

# High-energy cosmic neutrinos in particle physics and astrophysics: *present and future*

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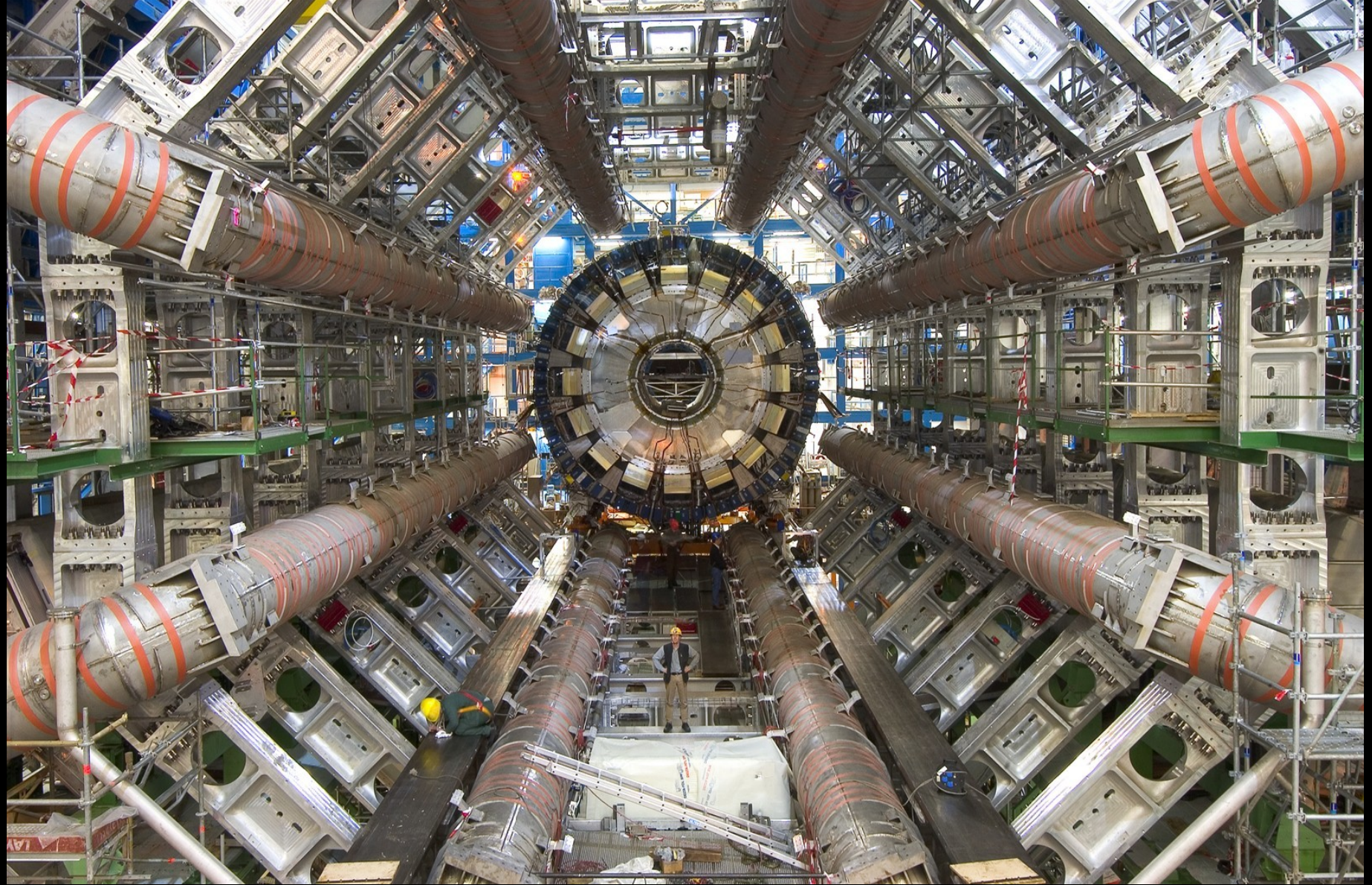
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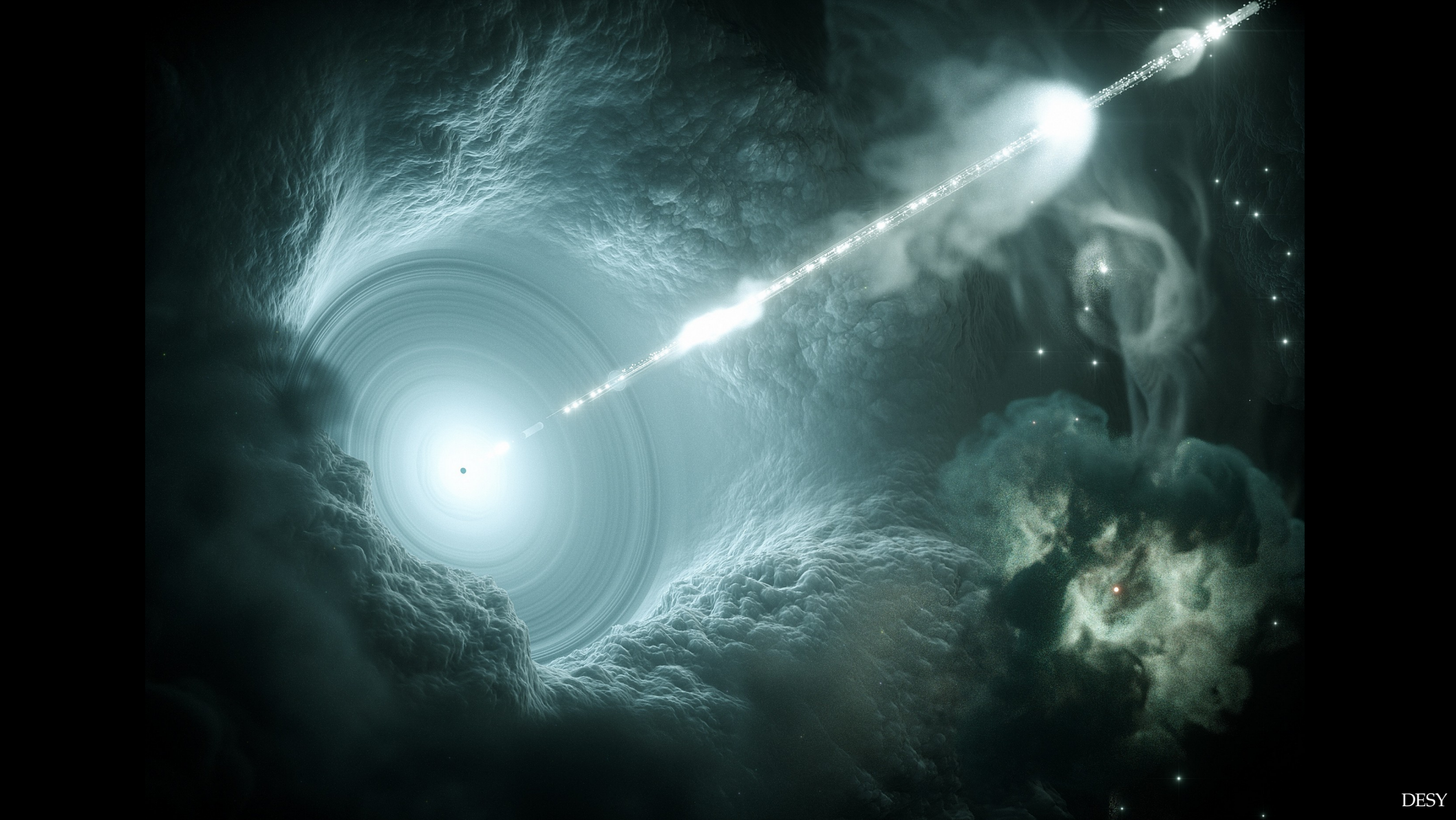
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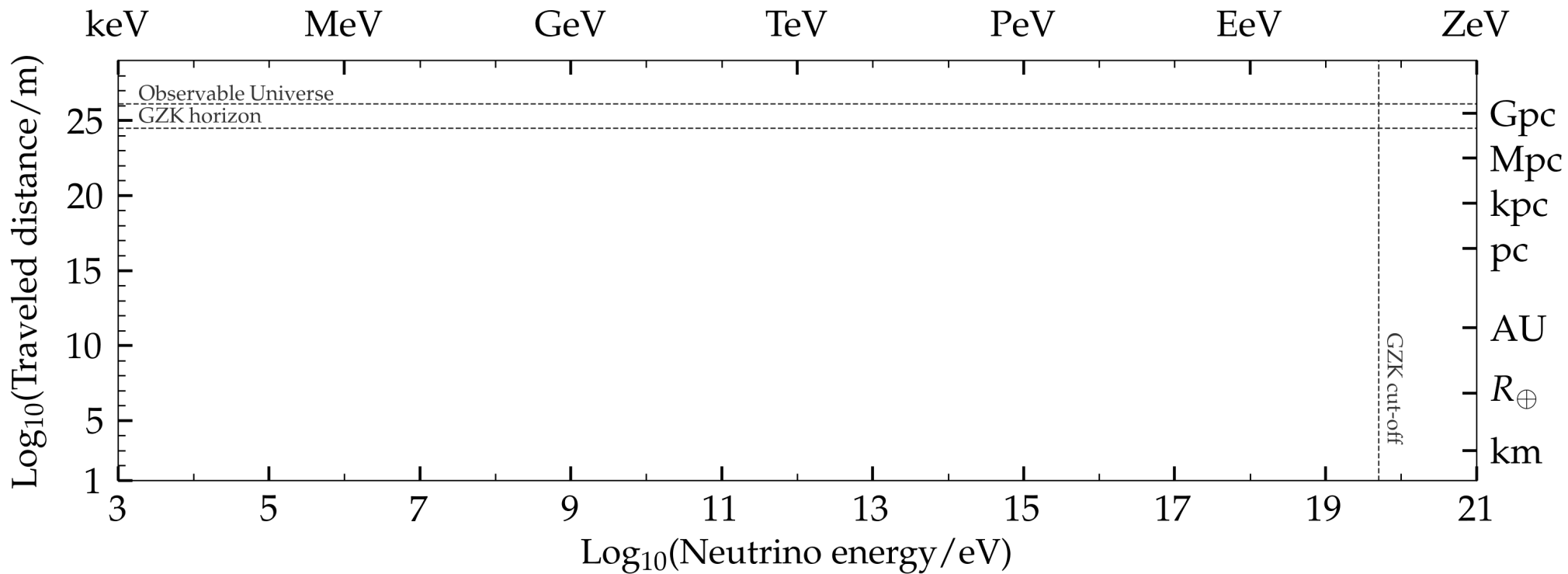




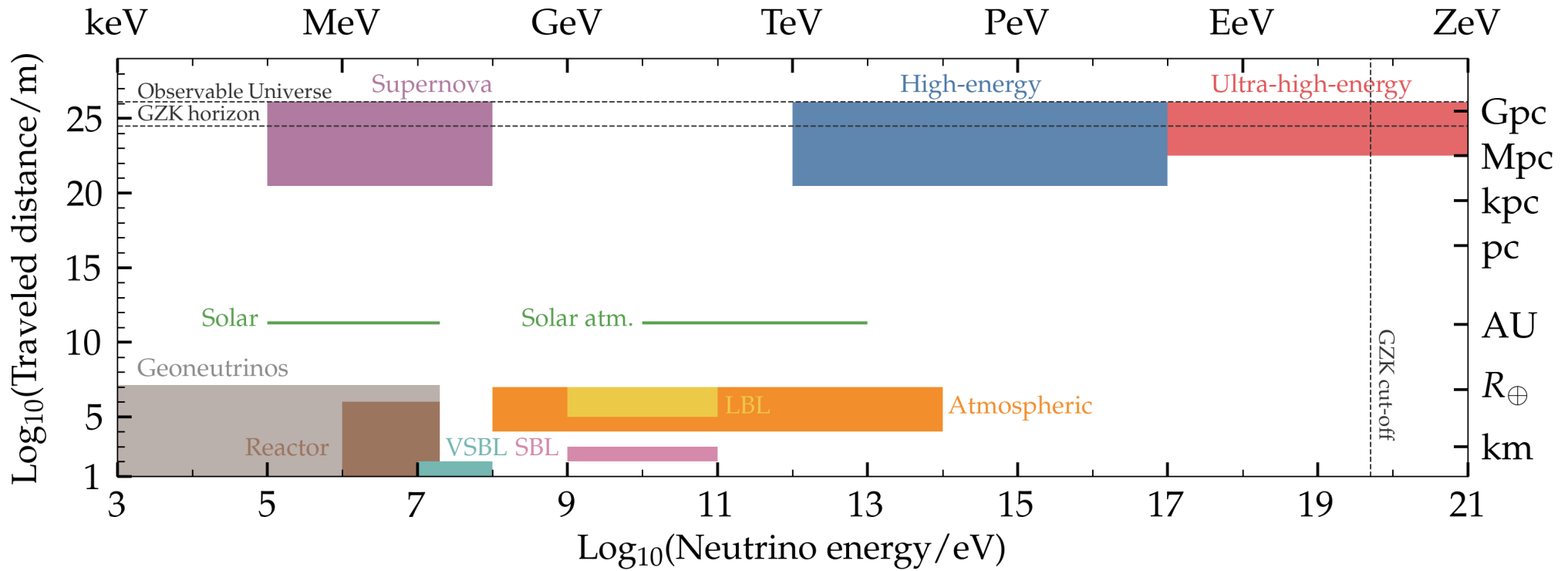






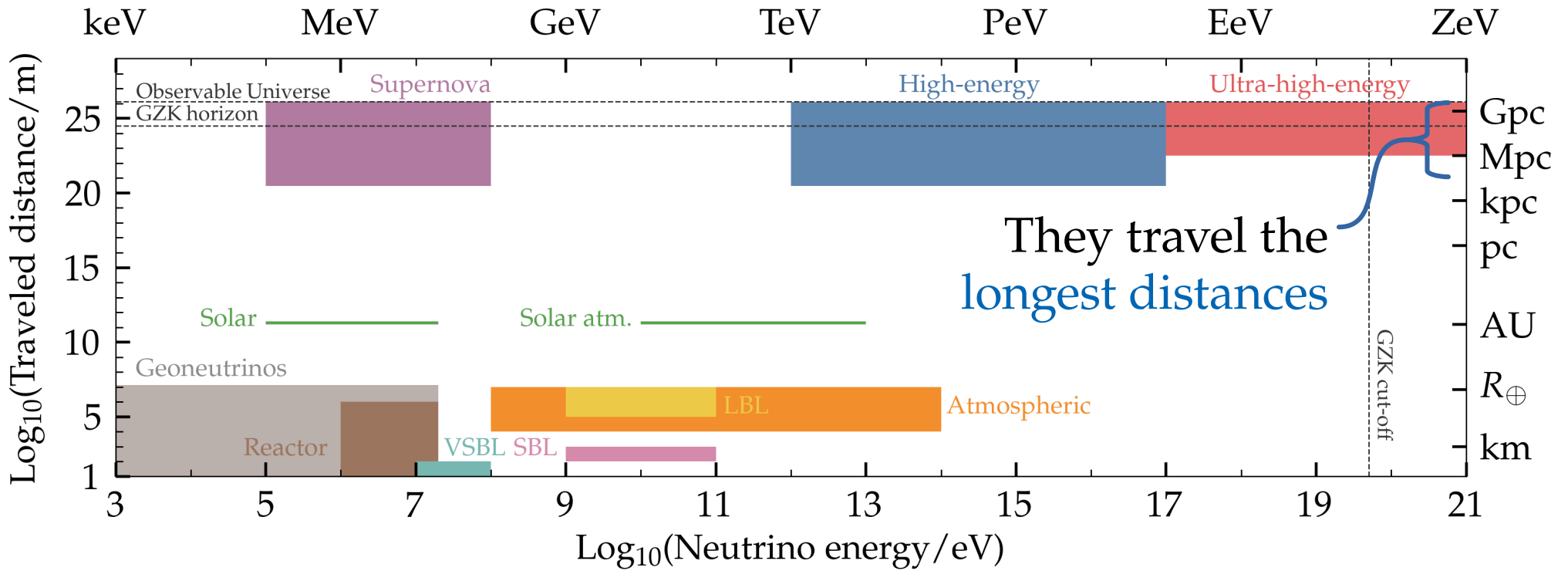




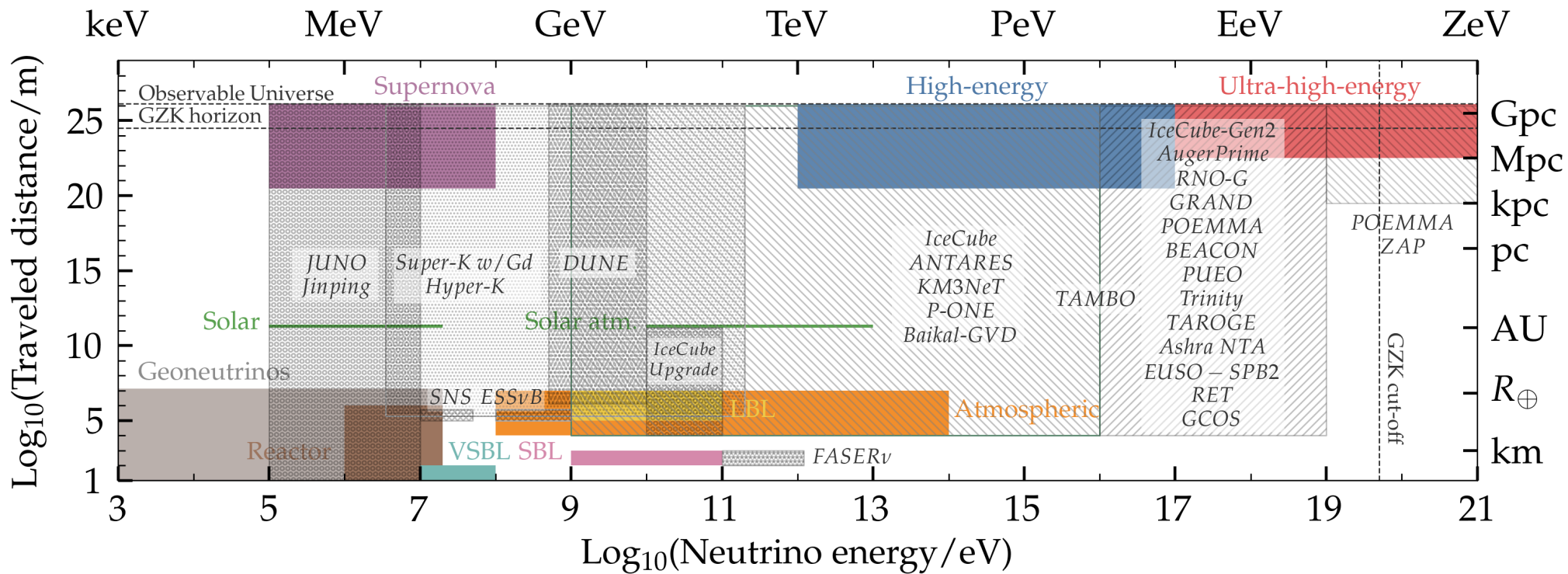




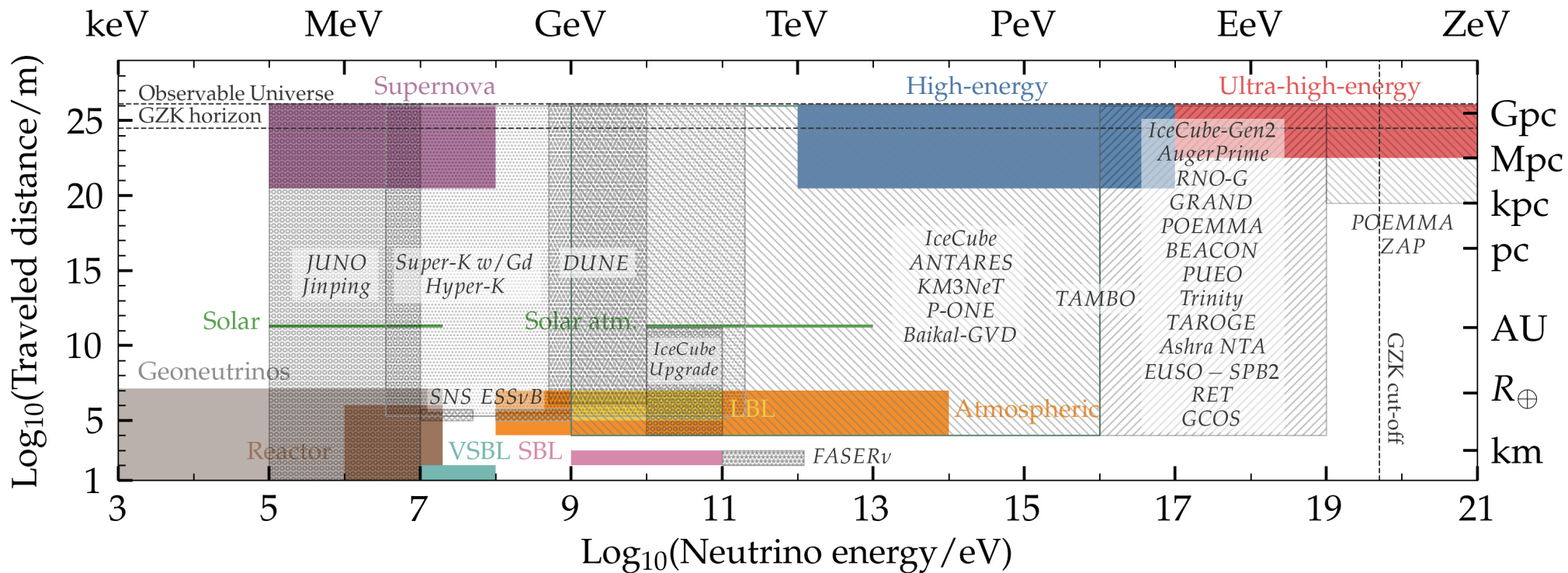
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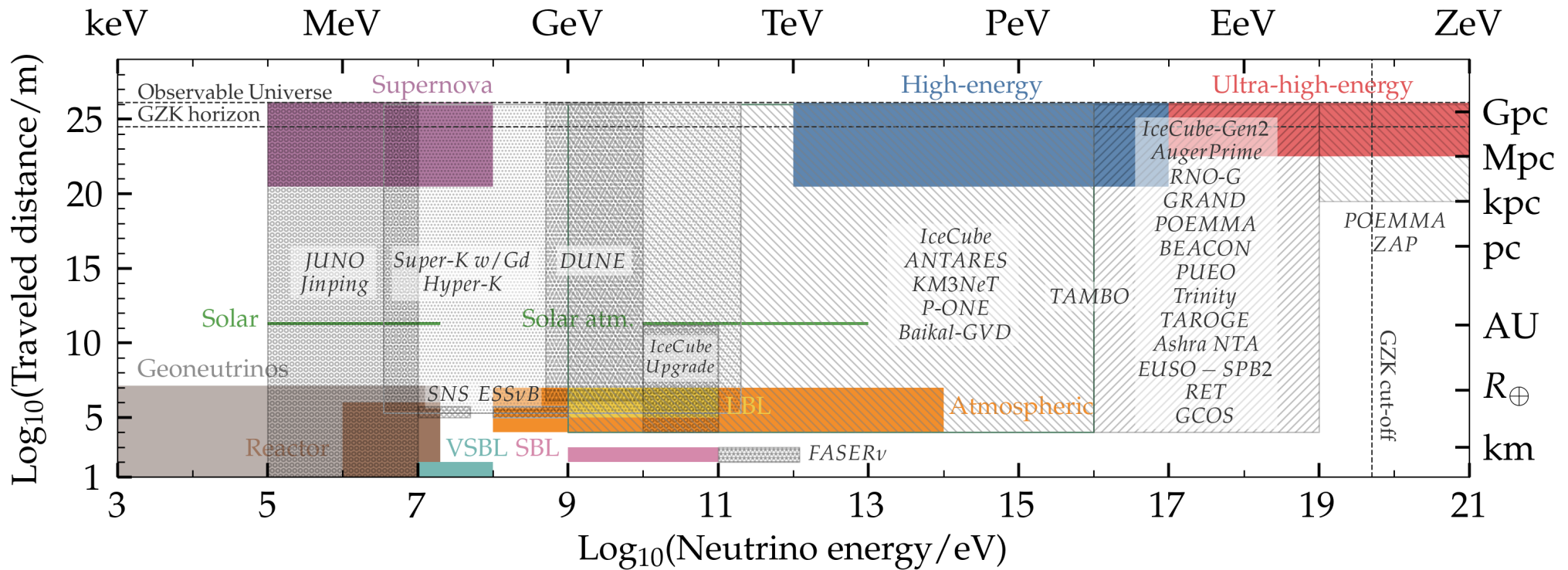




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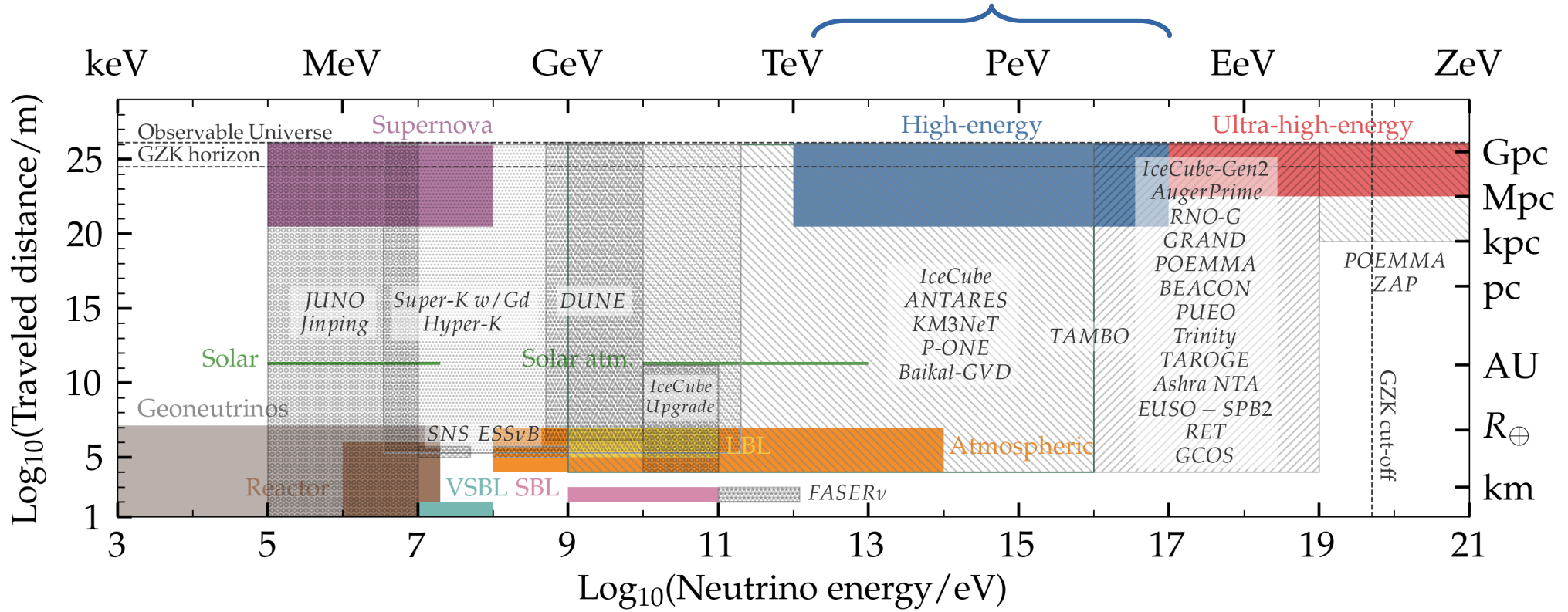


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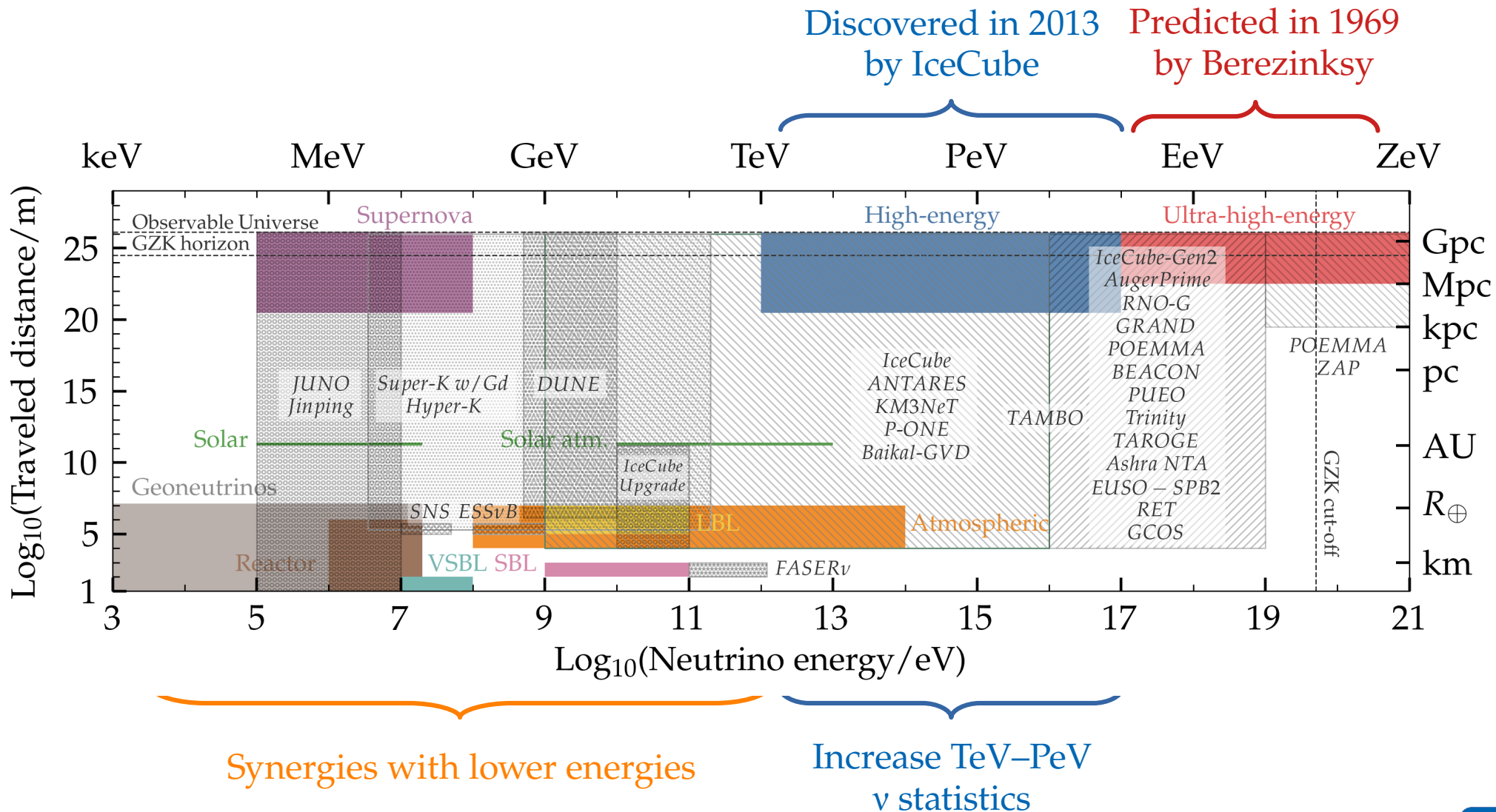
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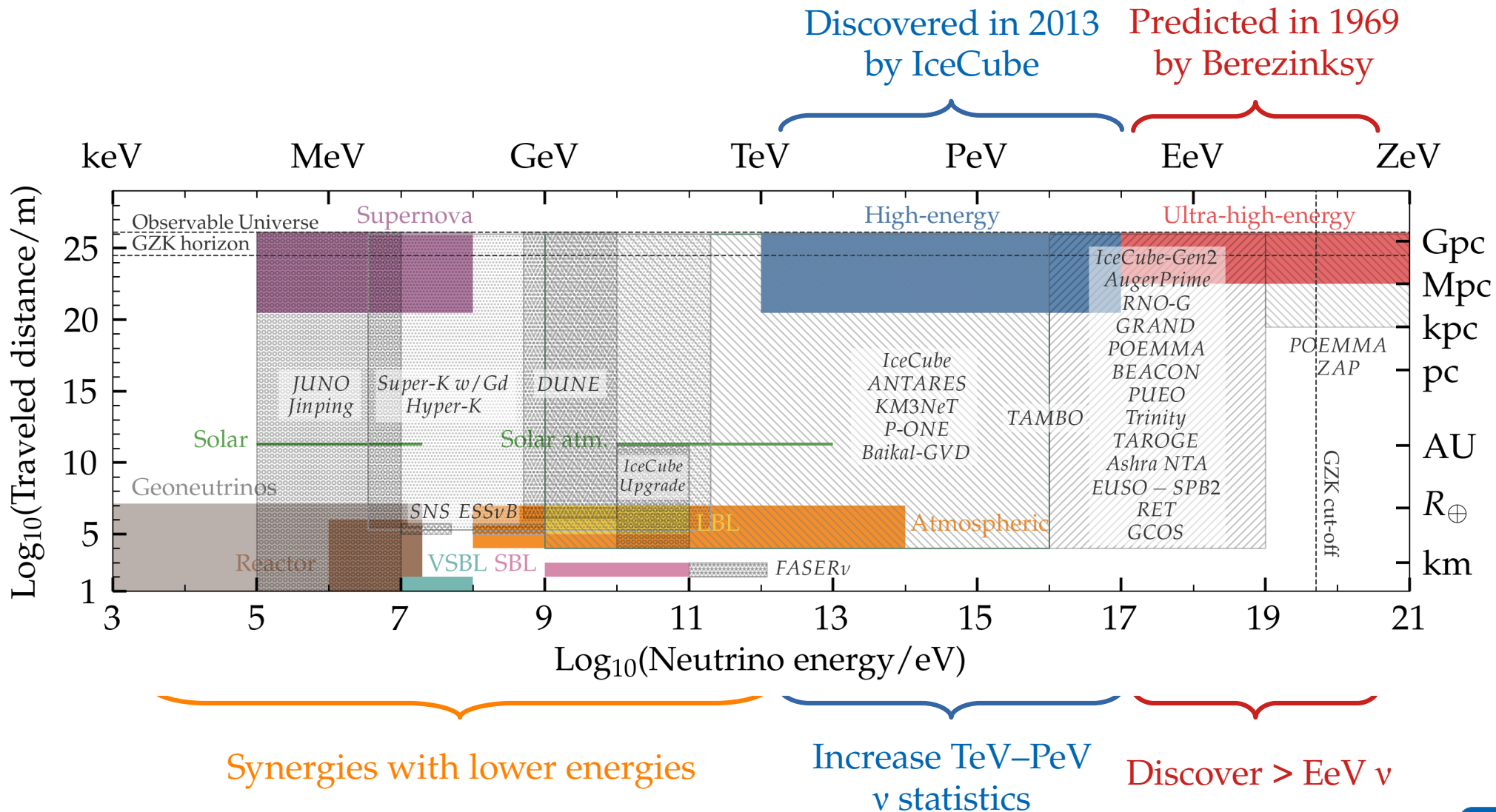


Synergies with lower energies

Increase TeV-PeV  
v statistics









# High-energy cosmic neutrinos: *Basics and current status*

# Making high-energy astrophysical neutrinos: a toy model

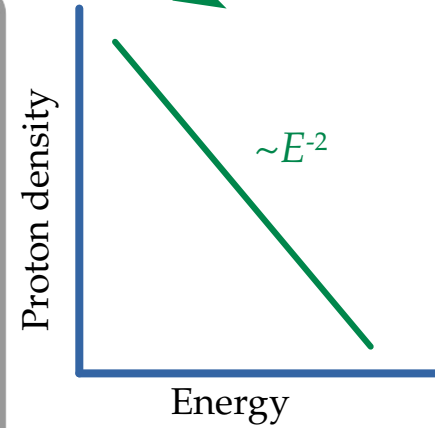
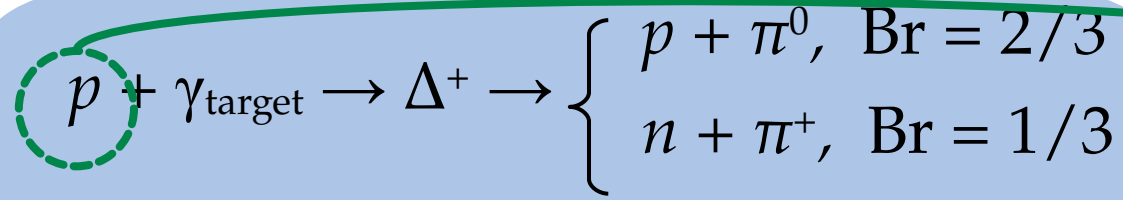
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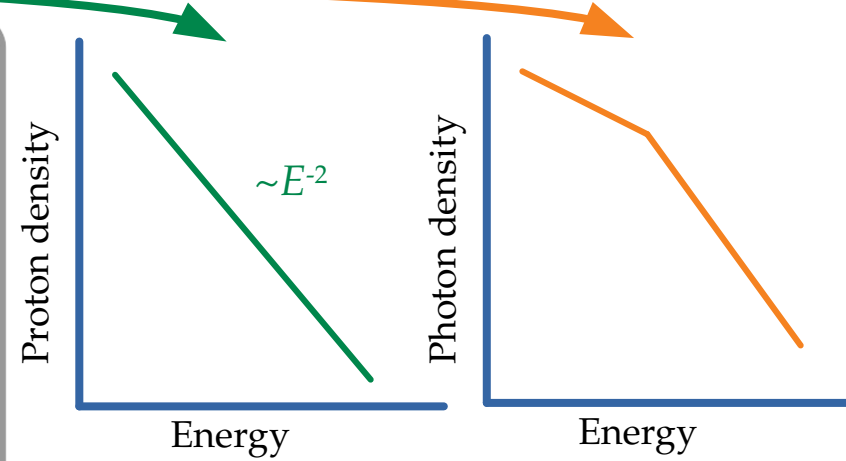
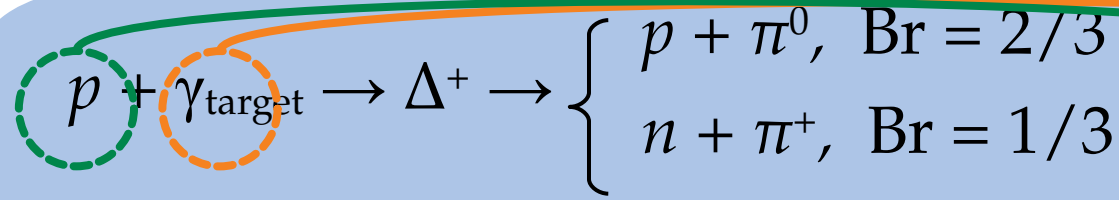
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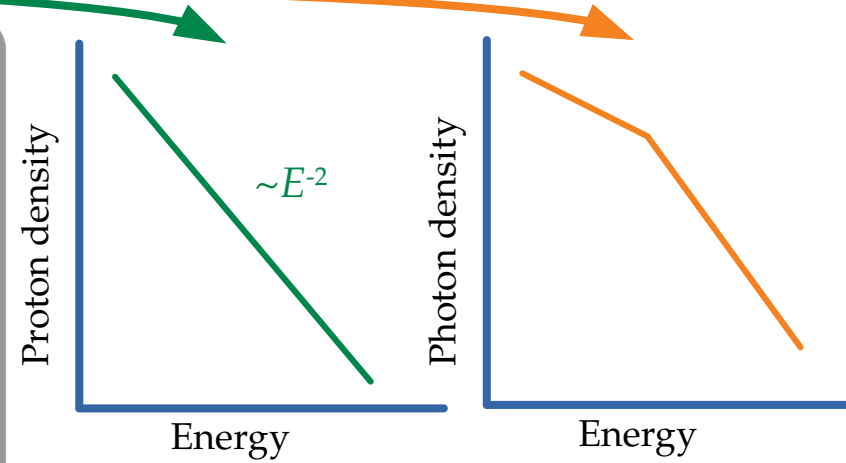
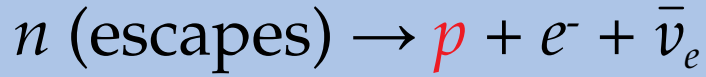
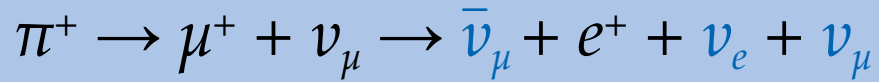
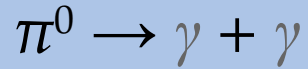
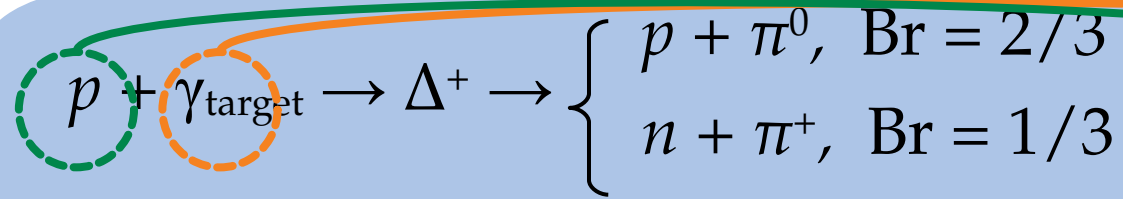
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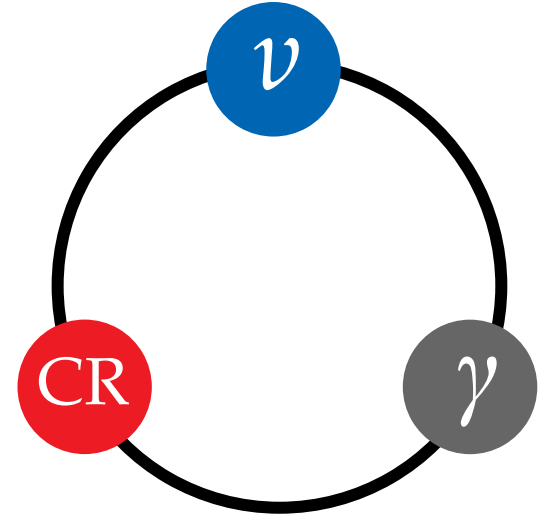
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$$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma + \gamma$$

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

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



Neutrino energy = Proton energy / 20

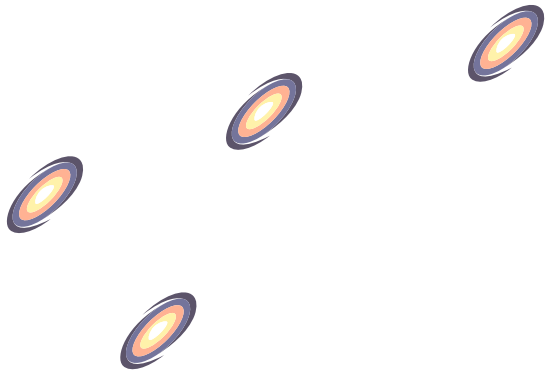
Gamma-ray energy = Proton energy / 10

Redshift



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*Note: v sources can be steady-state or transient*





Redshift ←

$z = 0$

MeV  $\gamma$

PeV  $p$

Discovered

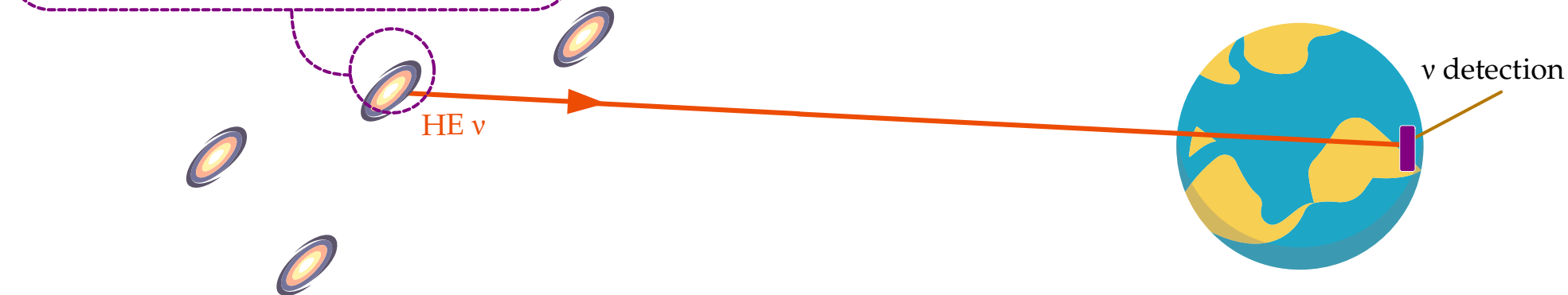
TeV–PeV  $\nu$   
"High-energy"

Photohadronic or  $pp$  interaction  
*inside the source*

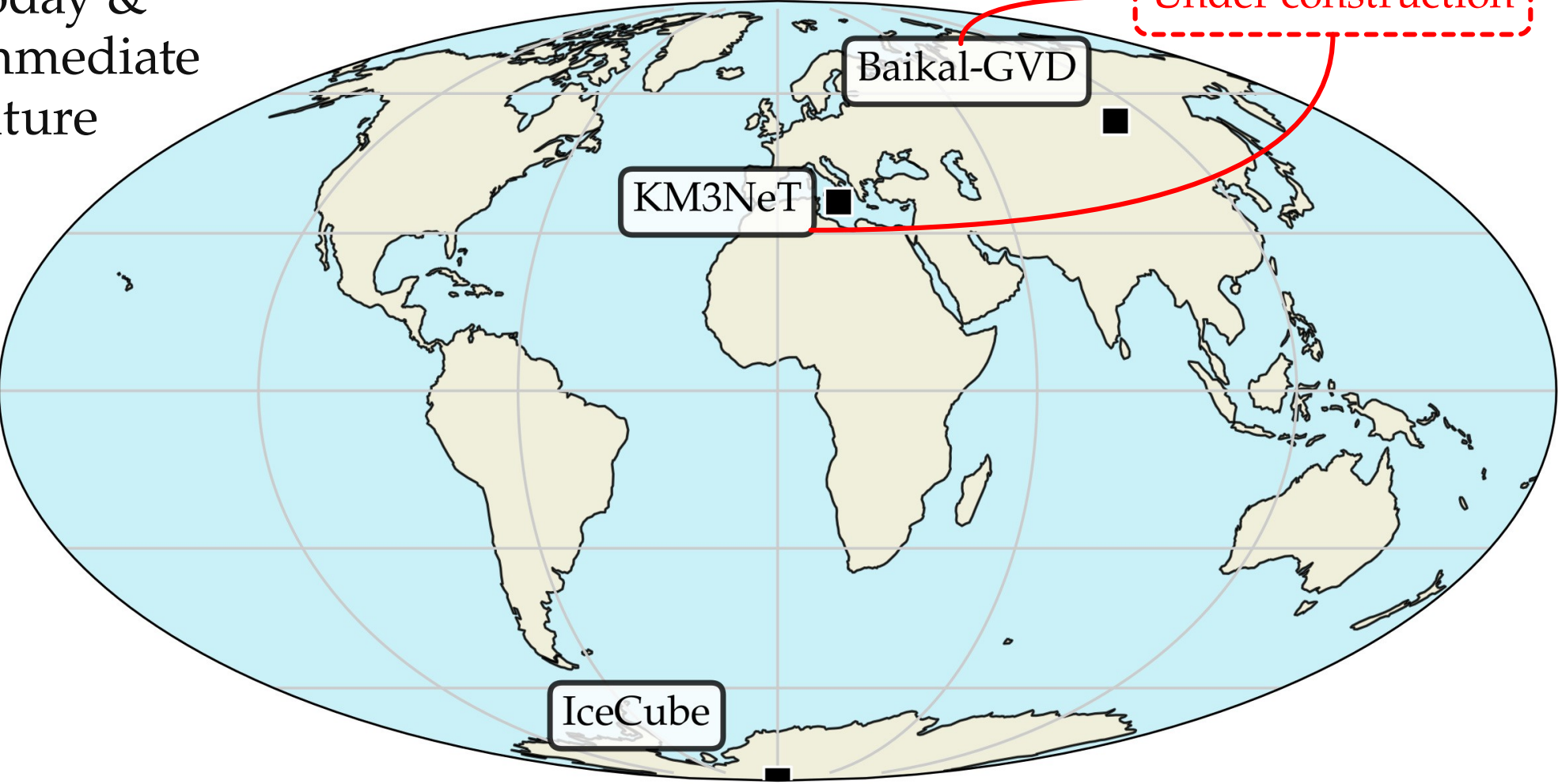
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$\nu$  propagation  
inside the Earth

$\nu$  detection



Today &  
immediate  
future

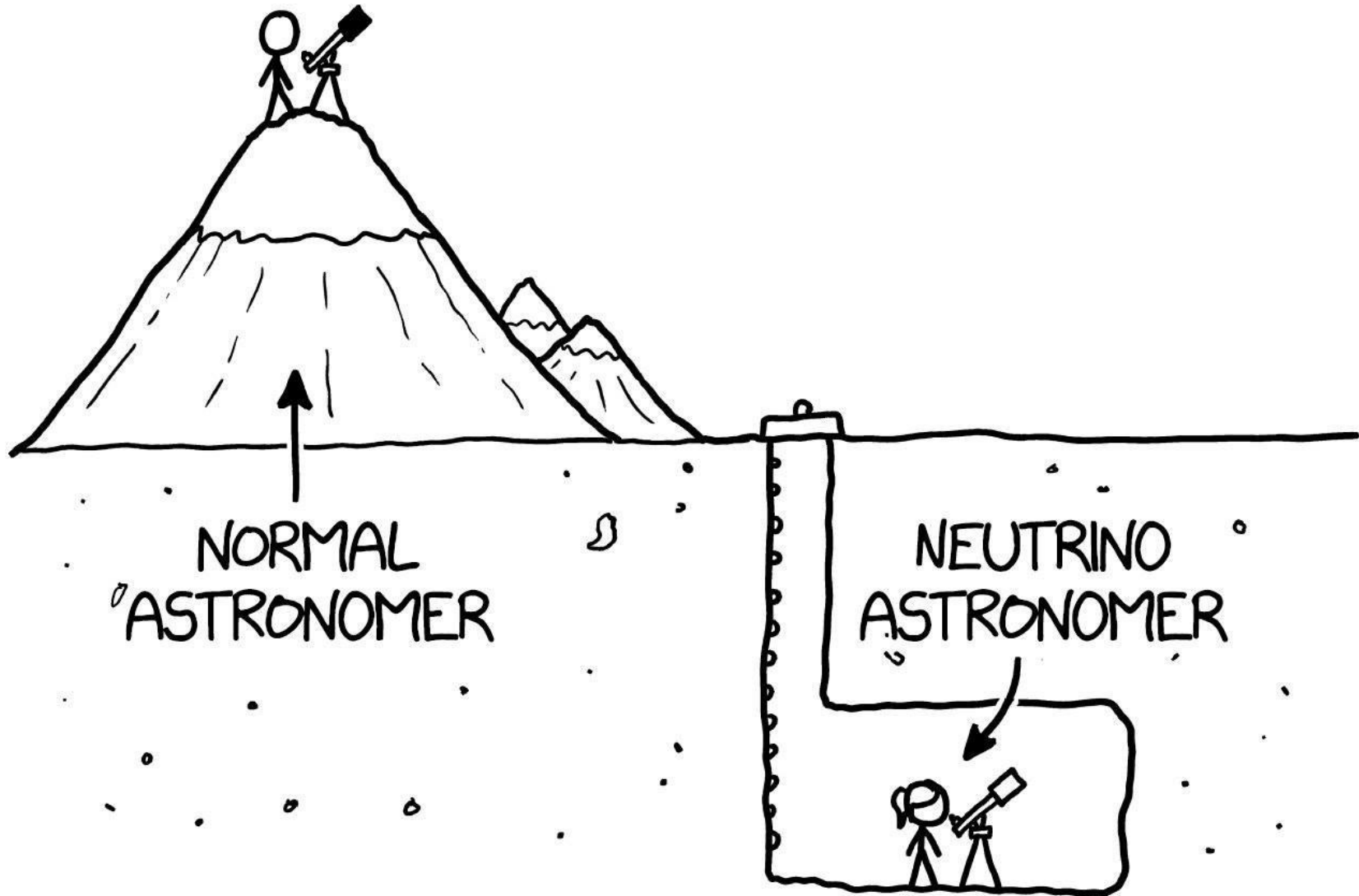


Under construction

KM3NeT

Baikal-GVD

IceCube





Space

$p^+$  Incoming cosmic ray



$p^+$  Proton in the air

Pion  $\pi^+$

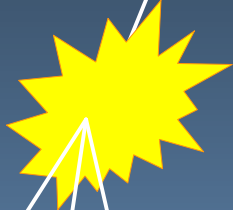
Neutron  $n$

Neutrino  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$

Proton

$\bar{\nu}_e$

Muon  $\mu^+$



Positron  $e^+$

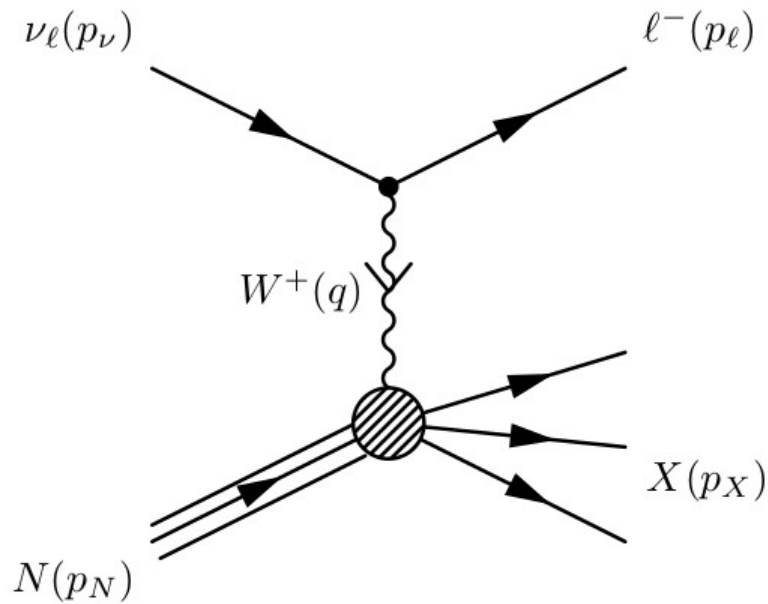
Photons

Atmosphere

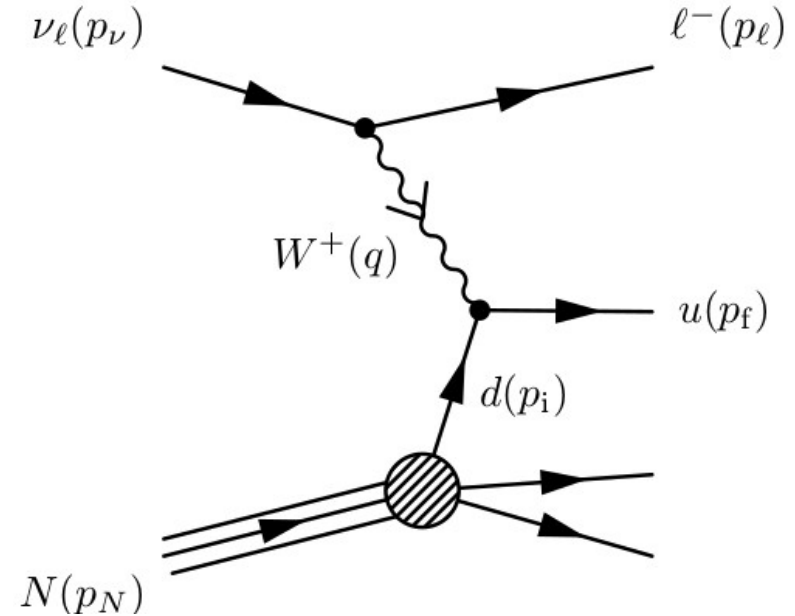


# Neutrino-nucleon deep inelastic scattering

What you see

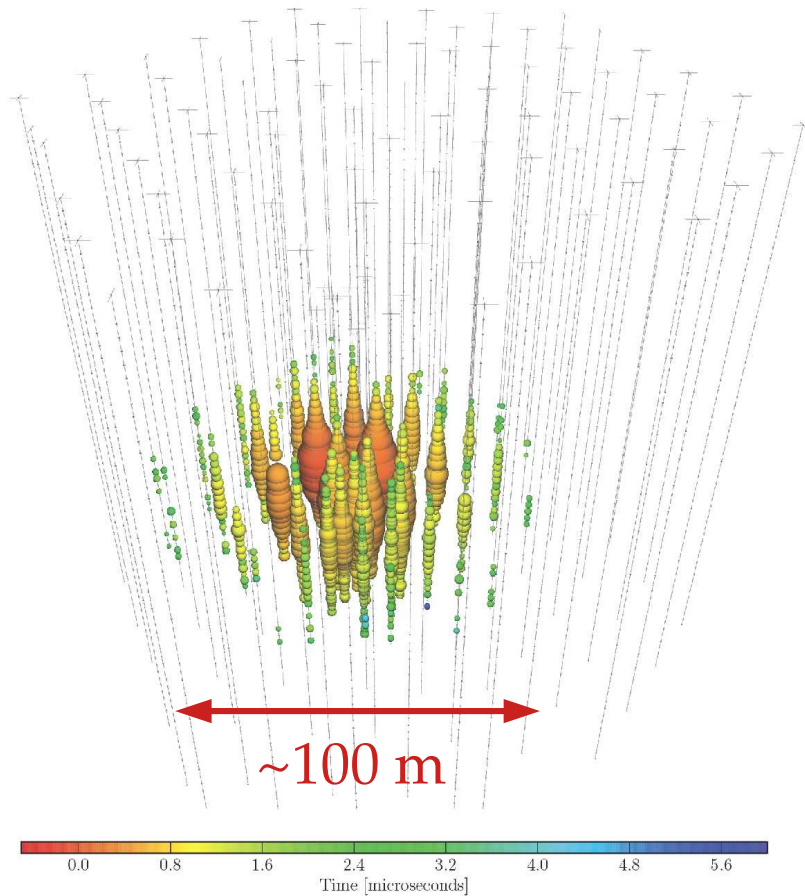


Beneath the hood



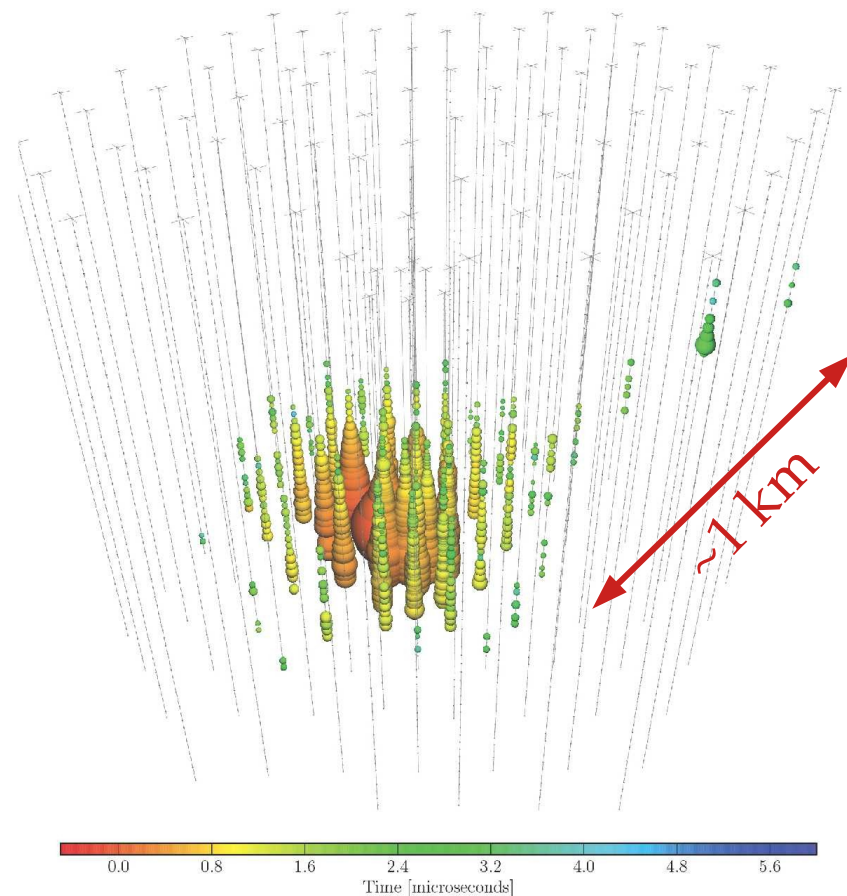
(Plus the equivalent neutral-current process (Z-exchange))

# Shower (mainly from $\nu_e$ and $\nu_\tau$ )



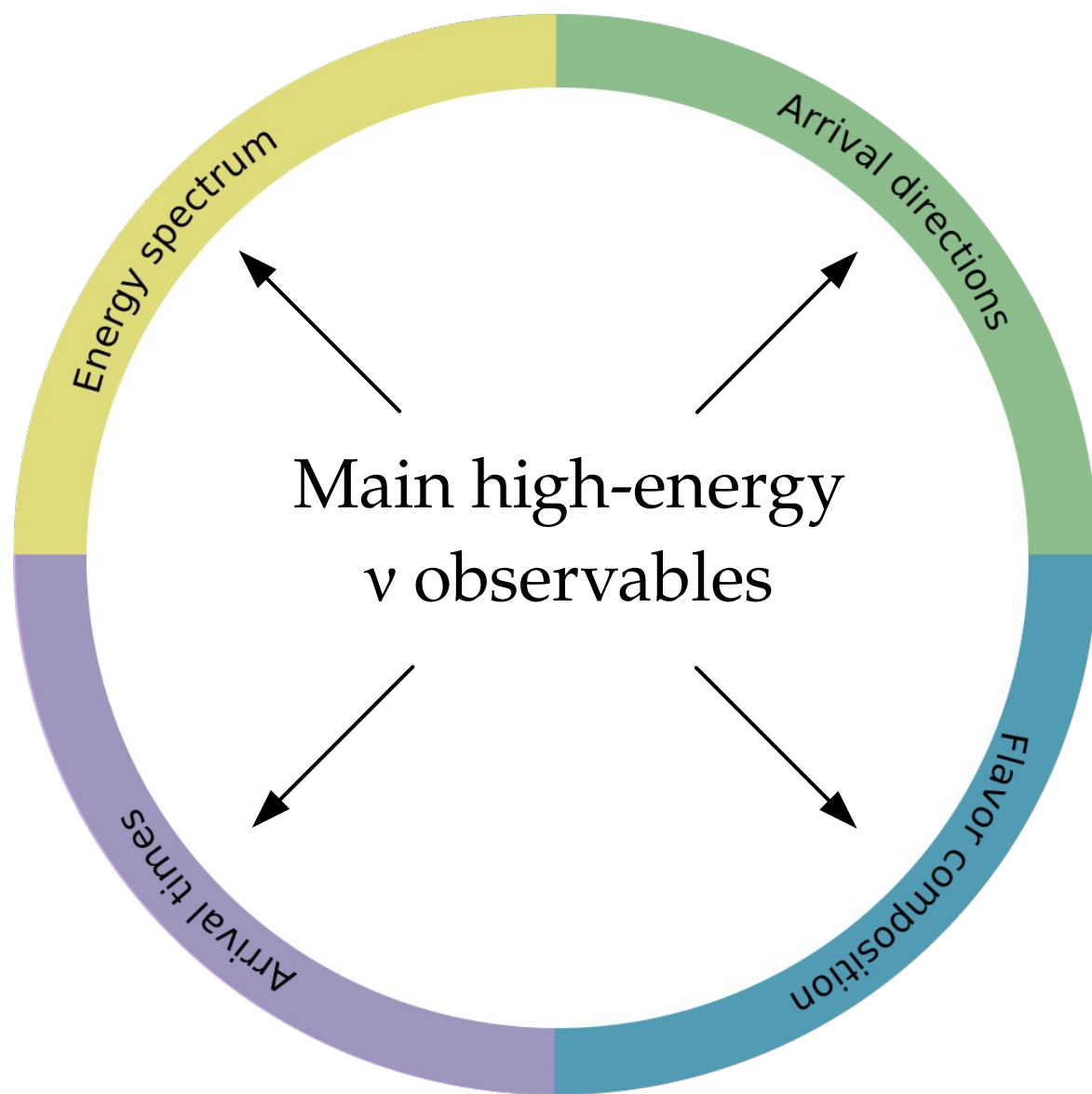
Poor angular resolution:  $\sim 10^\circ$

# Track (mainly from $\nu_\mu$ )



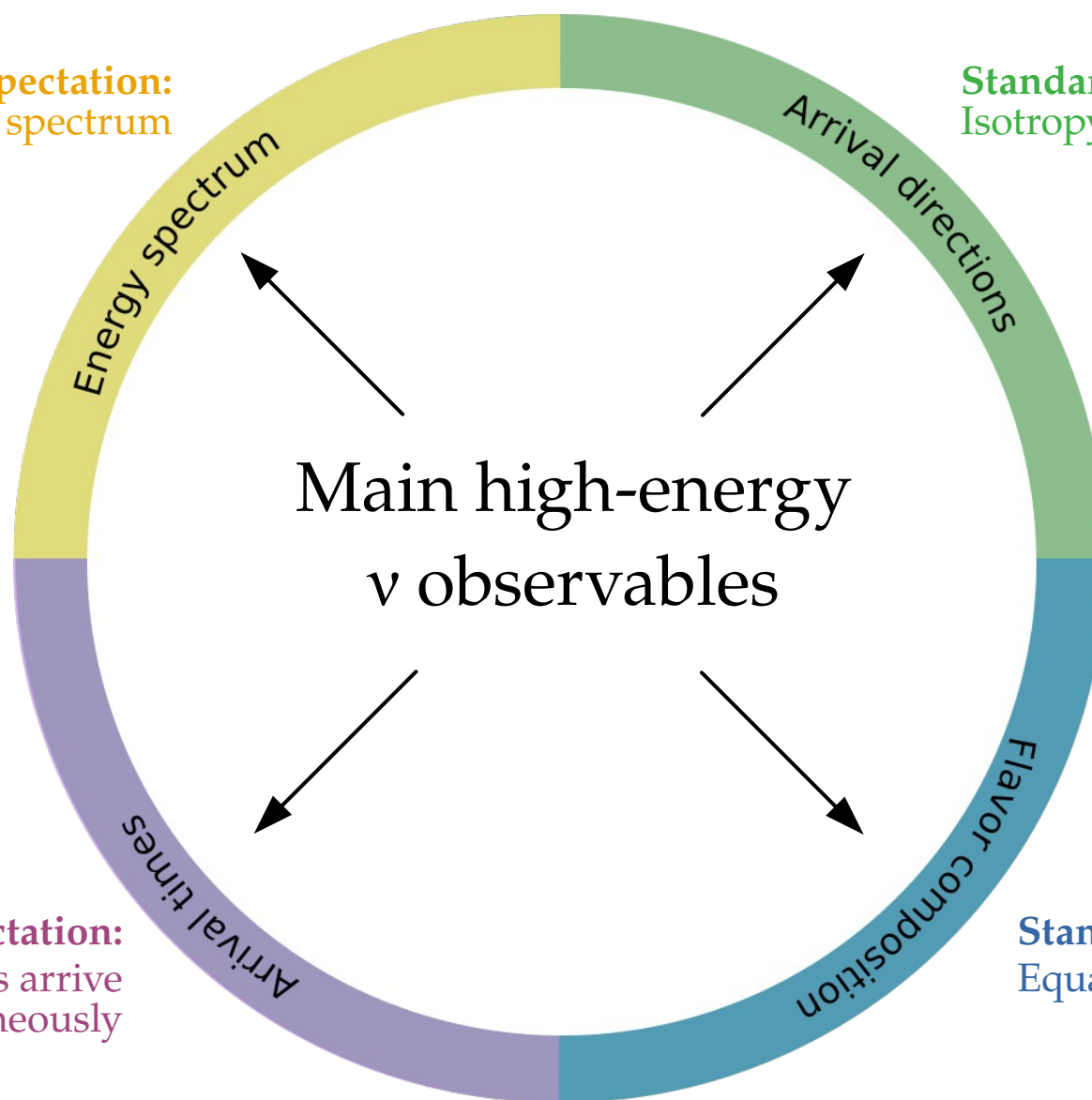
Angular resolution:  $< 1^\circ$





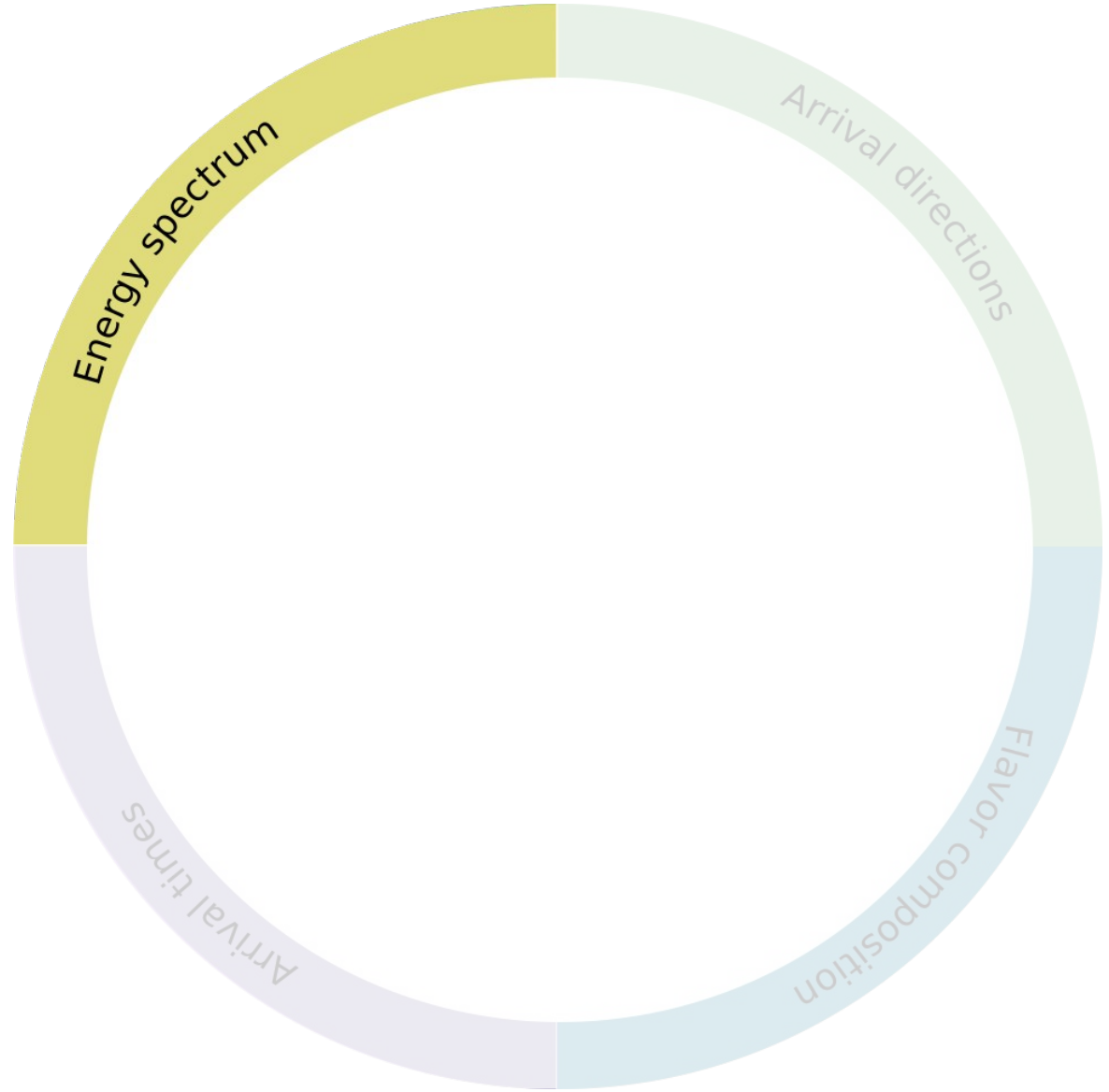
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Power-law energy spectrum

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Isotropy (for diffuse flux)

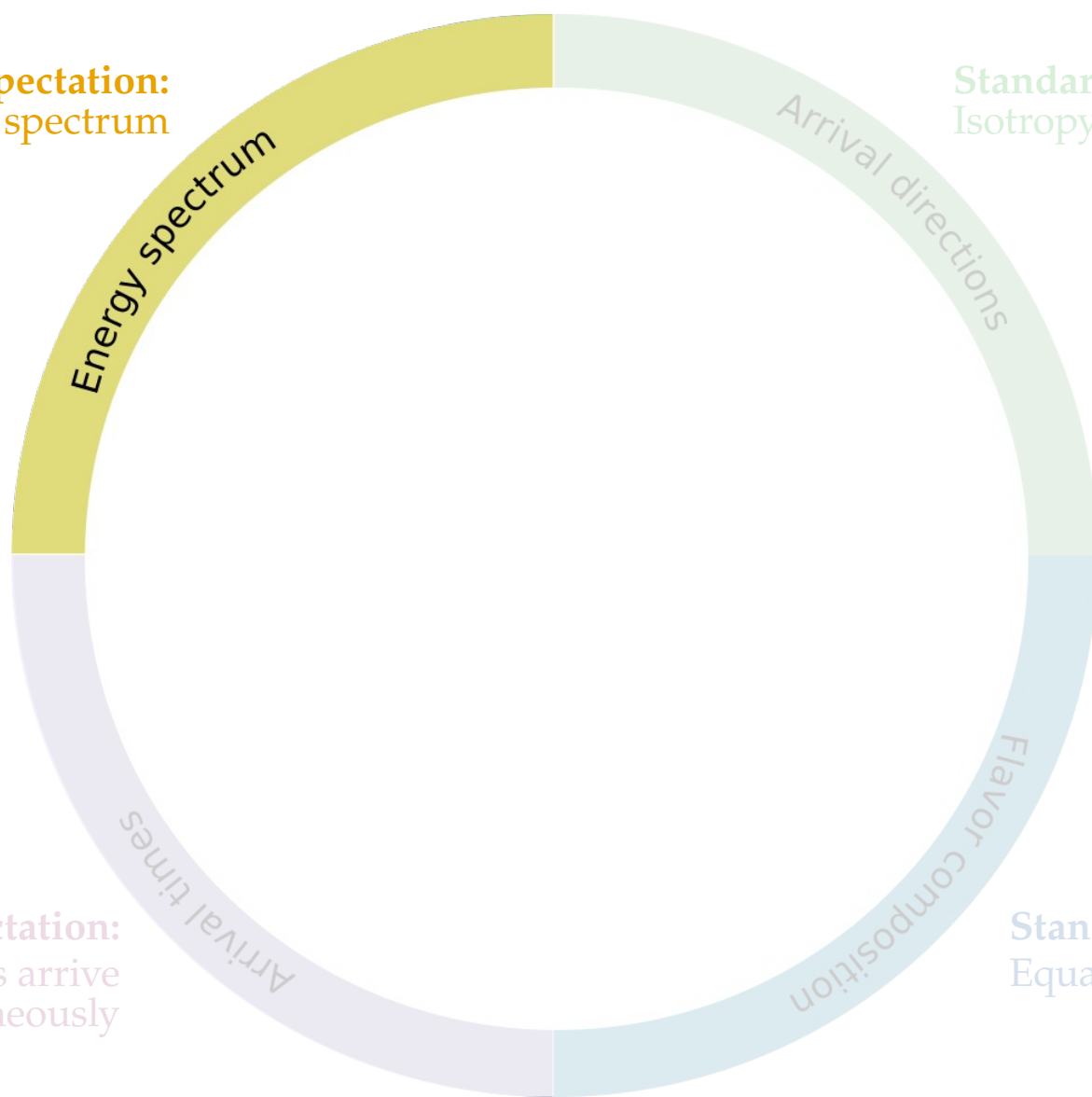


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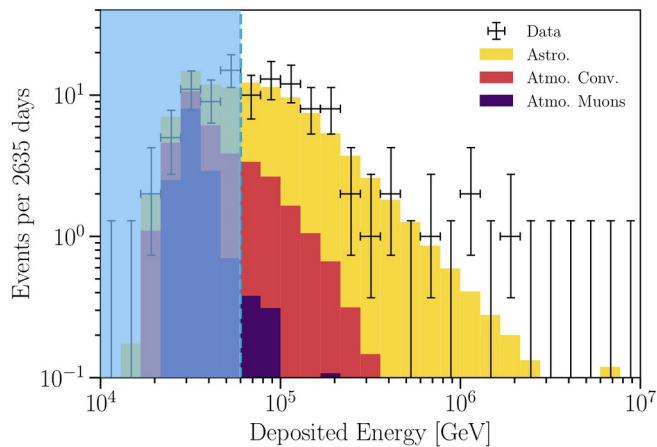
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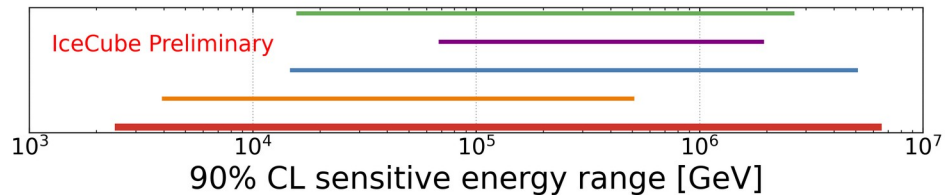
# Neutrino energy spectrum

7.5 yr: 100+ contained events > 60 TeV:

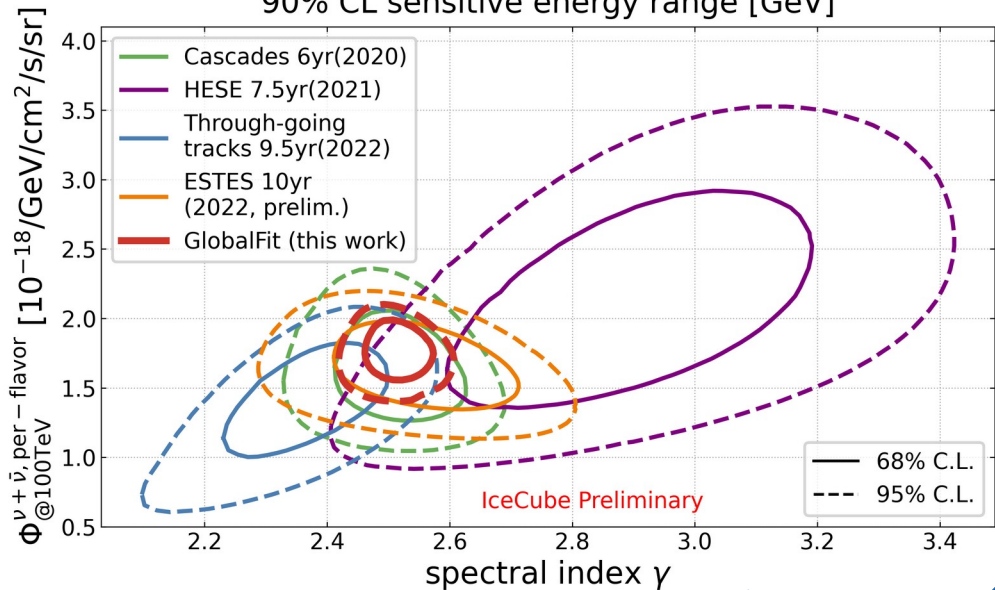
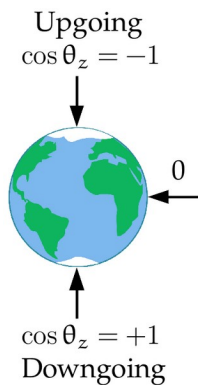
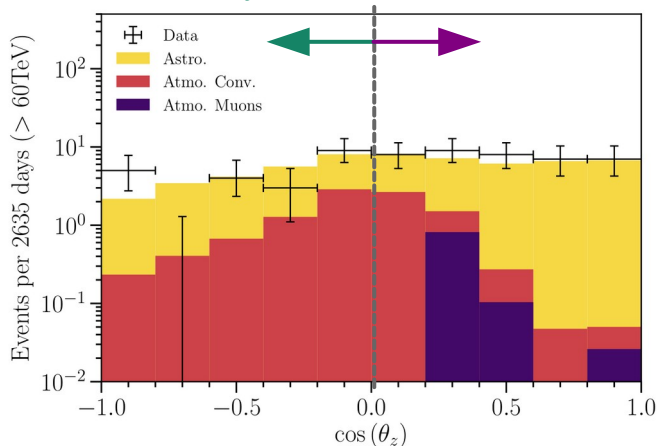


Data is fit well by a single power law:

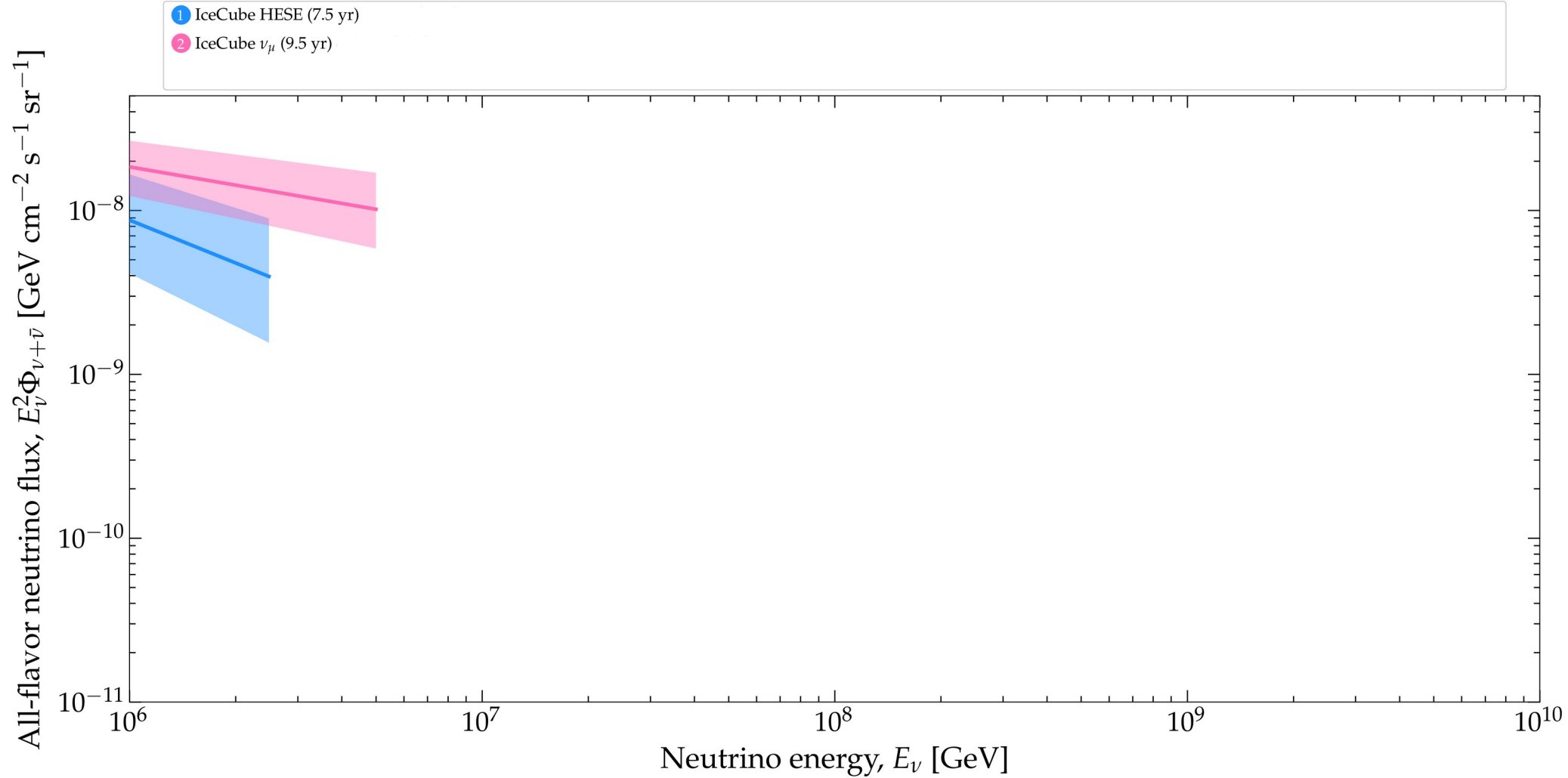
$$\frac{d\Phi_{6\nu}}{dE_\nu} = \Phi_{\text{astro}} \left( \frac{E_\nu}{100 \text{ TeV}} \right)^{-\gamma_{\text{astro}}} \cdot 10^{-18} \text{ GeV}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ sr}^{-1}$$



$\nu$  attenuated by Earth    Atm.  $\nu$  and  $\mu$  vetoed



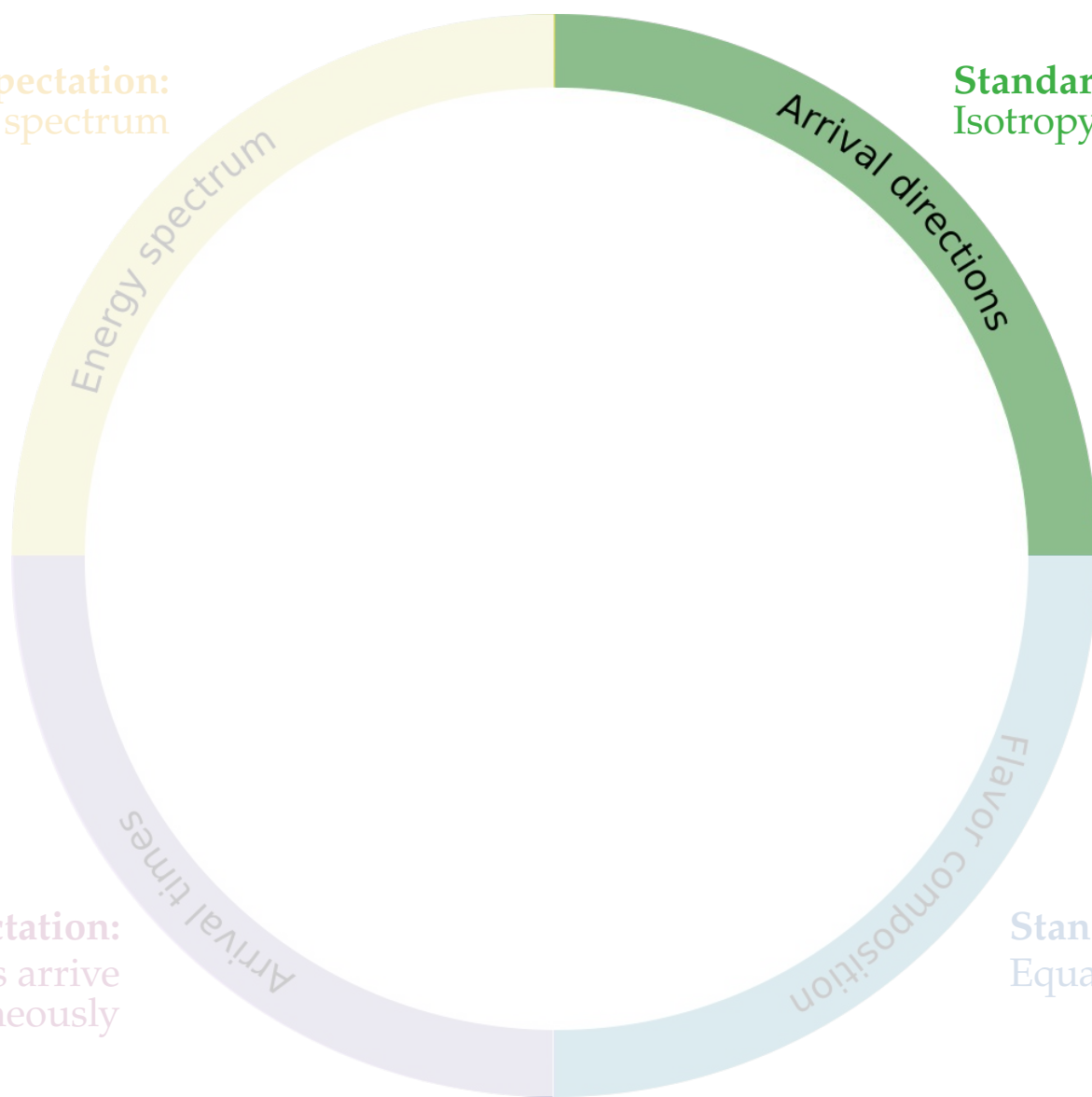
*IceCube, ICRC 2023*





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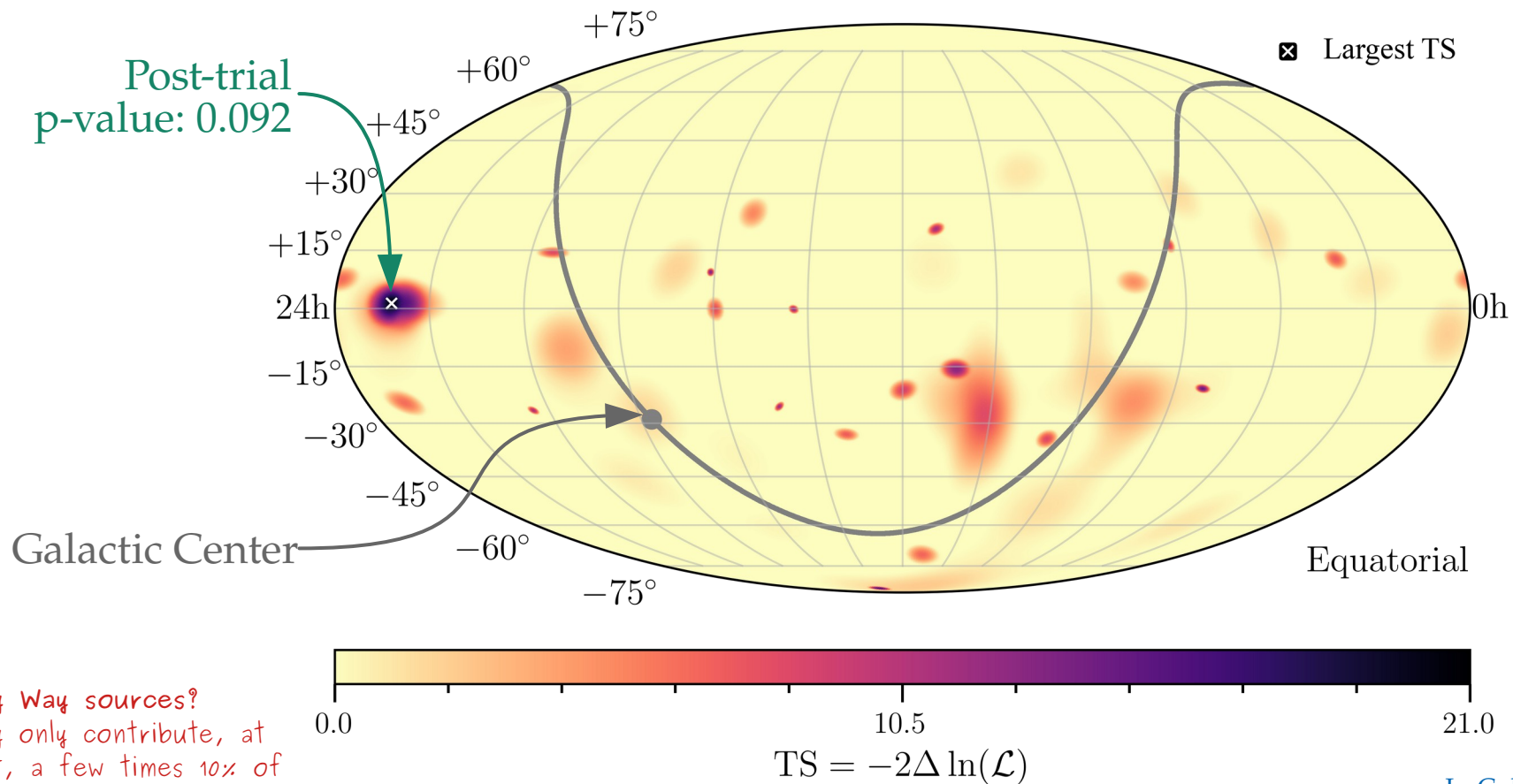
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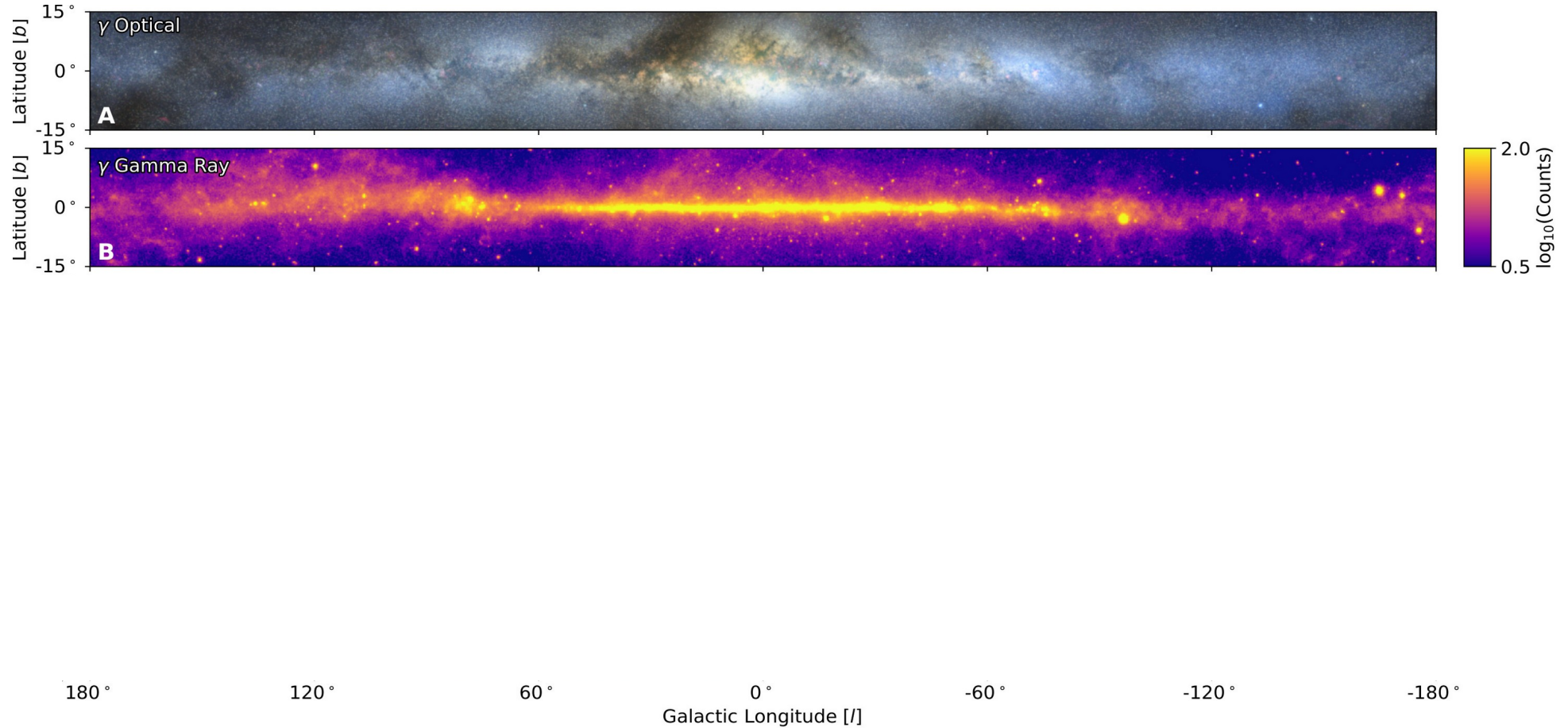
# Arrival directions (7.5 yr)

No significant excess in the neutrino sky map:

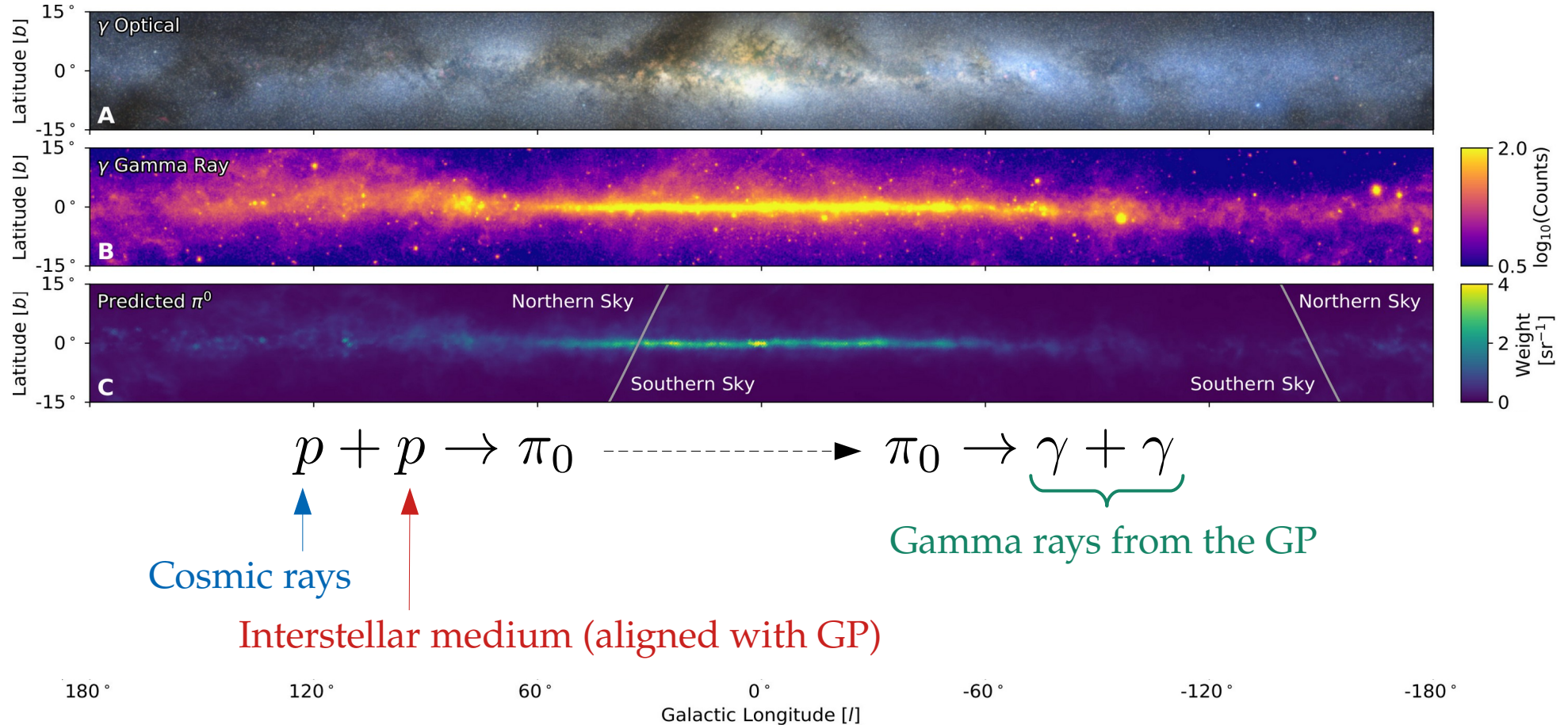


Milky Way sources?  
They only contribute, at most, a few times 10% of the total diffuse flux

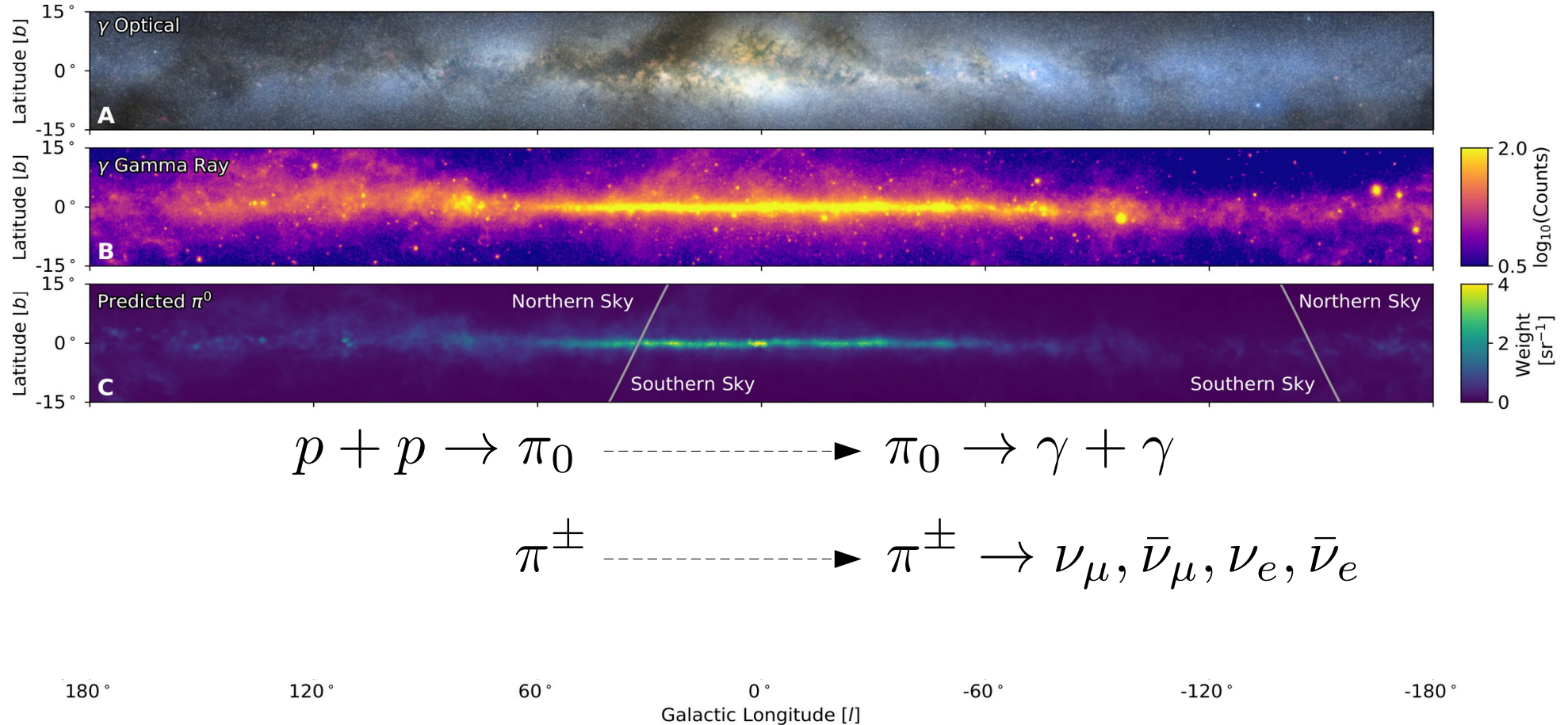
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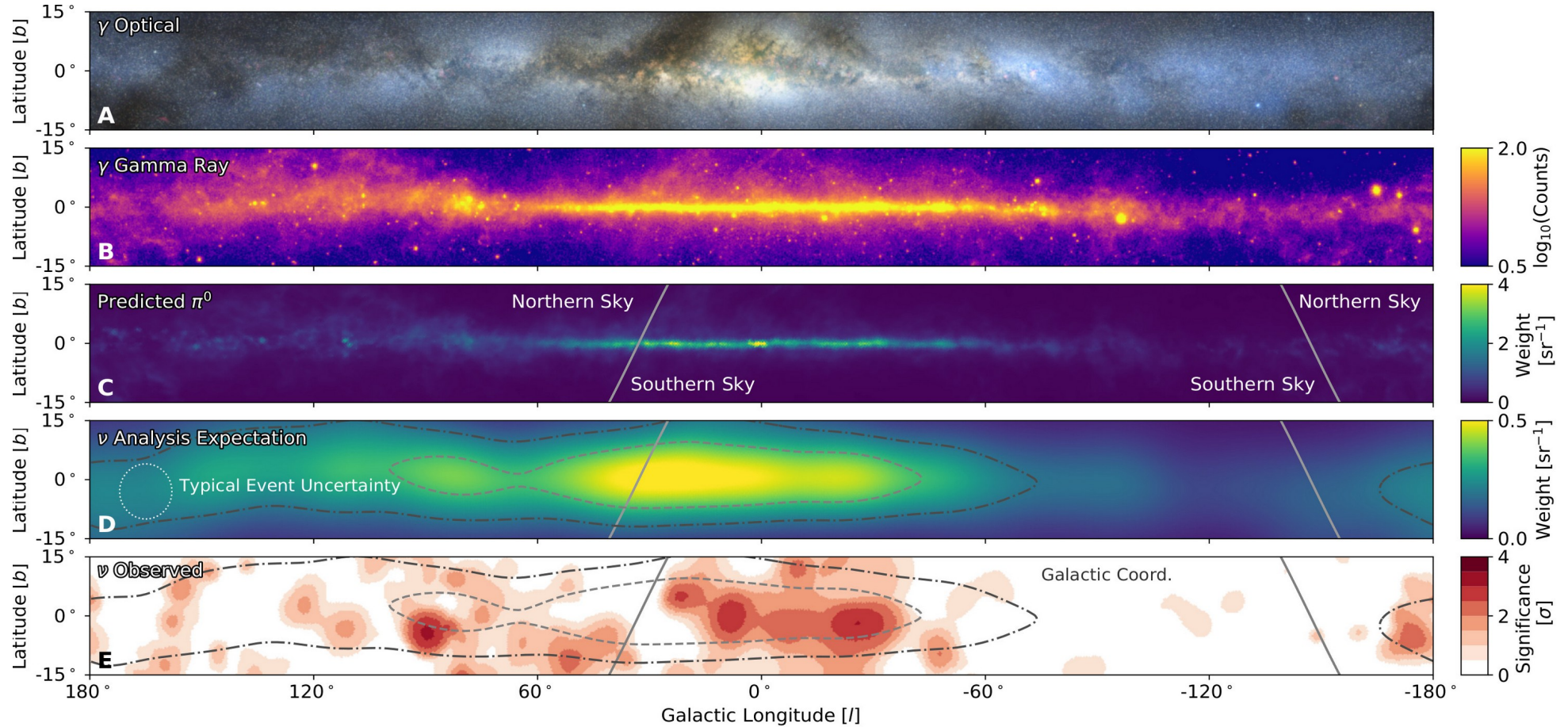


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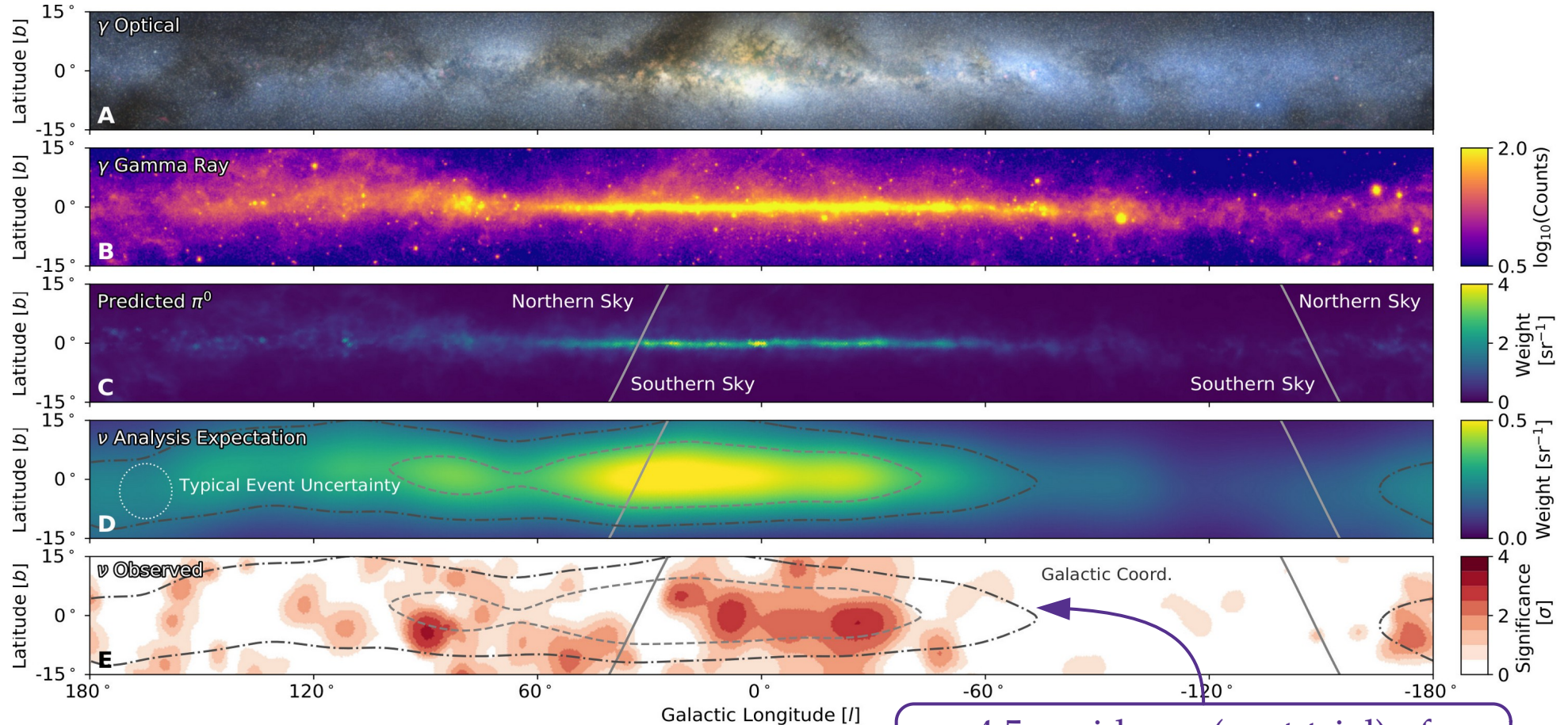




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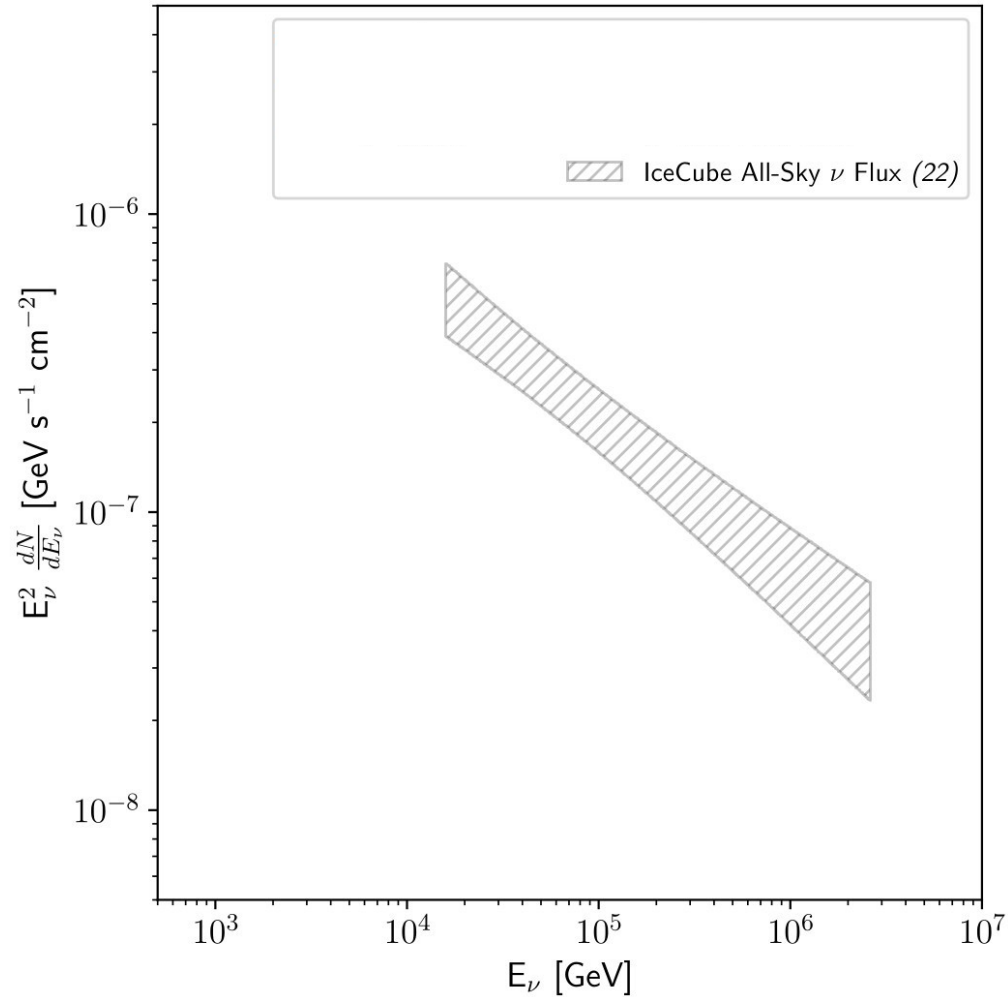


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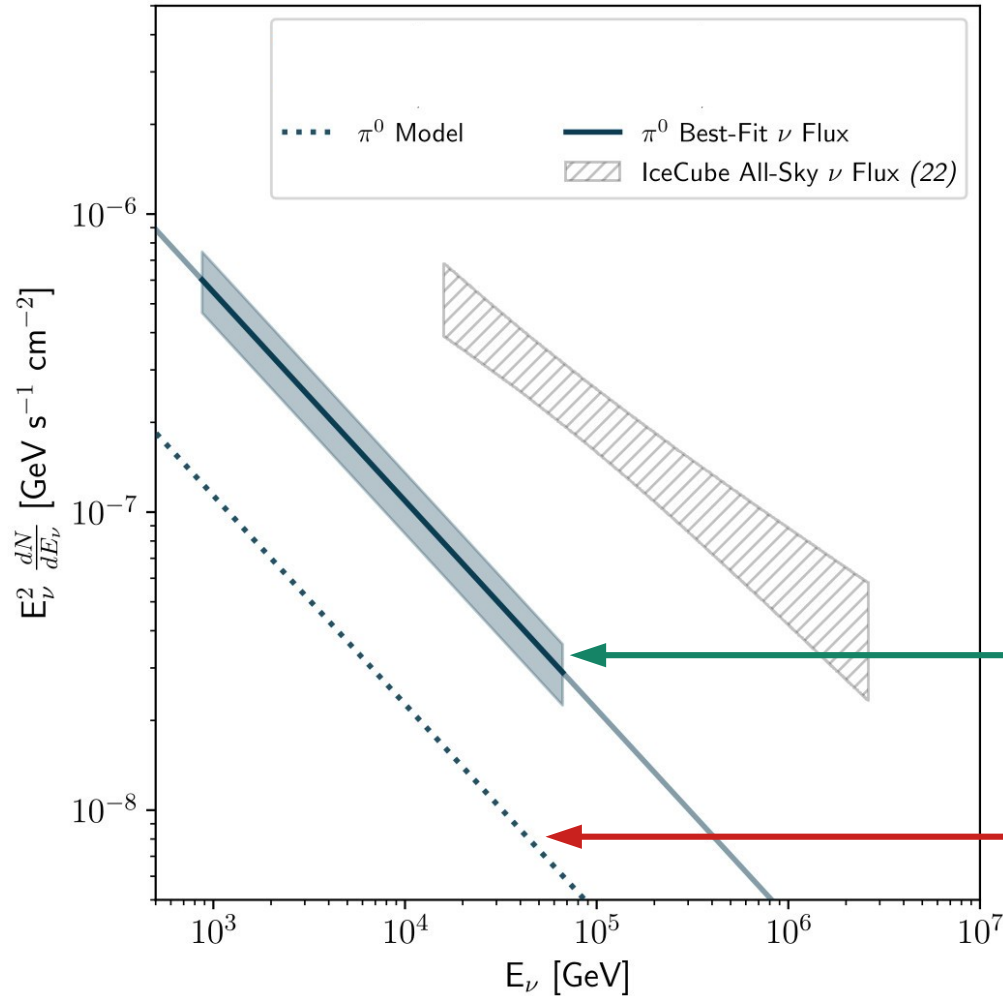


4.5 $\sigma$  evidence (post-trial) of diffuse flux of  $> \text{TeV } \nu$  from the GP

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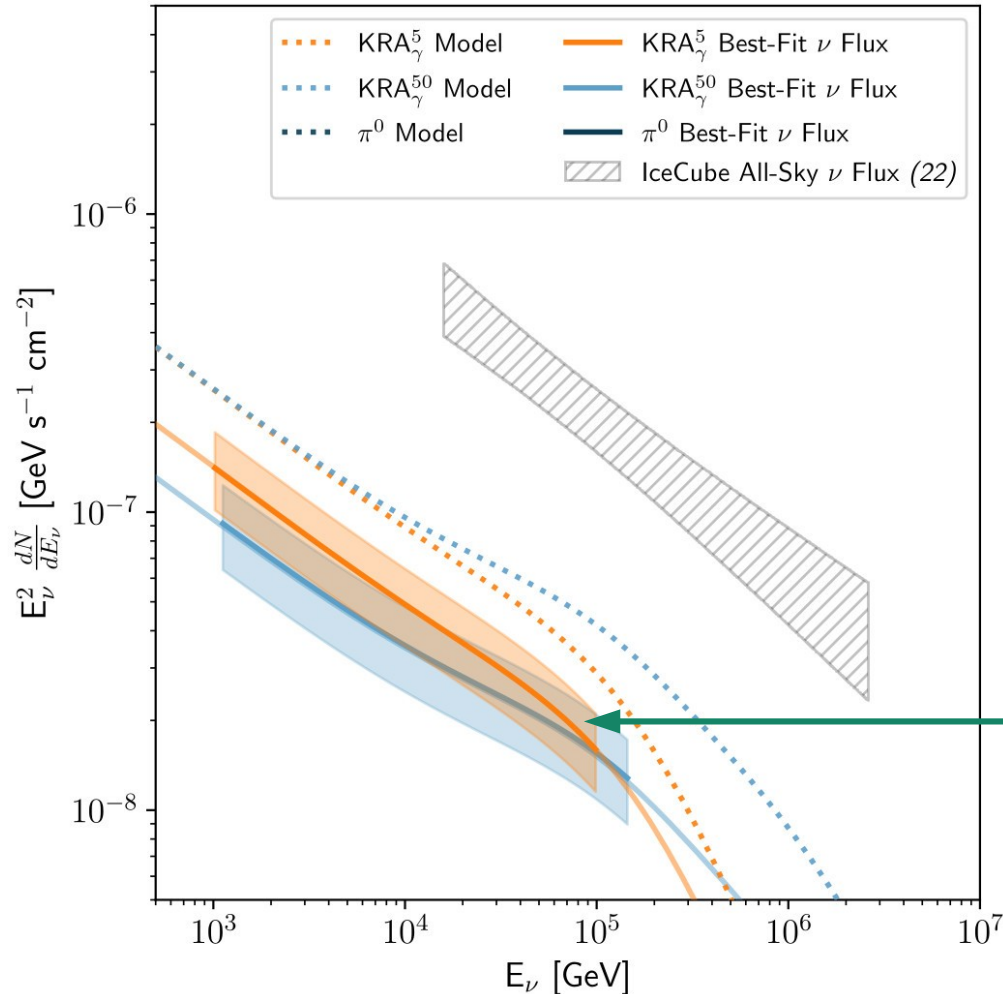
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*Consistent with 100-TeV observations by Tibet Air Shower Array*

Model



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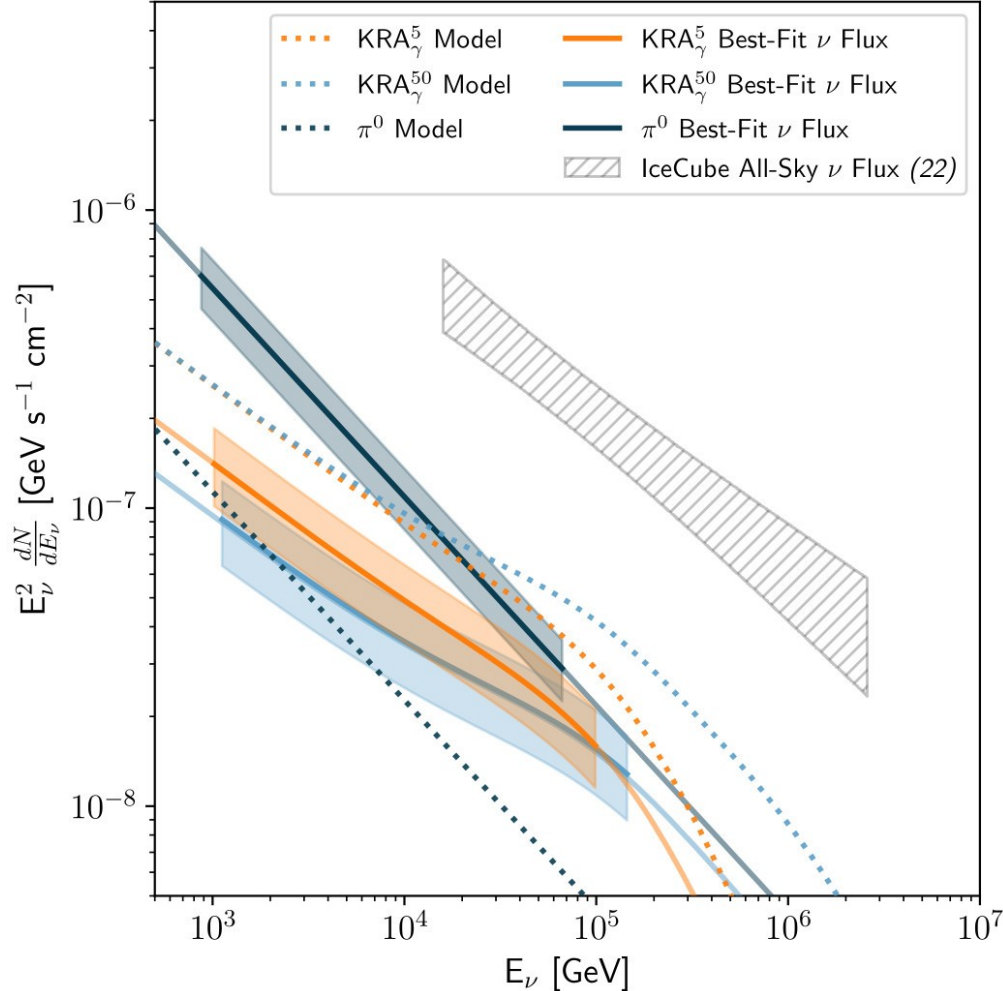
KRA $_\gamma^{50}$ : Cut-off at 50 PeV in CR energy

Observed ( $\times 0.5$  model)

*Cut-off energy could be different from the 5 and 50 PeV tested*



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## None of the models matched data

(*caveat: there are relatively simple models*)

## No Galactic $\nu$ source identified

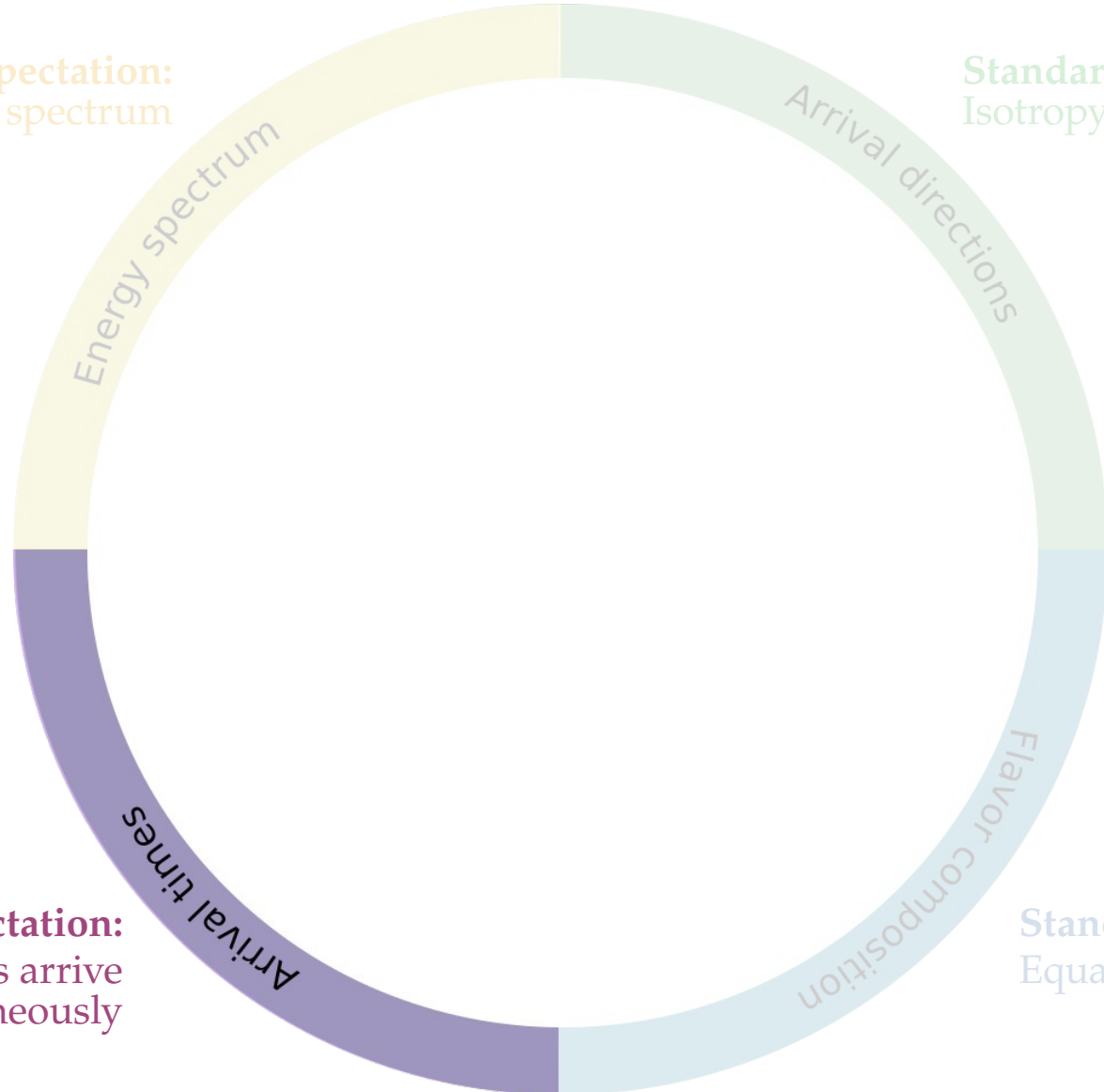
(*likely diffuse + source: Fang & Murase, 2307.02905*)

GP flux is 6–13% of all-sky at 30 TeV



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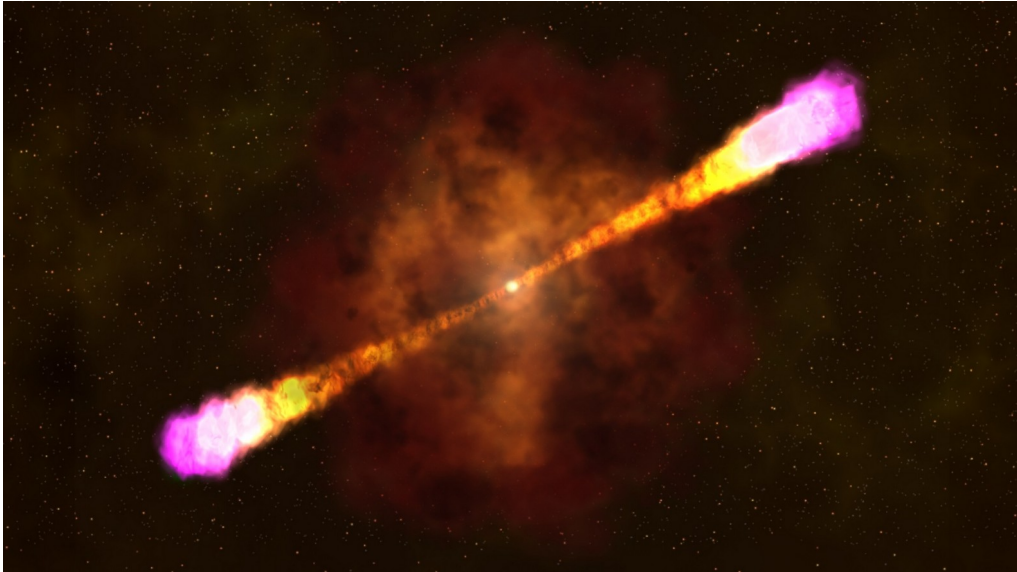
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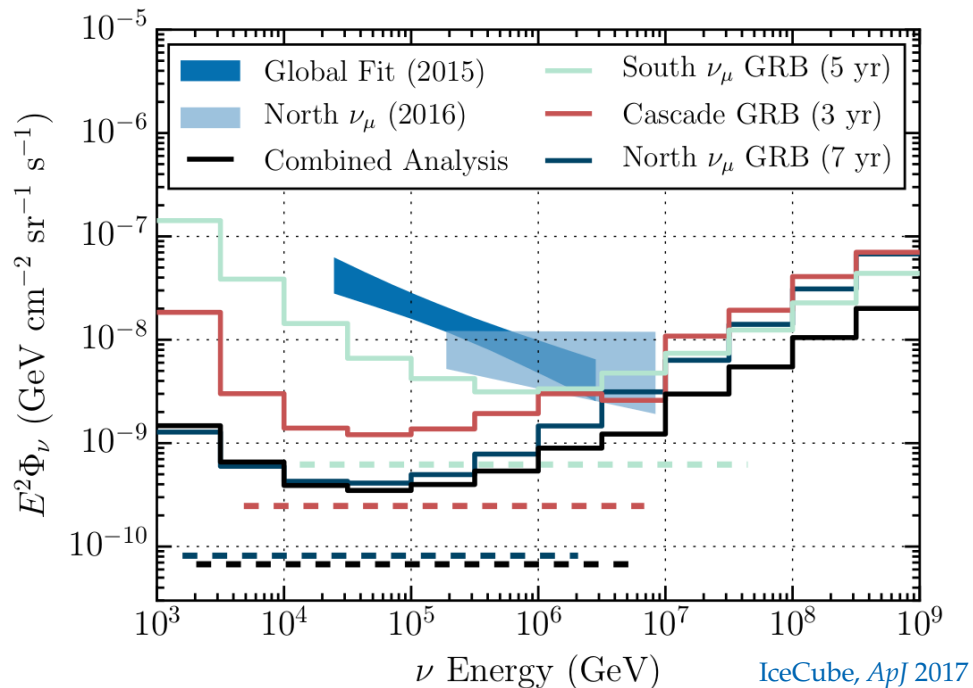
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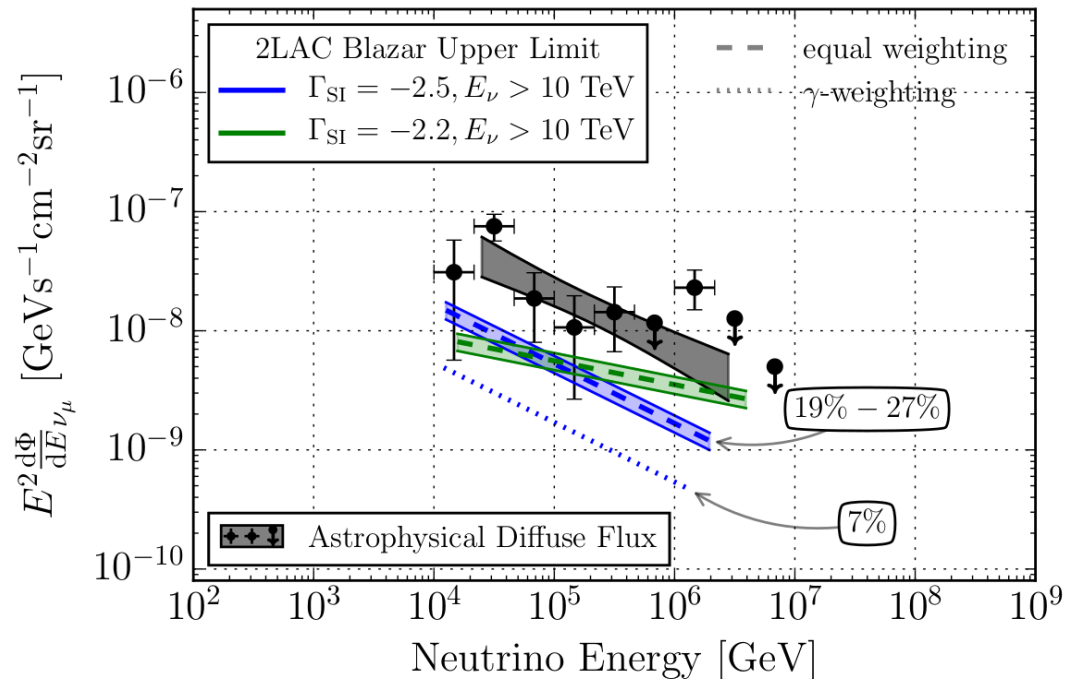
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## Gamma-ray bursts



1172 GRBs inspected, no correlation found  
 $< 1\%$  contribution to diffuse flux

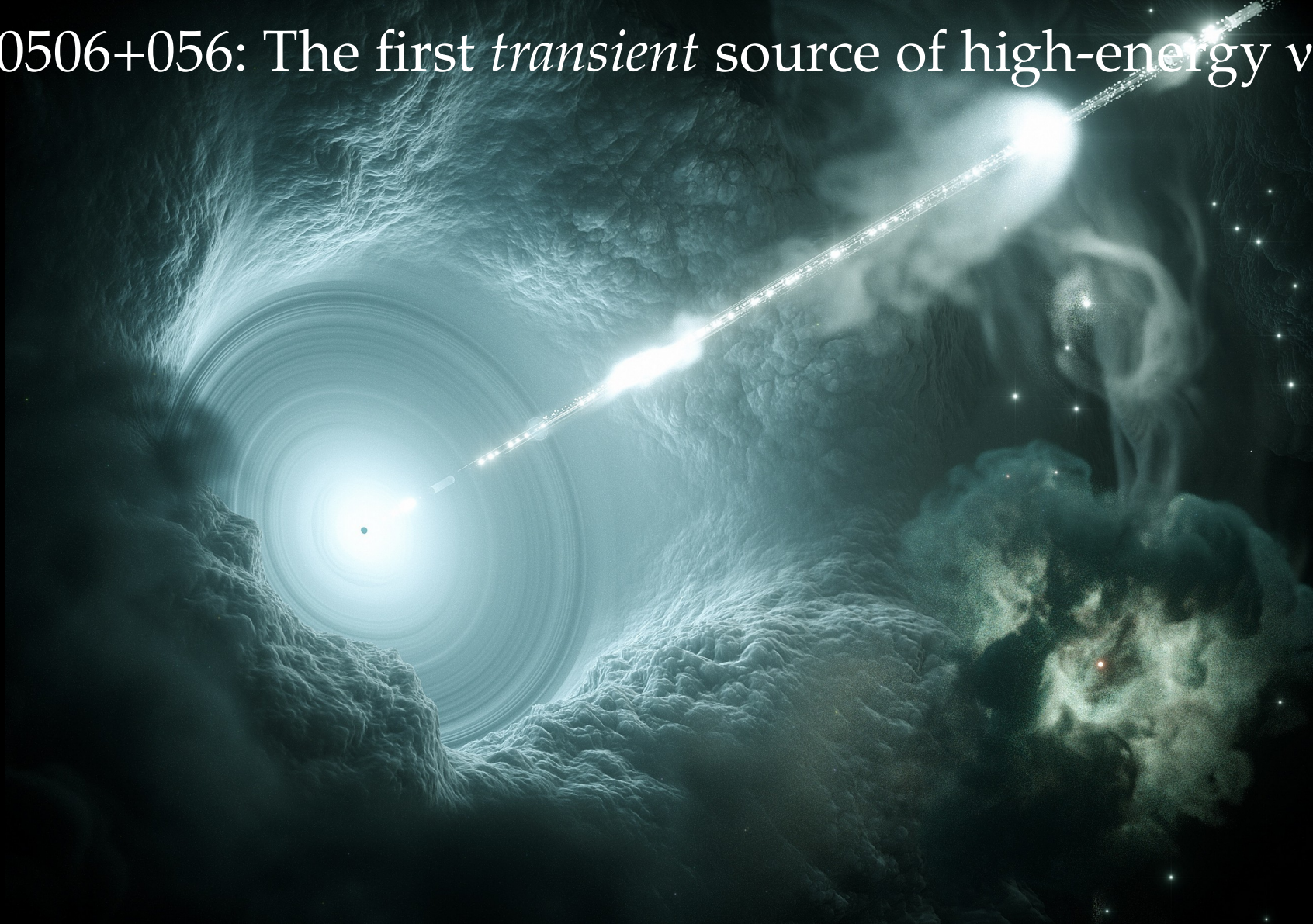
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862 blazars inspected, no correlation found  
 $< 27\%$  contribution to diffuse flux



TXS 0506+056: The first *transient* source of high-energy  $\nu$

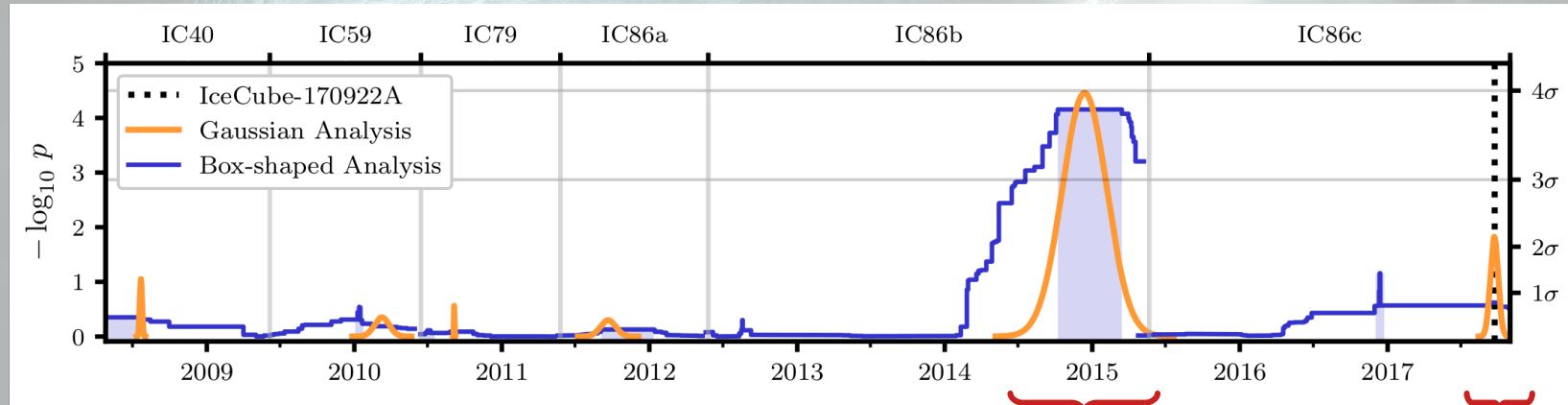




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## Blazar TXS 0506+056:

IceCube, *Science* 2018



After re-analysis (2101.09836),  
significance dropped  
from  $p=7 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $p=8 \times 10^{-3}$

2014–2015:  $13 \pm 5$   $\nu$  flare, no X-ray flare  
 $3.5\sigma$  significance of correlation (post-trial)

2017: one 290-TeV  $\nu$  + X-ray flare  
 $1.4\sigma$  significance of correlation

Combined (pre-trial):  $4.1\sigma$



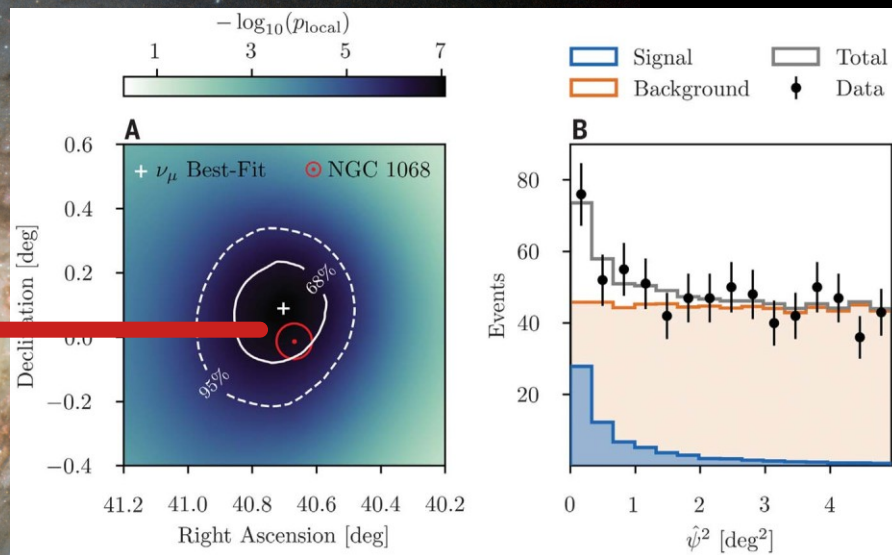
# NGC1068: The first *steady-state* source of high-energy $\nu$

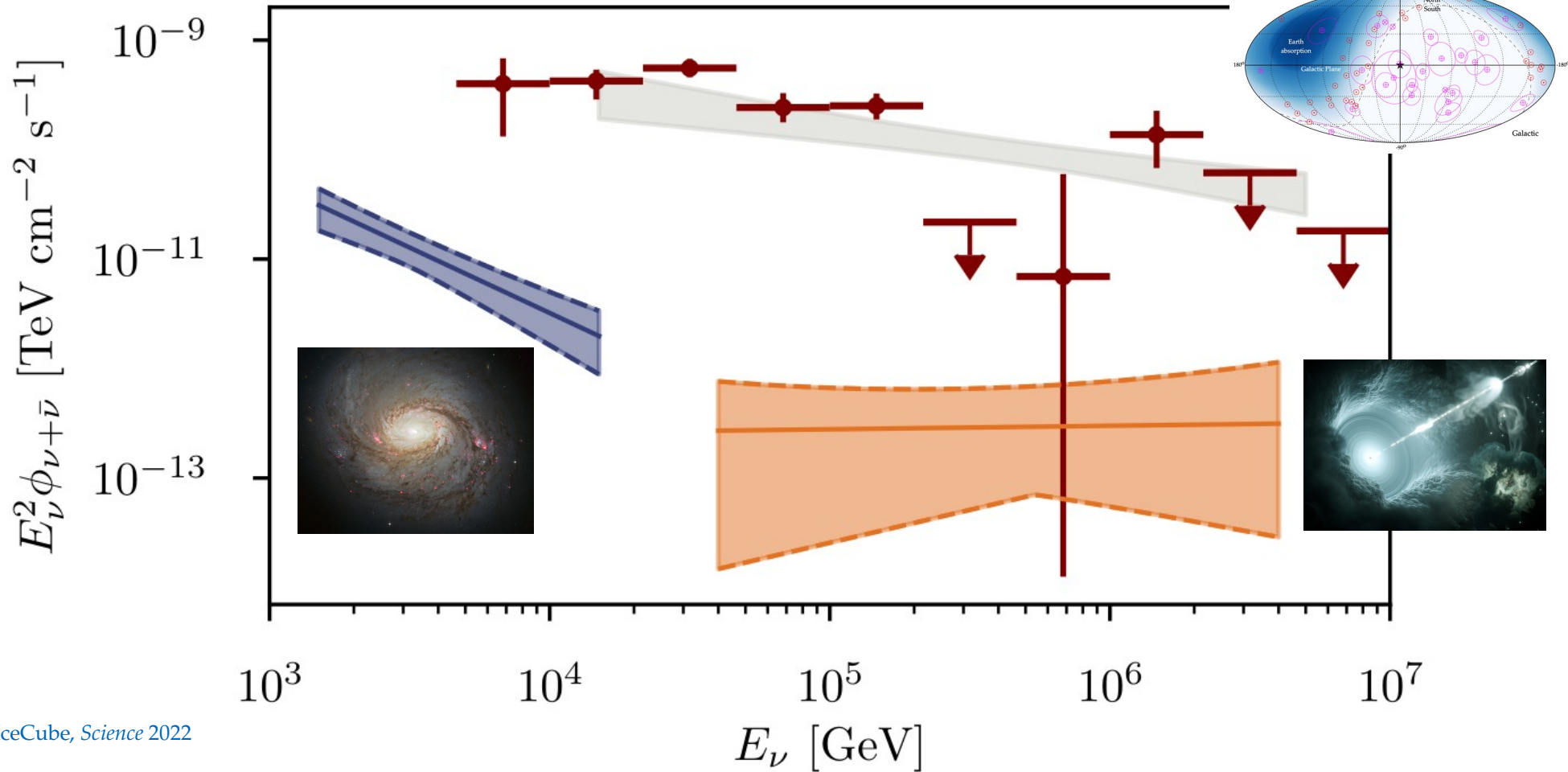
Active galactic nucleus

Brightest type-2 Seyfert

$79_{-20}^{+22}$   $\nu$  of TeV energy

Significance:  $4.2\sigma$  (global)



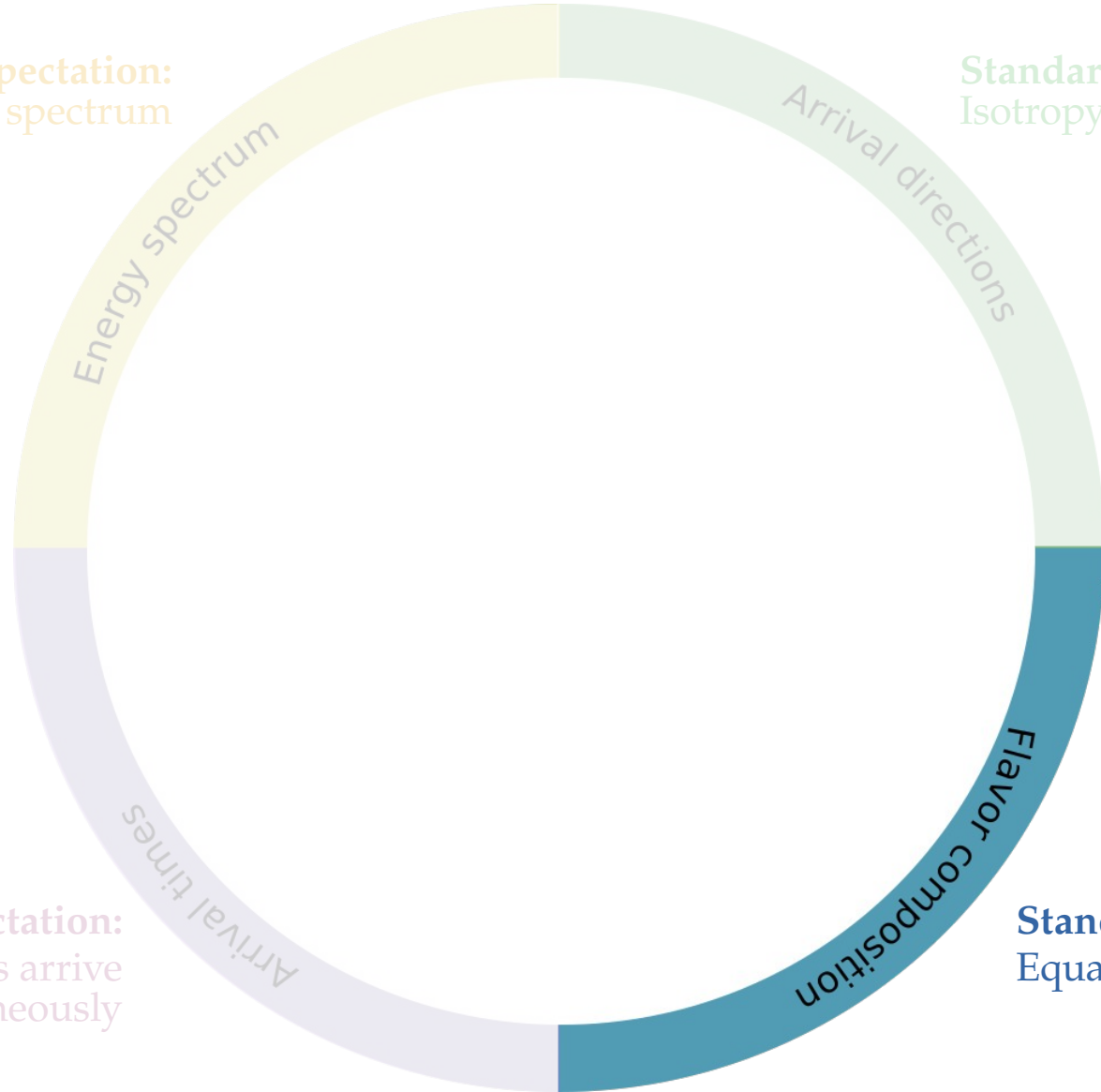






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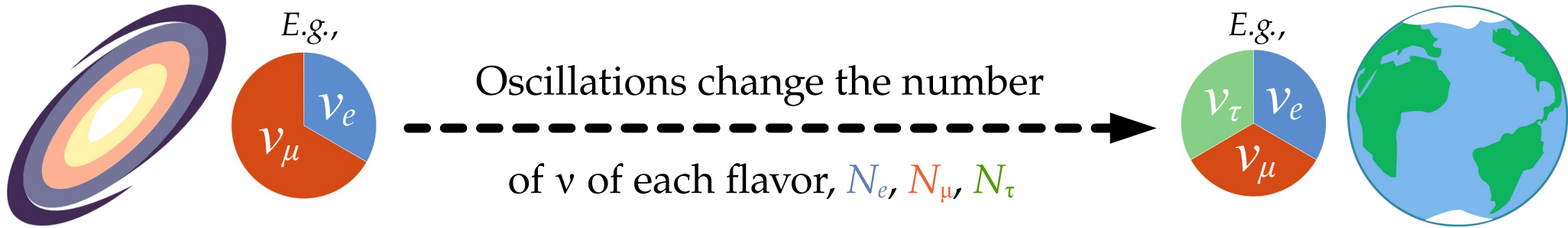
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Astrophysical sources

Earth

Up to a few Gpc



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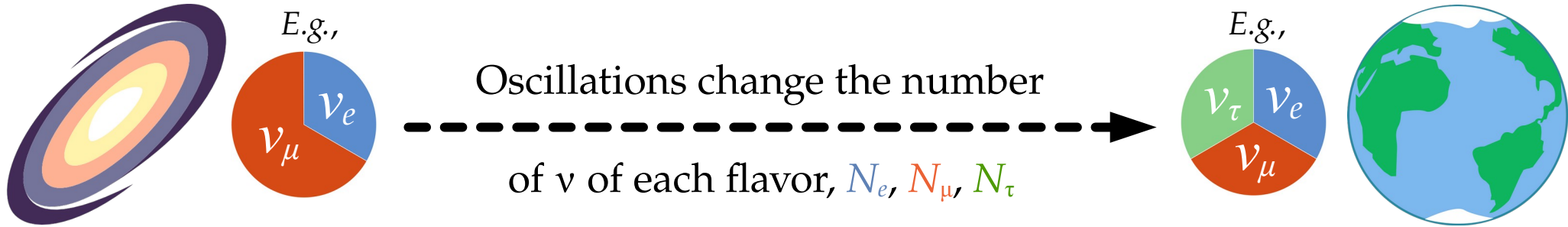
Flavor ratios at Earth ( $\alpha = e, \mu, \tau$ ):

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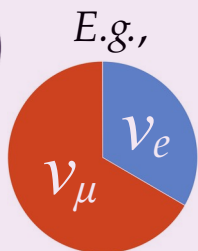
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Standard oscillations  
or  
new physics

*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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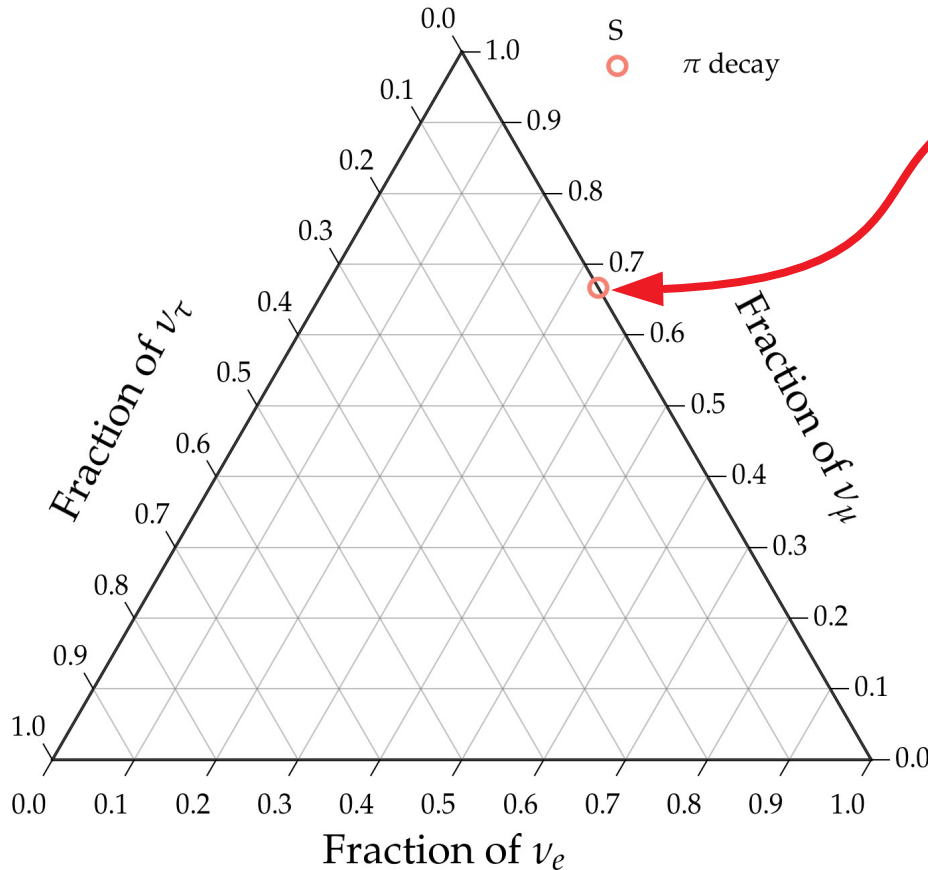
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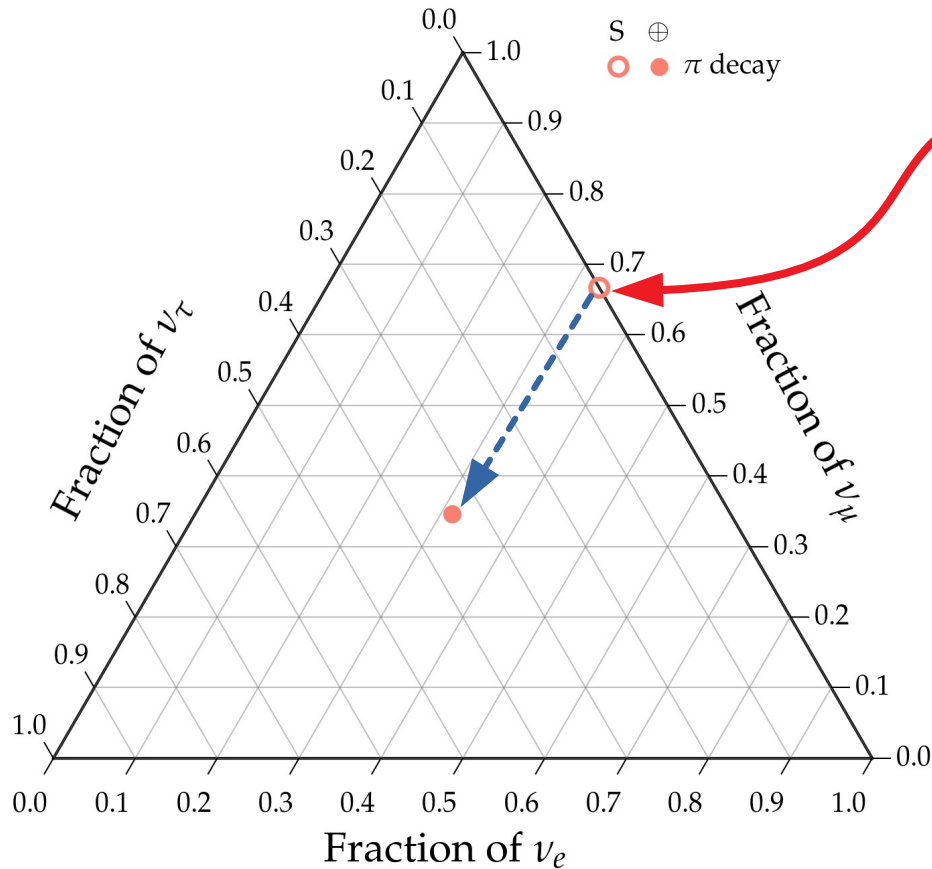


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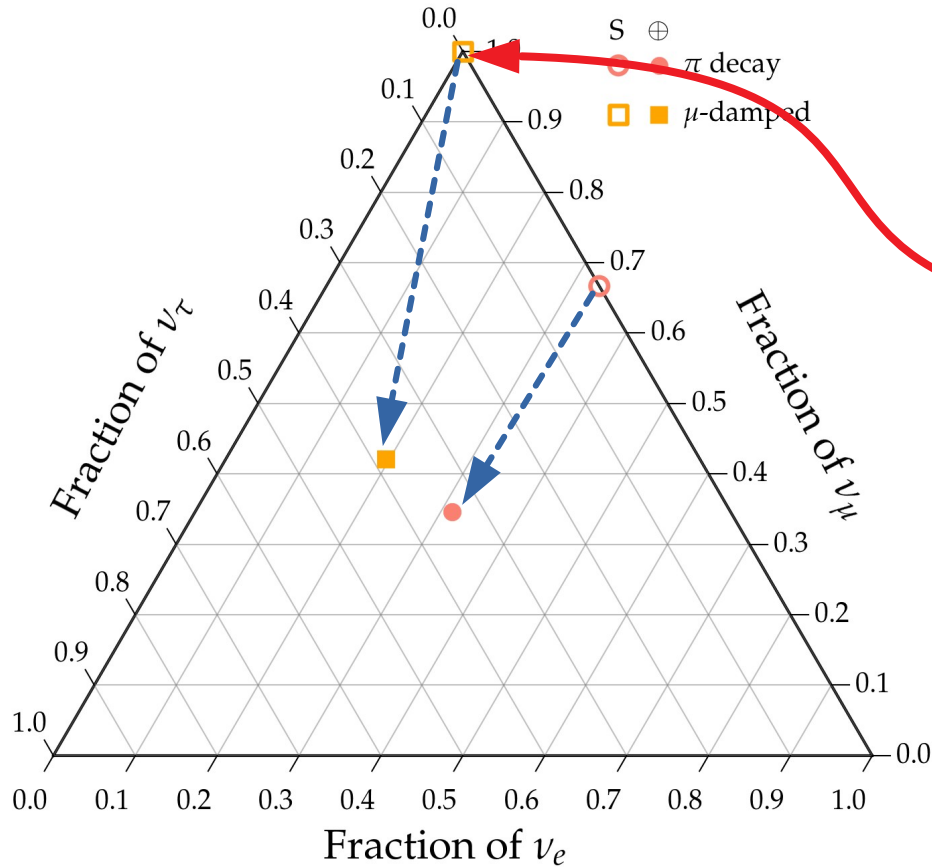


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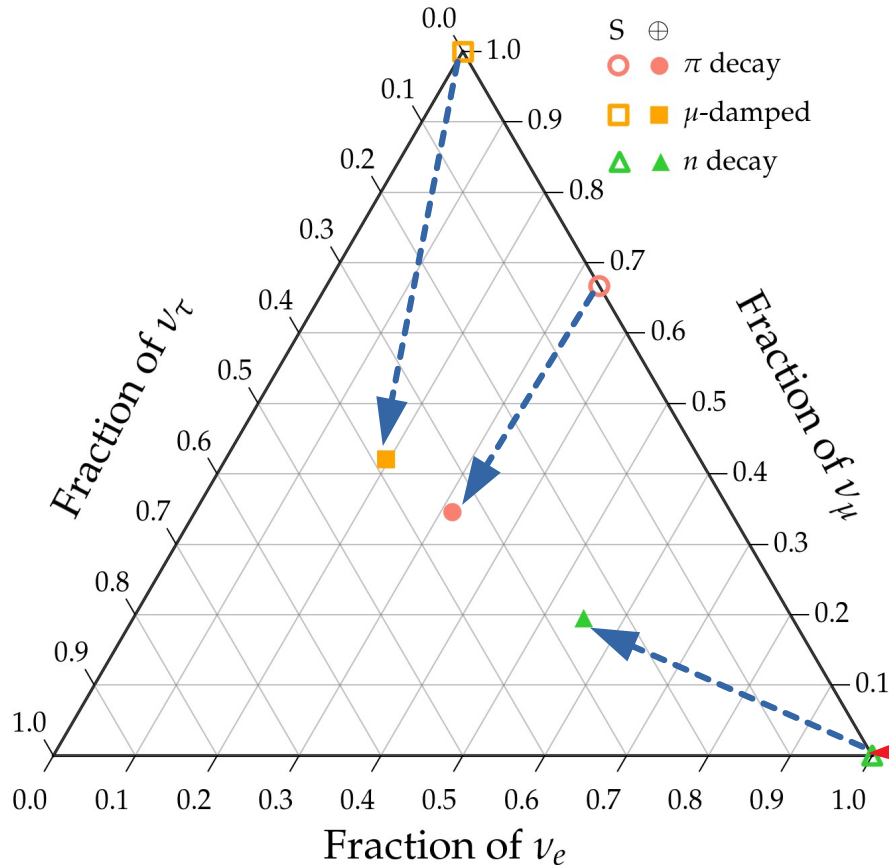
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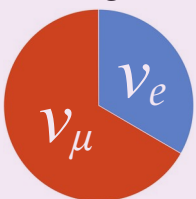
*From sources to Earth:* we learn what to expect when measuring  $f_{\alpha,\oplus}$



Sources



E.g.,



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Oscillations



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Earth



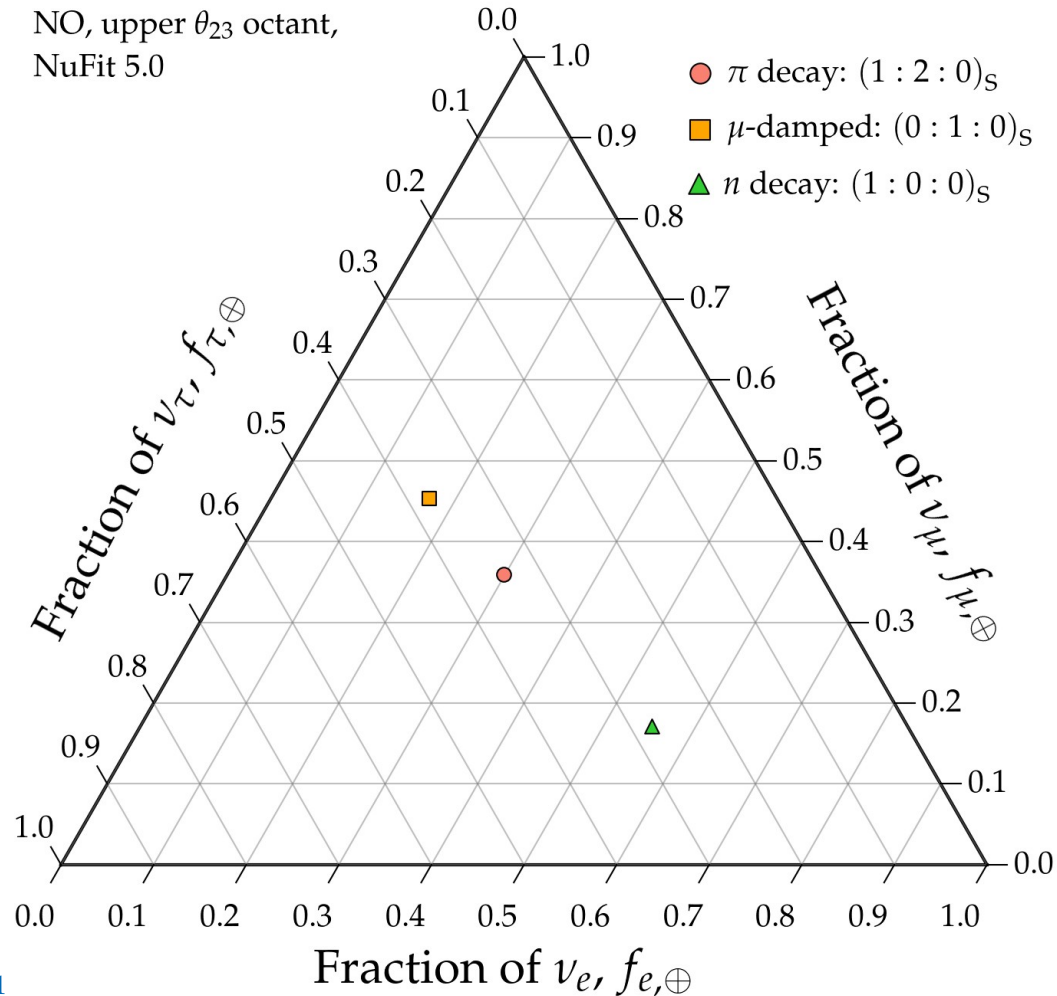
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Known from oscillation experiments, to different levels of precision



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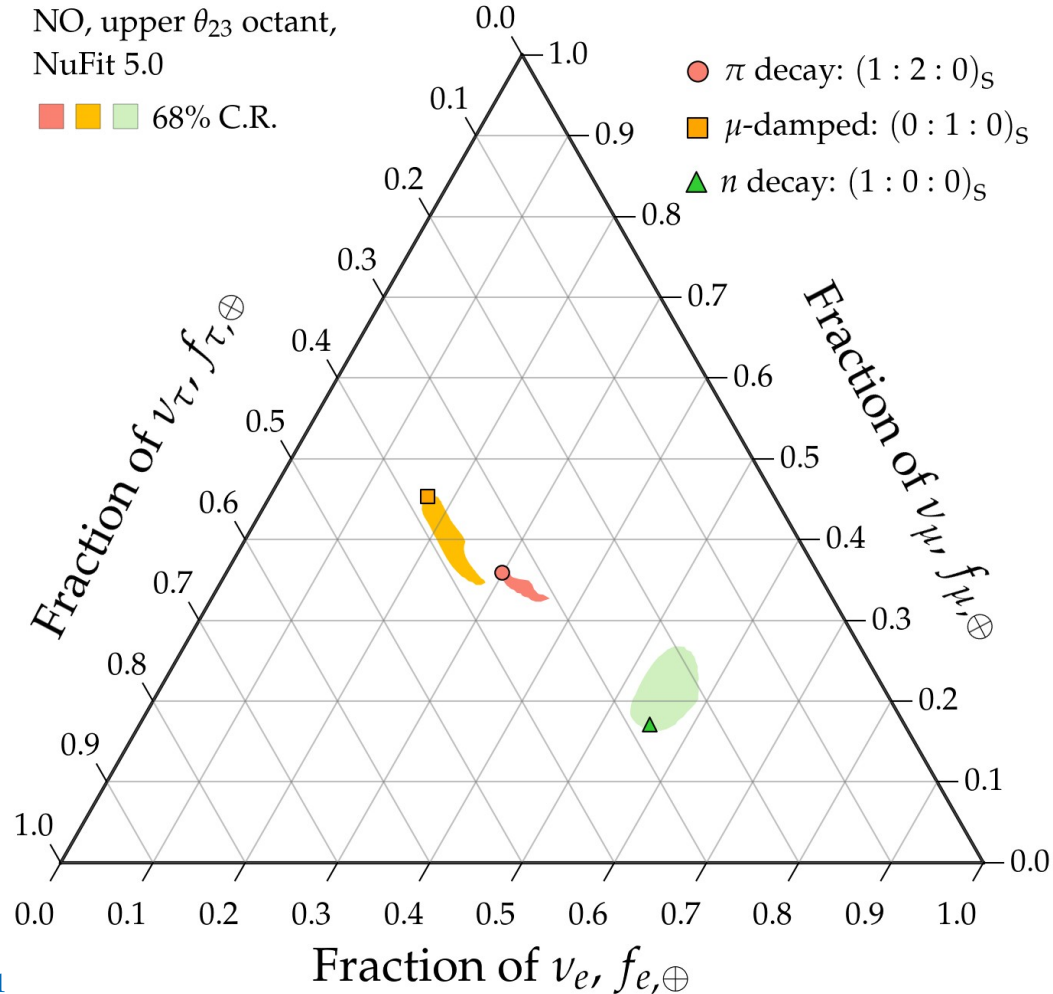
NO, upper  $\theta_{23}$  octant,  
NuFit 5.0



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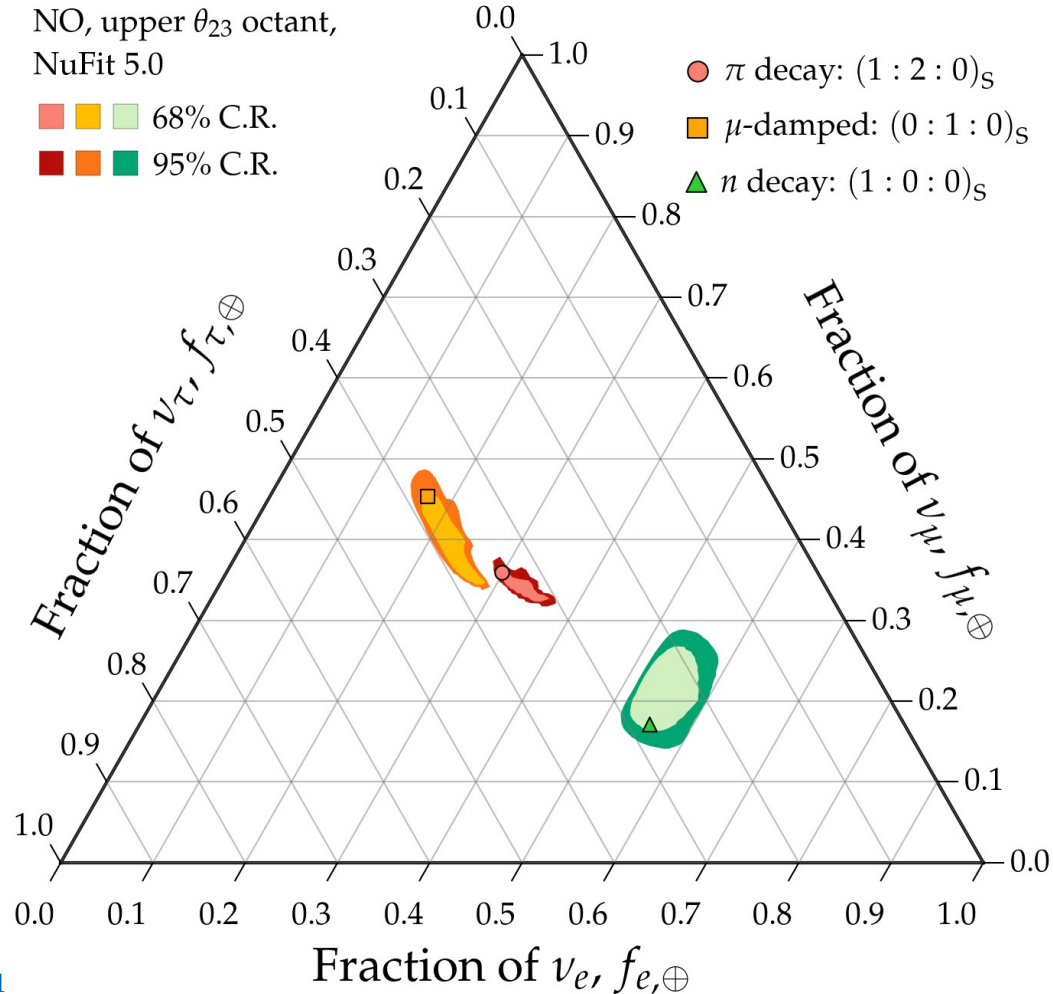
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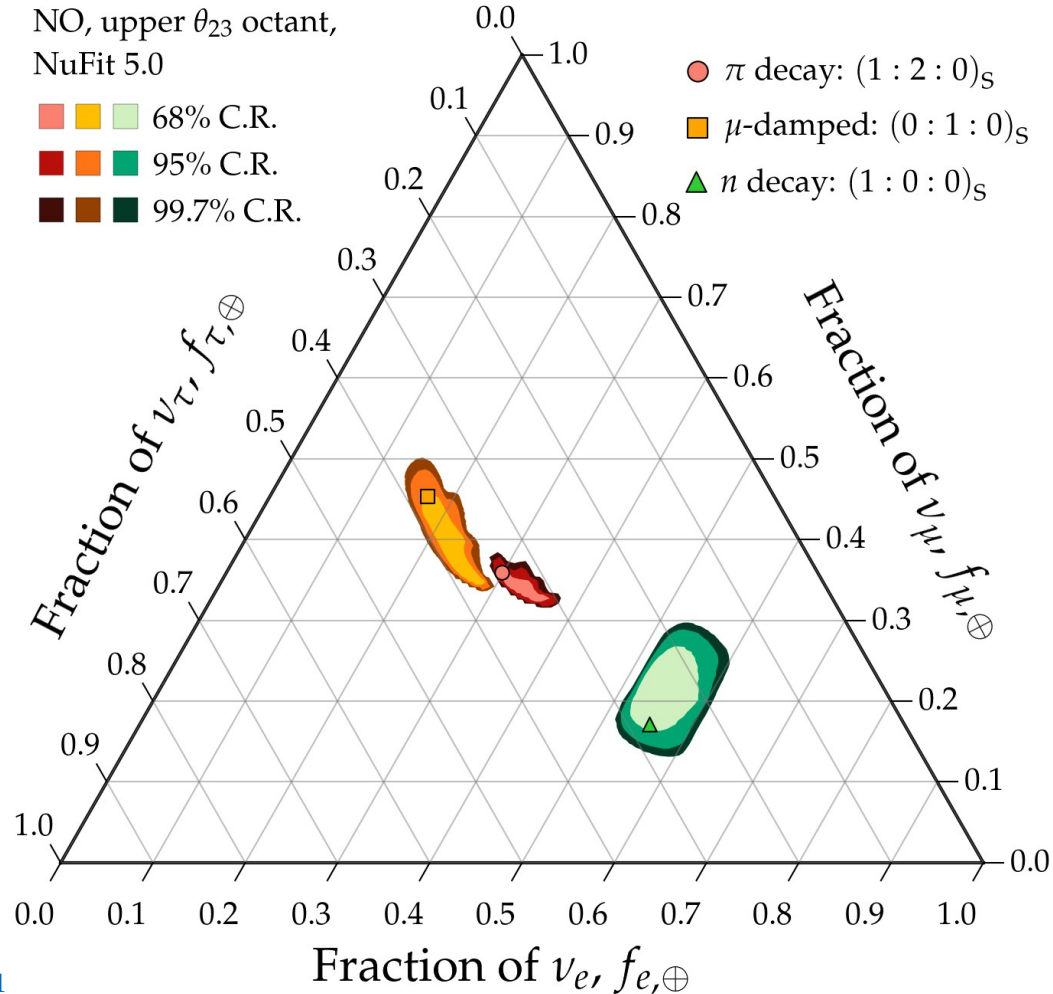
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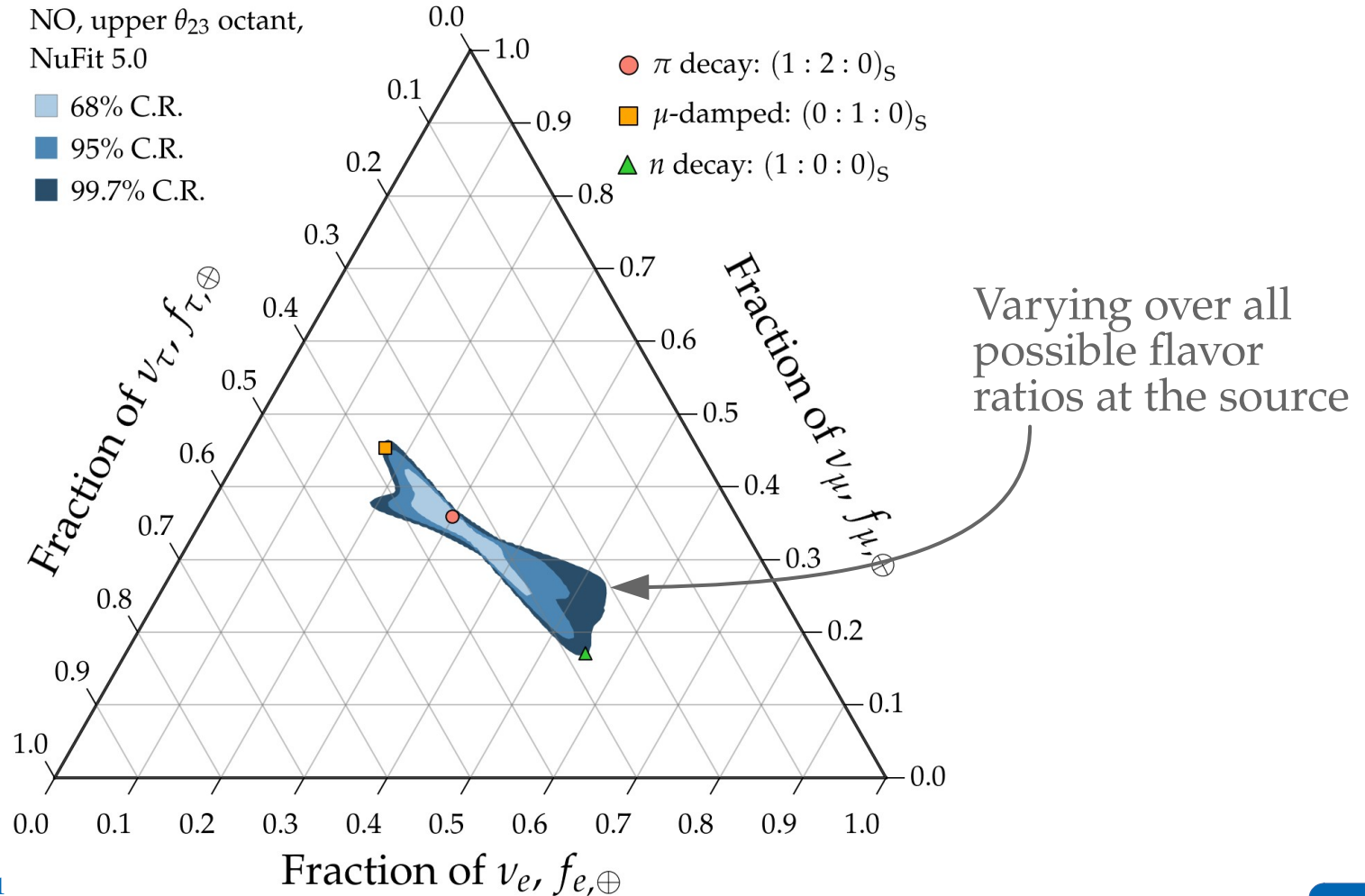
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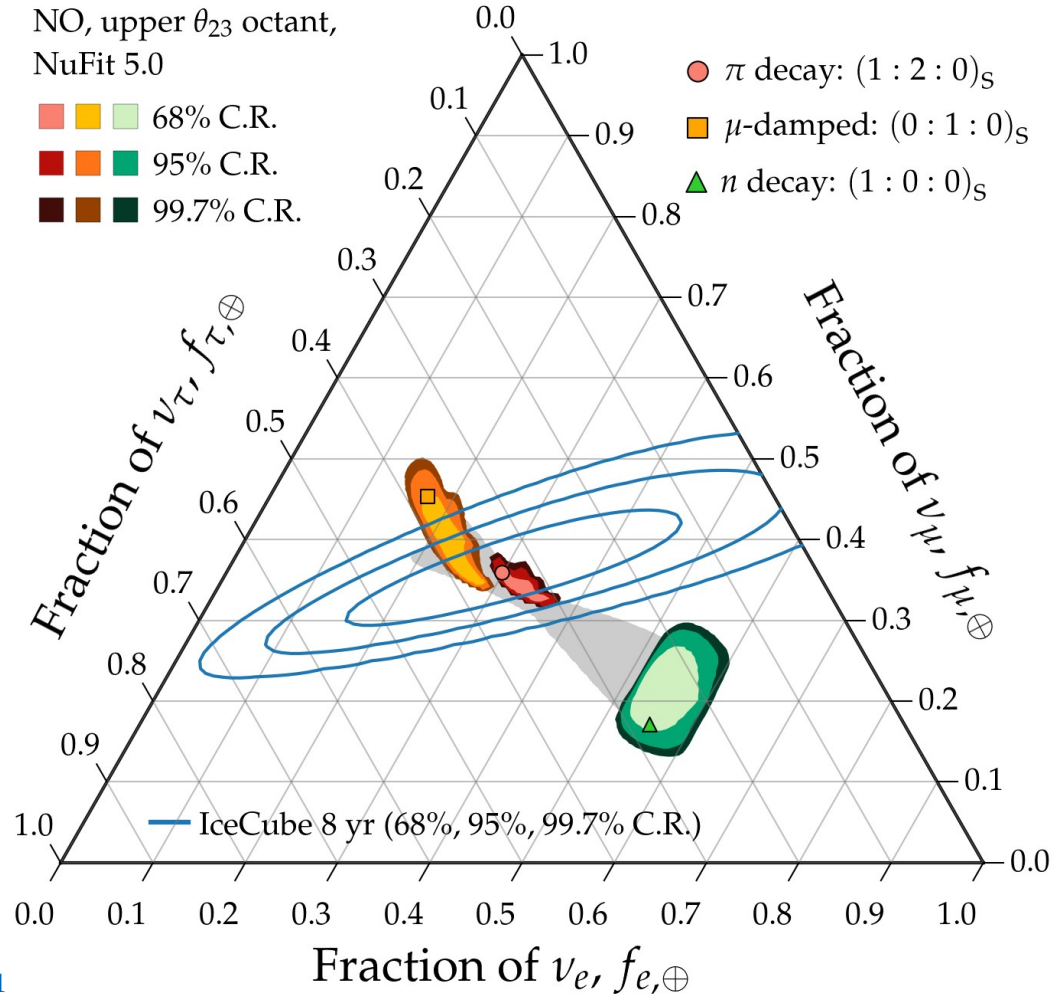


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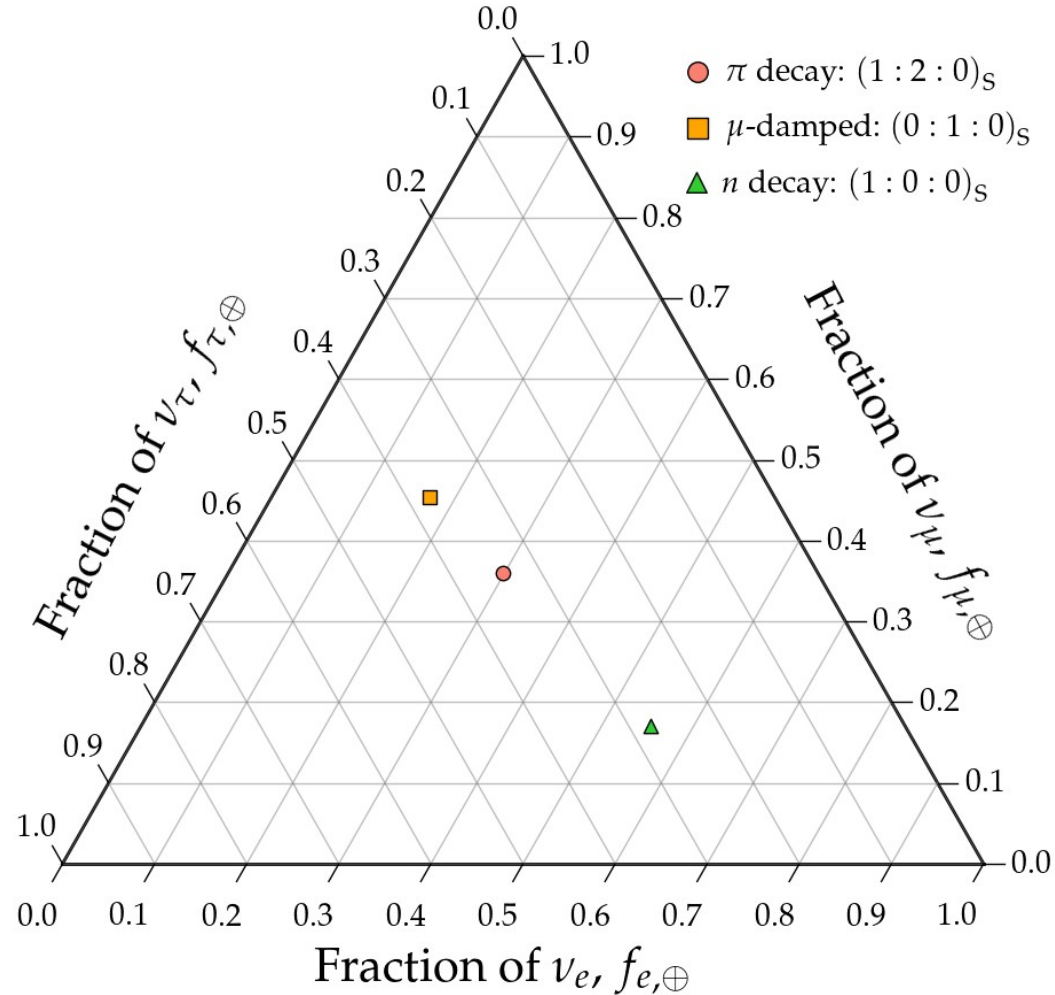


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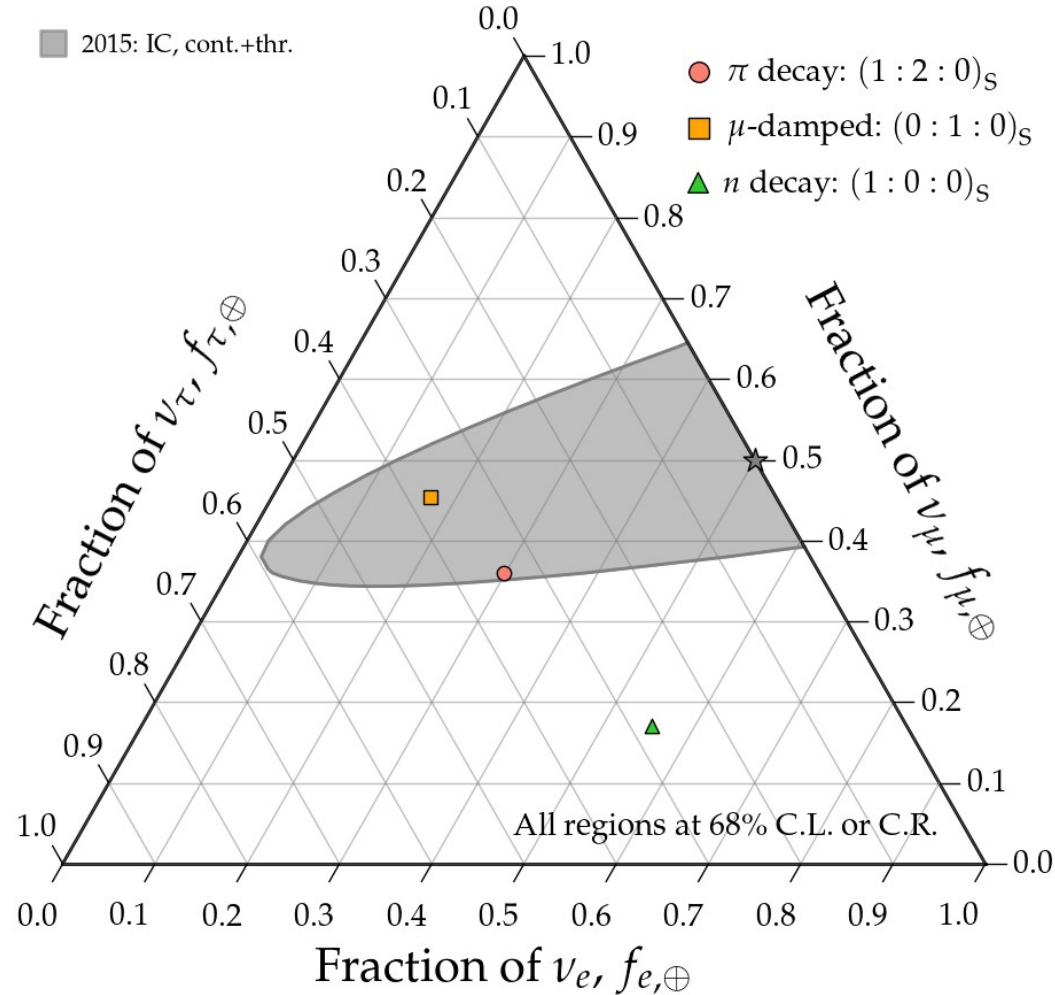
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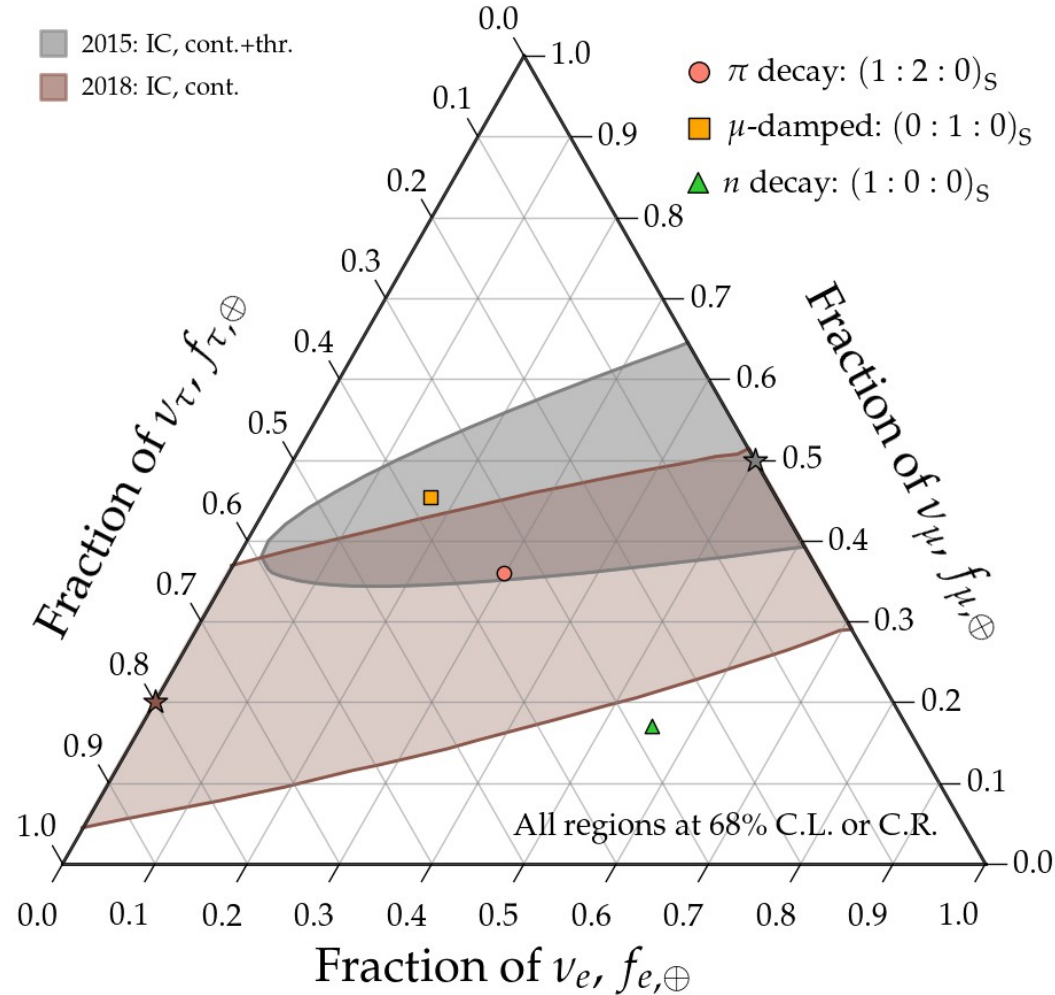
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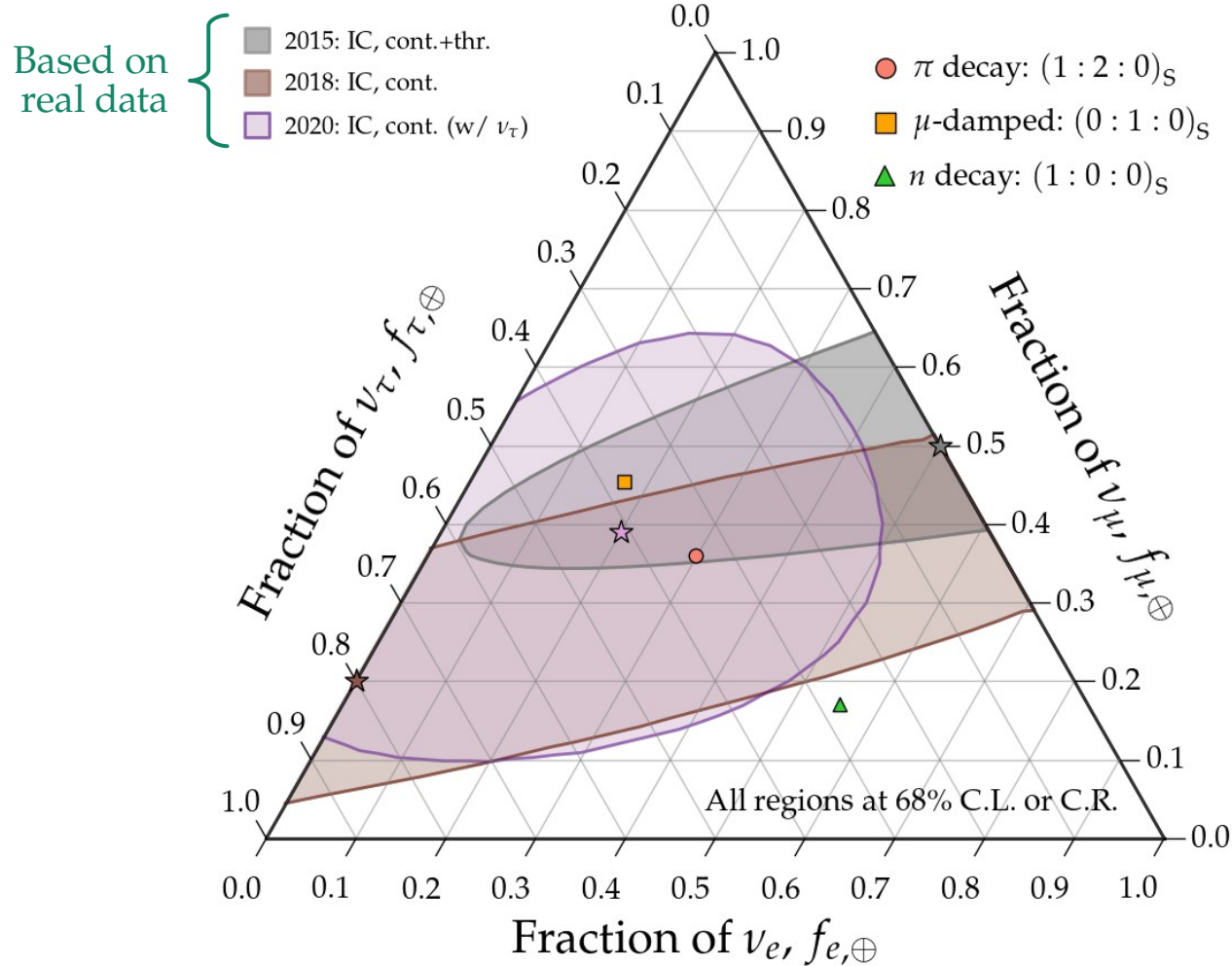


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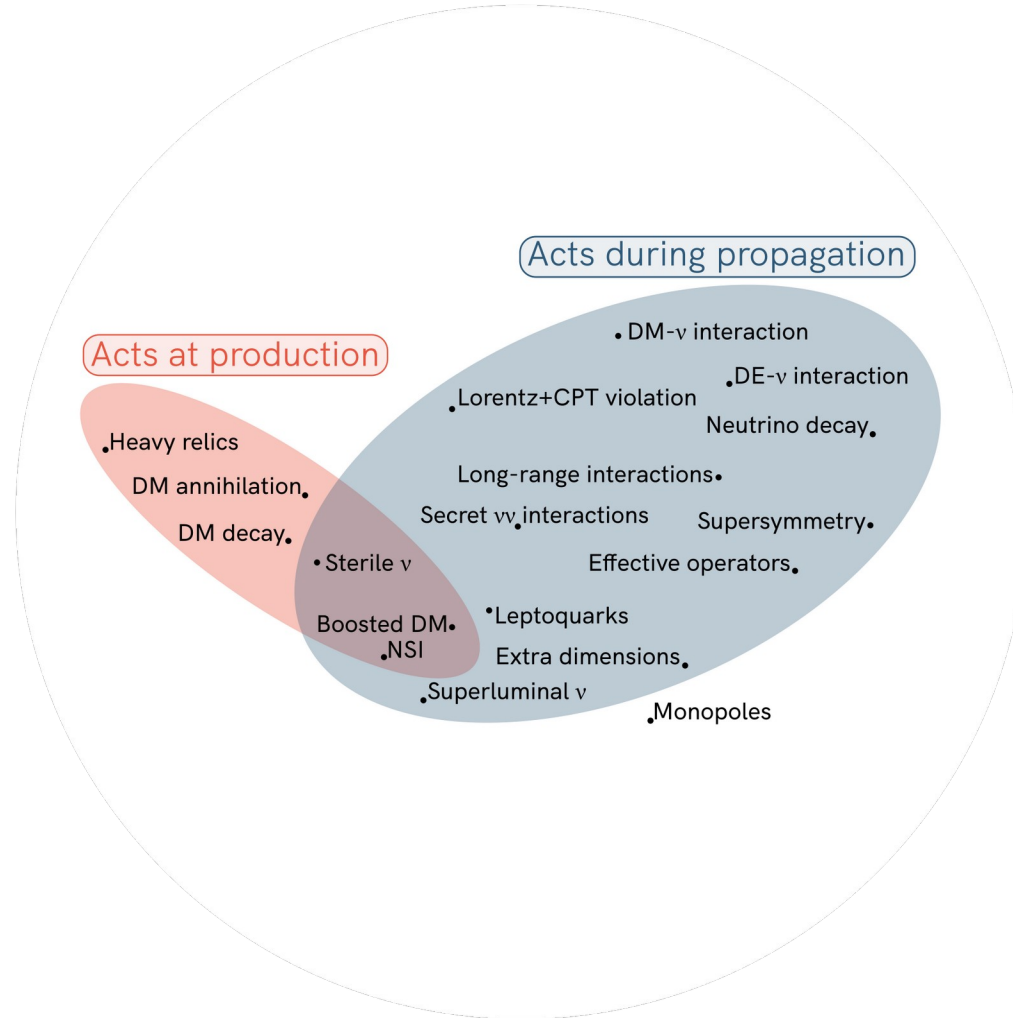


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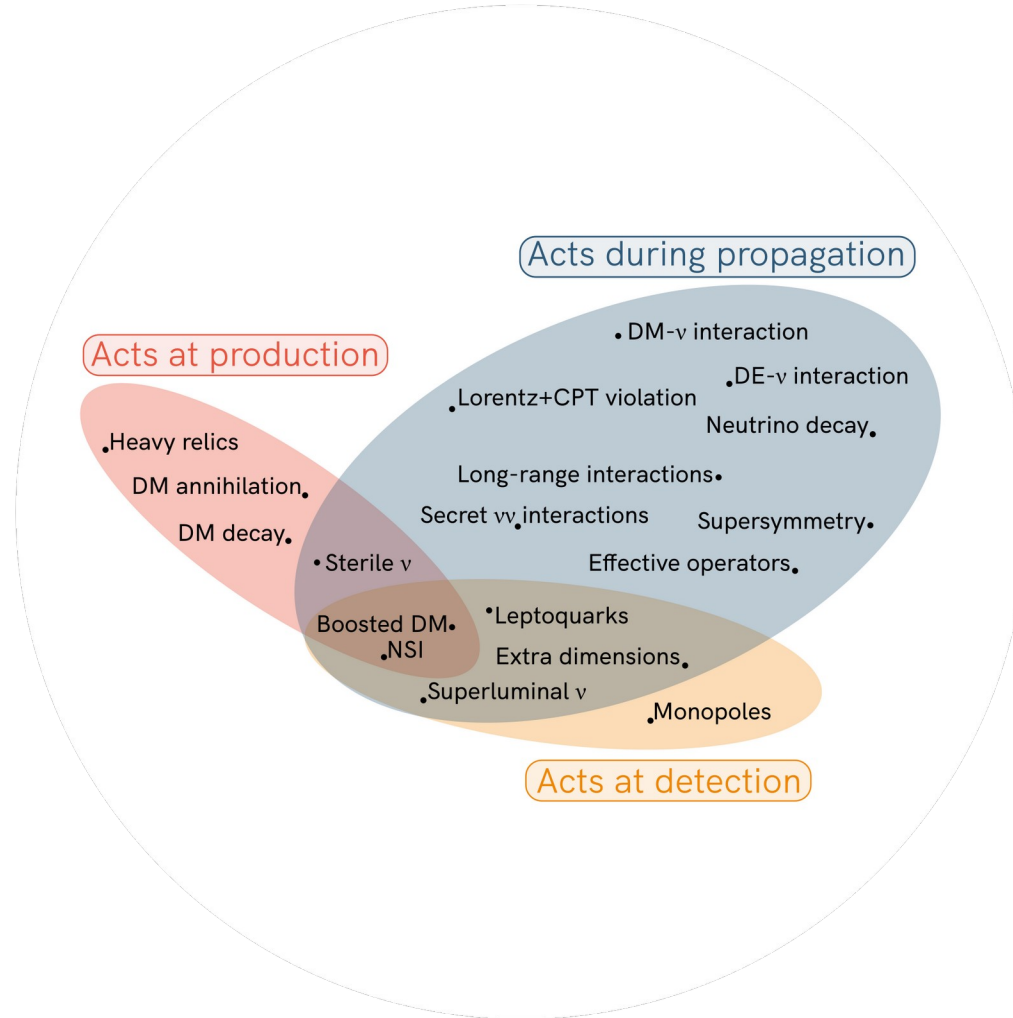




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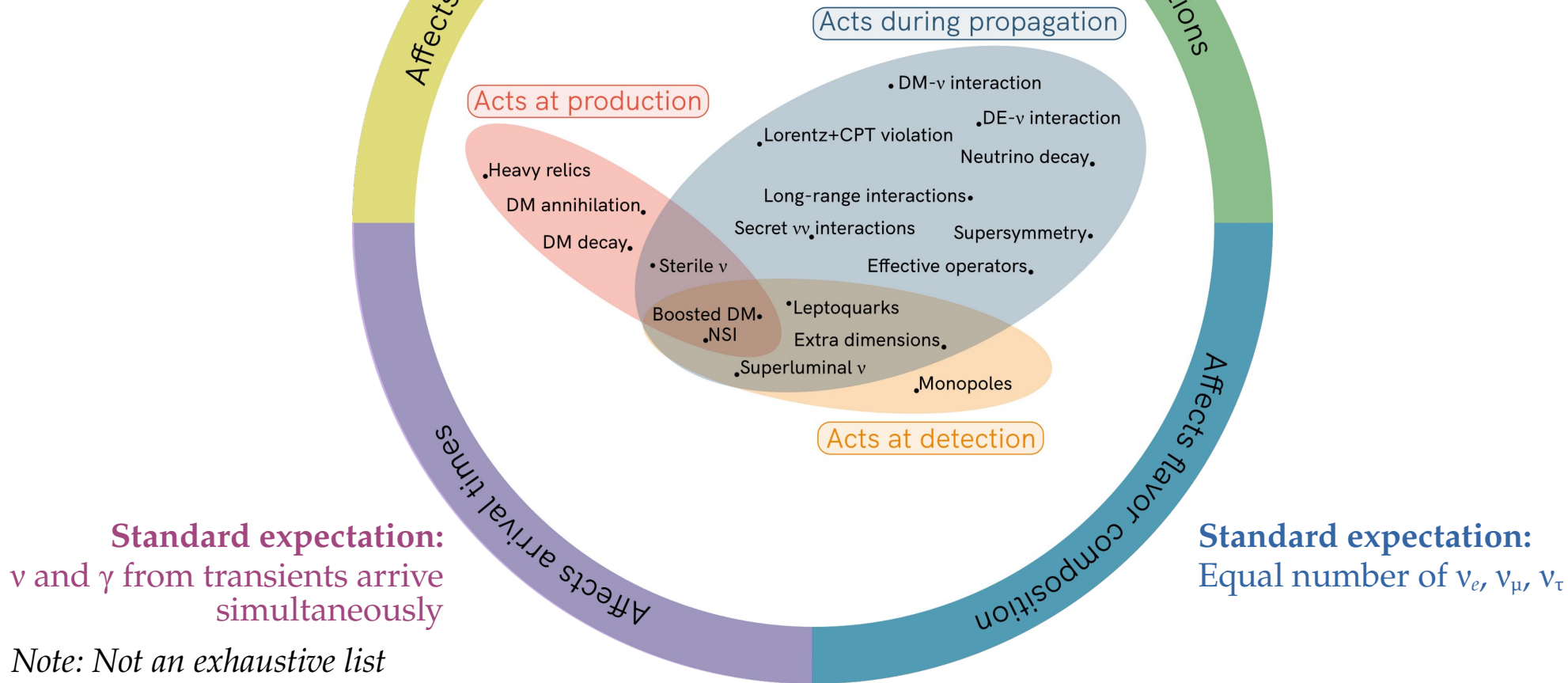
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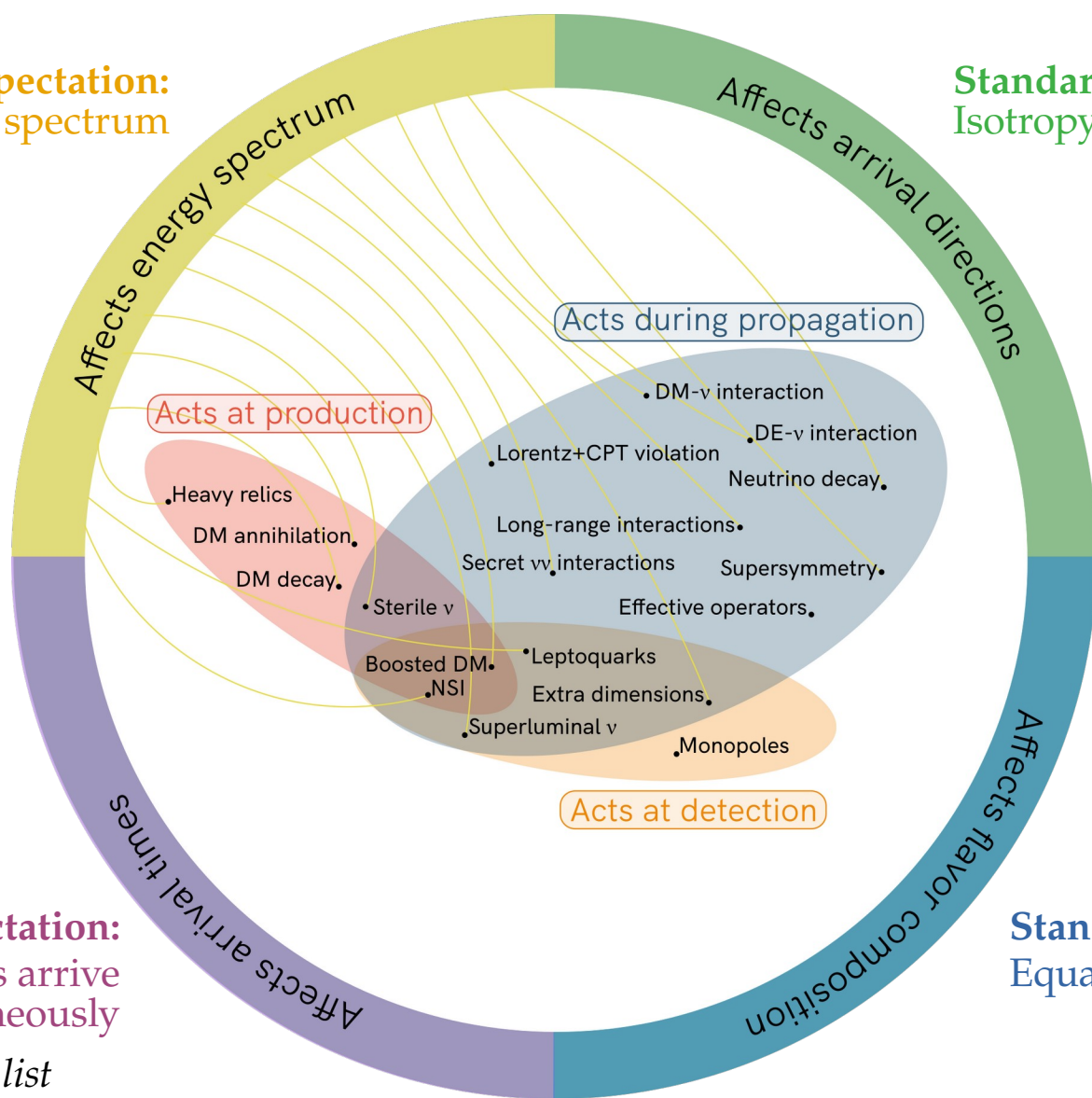
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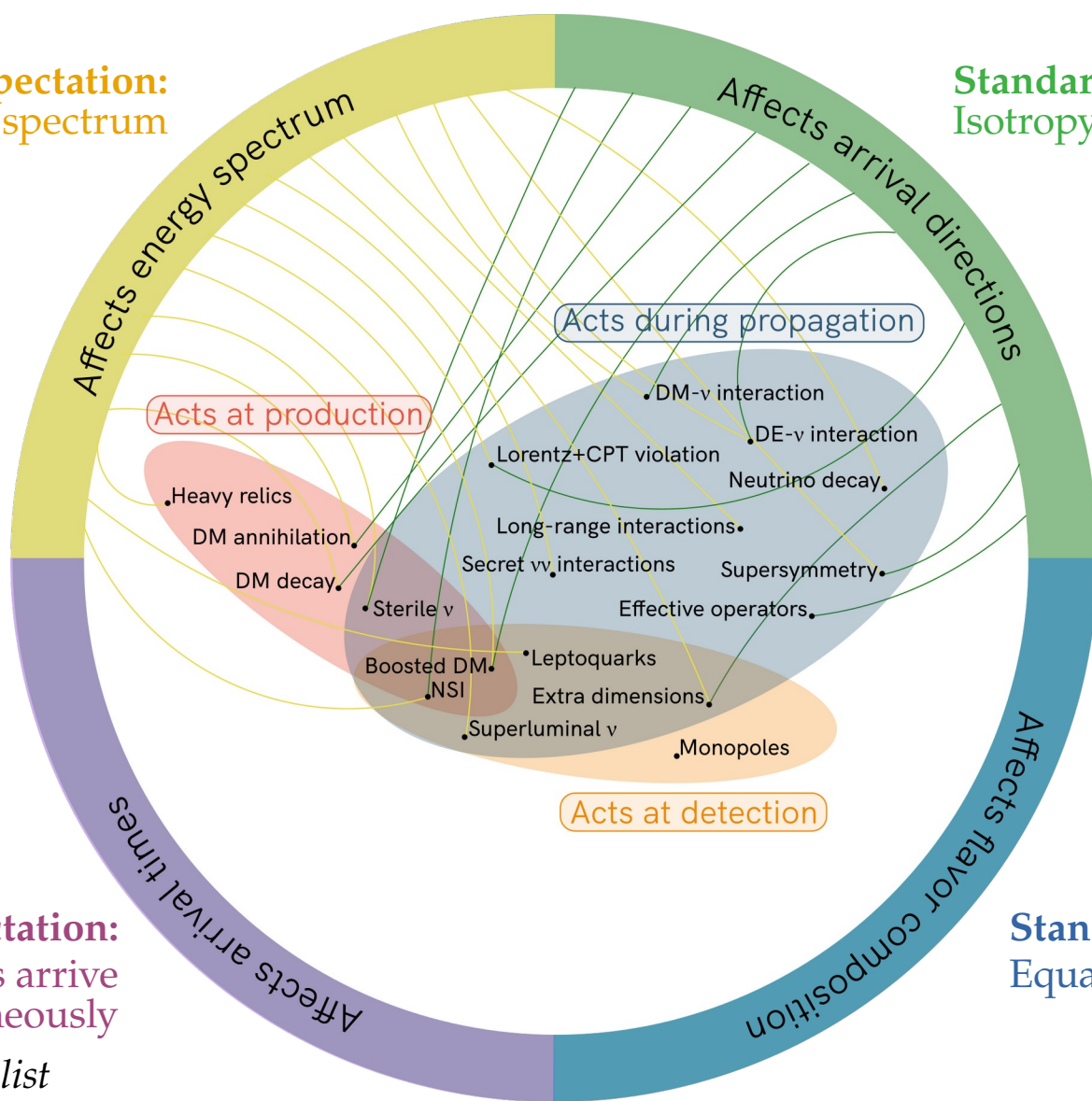
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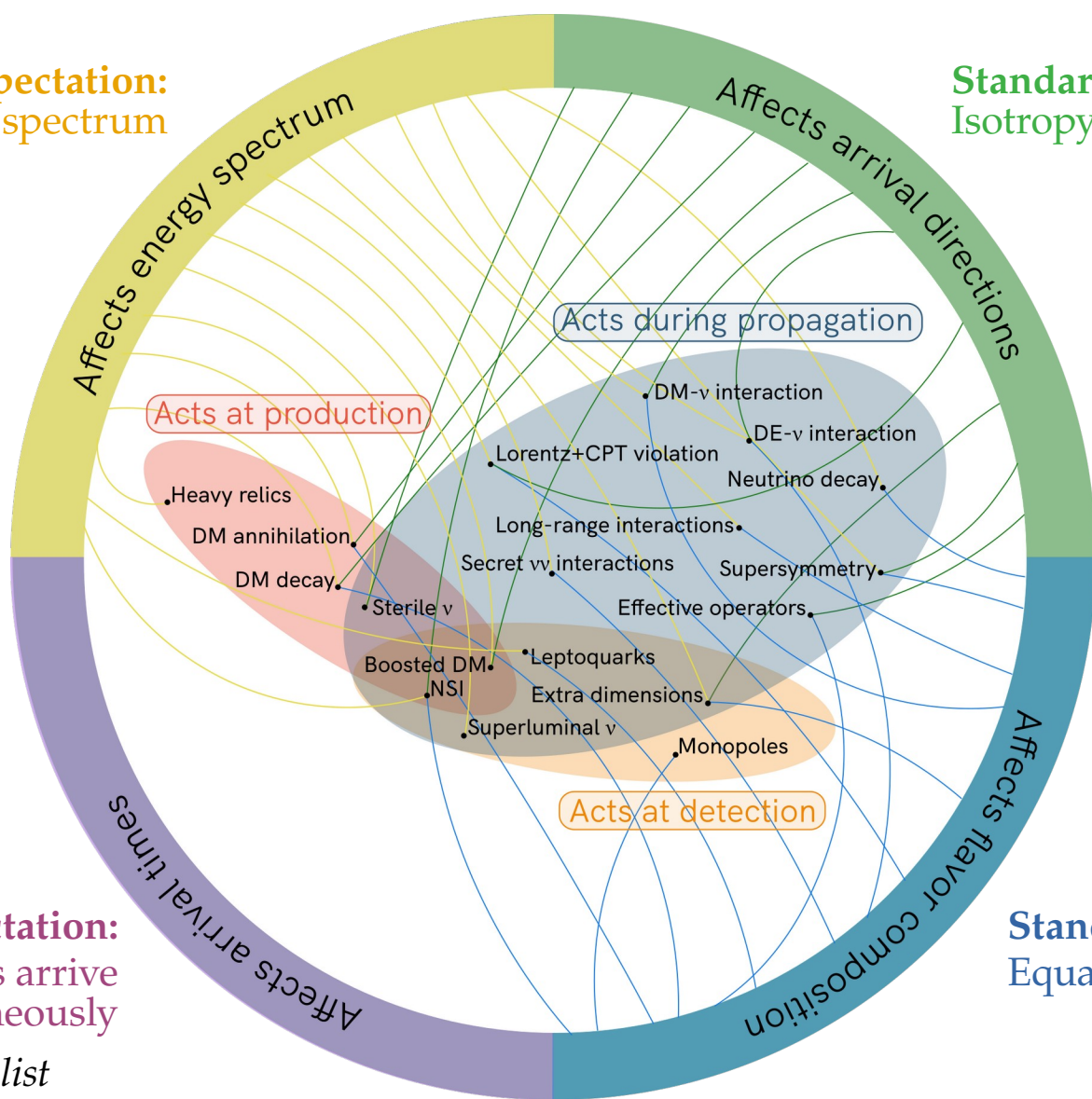
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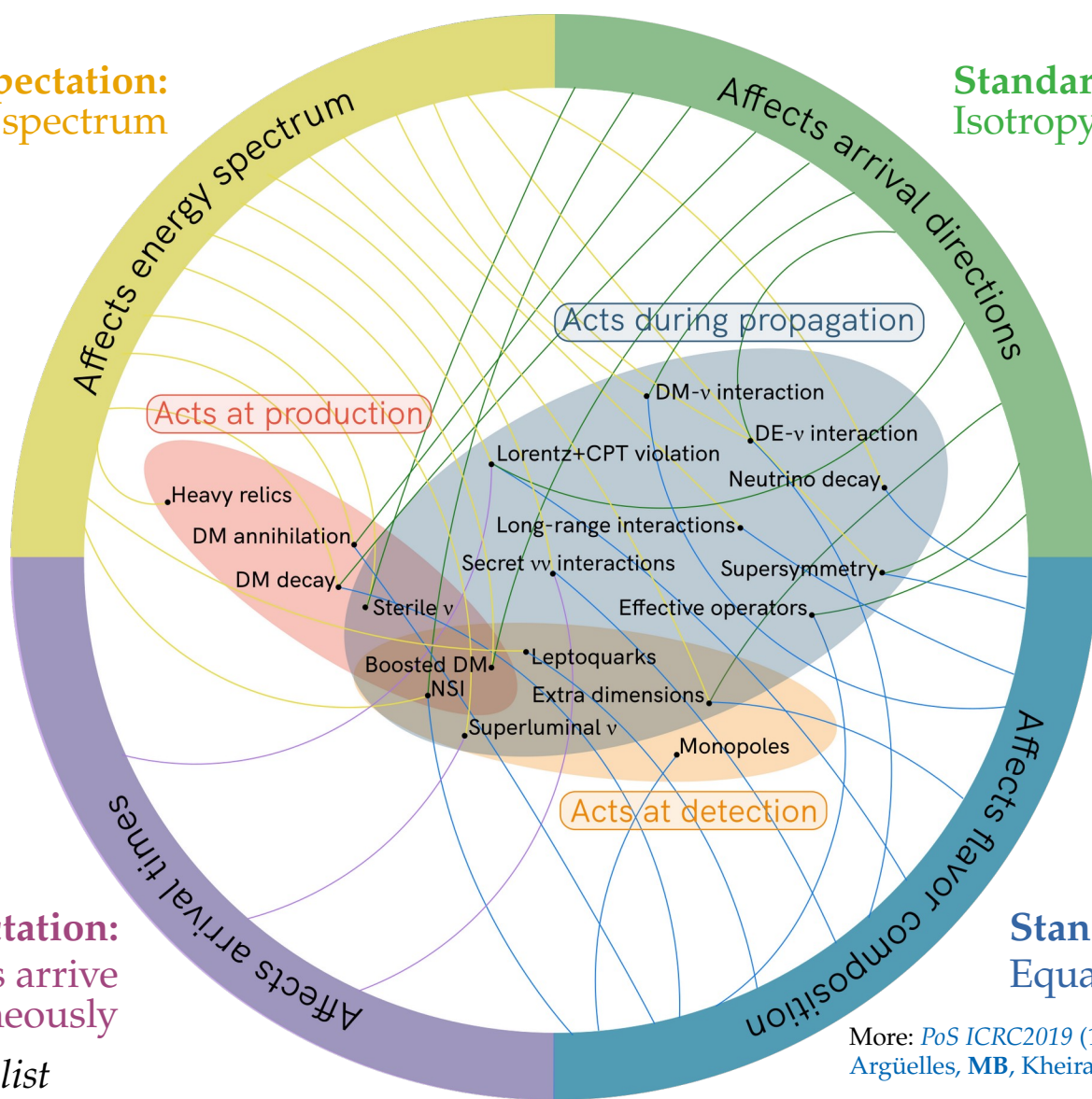
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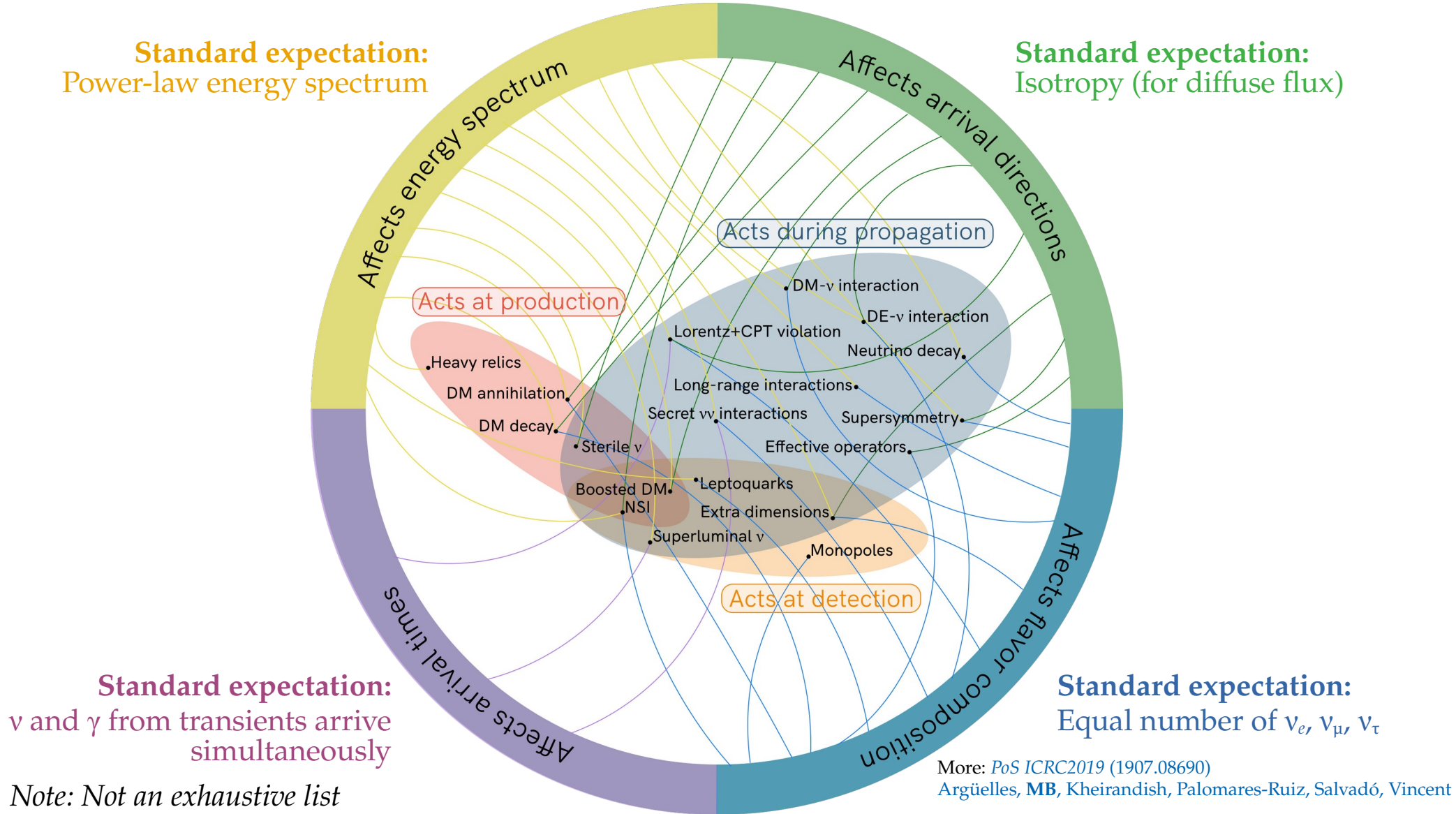
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Affects energy spectrum

Affects arrival directions

Acts during propagation

Acts at production

## Reviews:

Ahlers, Helbing, De los Heros, *EPJC* 2018

Argüelles, MB, Kheirandish, Palomares-Ruiz, Salvadó, Vincent, *ICRC* 2019 [1907.08690]

Ackermann, Ahlers, Anchordoqui, MB, et al., *Astro2020 Decadal Survey* [1903.04333]

DM decay  
Boosted DM  
NSI  
Leptoquarks  
Extra dimensions  
Superluminal  $\nu$   
Monopoles

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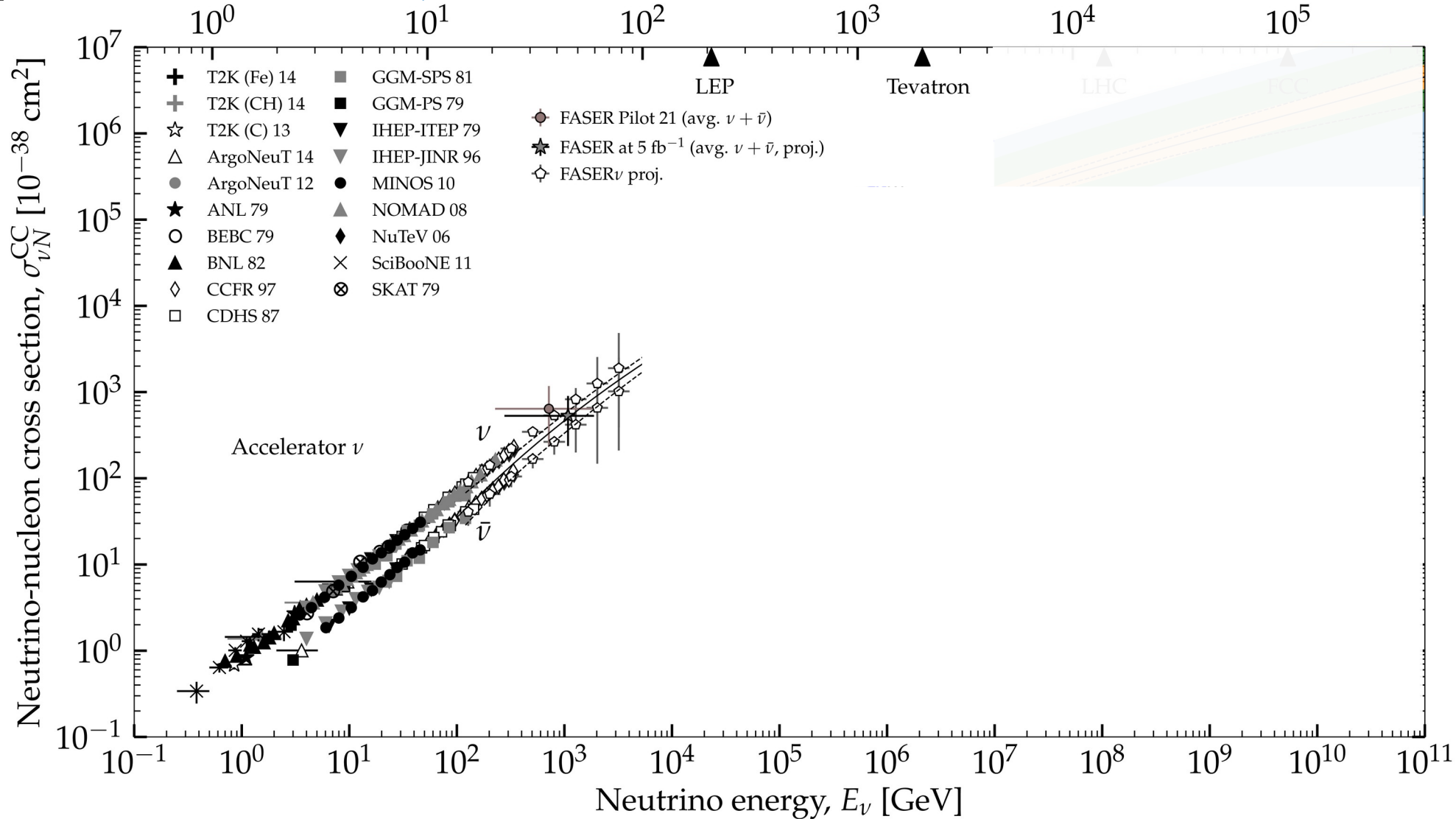
# A selection of neutrino physics

- 1 Neutrino-matter cross section
- 2 Dark matter
- 3 Discovering the Glashow resonance
- 4 Secret neutrino interactions
- 5 Flavor physics
- 6 Neutrino decay

} Backup slides

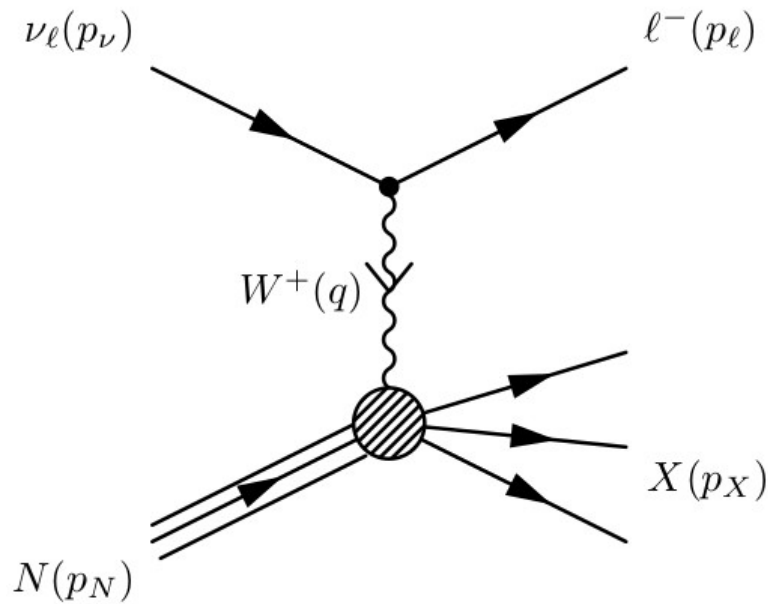
1. Neutrino-matter cross section:  
*Beyond TeV scale*



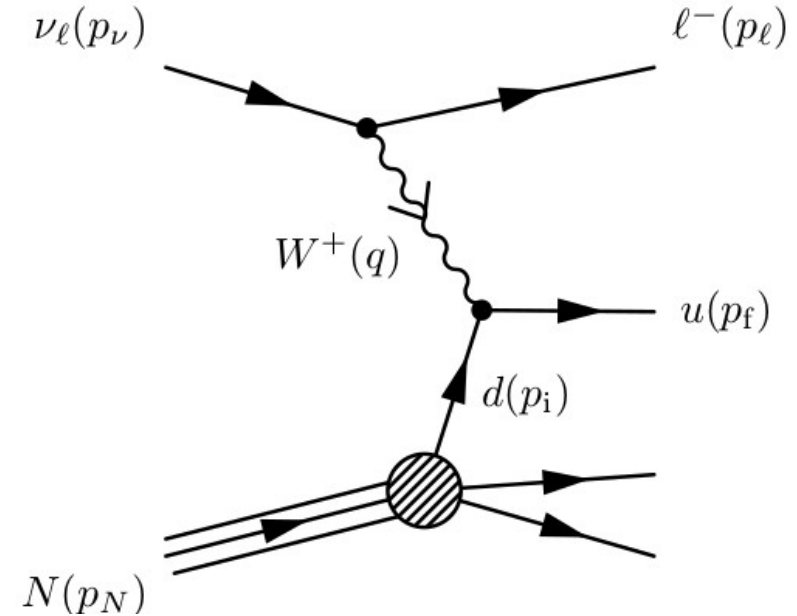
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# How does DIS probe nucleon structure?

What you see

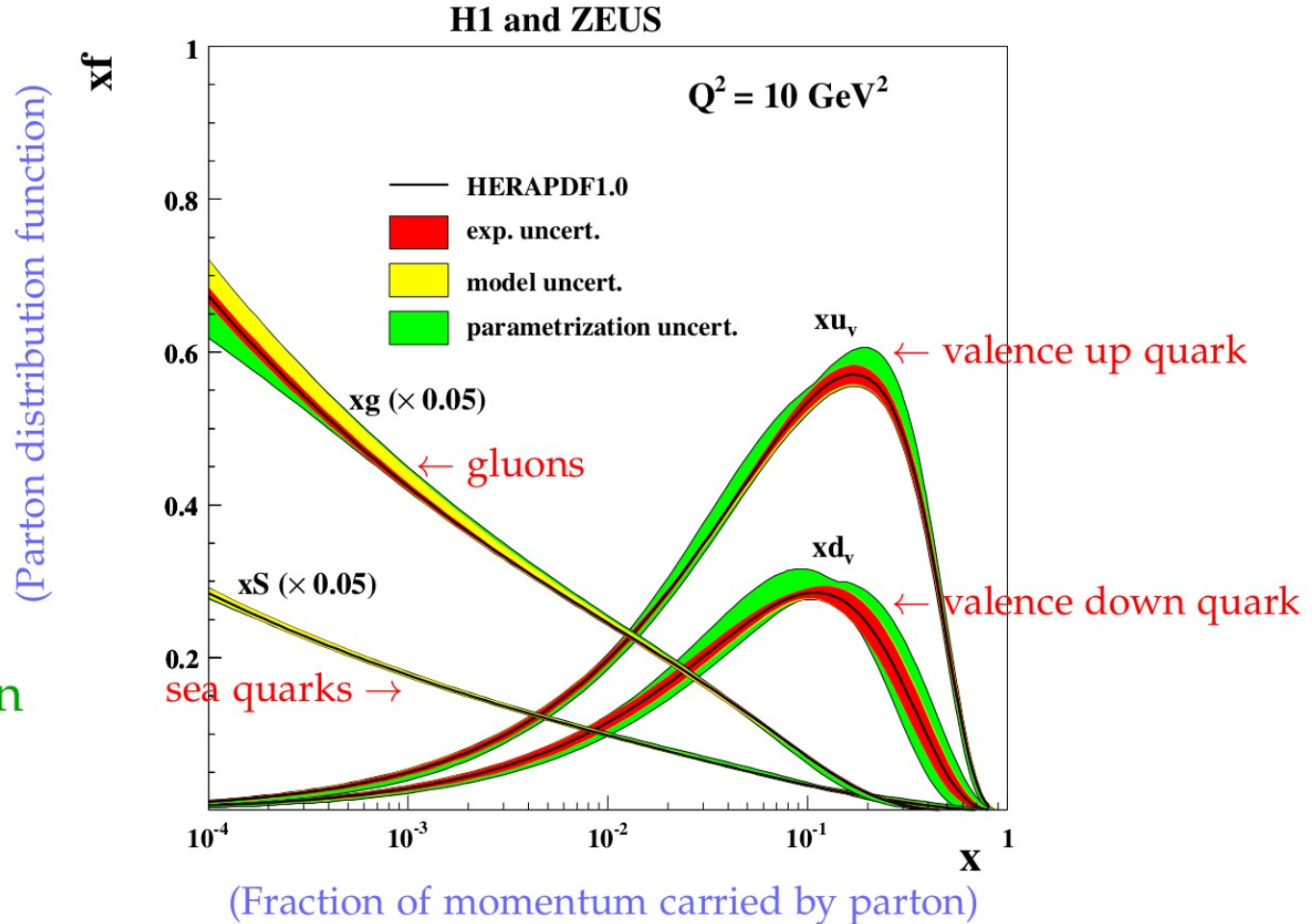


Beneath the hood

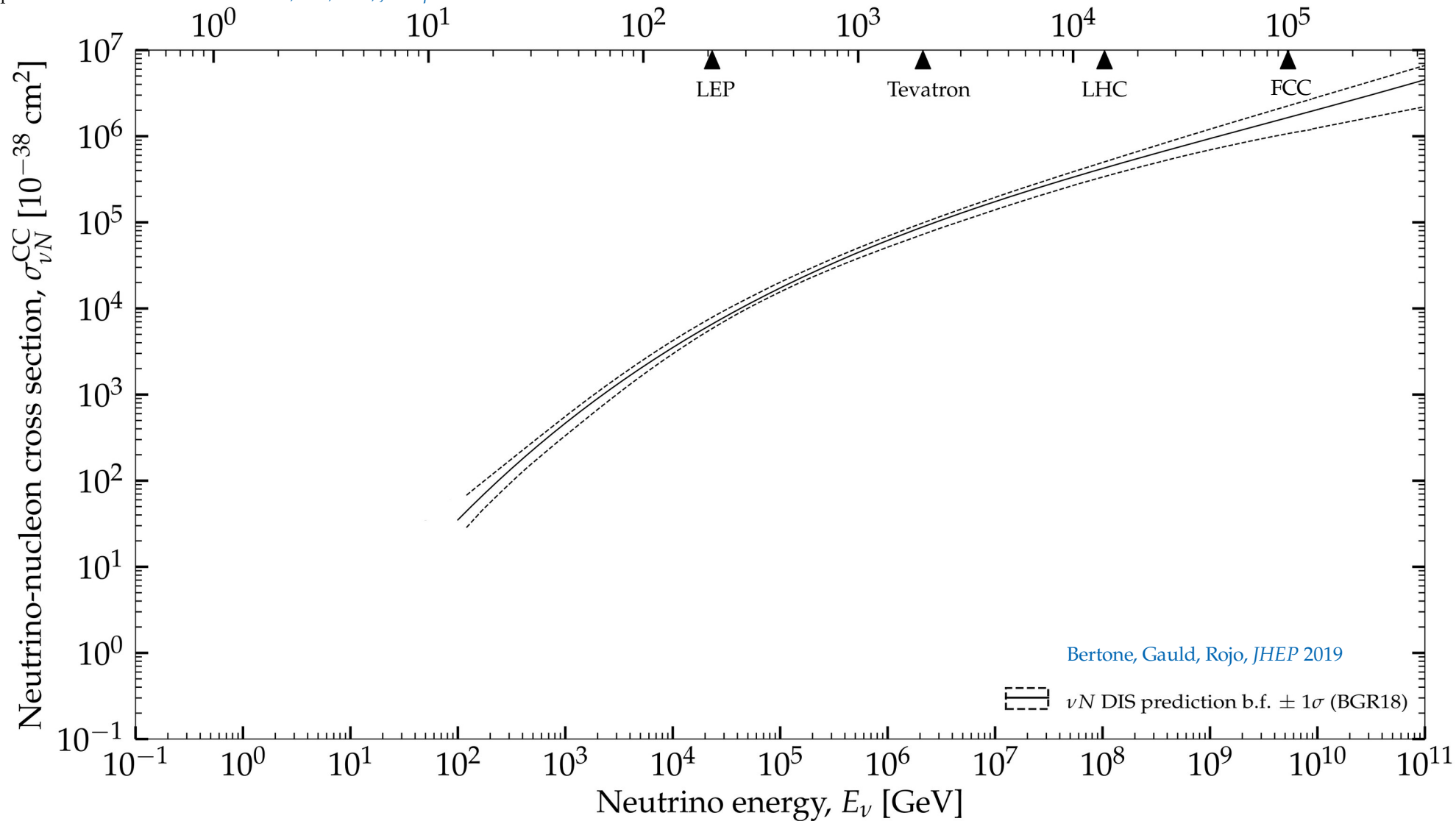


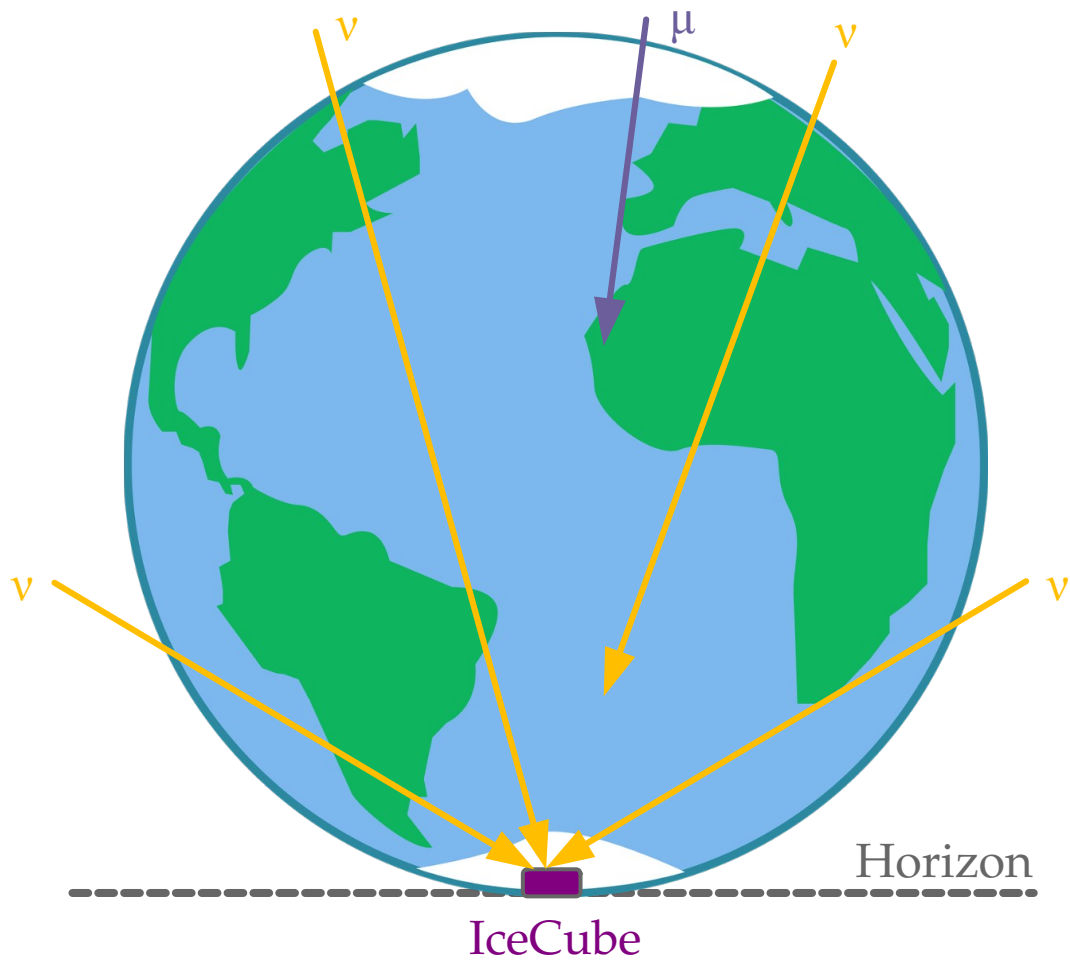
(Plus the equivalent neutral-current process (Z-exchange))

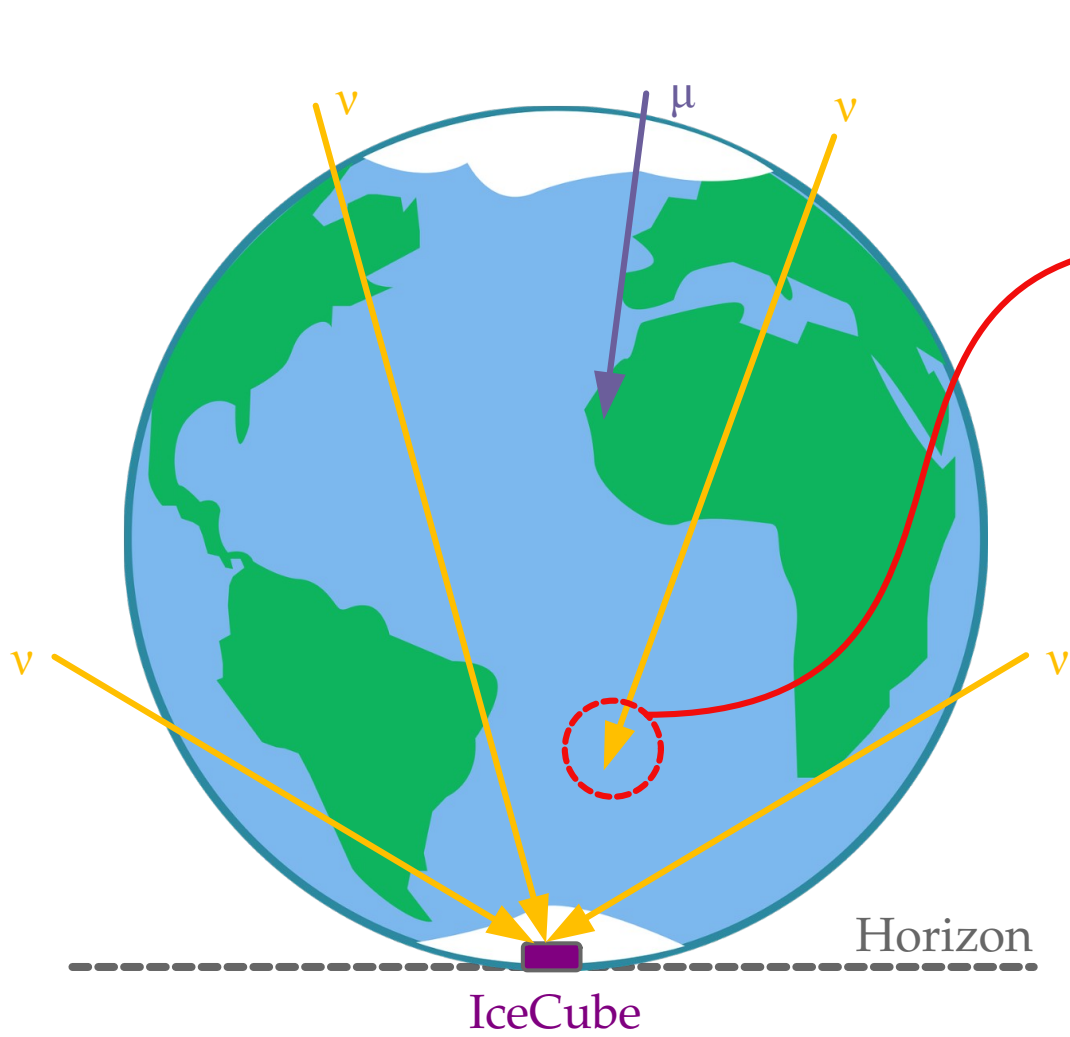
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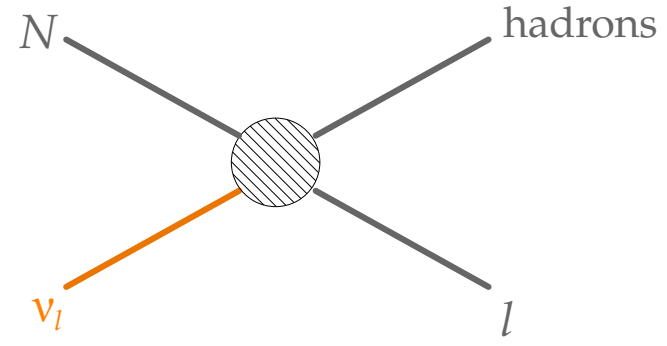
← Extrapolation

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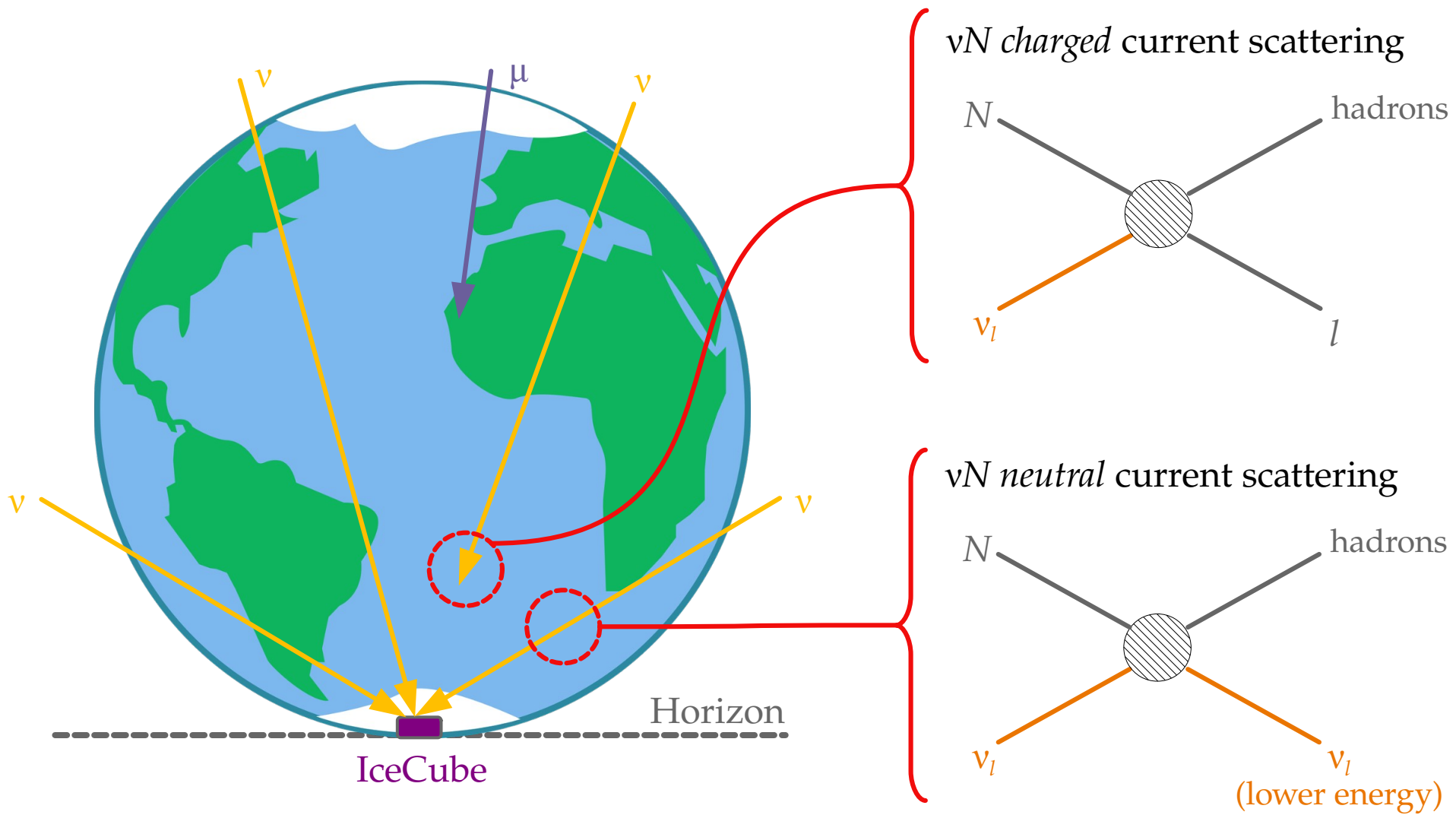


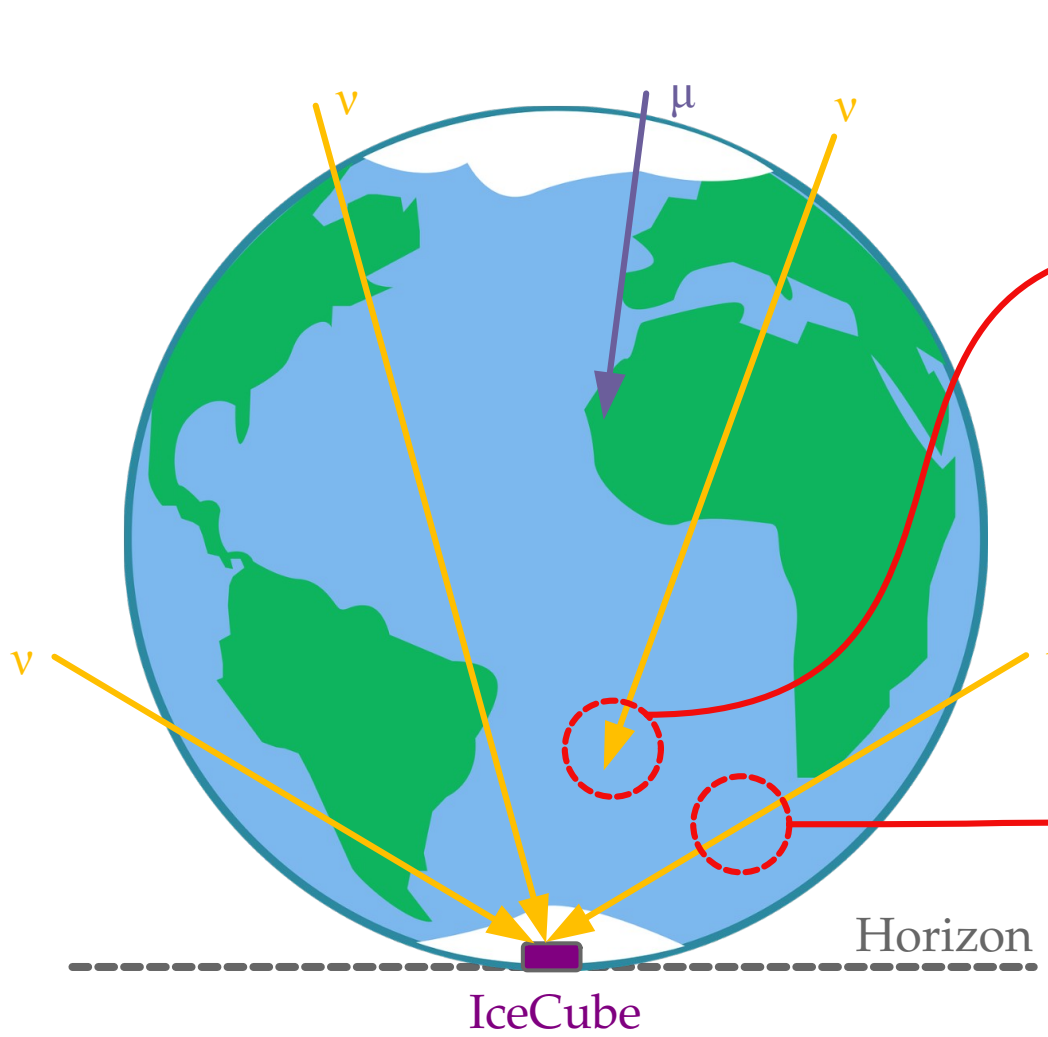


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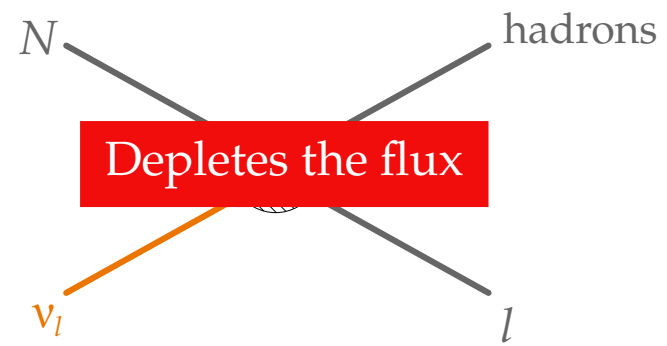






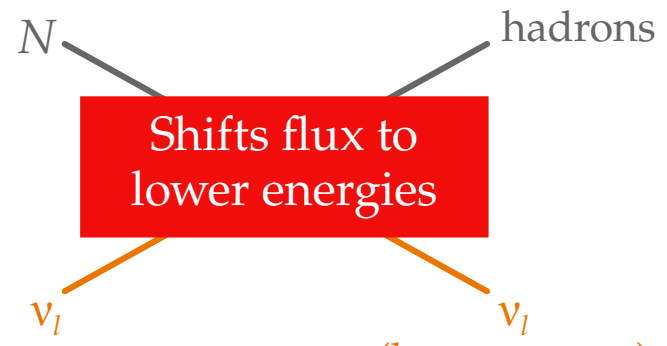


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Depletes the flux

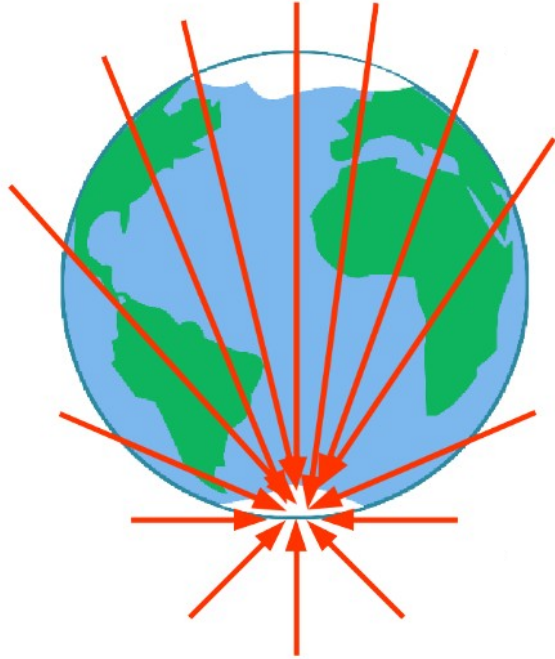
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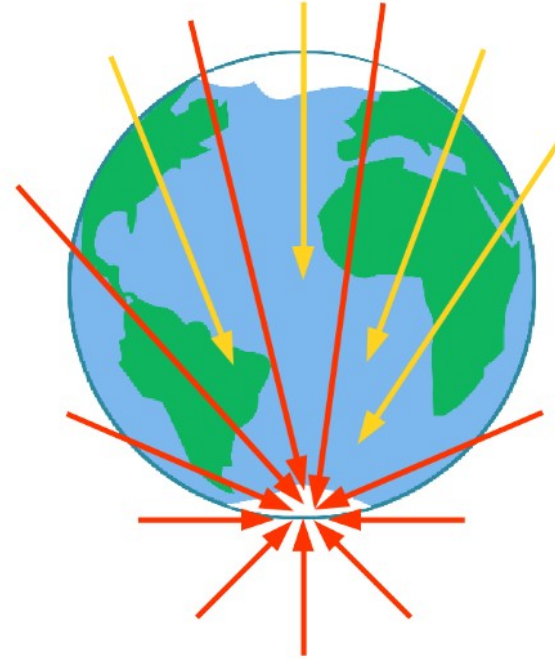
Shifts flux to lower energies

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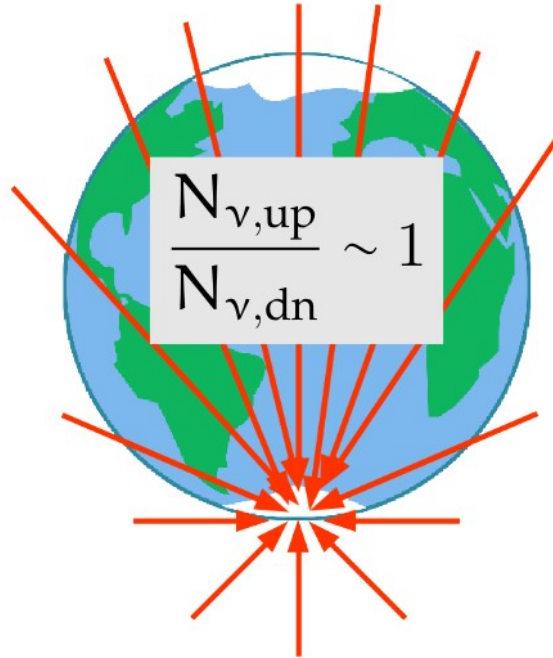


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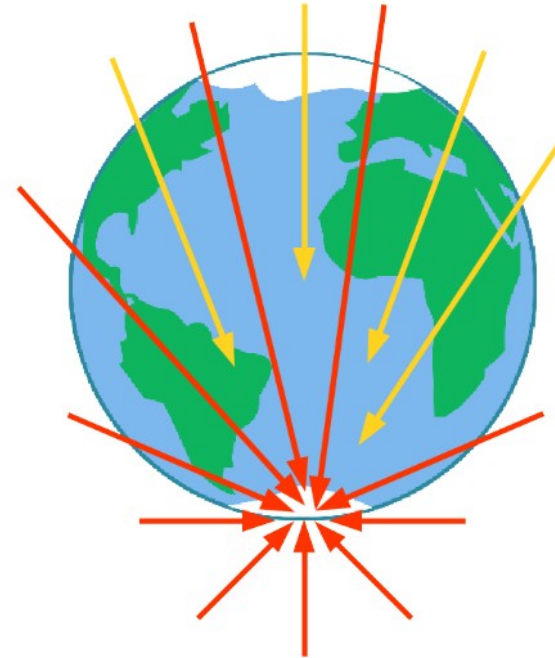


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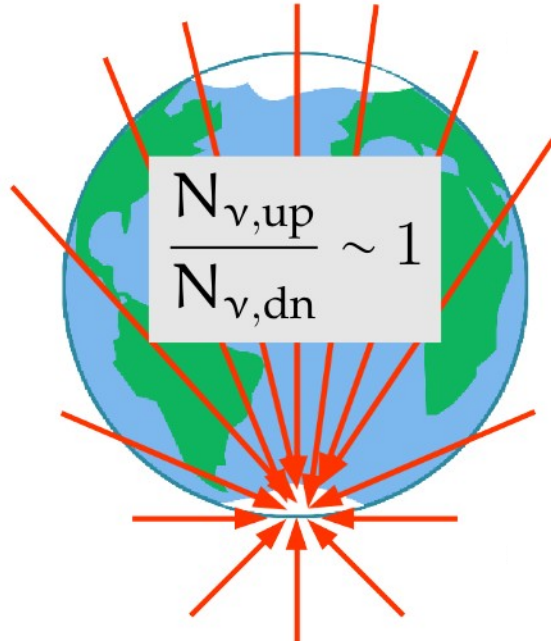


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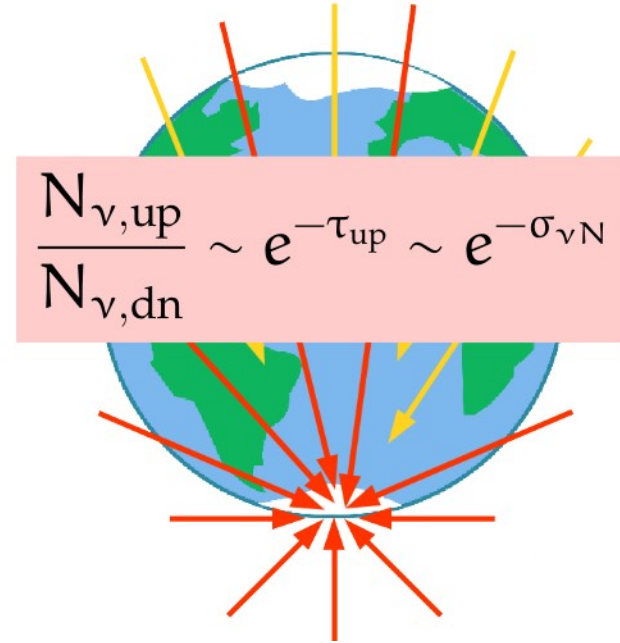


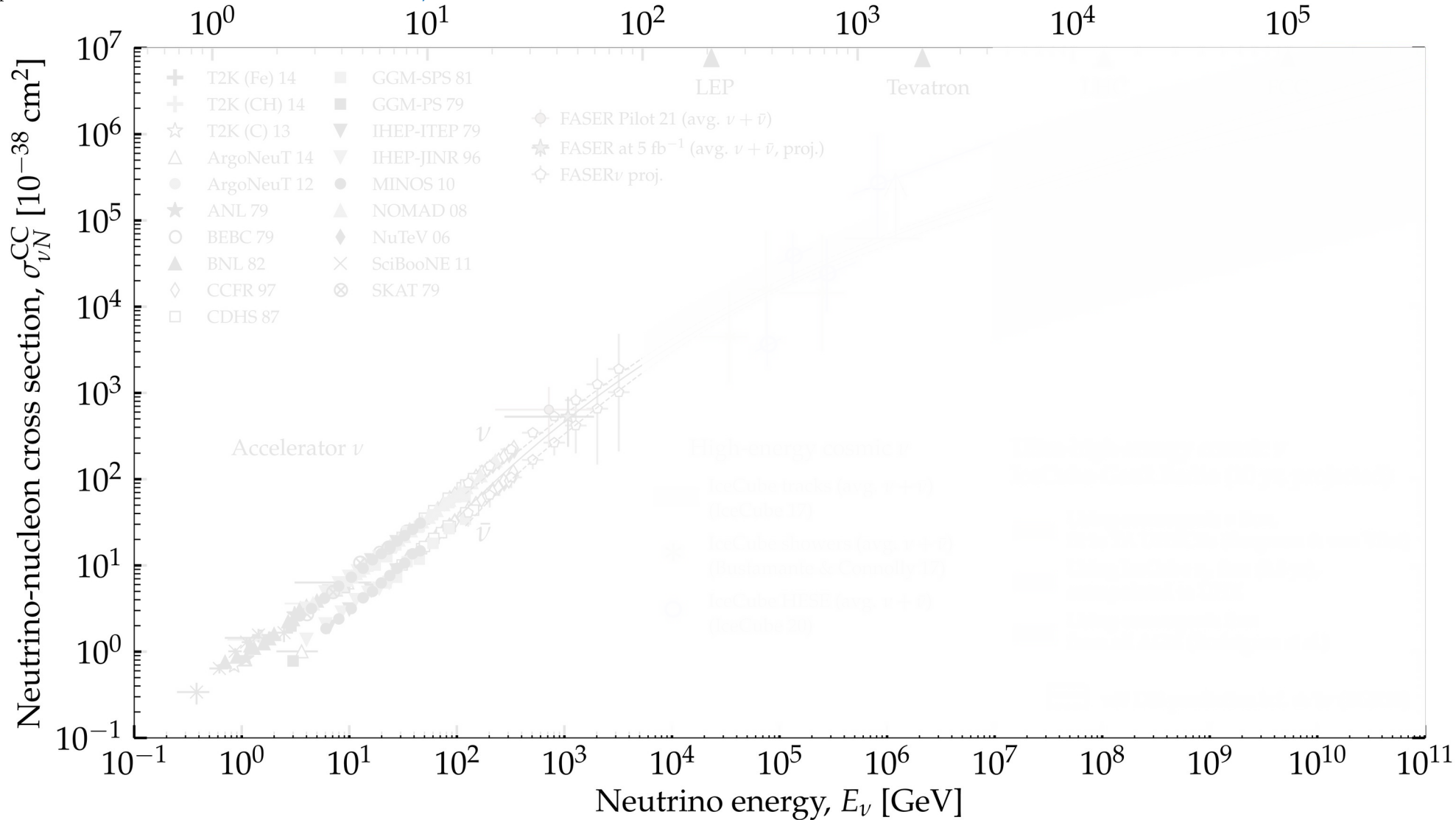
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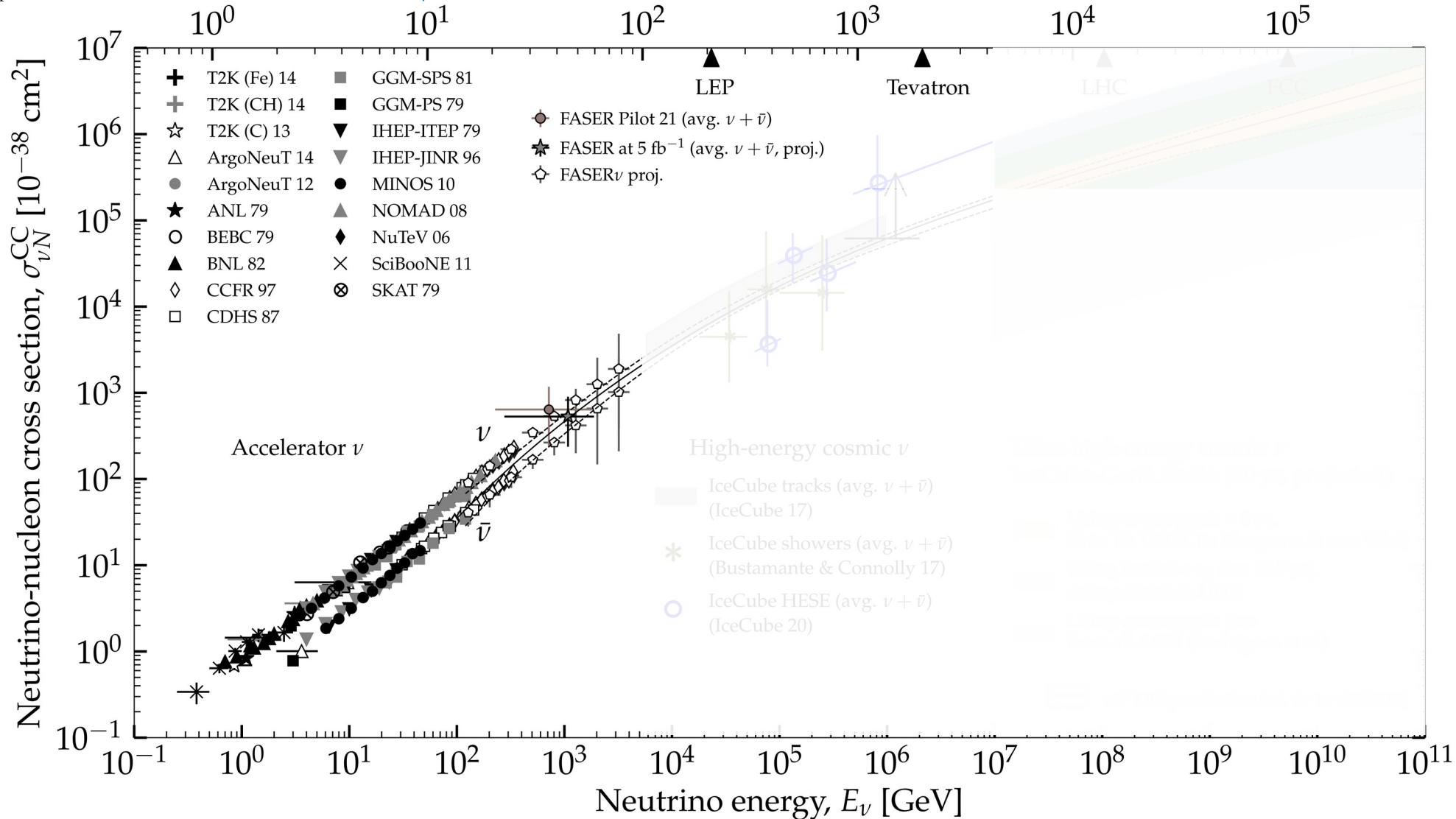


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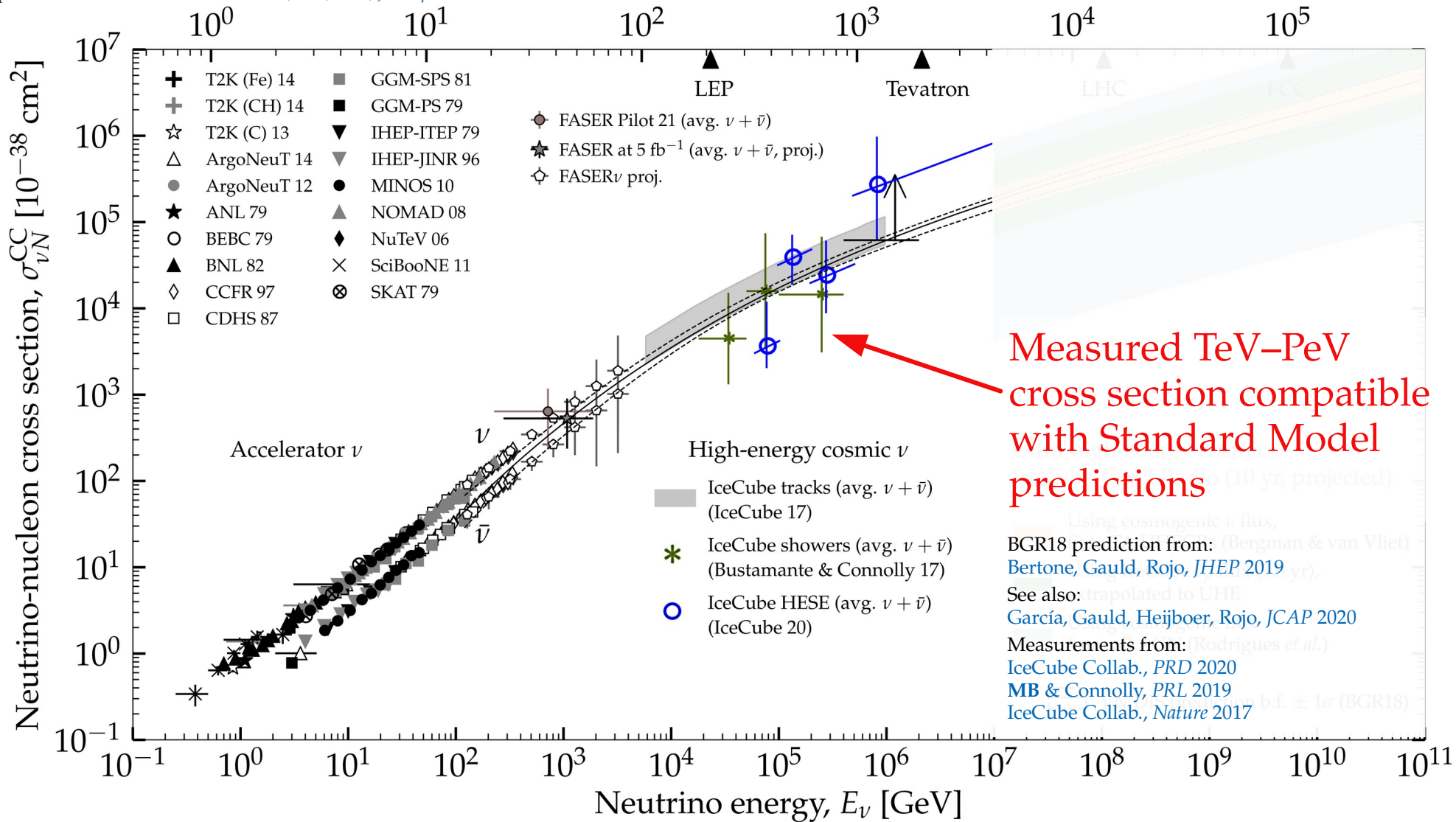


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## 2. Dark matter: *Annihilation and decay*

# High-energy neutrinos from dark matter

## Dark matter co-annihilation:

$$\chi + \chi \rightarrow \nu + \bar{\nu}$$

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$$E_{\max} = m_{\chi}$$

## Dark matter decay:

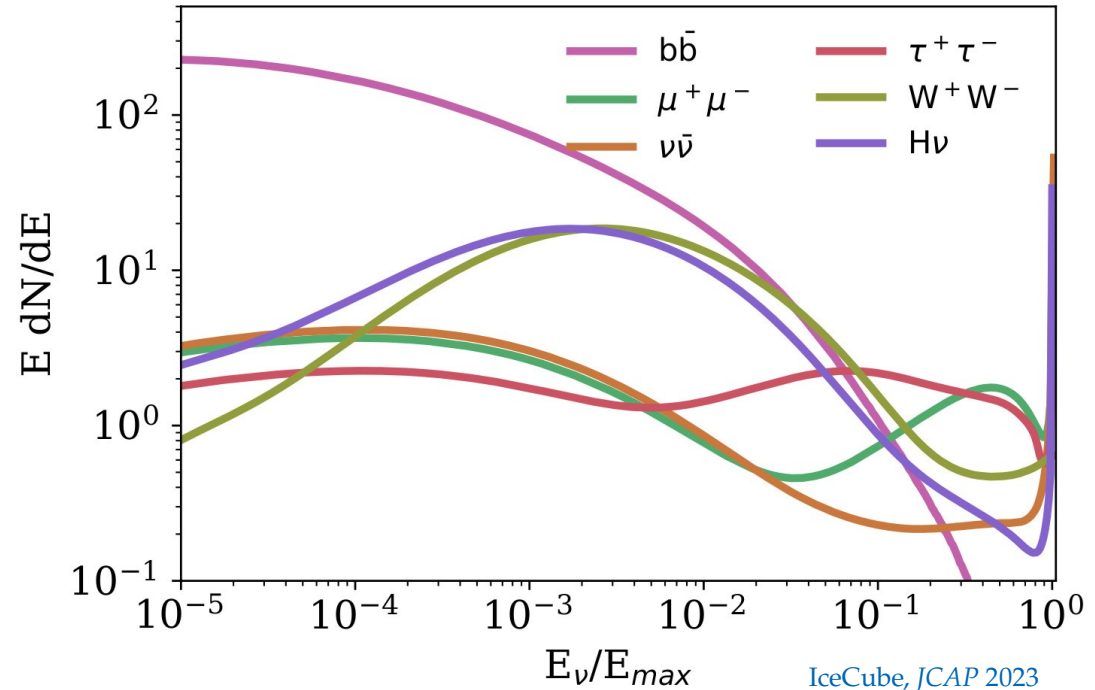
$$\chi \rightarrow \nu + \bar{\nu}$$

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Electroweak corrections (off-shell W and Z emission) broaden the  $\nu$  spectrum

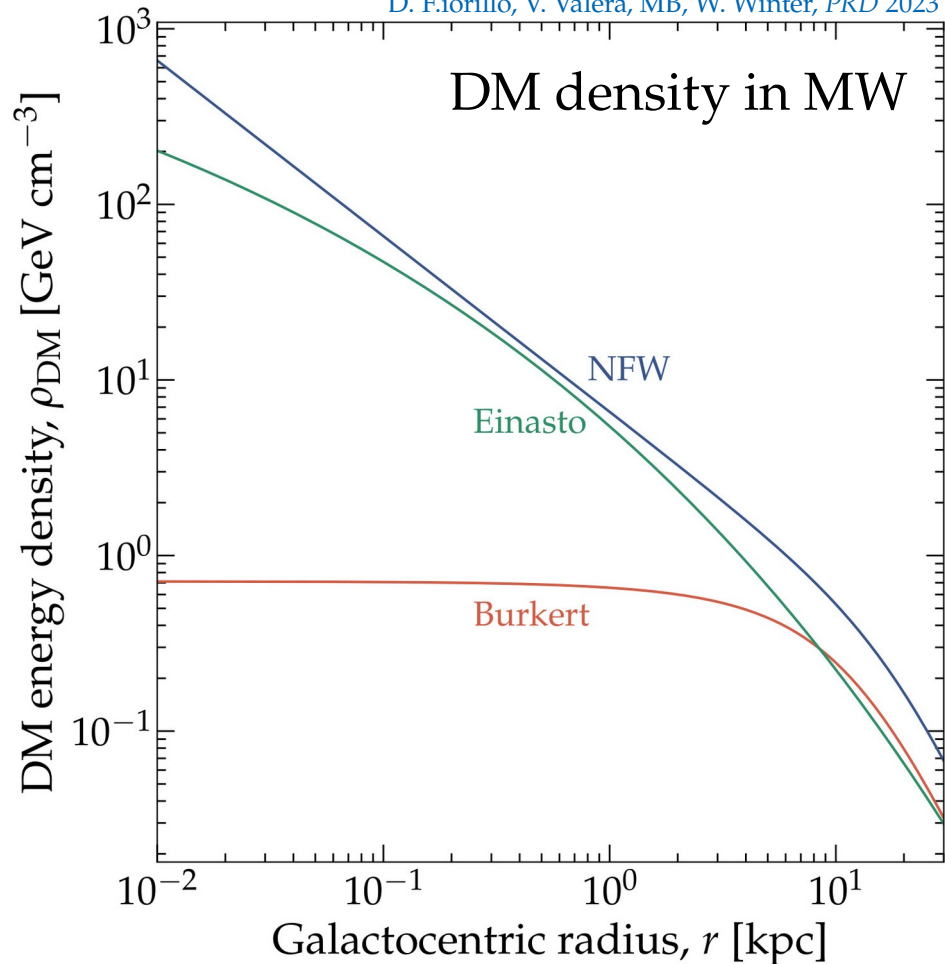
## $\nu + \bar{\nu}$ yield from DM (at source)



Approximate independence on  $m_{\chi}$   
valid for  $m_{\chi} \approx 100 \text{ TeV} - 10 \text{ PeV}$

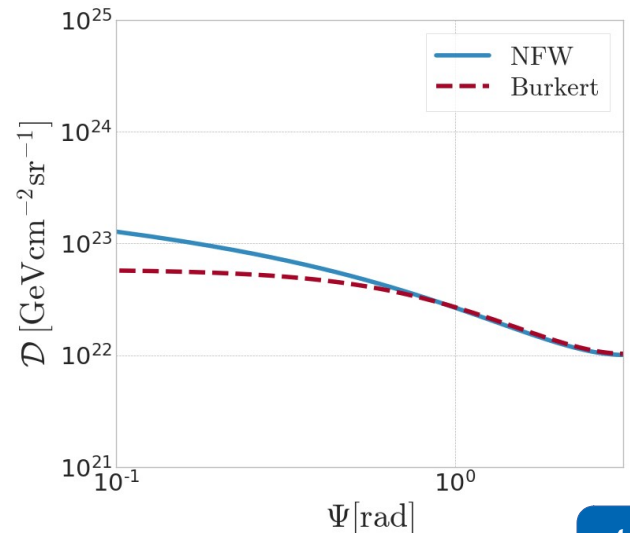
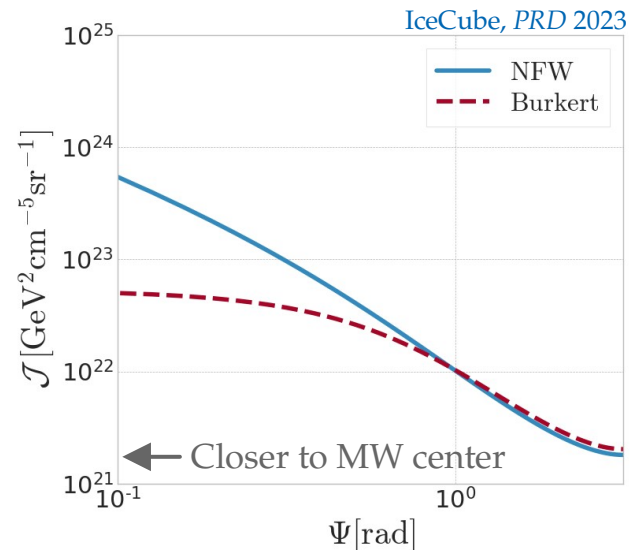
# Dark matter in the Milky Way

D. Fiorillo, V. Valera, MB, W. Winter, *PRD* 2023



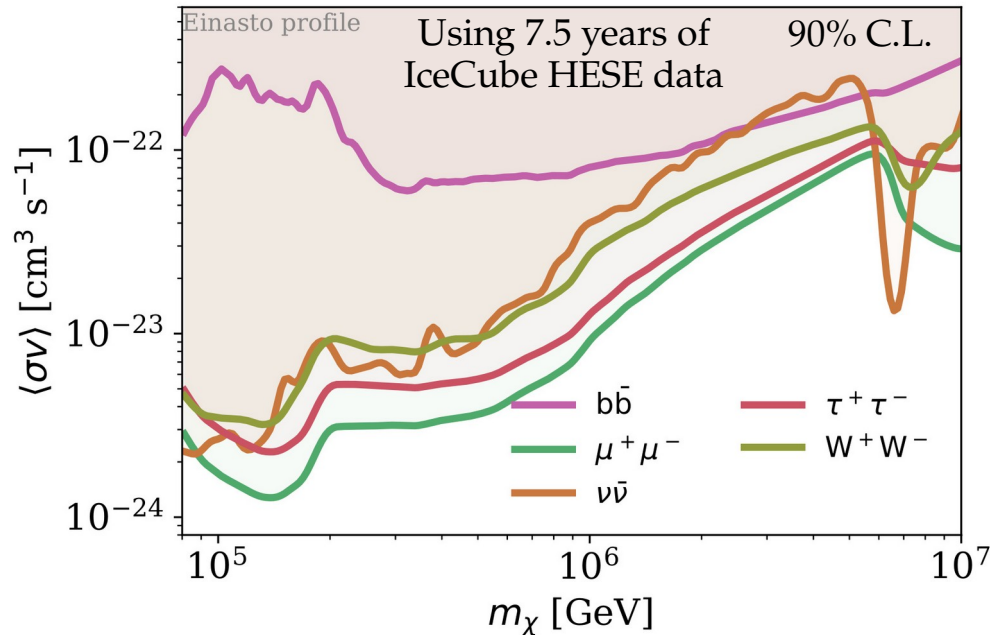
DM annihilation  
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DM decay  
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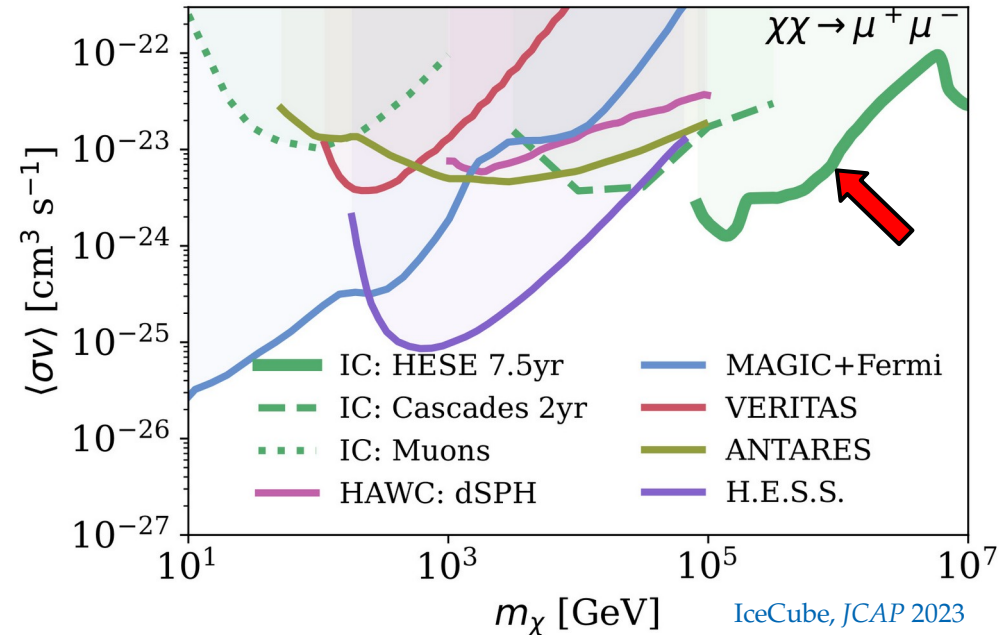


# Limits on dark matter annihilation

Per annihilation channel  
(assuming 100% branching ratio)



Compared to other limits  
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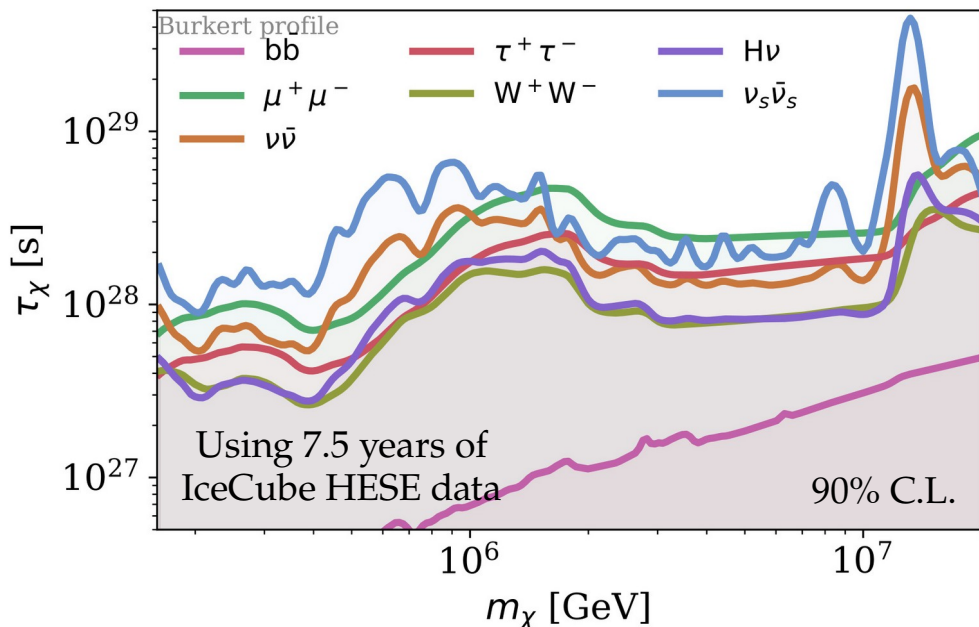


Two DM contributions: Galactic (anisotropic) + extragalactic (isotropic)  
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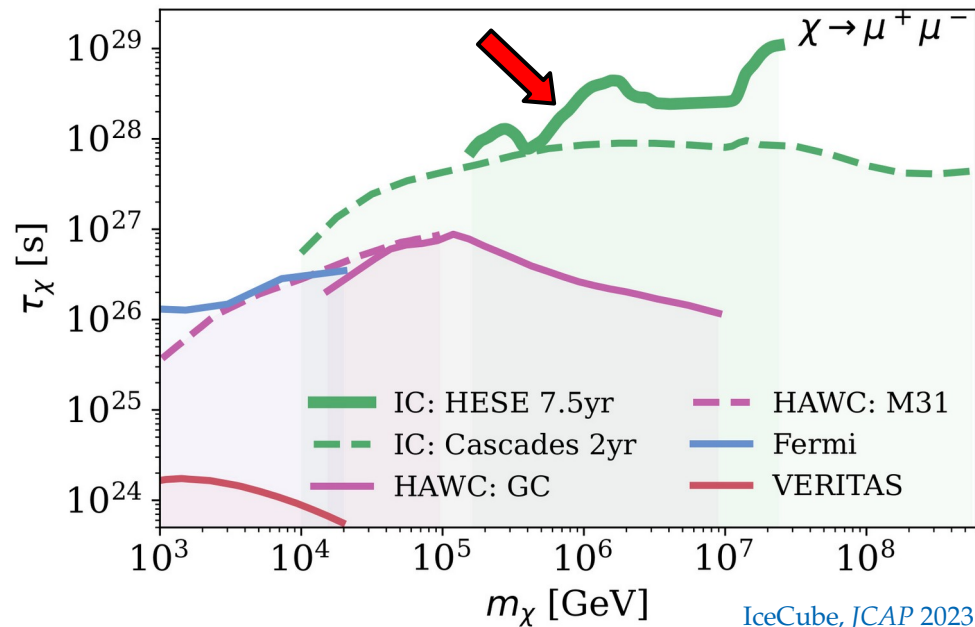


# Limits on dark matter decay

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(assuming decay into muons)



IceCube, JCAP 2023

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# The future

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Build different

Work together



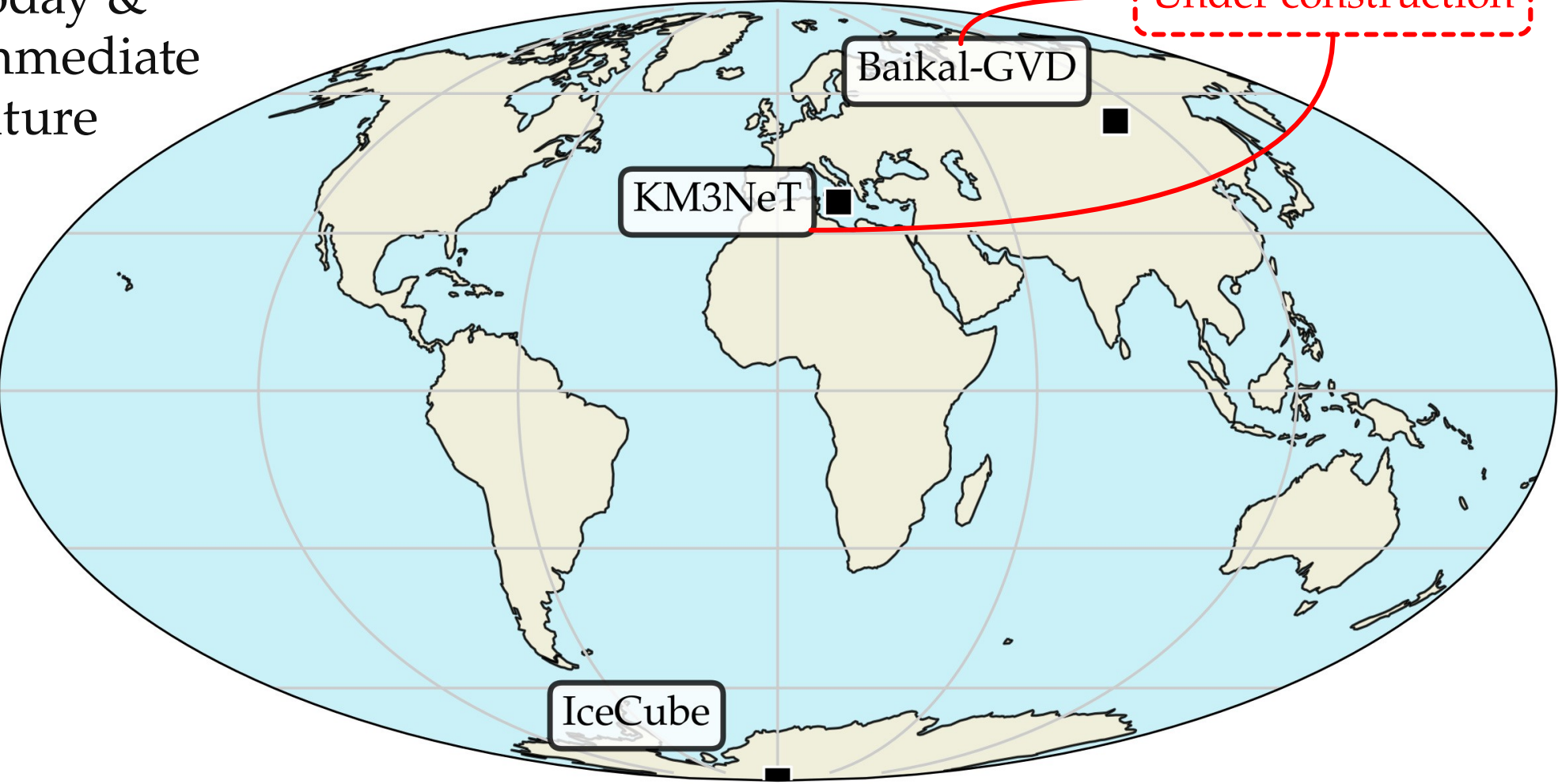
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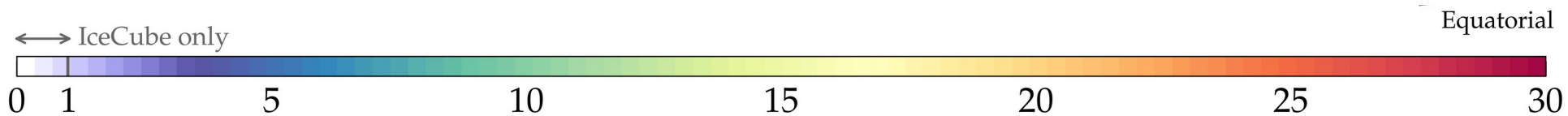
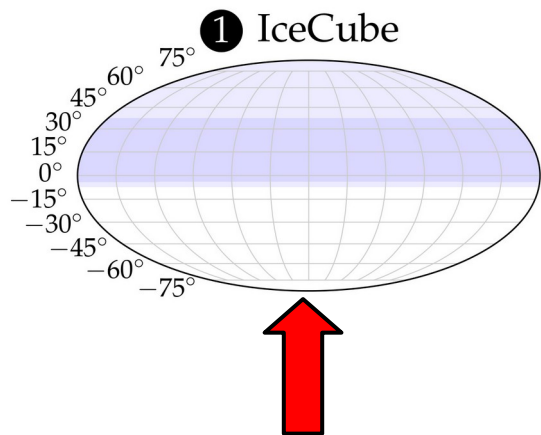
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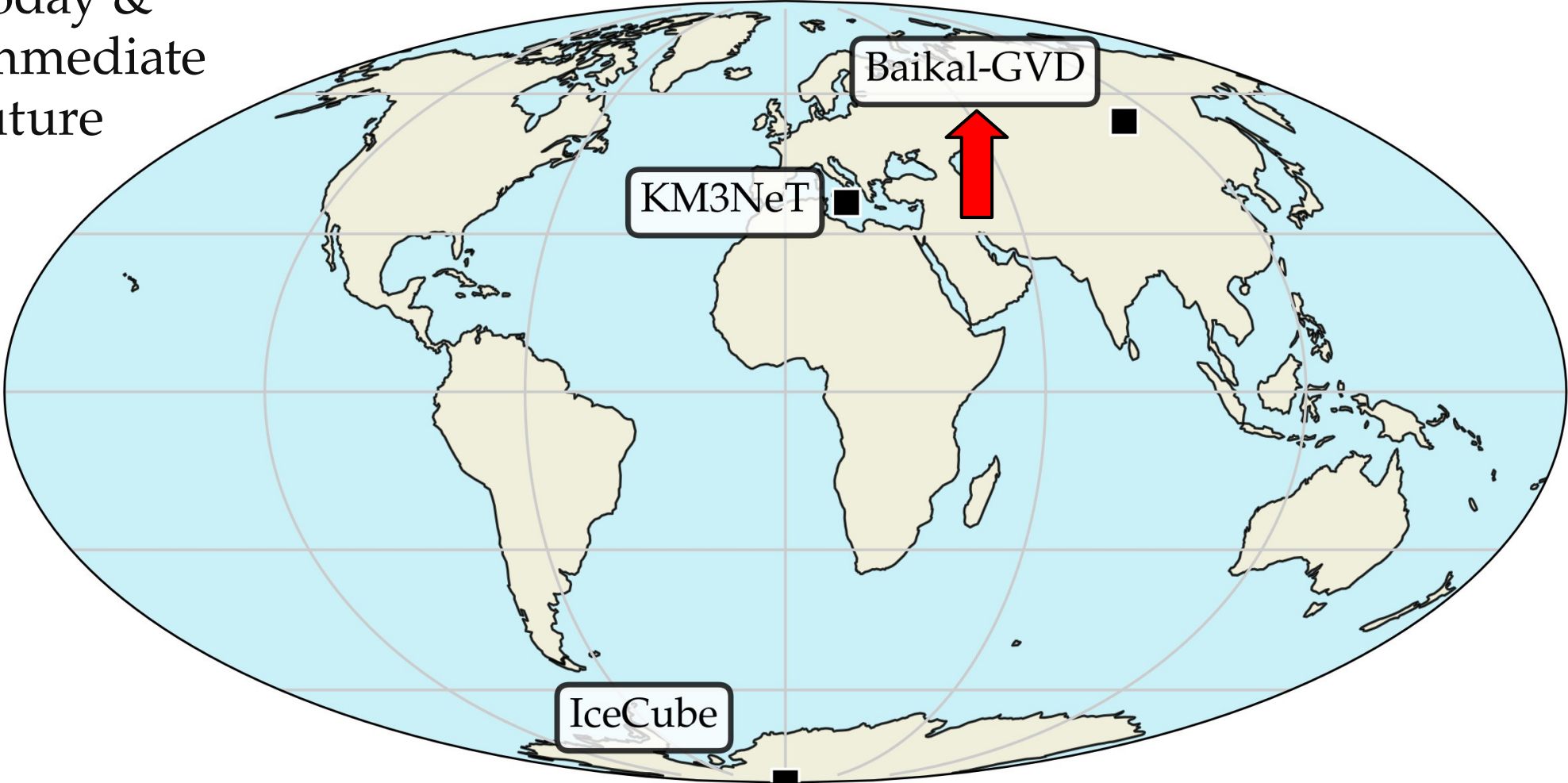
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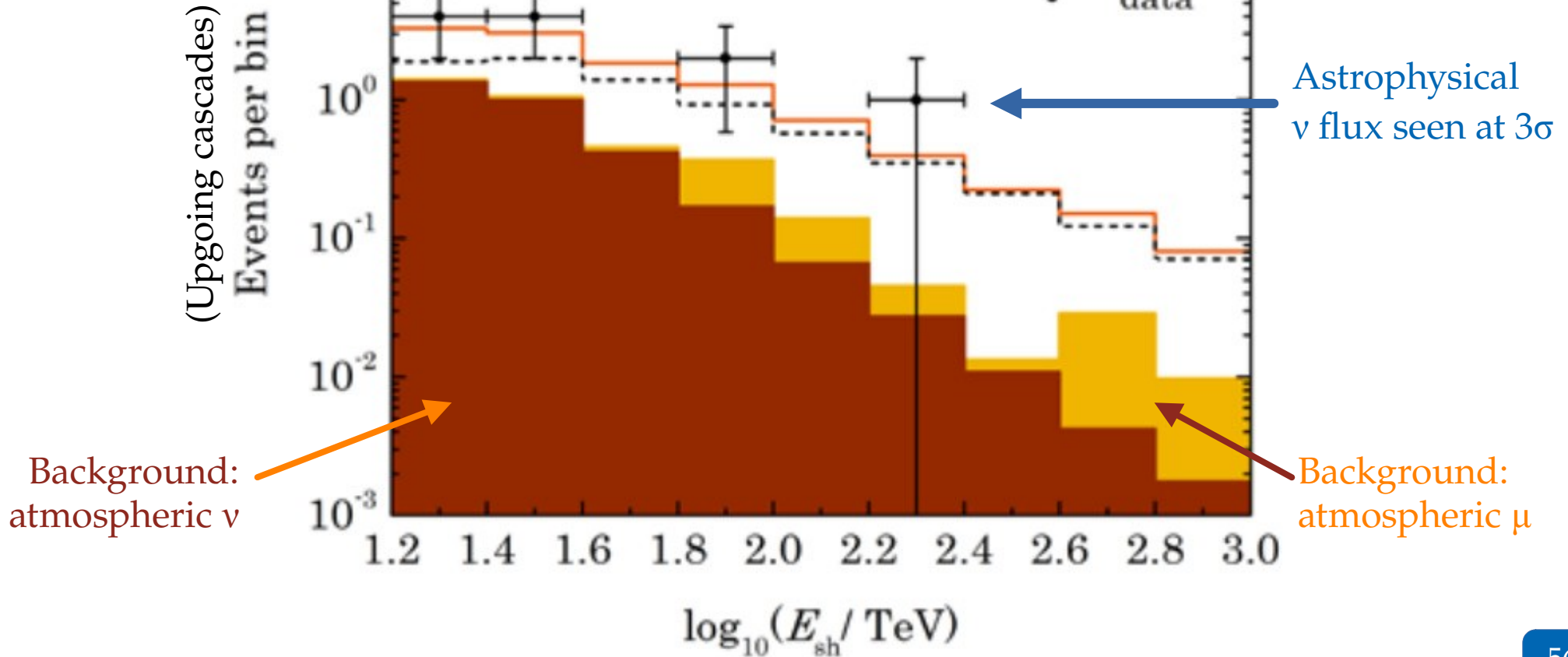


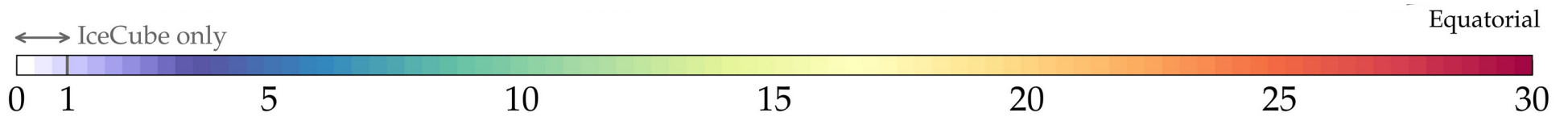
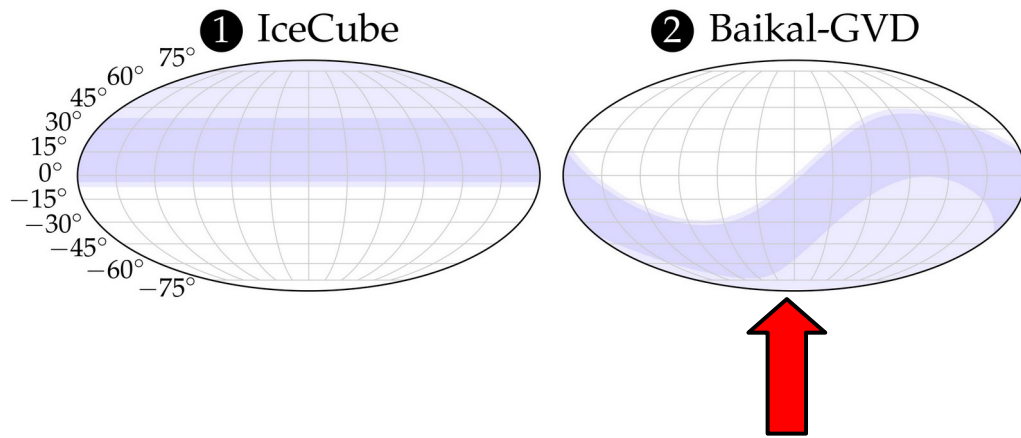
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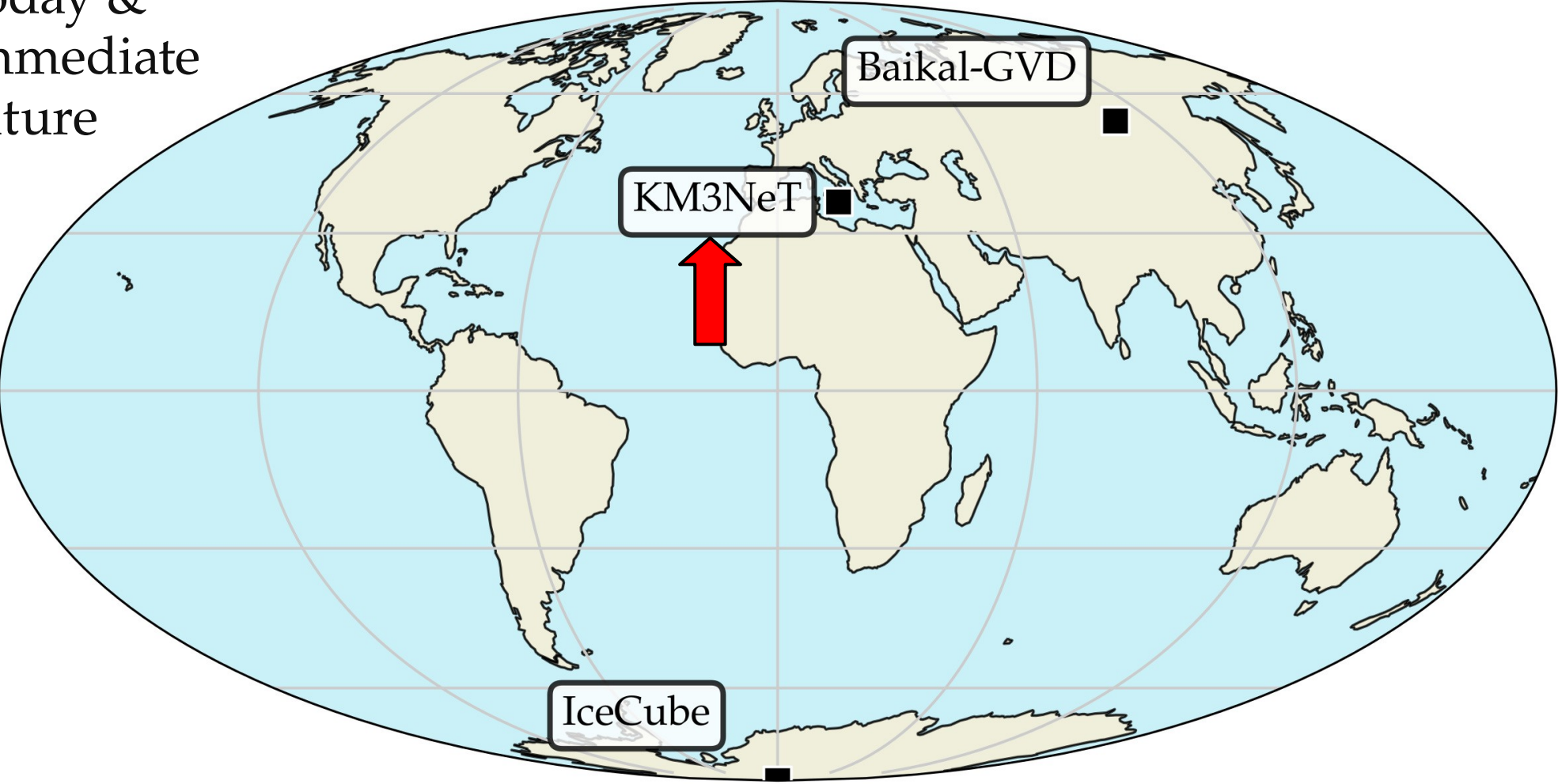






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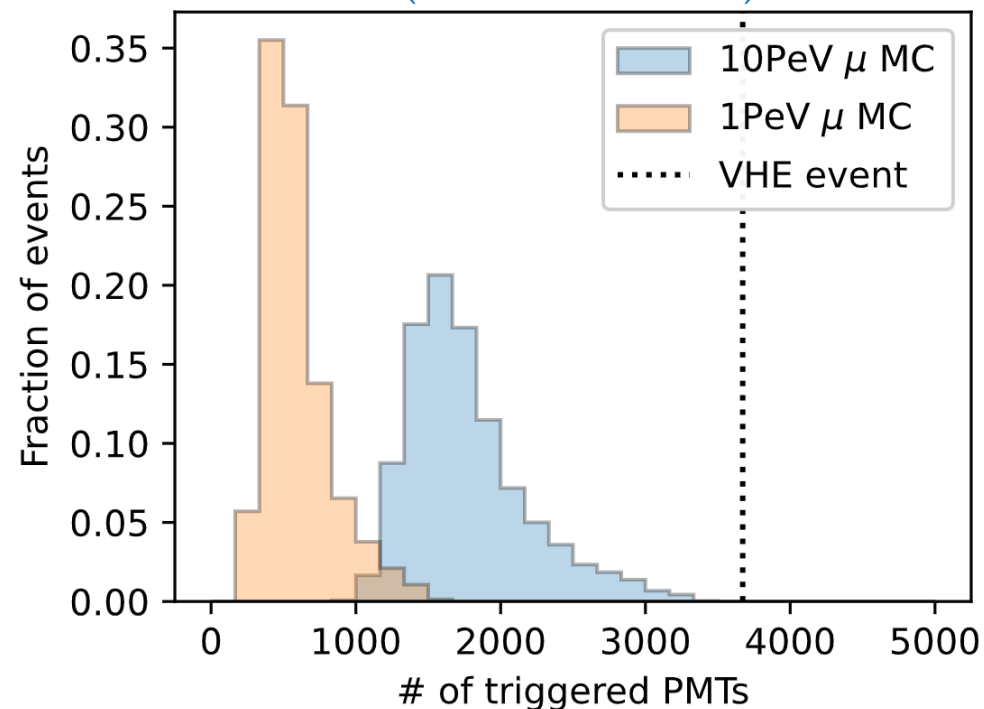
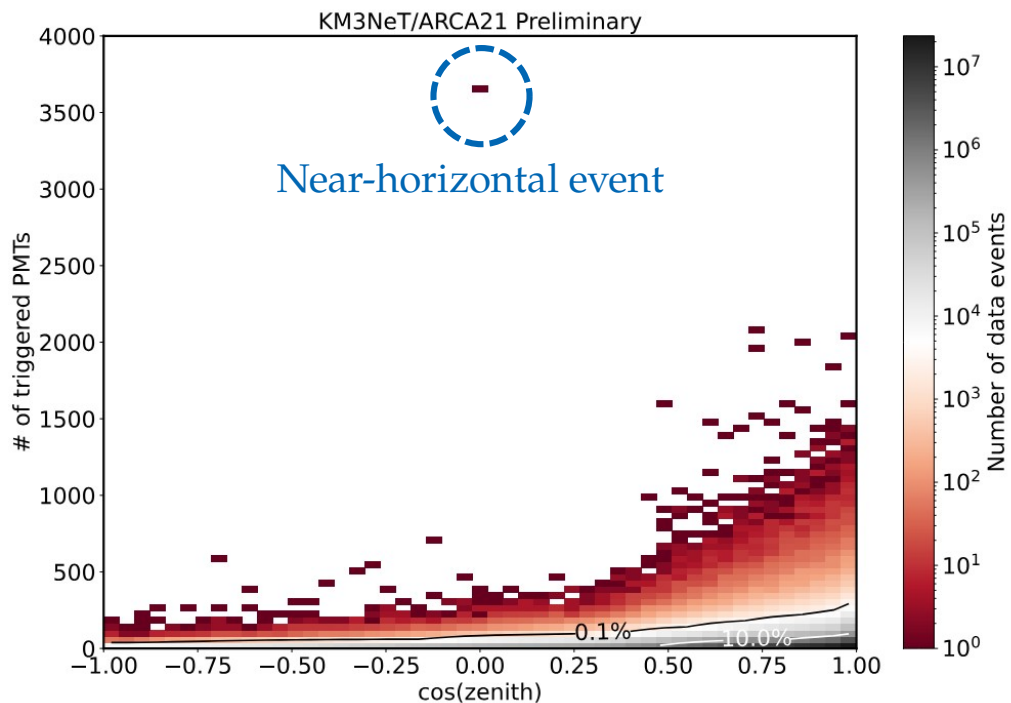


# A 100-PeV neutrino detected?

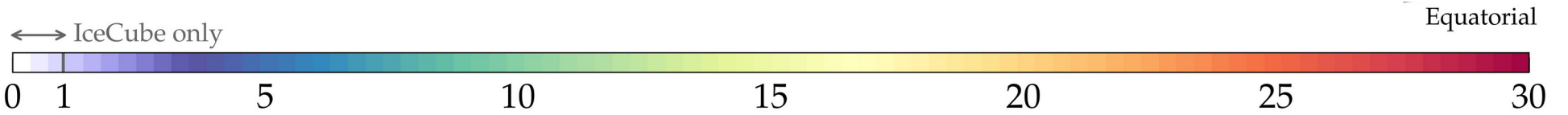
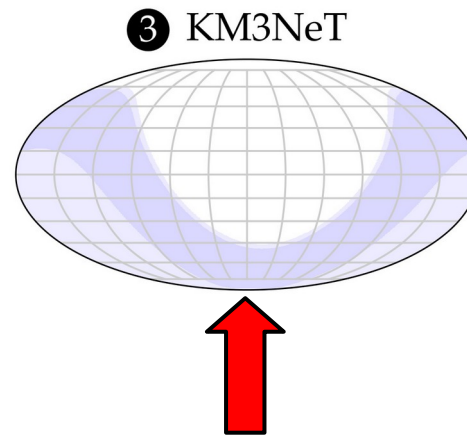
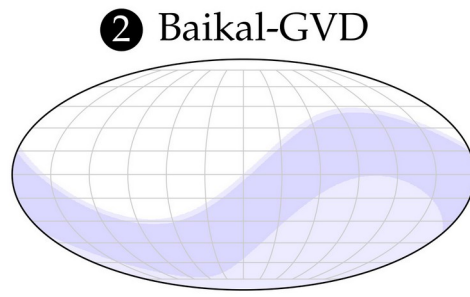
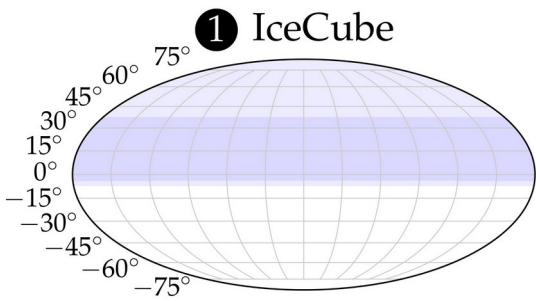
Partially constructed KM3NeT detected an event with possibly tens of PeV:

1 in 100 million events

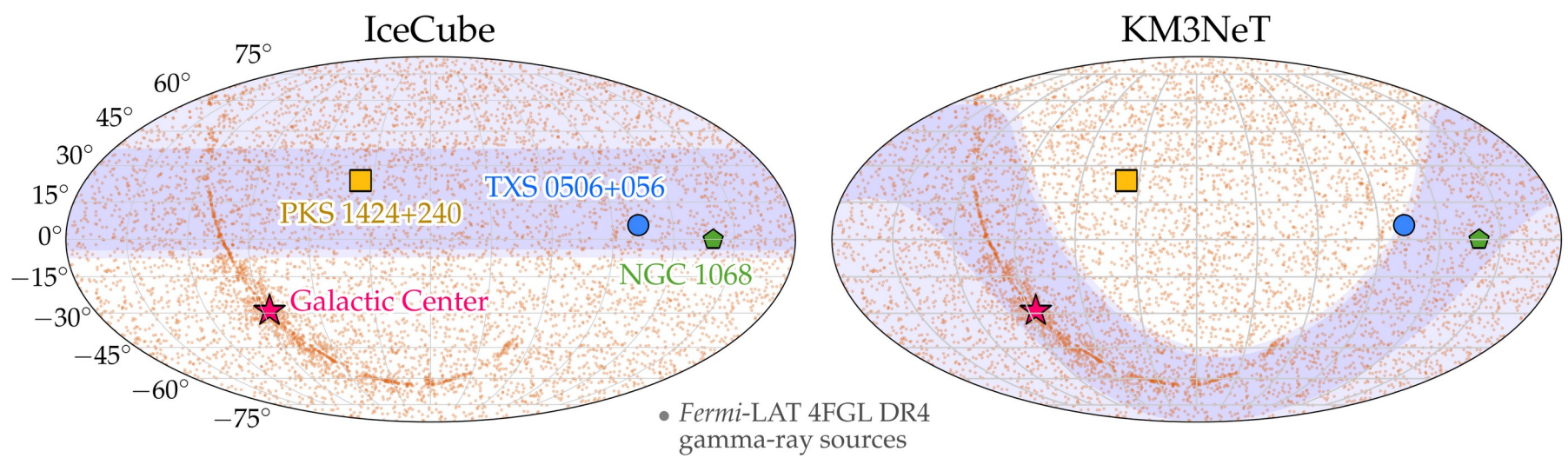
3672 PMTs triggered  
(35% of detector)



Is this from a diffuse  $\nu$  flux or a transient event?

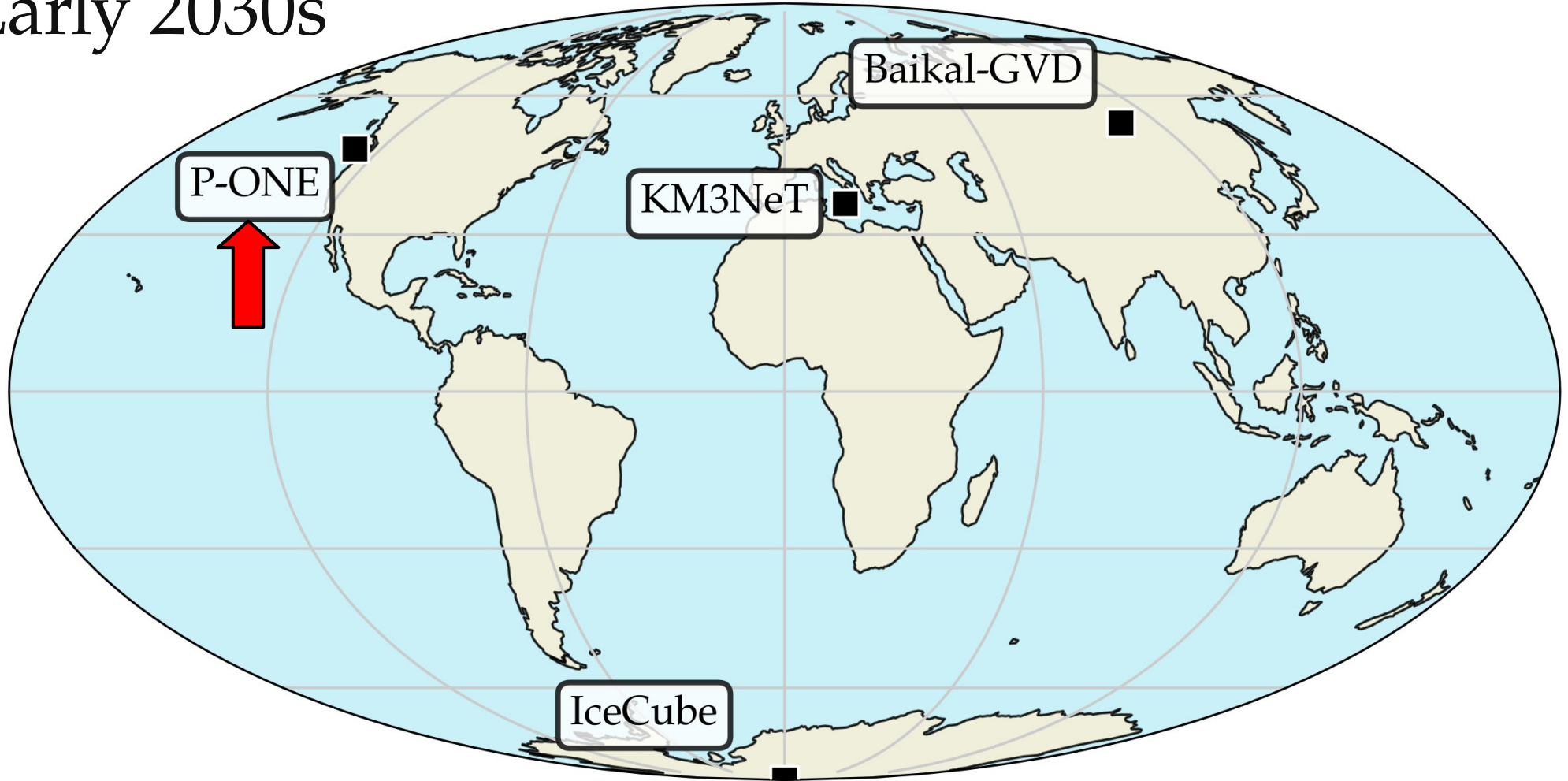


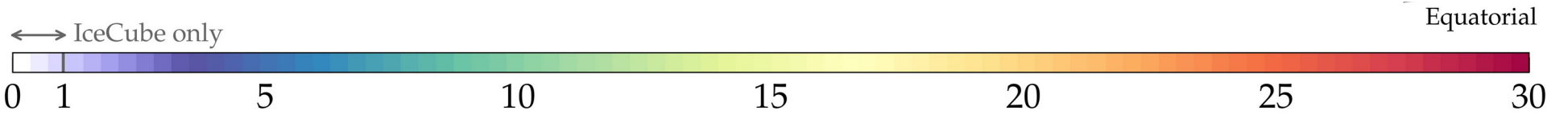
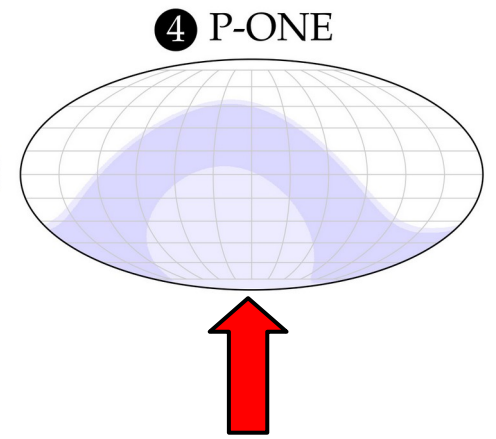
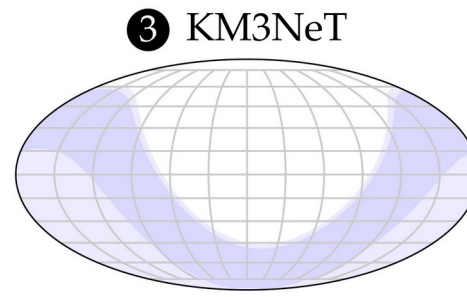
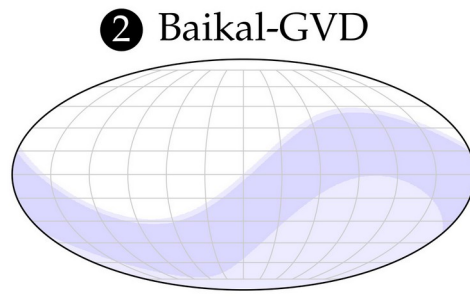
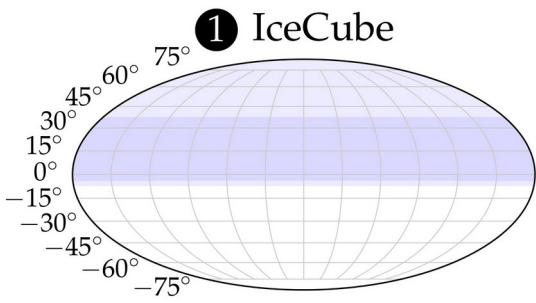
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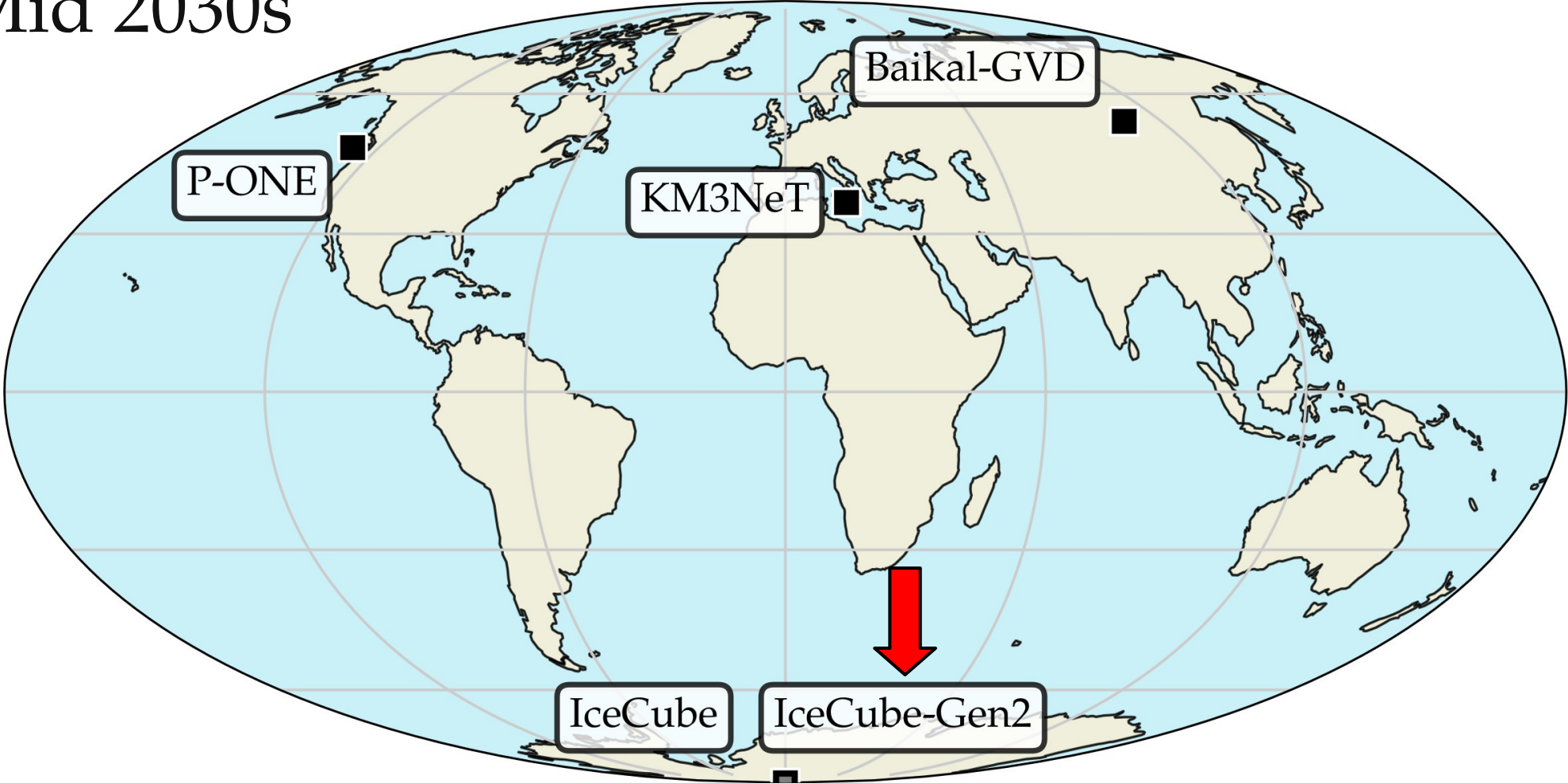
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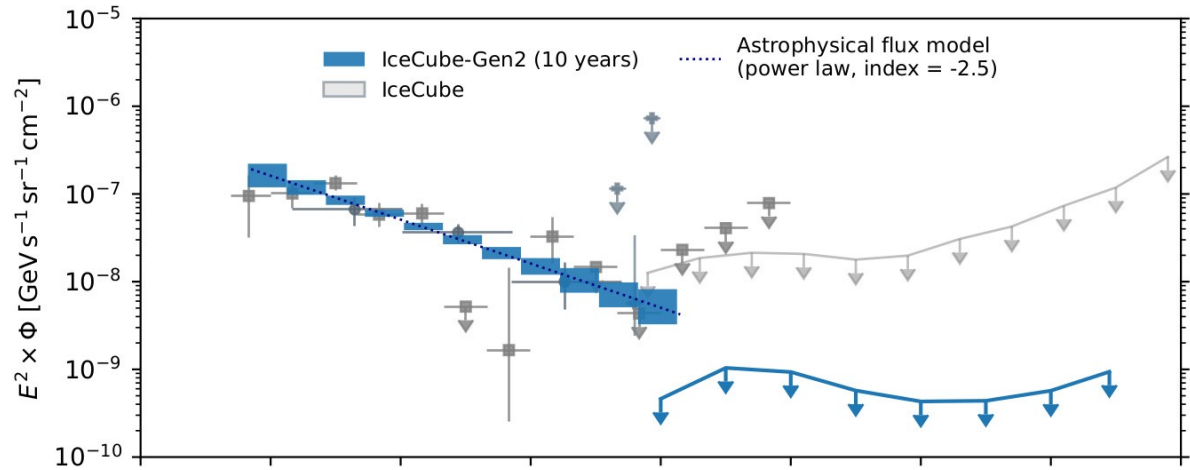


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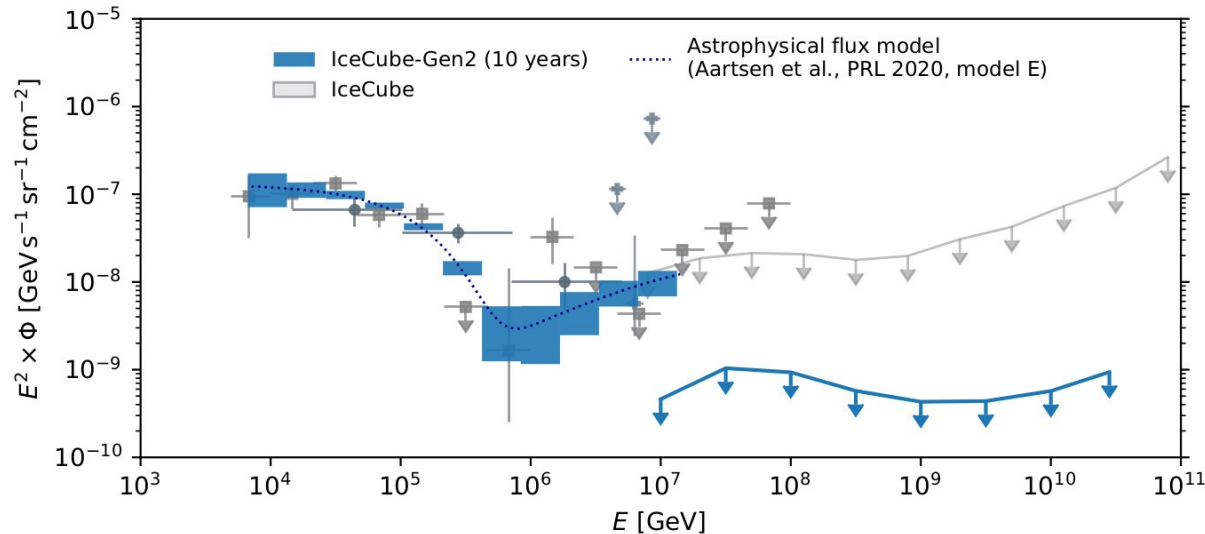
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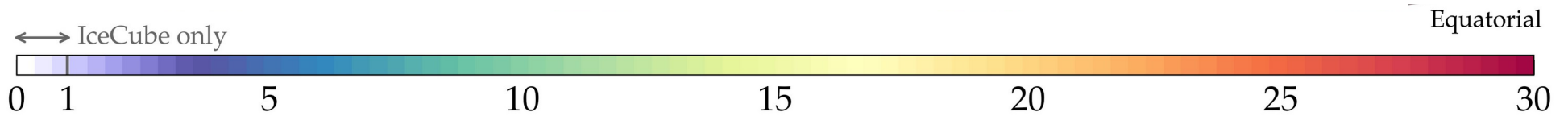
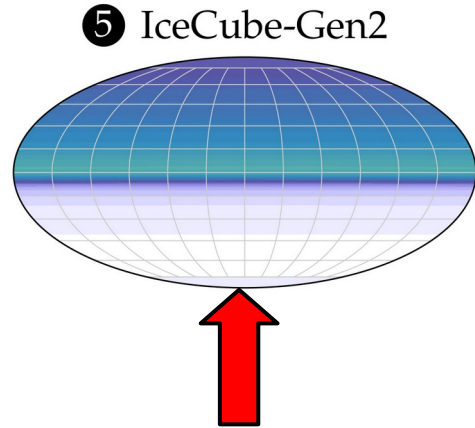
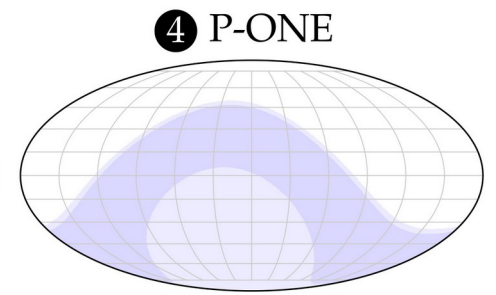
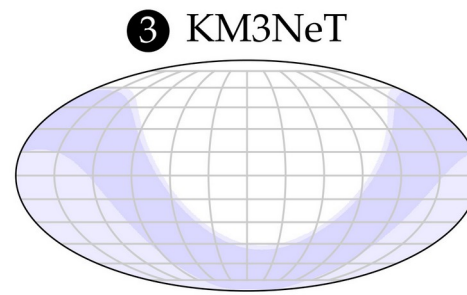
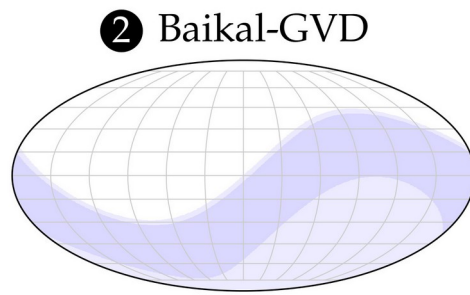
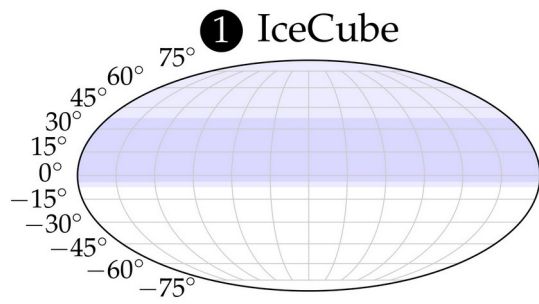
# Measuring the diffuse flux *precisely*



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



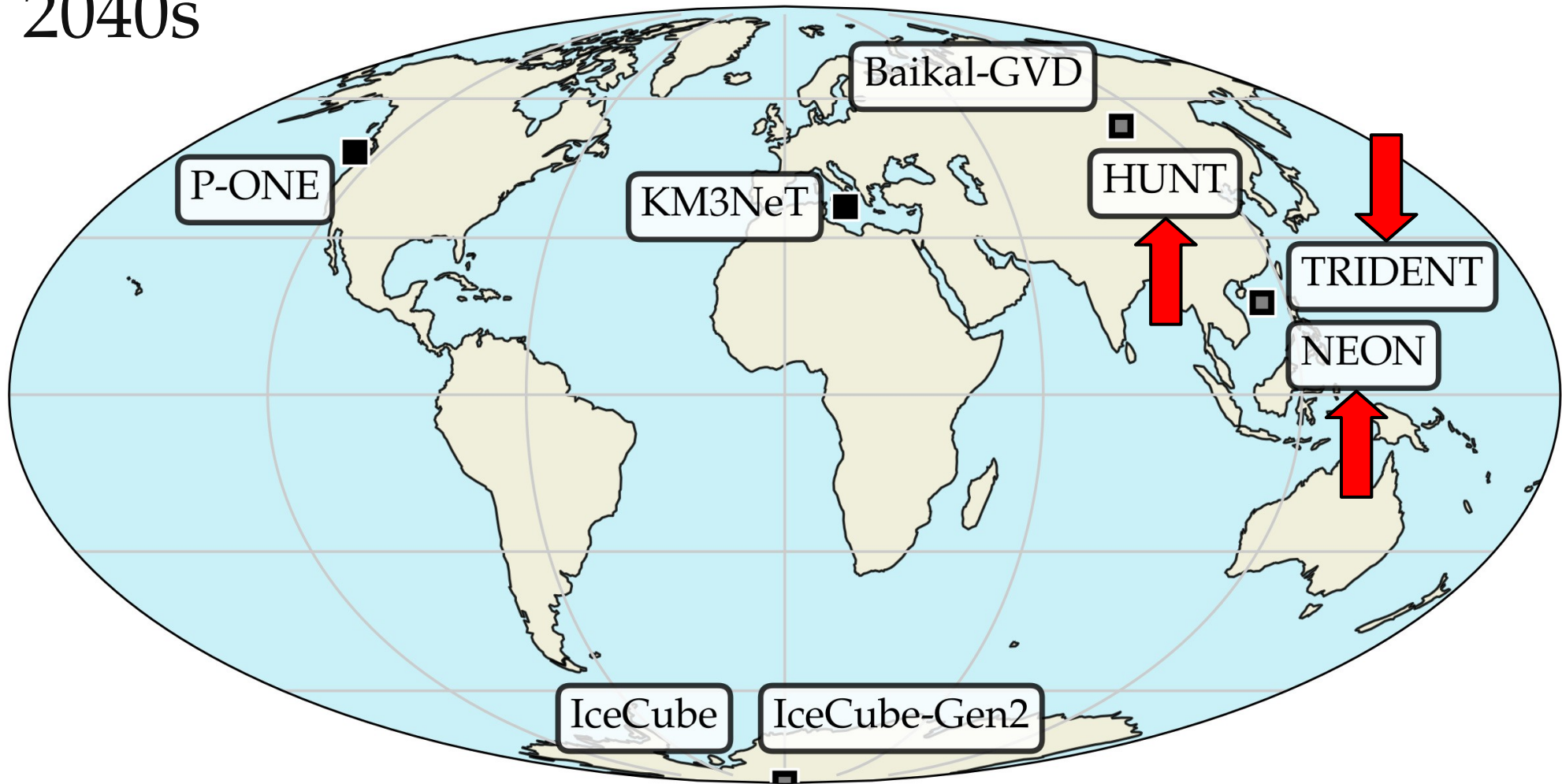
Assuming a power-law  $\nu$  flux with 100-TeV cut-off +  $p\gamma$  bump at tens of TeV



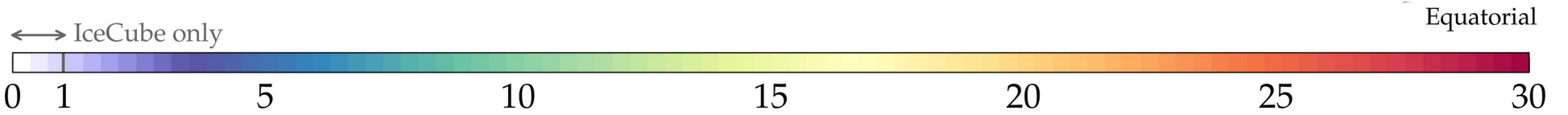
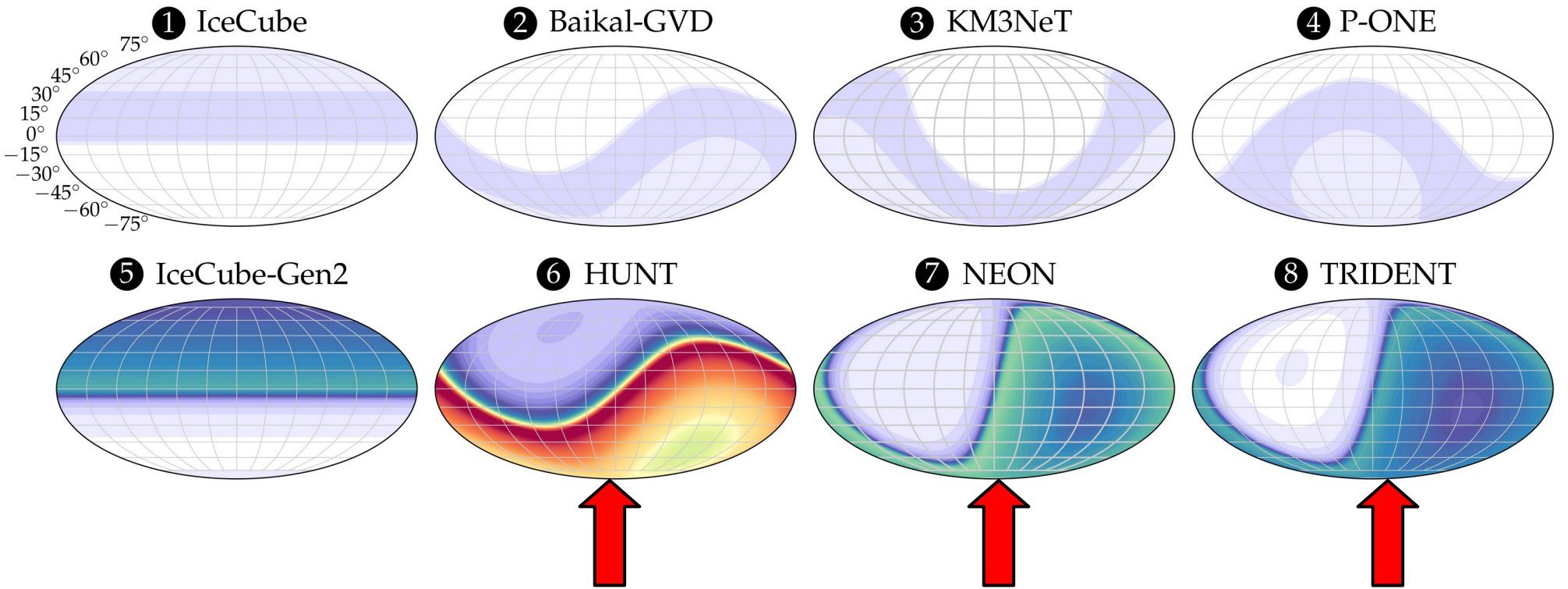
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2040s







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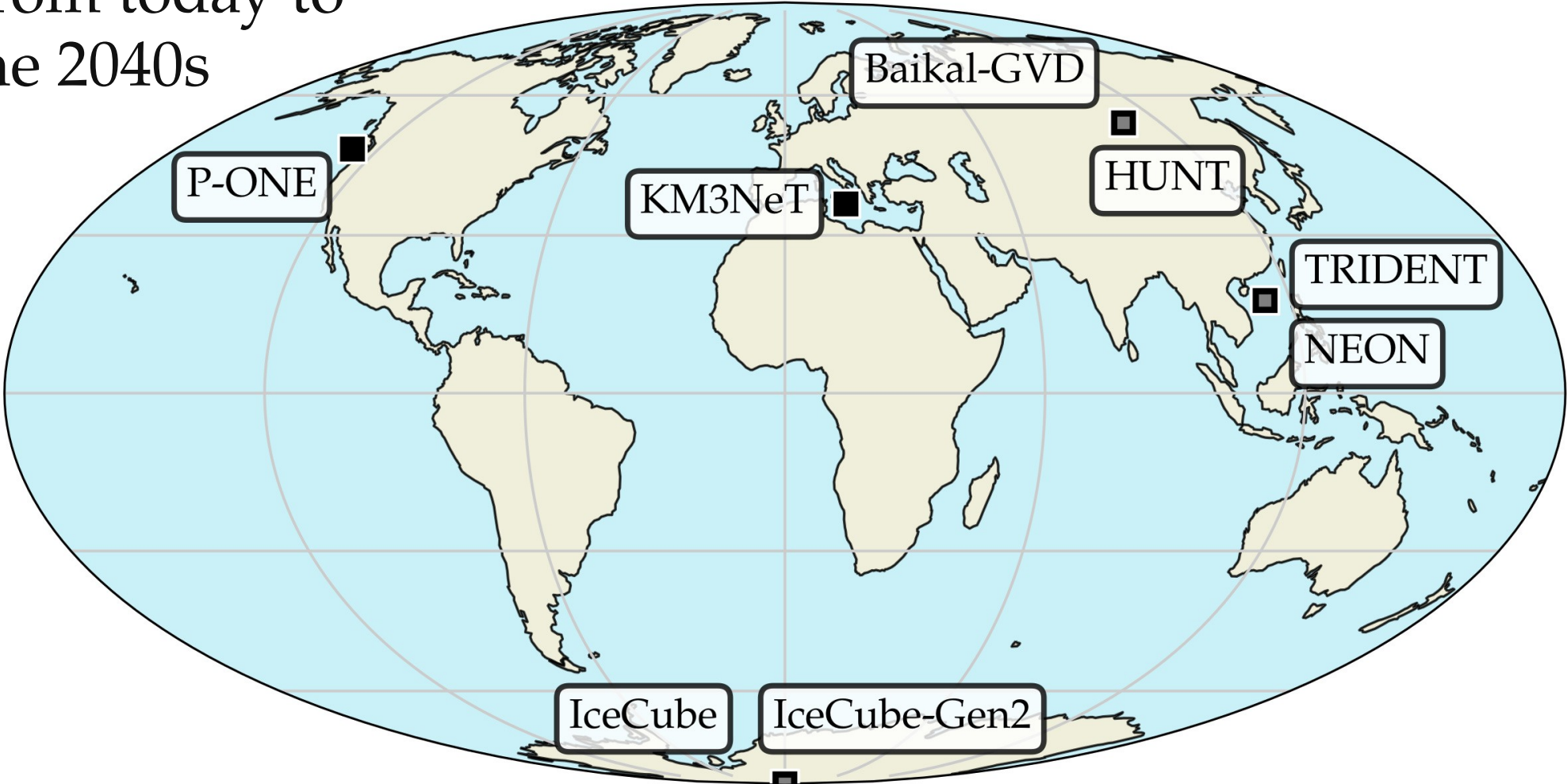
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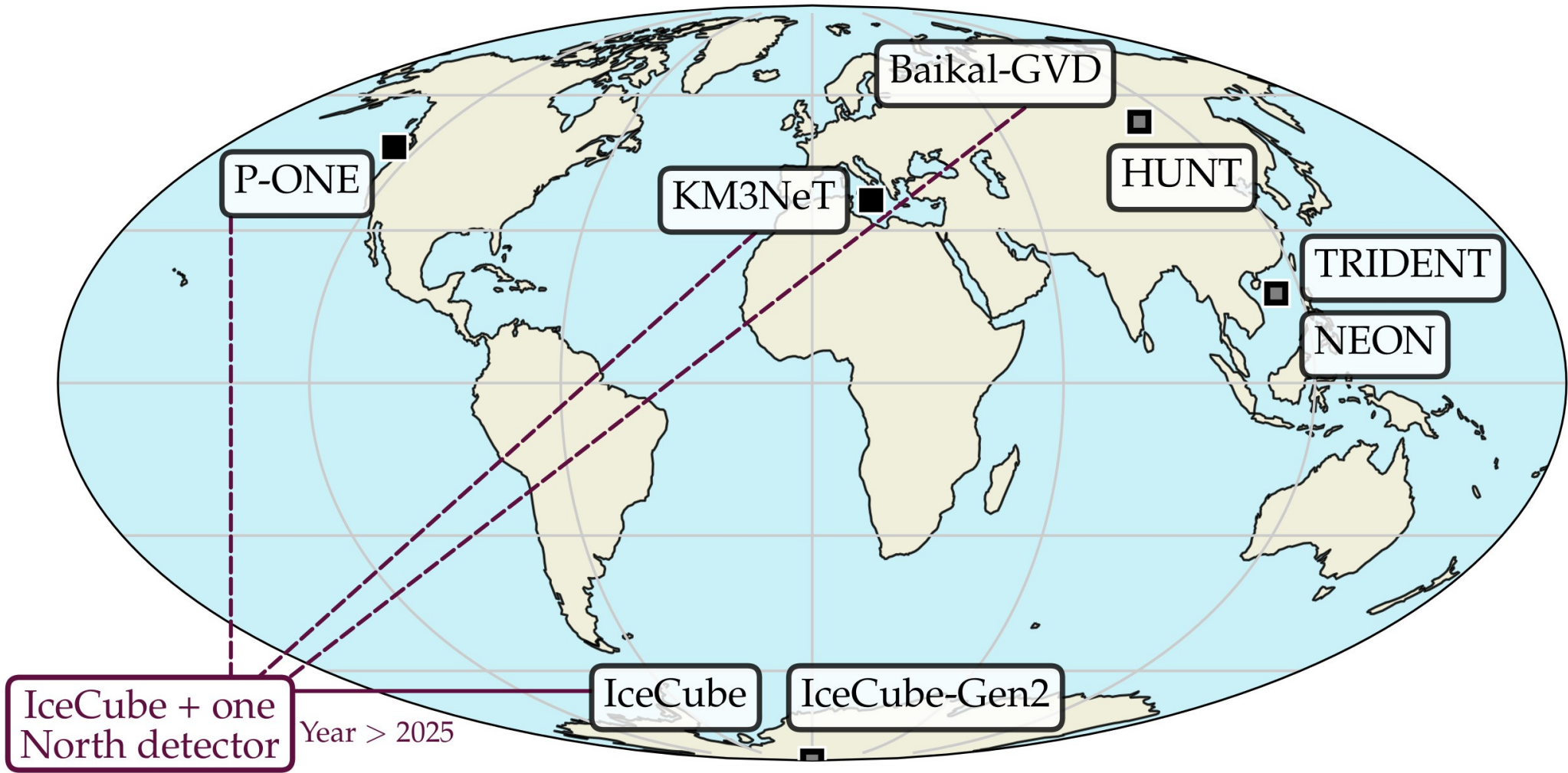
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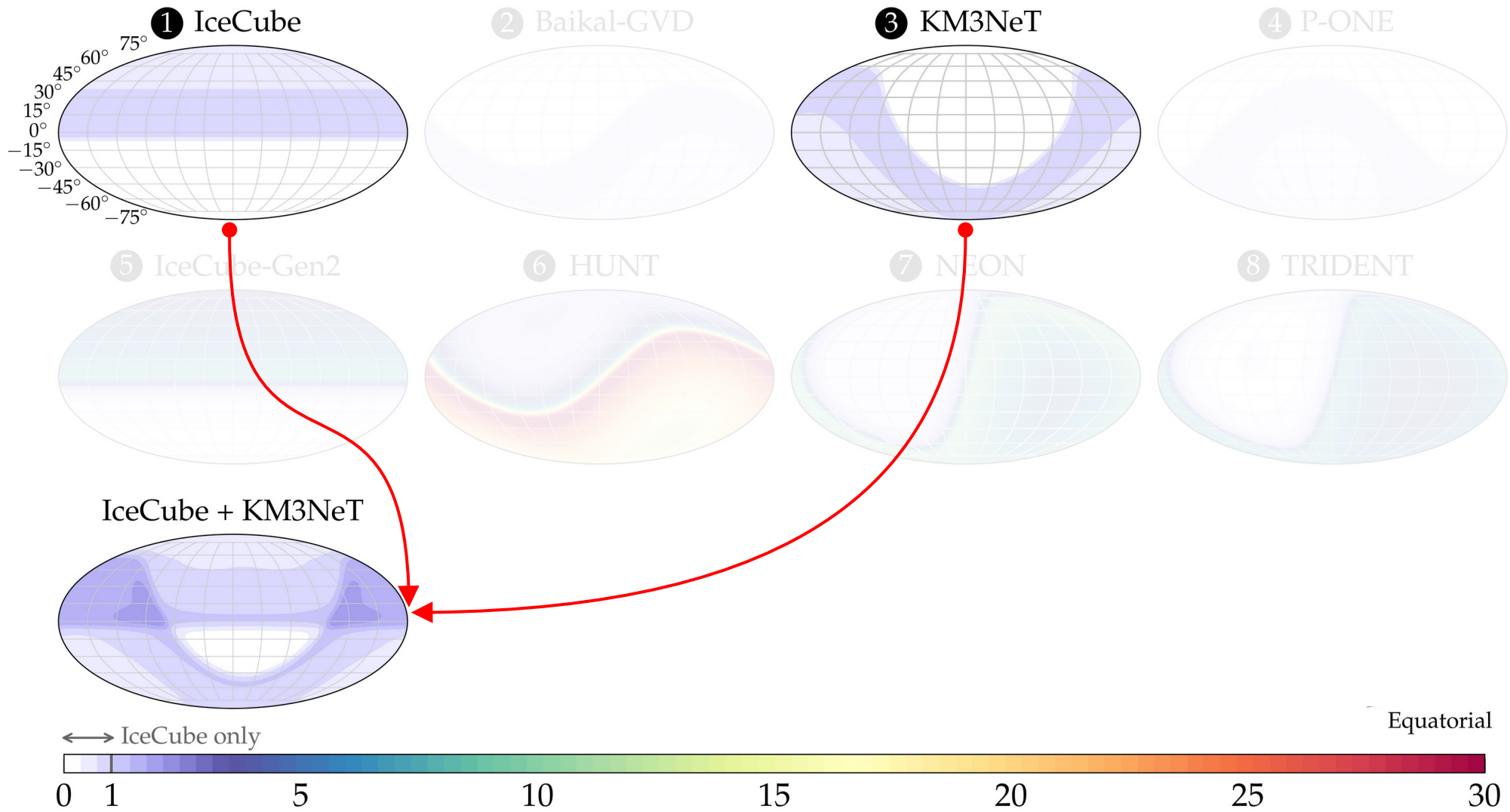
Build different

Work together

From today to  
the 2040s

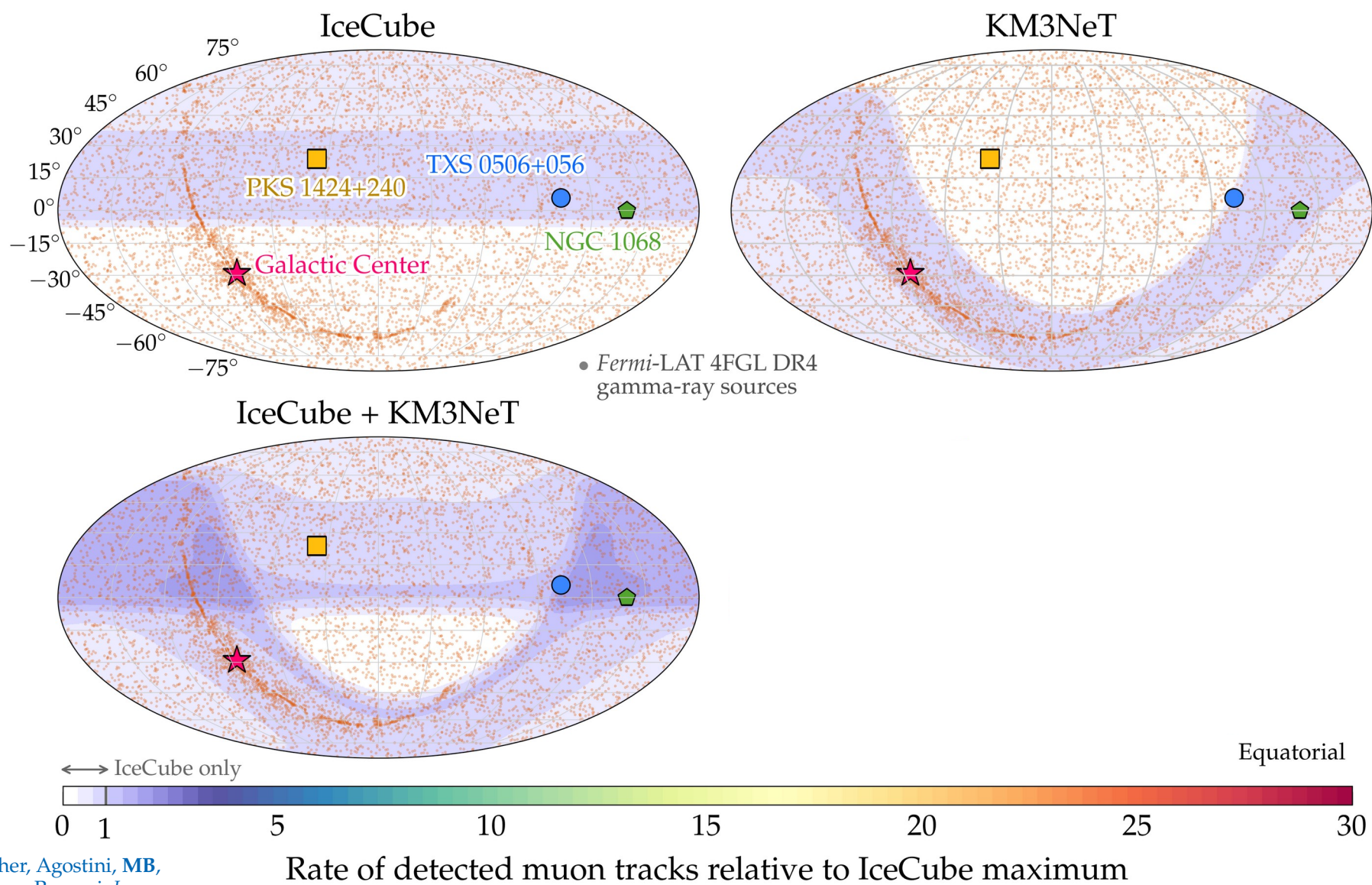




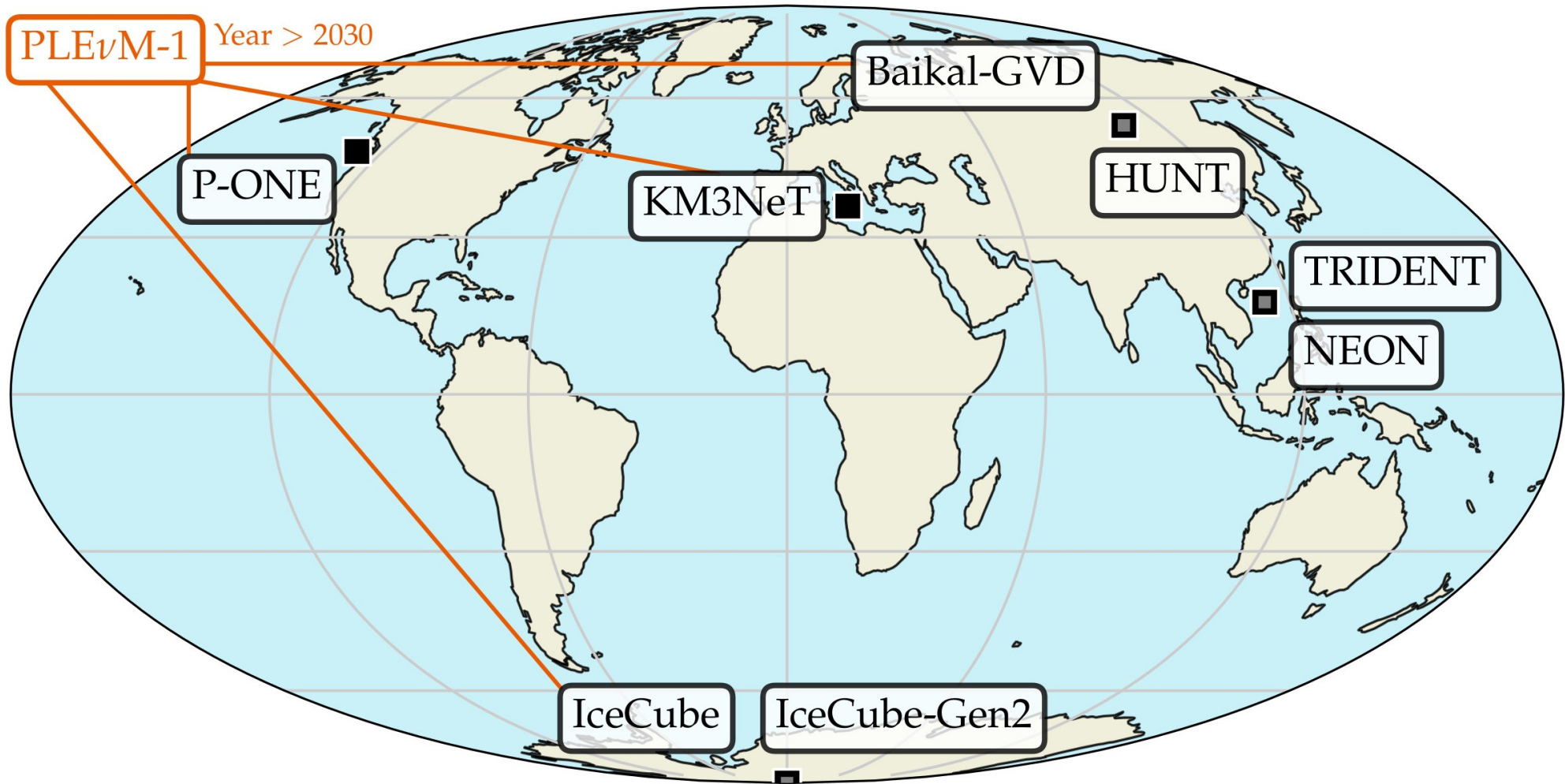


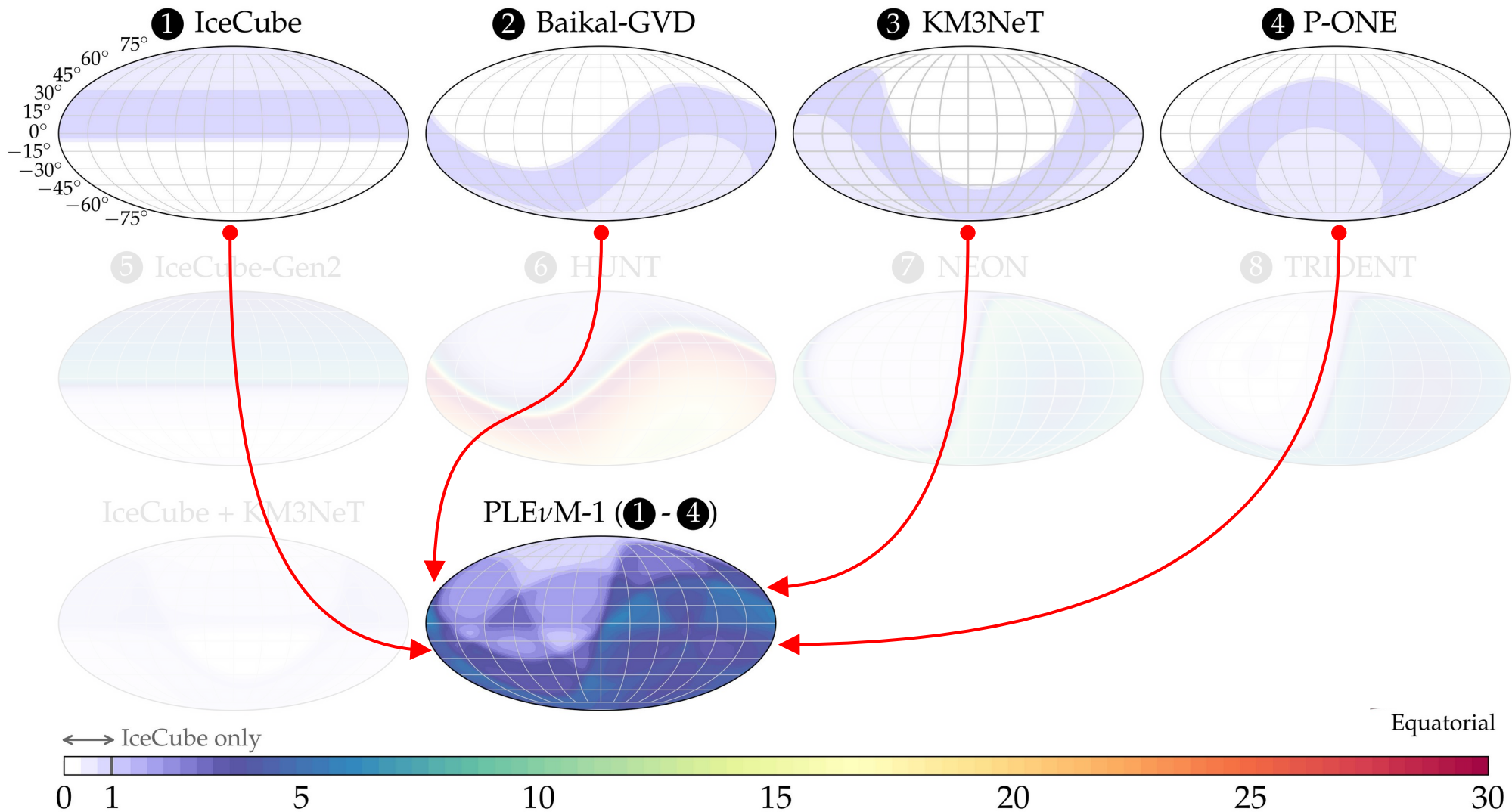
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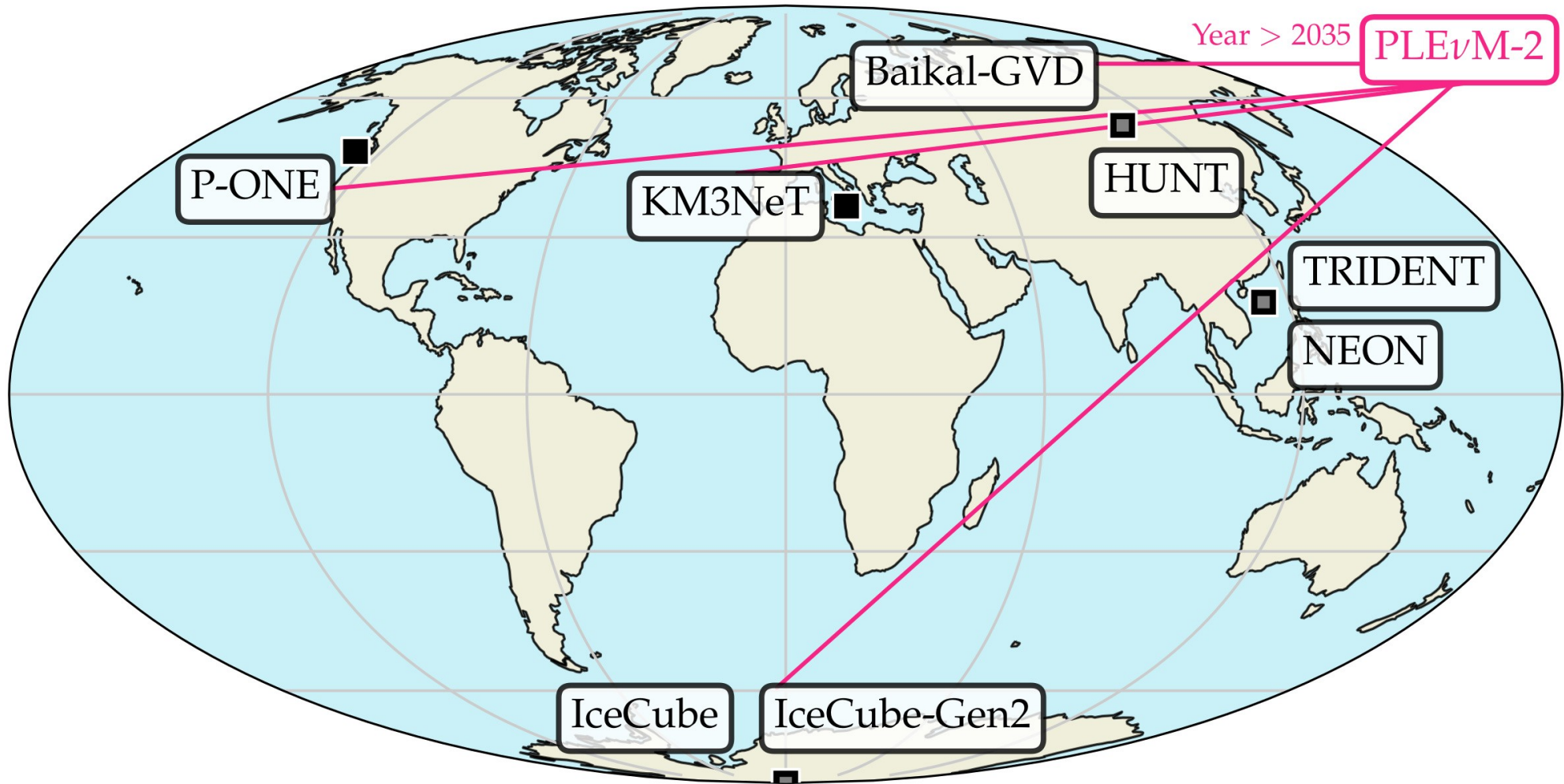


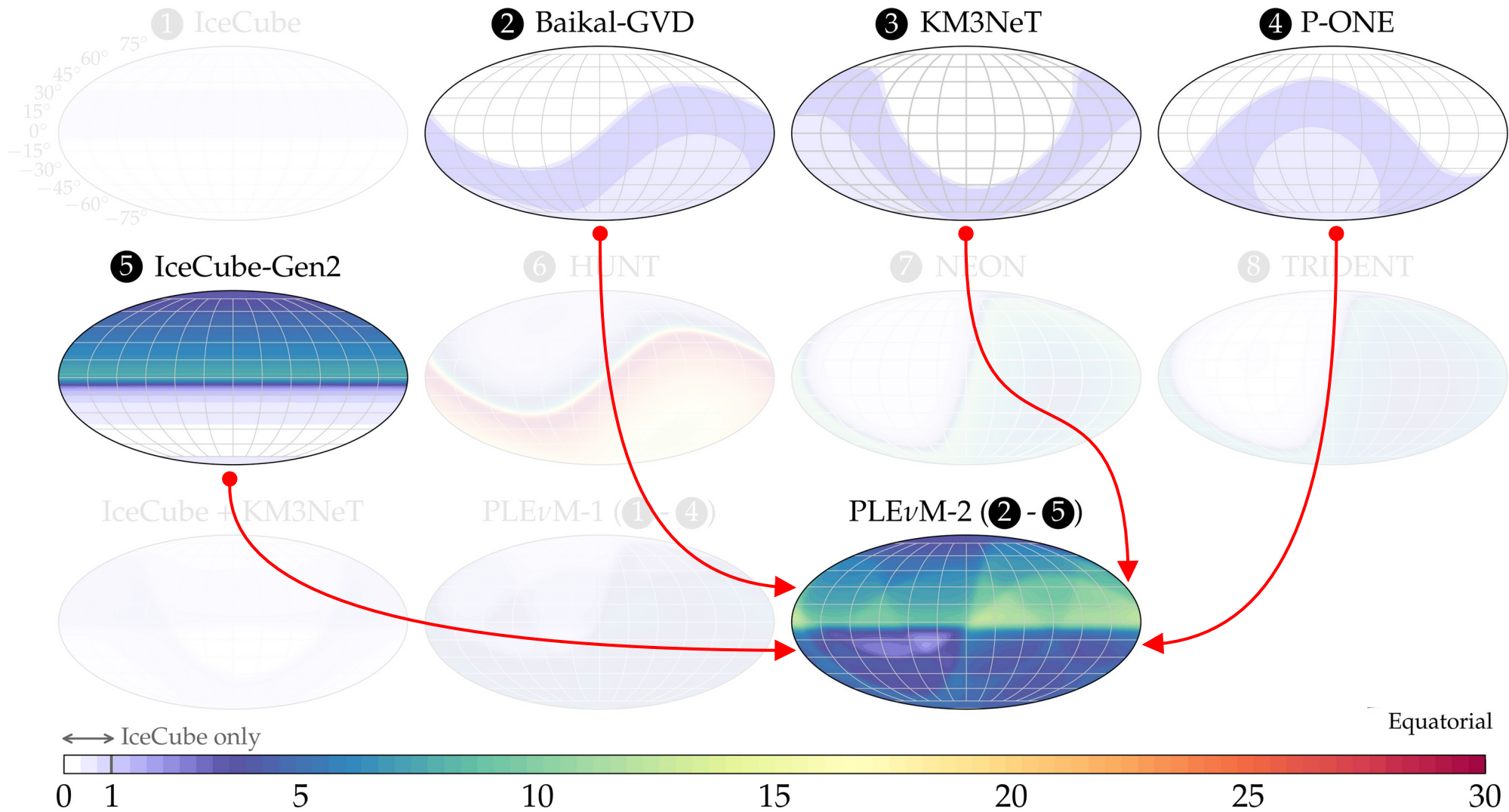






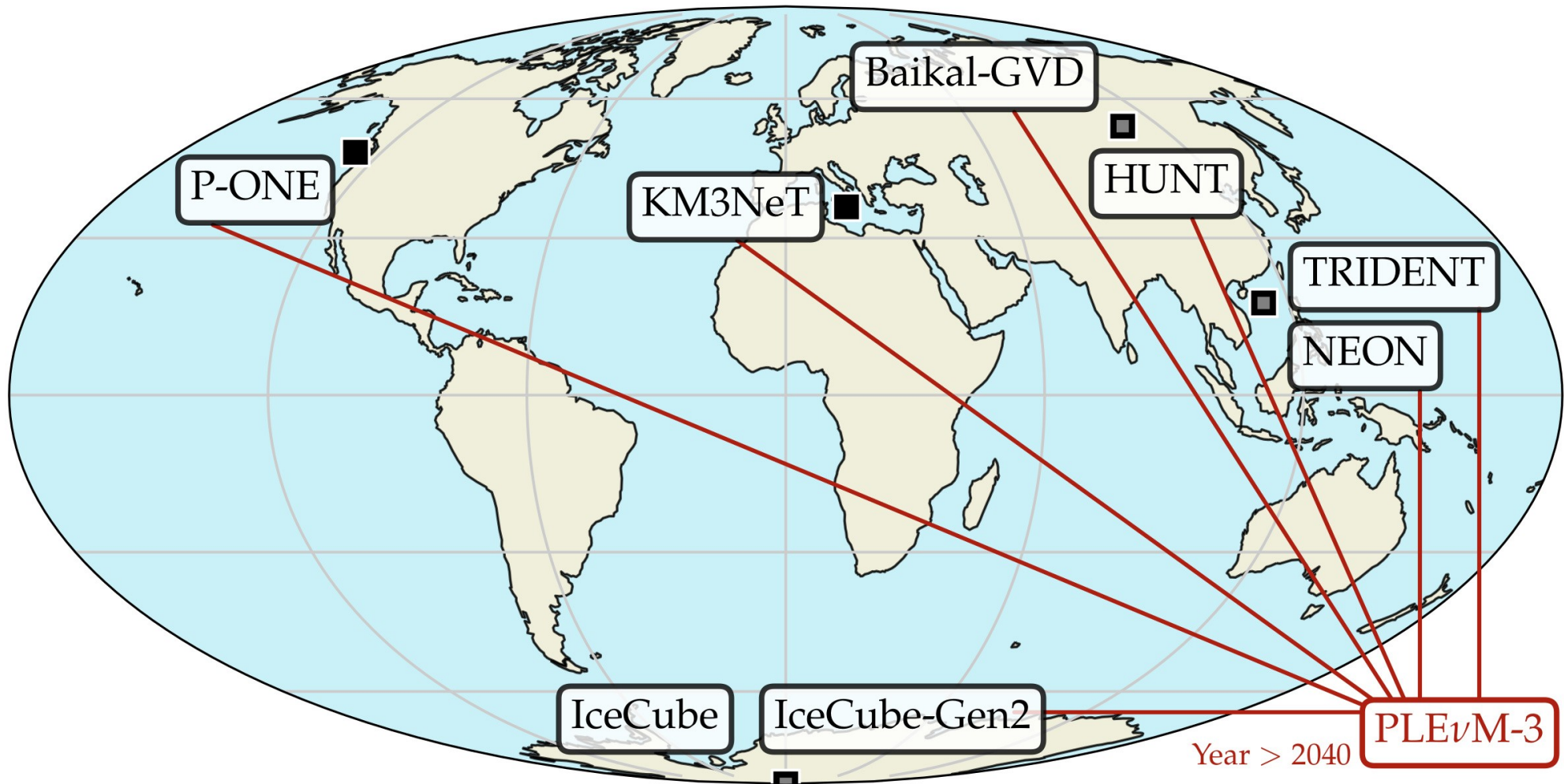
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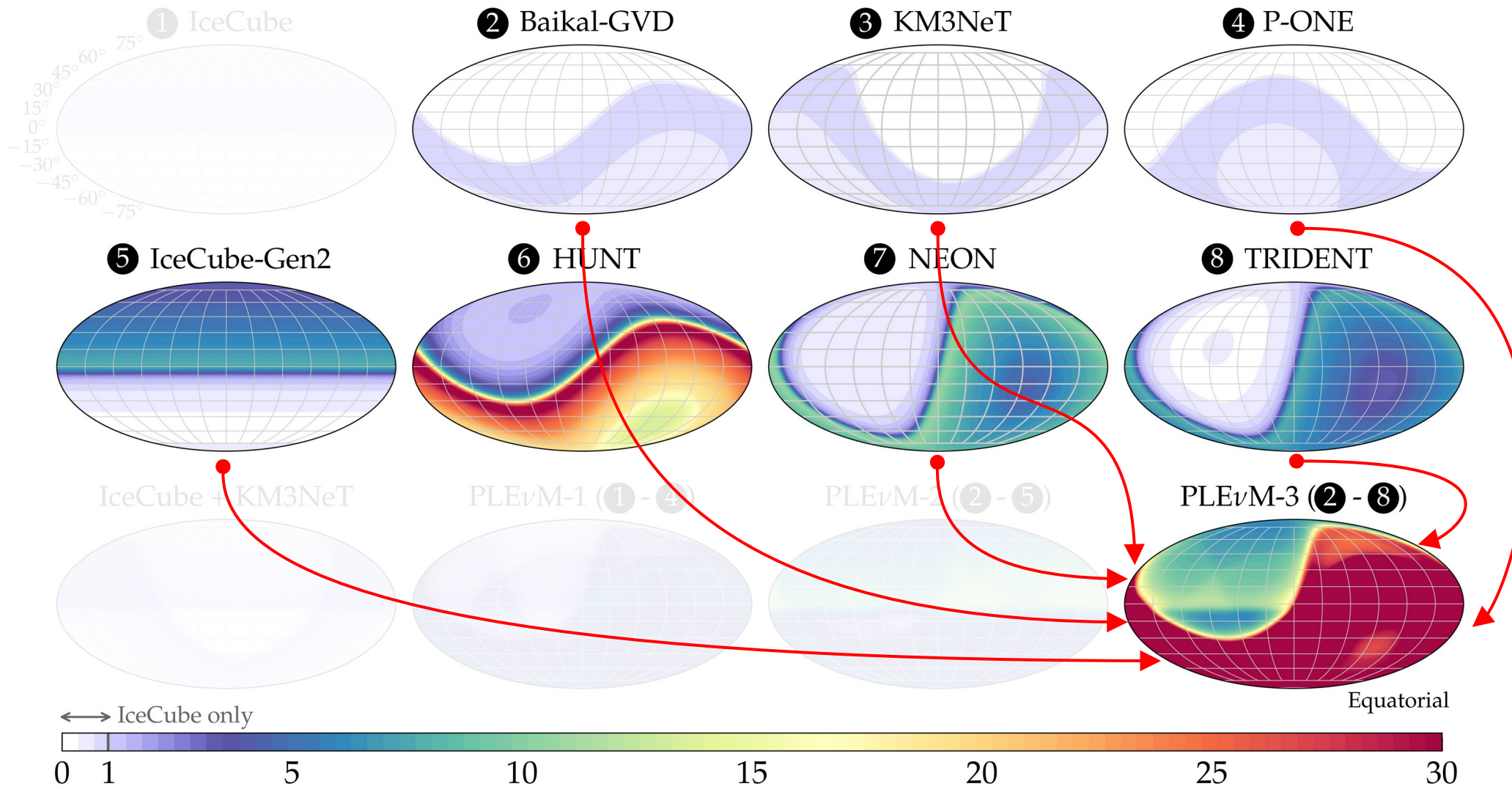




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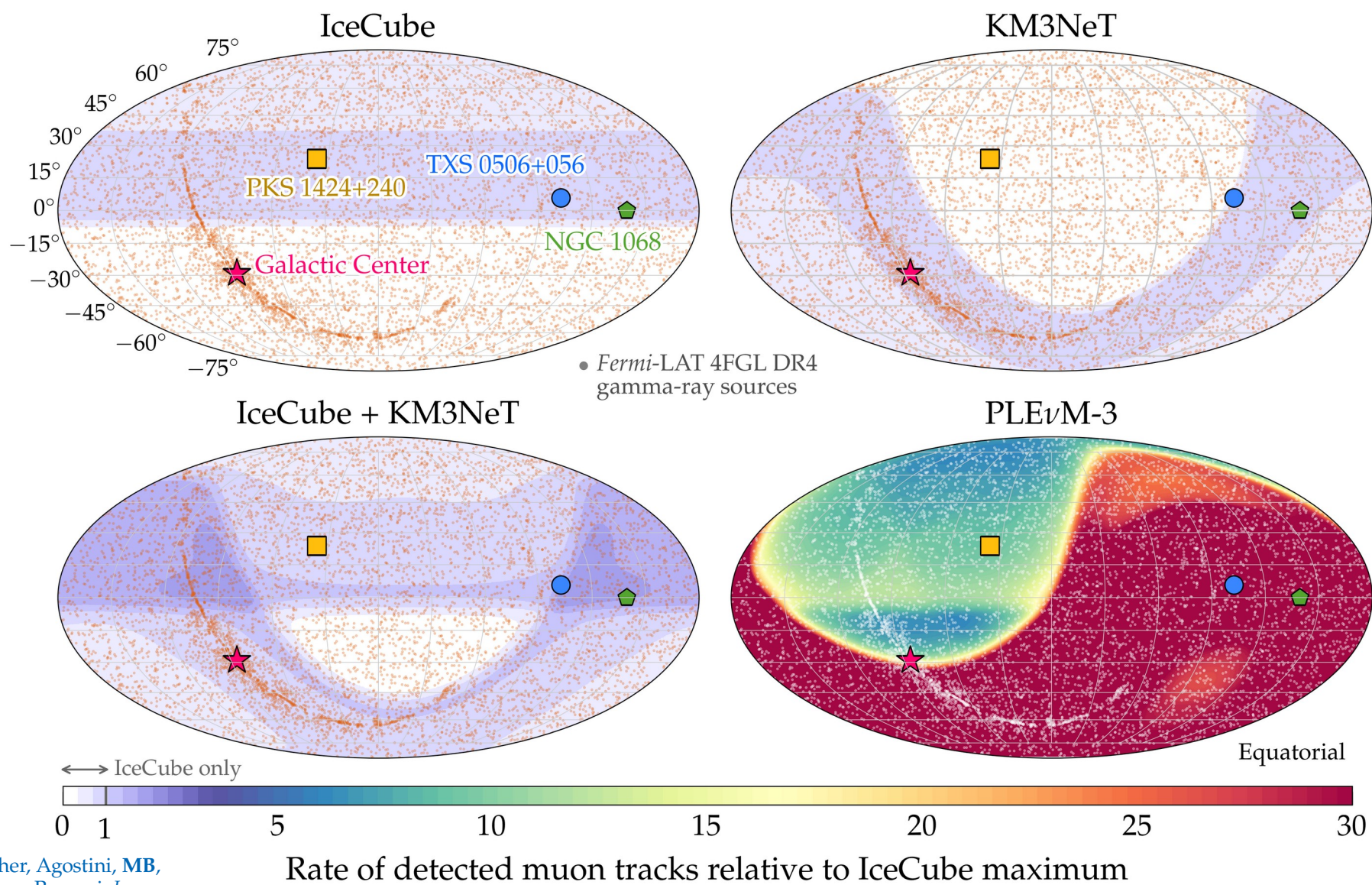






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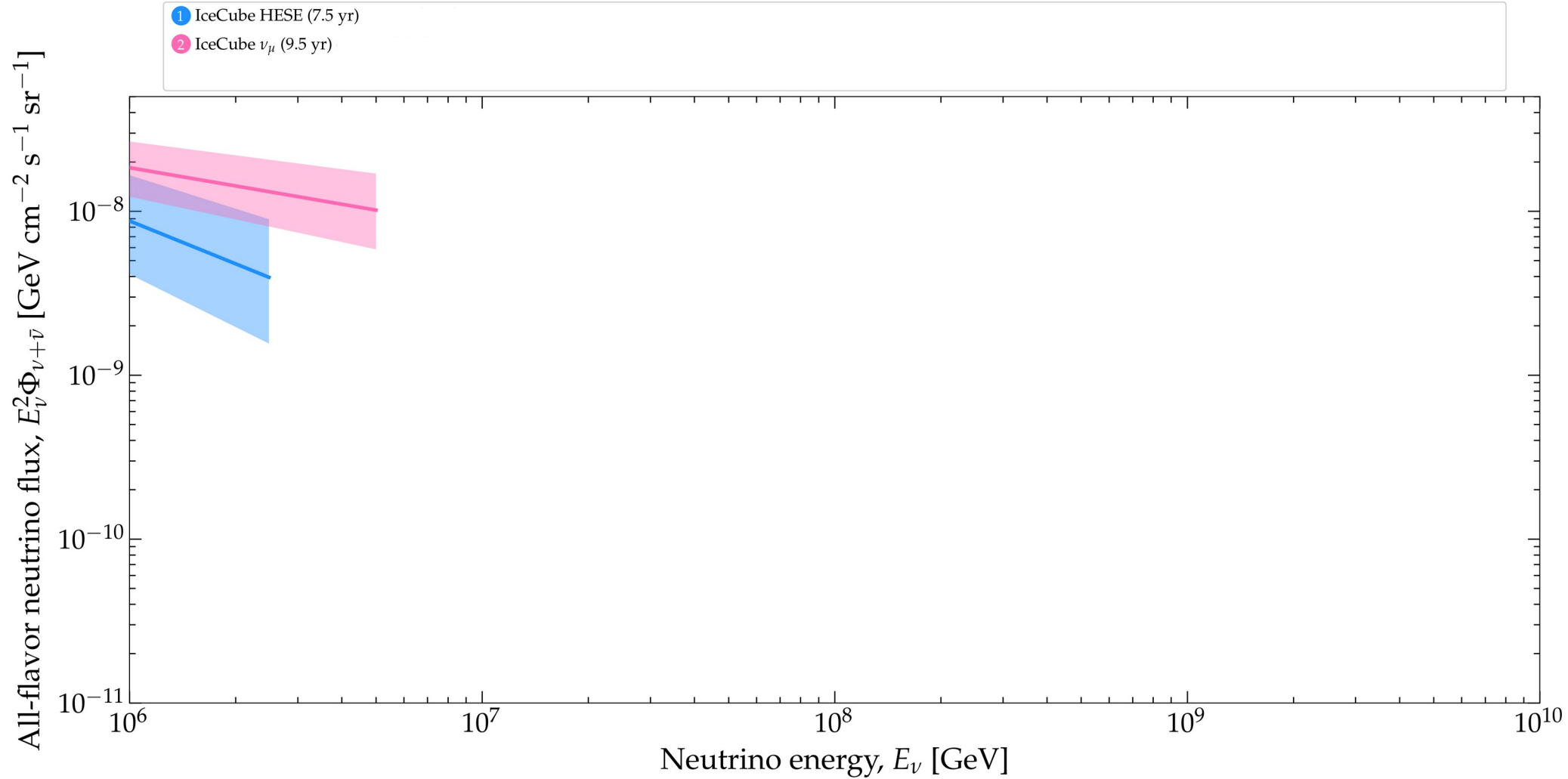


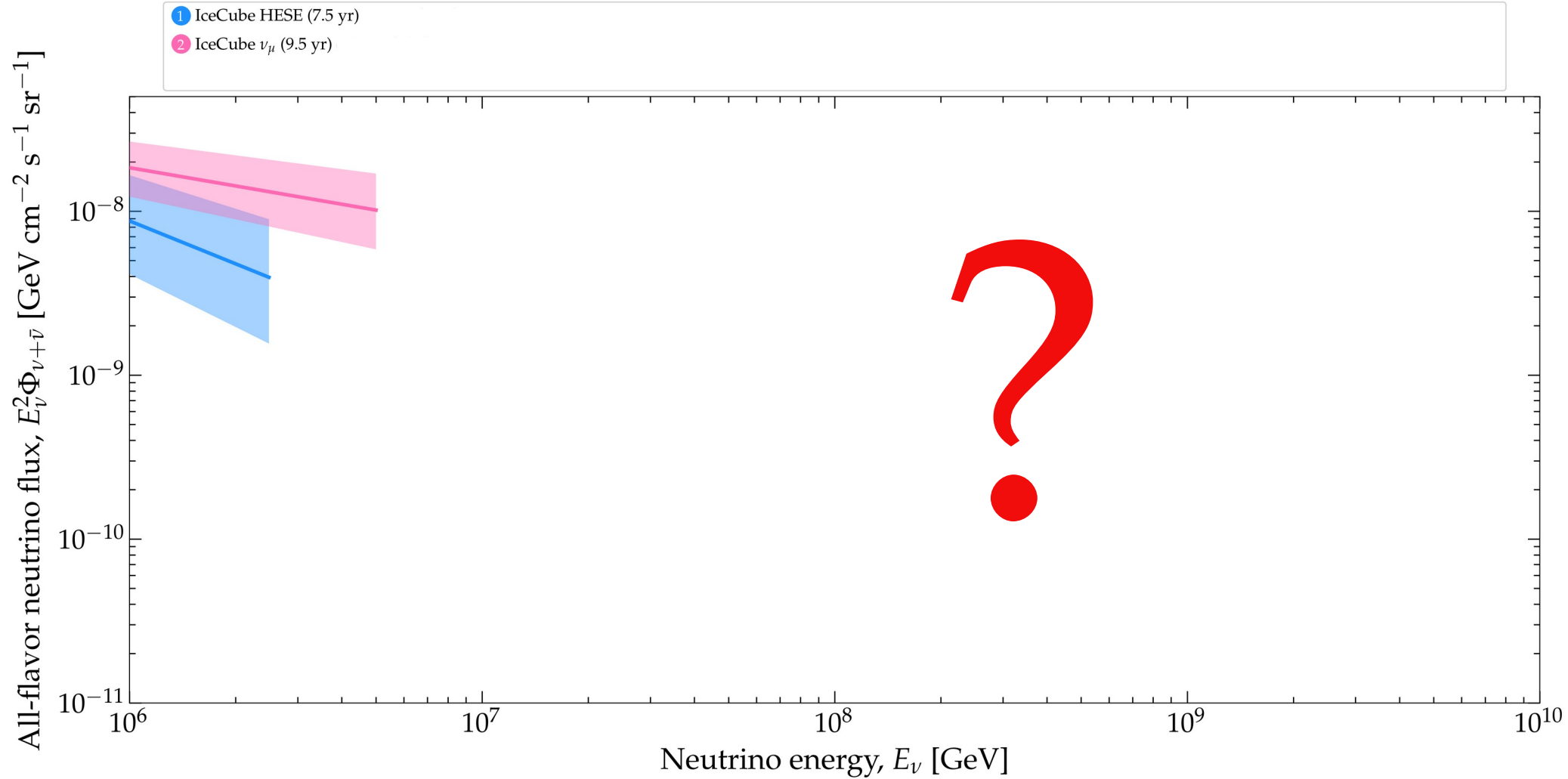
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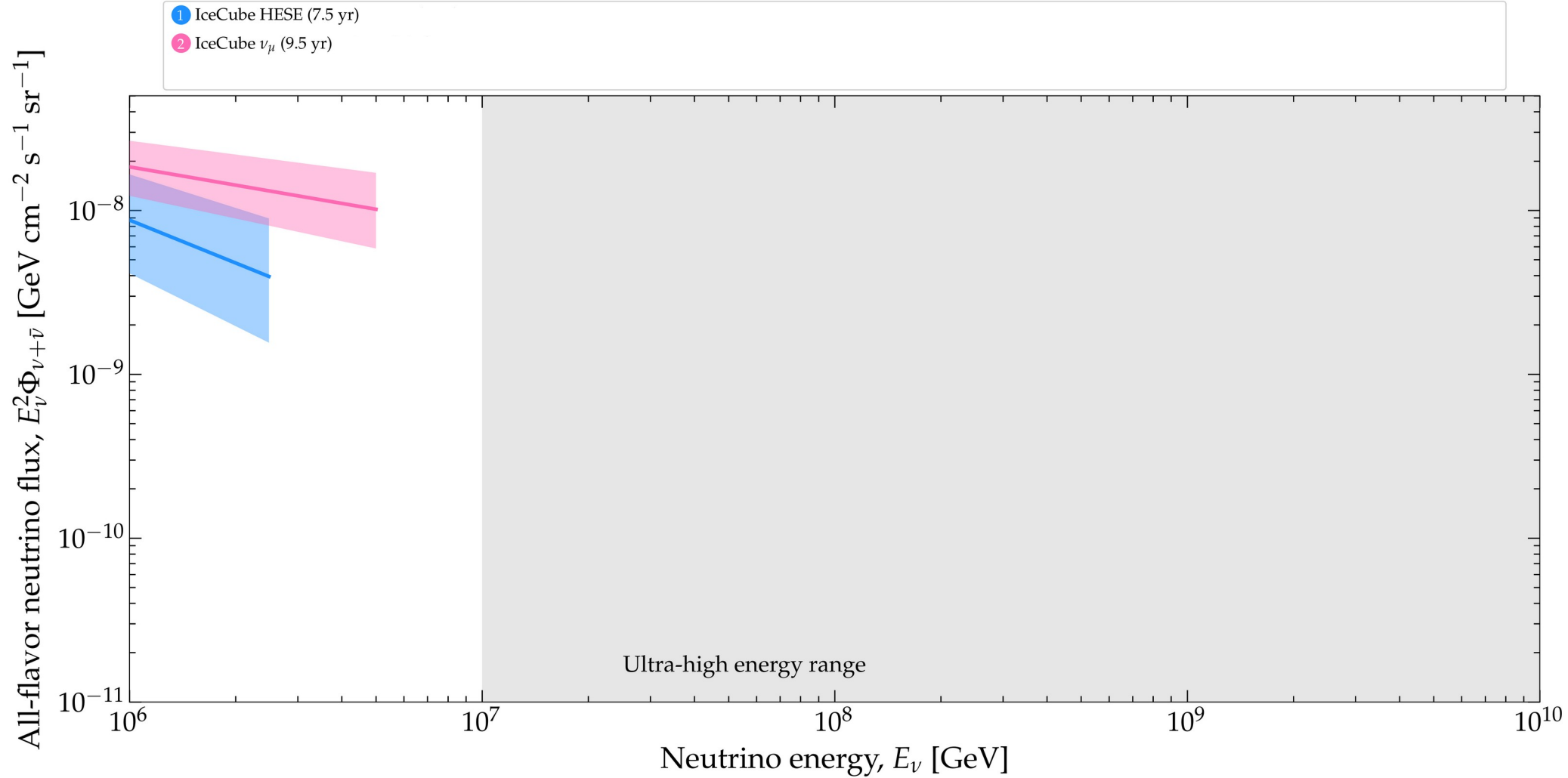
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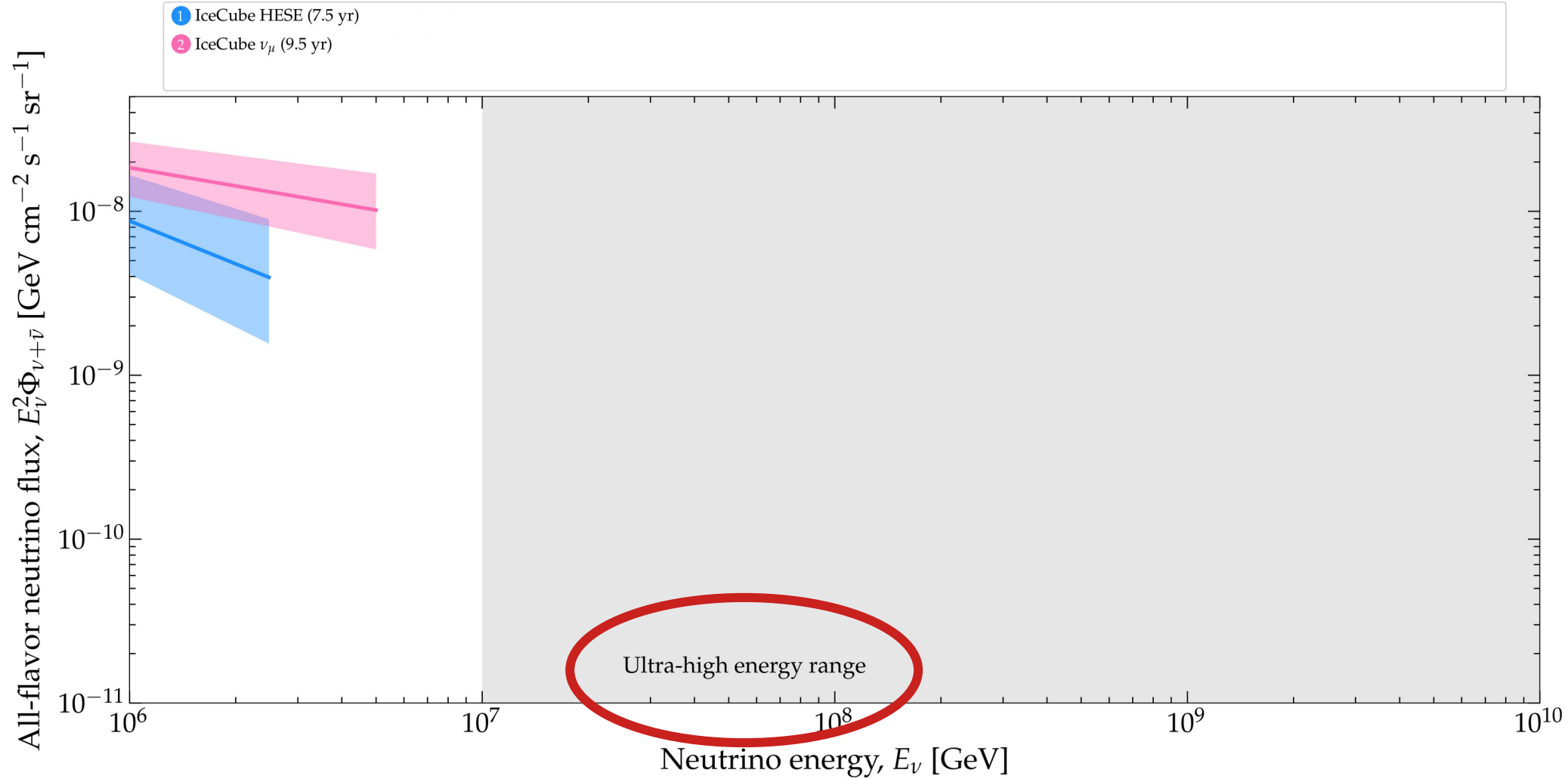
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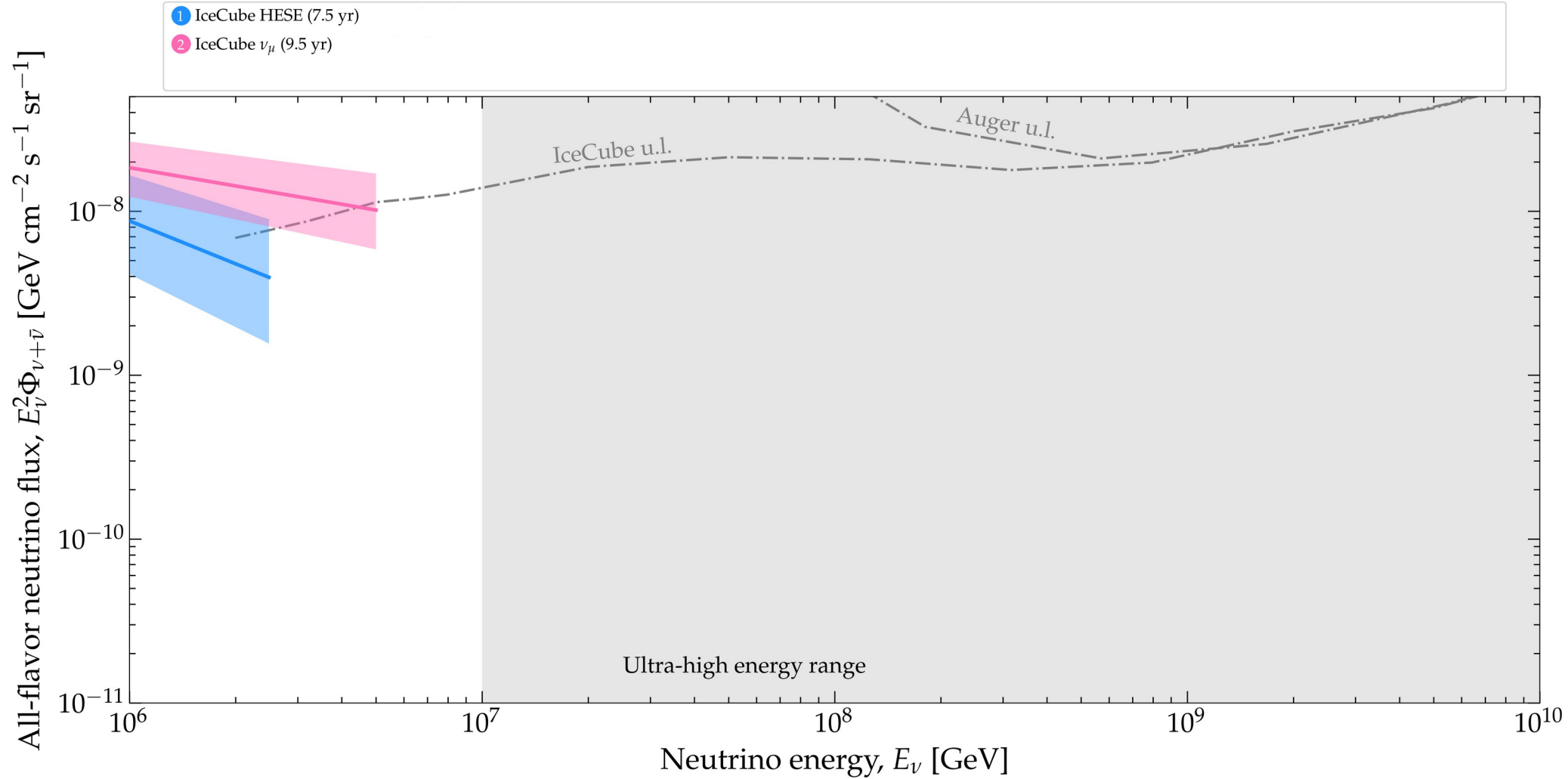


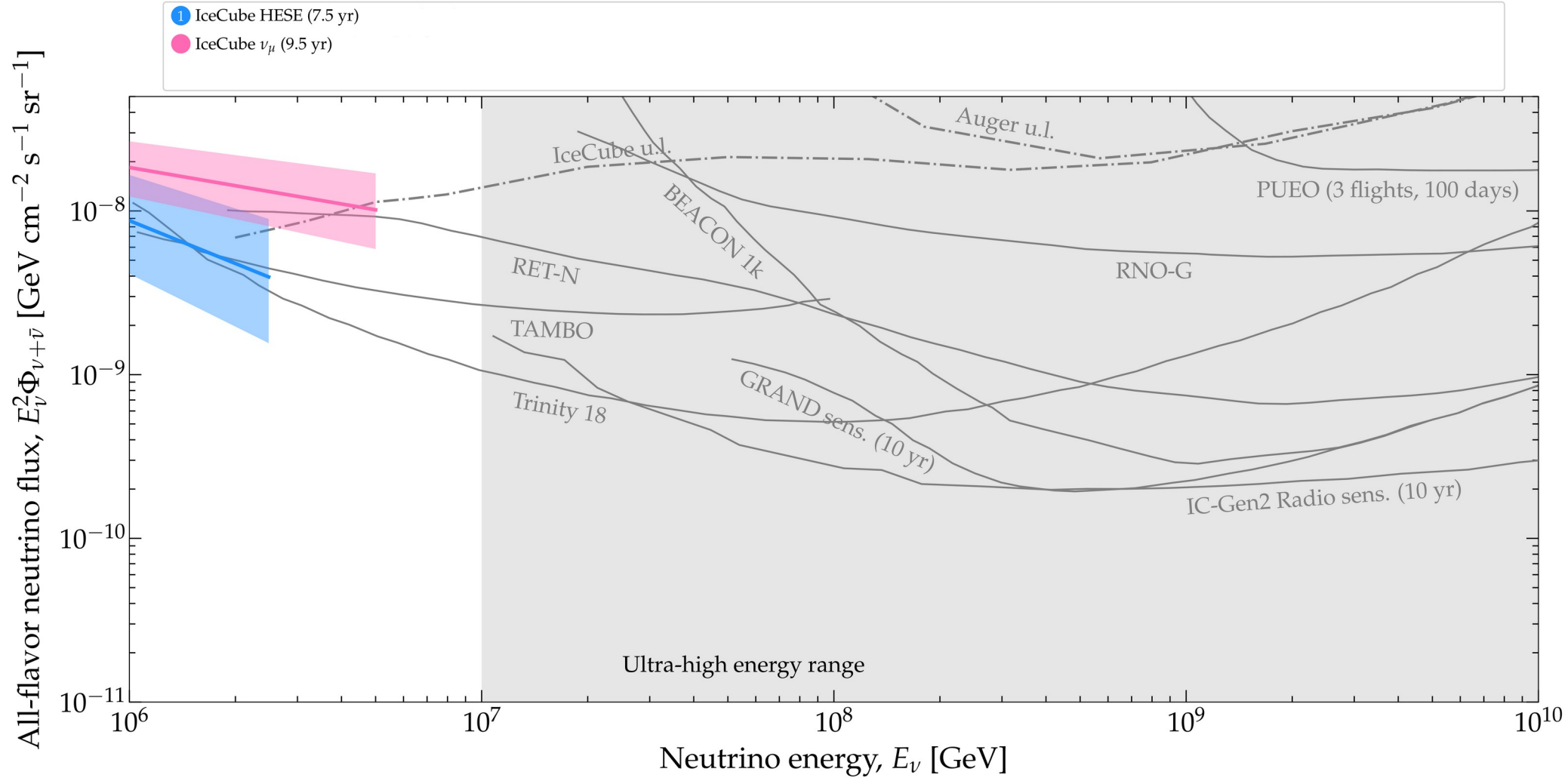


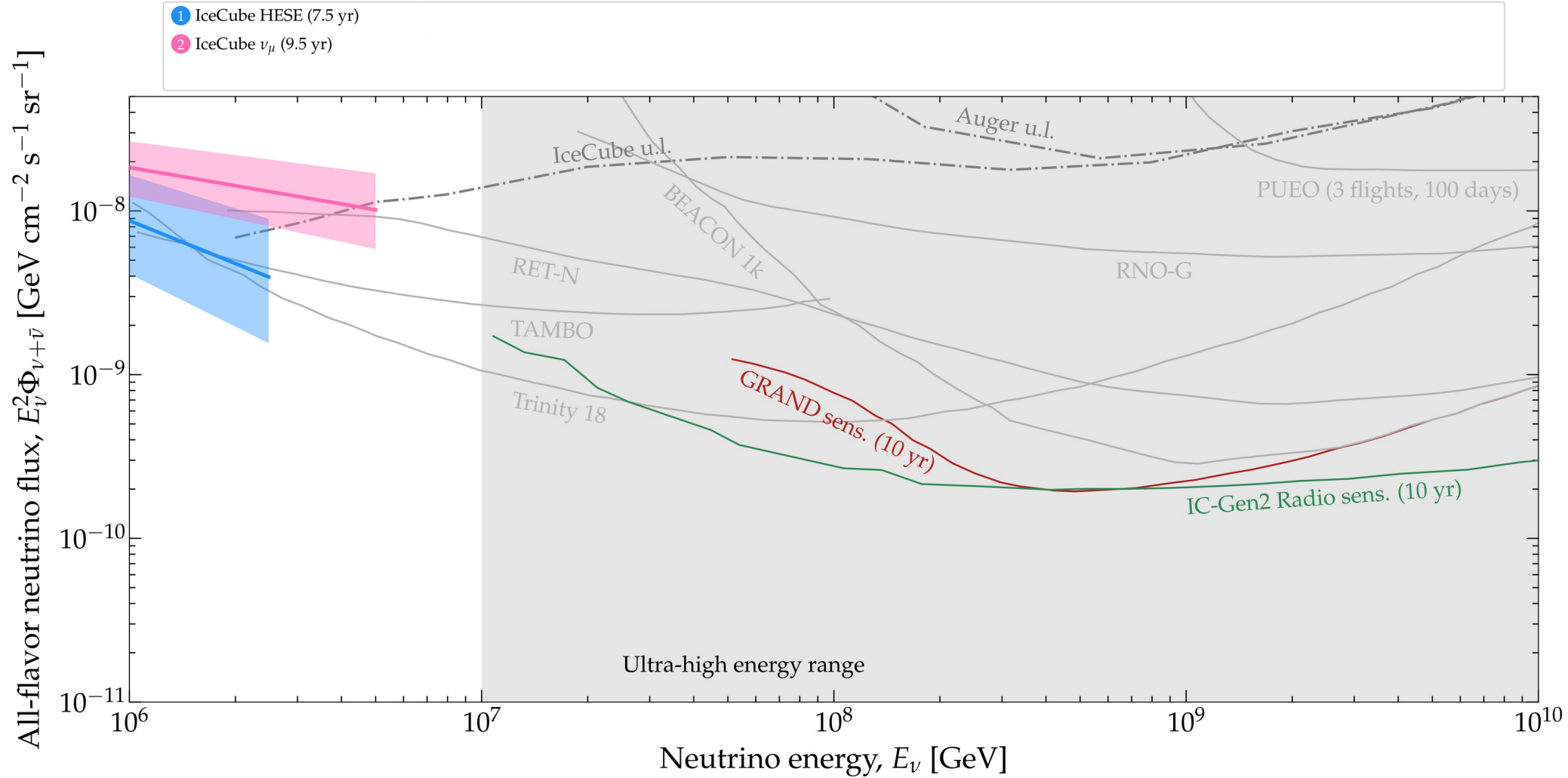


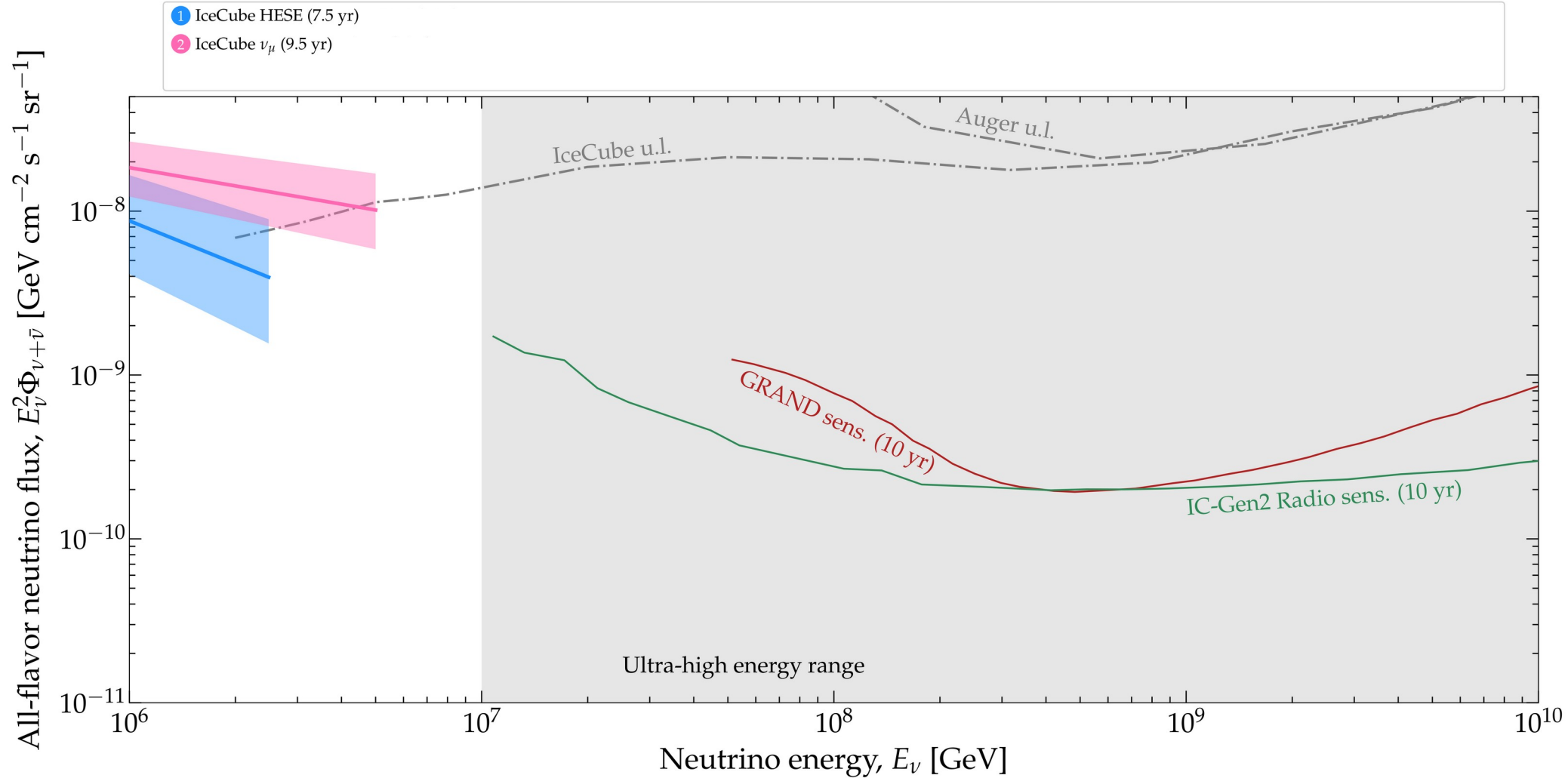












Redshift ←

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MeV  $\gamma$

PeV  $p$

Discovered

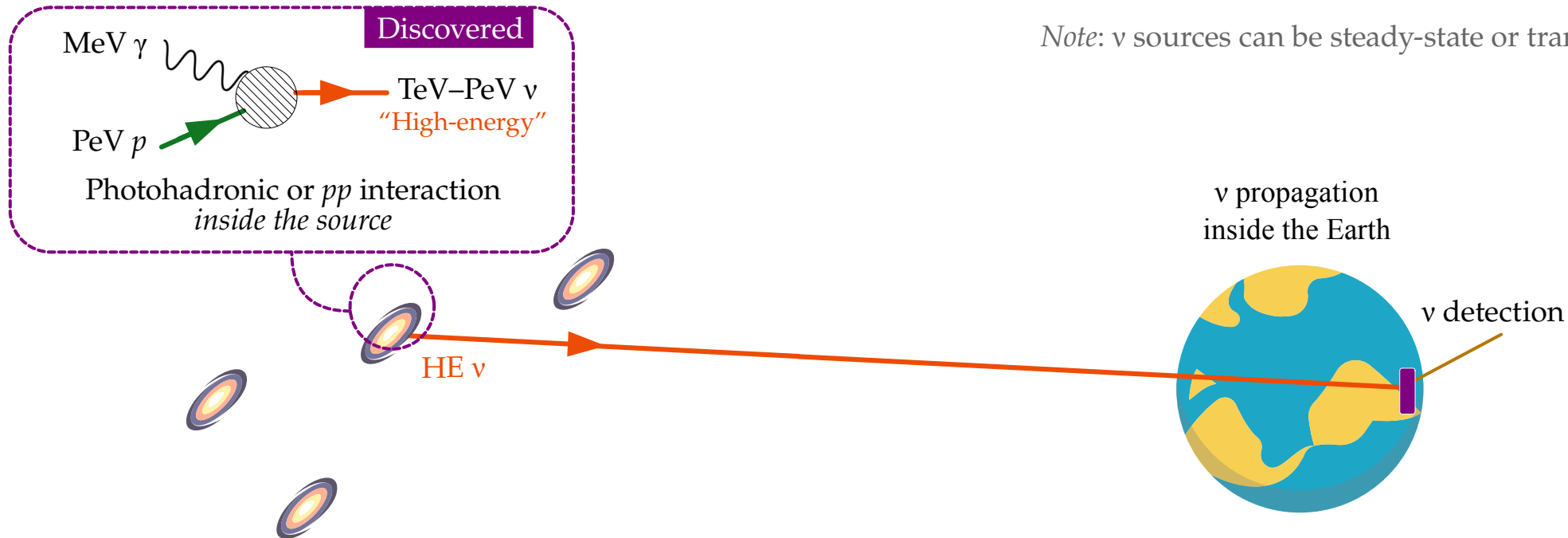
TeV–PeV  $\nu$   
“High-energy”

Photohadronic or  $pp$  interaction  
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Note:  $\nu$  sources can be steady-state or transient

$\nu$  propagation  
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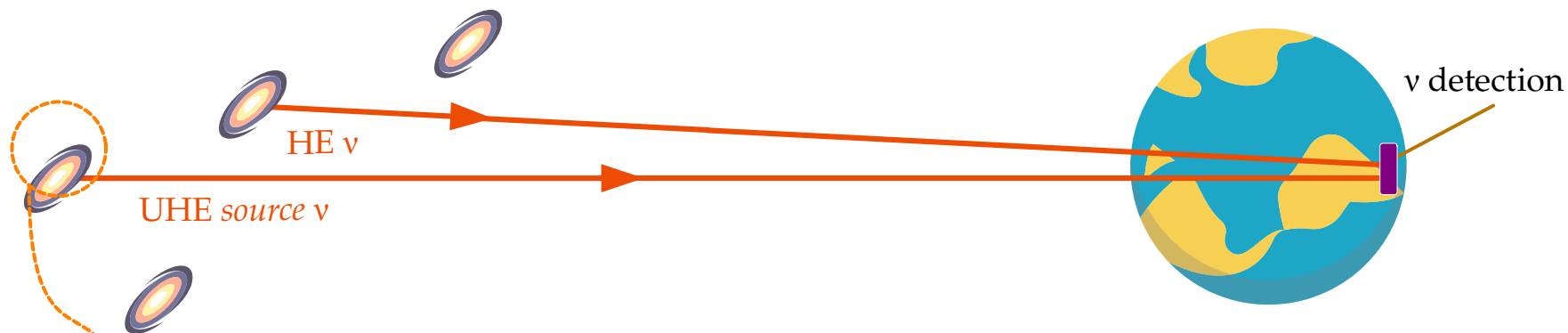
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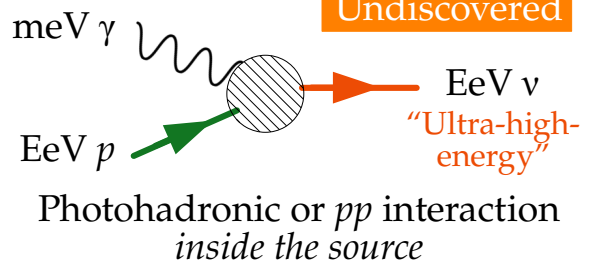
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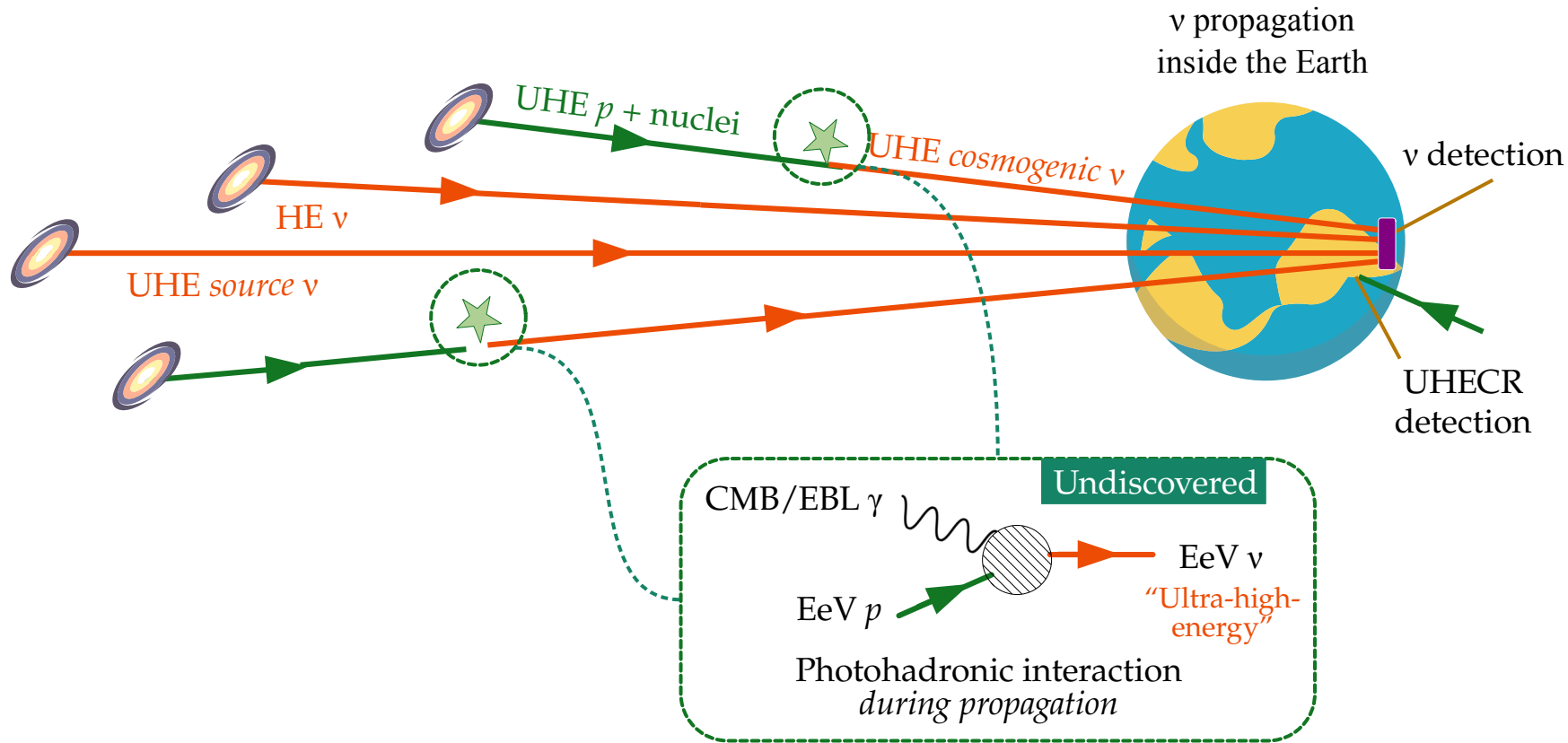




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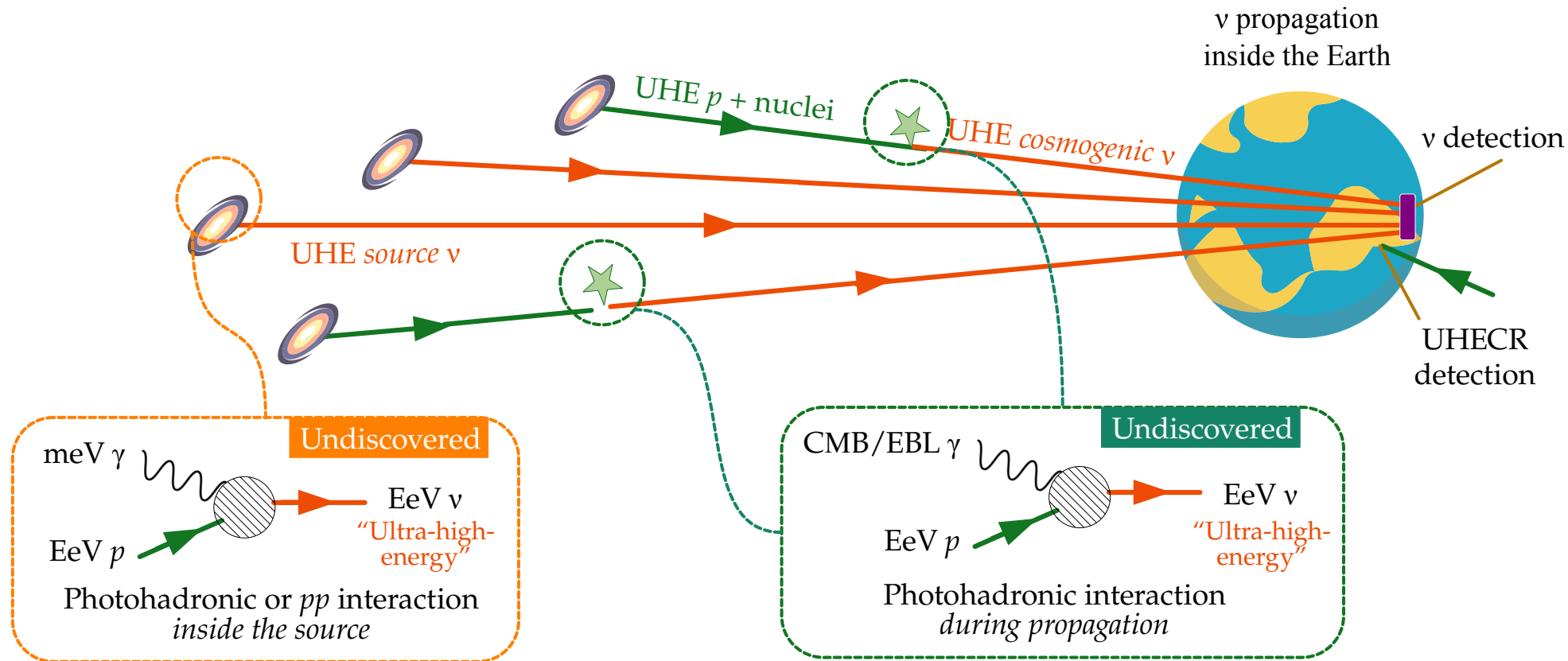
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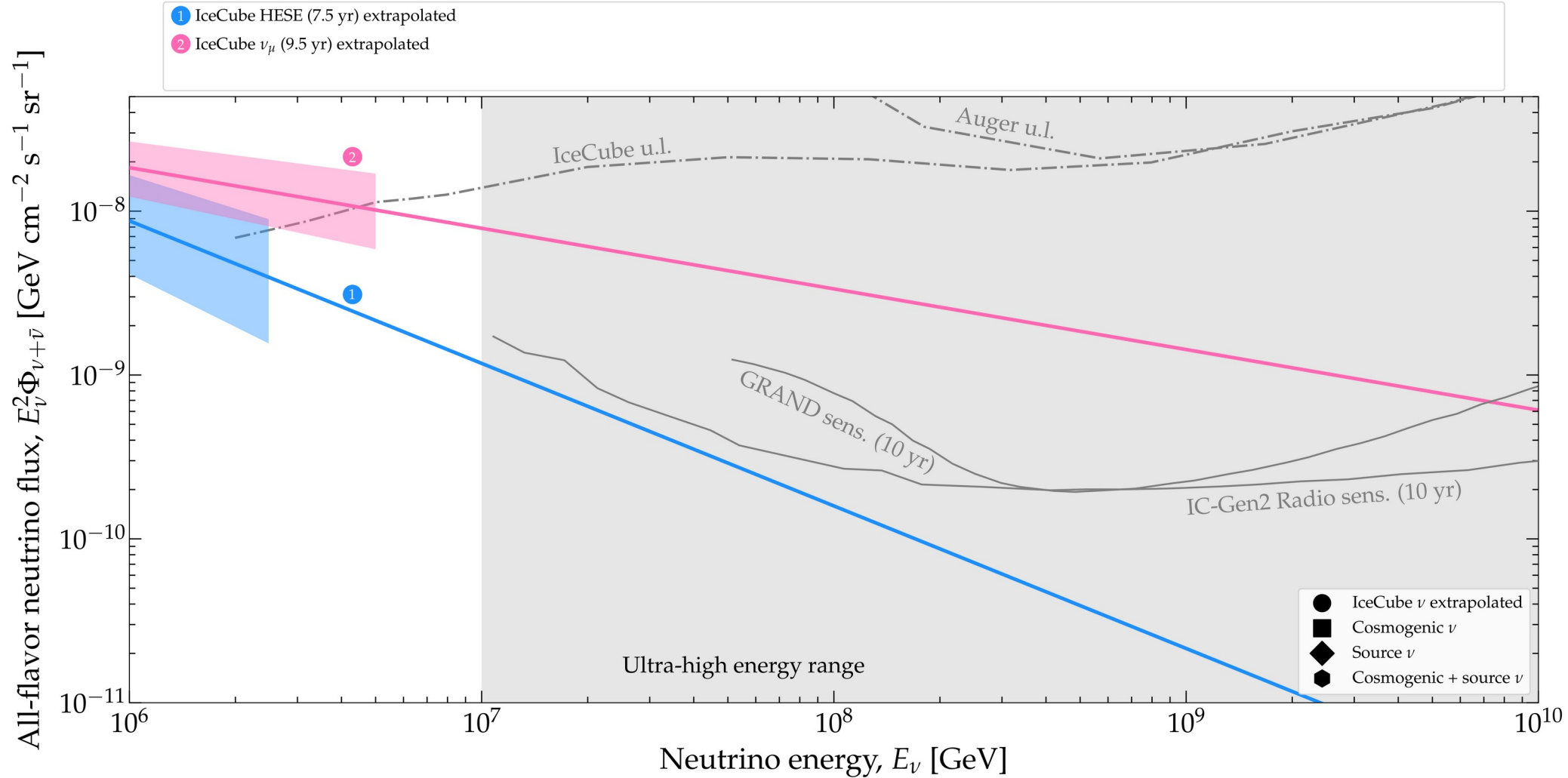


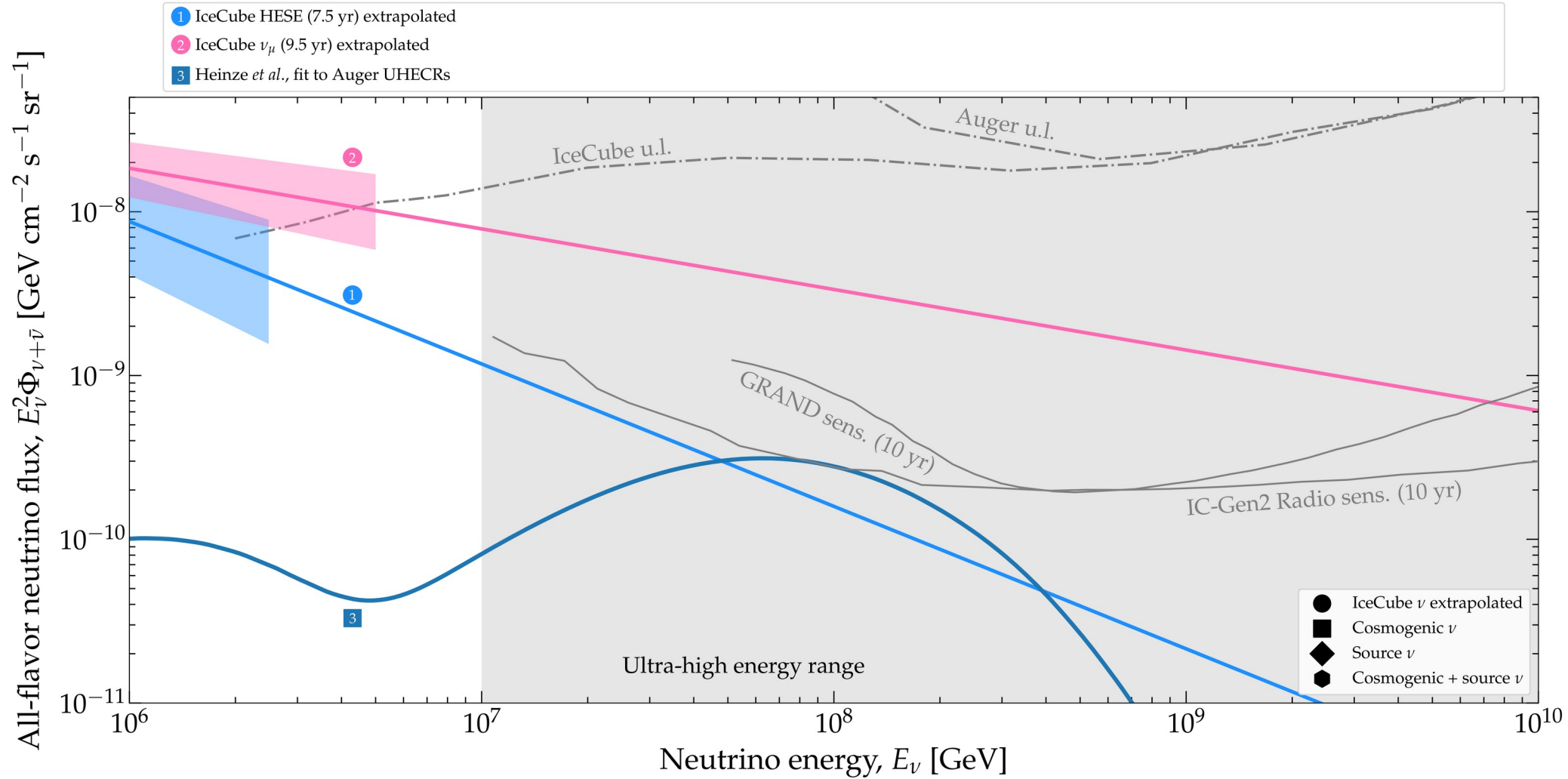
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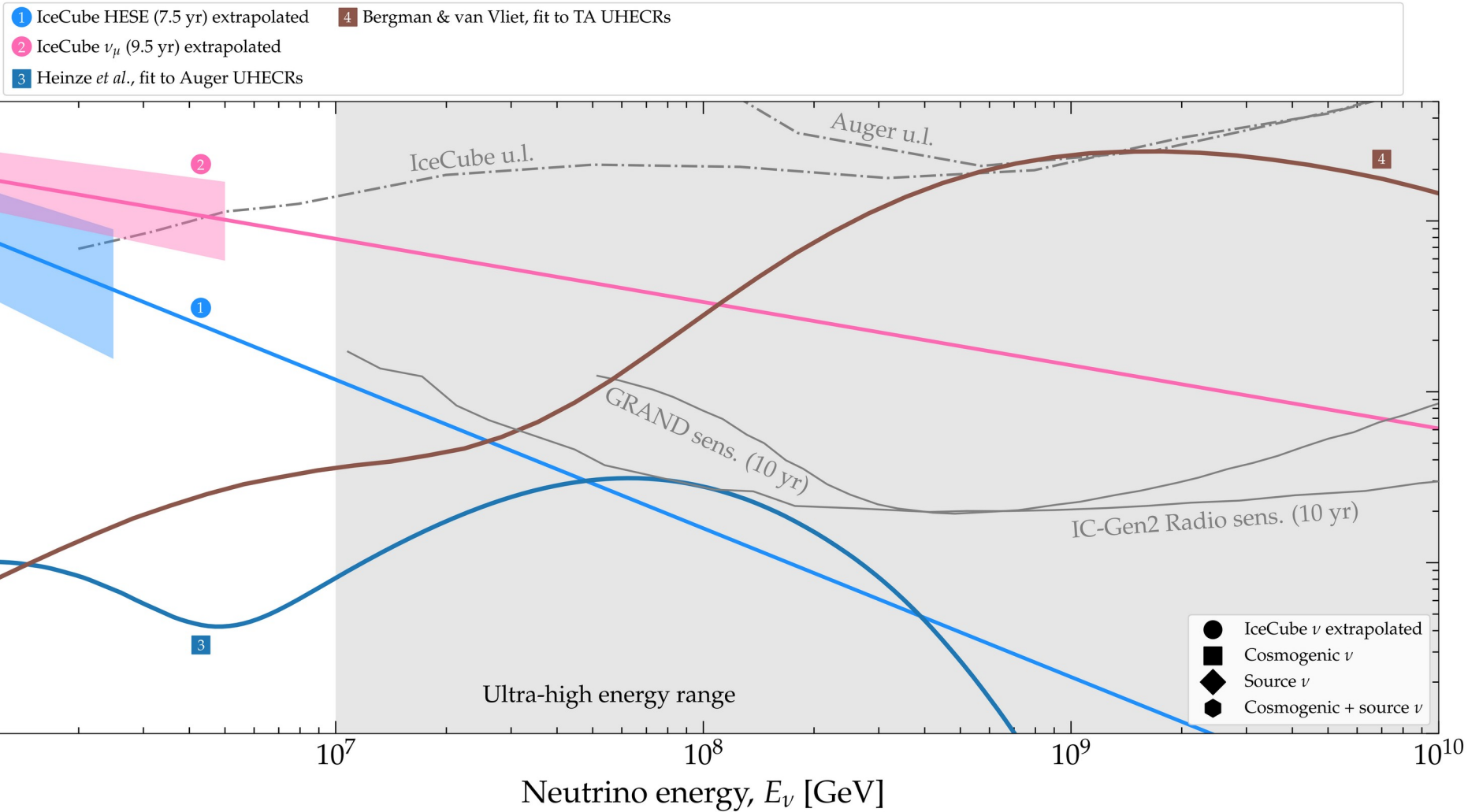
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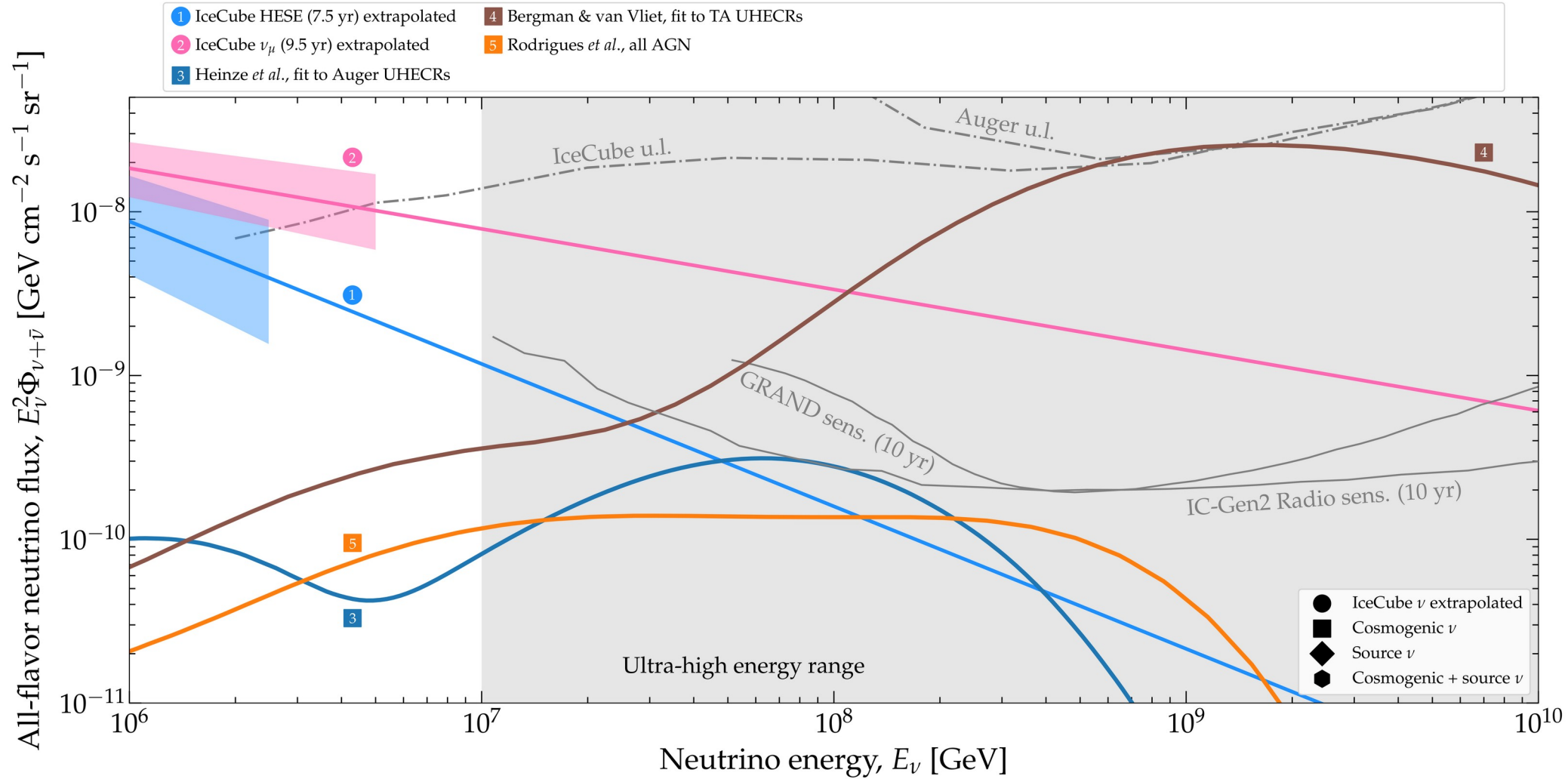






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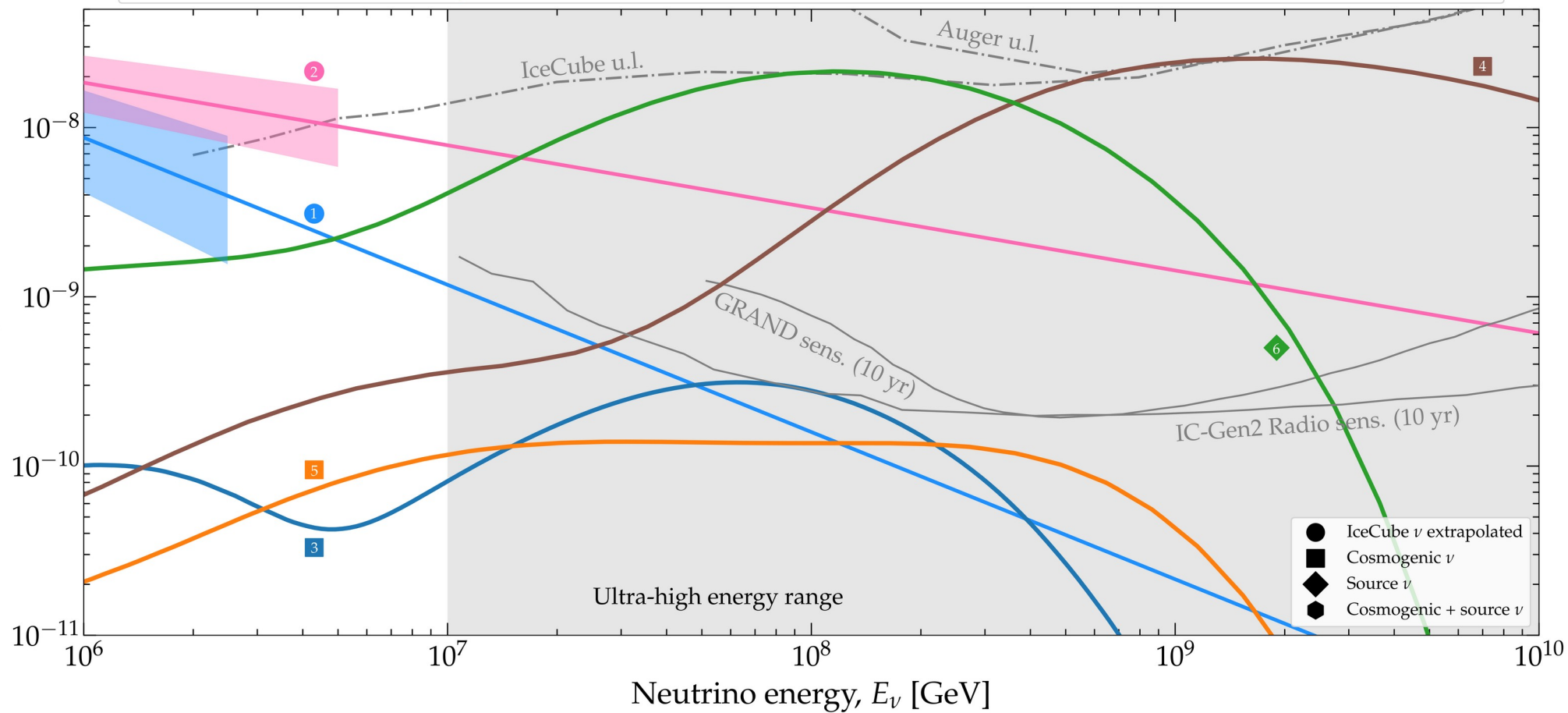






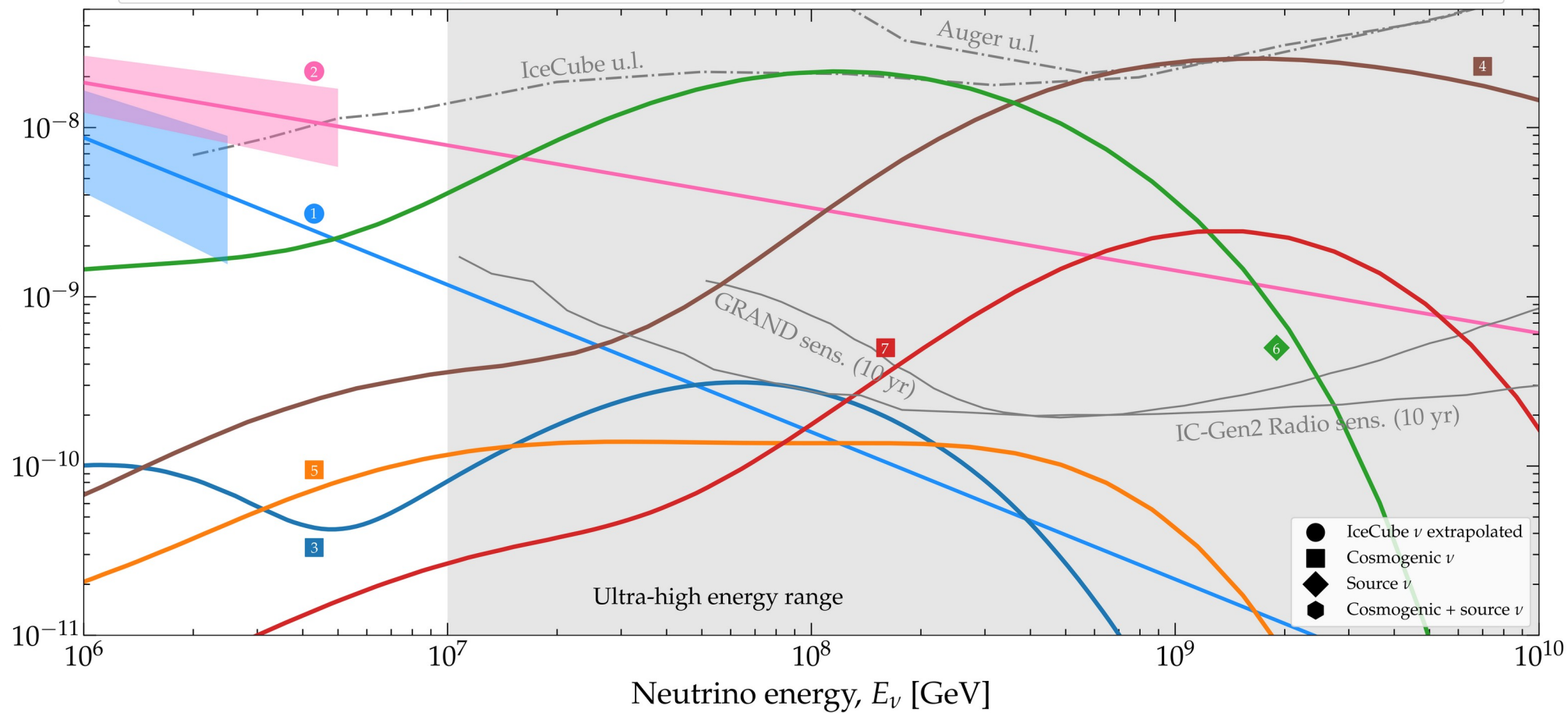
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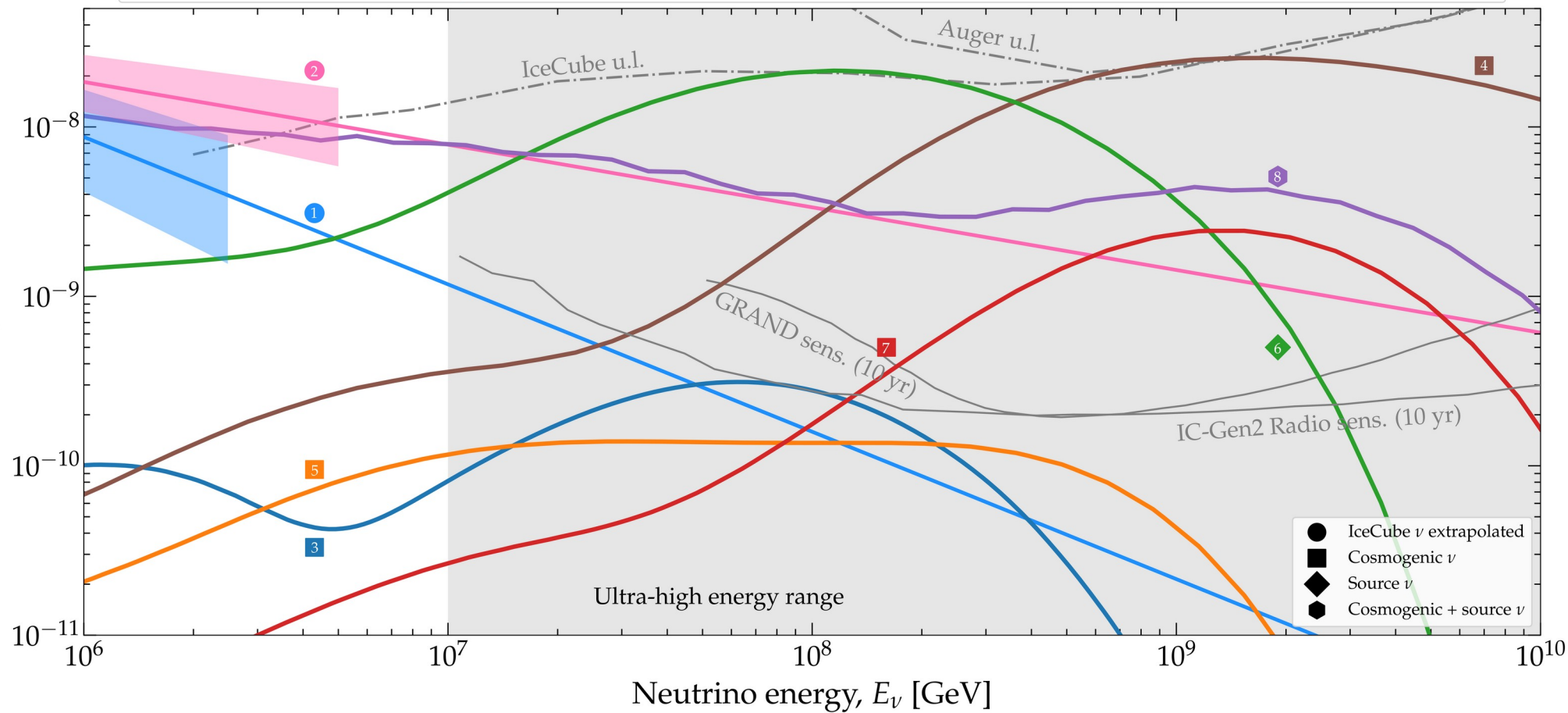
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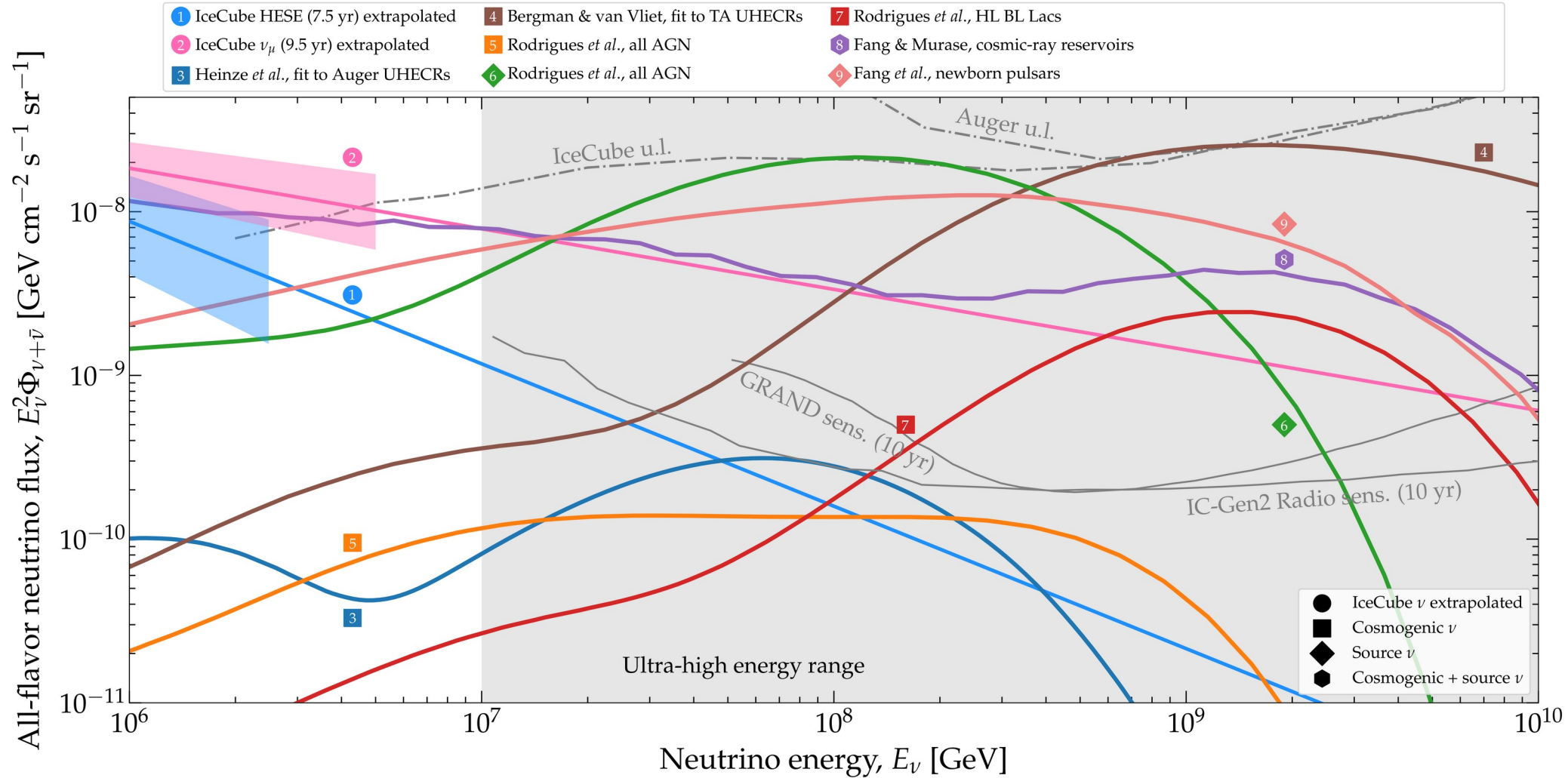
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Ultra-high energy range

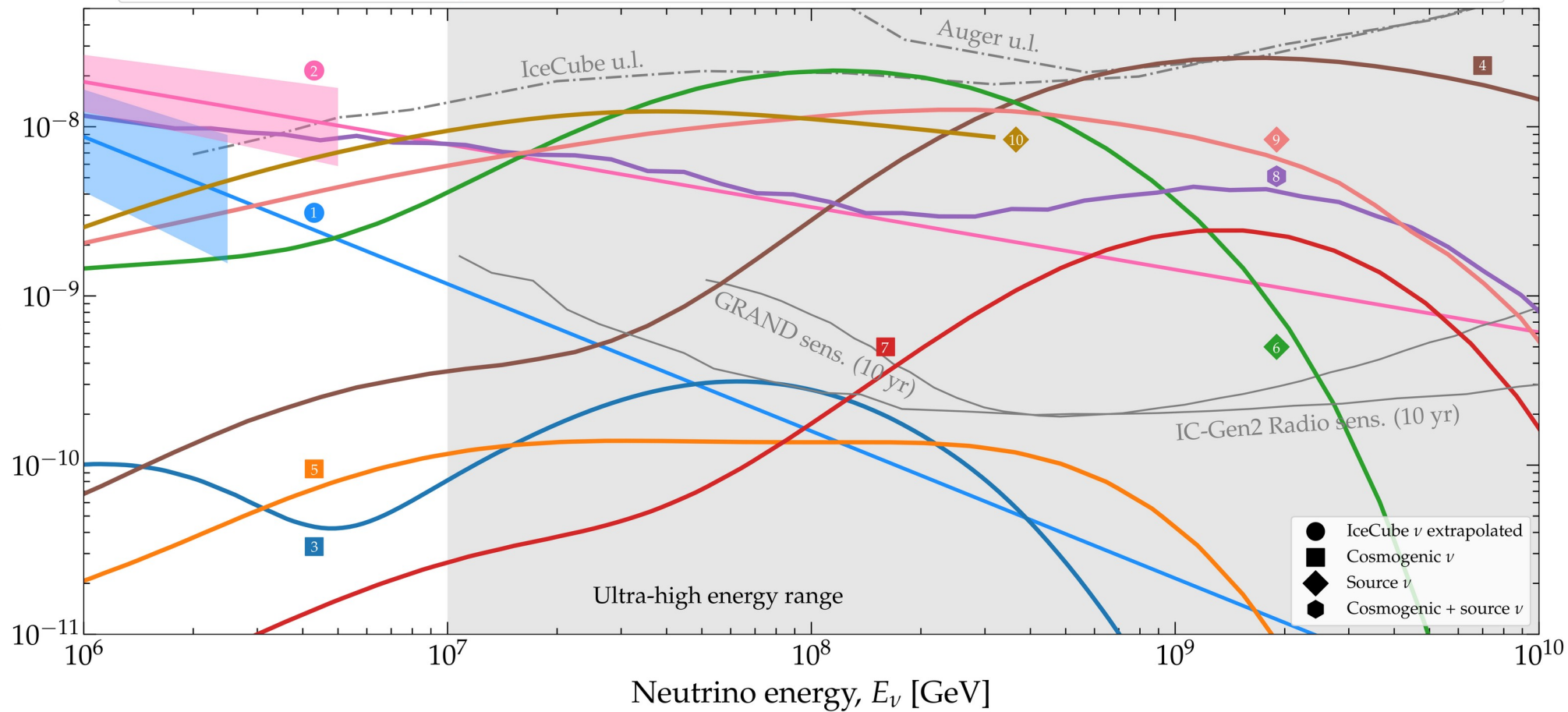
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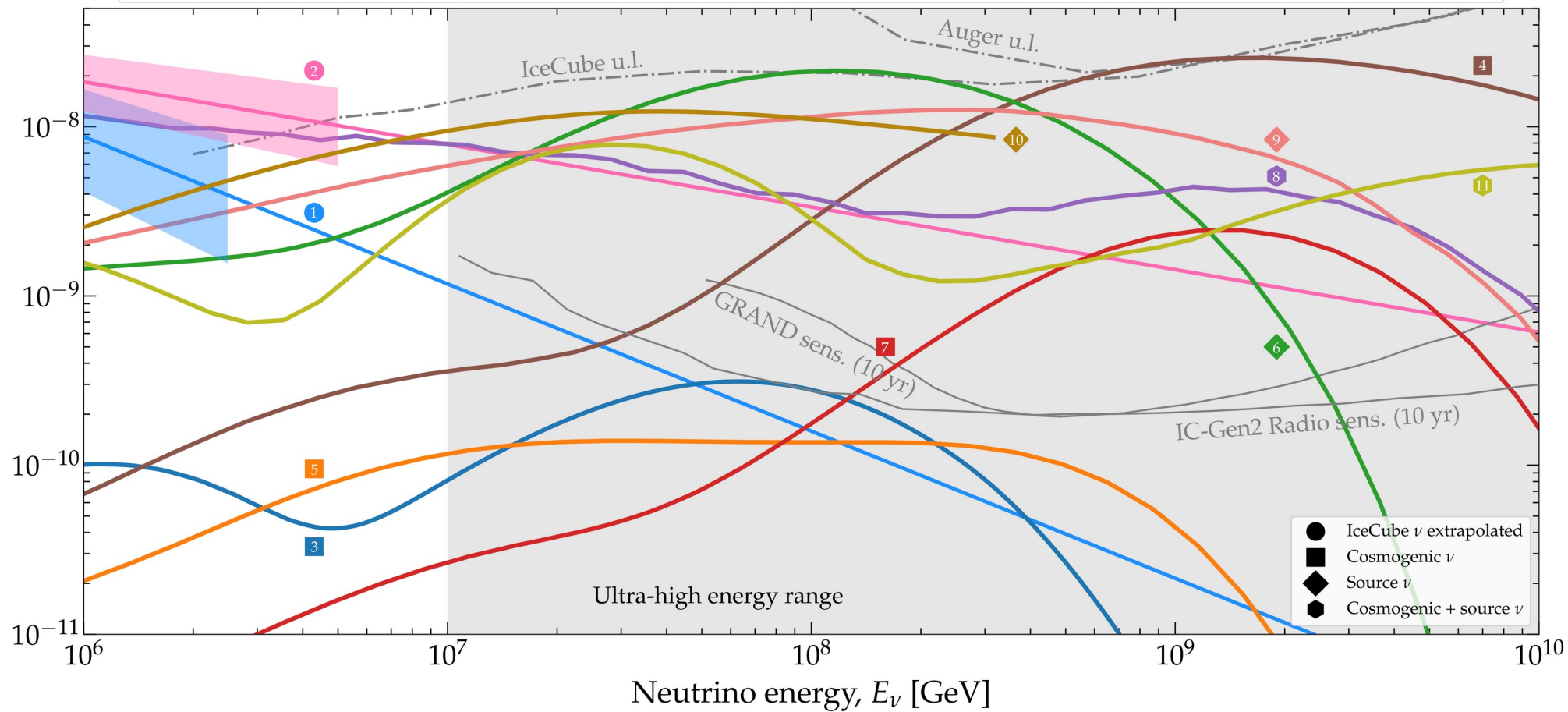
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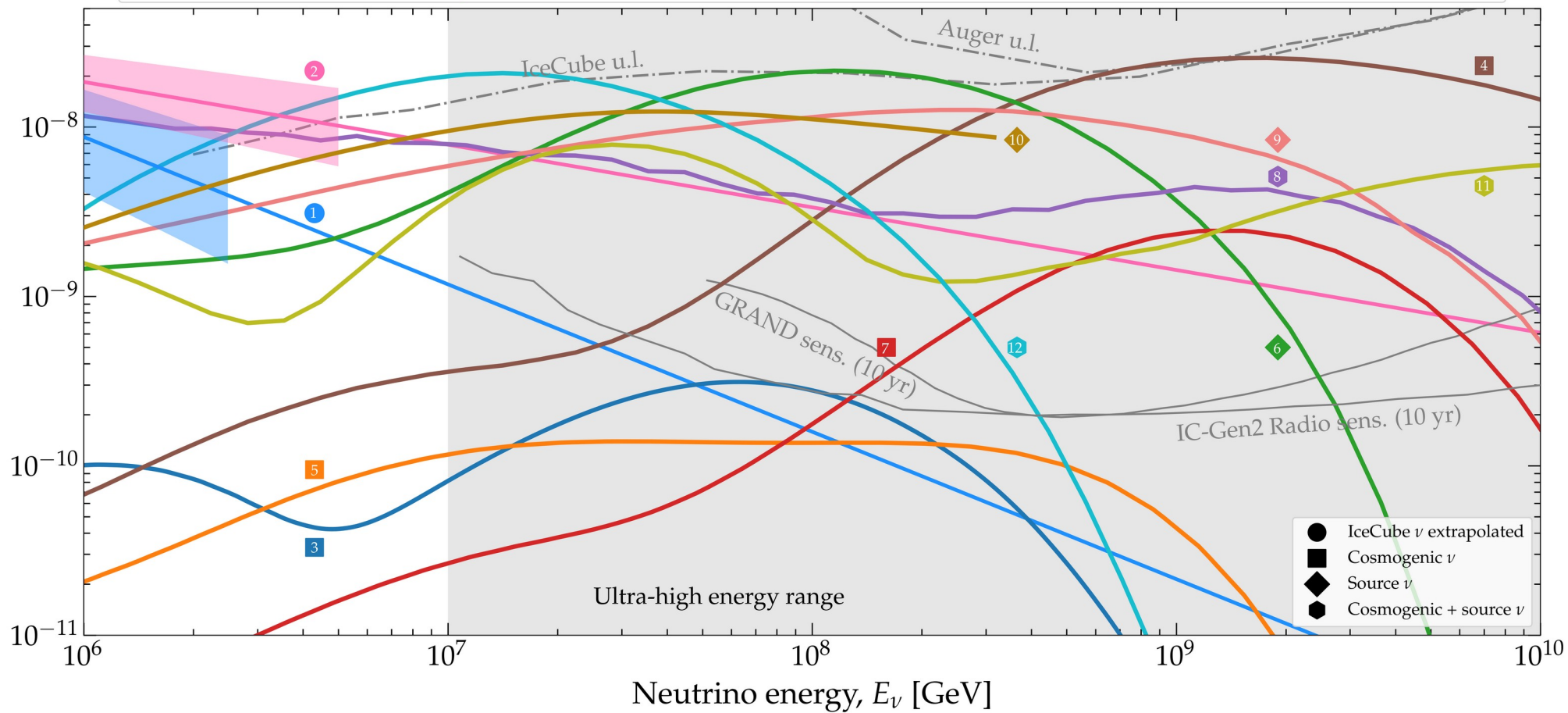
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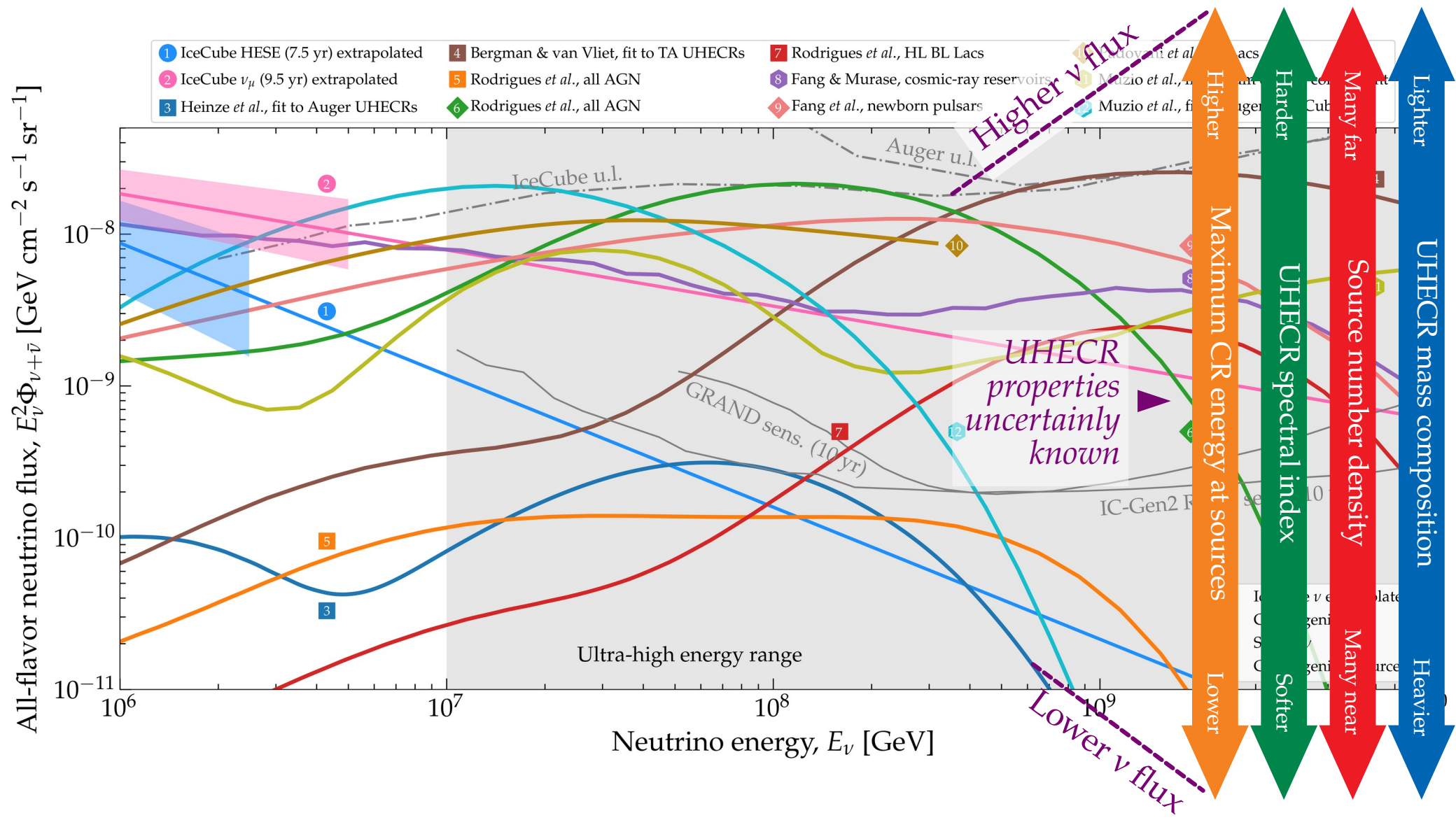




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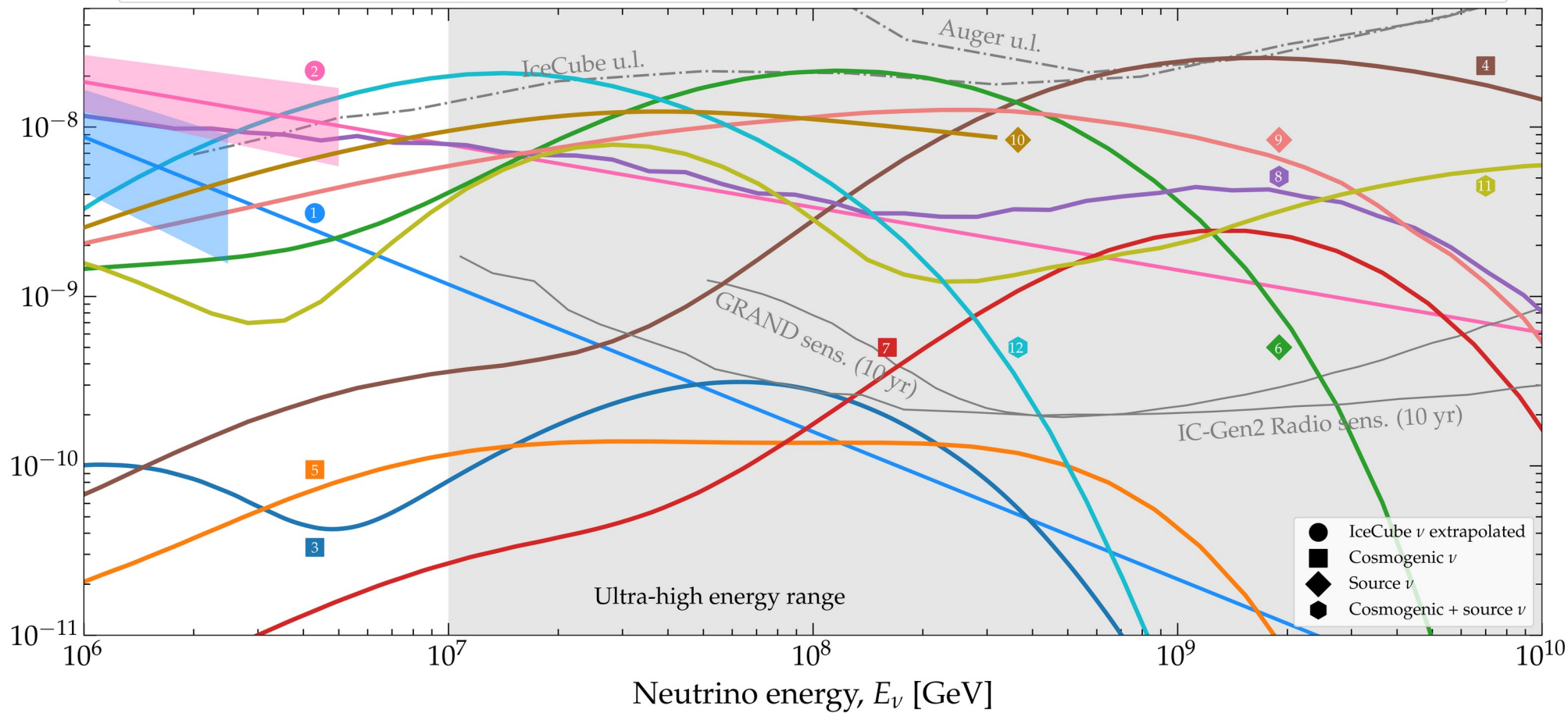
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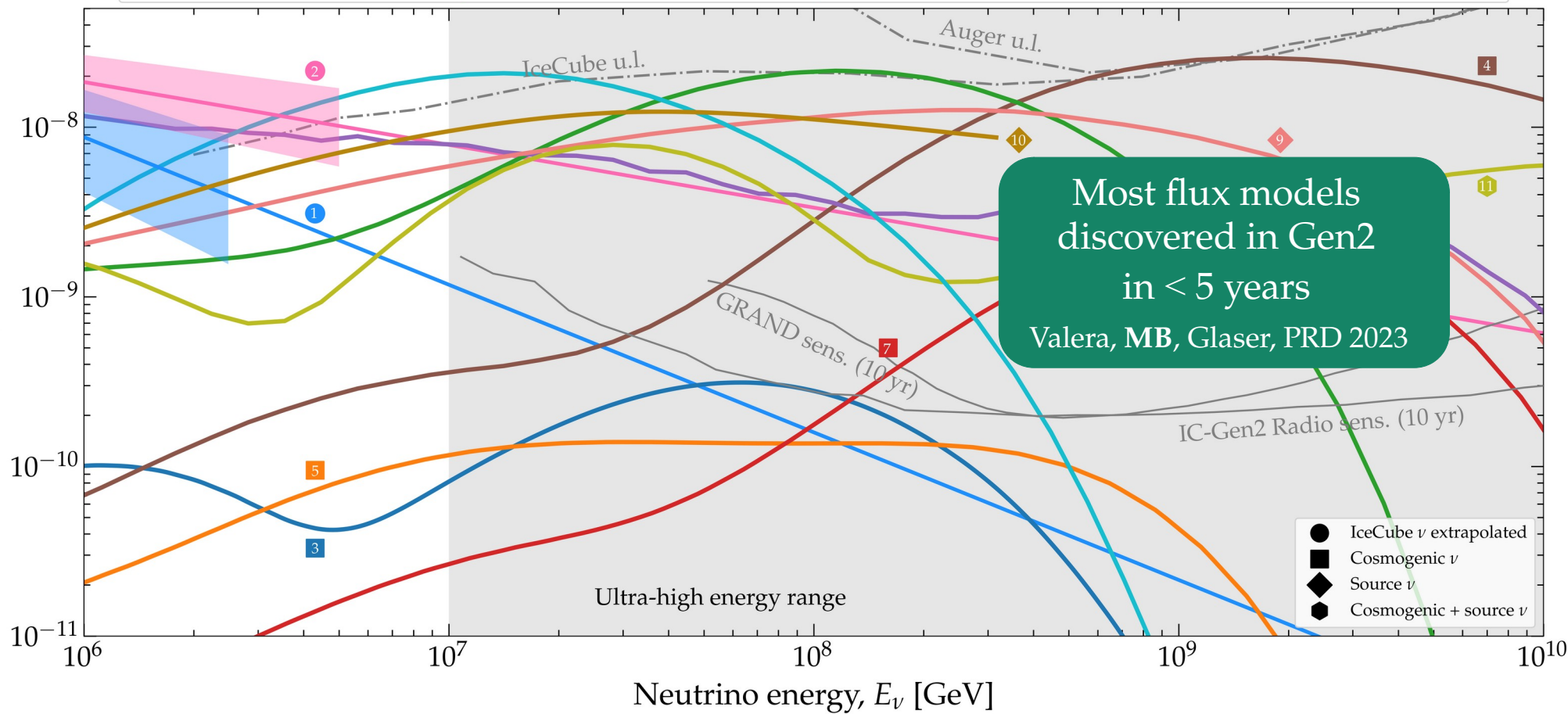
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# The future

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Work together

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How it's going

10–20 years from now





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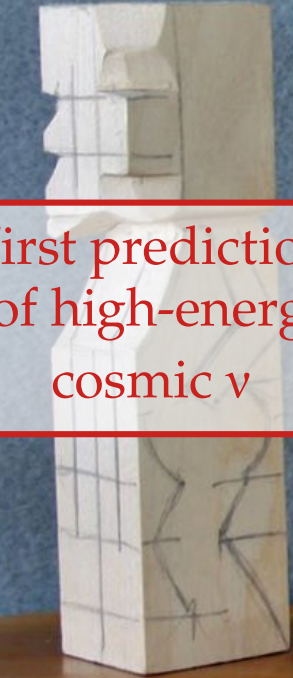
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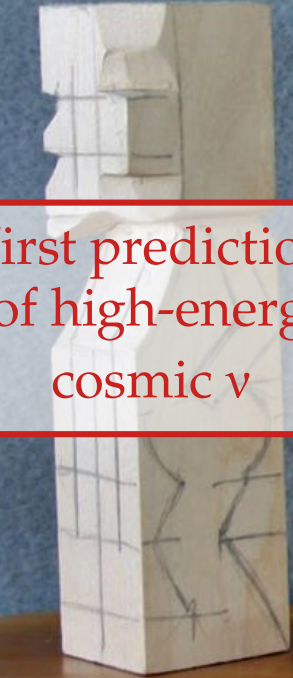
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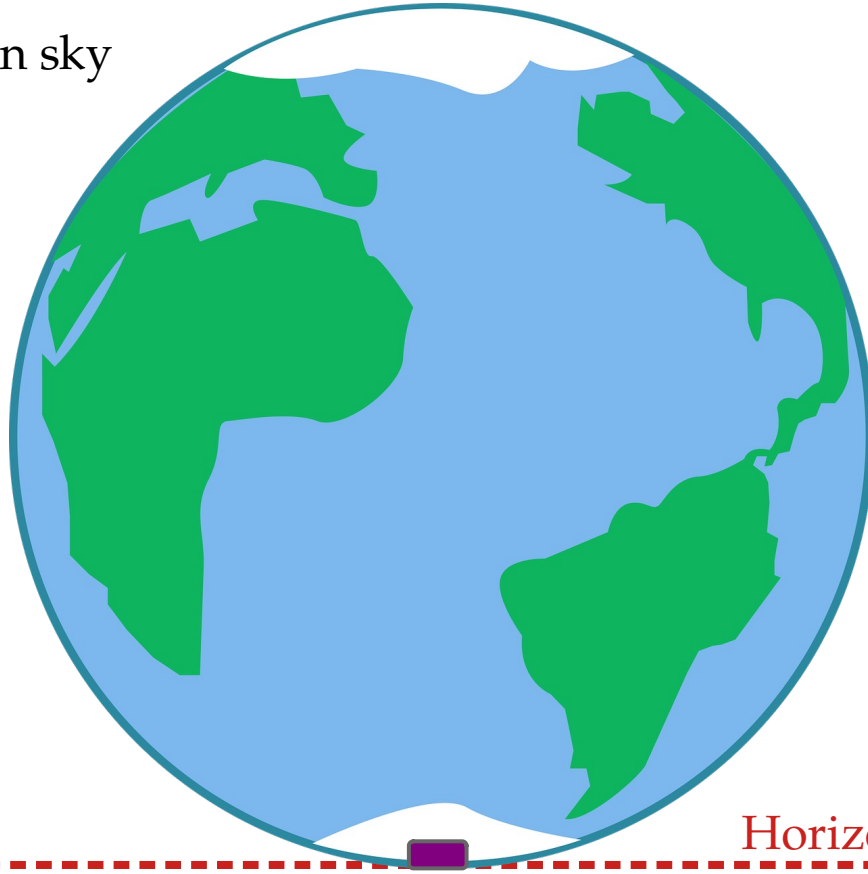
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Backup slides

# Upgoing vs. downgoing neutrinos

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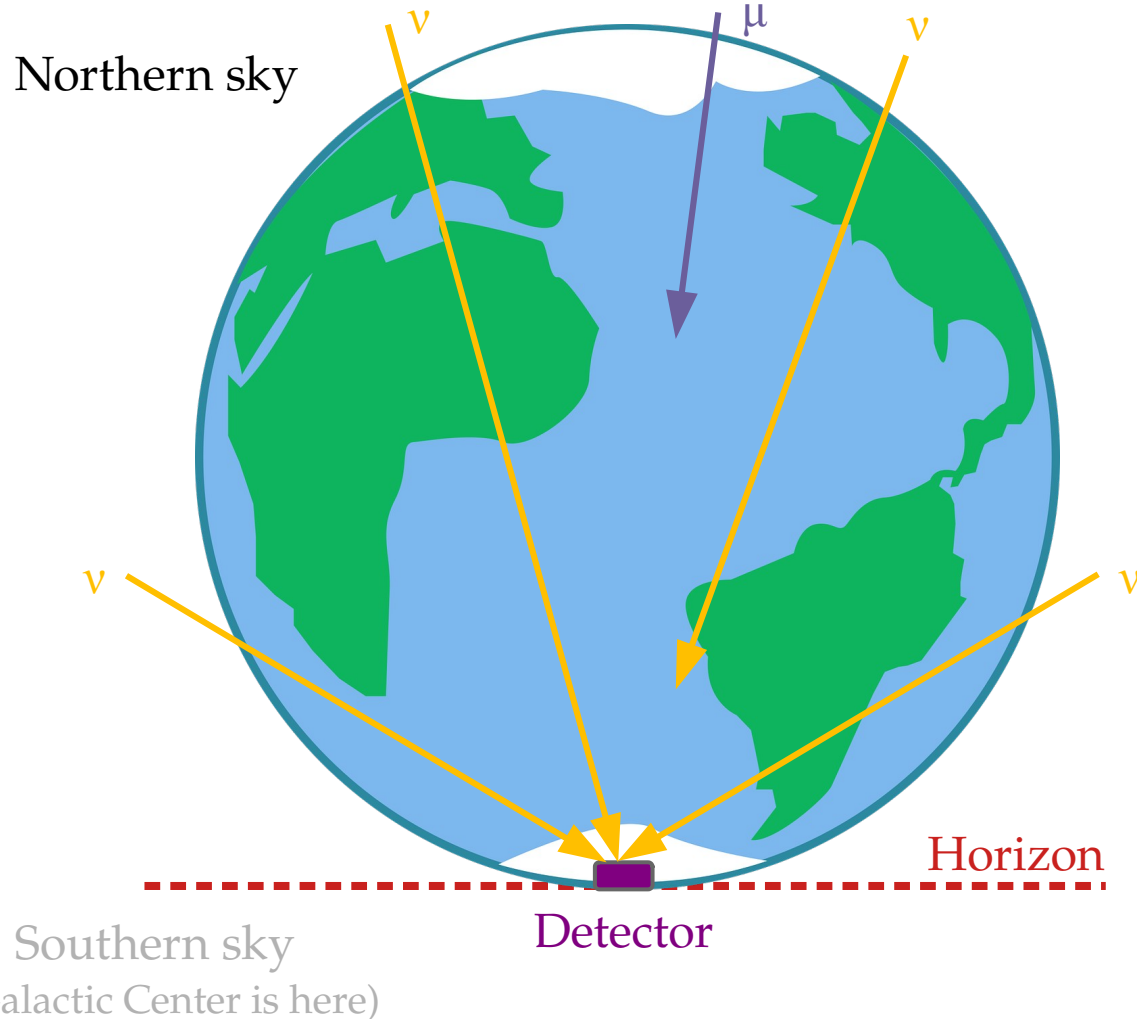
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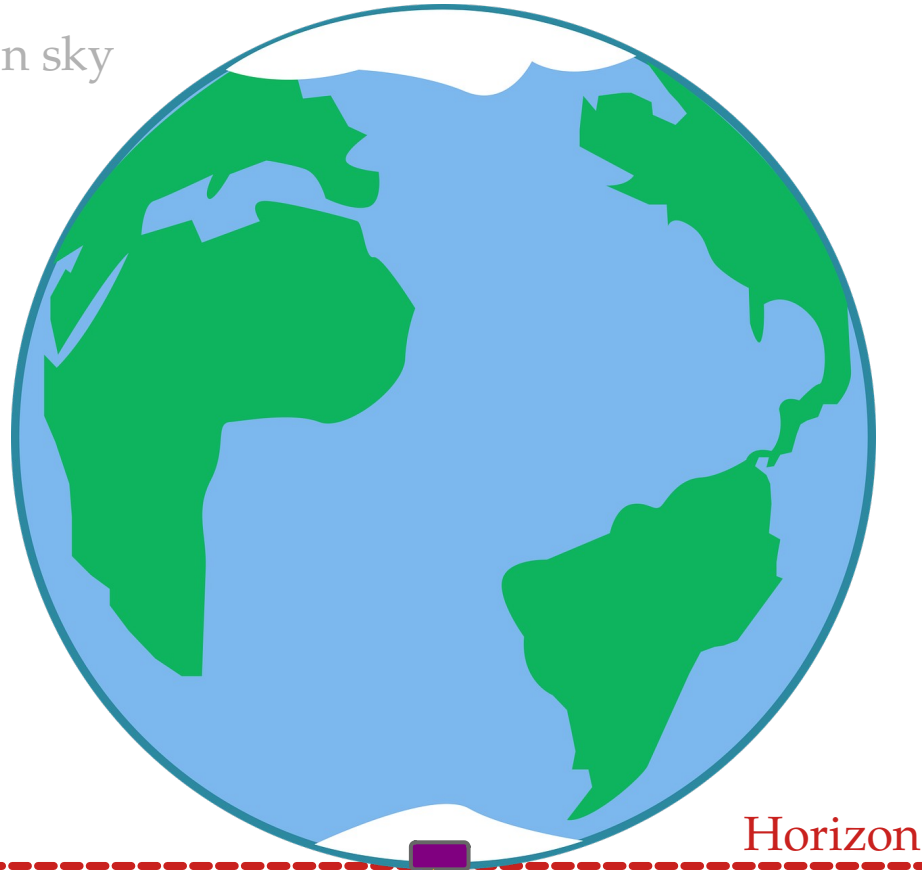


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- ▶ Atmospheric muons stopped
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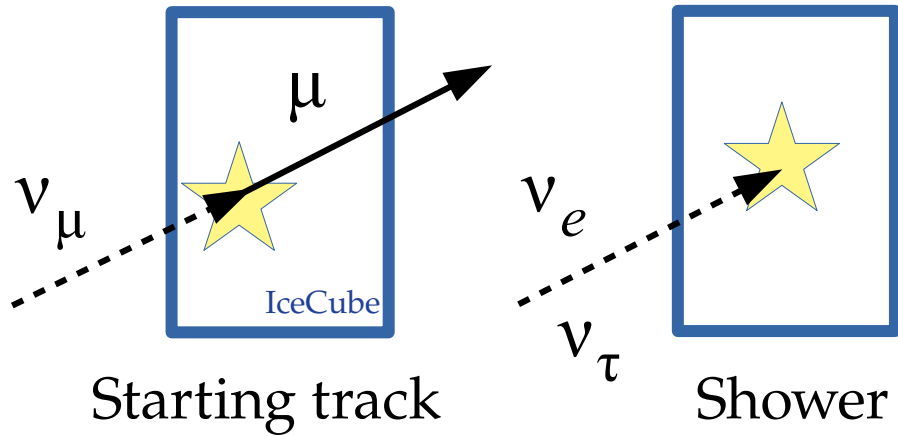
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Neutrinos from the **Southern sky**  
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- ▶ Need to mitigate atmospheric muons and  $\nu$ :
  - ▶ Use higher-energy events
  - ▶ Use starting a self-veto
- ▶ Dominated by astrophysical  $\nu$  (after event selection)
- ▶ Low statistics
- ▶ Good for measuring the diffuse flux of astrophysical  $\nu$

# Contained *vs.* uncontained events

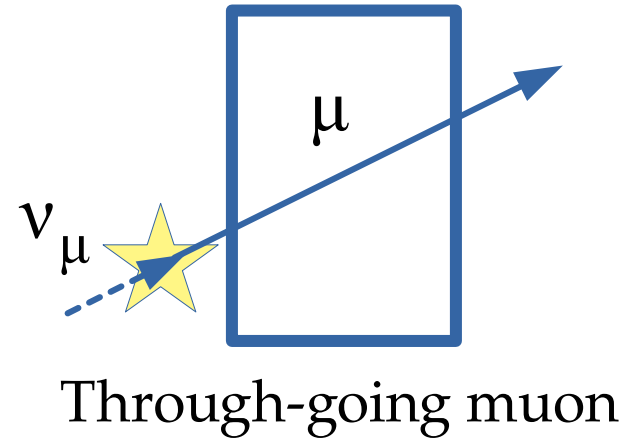
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**Pro:** Clean determination of  $E_\nu$

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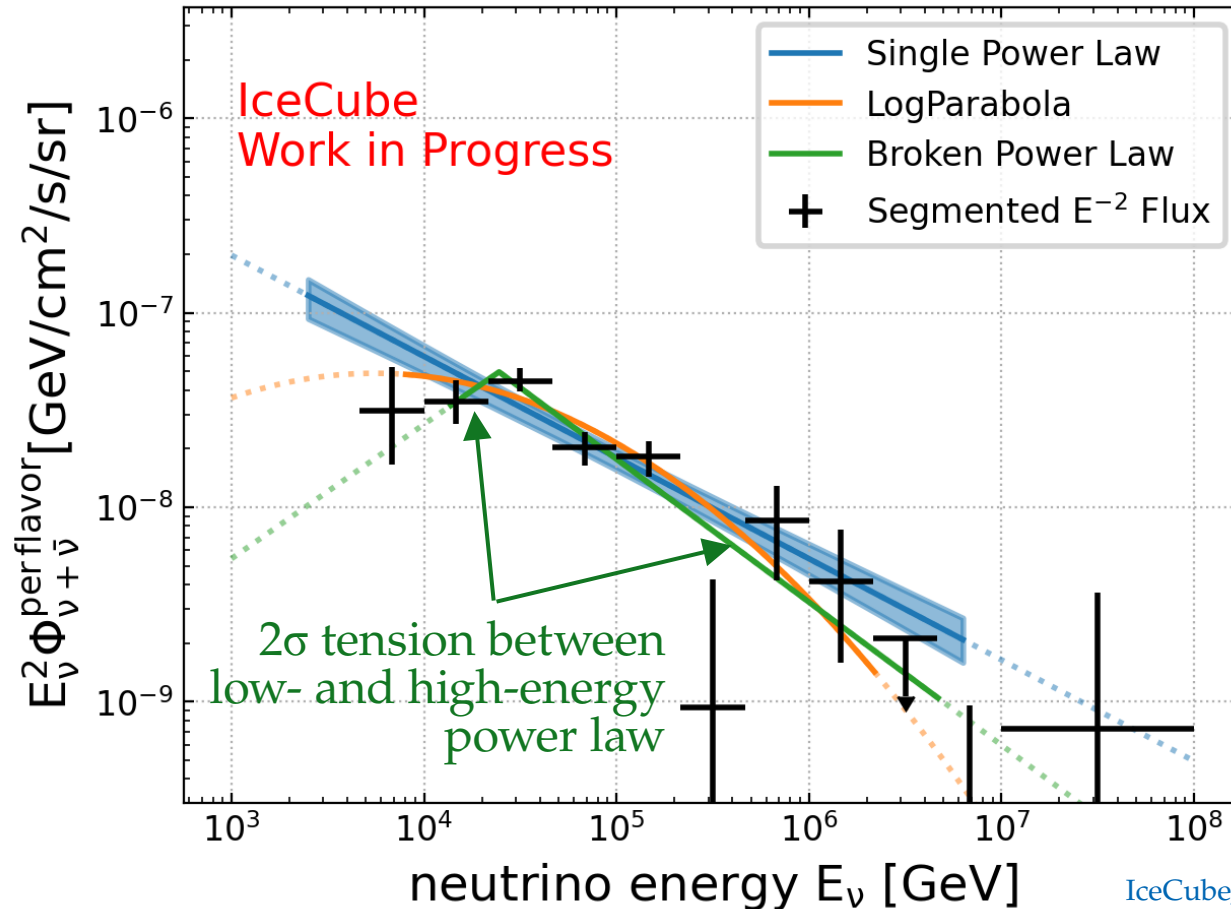
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# Neutrino energy spectrum

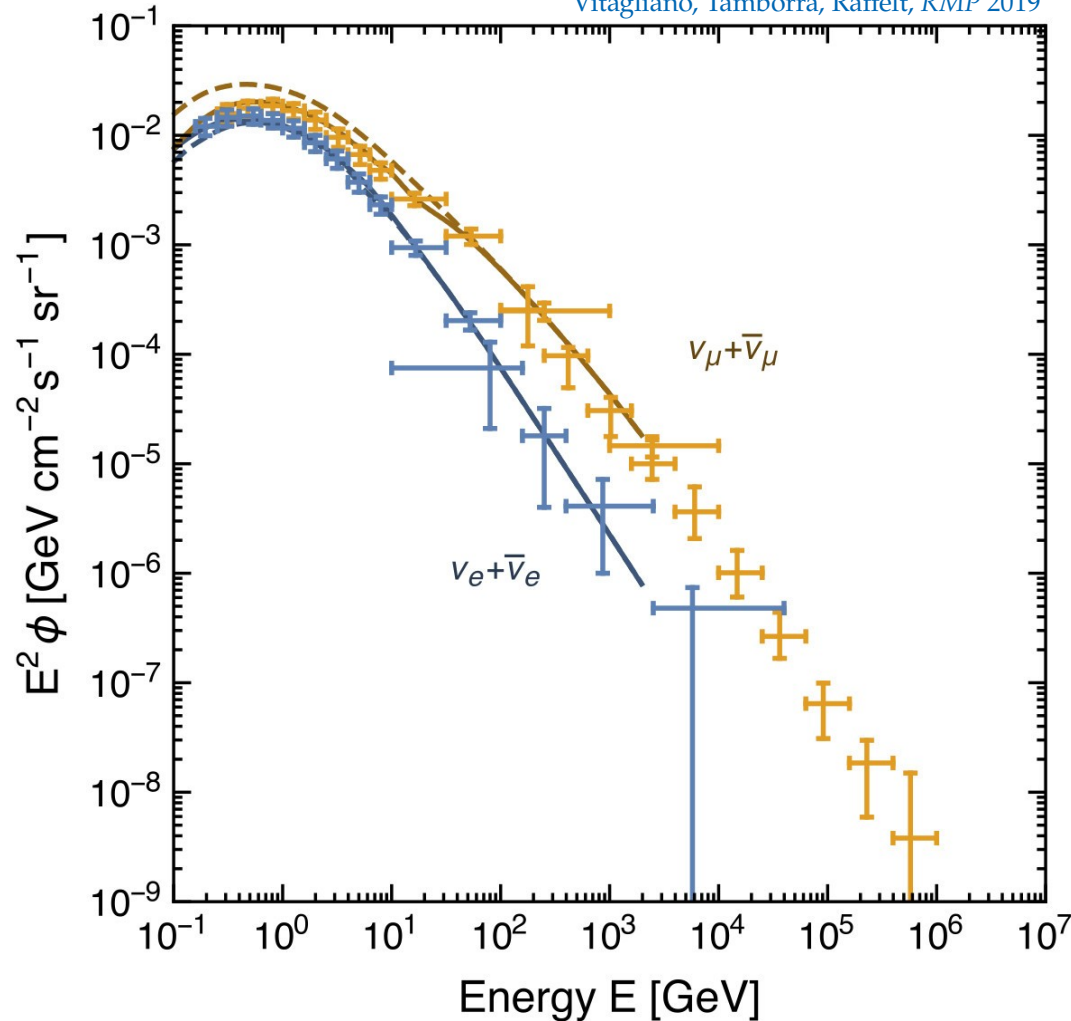
With > 10 years of data, deviations from a power law start to be testable:



Different spectra might reflect different source populations

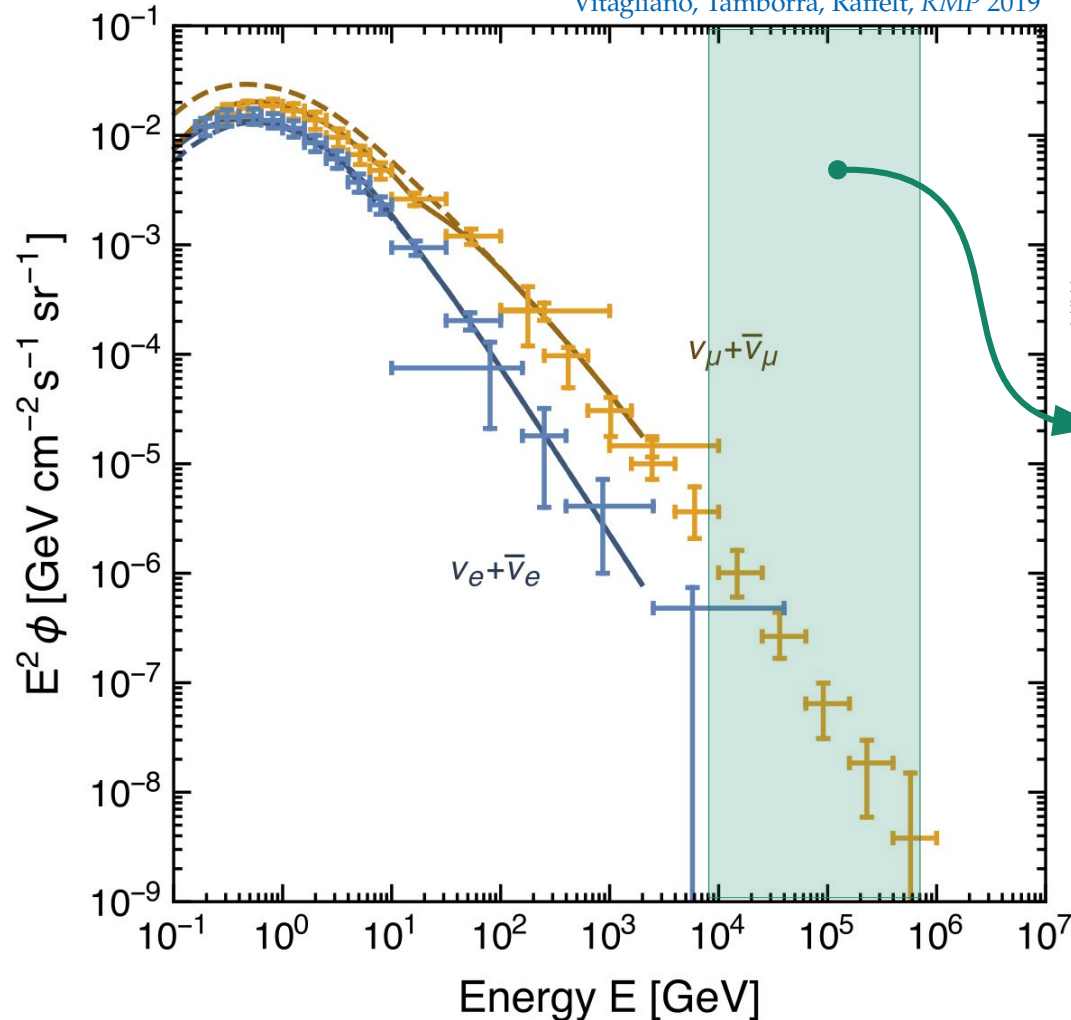
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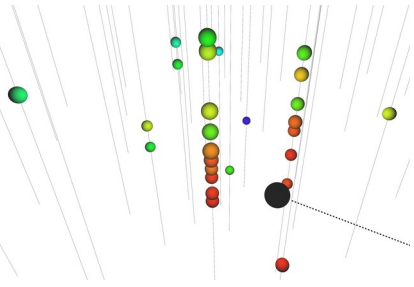


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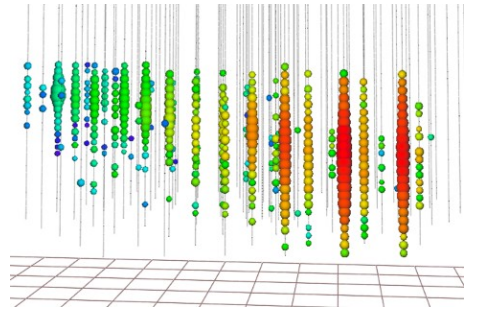
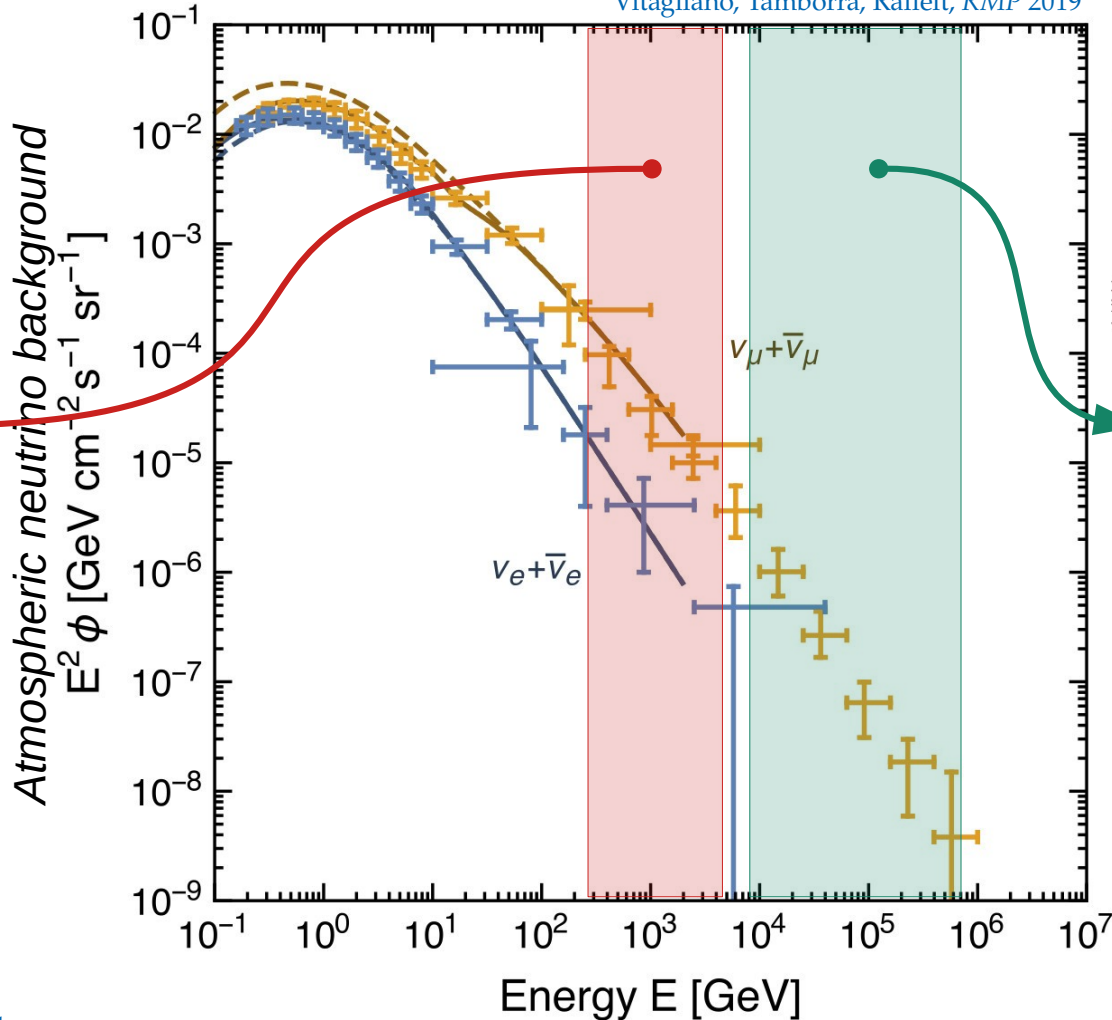
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- ▶ Atm.  $\nu_e$  bg.  $\times 10$  lower
- ▶ Bg.-to-signal:  $10^8:1$
- ▶ *Deep learning retains 20 times more events,  $\times 2$  better angular res.*

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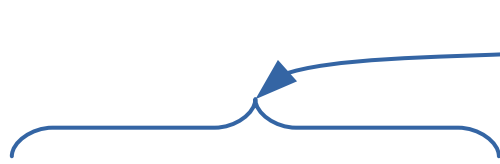
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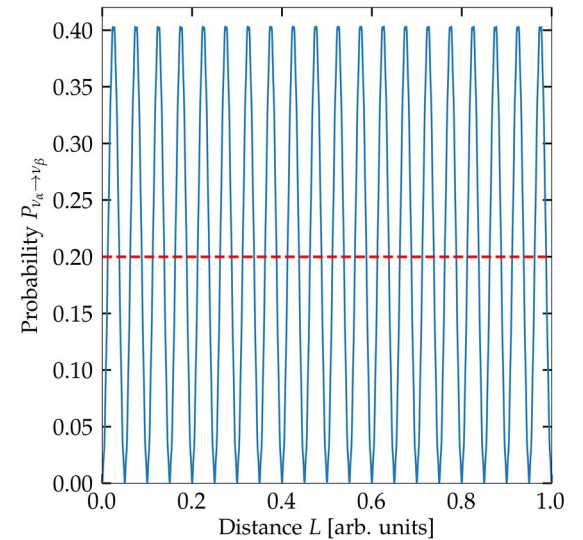
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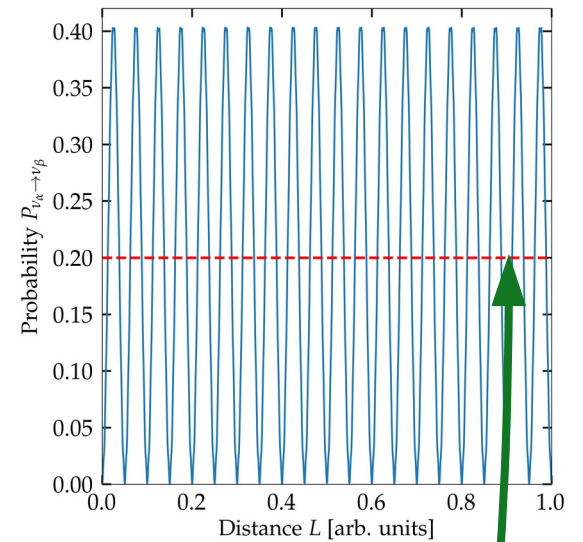
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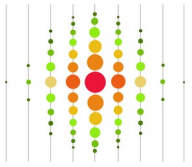


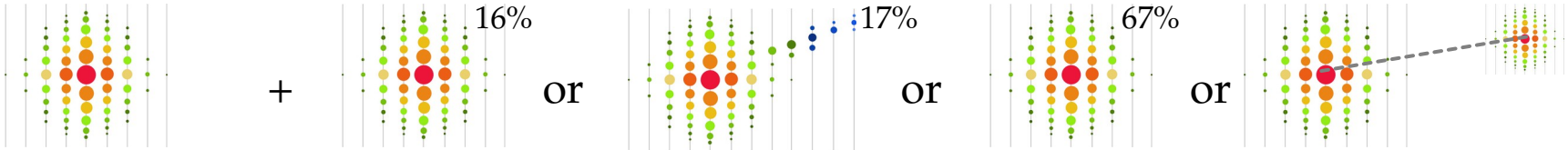


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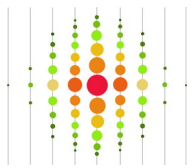
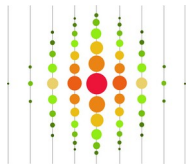

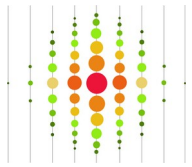
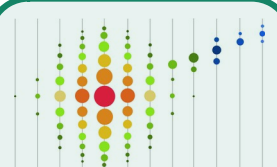
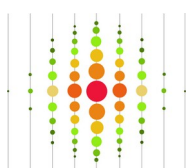
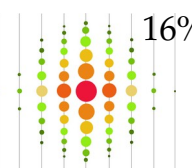
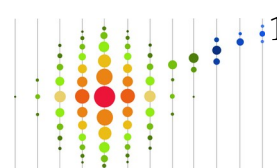
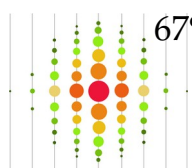
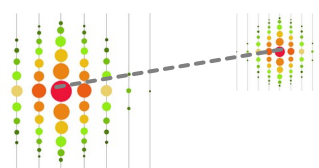
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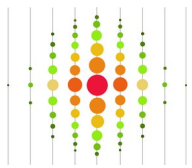

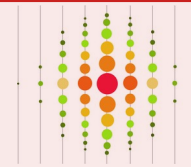
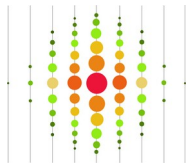

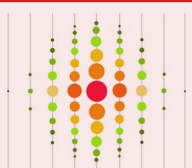
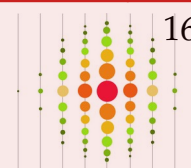
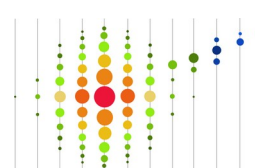
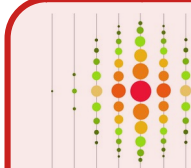
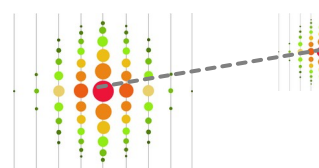
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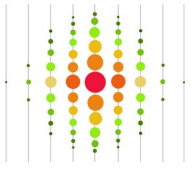
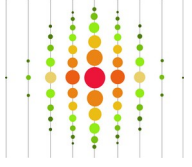

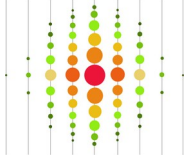
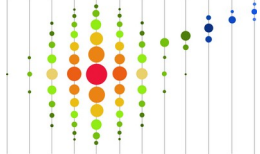
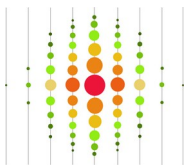
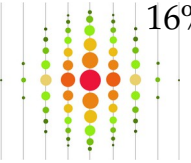
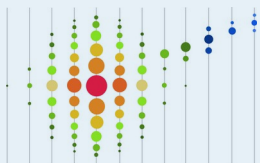
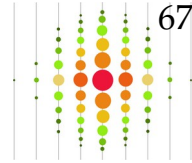
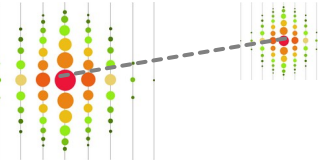
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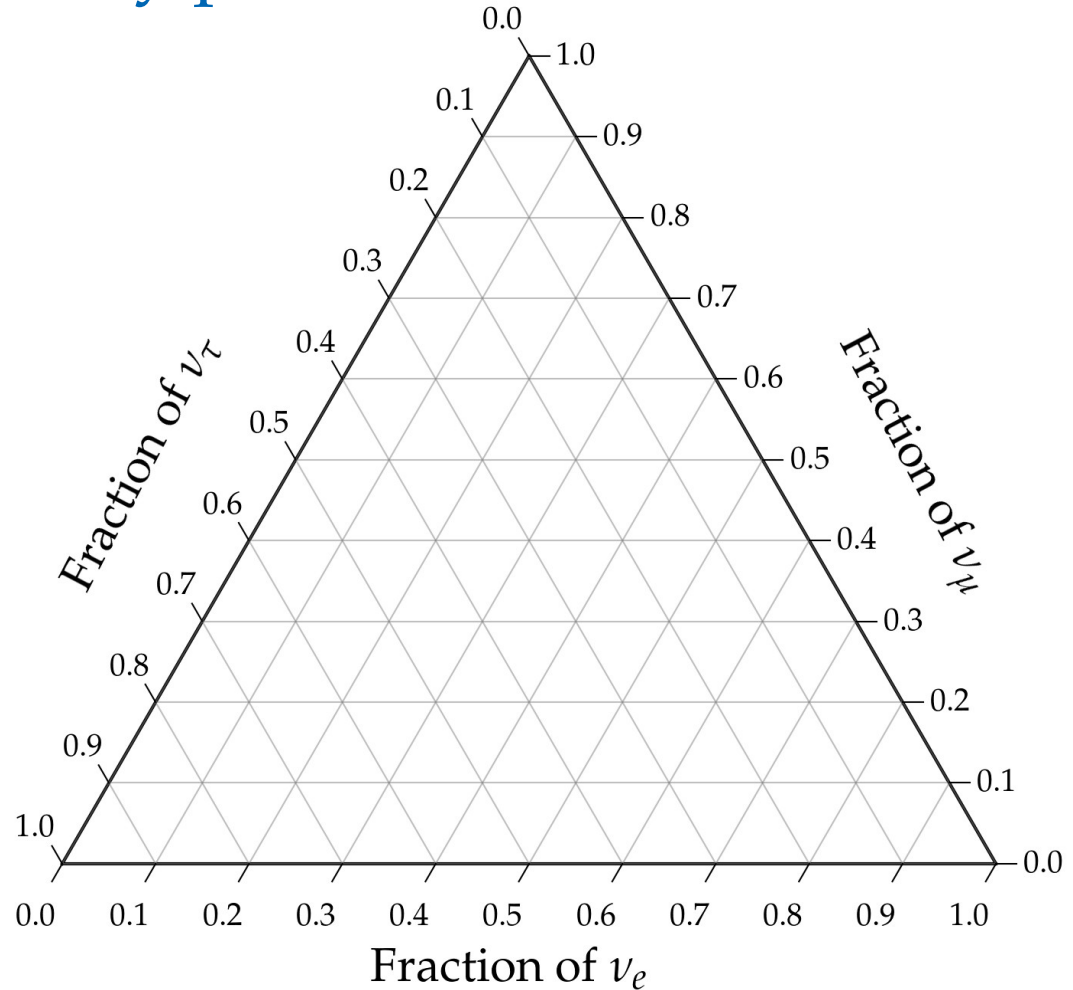
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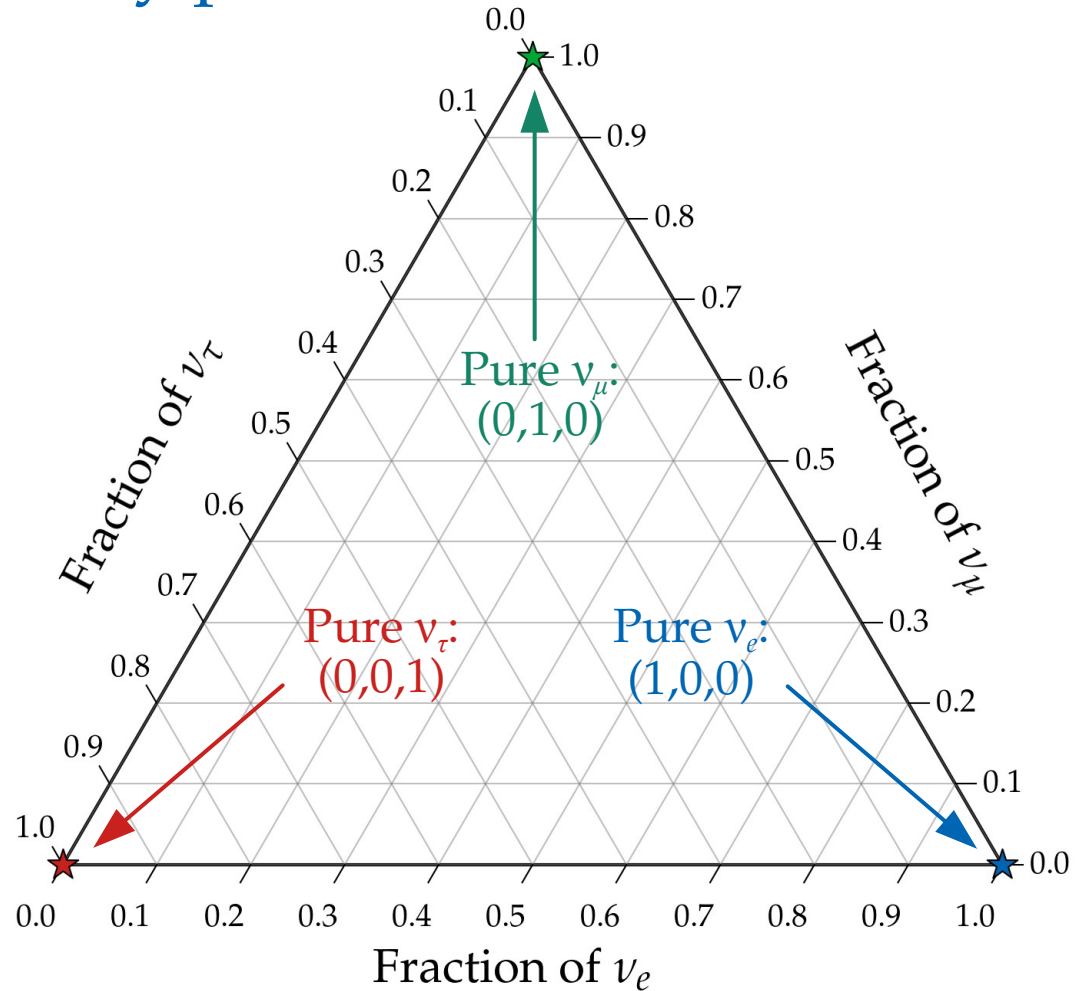
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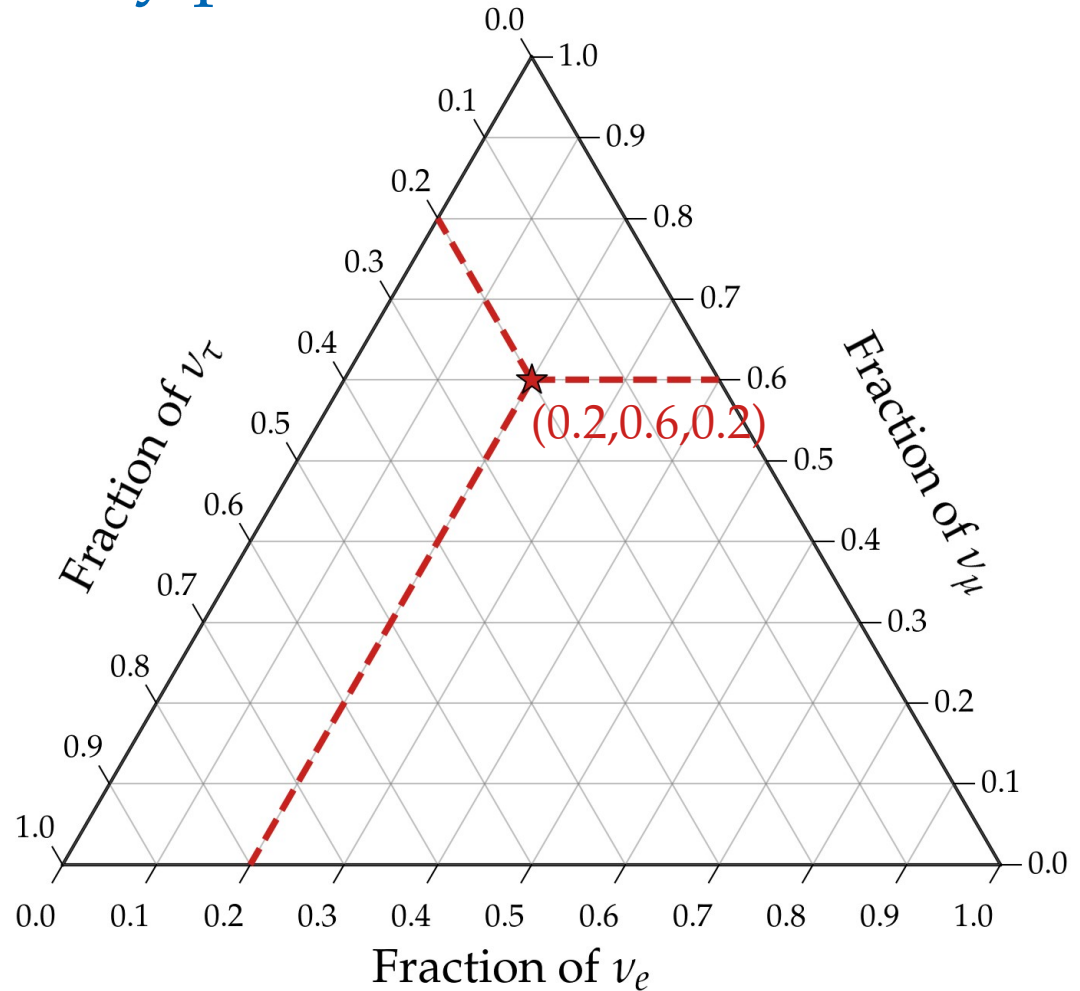
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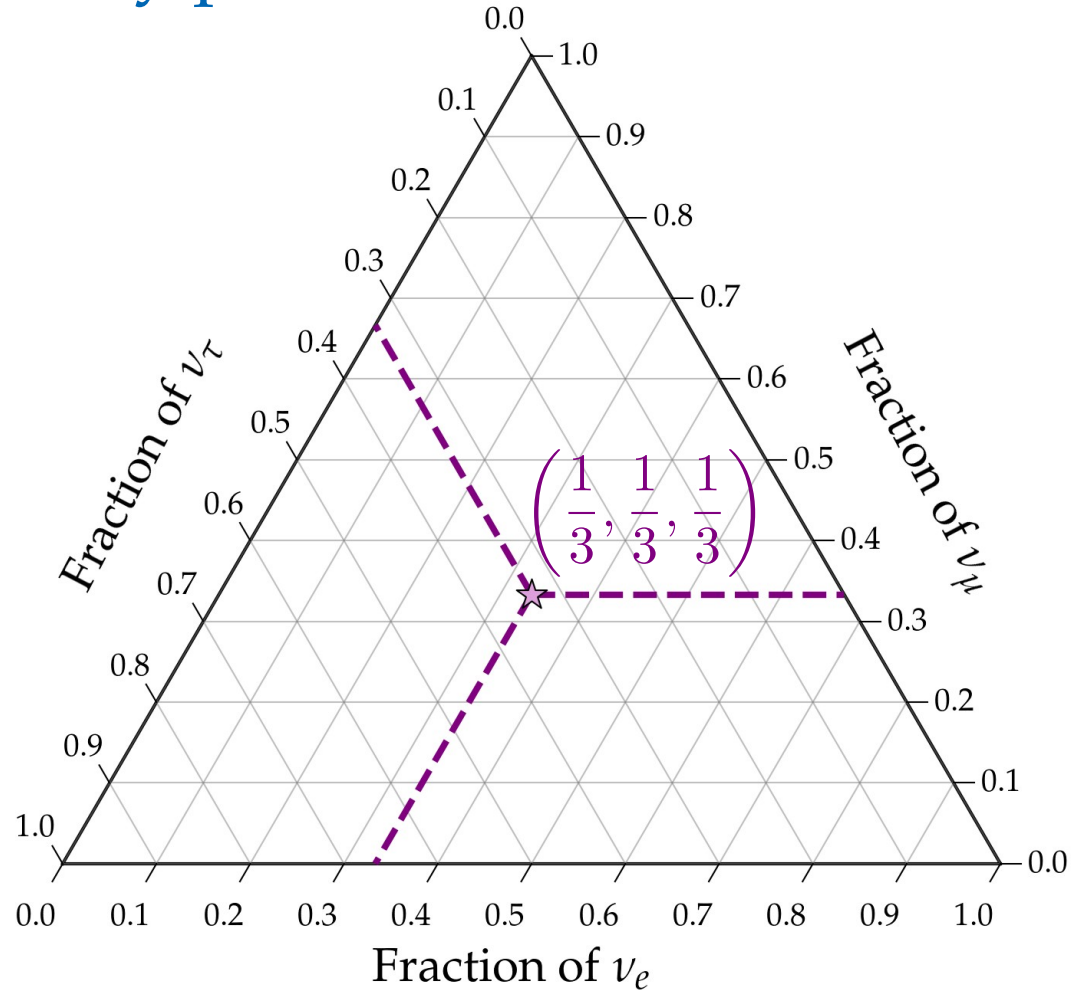
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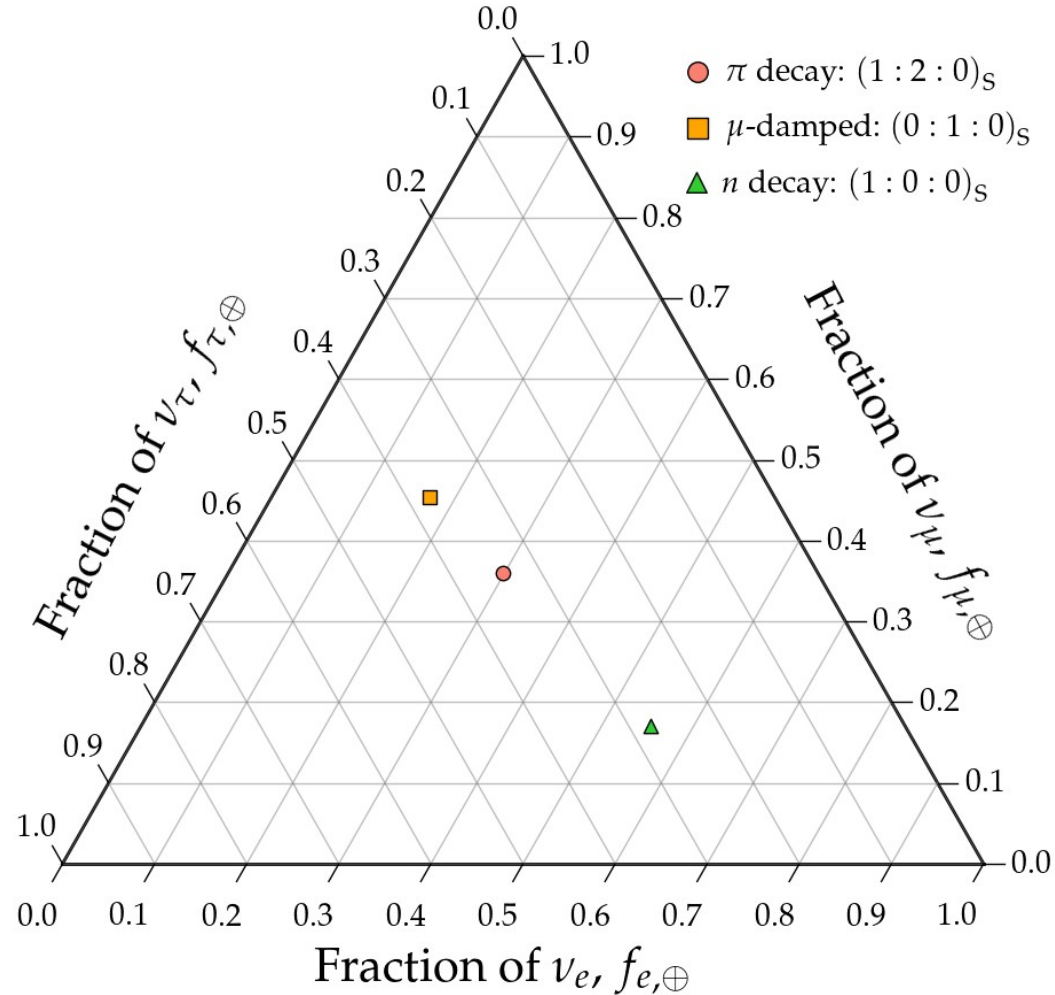
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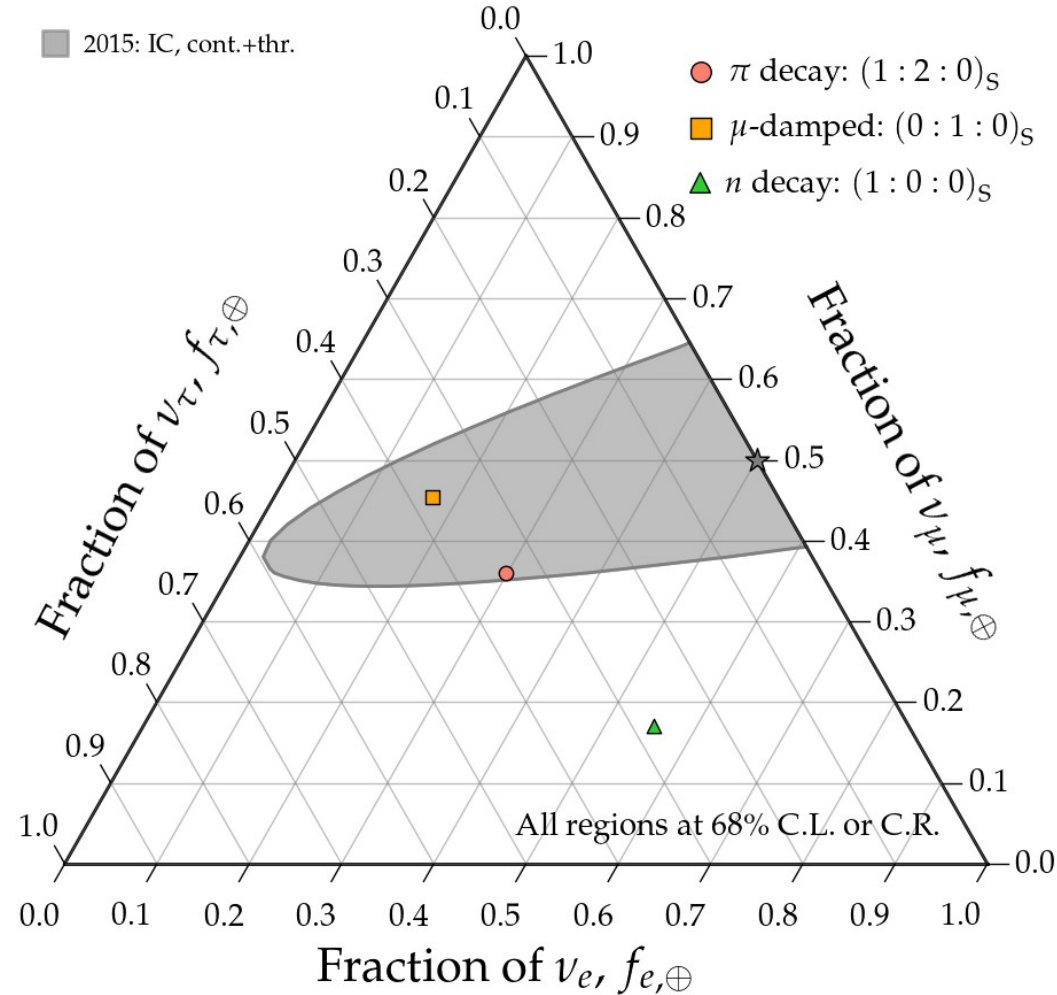


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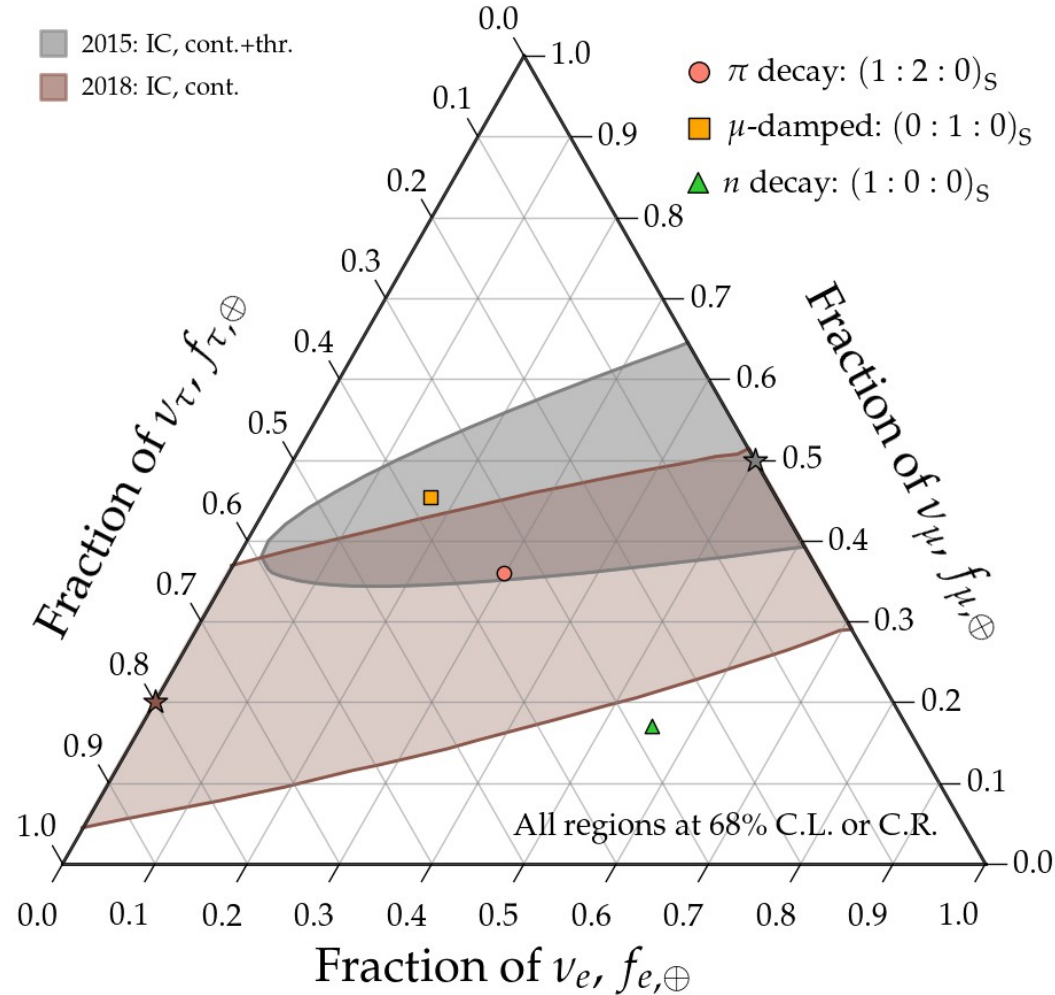
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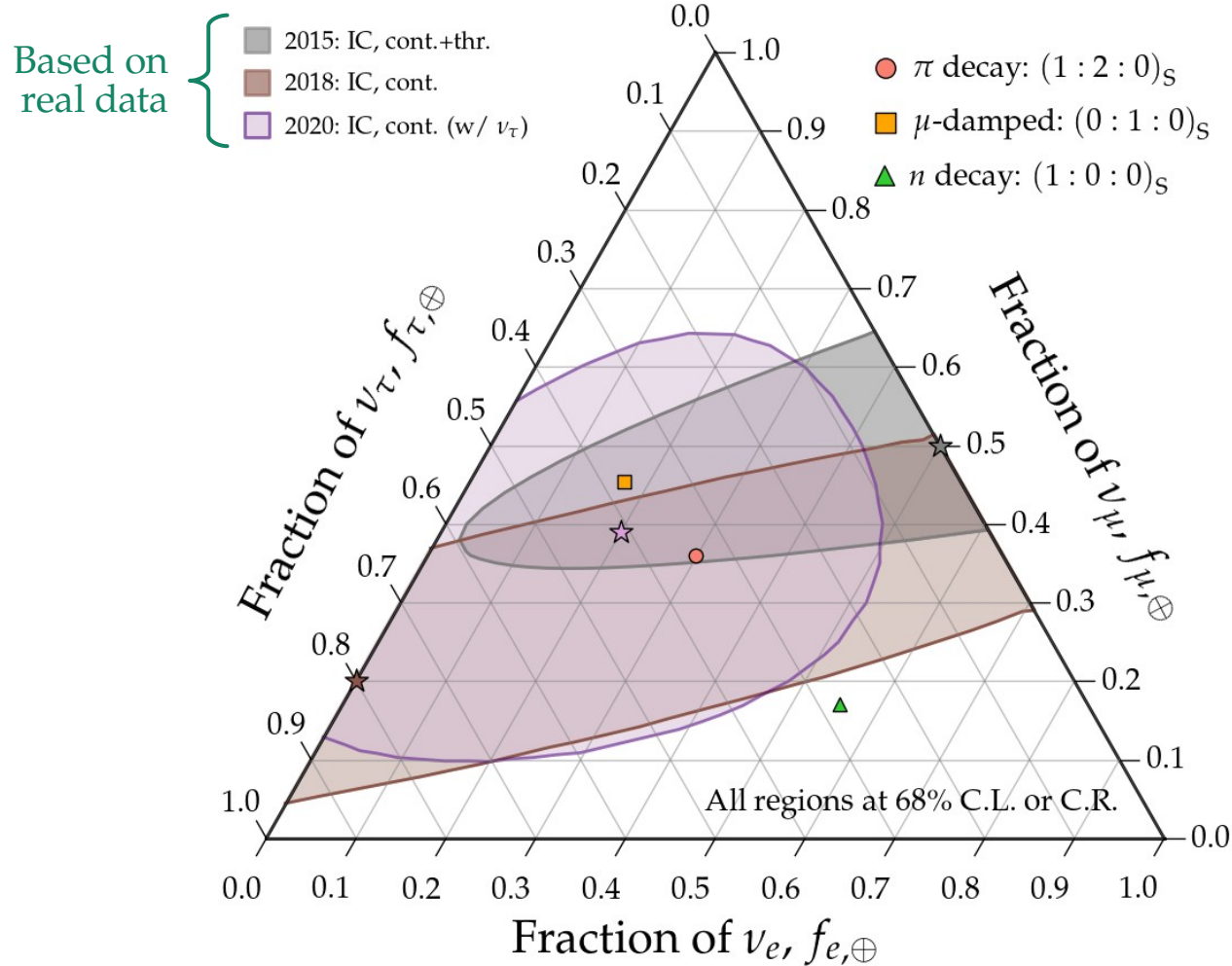
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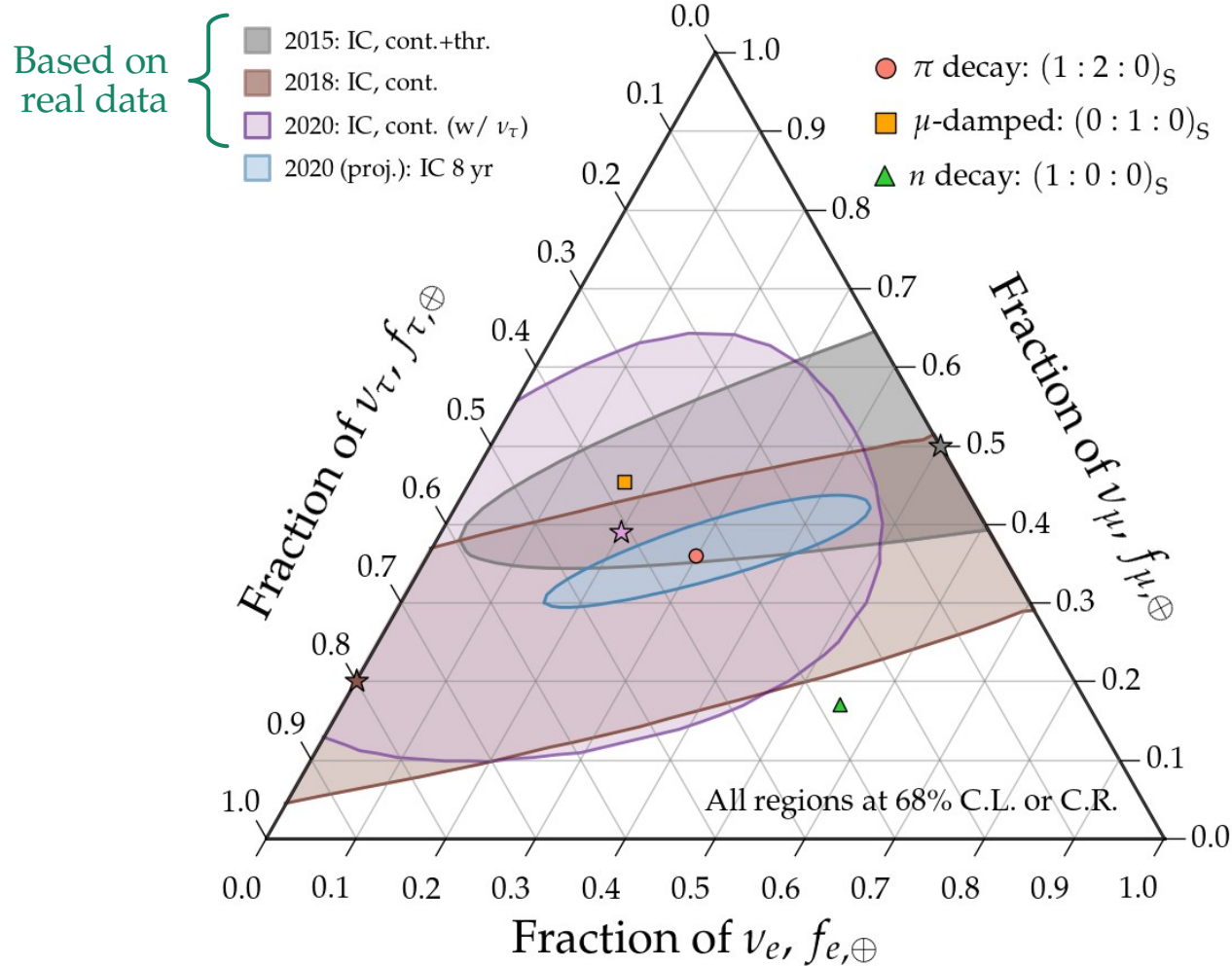


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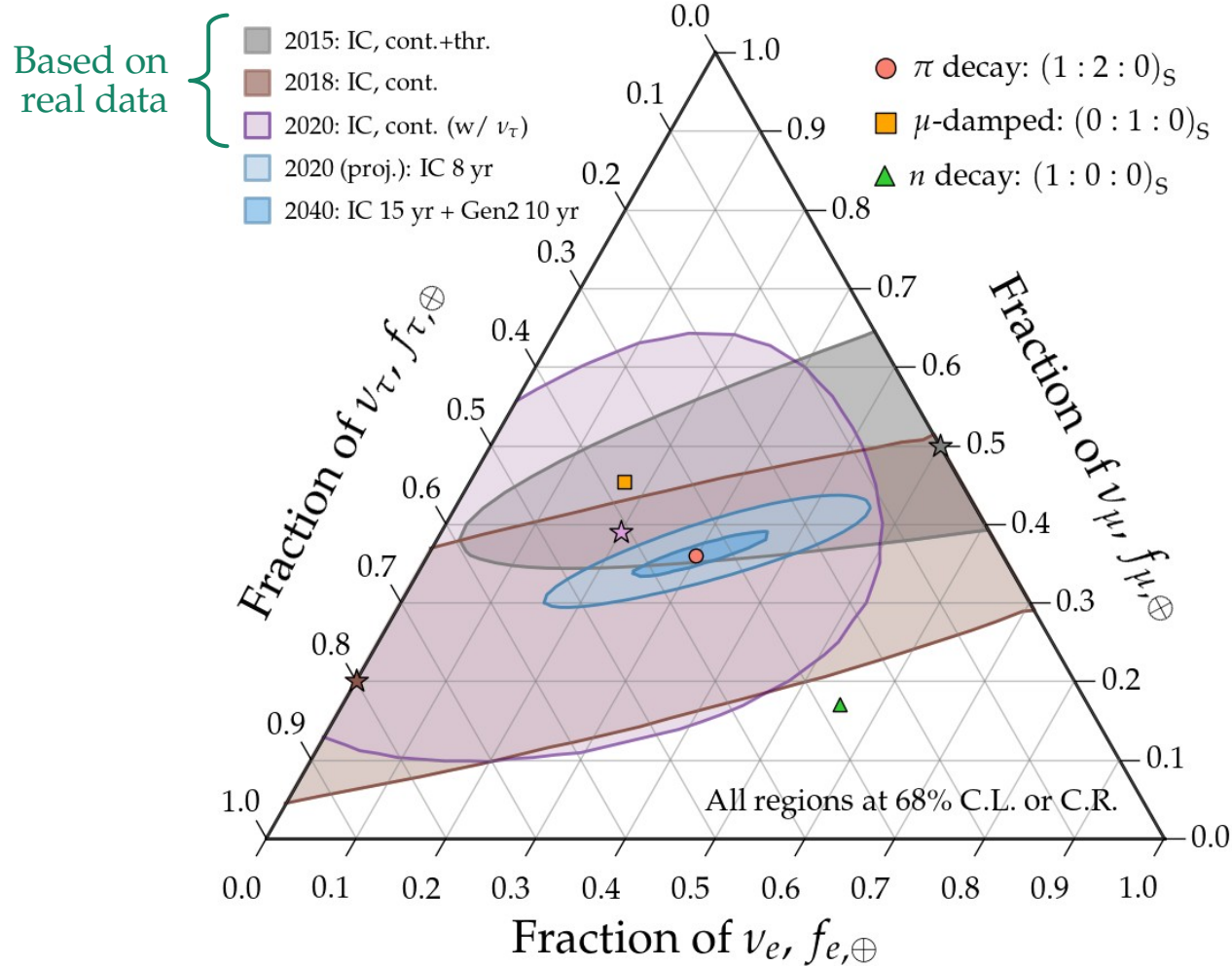




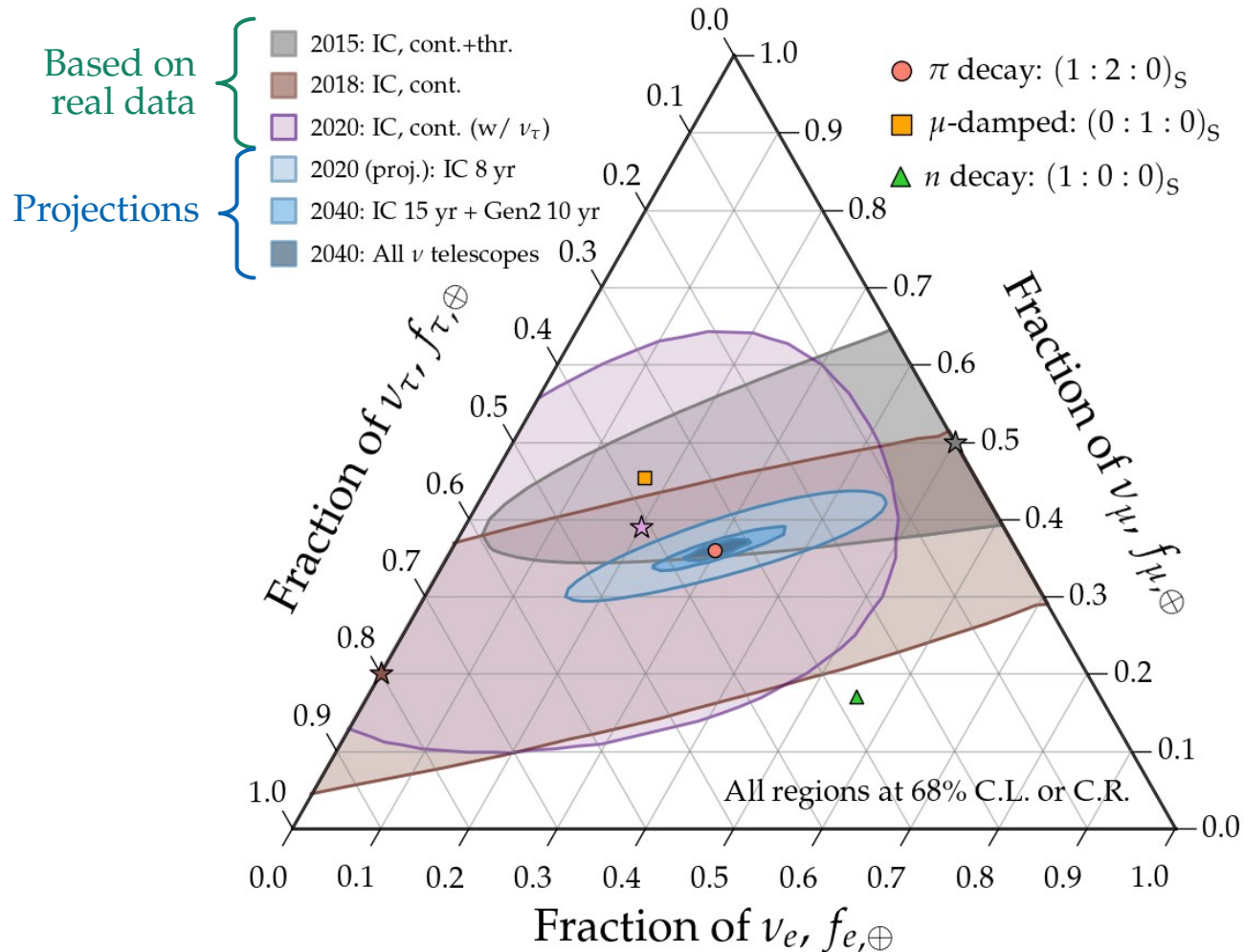
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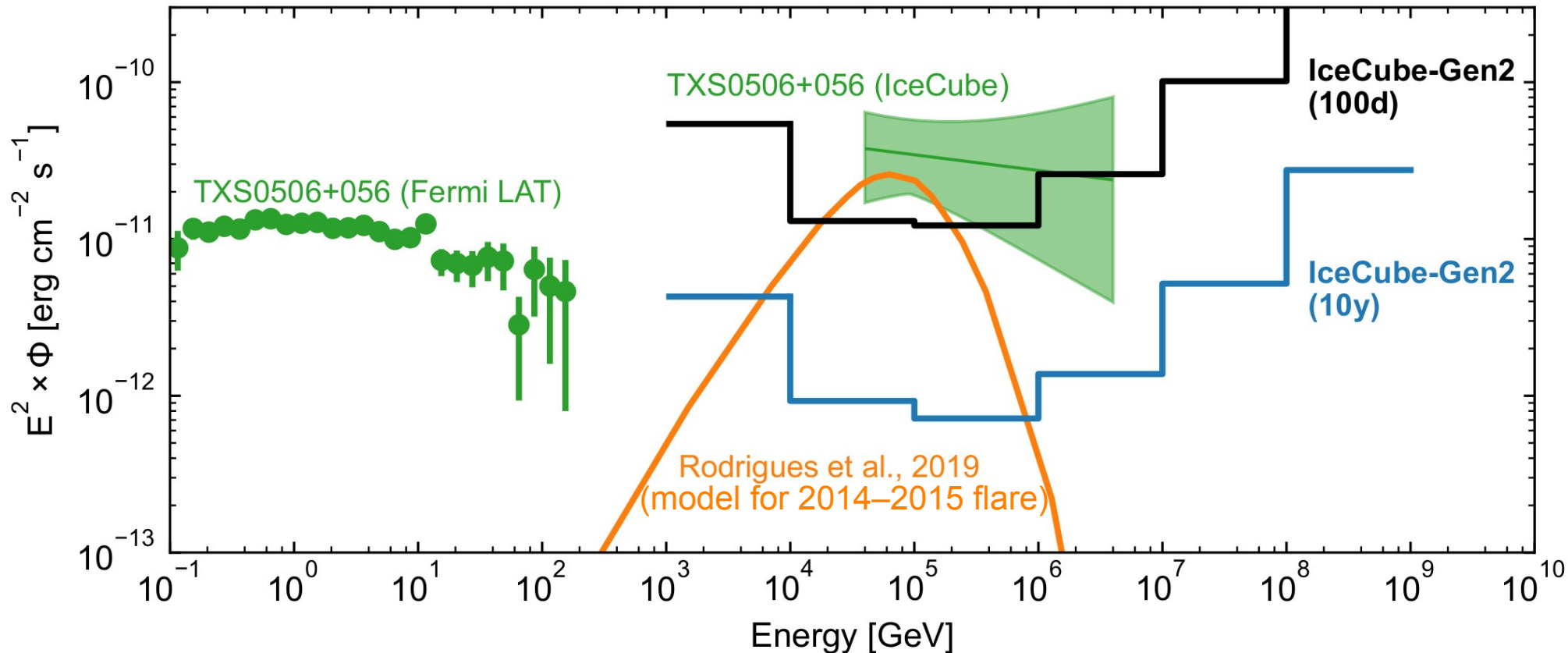


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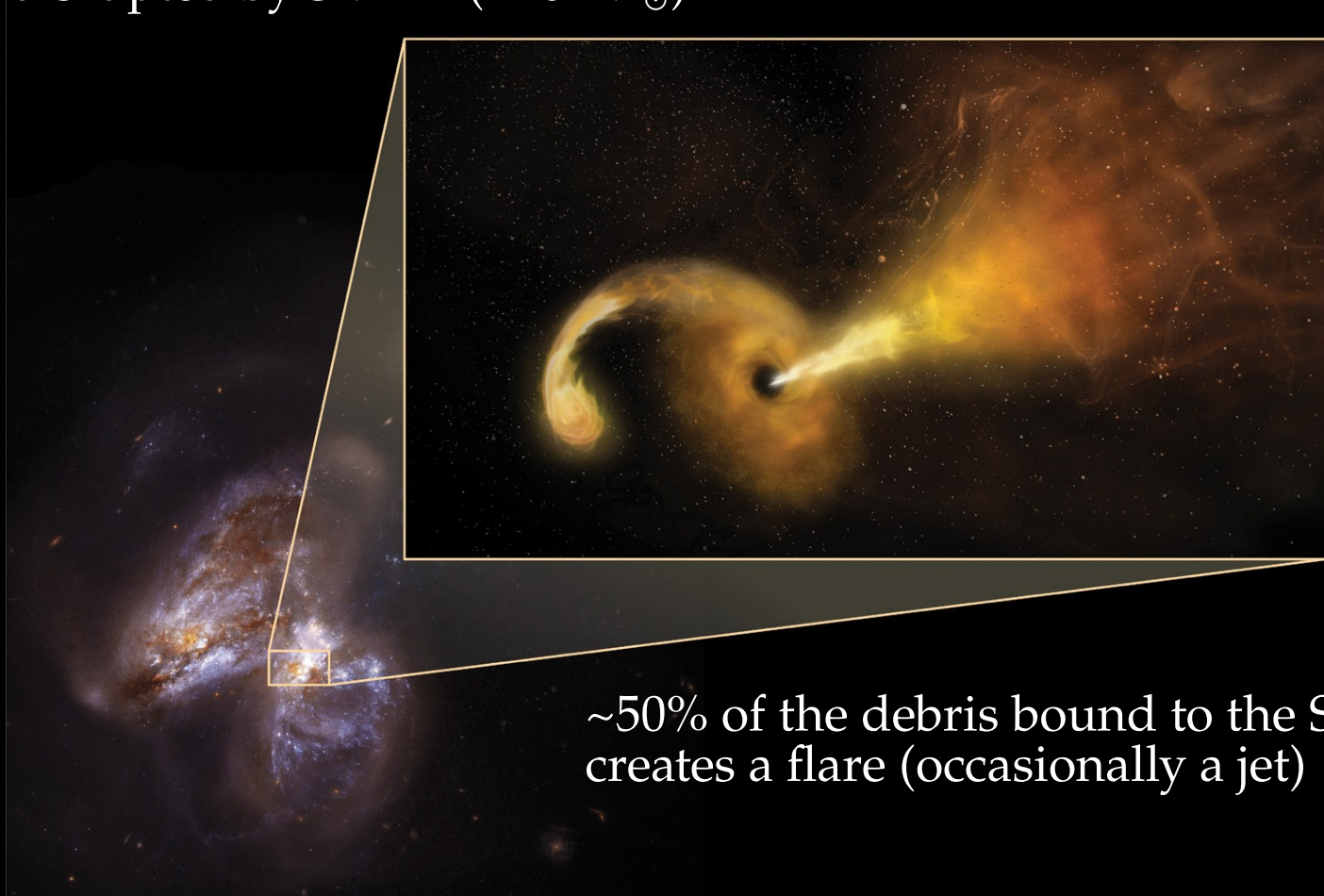
# High-statistics neutrino blazar flares

Observing the 2014–2015 TXS 0506+056 at  $5\sigma$ :



# Tidal disruption events

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

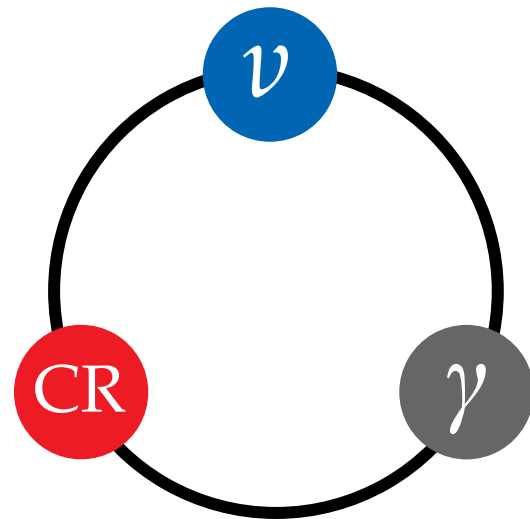


~50% of the debris bound to the SMBH,  
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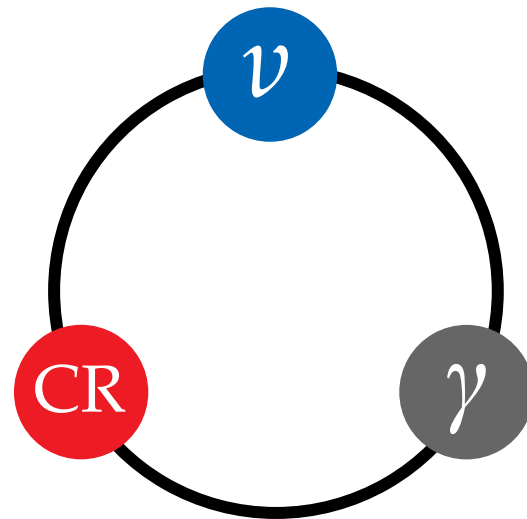
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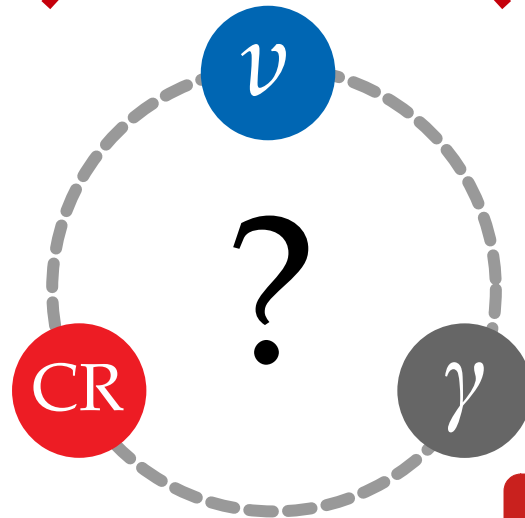
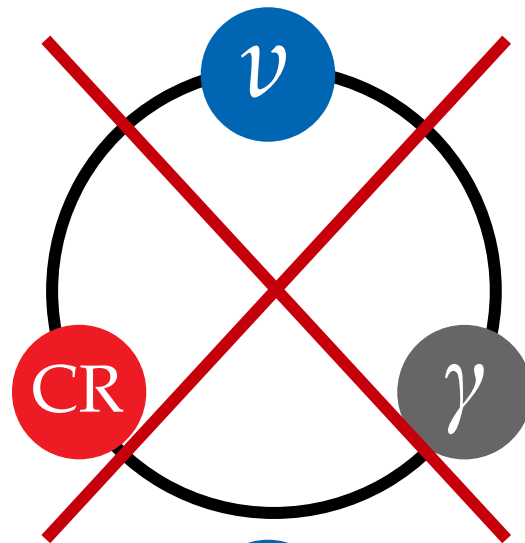
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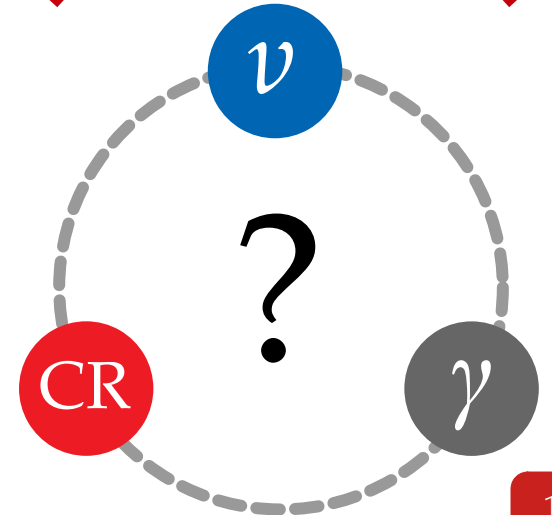
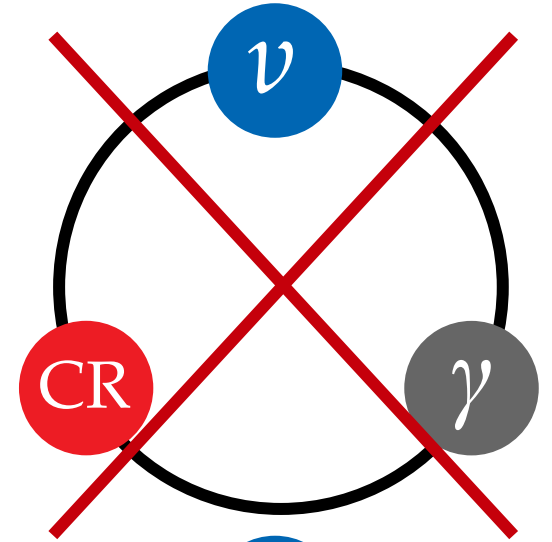
Sources that make neutrinos via  $p\gamma$   
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Murase, Guetta, Ahlers, *PRL* 2016

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

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

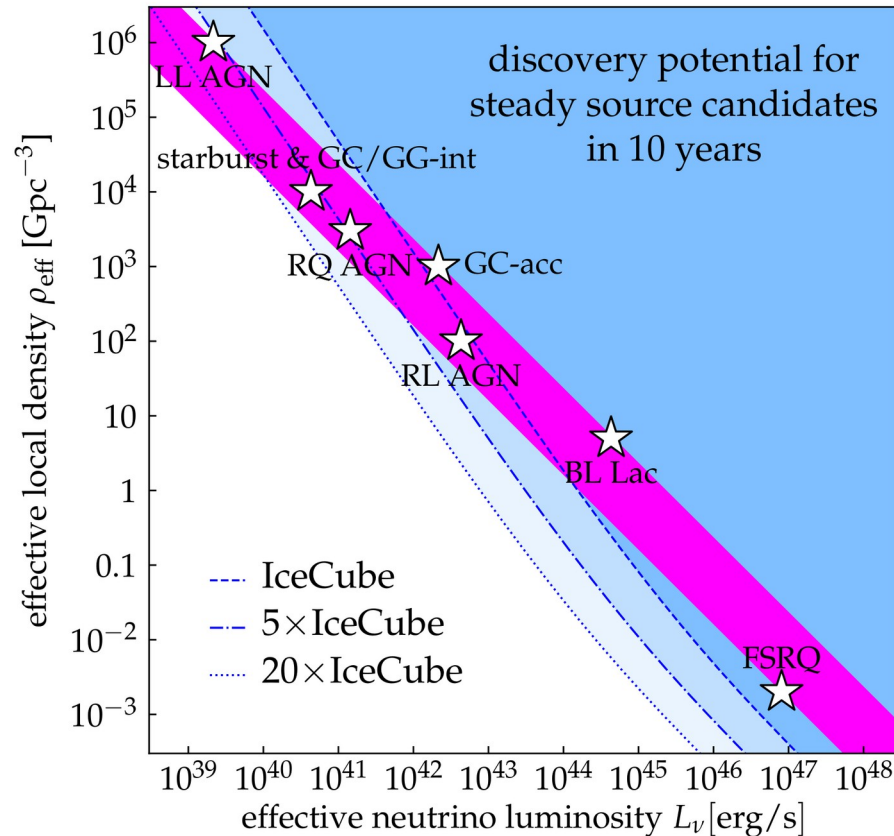
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# Source discovery potential: today and in the future

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

Closest source with  $E^2 \phi_{\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu} = 10^{-9} \text{ GeV cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$



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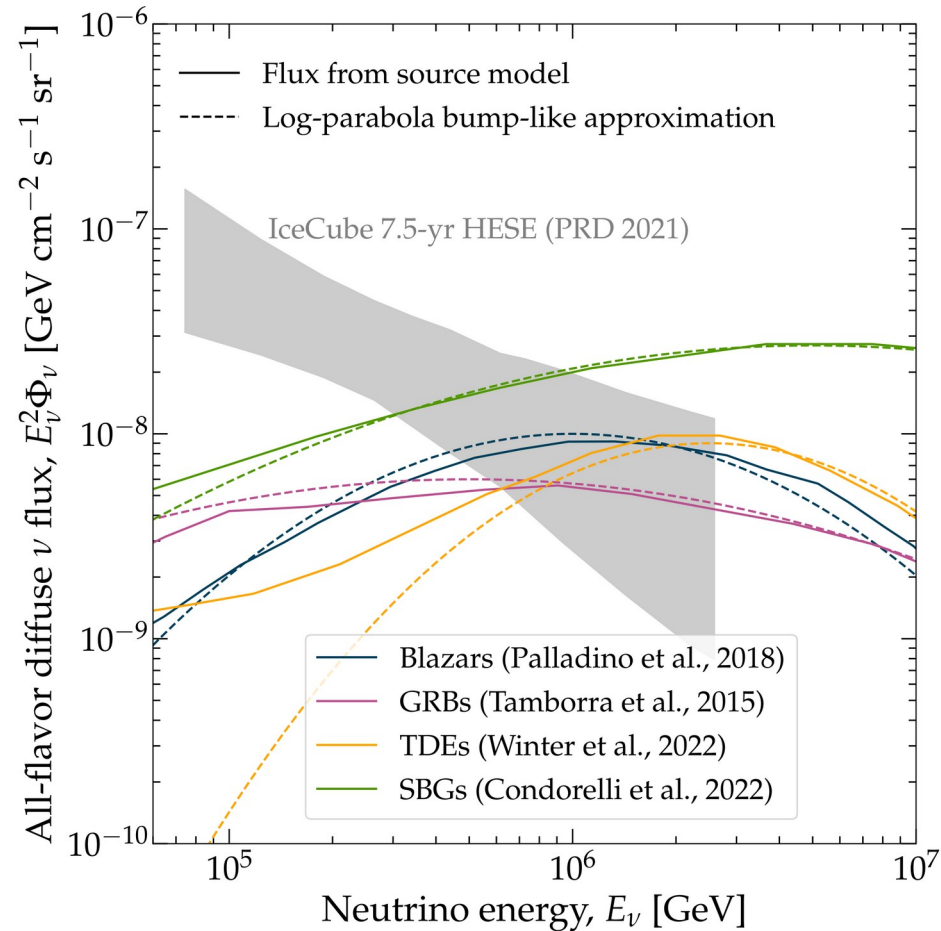
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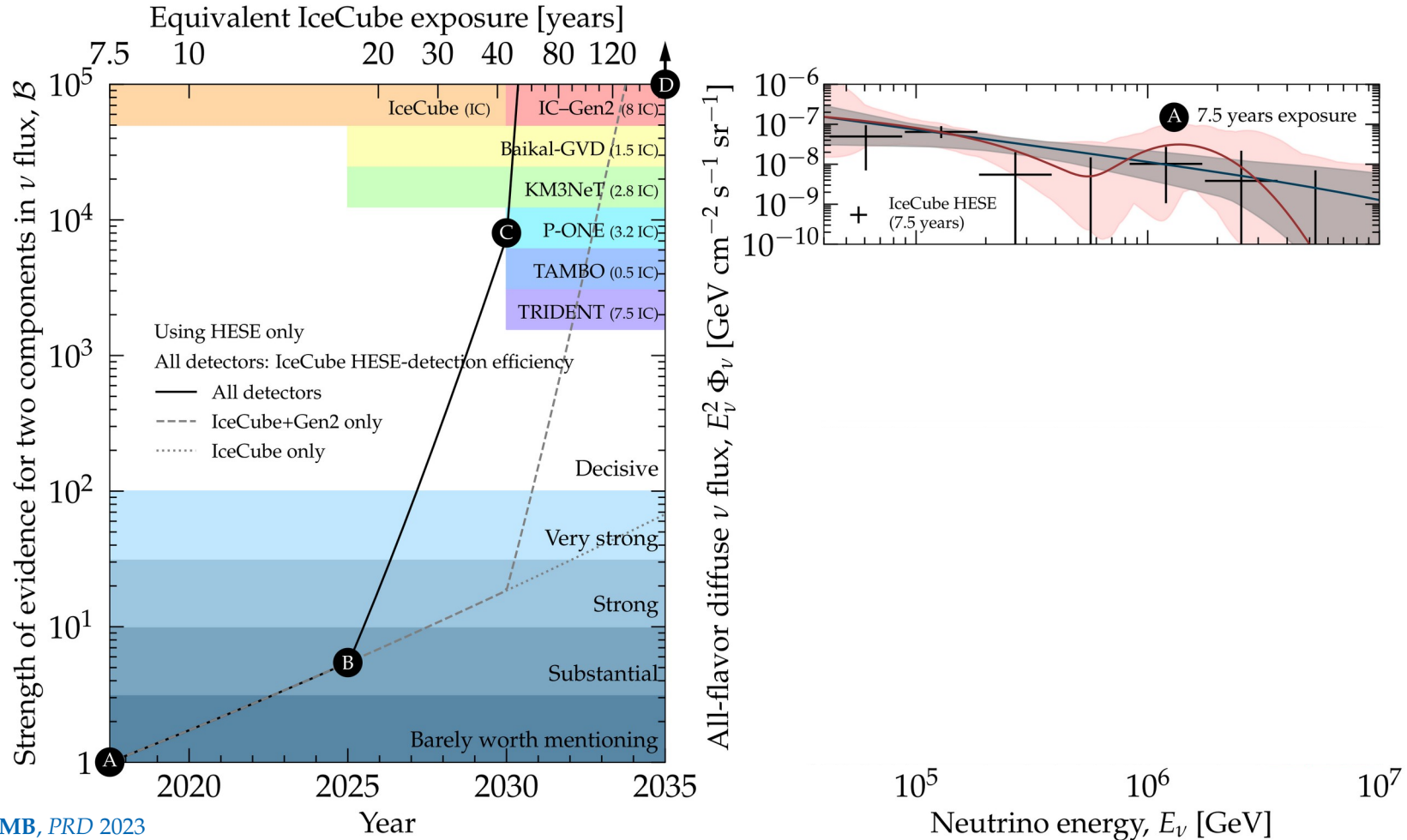
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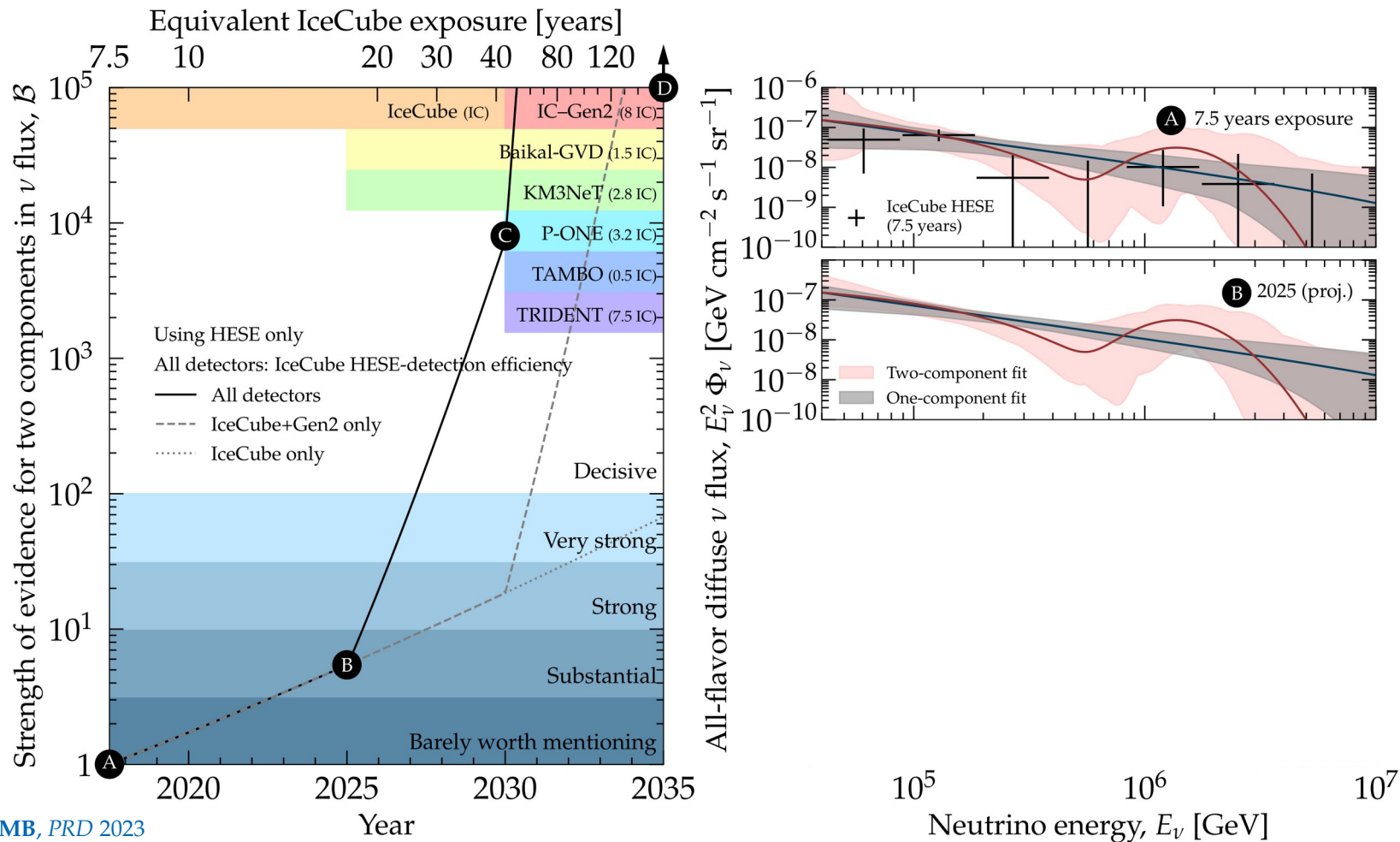
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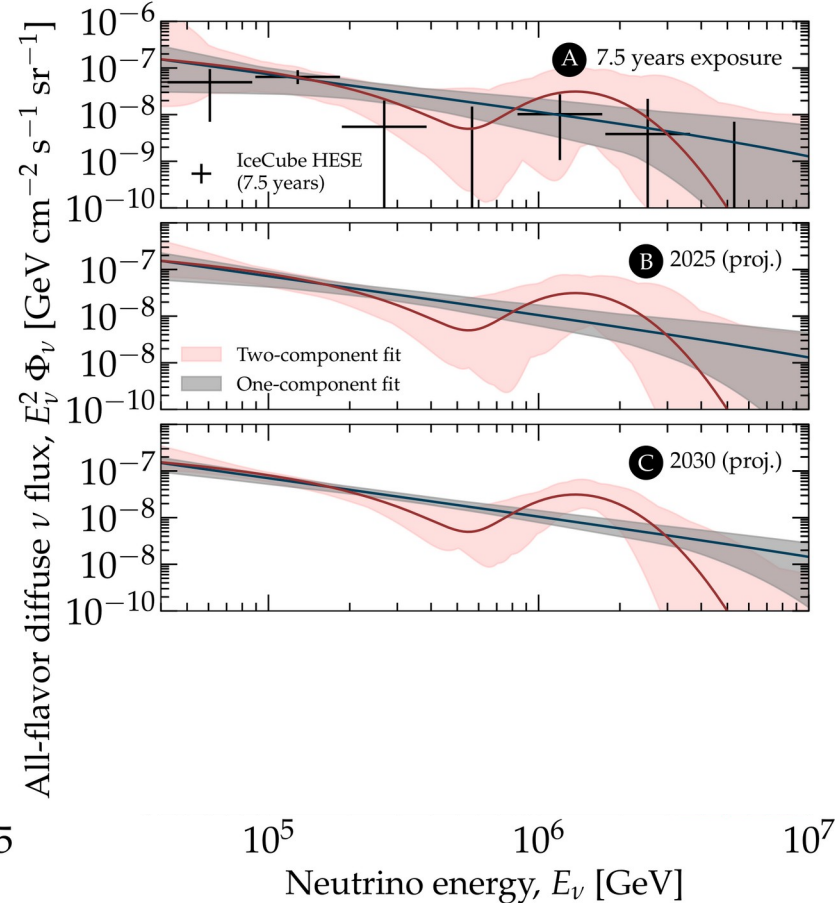
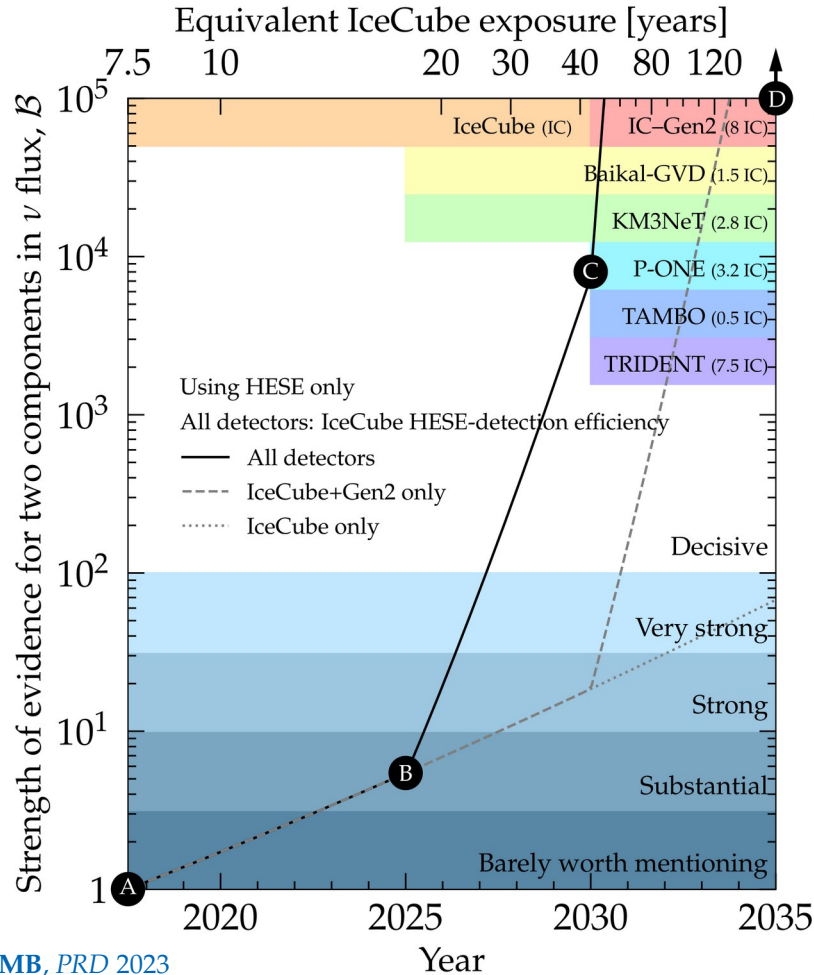
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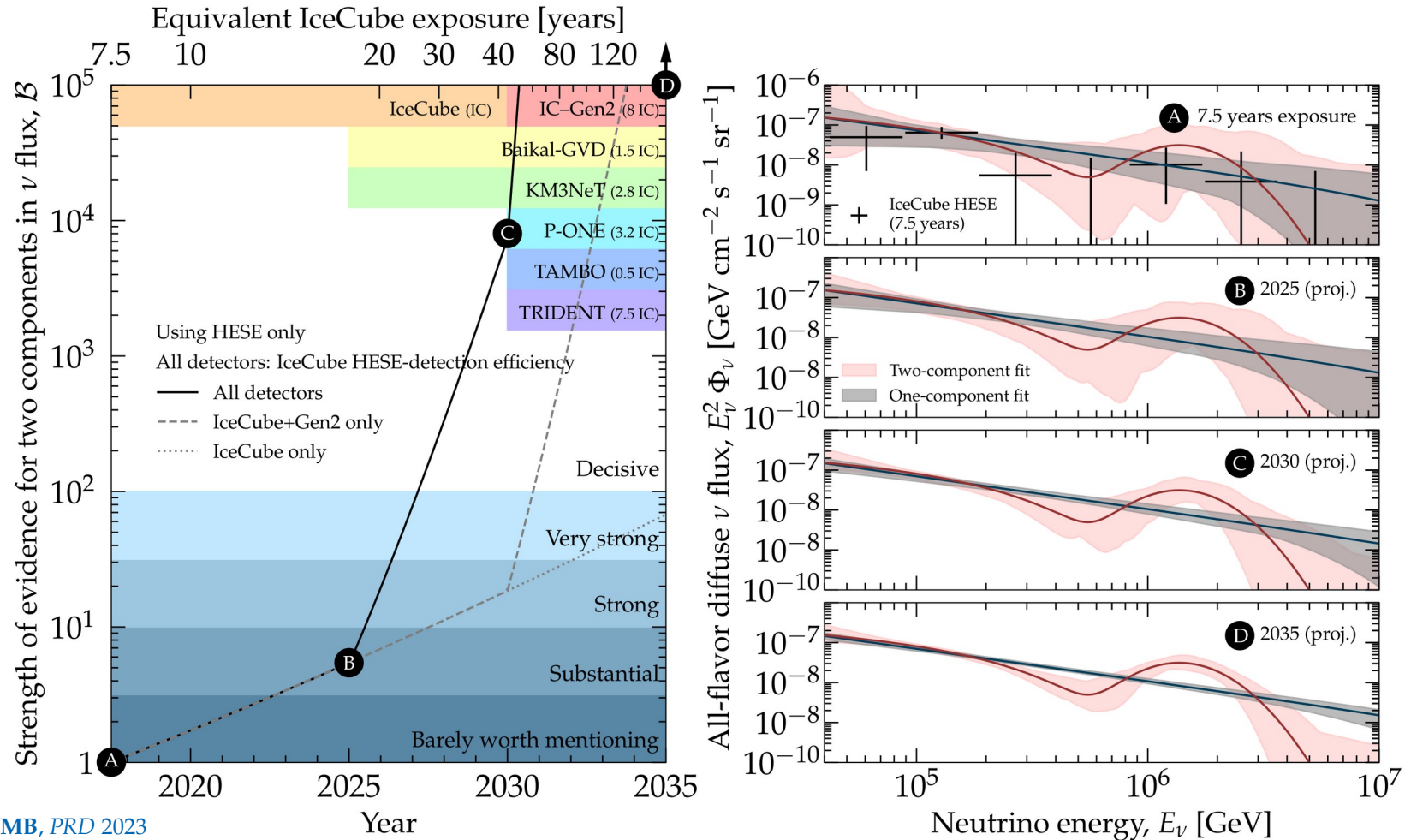
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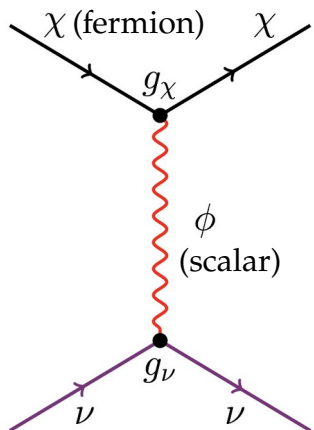


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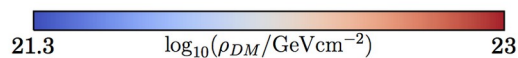
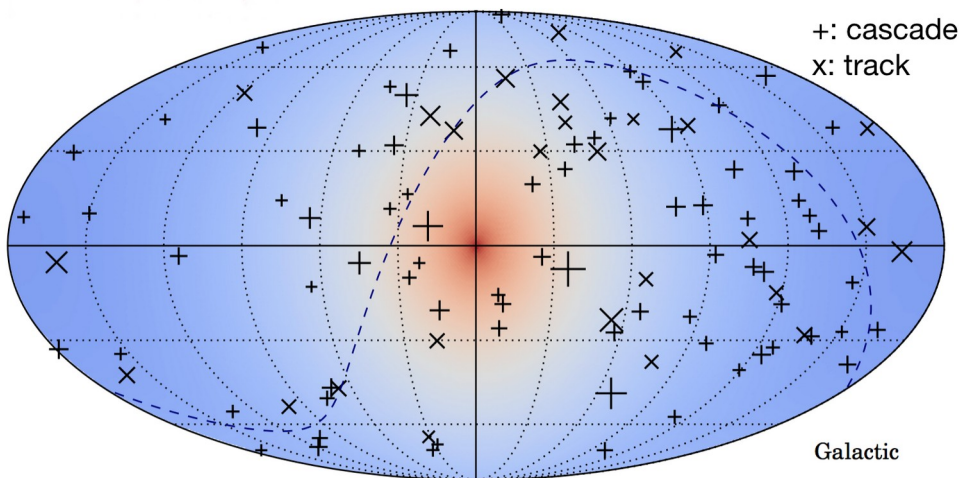


# Neutrino-dark matter scattering



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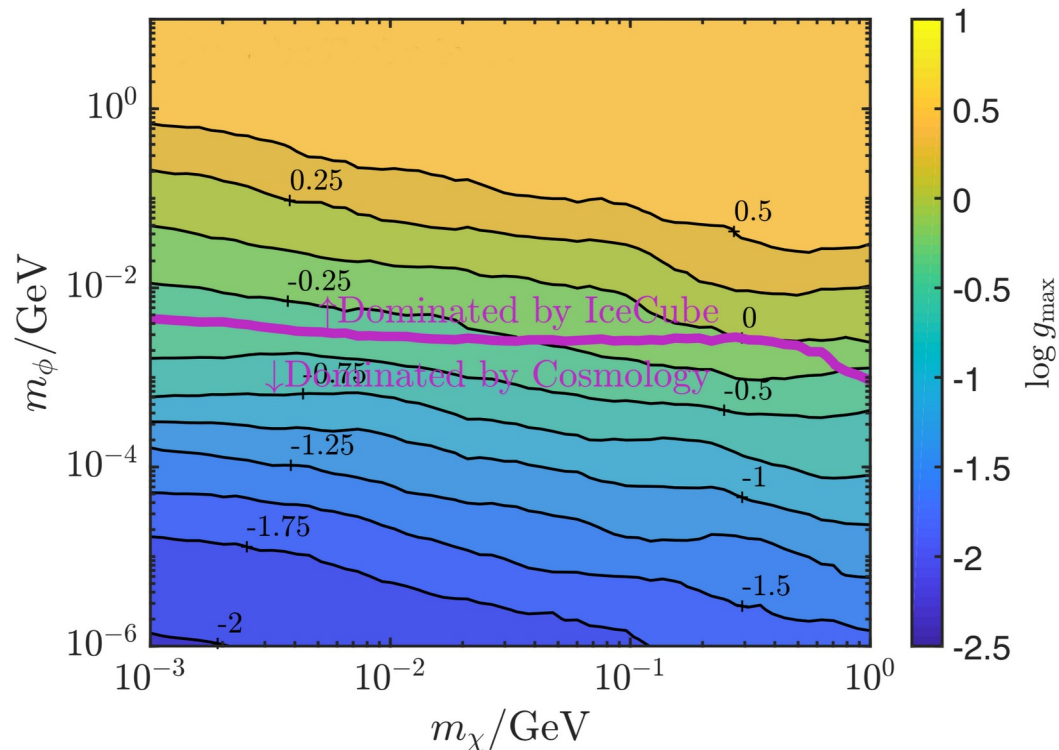
Deficit of high-energy  $\nu$  from the Galactic Center



7.5 years of IceCube HESE data

Upper limits (90% C.L.) on

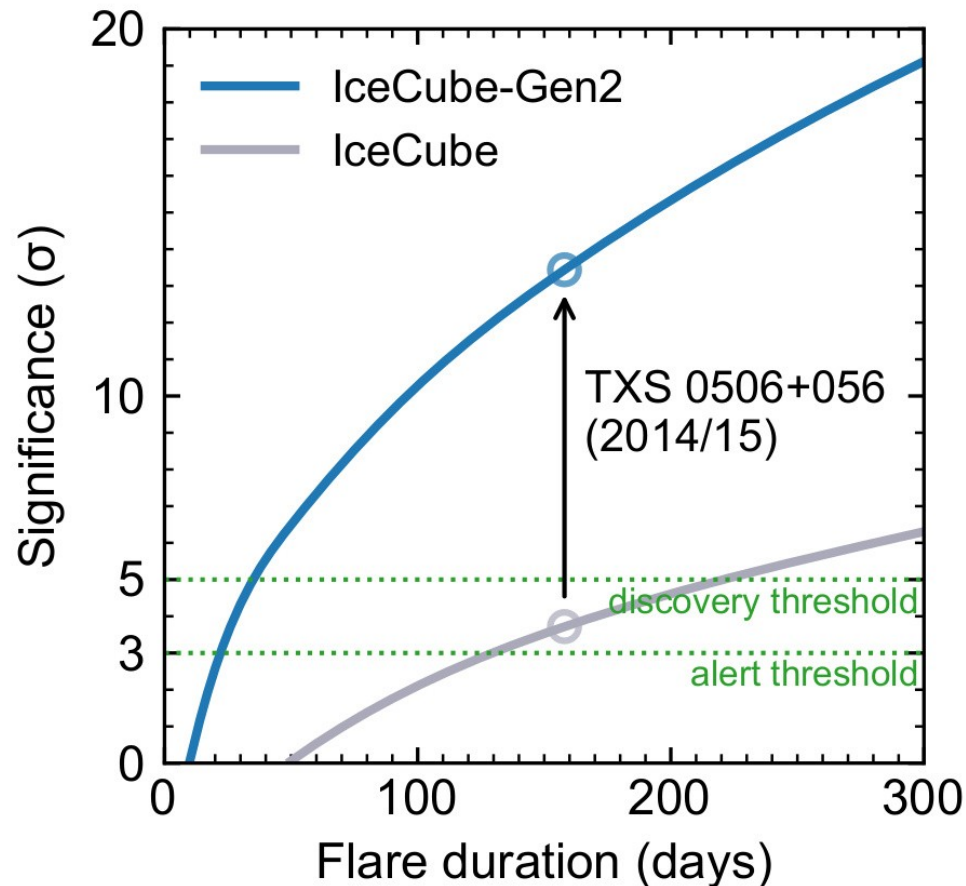
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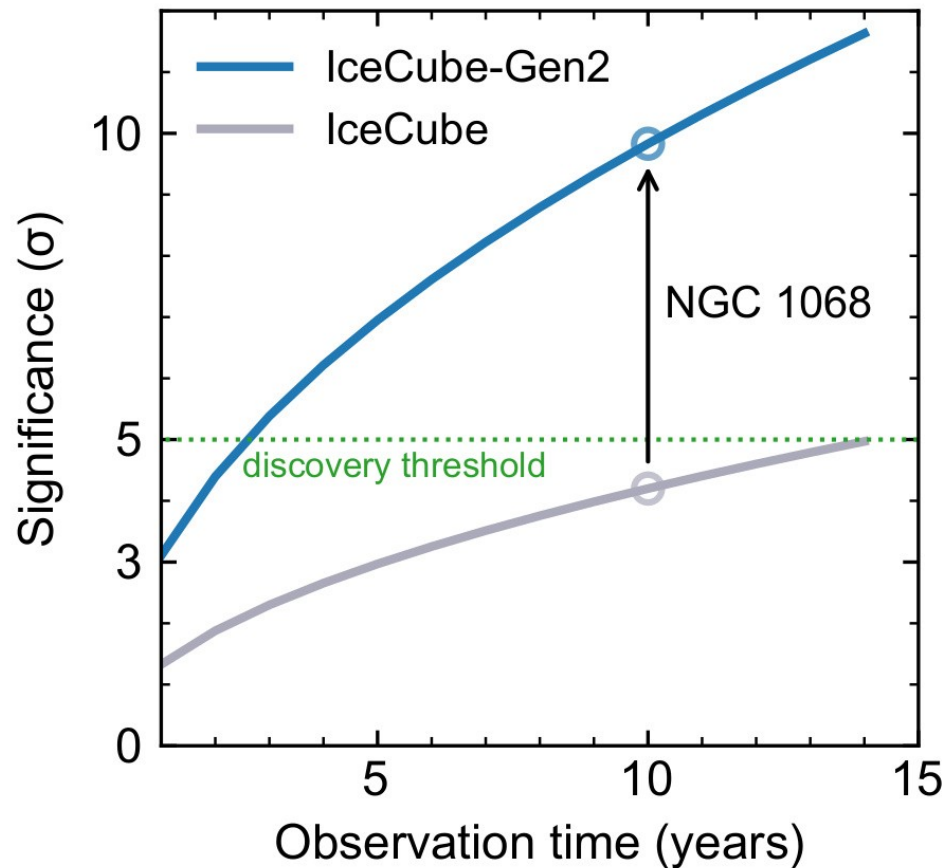
IceCube, JCAP 2023  
Argüelles, Kheirandish, Vincent, PRL 2017

# Discovering sources fast, with high significance

## TXS 0506+056



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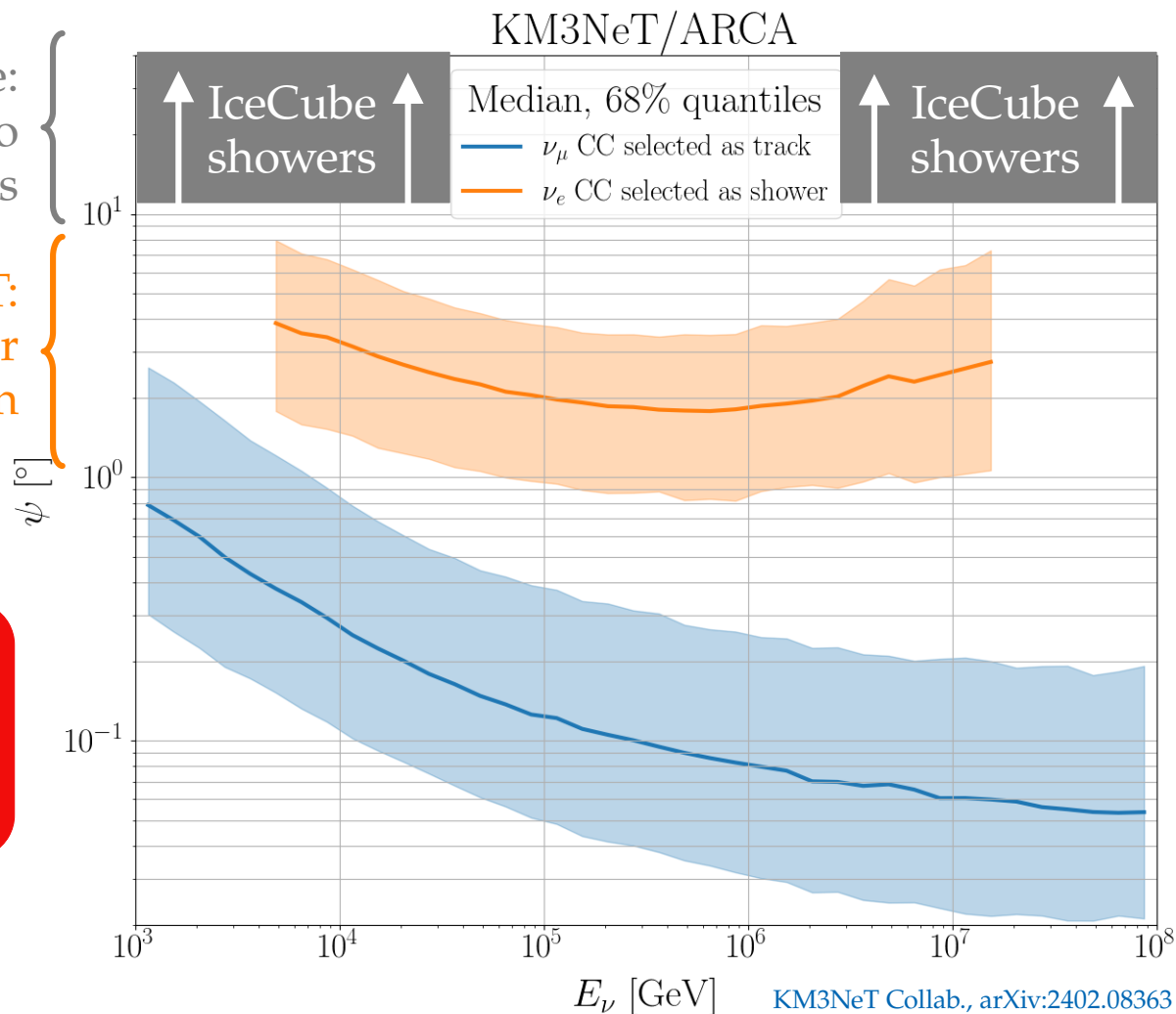


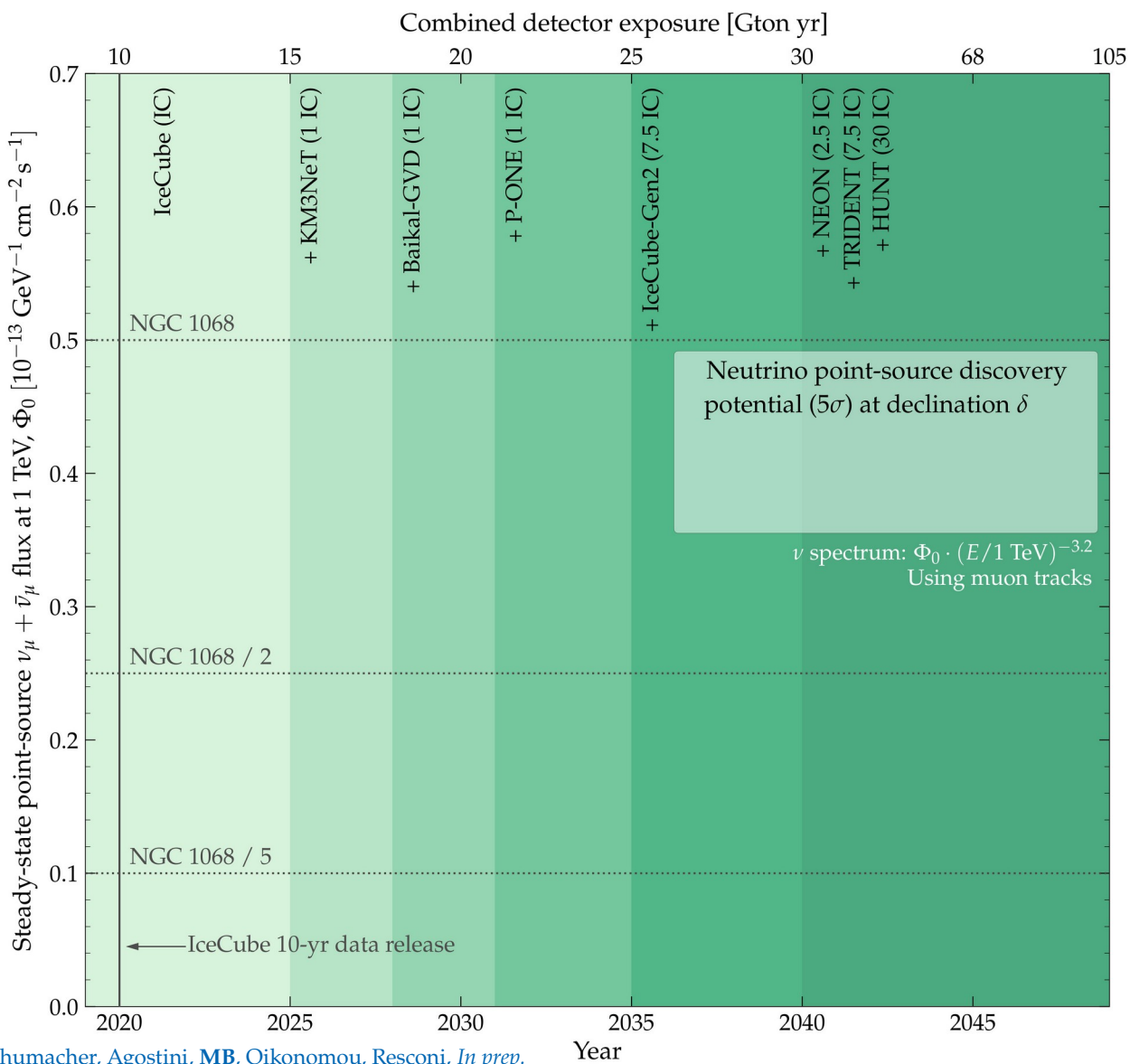
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Hard to use showers to  
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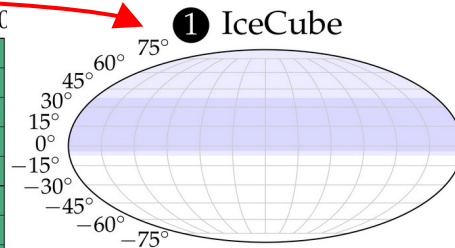
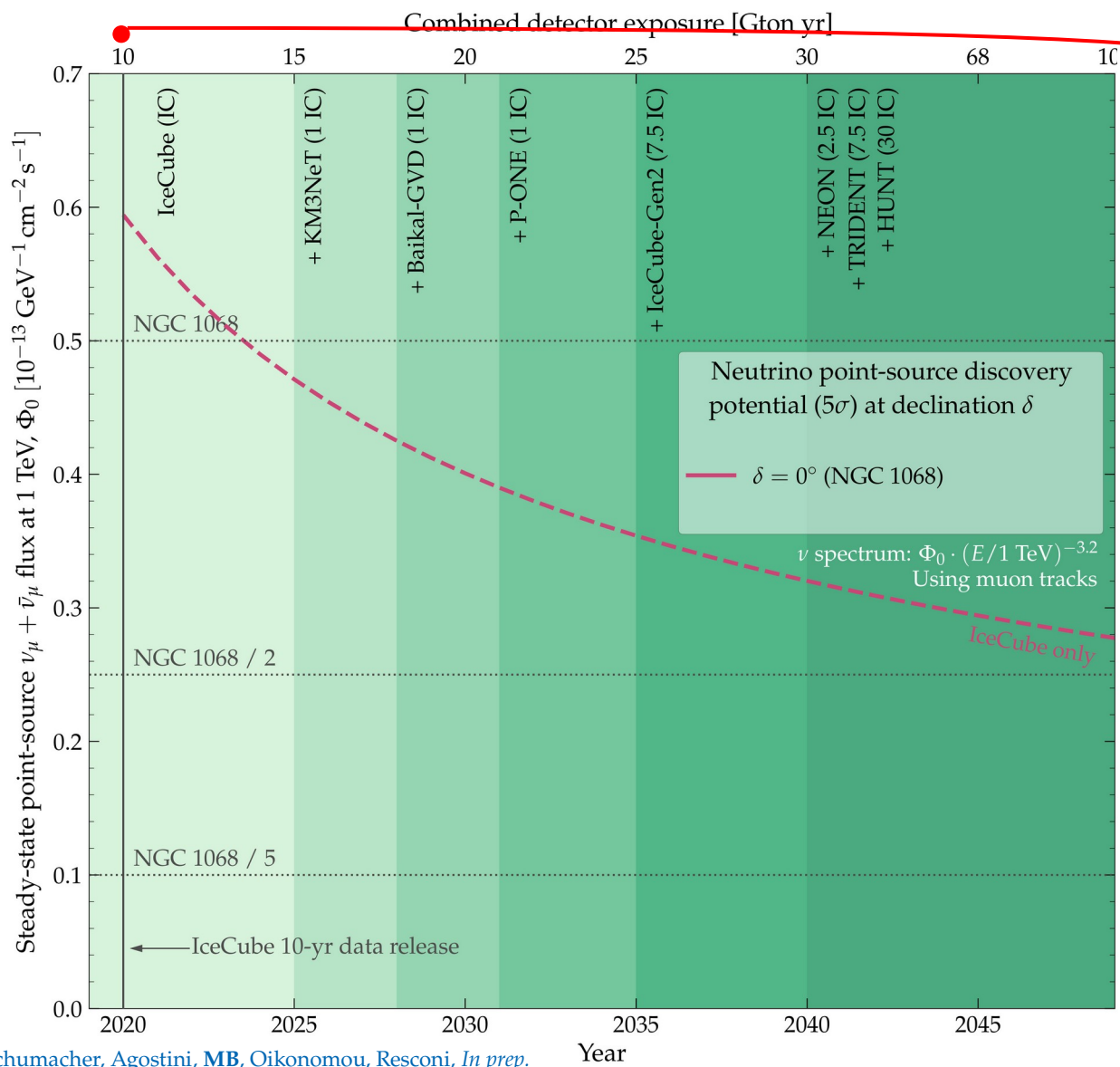
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Angular resolution

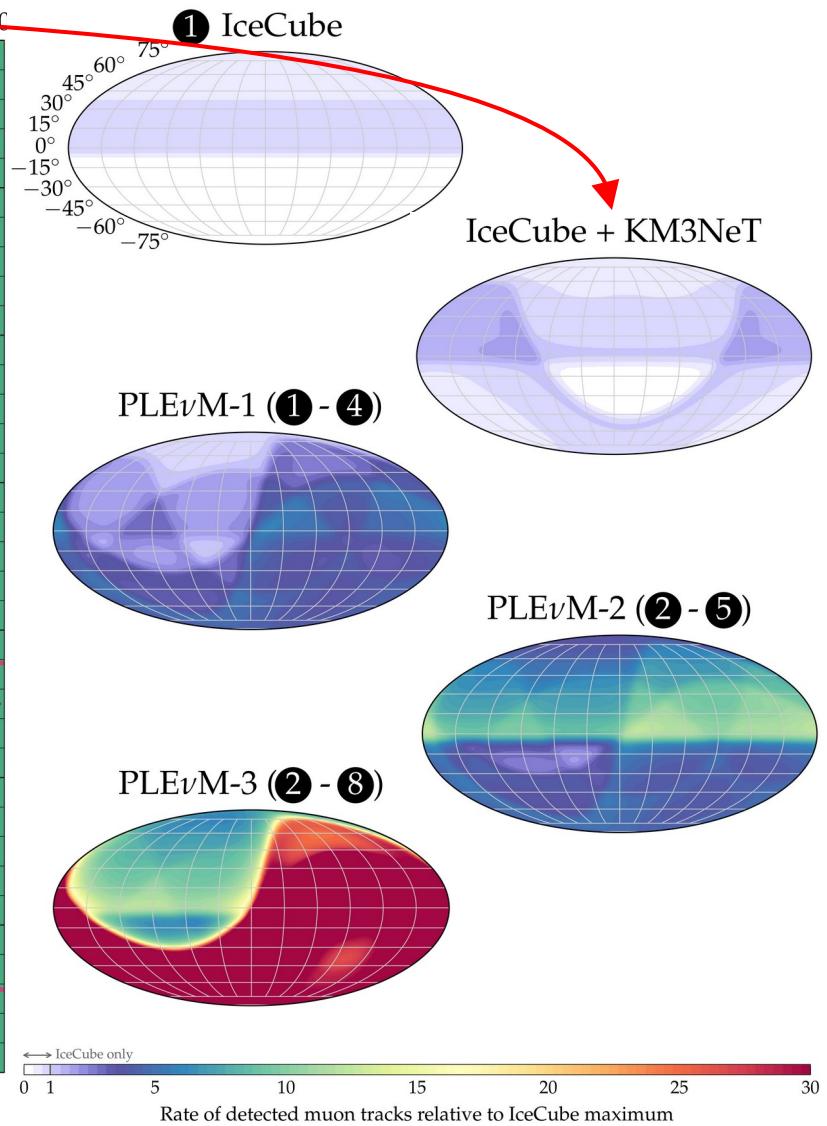
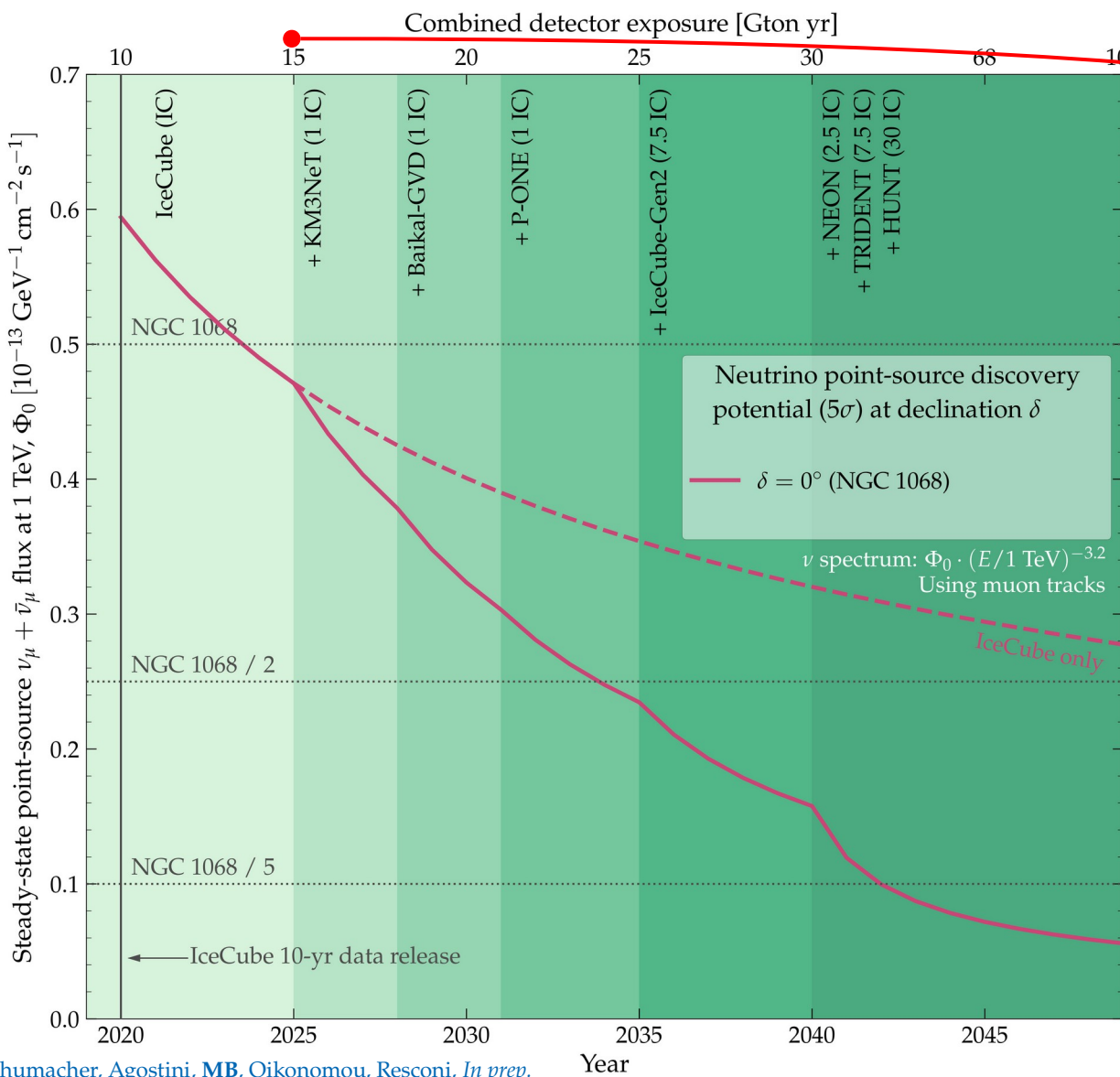
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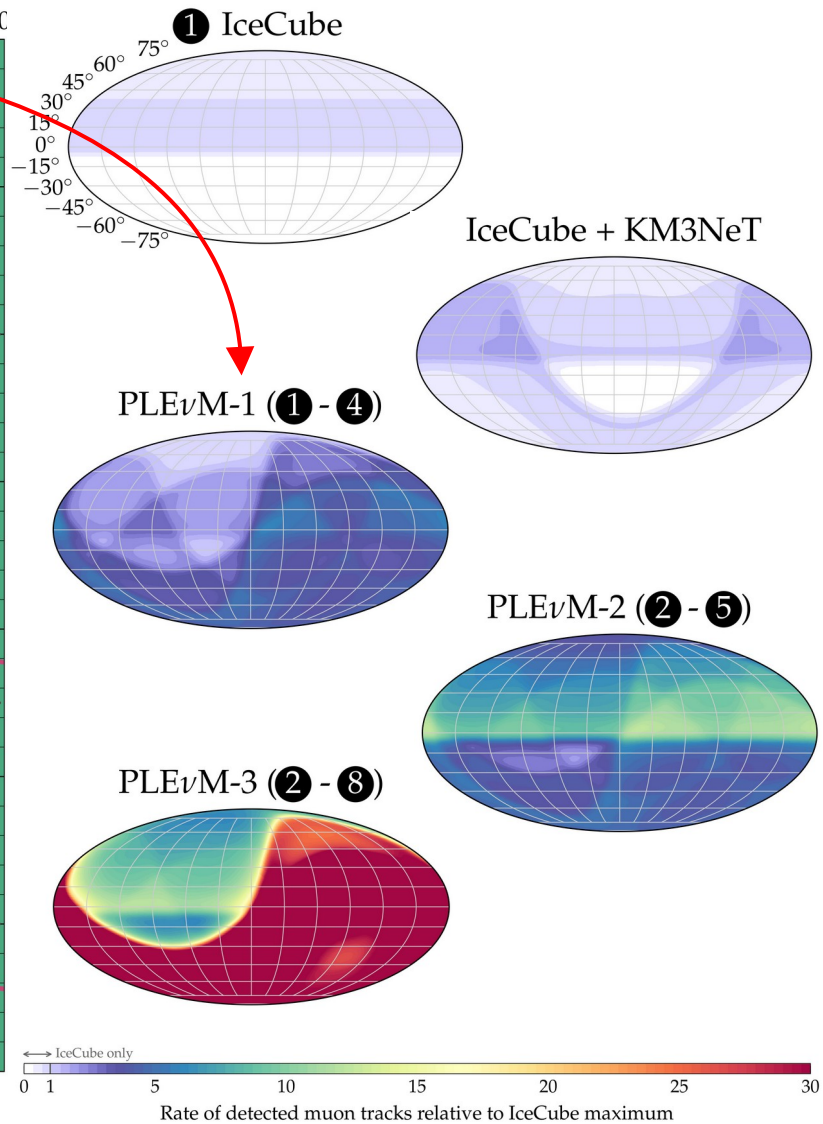
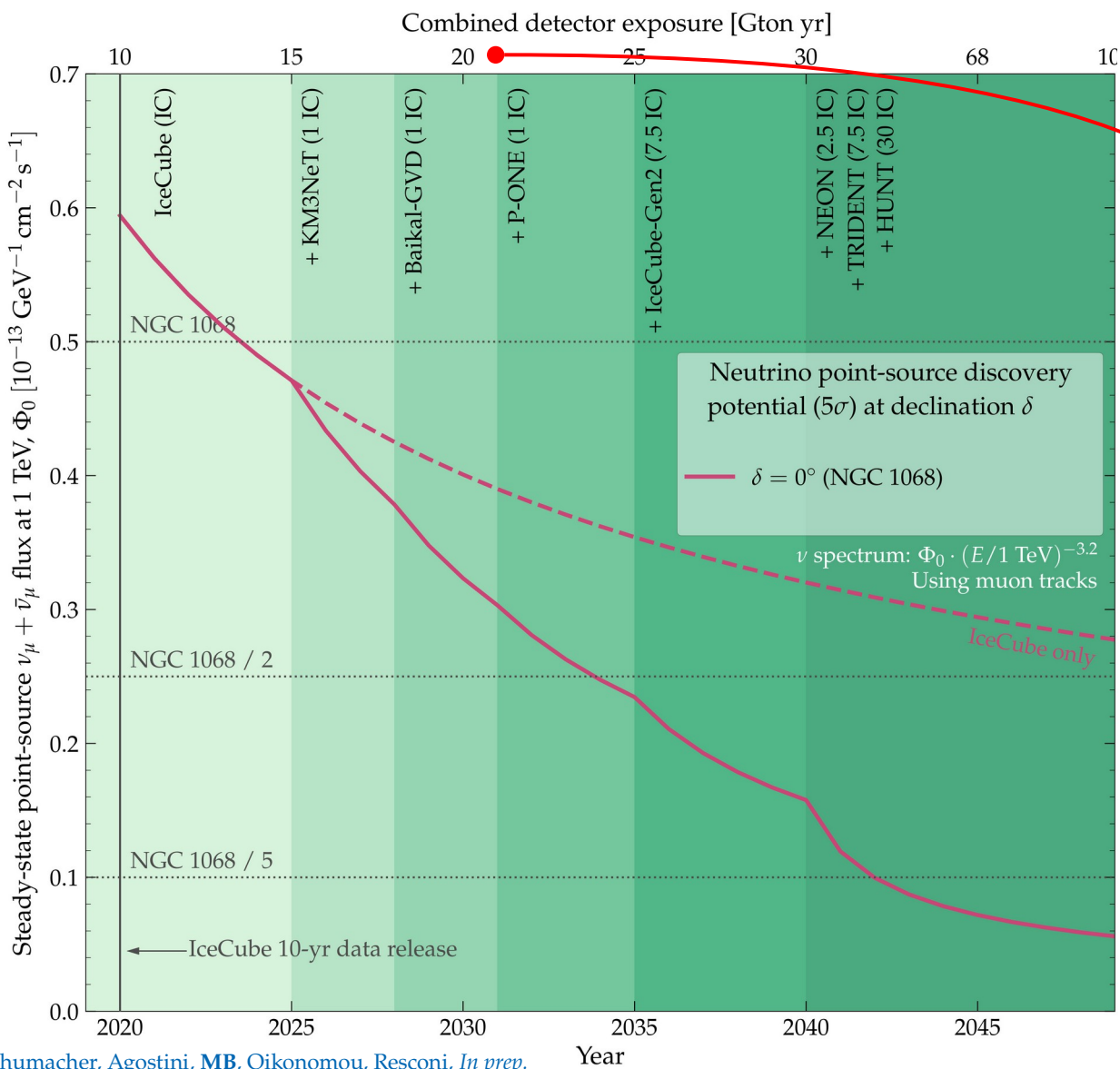


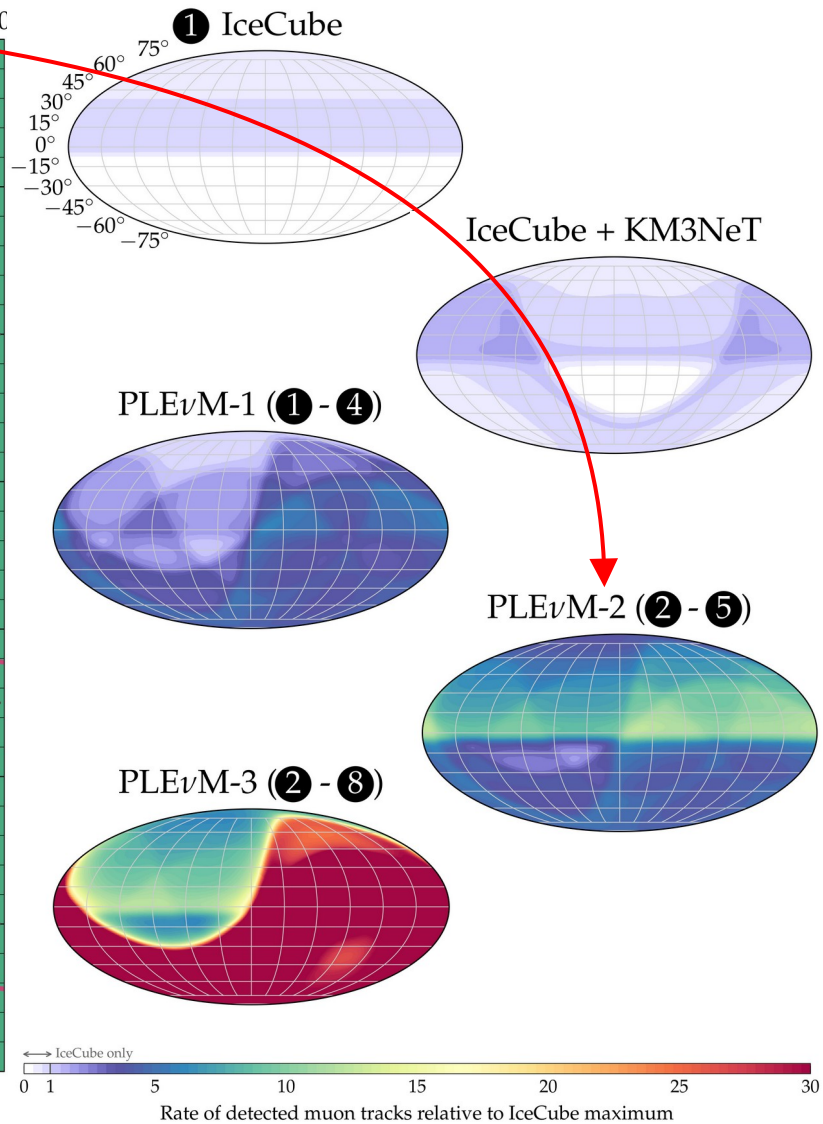
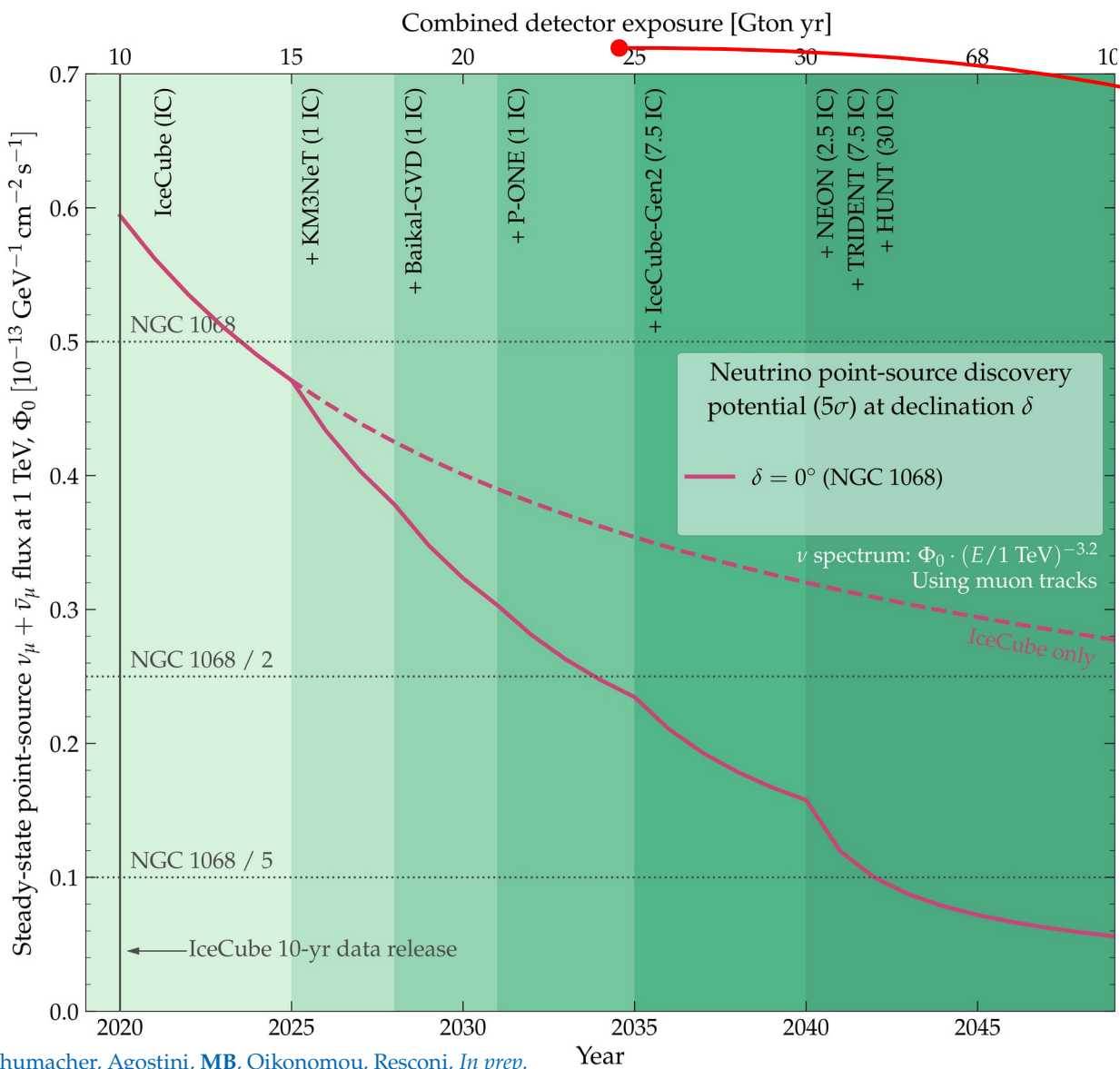




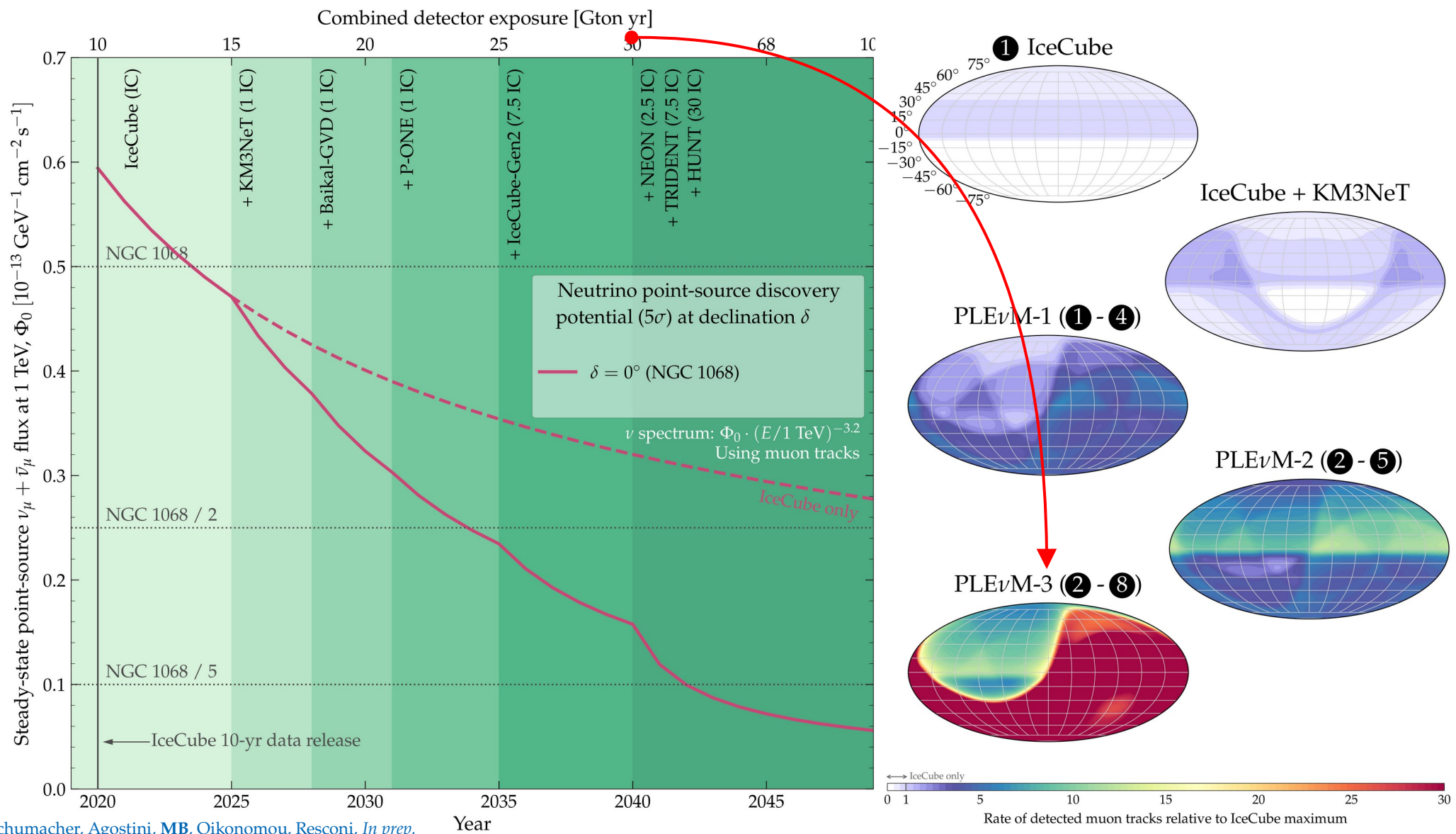


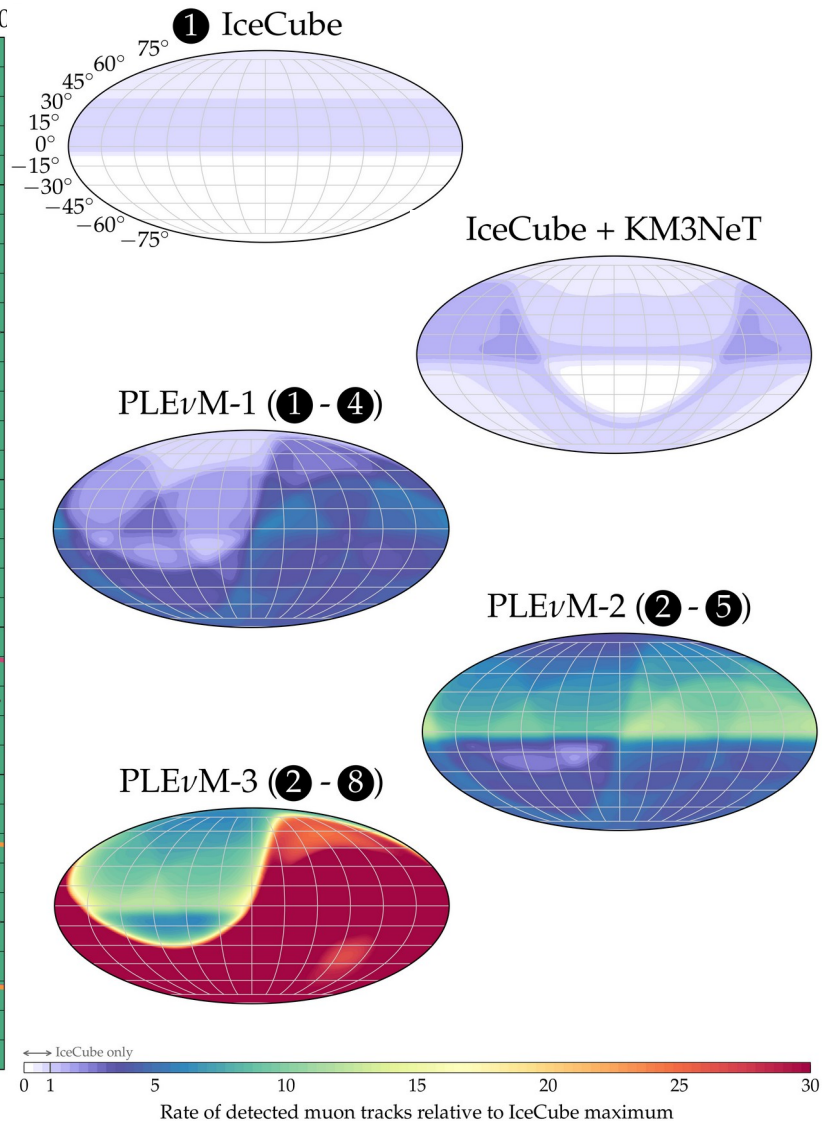
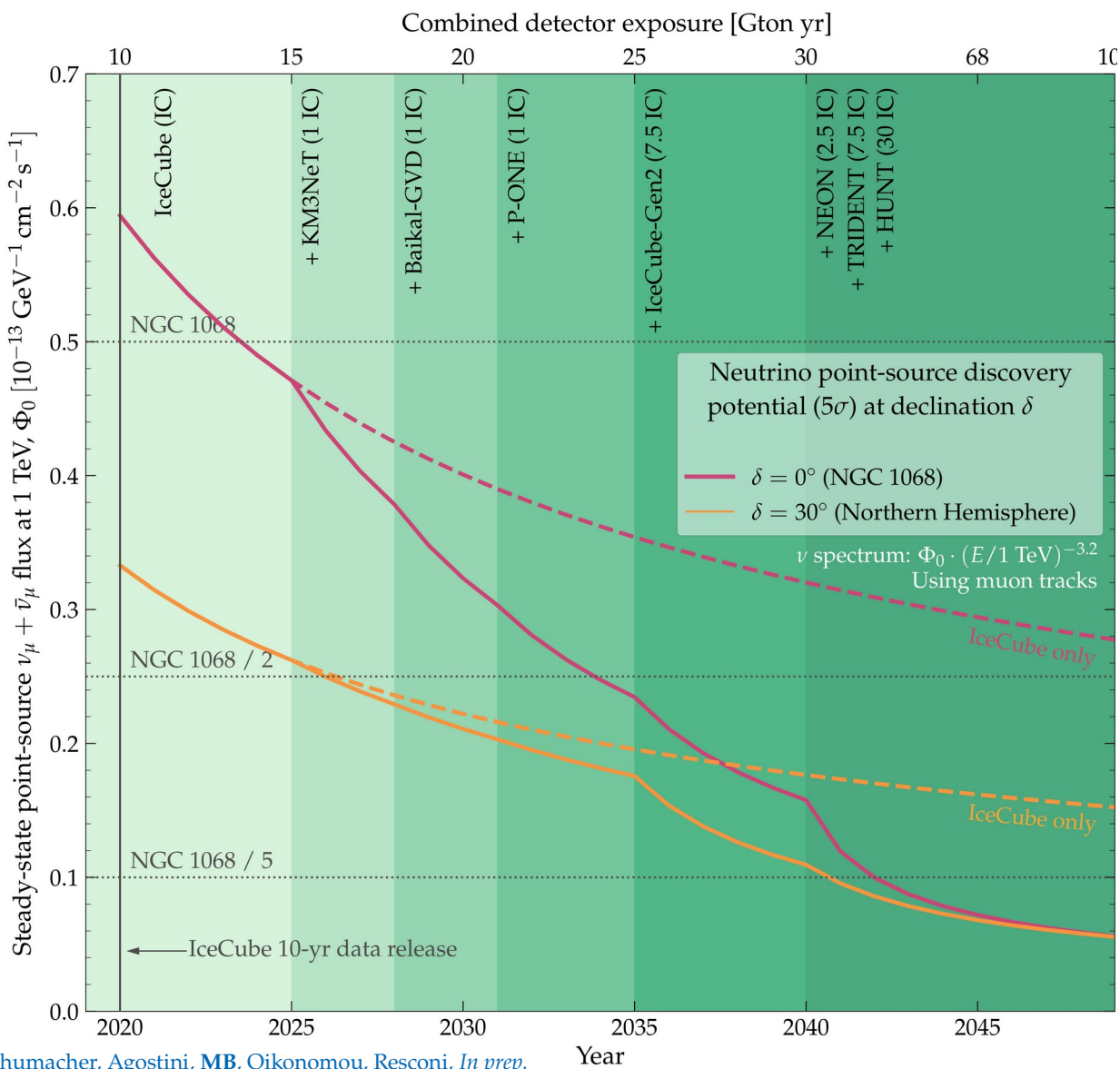




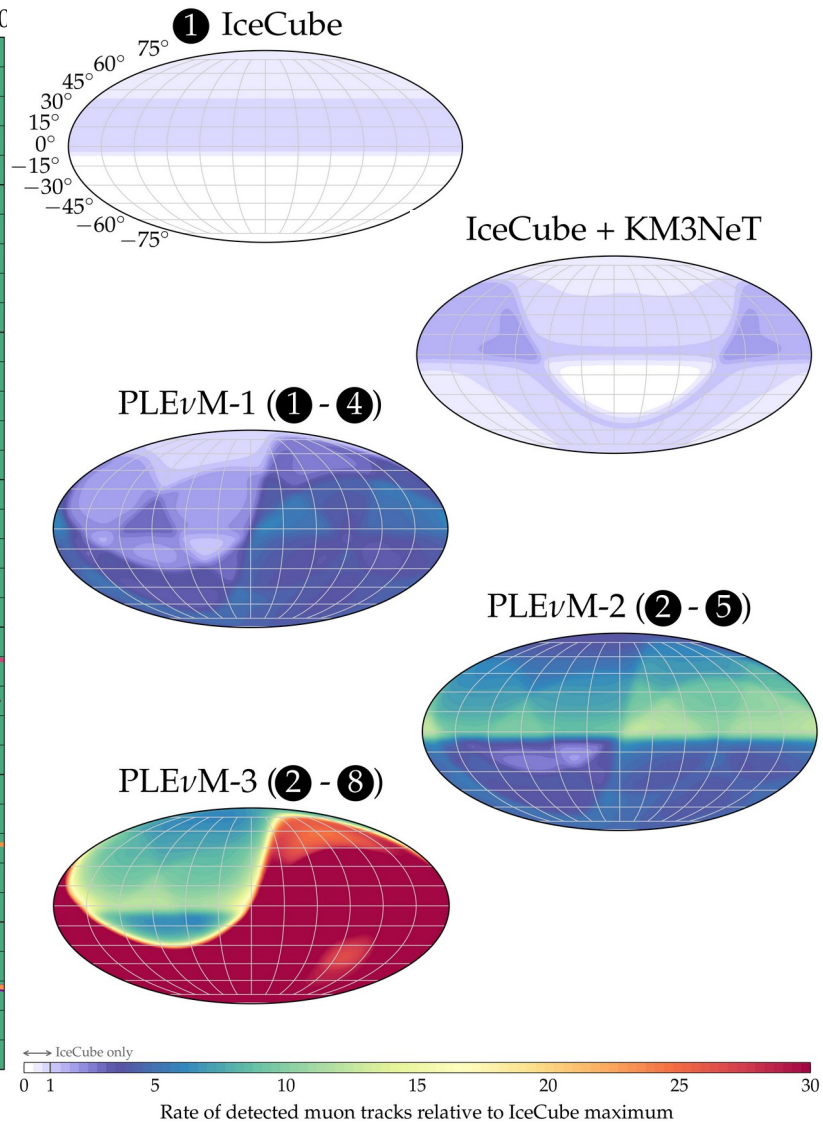
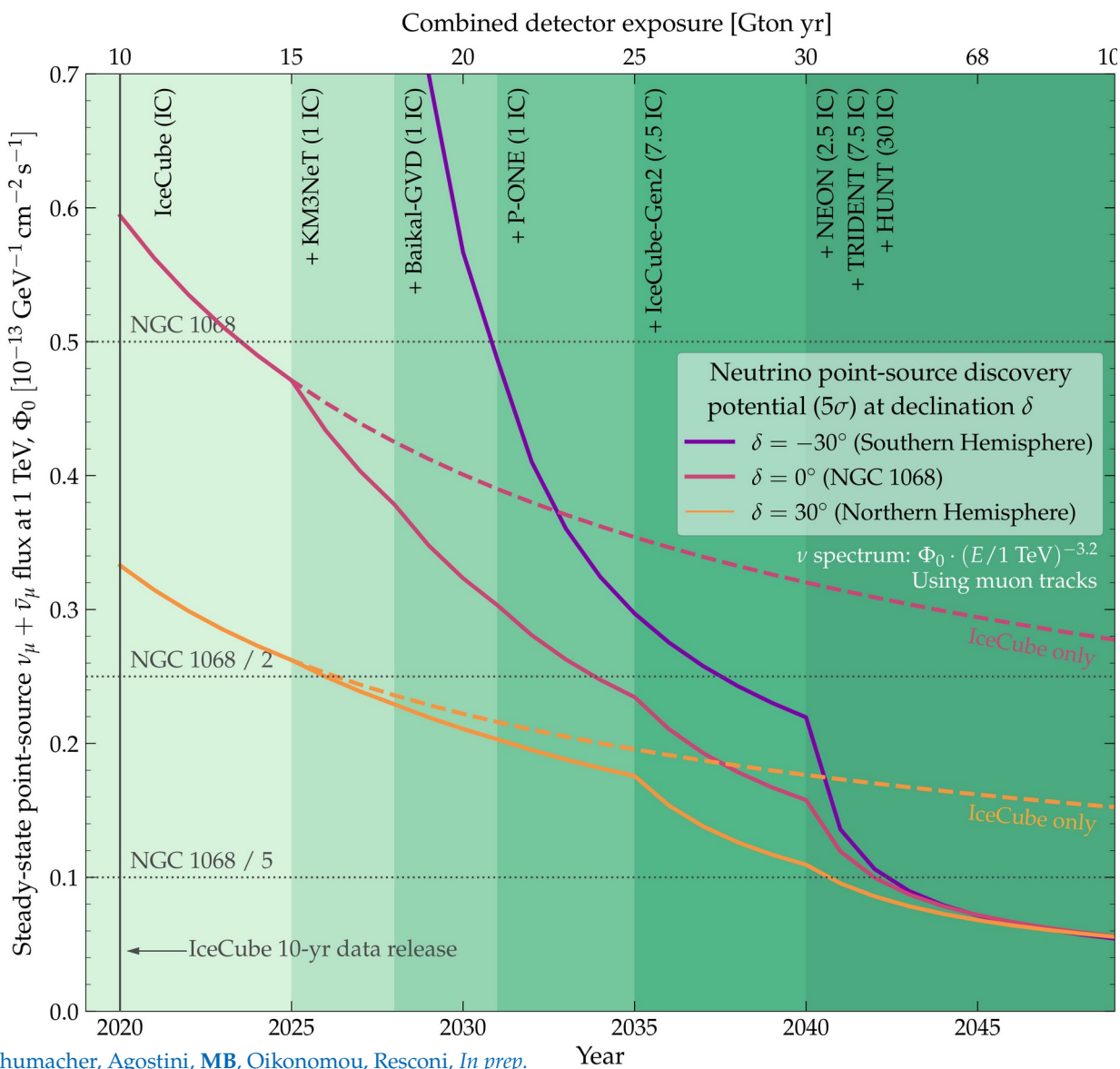












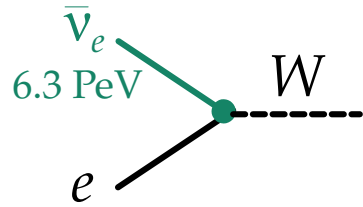
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*Long-sought, finally seen*

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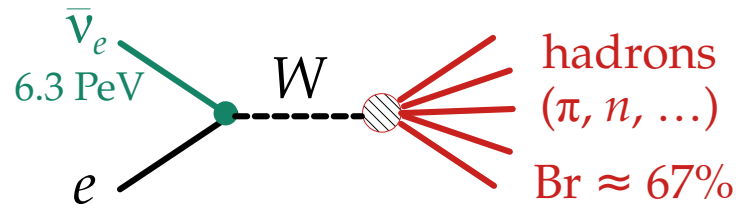
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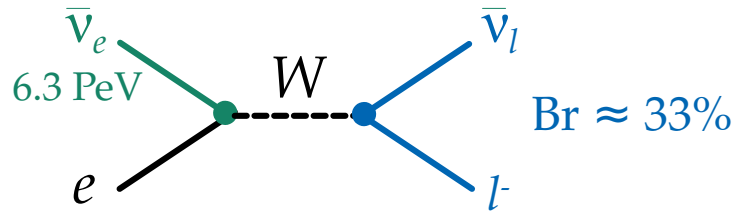
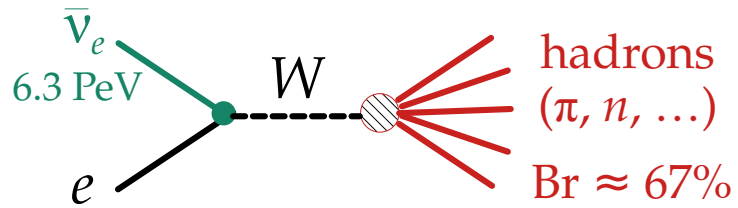
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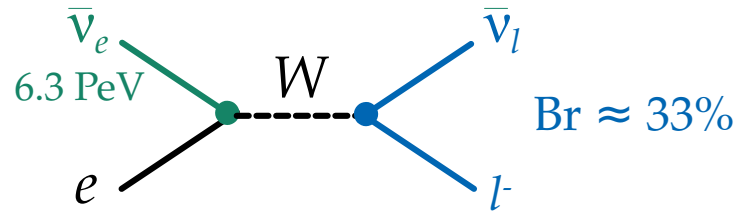
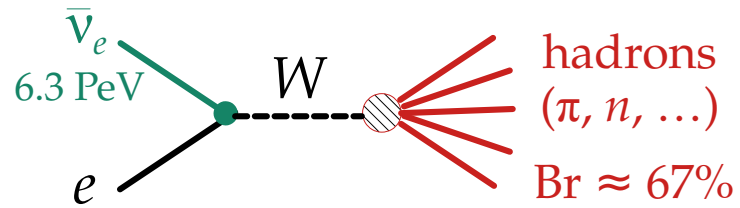
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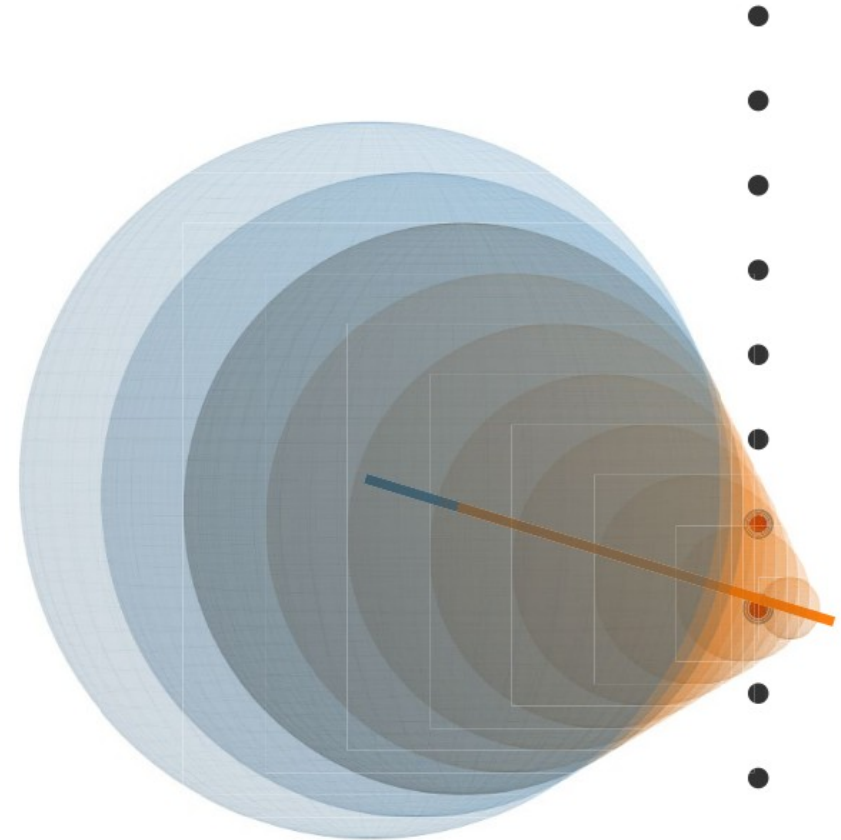


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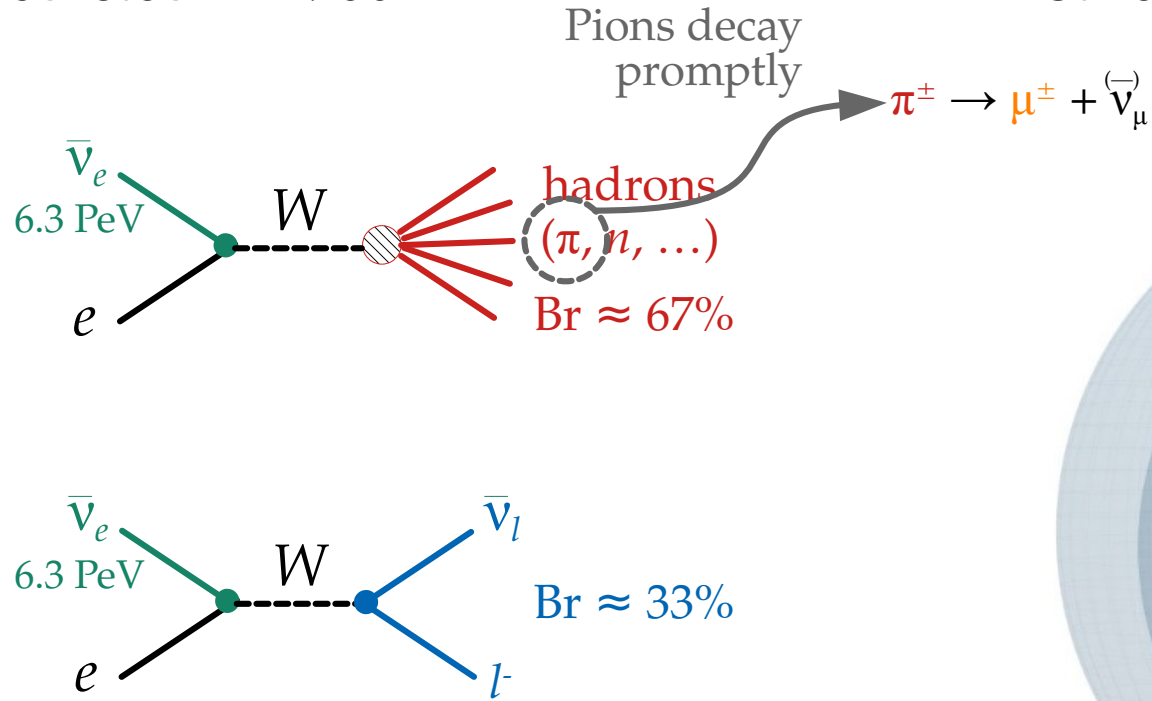


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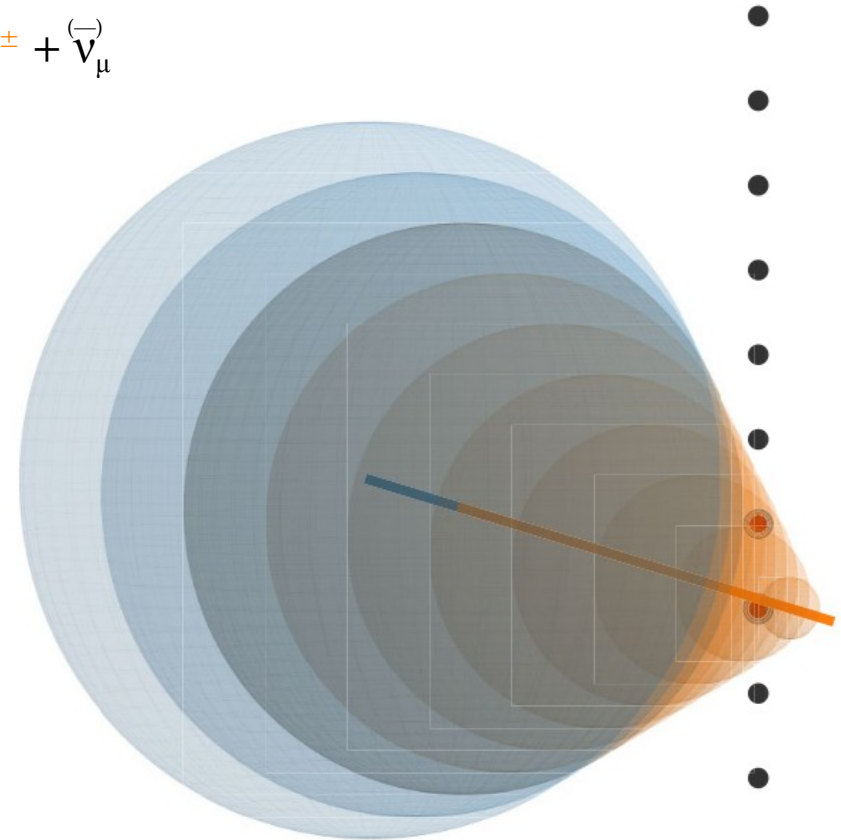


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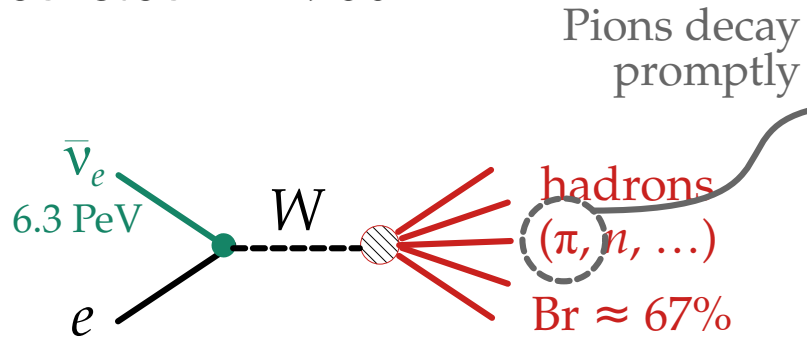


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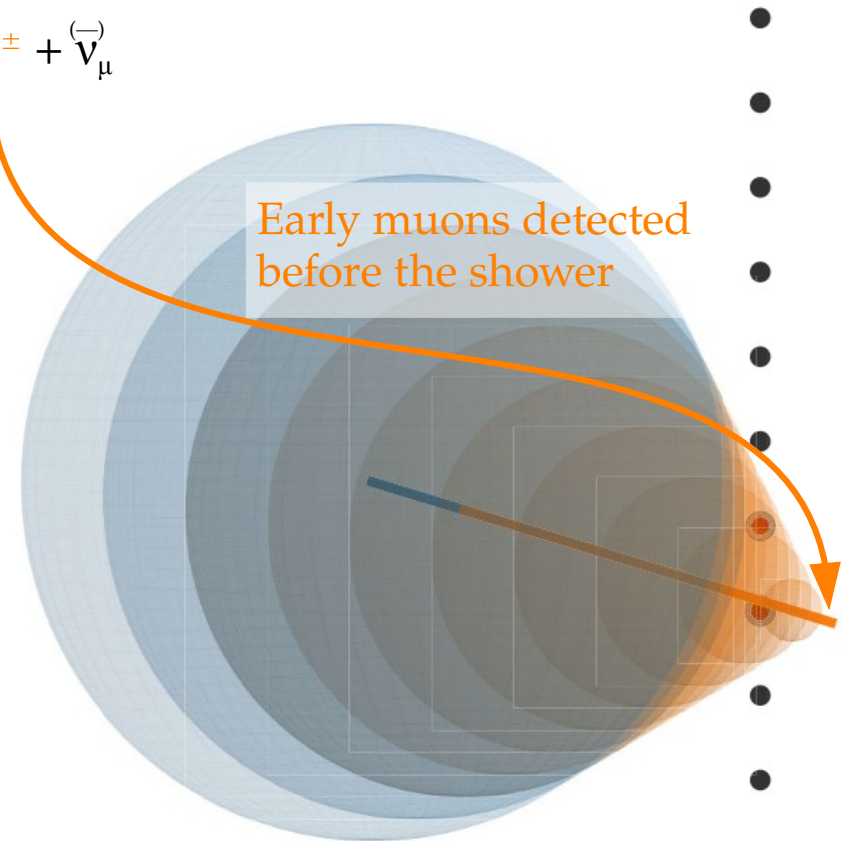
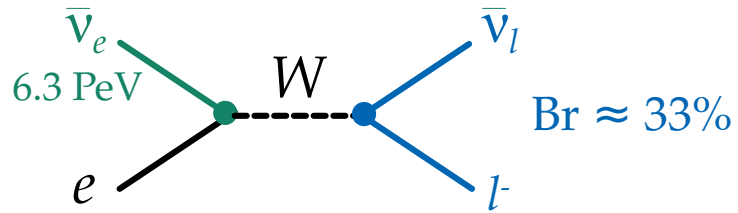


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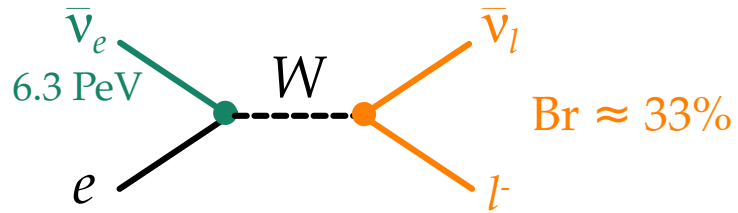
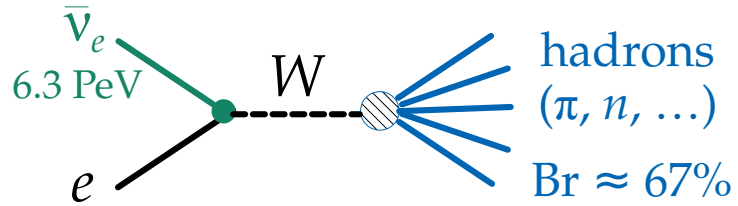


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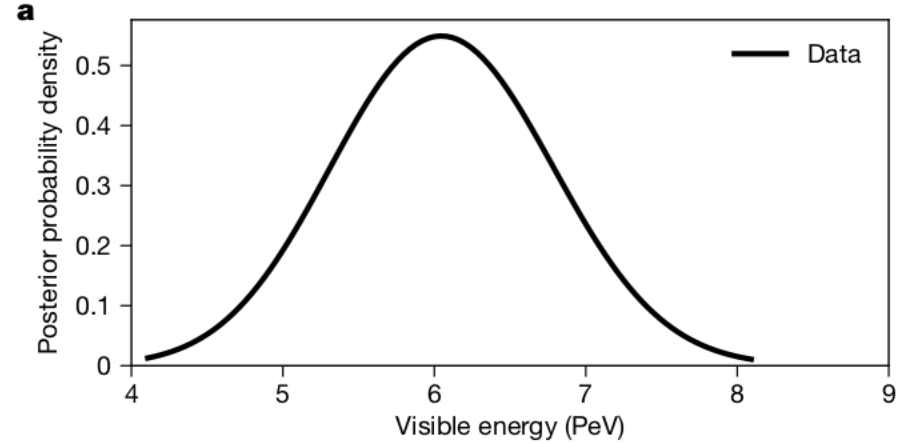


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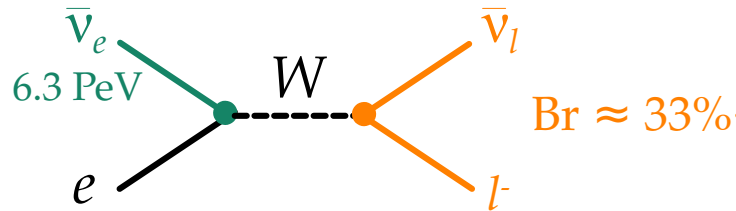
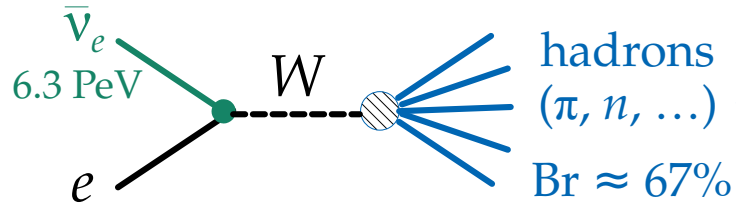


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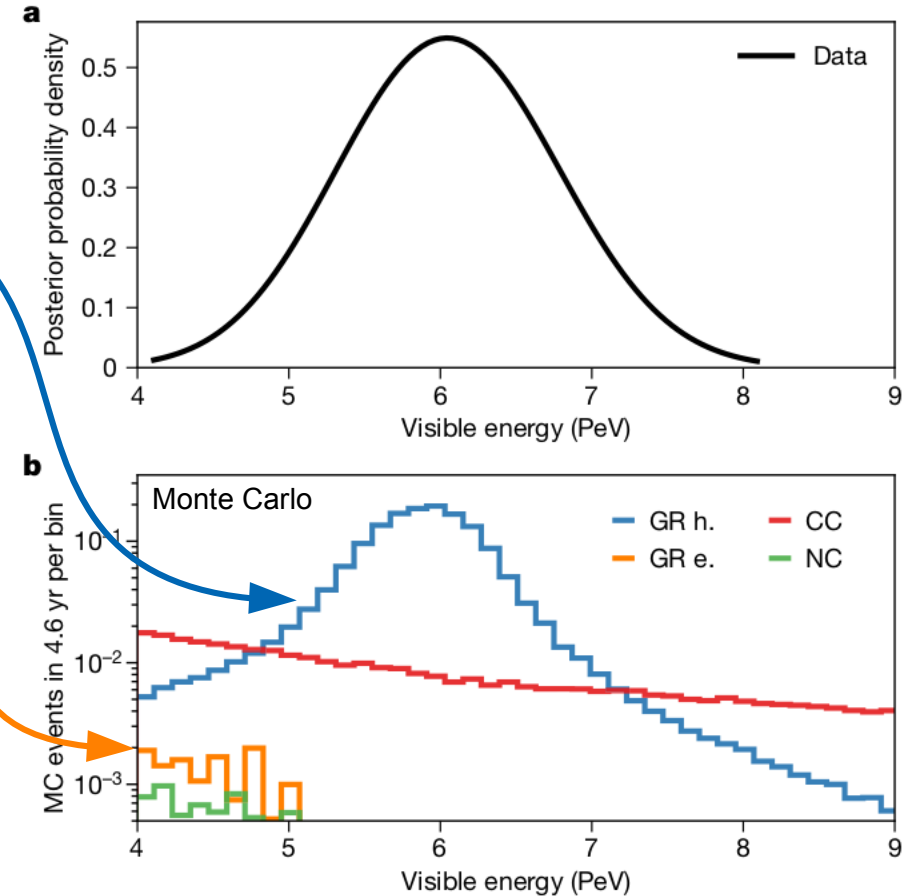


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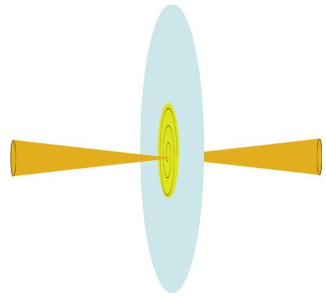


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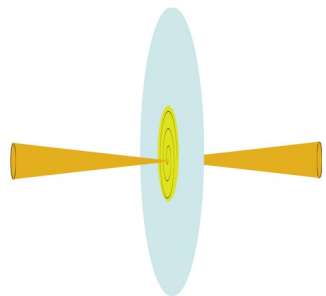
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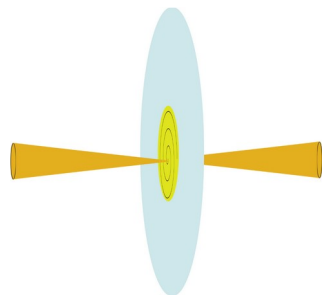
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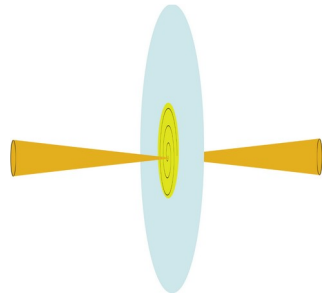
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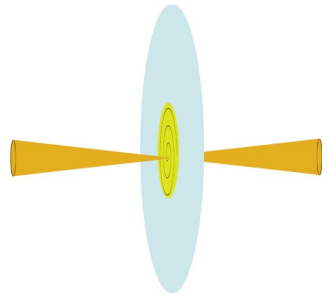
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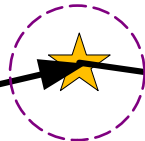


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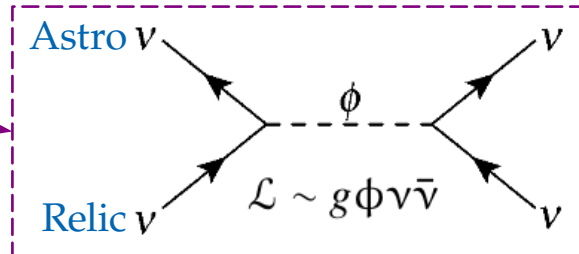
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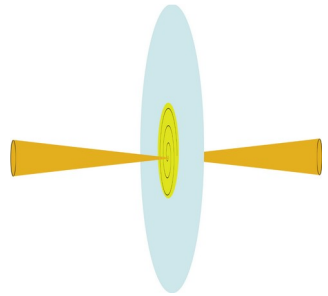
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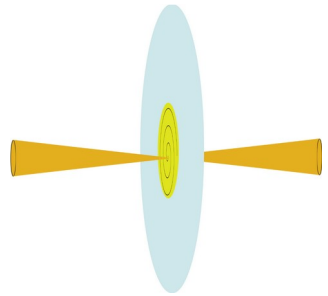
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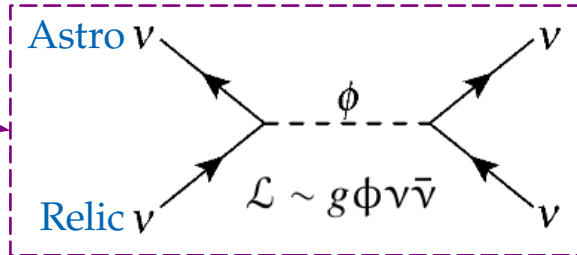
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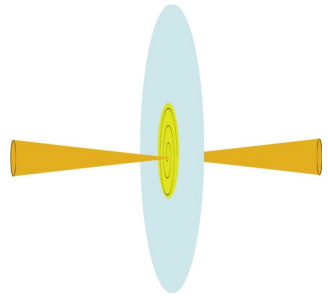
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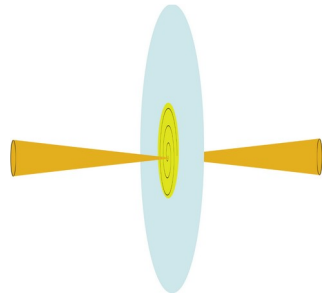
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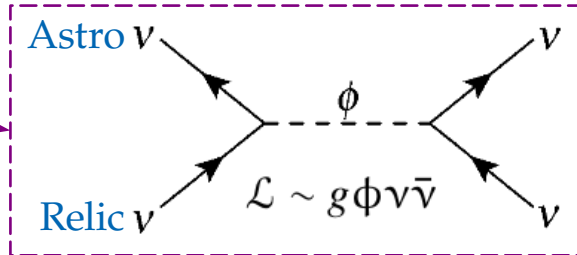
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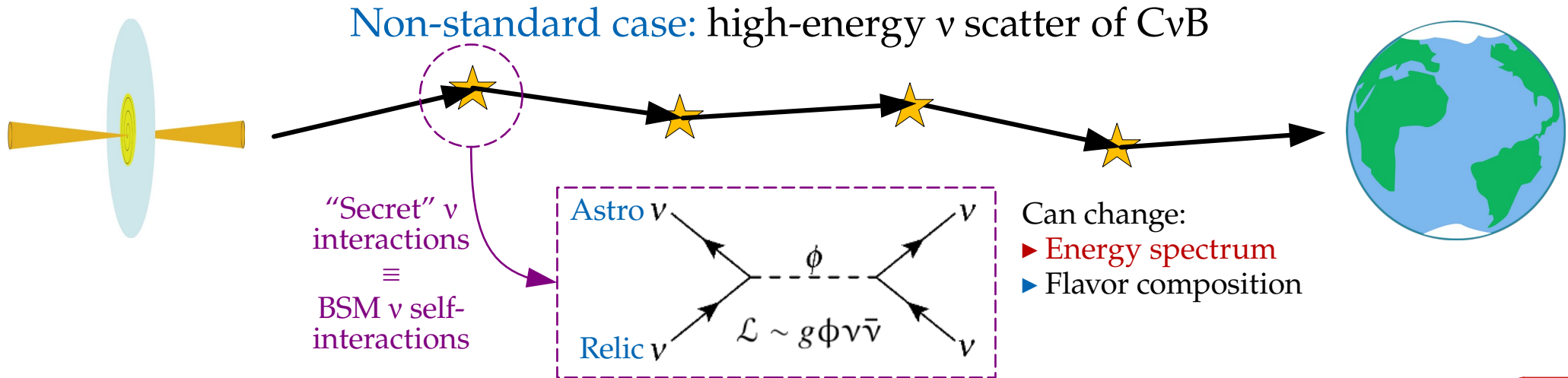
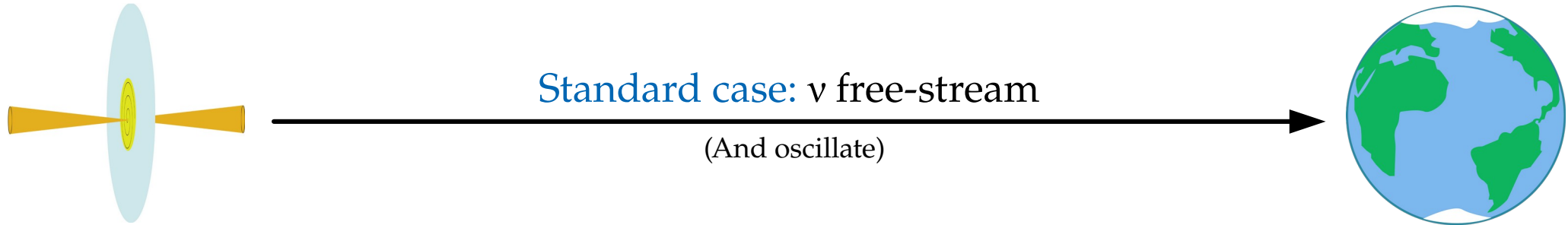




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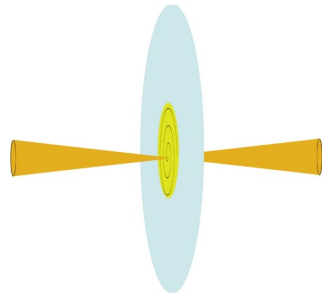
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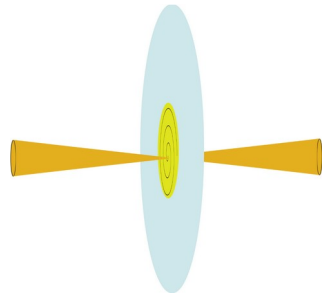
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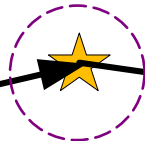


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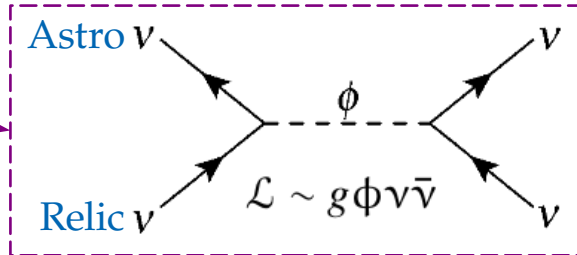
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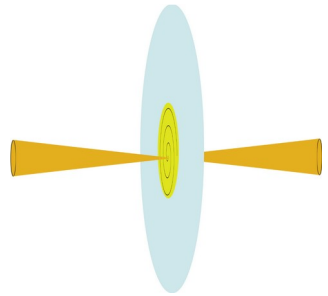
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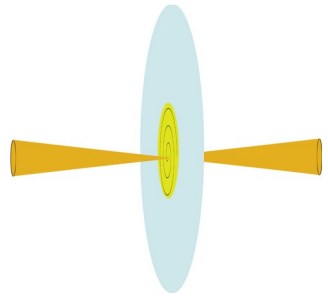
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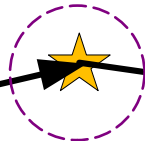


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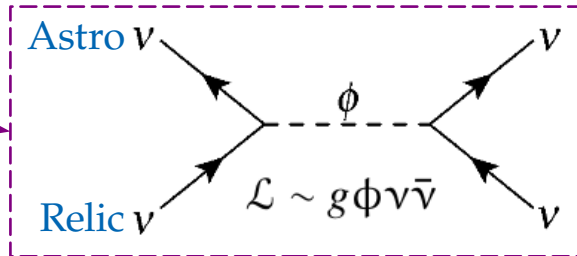
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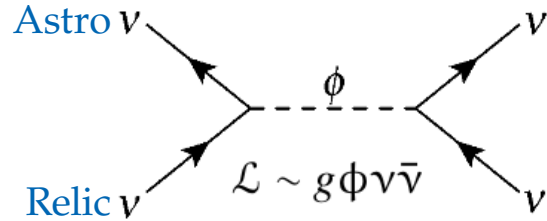


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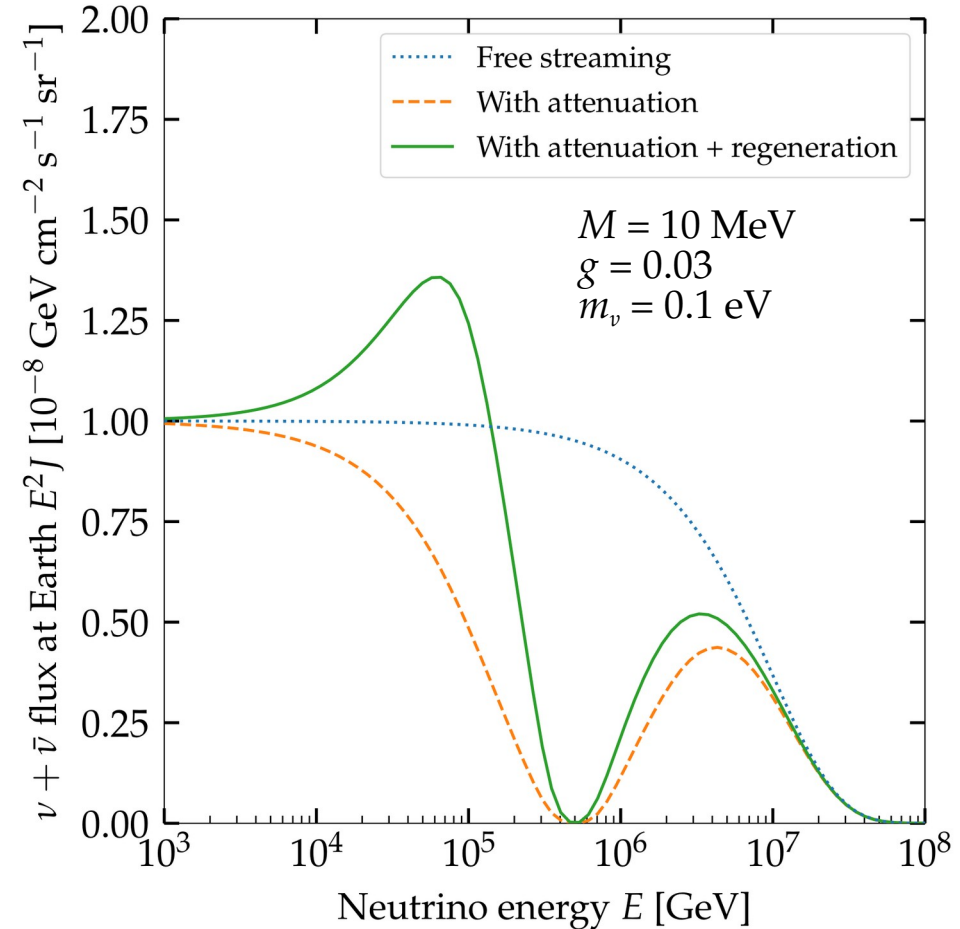
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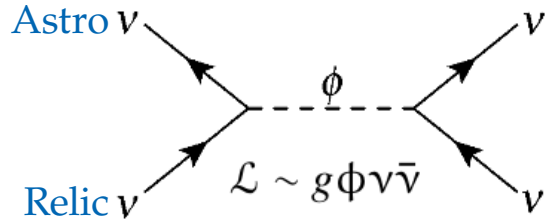
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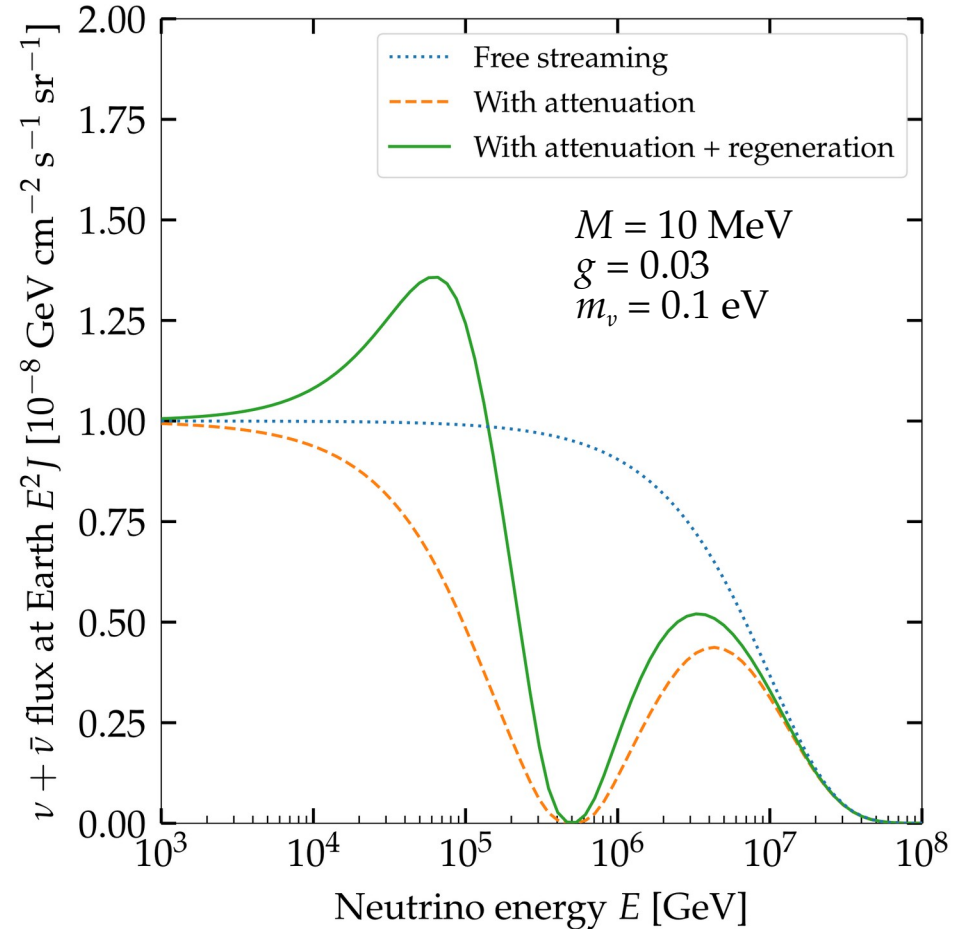
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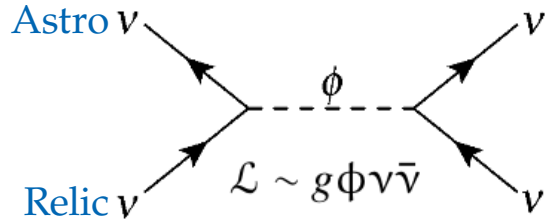
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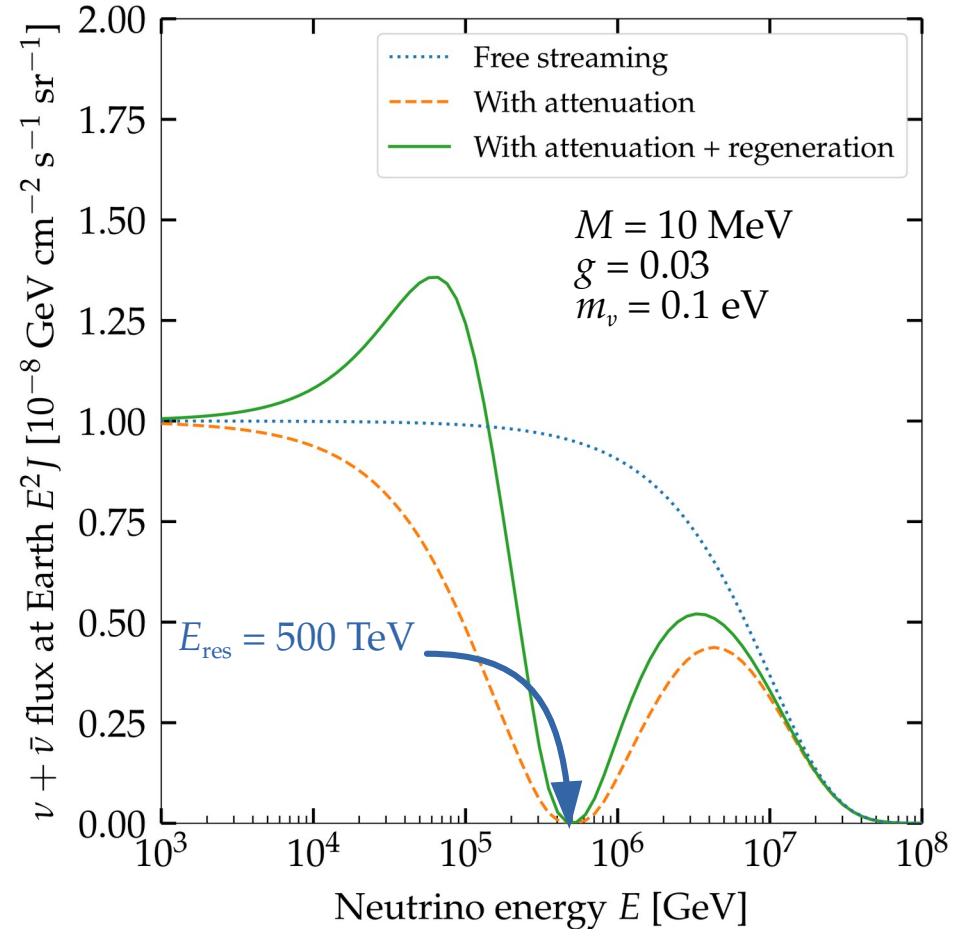
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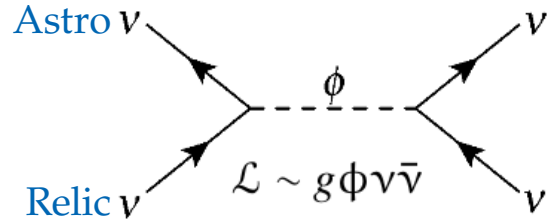


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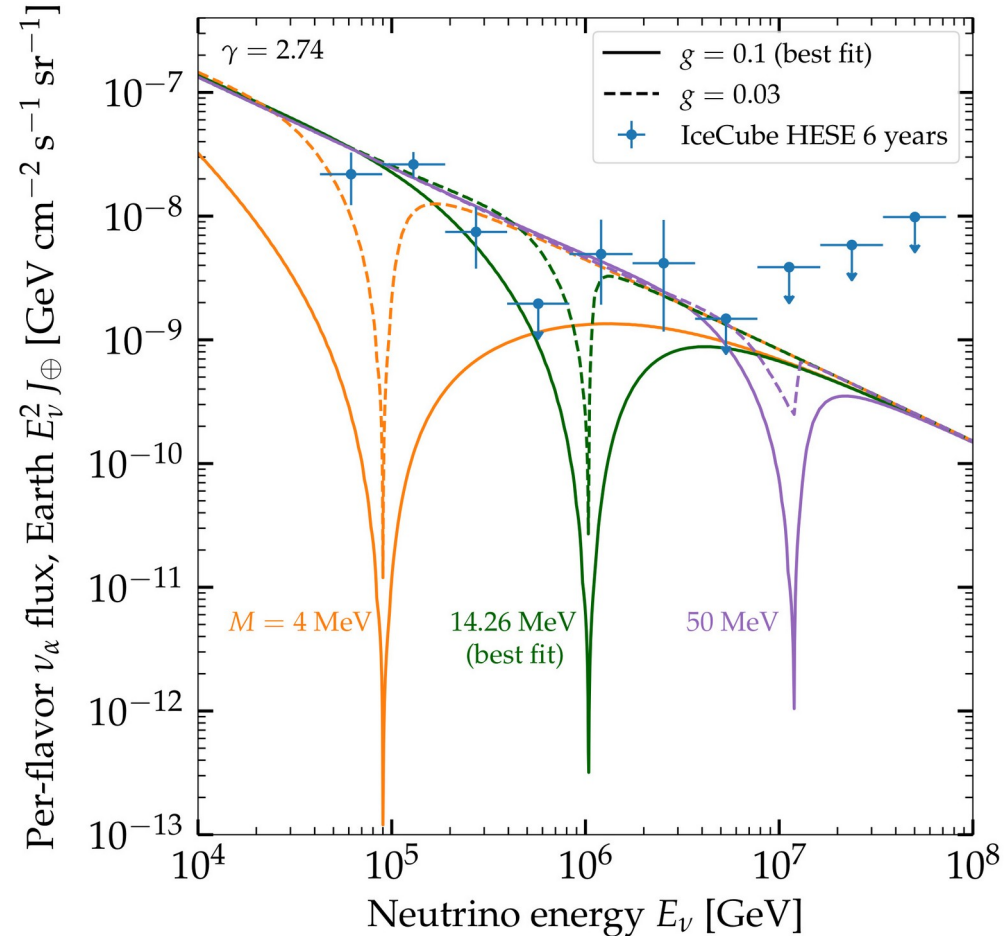
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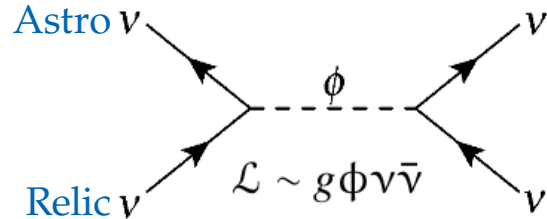
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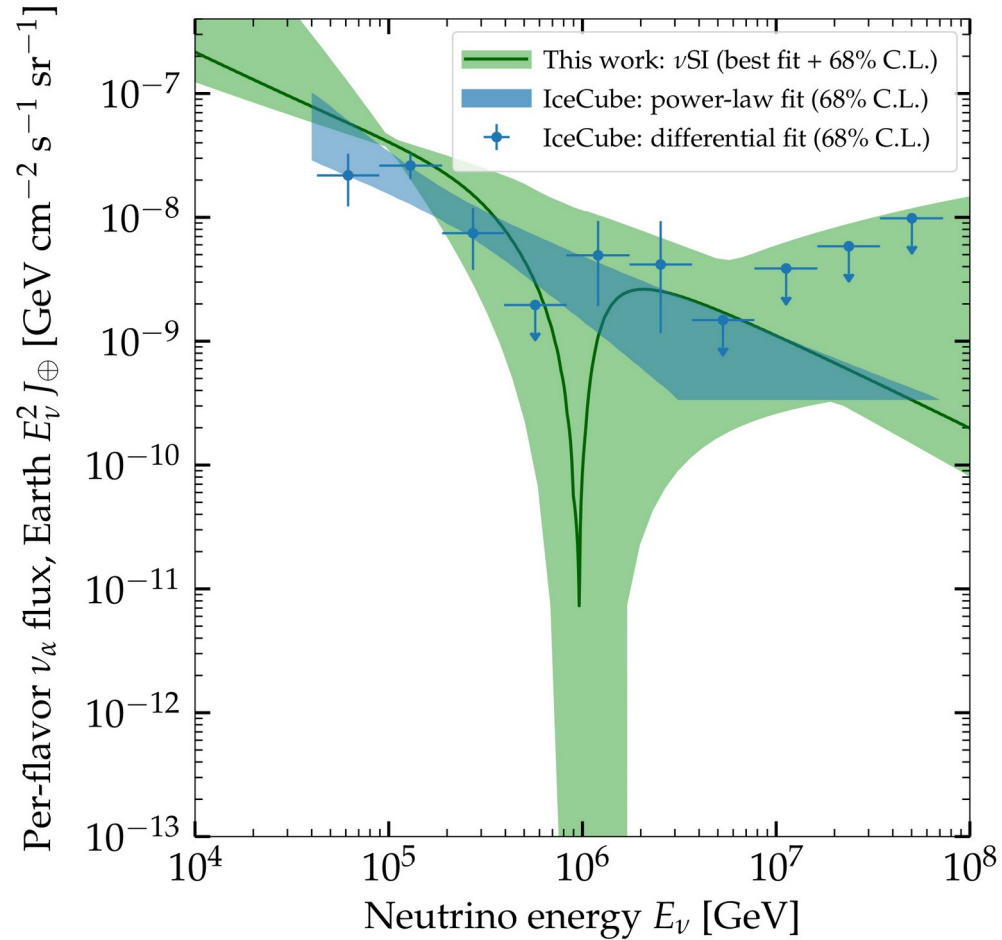
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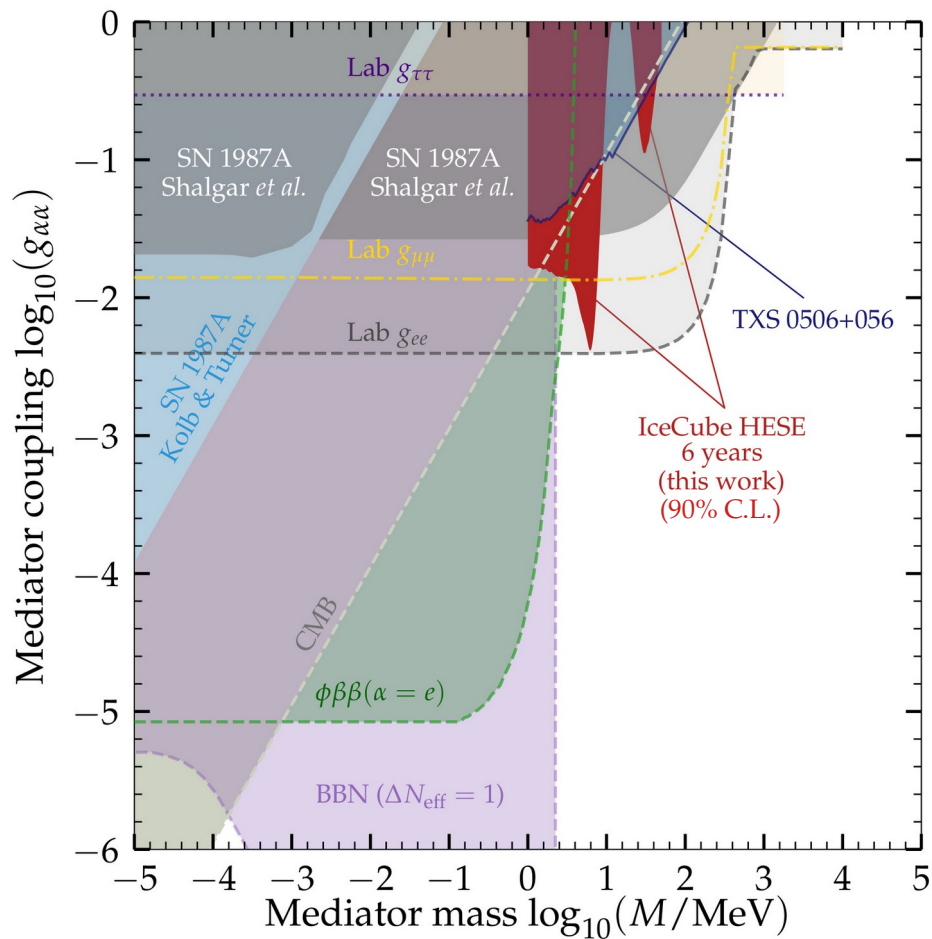
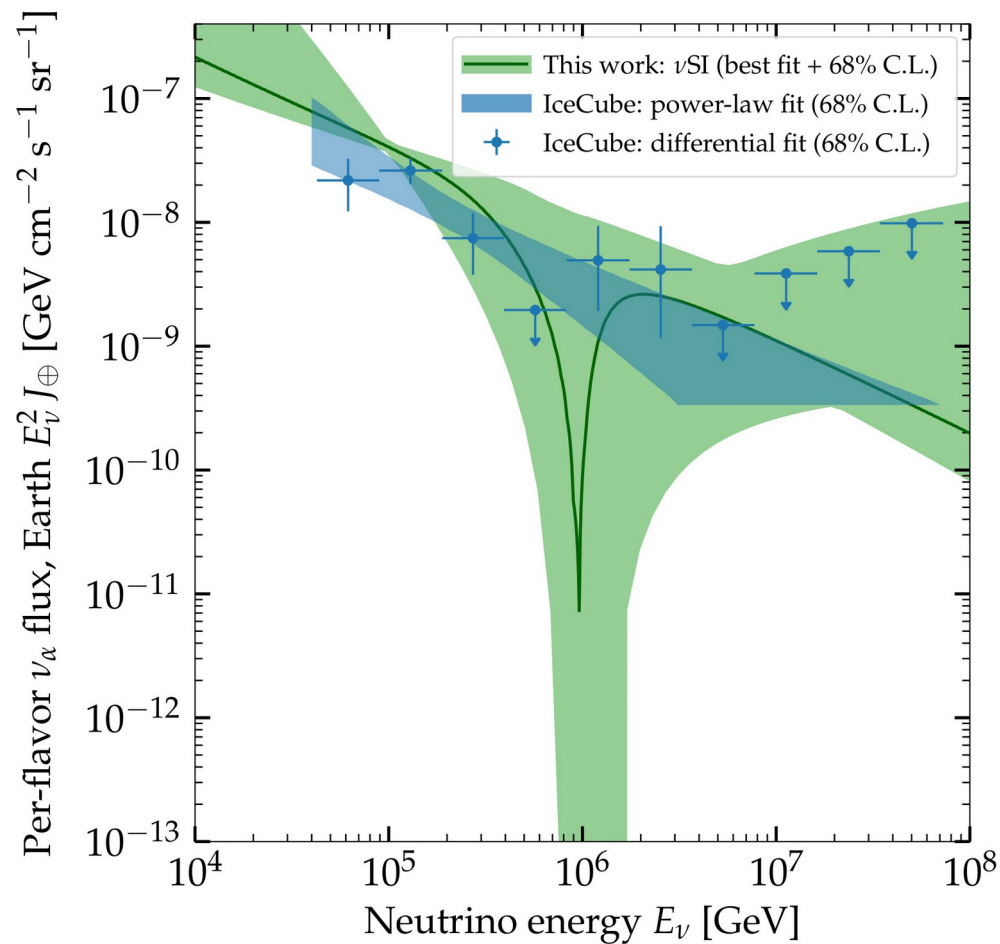
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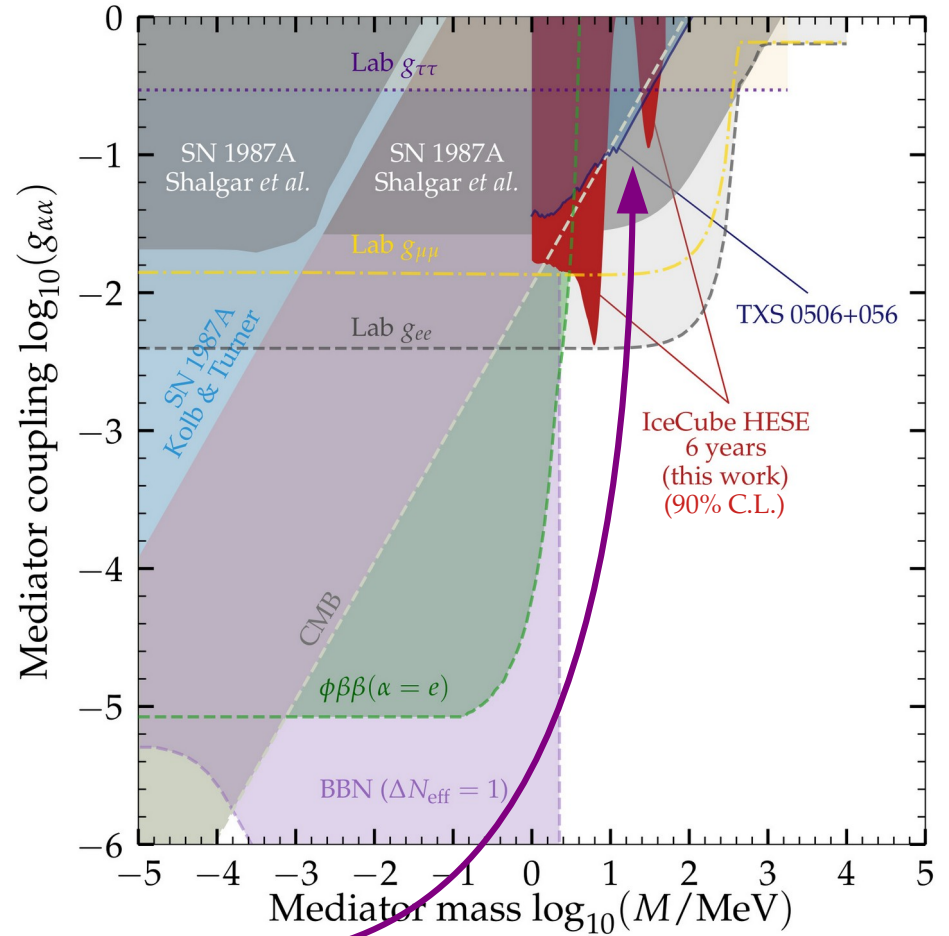
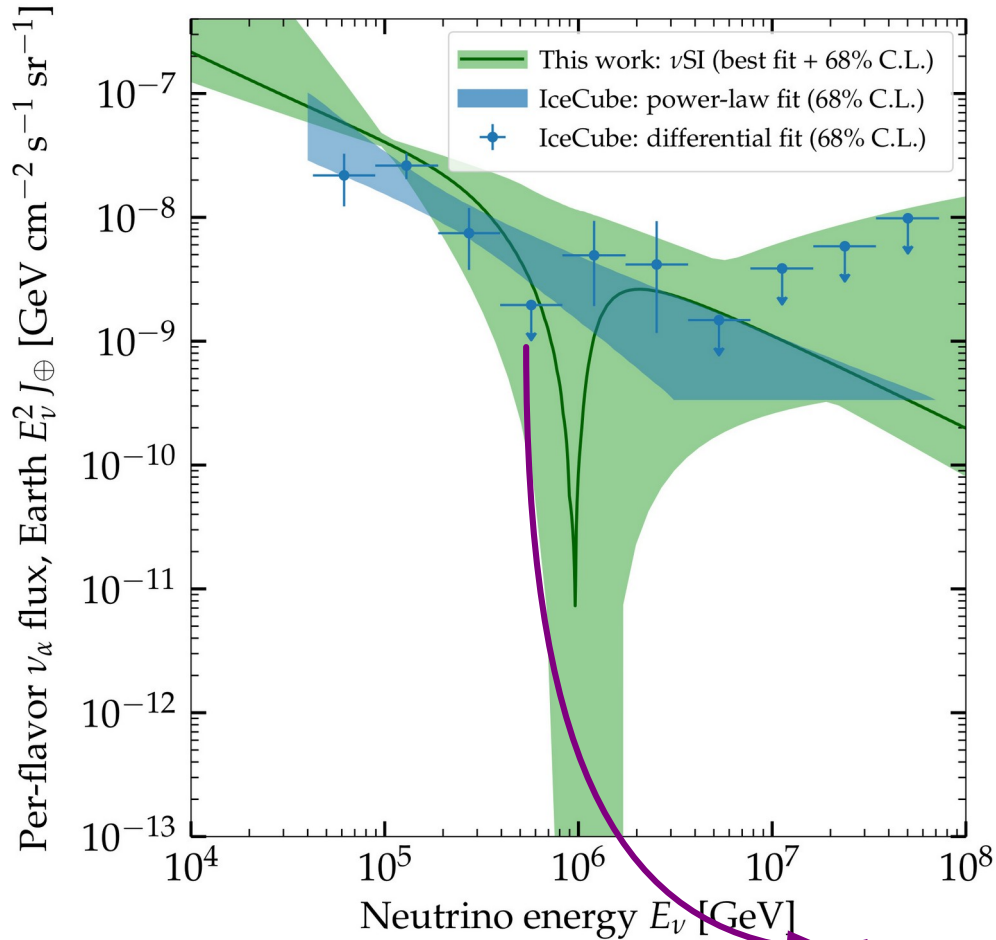
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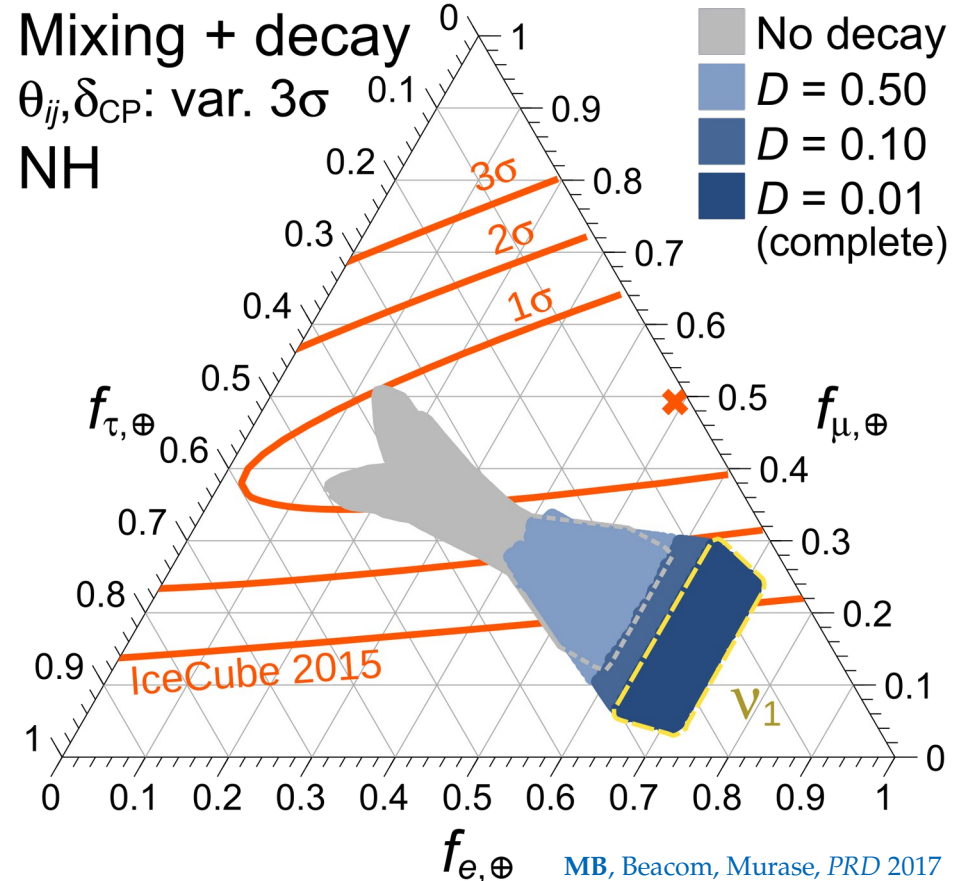
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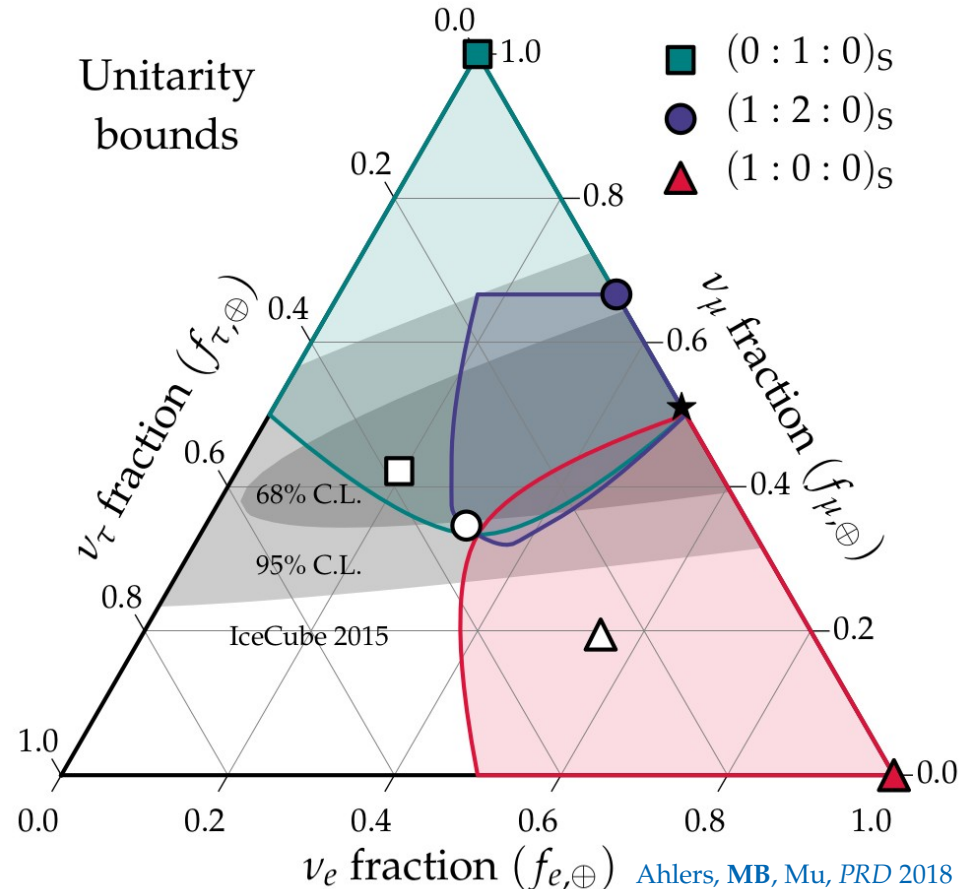
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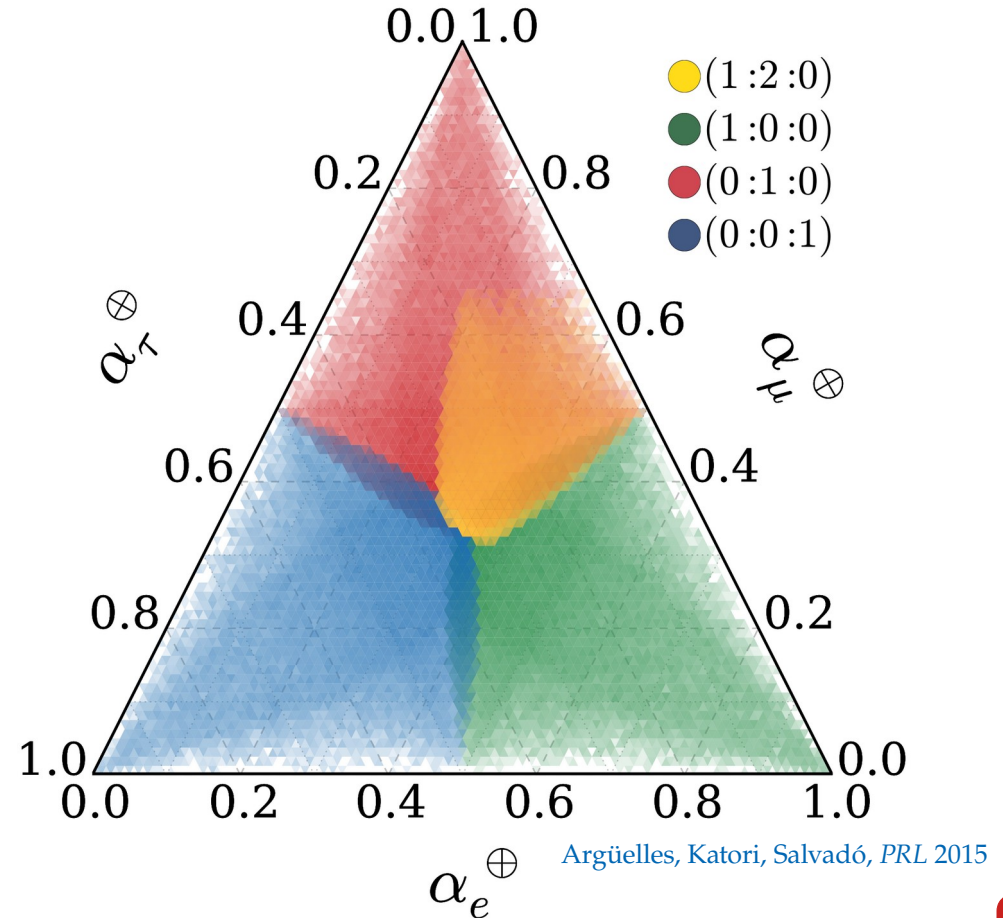
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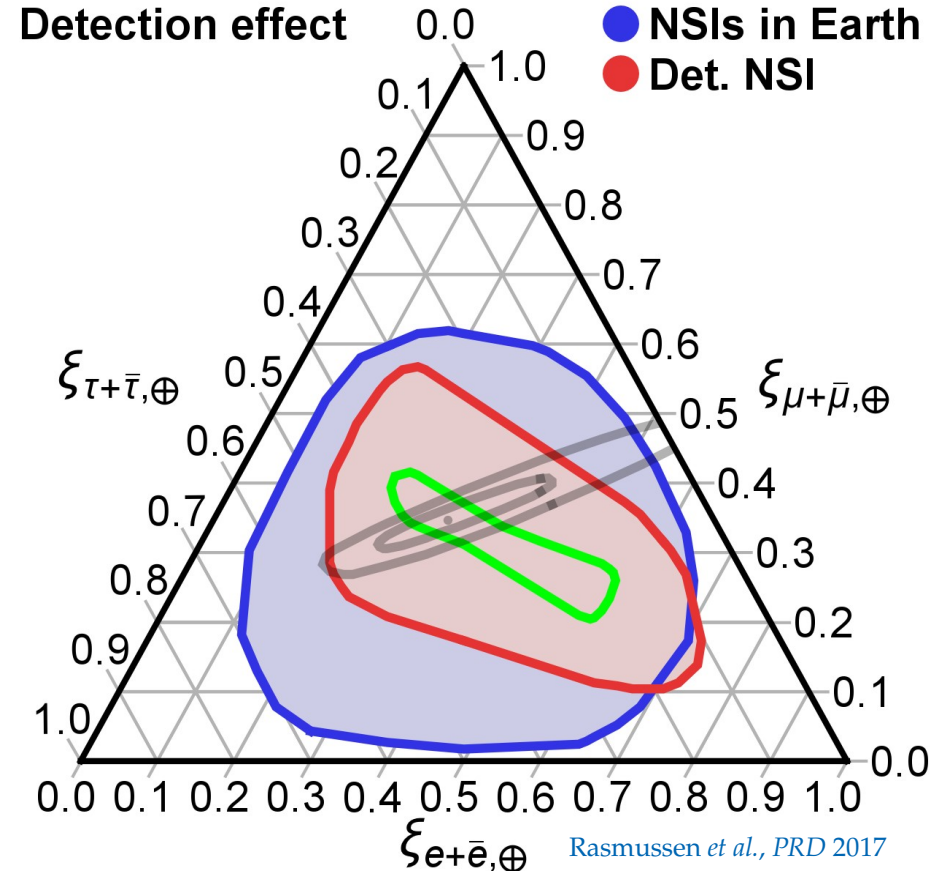
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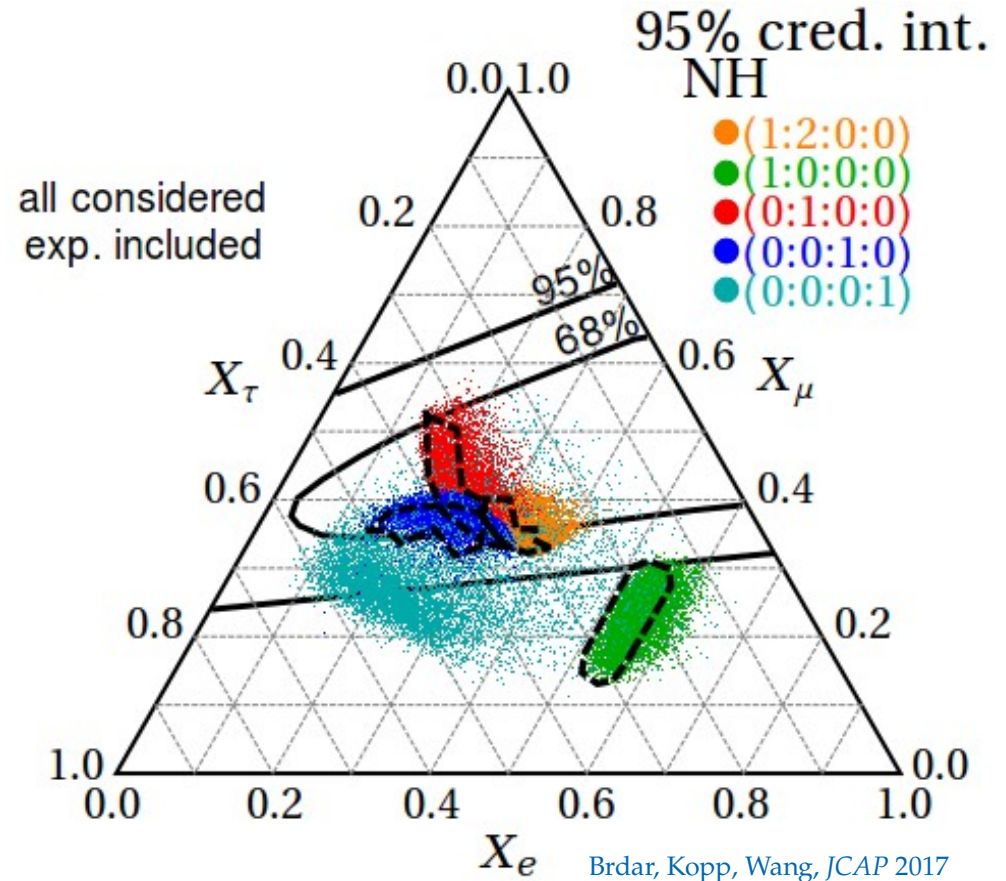
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# New physics in flavor composition

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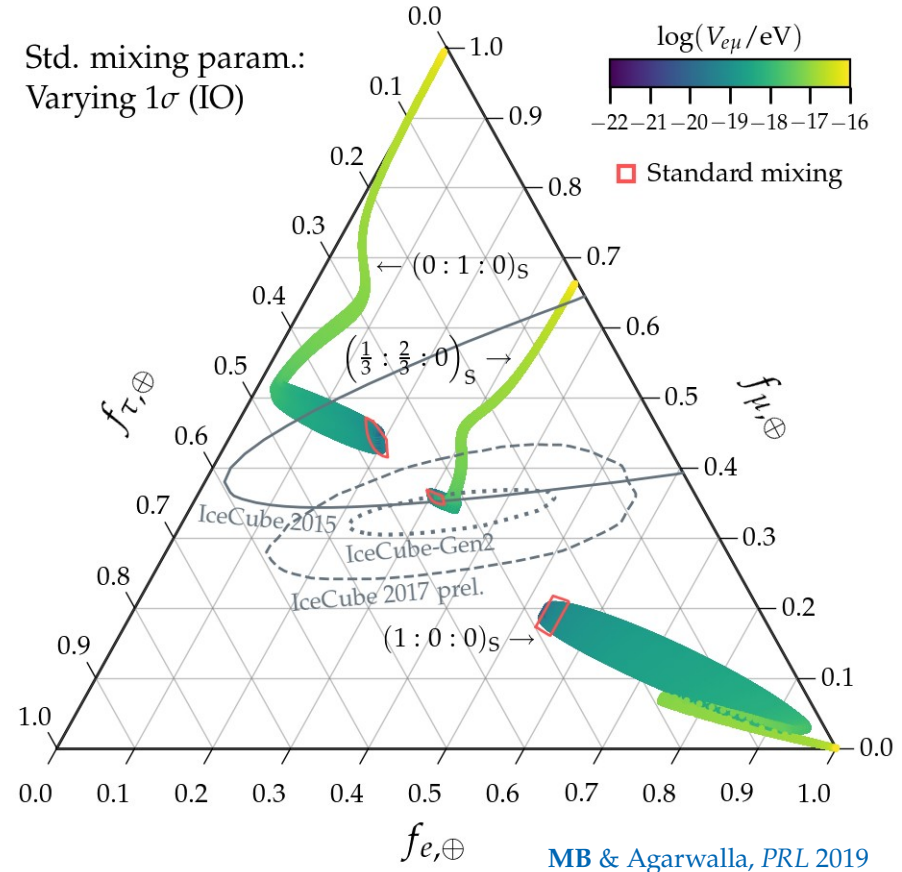
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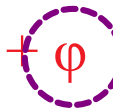
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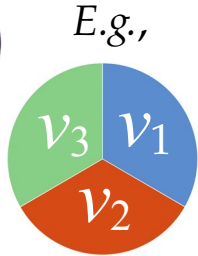
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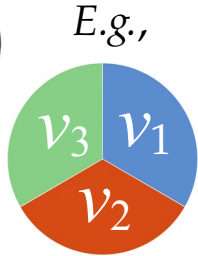
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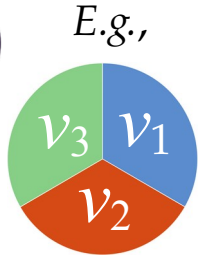
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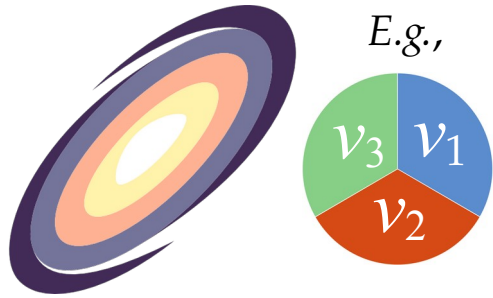
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... but  $\nu$  that travel longer  $L$  are more attenuated!

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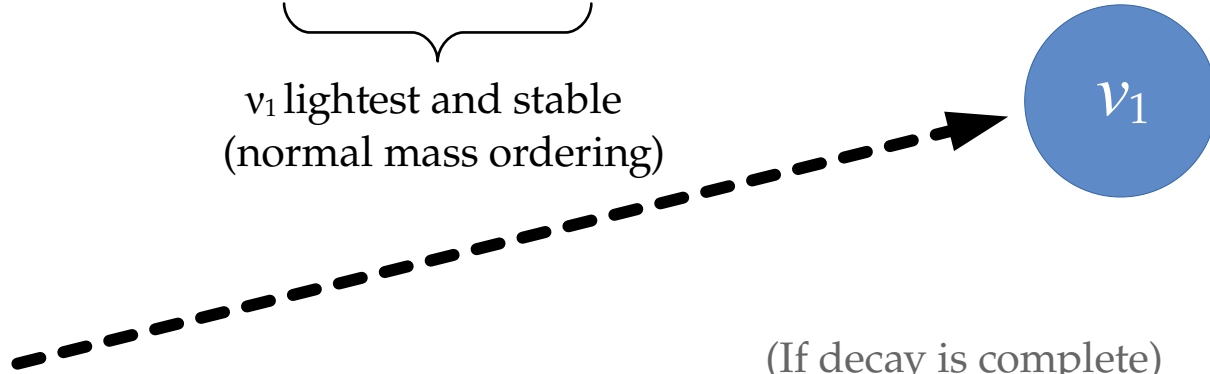
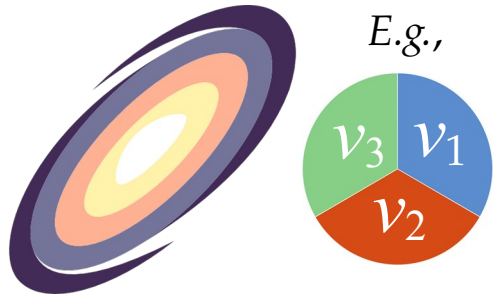
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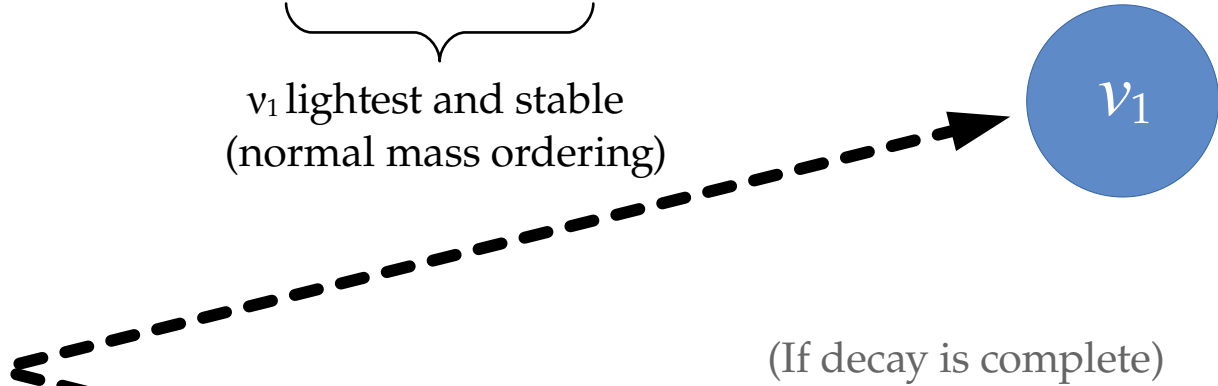
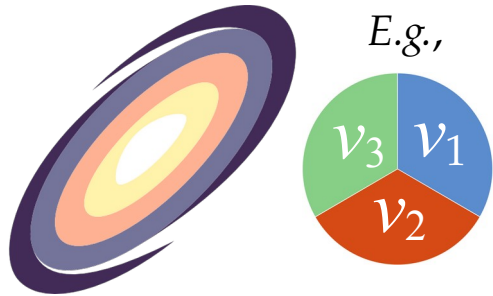
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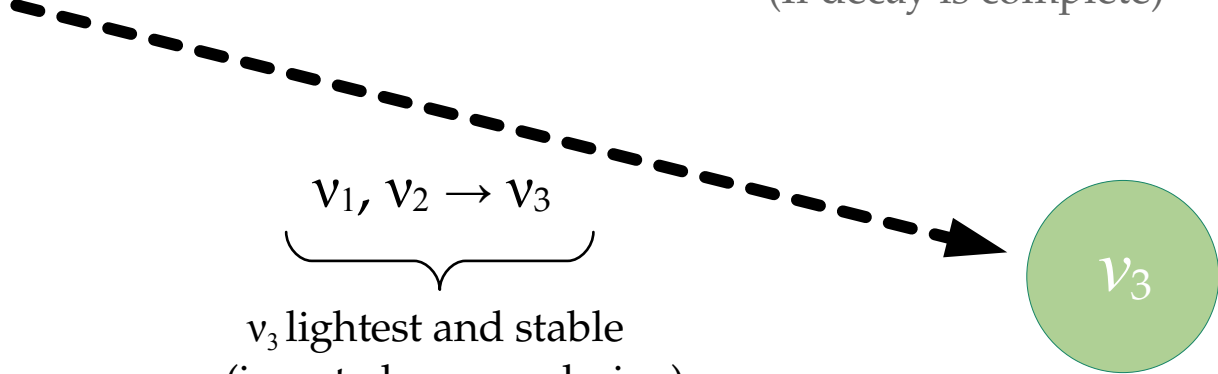


(If decay is complete)



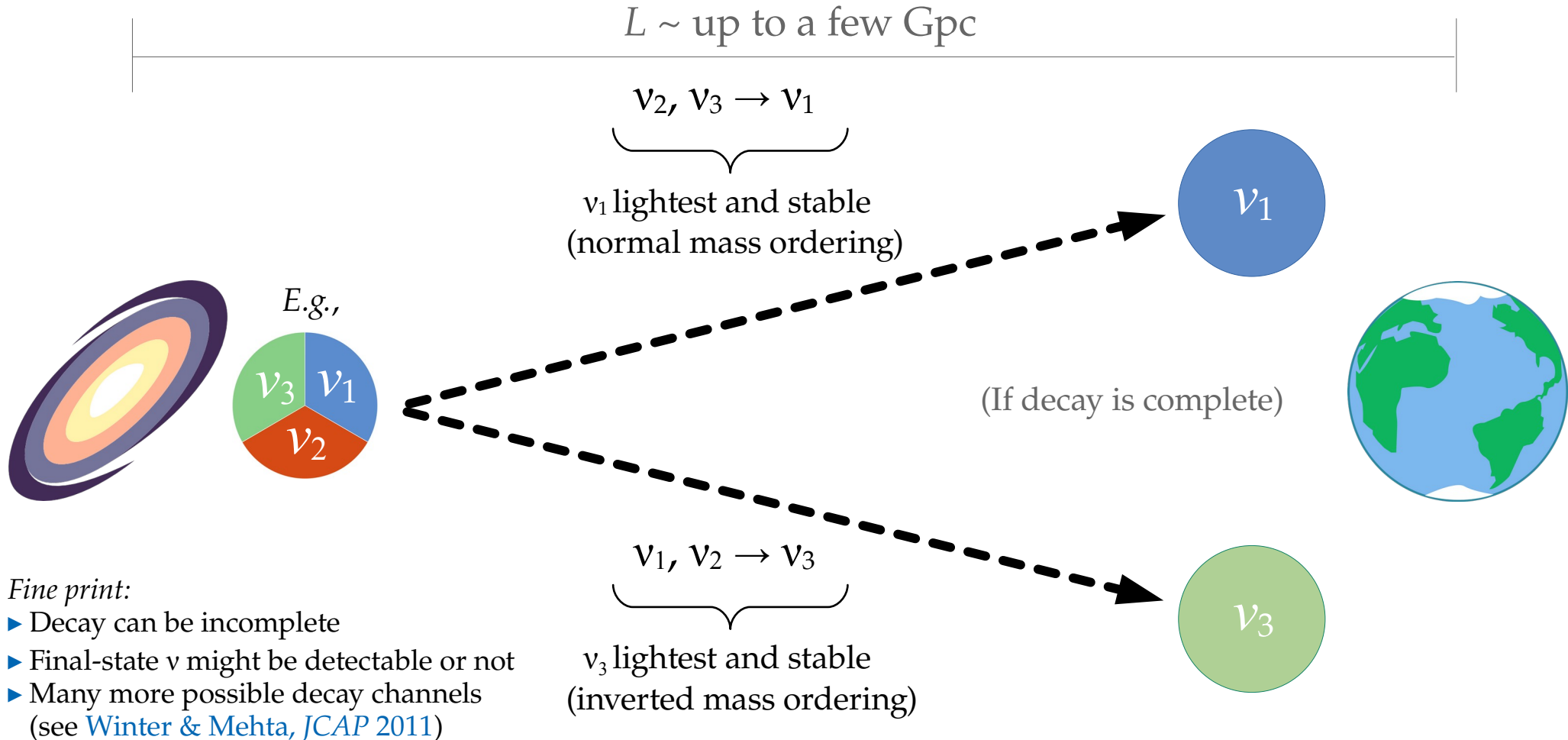
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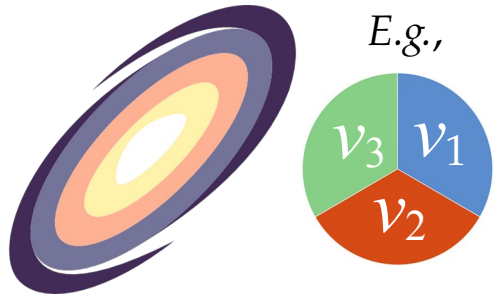
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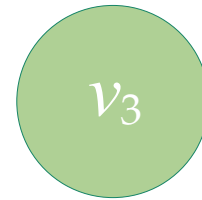
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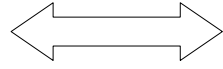


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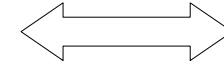
- ▶ Decay can be incomplete
- ▶ Final-state  $\nu$  might be detectable or not
- ▶ Many more possible decay channels (see [Winter & Mehta, JCAP 2011](#))

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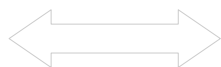
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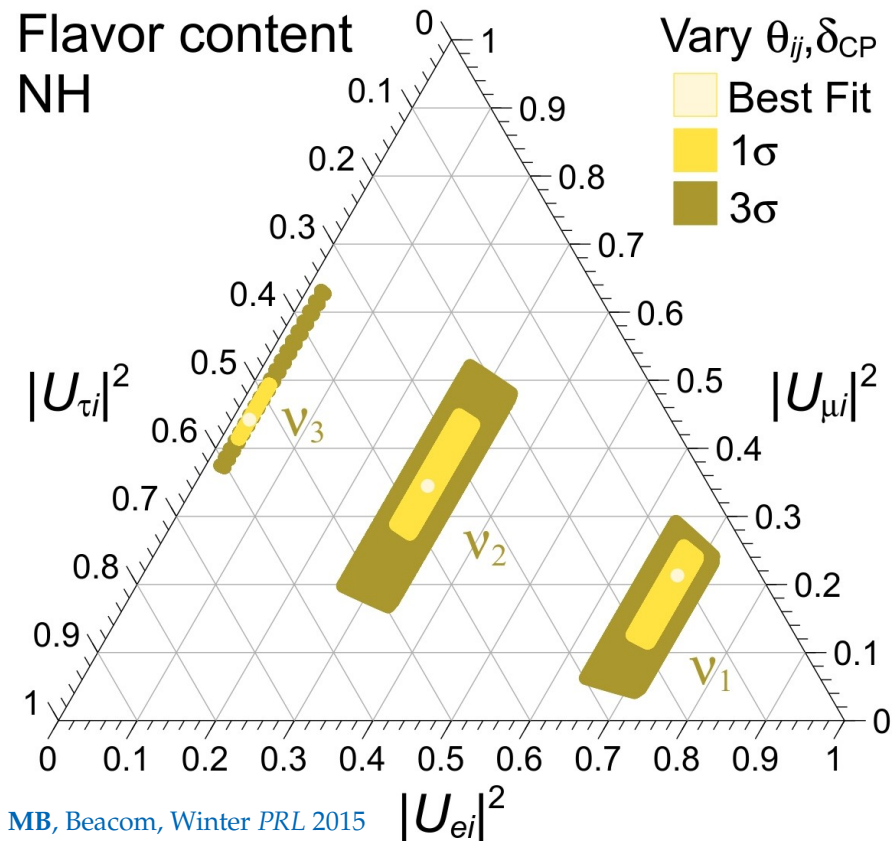
Flavor content of mass eigenstates:

Known to within 2%

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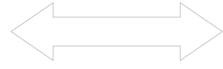
Known to within 8%

Known to within 20%  
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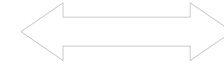


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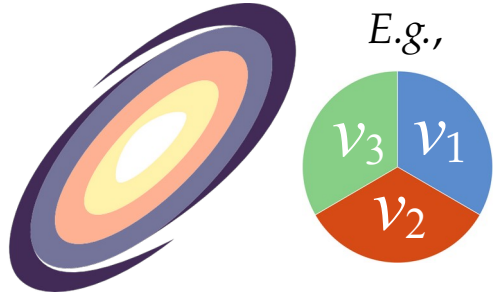
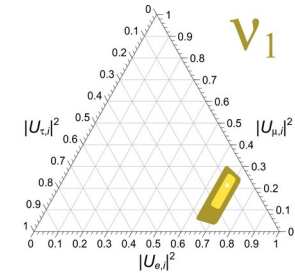
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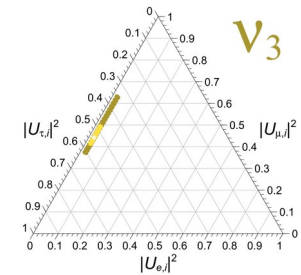
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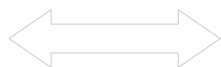
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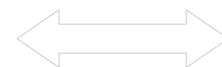
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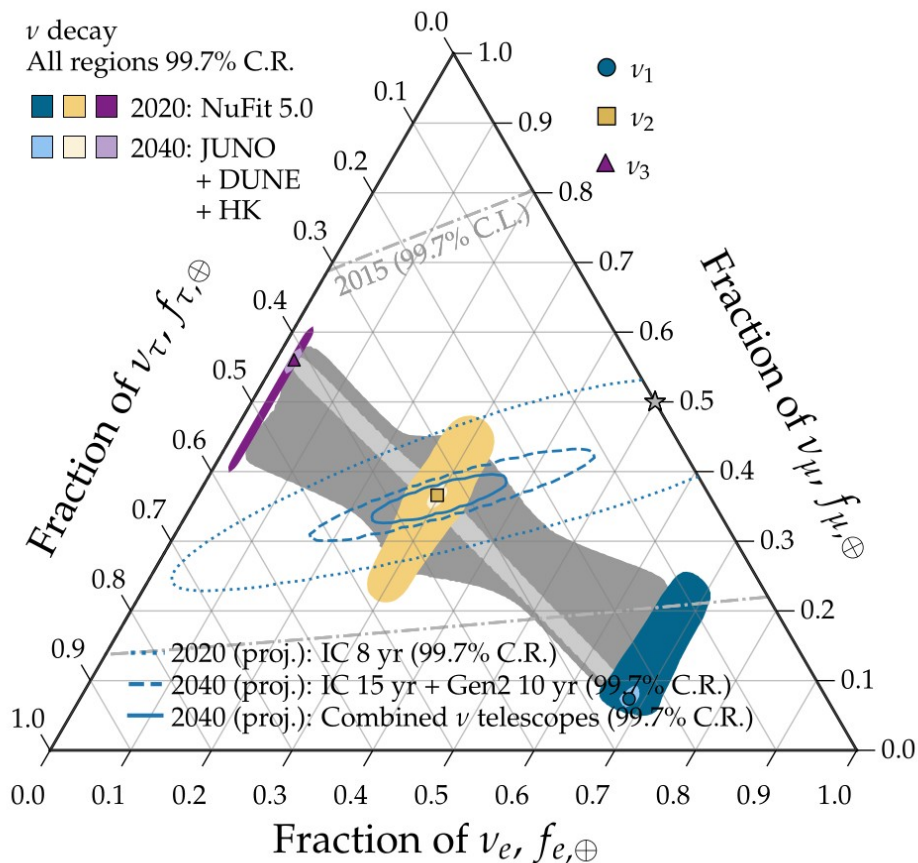
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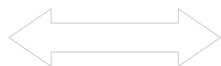
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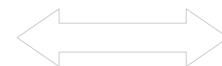
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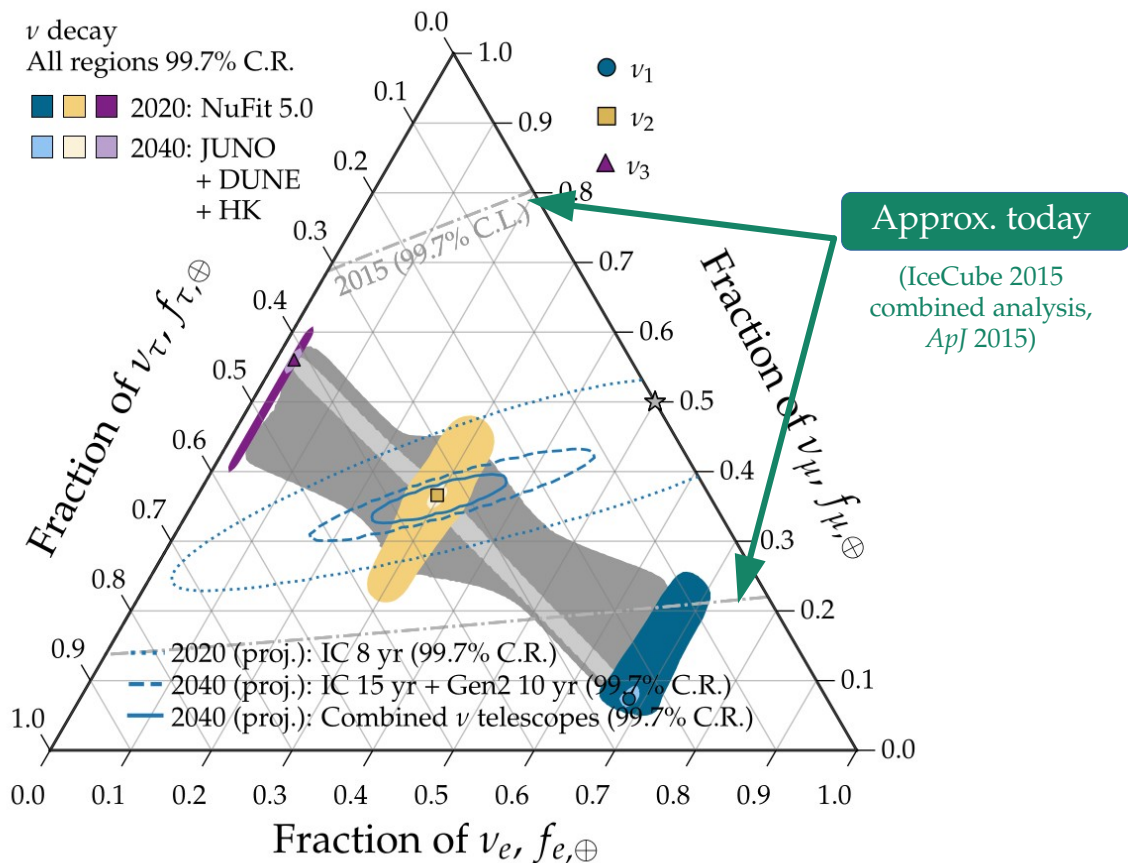
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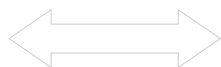




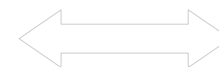
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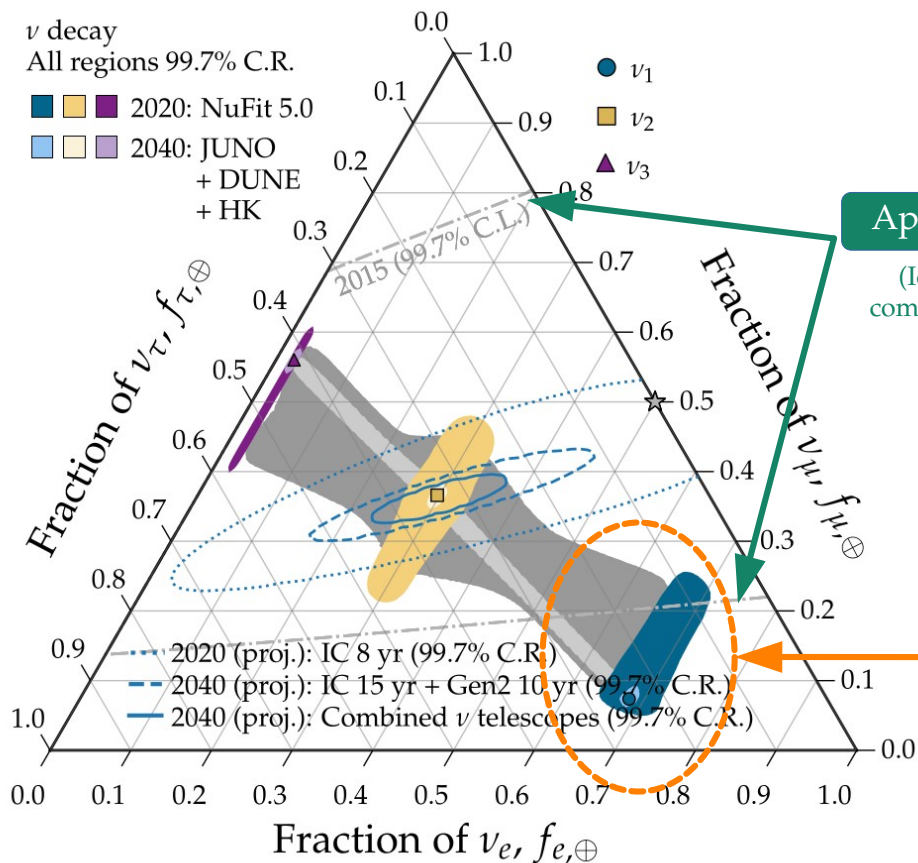
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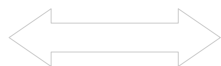
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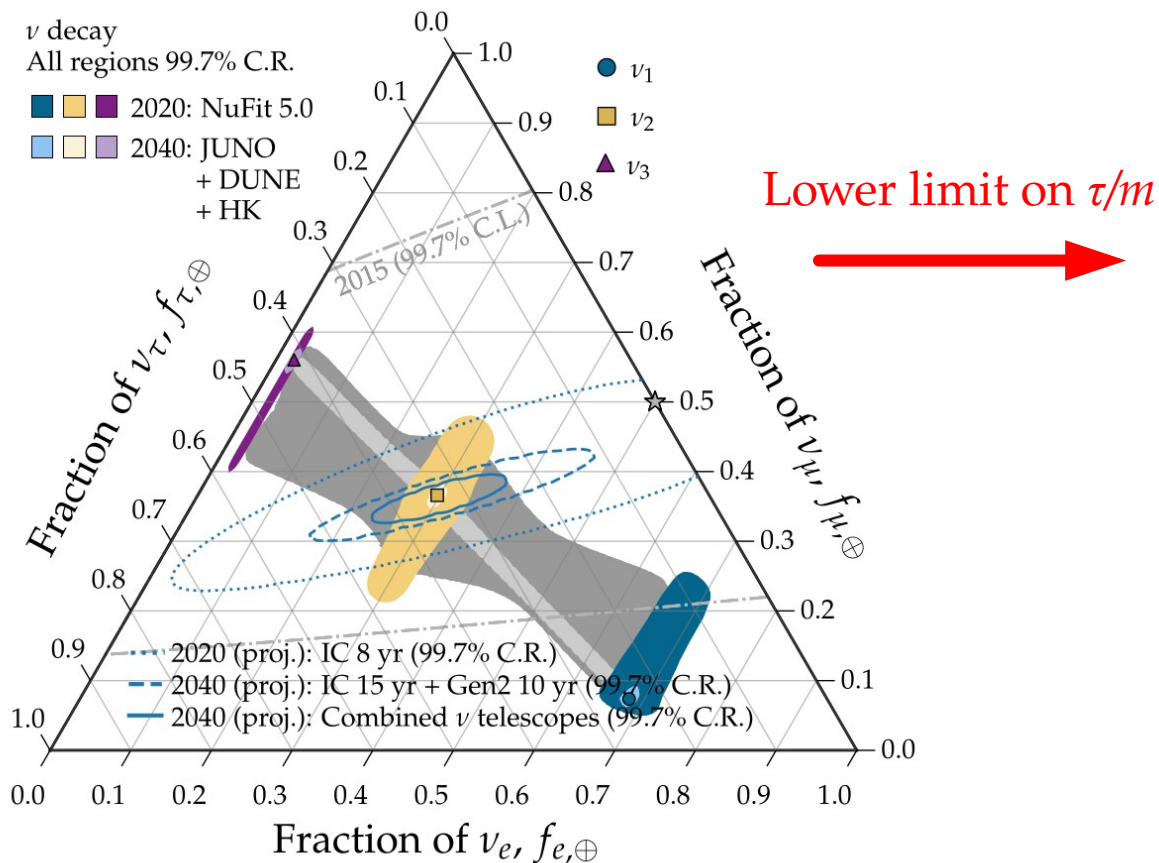
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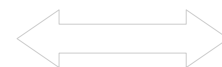
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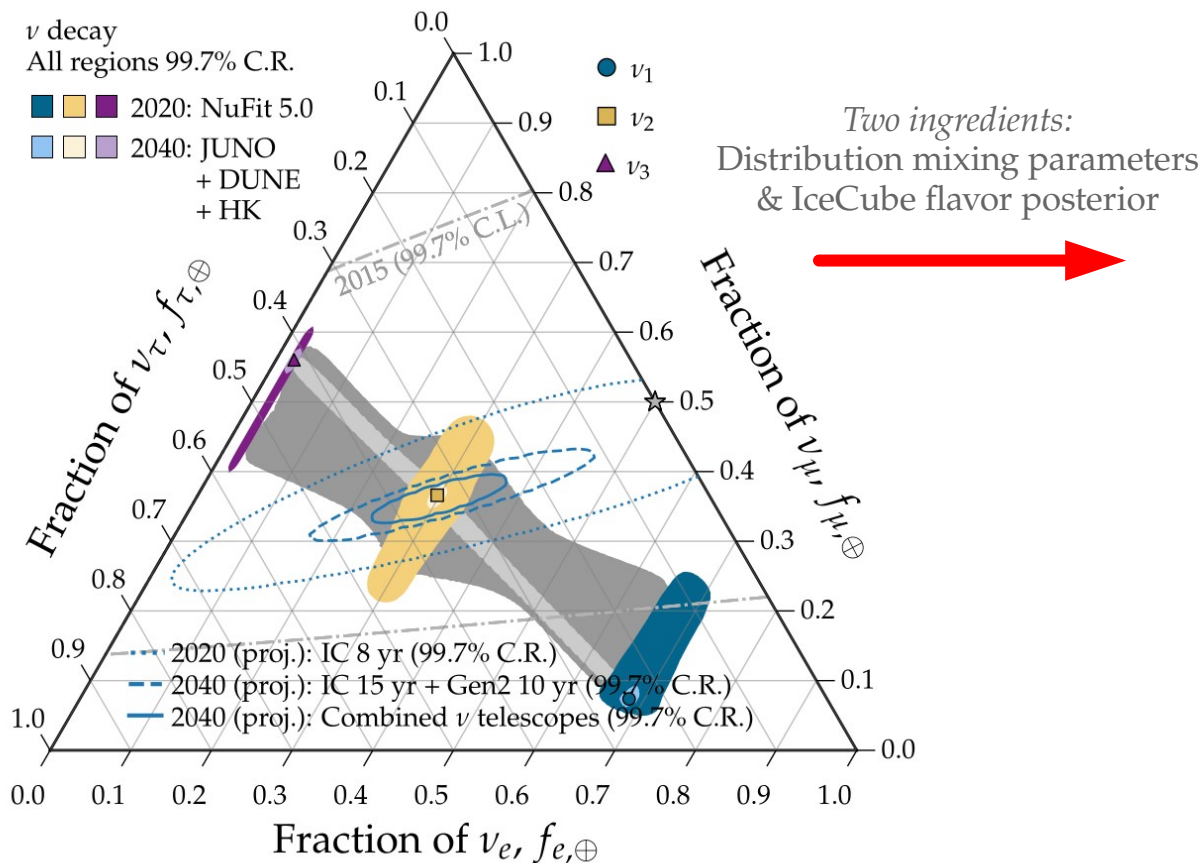
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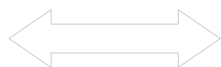
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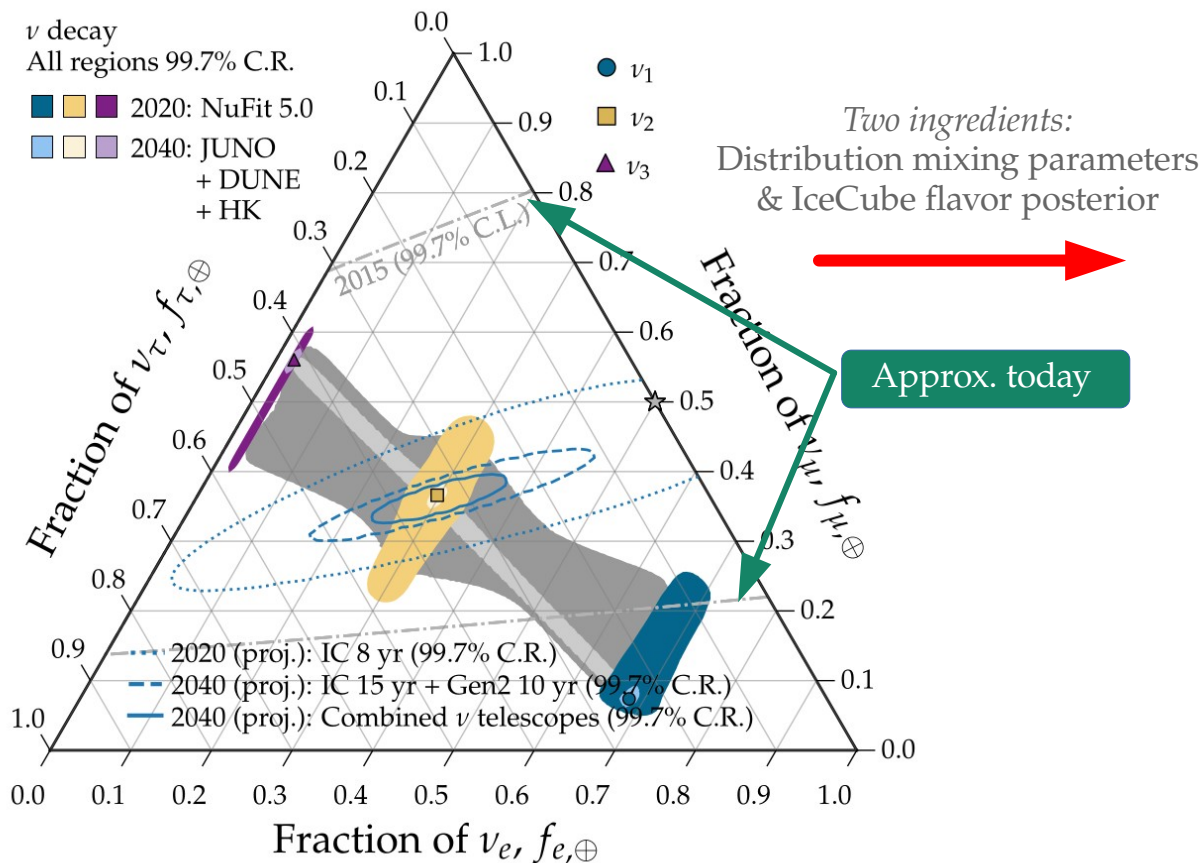
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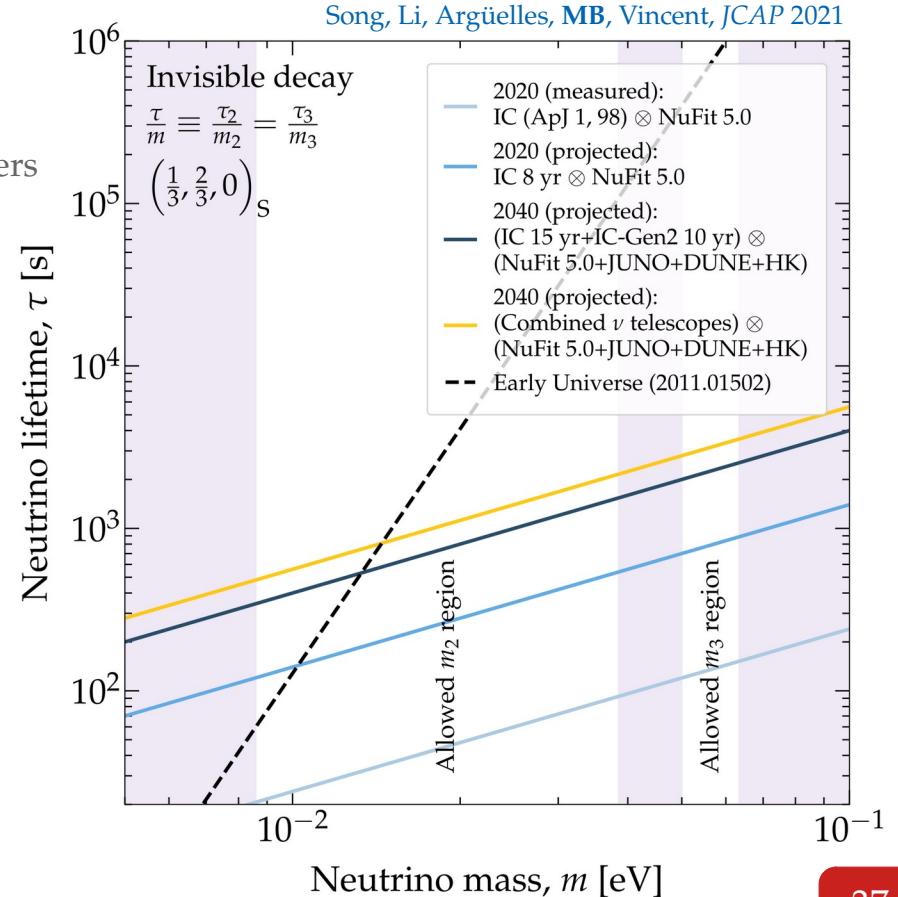
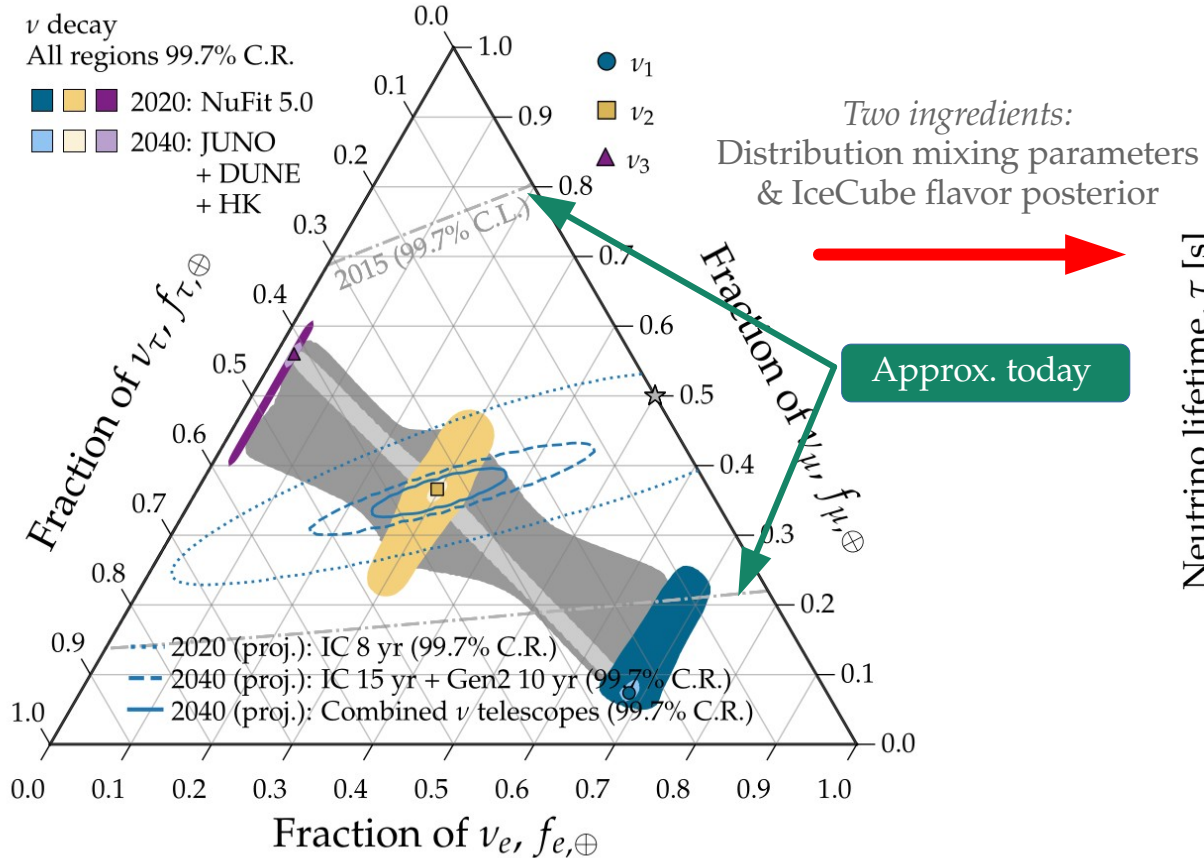
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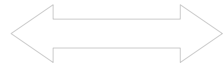




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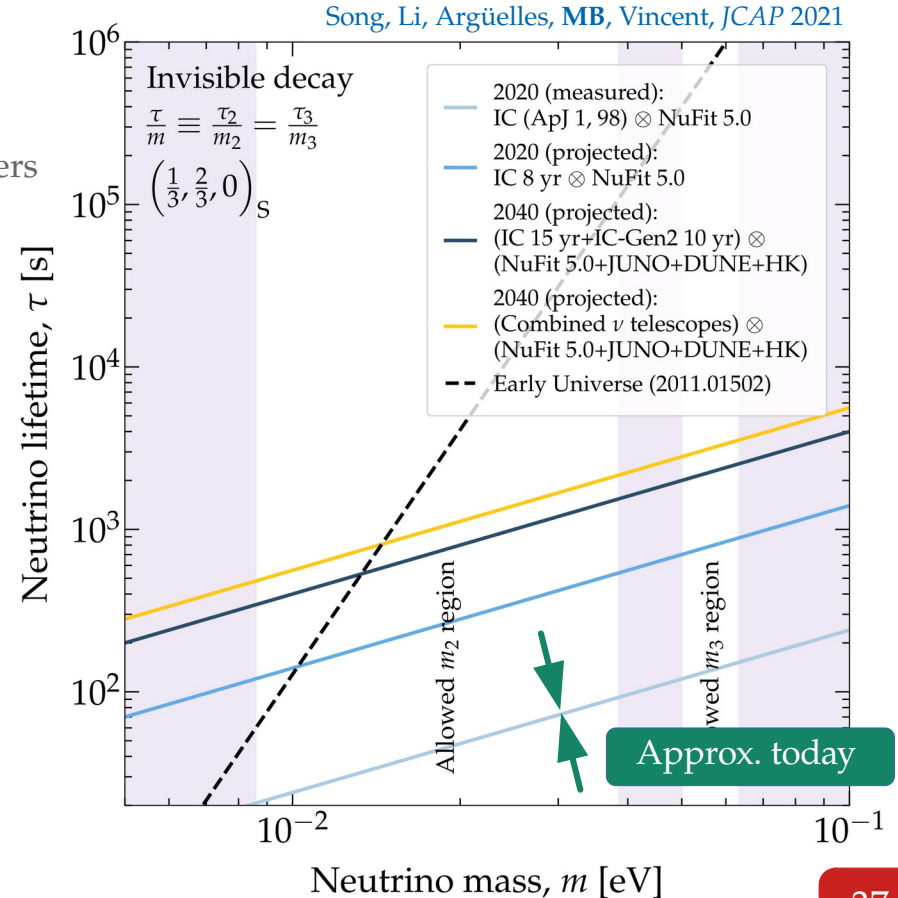
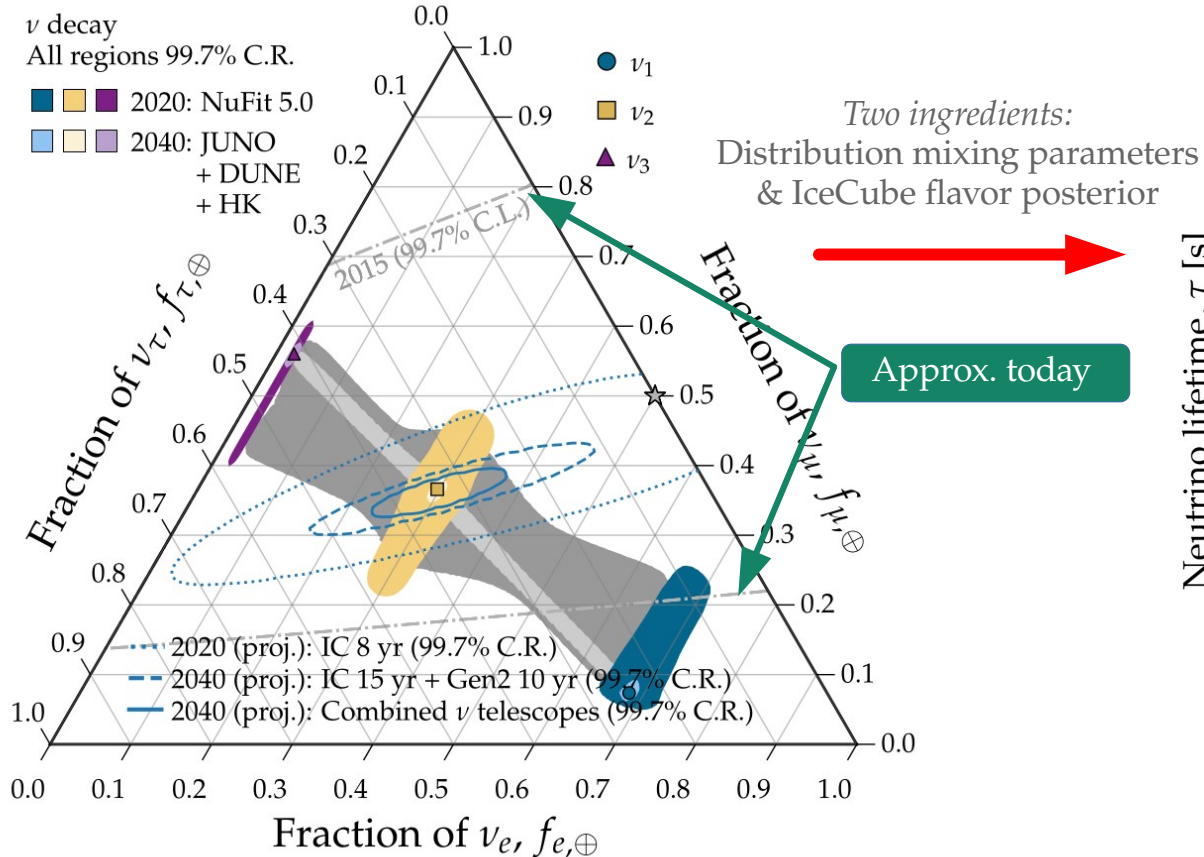
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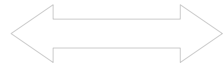




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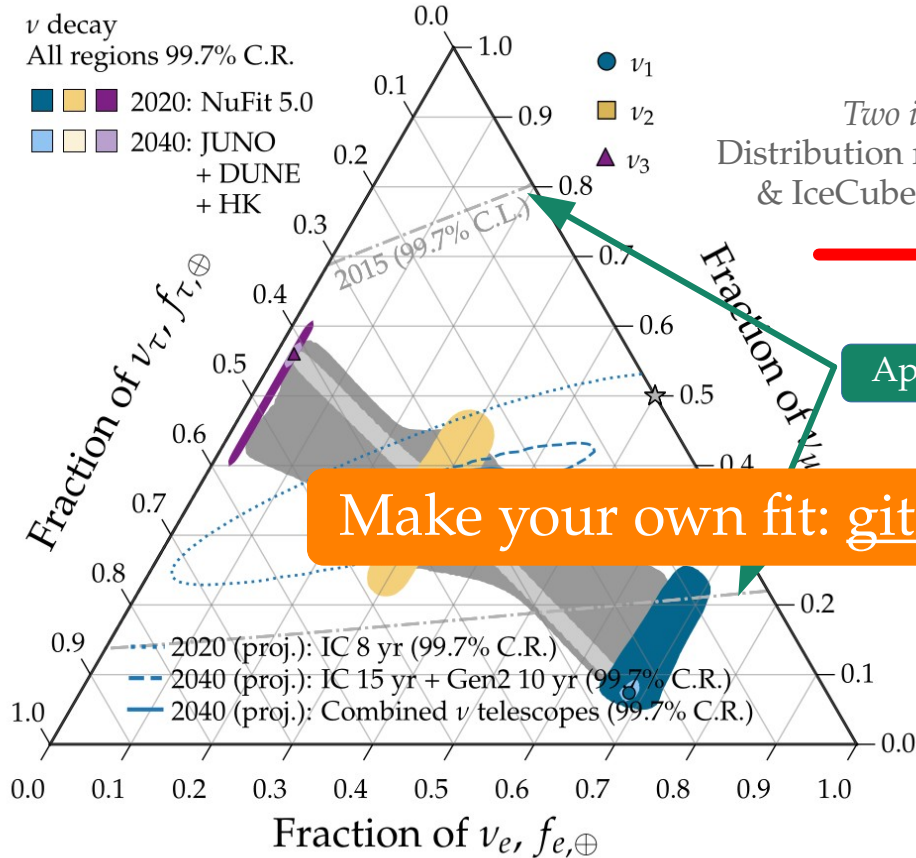
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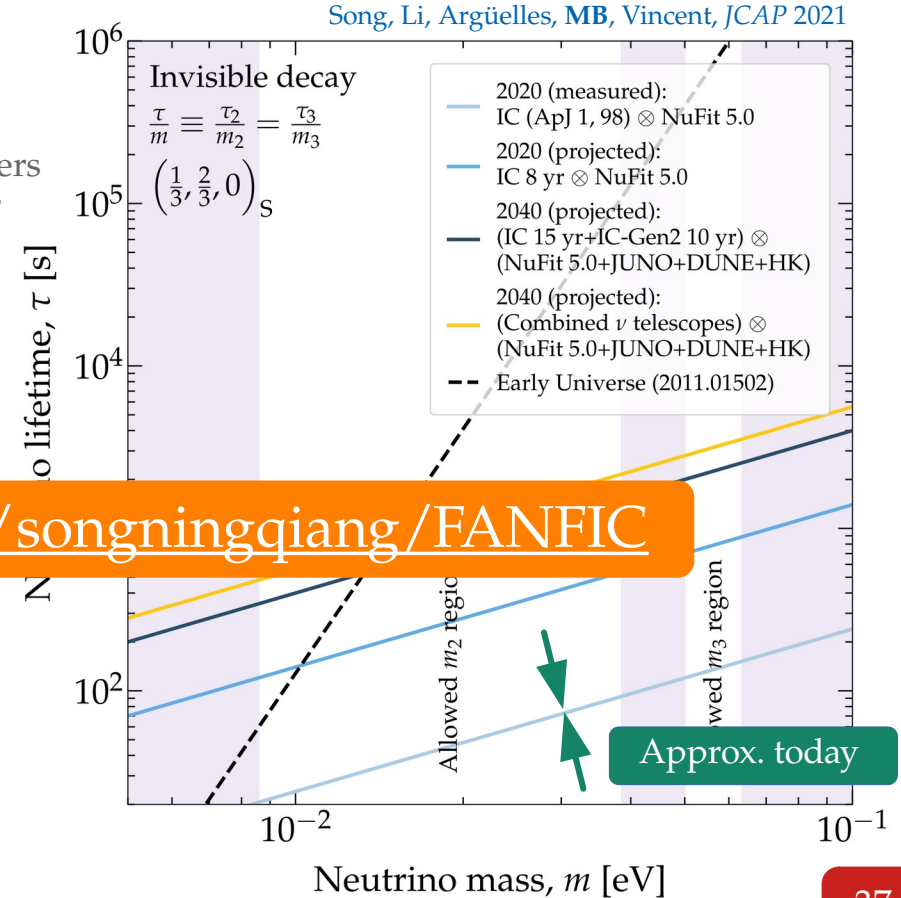
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Make your own fit: [github.com/songningqiang/FANFIC](https://github.com/songningqiang/FANFIC)



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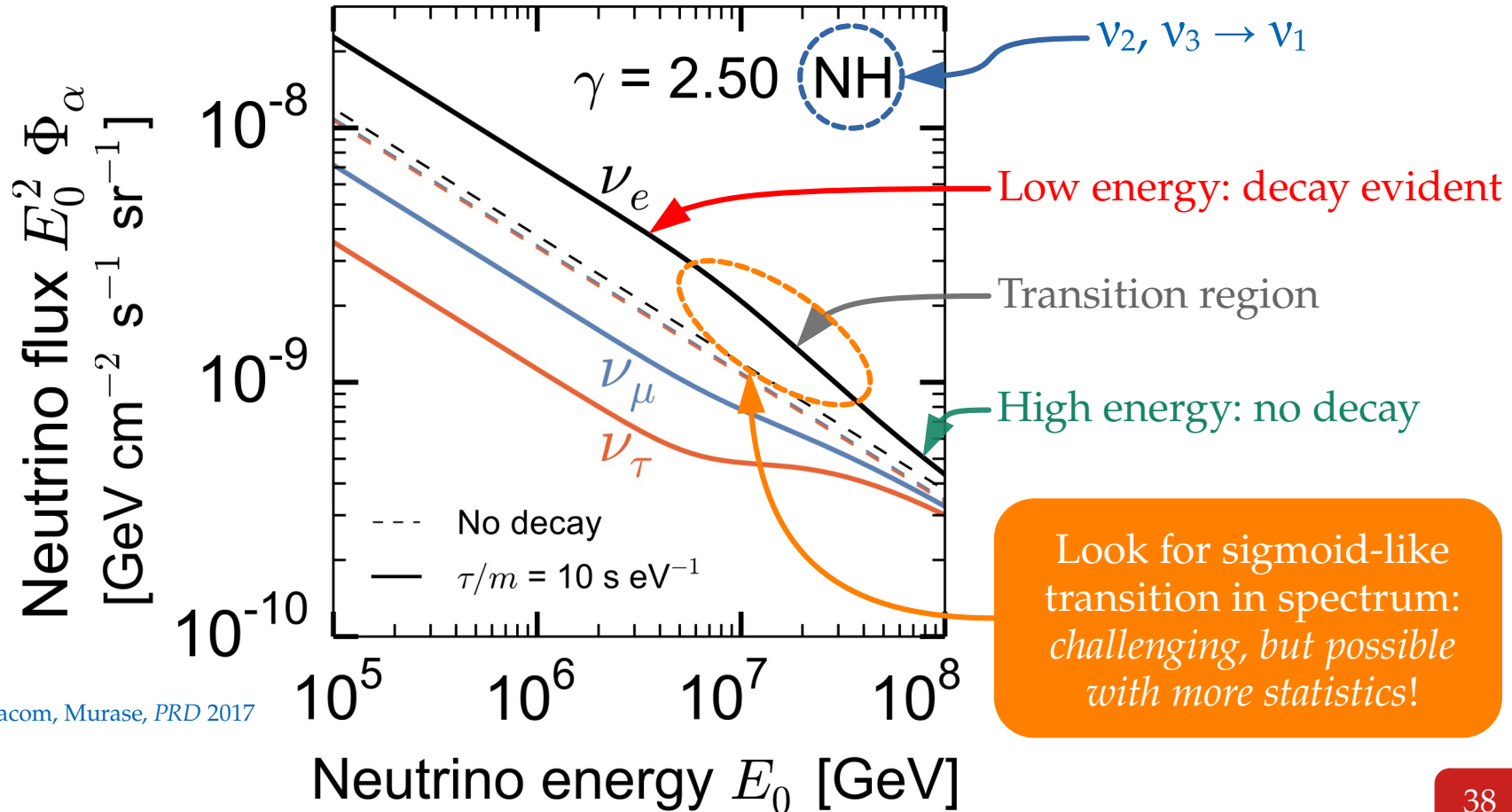
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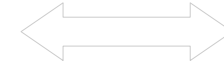
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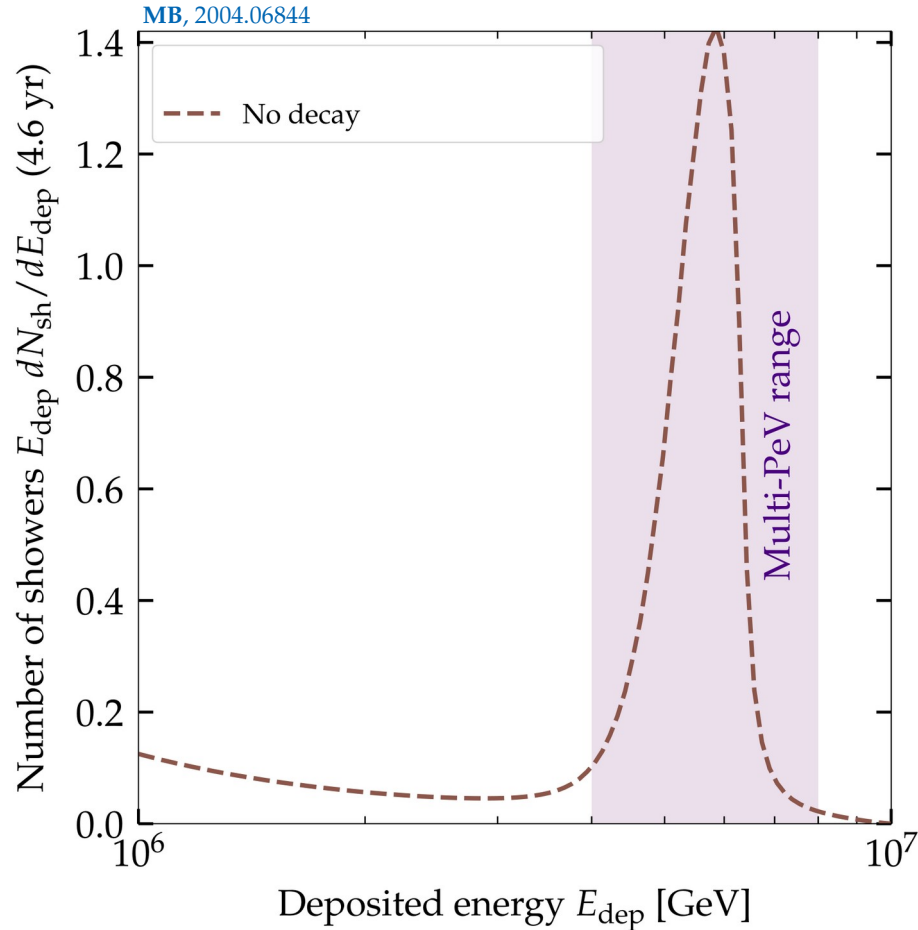
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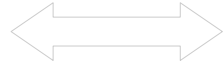
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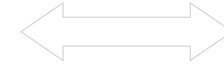
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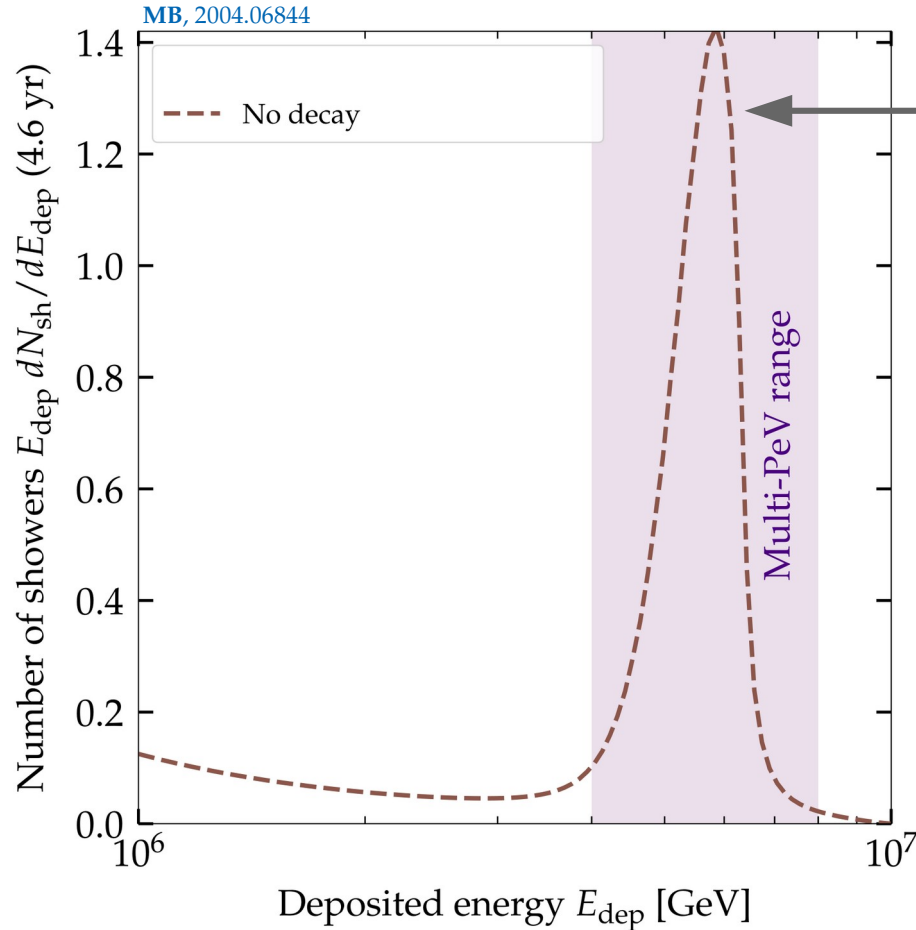
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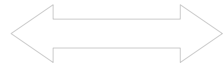
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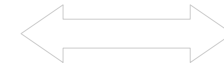
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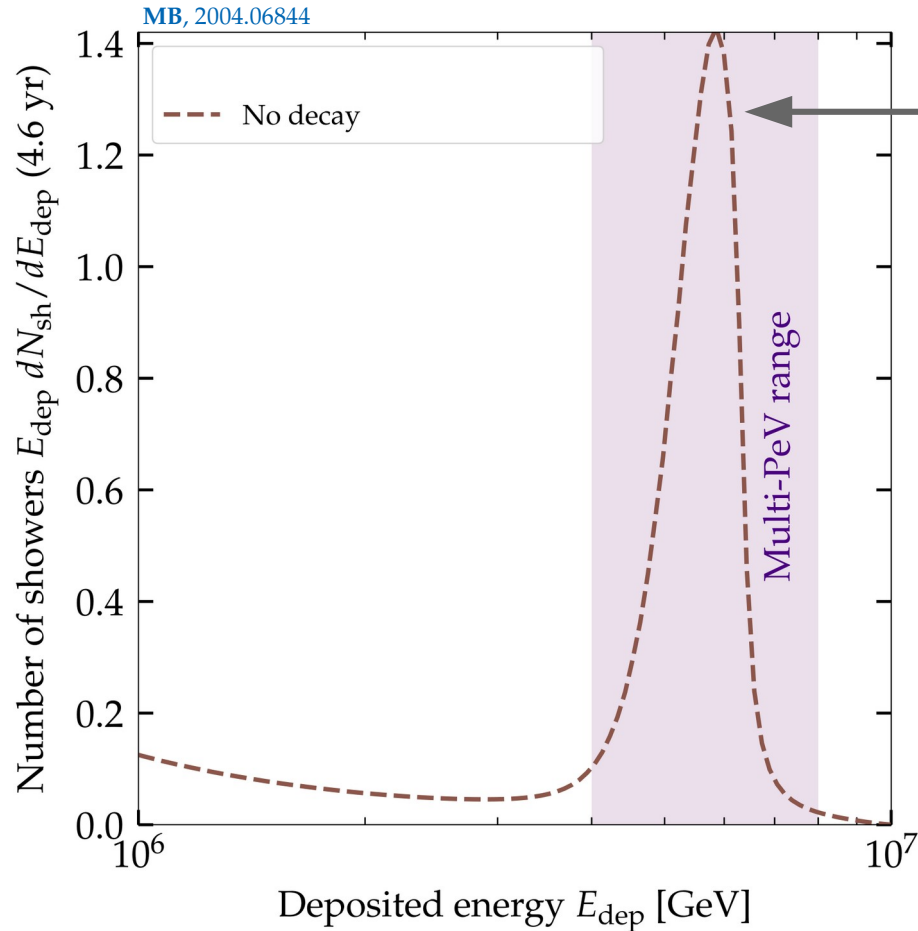
Flavor composition



Spectrum shape



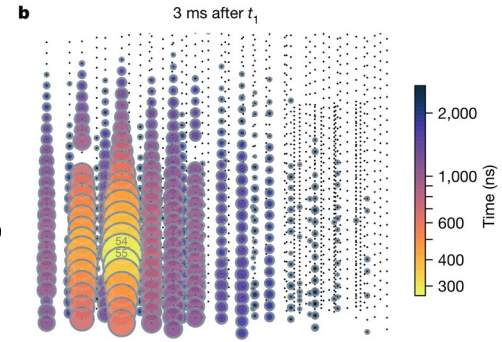
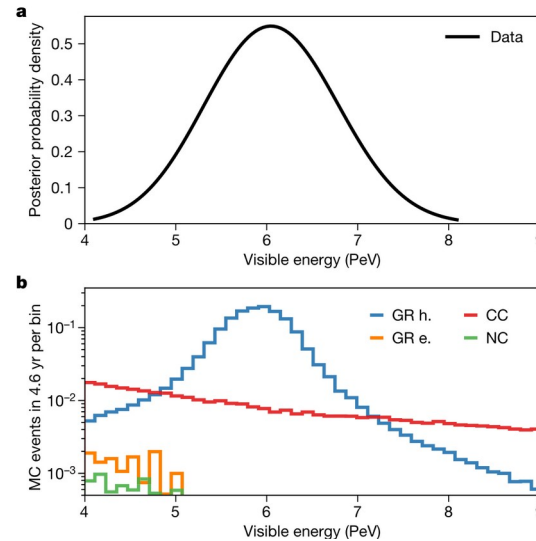
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Glashow resonance (GR):



IceCube has seen one GR candidate in 4.6 years:



IceCube Collab., *Nature* 2021

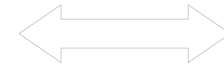
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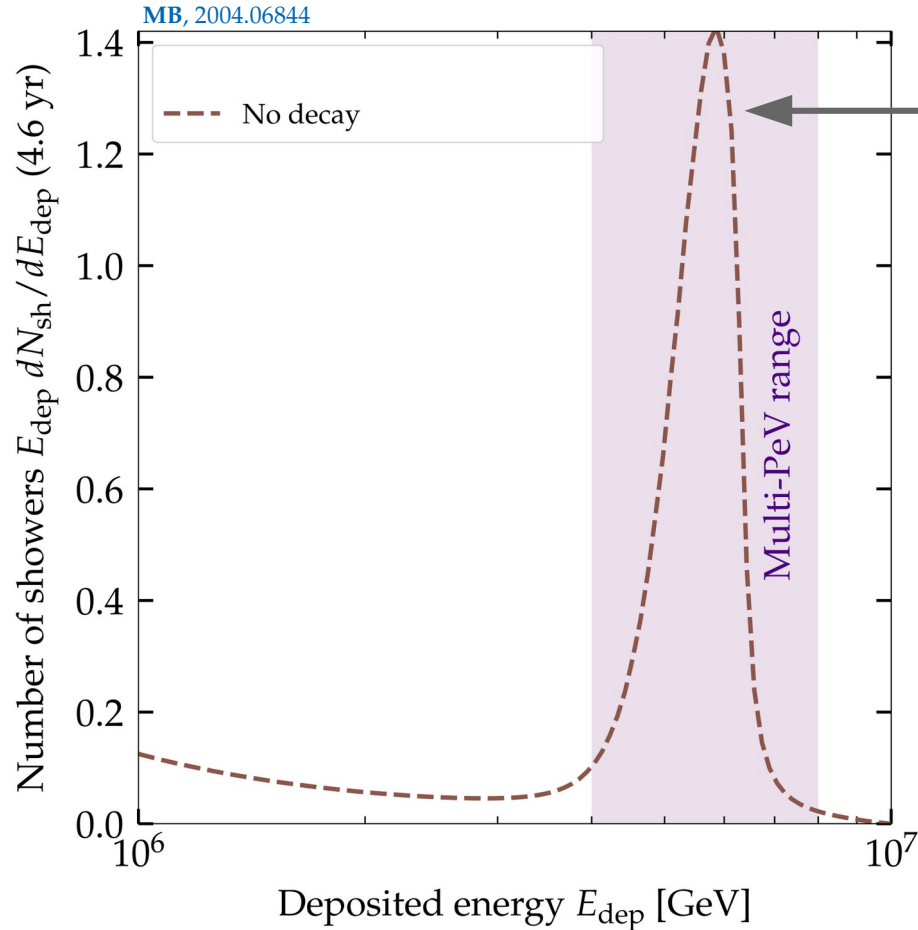
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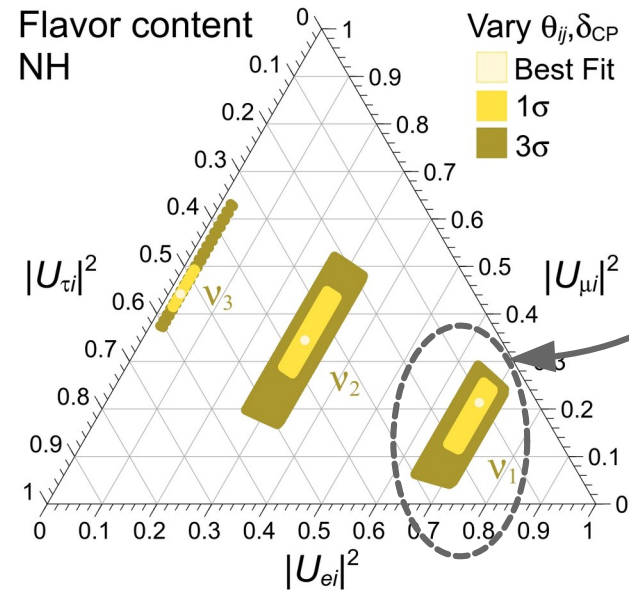
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$\nu_1$  is the mass eigenstate with the most  $e$  flavor





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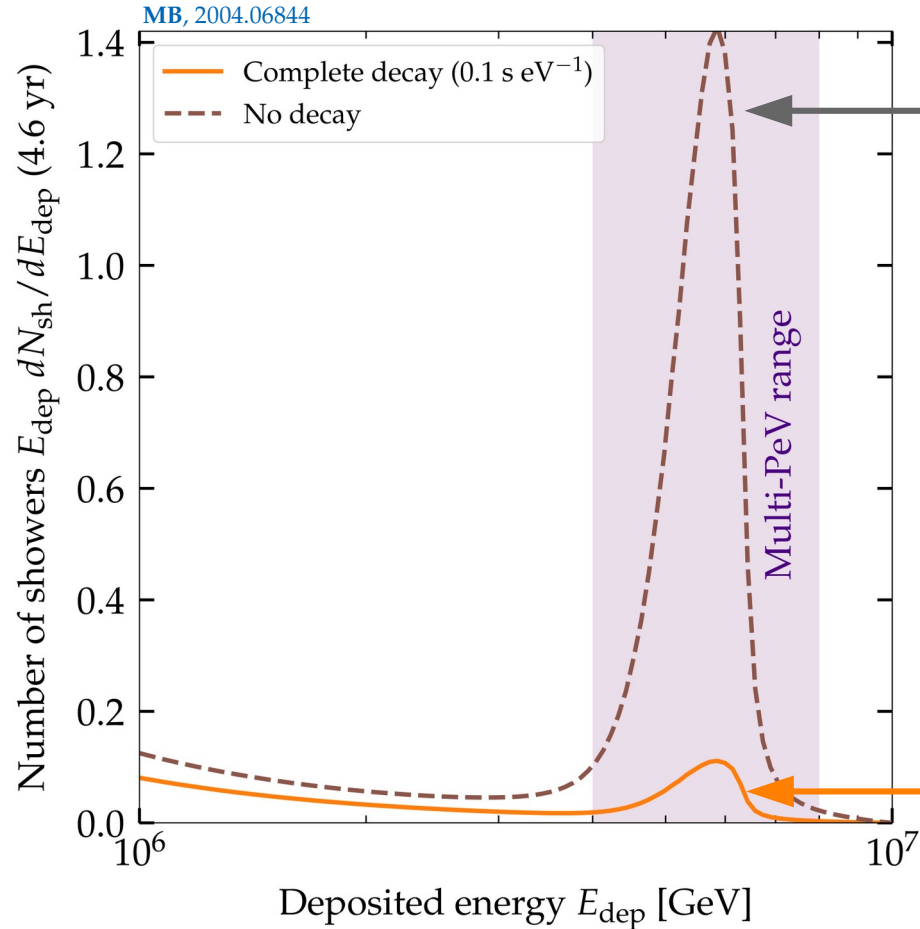
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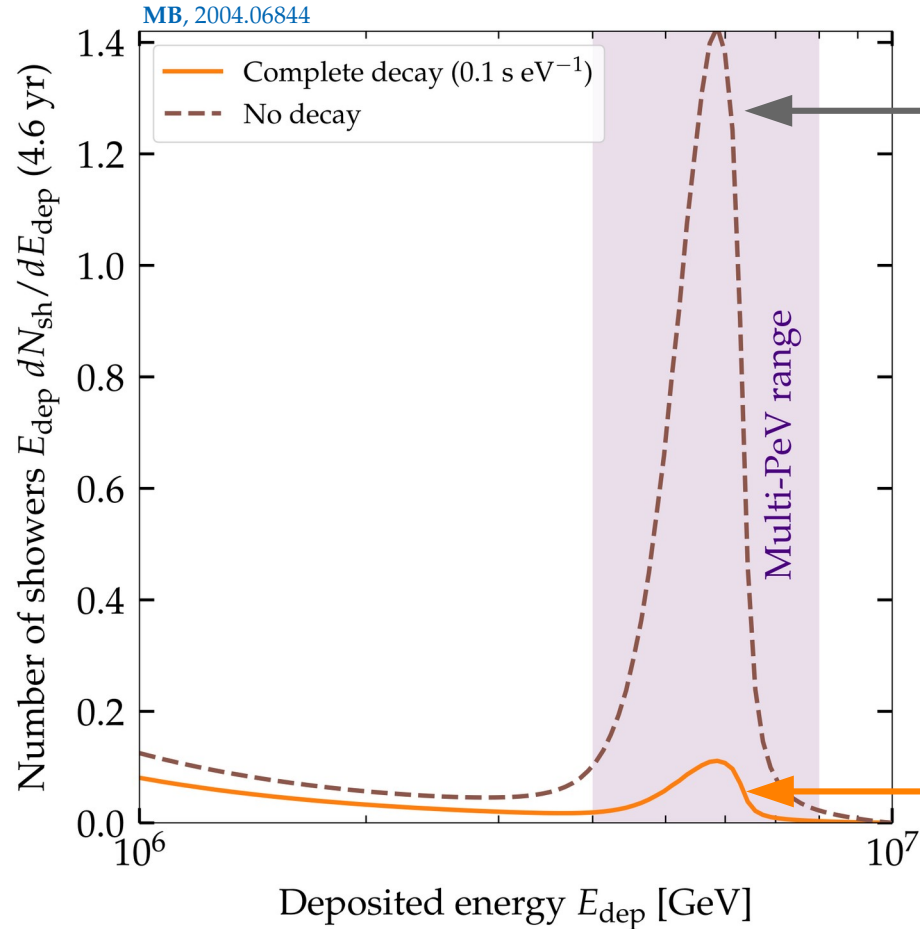
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So by having observed 1 GR event we can place a *lower* limit on the lifetime of  $\bar{\nu}_1 (= \nu_1)$

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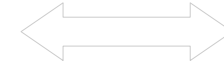
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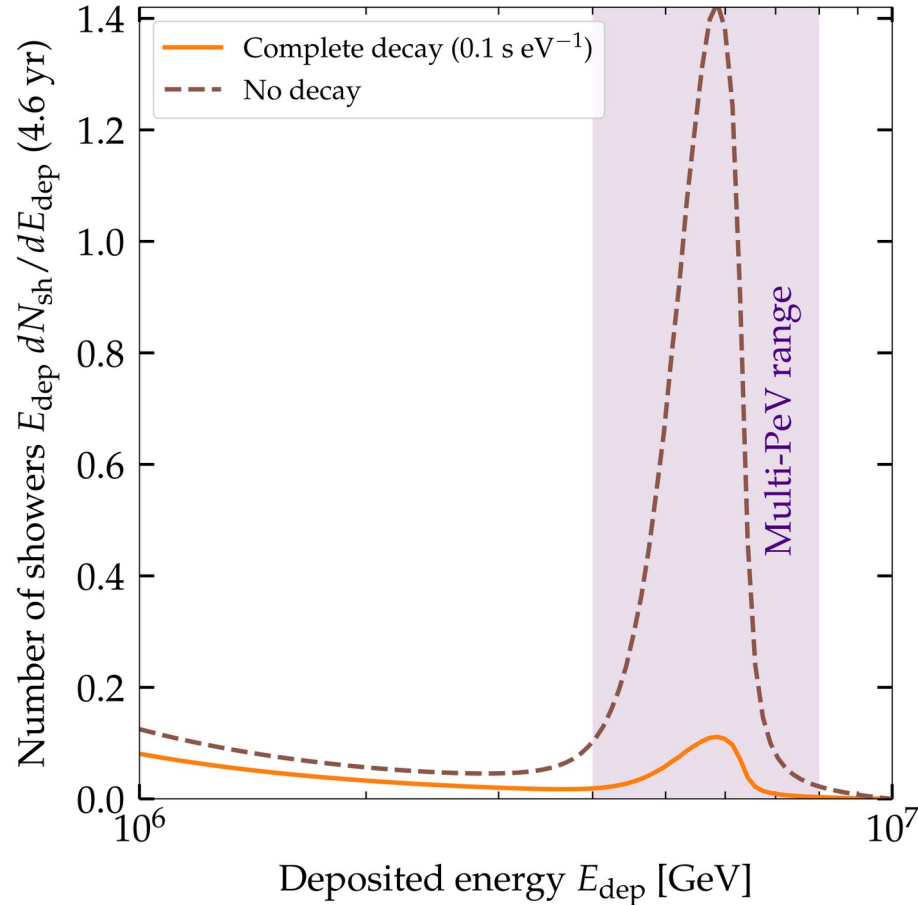


Spectrum shape



Event rate

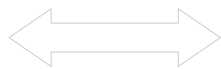
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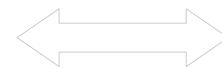
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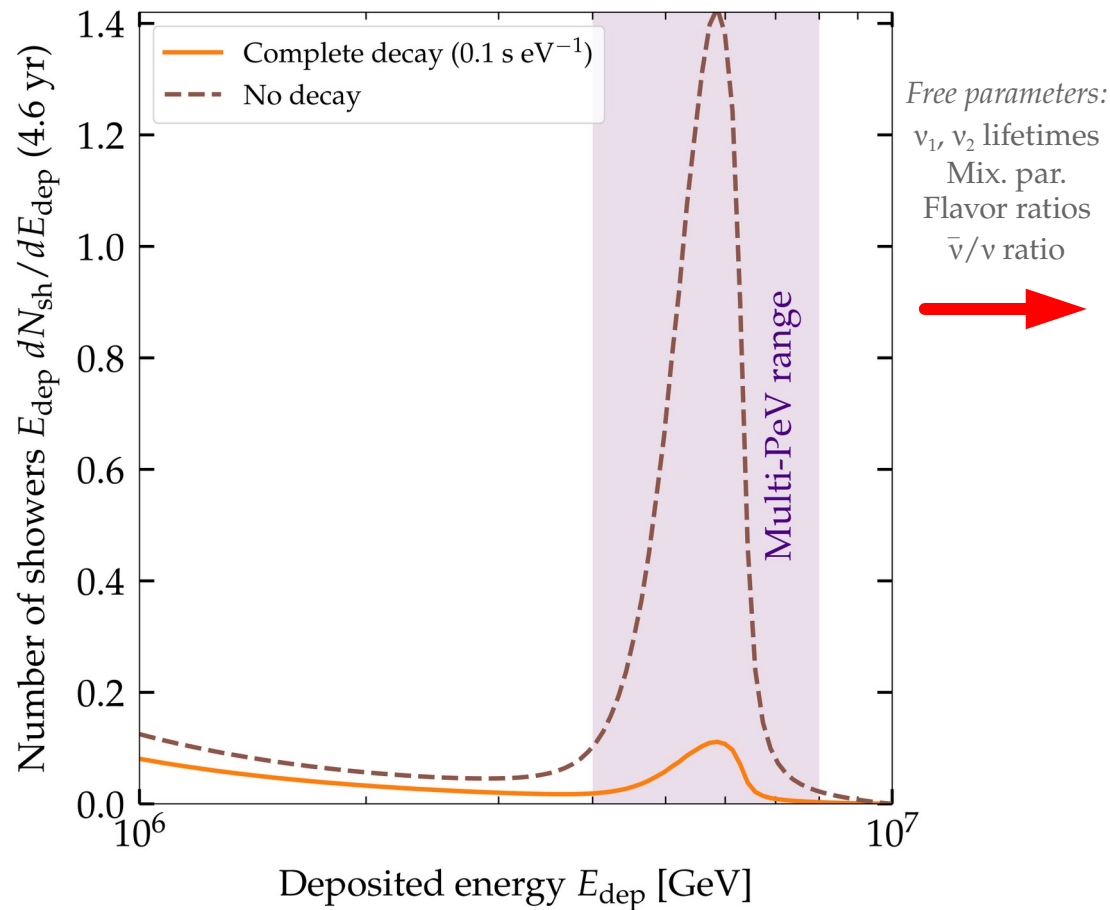


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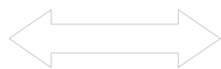
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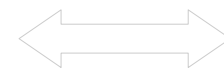
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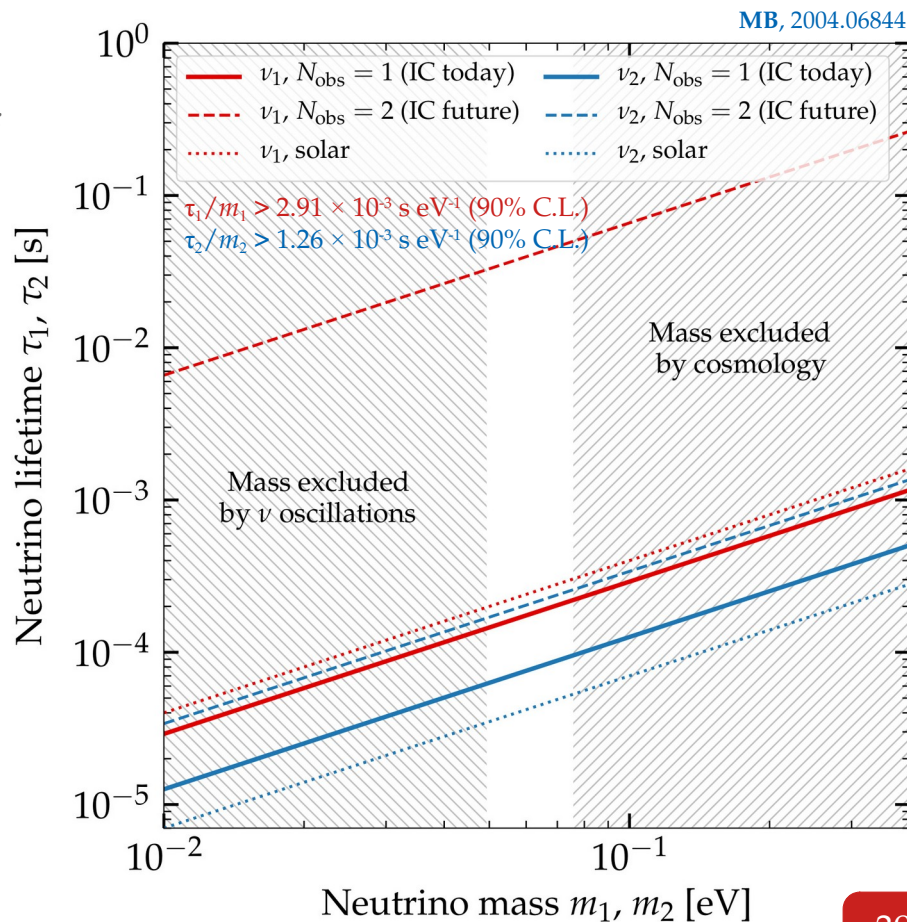
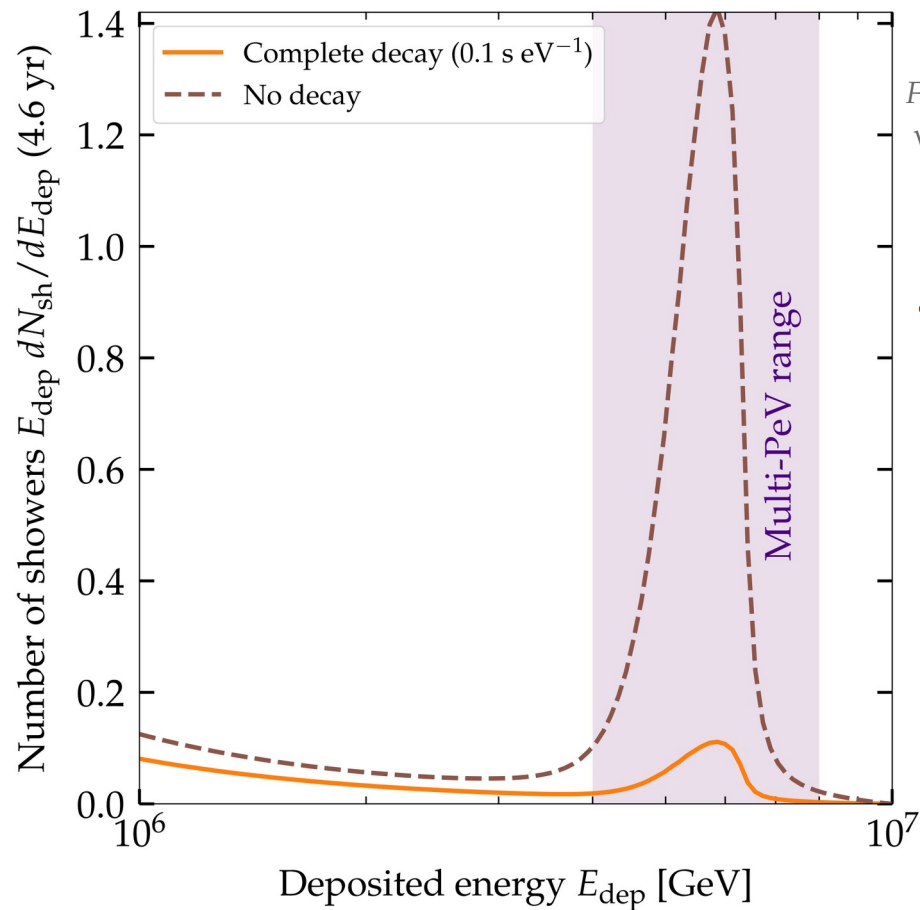
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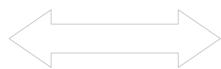
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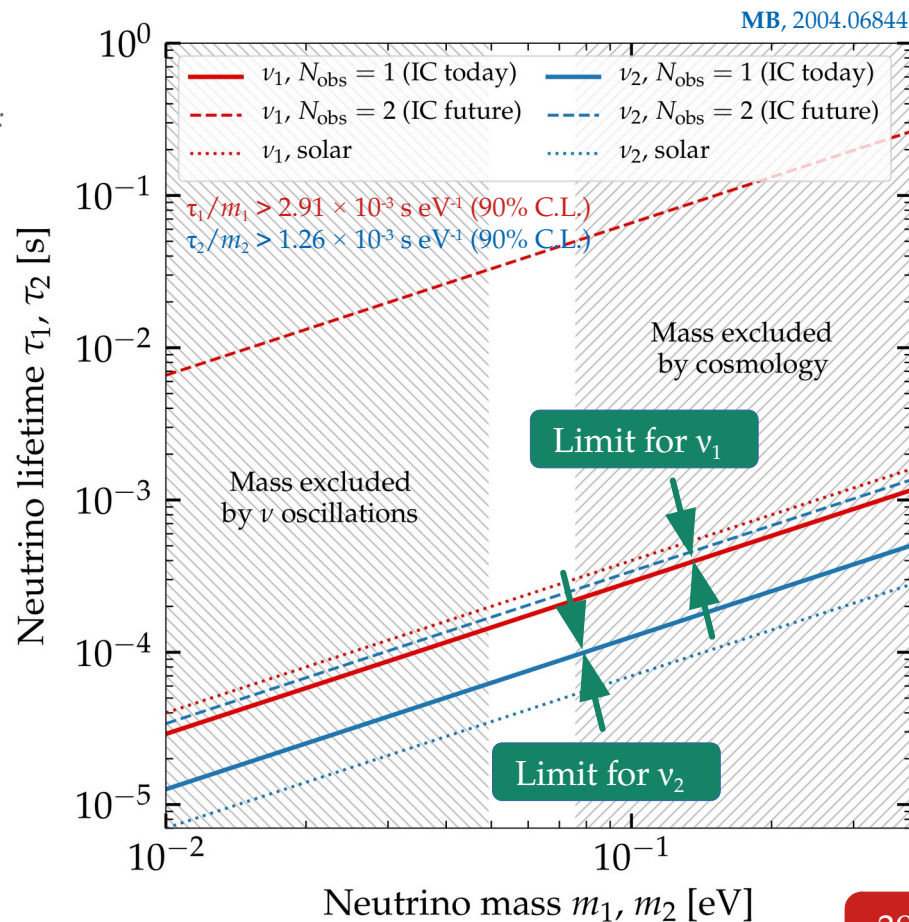
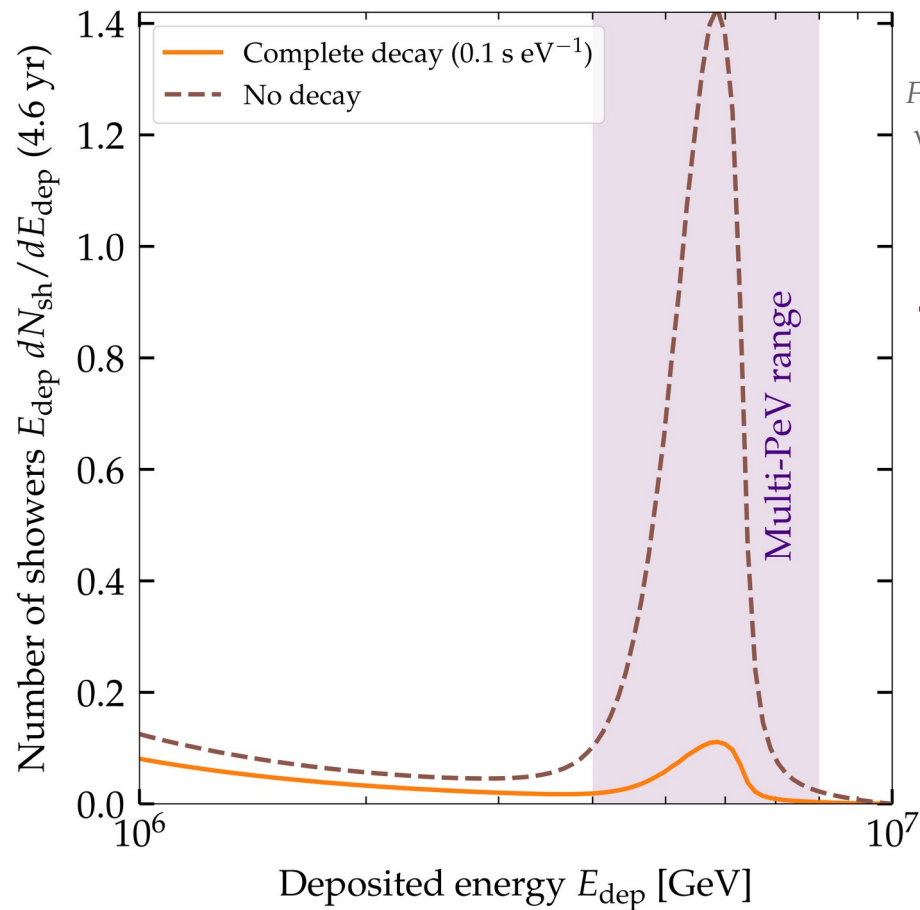
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# Baikal-GVD

Lake Baikal, Russia  
Effective volume:  $\sim 1.5 \text{ km}^3$   
90 strings, 1000+ optical modules



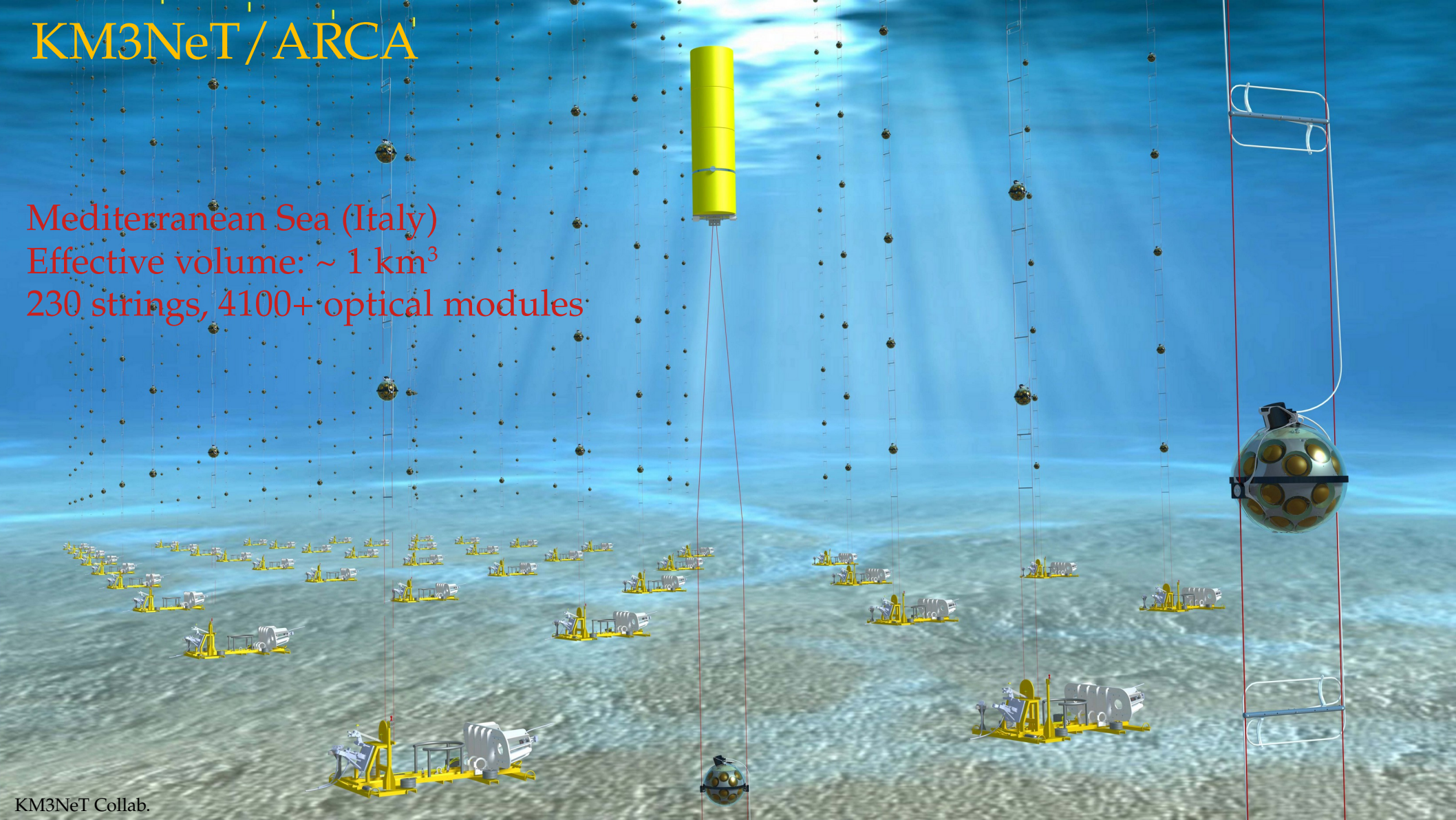


# KM3NeT/ARCA

Mediterranean Sea (Italy)

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

230 strings, 4100+ optical modules





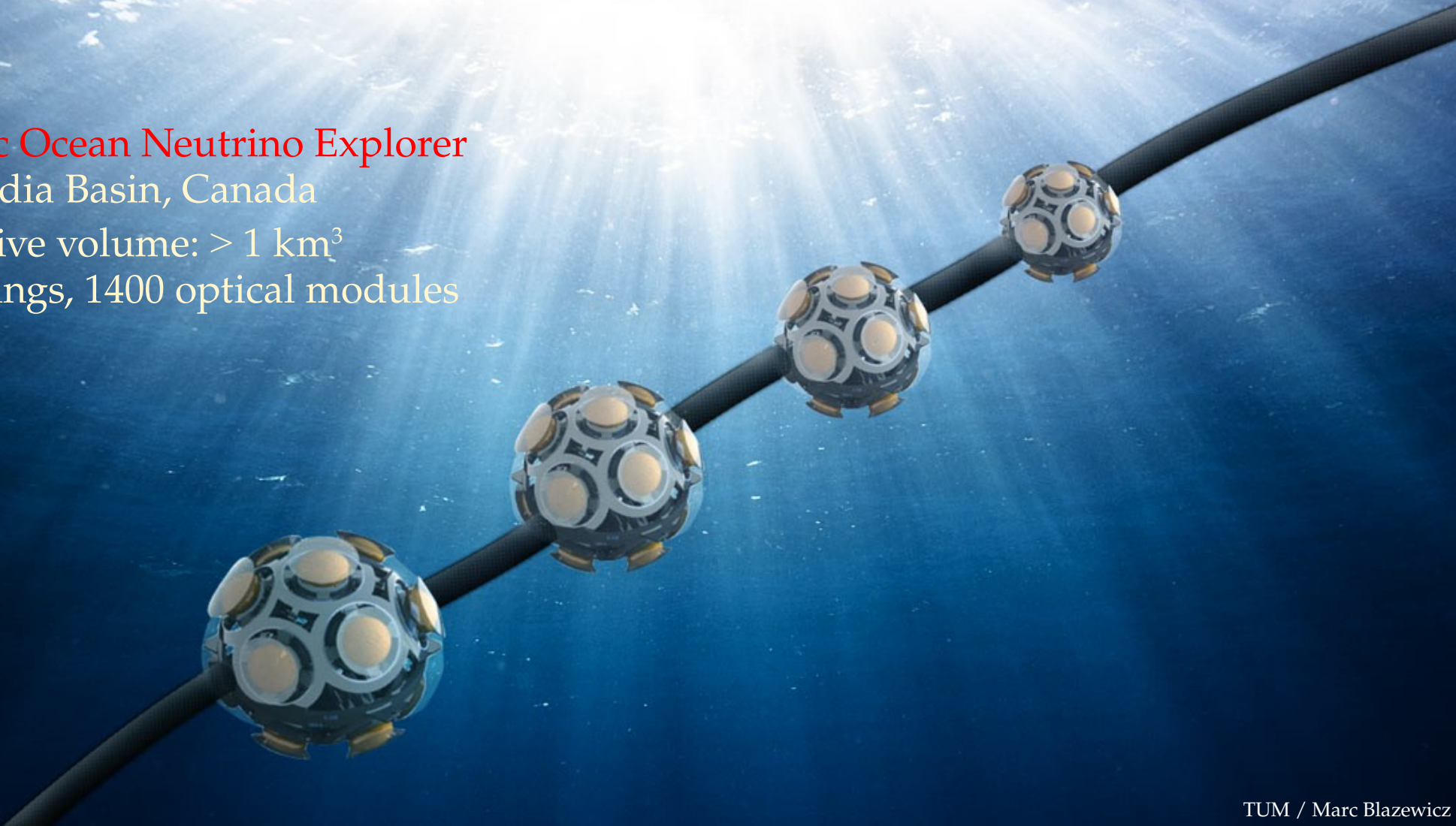
# P-ONE

Pacific Ocean Neutrino Explorer

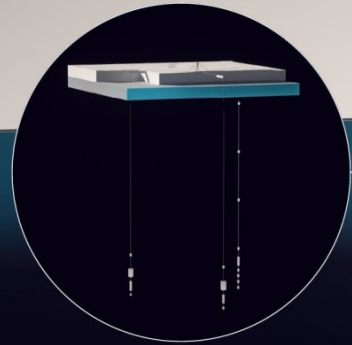
Cascadia Basin, Canada

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

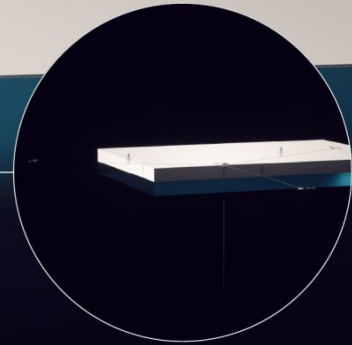
70 strings, 1400 optical modules



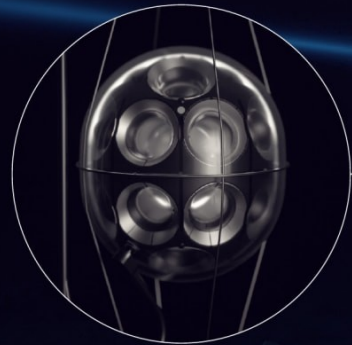
# IceCube-Gen2



Radio Array | Station

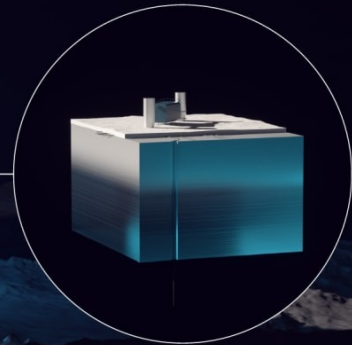


Surface Array | Station



Optical Array | Sensor

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



IceCube | Laboratory



# TRIDENT



The tRopIcal Deep-sea Neutrino Telescope

South China Sea

Effective volume: 7.5 km<sup>3</sup>

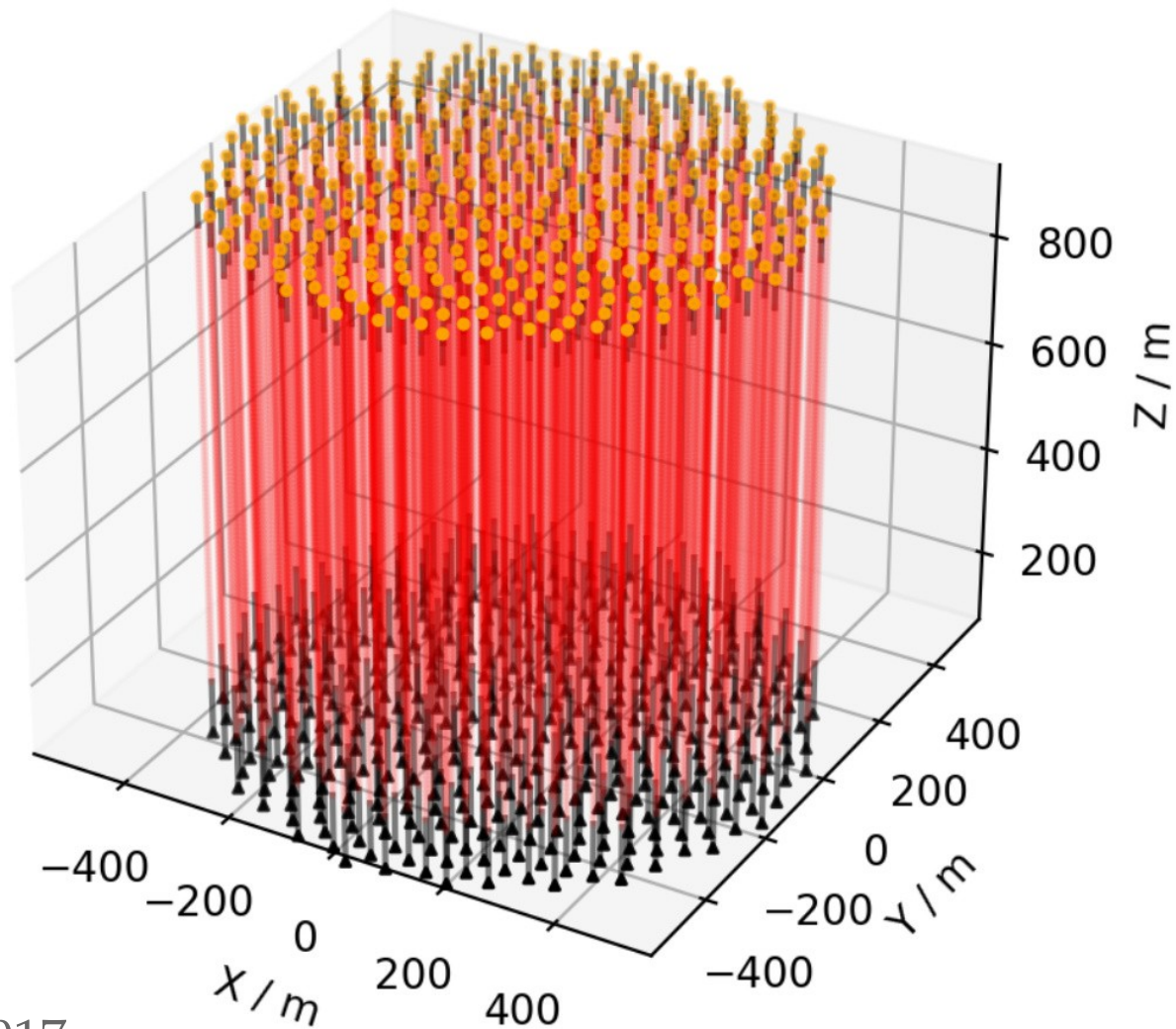
1000 strings, 20,000 optical modules

Would have seen the TXS 0506+056 at 10 $\sigma$

More information: *Nature Astron.* 2023, [trident.sjtu.edu.cn/en](http://trident.sjtu.edu.cn/en)

# NEON

Neutrino Observatory in the Nanhai  
South China Sea  
Effective volume:  $10 \text{ km}^3$   
400 strings, 40,000 optical modules



More information: PoS (ICRC2023) 1017



# HUNT



High-energy Underwater Neutrino Telescope

South China Sea or Lake Baikal

Effective volume: 30 km<sup>3</sup>

2304 strings, 55,296 optical modules

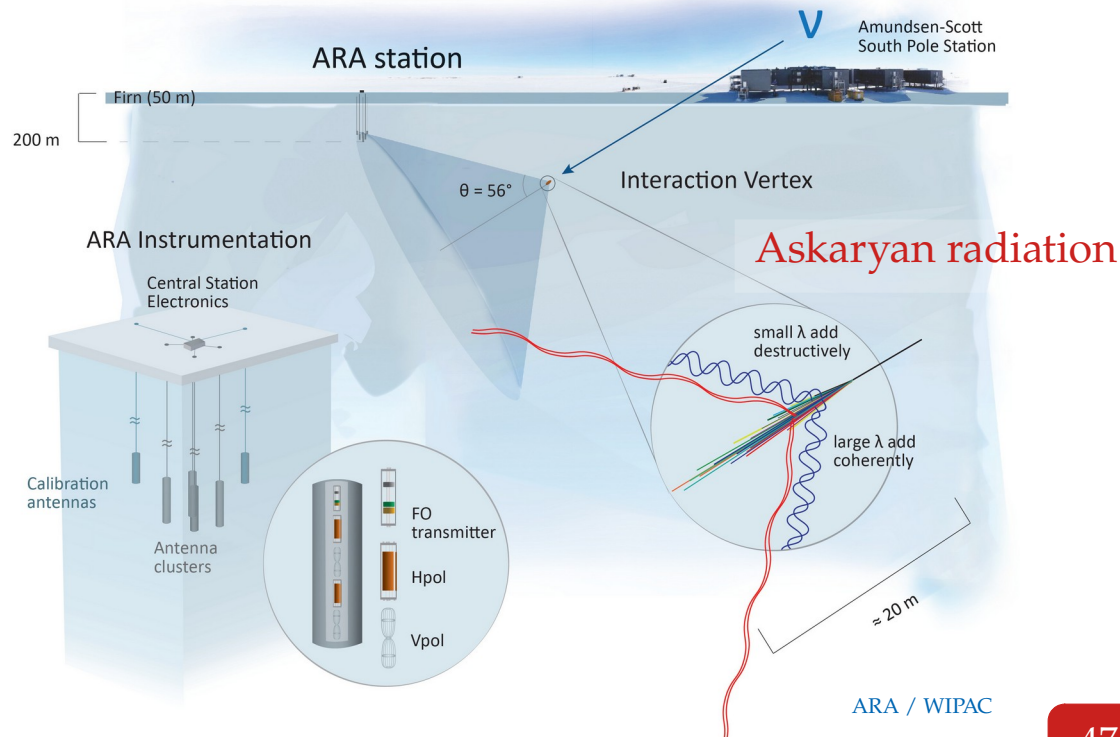
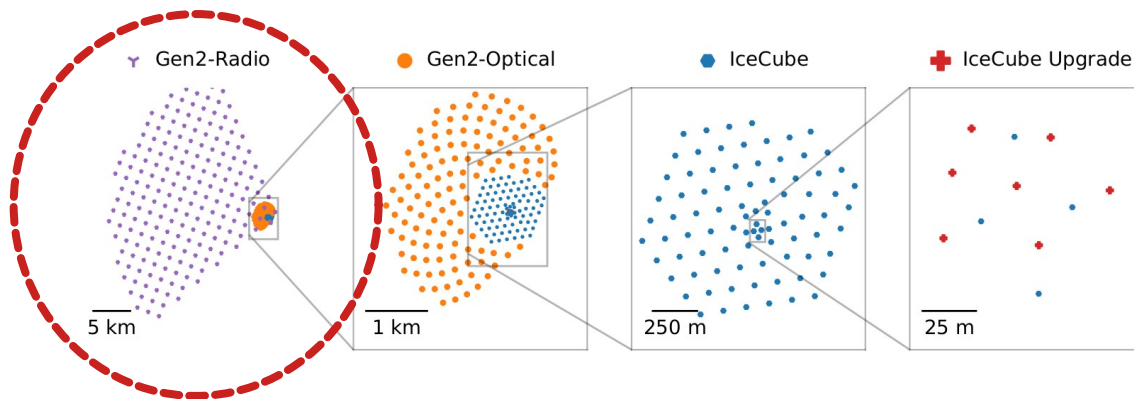
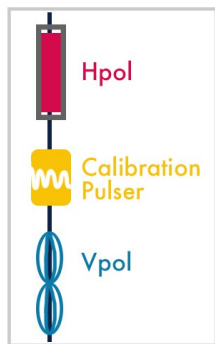
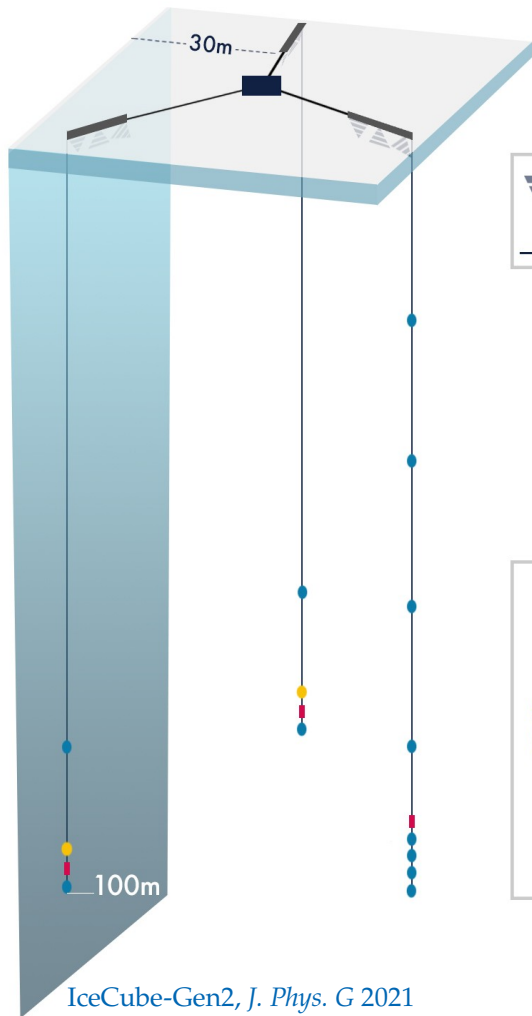
Muon track angular resolution

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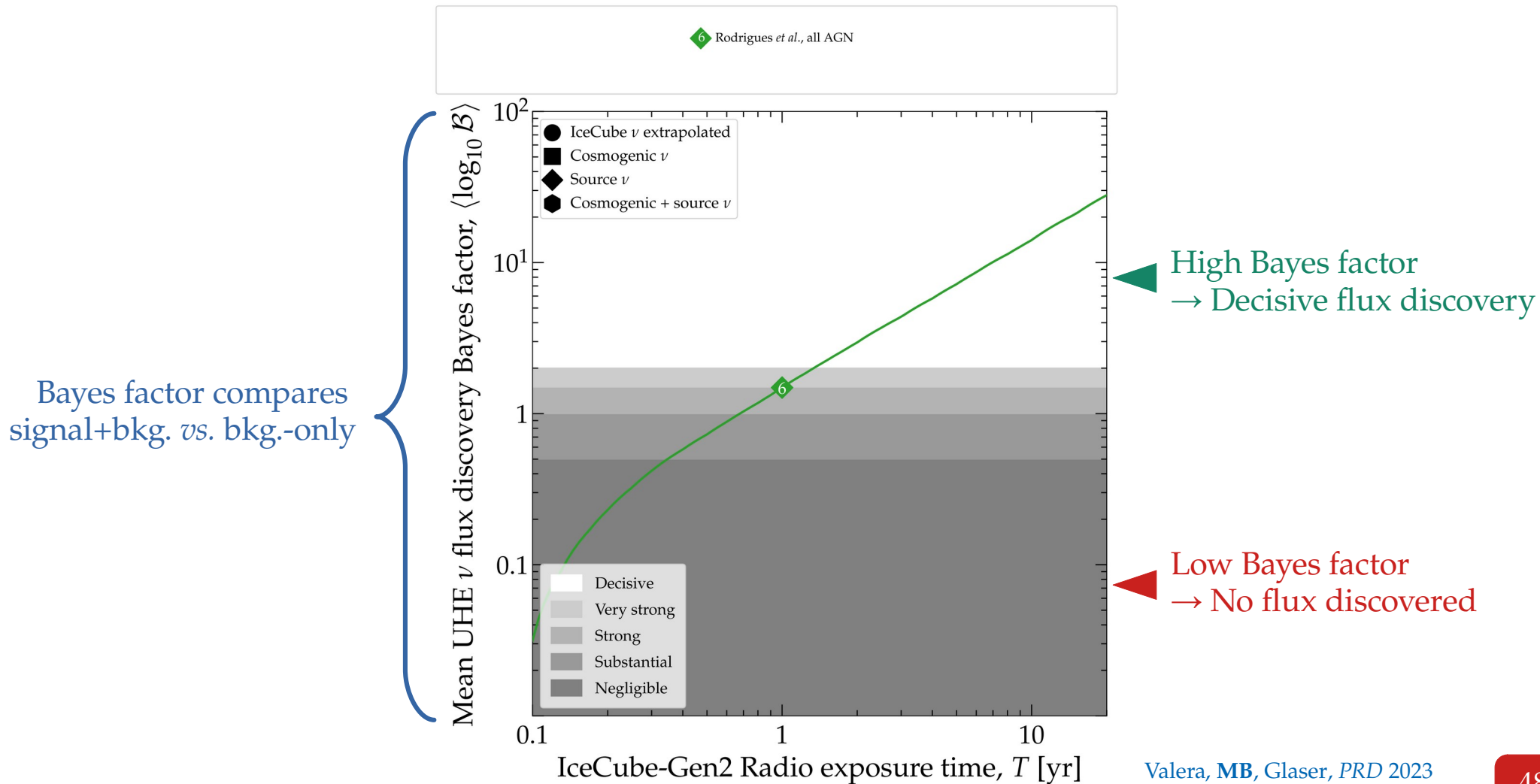
(for tracks of 6 km in length)

More information: [hunt.ihep.ac.cn](http://hunt.ihep.ac.cn)

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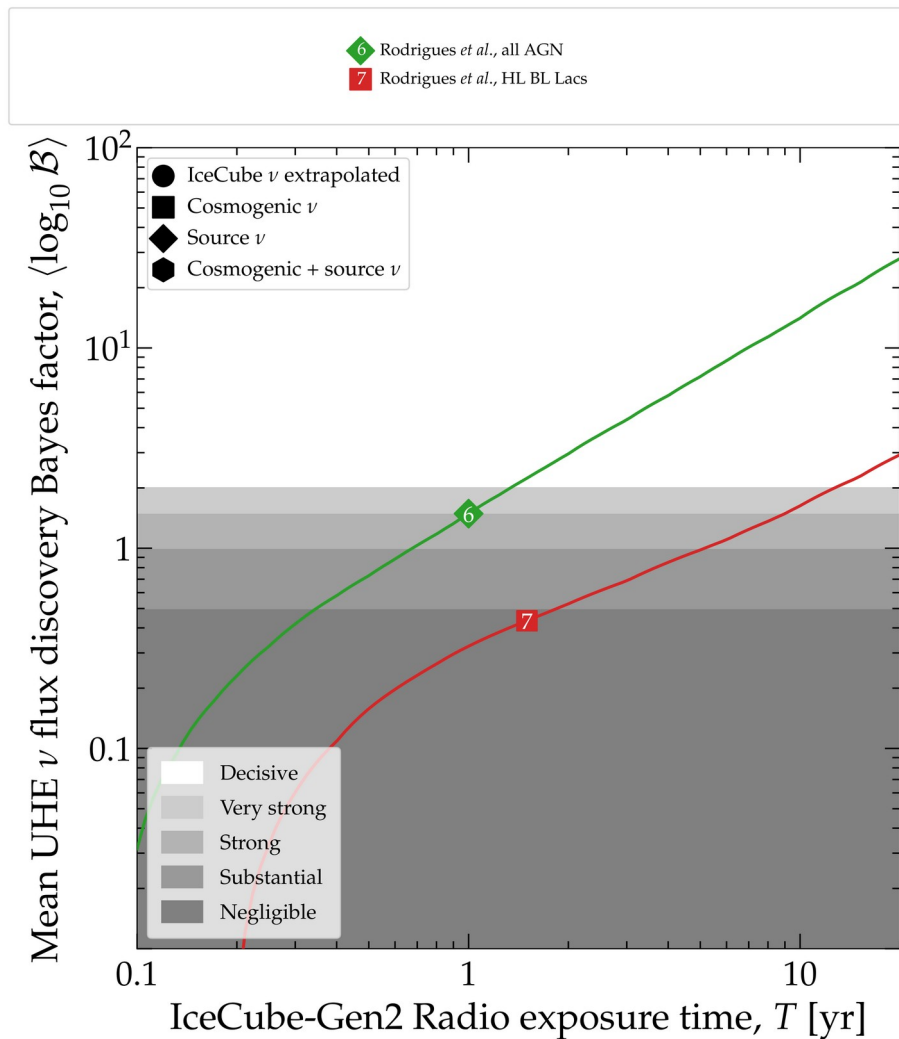


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signal+bkg. vs. bkg.-only

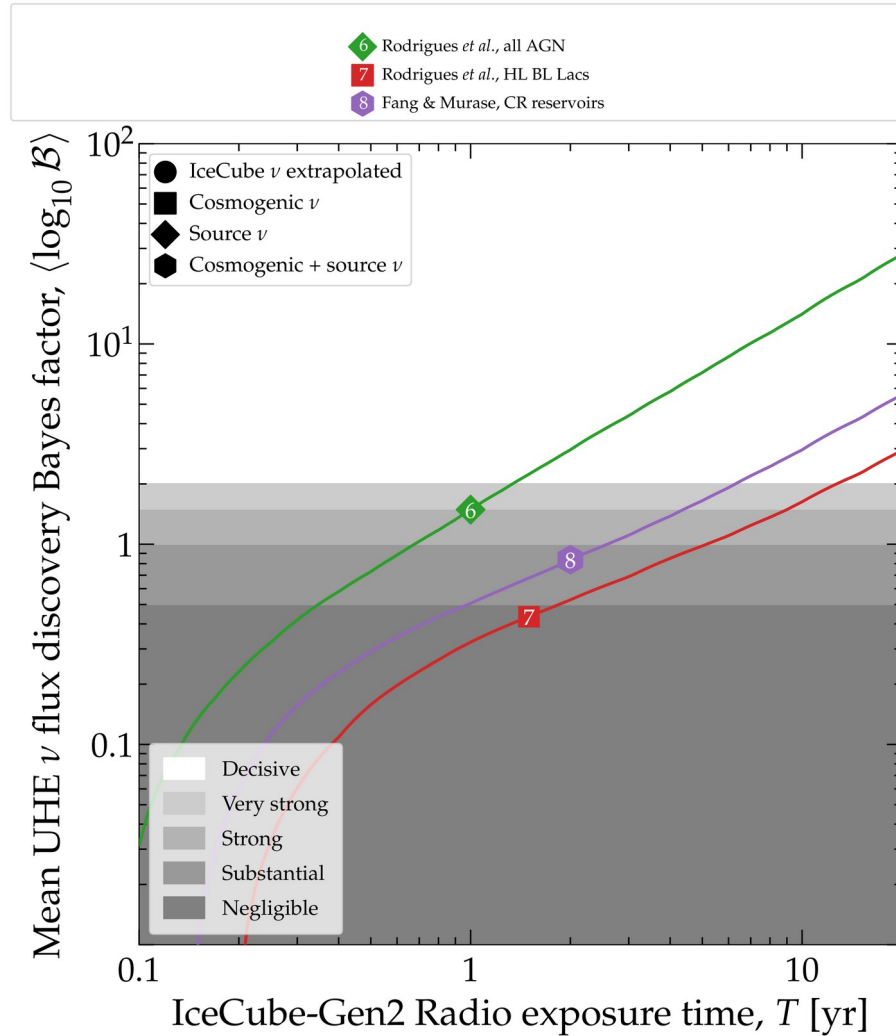


High Bayes factor  
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Low Bayes factor  
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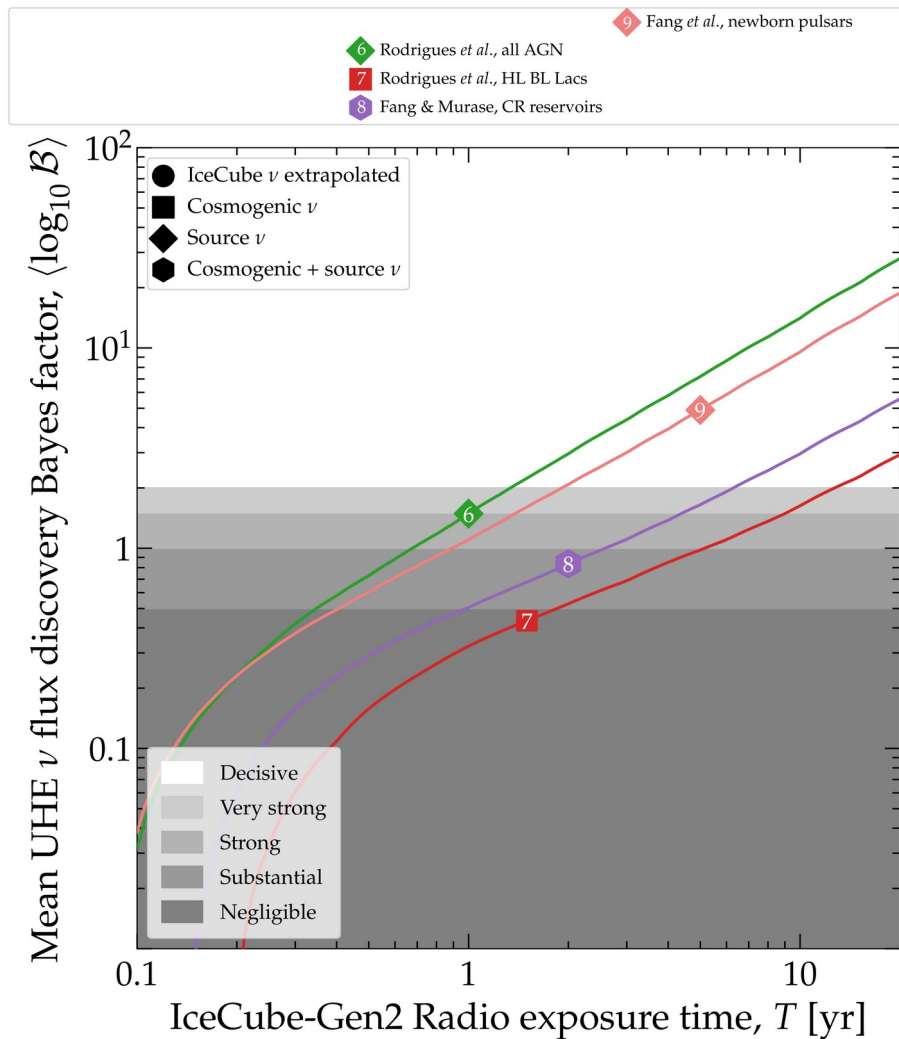
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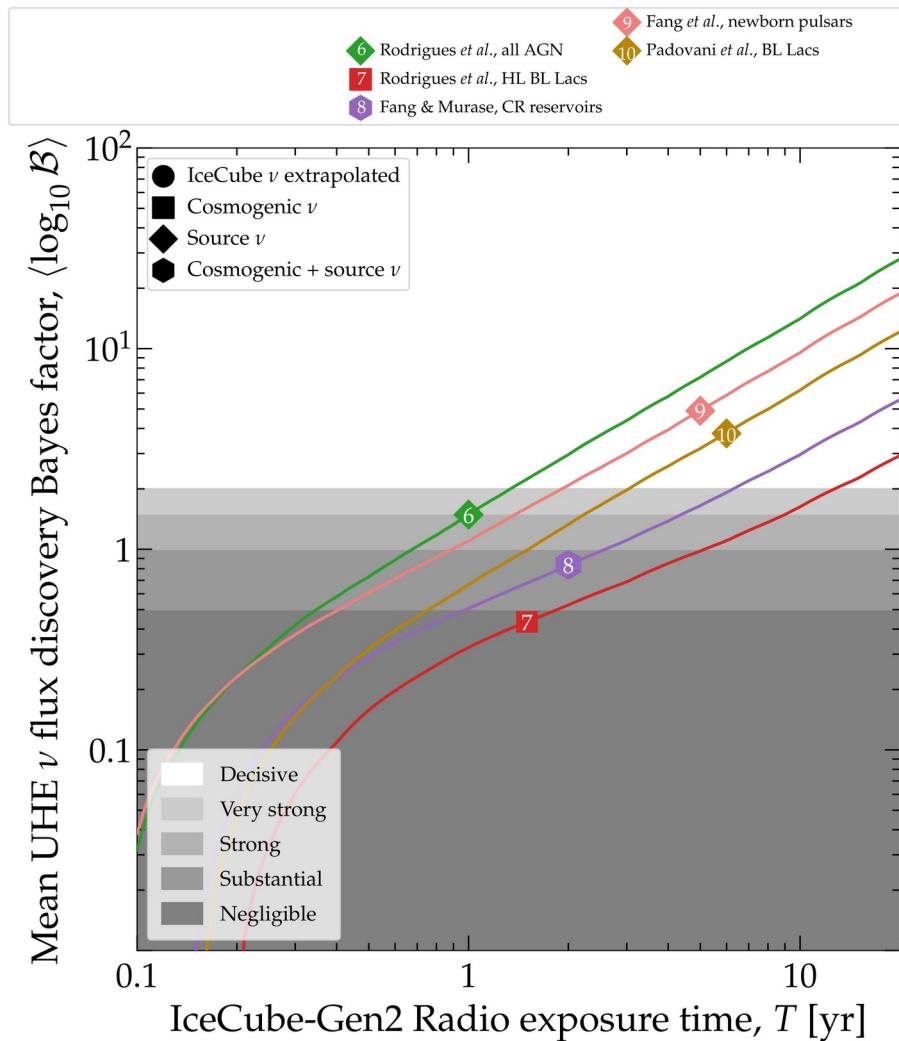
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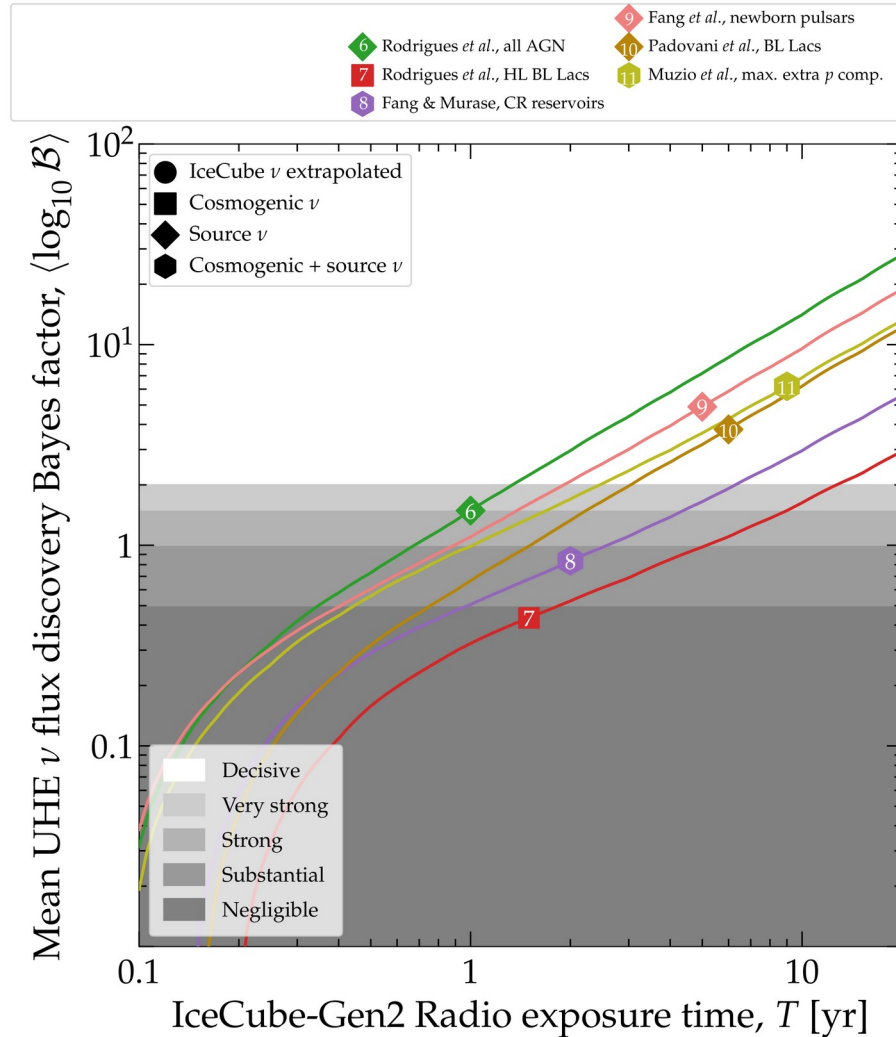
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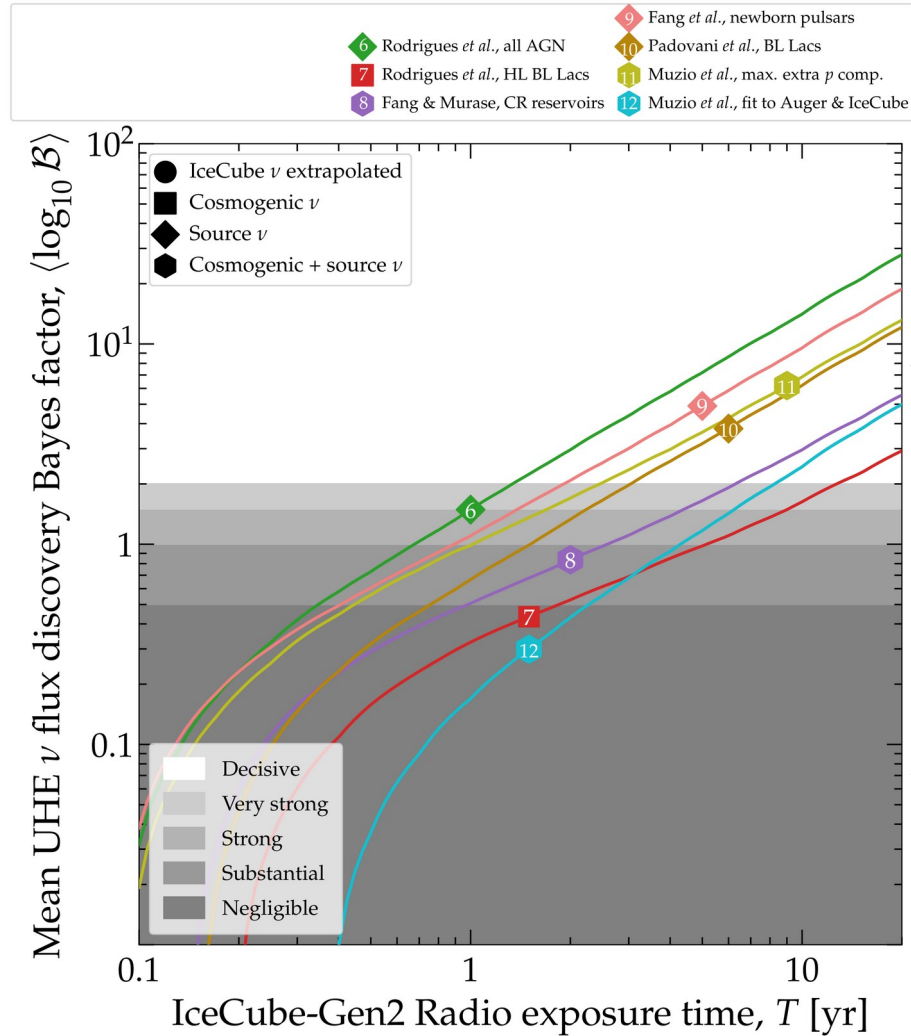
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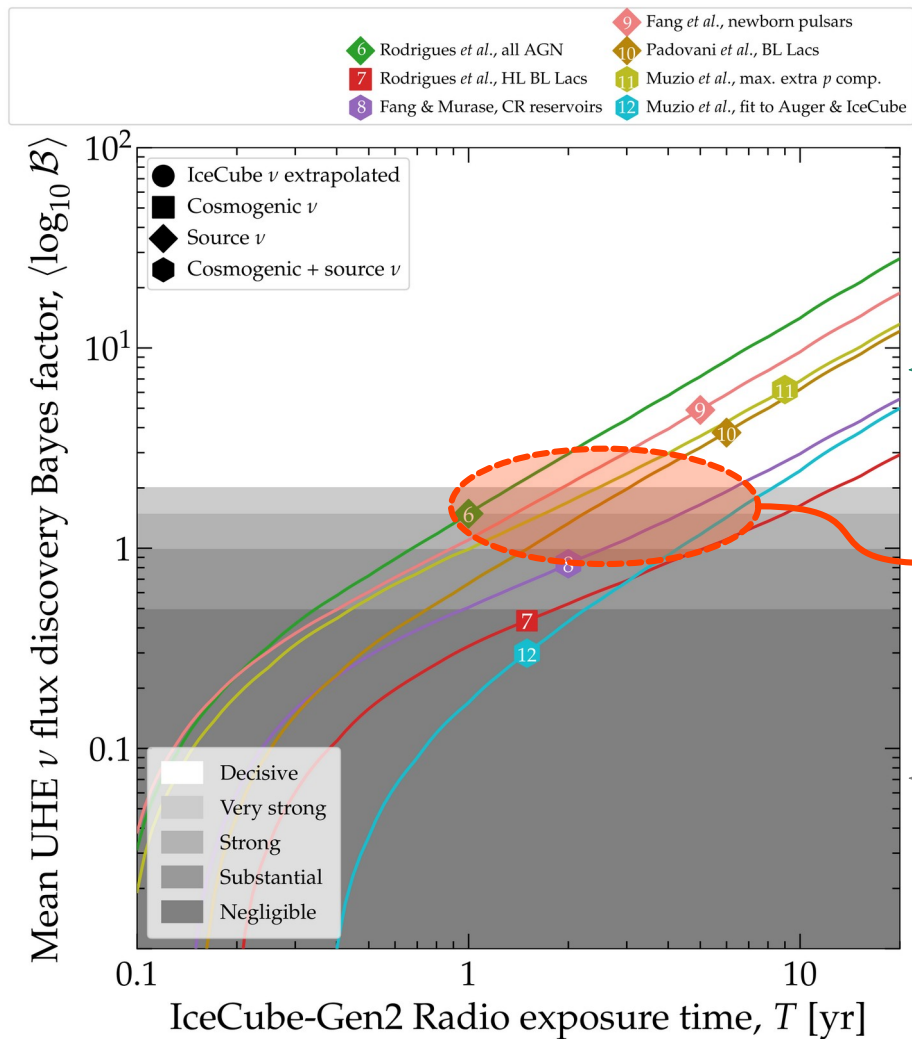
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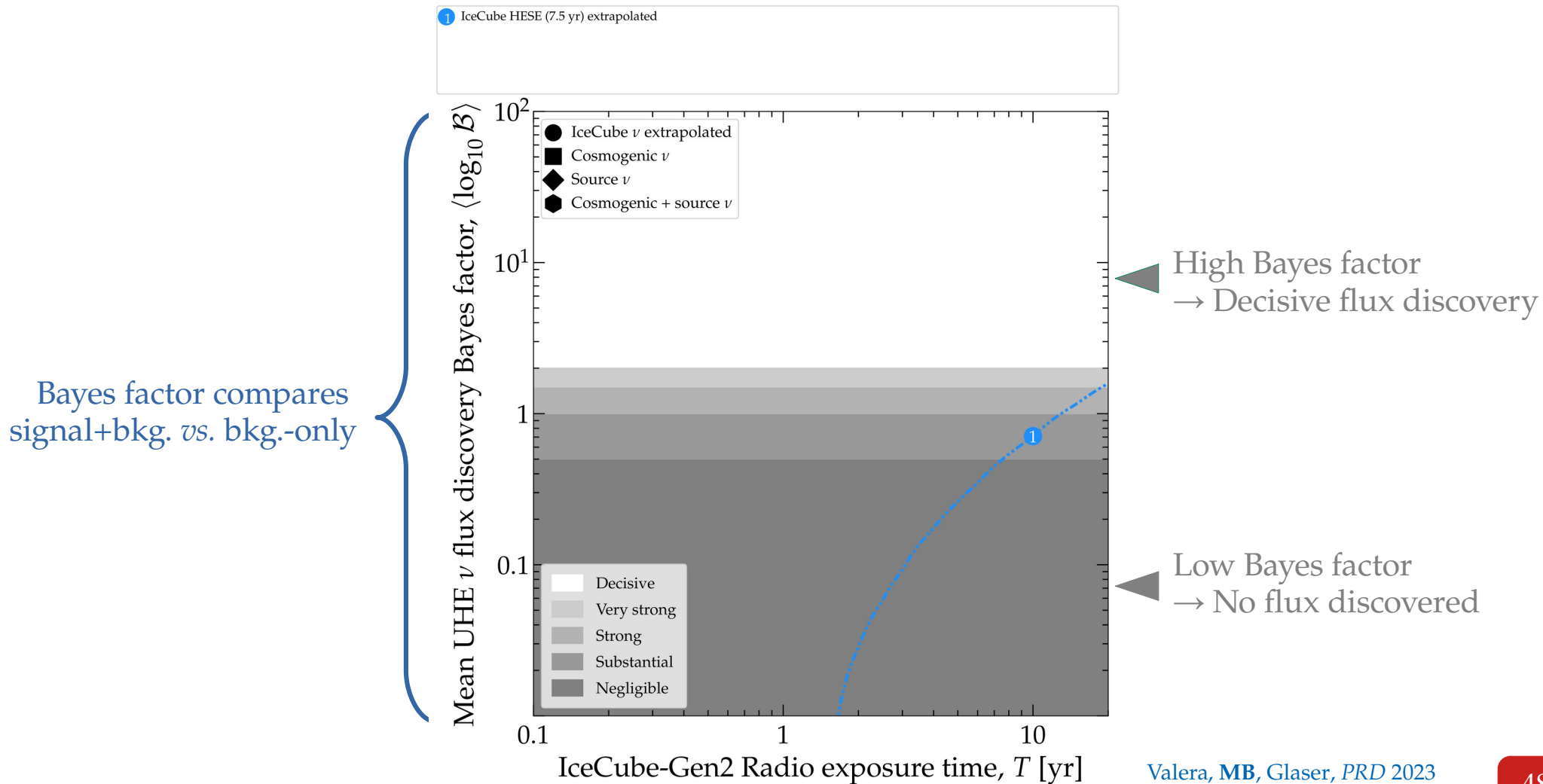


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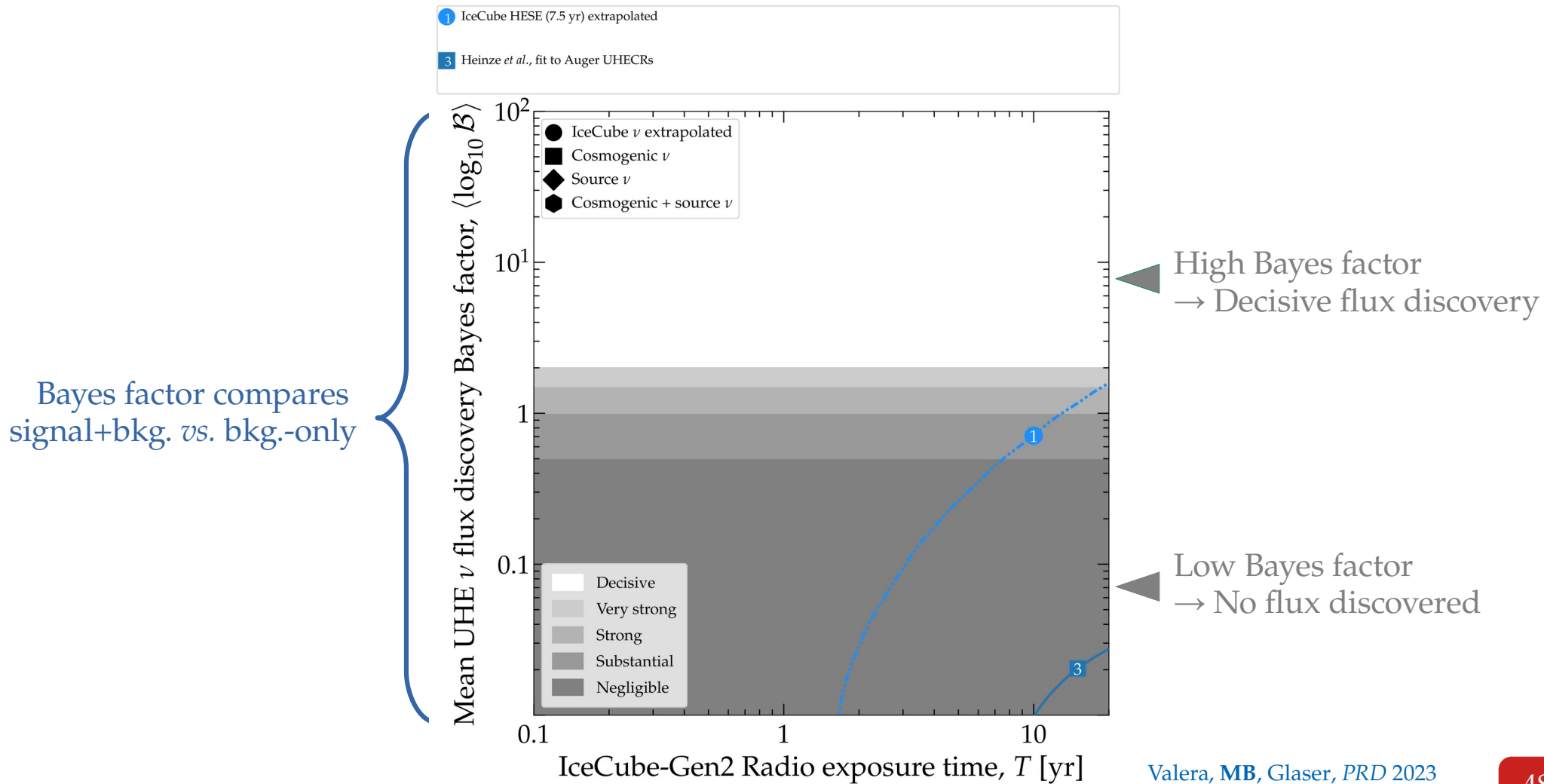
Most flux models are discoverable within a few years

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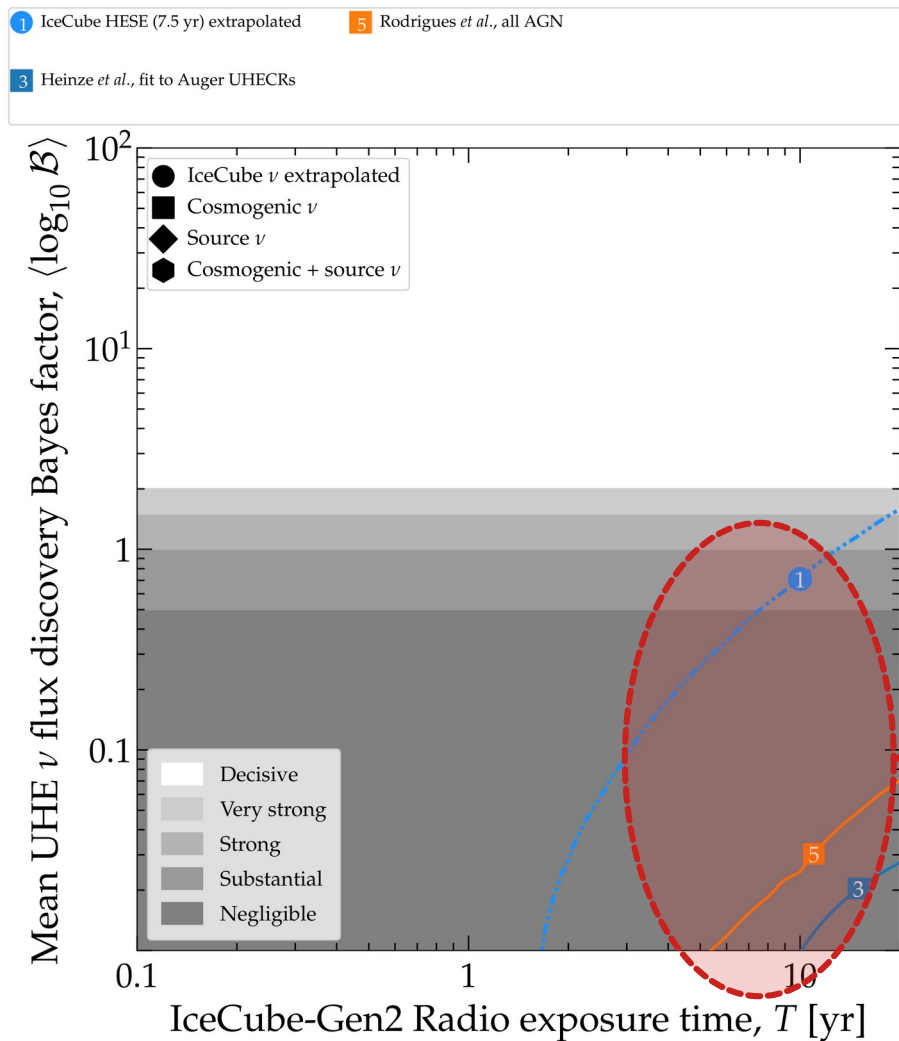
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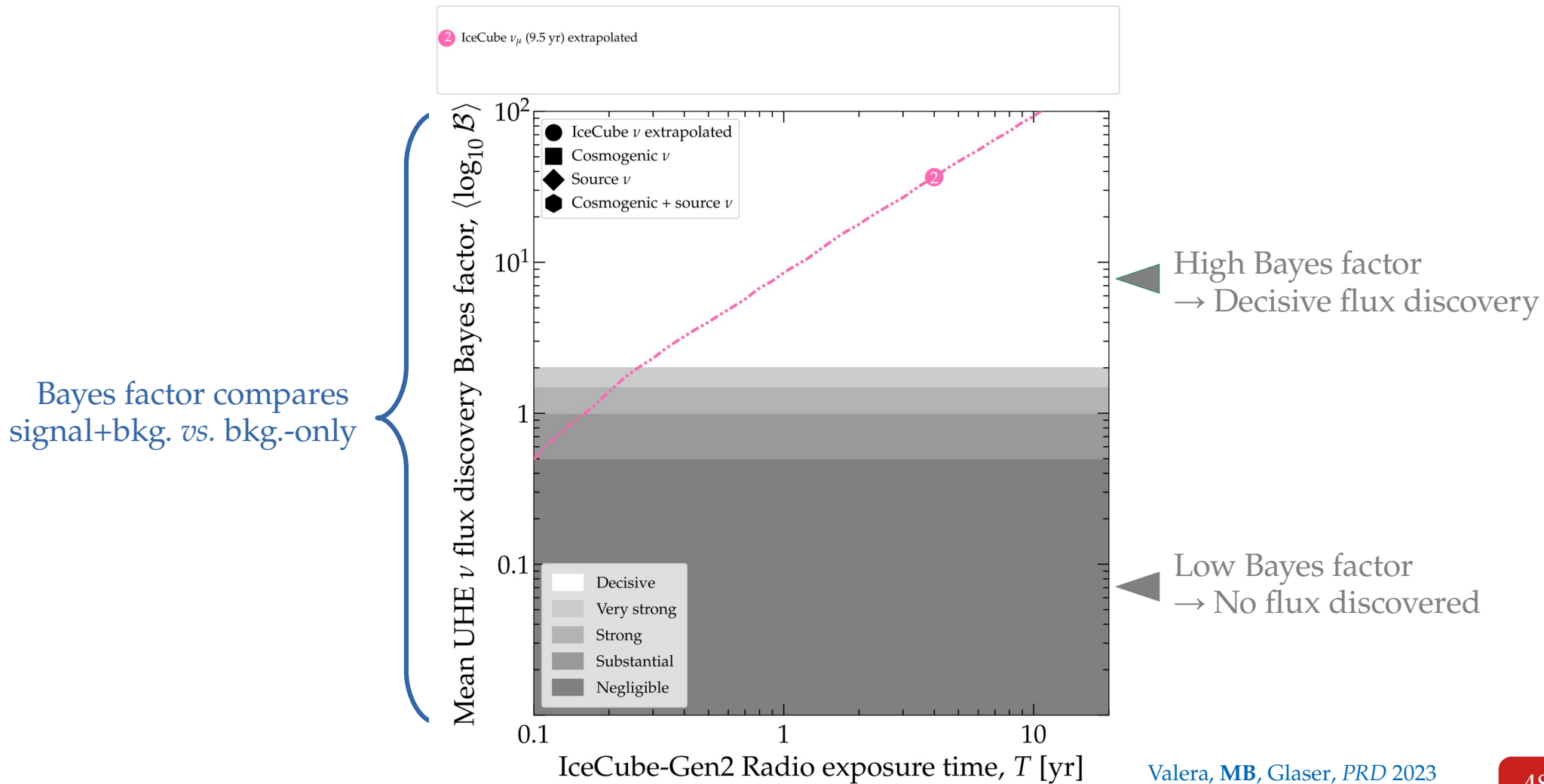


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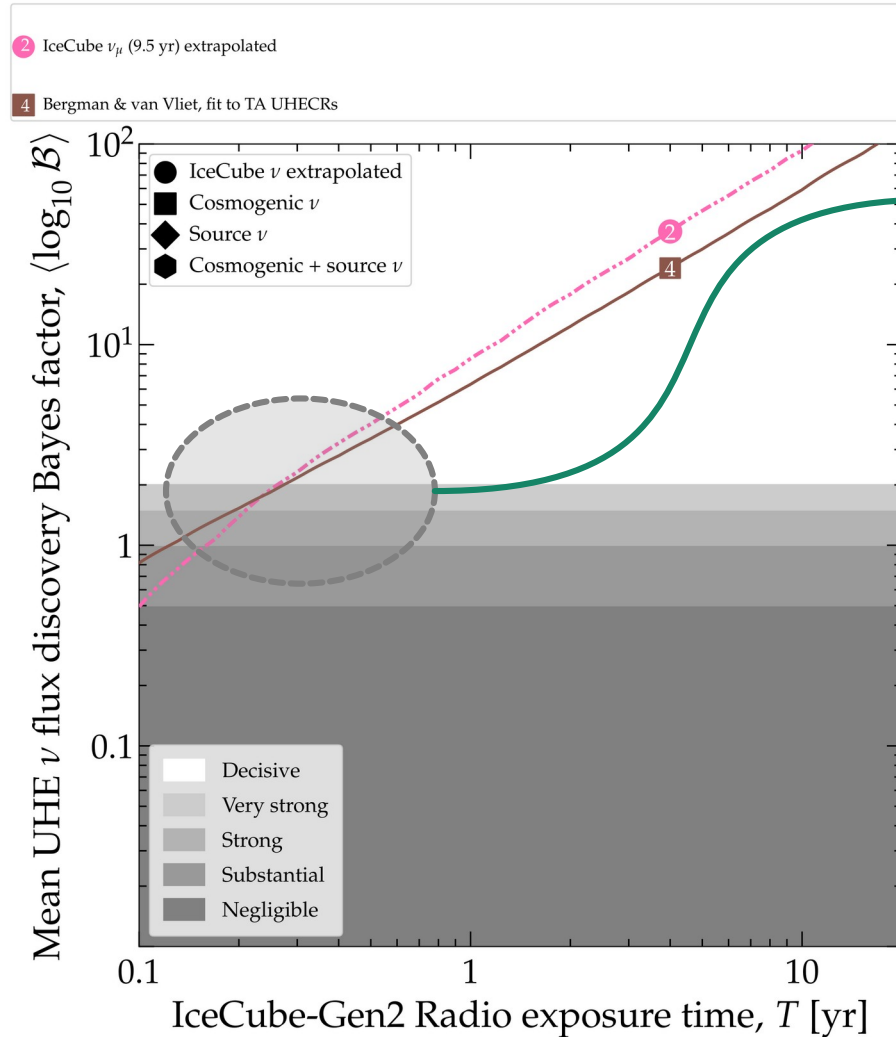
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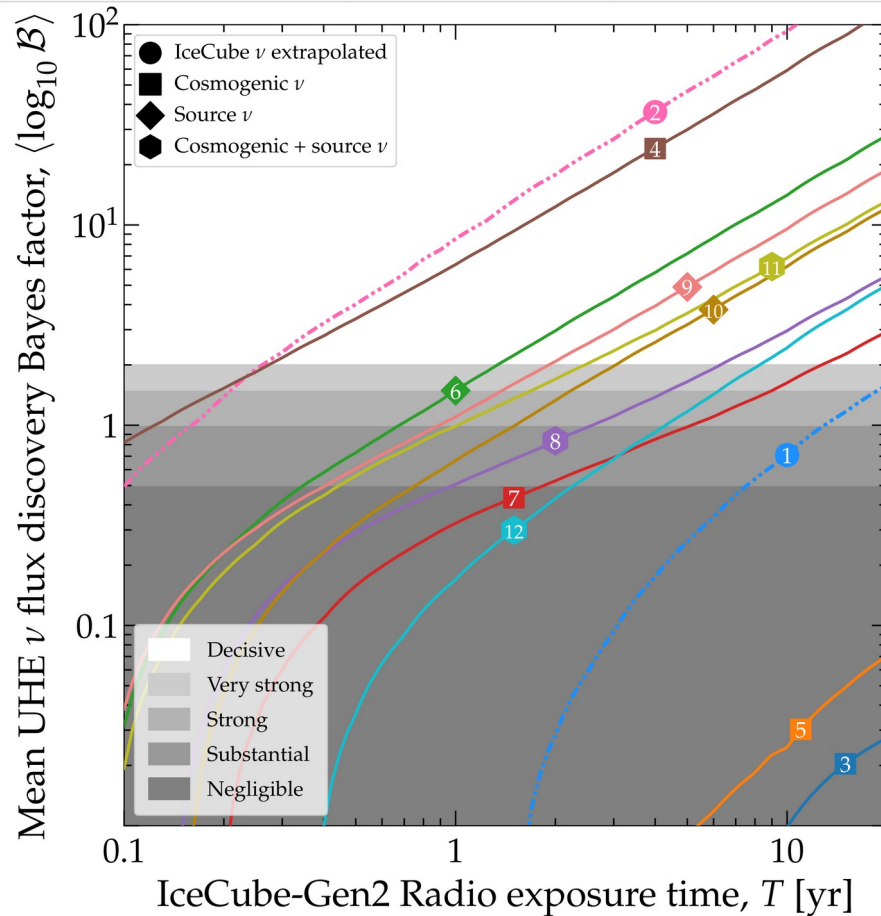
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| 1 IceCube HESE (7.5 yr) extrapolated         | 5 Rodrigues <i>et al.</i> , all AGN    | 9 Fang <i>et al.</i> , newborn pulsars          |
| 2 IceCube $\nu_\mu$ (9.5 yr) extrapolated    | 6 Rodrigues <i>et al.</i> , all AGN    | 10 Padovani <i>et al.</i> , BL Lacs             |
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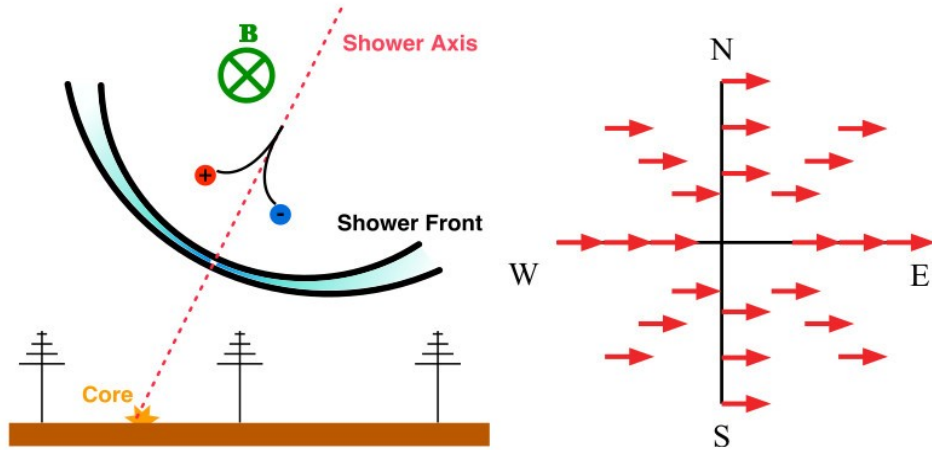


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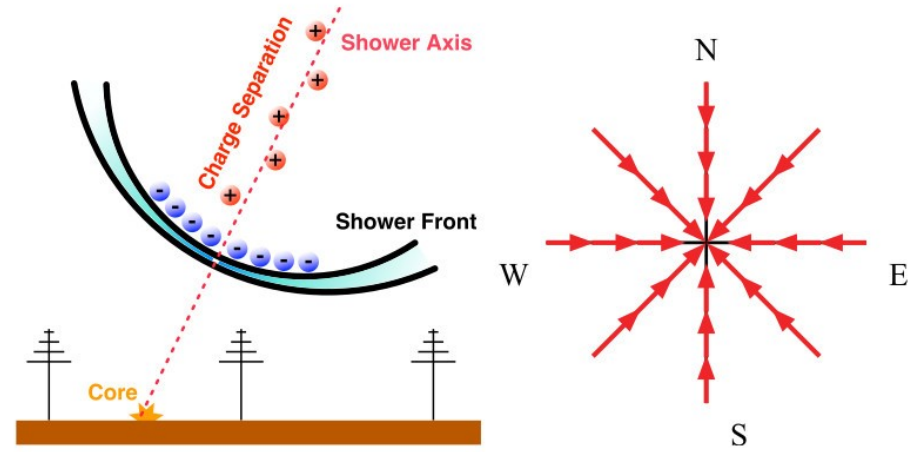
# Radio emission: geomagnetic and Askaryan

## Geomagnetic



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

## Askaryan



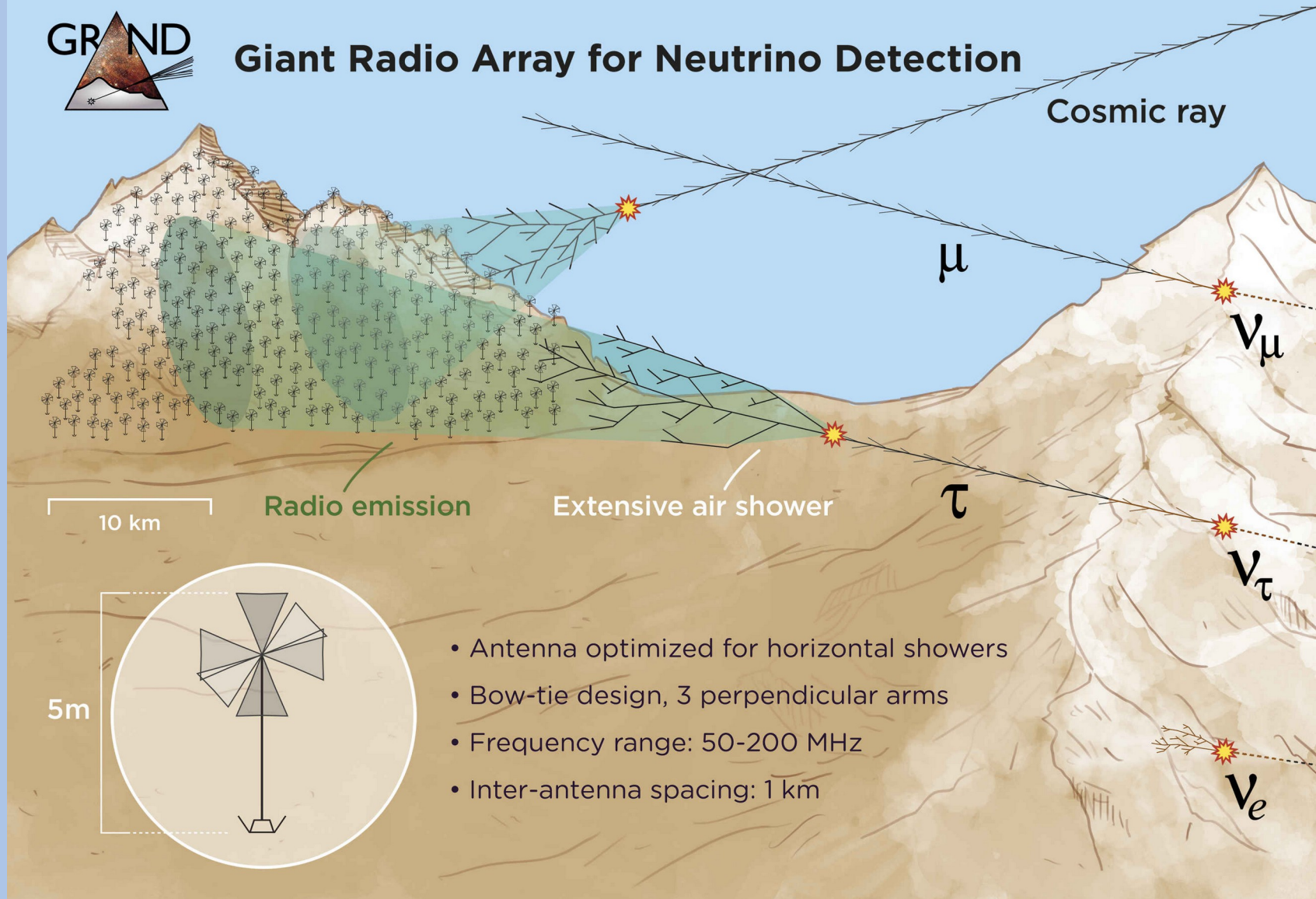
- ▶ Time-varying negative-charge  $\sim 20\%$  excess
- ▶ Linearly polarized towards axis
- ▶ Sub-dominant in air showers

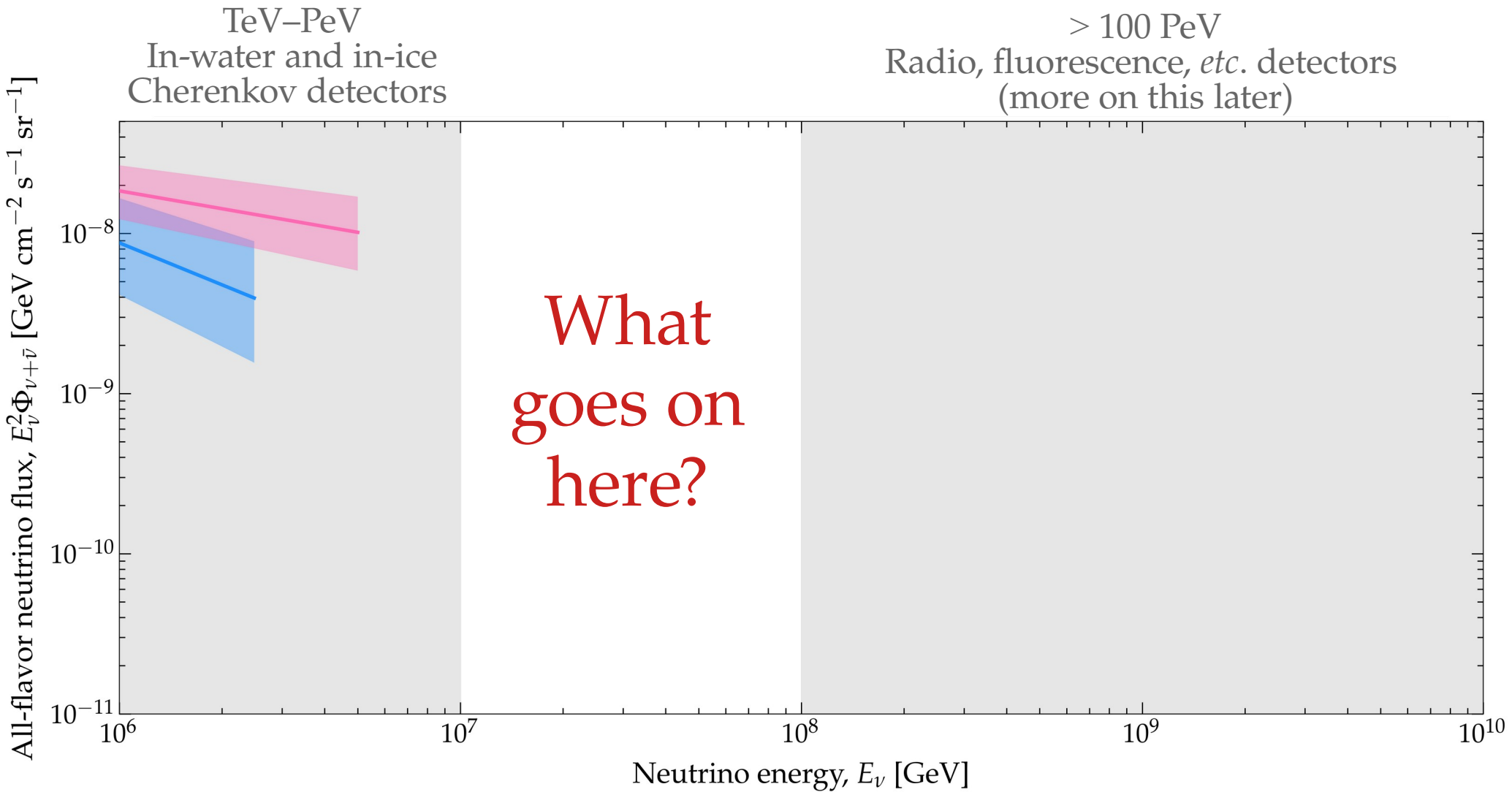
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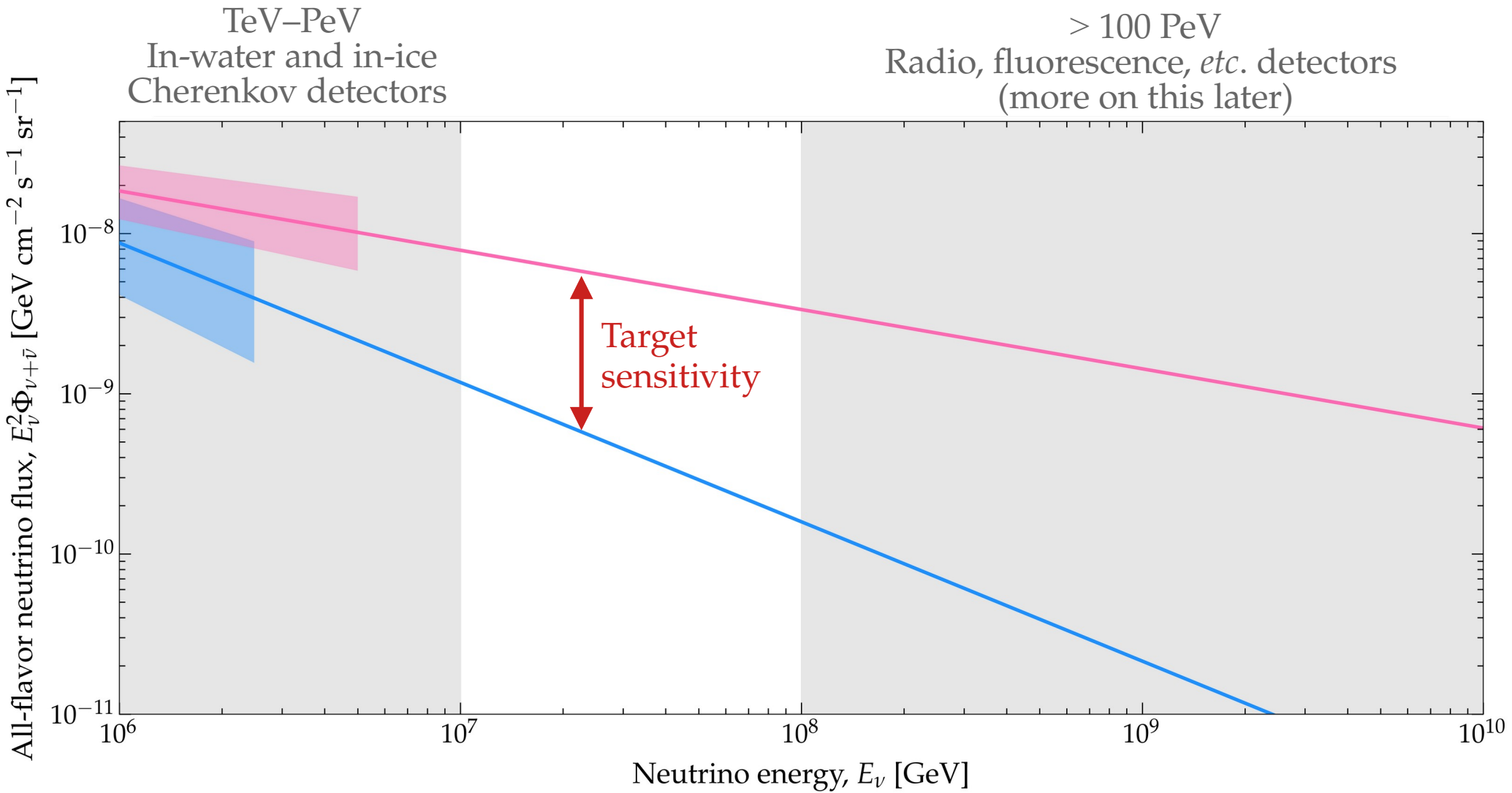




# Giant Radio Array for Neutrino Detection







# TAMBO — Detecting particles

AIR SHOWER:

3 - 10 KM LENGTH  
200 M DIAMETER

DECAY

$\tau$

RANGE:  
50 M - 5 KM

ROCK

> 4 KM SHIELDING FROM  
BACKGROUND MUONS

$\nu_{\tau}$

CHARGED-CURRENT  
INTERACTION

~100 M  
SEPARATION

AIR-SHOWER  
DETECTOR ARRAY

~M<sup>3</sup> EACH

DEEP VALLEY



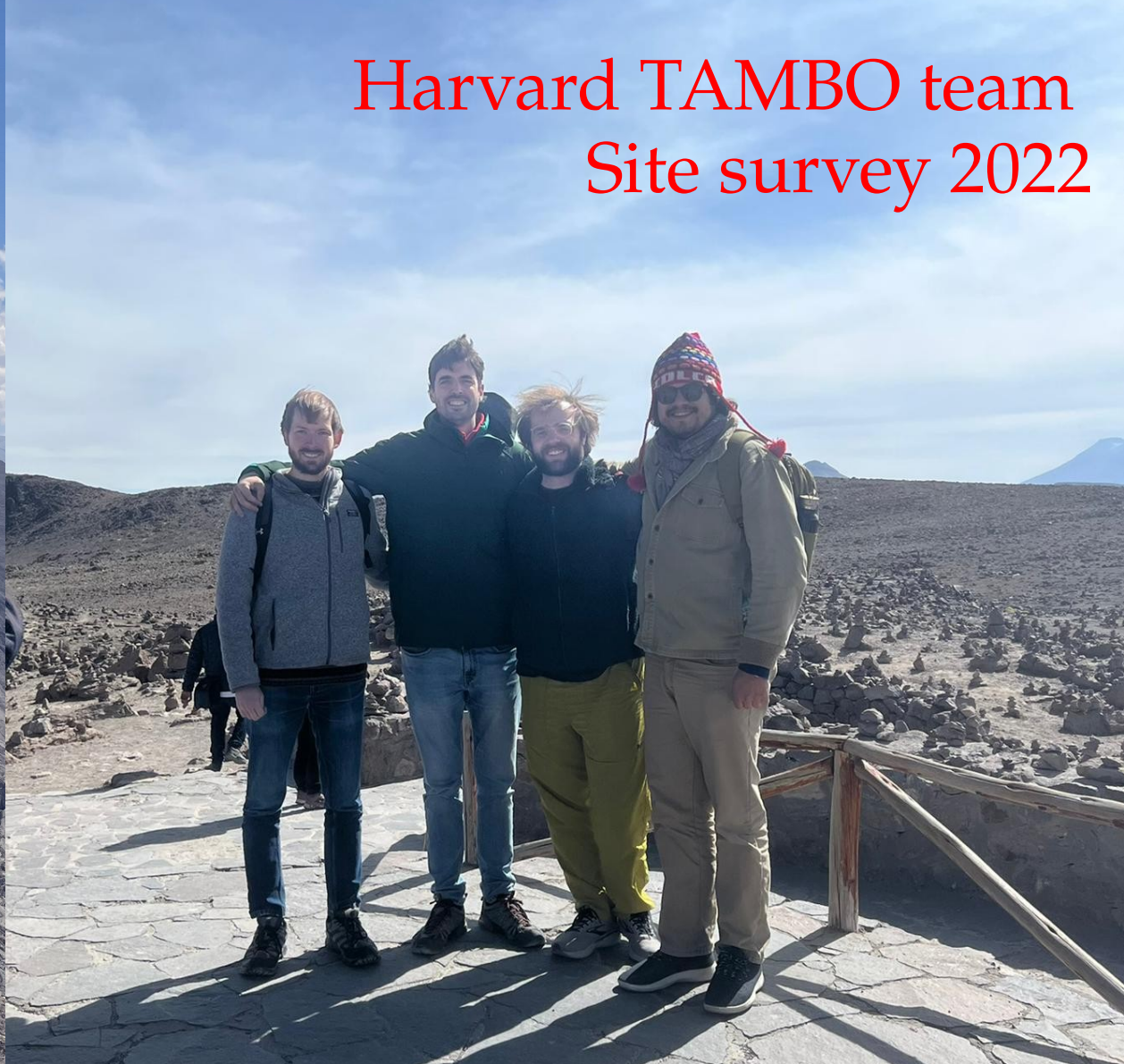
Colca Valley, Peru  
2000 (bottom) to 4000 (top) m.a.s.l.







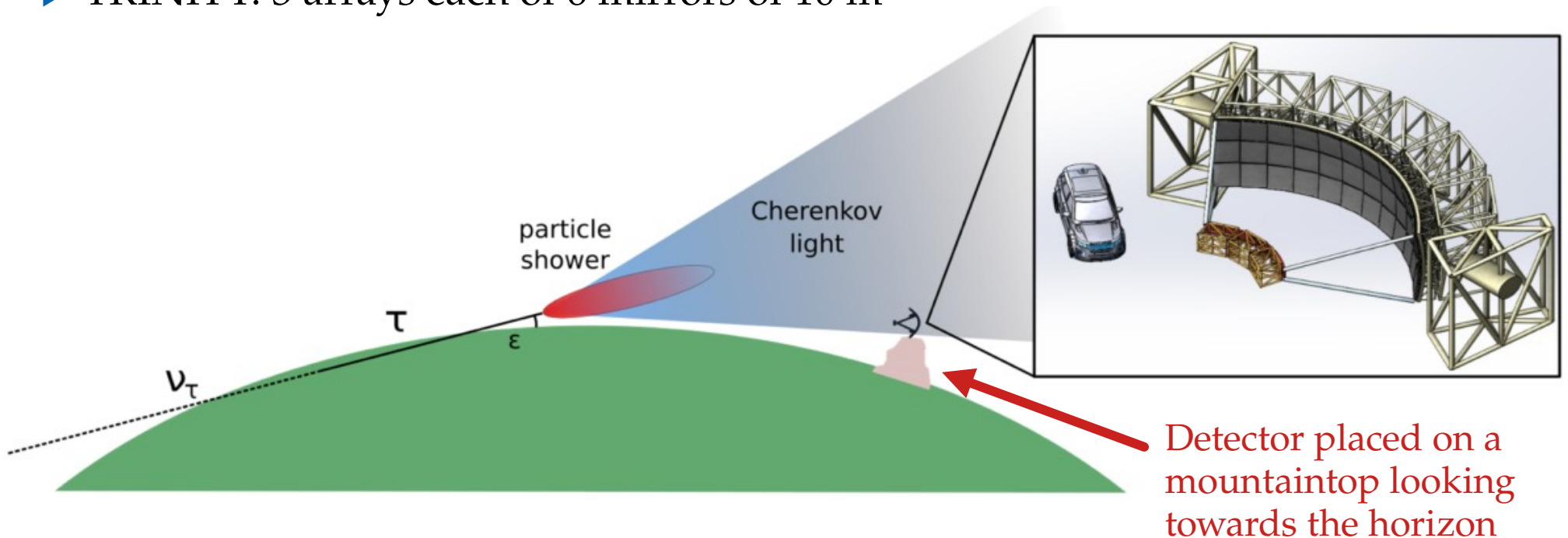
# Harvard TAMBO team Site survey 2022

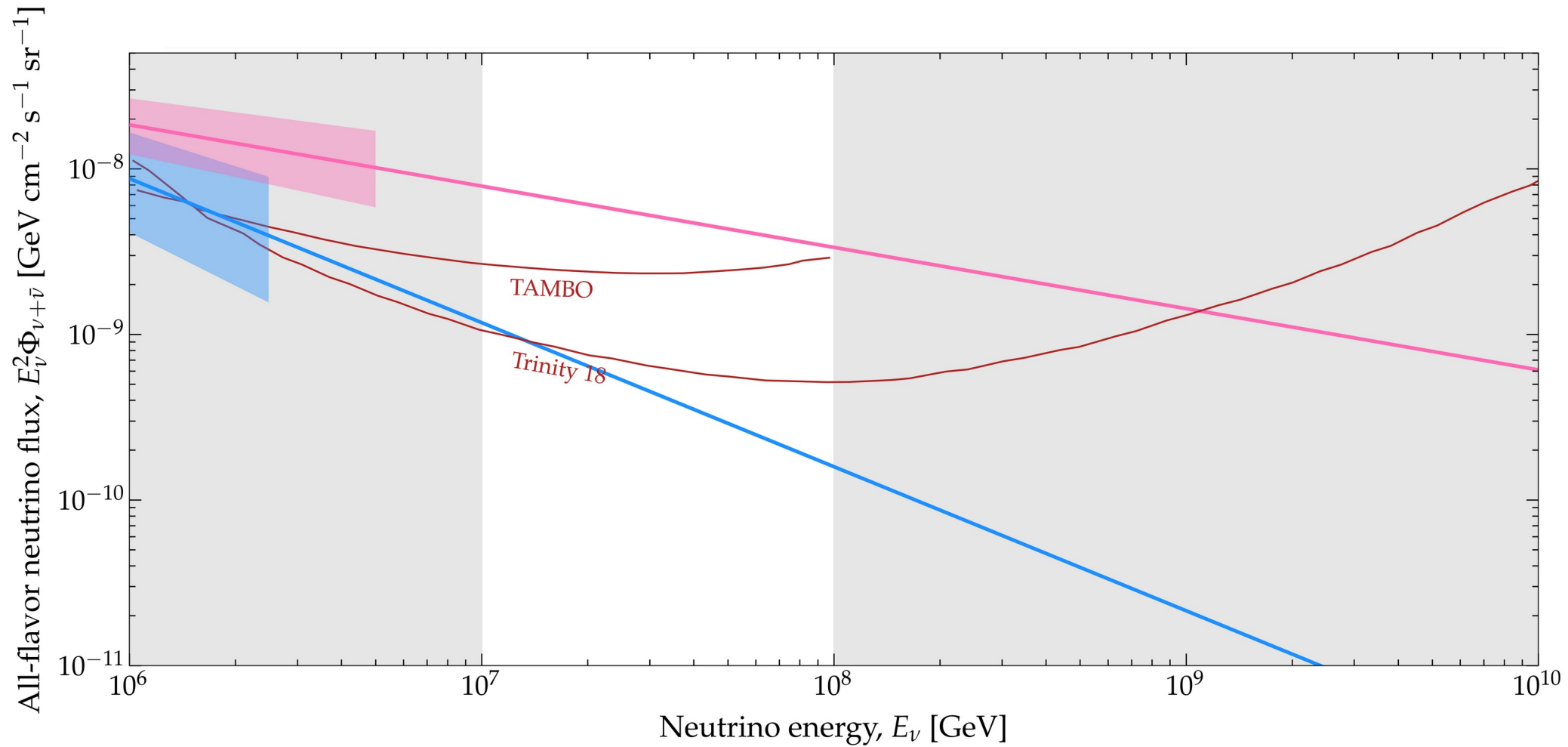




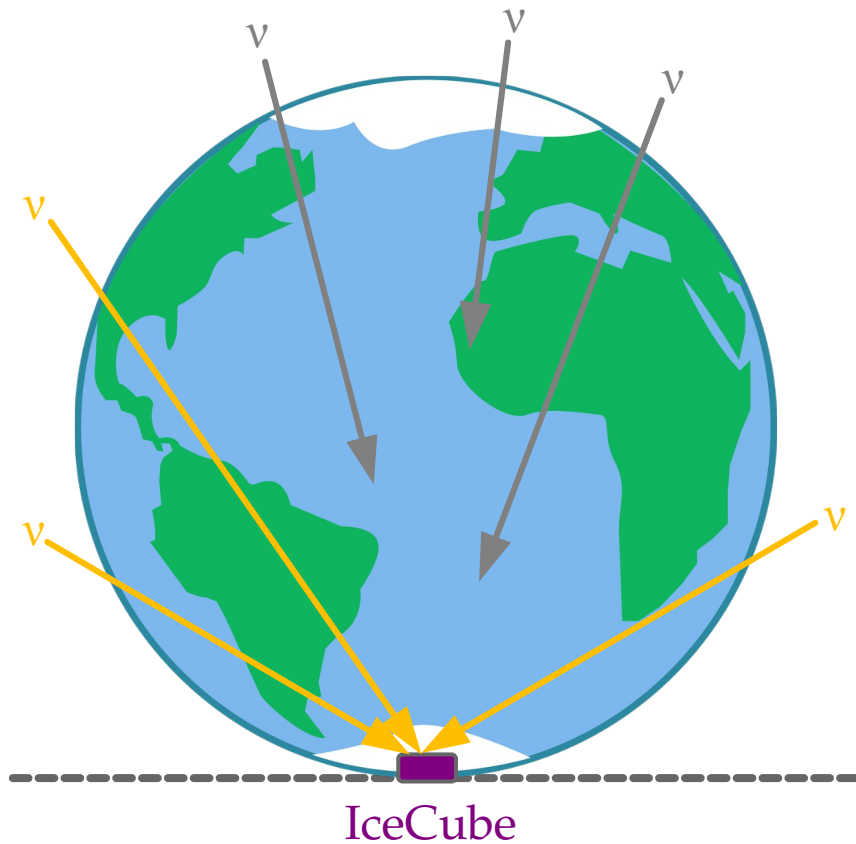
# TRINITY — Detecting Cherenkov light

- ▶ Atmospheric Cherenkov imaging applied to PeV neutrinos
- ▶ Pioneered by MAGIC (pointing at Atlantic), ASHRA, and NTA (Mauna Kea)
- ▶ TRINITY: 3 arrays each of 6 mirrors of 10 m<sup>2</sup>



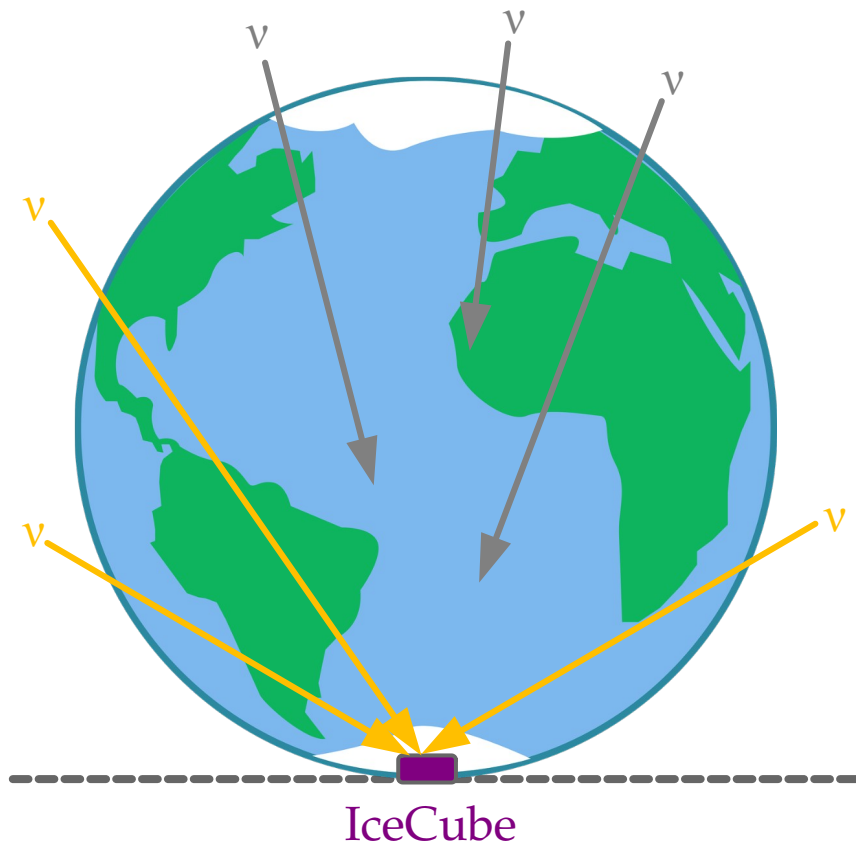


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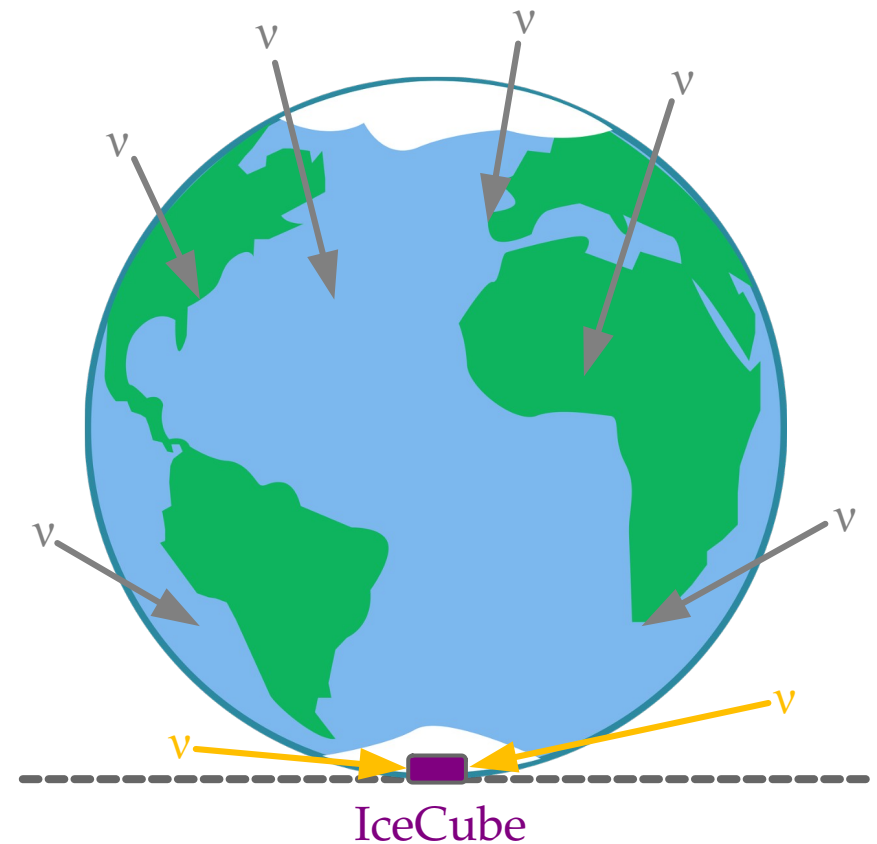
Earth is *almost fully* opaque,  
some upgoing  $\nu$  still make it through

TeV–PeV:

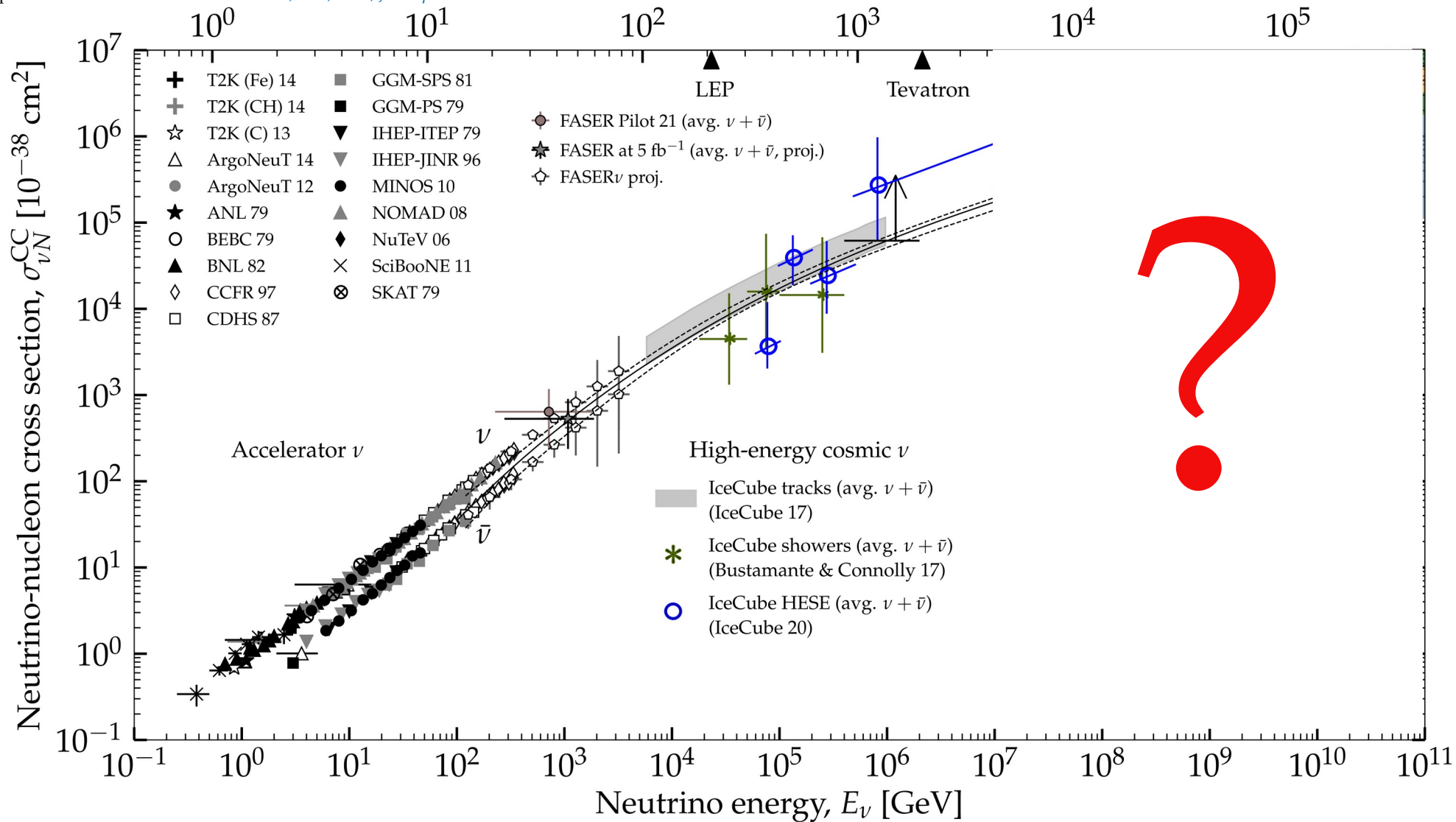


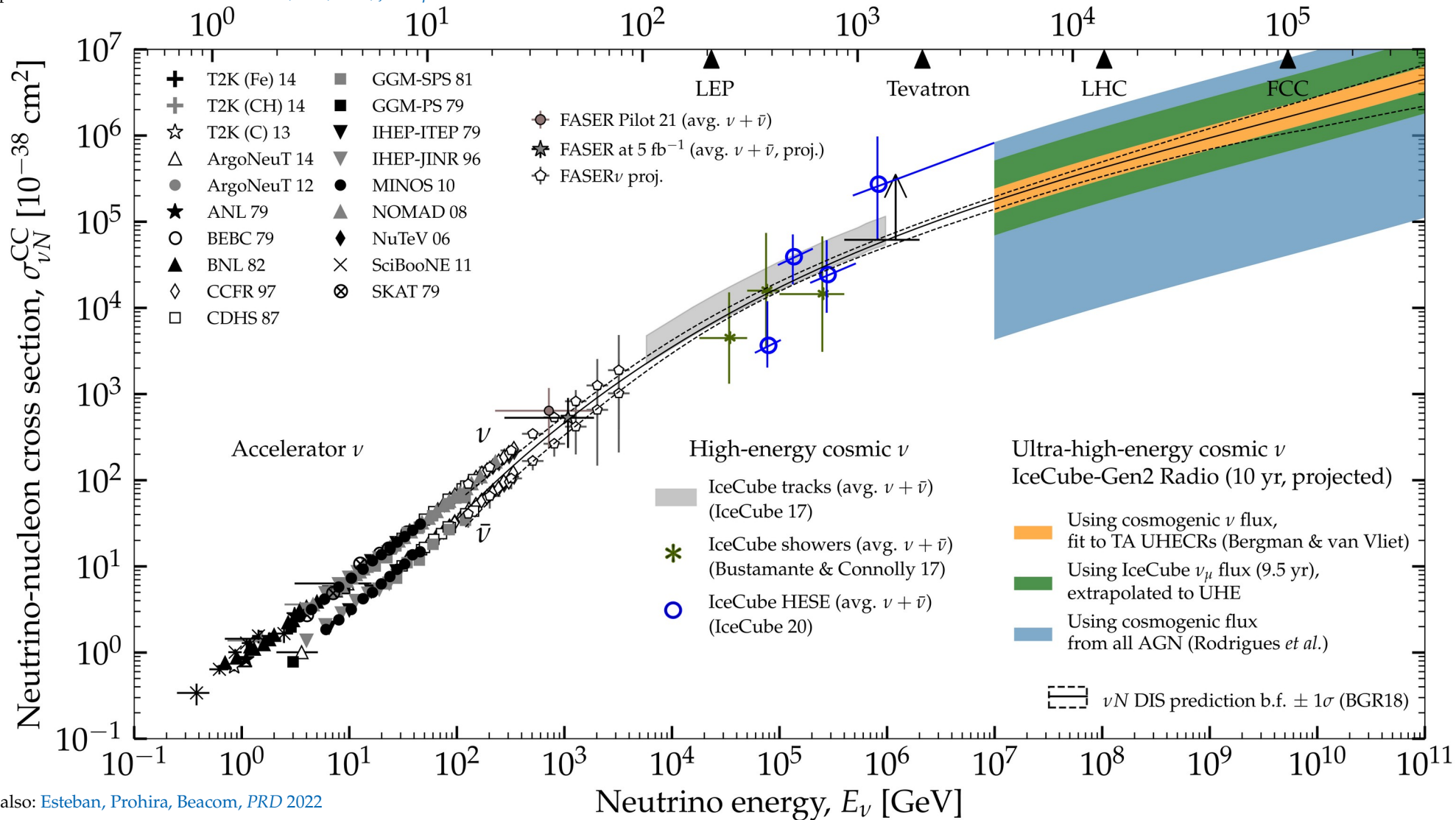
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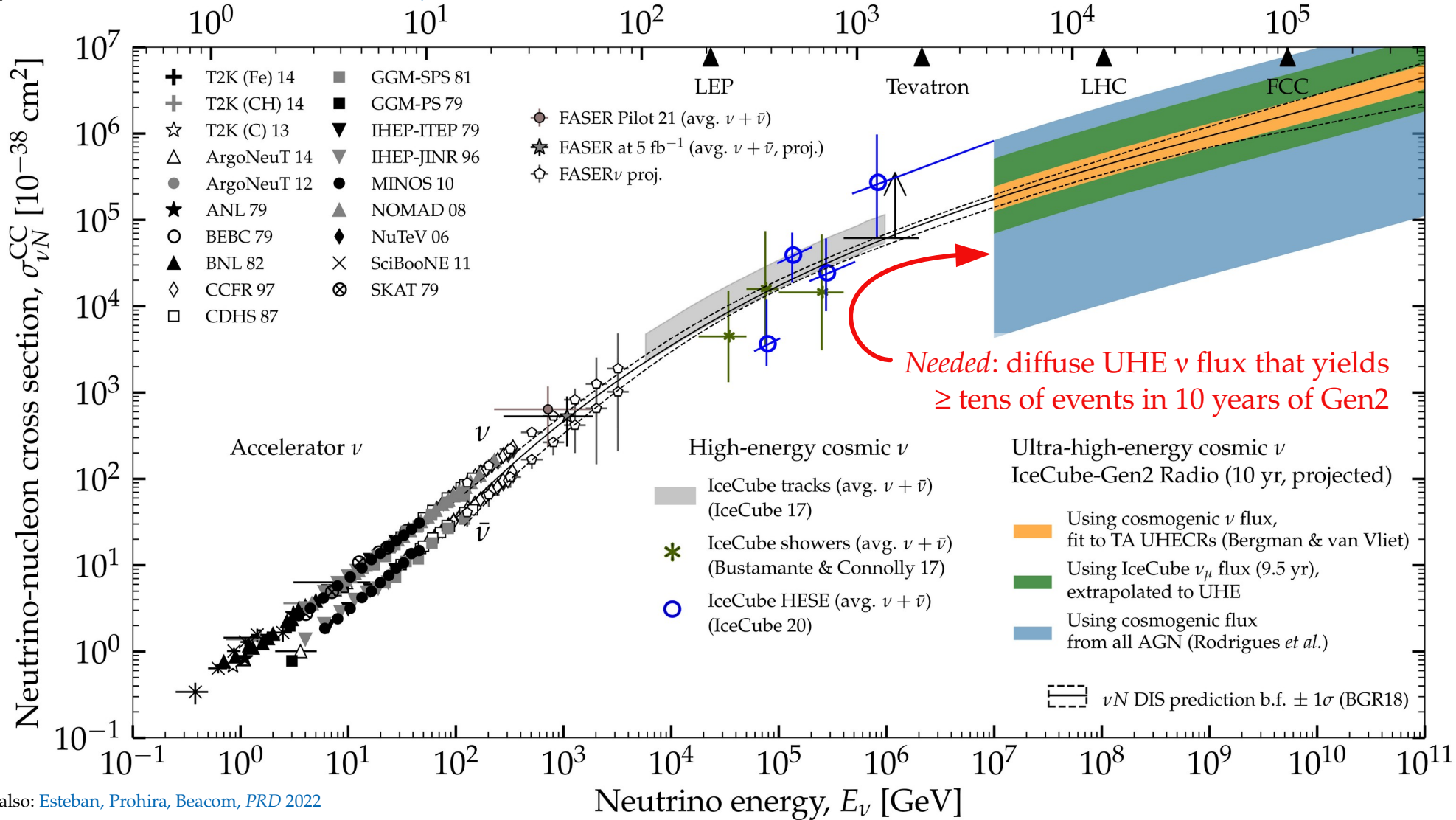
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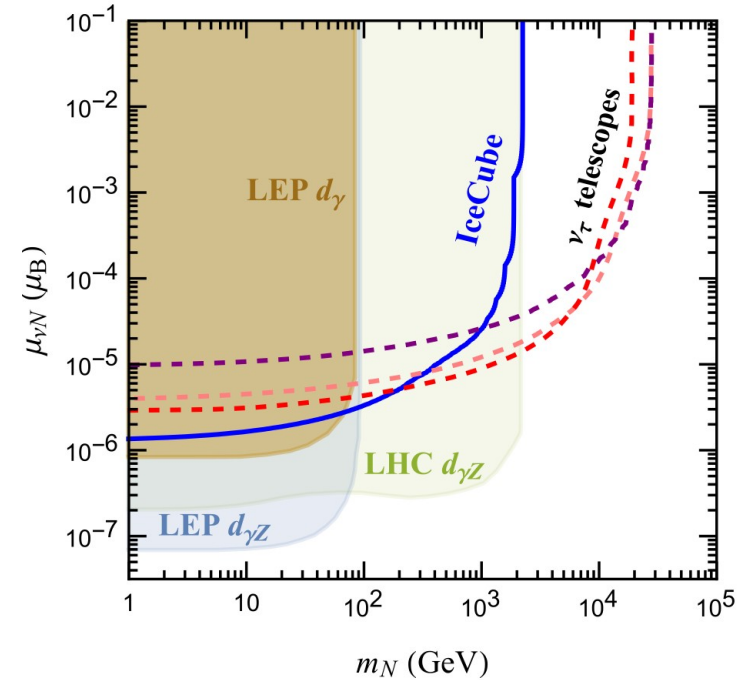
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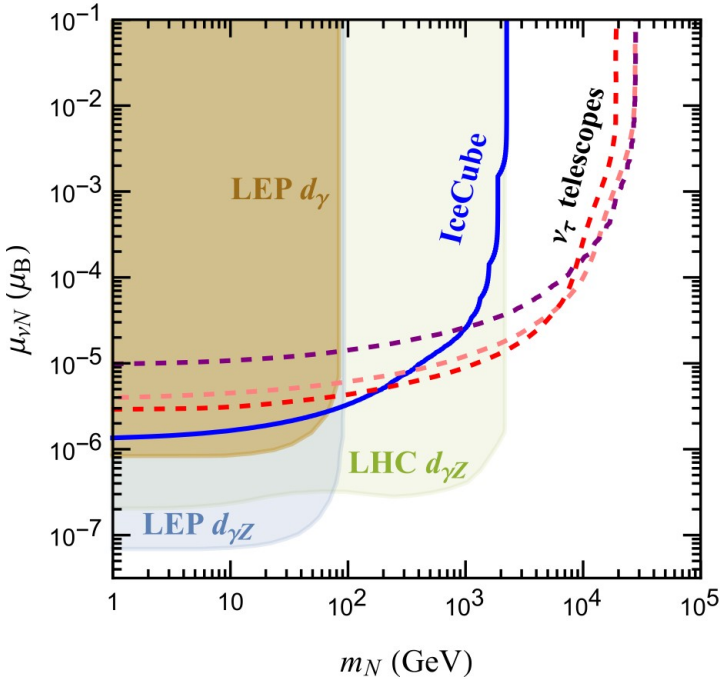


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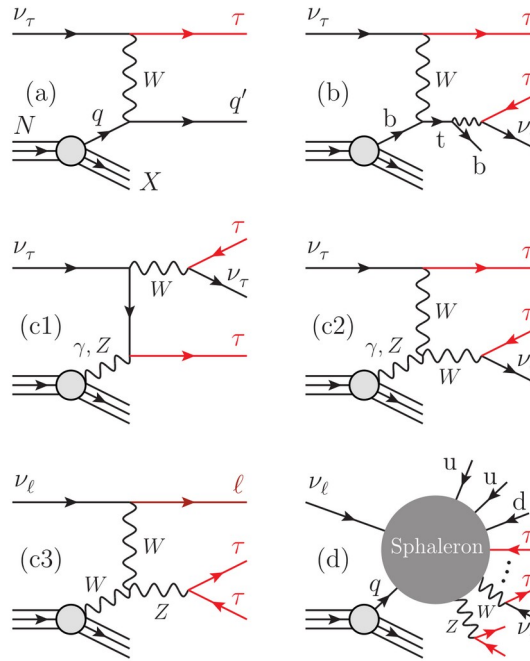
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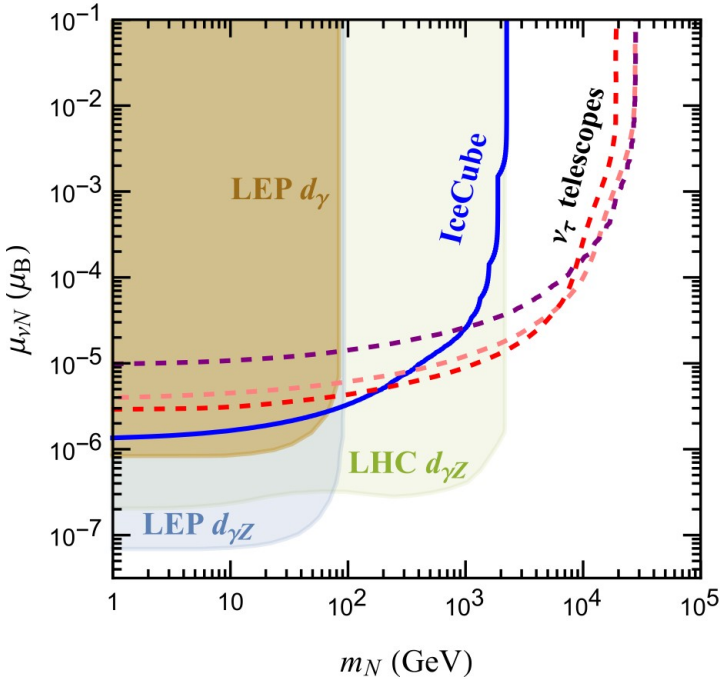
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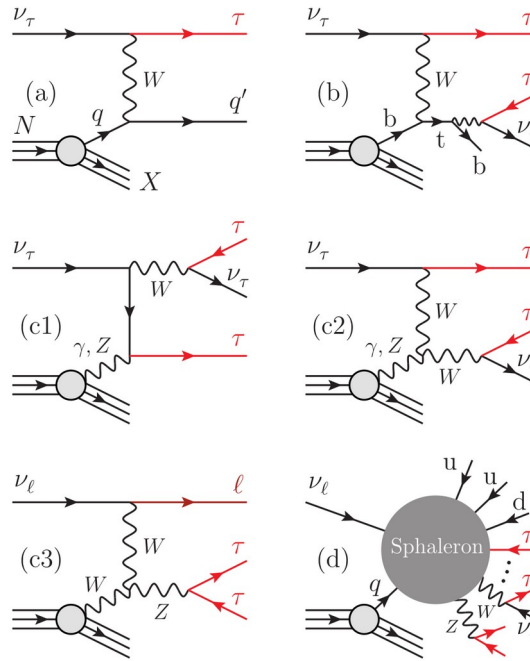
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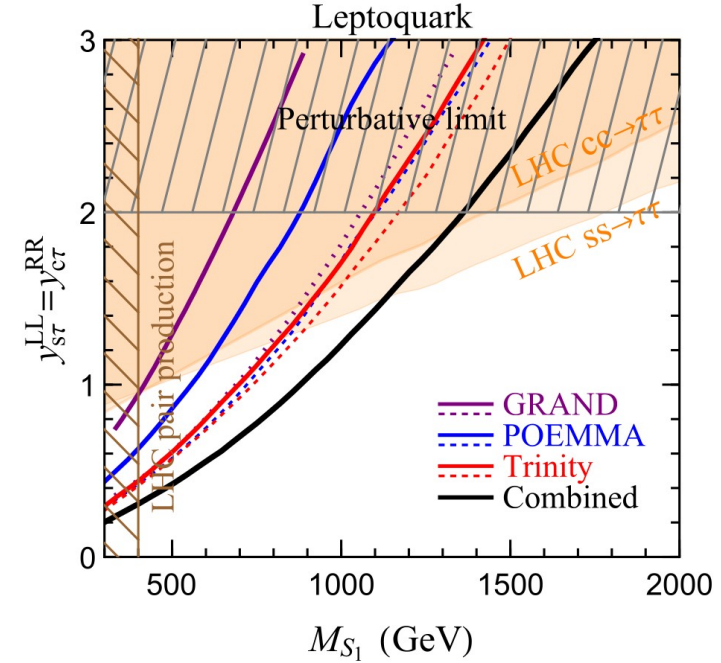
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Leptoquarks,  
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