

# Fundamental physics with high-energy and ultra-high-energy neutrinos

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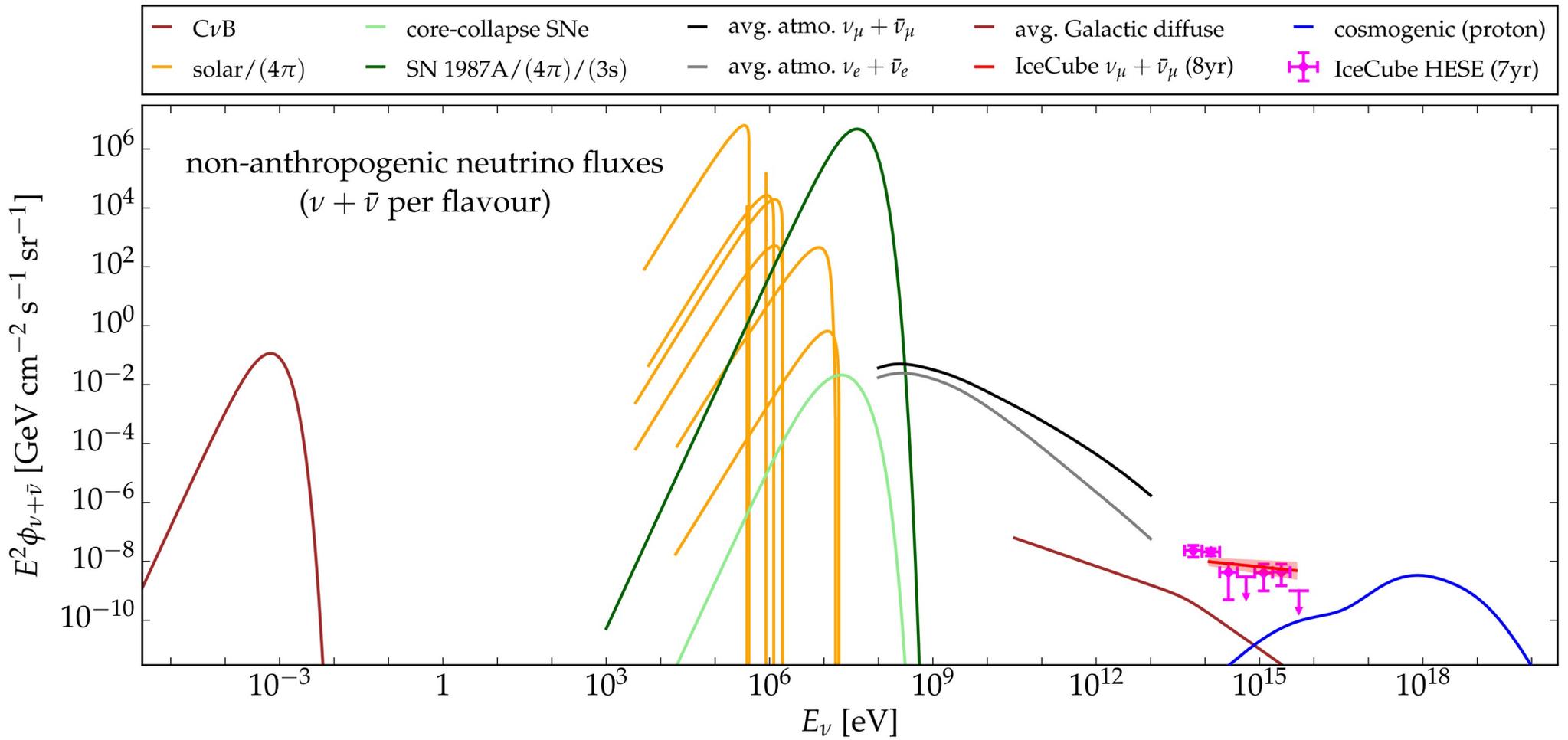


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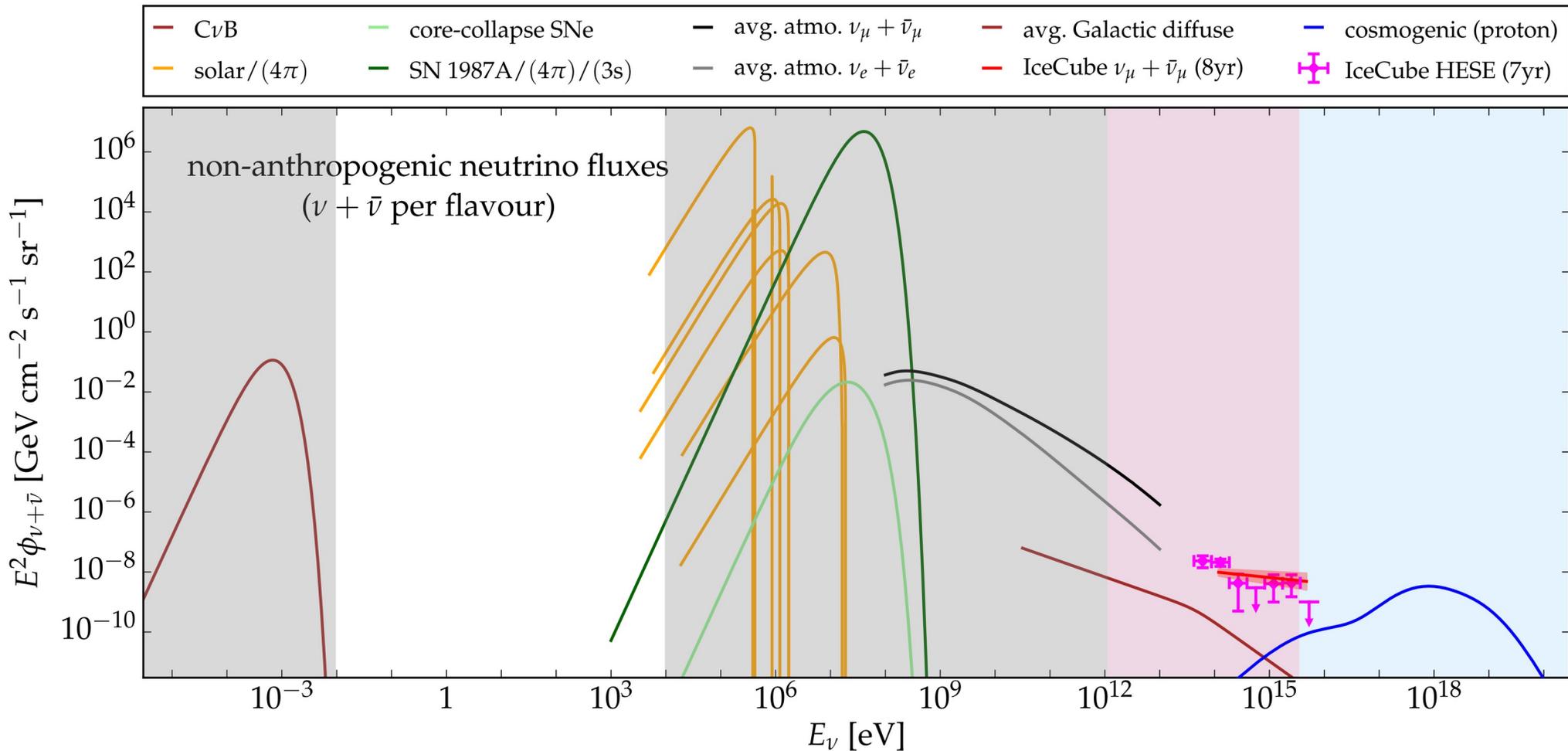


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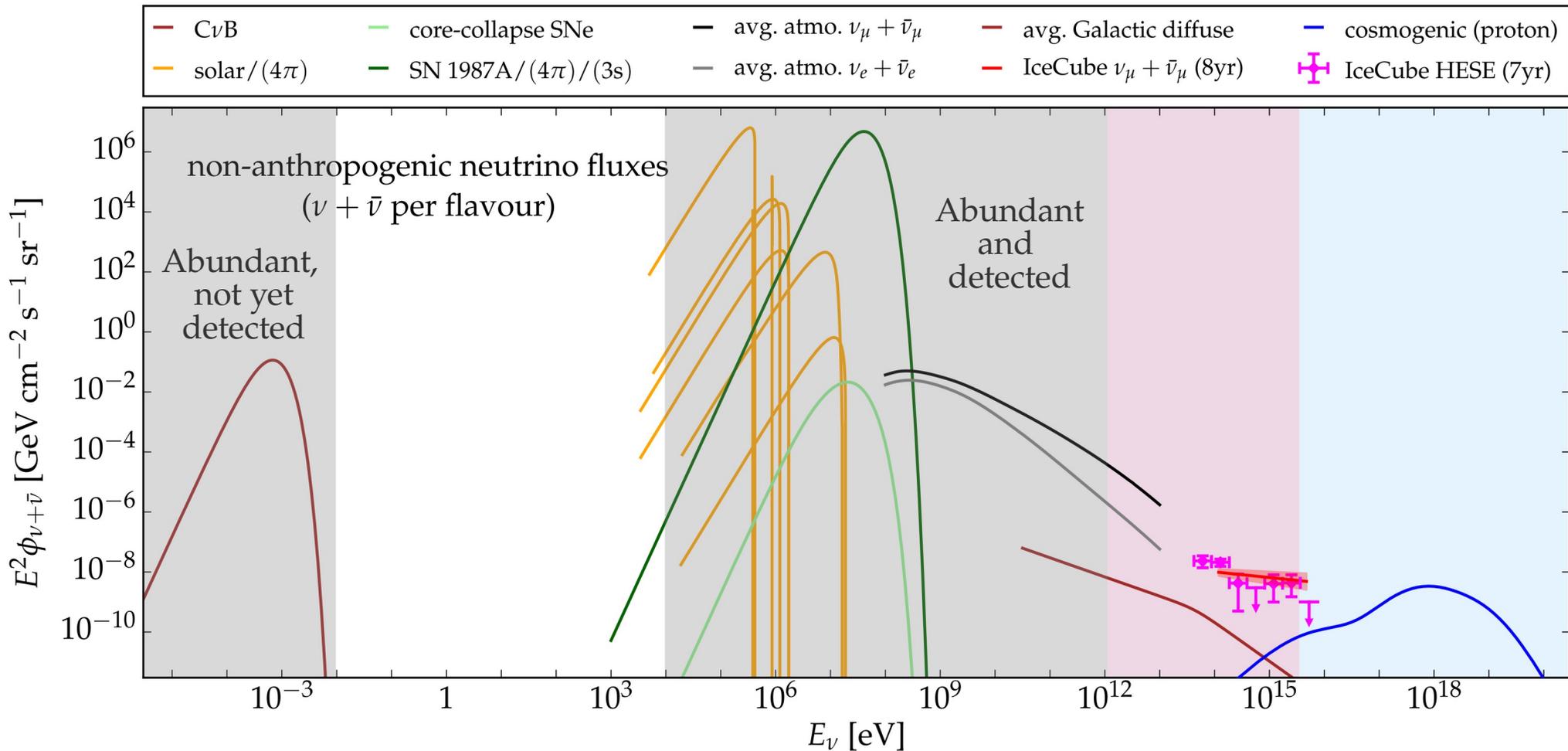


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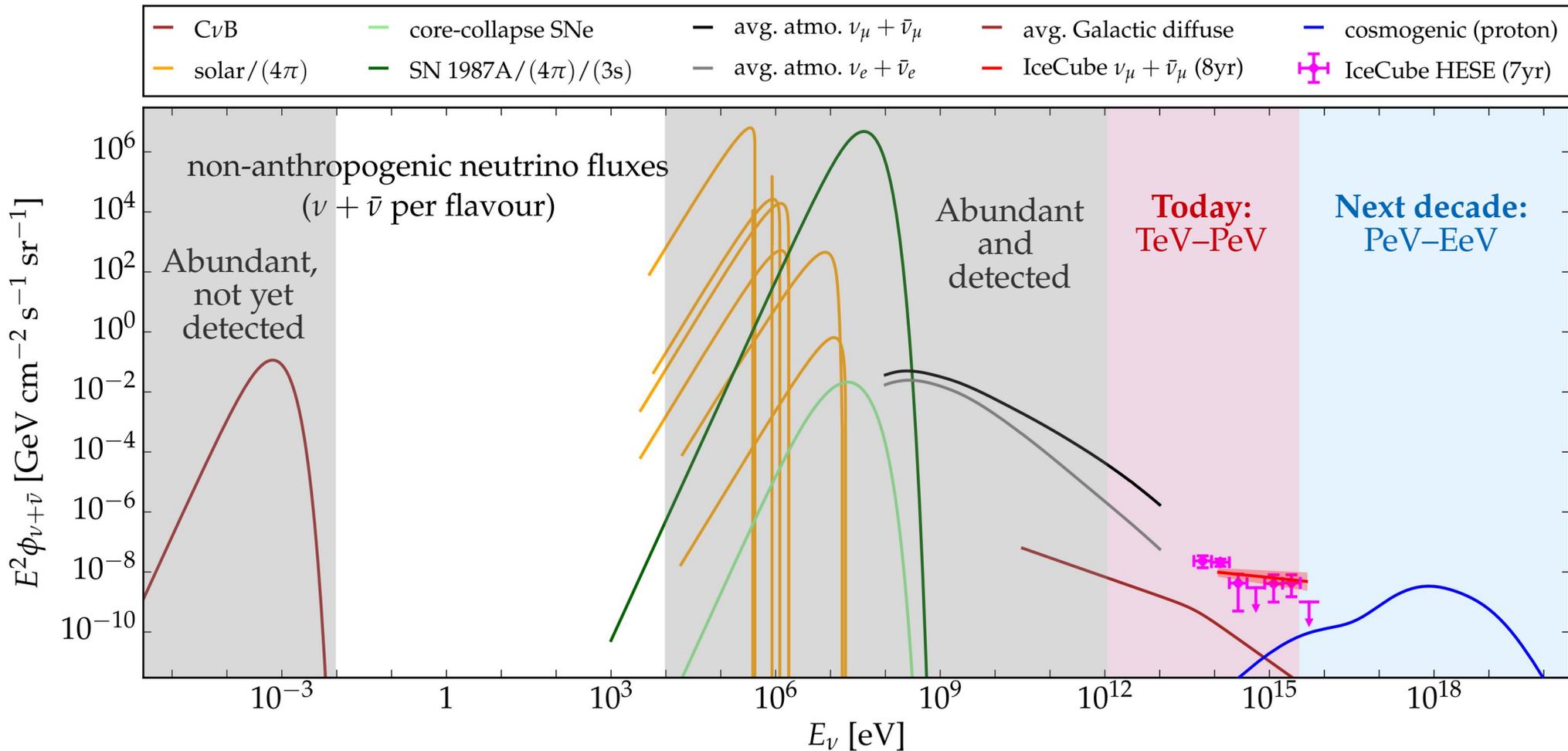


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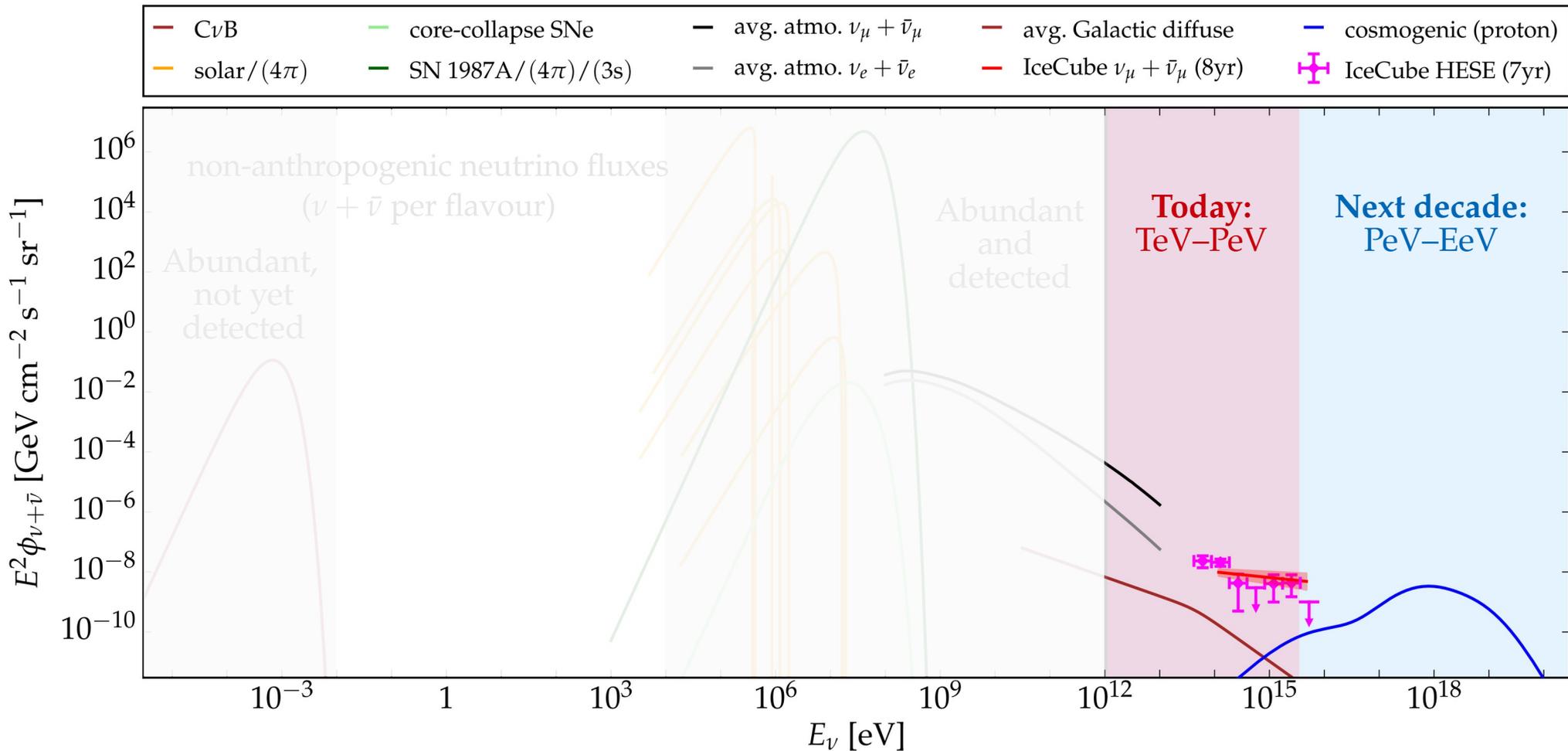
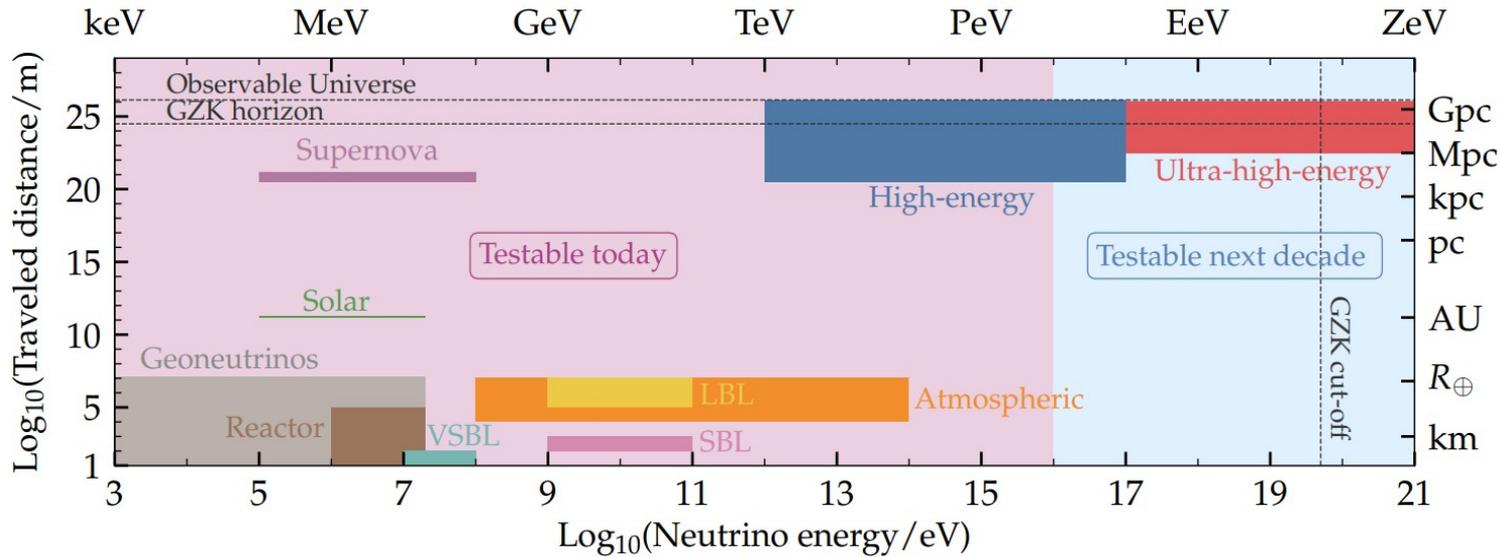


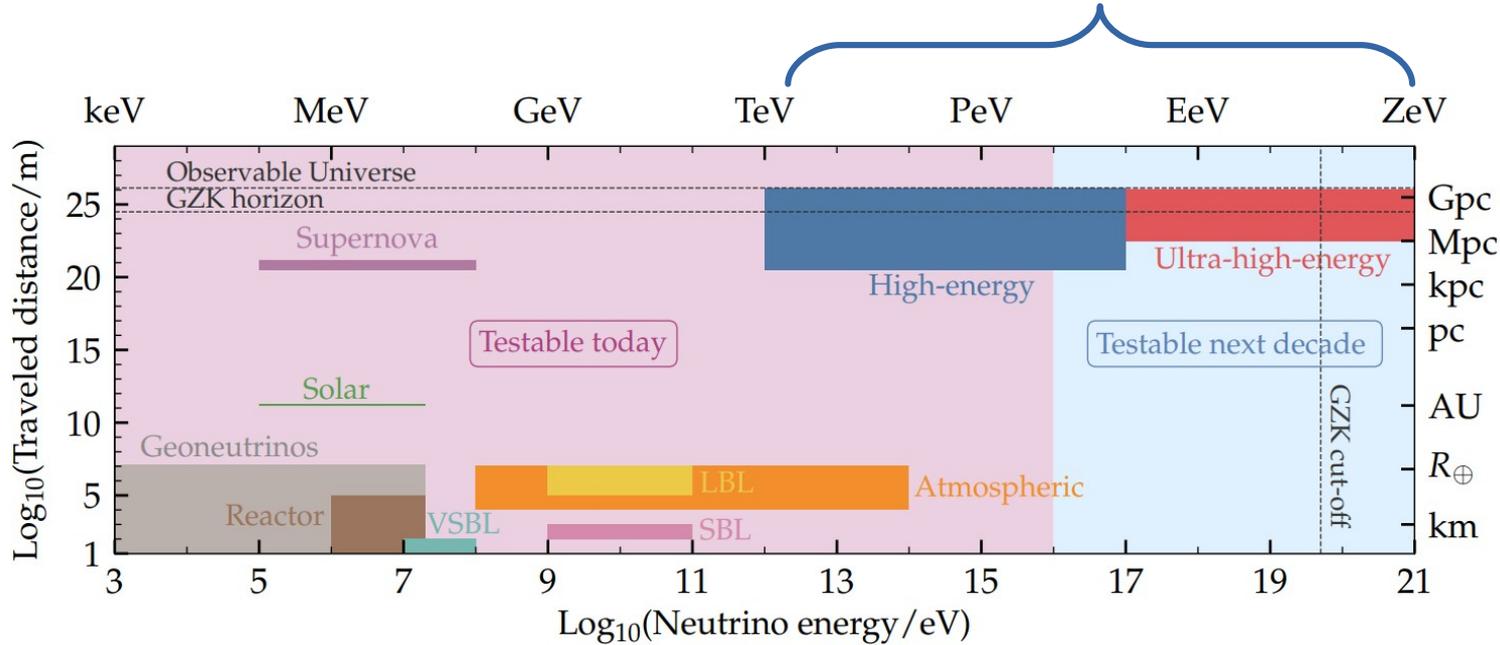
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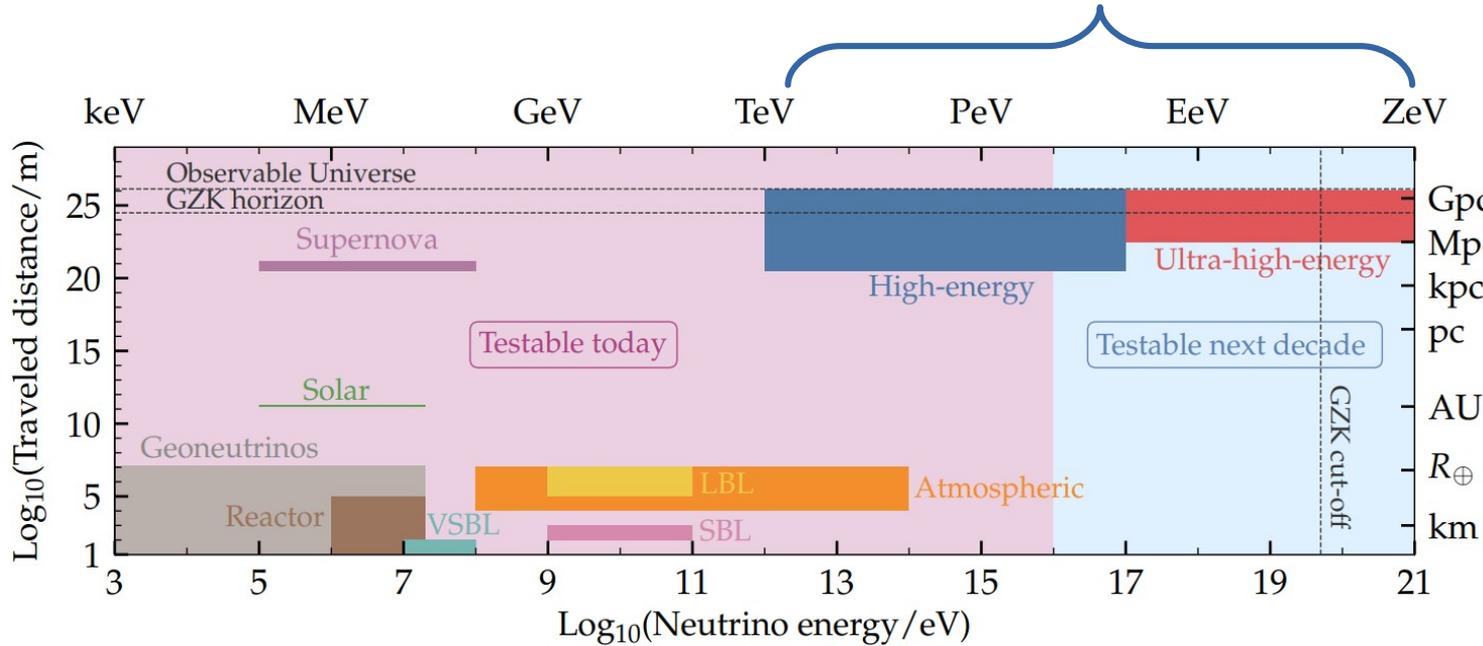
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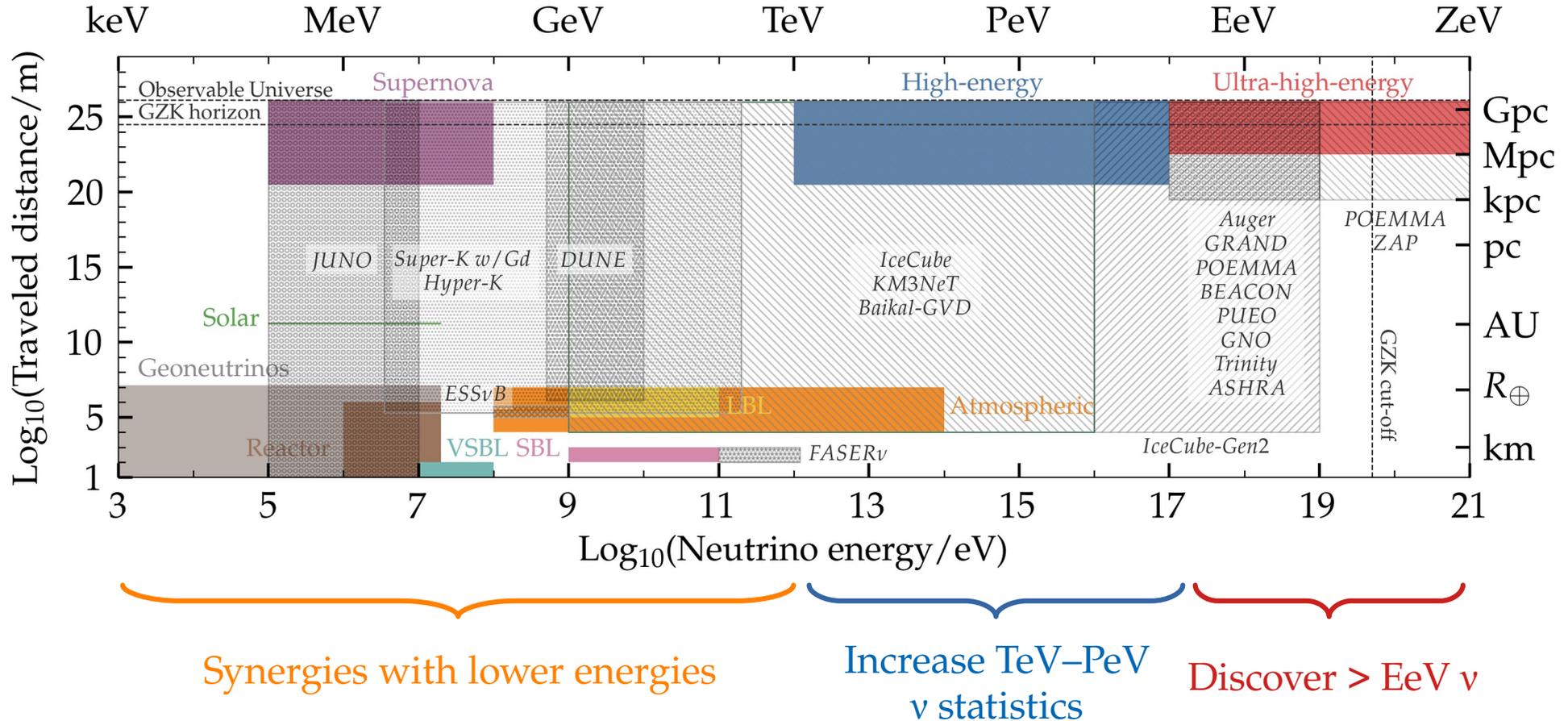
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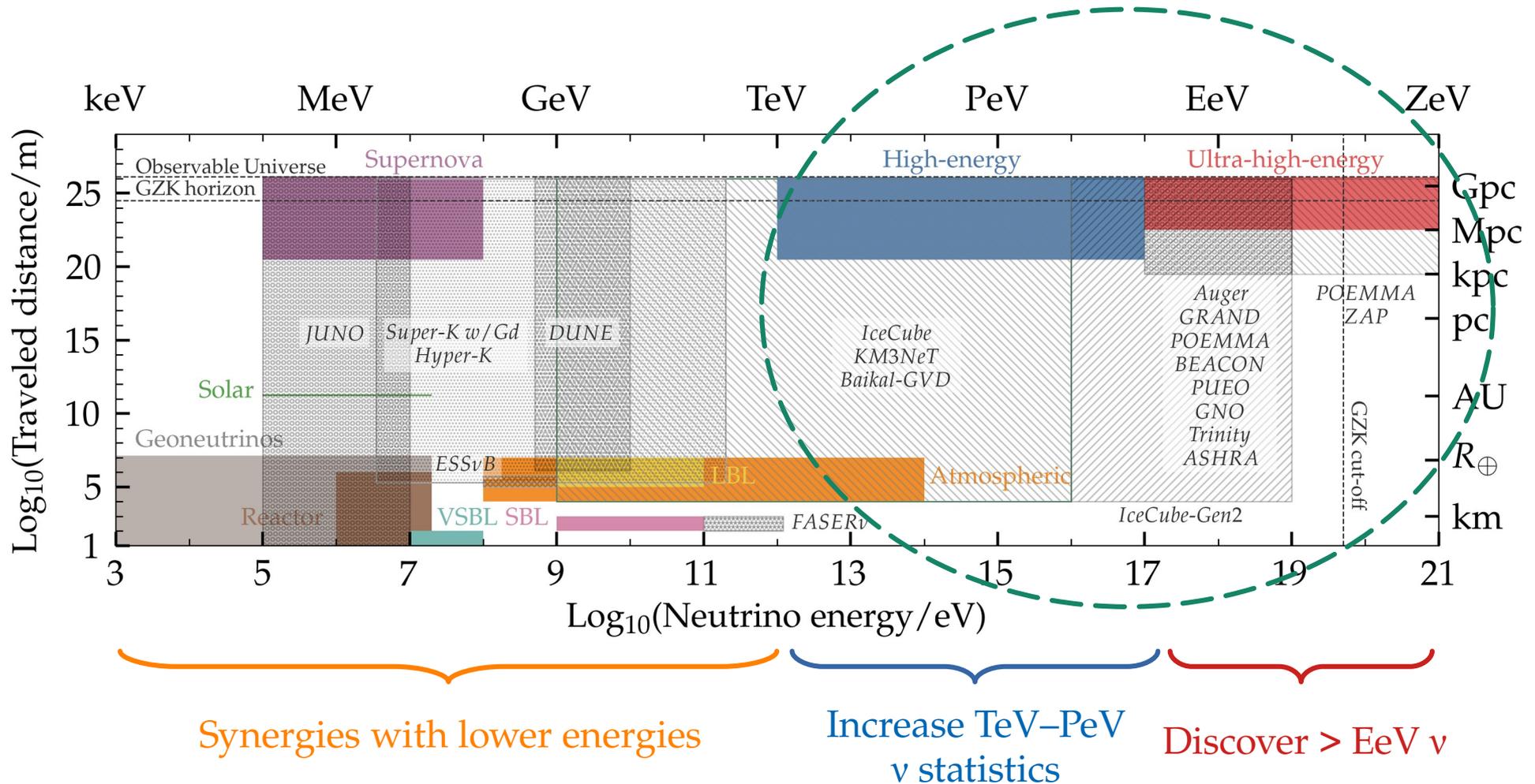


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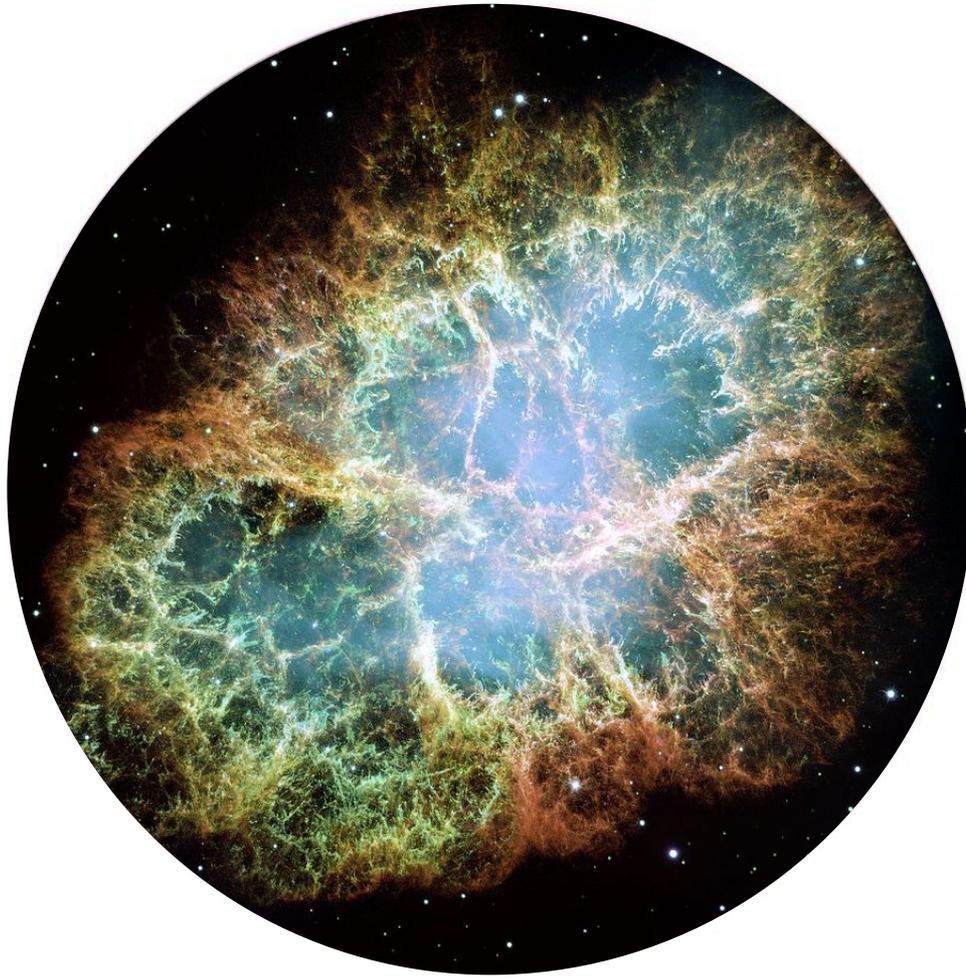
High-energy neutrinos: TeV–PeV

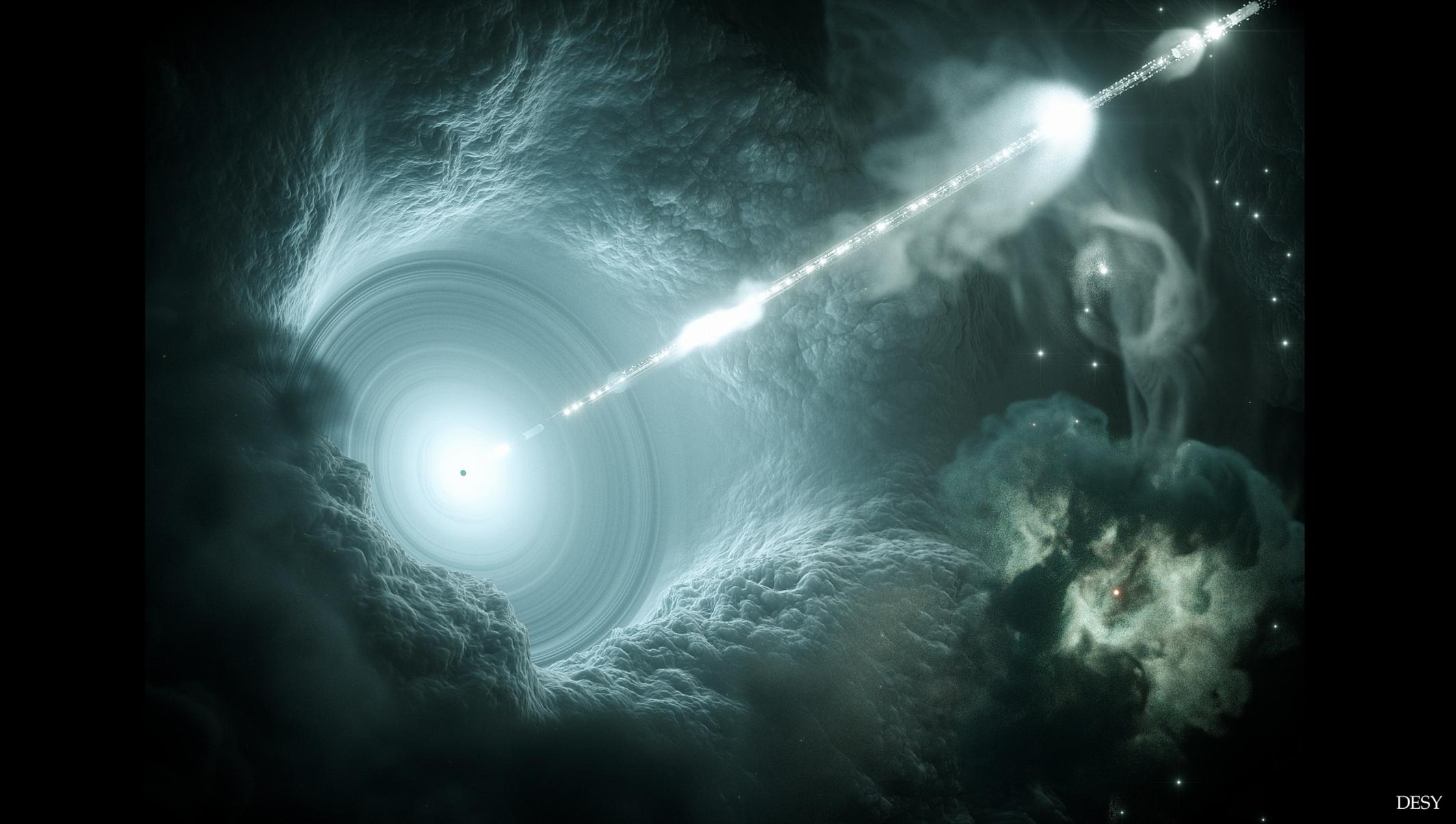
*(Discovered)*

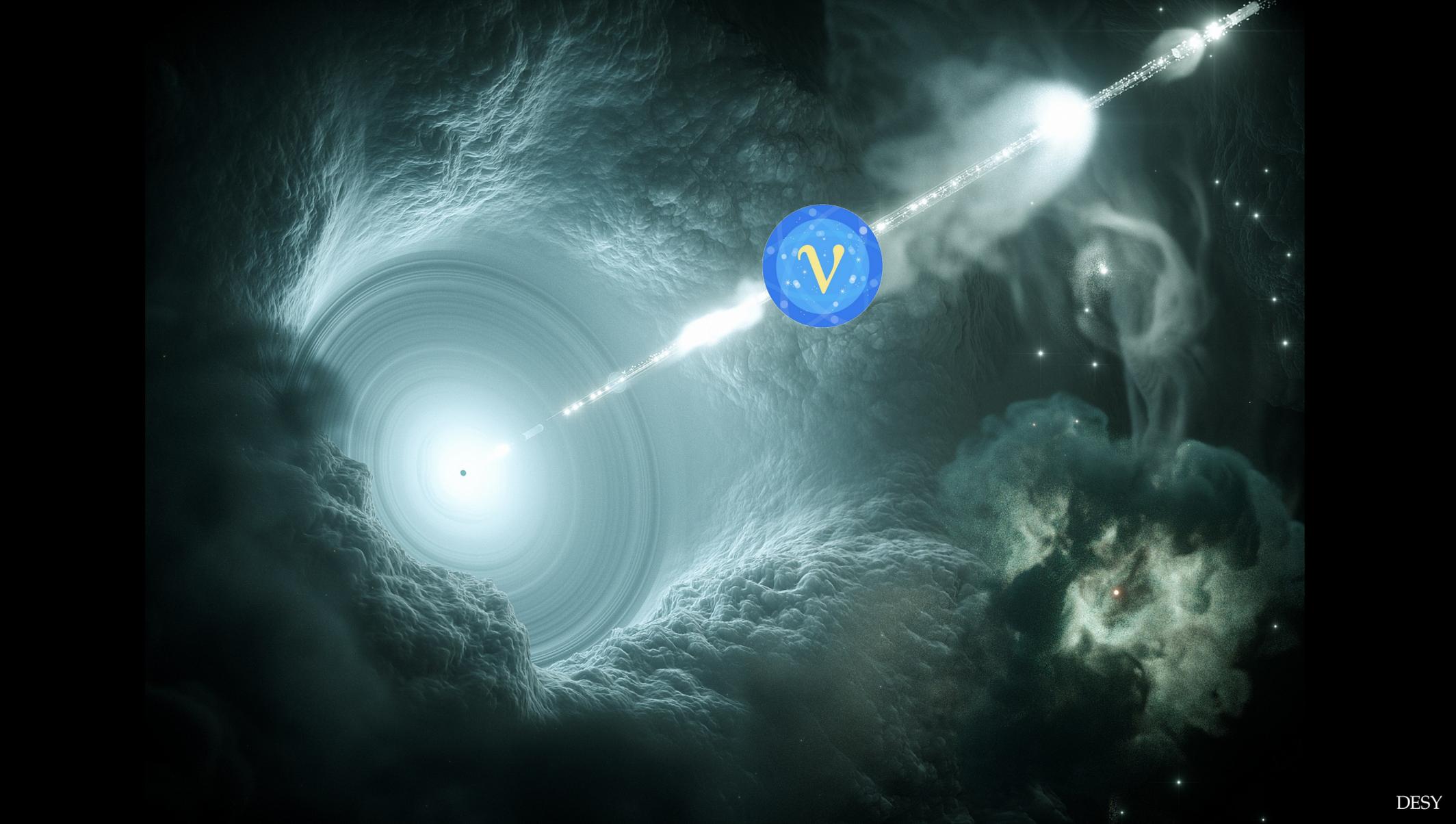
Ultra-high-energy neutrinos:  $> 100$  PeV

*(Predicted but undiscovered)*

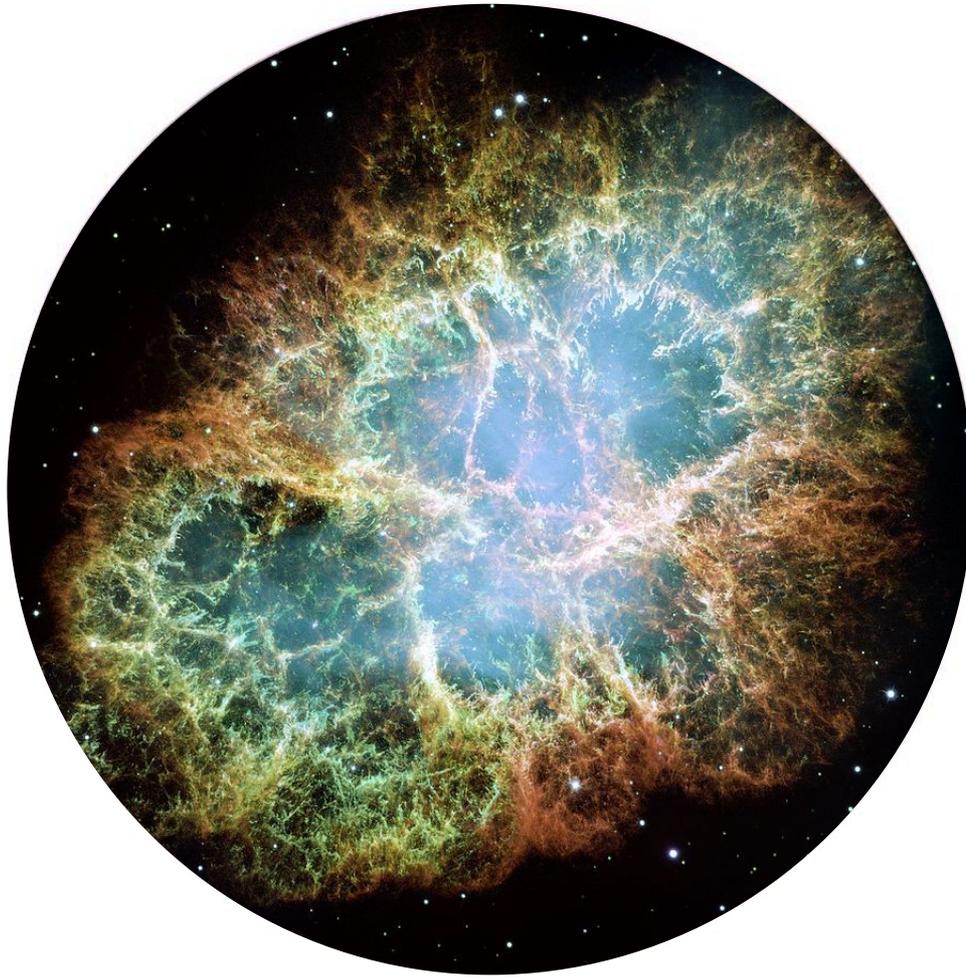


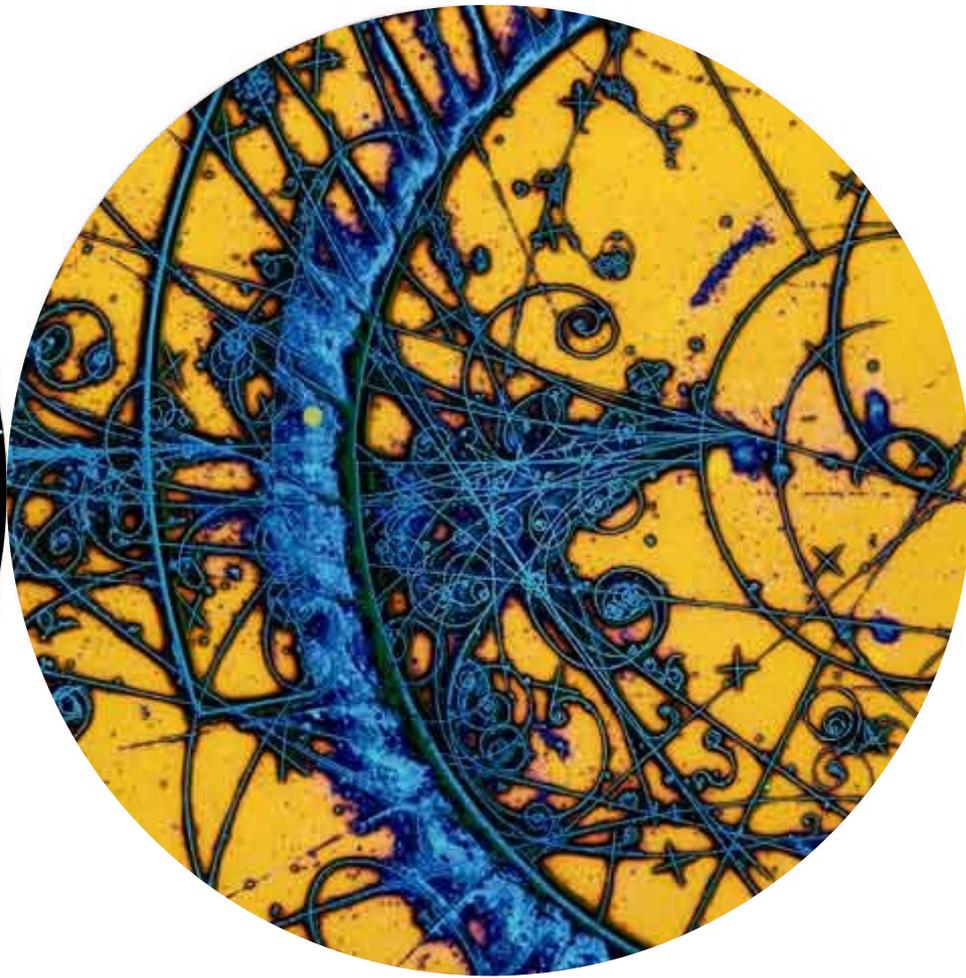
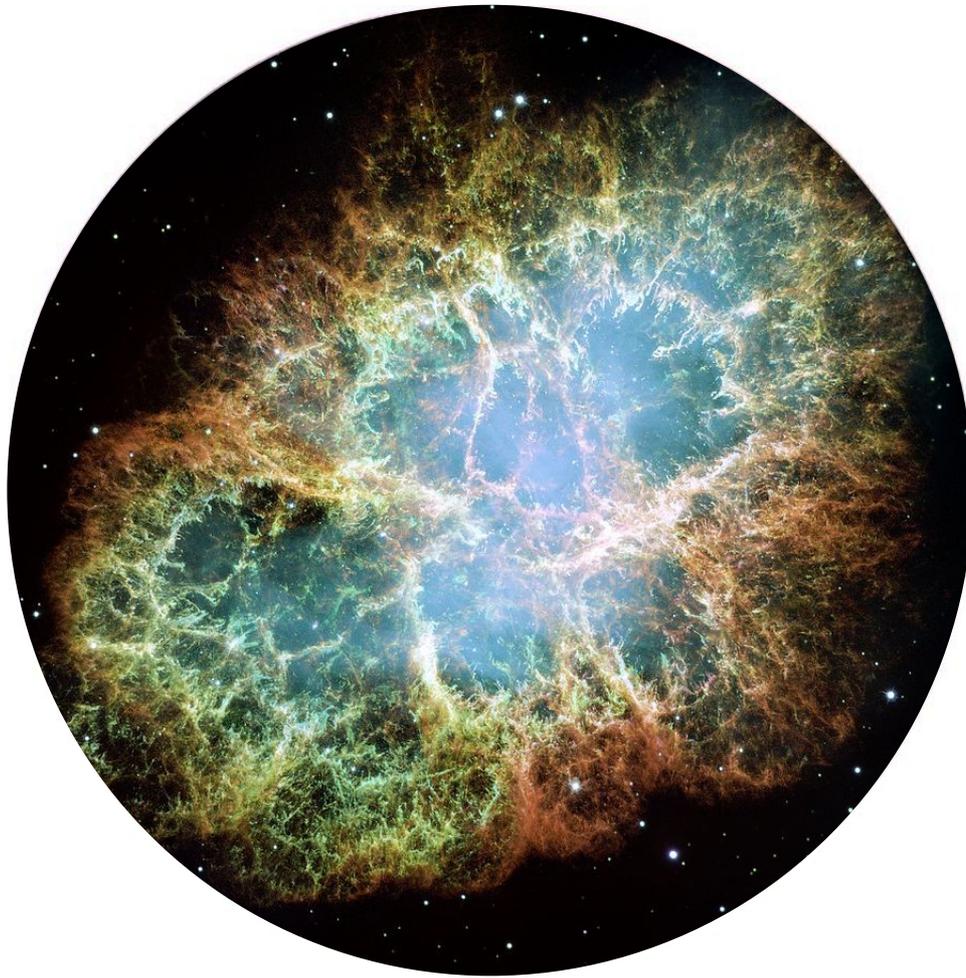






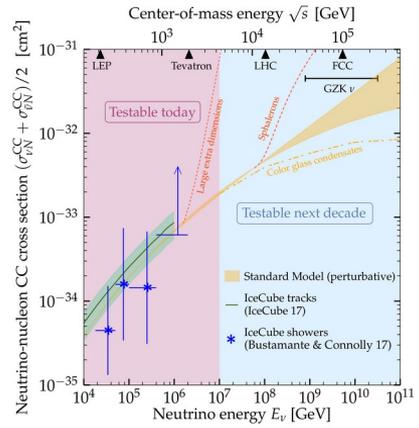






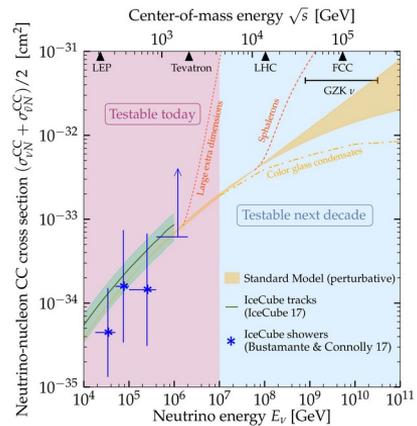


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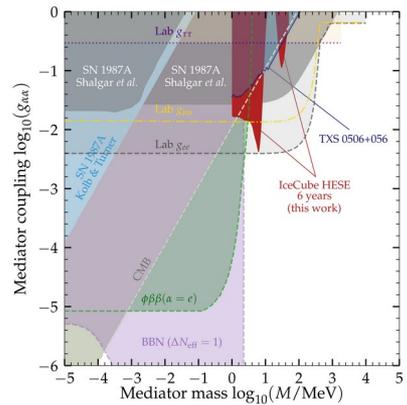
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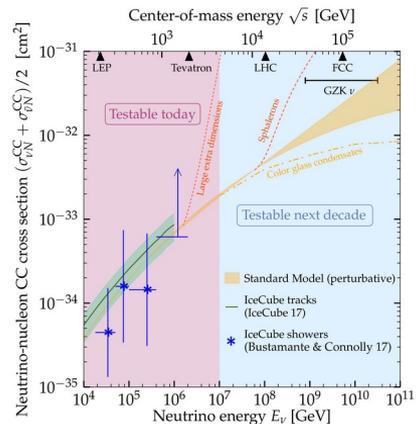
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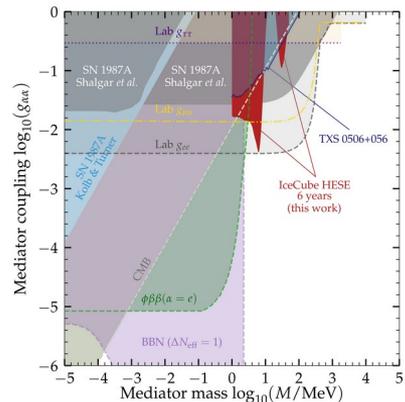
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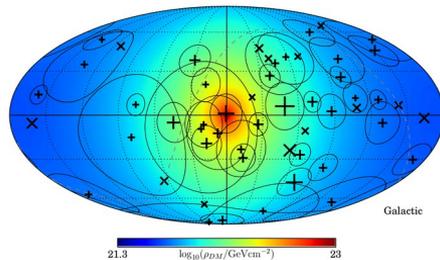
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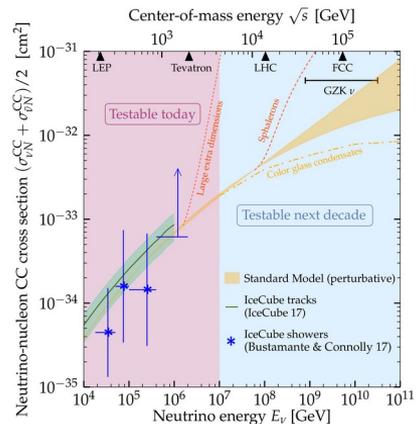
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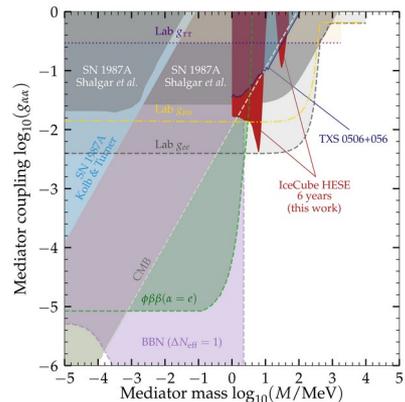
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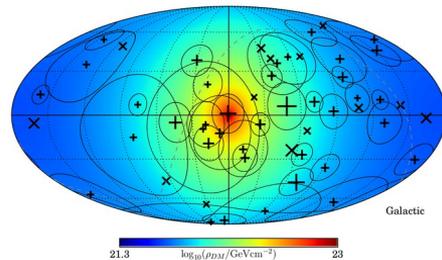
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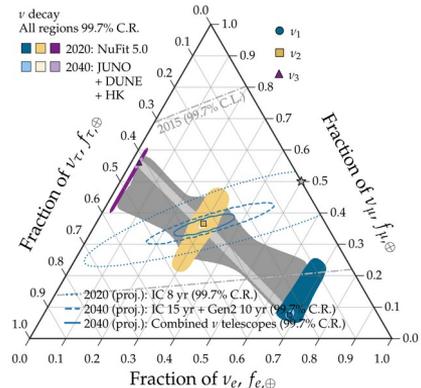
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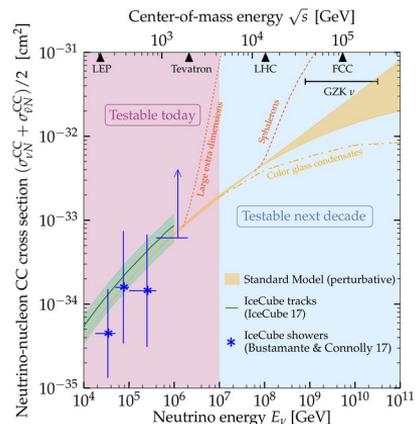
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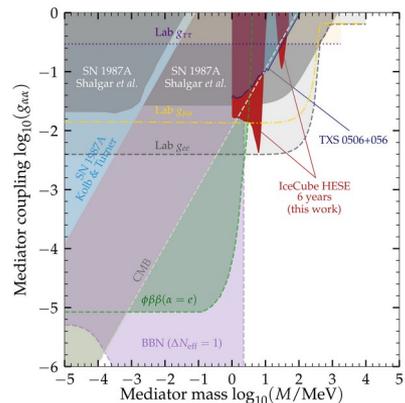
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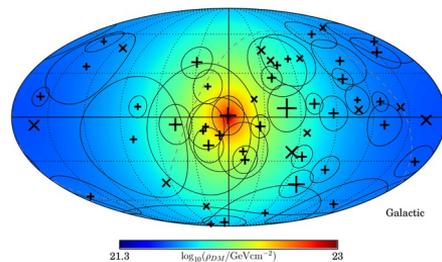
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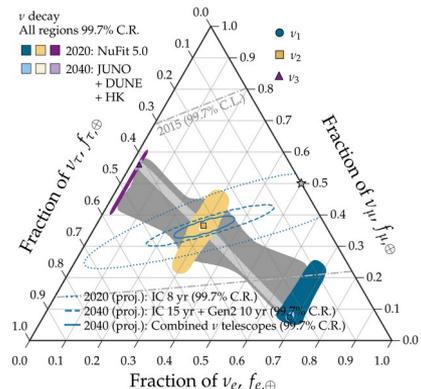
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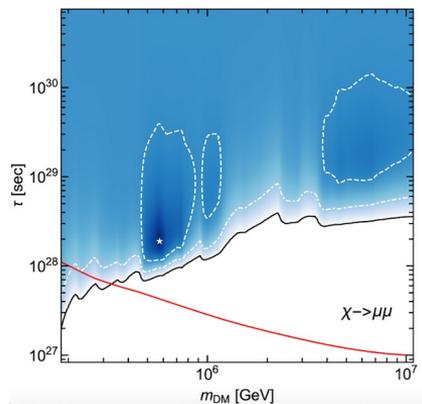
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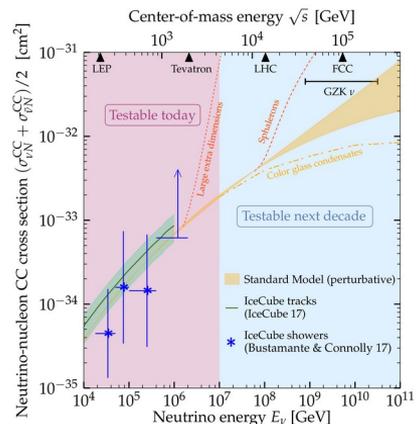
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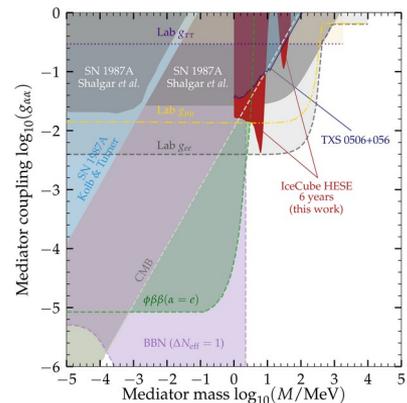
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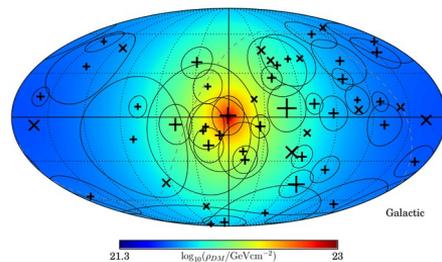
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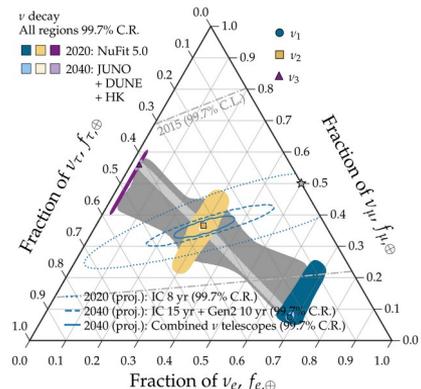
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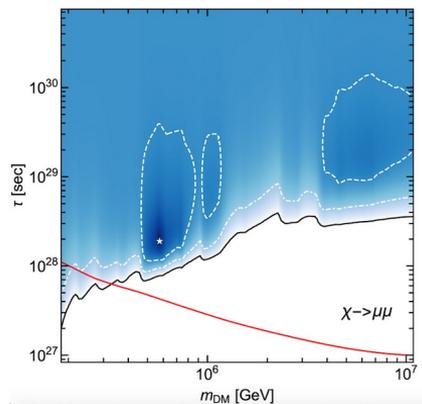
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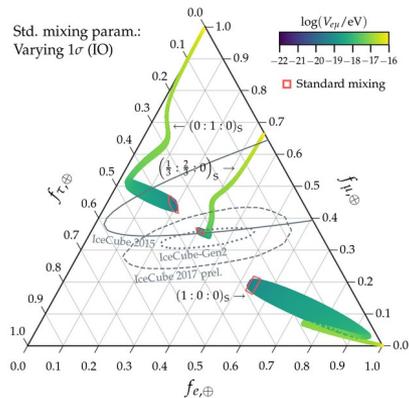
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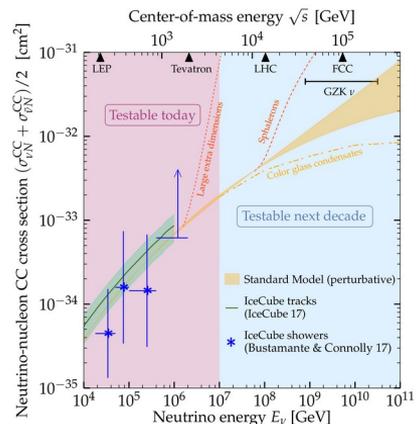
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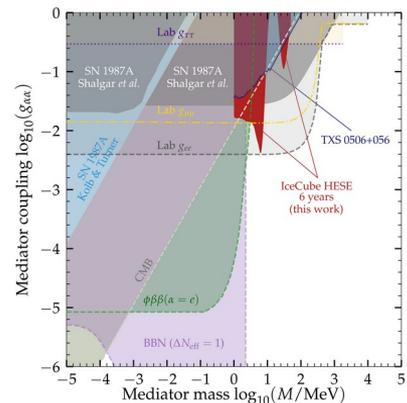
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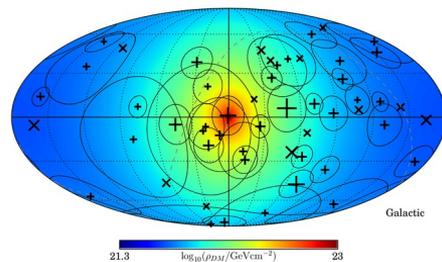
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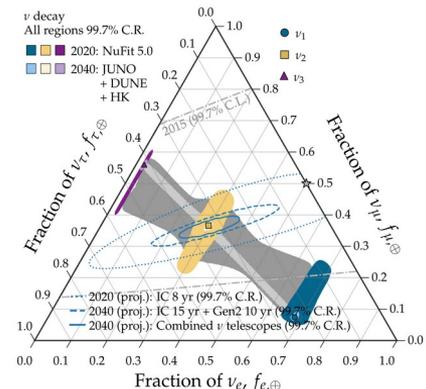
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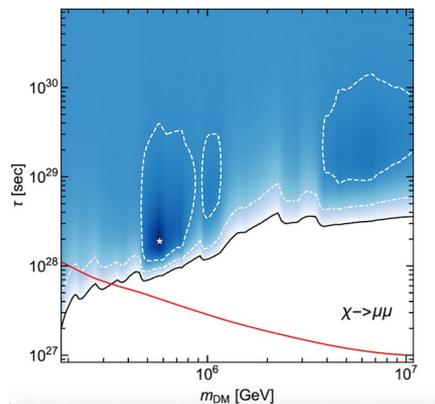
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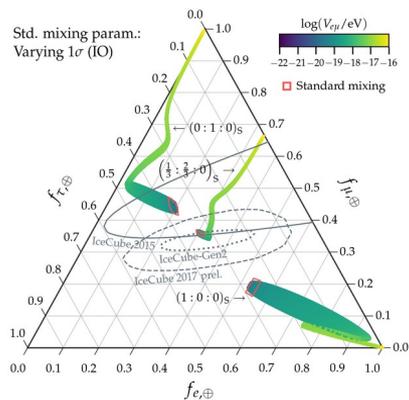
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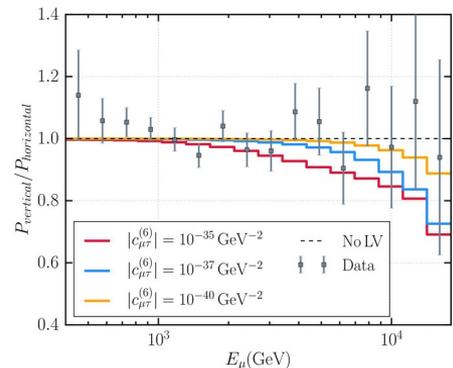
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## Lorentz-invariance violation



IceCube, *Nature Phys.* 2018



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& astrophysical unknowns

*Today*

TeV–PeV  $\nu$

Turn predictions  
into data-driven tests

*Next decade*

> 100-PeV  $\nu$

Make predictions for  
a new energy regime

I.

The story so far

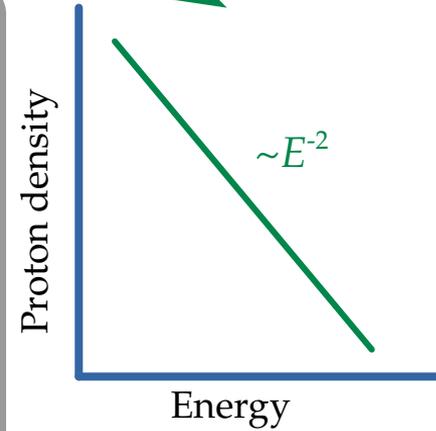
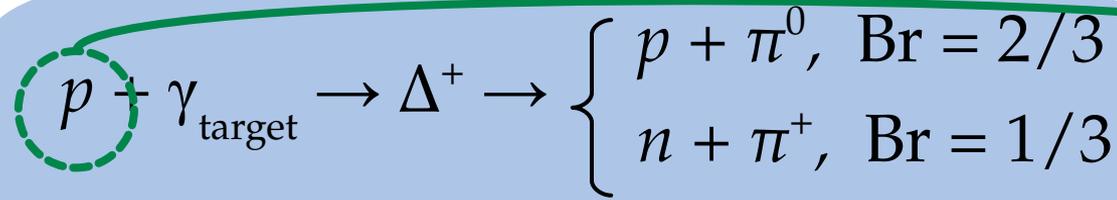
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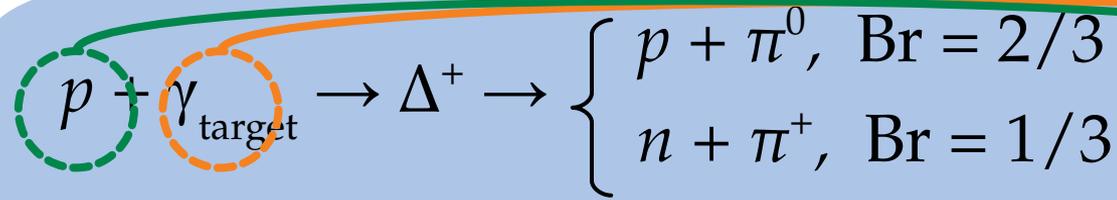
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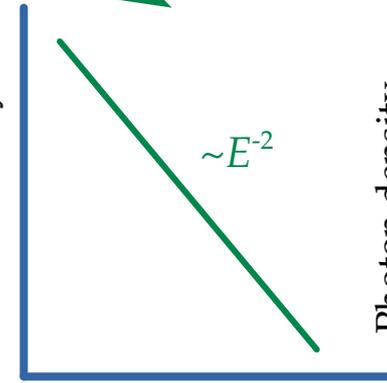


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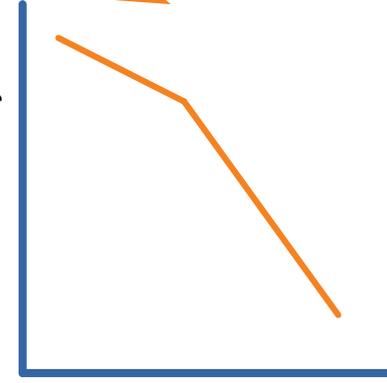


Proton density



Energy

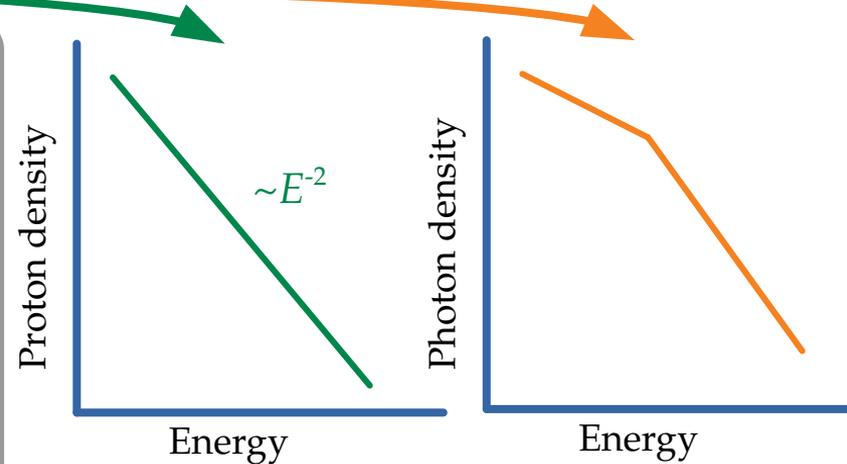
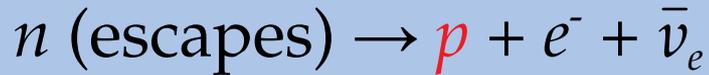
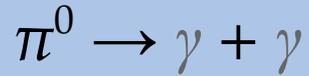
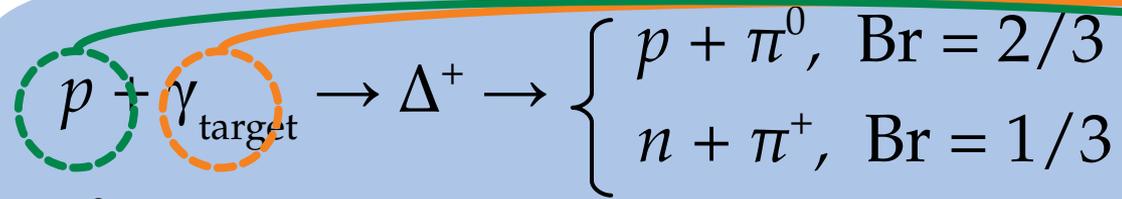
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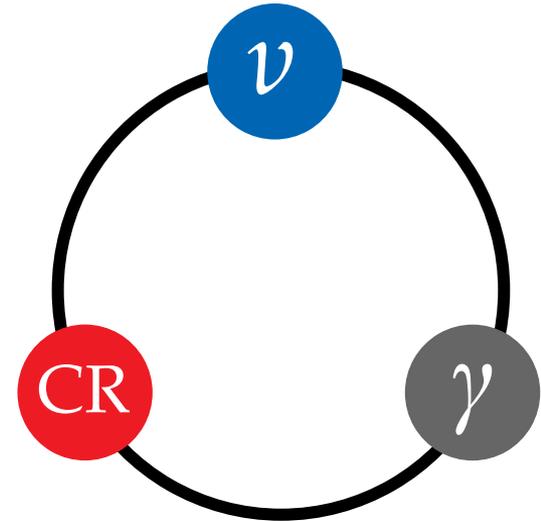
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$$n \text{ (escapes)} \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}_e$$



Neutrino energy = Proton energy / 20

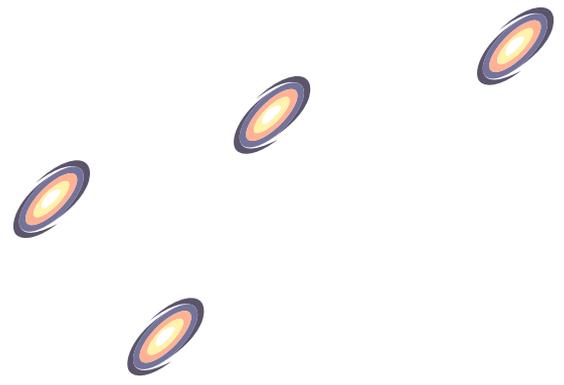
Gamma-ray energy = Proton energy / 10

Redshift



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MeV  $\gamma$

PeV  $p$

Discovered

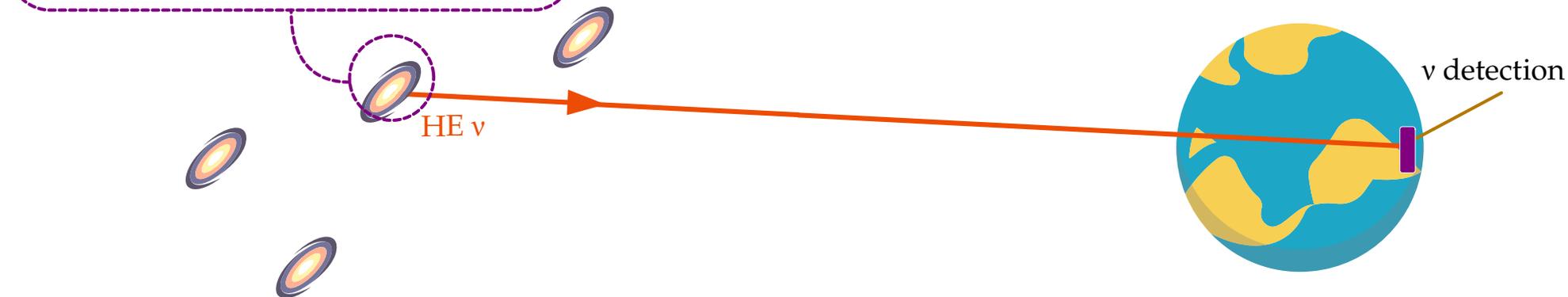
TeV–PeV  $\nu$   
"High-energy"

Photohadronic or  $pp$  interaction  
*inside the source*

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$\nu$  propagation  
inside the Earth

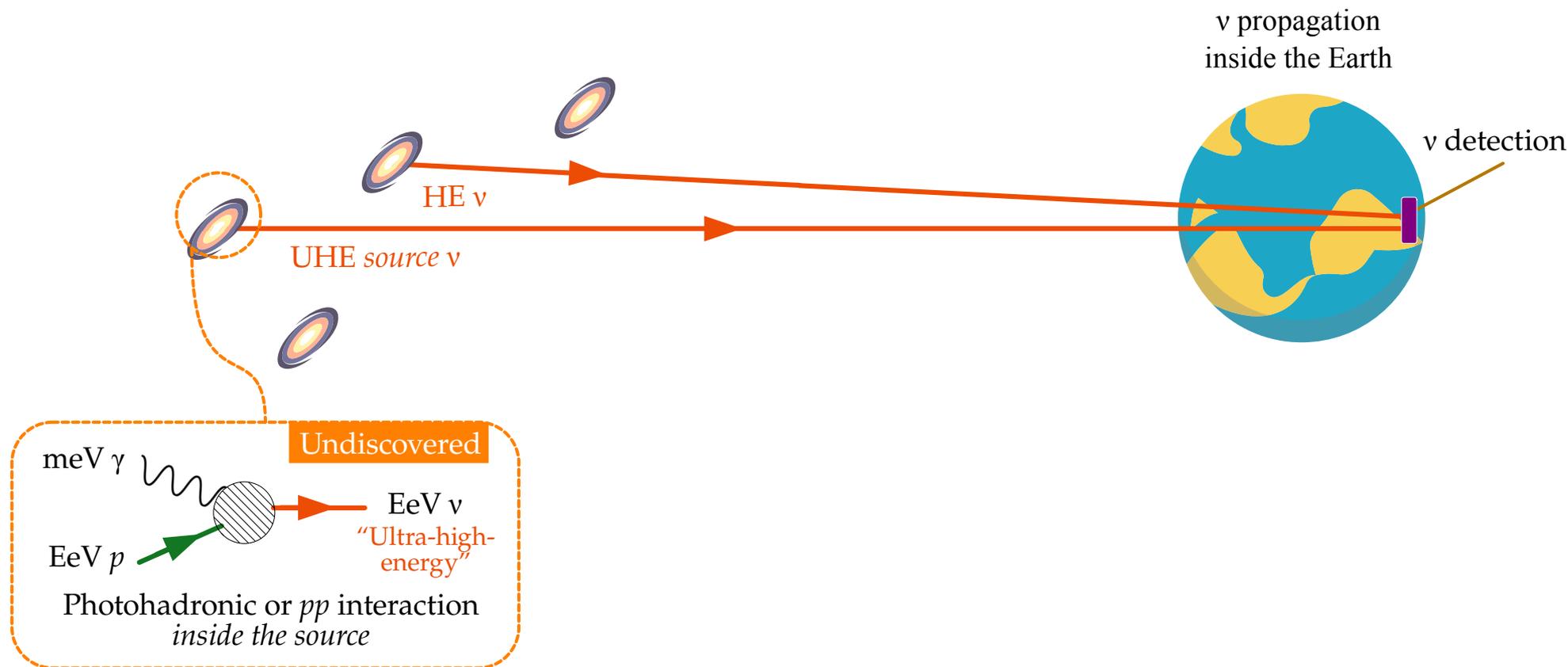
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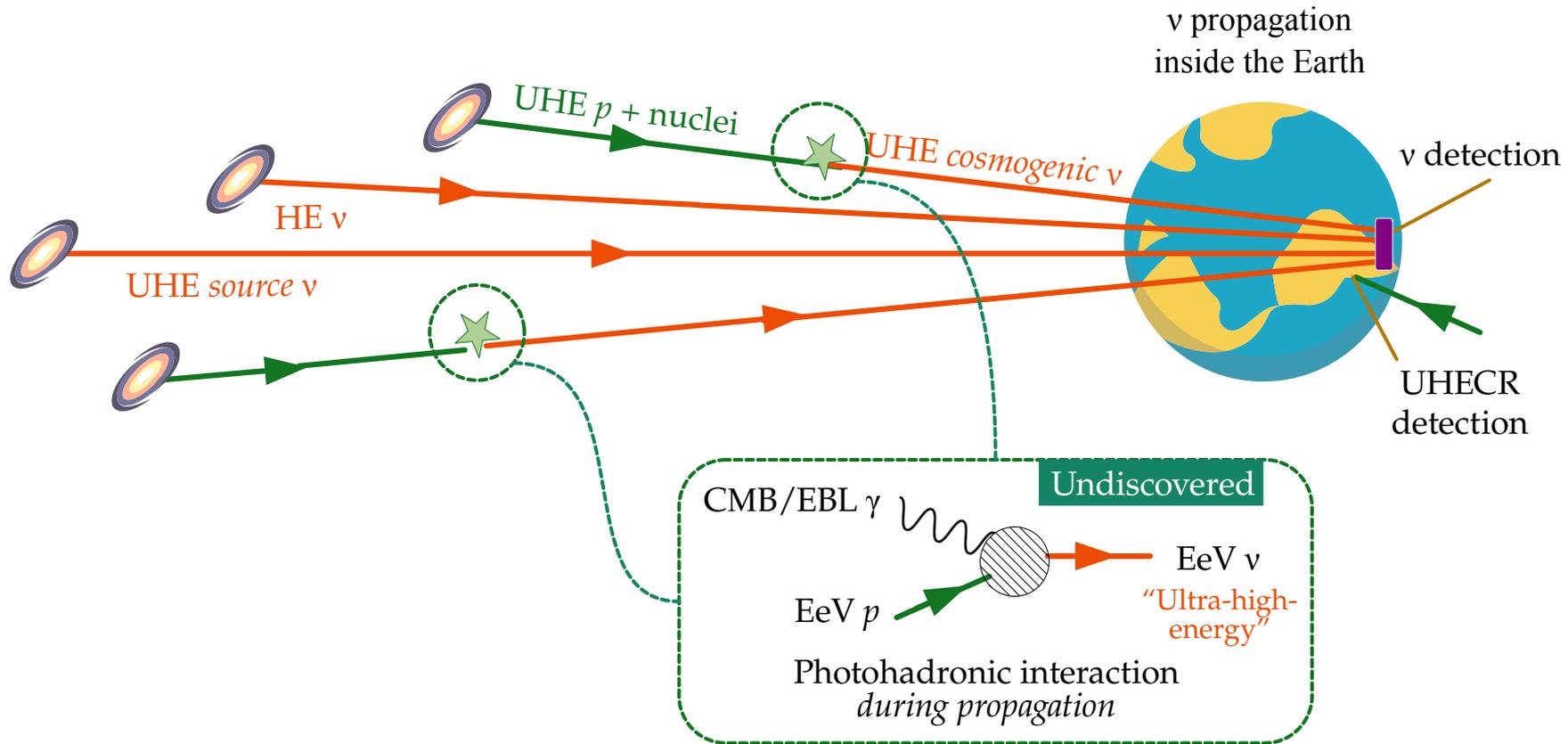
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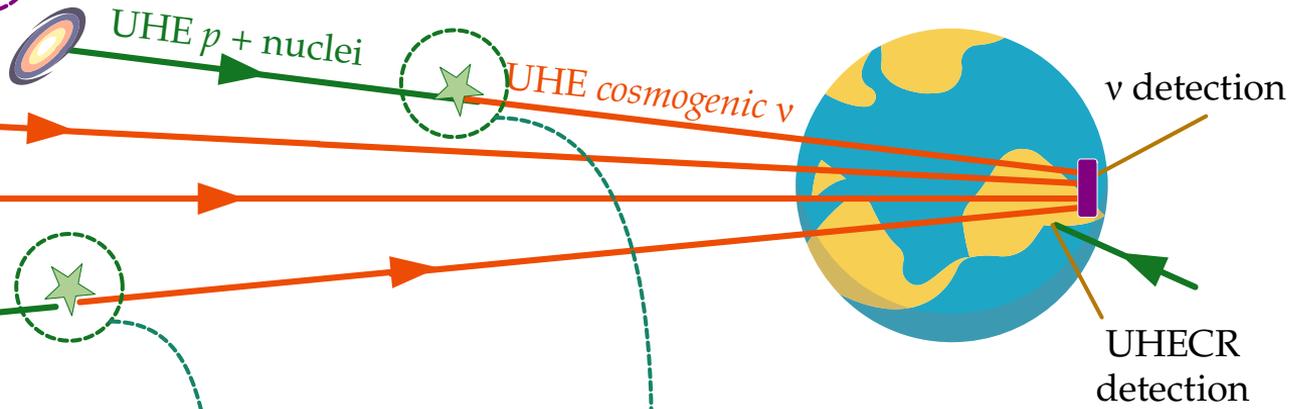
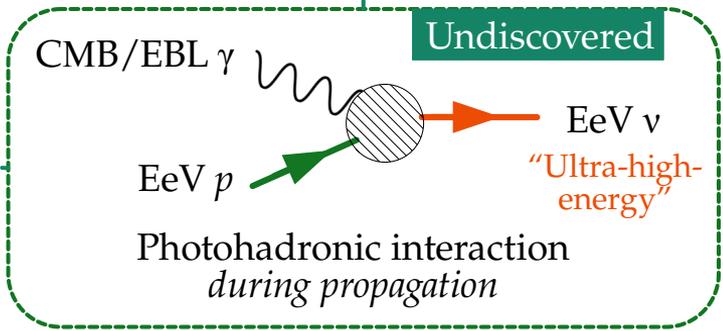
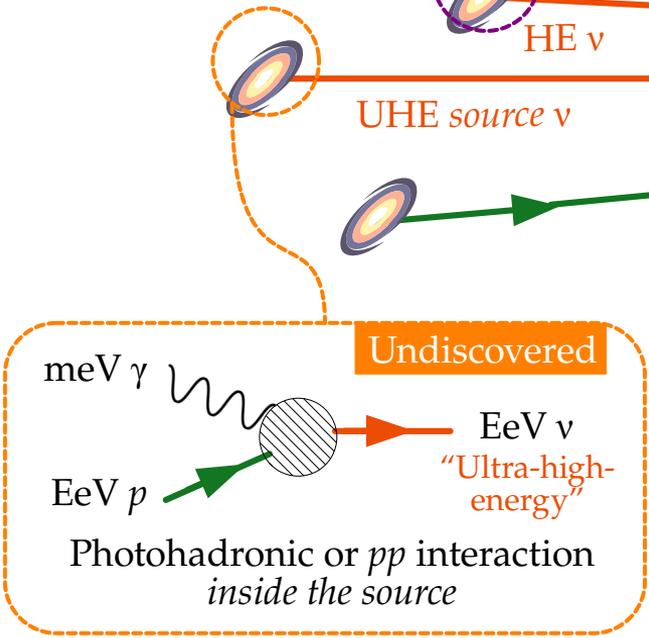
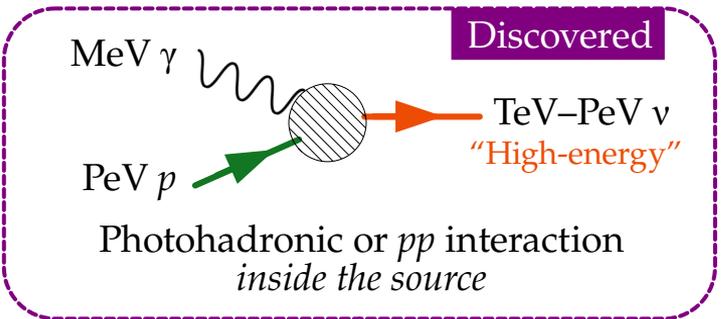
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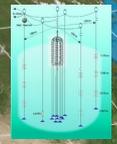
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# TeV–PeV $\nu$ telescopes, 2021

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- ▶ Completed 2008
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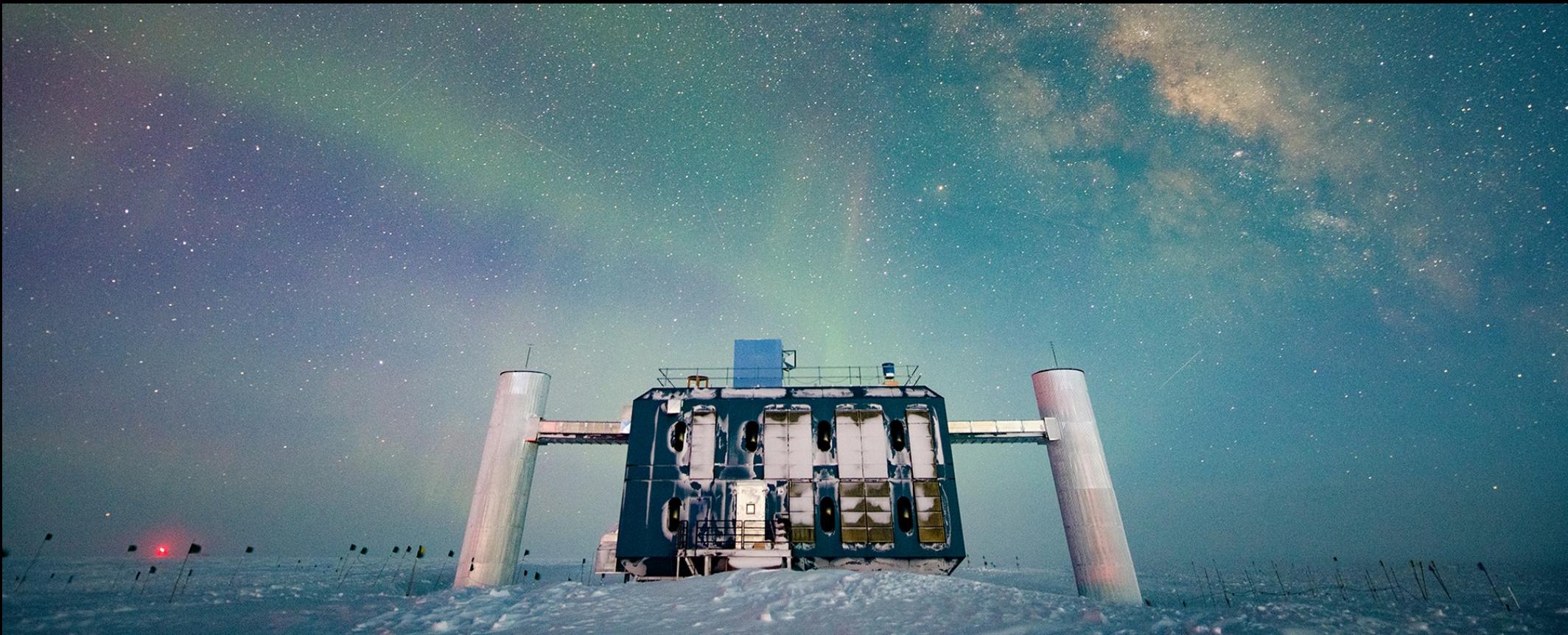
- ▶ Lake Baikal
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## IceCube

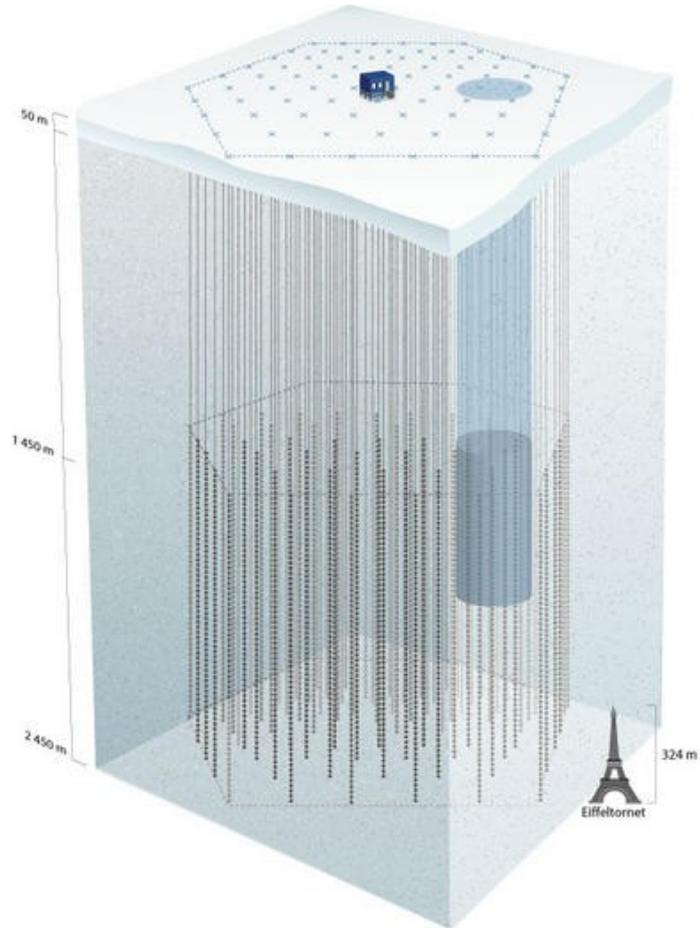
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- ▶ Sees high-energy astrophysical  $\nu$



OM: optical module



# IceCube – What is it?



- ▶  $\text{Km}^3$  in-ice Cherenkov detector in Antarctica
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- ▶ Sensitive to neutrino energies > 10 GeV



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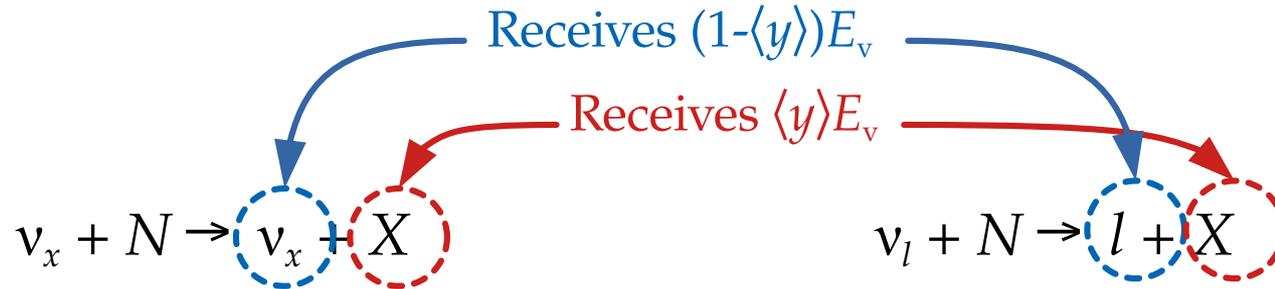
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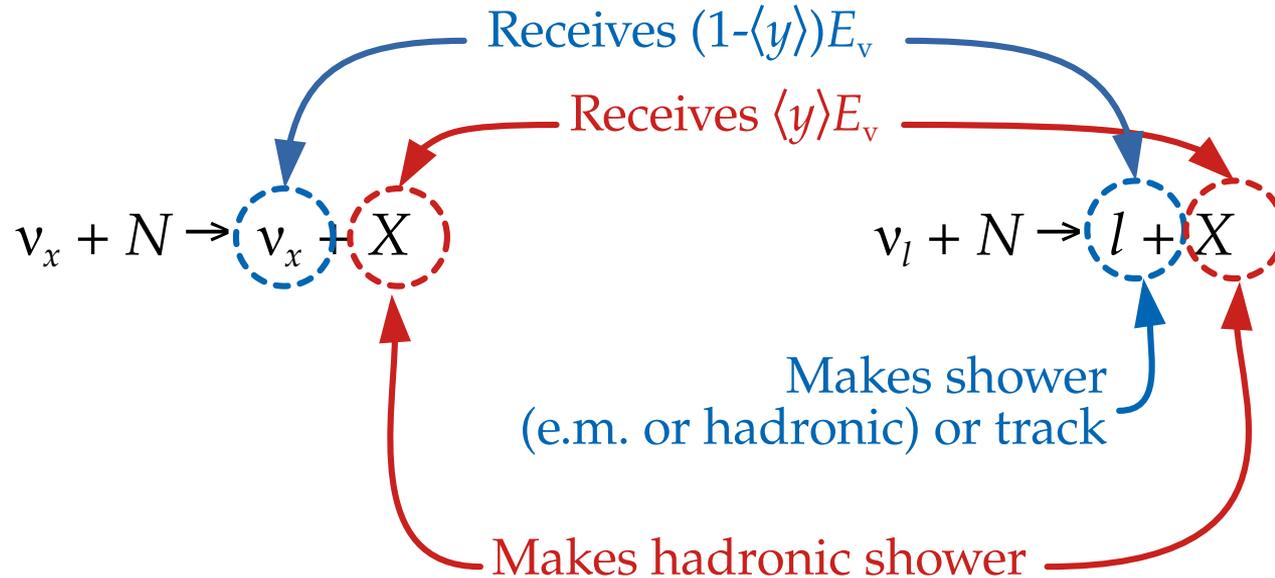
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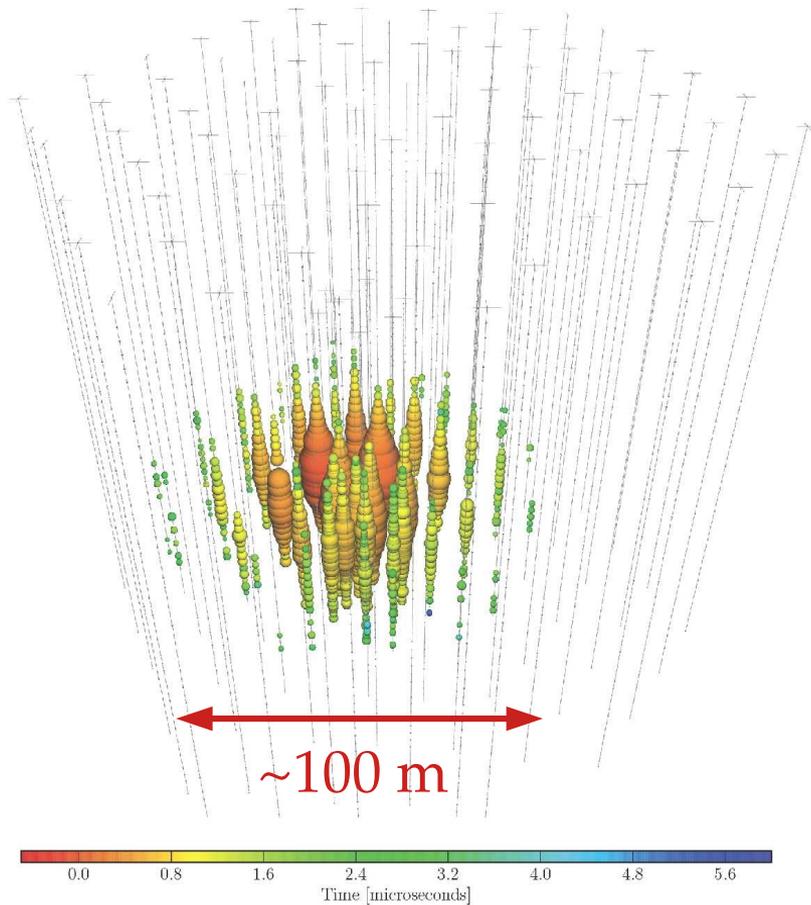
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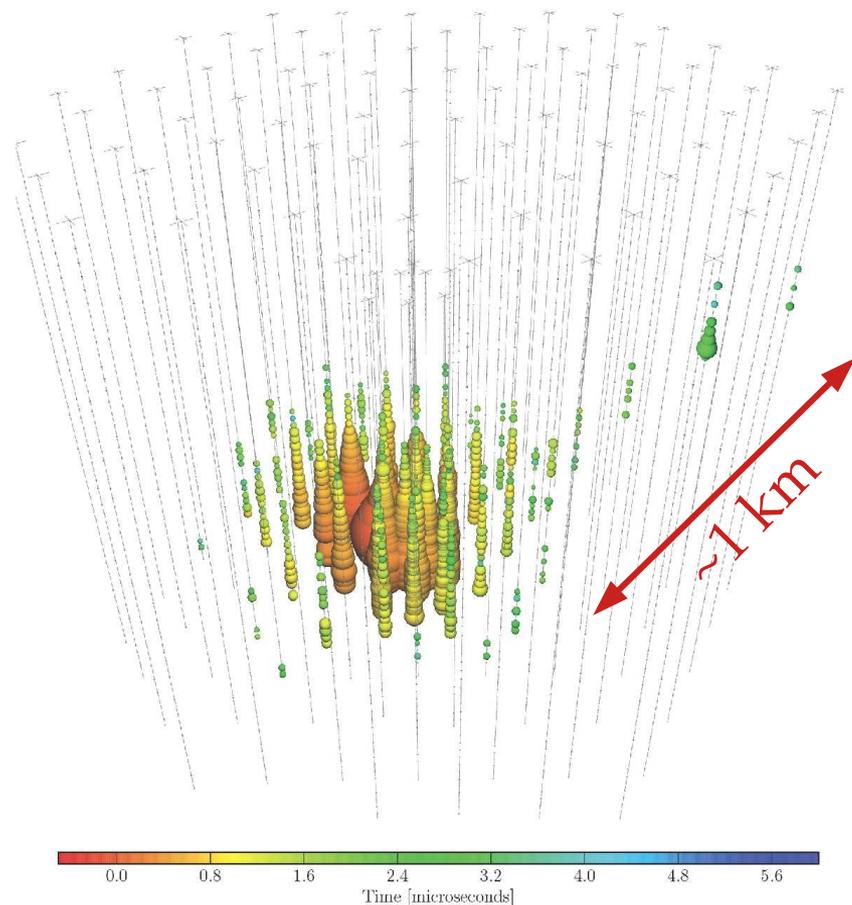


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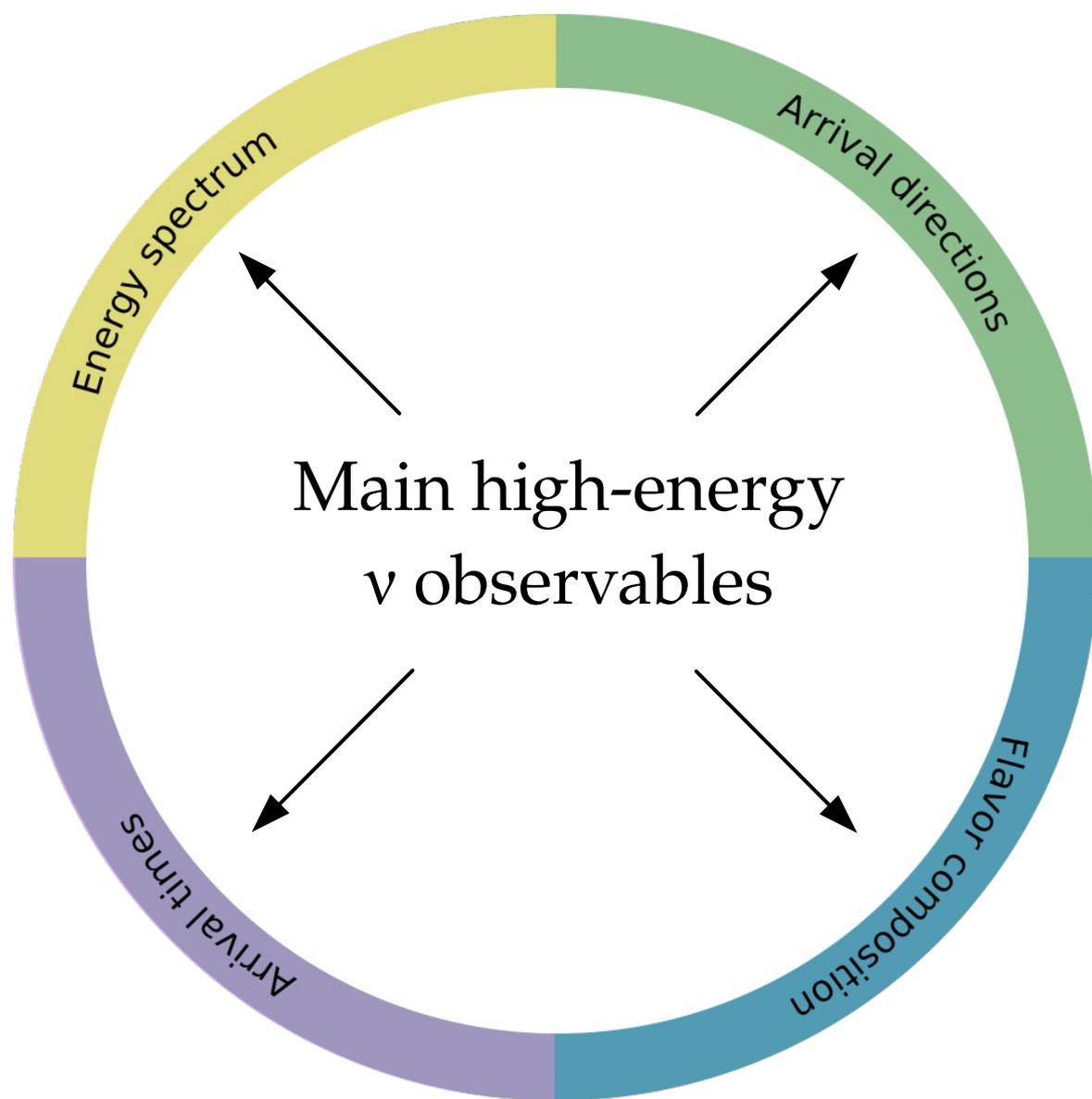


# Track (mainly from $\nu_\mu$ )



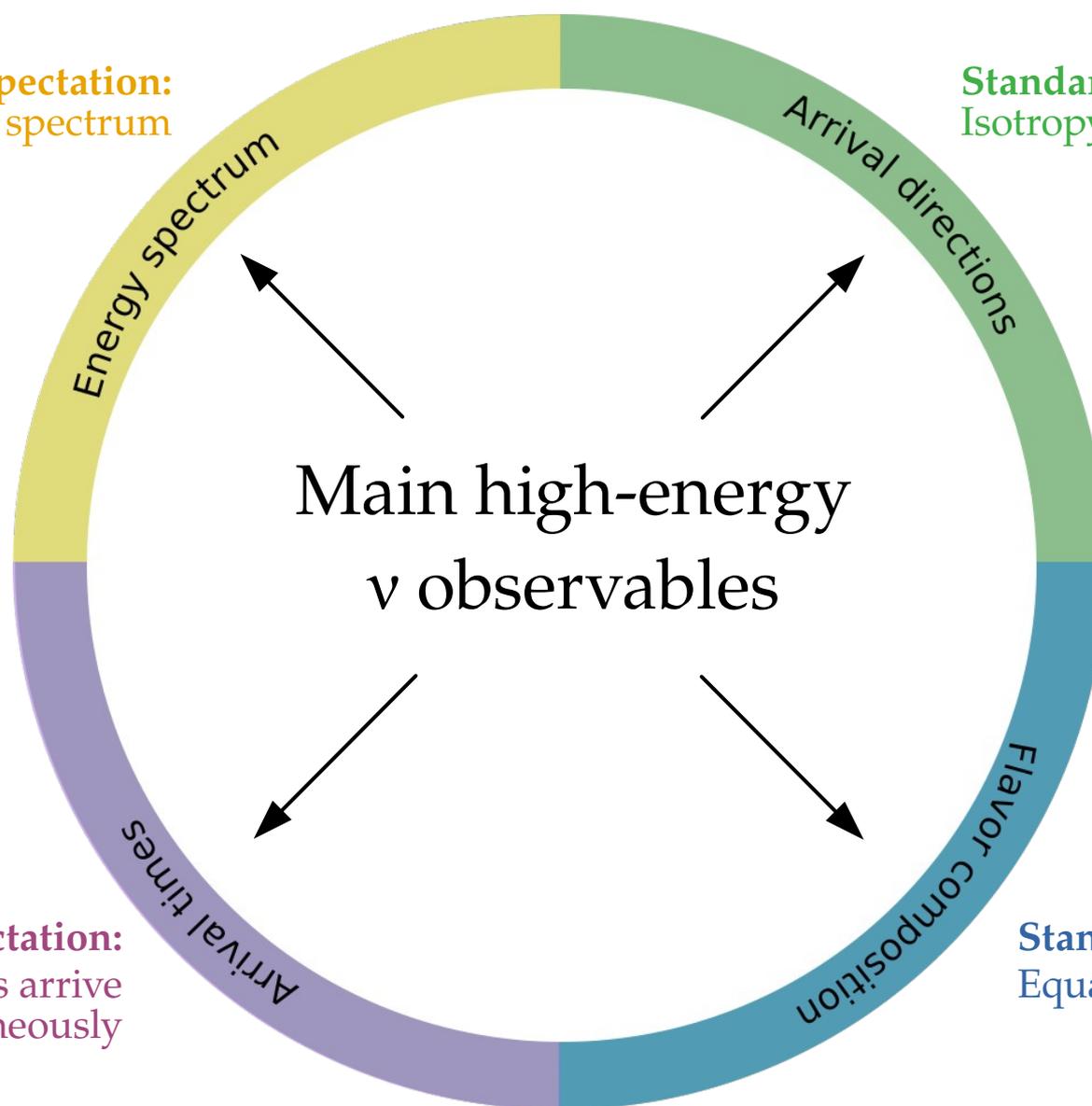
Poor angular resolution:  $\sim 10^\circ$

Angular resolution:  $< 1^\circ$



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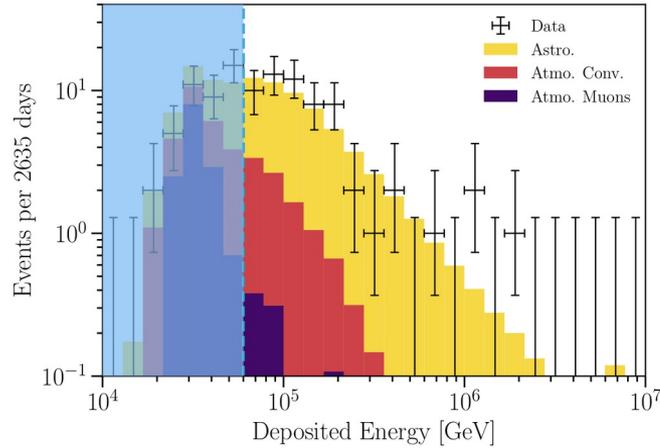


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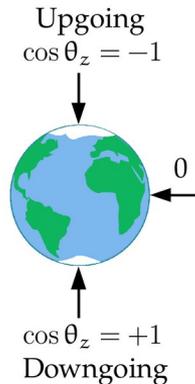
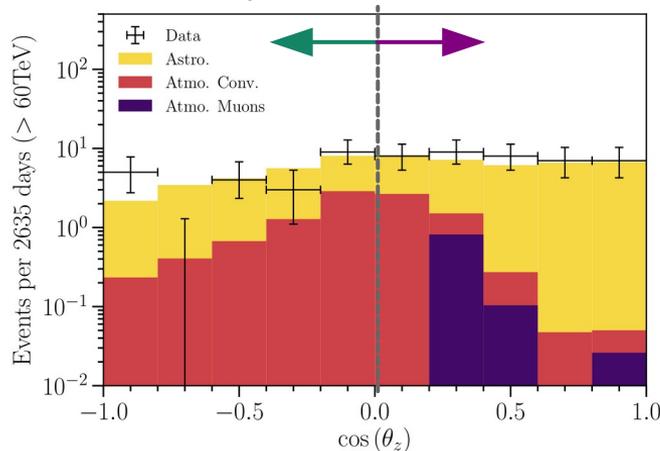
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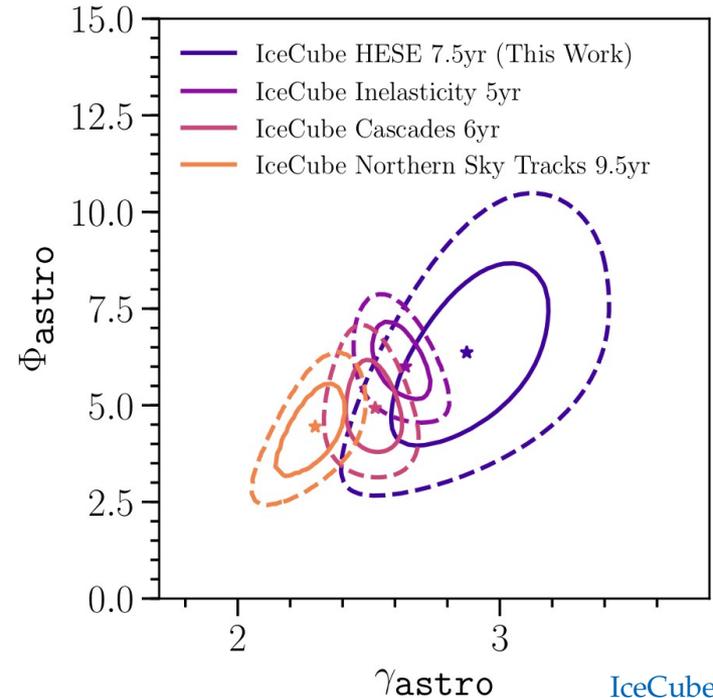


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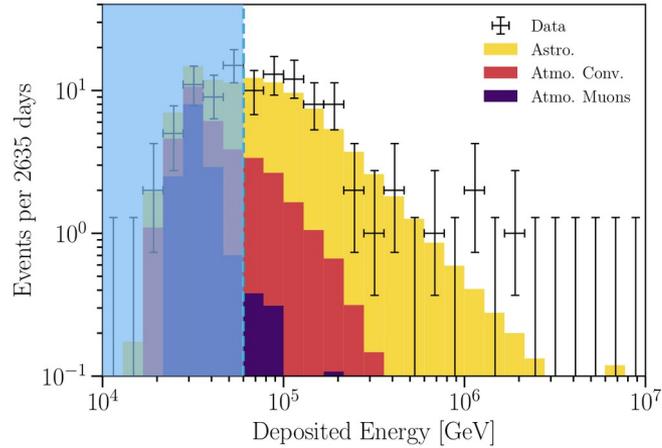
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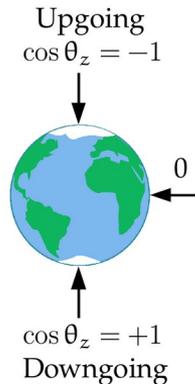
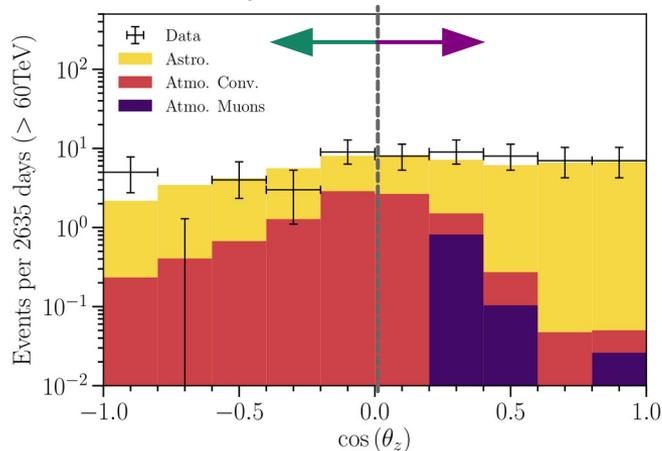
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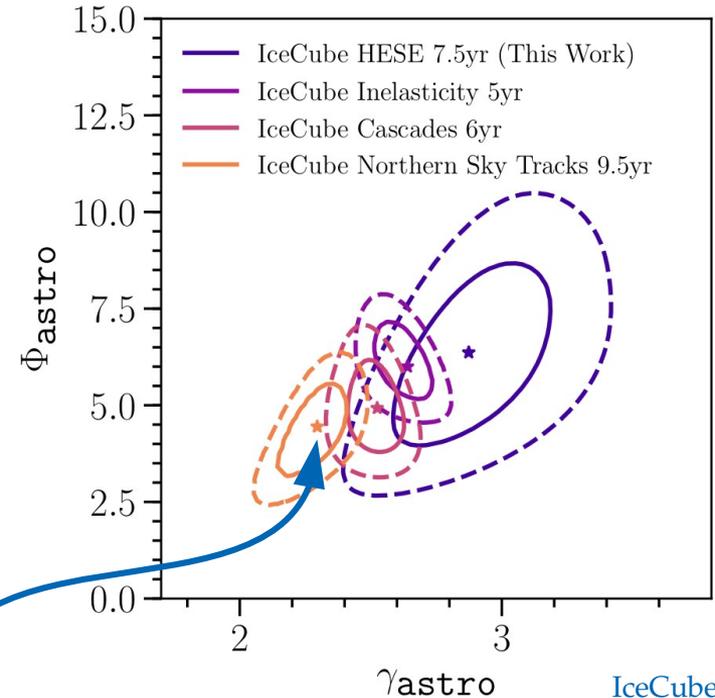


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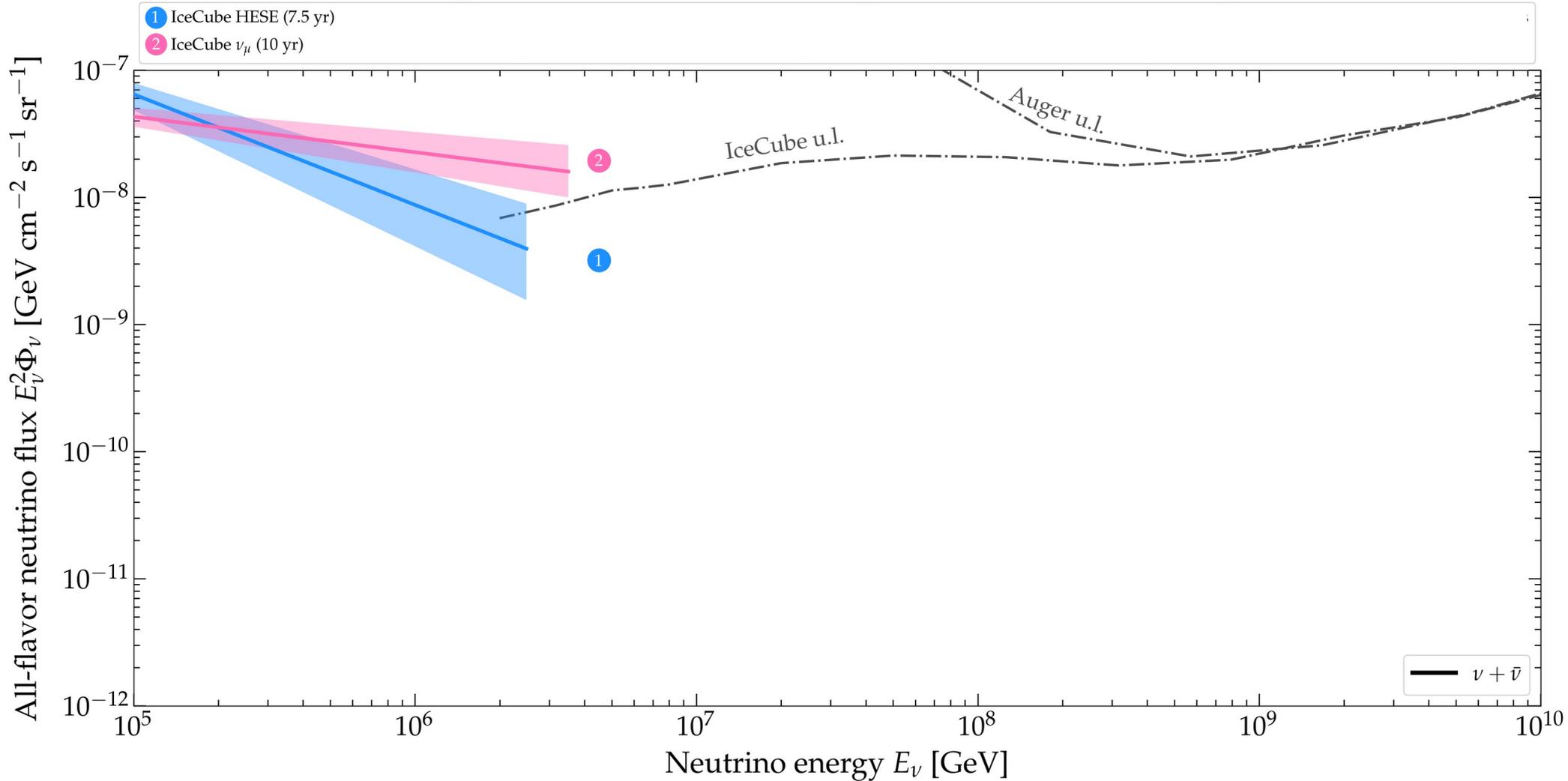
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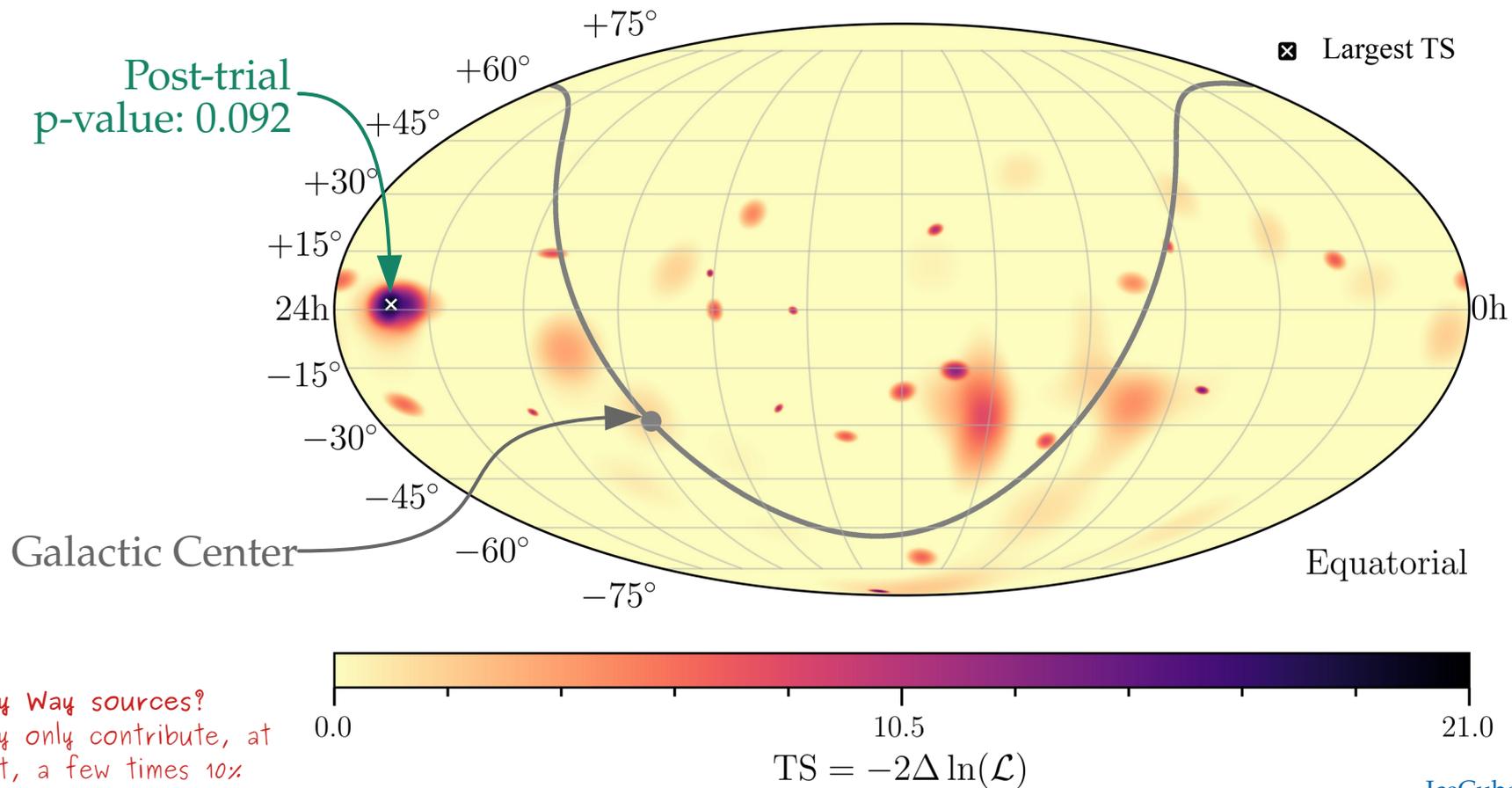
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Spectrum looks harder for through-going  $\nu_\mu$



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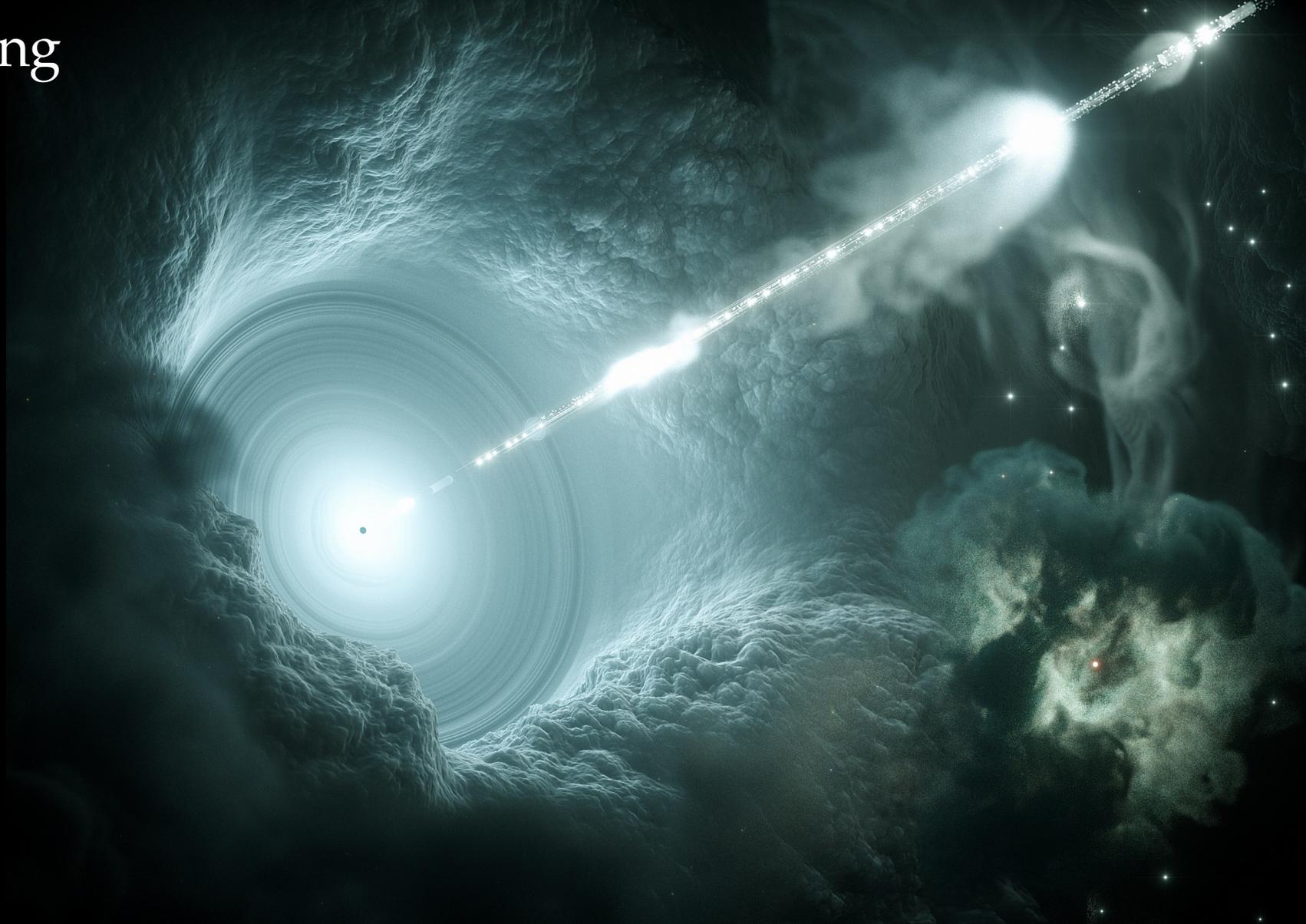
No significant excess in the neutrino sky map:



Milky Way sources?  
They only contribute, at  
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of the total diffuse flux

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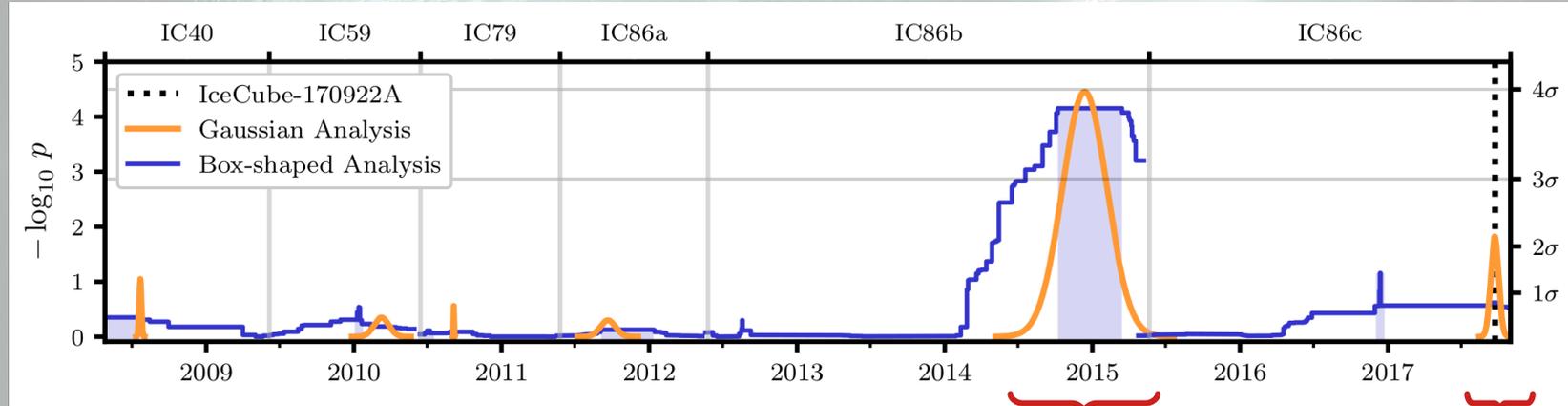
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## Blazar TXS 0506+056:

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)

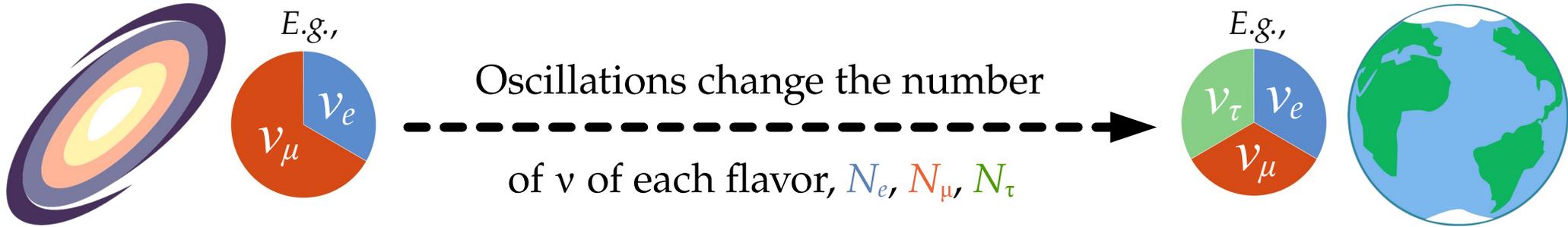
2017: one 290-TeV  $\nu$  + X-ray flare  
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Combined (pre-trial):  $4.1\sigma$

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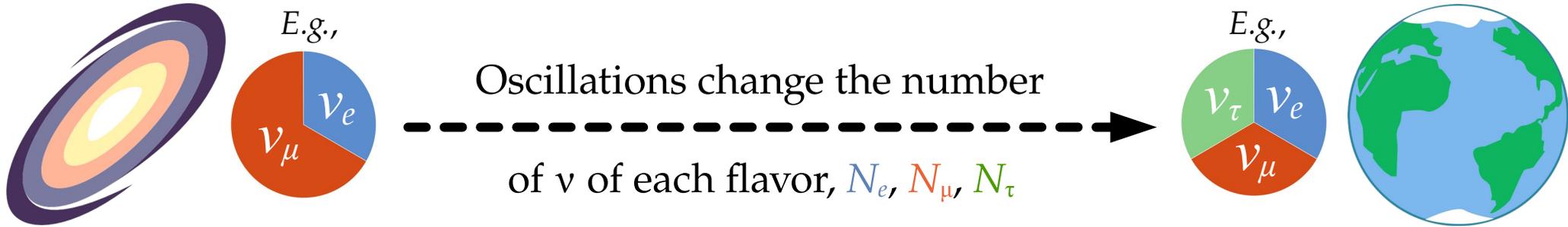
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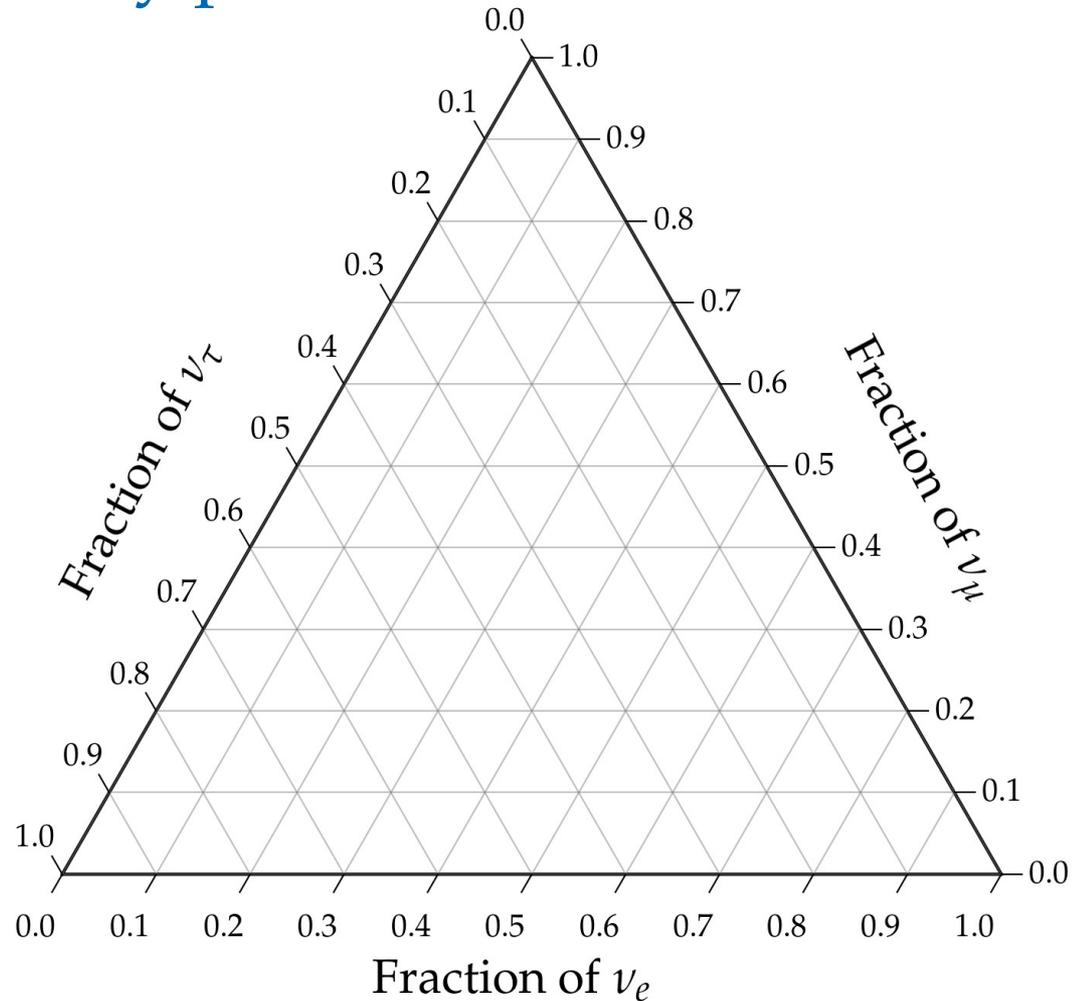
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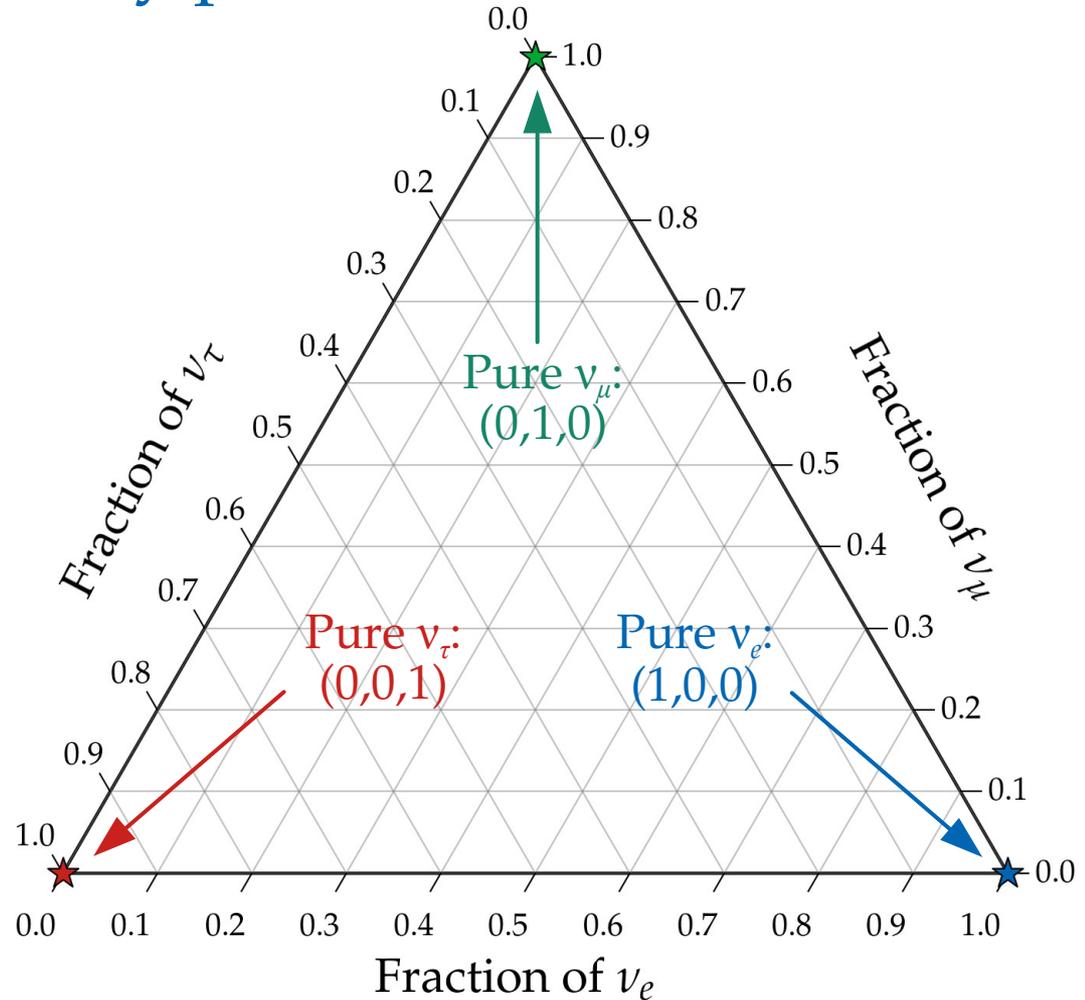
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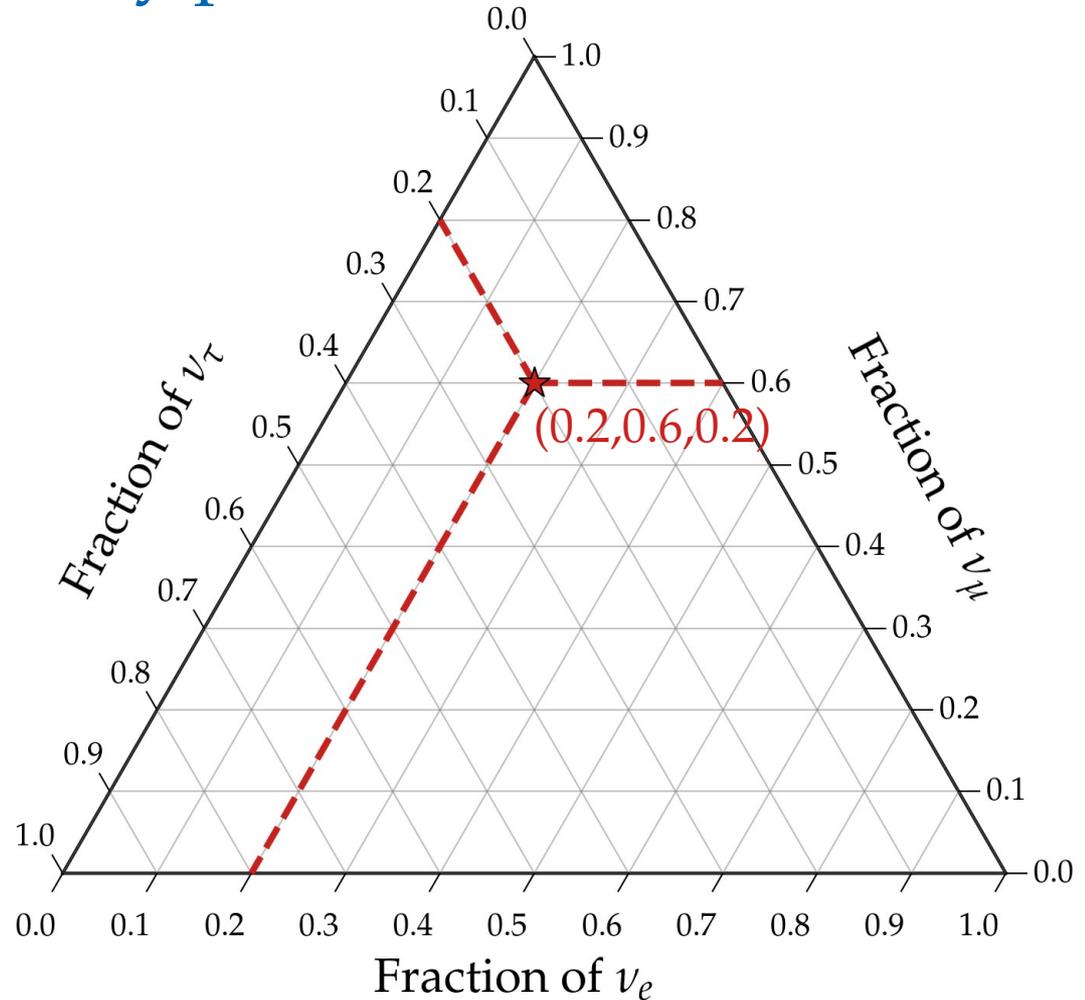
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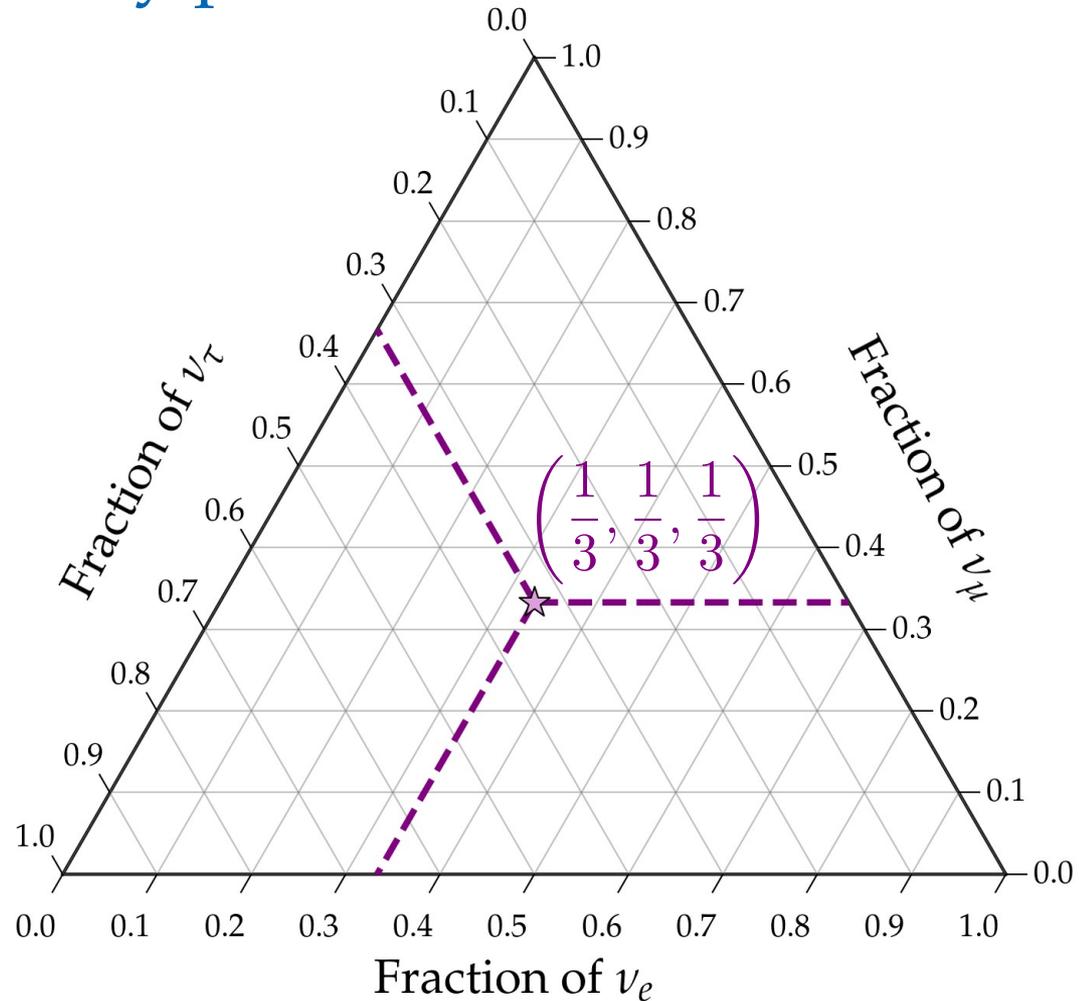
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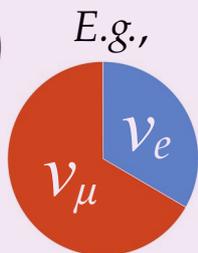
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*From sources to Earth:* we learn what to expect when measuring  $f_{\alpha,\oplus}$



Sources



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Oscillations



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

Earth



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

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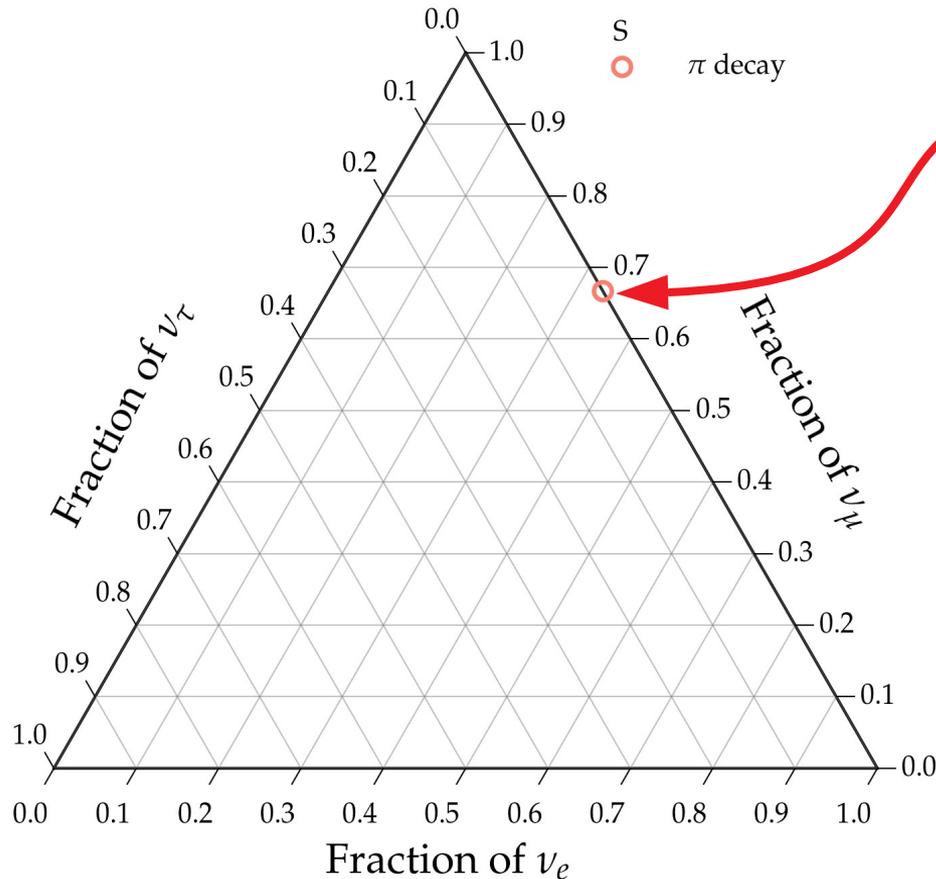
$$p + \gamma \rightarrow \pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ + \nu_\mu \quad \text{followed by} \quad \mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$$

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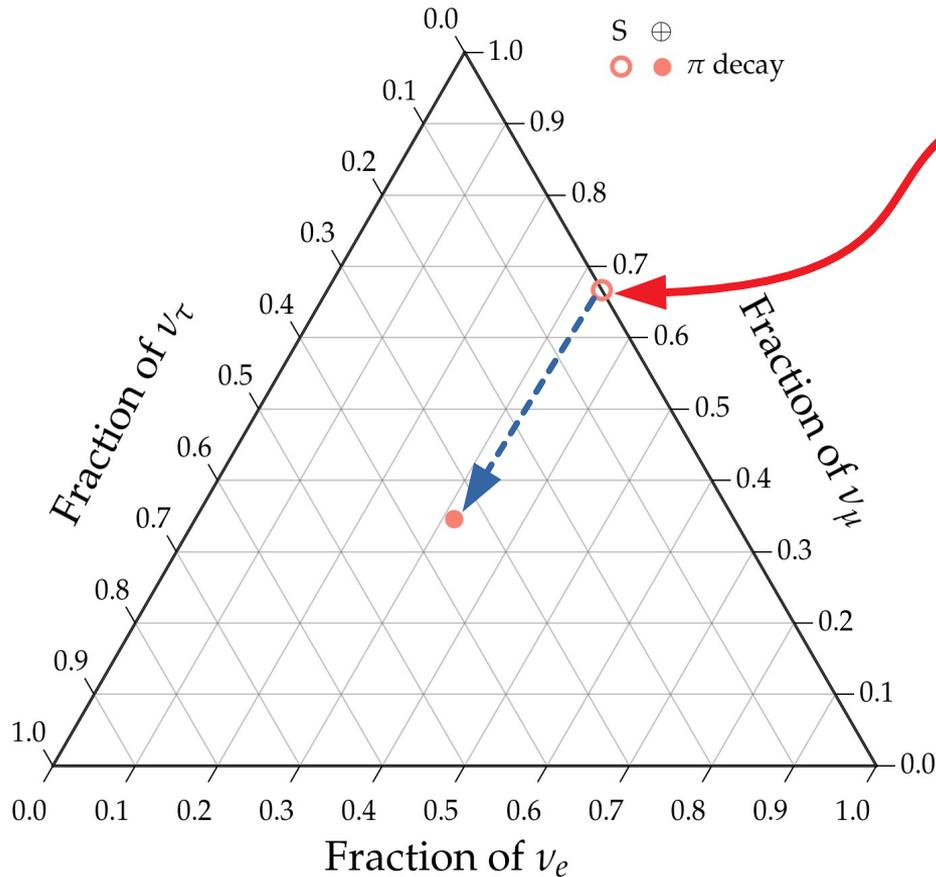


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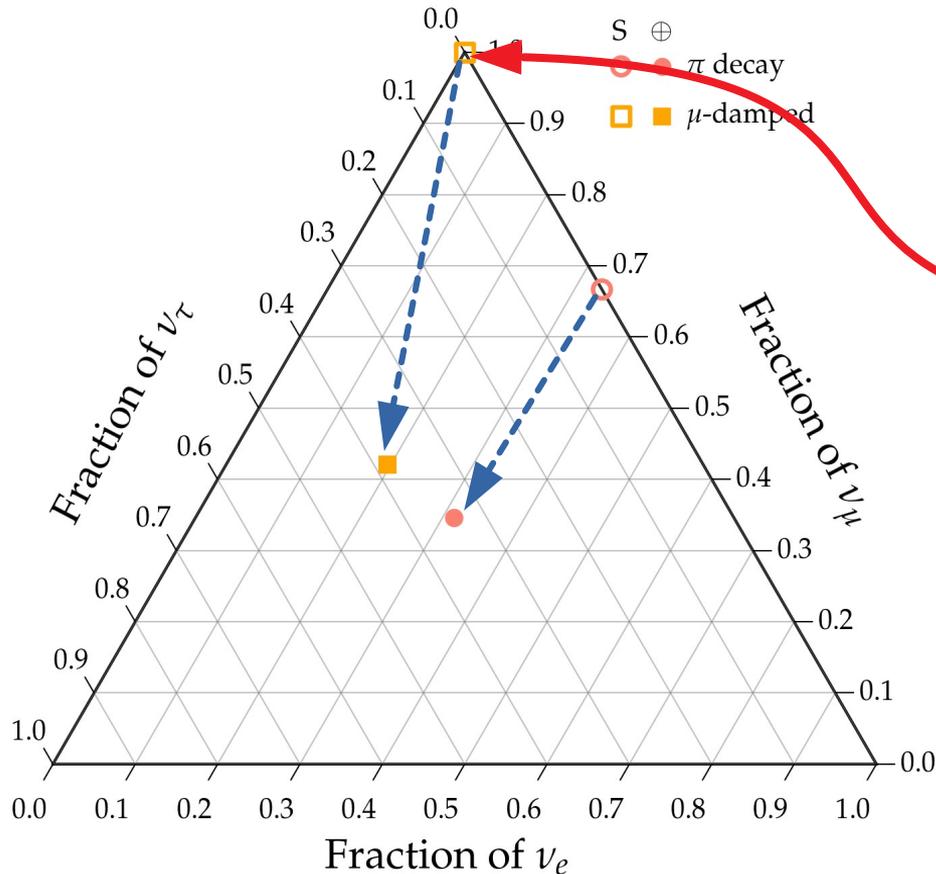


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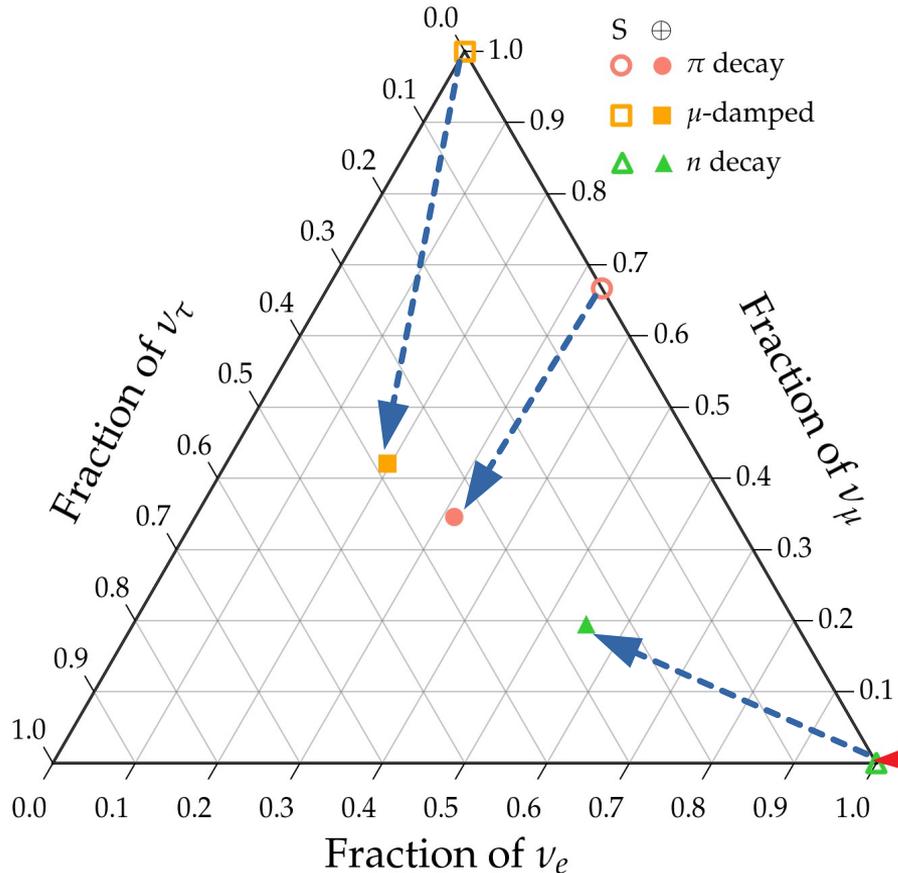
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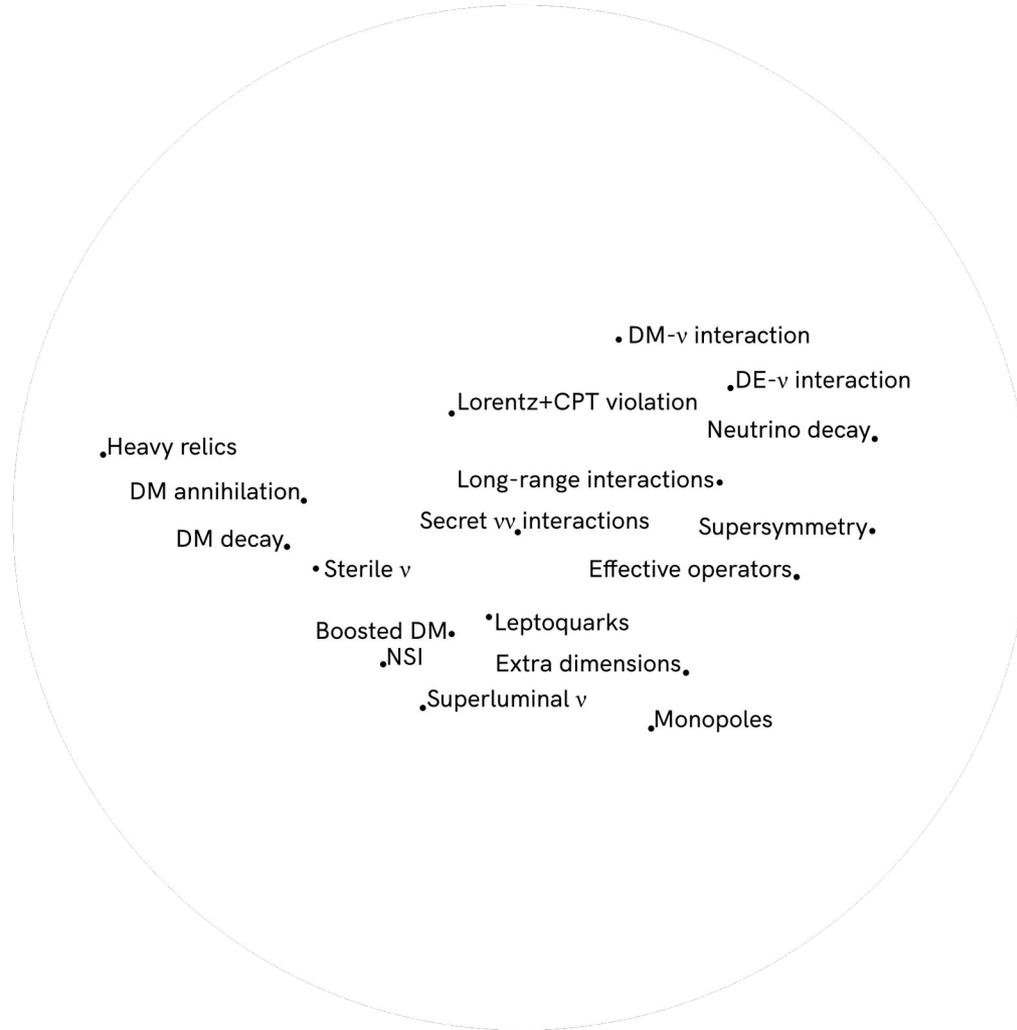
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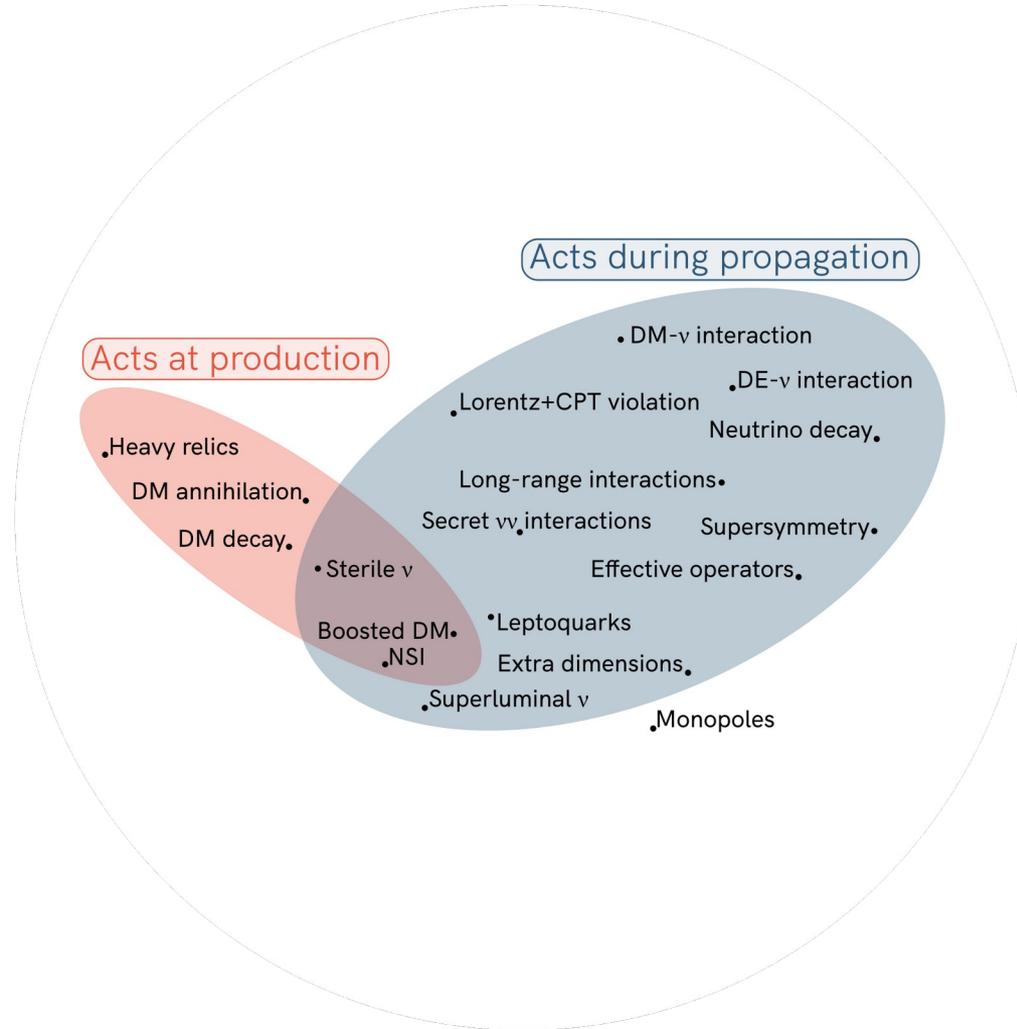
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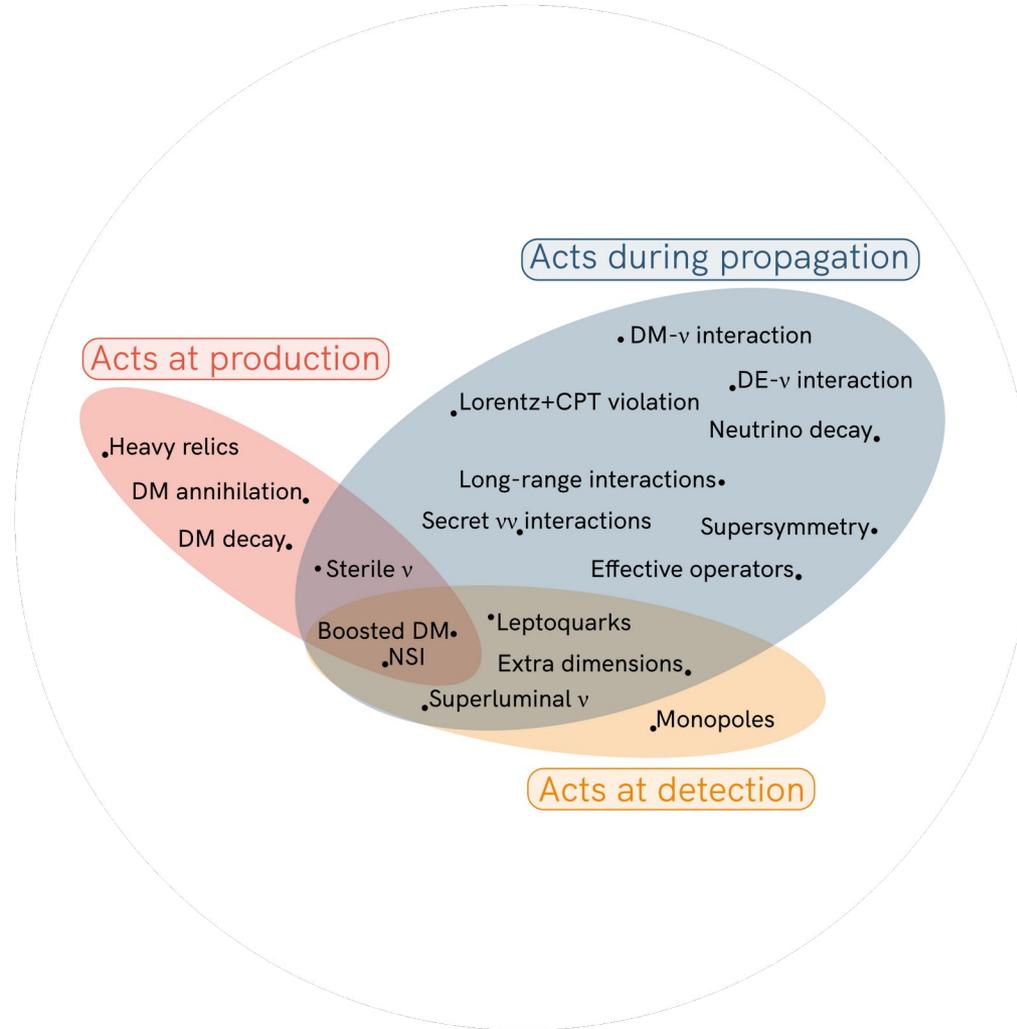
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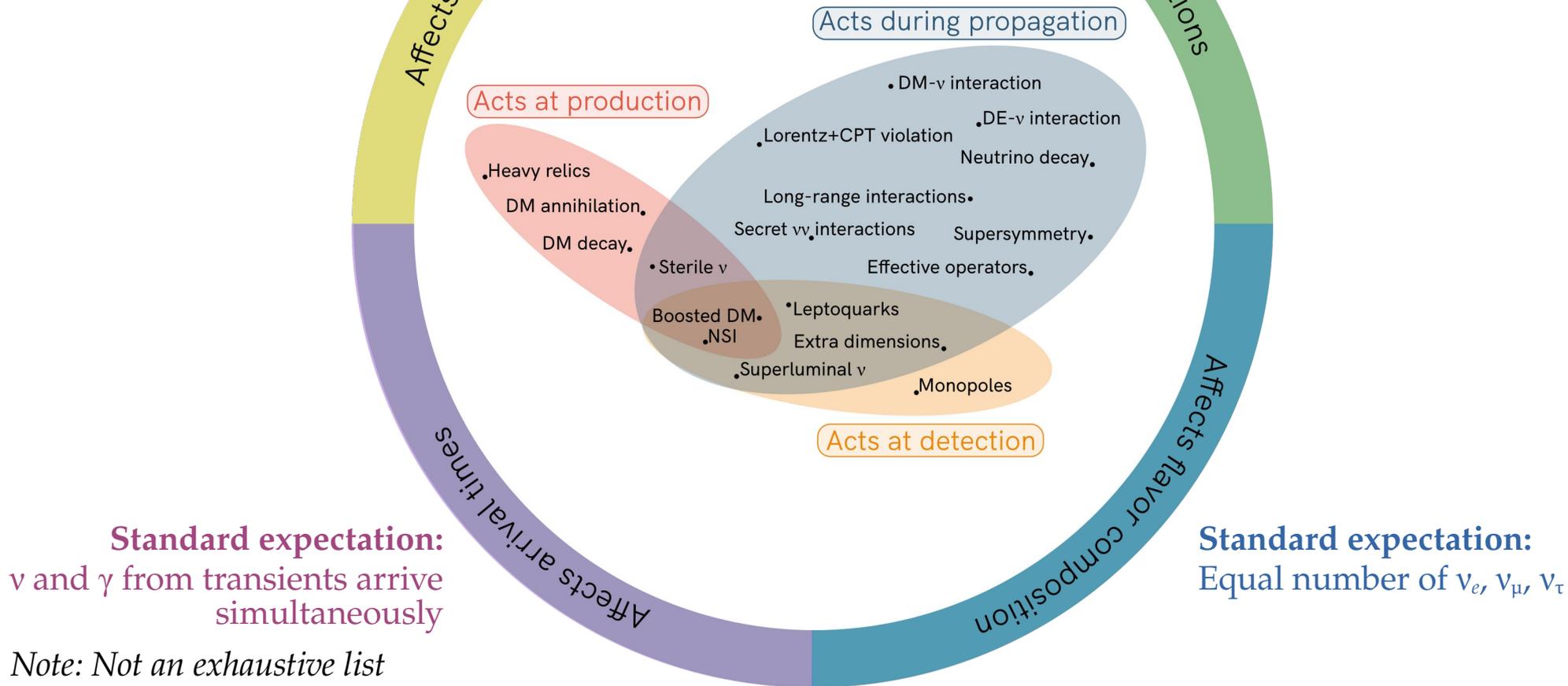
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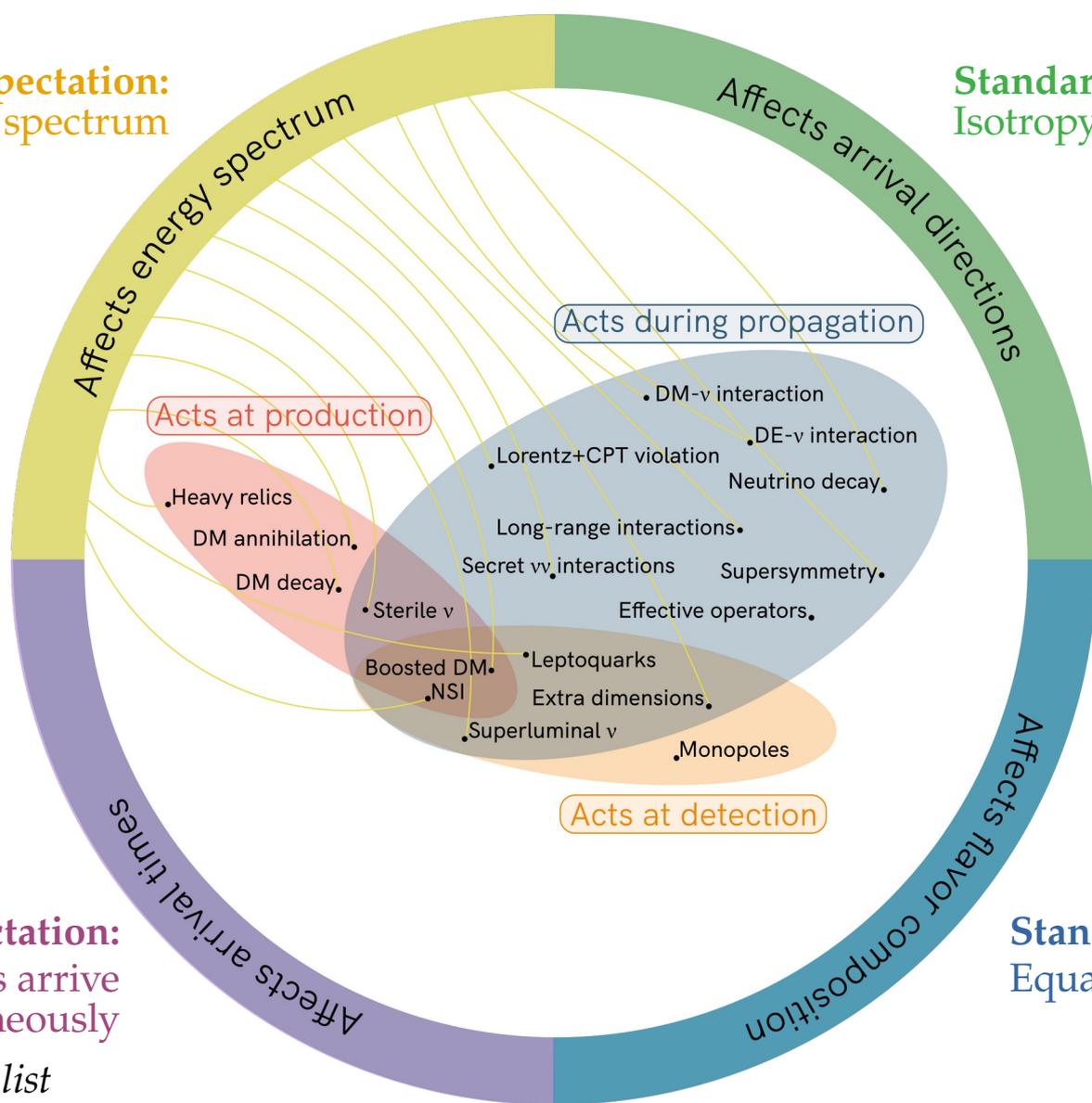
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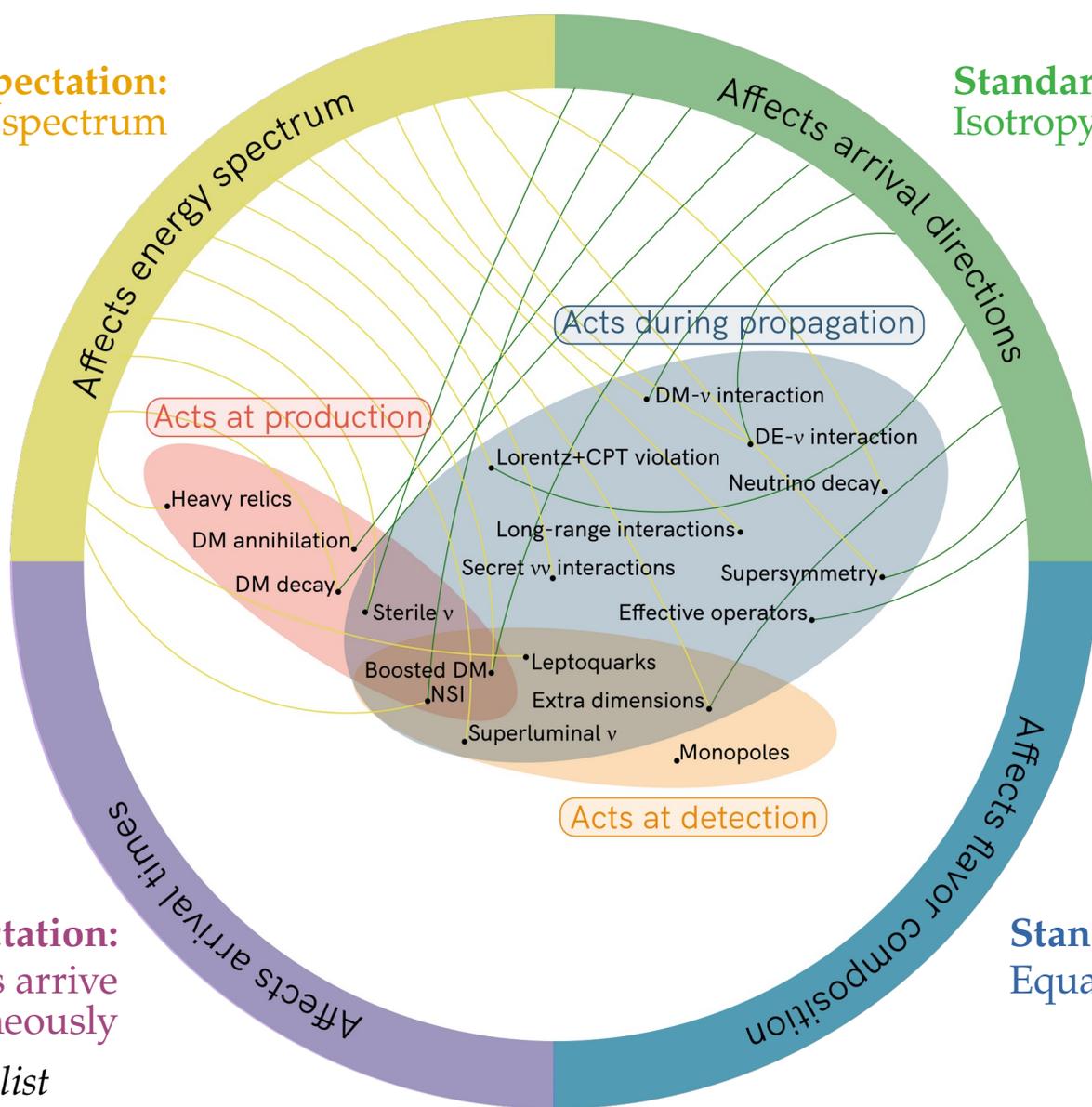
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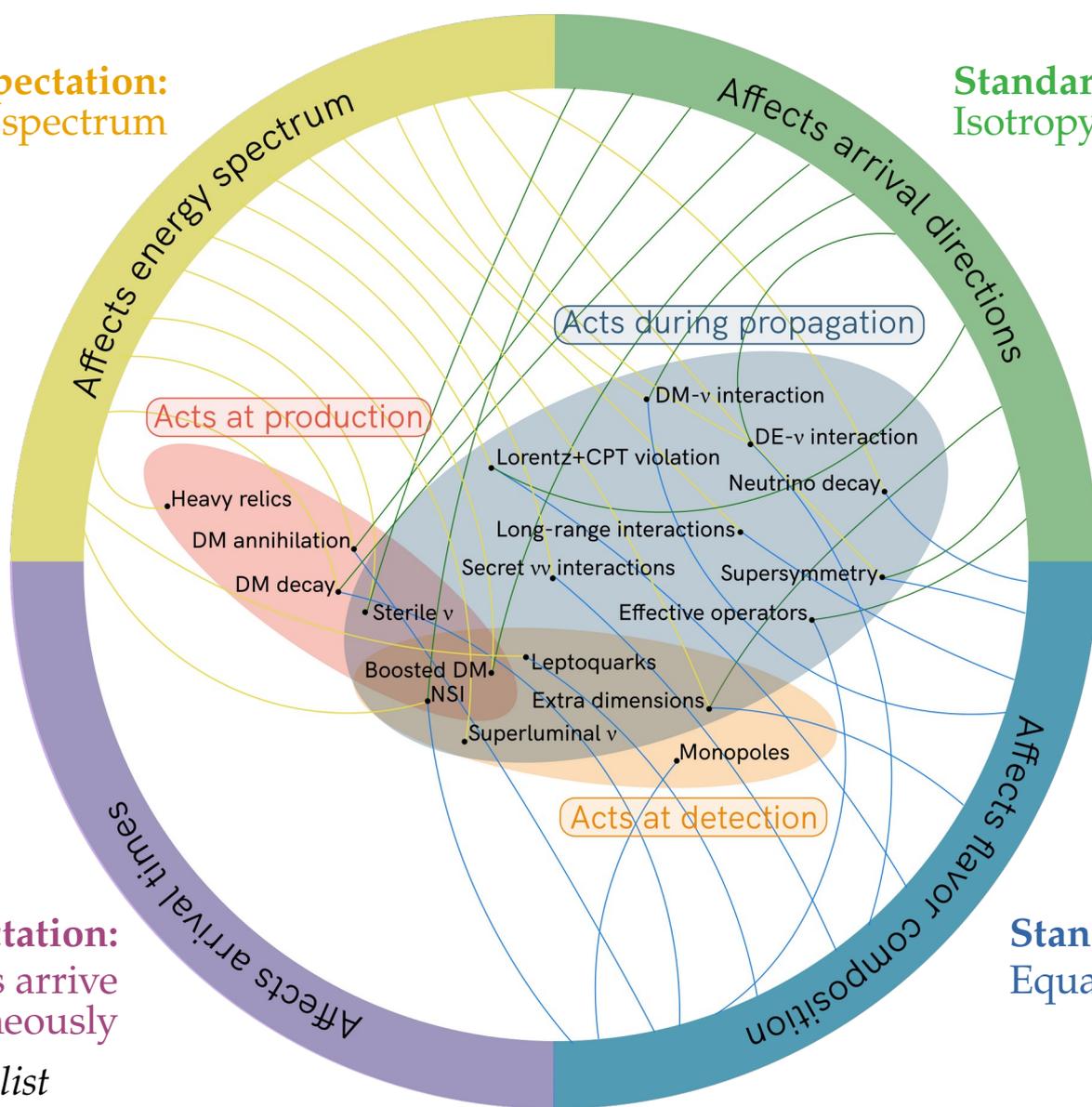
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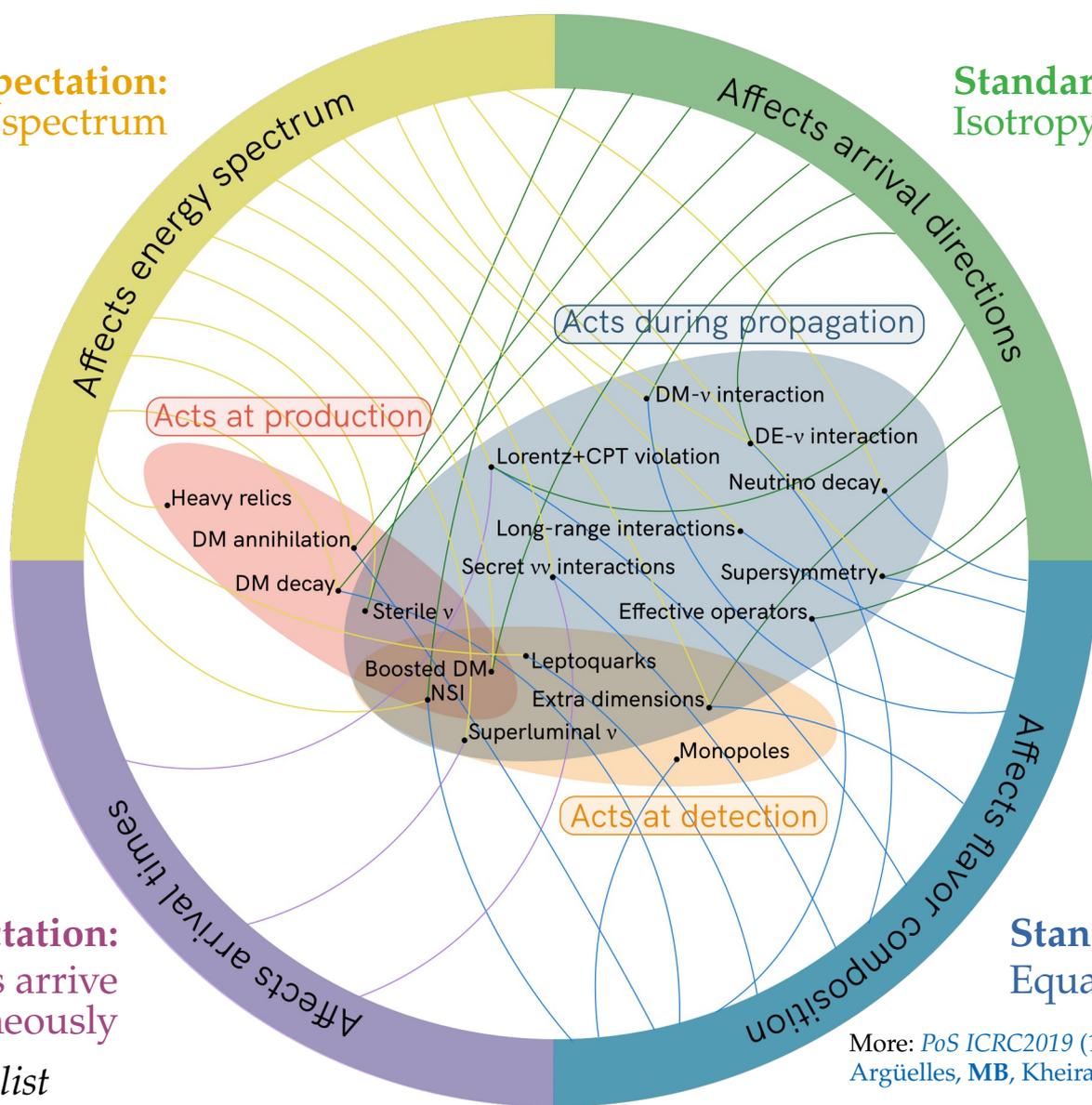
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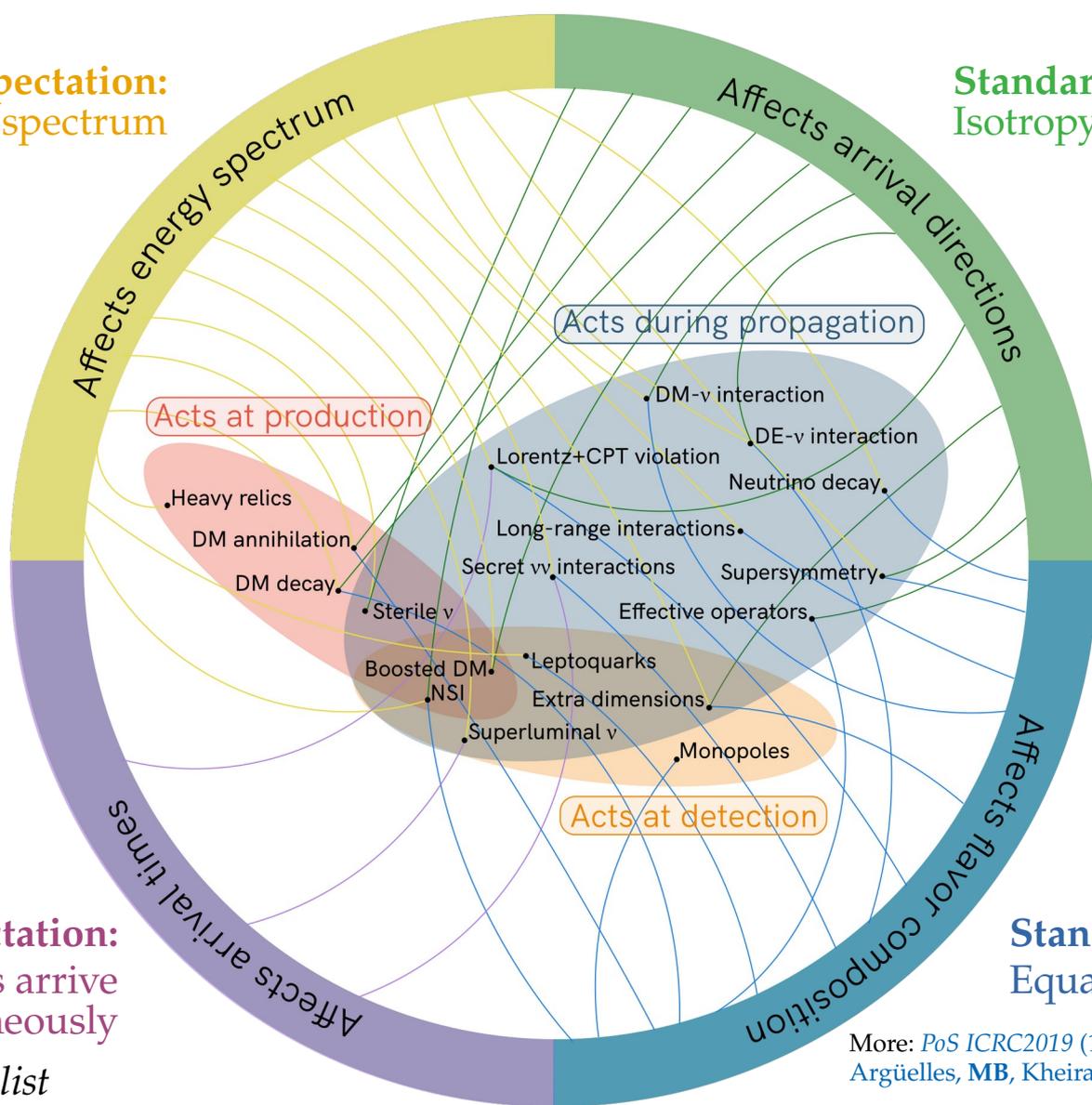
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### Reviews:

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

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

DM decay  
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Extra dimensions  
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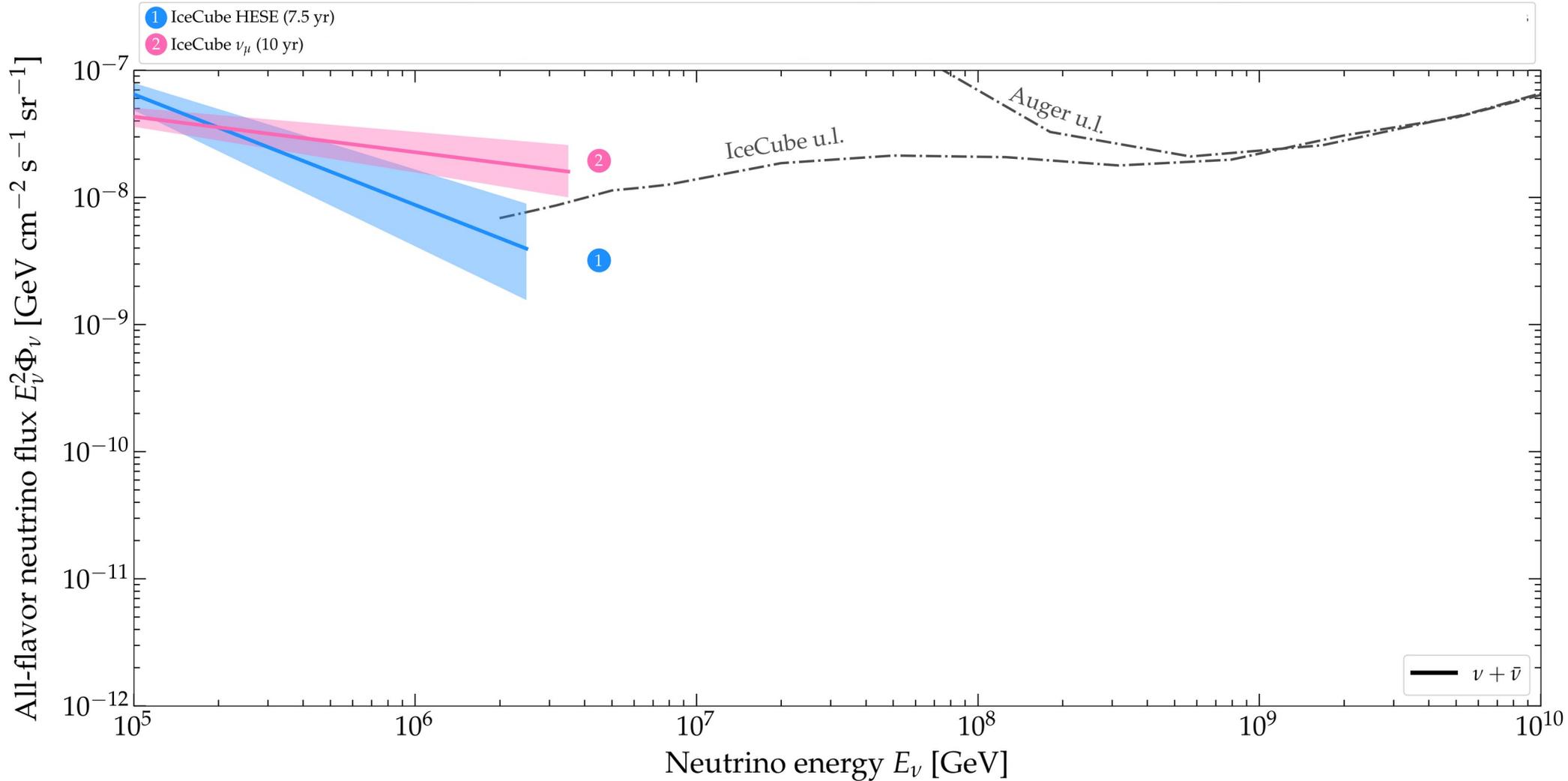
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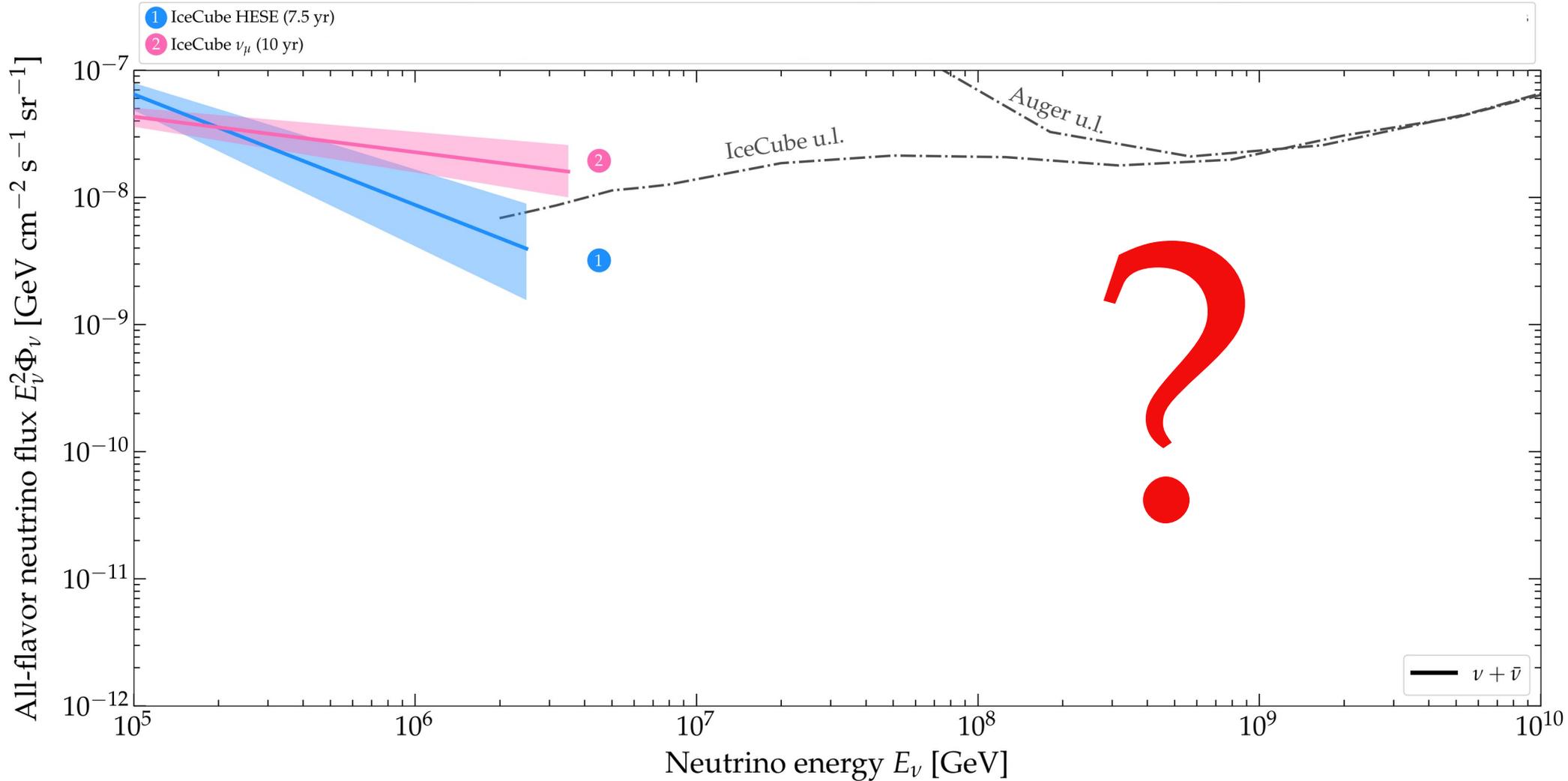
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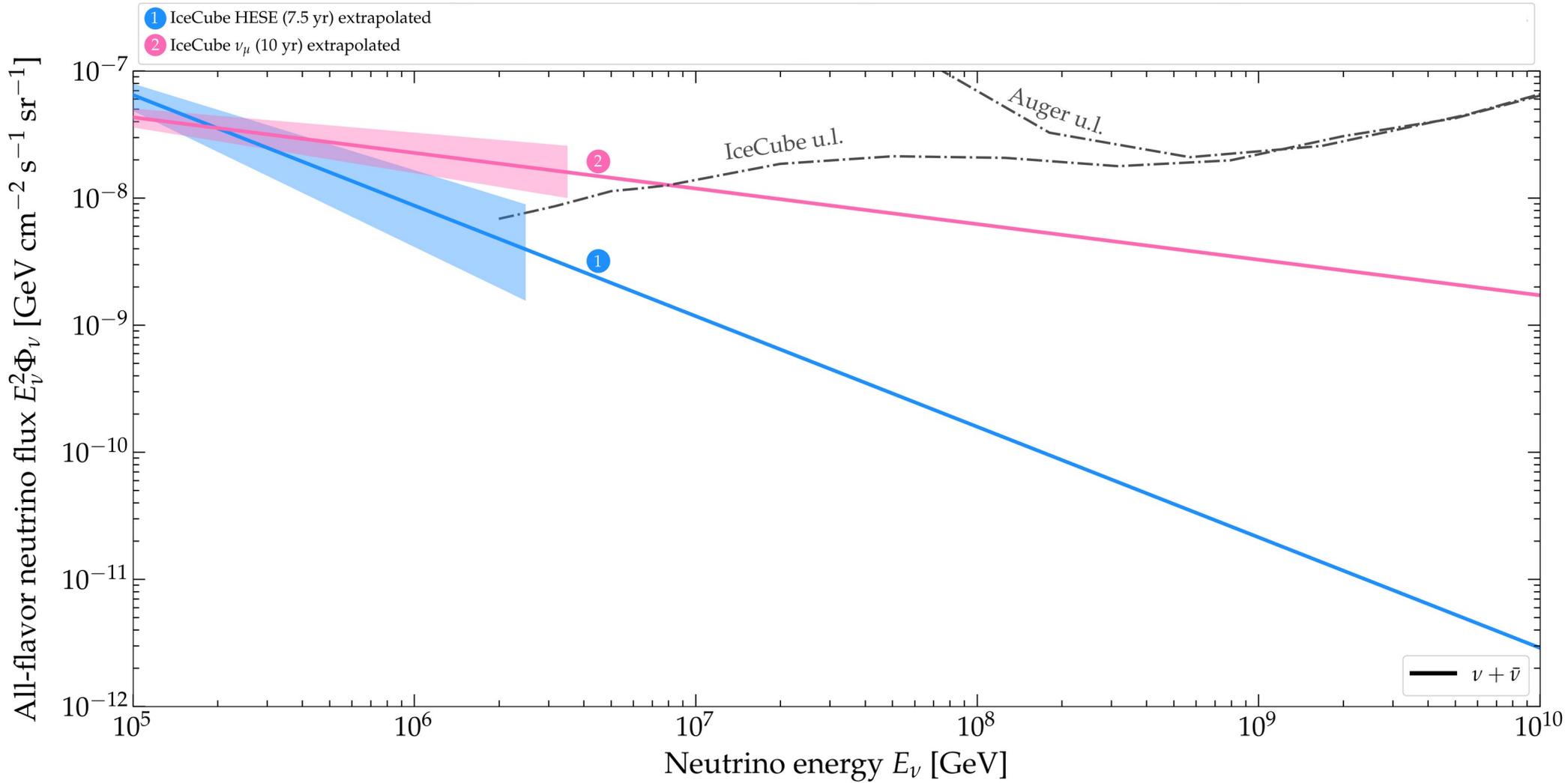
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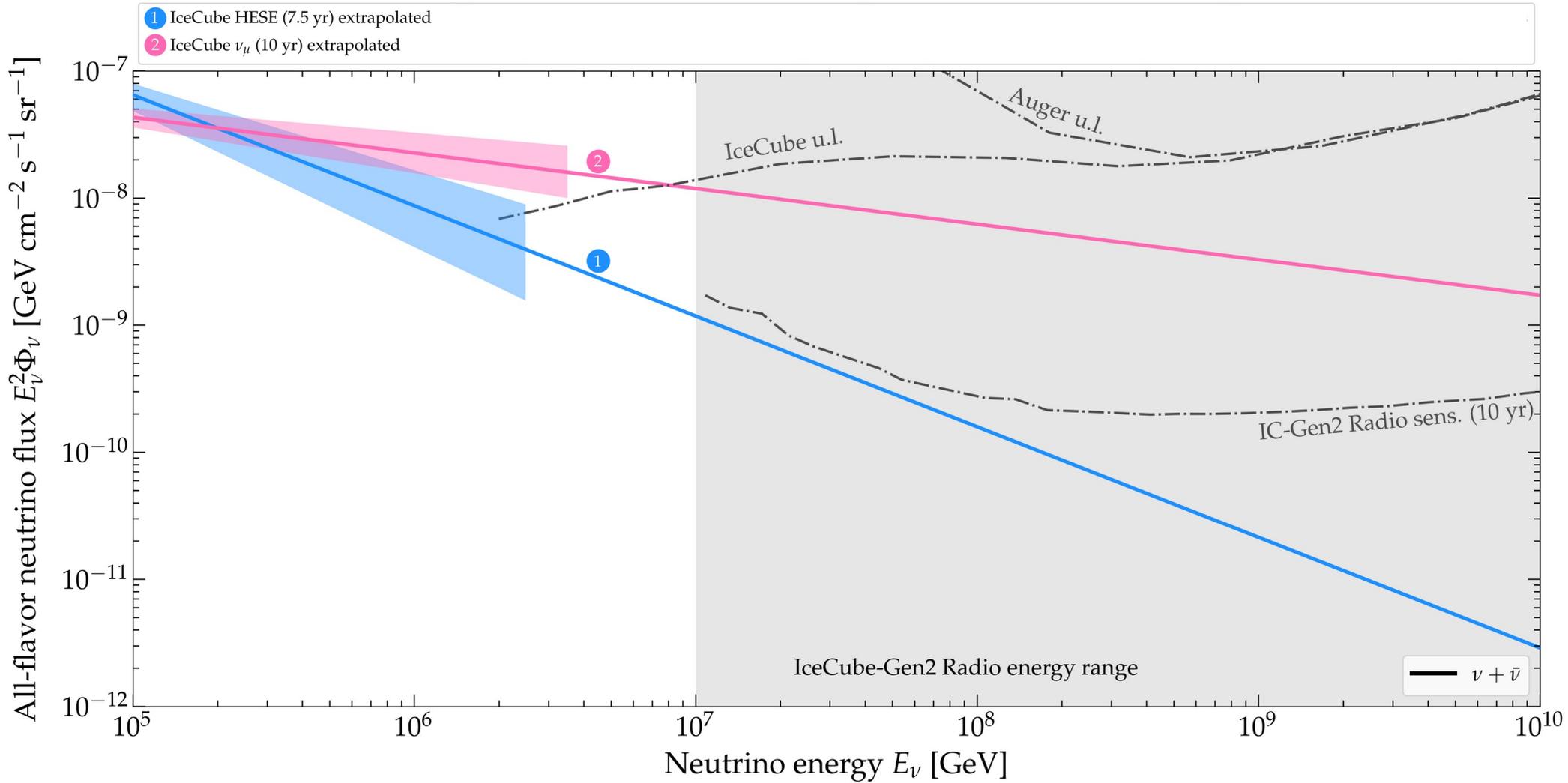
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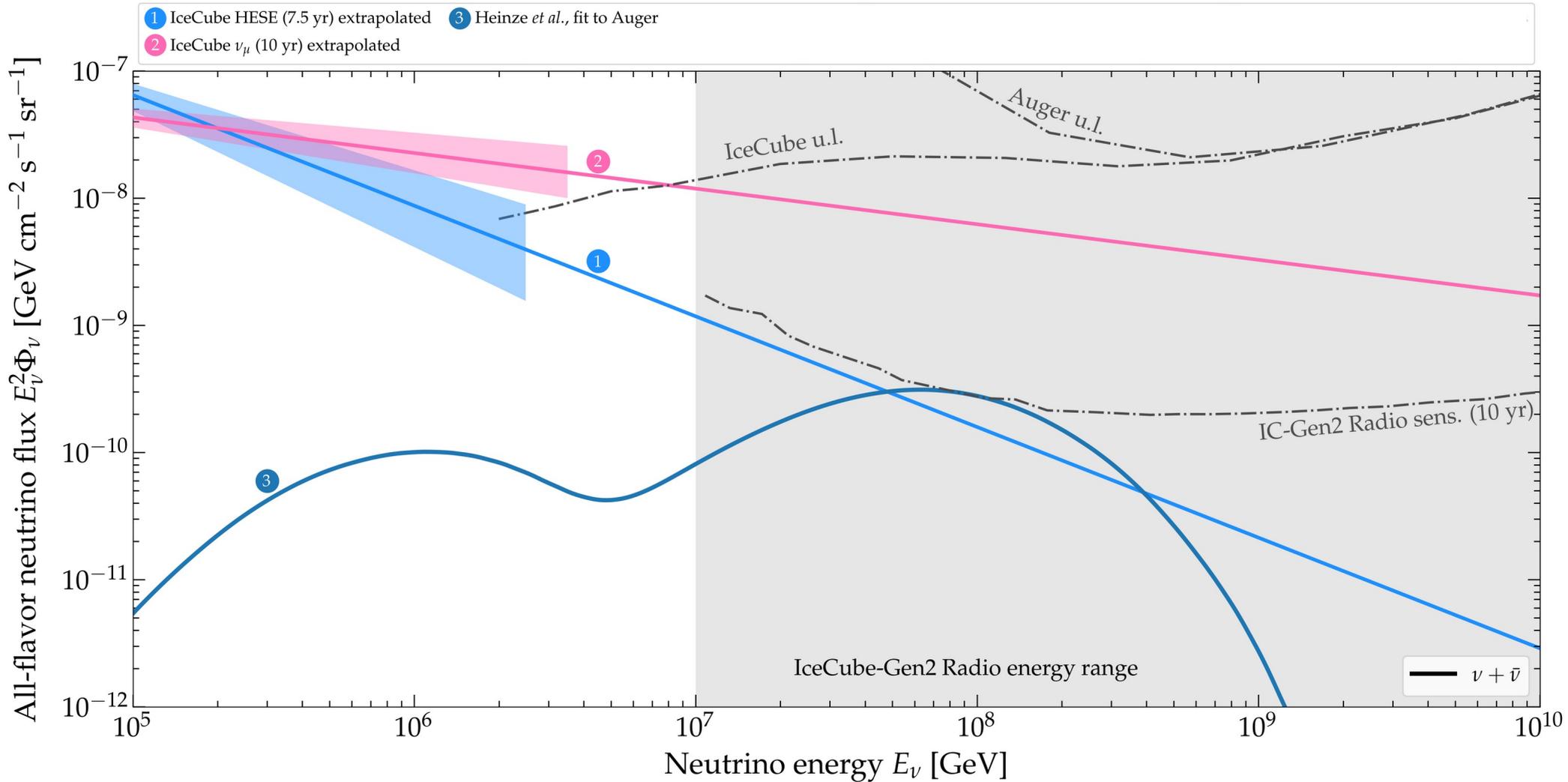
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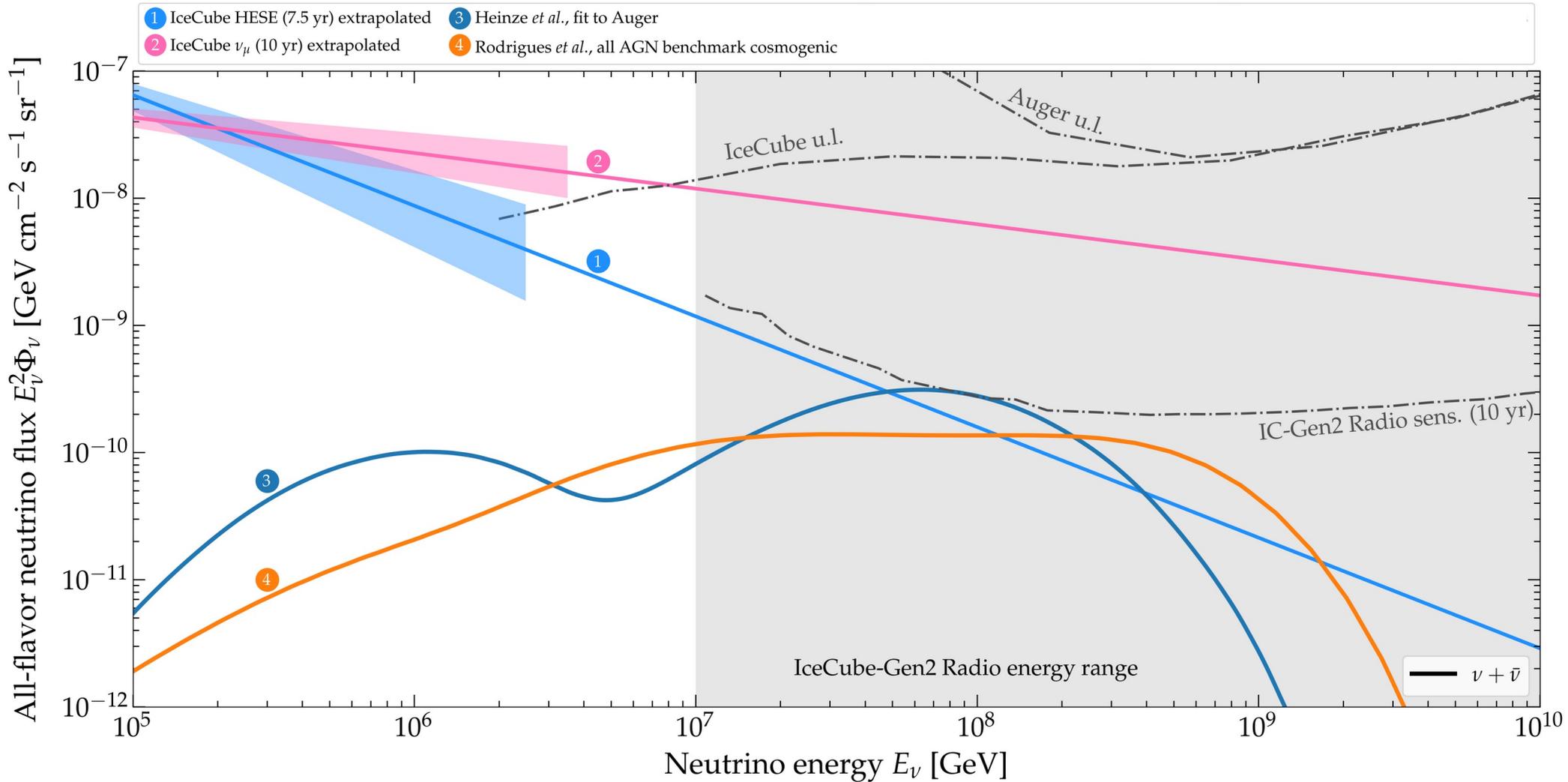
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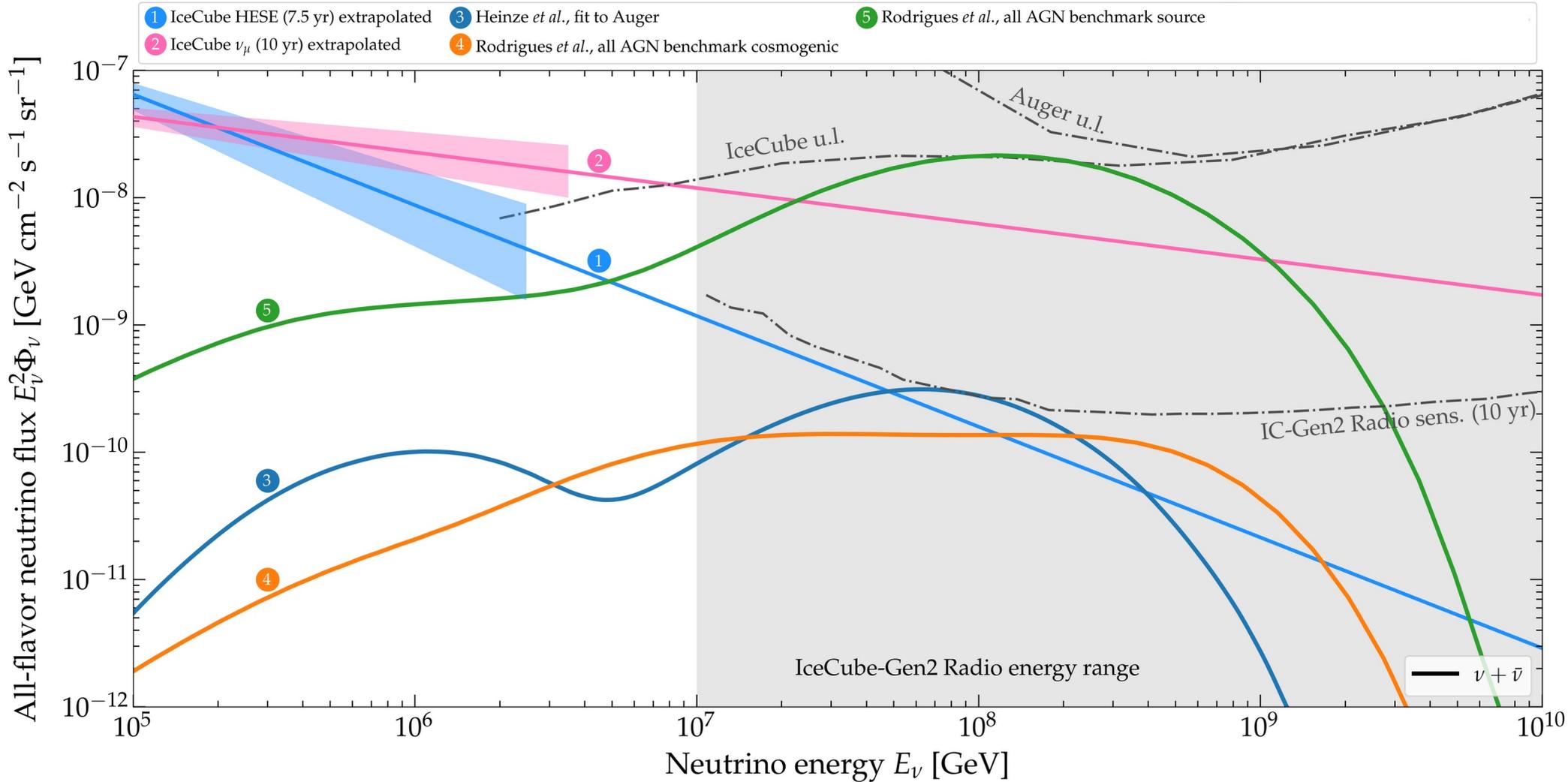


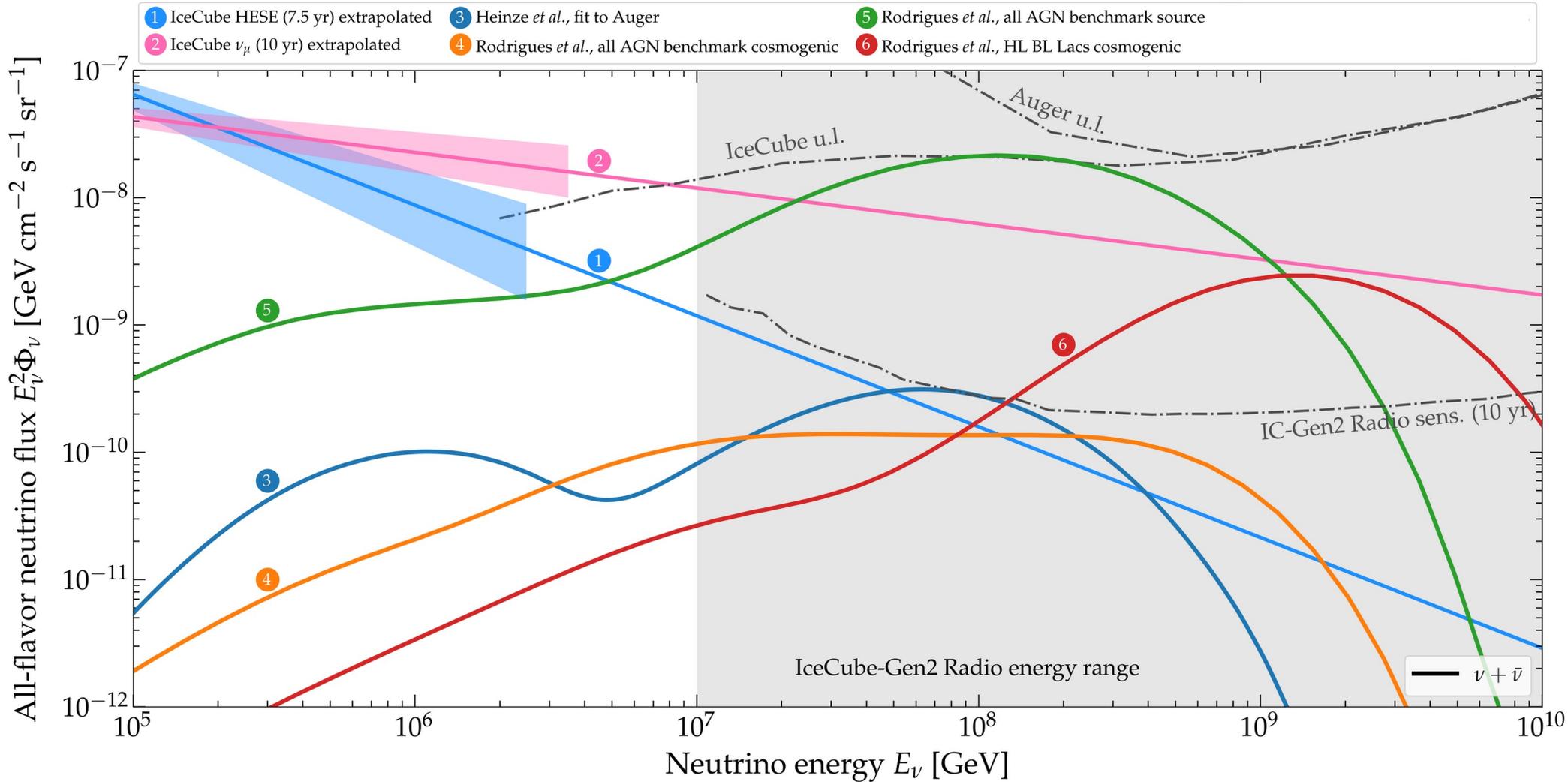


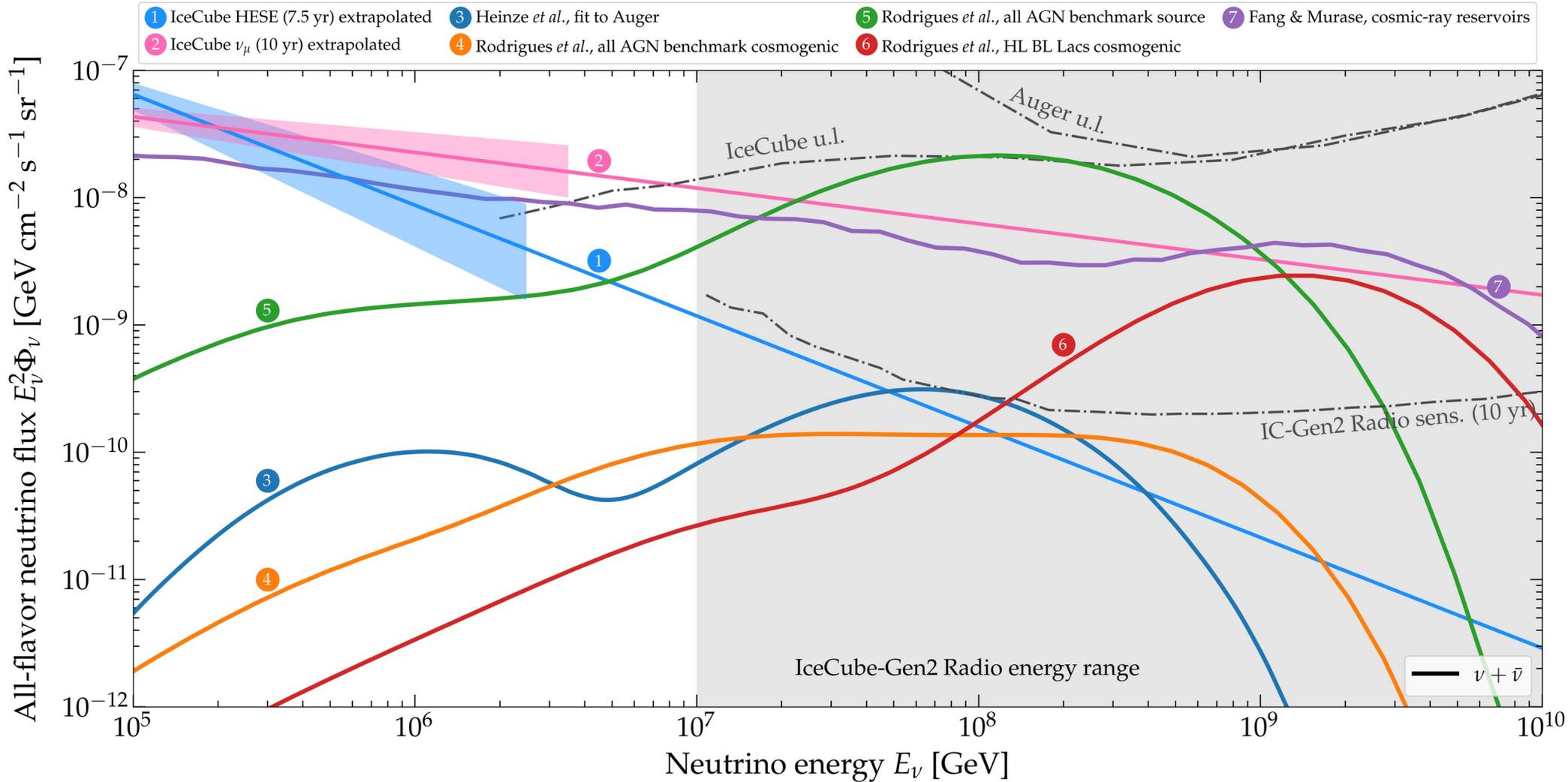


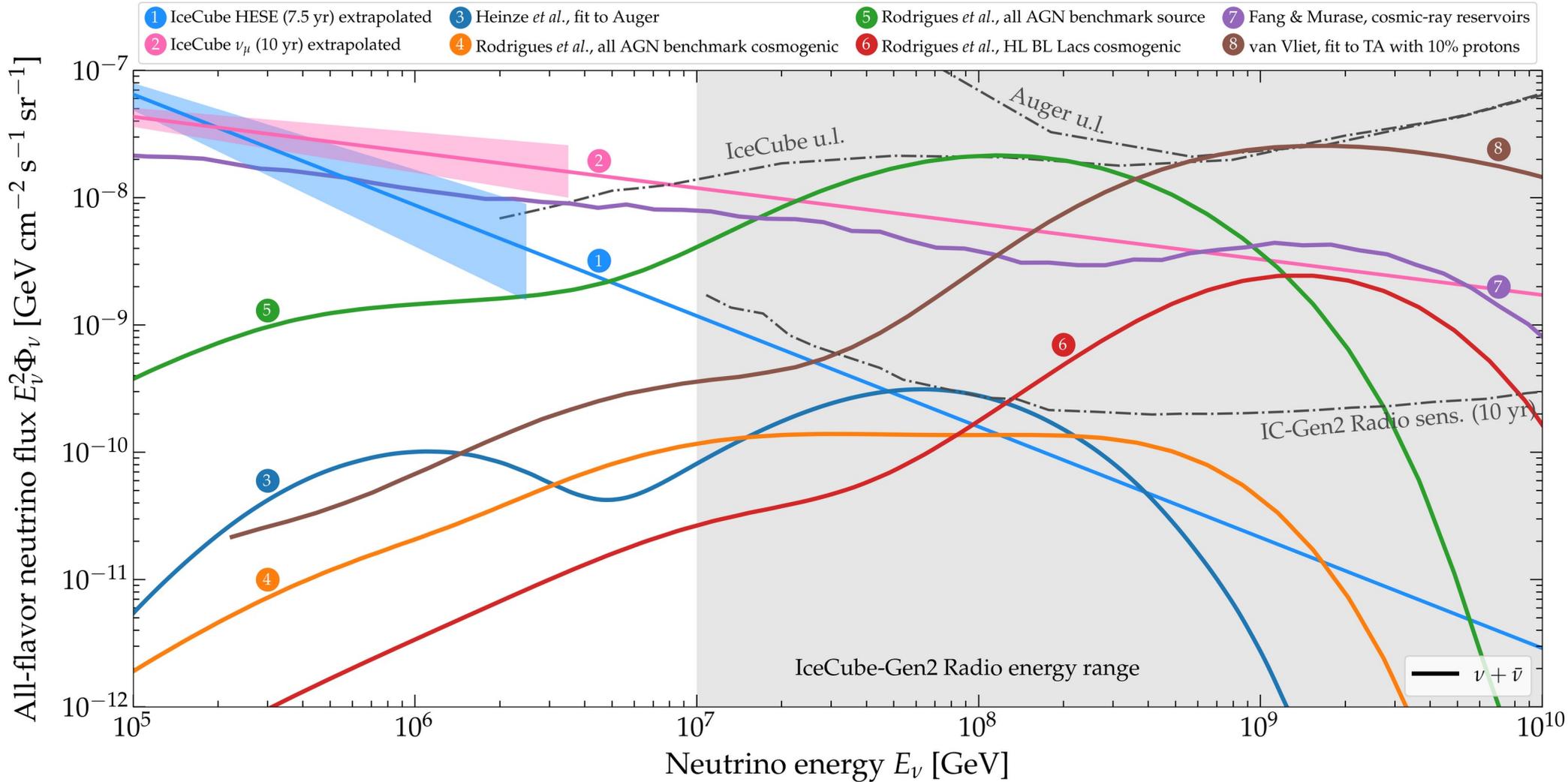


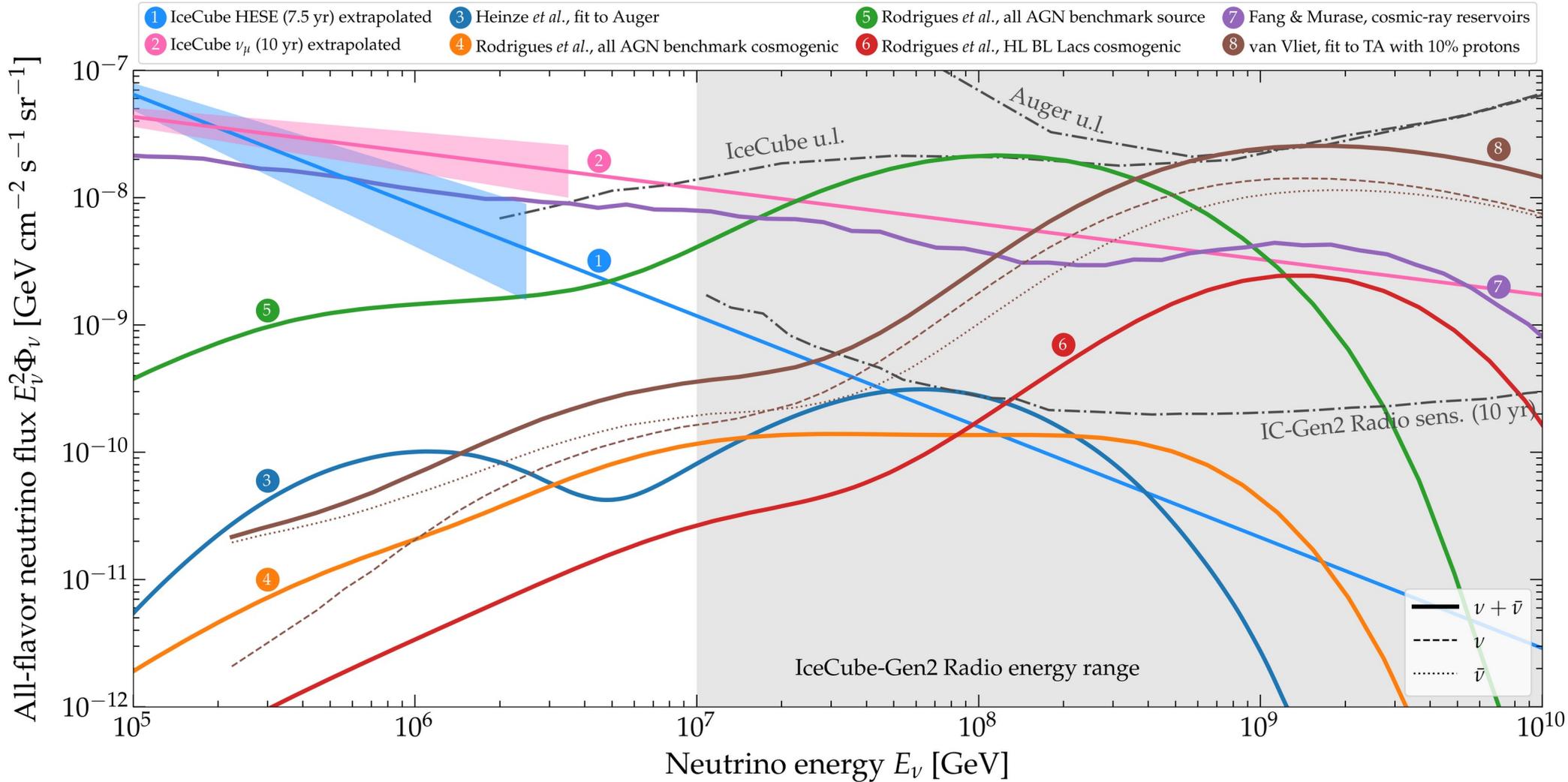


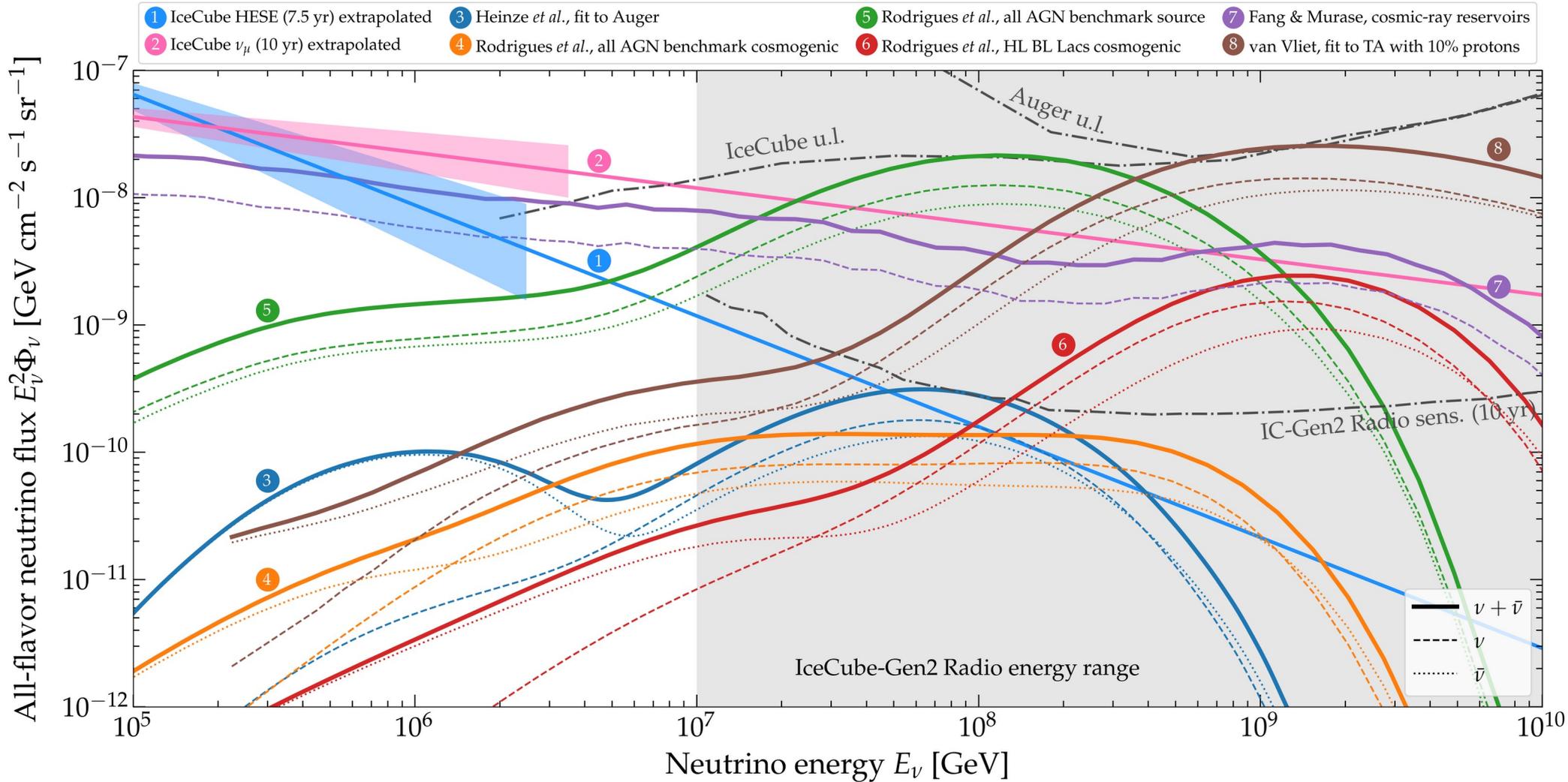












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Similar to the evolution of cosmology to a  
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# Two examples

- 1 Flavor stuff
- 2 Cross-section stuff



Good chances of discovery  
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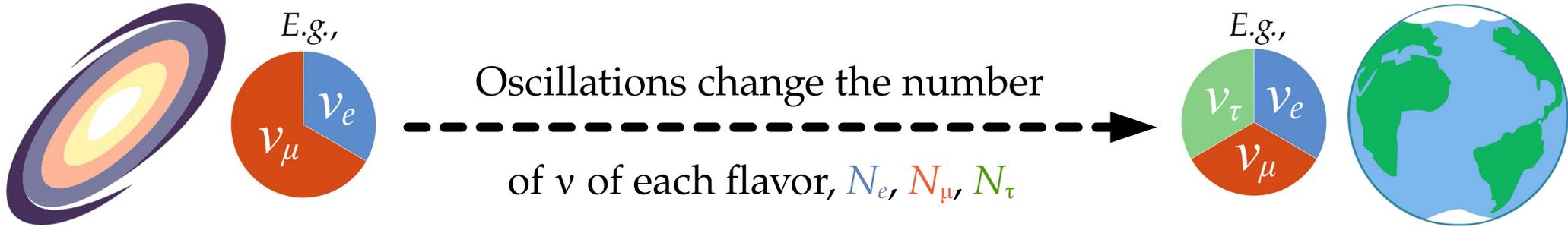
*Towards precision, finally*

*(with the help of lower-energy experiments)*

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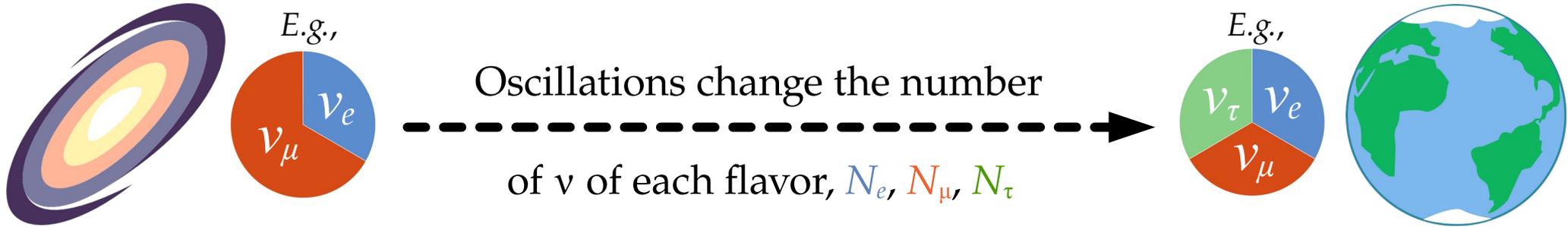
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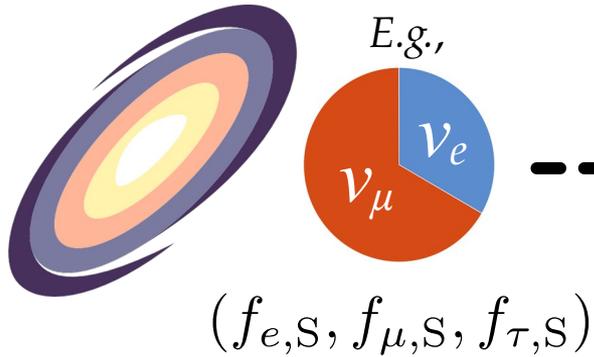
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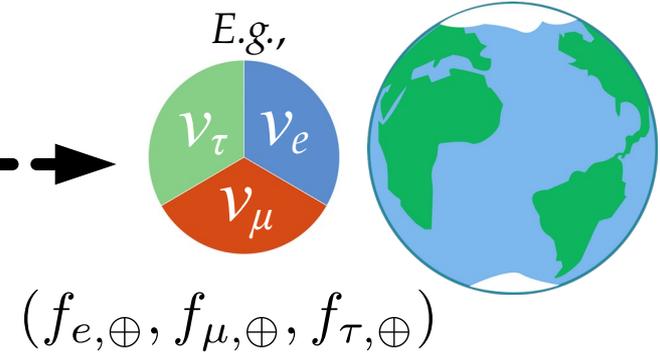


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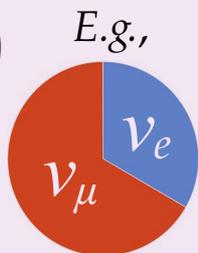


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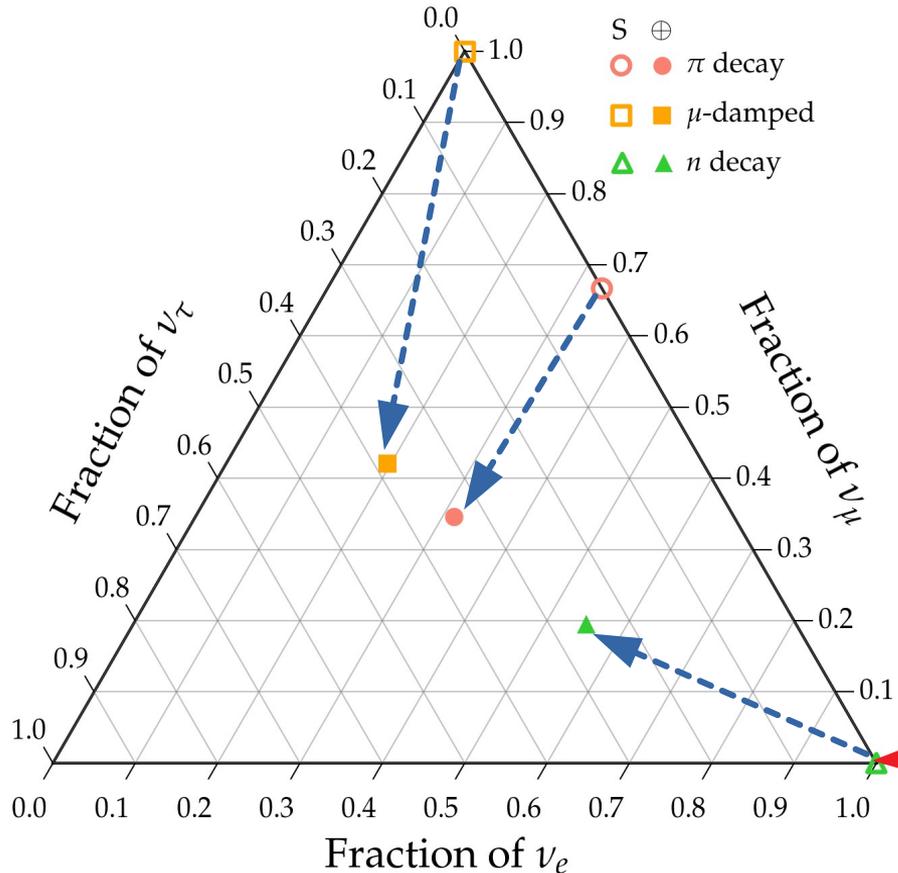
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# One likely TeV–PeV $\nu$ production scenario:



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 $(1/3:2/3:0)_S$

Muon damped  
 $(0:1:0)_S$

Neutron decay  
 $(1:0:0)_S$

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

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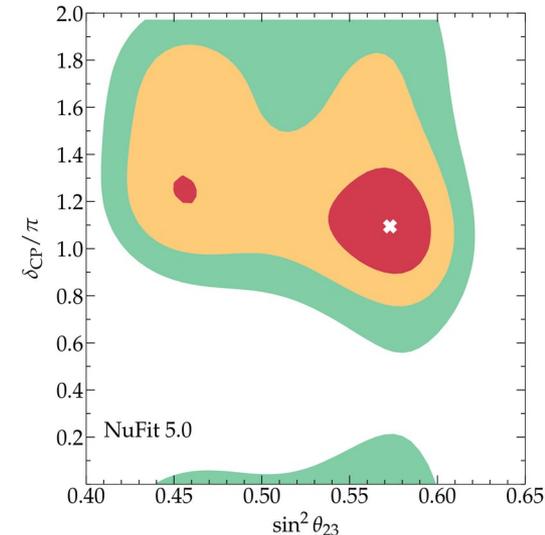
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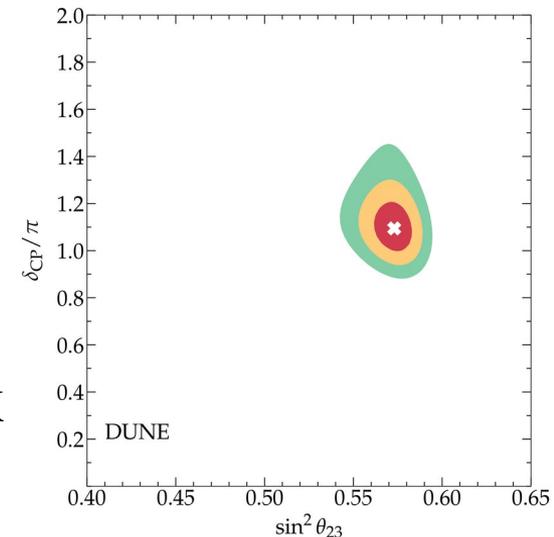
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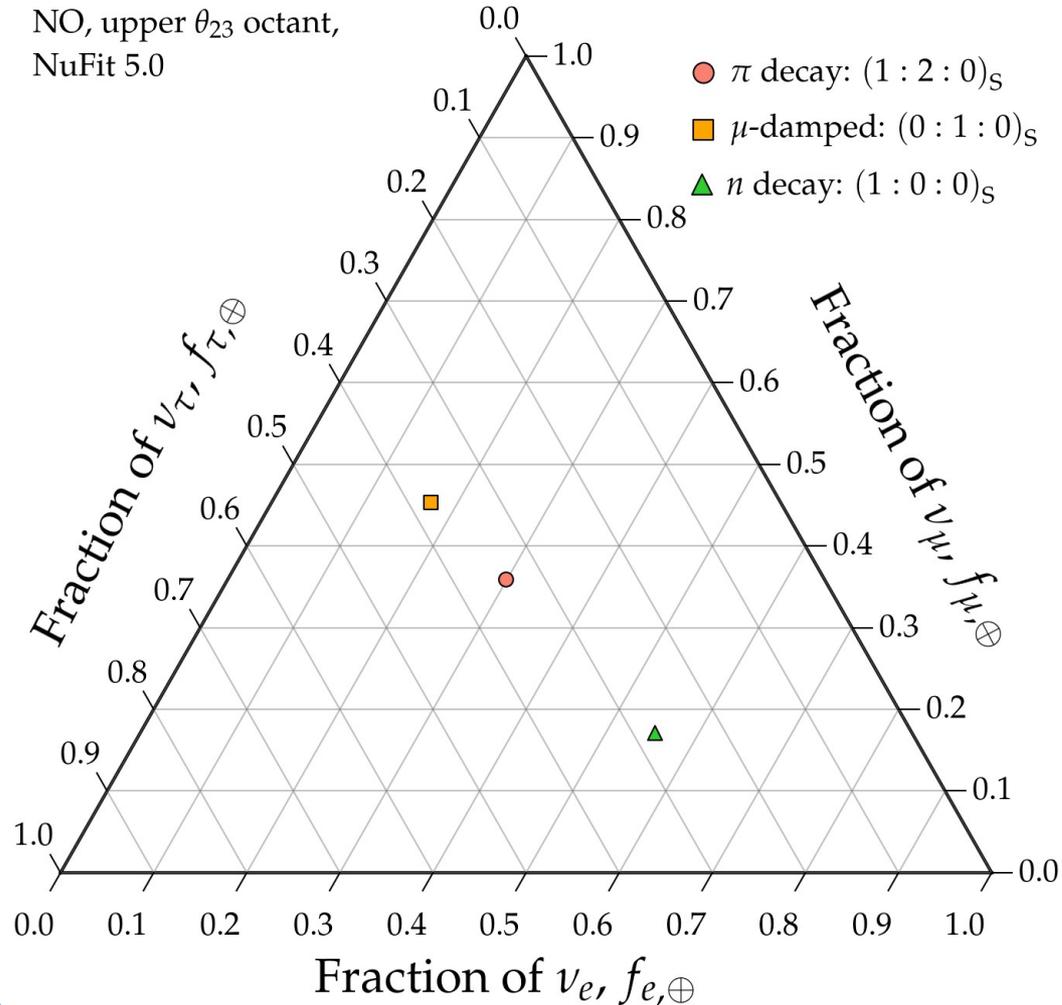
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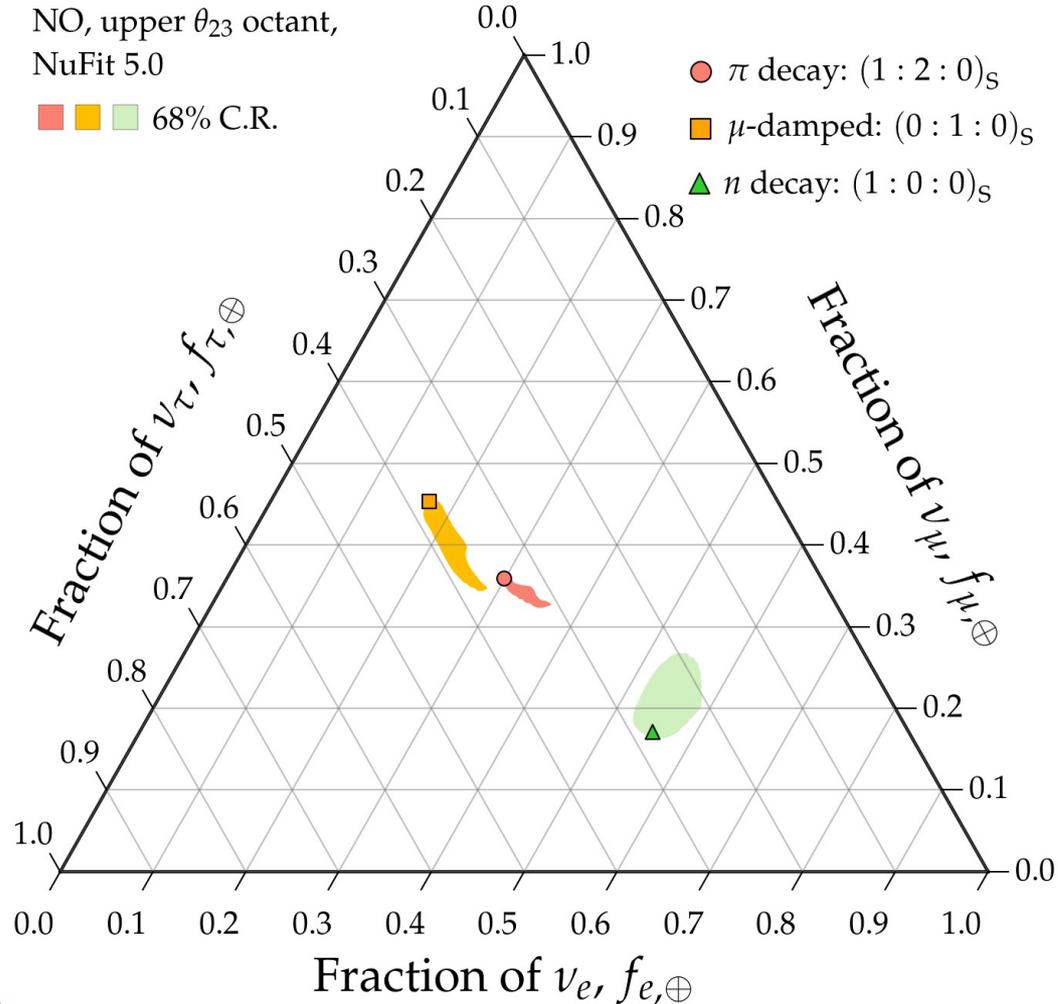
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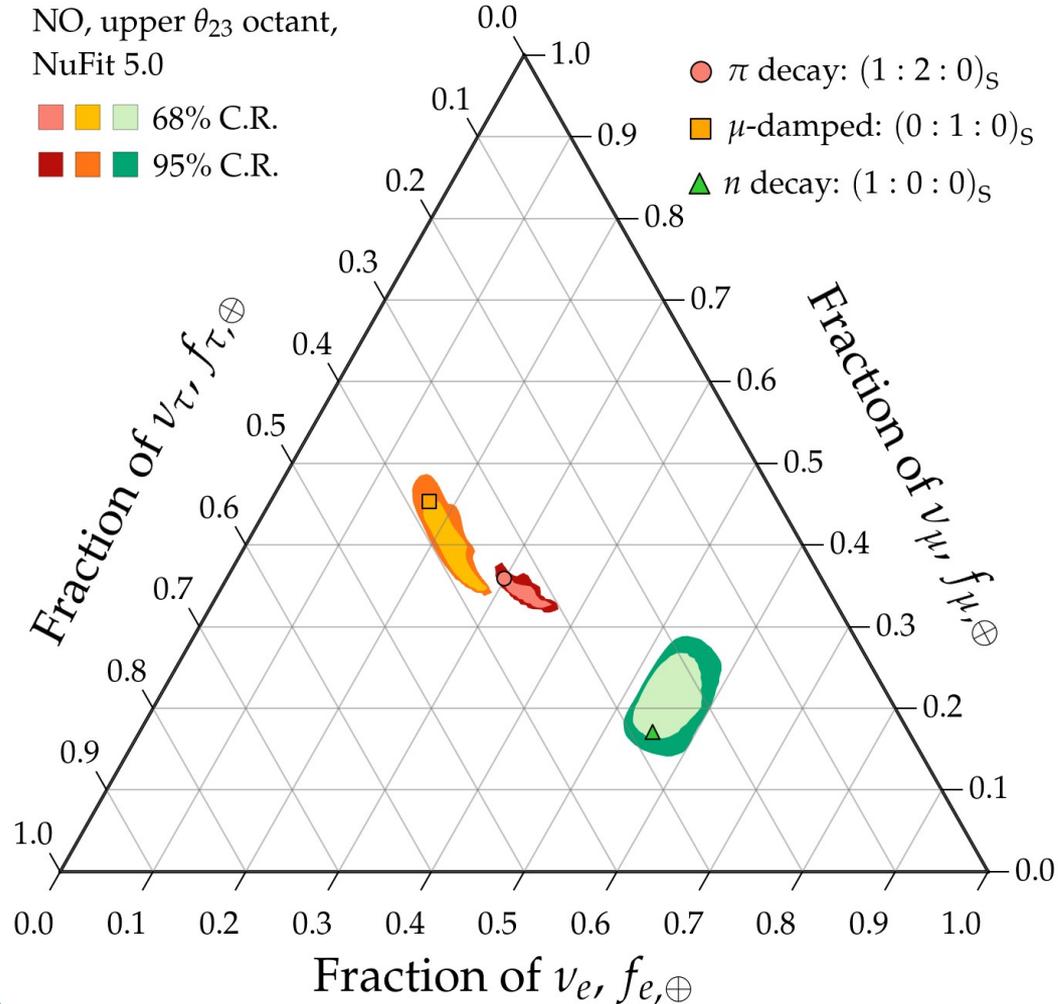
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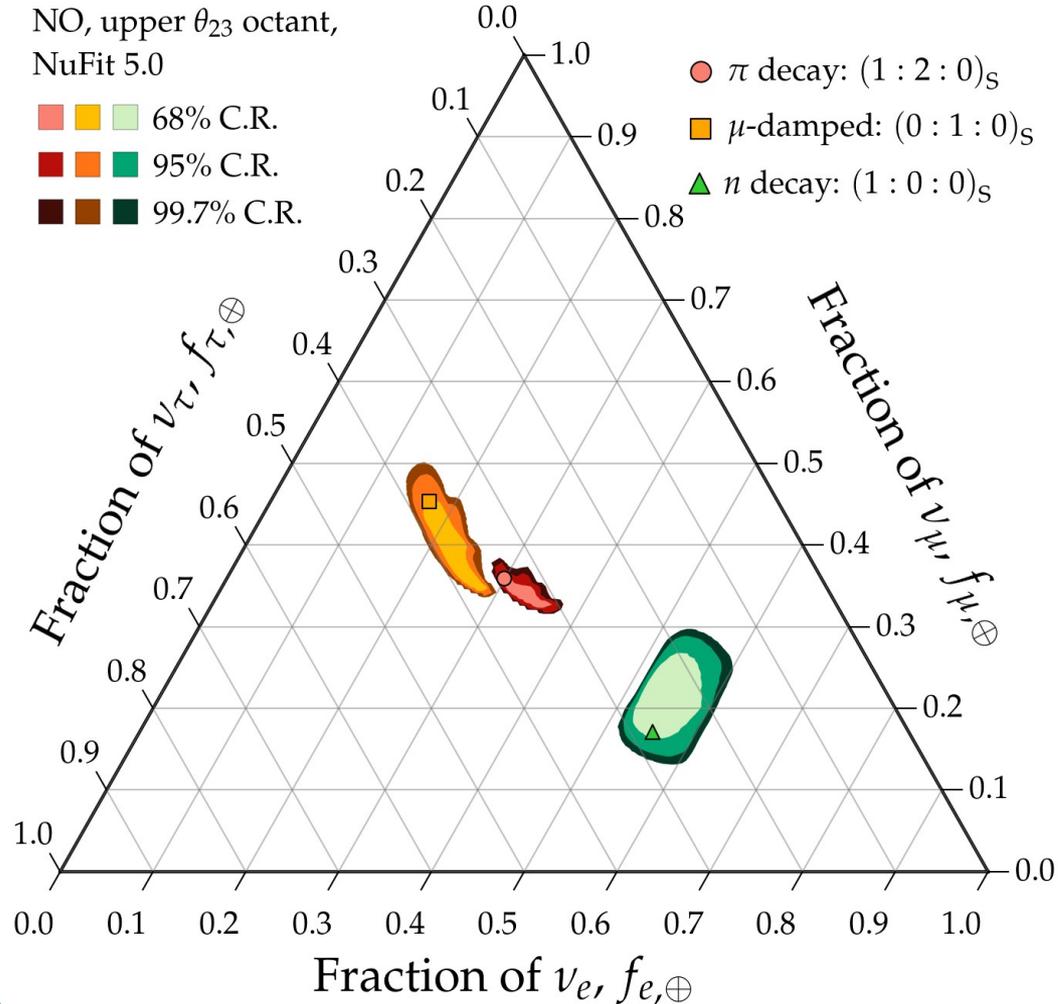
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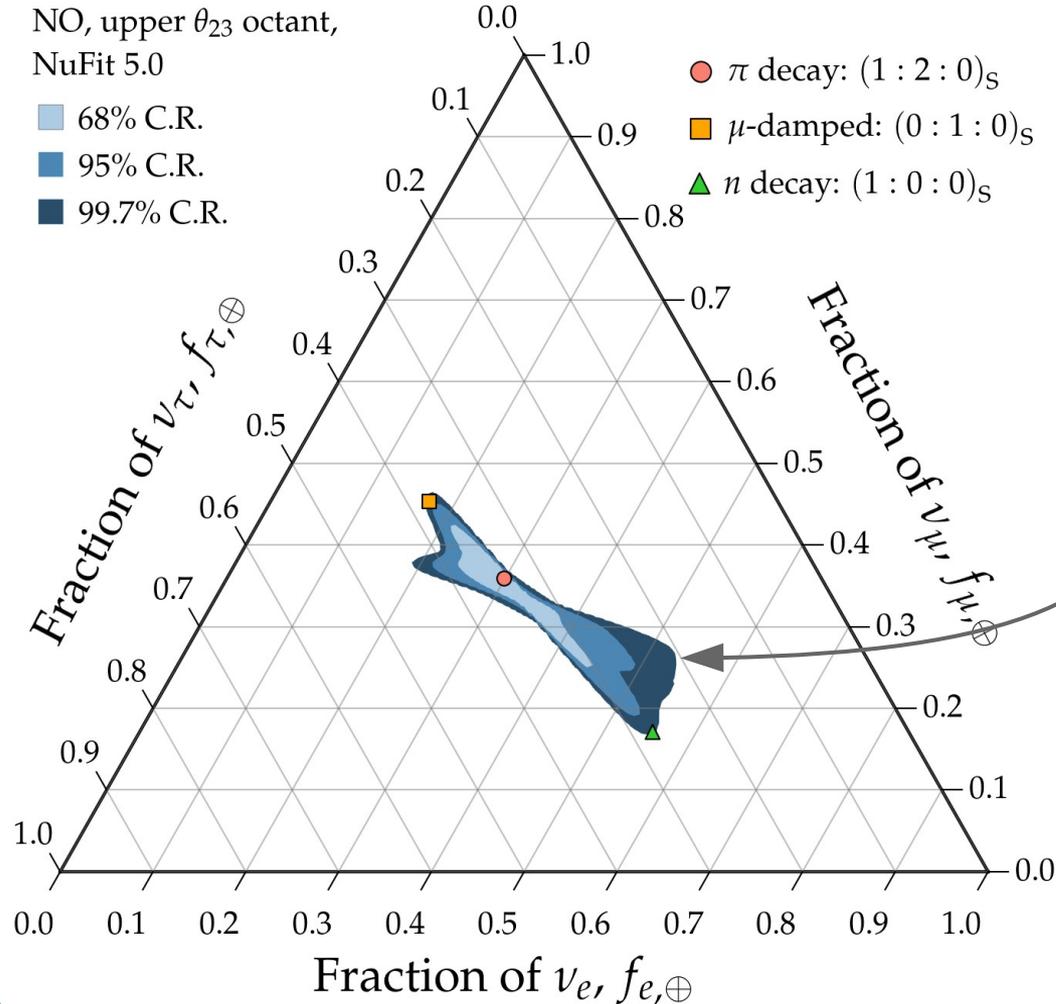
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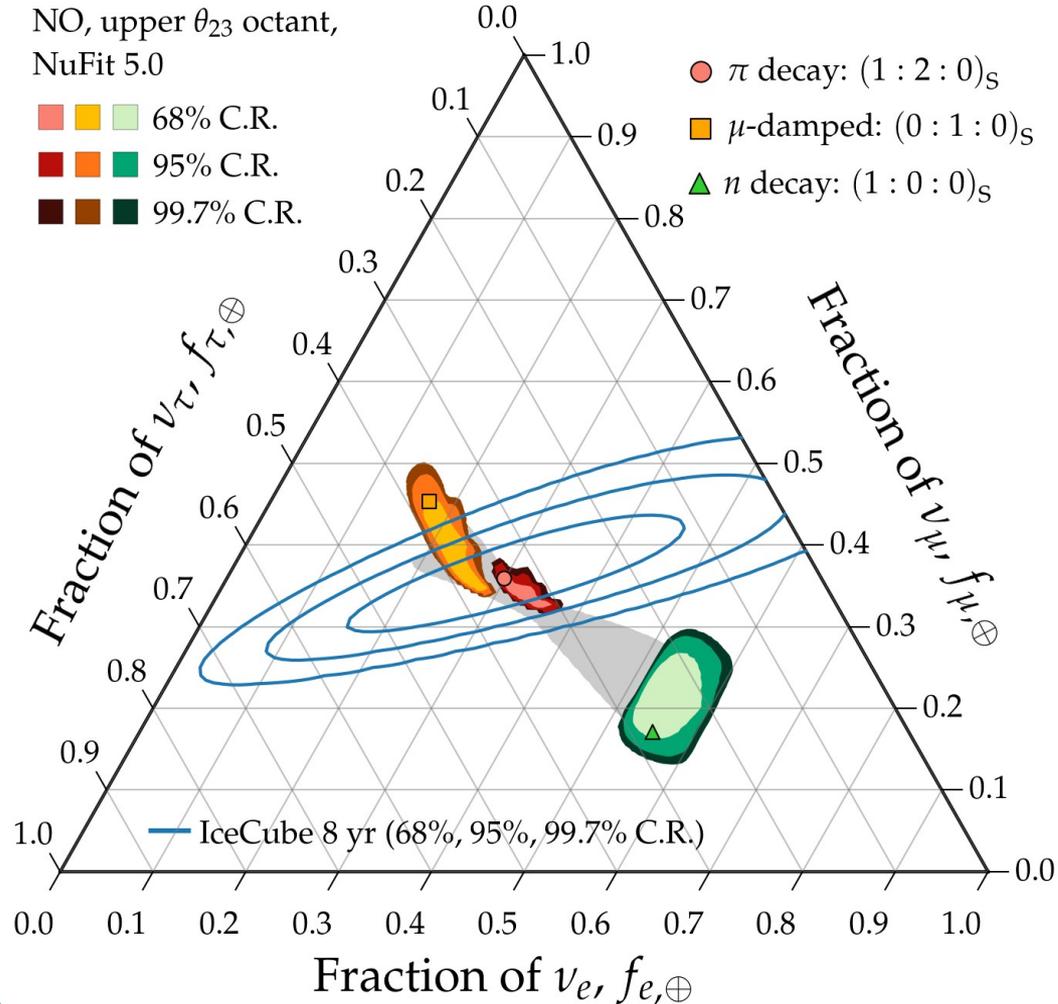
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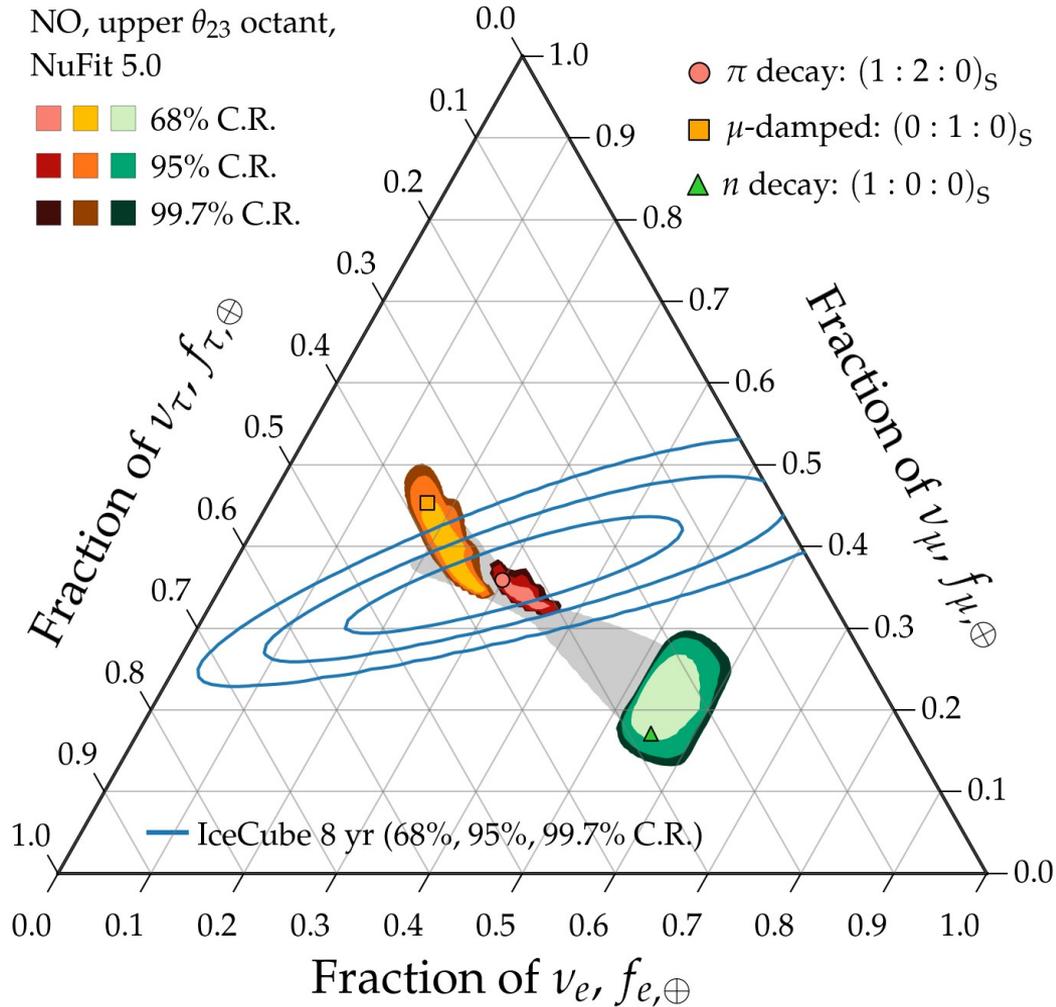
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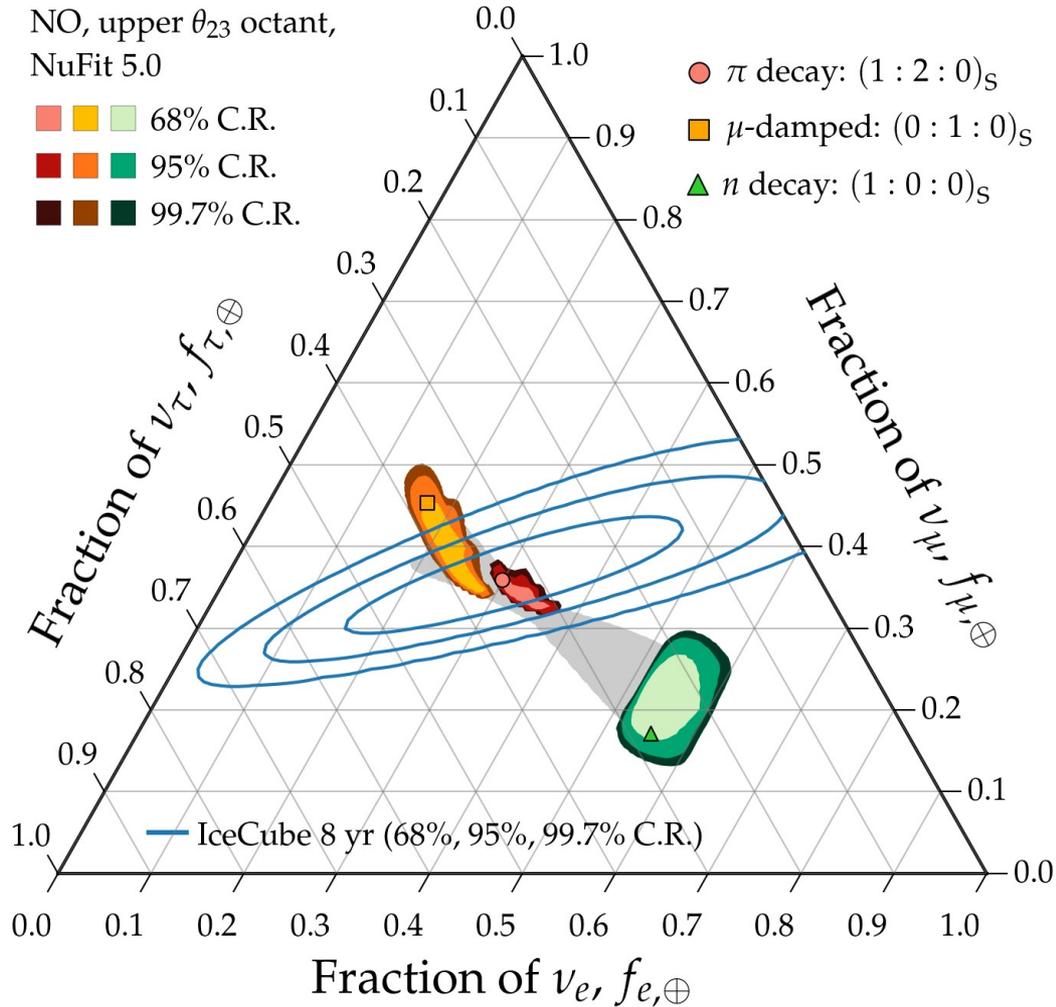


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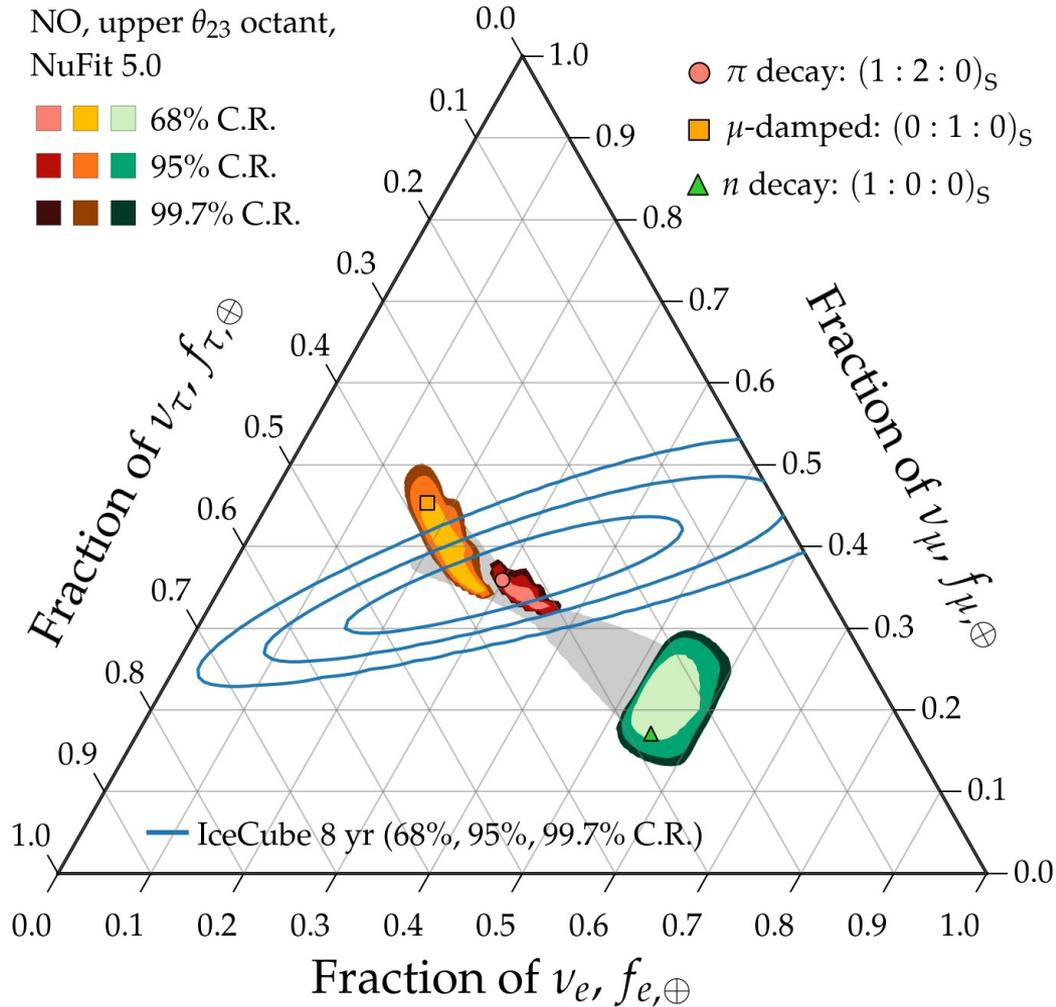
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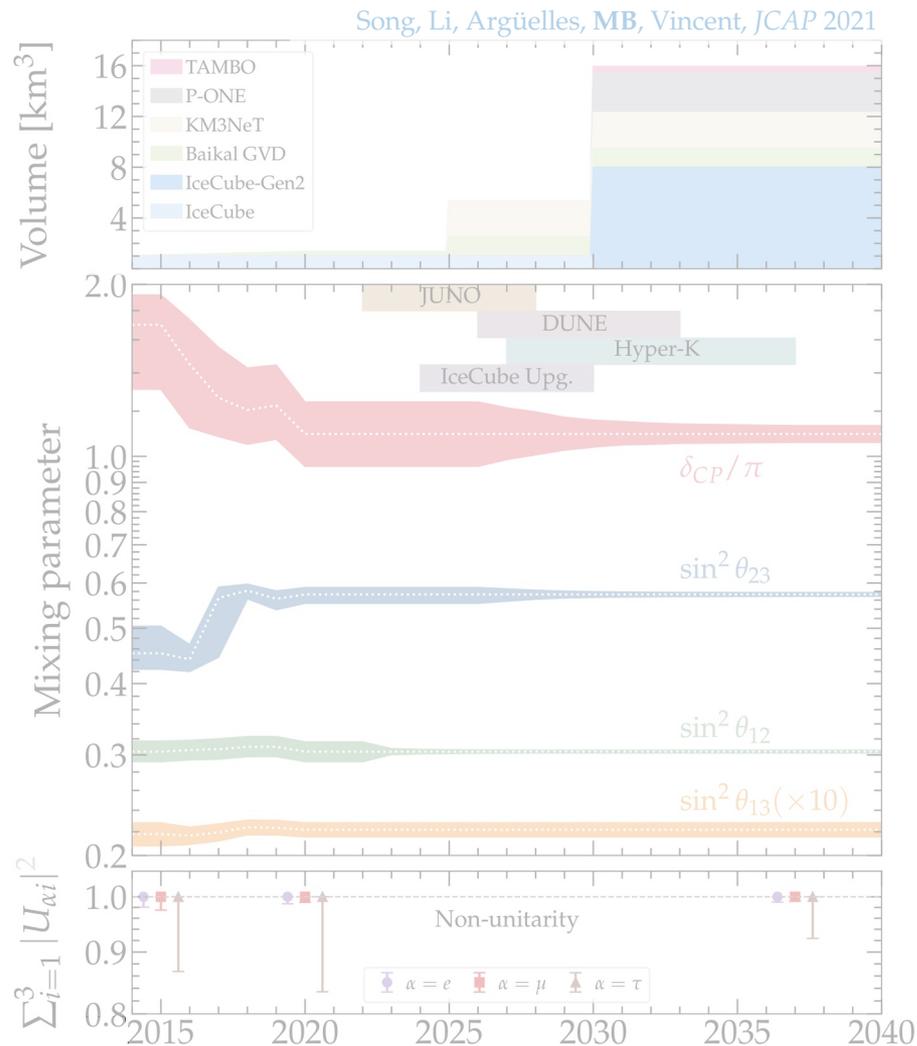
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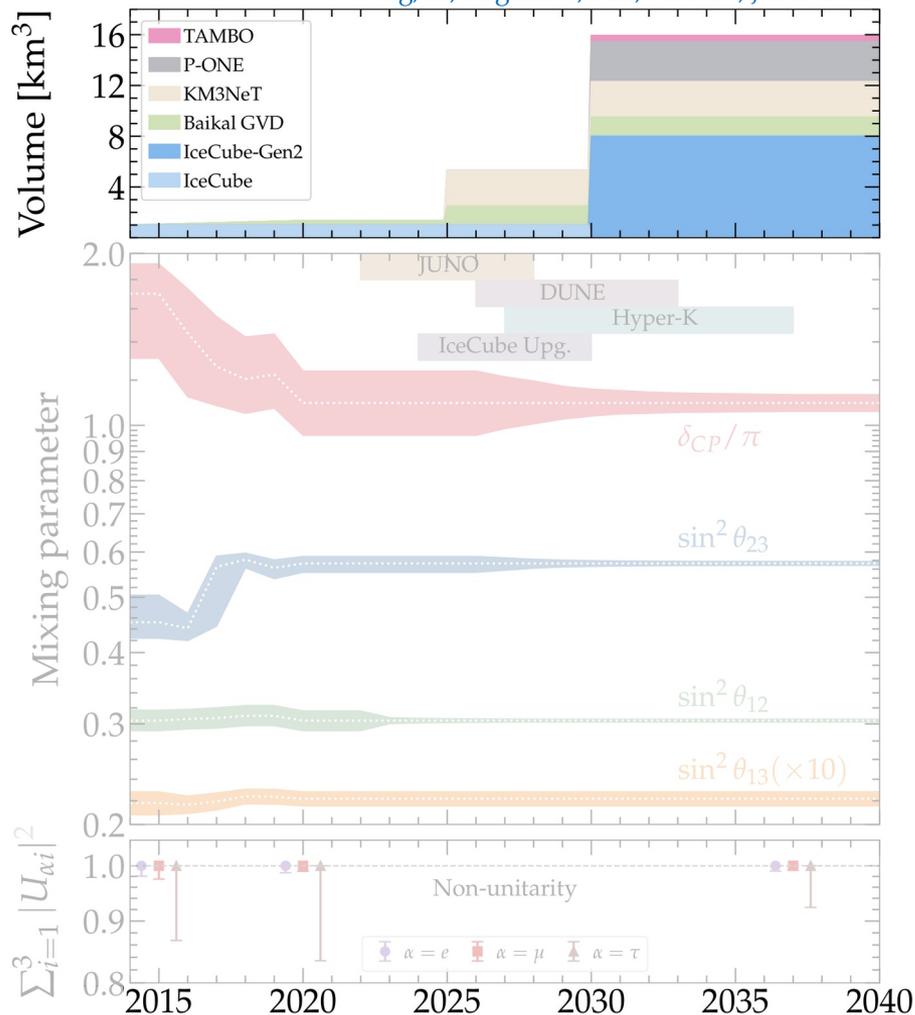
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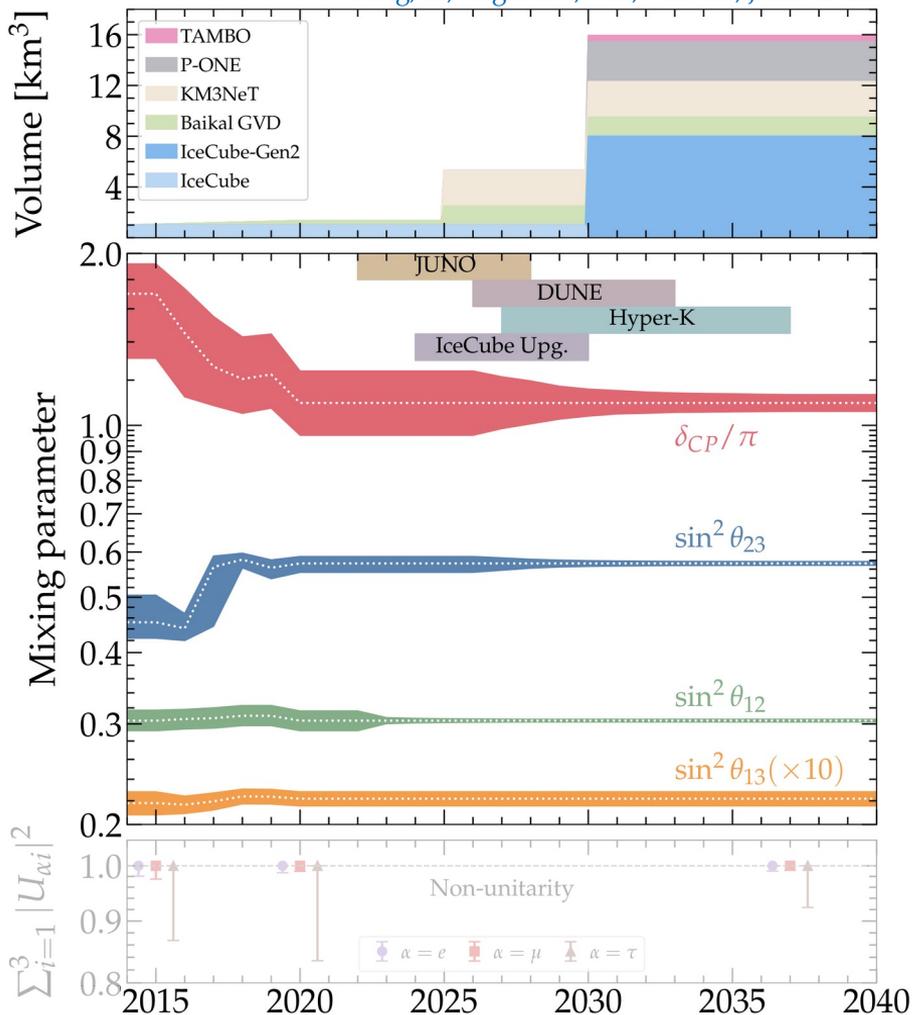


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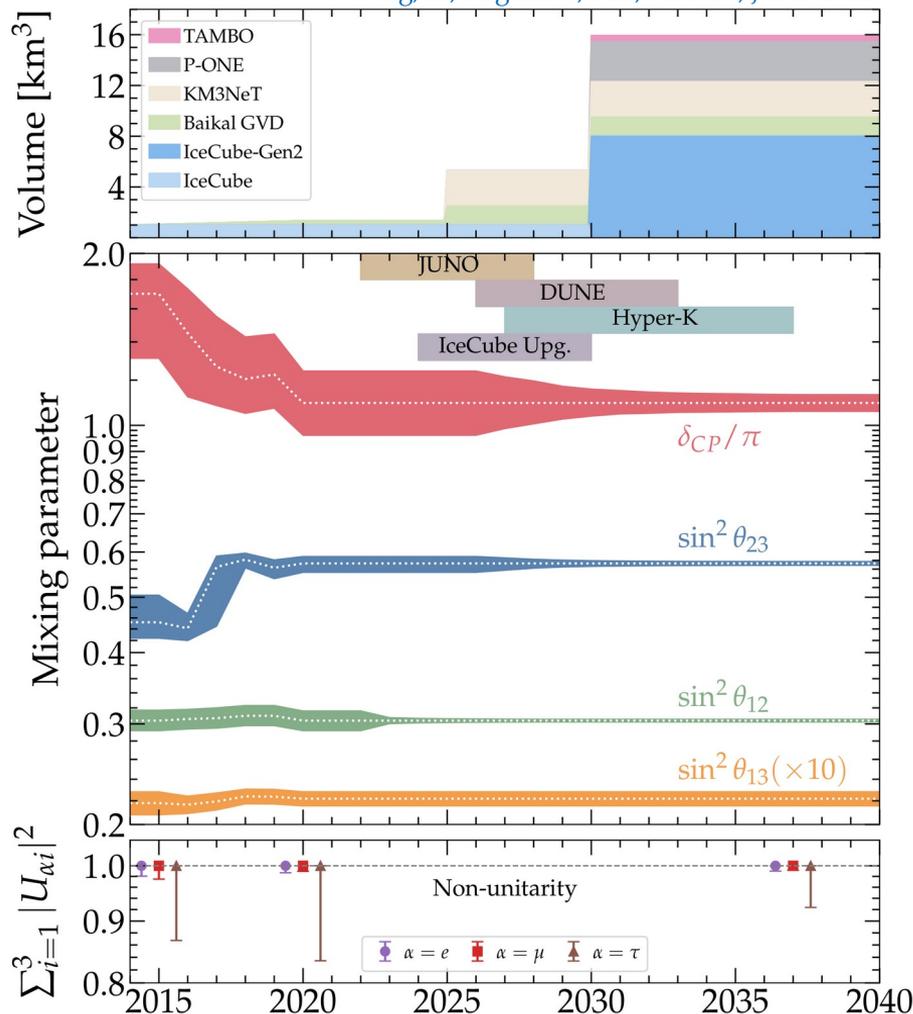
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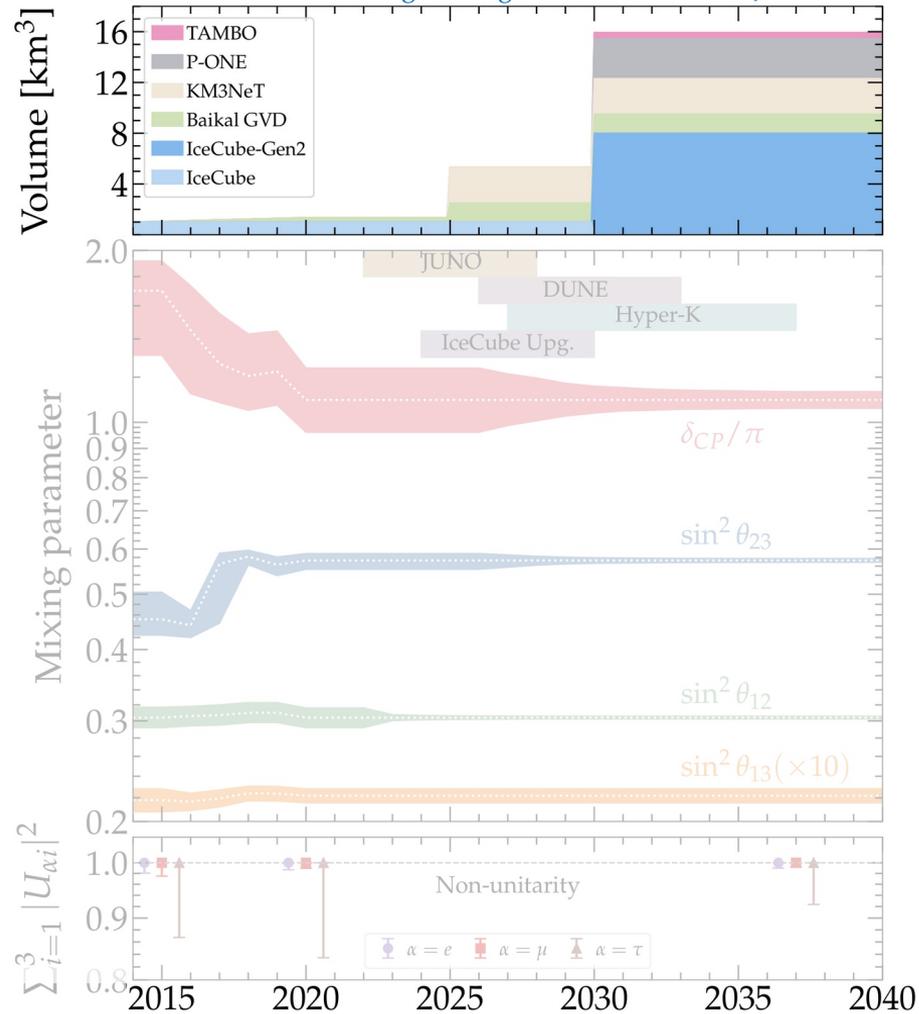
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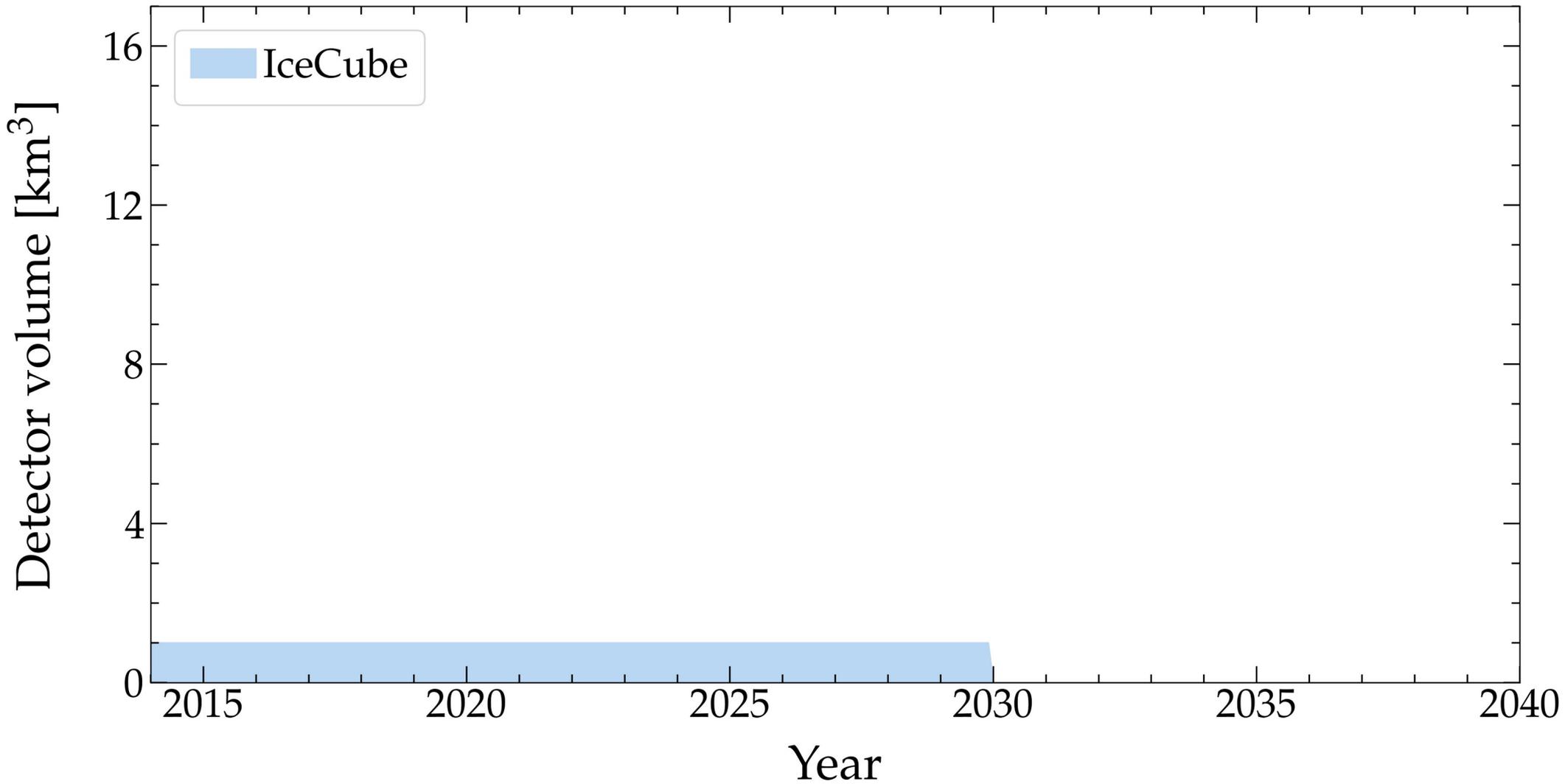
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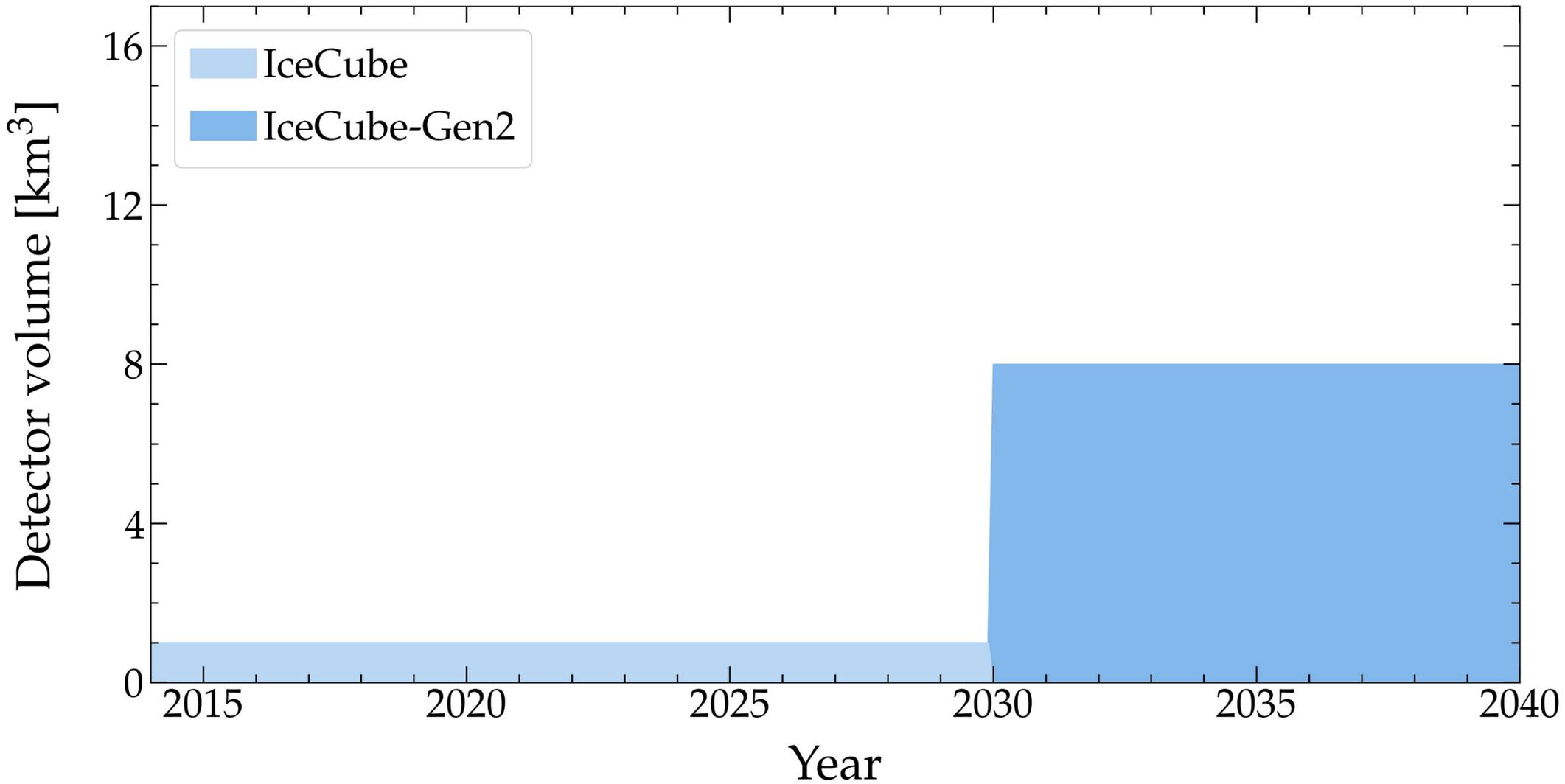
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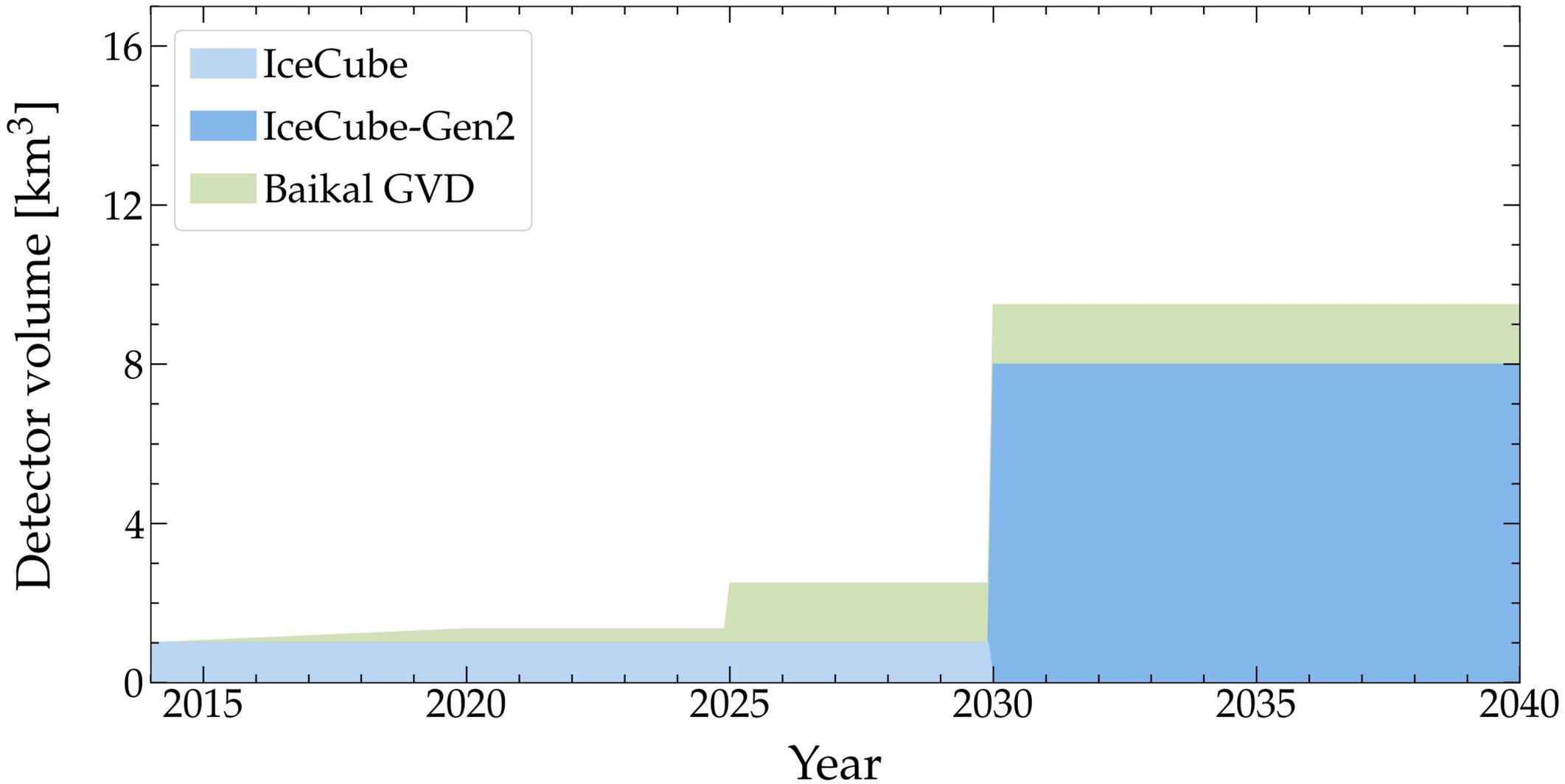
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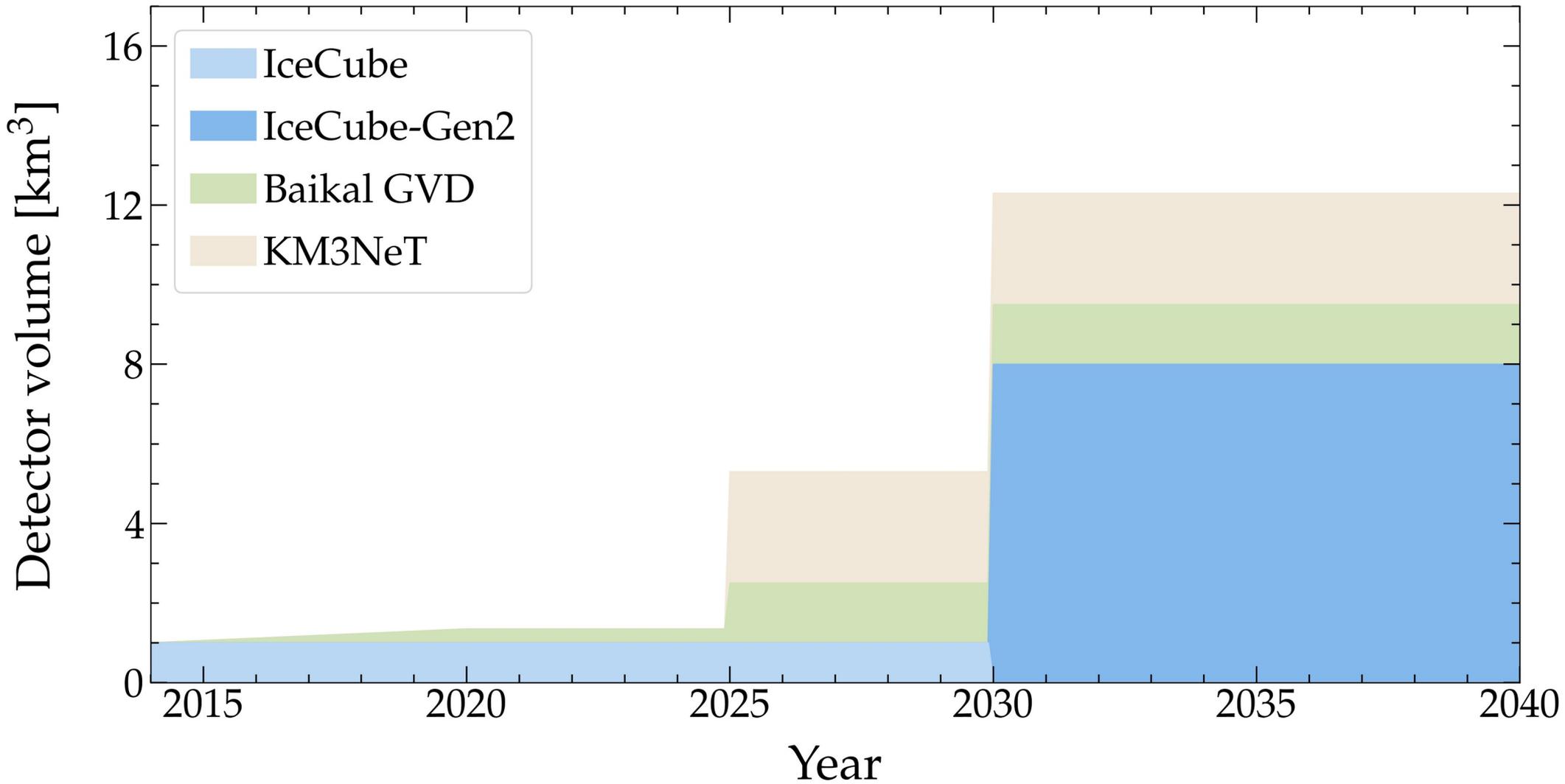
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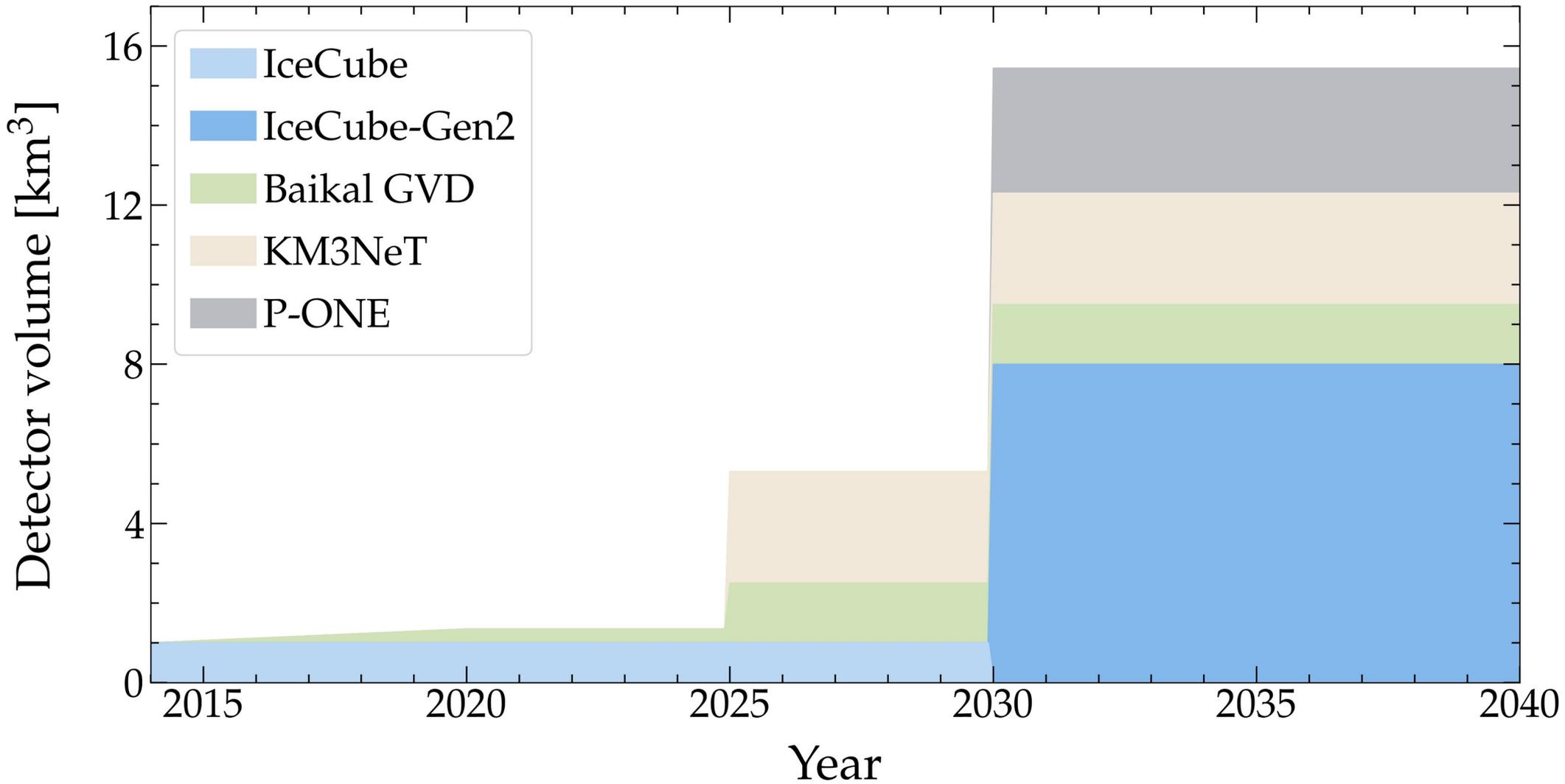


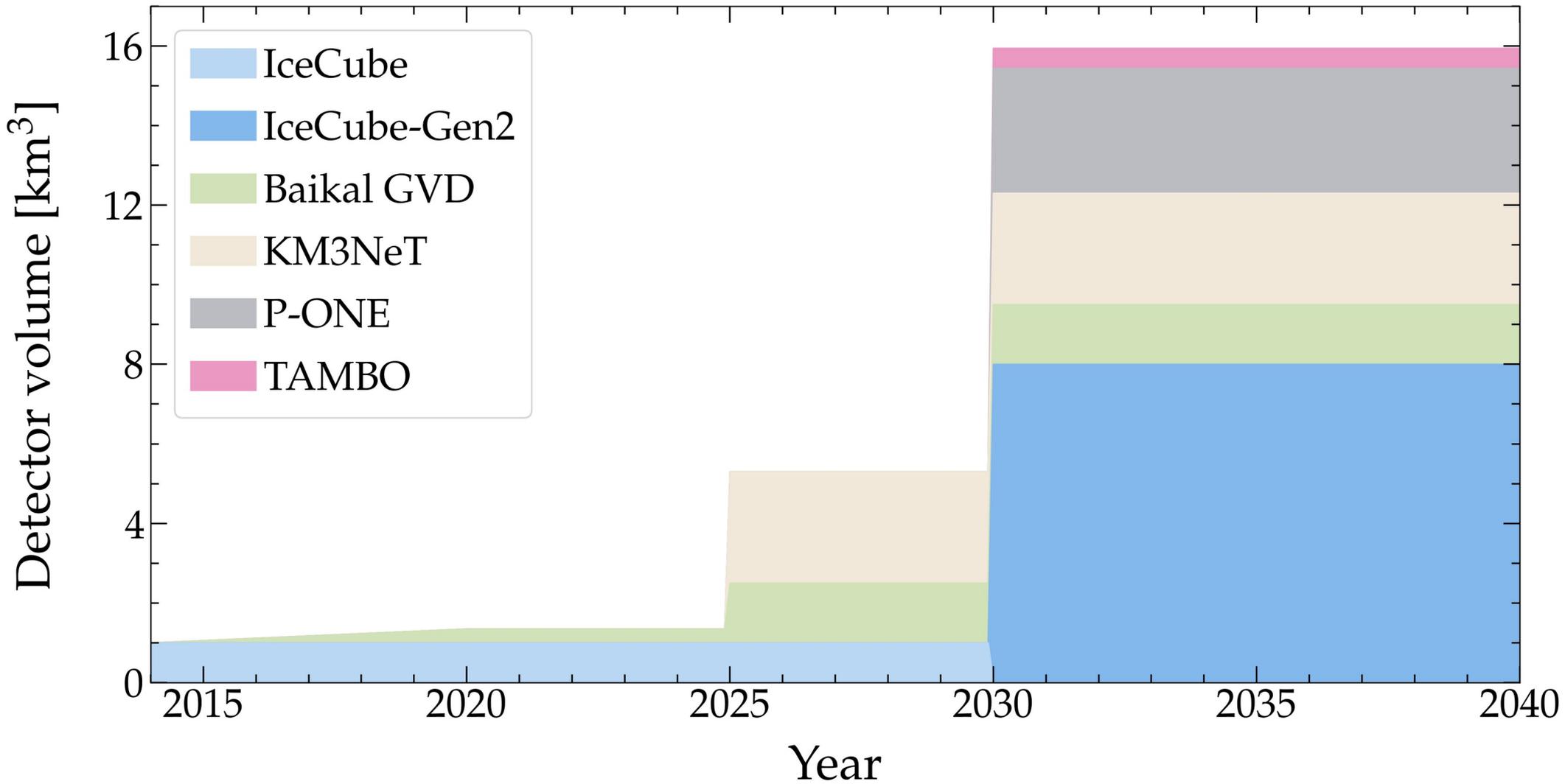


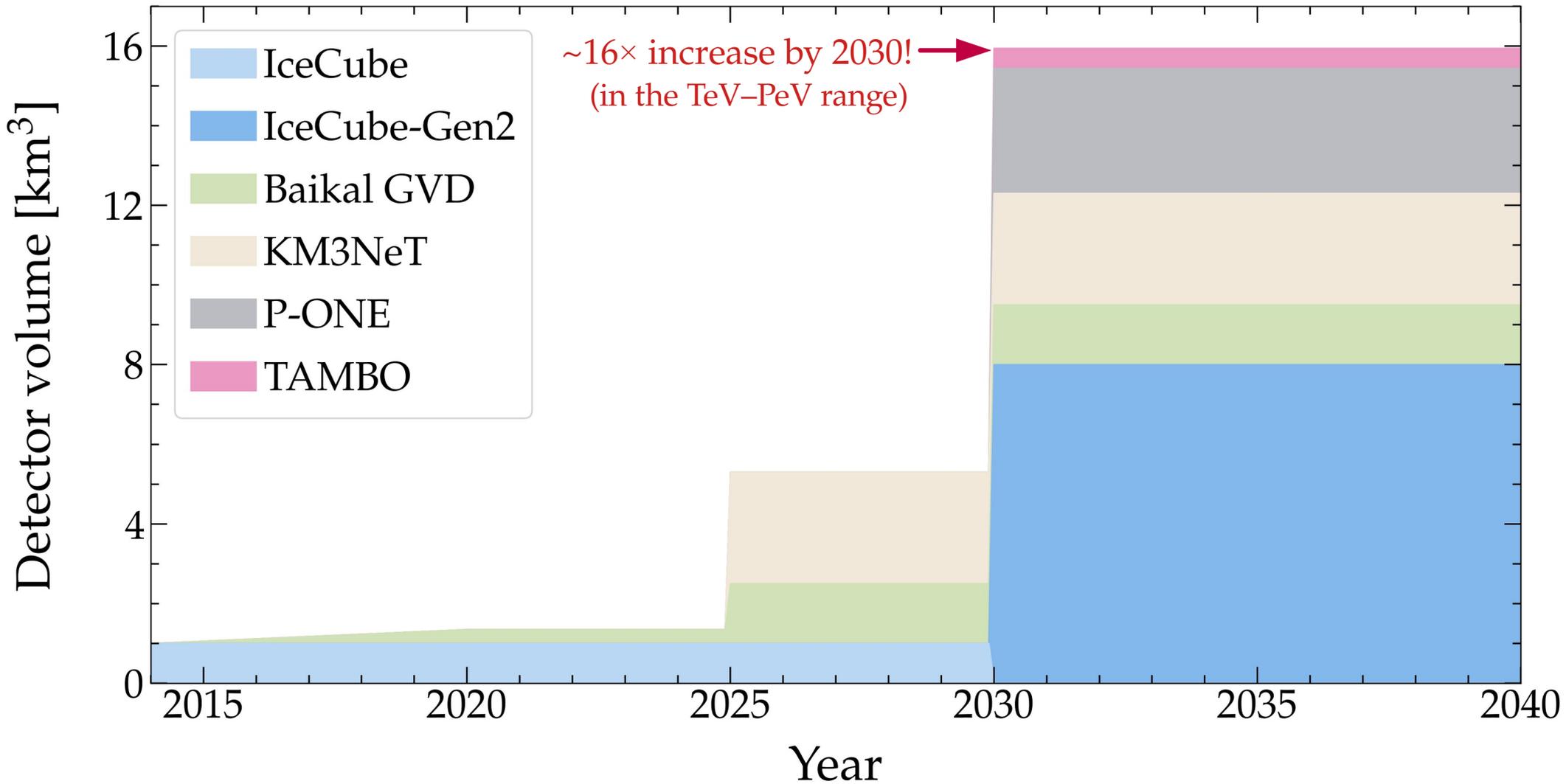






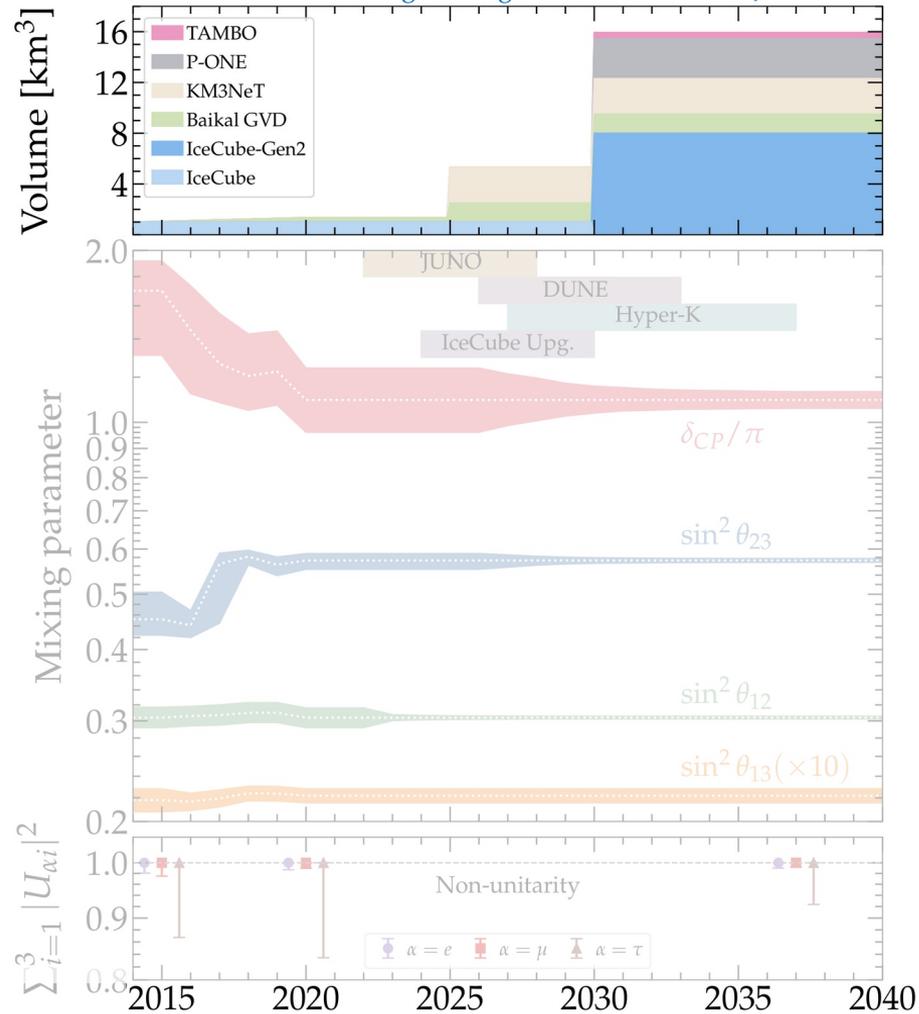






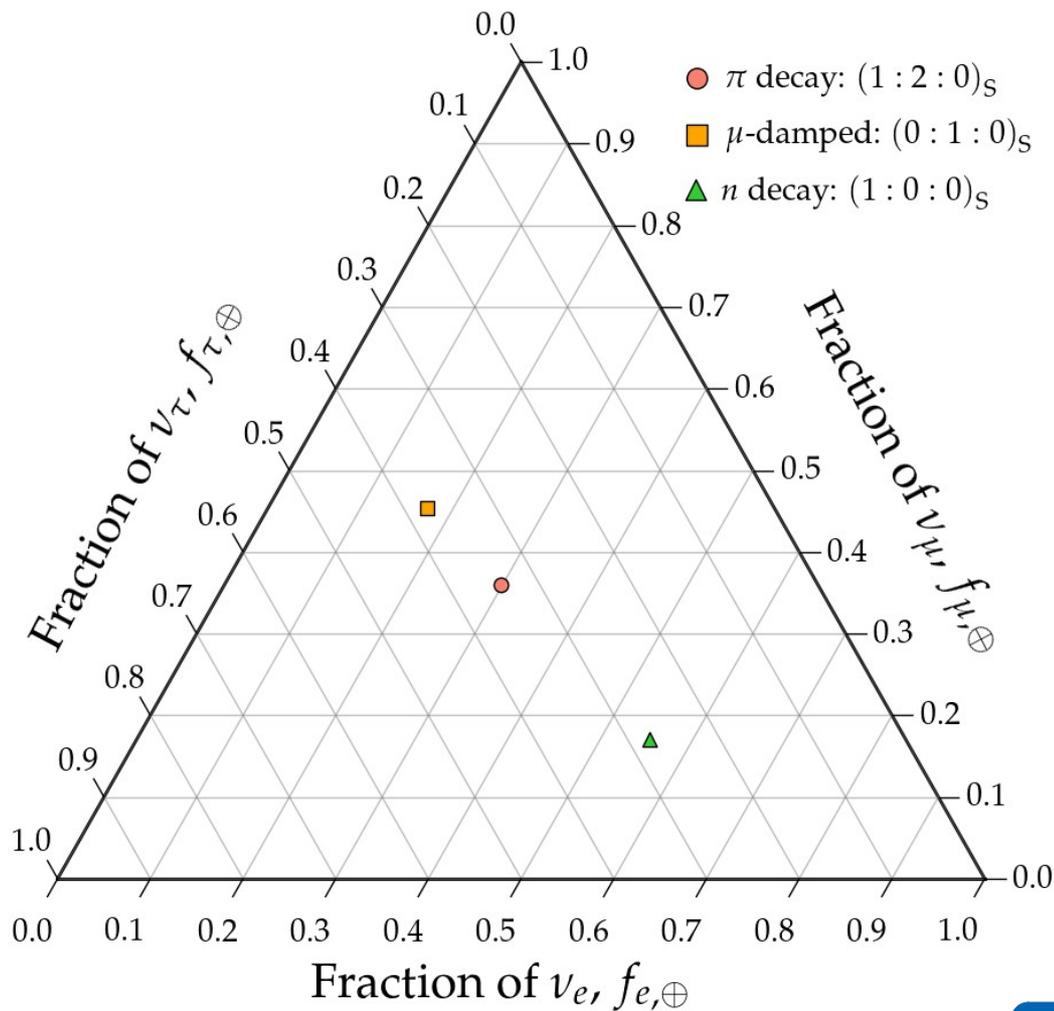
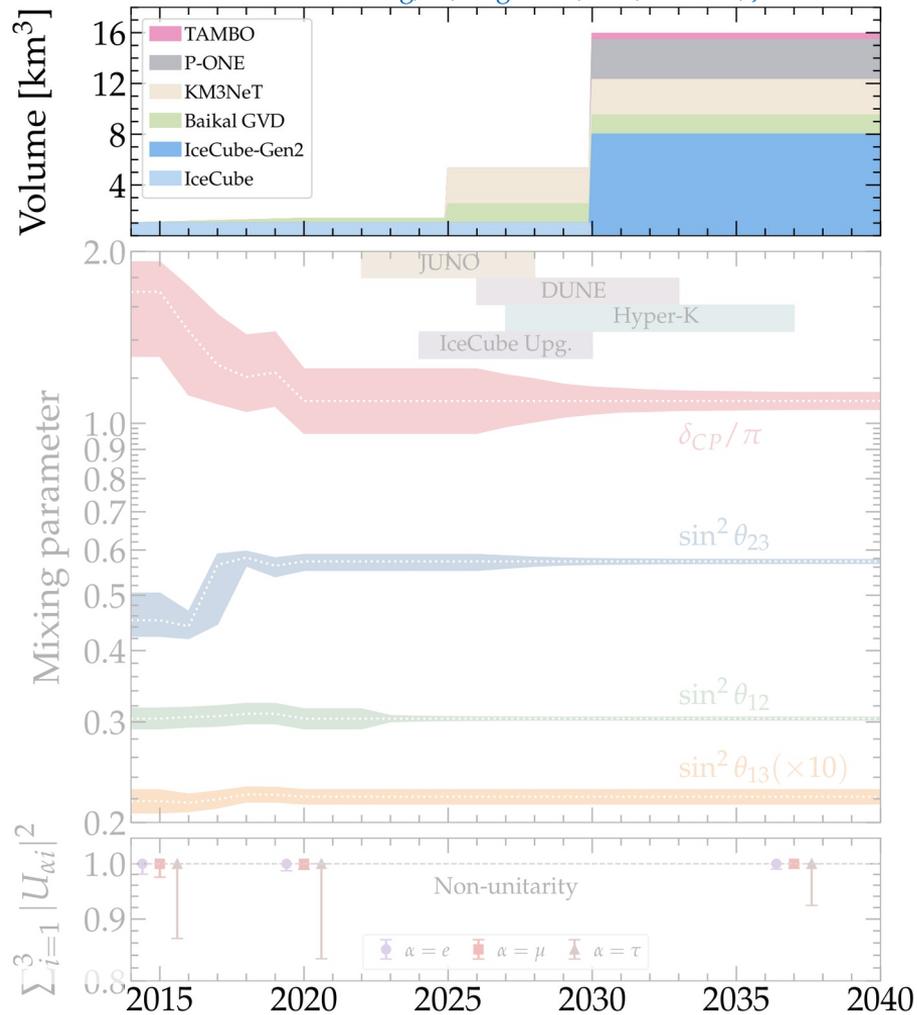
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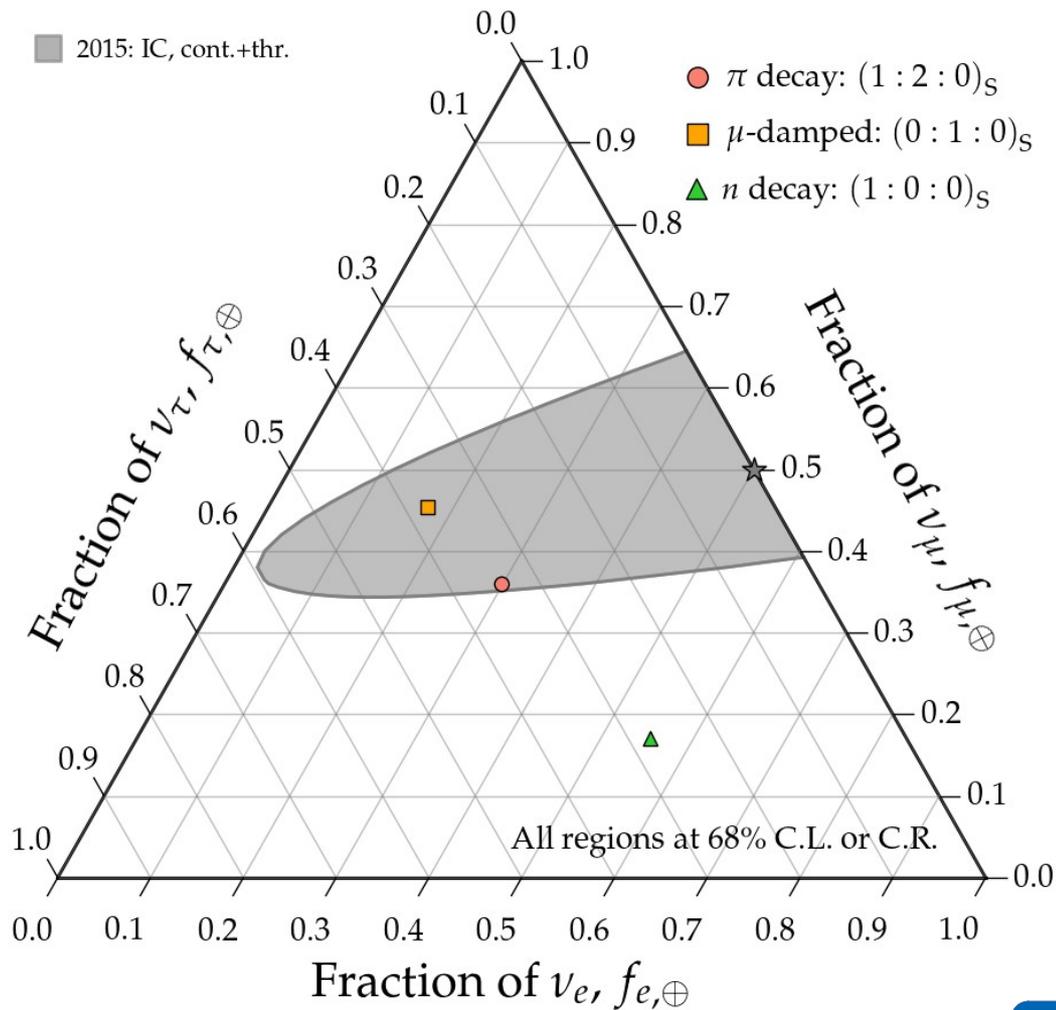
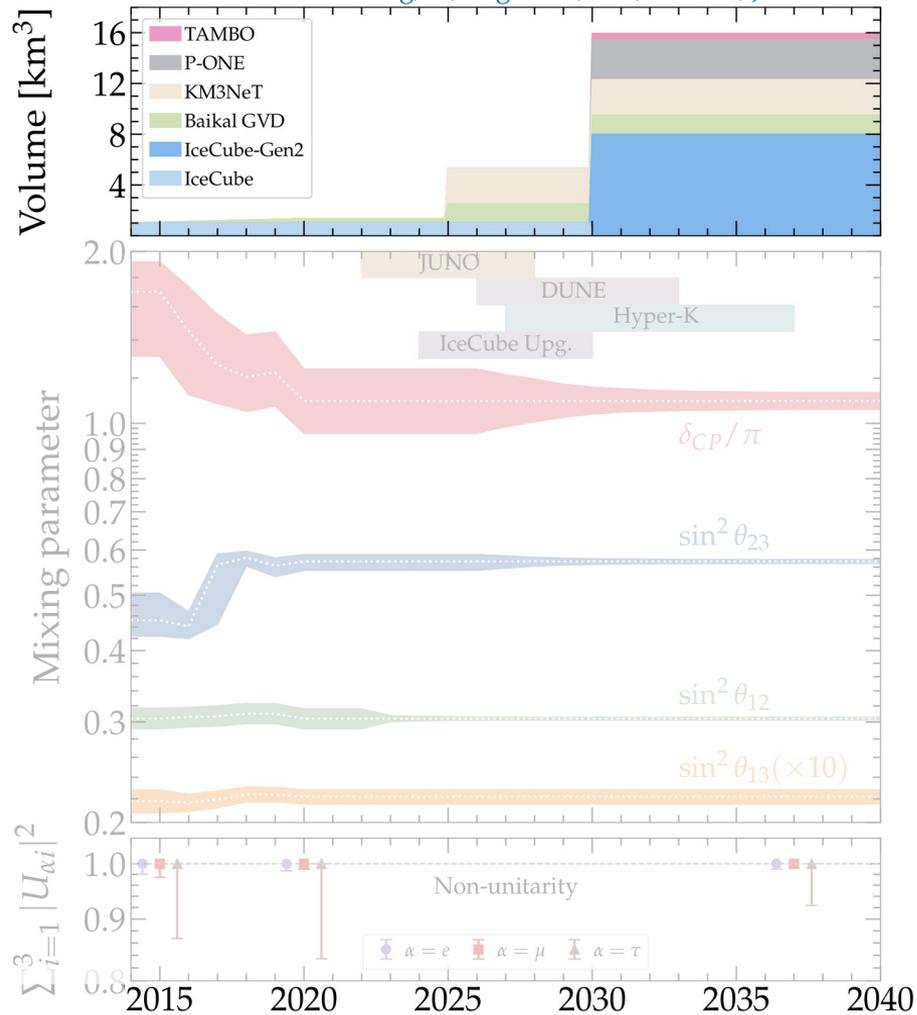
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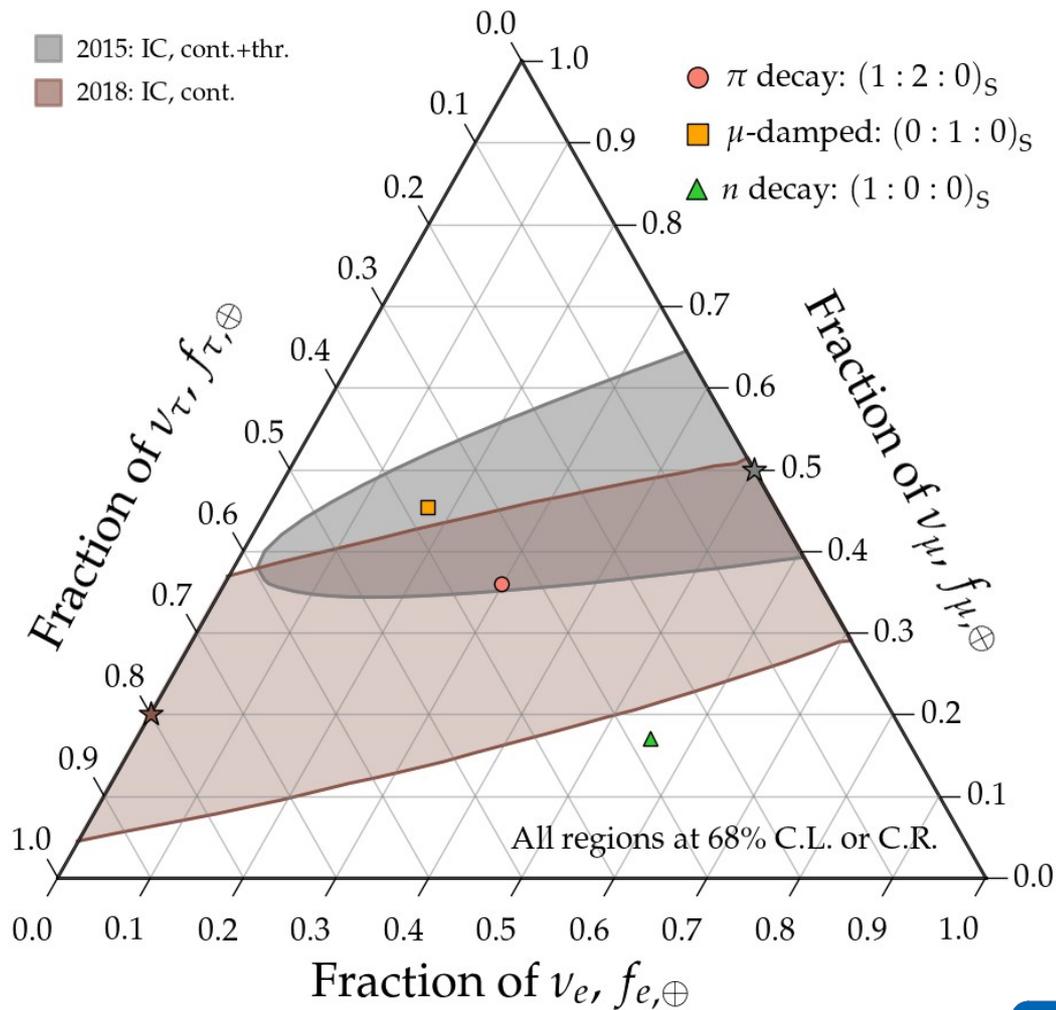
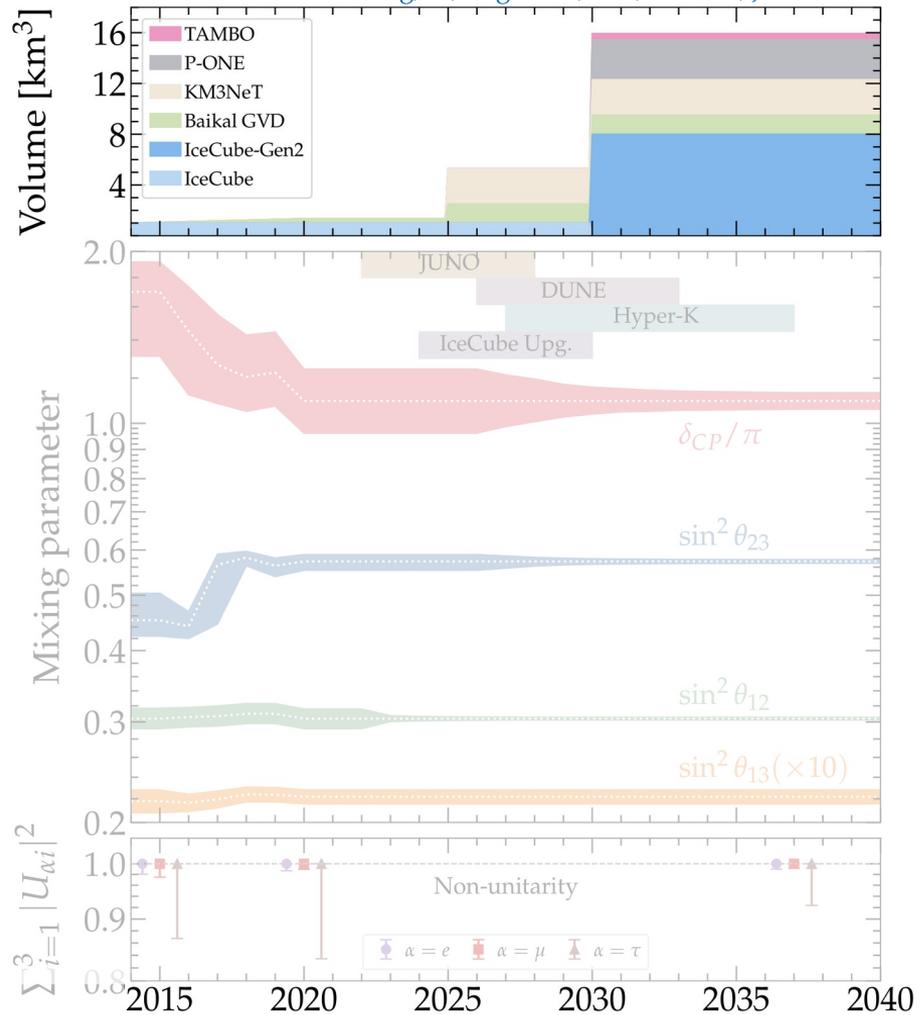
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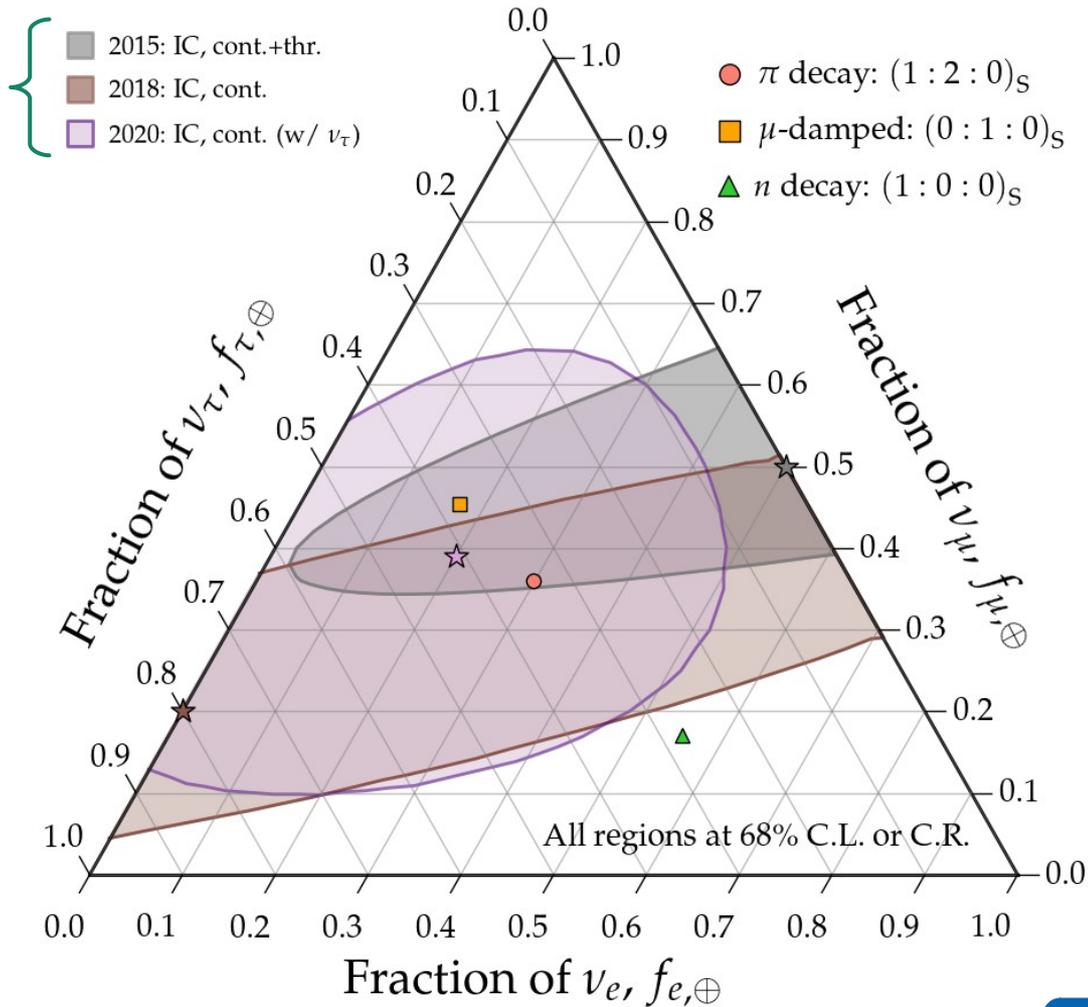
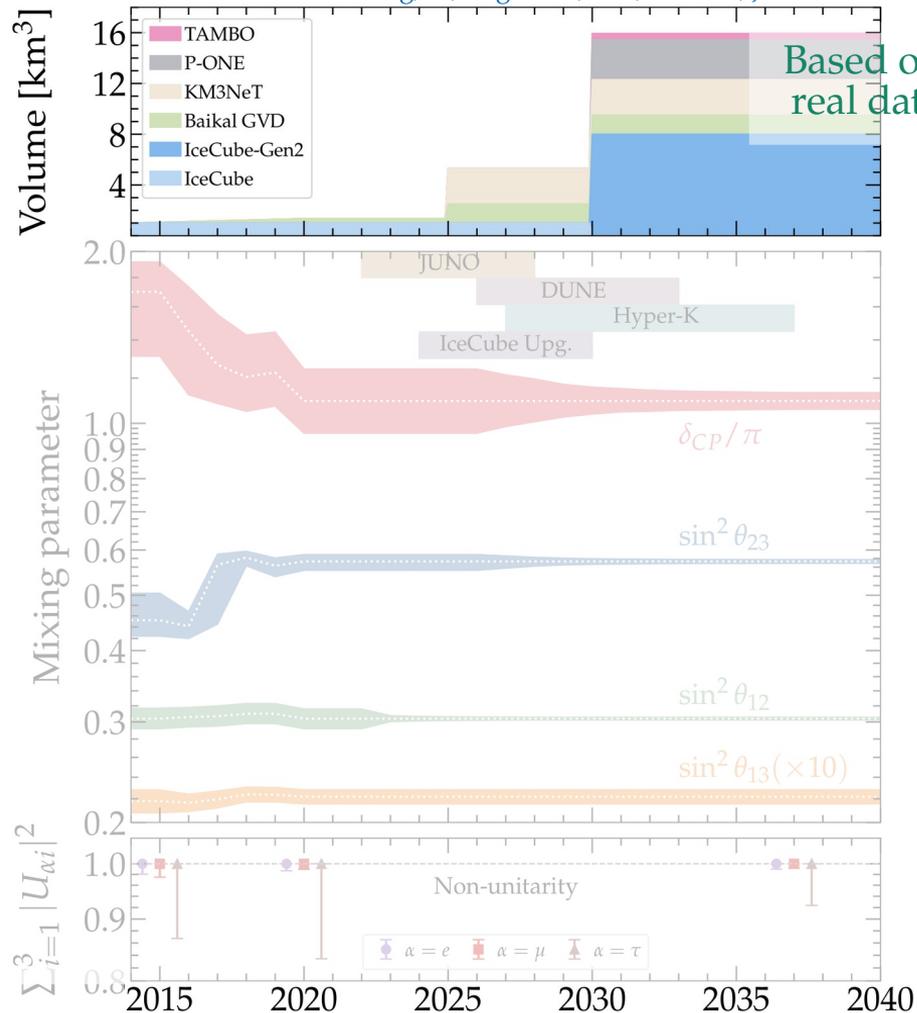
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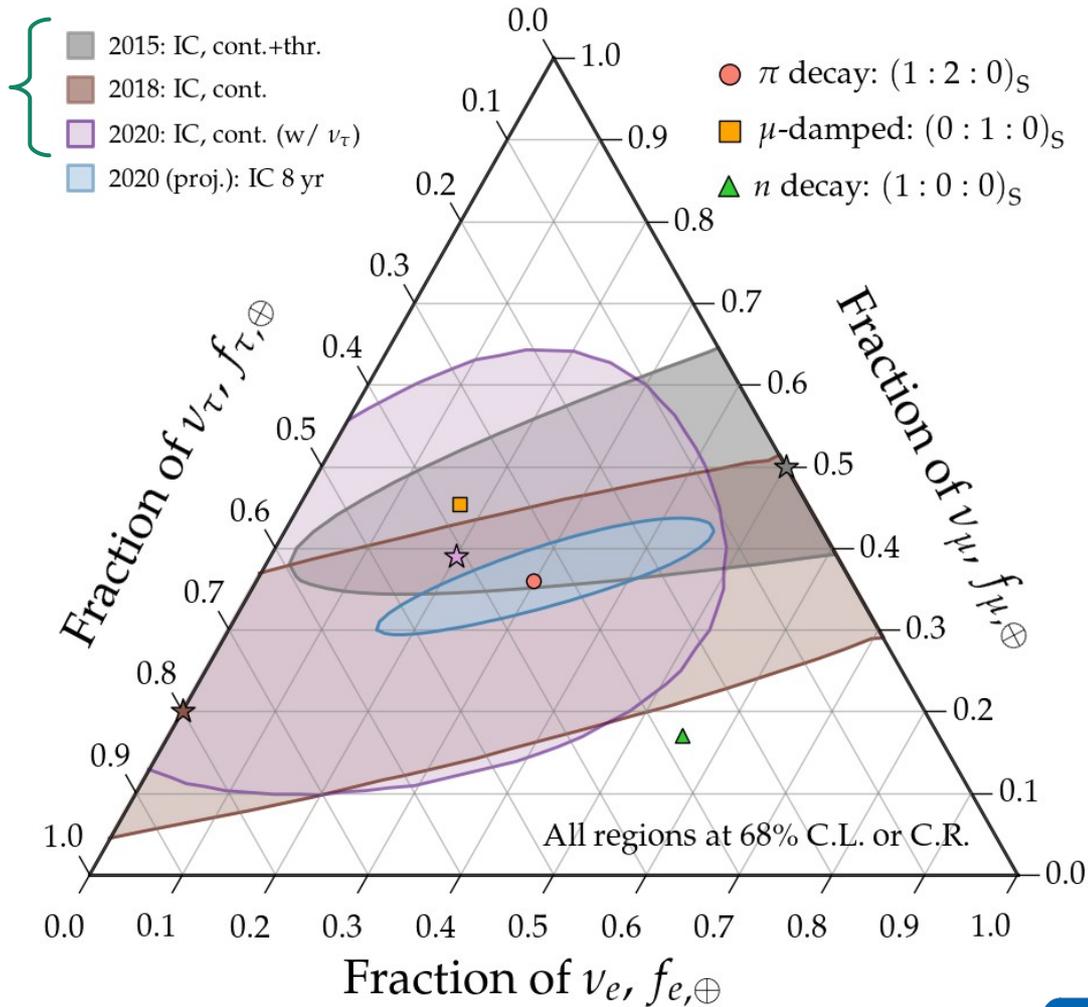
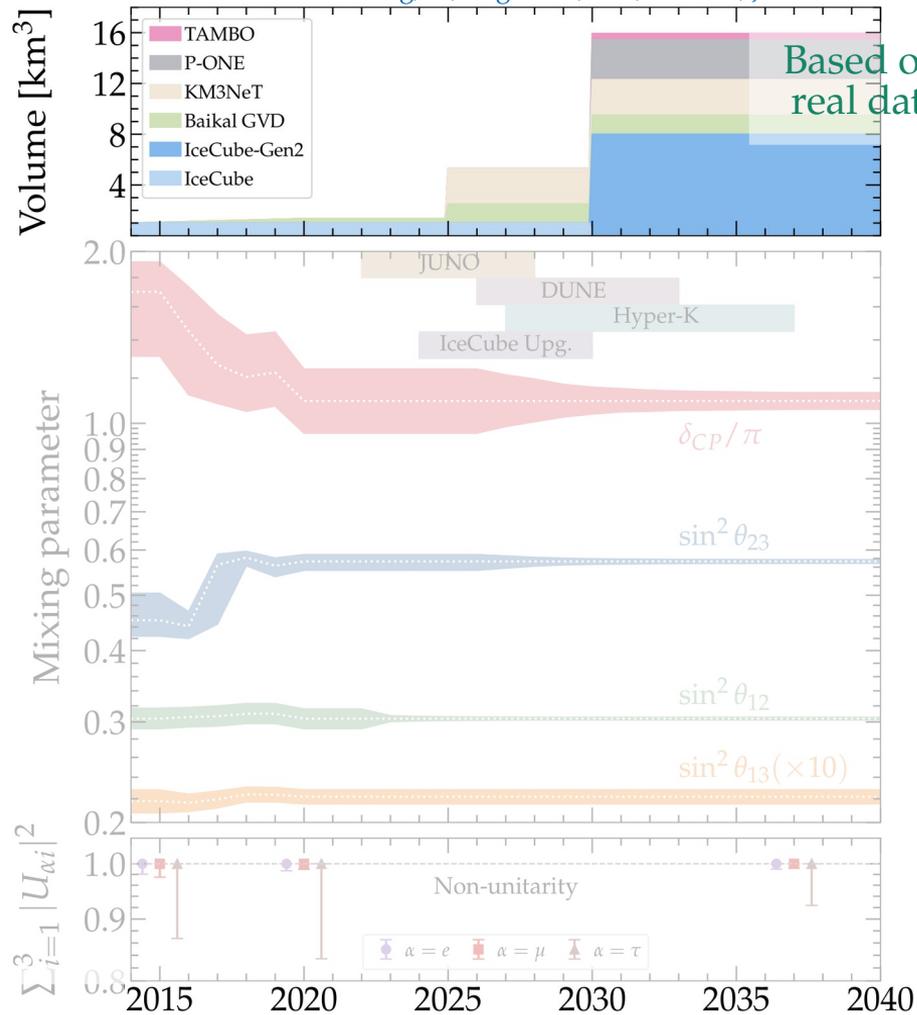
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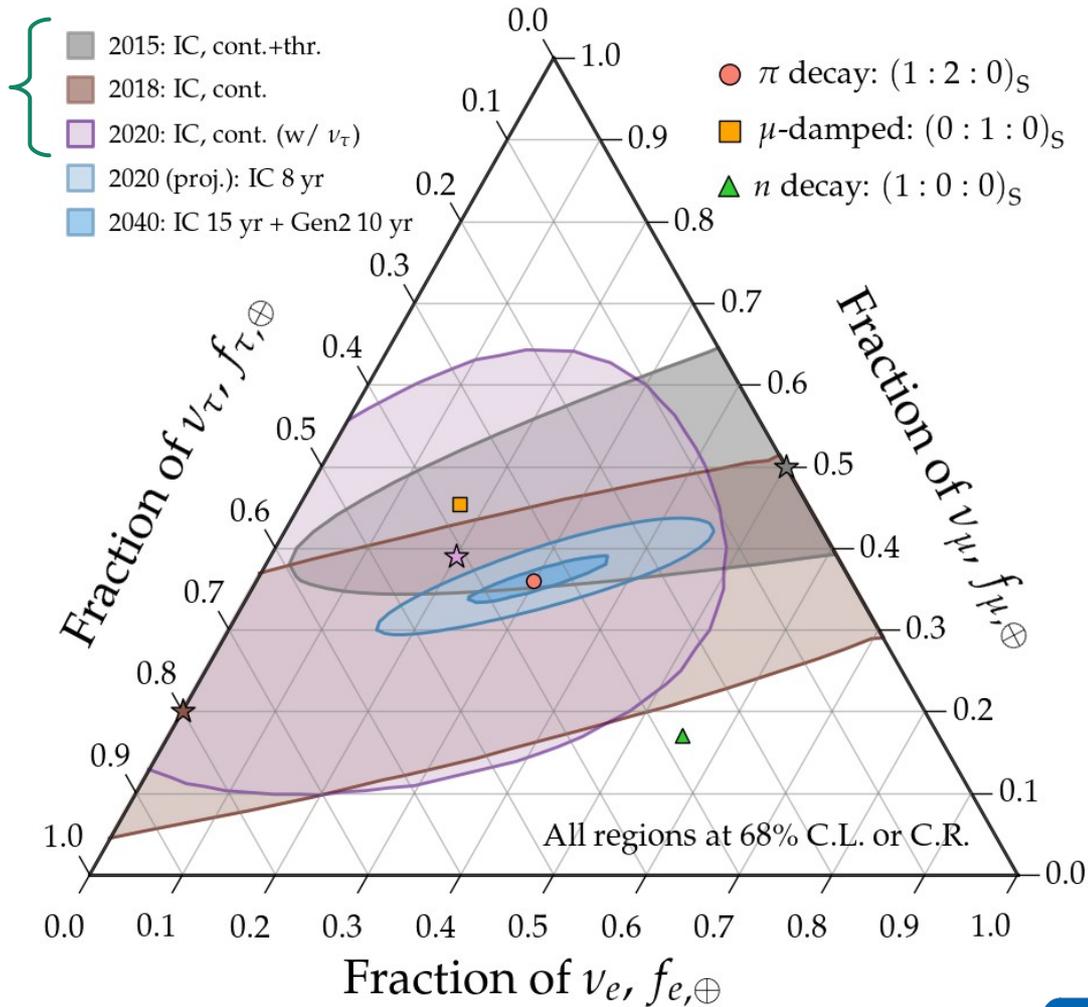
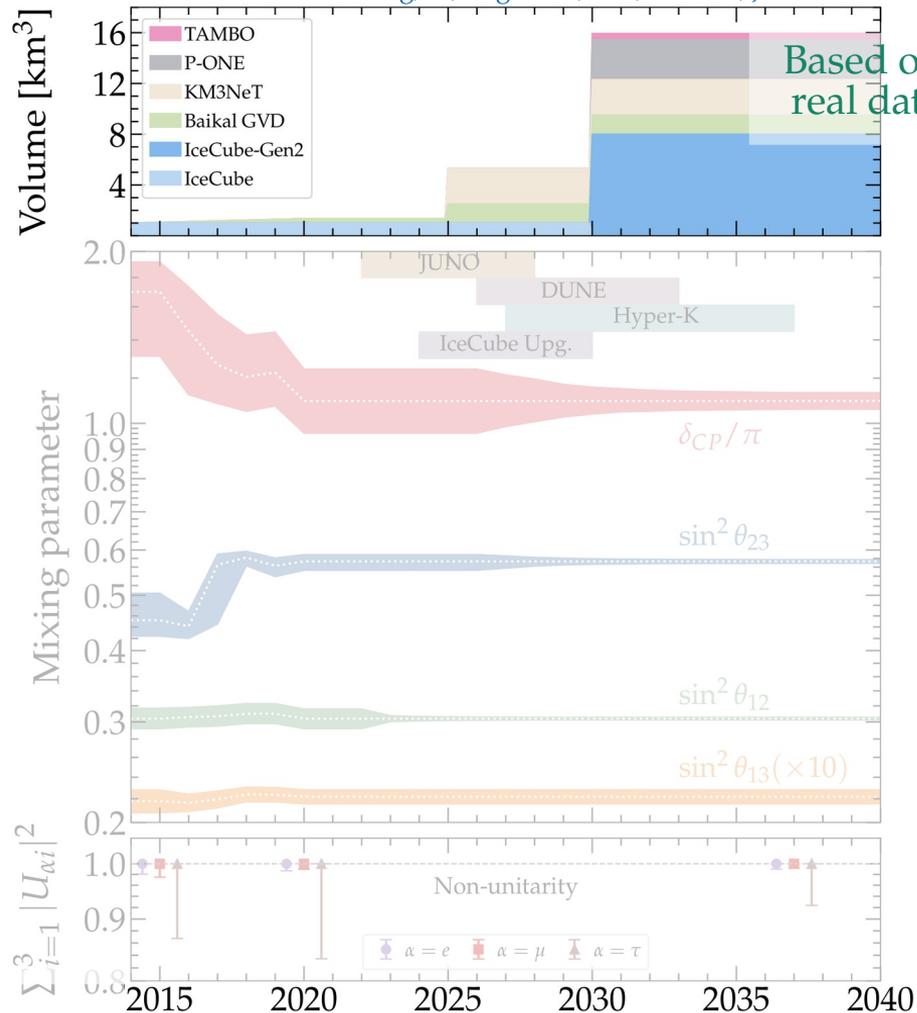
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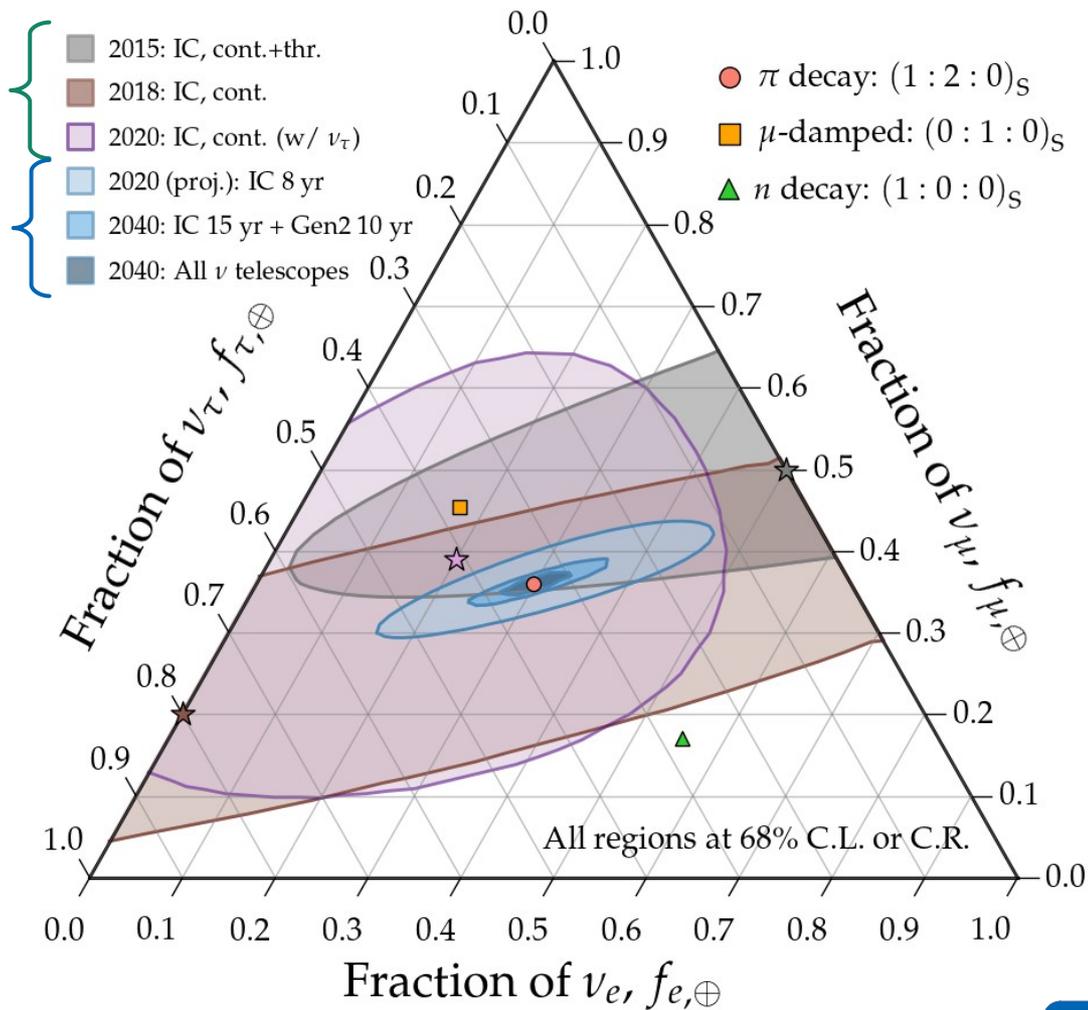
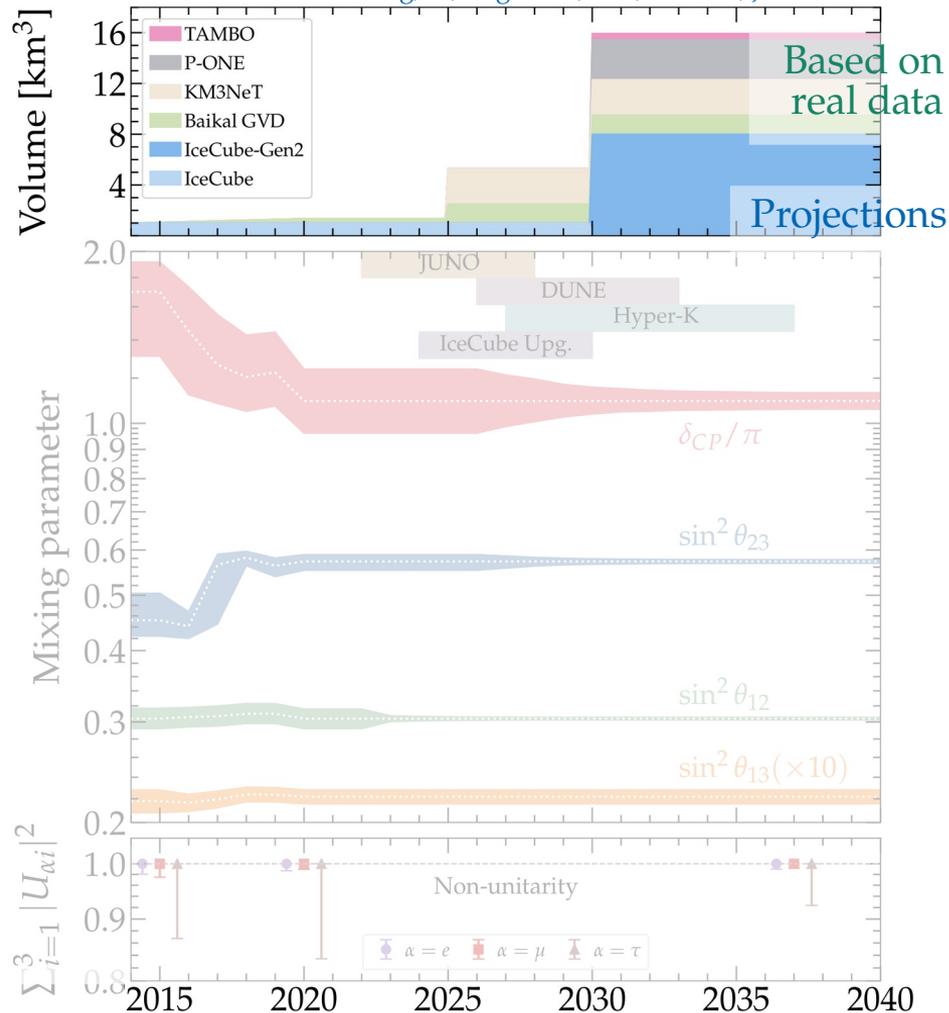
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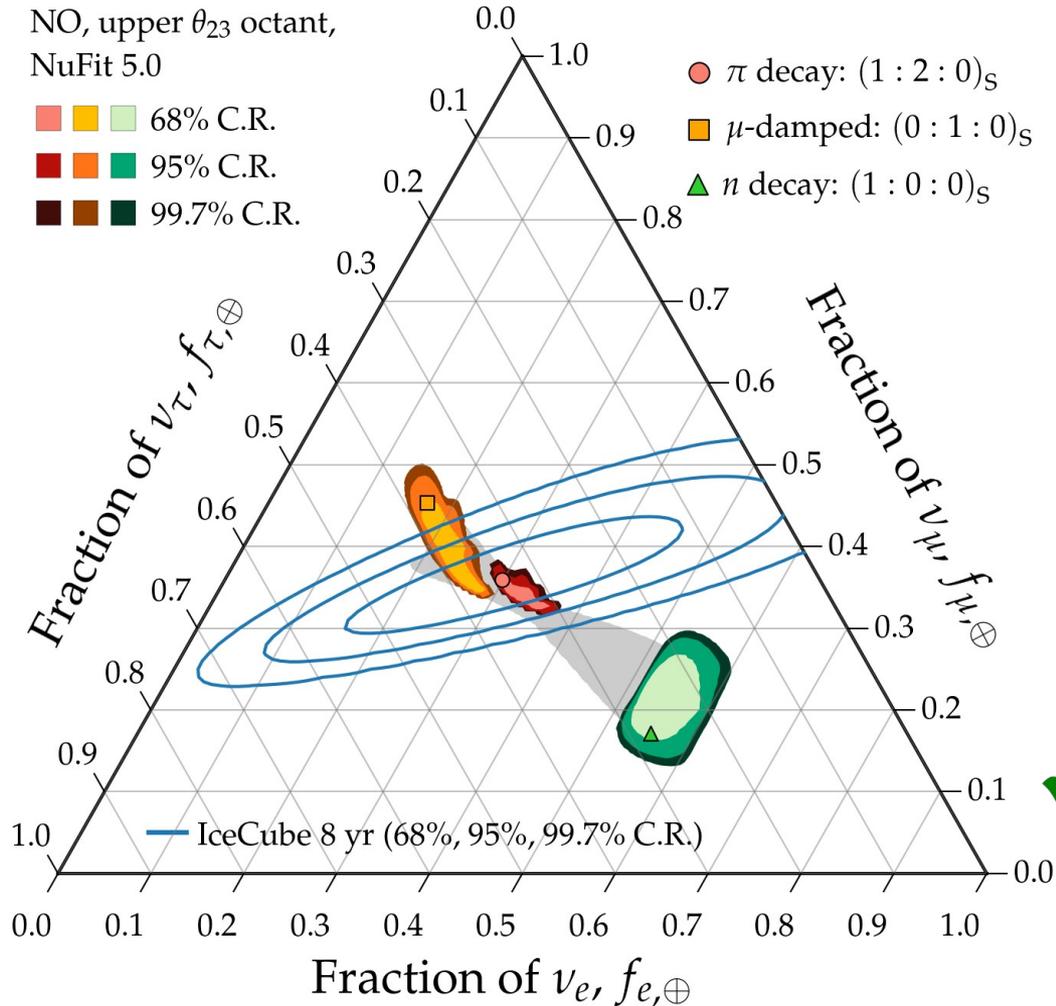


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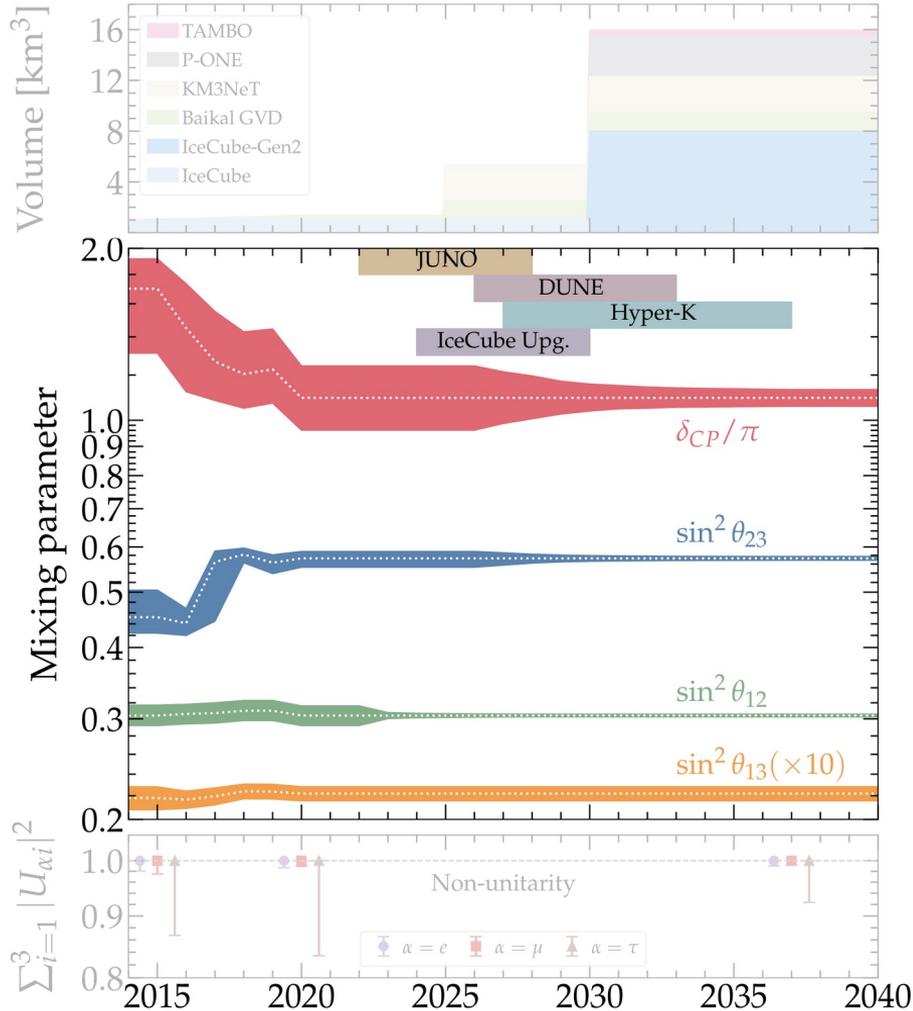
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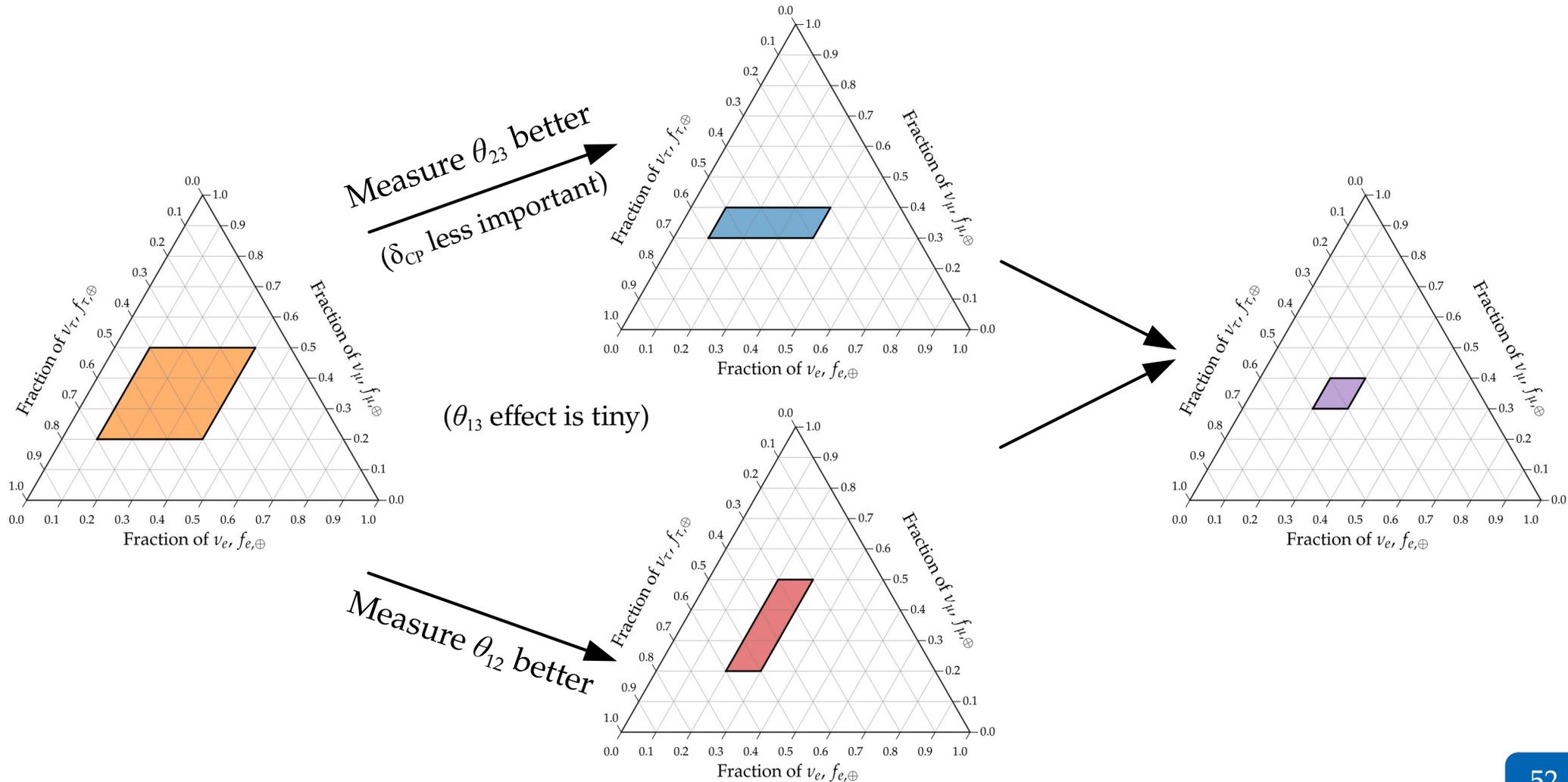


We can compute the oscillation probability more precisely:

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

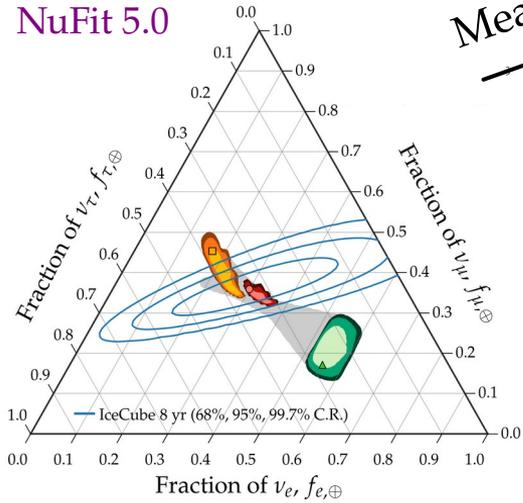
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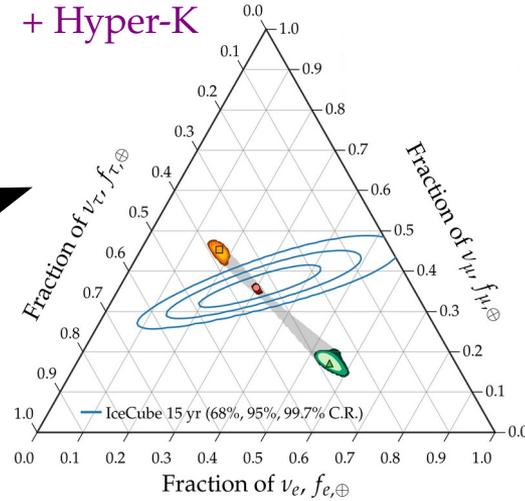
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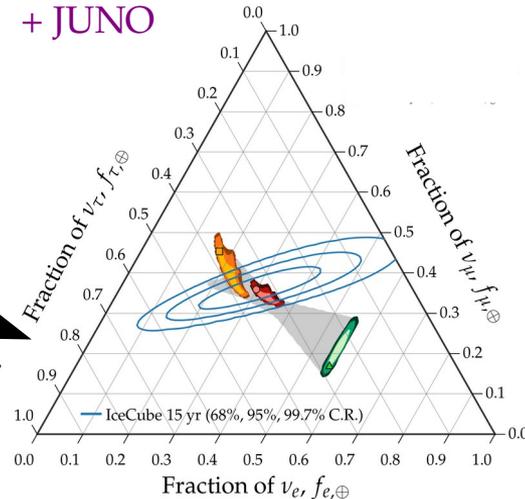


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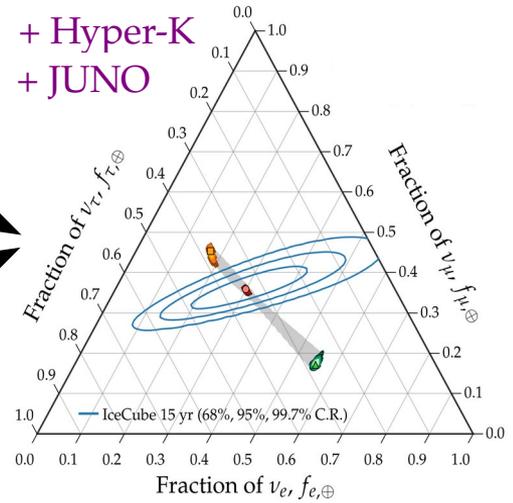
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~2030

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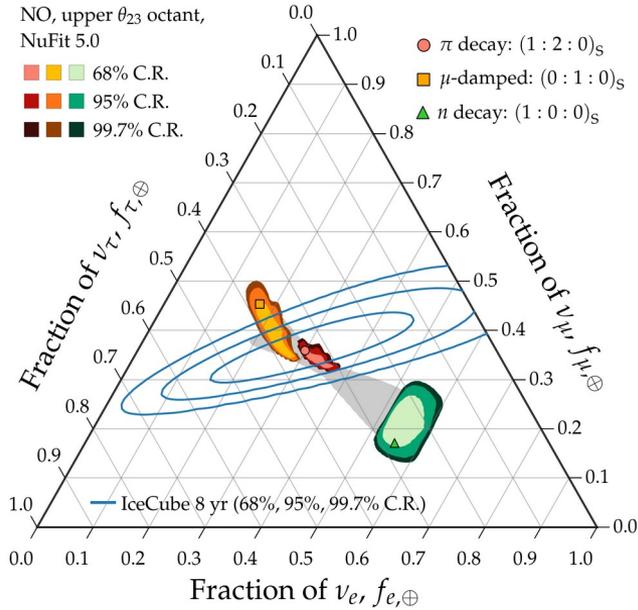
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Marginal improvement til 2040

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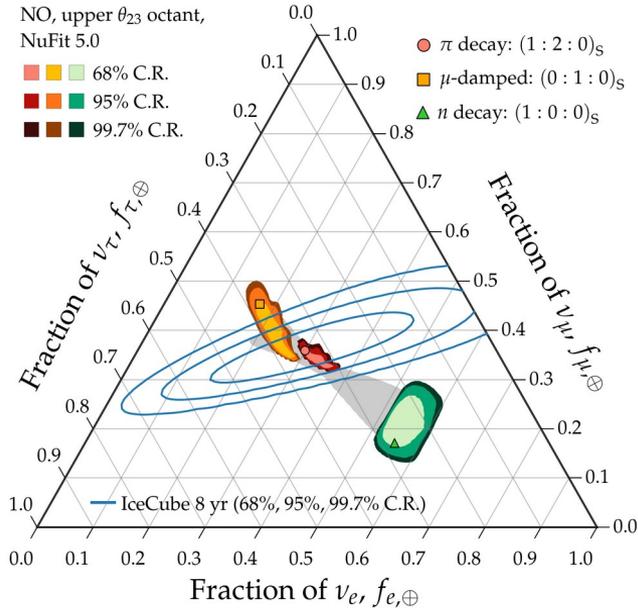


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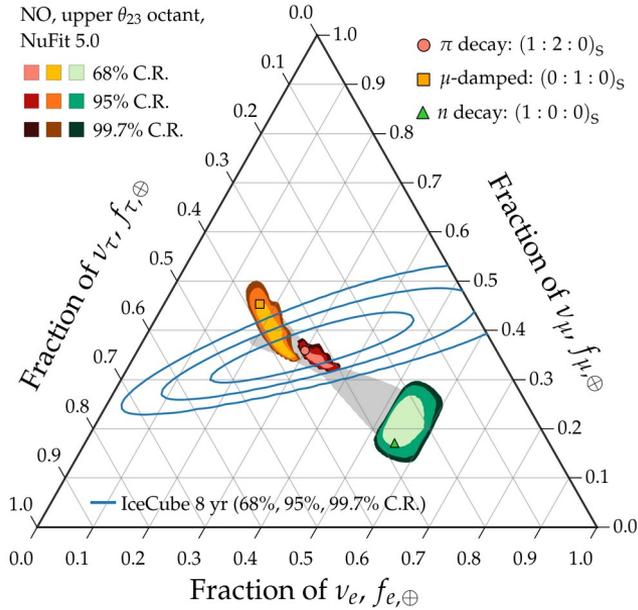
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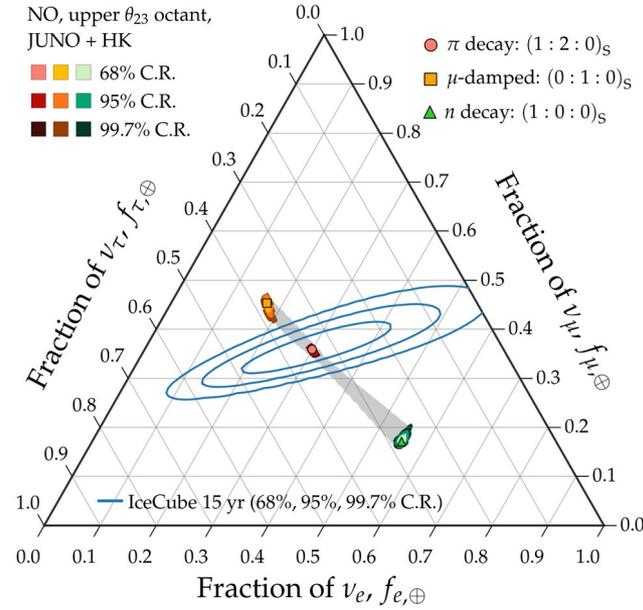
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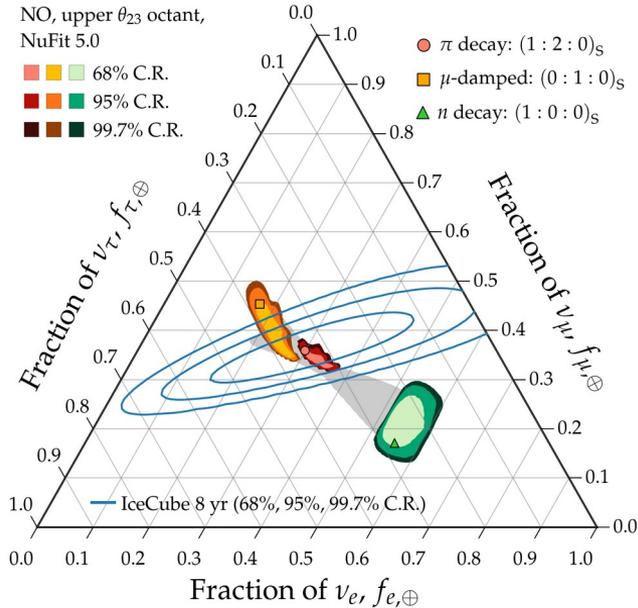
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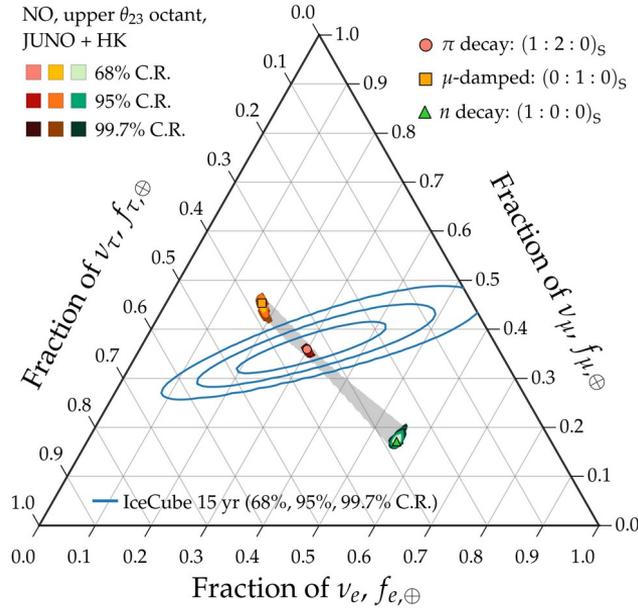
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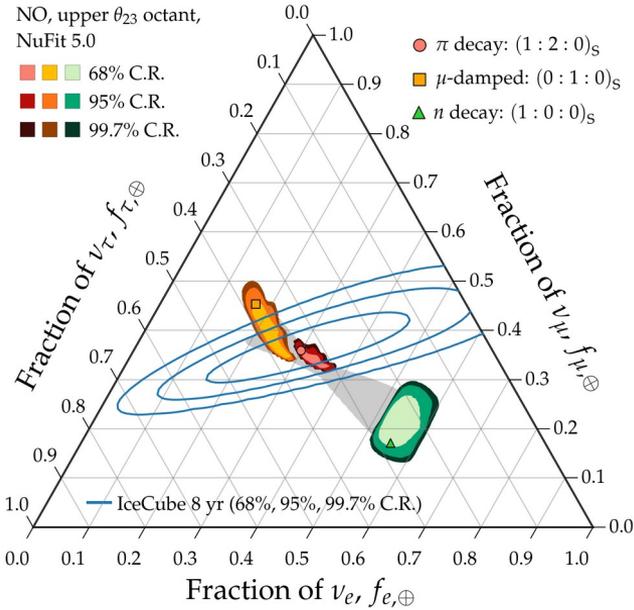
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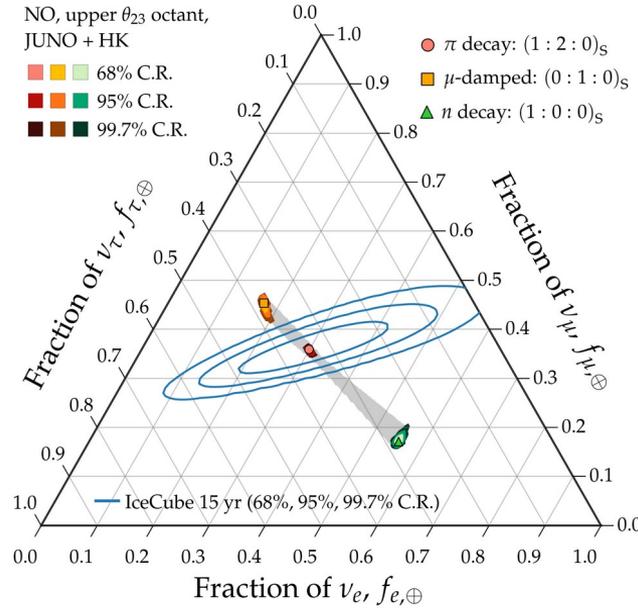
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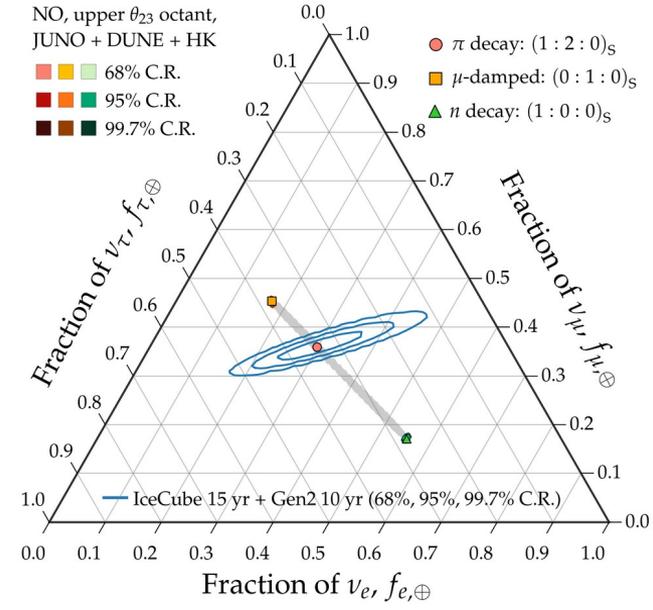
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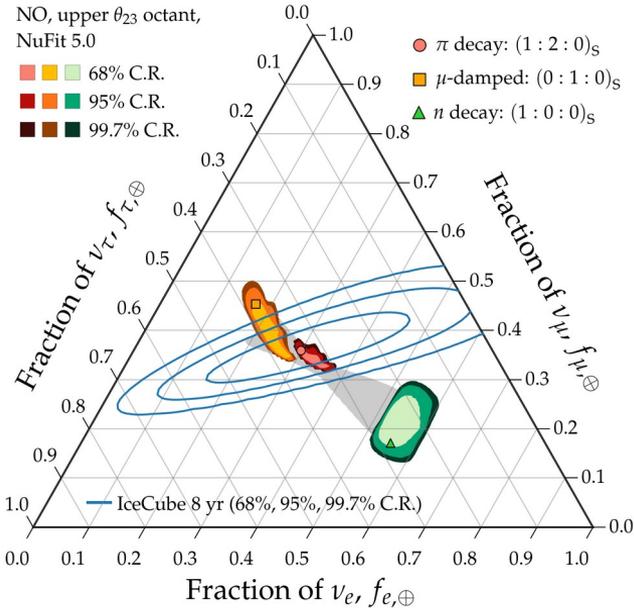
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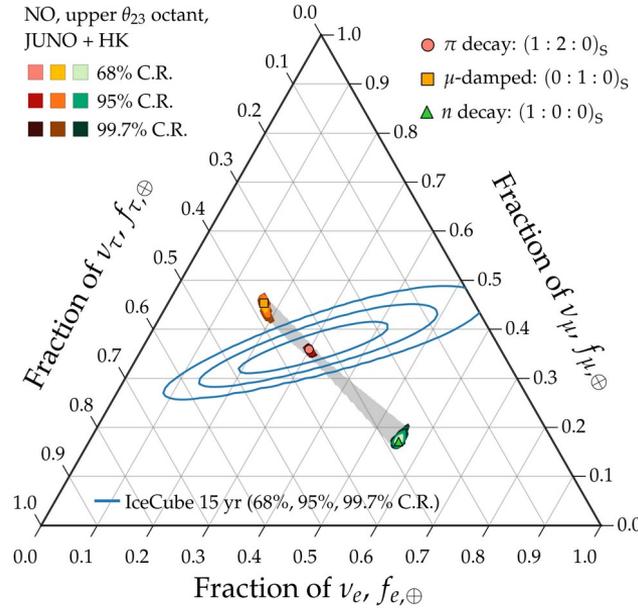
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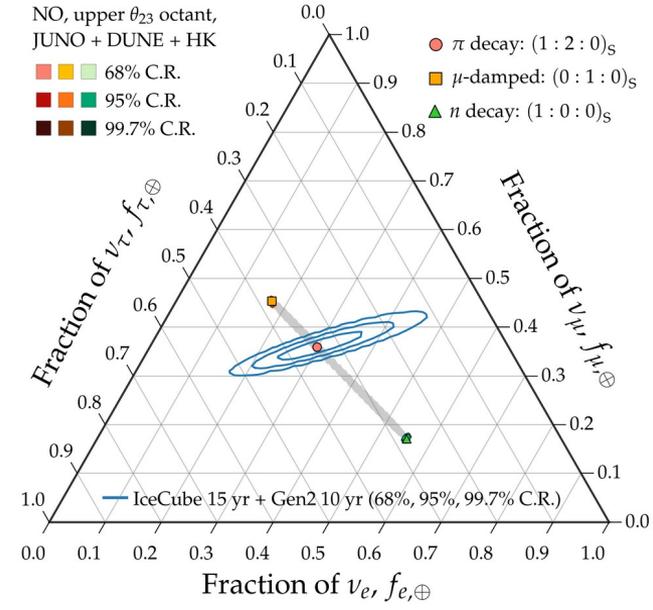
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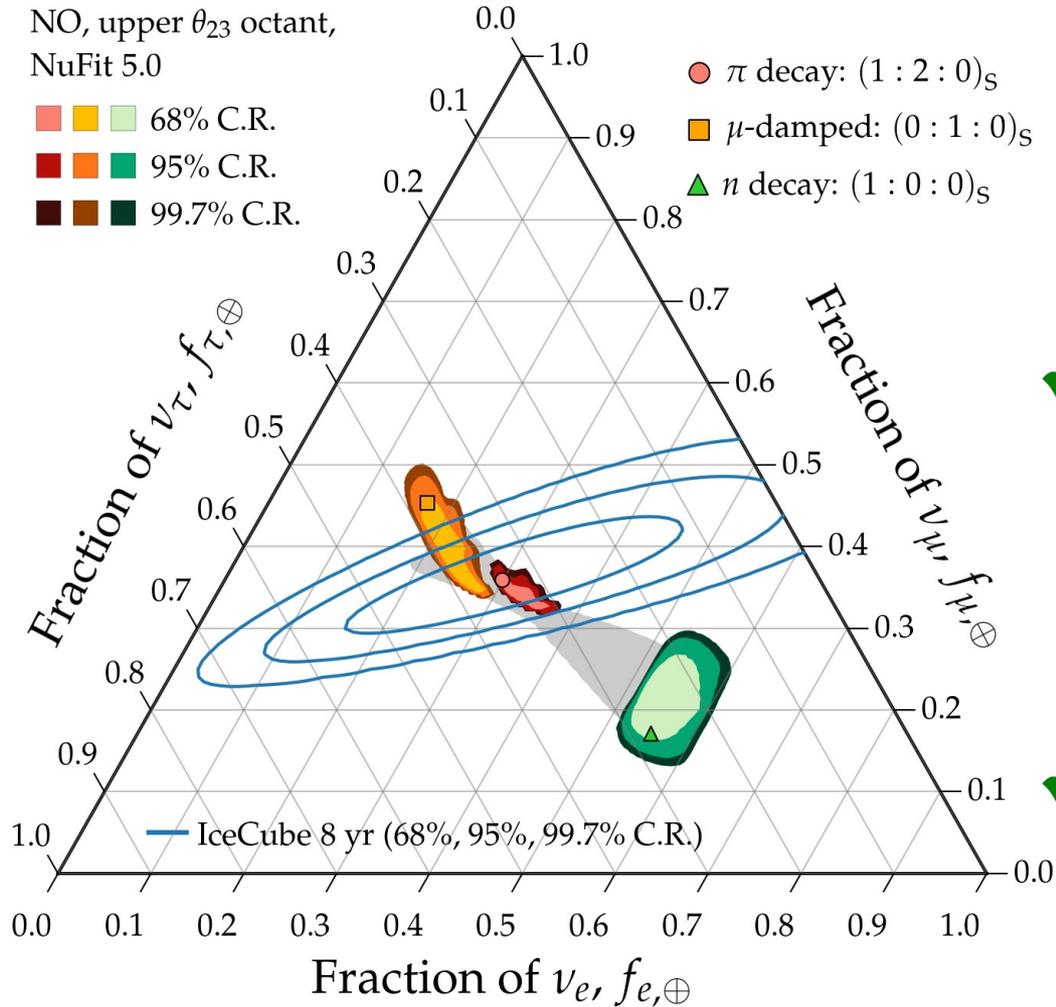
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# Theoretically palatable regions: today (2021)



Two limitations:

~~Allowed flavor regions overlap –  
Insufficient precision in the  
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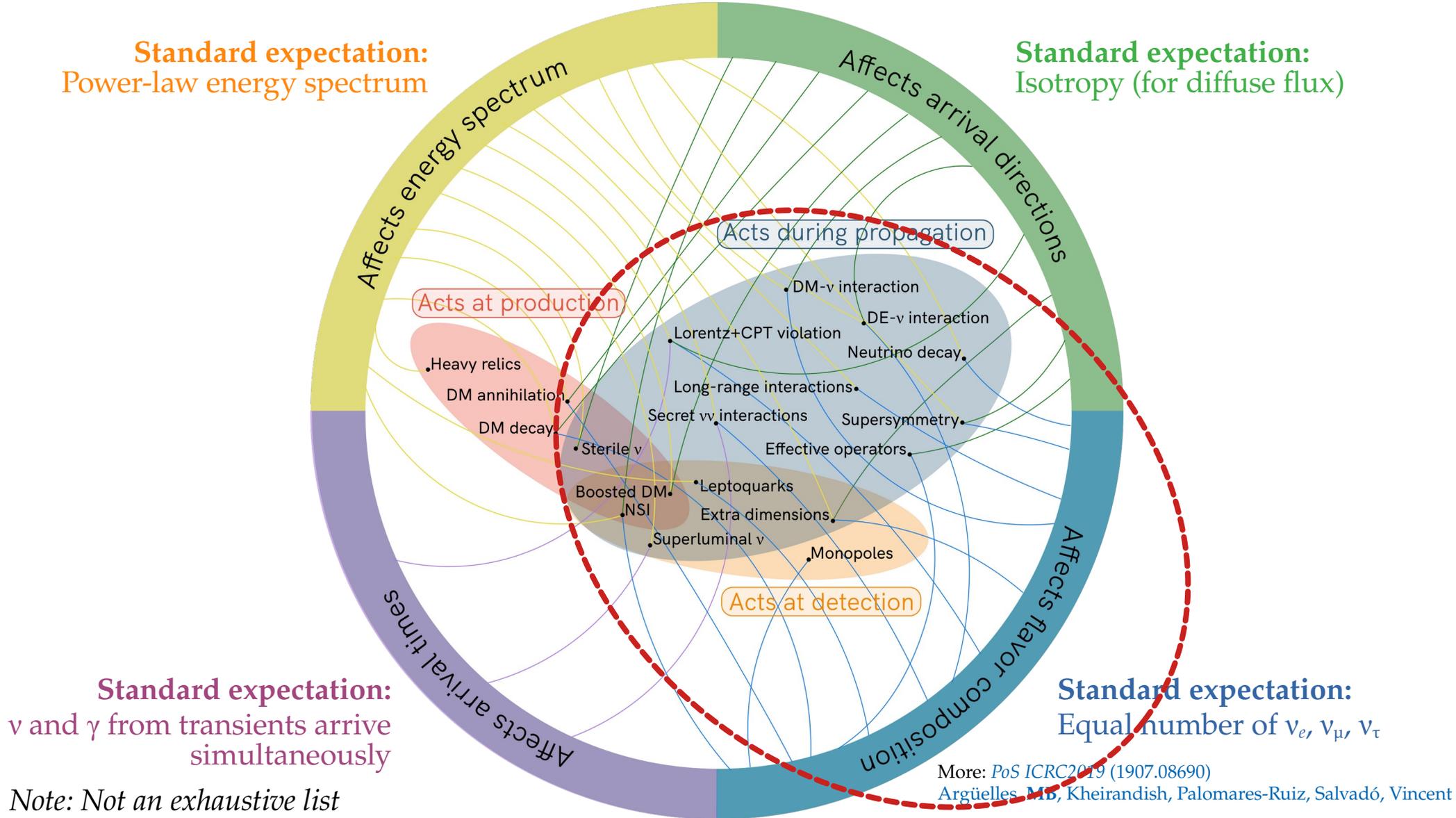
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**Standard expectation:**  
Power-law energy spectrum

**Standard expectation:**  
Isotropy (for diffuse flux)



**Standard expectation:**  
 $\nu$  and  $\gamma$  from transients arrive simultaneously

**Standard expectation:**  
Equal number of  $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$

Note: Not an exhaustive list

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

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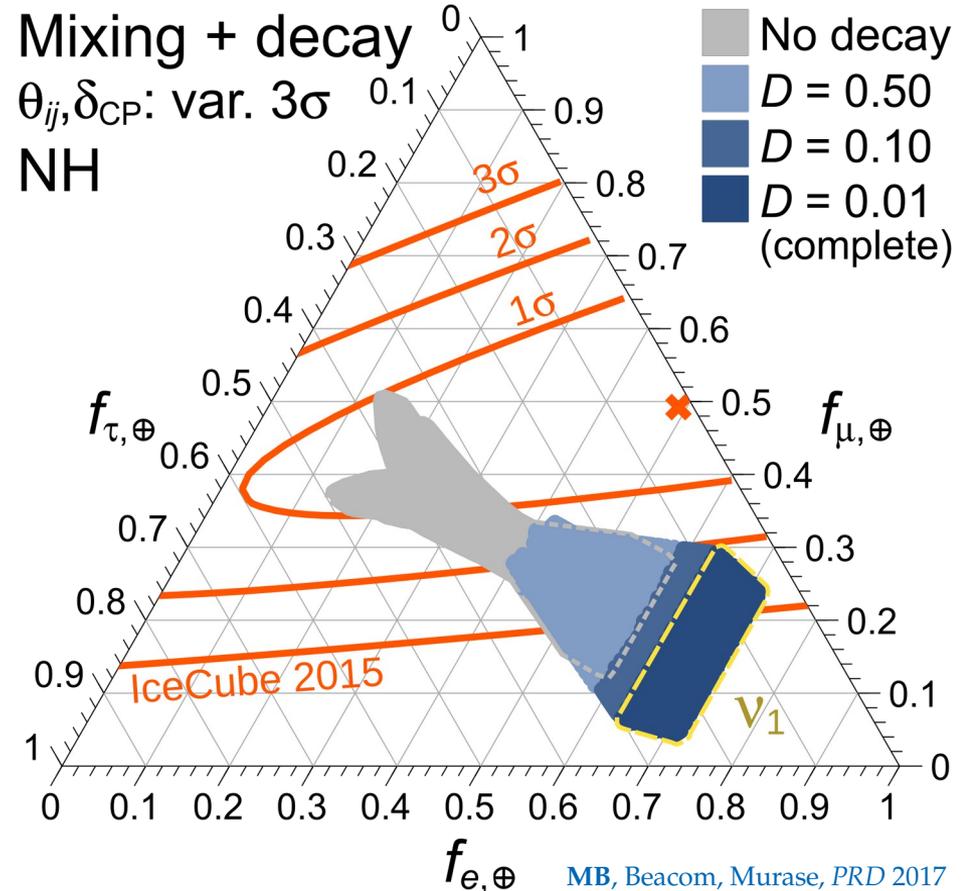
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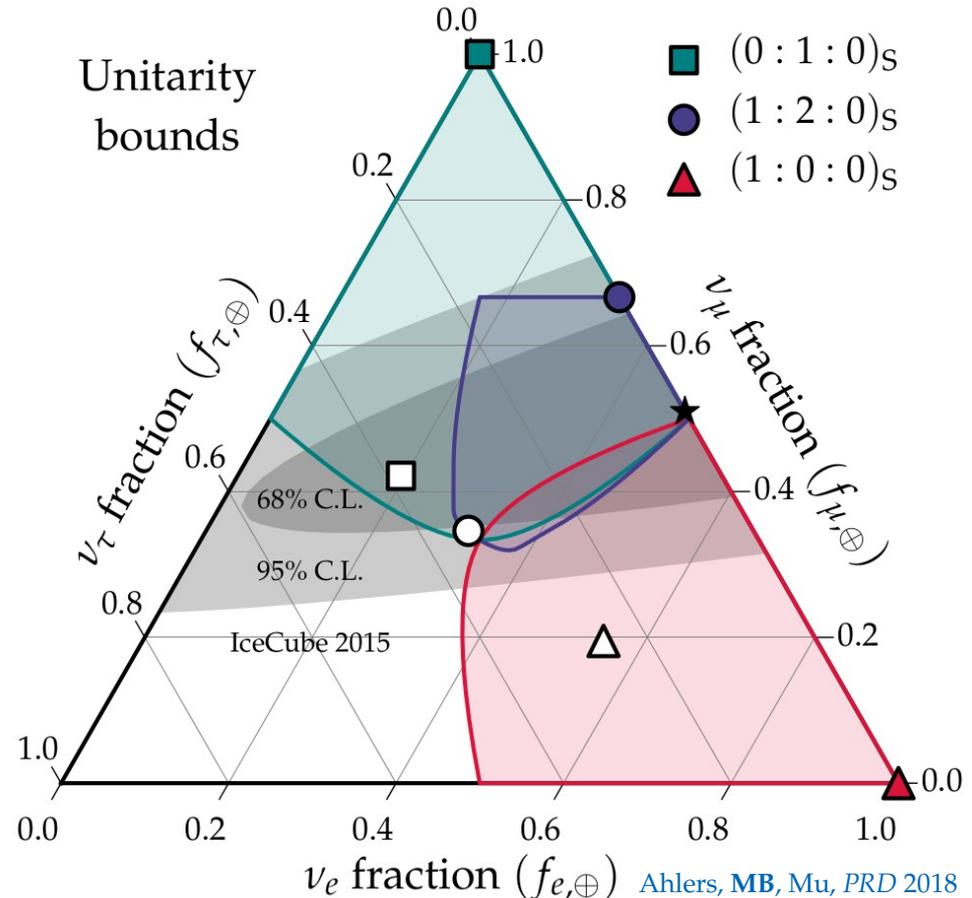
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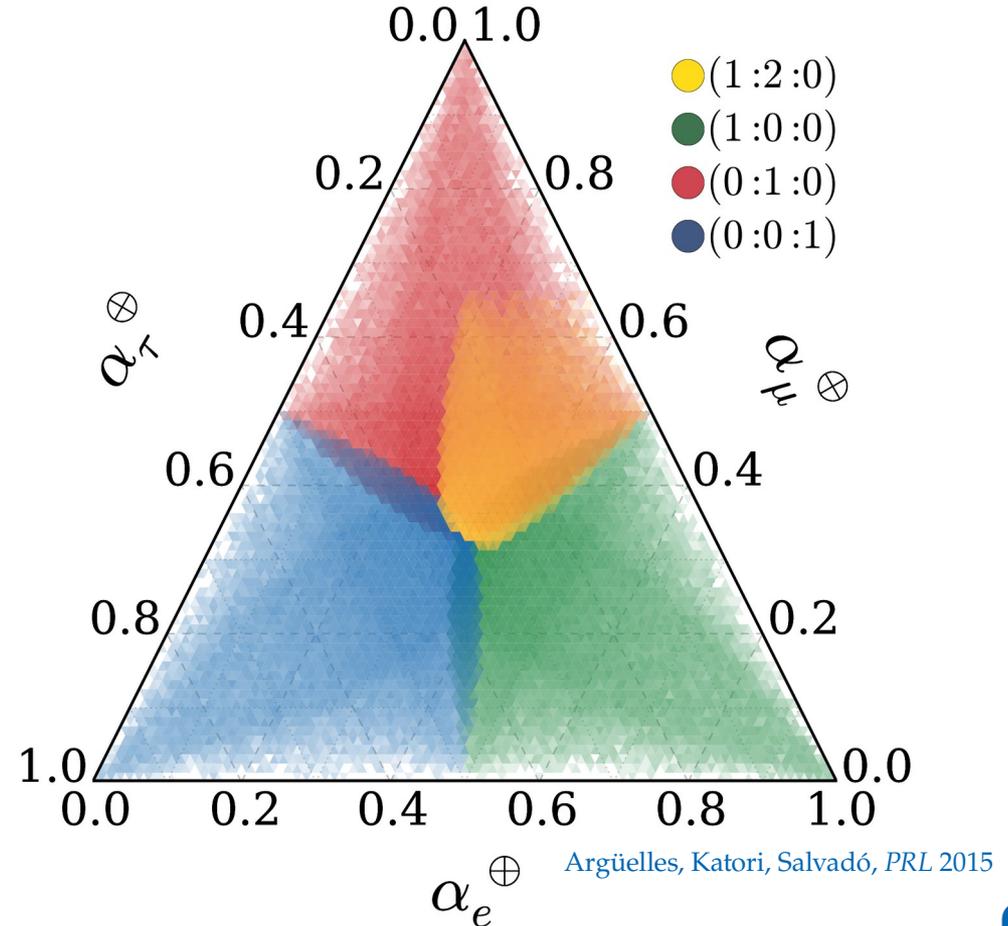
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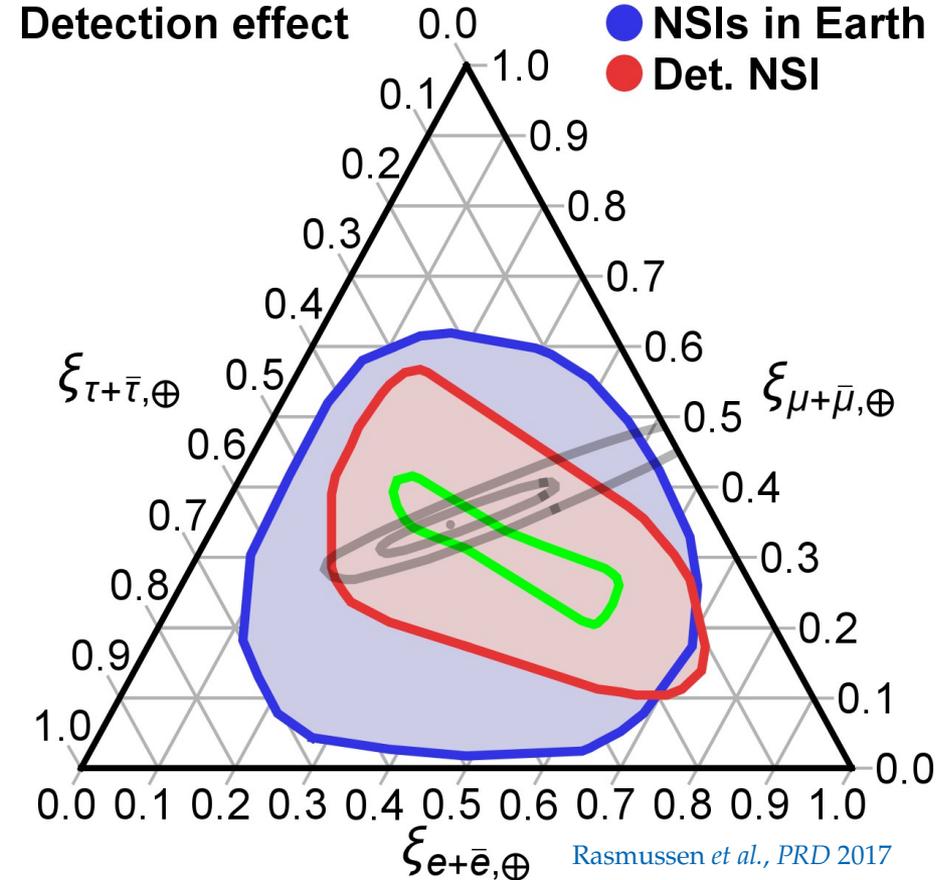
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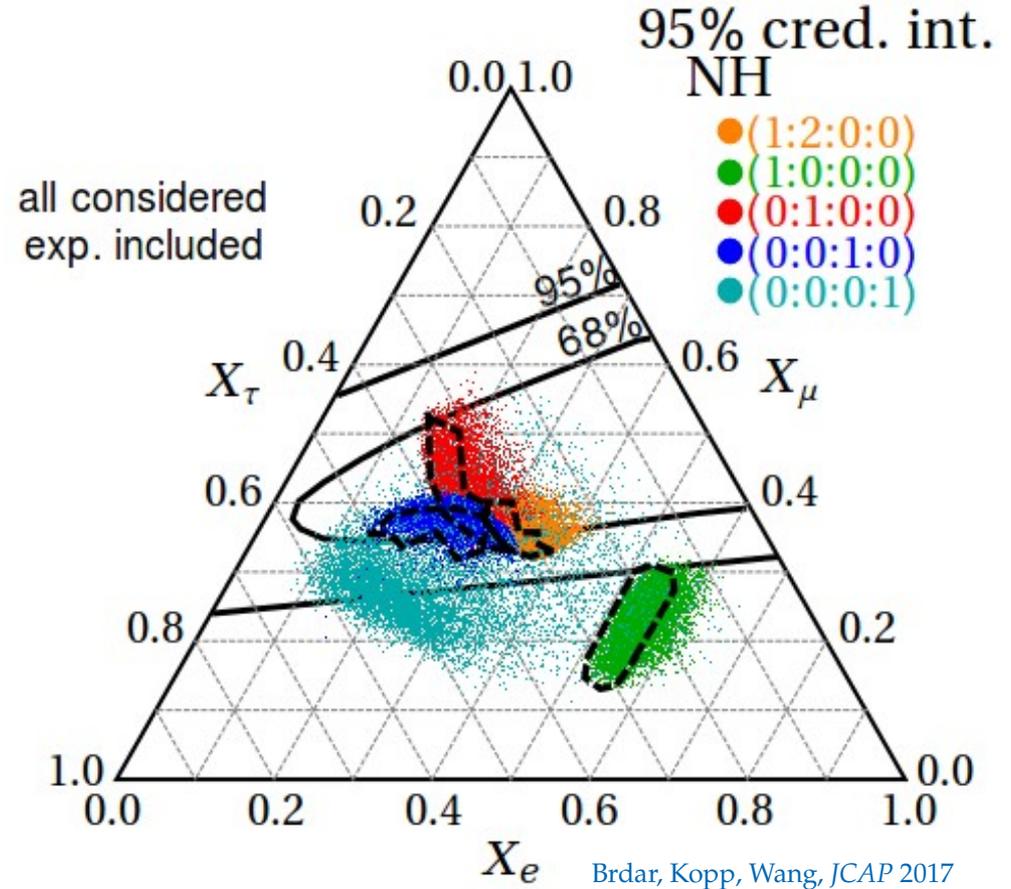
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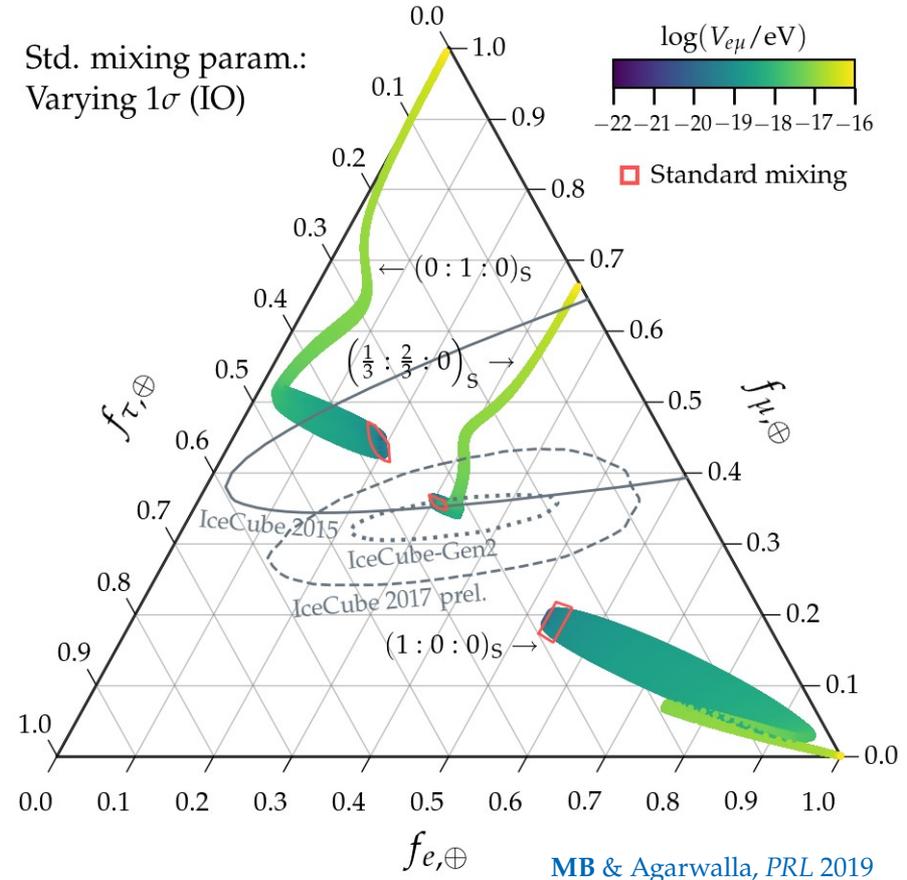
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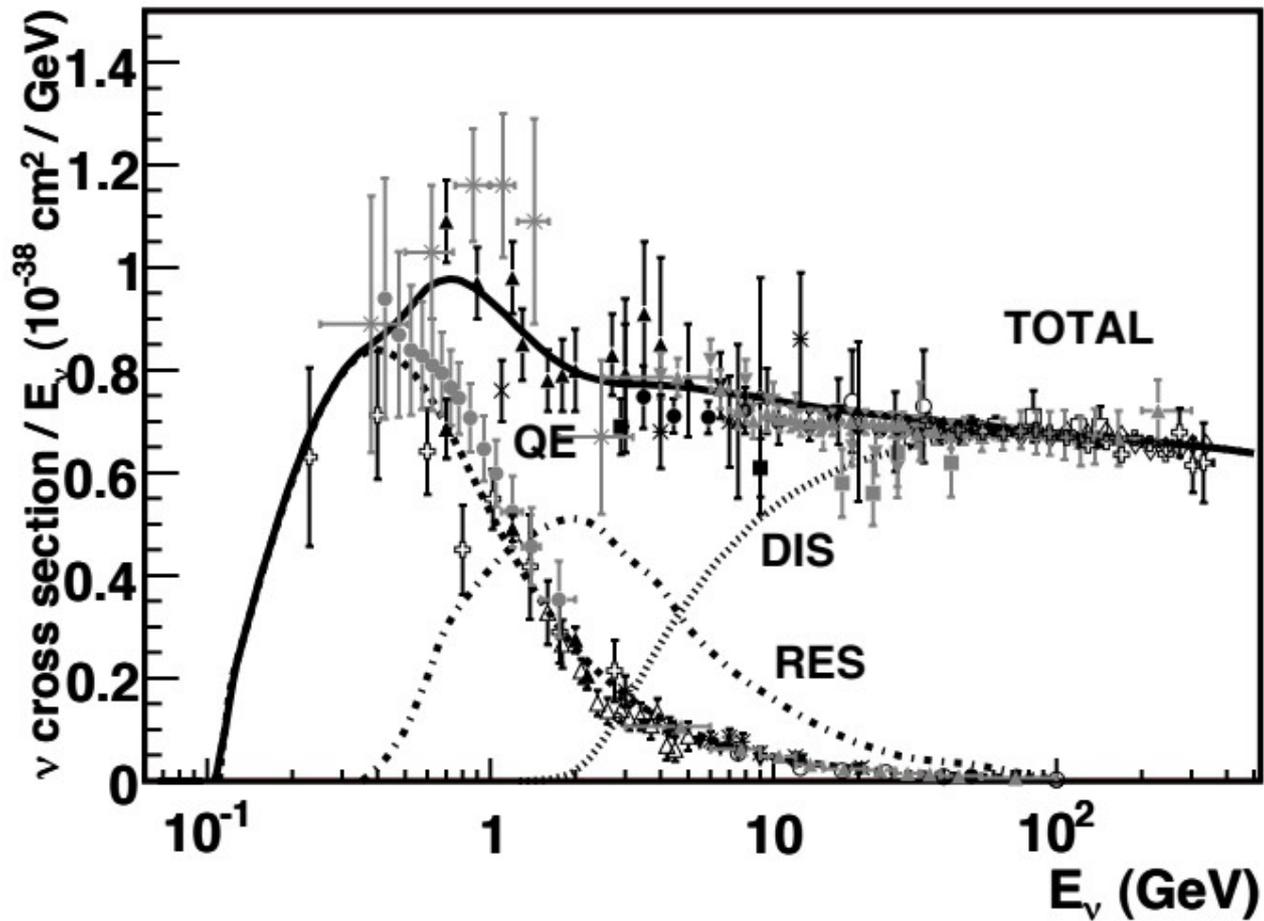
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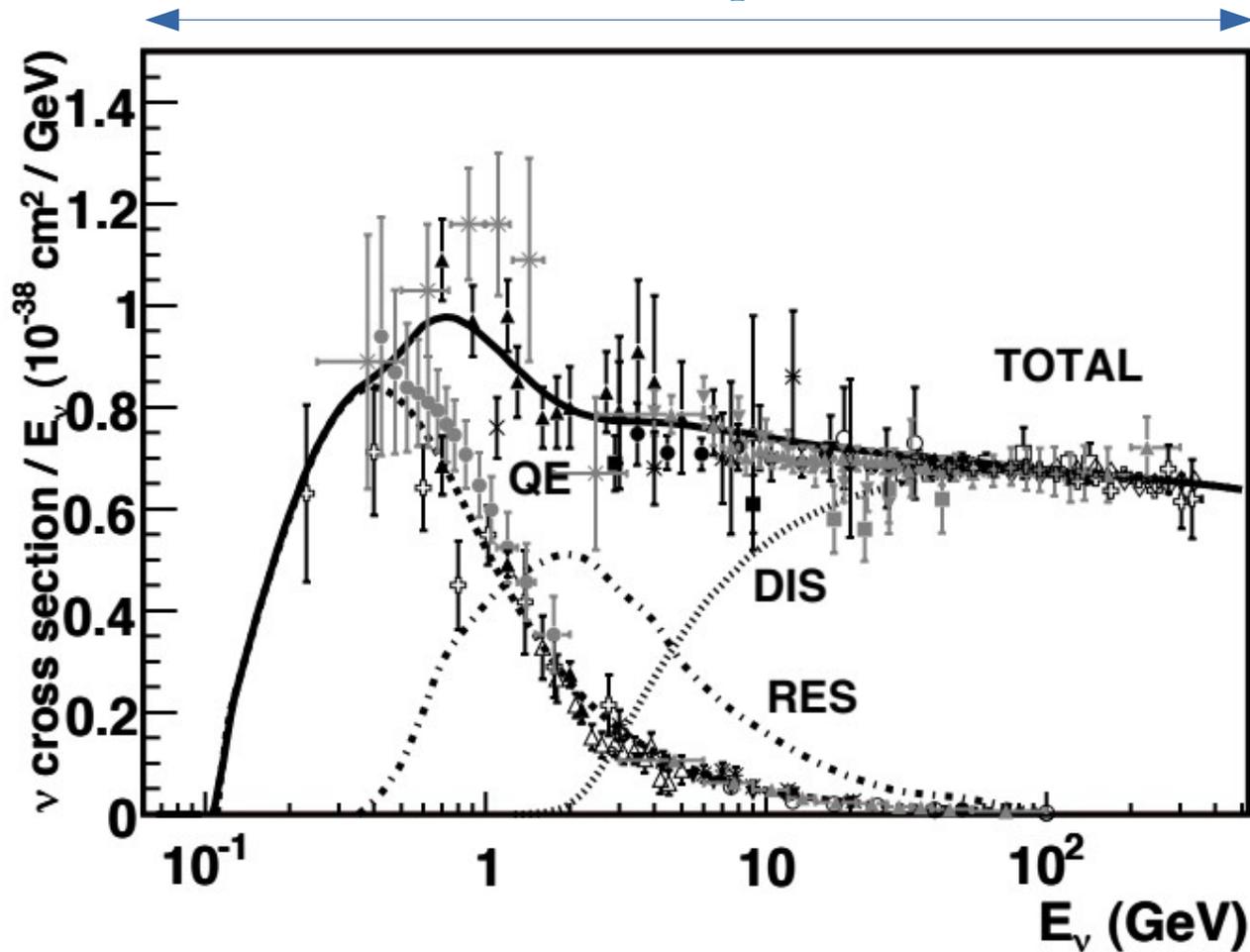
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*From high to ultra-high energies*



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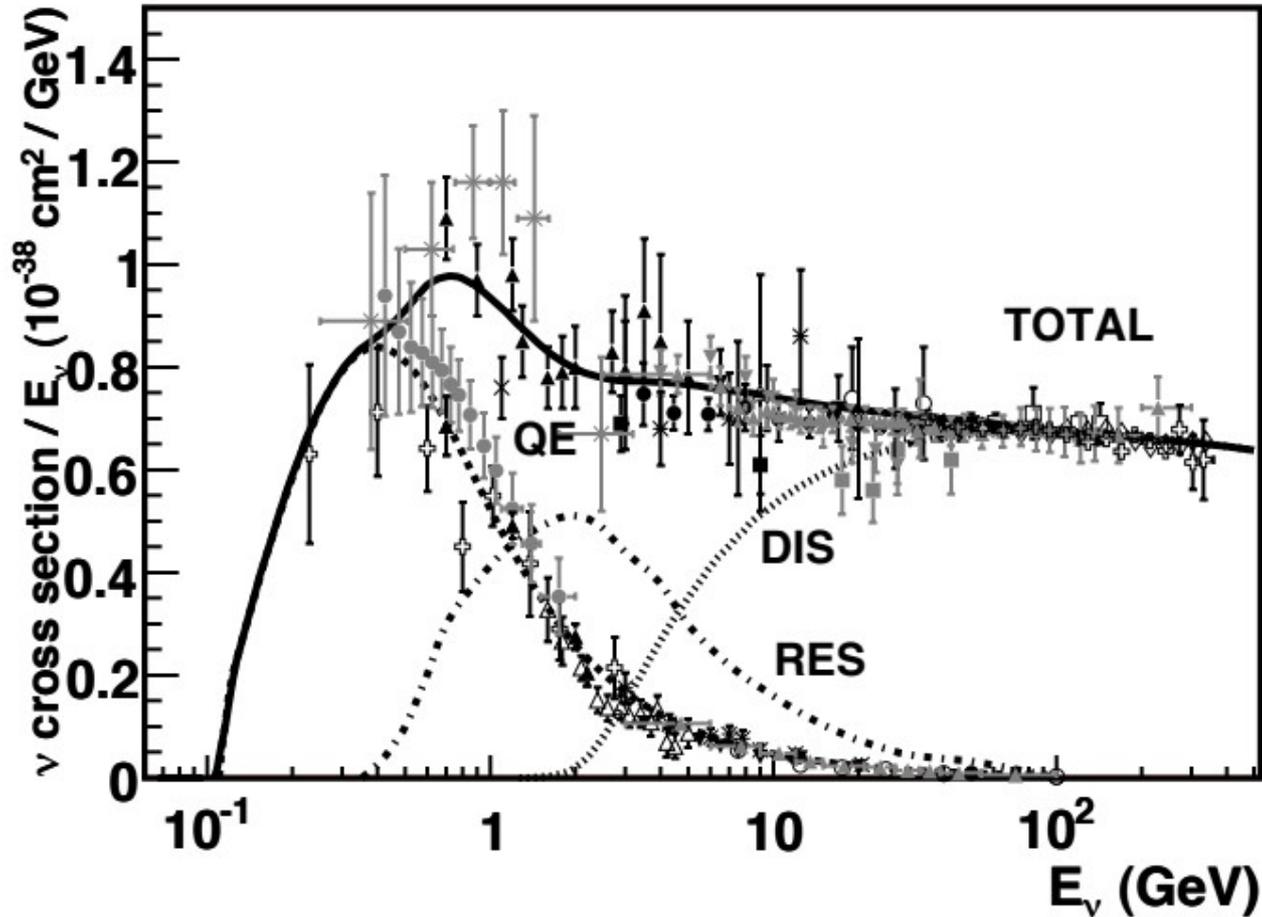
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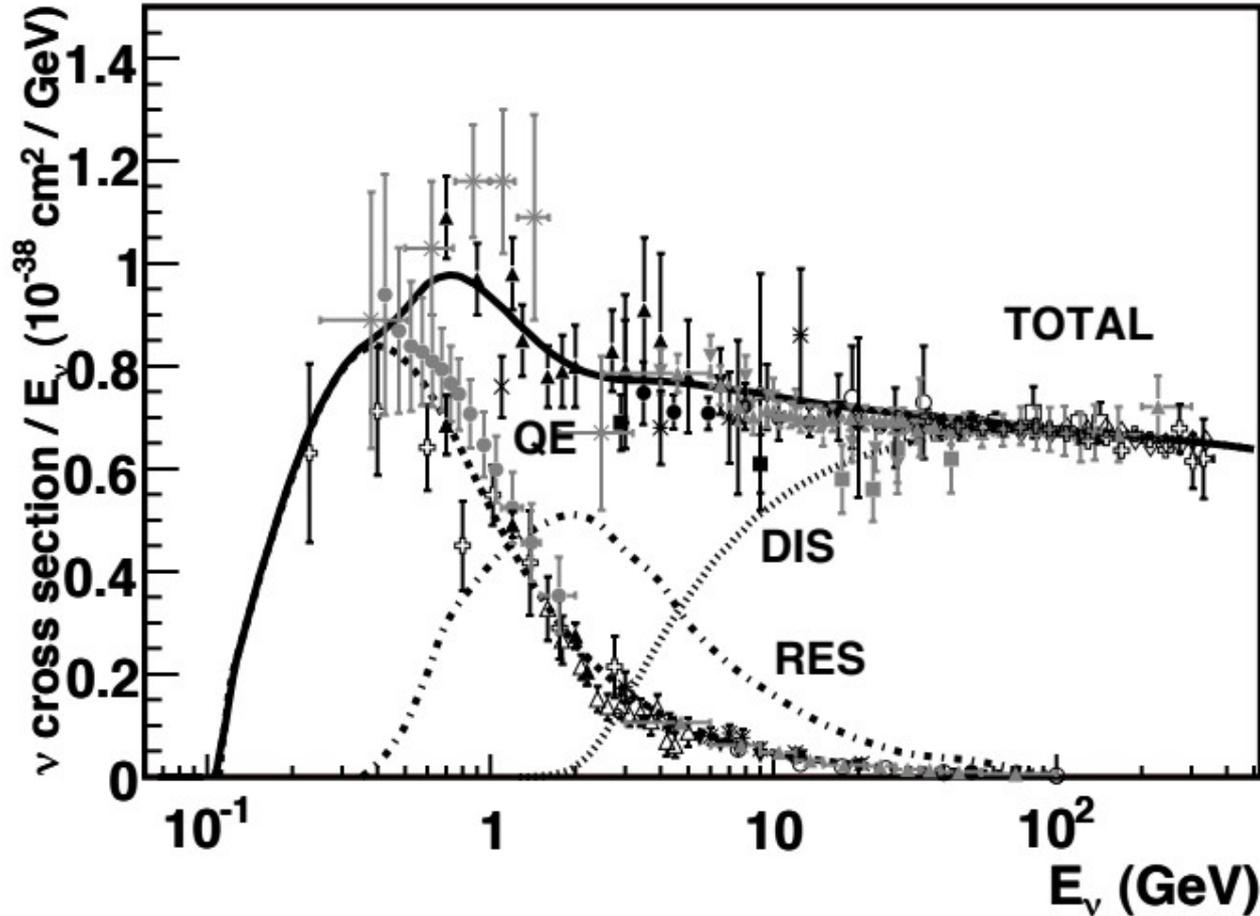
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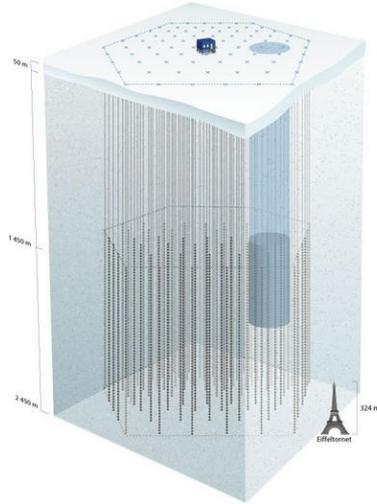
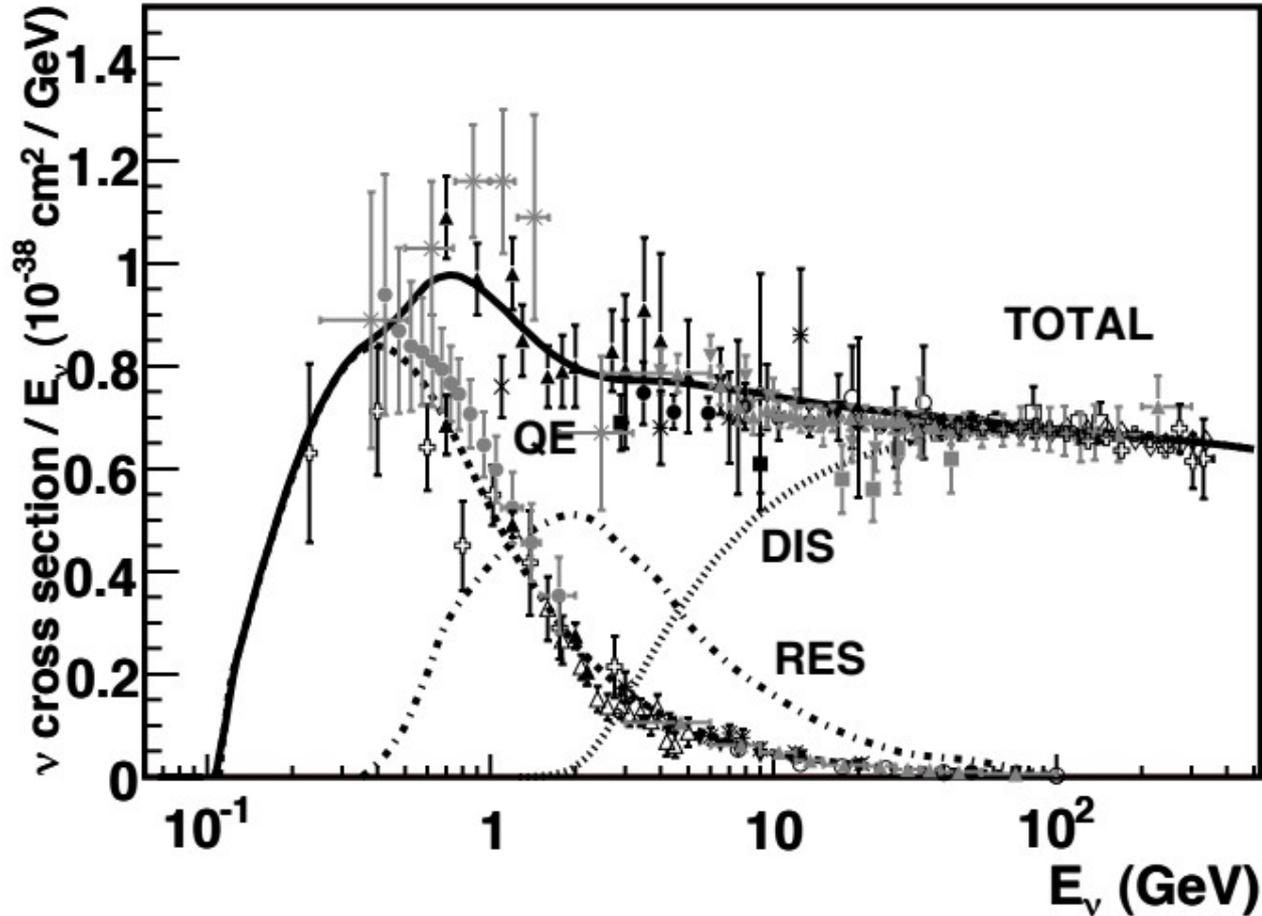
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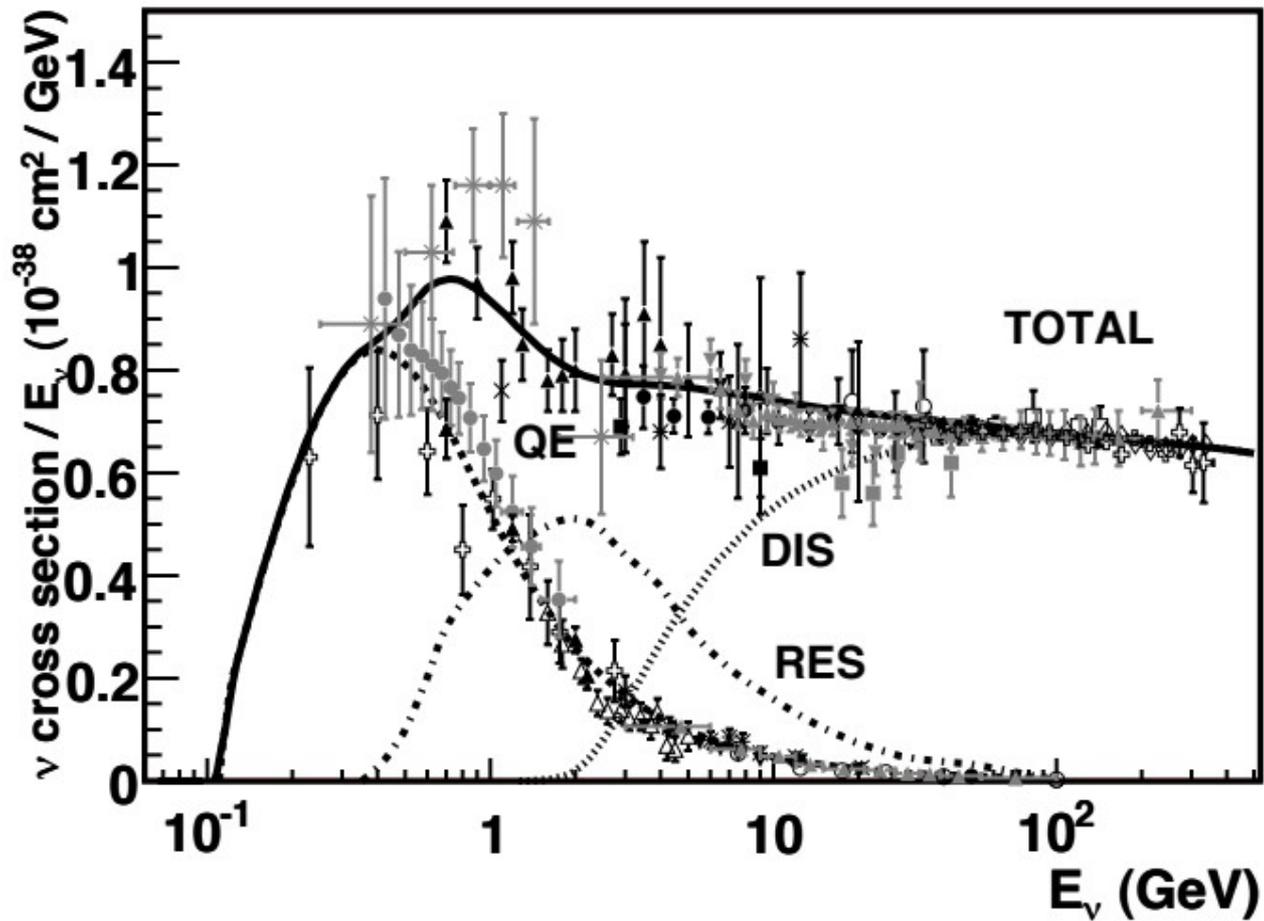
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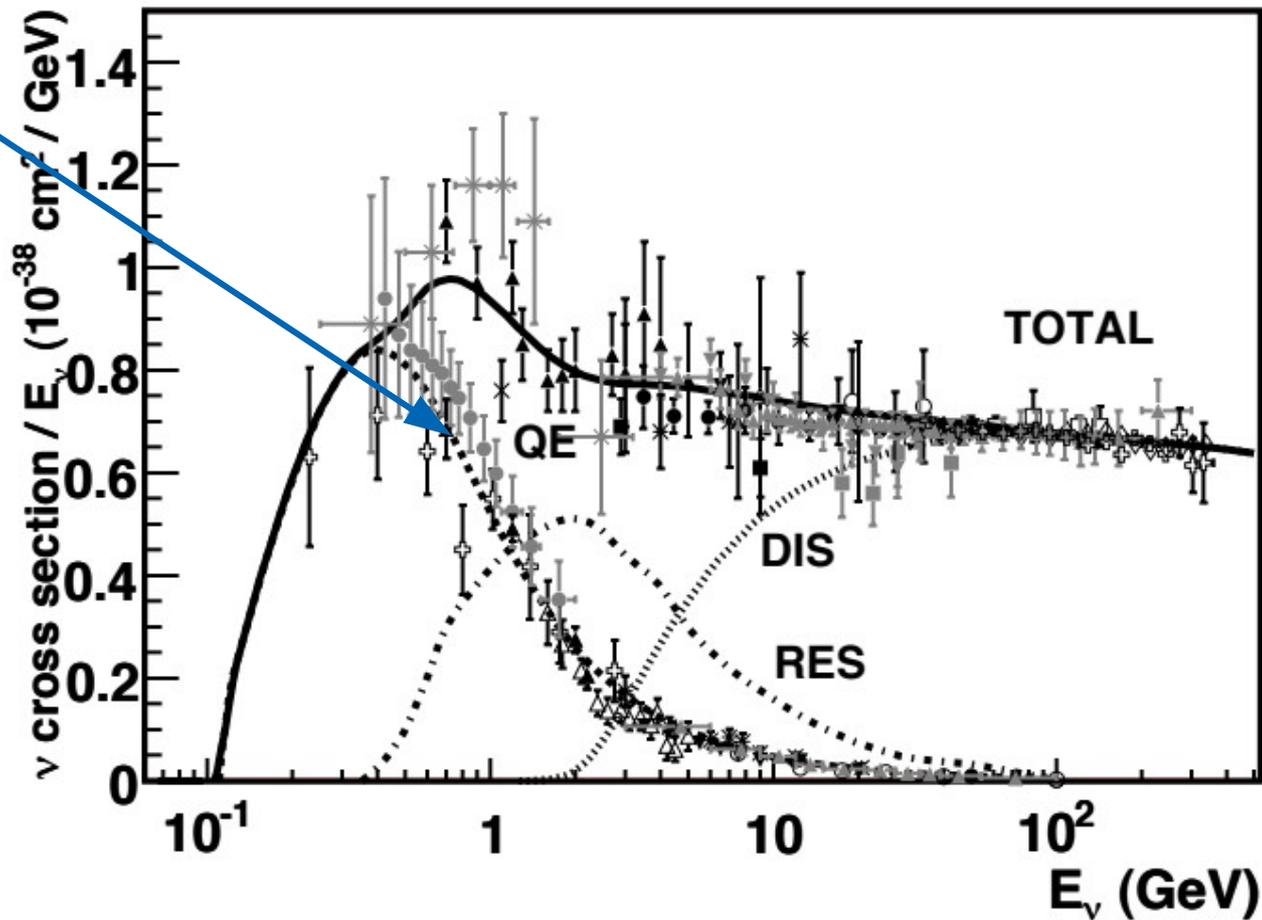
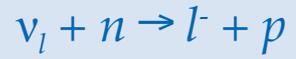


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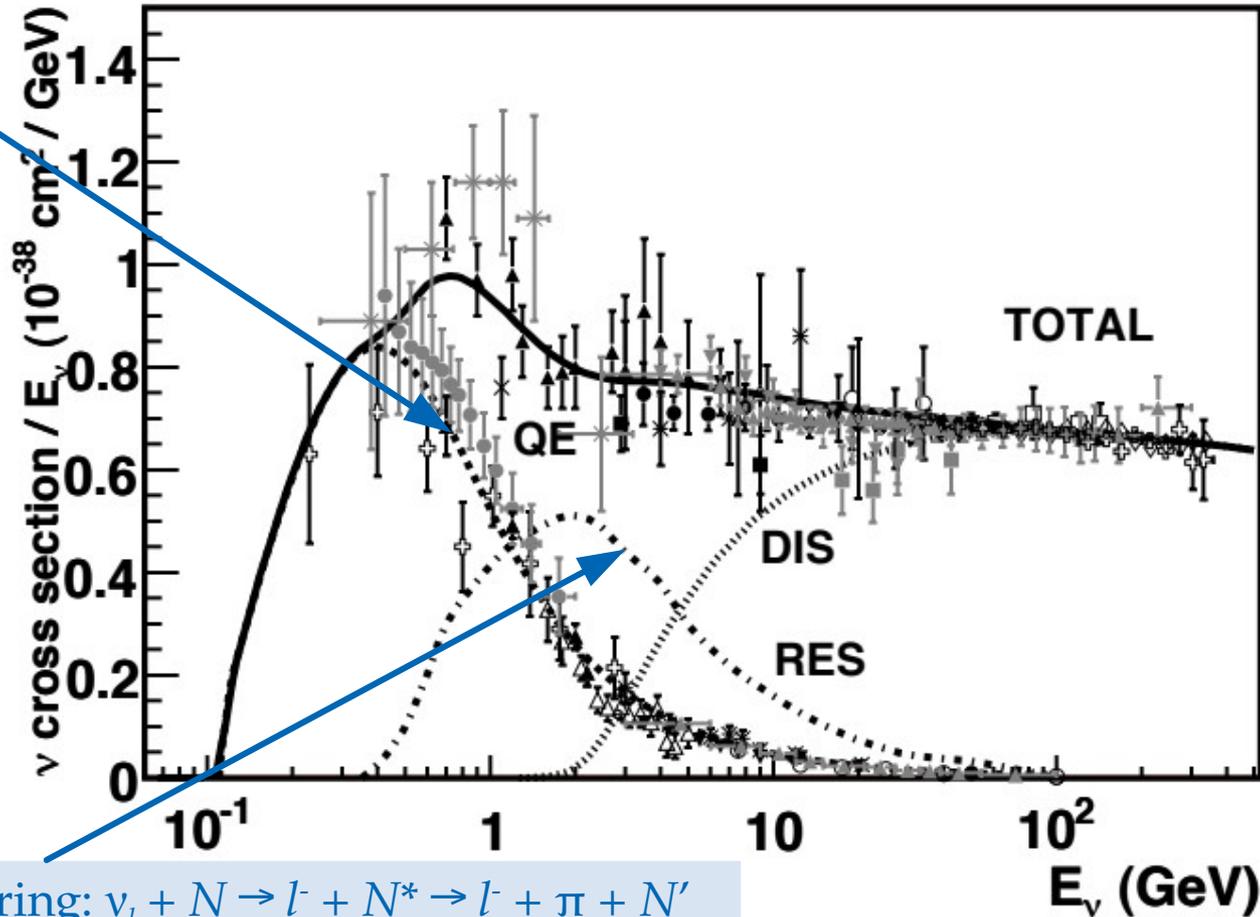
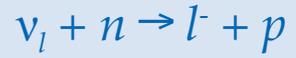
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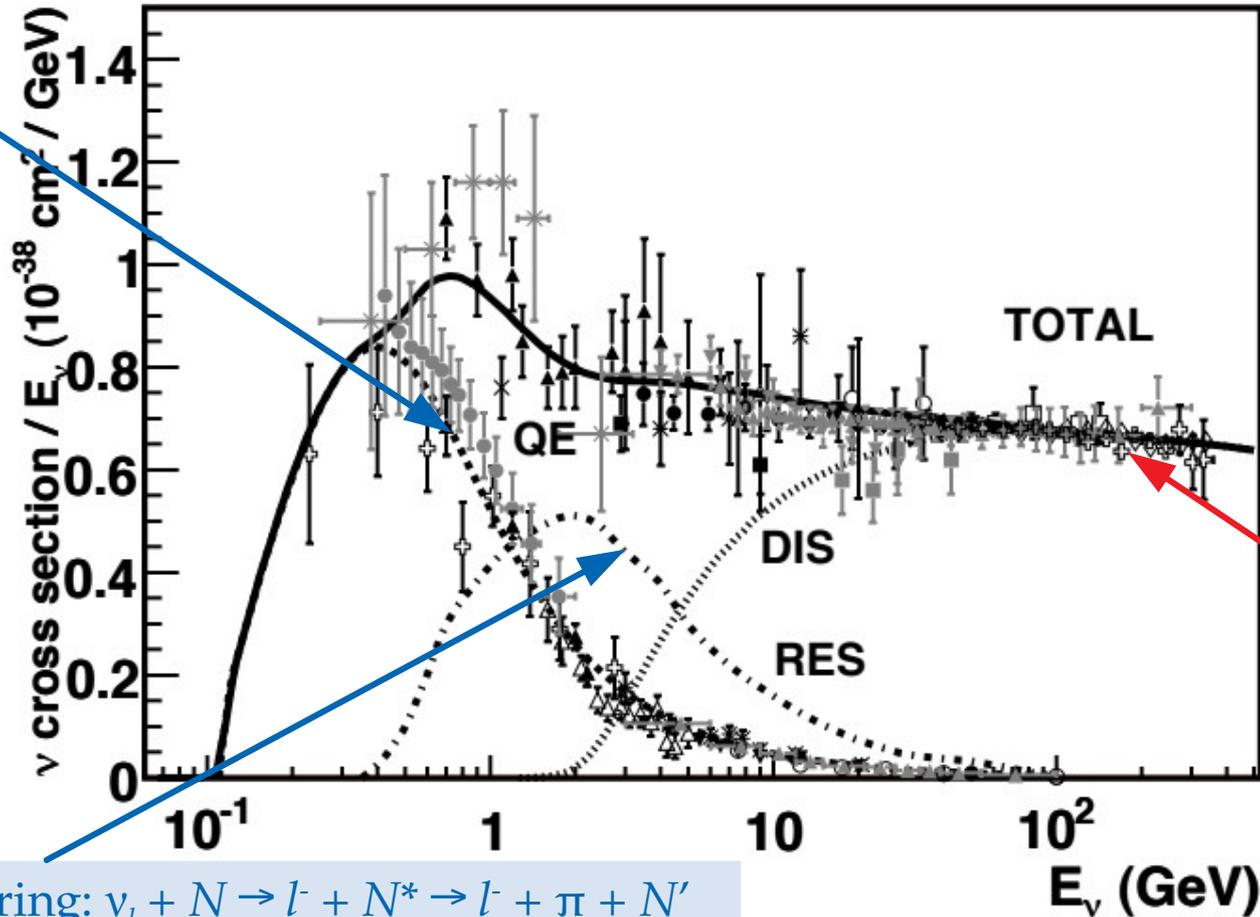
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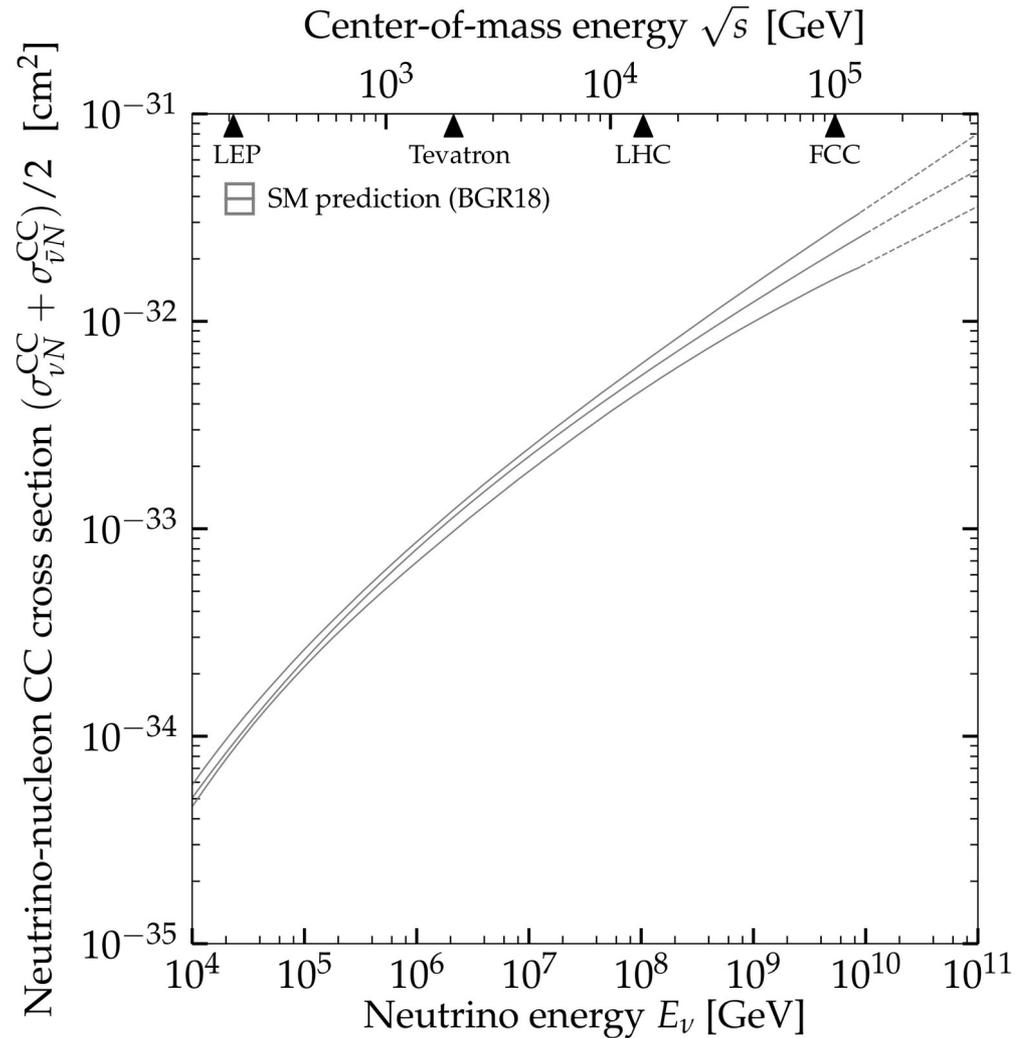
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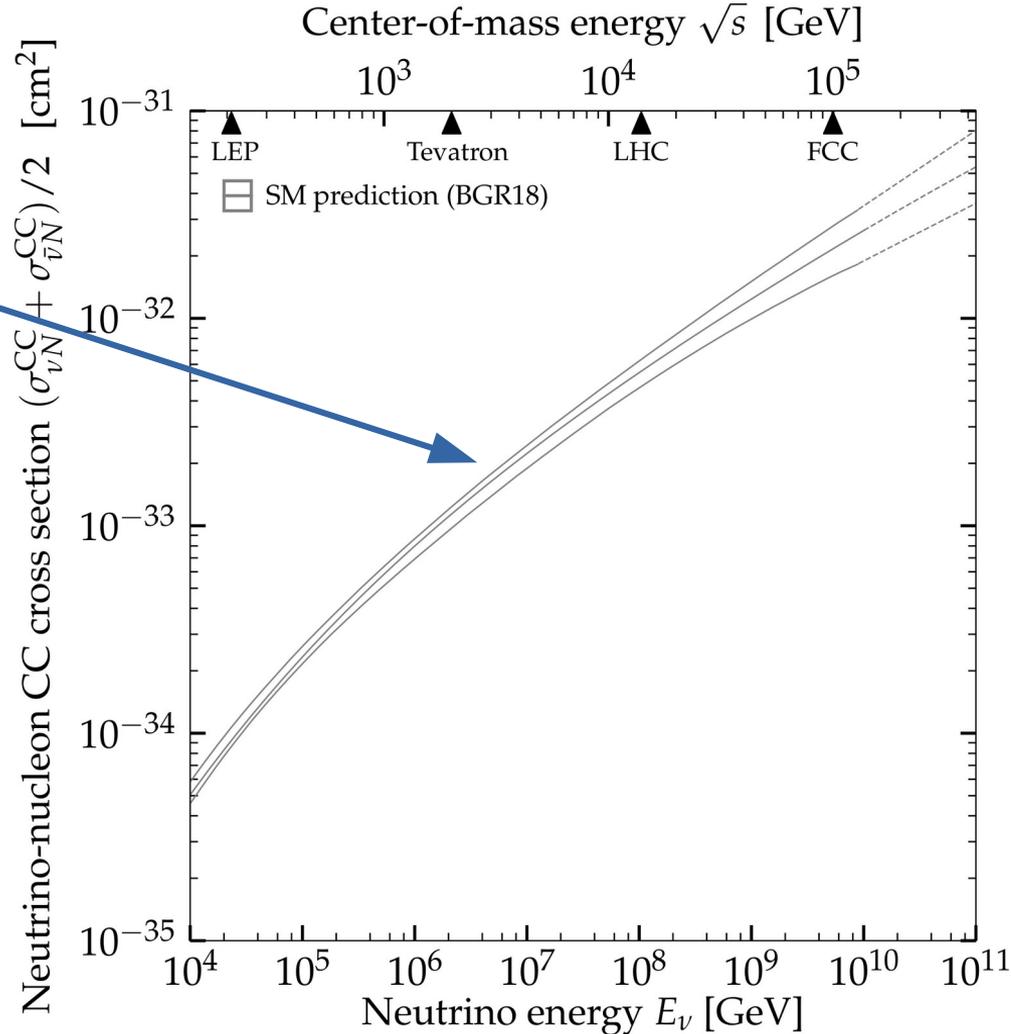
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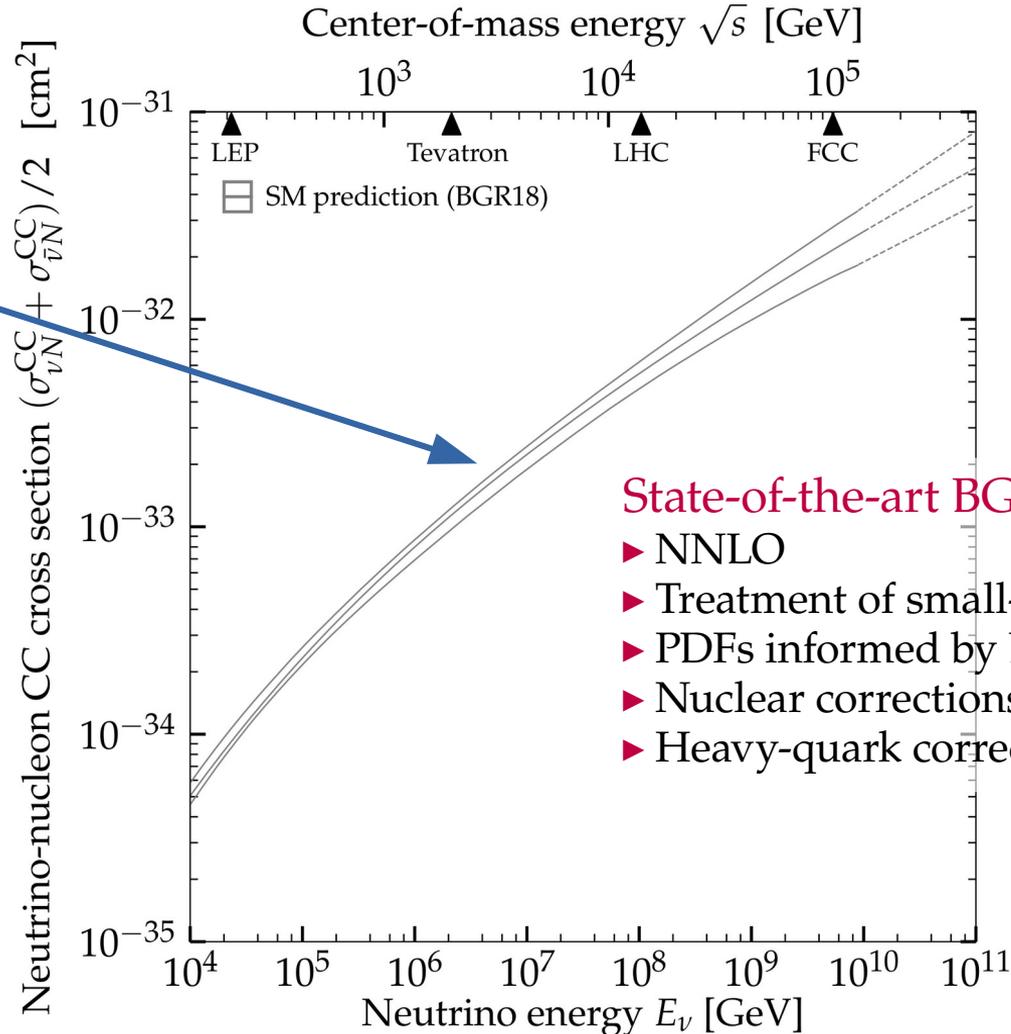
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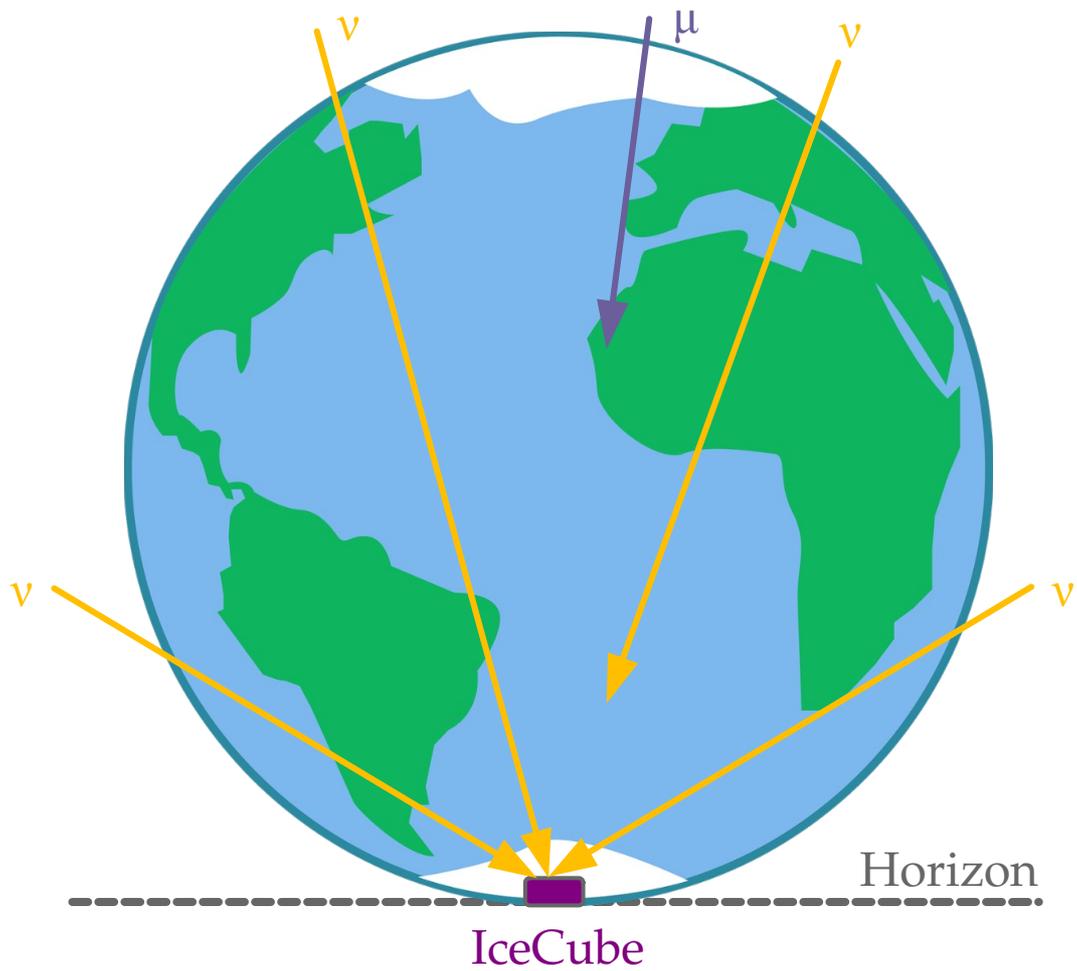
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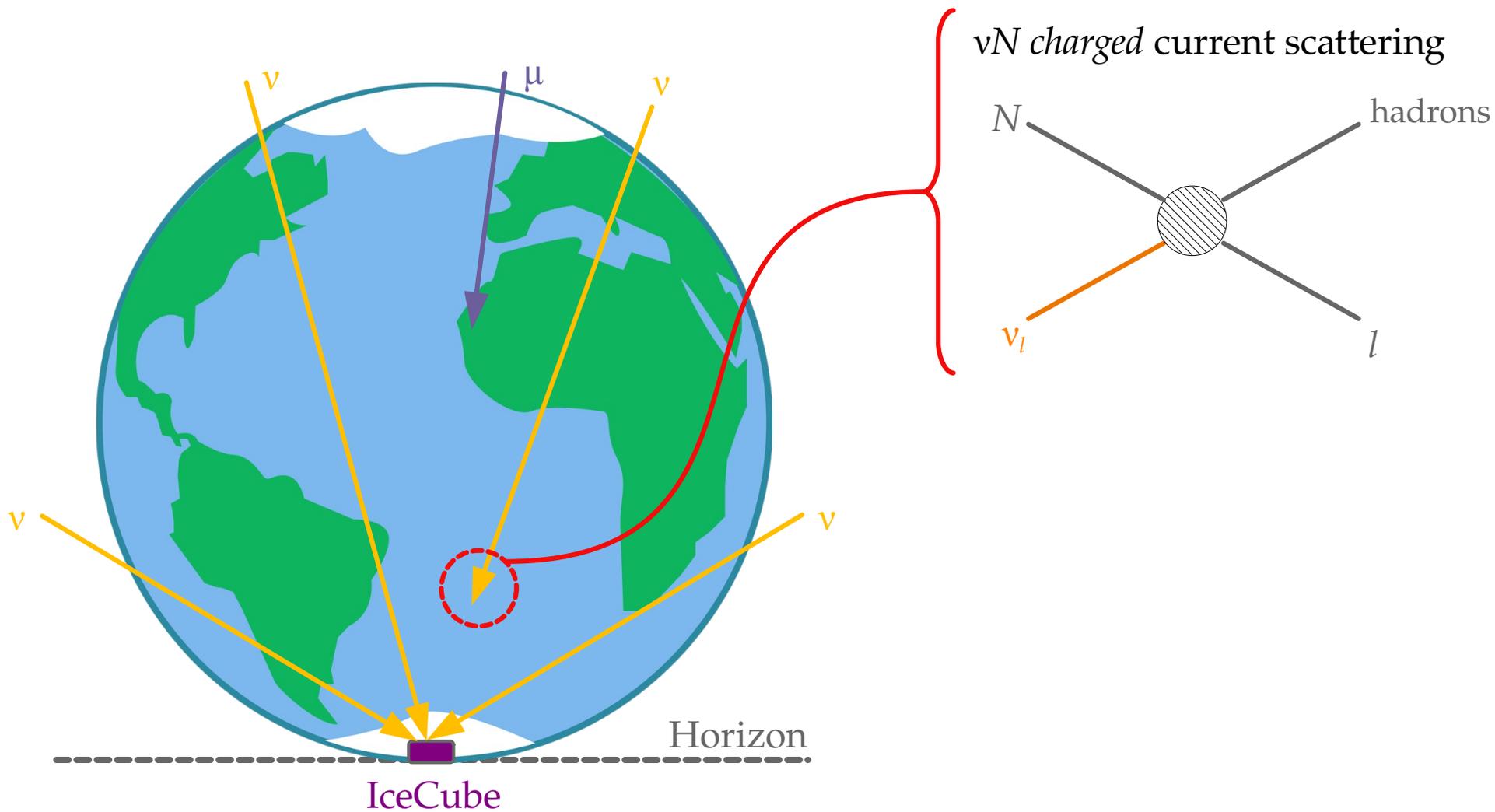
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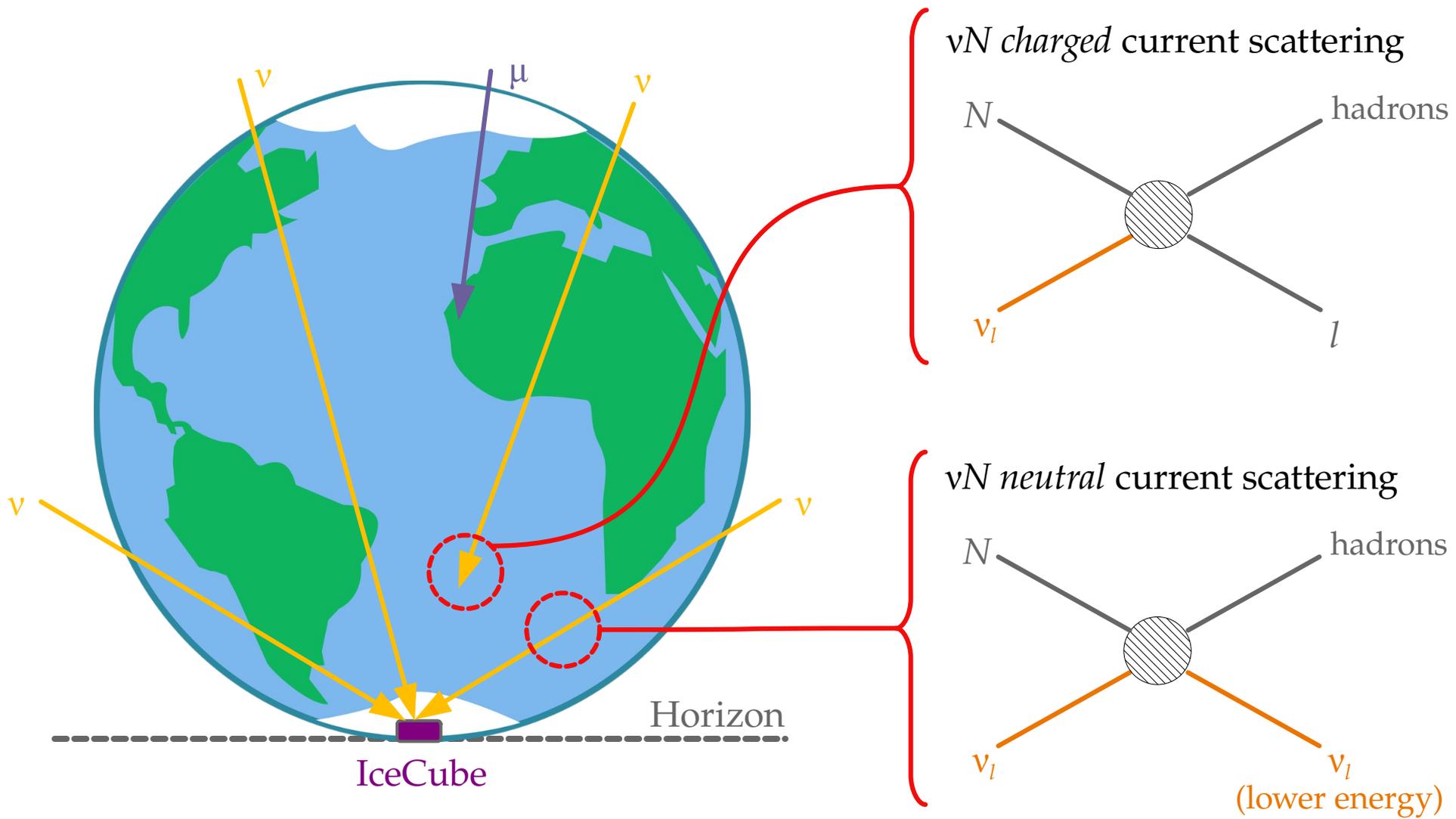


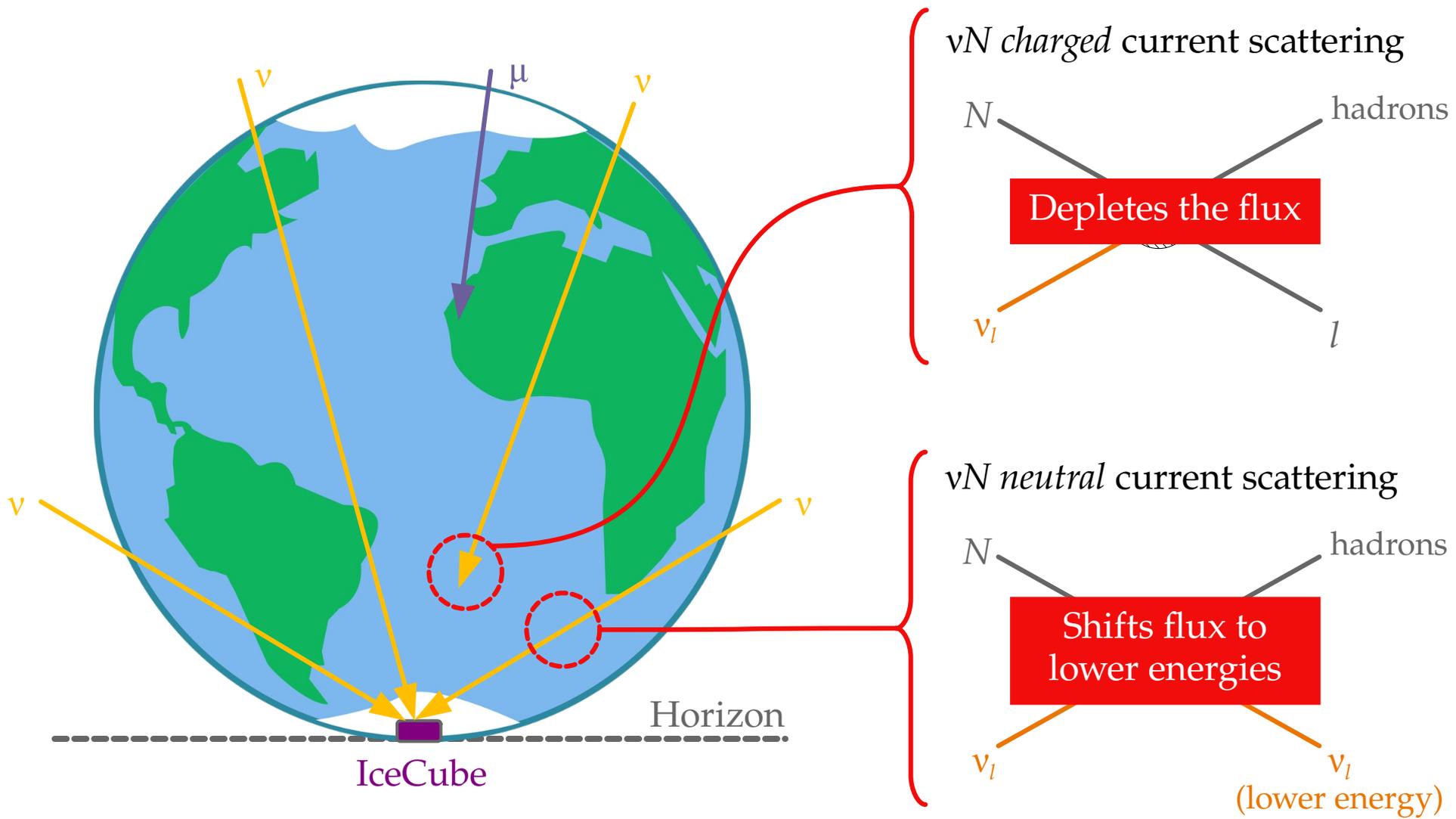
State-of-the-art BGR18 prediction:

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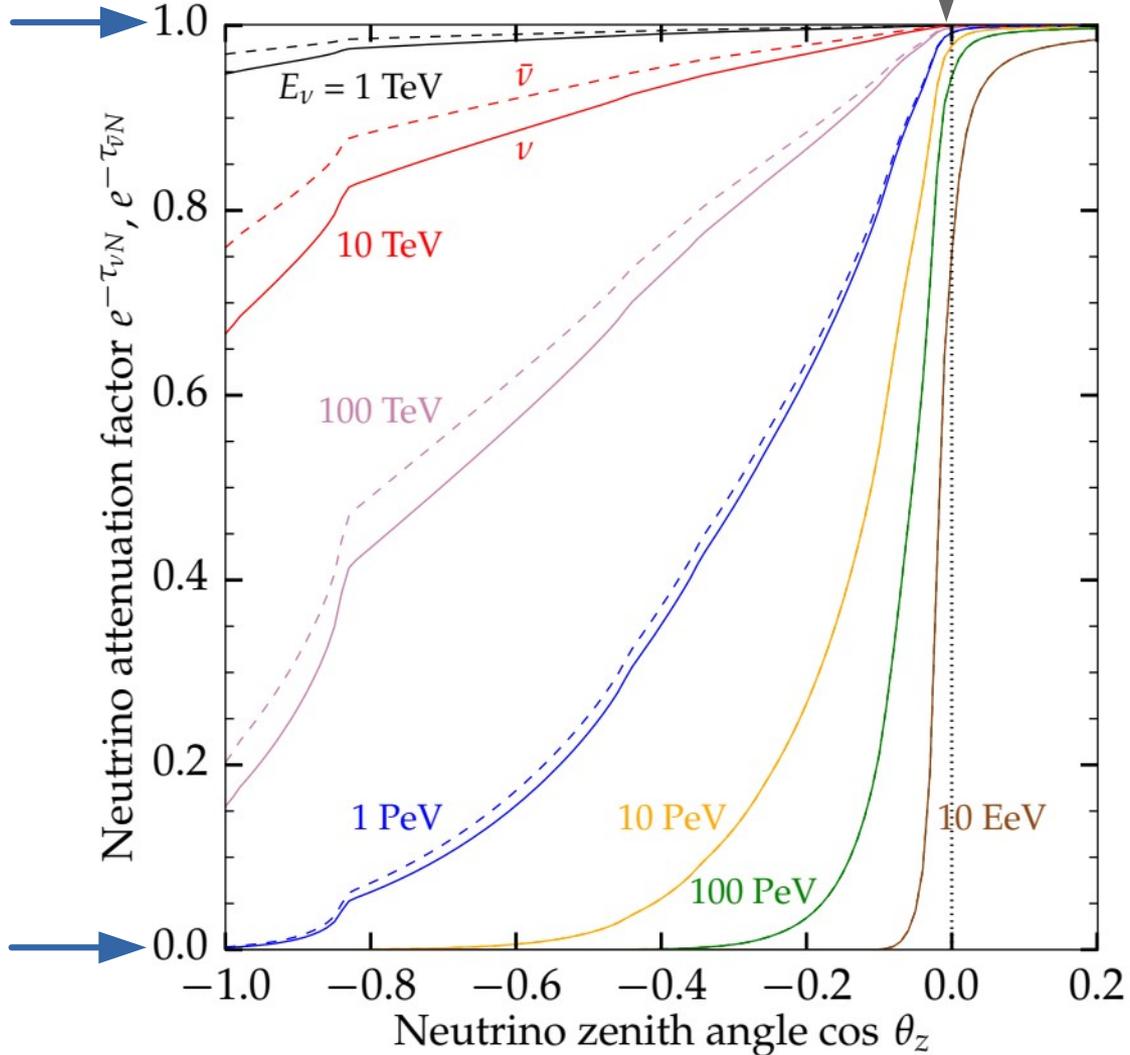




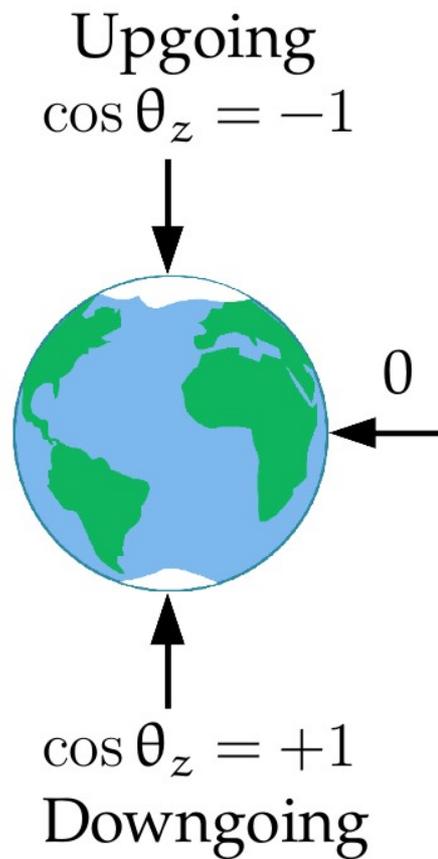




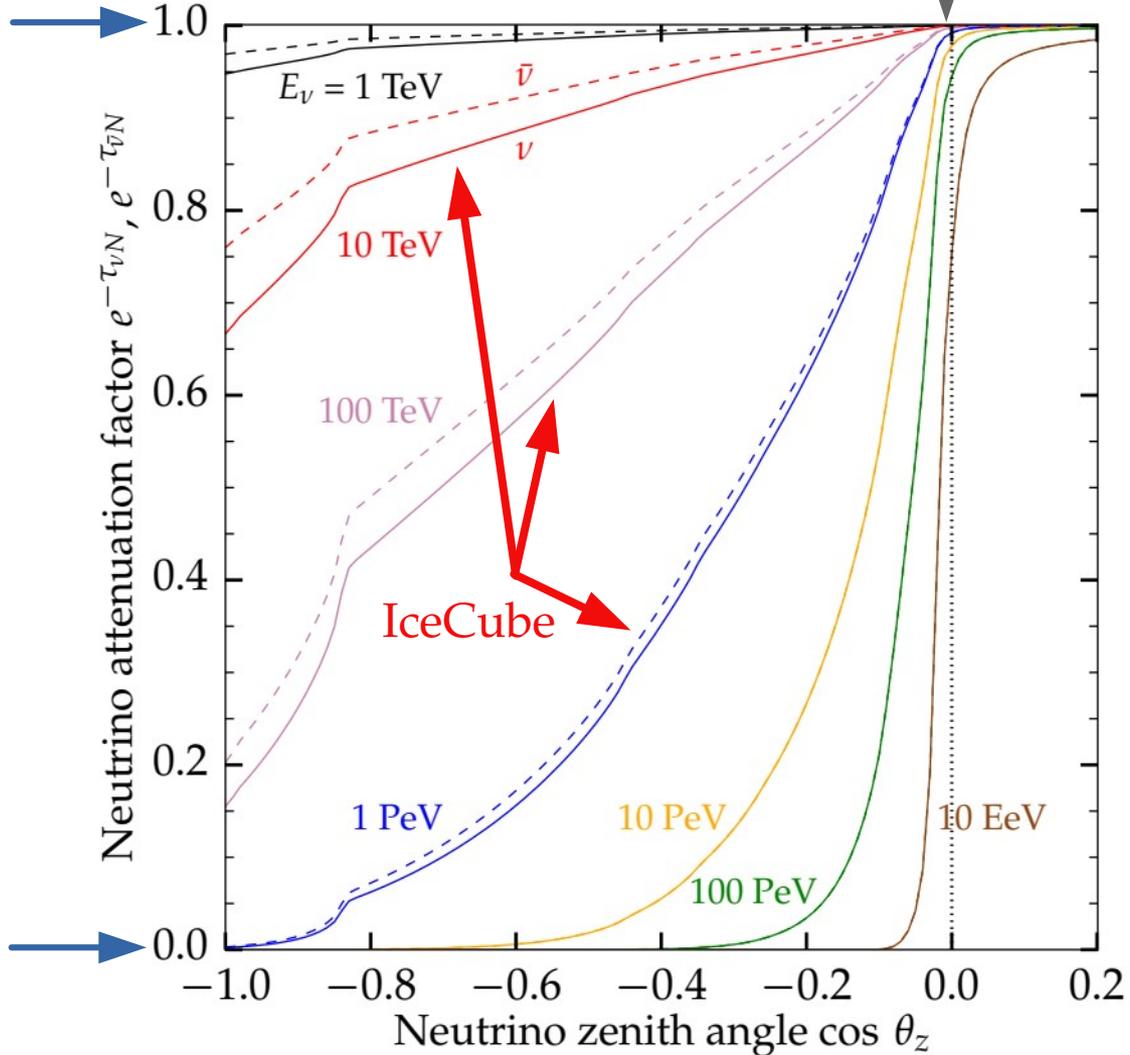
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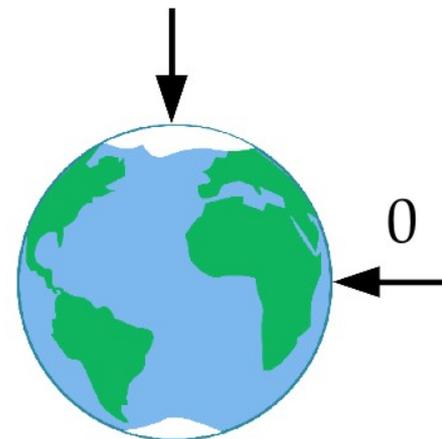
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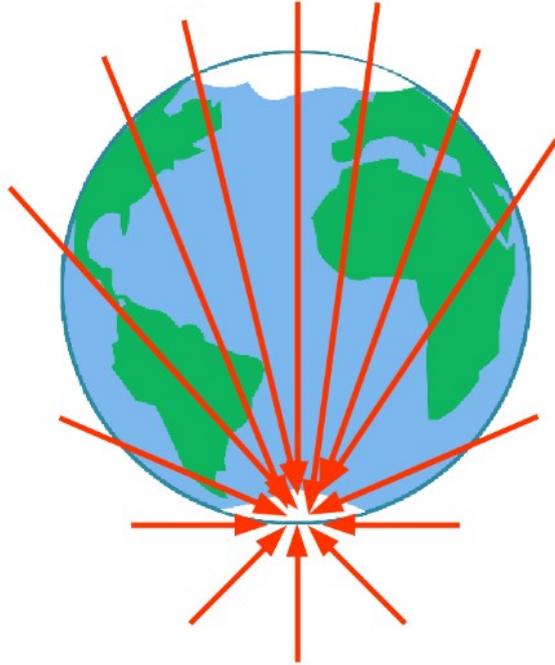
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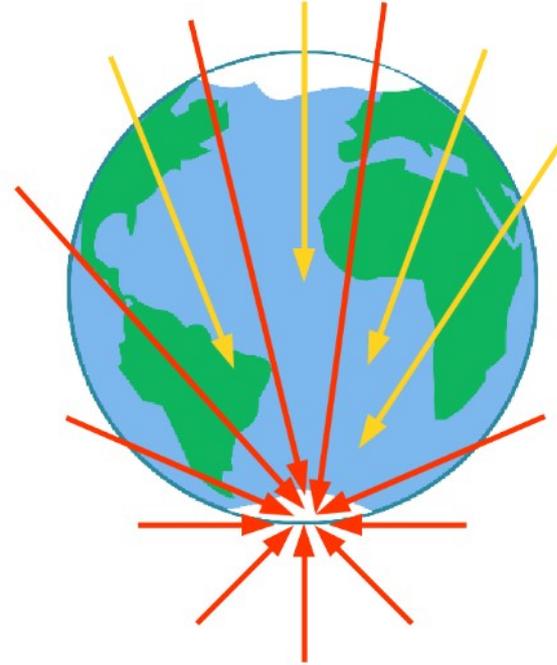
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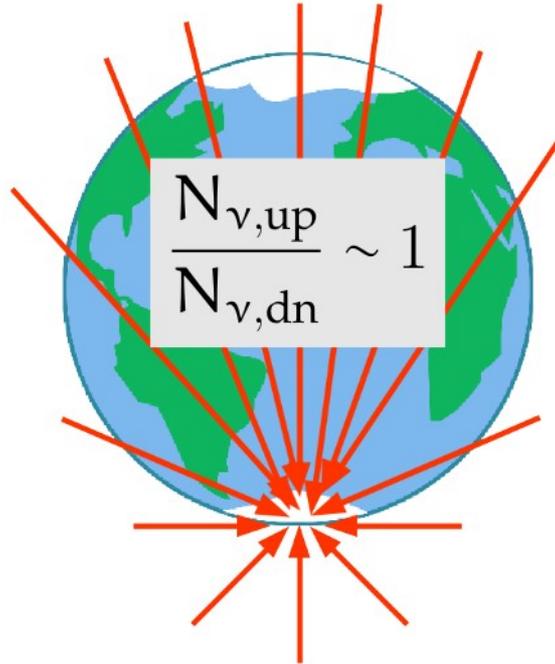


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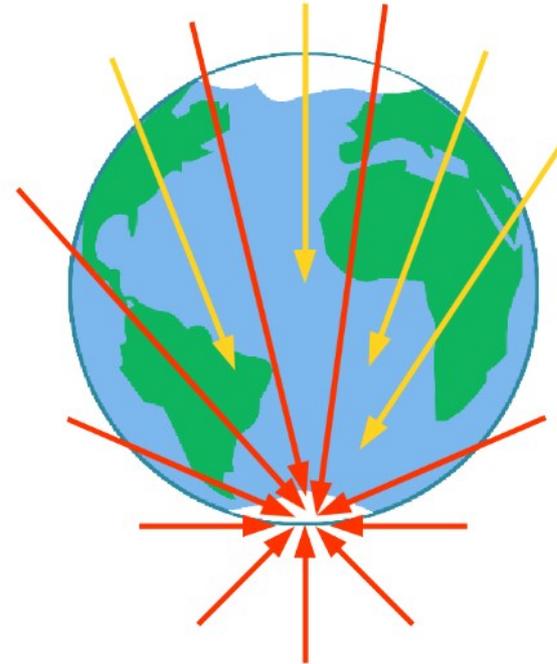


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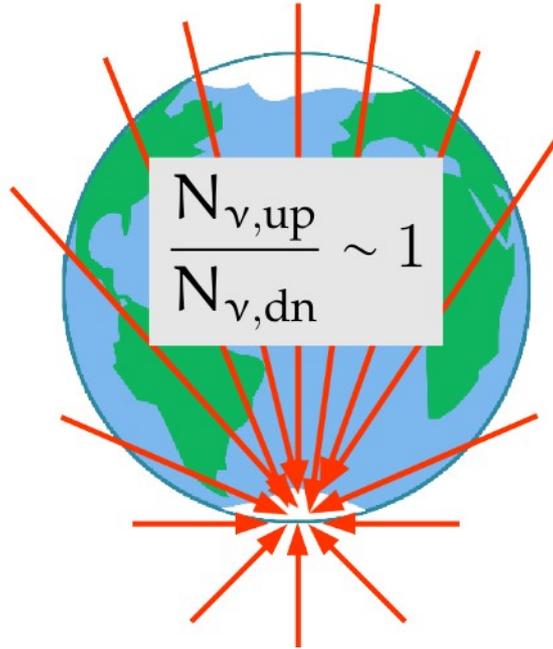


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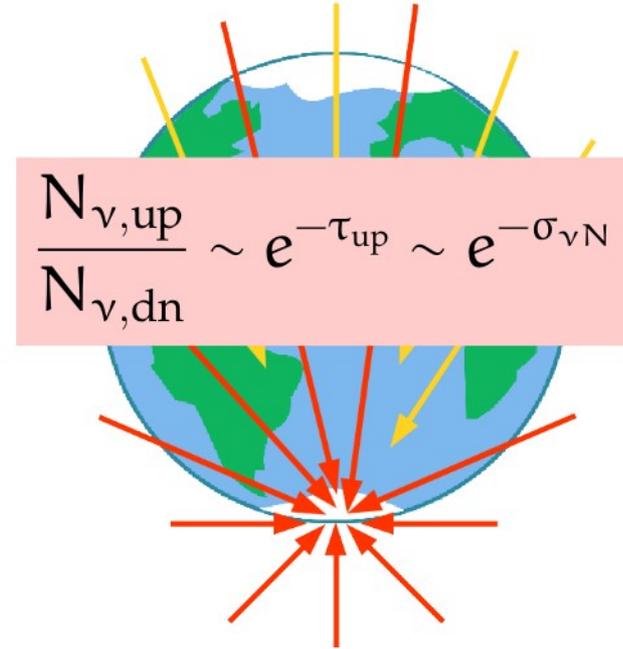


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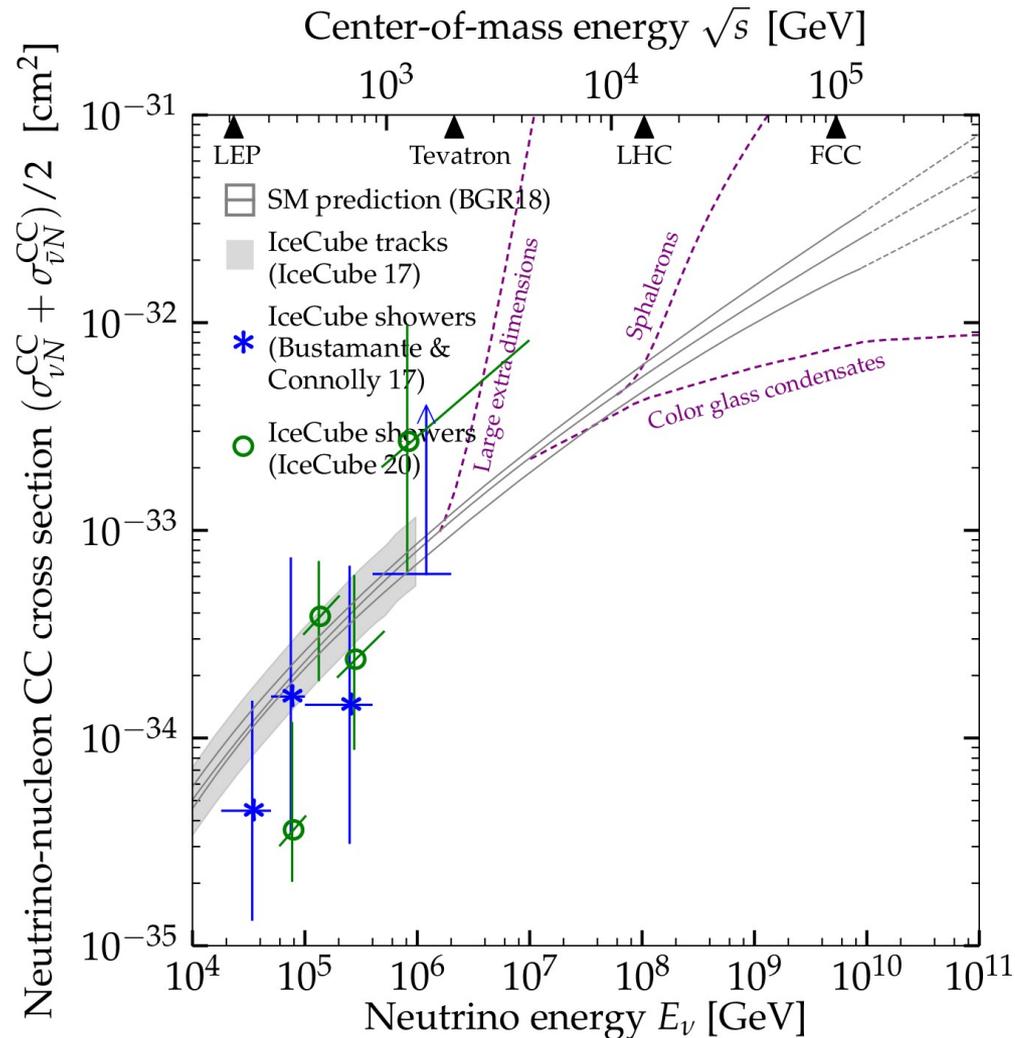
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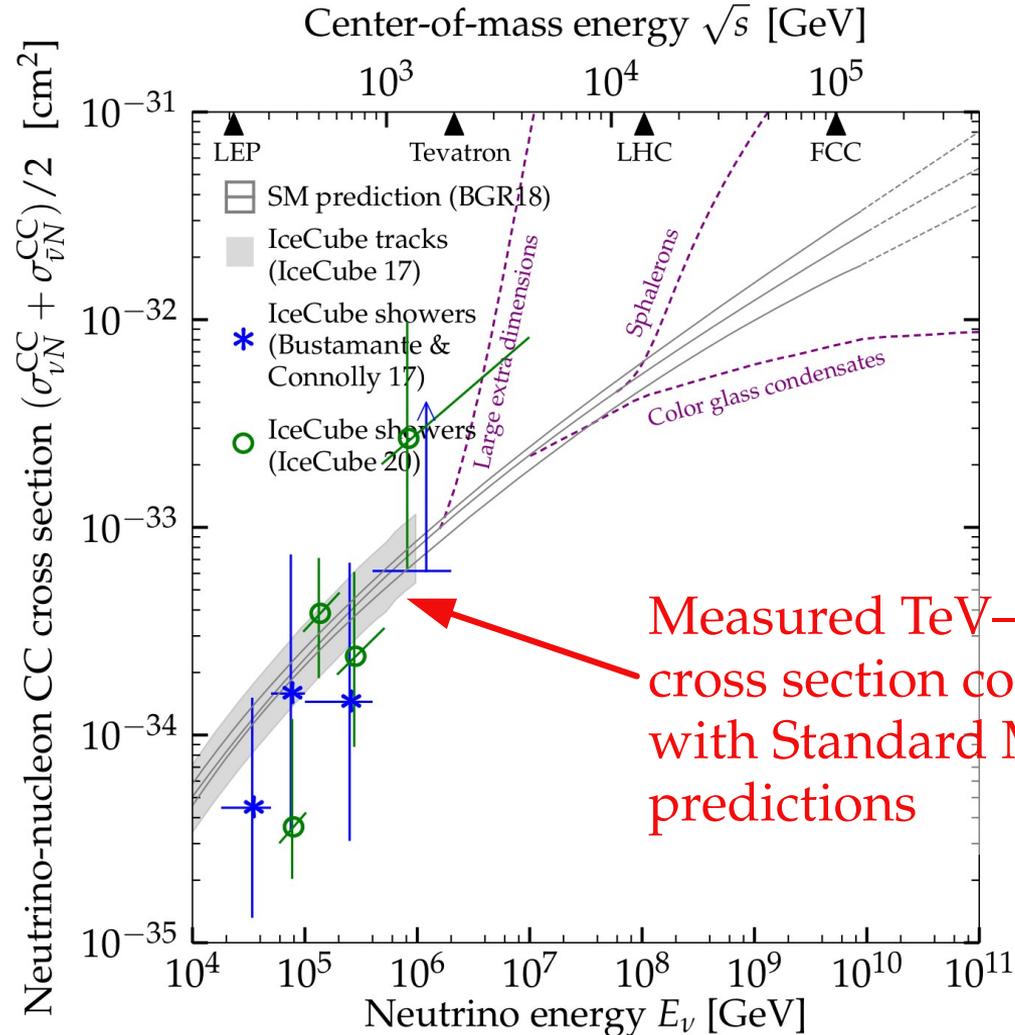


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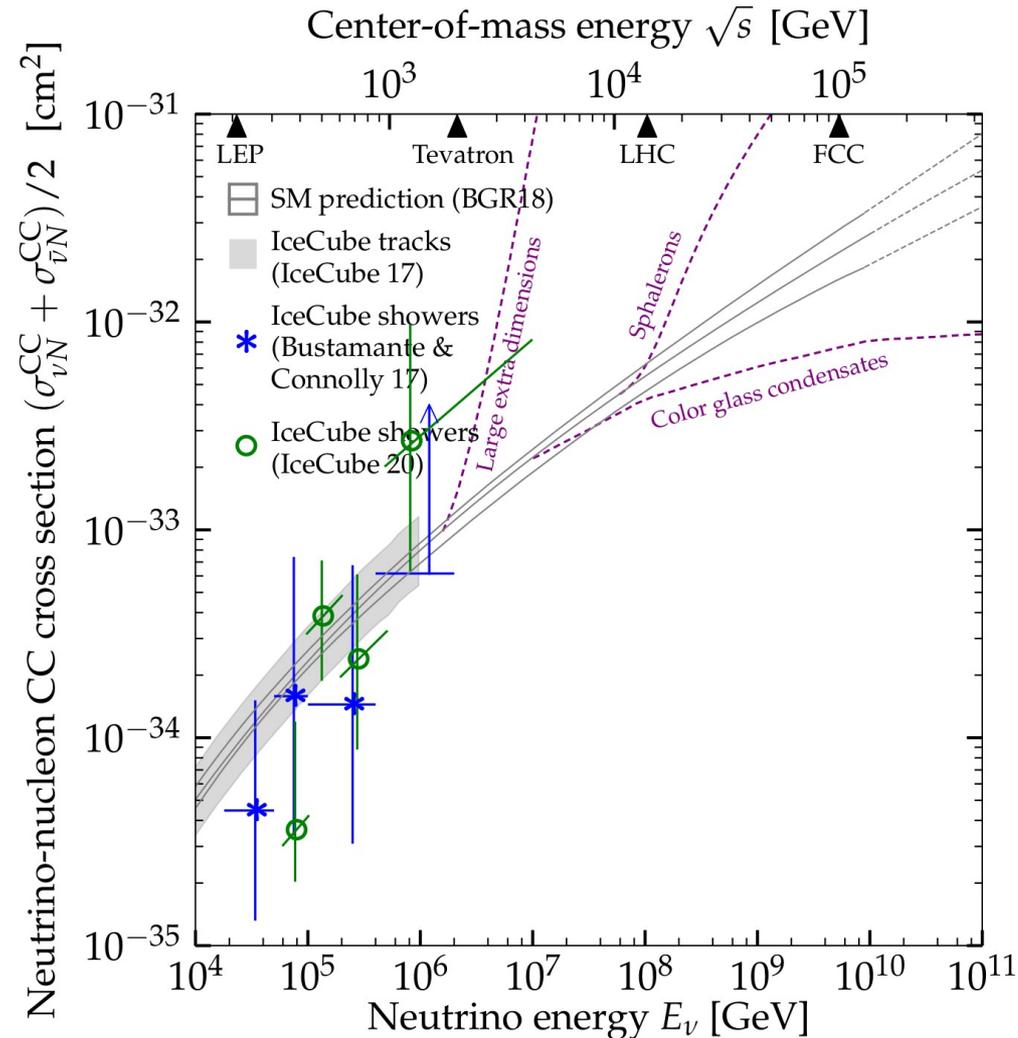
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Measured TeV-PeV  
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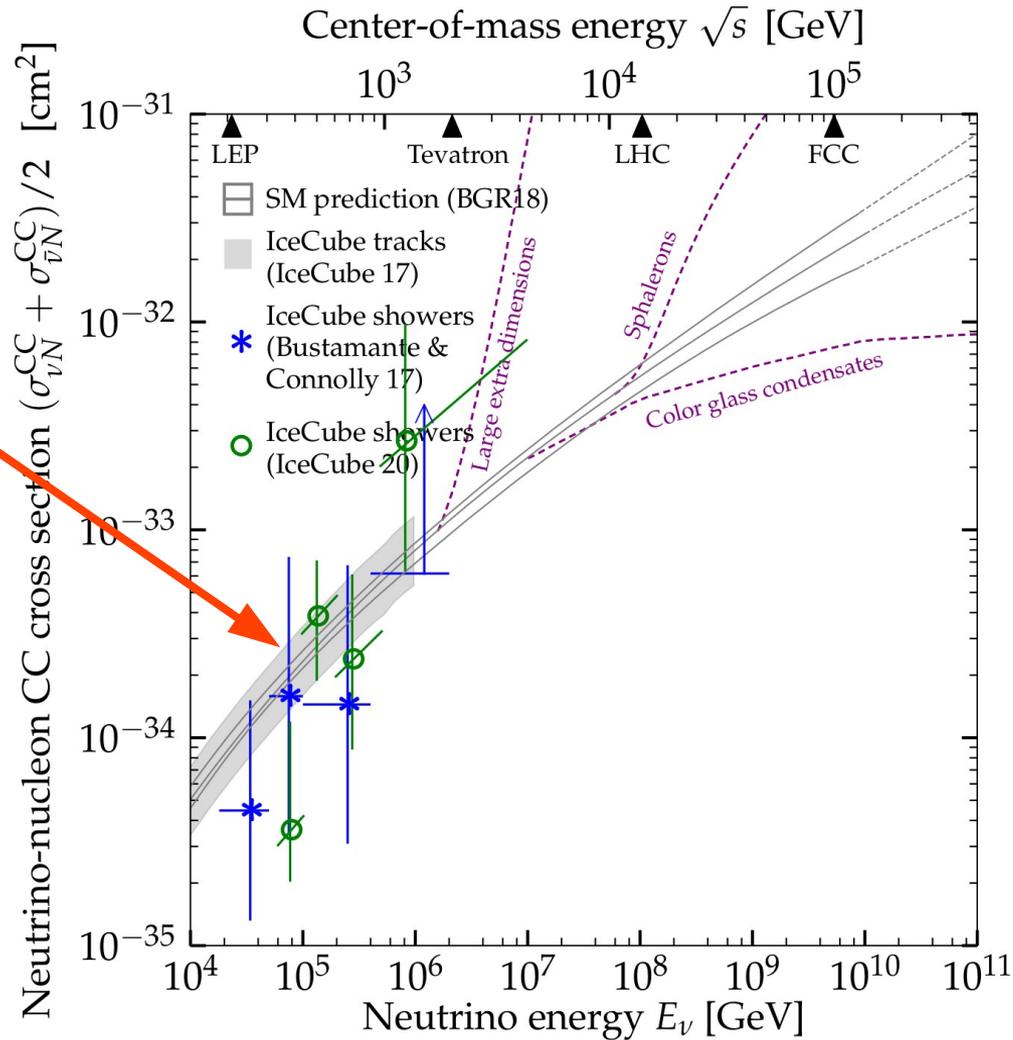
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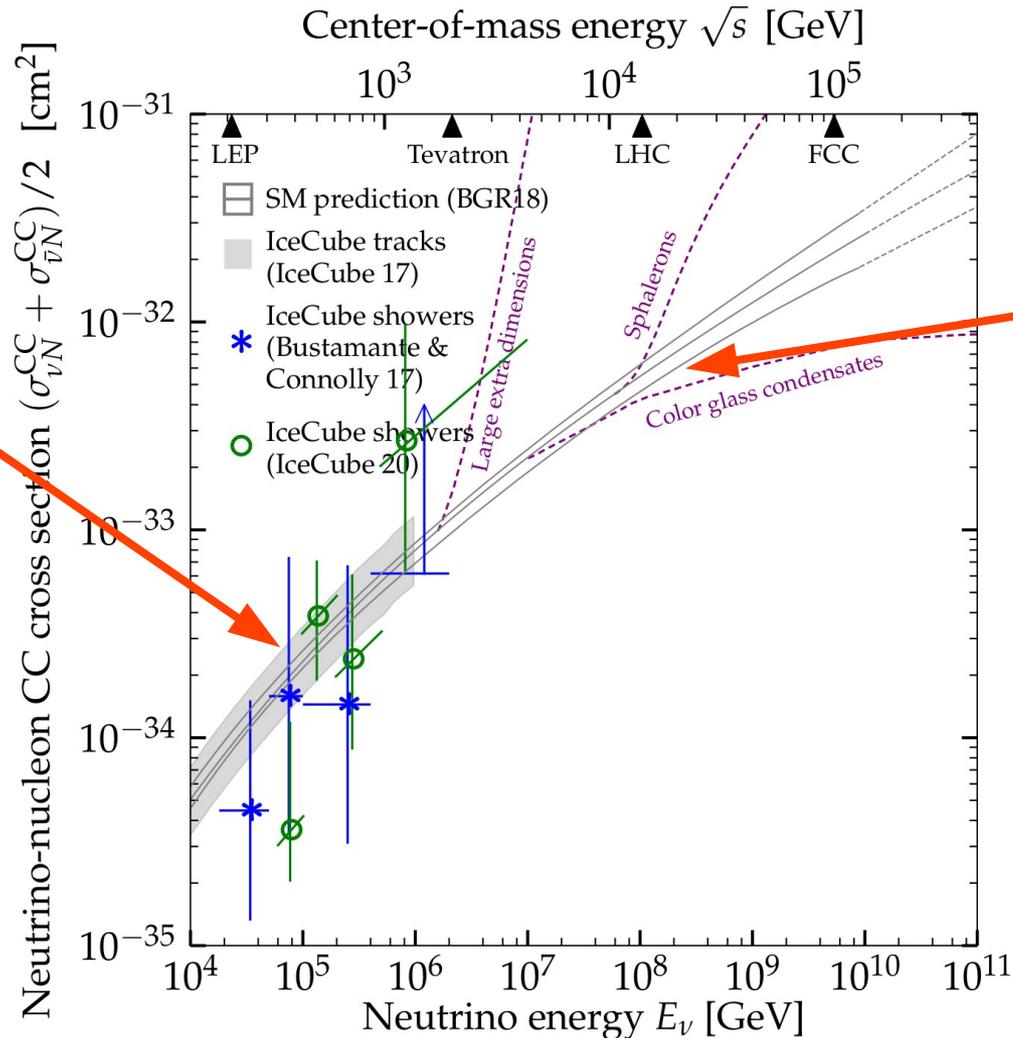
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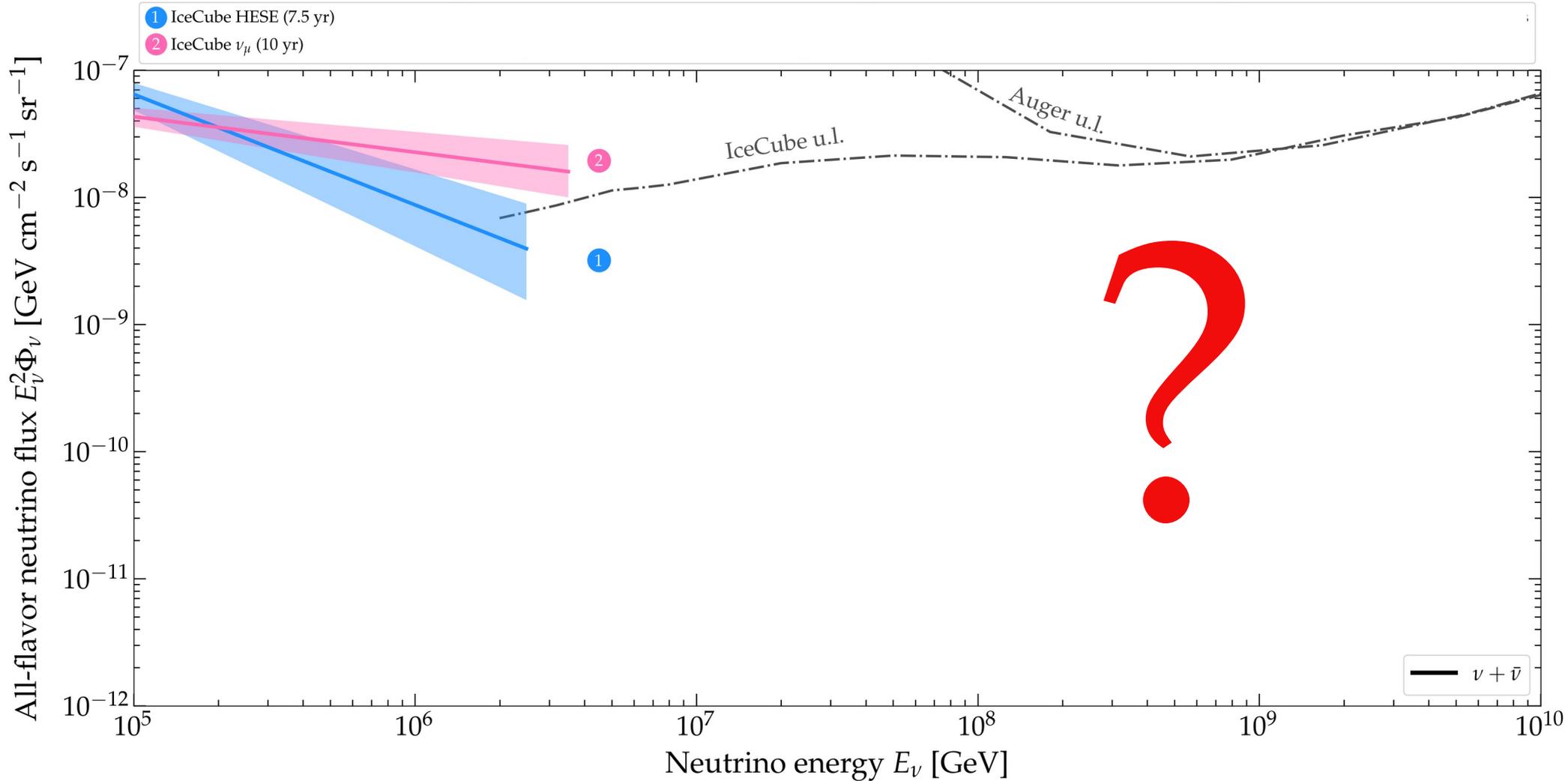


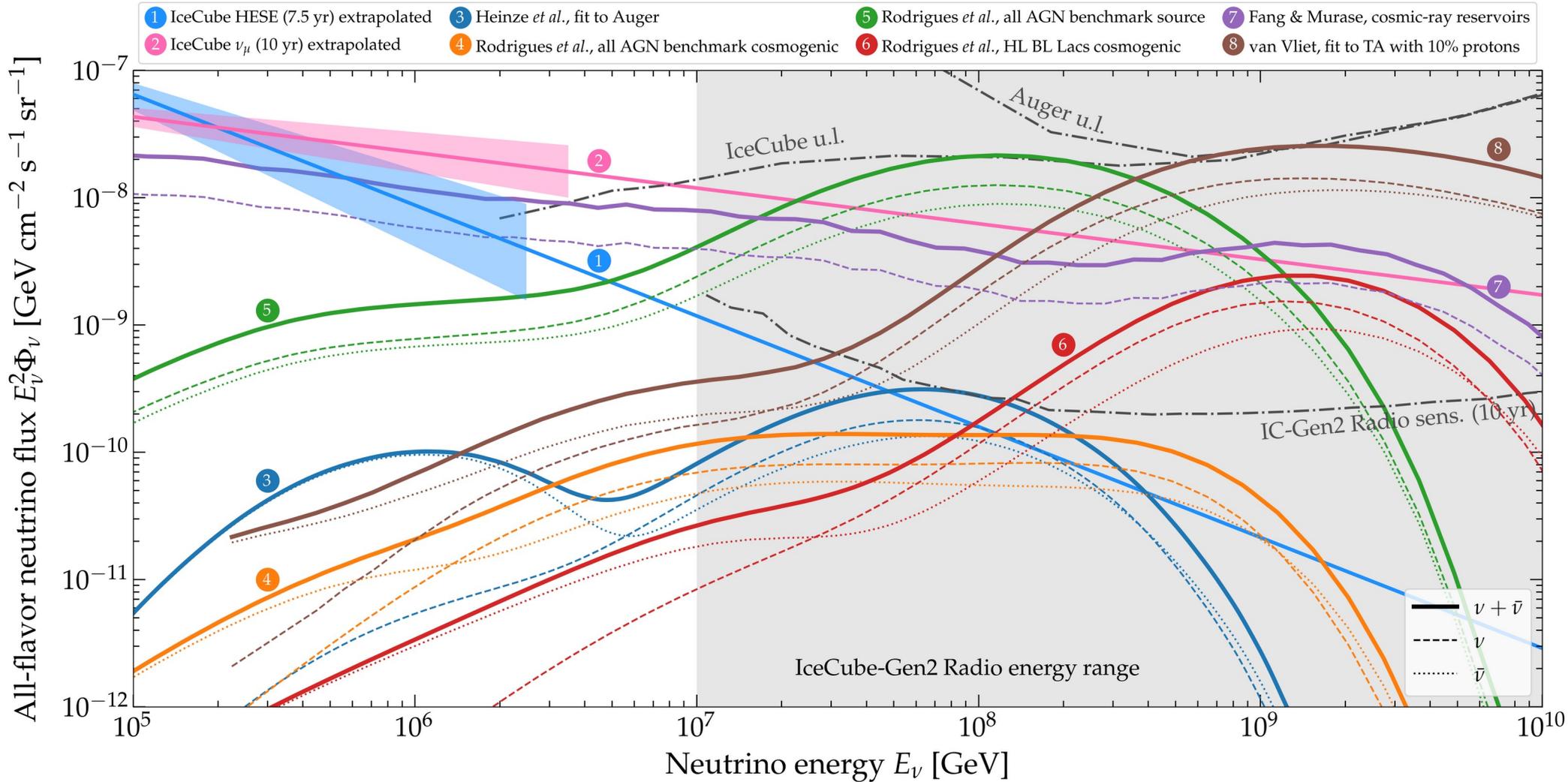
*Not measured:*  
> 10-PeV  
cross section

BGR18 prediction from:  
Bertone, Gauld, Rojo, *JHEP* 2019

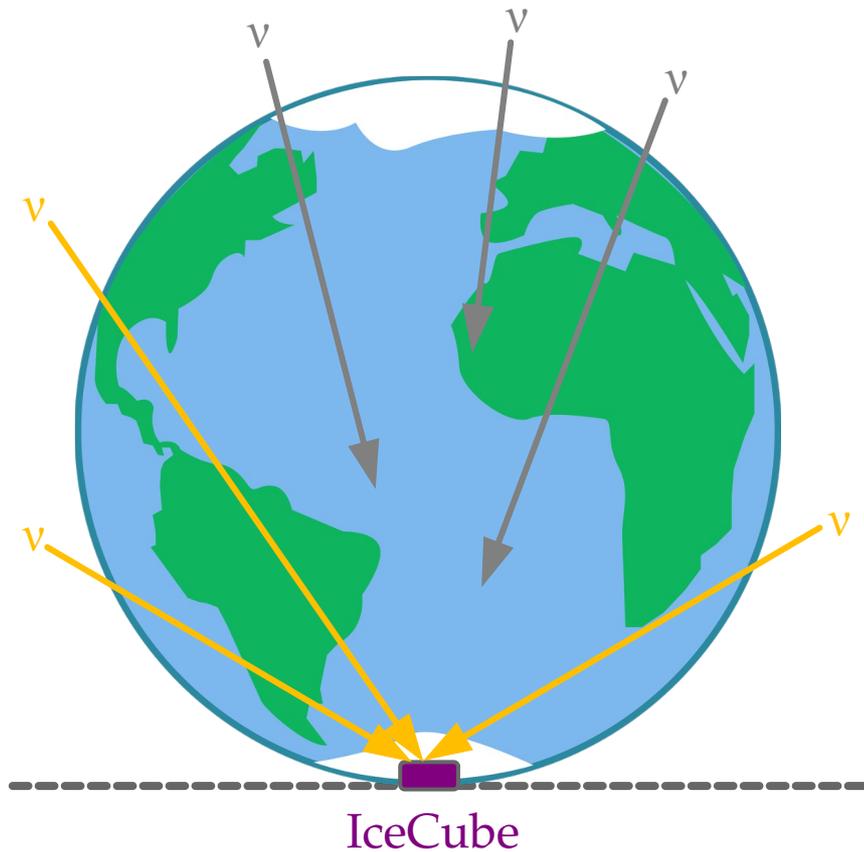
See also:  
García, Gauld, Heijboer, Rojo, *JCAP* 2020

Measurements from:  
IceCube, 2011.03560  
MB & Connolly, *PRL* 2019  
IceCube, *Nature* 2017



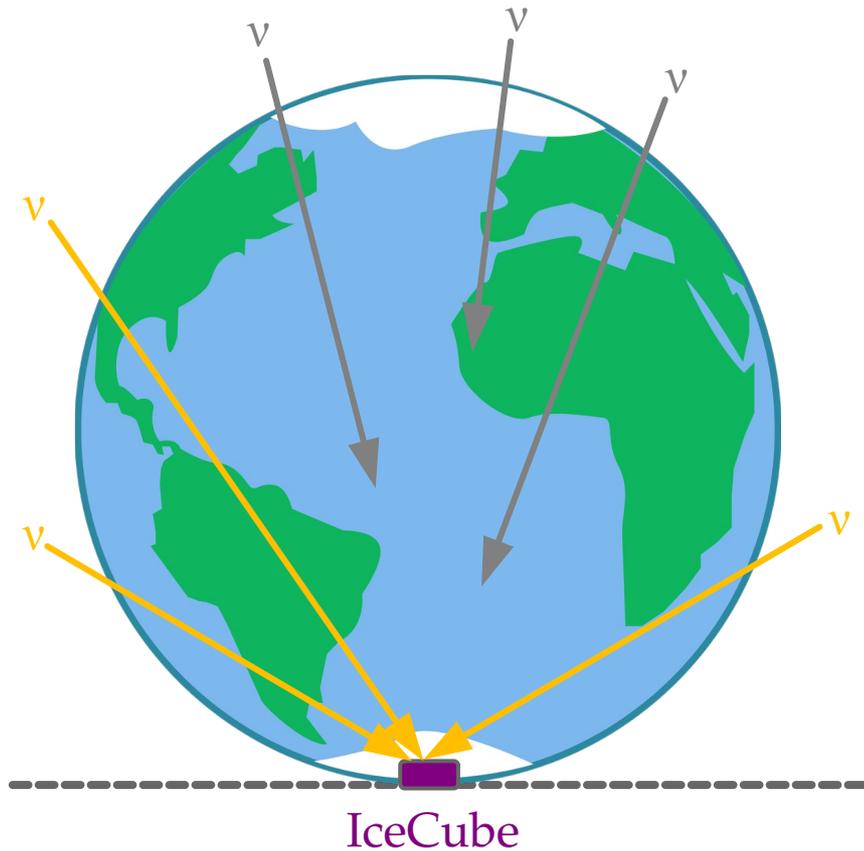


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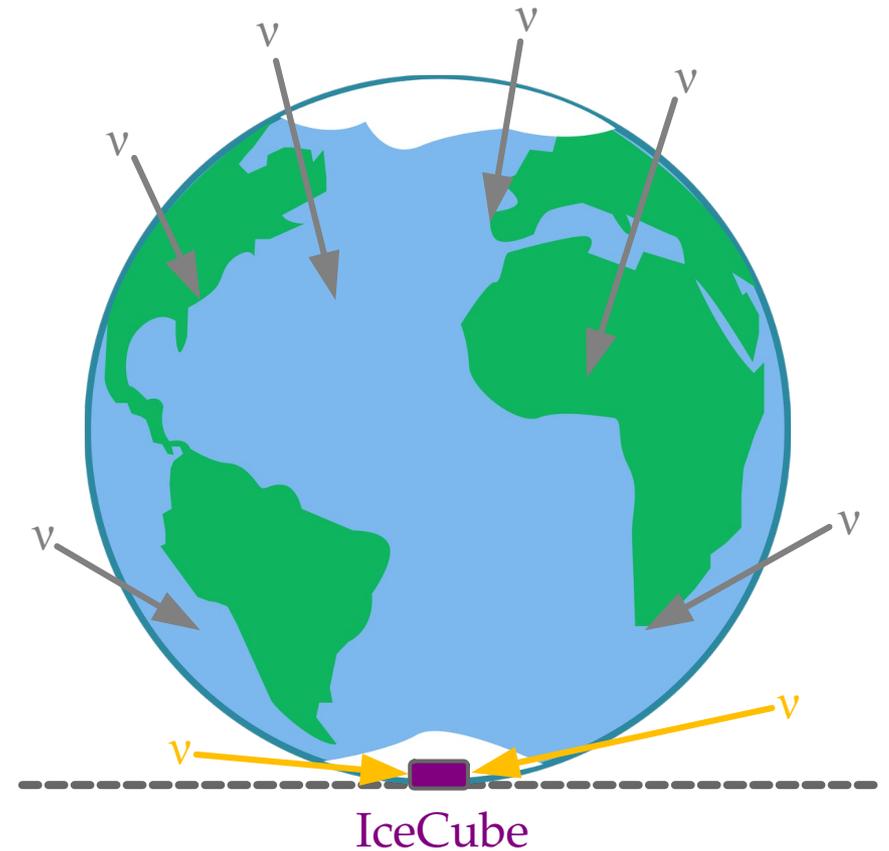
Earth is *almost fully* opaque,  
some upgoing  $\nu$  still make it through

TeV–PeV:



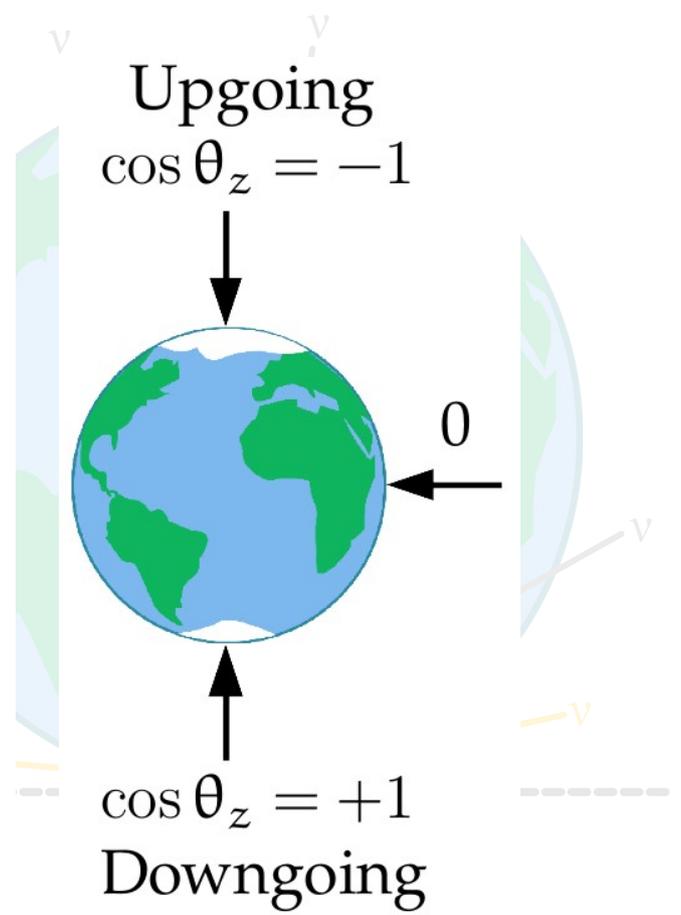
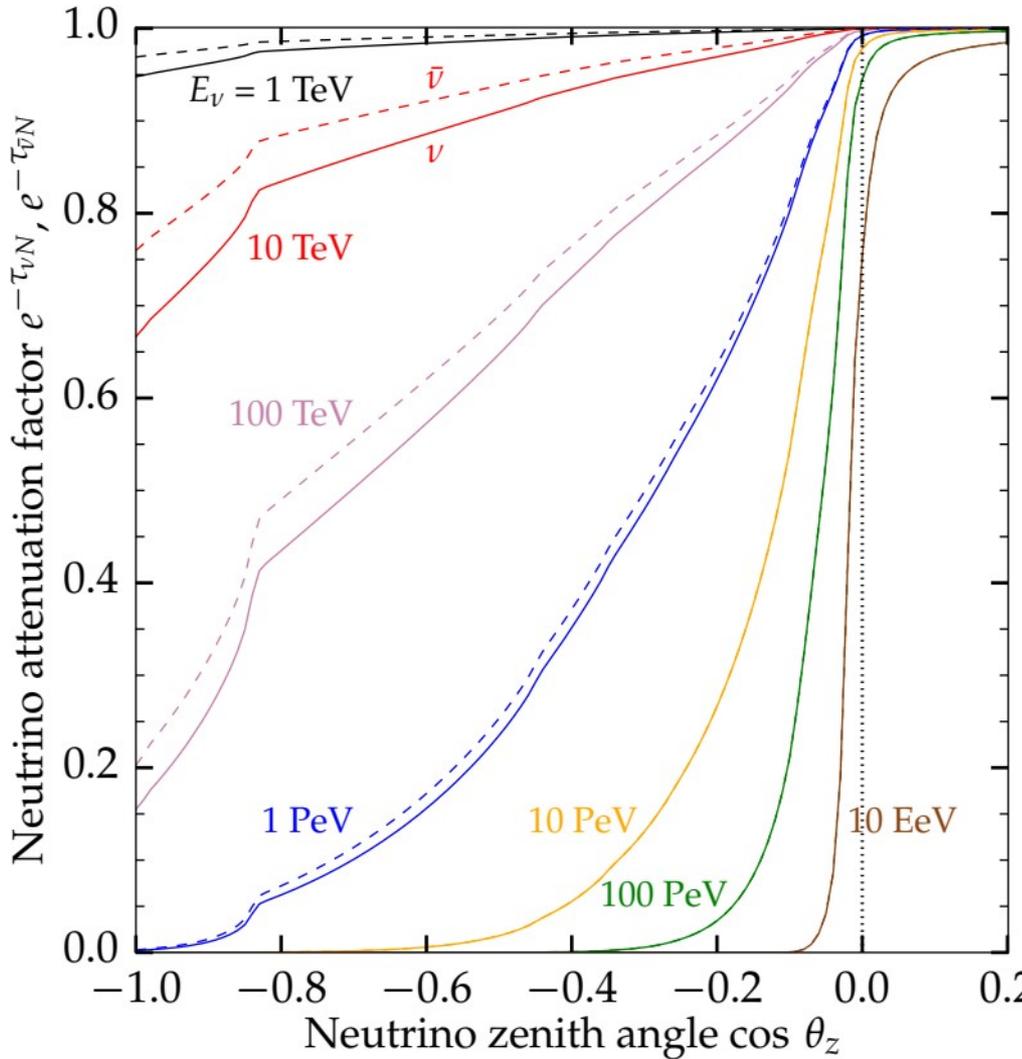
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$> 100$  PeV:



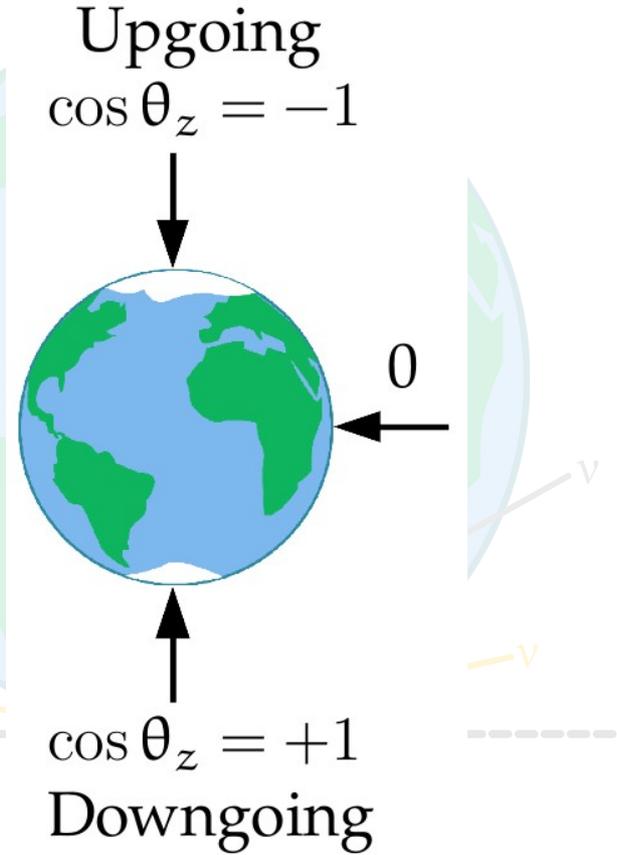
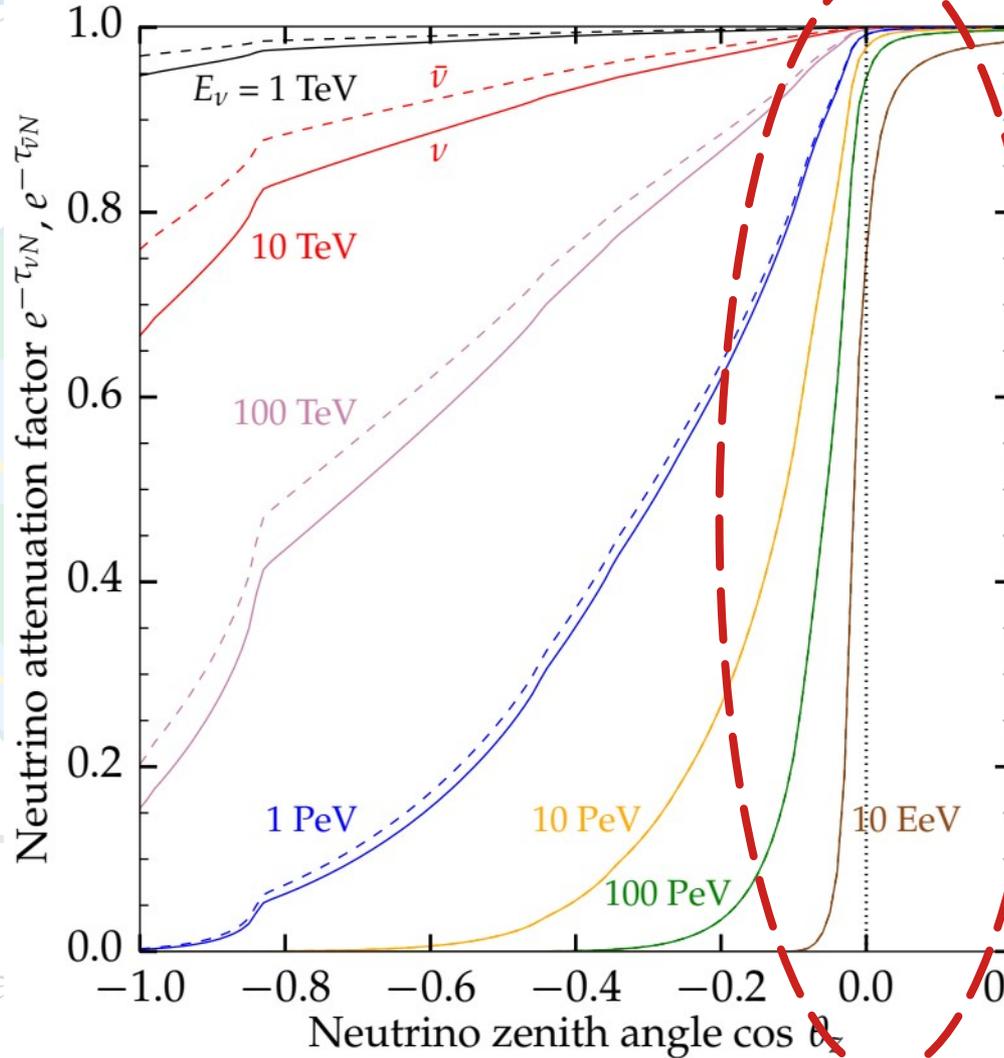
Earth is *completely* opaque,  
but horizontal  $\nu$  still make it through

TeV–PeV $\nu$



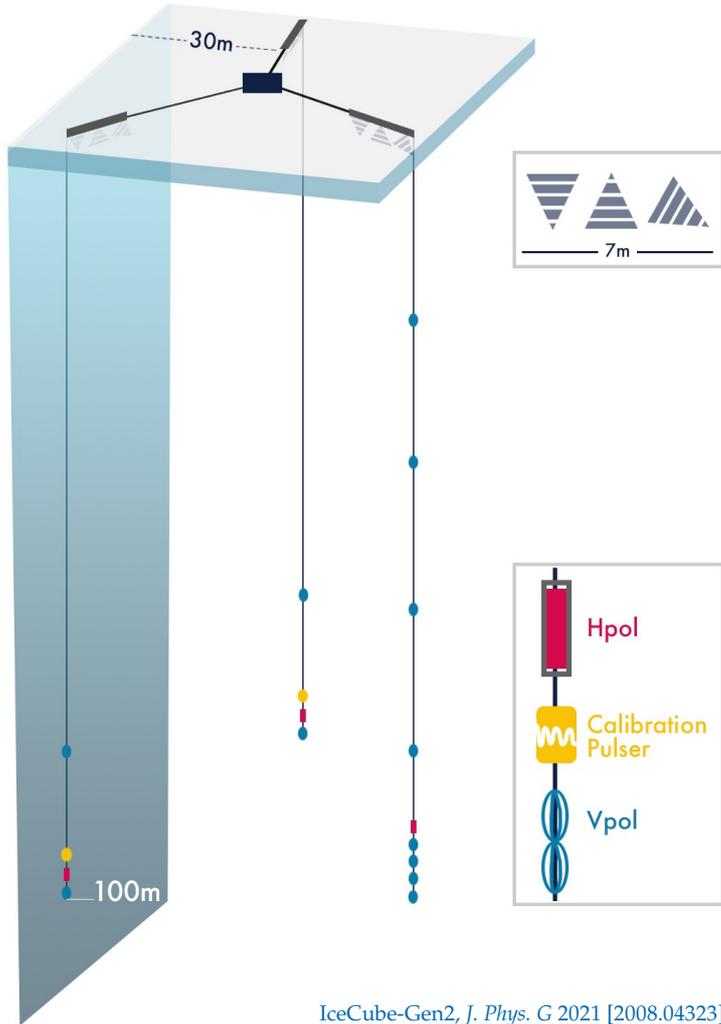
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At UHE, we can only extract the cross section using horizontal  $\nu$

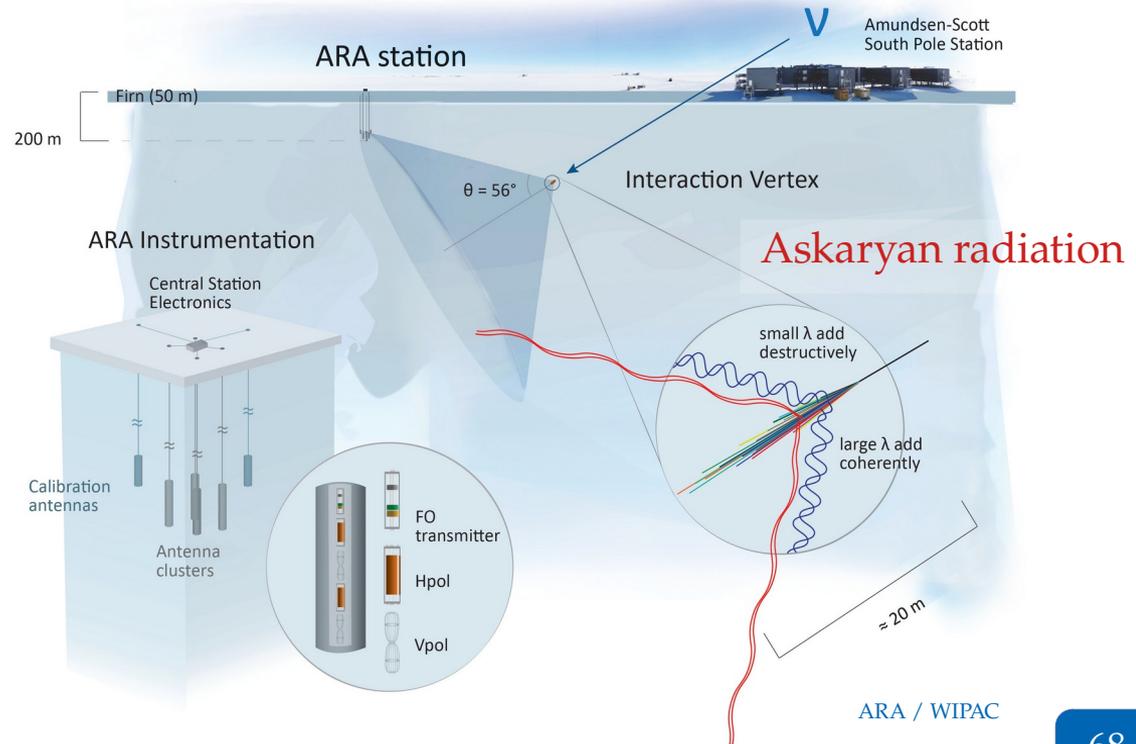
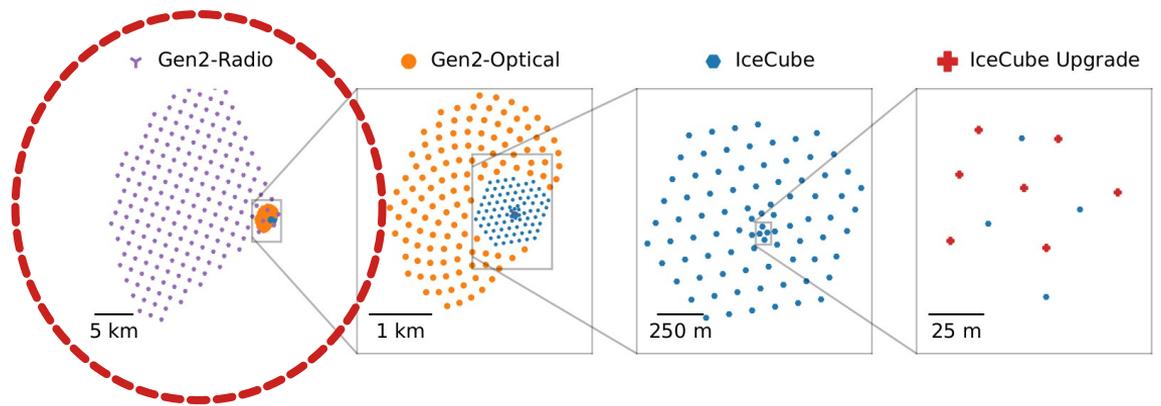


Earth is completely opaque, horizontal  $\nu$  still make it through

# IceCube-Gen2 Radio



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

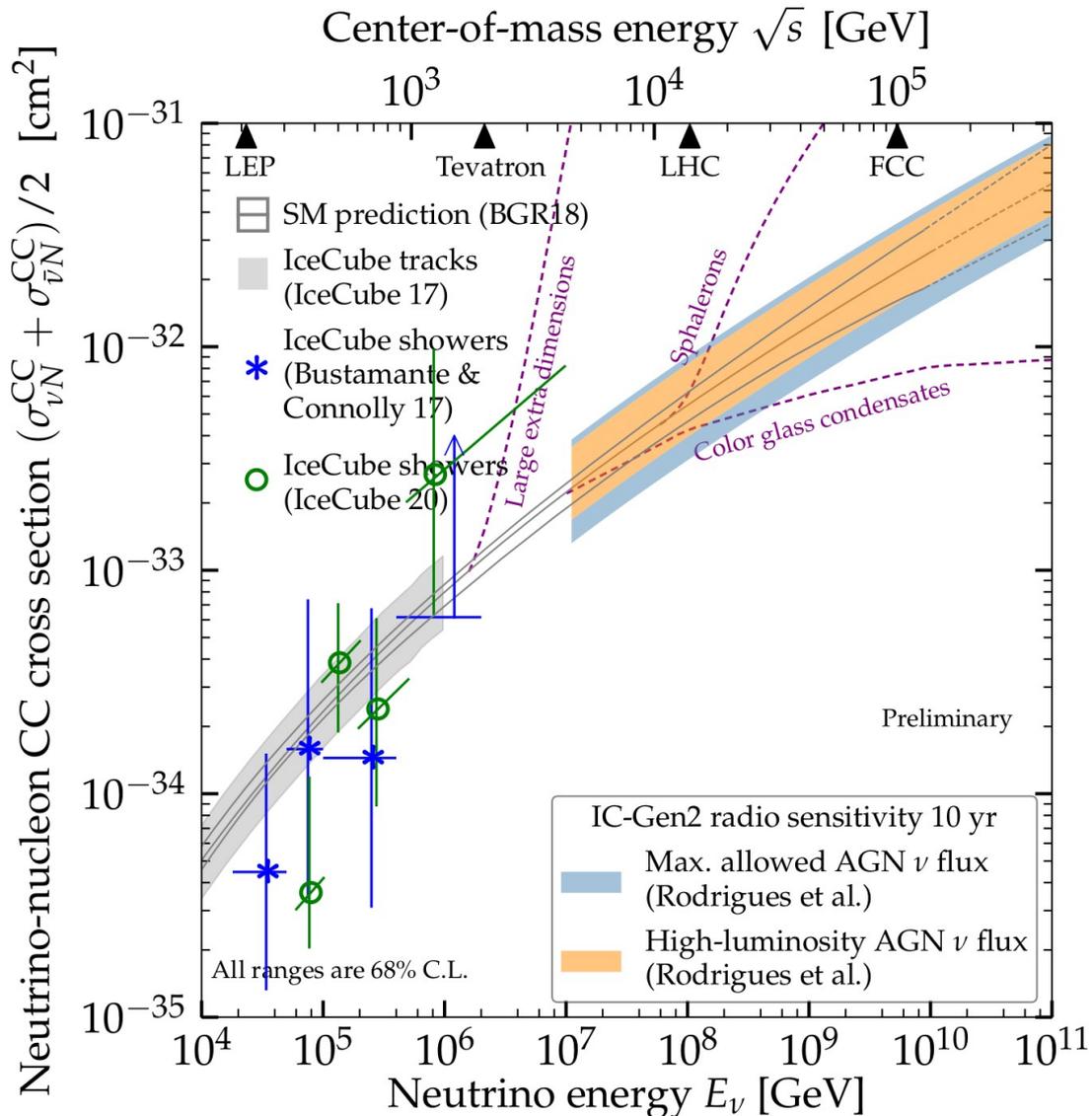


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# After 10 years of IceCube-Gen2 Radio (~2040):

*(If the UHE  $\nu$  fluxes are high)*

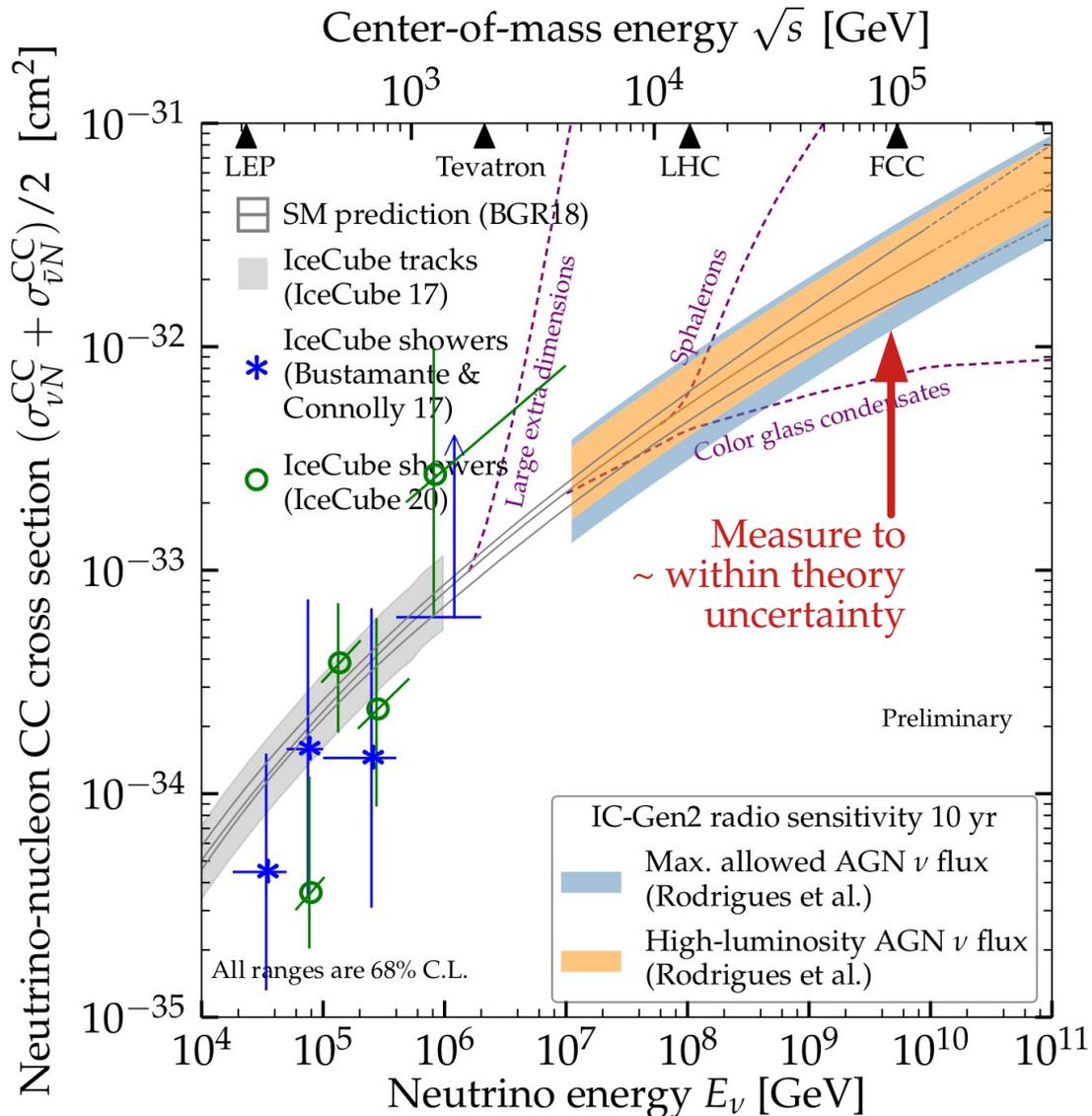
Valera, MB, Glaser, *In preparation*



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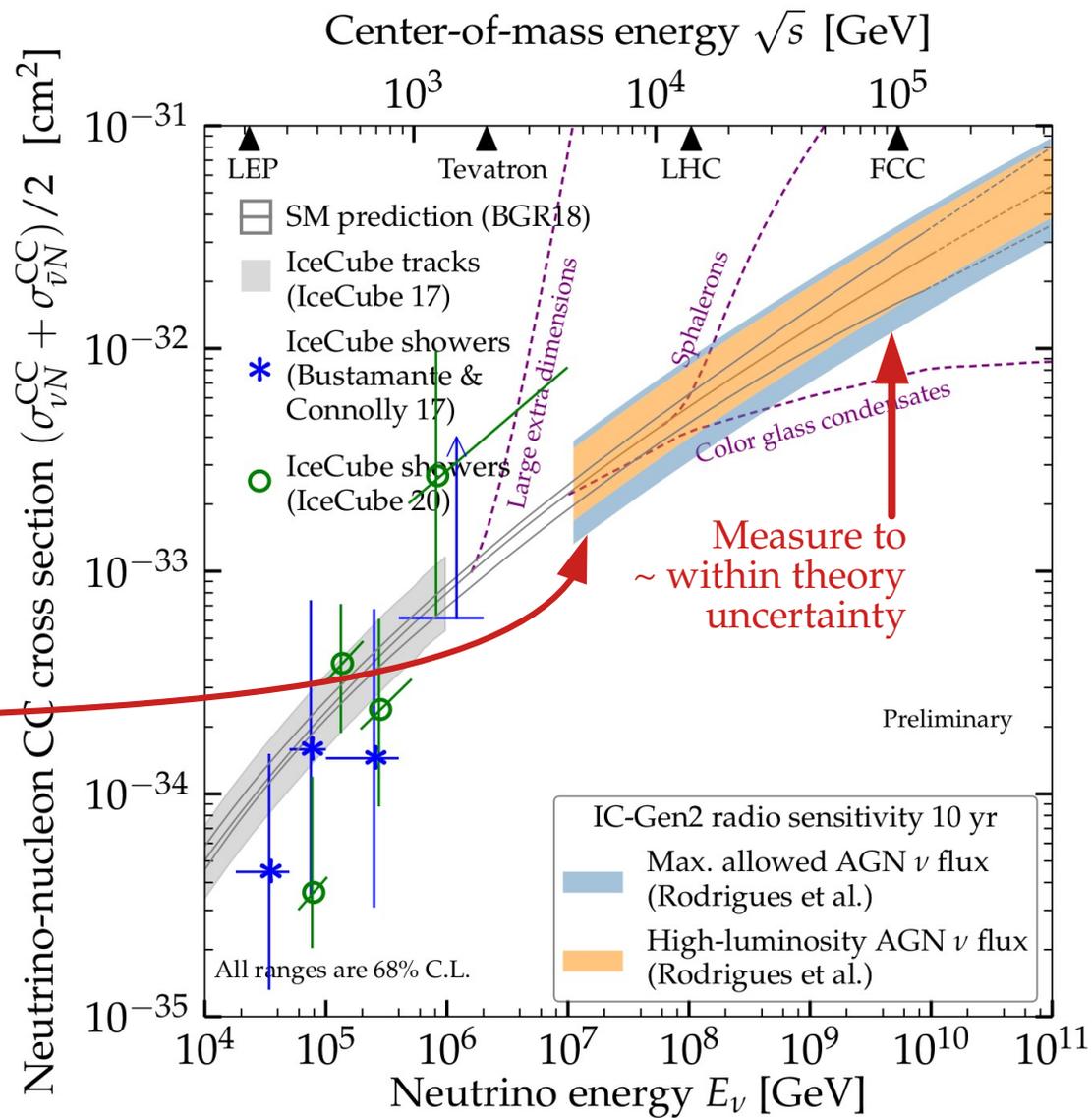
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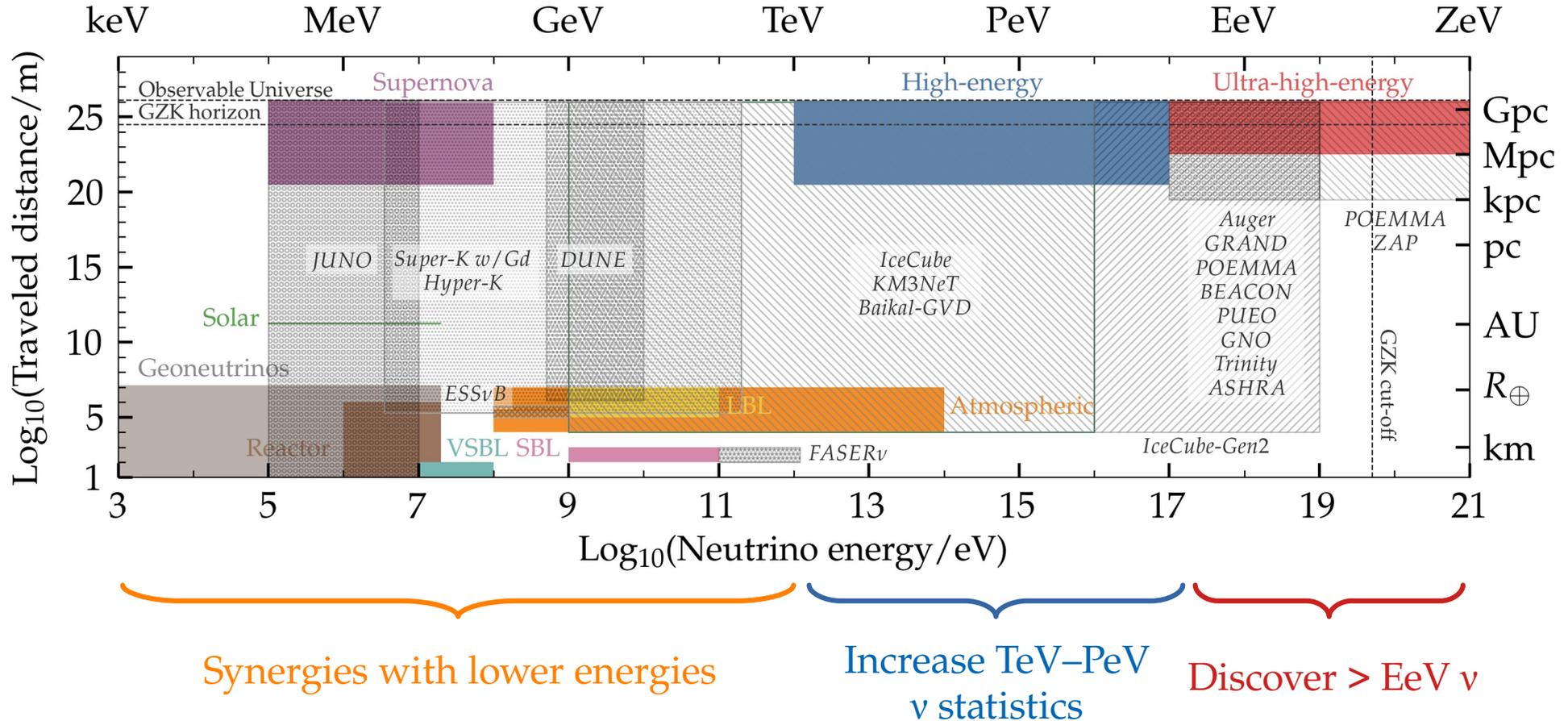


Work led by Victor Valera



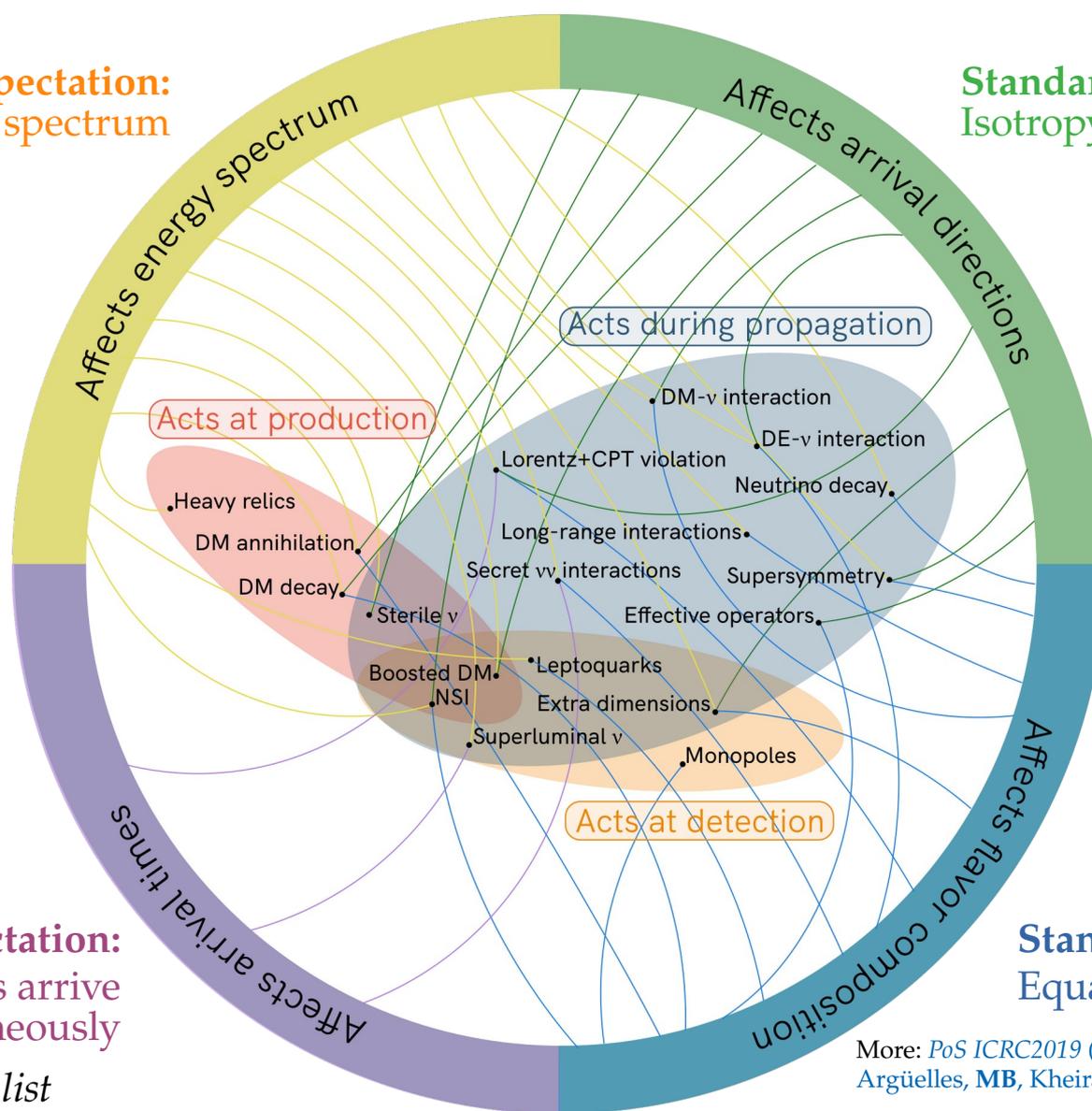
III.  
The future

# Next decade: a host of planned neutrino detectors



**Standard expectation:**  
Power-law energy spectrum

**Standard expectation:**  
Isotropy (for diffuse flux)



**Standard expectation:**  
 $\nu$  and  $\gamma$  from transients arrive simultaneously

**Standard expectation:**  
Equal number of  $\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$

*Note: Not an exhaustive list*

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

# TeV–PeV $\nu$ telescopes, ~2030



### P-ONE

- ▶ Cascadia Basin
- ▶ Completed 2030
- ▶  $V_{\text{eff}} > 1 \text{ km}^3$
- ▶ 70 strings, 1400 OMs

### KM3NeT

- ▶ Mediterranean Sea
- ▶ ARCA: high-energy array
- ▶ Completed 2024
- ▶  $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 2.5 \text{ km}^3$
- ▶ 230 strings, 4100+ OMs



### Baikal GVD

- ▶ Lake Baikal
- ▶ Completed 2025
- ▶  $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 1.5 \text{ km}^3$
- ▶ 90 strings, 1000+ OMs

### IceCube-Gen2

- ▶ South Pole
- ▶ Completed 2030
- ▶  $V_{\text{eff}} \sim 8 \text{ km}^3$
- ▶ 206 strings, ~15000 OMs



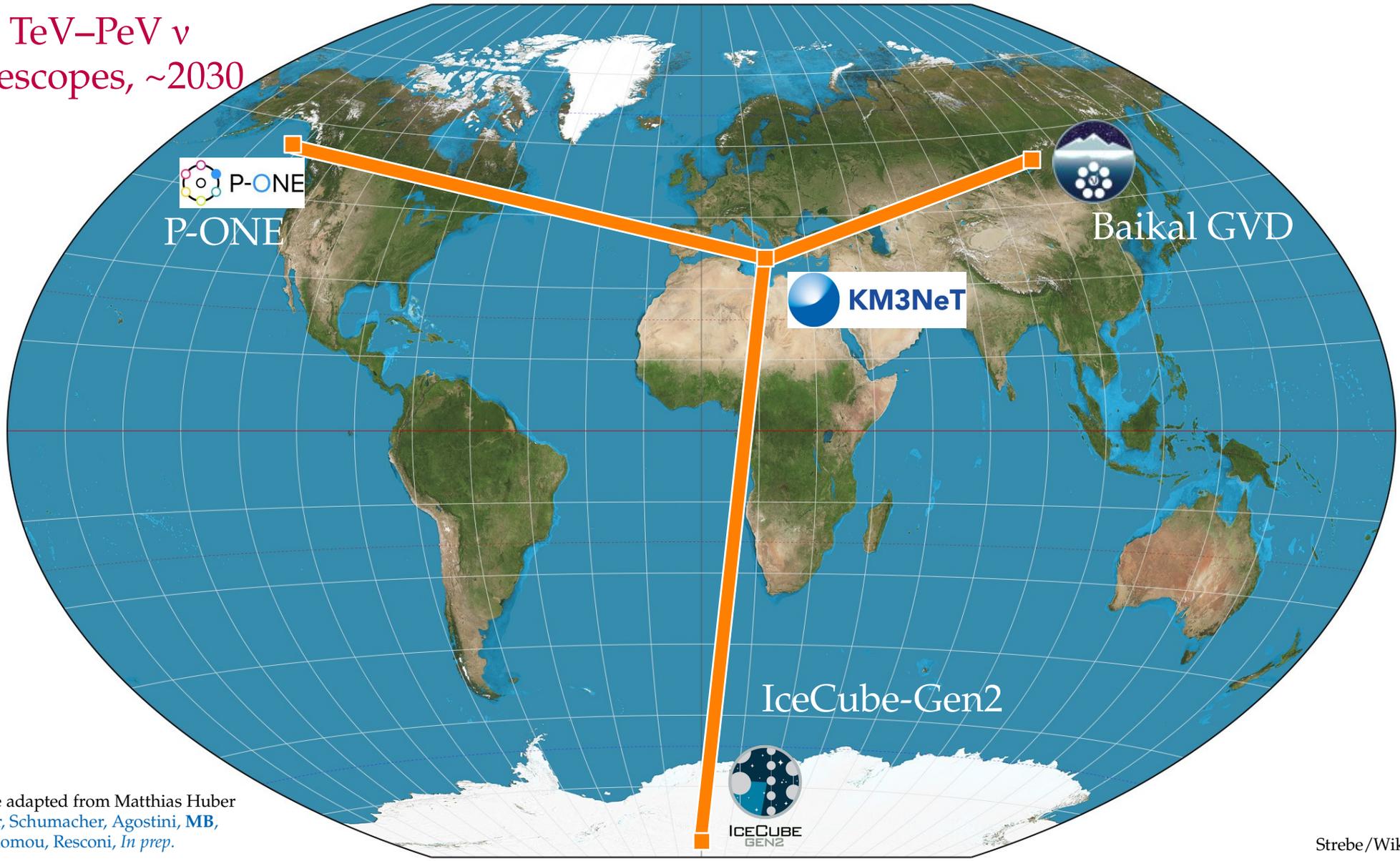
OM: optical module

TeV–PeV  $\nu$   
telescopes, ~2030



Figure adapted from Matthias Huber  
Huber, Schumacher, Agostini, MB,  
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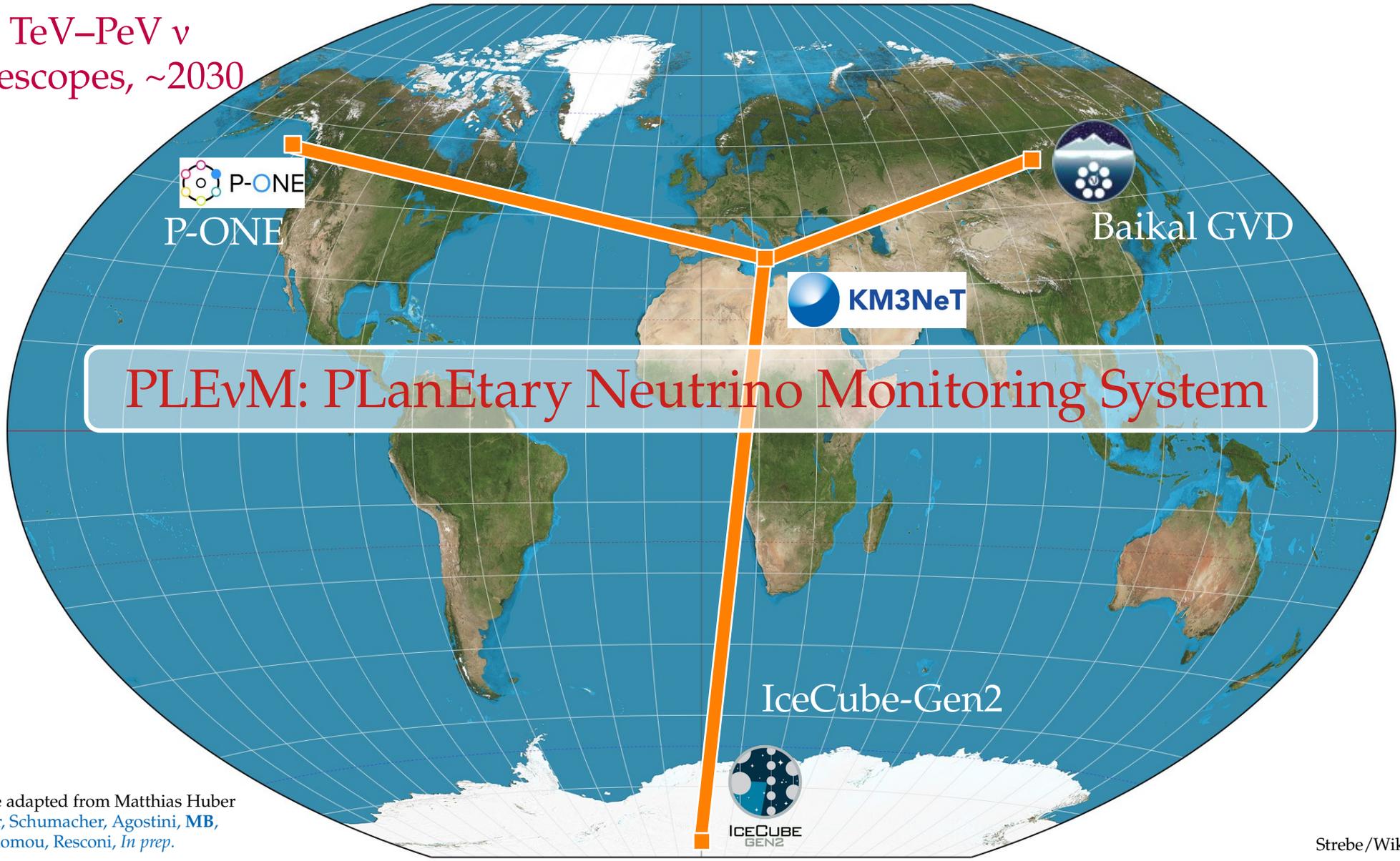
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IceCube-Gen2

  
ICECUBE  
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PLEvM: PPlanetary Neutrino Monitoring System

P-ONE



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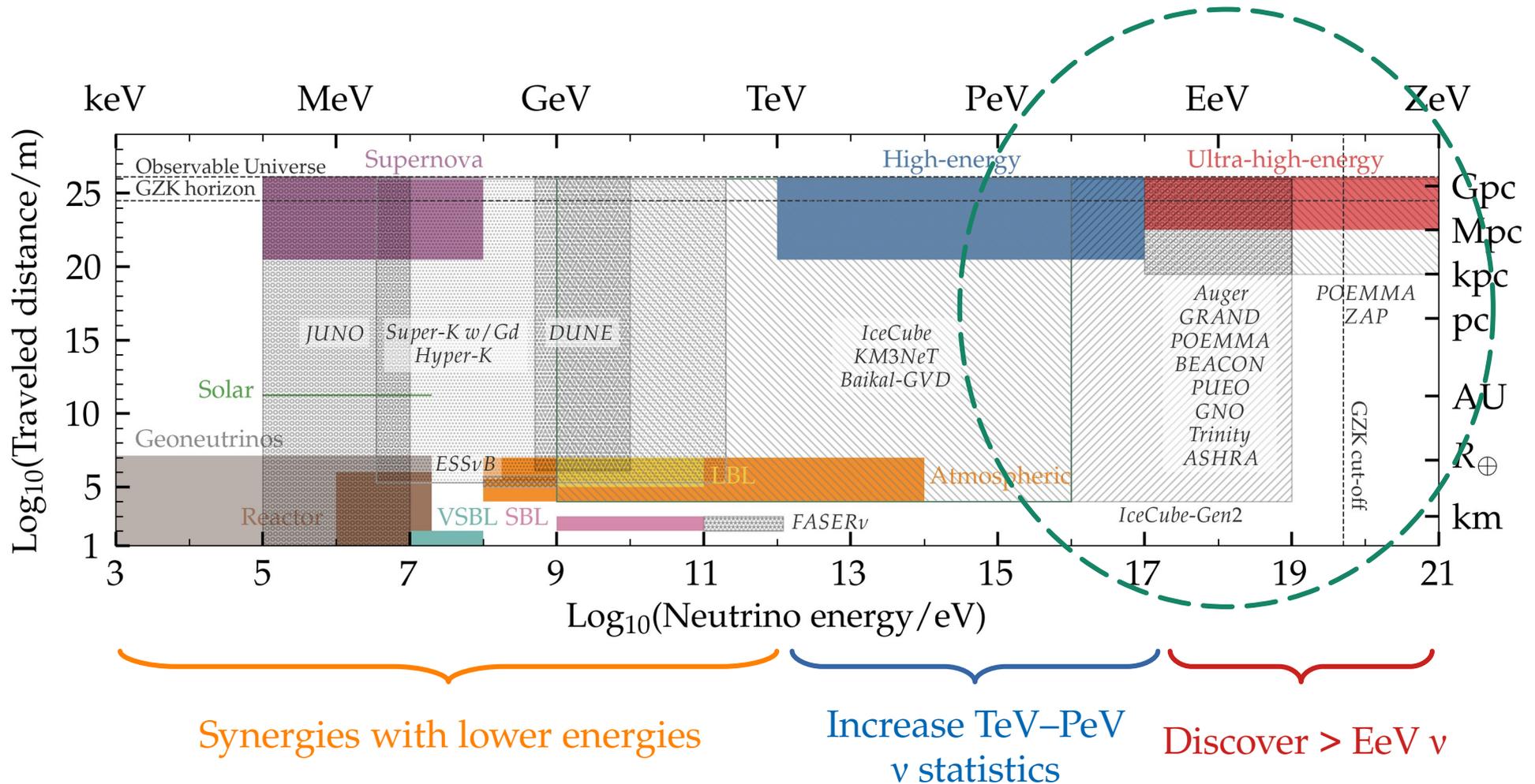


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How it started

How it's going

10–20 years from now

First predictions of high-energy cosmic  $\nu$

PeV  $\nu$  discovered

Hints of sources  
First tests of  $\nu$  physics

EeV  $\nu$  discovered  
Precision tests with PeV  $\nu$   
First tests with EeV  $\nu$

End