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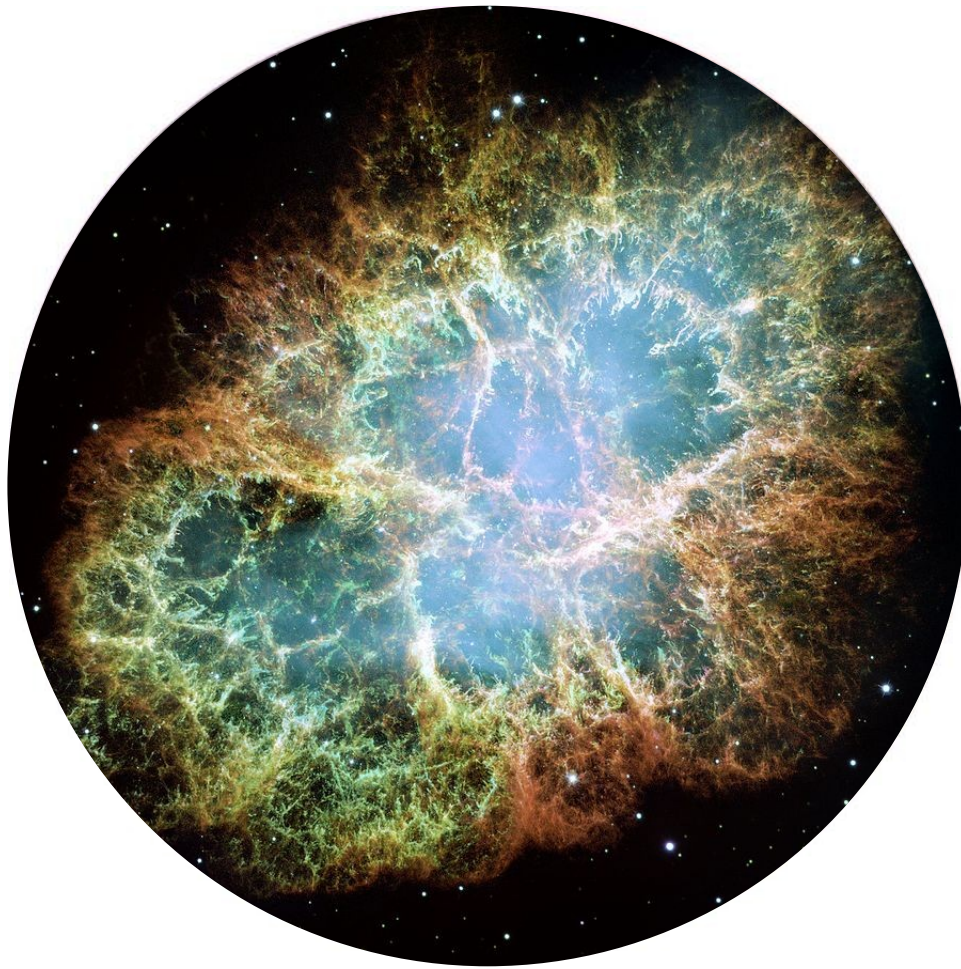
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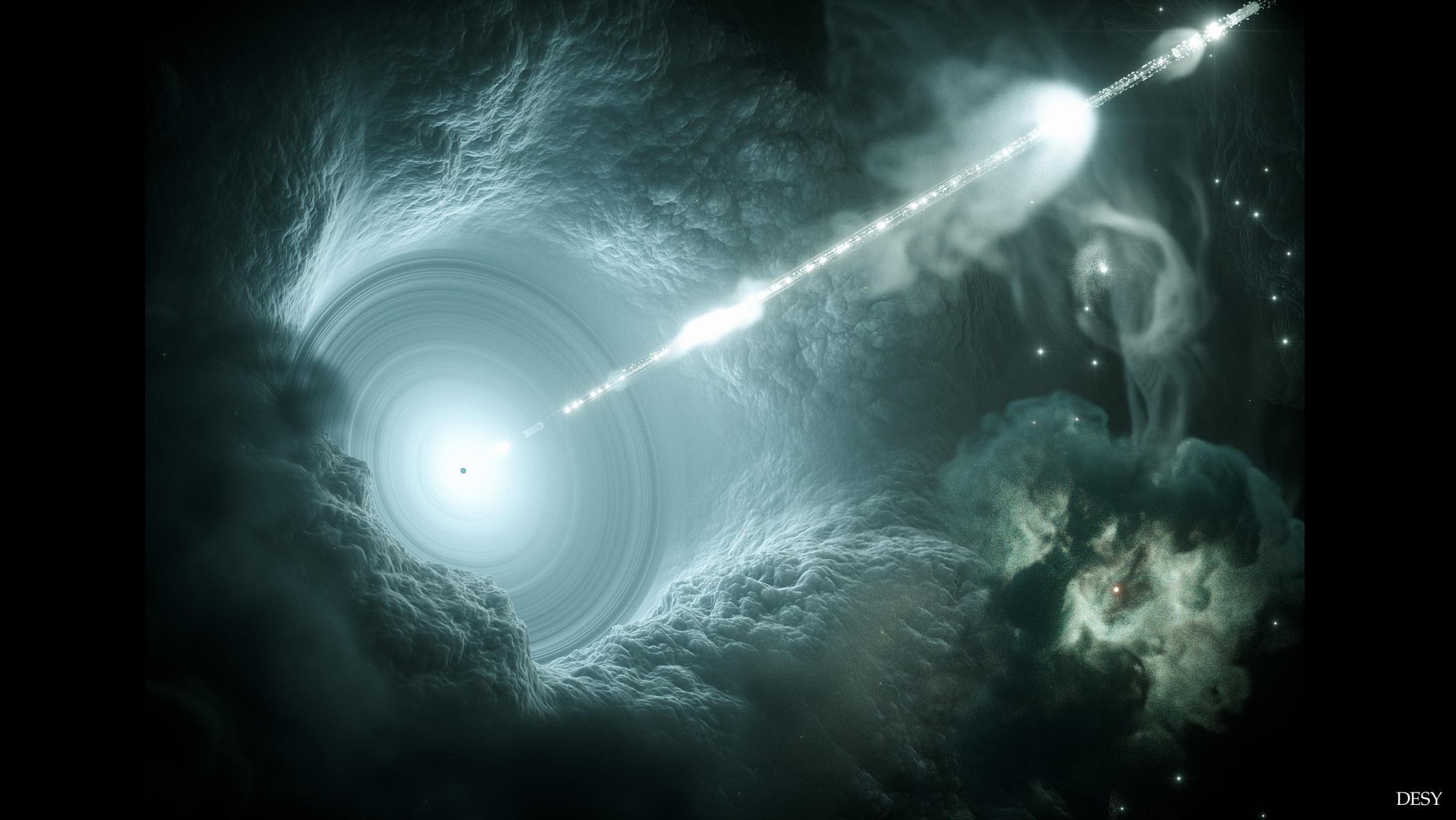


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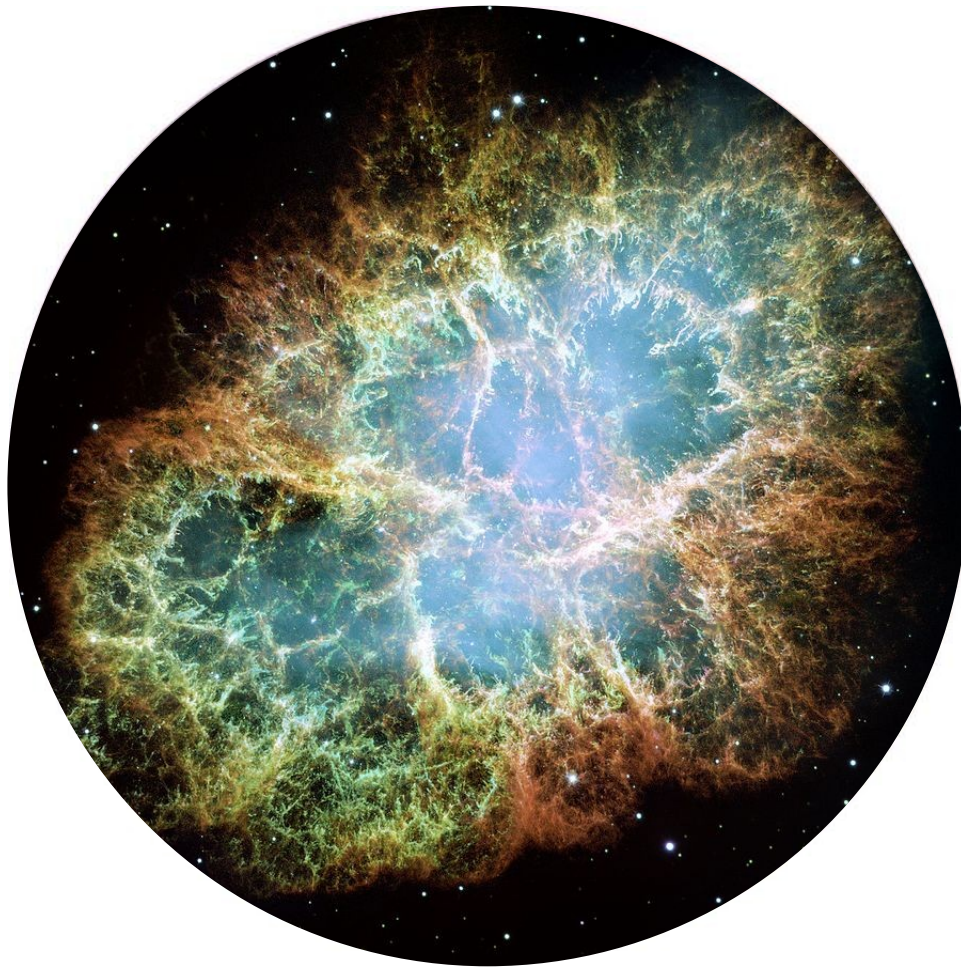


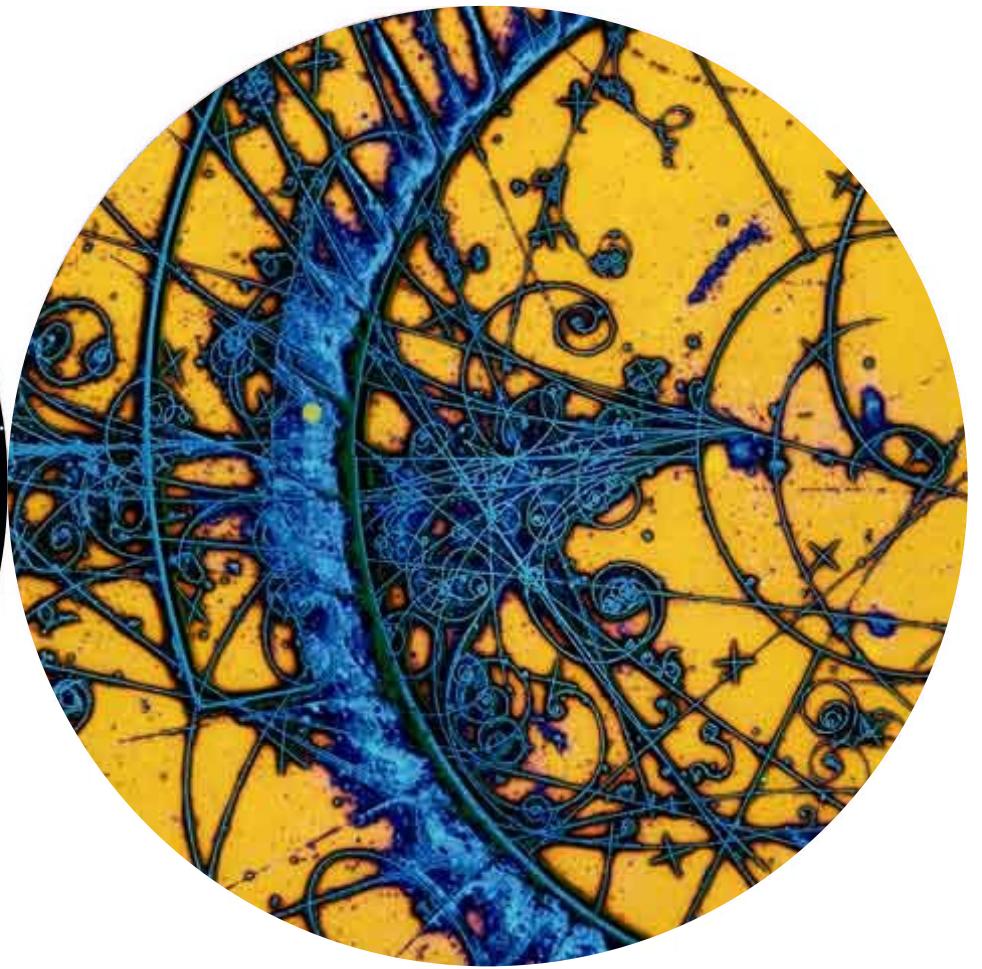
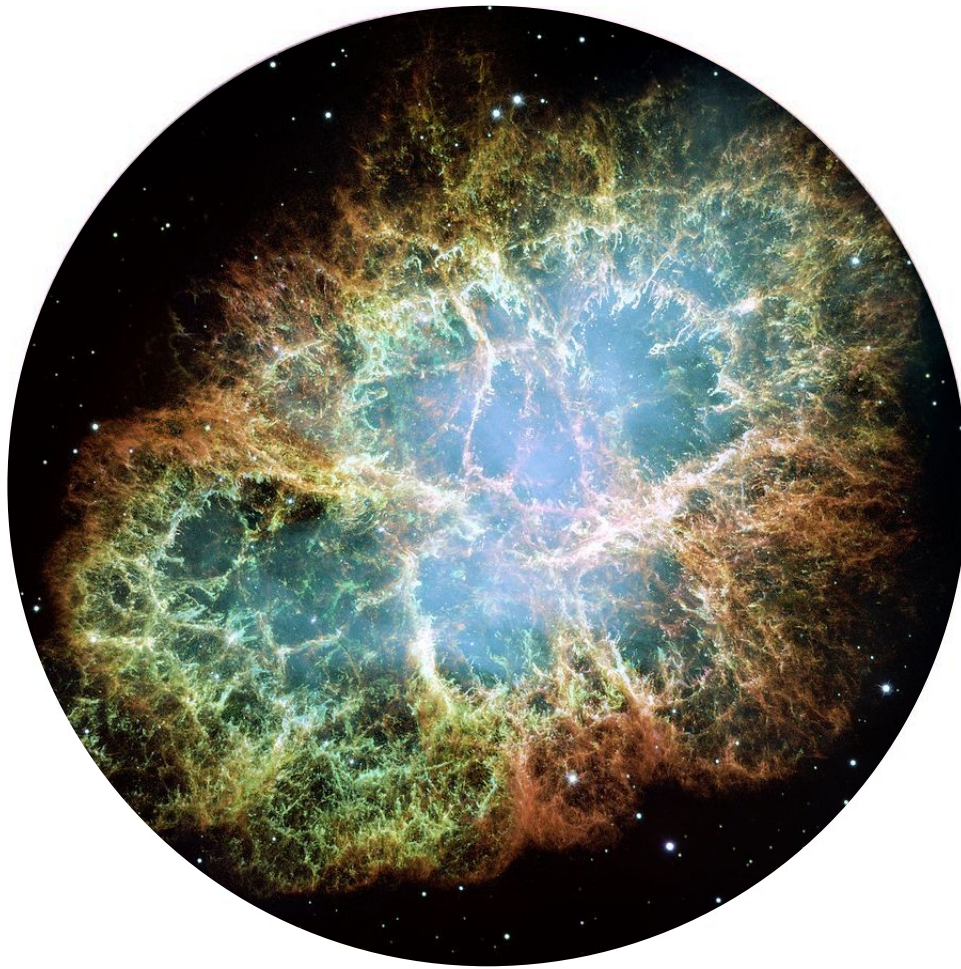




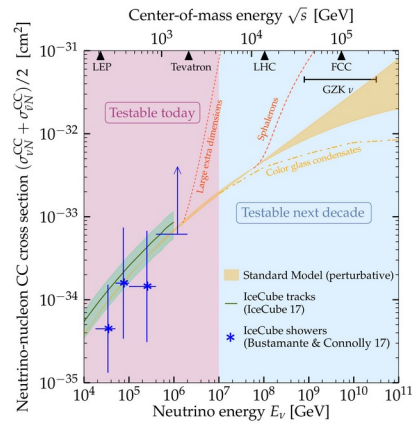






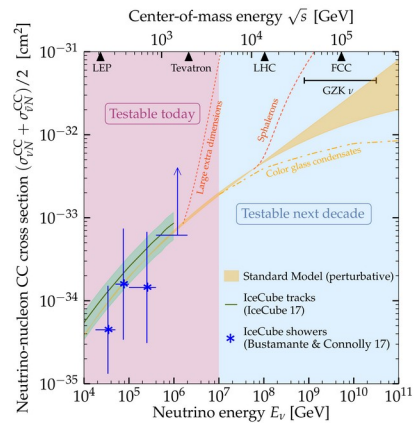


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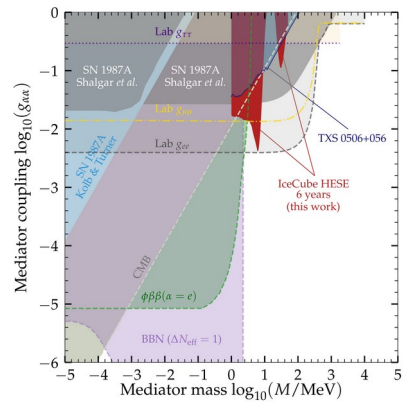
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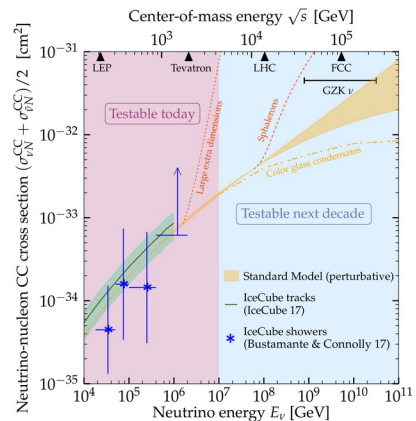
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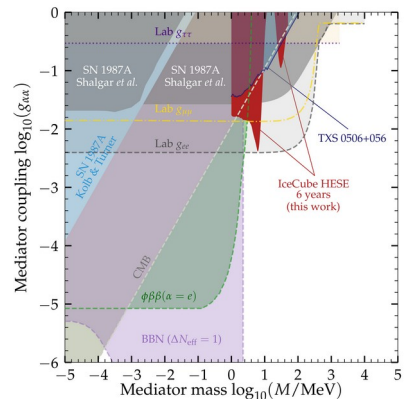
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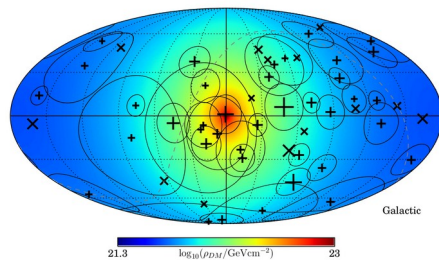
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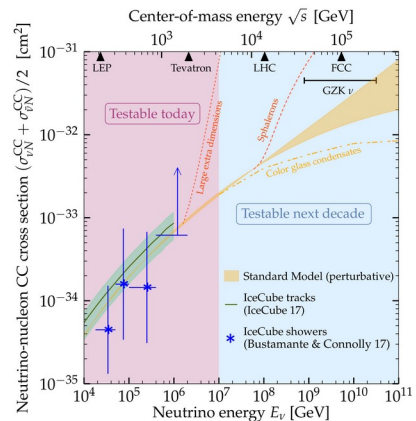
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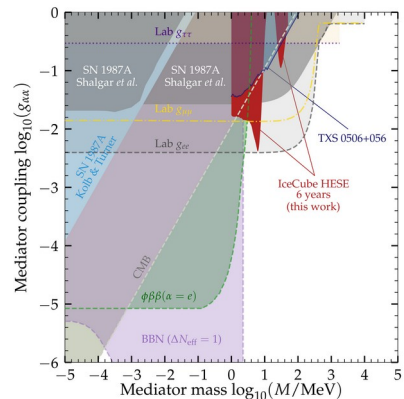
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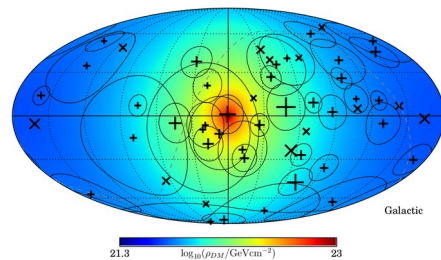
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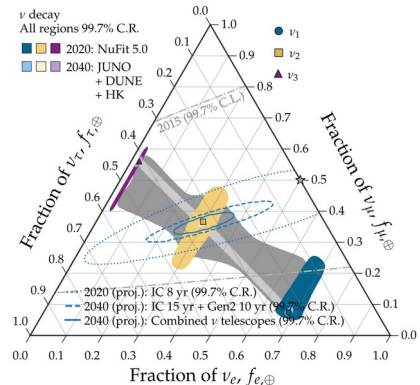
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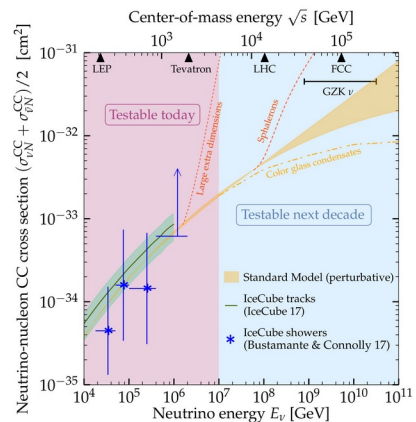
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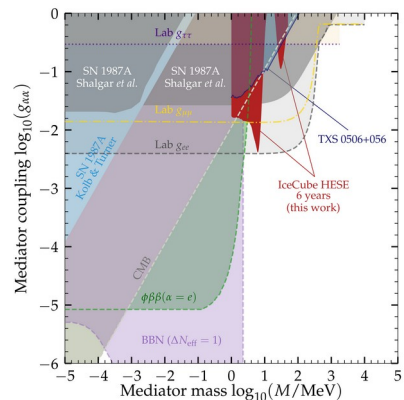
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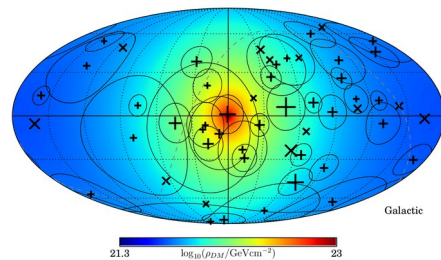
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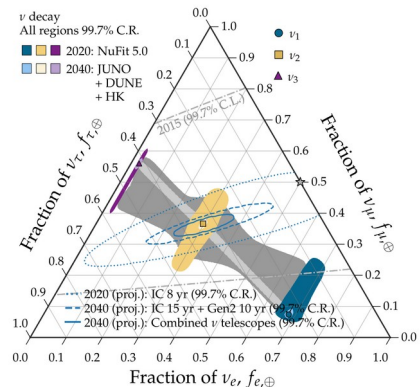
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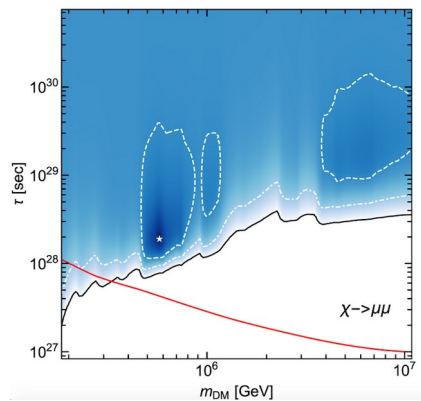
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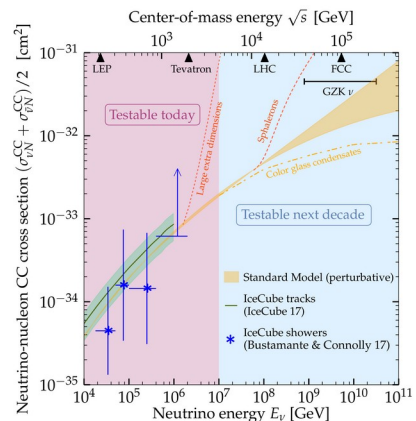
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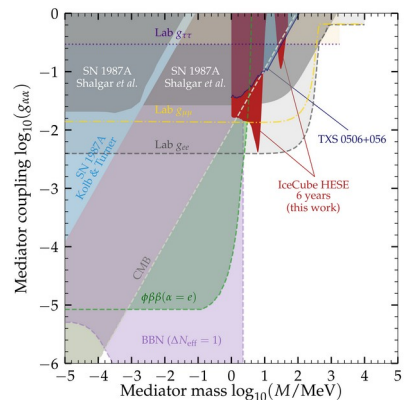
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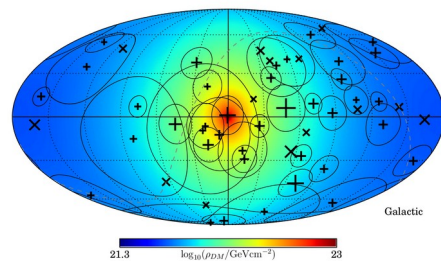
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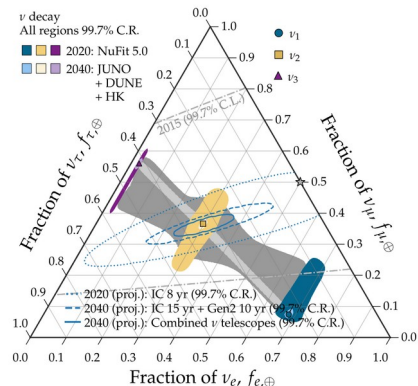
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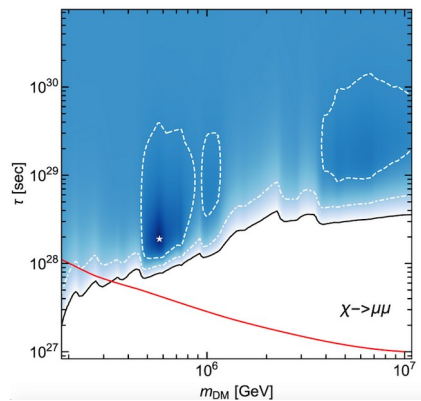
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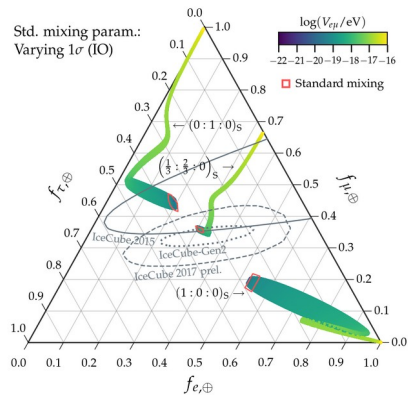
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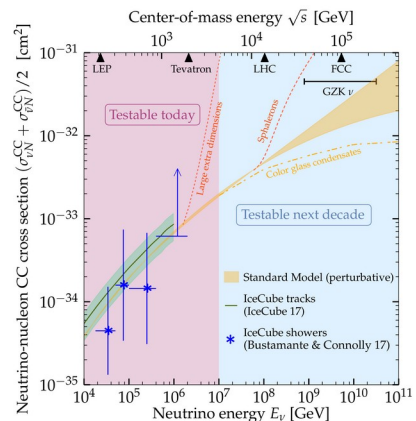
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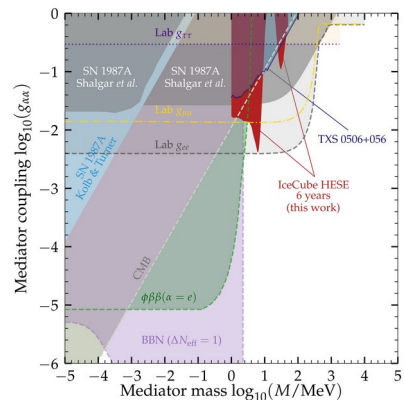
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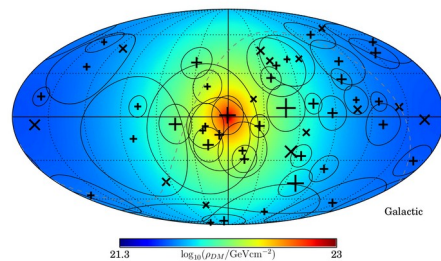
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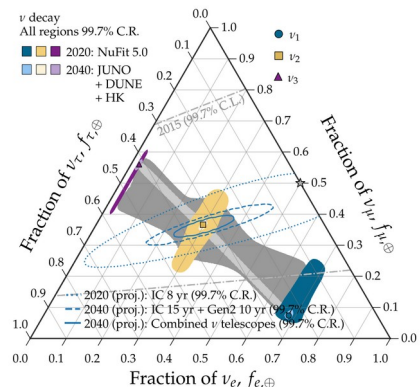
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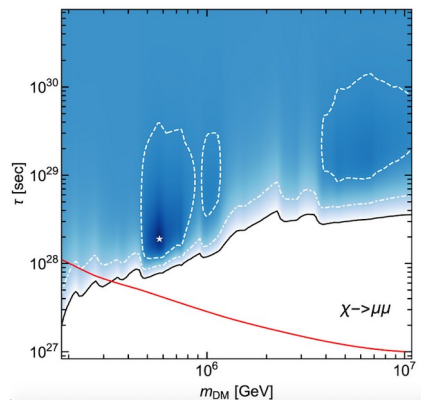
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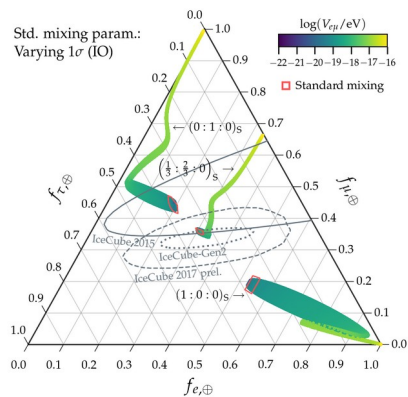
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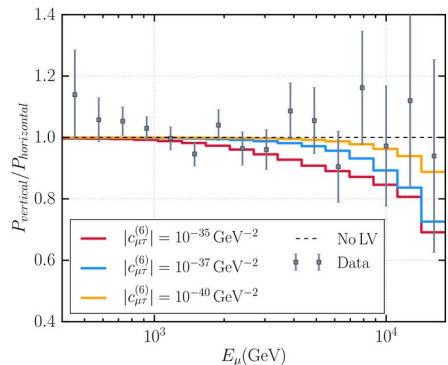
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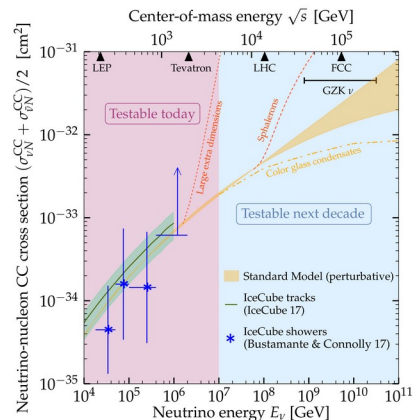
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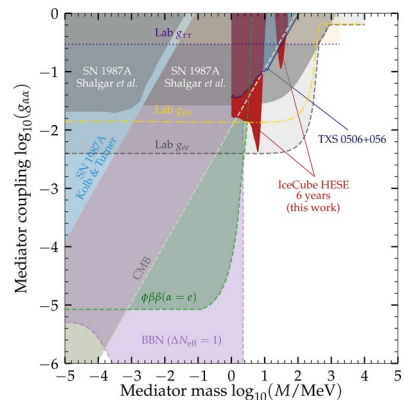
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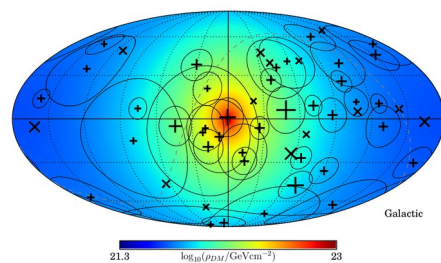
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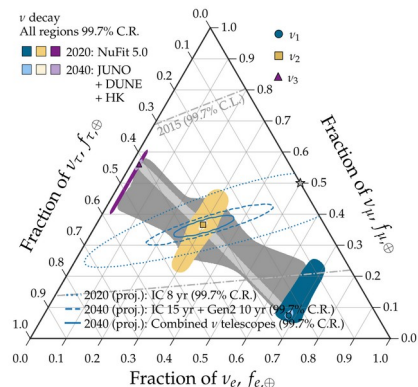
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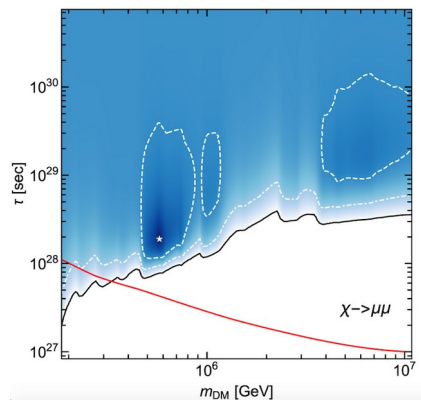
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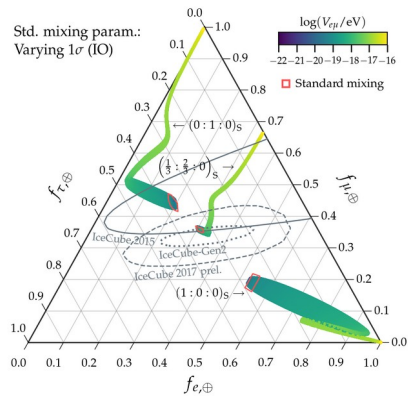
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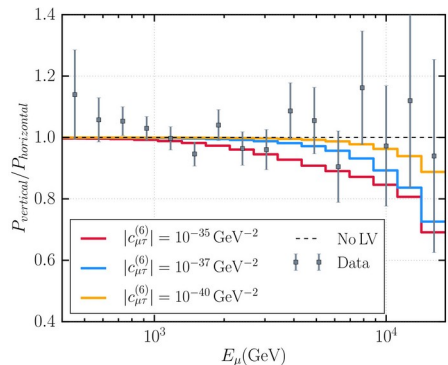
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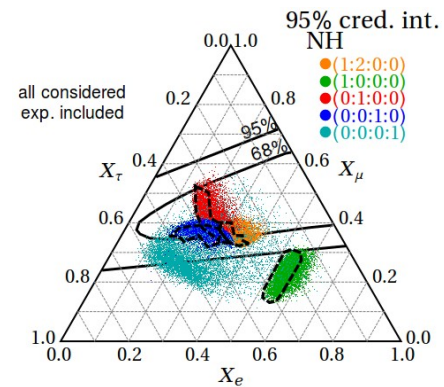
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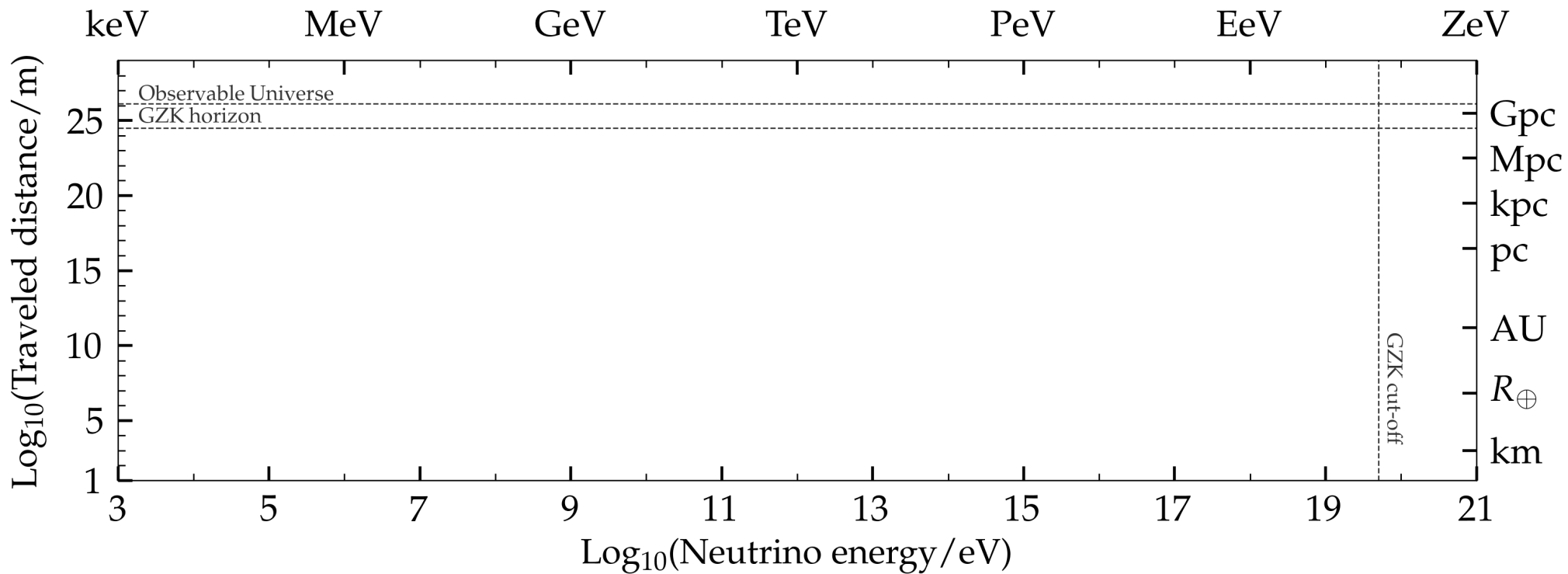


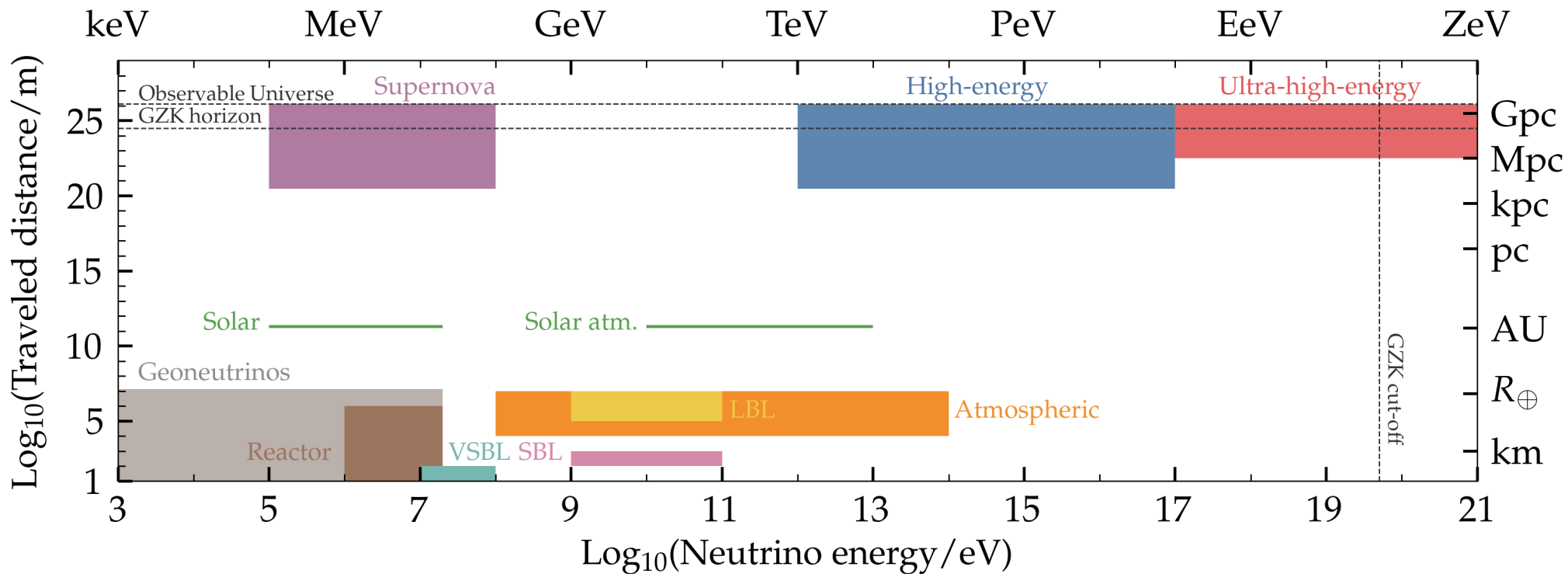
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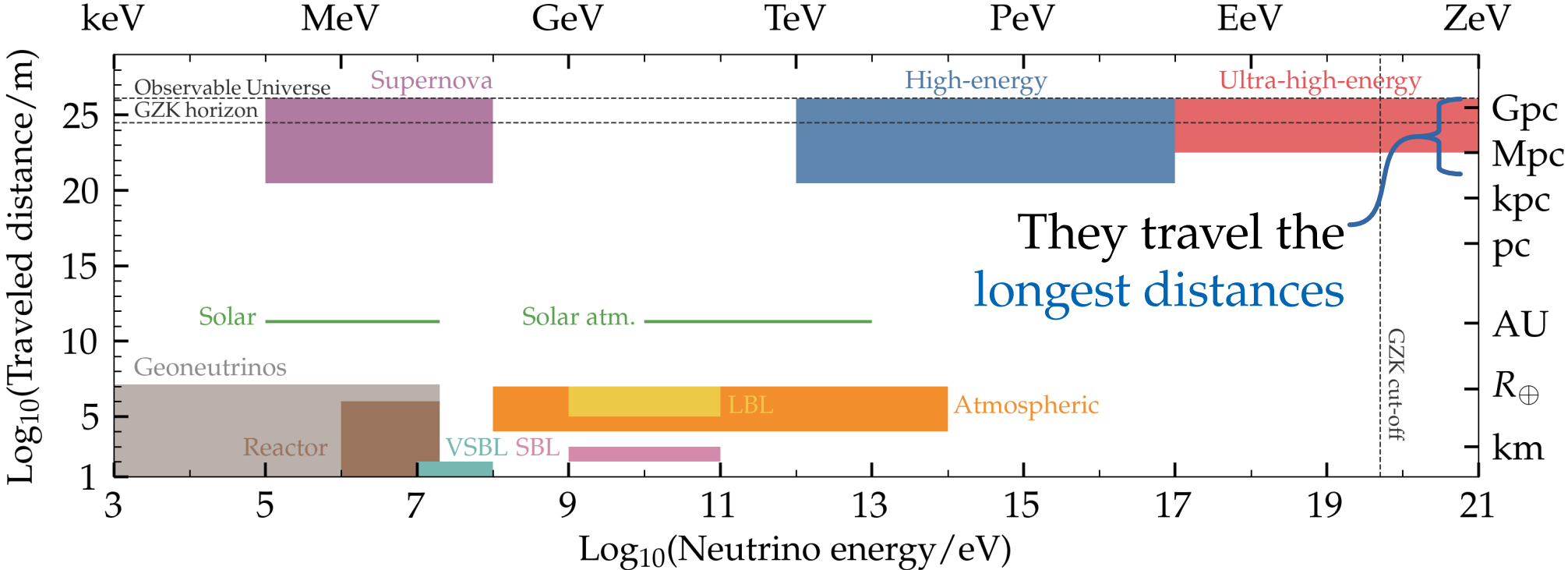


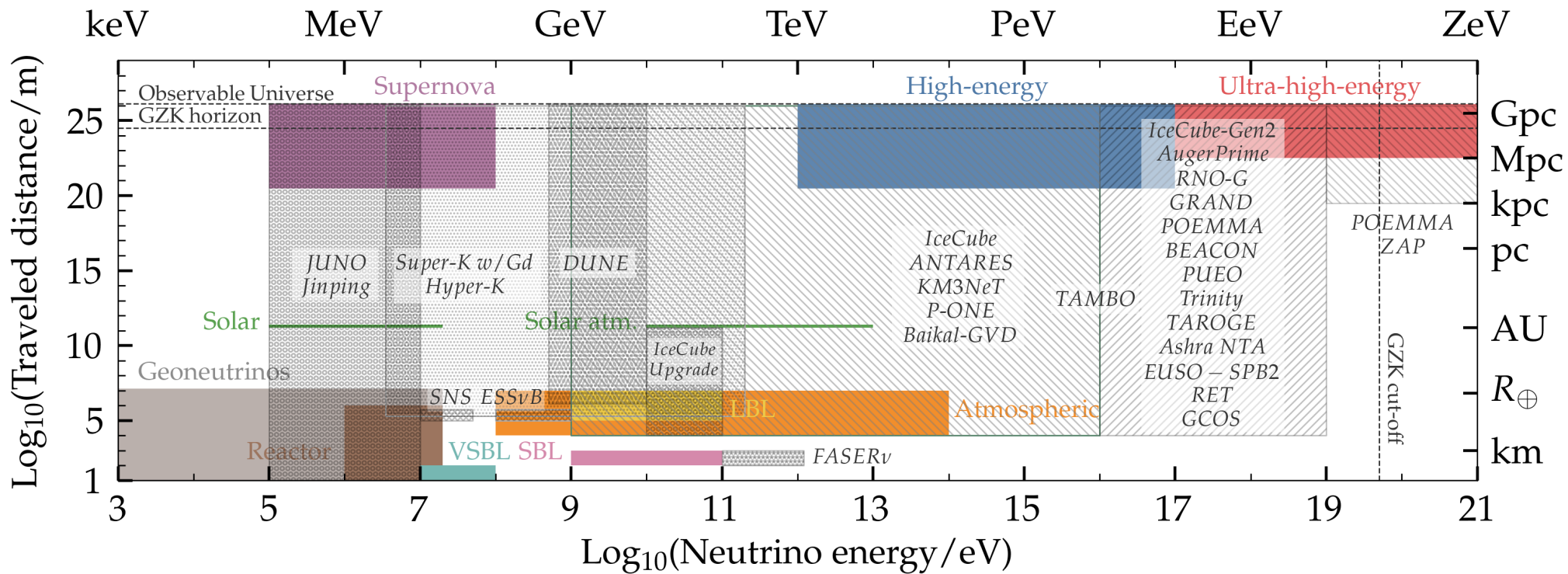
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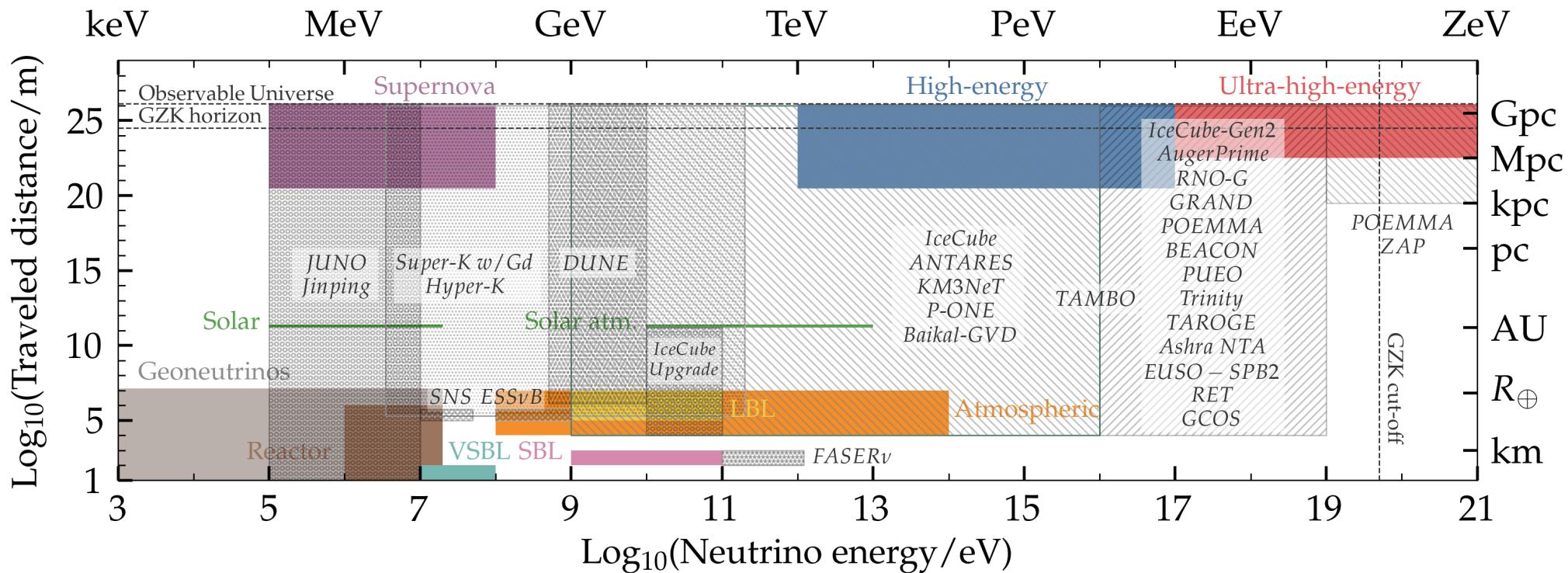




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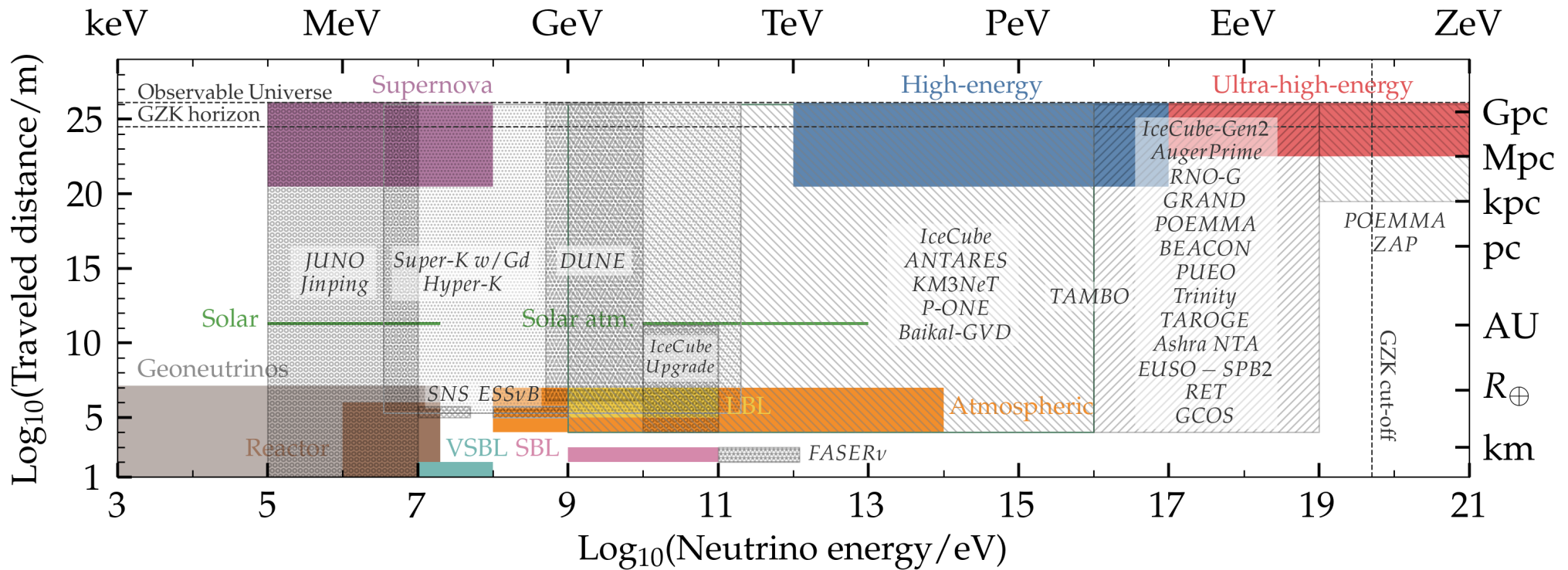






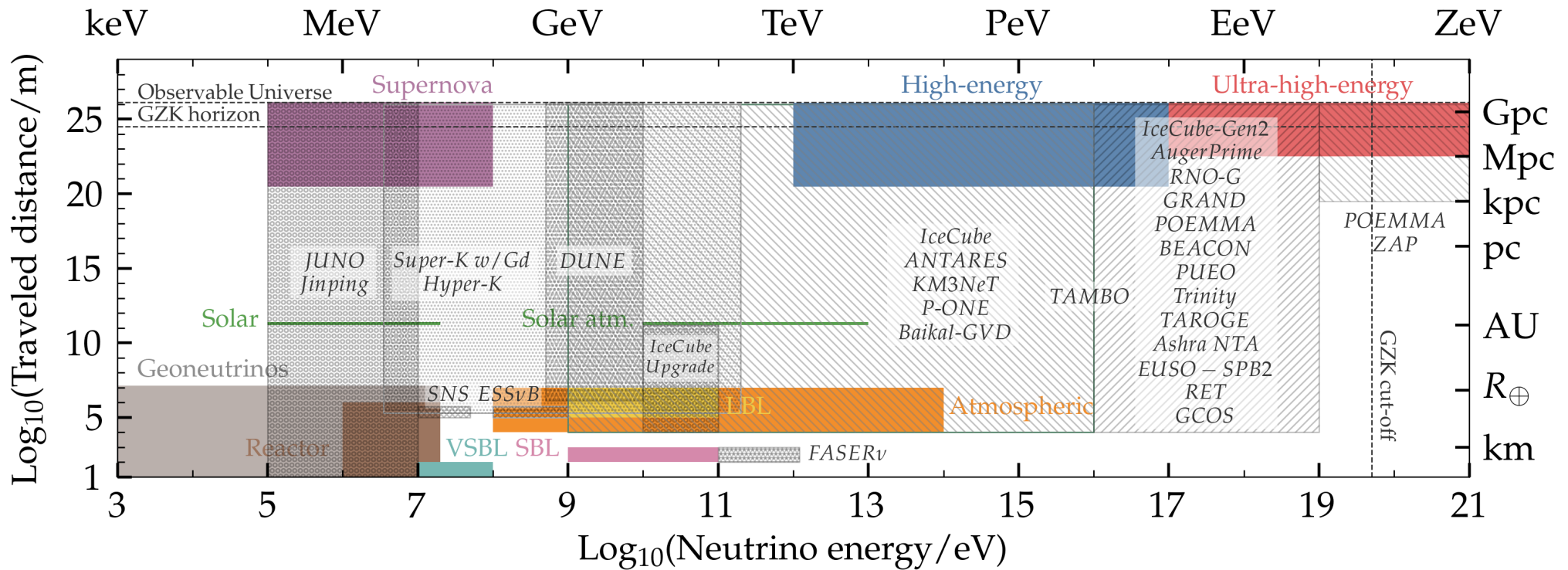
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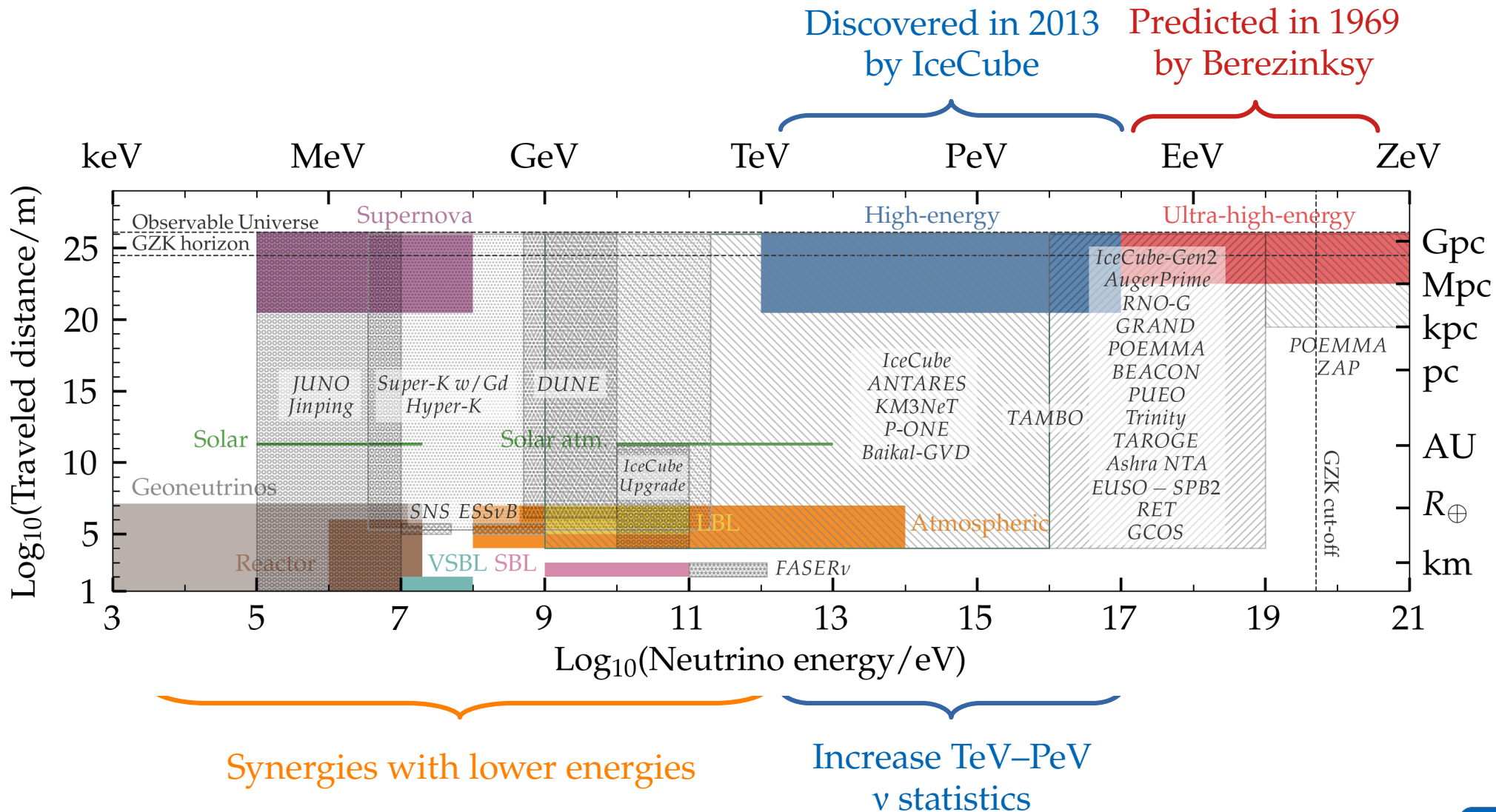
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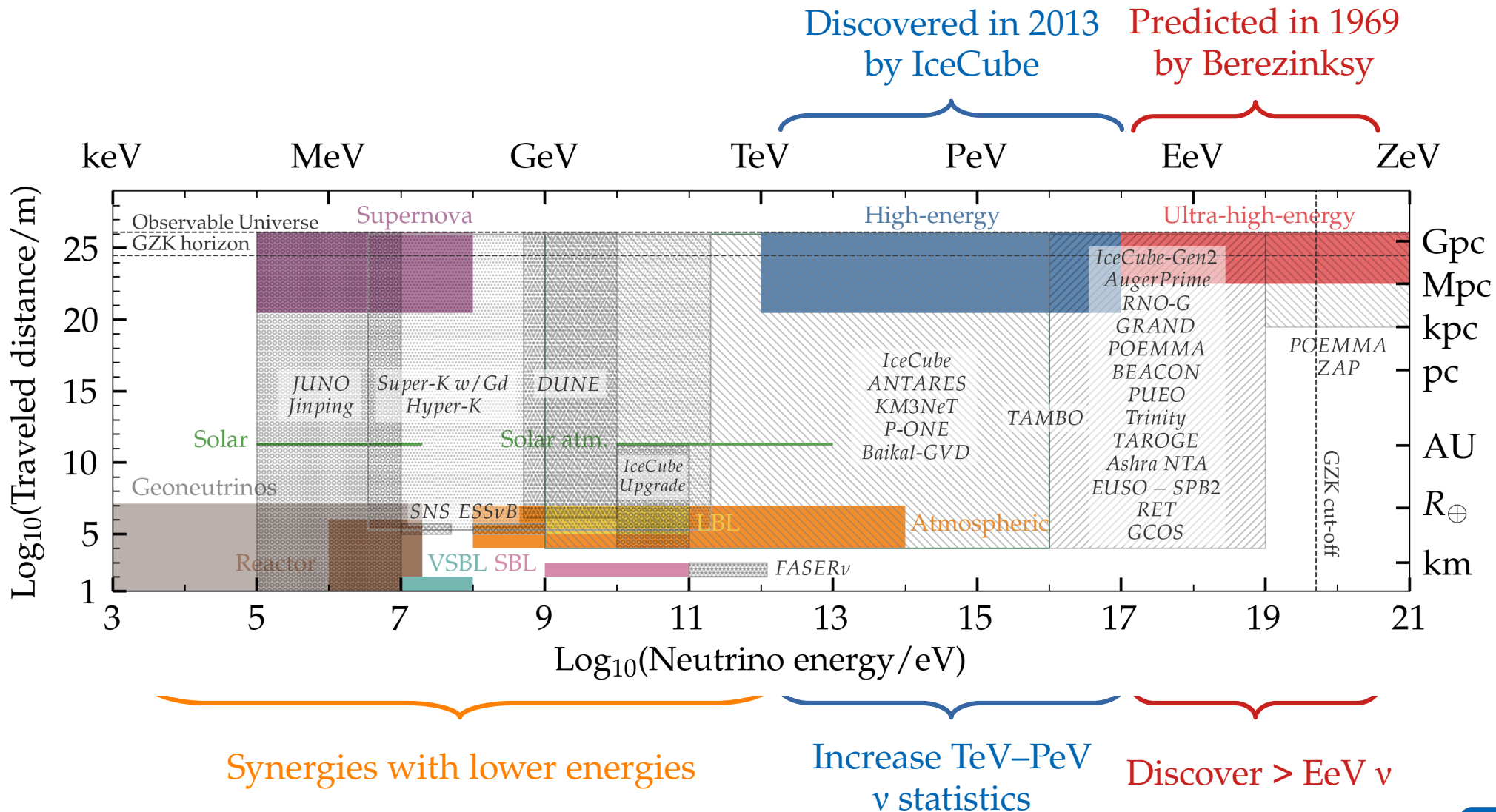
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Increase TeV-PeV
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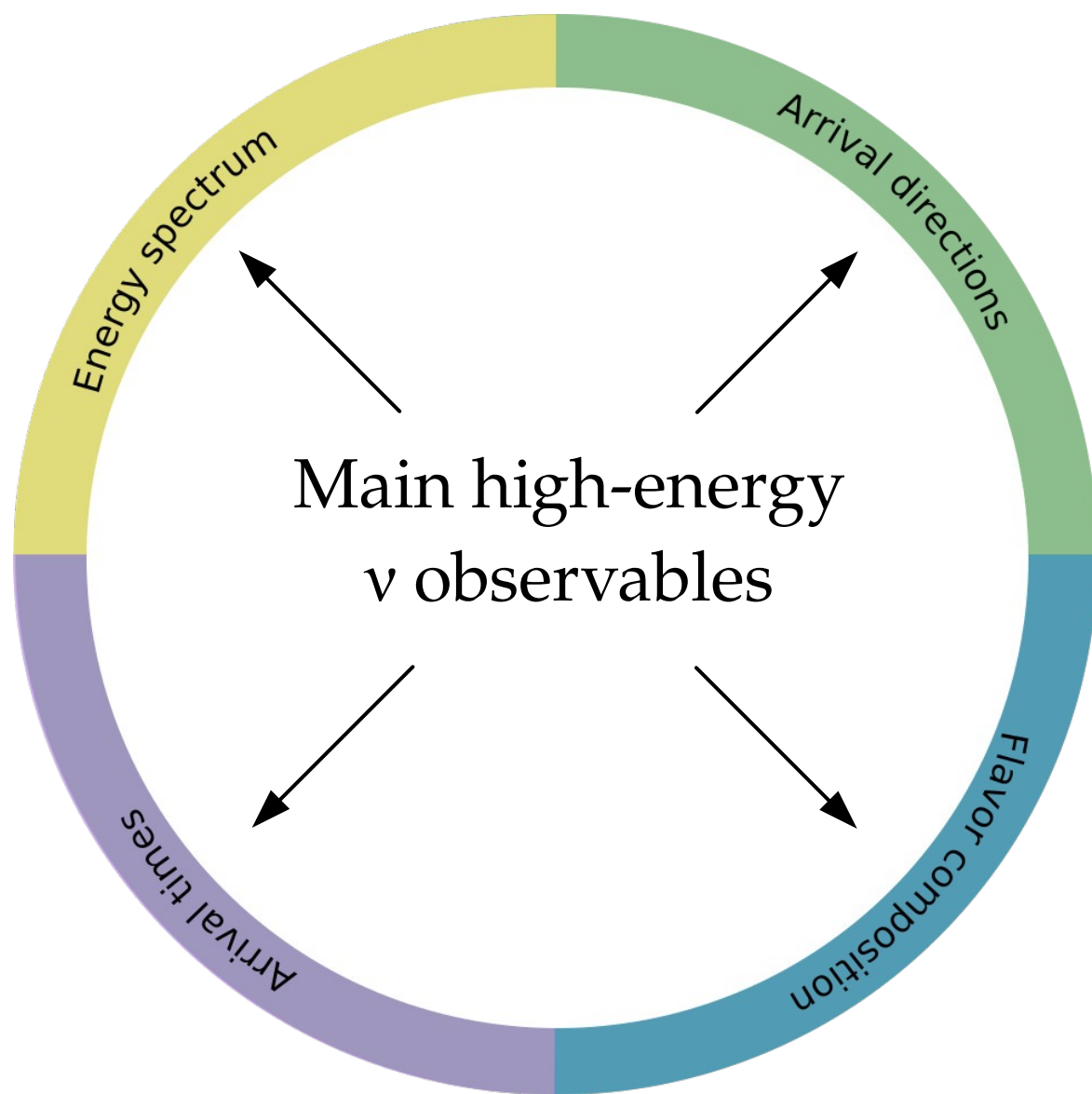
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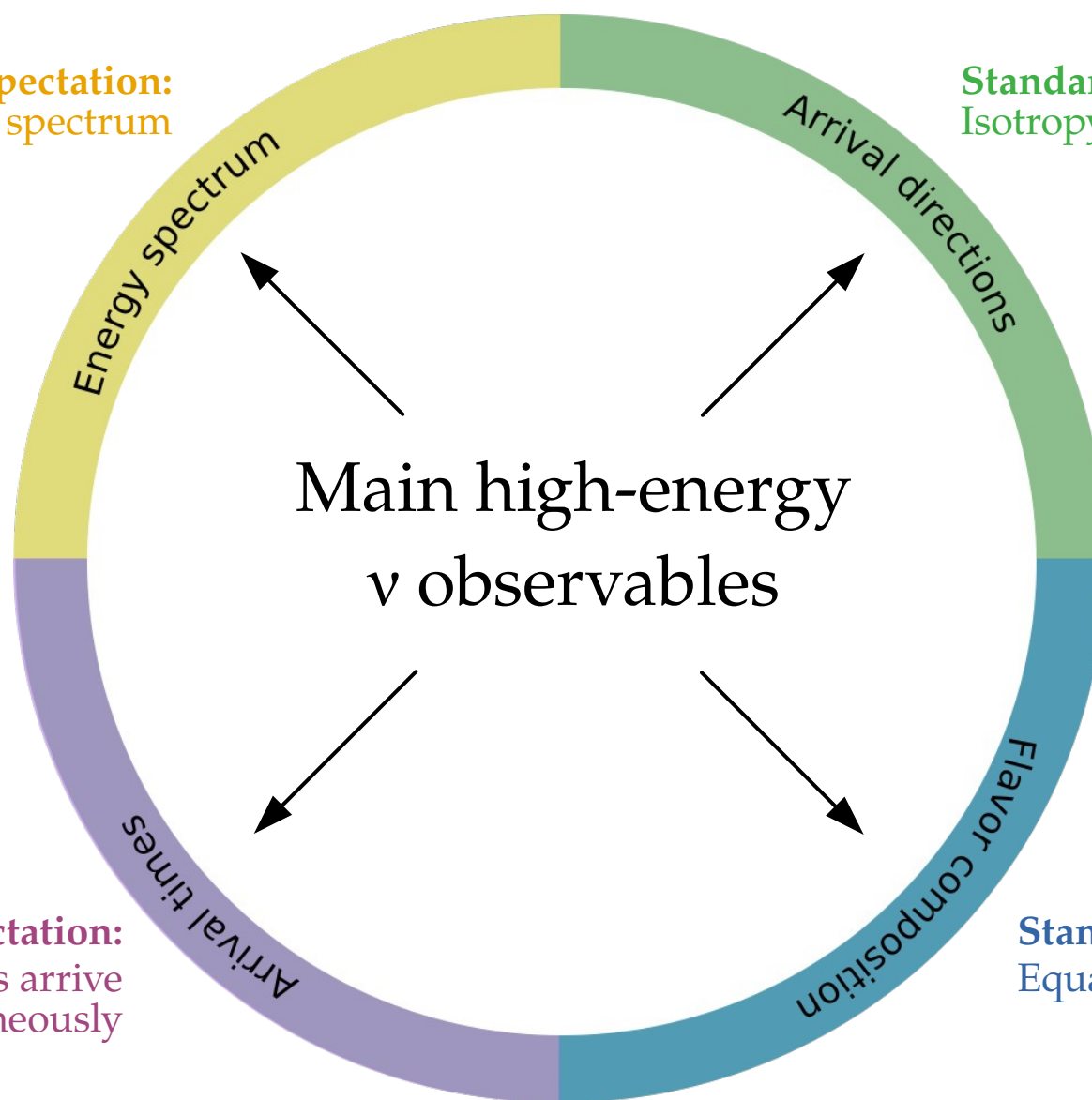
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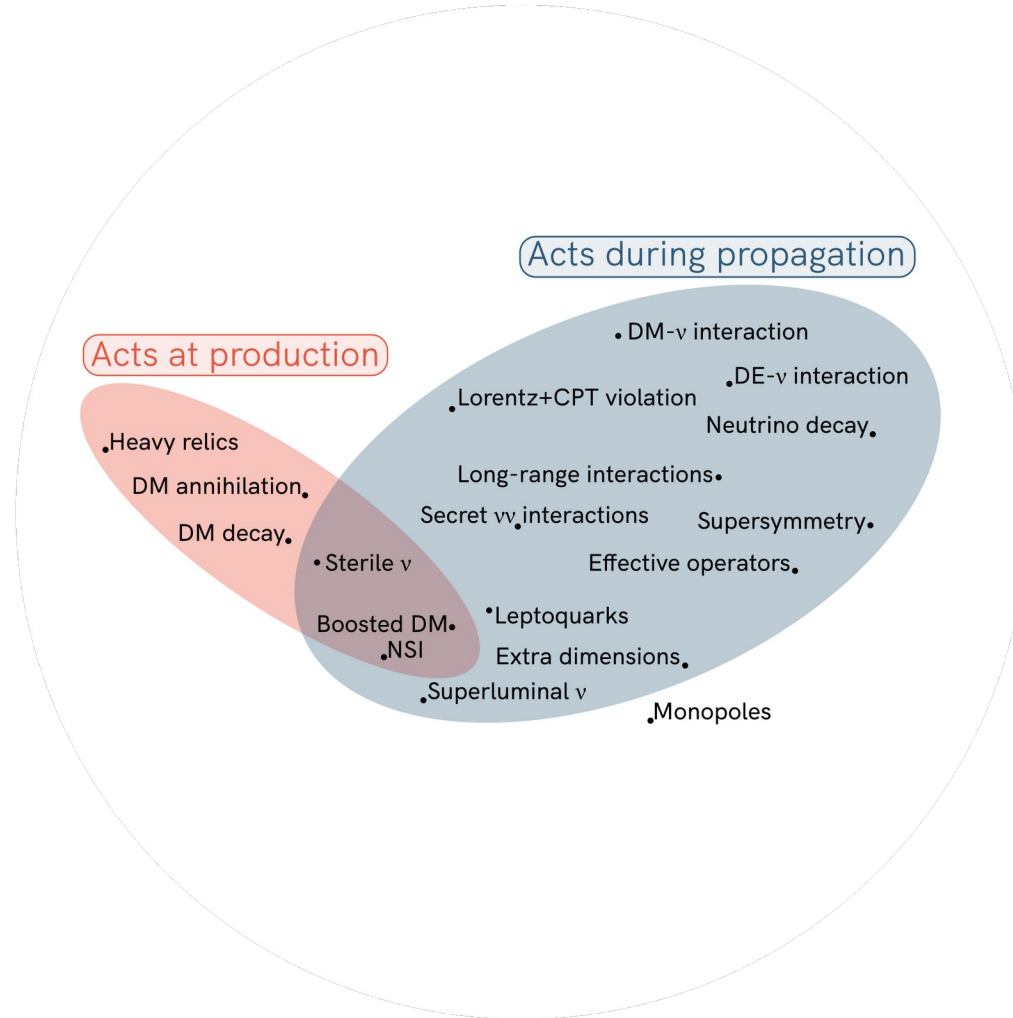
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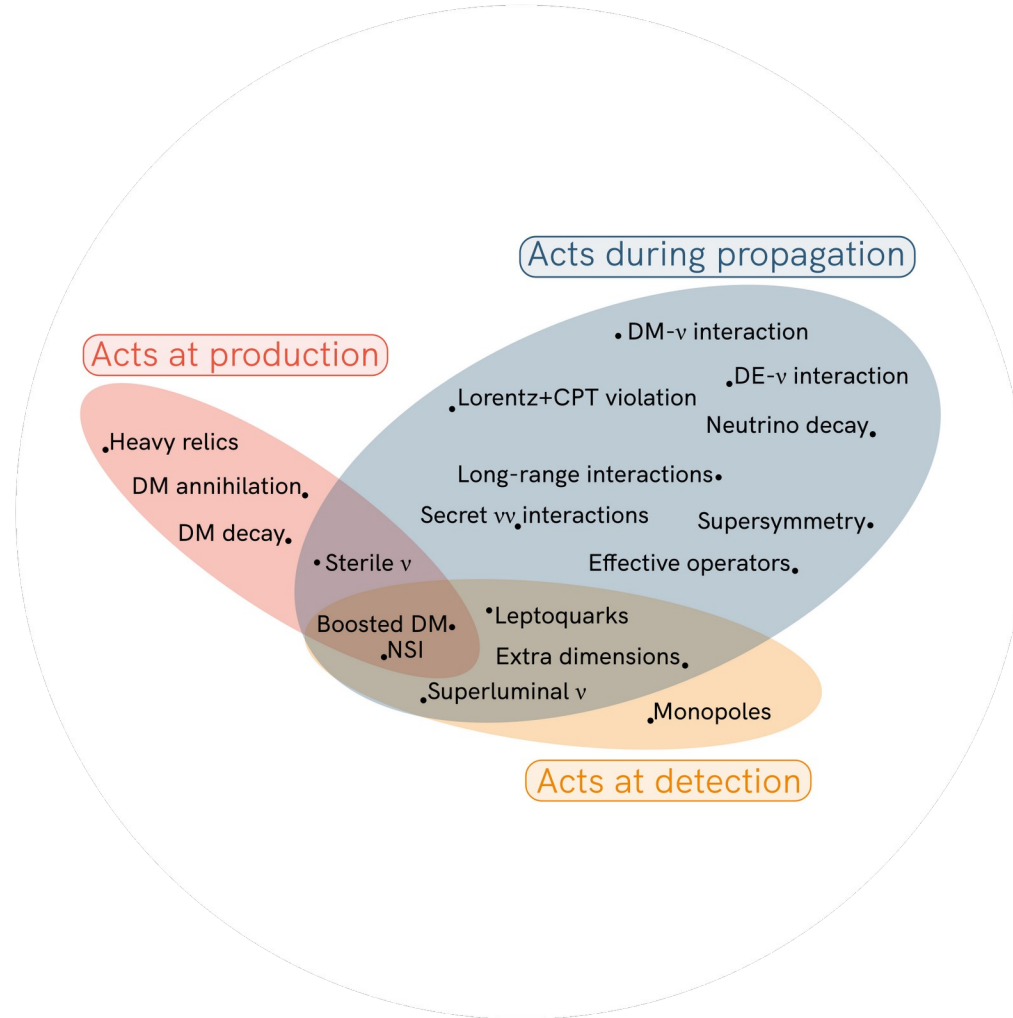
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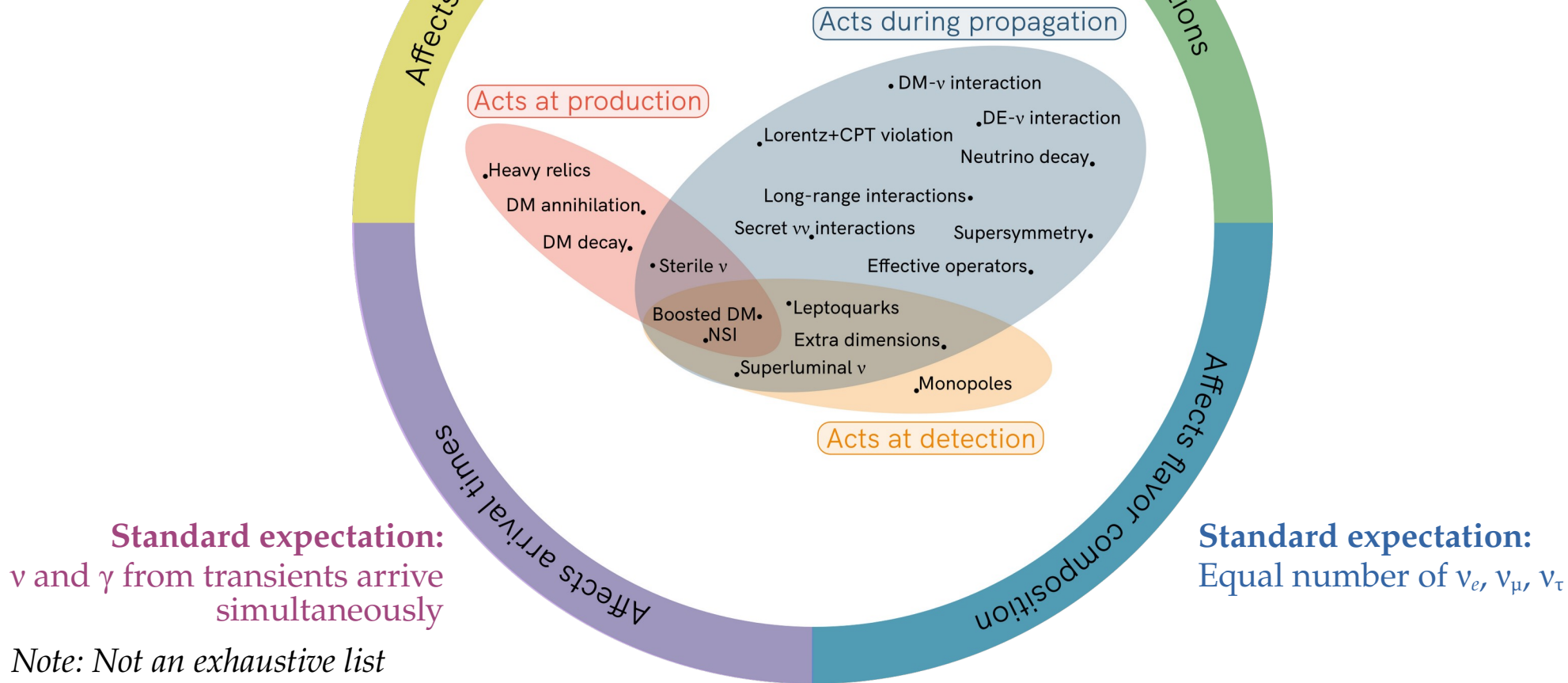
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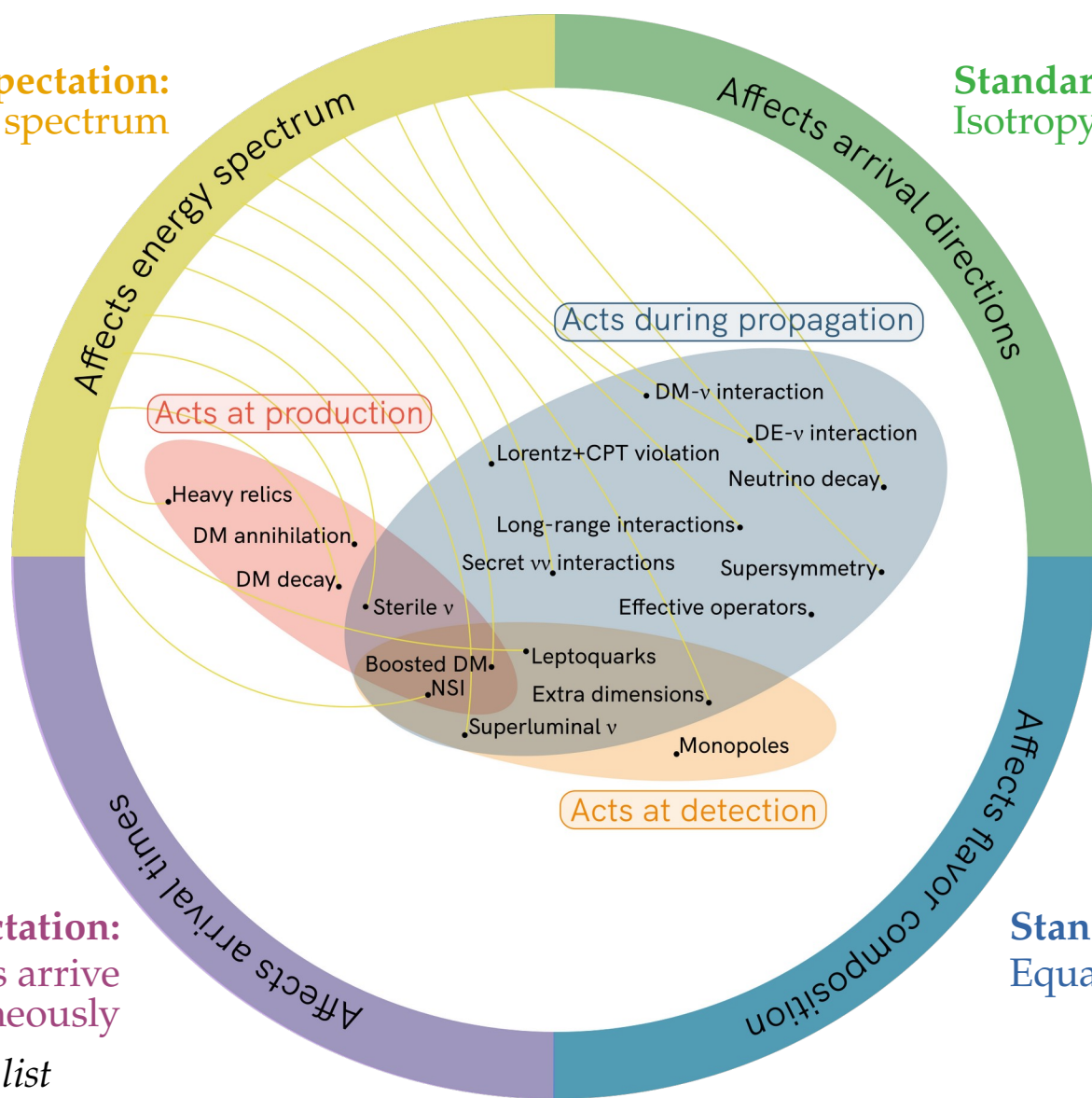
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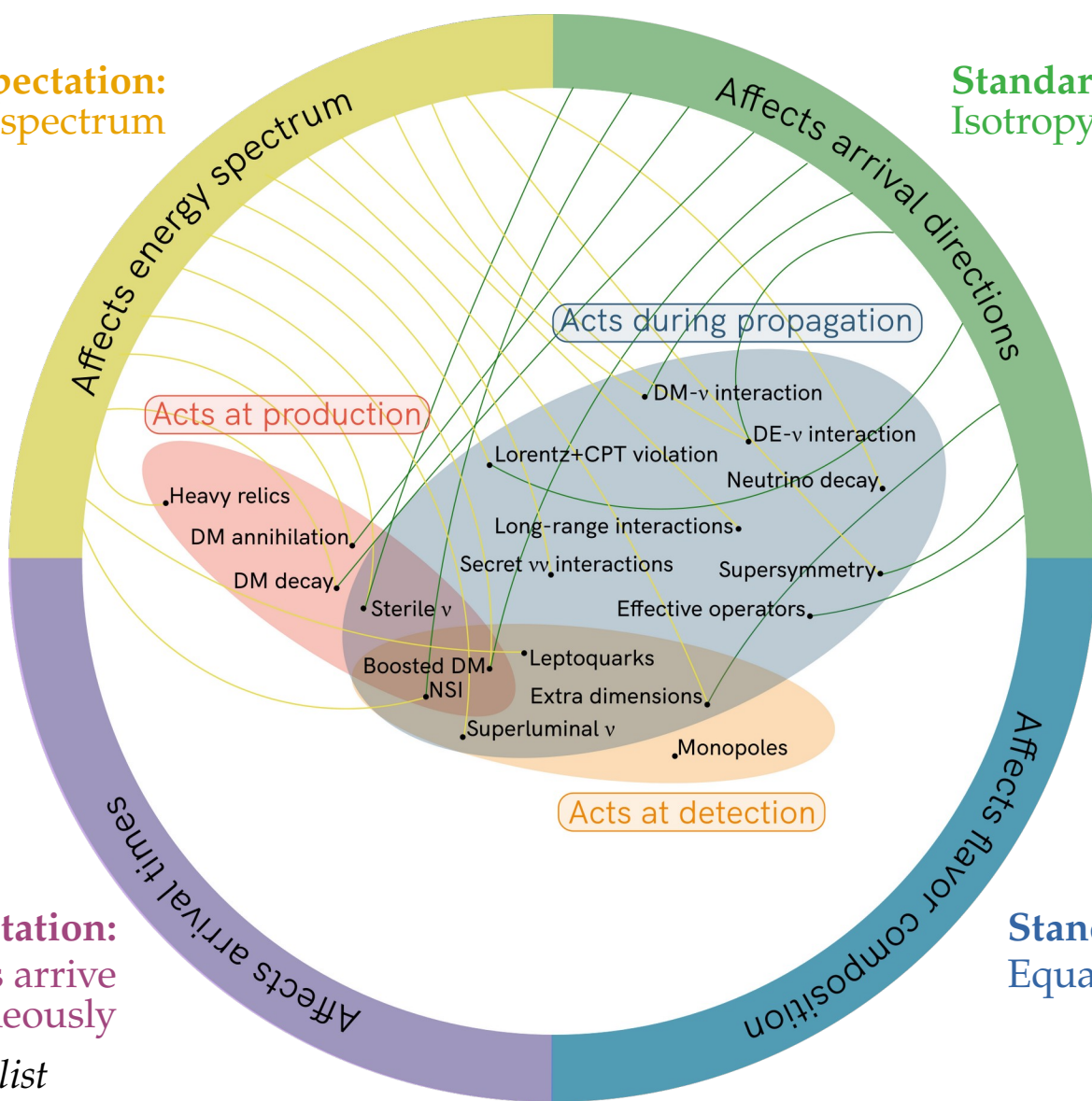
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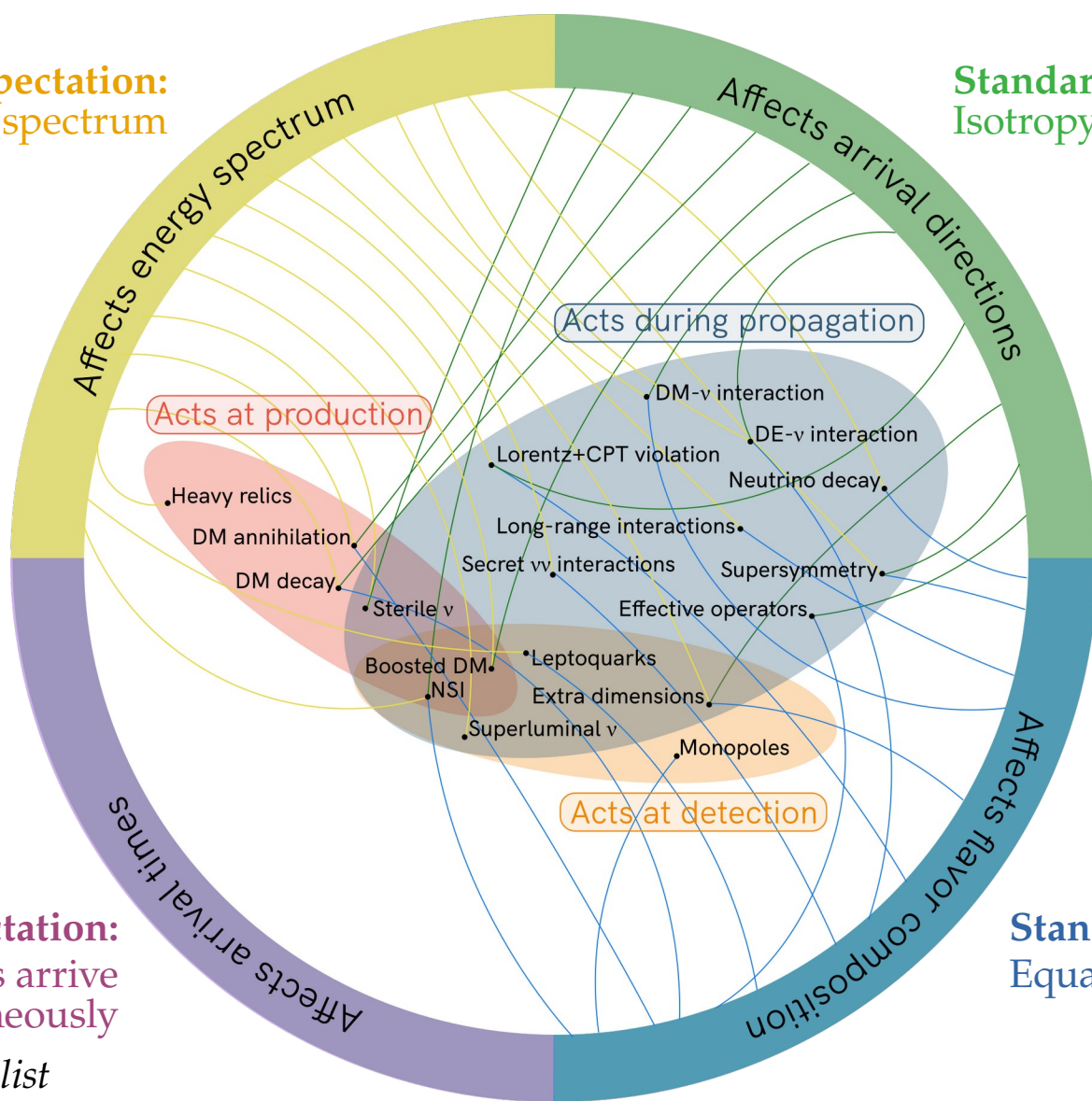
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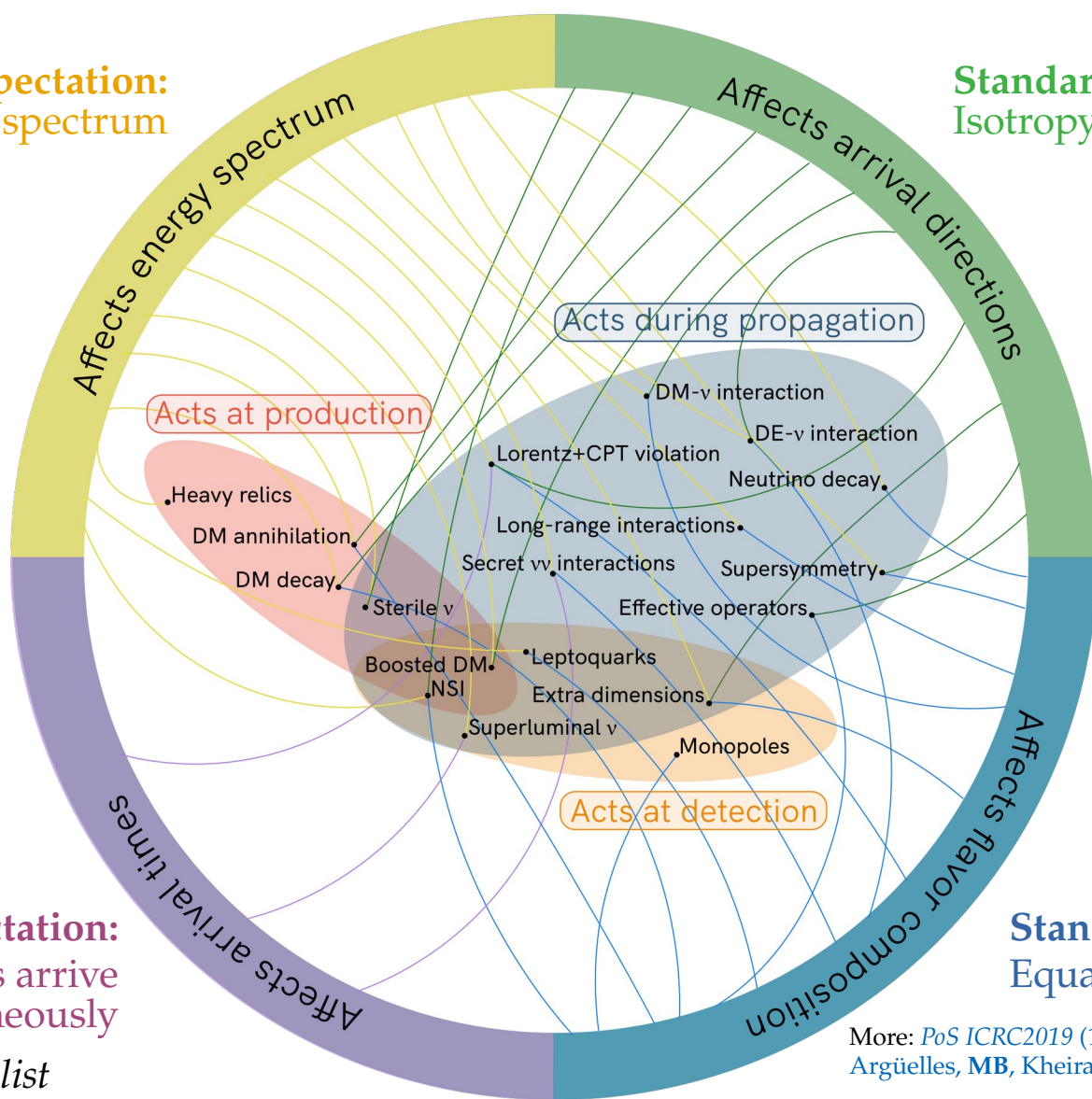
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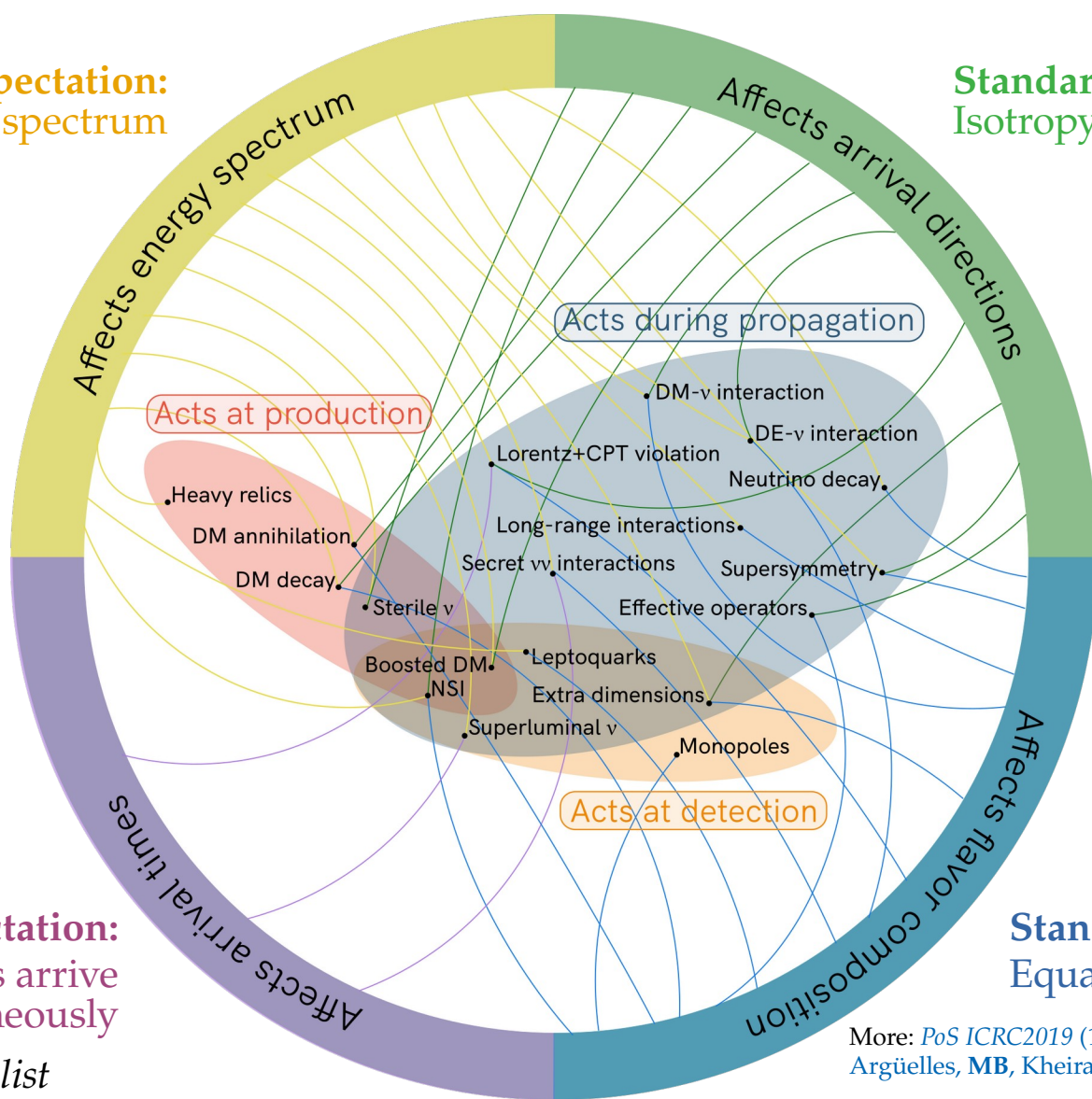
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Acts during propagation

Acts at production

Reviews:

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NSI
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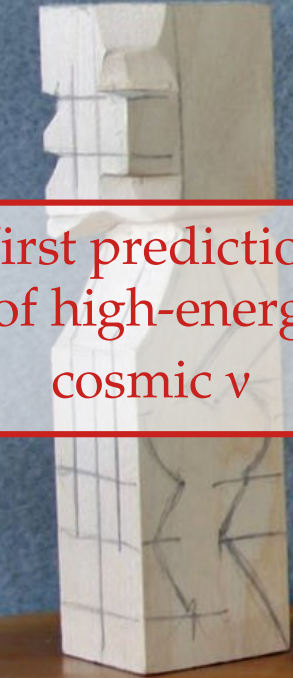
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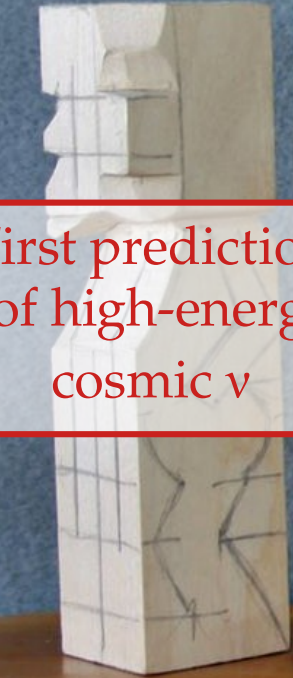
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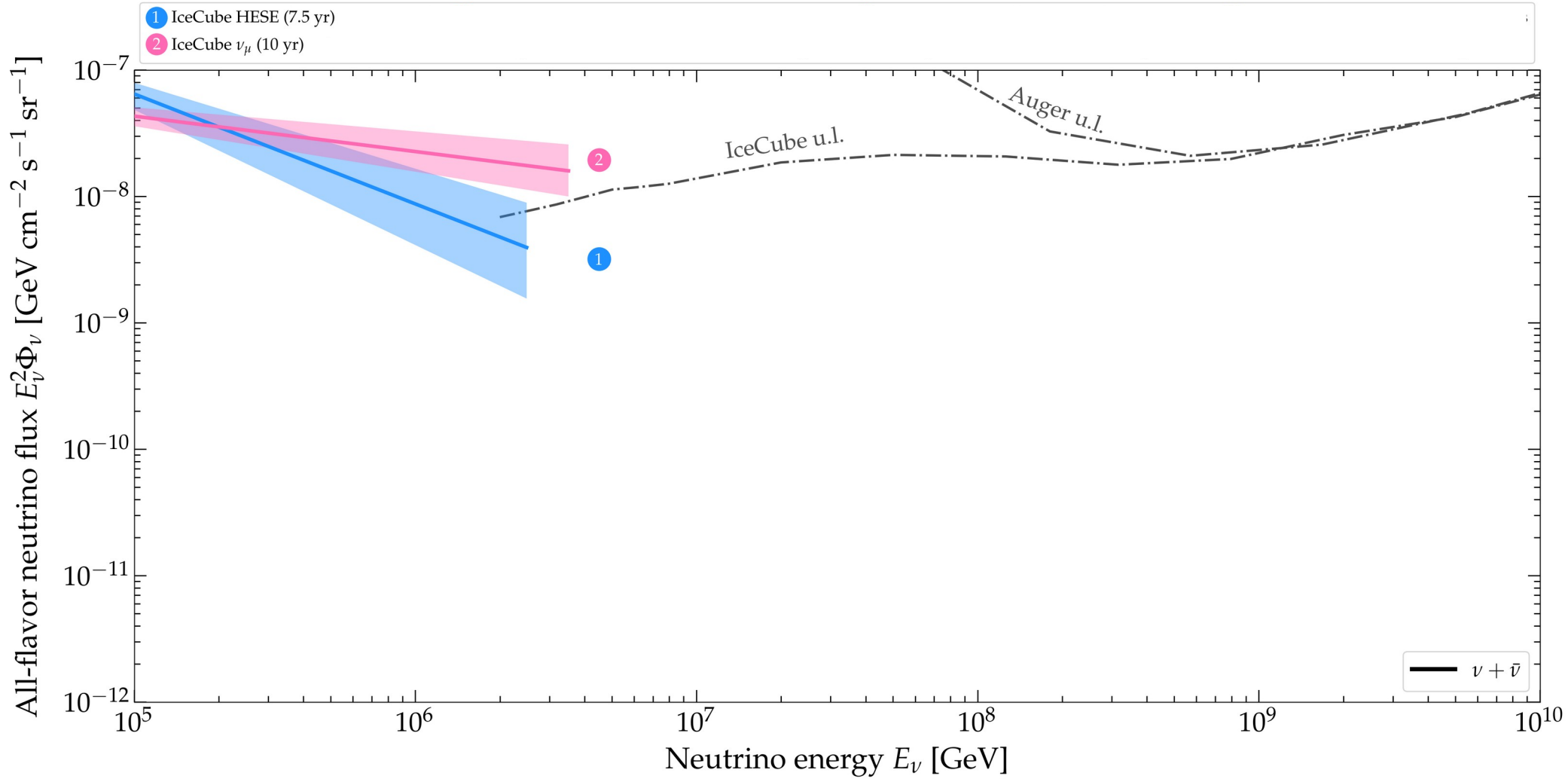
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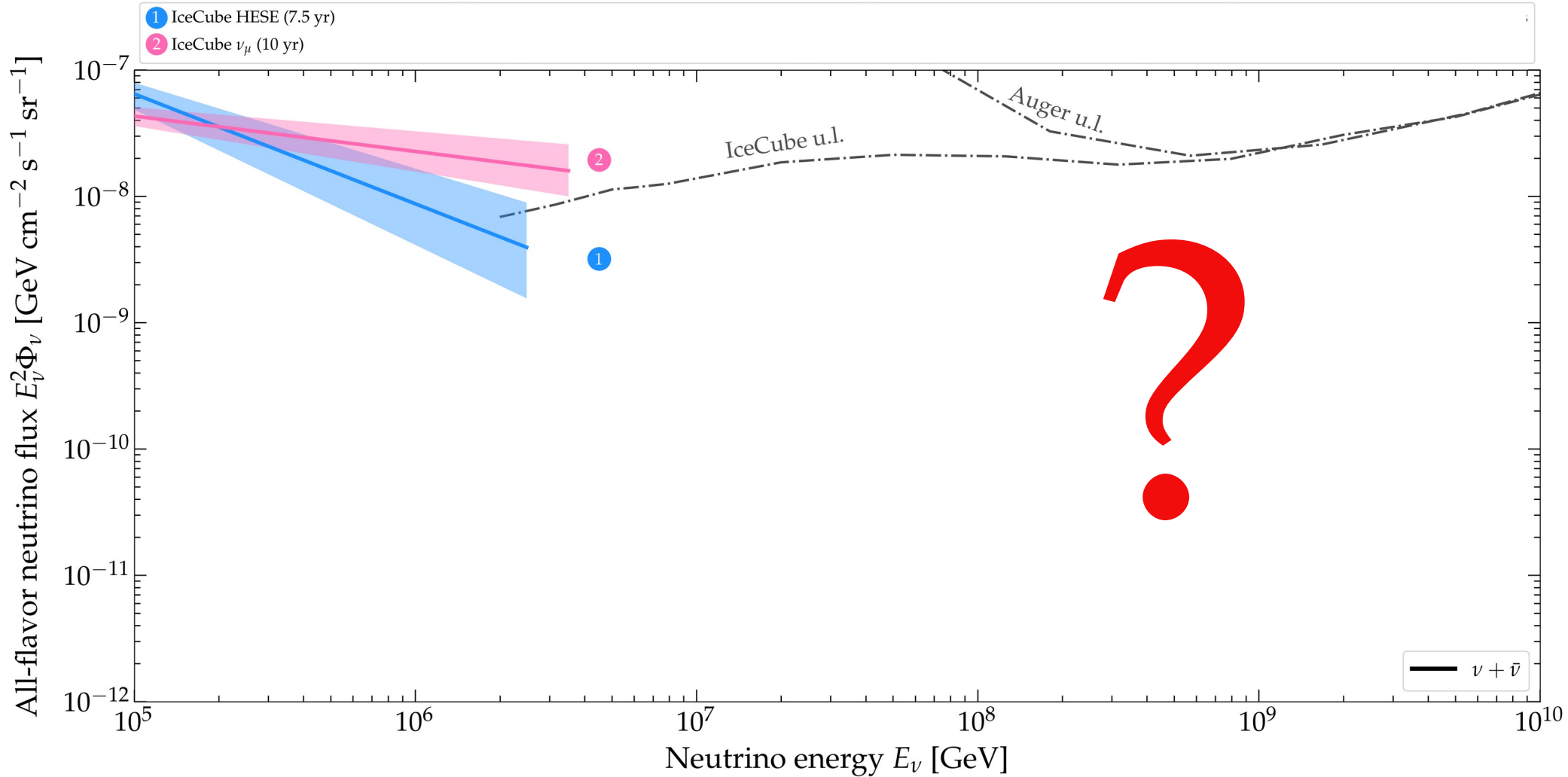
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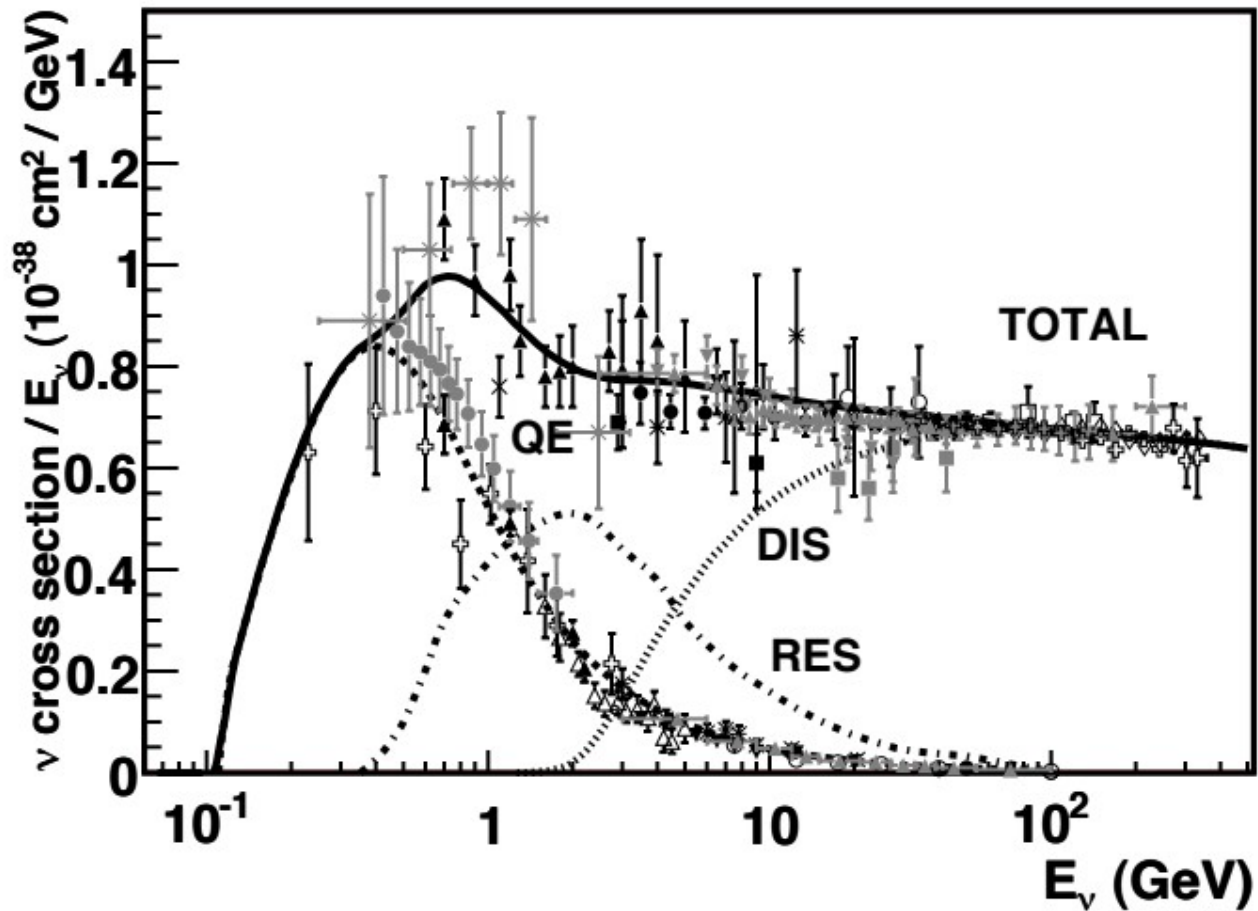
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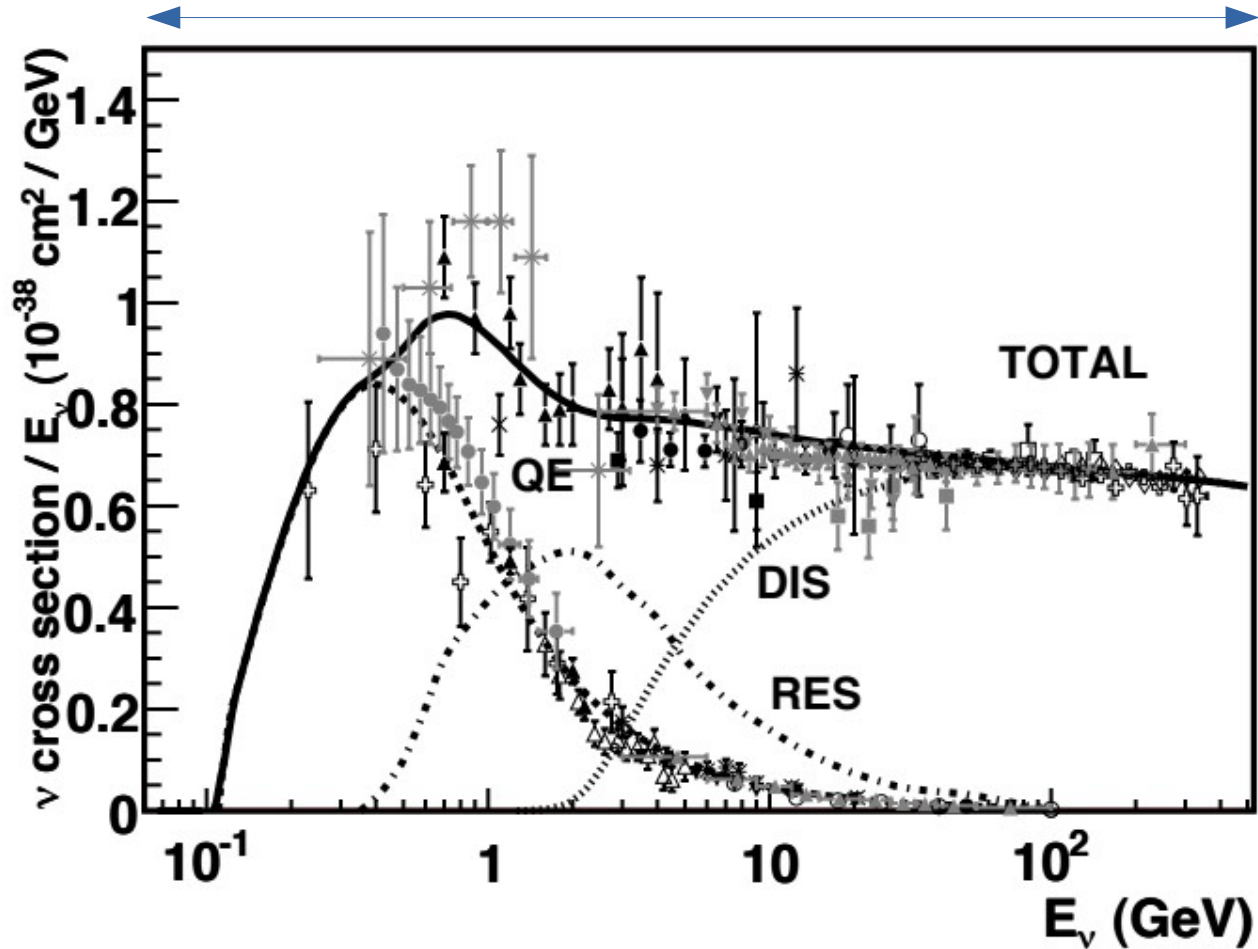
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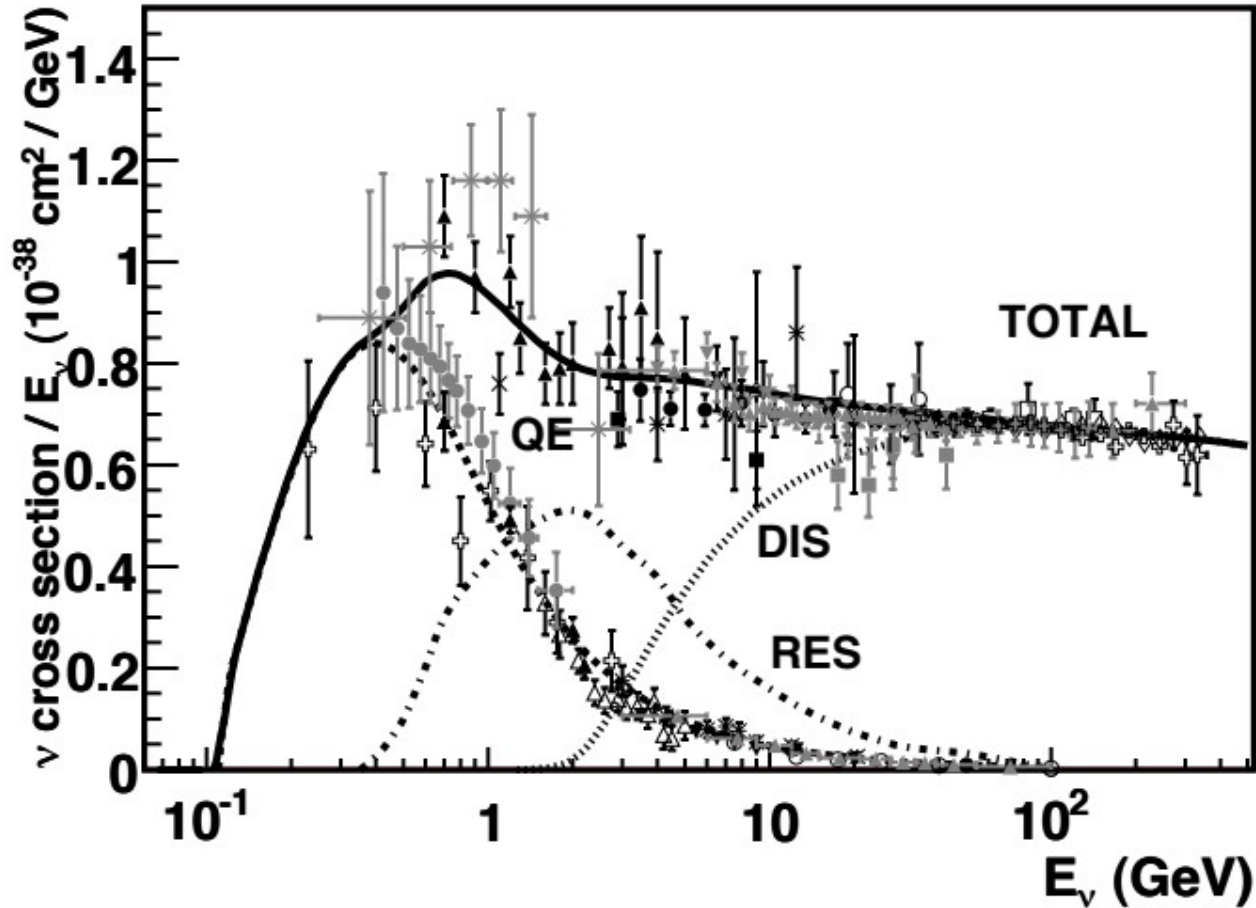
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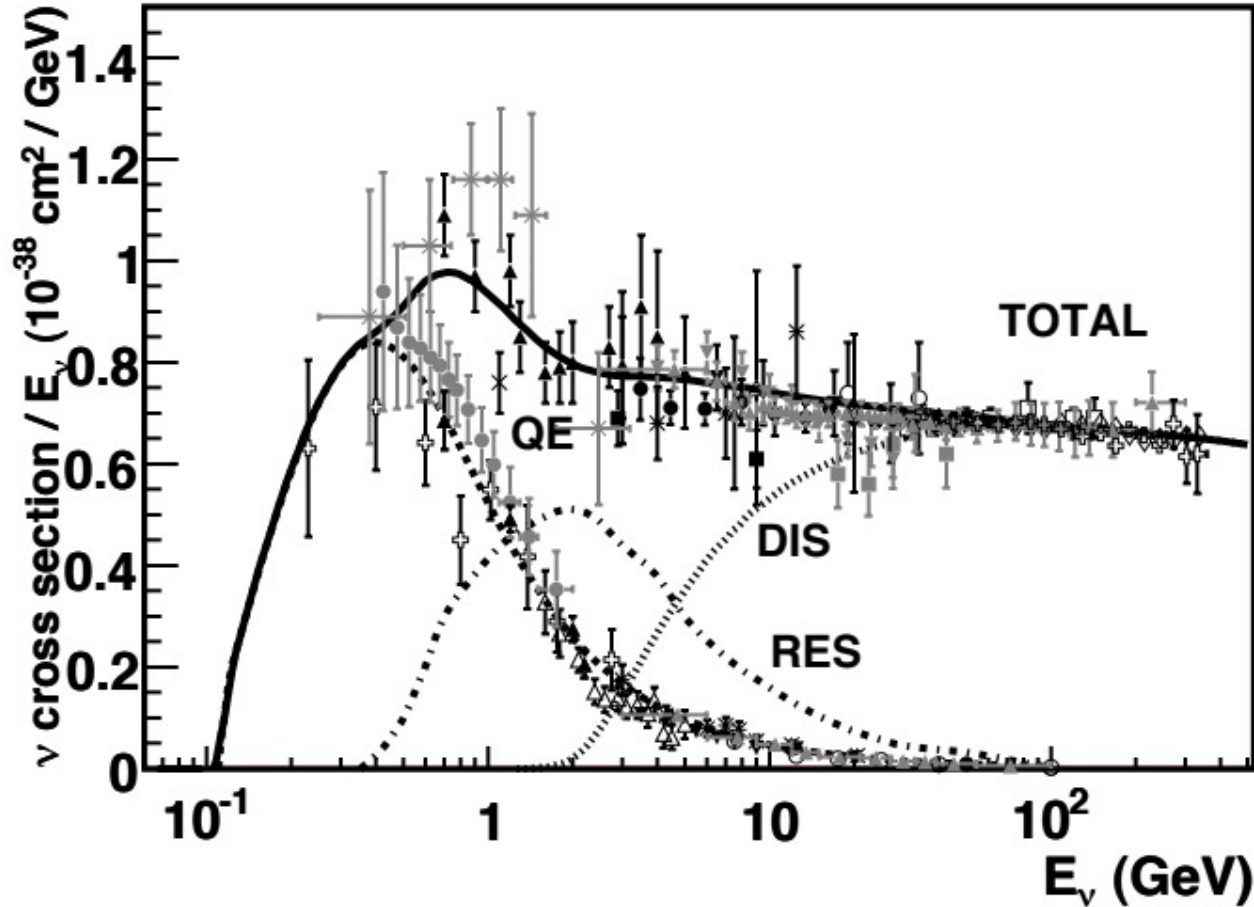
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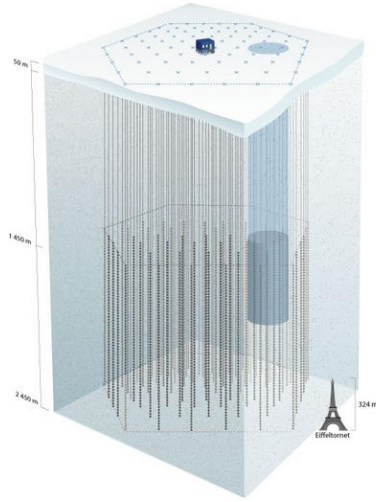
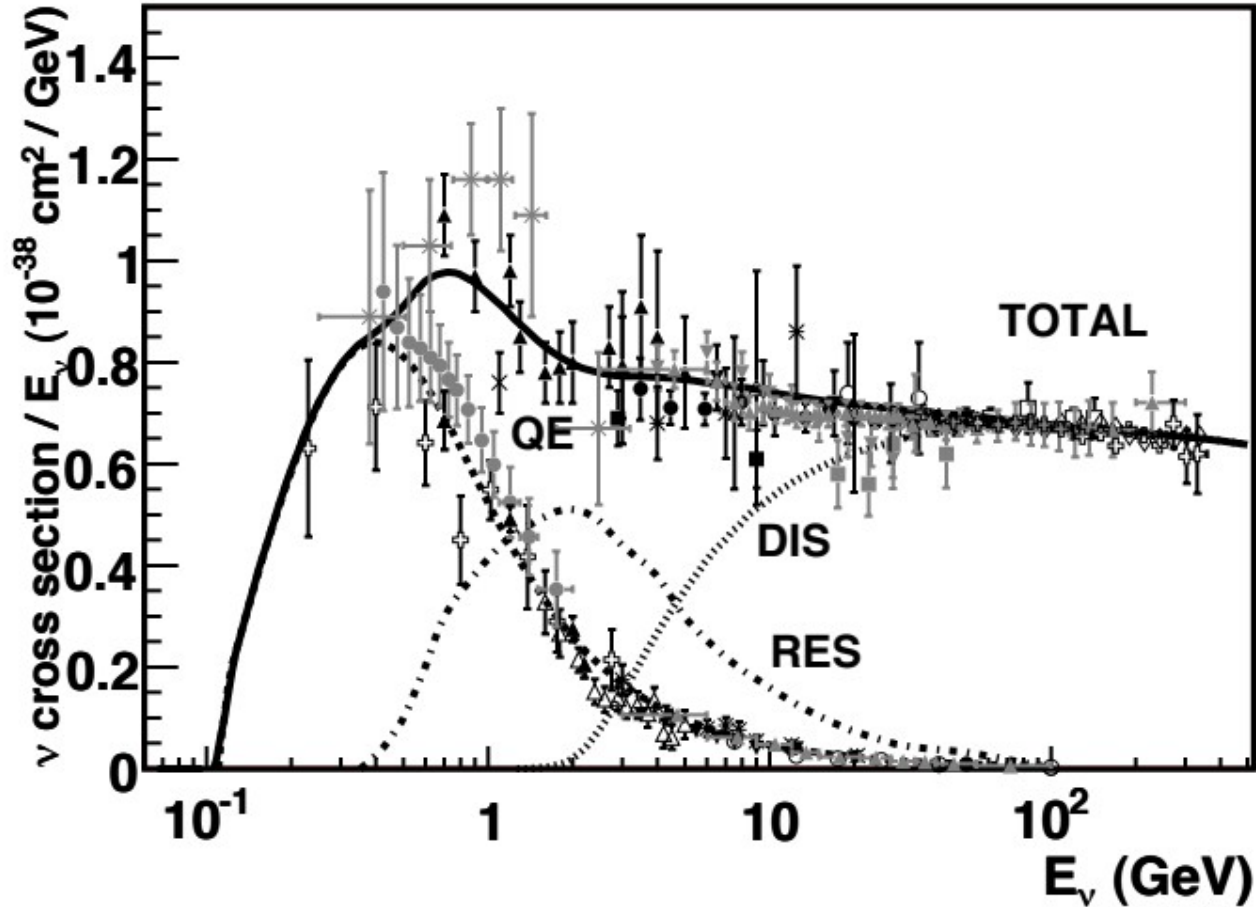
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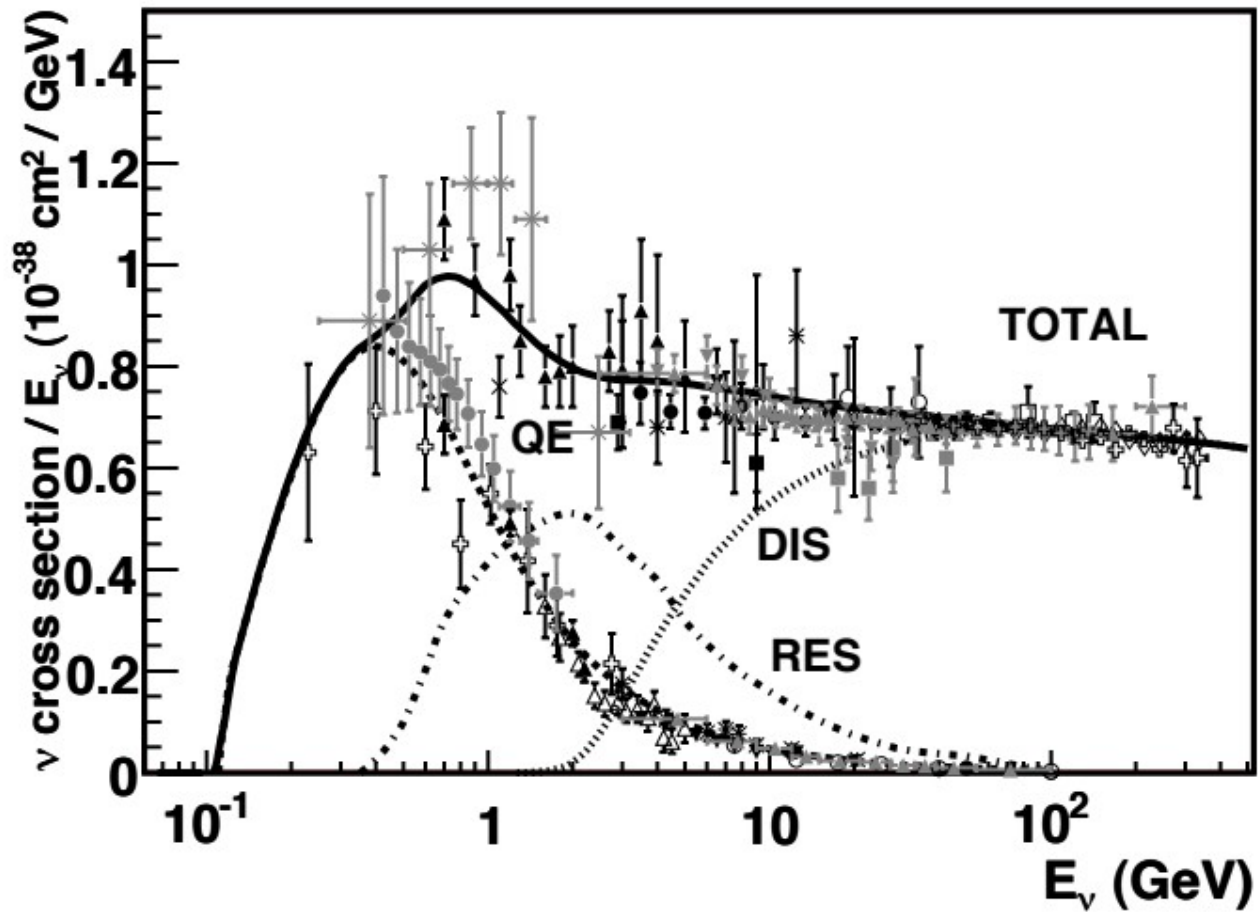
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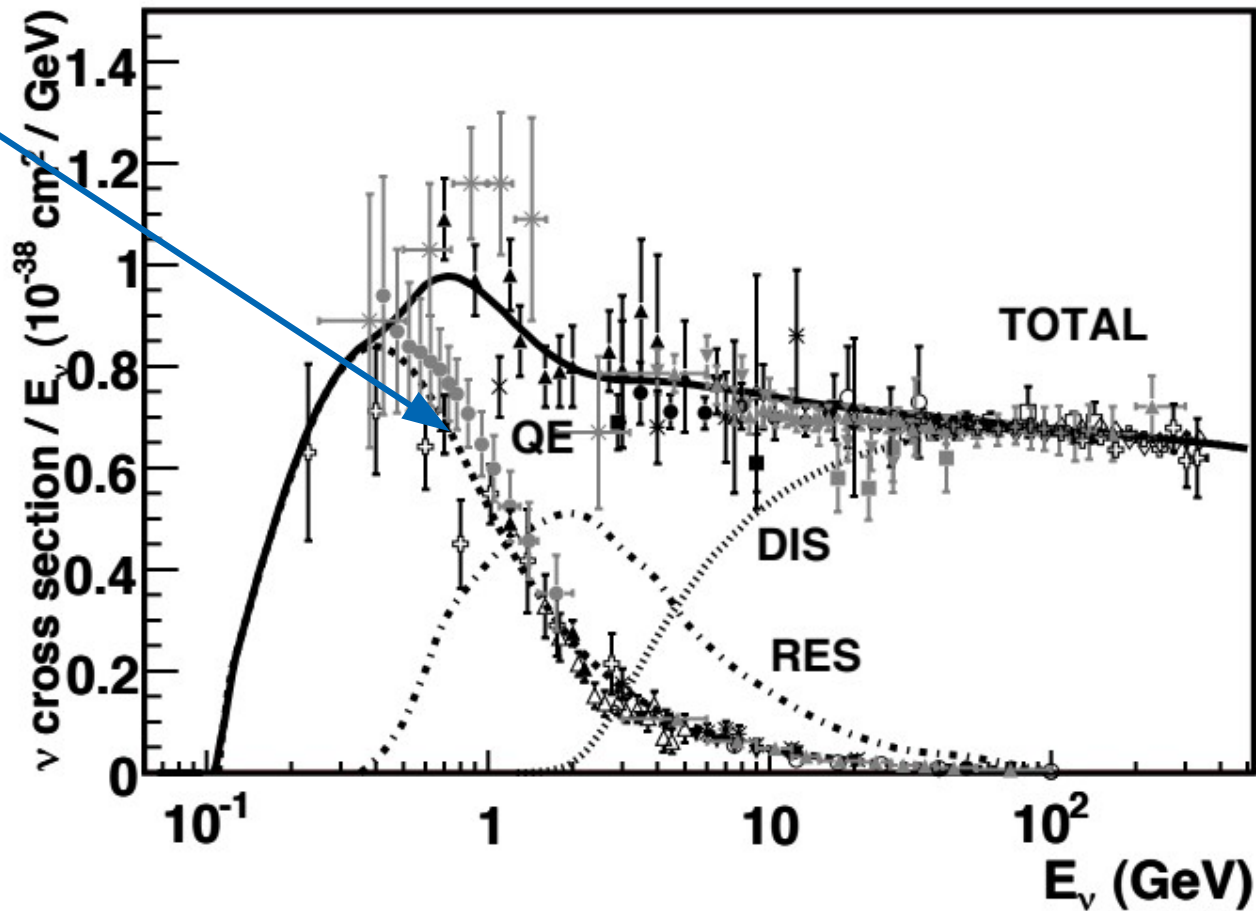


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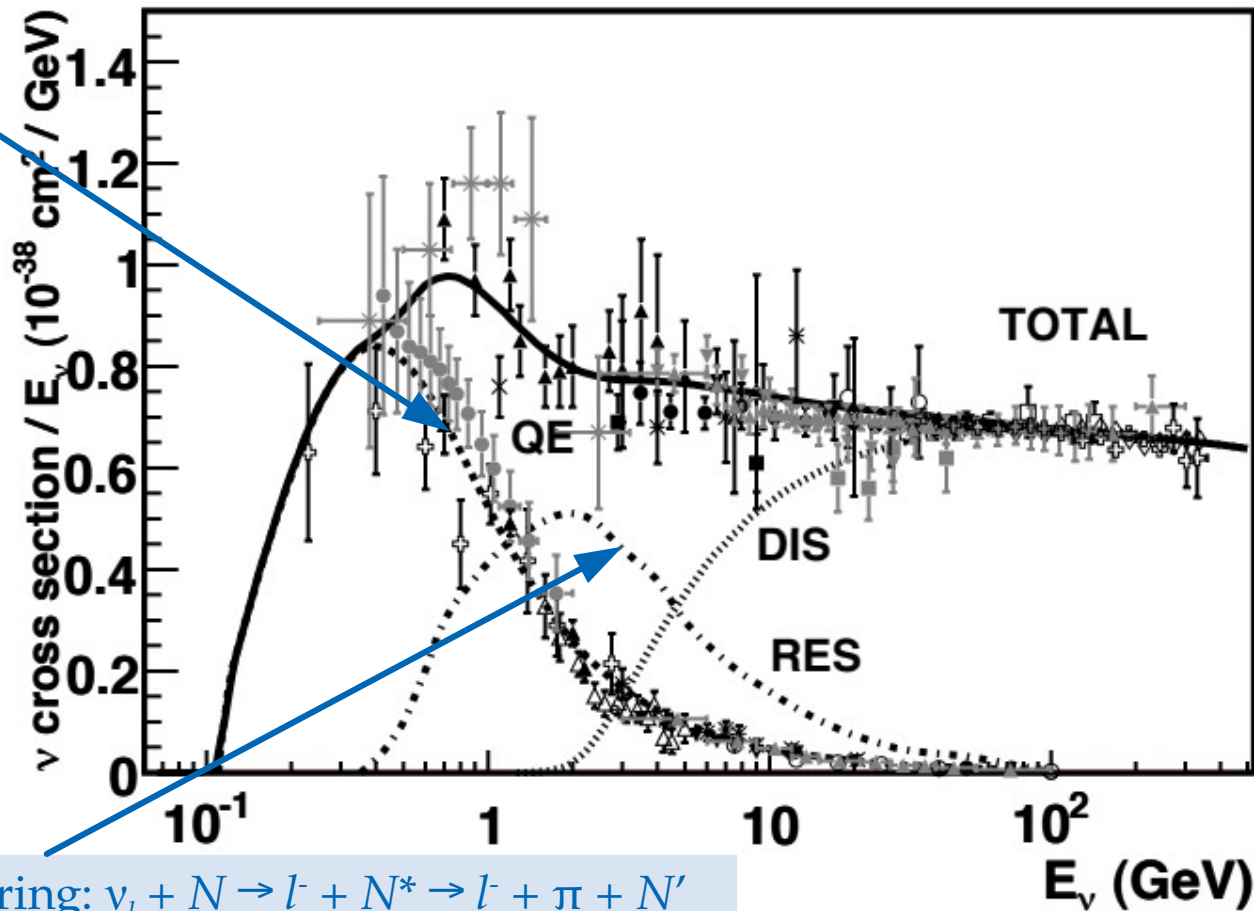
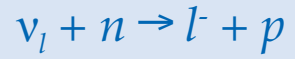
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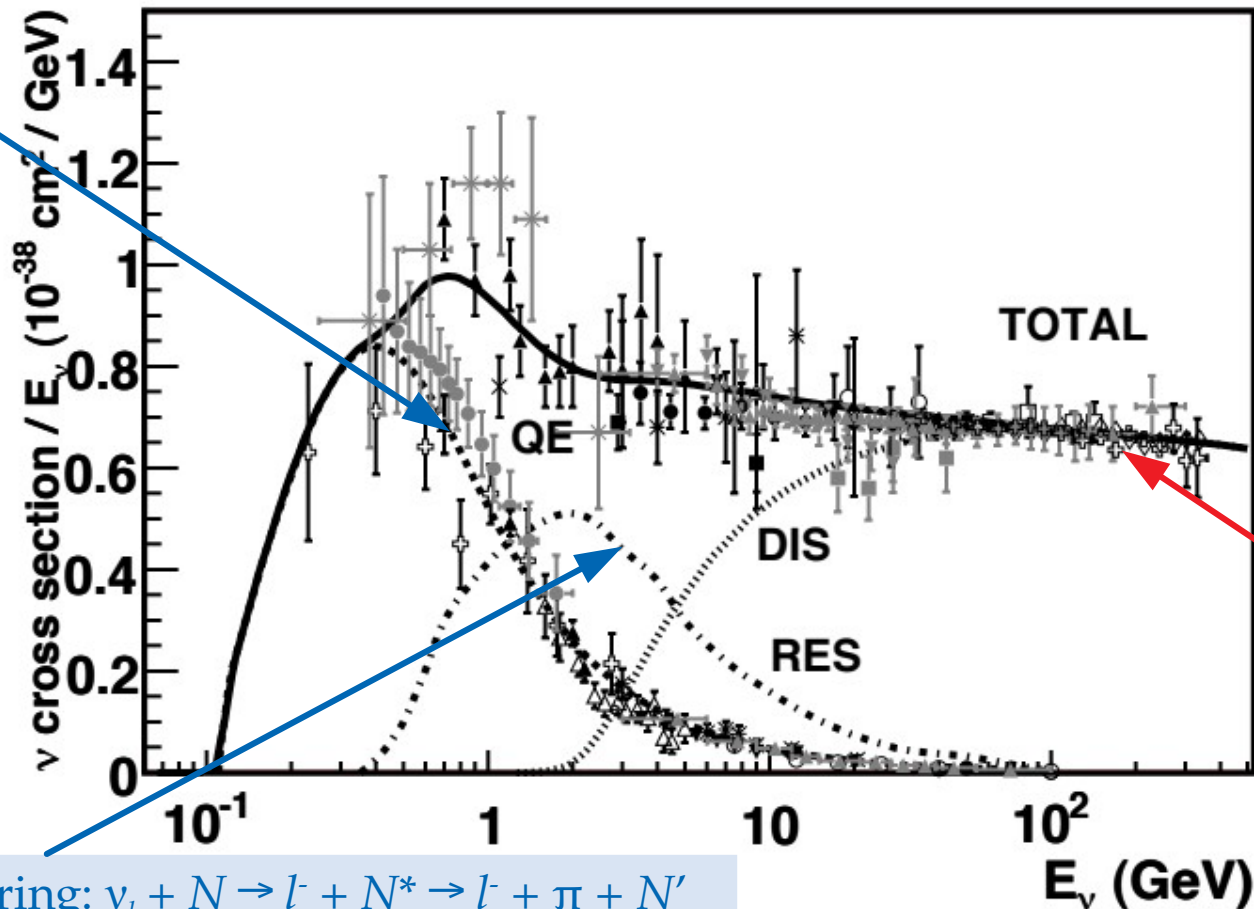
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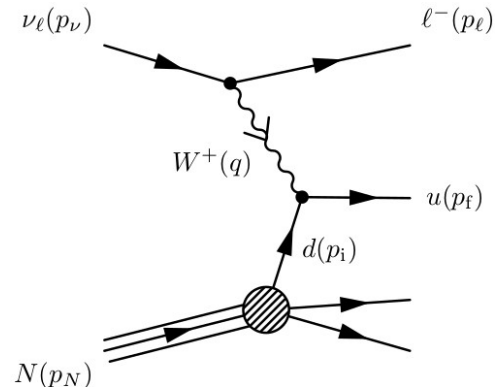
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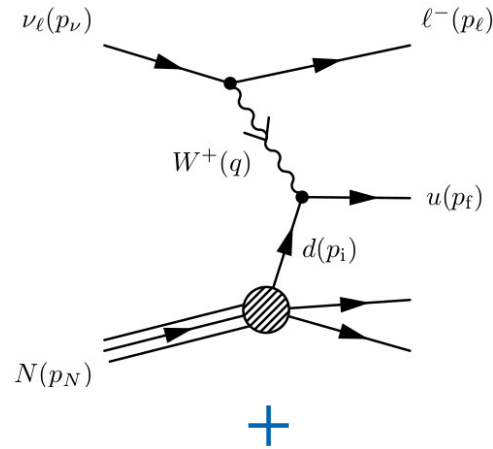
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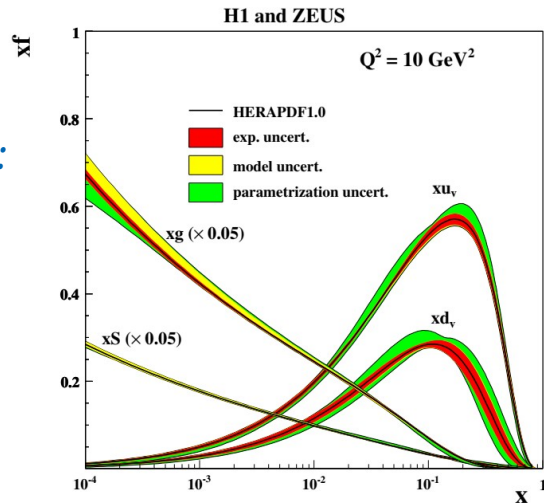


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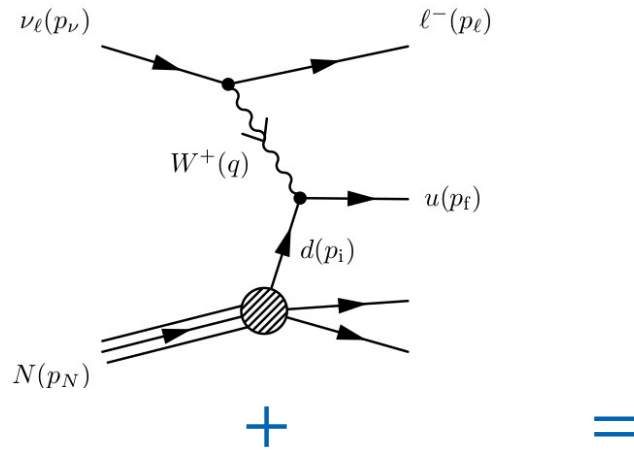


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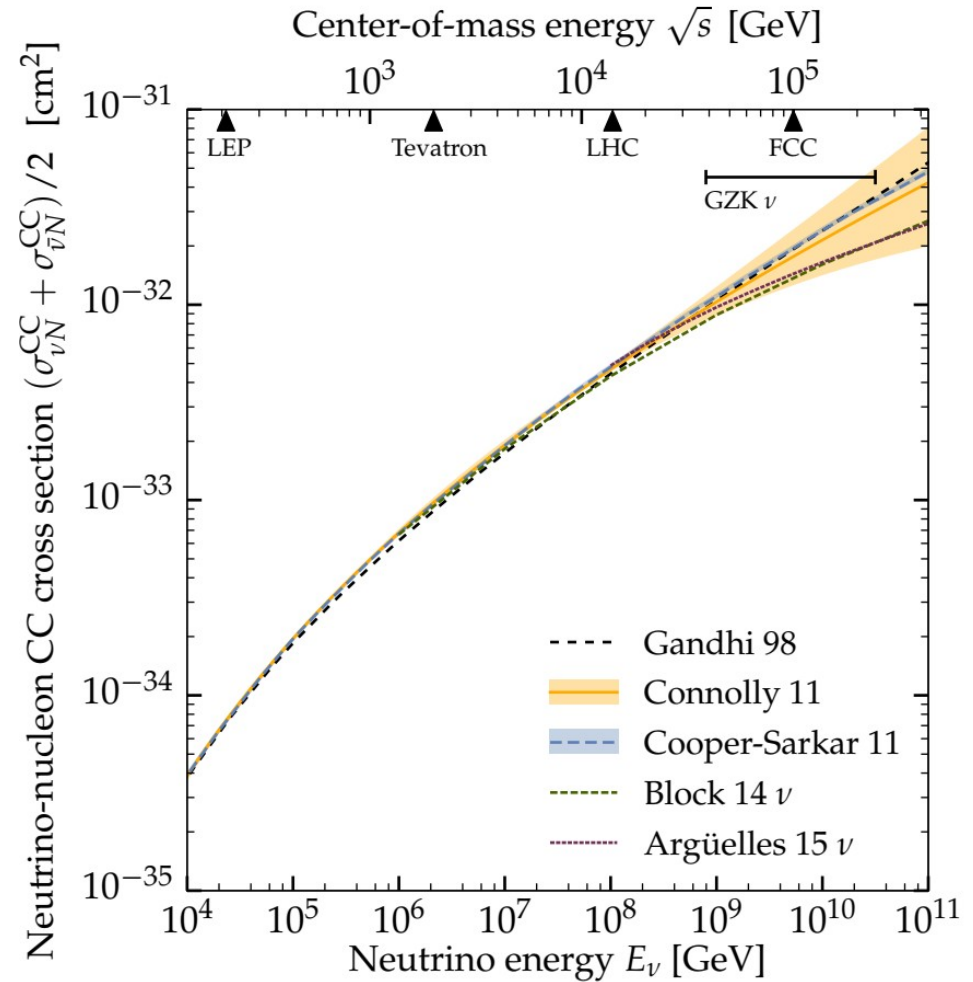
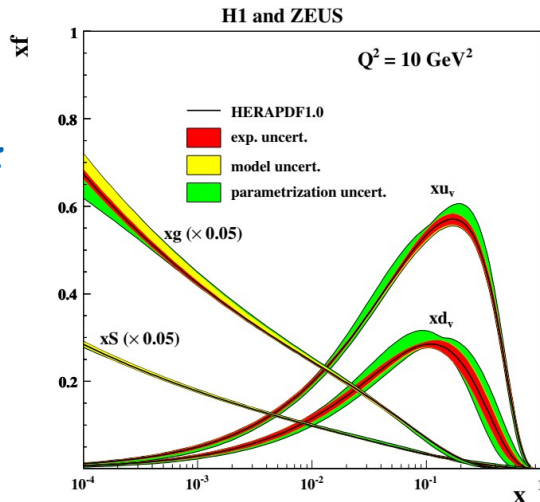


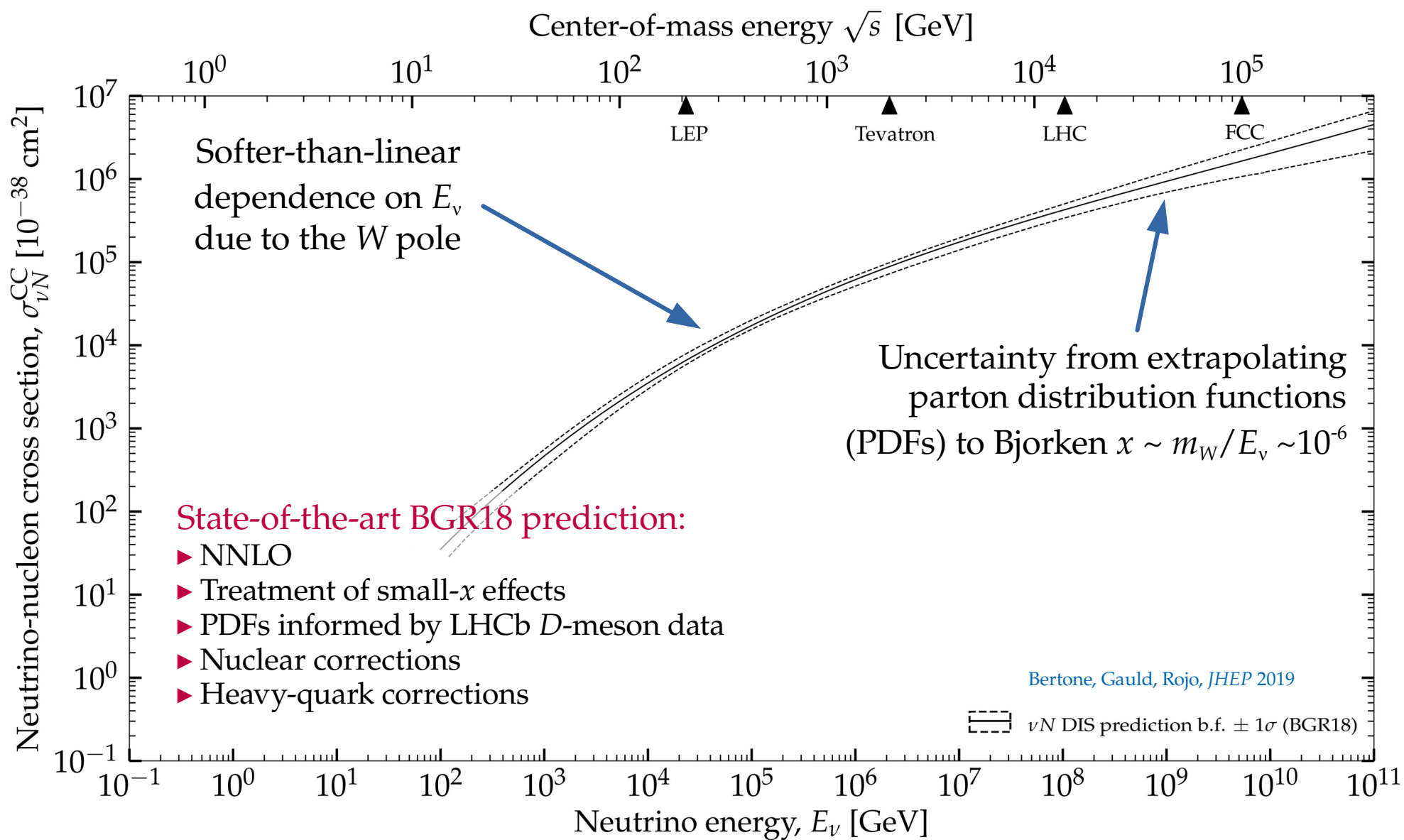
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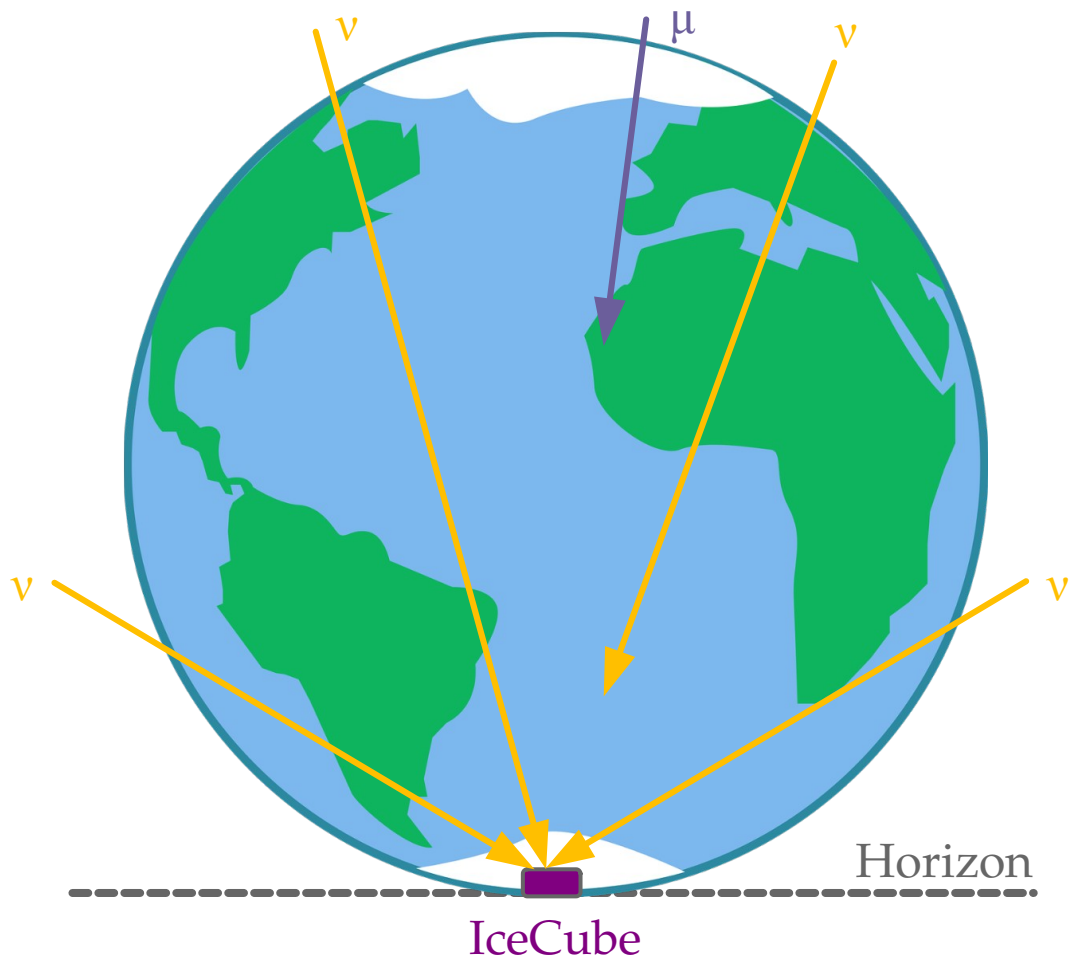
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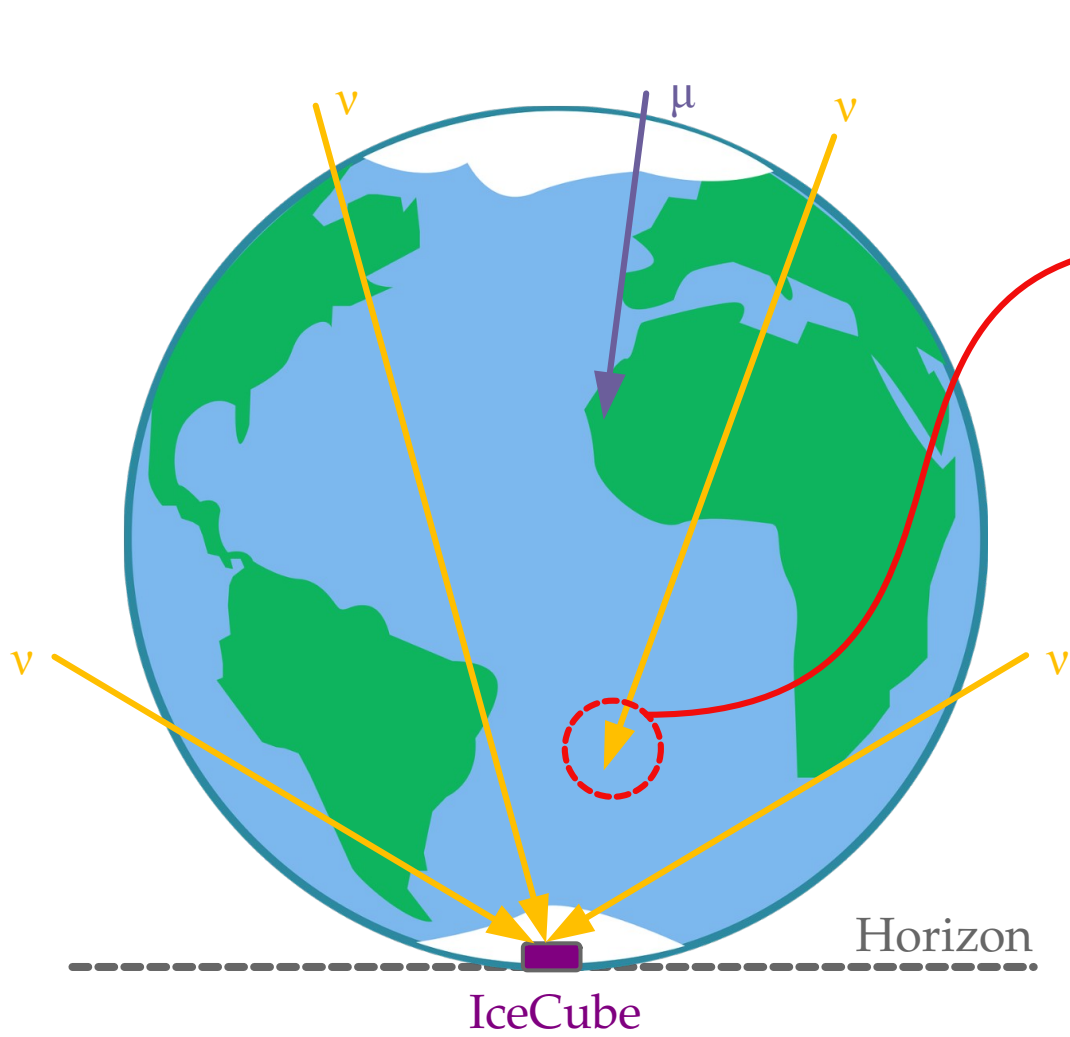
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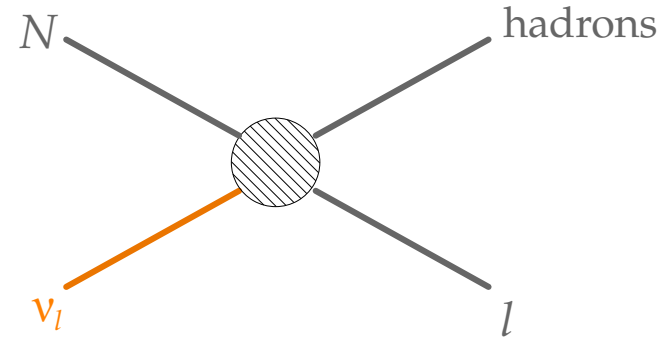
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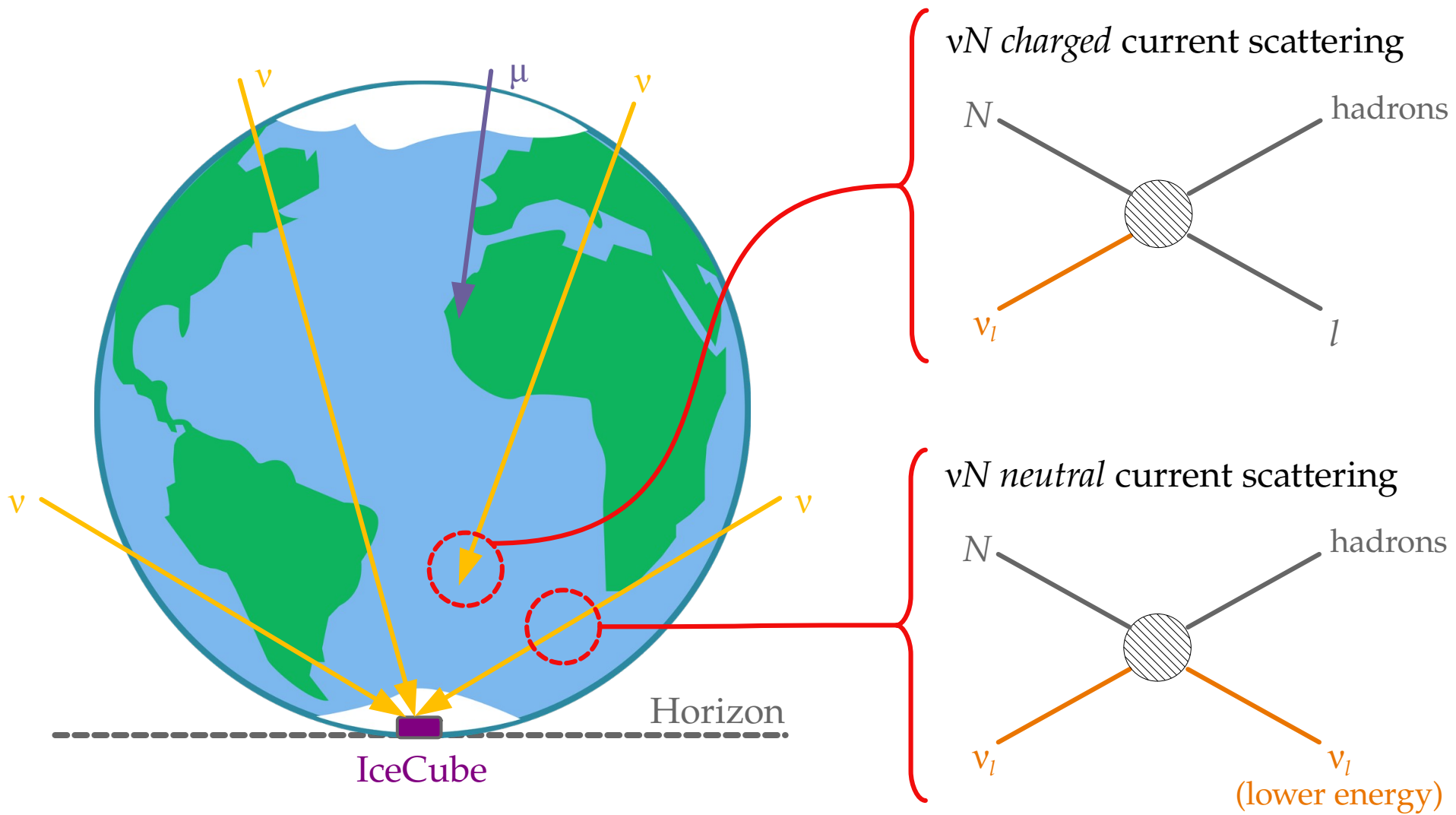
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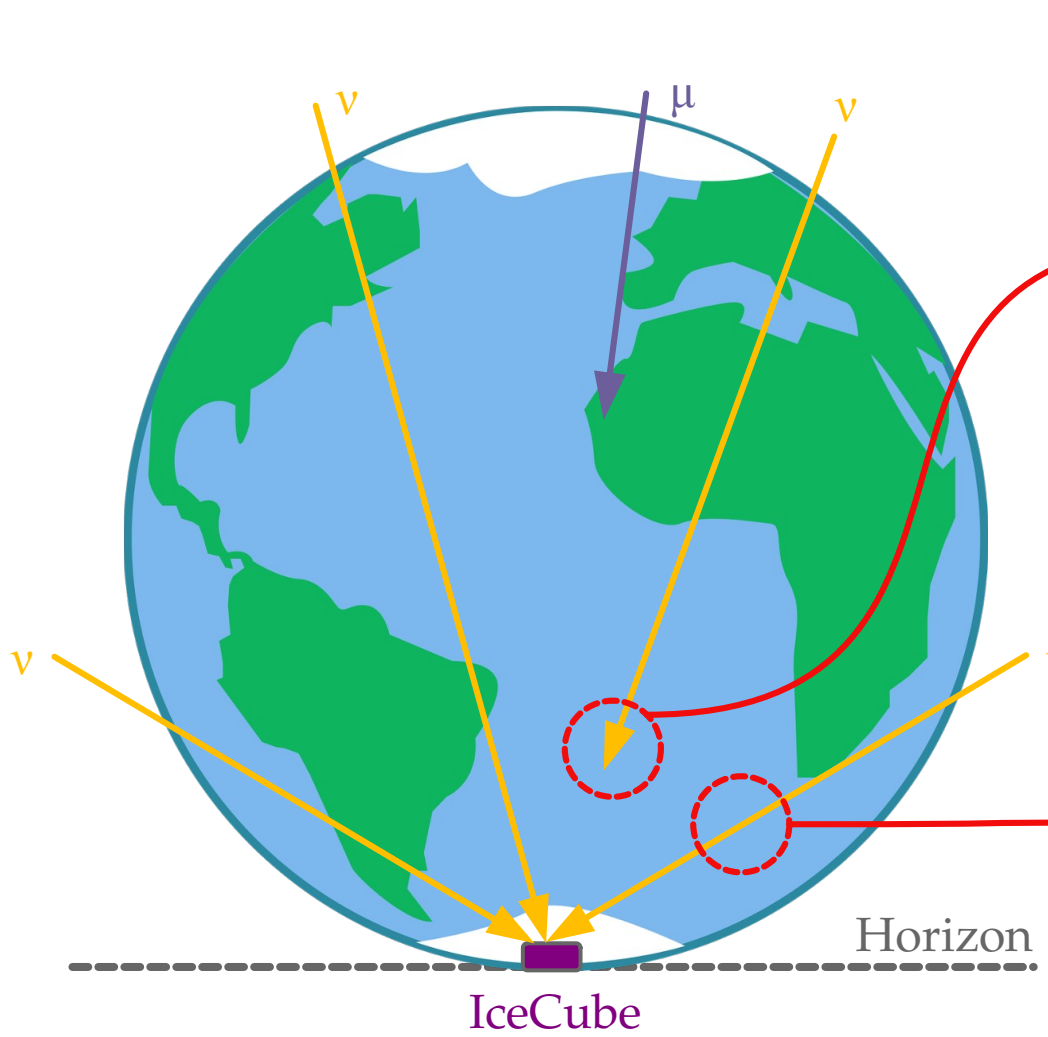




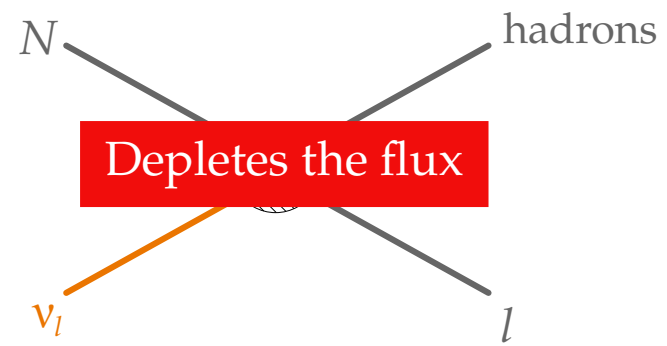
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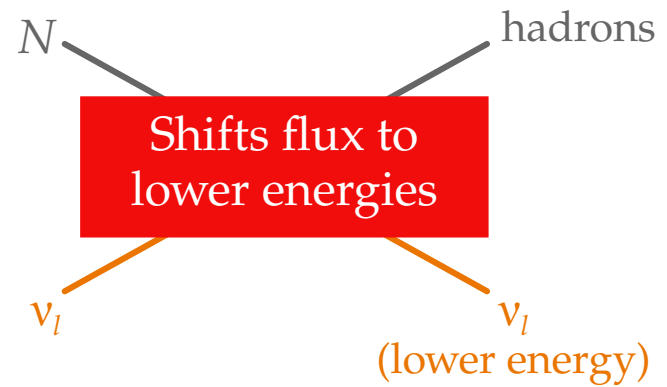




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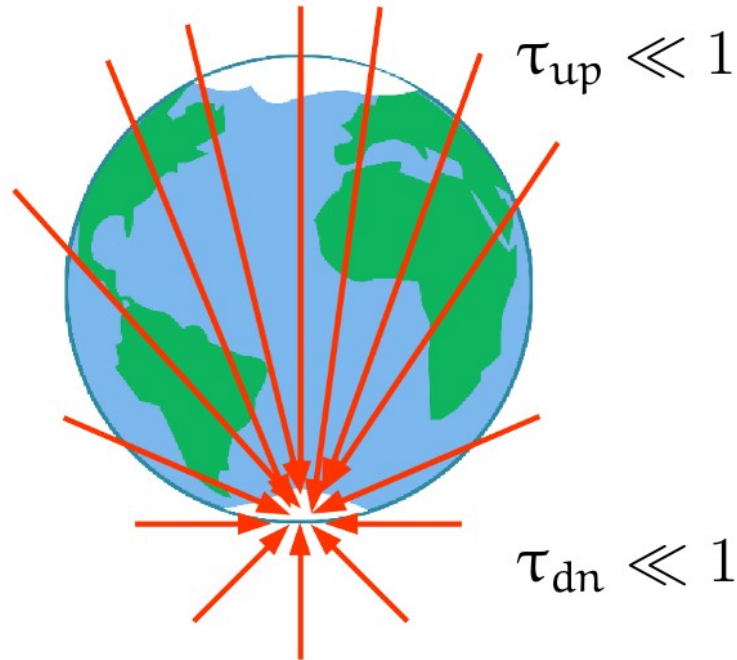
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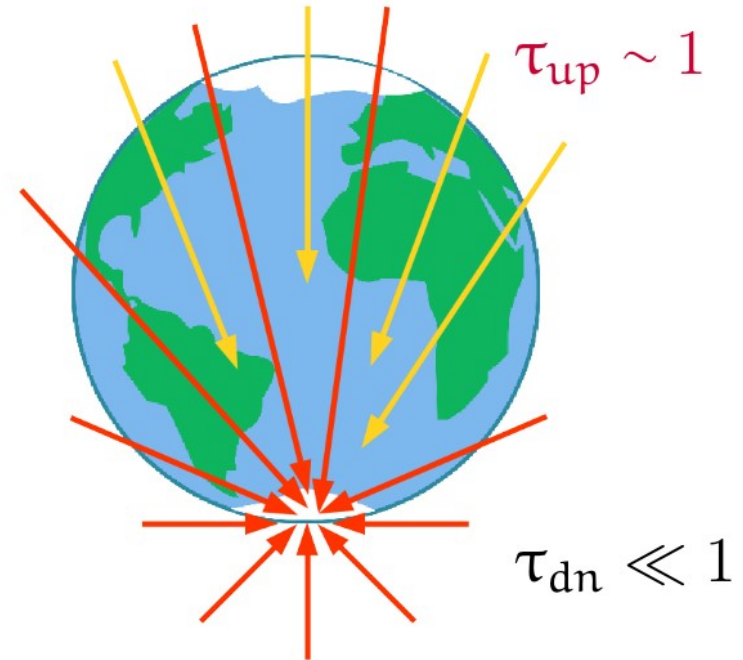
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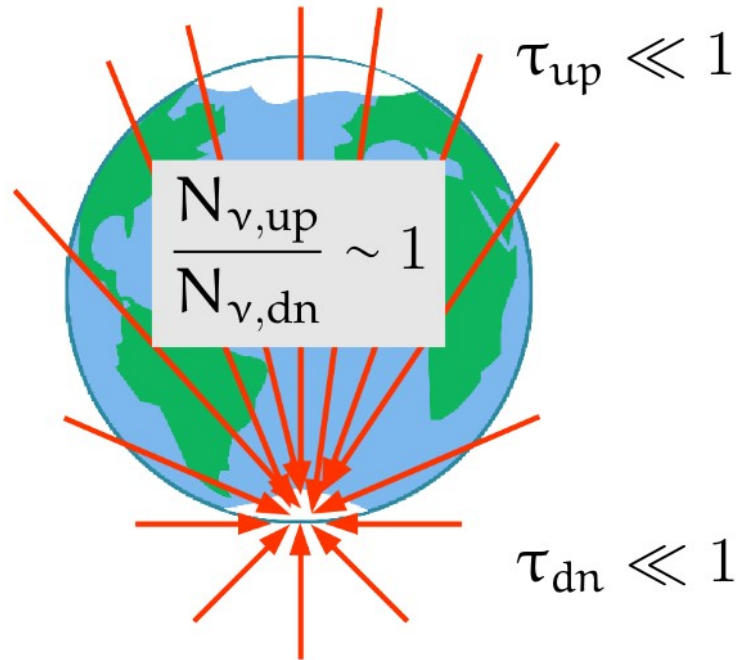
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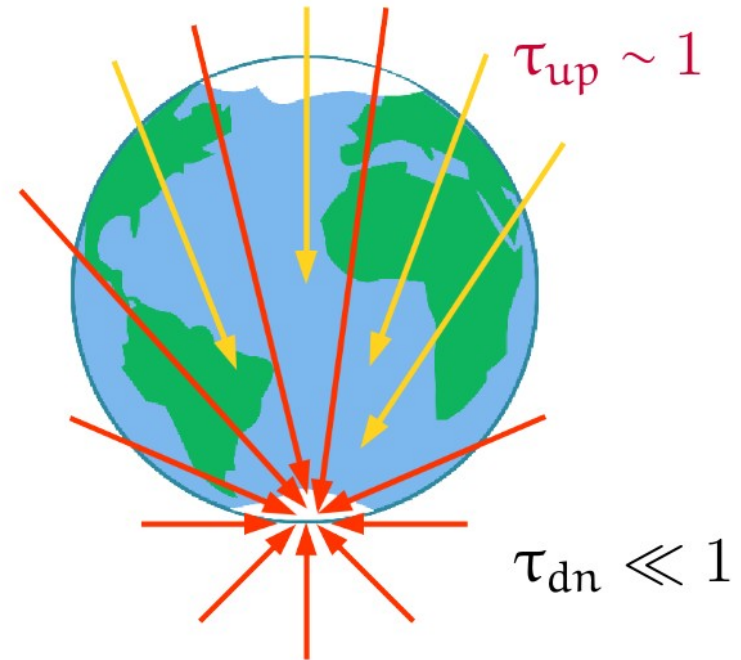
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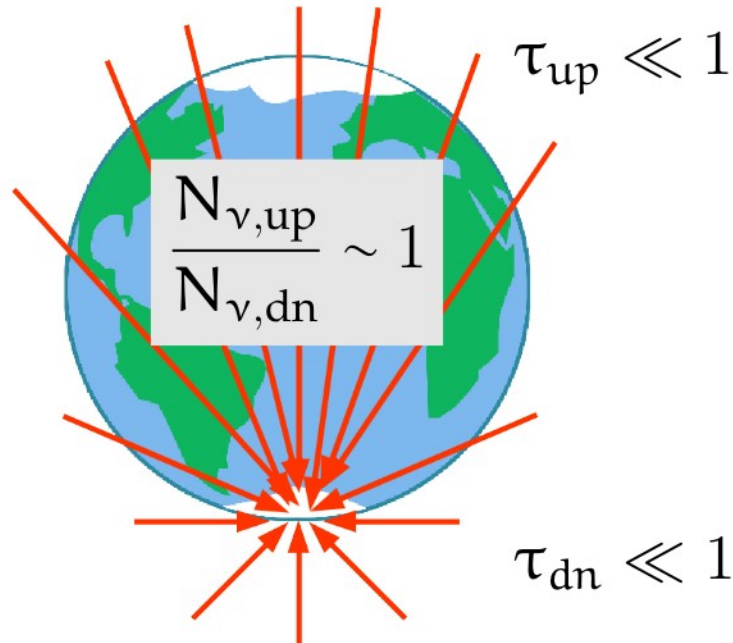
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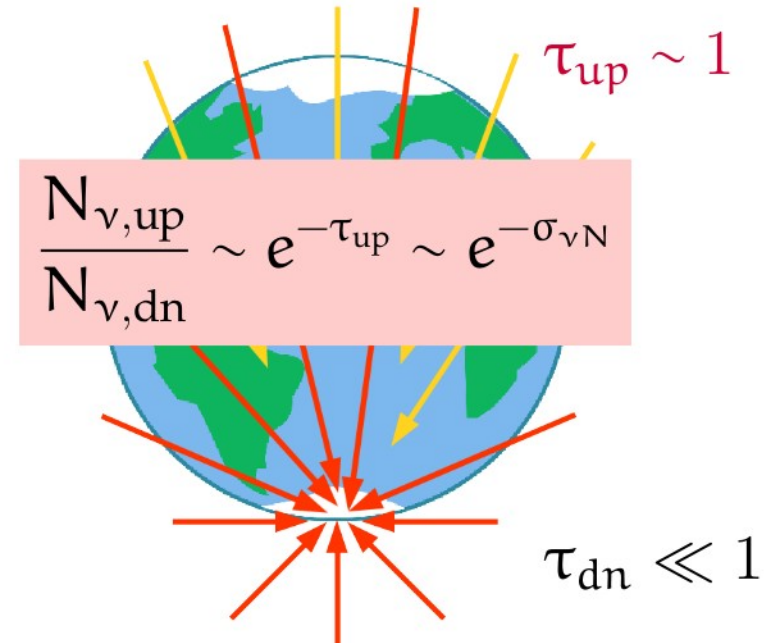
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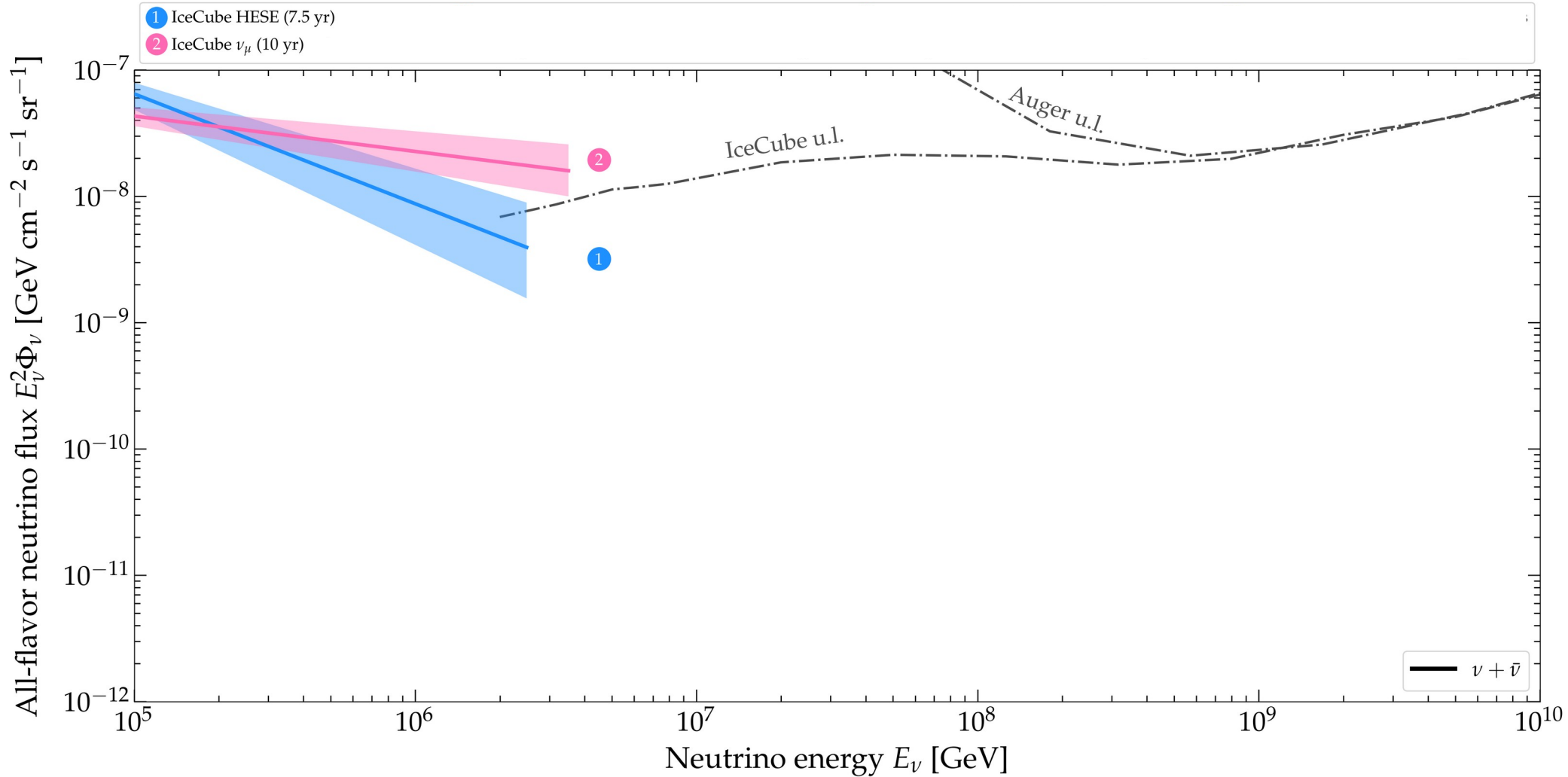
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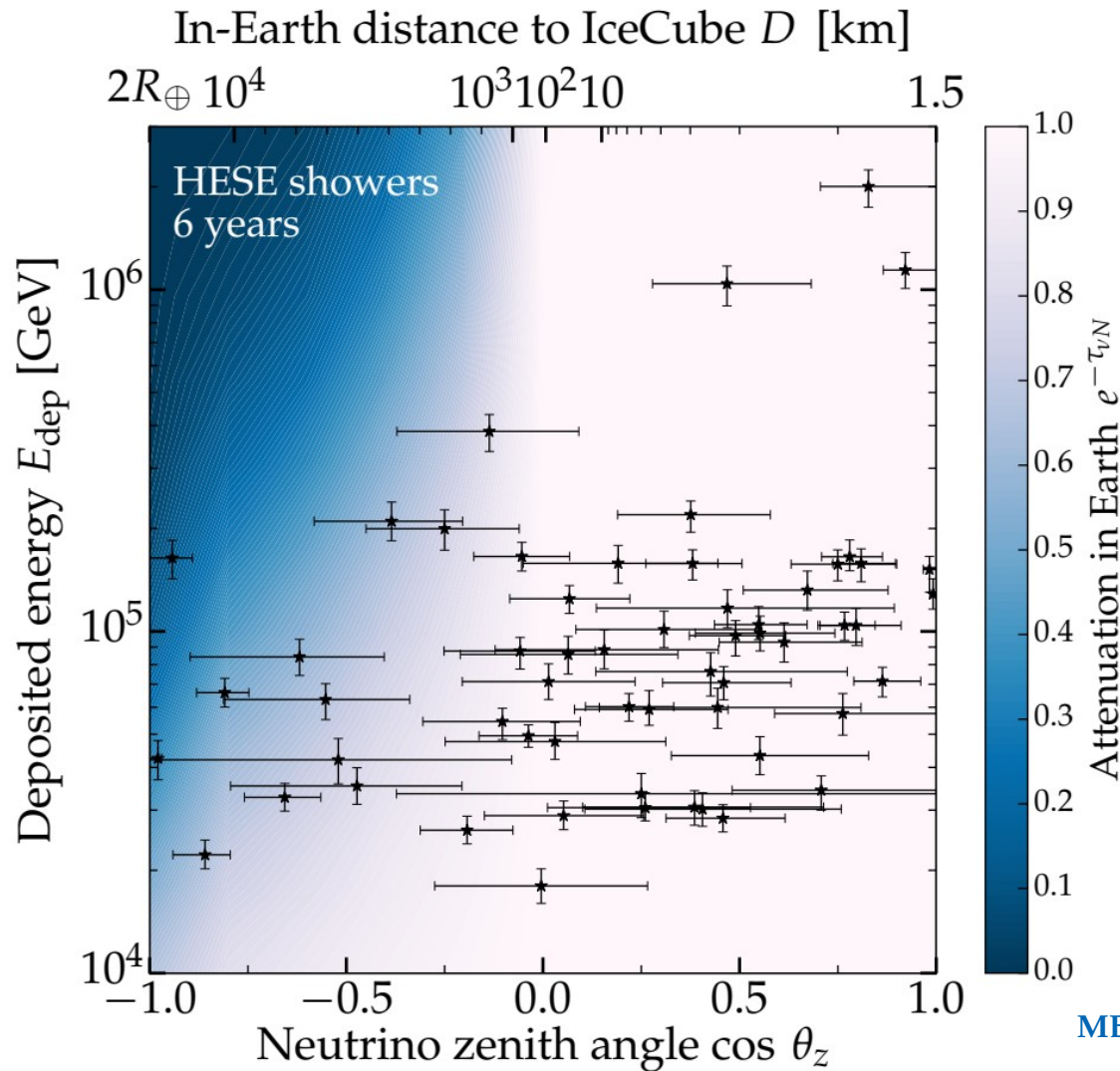
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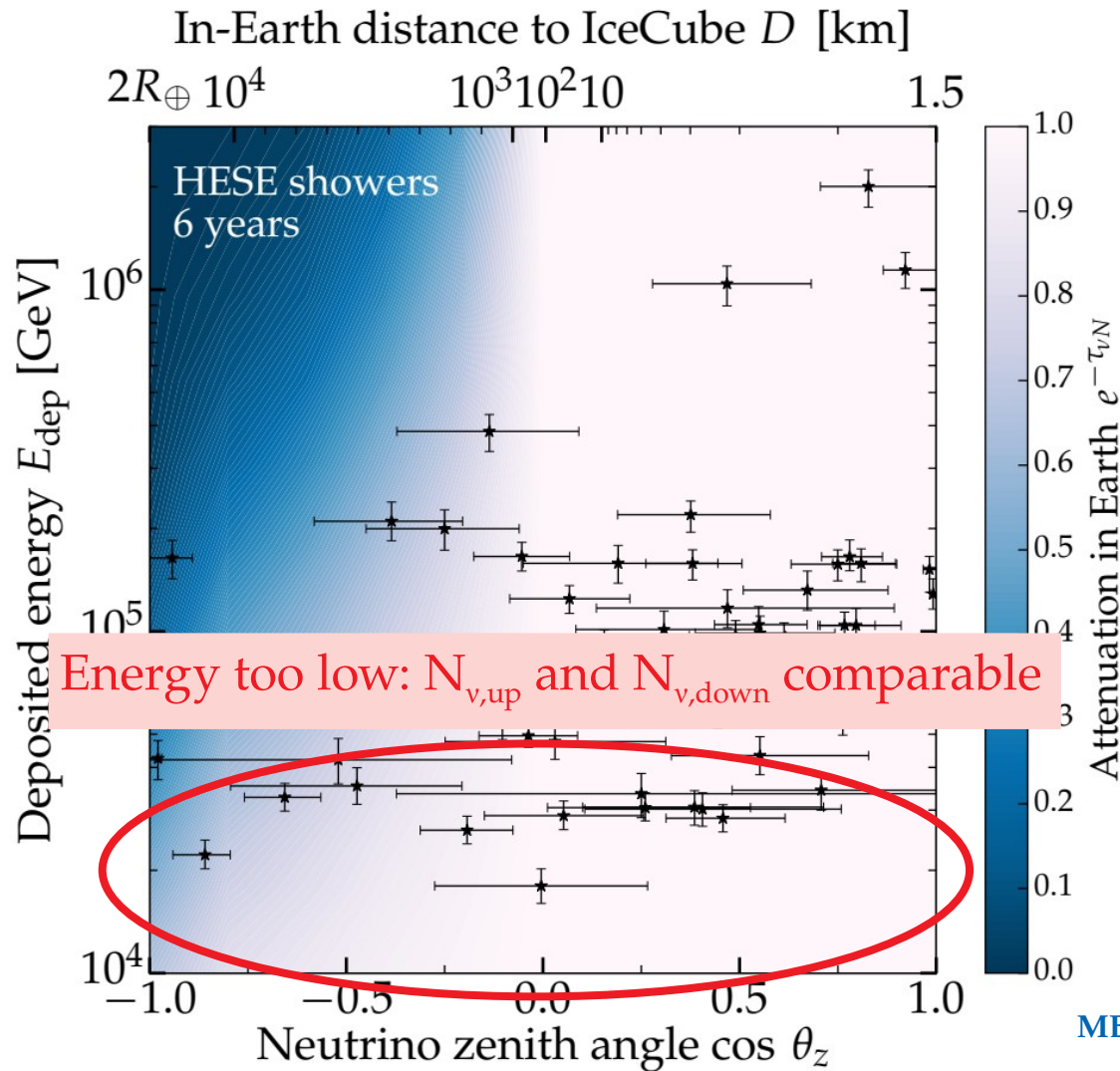
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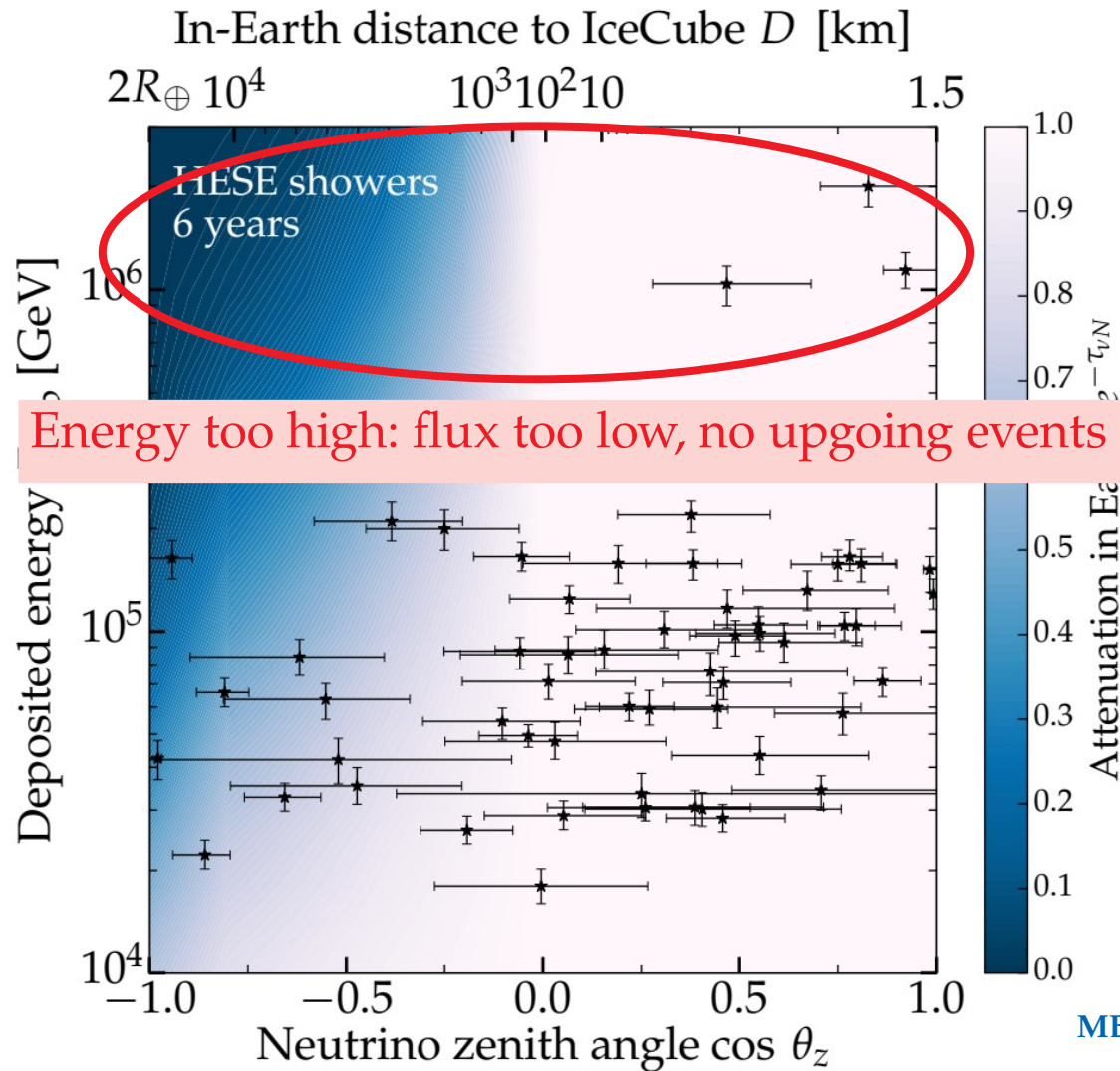




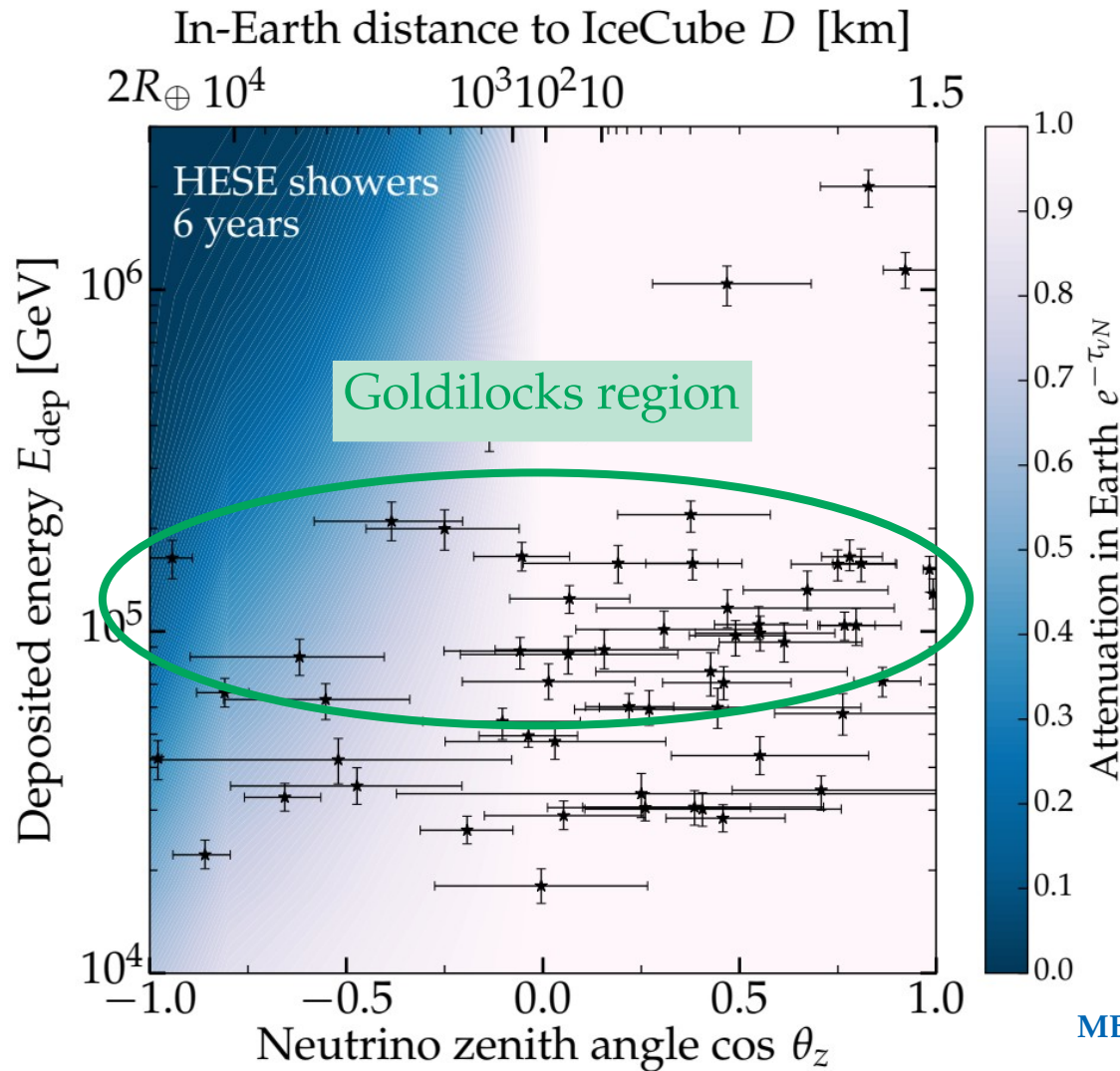
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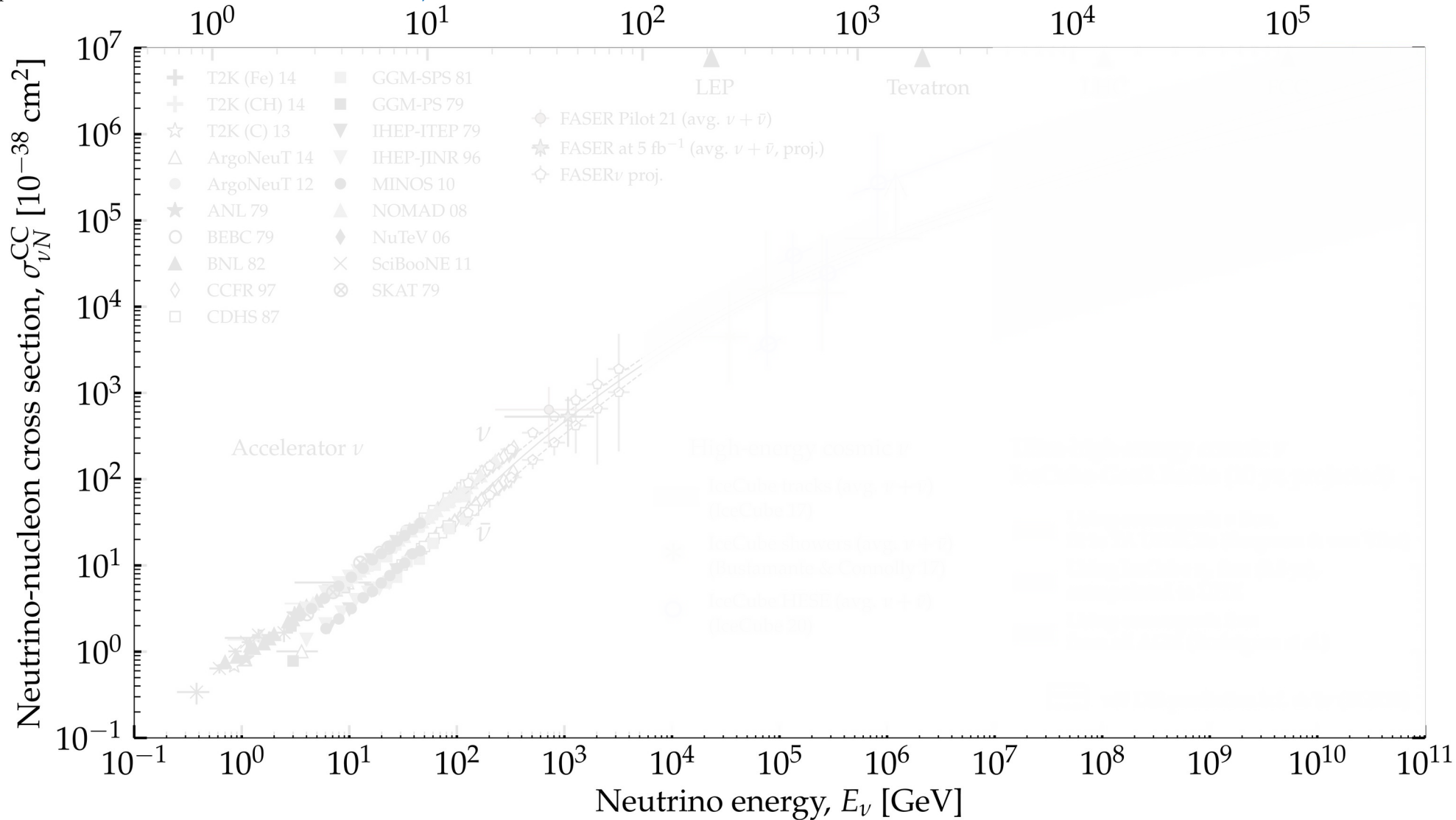


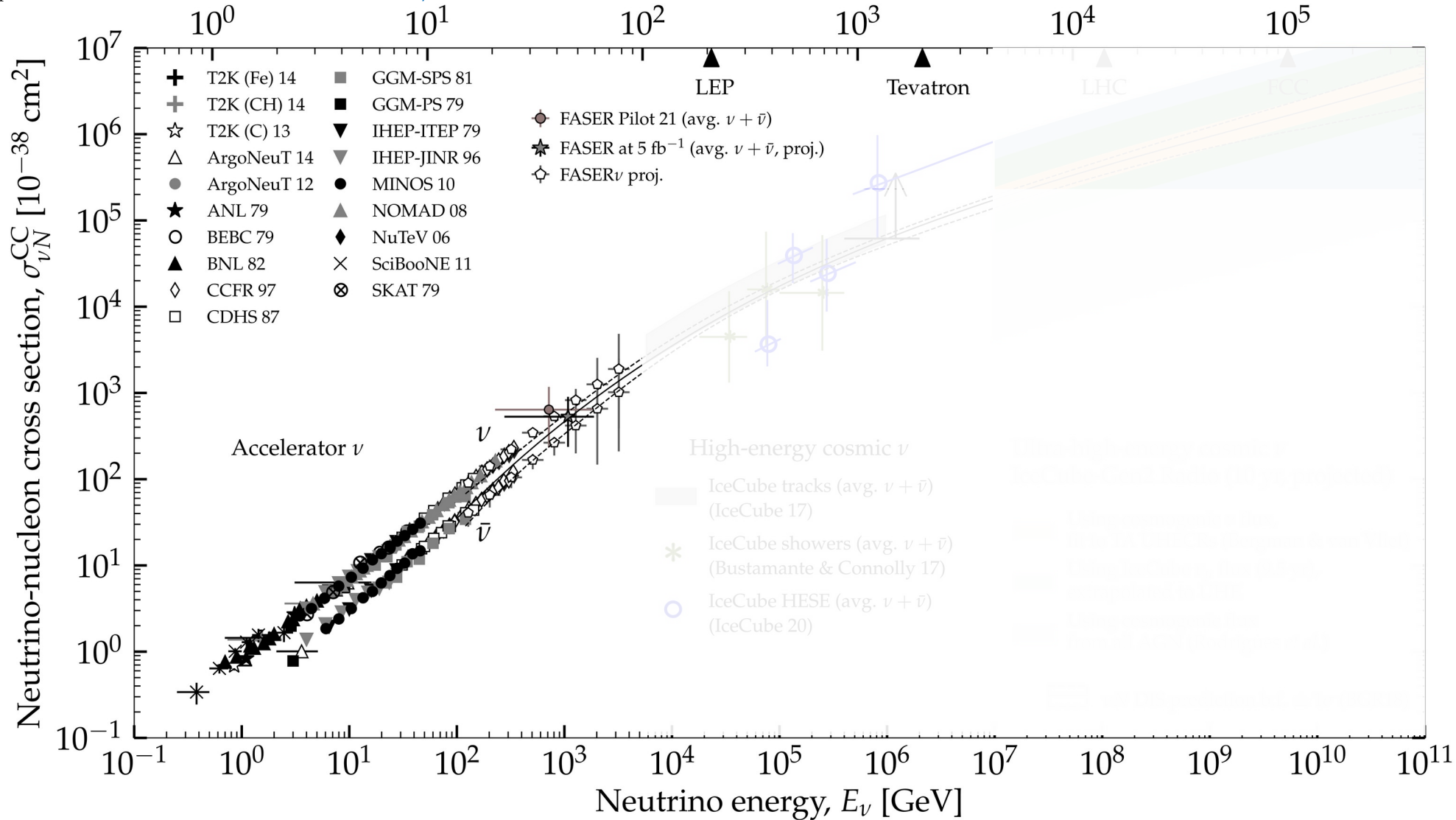
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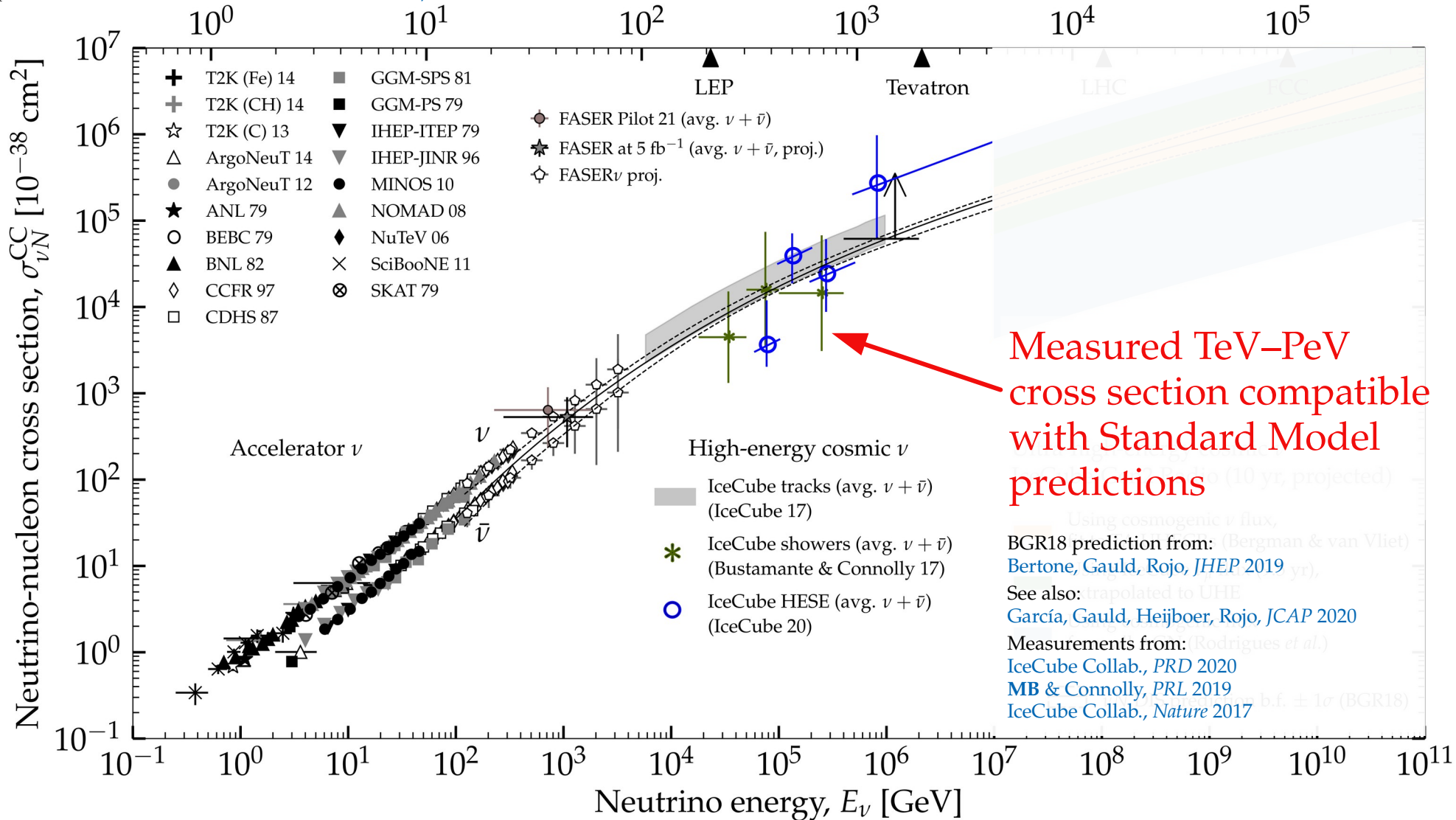


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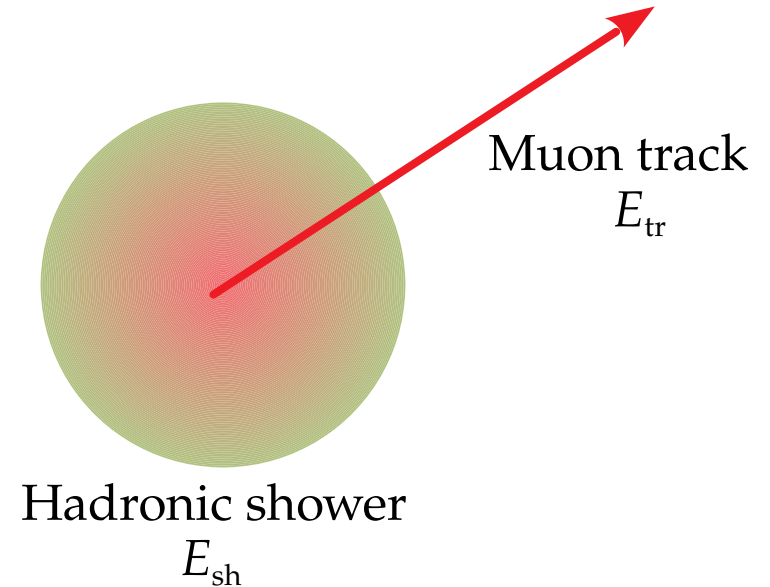
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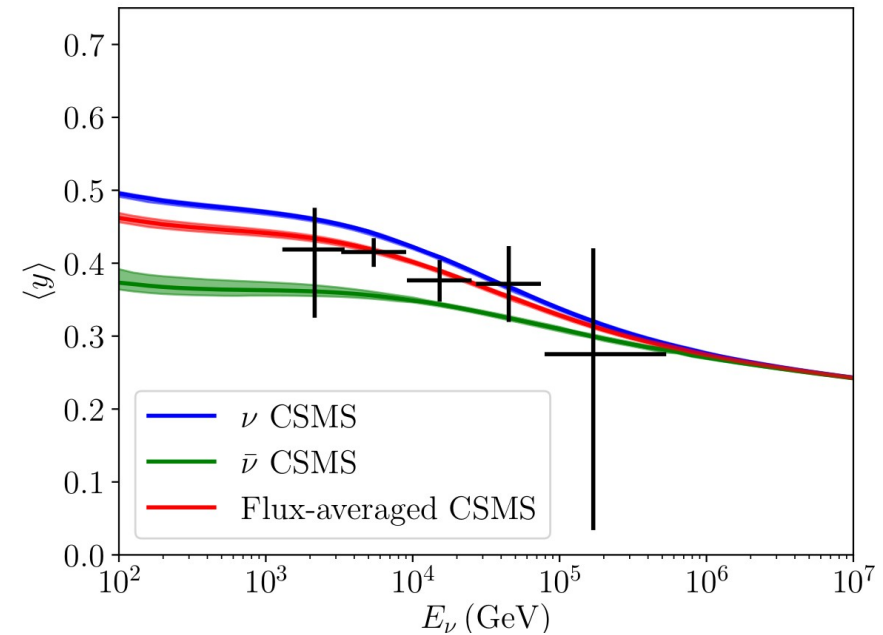
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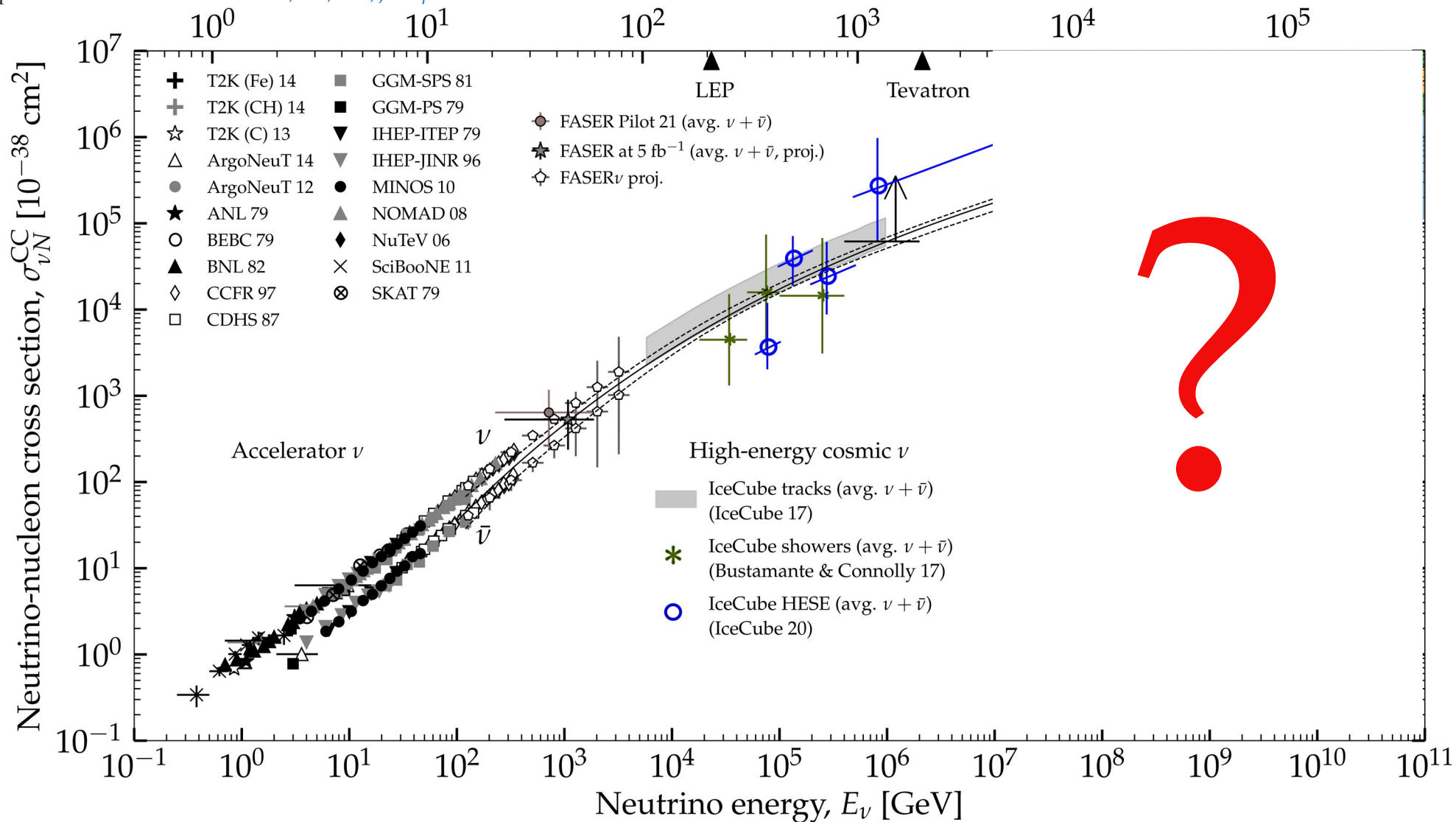
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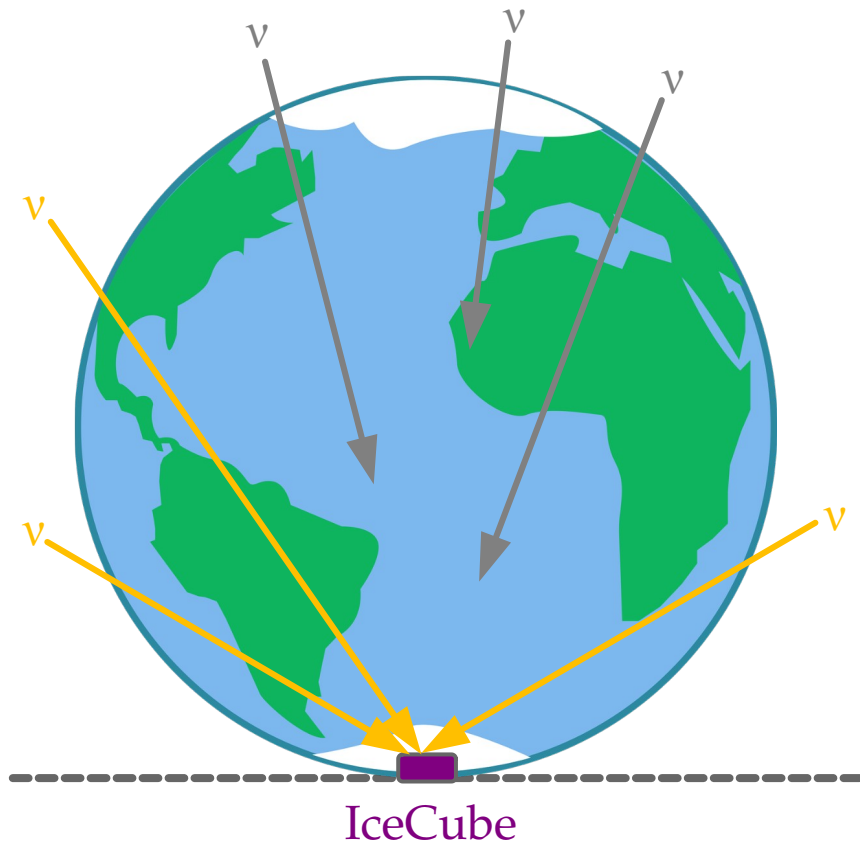
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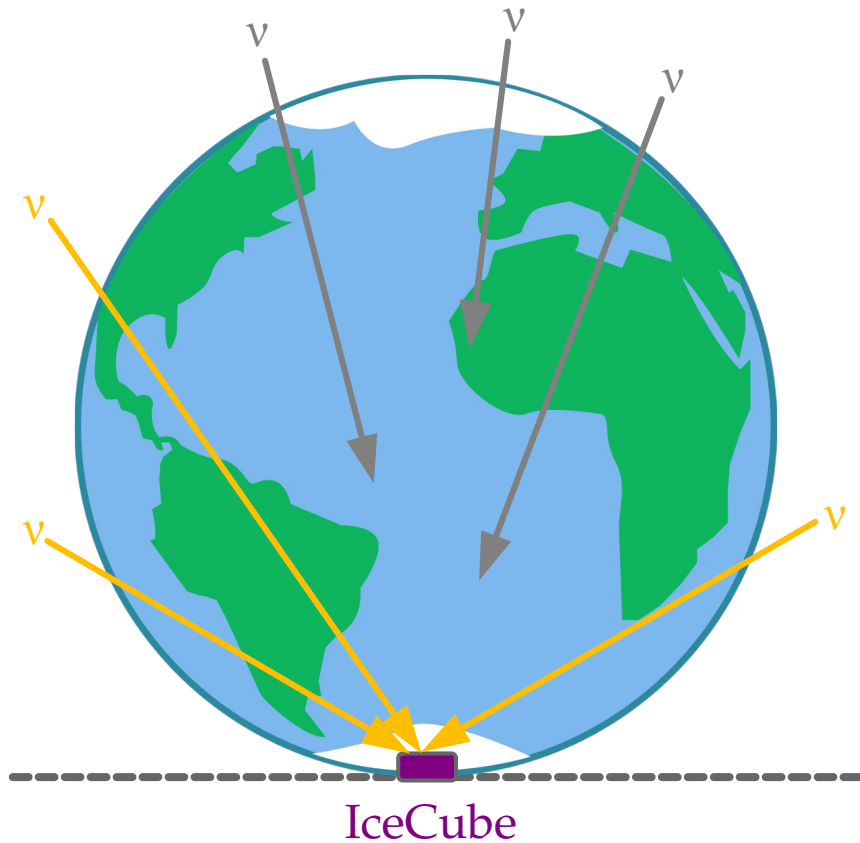
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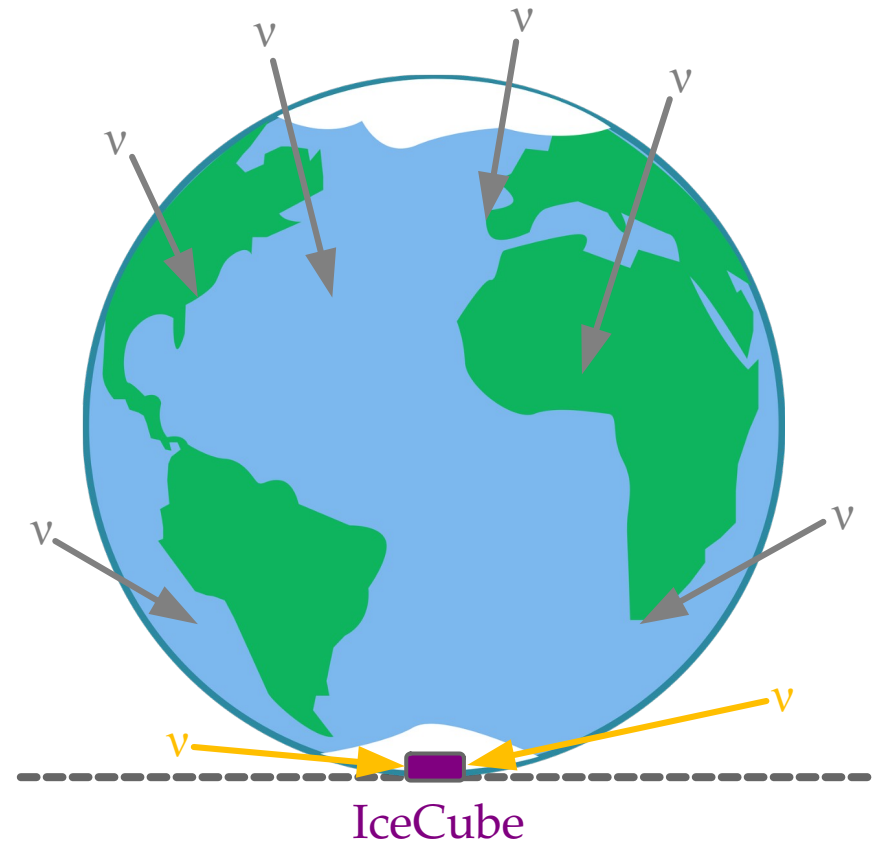
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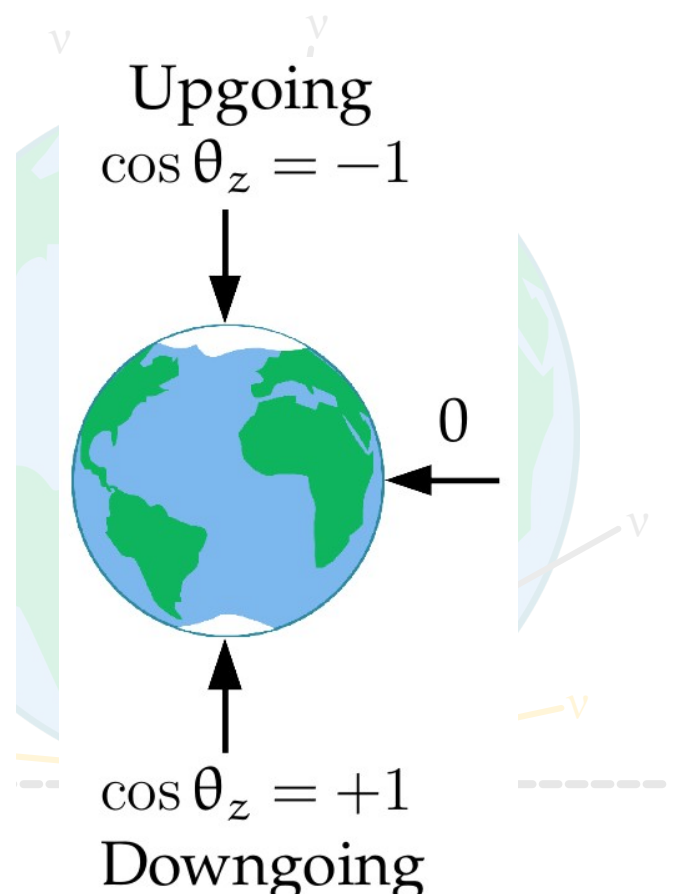
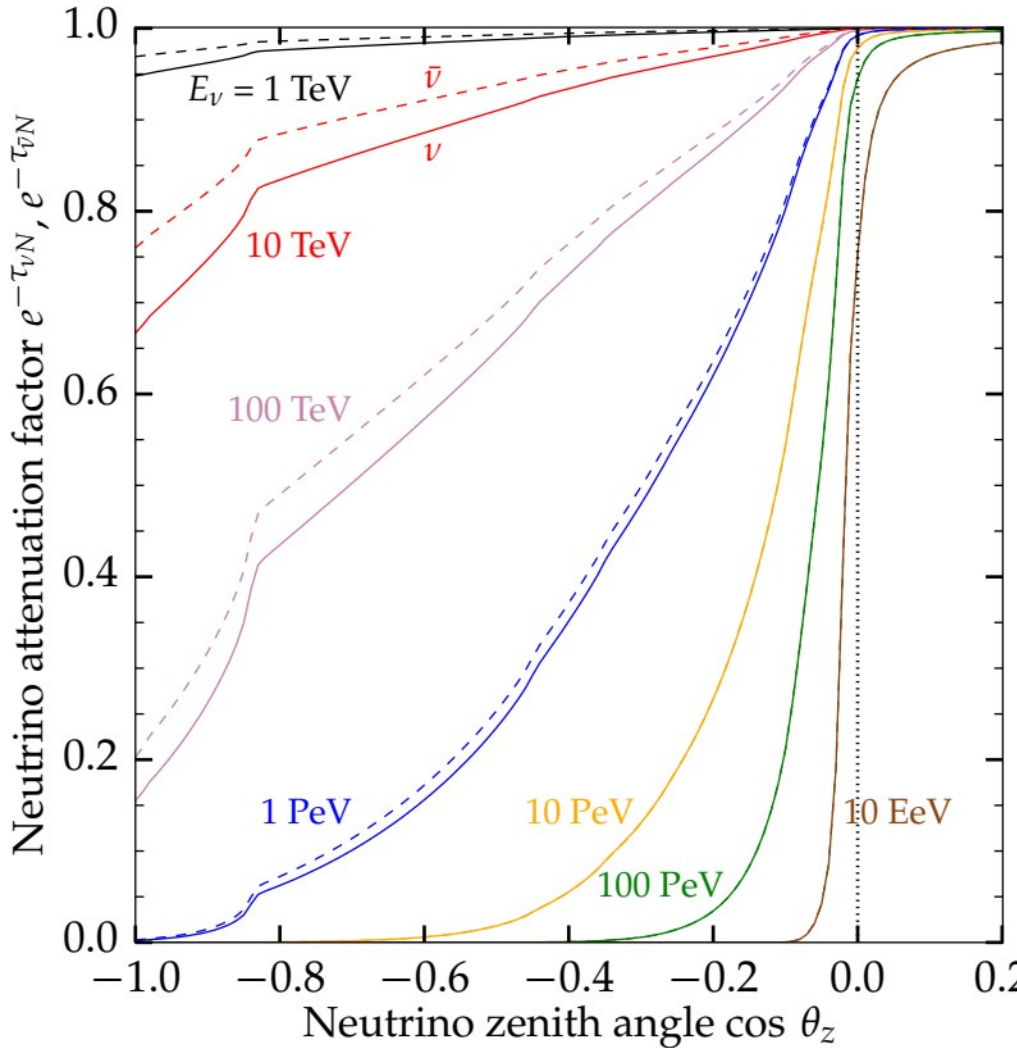
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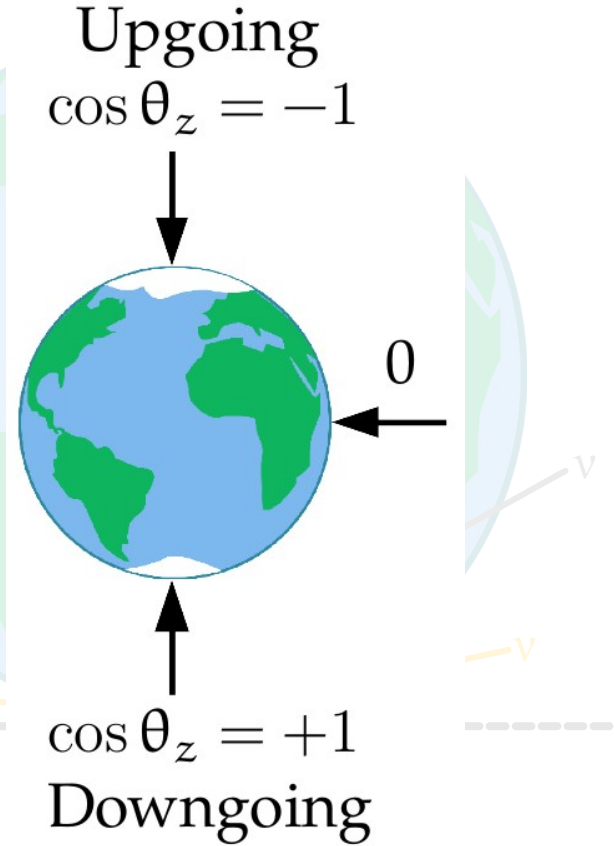
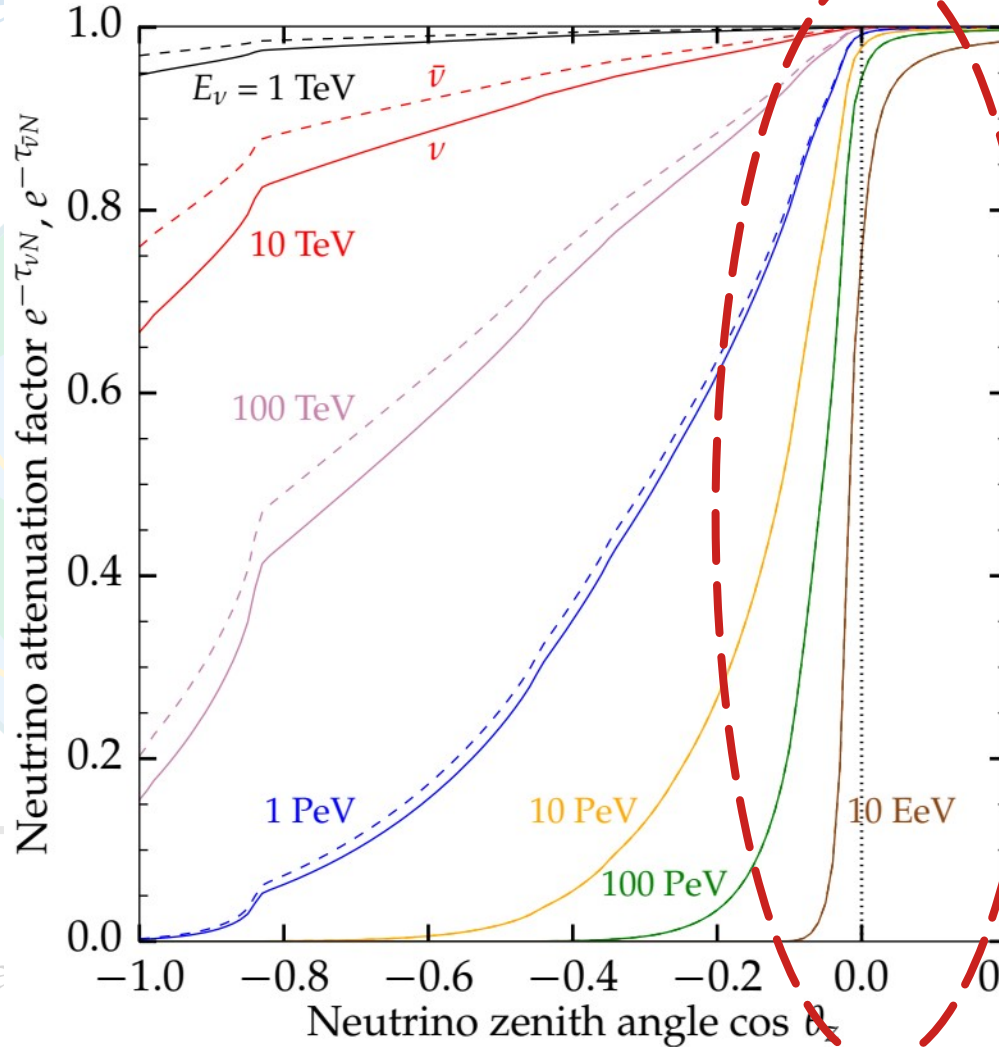
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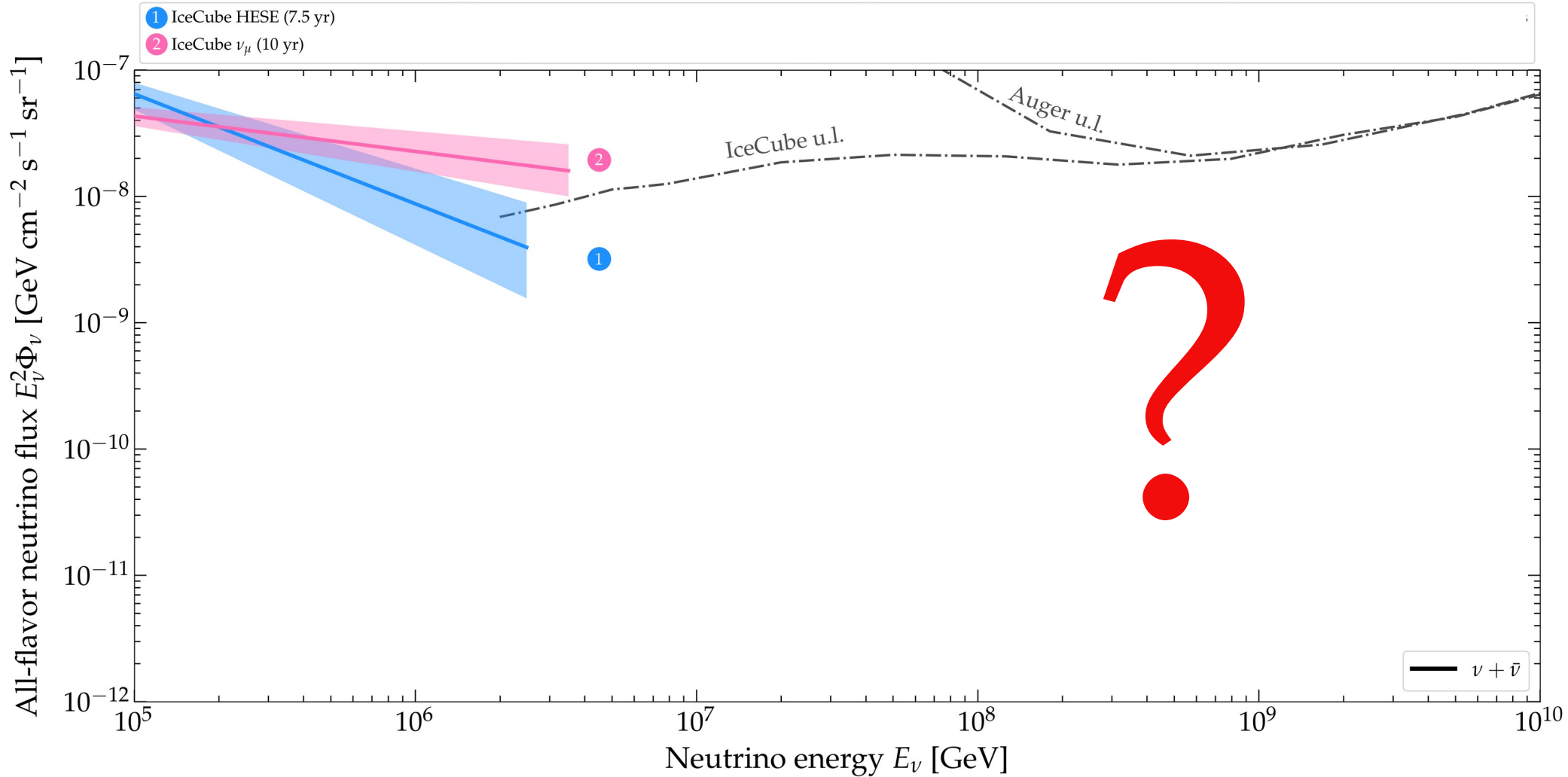
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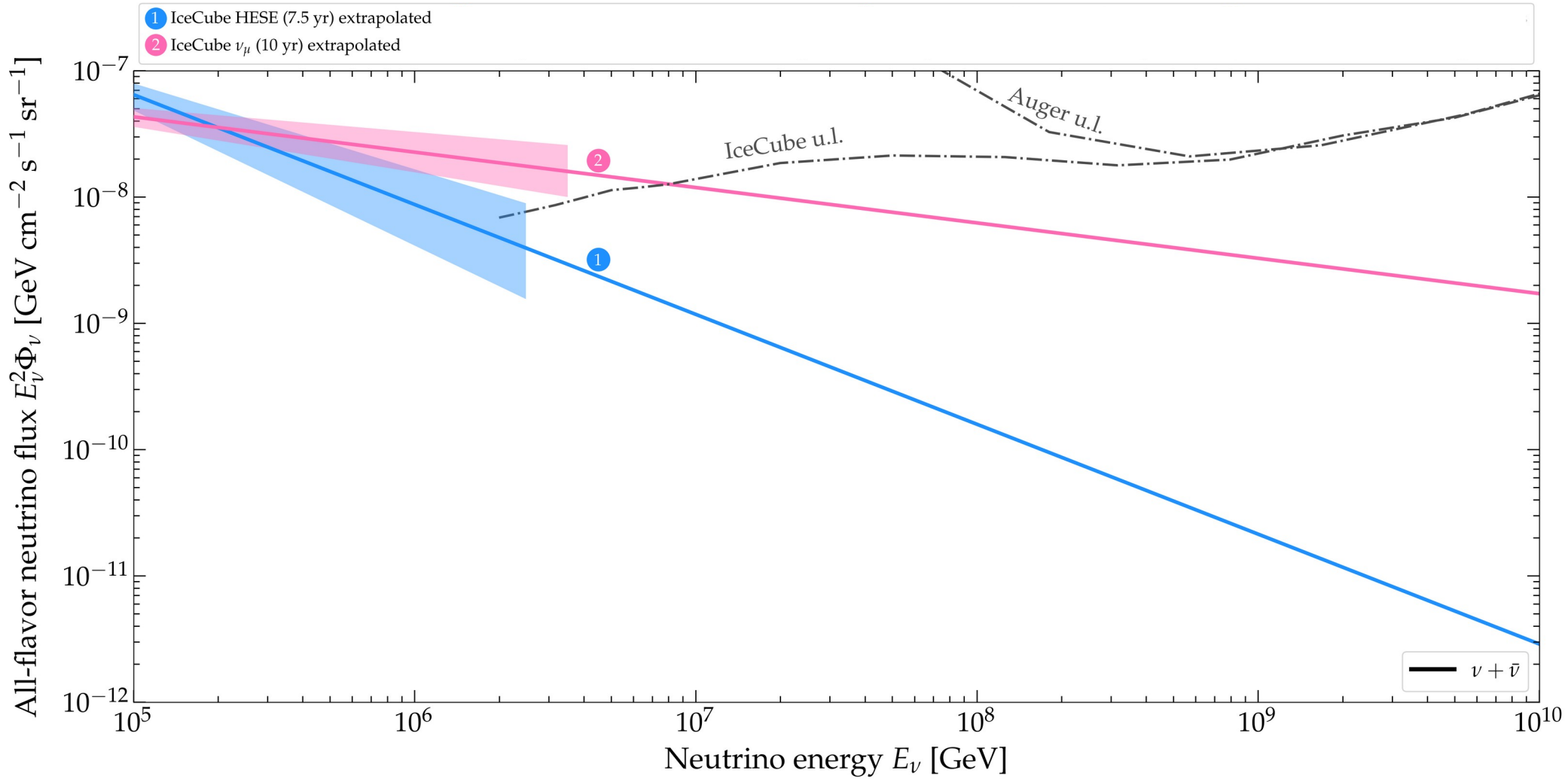
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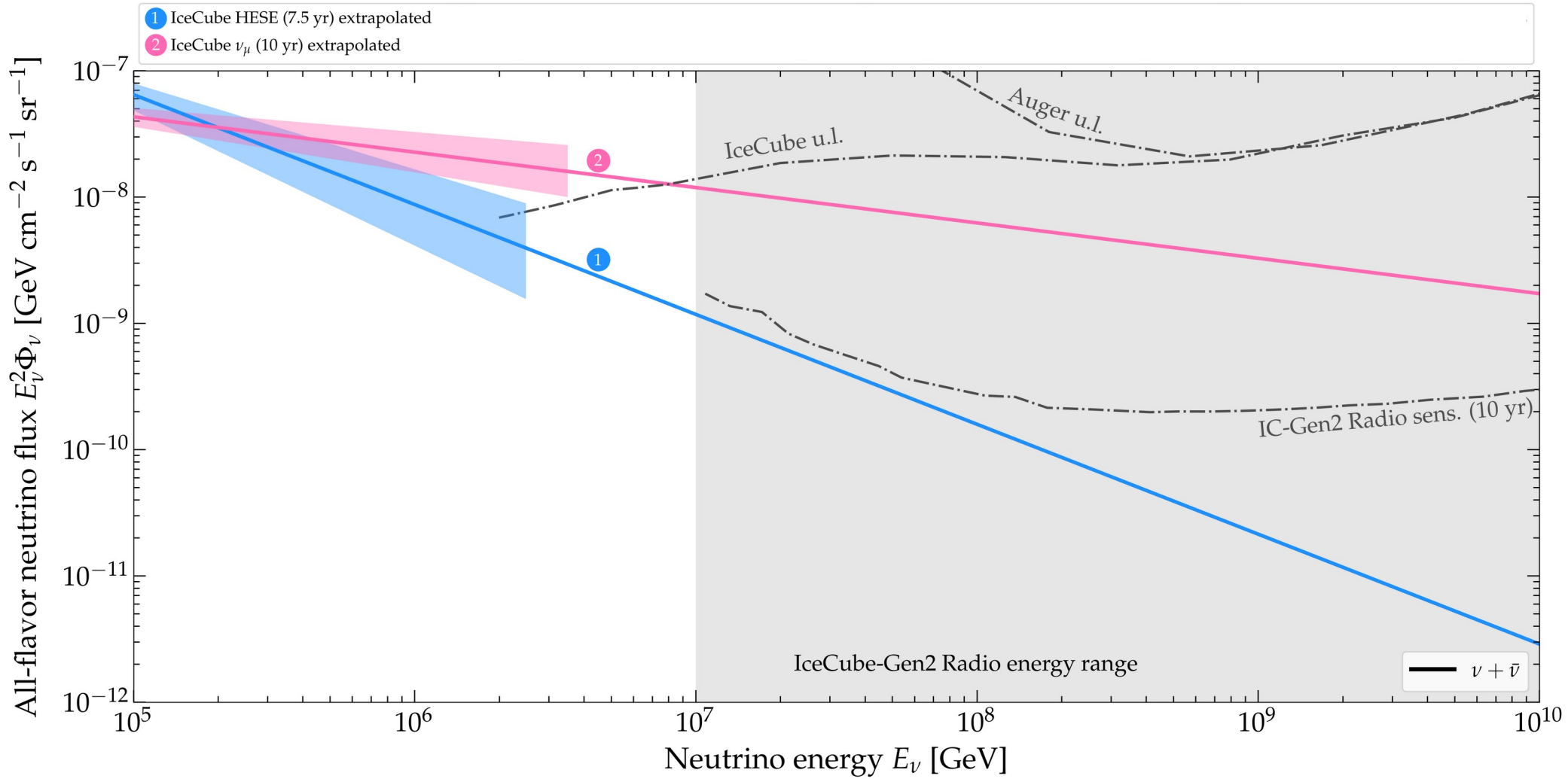


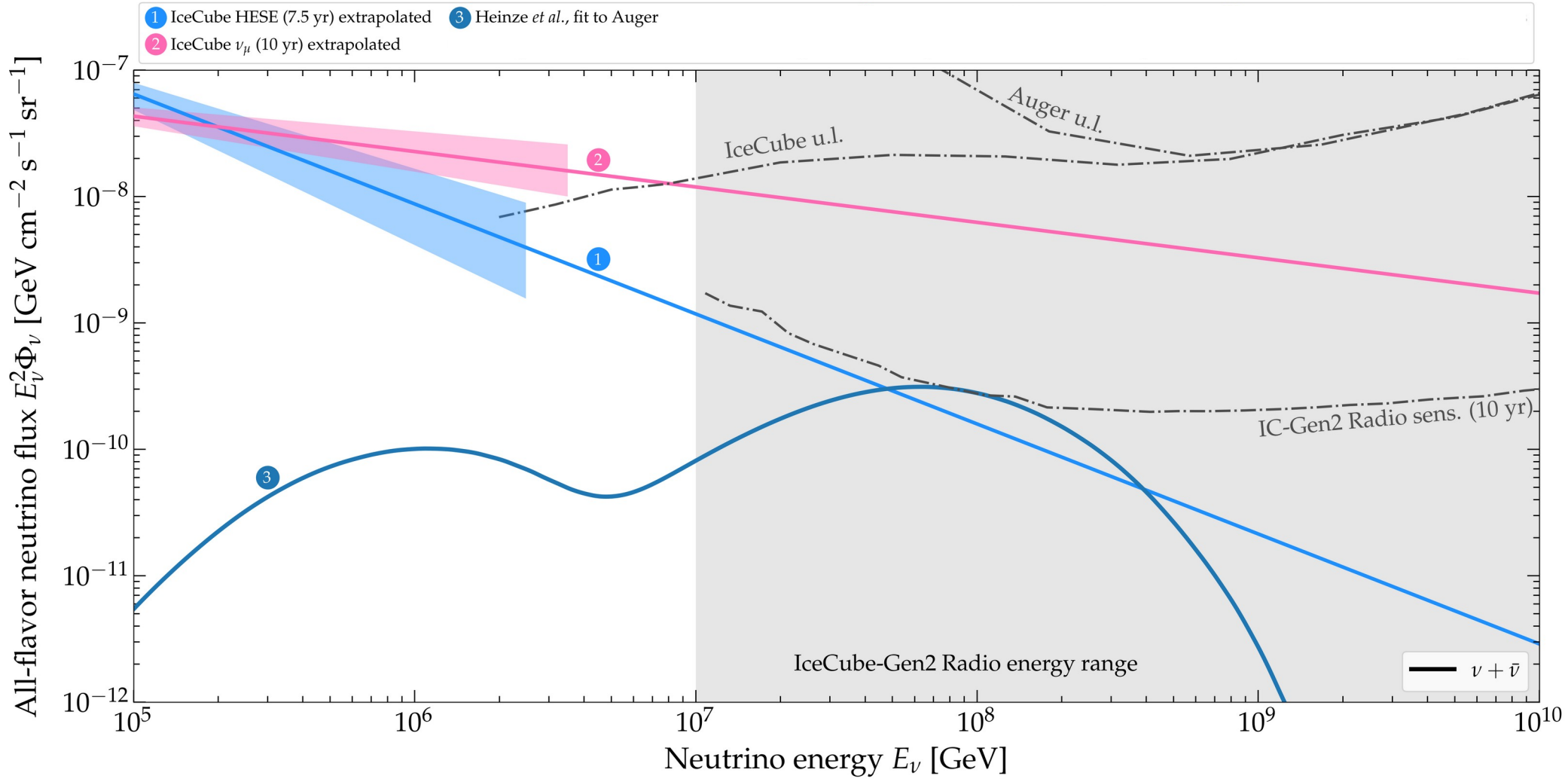
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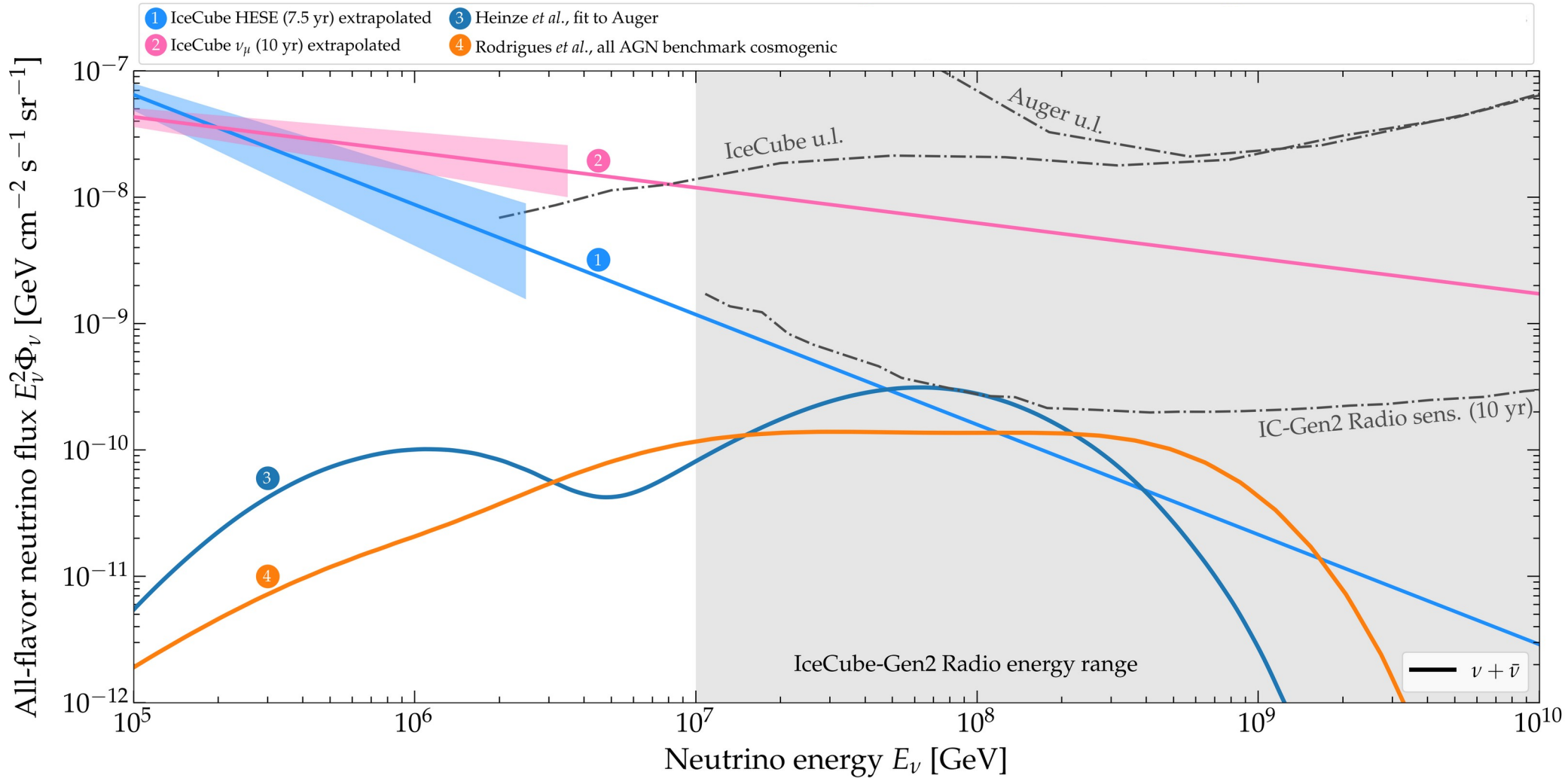
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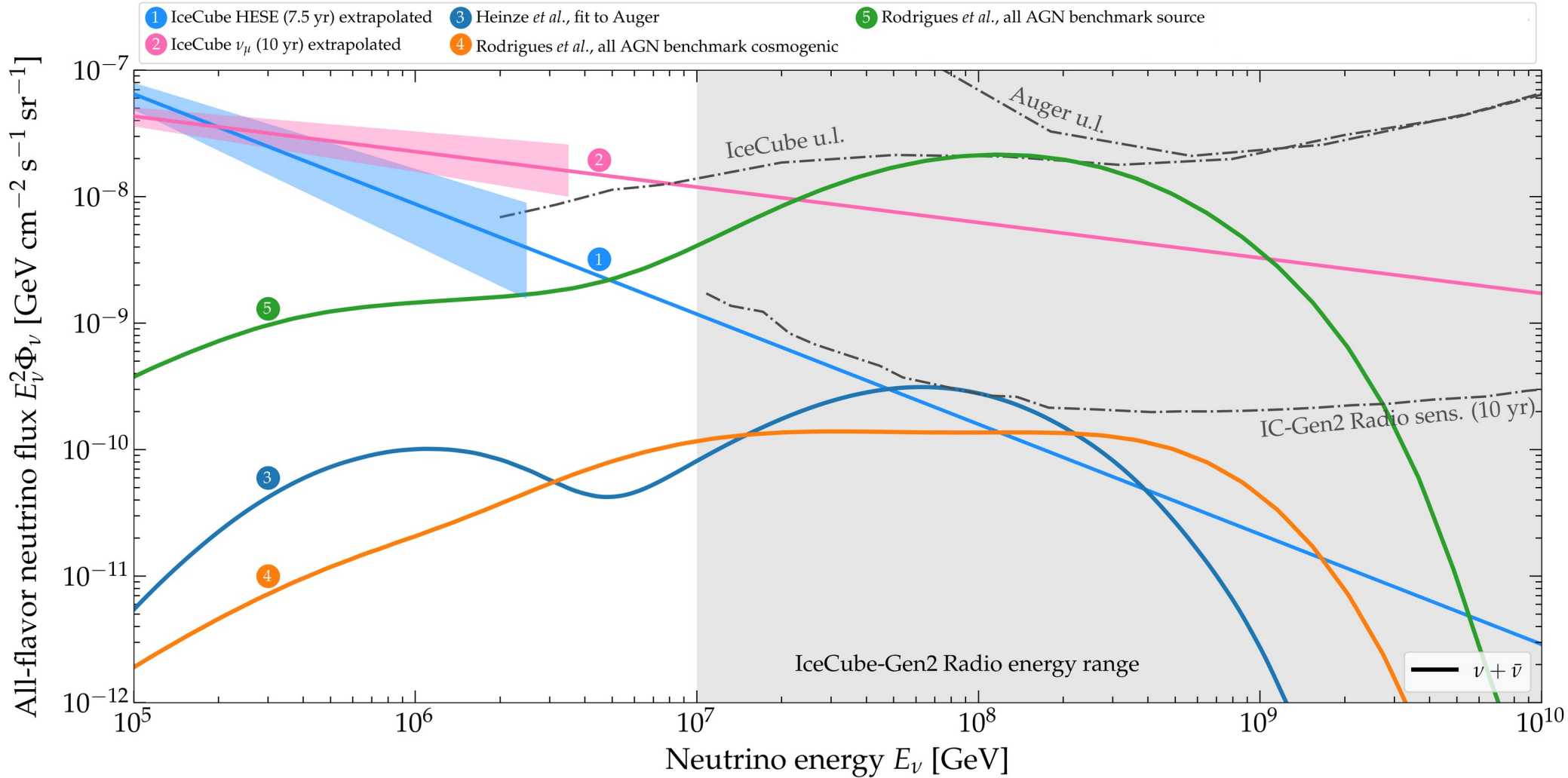


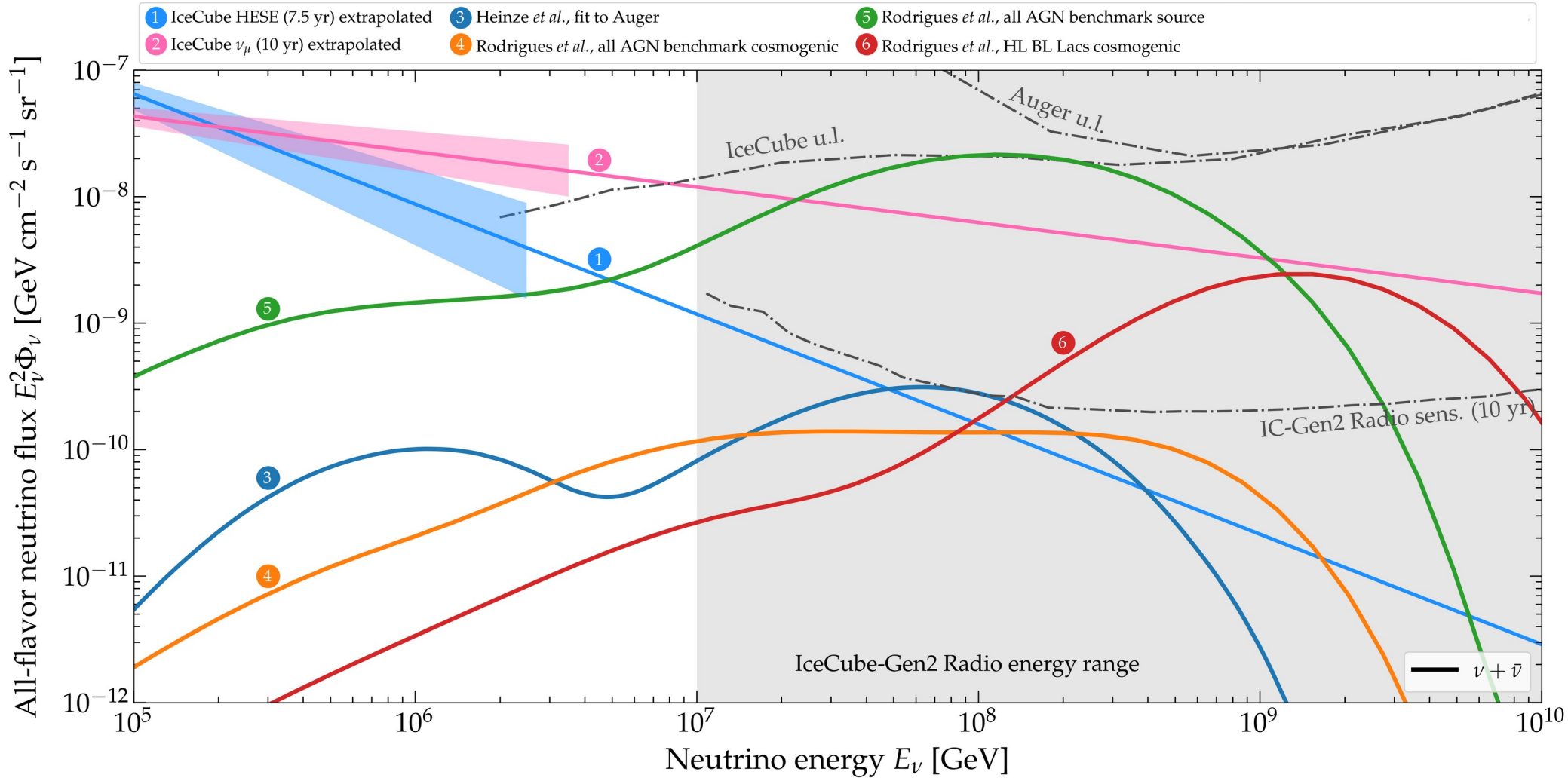


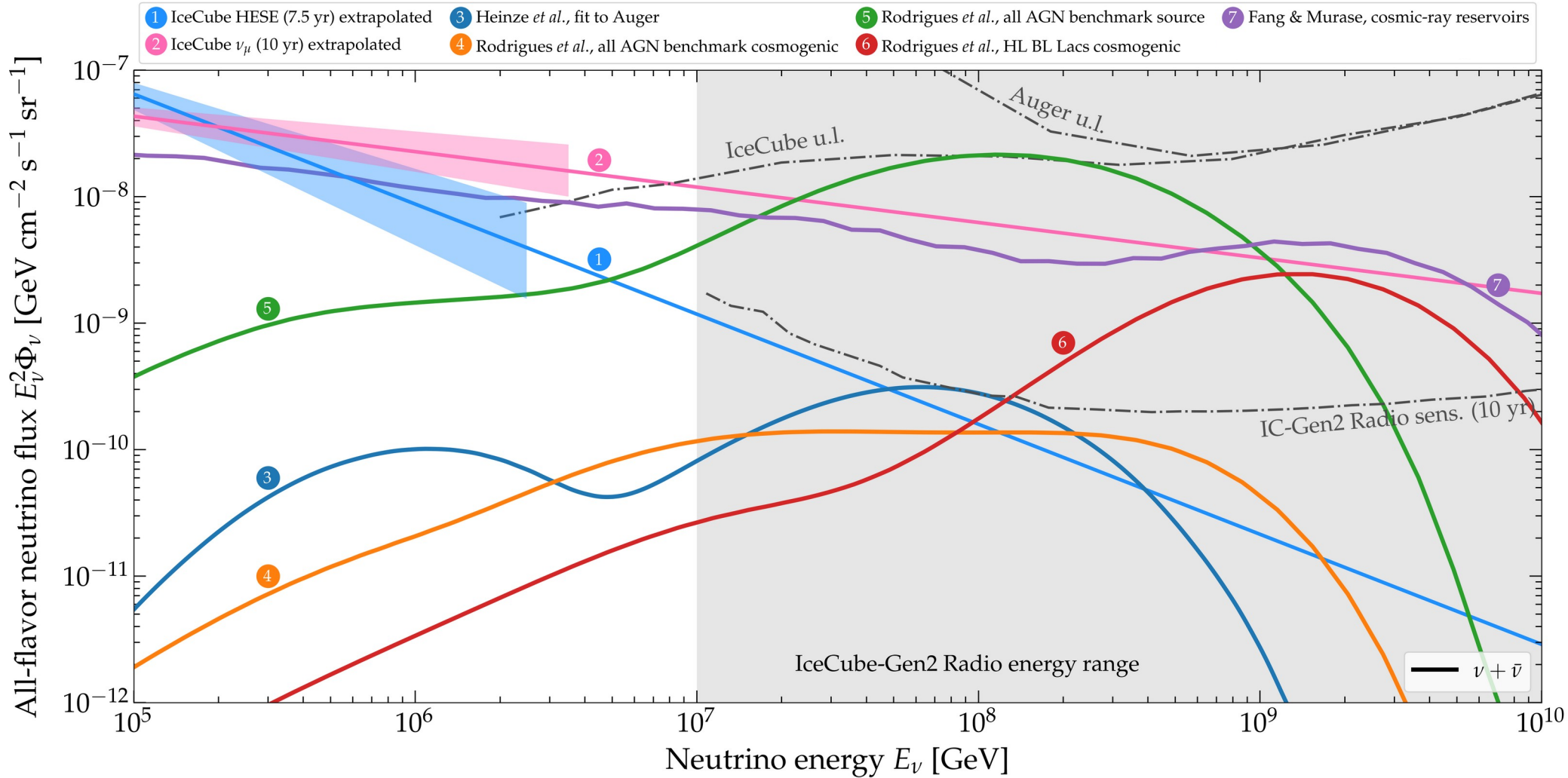


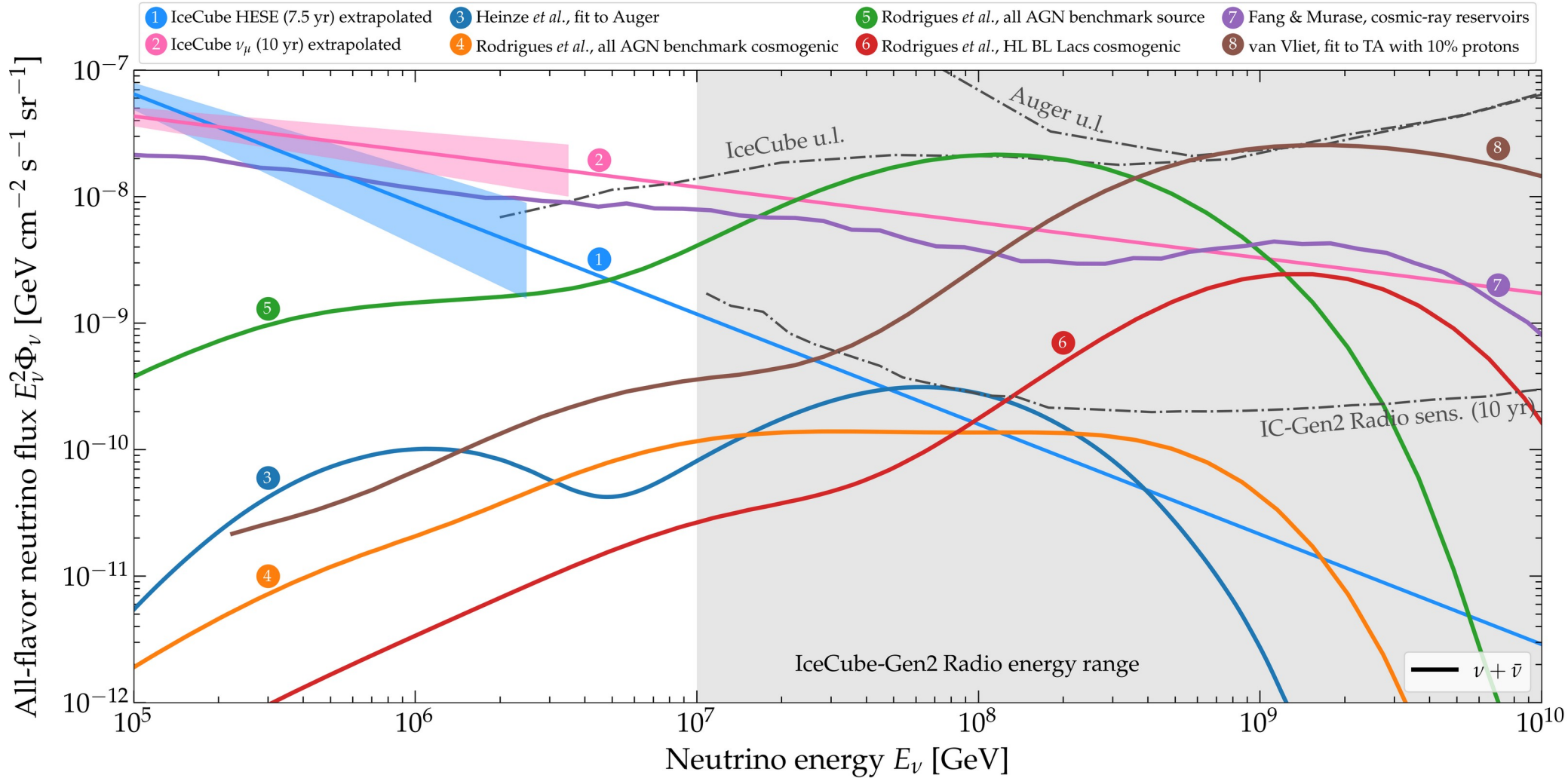


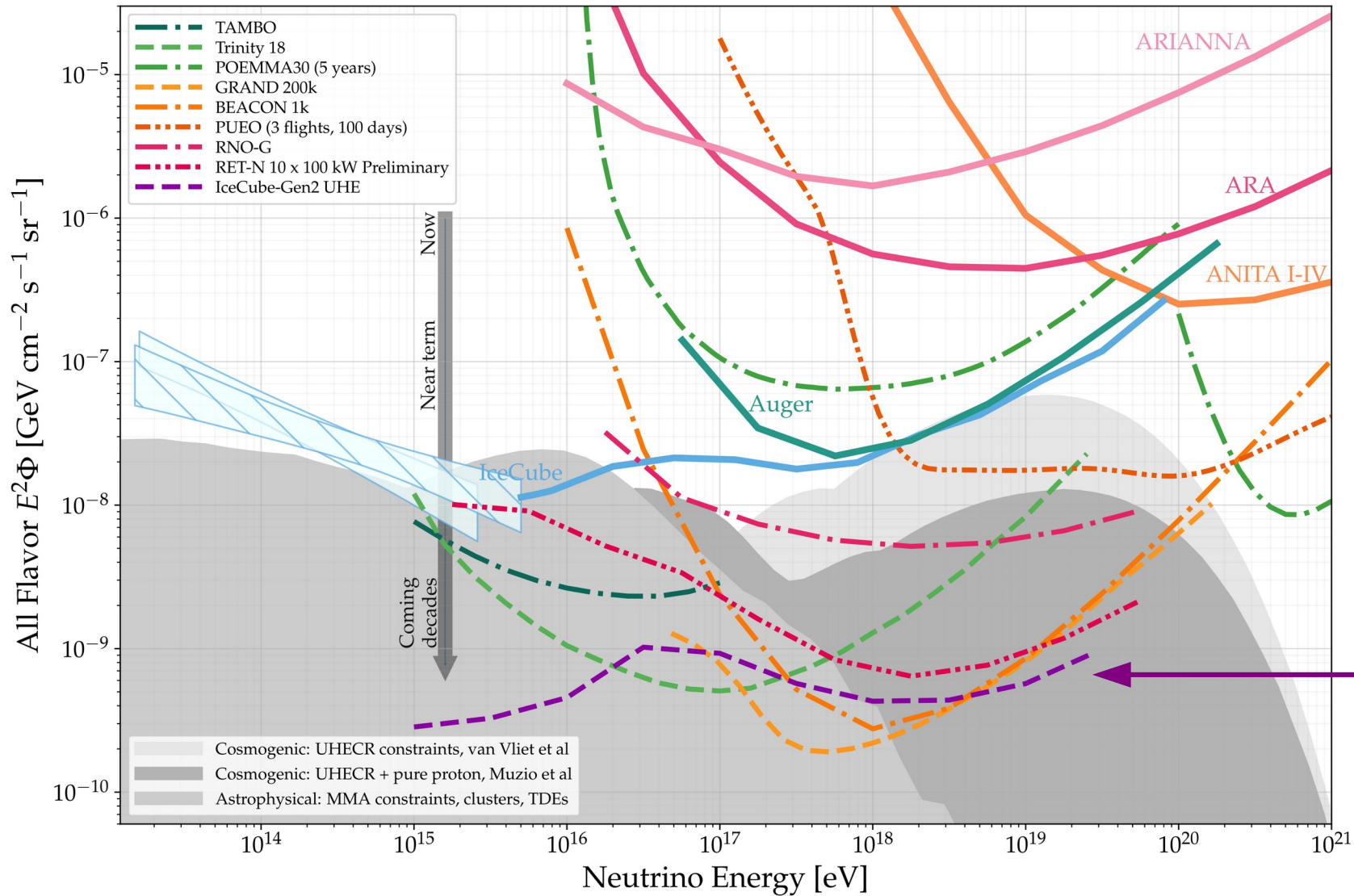




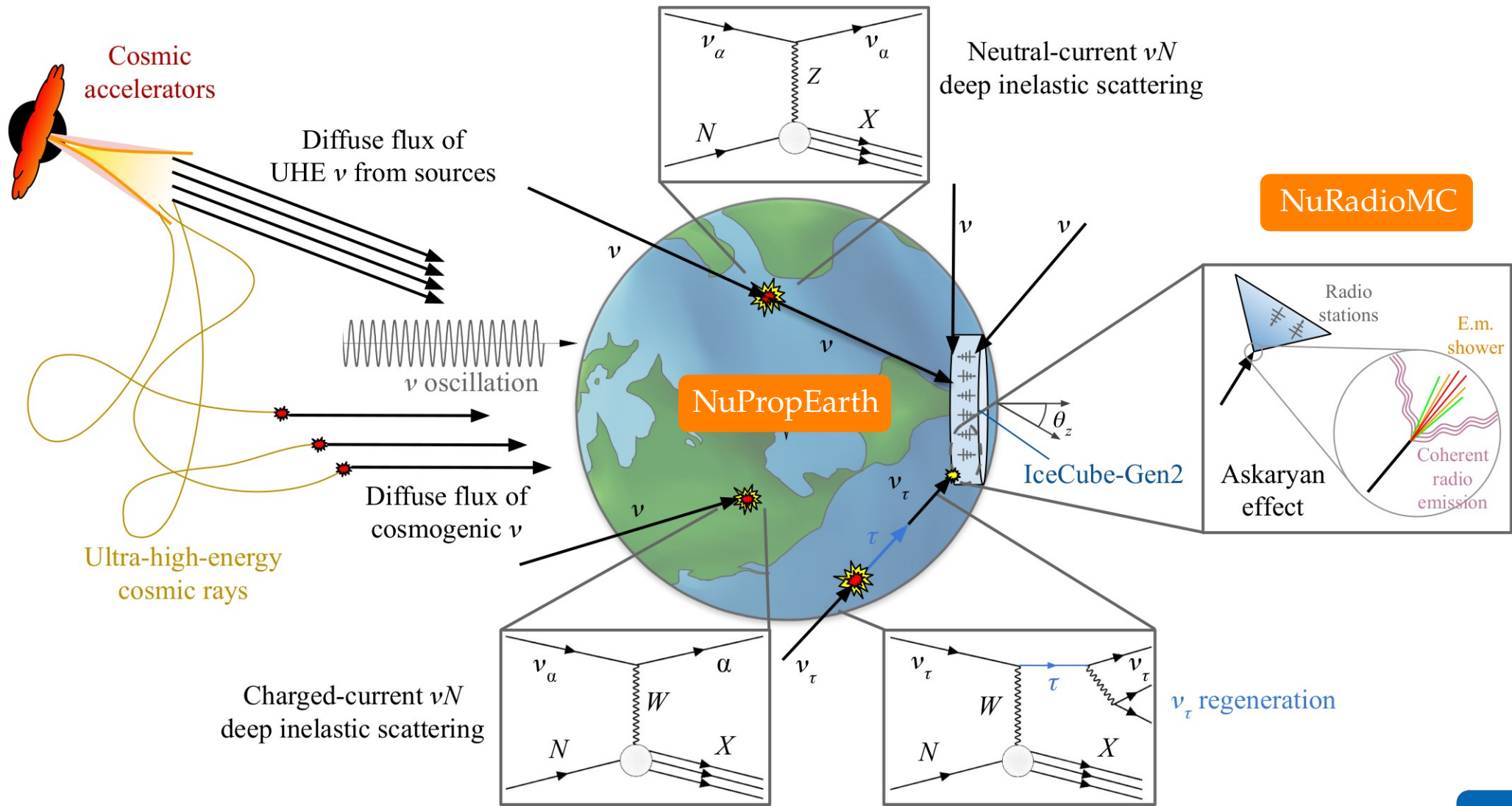






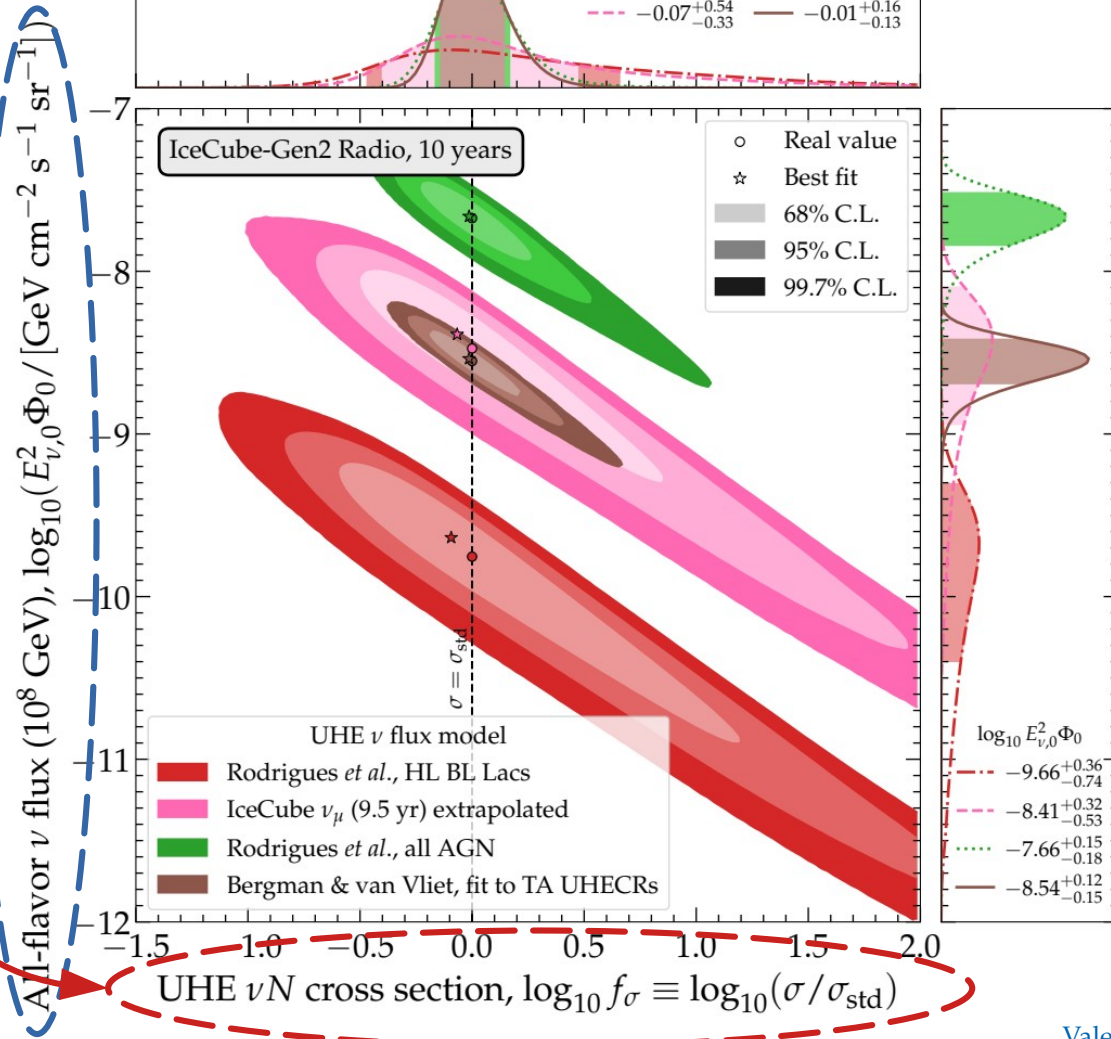


UHE radio-detection at Gen2 in our forecasts



Flux normalization

Cross section

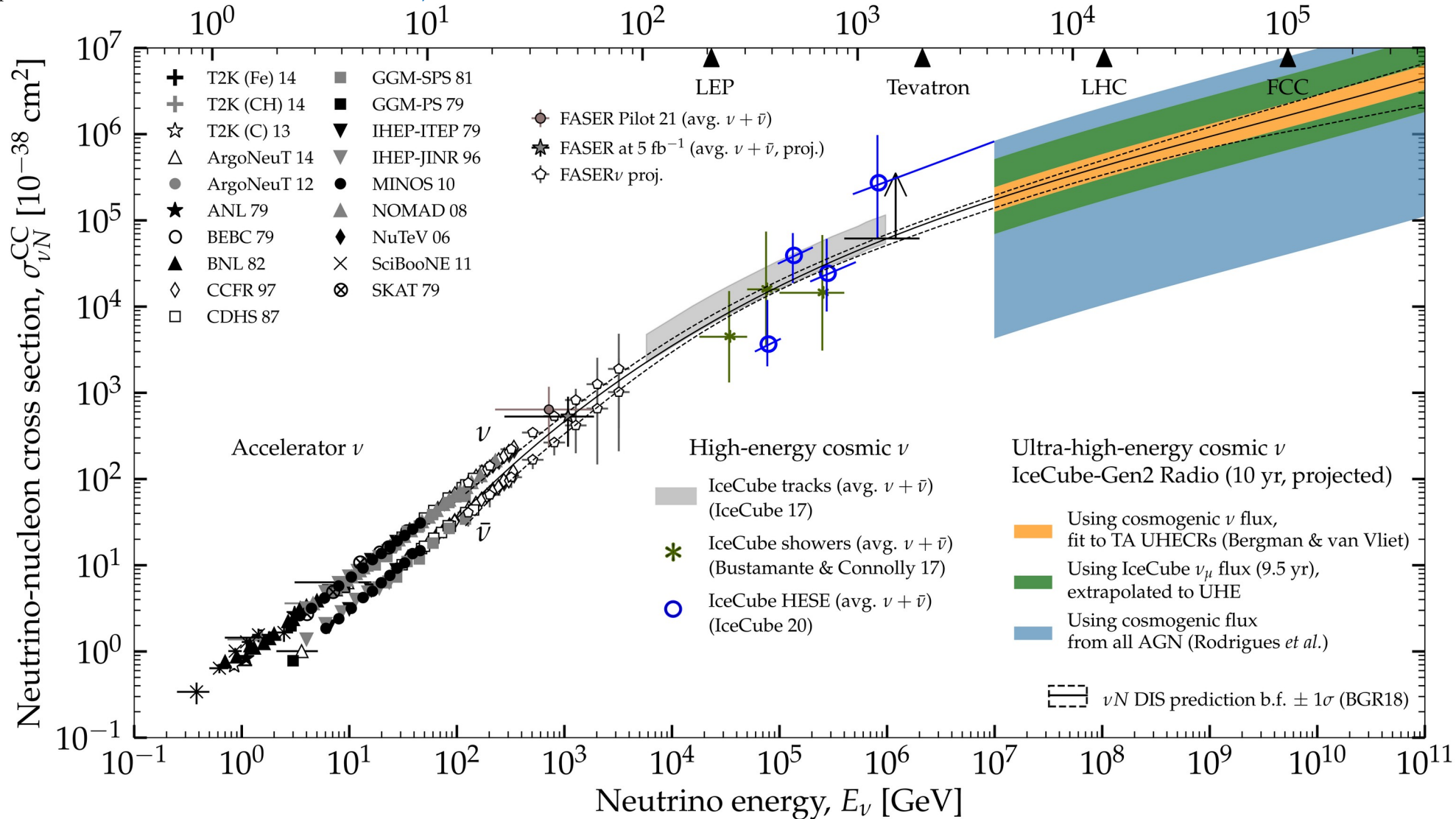


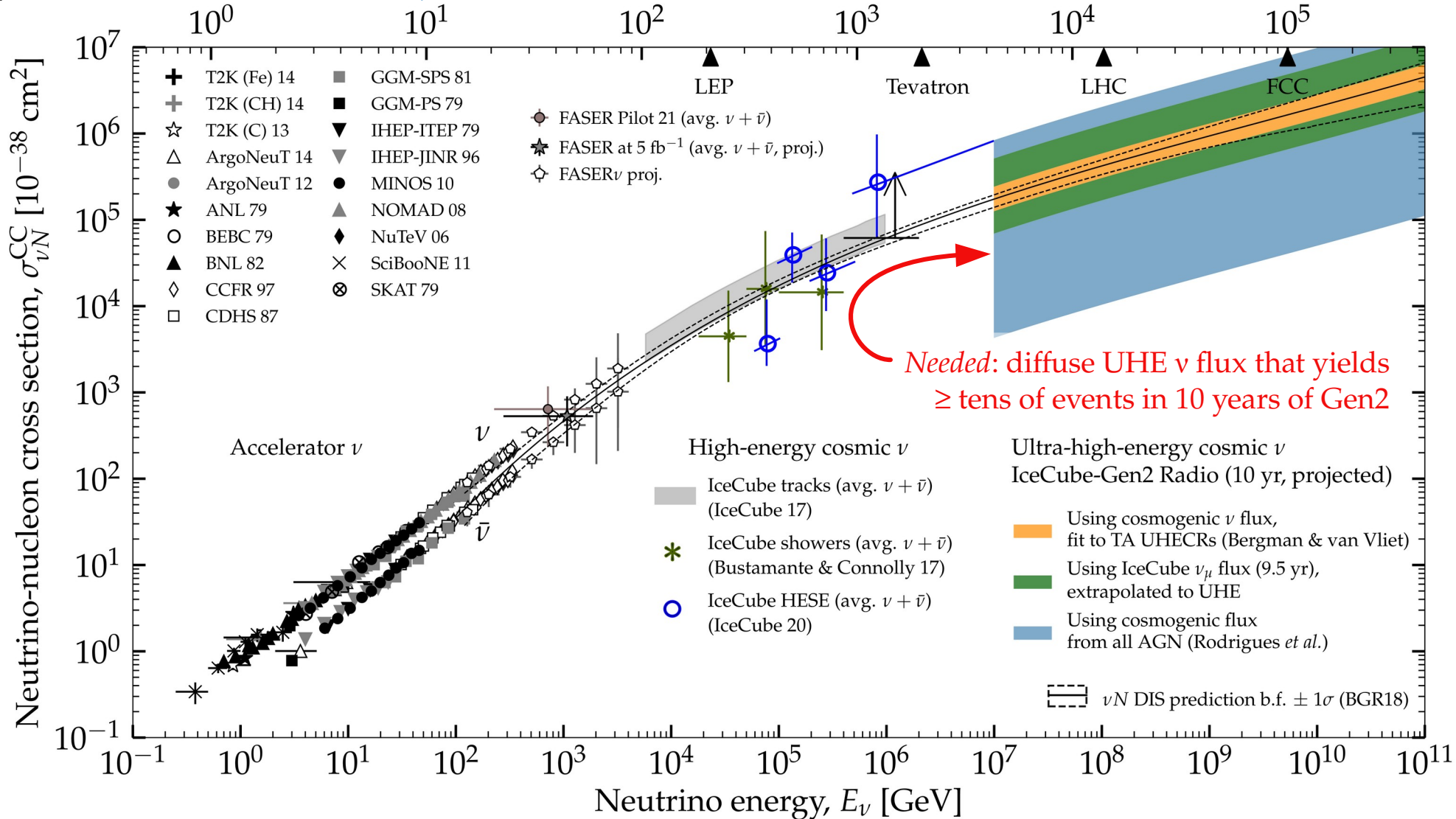
Needed to measure the cross section?

~30–300 events

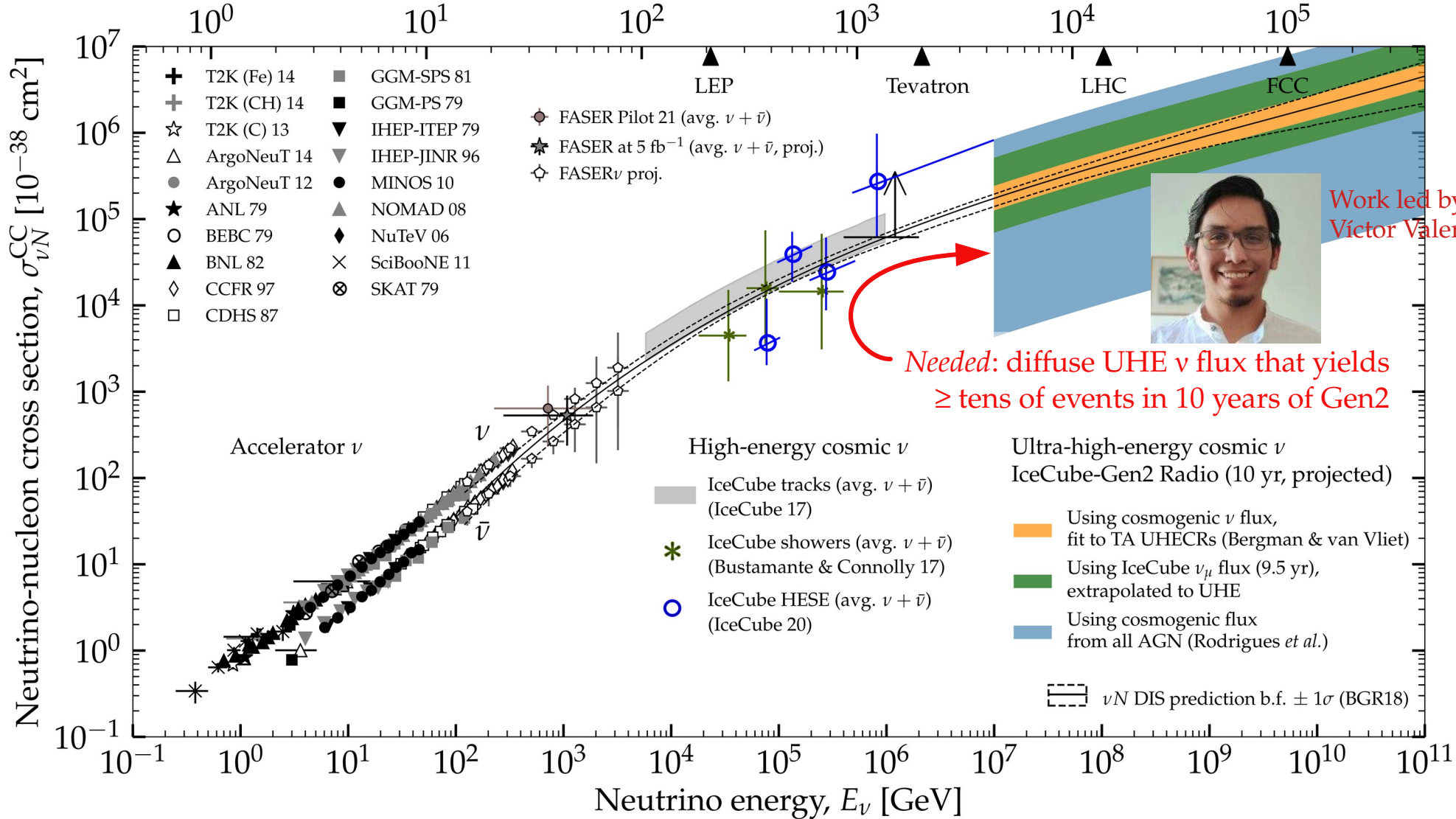
In this work:
We fix the energy dependence of flux and cross section (but explore many alternatives)

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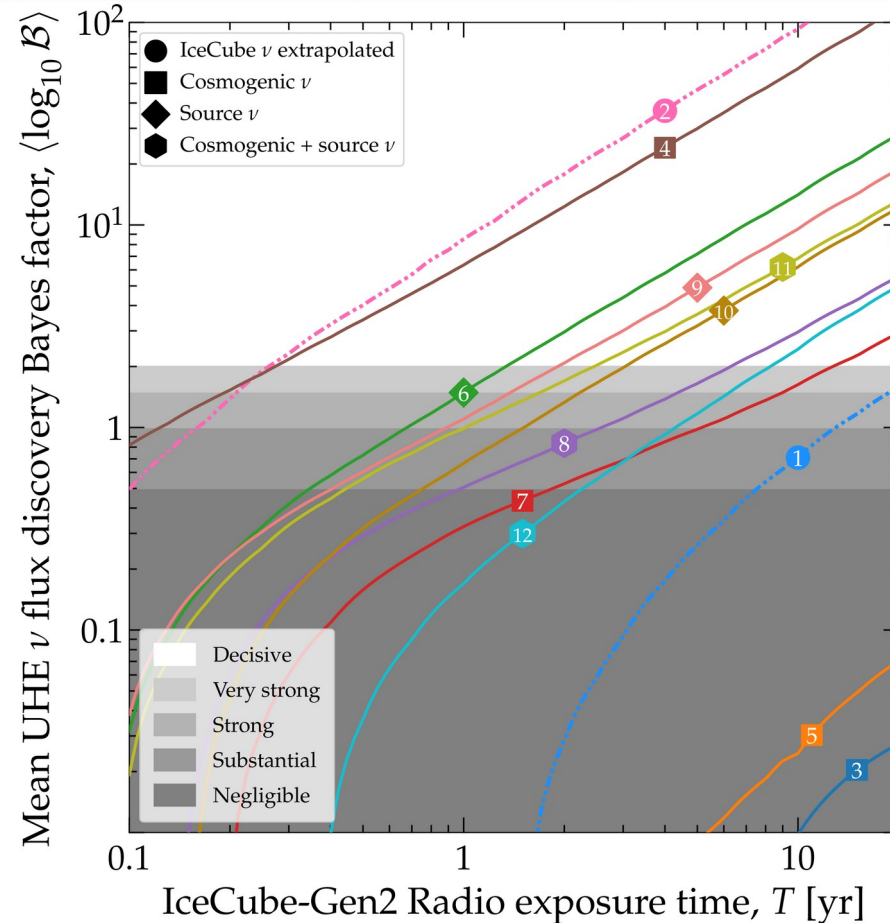


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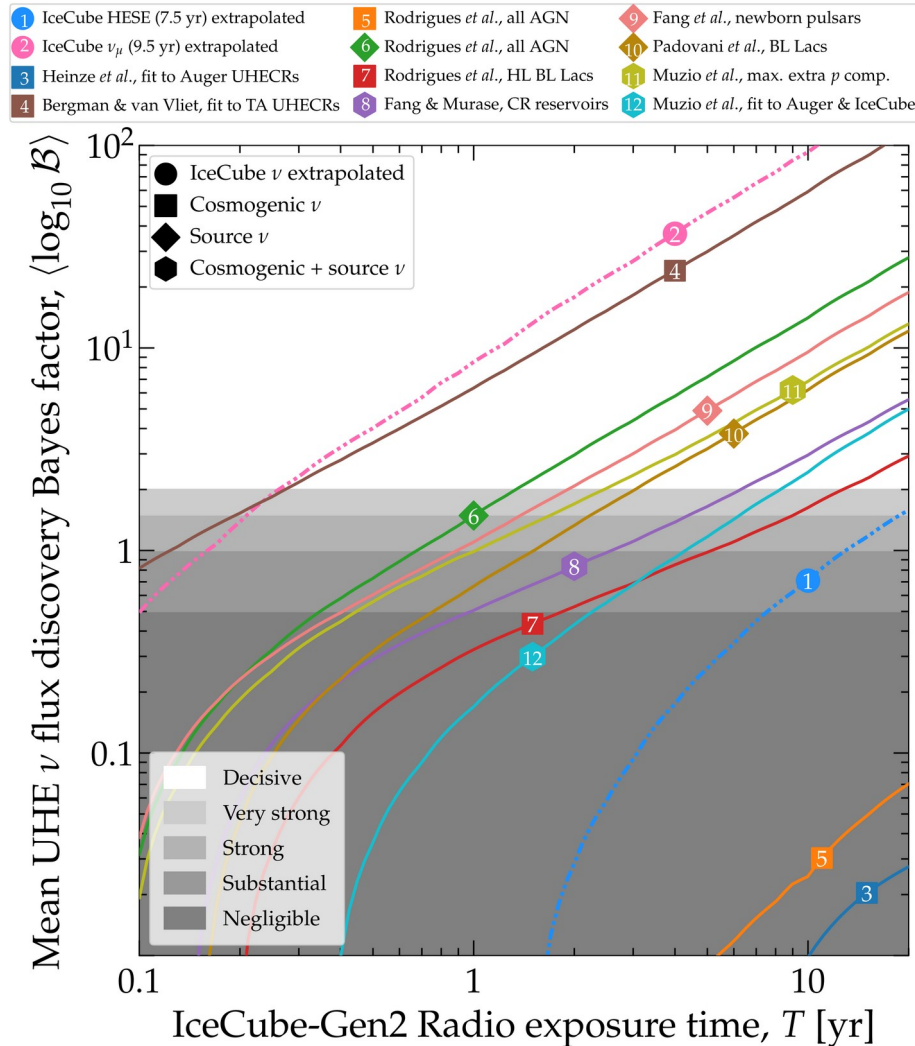


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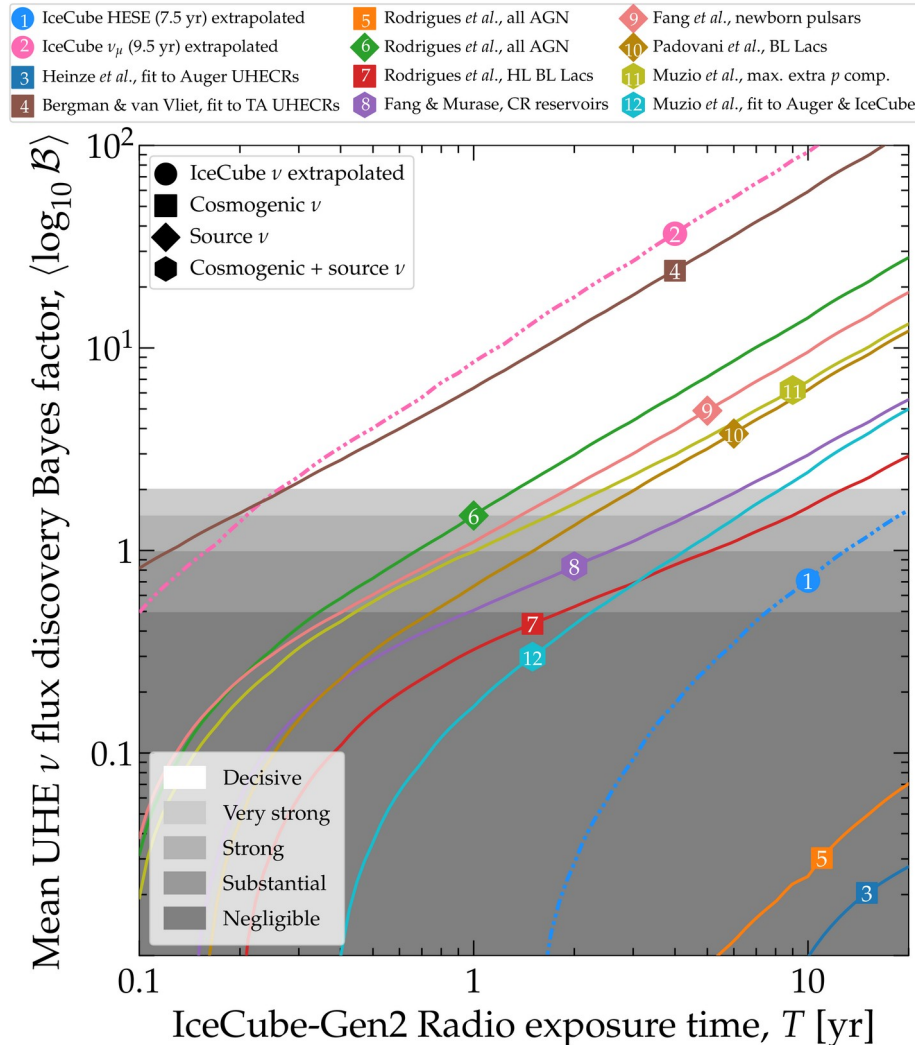
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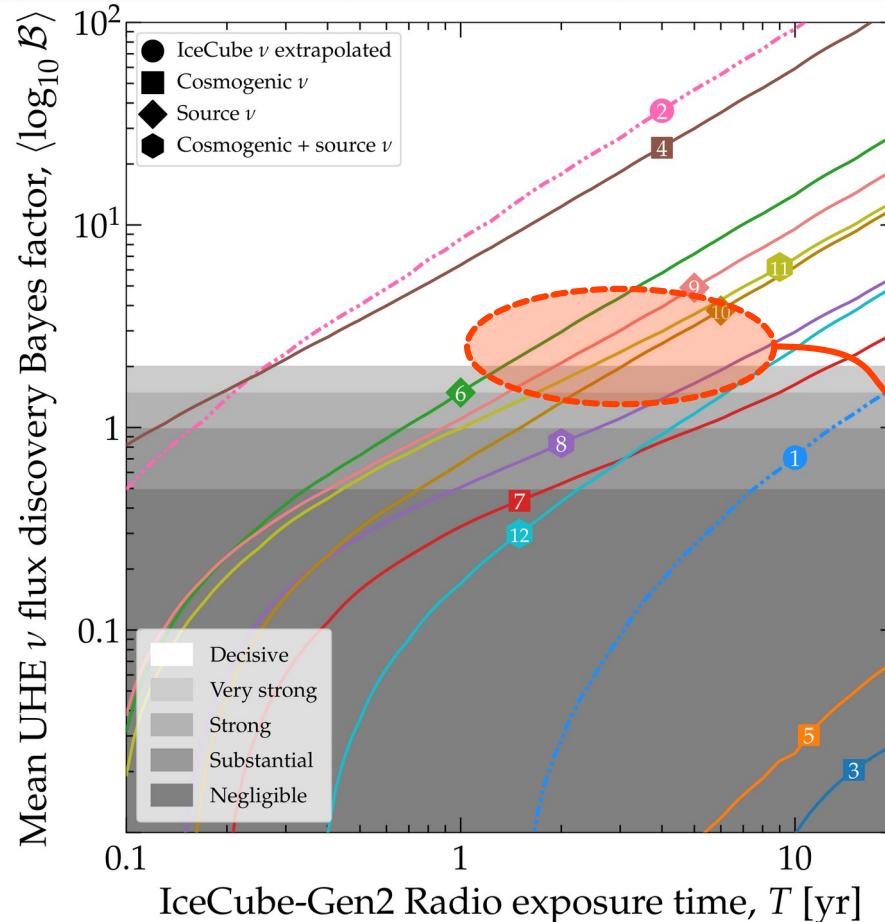
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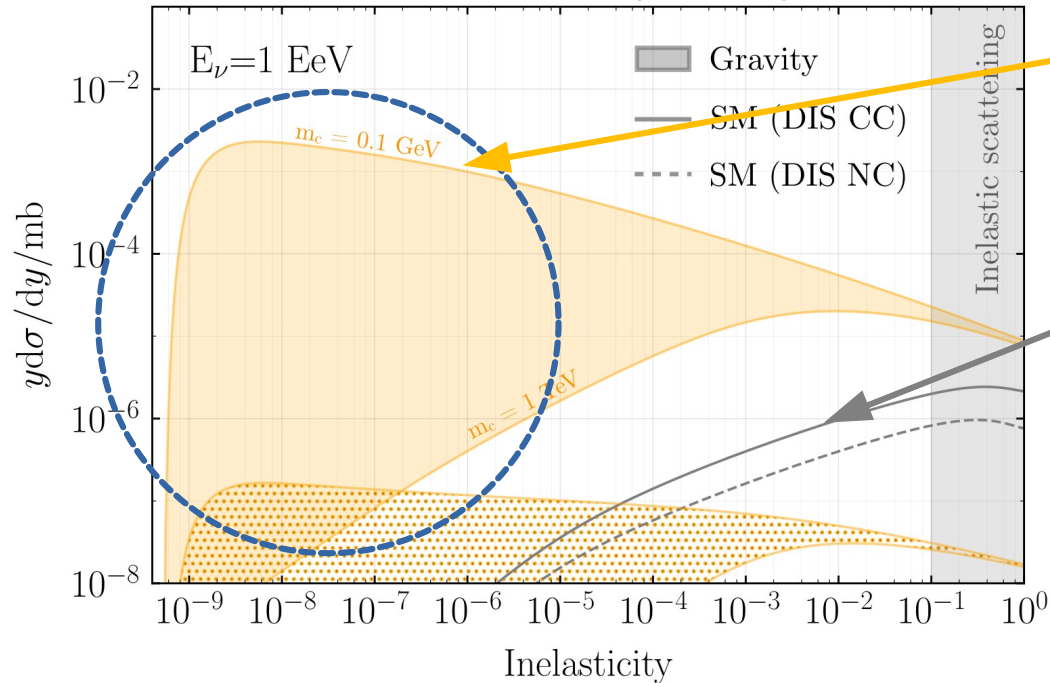
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Warning: UHE BSM that changes inelasticity needs care

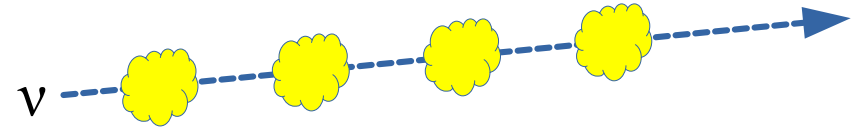
TeV-scale gravity may induce EeV-scale *elastic* neutrino interactions, *i.e.*, with low y :

Garcia Soto, Garg, Reno, Argüelles, 2209.06282



Gravity-mediated $\sigma \gg$ SM σ

But neutrinos lose little energy in each gravity-mediated interaction



New event topology:
multiple showers along the way

Inelasticity-changing BSM needs dedicated analysis

New-physics menu

- 1 Neutrino-matter cross section
- 2 Unstable neutrinos**
- 3 New neutrino interactions
- 4 Neutrinos & dark matter
- 5 Flavor composition
- 6 Physics with individual sources
- 7 ANITA mystery events

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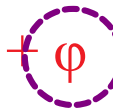
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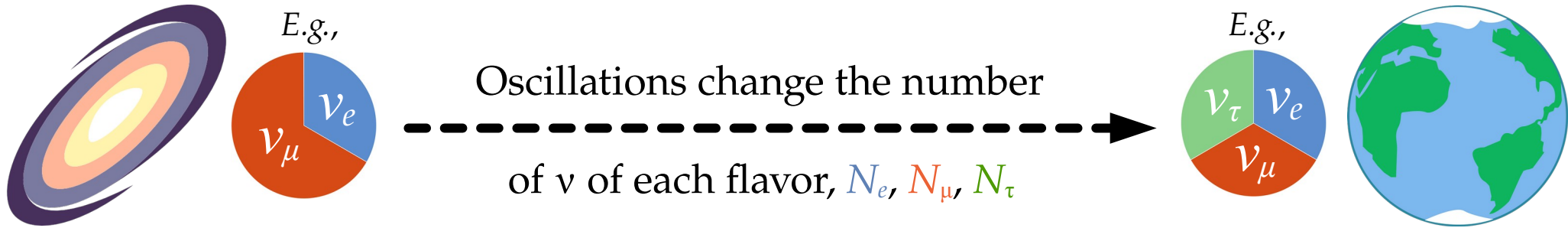
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$L \sim$ up to a few Gpc



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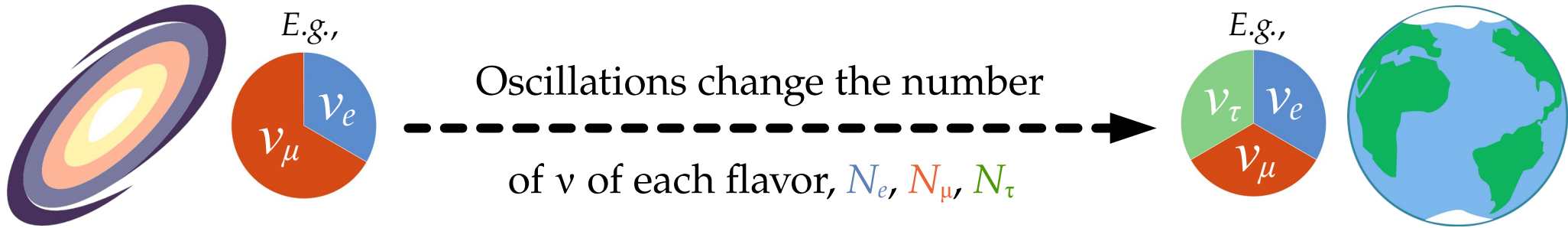
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Standard oscillations
or
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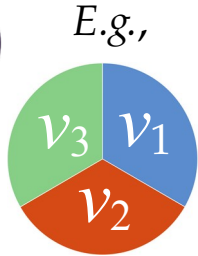
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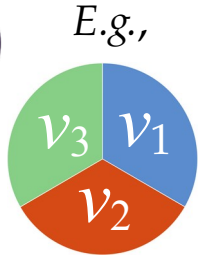
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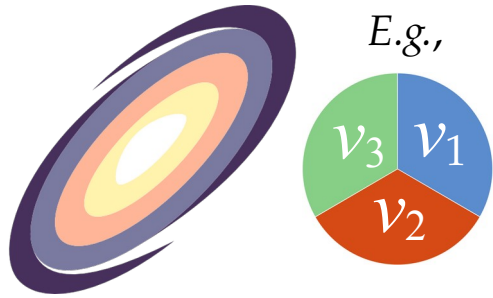
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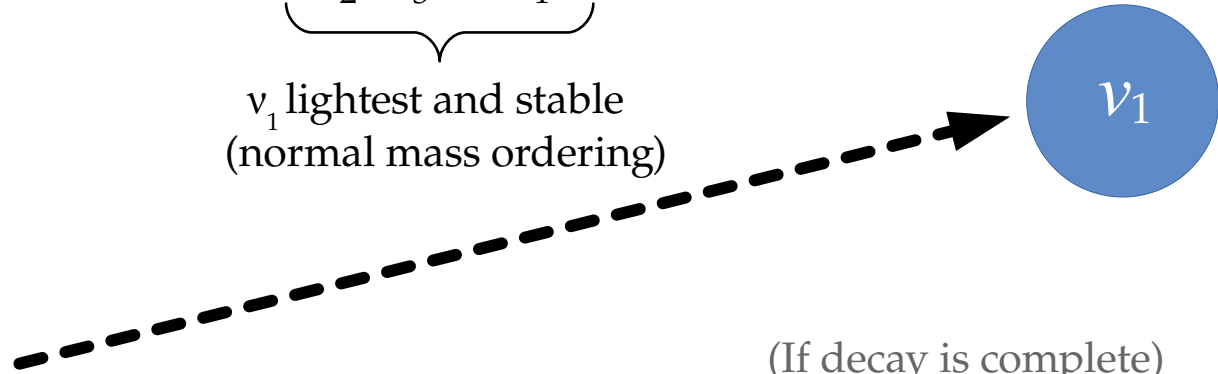
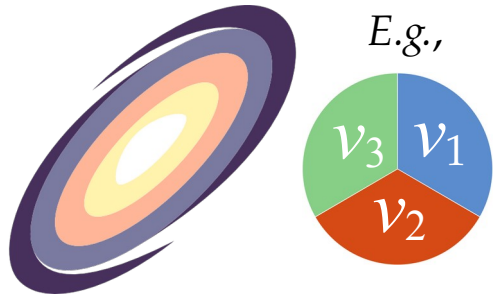
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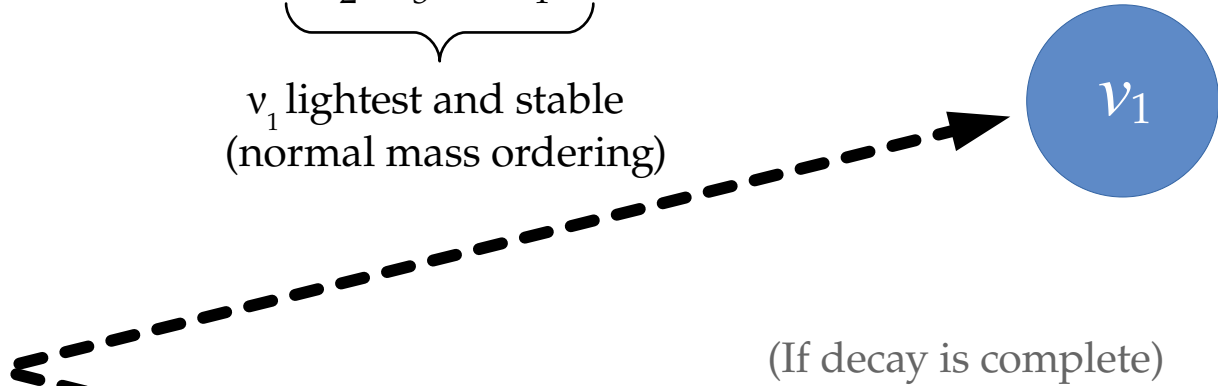
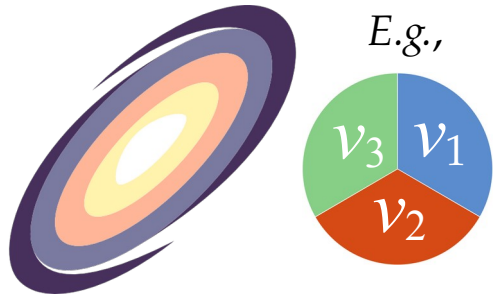
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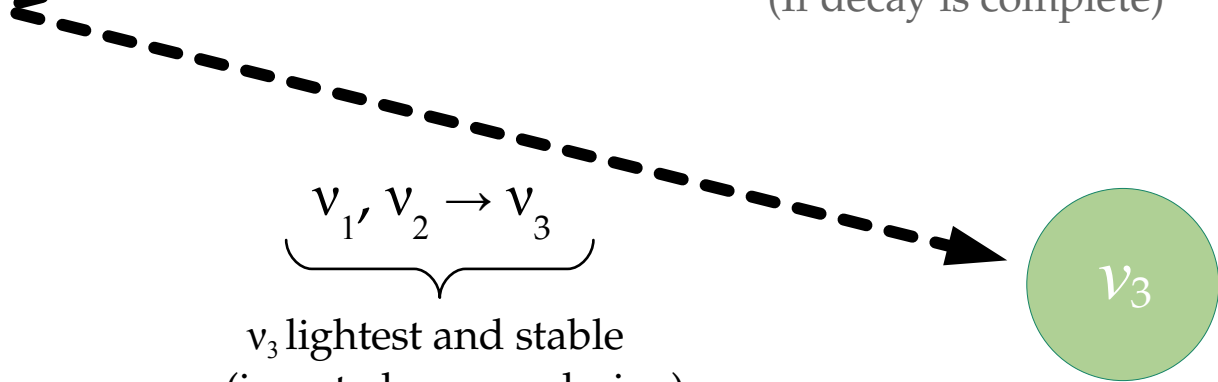
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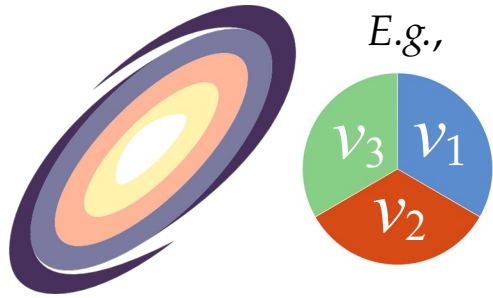
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(If decay is complete)

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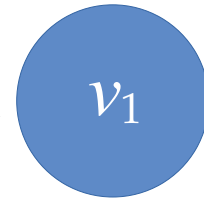
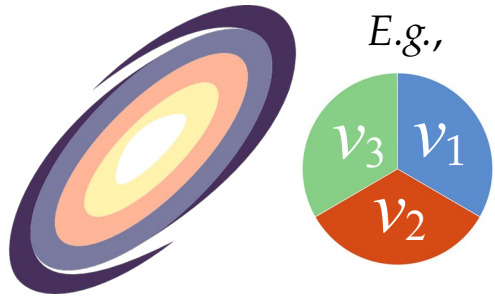
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What does decay change?

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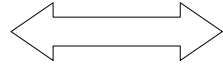


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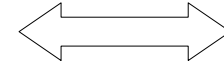
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Flavor content of mass eigenstates:

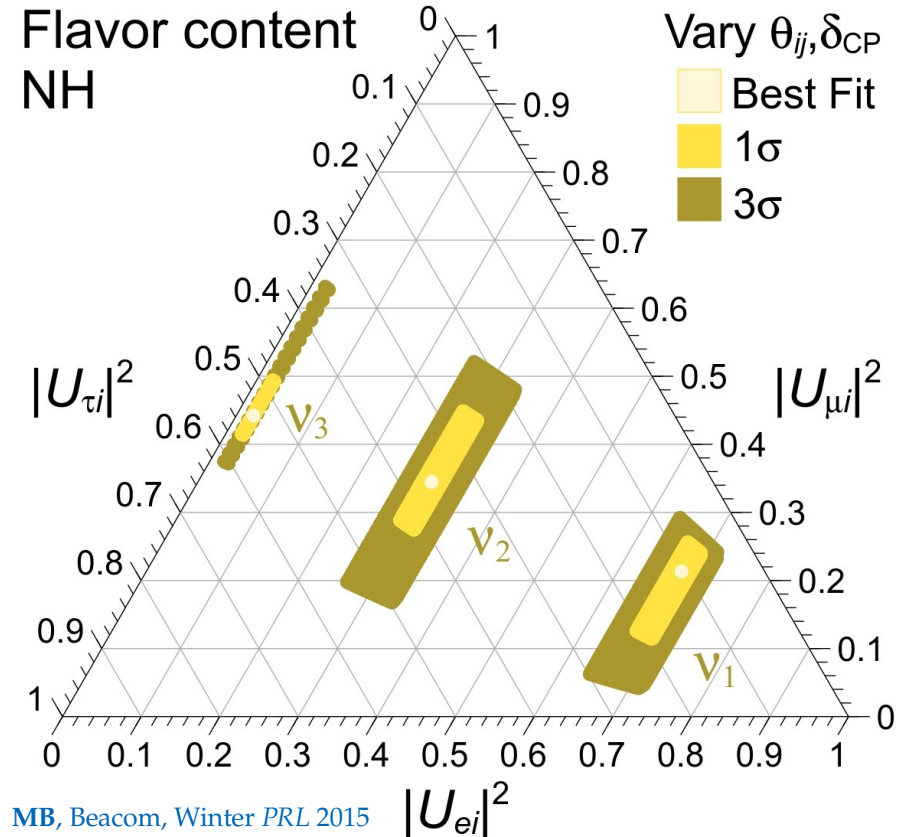
Known to within 2%

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

Known to within 8%

Known to within 20%
(or worse)

Flavor content
NH



MB, Beacom, Winter PRL 2015

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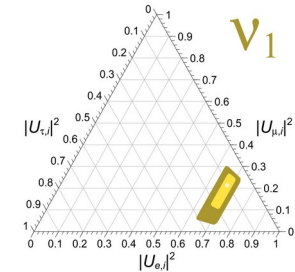
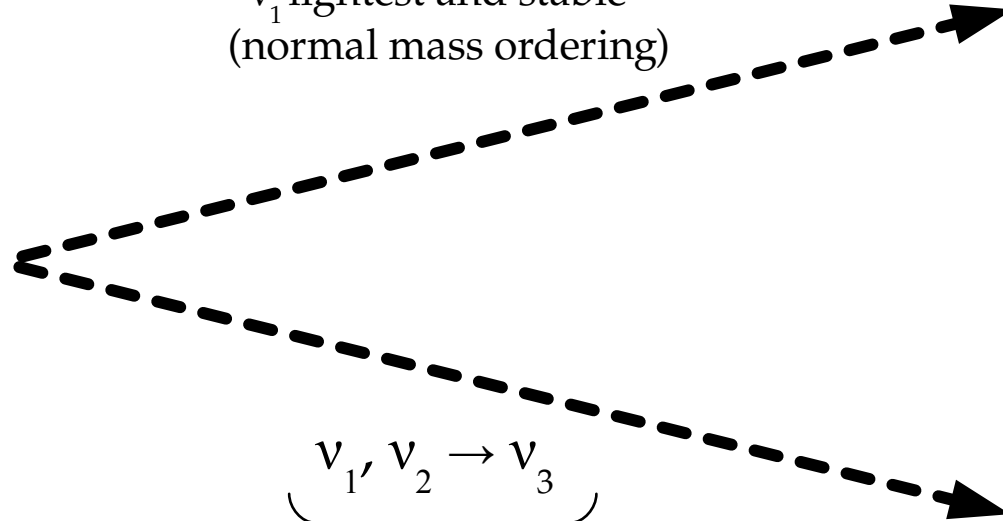
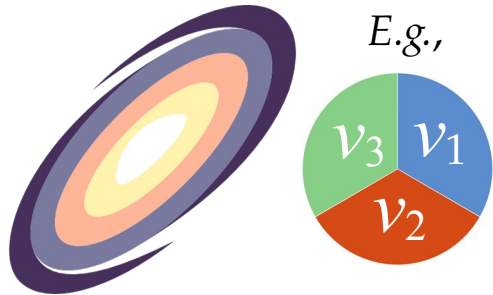
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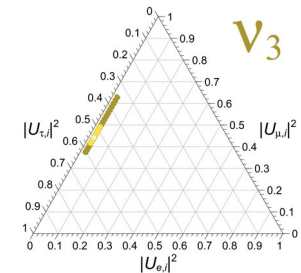
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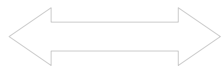
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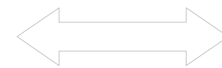
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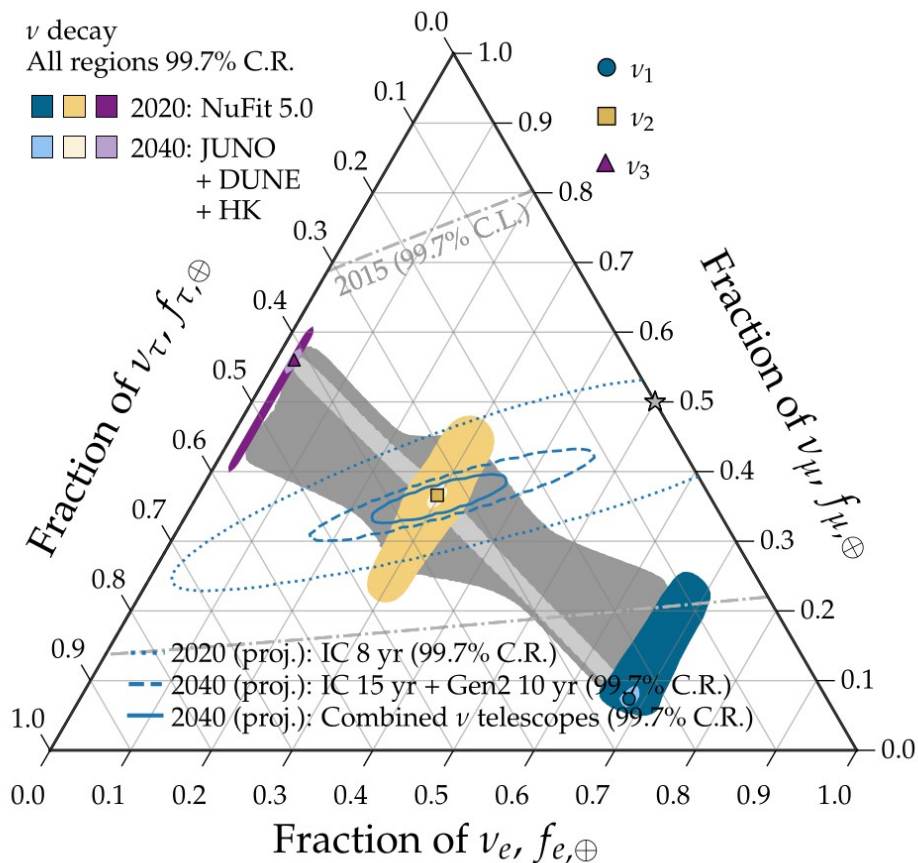
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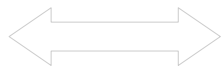
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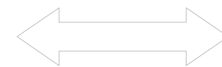
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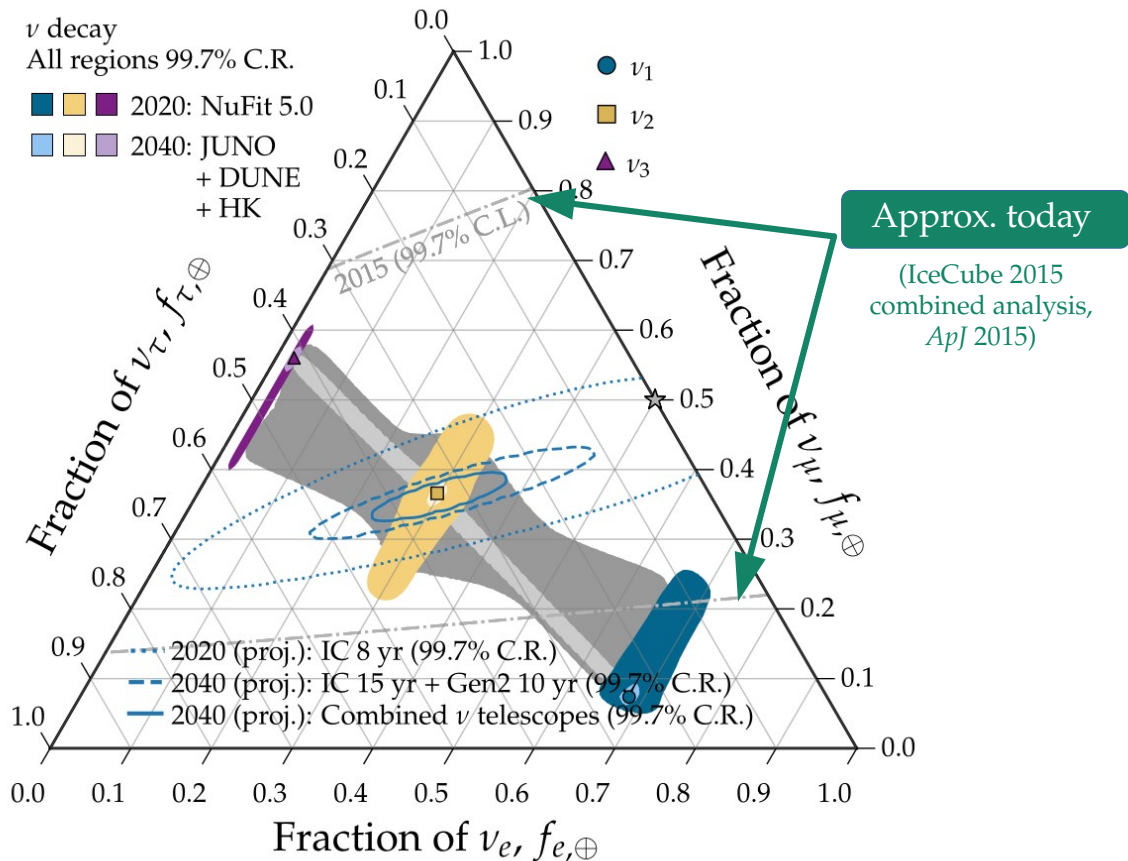
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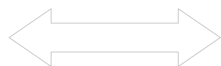
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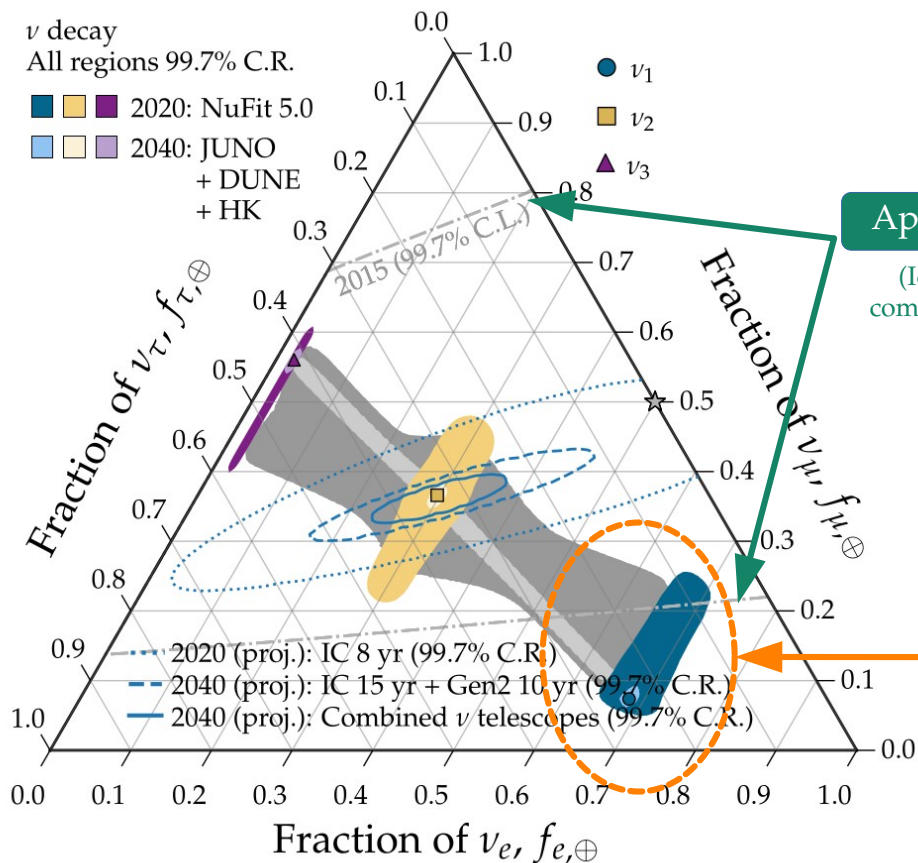
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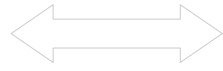
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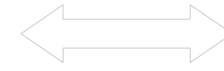
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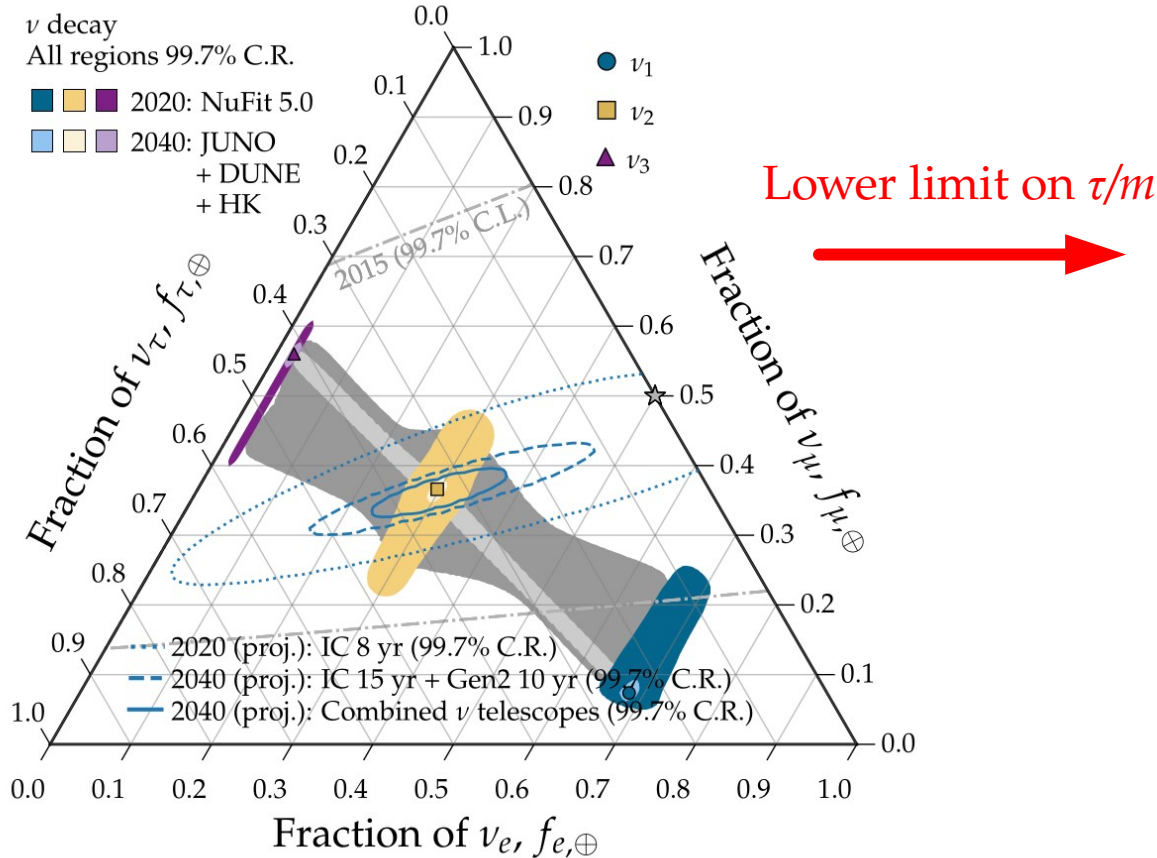
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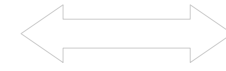
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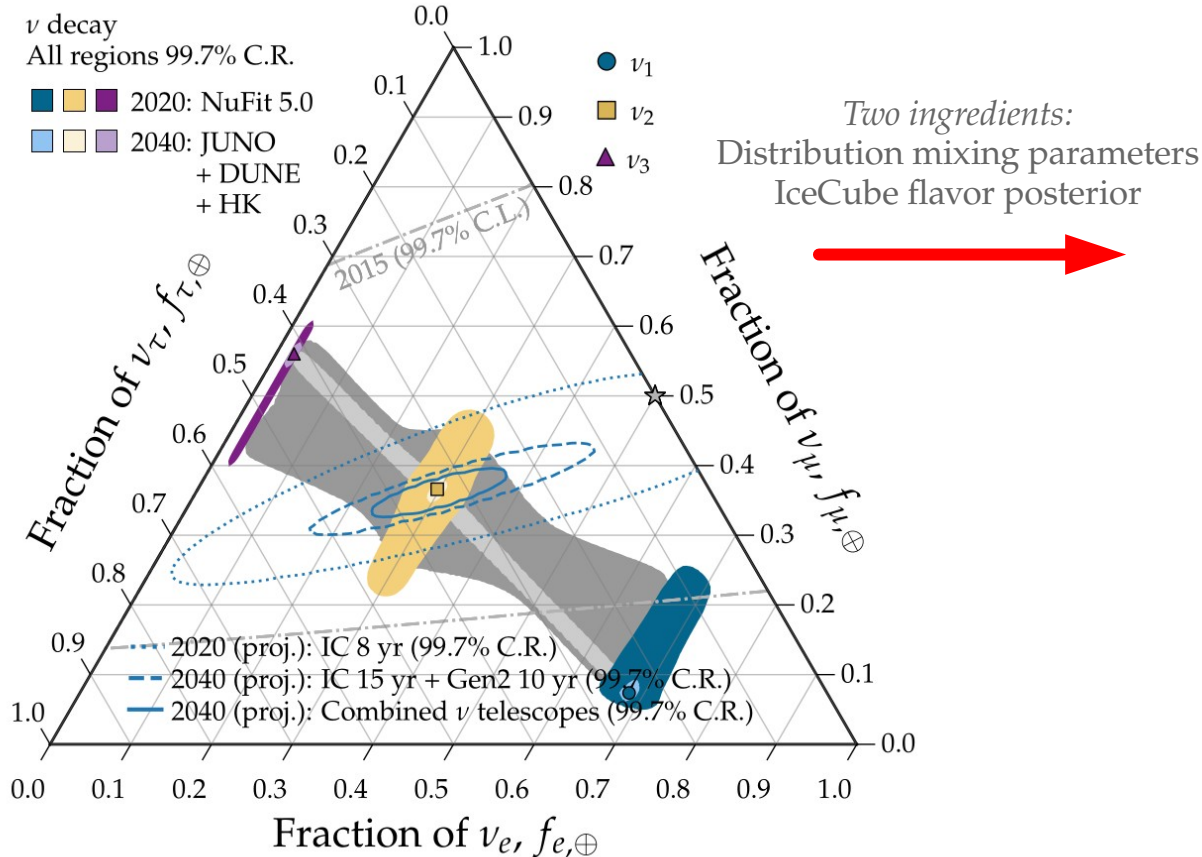
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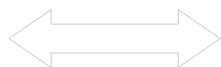
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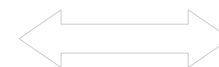
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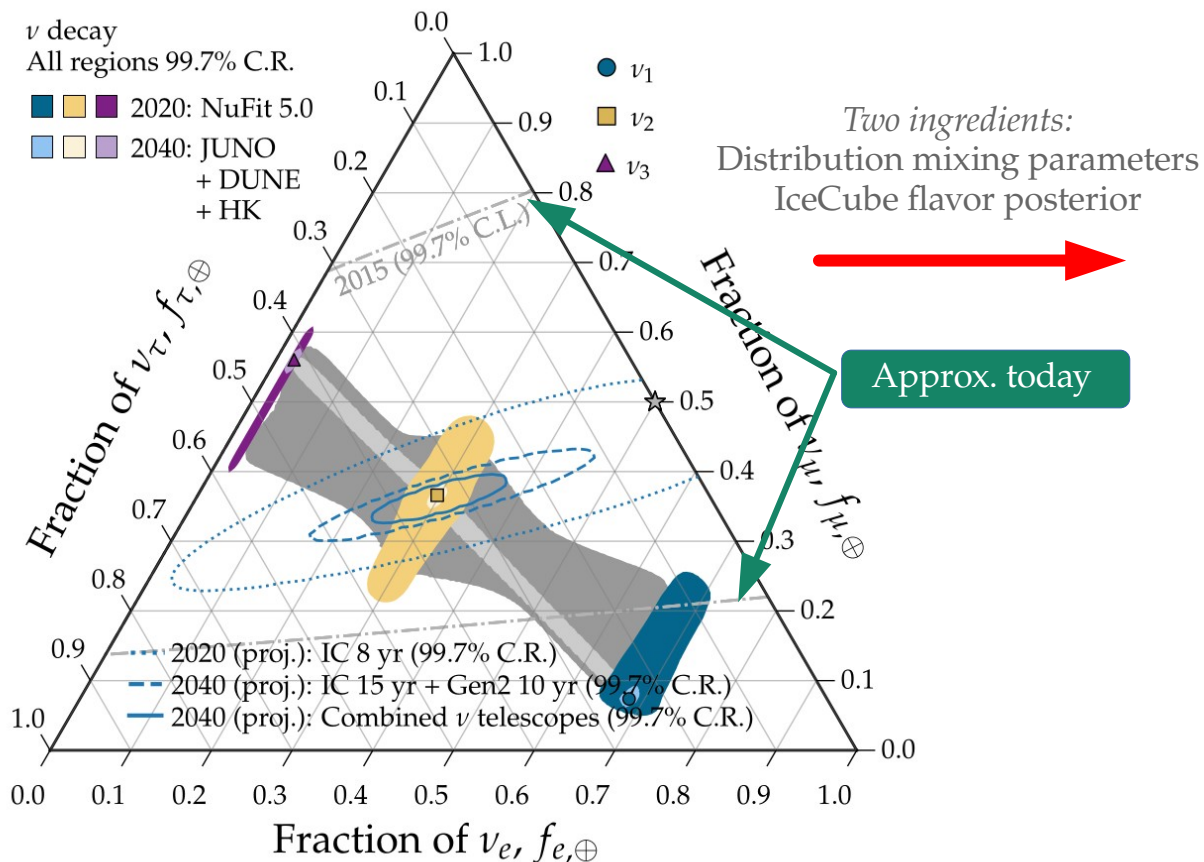
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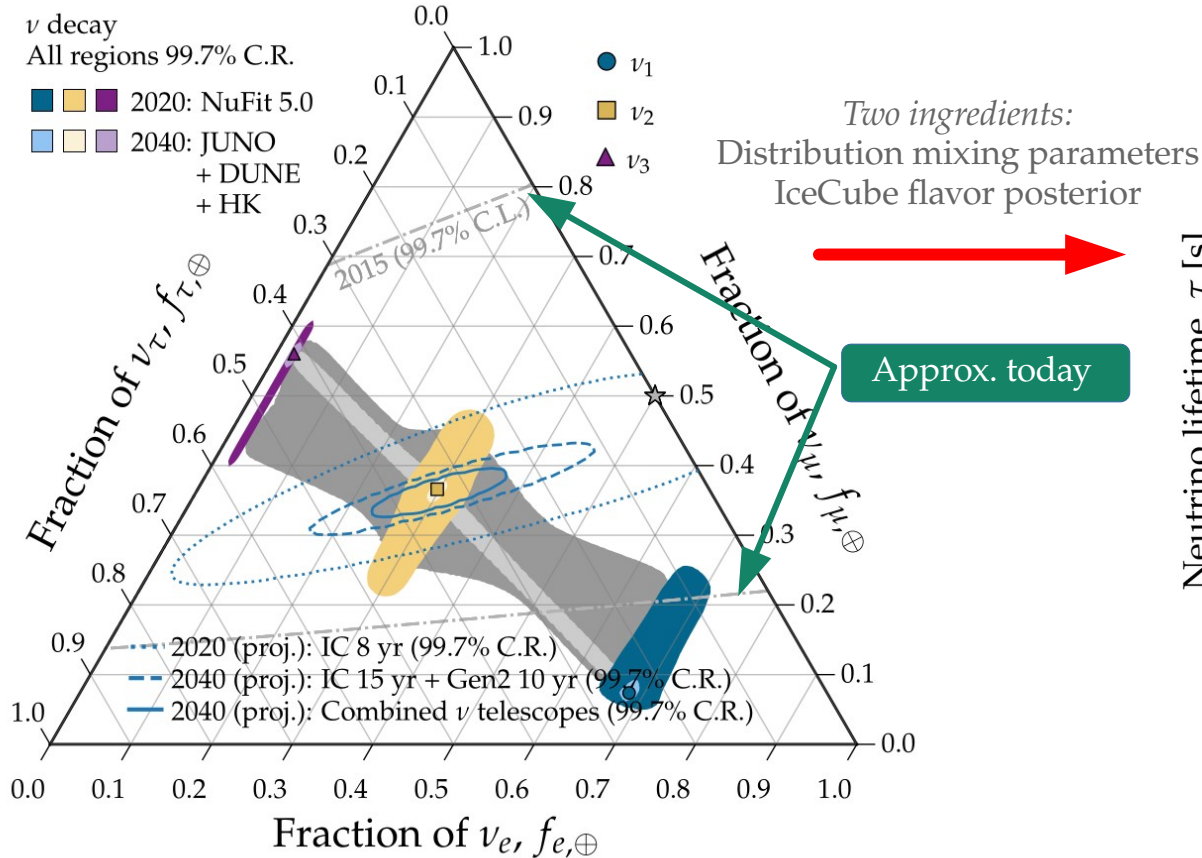
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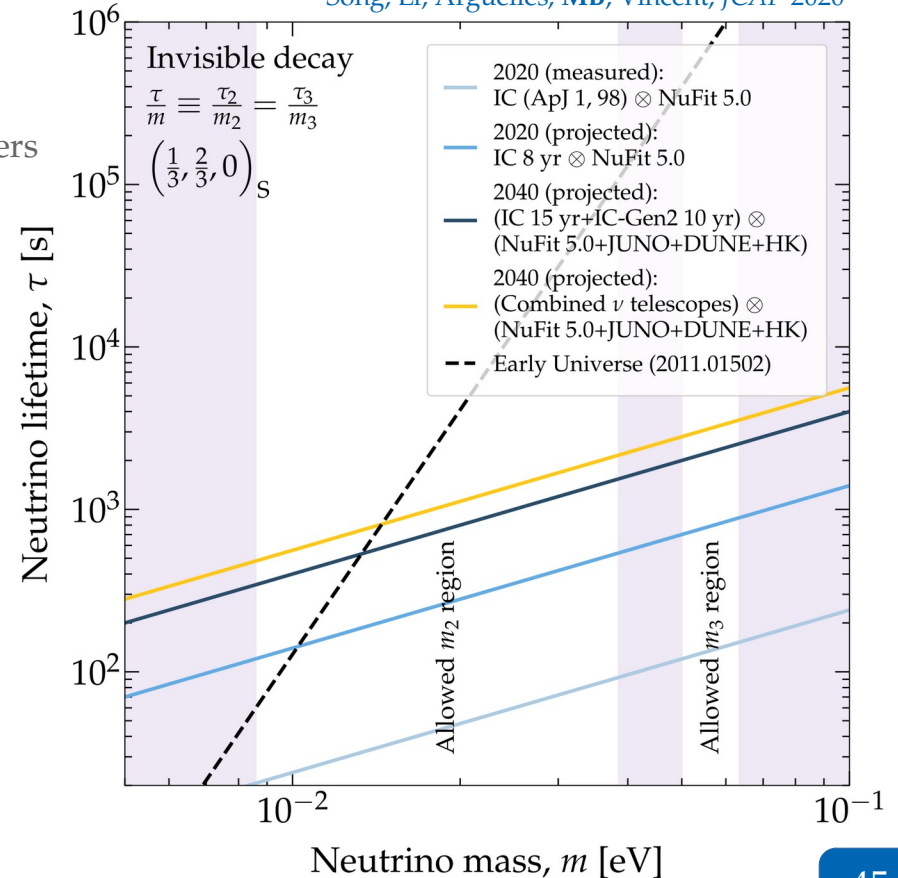
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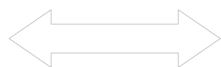
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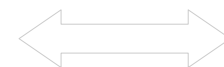
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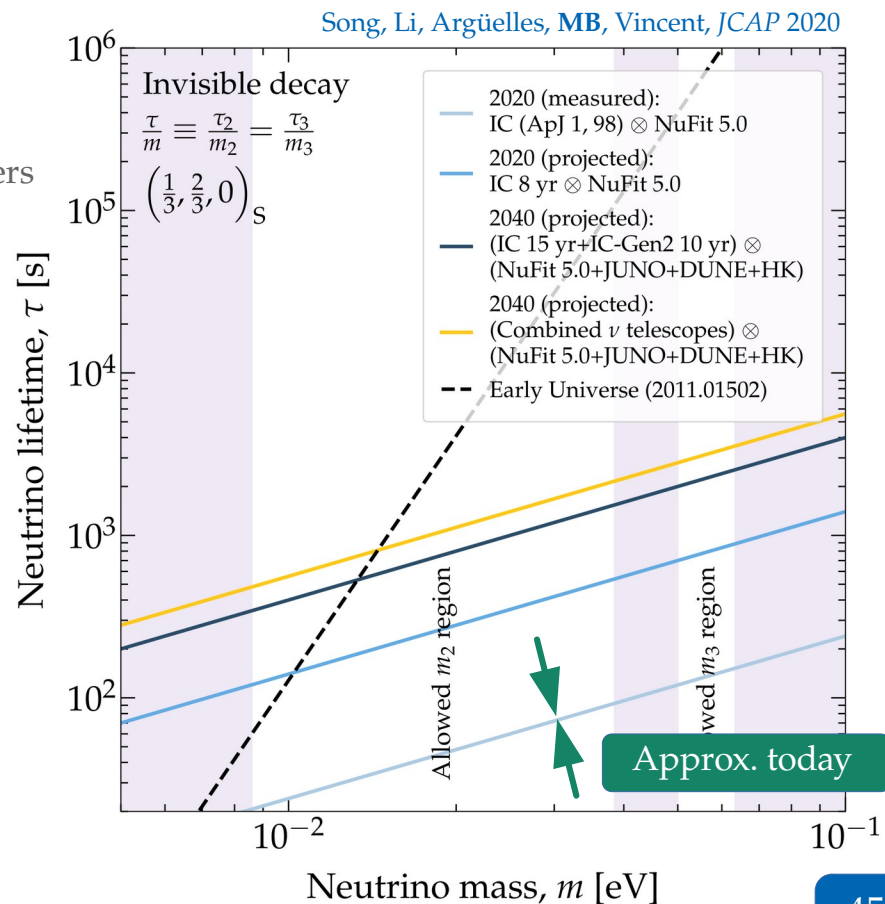
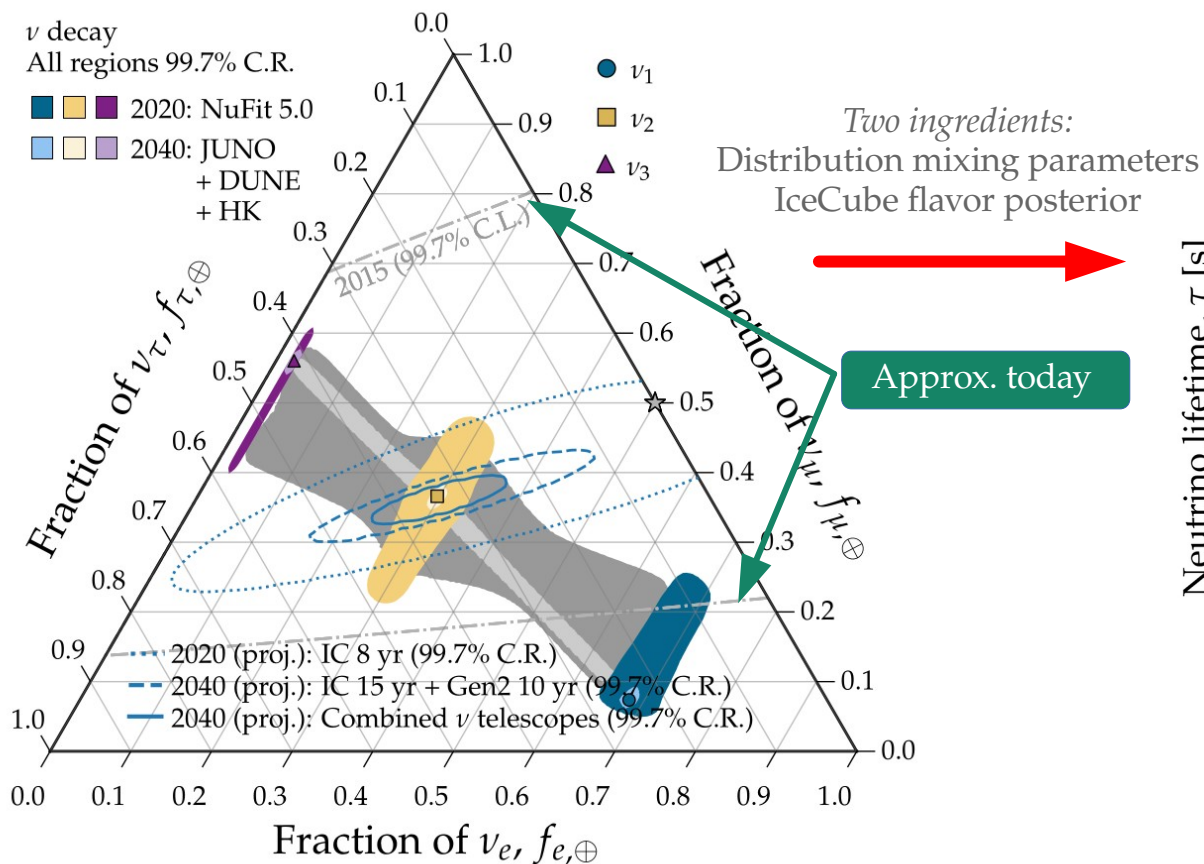
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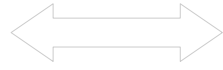
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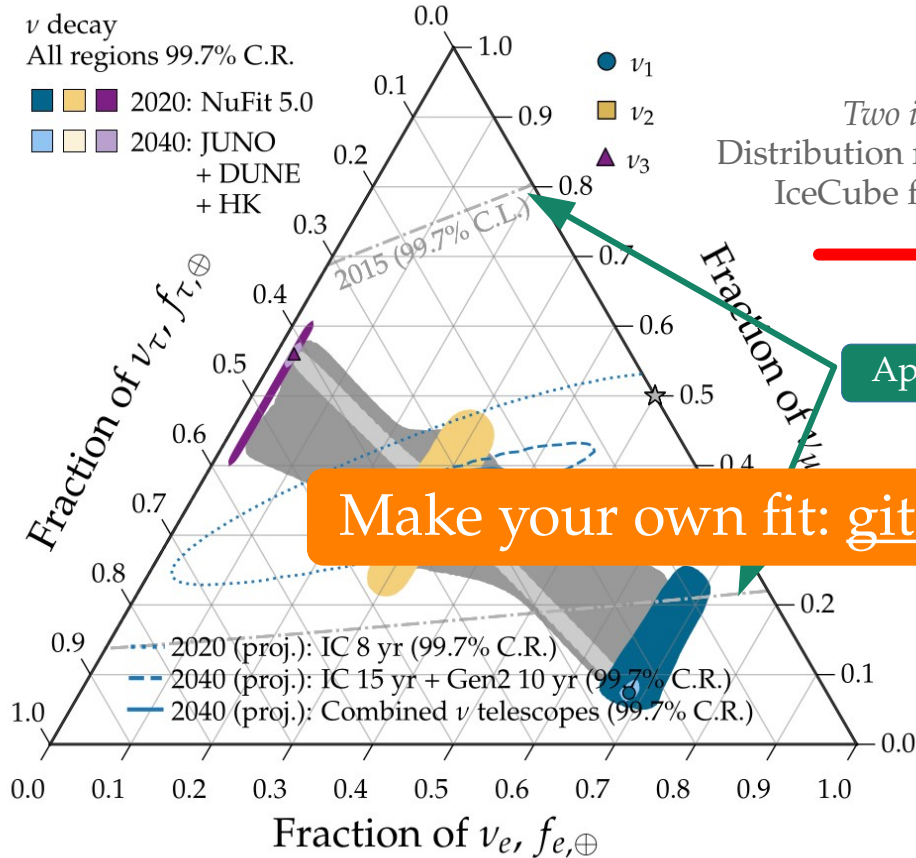
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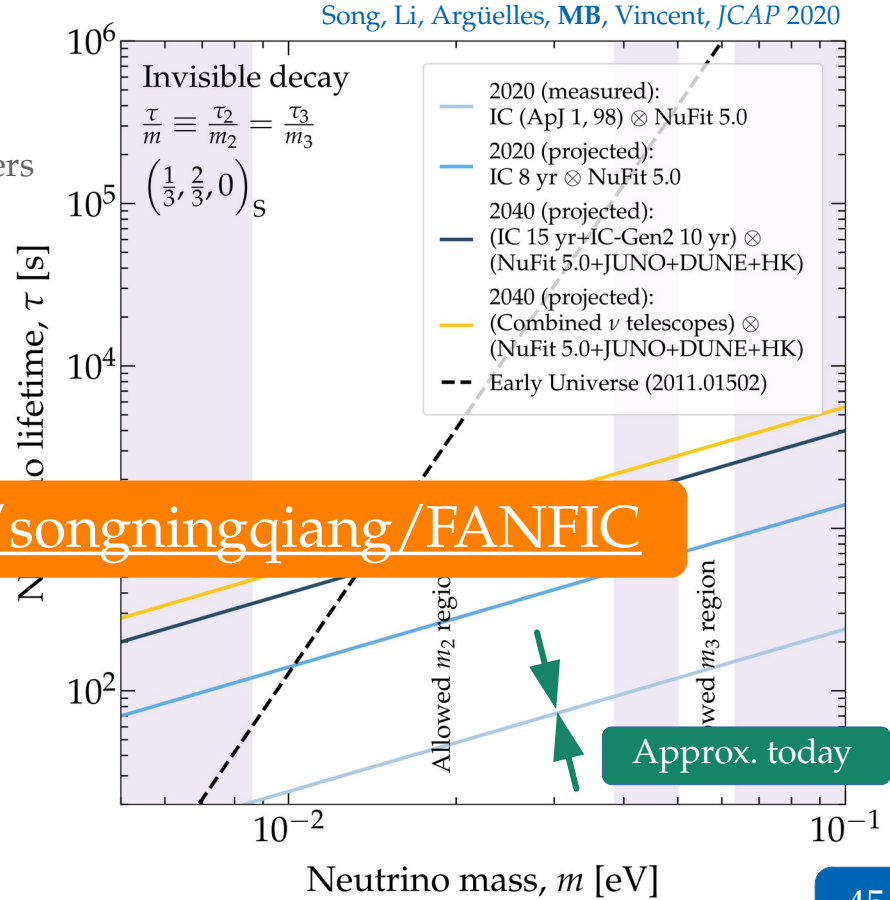
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Make your own fit: github.com/songningqiang/FANFIC



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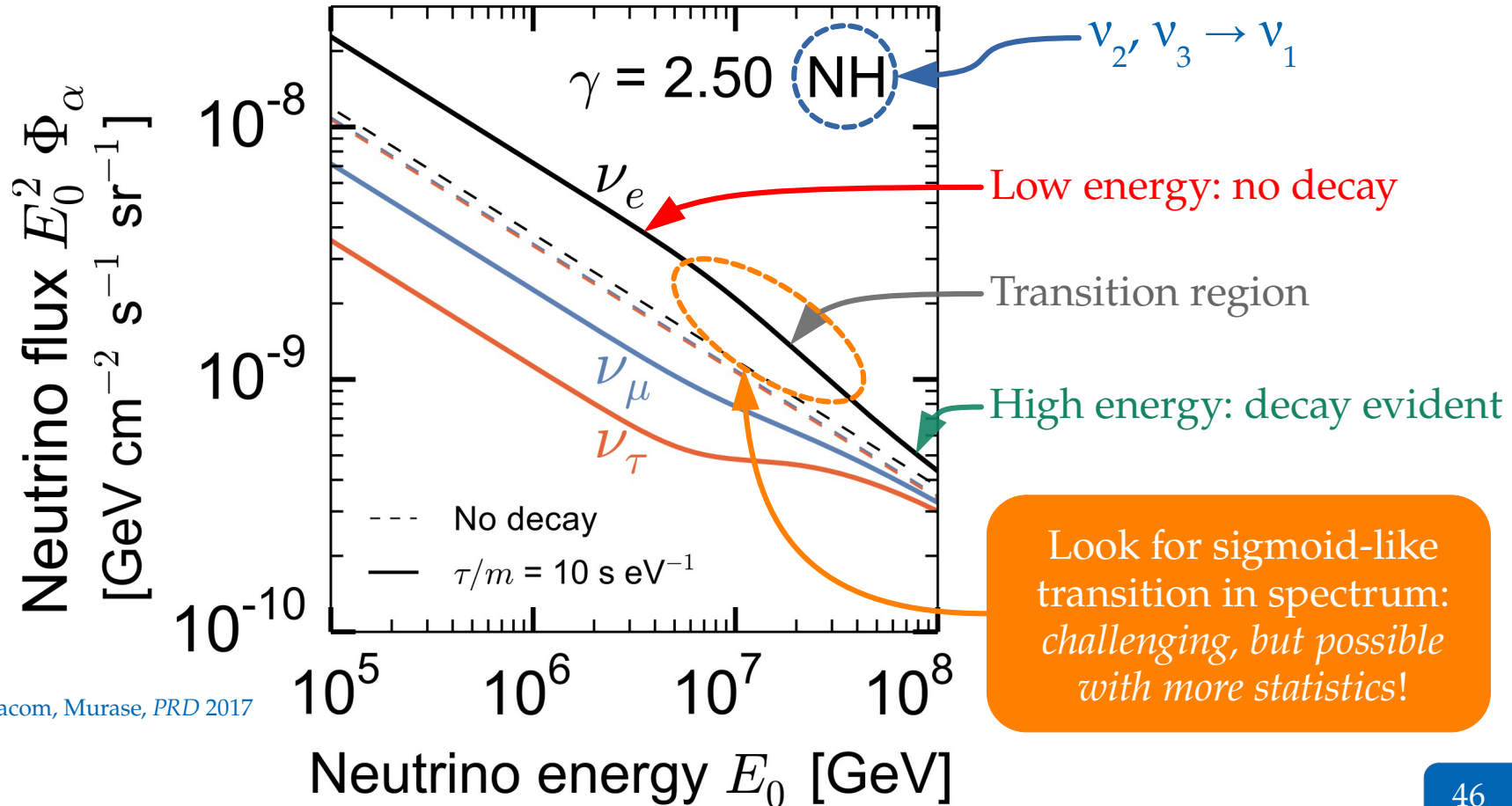
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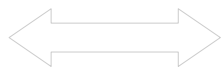


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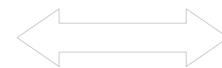
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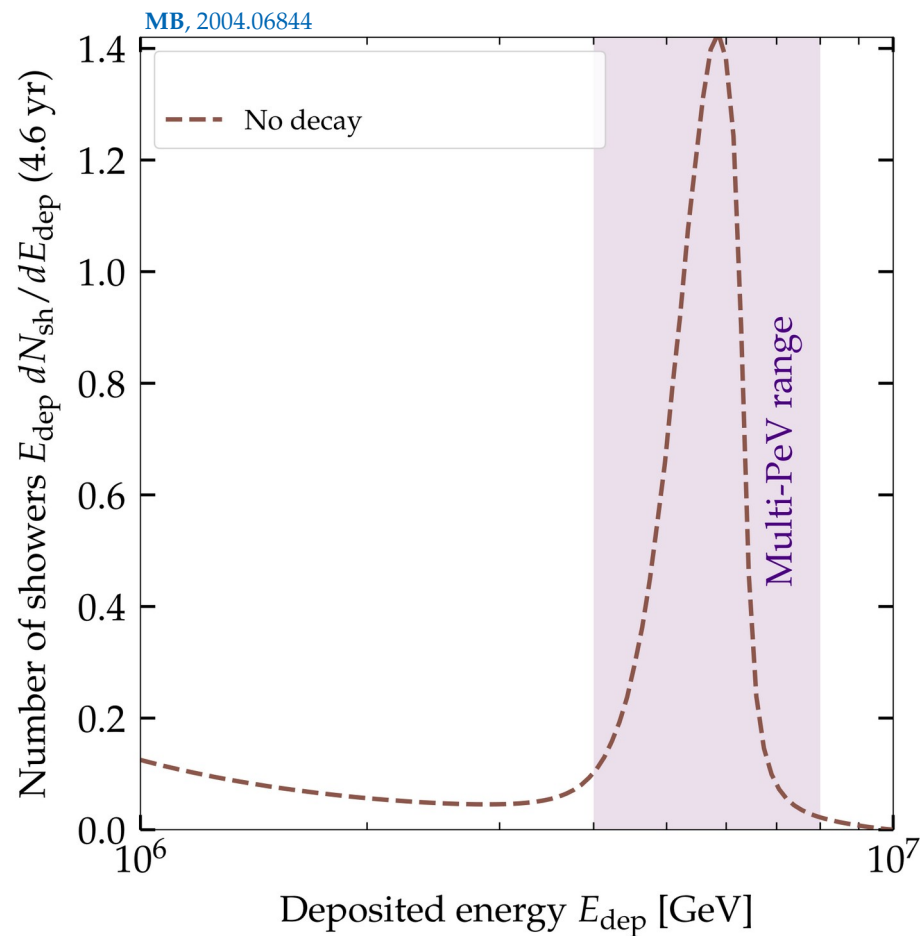
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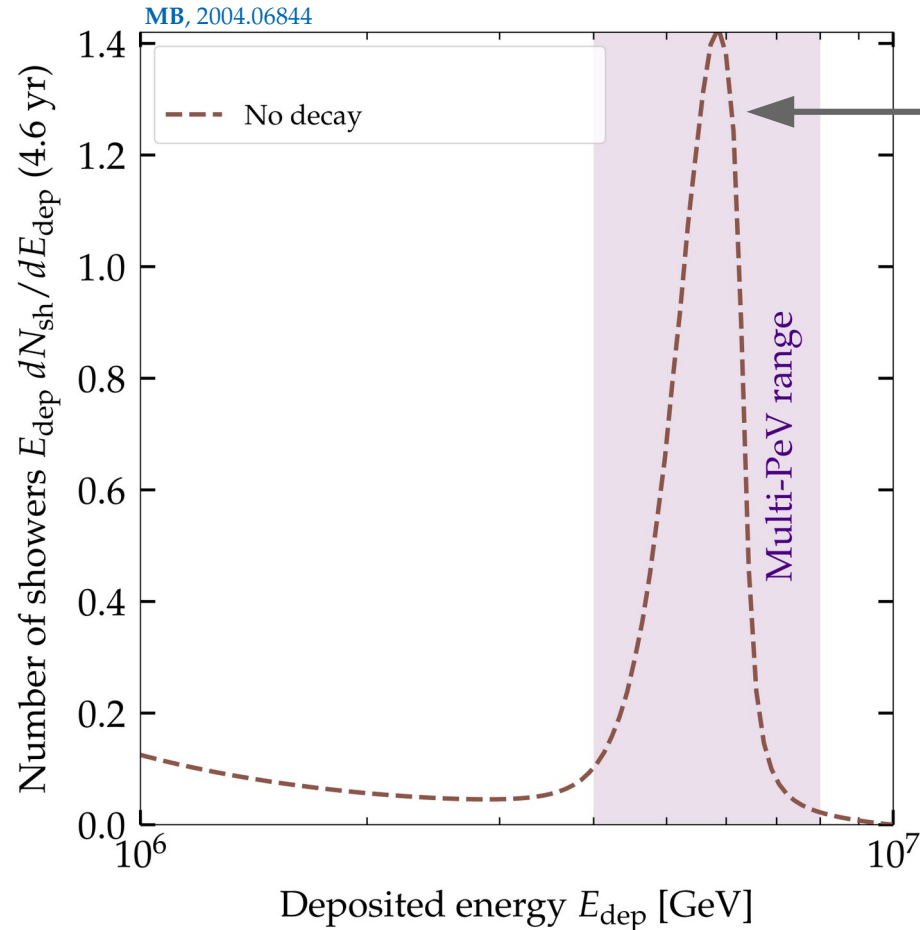
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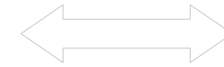
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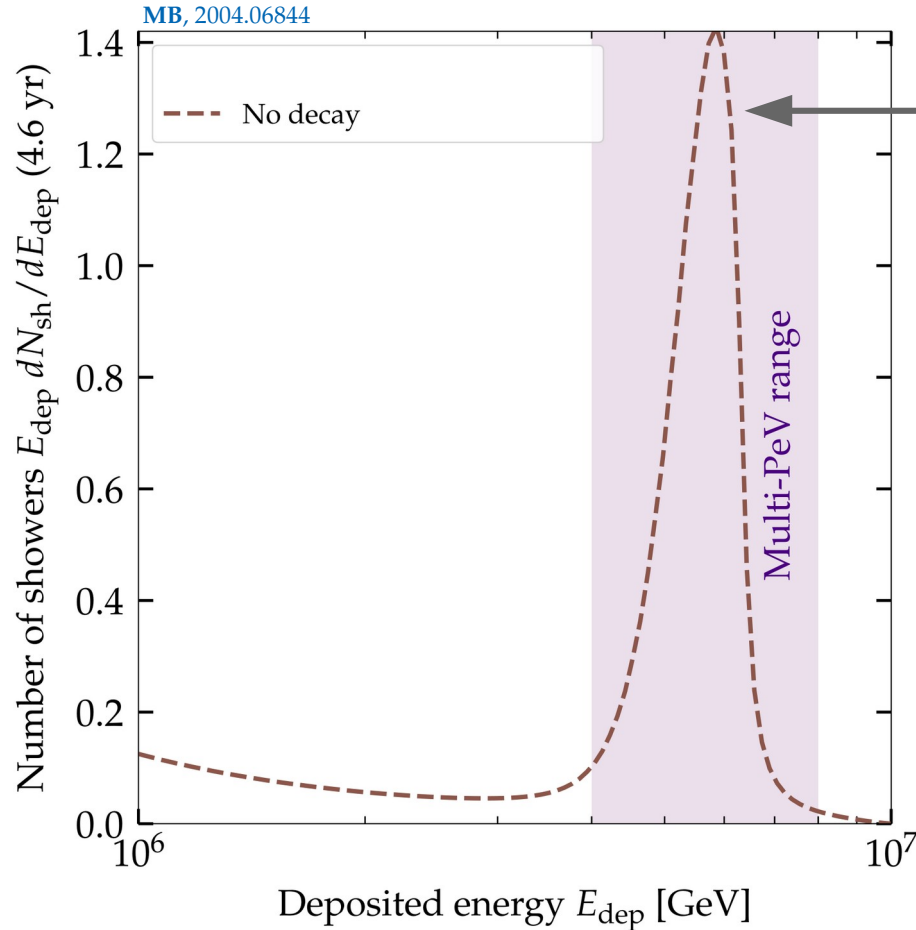
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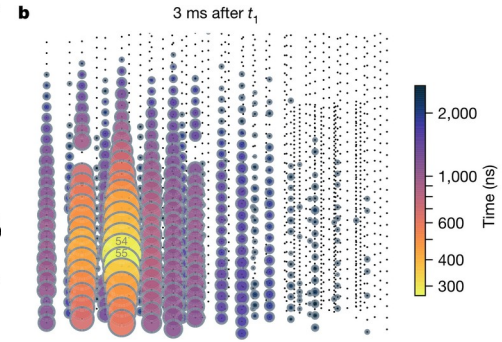
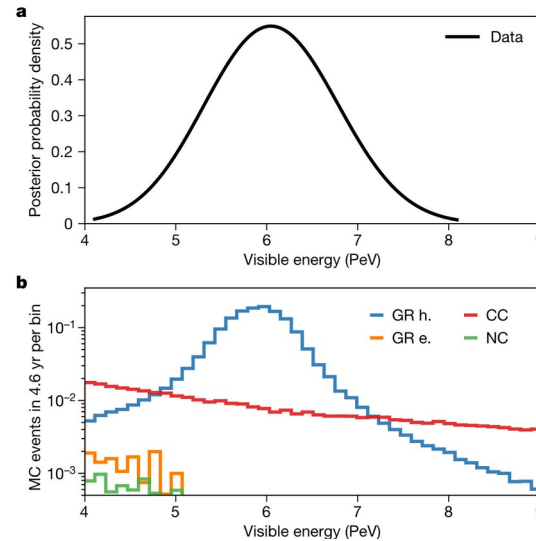
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Glashow resonance (GR):



IceCube has seen one GR candidate in 4.6 years:

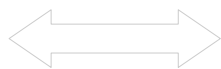


IceCube Collab., *Nature* 2021

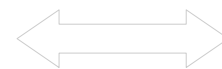
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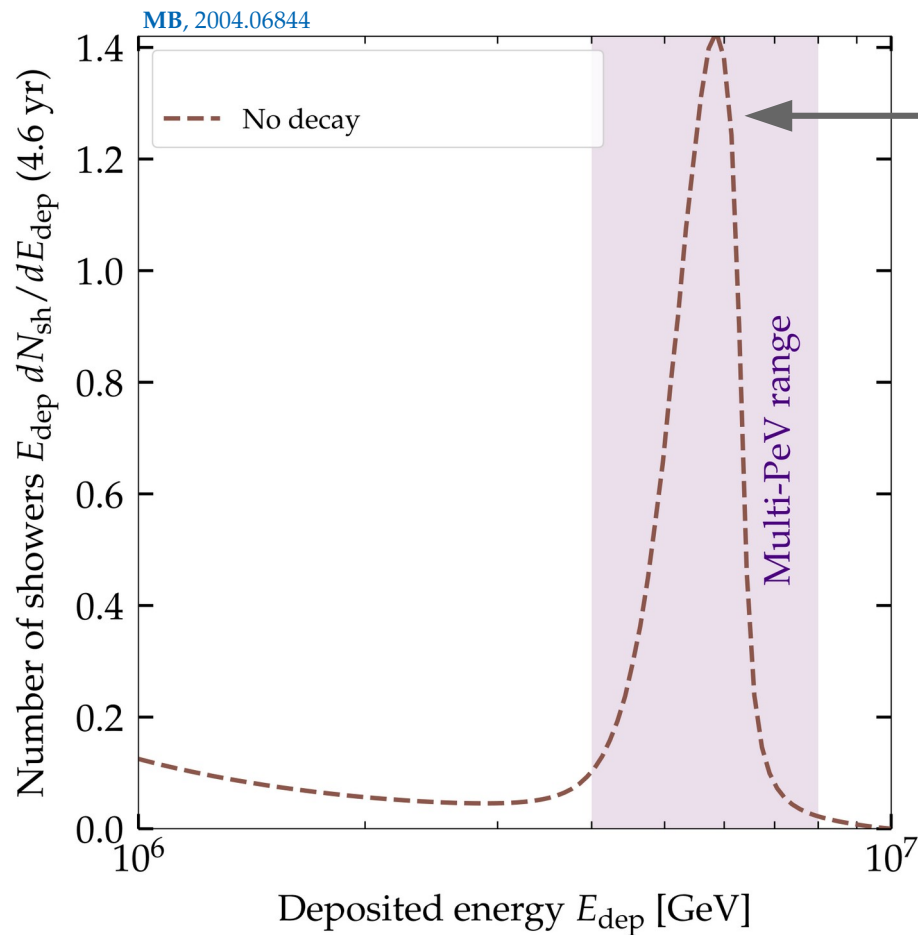
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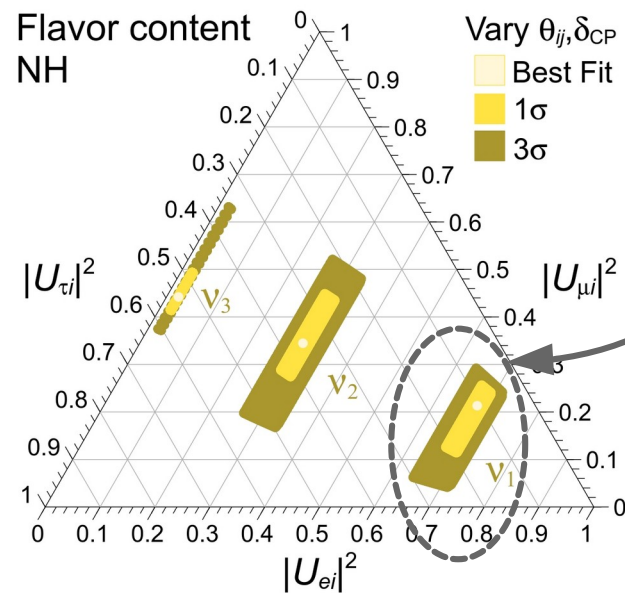
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Glashow resonance (GR):

$$\bar{\nu}_e + e \rightarrow W \rightarrow \text{hadrons} \rightarrow \text{shower}$$

ν_1 is the mass eigenstate with the most e flavor



What does neutrino decay change?

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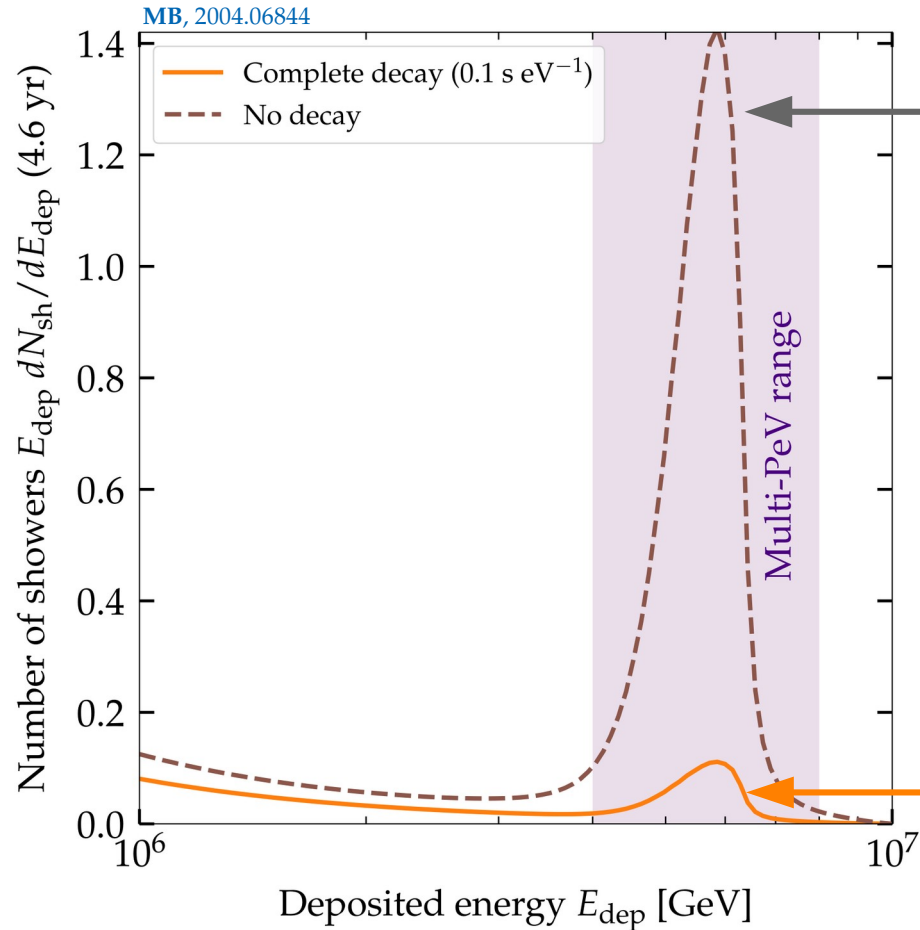
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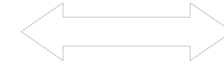
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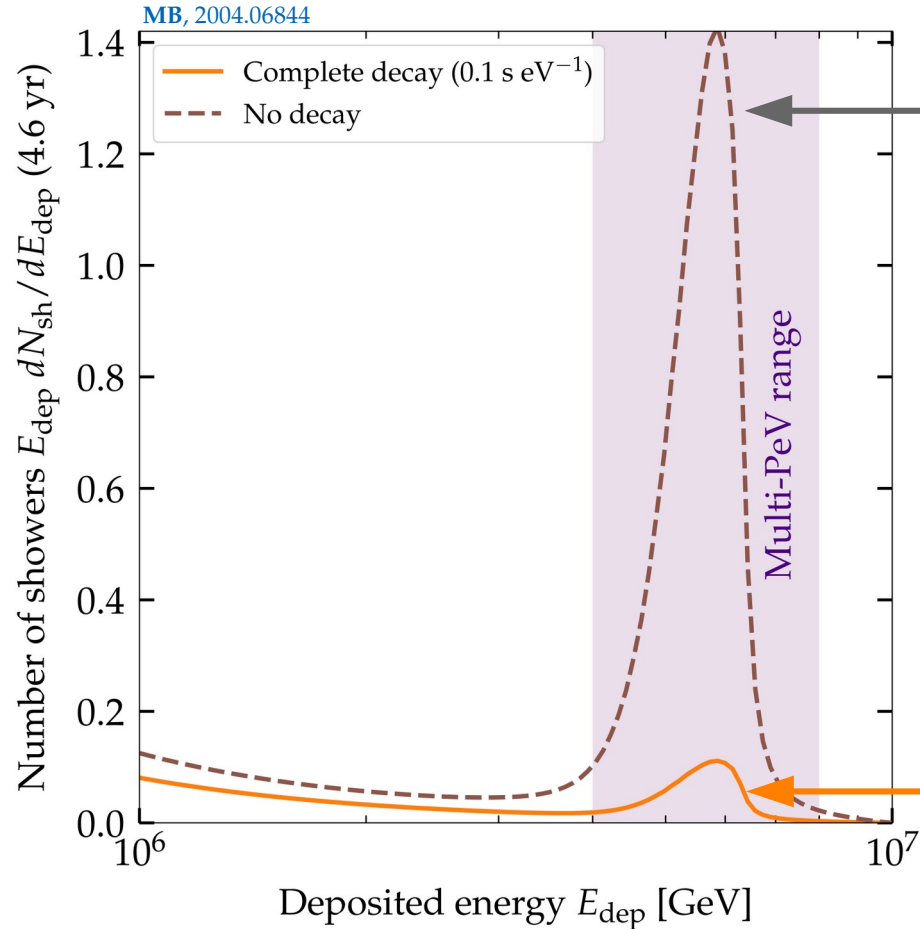
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So by having observed 1 GR event we can place a *lower* limit on the lifetime of $\bar{\nu}_1 (= \nu_1)$

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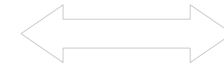
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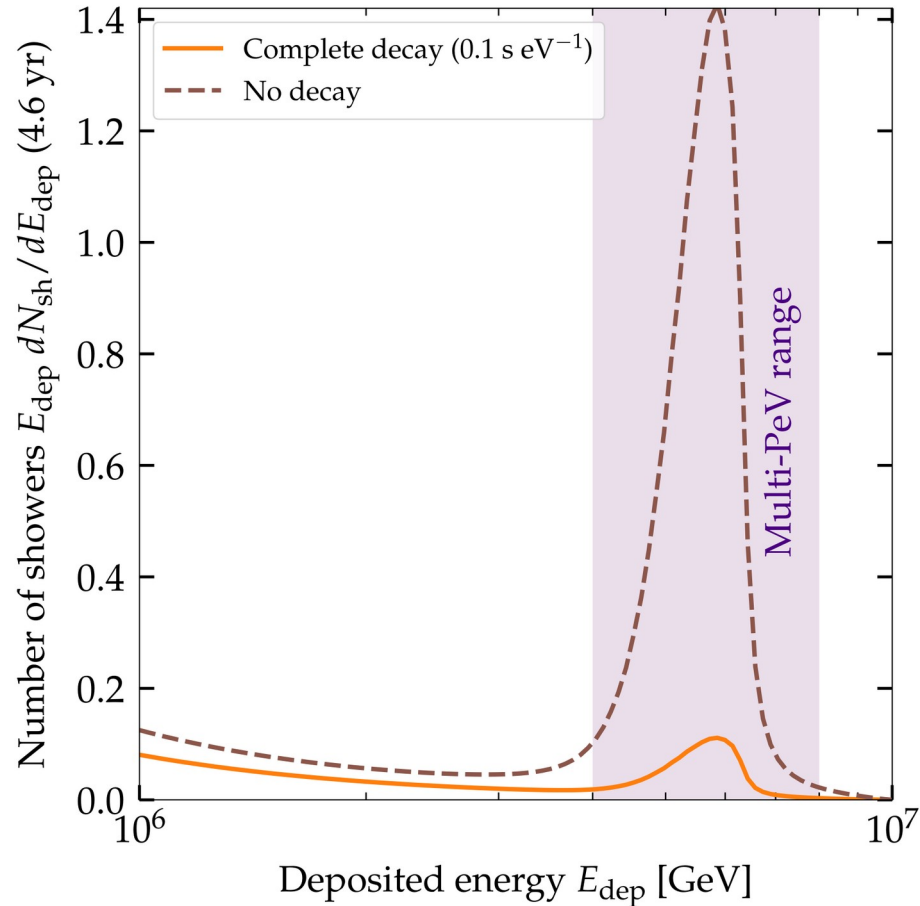


Spectrum shape



Event rate

MB, 2004.06844



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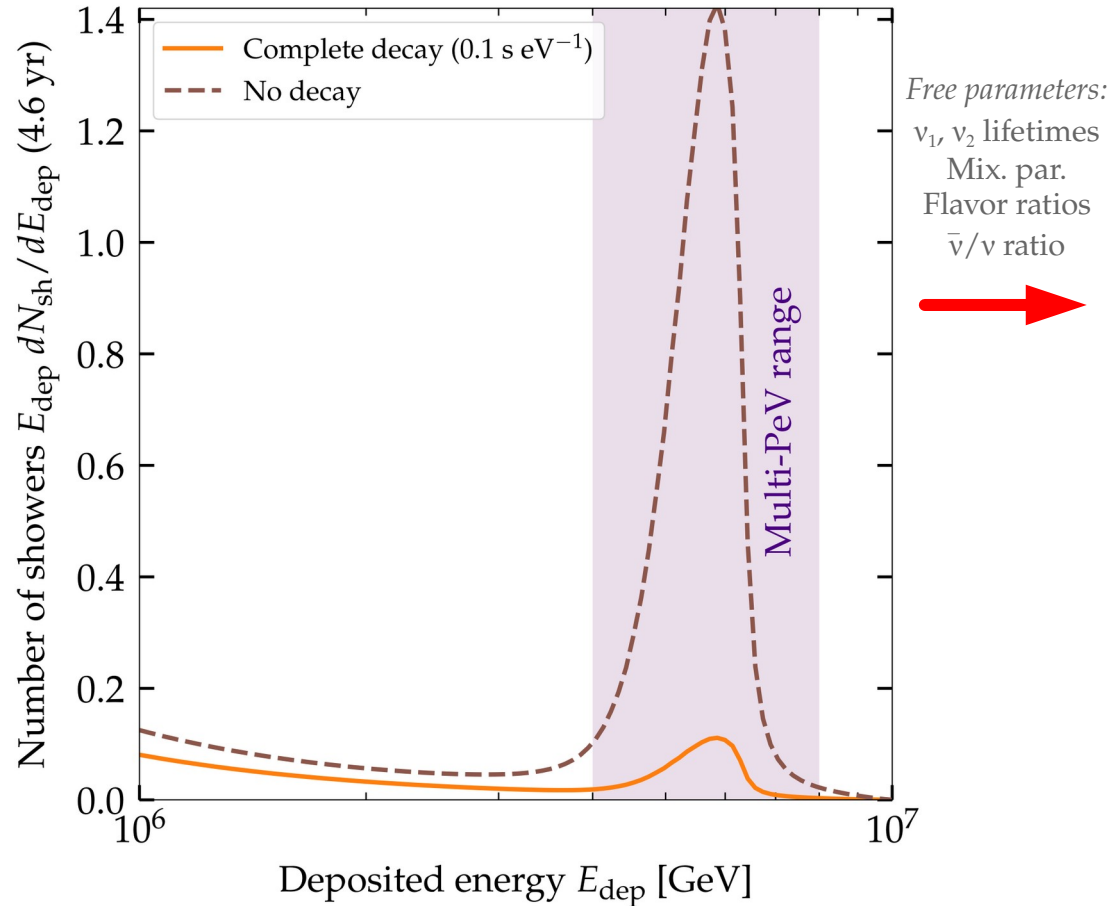


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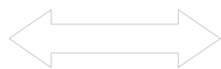
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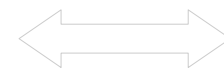
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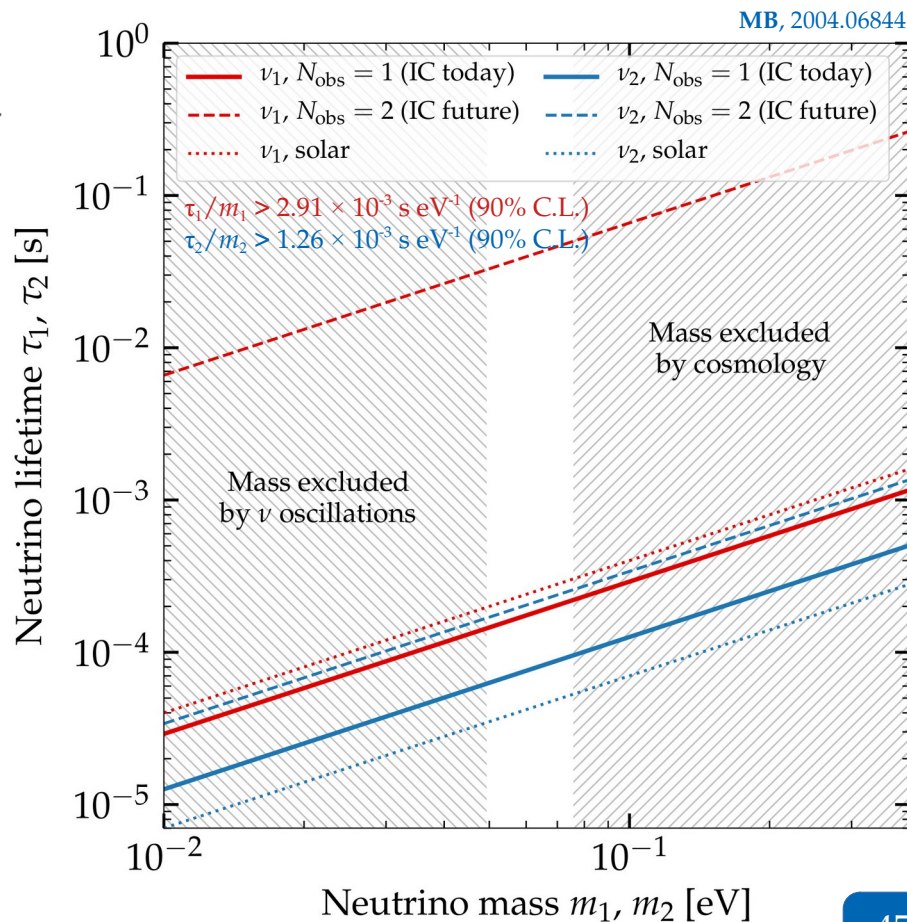
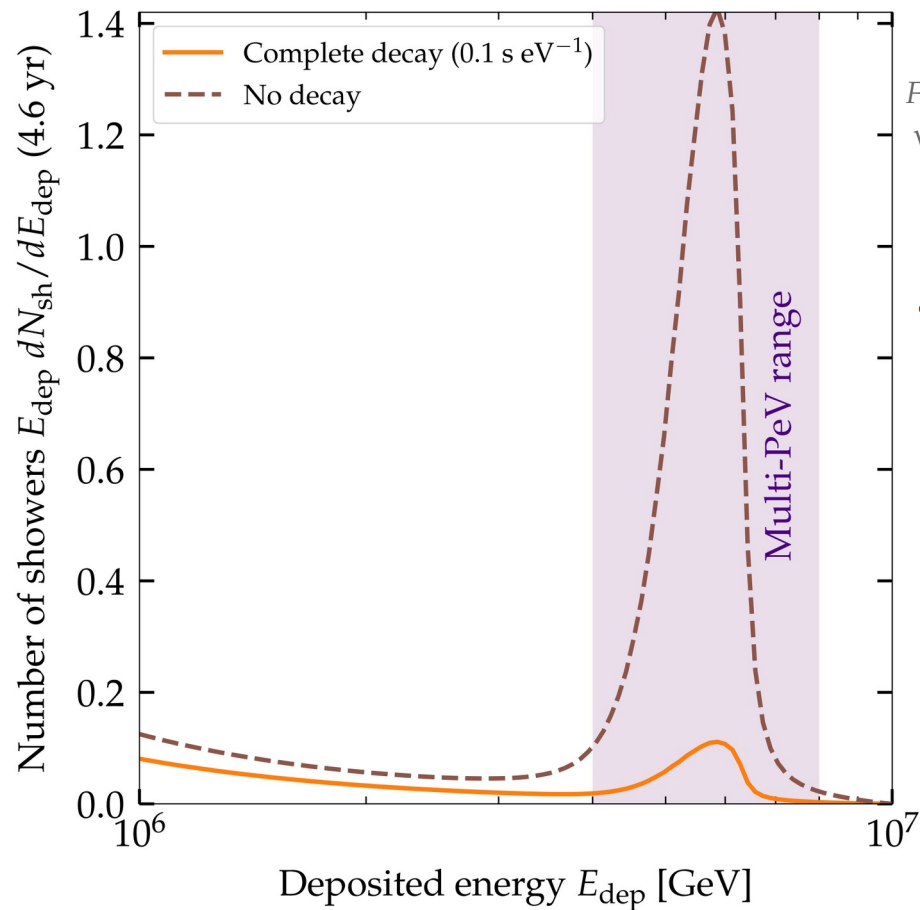
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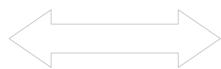
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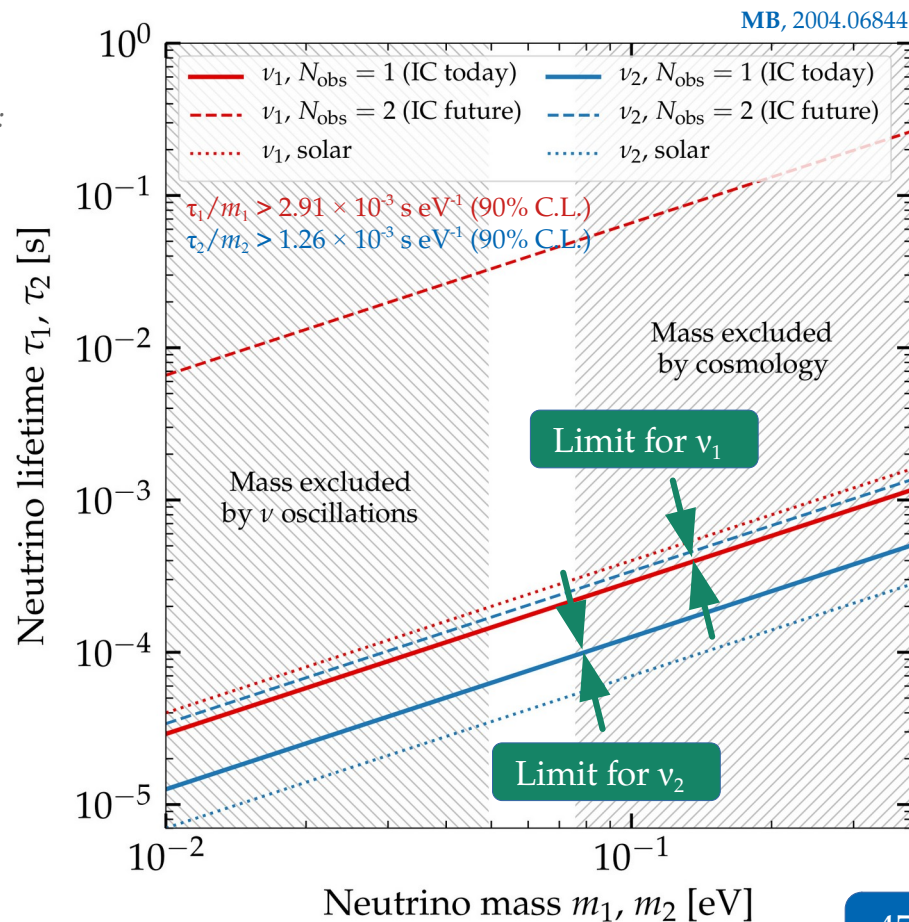
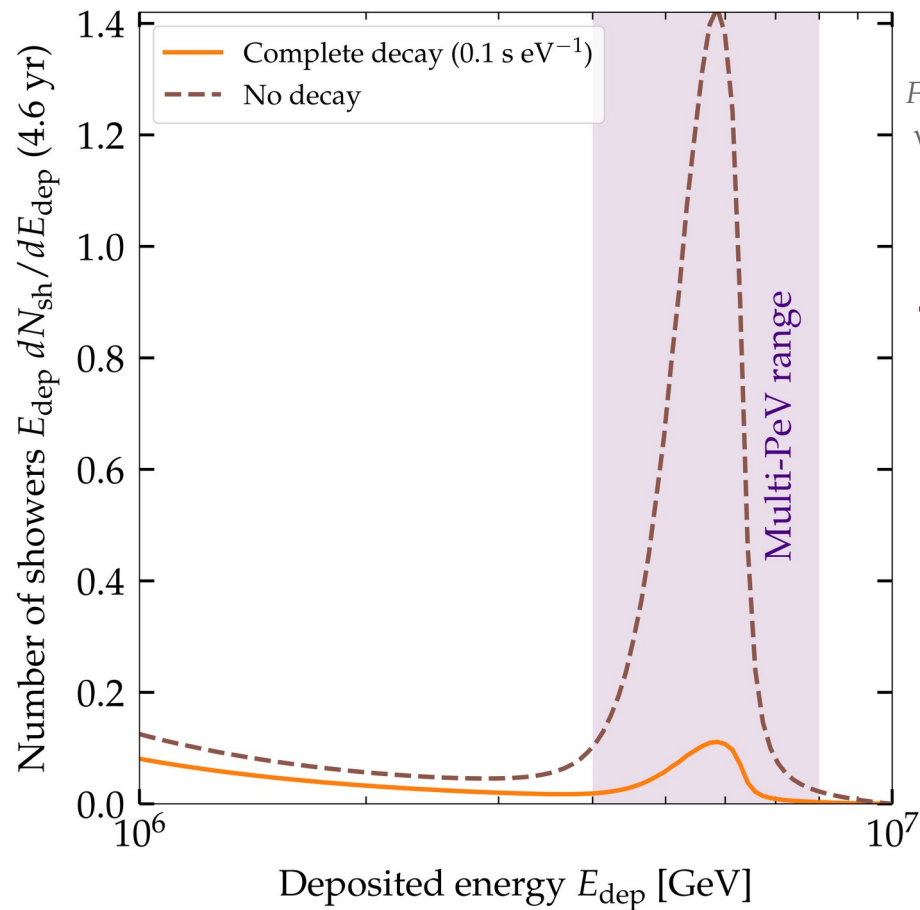
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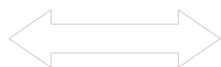
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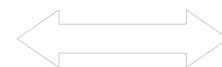
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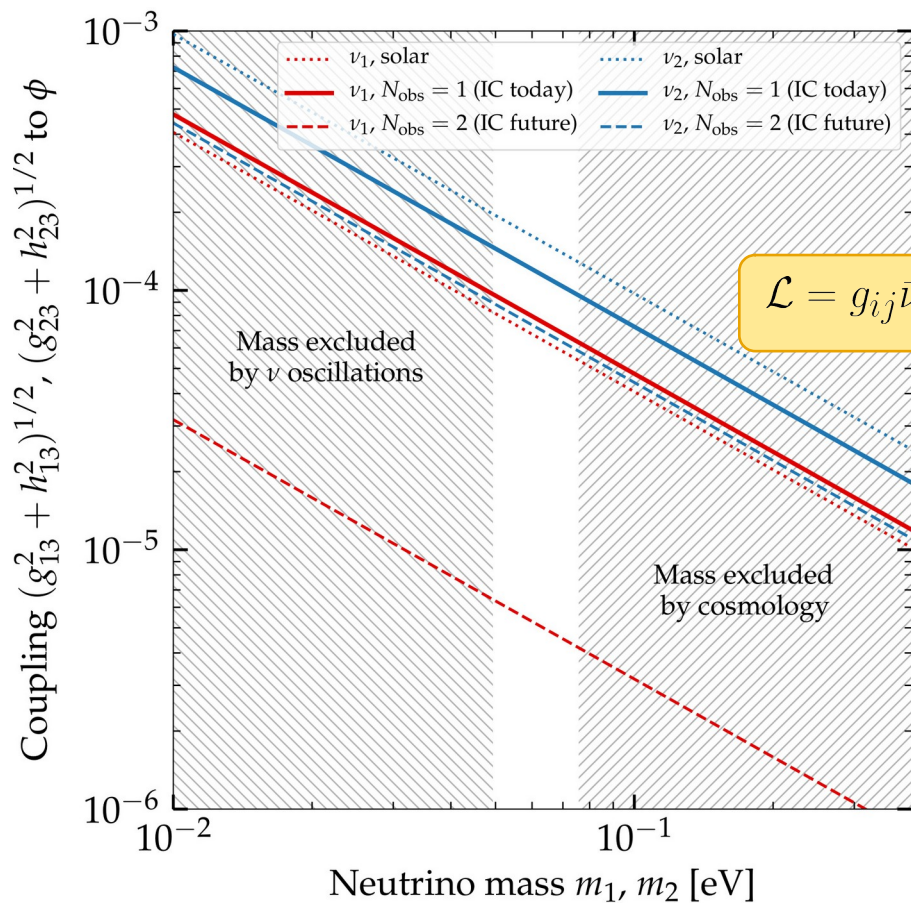


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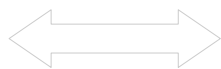
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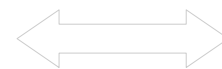
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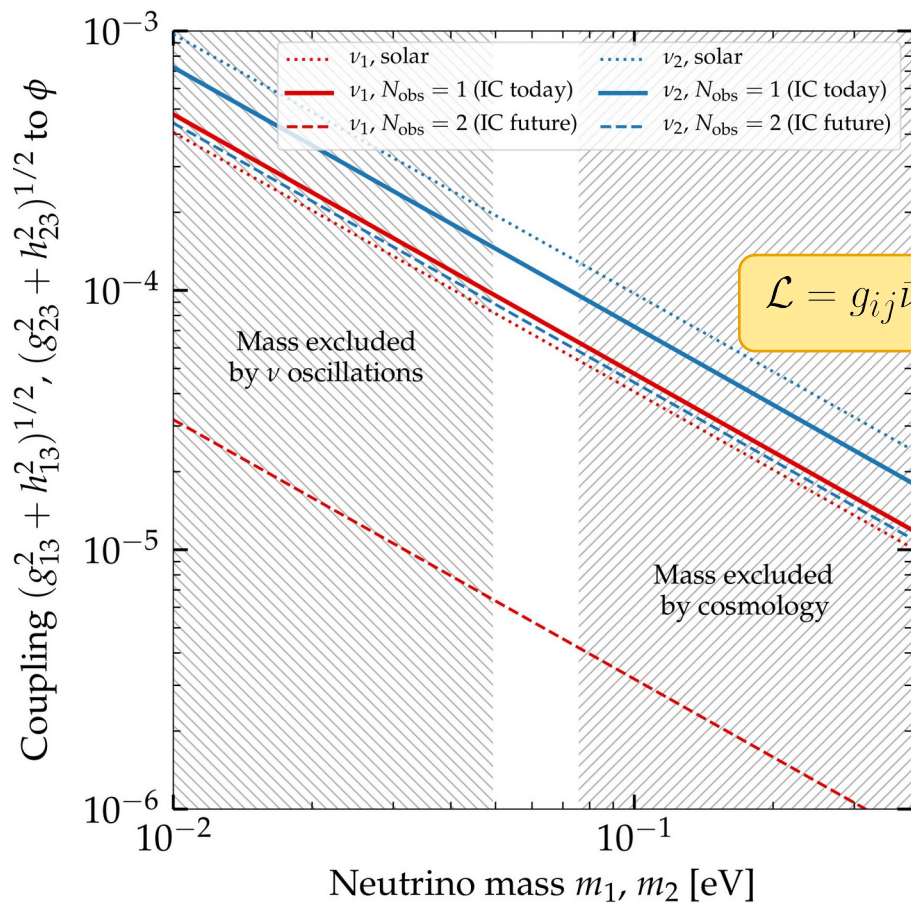
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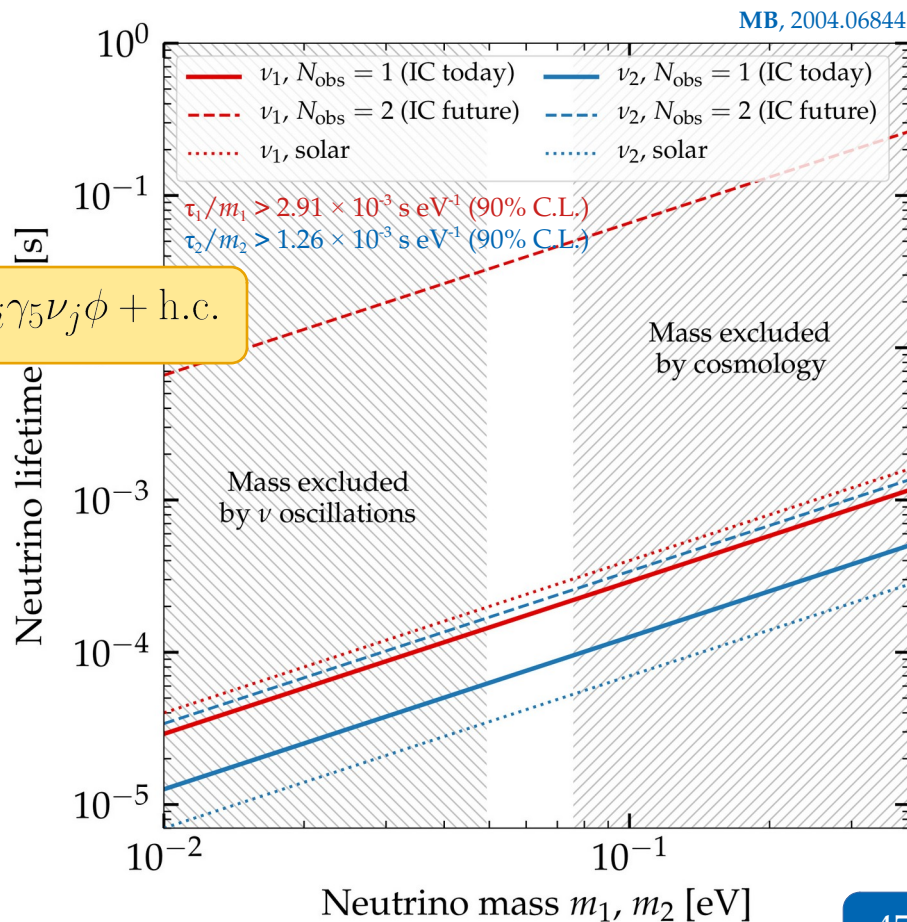
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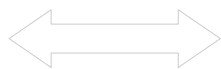
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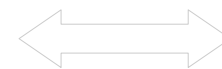
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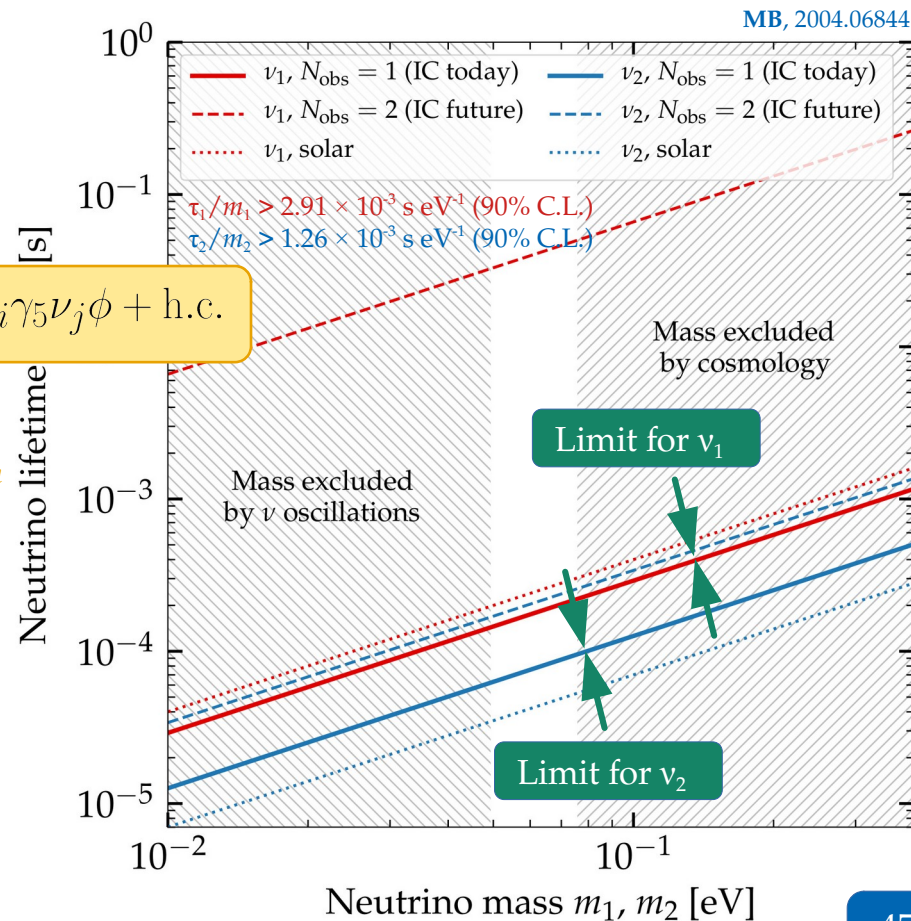
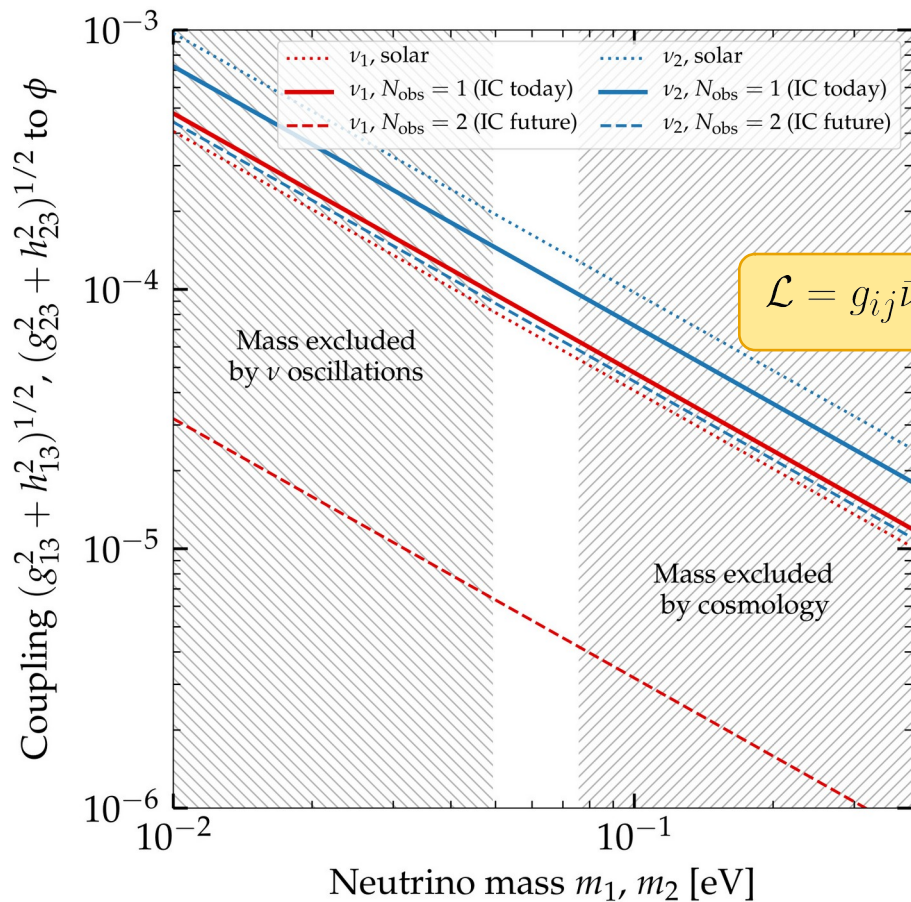
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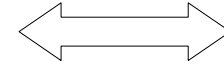


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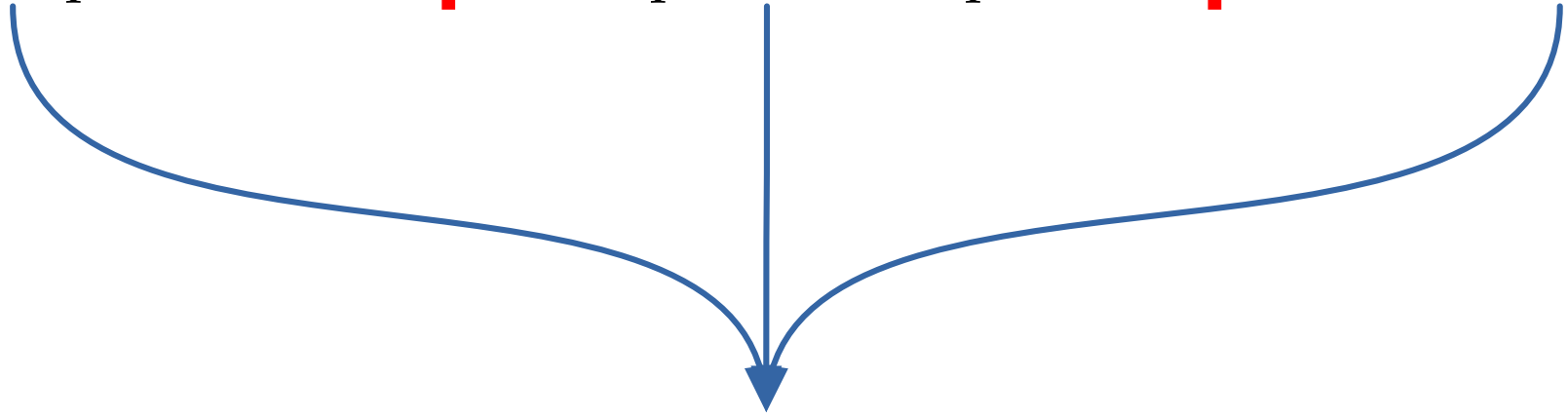
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What does neutrino decay change?

Flavor composition + Spectrum shape + Event rate



Joint analysis: pending, worth trying now
(work in progress)

Side note:

We need only larger statistics, not higher energies
(because higher energies = longer-lived neutrinos)

New-physics menu

- 1 Neutrino-matter cross section
- 2 Unstable neutrinos
- 3 New neutrino interactions**
- 4 Neutrinos & dark matter
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- 6 Physics with individual sources
- 7 ANITA mystery events

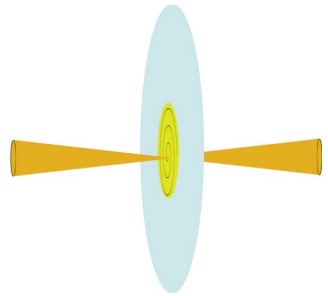


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Astrophysical neutrino sources

Earth

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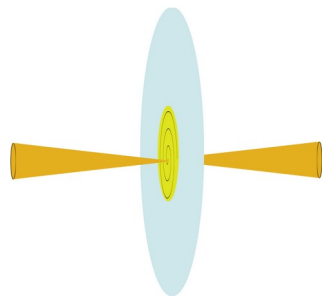
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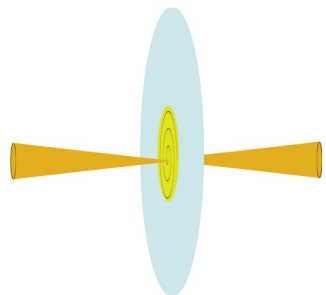
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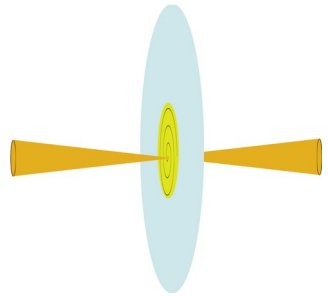
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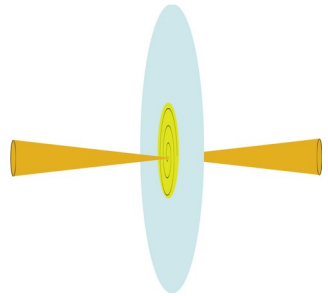
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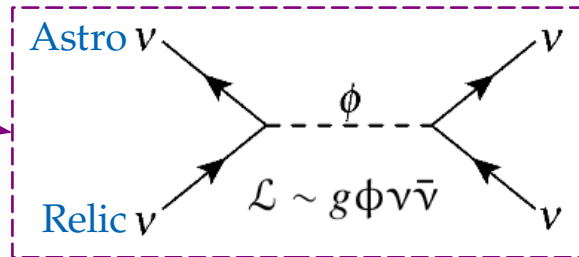
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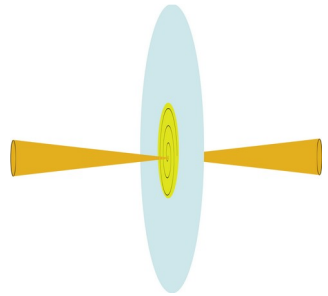
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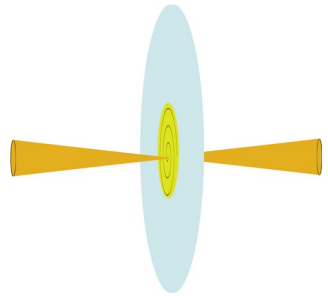
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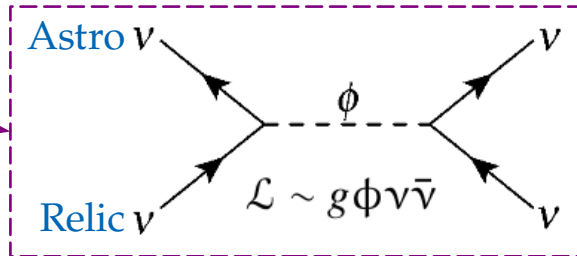
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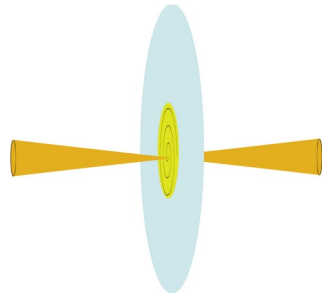
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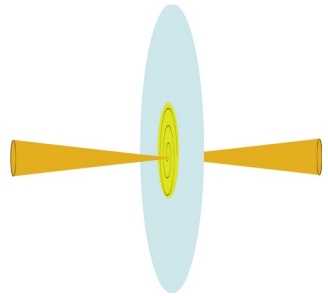
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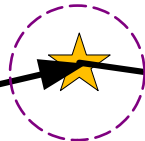


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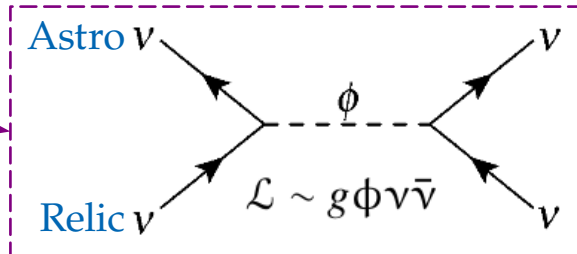
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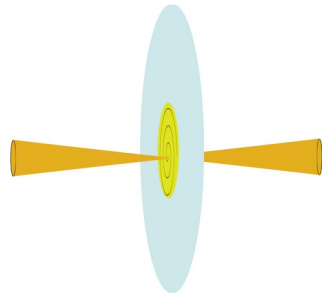


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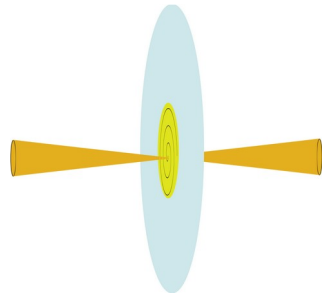
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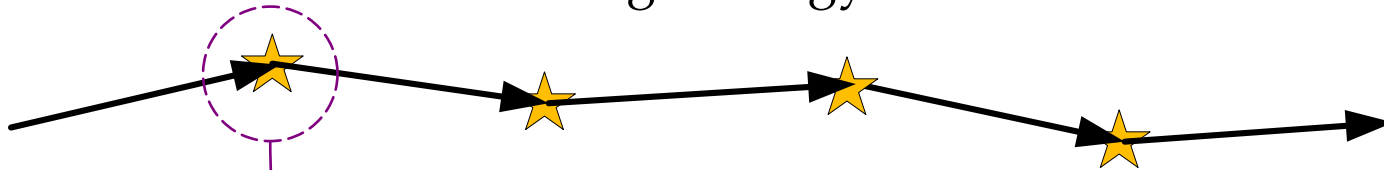
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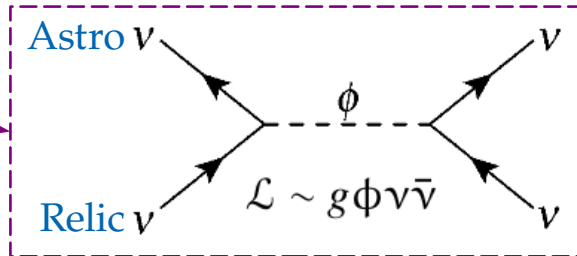
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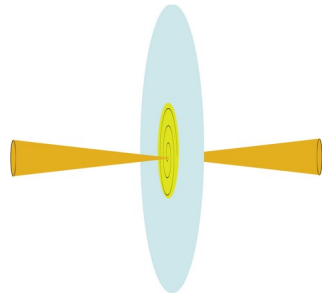


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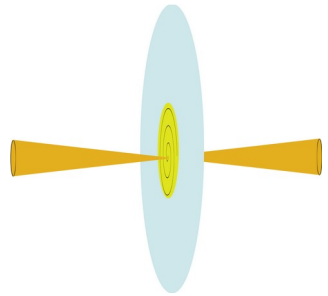
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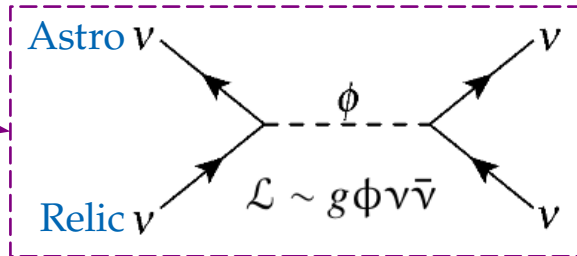
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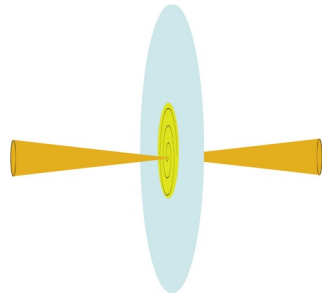
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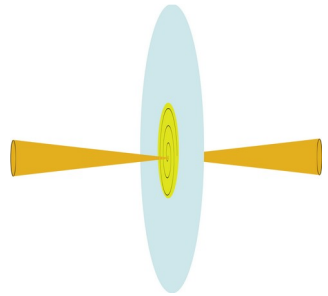
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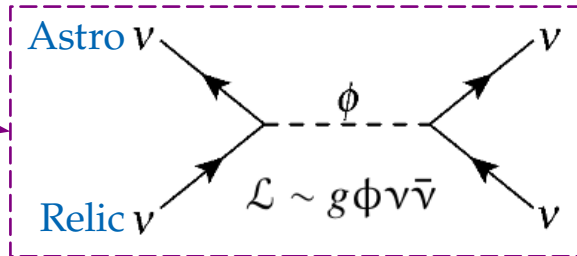
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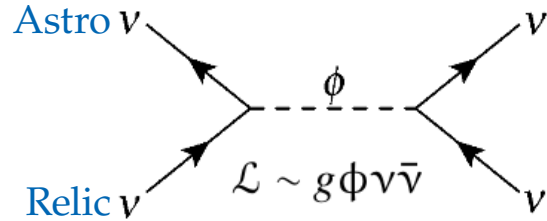
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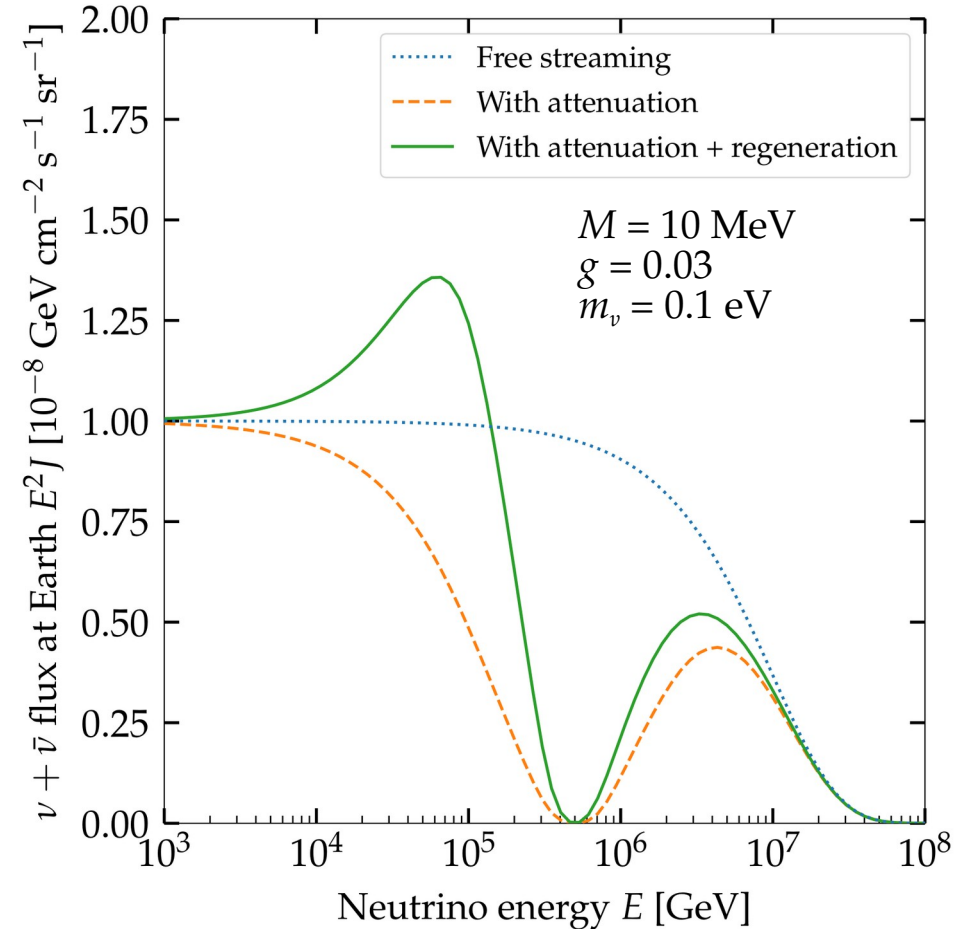
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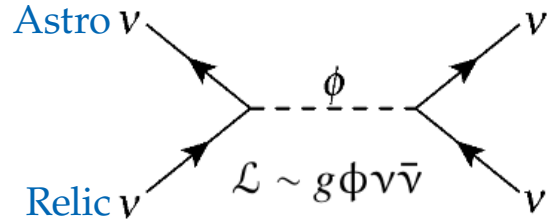
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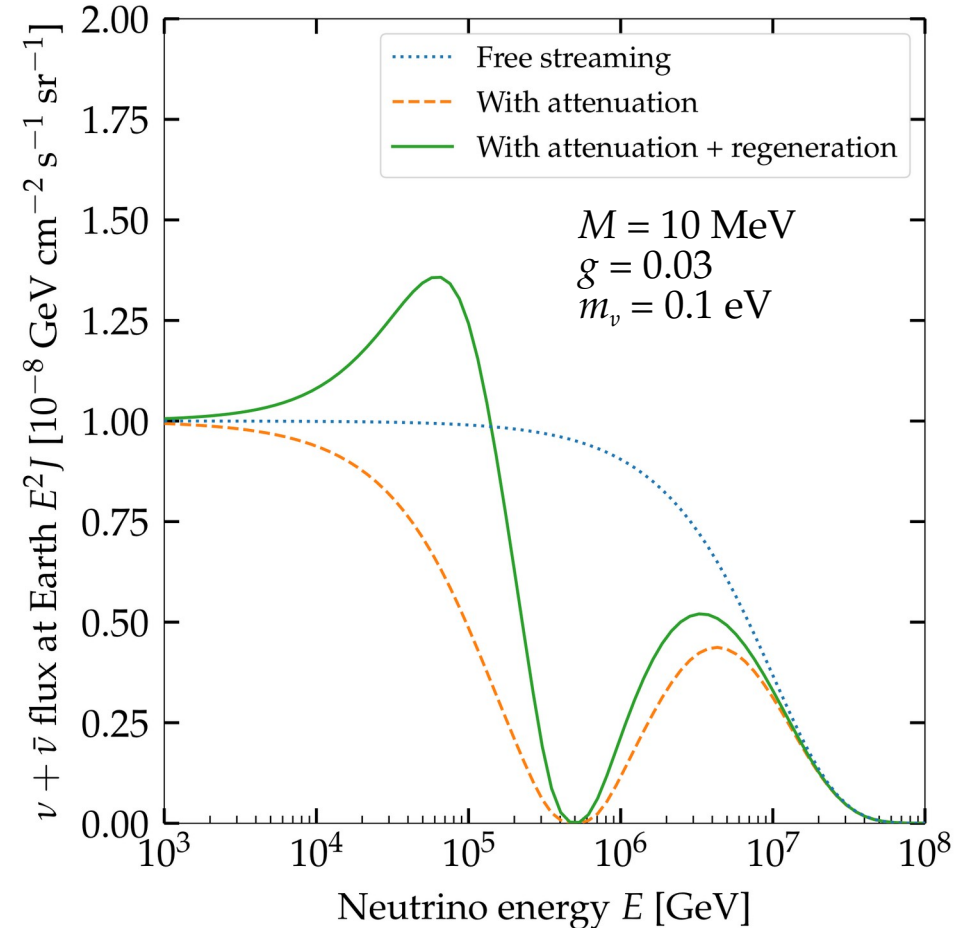
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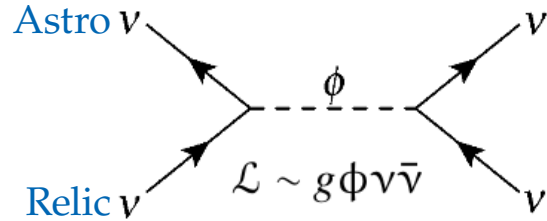
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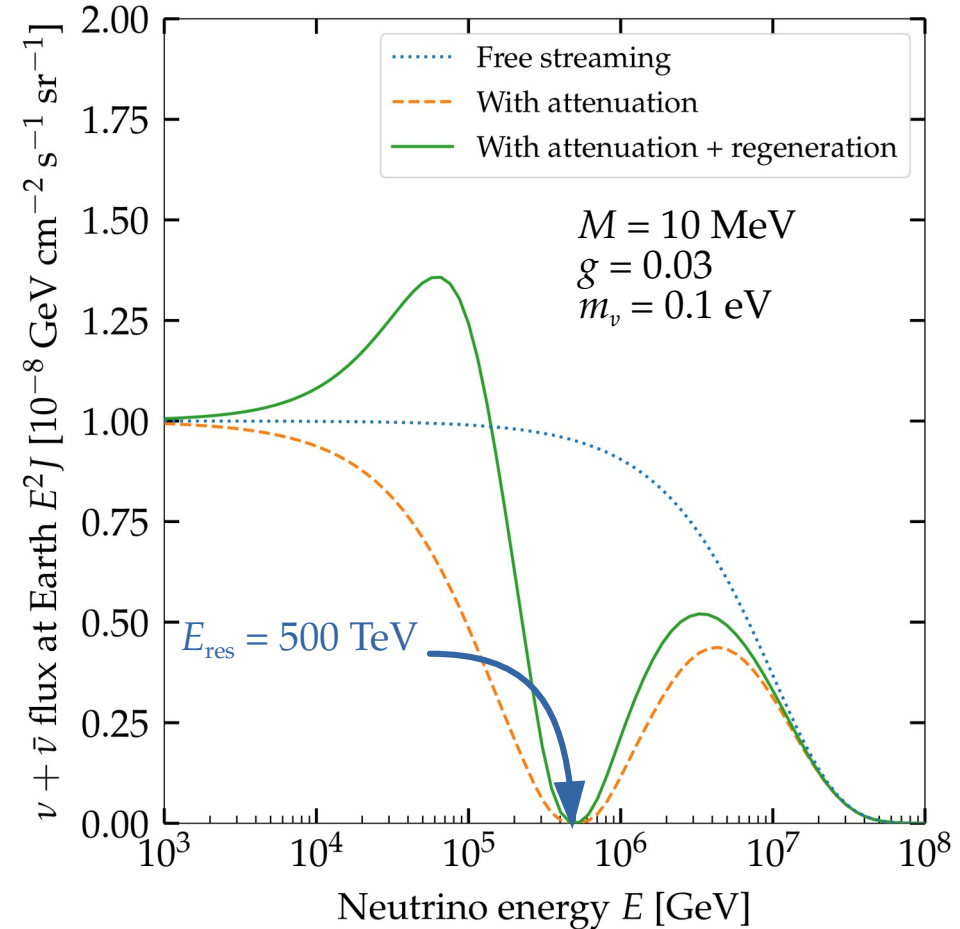
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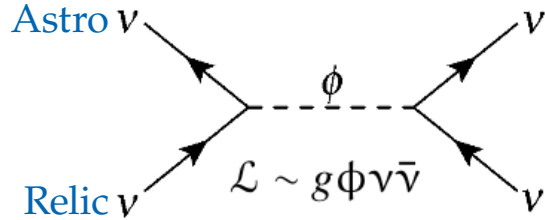
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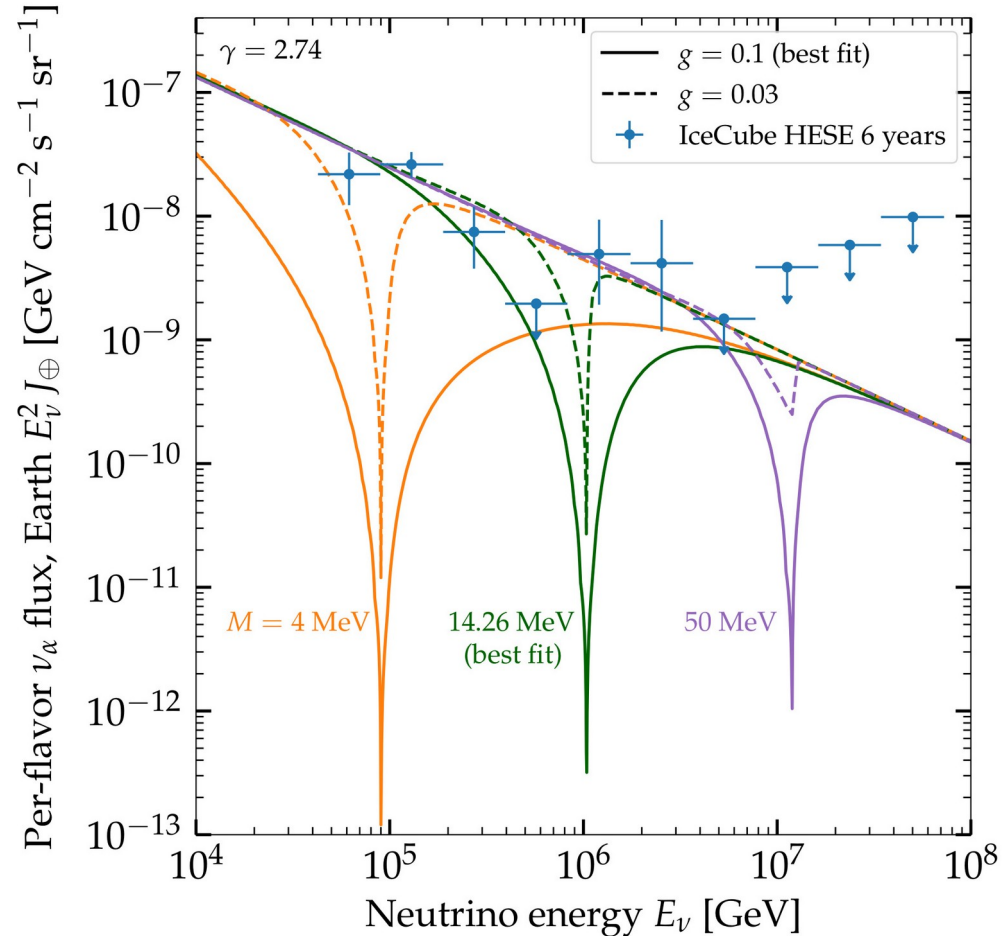


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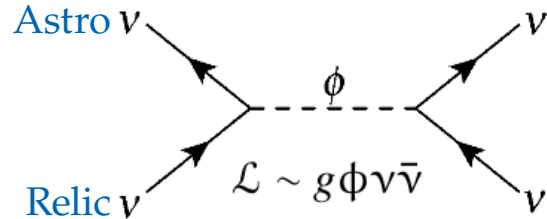
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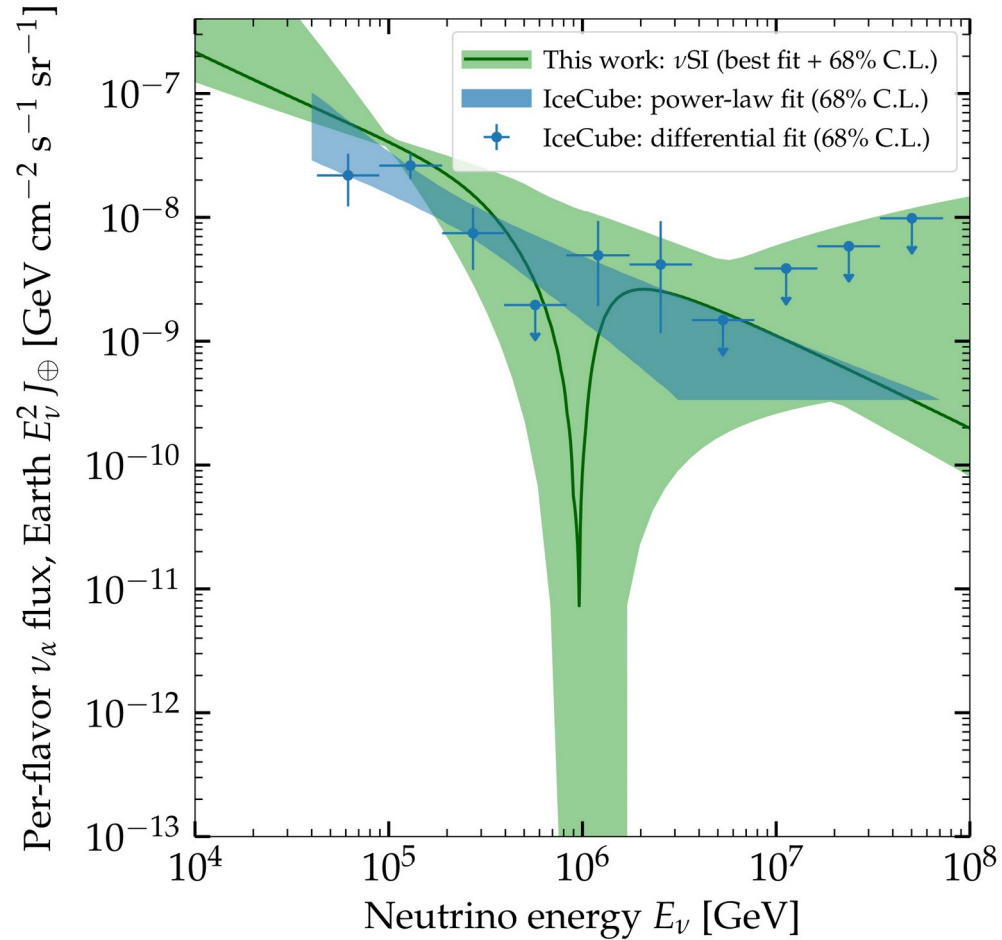
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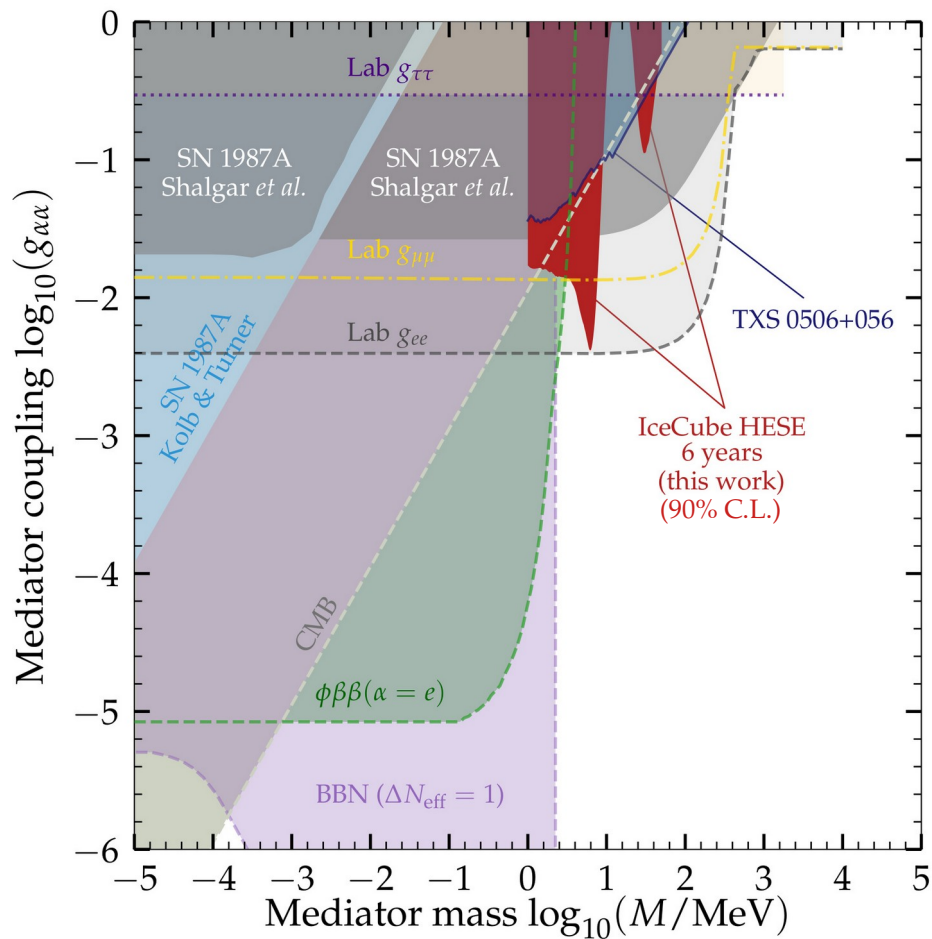
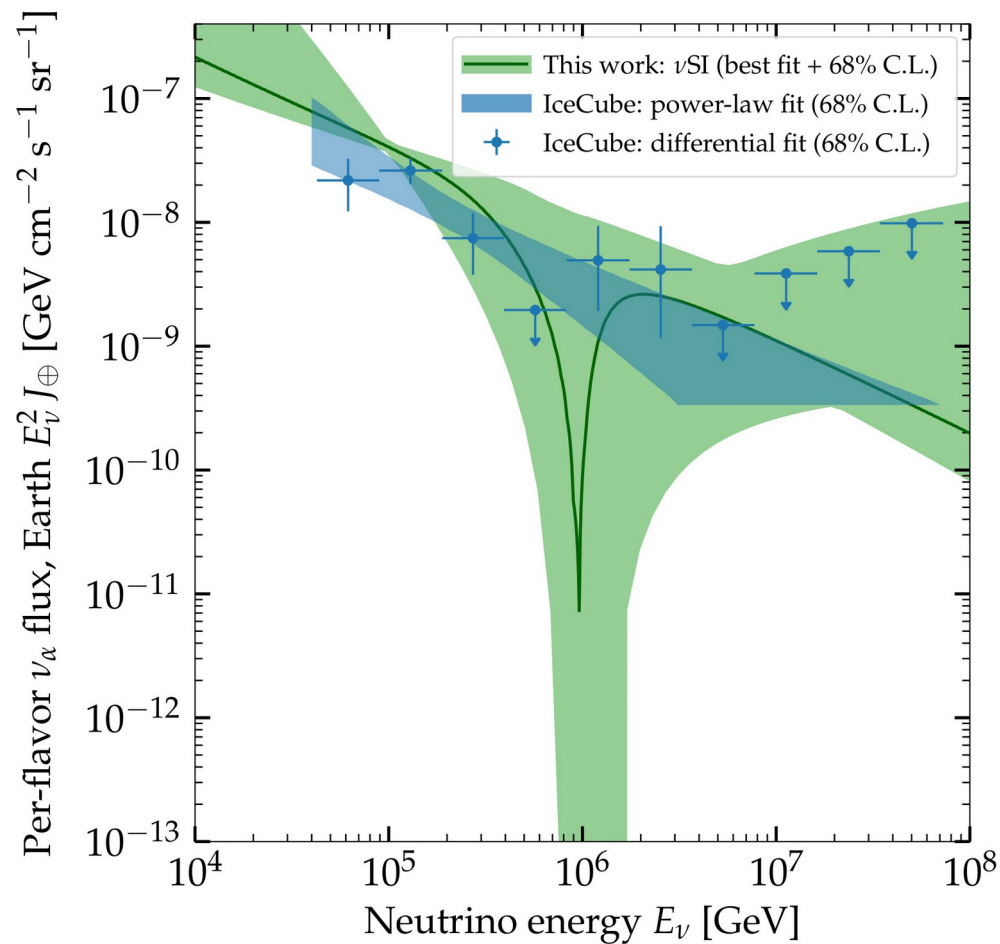
Looking for evidence of ν SI

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- ▶ 80 events, 18 TeV–2 PeV
- ▶ Assume flavor-diagonal and universal: $g_{\alpha\alpha} = g \delta_{\alpha\alpha}$
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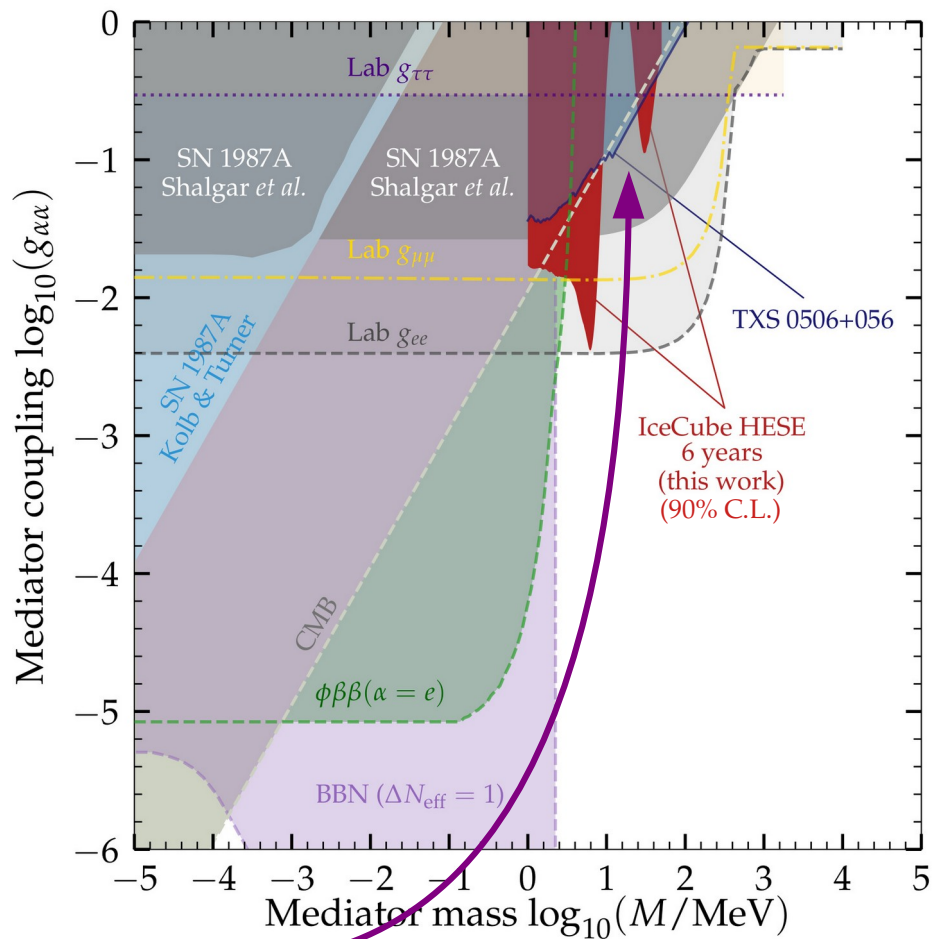
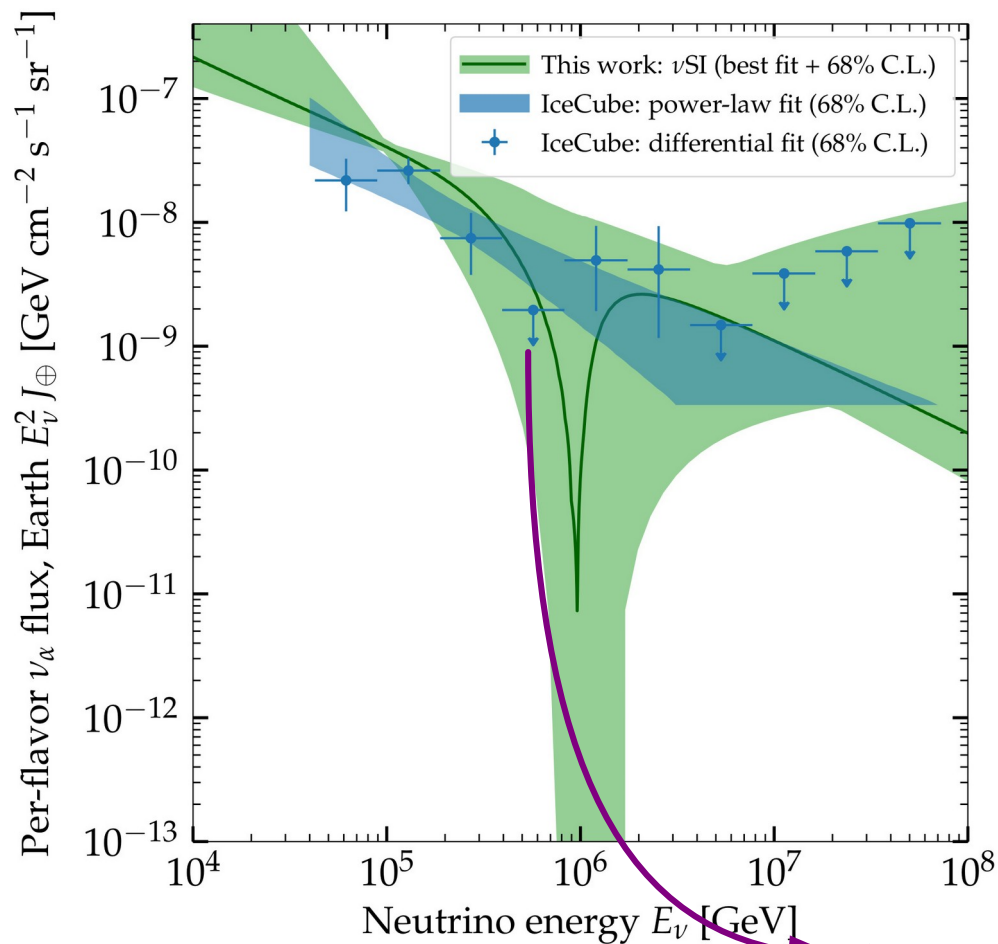
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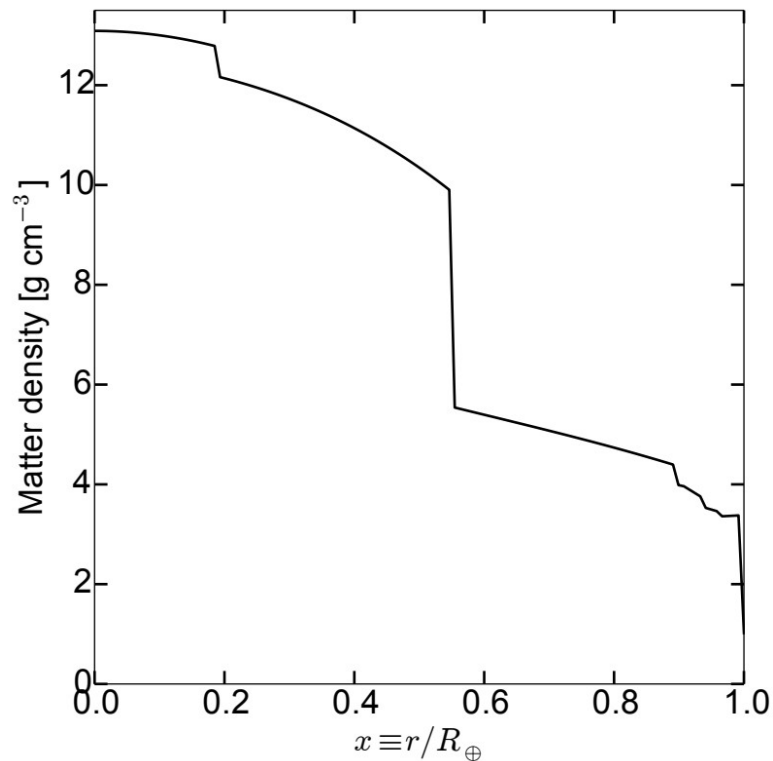
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Backup slides

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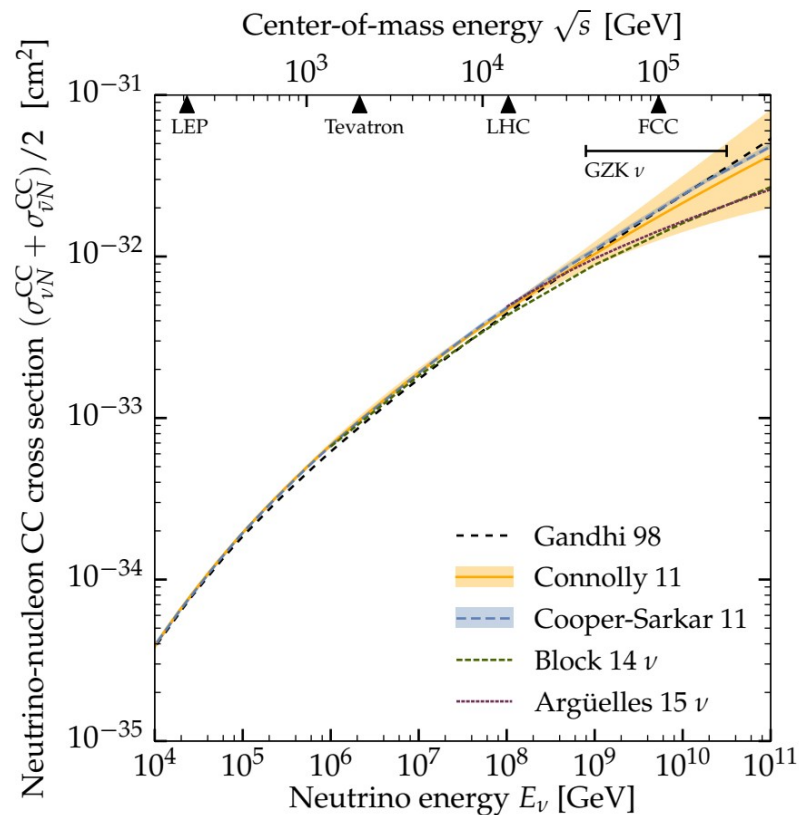
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(Preliminary Reference Earth Model)

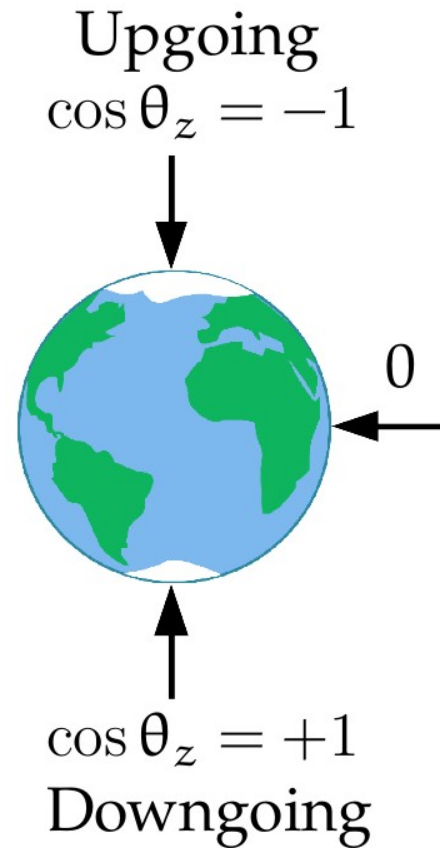
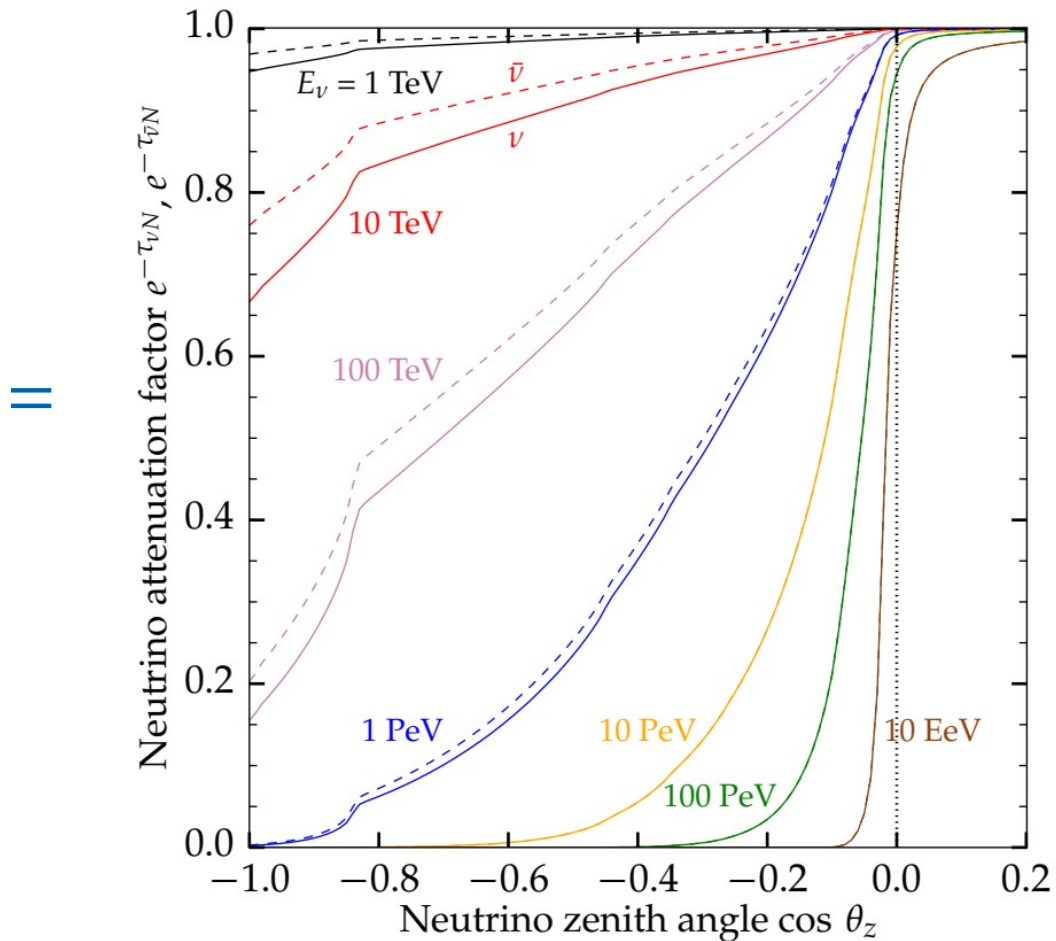


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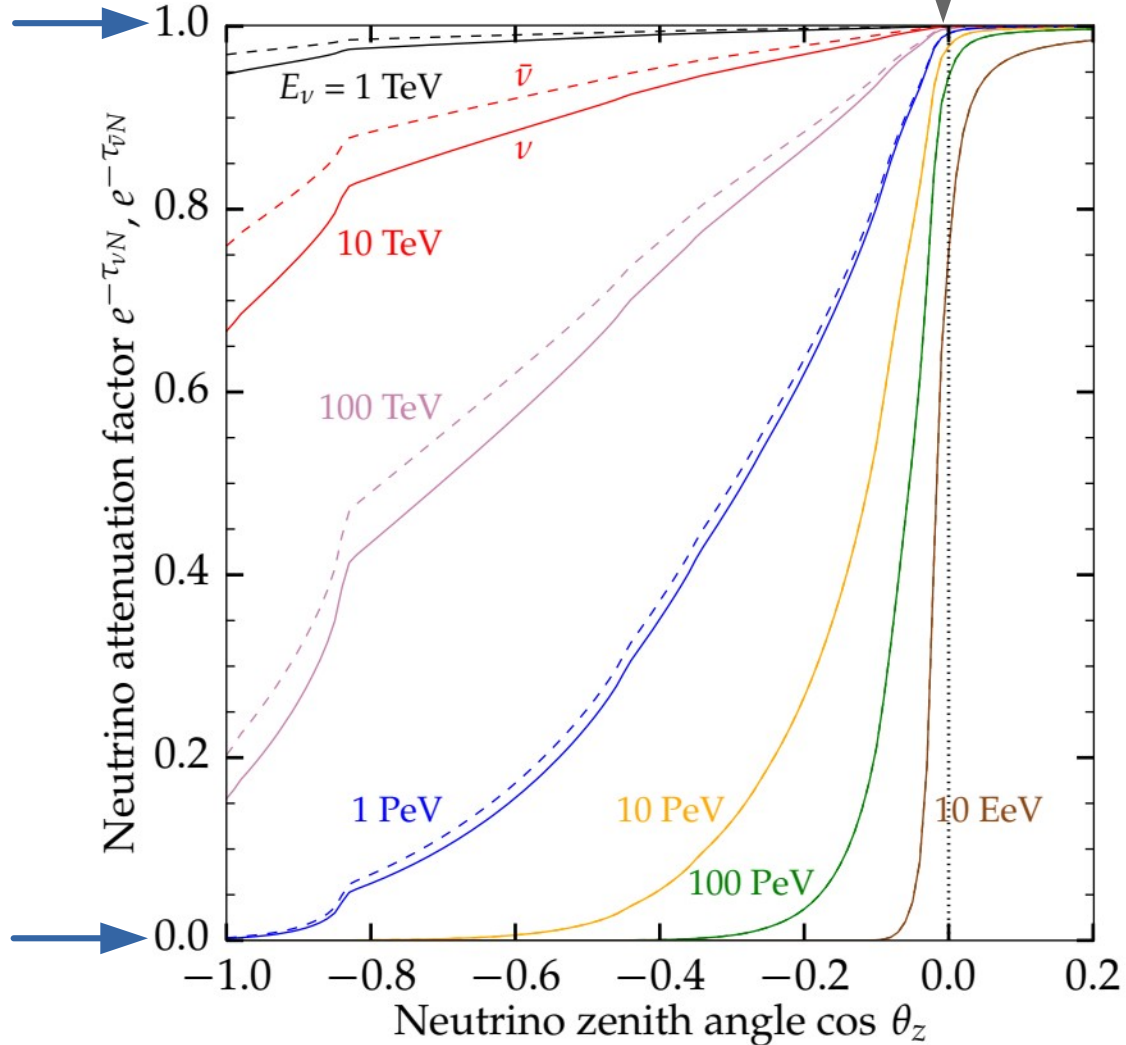
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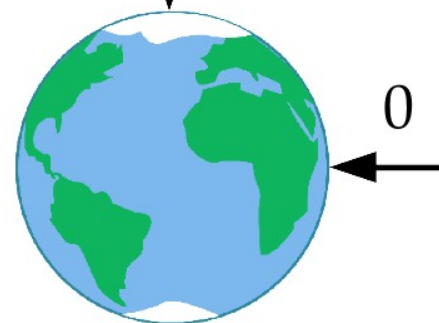


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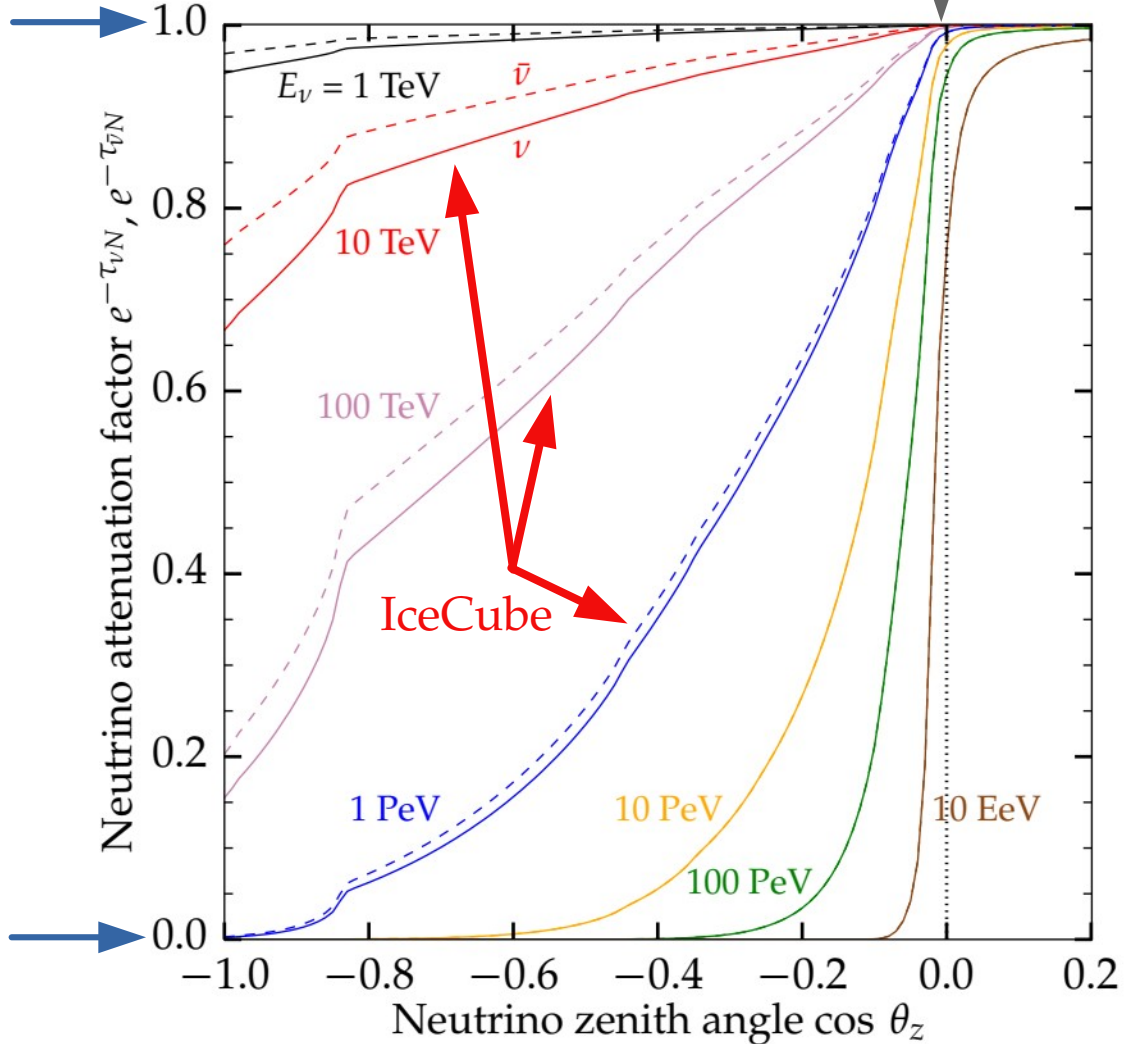
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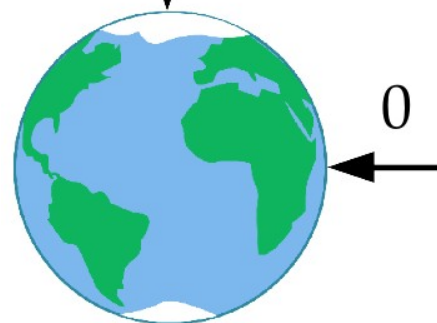
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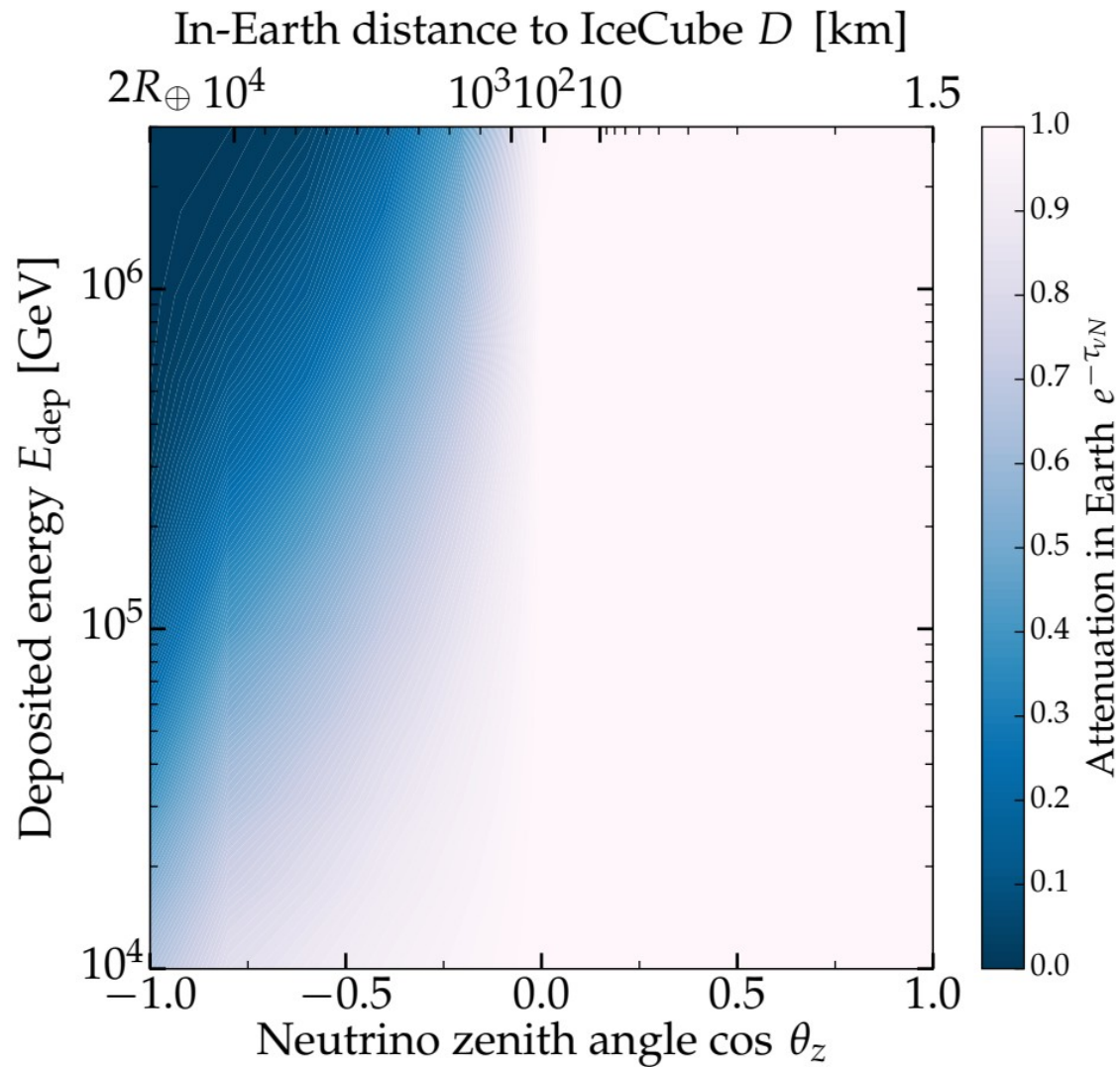


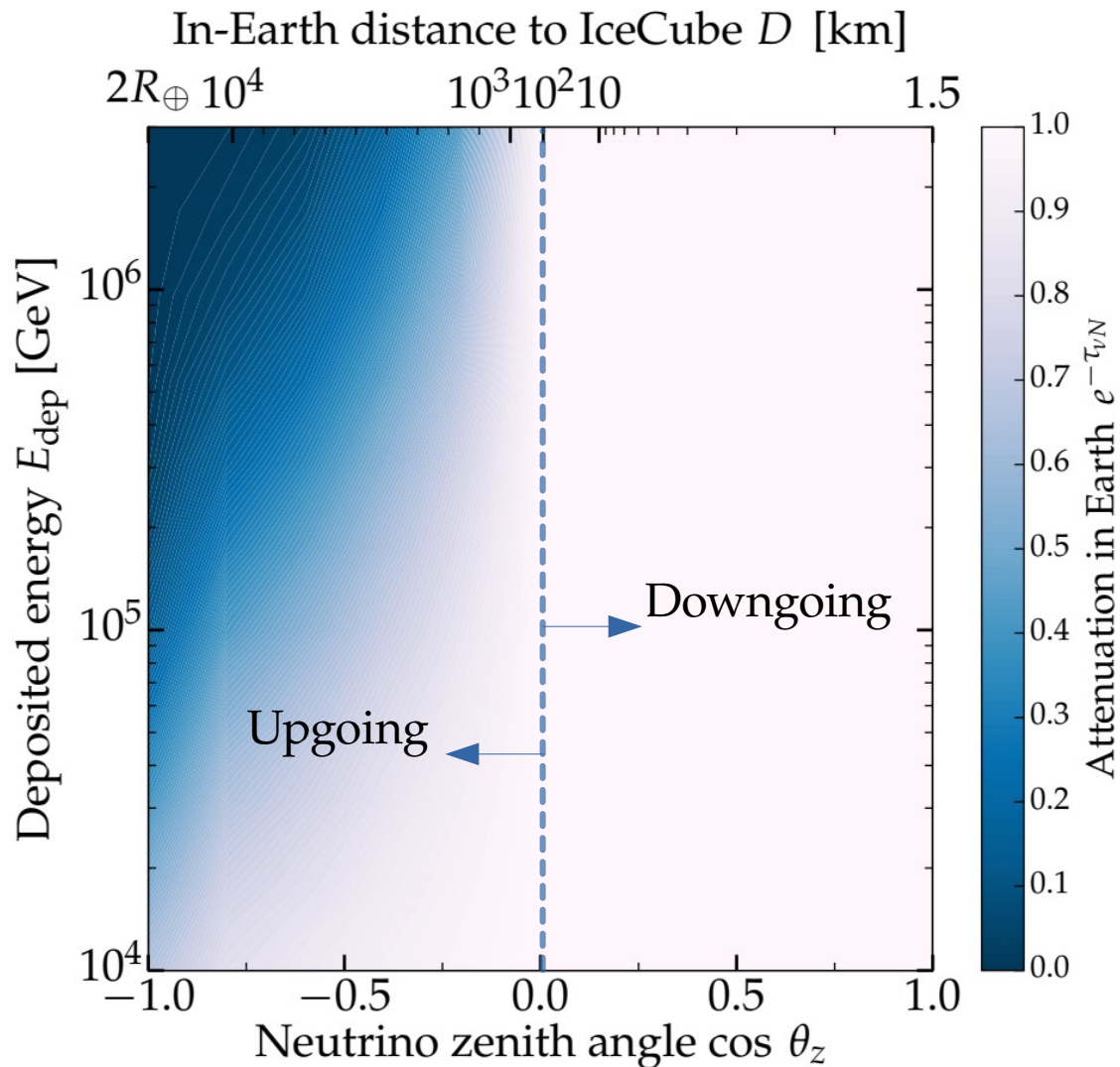
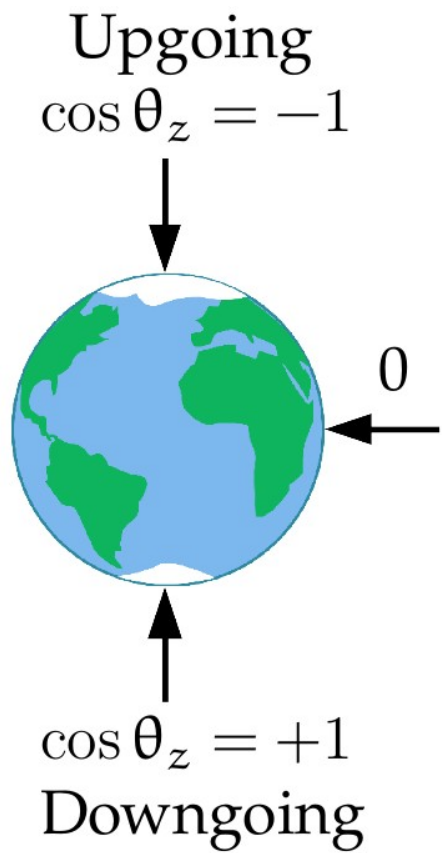
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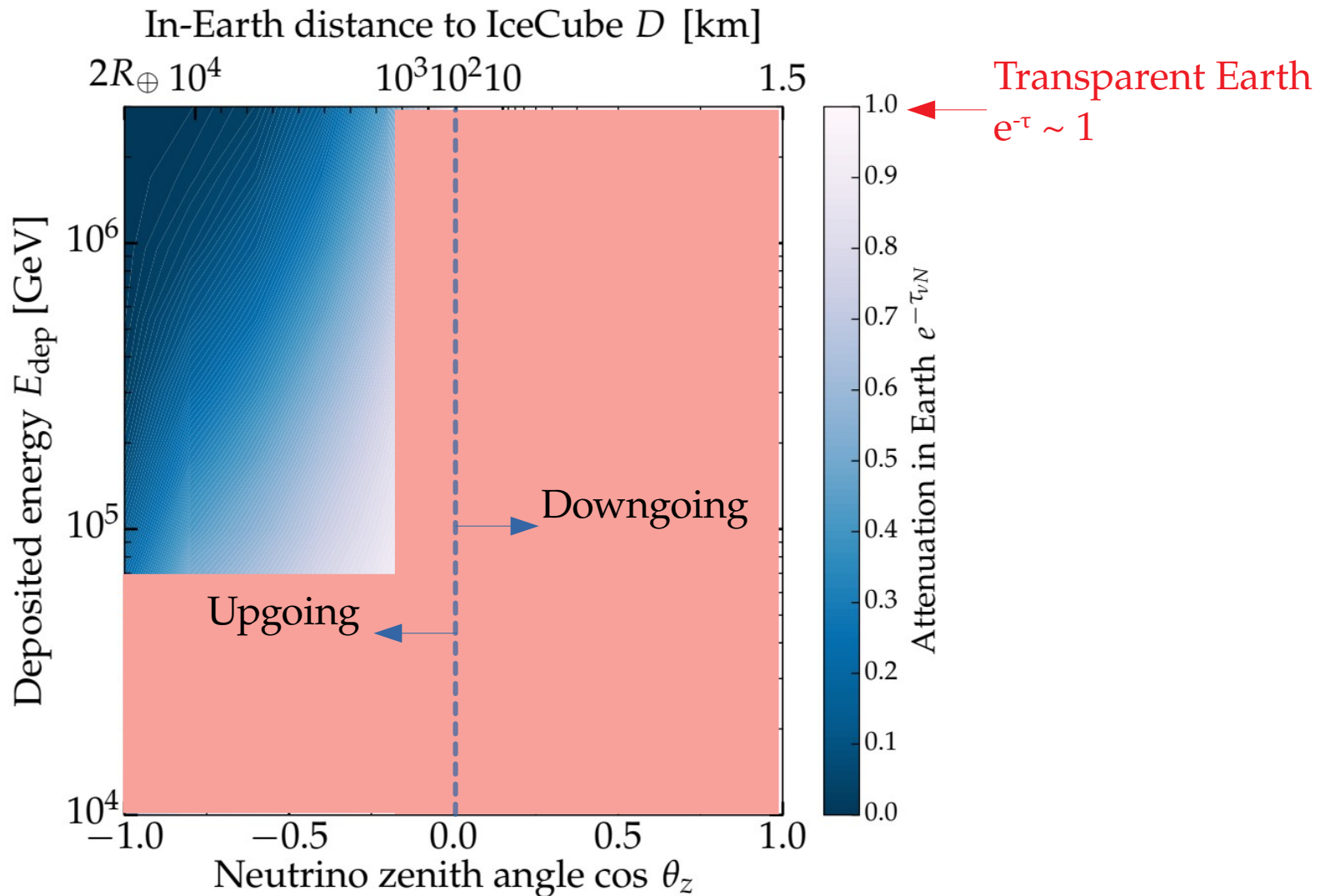
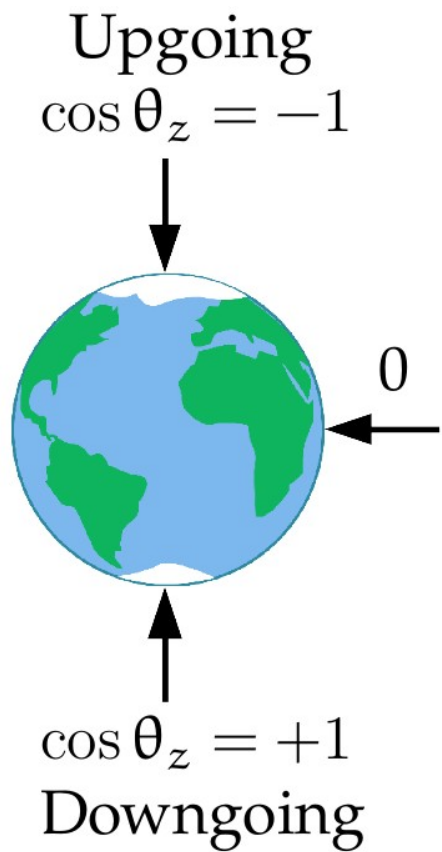
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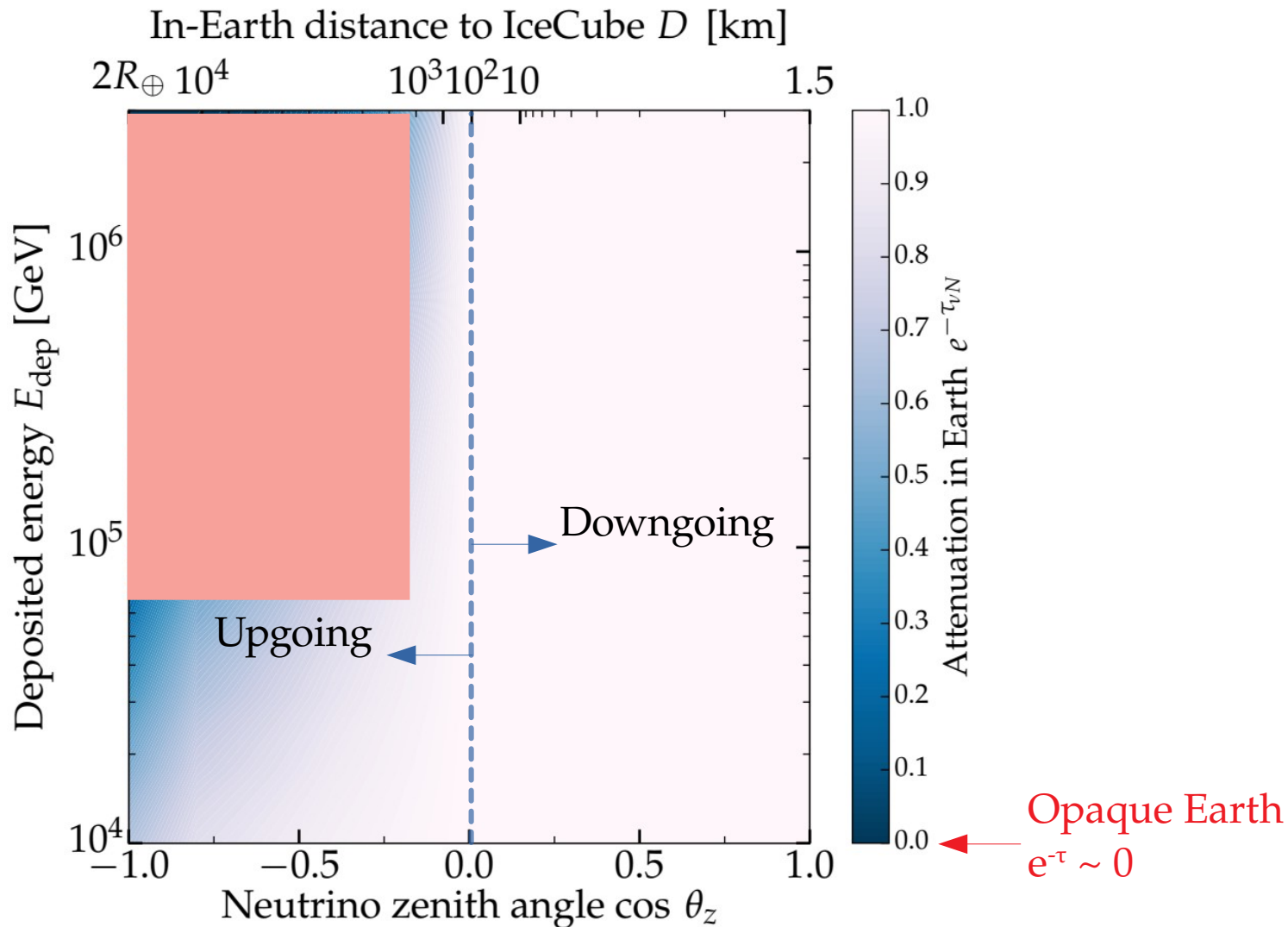
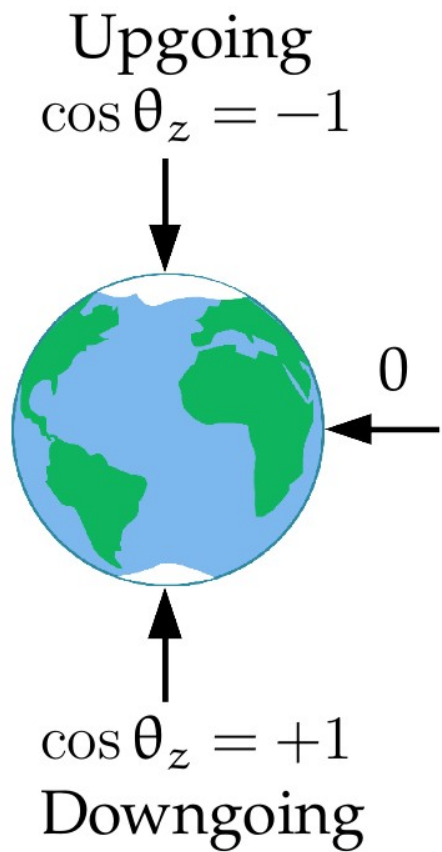


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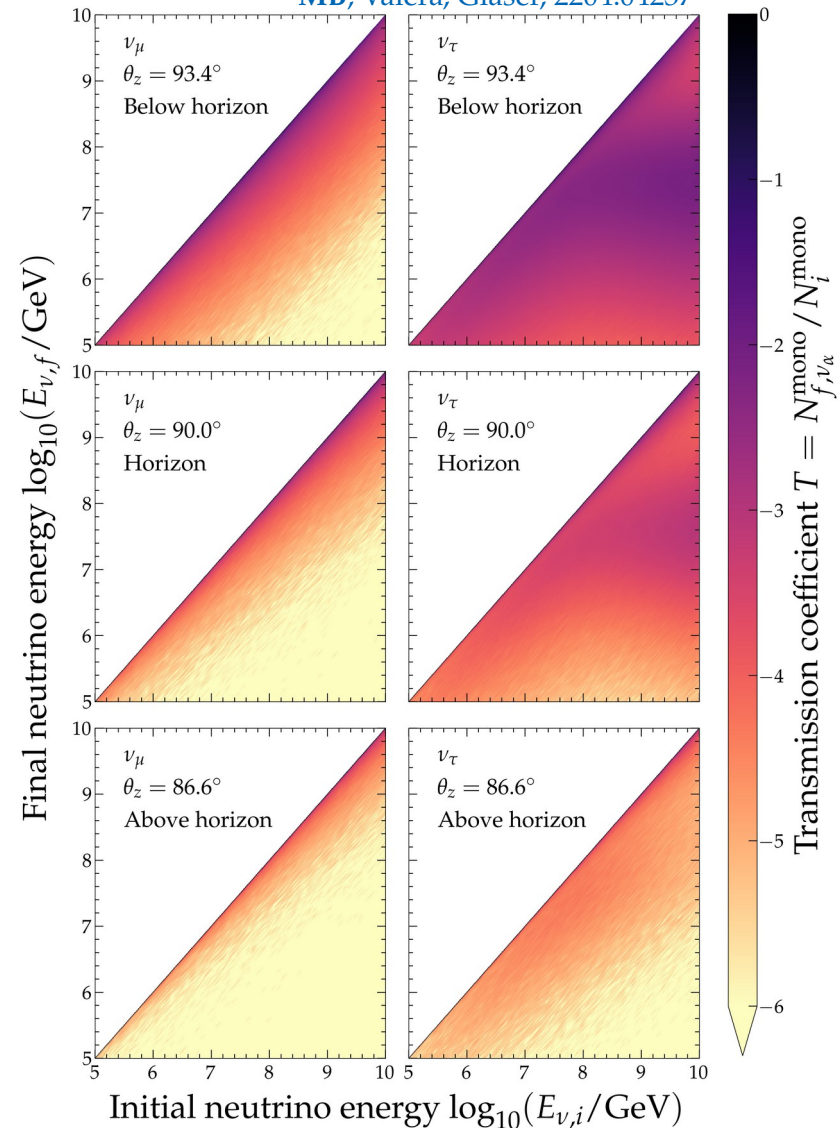
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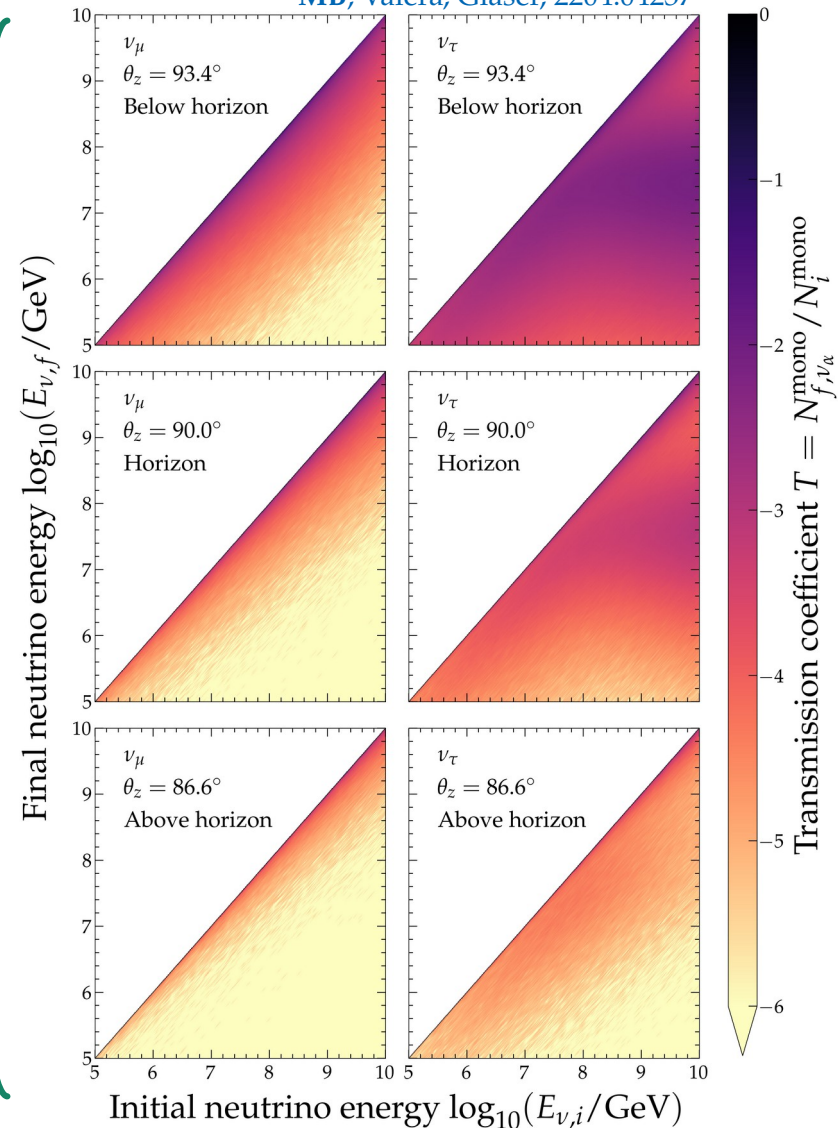
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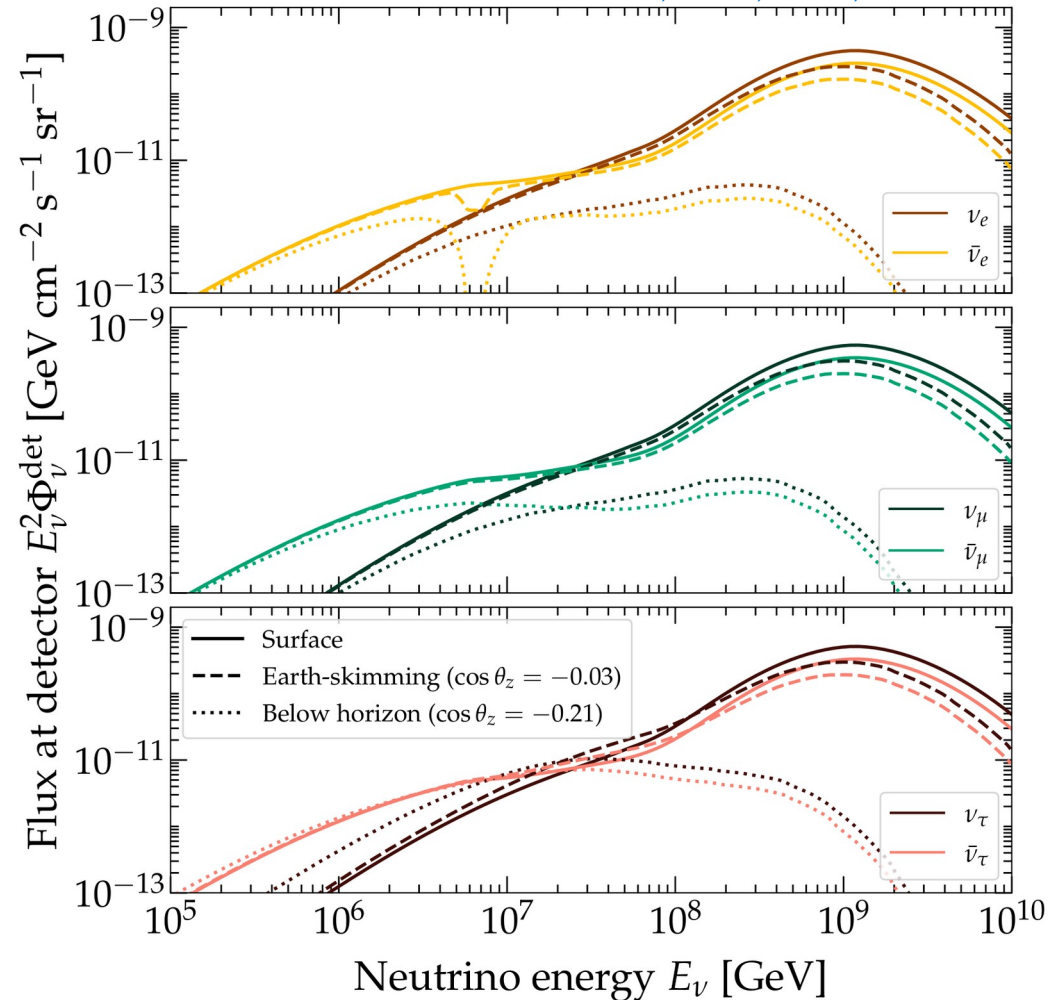
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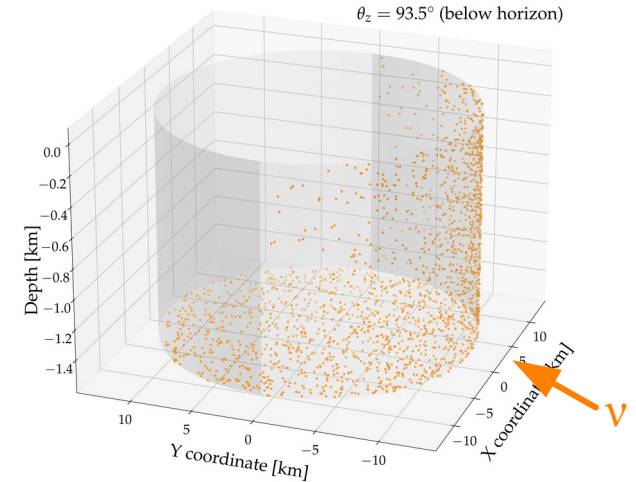
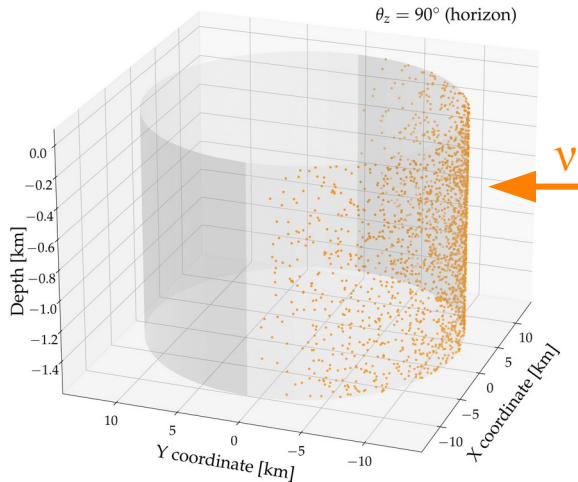
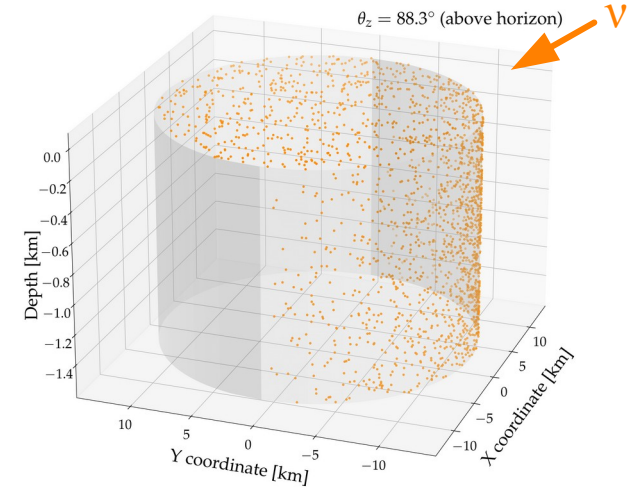
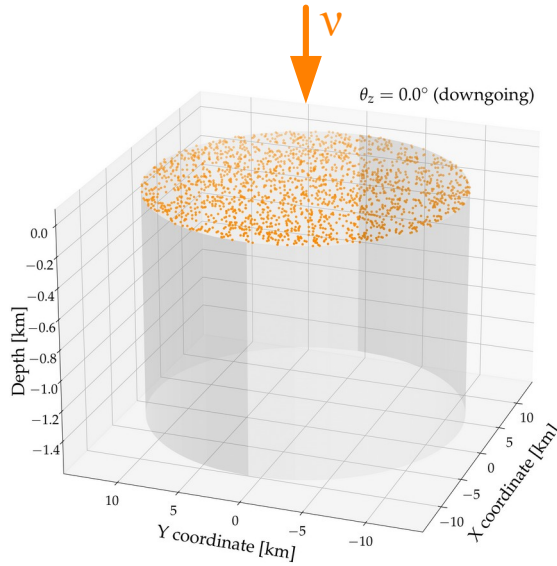
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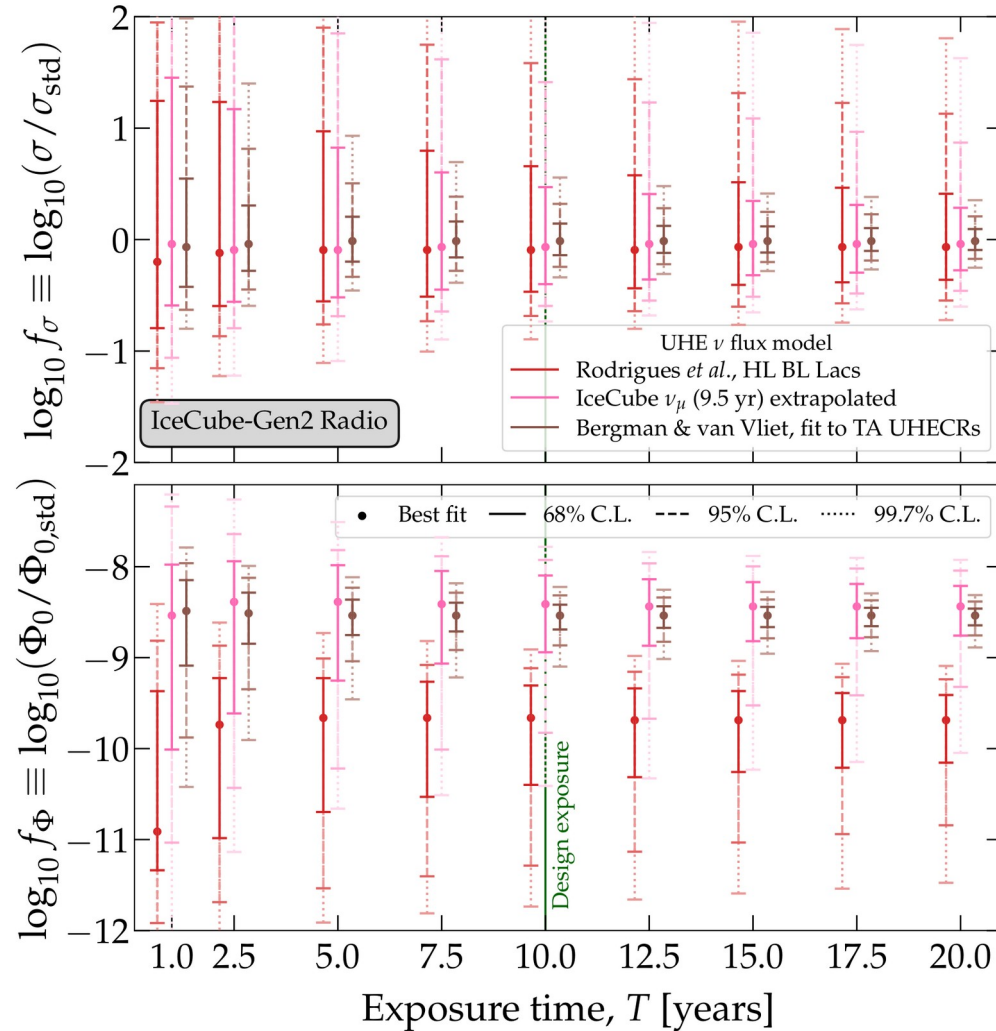
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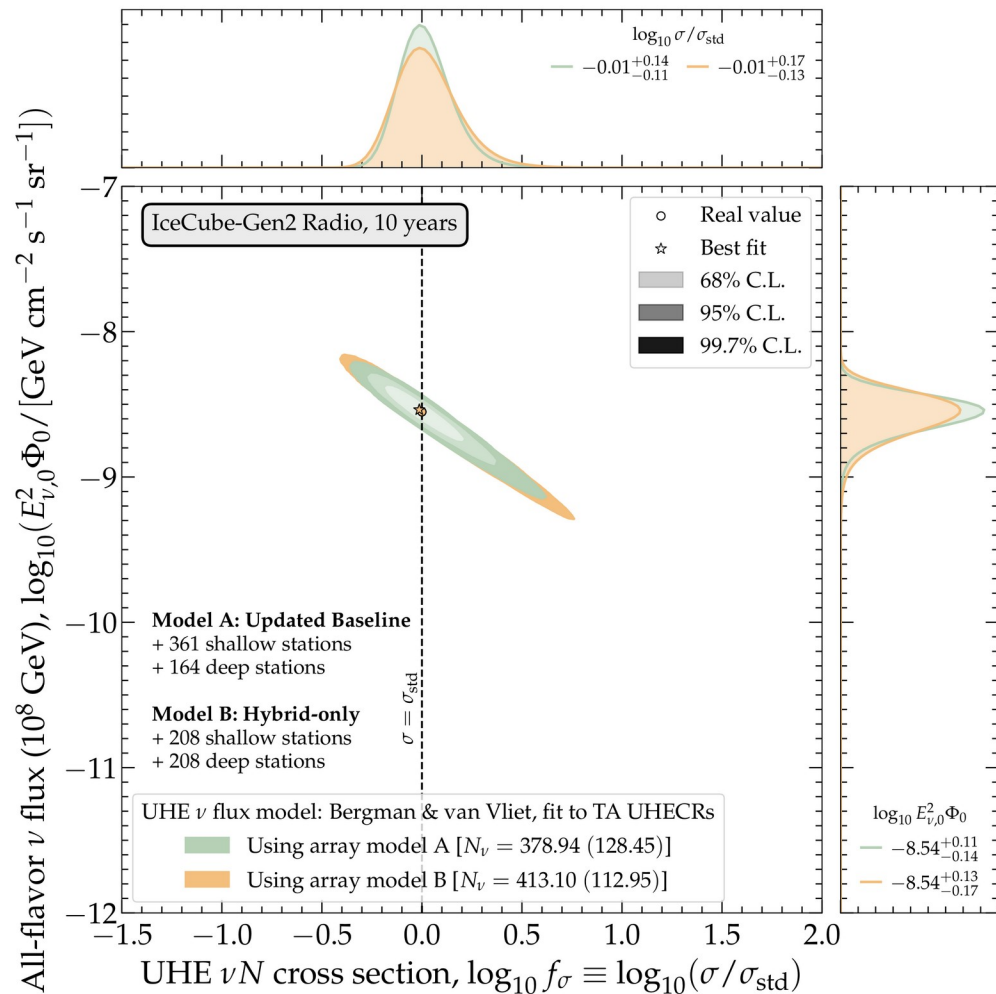
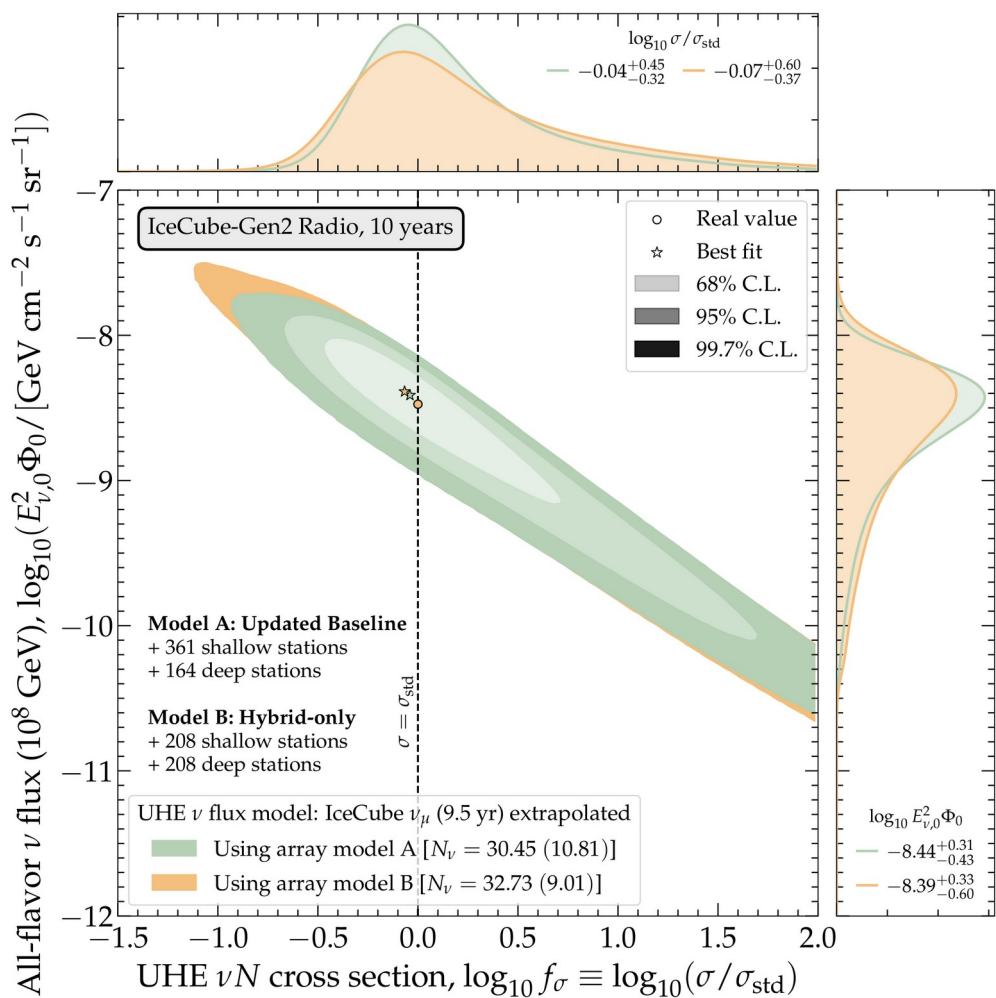
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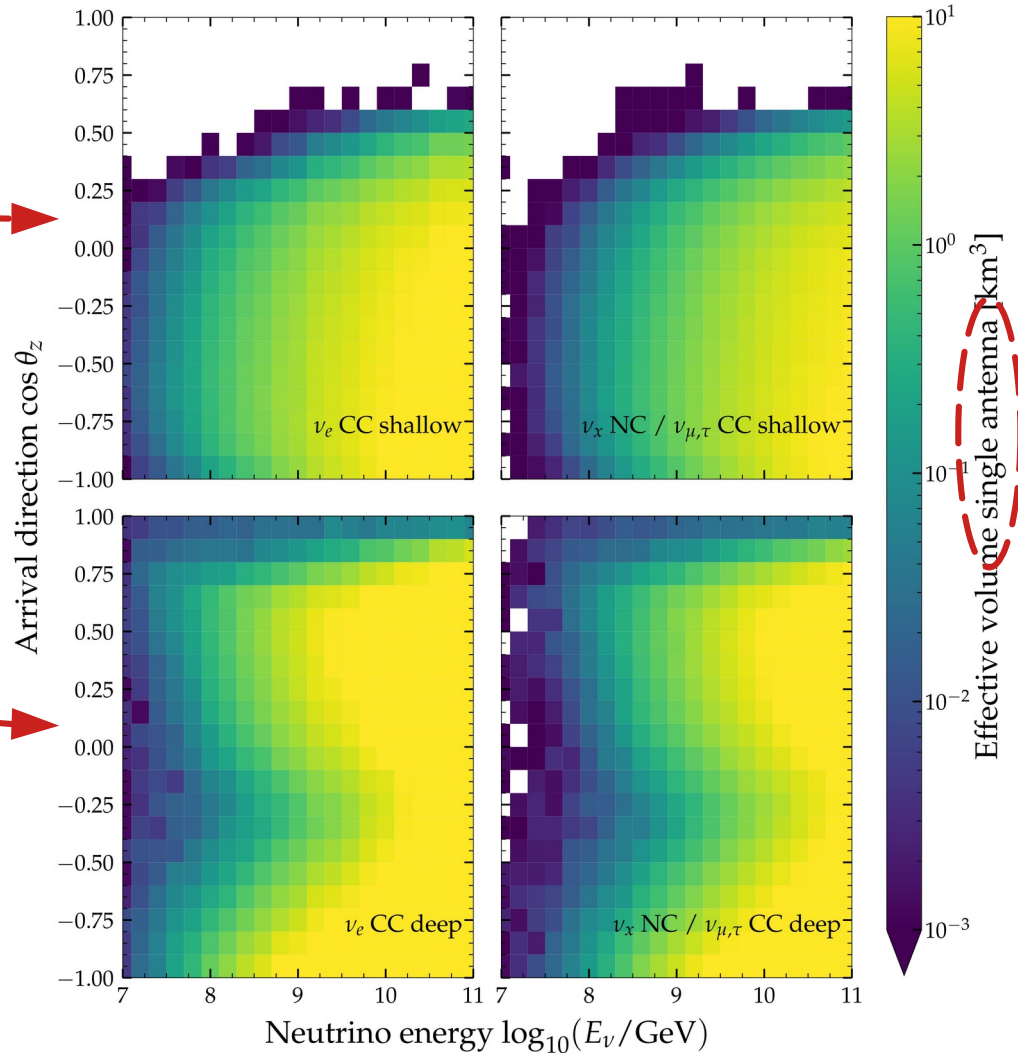
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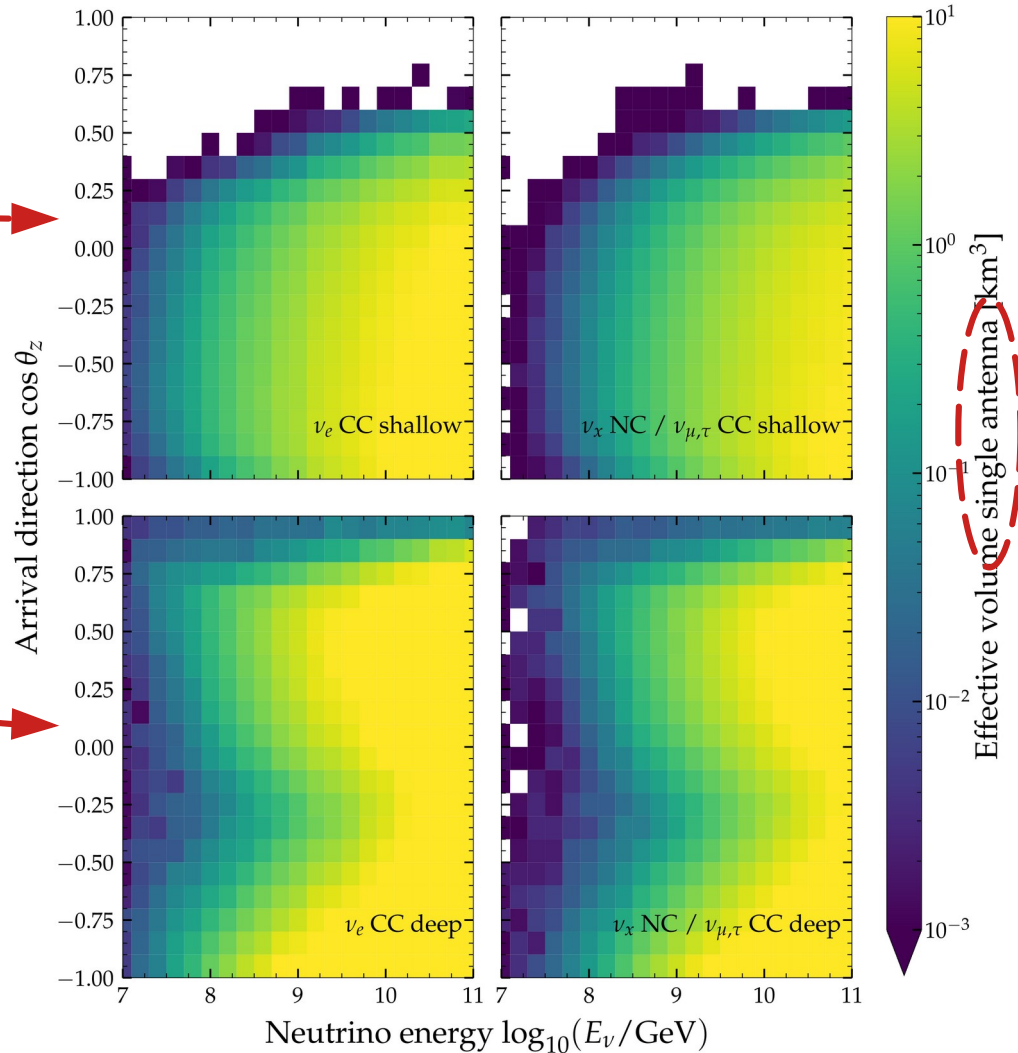
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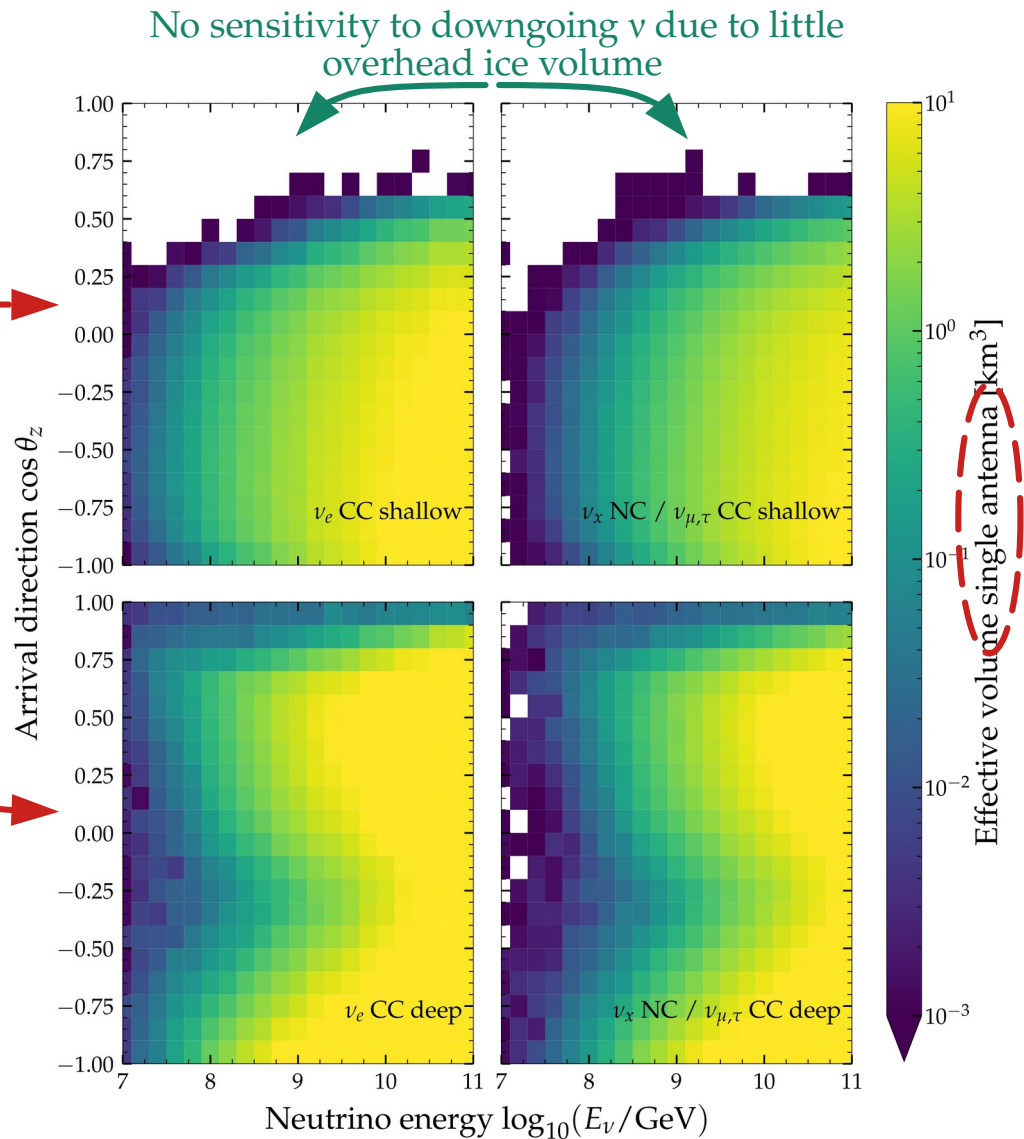
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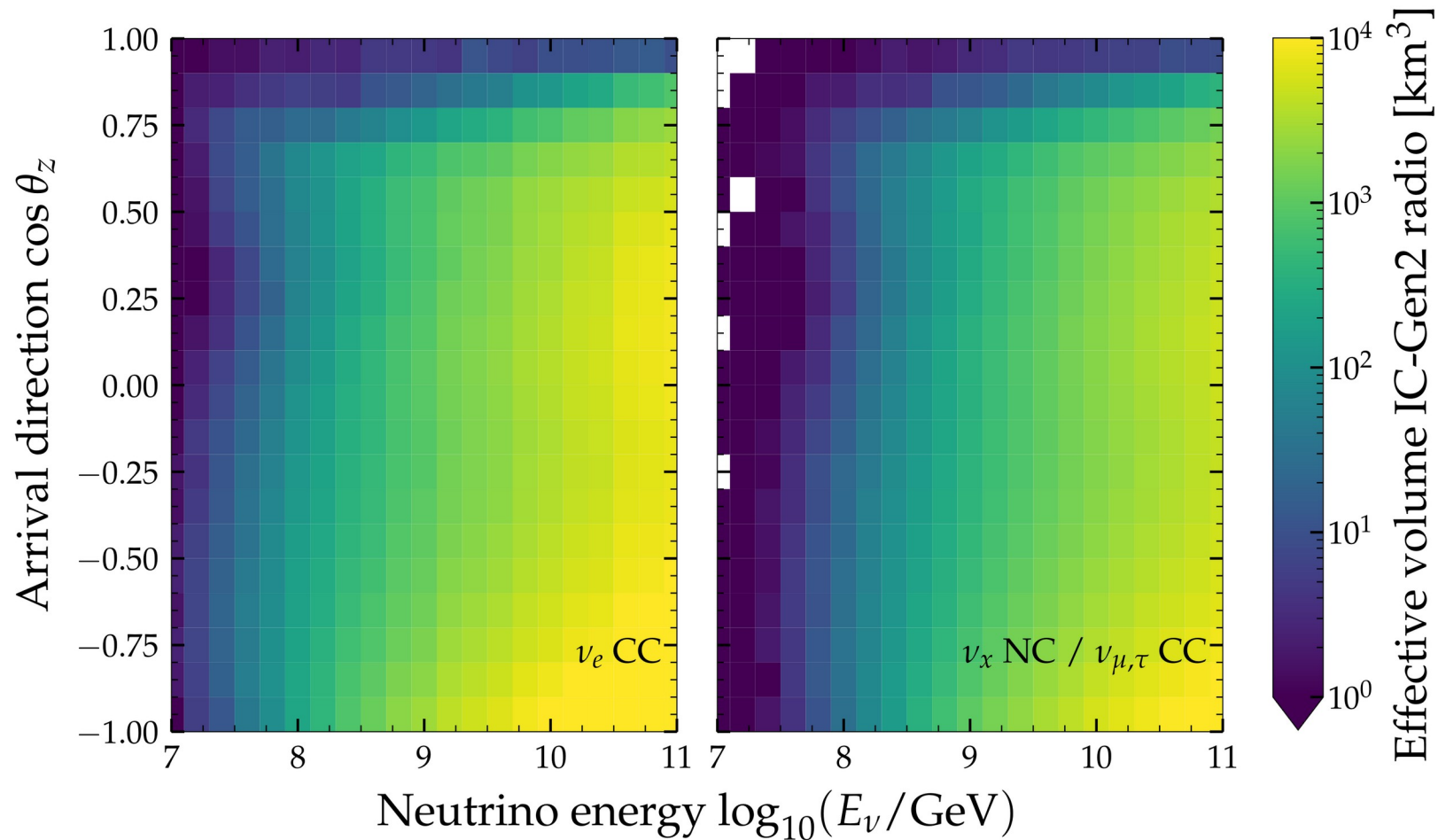
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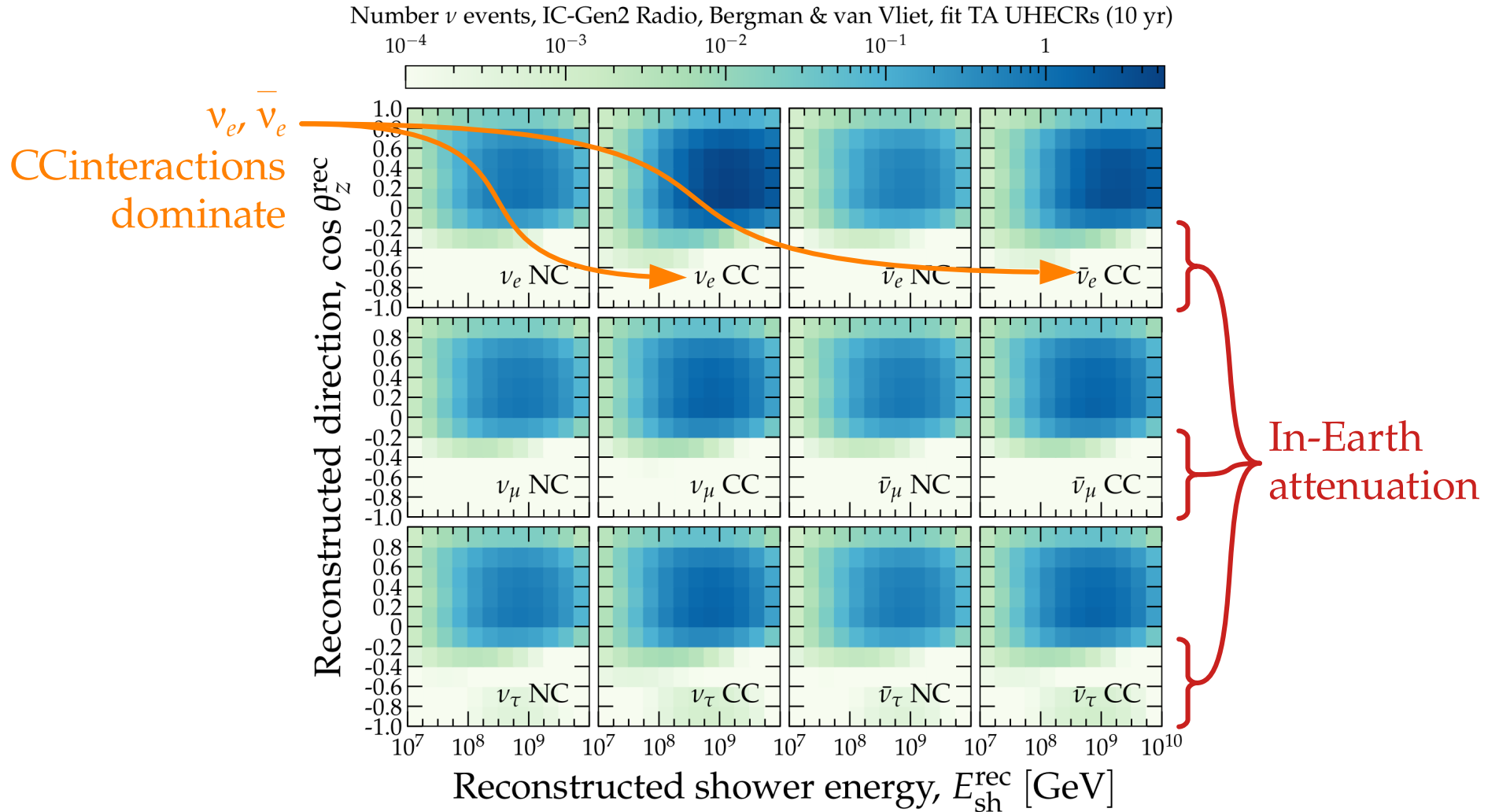
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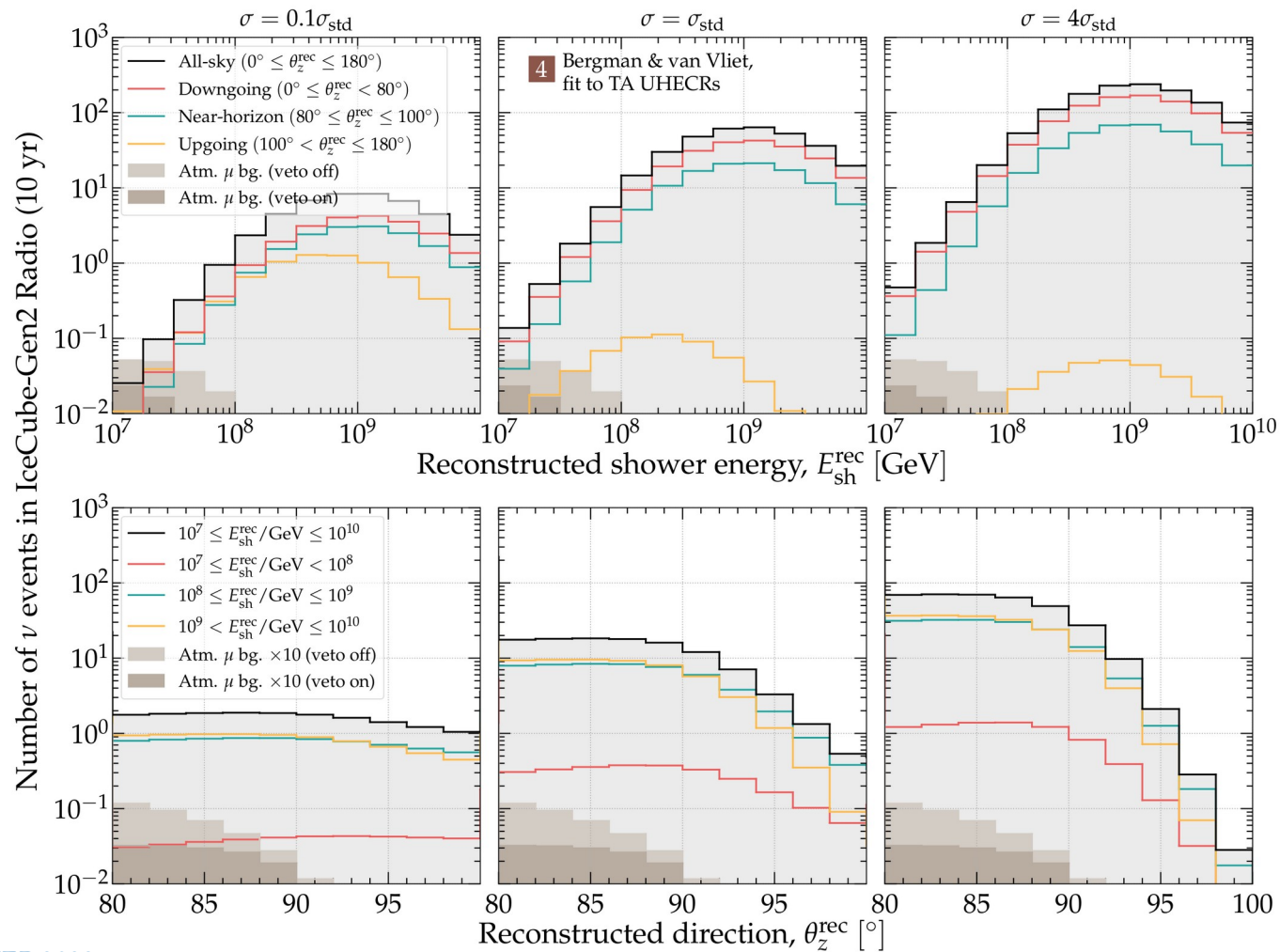


Total volume = 169 shallow-only stations + 144 hybrid (shallow+deep) stations

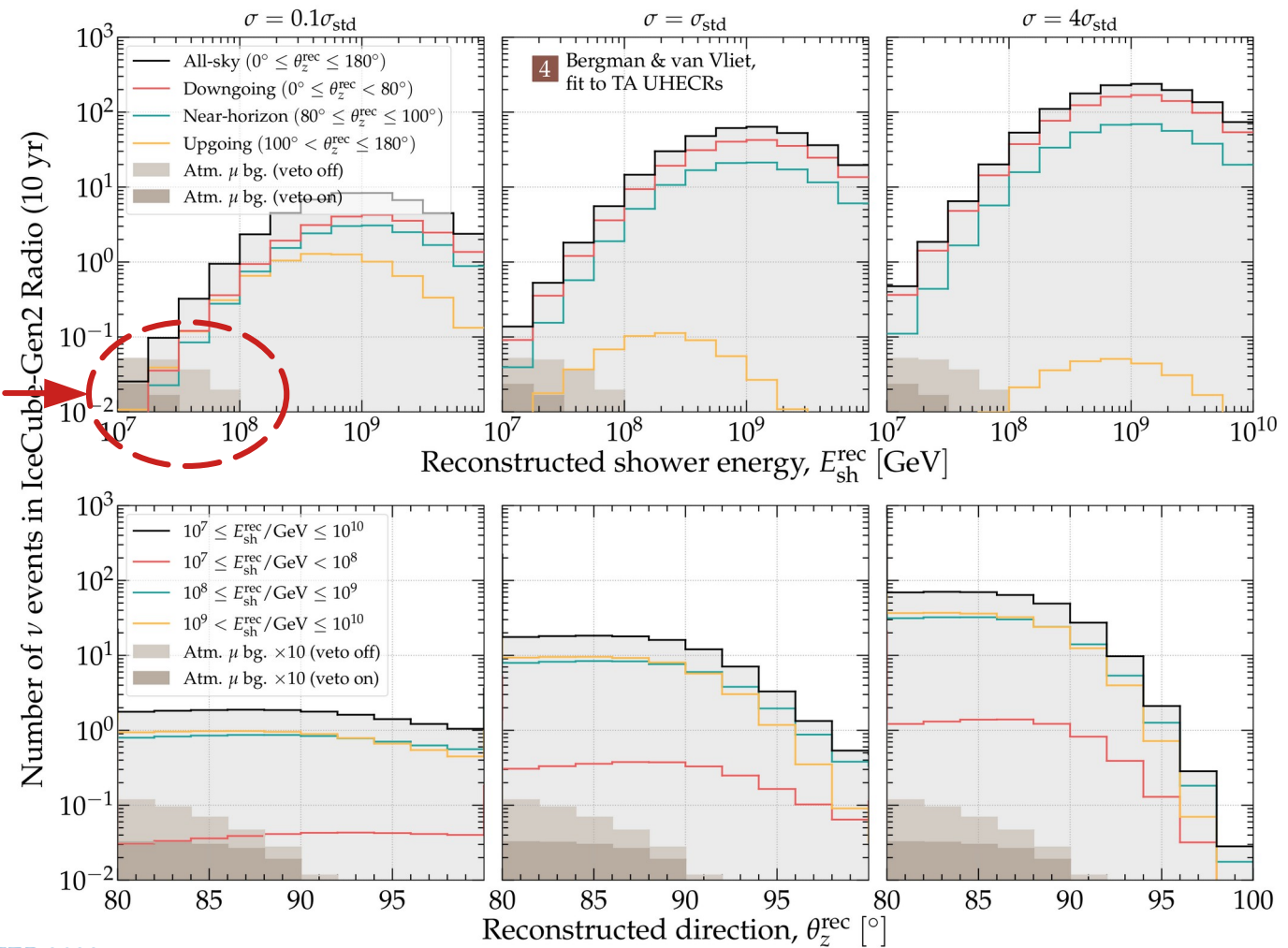


Event rates per channel

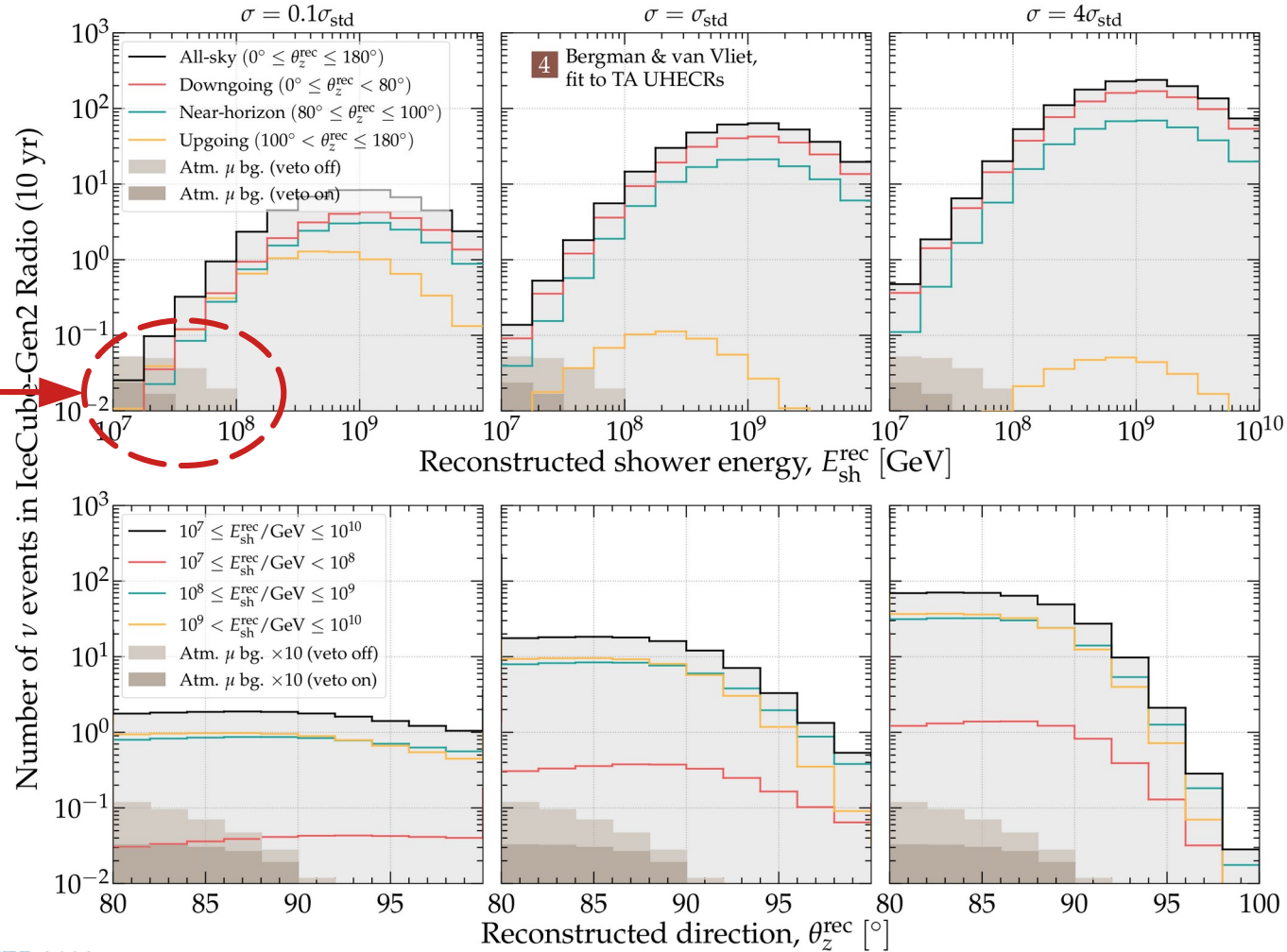




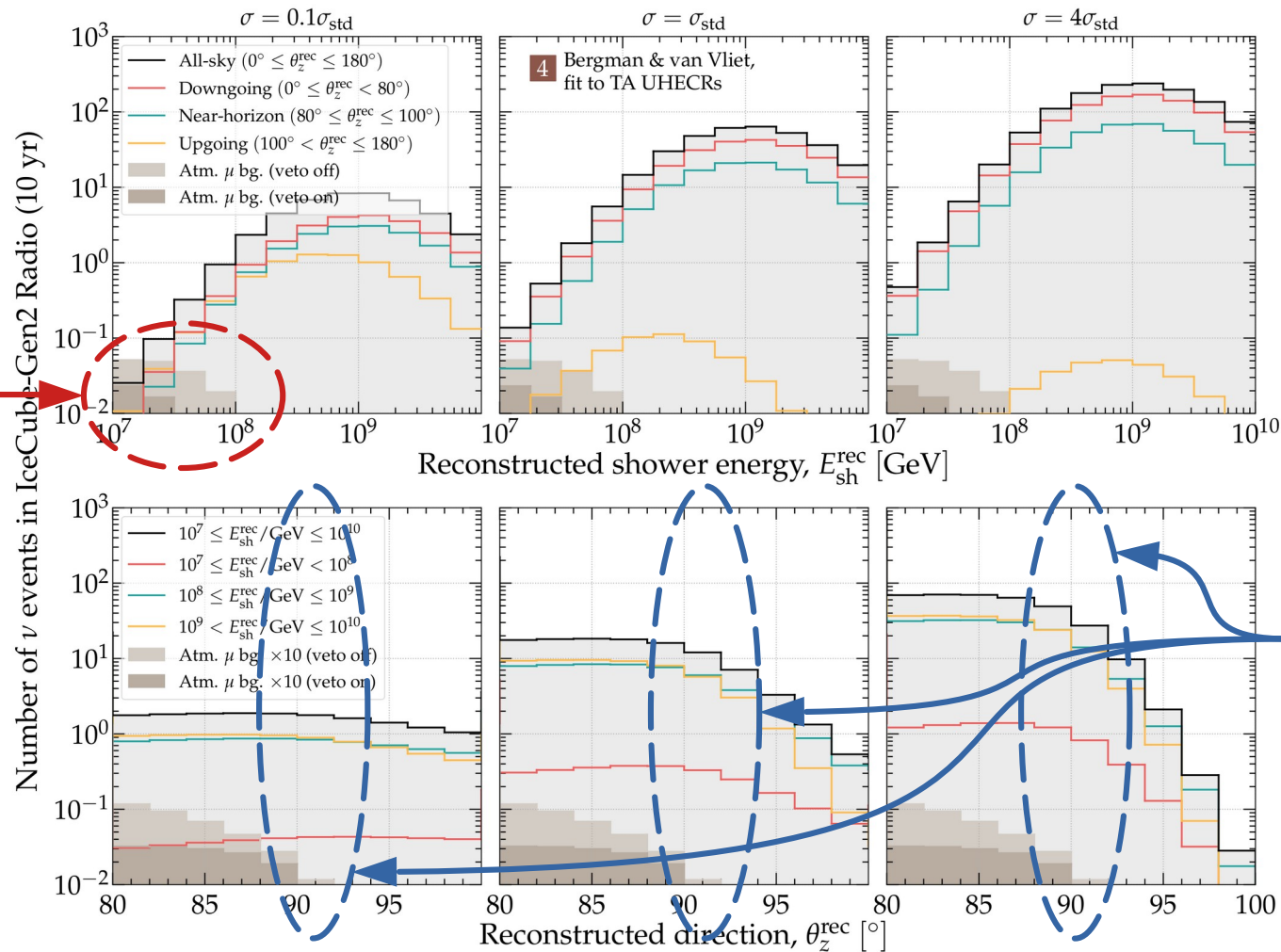
Atmospheric muon background



Larger neutrino-nucleon cross section



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Sensitivity to cross section comes from horizontal neutrinos

Measuring cross section *and* flux normalization

Two physical parameters:

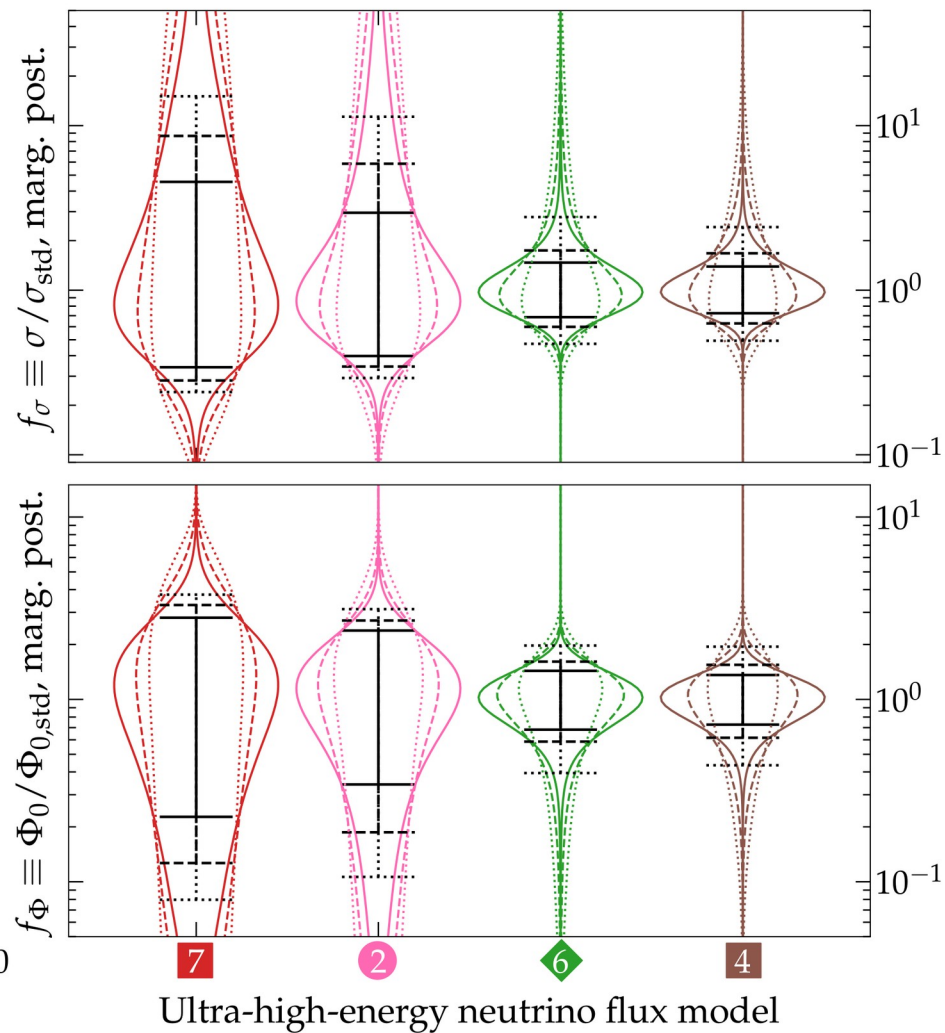
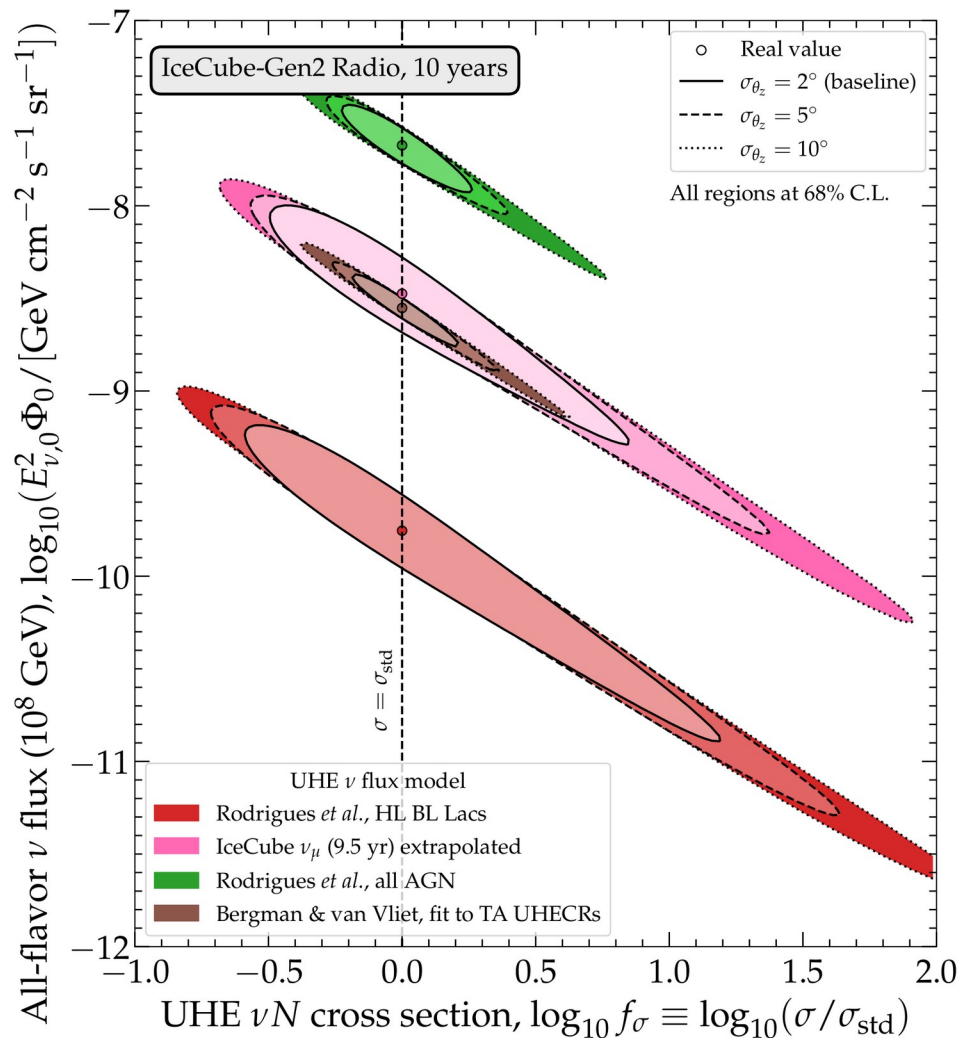
Neutrino-nucleon cross section: $f_\sigma = \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\text{std}}}$

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

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

Effect of angular resolution

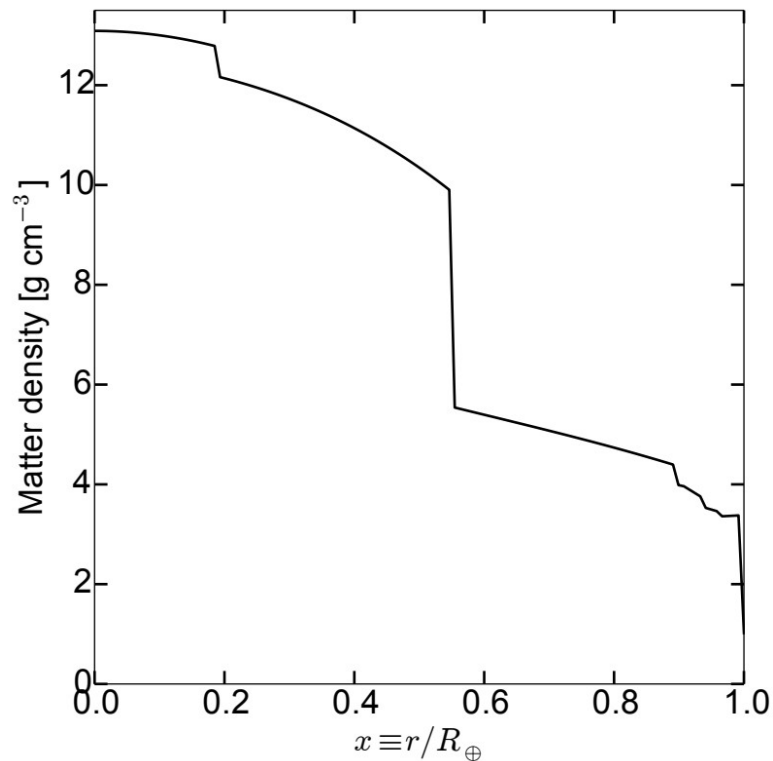
Valera, MB, Glaser, 2204.04237



A feel for the in-Earth attenuation

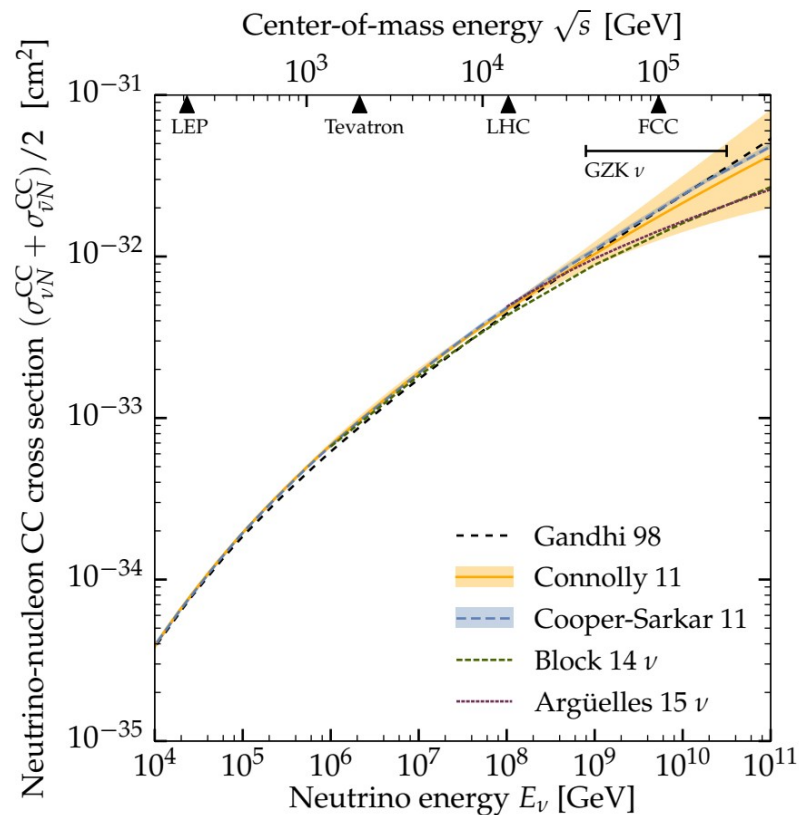
Earth matter density

(Preliminary Reference Earth Model)

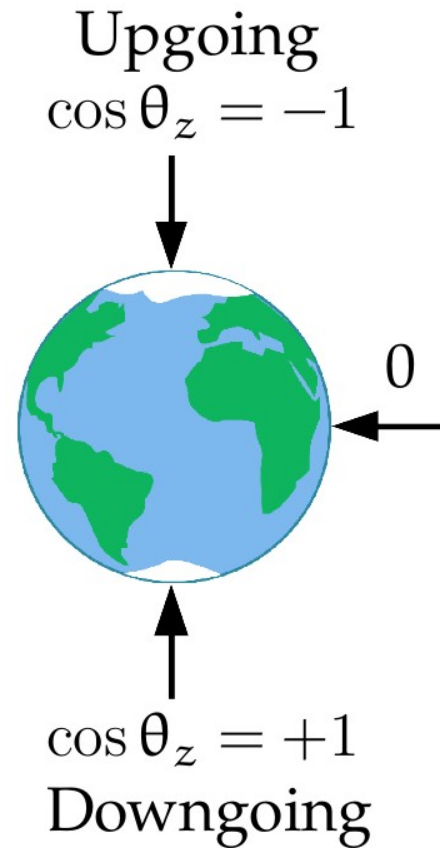
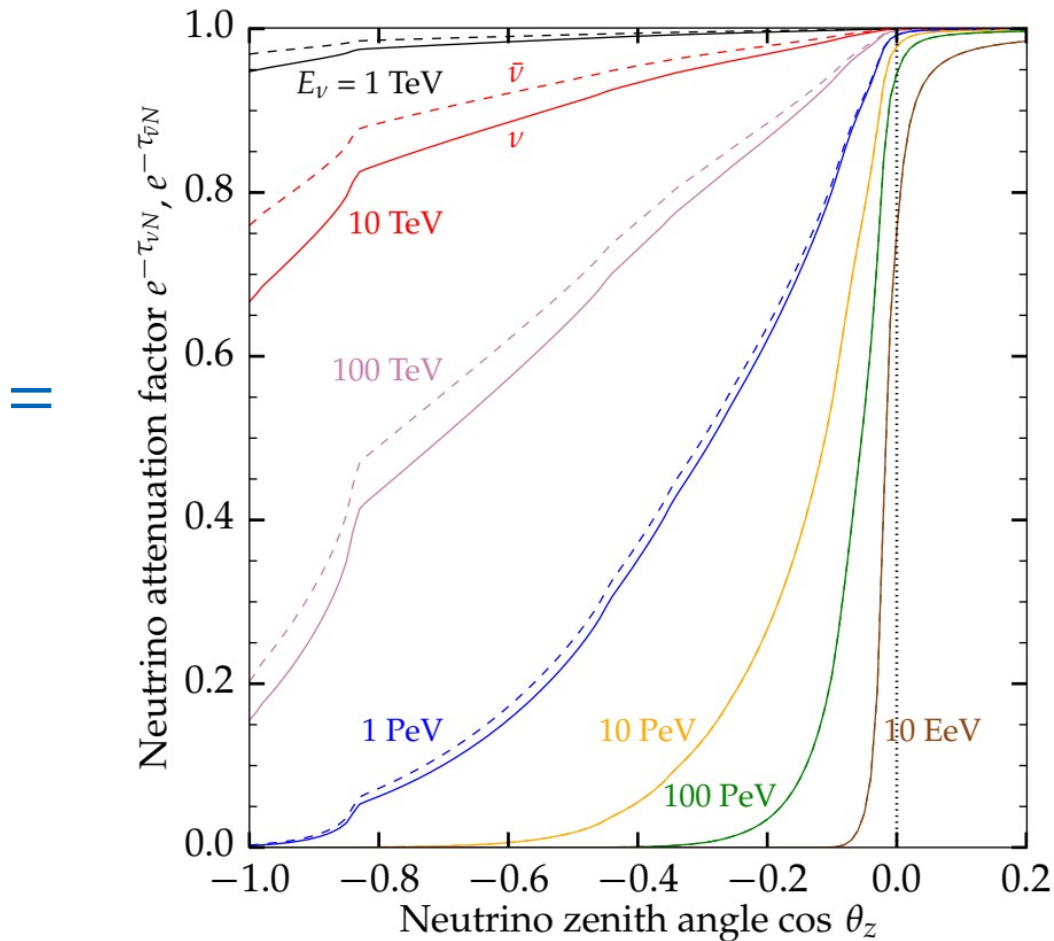


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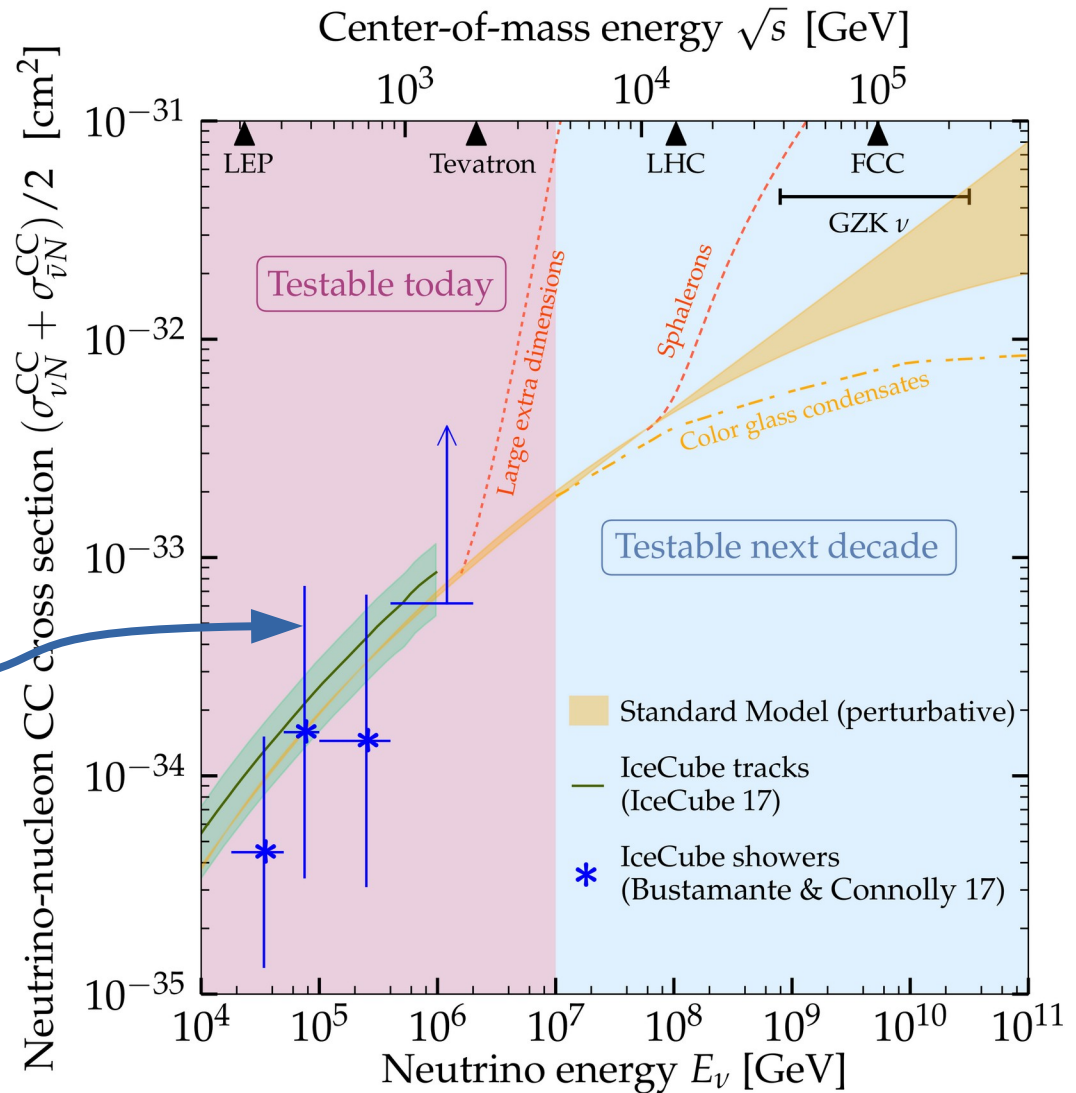
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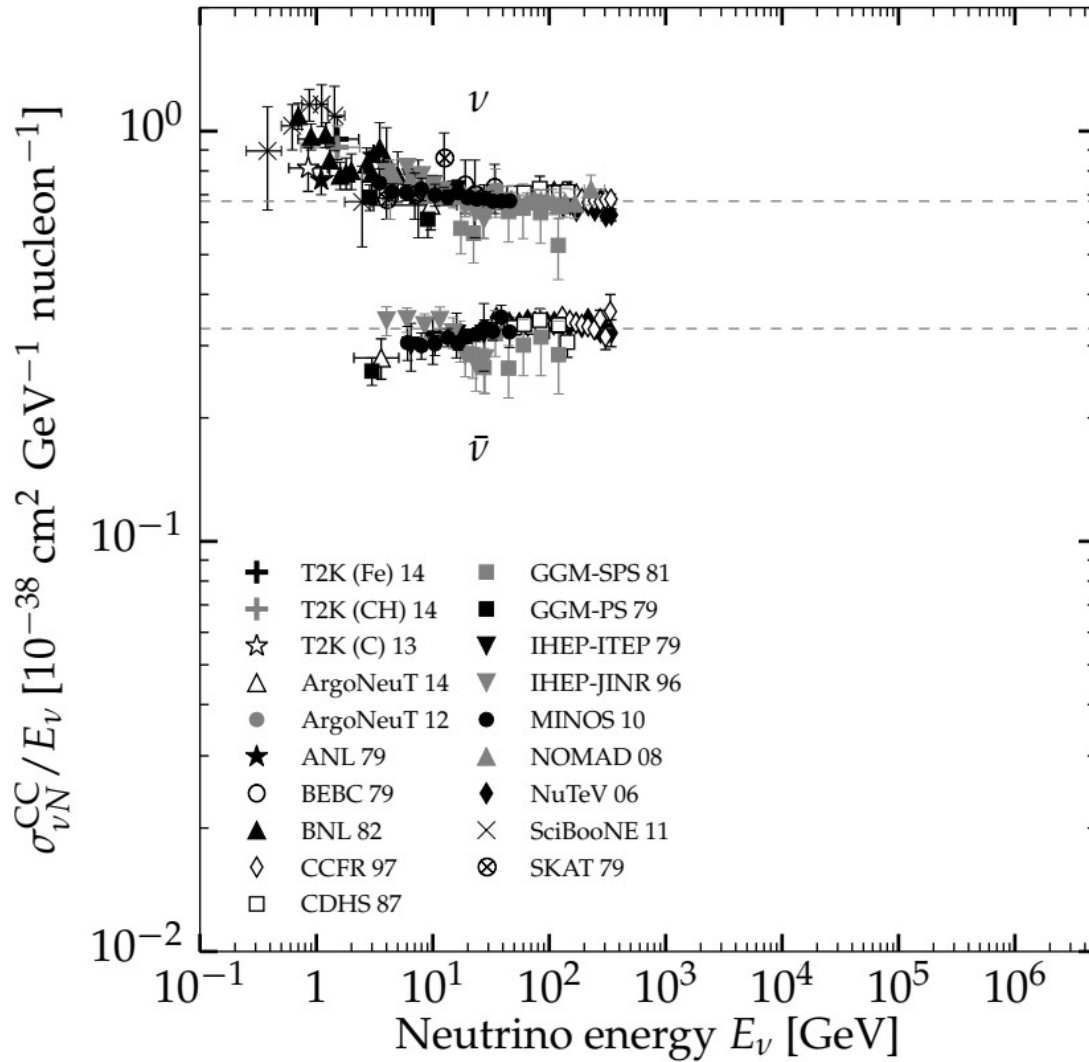


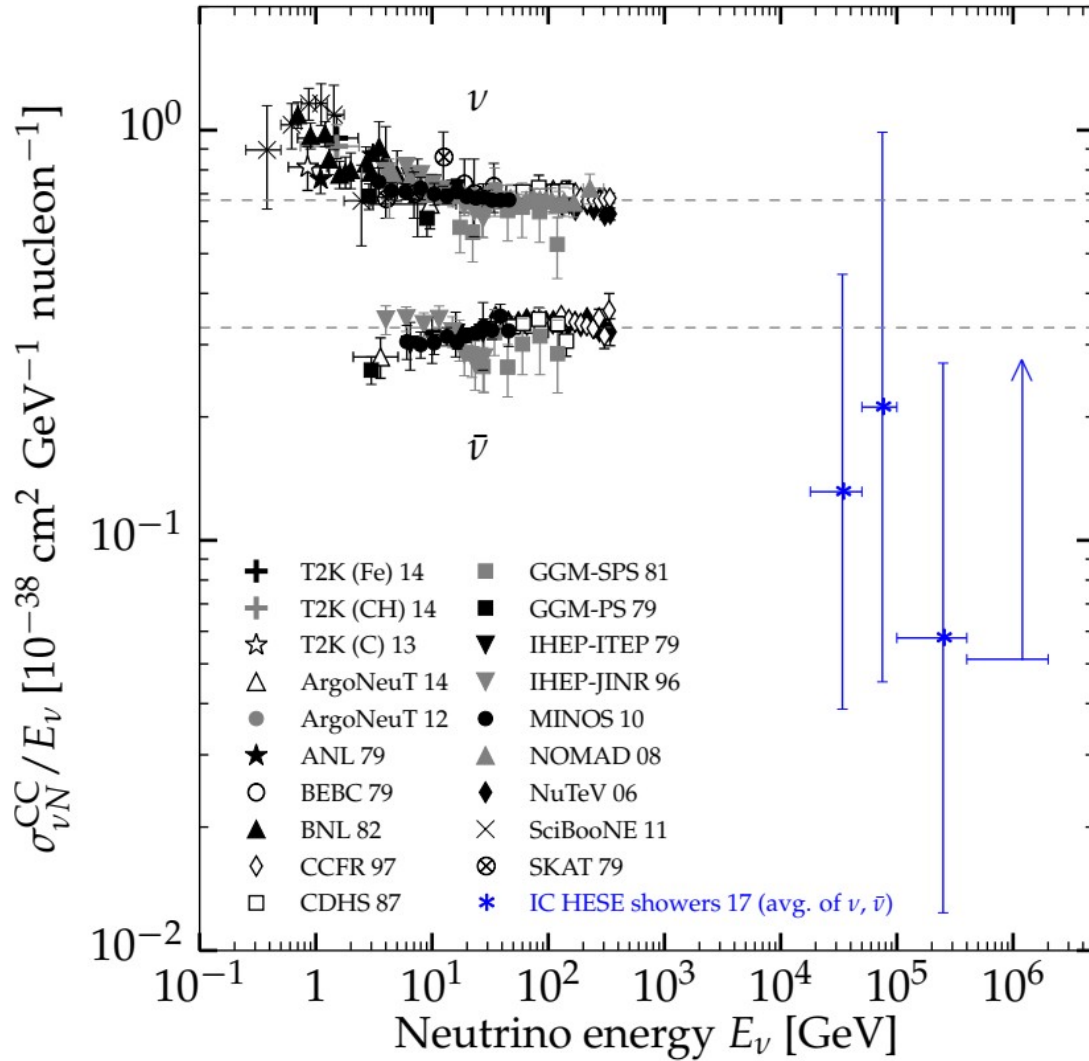
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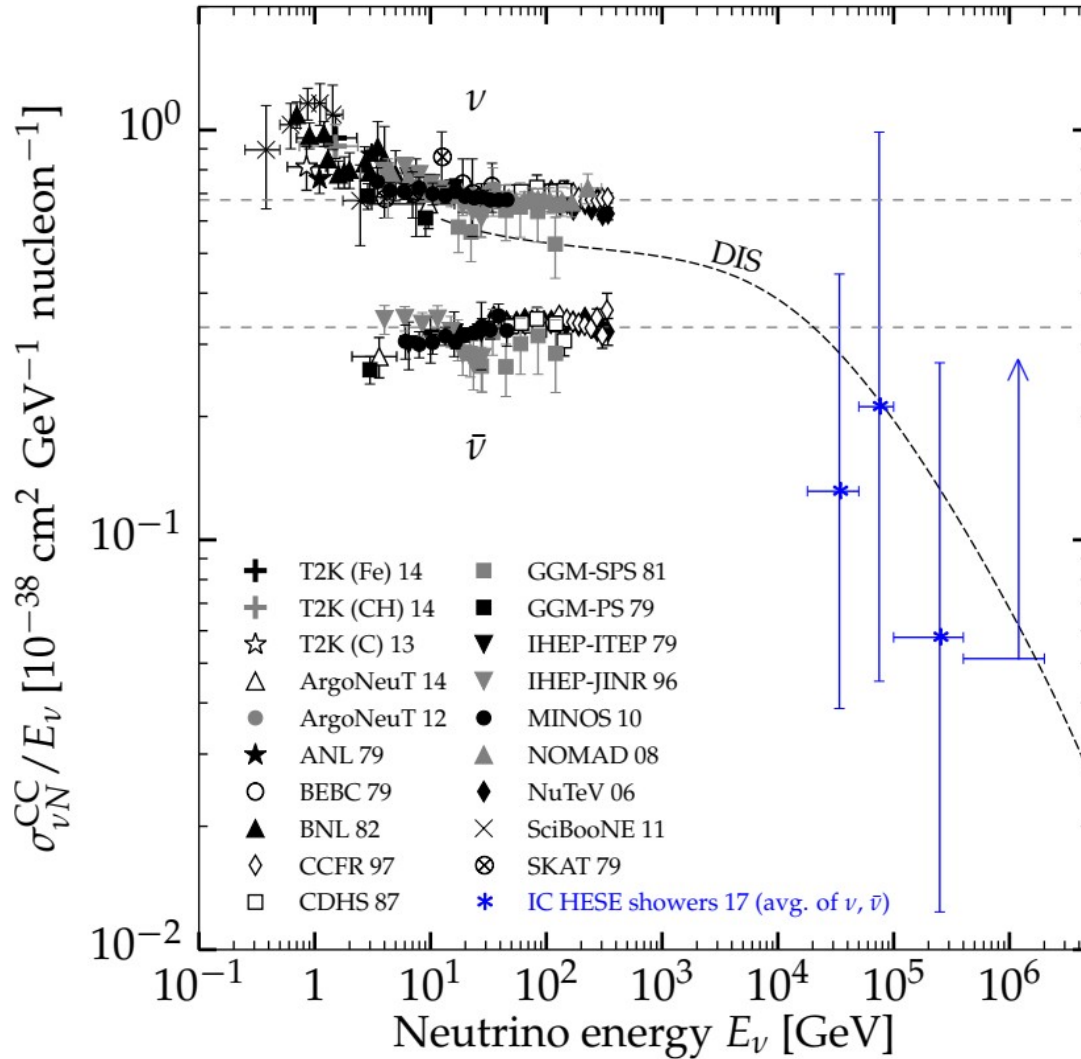


- ▶ Fold in astrophysical unknowns (spectral index, normalization)
- ▶ Compatible with SM predictions
- ▶ Still room for new physics
- ▶ **Today, using IceCube:**
 - ▶ Extracted from ~60 showers in 6 yr
 - ▶ Limited by statistics
- ▶ **Future, using IceCube-Gen2:**
 - ▶ × 5 volume ⇒ 300 showers in 6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

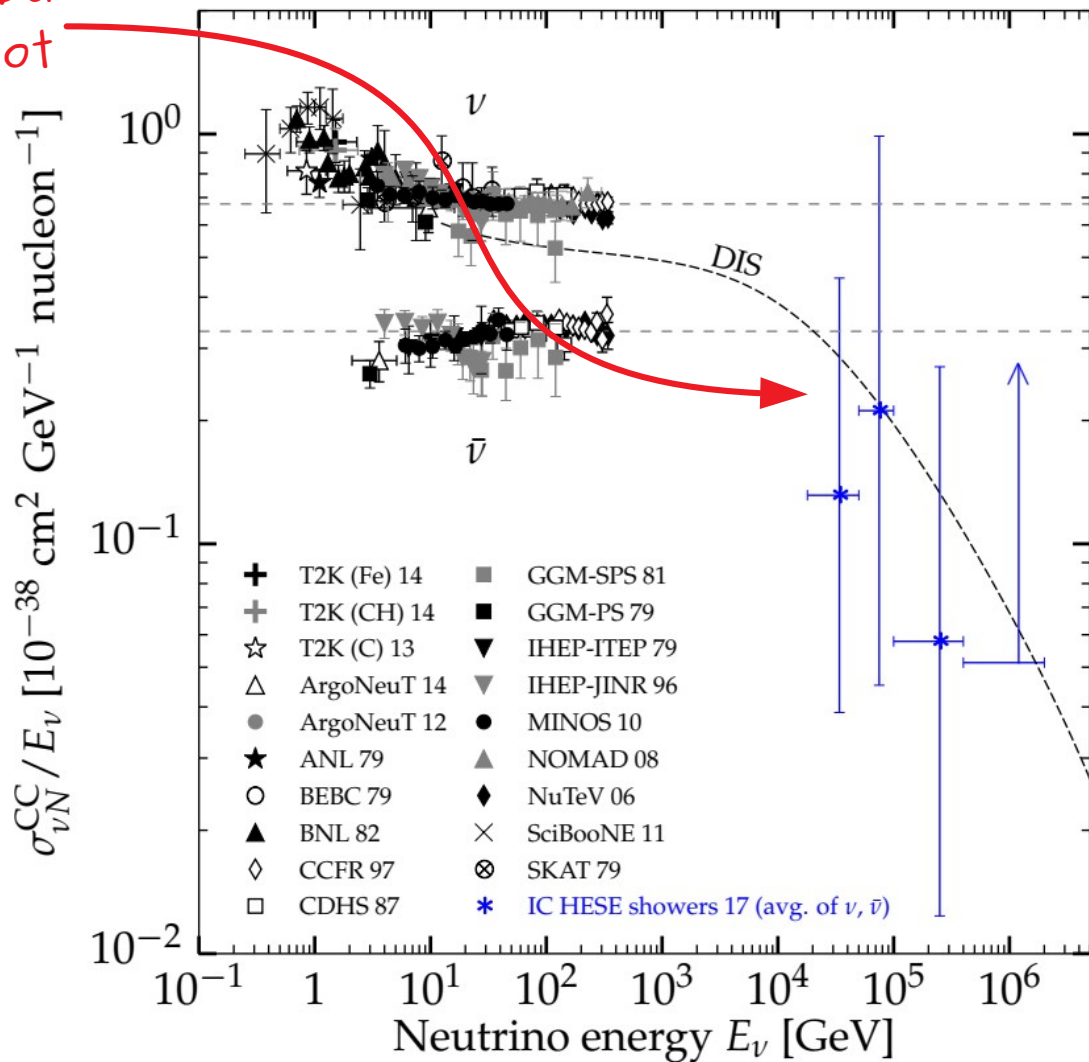








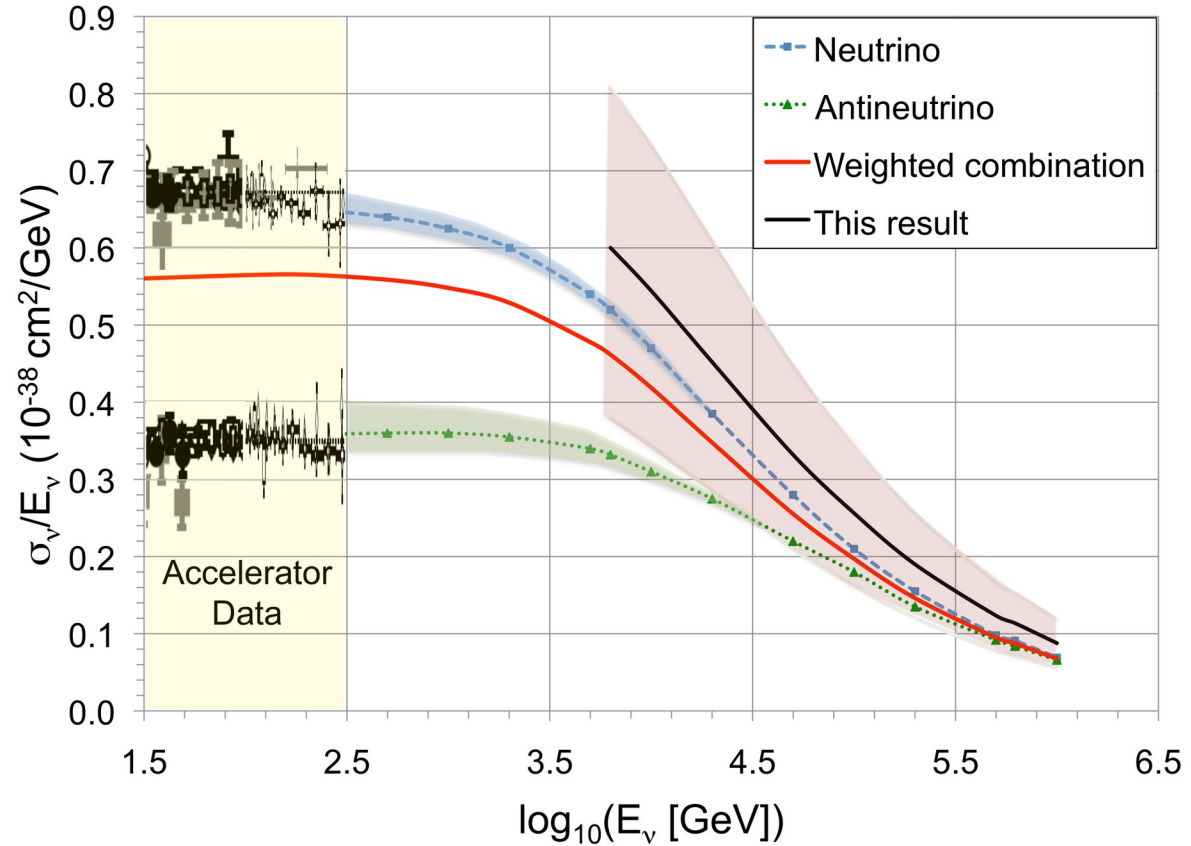
Extending the PDG cross-section plot



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

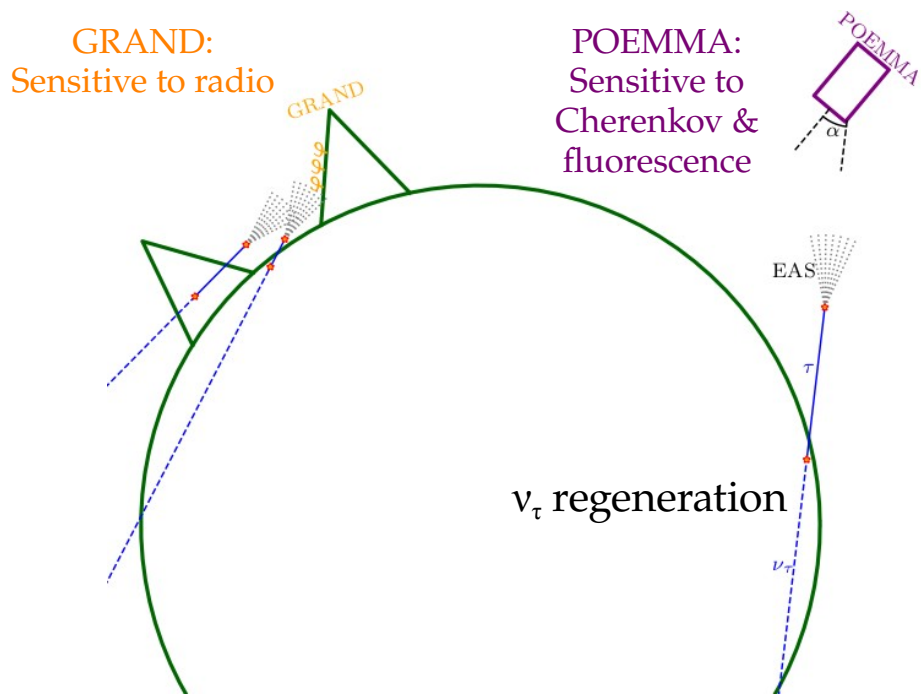
Using through-going muons instead

- ▶ 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



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



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

