

Astrophysics and fundamental physics from high-energy cosmic messengers

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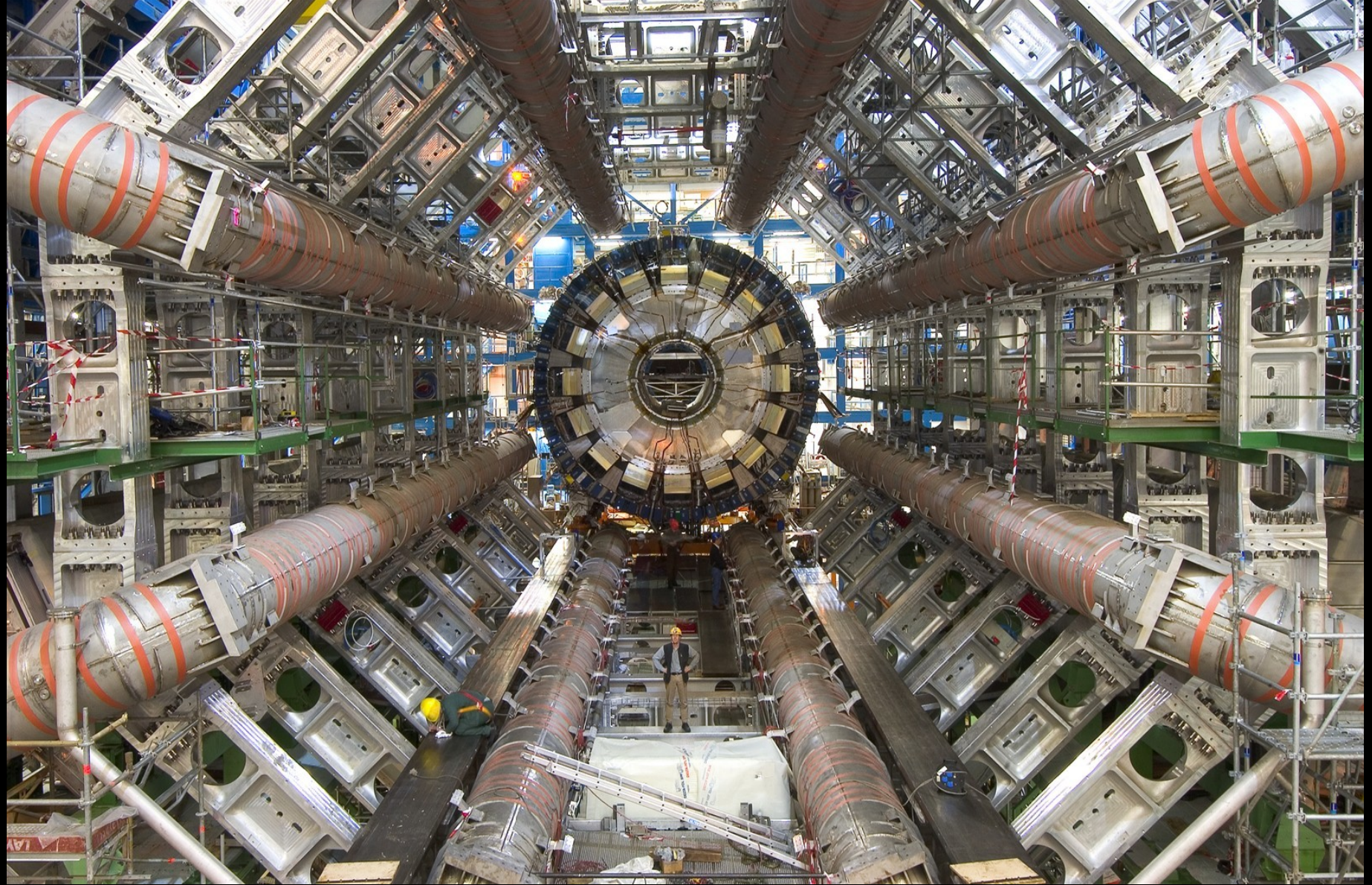
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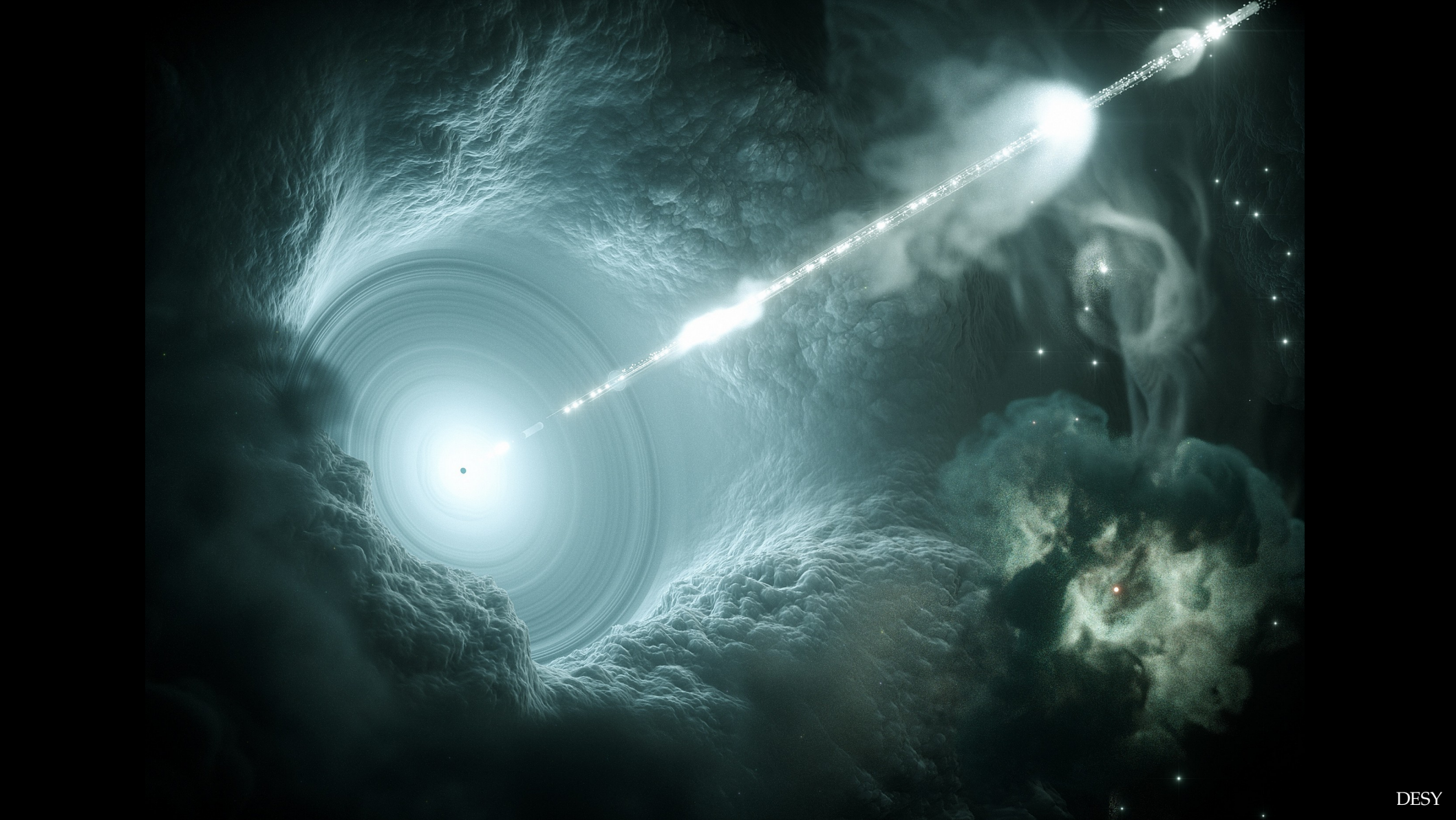
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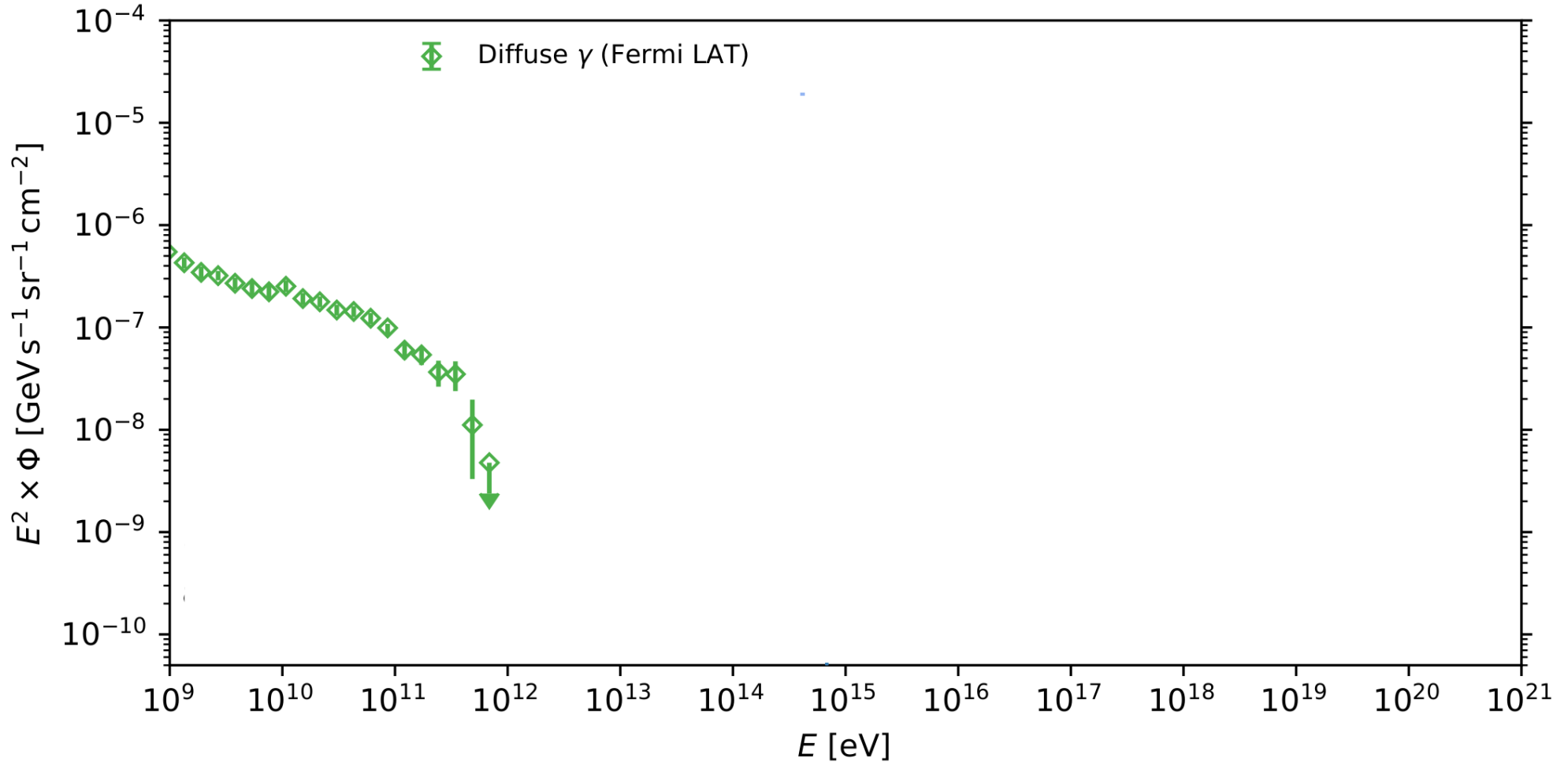




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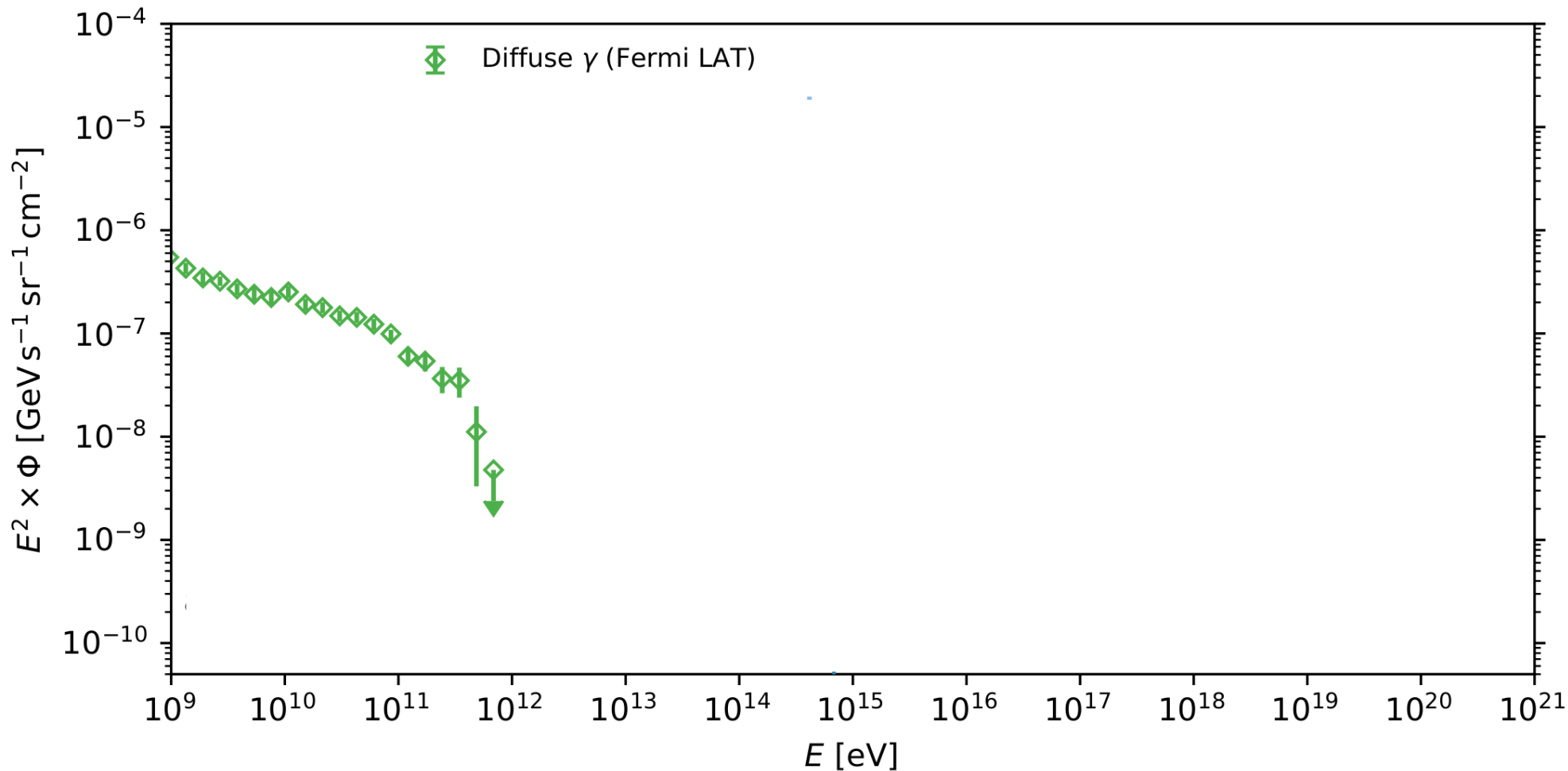
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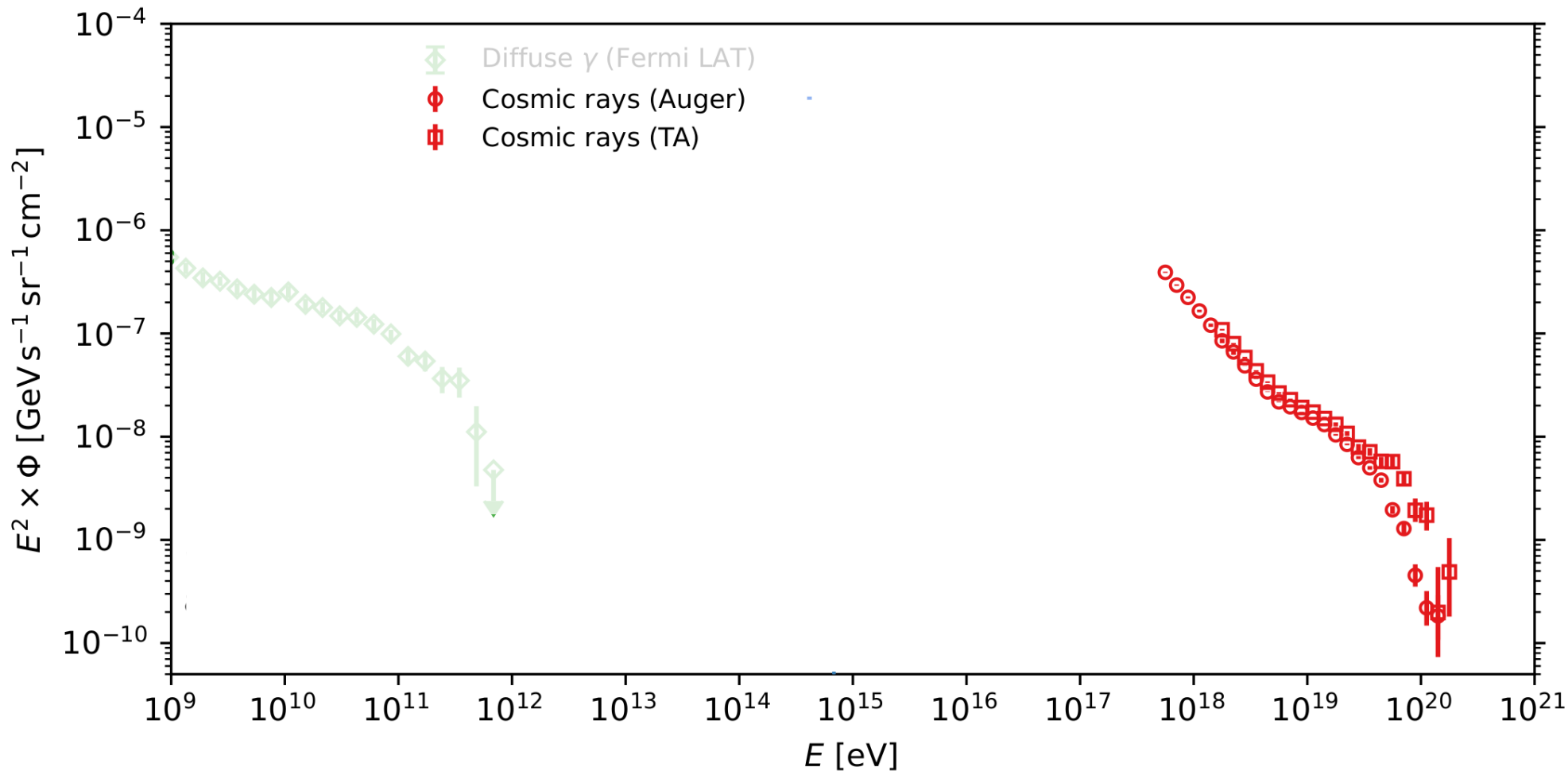
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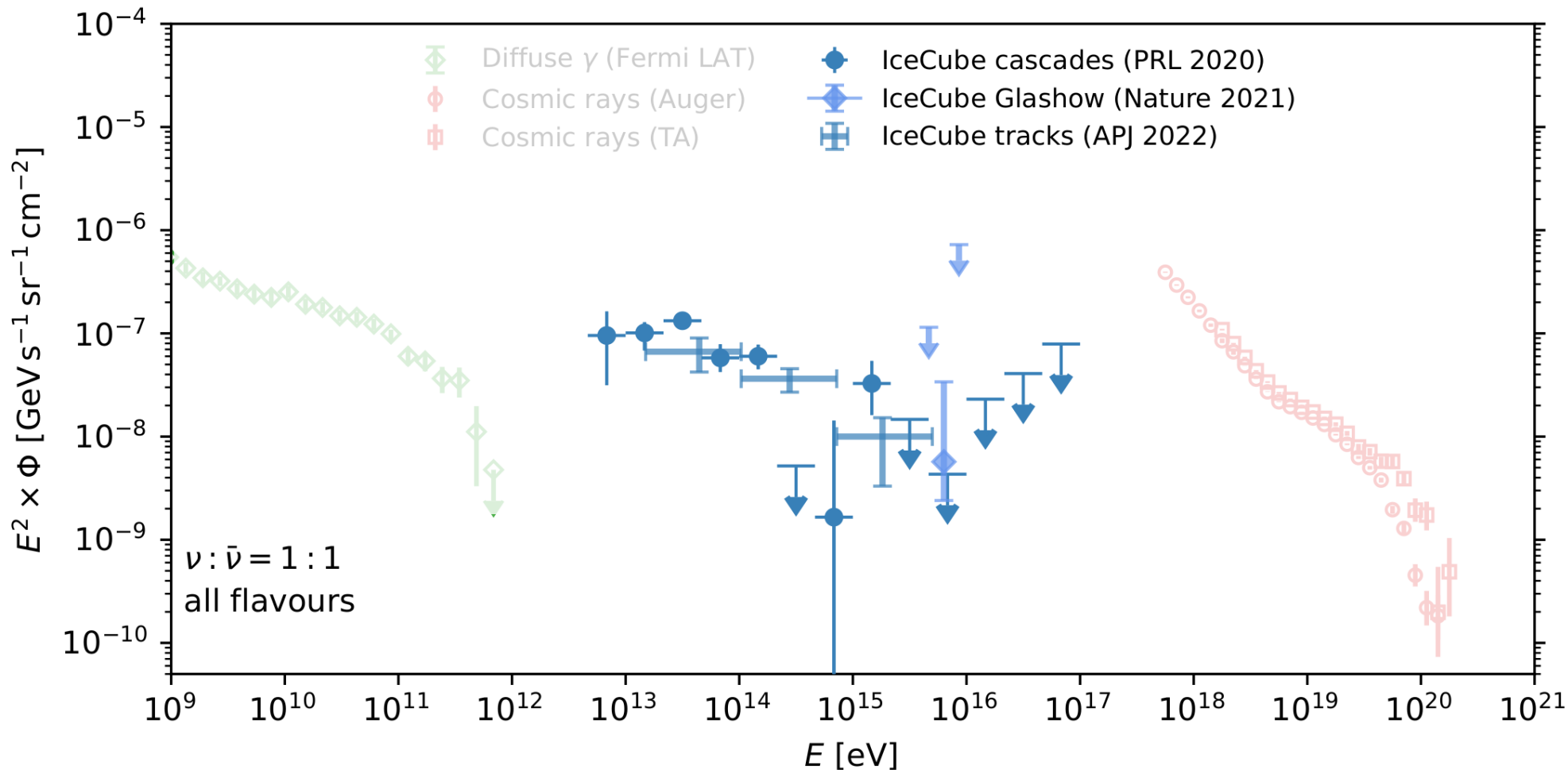
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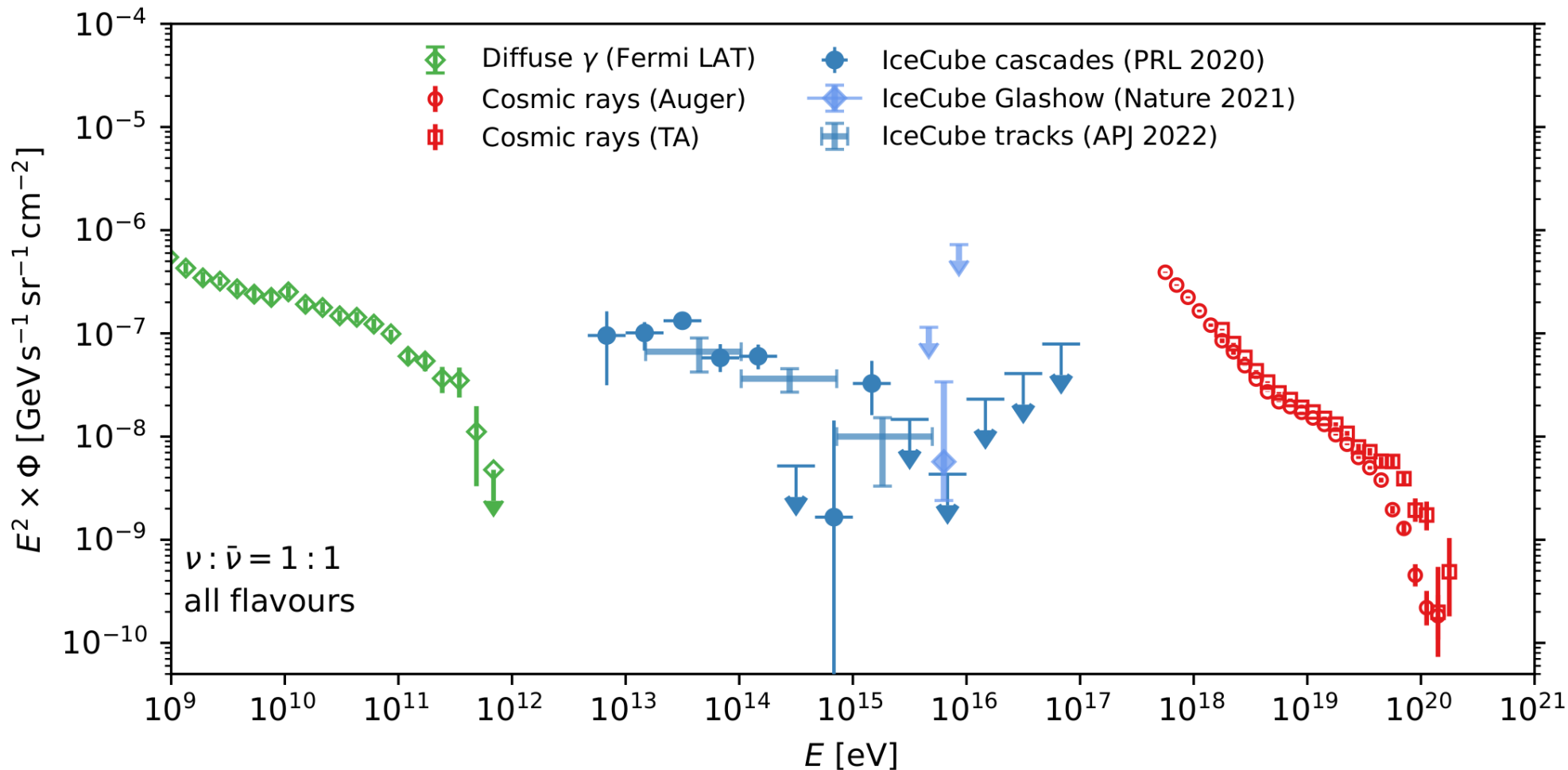
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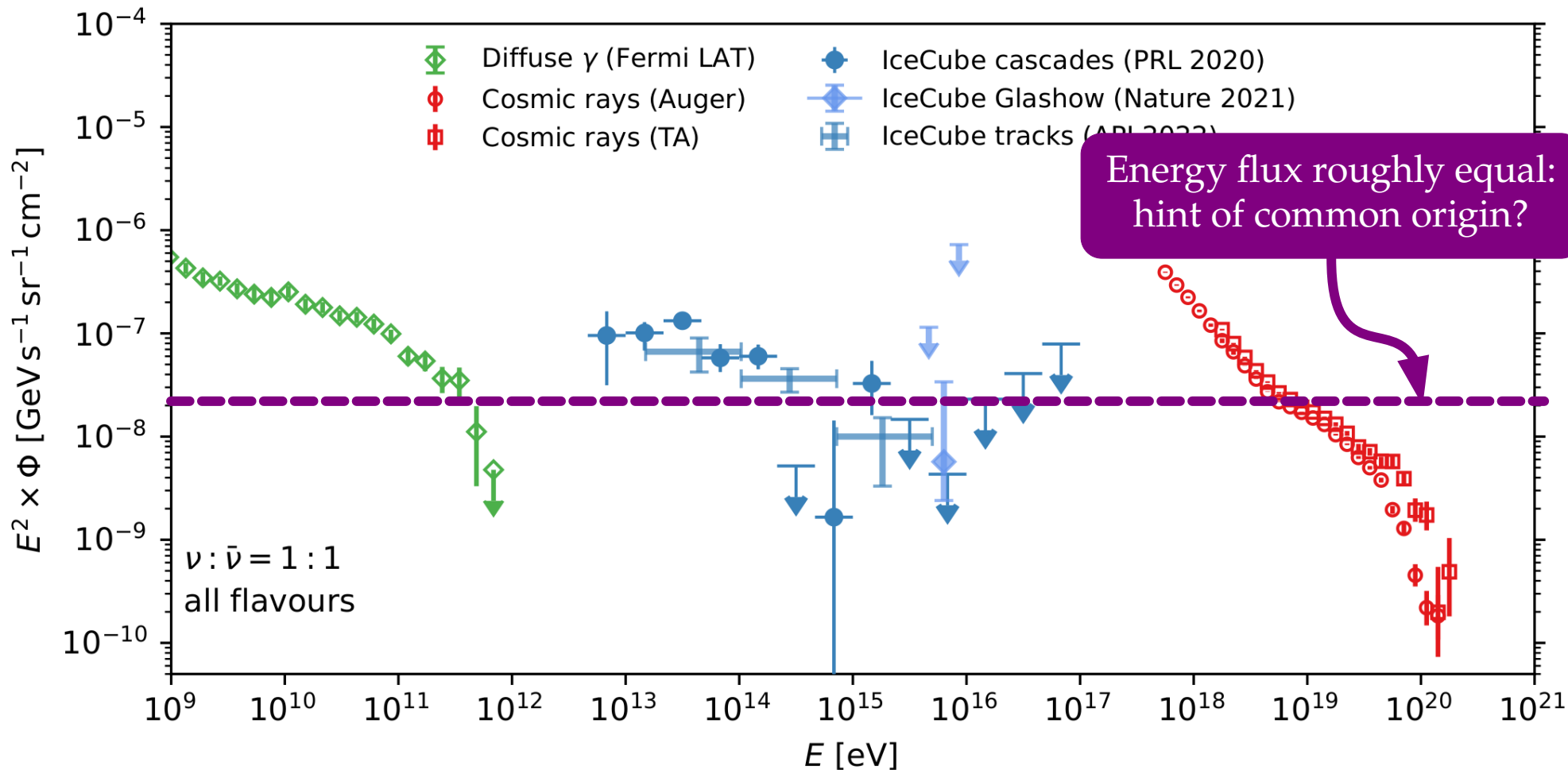
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What about gravitational waves?

They're equally important!

See talk by James Dent on Thu 17/11

Particle physics & astrophysics with high-energy particles

Pros

Highest energies known/expected:

Particle: Test BSM theories

Astro: Most energetic sources

Baselines ~size of visible Universe:

Particle: Tiny effects can accumulate

Astro: Most distant/ancient sources

Cons

We don't know the sources

(especially for ν and CRs)

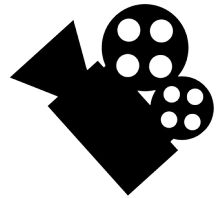
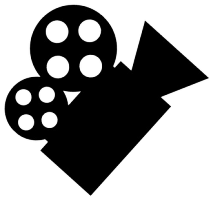
We don't know production mechanisms

We don't know how particles act at PeV+

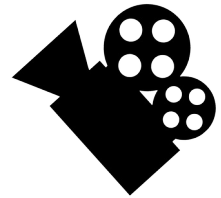
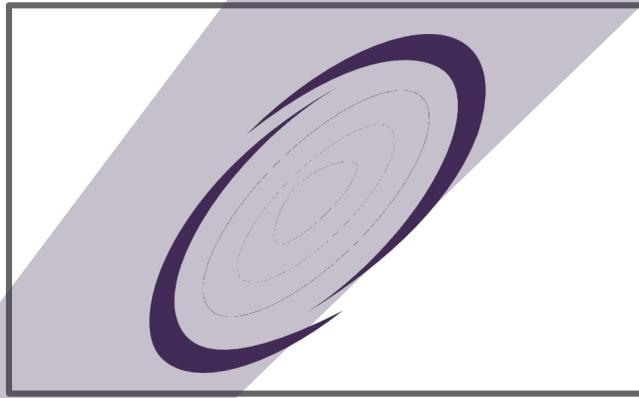
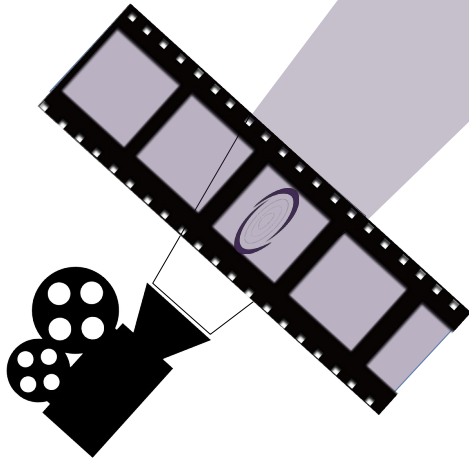
Detectors are coarser than in colliders

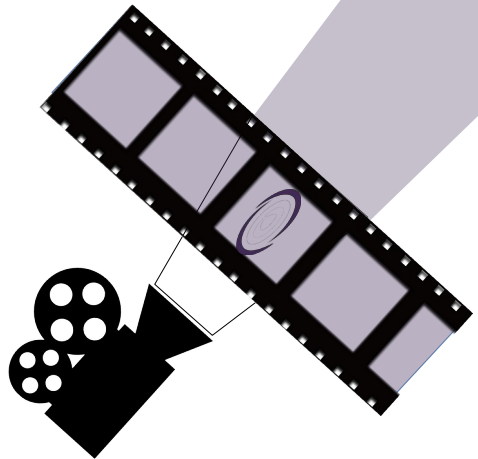
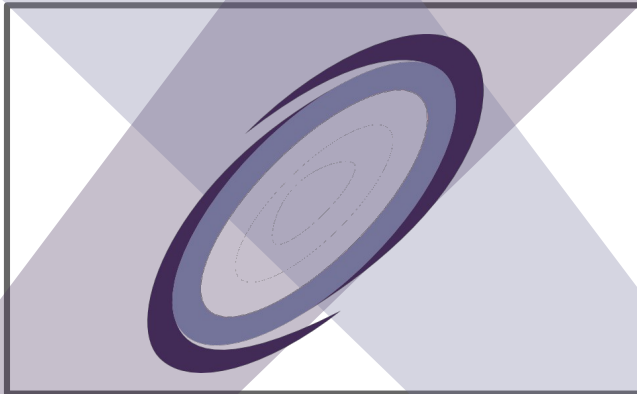
Today: Large particle and astro unknowns

\Rightarrow *Measurements are as much of particle physics as of astrophysics!*

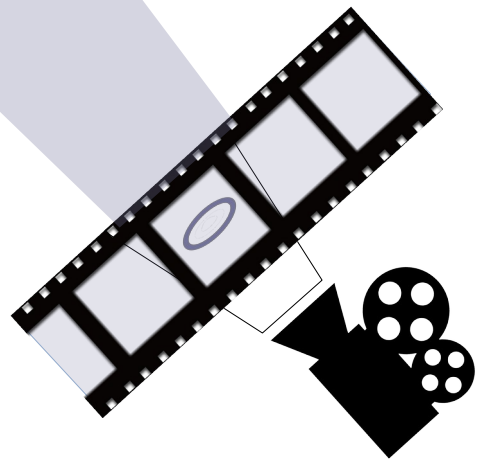


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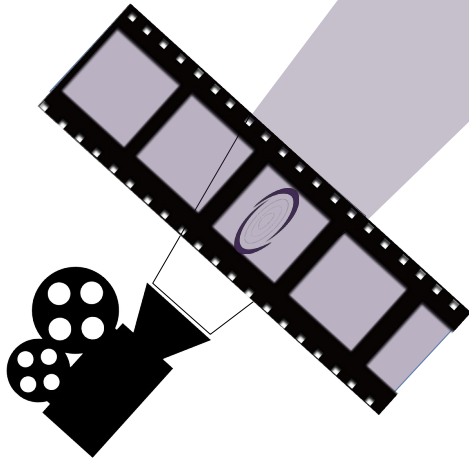
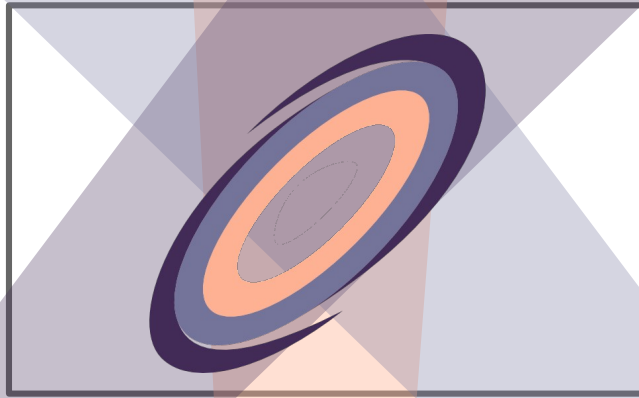




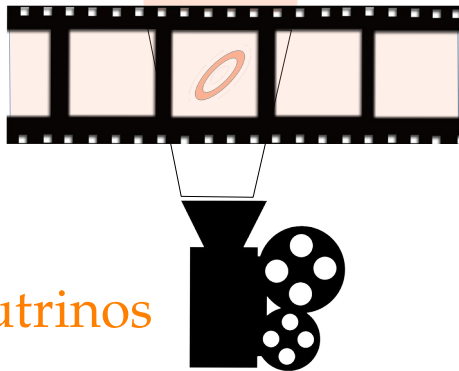
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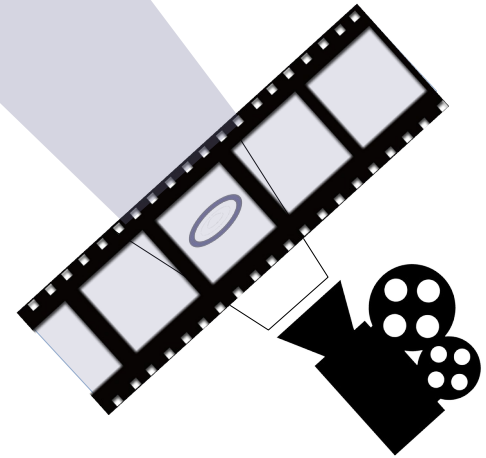
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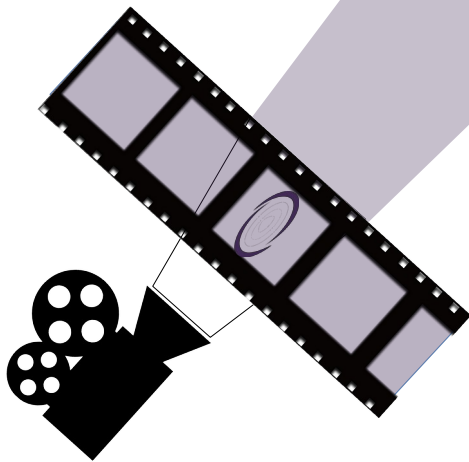
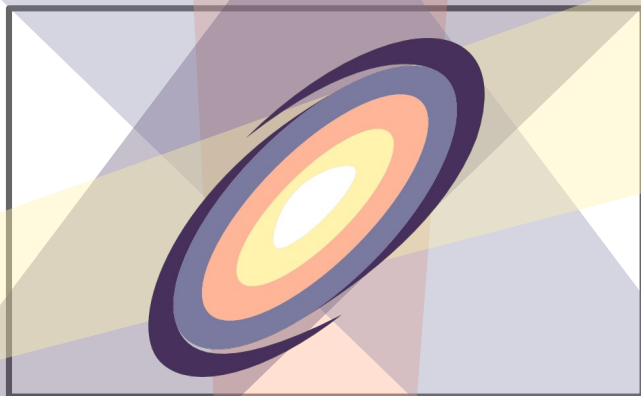


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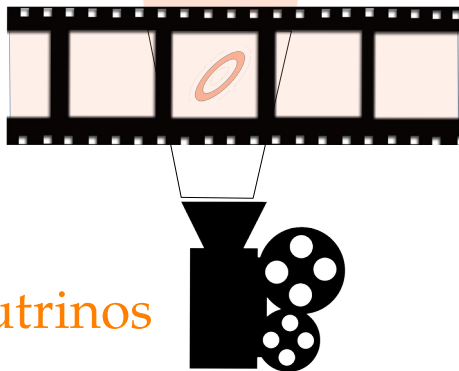


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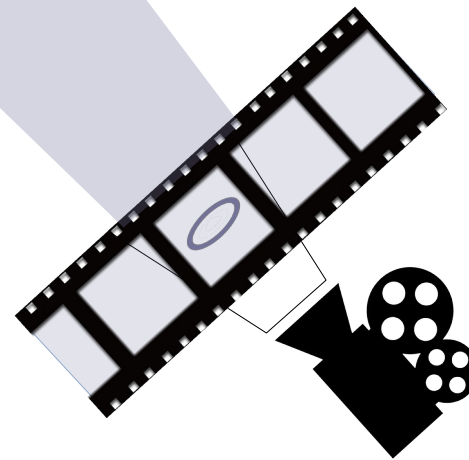
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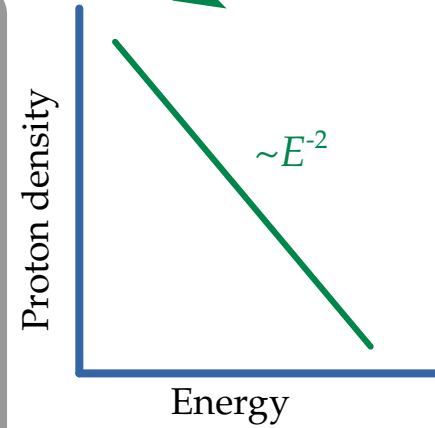
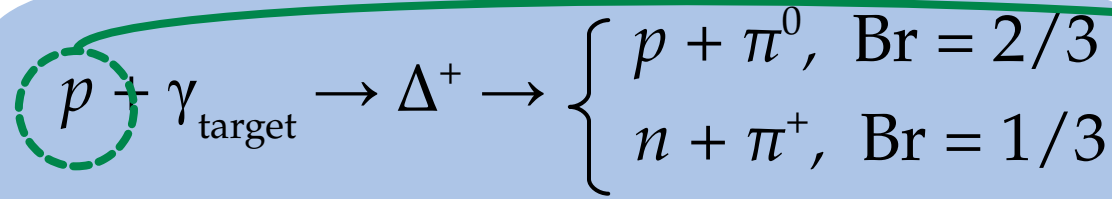
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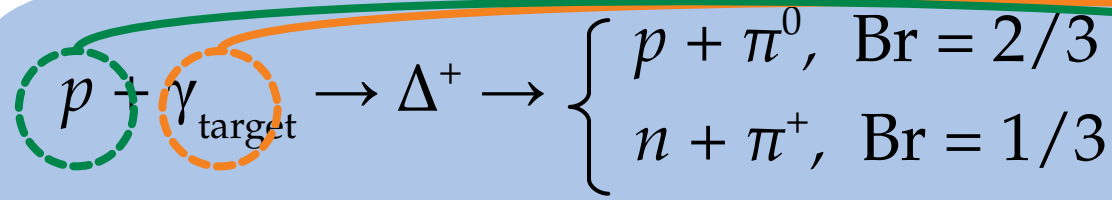
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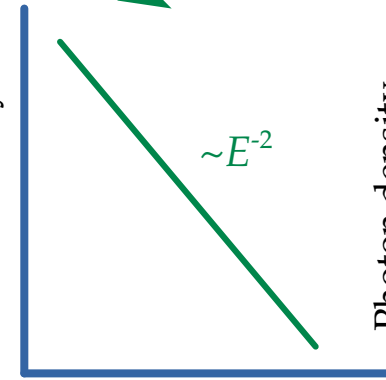


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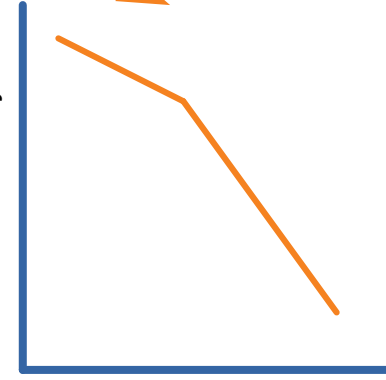


Proton density



Energy

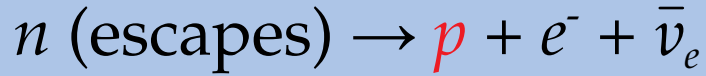
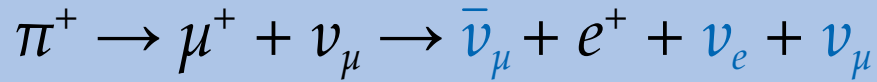
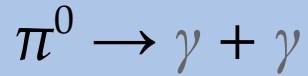
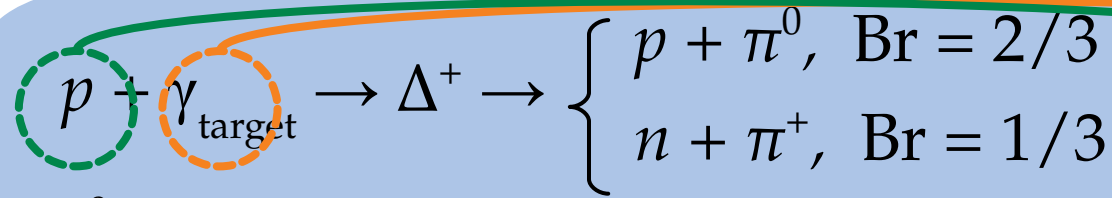
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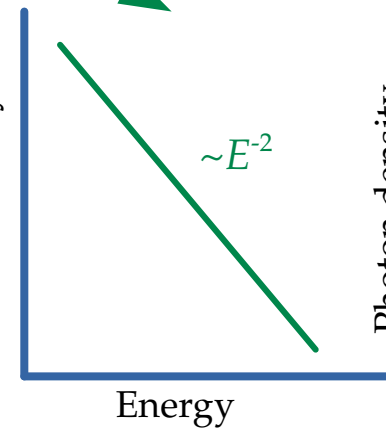
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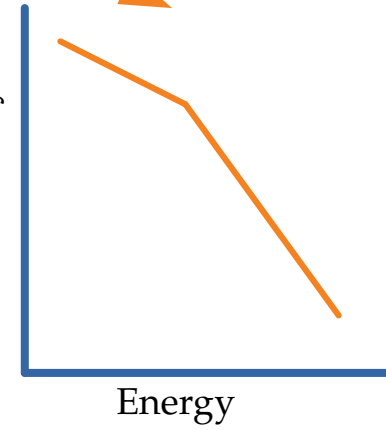
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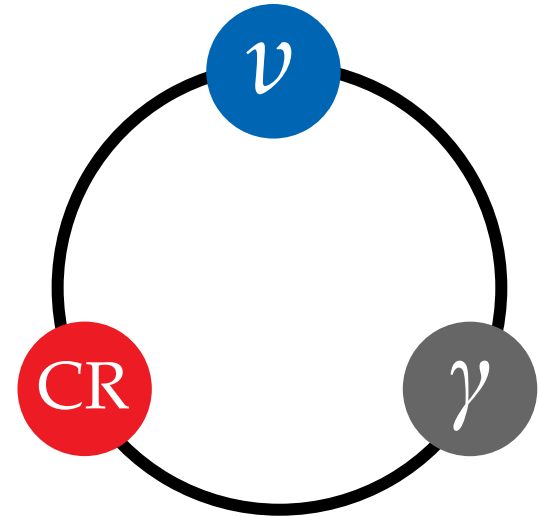
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$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_{\mu} \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_{\mu} + e^+ + \nu_e + \nu_{\mu}$$

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



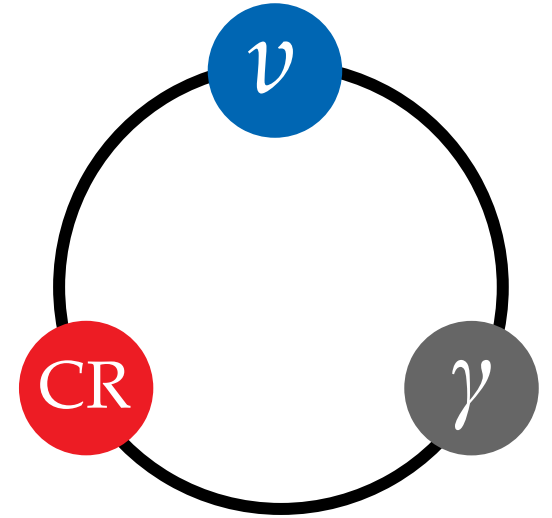
Neutrino energy = Proton energy / 20

Gamma-ray energy = Proton energy / 10

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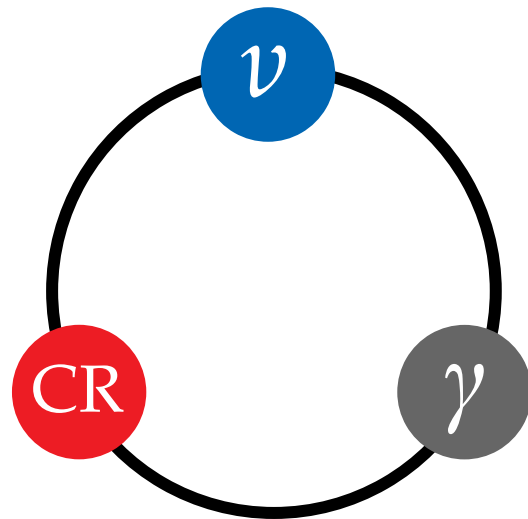
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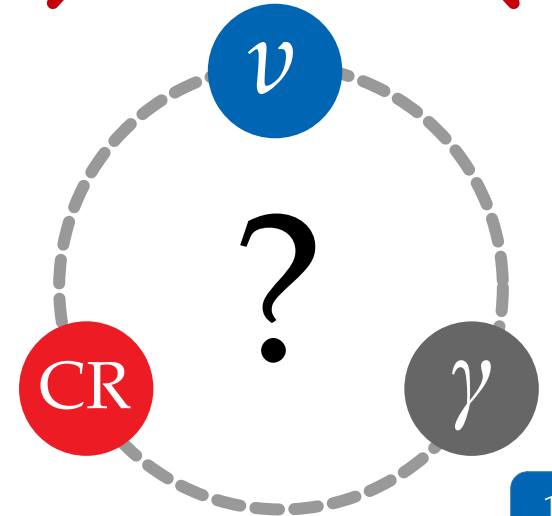
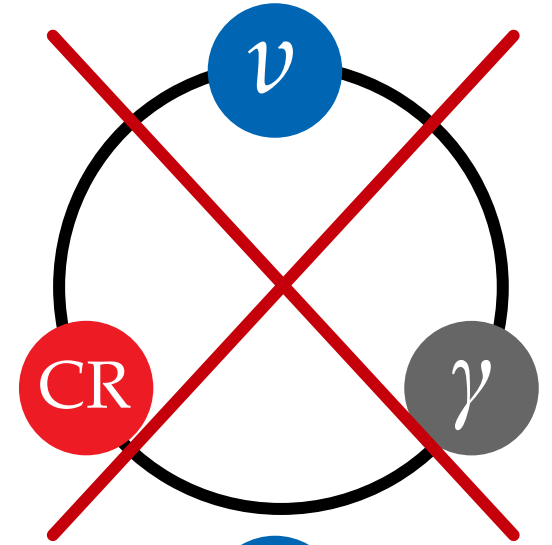
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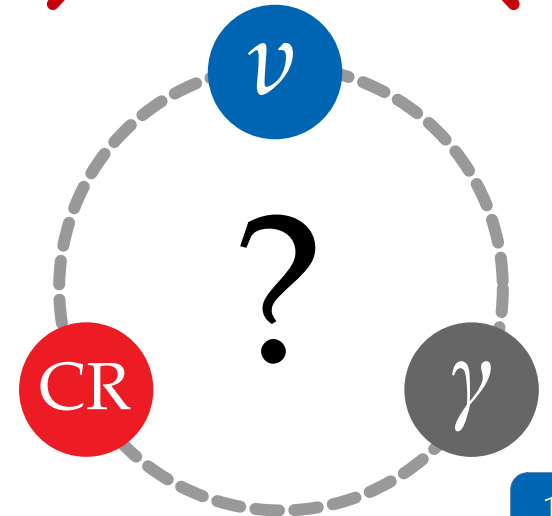
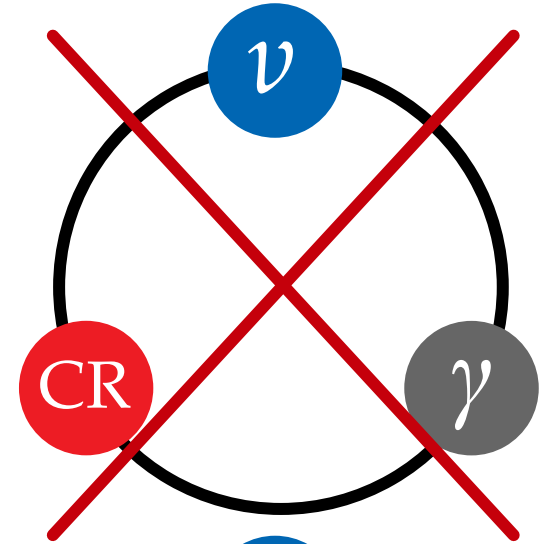
Sources that make neutrinos via $p\gamma$
may be opaque to 1–100 MeV gamma rays

Murase, Guetta, Ahlers, *PRL* 2016

Modeling of $p\gamma$ interactions & nuclear cascading
in the sources is complex and uncertain

Morejon, Fedynitch, Boncioli, Winter, *JCAP* 2019

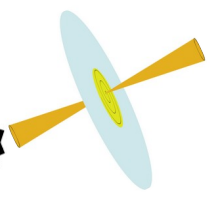
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Emission

Propagation

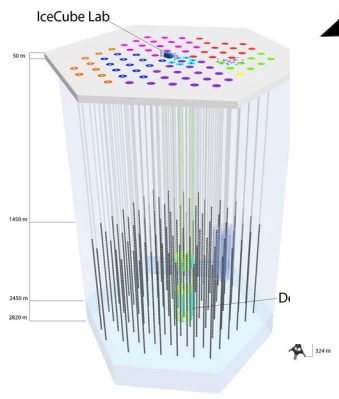
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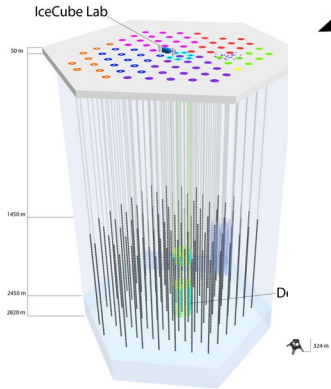
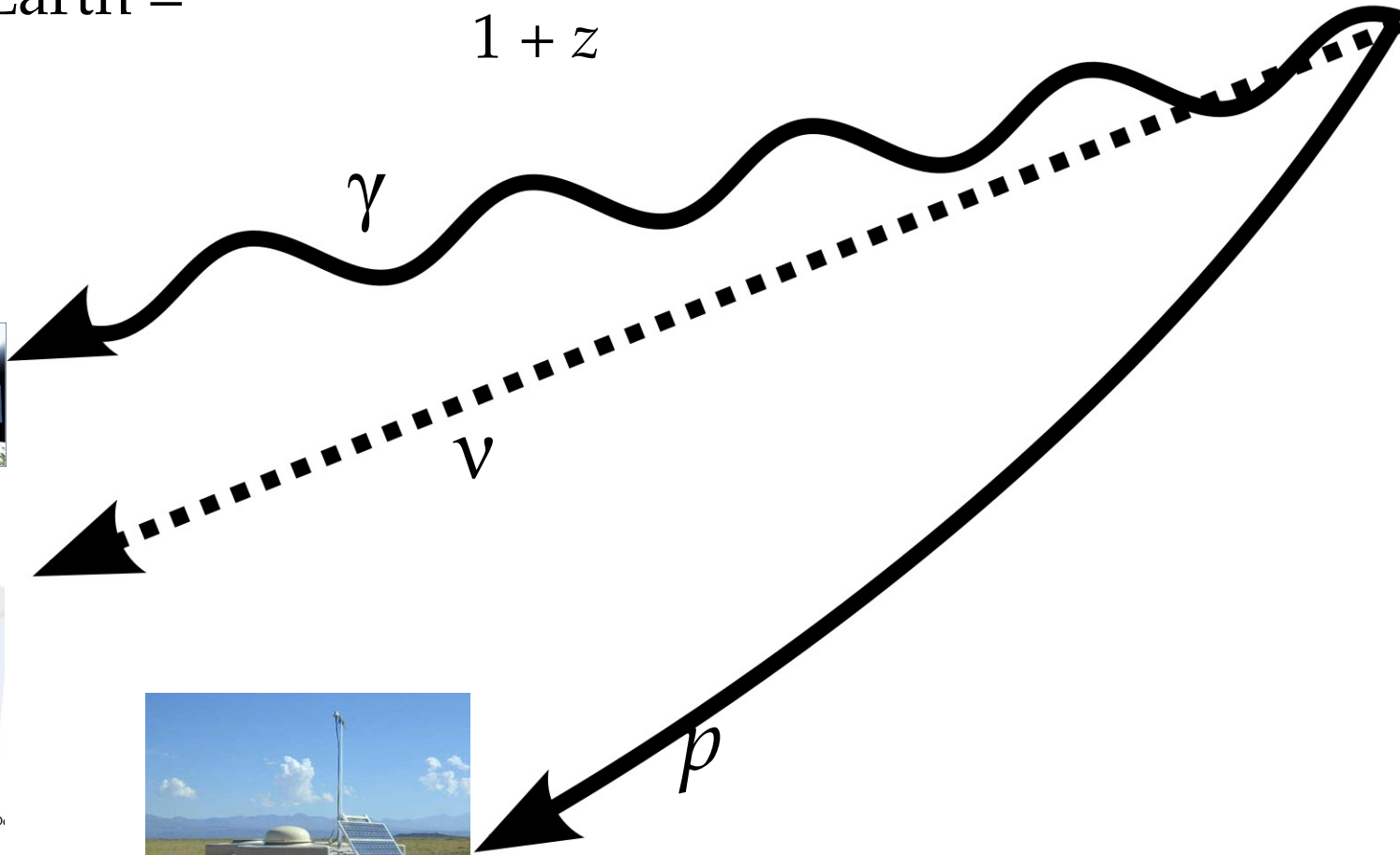
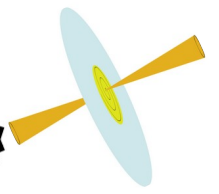
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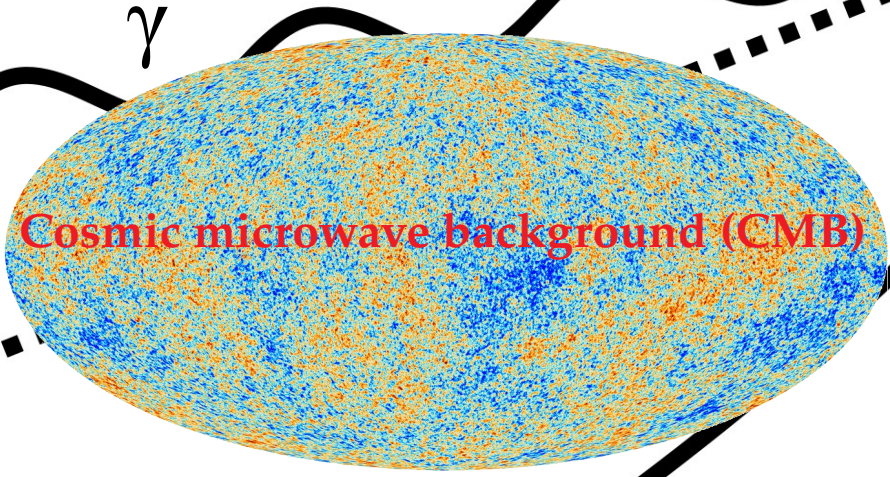
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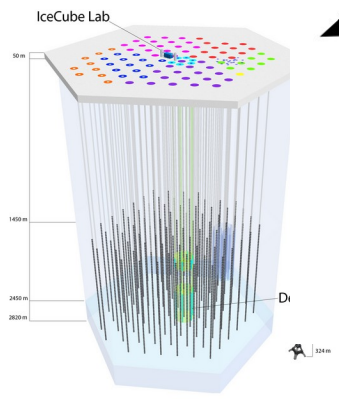
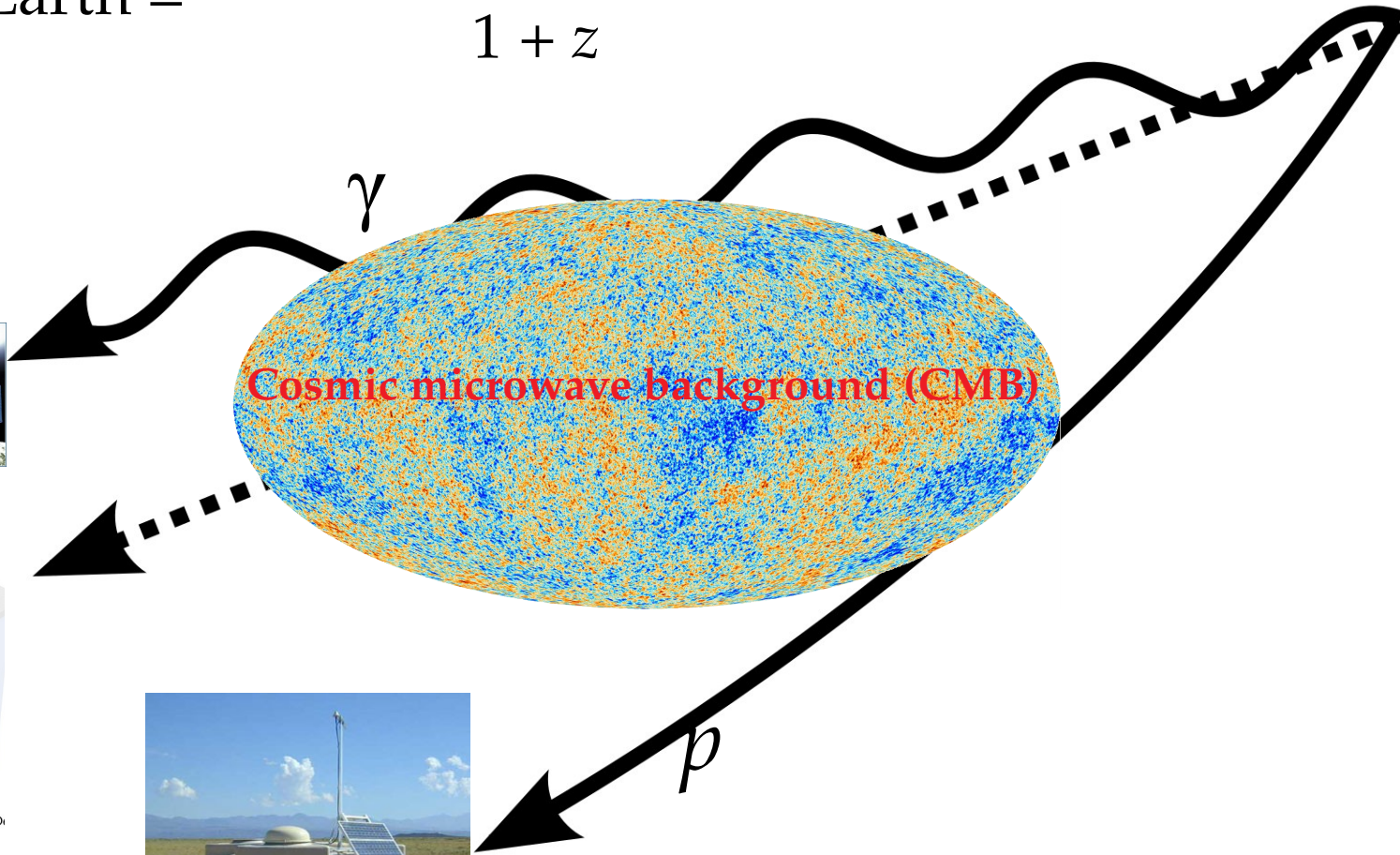
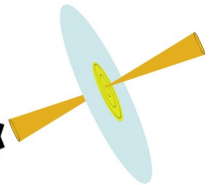


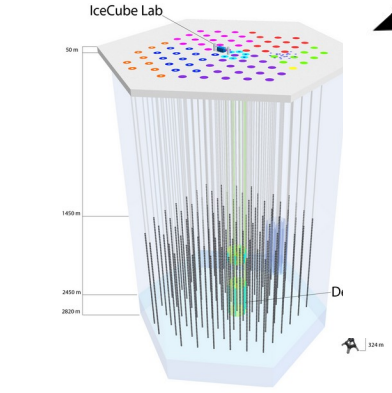
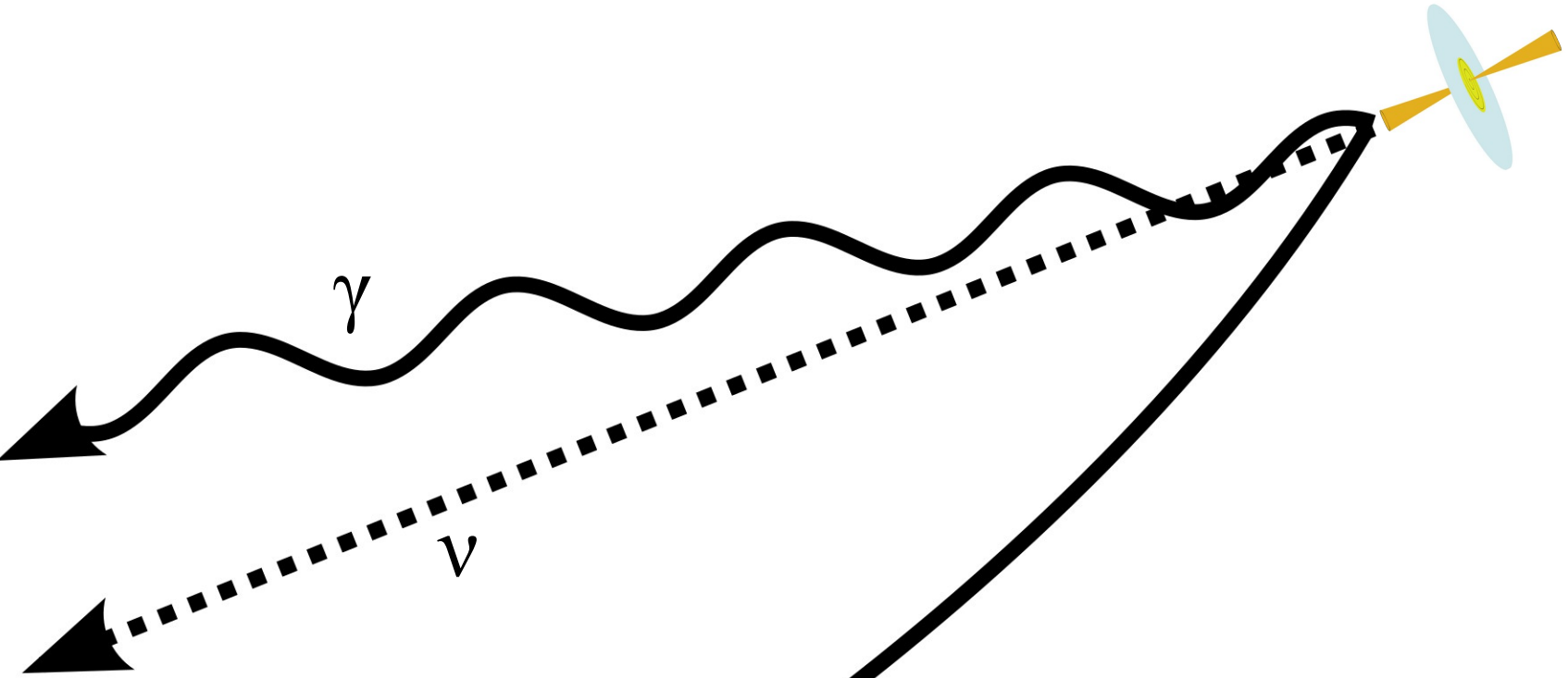
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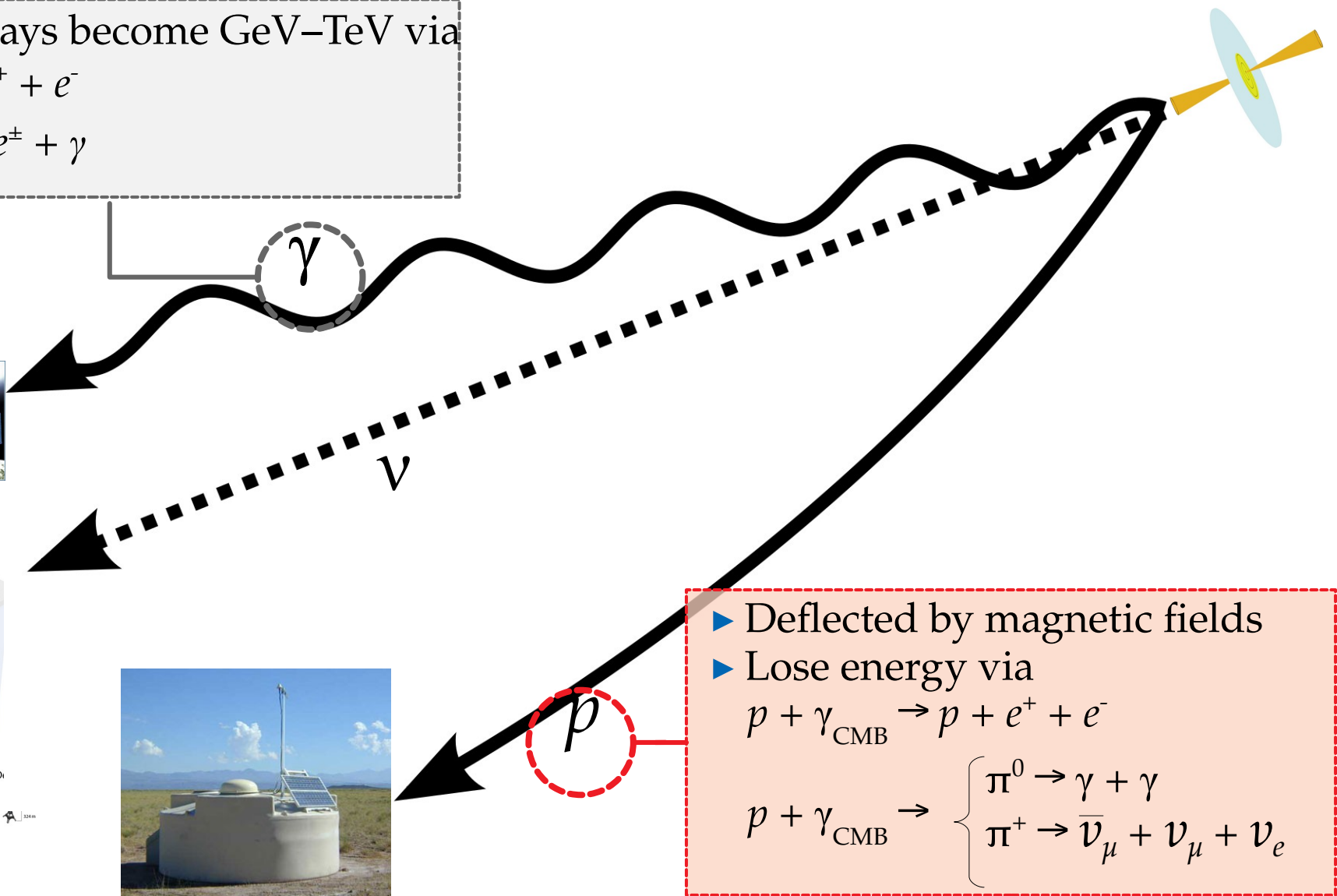
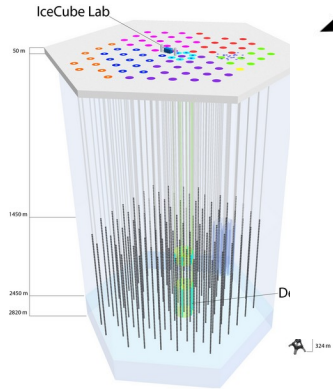
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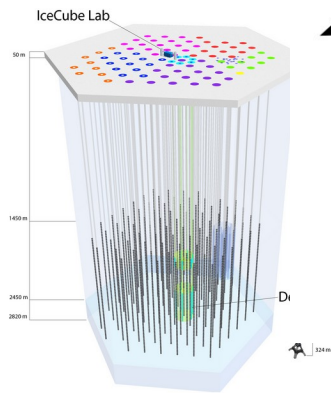
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- ▶ Initial flavor ratios: $\nu_e:\nu_\mu:\nu_\tau = 1:2:0$
- ▶ At Earth, due to oscillations: 1:1:1
- ▶ Opportunity for new physics

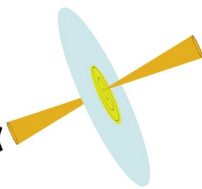


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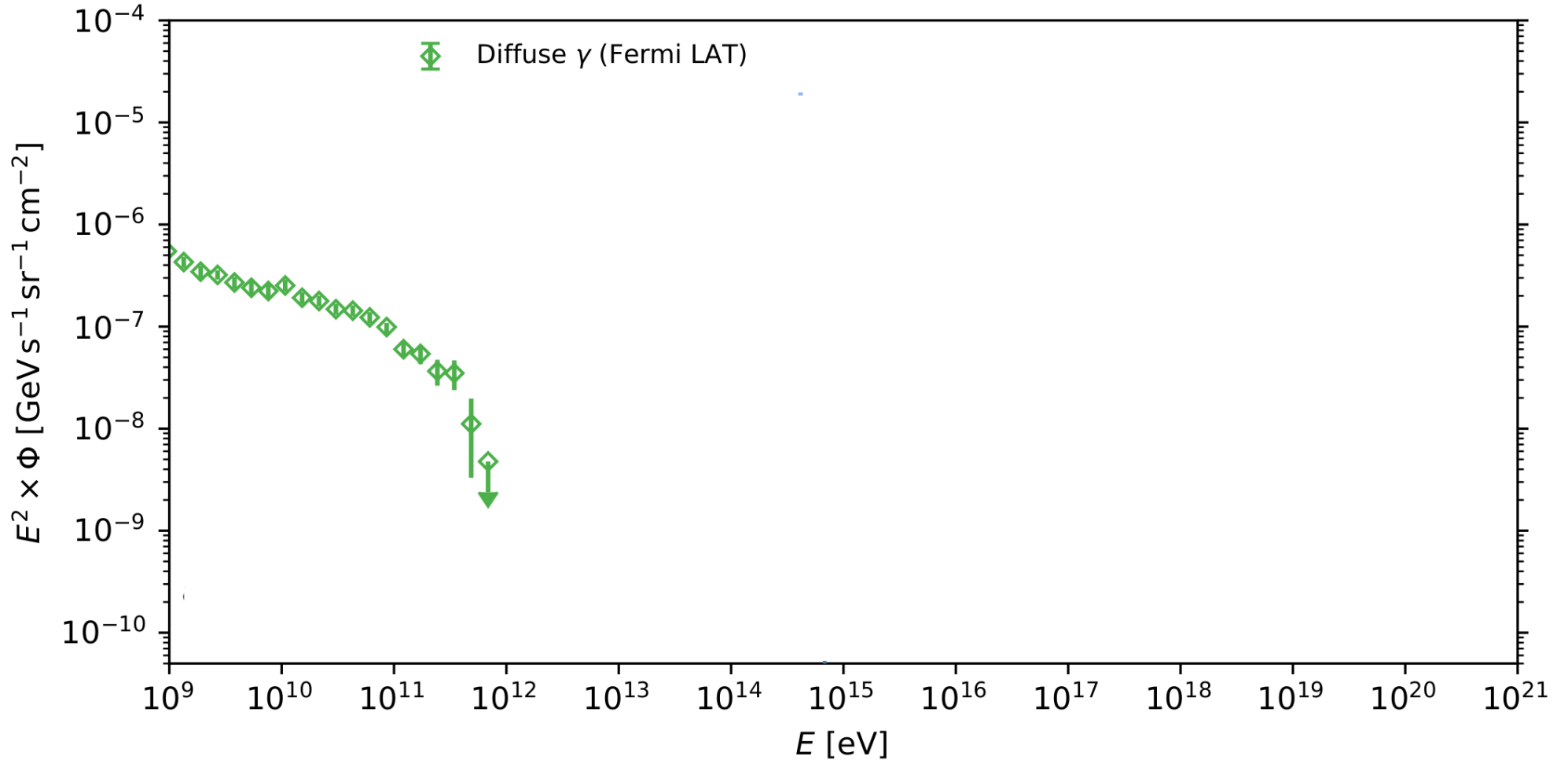
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See talk by Claudio Dib!

(Immediately after mine)

GRB 221009A: The brightest GRB seen so far

October 9th, 2022

By *Swift*-BAT, *Fermi*-GBM,
Fermi-LAT

~0.6 Gpc ($z = 0.151$)

LHAASO: 18 TeV photon

Carpet-2: 251 TeV photon



International Gemini Observatory/NOIRLab/NSF/AURA/B. O'Connor (UMD/GWU) & J. Rastinejad & W Fong (Northwestern U.). Image processing: T.A. Rector (U. Alaska Anchorage/NSF NOIRLab), J. Miller, M. Zamani & D. de Martin (NSF NOIRLab)

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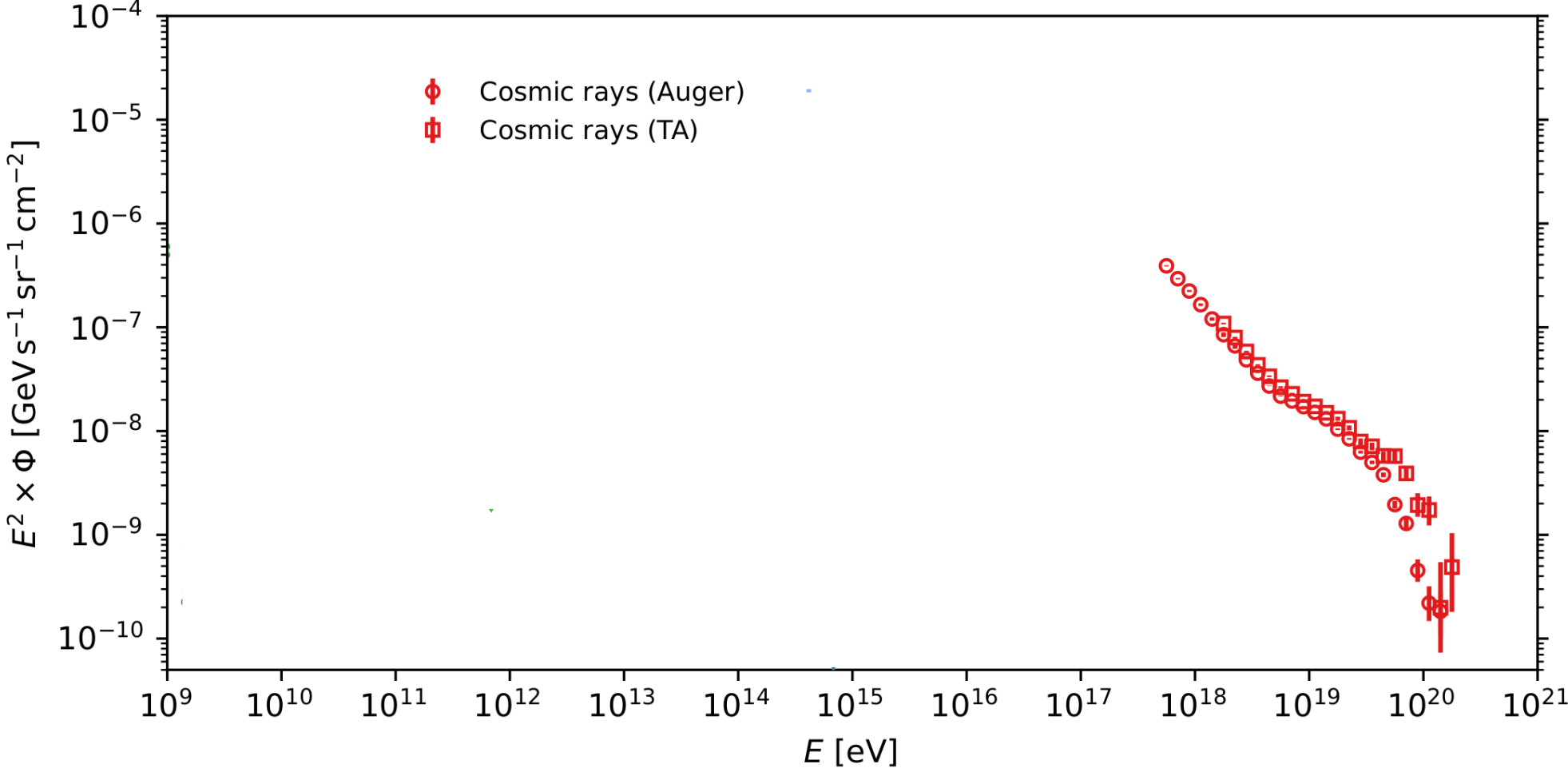
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Correct answer:

New physics is not needed to explain the high-energy photons

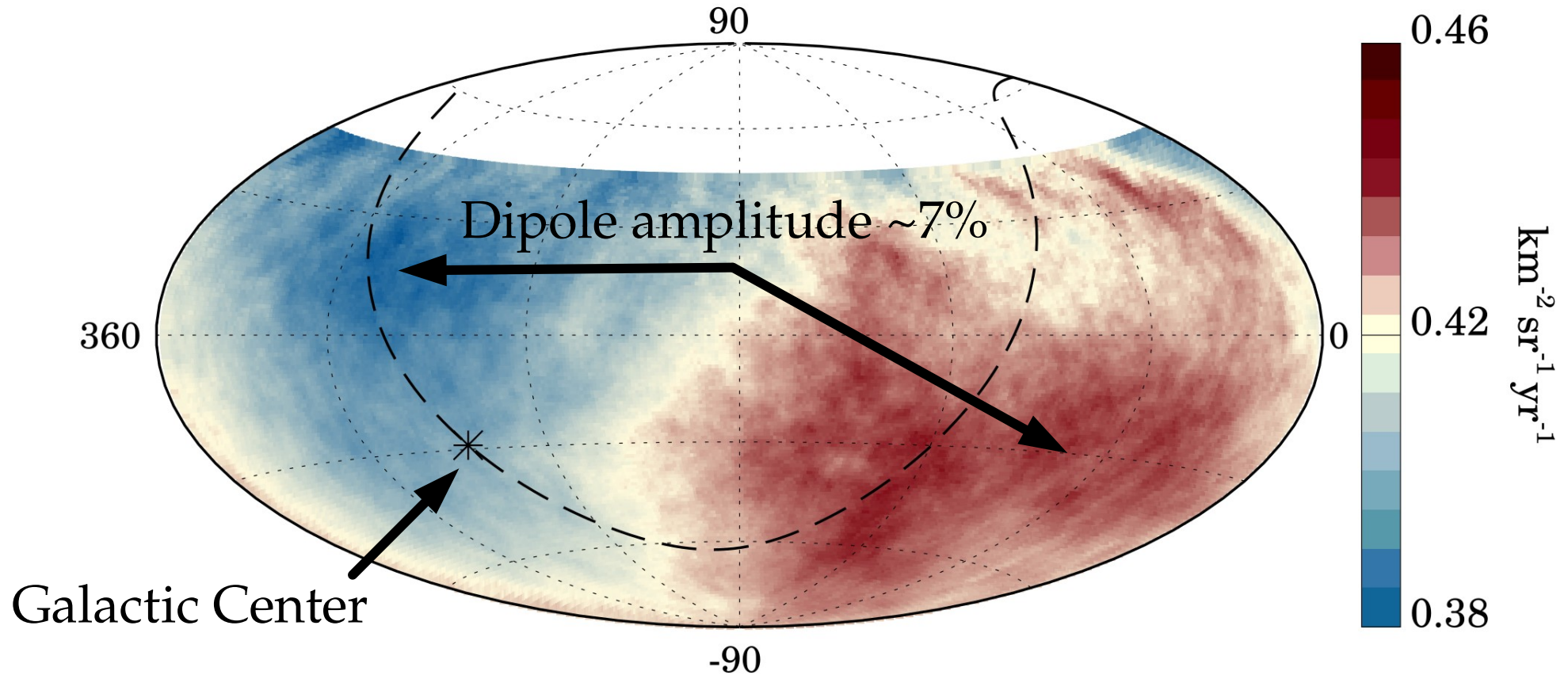
These photons can be cosmogenic, *i.e.*, made during UHECR propagation (2210.12855)
(See also 2210.10778)

Cosmic rays

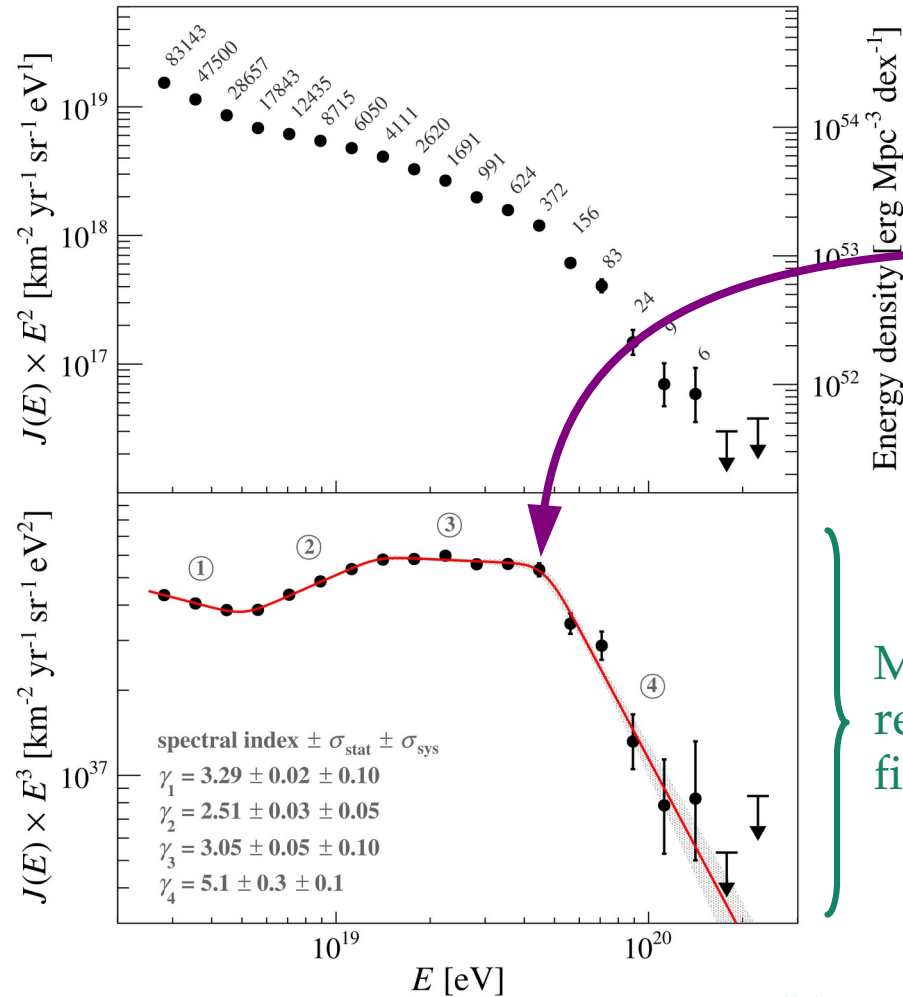


UHECRs are extragalactic

5.2 σ dipole in the arrival directions of UHECRs above 8×10^{18} eV



The UHECR spectrum has lots of features



► At what energy do CRs change from Galactic to extragalactic

► Is the flux dampening around 5×10^{19} eV the GZK cut-off or a limitation of the sources?

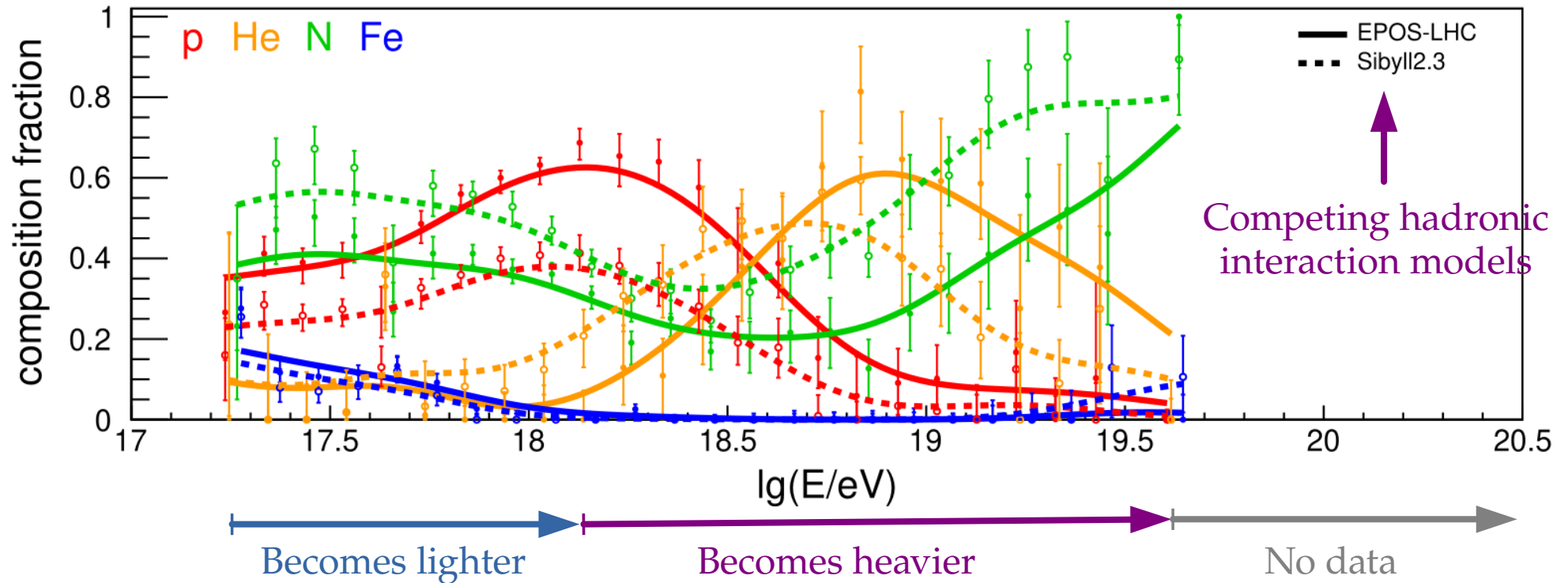
But at least two key questions remain

More data reveals finer features

Answers need to account for mass composition, too ►

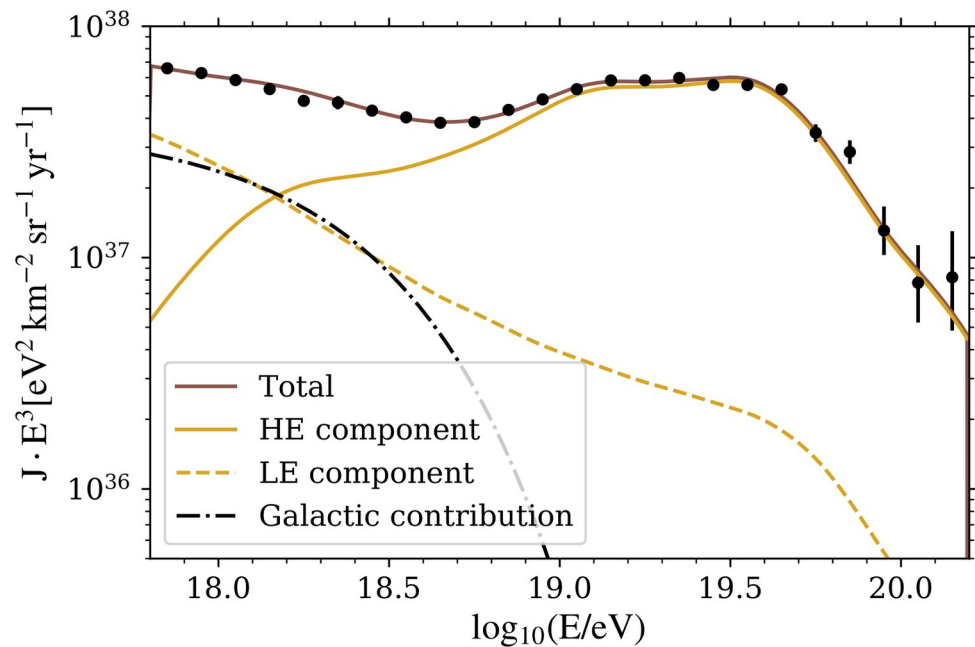
Measuring UHECR mass composition is hard

Infer mass composition from the depth of shower maximum, X_{\max} :

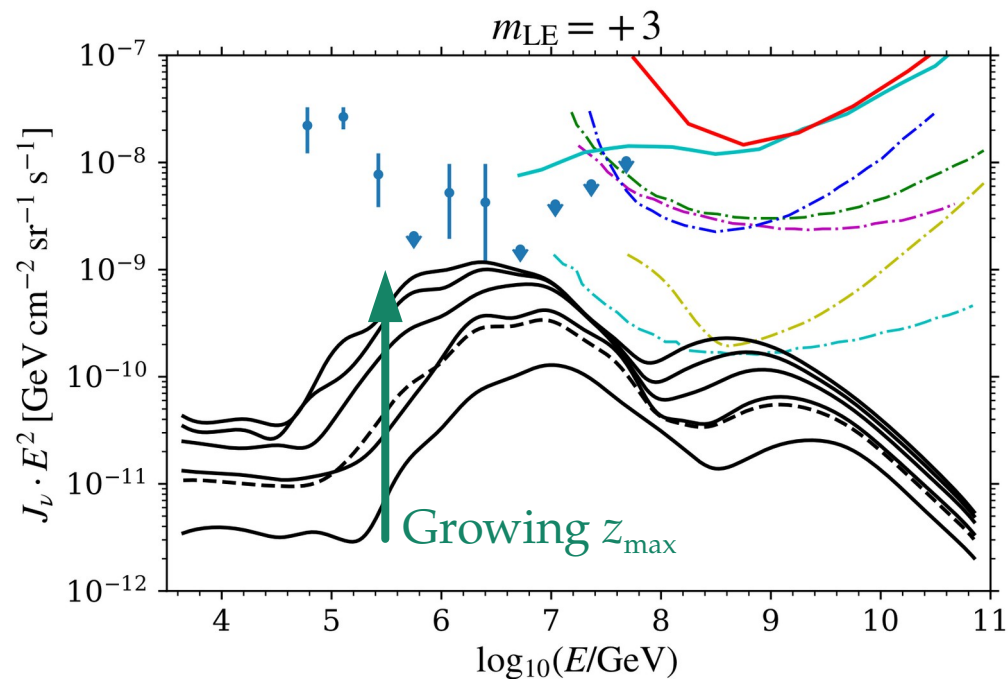


UHECRs: details reveal insight

Low-energy + high-energy flux components can explain features:

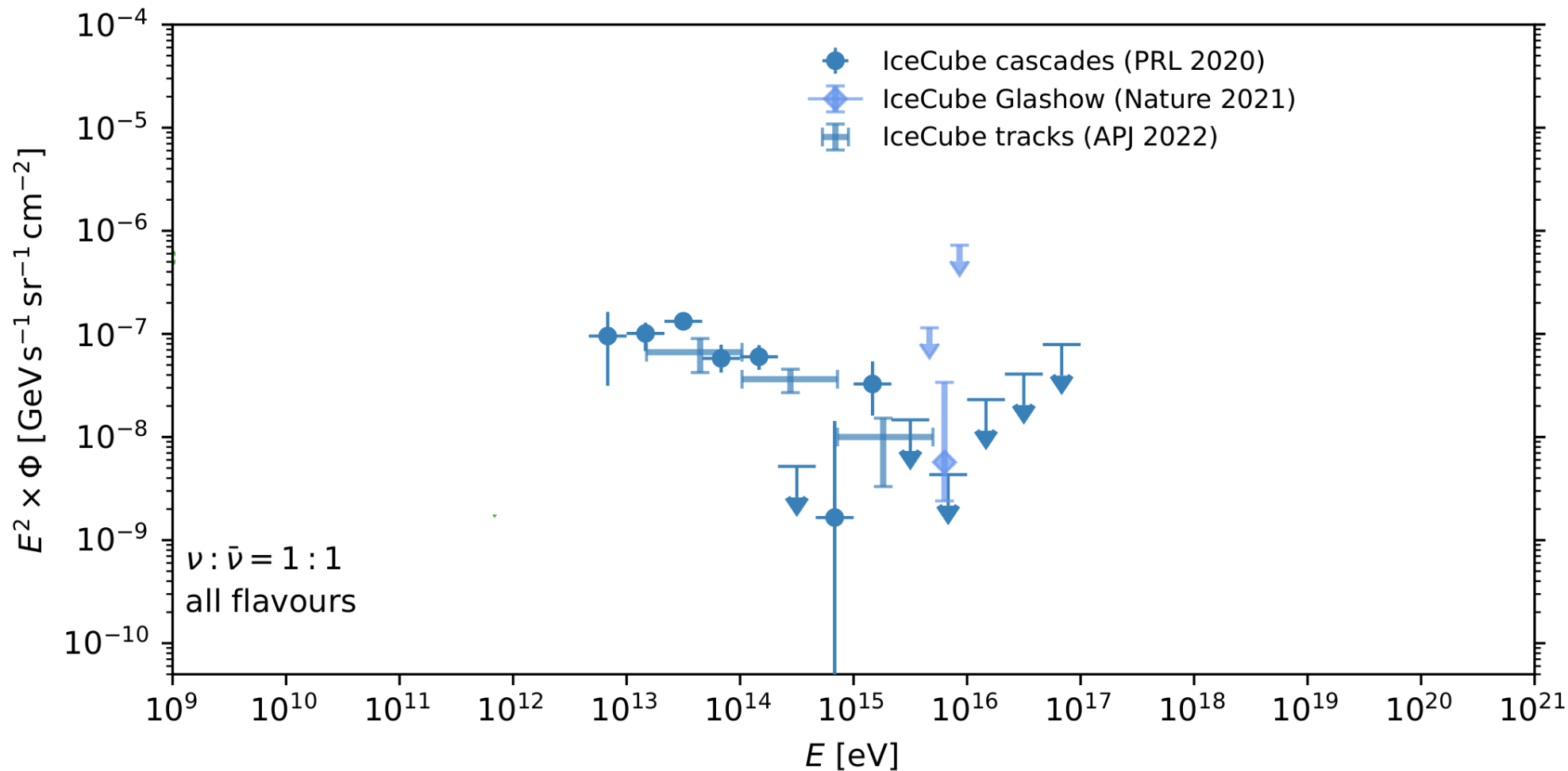


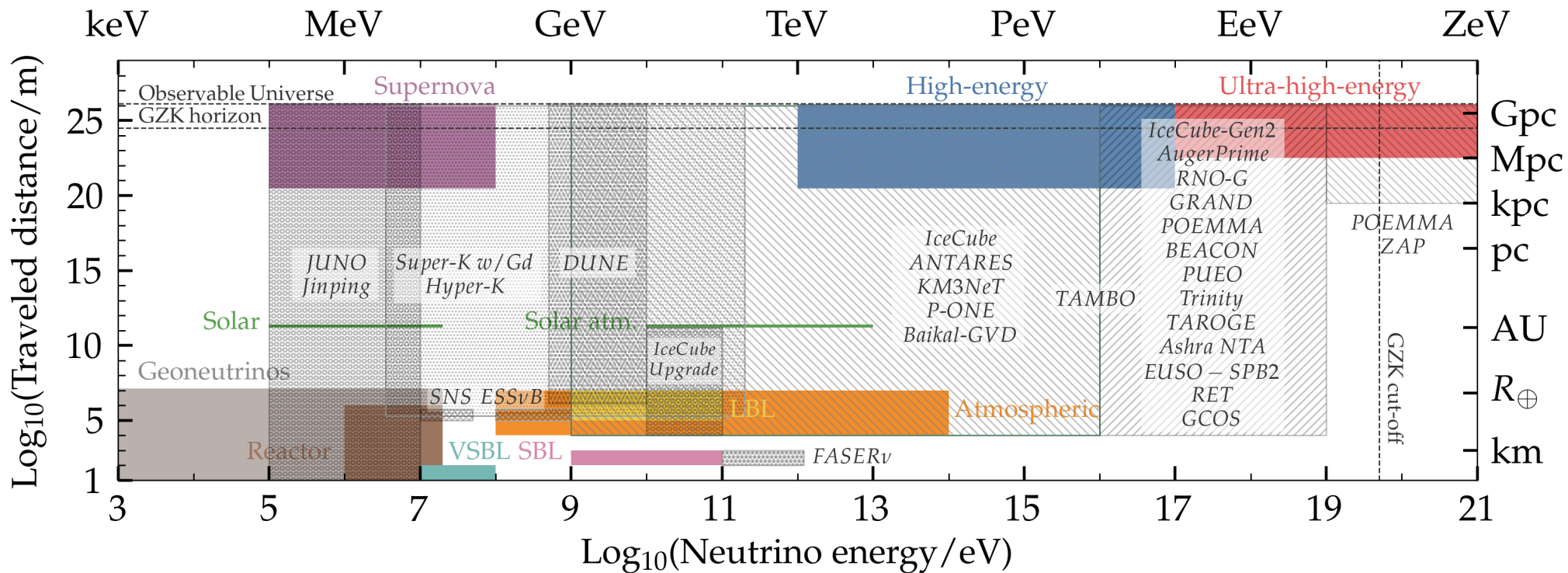
Evolution of LE flux, $(1+z)^m$, testable with cosmogenic ν :

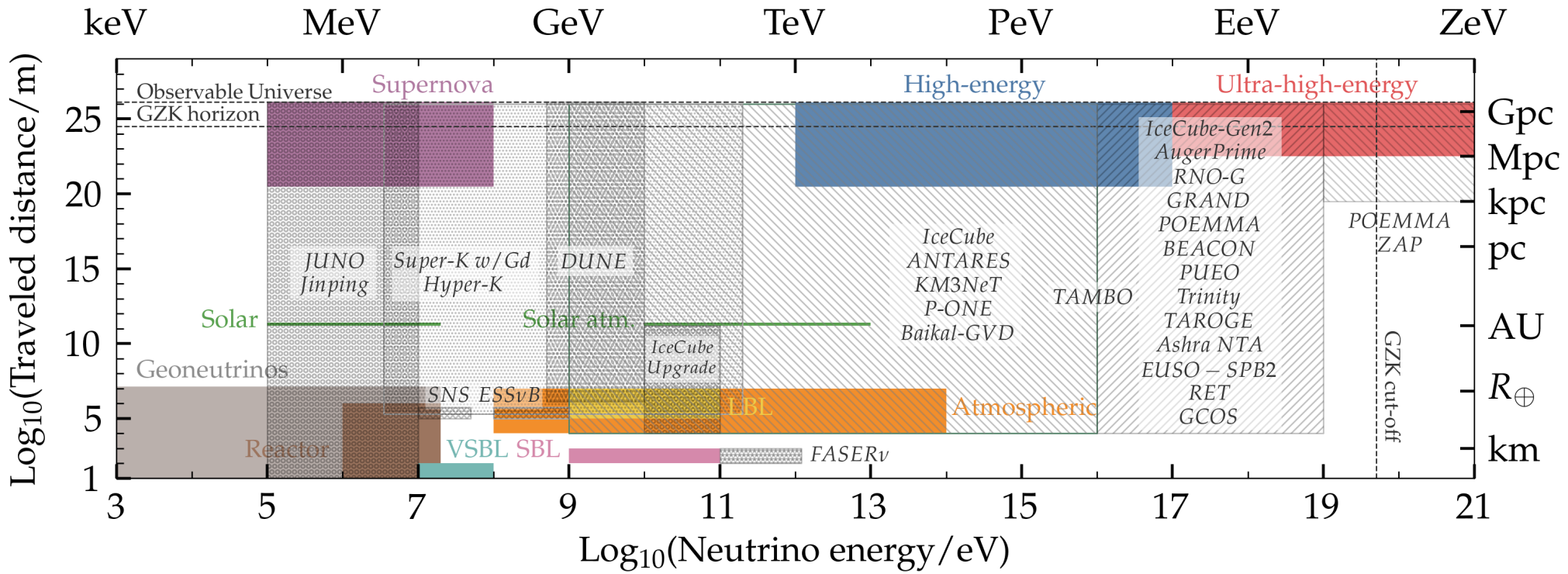


More on UHE neutrinos later ▶

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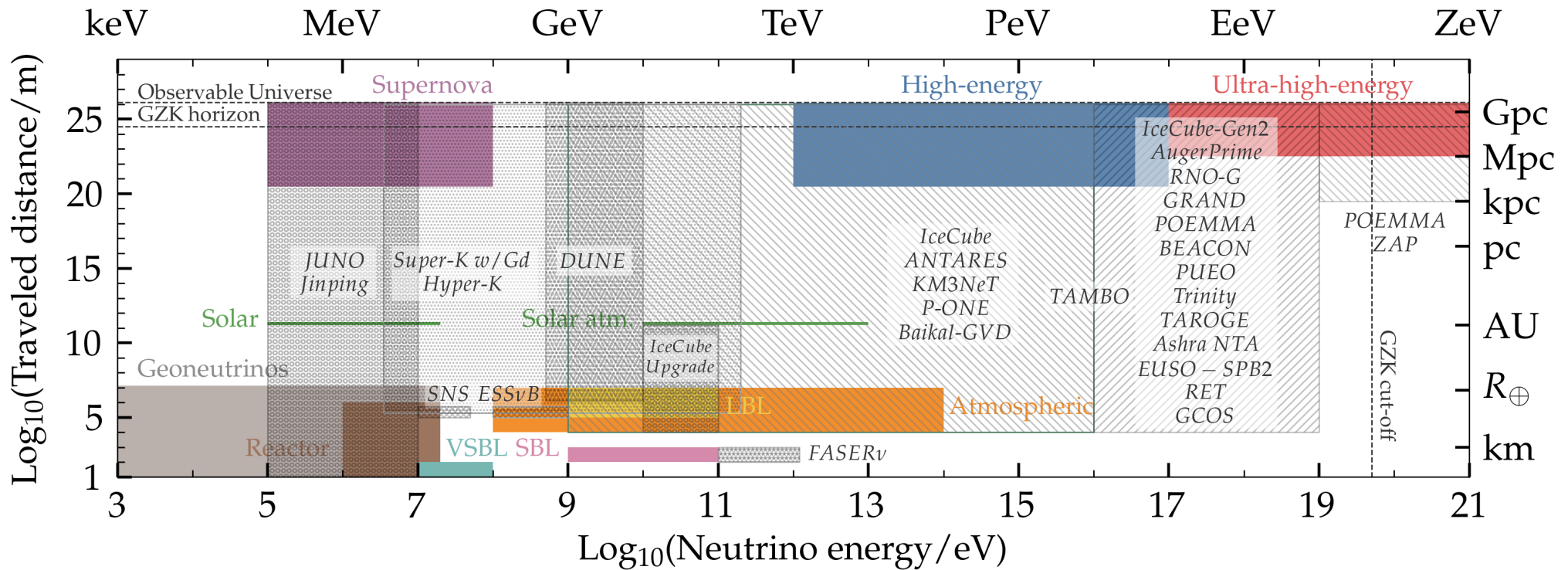






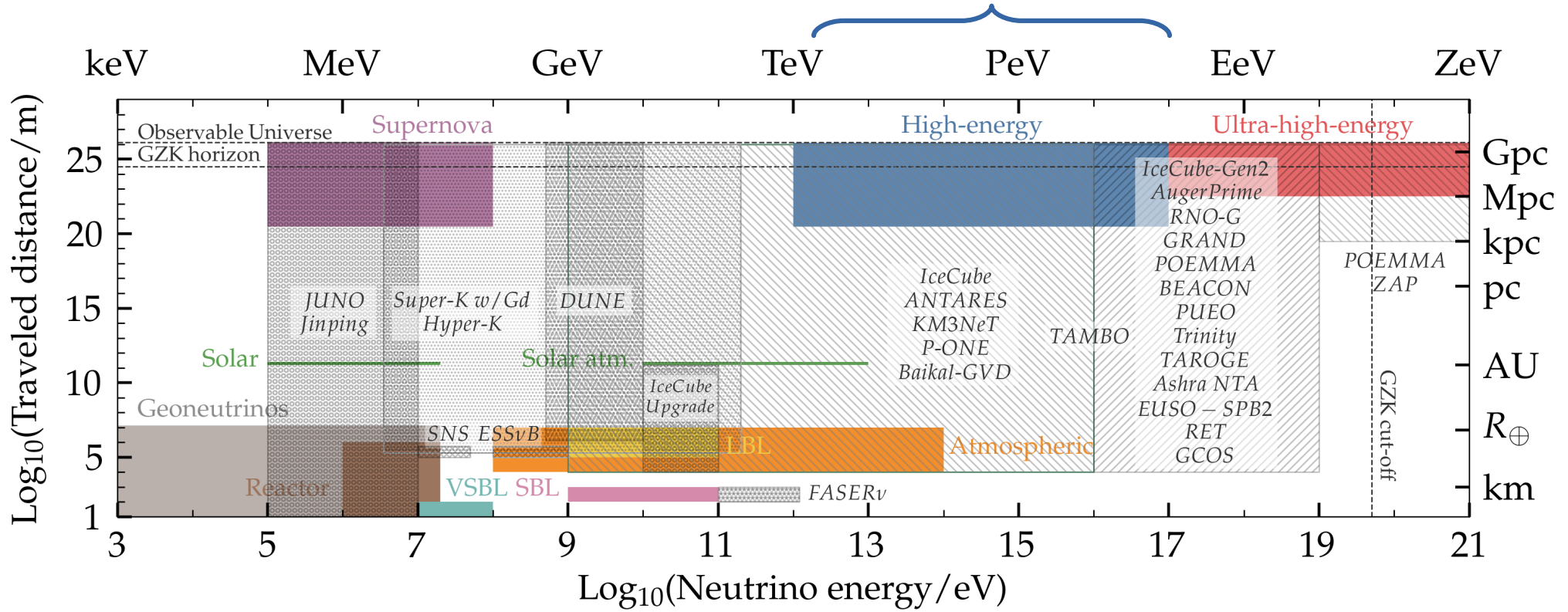
Synergies with lower energies

Discovered in 2013
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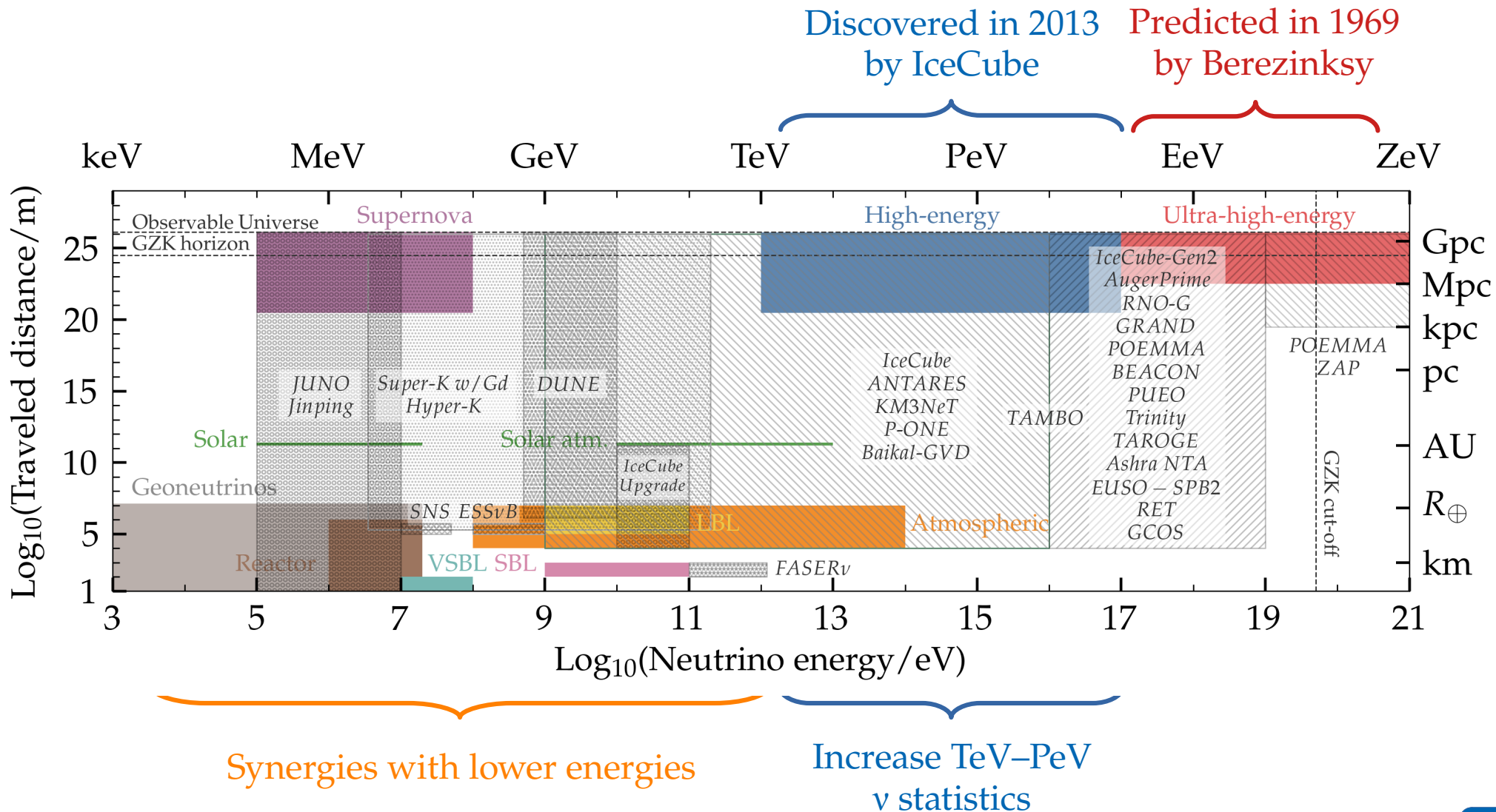
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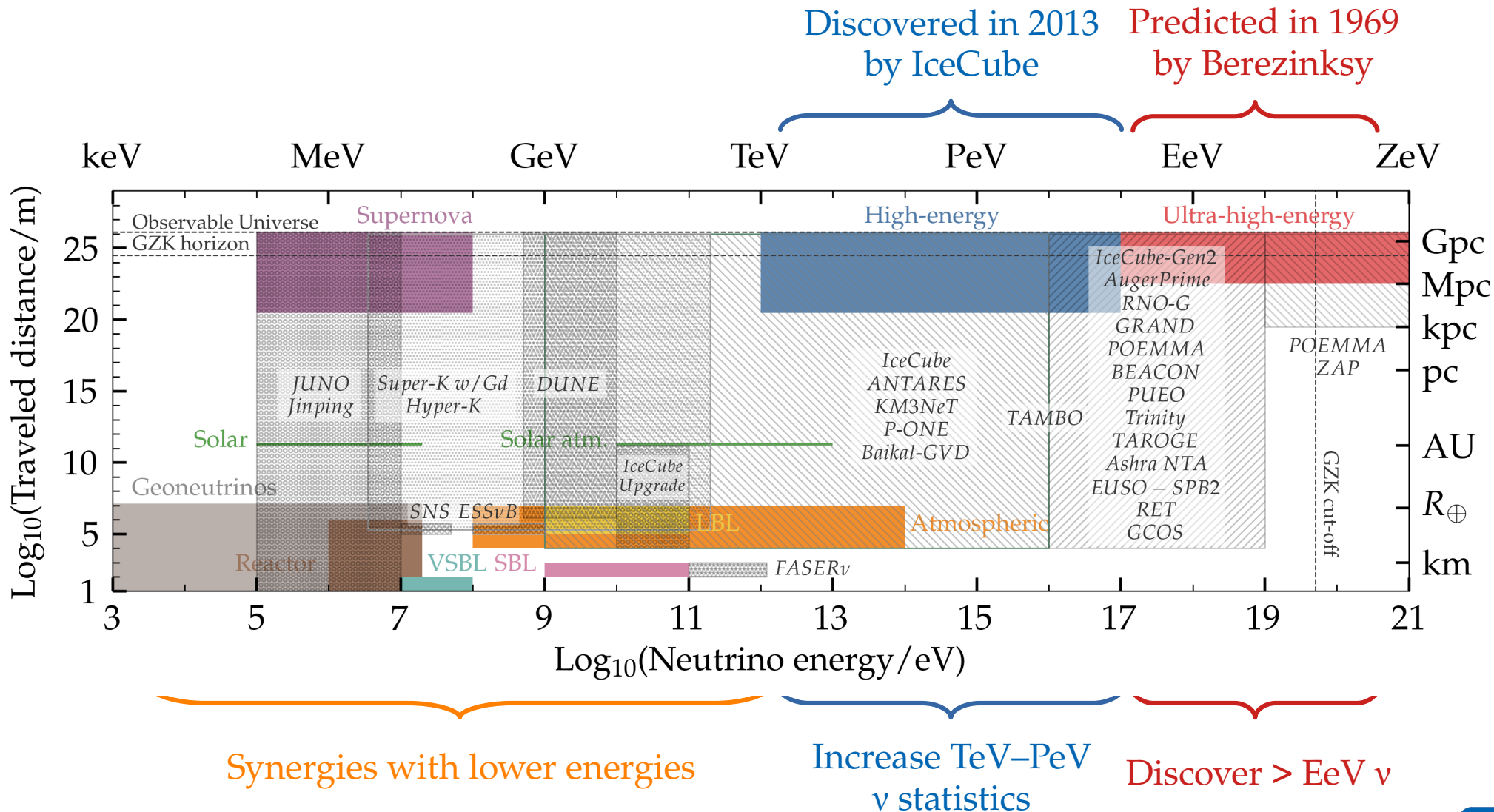
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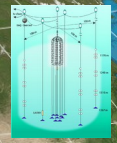




TeV–PeV ν telescopes, 2021

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



Baikal NT200+

- ▶ Lake Baikal
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- ▶ 8 strings, 192+ OMs

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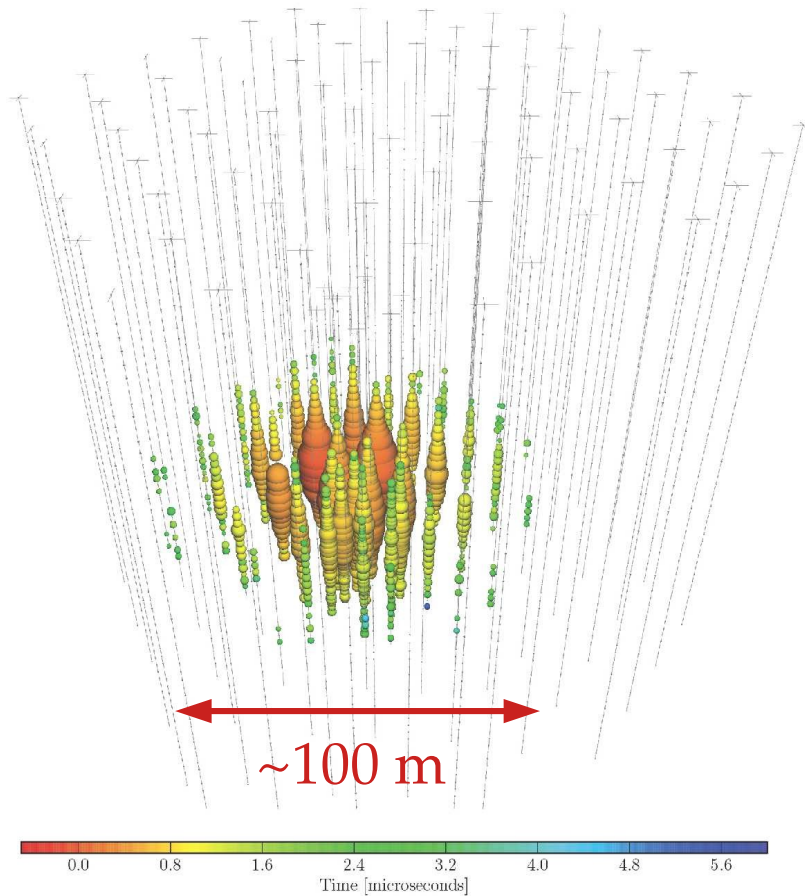
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- ▶ Sees high-energy astrophysical ν



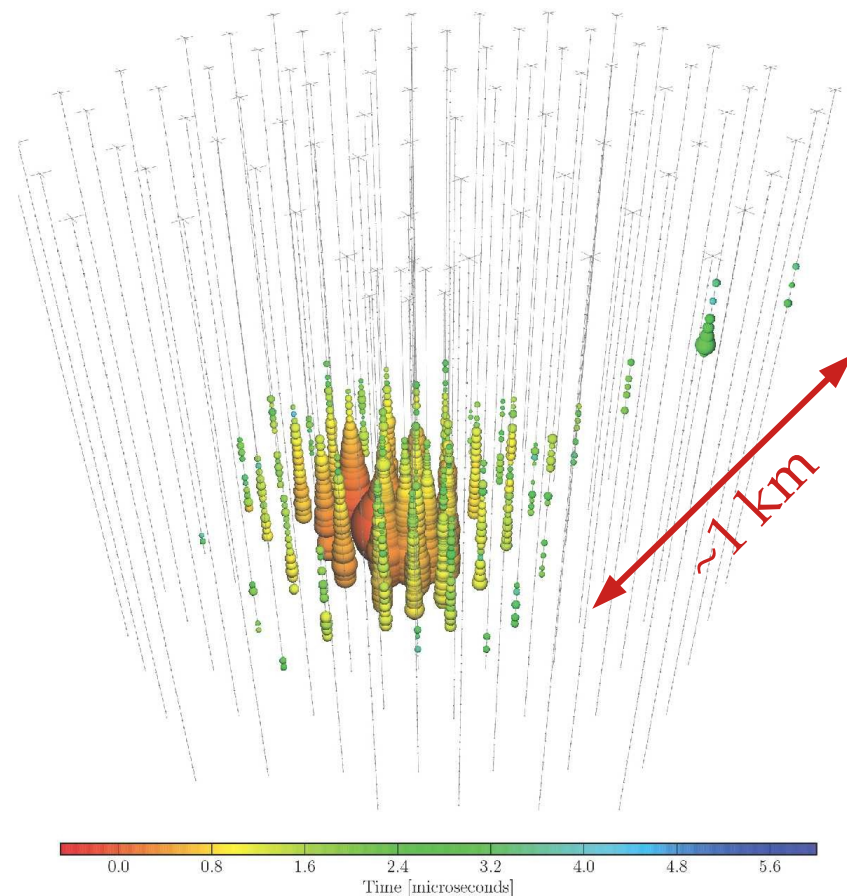
OM: optical module



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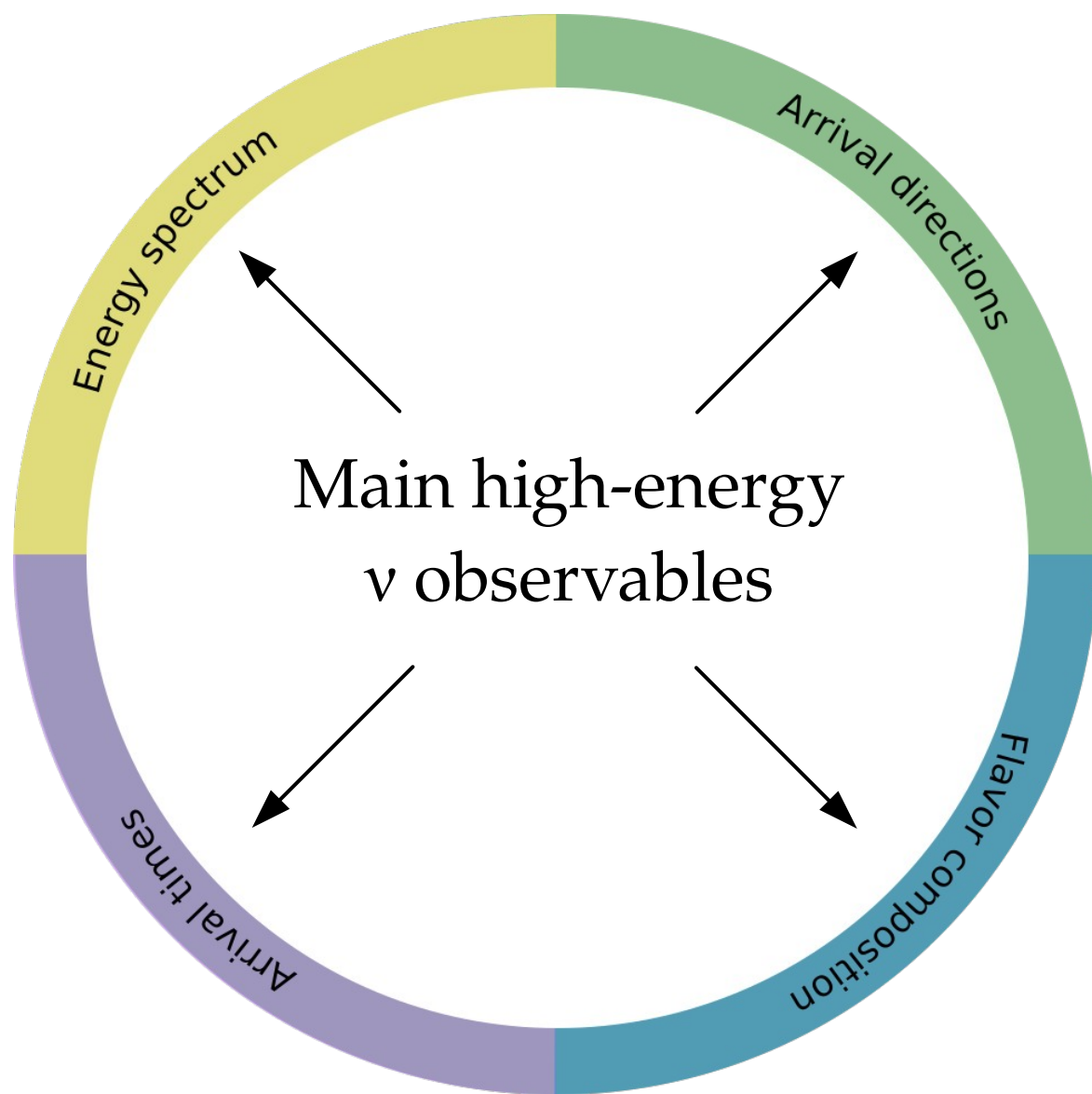


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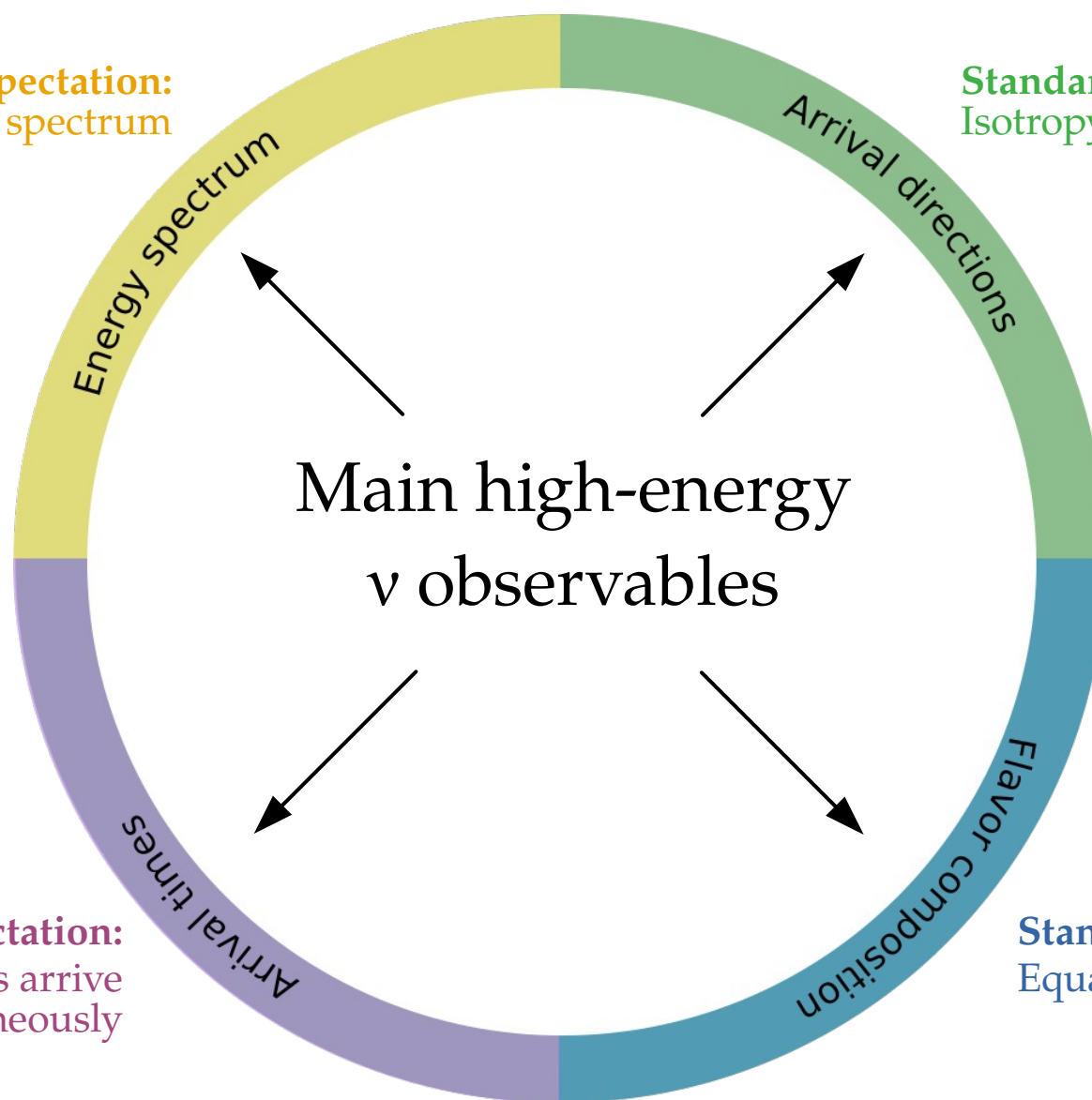
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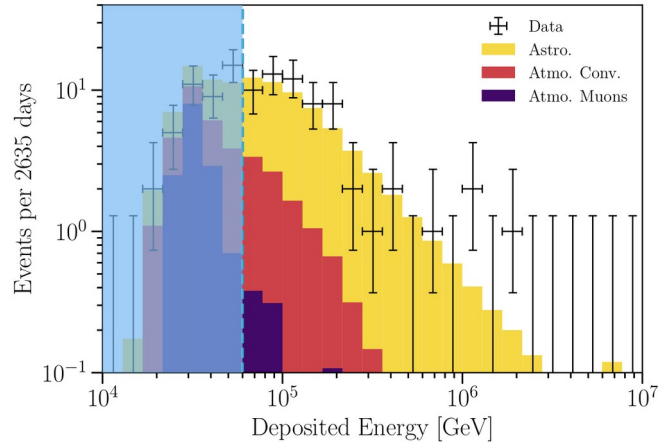


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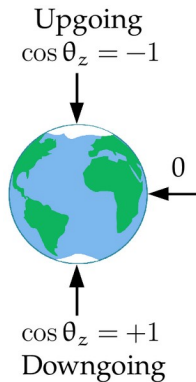
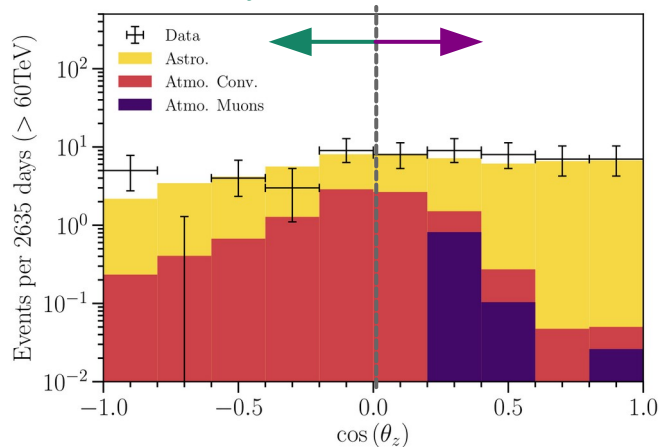
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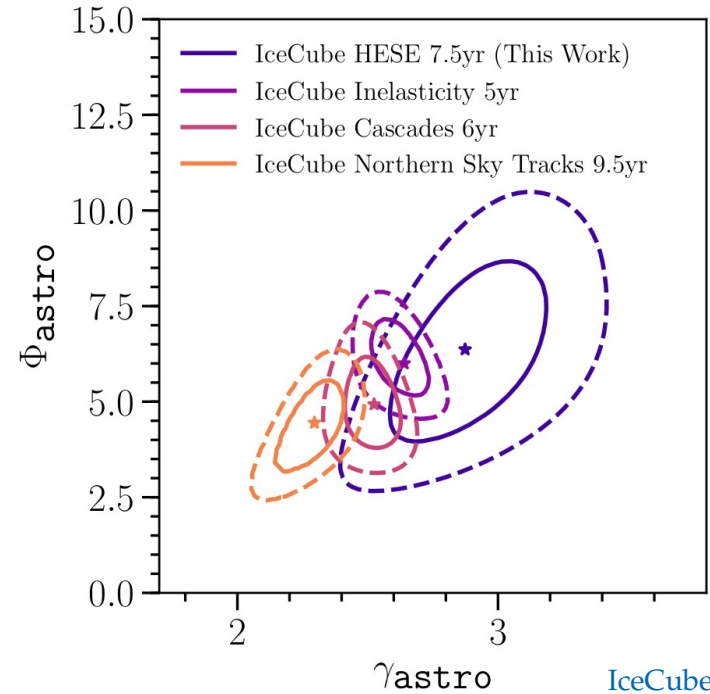


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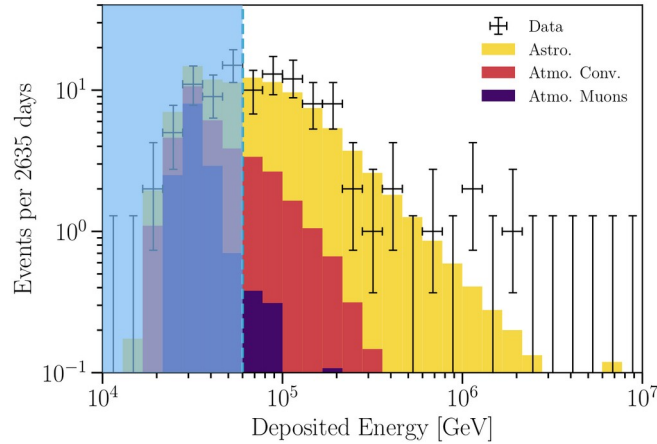
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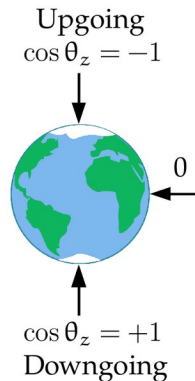
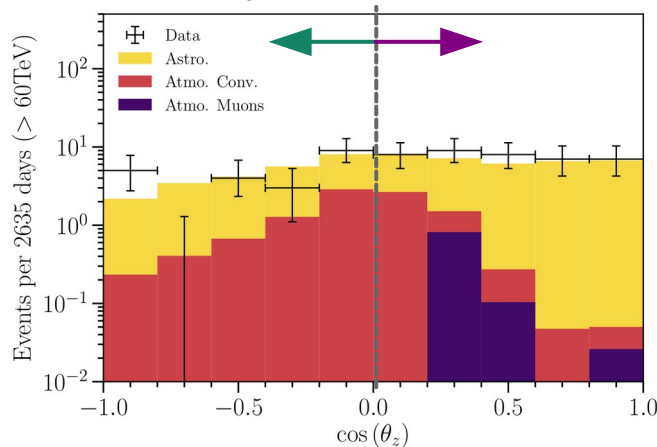
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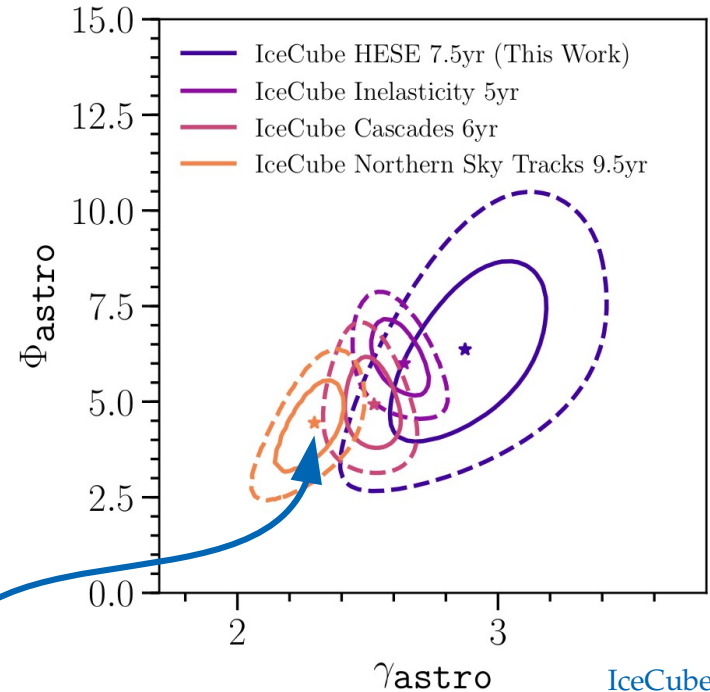


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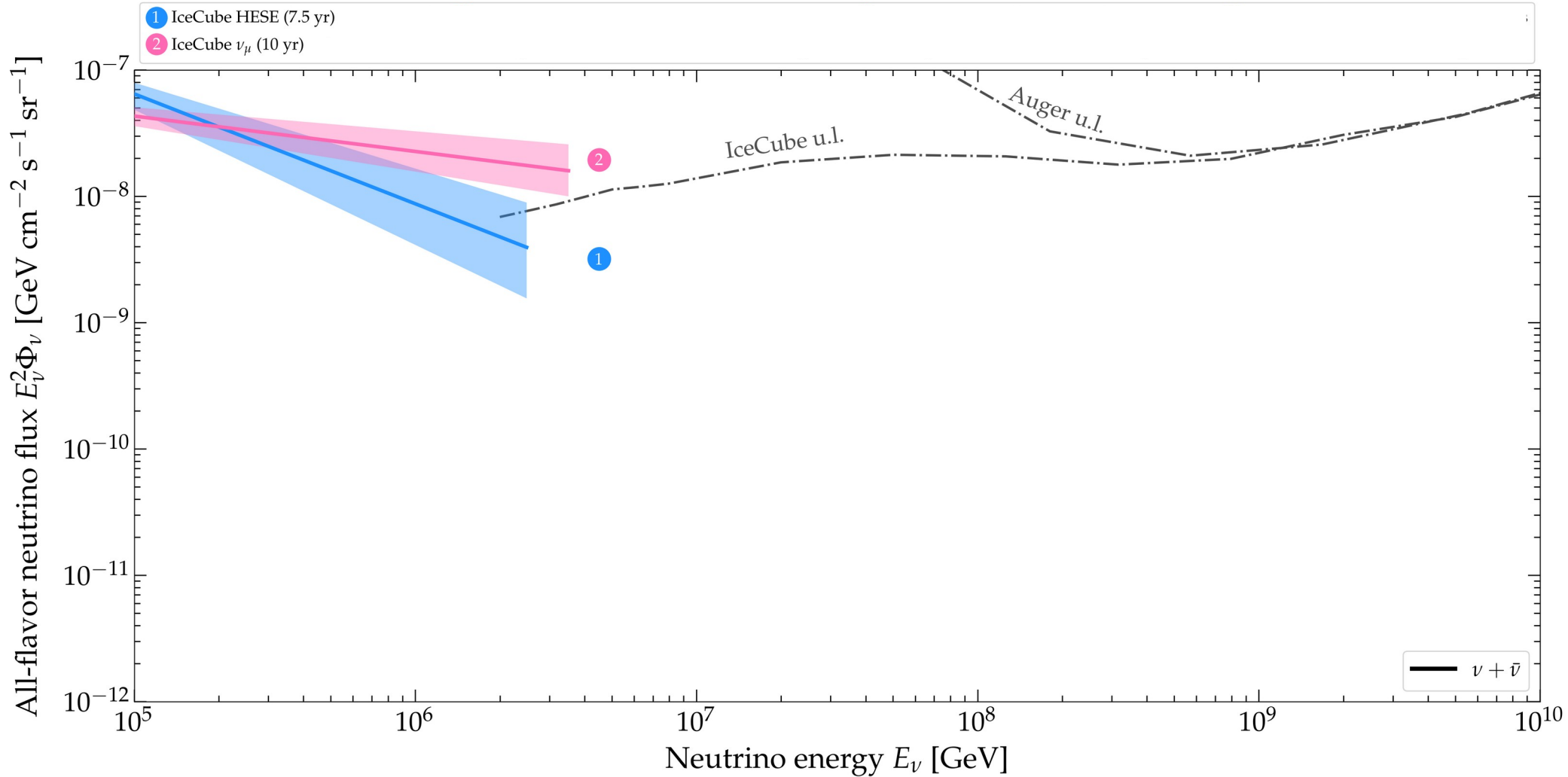
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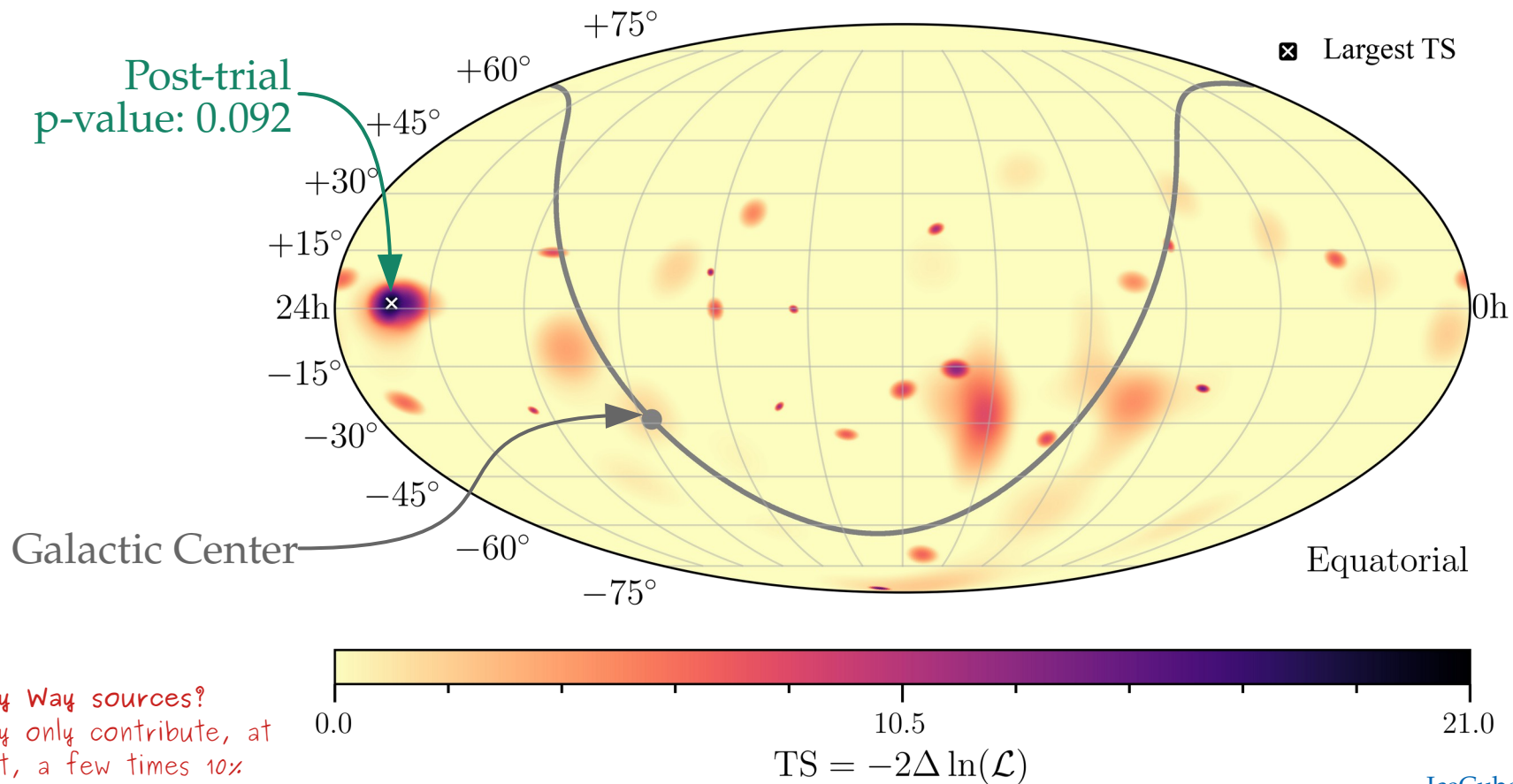
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Spectrum looks harder for through-going ν_μ



Arrival directions (7.5 yr)

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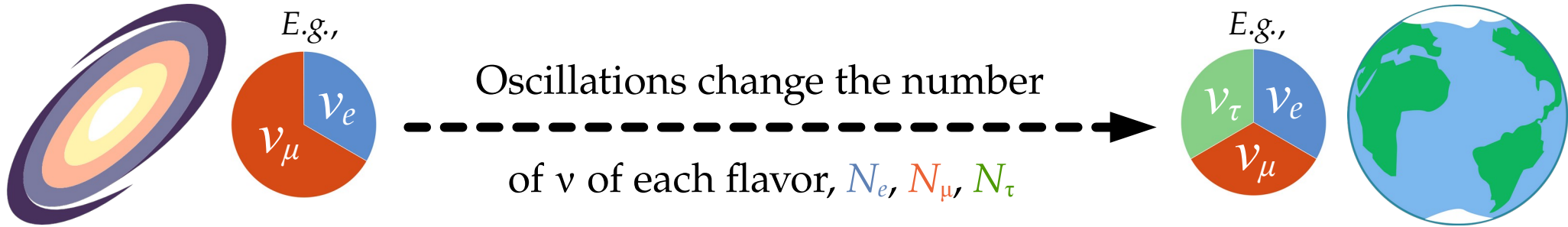


*Milky Way sources?
They only contribute, at
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Up to a few Gpc



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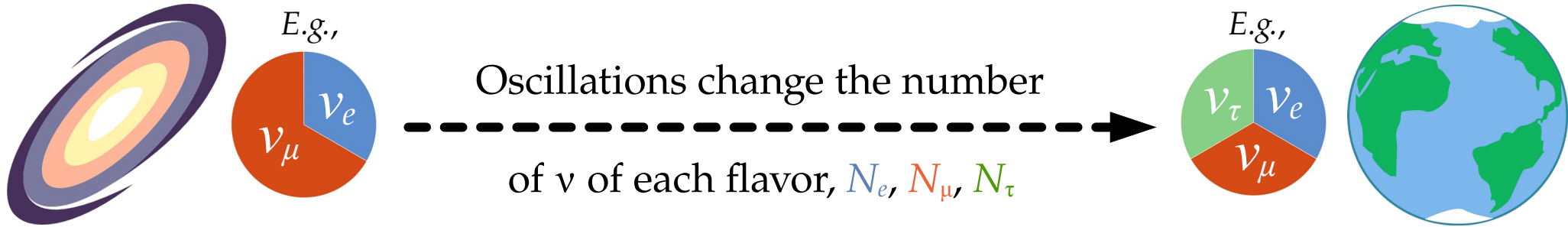
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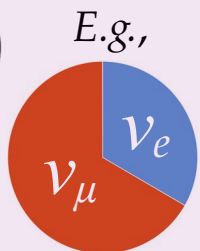
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Standard oscillations
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From sources to Earth: we learn what to expect when measuring $f_{\alpha,\oplus}$



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



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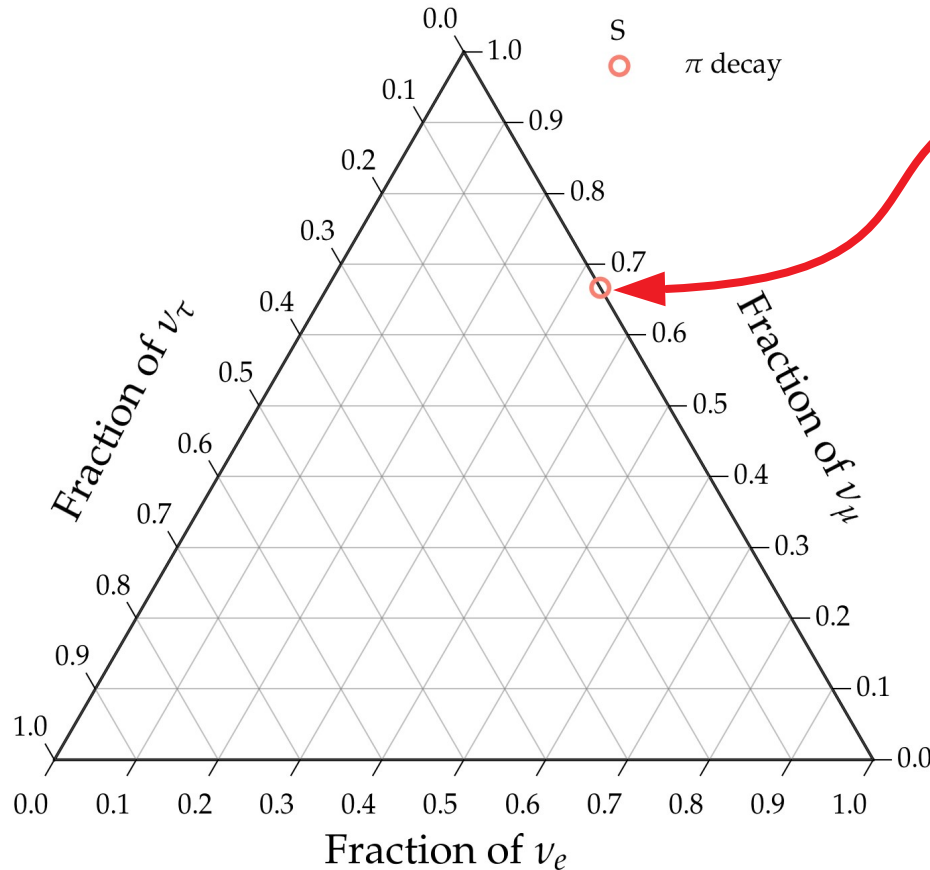
$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \quad \text{followed by} \quad \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

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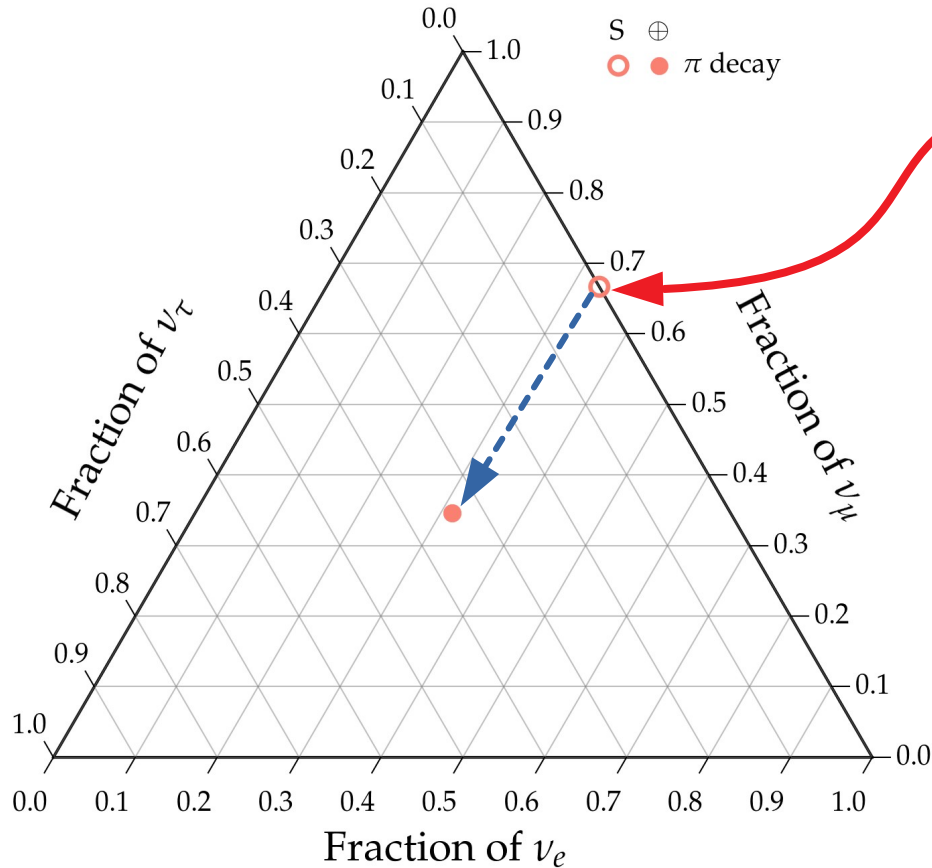


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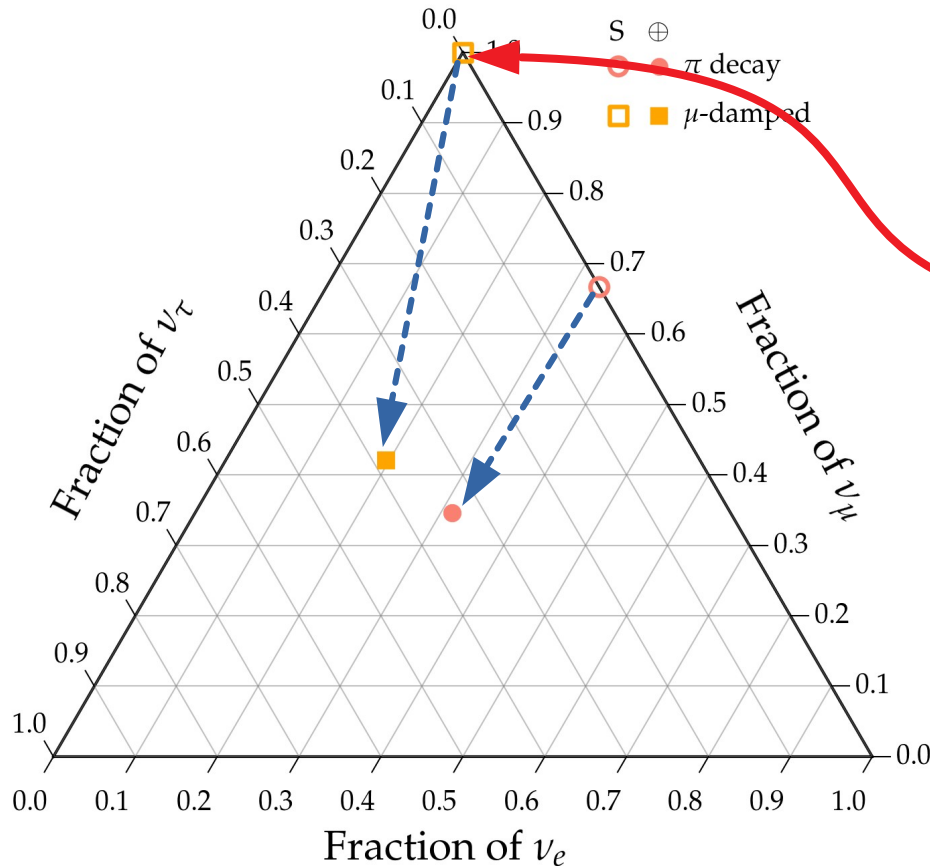


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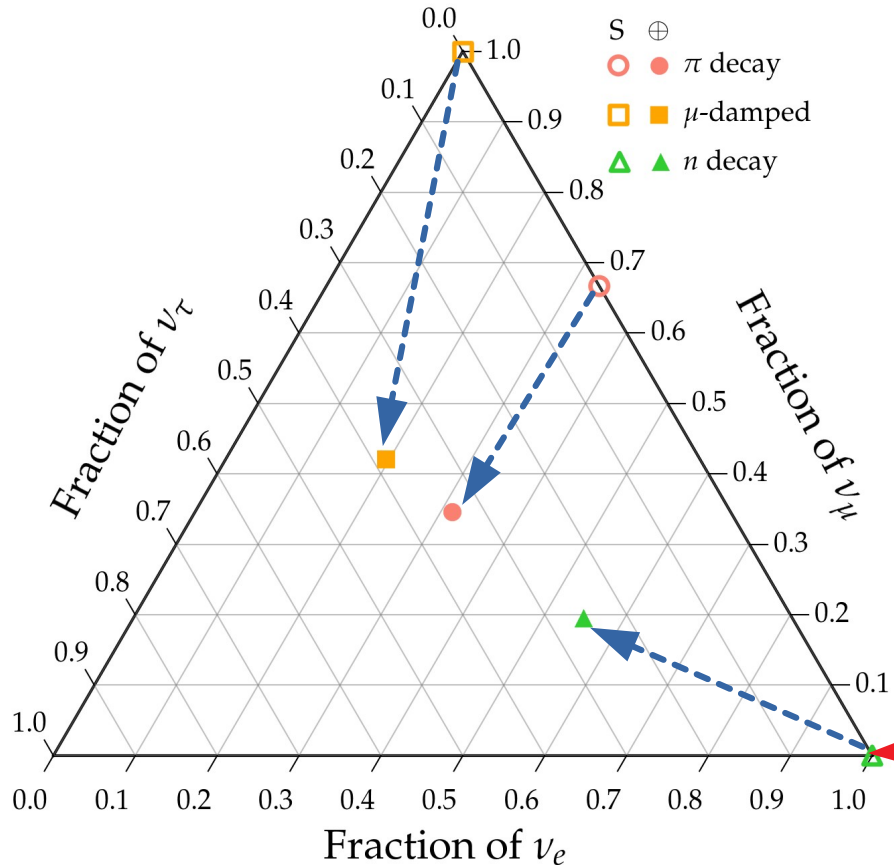
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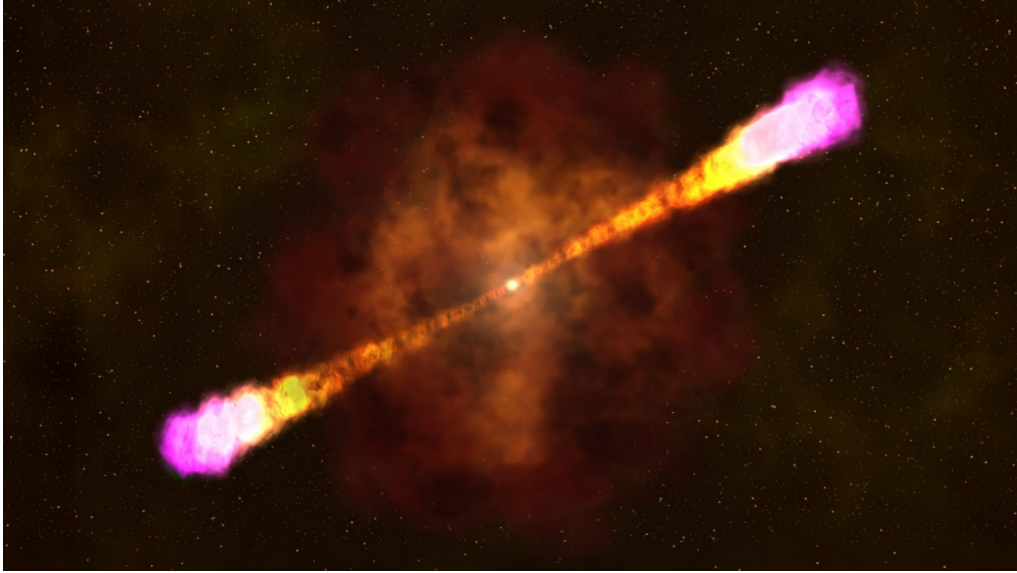
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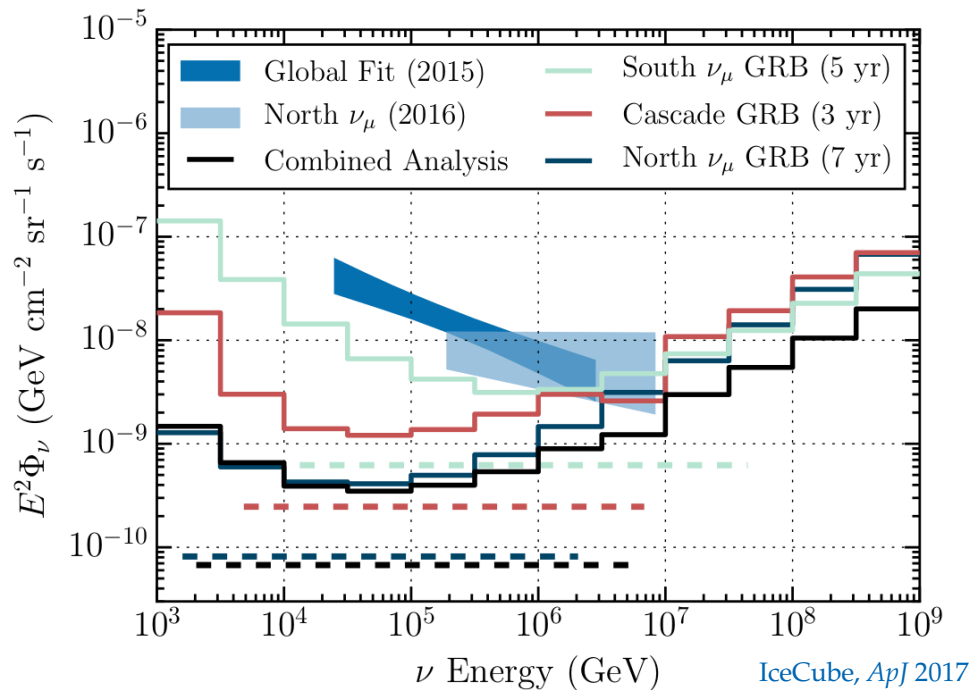


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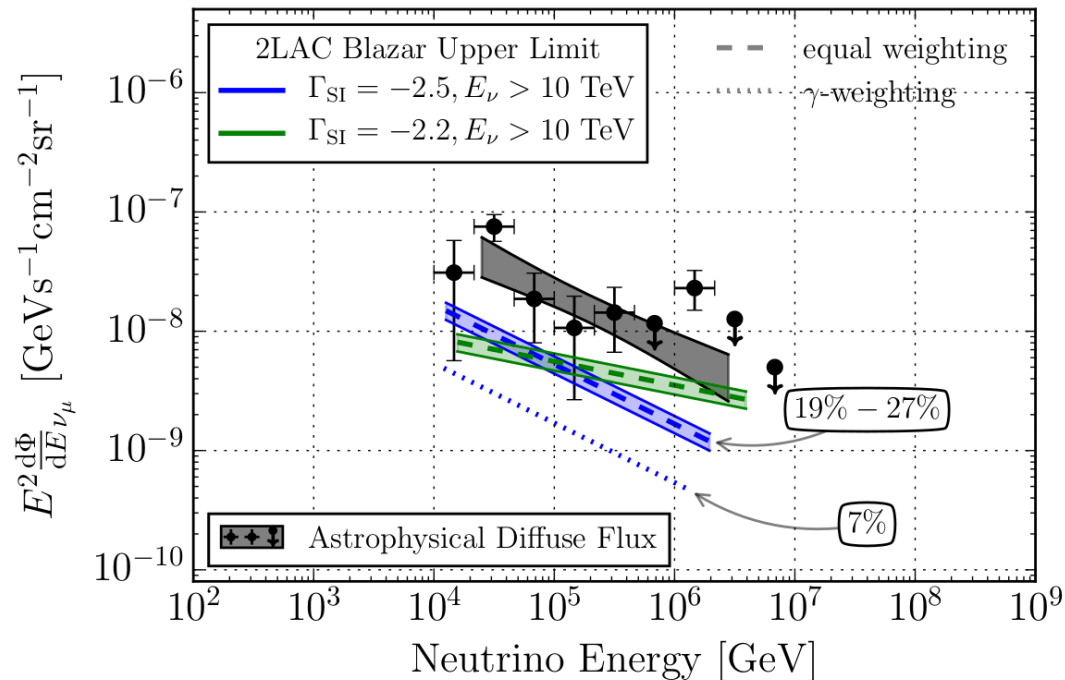
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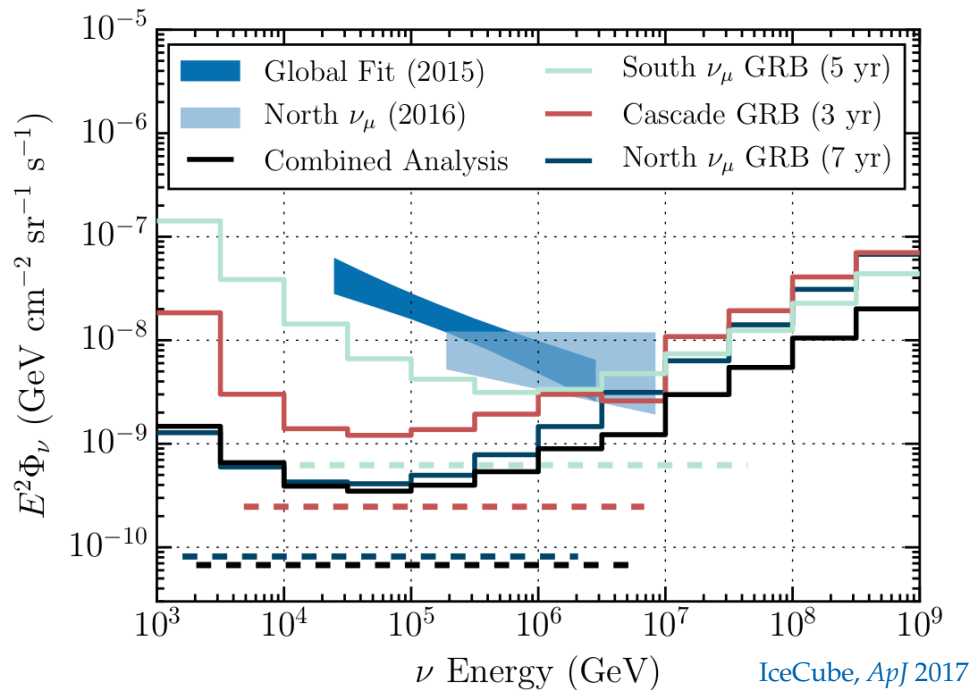
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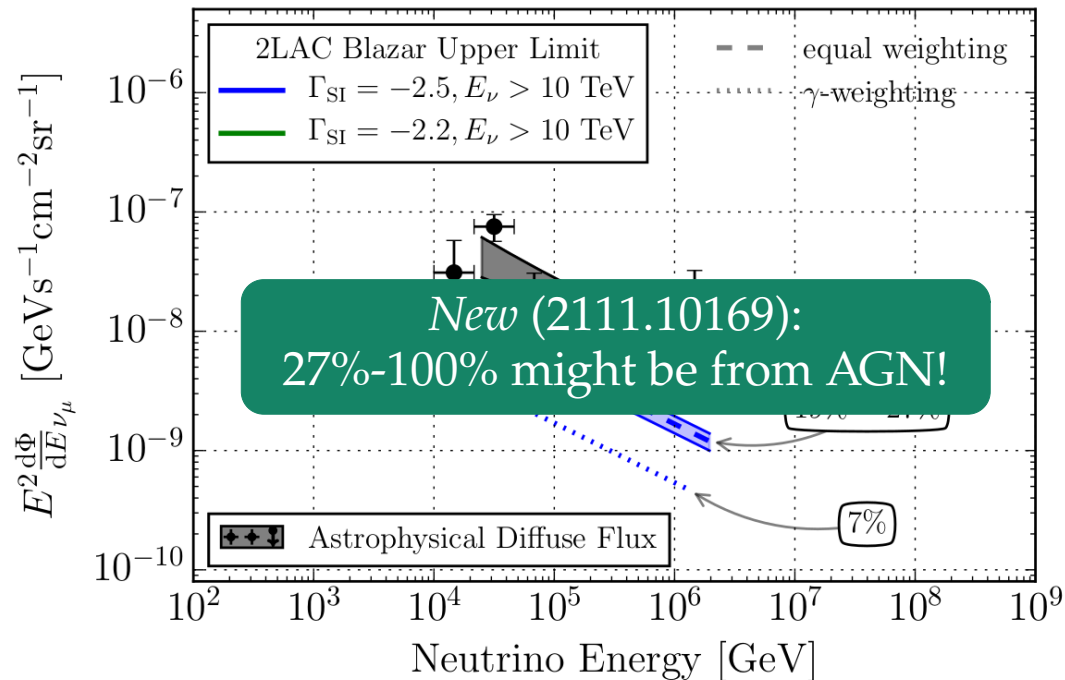
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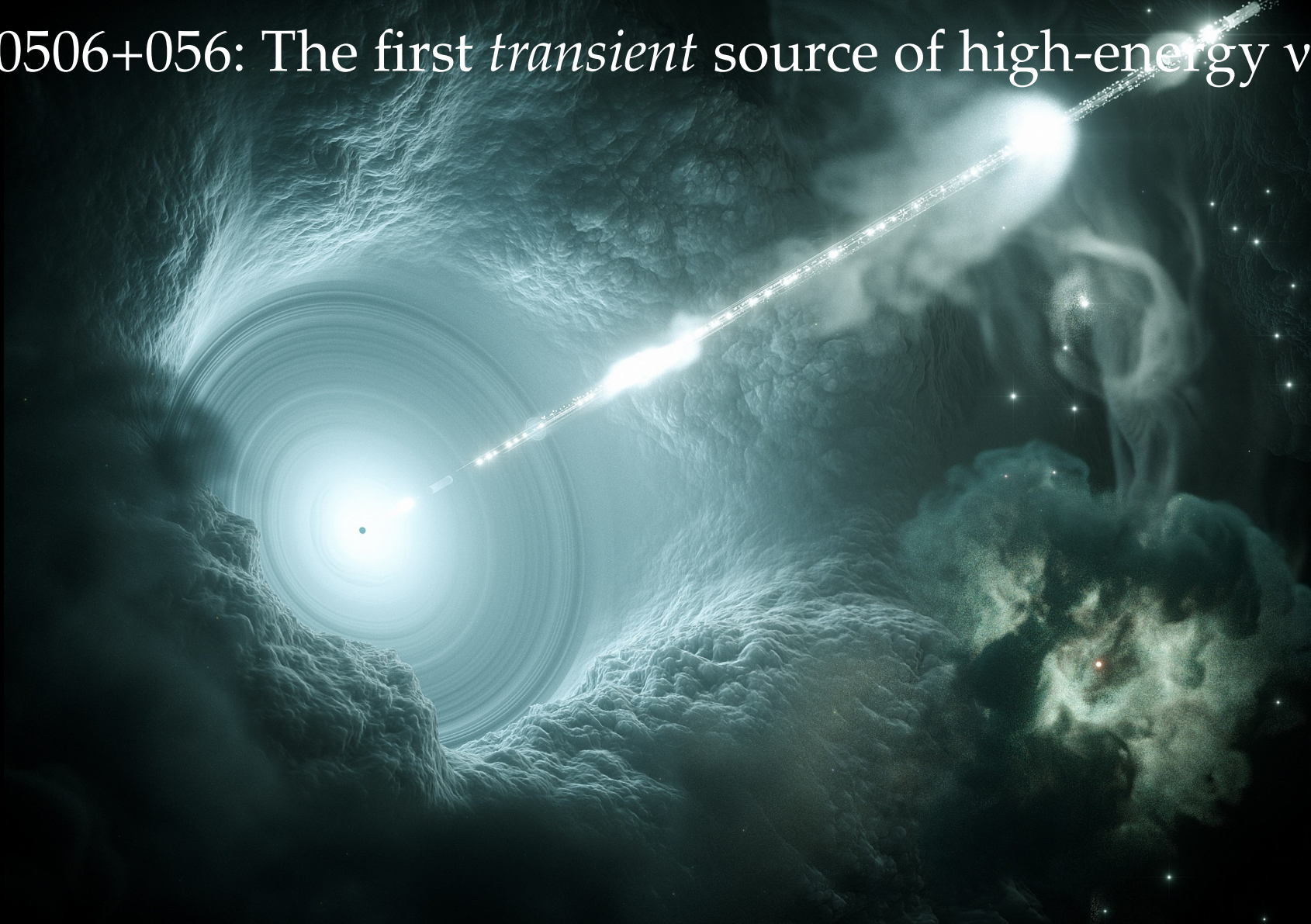
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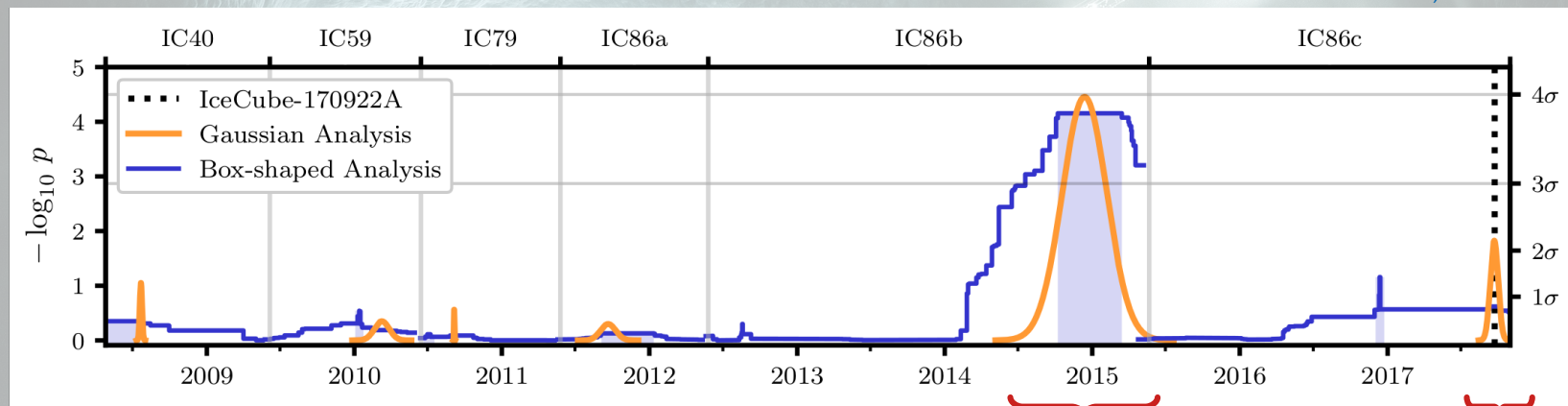
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IceCube, *Science* 2018



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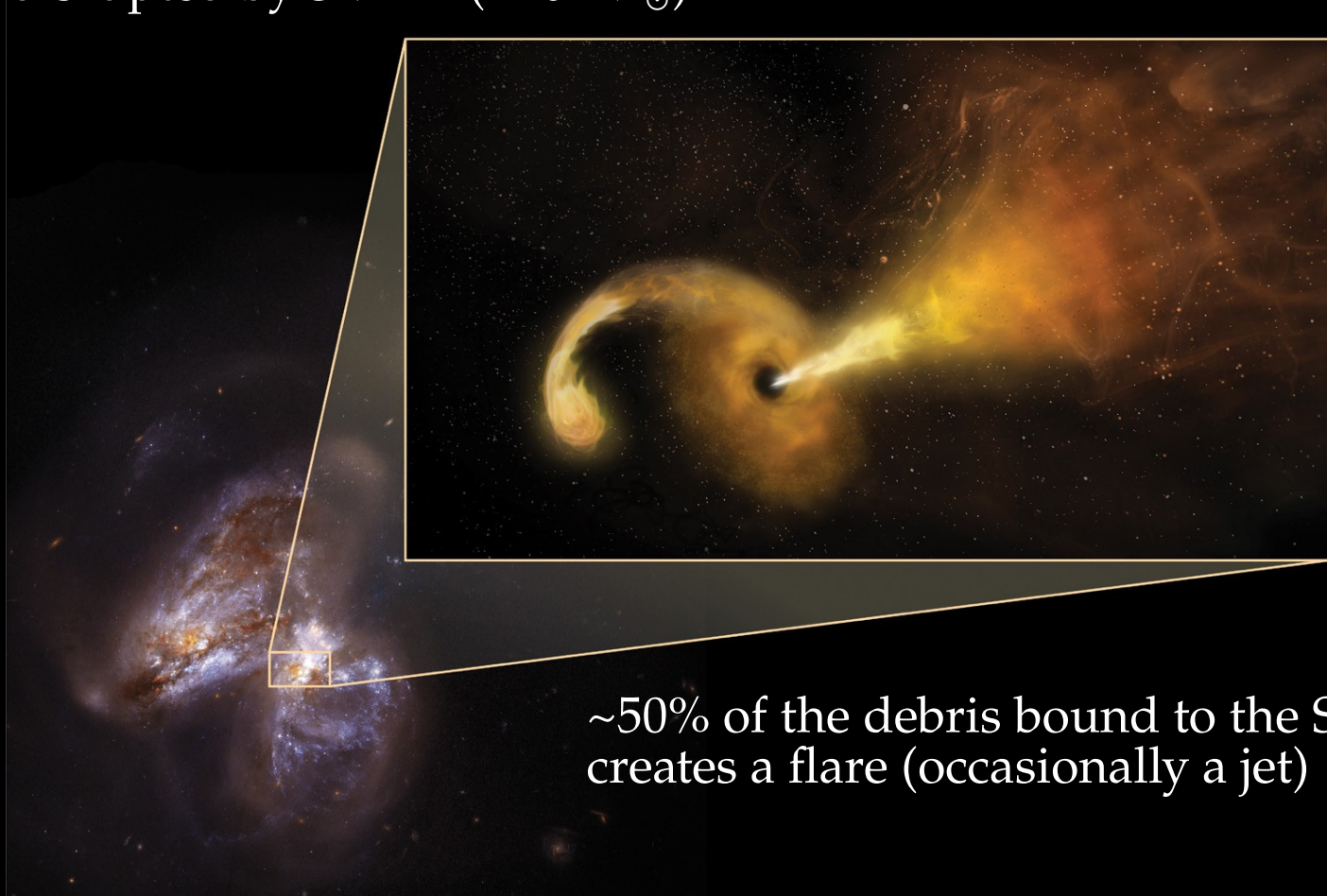
2014–2015: 13 ± 5 ν flare, no X-ray flare
 3.5σ significance of correlation (post-trial)

2017: one 290-TeV ν + X-ray flare
 1.4σ significance of correlation

Combined (pre-trial): 4.1σ

Tidal disruption events

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

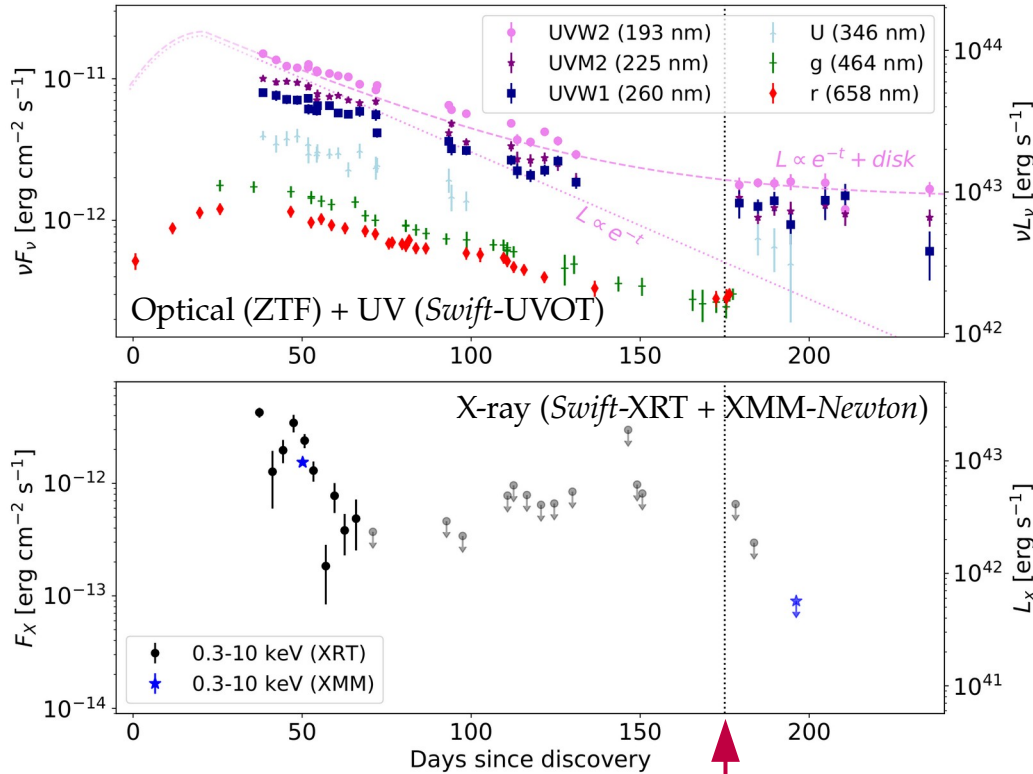


~50% of the debris bound to the SMBH,
creates a flare (occasionally a jet)

An apparent TDE neutrino source

Radio-emitting TDE AT2019dsg coincident with neutrino event IC191001A:

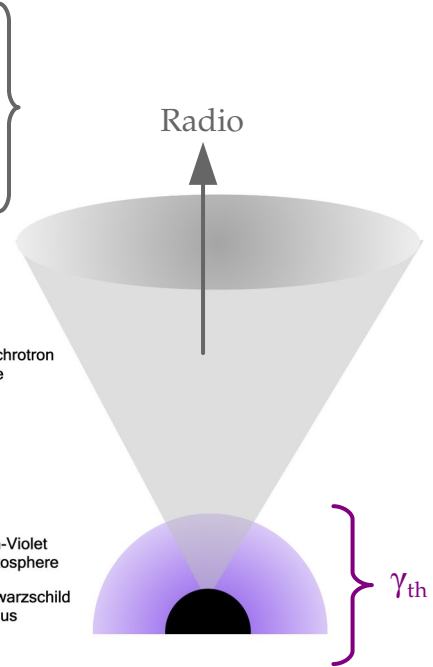
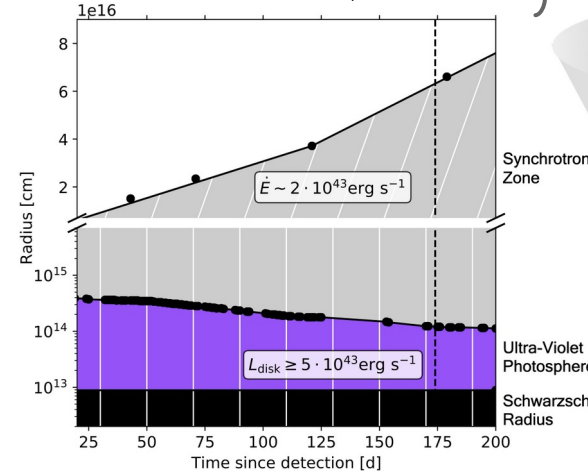
AT2019dsg: Apr 9, 2019 / $z = 0.051$ (230 Mpc) / $M_{\text{BH}} = 3 \times 10^7 M_{\odot}$



IC191001A, ~ 200 TeV

Multi-zone model:

From radio:
mildly relativistic expansion
($v/c \sim 0.2$) + acceleration
 p and e accelerated here
($B = 0.07$ G, $E_p < 160$ PeV)



$$p + \gamma_{\text{th}} \text{ (or } p) \rightarrow \nu$$

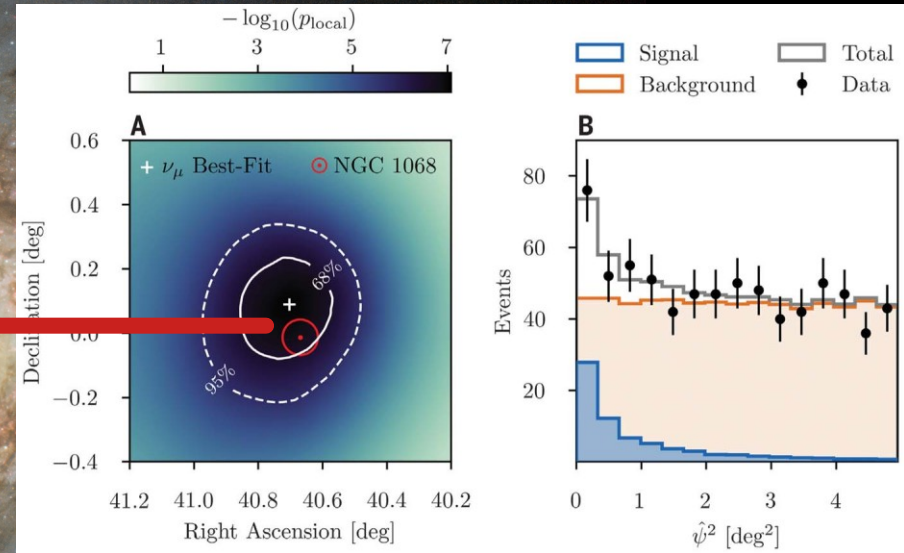
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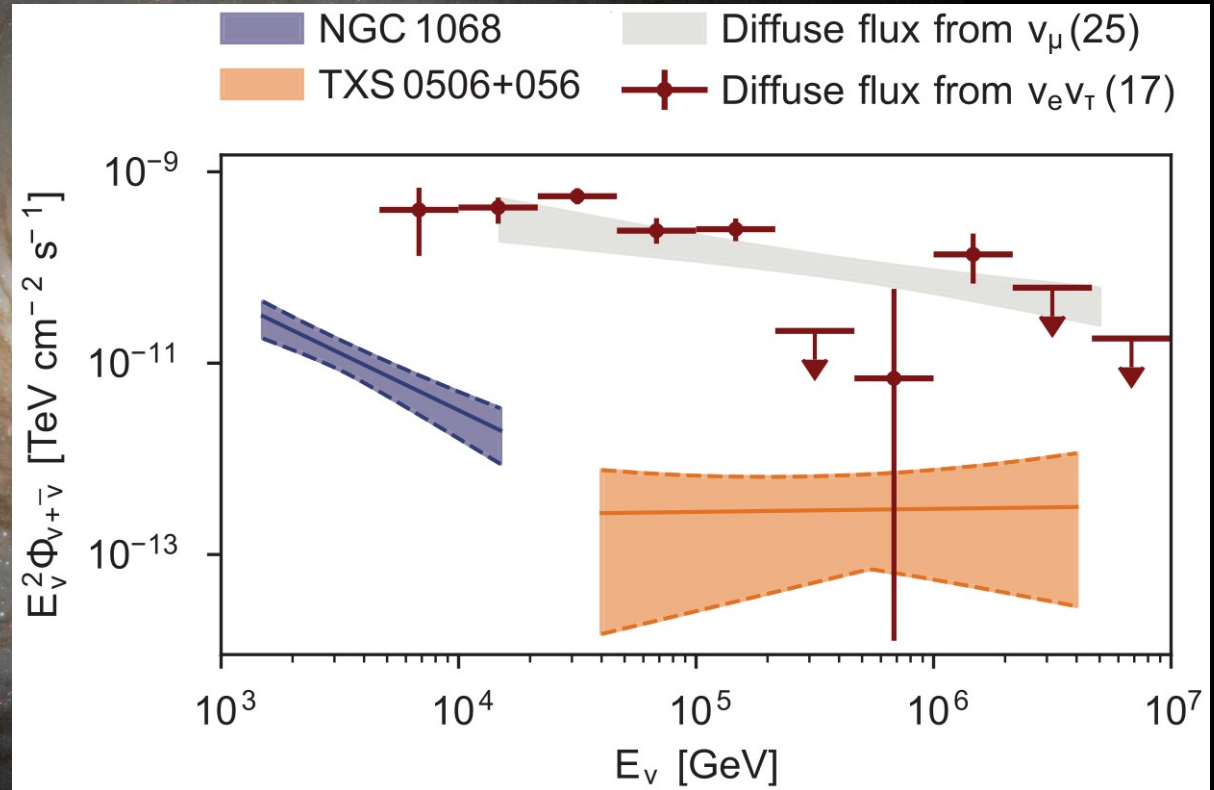
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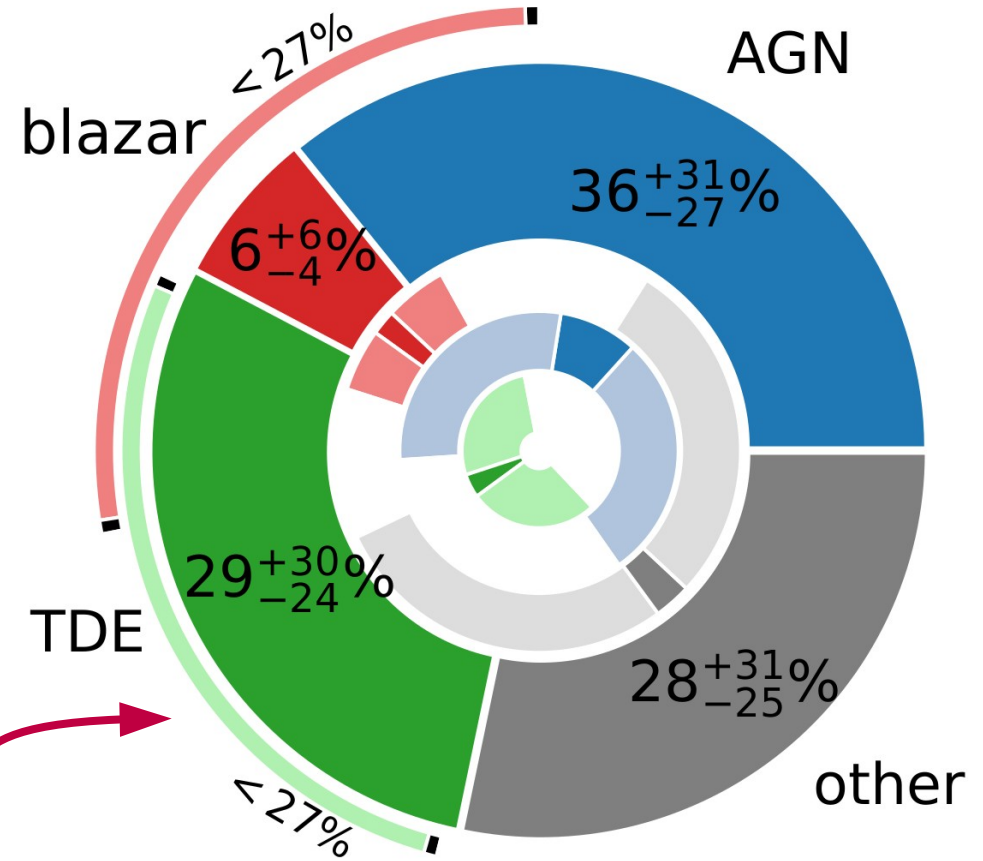


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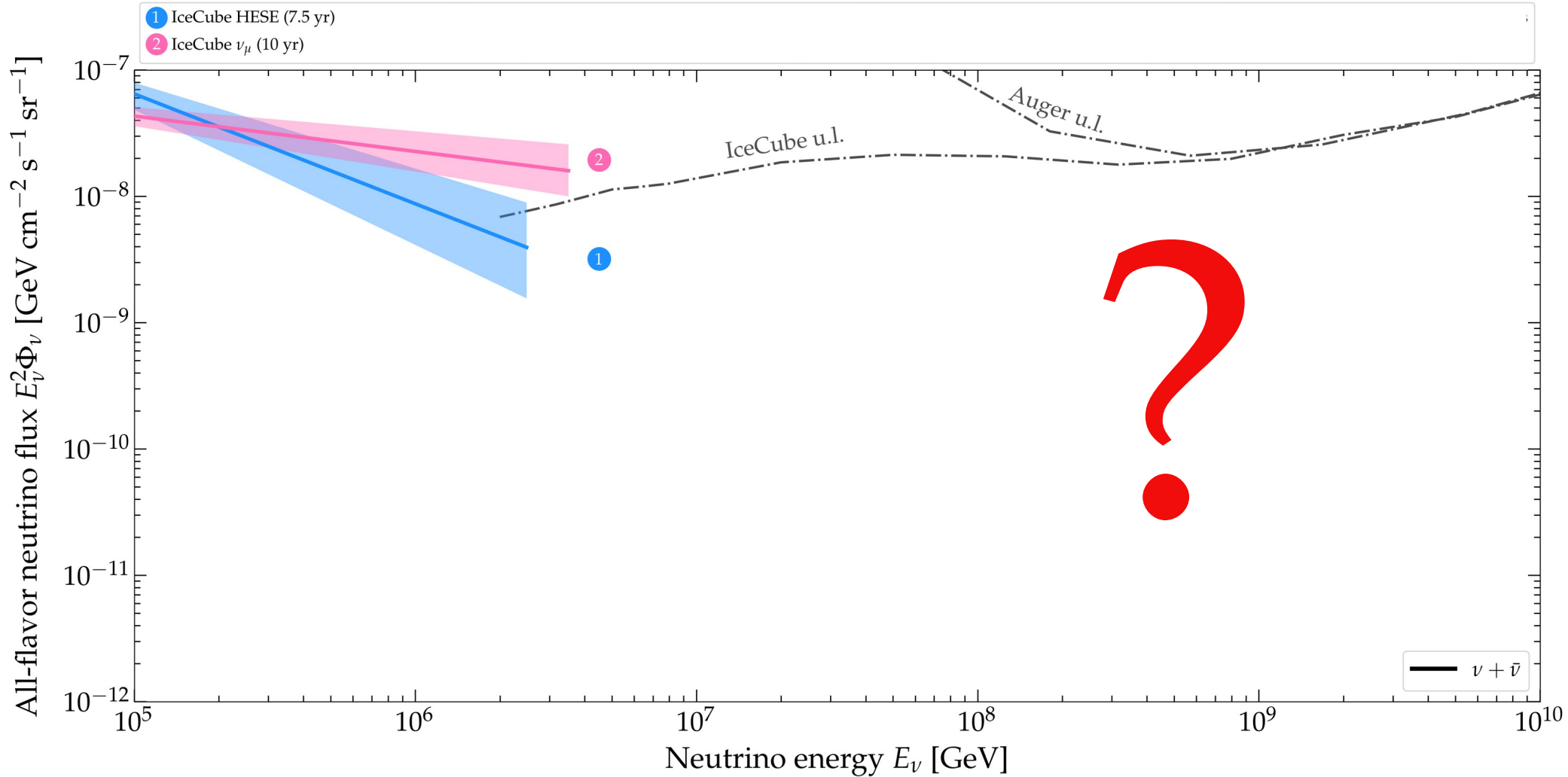
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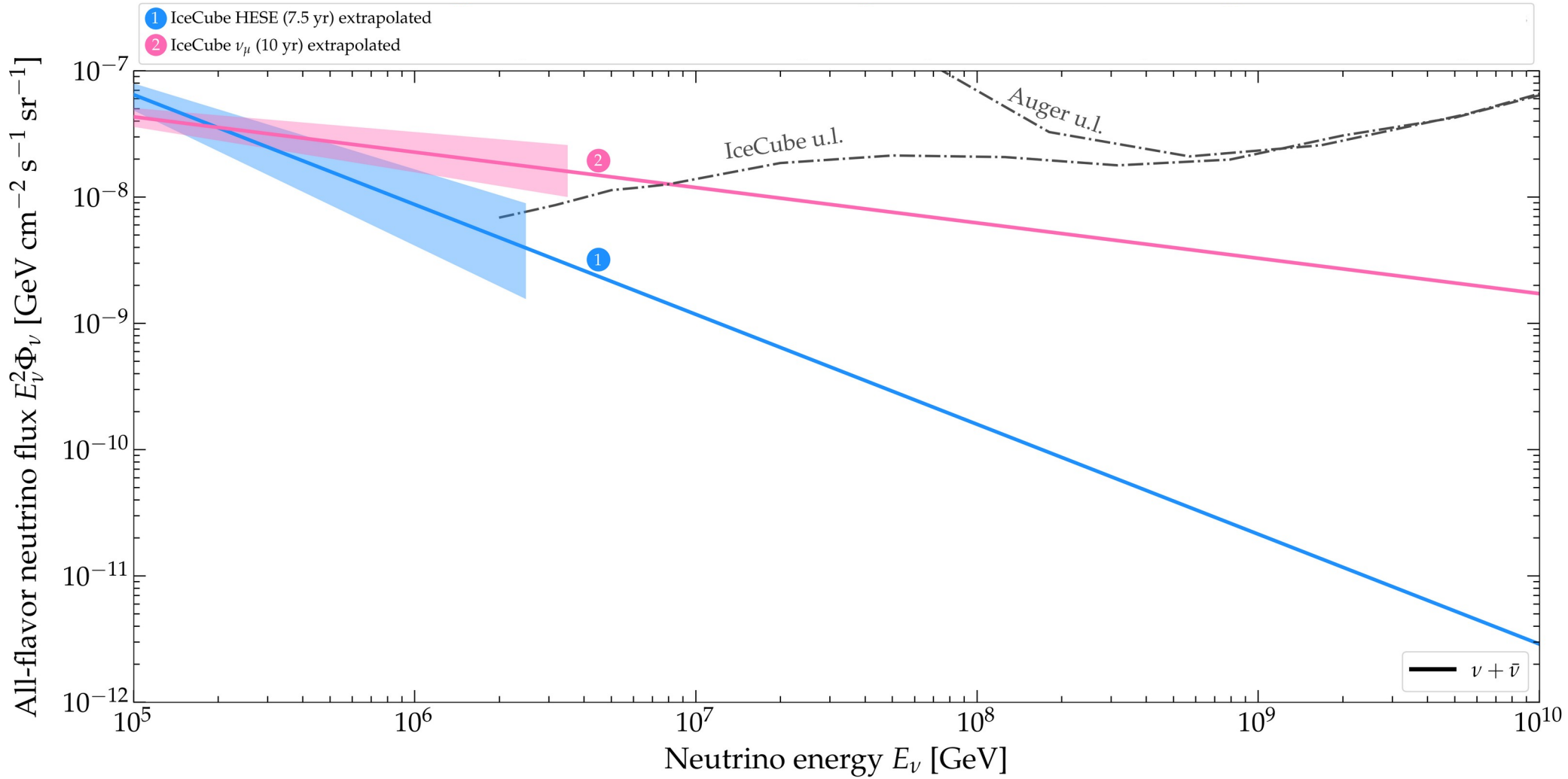
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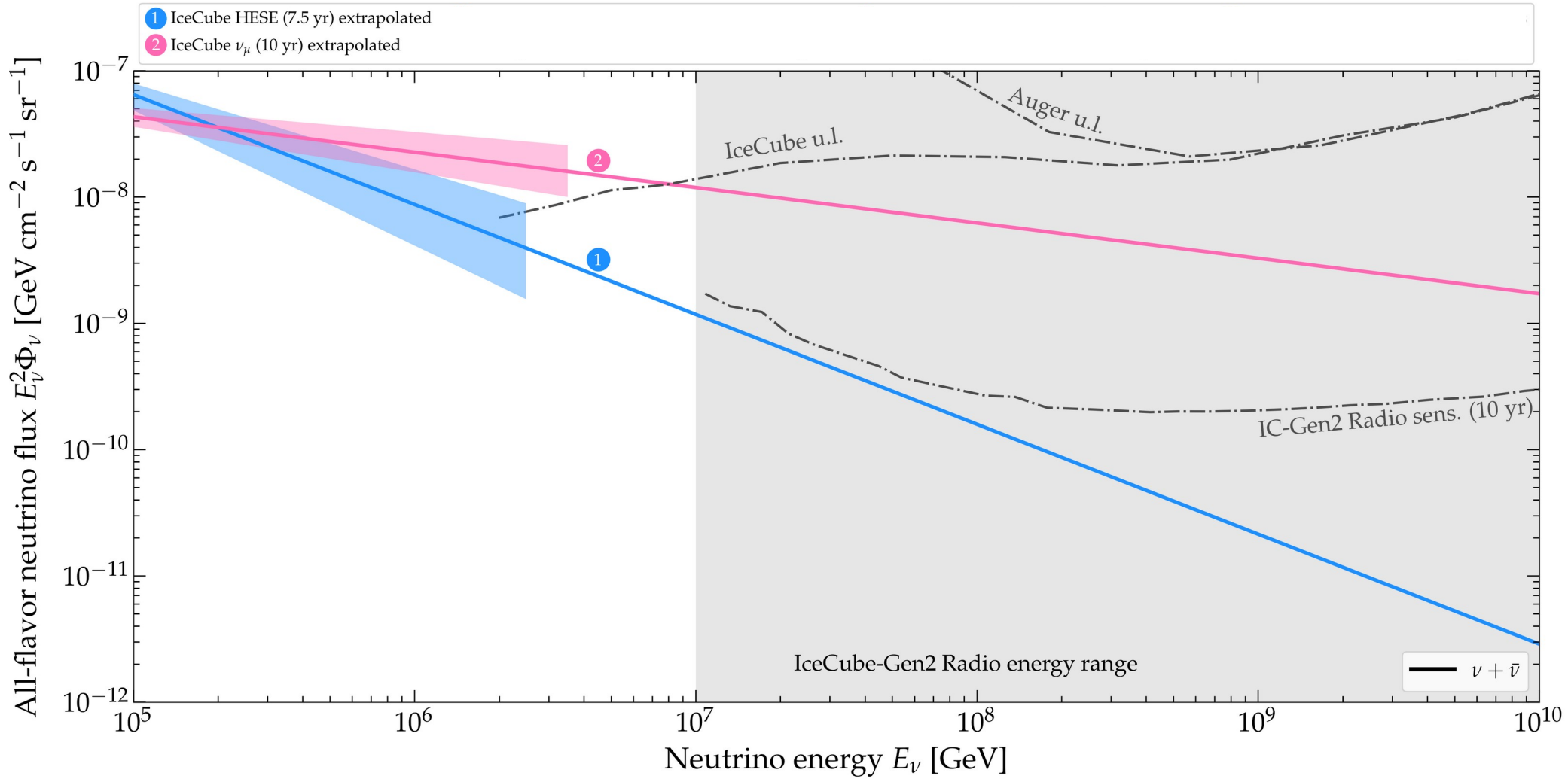
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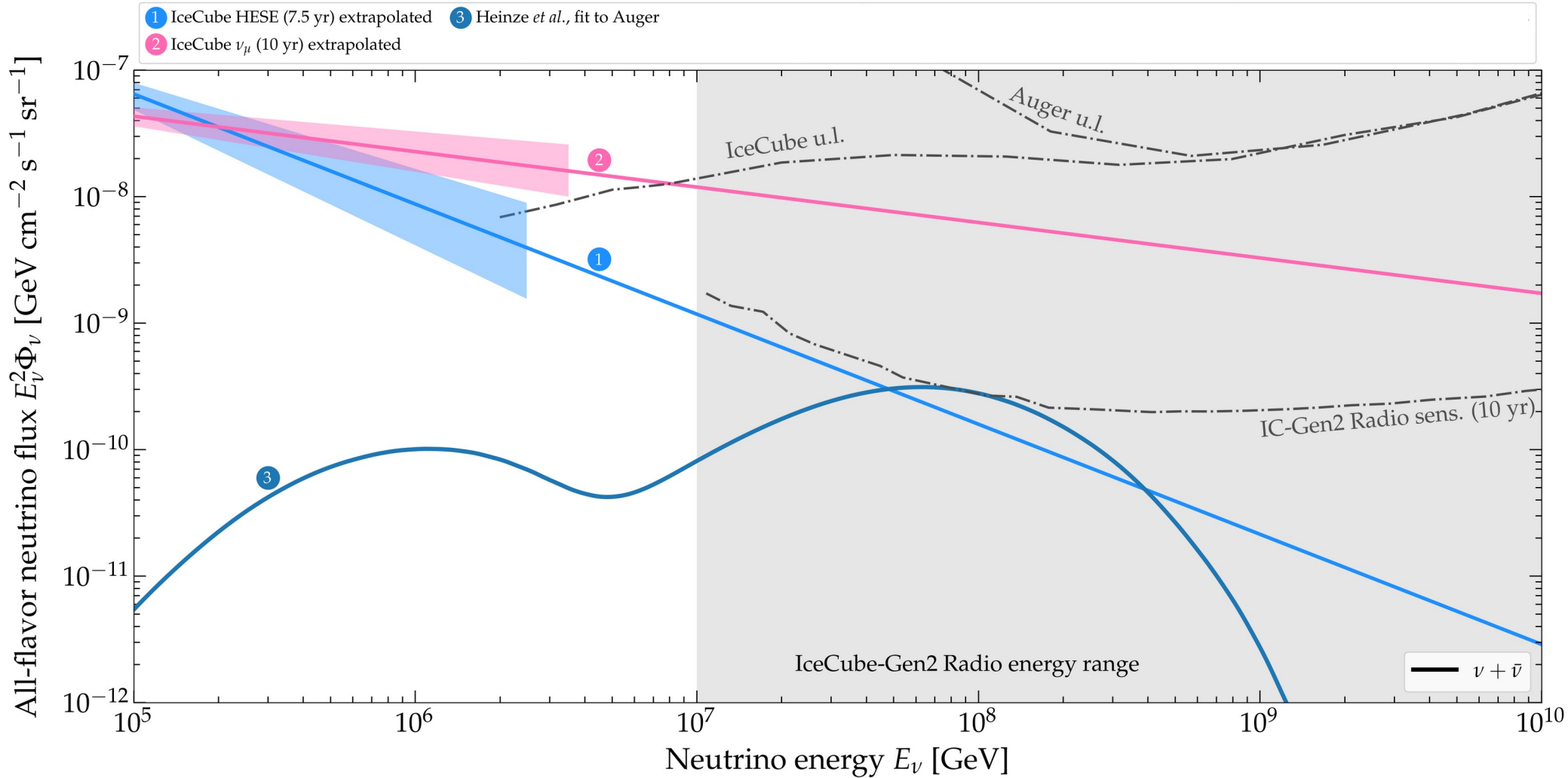


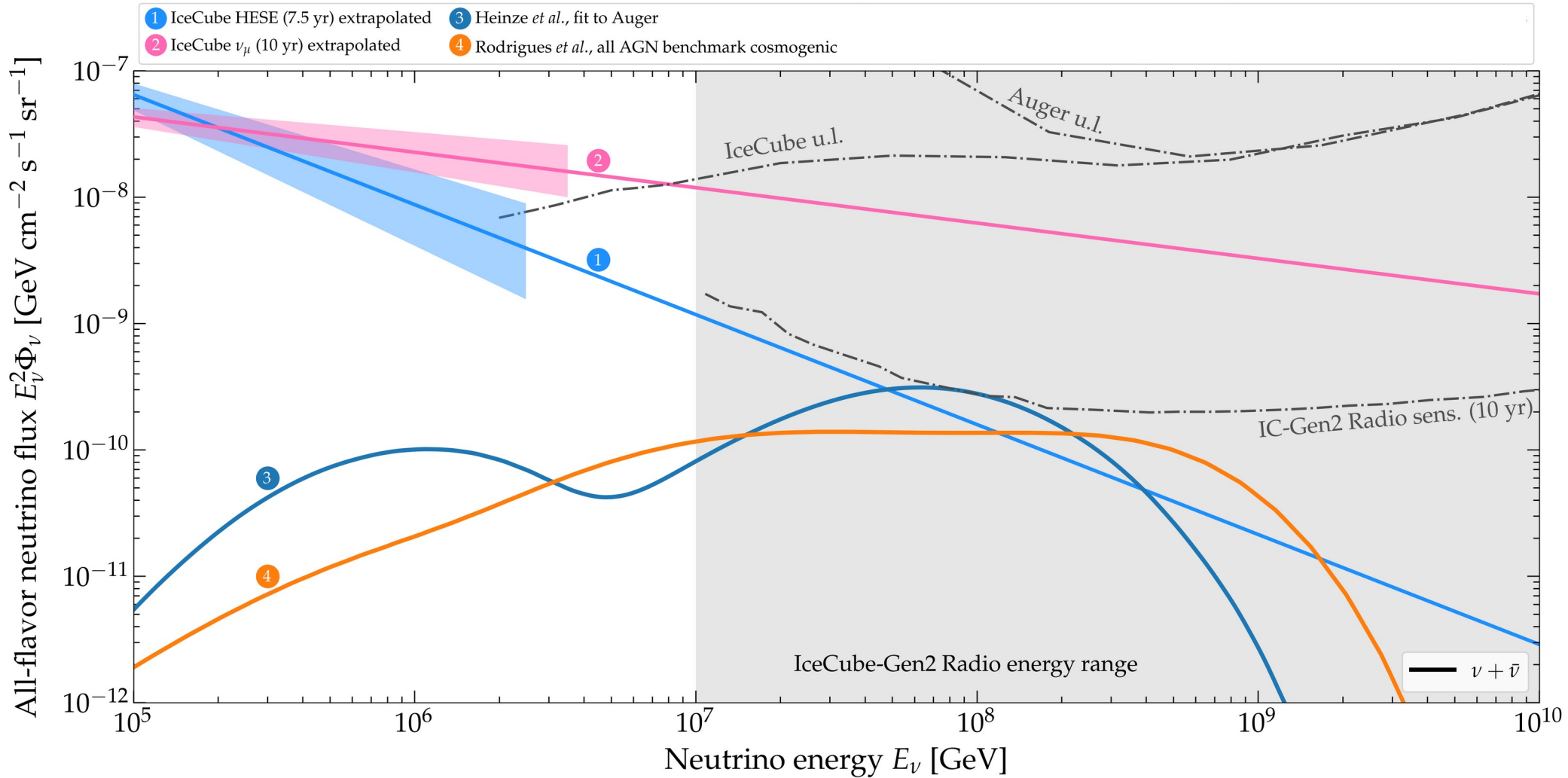
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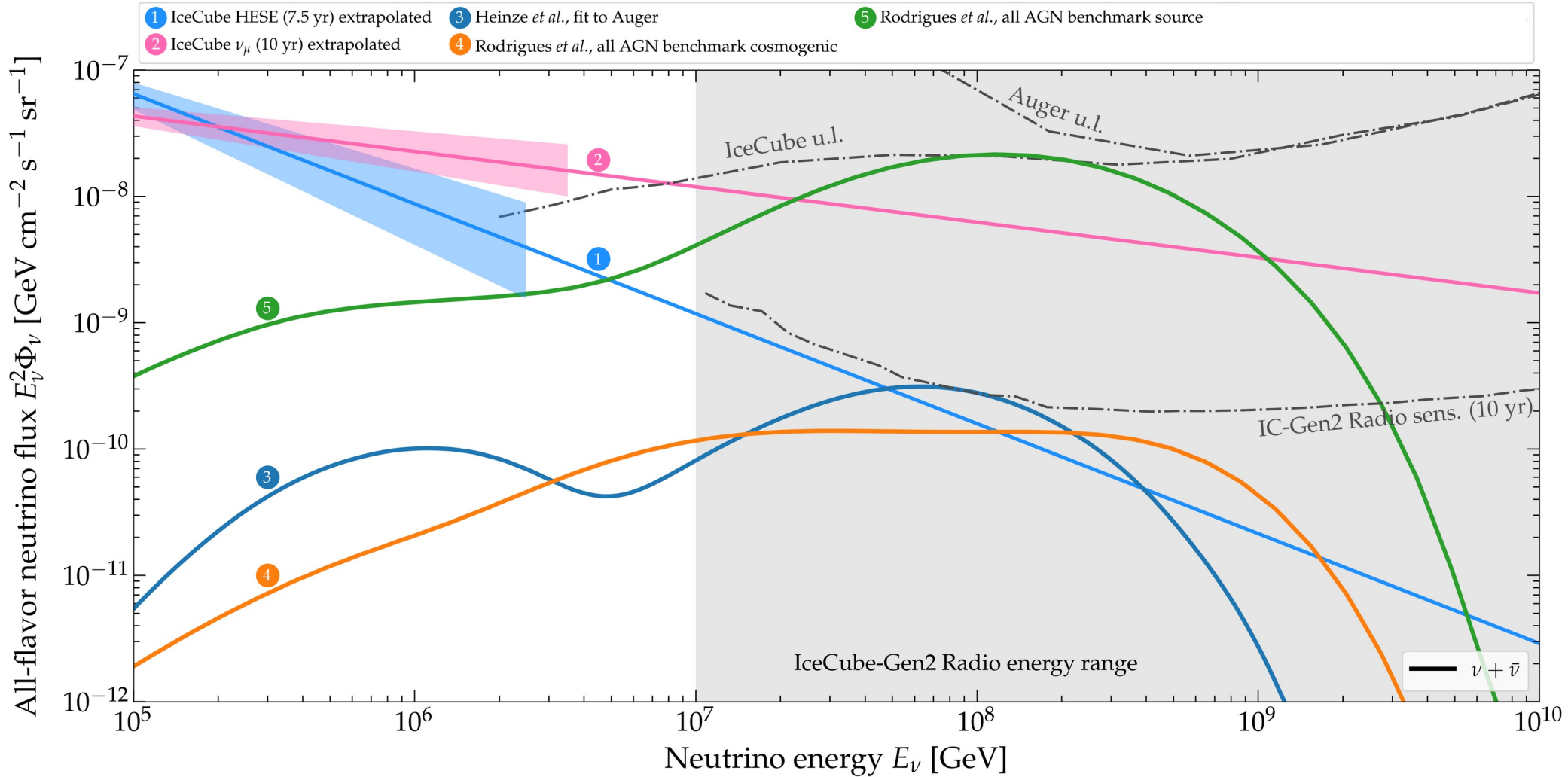


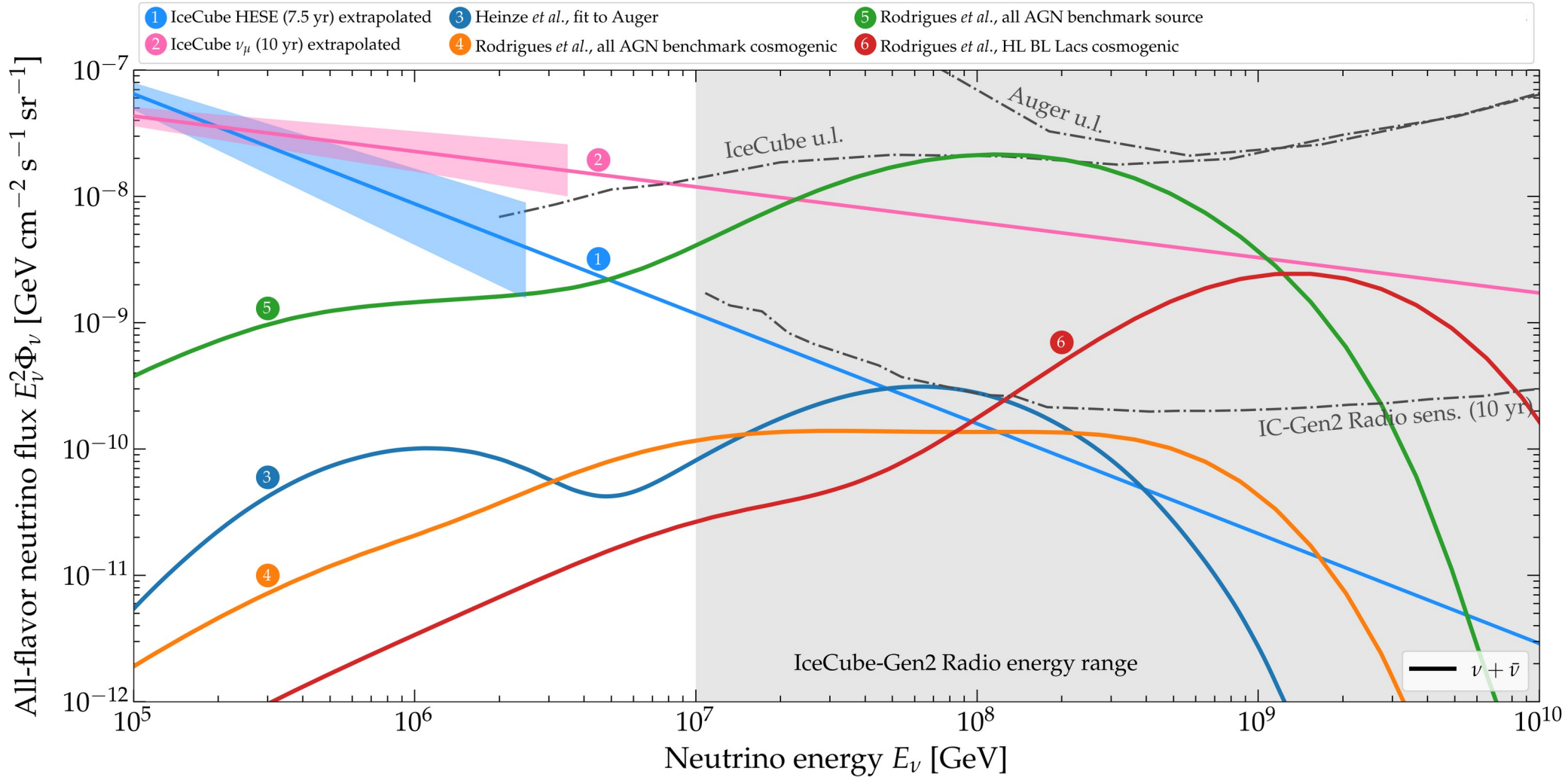


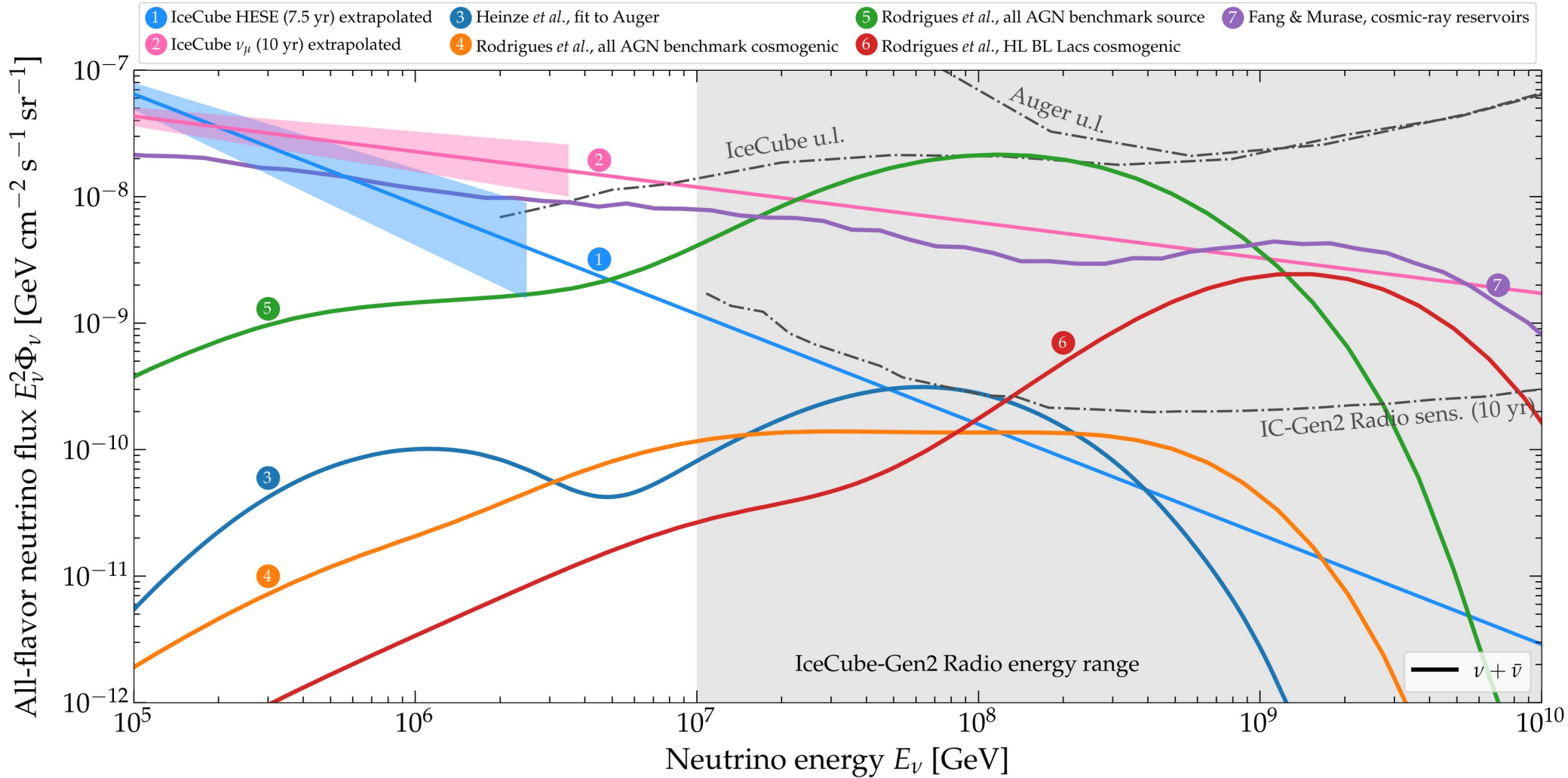


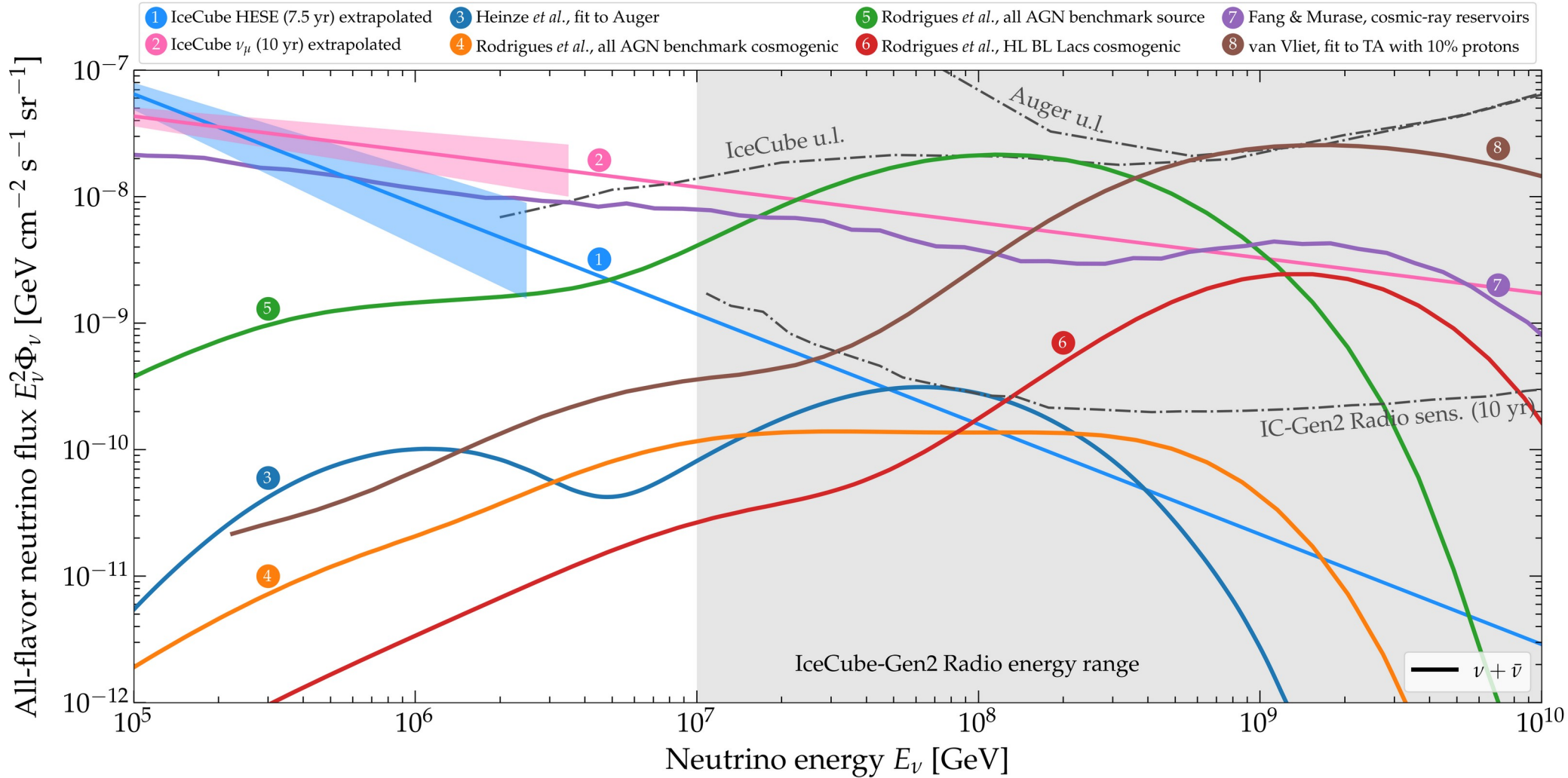


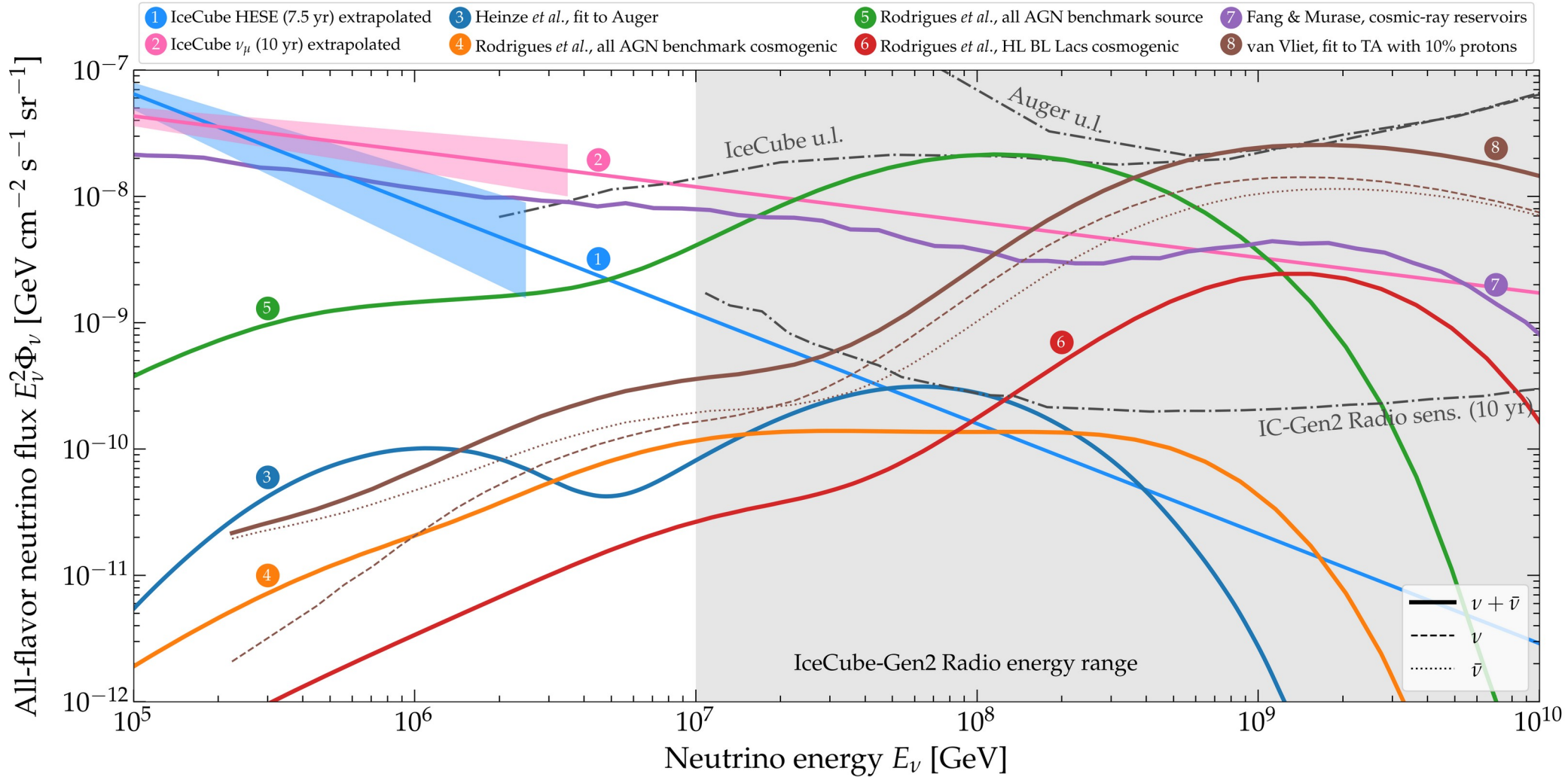


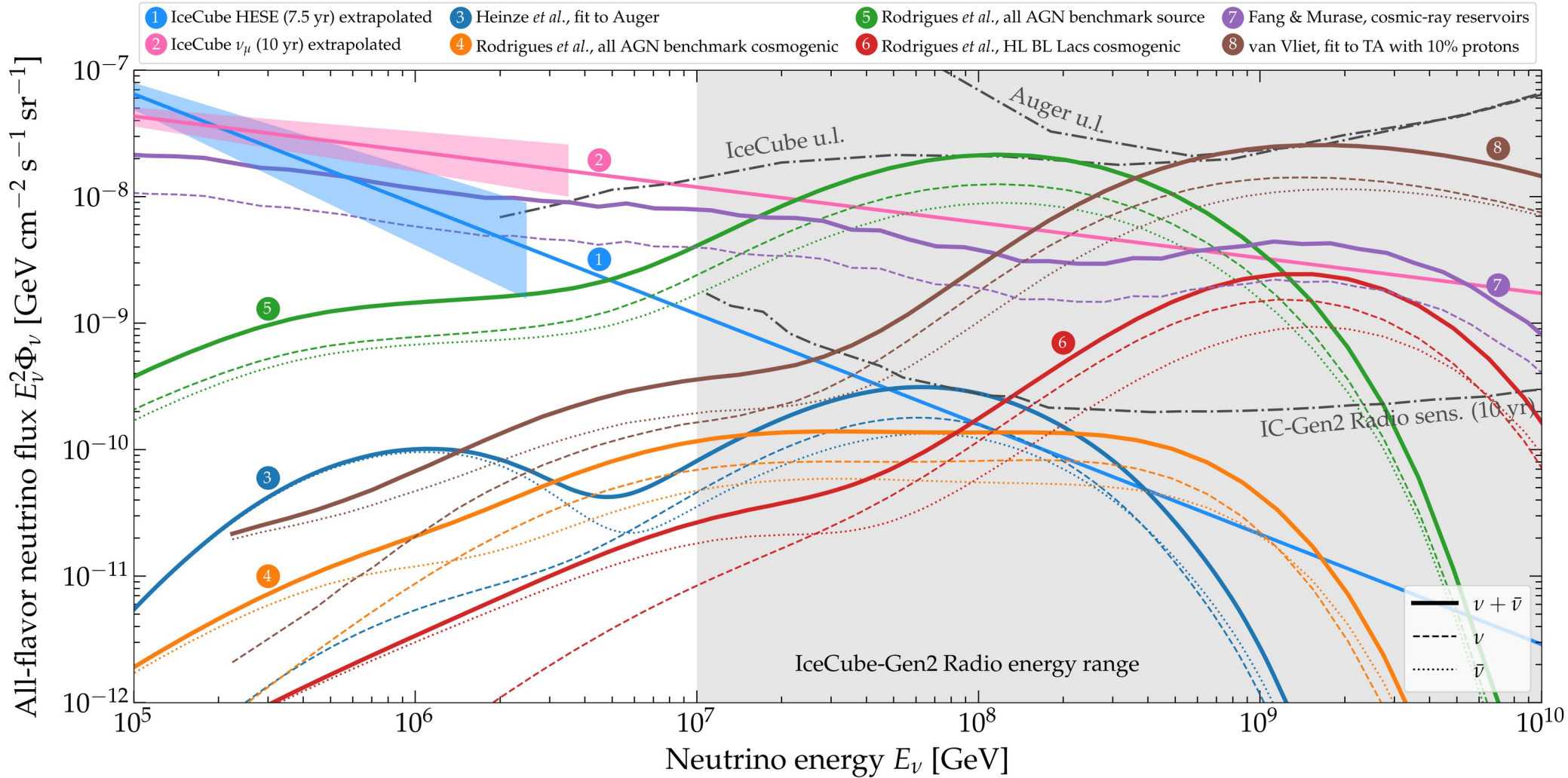




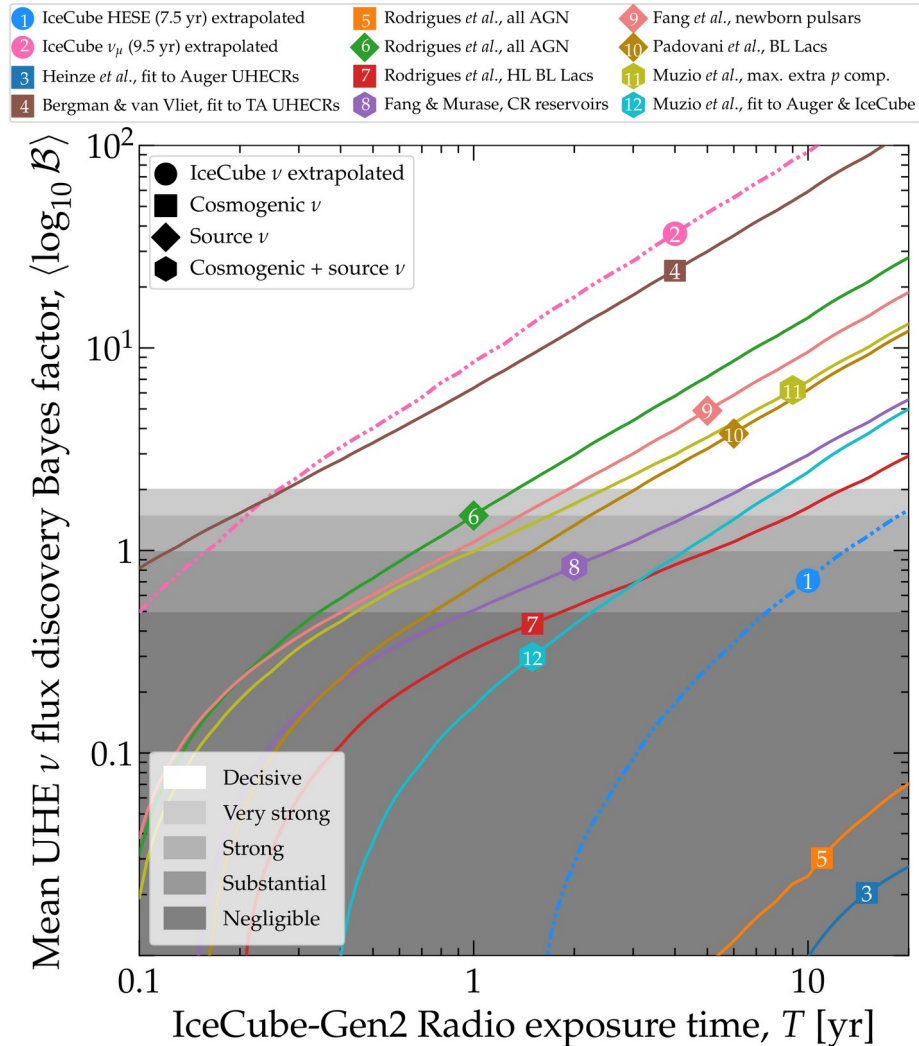






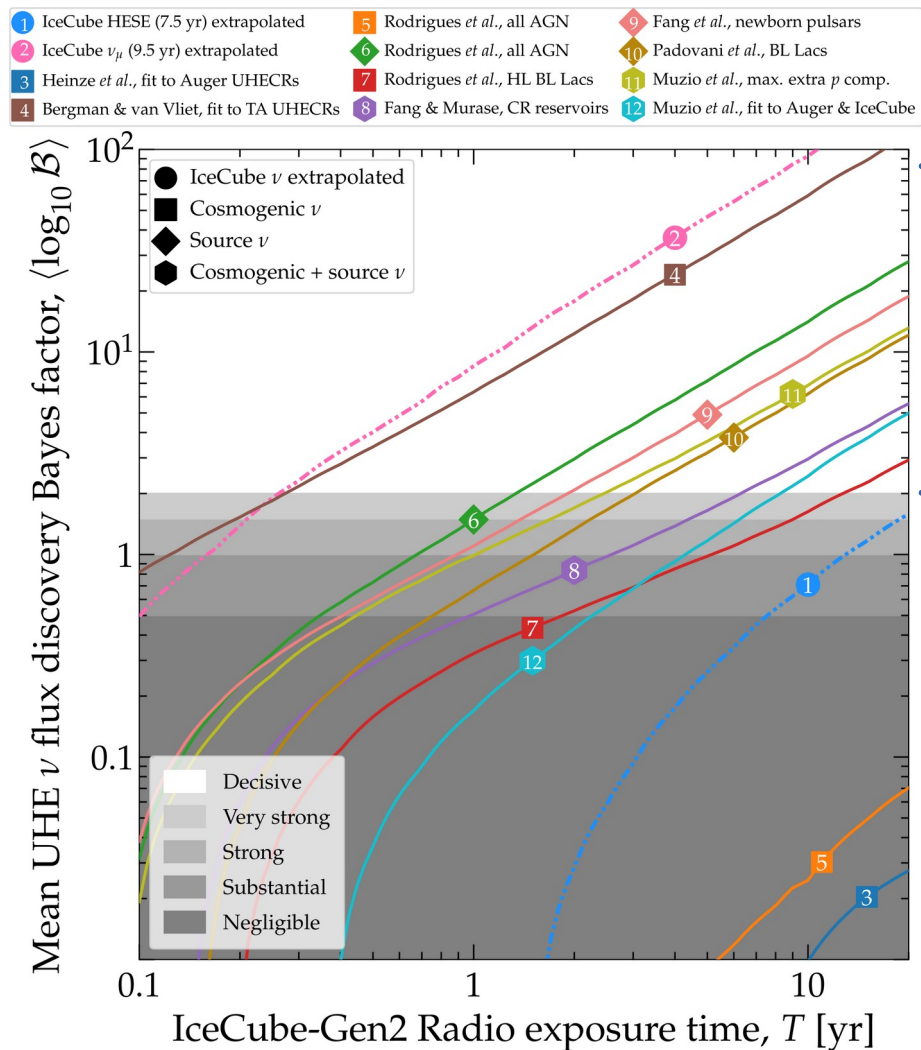


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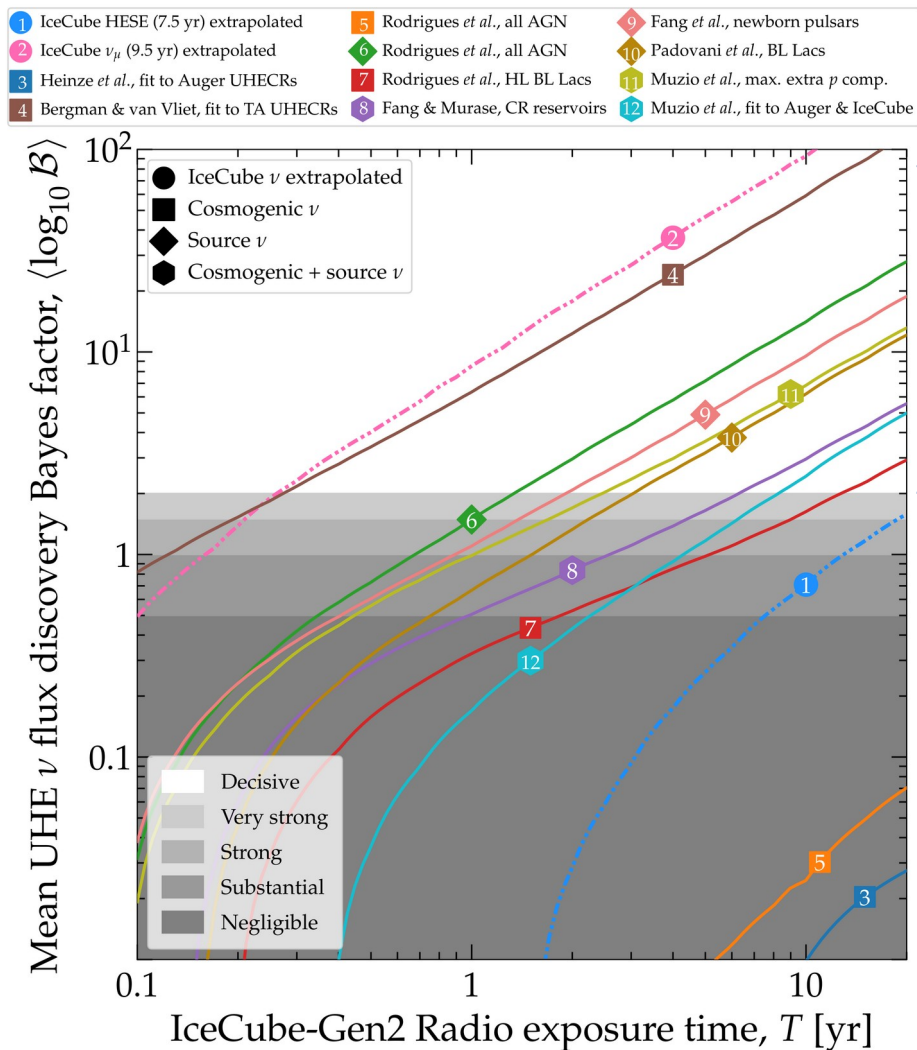
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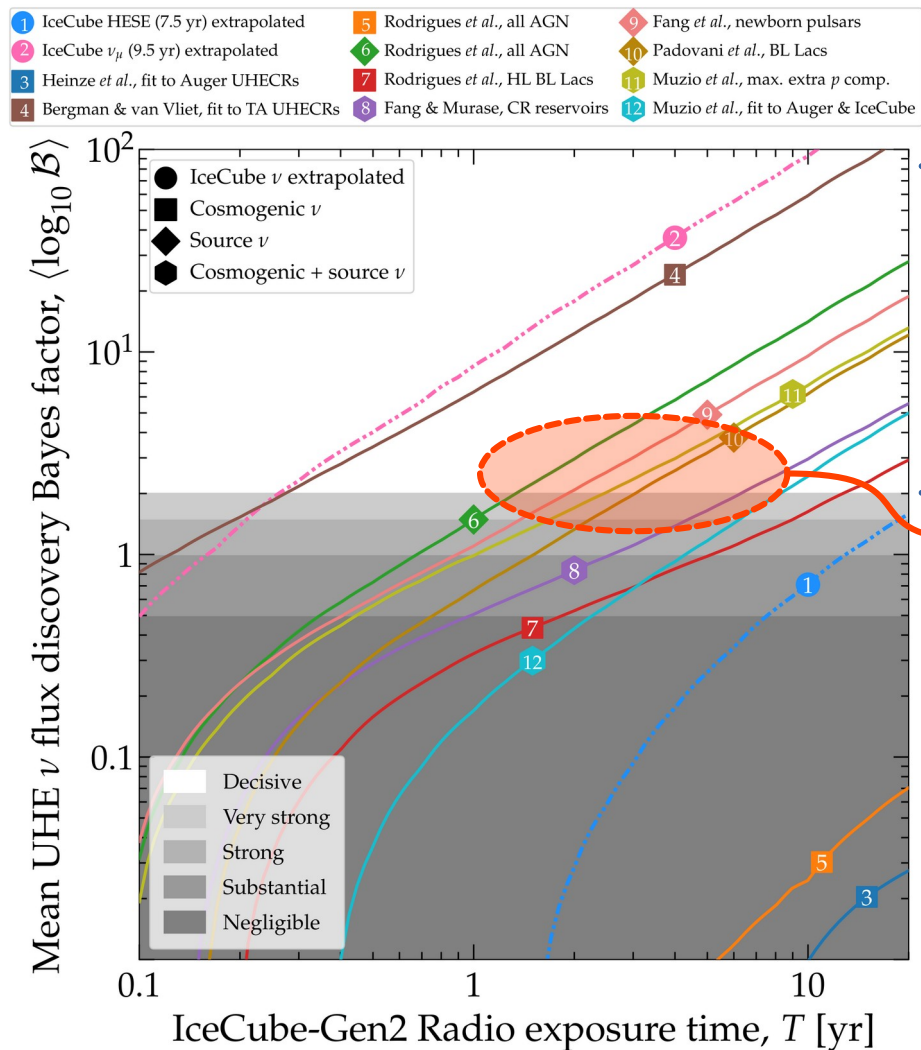


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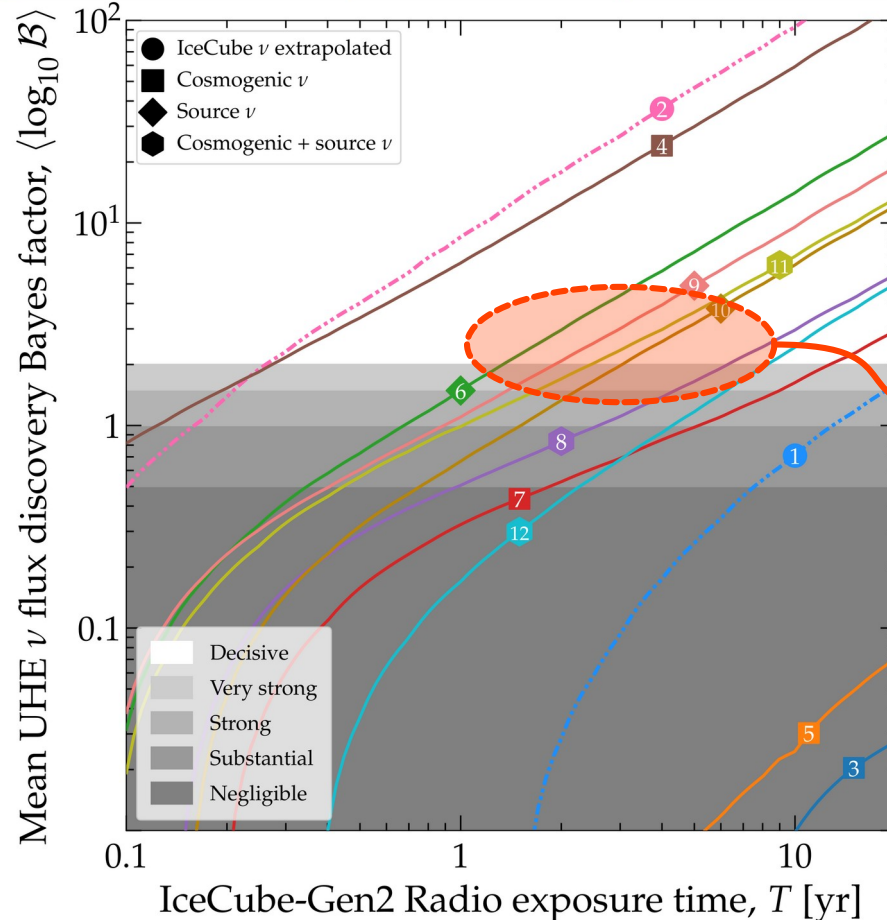
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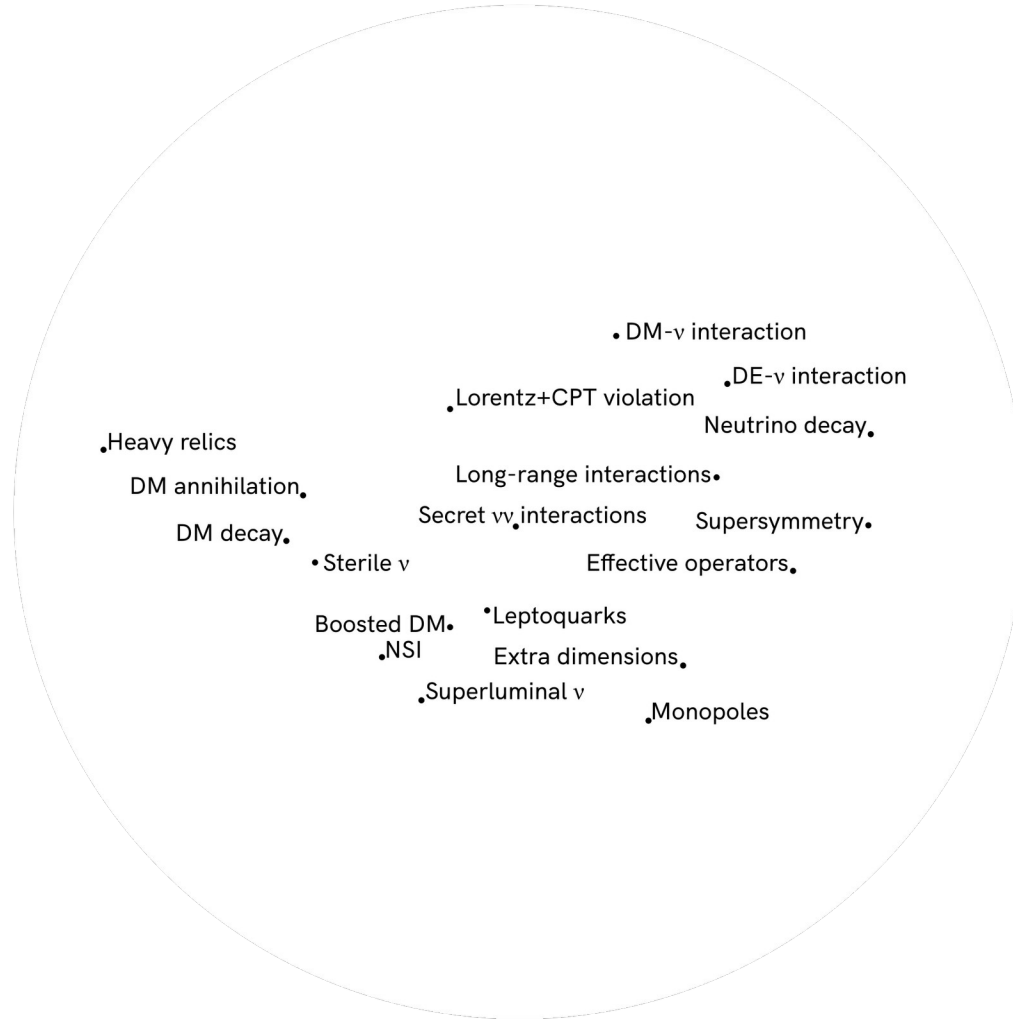
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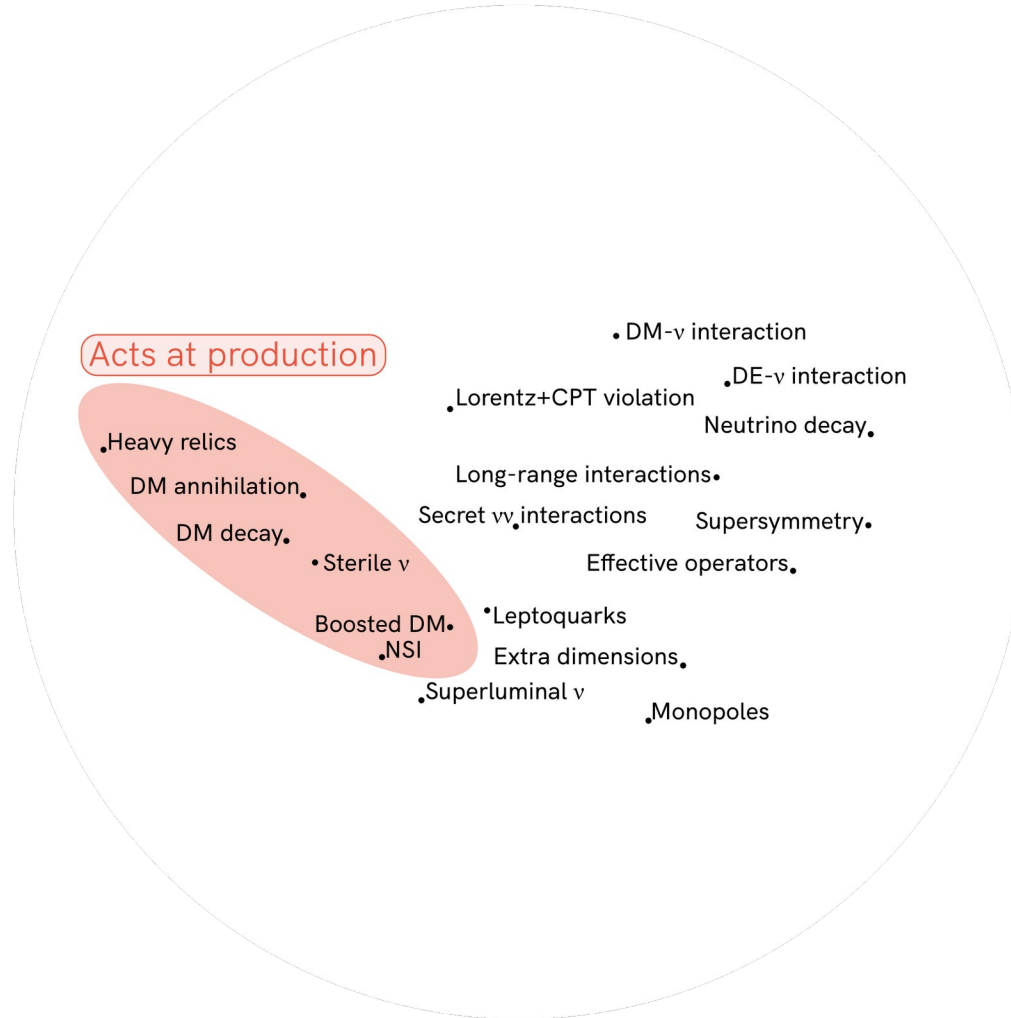
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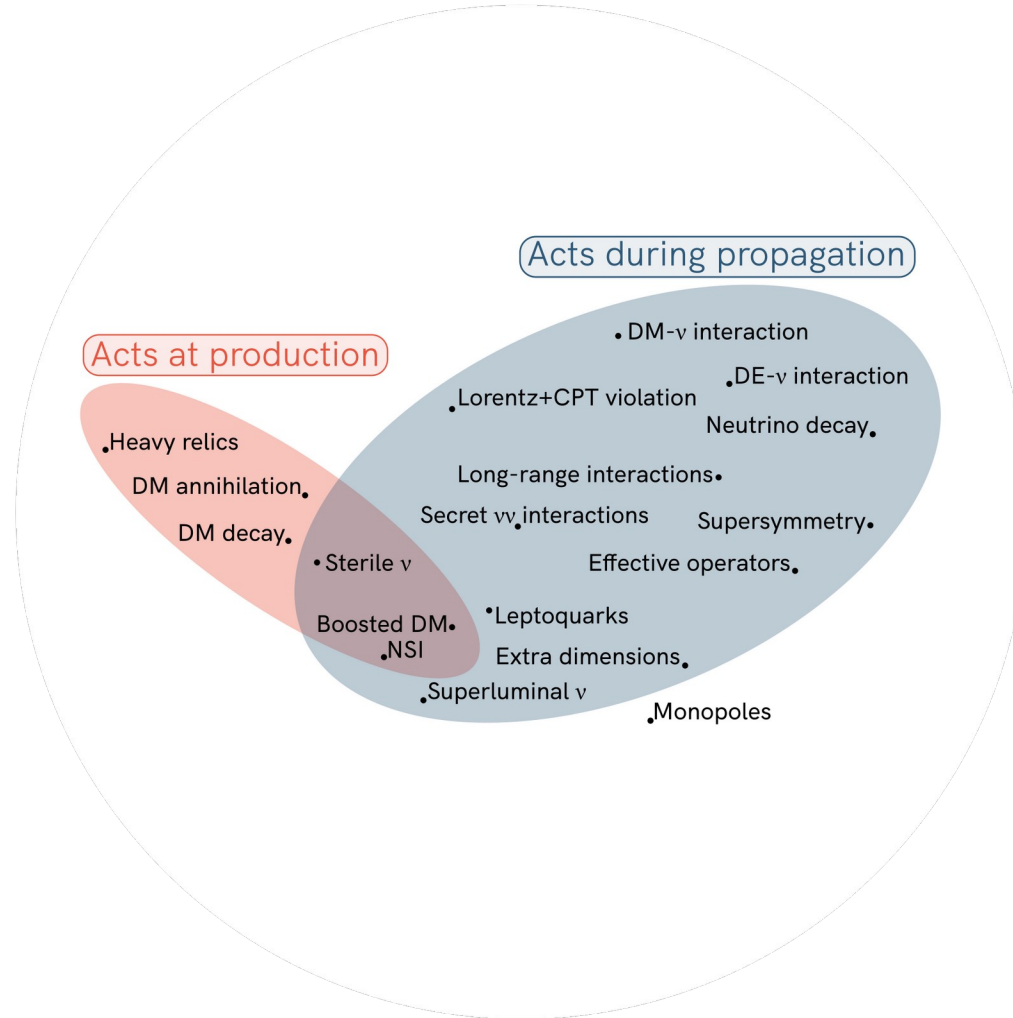
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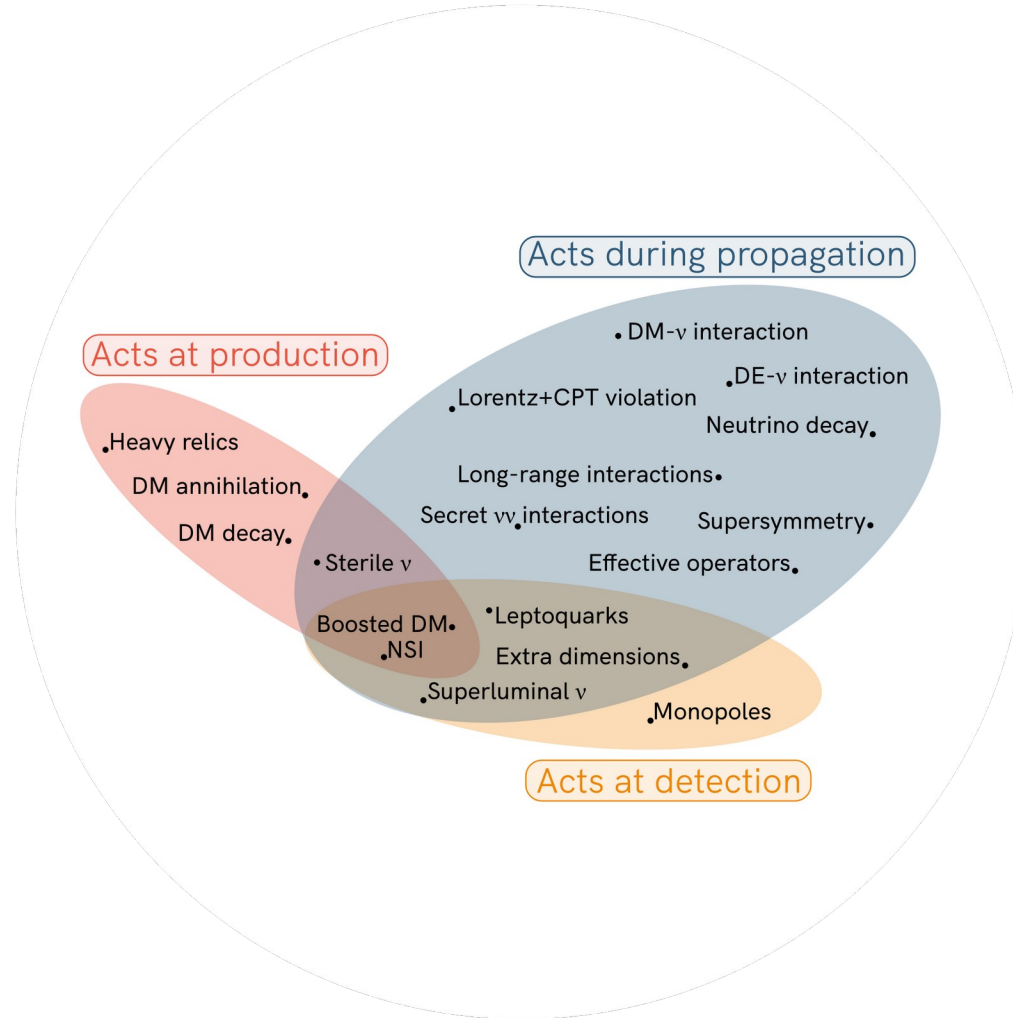
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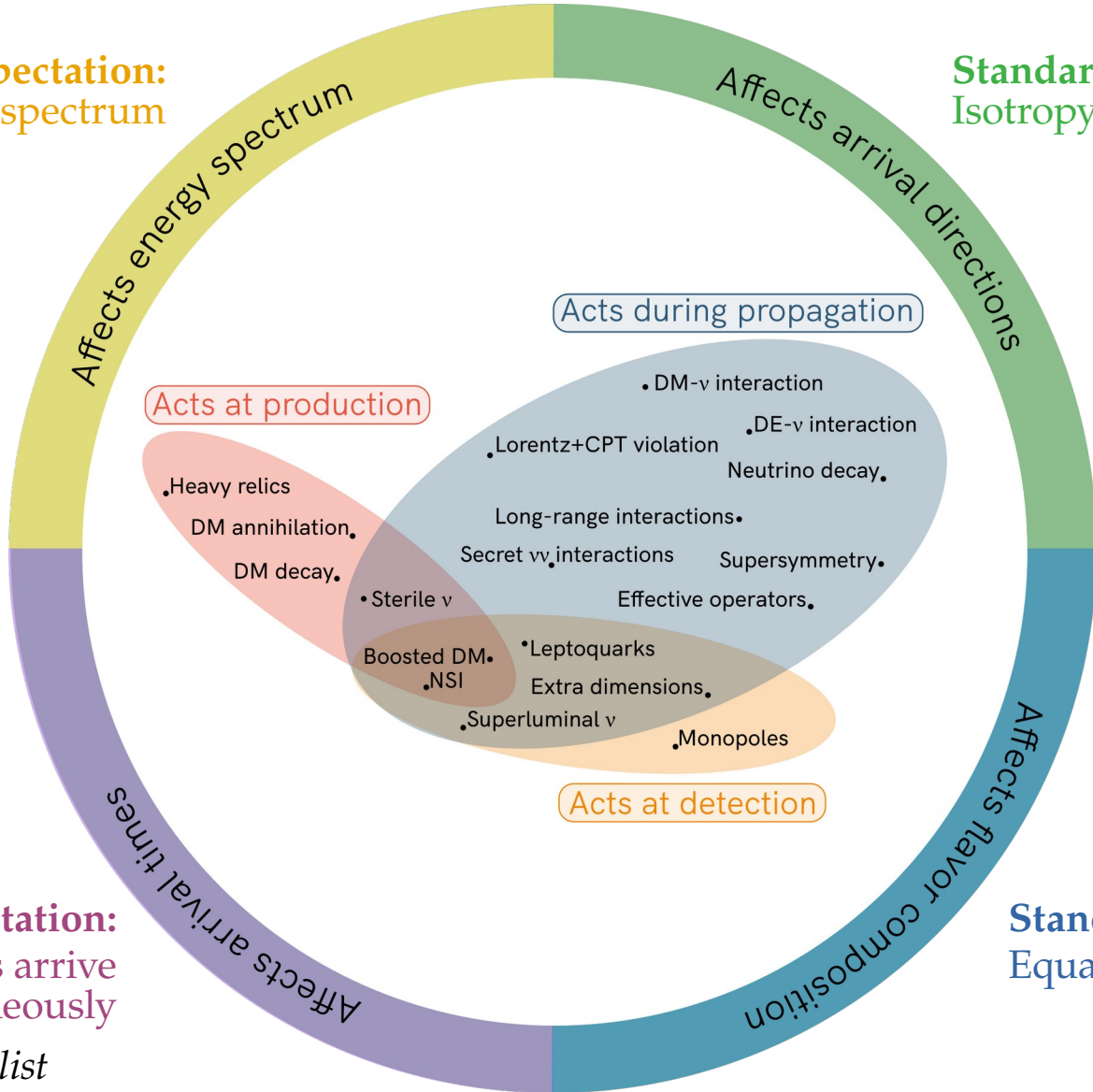
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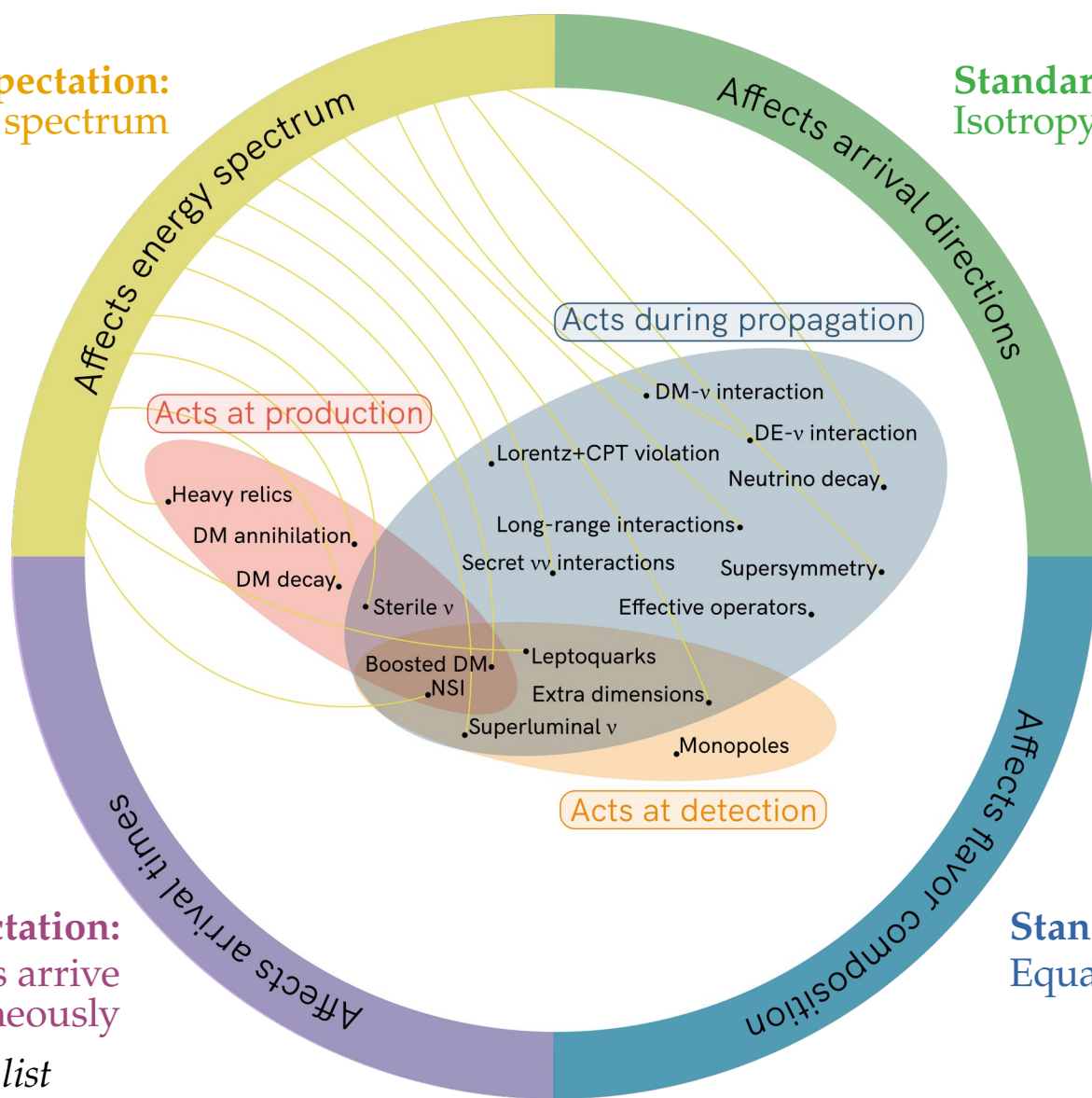
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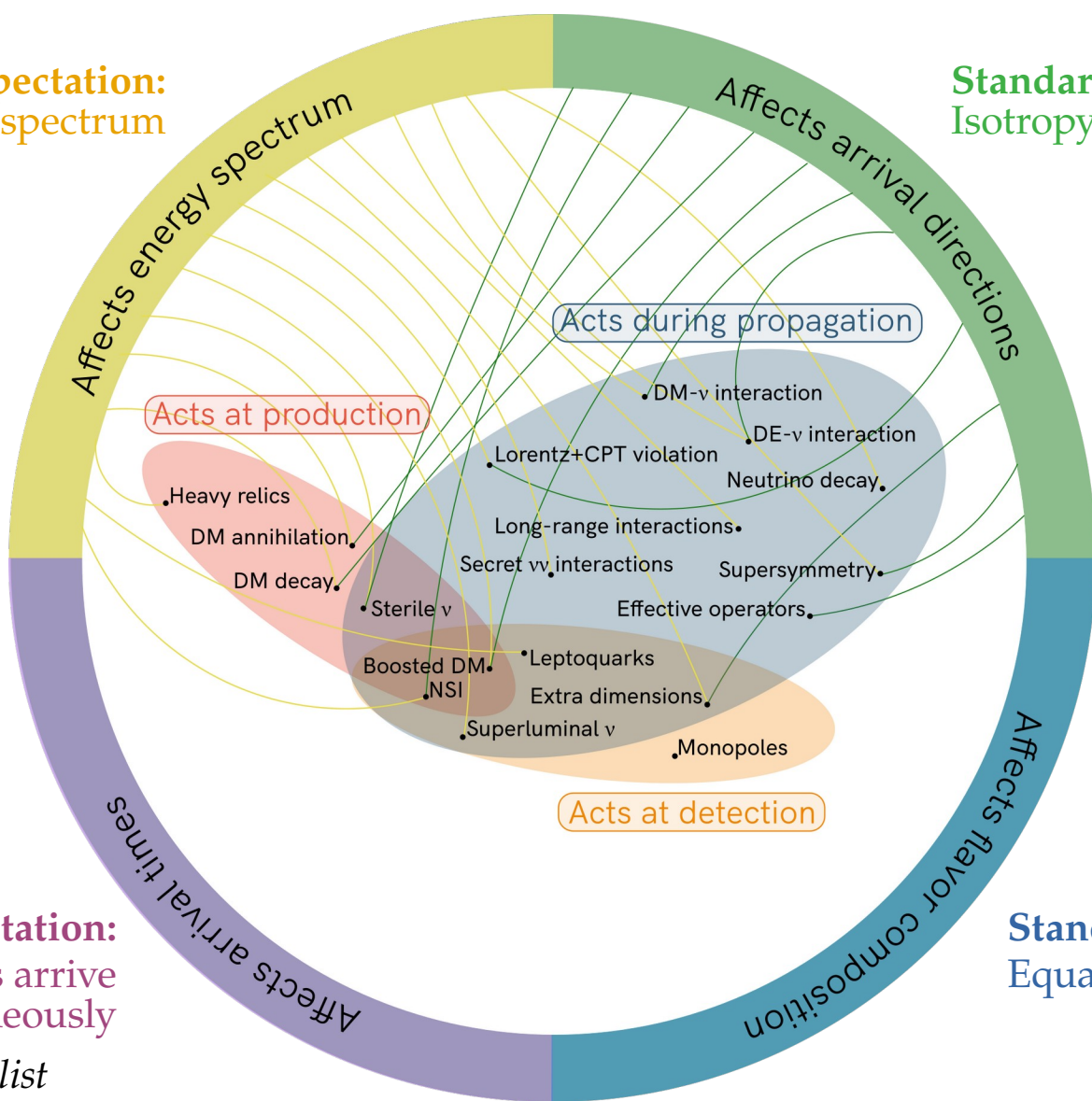
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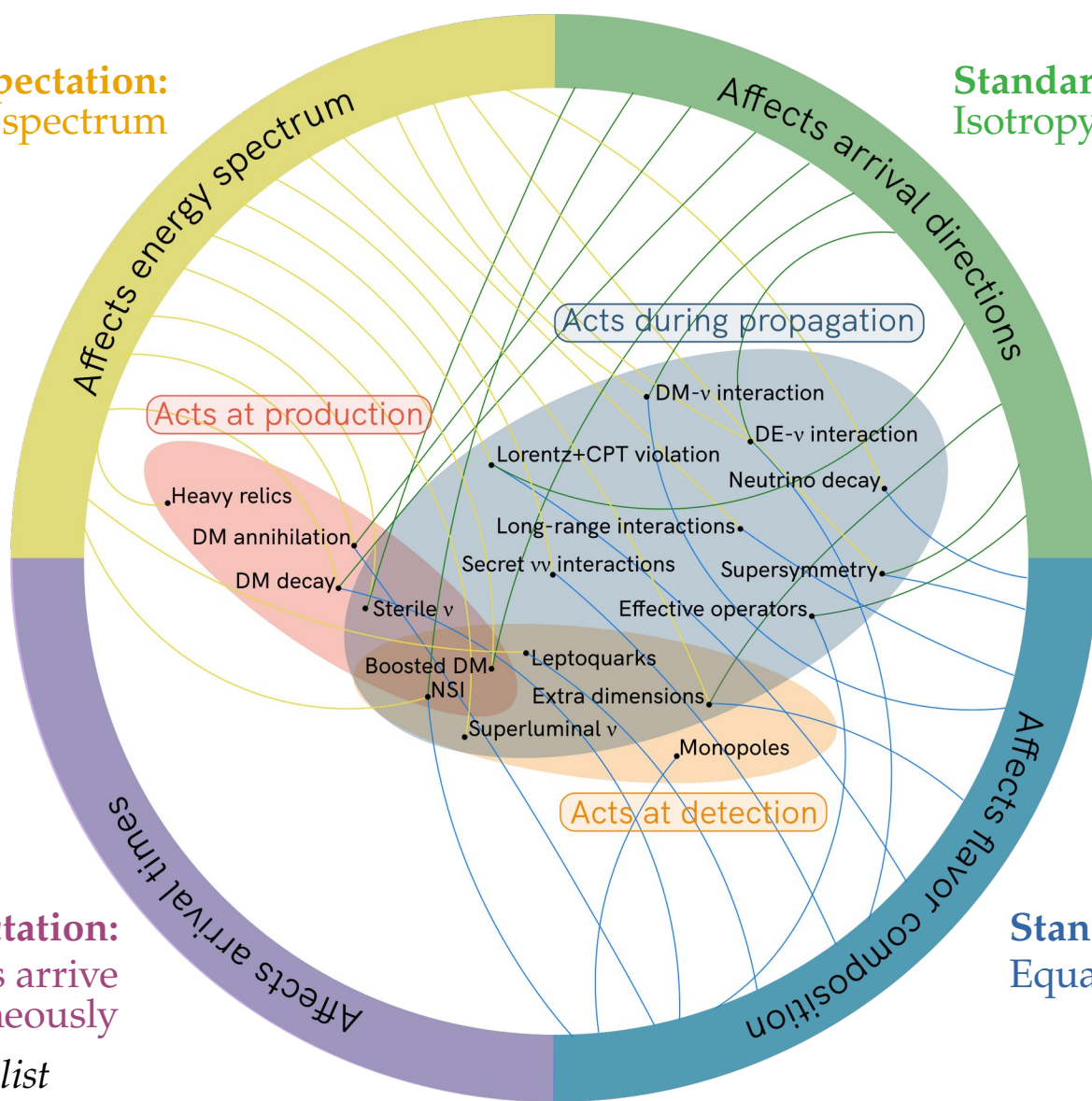
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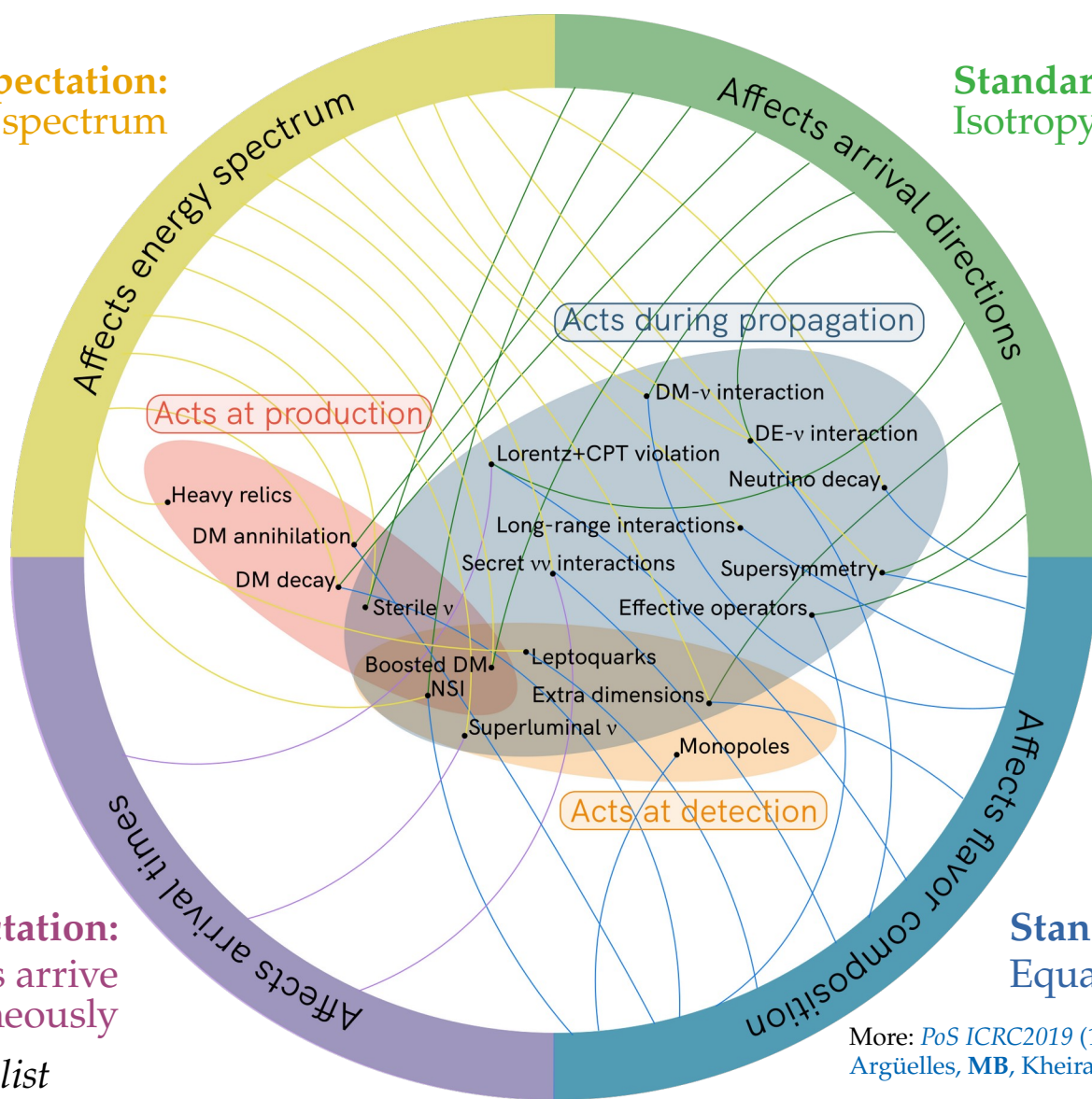
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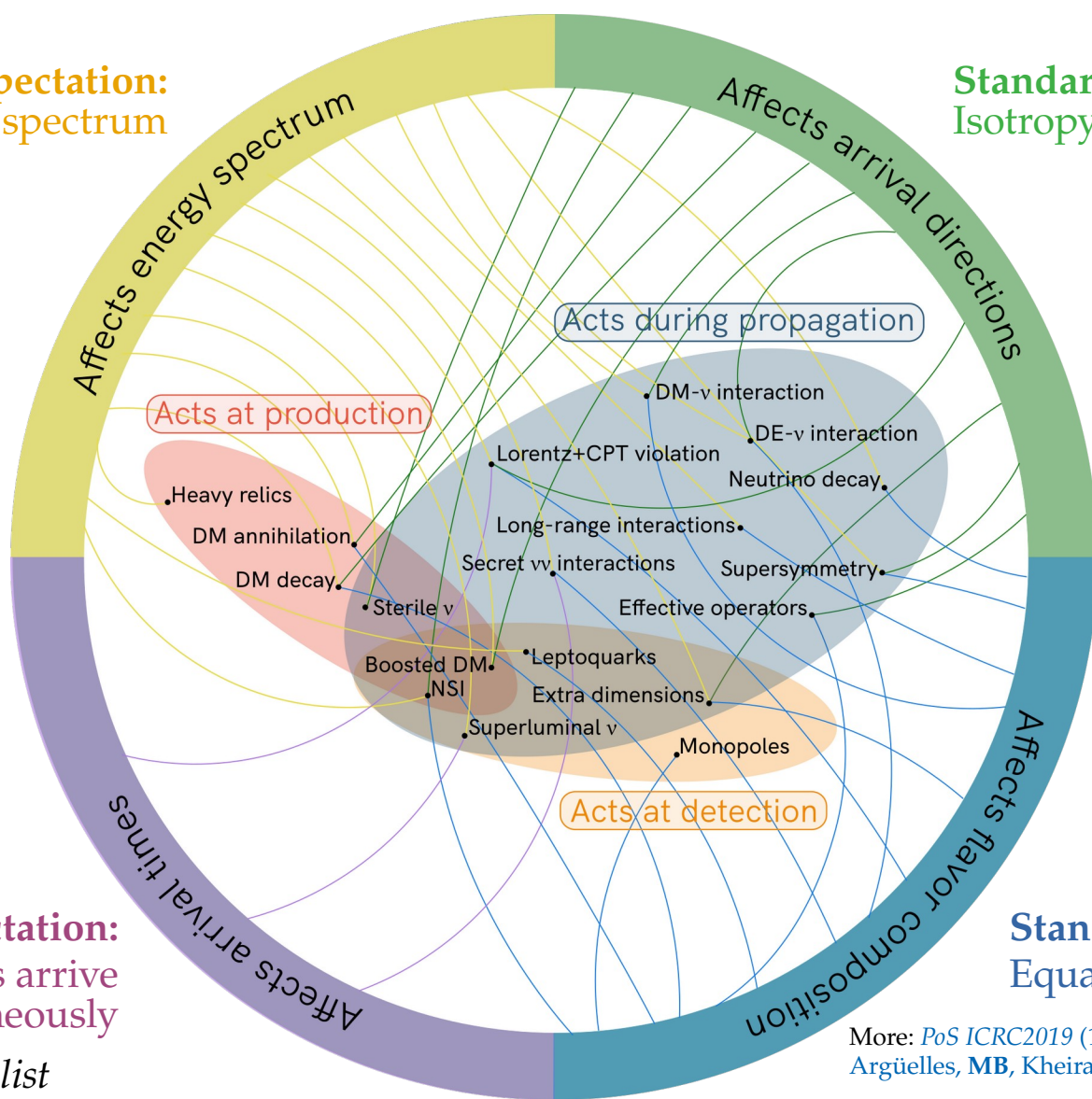
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Acts at production

Reviews:

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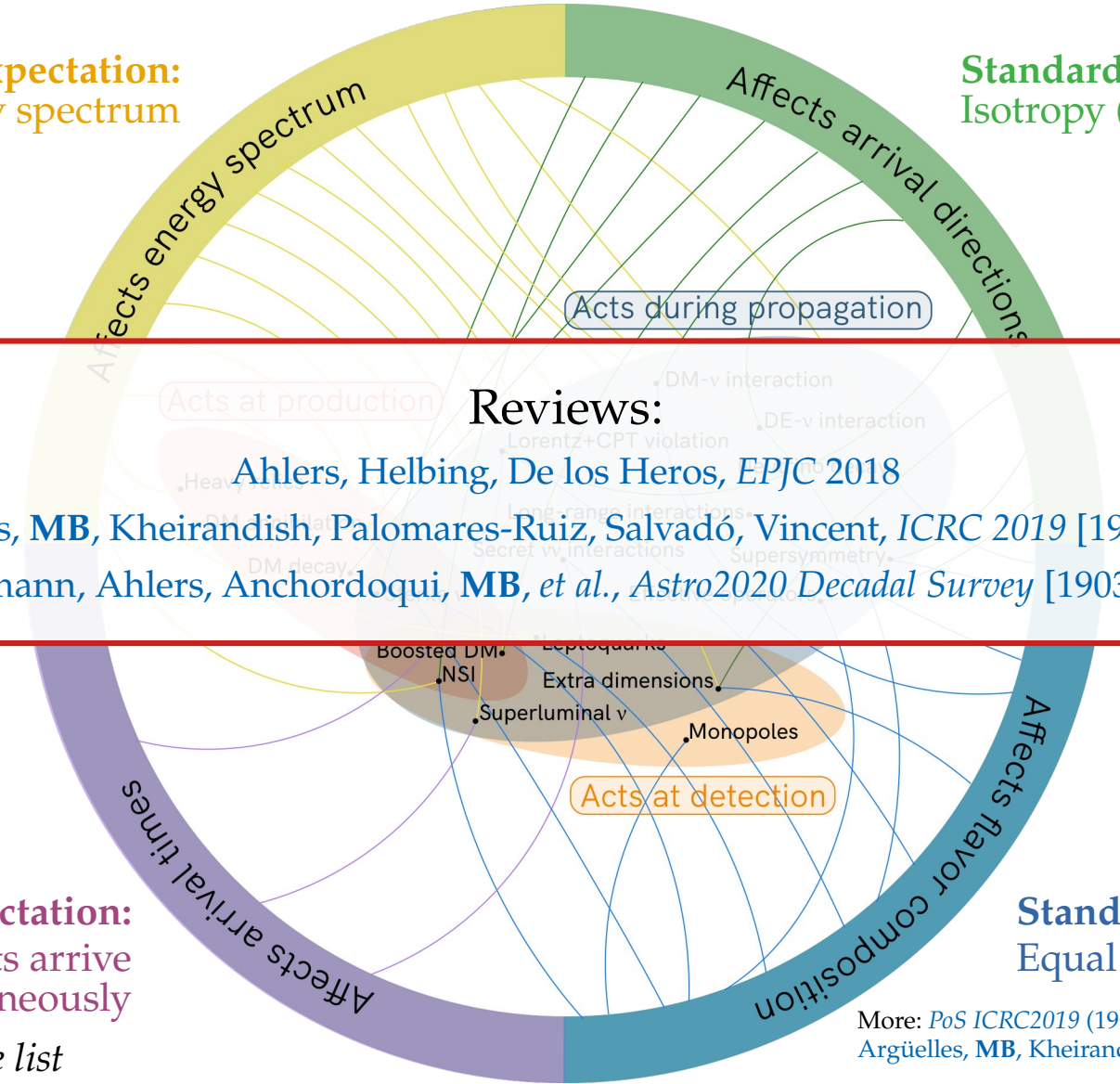
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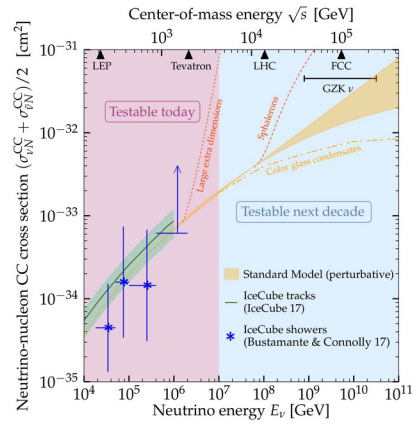
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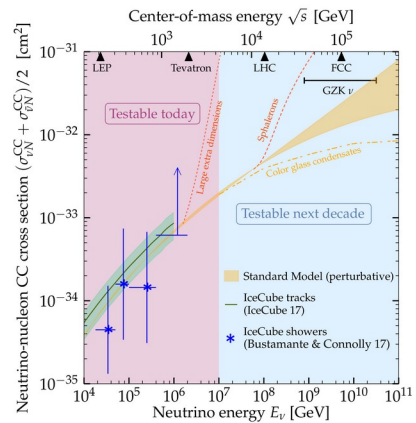
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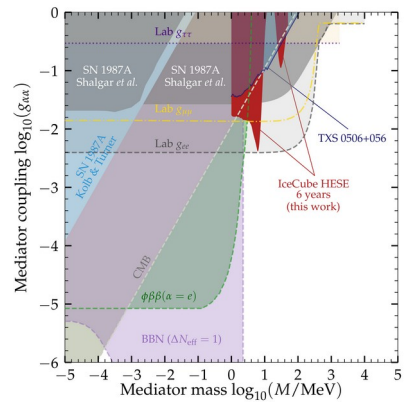
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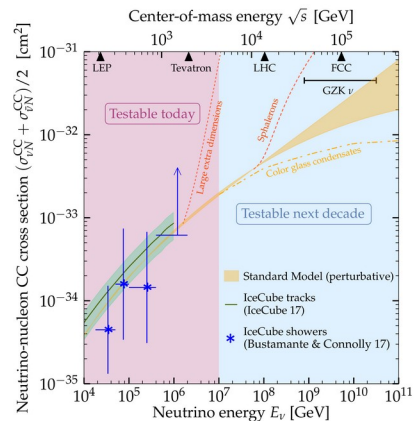
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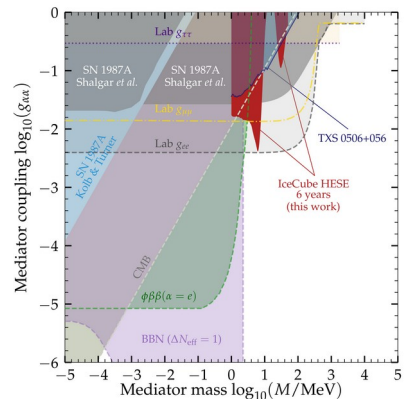
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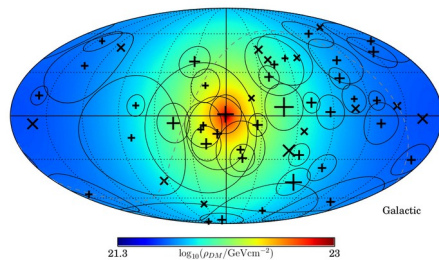
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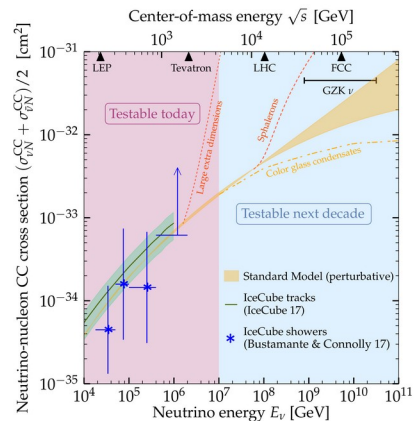
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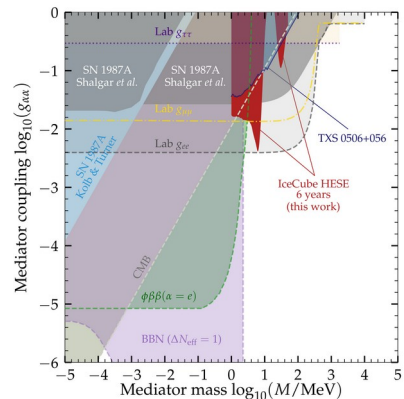
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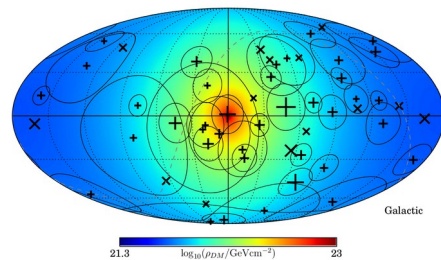
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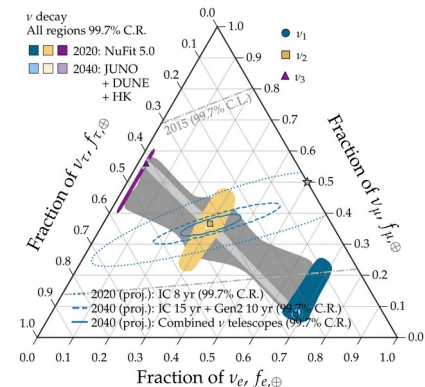
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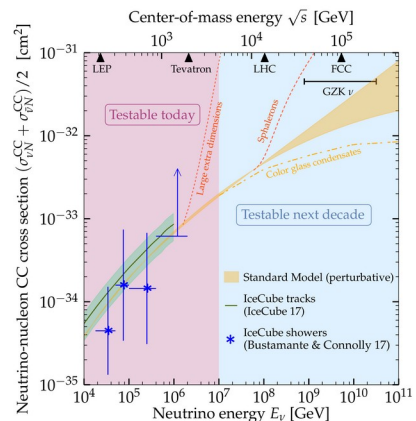
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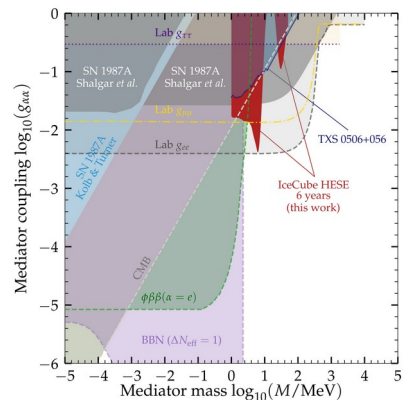
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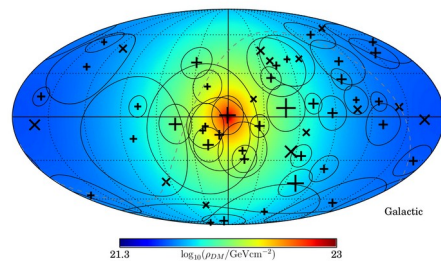
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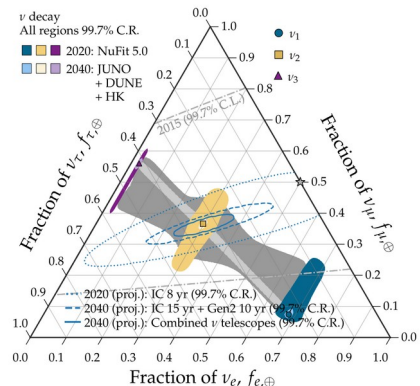
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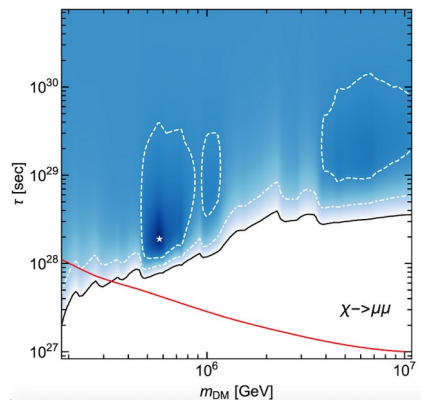
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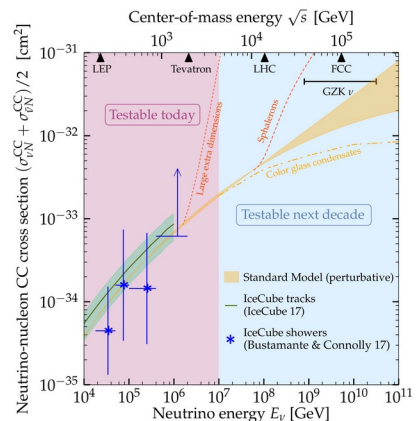
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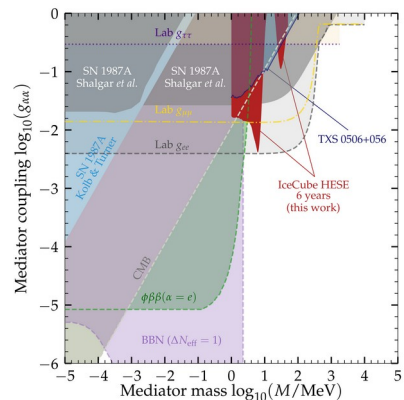
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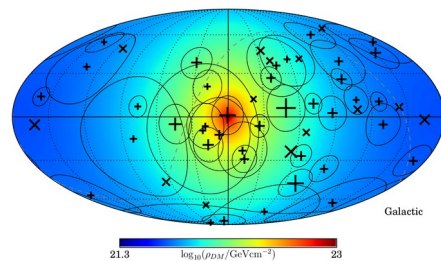
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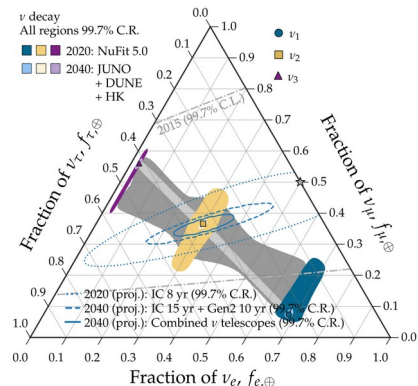
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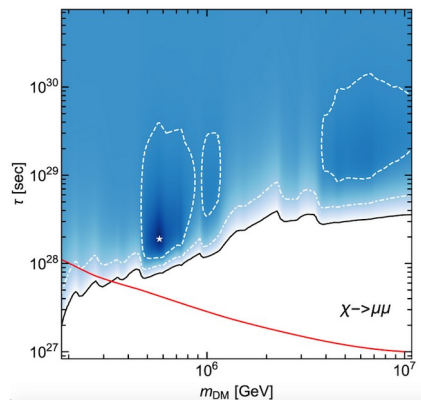
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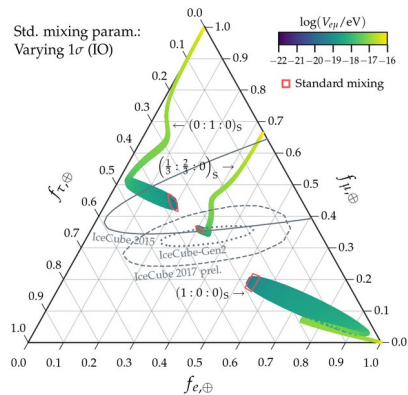
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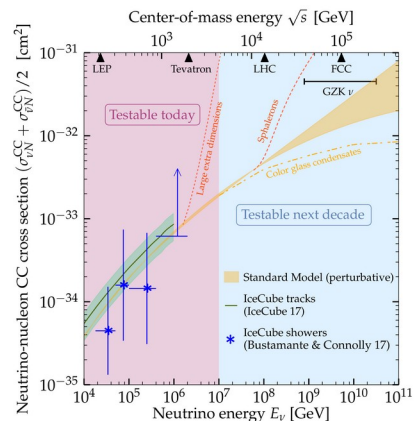
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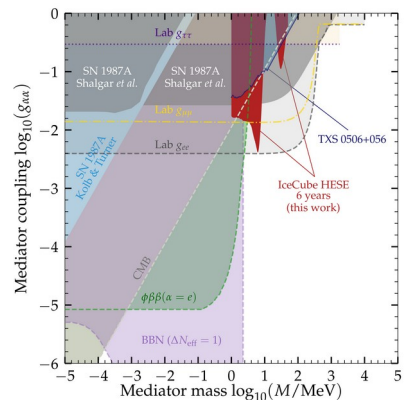
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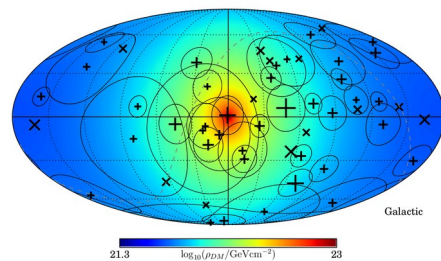
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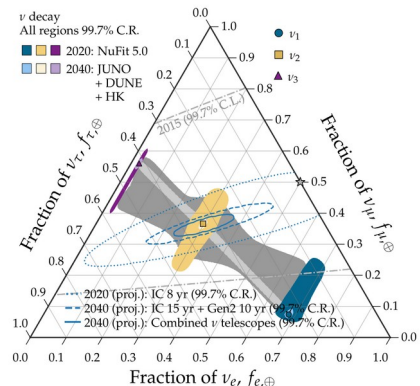
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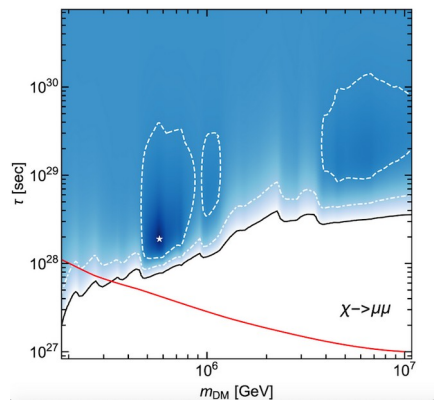
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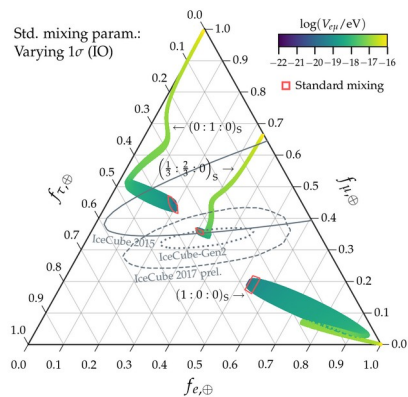
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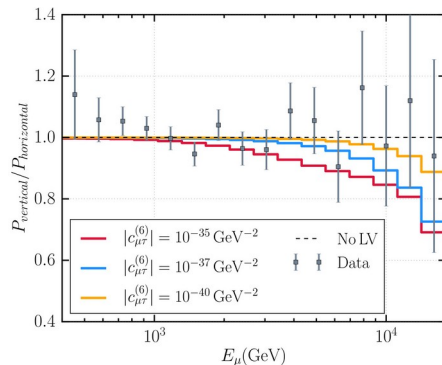
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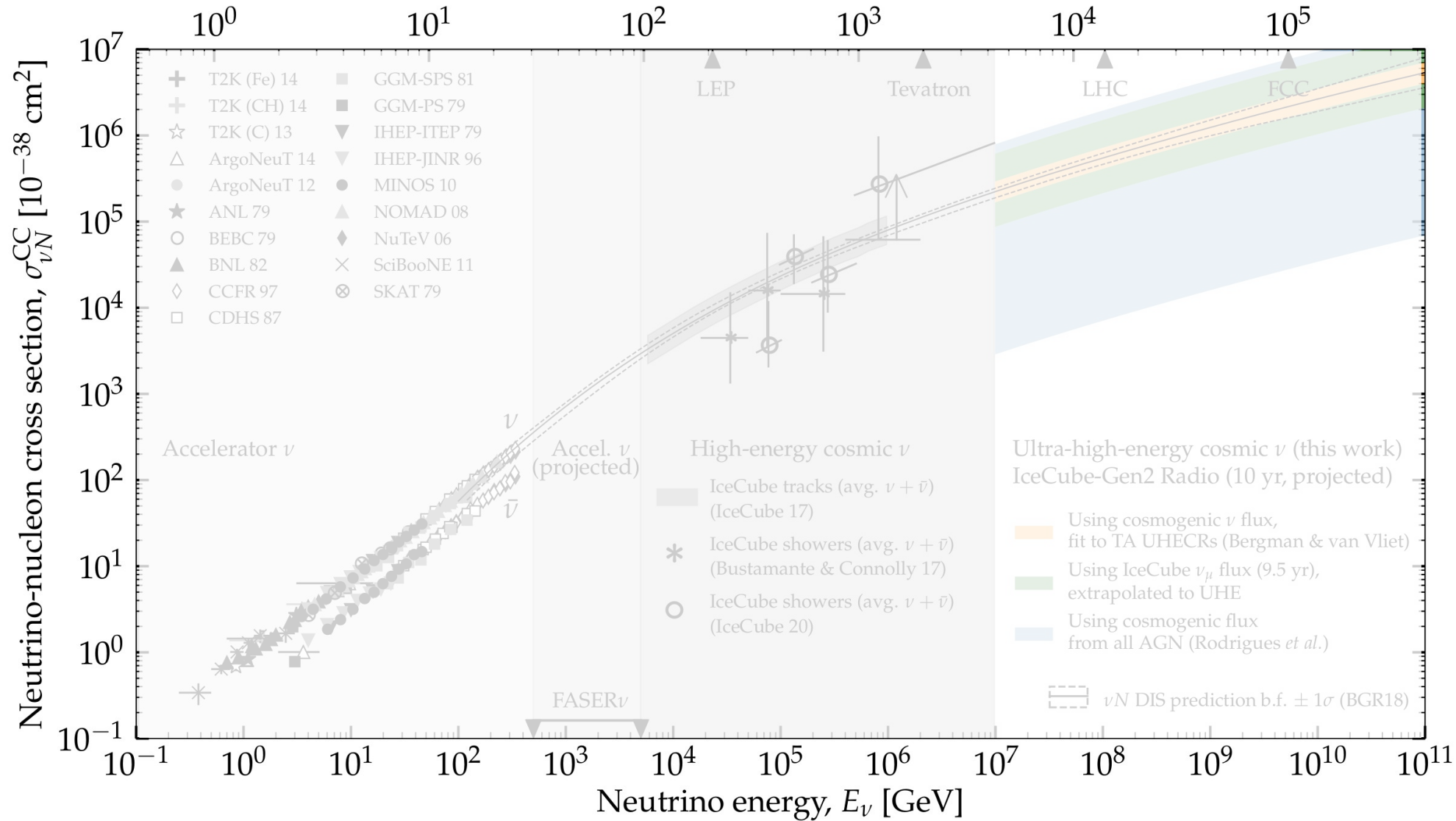


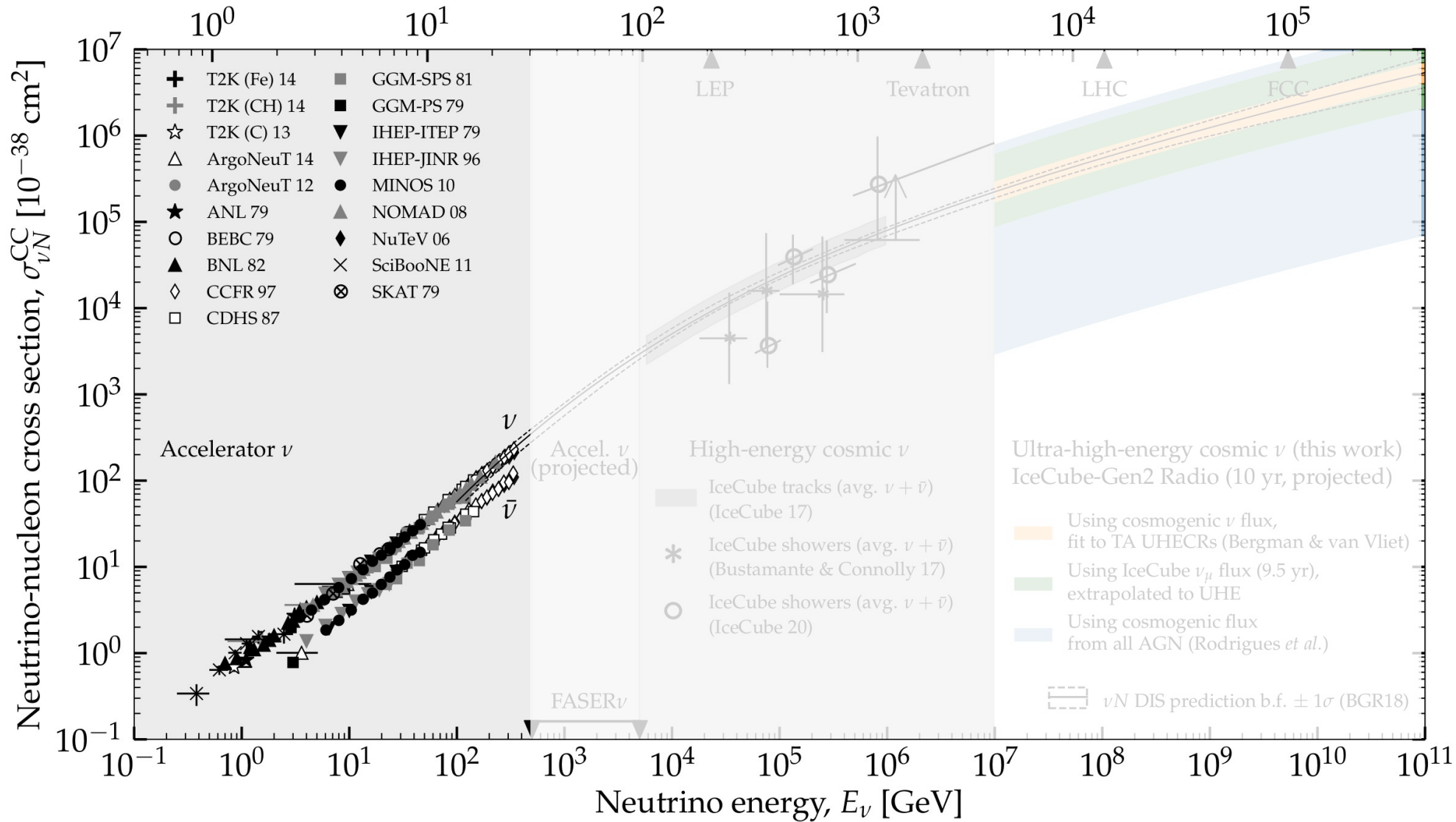
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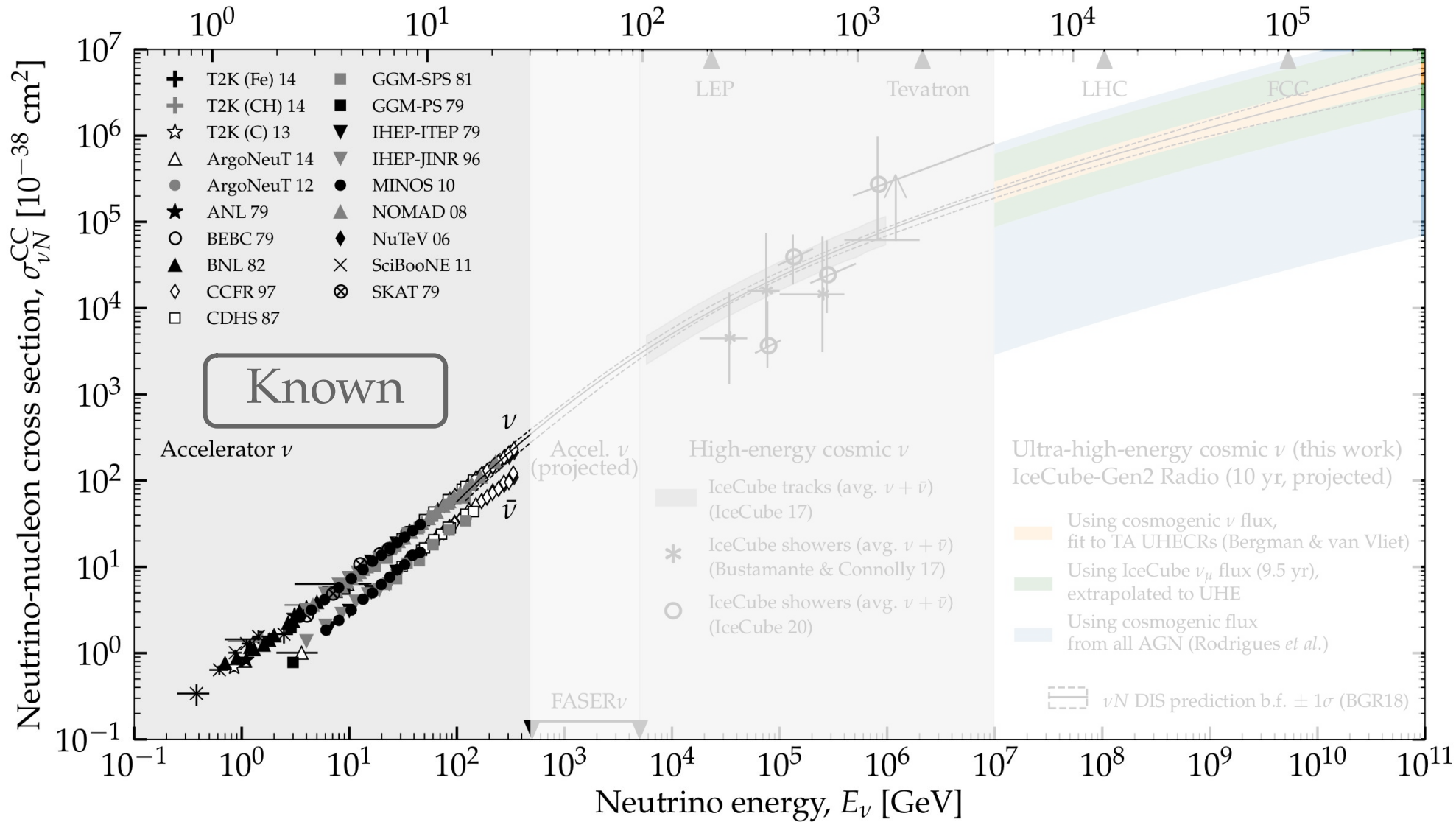
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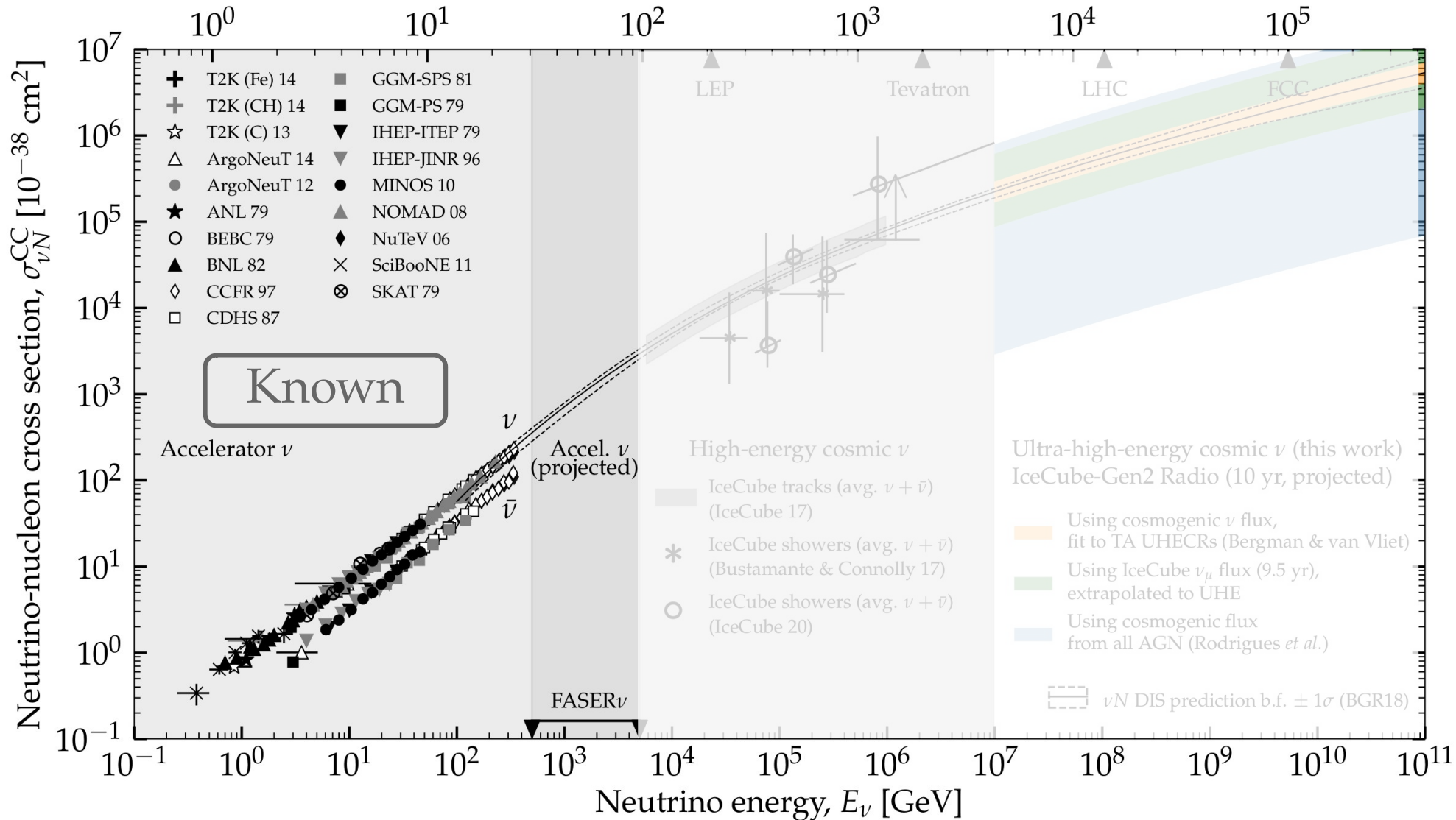
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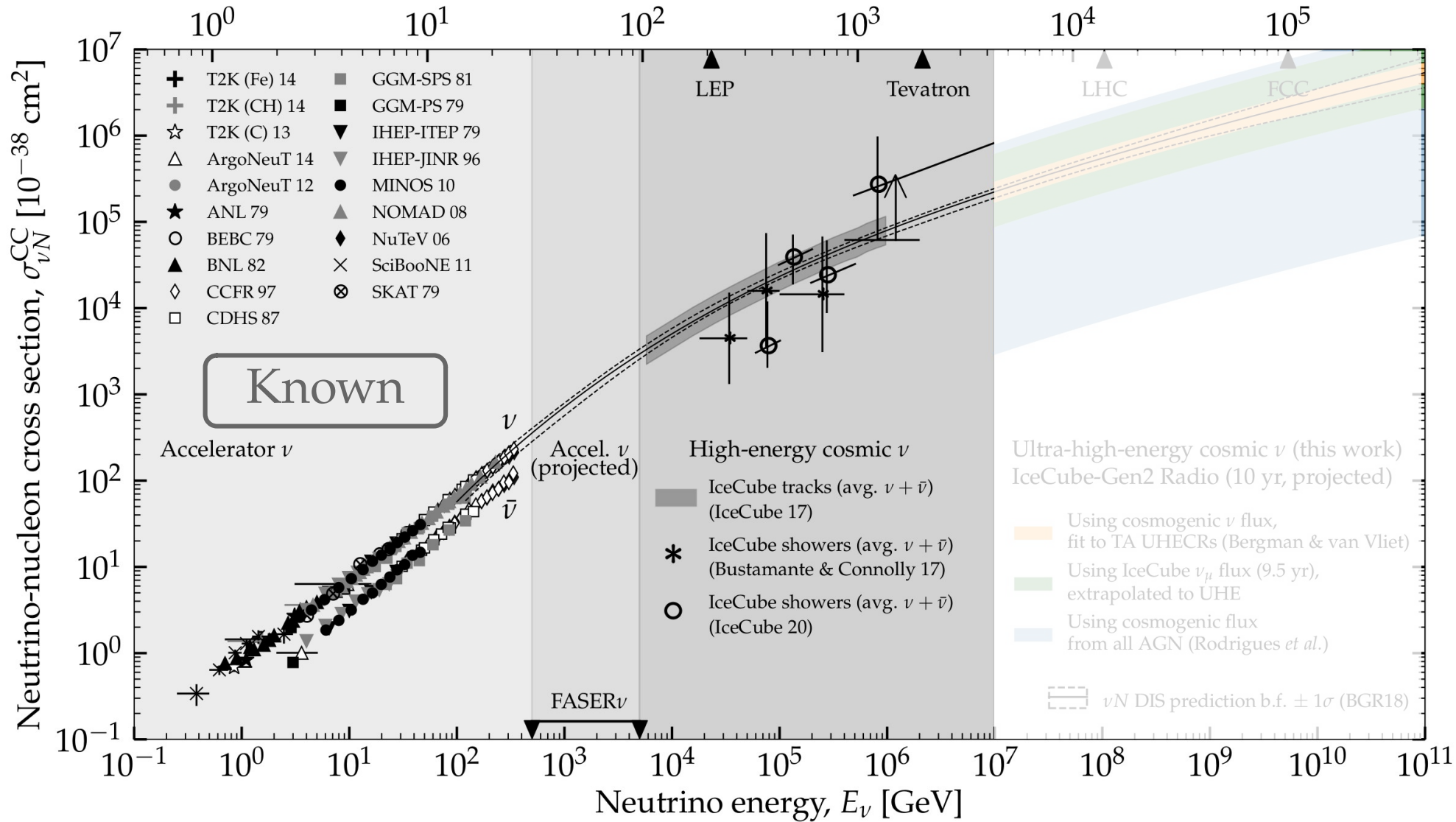
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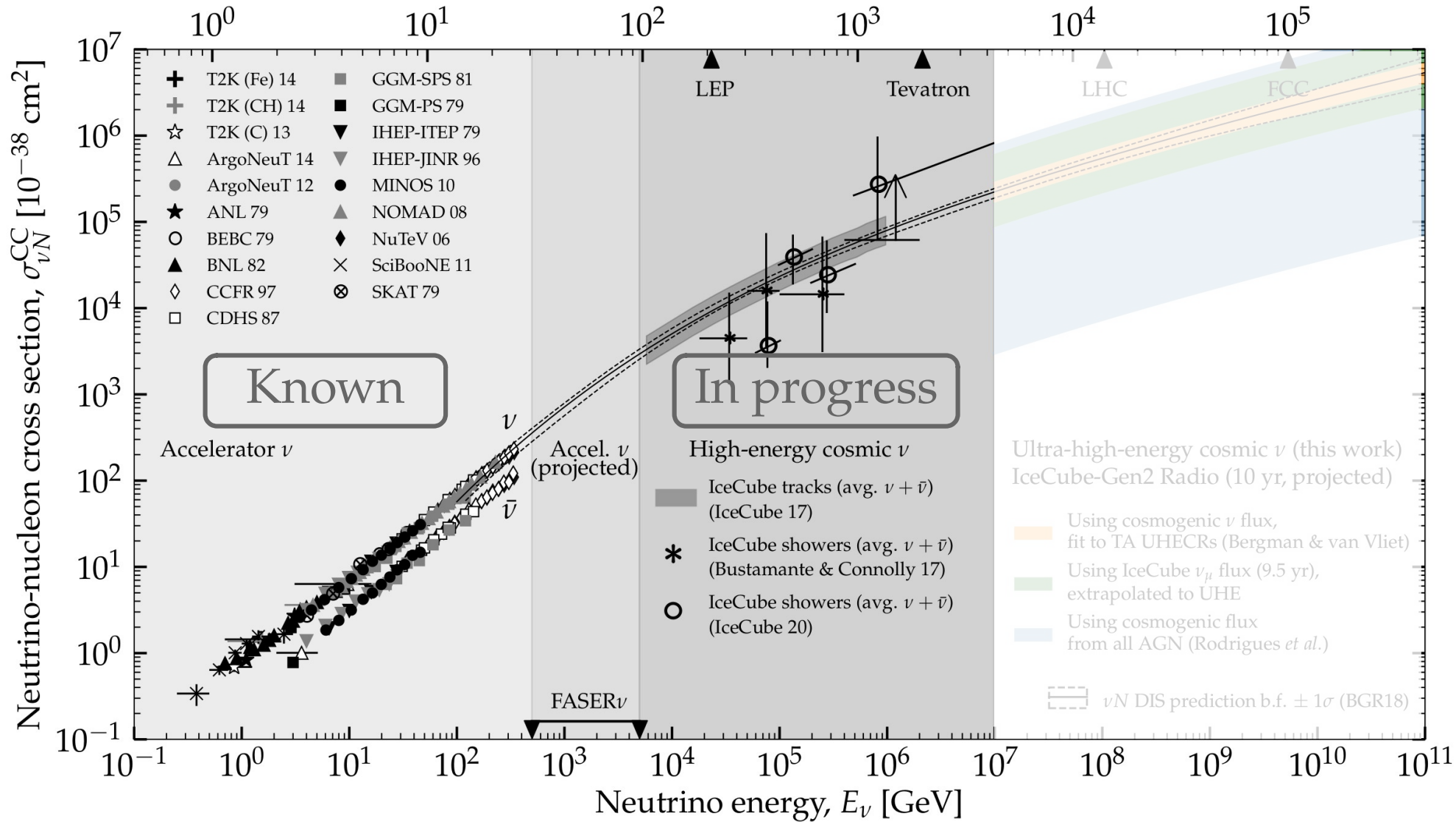
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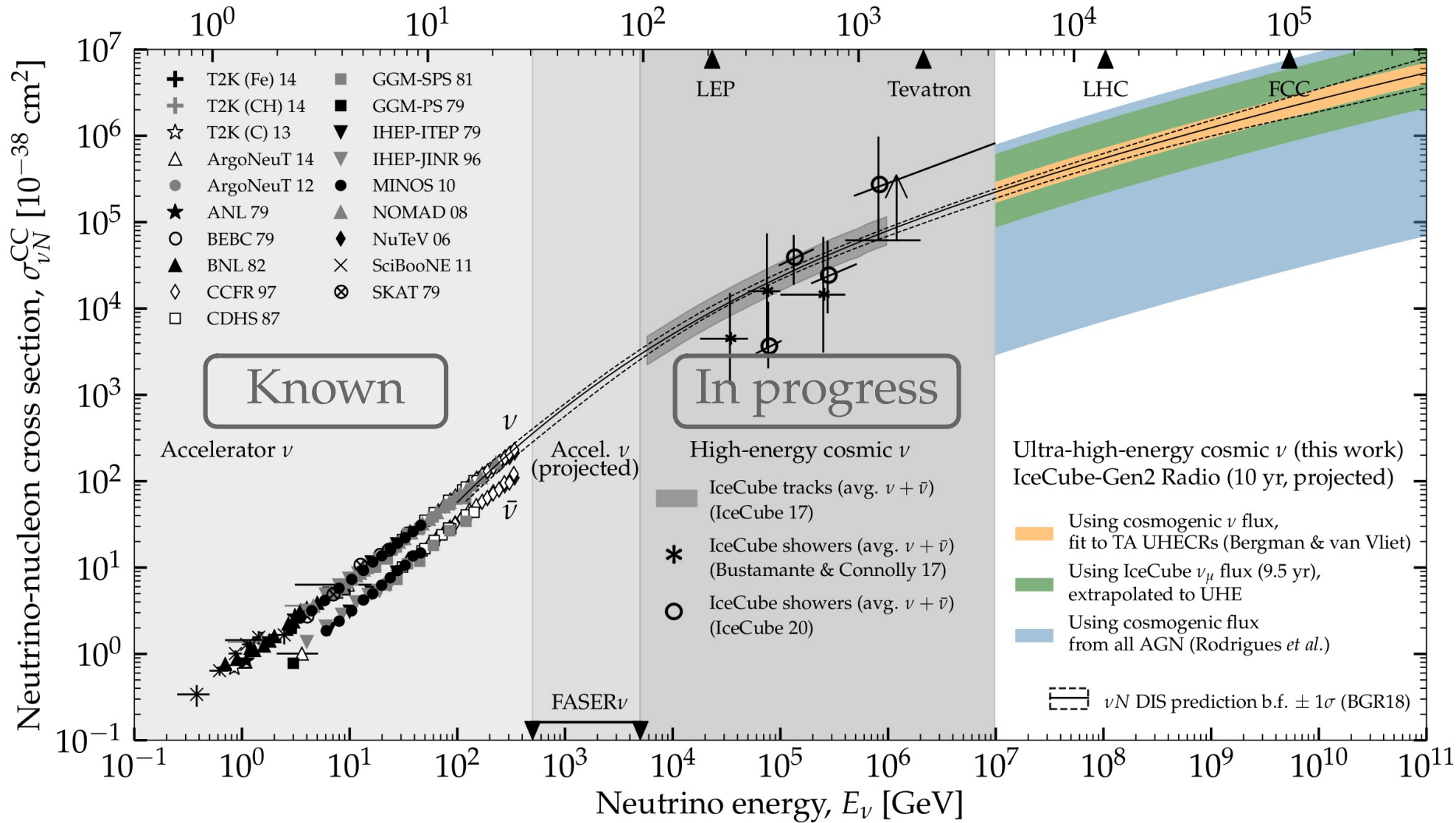
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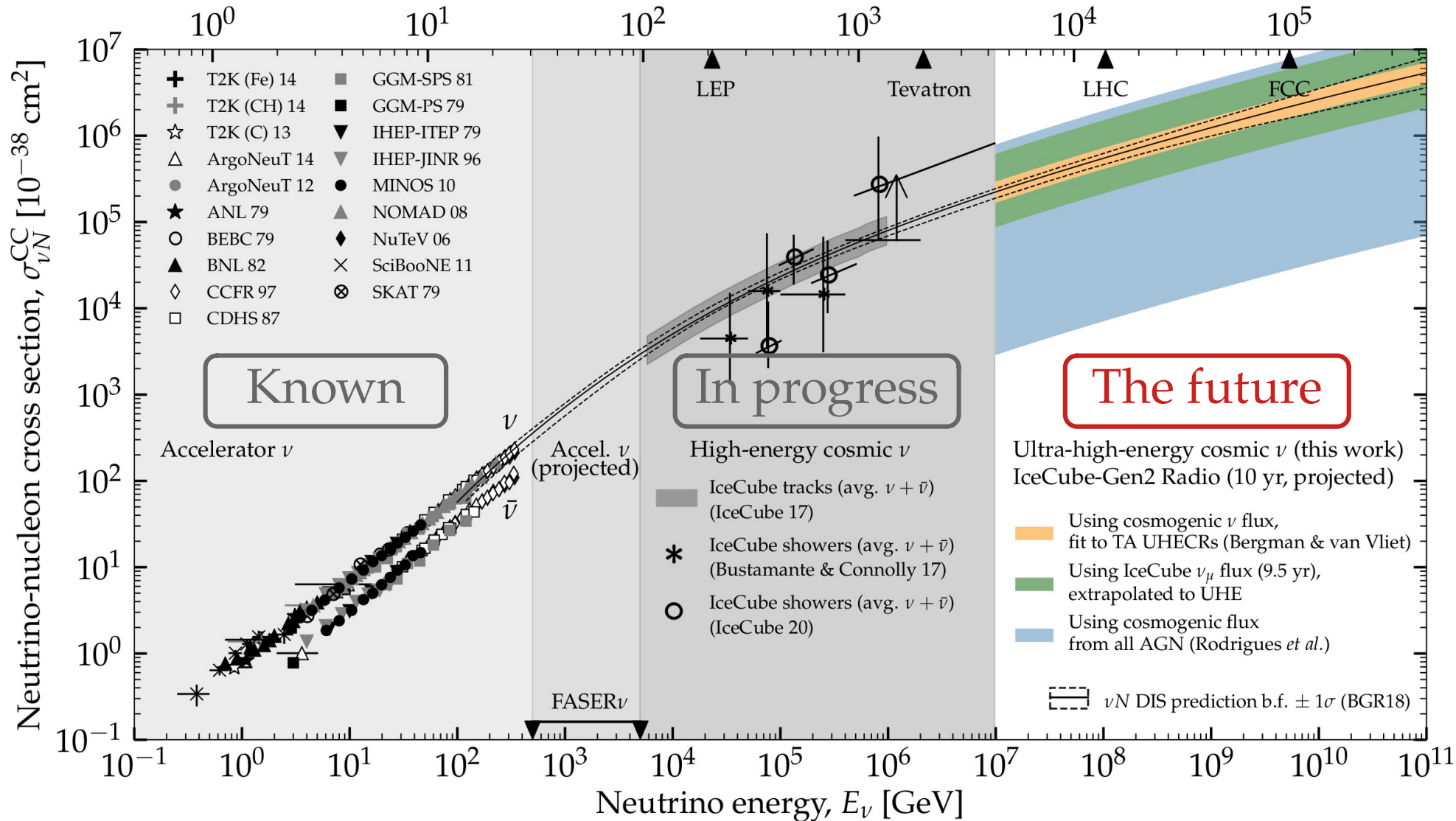
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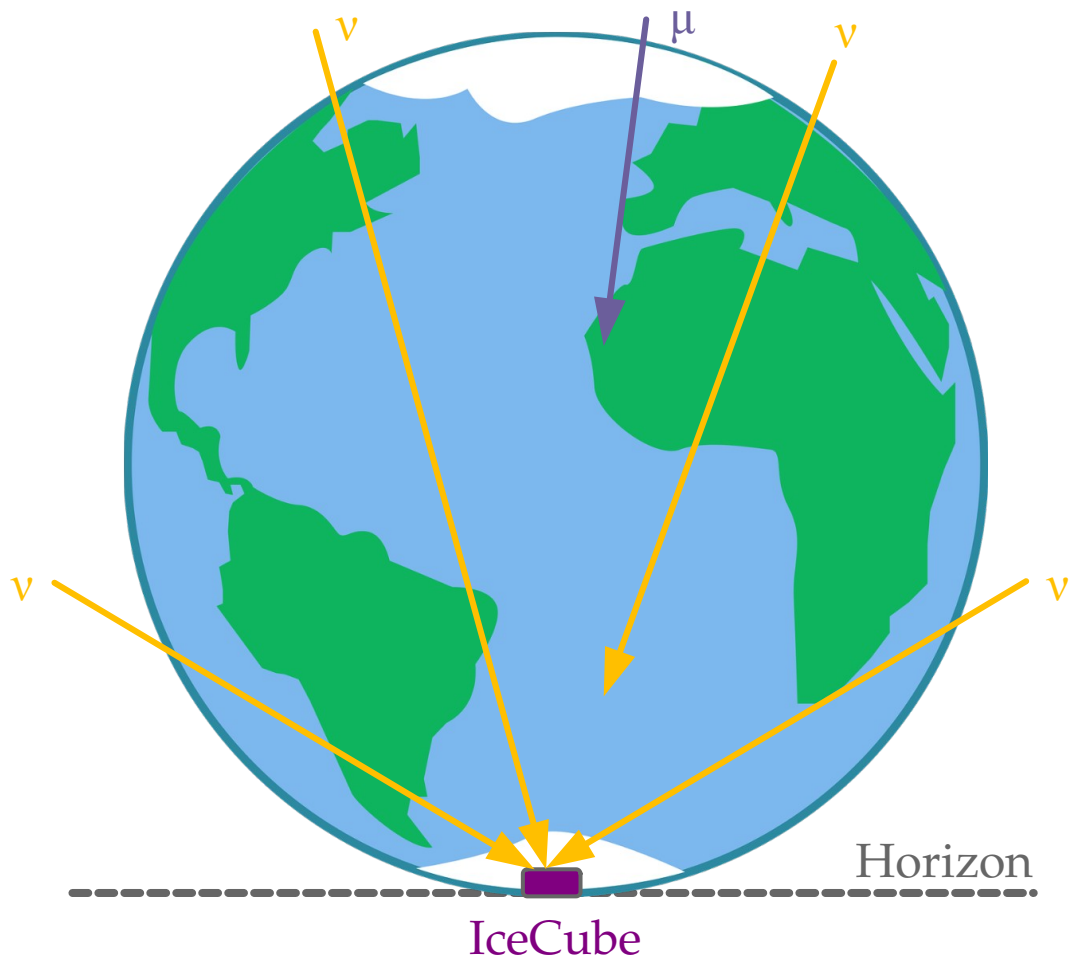


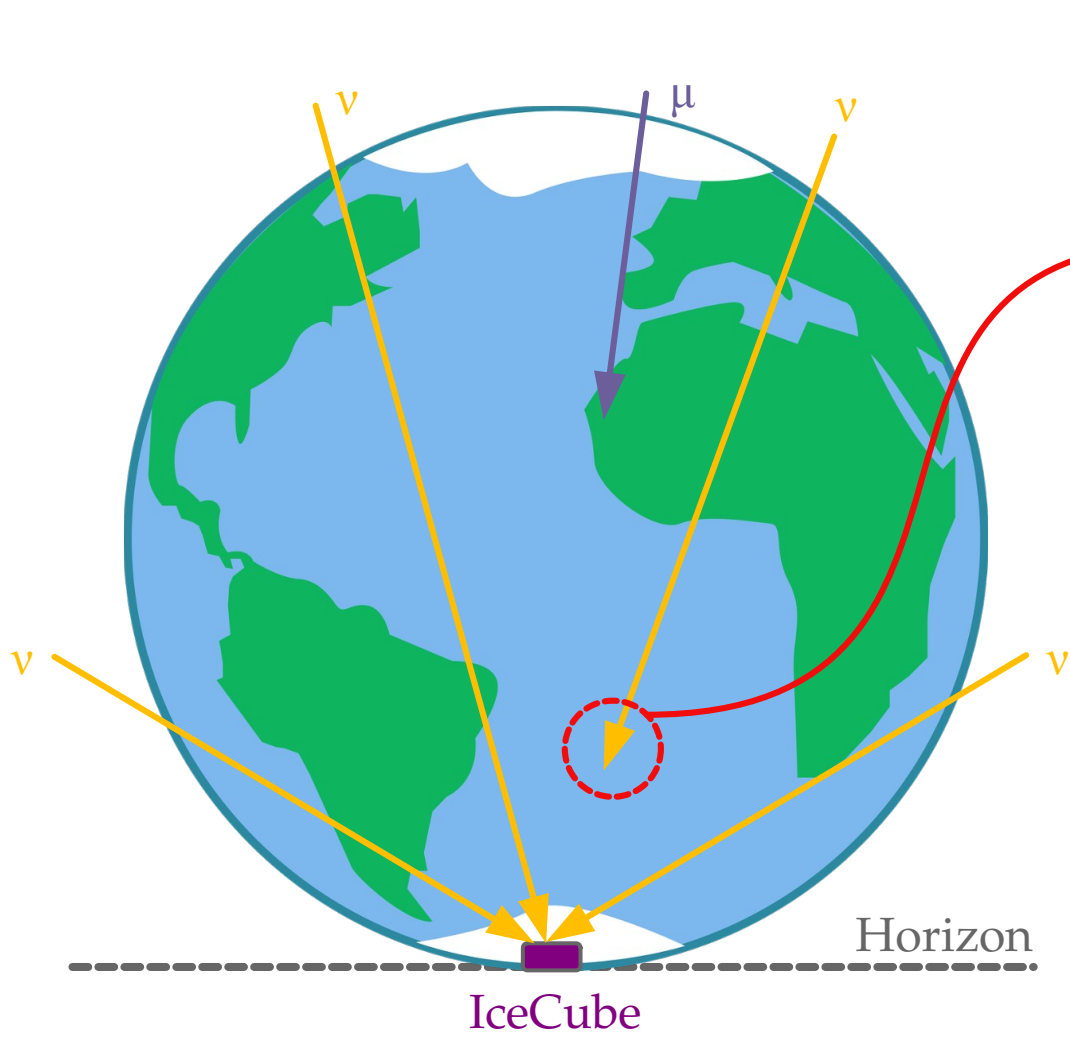
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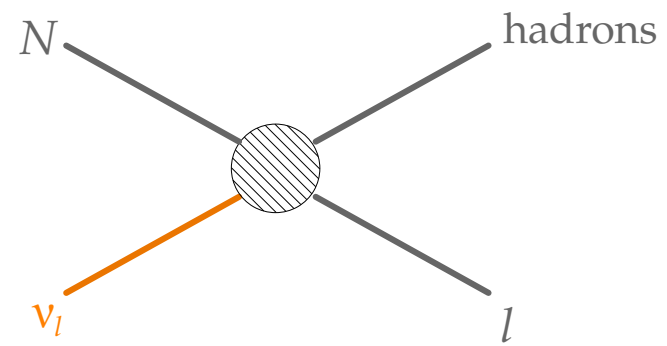
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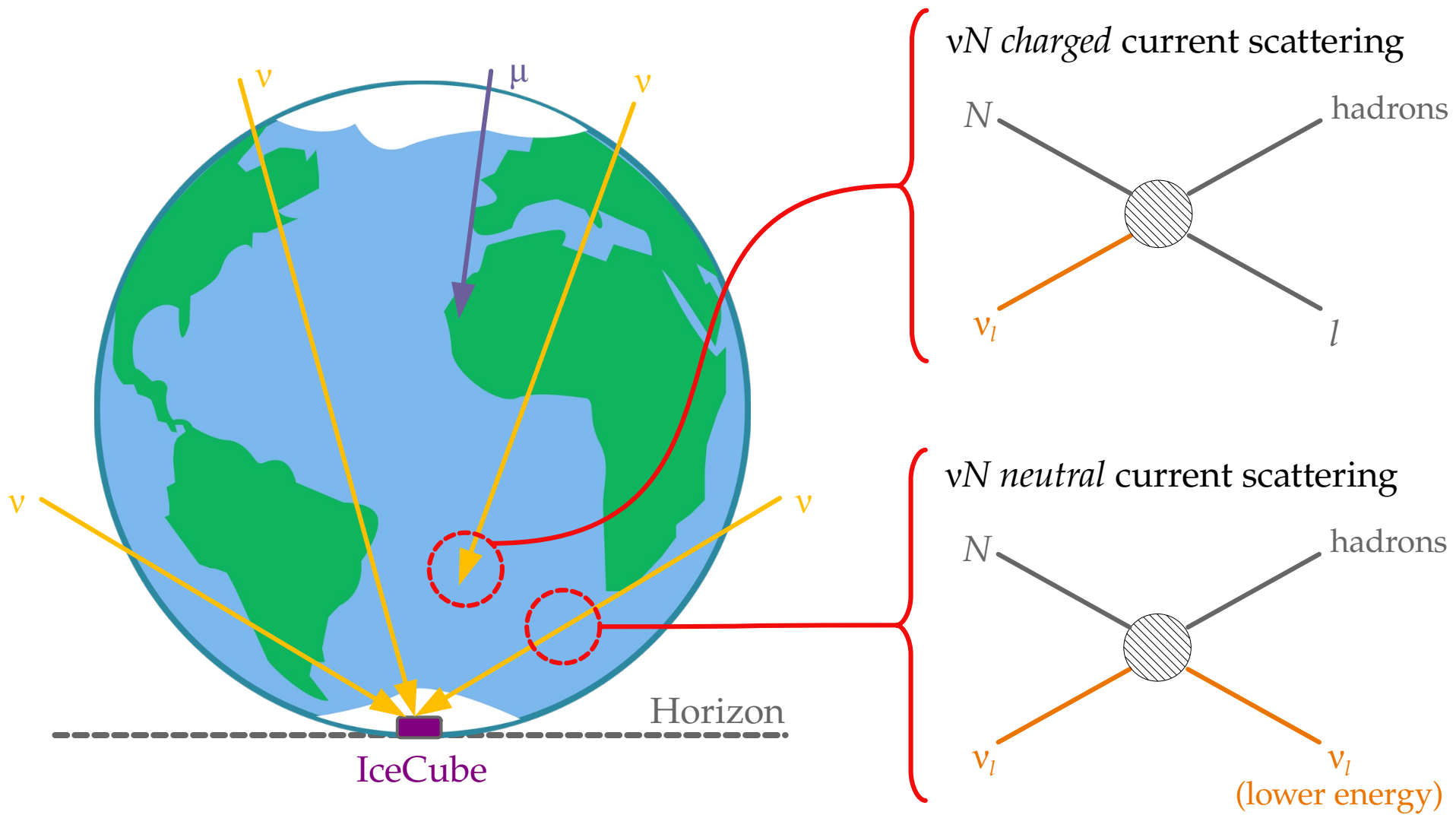


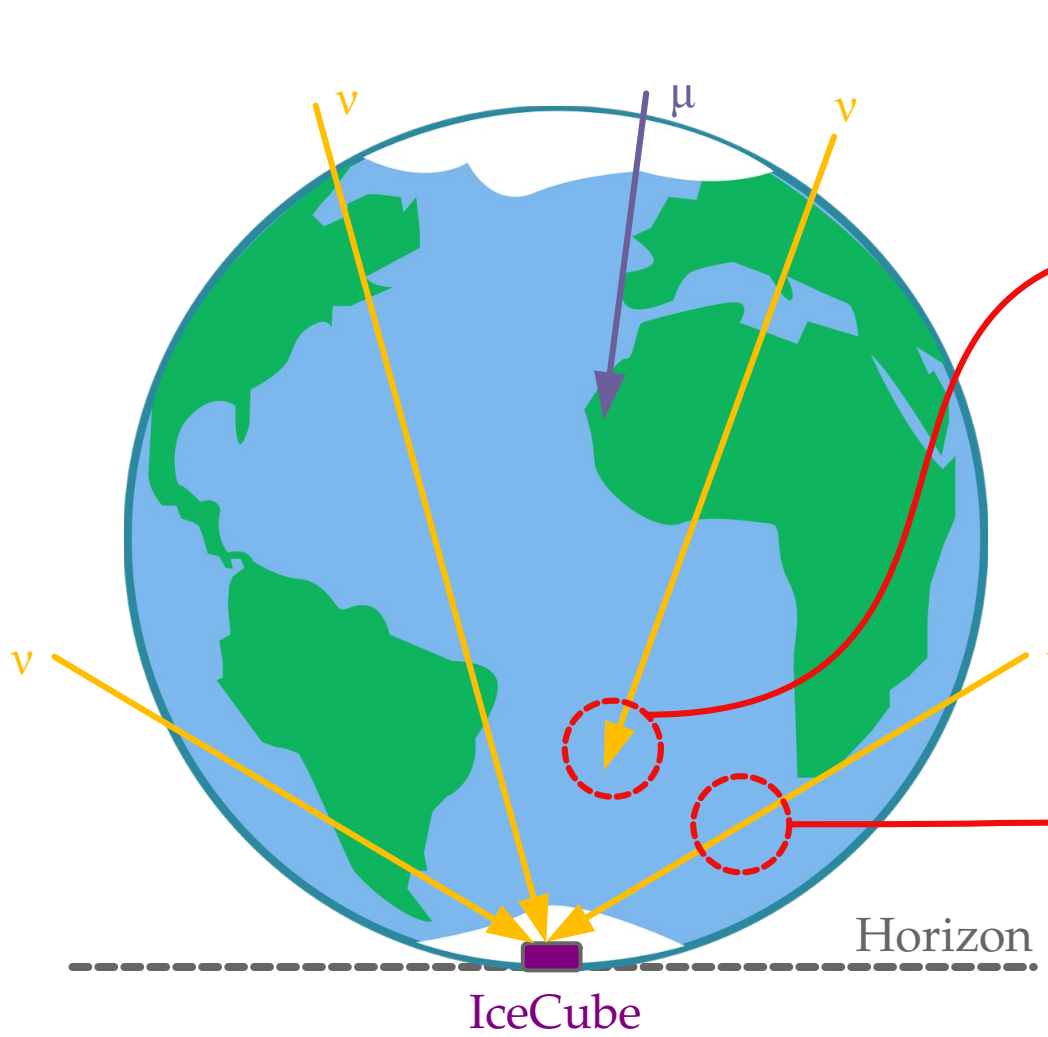




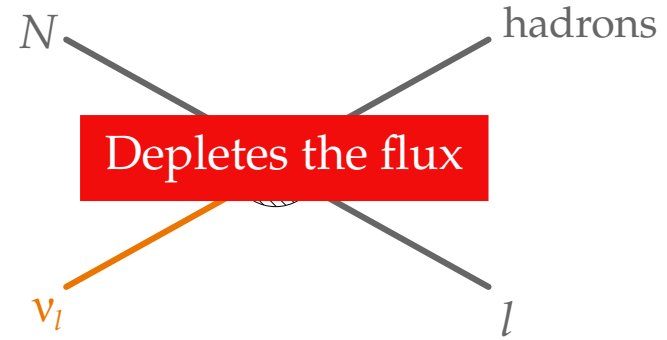
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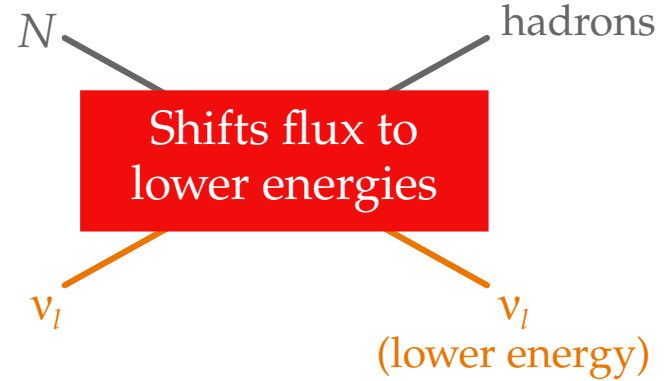




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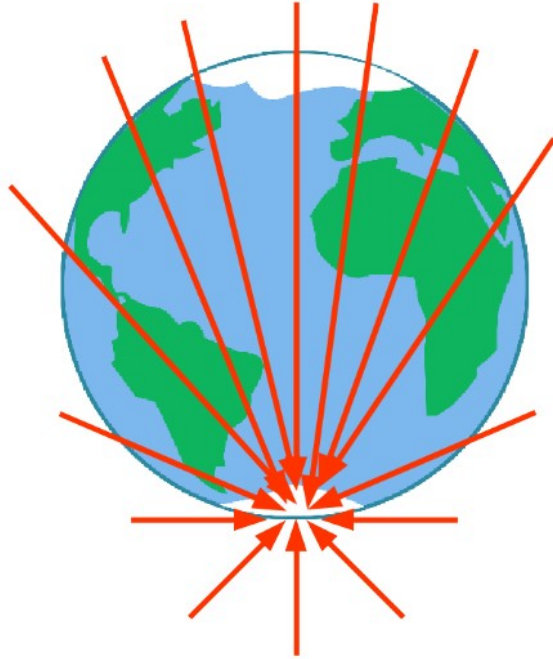


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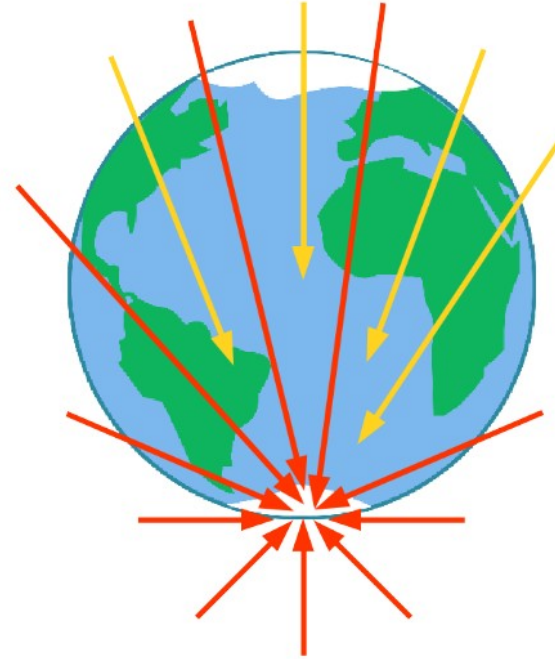


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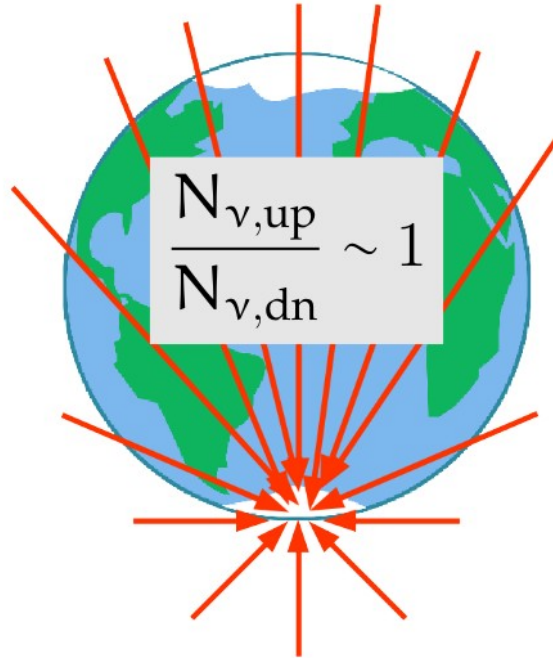


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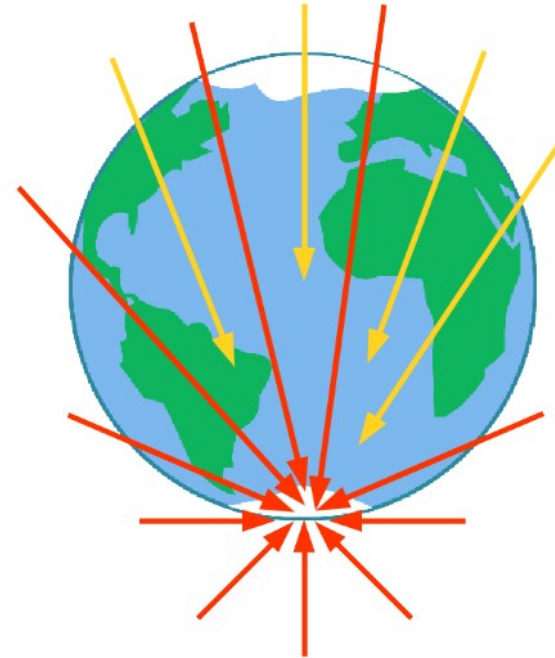


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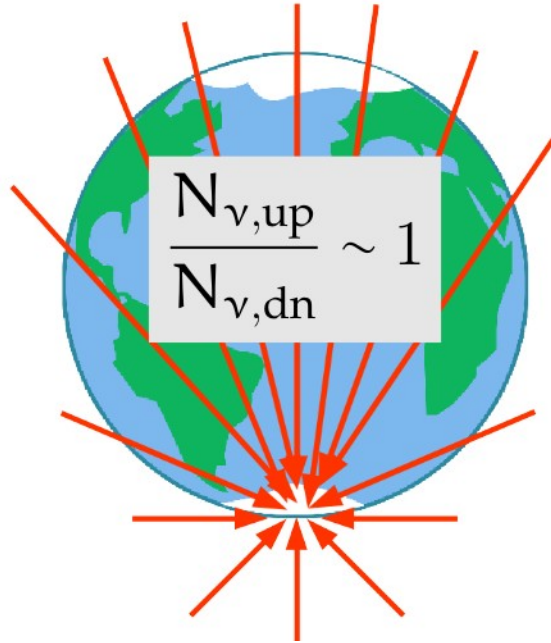


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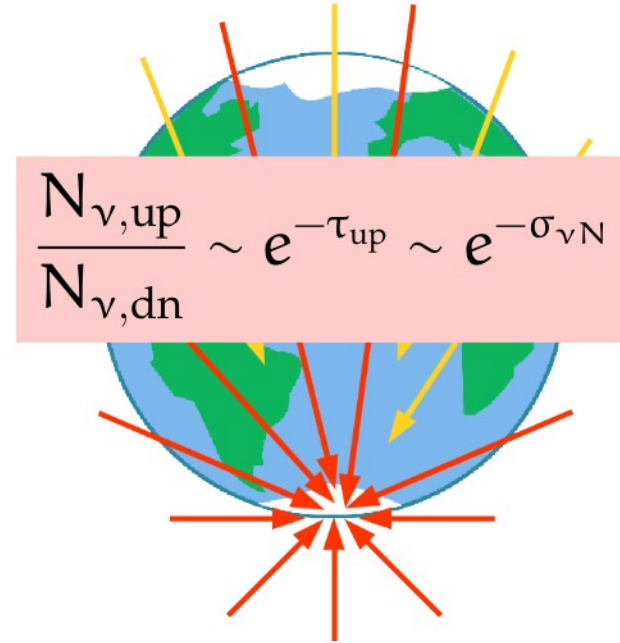


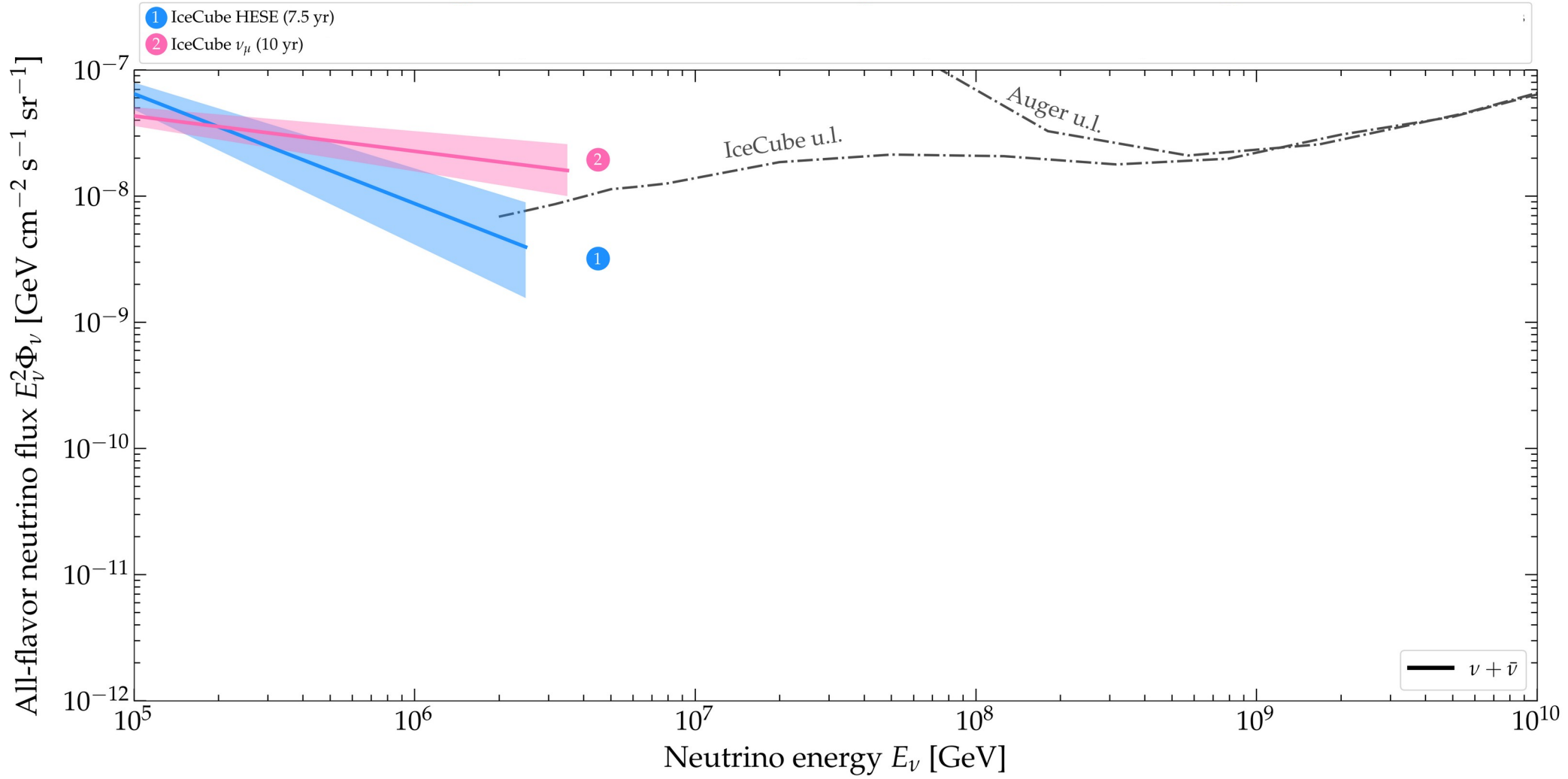
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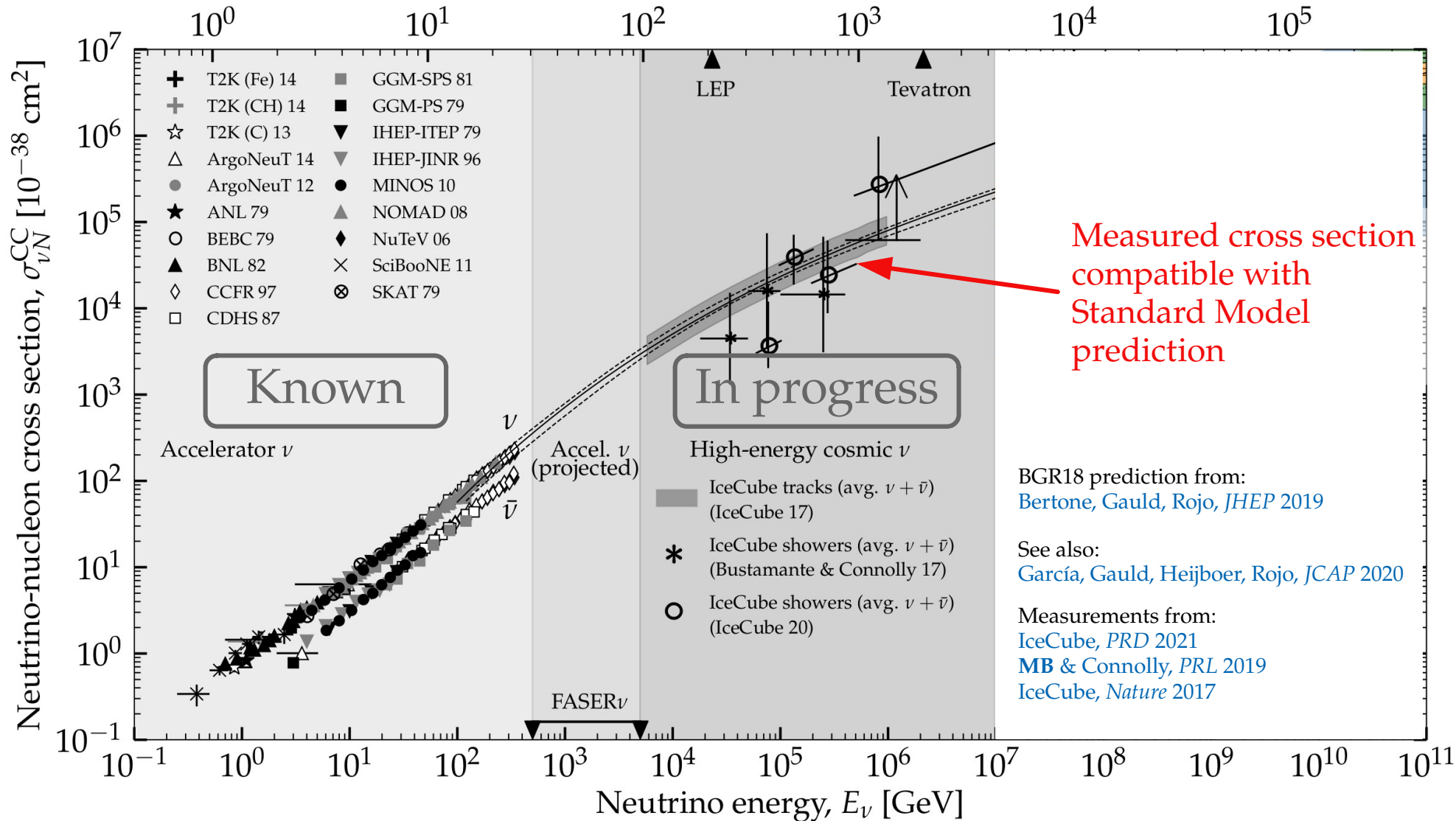


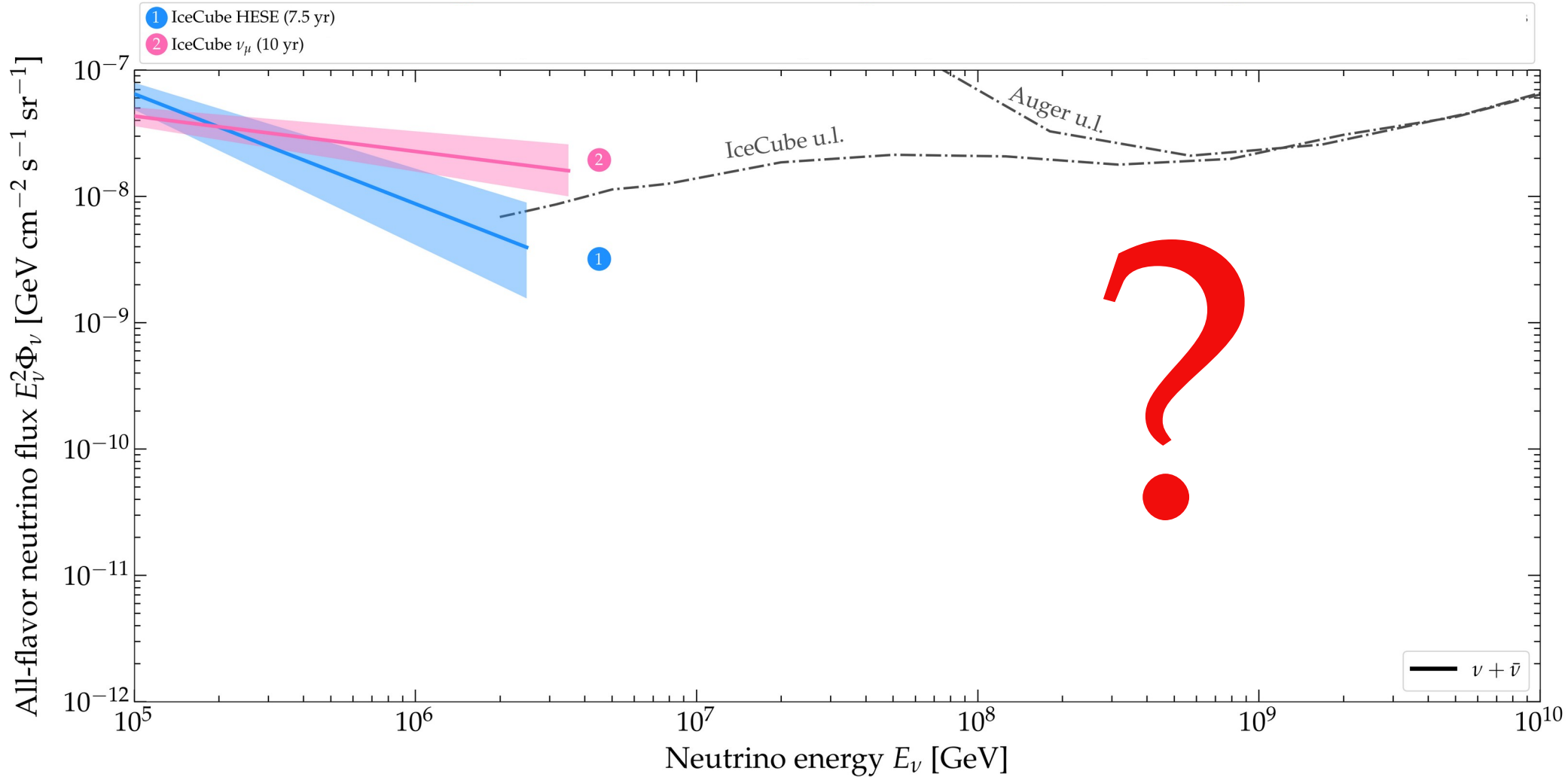
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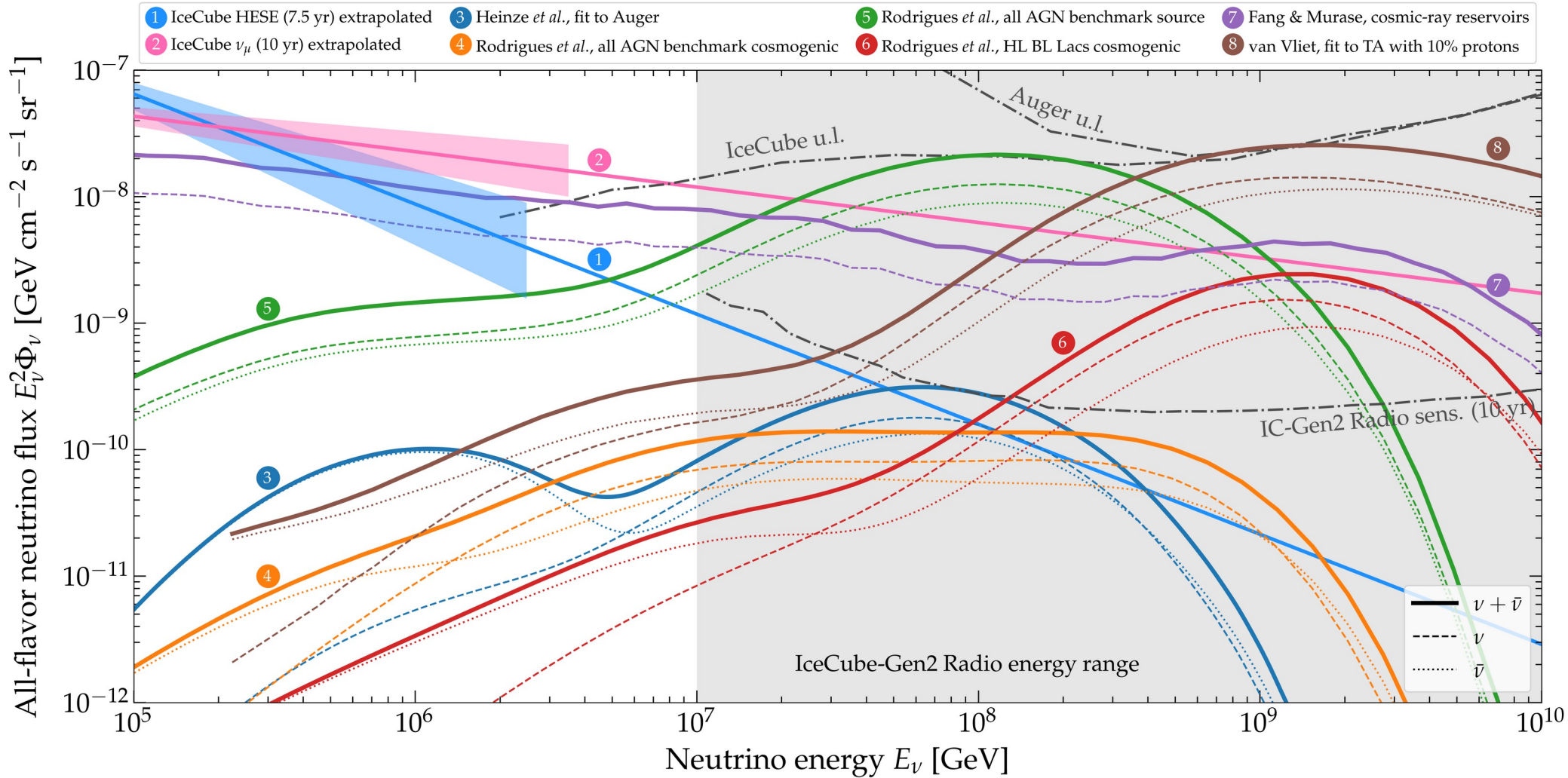




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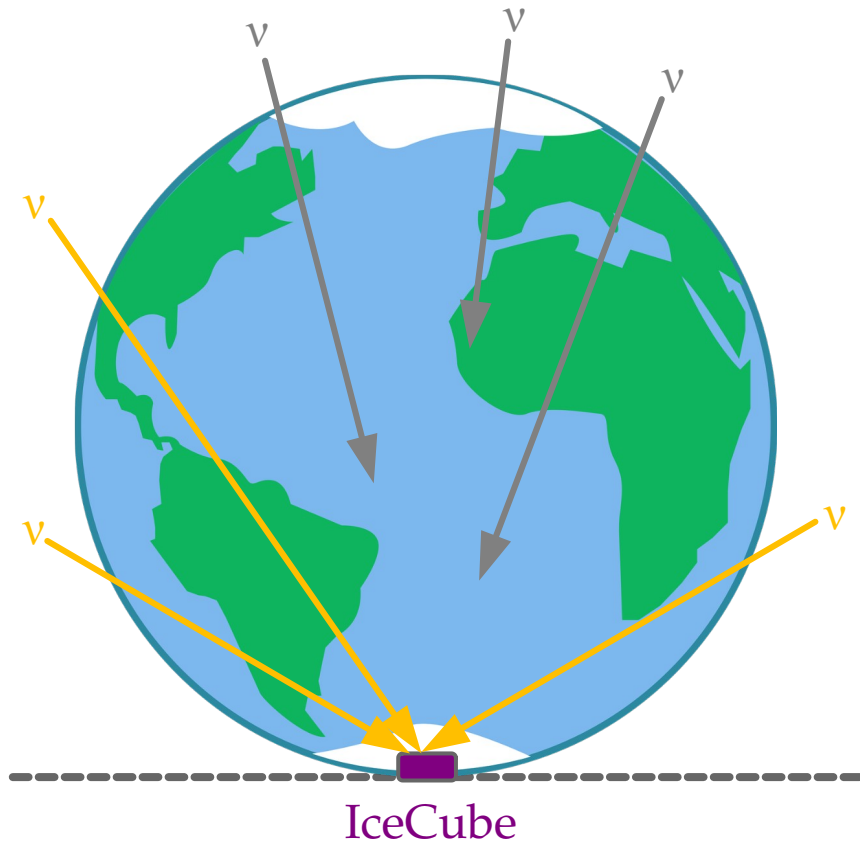




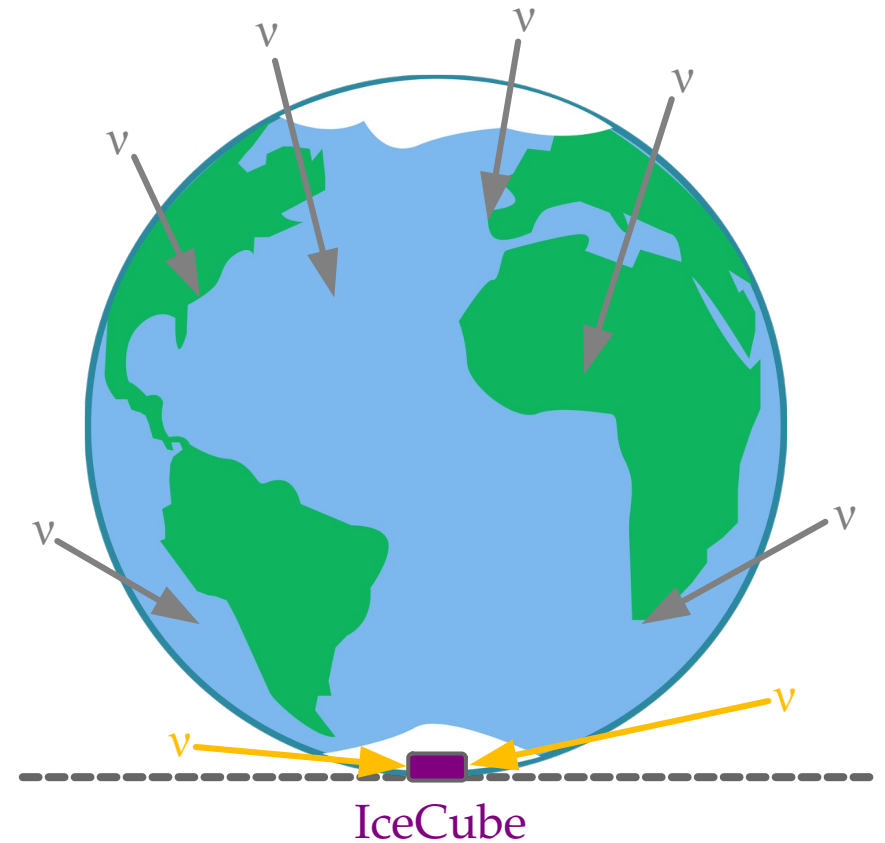


TeV–PeV:

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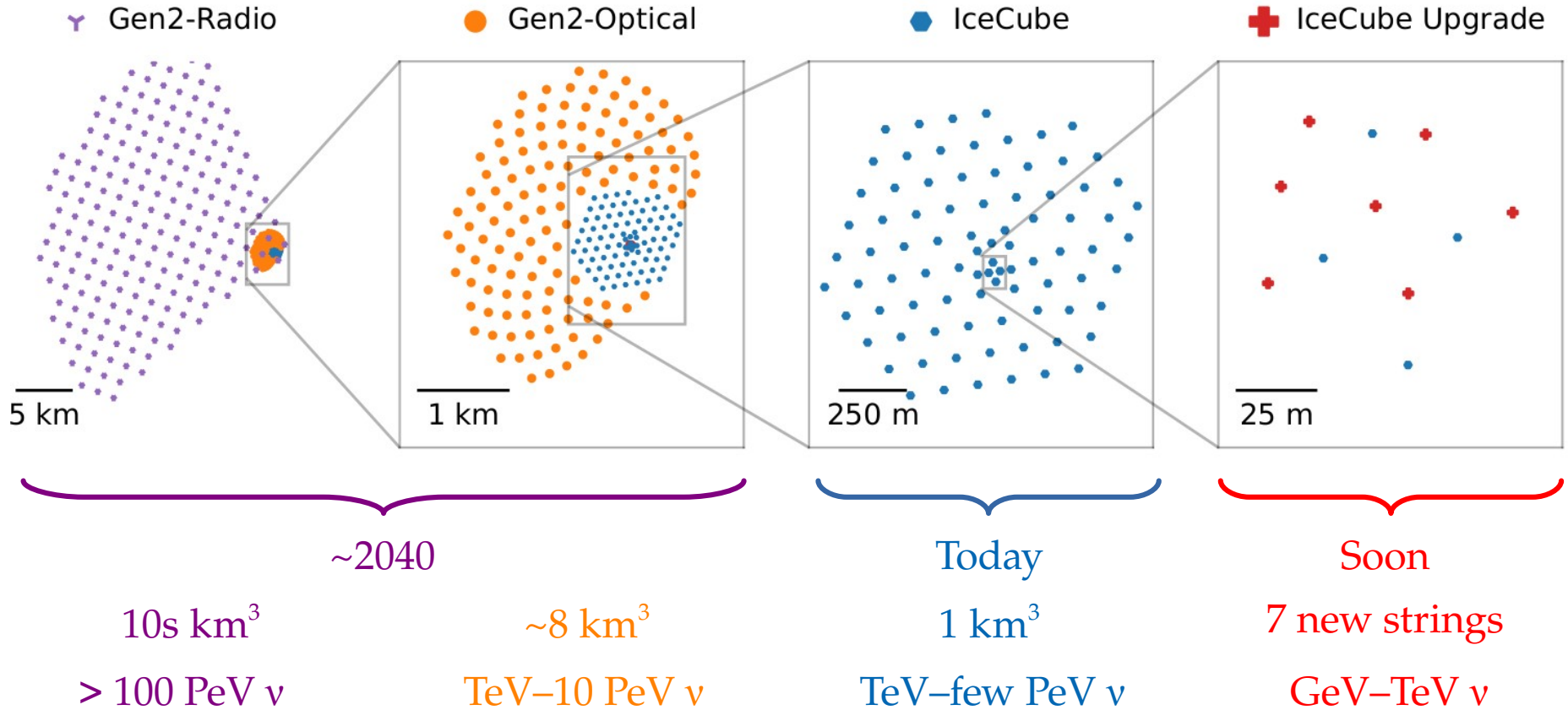


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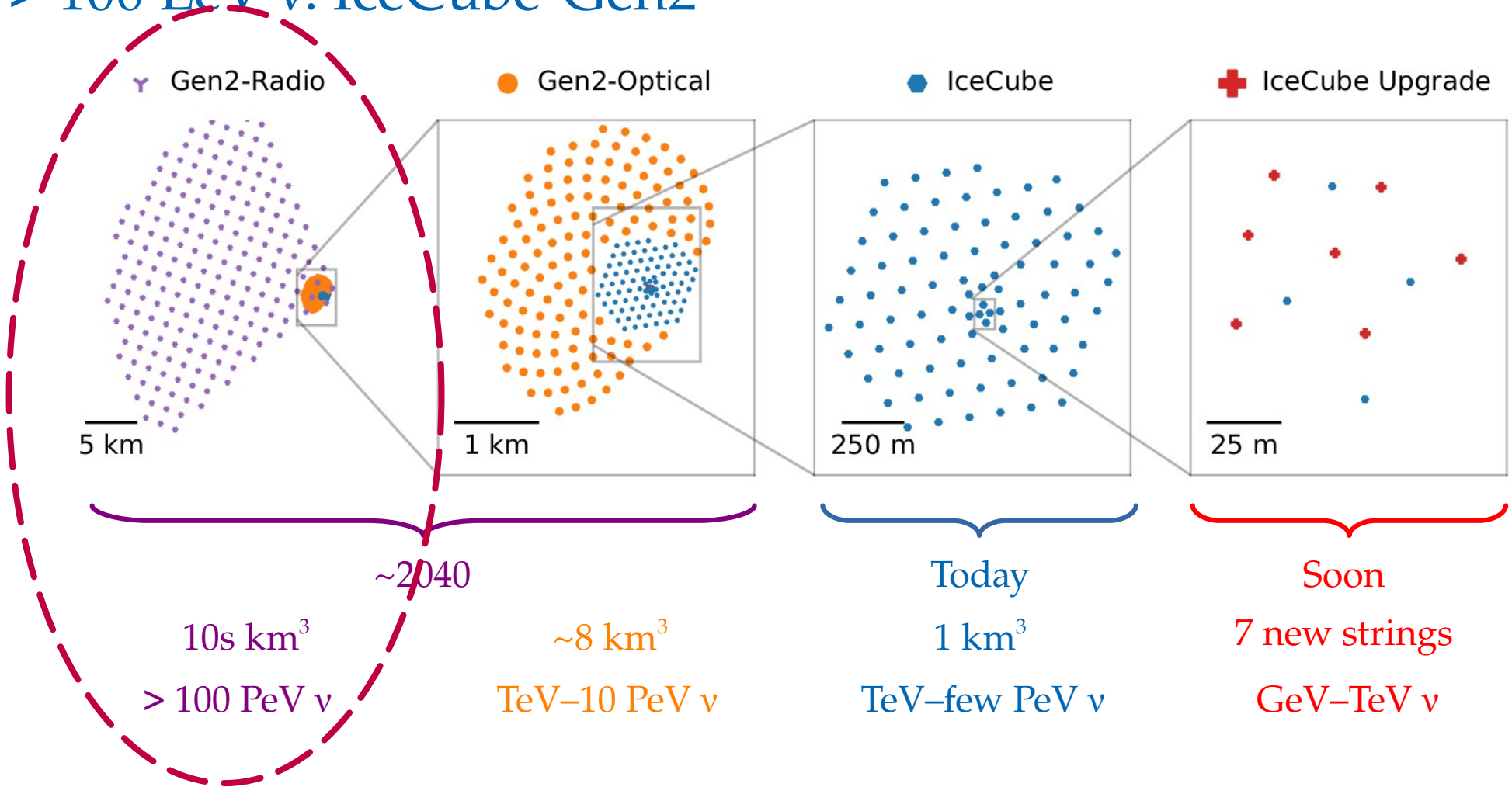


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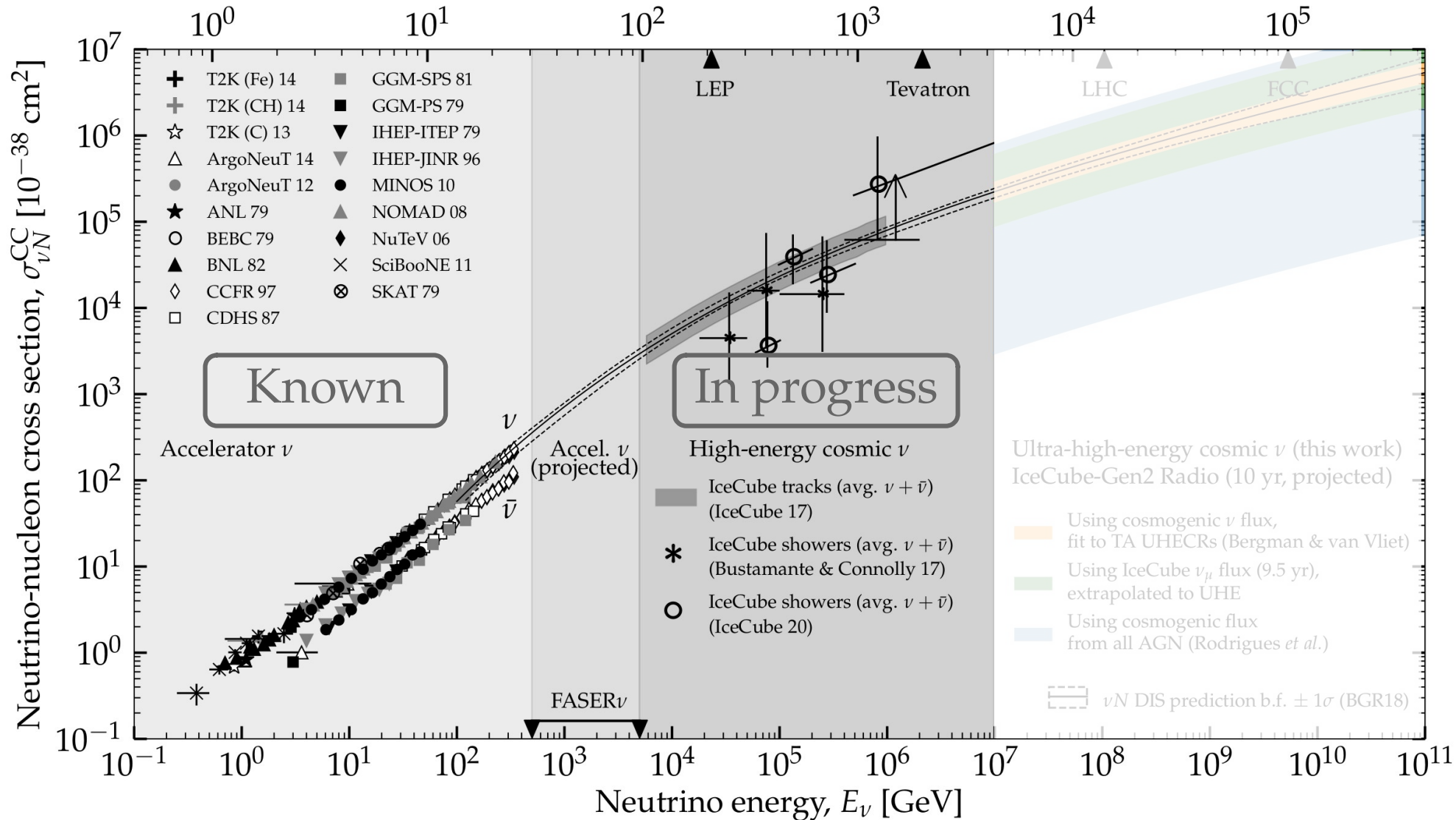
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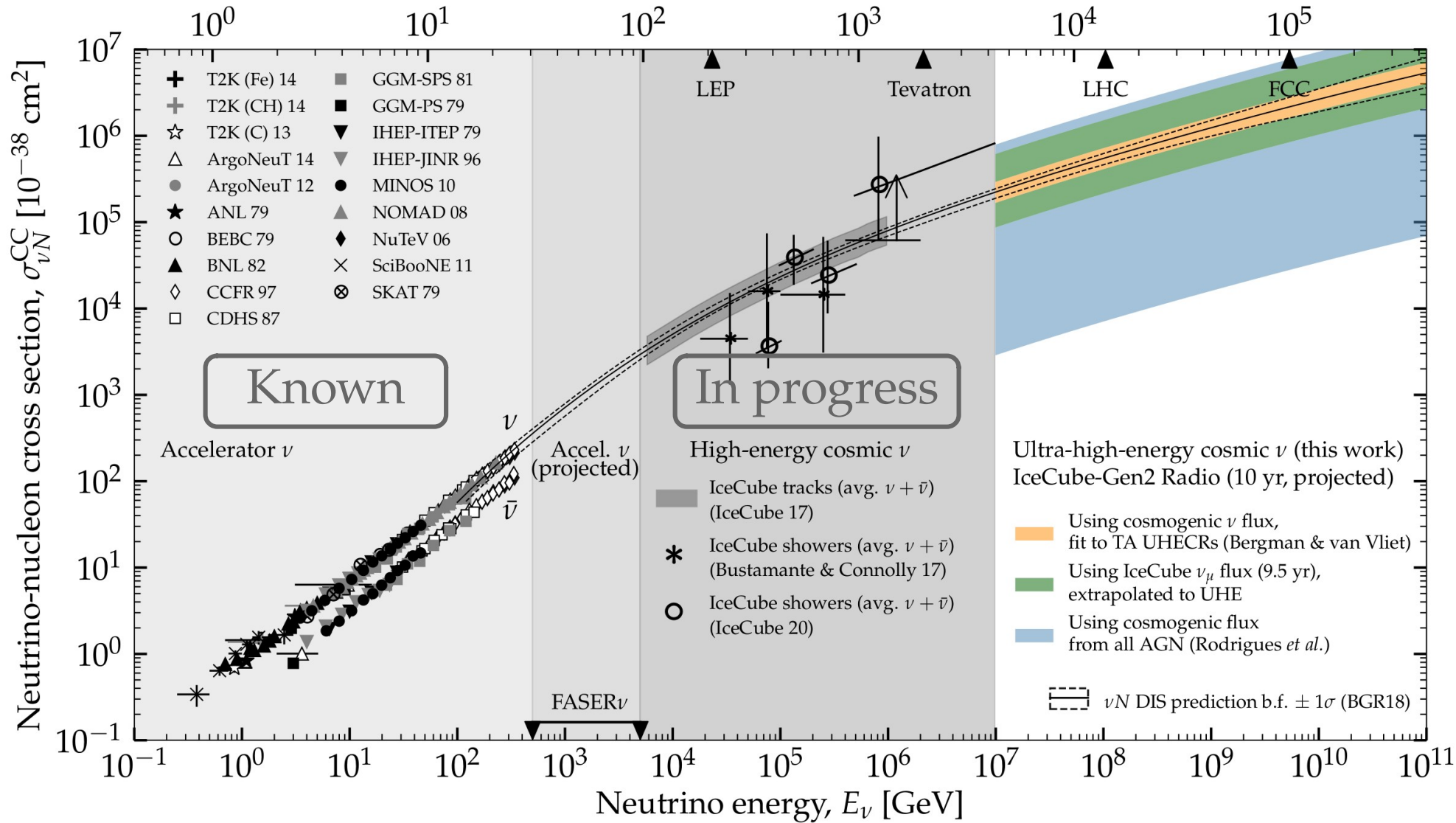
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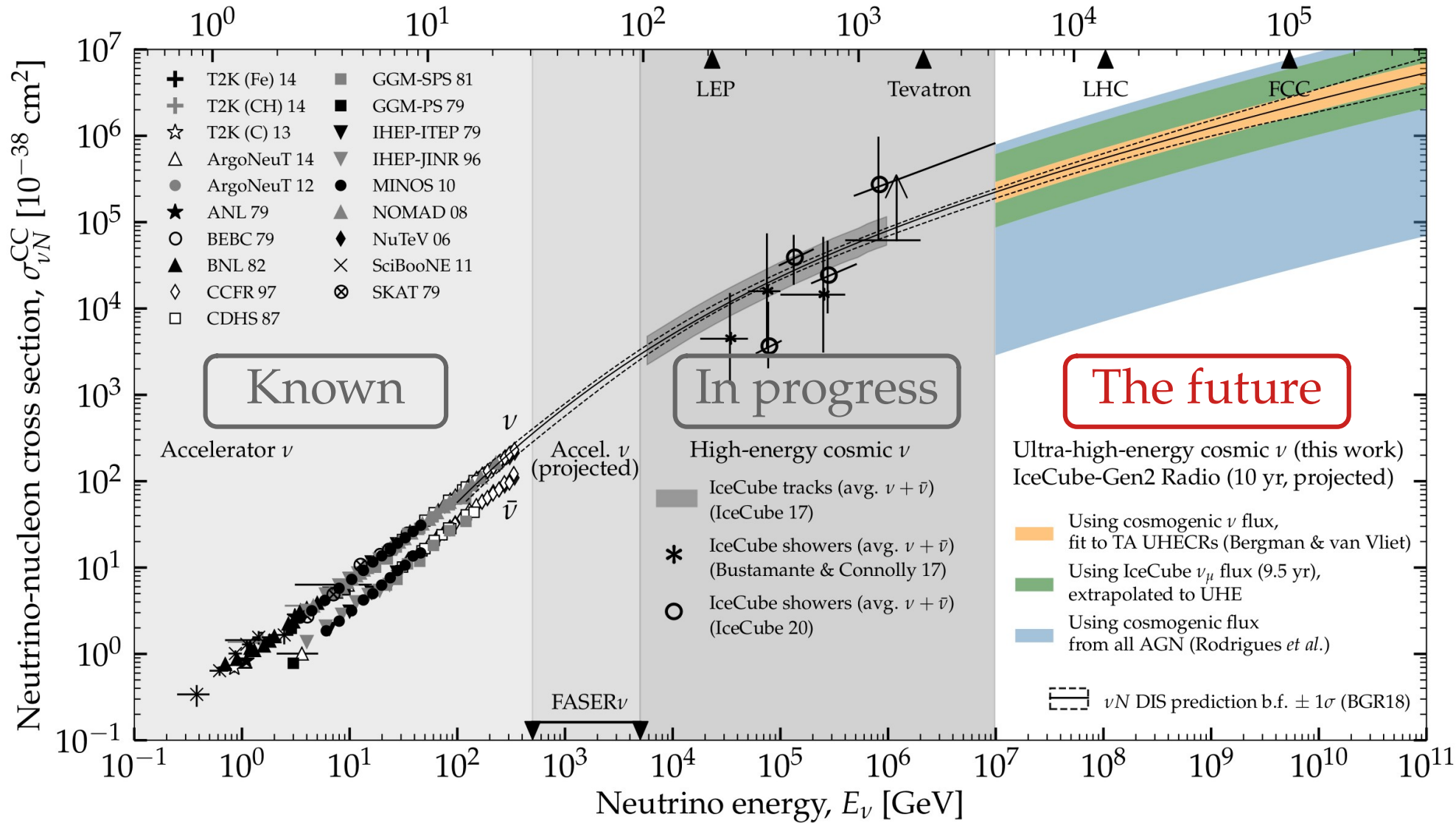
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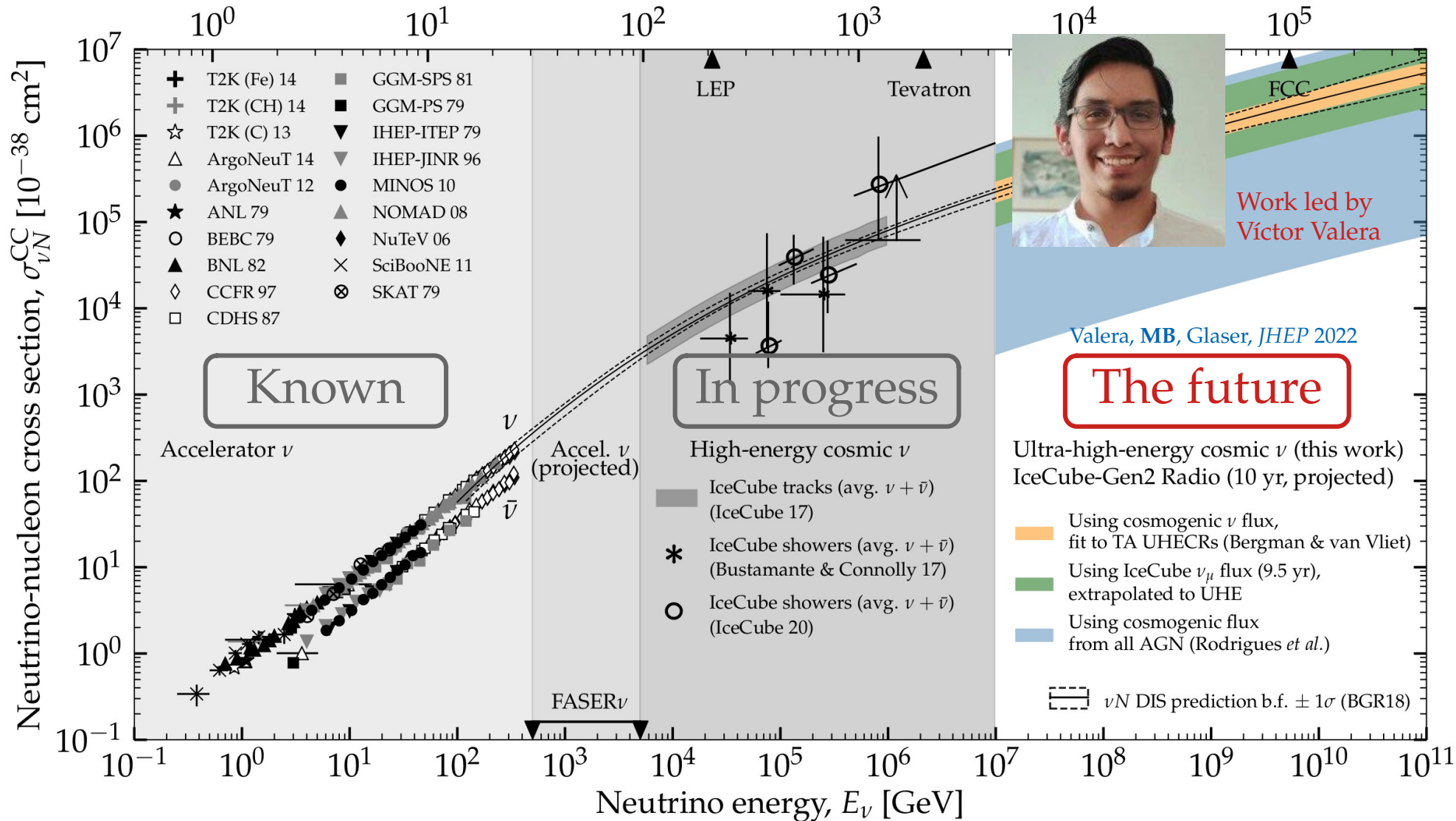
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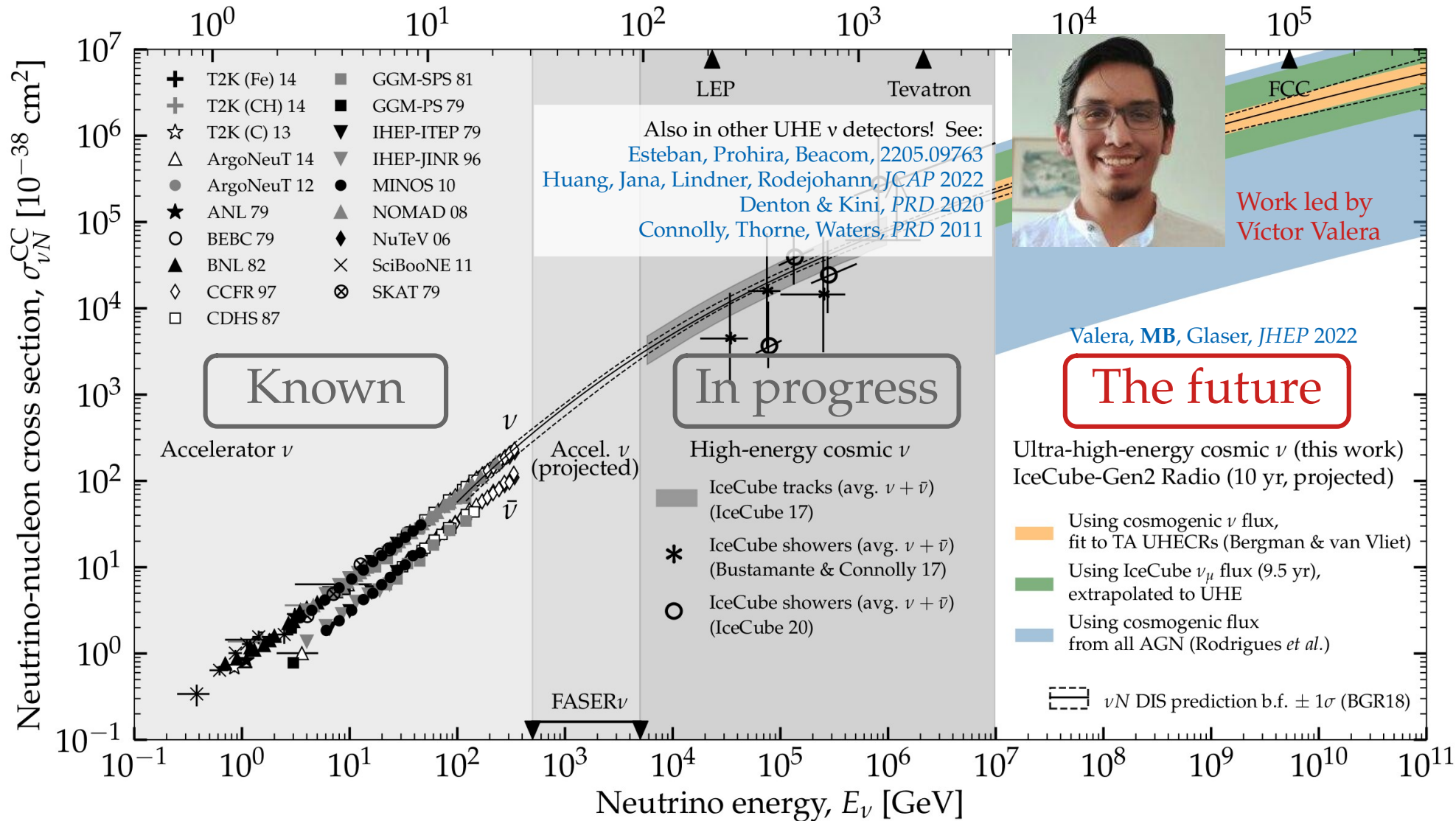
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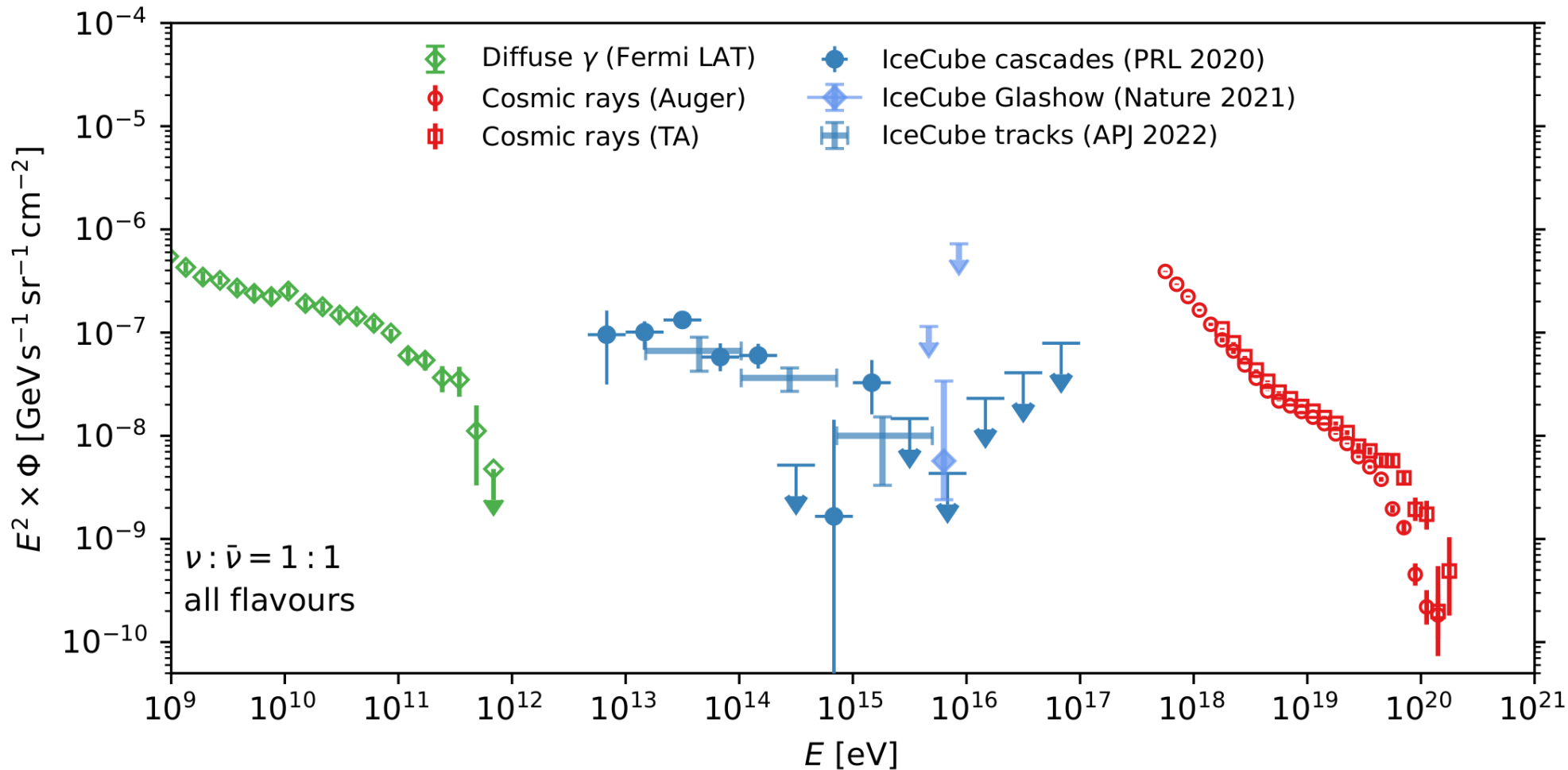
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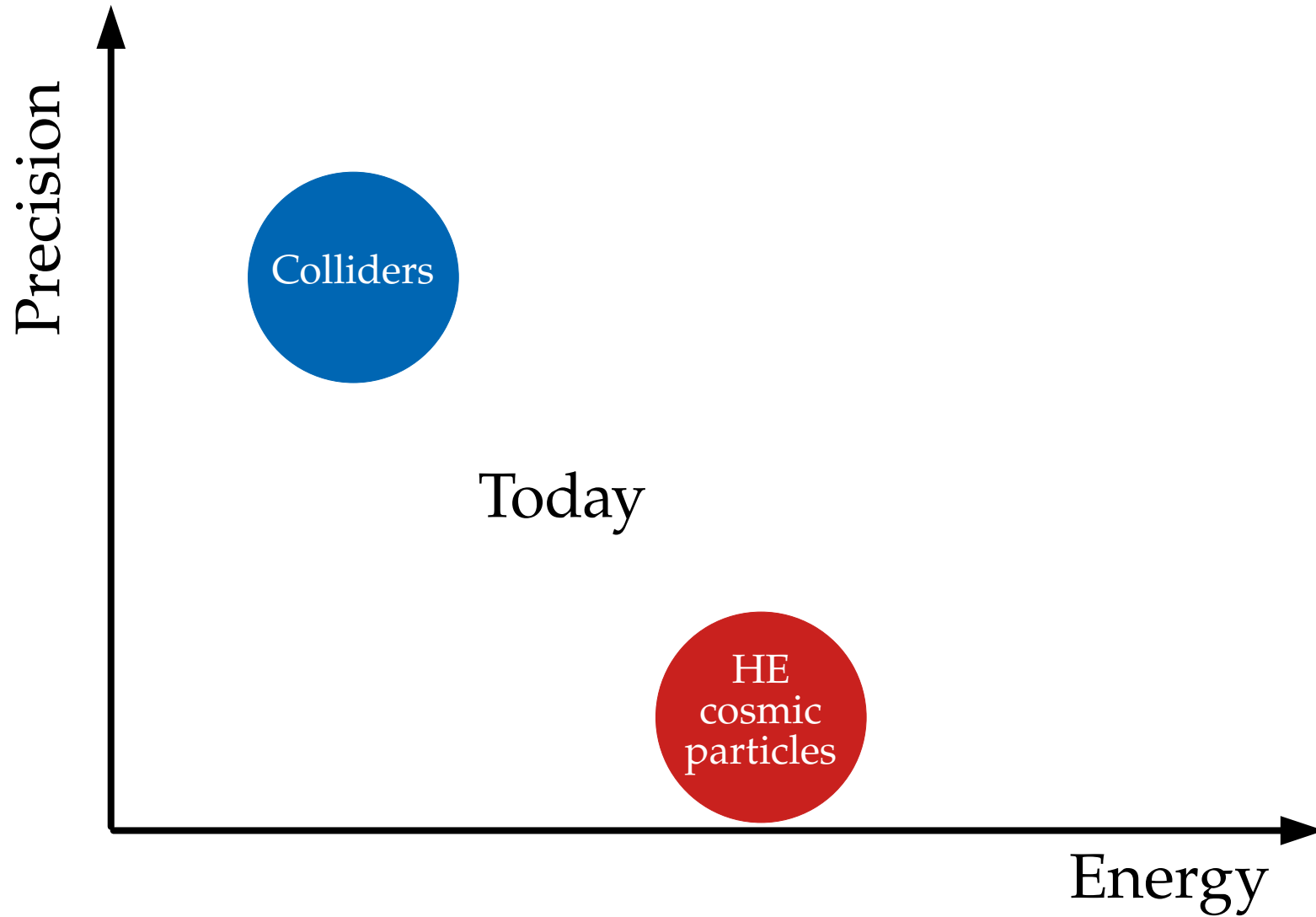


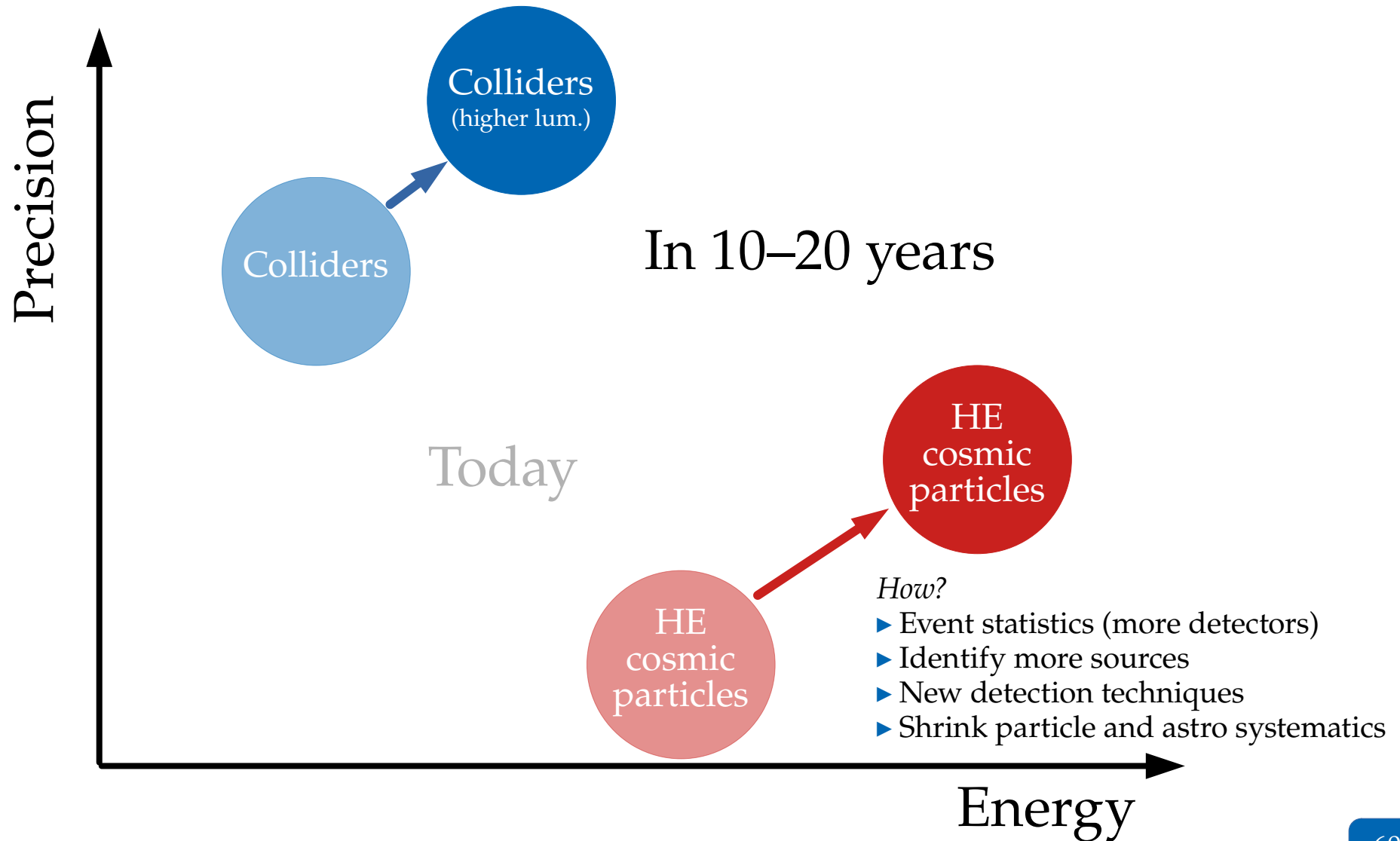
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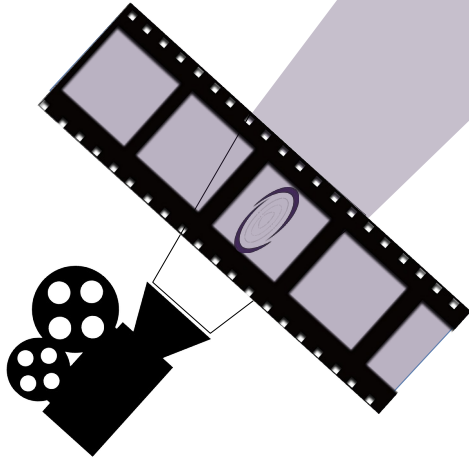
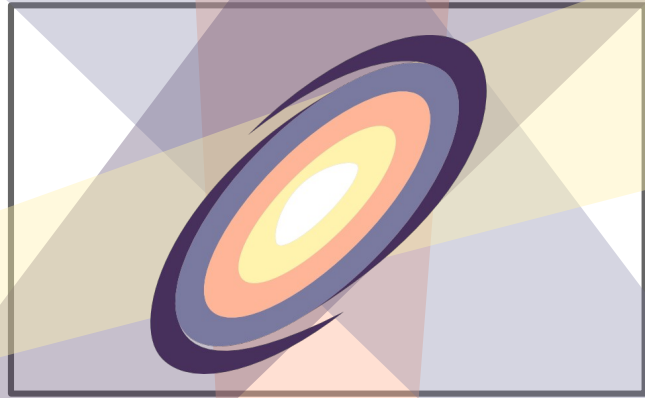
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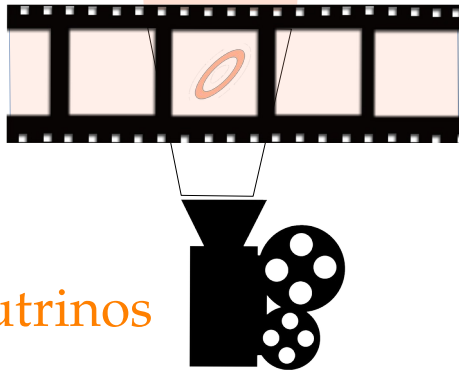




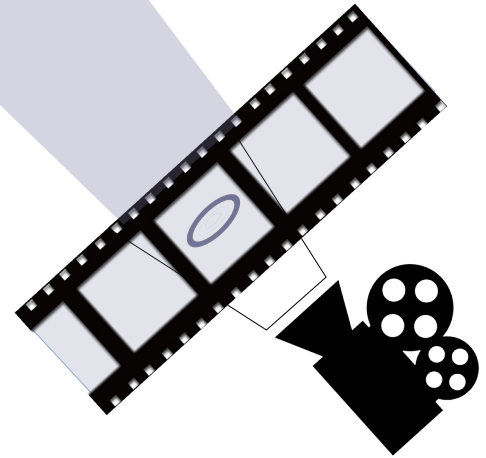
Gravitational waves



Radio, infrared, optical



Neutrinos



X-rays & gamma rays

Thanks!

TAMBO

arXiv:2002.06475

AIR SHOWER:

3 - 10 KM LENGTH
200 M DIAMETER

DECAY

τ

RANGE:
50 M - 5 KM

ROCK

> 4 KM SHIELDING FROM
BACKGROUND MUONS

ν_{τ}

CHARGED-CURRENT
INTERACTION

~100 M
SEPARATION

WATER CHERENKOV
DETECTOR ARRAY

~M³ EACH

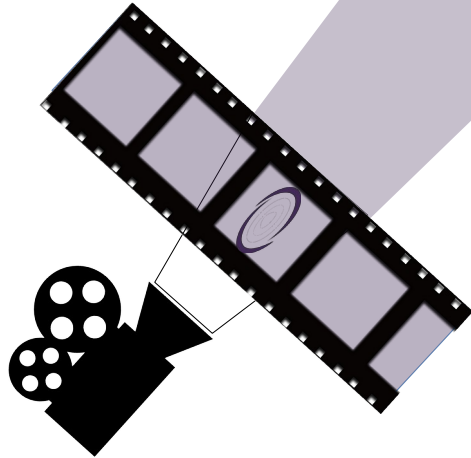
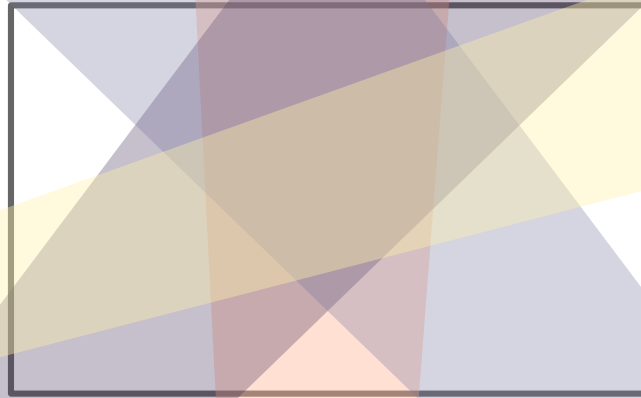
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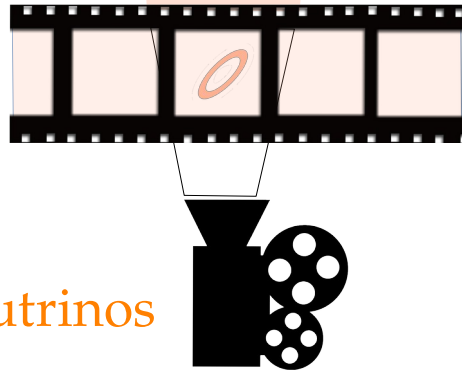
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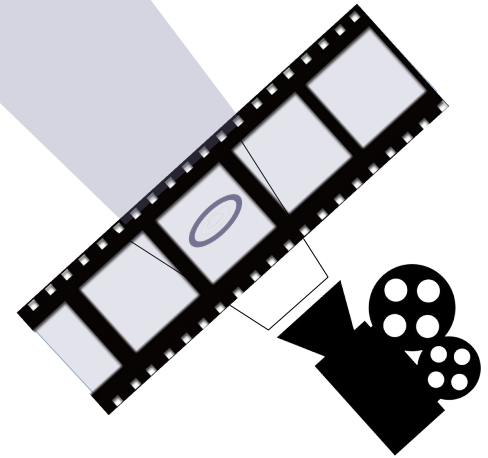
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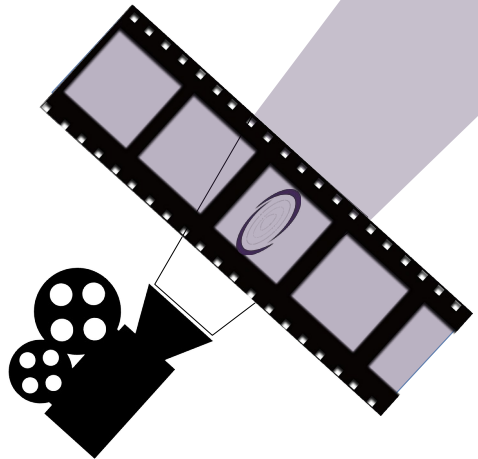
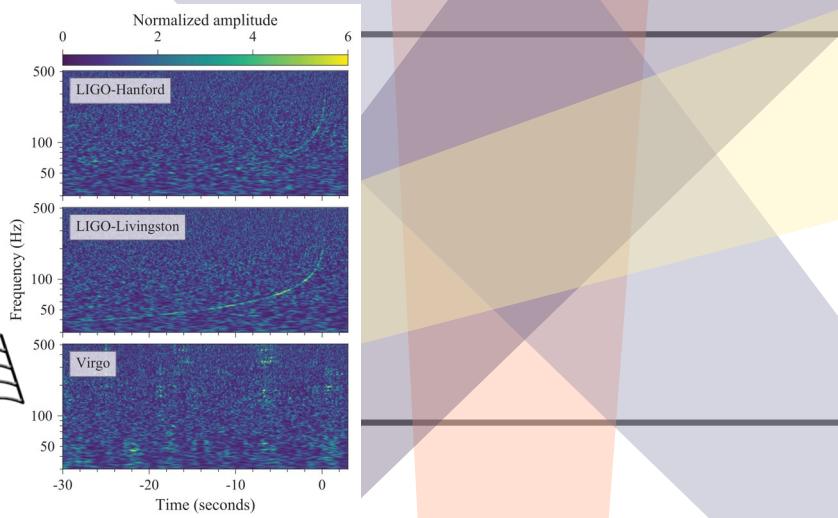


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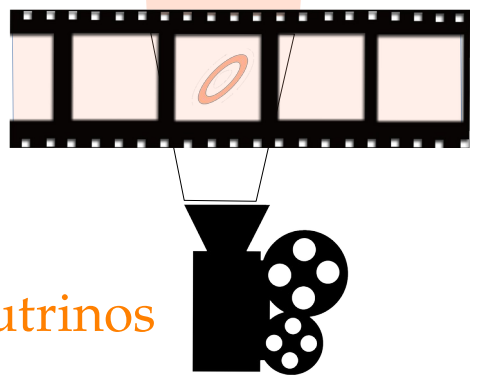
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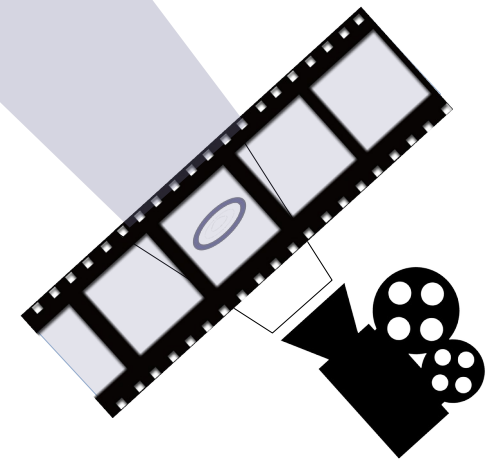
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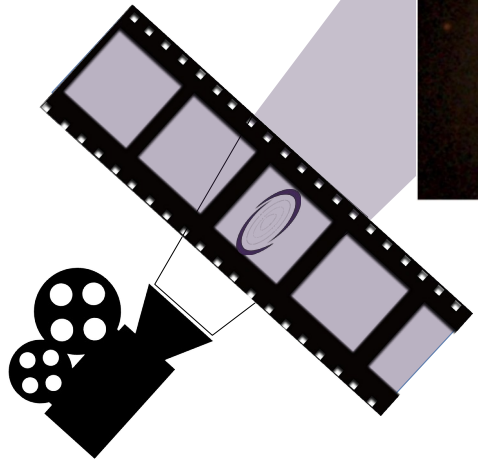
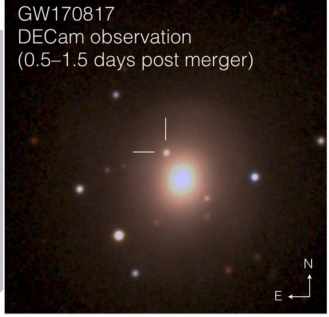
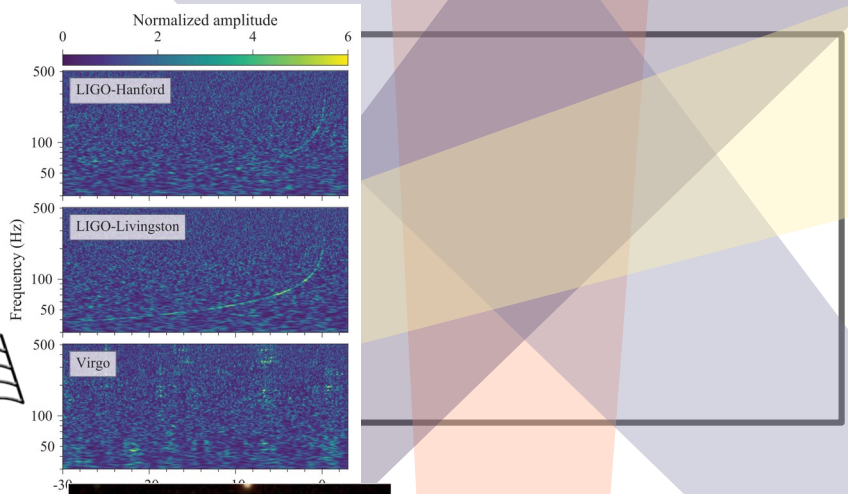


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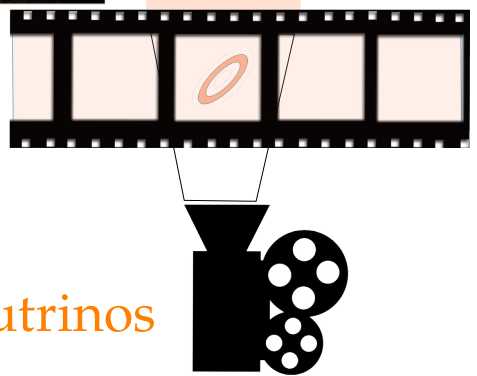
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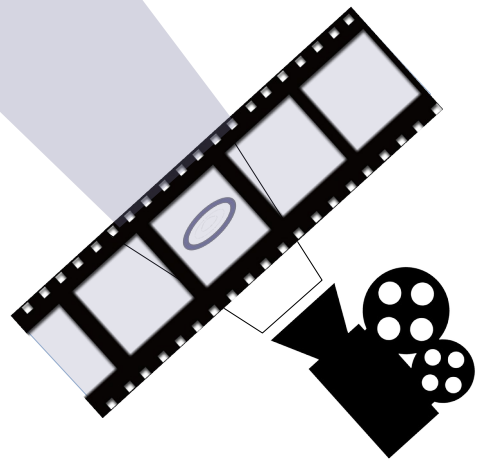
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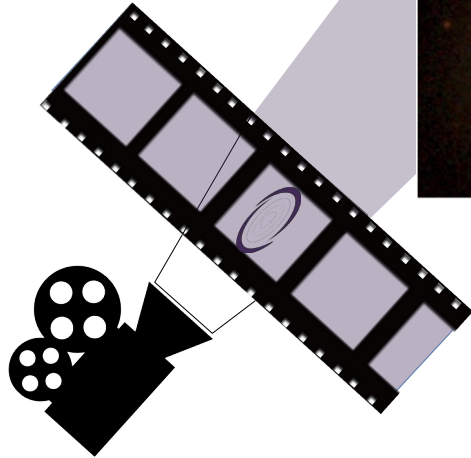
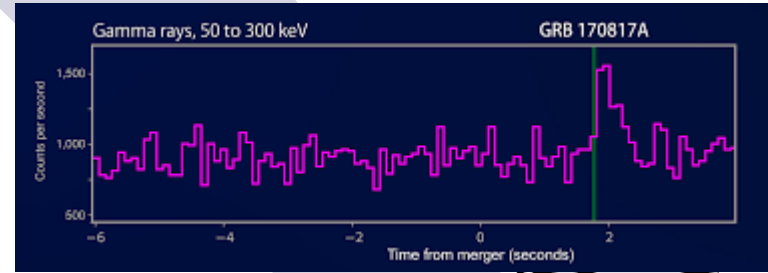
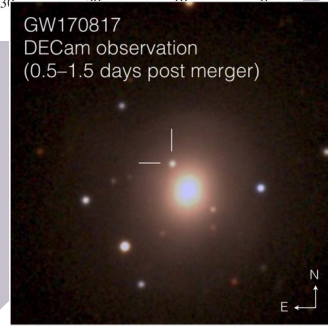
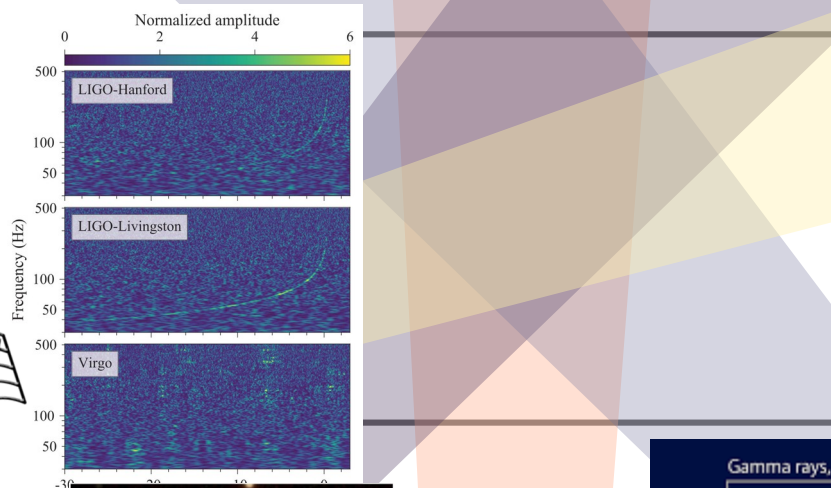


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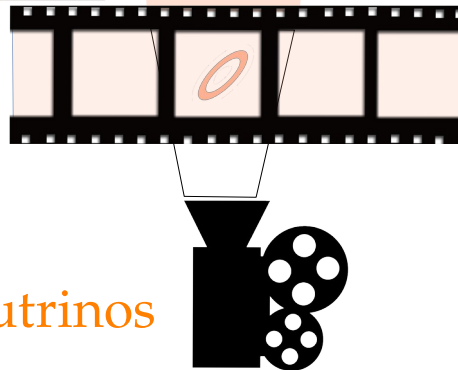
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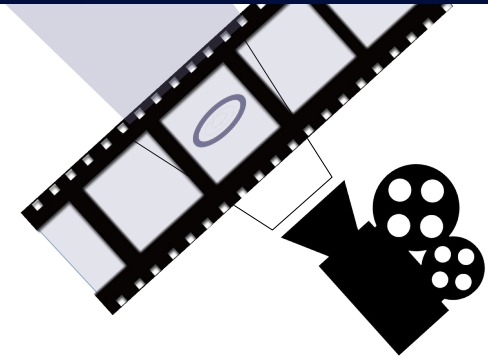
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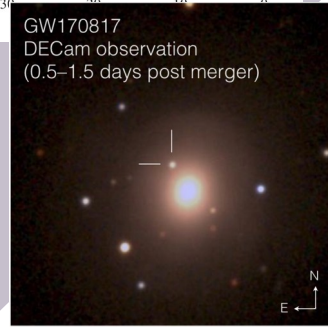
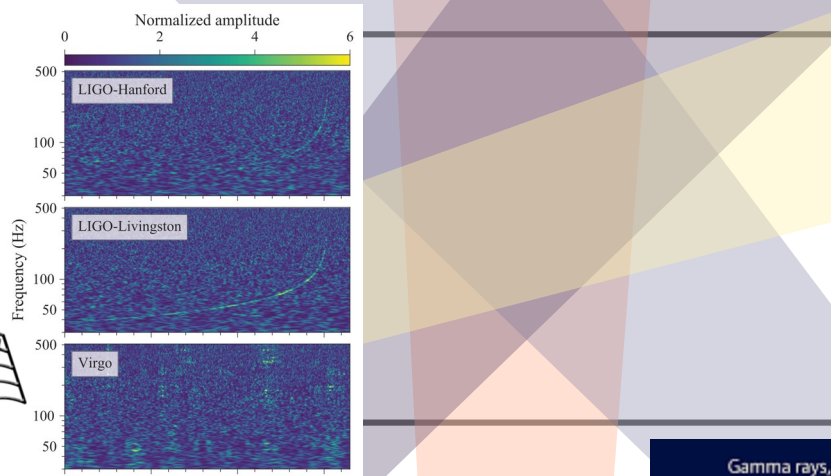


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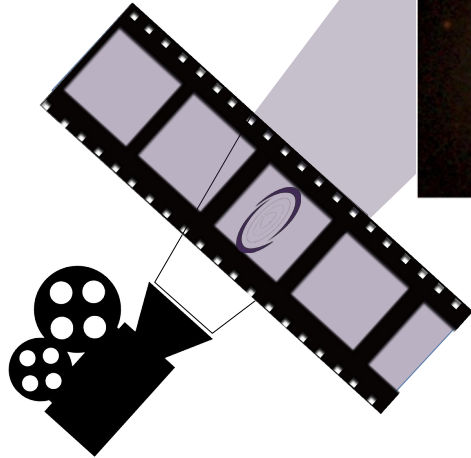
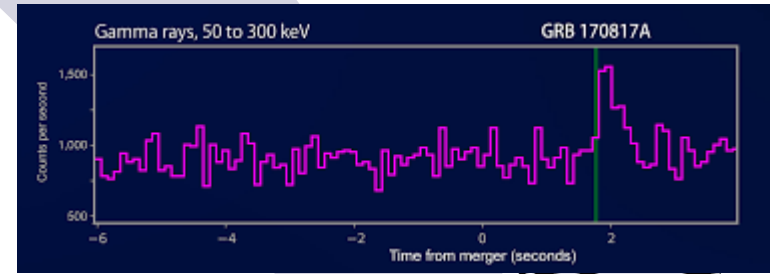
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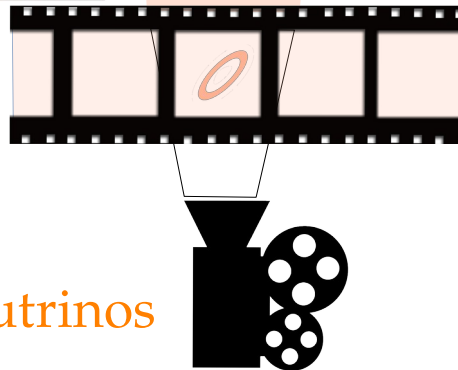
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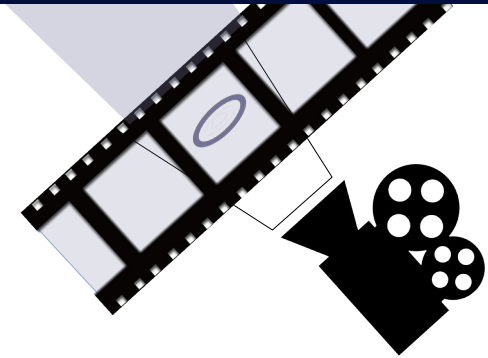
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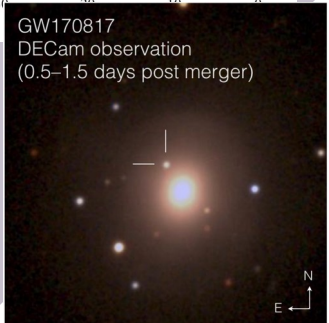
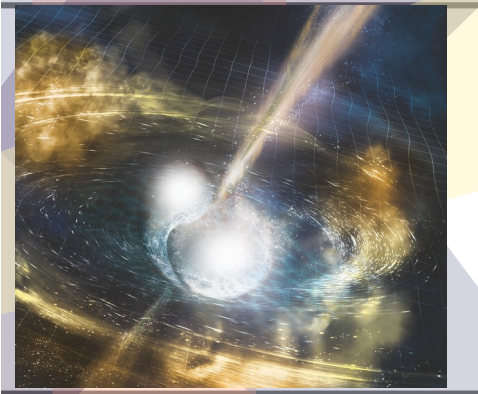
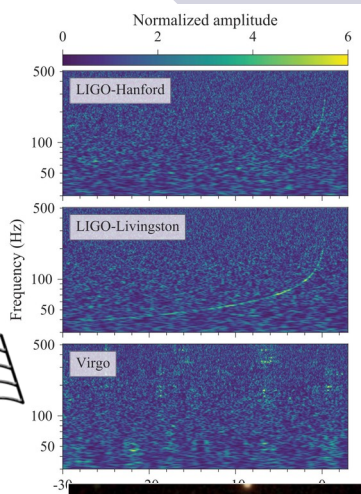


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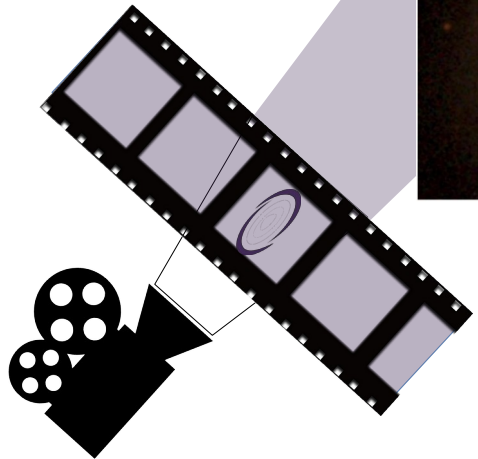
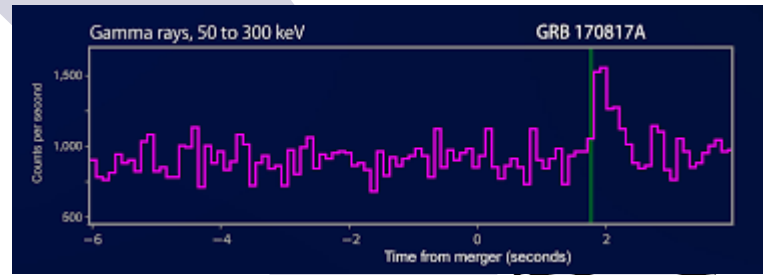
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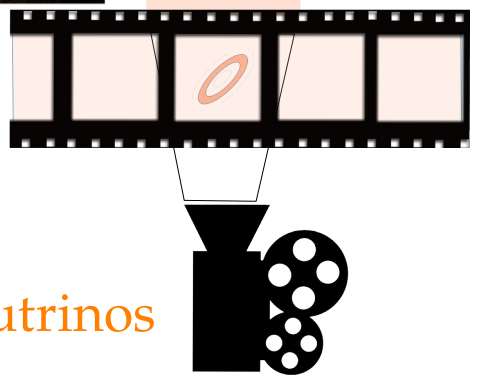
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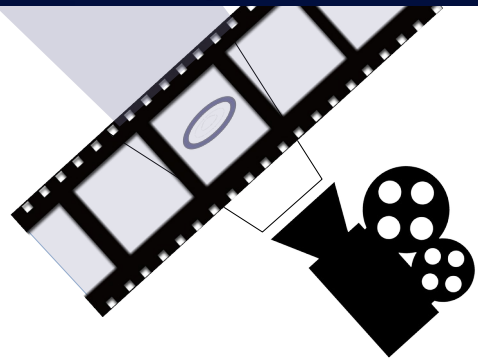
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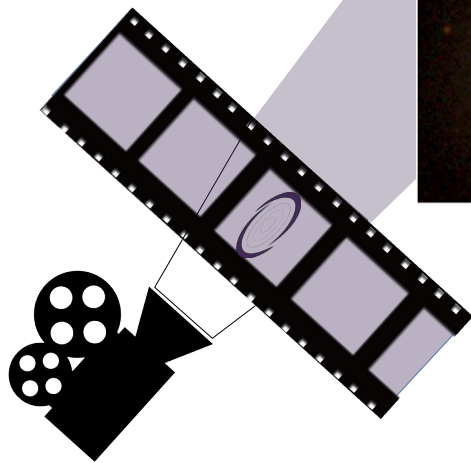
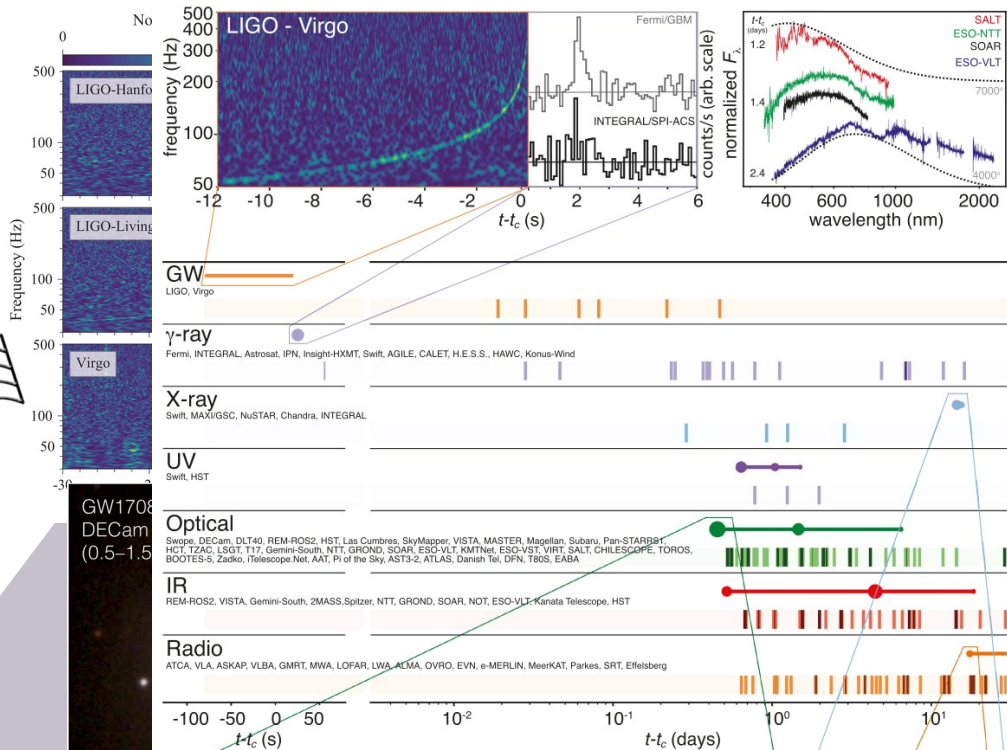


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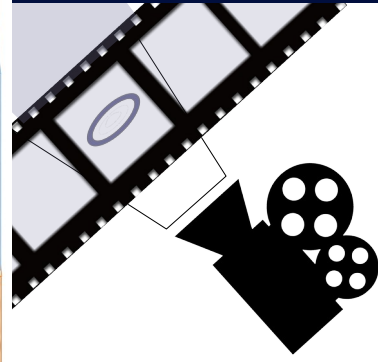
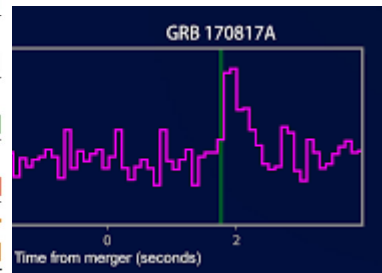
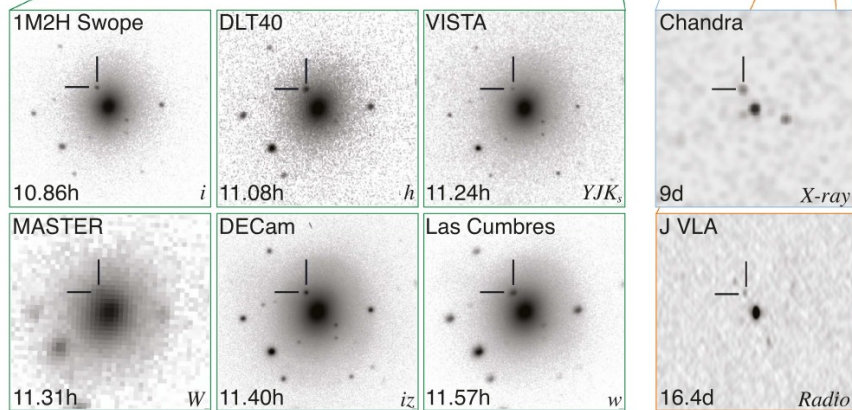
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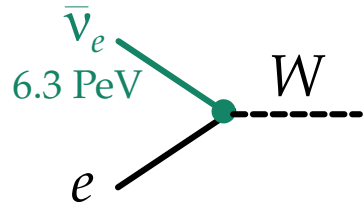
Glashow resonance:
Long-sought, finally seen

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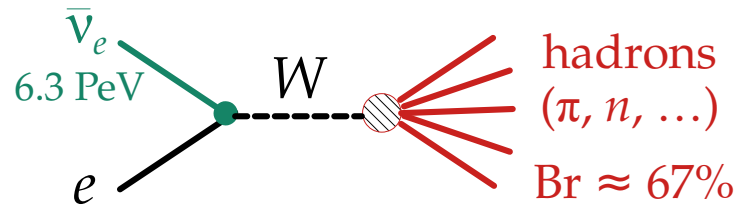
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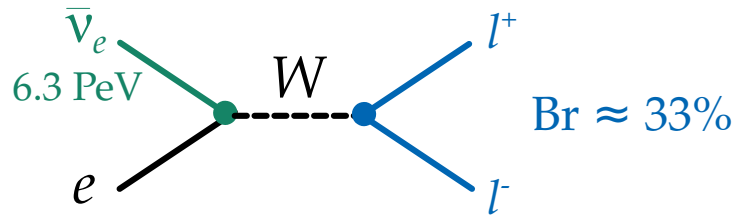
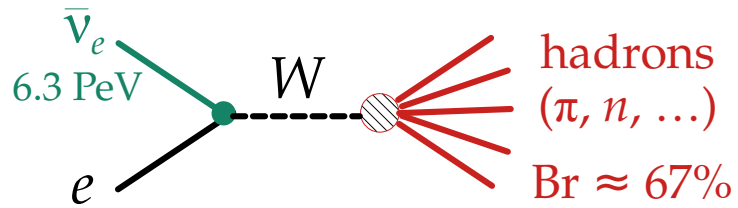
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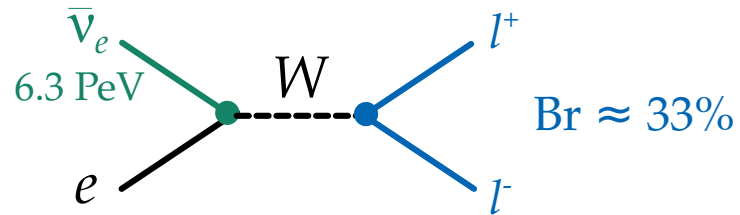
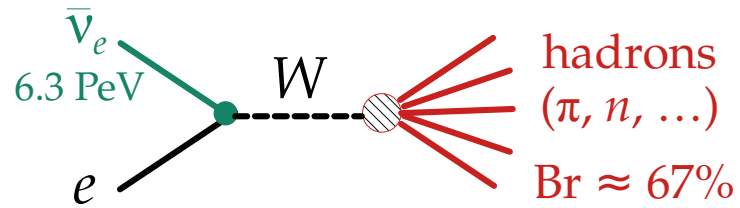
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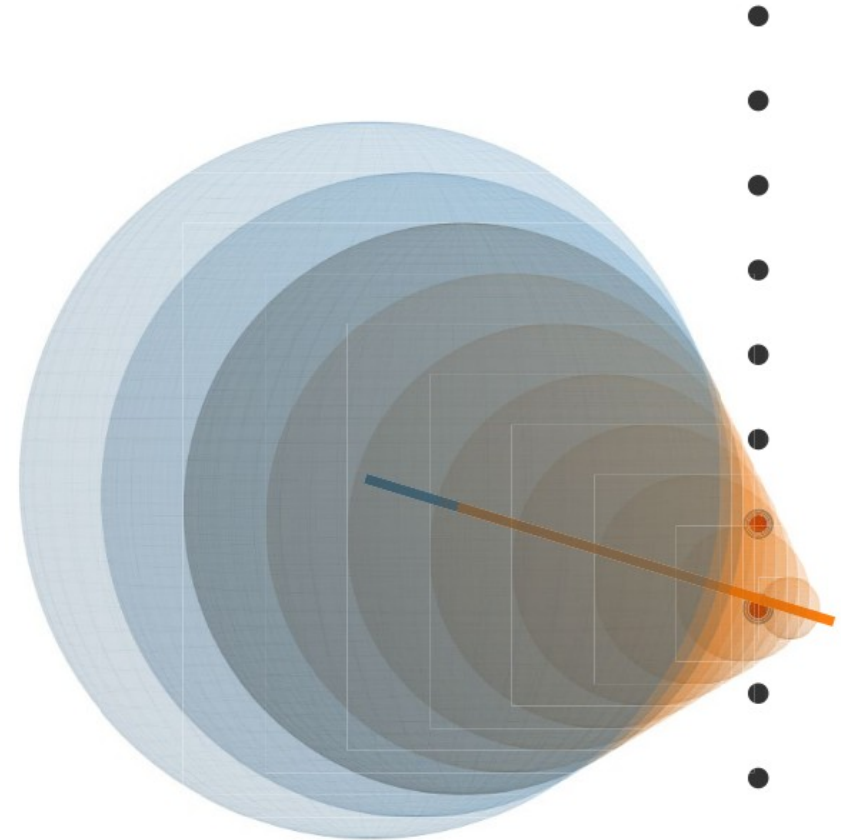


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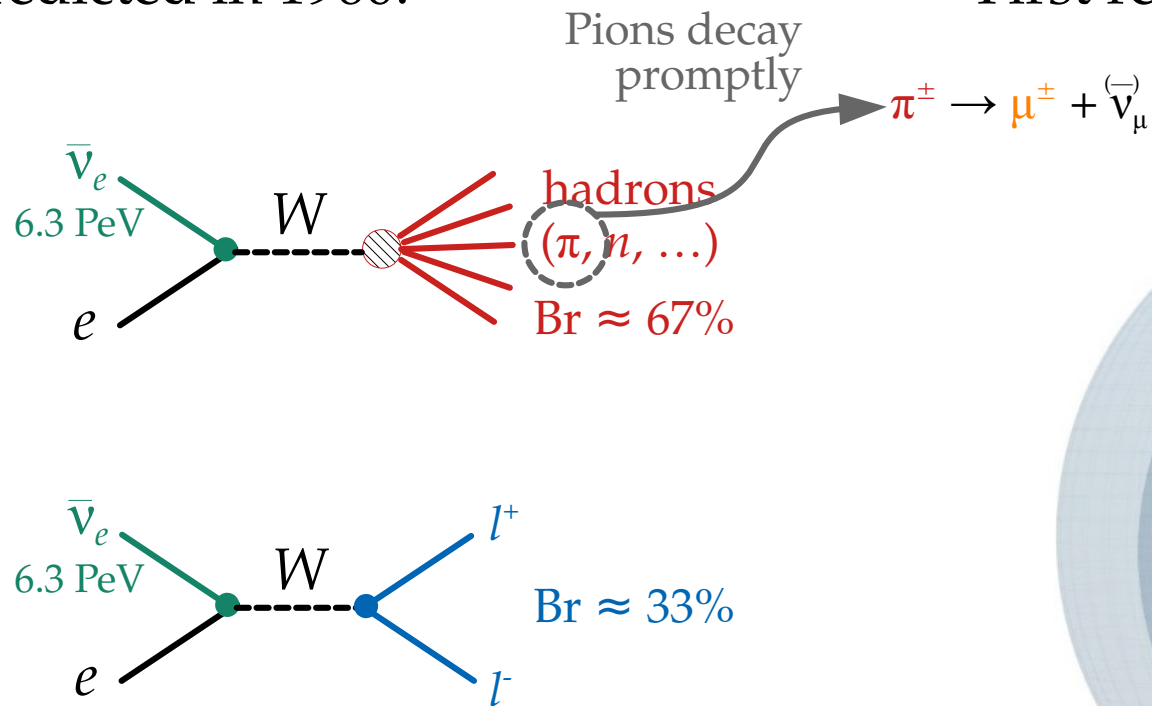


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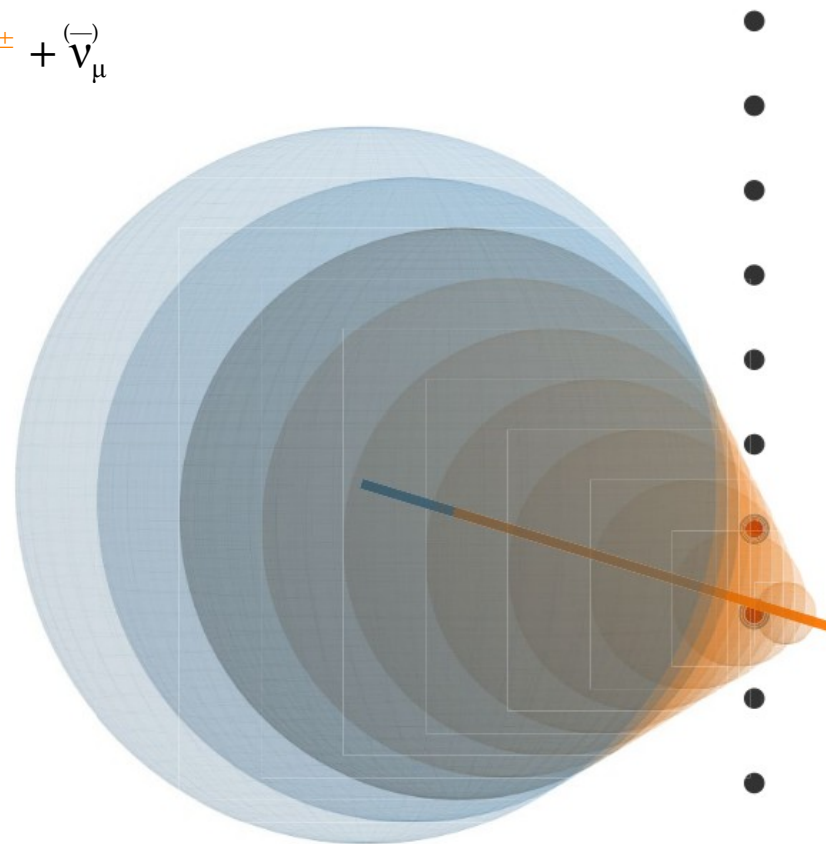


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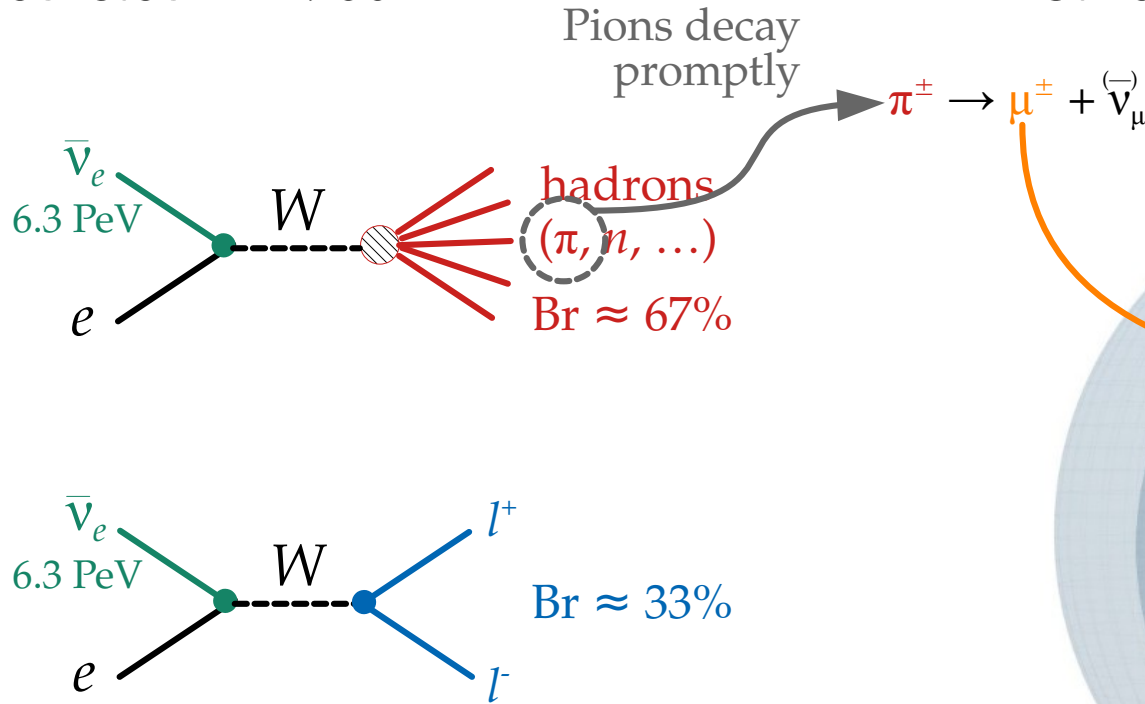


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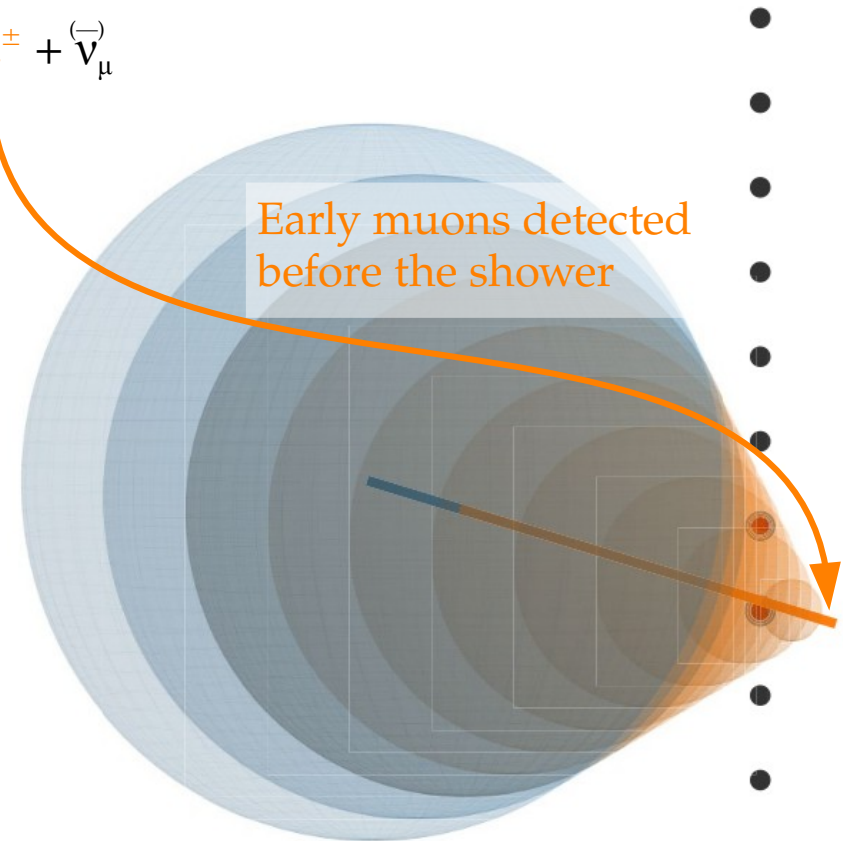


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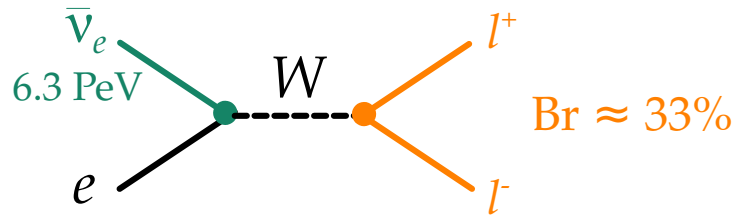
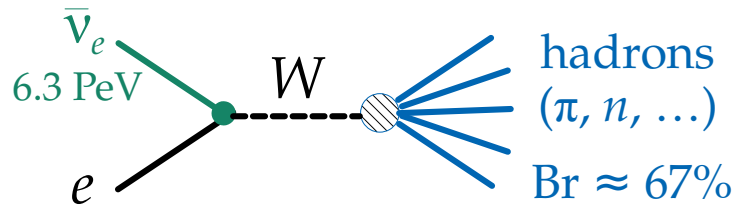


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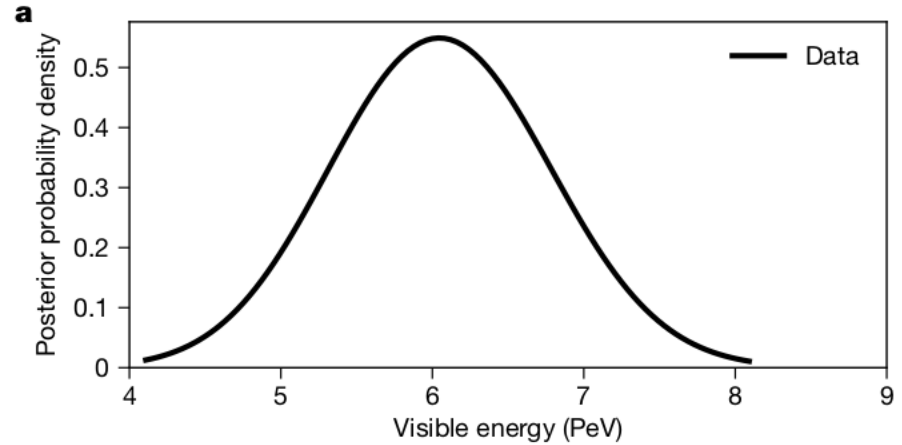


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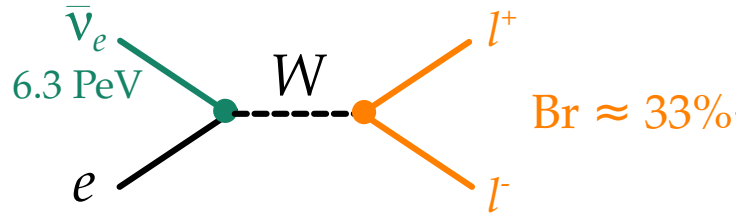
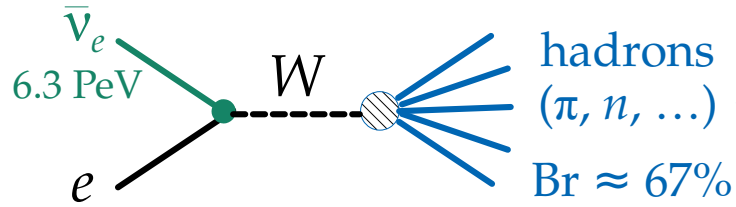


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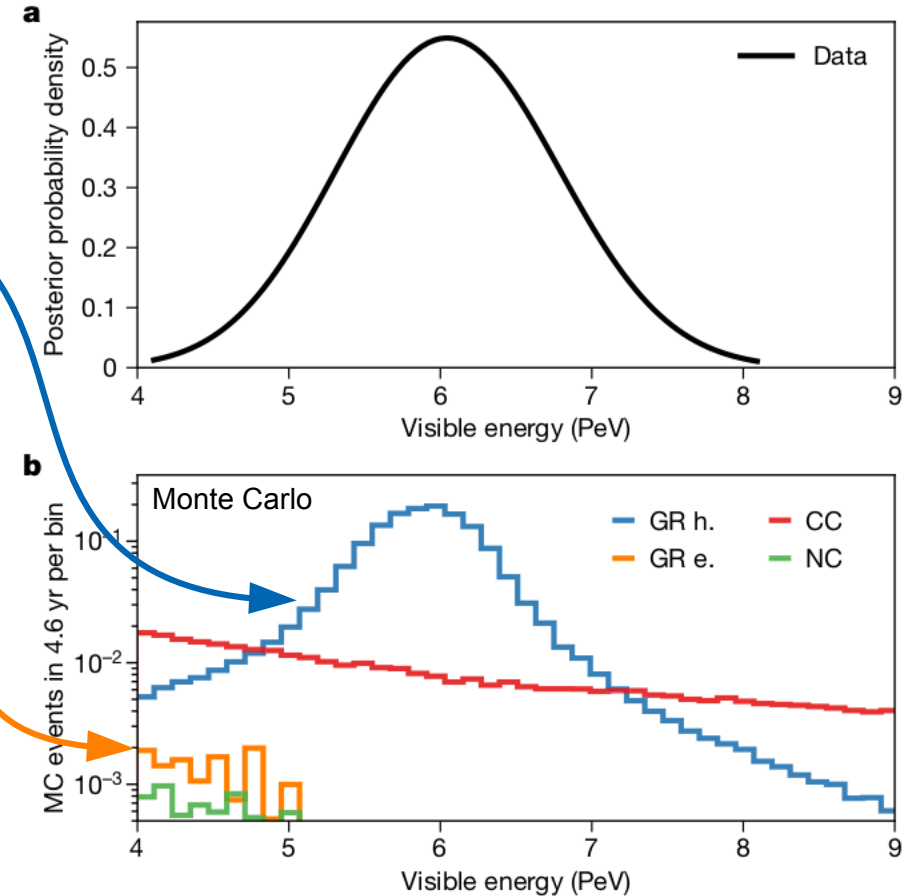


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Flavor:

Towards precision, finally

(with the help of lower-energy experiments)

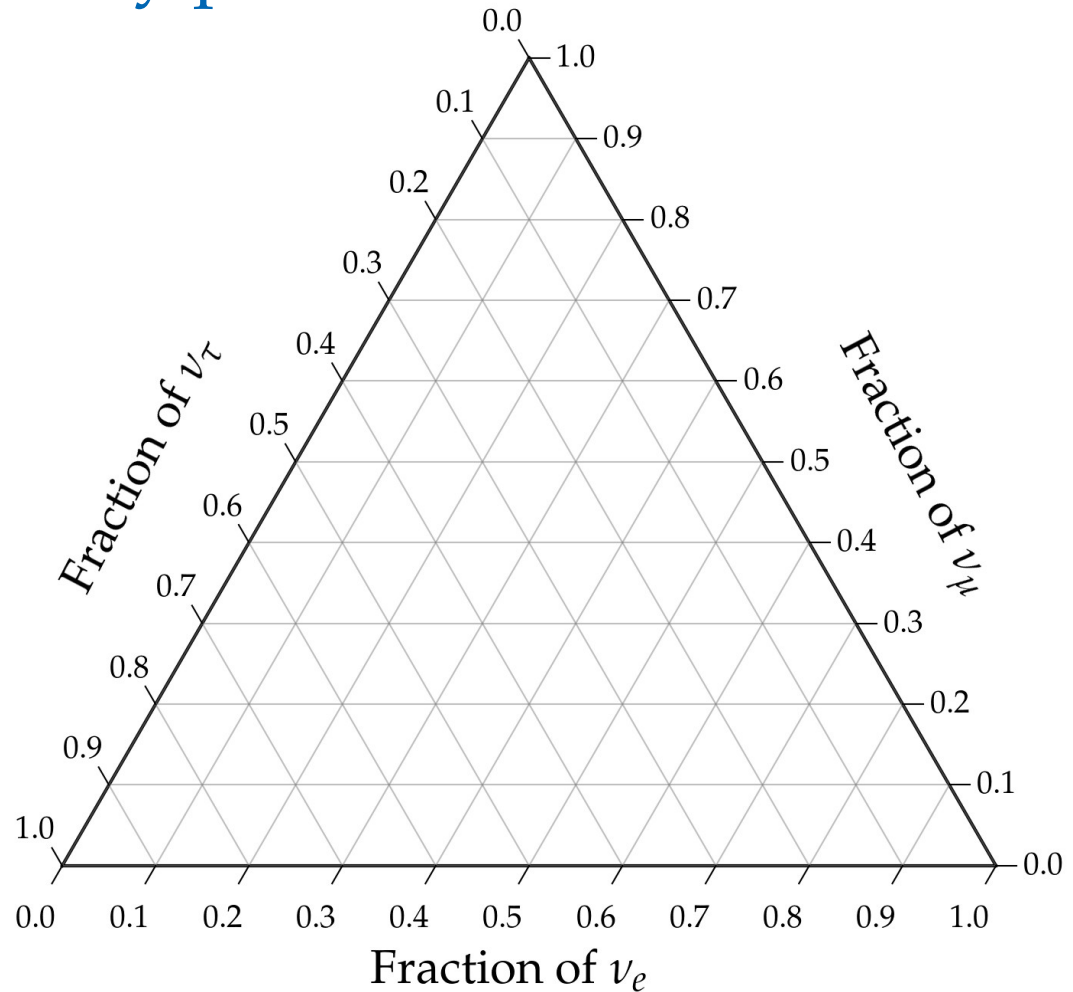
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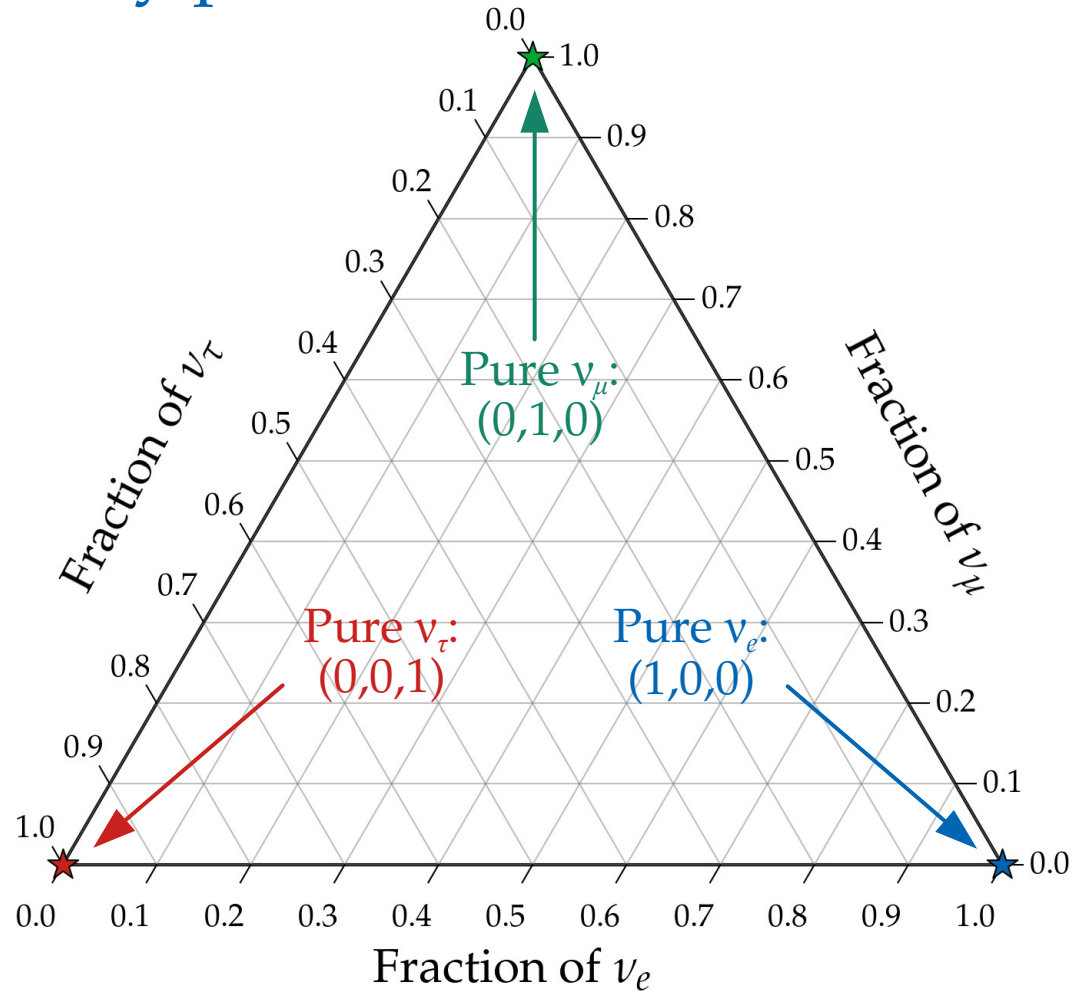
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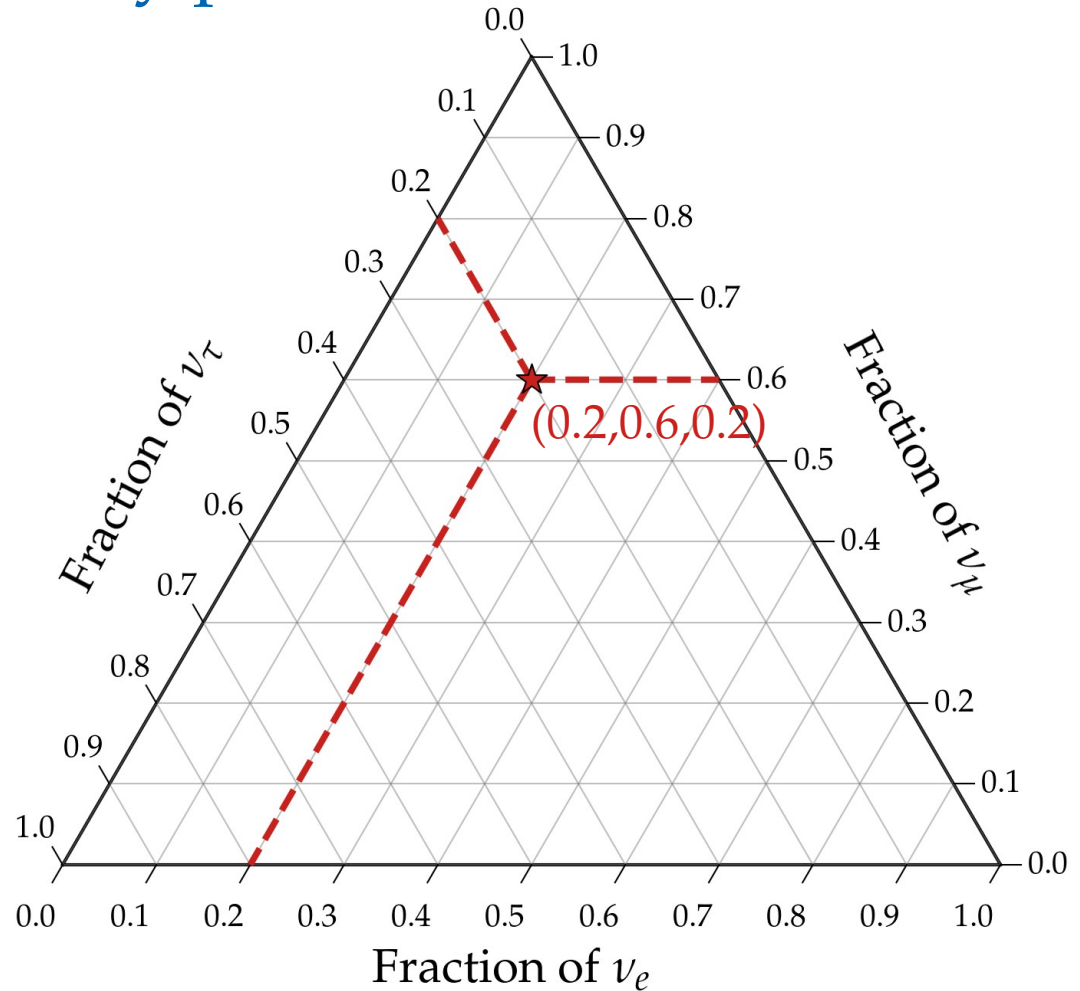
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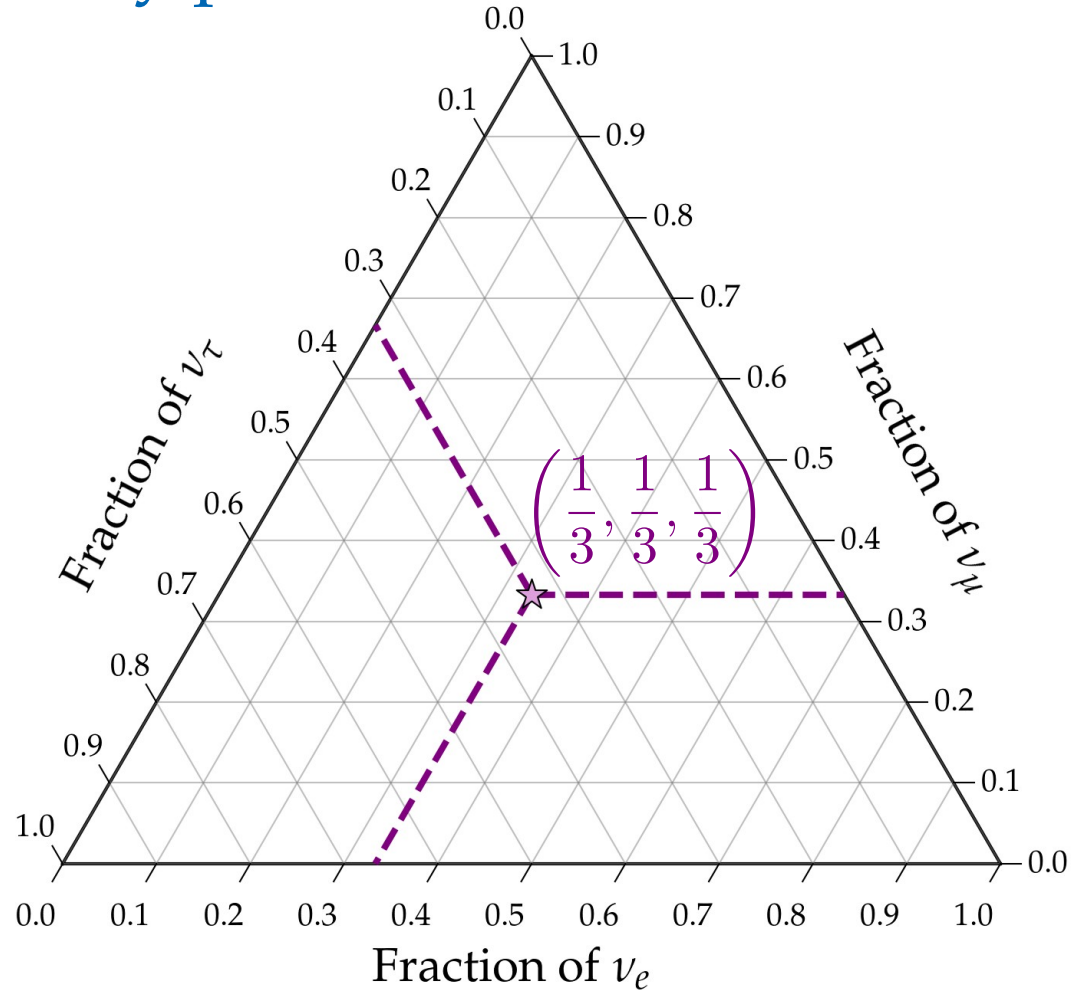
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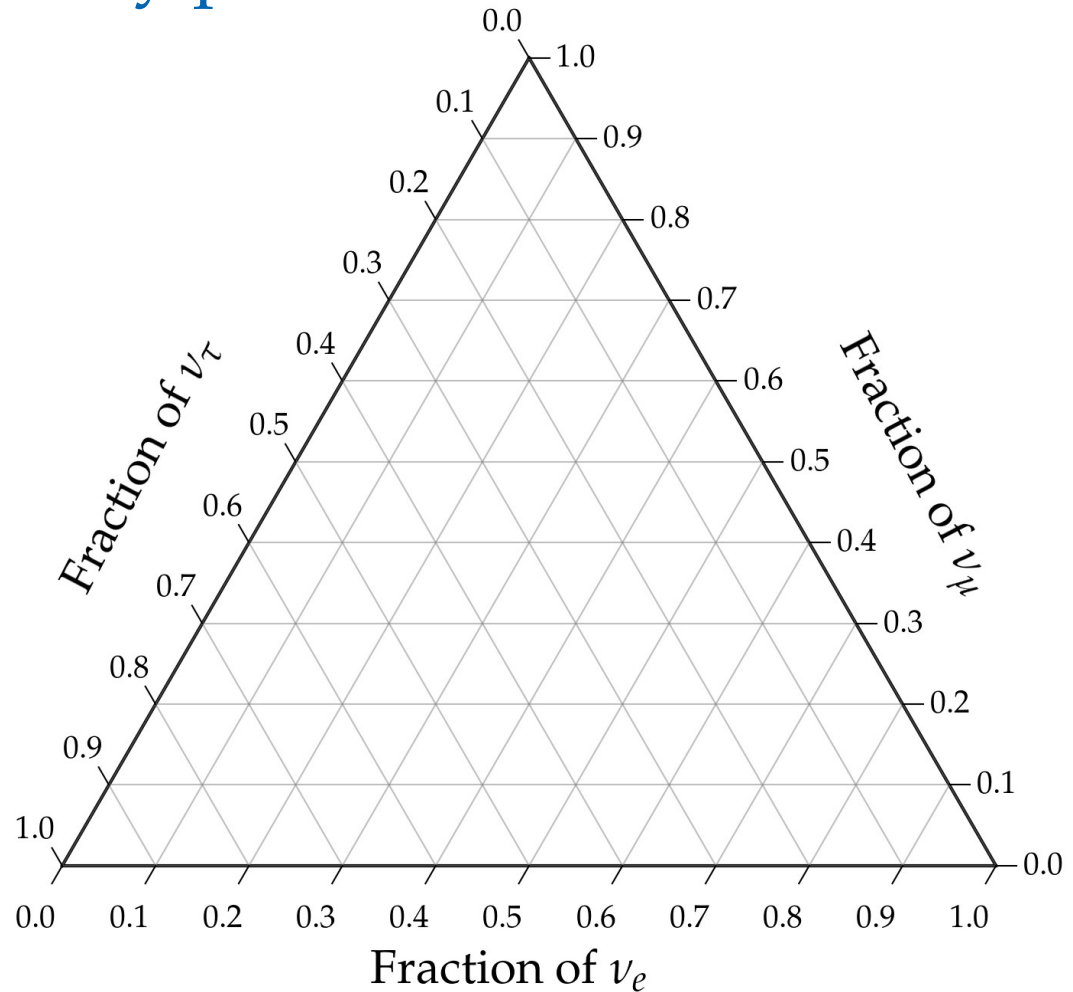
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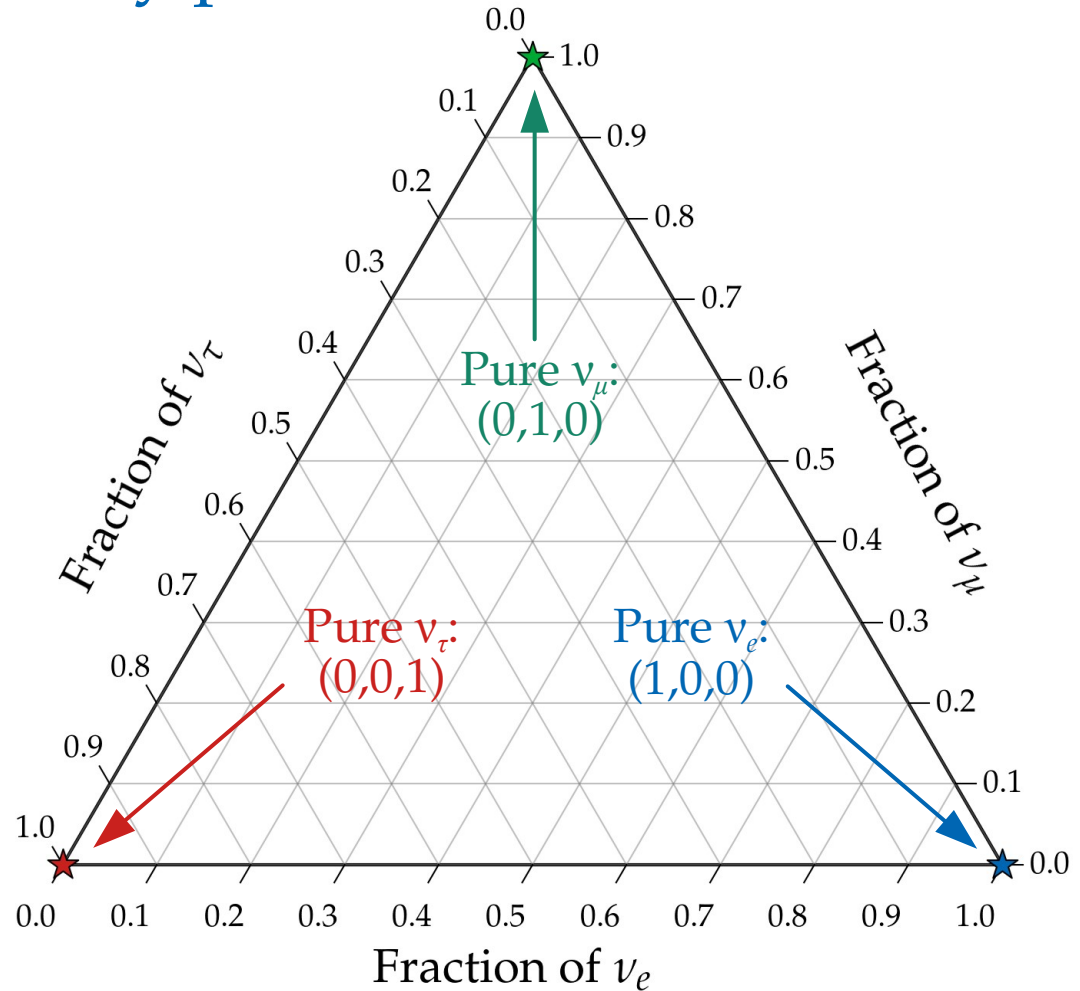
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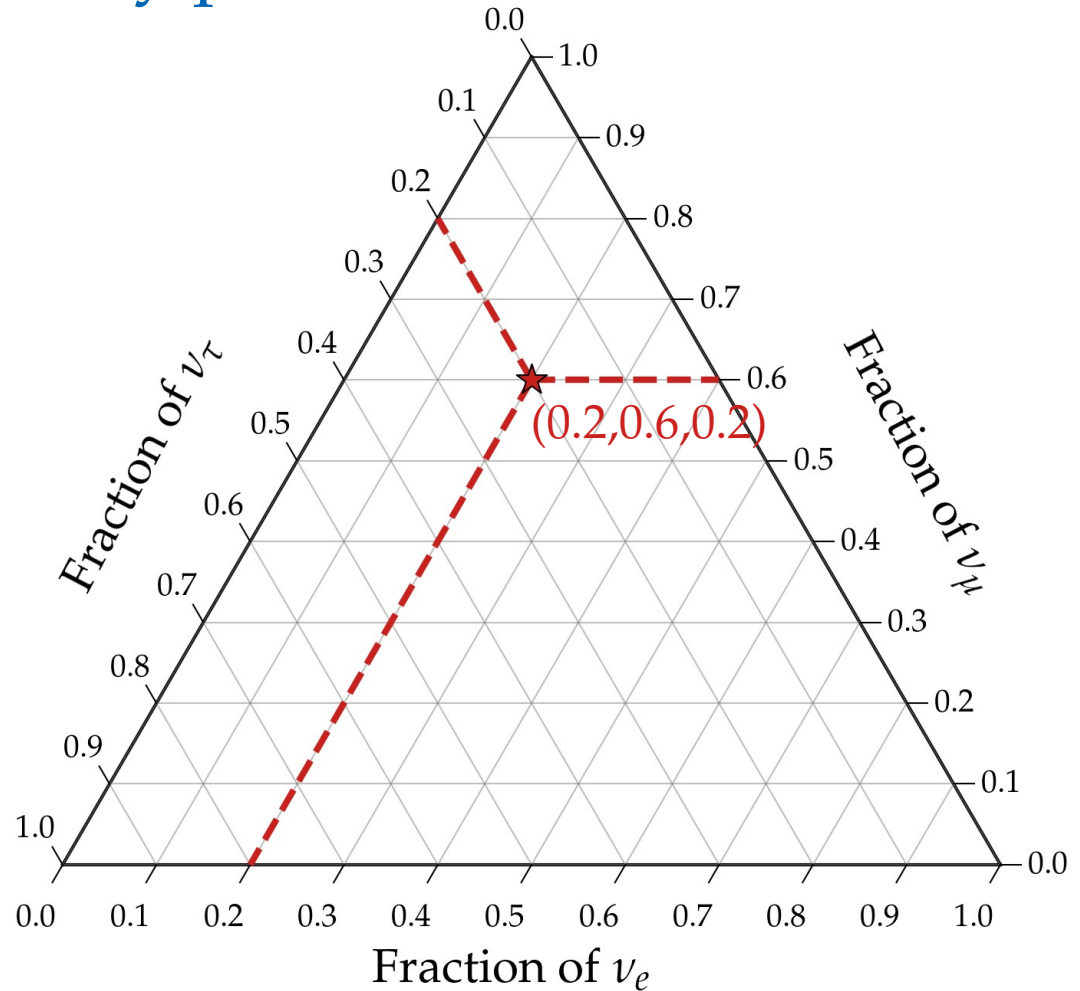
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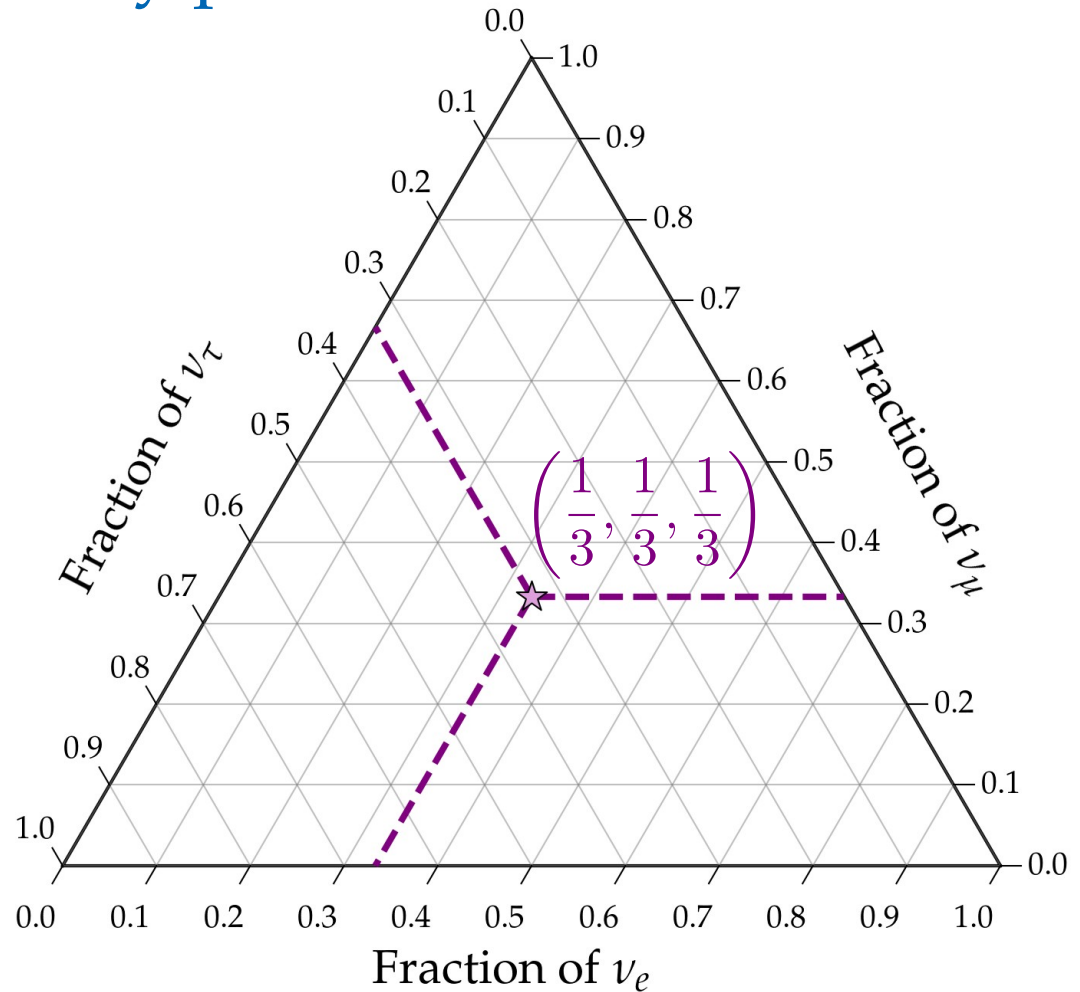
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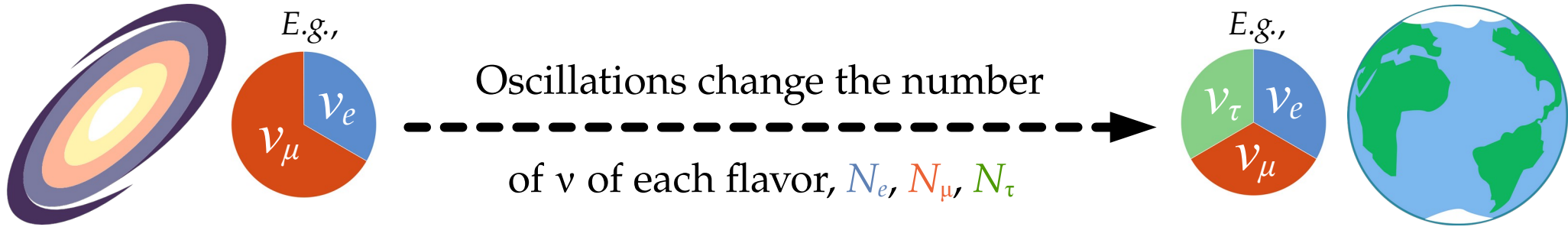
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Astrophysical sources

Earth

Up to a few Gpc



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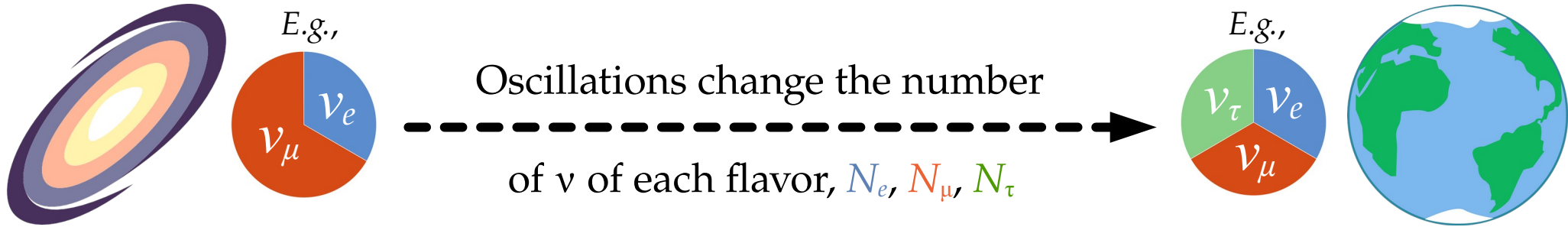
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Standard oscillations
or
new physics

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



Sources



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

Oscillations



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

Earth



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

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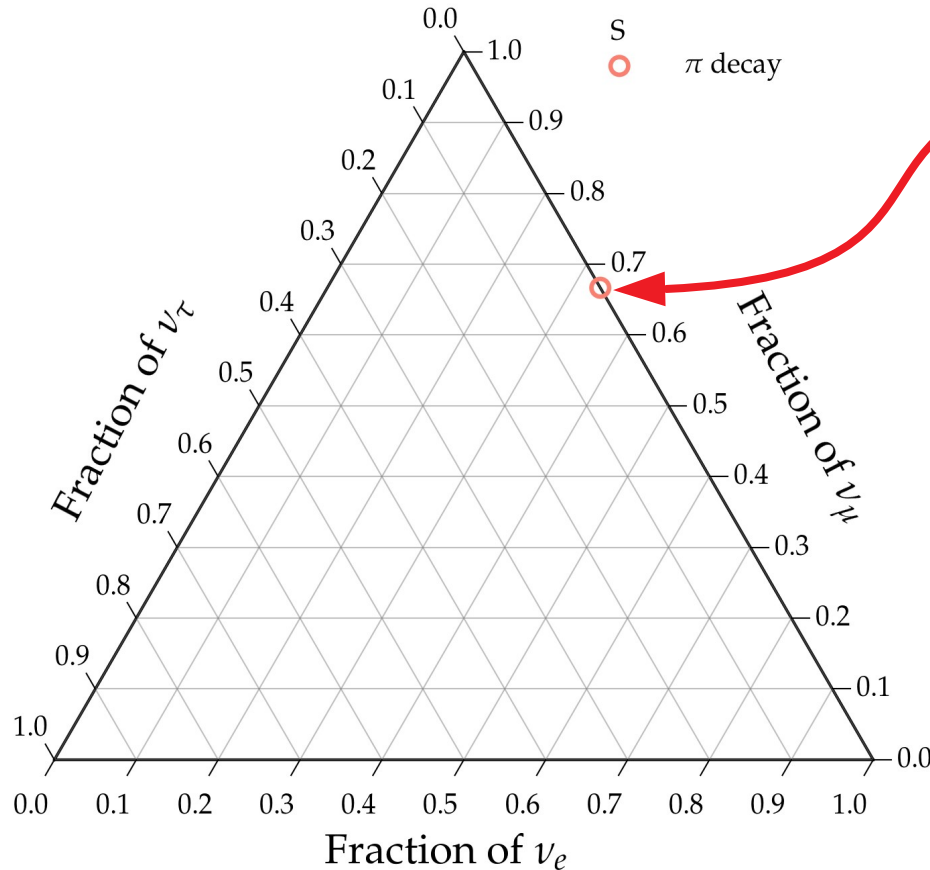
$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \quad \text{followed by} \quad \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

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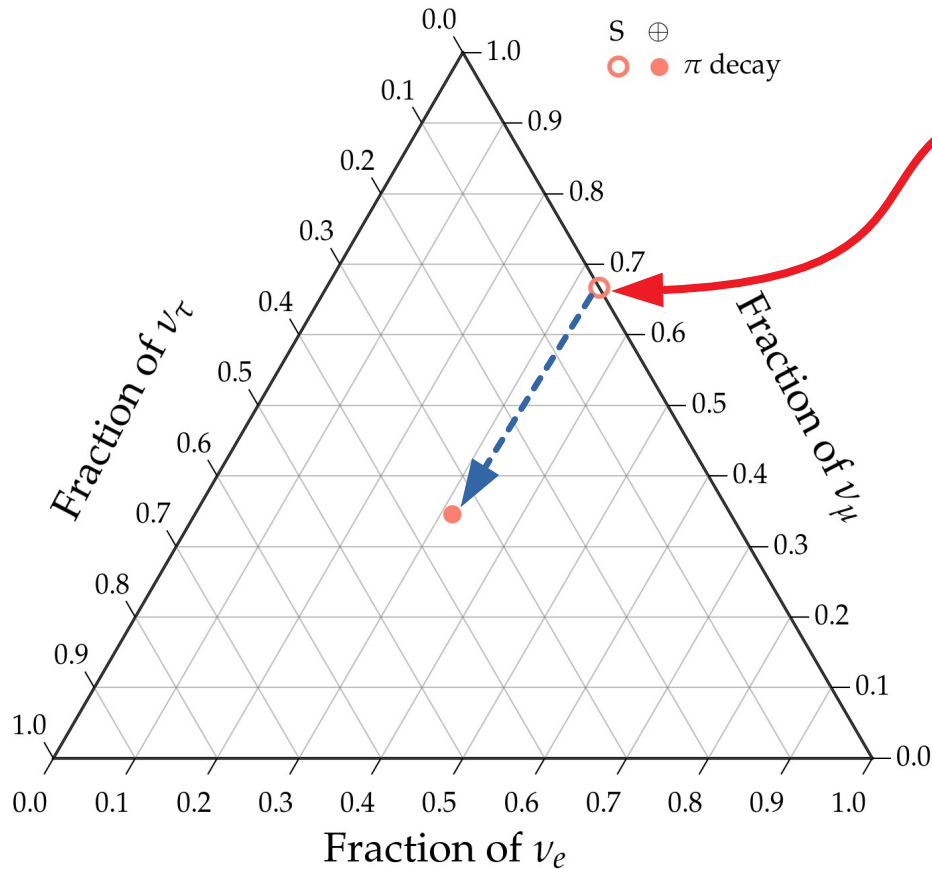


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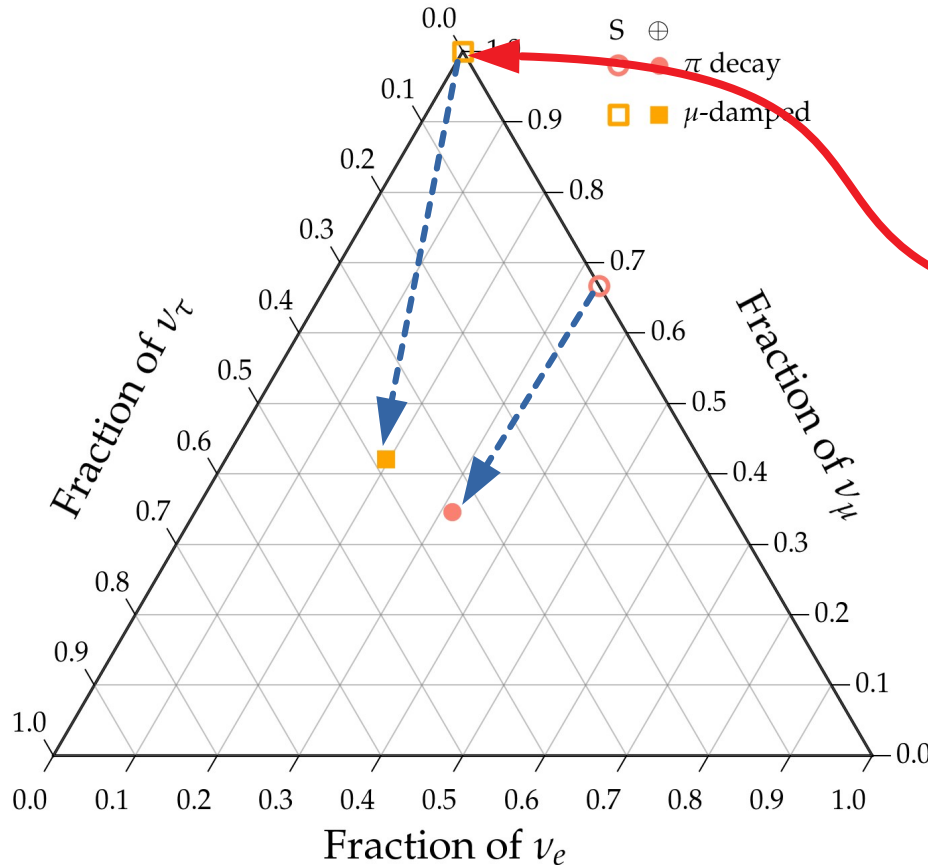


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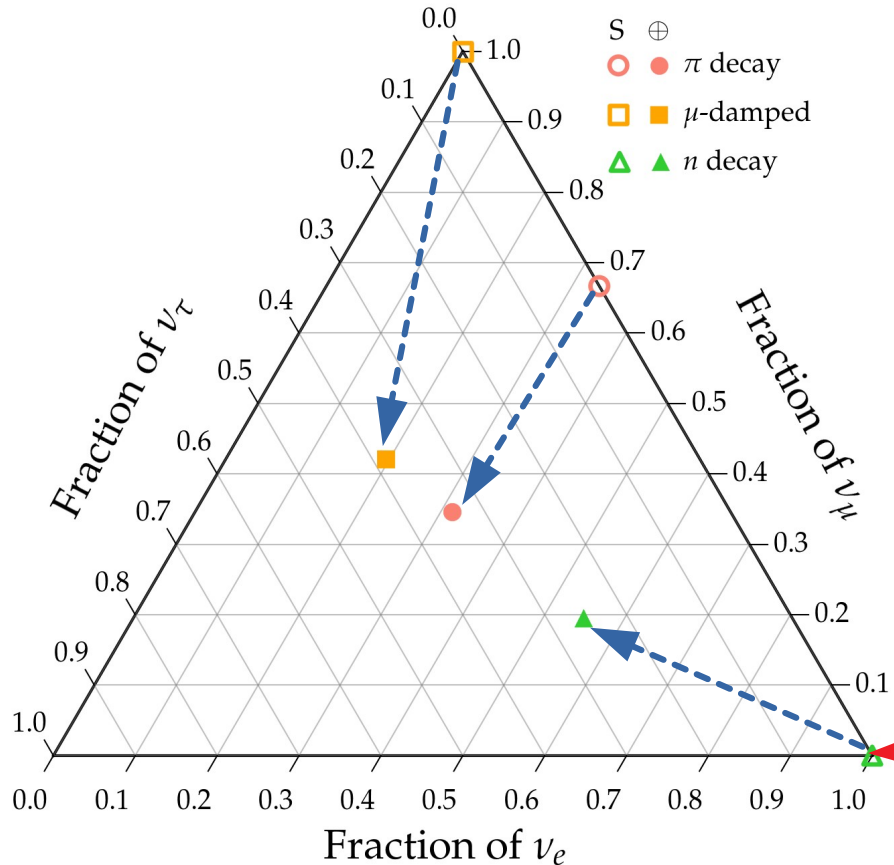
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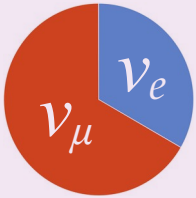
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Known from oscillation experiments, to different levels of precision

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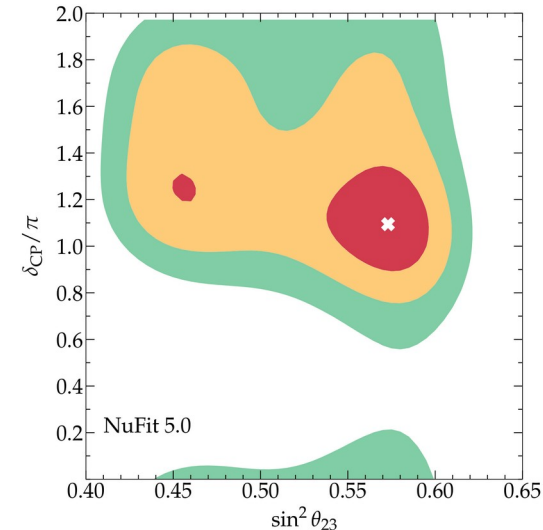
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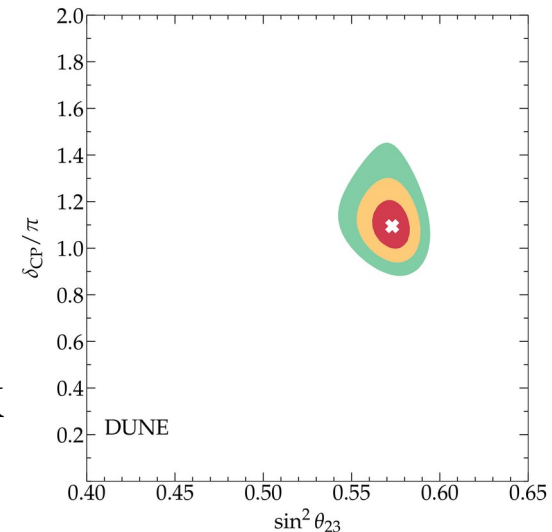
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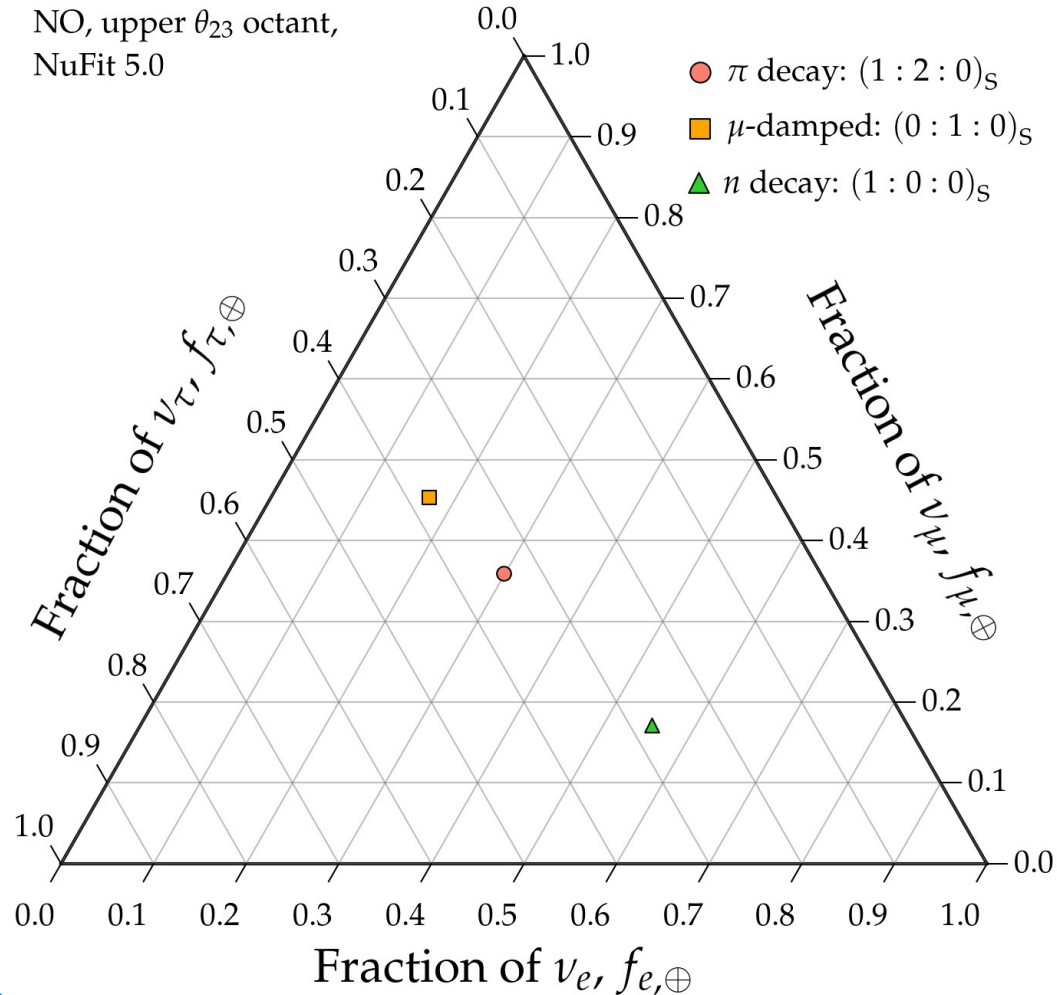
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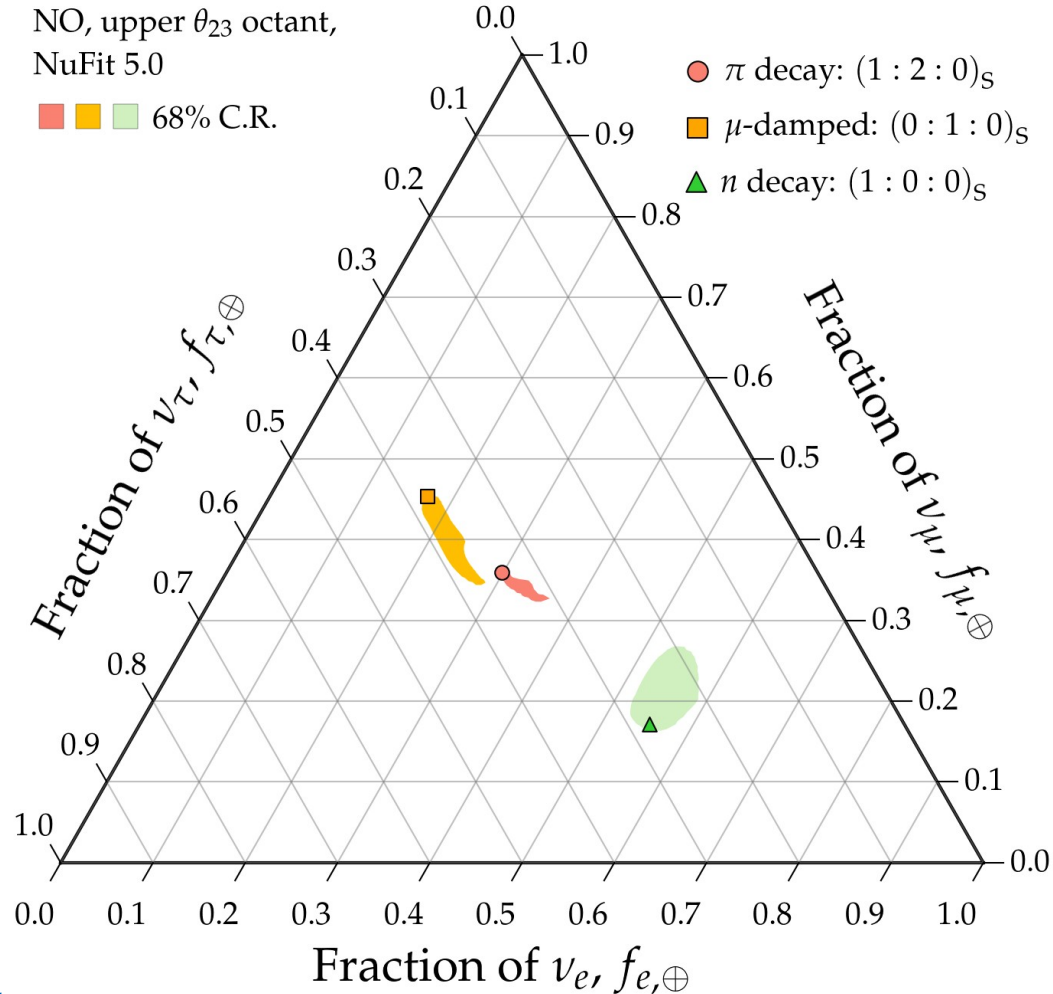
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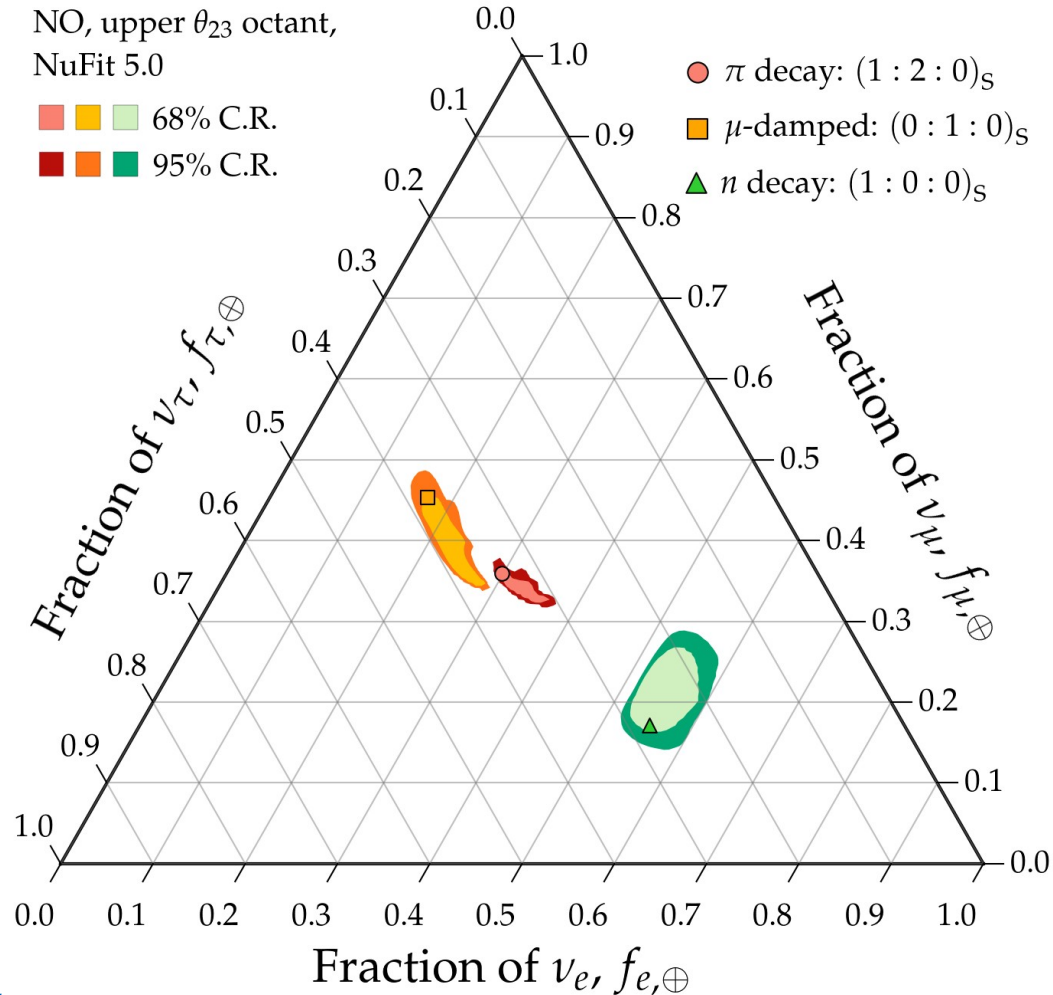
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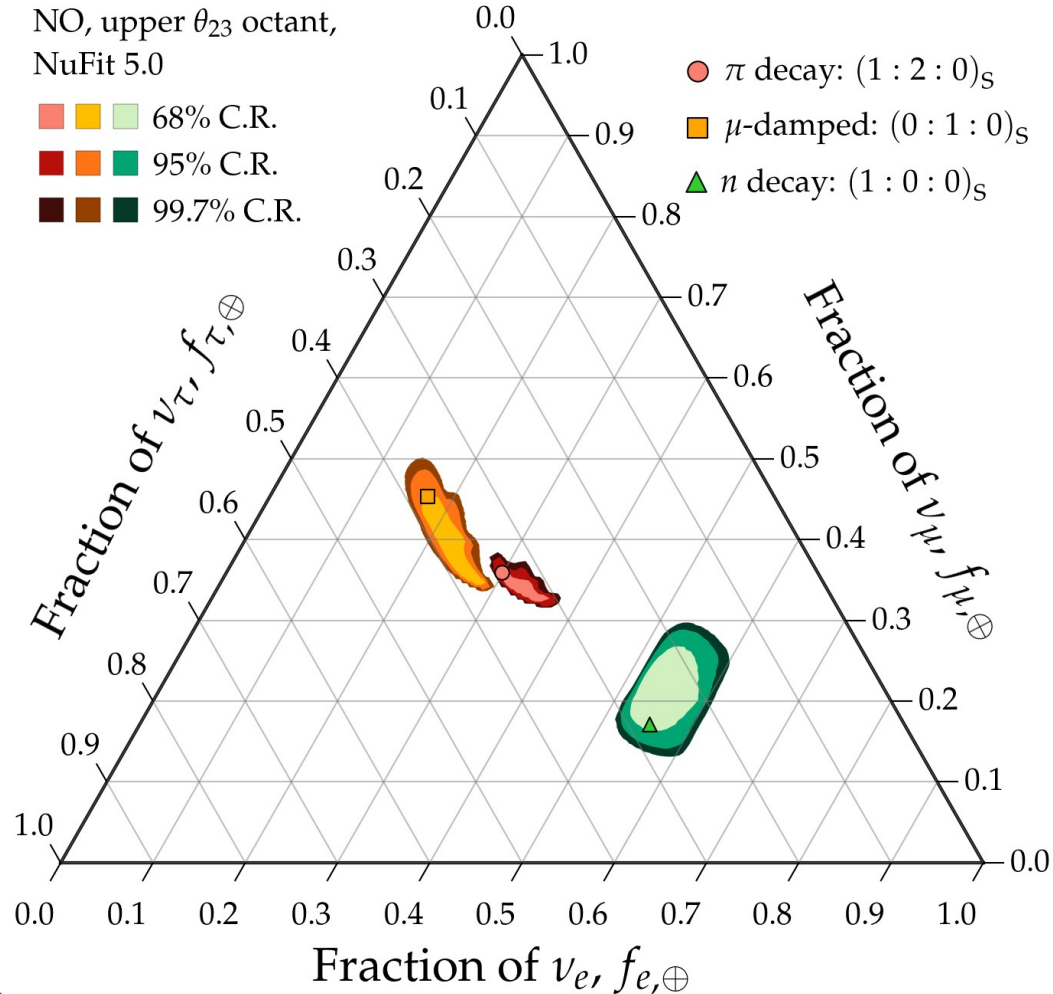
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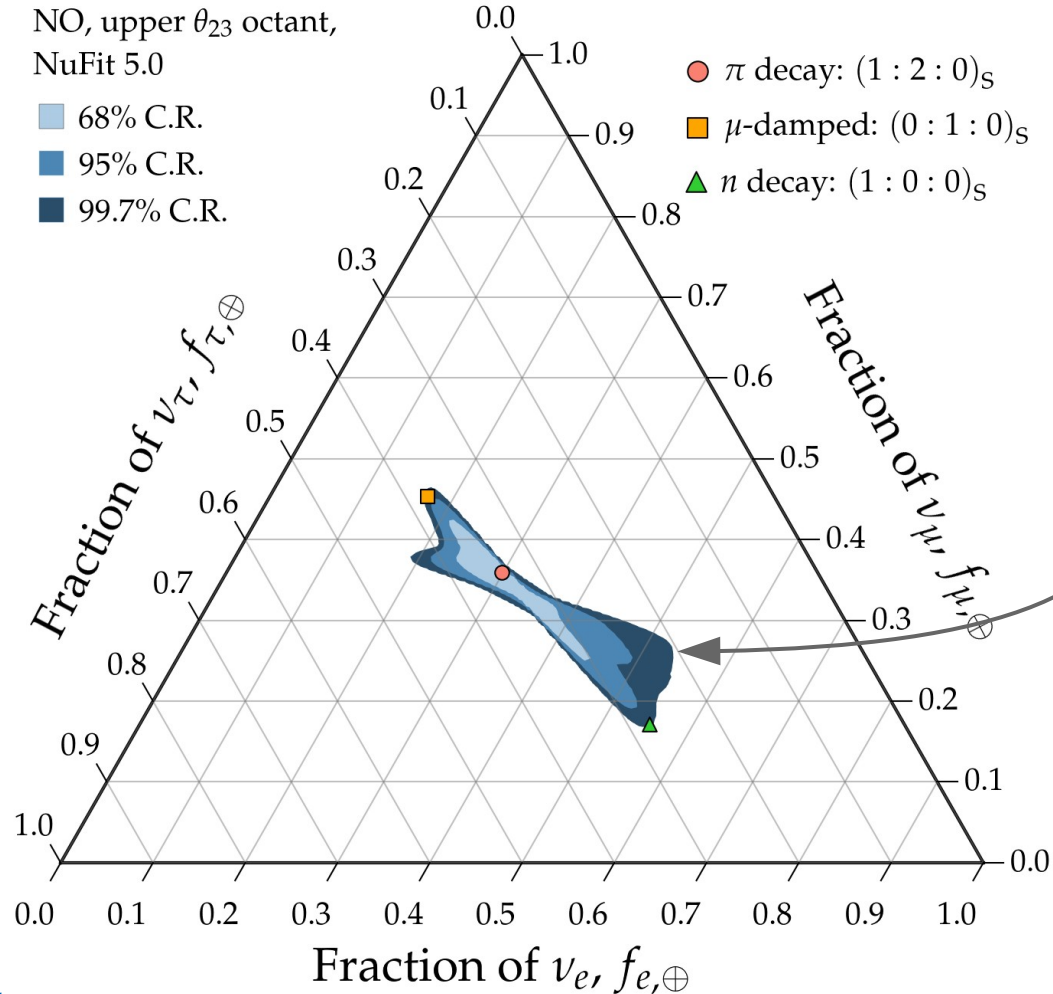
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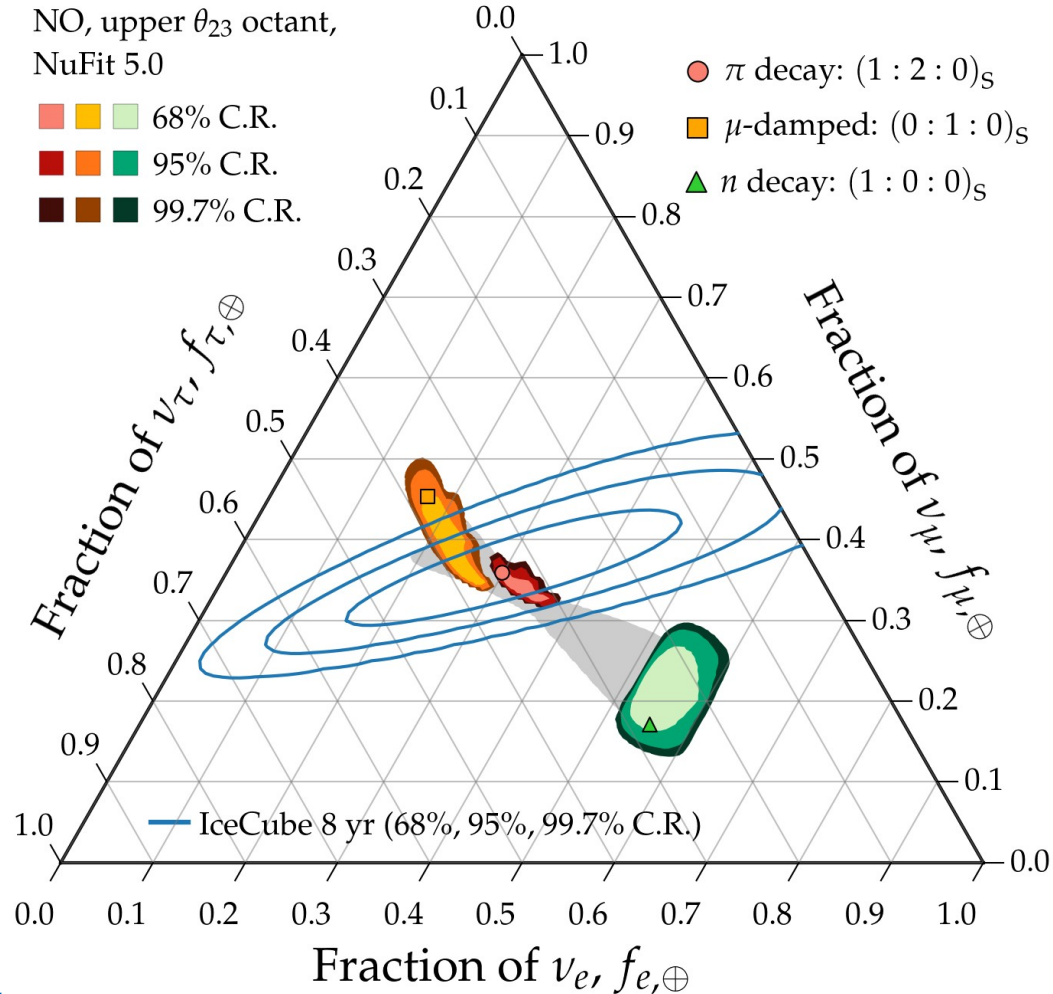
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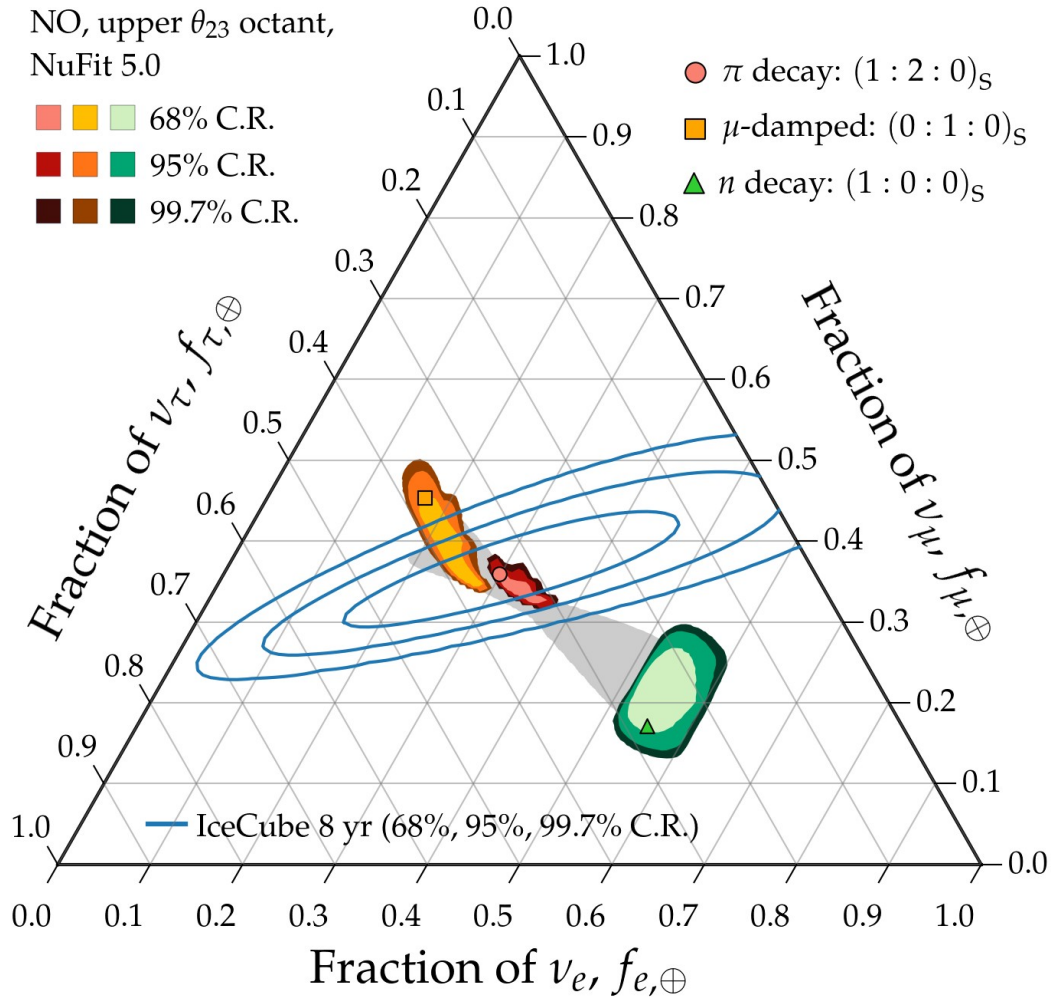
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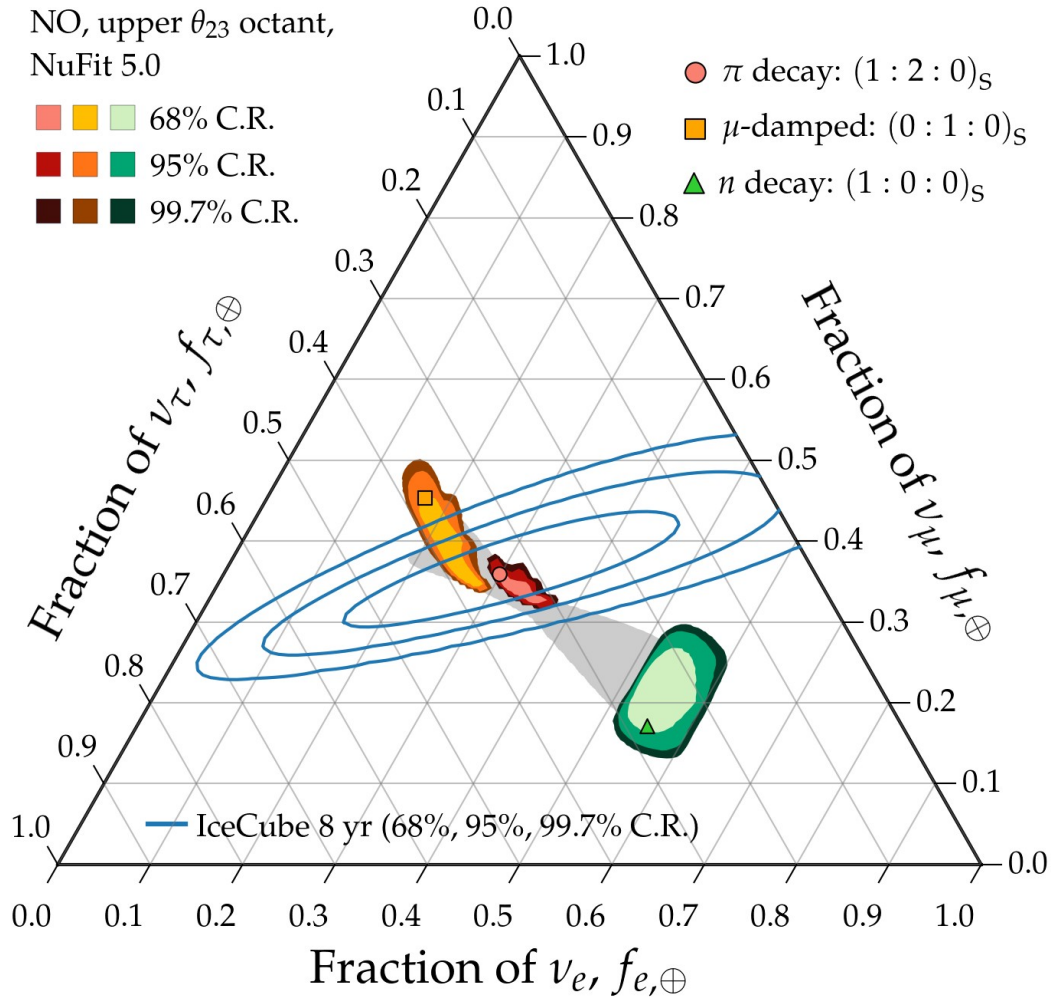


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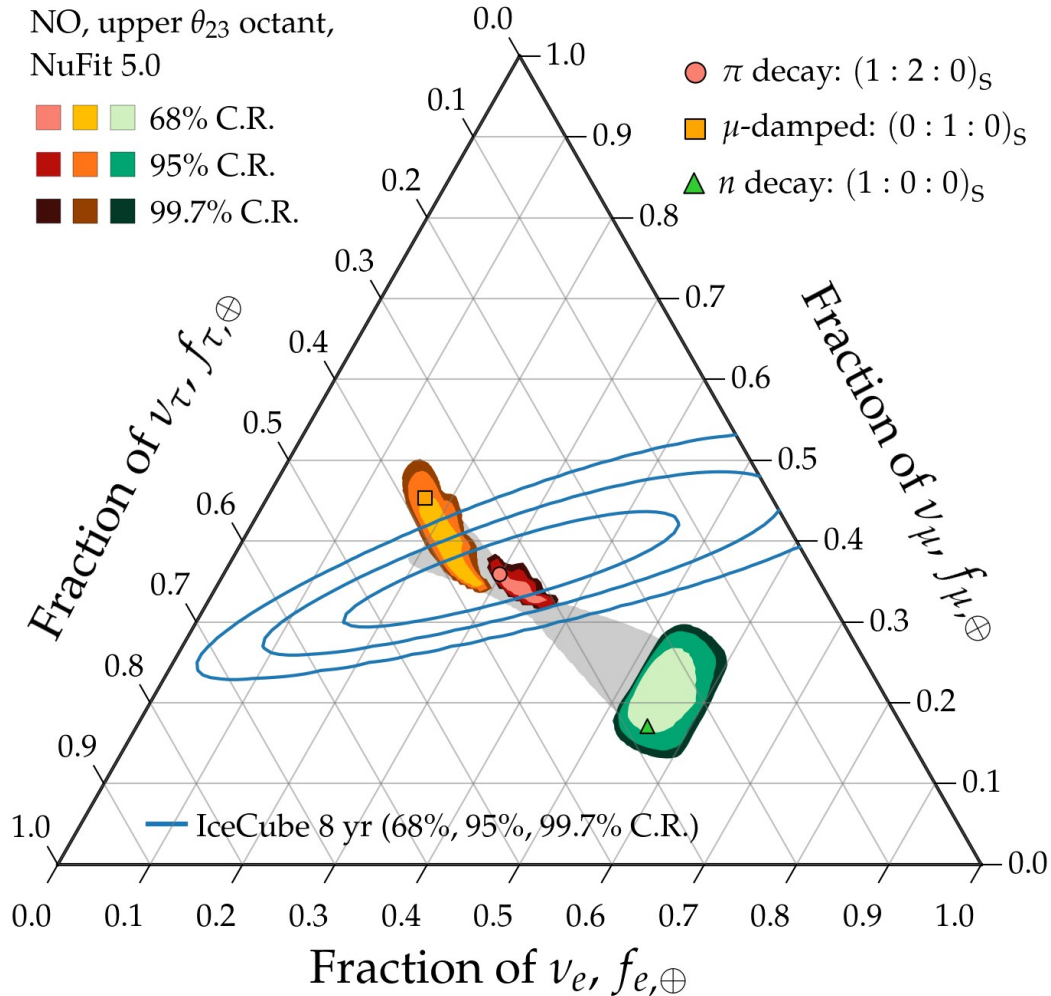
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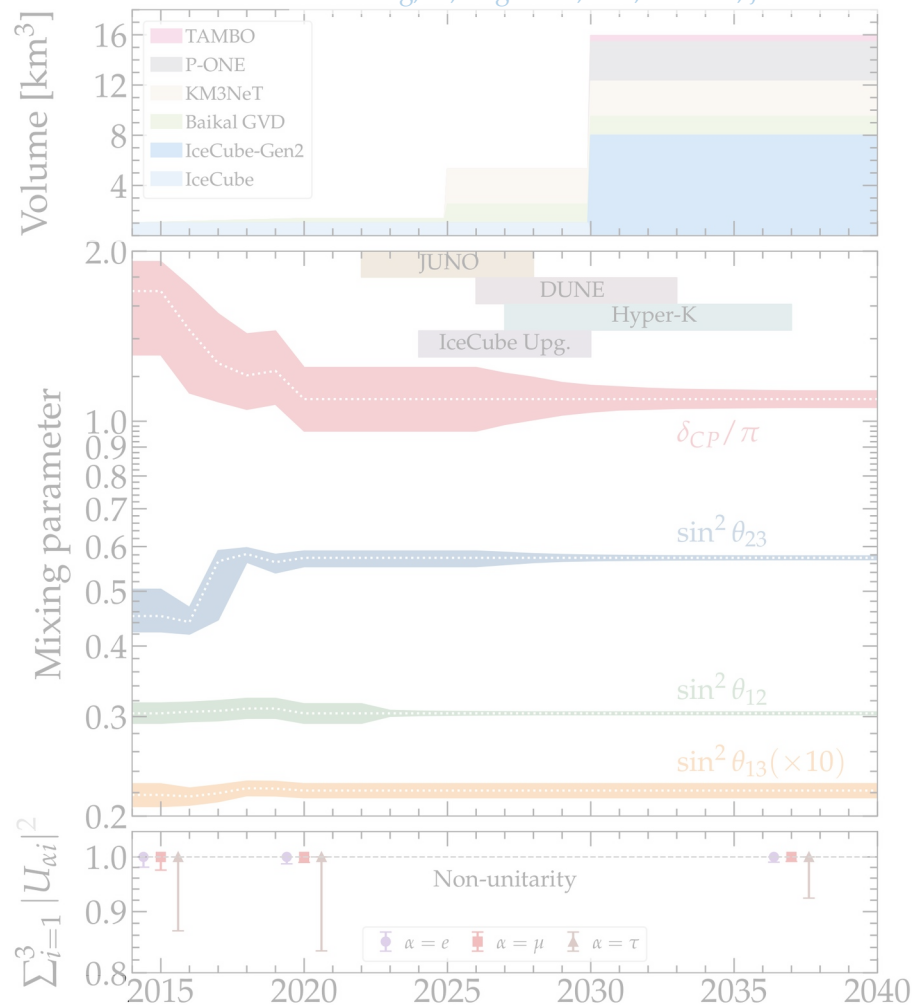
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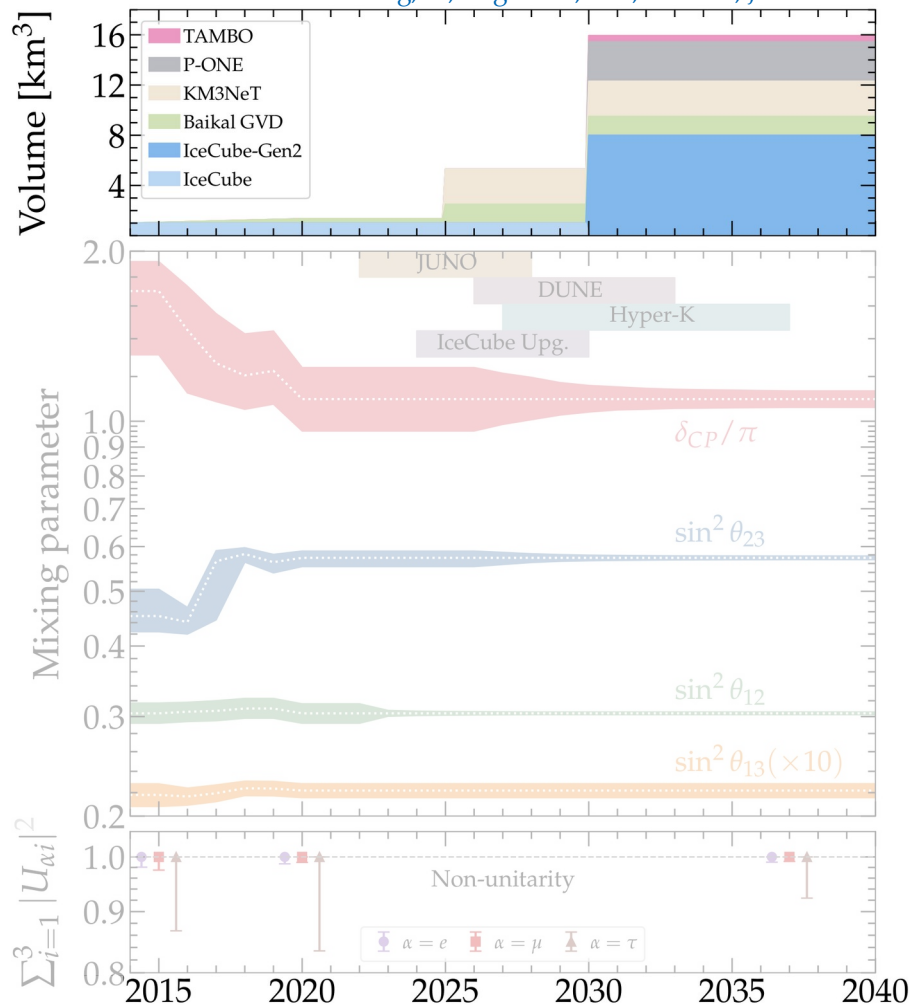
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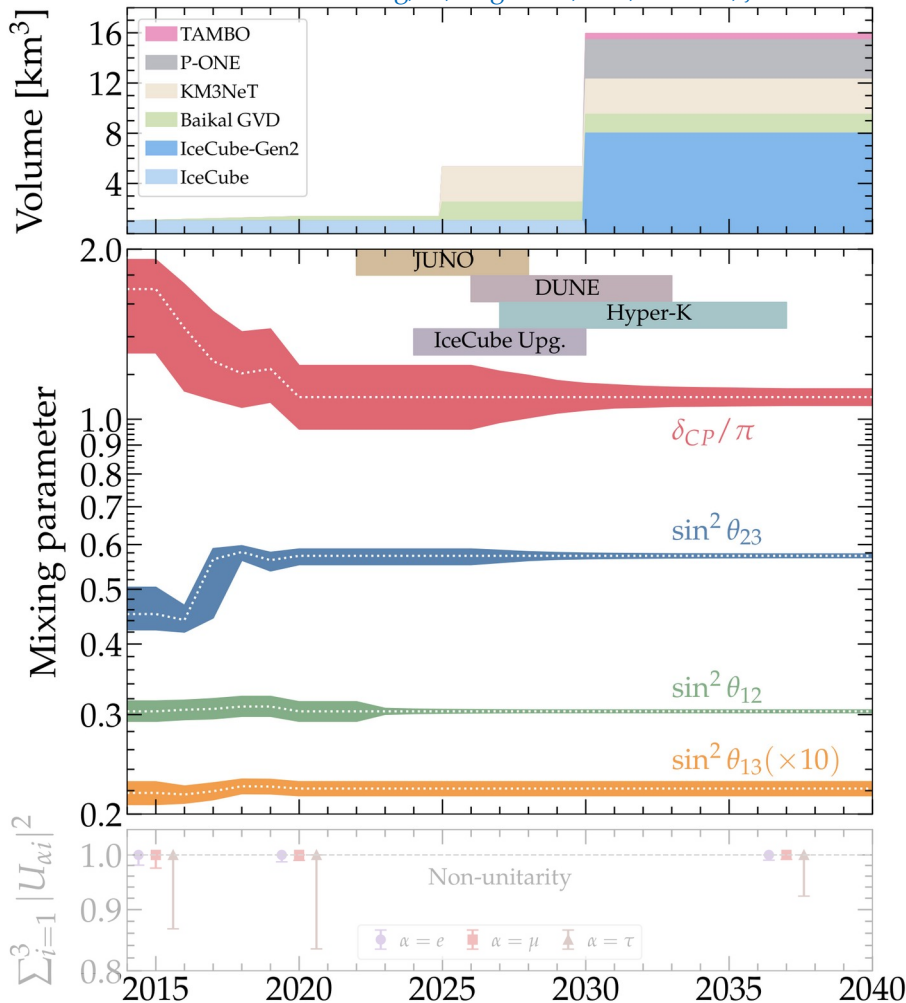


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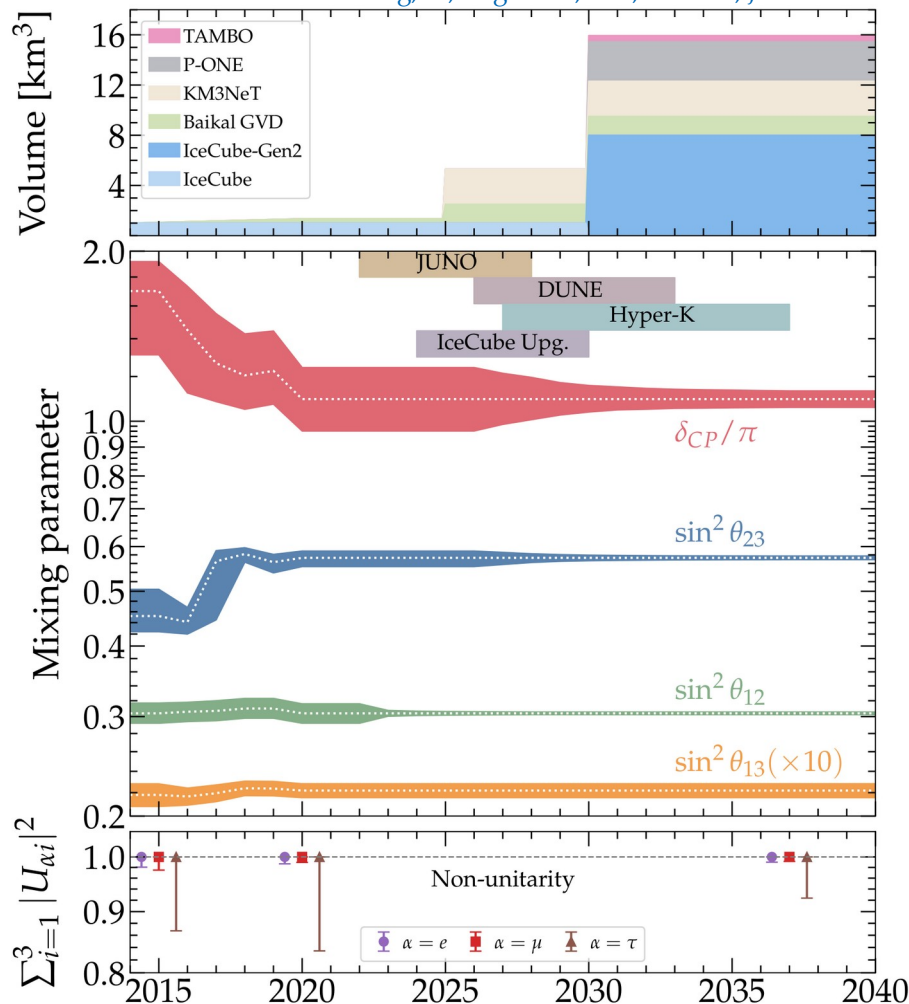
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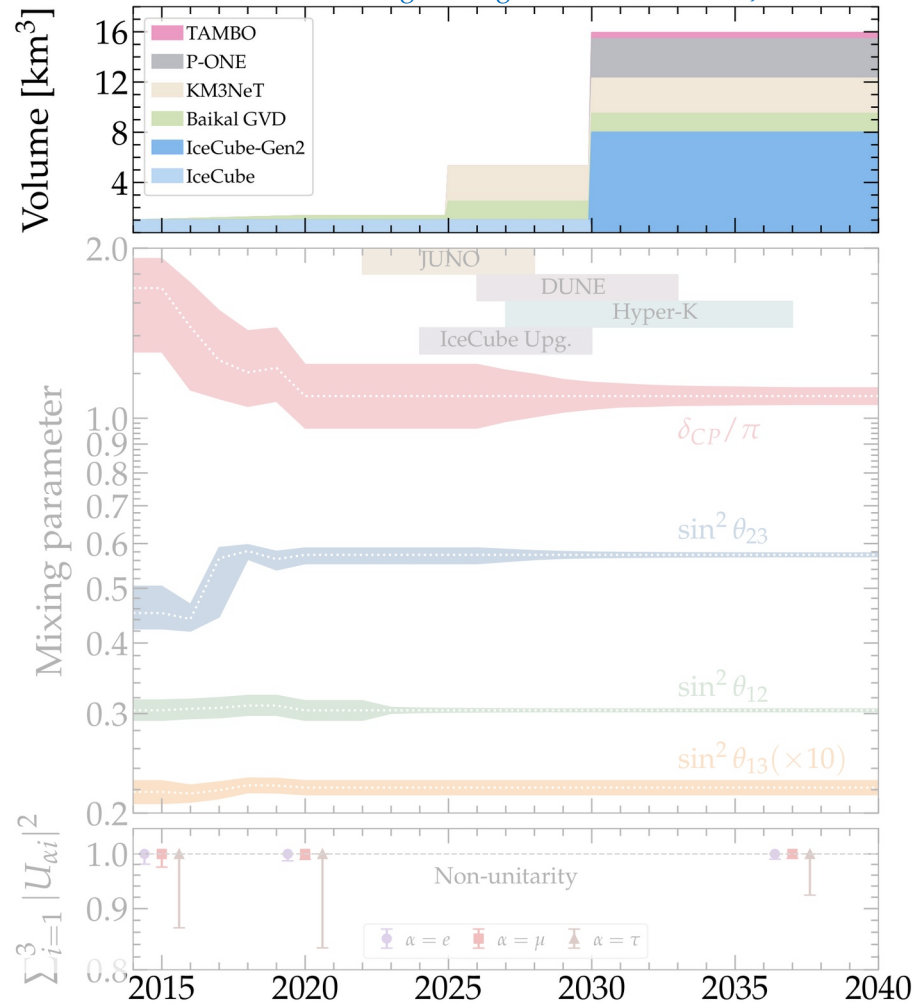
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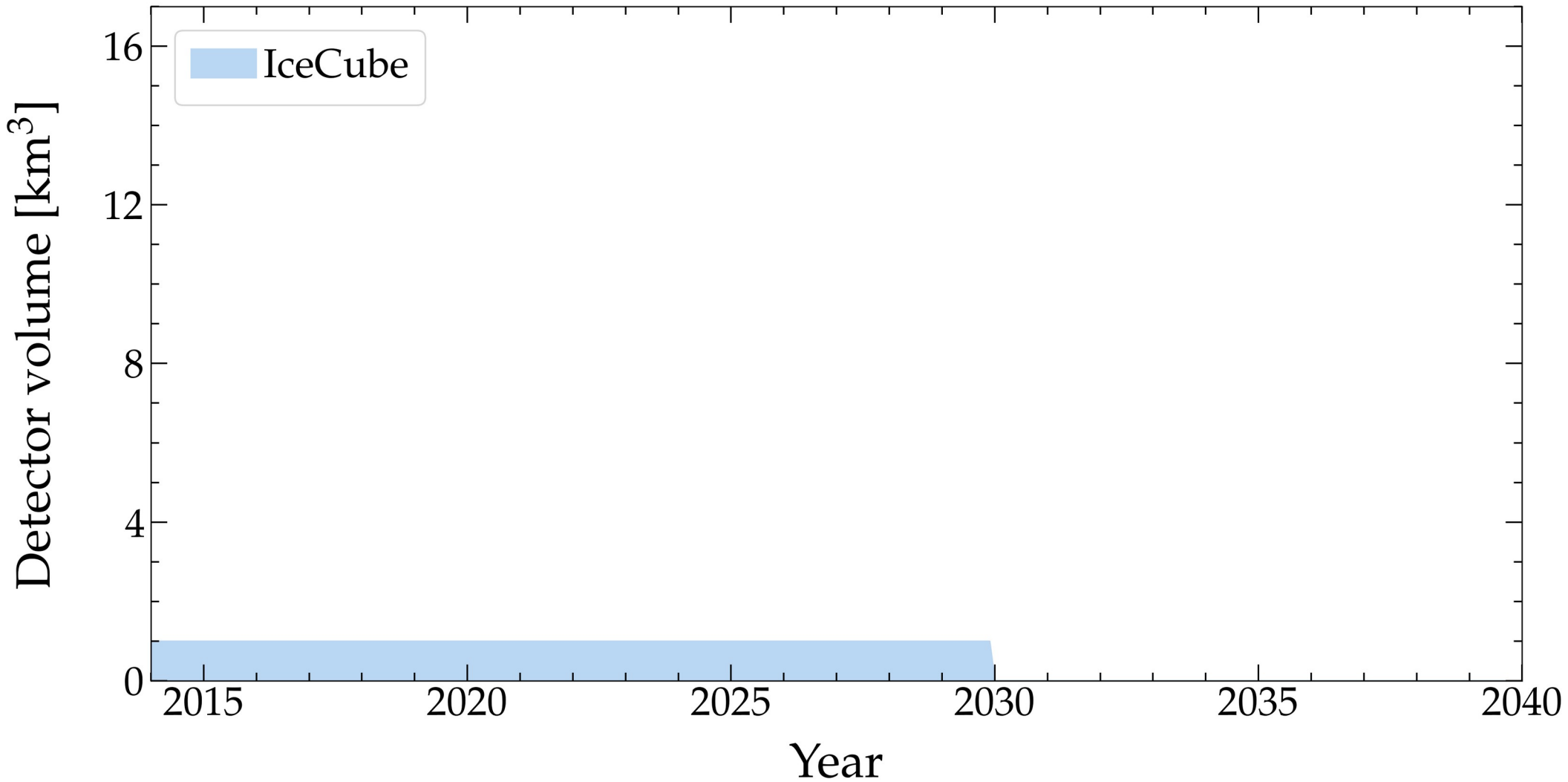
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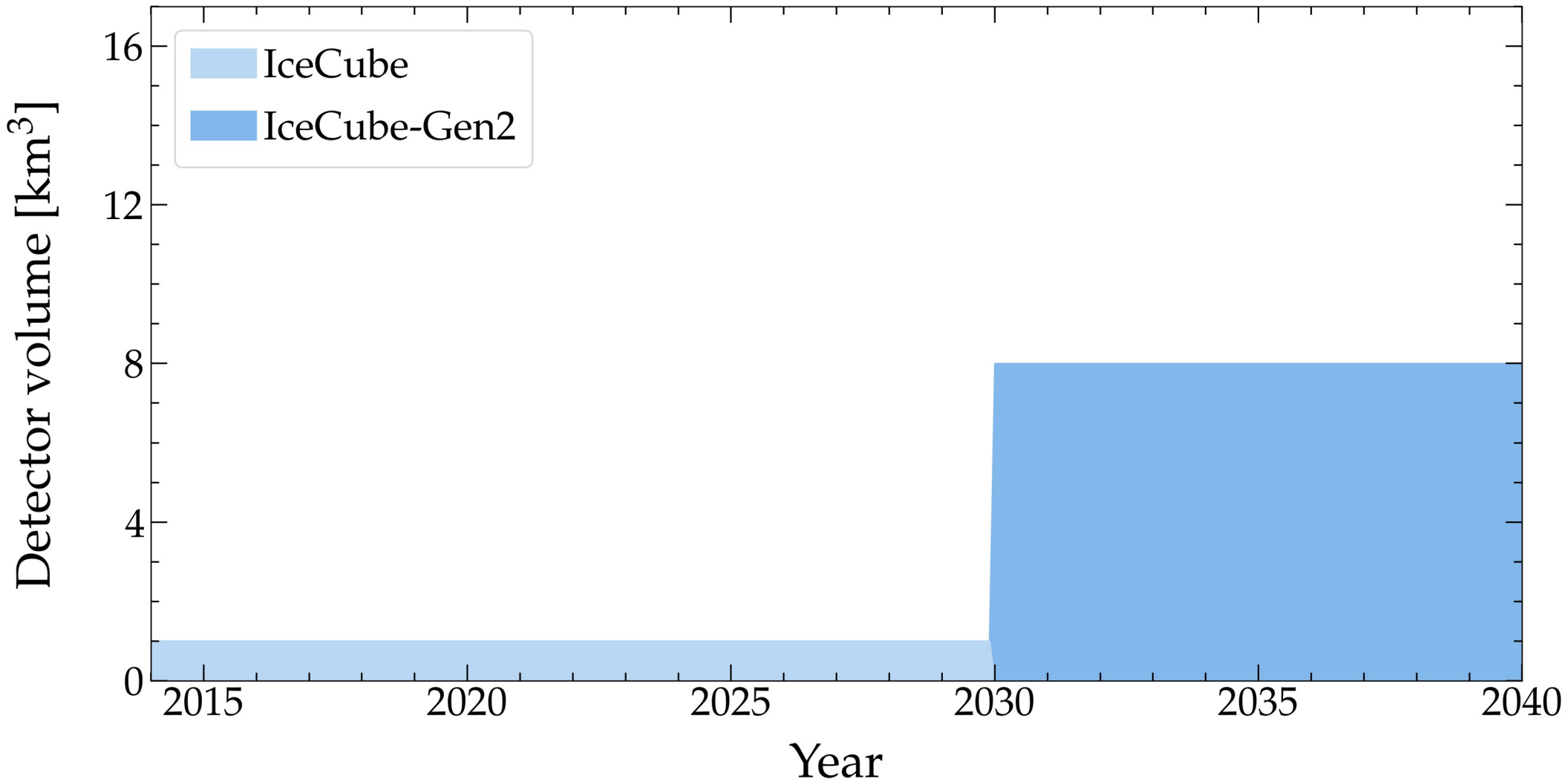
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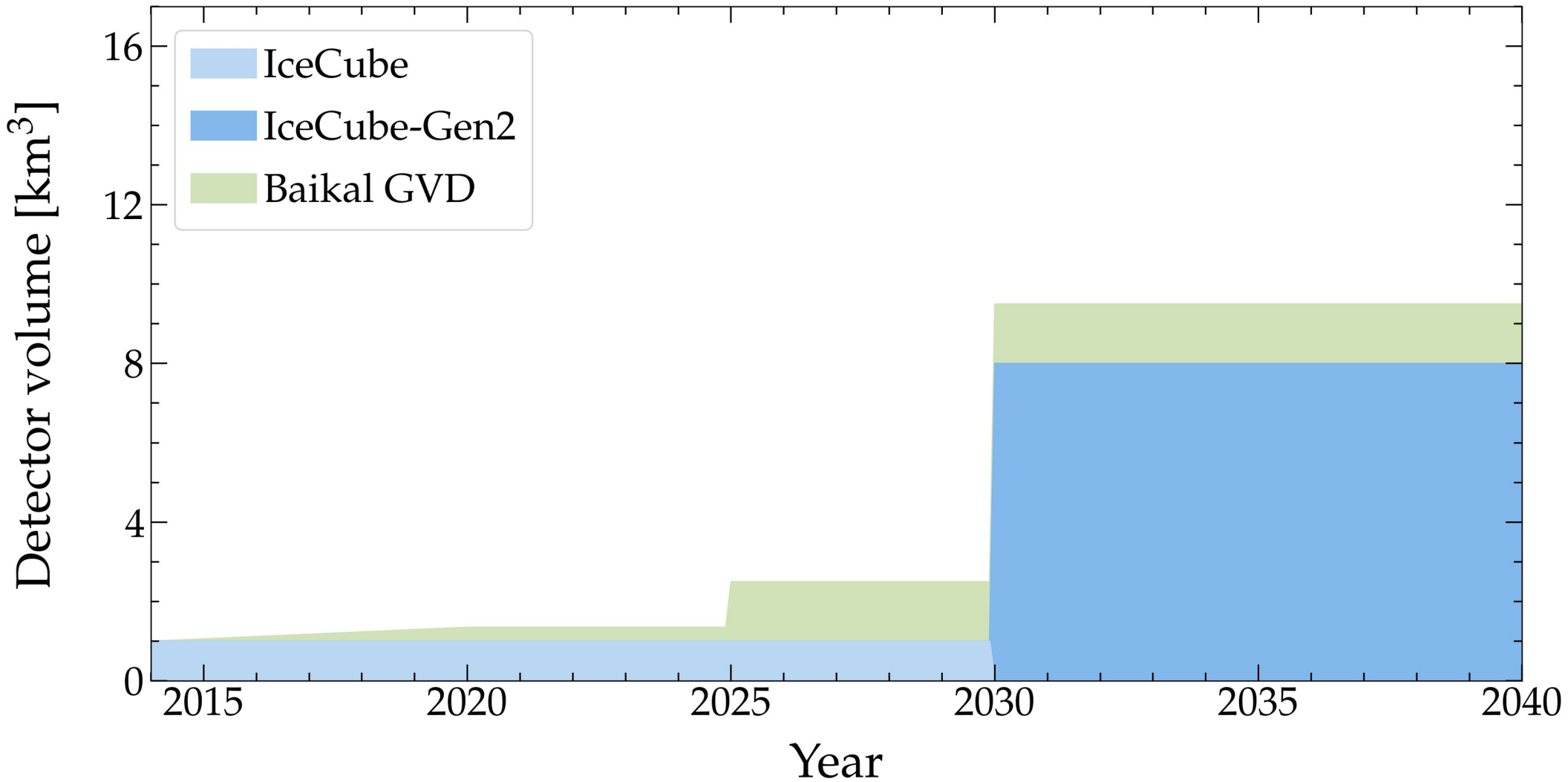
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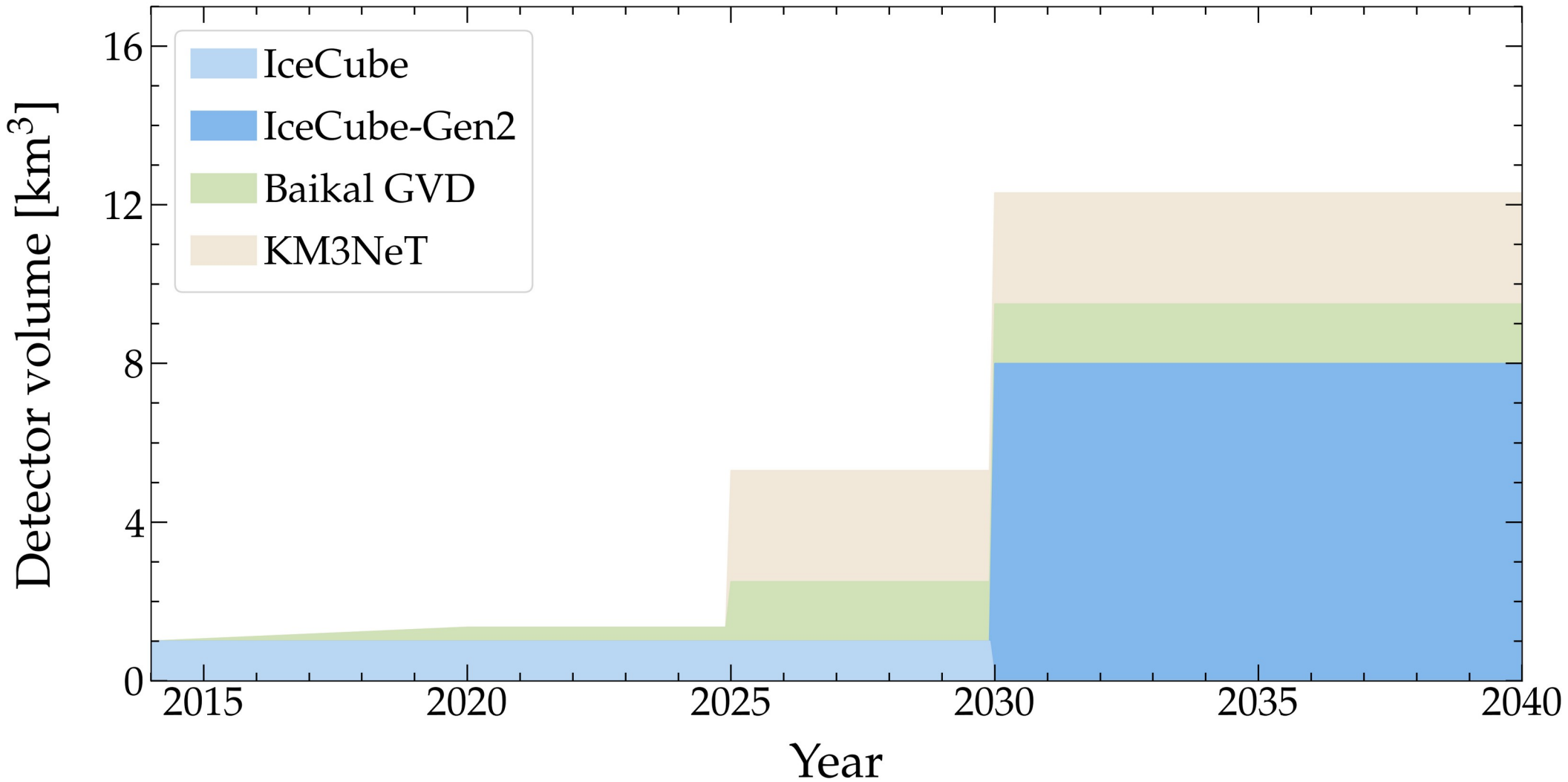
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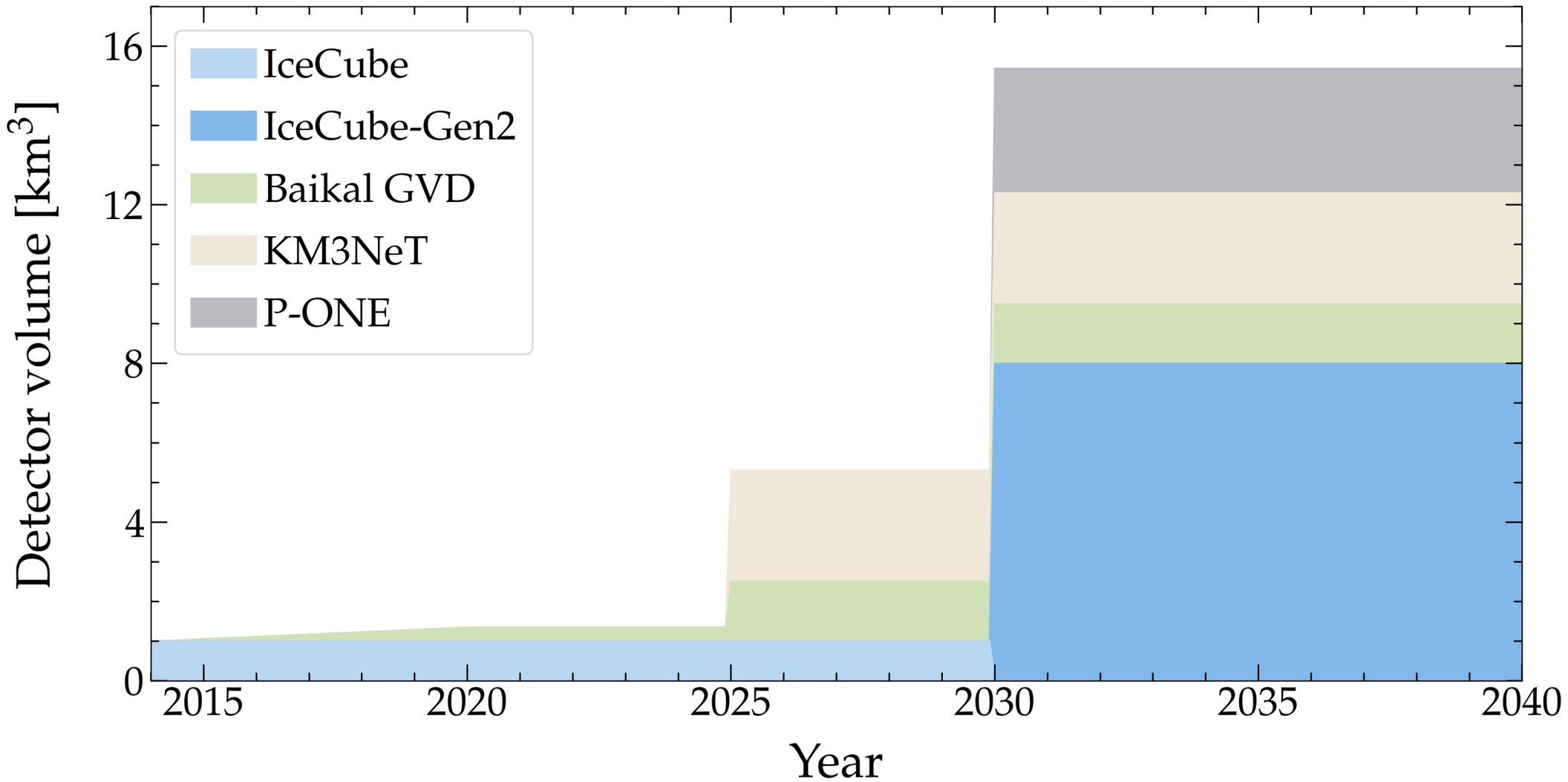


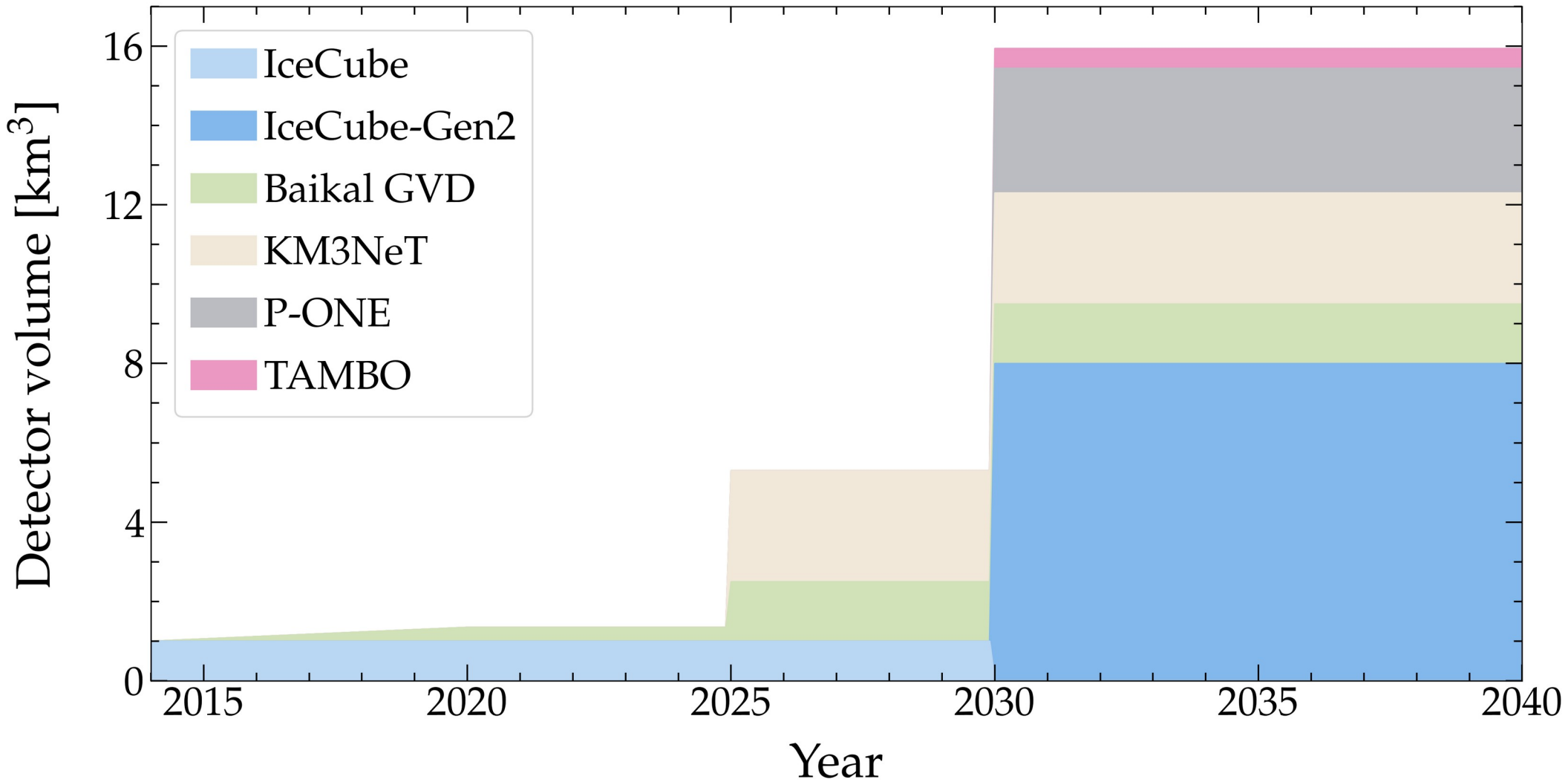


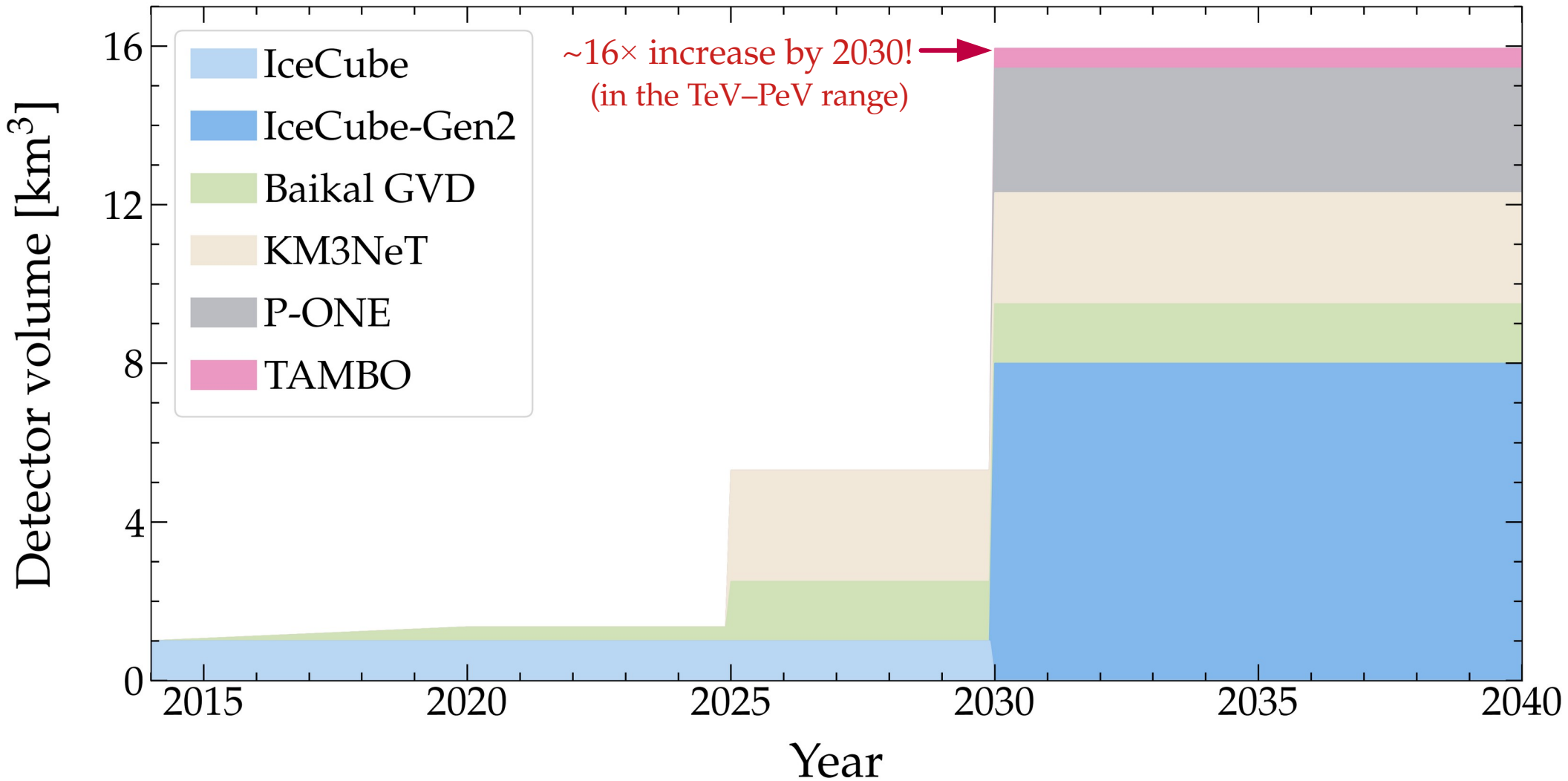






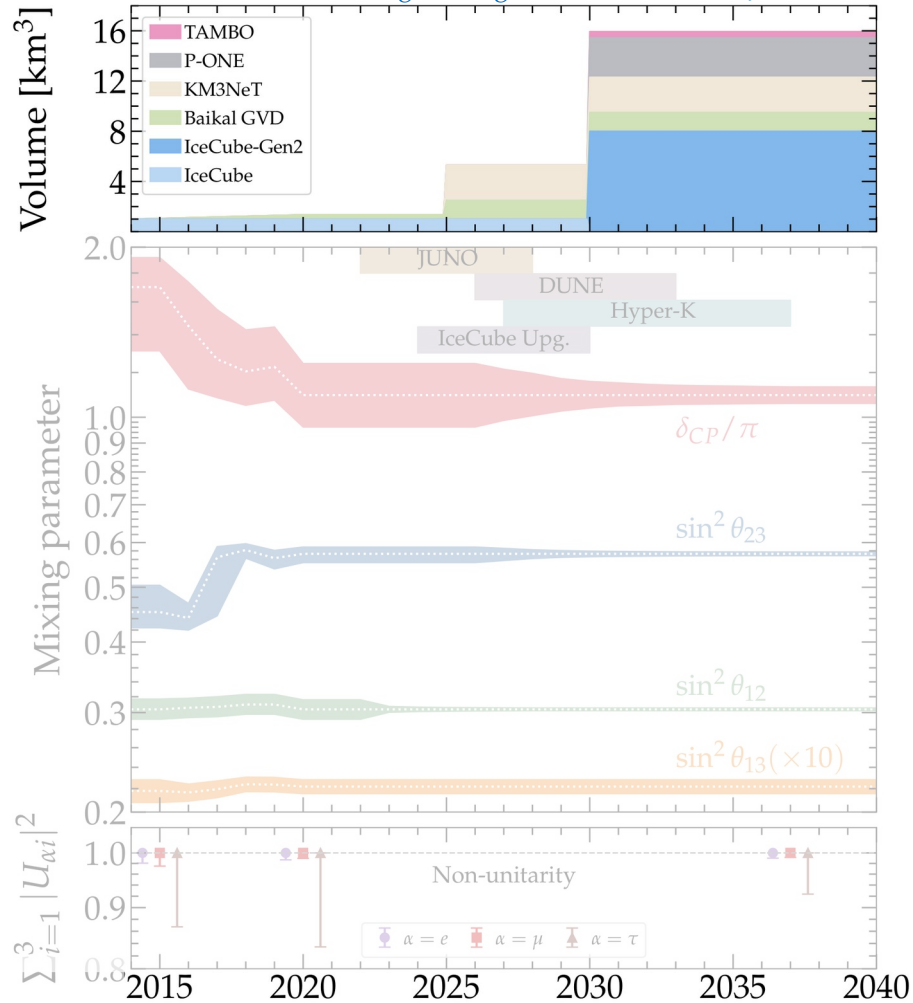






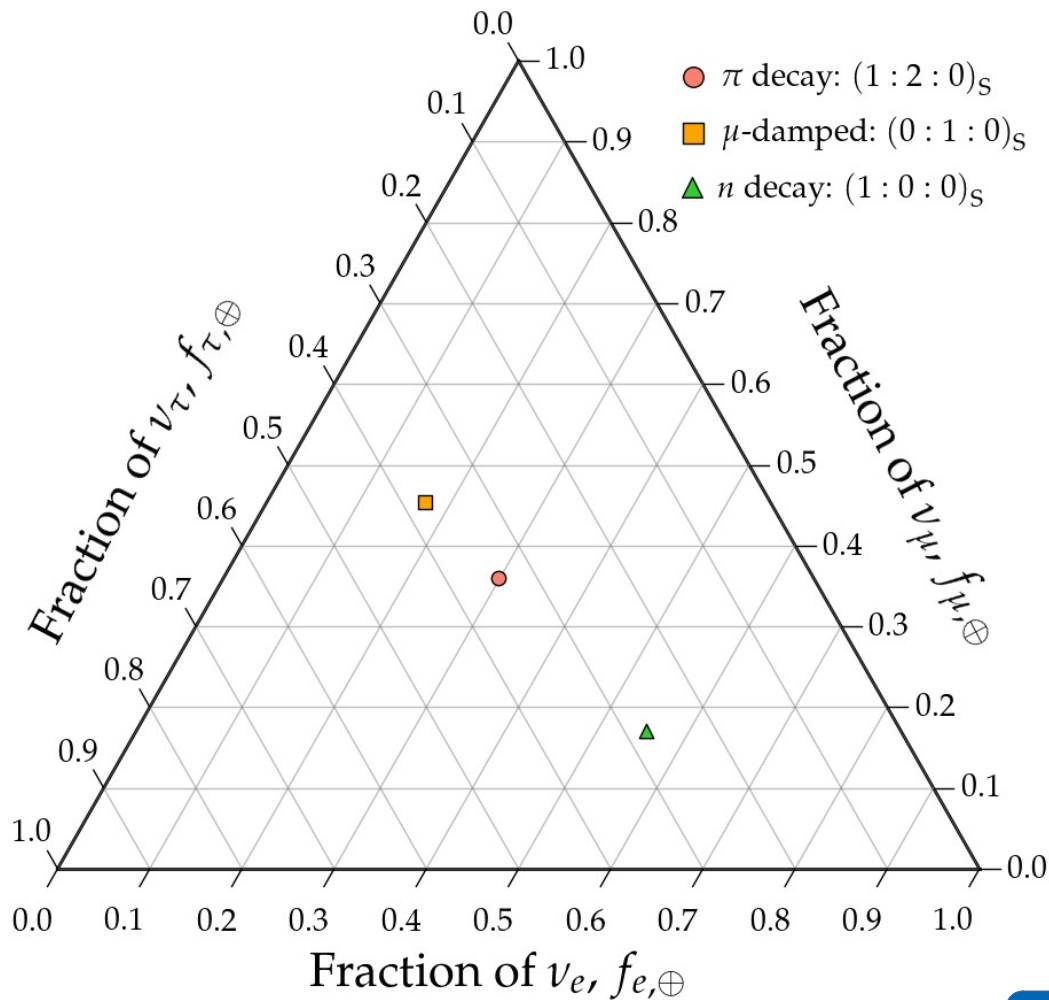
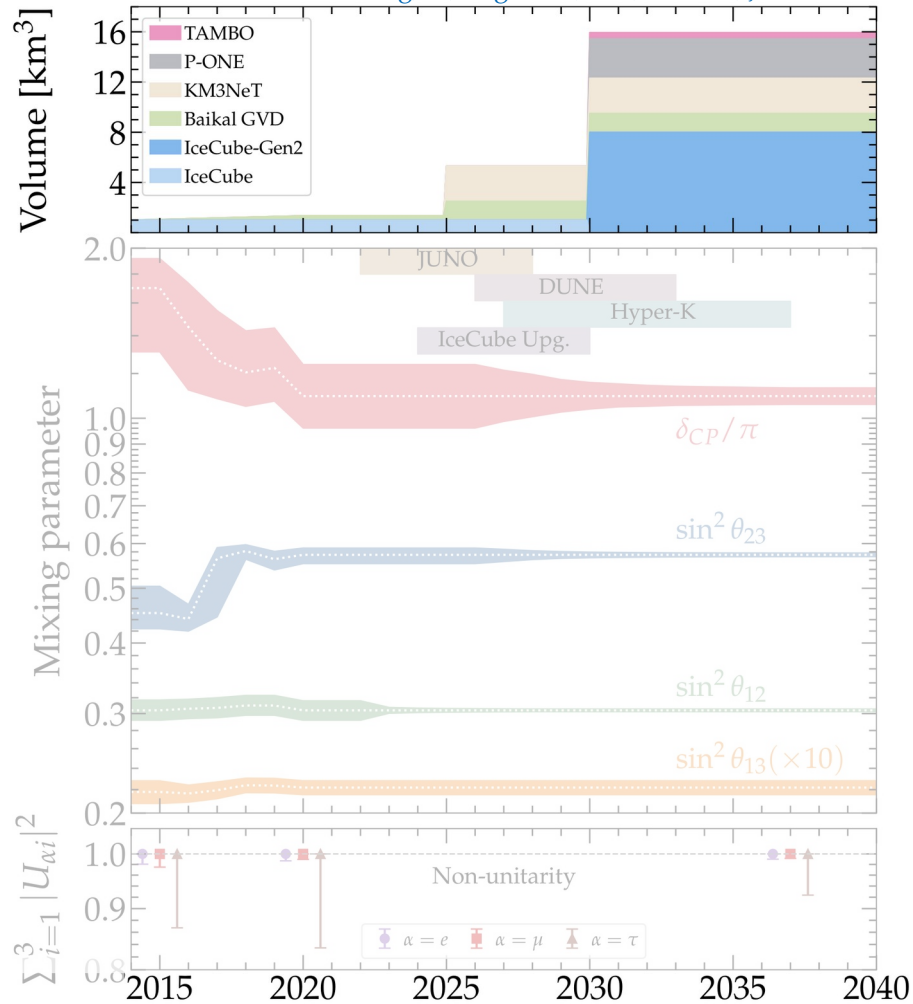
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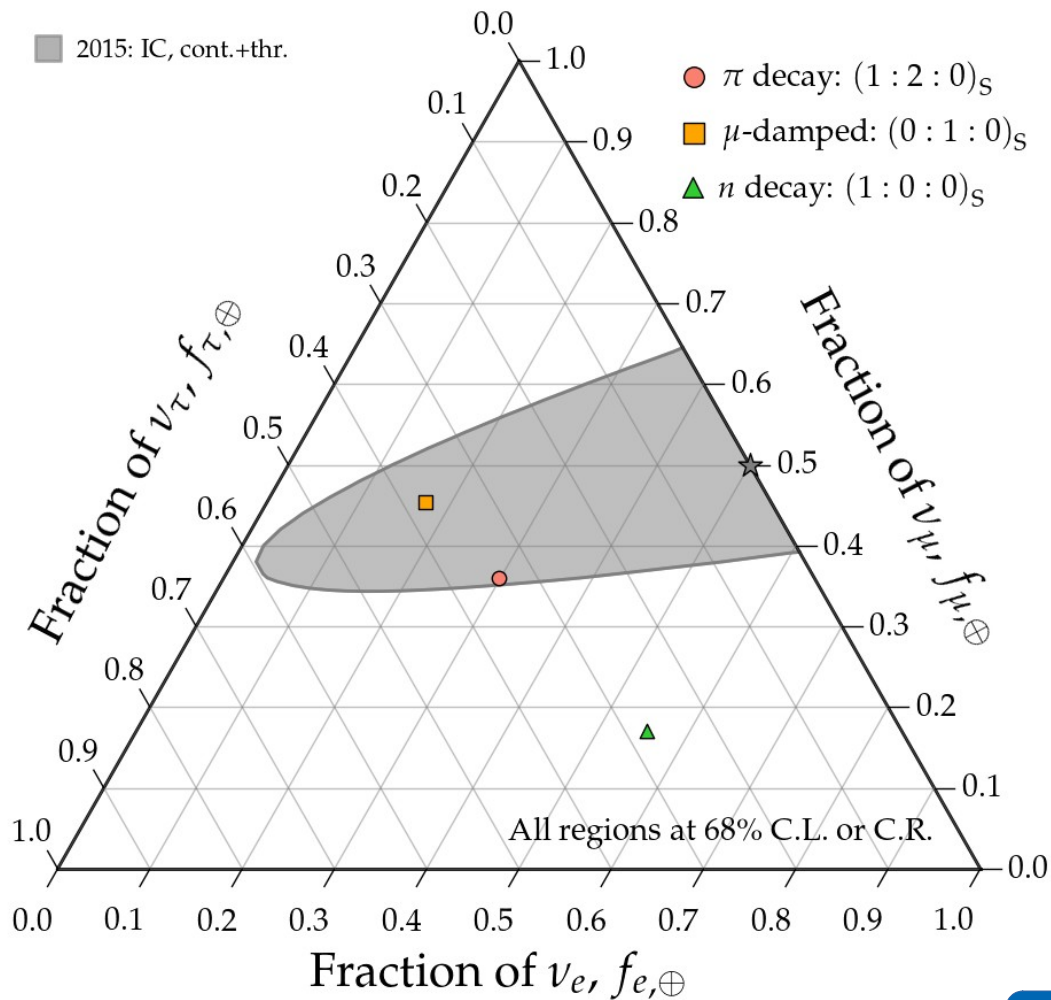
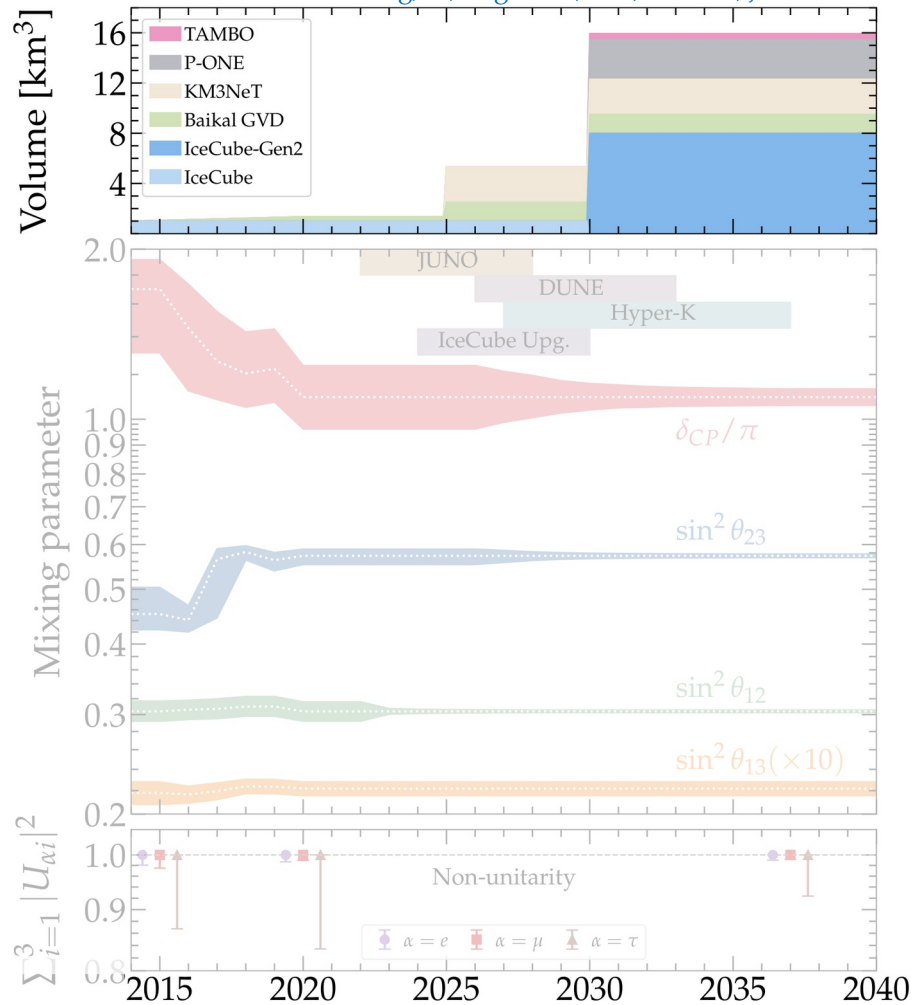
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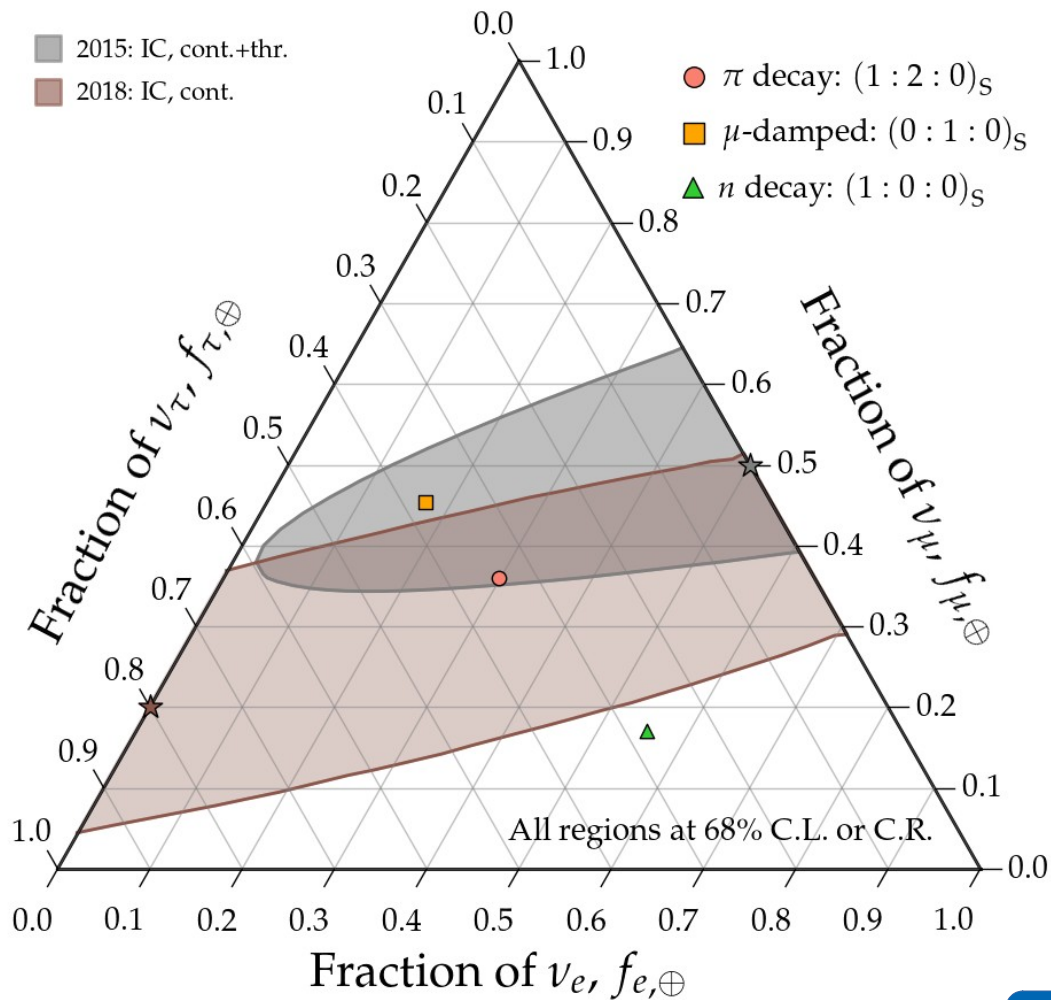
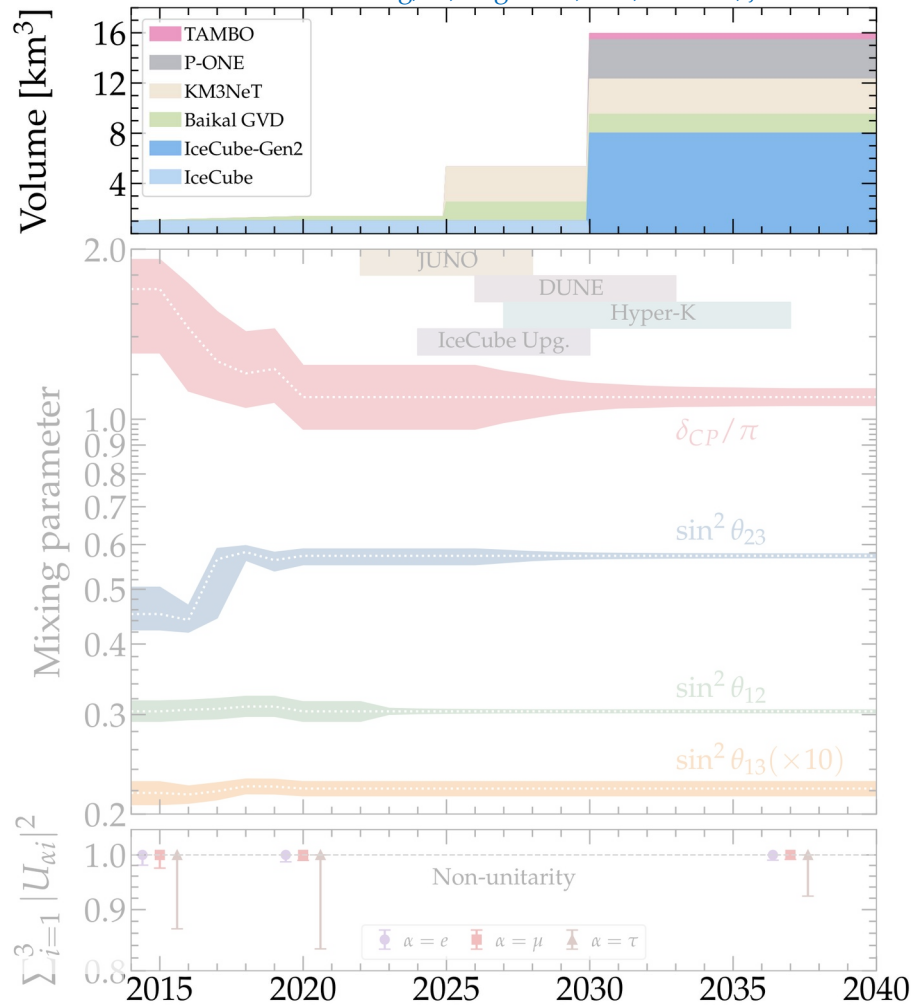
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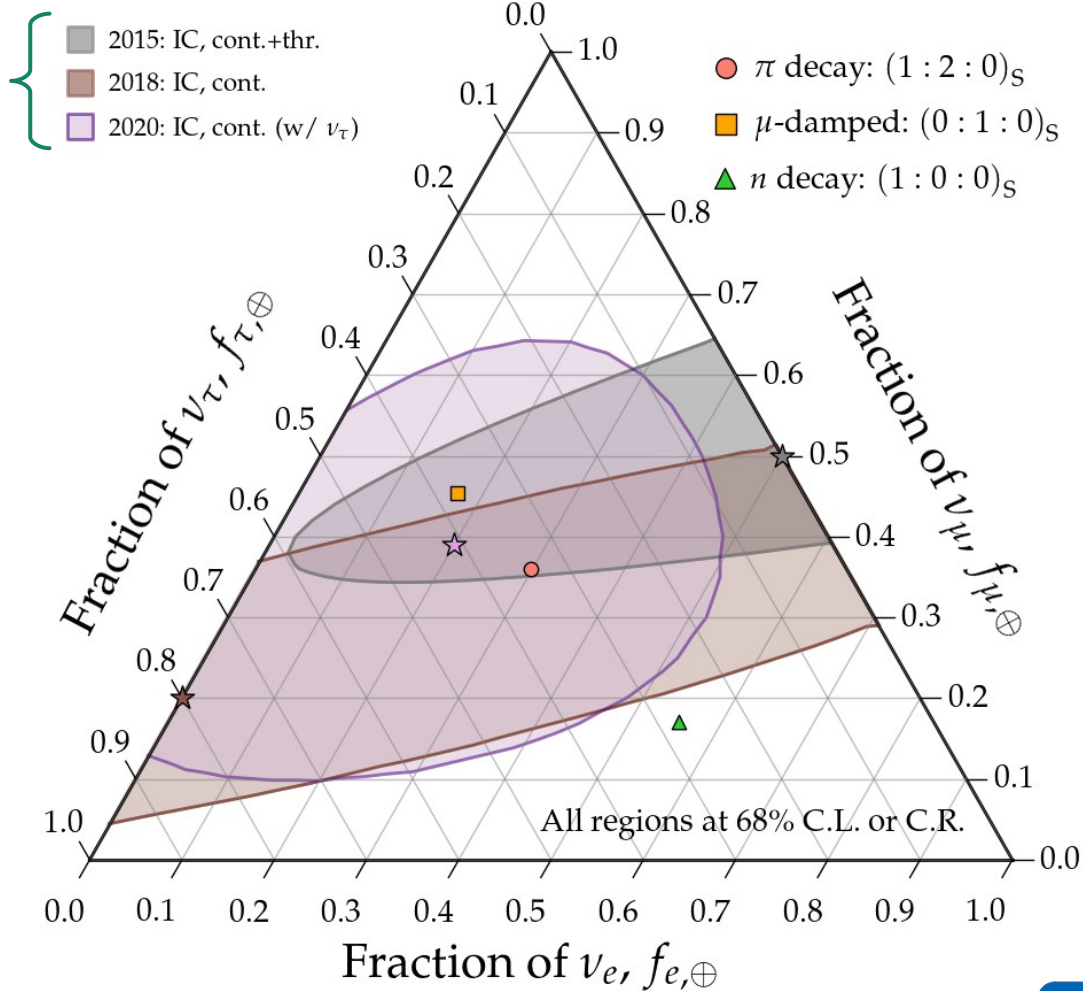
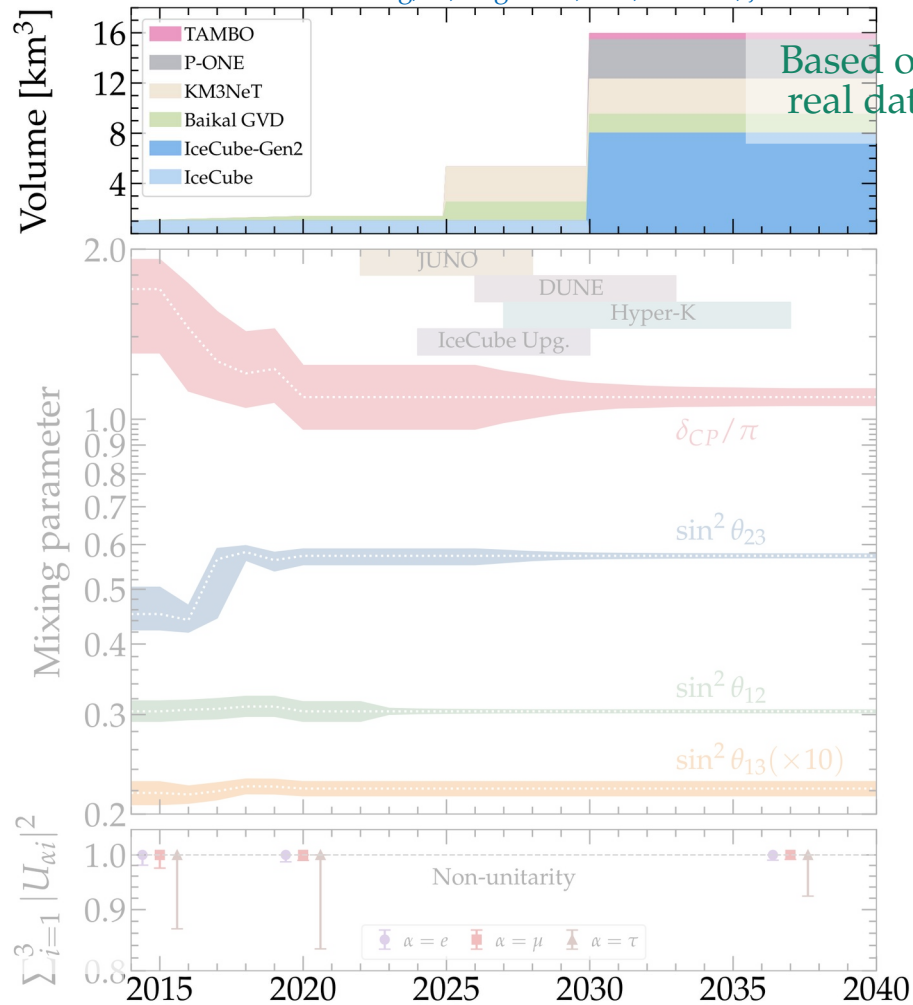
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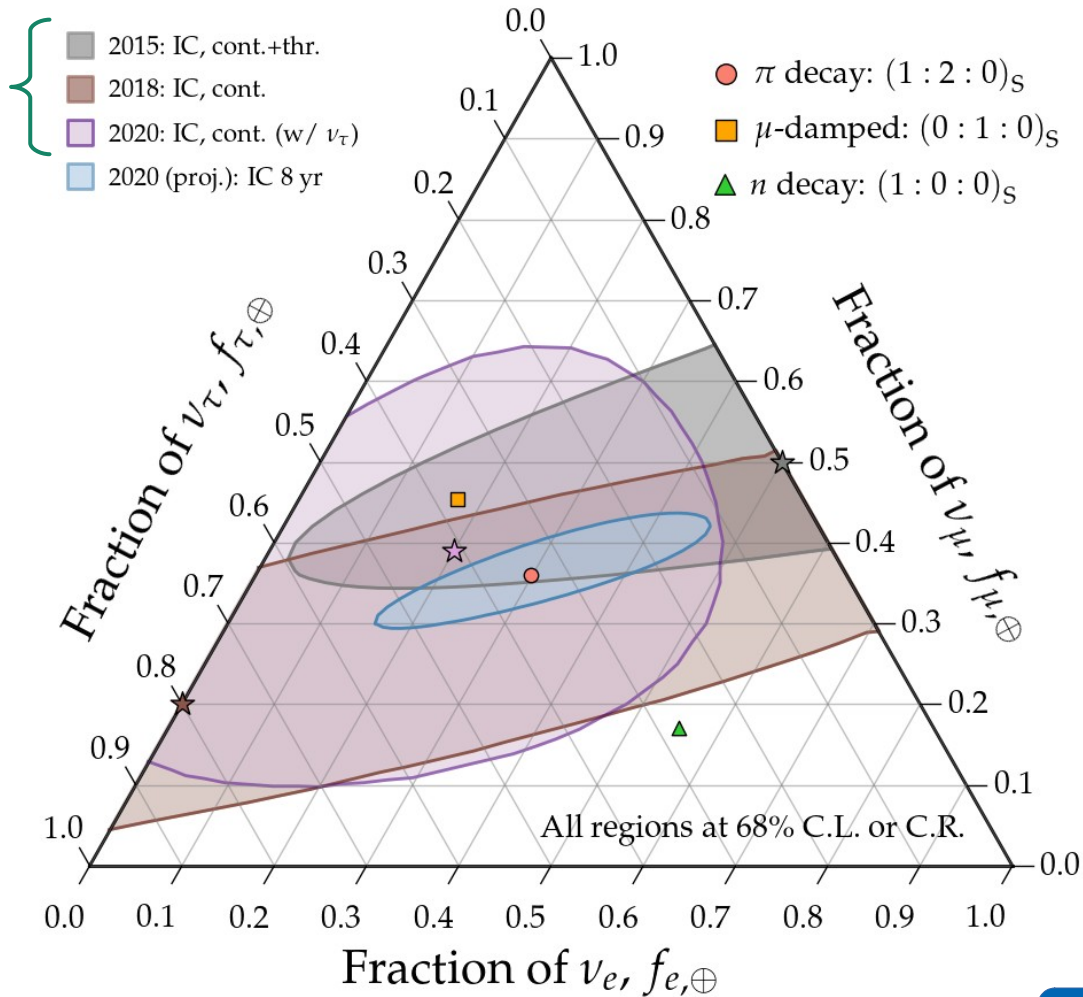
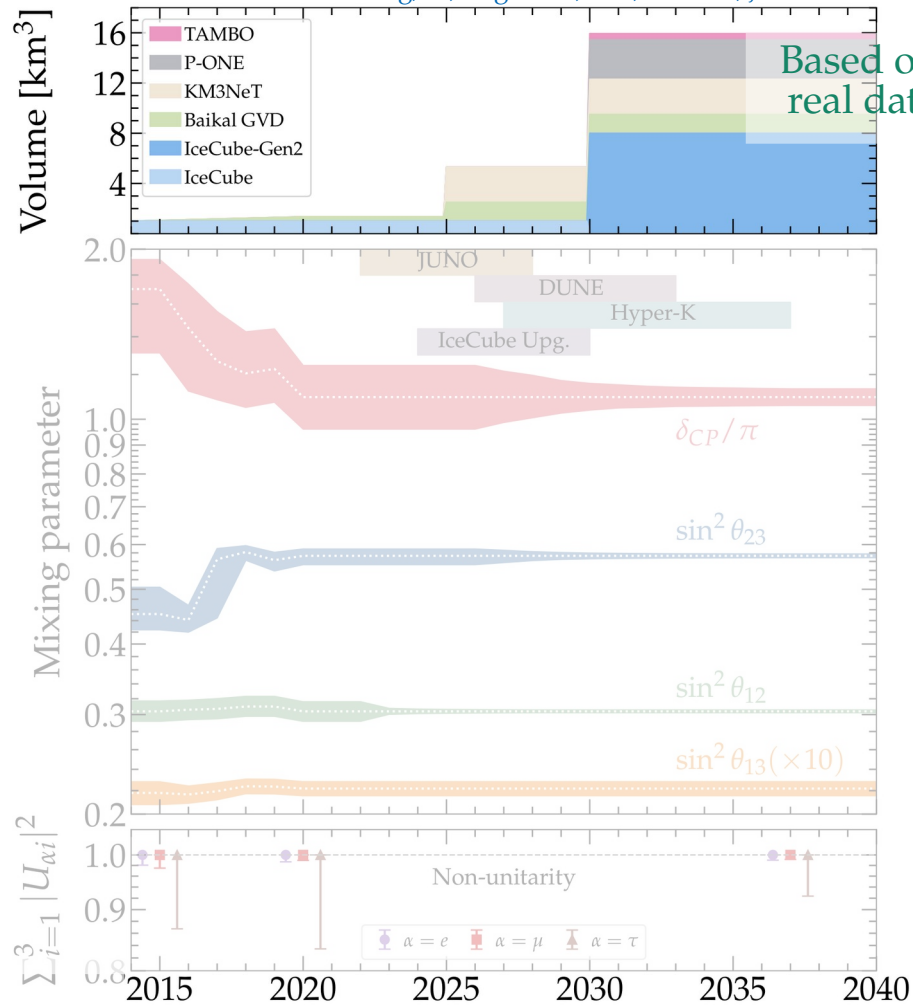
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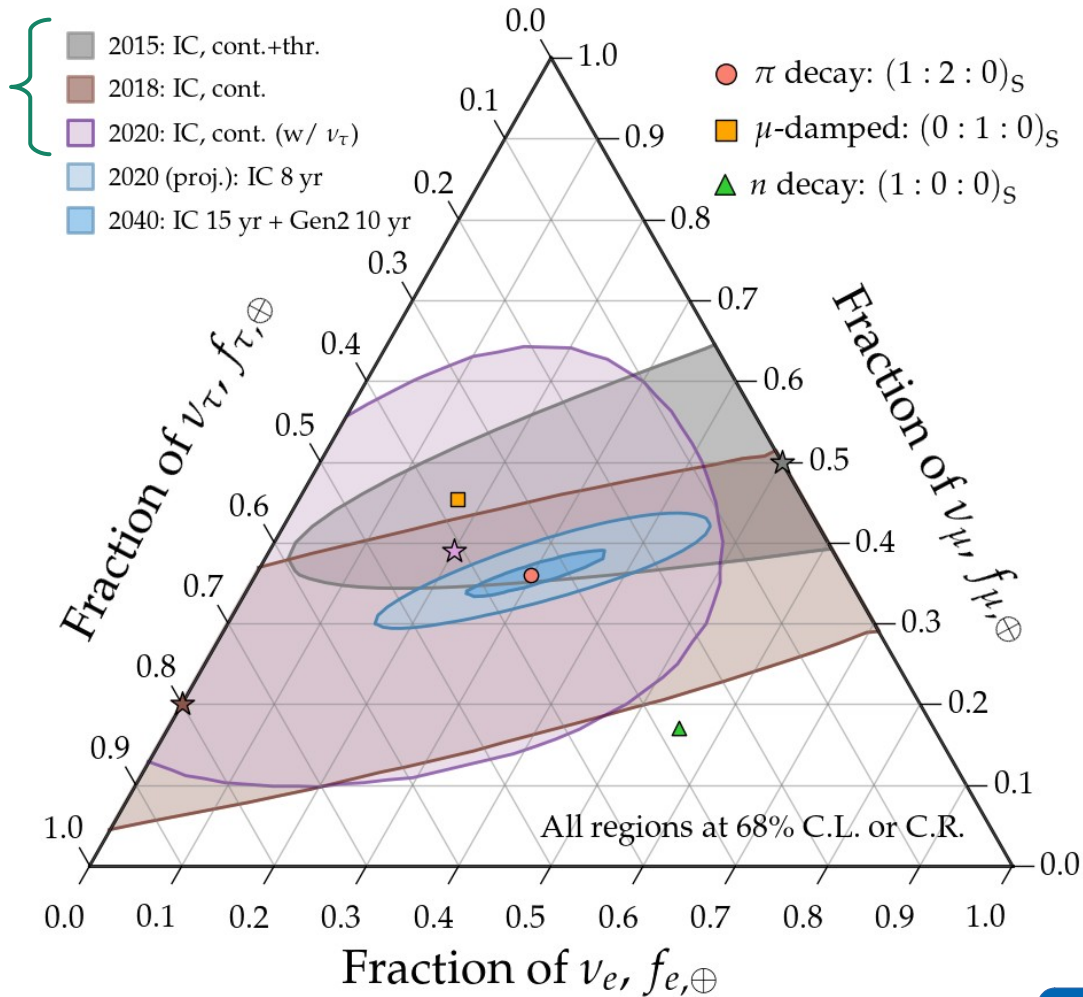
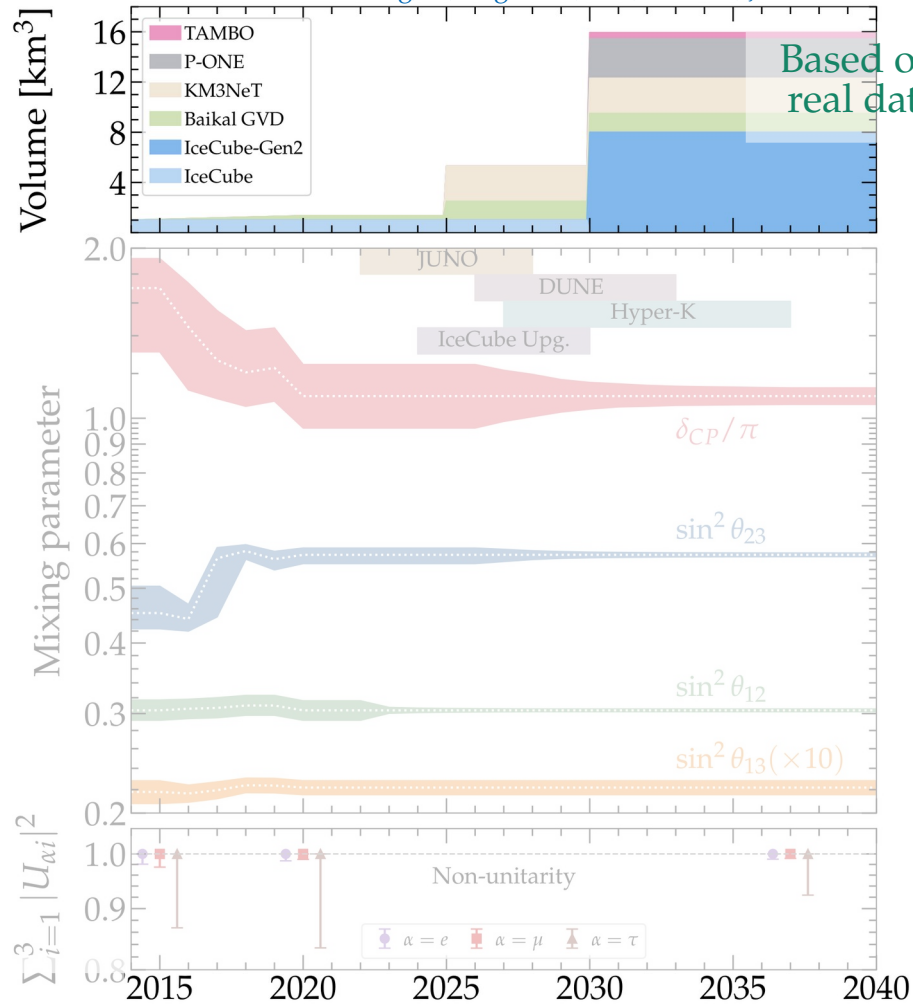
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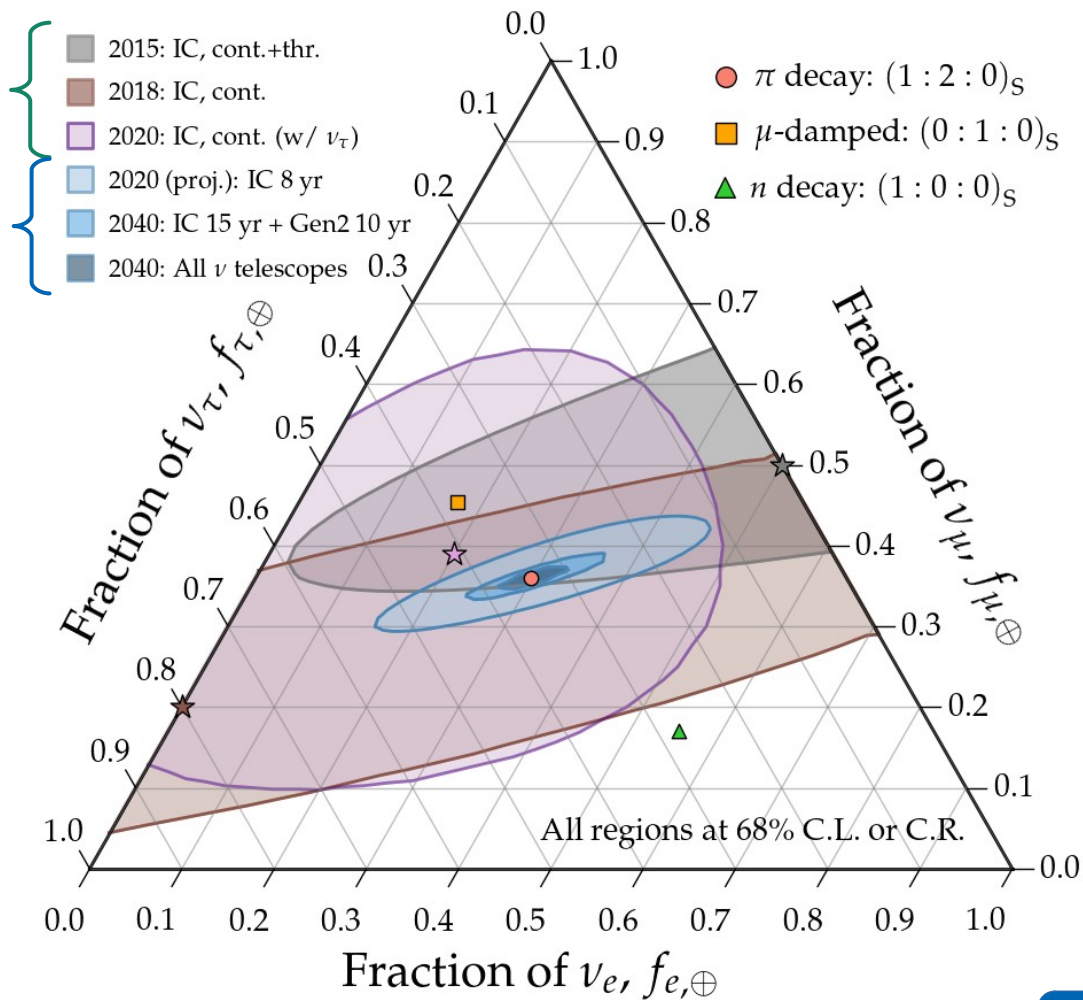
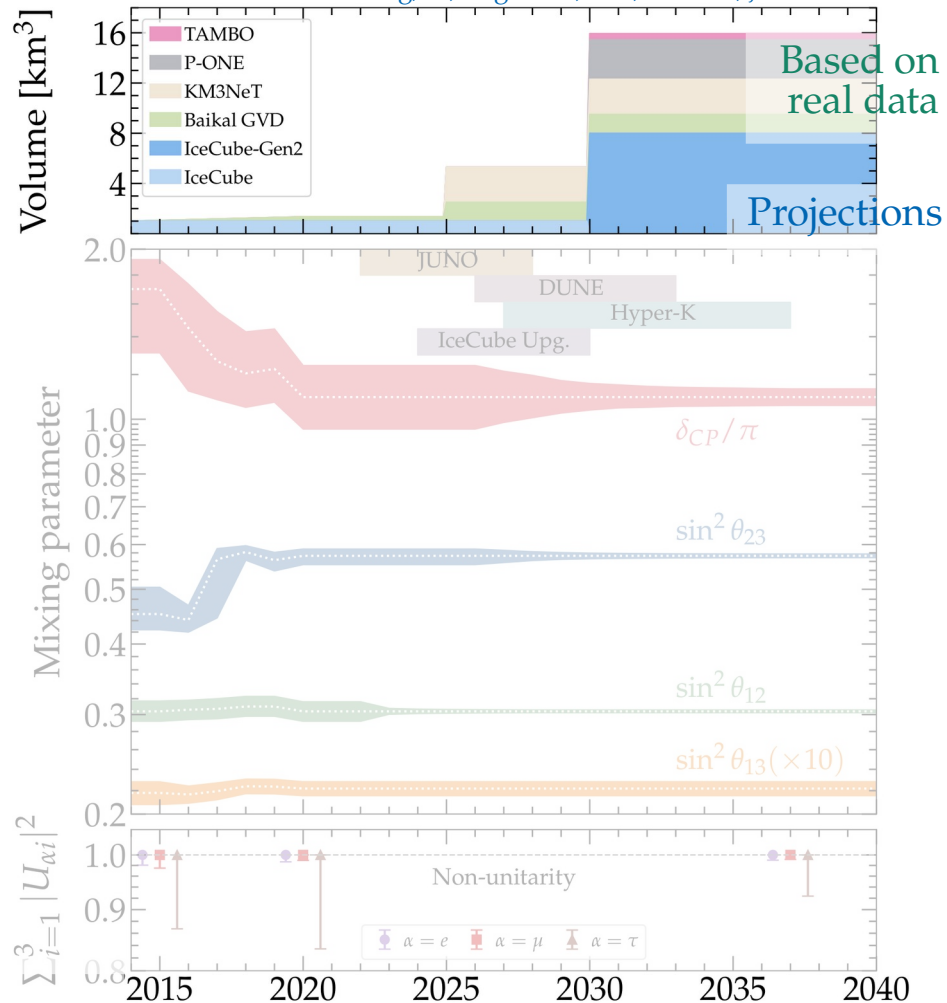
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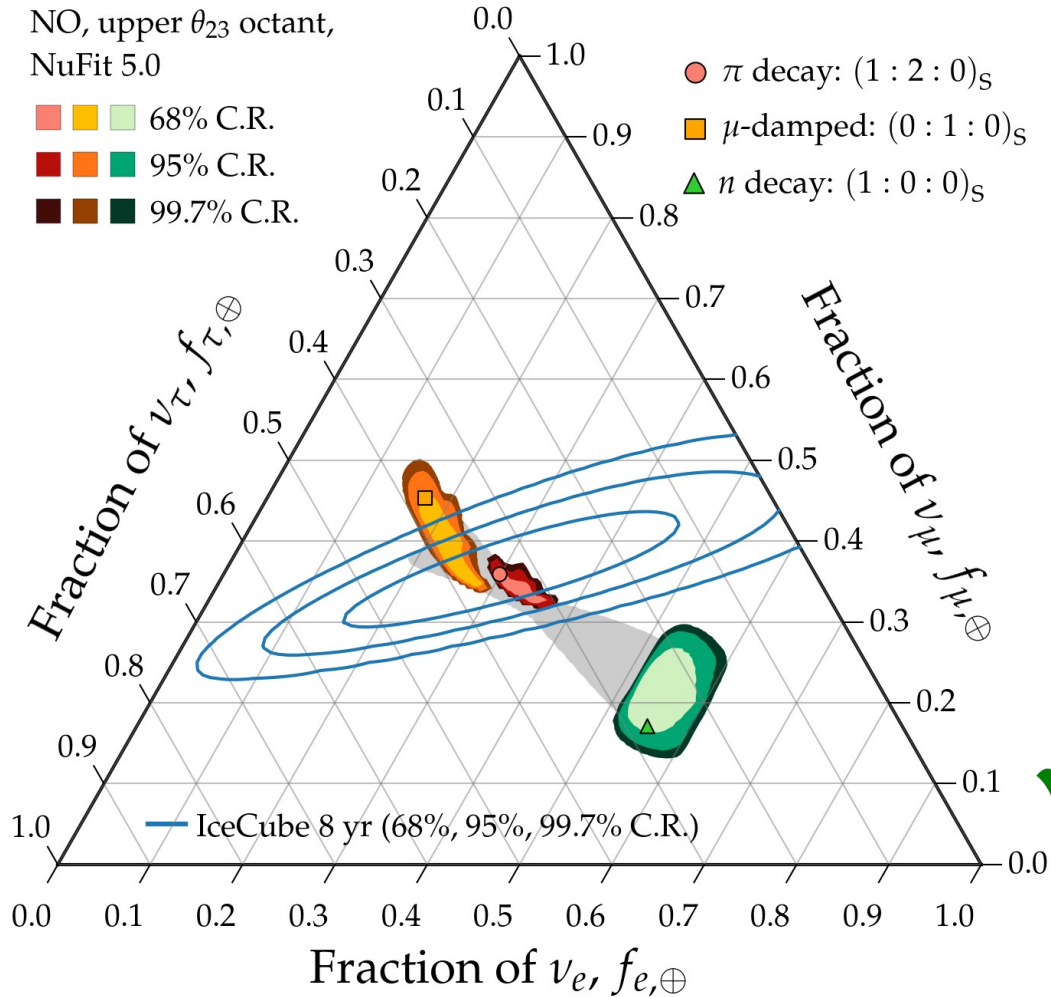


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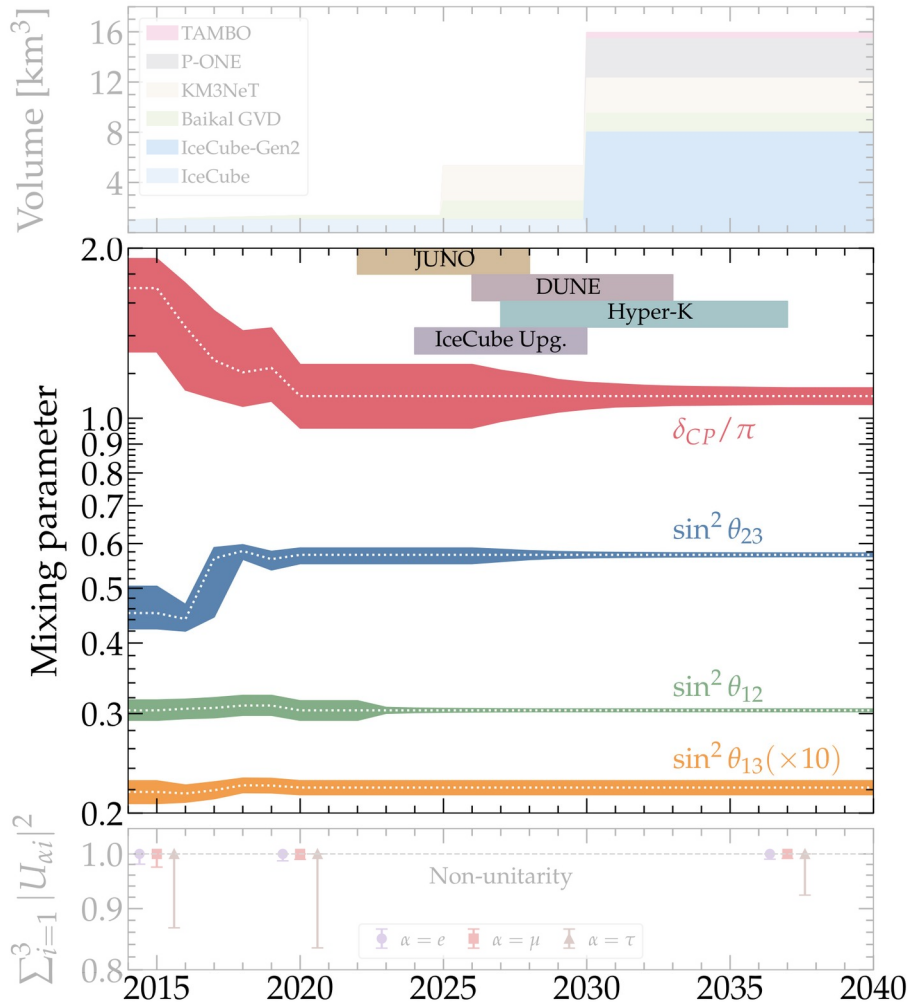
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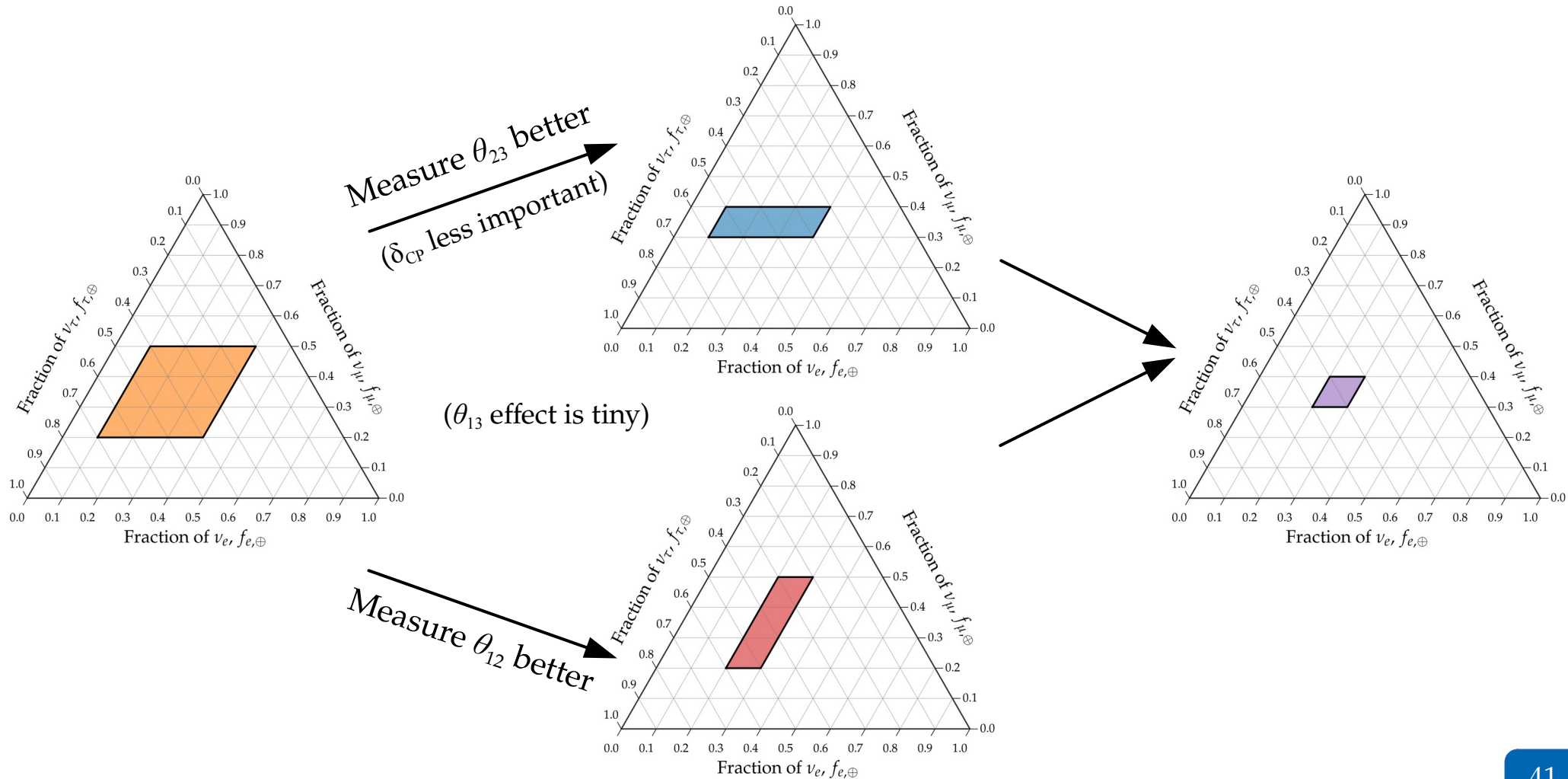


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So we can convert back and forth between source and Earth more precisely

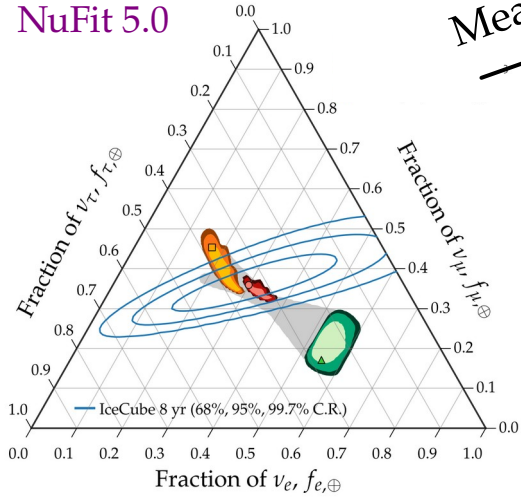
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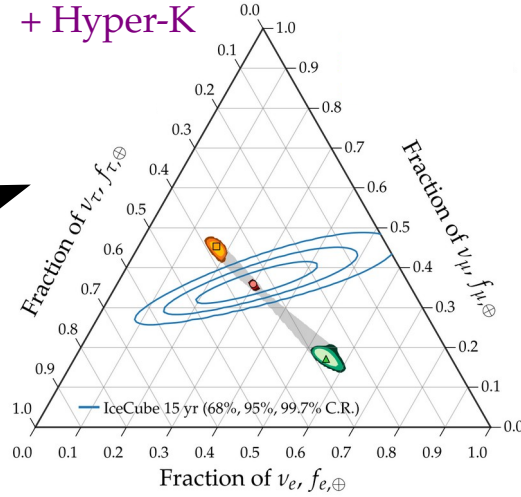
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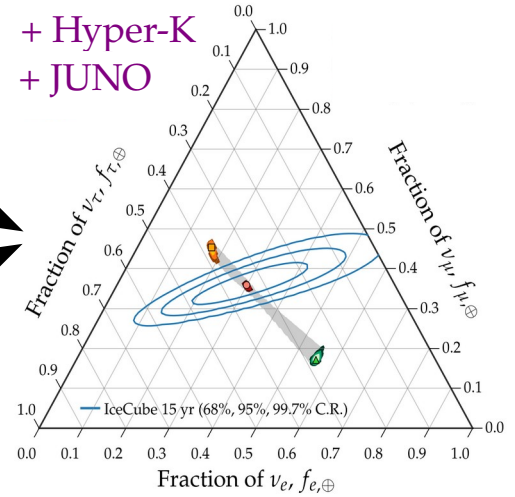
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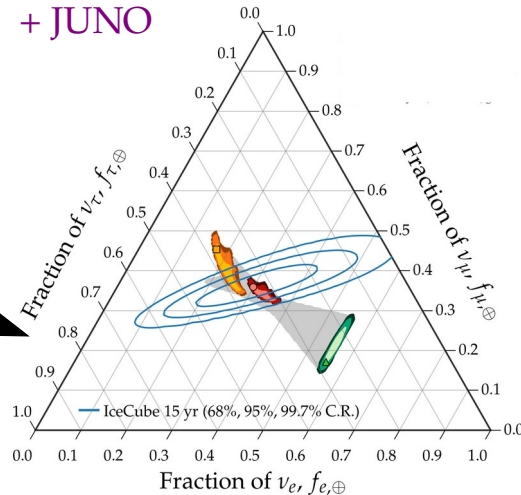
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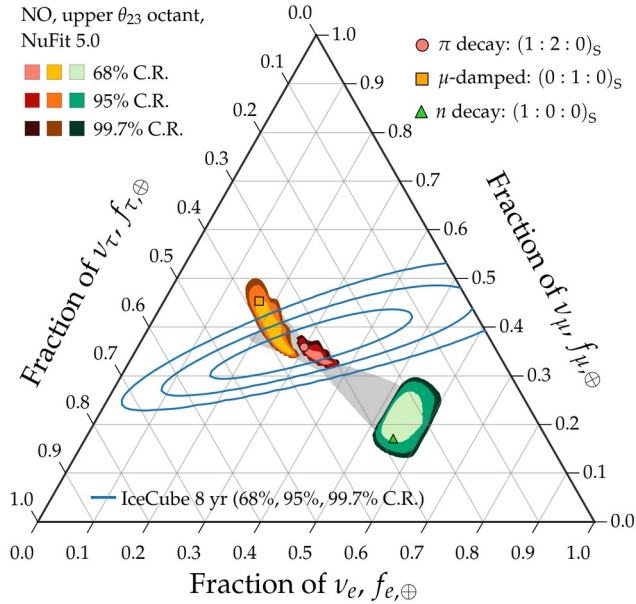
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Marginal improvement til 2040

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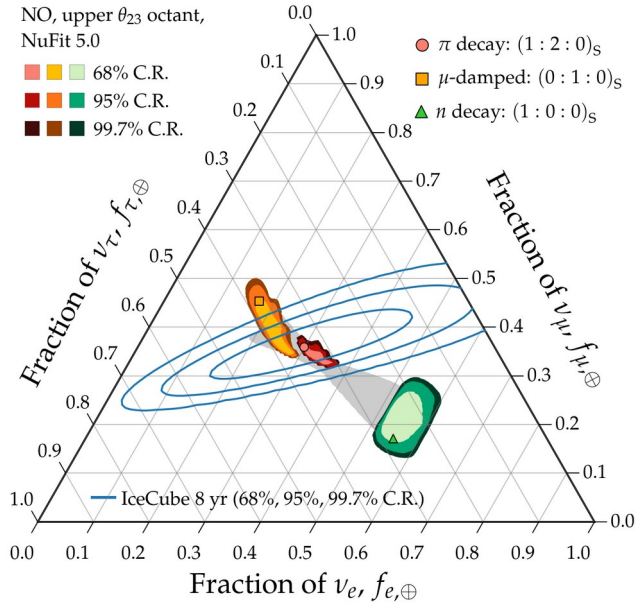


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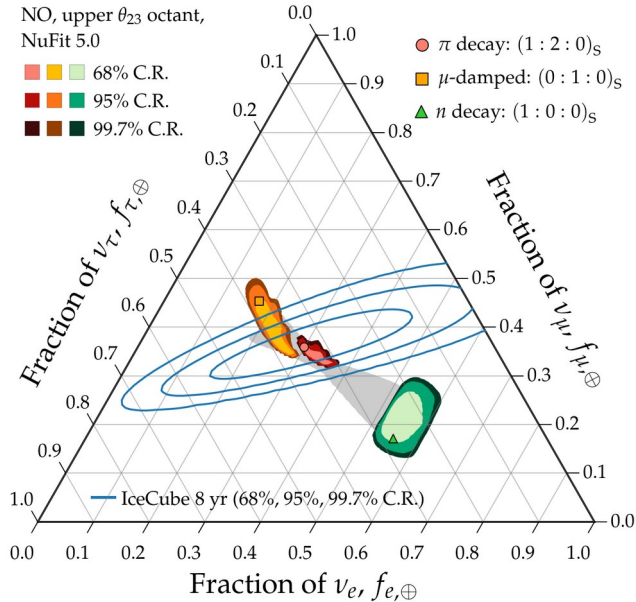
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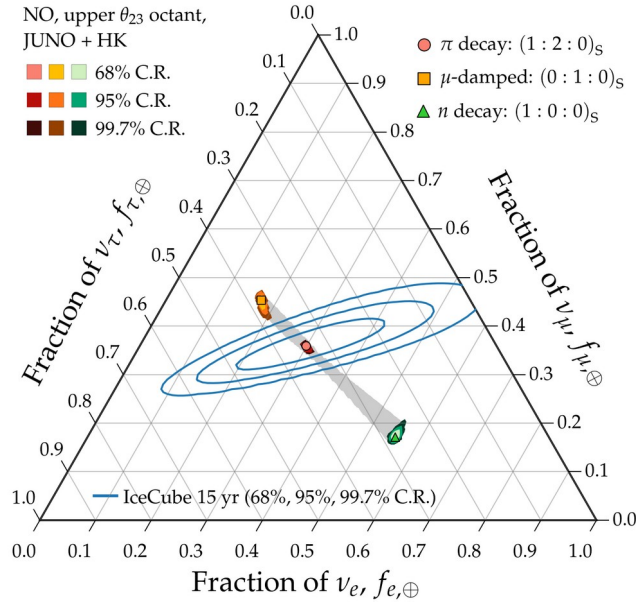
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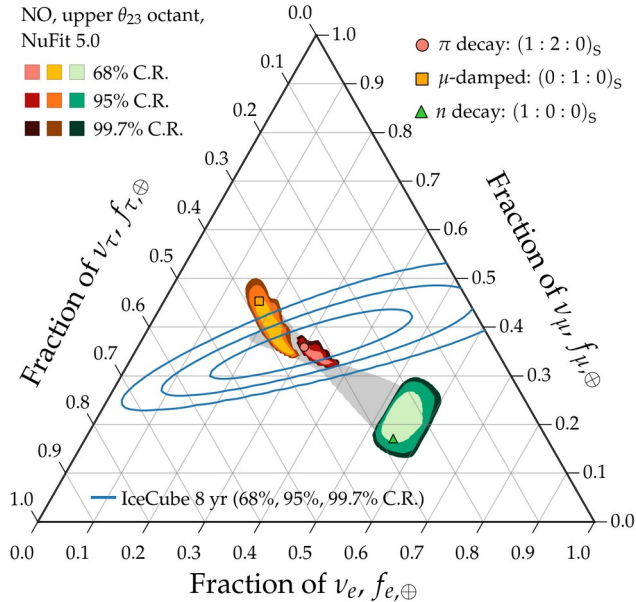
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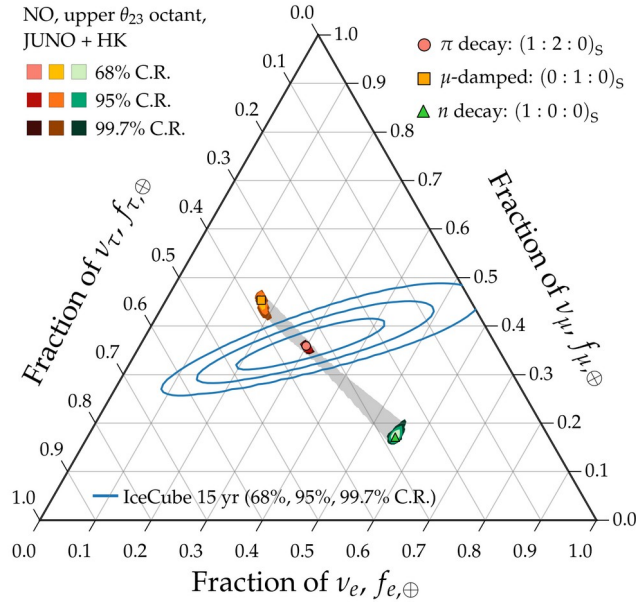
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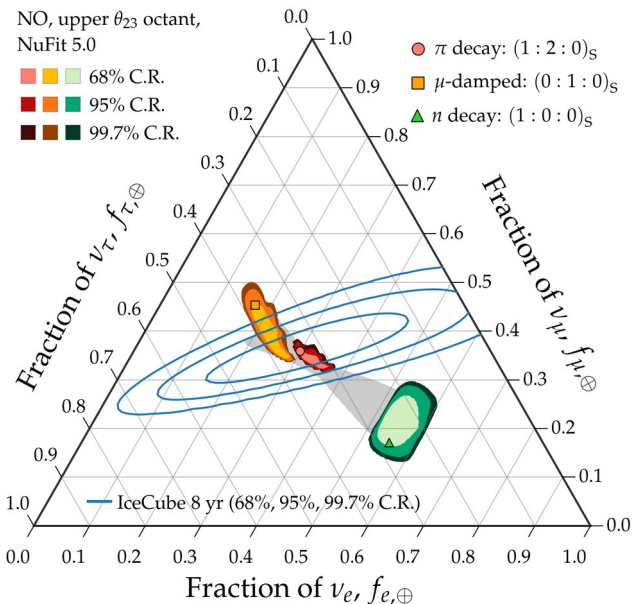
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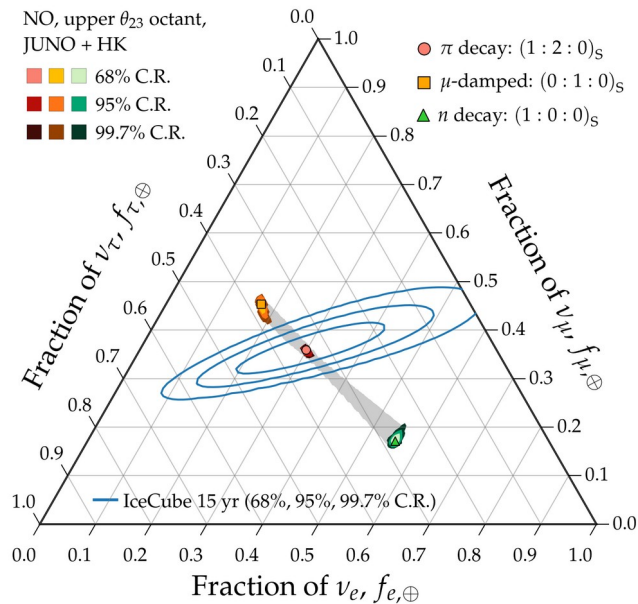
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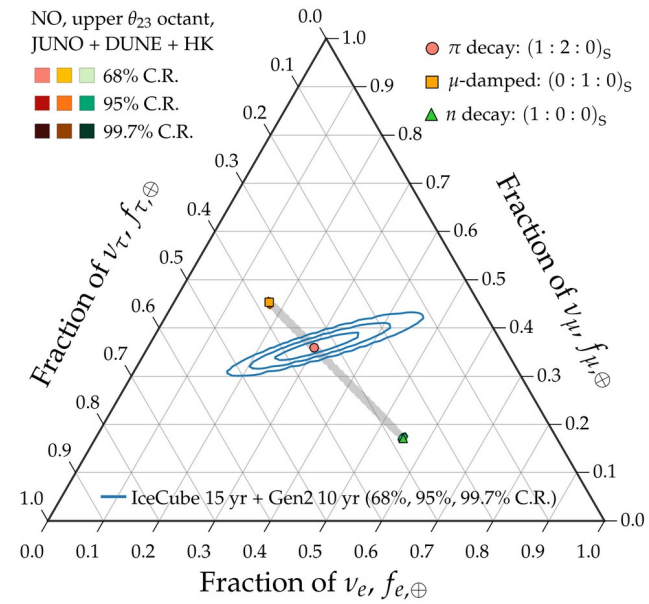
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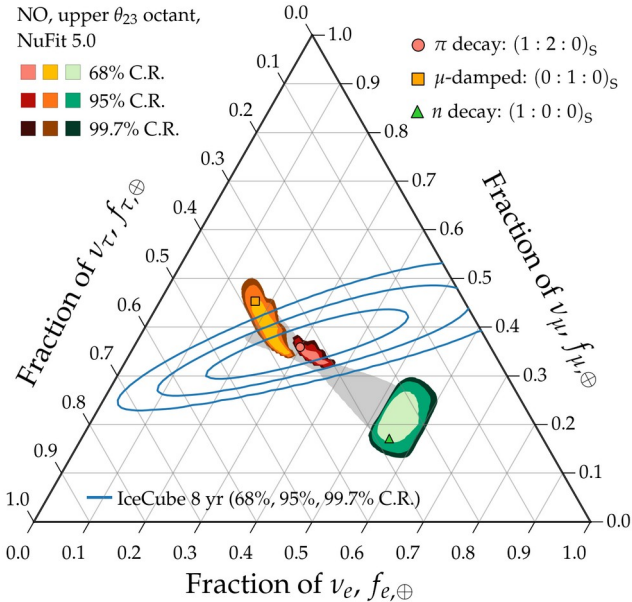
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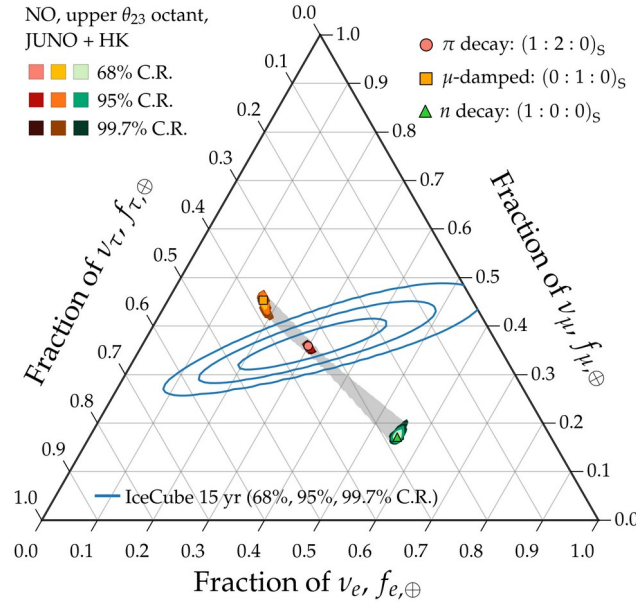
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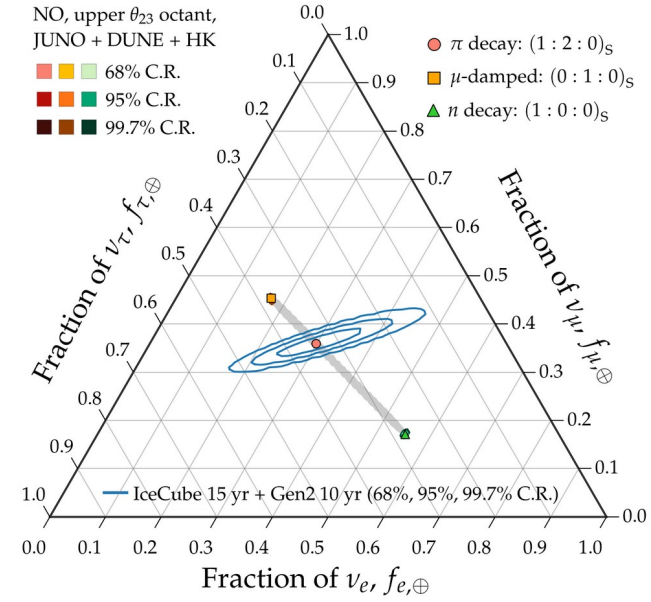
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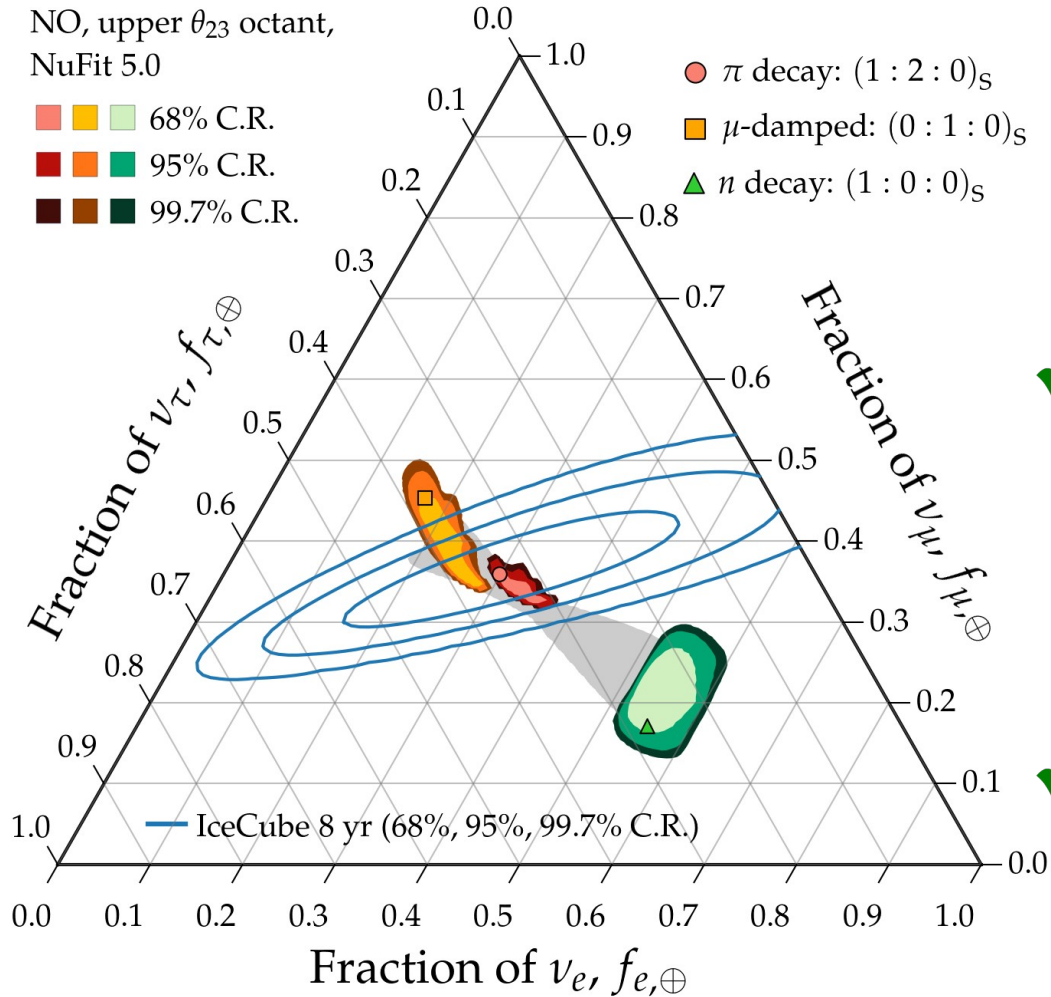
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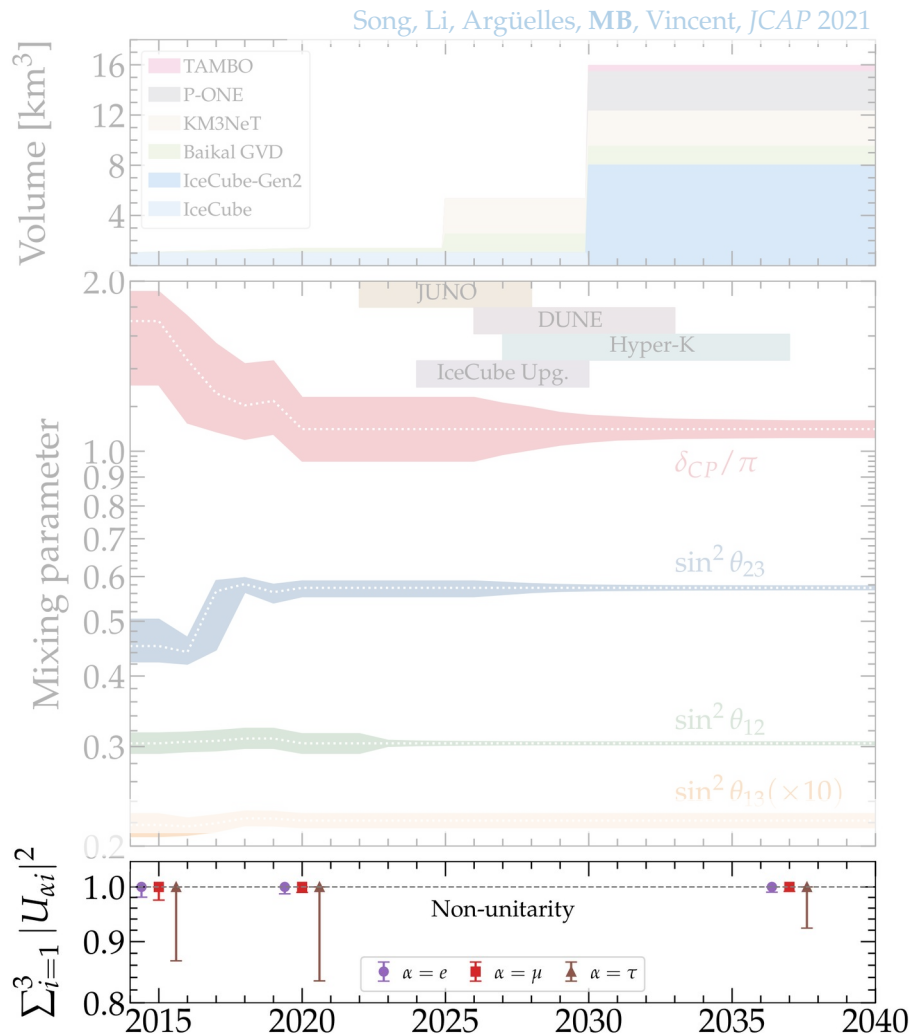
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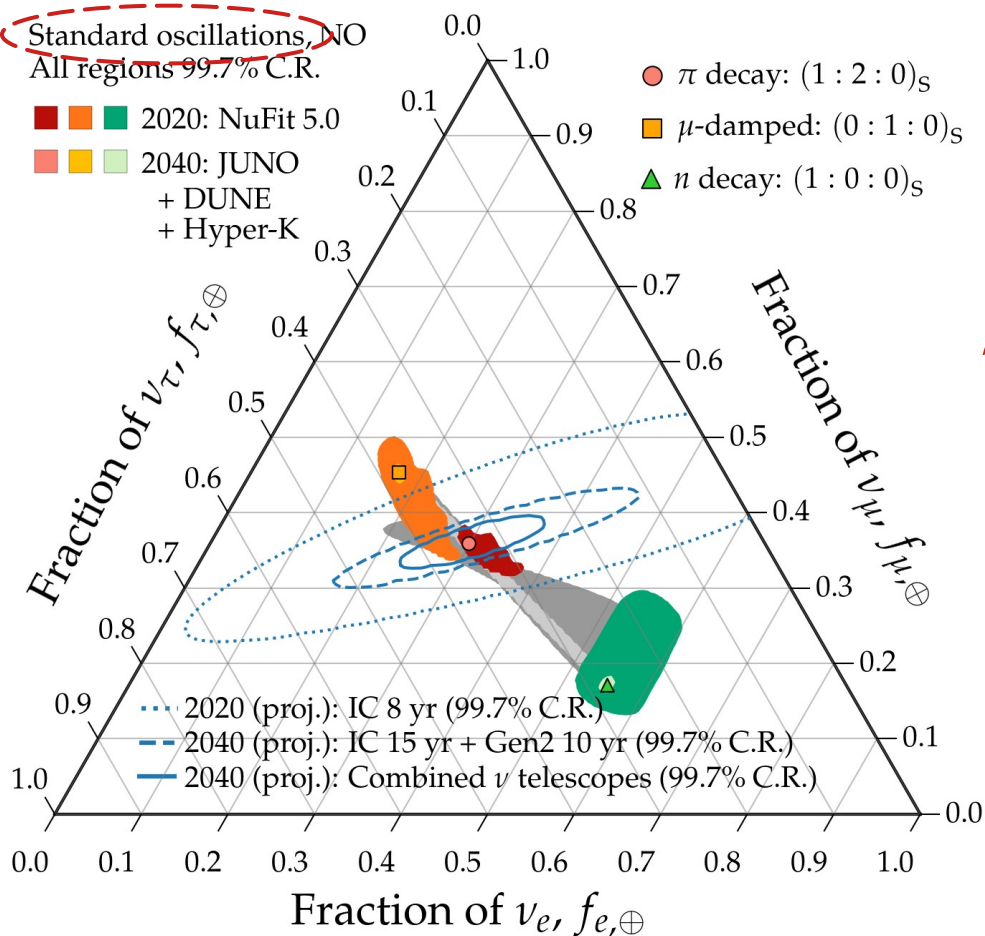
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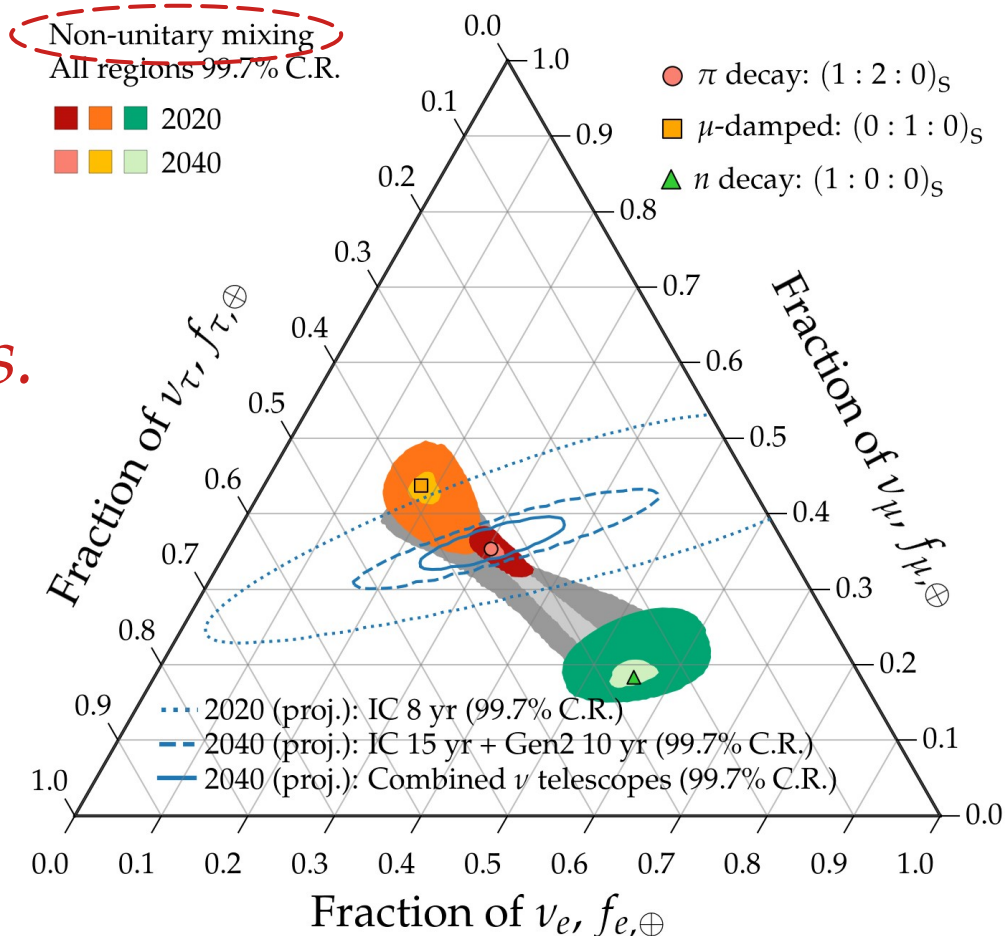
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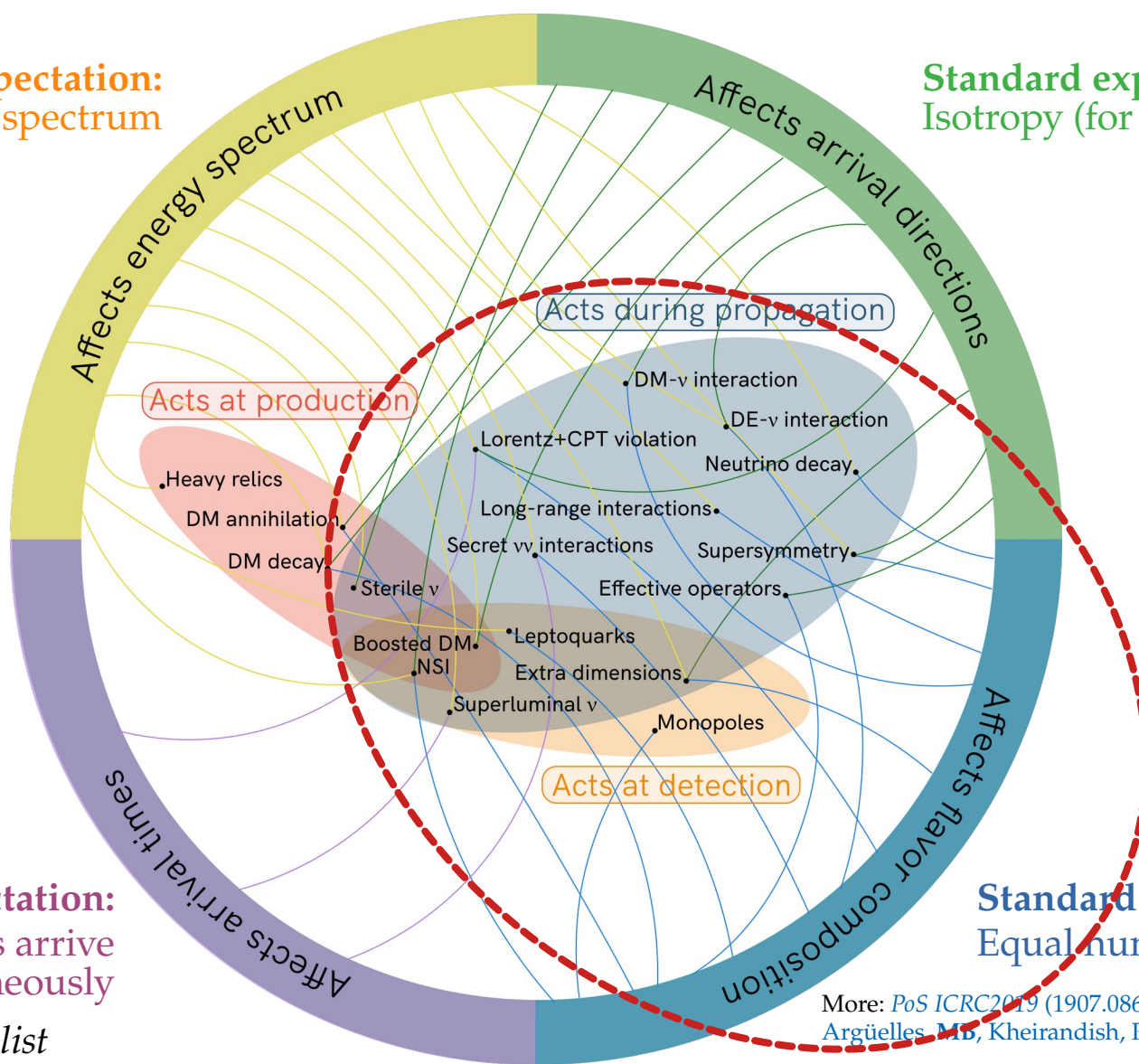


vs.



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Power-law energy spectrum

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Isotropy (for diffuse flux)



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simultaneously

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Note: Not an exhaustive list

More: *PoS ICRC2019* (1907.08690)
Argüelles, M.B., Kheirandish, Palomares-Ruiz, Salvadó, Vincent

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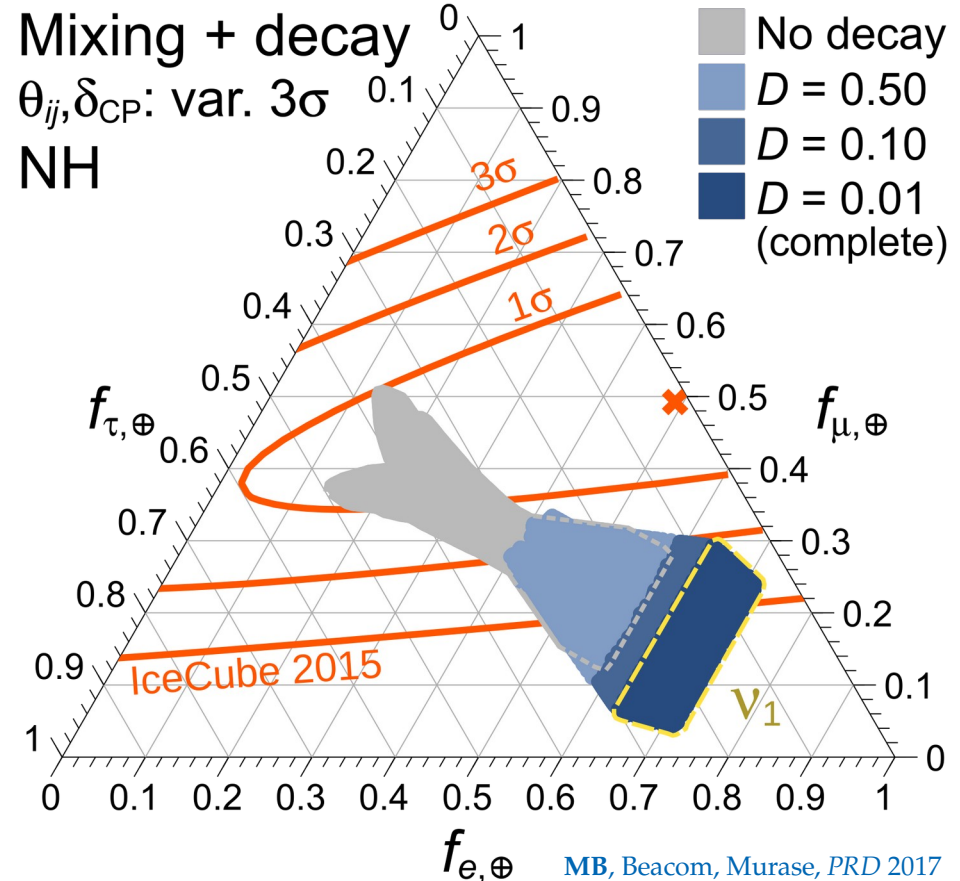
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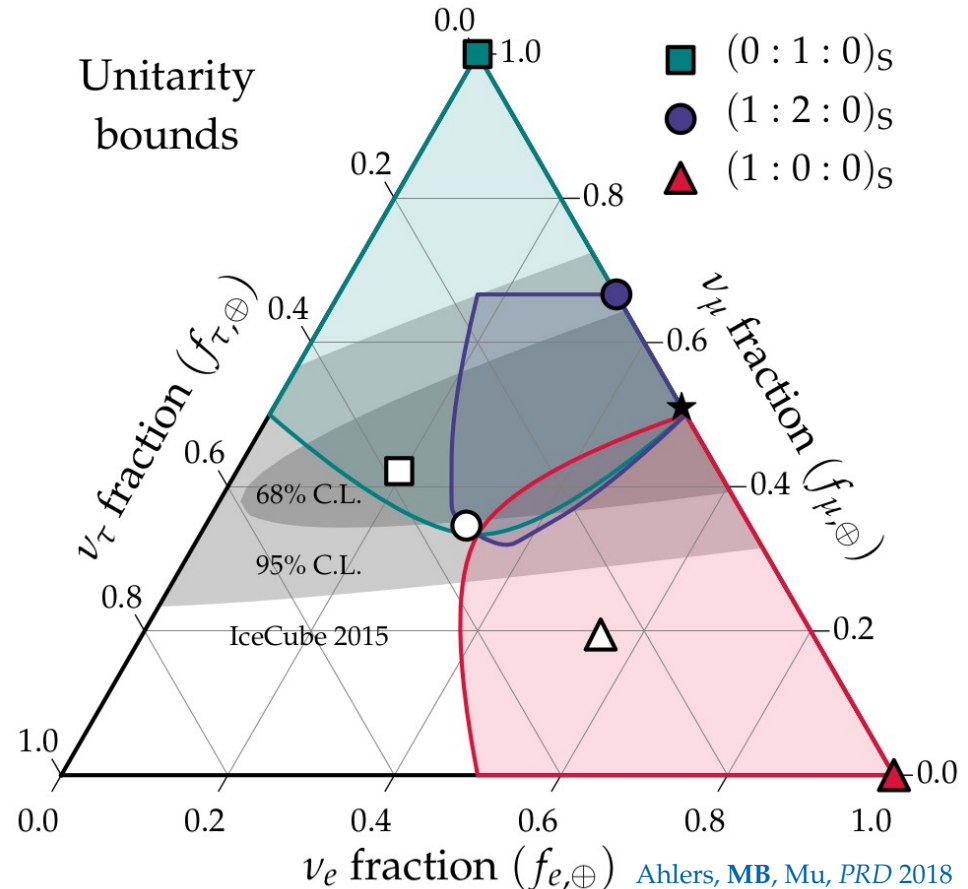
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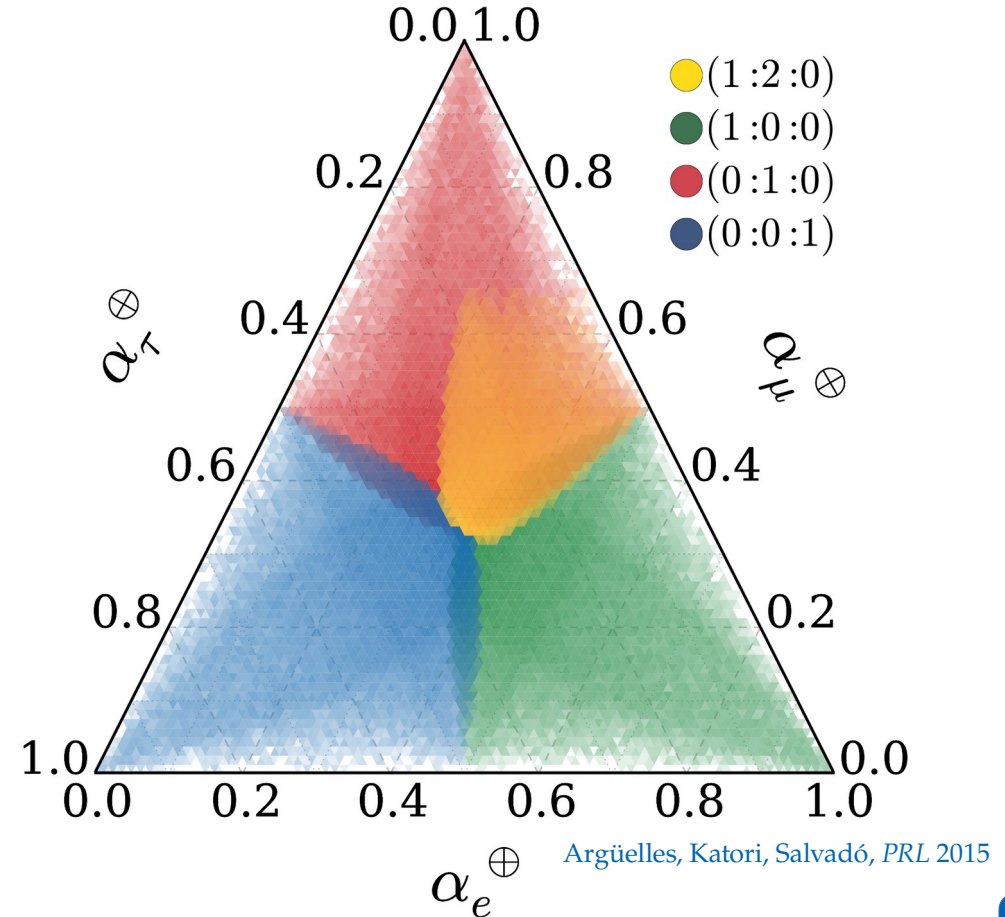
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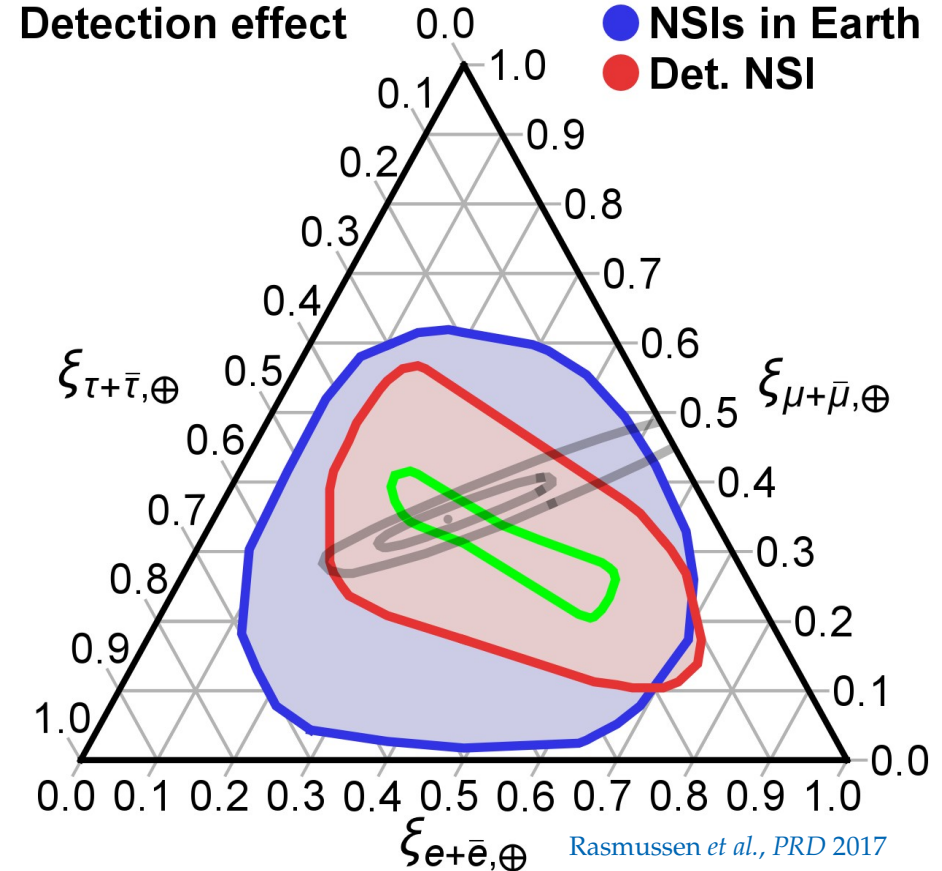
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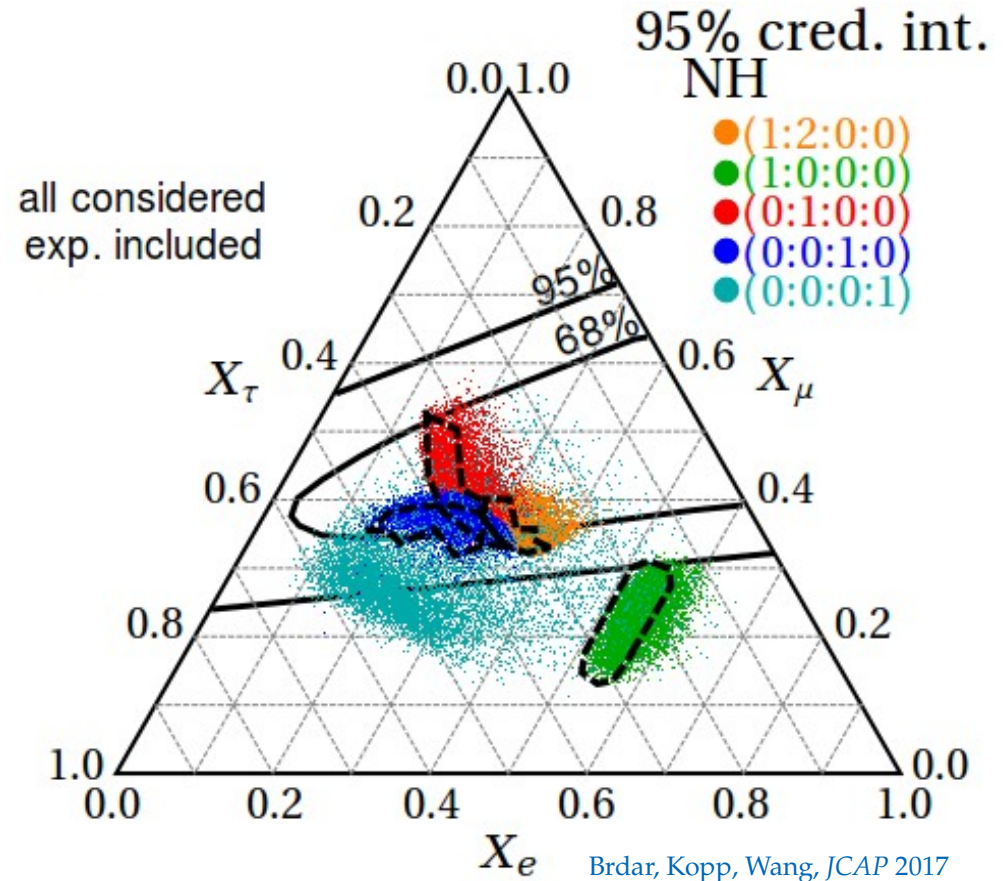
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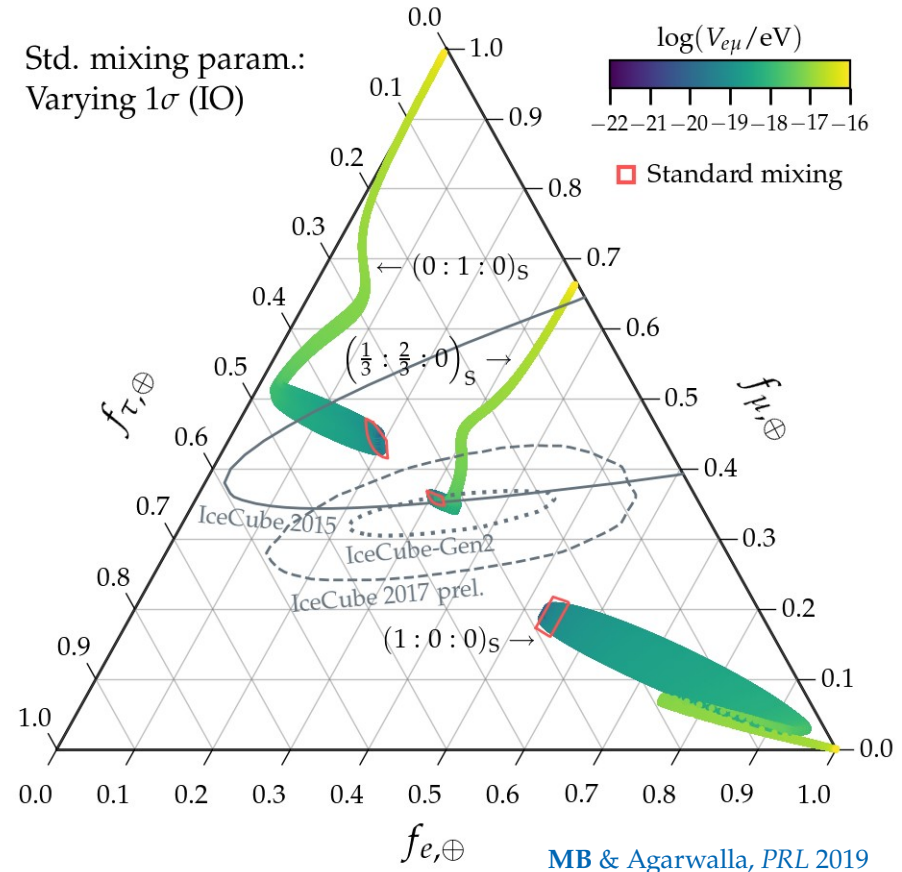
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[MB & Agarwalla, *PRL* 2019]

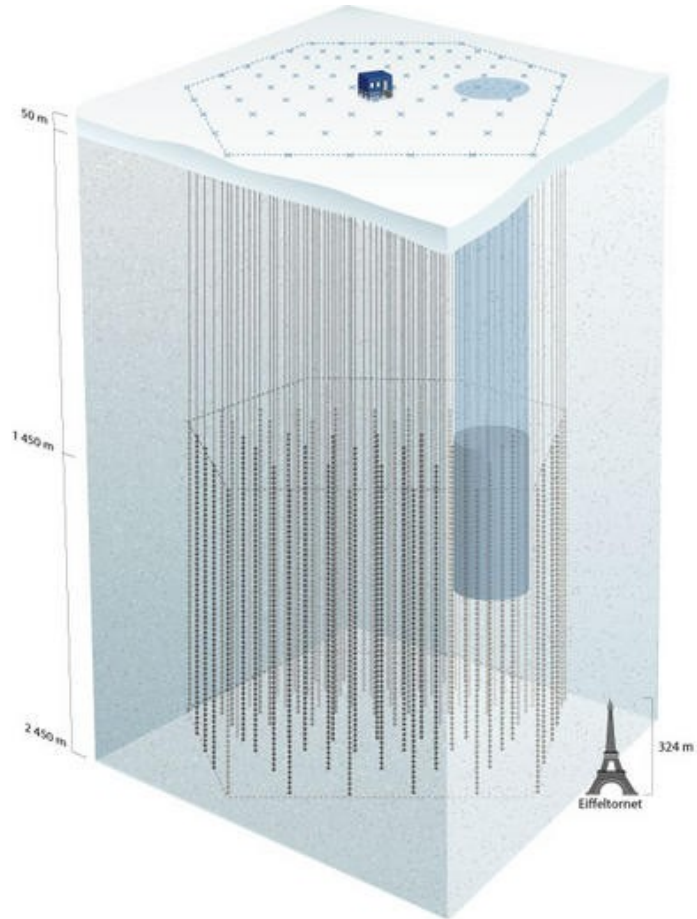
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IceCube

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



How does IceCube see TeV–PeV neutrinos?

Deep inelastic neutrino-nucleon scattering

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$$\nu_x + N \rightarrow \nu_x + X$$

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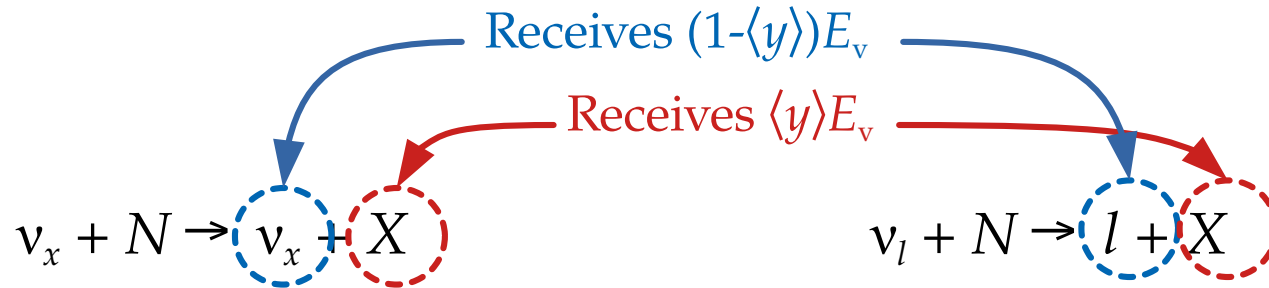
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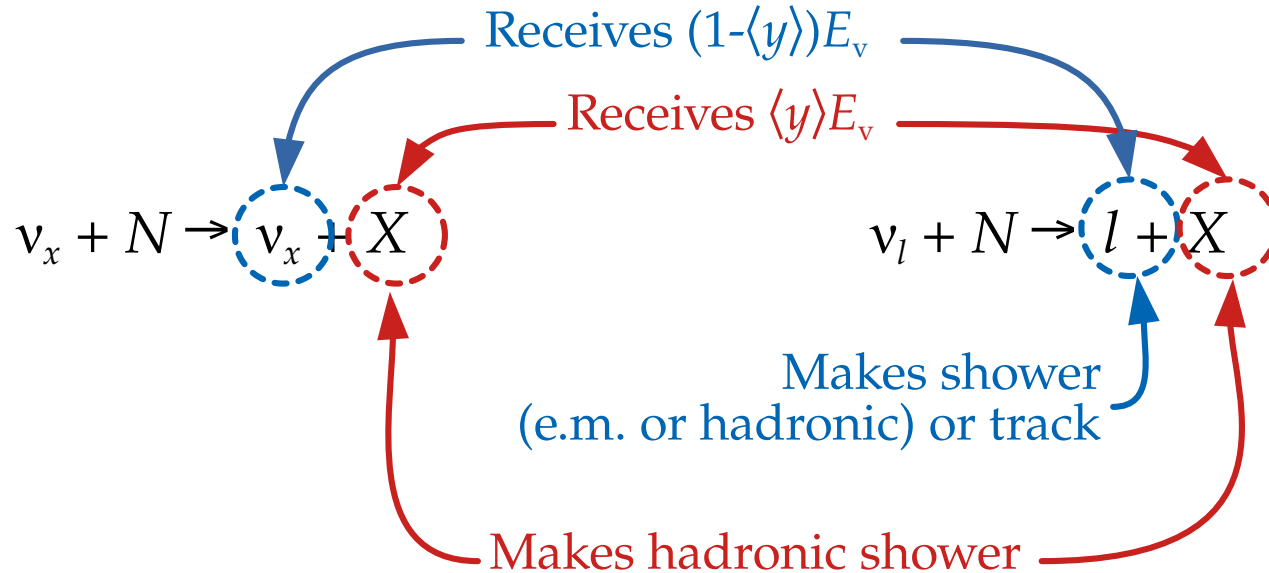
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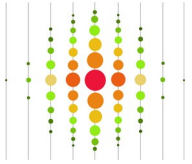
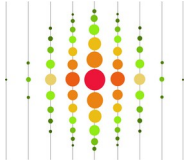

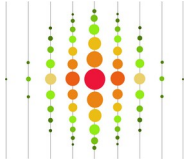
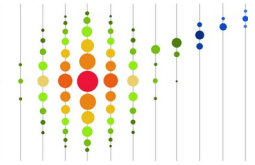
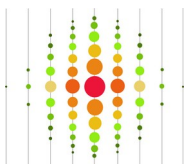
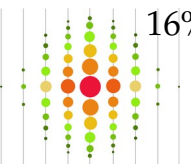
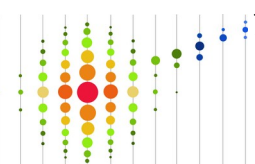
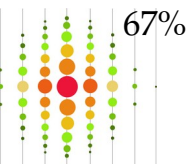
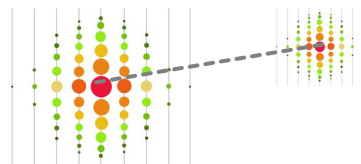
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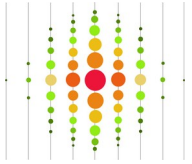
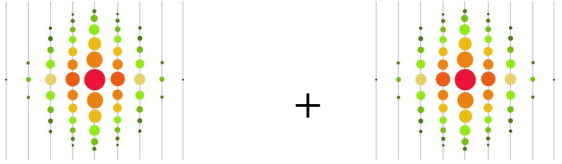

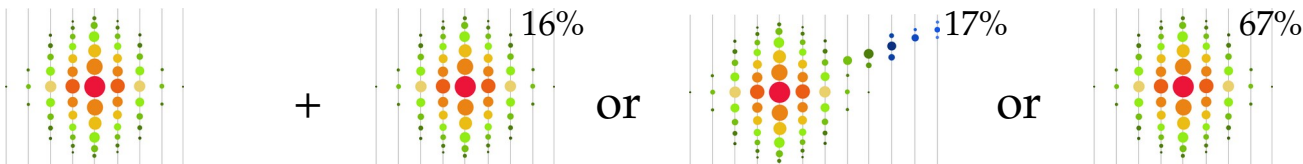
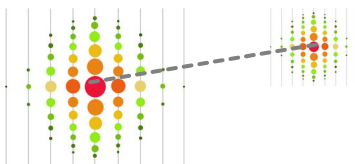
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To be confirmed

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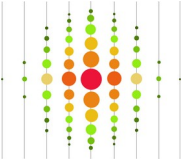
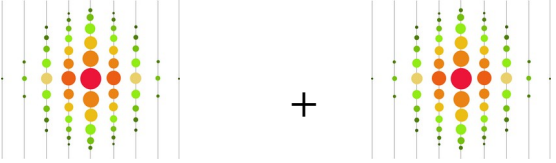

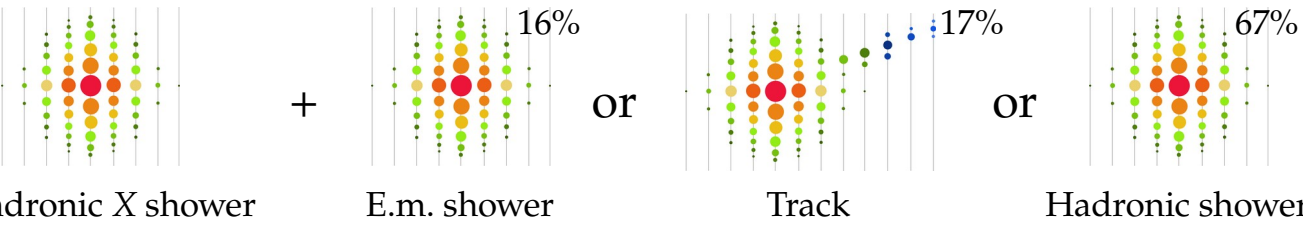
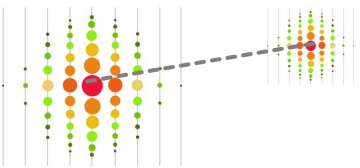
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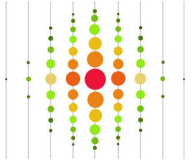
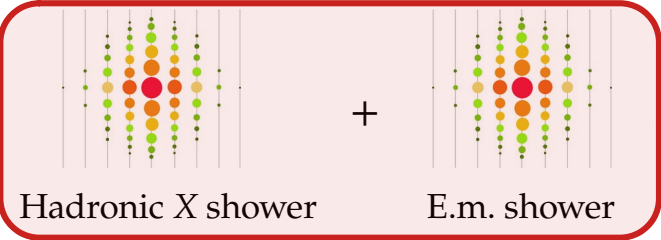
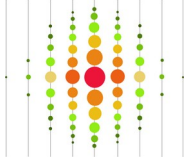
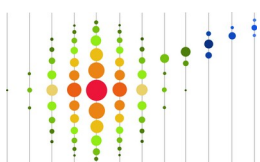
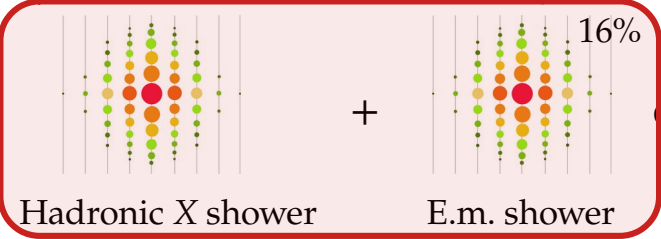
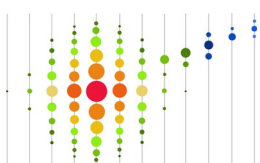
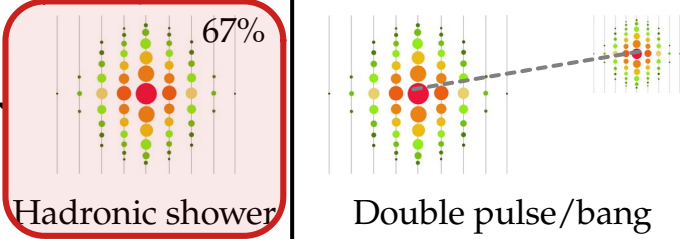
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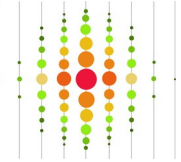


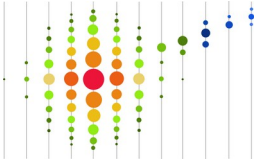
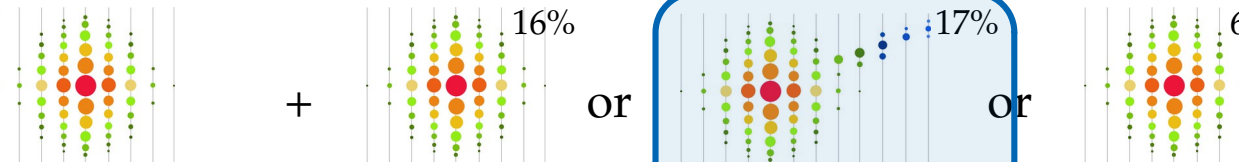
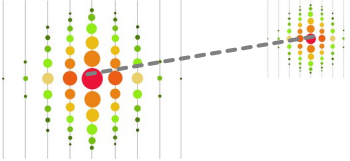
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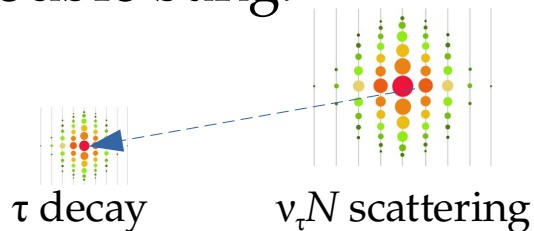
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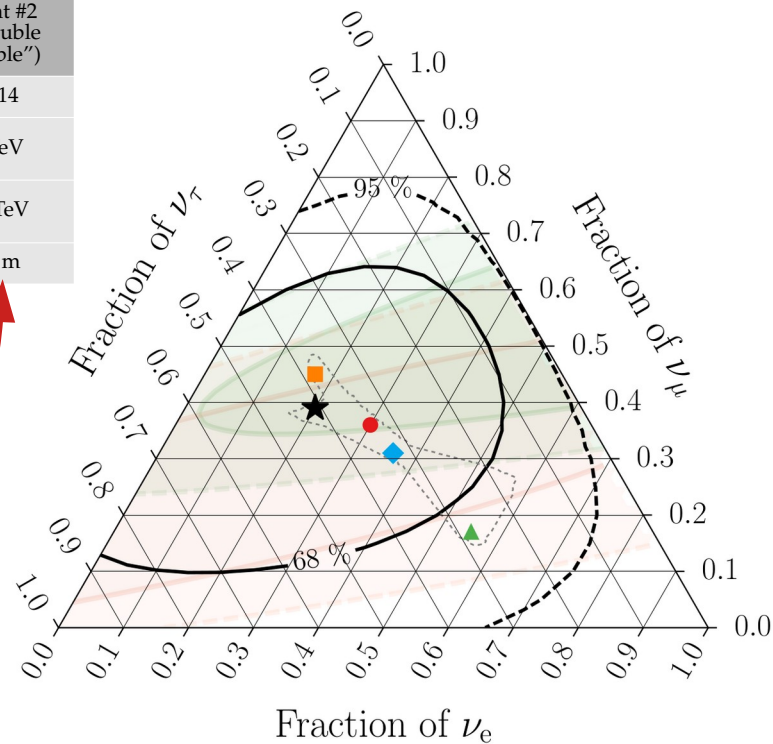
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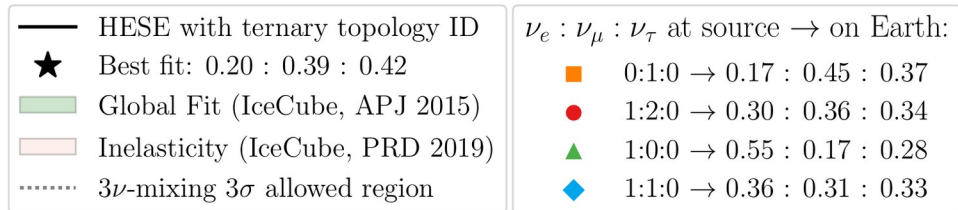
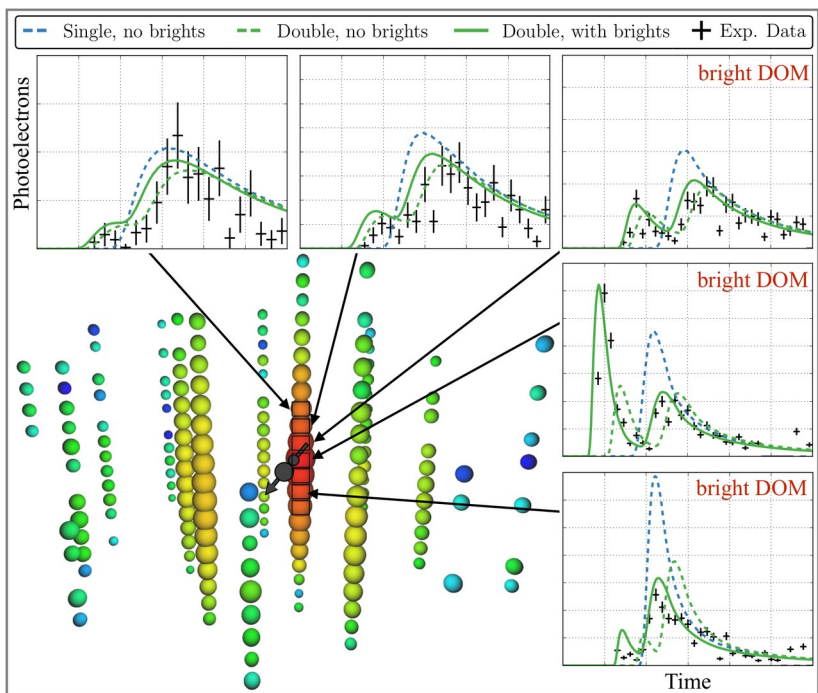
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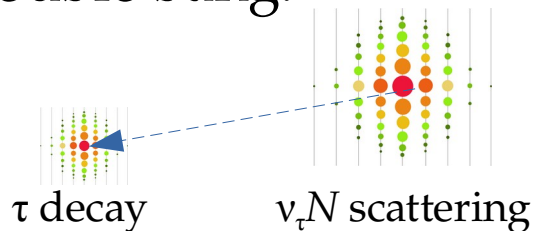


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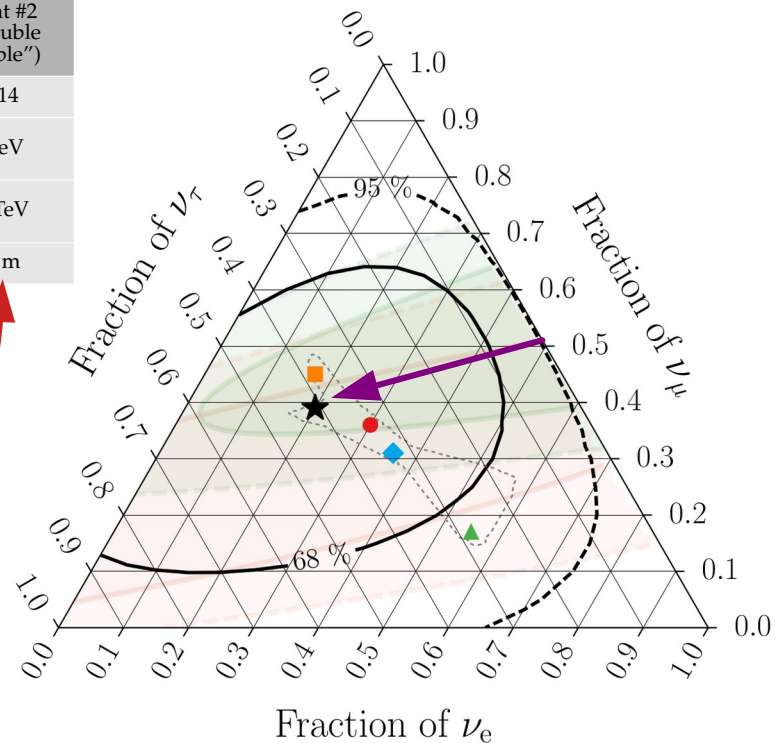


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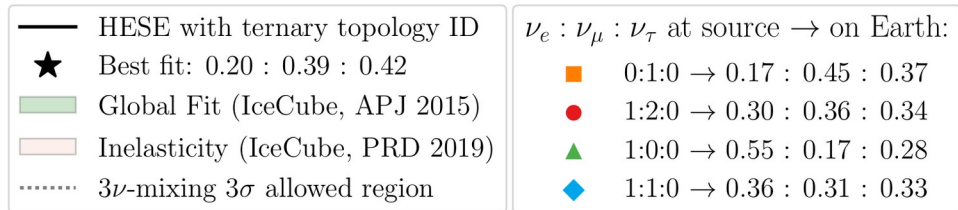
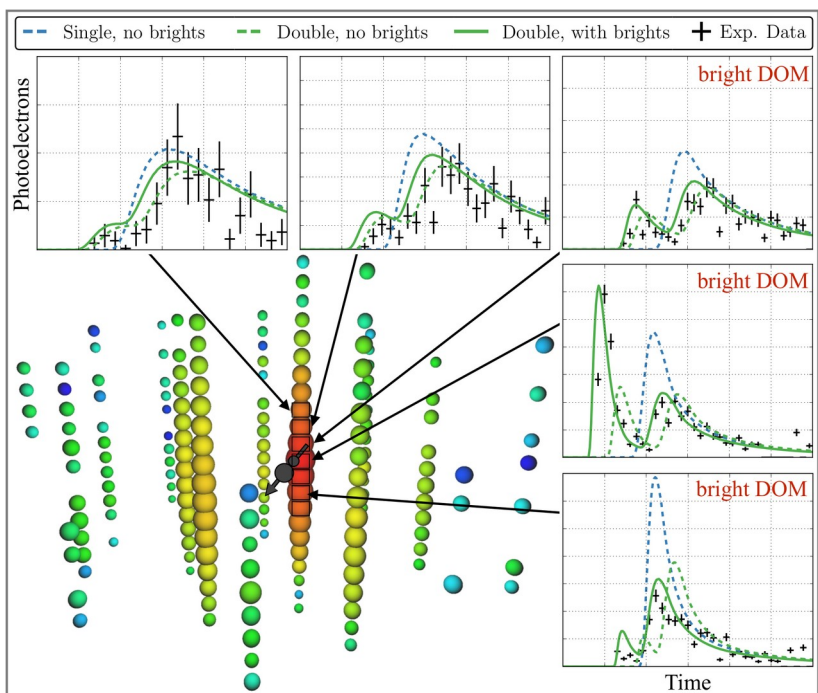
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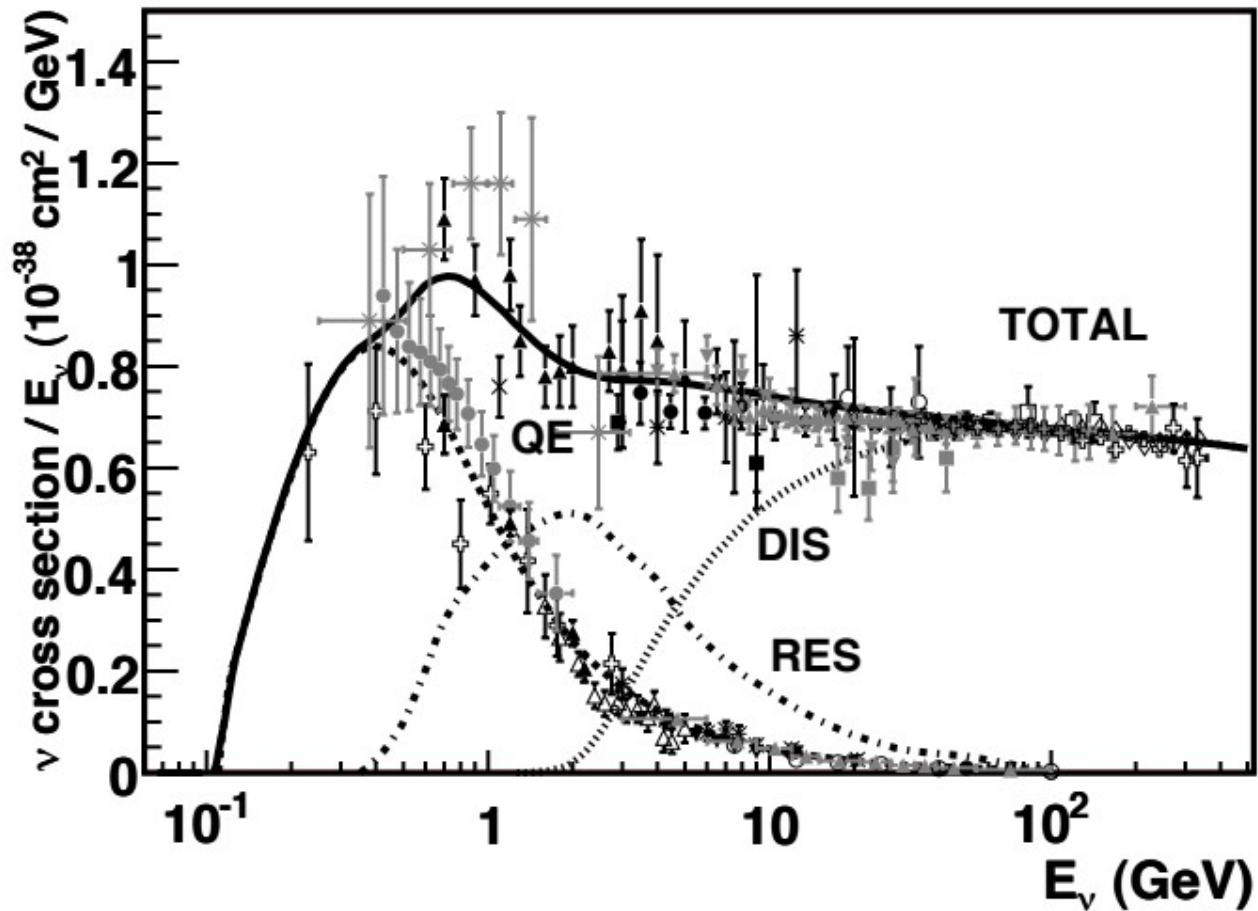


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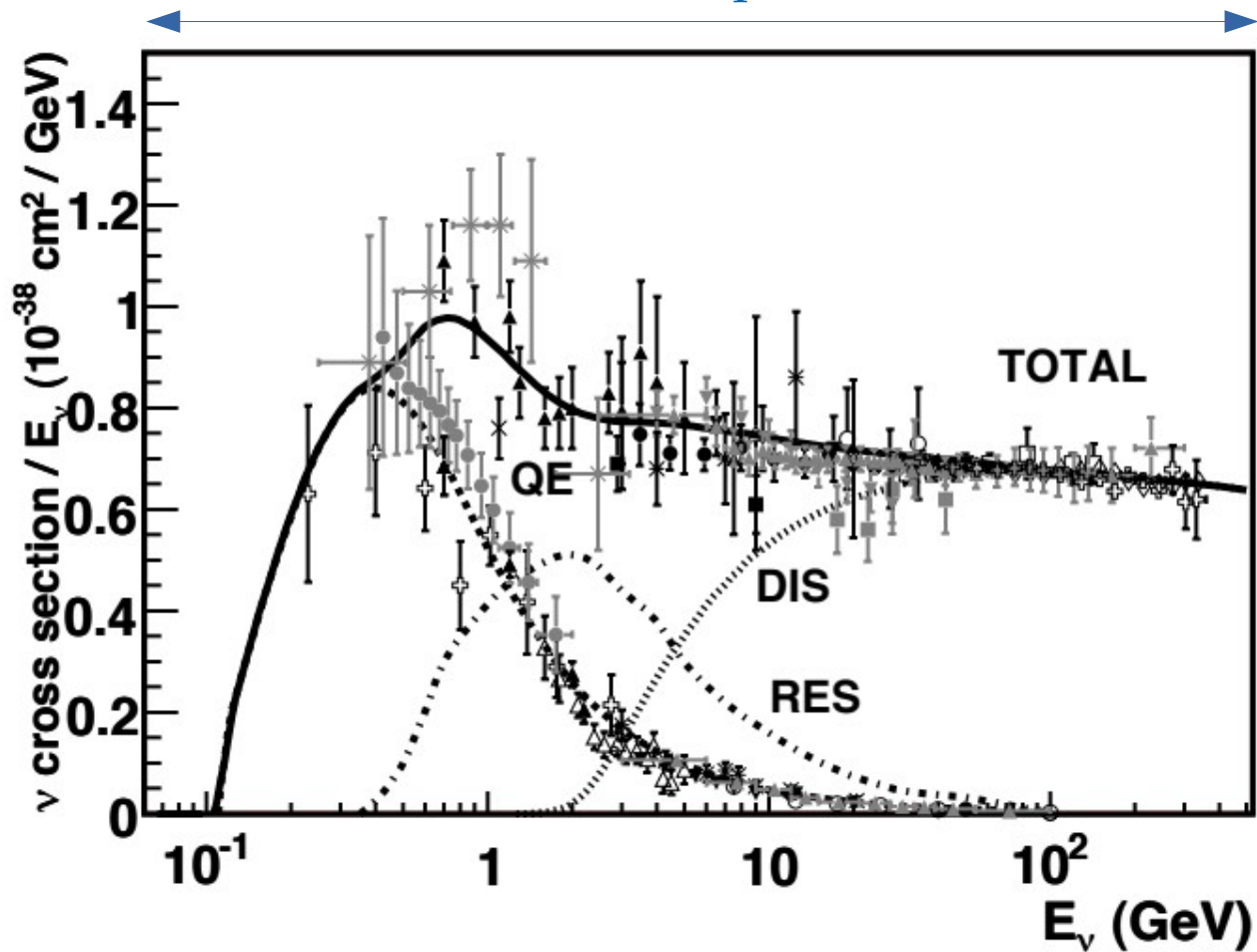


Example:

Measuring νN cross sections



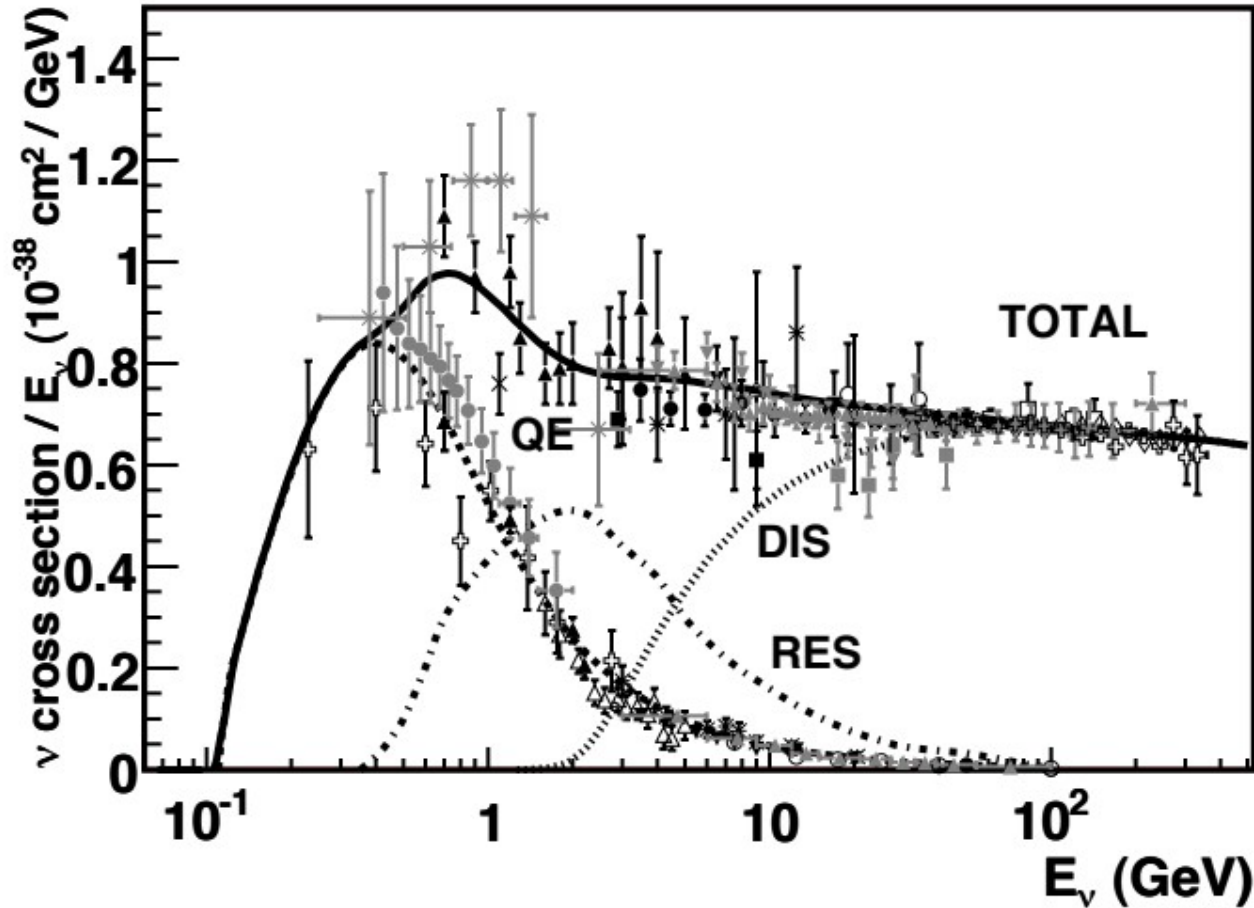
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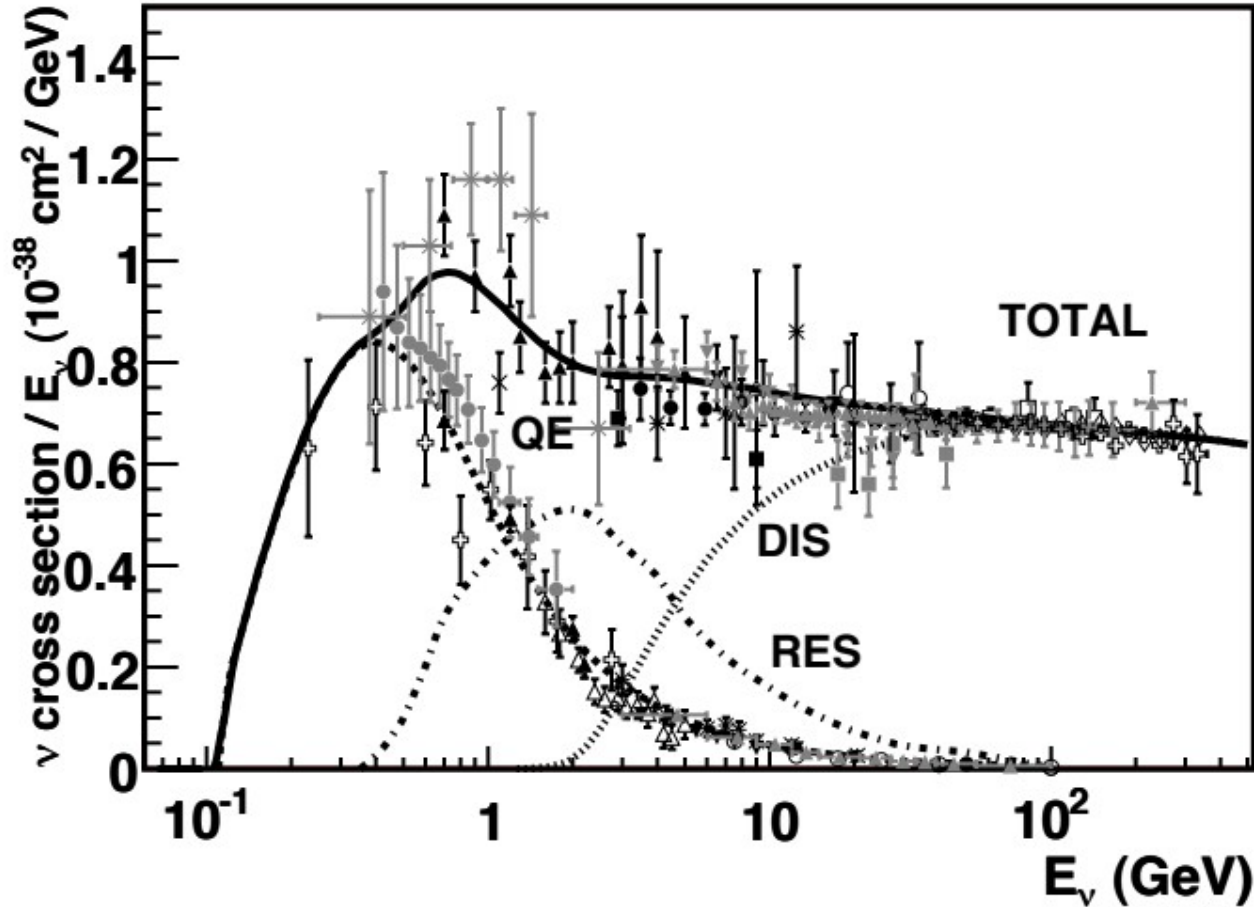
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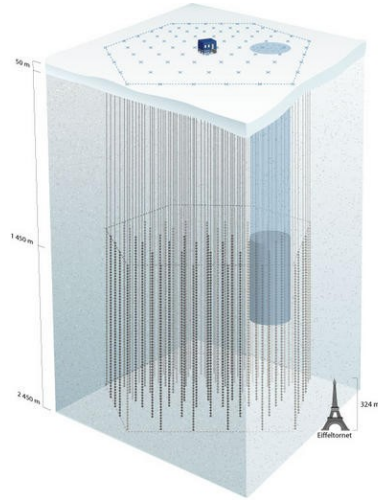
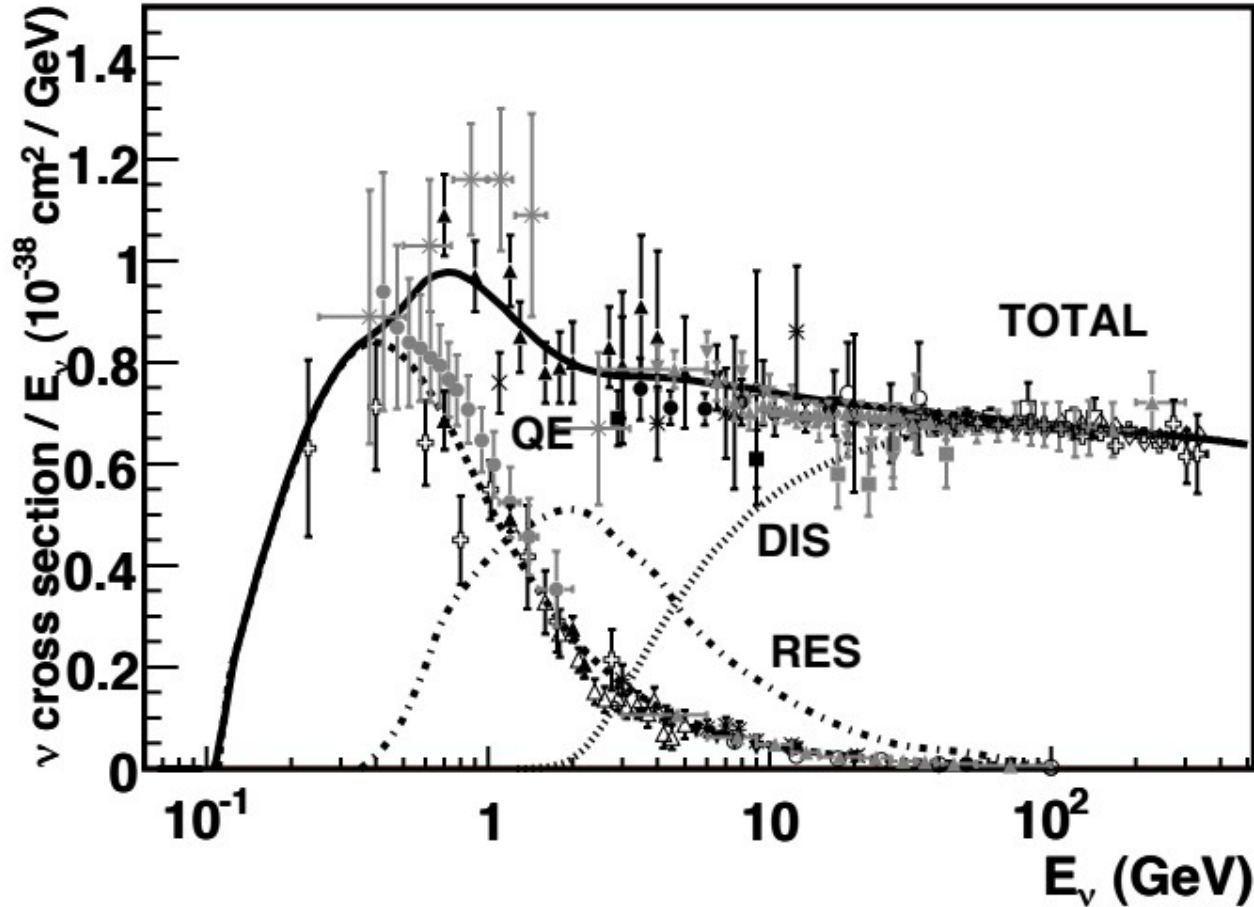
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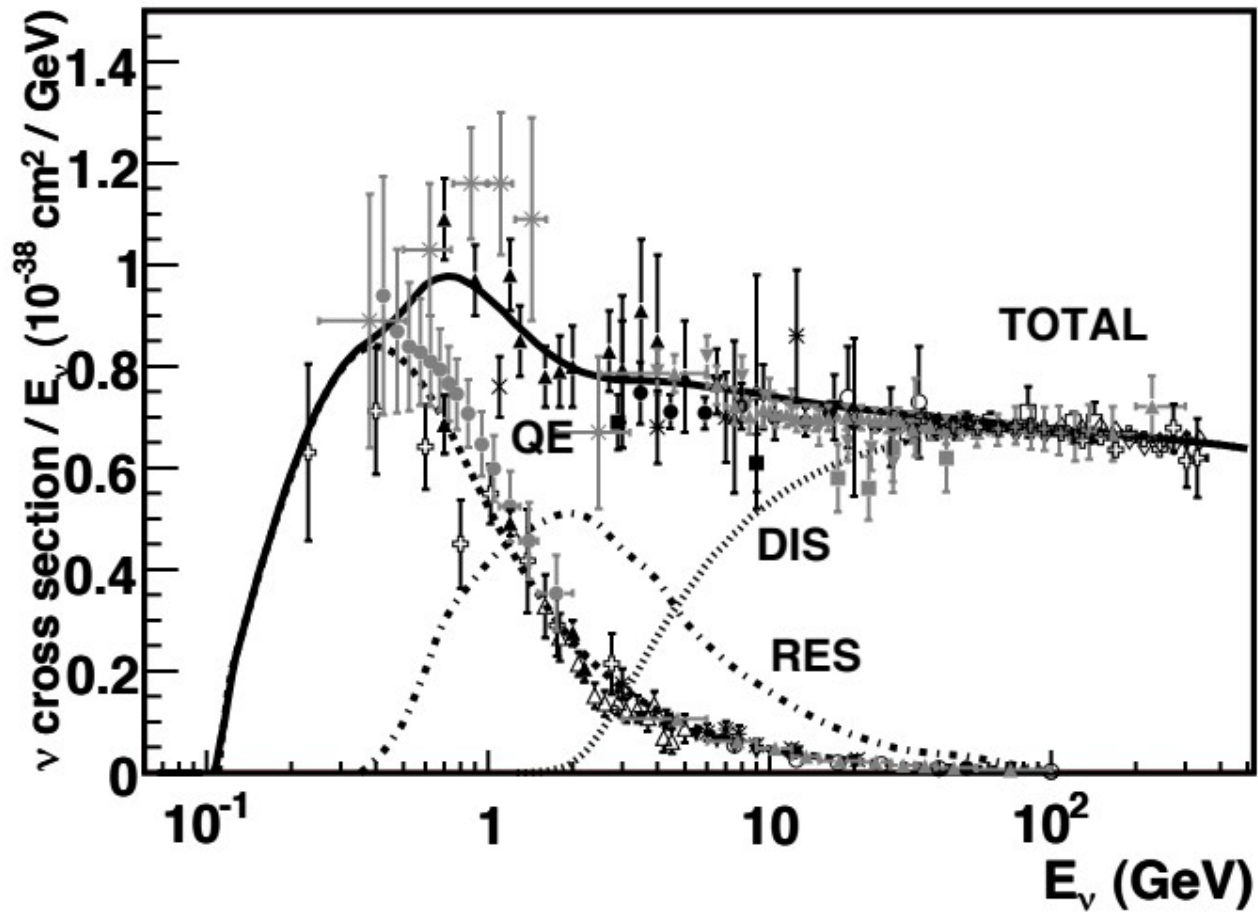
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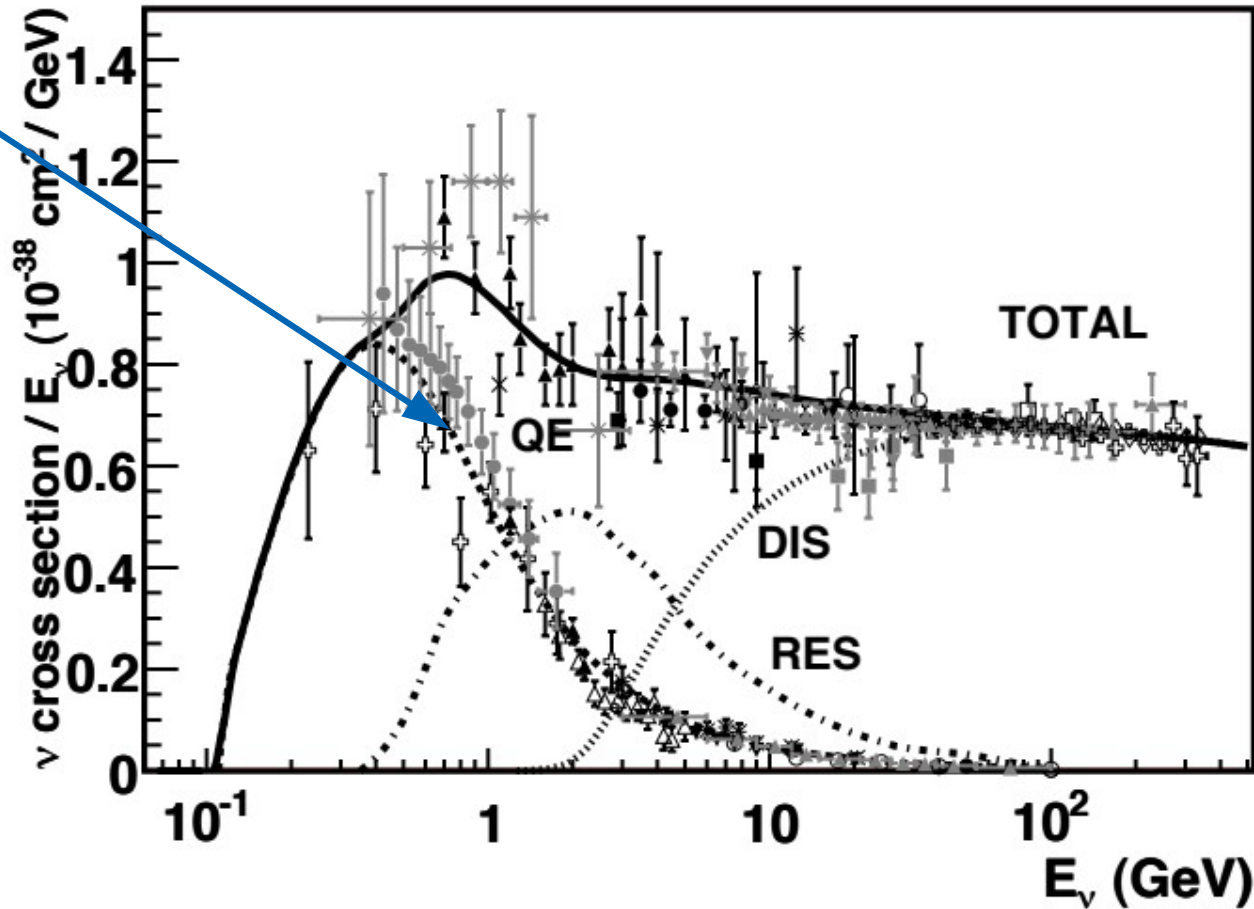
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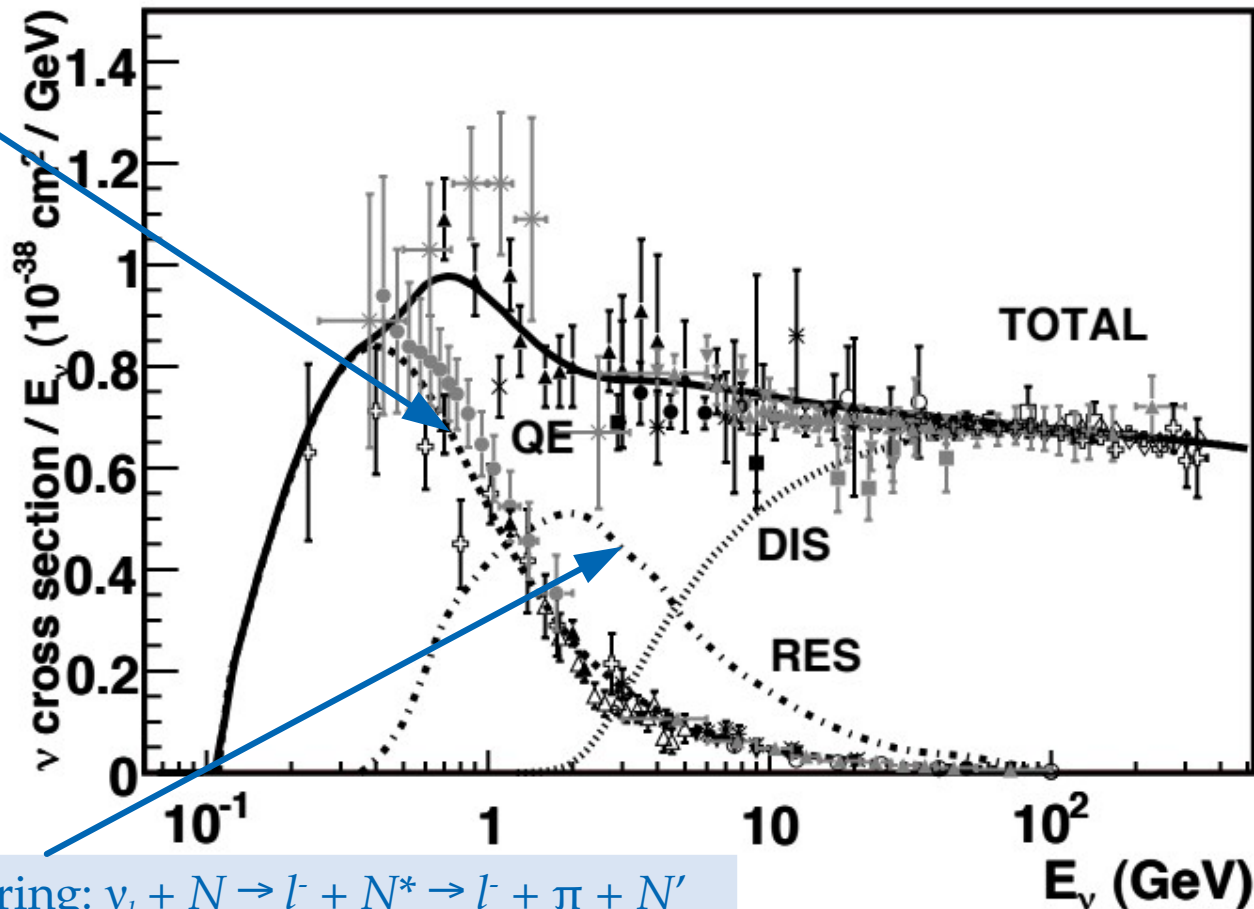
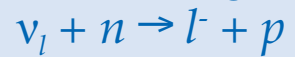
$$\nu_l + n \rightarrow l^- + p$$

$$\bar{\nu}_l + p \rightarrow l^+ + n$$



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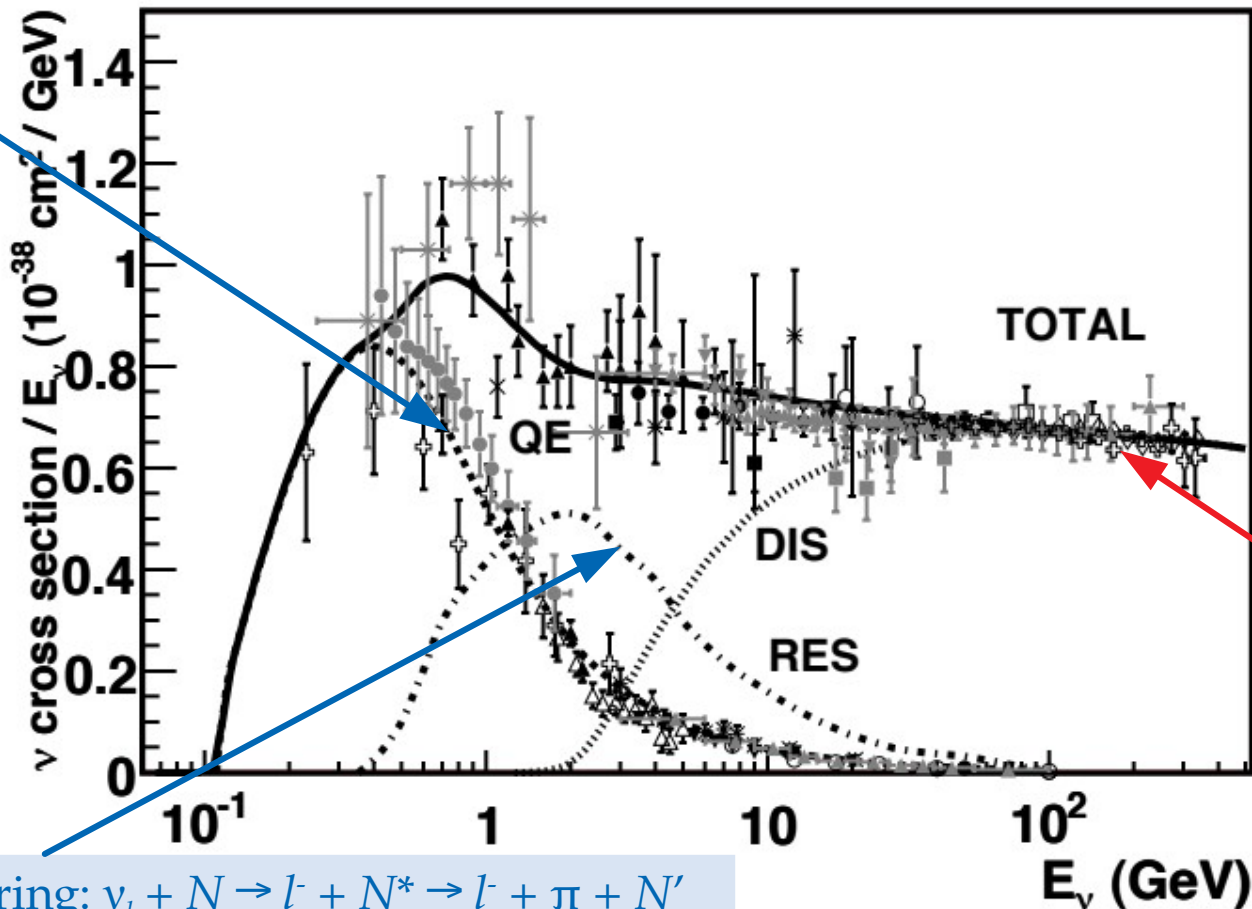
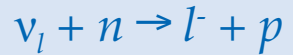
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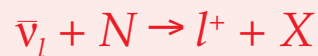
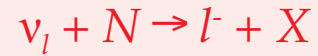
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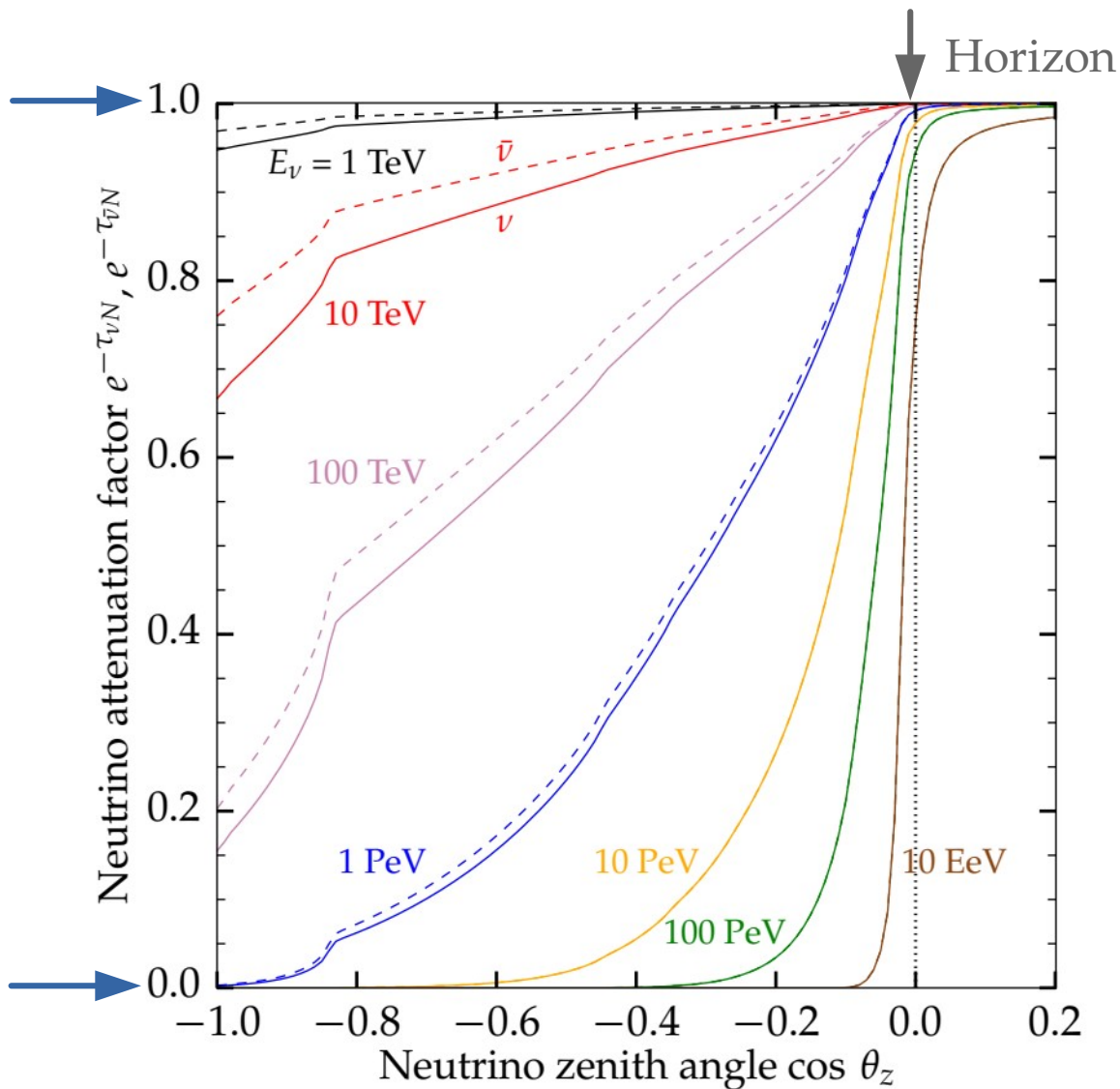
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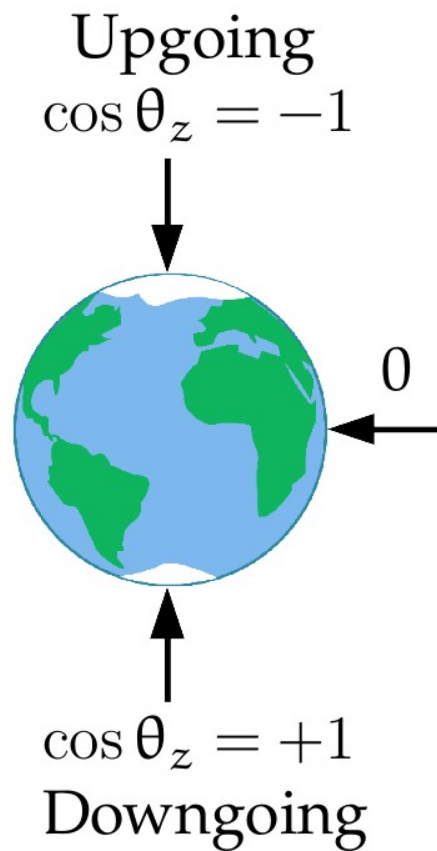
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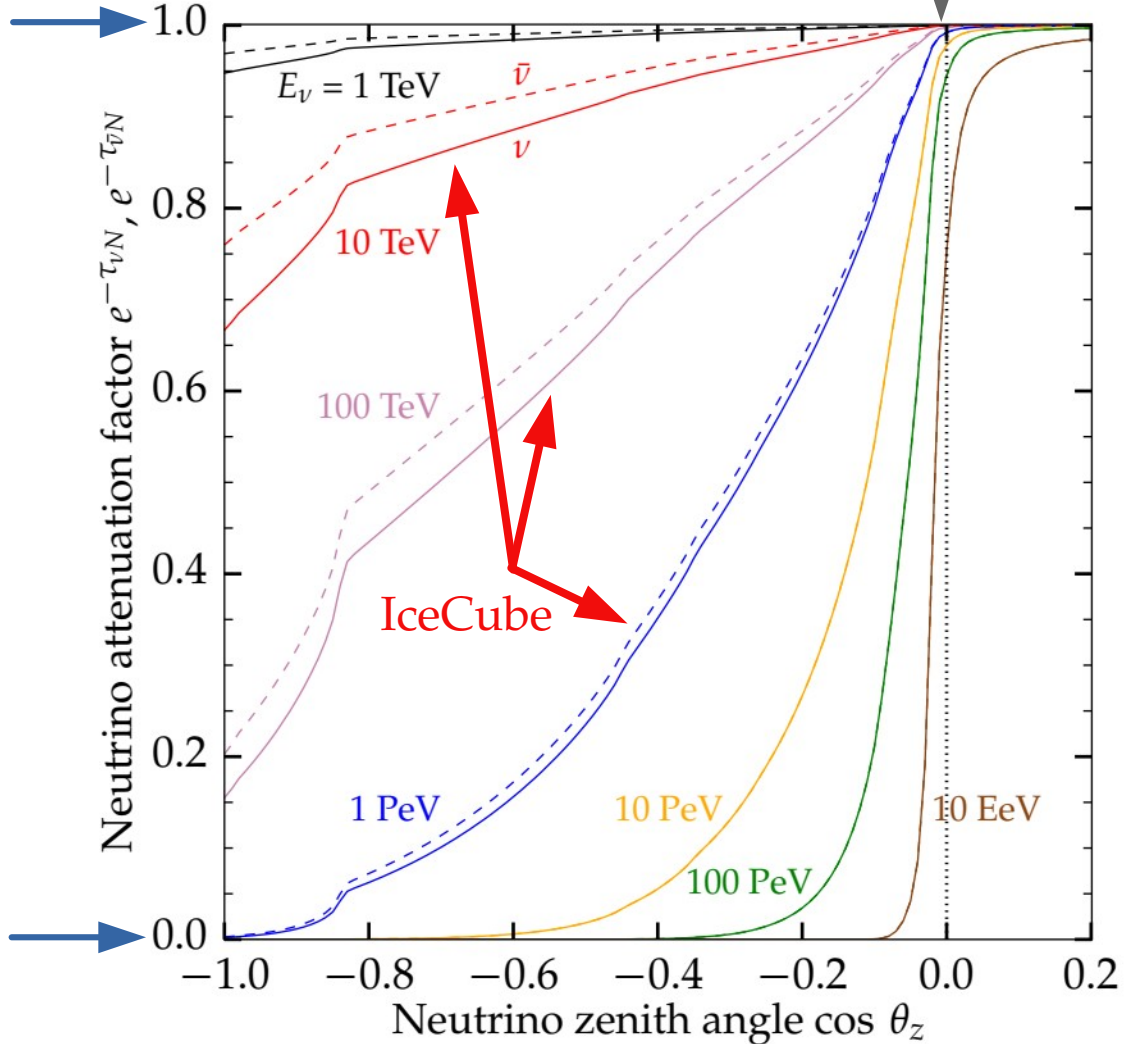
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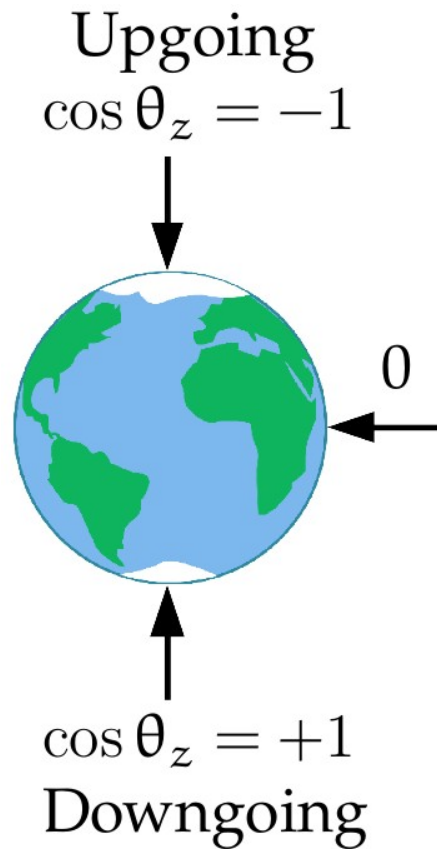
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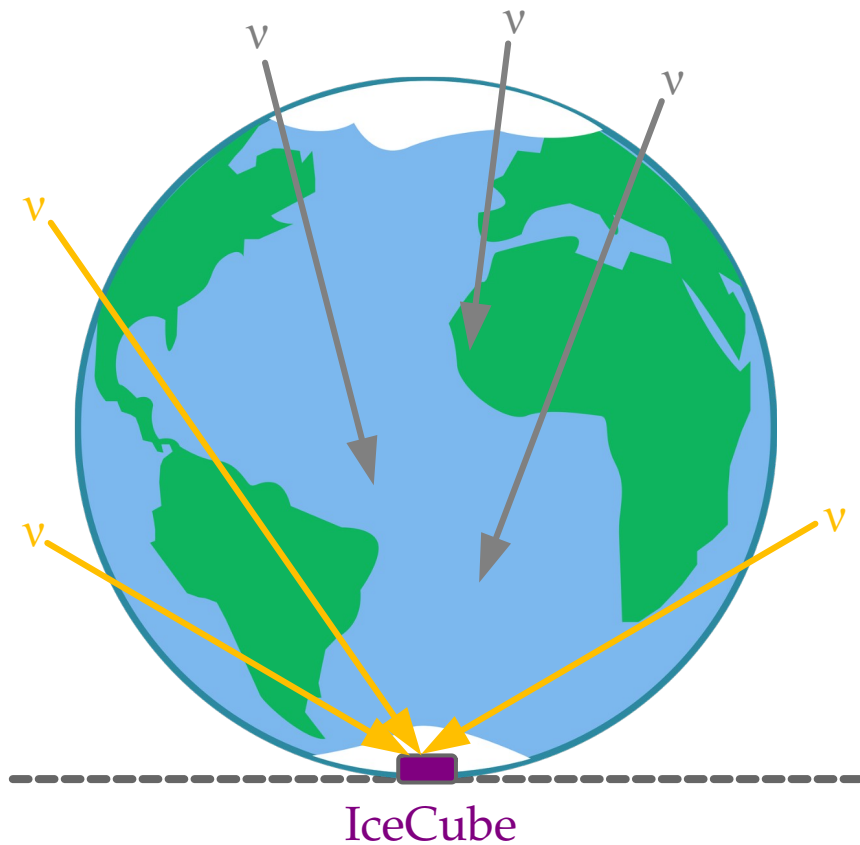
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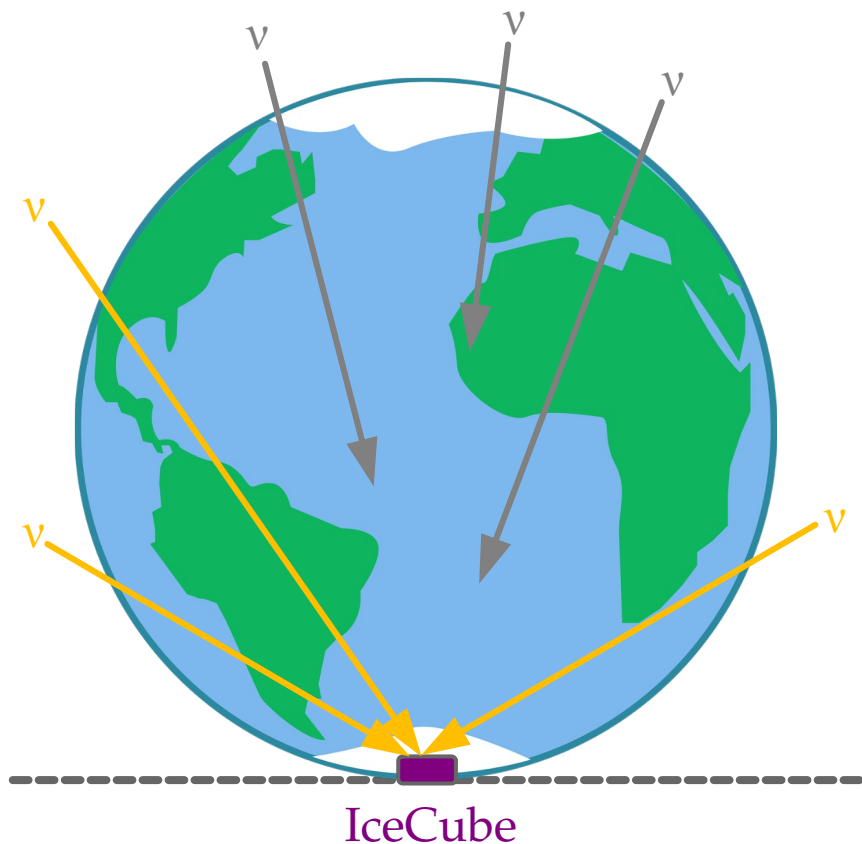


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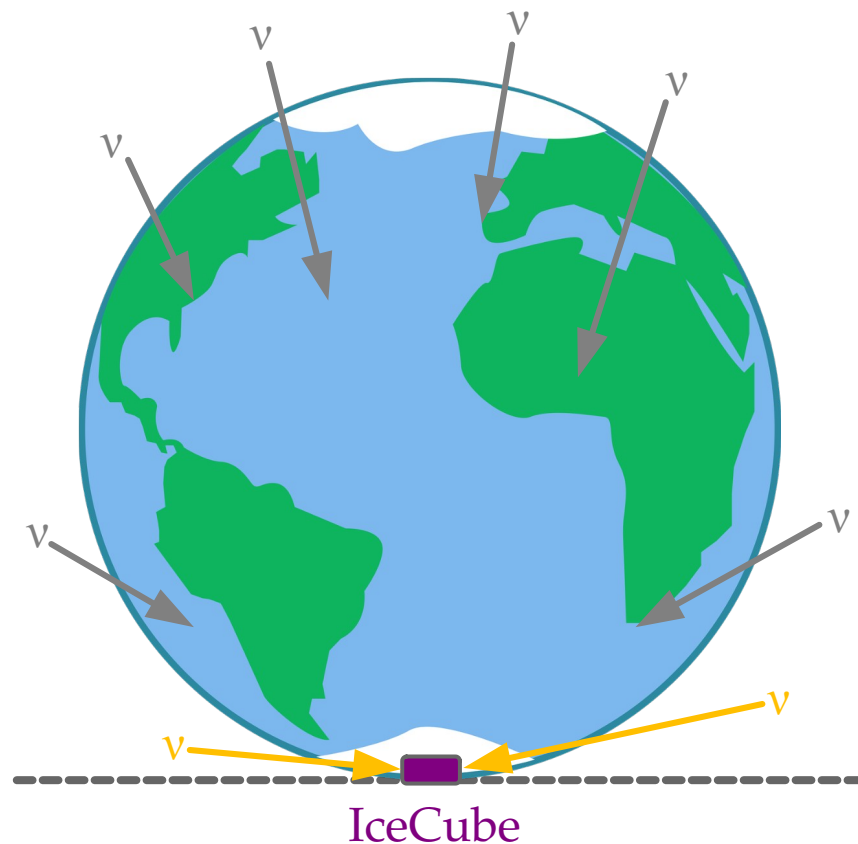
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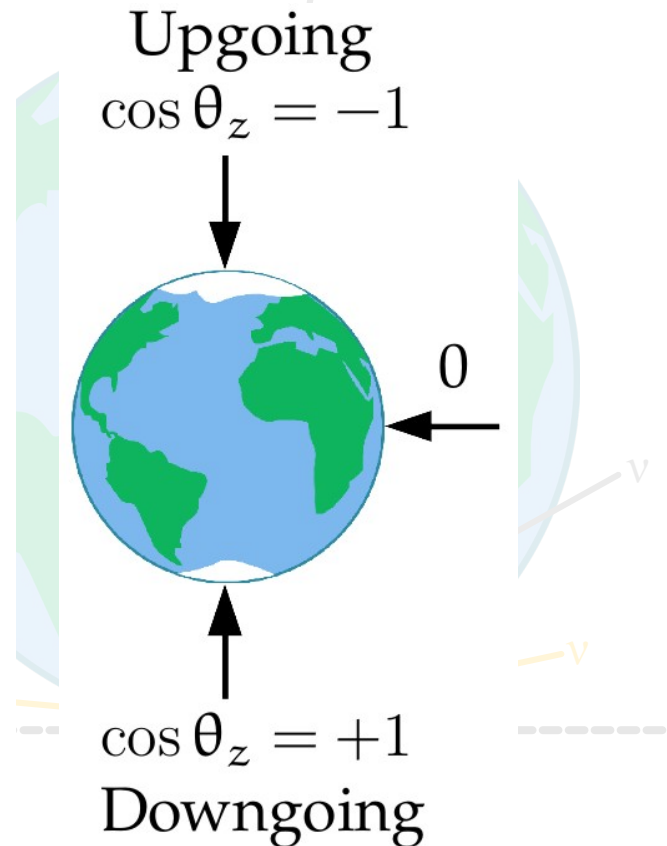
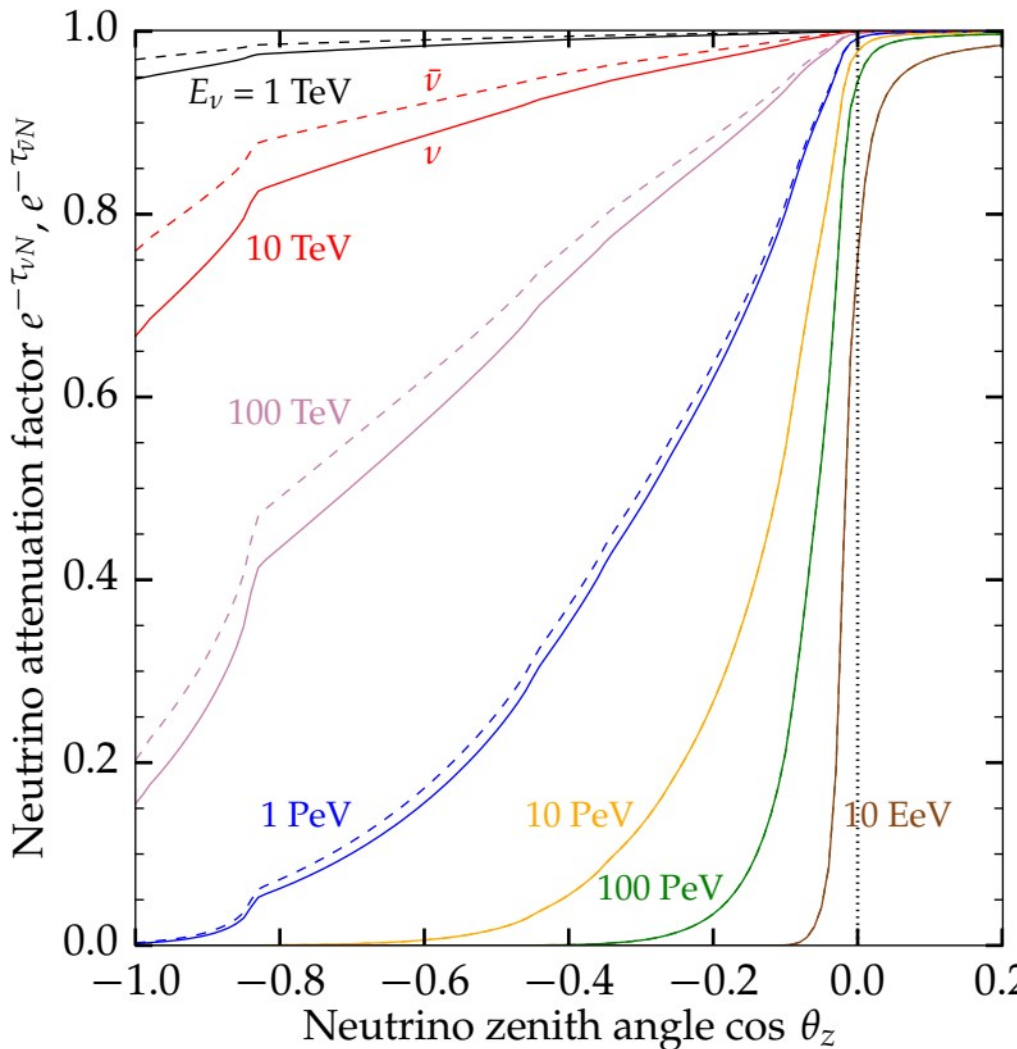
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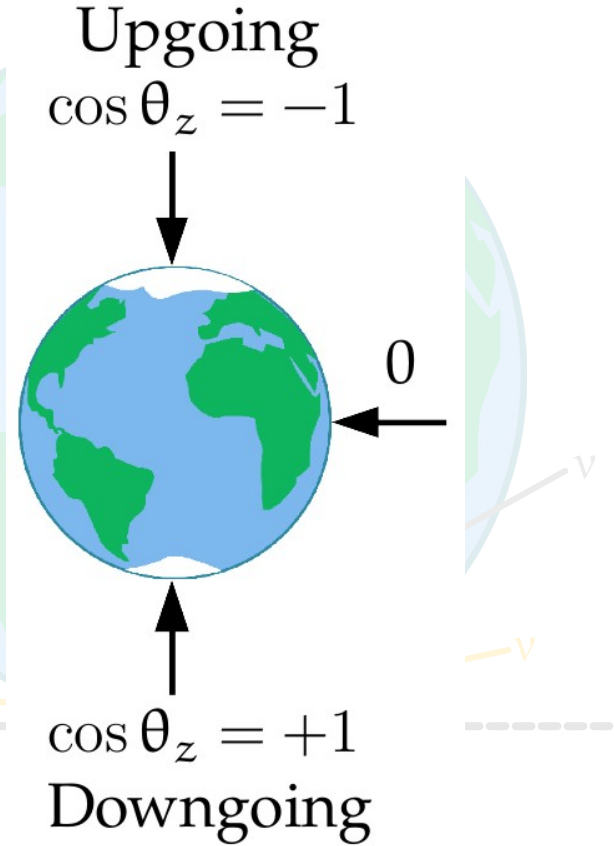
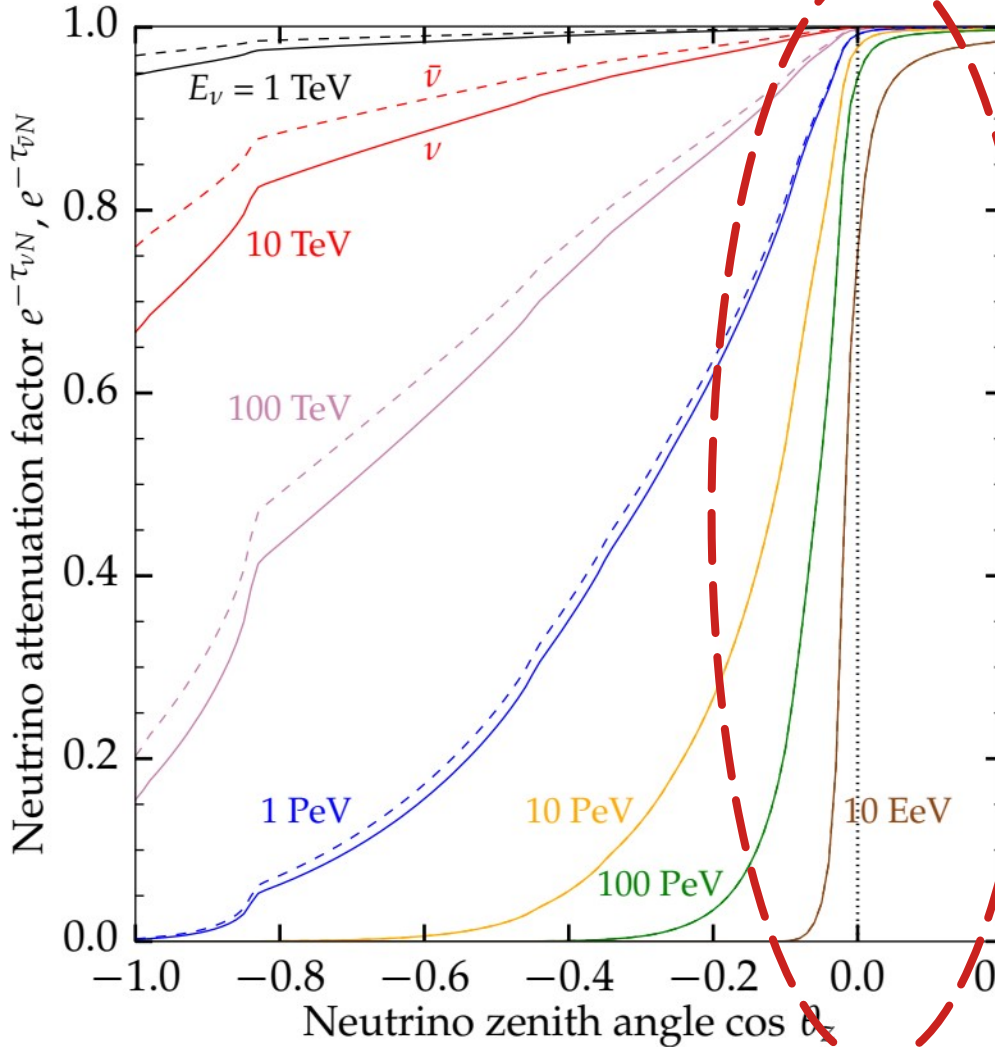
Earth is *completely* opaque,
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TeV–PeV ν

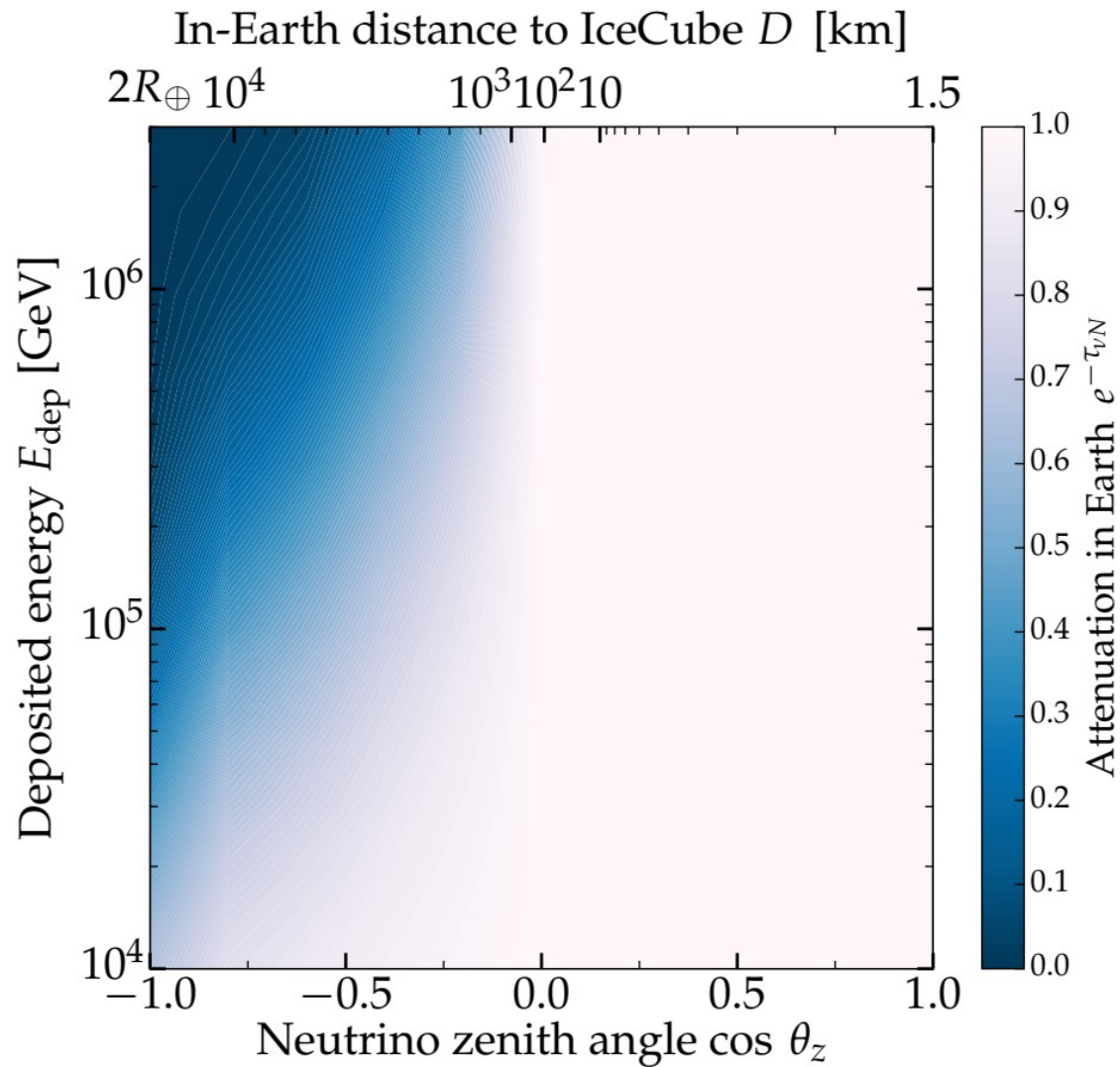


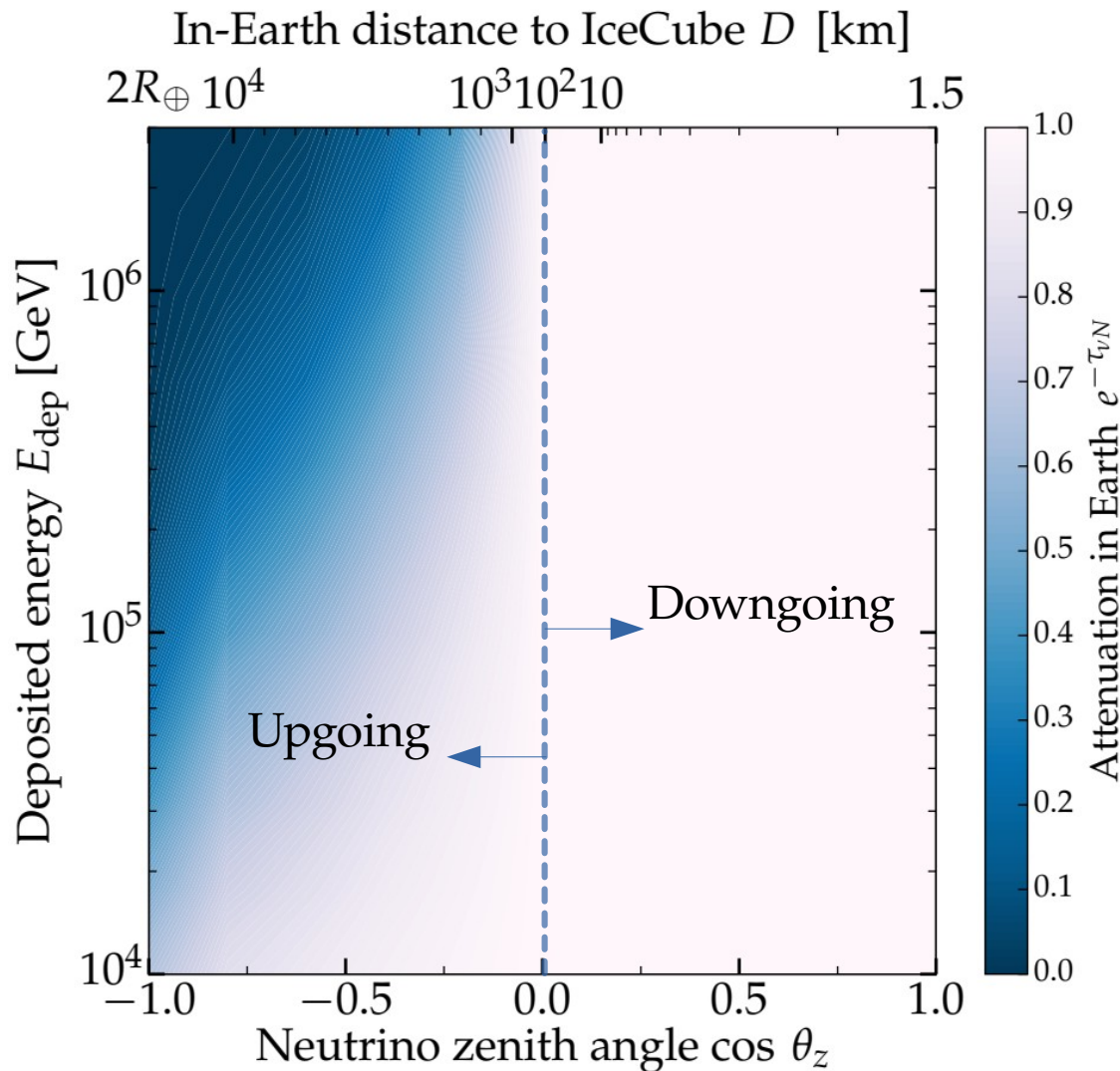
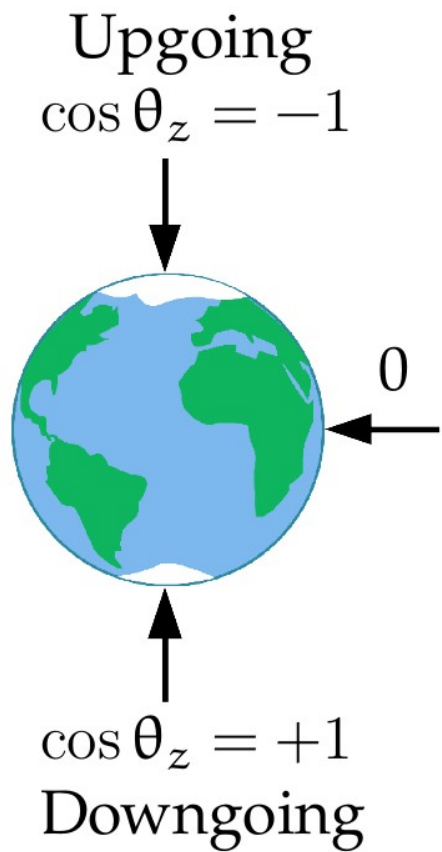
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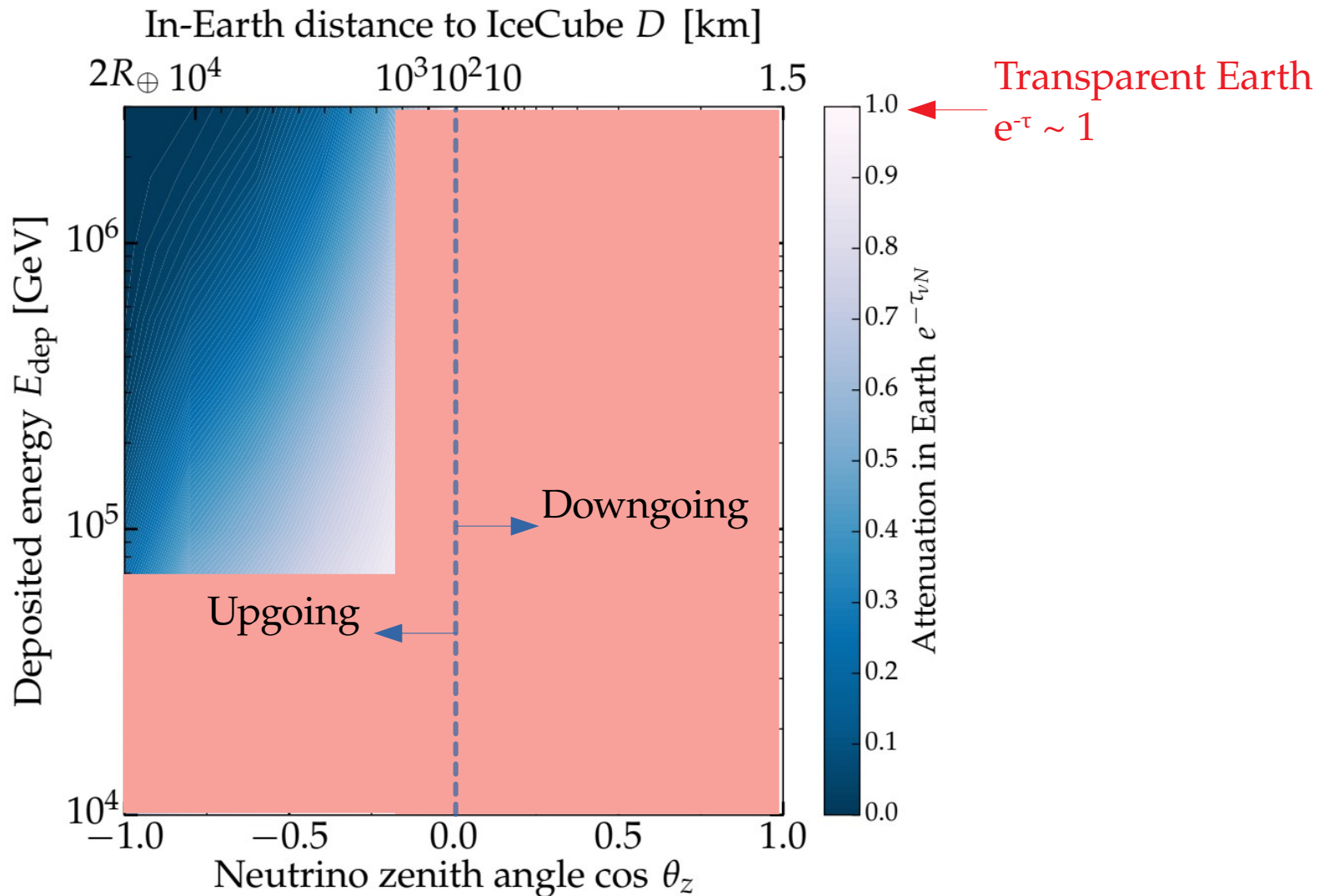
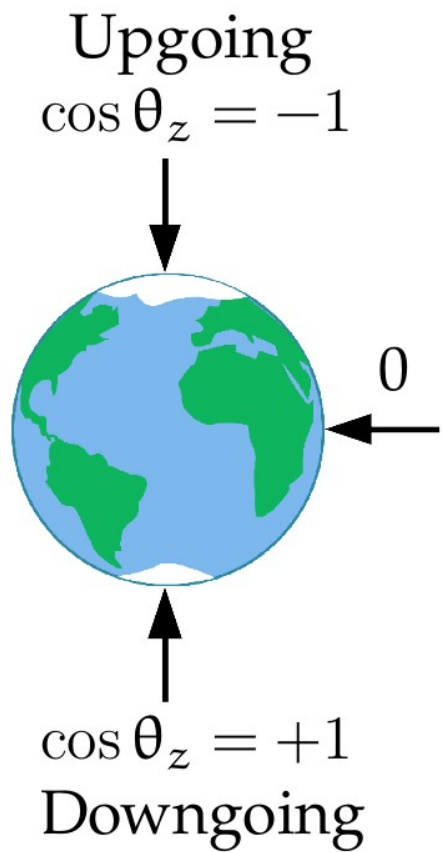
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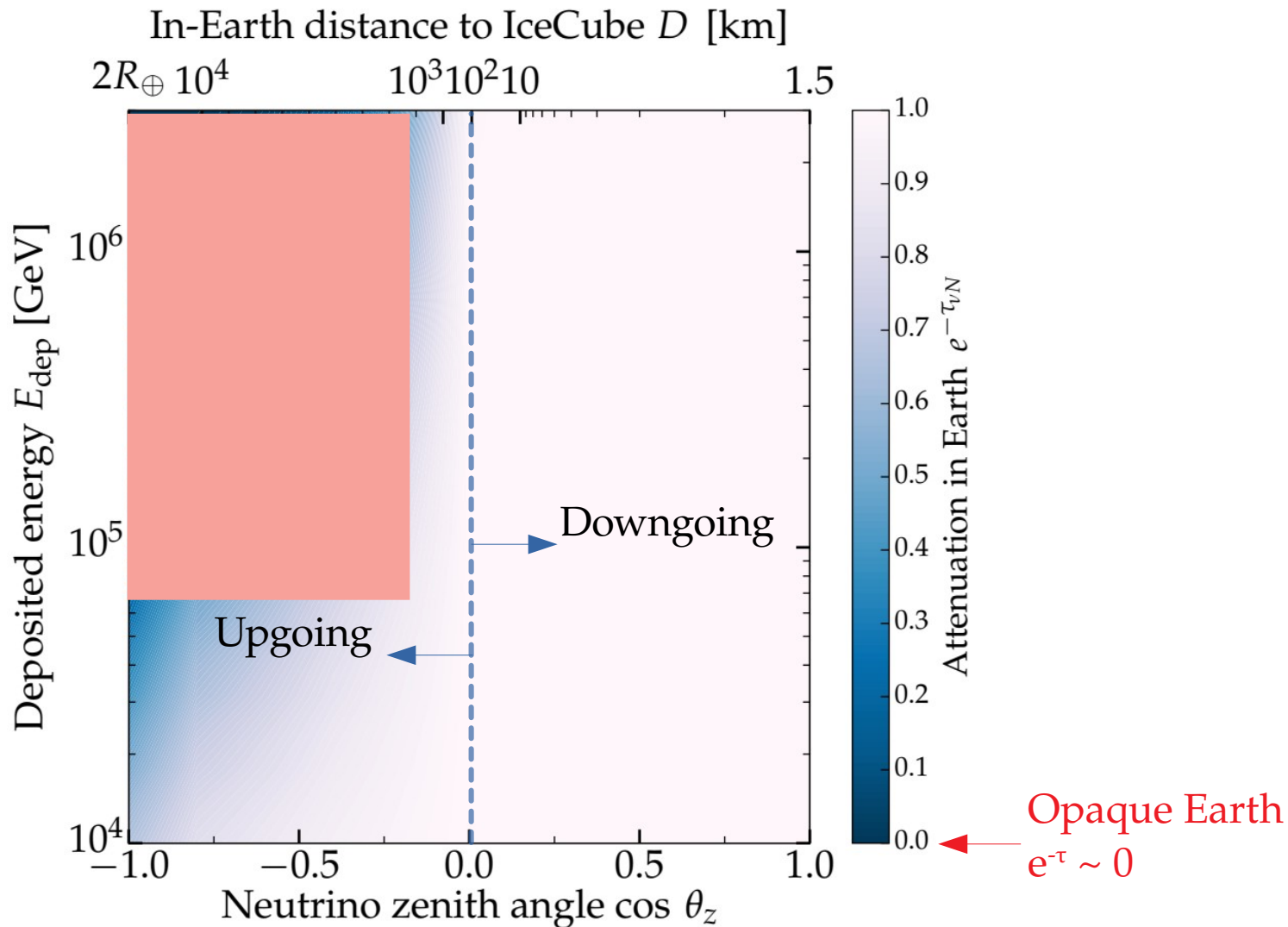
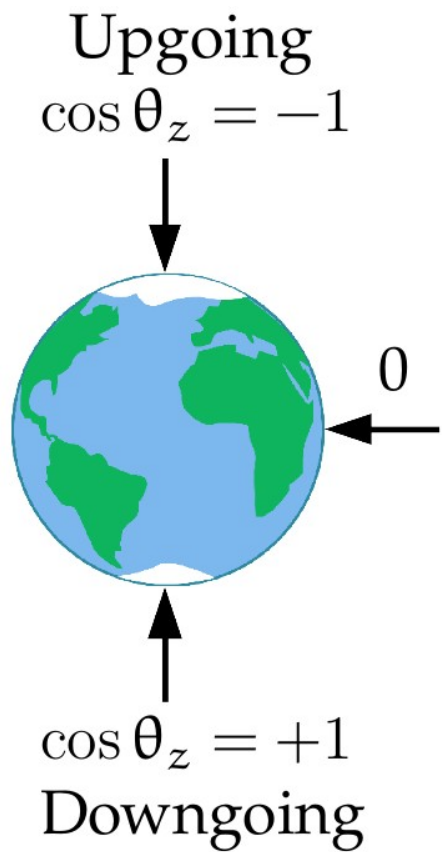


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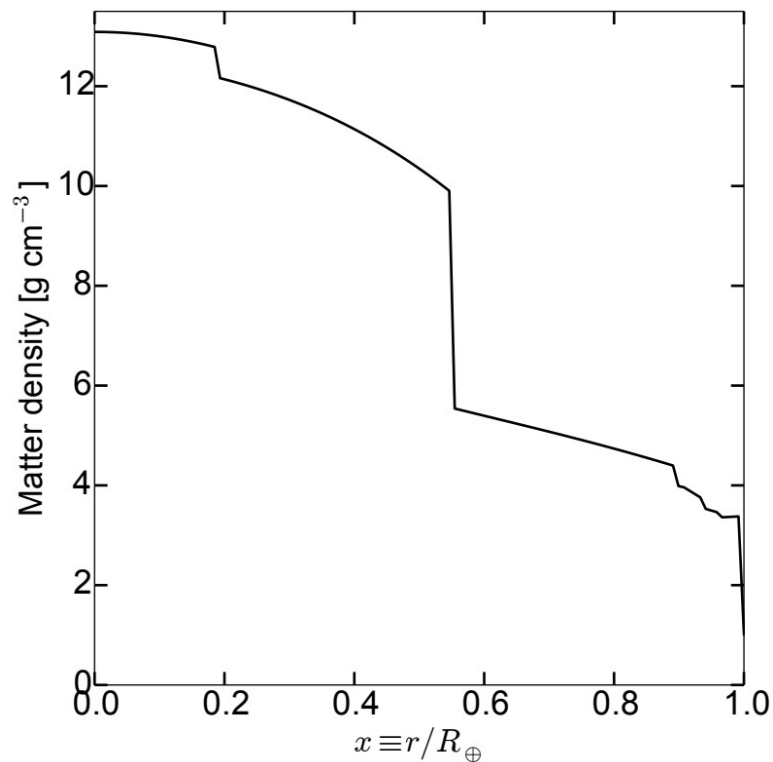




A feel for the in-Earth attenuation

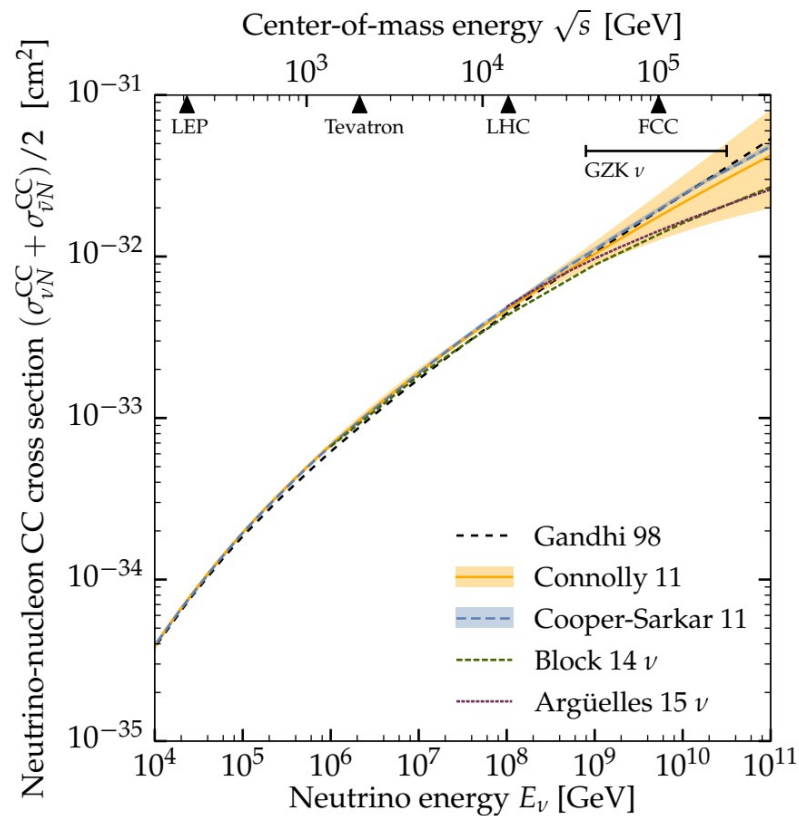
Earth matter density

(Preliminary Reference Earth Model)

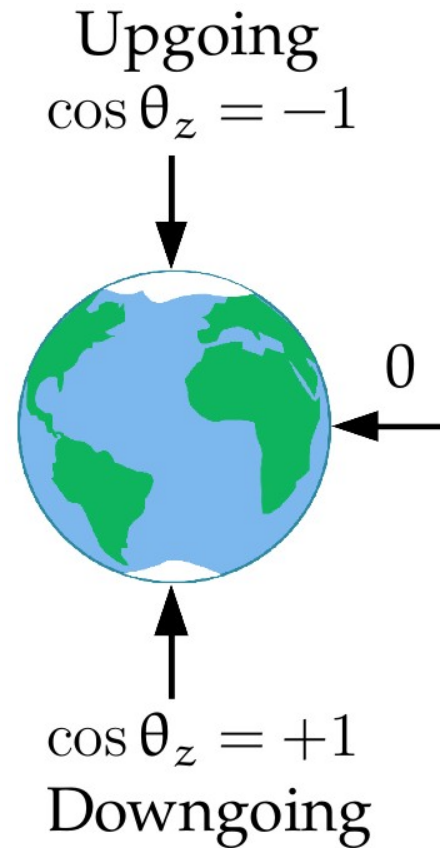
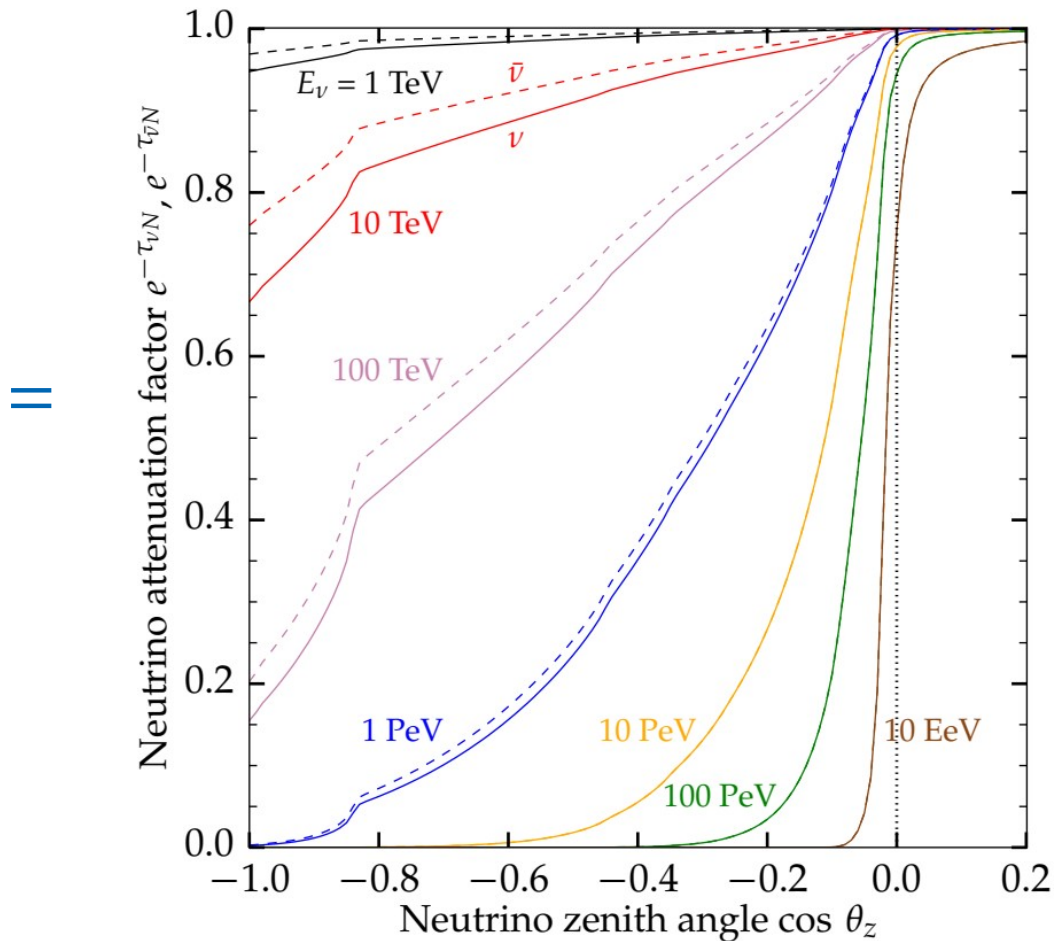


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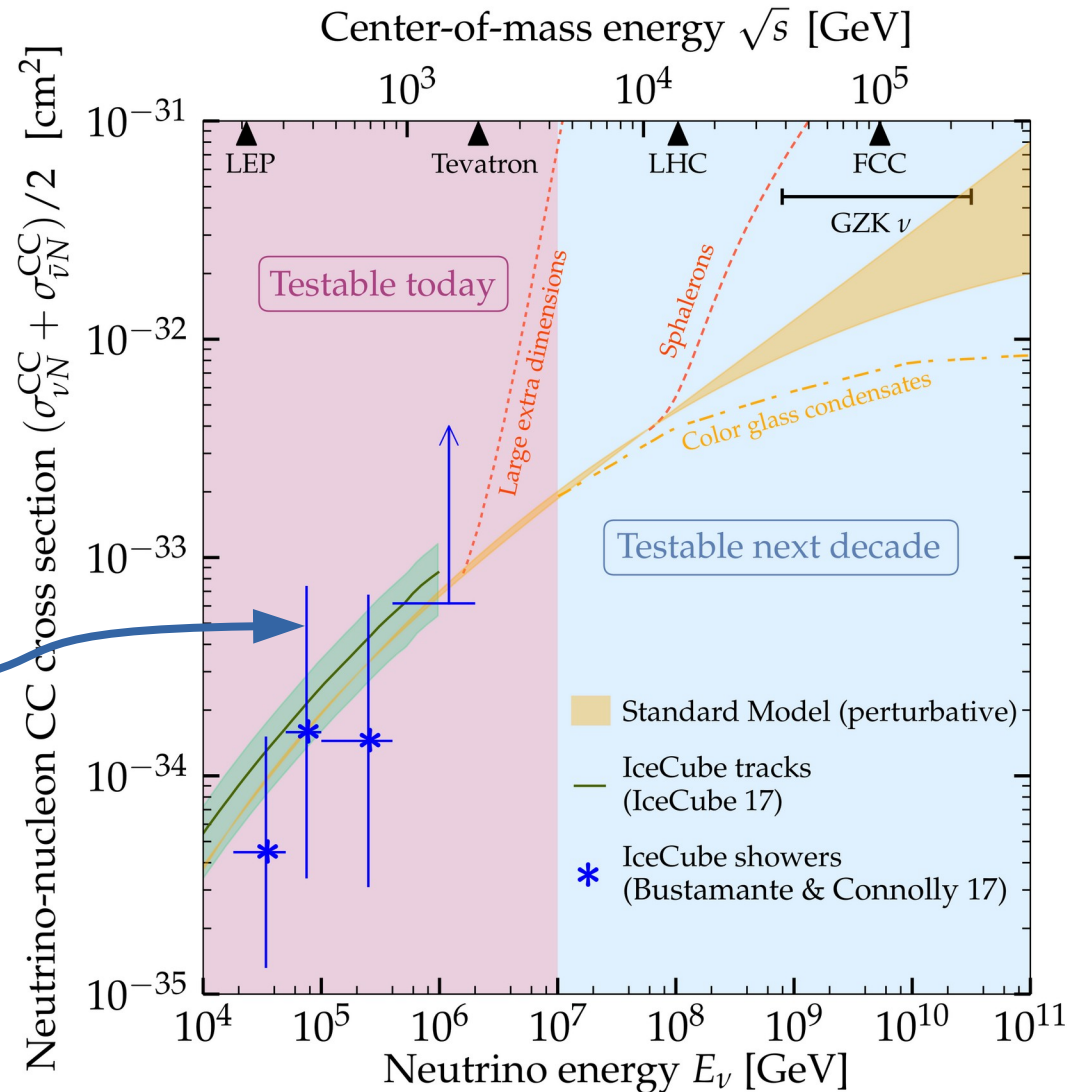
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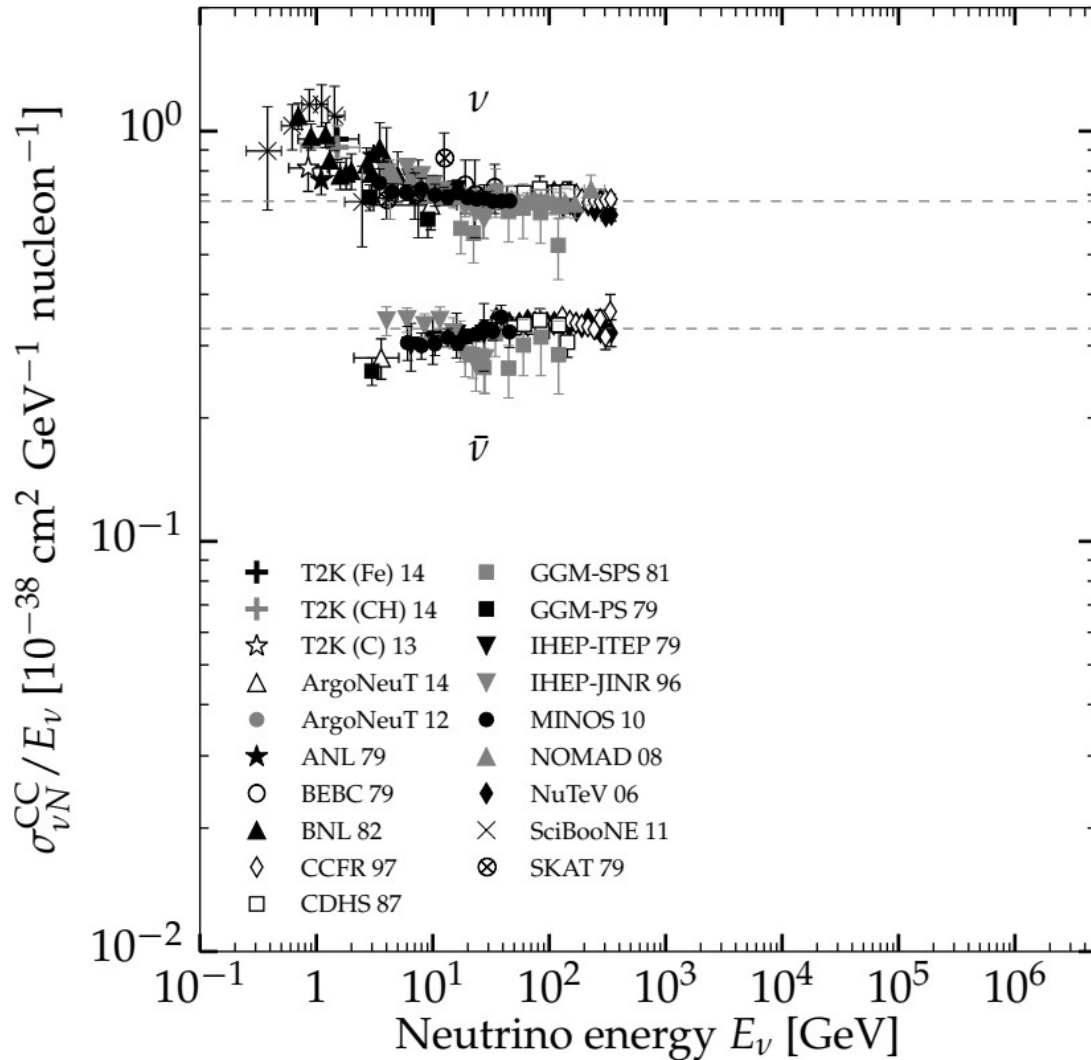


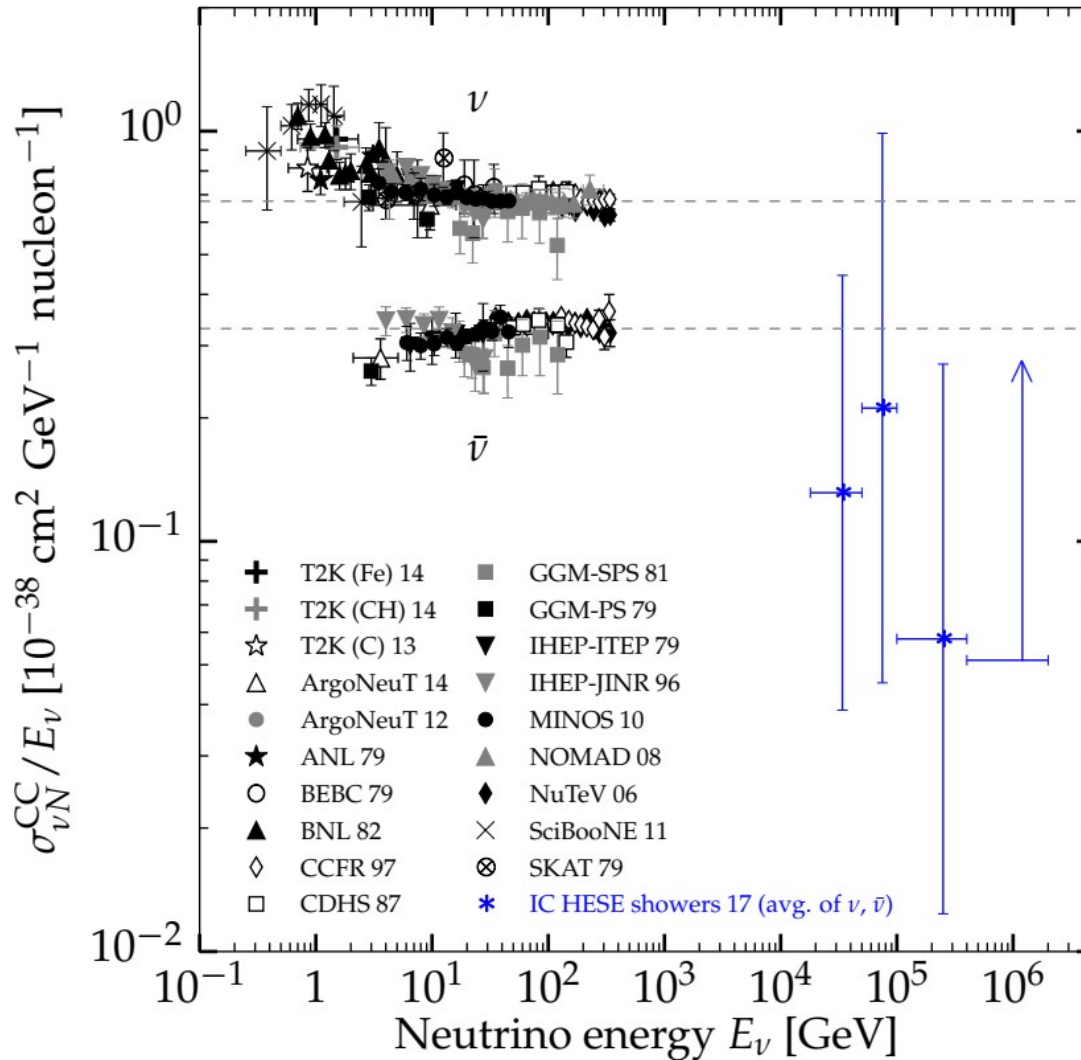
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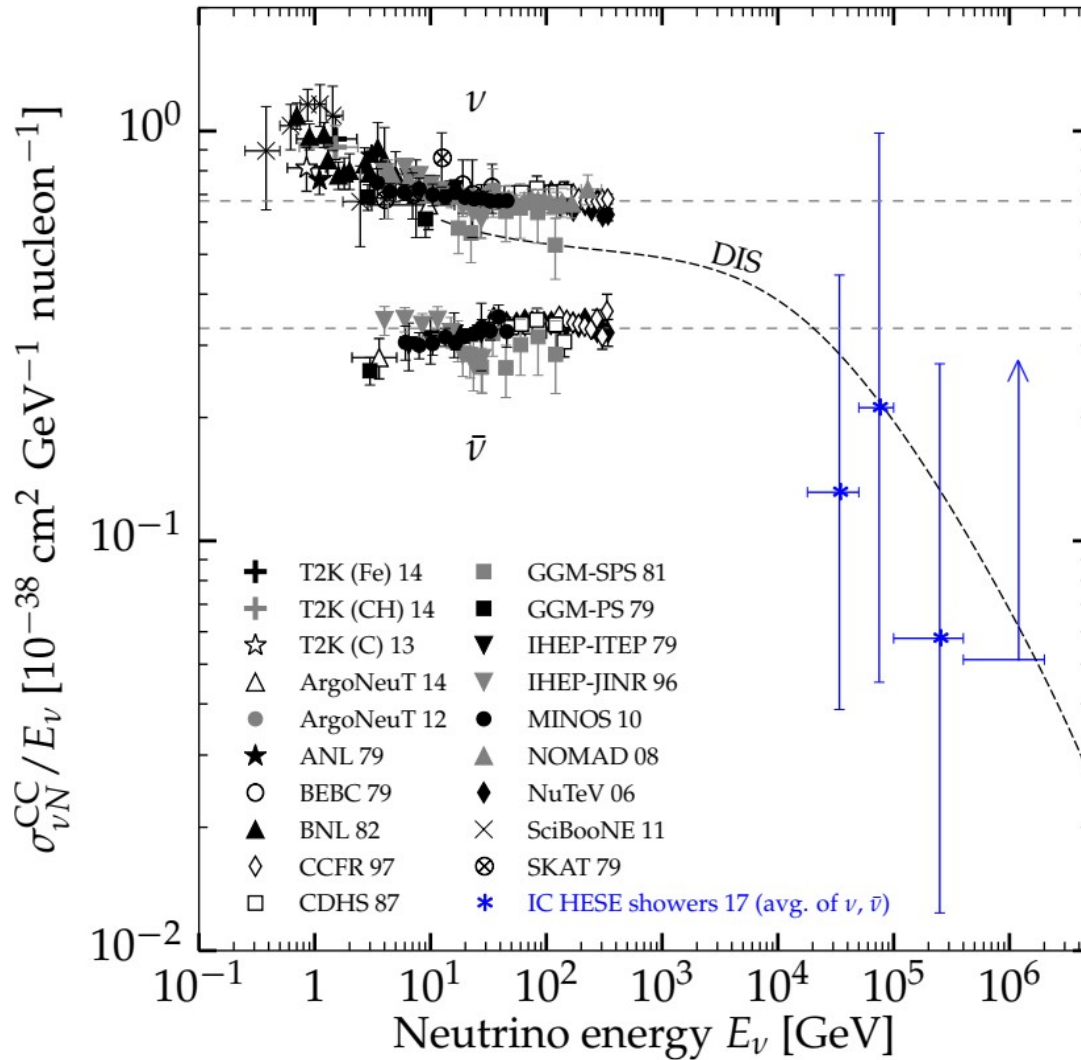


- ▶ Fold in astrophysical unknowns (spectral index, normalization)
- ▶ Compatible with SM predictions
- ▶ Still room for new physics
- ▶ **Today, using IceCube:**
 - ▶ Extracted from ~60 showers in 6 yr
 - ▶ Limited by statistics
- ▶ **Future, using IceCube-Gen2:**
 - ▶ × 5 volume ⇒ 300 showers in 6 yr
 - ▶ Reduce statistical error by 40%

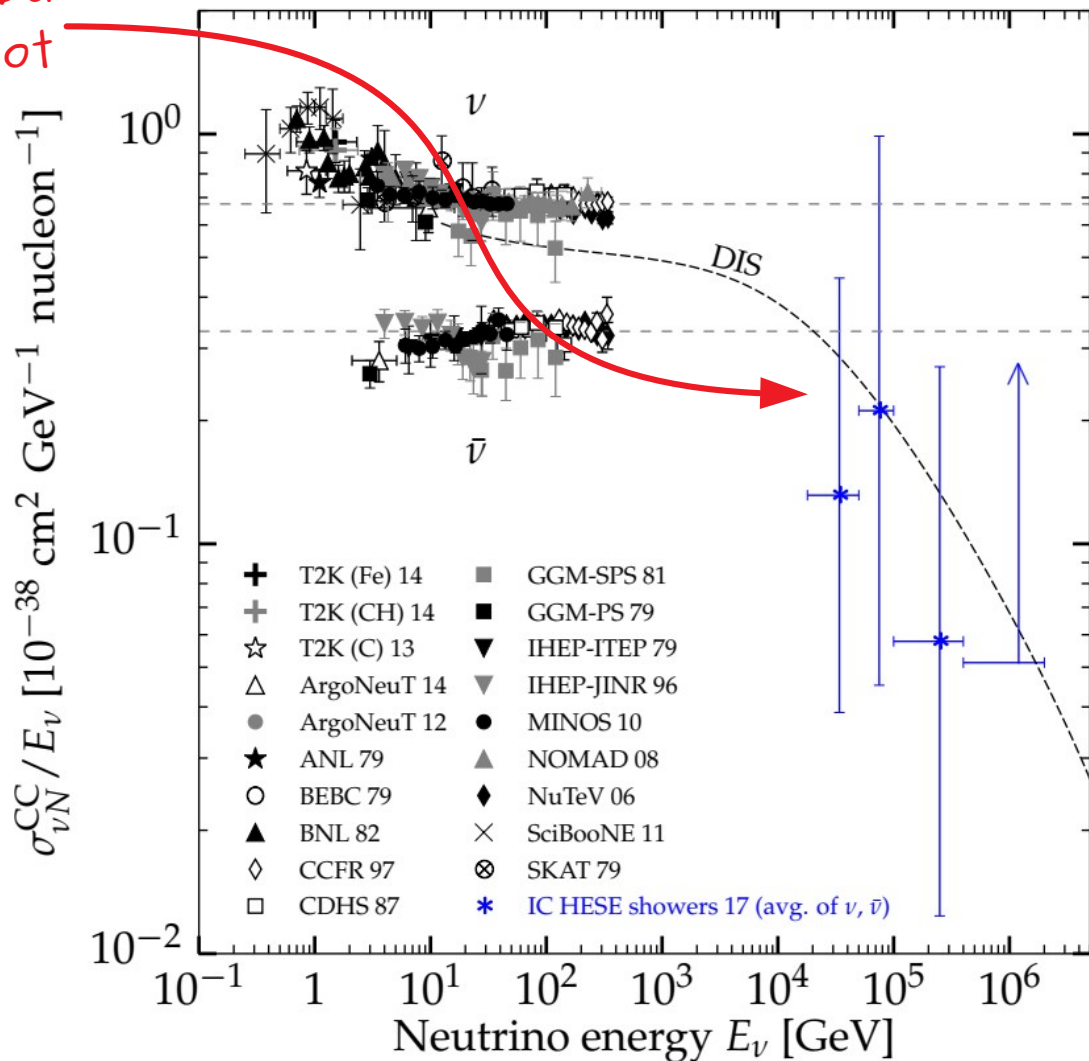








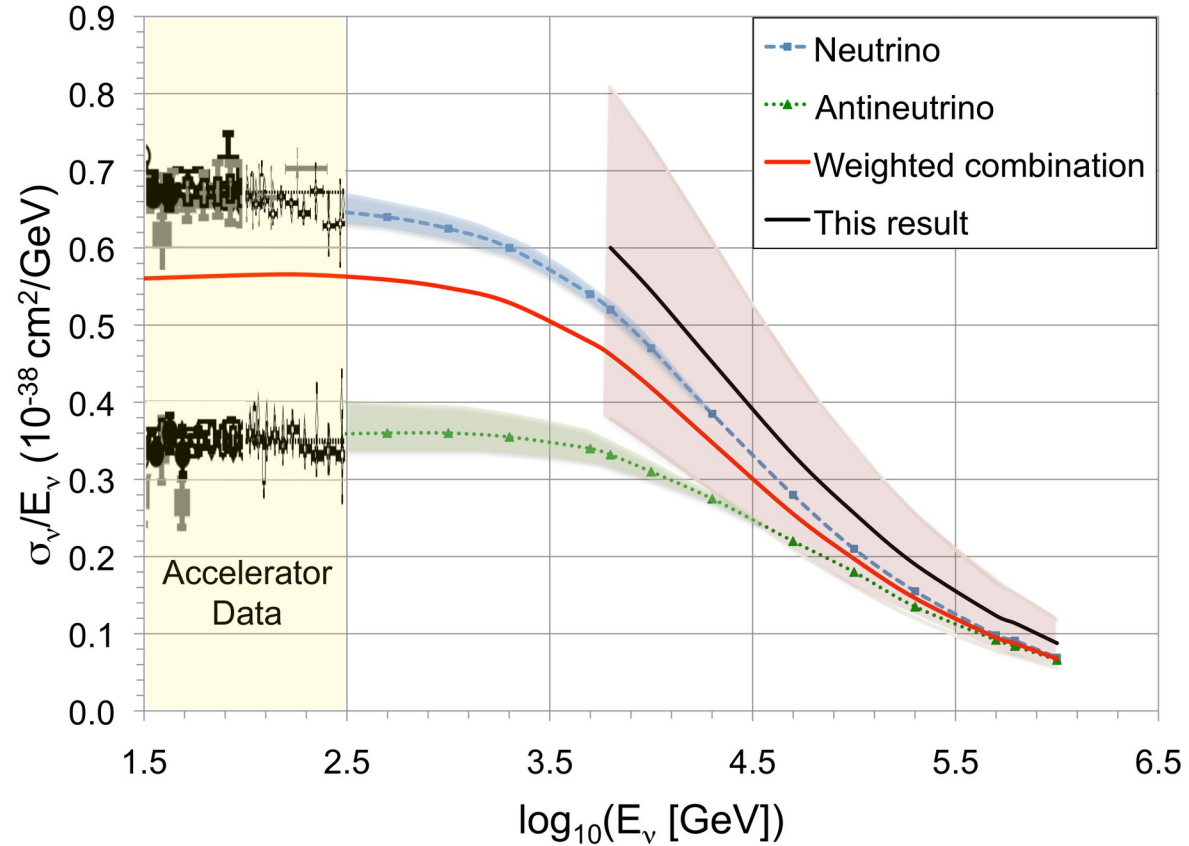
Extending the PDG cross-section plot



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

Using through-going muons instead

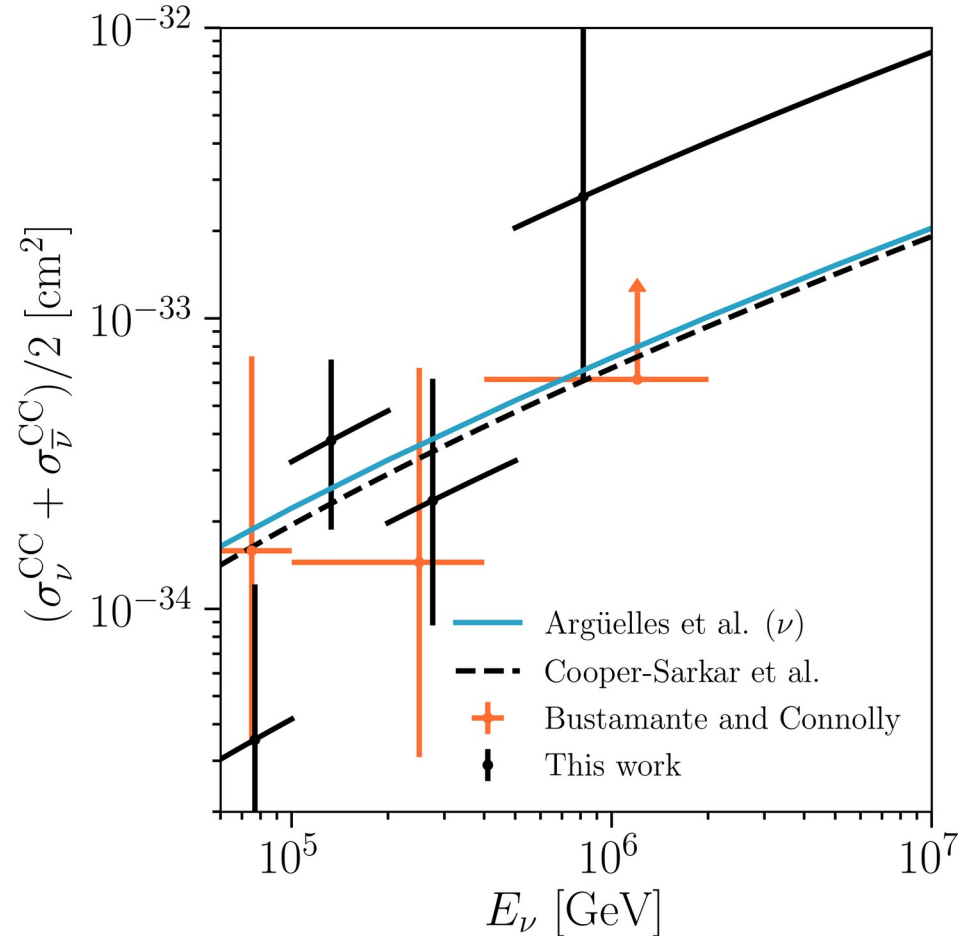
- ▶ Use $\sim 10^4$ through-going muons
- ▶ Measured: dE_μ/dx
- ▶ Inferred: $E_\mu \approx dE_\mu/dx$
- ▶ From simulations (uncertain): most likely E_ν given E_μ
- ▶ Fit the ratio $\sigma_{\text{obs}}/\sigma_{\text{SM}}$
 $1.30^{+0.21}_{-0.19}(\text{stat.})^{+0.39}_{-0.43}(\text{syst.})$
- ▶ All events grouped in a single energy bin 6–980 TeV



IceCube, *Nature* 2017

Updated cross section measurement

- ▶ Uses 7.5 years of IceCube data
- ▶ Uses starting showers + tracks
 - ▶ Vs. starting showers only in Bustamante & Connolly 2017
 - ▶ Vs. throughgoing muons in IceCube 2017
- ▶ Extends measurement to 10 PeV
- ▶ **Still compatible with Standard Model predictions**
- ▶ Higher energies? Work in progress by Valera & MB



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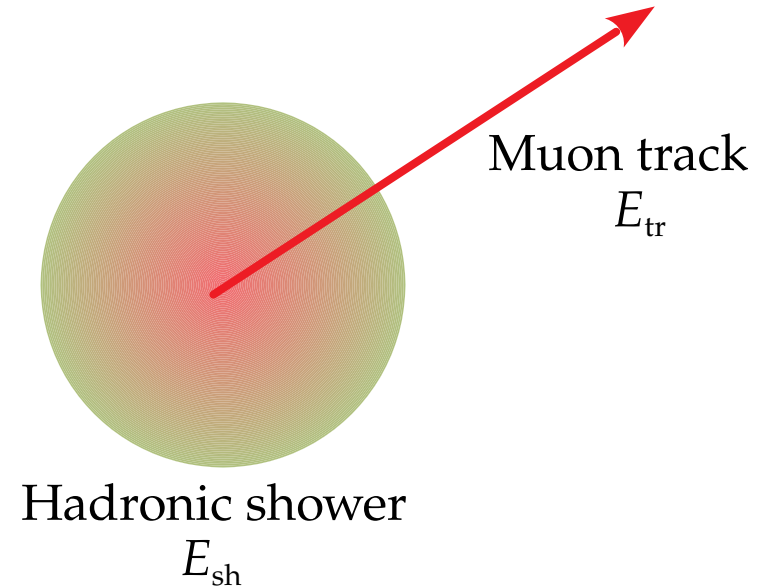
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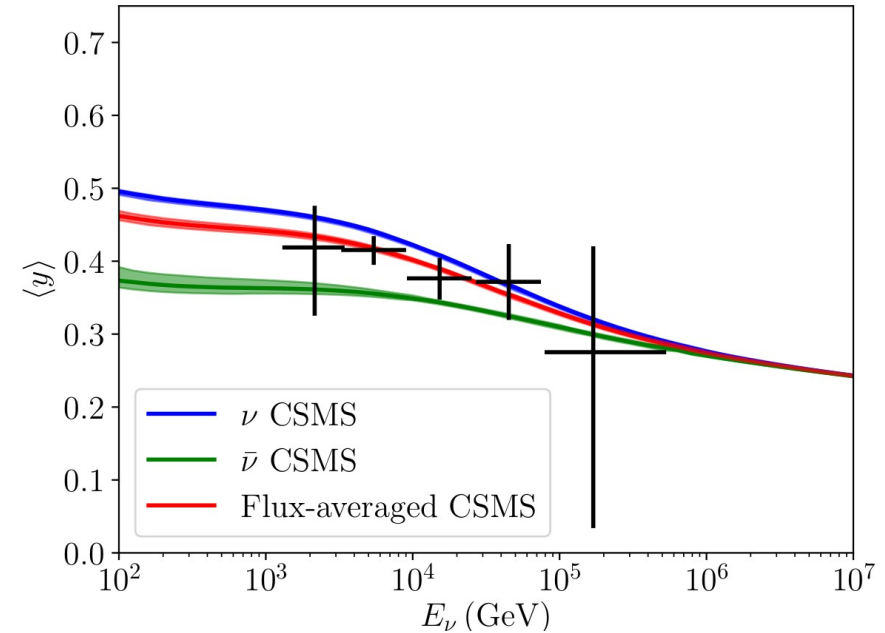
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IceCube, *PRD* 2019

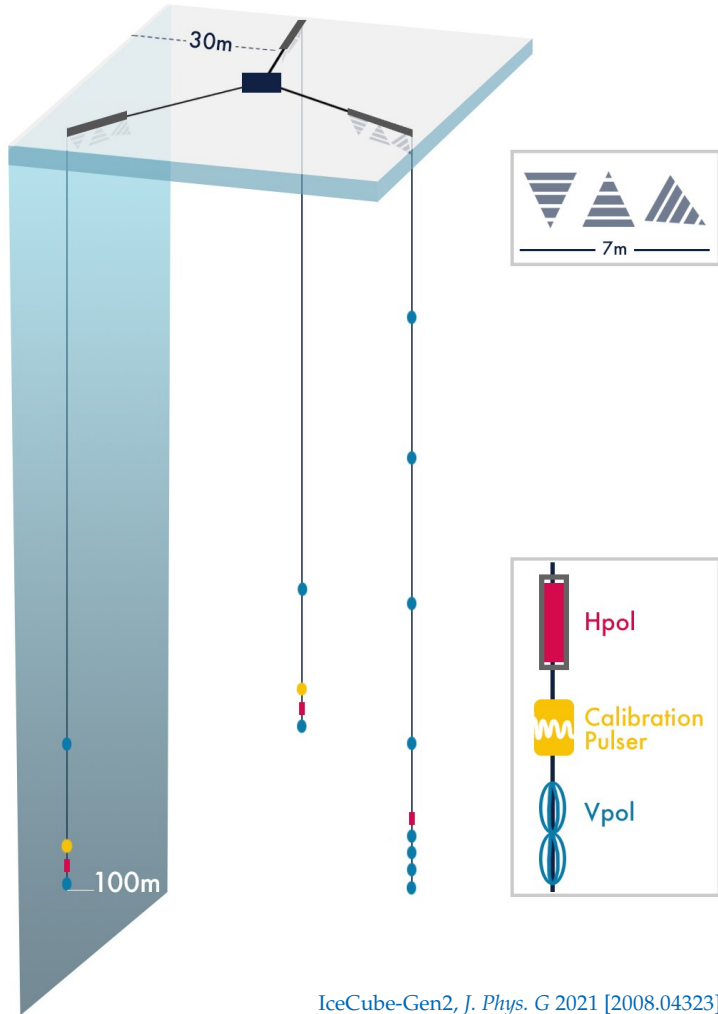
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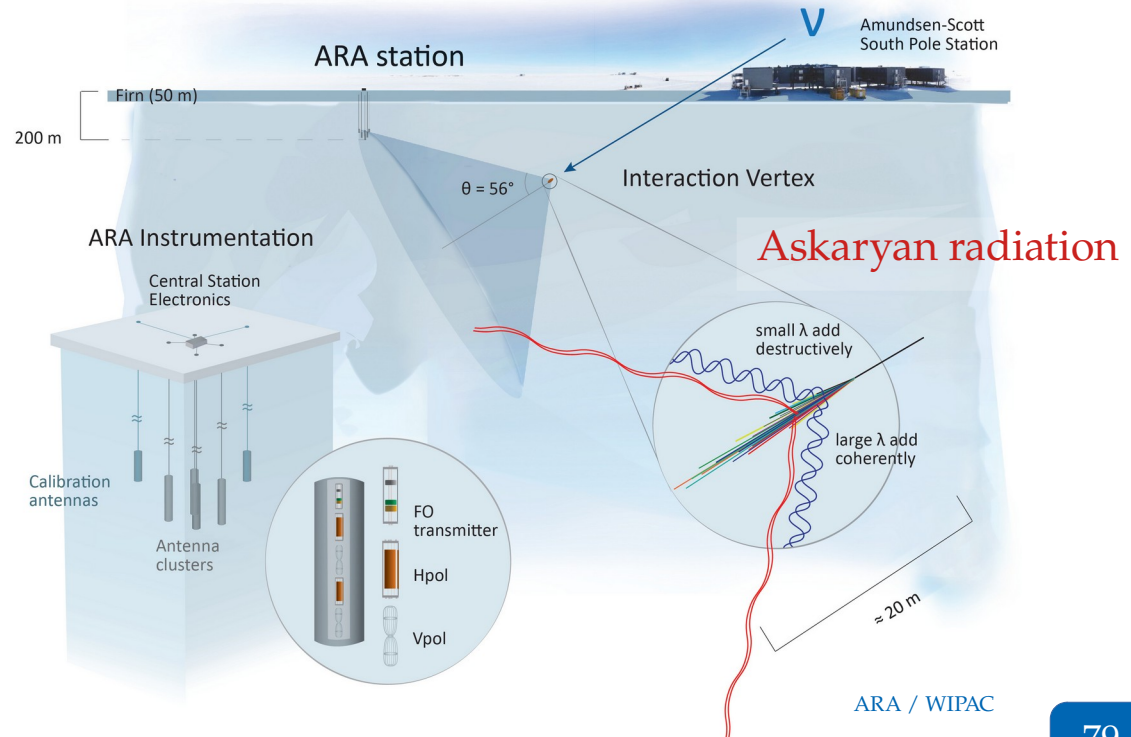
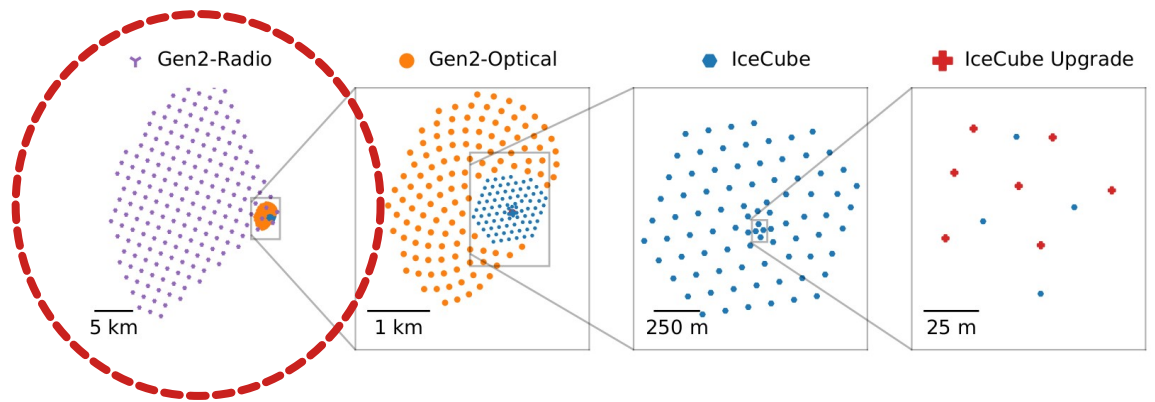


IceCube, PRD 2019

IceCube-Gen2 Radio



IceCube-Gen2, *J. Phys. G* 2021 [2008.04323]



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Example:
Secret neutrino interactions

ν SI with the UHE diffuse flux

Resonance energy: $E_{\text{res}} = \frac{M^2}{2m_\nu}$

Coupling matrix:

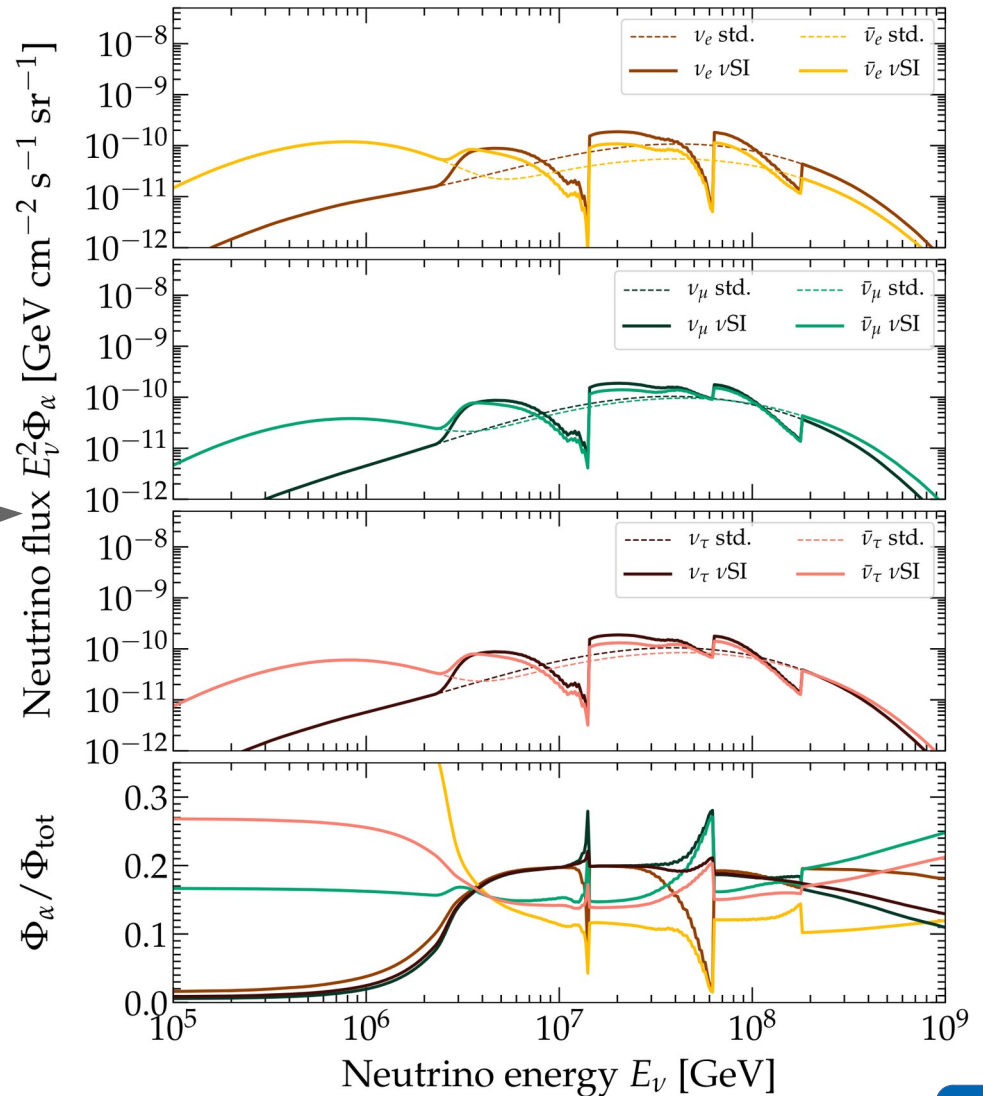
$$\mathbf{G} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} g_{ee} & g_{e\mu} & g_{e\tau} \\ g_{e\mu} & g_{\mu\mu} & g_{\mu\tau} \\ g_{e\tau} & g_{\mu\tau} & g_{\tau\tau} \end{pmatrix}$$

Different flavors can have different couplings

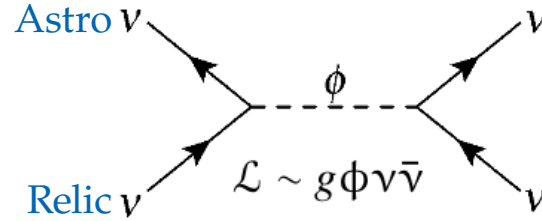
ν SI dips and bumps in the diffuse UHE ν flux:

- ▶ In the cosmogenic flux
- ▶ In the flux from sources

But we need enough events to detect the spectral features – we need POEMMA-360!



ν SI with the UHE transient flux



If this happens repeatedly, high-energy neutrinos disappear

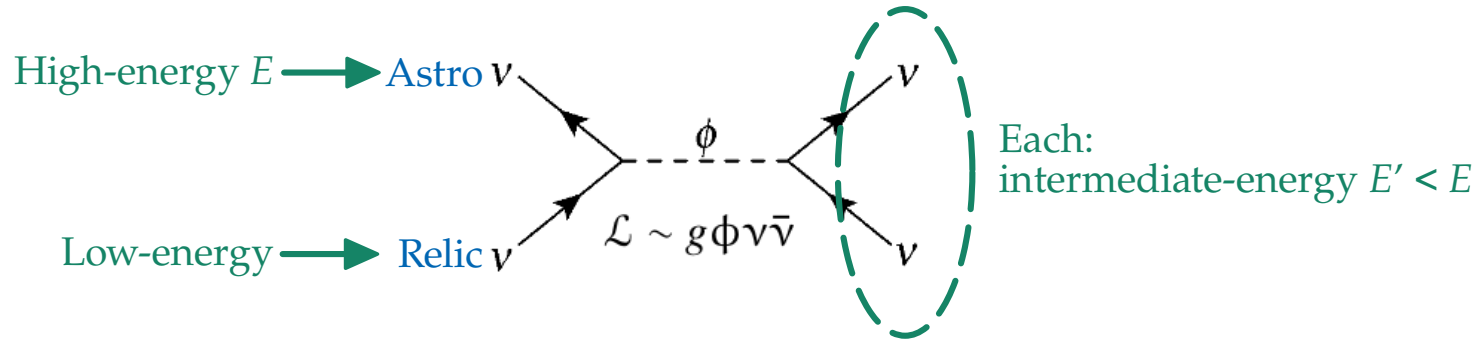
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Example:
Neutrino decay

Are neutrinos forever?

- ▶ In the Standard Model (vSM), neutrinos are essentially stable ($\tau > 10^{36}$ yr):
 - ▶ One-photon decay ($\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + \gamma$): $\tau > 10^{36} (m_i/\text{eV})^{-5}$ yr
 - ▶ Two-photon decay ($\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + \gamma + \gamma$): $\tau > 10^{57} (m_i/\text{eV})^{-9}$ yr
 - ▶ Three-neutrino decay ($\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + \nu_k + \bar{\nu}_k$): $\tau > 10^{55} (m_i/\text{eV})^{-5}$ yr
- ▶ BSM decays may have significantly higher rates: $\nu_i \rightarrow \nu_j + \varphi$
- ▶ φ : Nambu-Goldstone boson of a broken symmetry (e.g., Majoron)
- ▶ We work in a model-independent way:
the nature of φ is unimportant if it is invisible to neutrino detectors

» Age of Universe
(~ 14.5 Gyr)

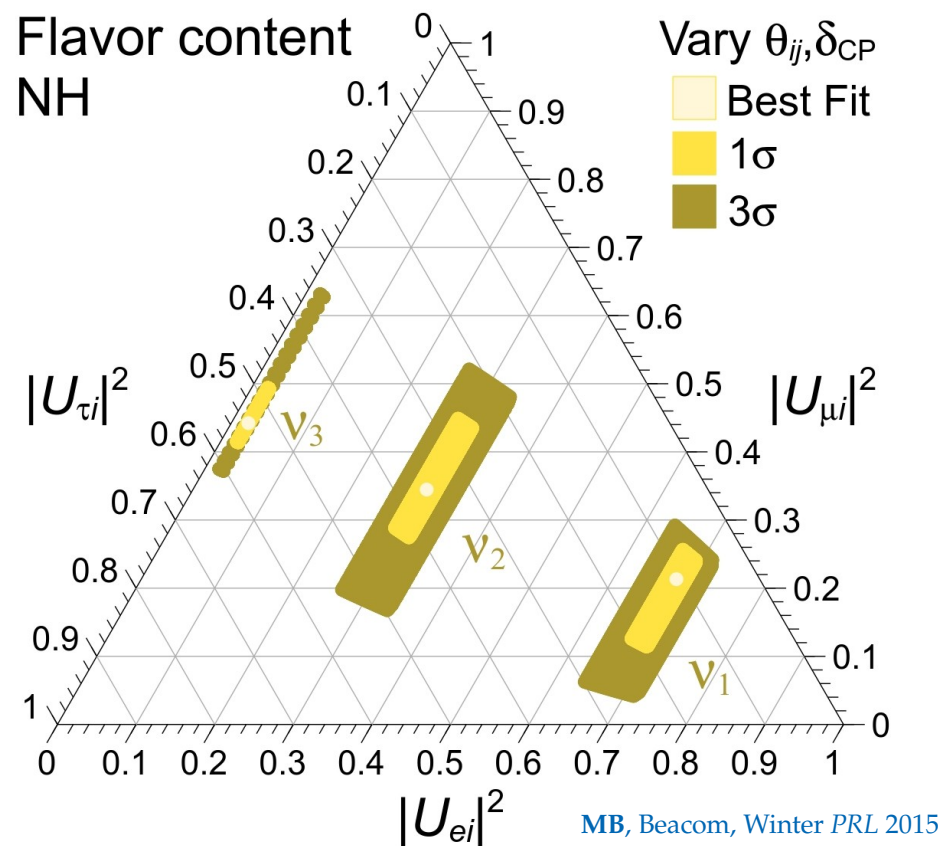
Flavor content of neutrino mass eigenstates

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

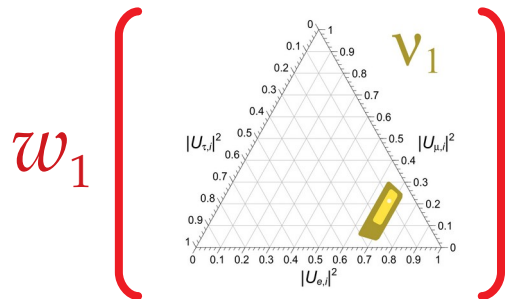
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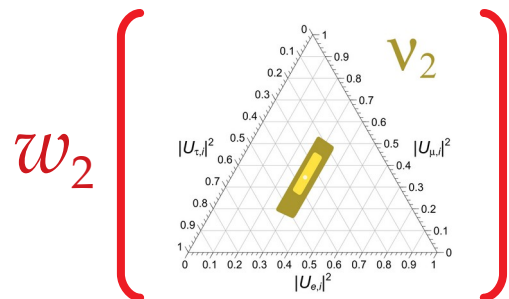
Known to within 20% (or worse)



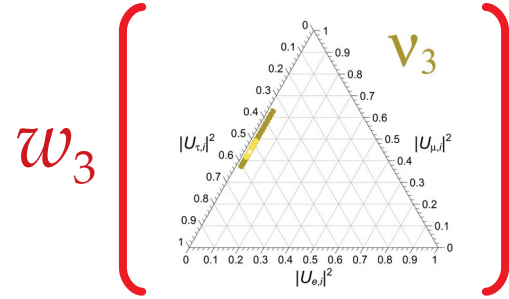
Neutrinos propagate as an incoherent mix of ν_1, ν_2, ν_3 —



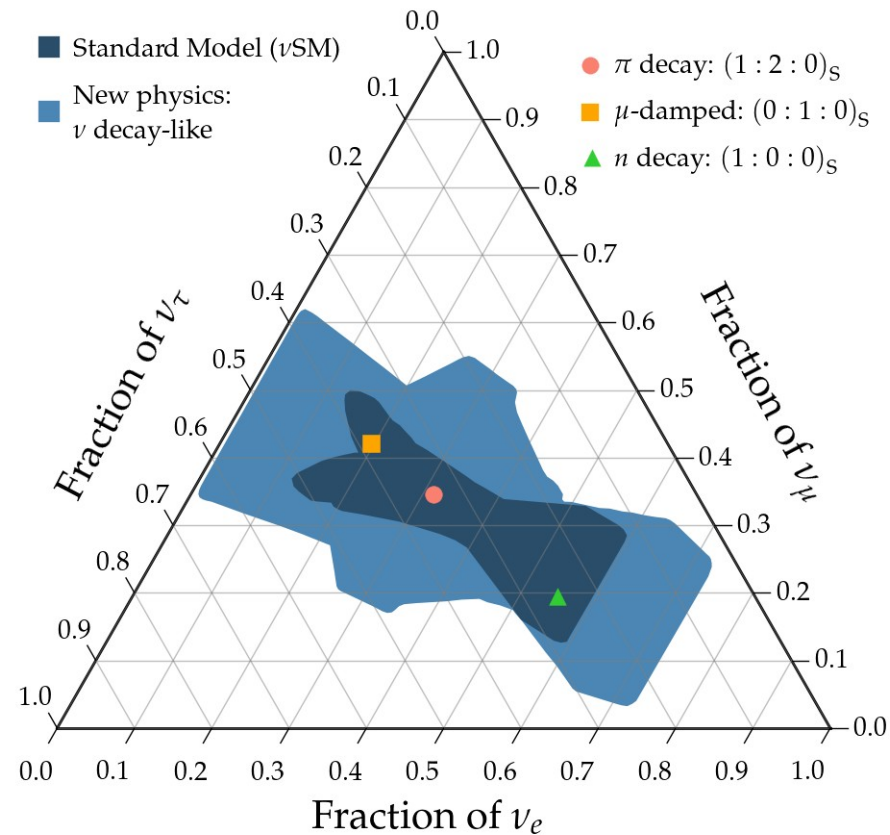
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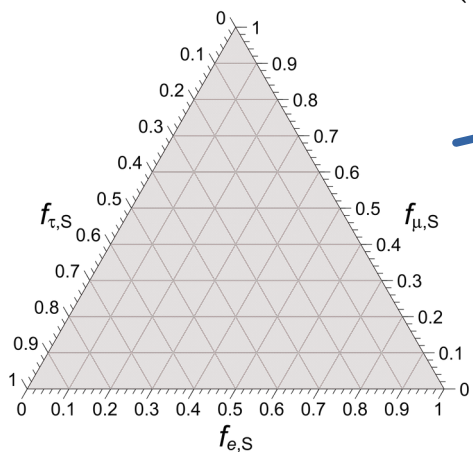
Varying all possible combinations of weights w_i and mixing parameters



Complete decay selects particular weights w_i with striking consequences for flavor

Measuring the neutrino lifetime

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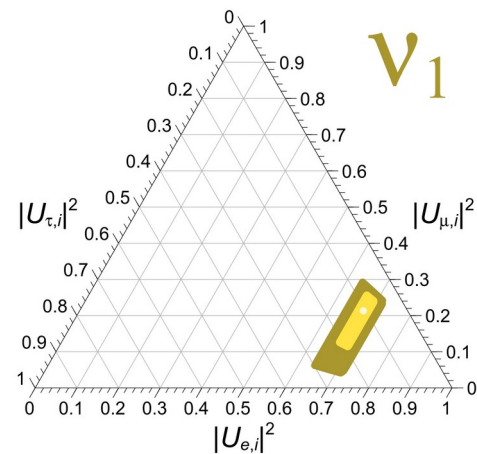


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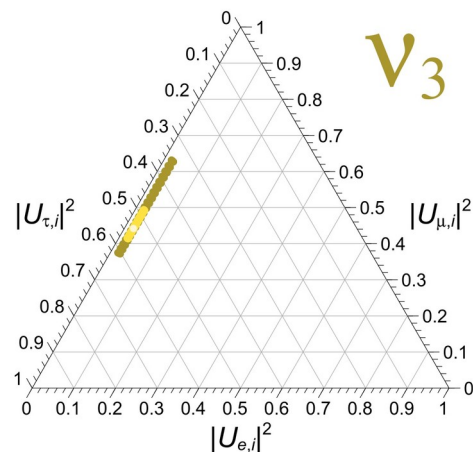
If all unstable neutrinos decay

$\underbrace{\nu_{1'}, \nu_2 \rightarrow \nu_3}_{\nu_3 \text{ lightest and stable (inverted mass ordering)}}$

Earth



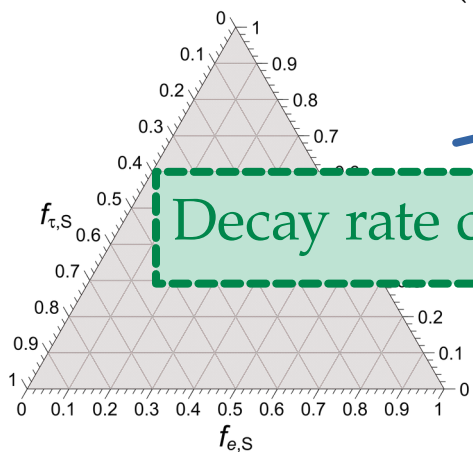
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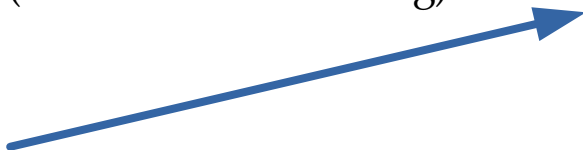
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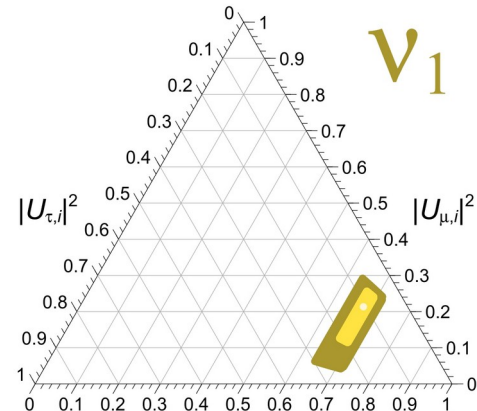
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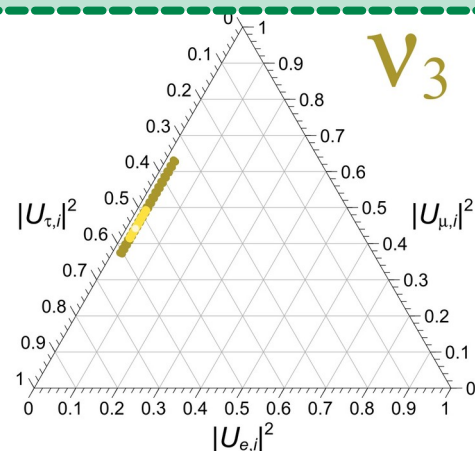
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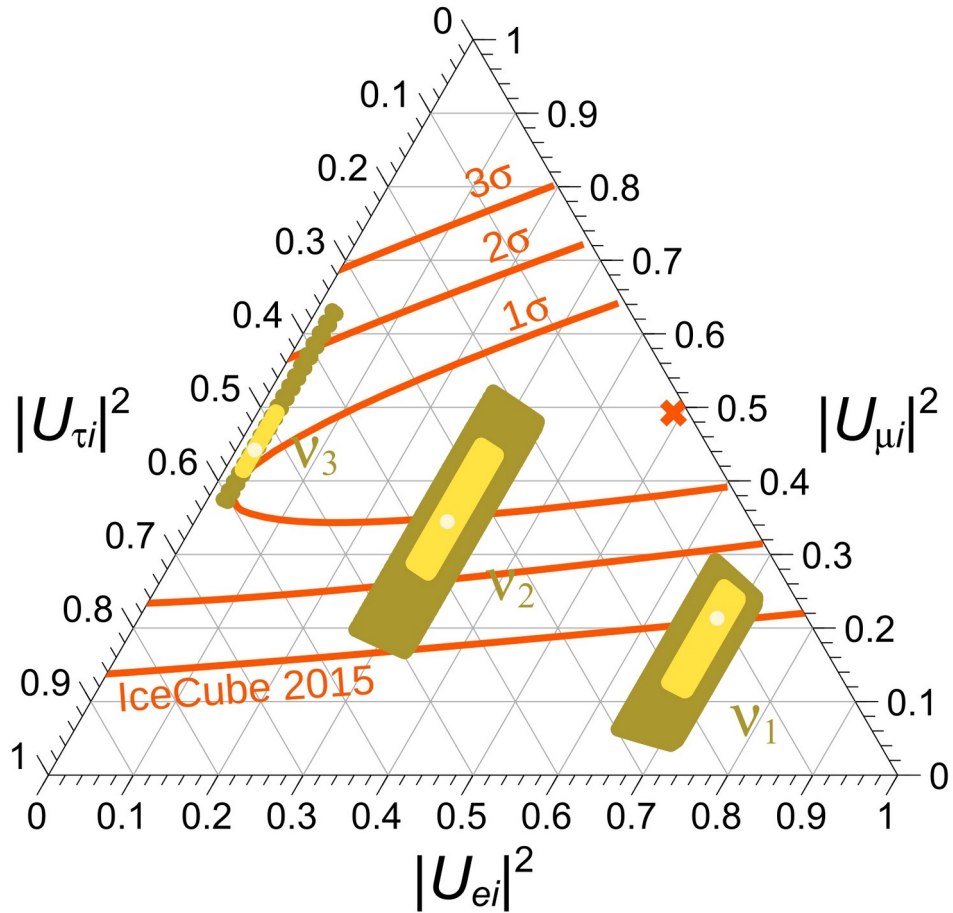
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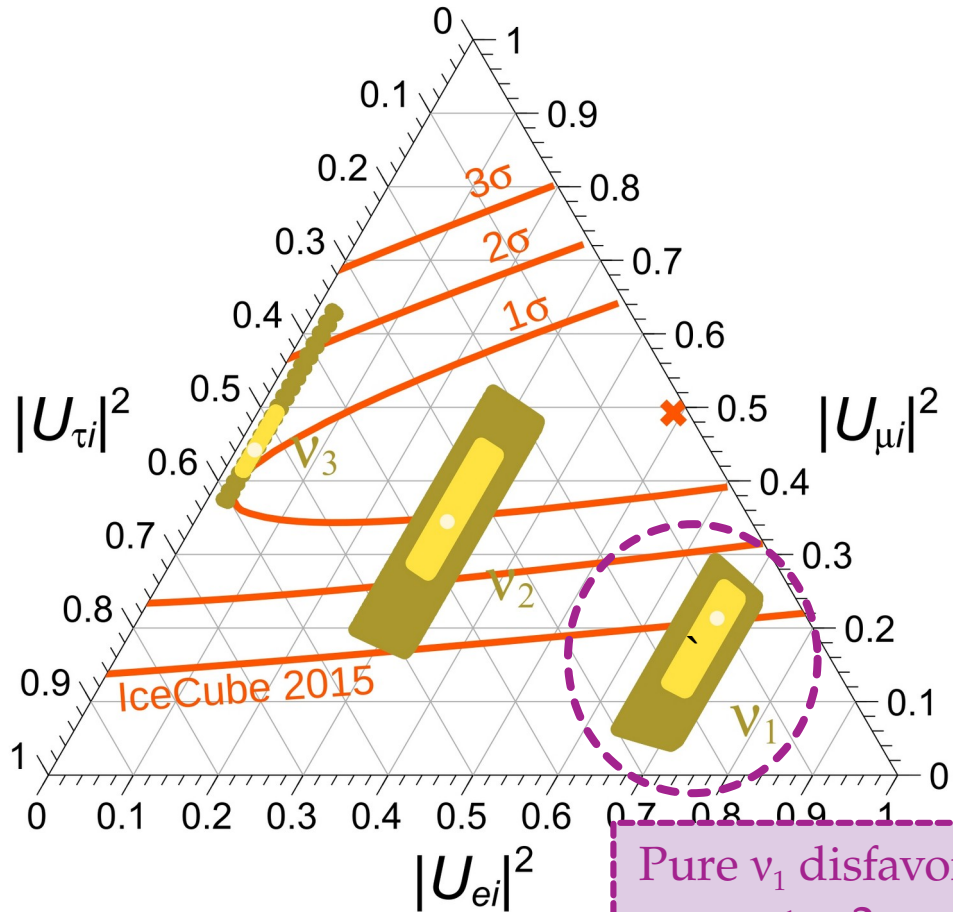


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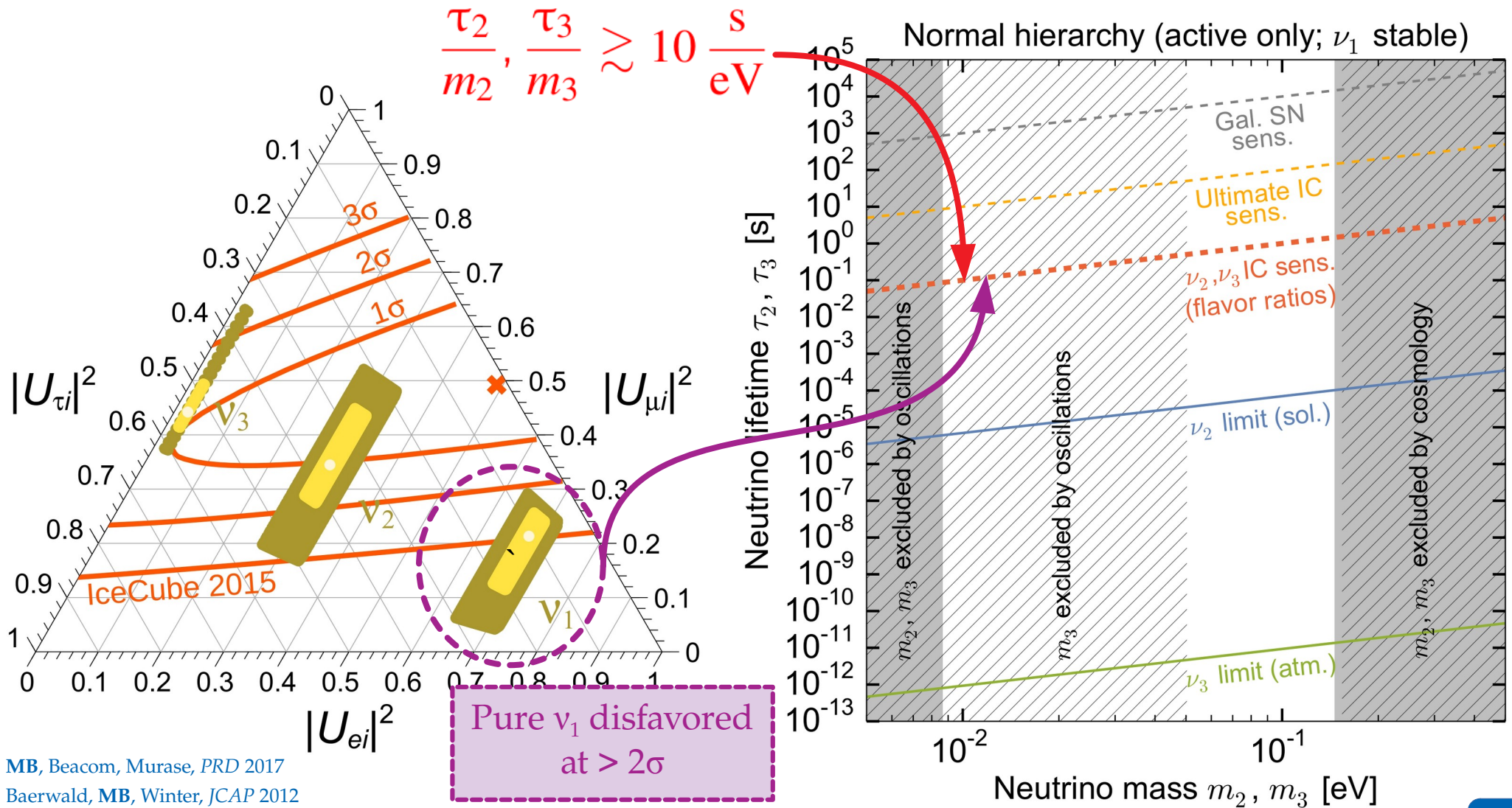
MB, Beacom, Murase, *PRD* 2017

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Pure ν_1 disfavored at $> 2\sigma$

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Flavor composition

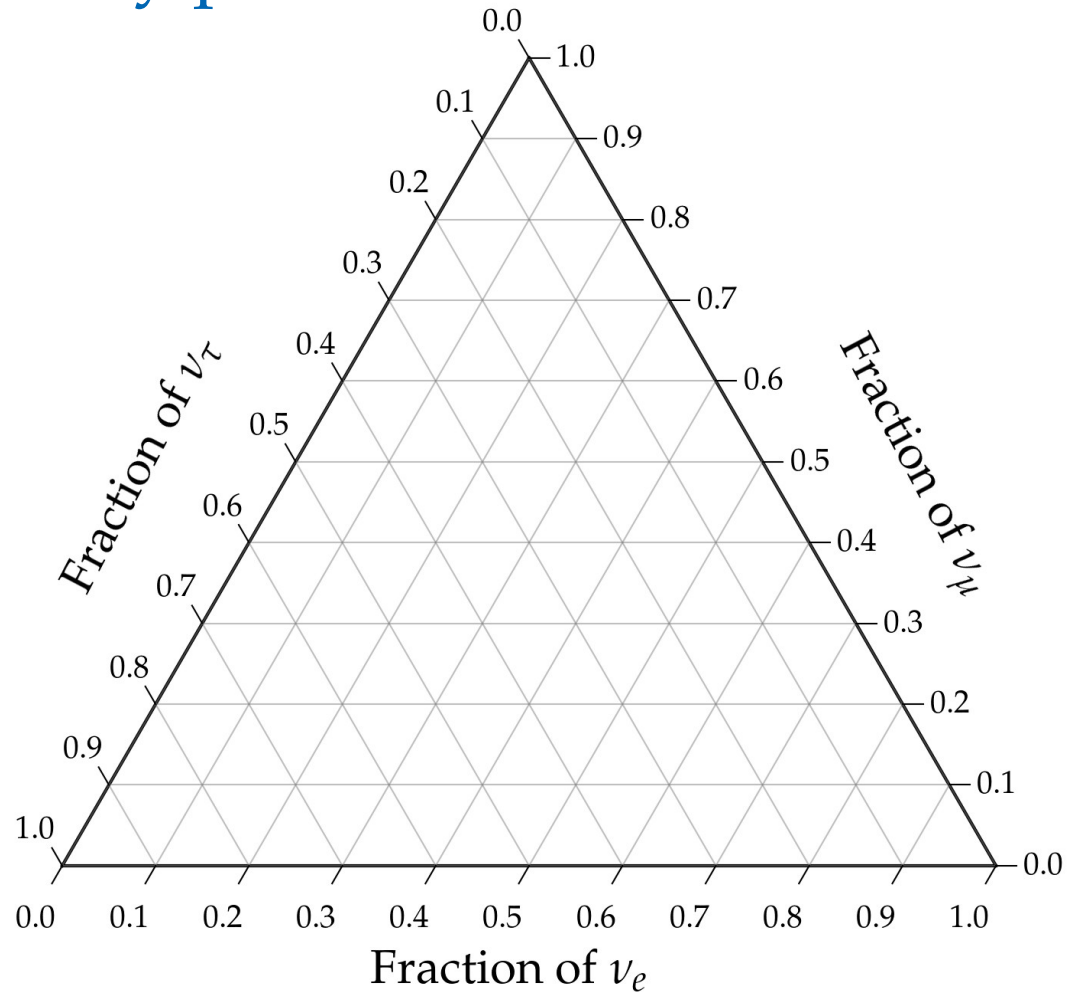
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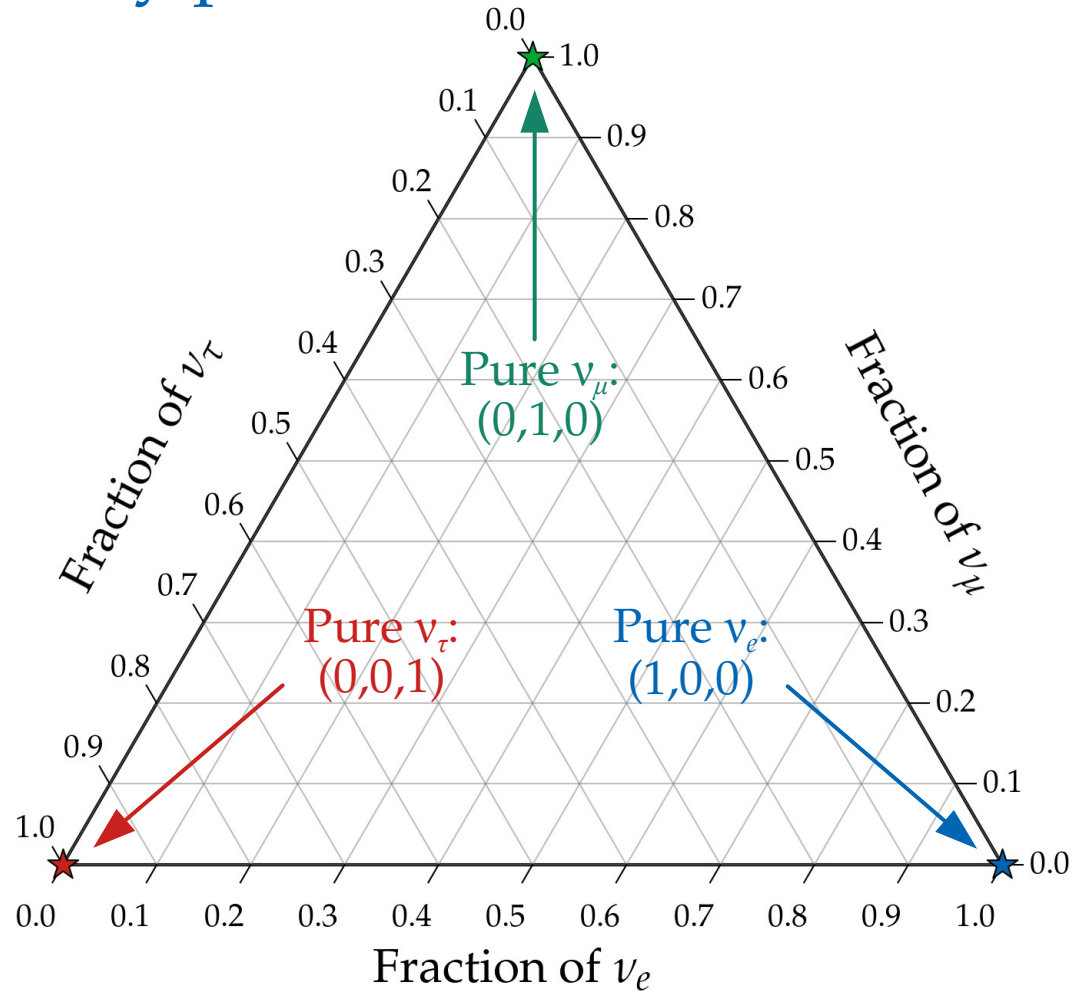
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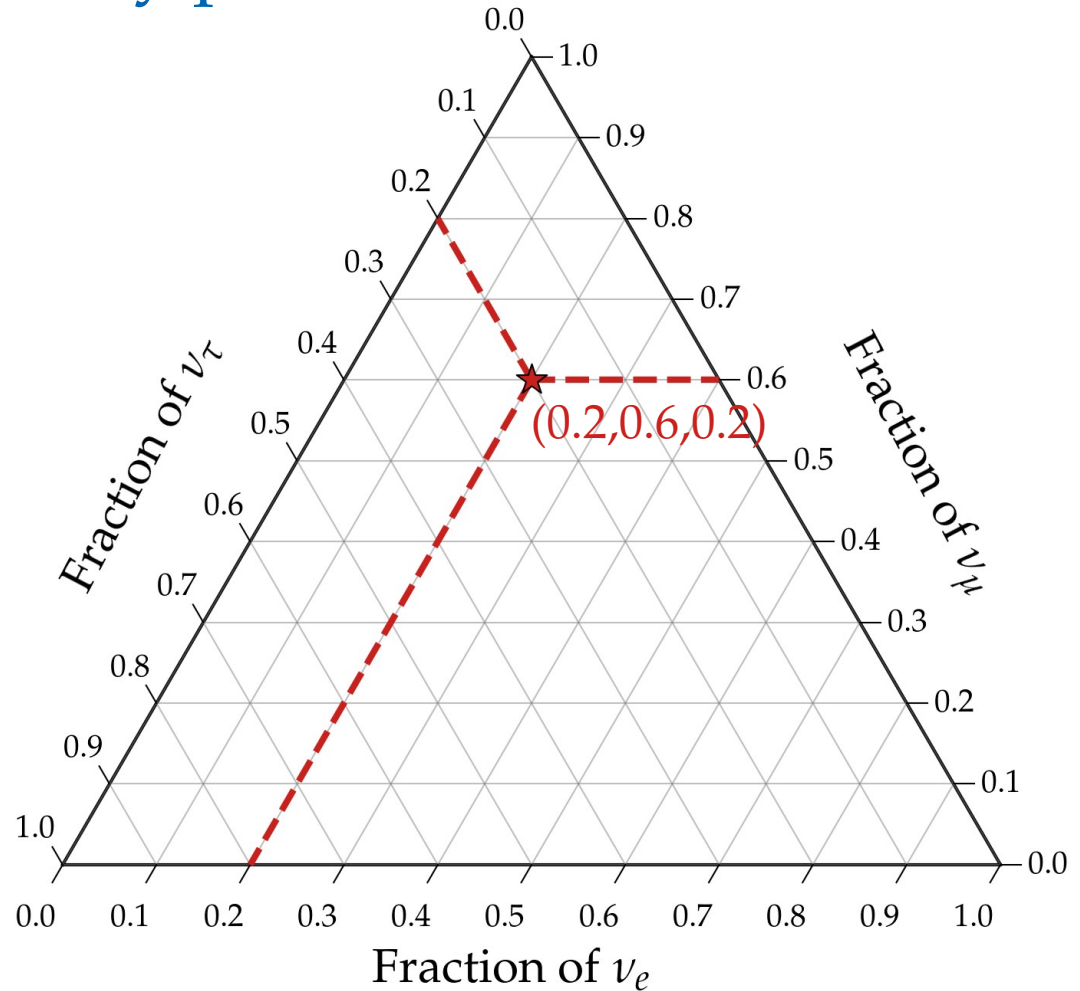
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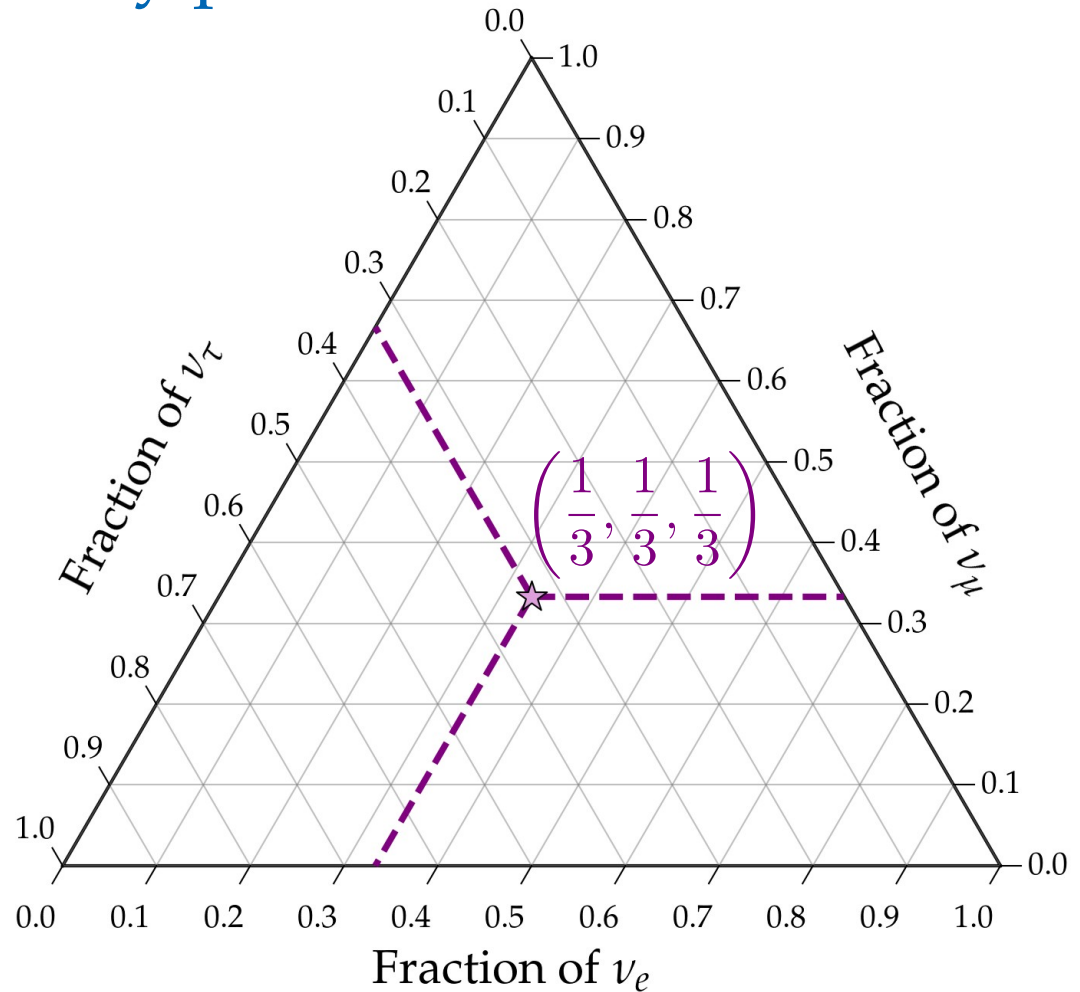
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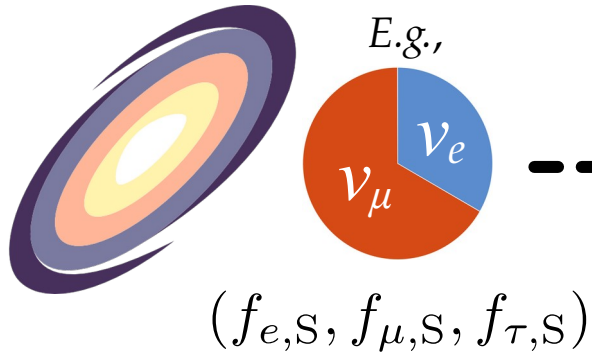
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From sources to Earth: we learn what to expect when measuring $f_{\alpha,\oplus}$



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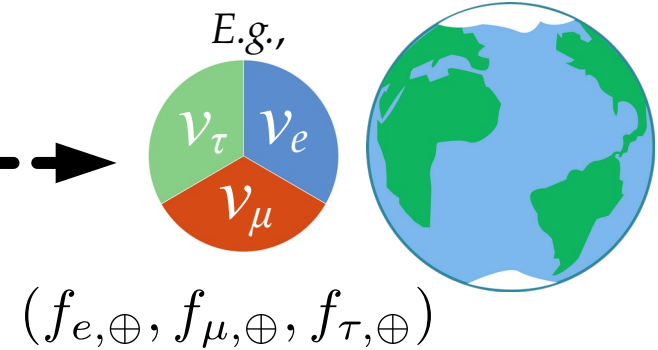


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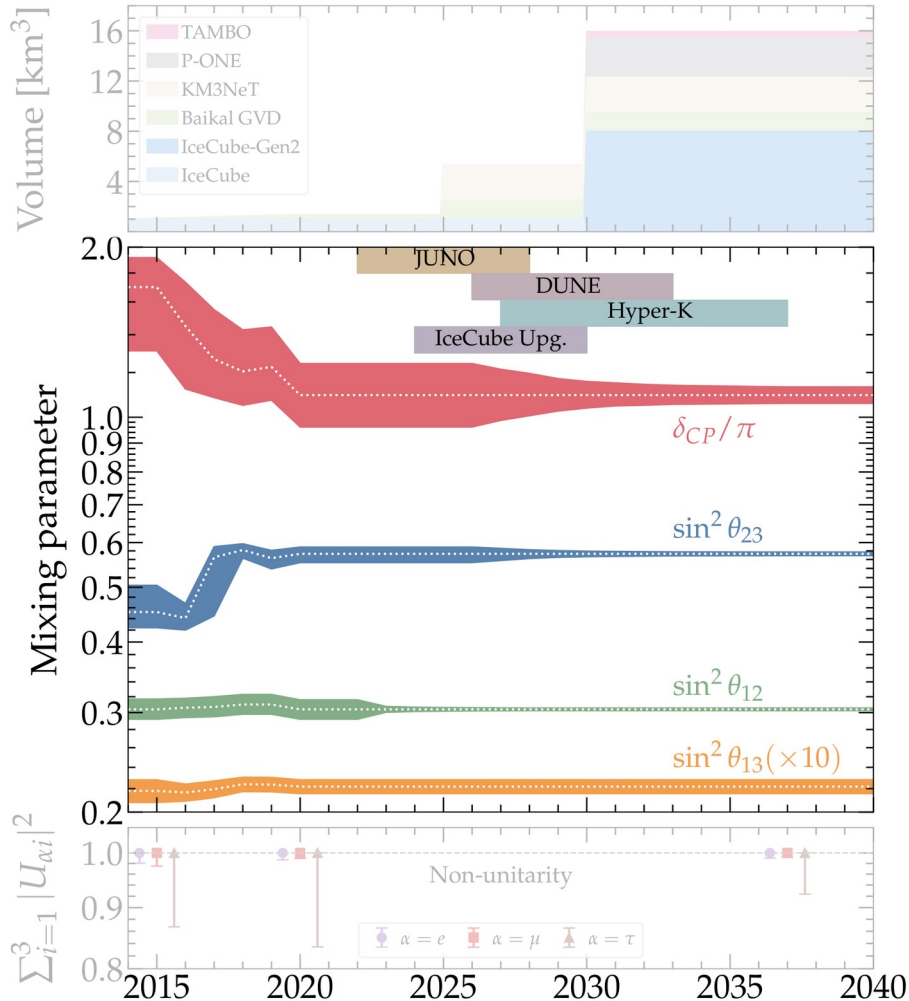
$(\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP})$

Earth



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

How knowing the mixing parameters better helps



For a future experiment
 $\varepsilon = \text{JUNO, DUNE, Hyper-K:}$

Best fit from NuFit 5.0

$$\chi_{\varepsilon}^2(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}) = \sum_i \frac{(\vartheta_i - \bar{\vartheta}_i)^2}{\sigma_{i,\varepsilon}^2}$$

From our simulations

We combine experiments in
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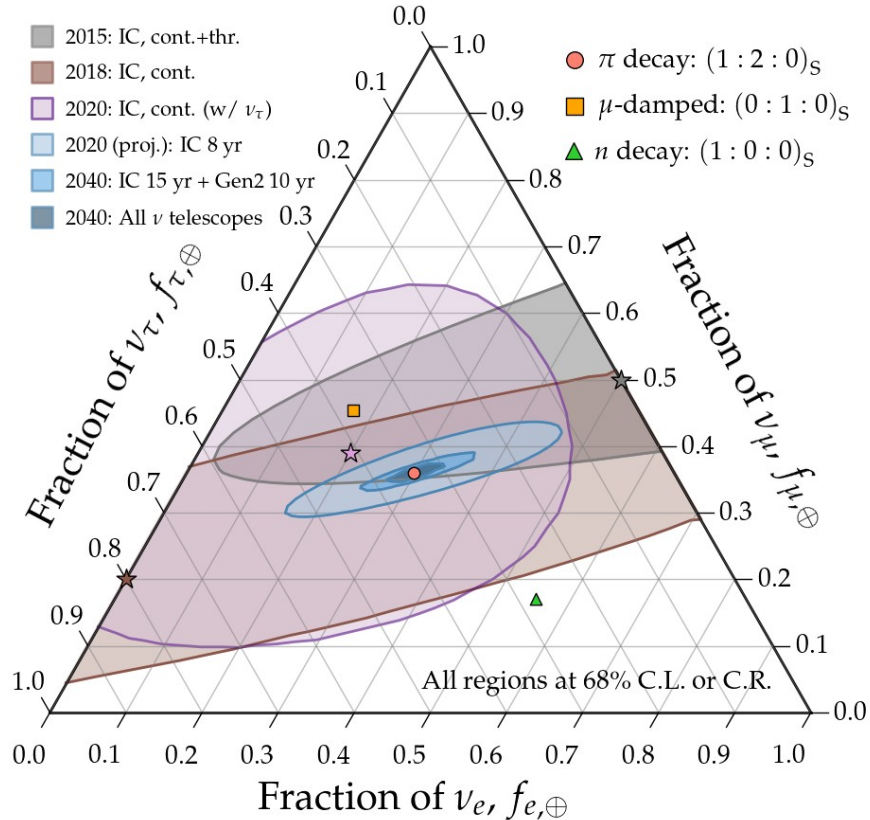
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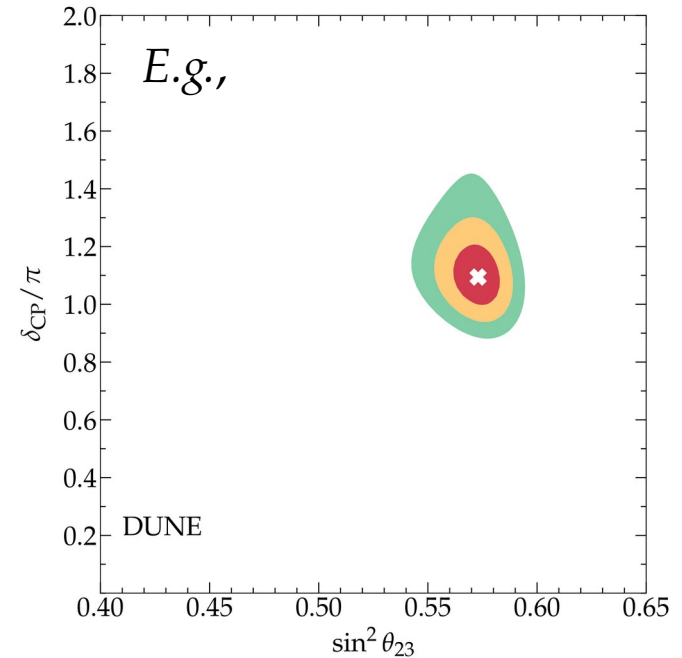
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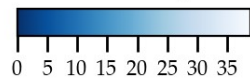
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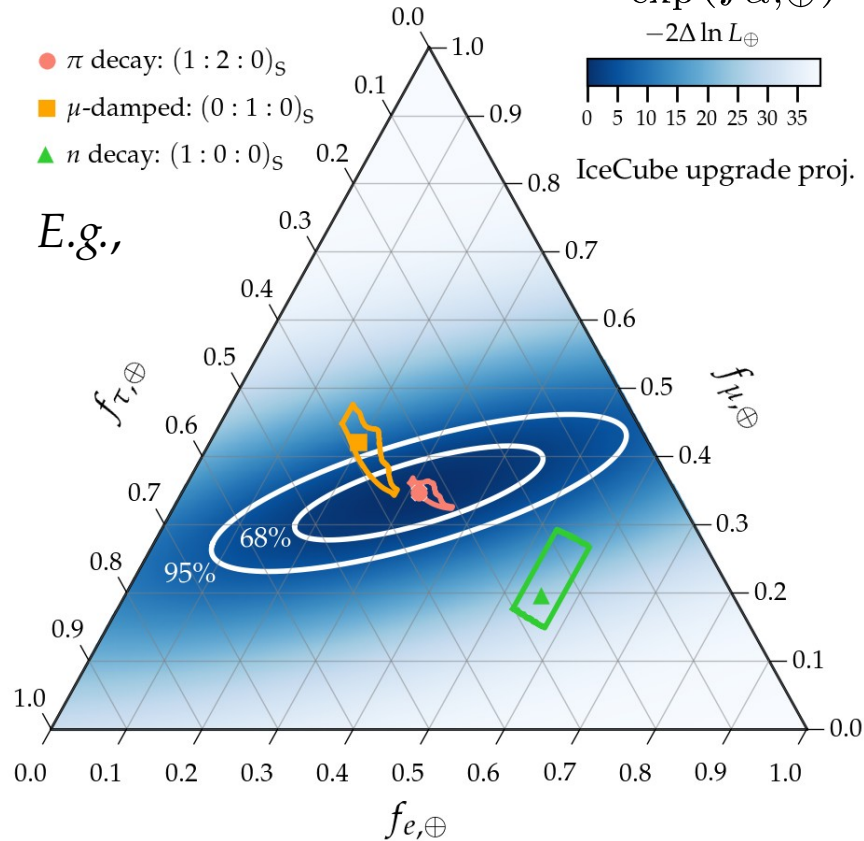
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IceCube upgrade proj.

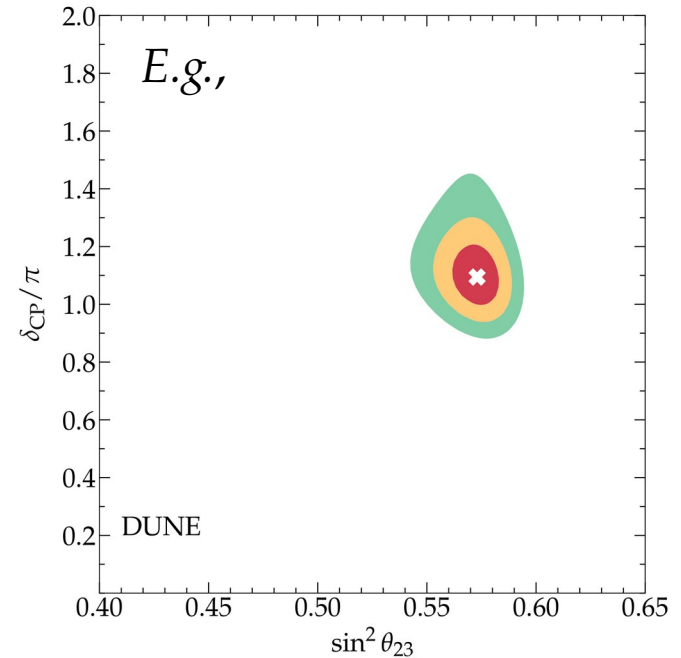
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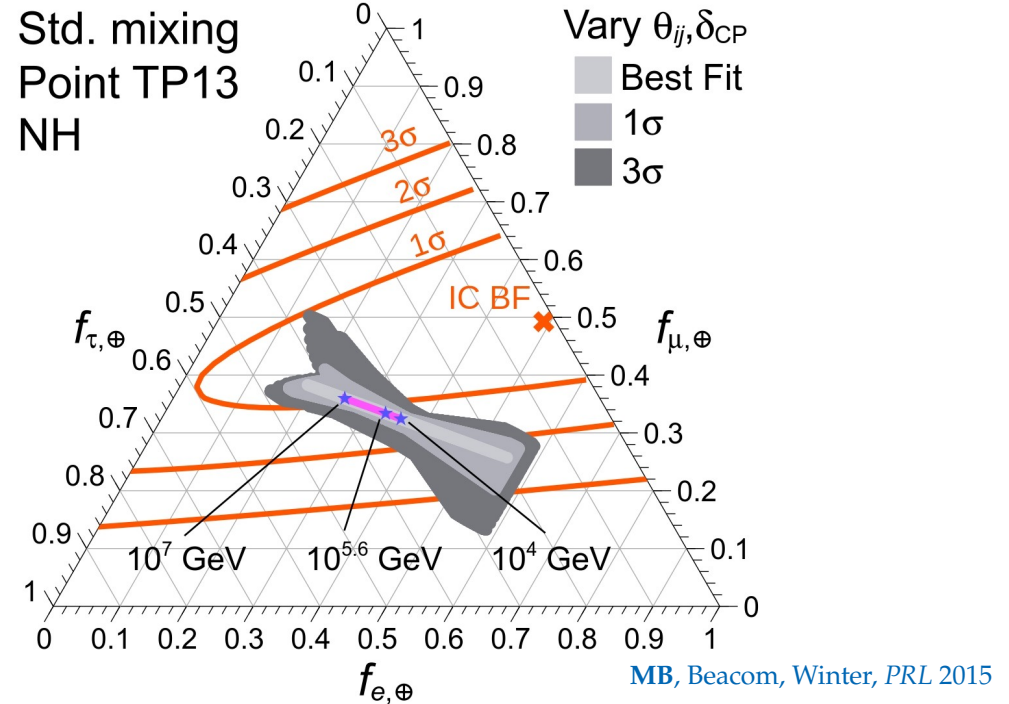
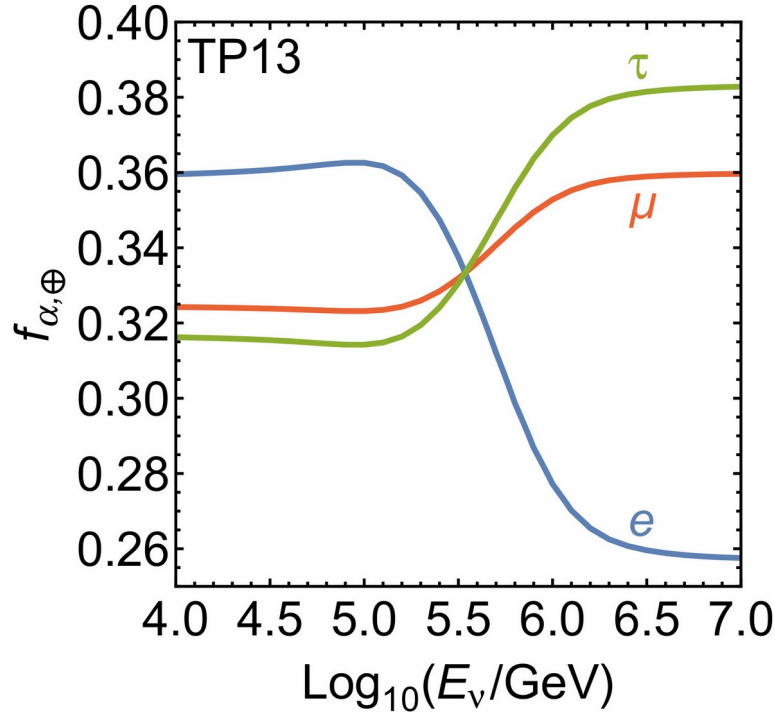
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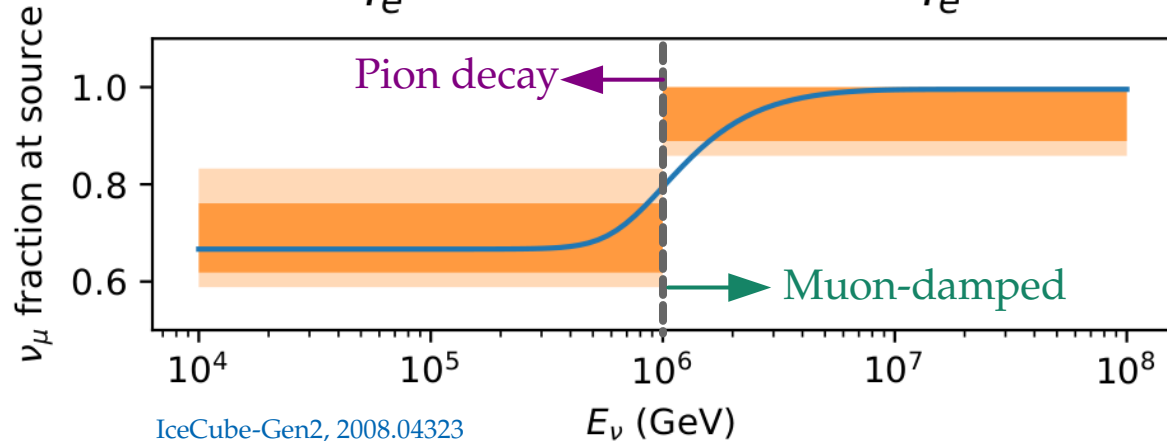
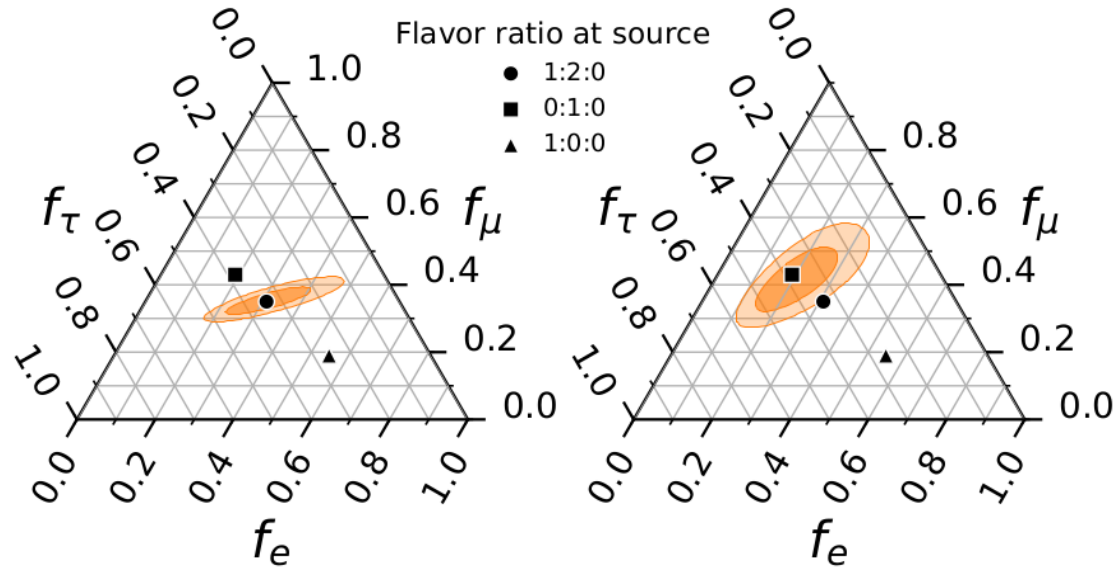
Different neutrino production channels accessible at different energies –



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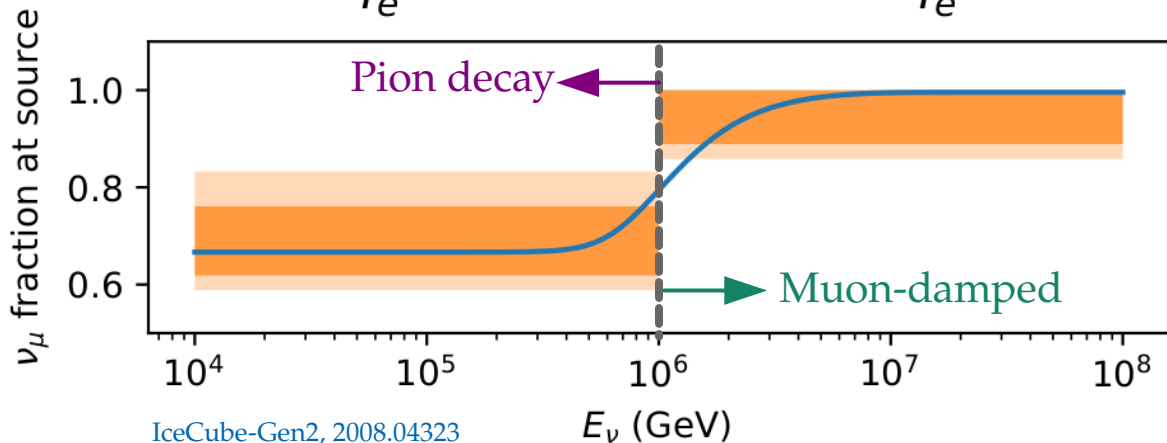
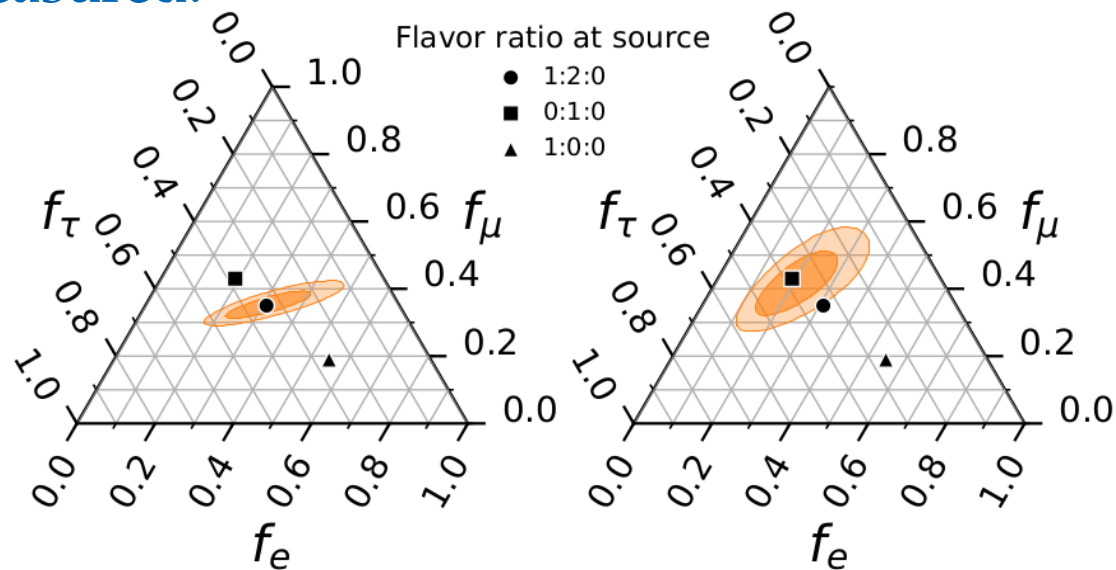
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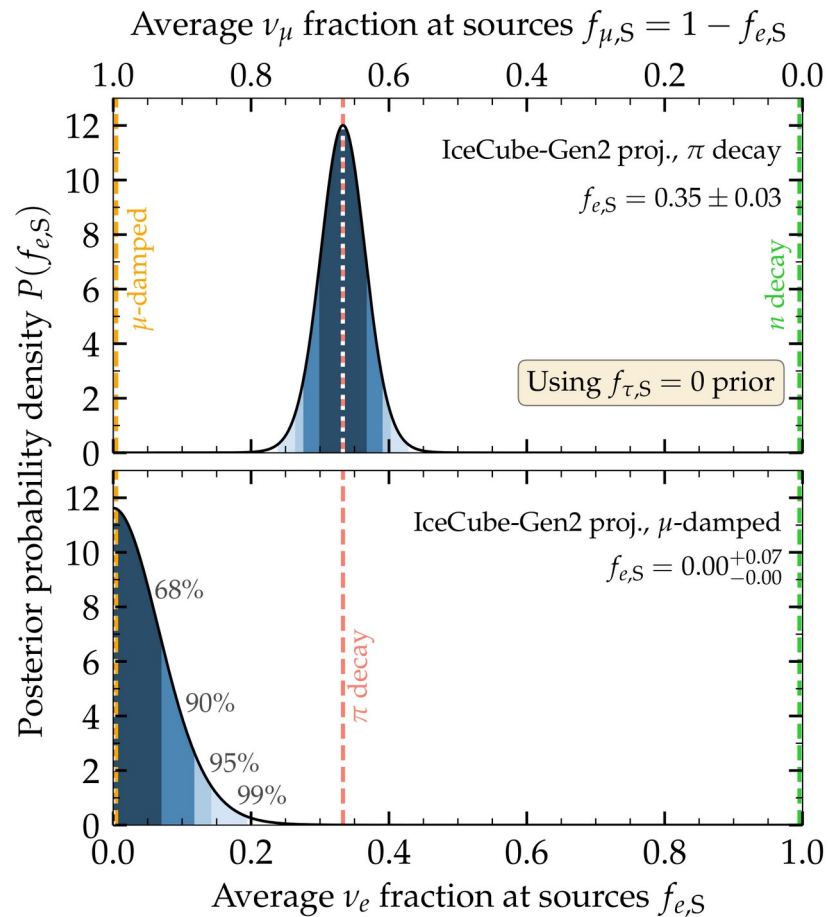
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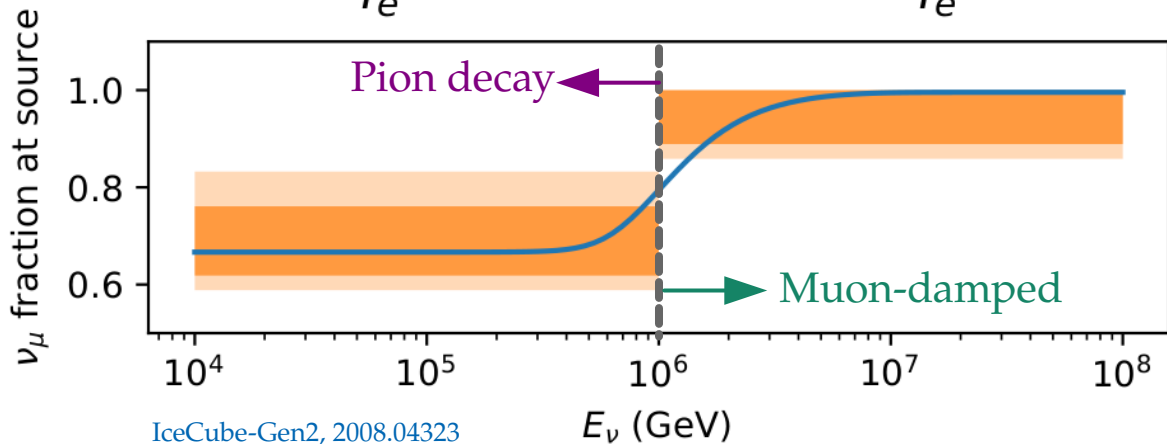
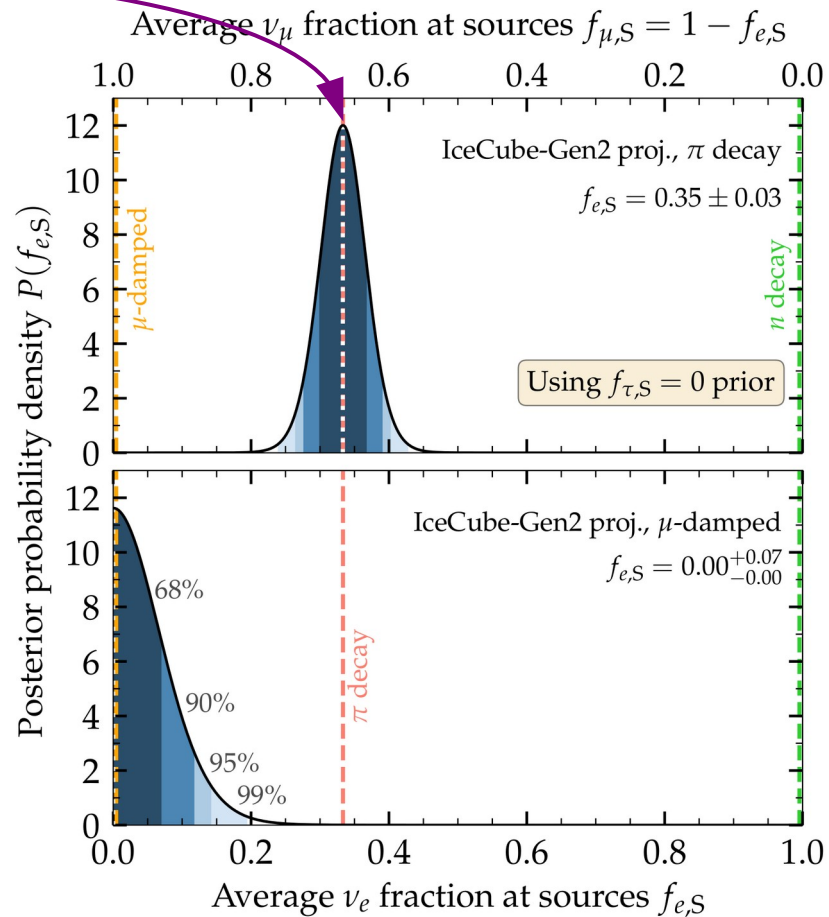
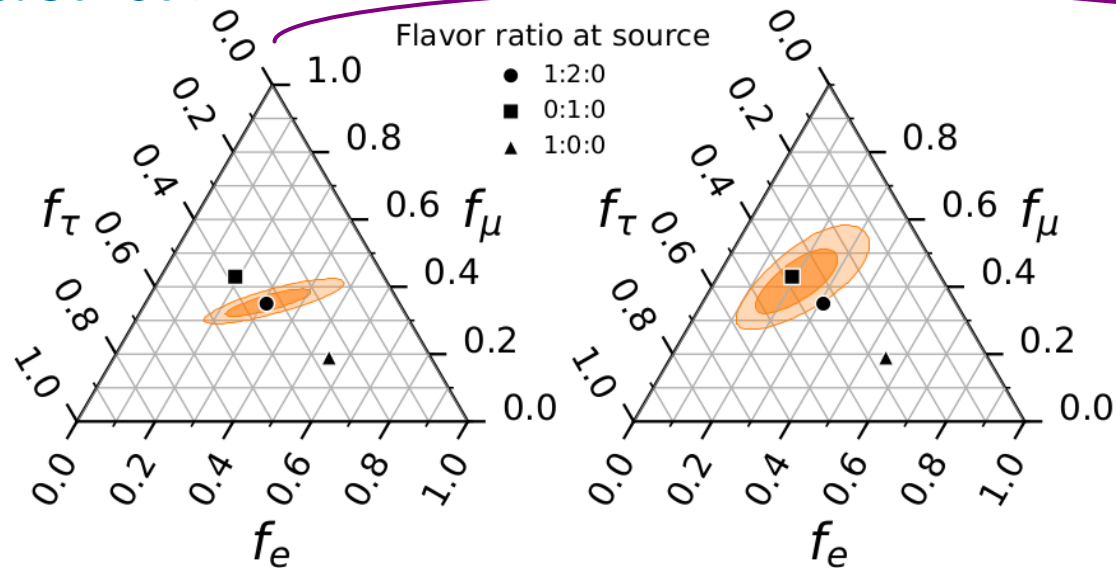


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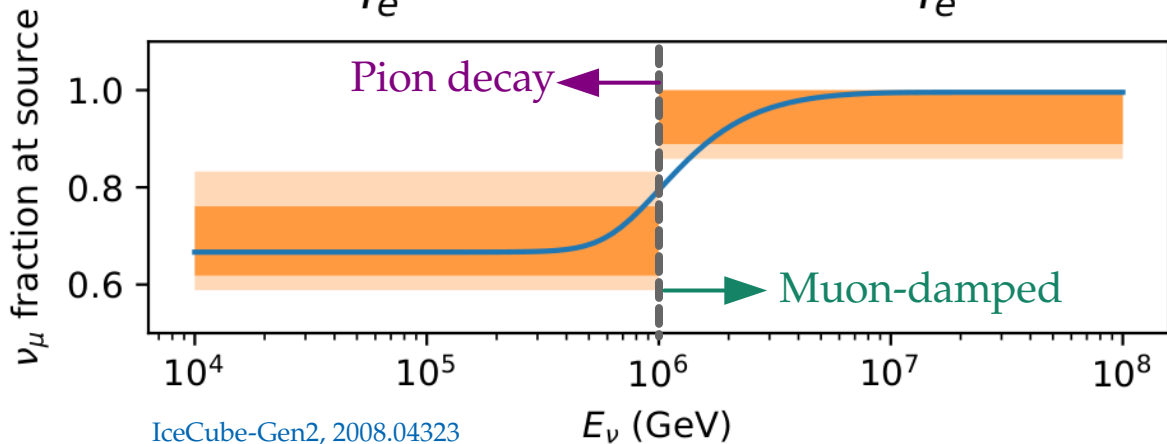
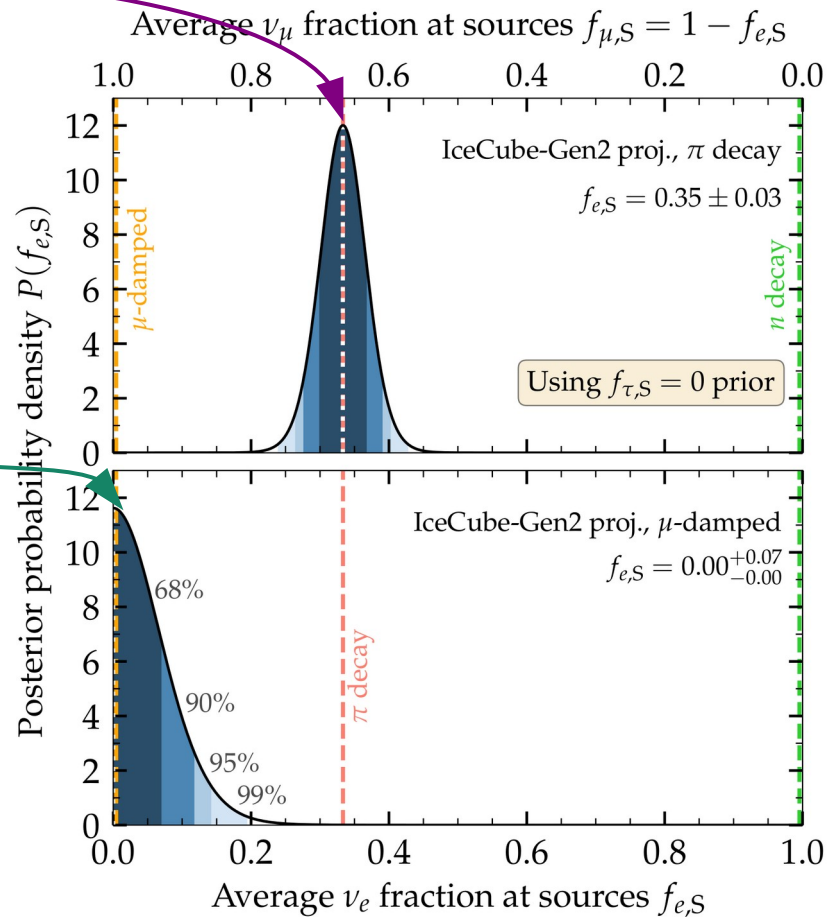
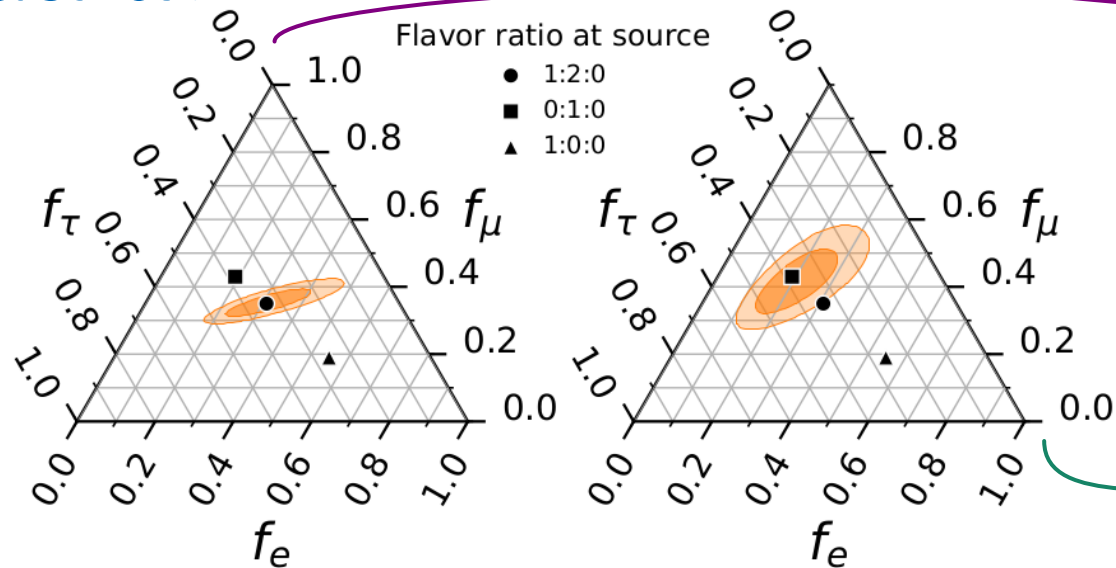
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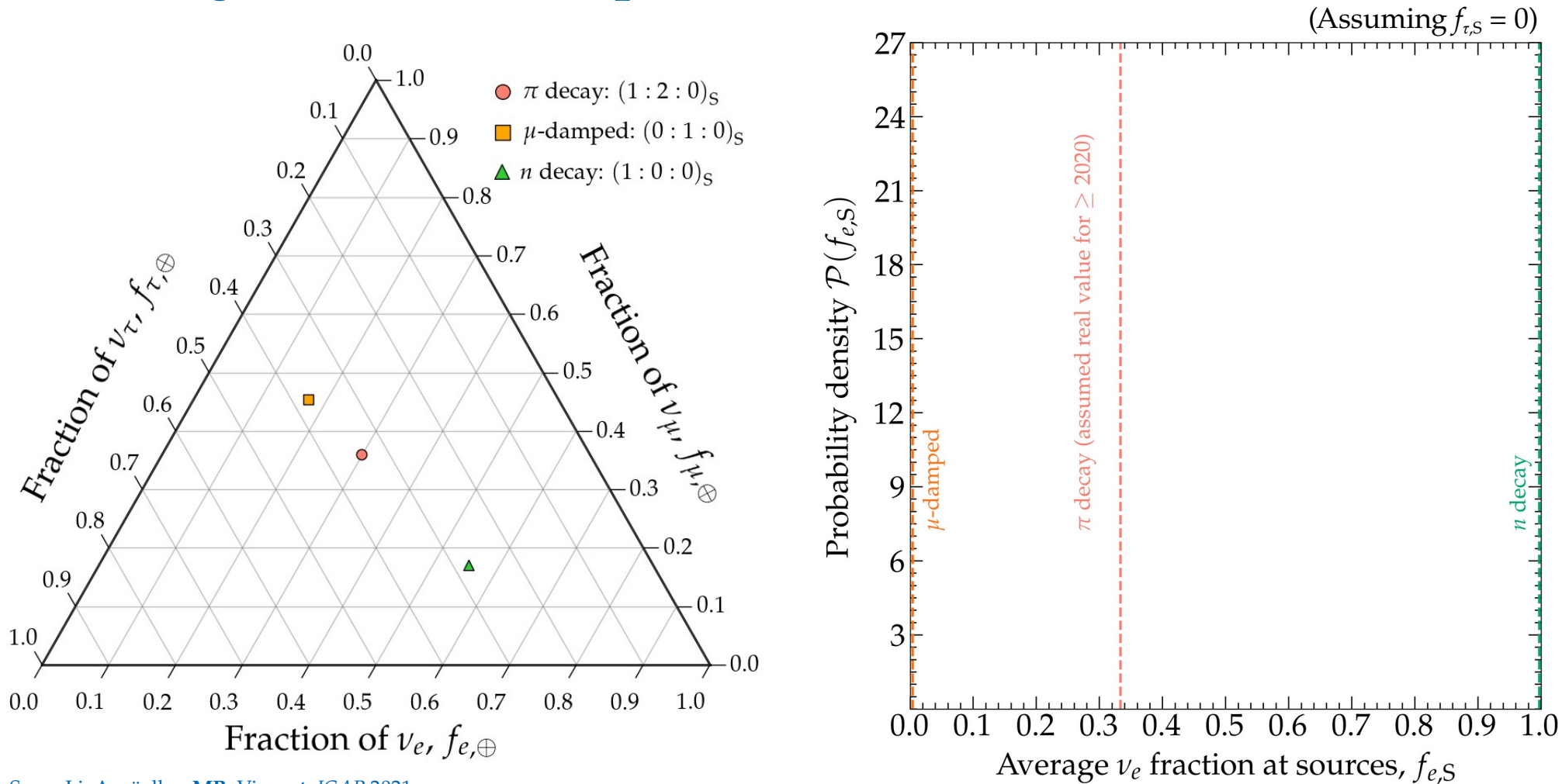
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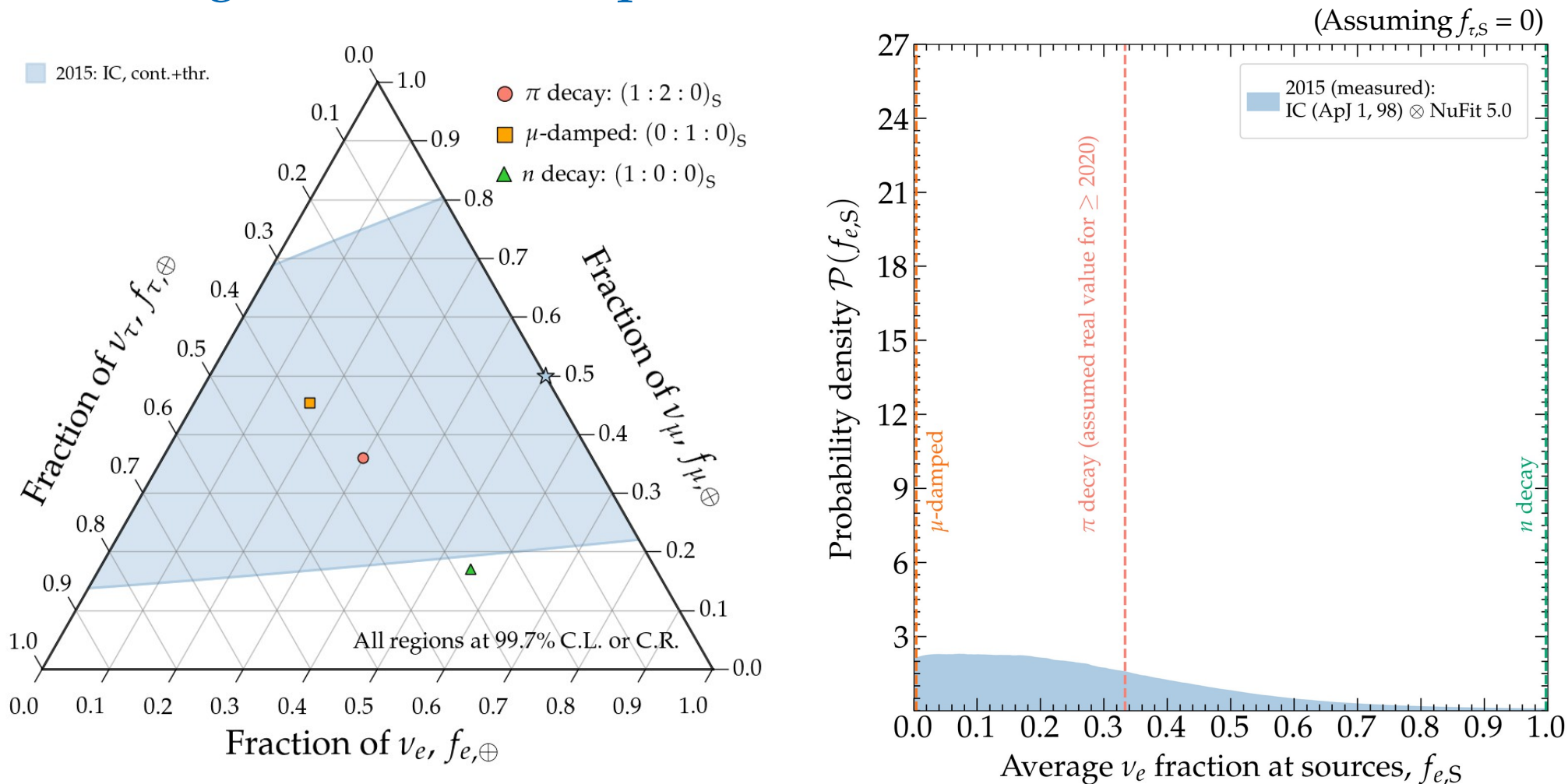


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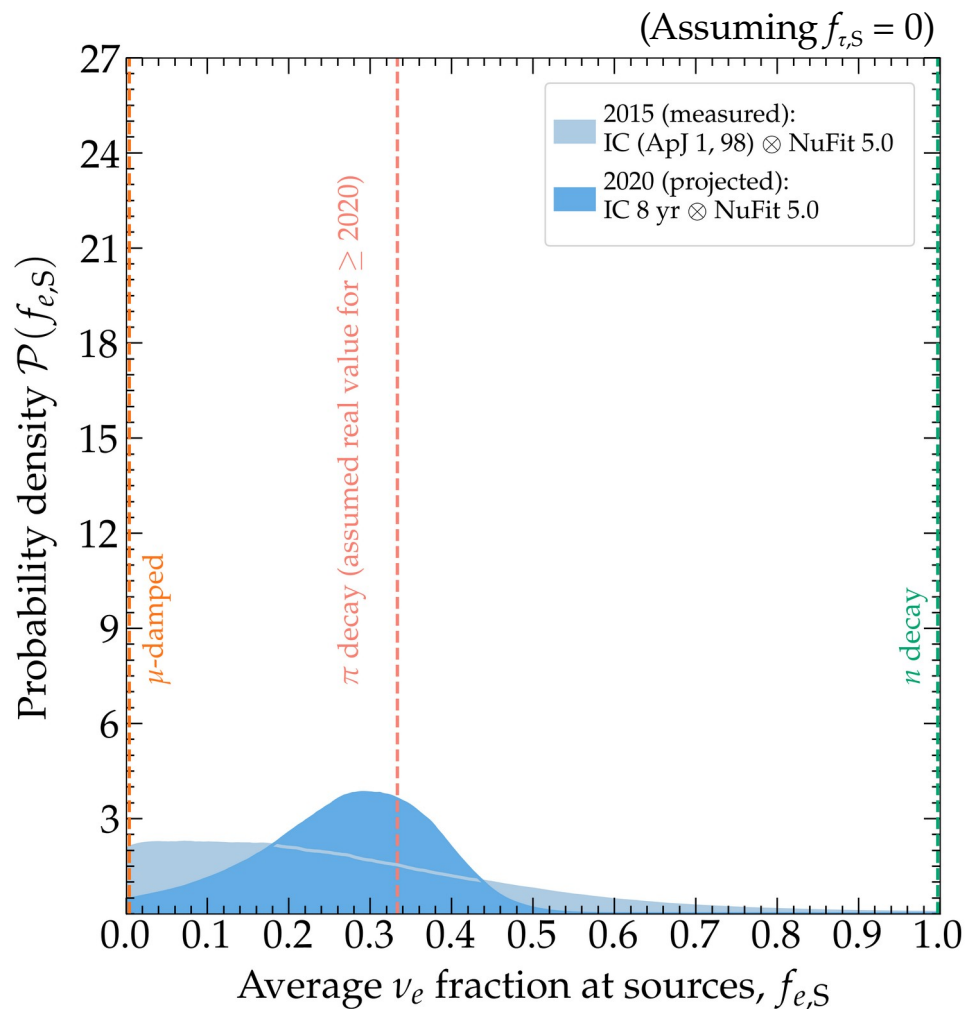
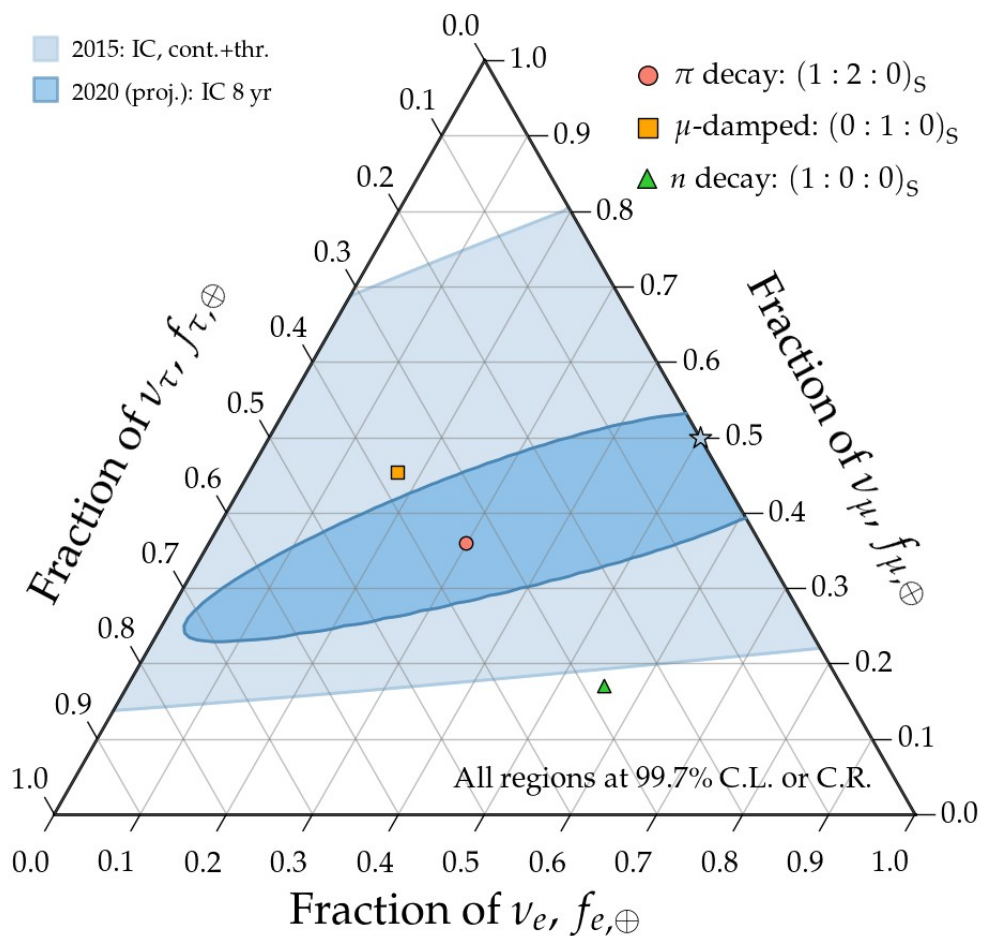
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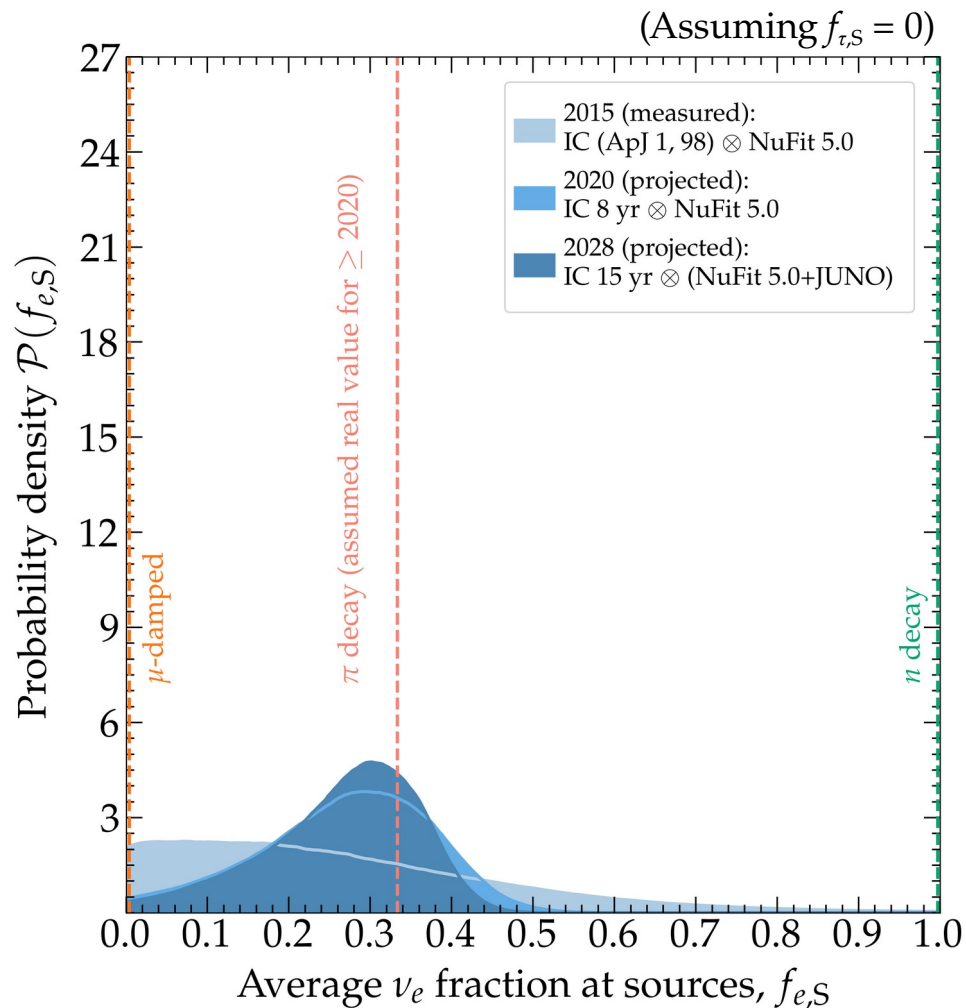
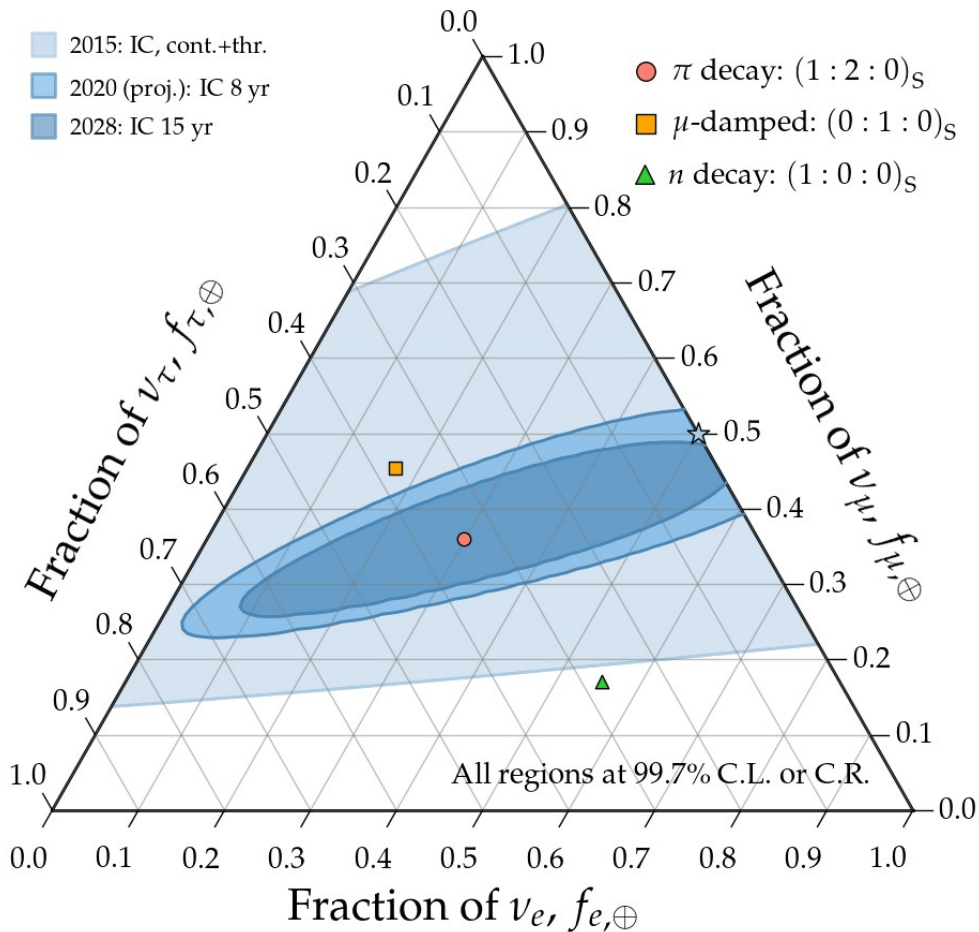
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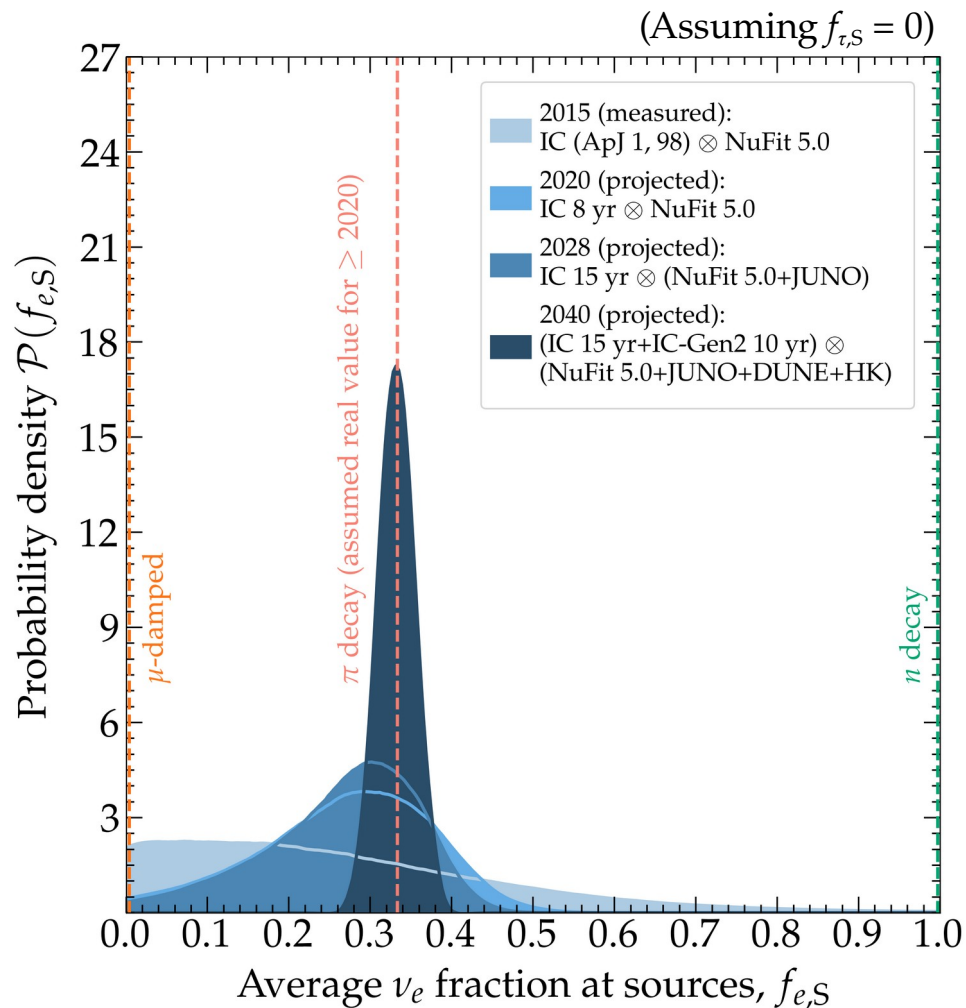
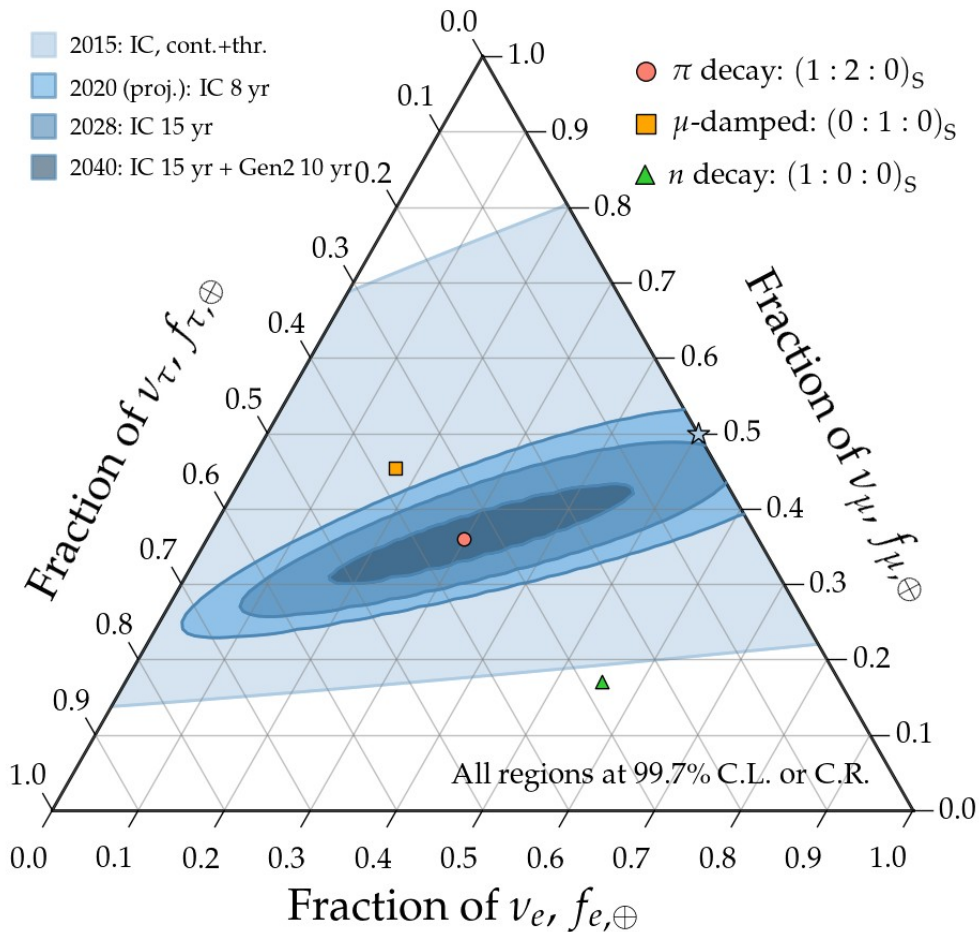
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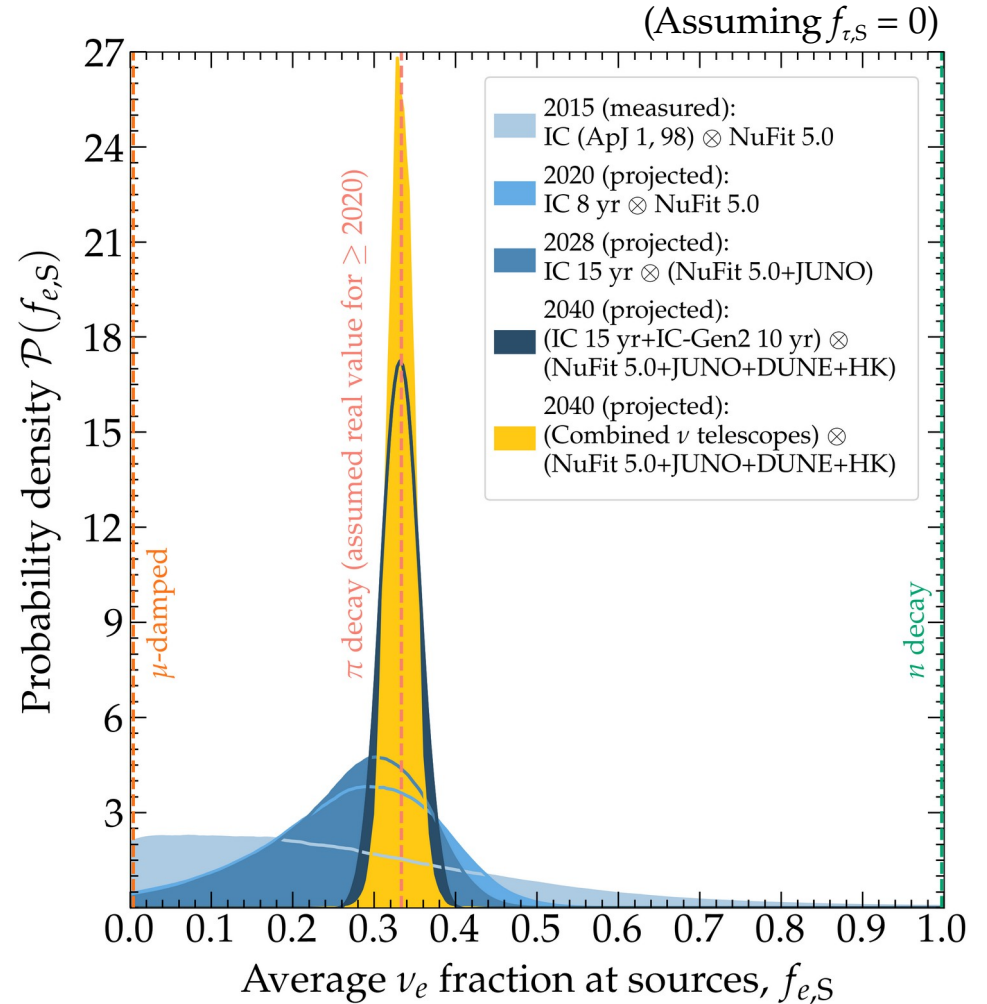
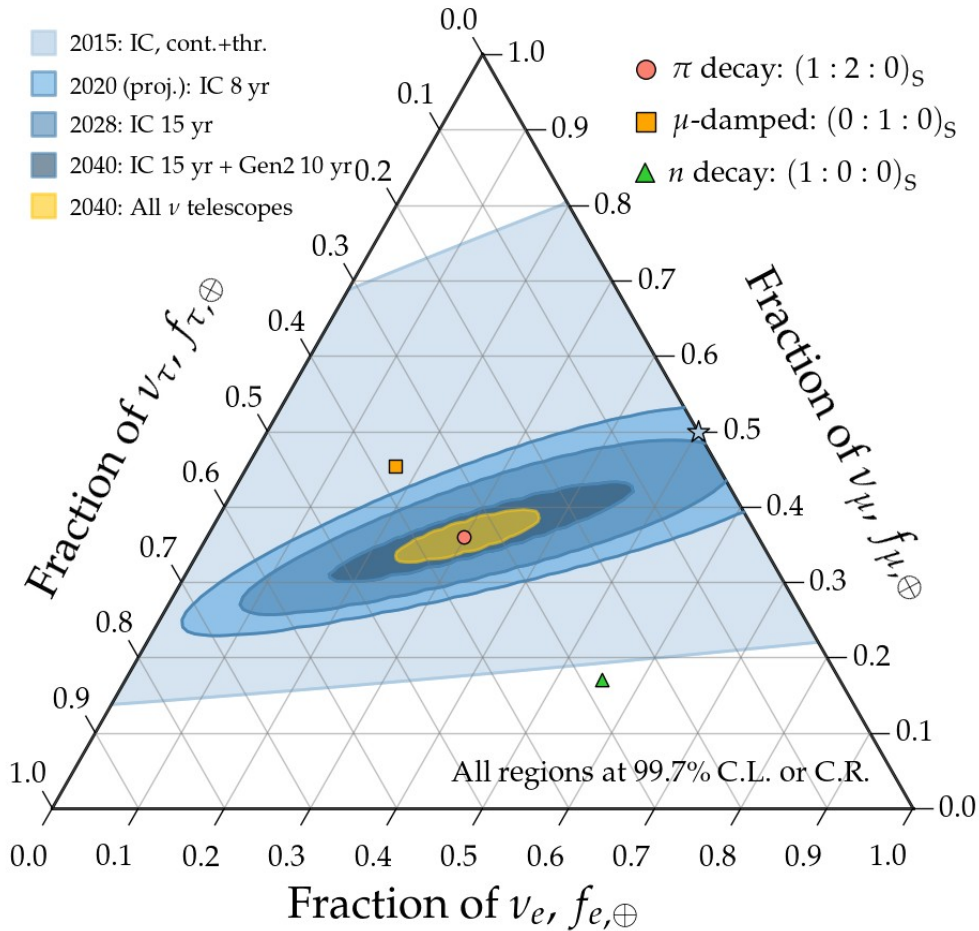
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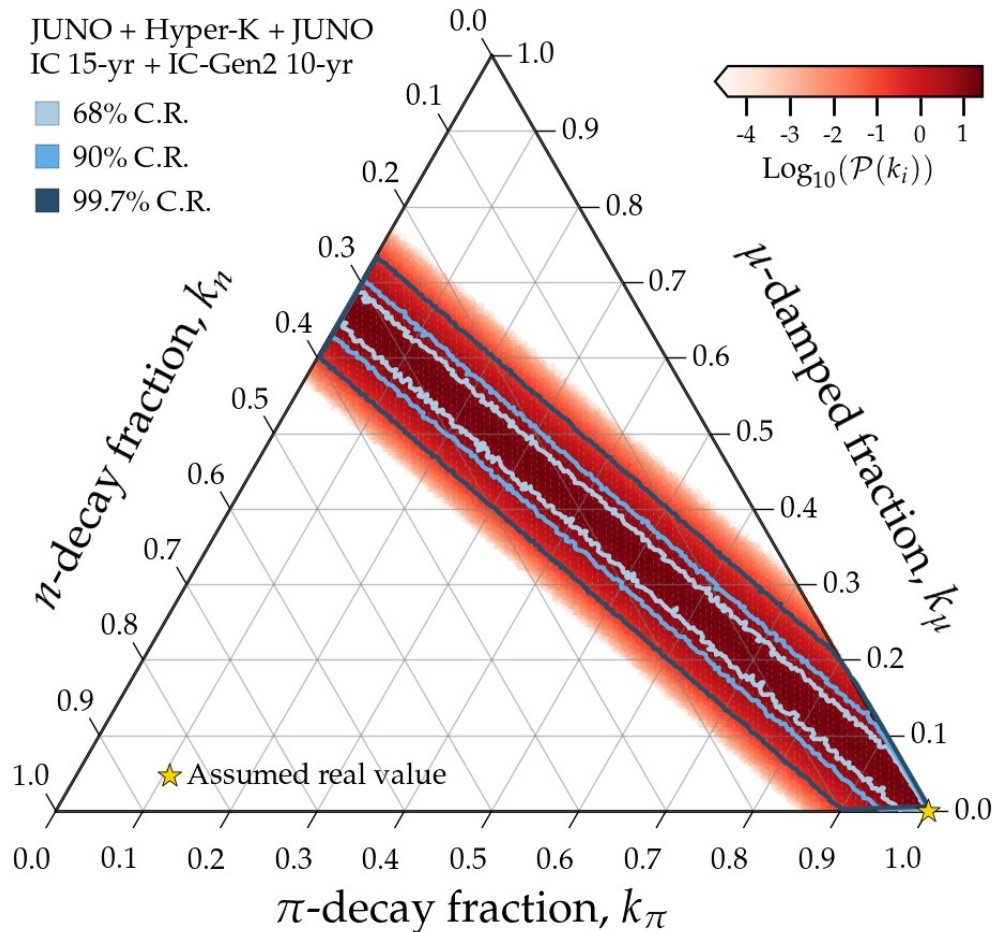
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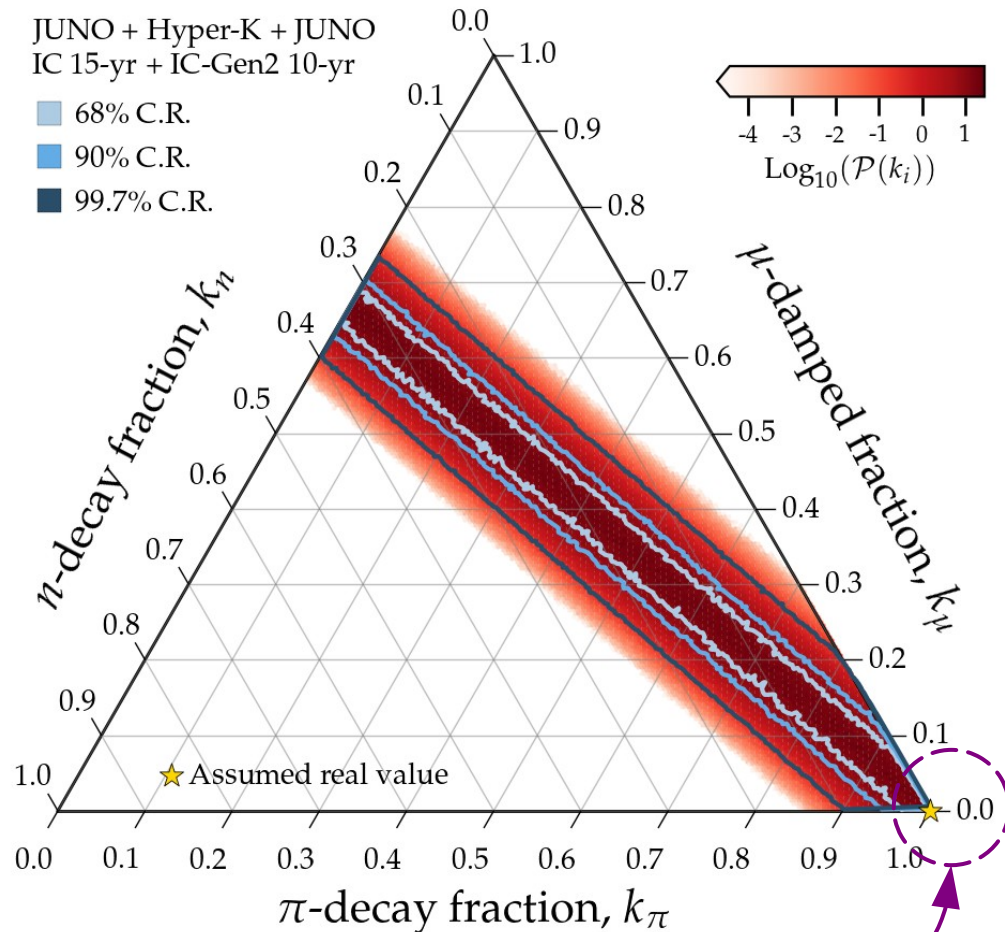
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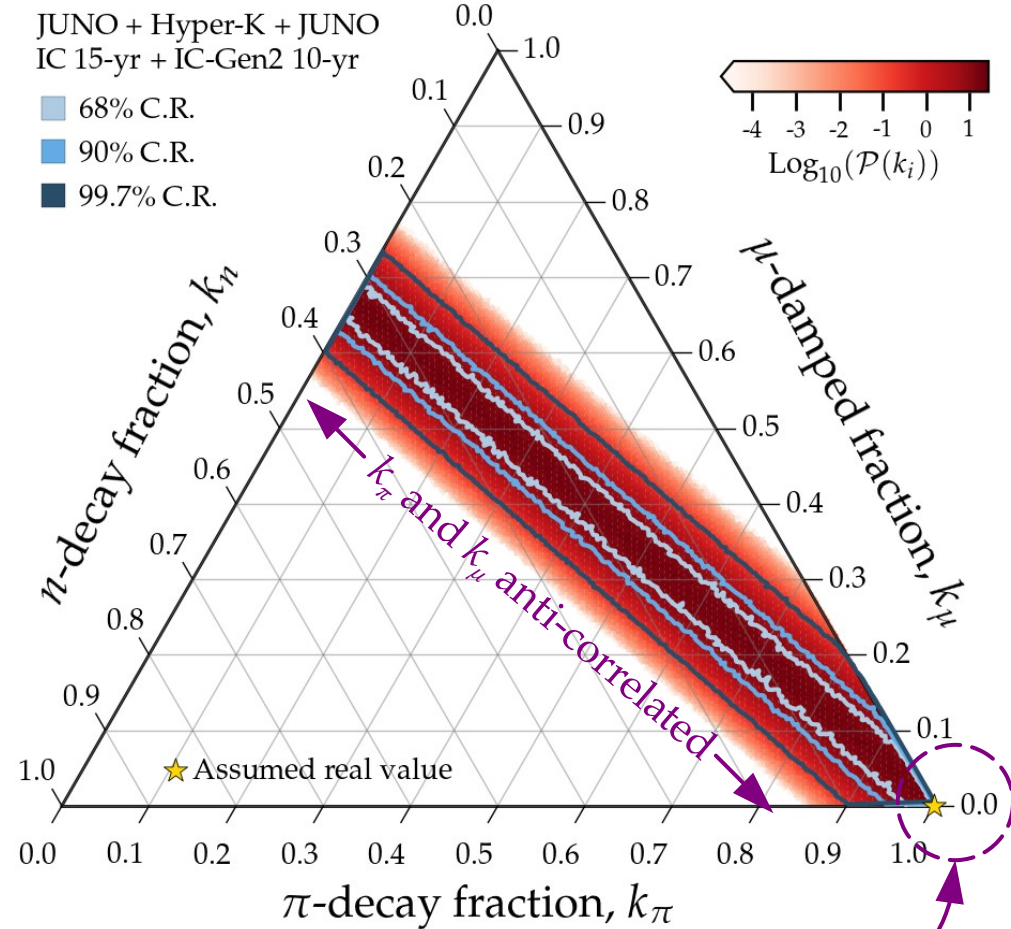
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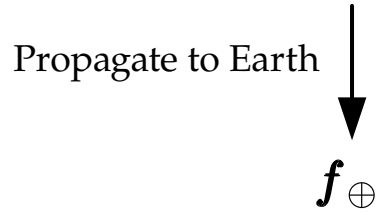
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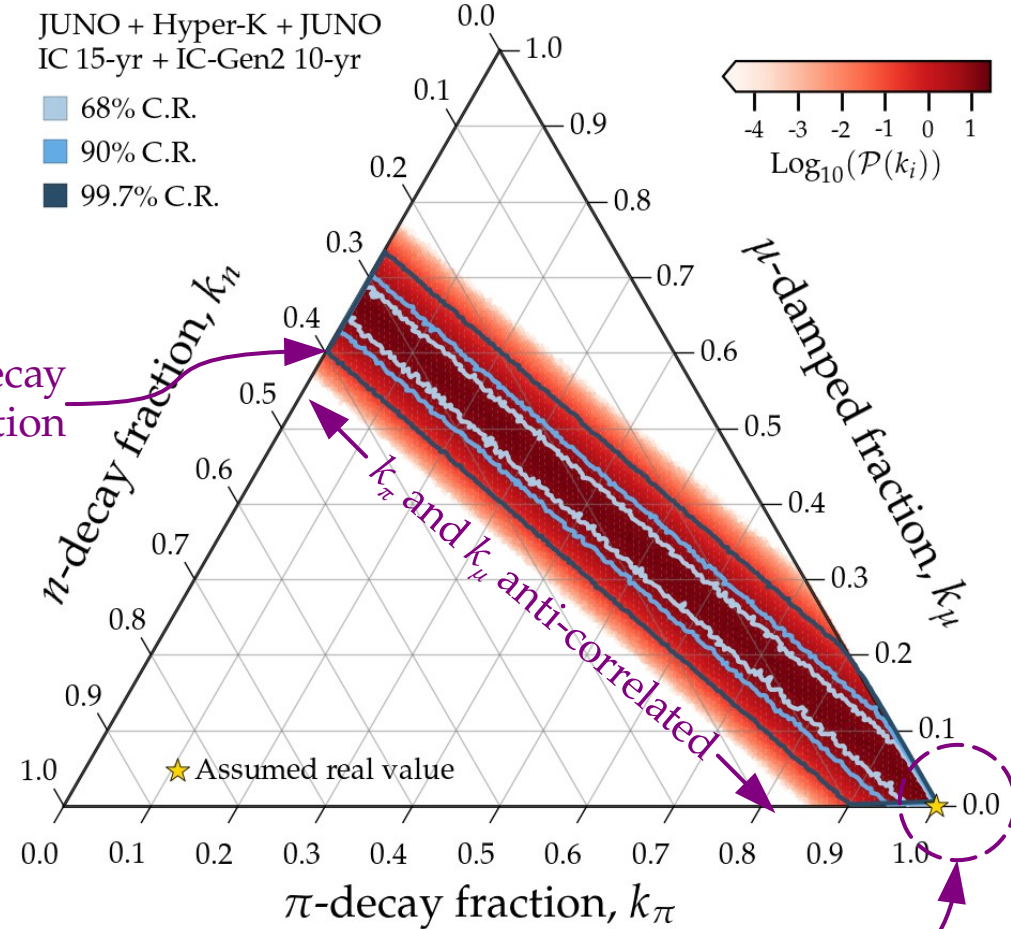
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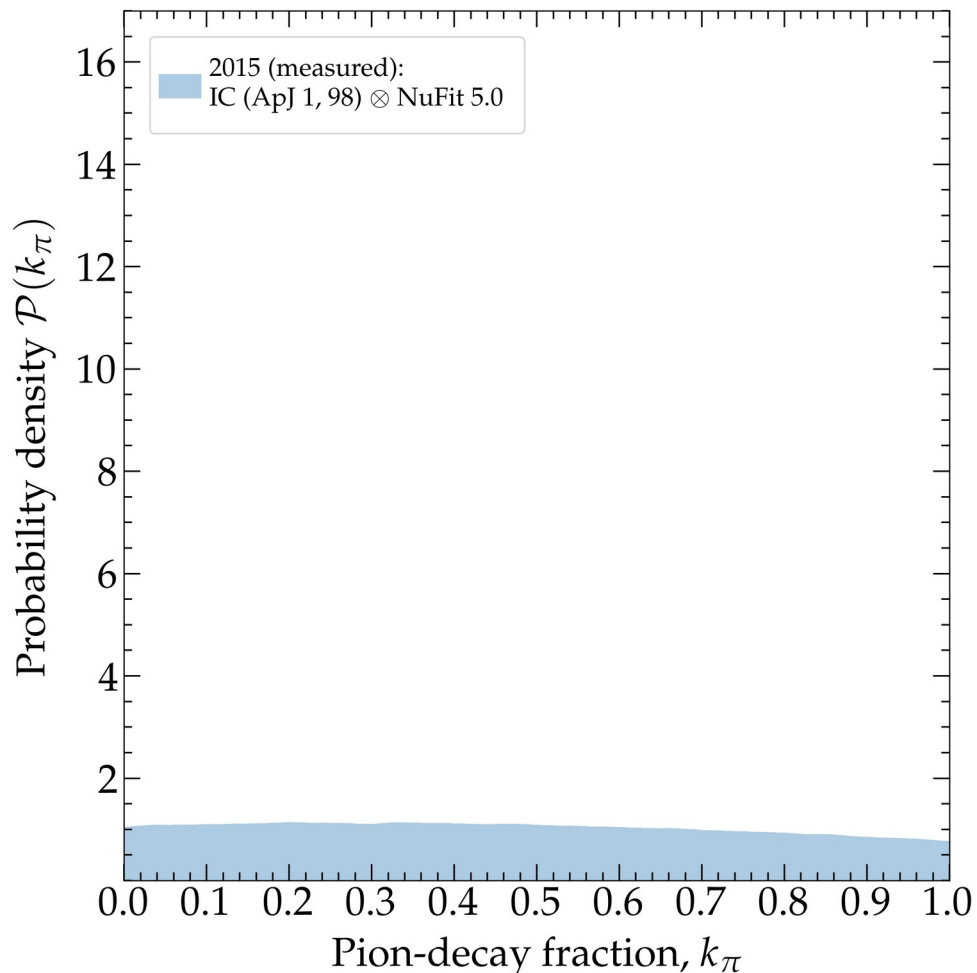
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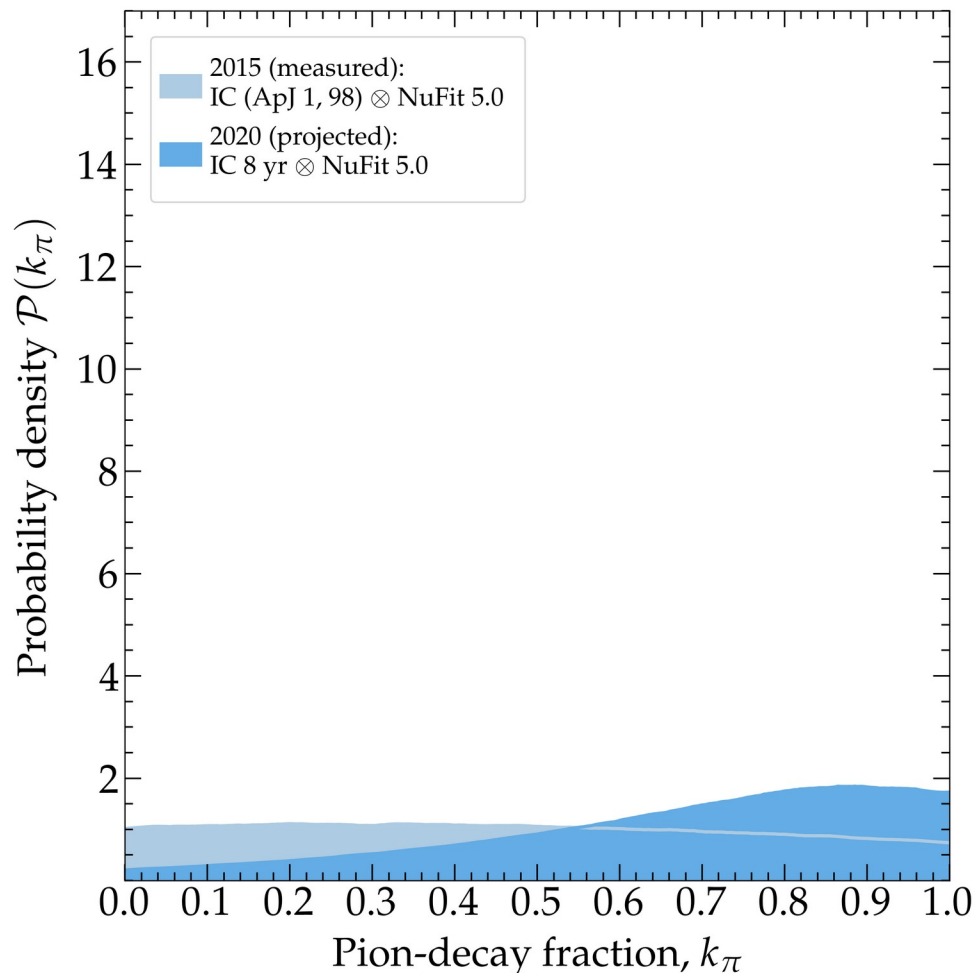
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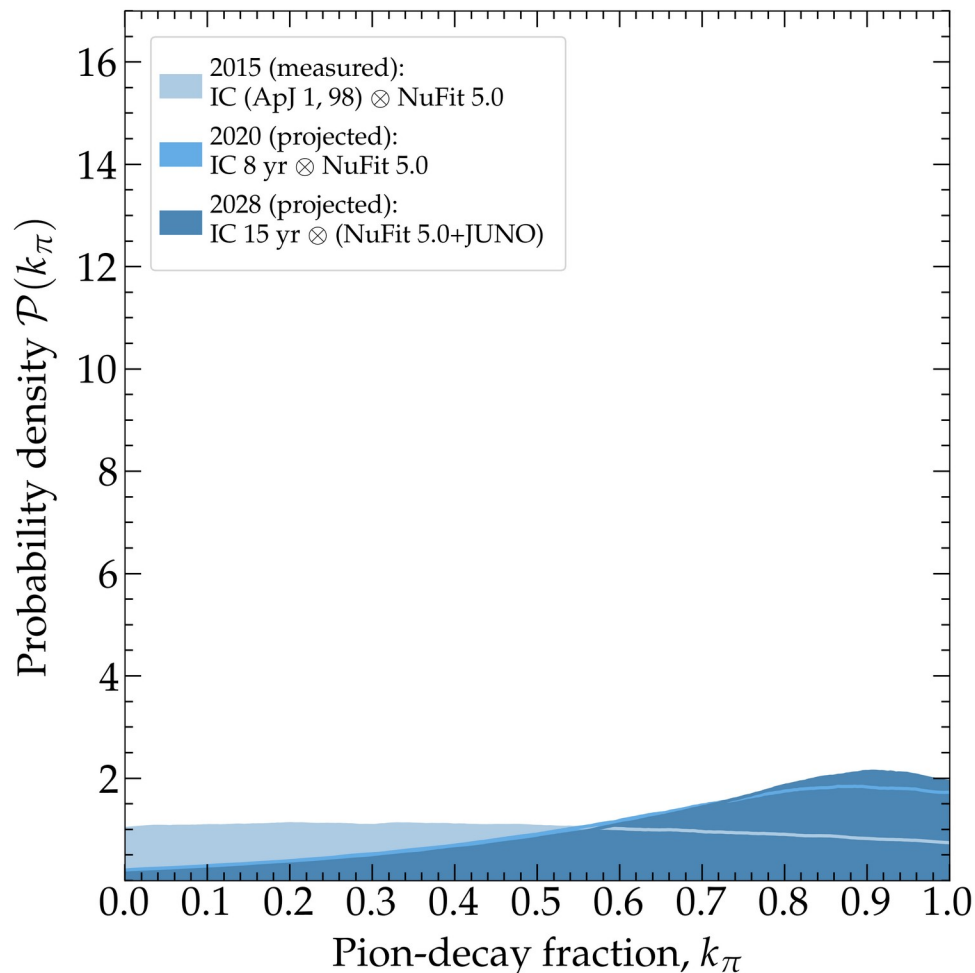
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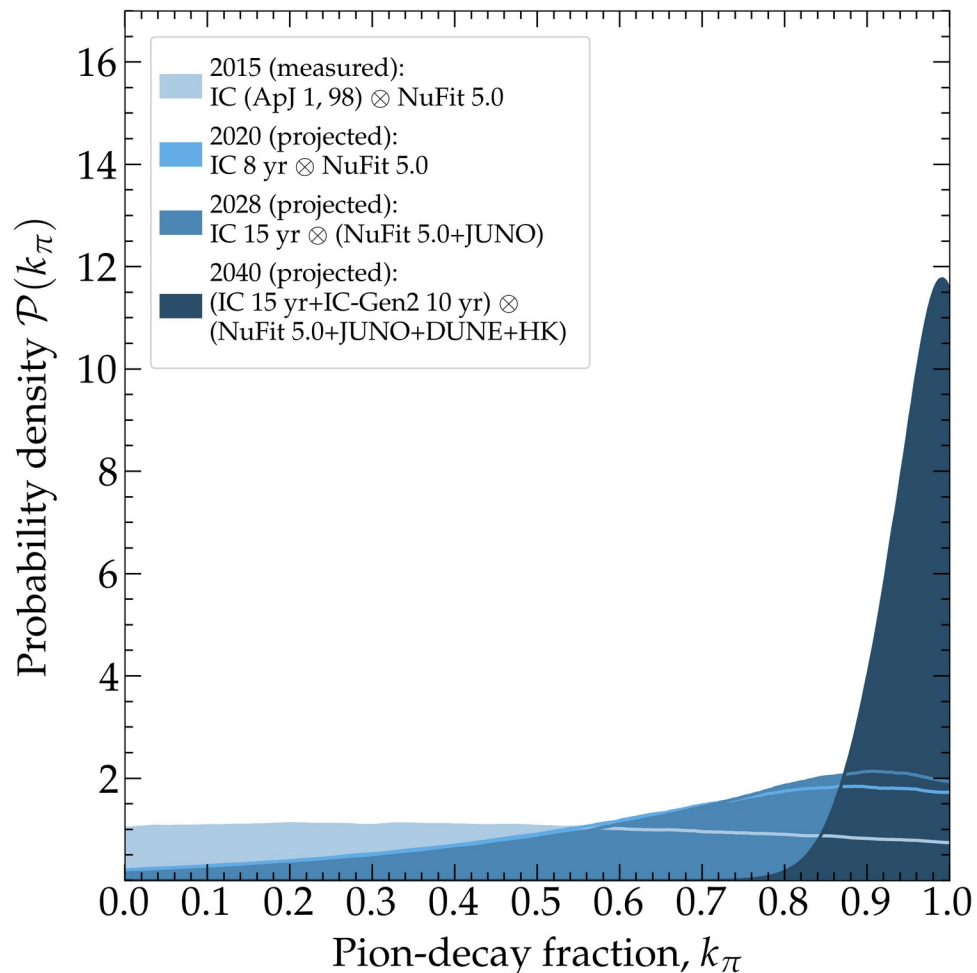
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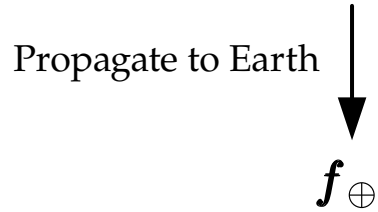


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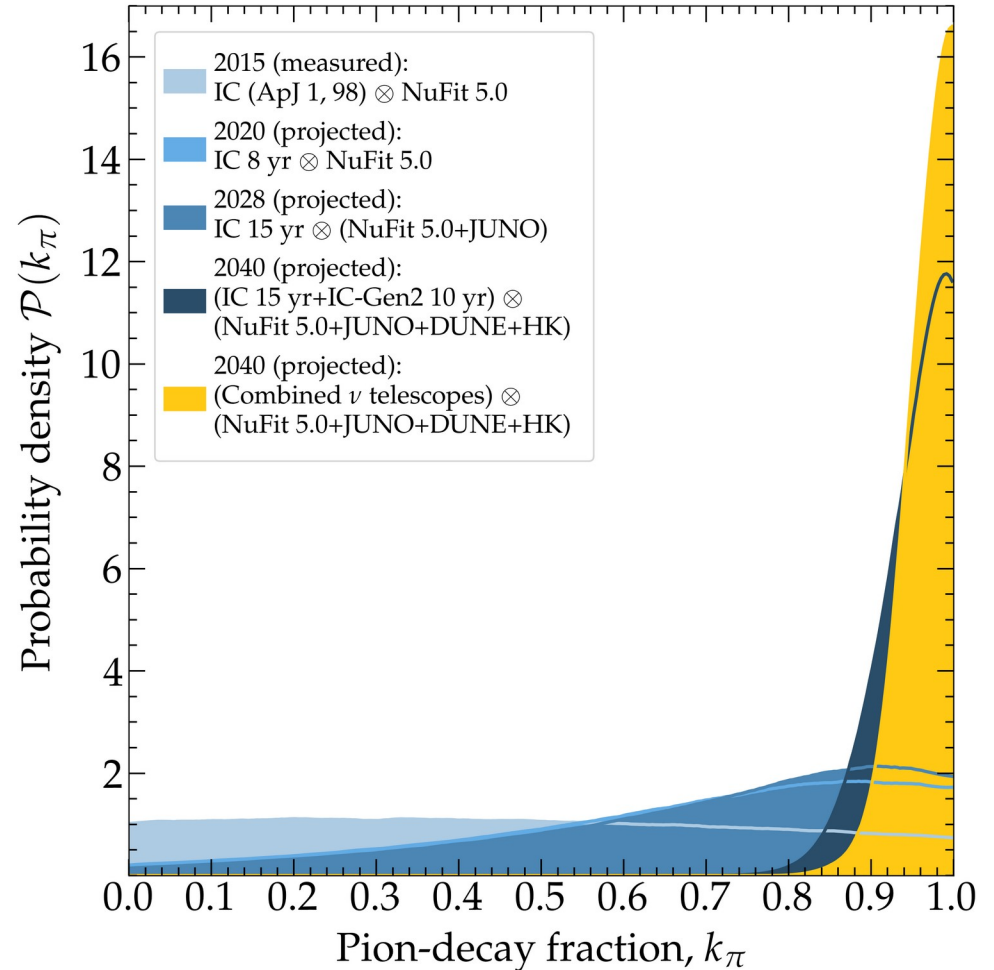
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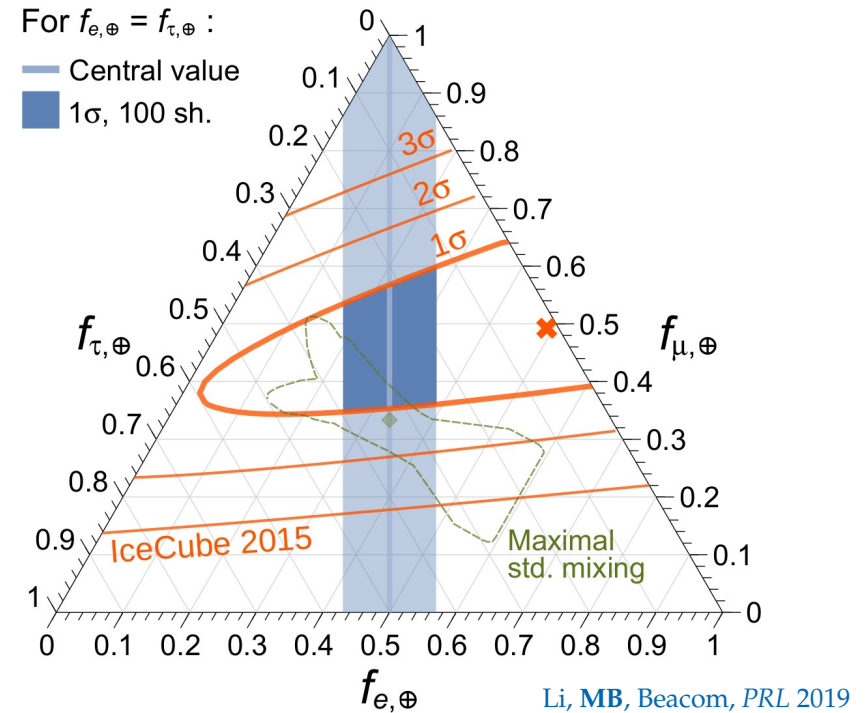
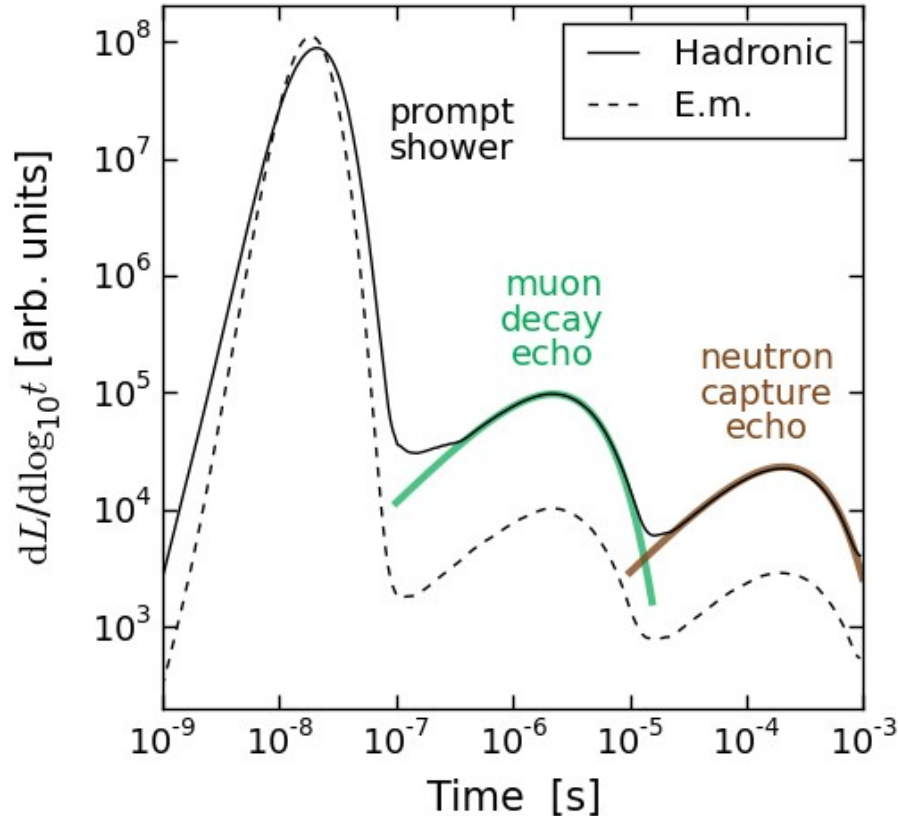
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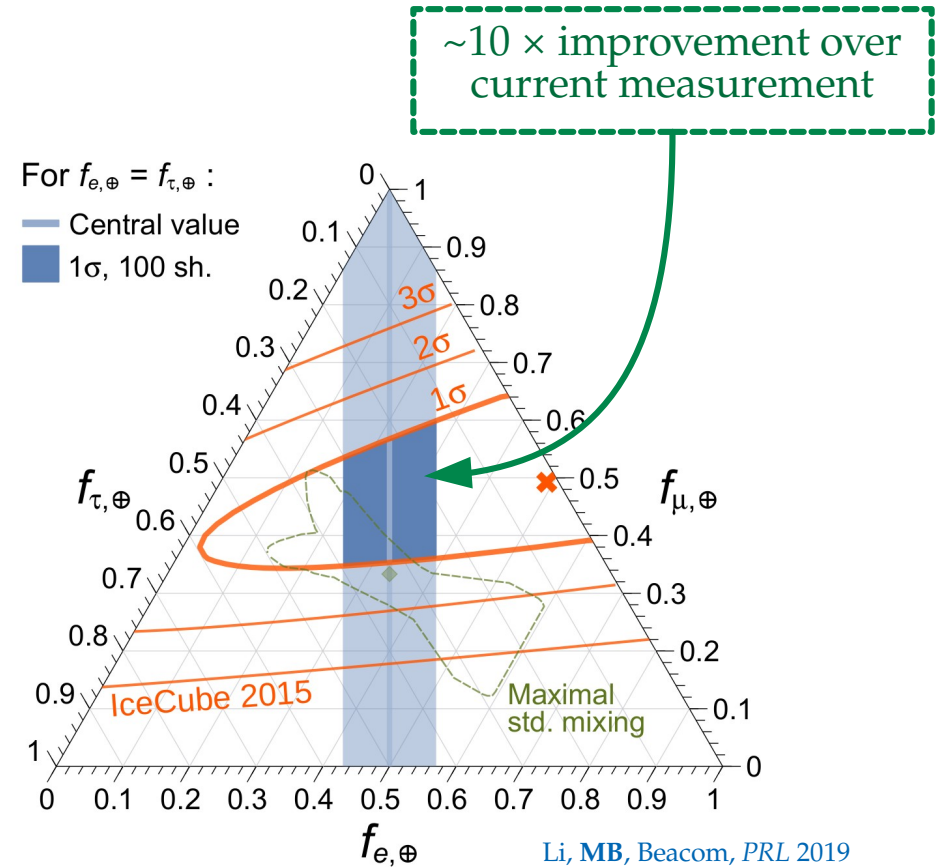
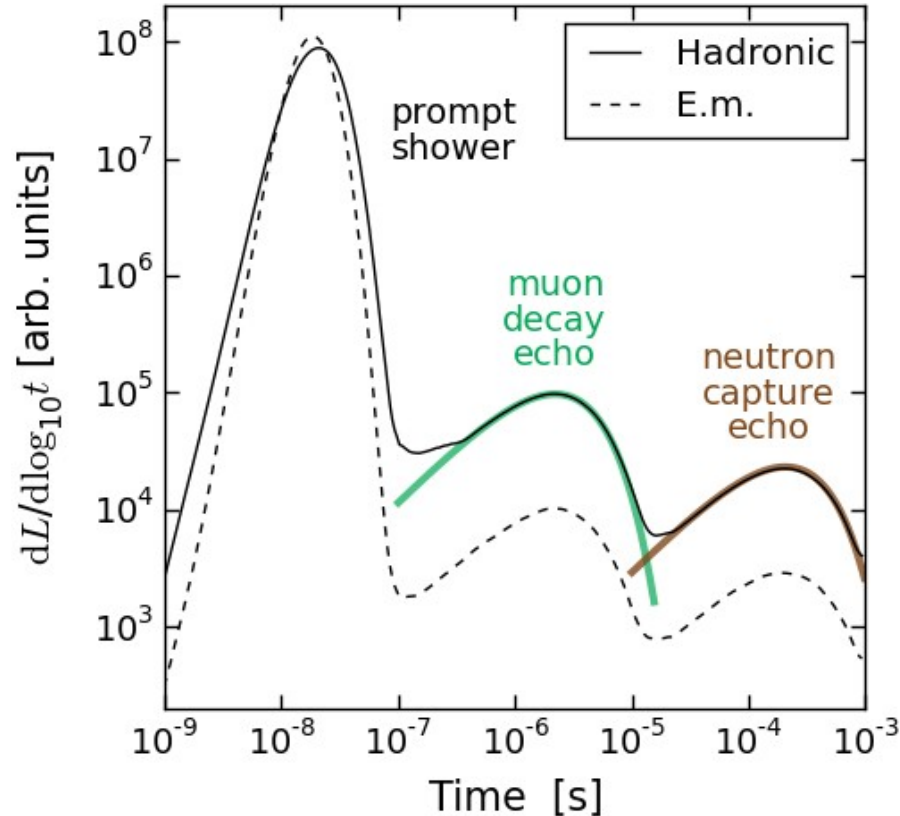
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