	2022	PeV-EeV	Utah, USA	✓		✓		✓			✓		
POEMMA		>20 PeV	Satellite	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓
EUSO-SPB	2022	EeV	New Zealand	✓	✓			✓				✓	
Pierre Auger	2008	EeV	Argentina	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
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
Planning		Projected full operations

Abraham *et al.* (inc. MB),
J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys. 59, 11 (2022) [2203.05591]

Baikal-GVD

Lake Baikal, Russia

Effective volume: $\sim 1.5 \text{ km}^3$

90 strings, 1000+ optical modules



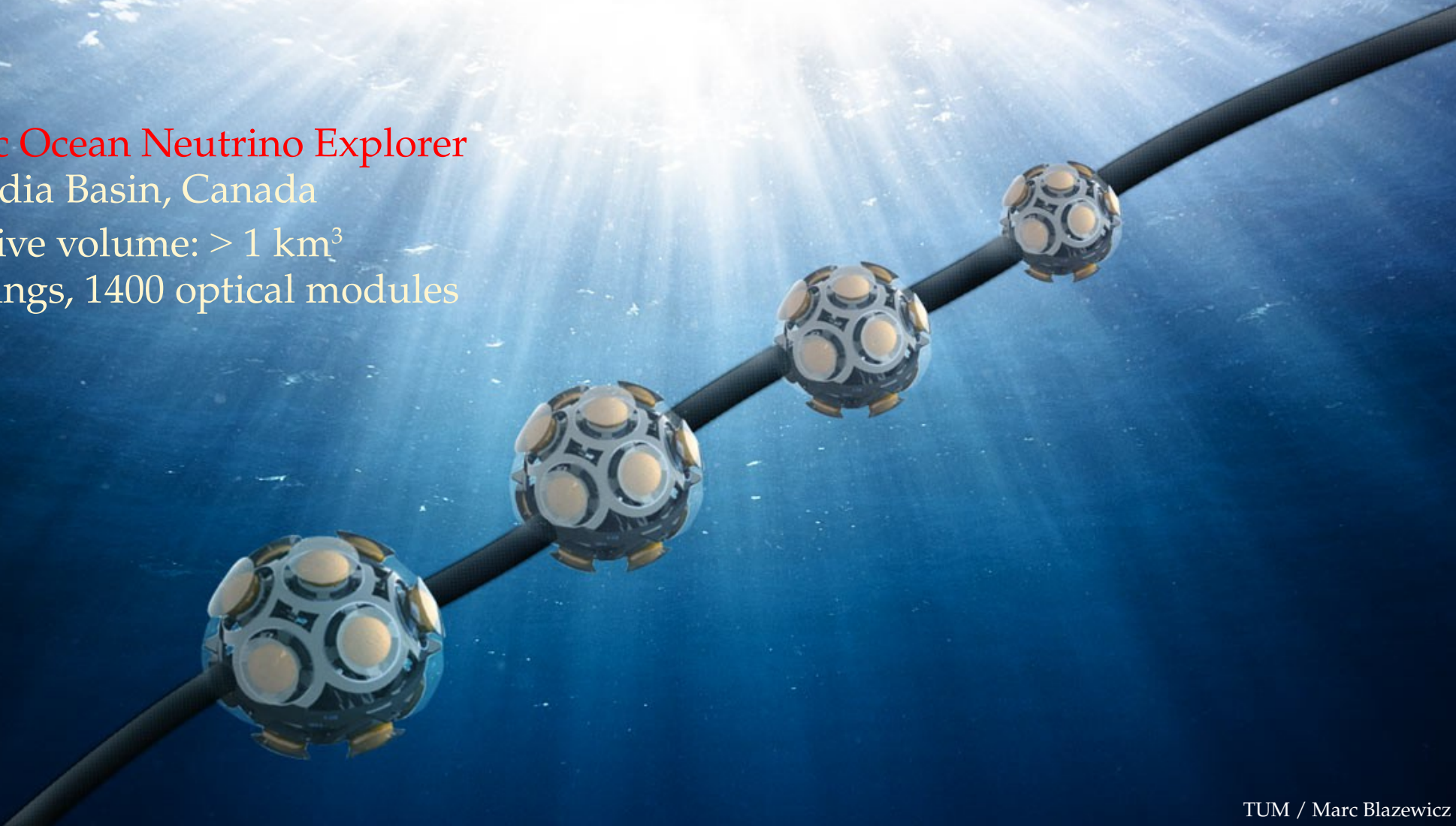
P-ONE

Pacific Ocean Neutrino Explorer

Cascadia Basin, Canada

Effective volume: $> 1 \text{ km}^3$

70 strings, 1400 optical modules



TRIDENT

The tRopIcal Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope

South China Sea

Effective volume: 8 km³

1000 strings, 20,000 optical modules

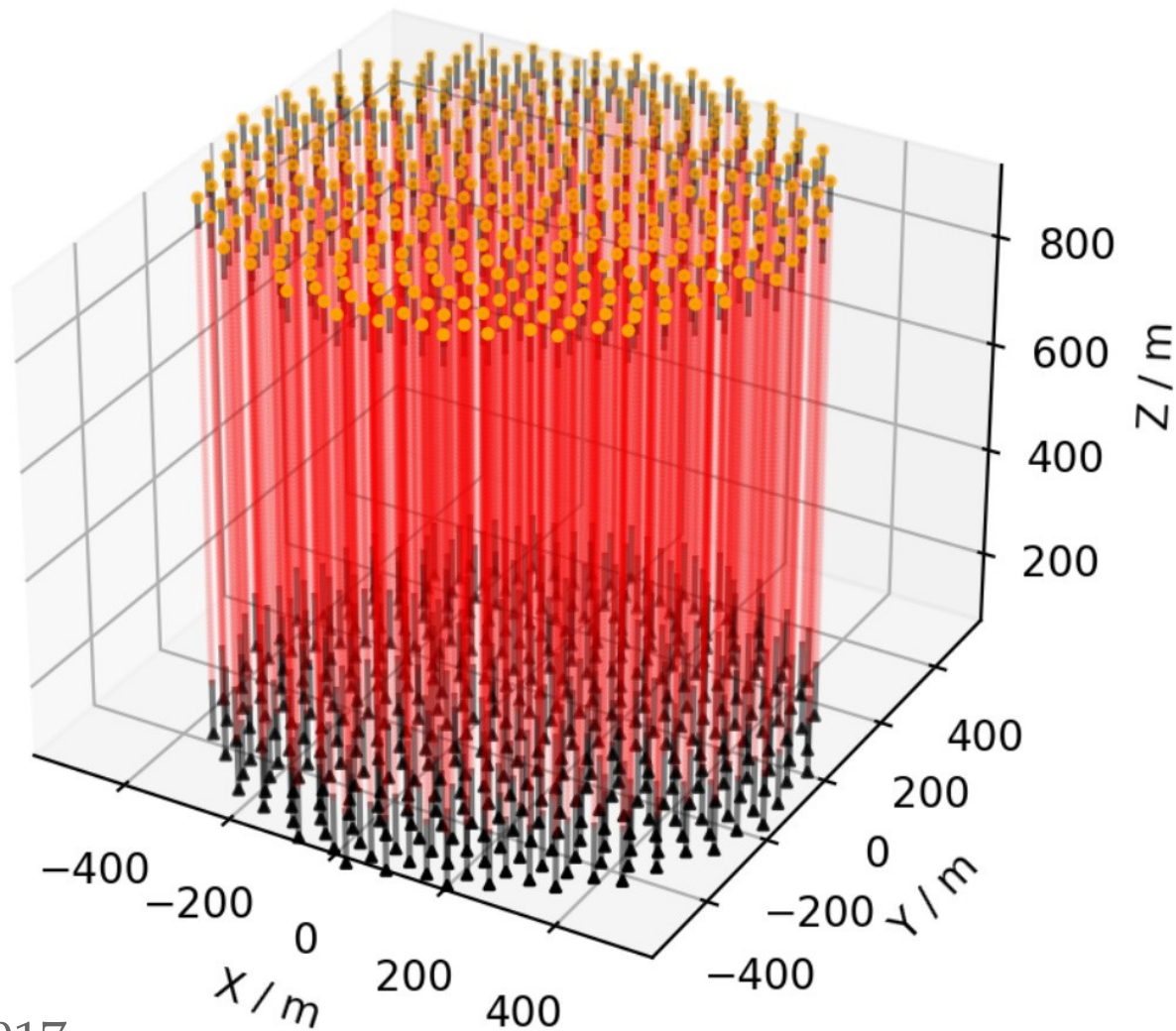
Would have seen the TXS 0506+056 at 10 σ

More information: *Nature Astron.* 2023, trident.sjtu.edu.cn/en

NEON

Neutrino Observatory in the Nanhai
South China Sea

Effective volume: 0.8 km^3 (dense!)
400 strings, 40,000 optical modules



More information: PoS (ICRC2023) 1017

HUNT

The background of the slide is a deep blue image showing numerous vertical strings of spherical optical modules. The modules are arranged in a grid-like pattern, with some strings being more prominent than others. The lighting creates a sense of depth and scale, highlighting the repetitive nature of the detector components.

High-energy Underwater Neutrino Telescope

South China Sea or Lake Baikal

Effective volume: 30 km^3

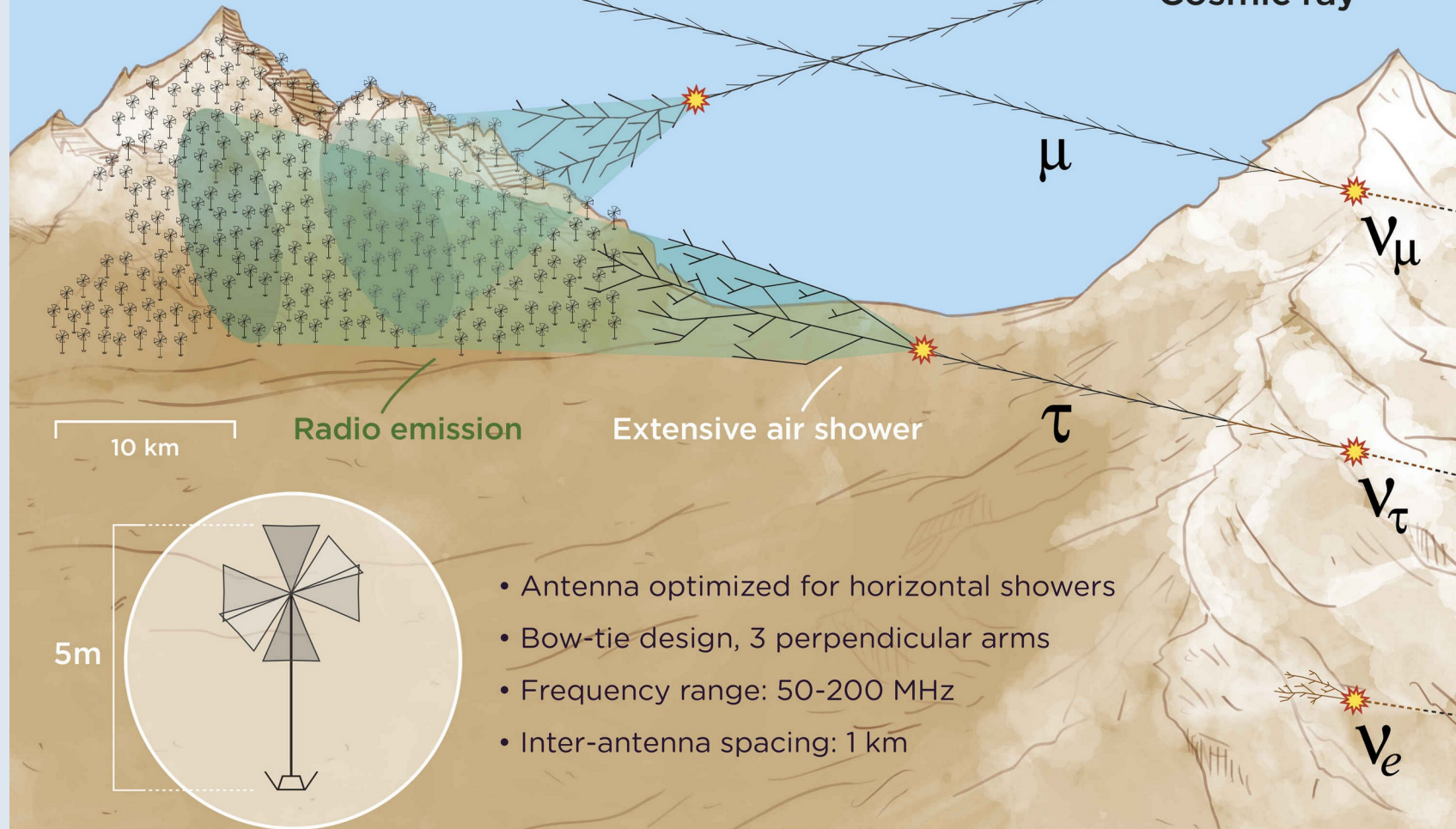
2304 strings, 55,296 optical modules

Muon track angular resolution
as good as 0.05°
(for tracks of 6 km in length)

More information: hunt.ihep.ac.cn



Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection



Cosmic ray

μ

ν_μ

τ

ν_τ

ν_e

10 km

Radio emission

Extensive air shower

5m

- Antenna optimized for horizontal showers
- Bow-tie design, 3 perpendicular arms
- Frequency range: 50-200 MHz
- Inter-antenna spacing: 1 km

GRANDProto300@China



GRAND@Nançay

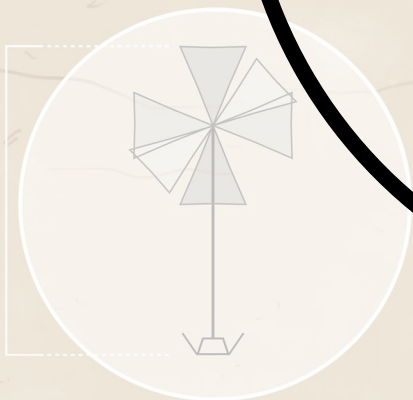


GRAND@Auger



10 km

5m



Radio emission

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horizontal showers
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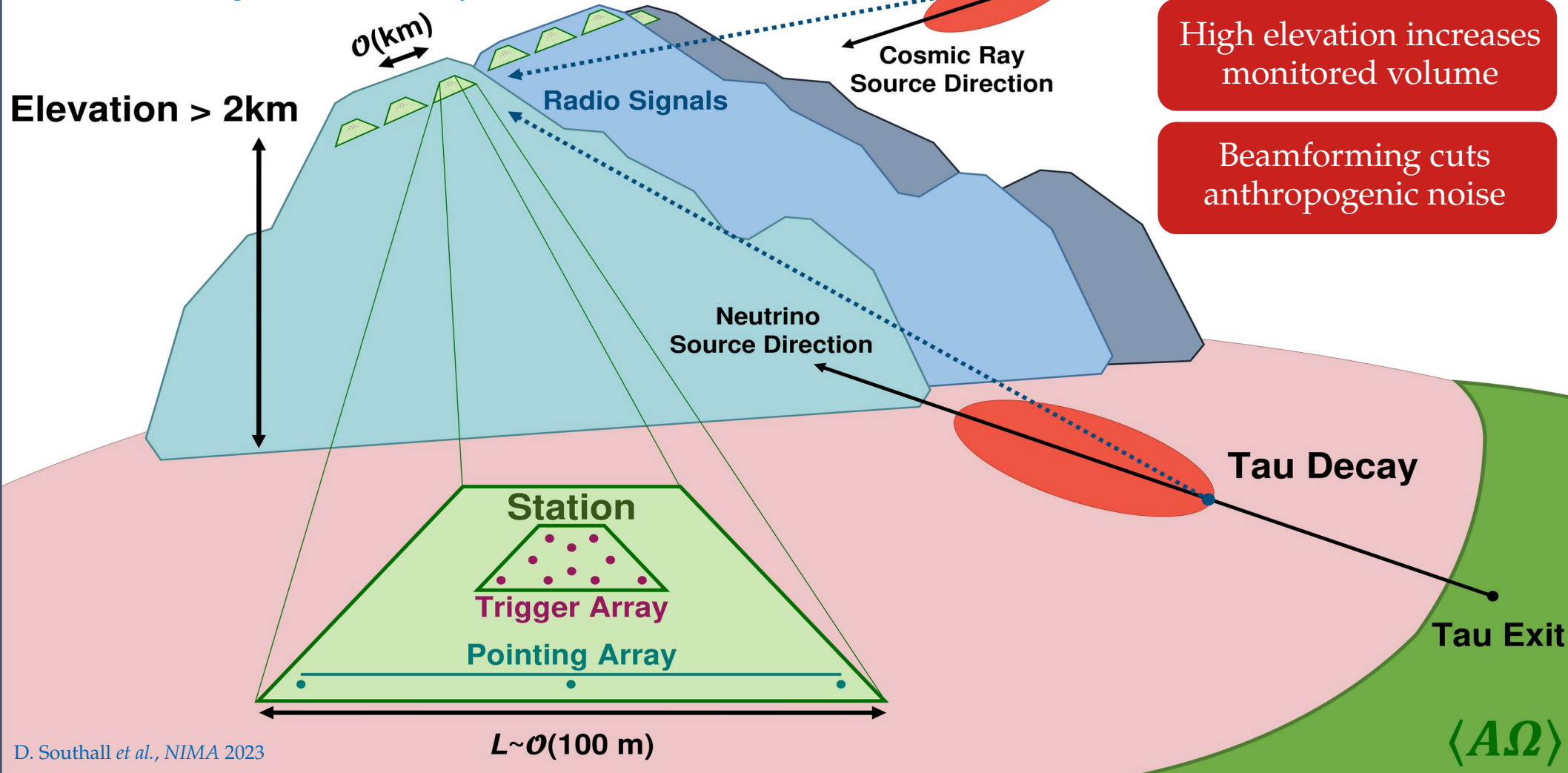
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Beam forming Elevated Array for COsmic Neutrinos

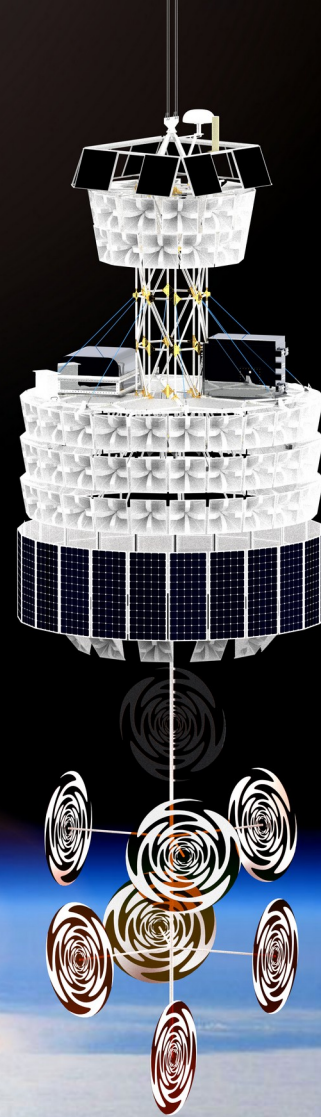


PUEO

Payload for Ultrahigh Energy Observations

30-day flight above Antarctica

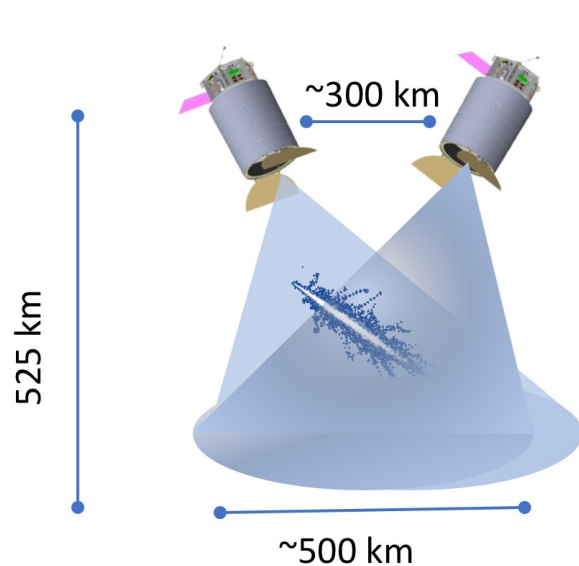
Builds on earlier ANITA I-IV flights



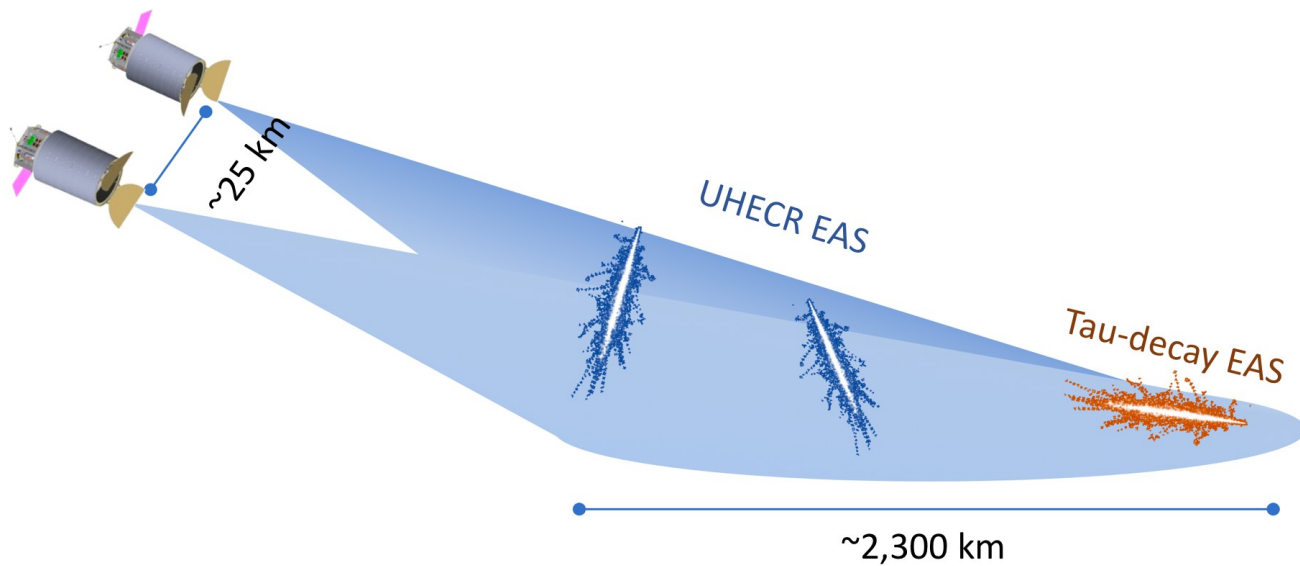
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Fluorescence
POEMMA-Stereo



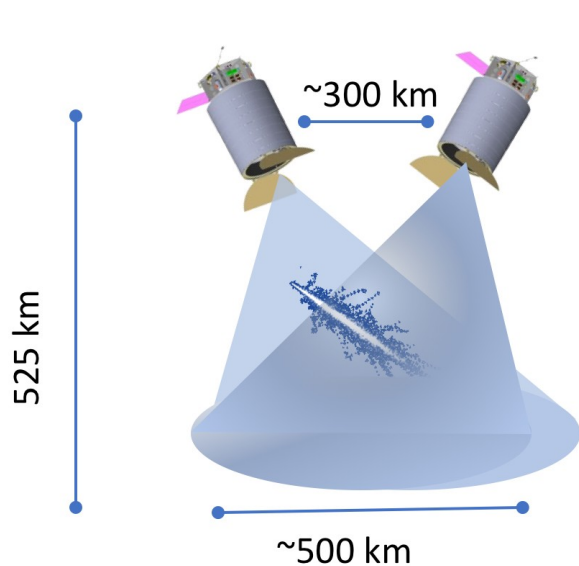
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POEMMA-Limb



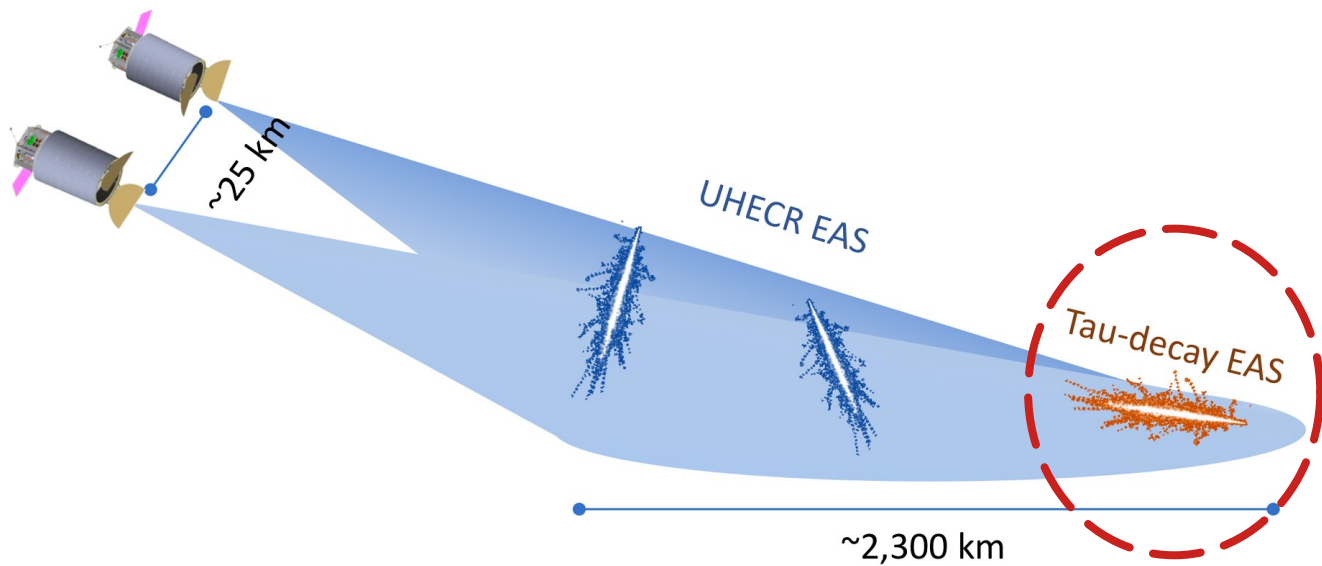
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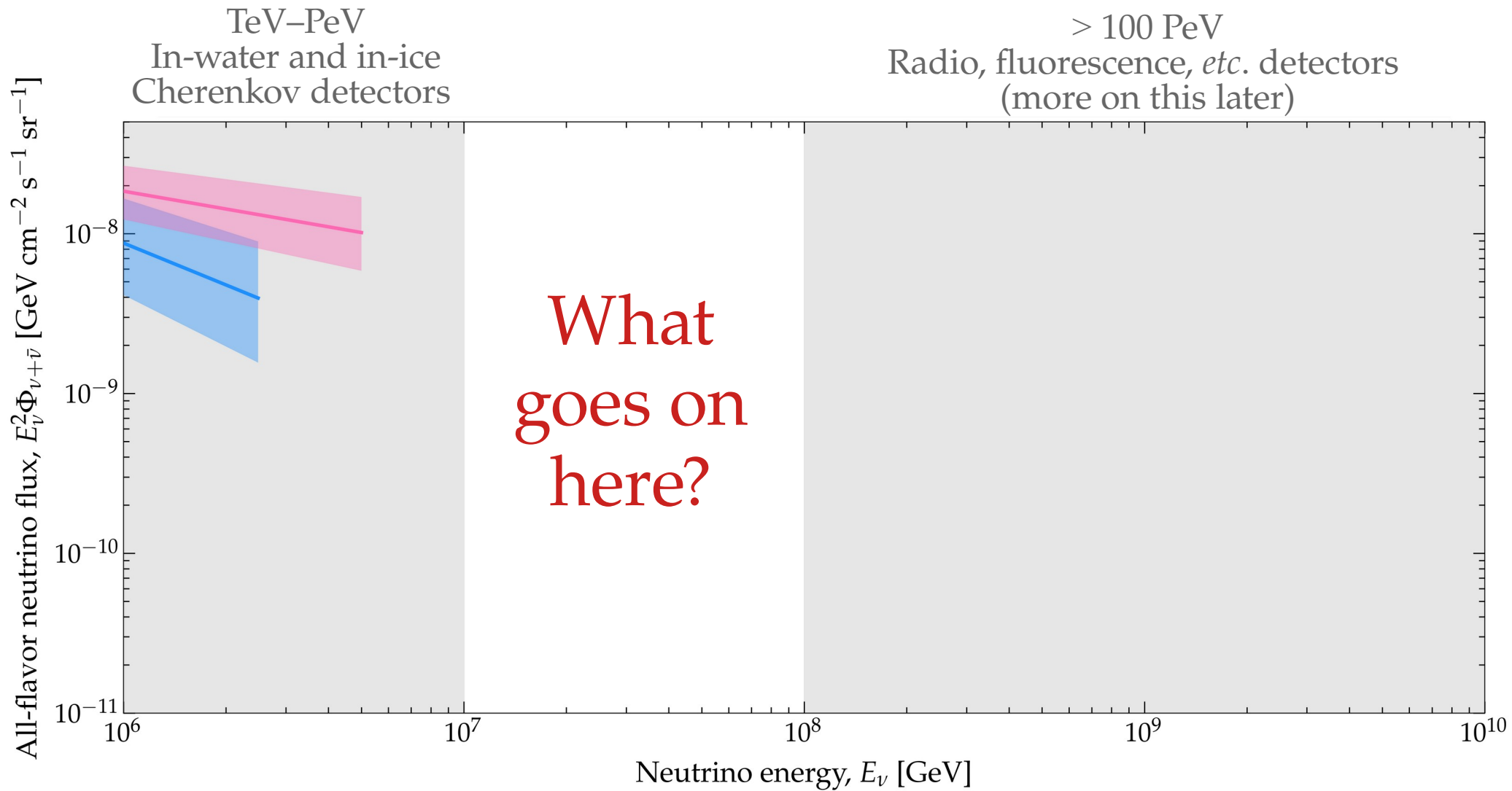
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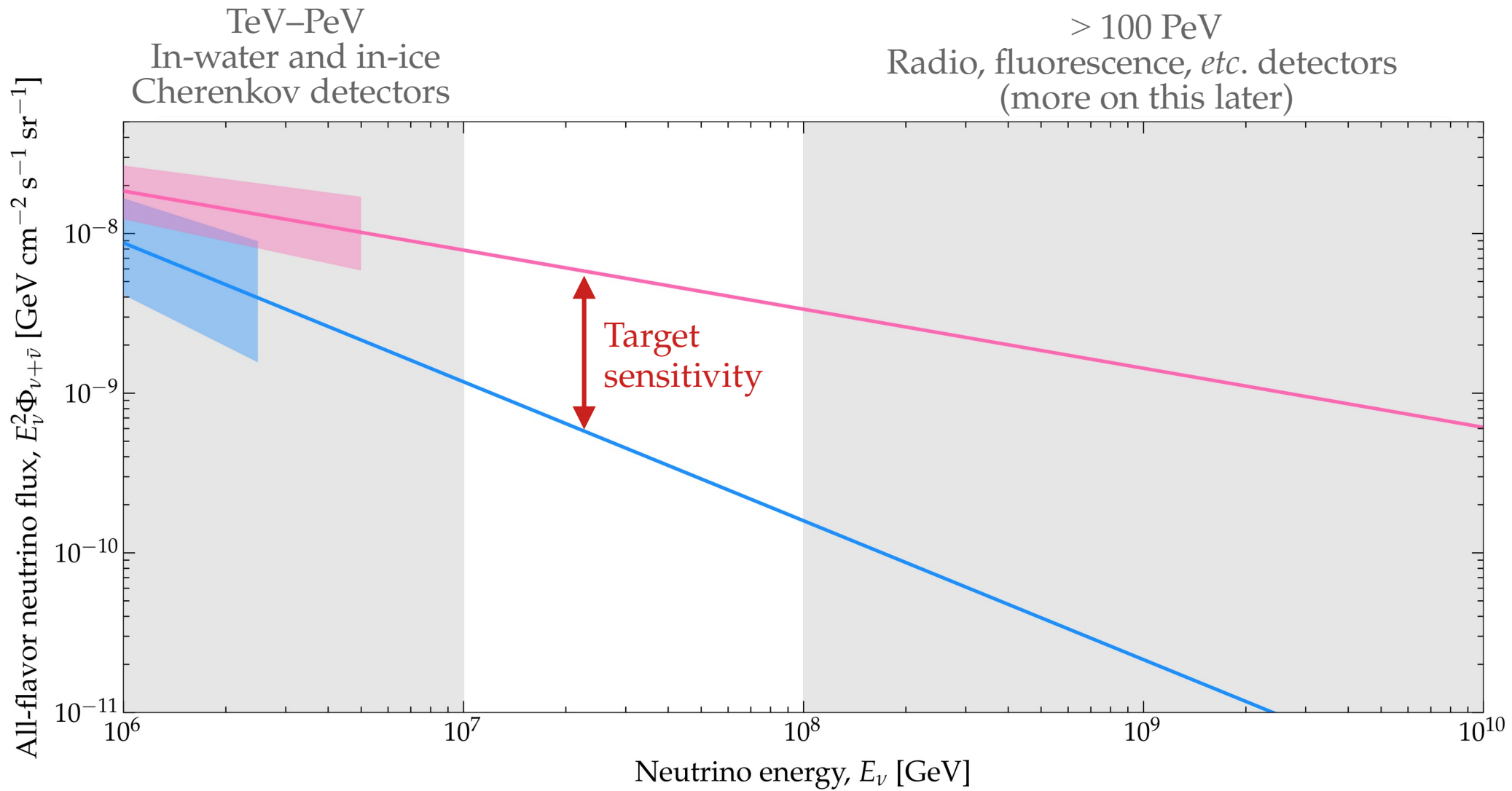
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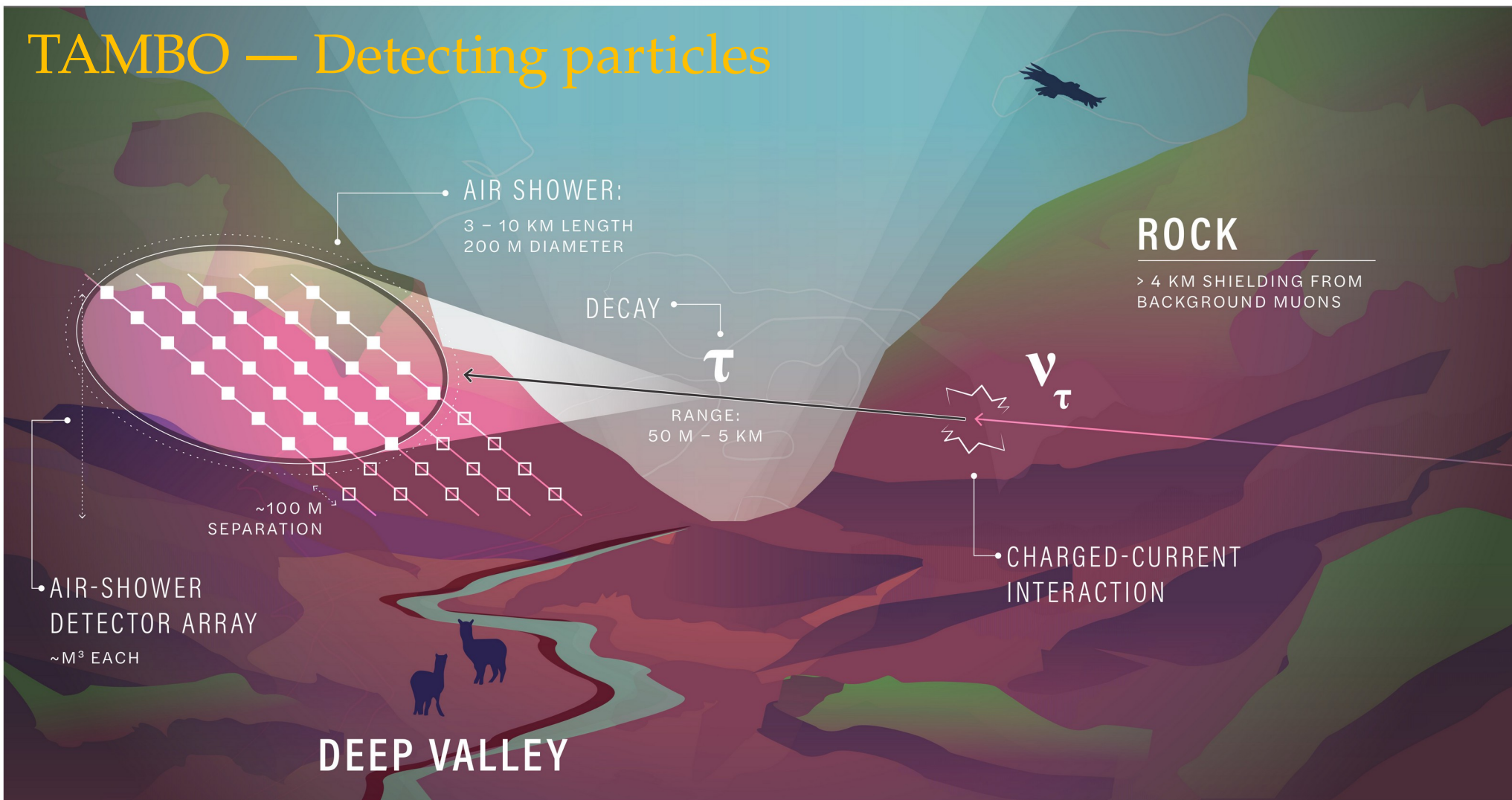
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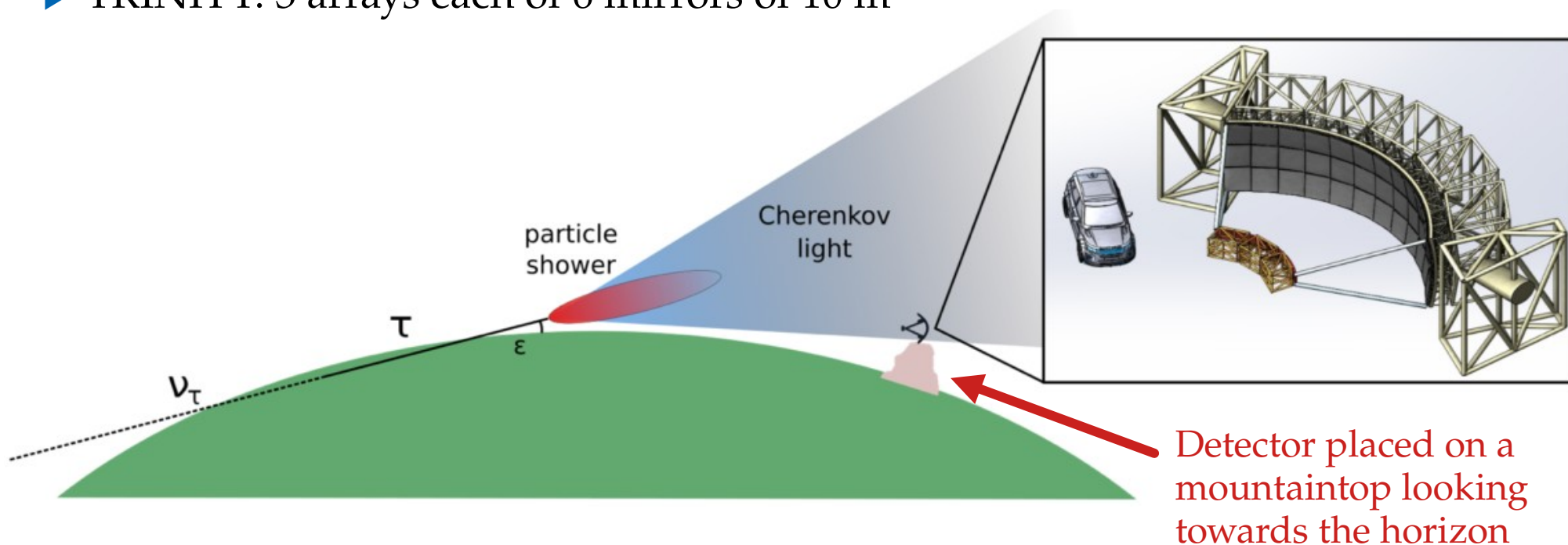


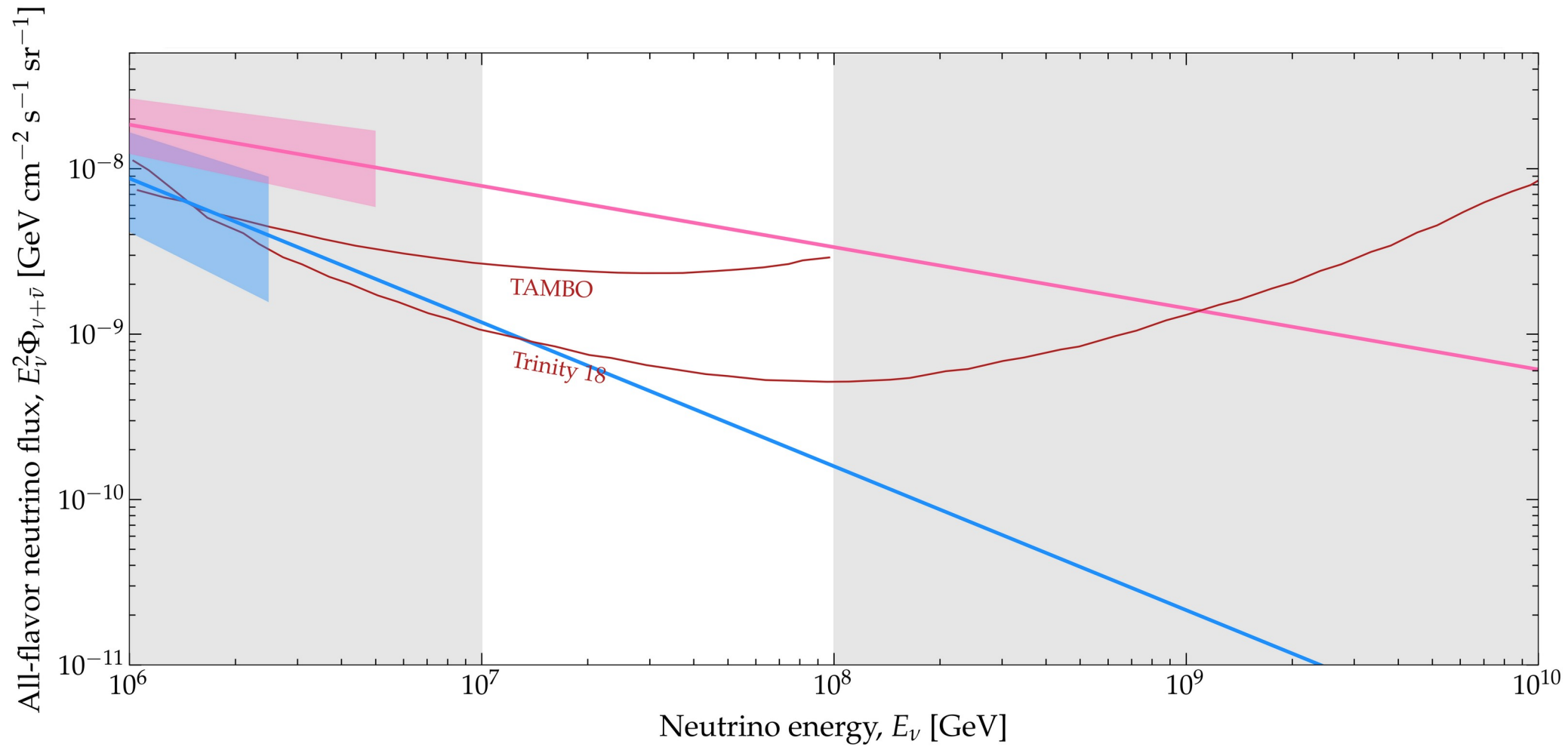
TAMBO — Detecting particles



TRINITY — Detecting Cherenkov light

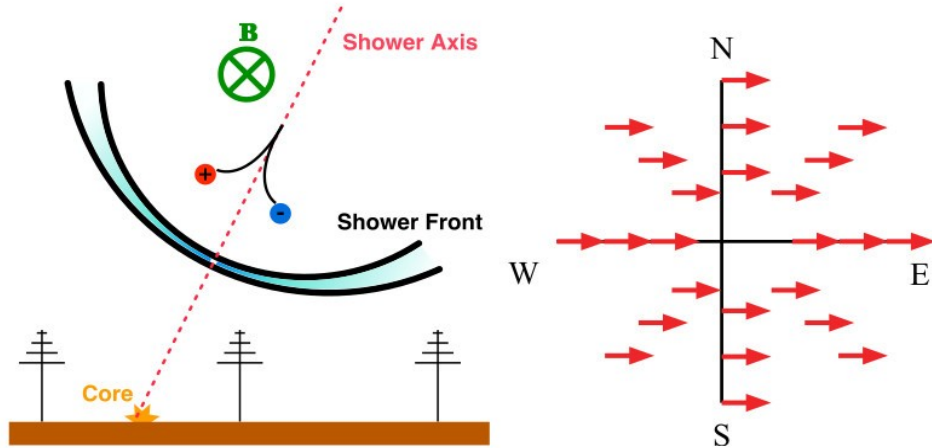
- ▶ Atmospheric Cherenkov imaging applied to PeV neutrinos
- ▶ Pioneered by MAGIC (pointing at Atlantic), ASHRA, and NTA (Mauna Kea)
- ▶ TRINITY: 3 arrays each of 6 mirrors of 10 m²





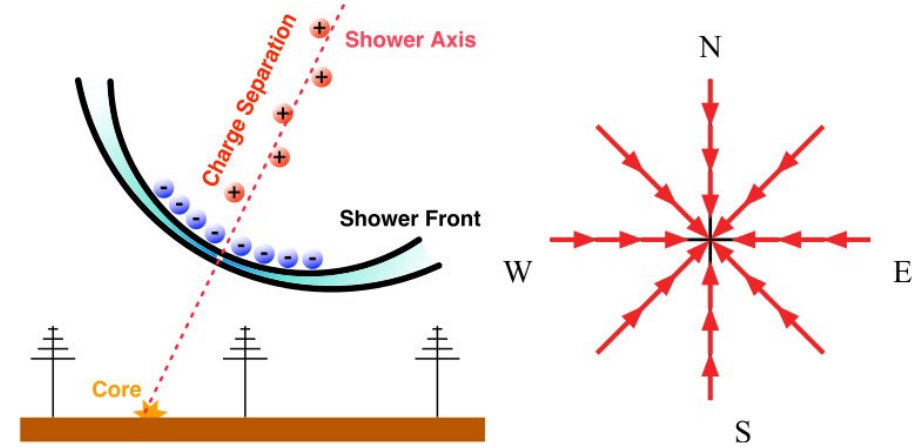
Radio emission: geomagnetic and Askaryan

Geomagnetic



- ▶ Time-varying transverse current
- ▶ Linearly polarized parallel to Lorentz force
- ▶ Dominant in air showers

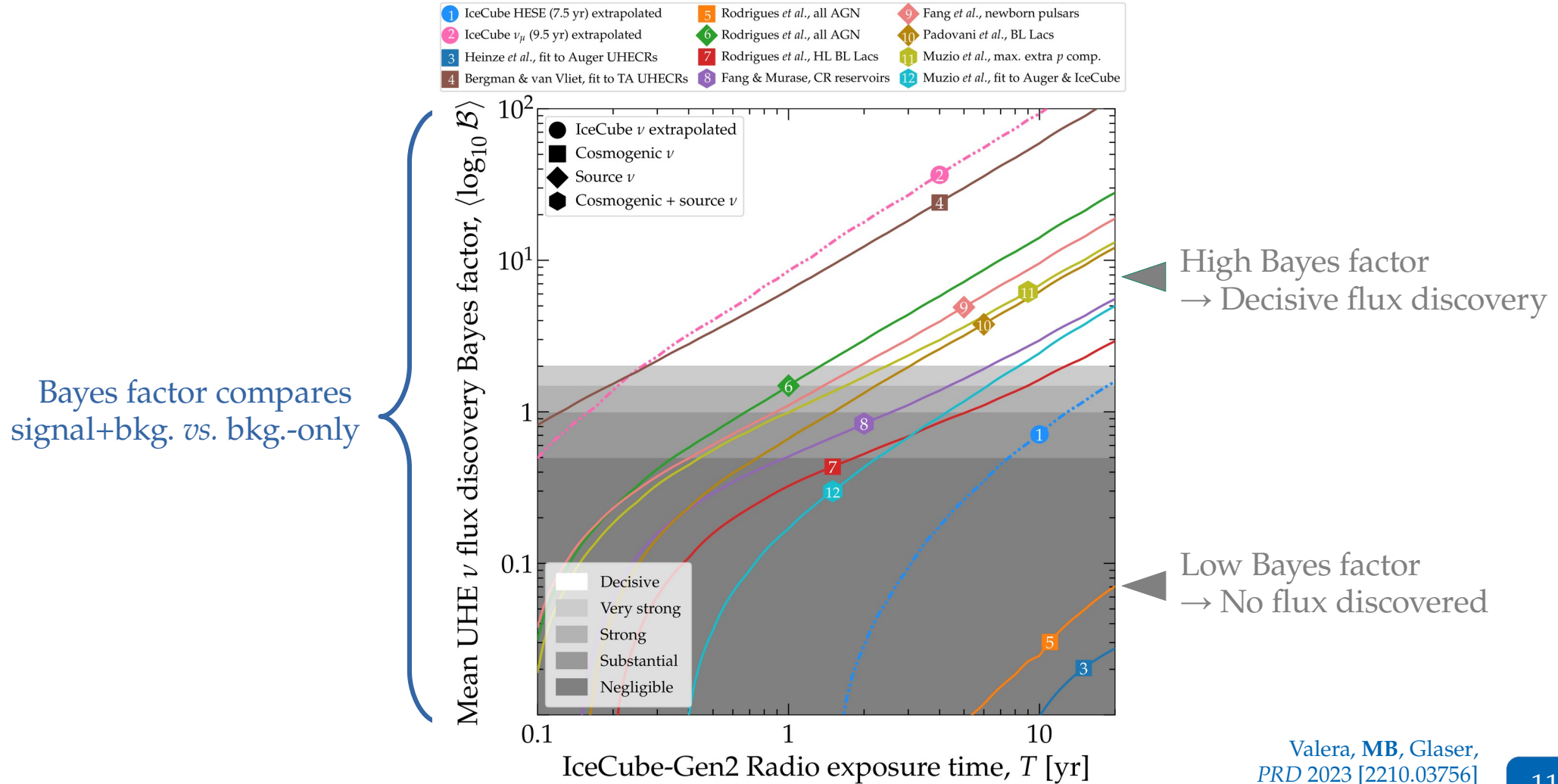
Askaryan



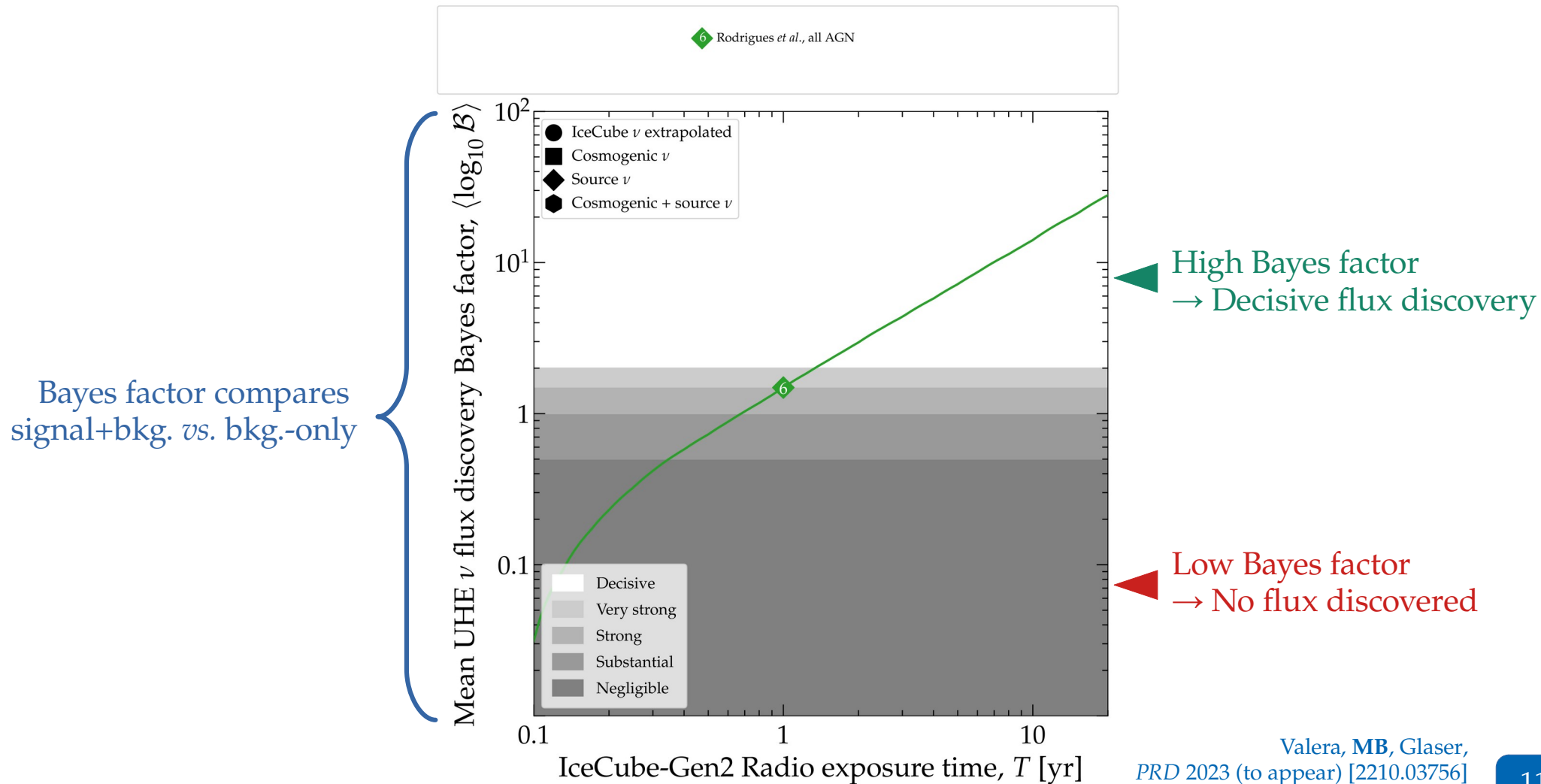
- ▶ Time-varying negative-charge ~20% excess
- ▶ Linearly polarized towards axis
- ▶ Sub-dominant in air showers

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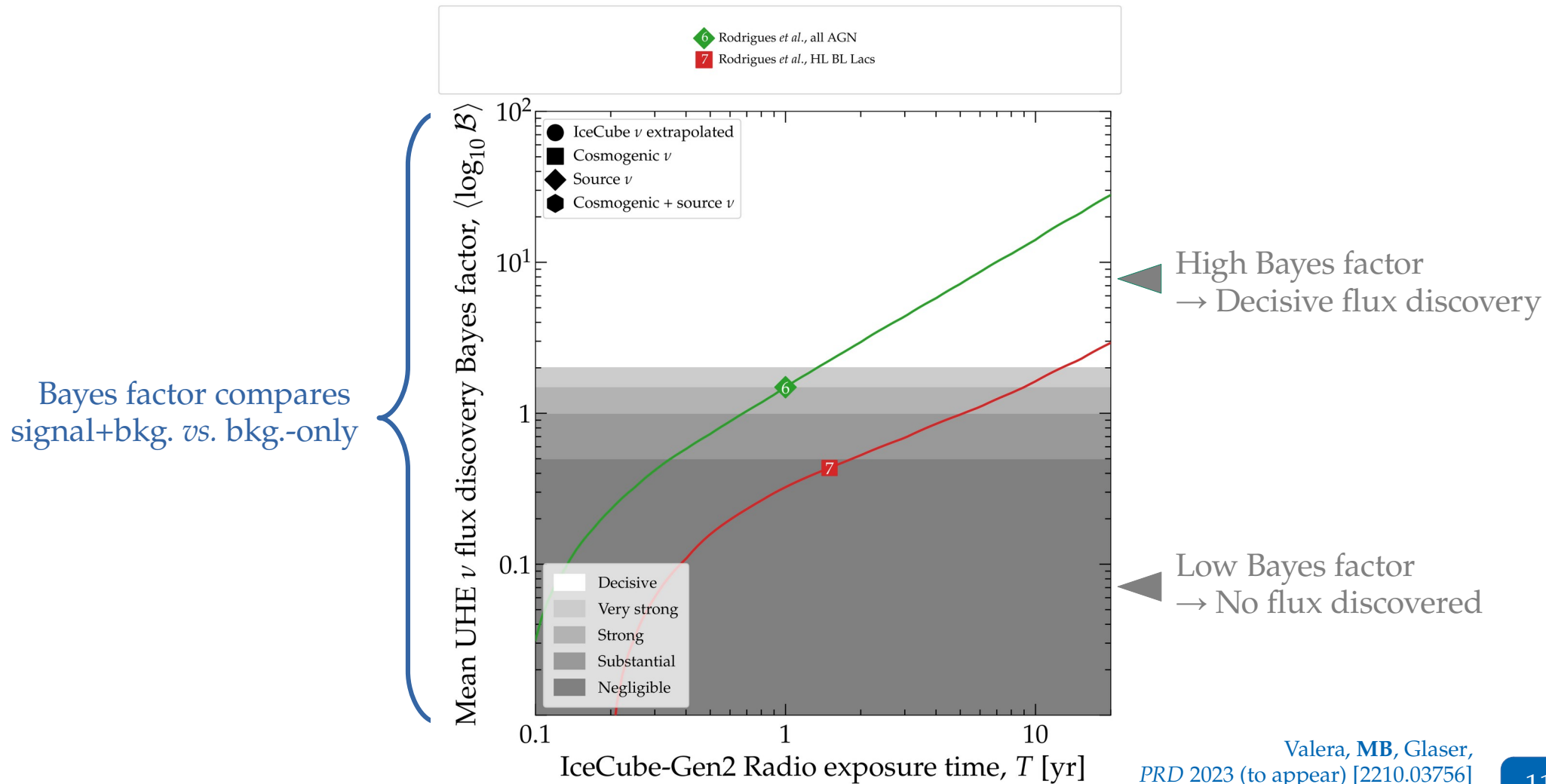
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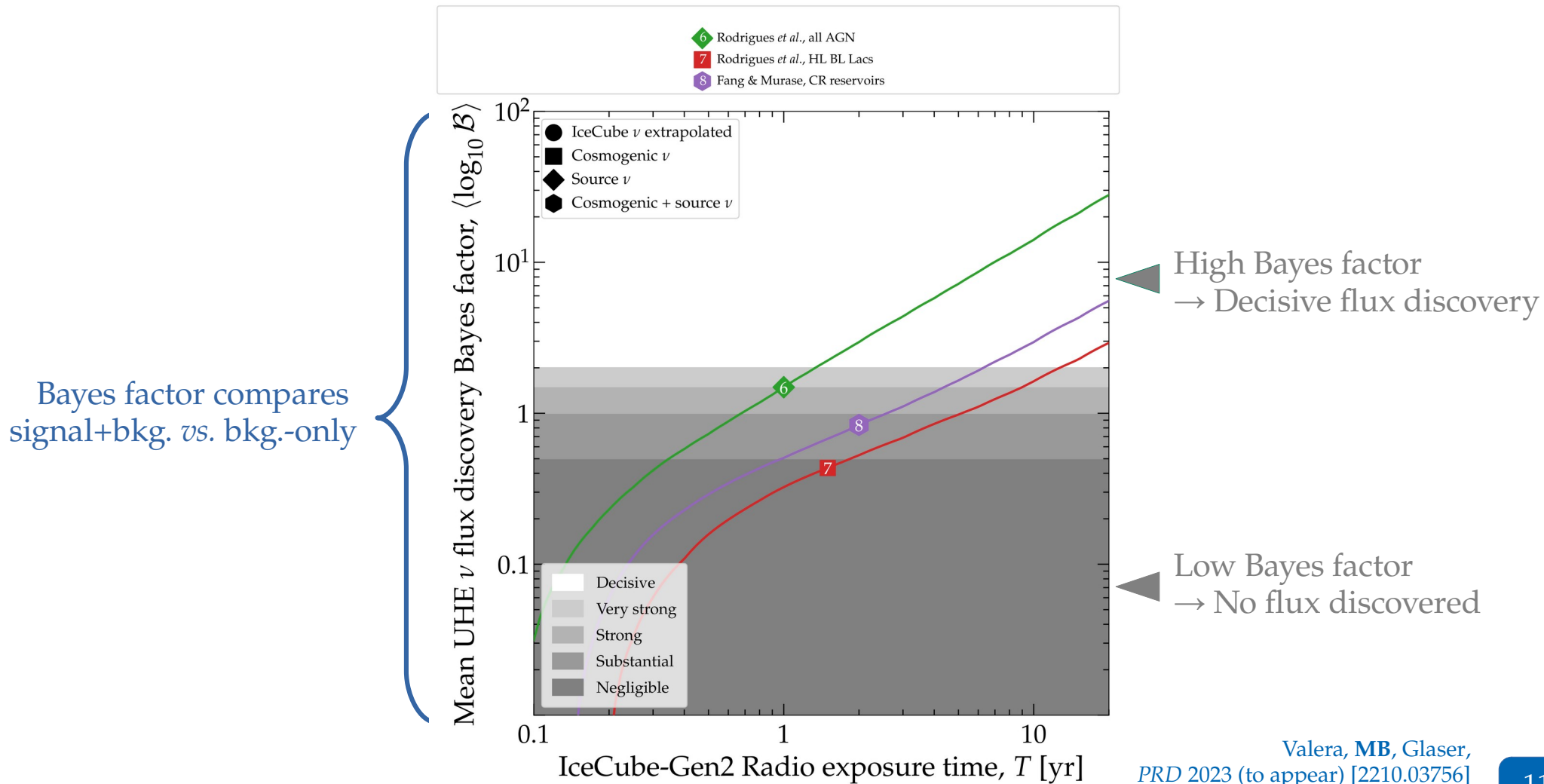
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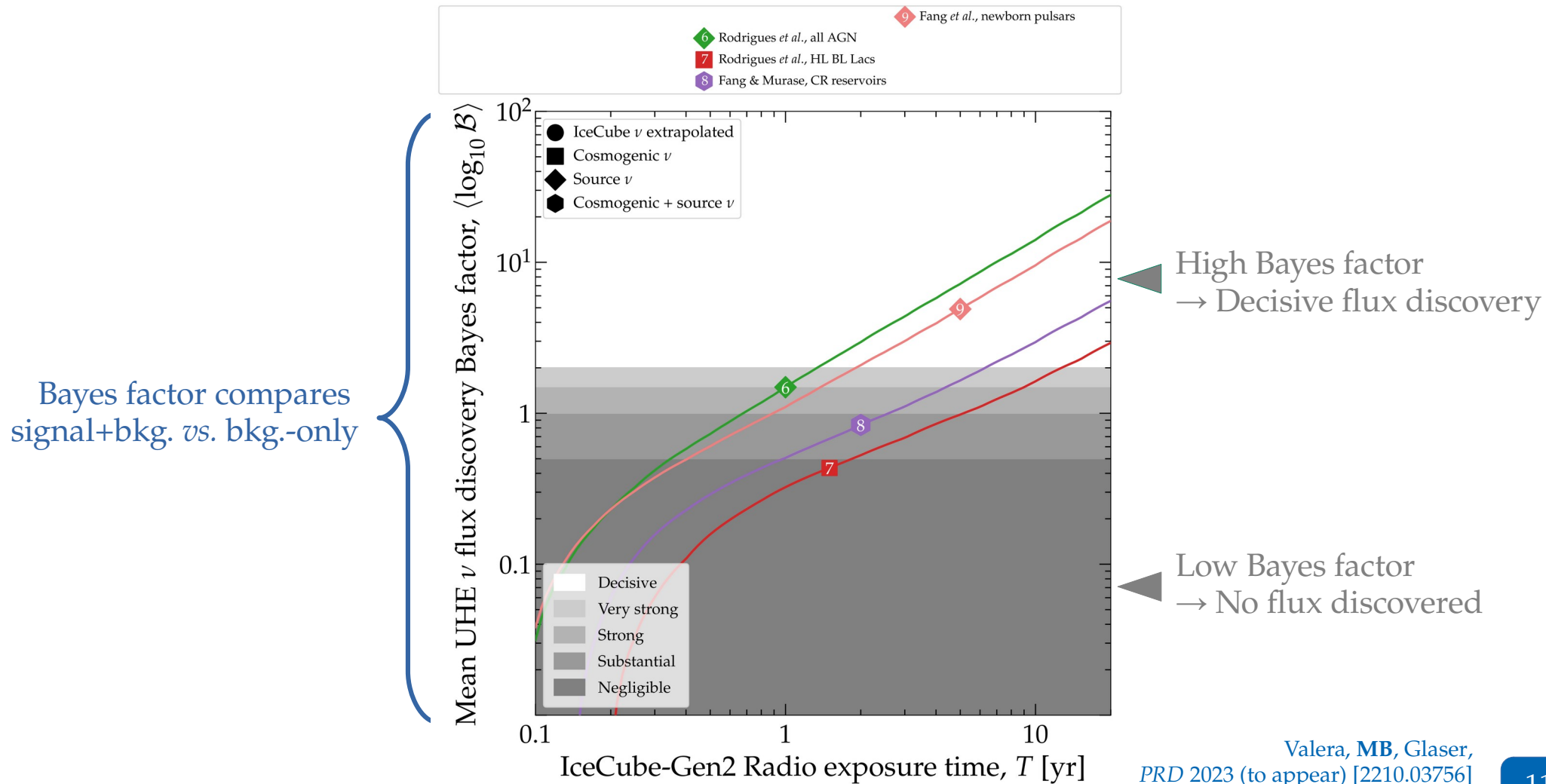
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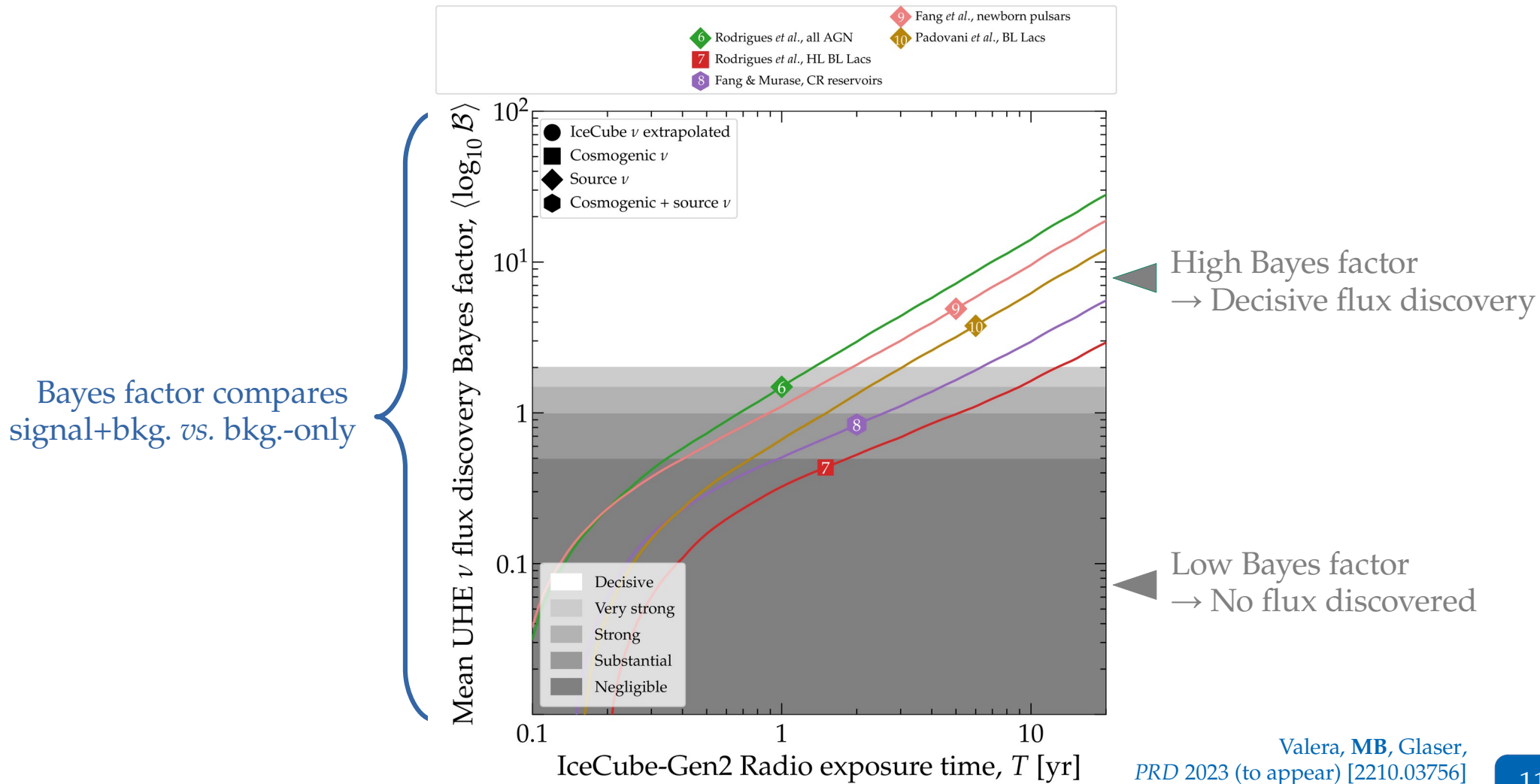
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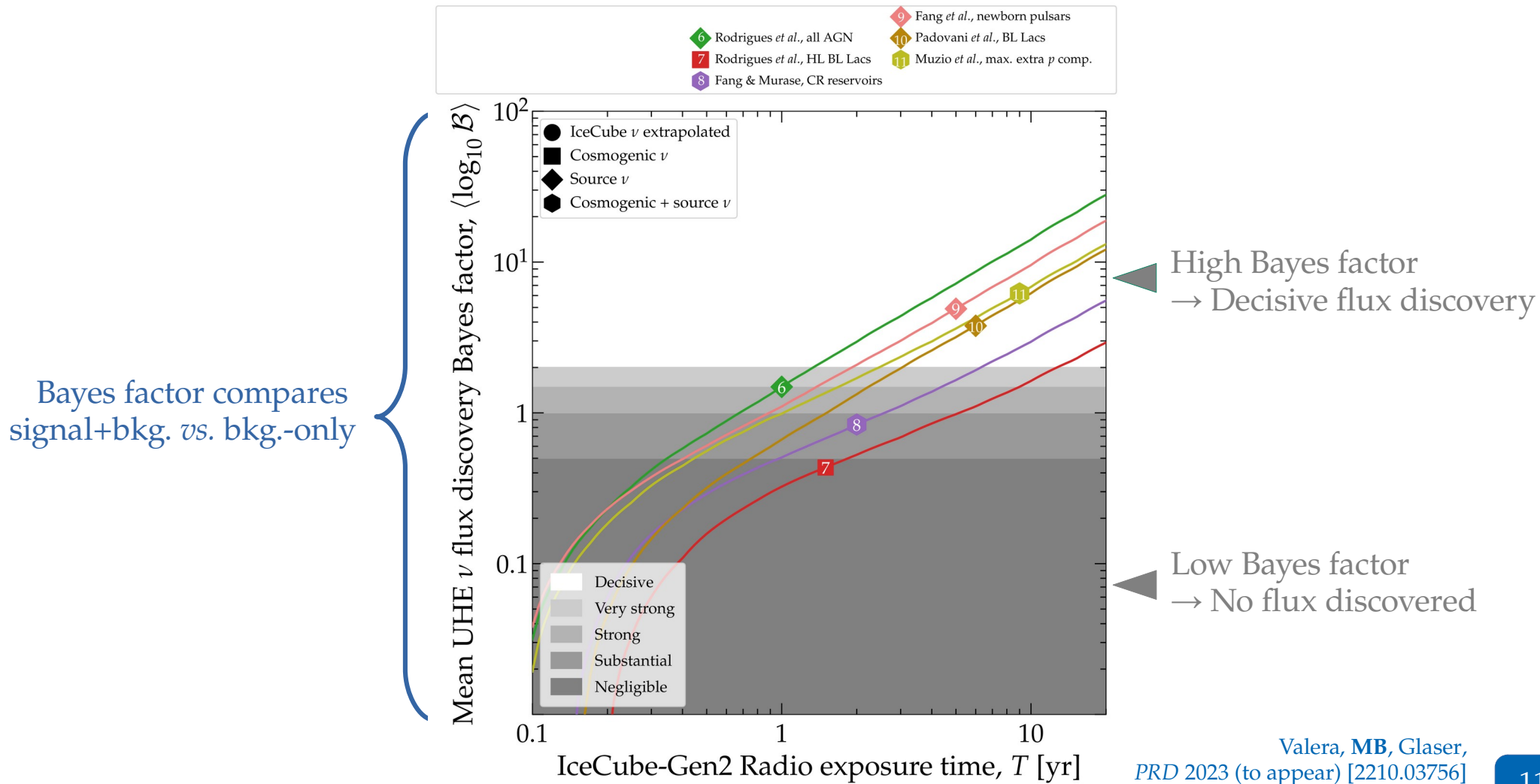
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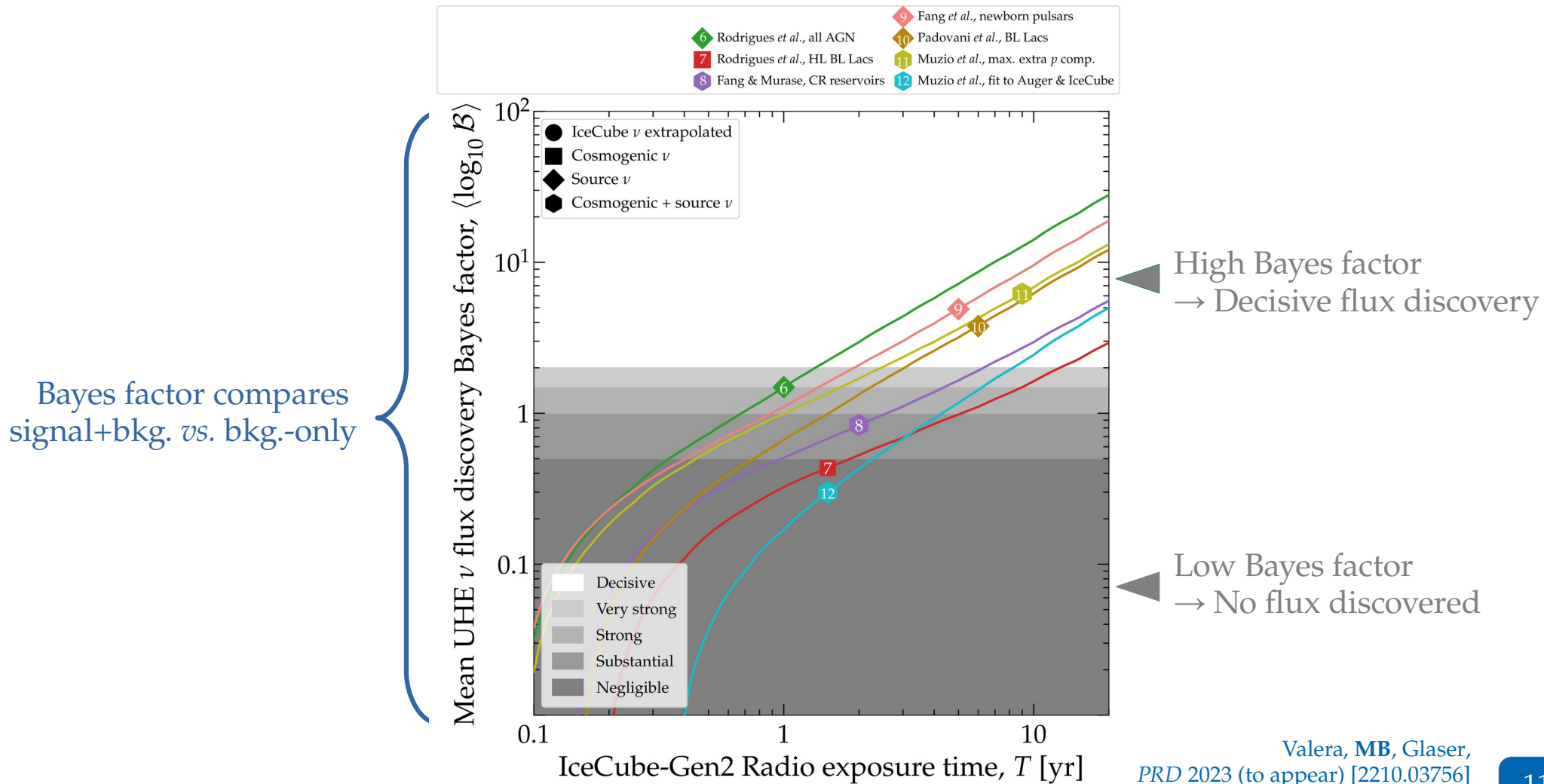
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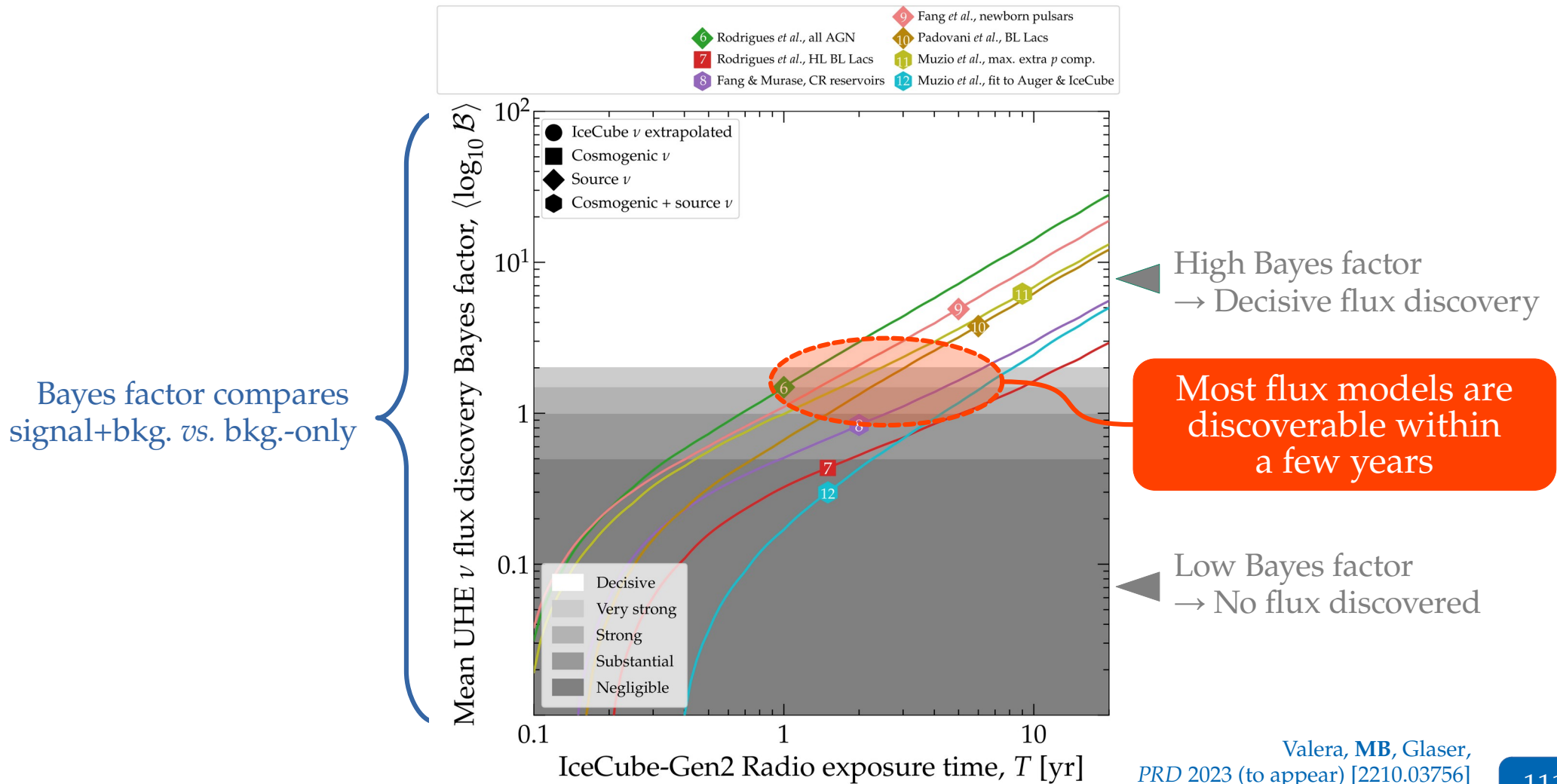
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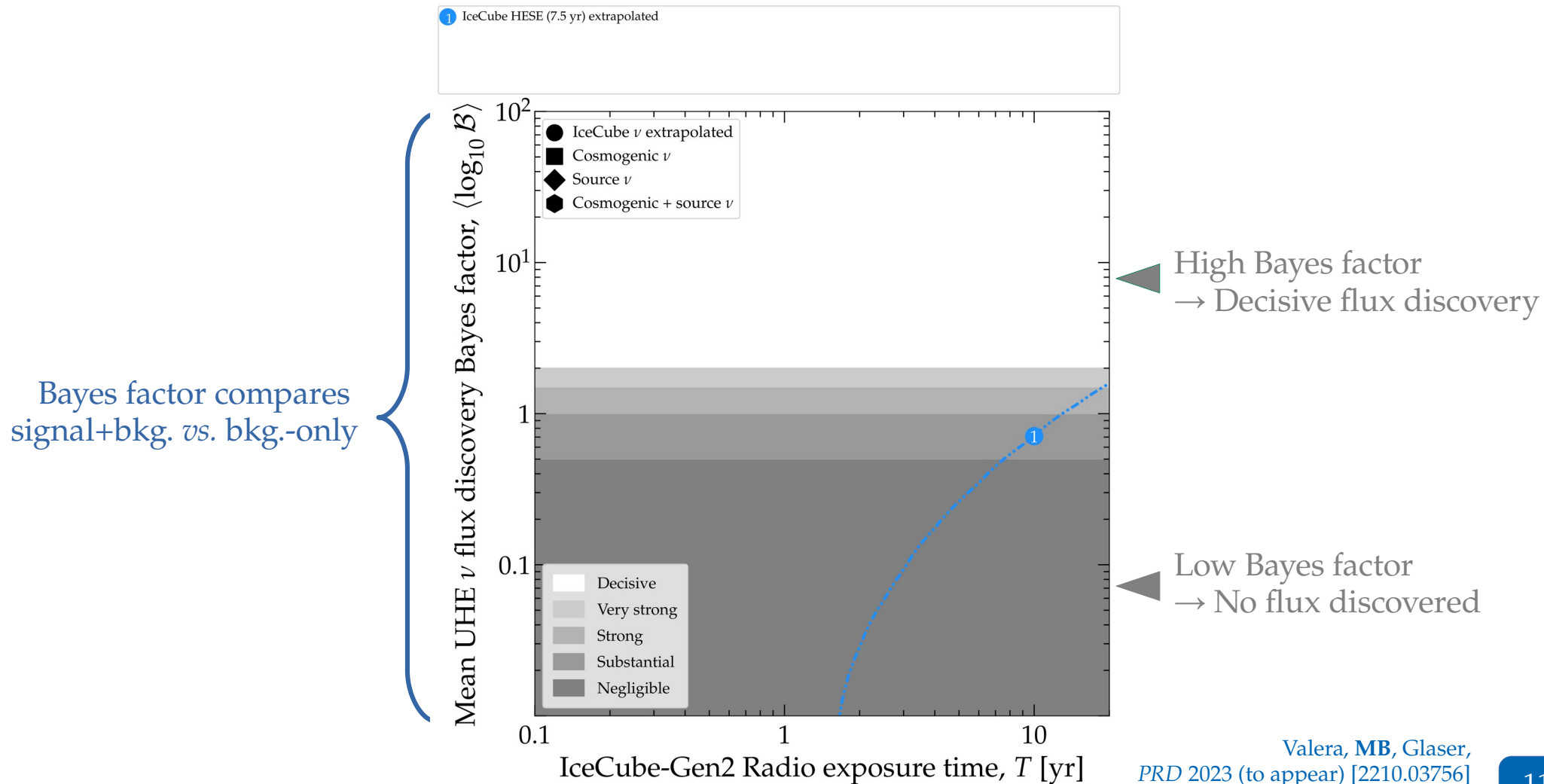
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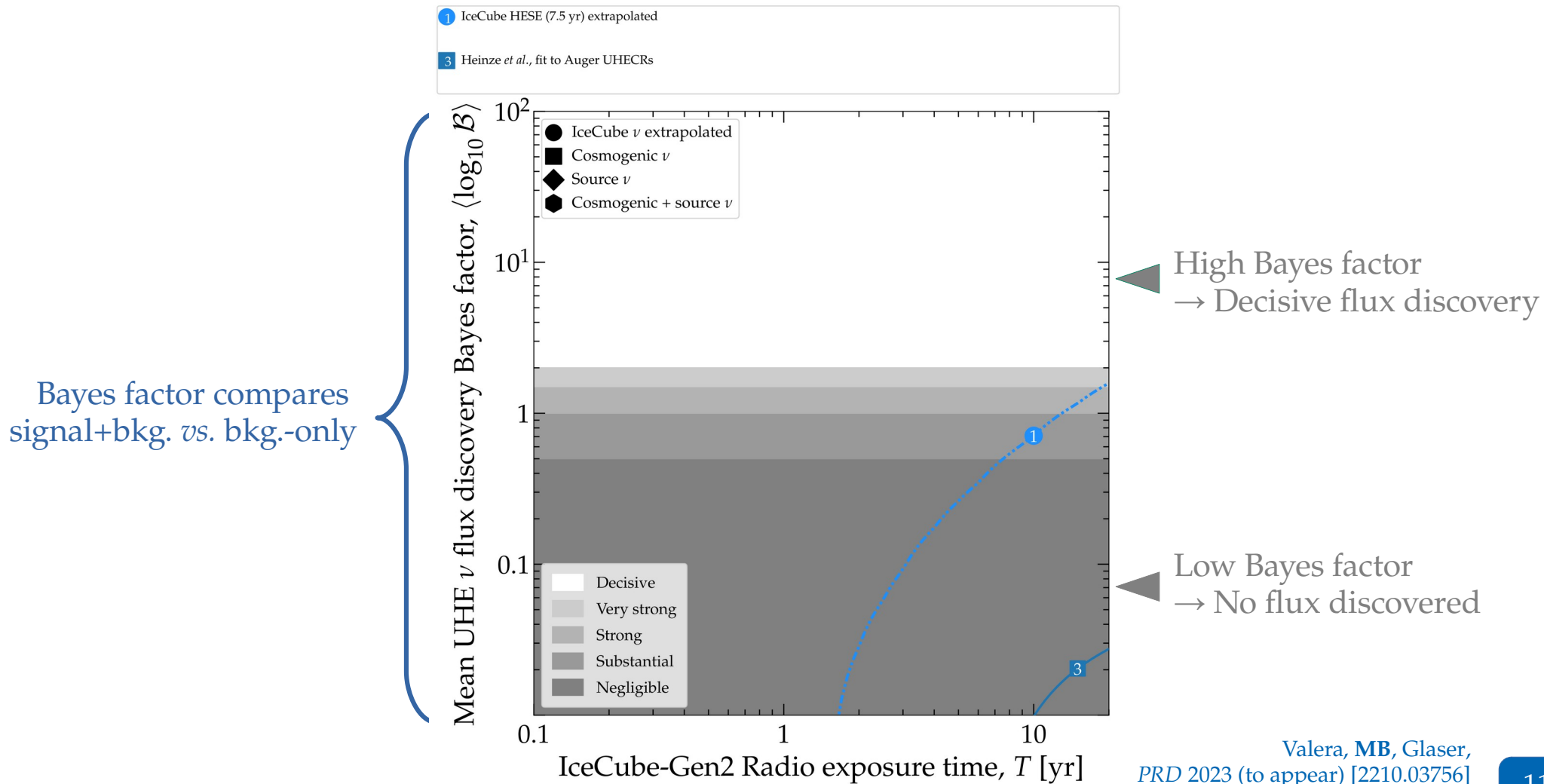
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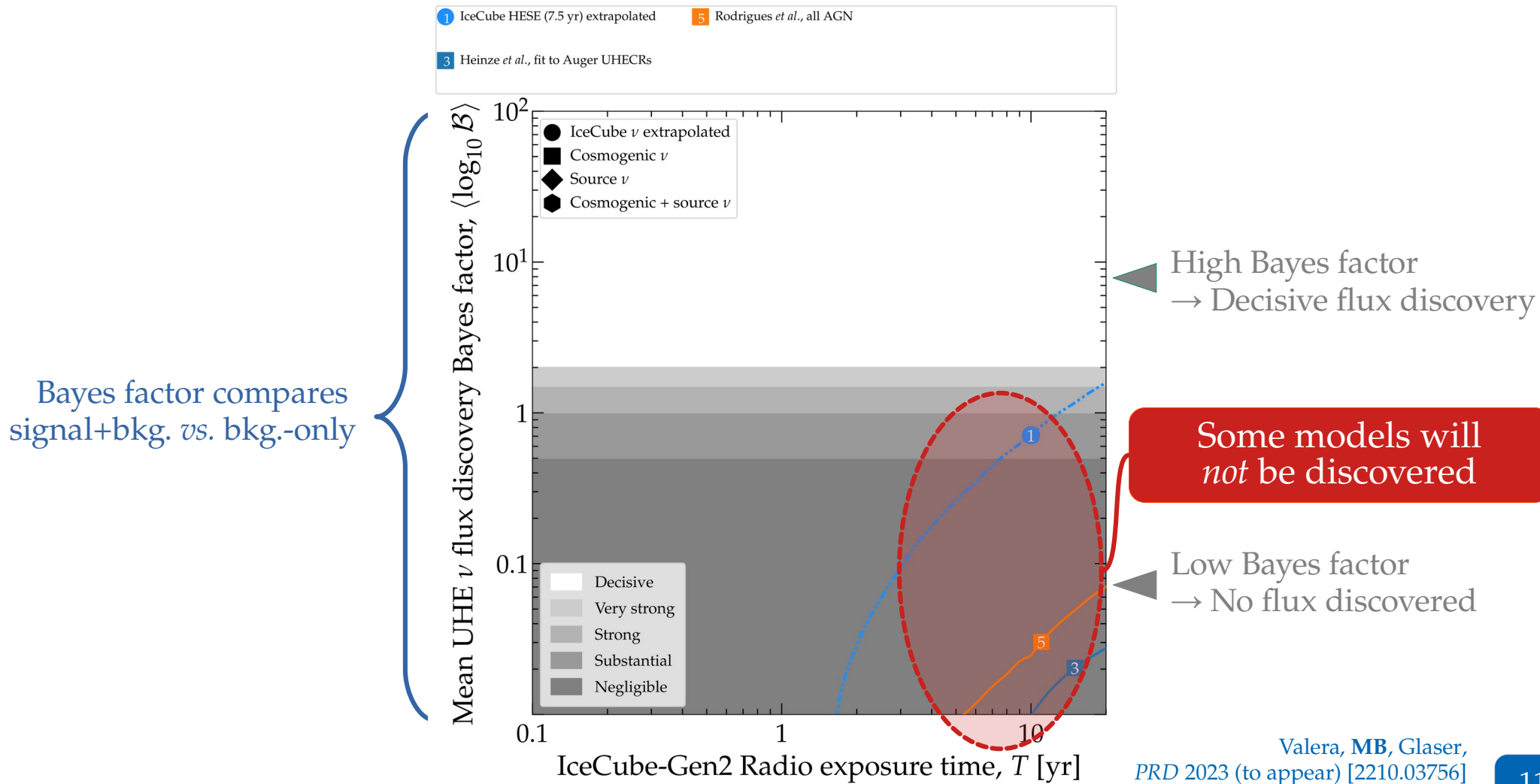
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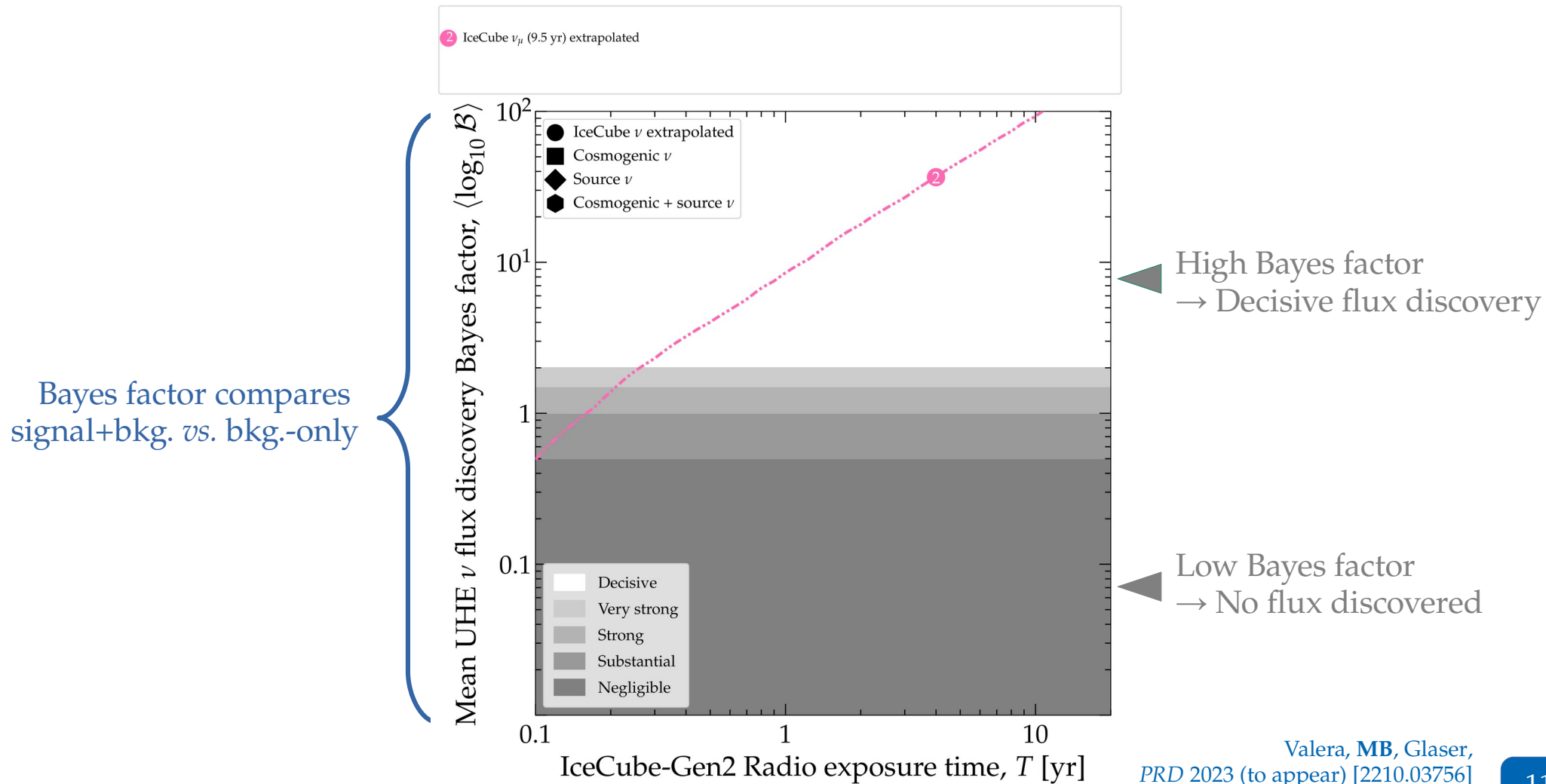
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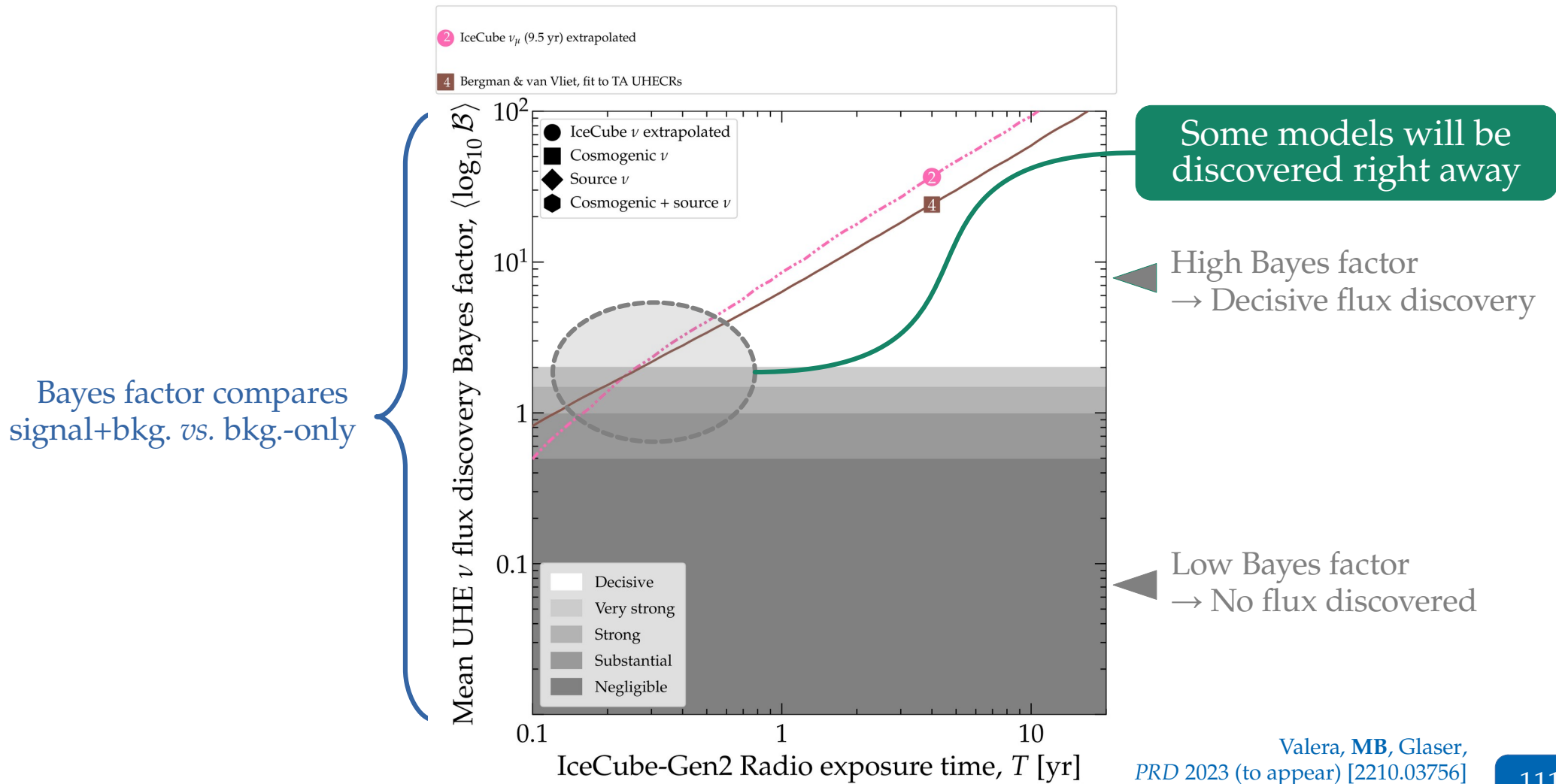
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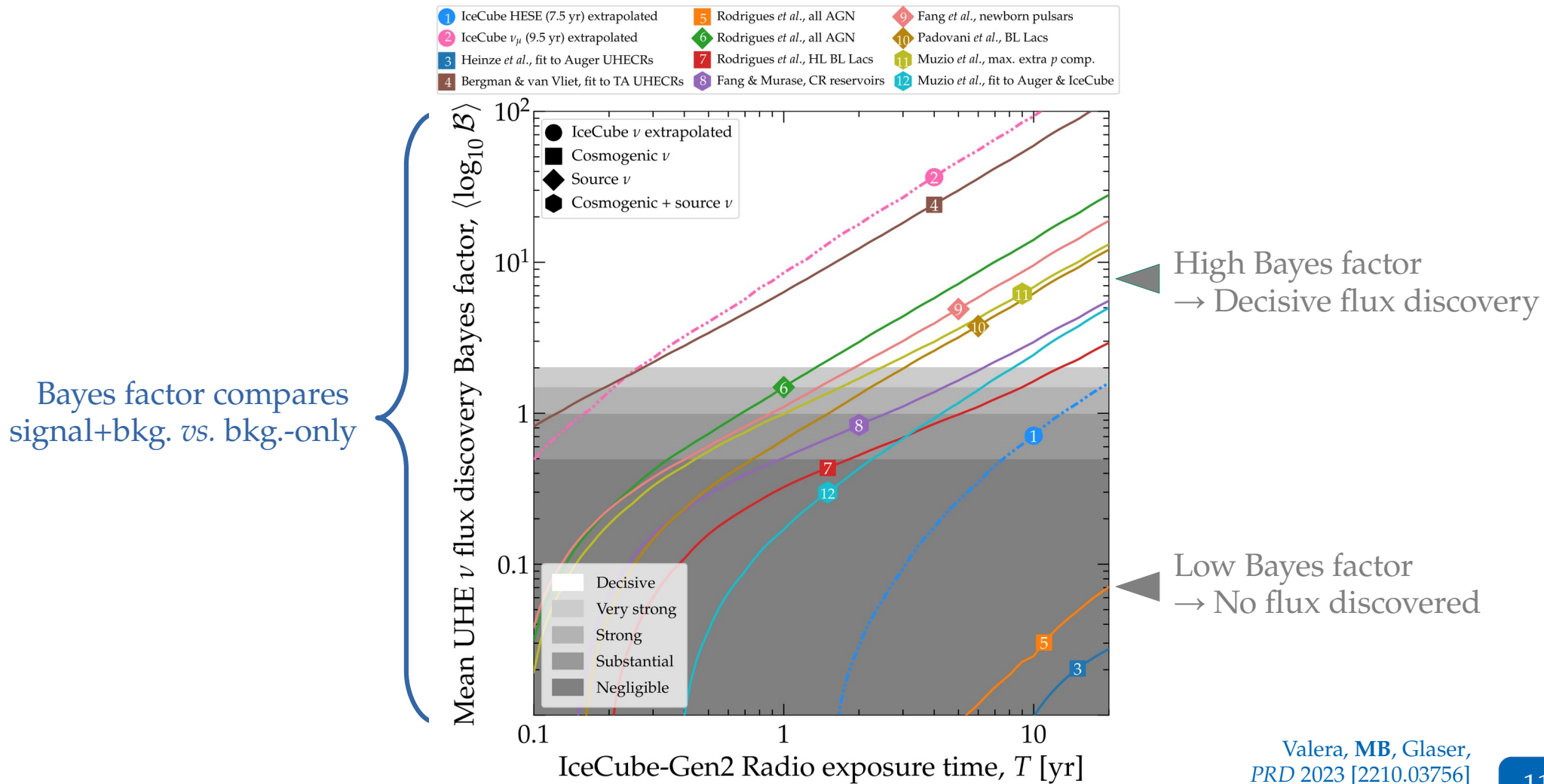
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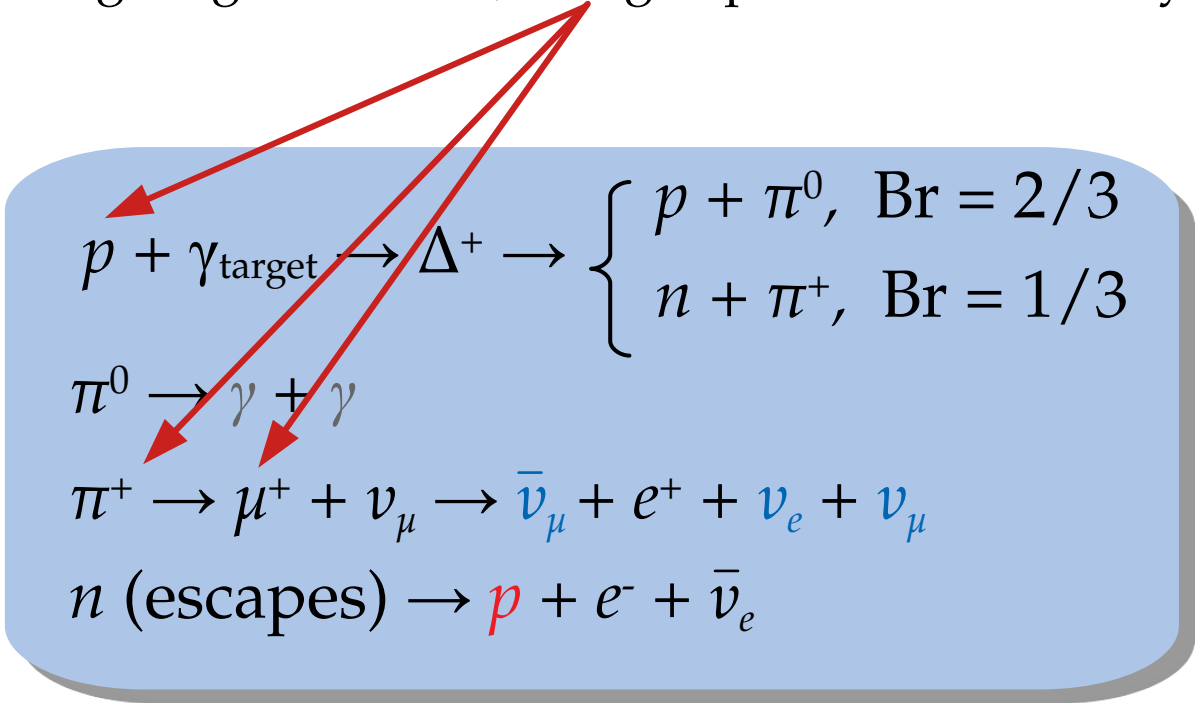


Discovering the diffuse flux of UHE neutrinos



Using high-energy neutrinos as magnetometers

If sources have strong magnetic fields, charged particles cool via synchrotron:



$p + \gamma_{\text{target}} \rightarrow \Delta^+ \rightarrow \begin{cases} p + \pi^0, & \text{Br} = 2/3 \\ n + \pi^+, & \text{Br} = 1/3 \end{cases}$

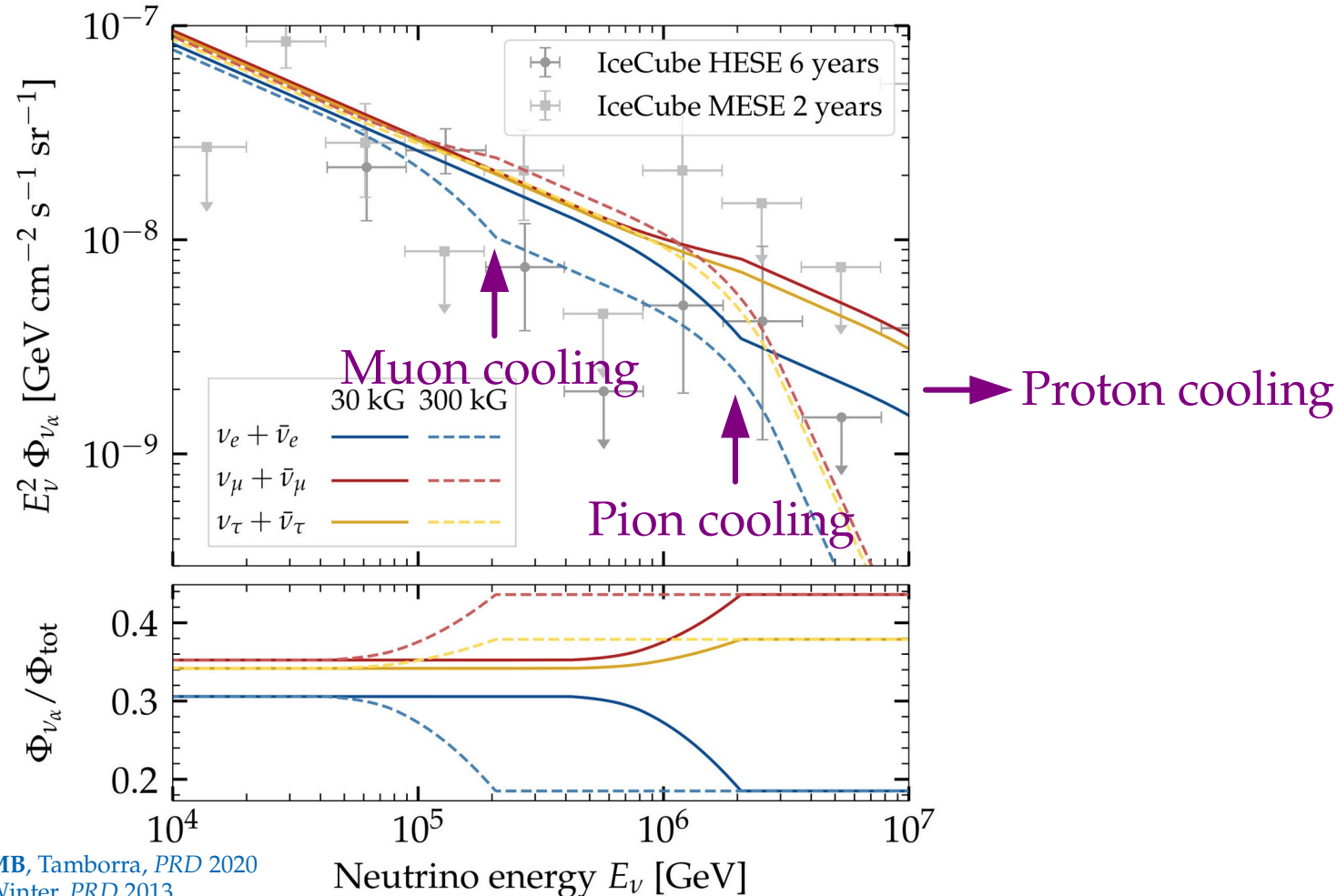
$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$

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

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

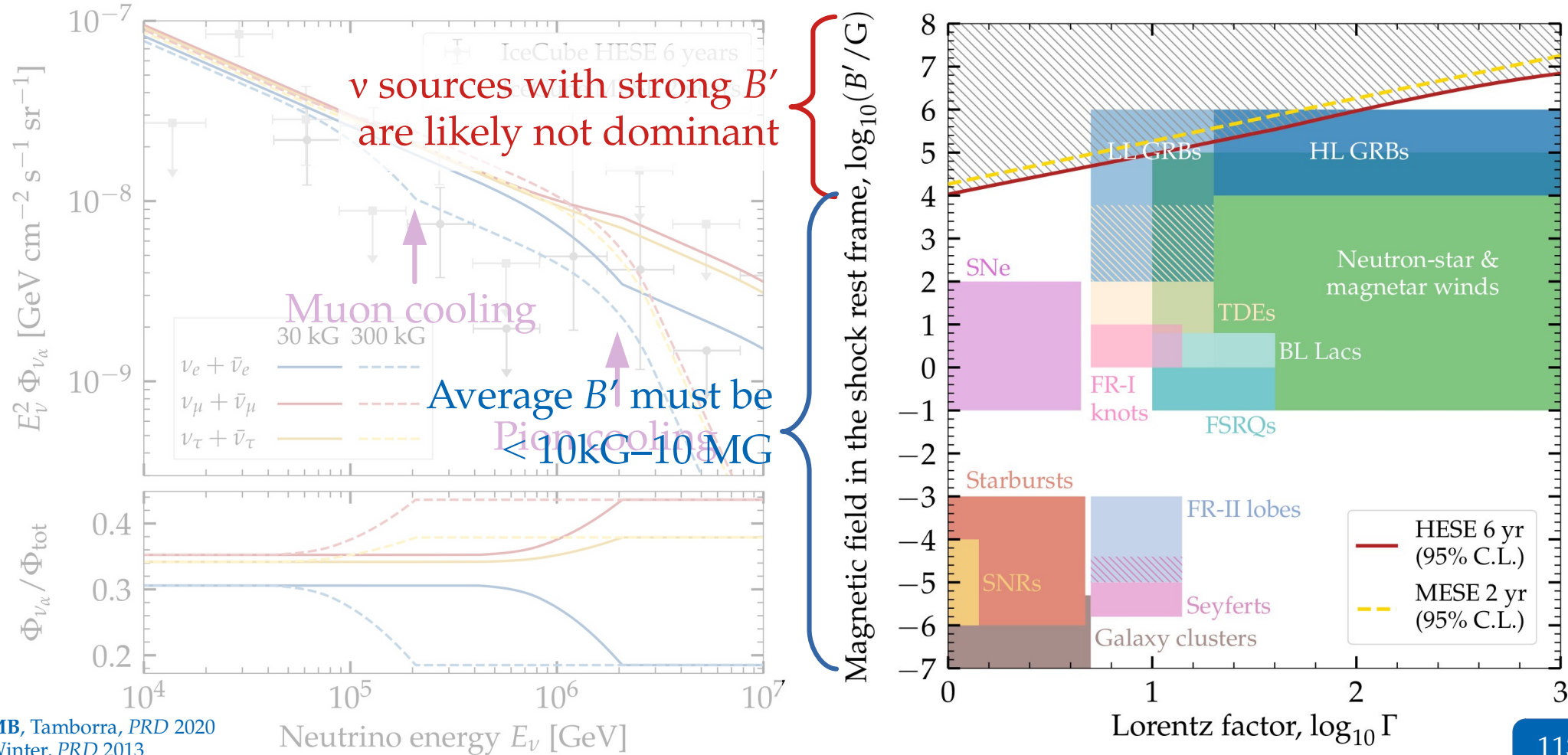
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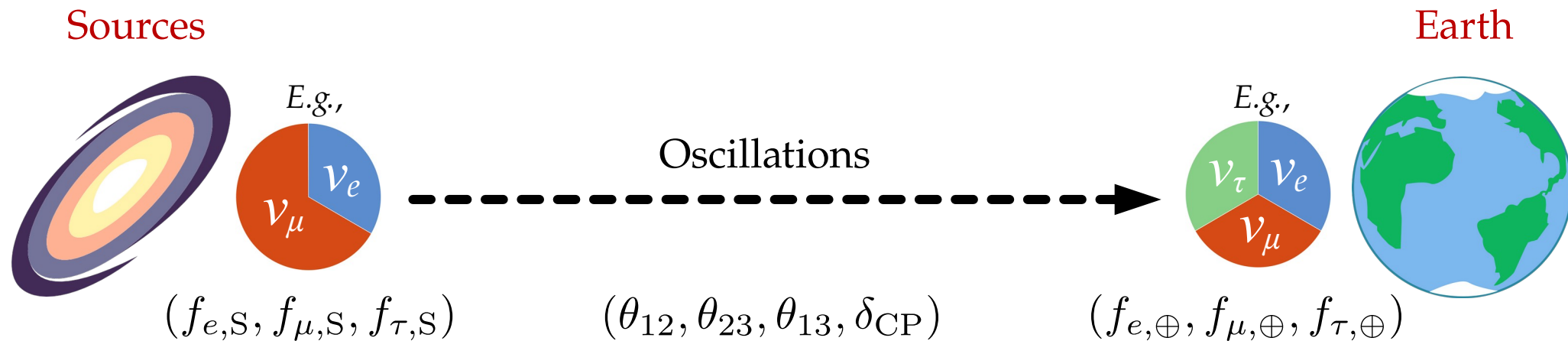


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From sources to Earth: we learn what to expect when measuring $f_{\alpha,\oplus}$



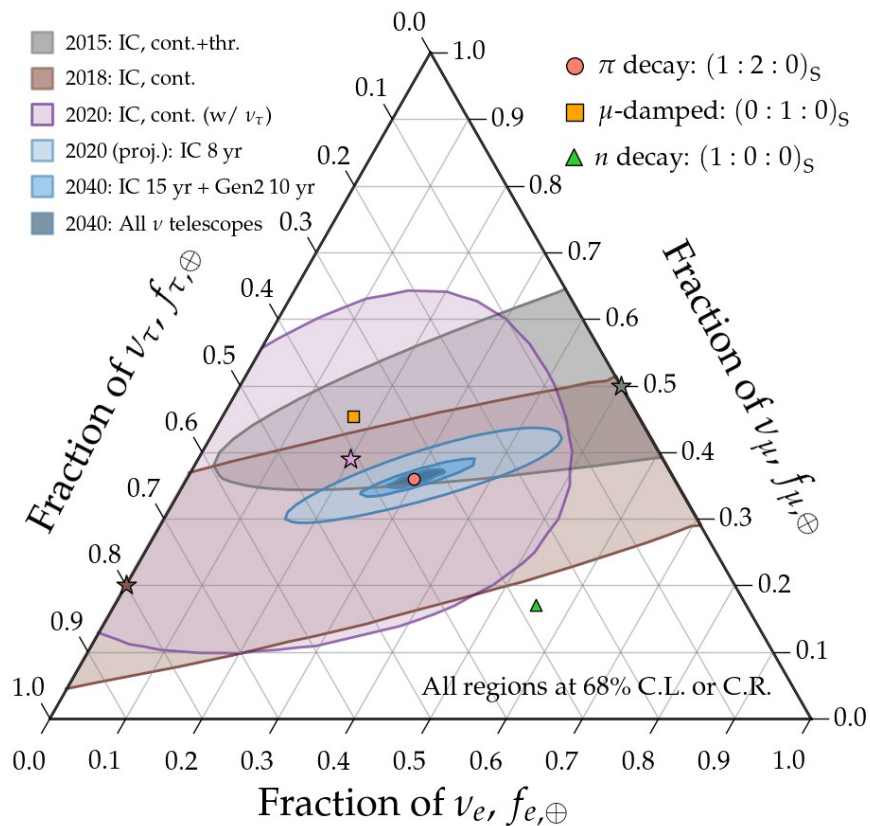
From Earth to sources: we let the data teach us about $f_{\alpha,S}$

Inferring the flavor composition at the sources

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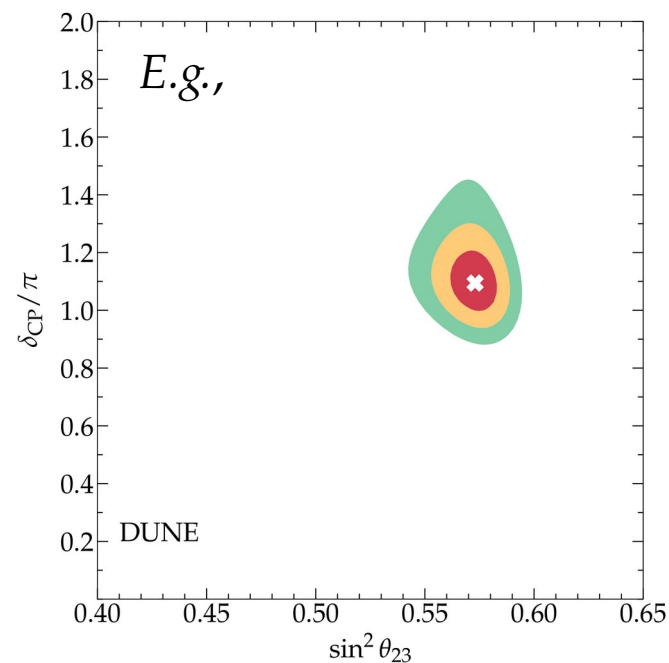
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Probability density of mixing parameters $(\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP})$

$$\mathcal{L}(\vartheta)$$



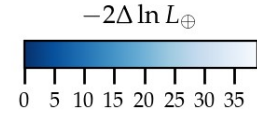
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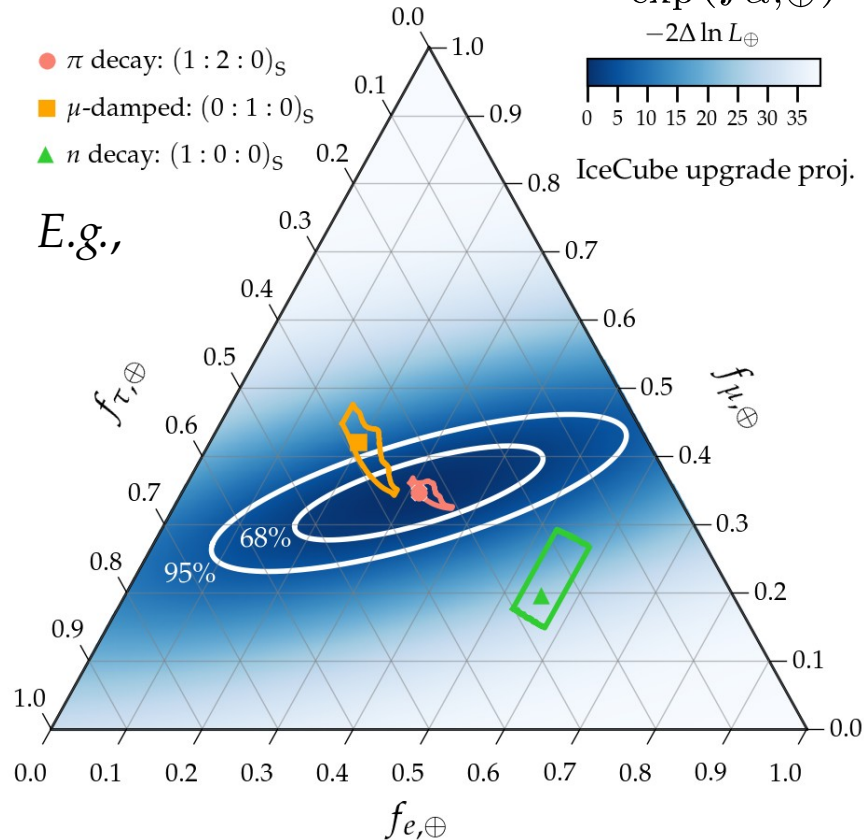
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IceCube upgrade proj.

- π decay: $(1:2:0)_S$
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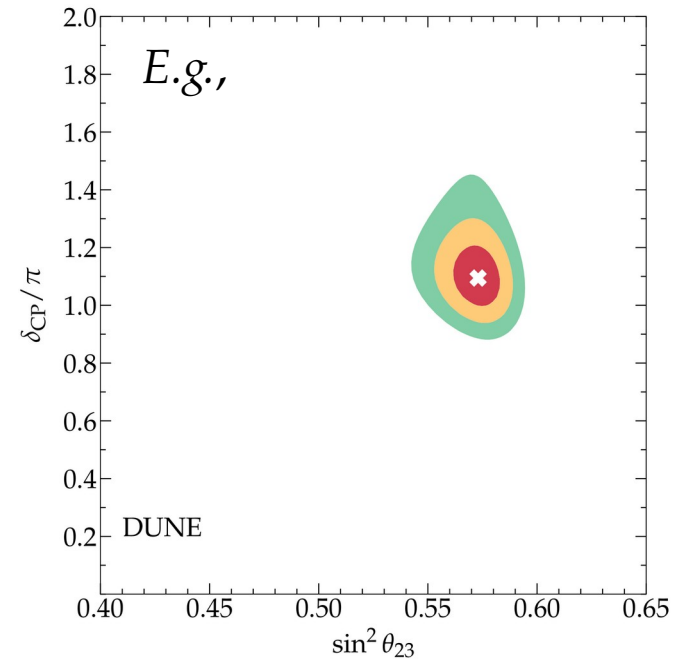
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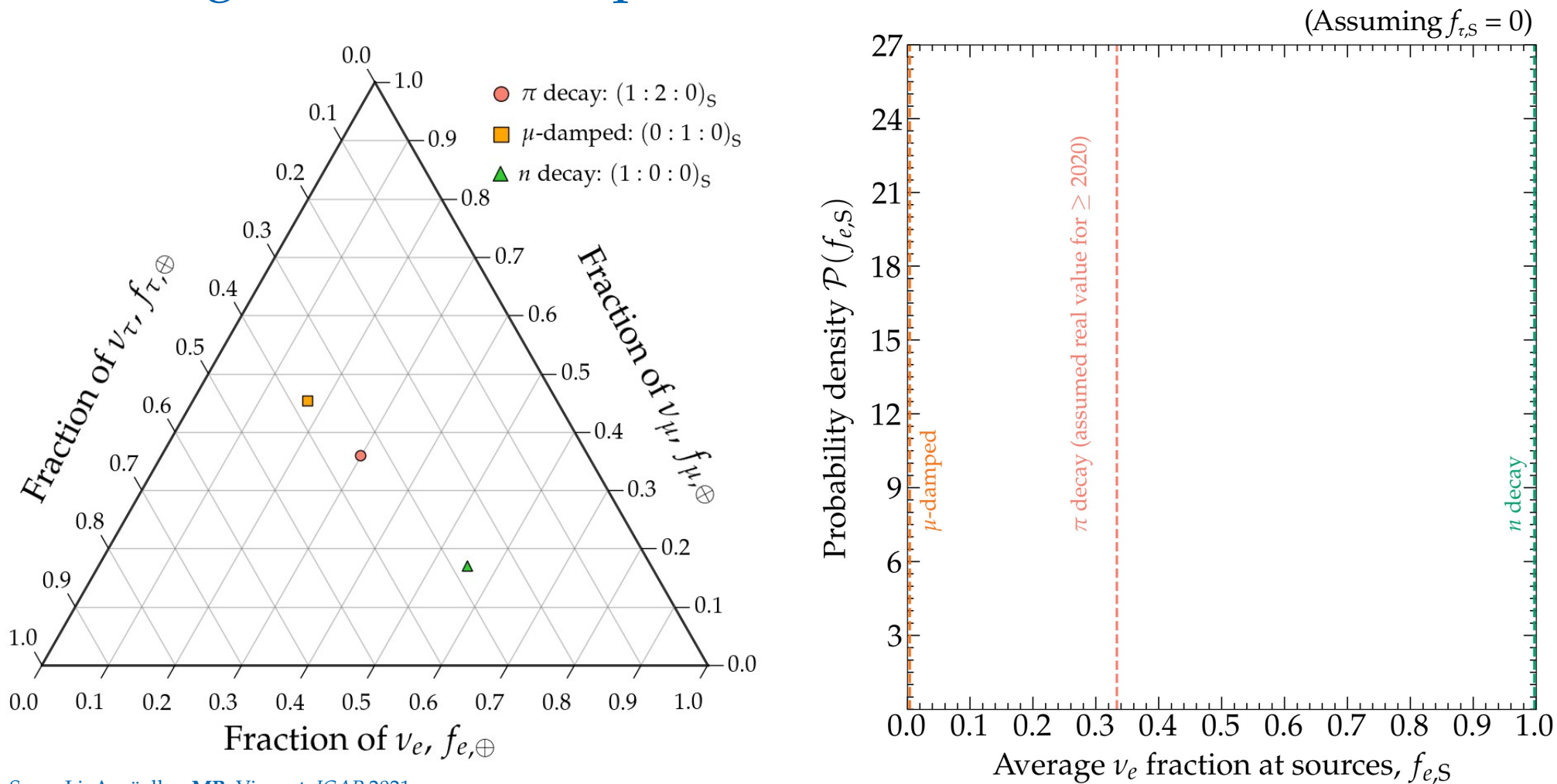
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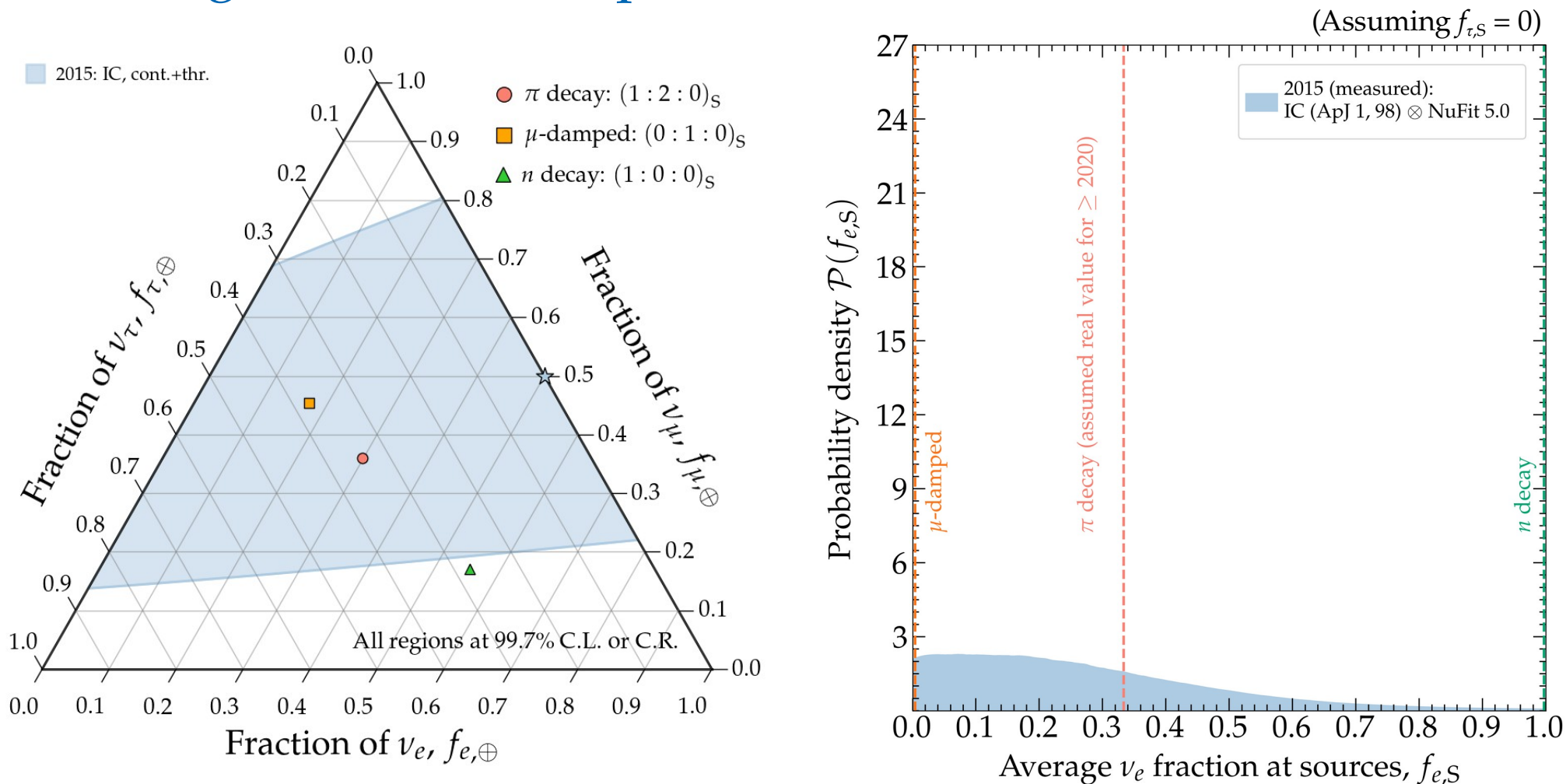


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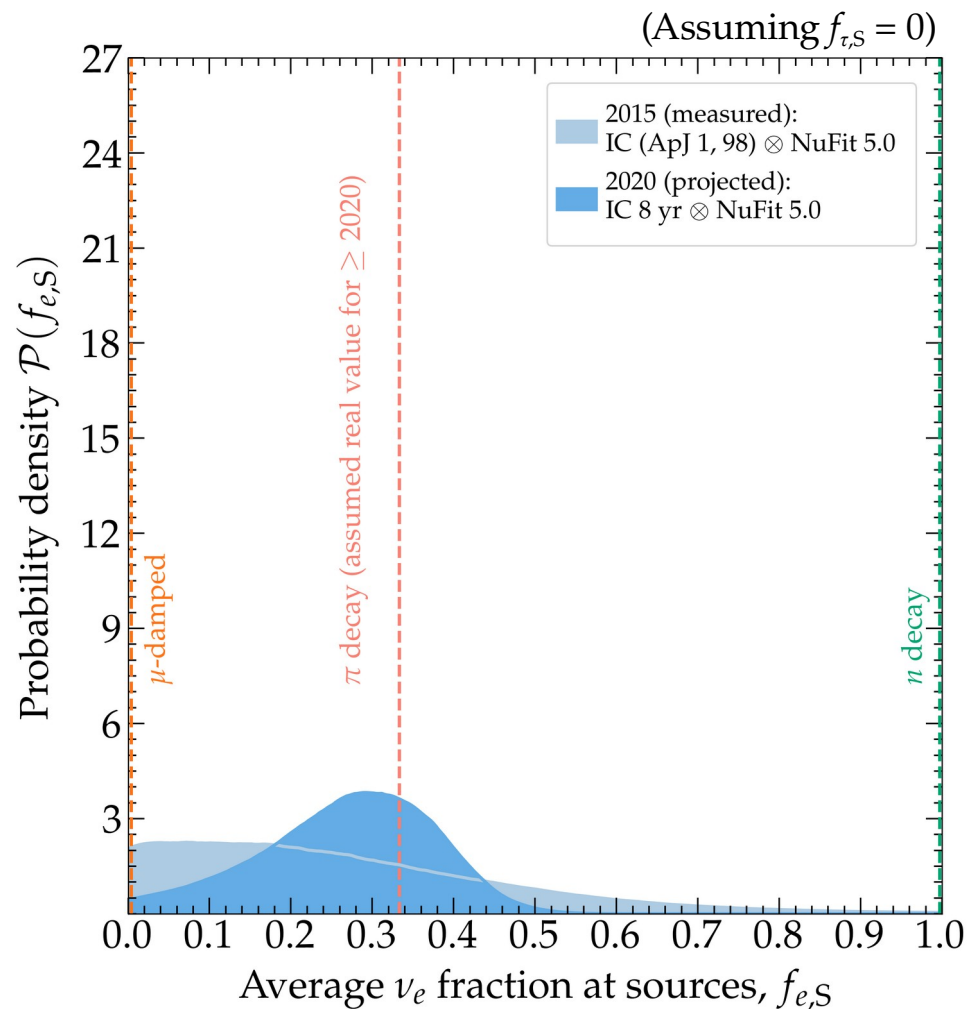
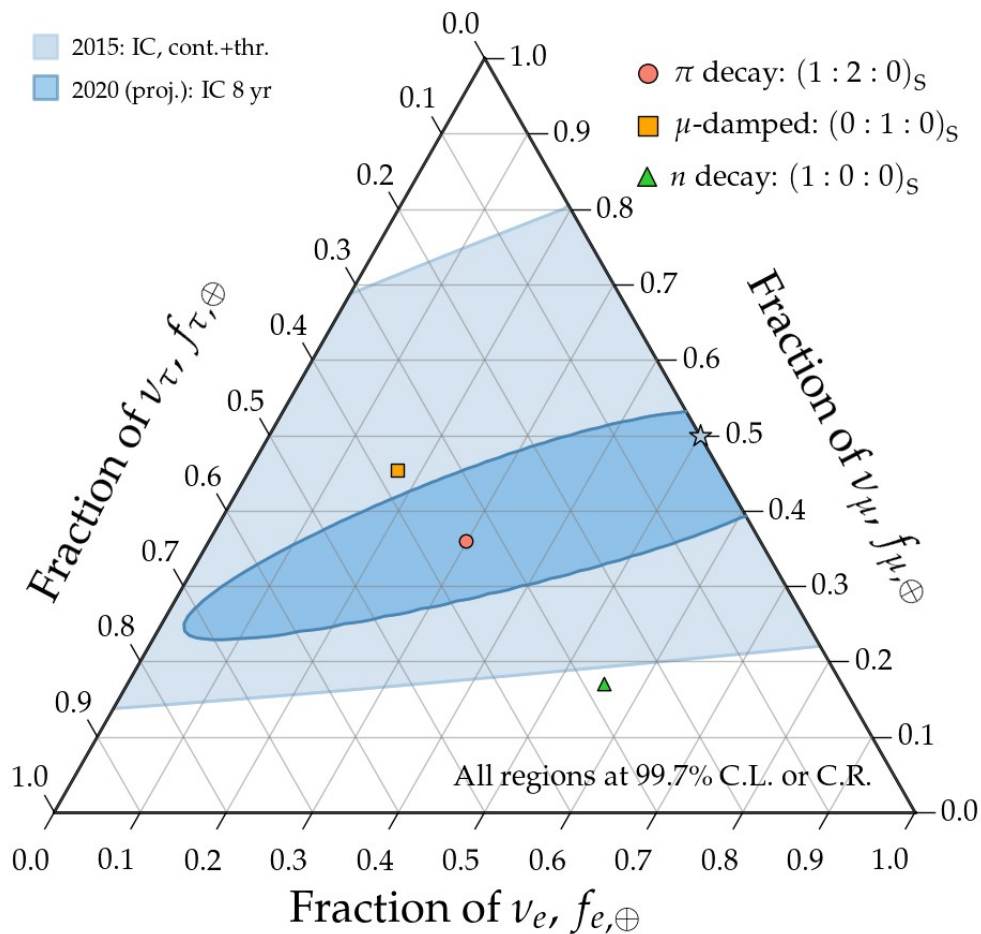
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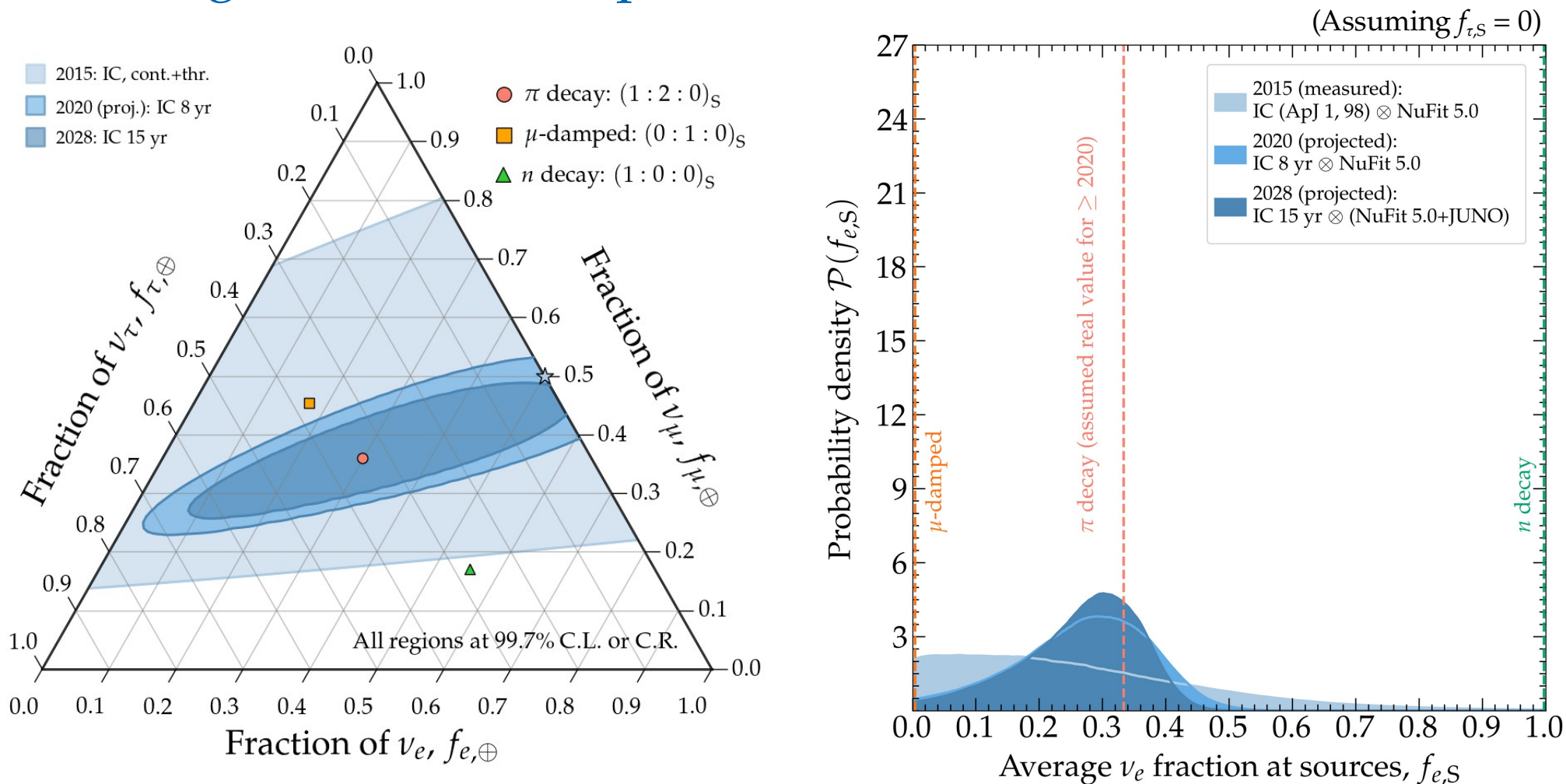
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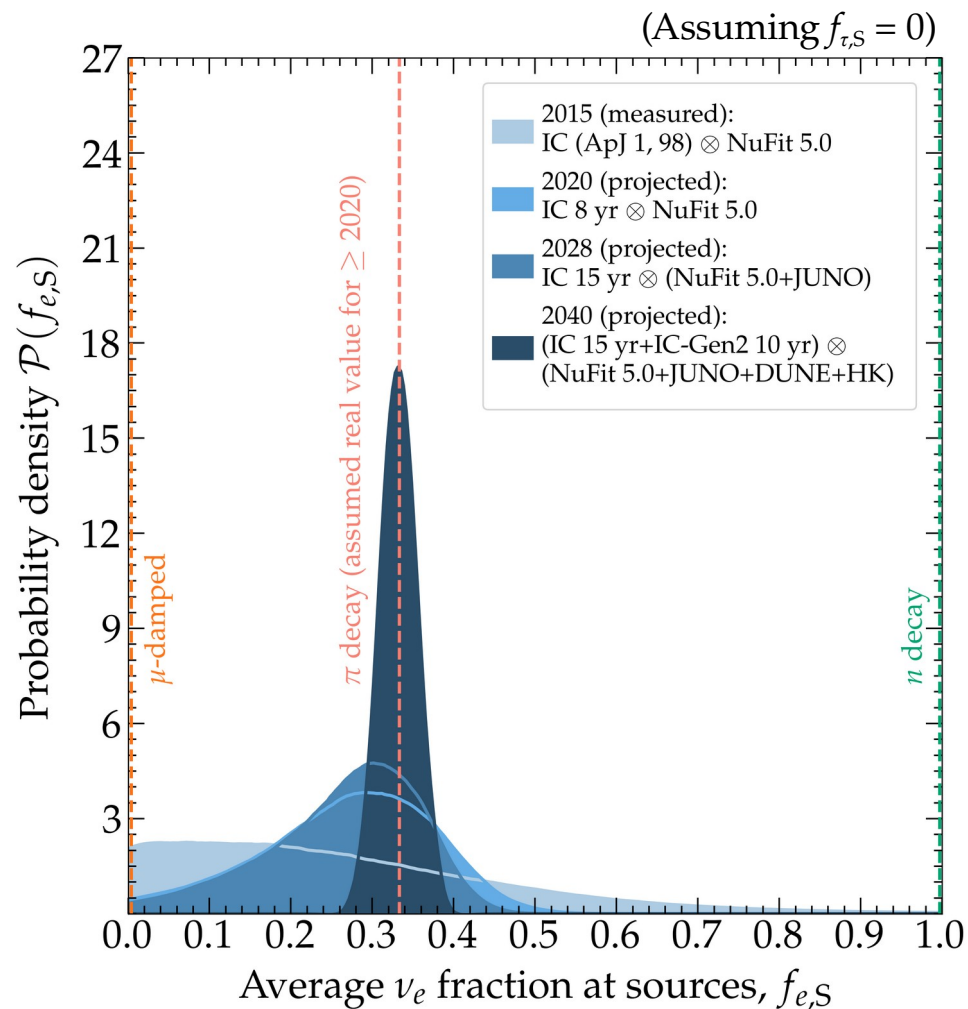
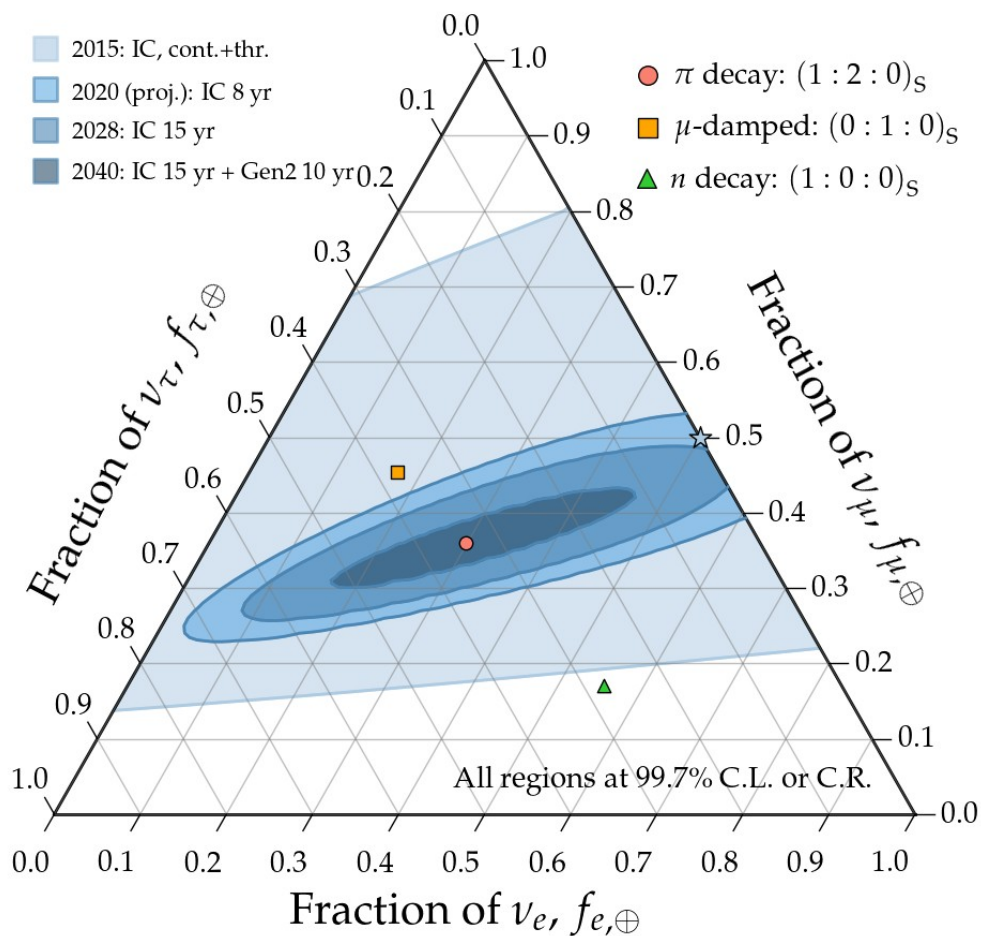
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