Introduction to high-energy astrophysical neutrinos 3/3

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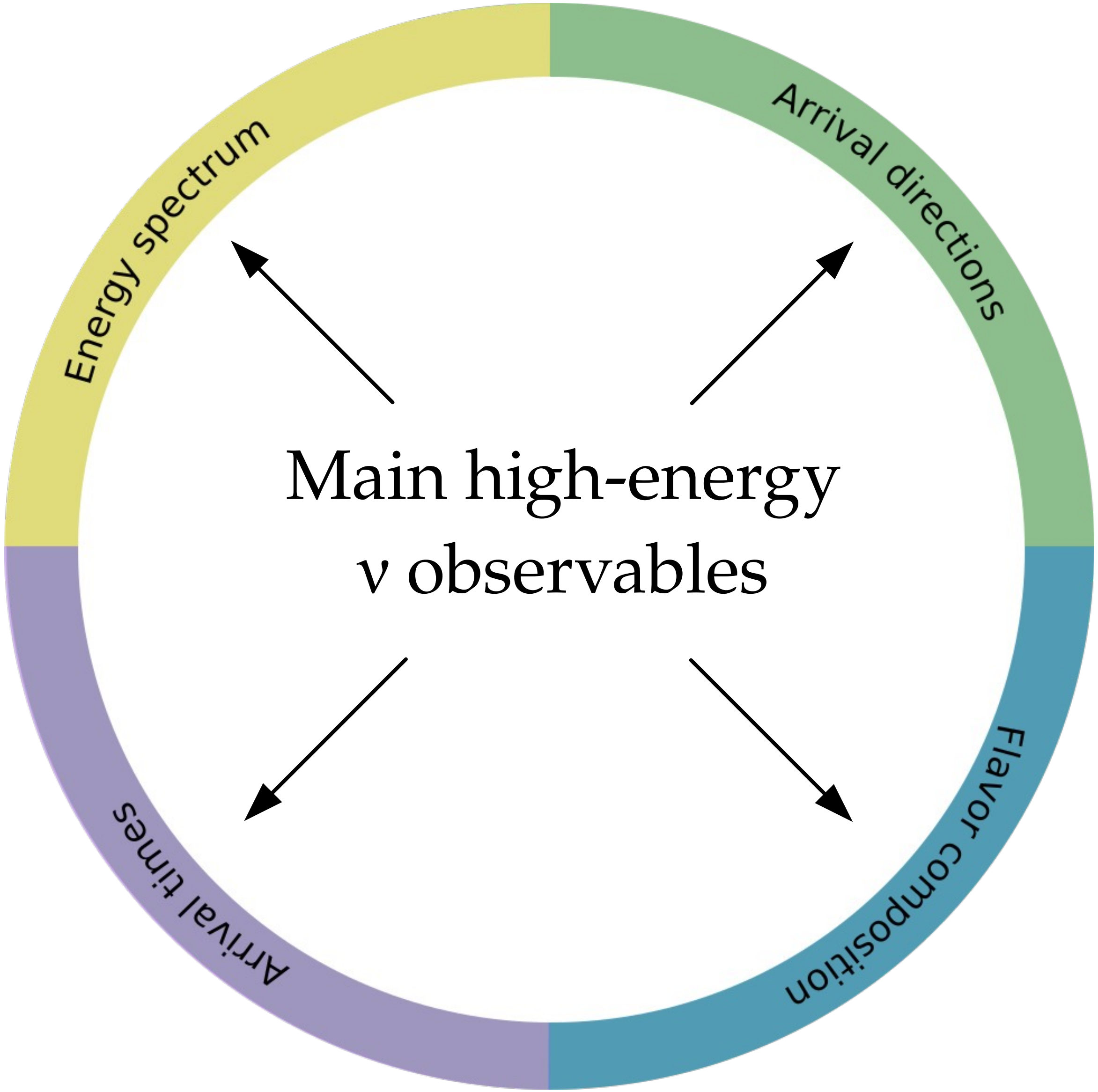
Main high-energy ν observables
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Arrival directions
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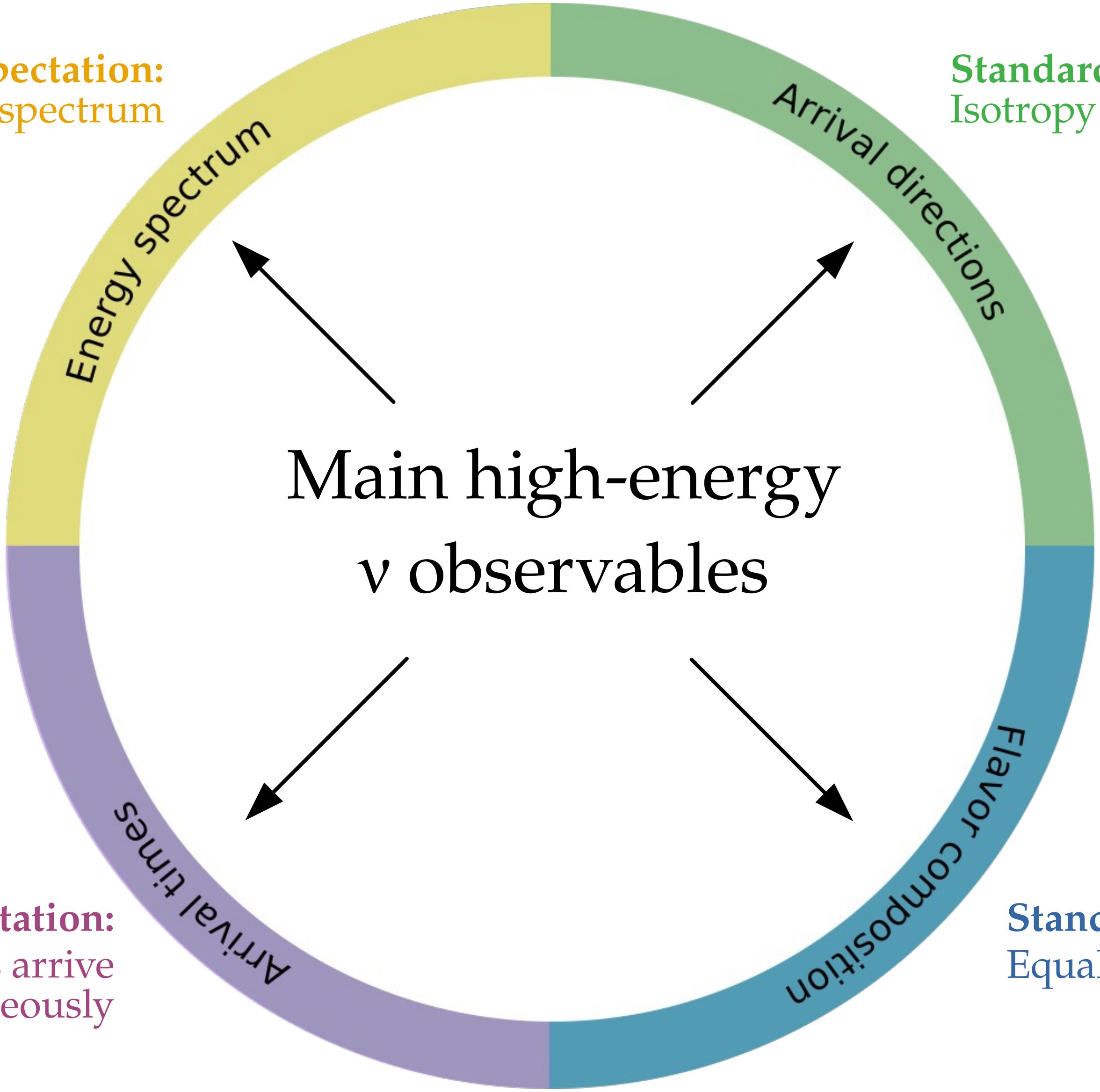

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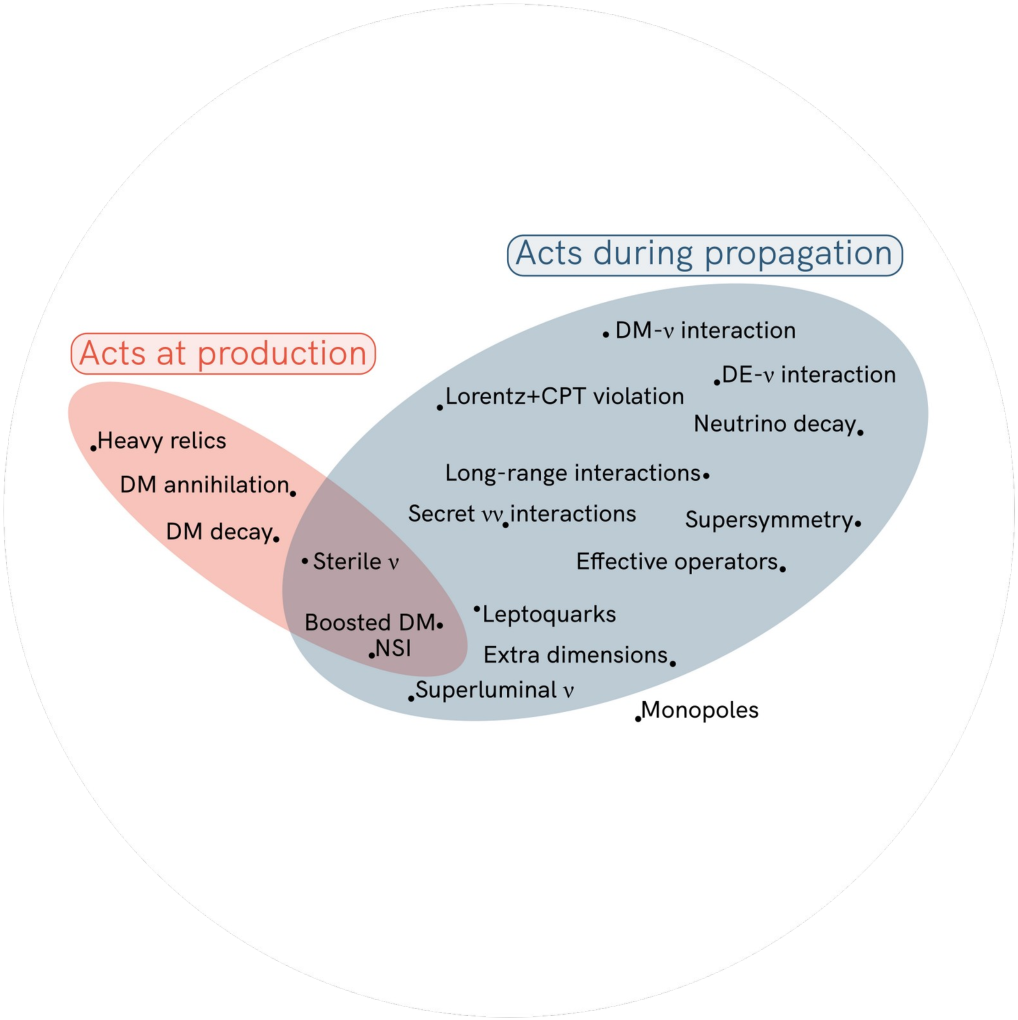

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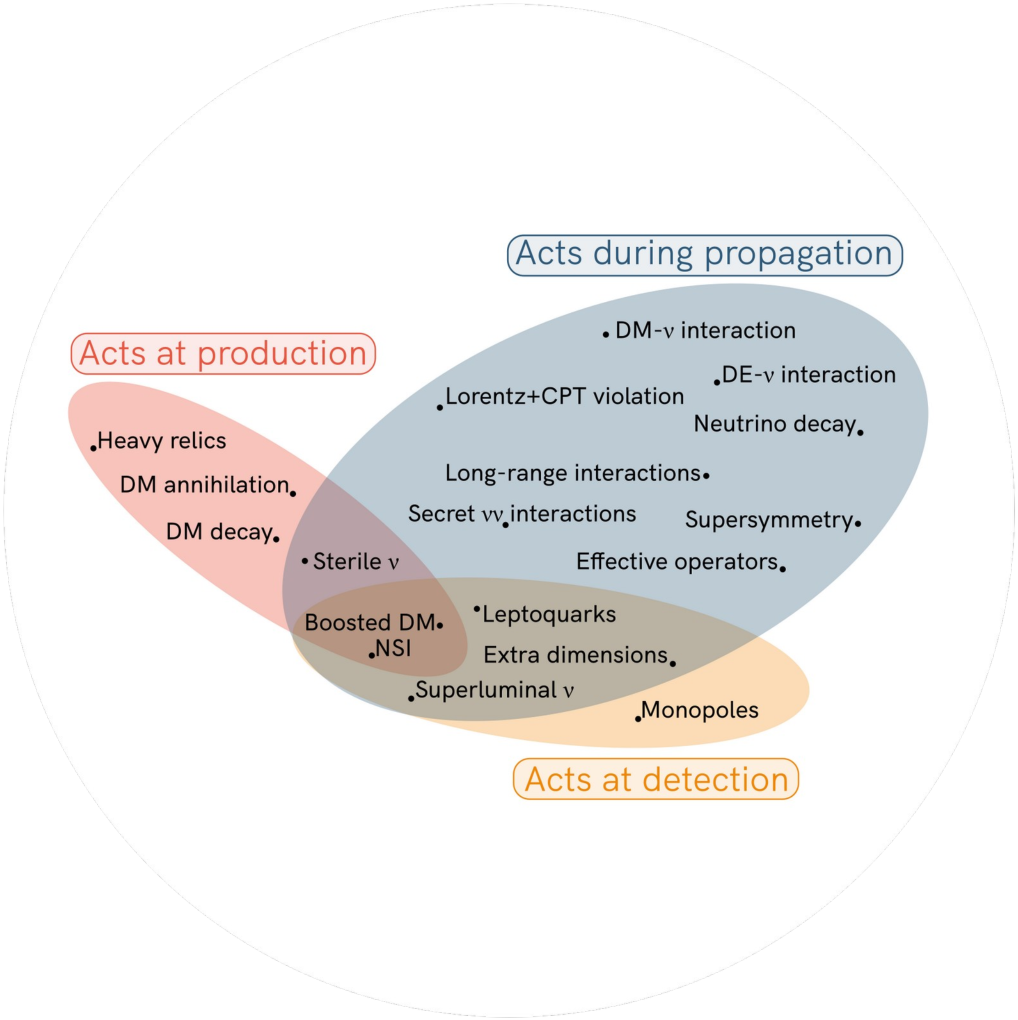

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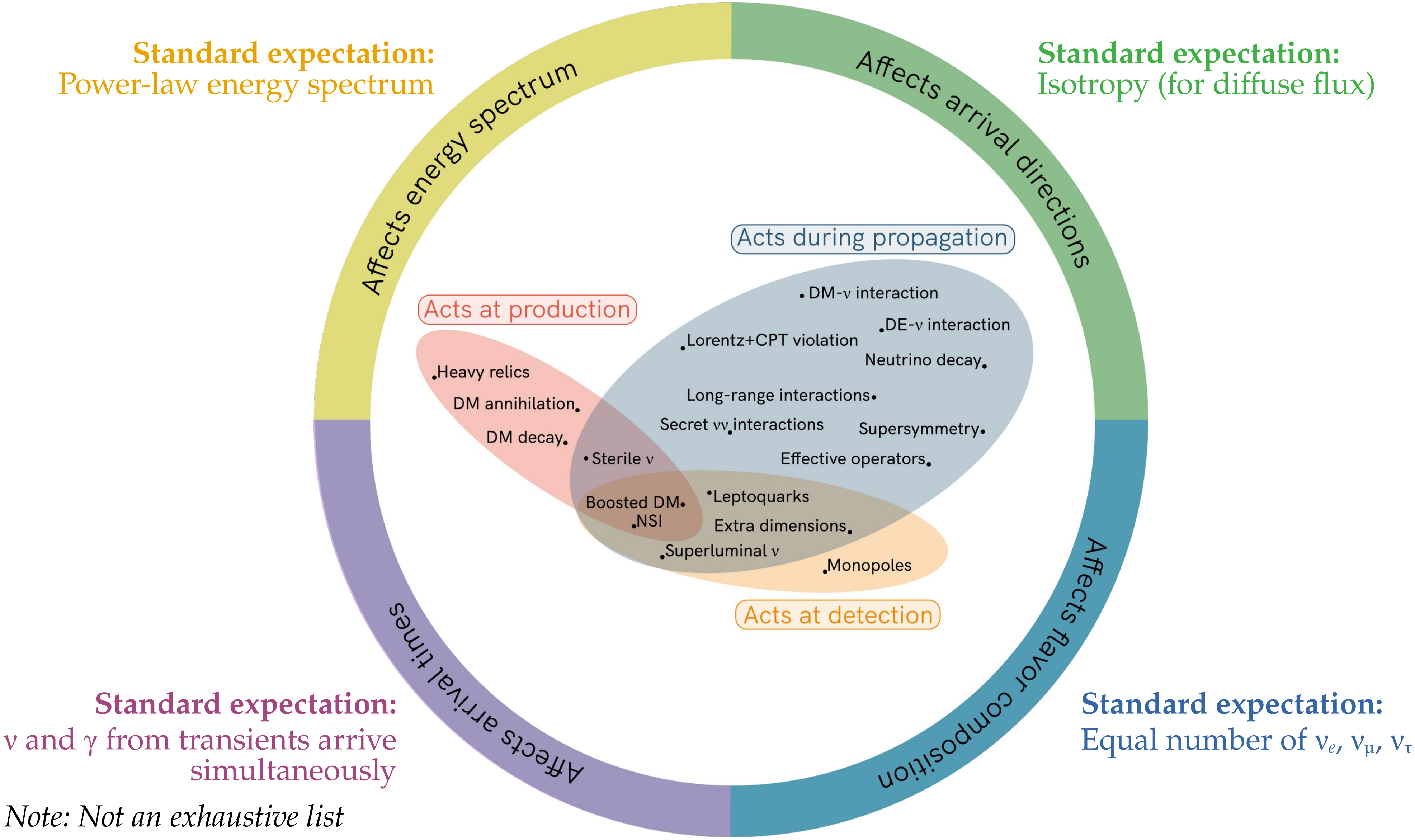

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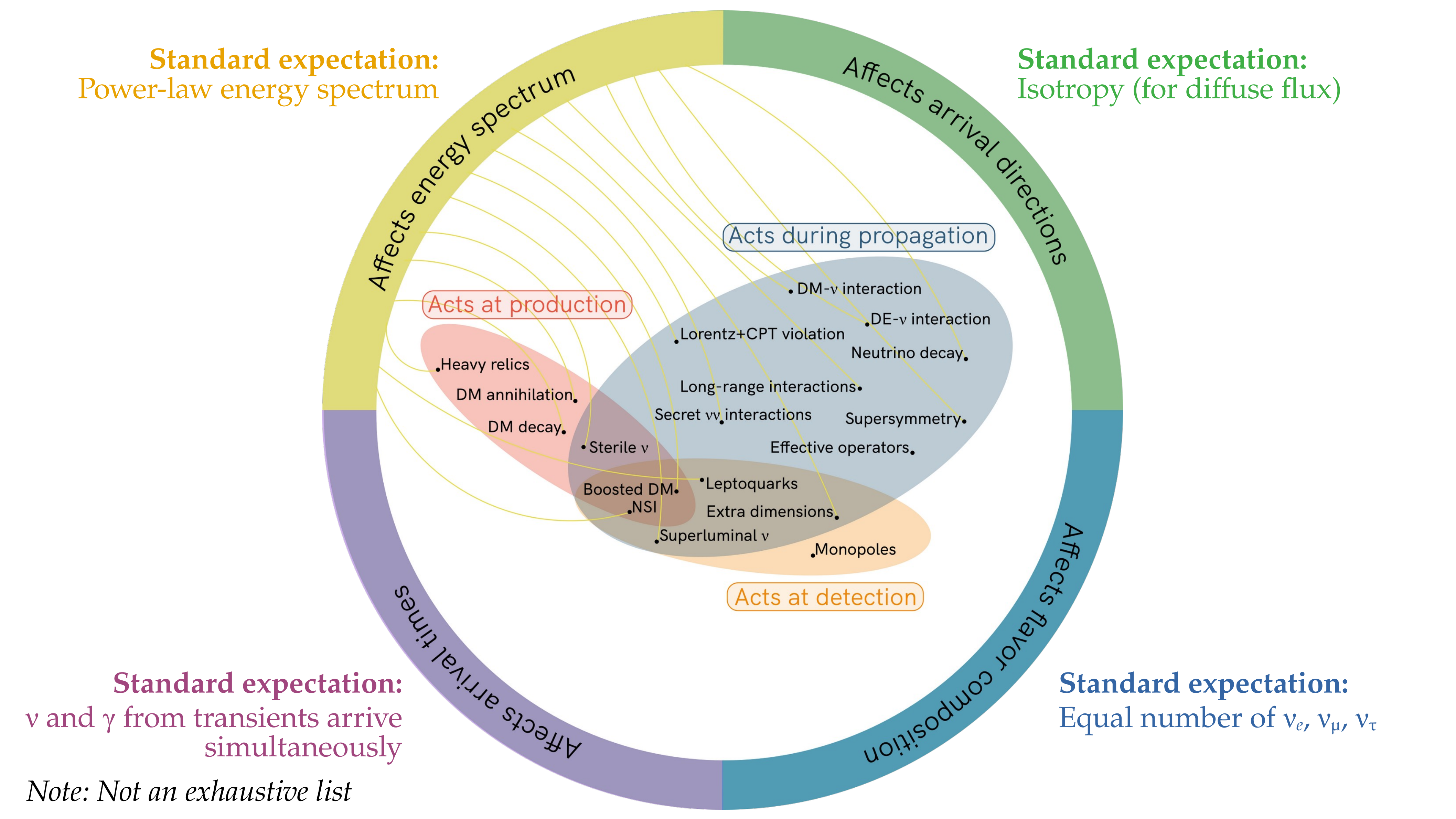
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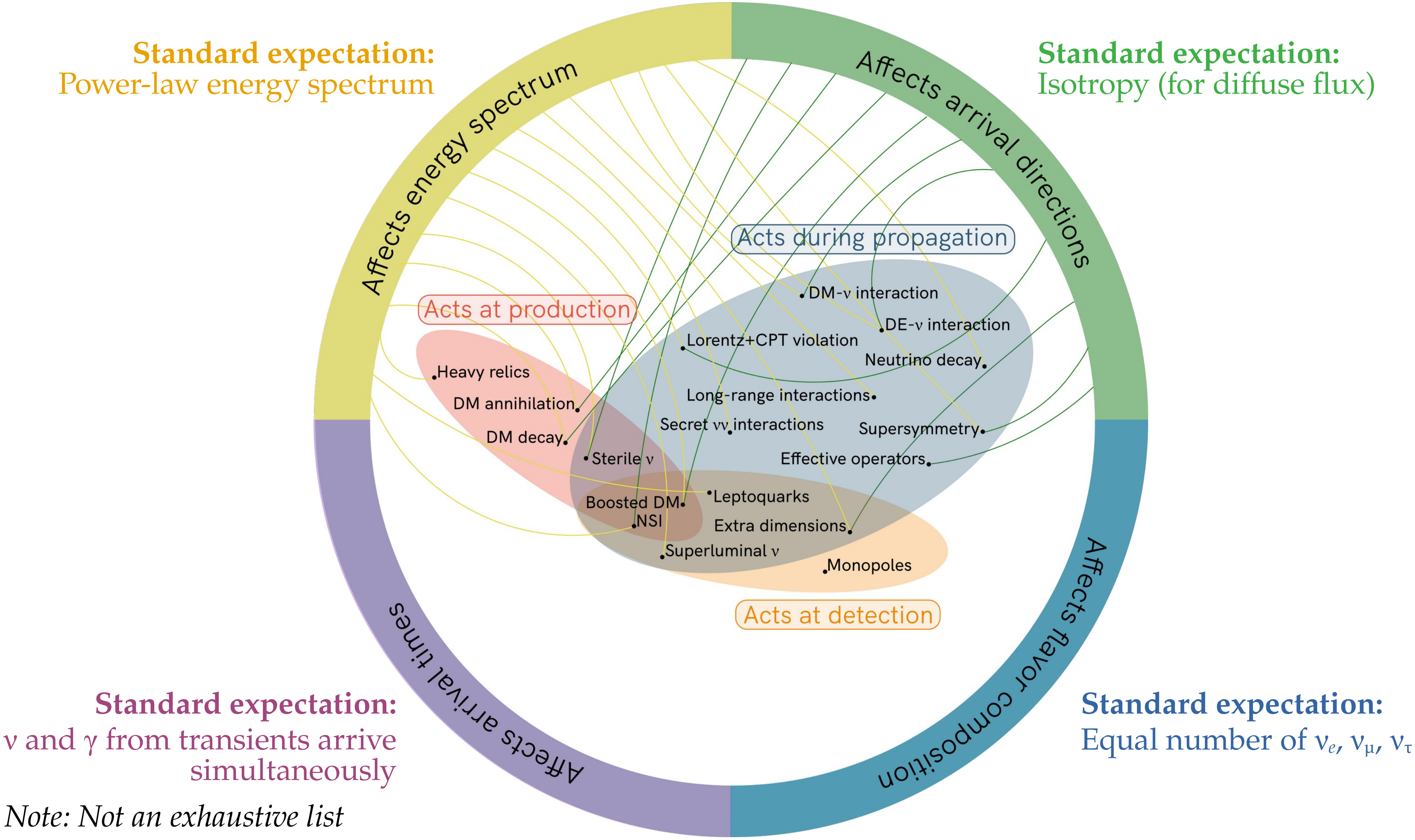
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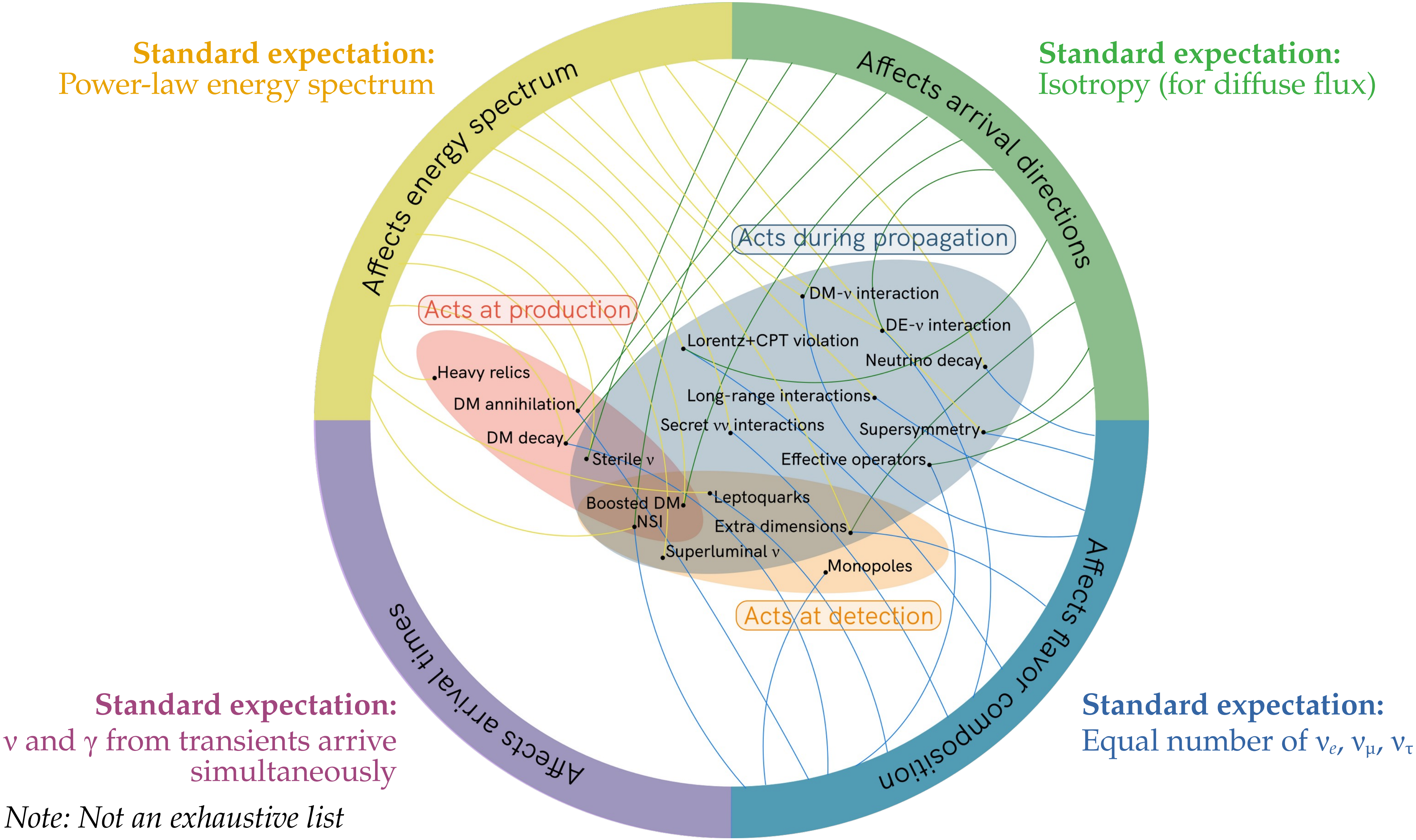
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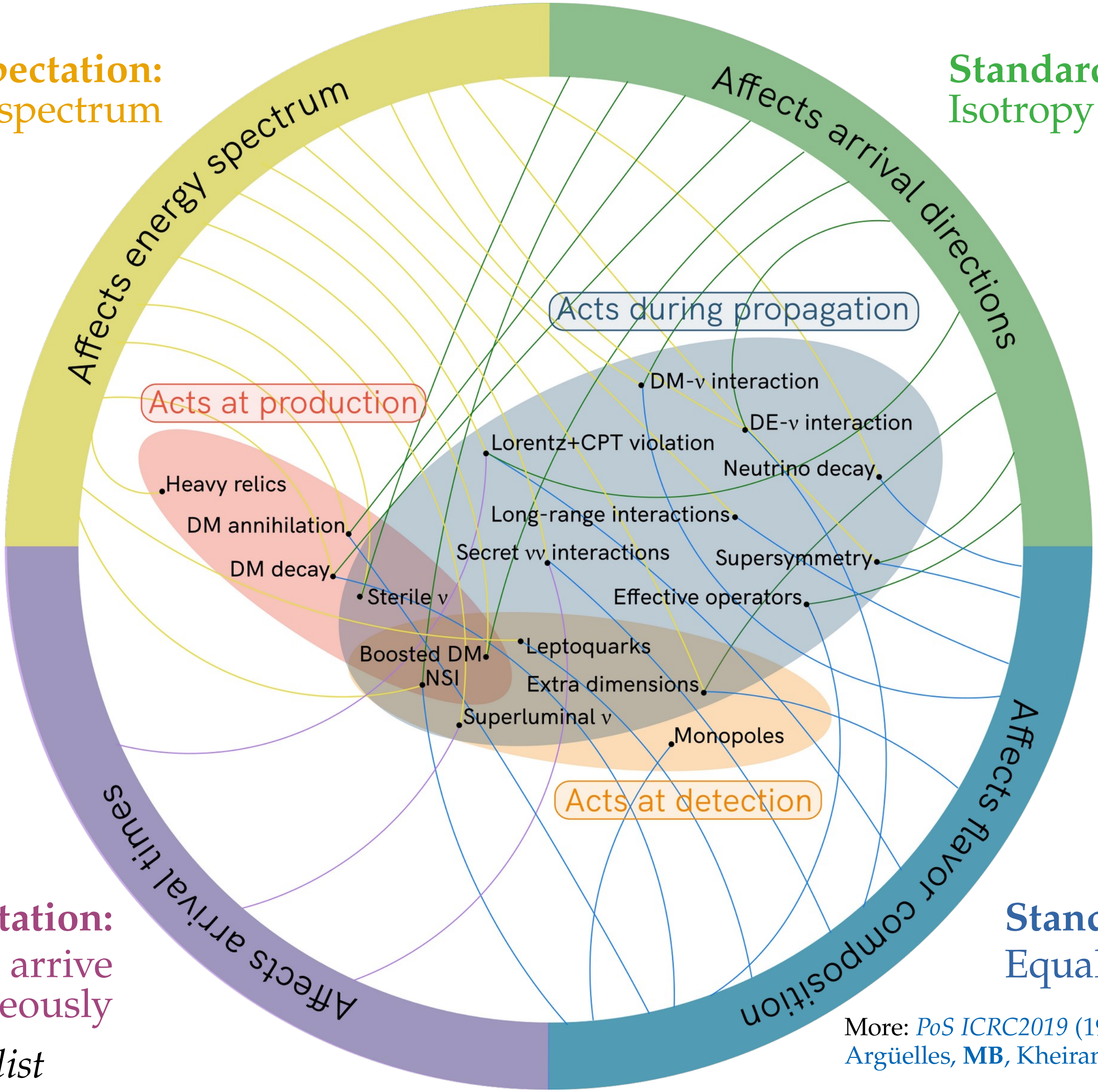

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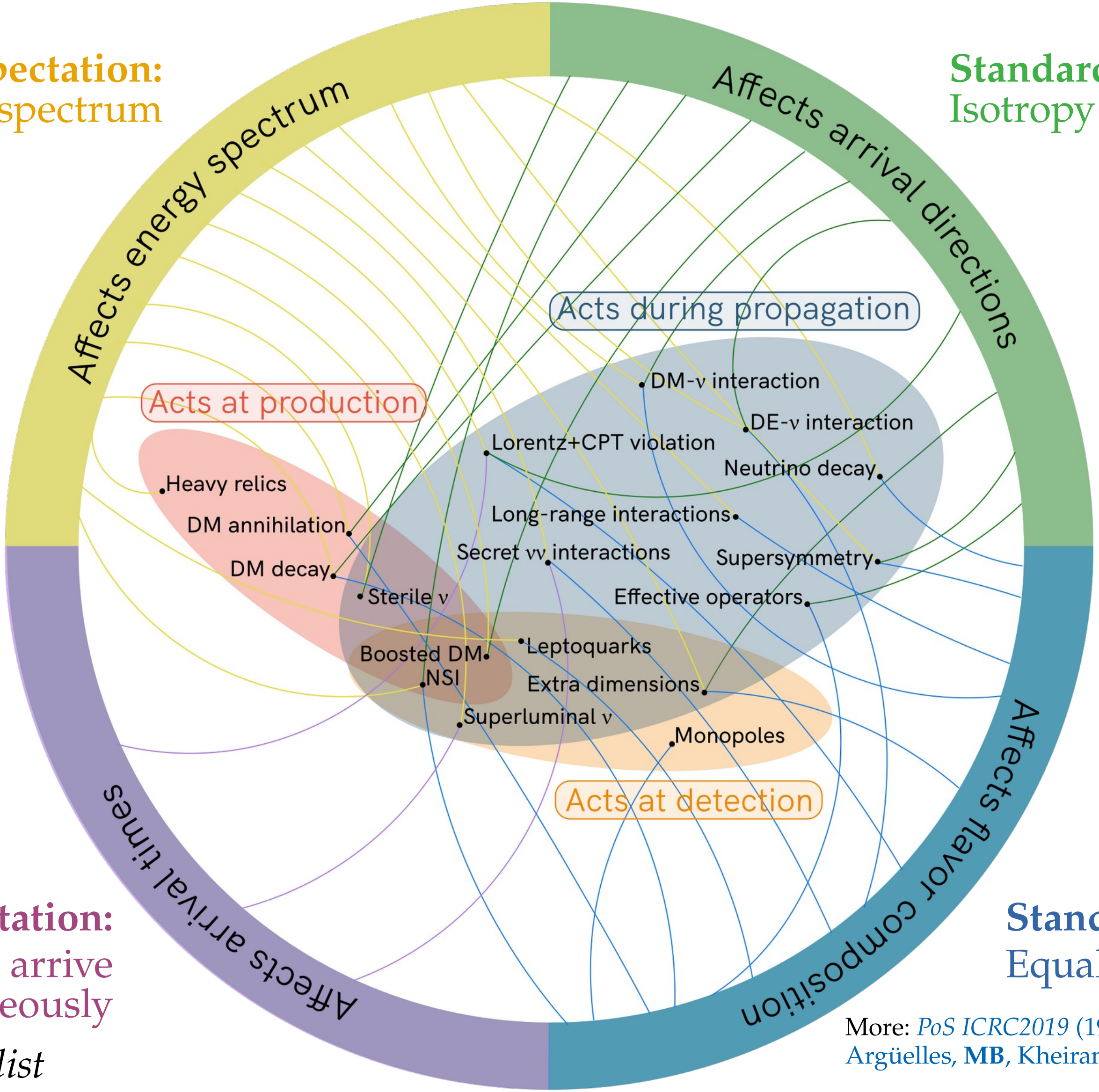

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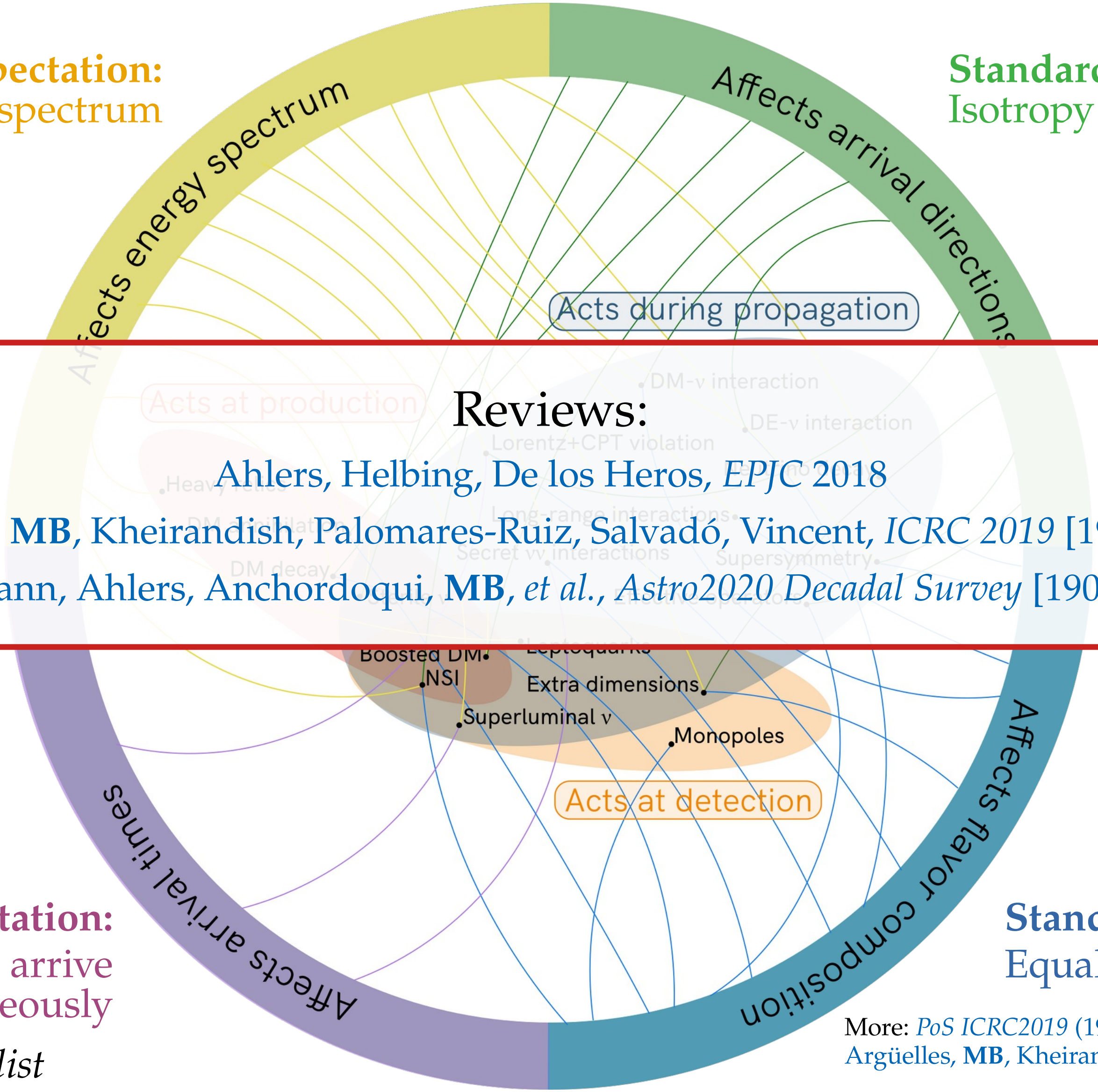

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A selection of neutrino physics

1. Discovering the Glashow resonance
2. Secret neutrino interactions
3. Neutrino-matter cross section
4. New physics via flavor
5. Neutrino decay

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Long-sought, finally seen

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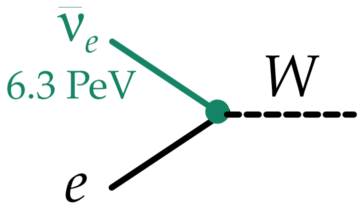

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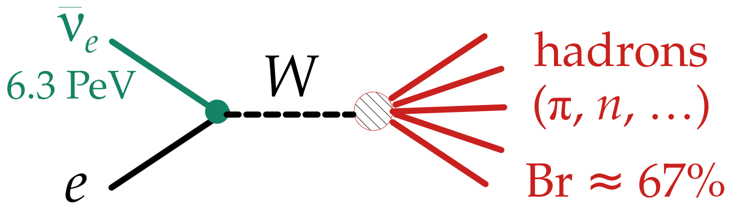

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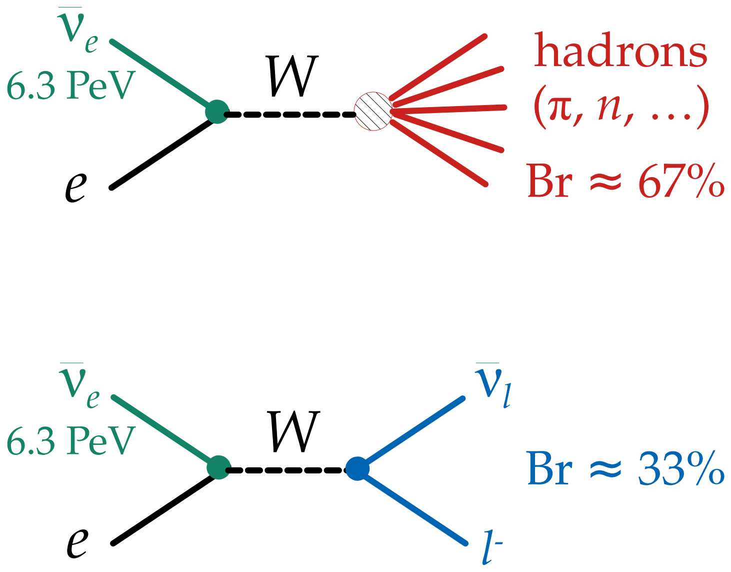

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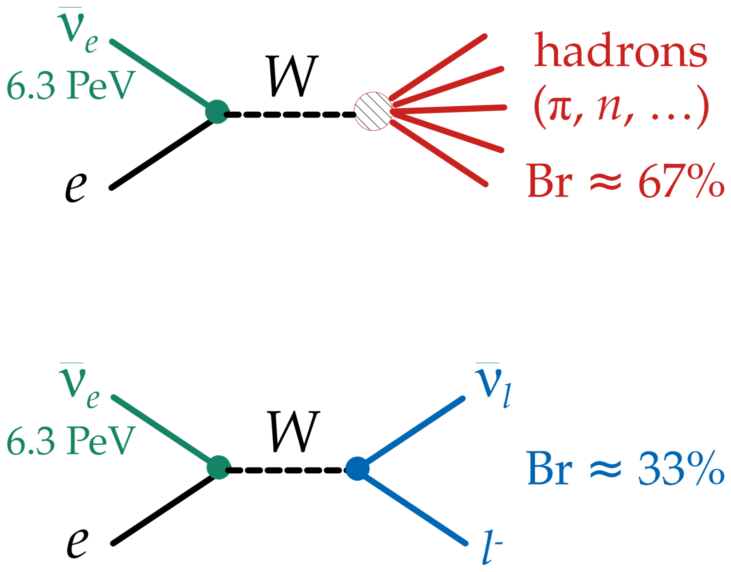

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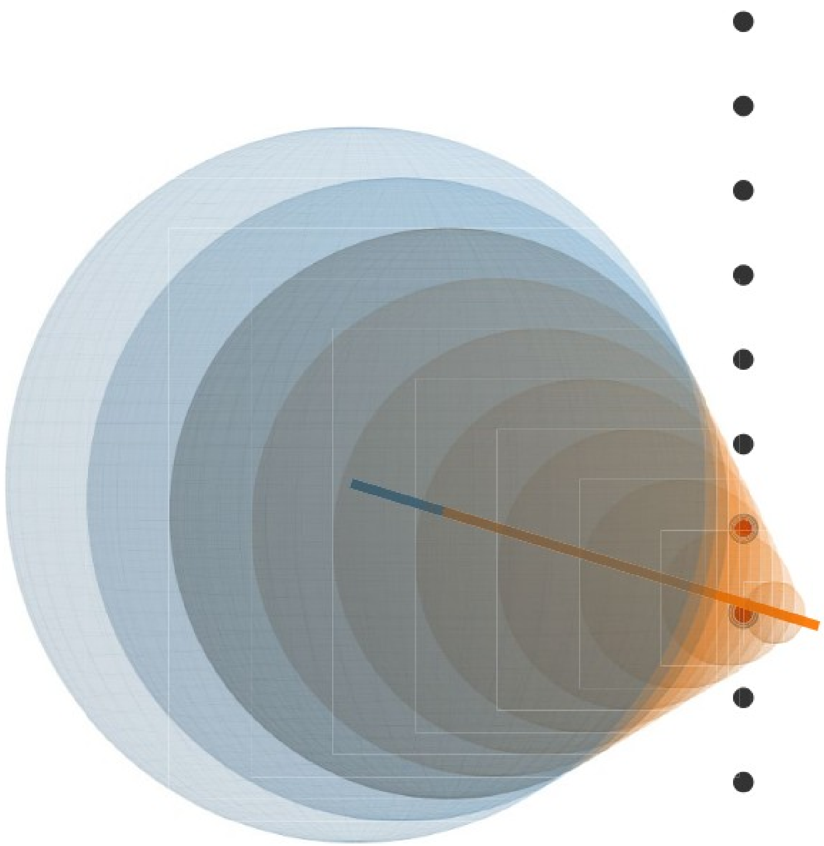

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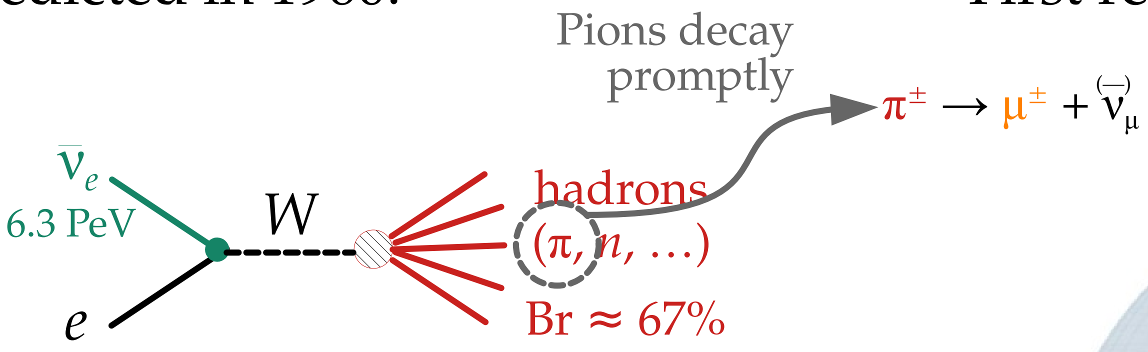

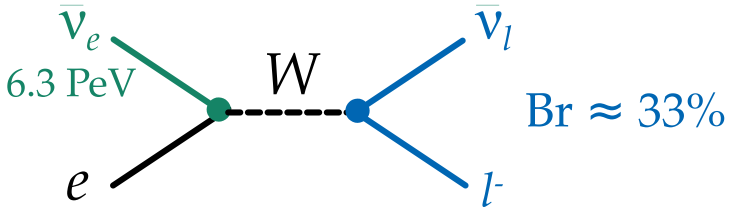

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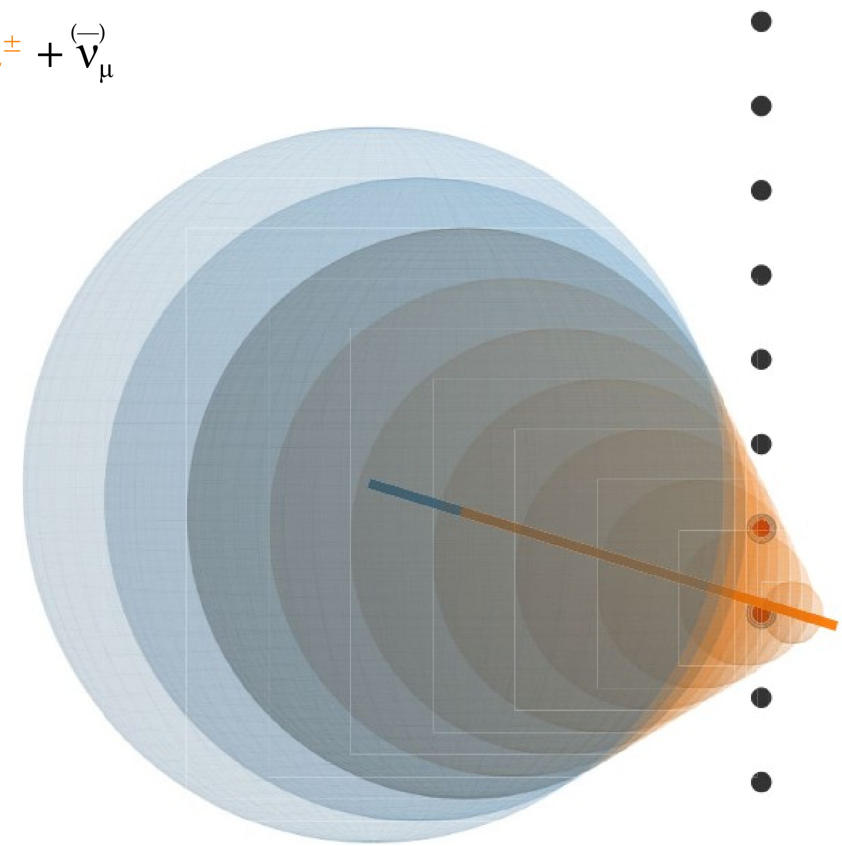

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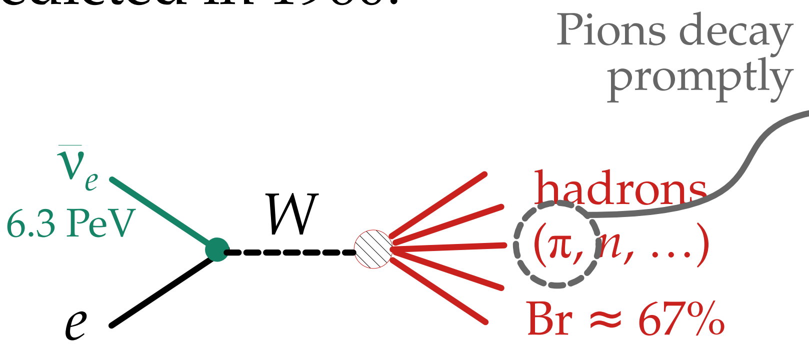

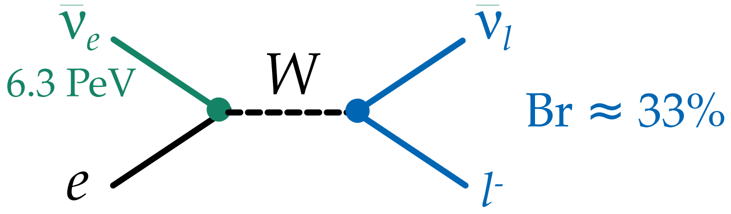

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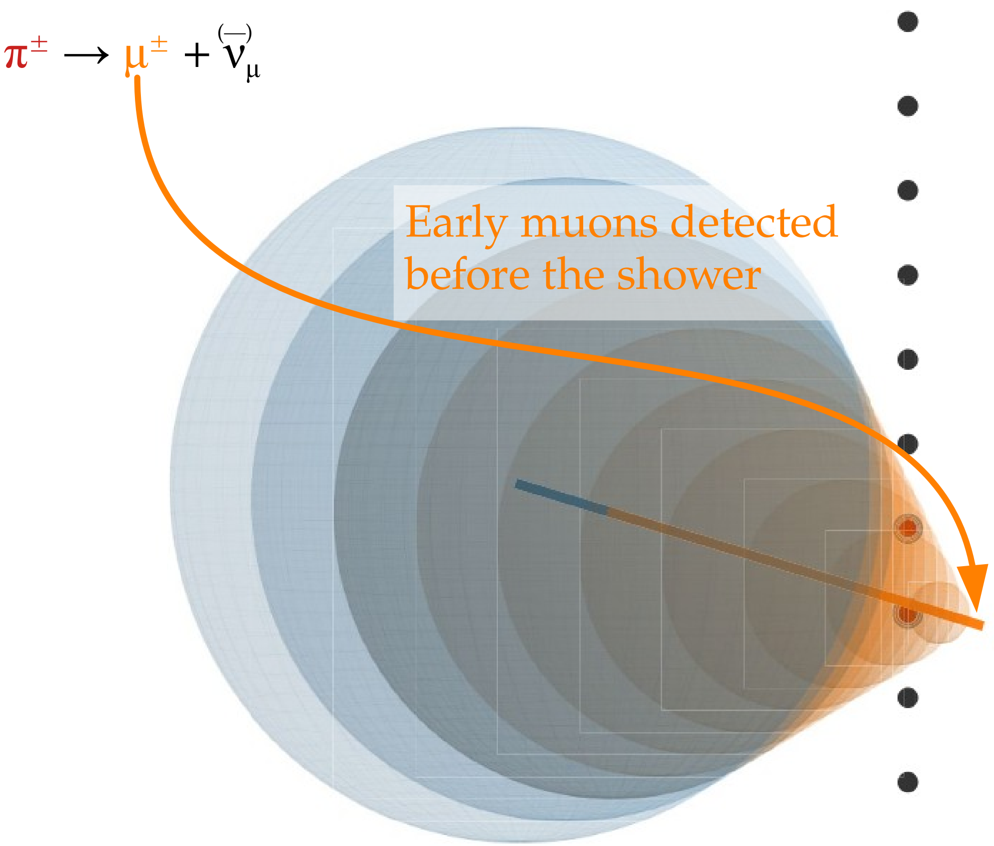

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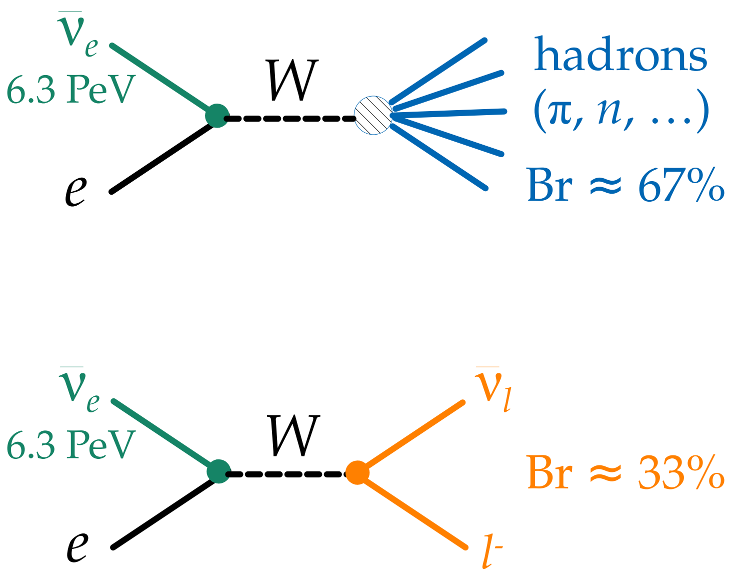

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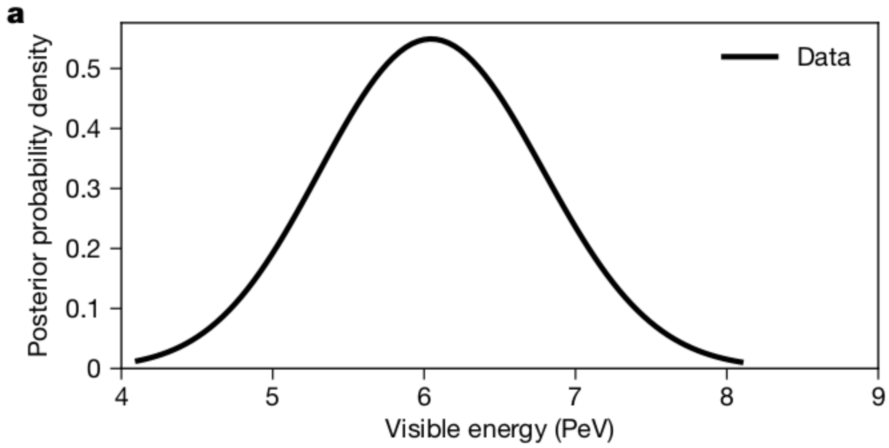

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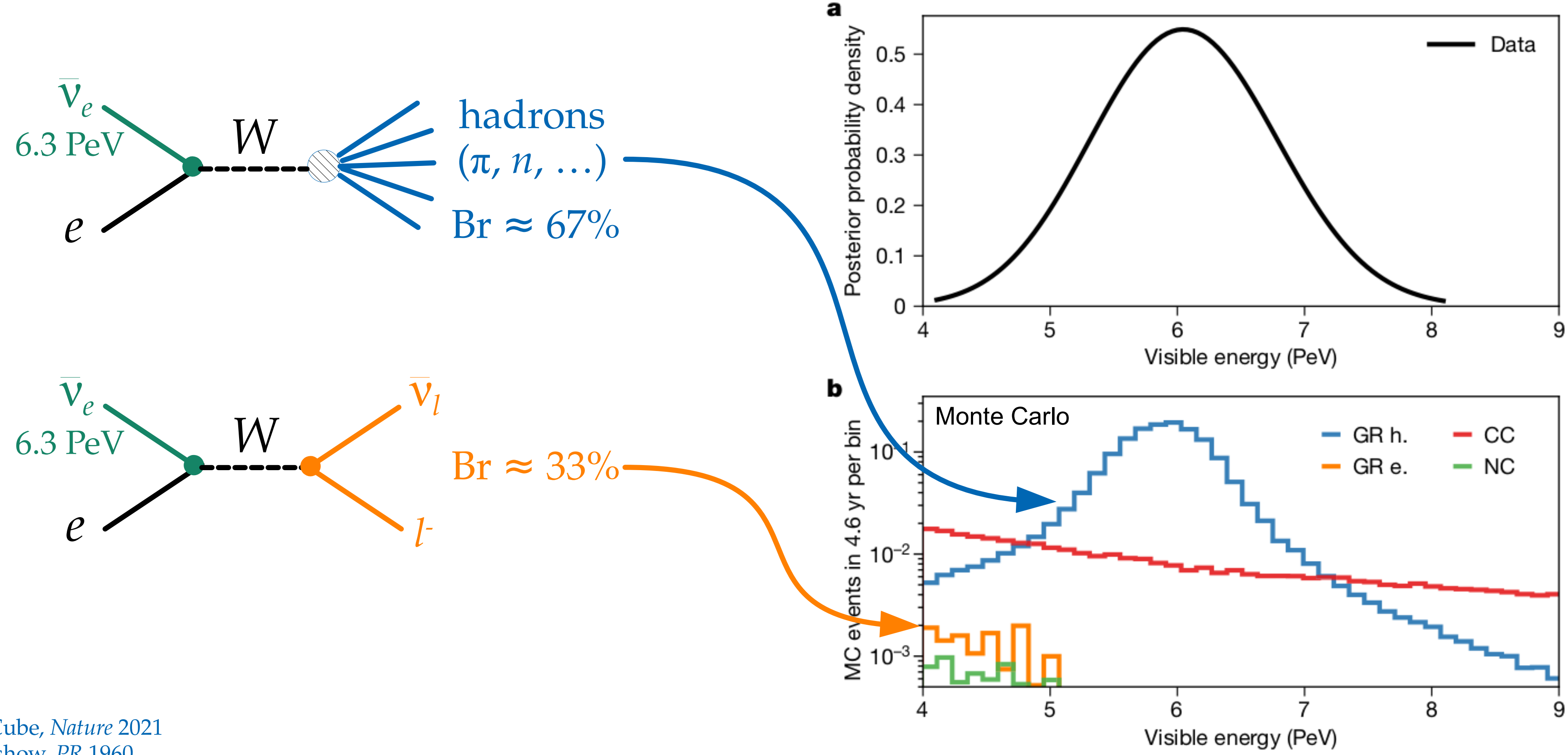

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2. New neutrino interactions:

Are there secret $\nu\nu$ interactions?

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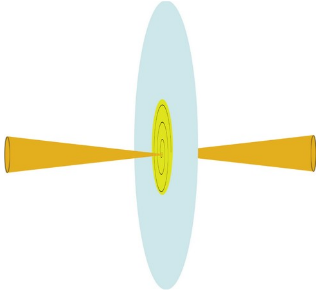

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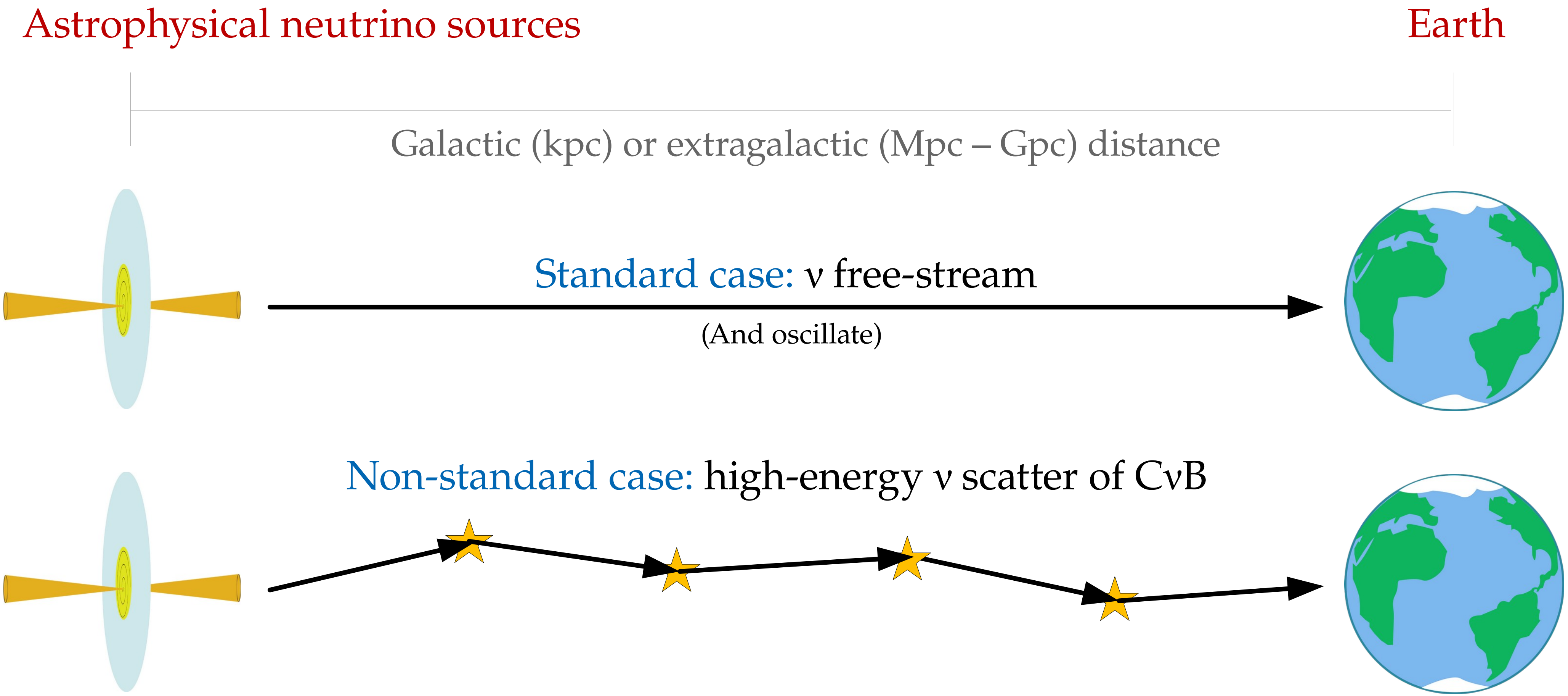
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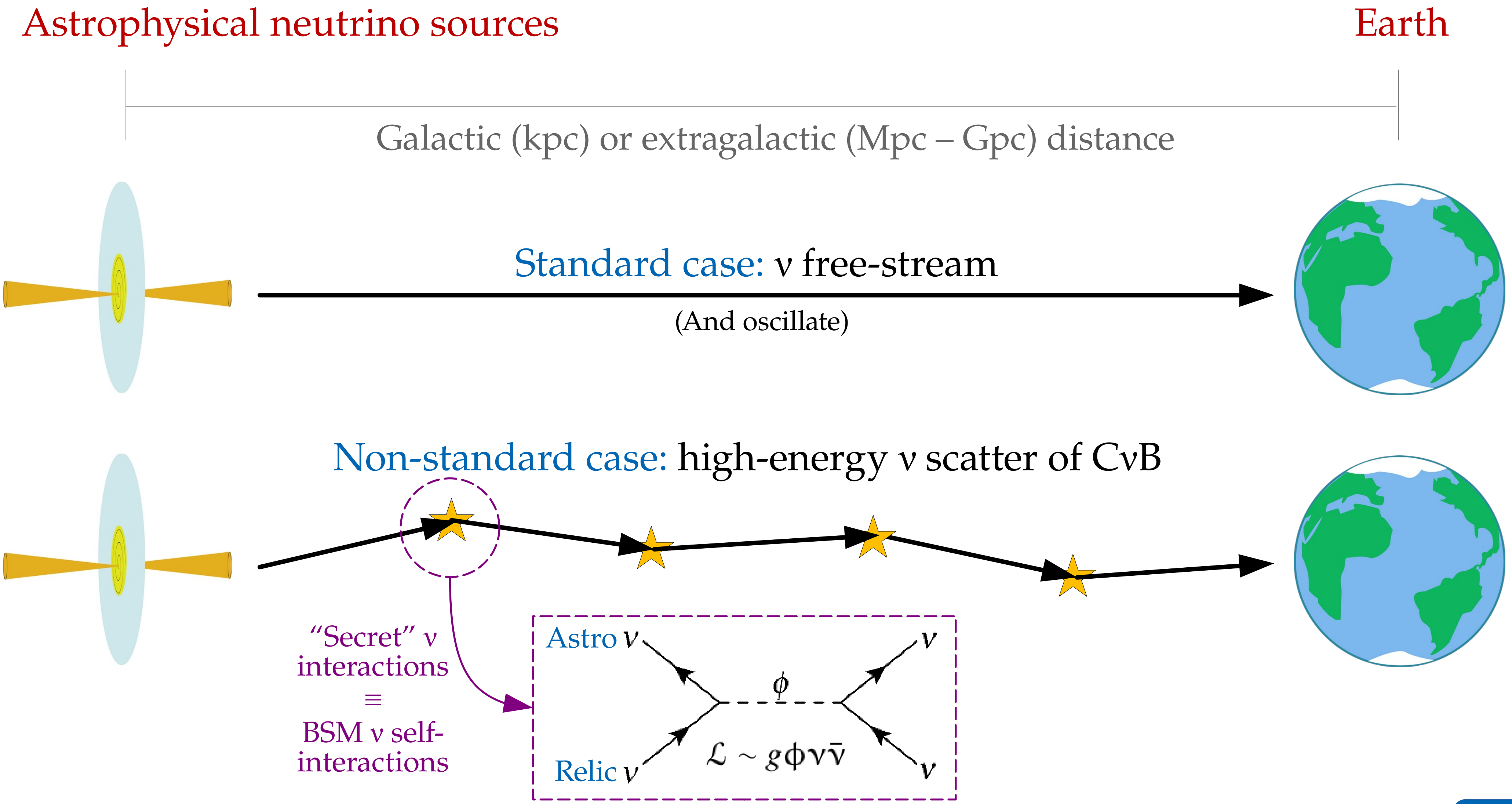
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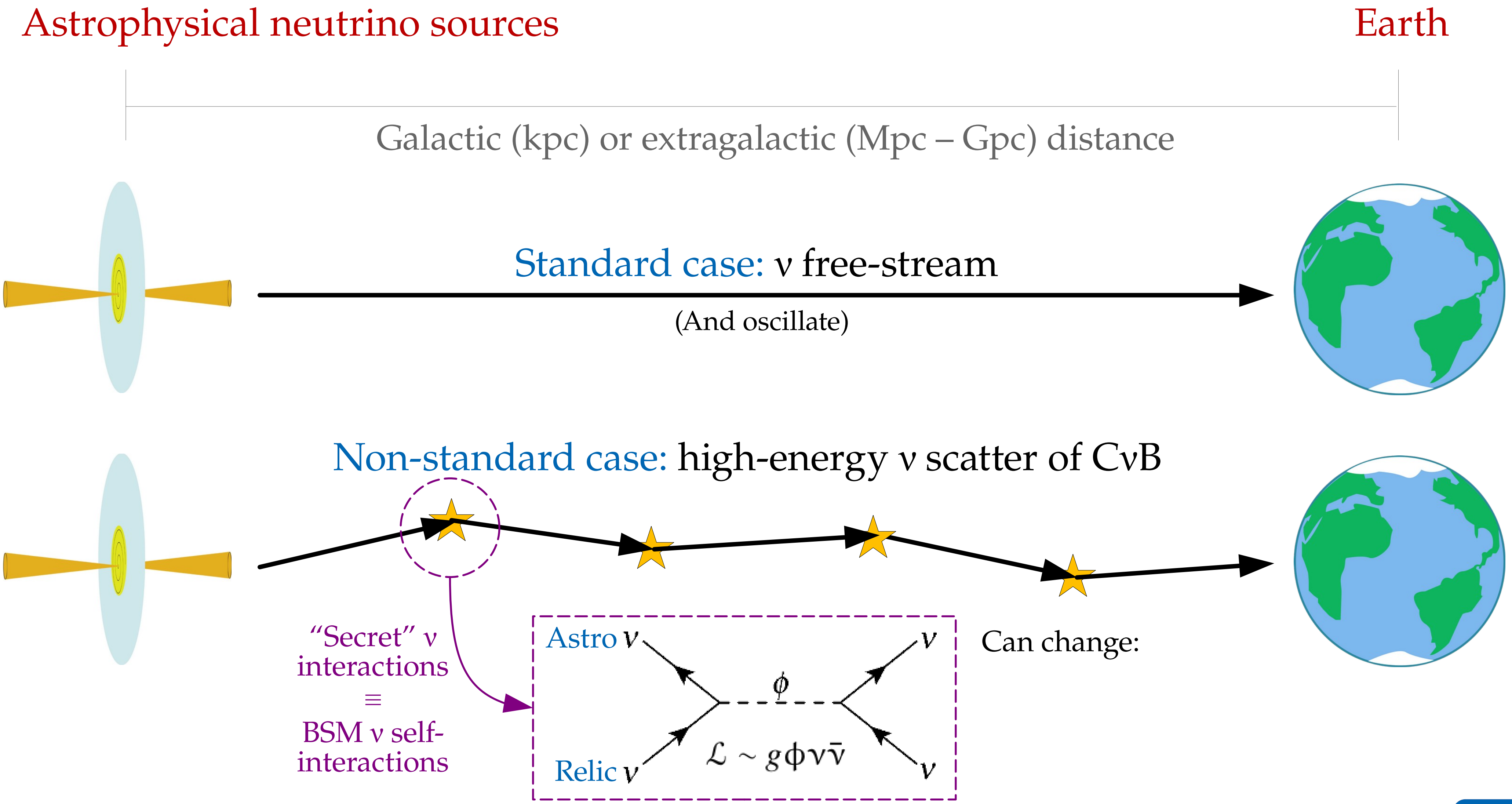
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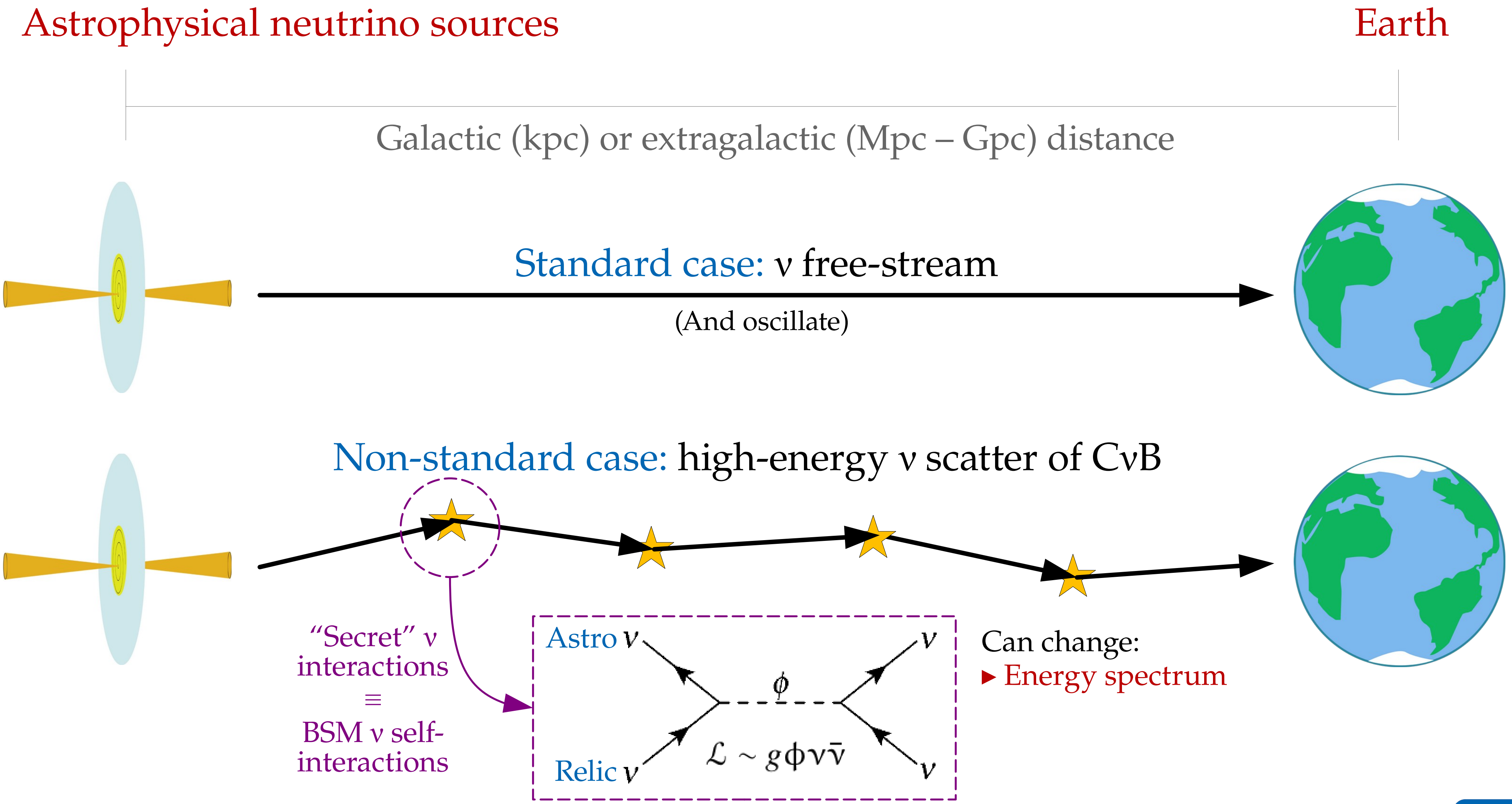

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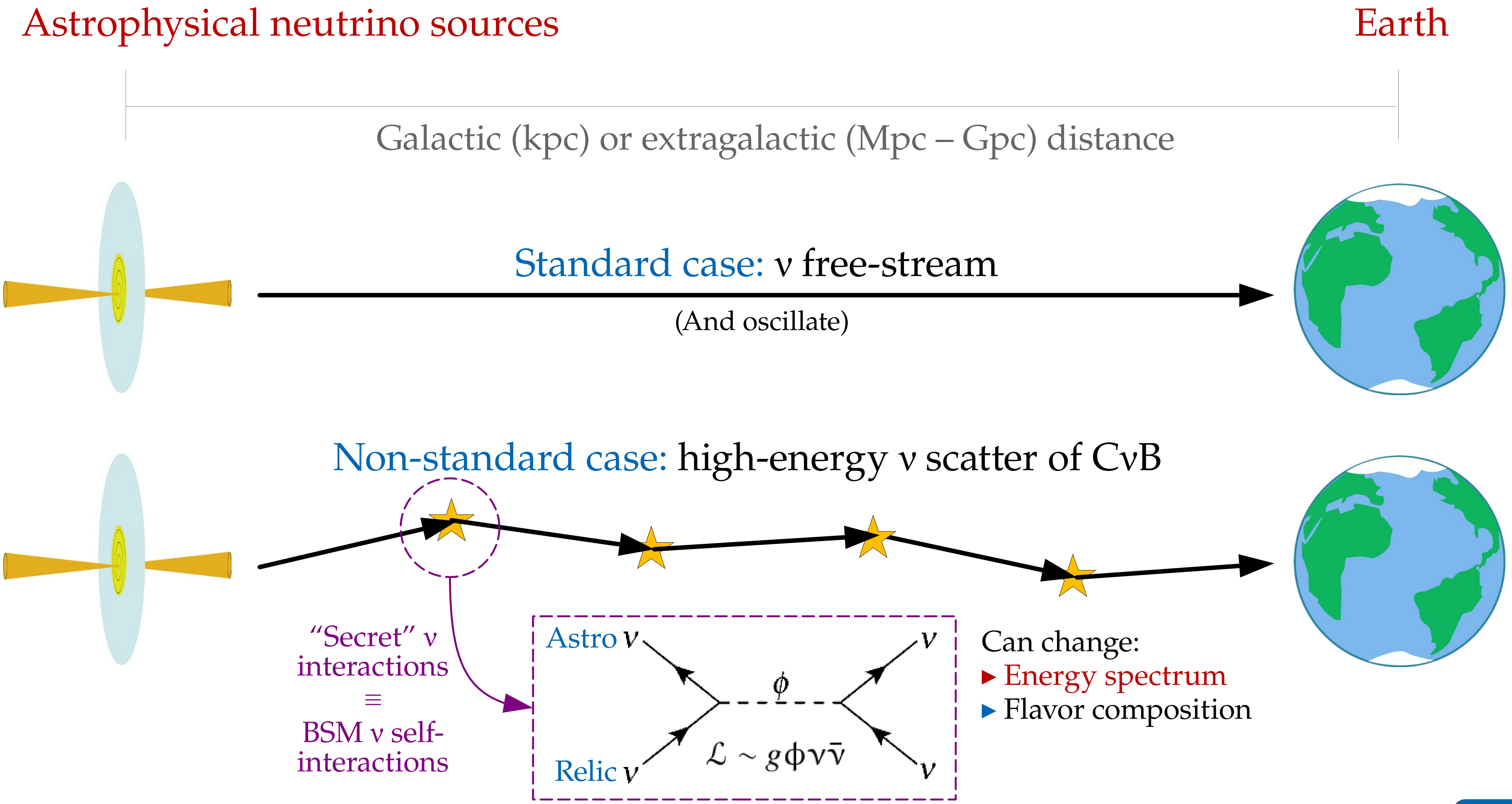
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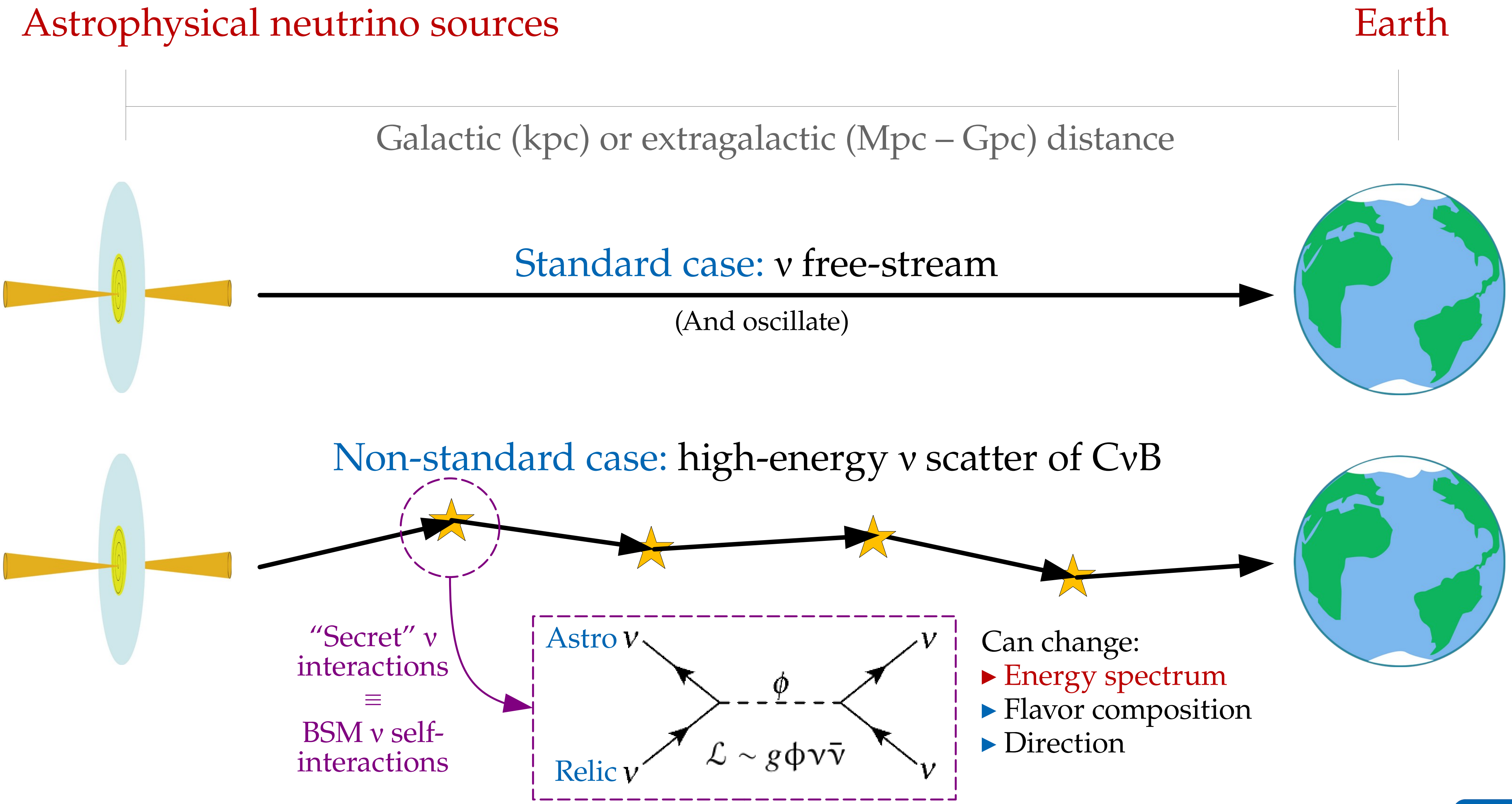
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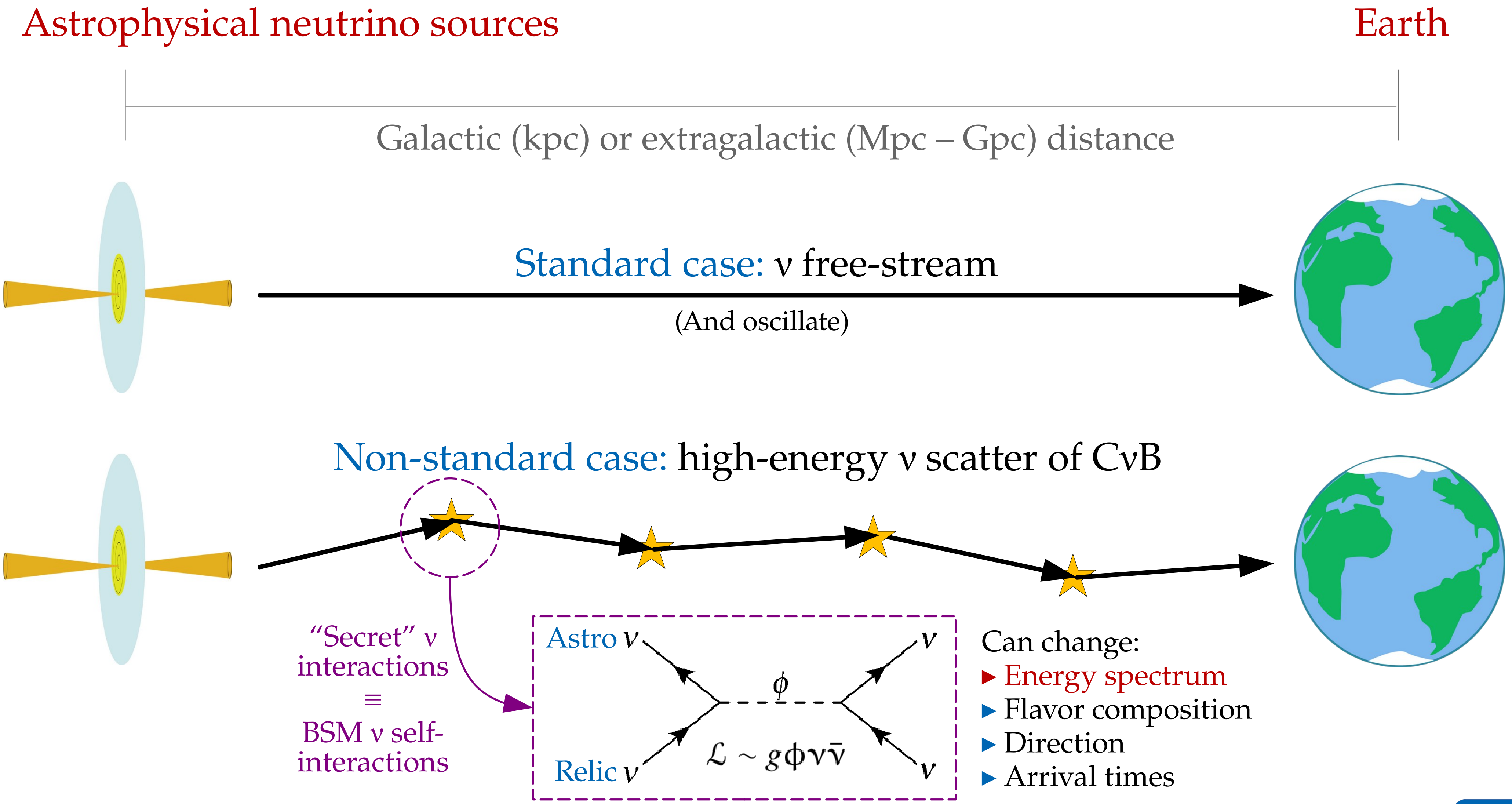
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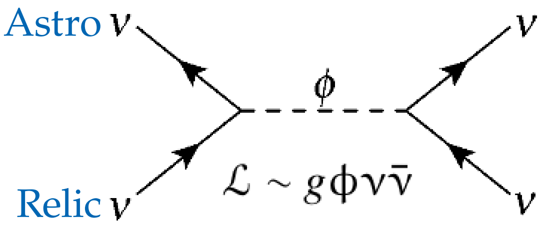

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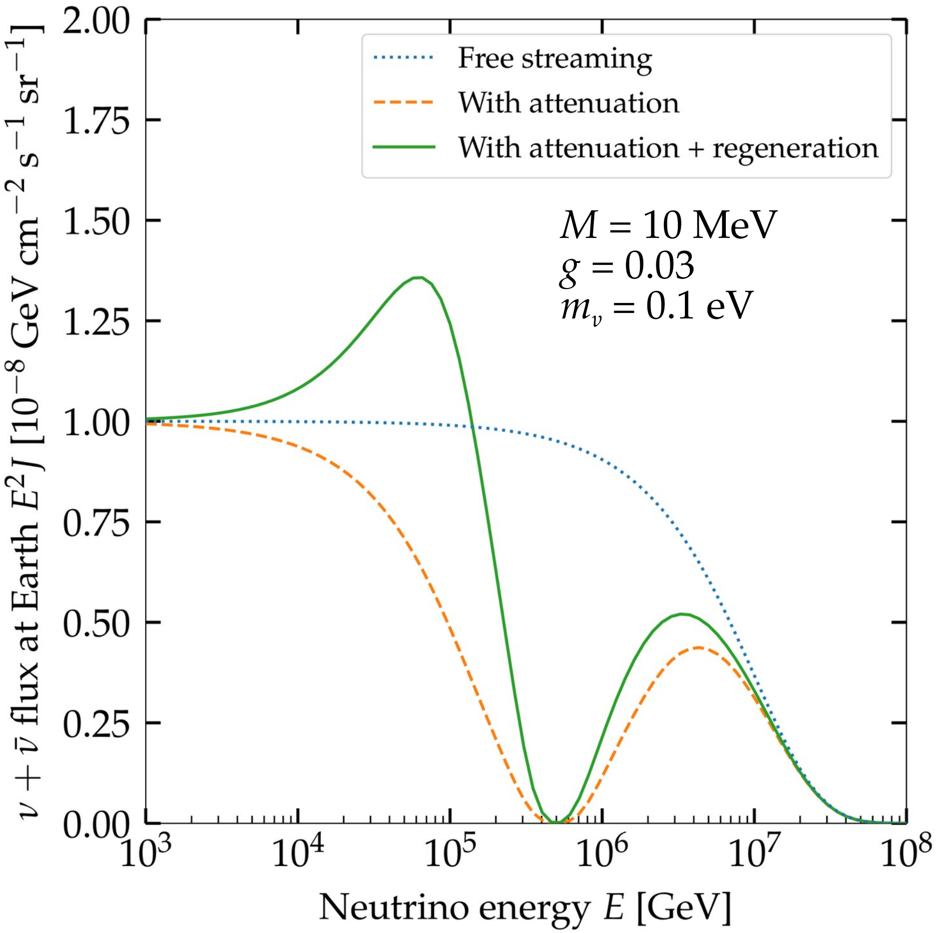

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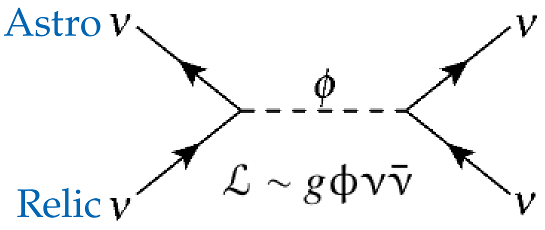

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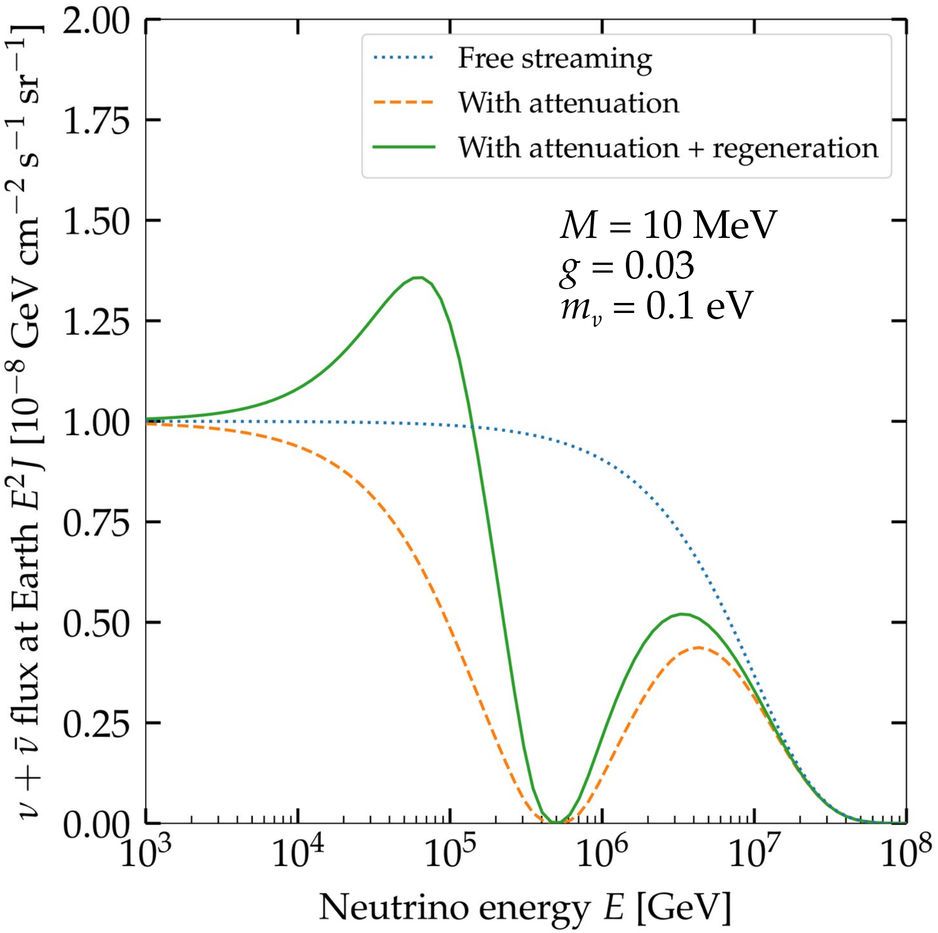

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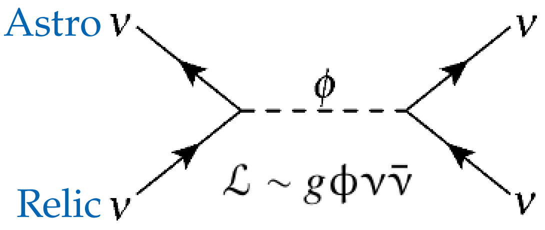

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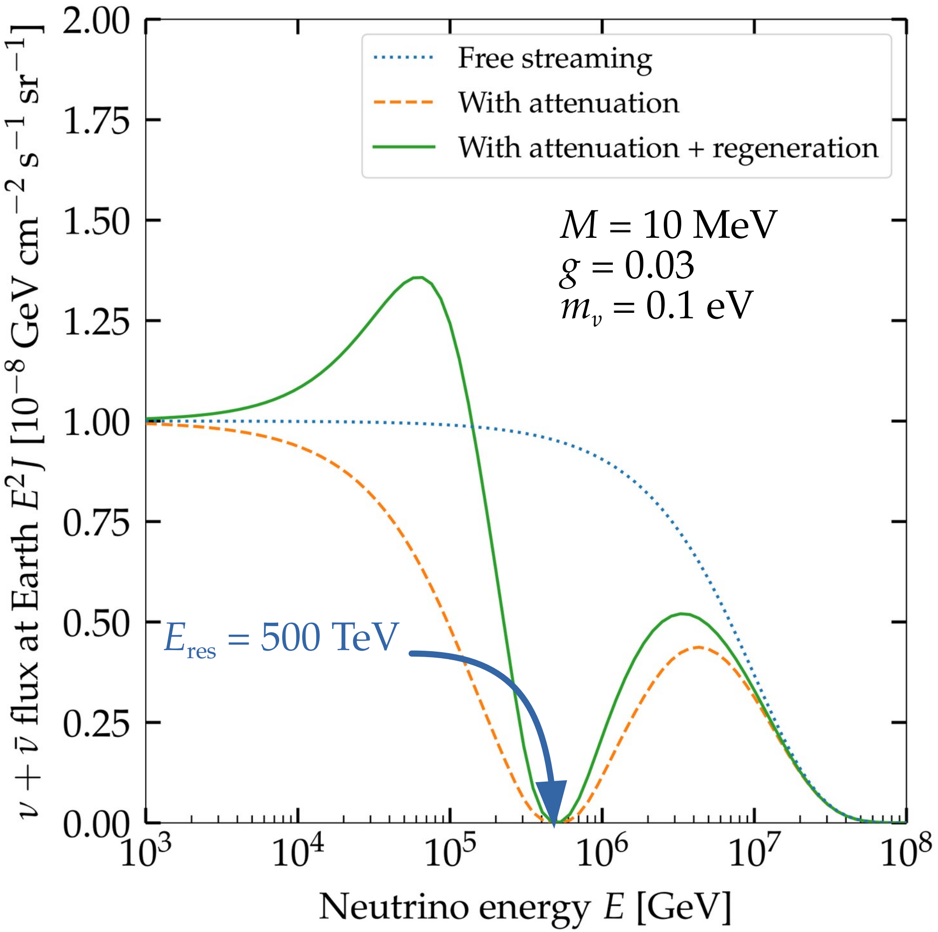

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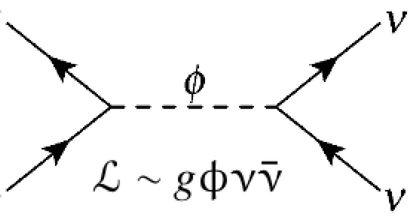

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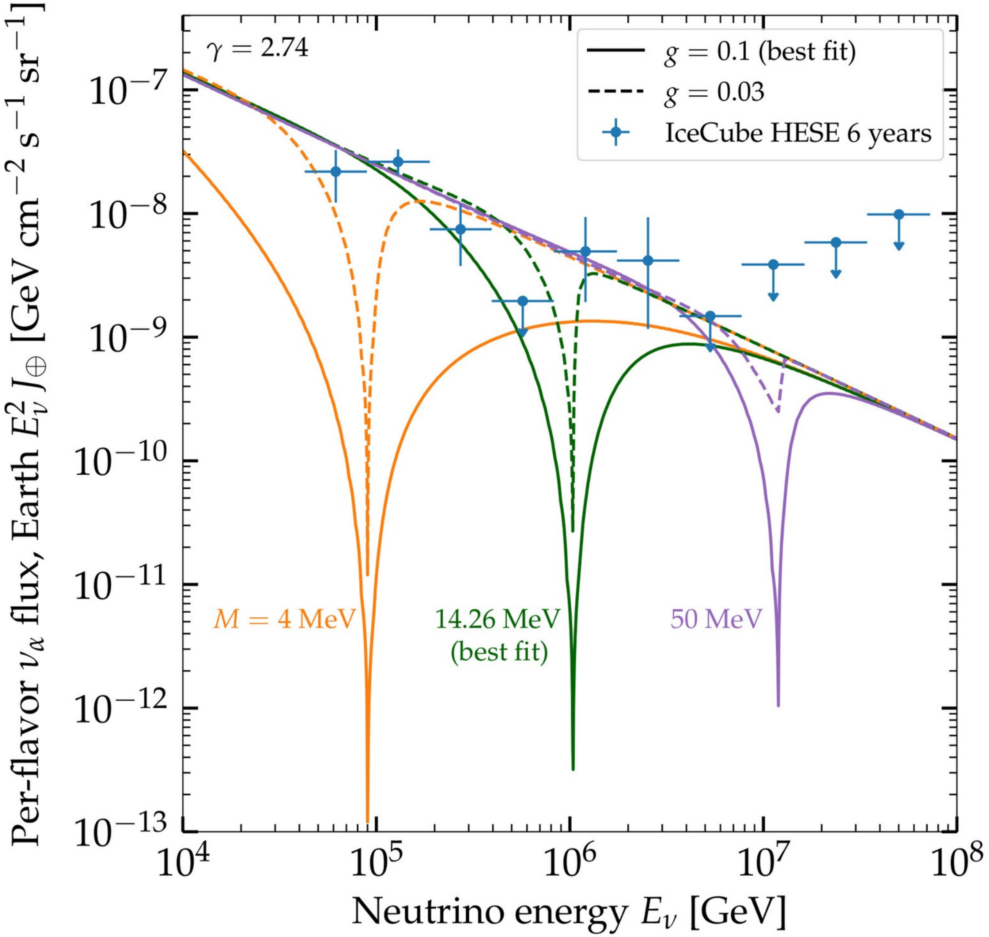
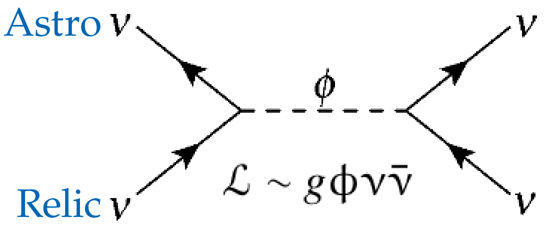


Secret interactions of high-energy astrophysical neutrinos

"Secret" neutrino interactions between astrophysical ν (PeV) and relic ν (0.1 meV):



New coupling

Cross section: $$\sigma = \frac{g^4}{4\pi}\frac{s}{(s - M^2)^2 + M^2\Gamma^2}$$

Mediator mass

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

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Looking for evidence of νSI

- Look for dips in 6 years of public IceCube data (HESE)
- 80 events, 18 TeV–2 PeV
- Assume flavor-diagonal and universal: $g_{\alpha\alpha} = g\,\delta_{\alpha\alpha}$
- Bayesian analysis varying M, g, shape of emitted flux (γ)
- Account for atmospheric ν, in-Earth propagation, detector uncertainties

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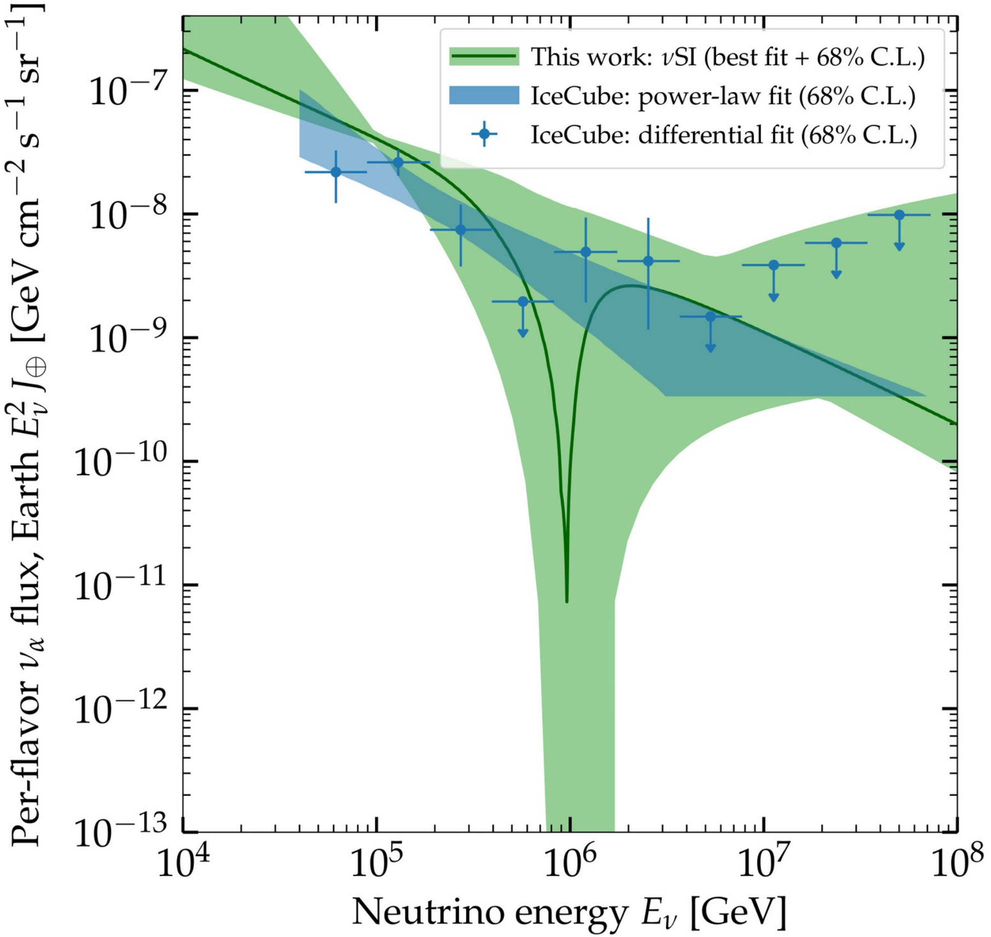

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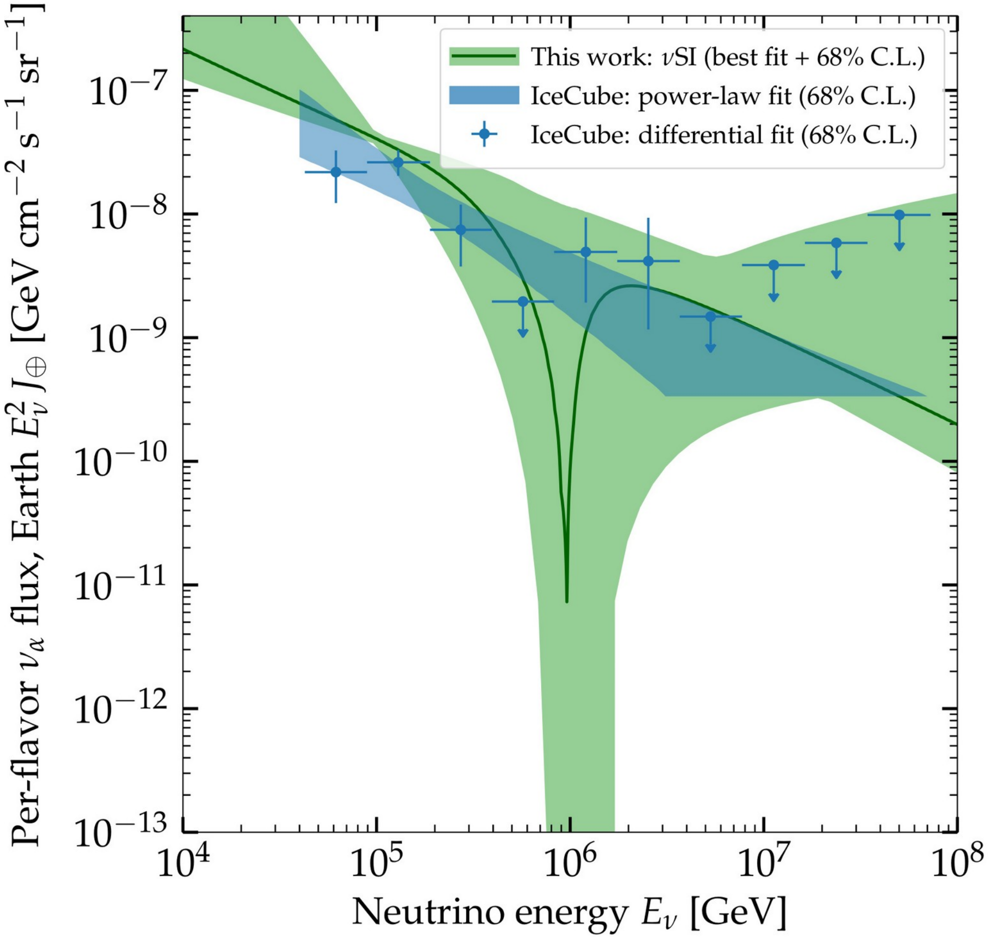

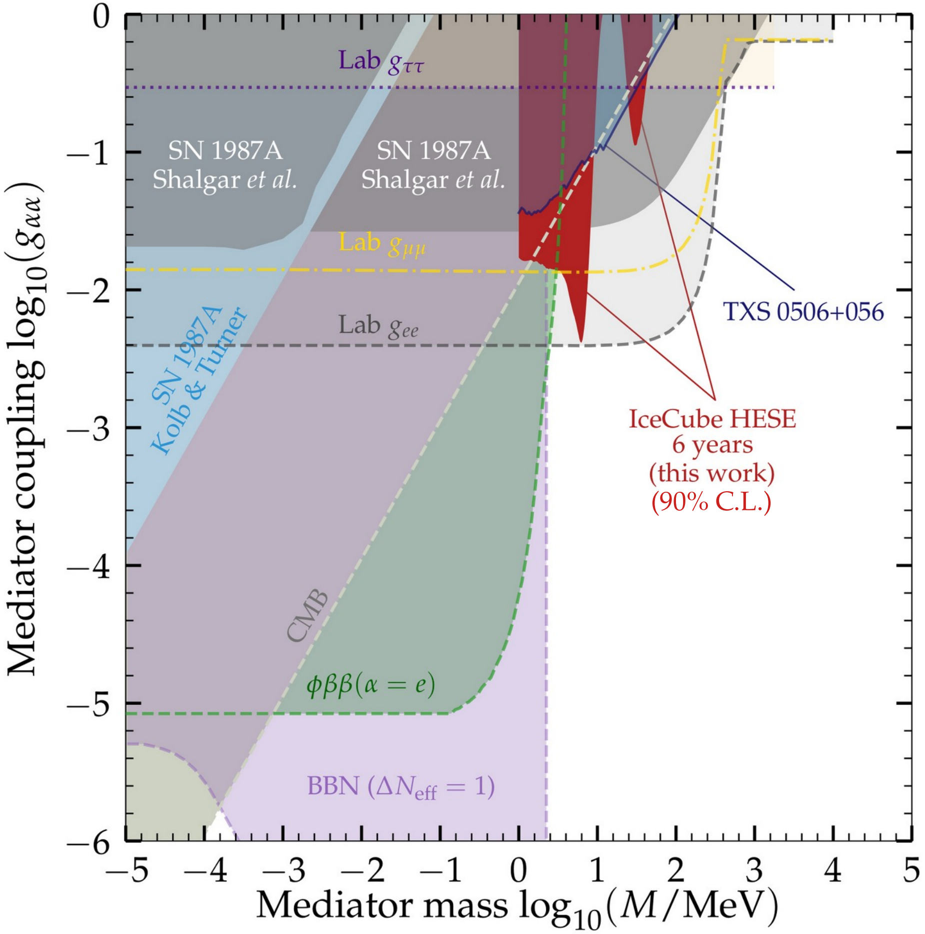

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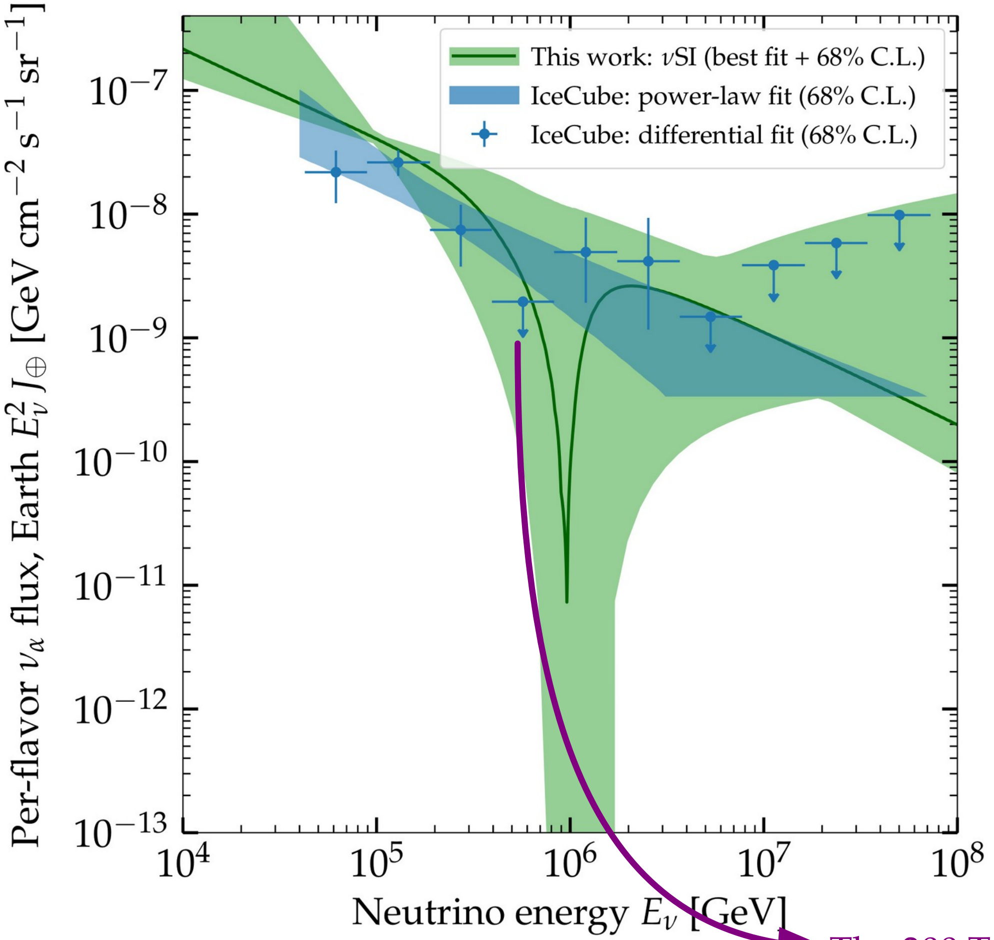

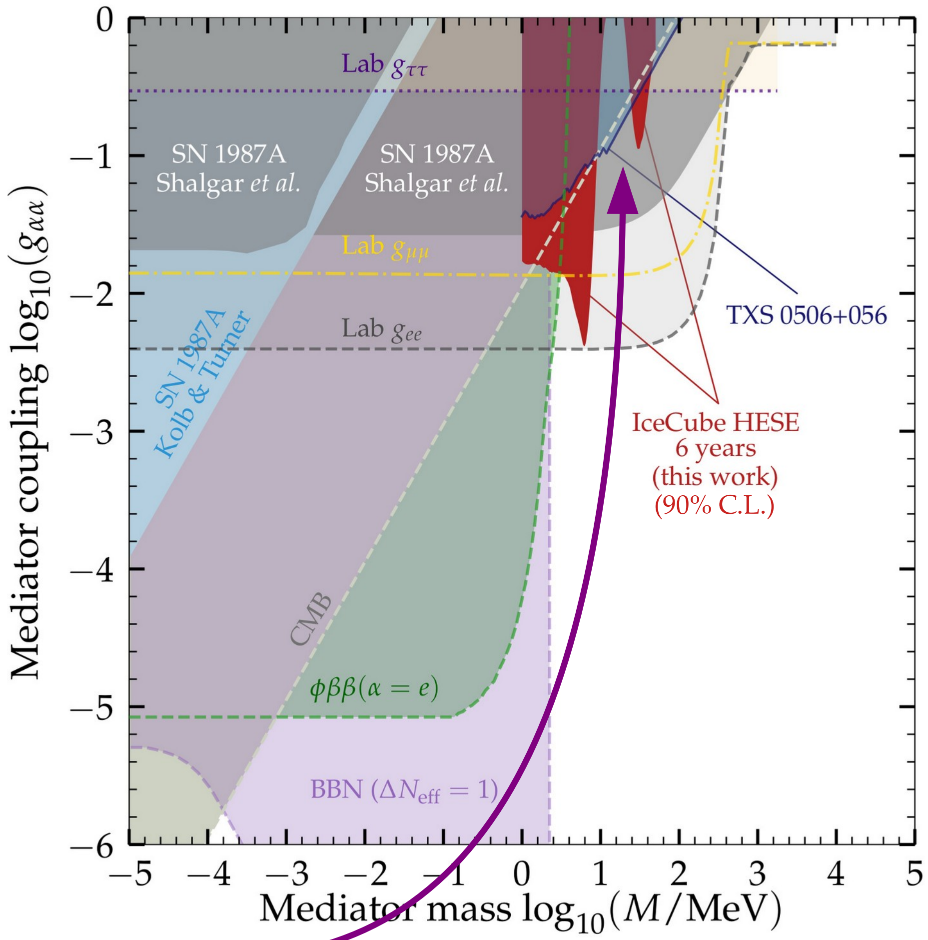

The 300 TeV–1 PeV "gap" degrades the limit at ~10 MeV

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3. Neutrino-matter cross section:
From TeV to EeV

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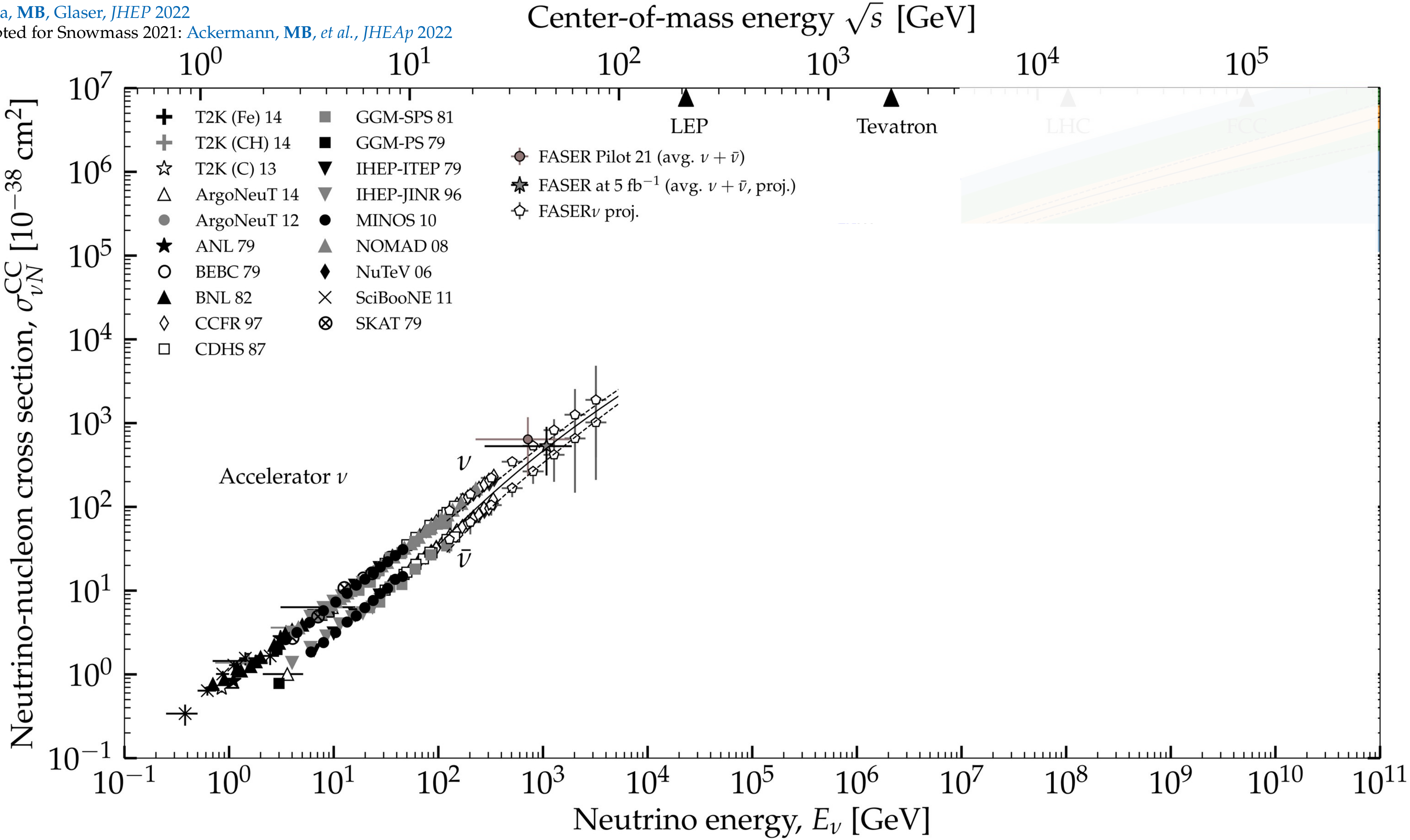
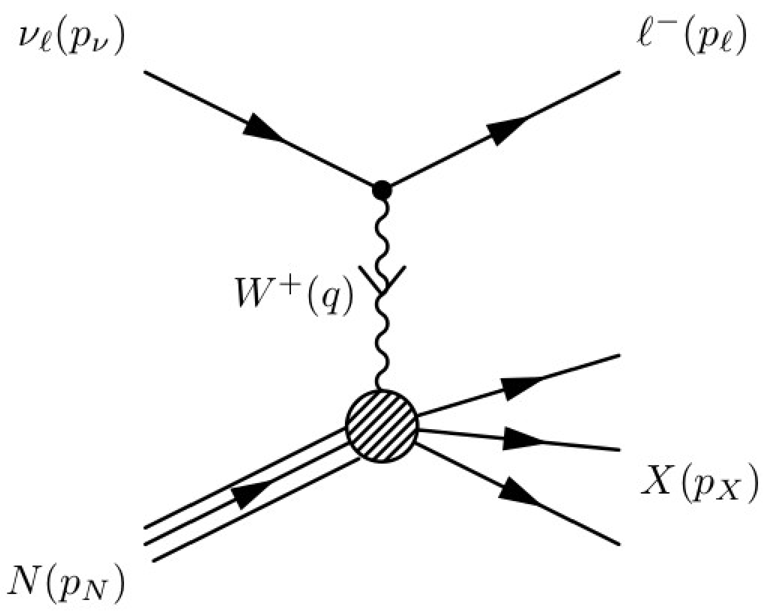
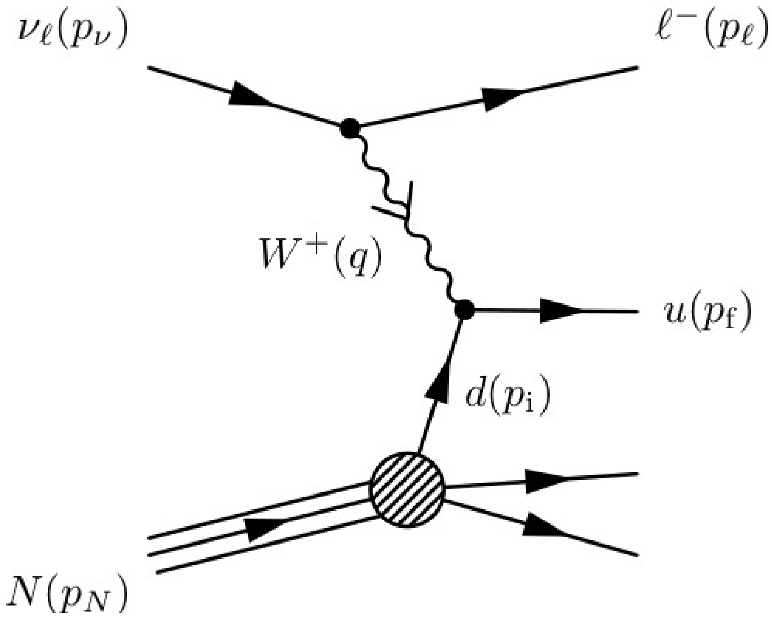


How does DIS probe nucleon structure?

What you see

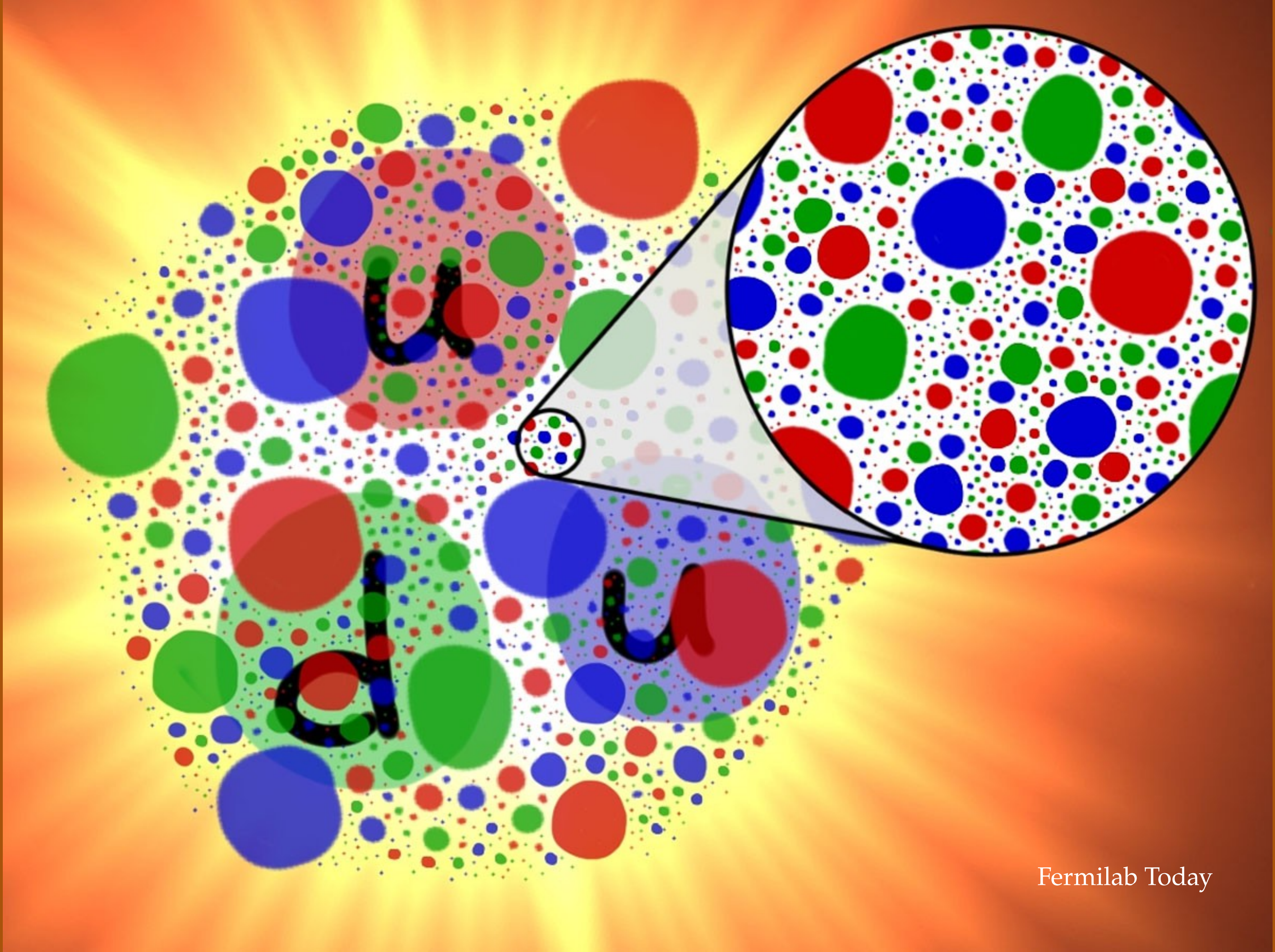


Beneath the hood



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

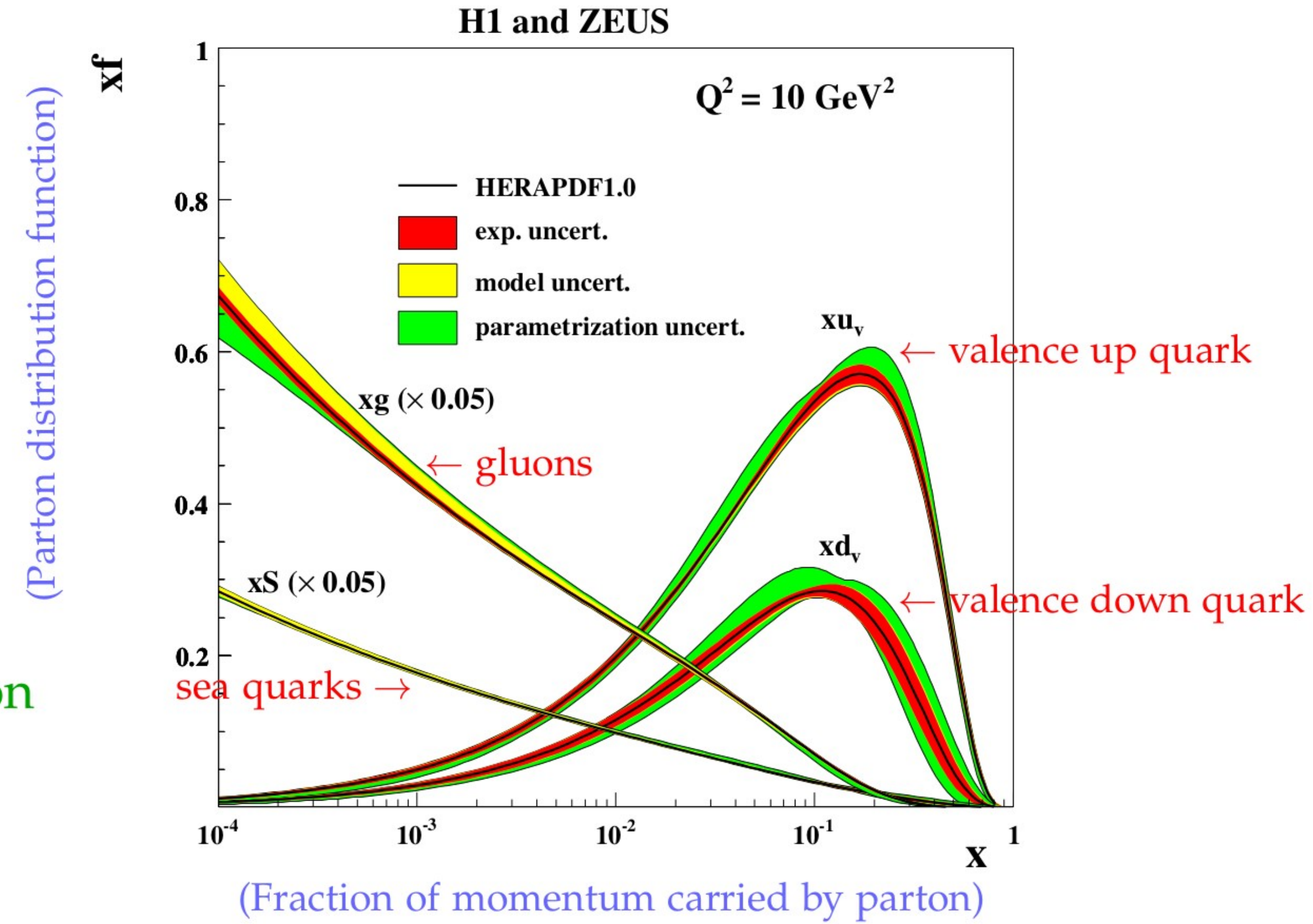
Giunti & Kim, *Fundamentals of Neutrino Physics & Astrophysics*



Fermilab Today

Peeking inside a proton

← Extrapolation



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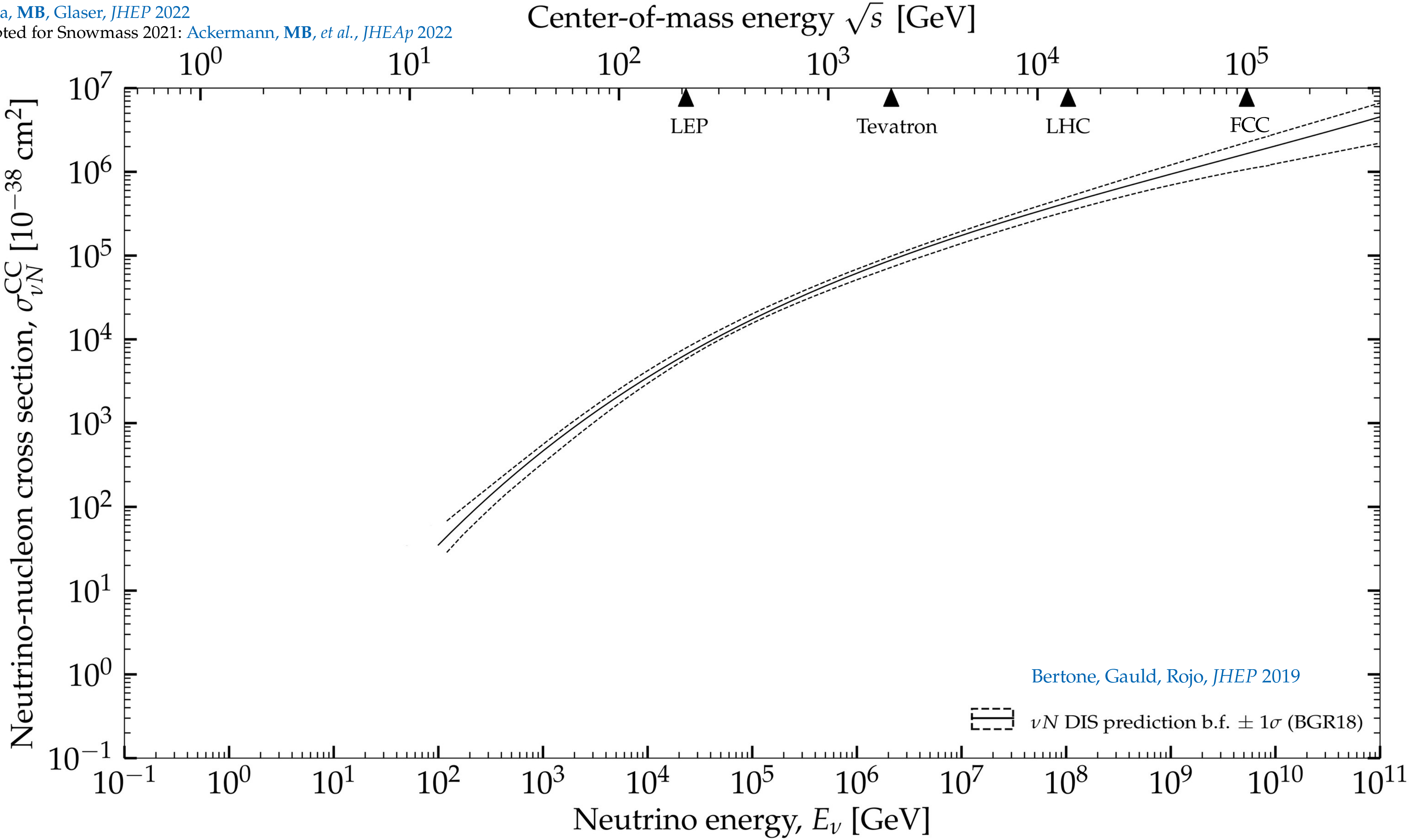

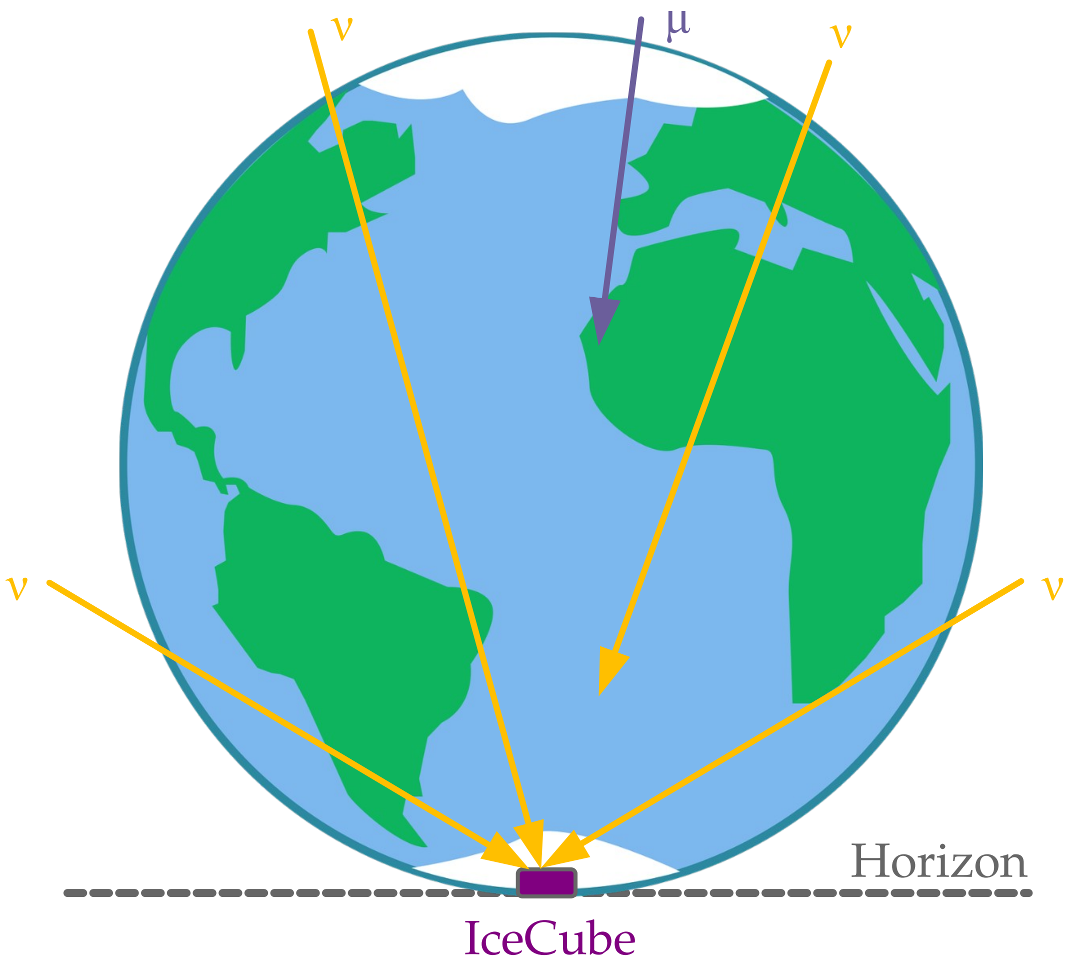
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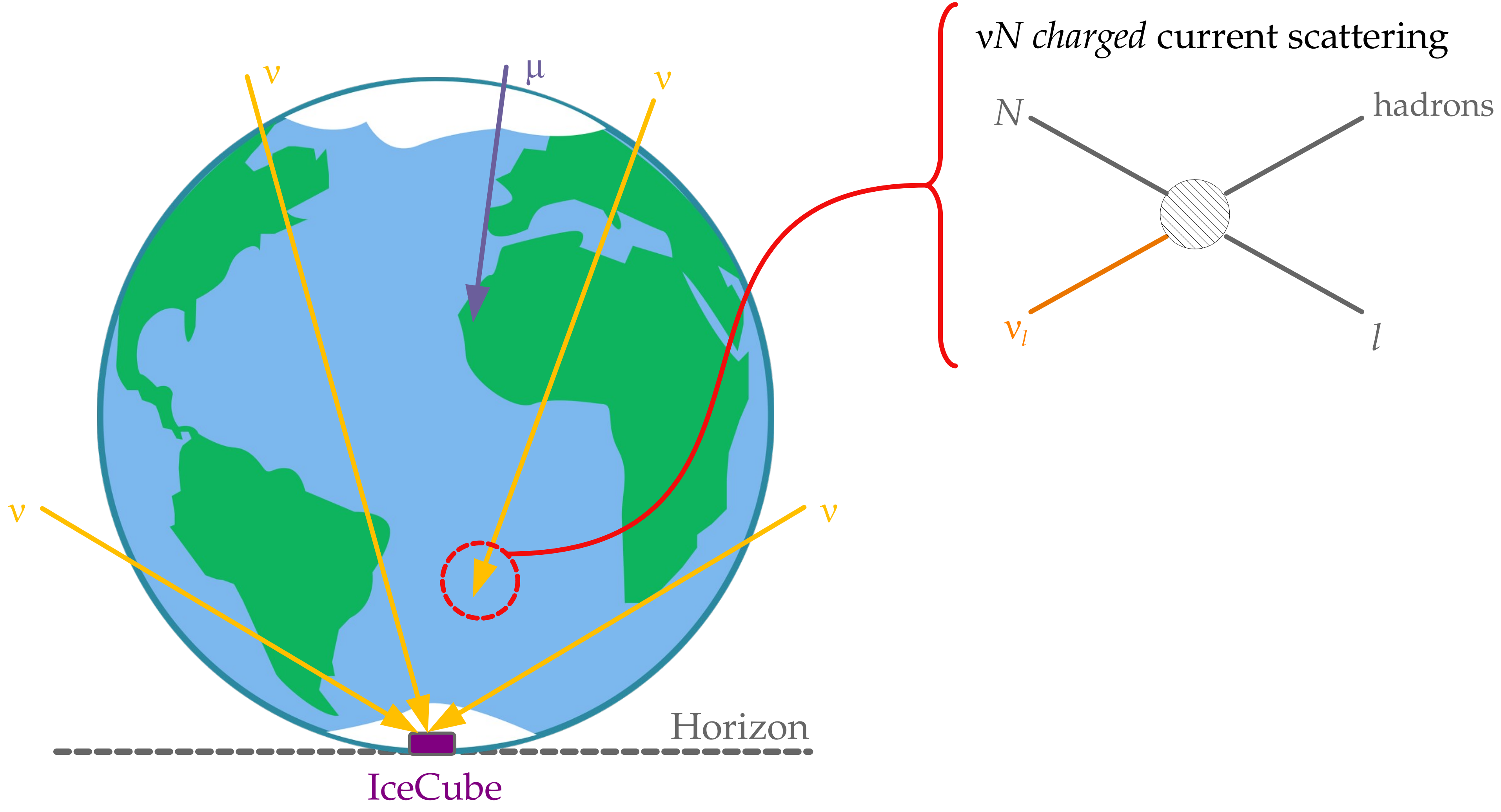

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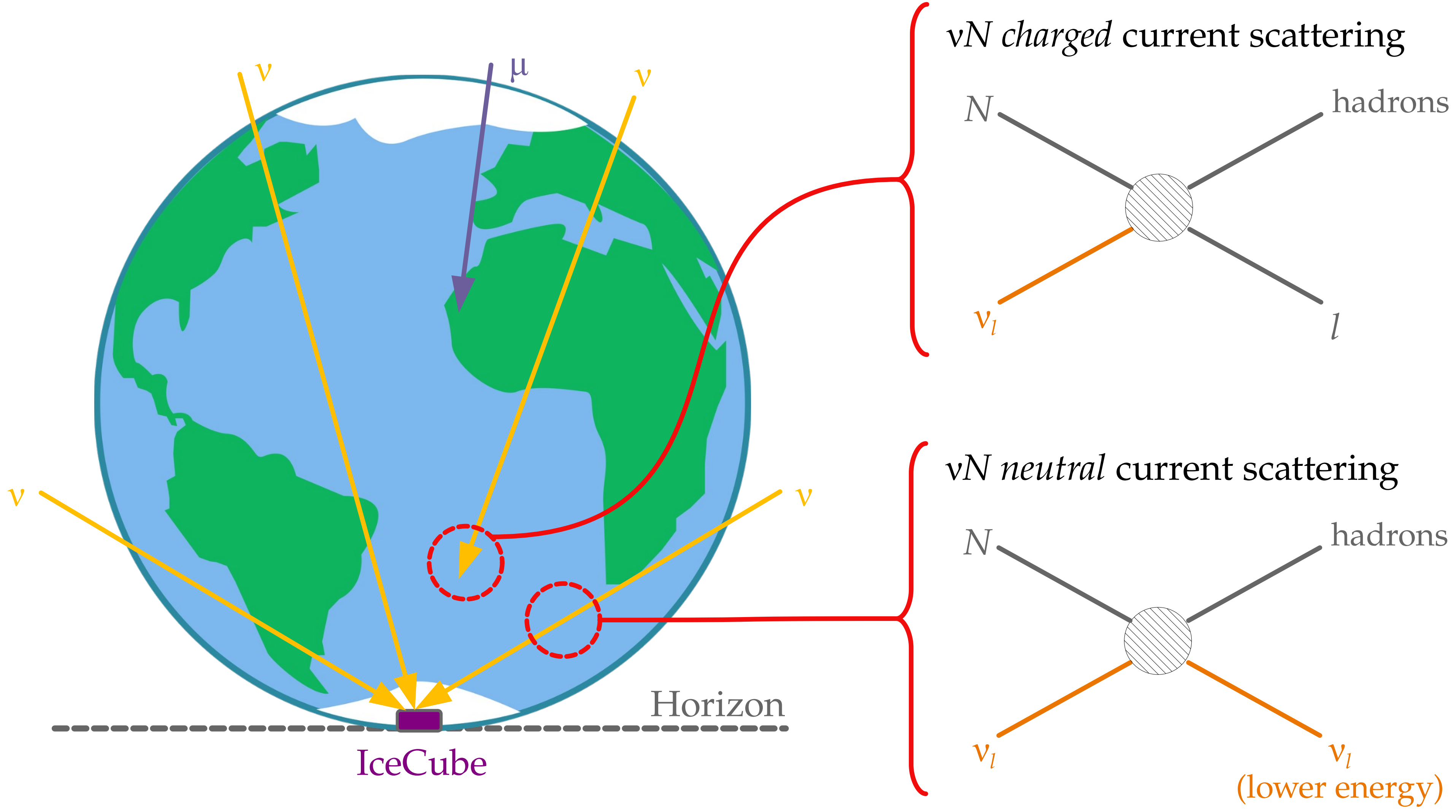
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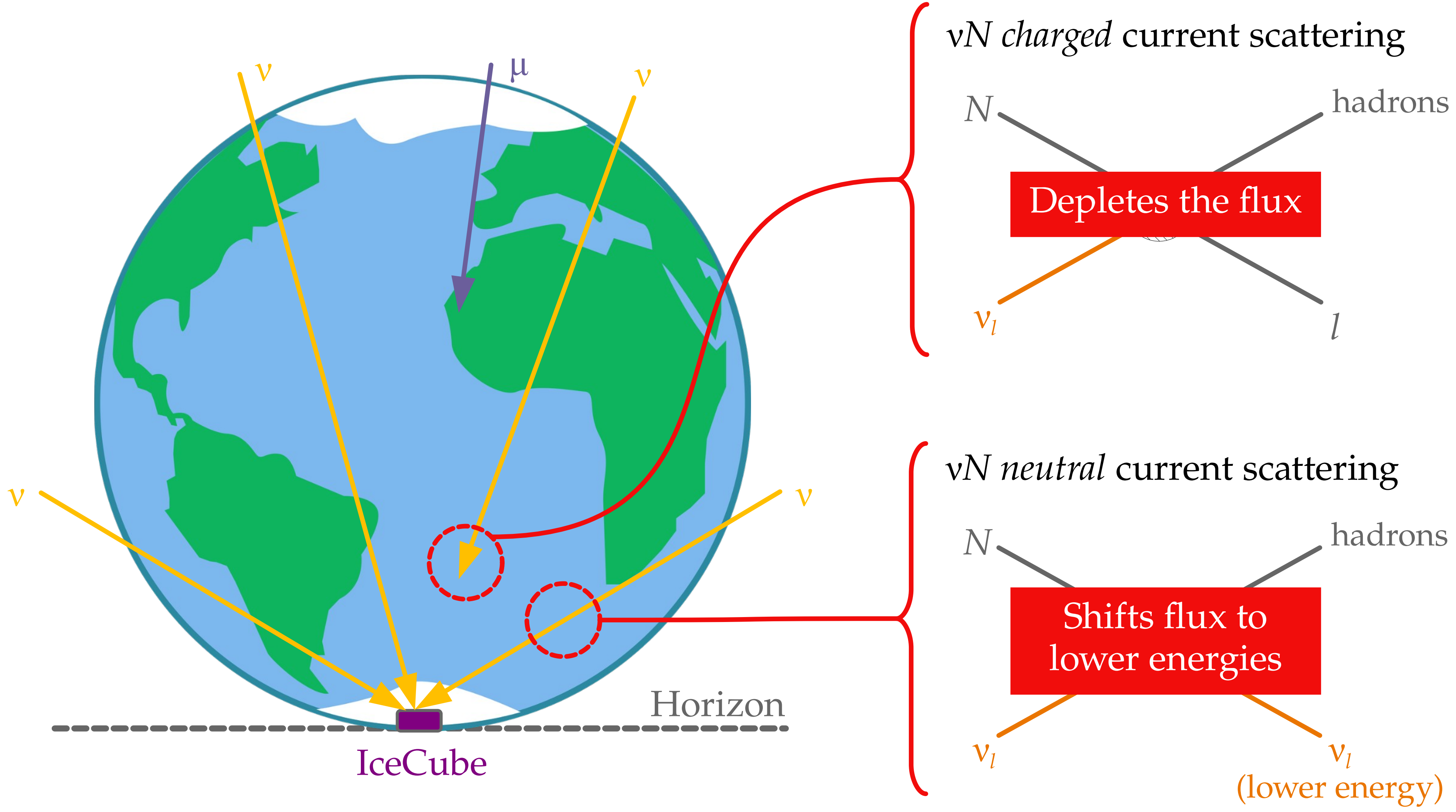
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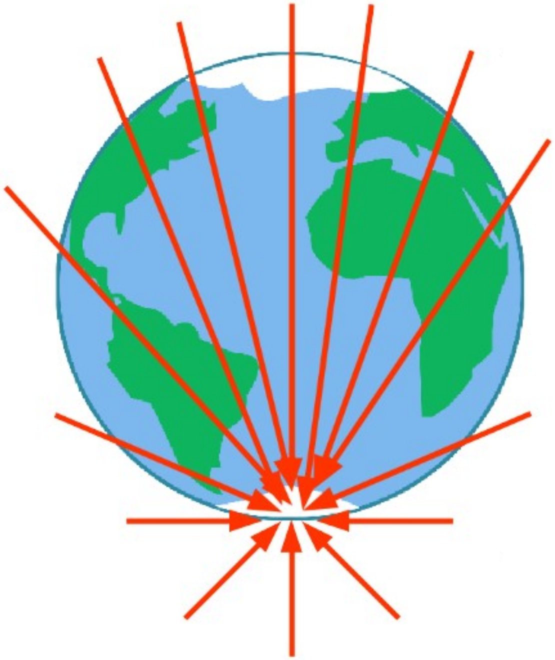

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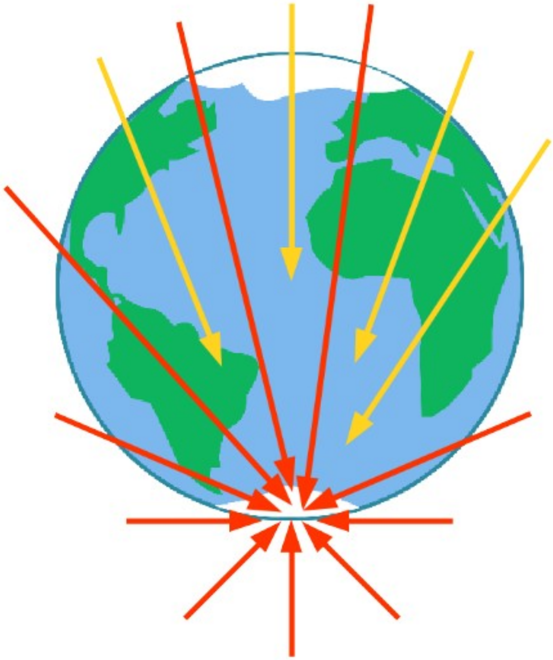

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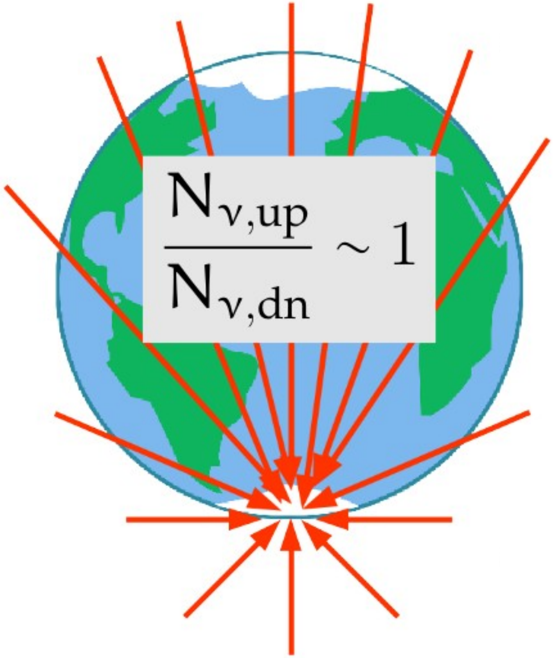

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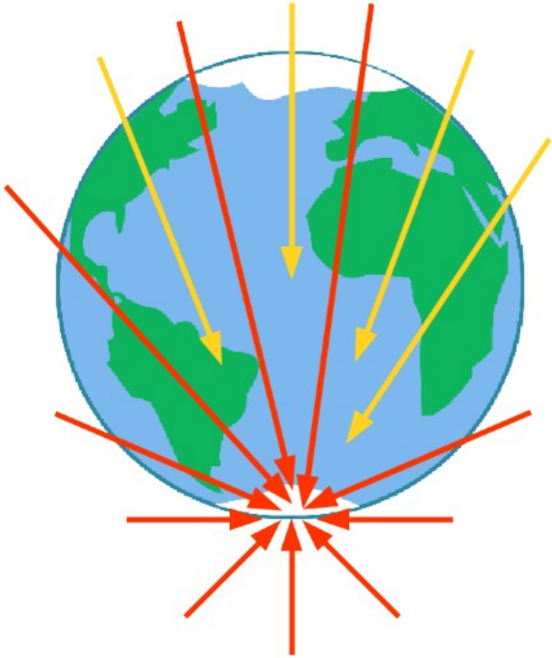

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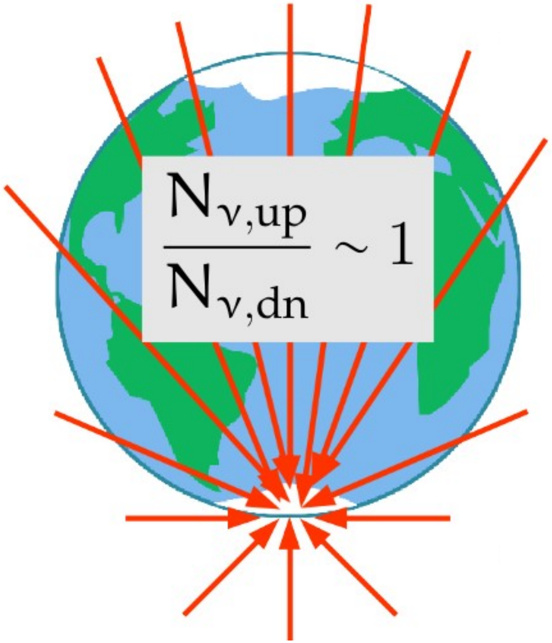

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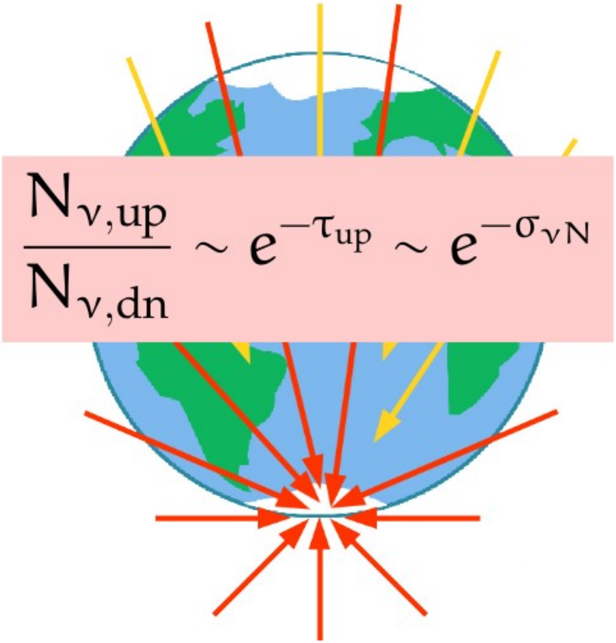

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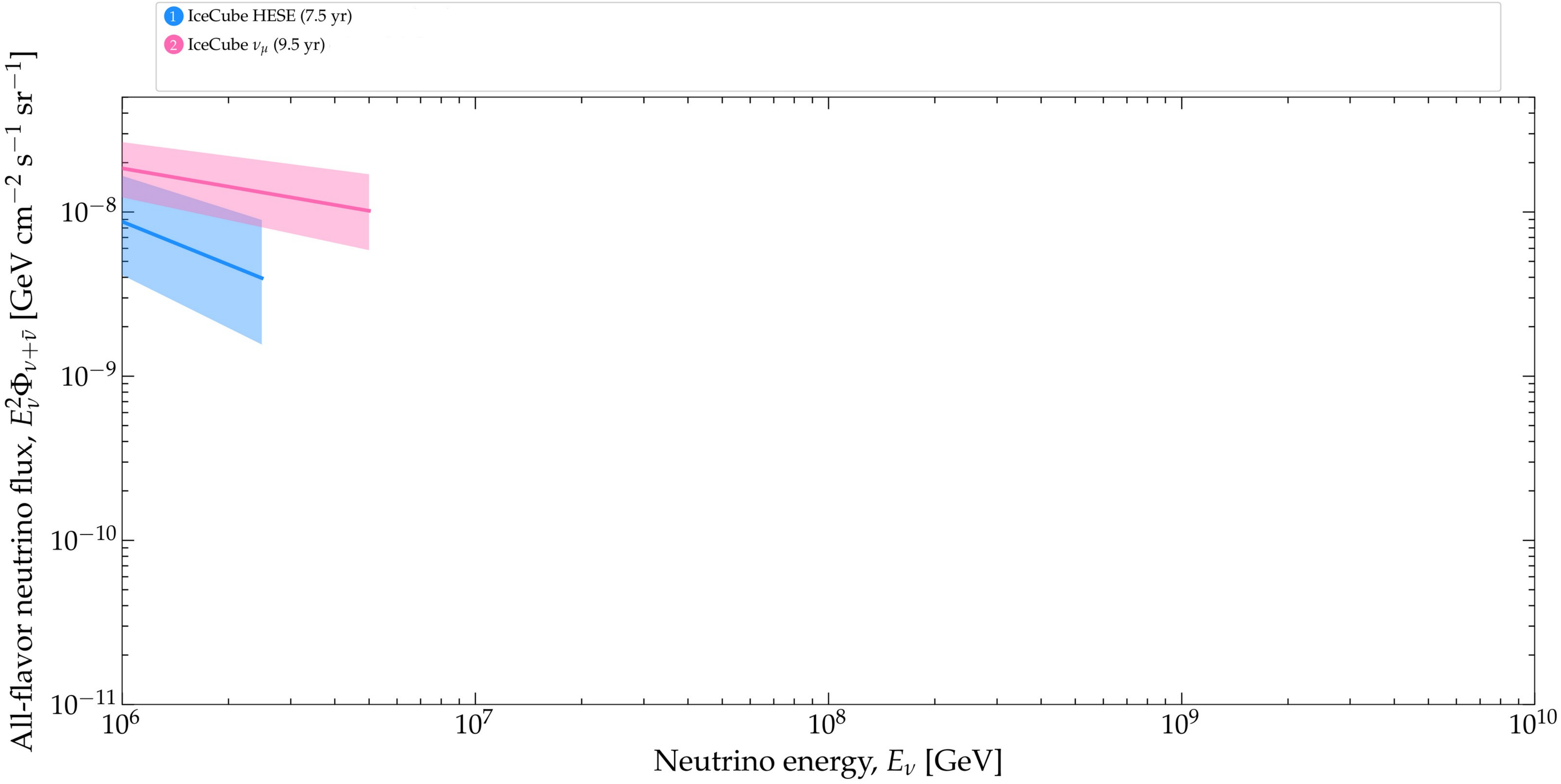

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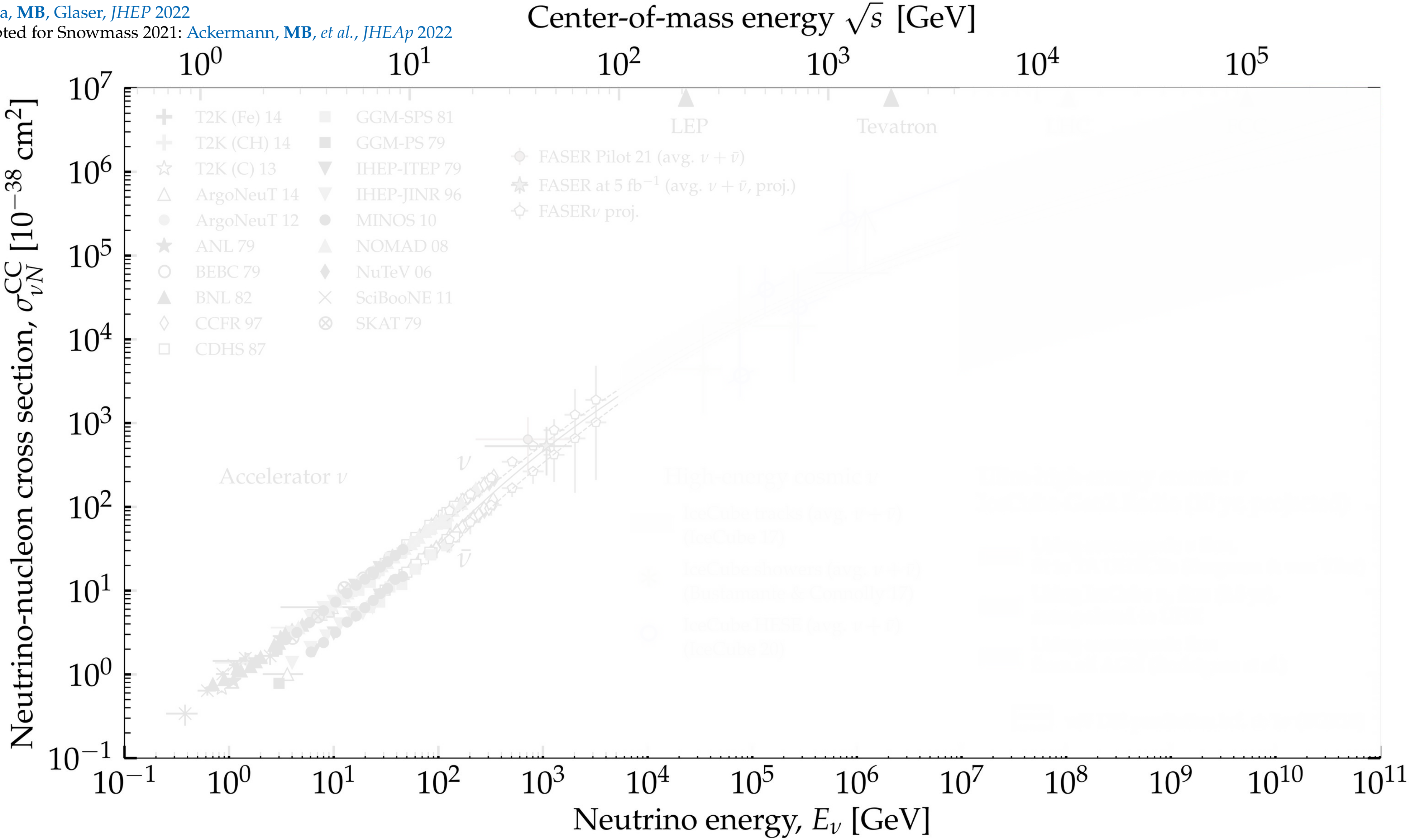

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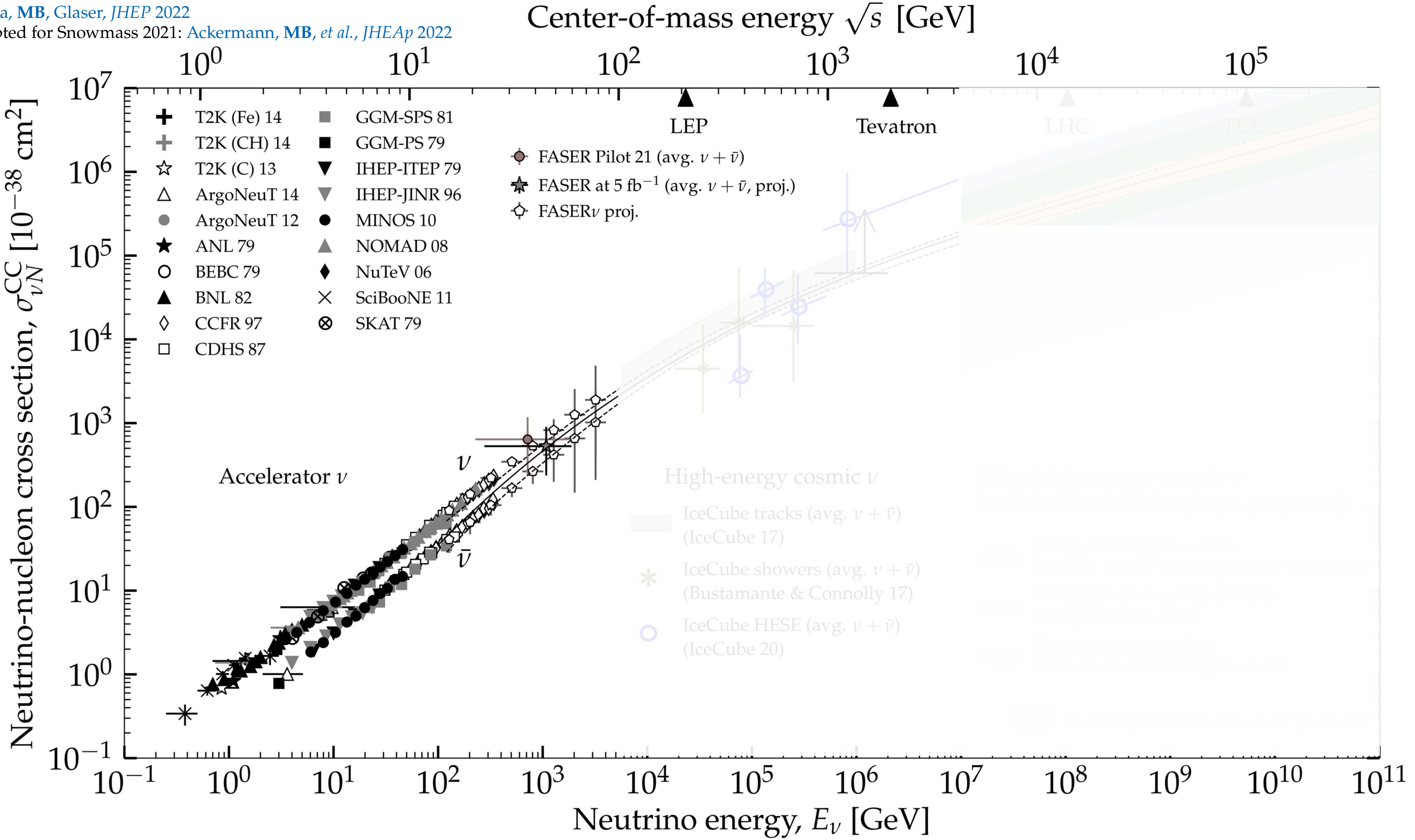

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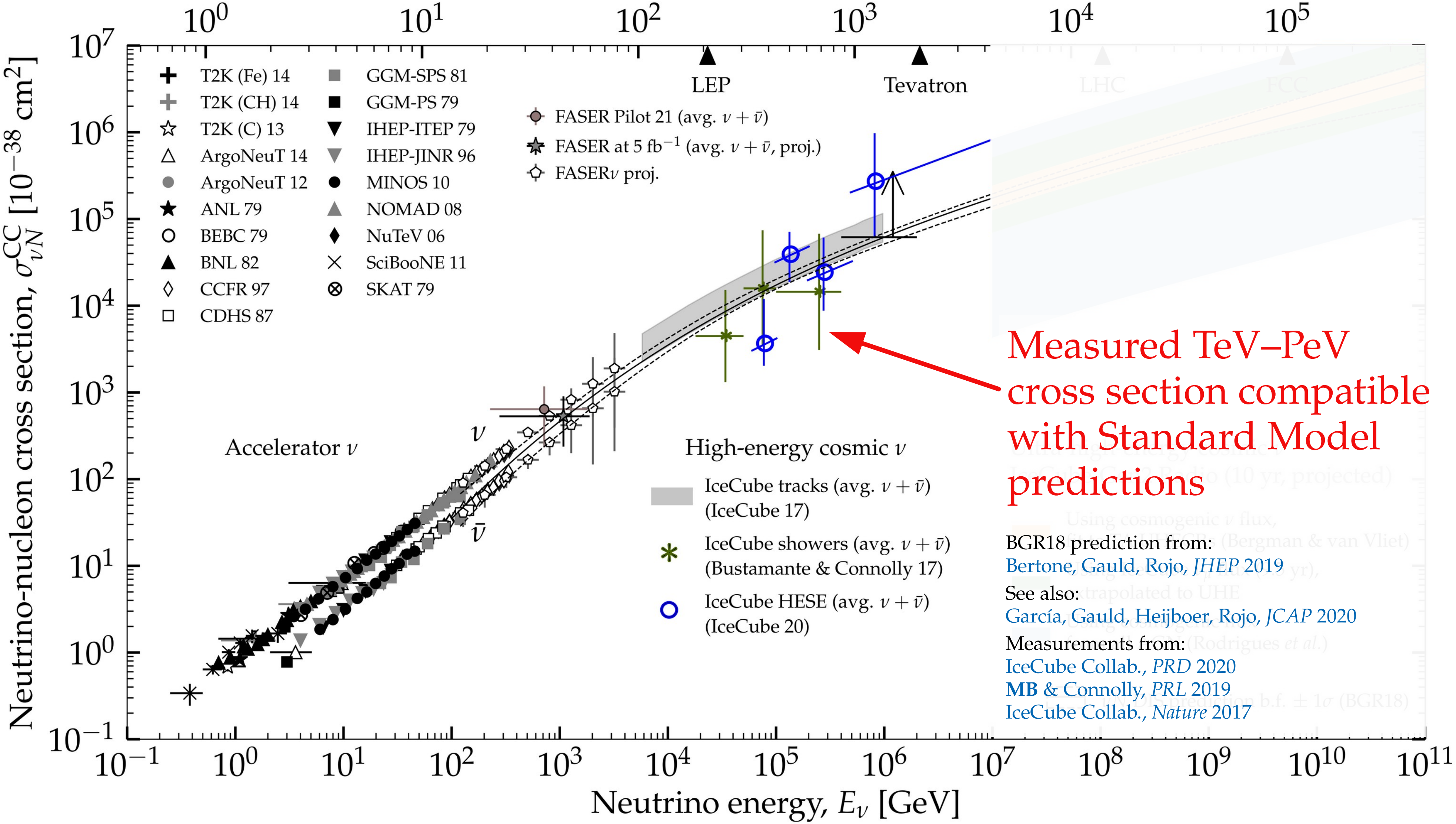

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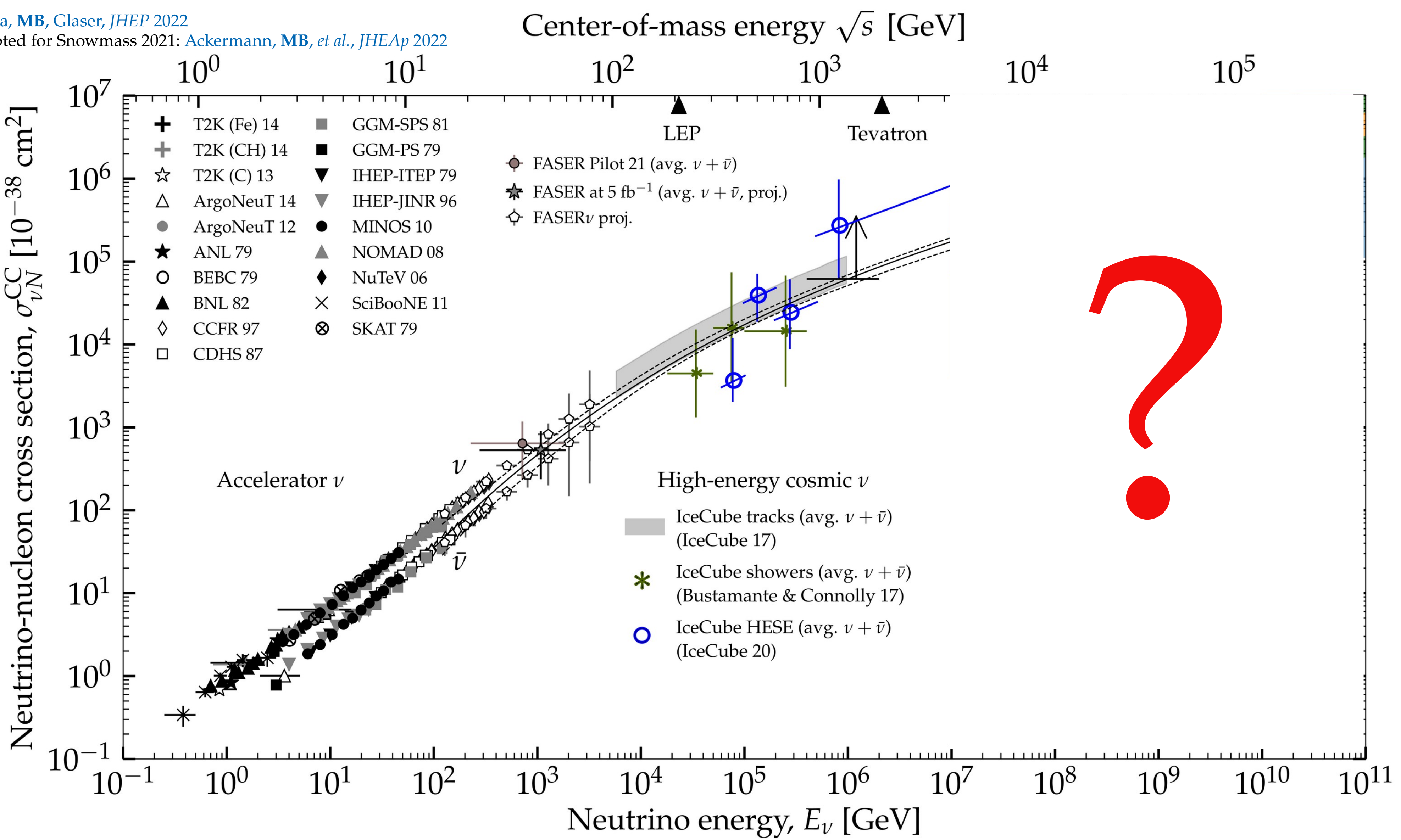

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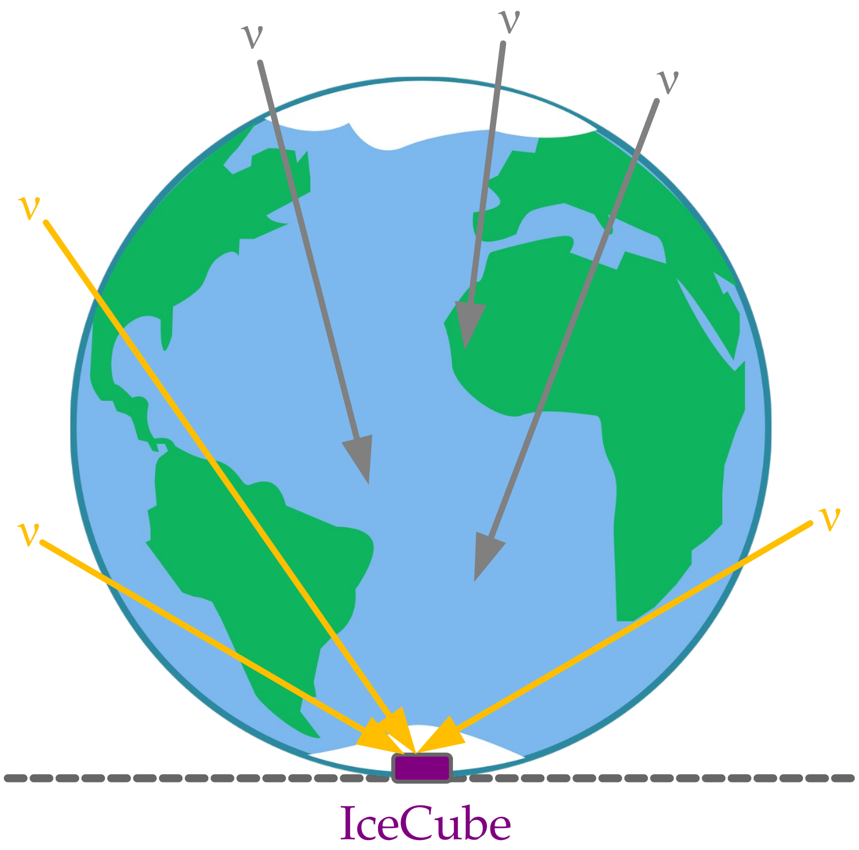

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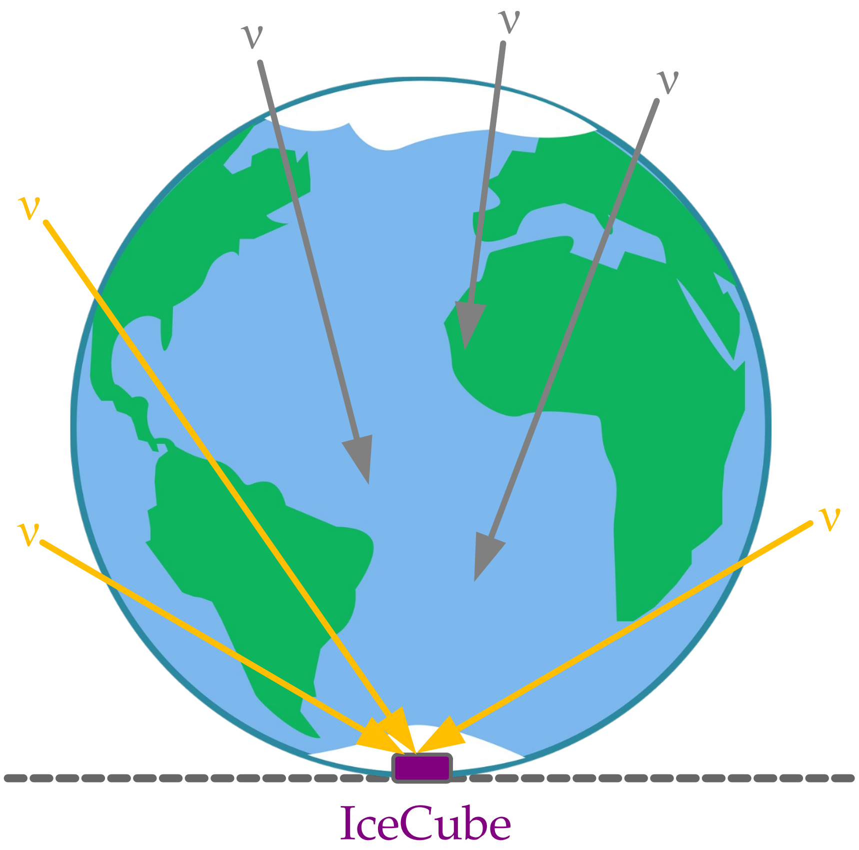

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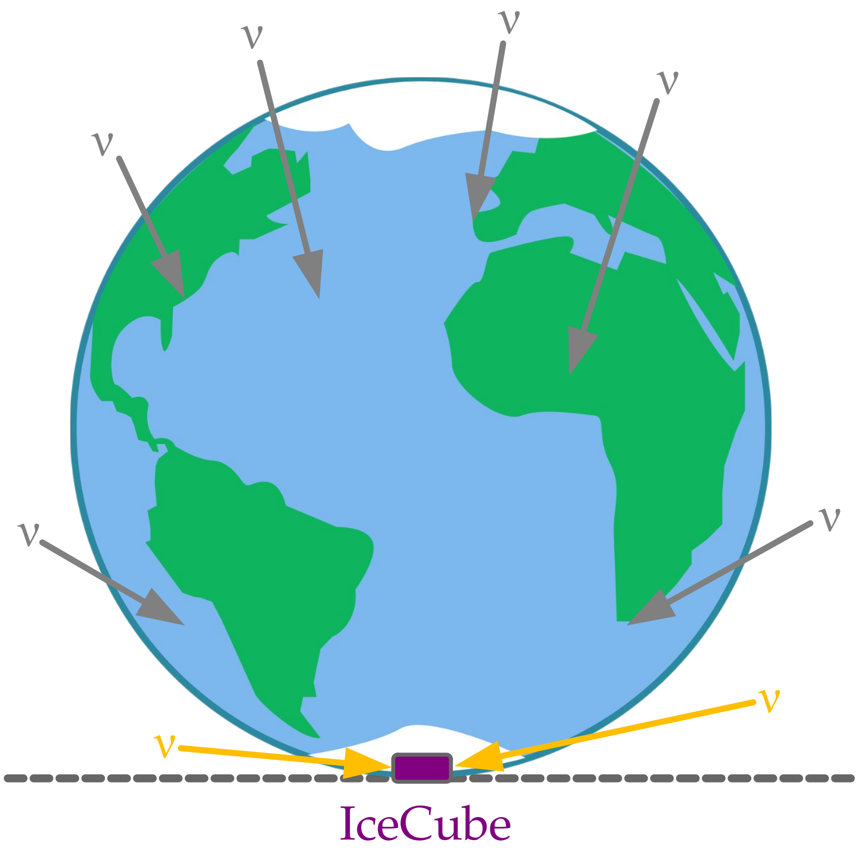

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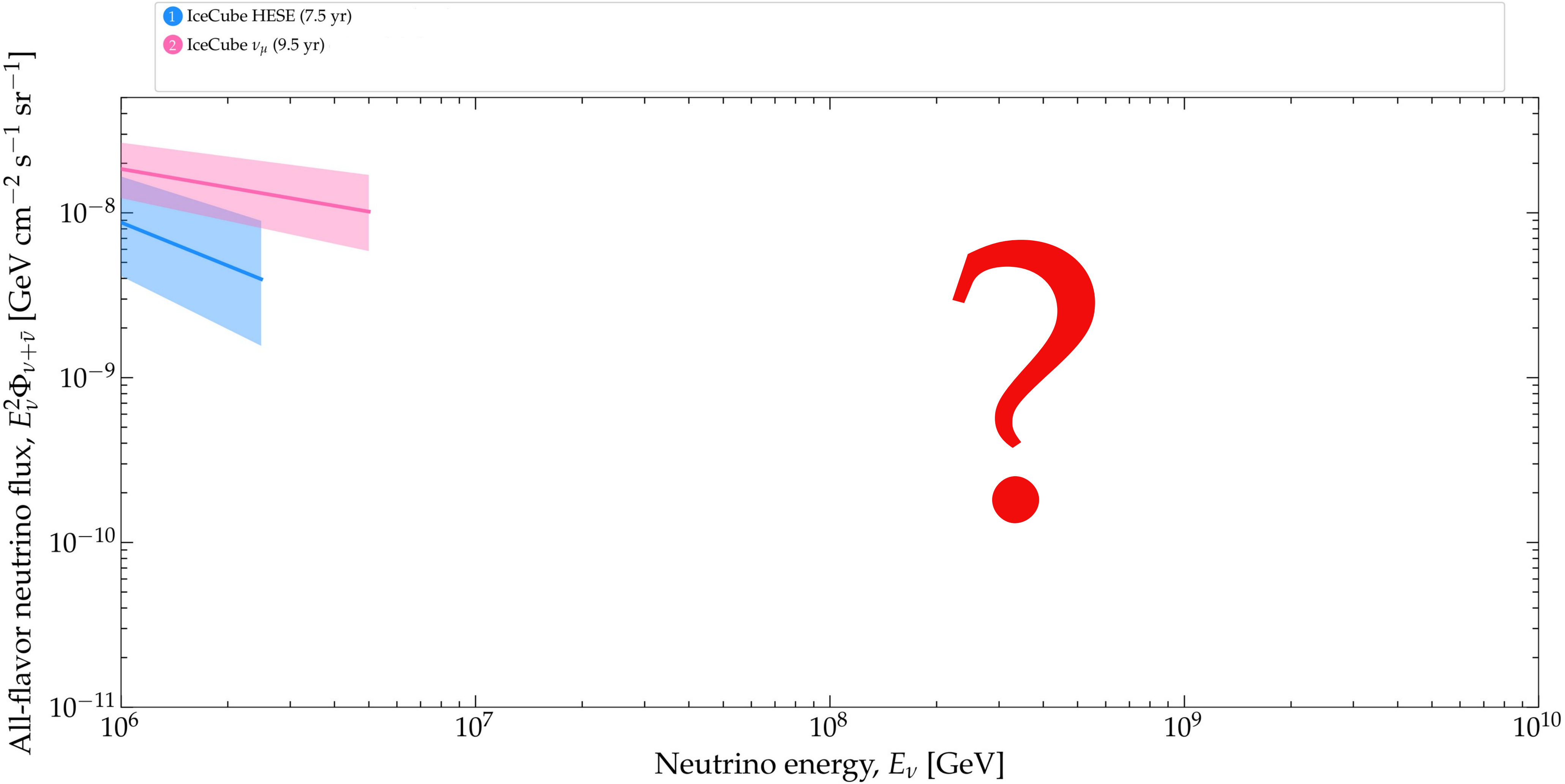

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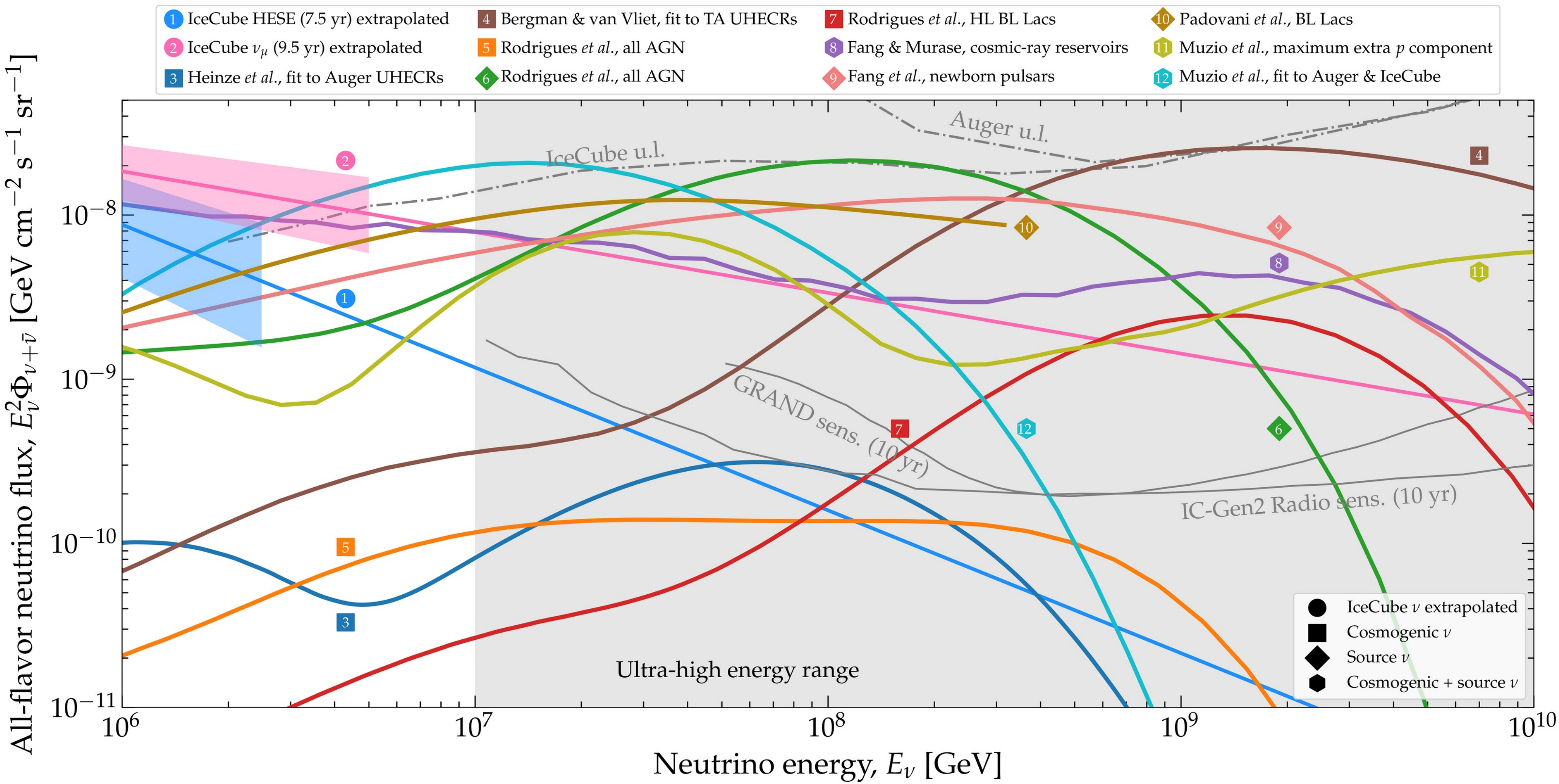

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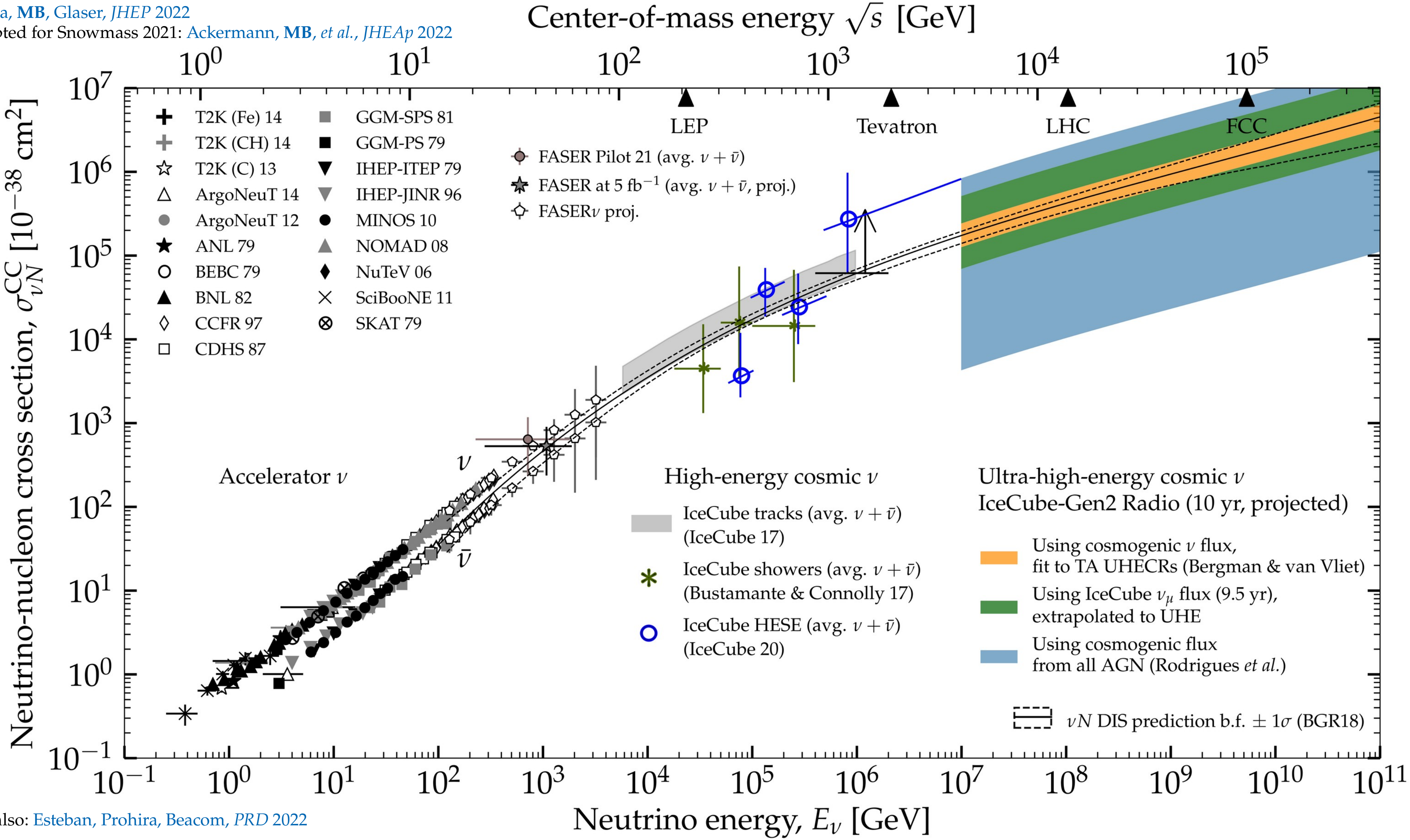

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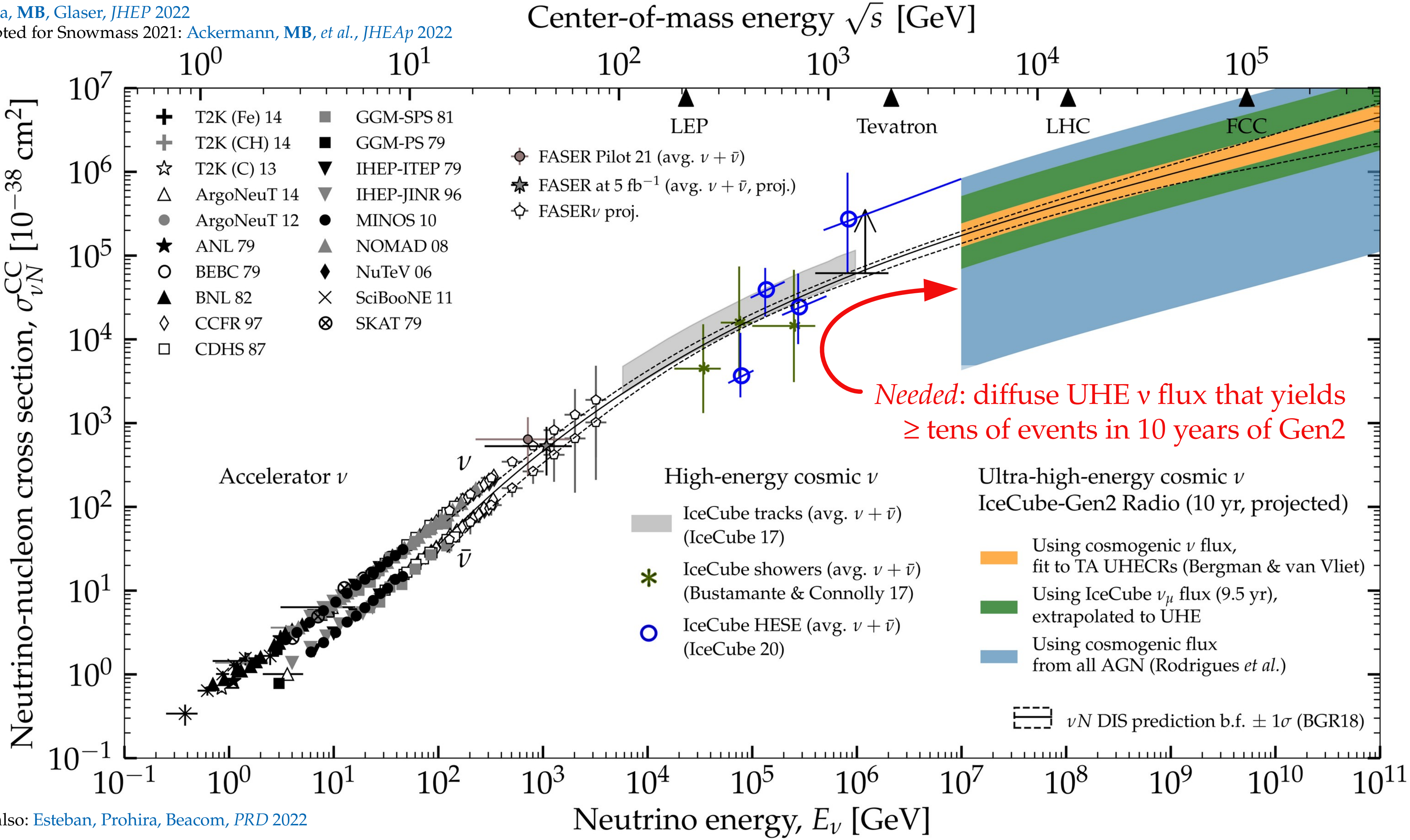

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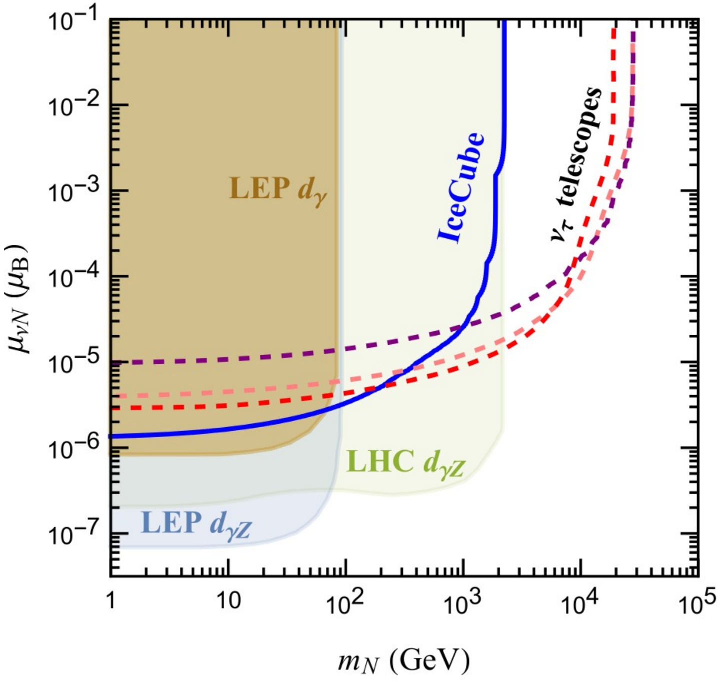

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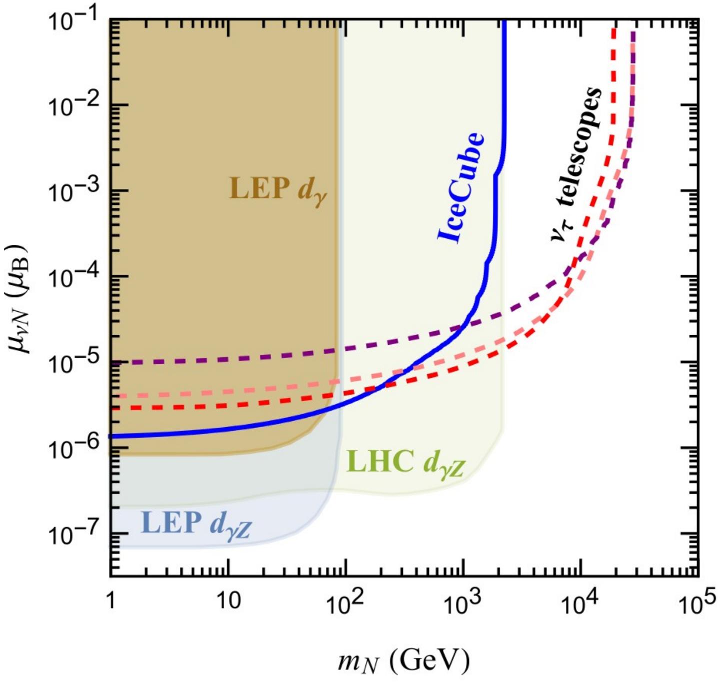

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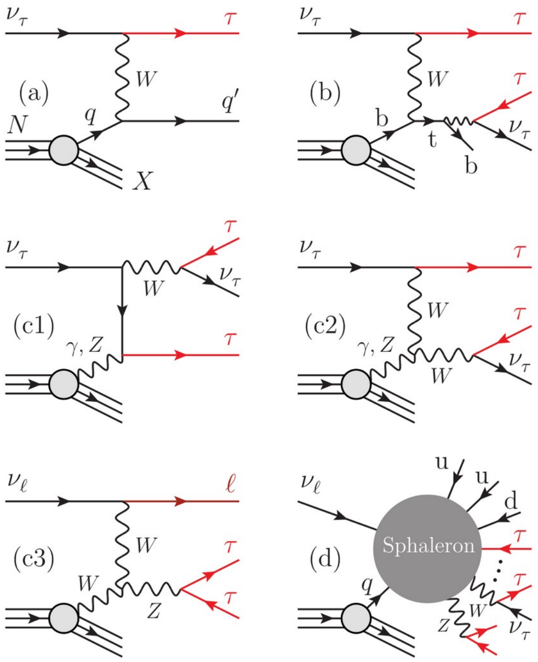

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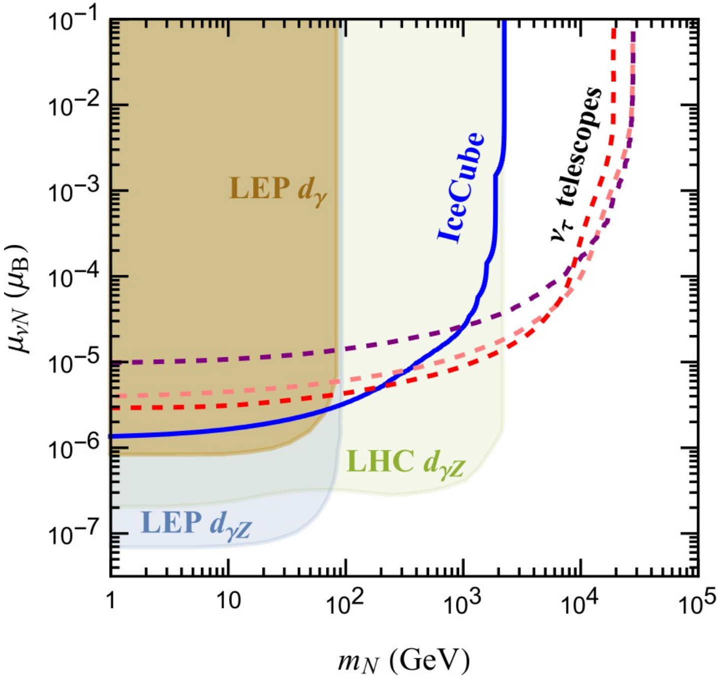

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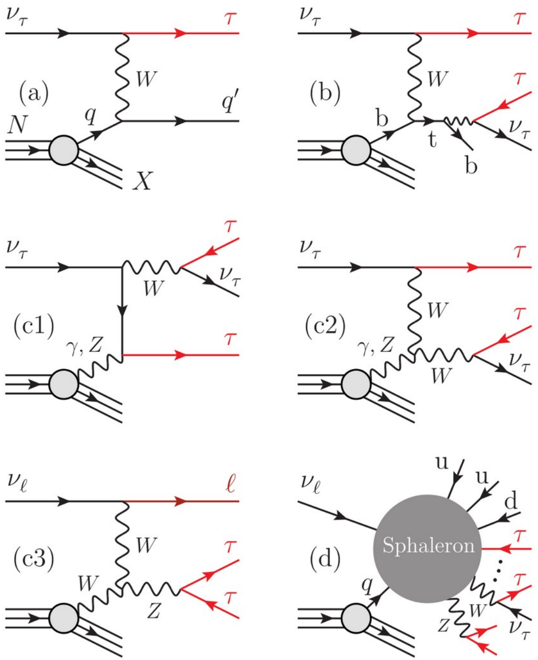

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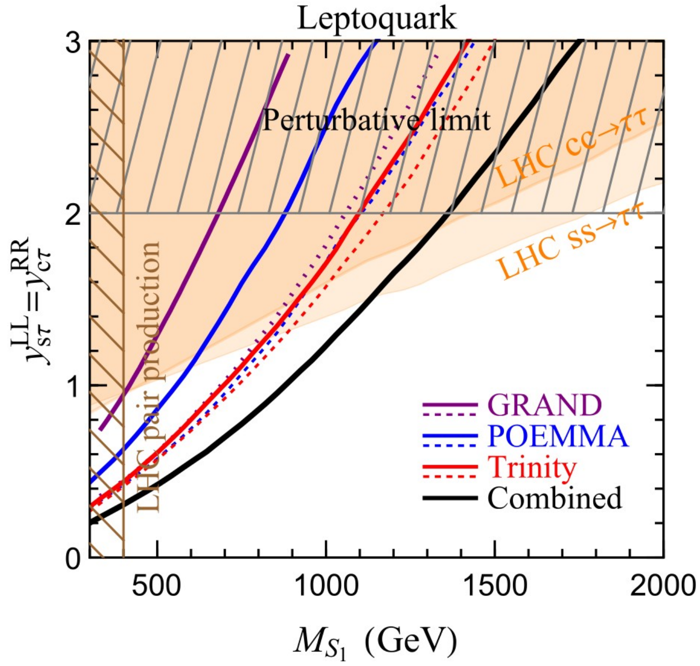

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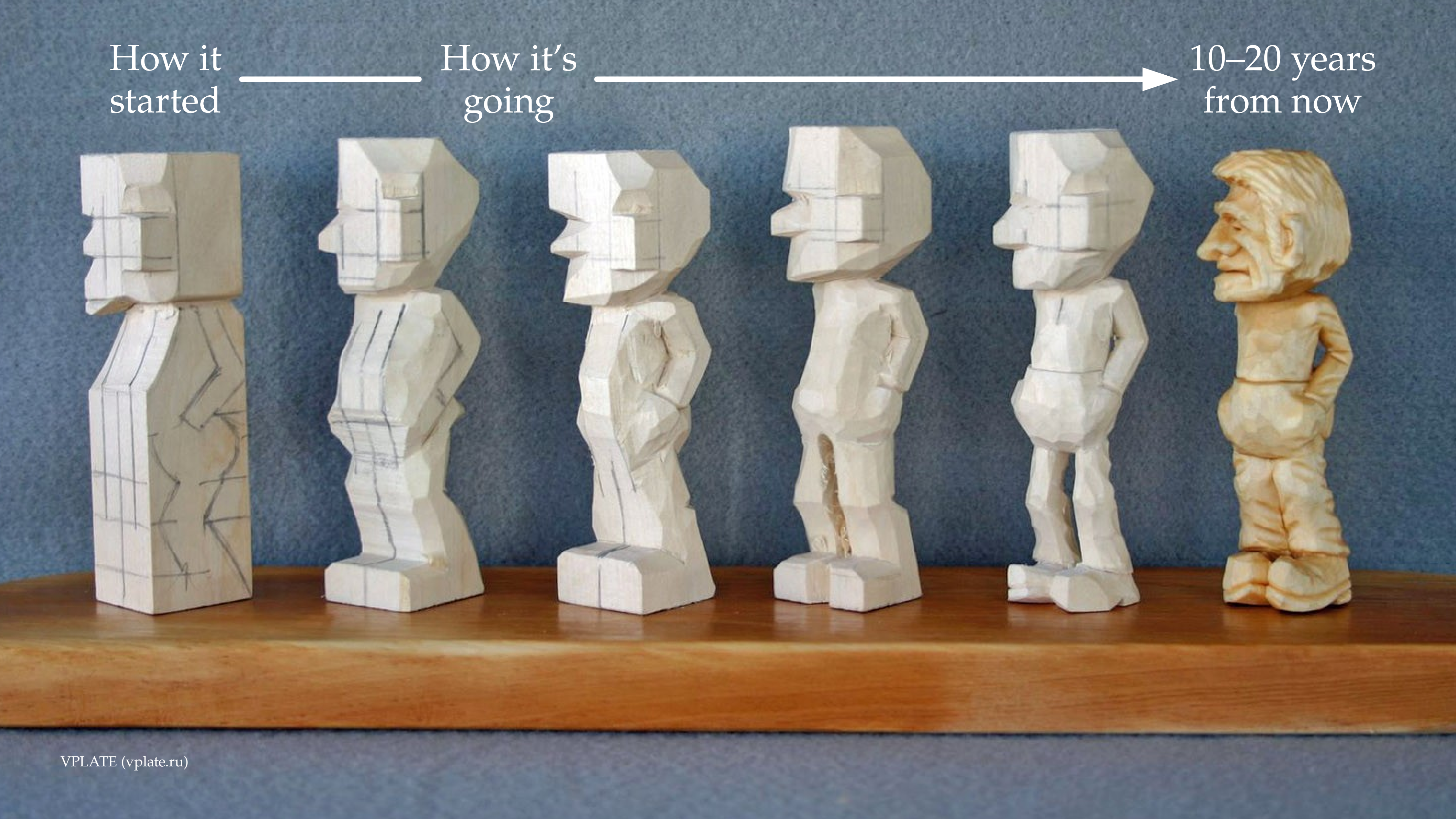

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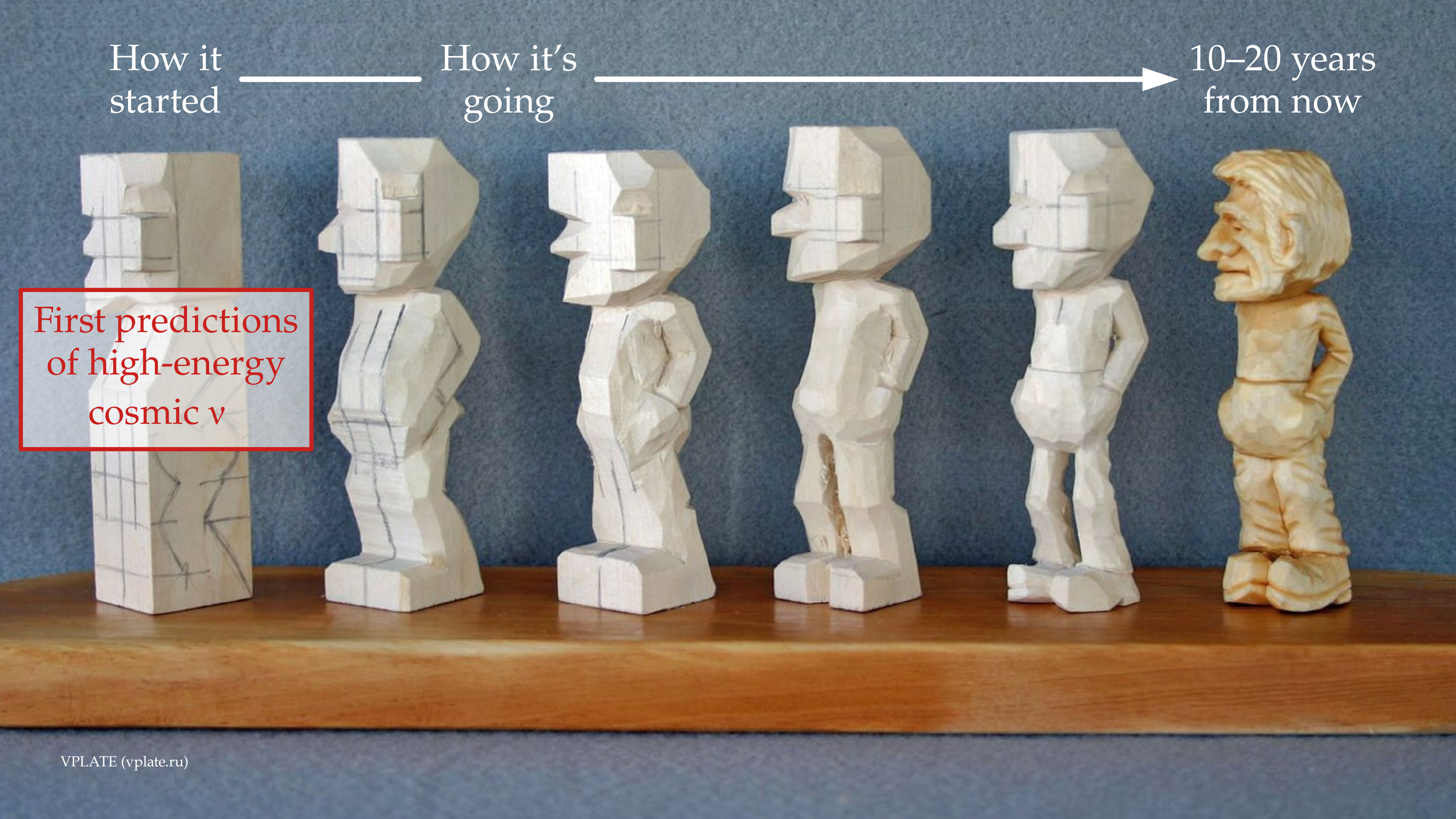
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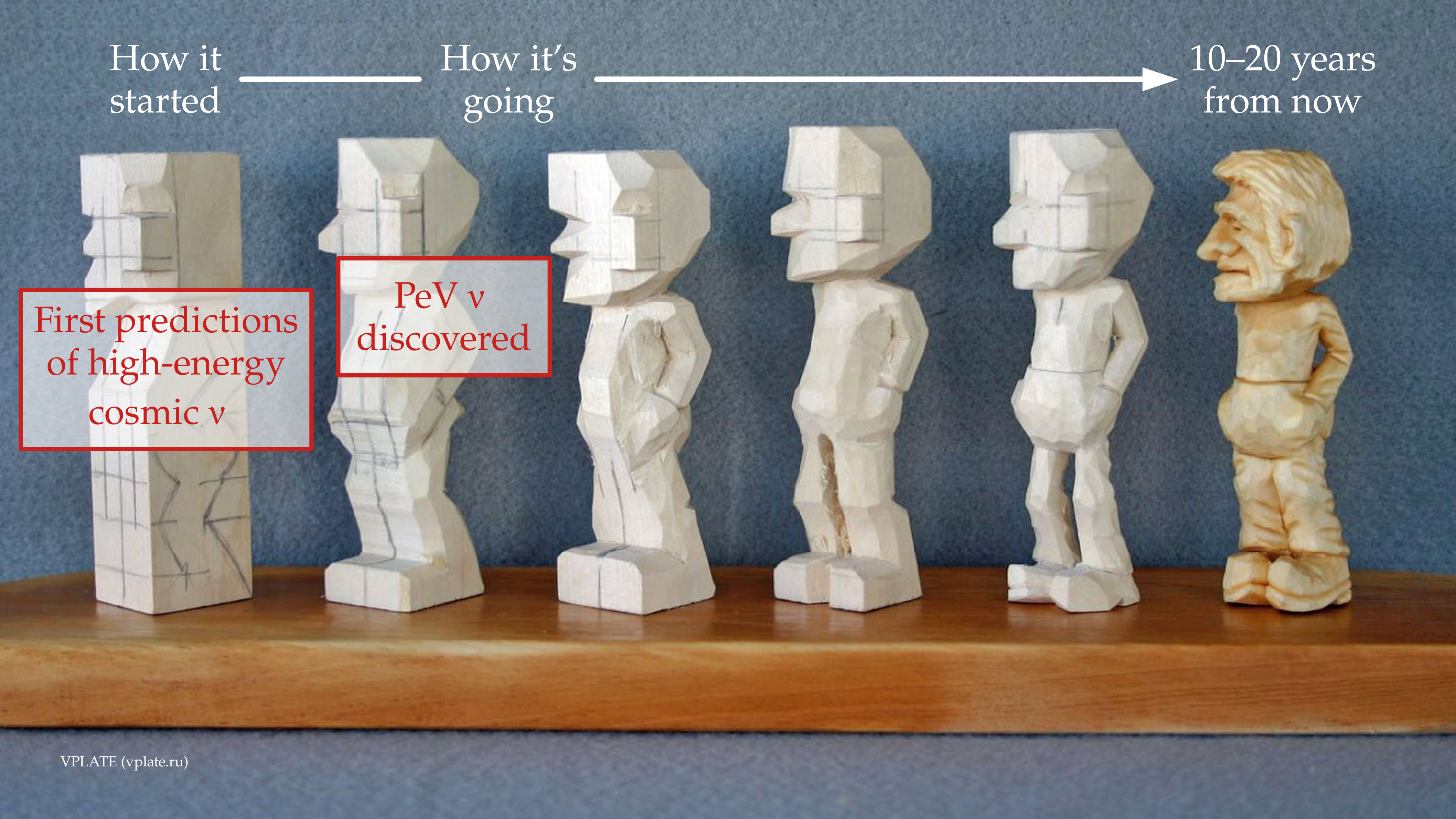
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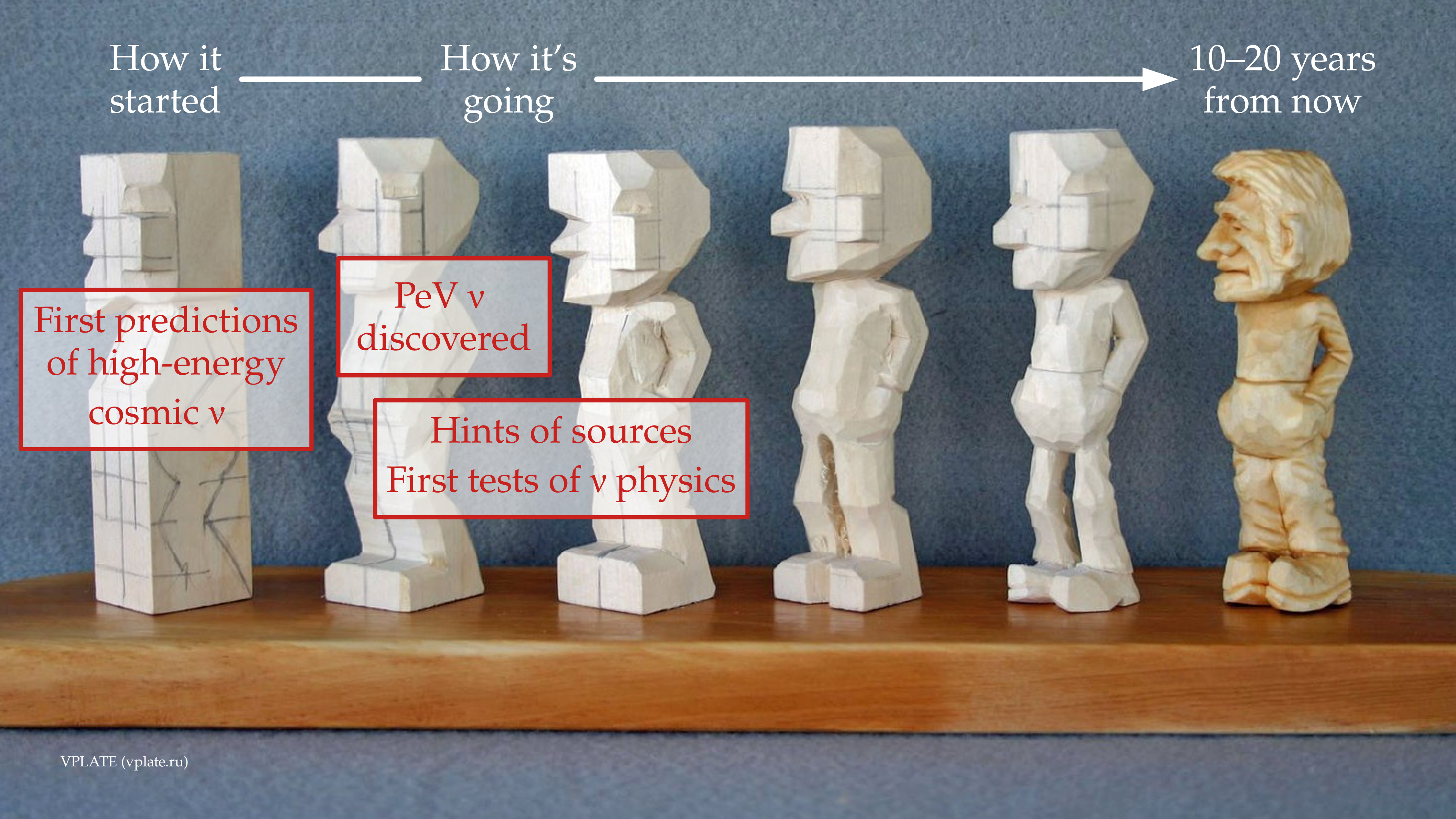
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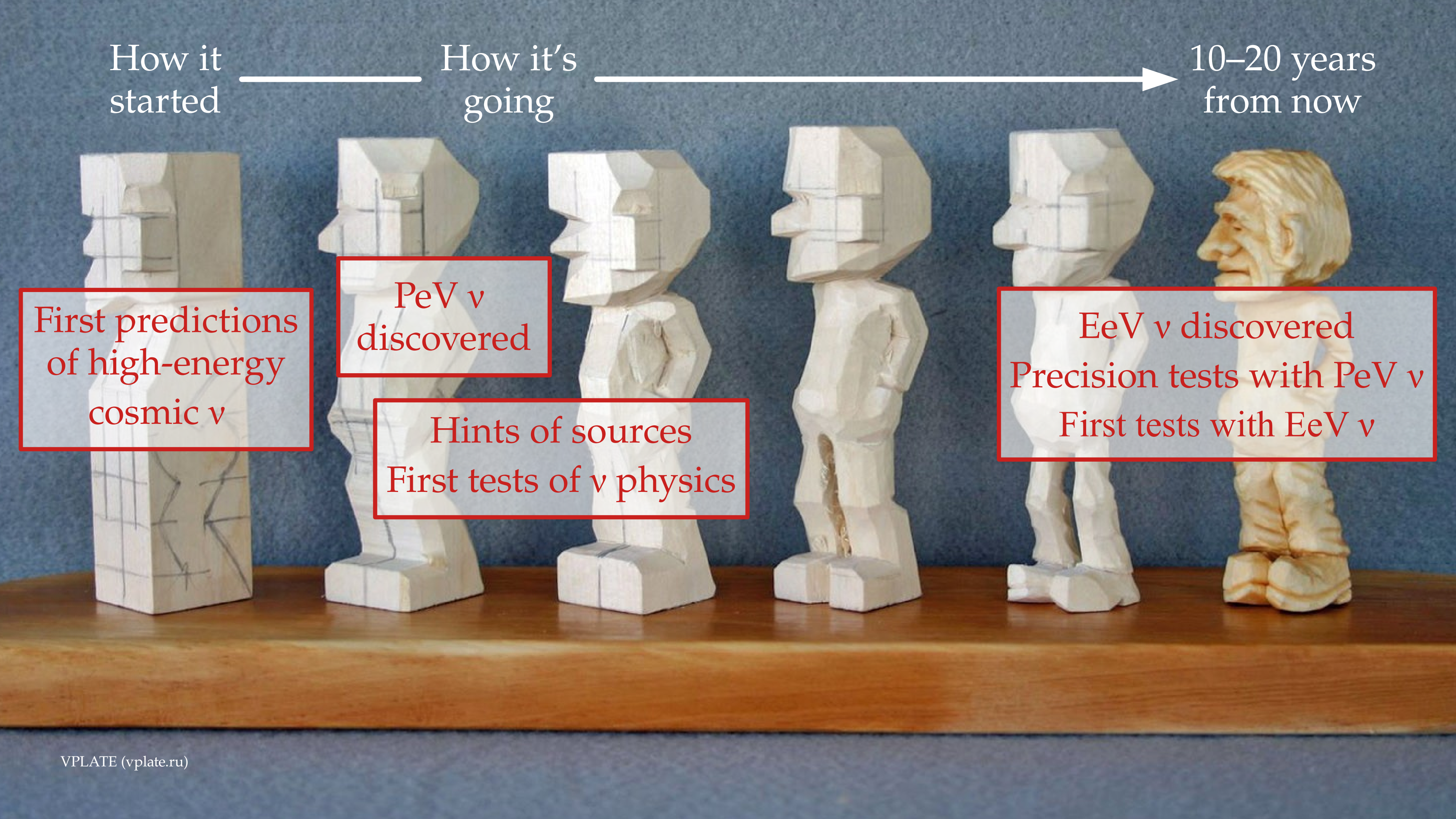
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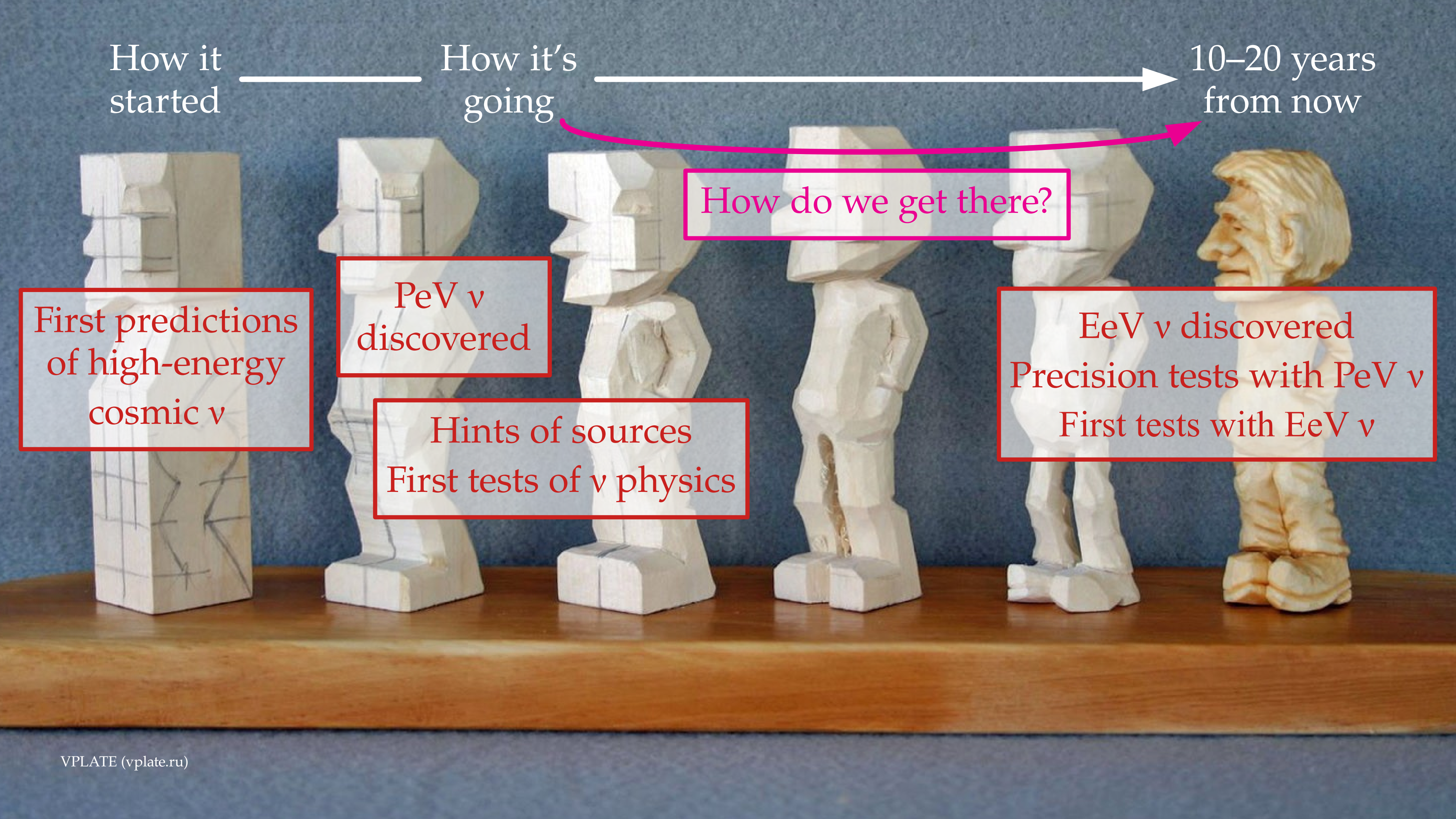
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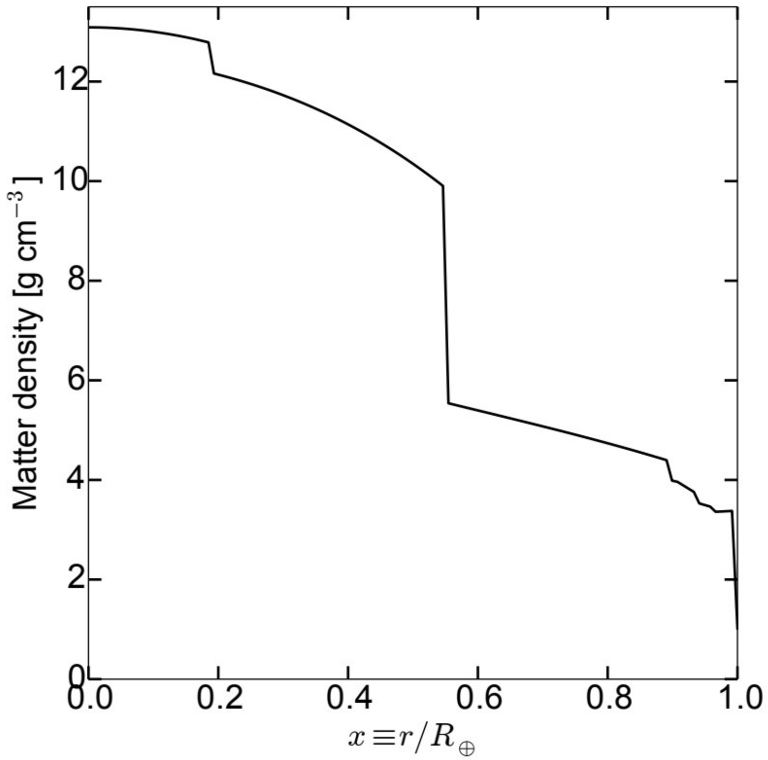
Thanks!

Backup slides

A feel for the in-Earth attenuation

Earth matter density

(Preliminary Reference Earth Model)



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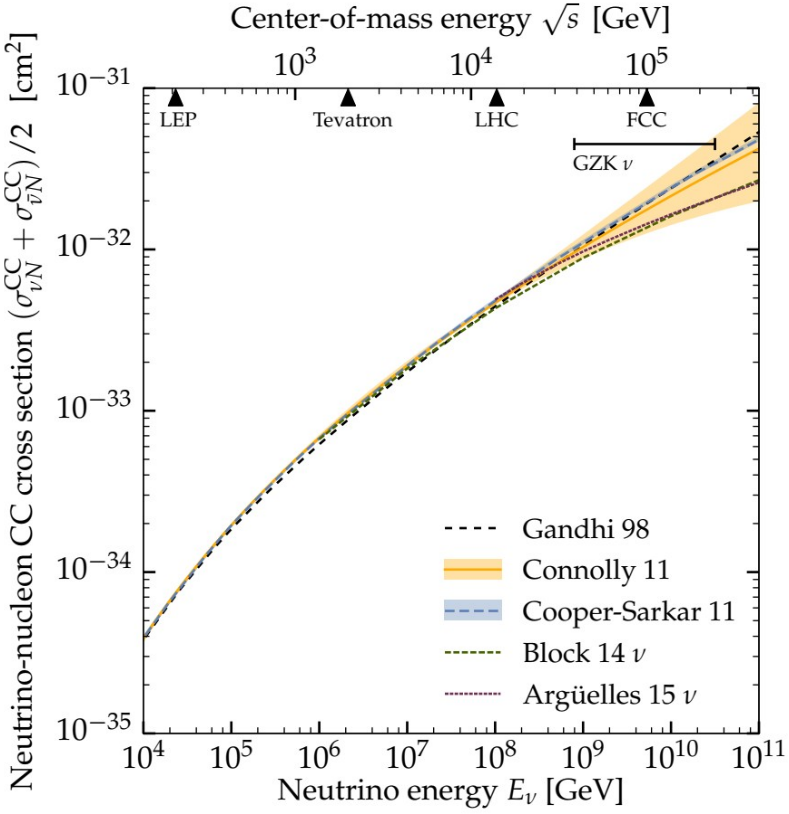

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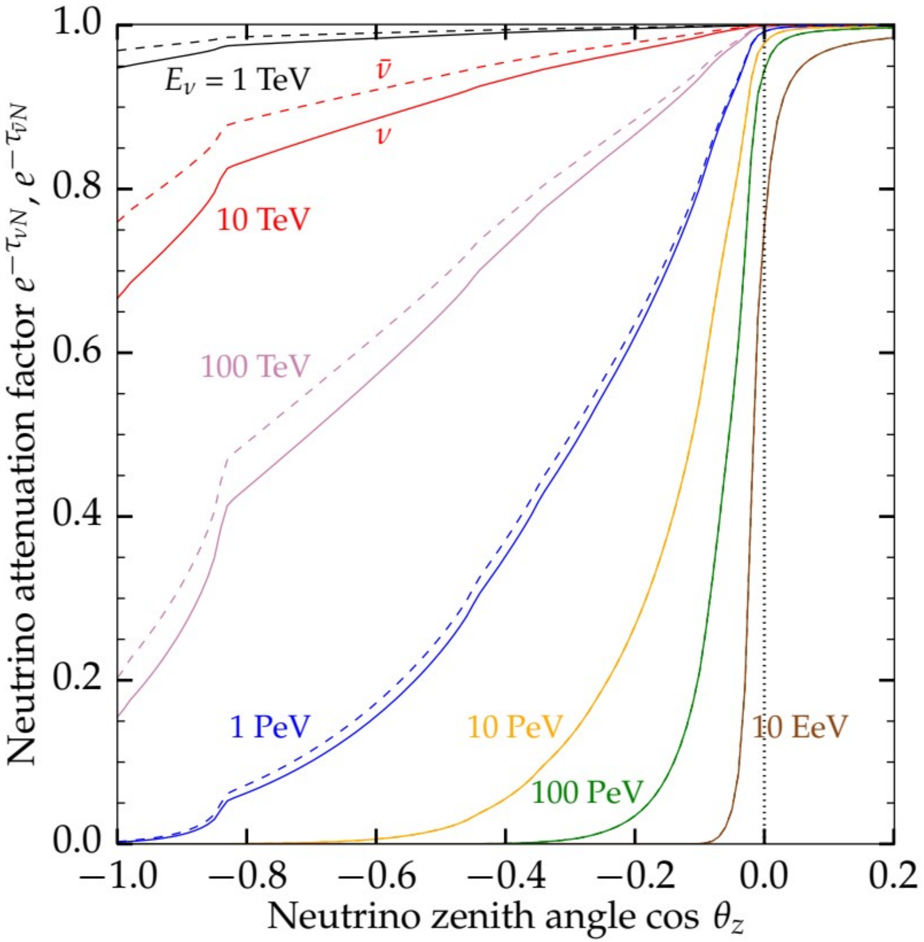
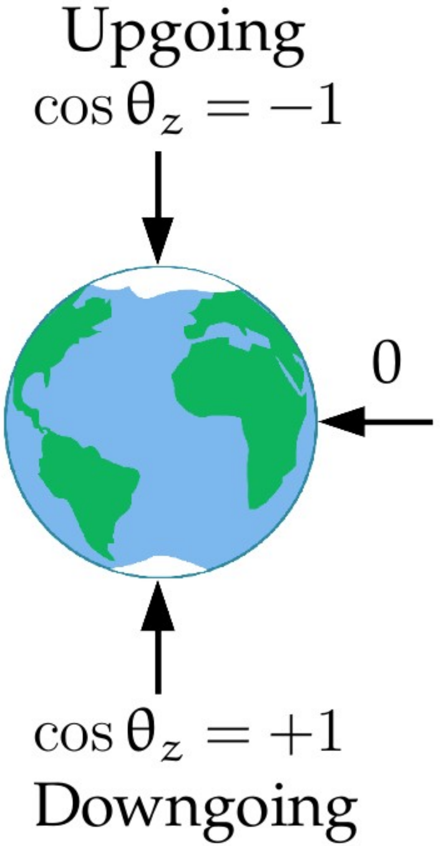
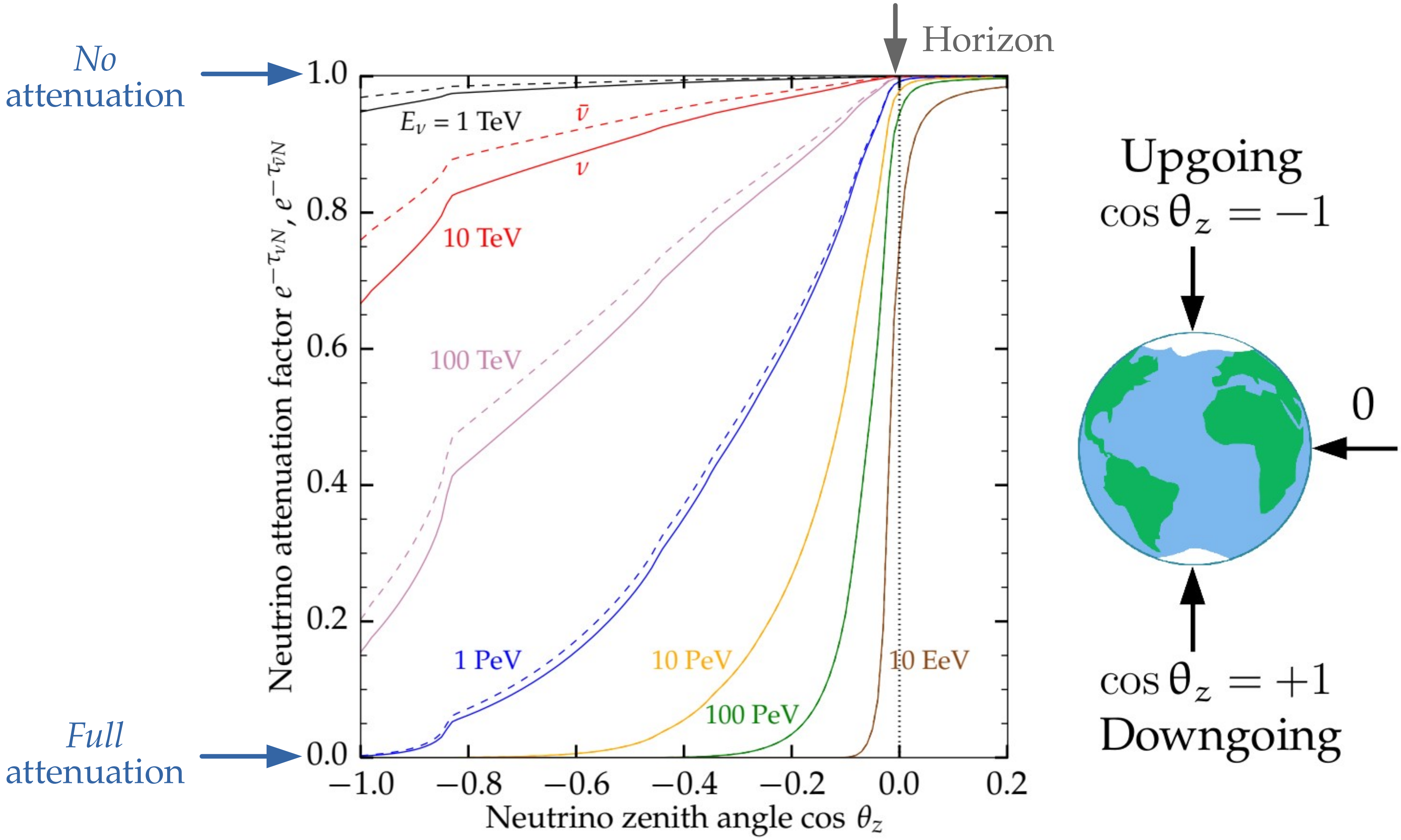
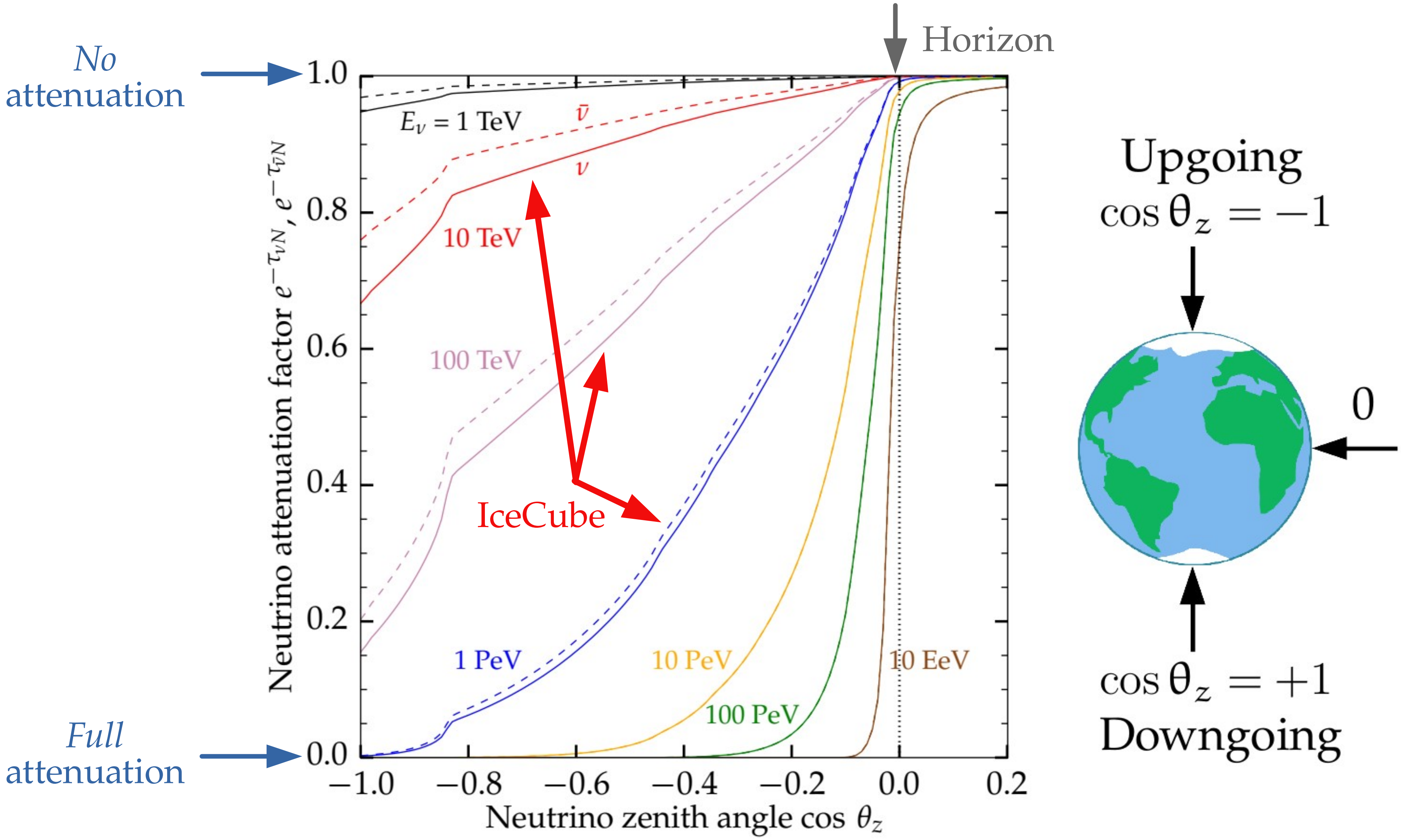






MB & Connolly, *PRL* 2019



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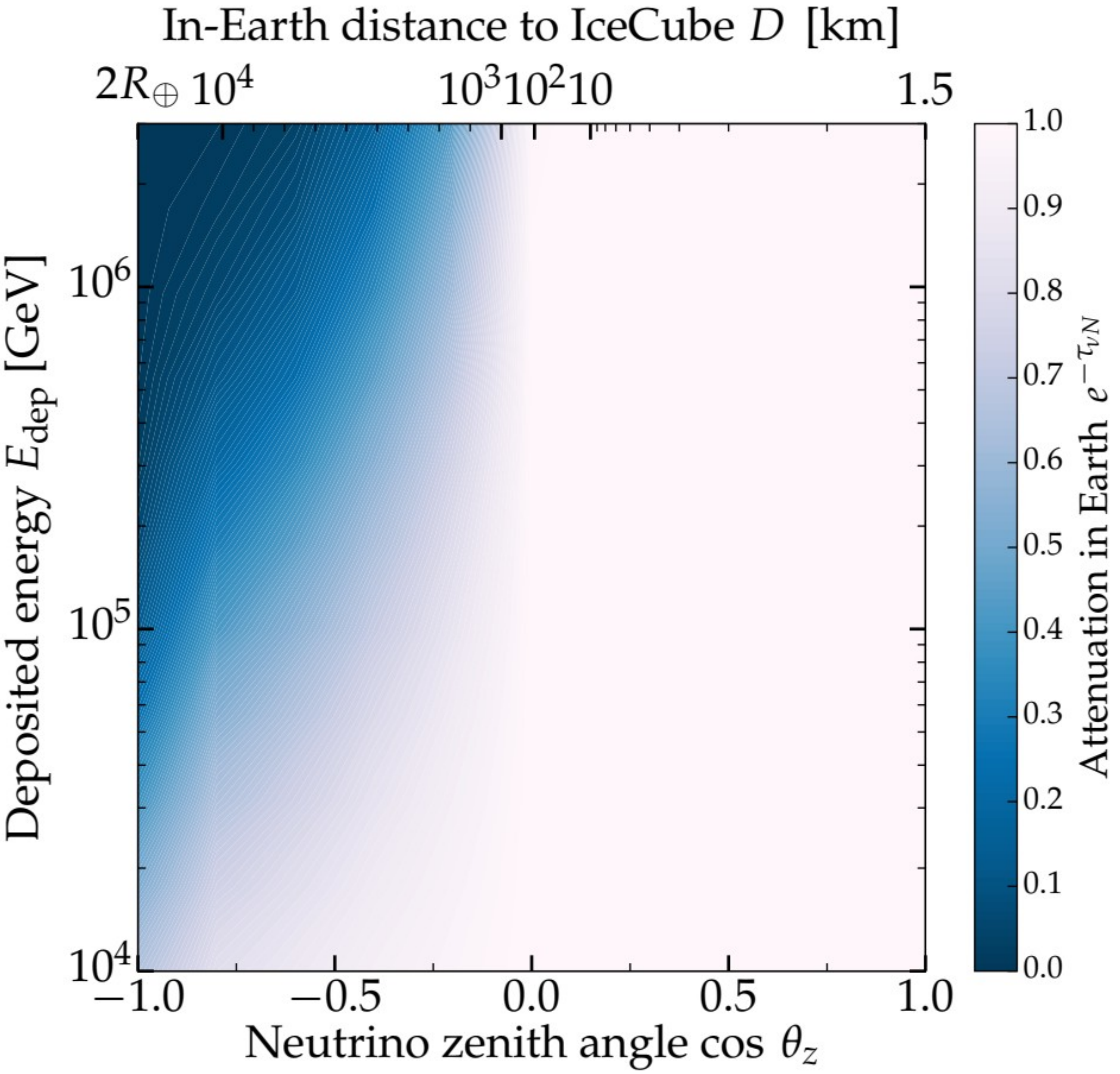

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Deposited energy E_dep [GeV]
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10^5
10^4
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1.0
Neutrino zenith angle cos θ_z
Attenuation in Earth e^{−τ_νN}
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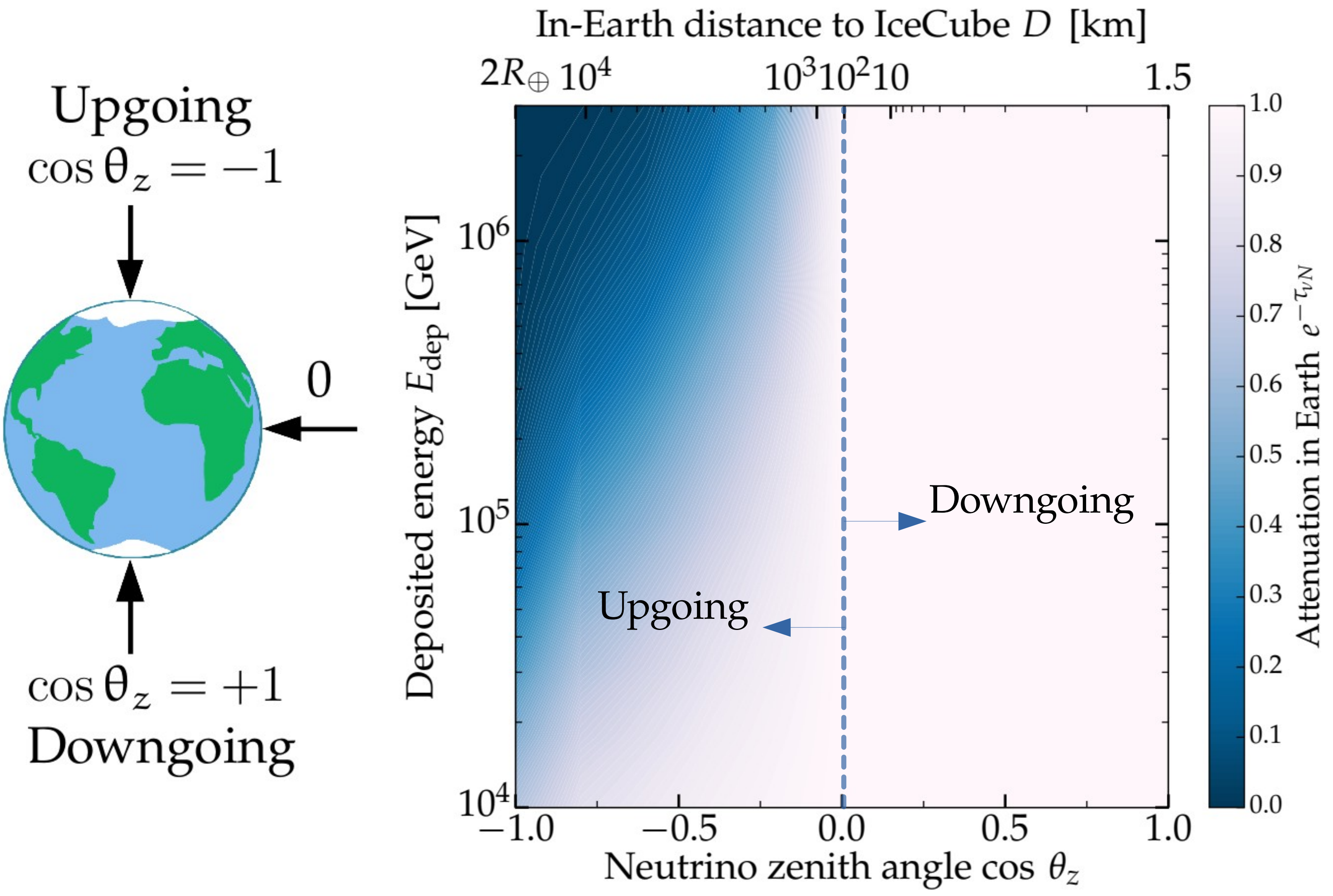
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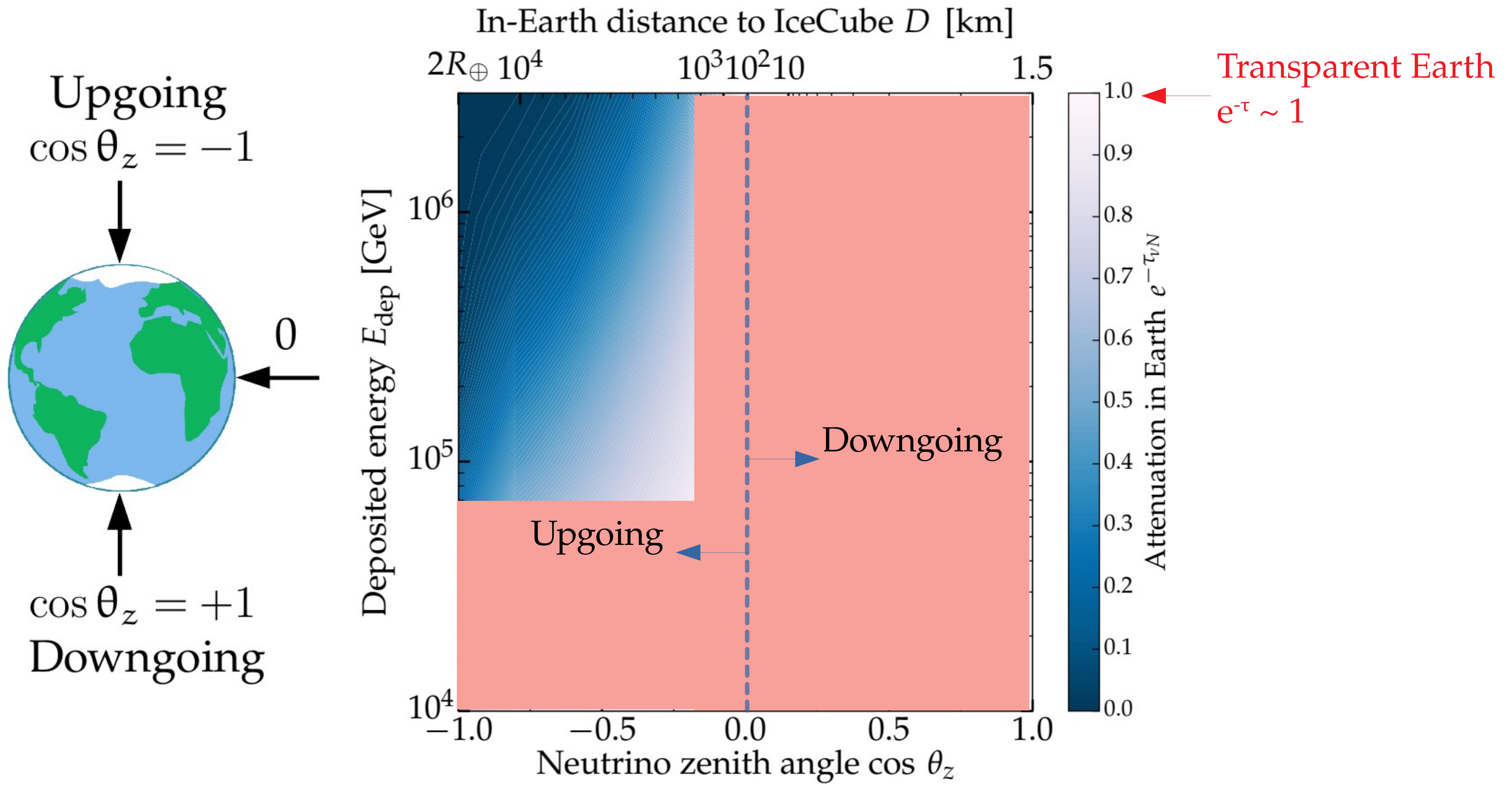

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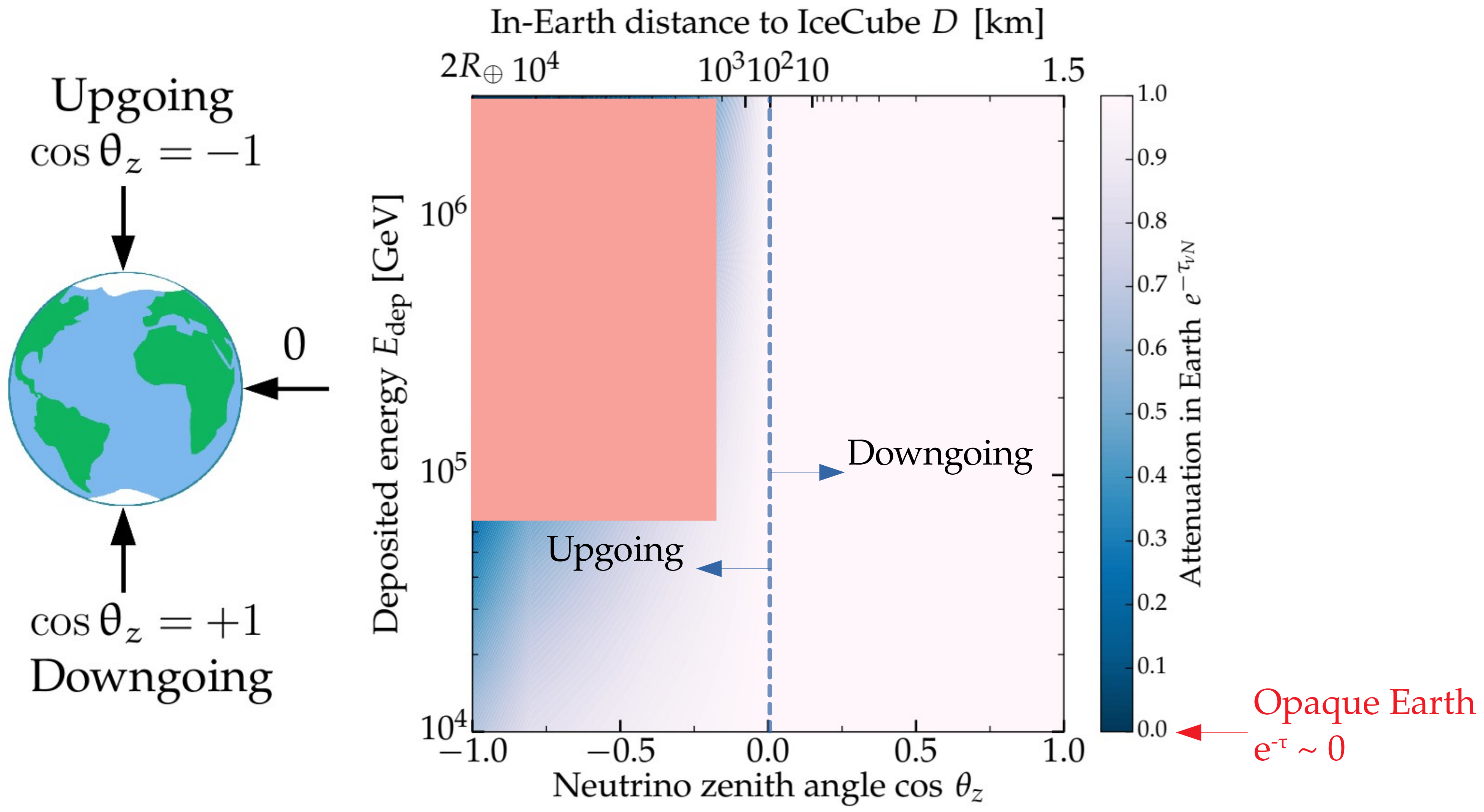
Transparent Earth
$e^{-\tau} \sim 1$



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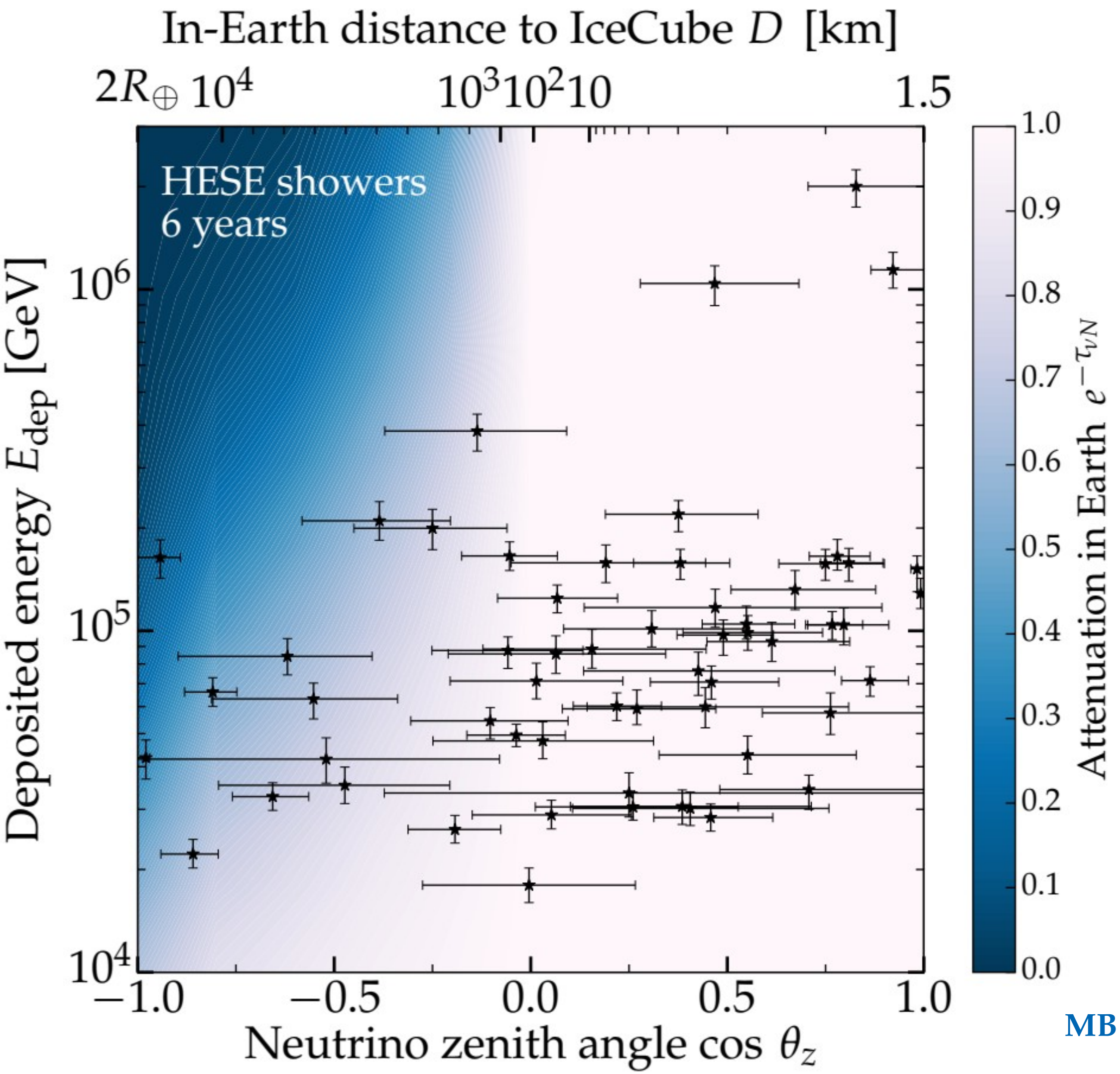
Opaque Earth
$e^{-\tau} \sim 0$



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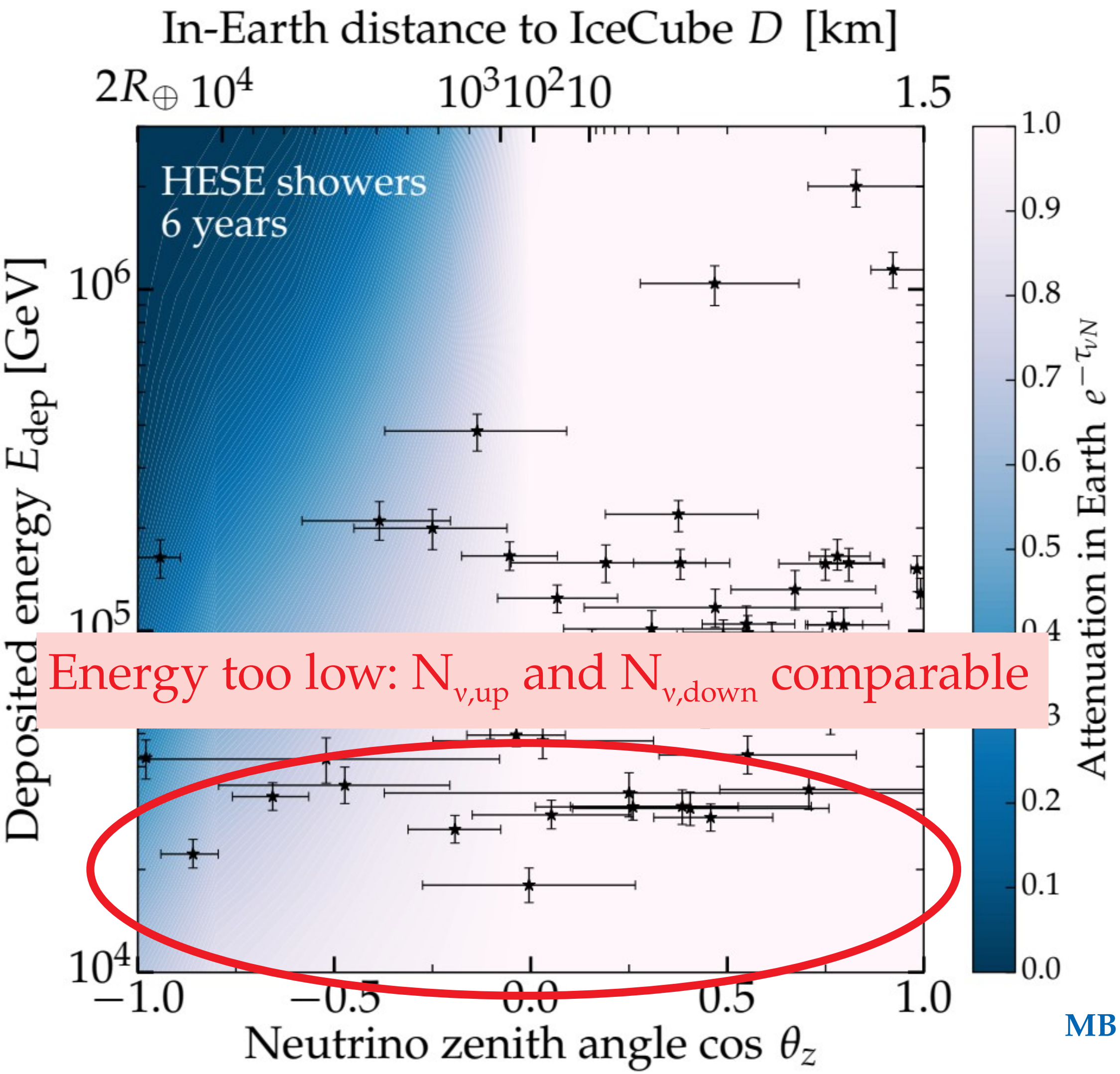

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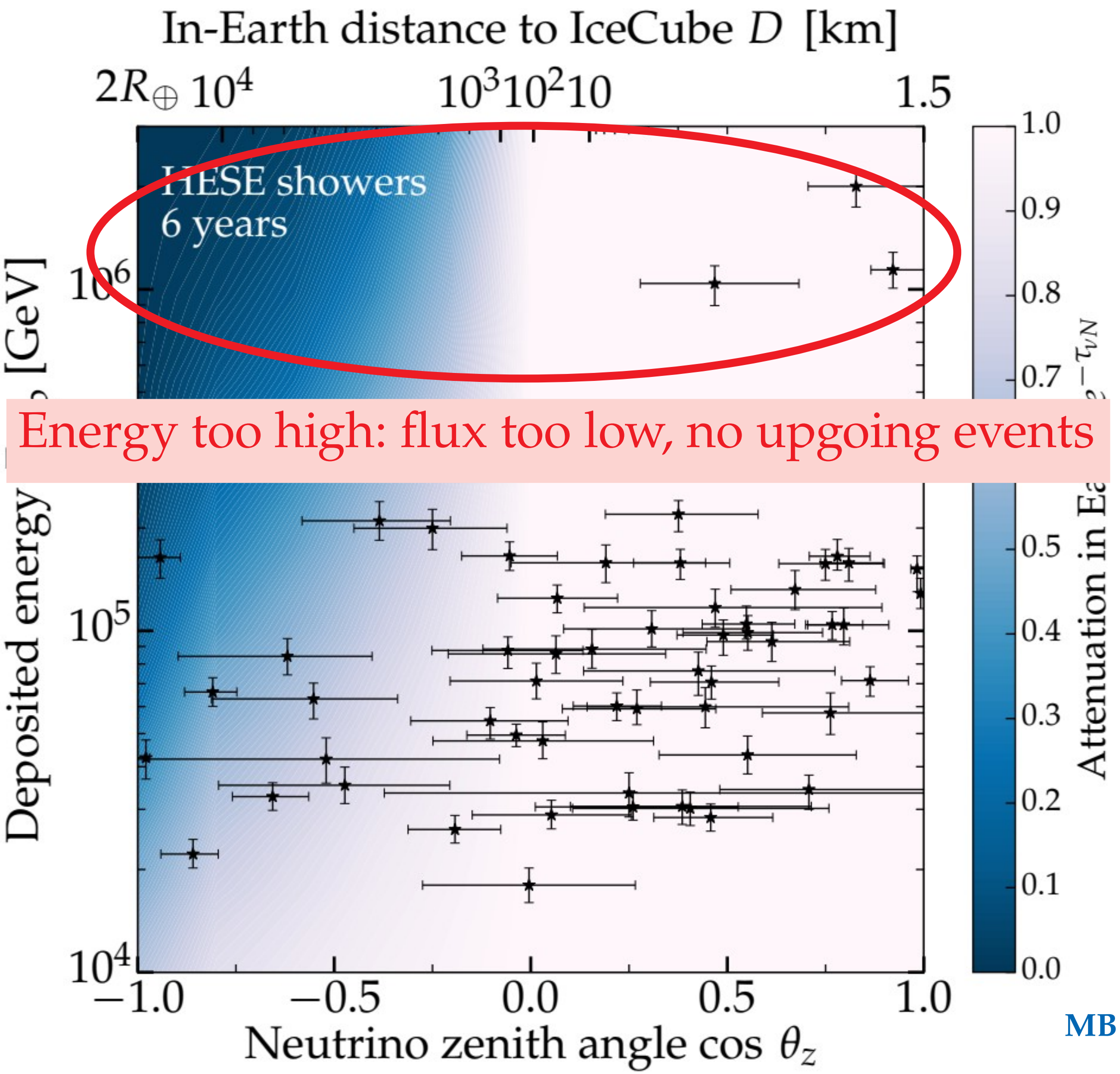

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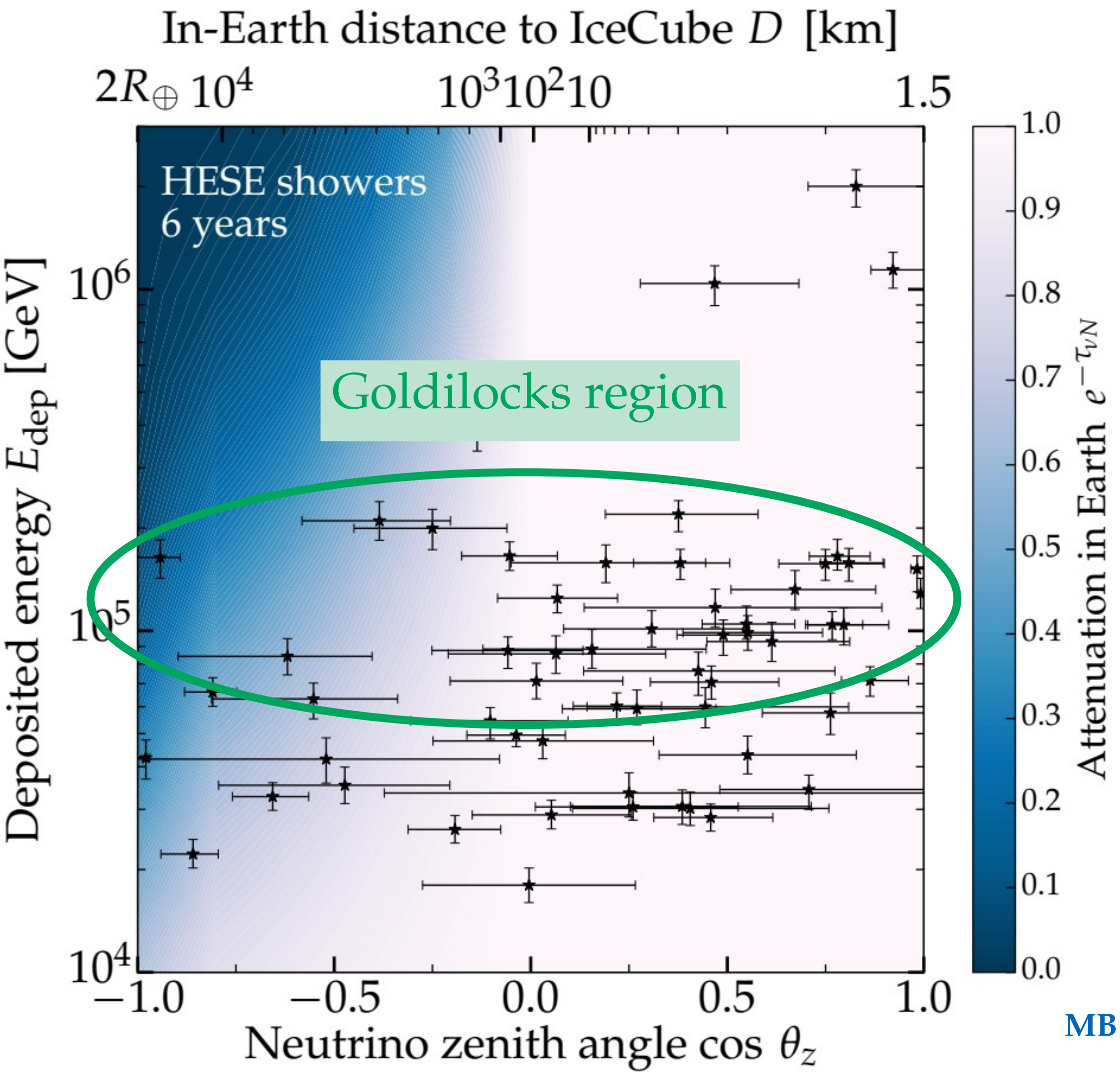

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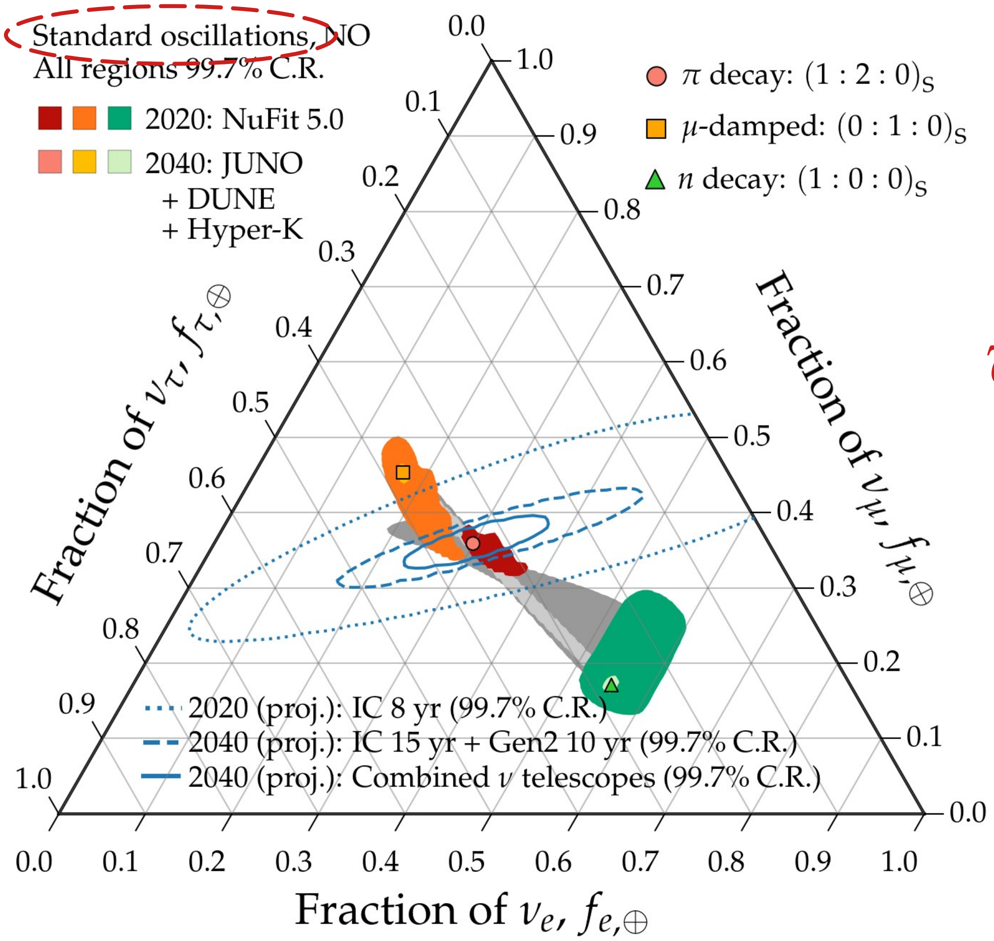
No unitarity? *No problem*



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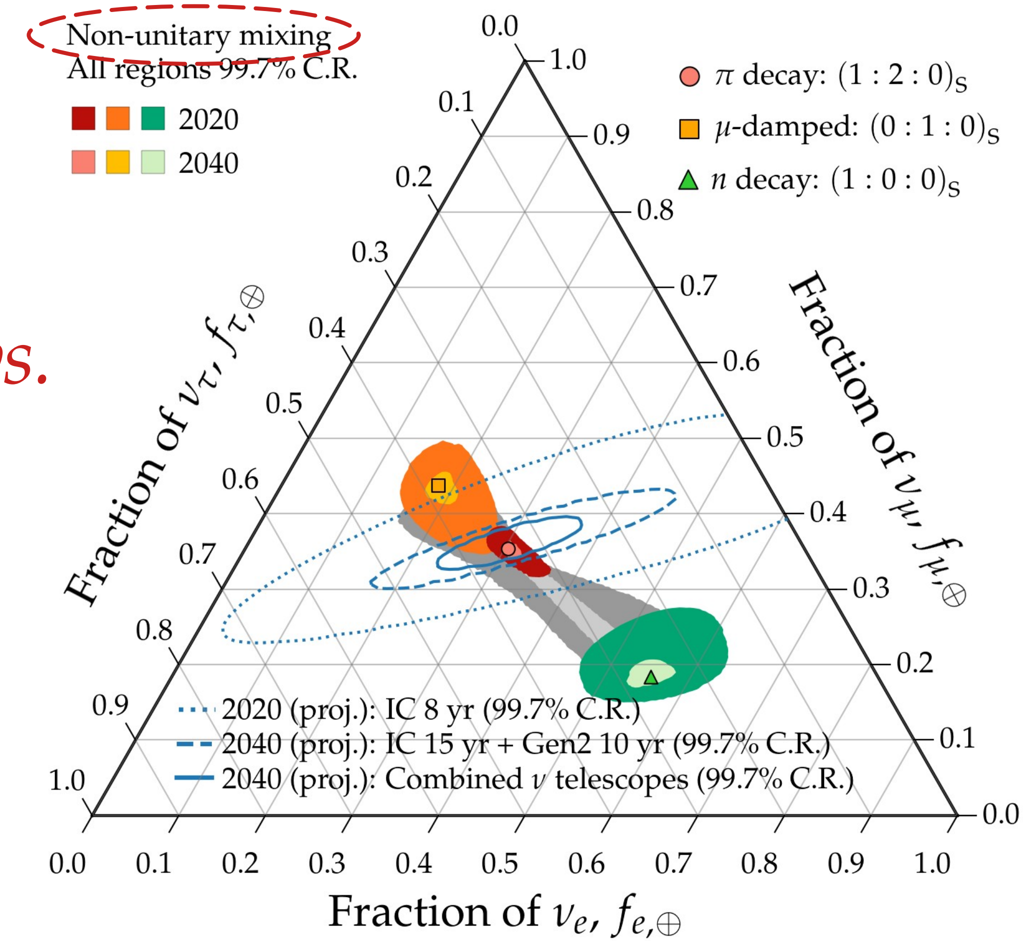

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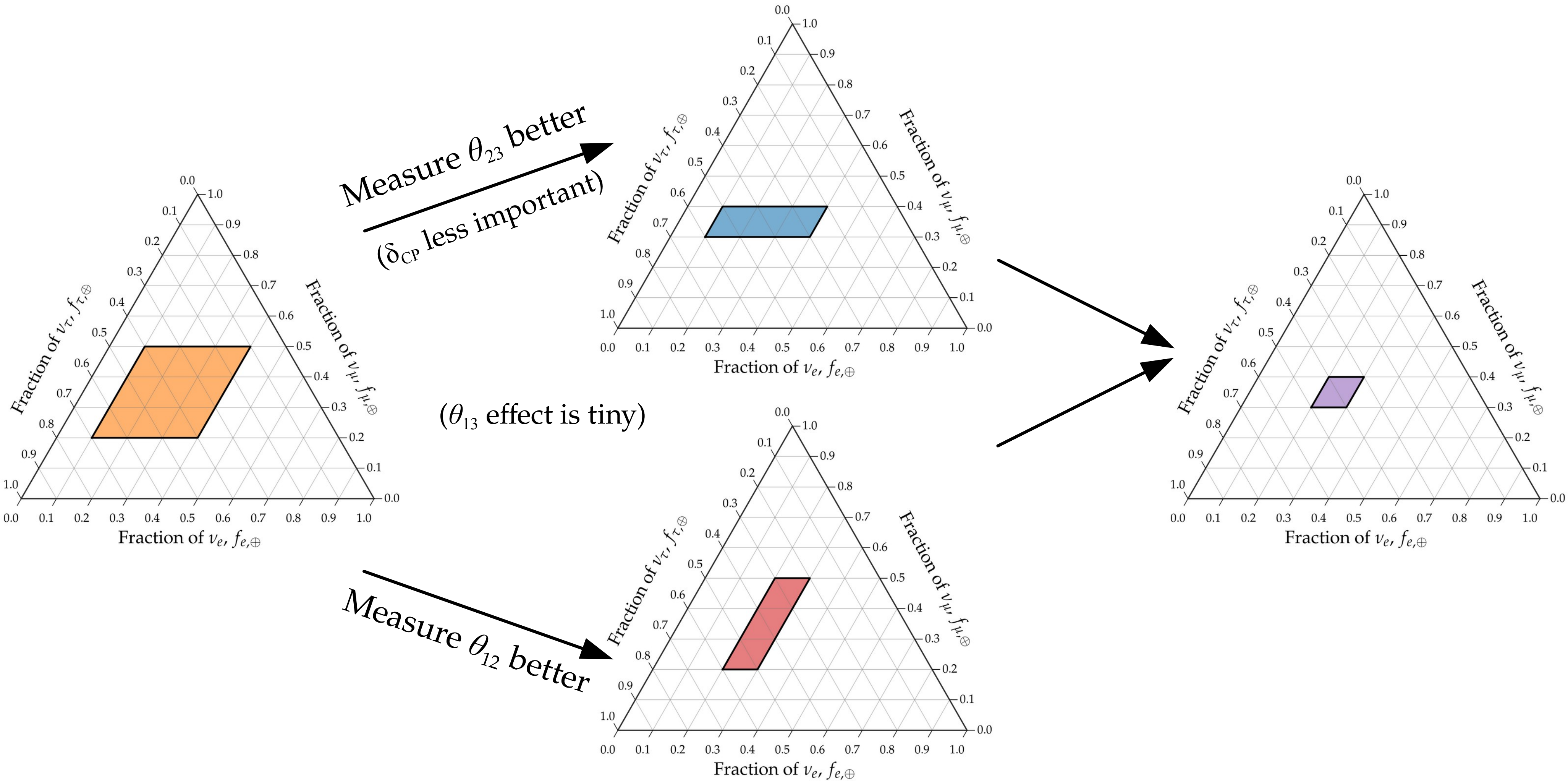
How knowing the mixing parameters better helps



What does neutrino decay change?

Flavor composition ⟺ Spectrum shape ⟺ Event rate

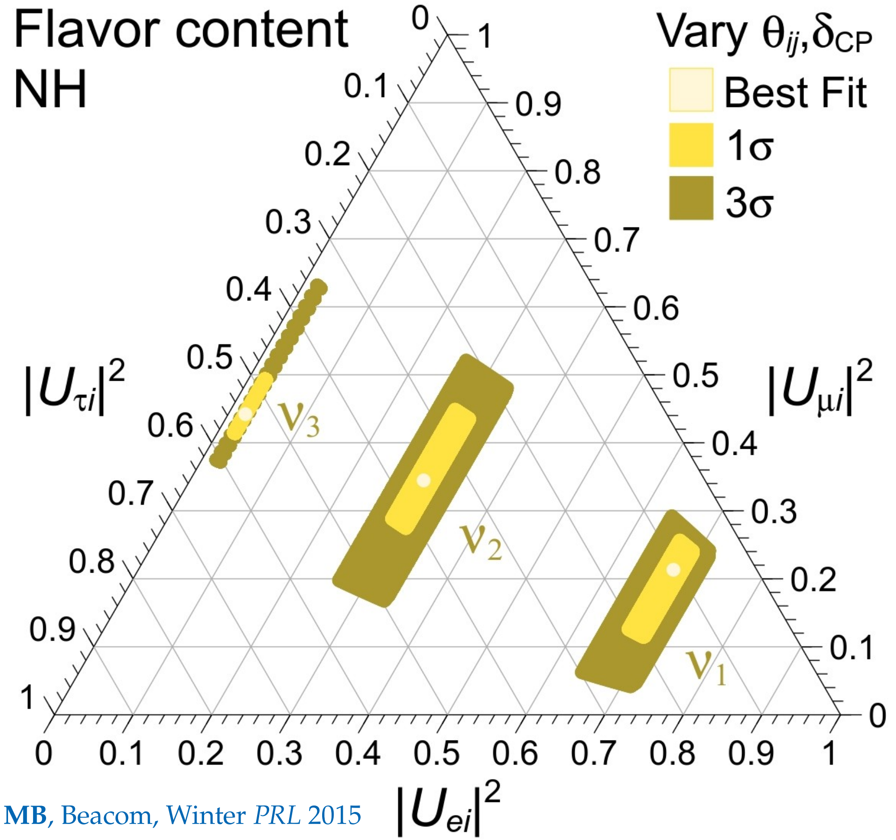
Flavor content of mass eigenstates:

Known to within 2%

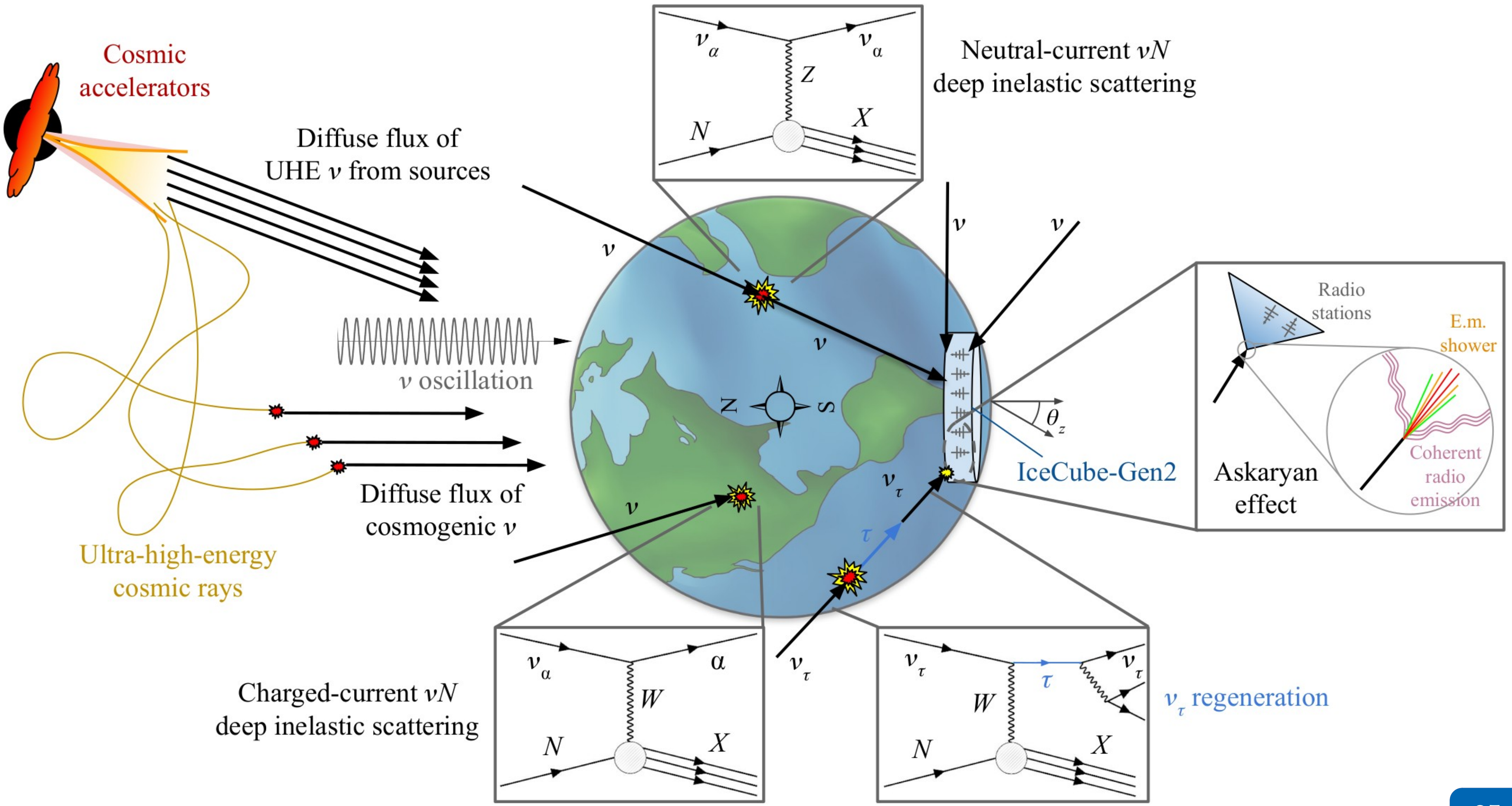
$$|U_{\alpha i}|^2 = |U_{\alpha i}(\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}, \delta_{CP})|^2$$

Known to within 8%

Known to within 20% (or worse)



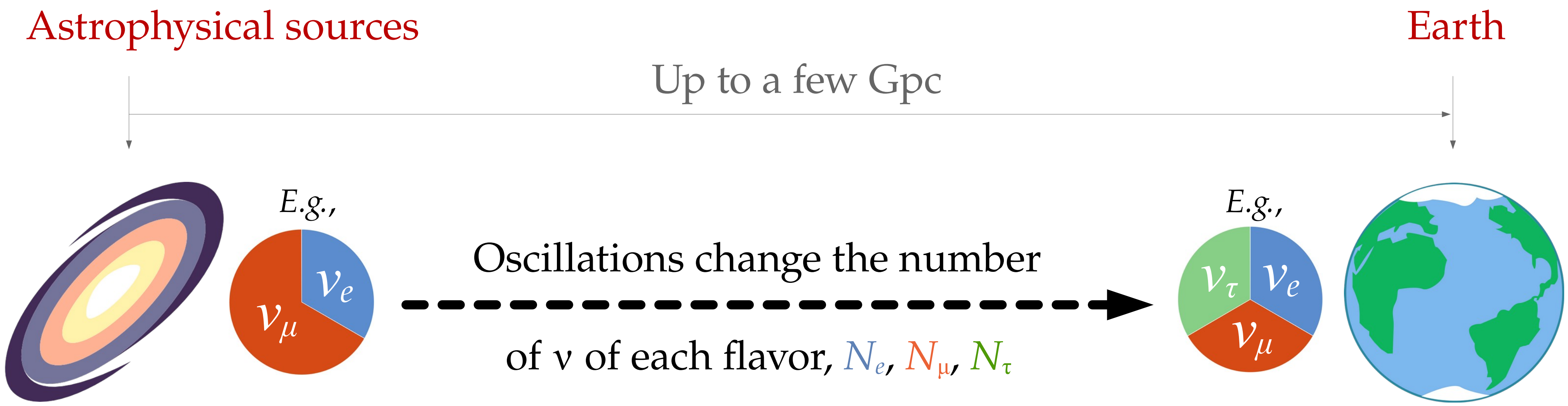
MB, Beacom, Winter *PRL* 2015



Valera, **MB**, Glaser, *JHEP* 2022 [2204.04237]

3. Flavor:
Towards precision, finally

(with the help of lower-energy experiments)



Different production mechanisms yield different flavor ratios:

$$(f_{e,\mathrm{S}}, f_{\mu,\mathrm{S}}, f_{\tau,\mathrm{S}}) \equiv (N_{e,\mathrm{S}}, N_{\mu,\mathrm{S}}, N_{\tau,\mathrm{S}})/N_{\mathrm{tot}}$$

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

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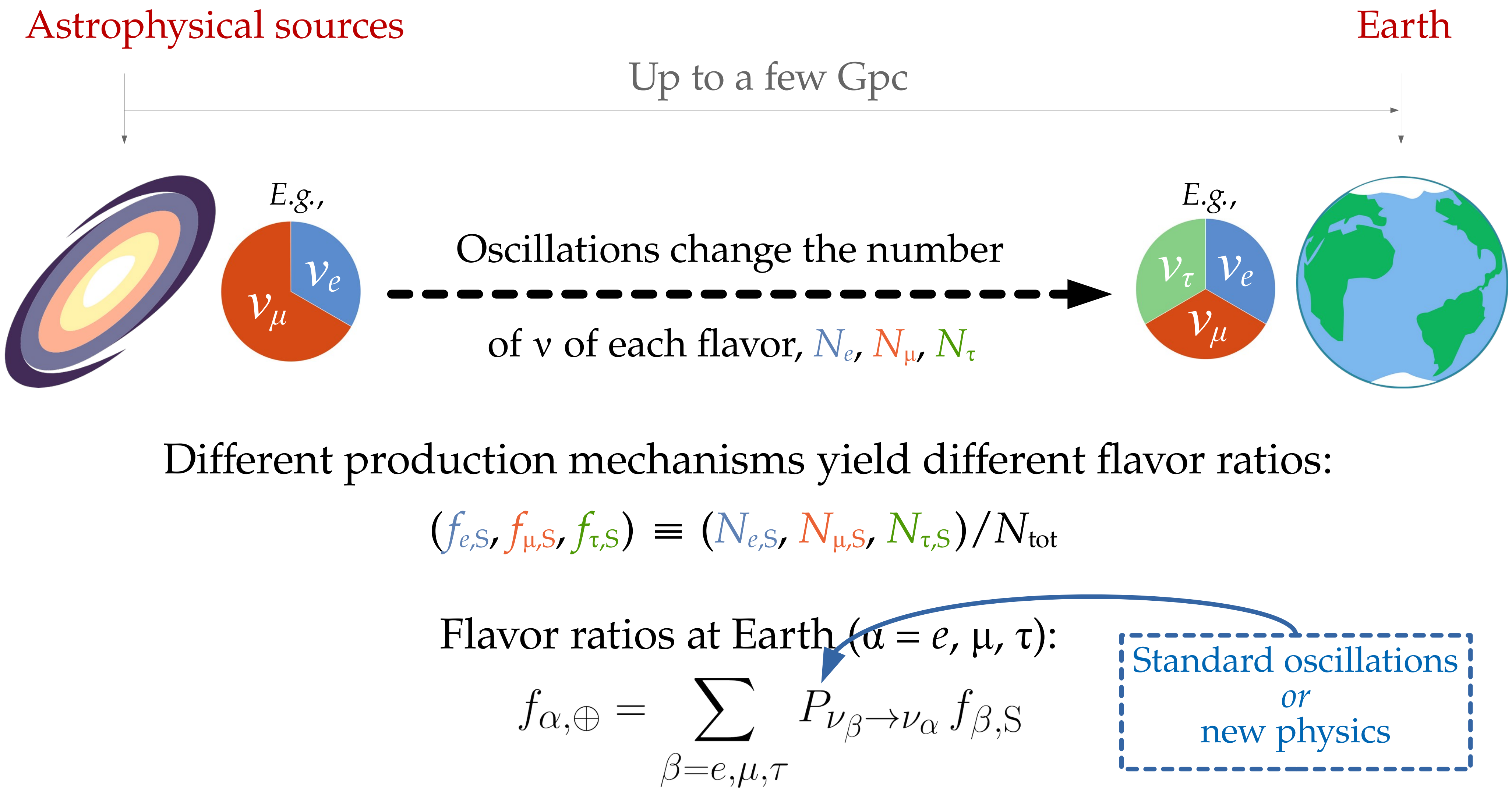
Astrophysical sources
Earth
Up to a few Gpc
E.g.,
ν_e
ν_μ
E.g.,
ν_τ
ν_e
ν_μ
Oscillations change the number
of ν of each flavor, N_e, N_μ, N_τ
Different production mechanisms yield different flavor ratios:
$(f_{e,S}, f_{\mu,S}, f_{\tau,S}) \equiv (N_{e,S}, N_{\mu,S}, N_{\tau,S})/N_{tot}$
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Standard oscillations
or
new physics

Measuring flavor composition: 2015–2040

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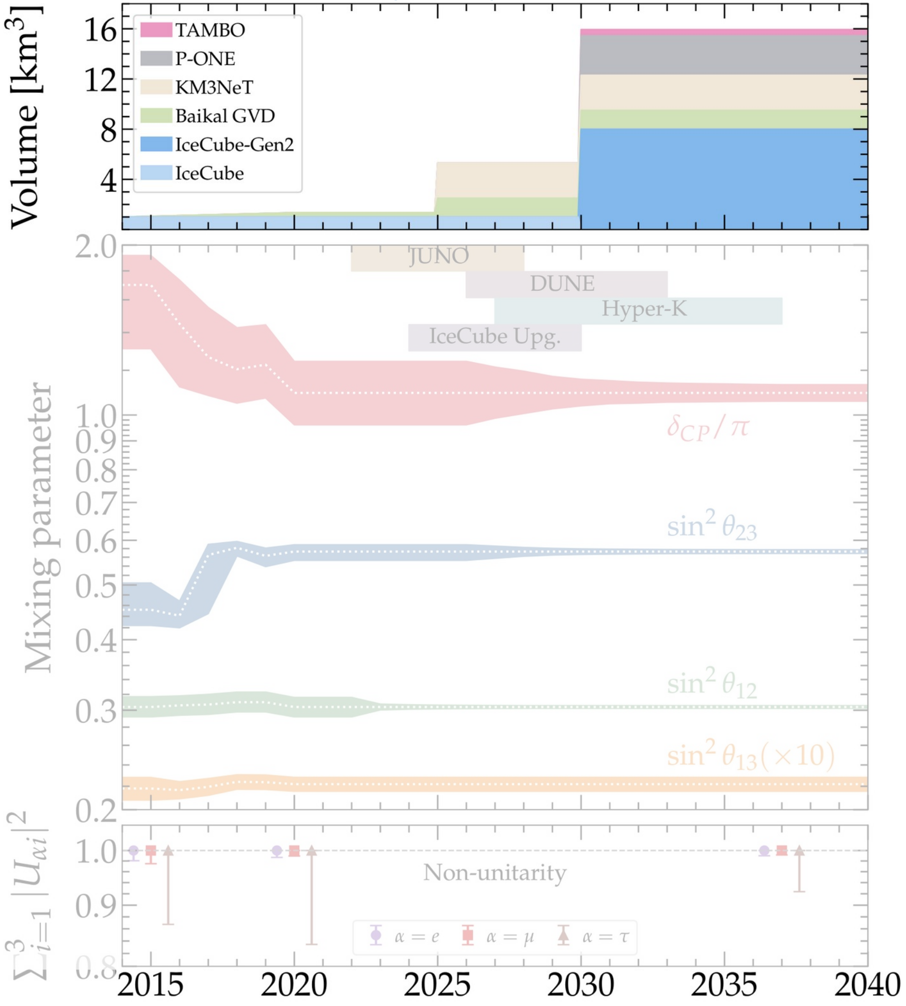

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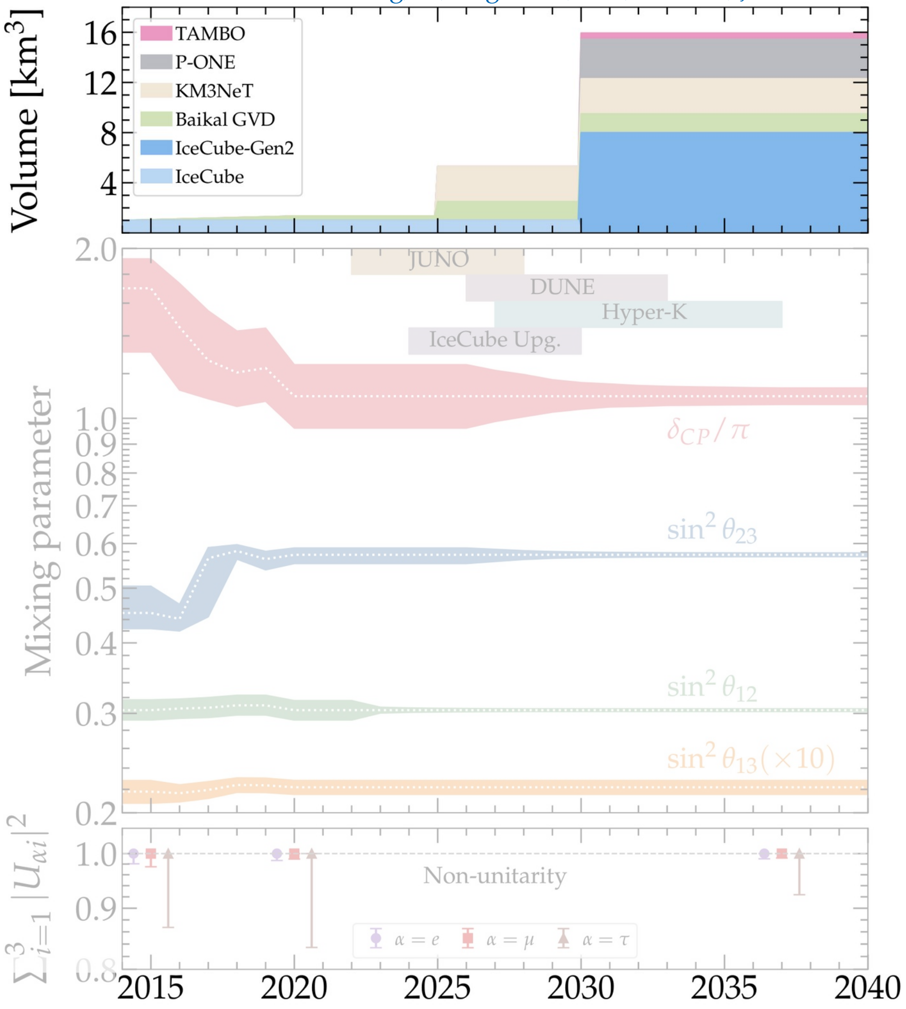

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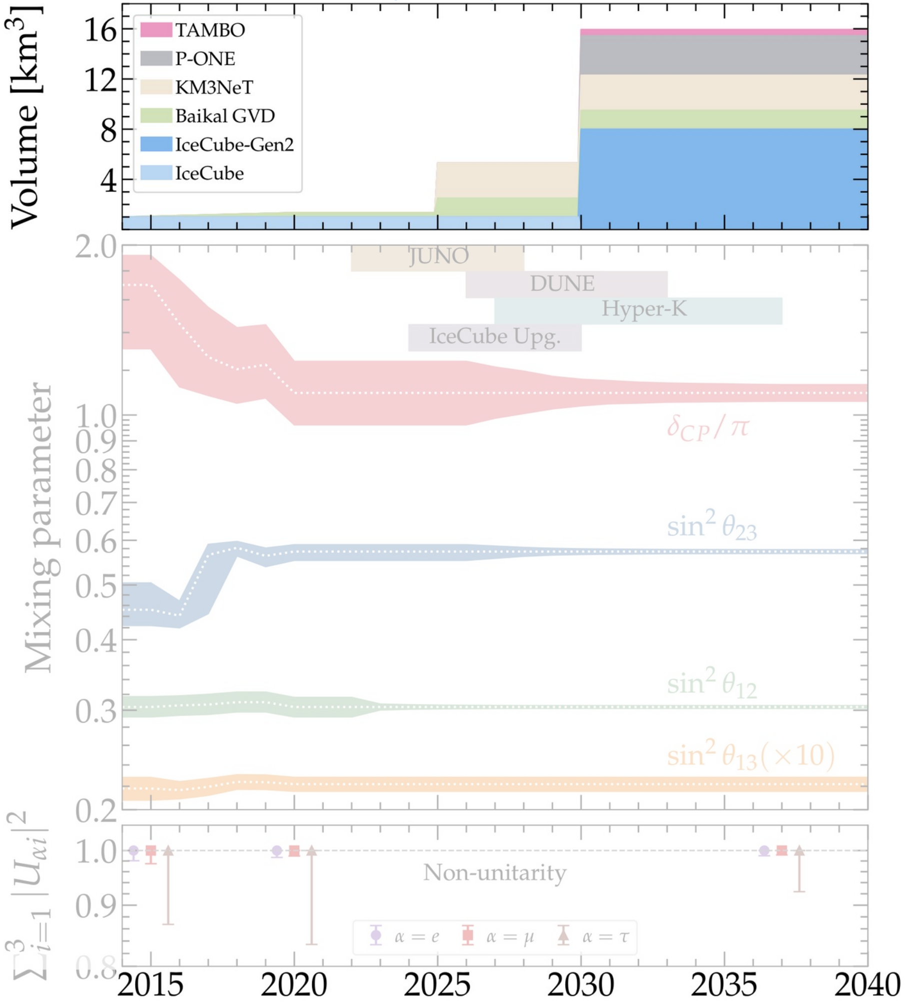

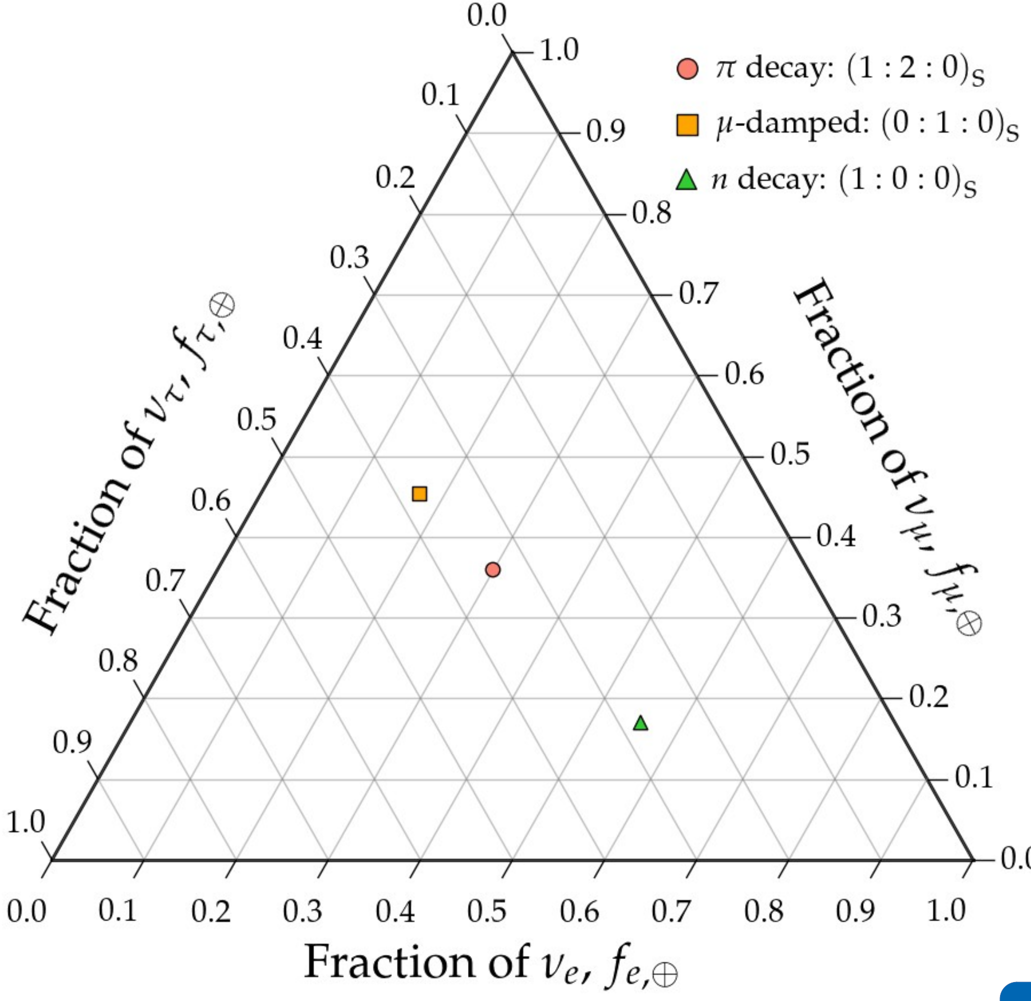

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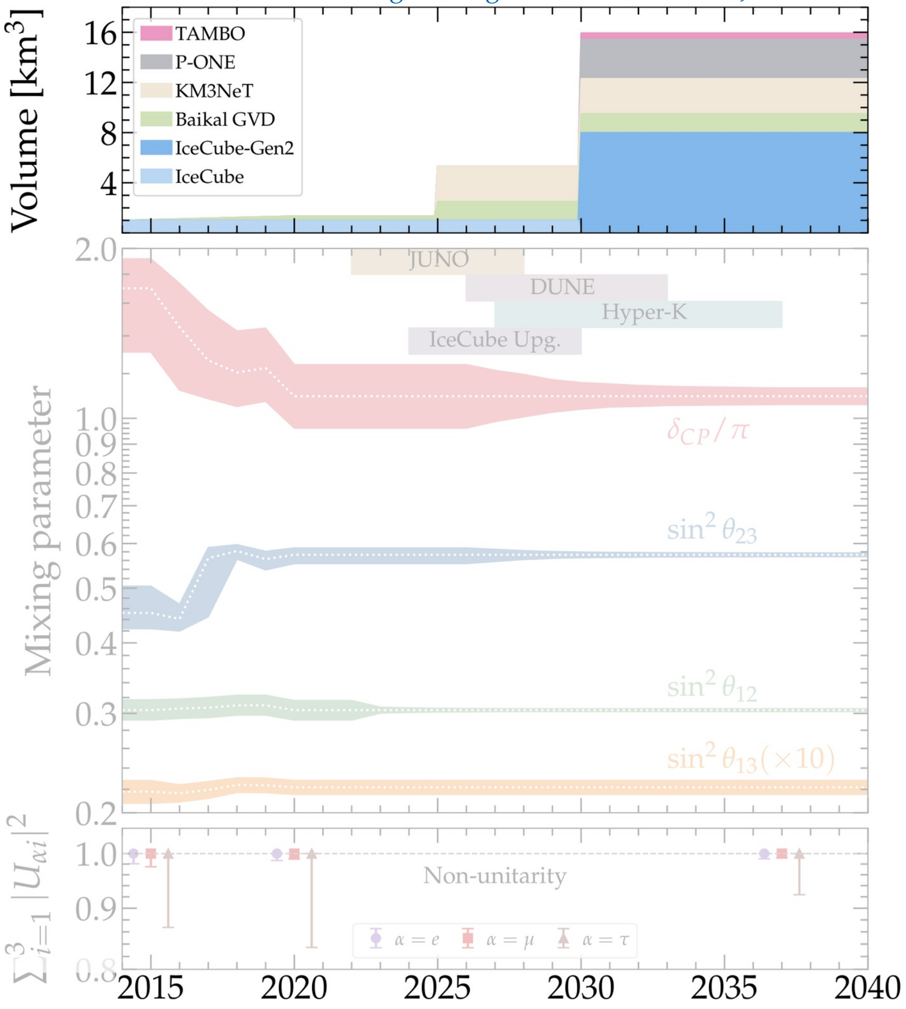

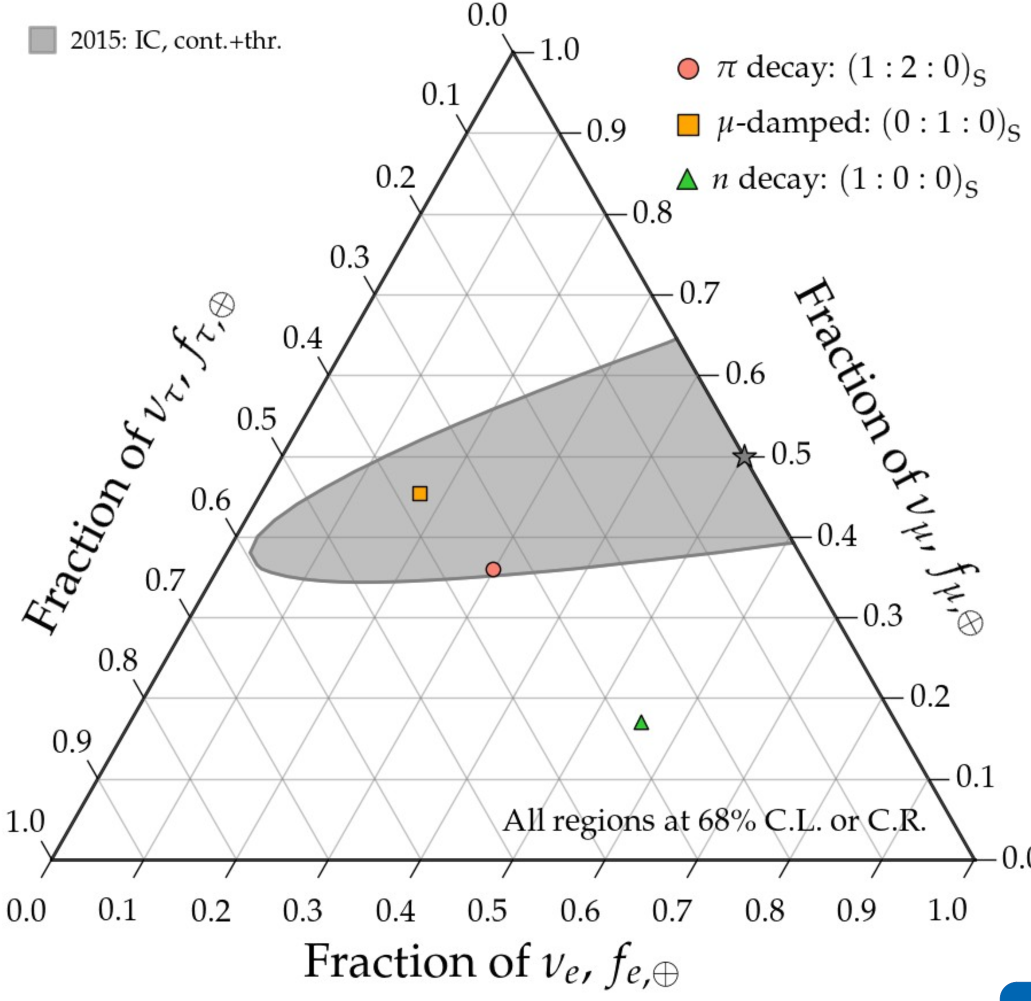

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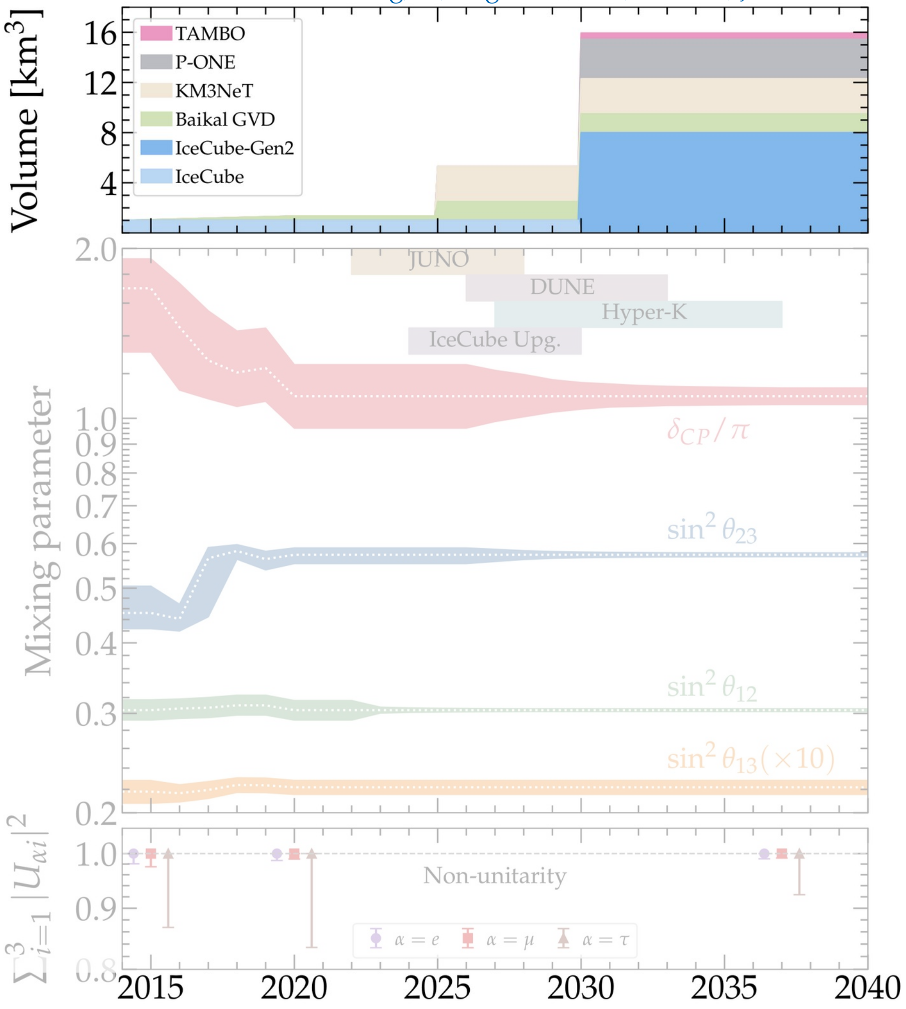

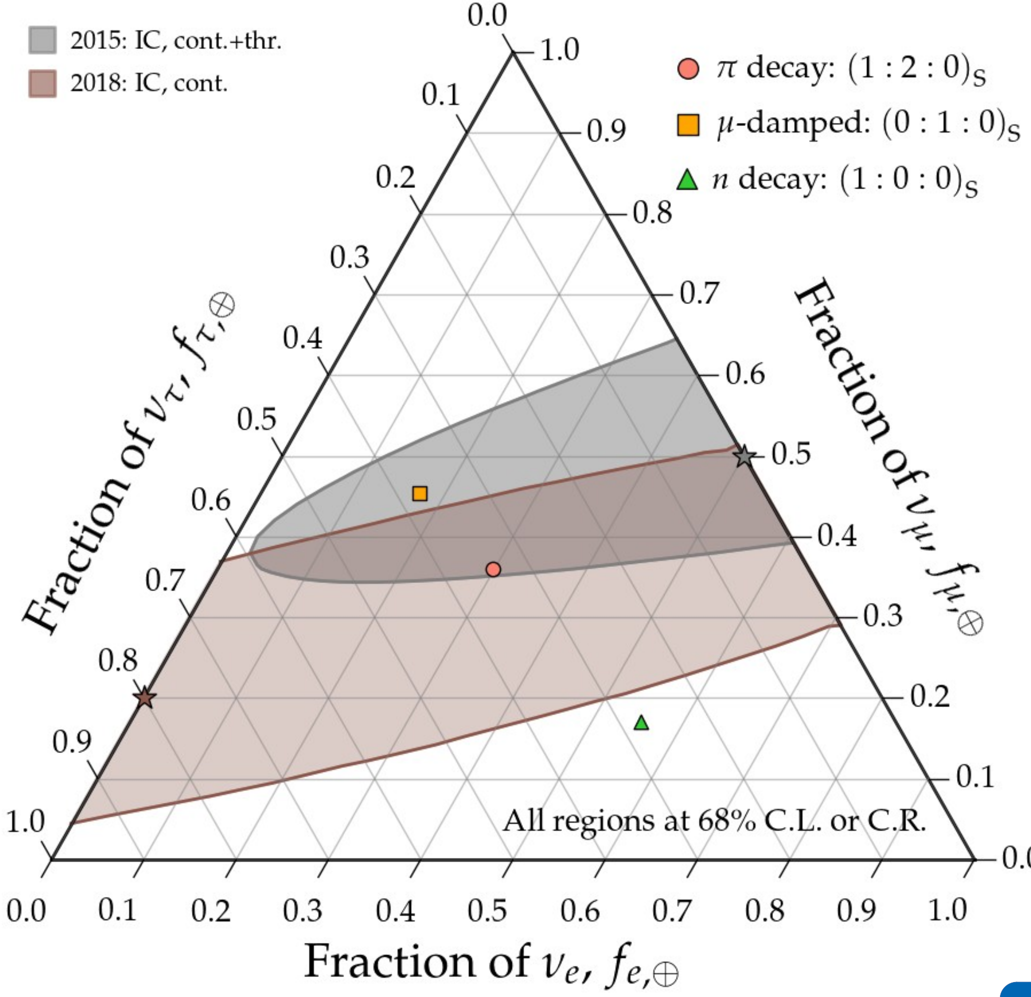

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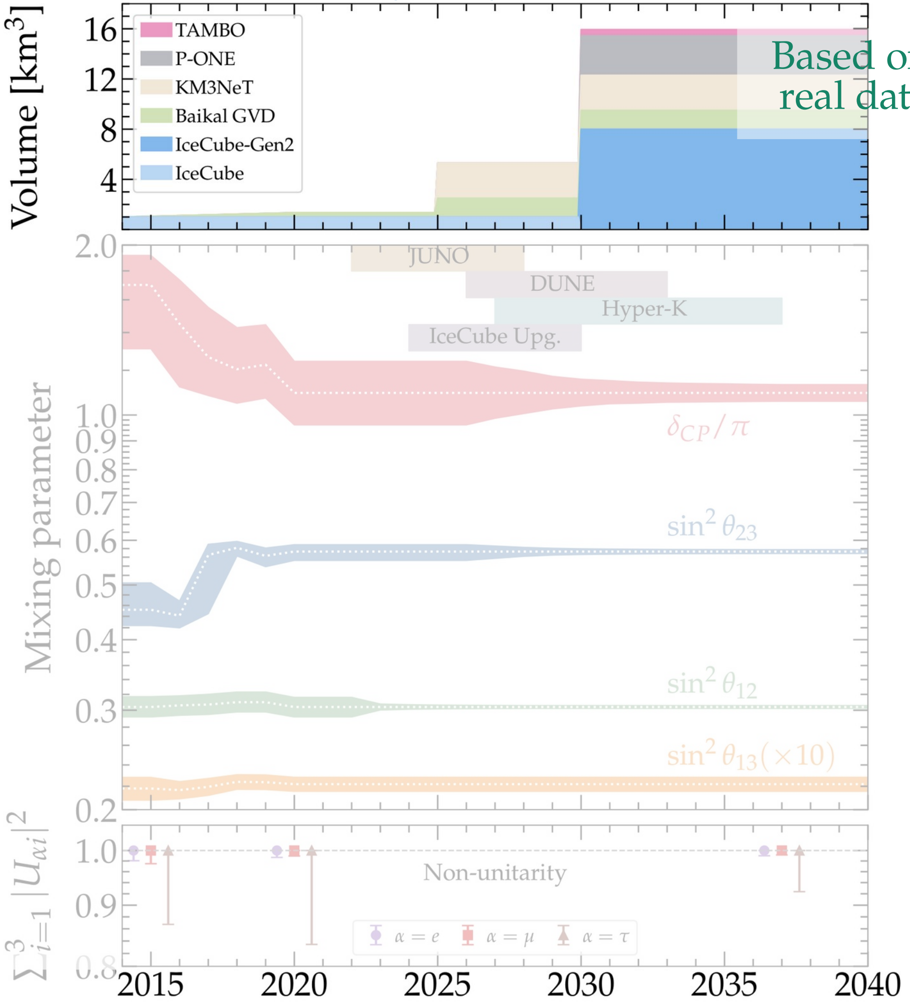

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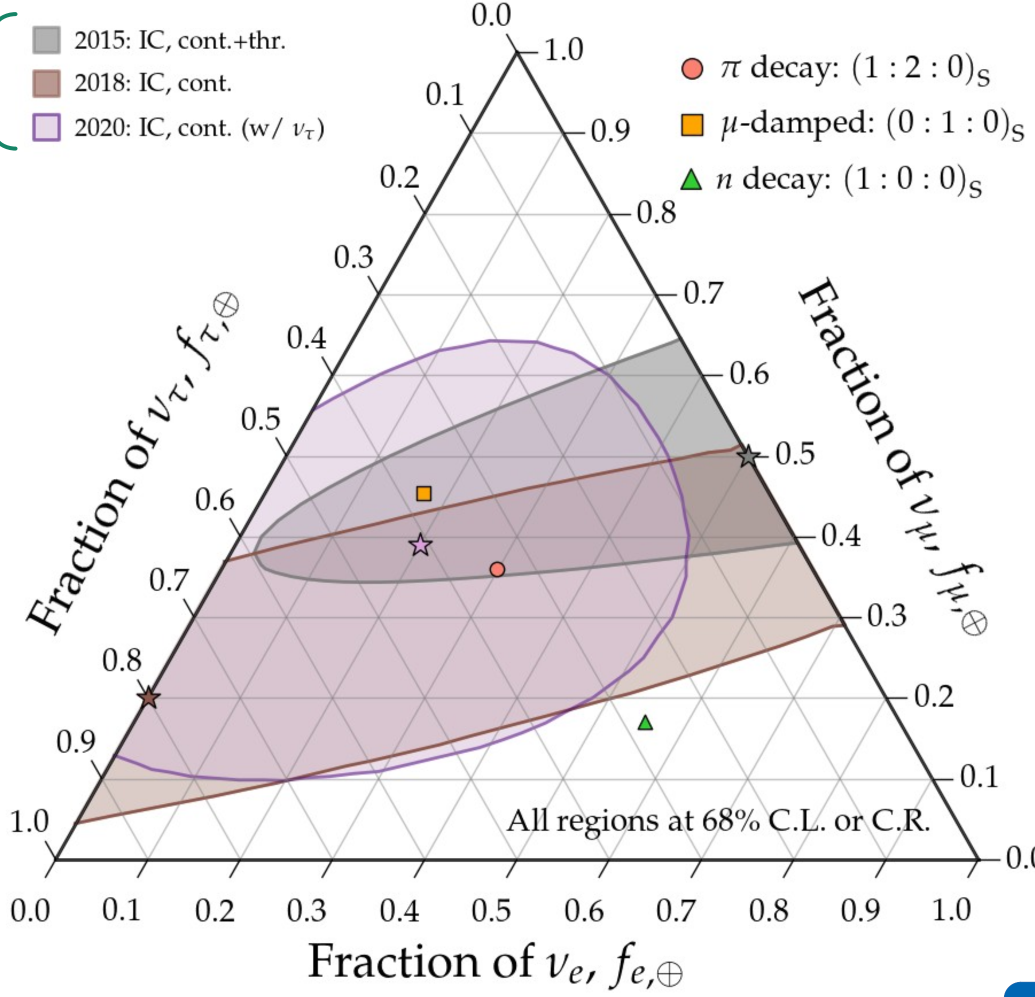

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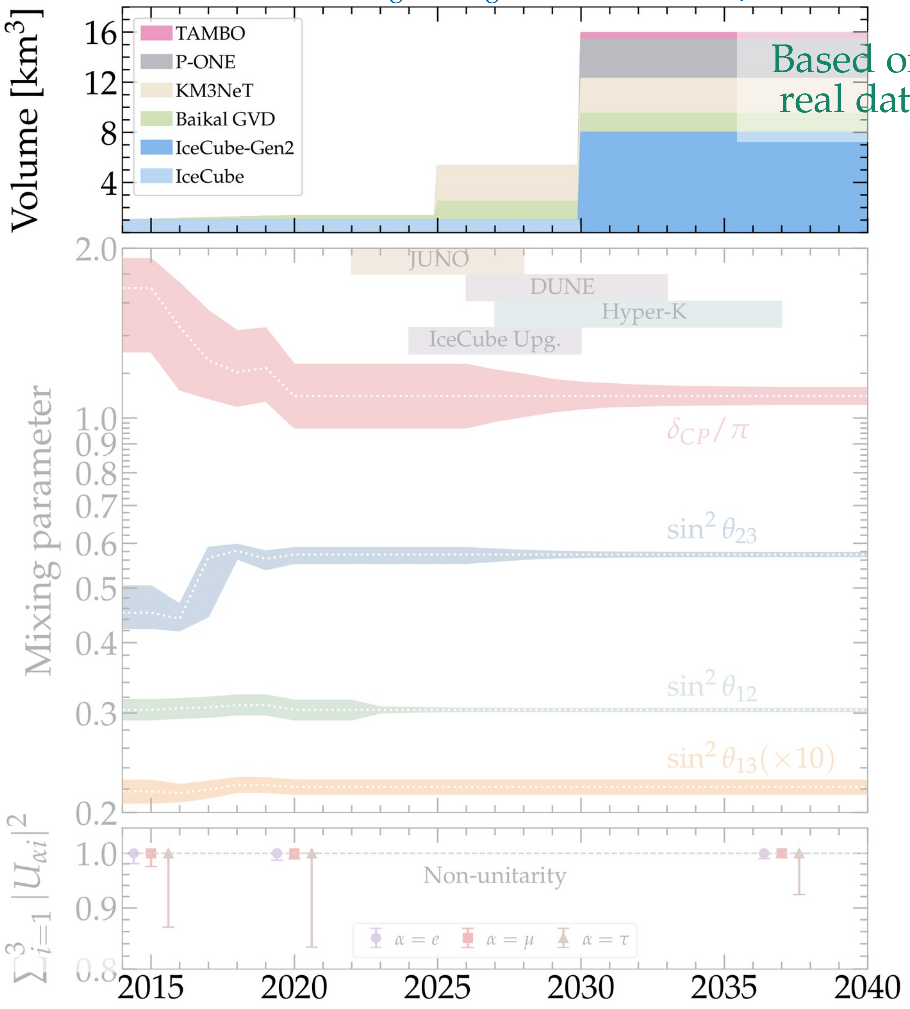

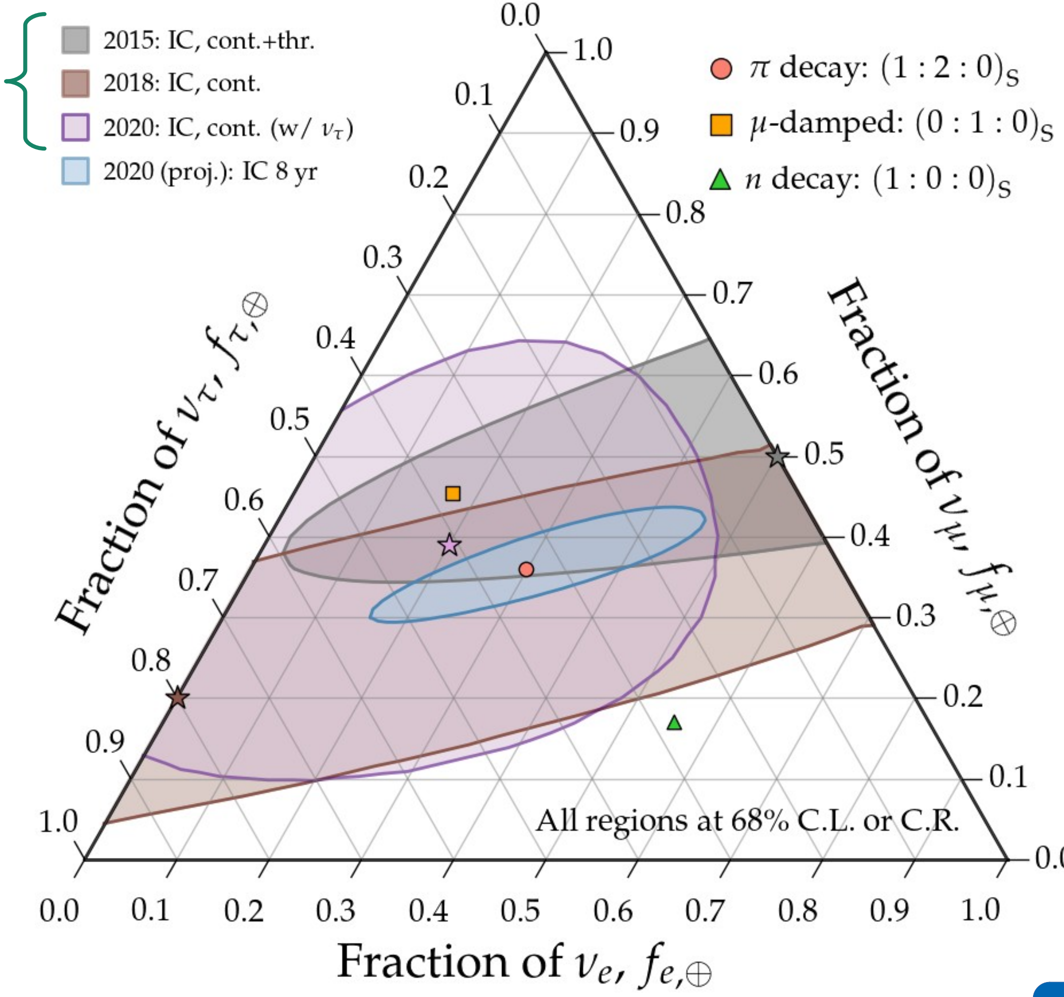

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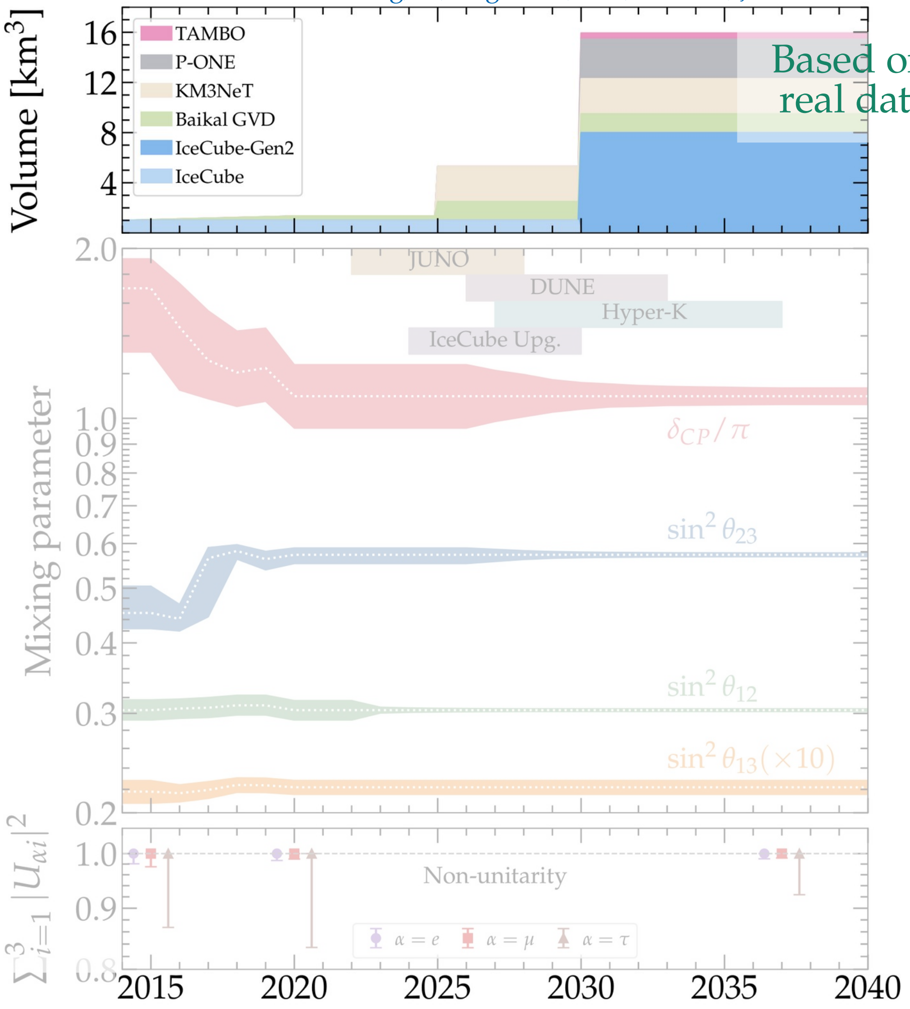

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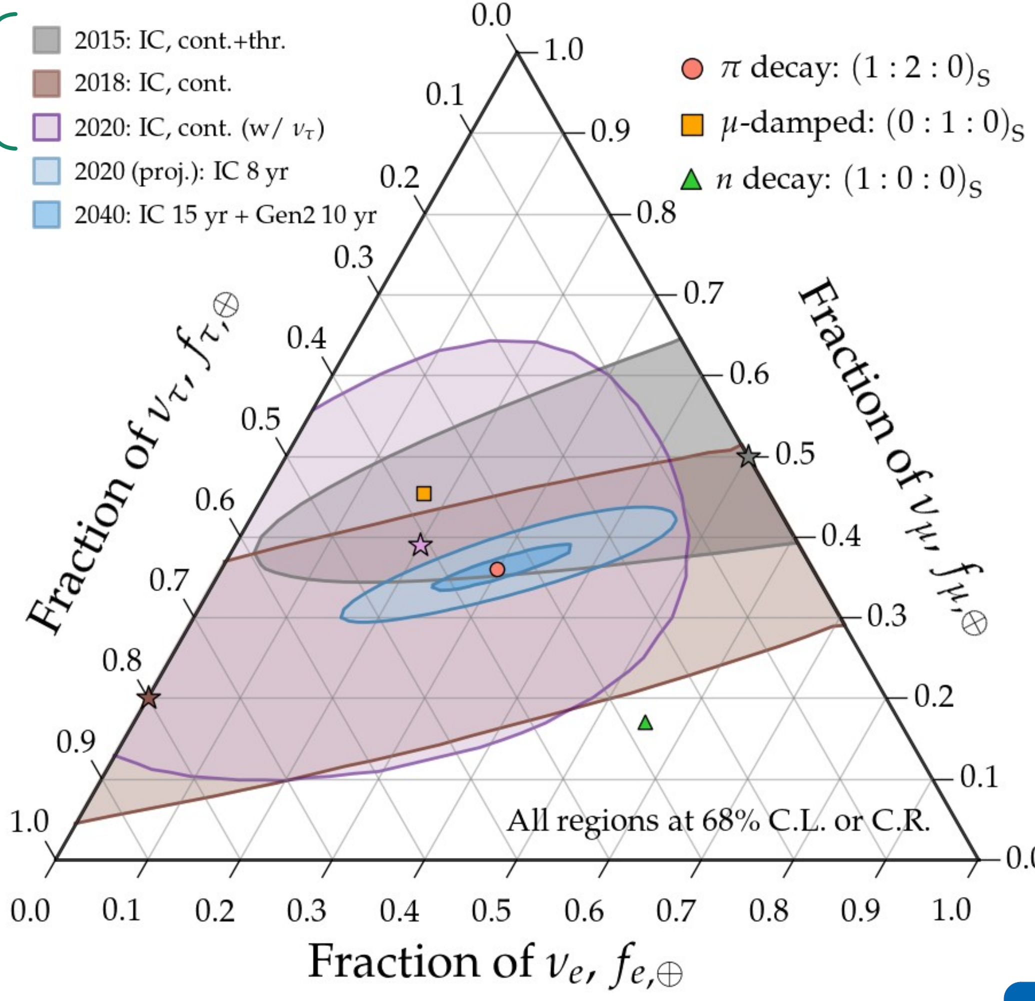

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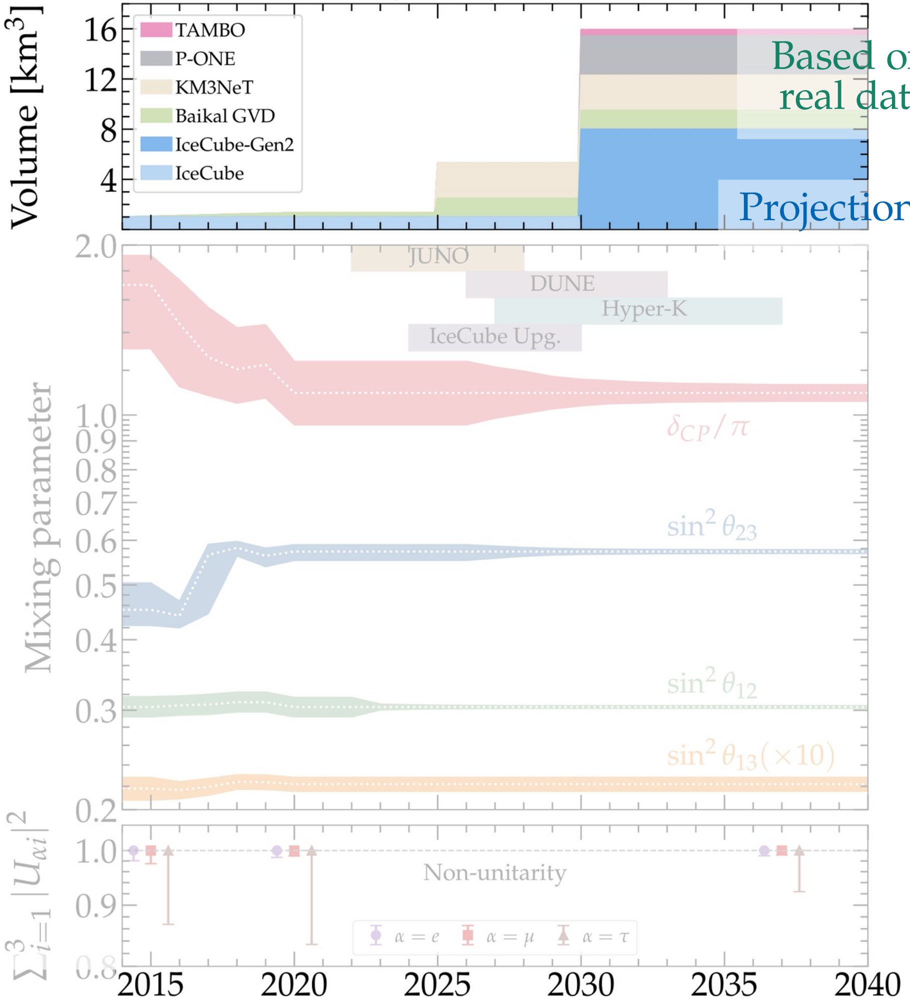

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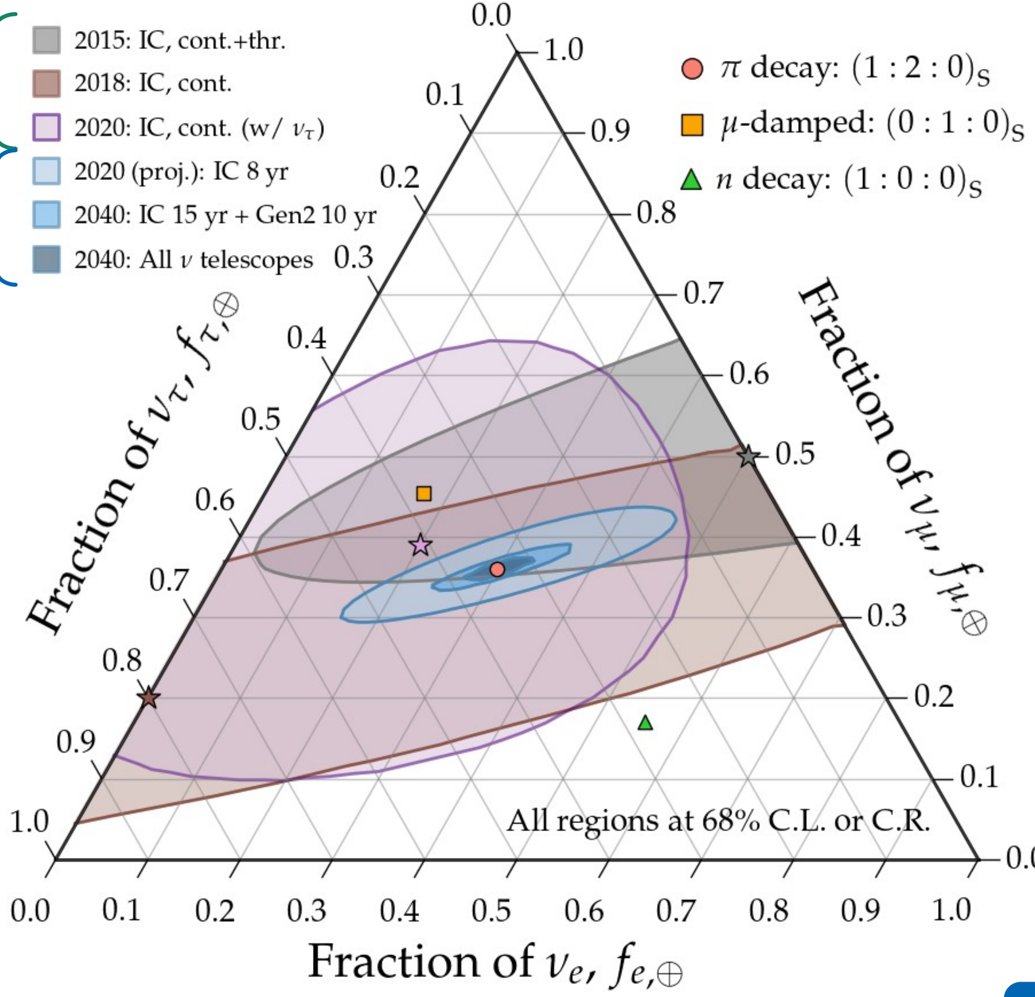
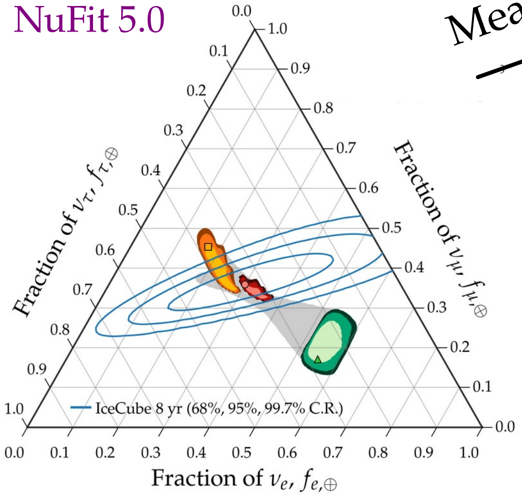


How knowing the mixing parameters better helps

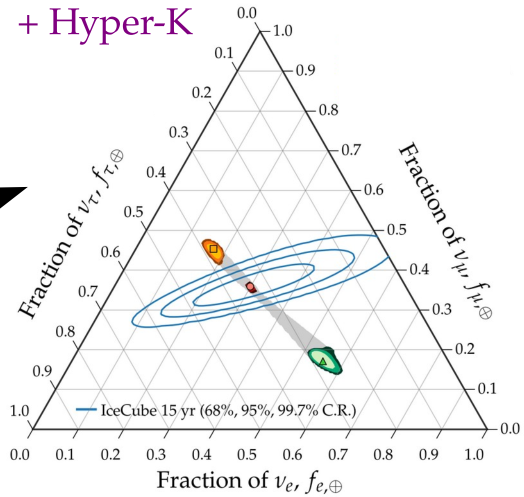
2020

NuFit 5.0



Measure θ_{23} better

+ Hyper-K



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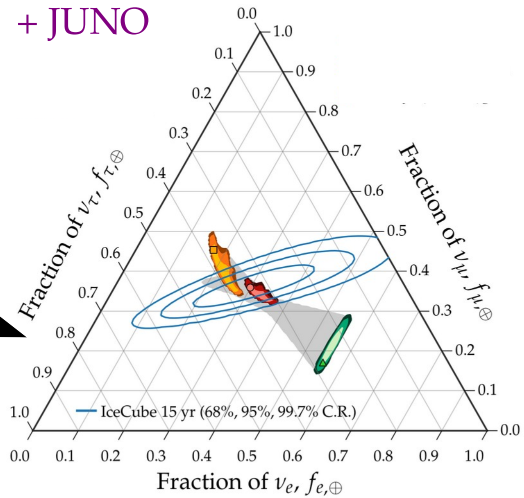
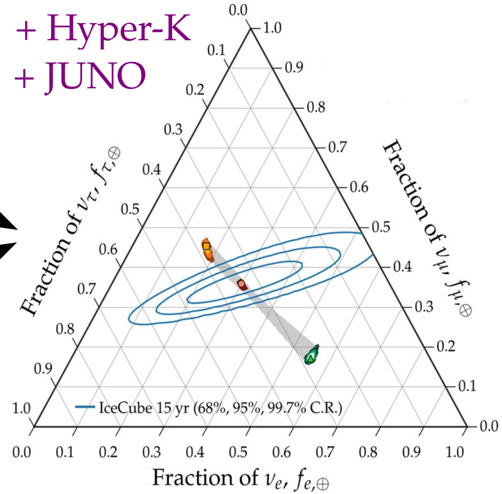


Measure θ_{12} better

~2030

+ Hyper-K
+ JUNO



In our results:
JUNO + Hyper-K + DUNE

Marginal improvement til 2040

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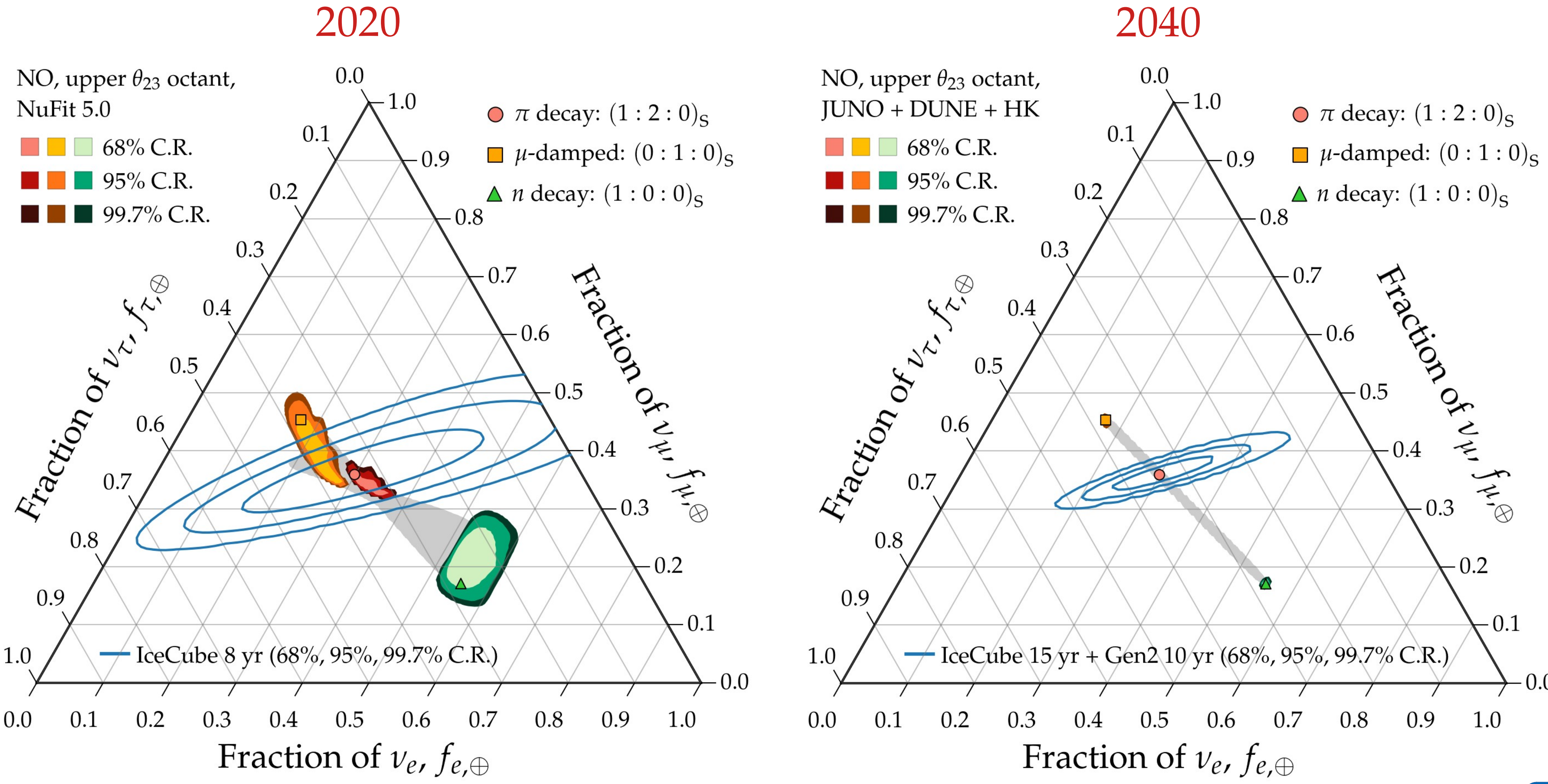
Theoretically palatable regions: 2020 → 2040



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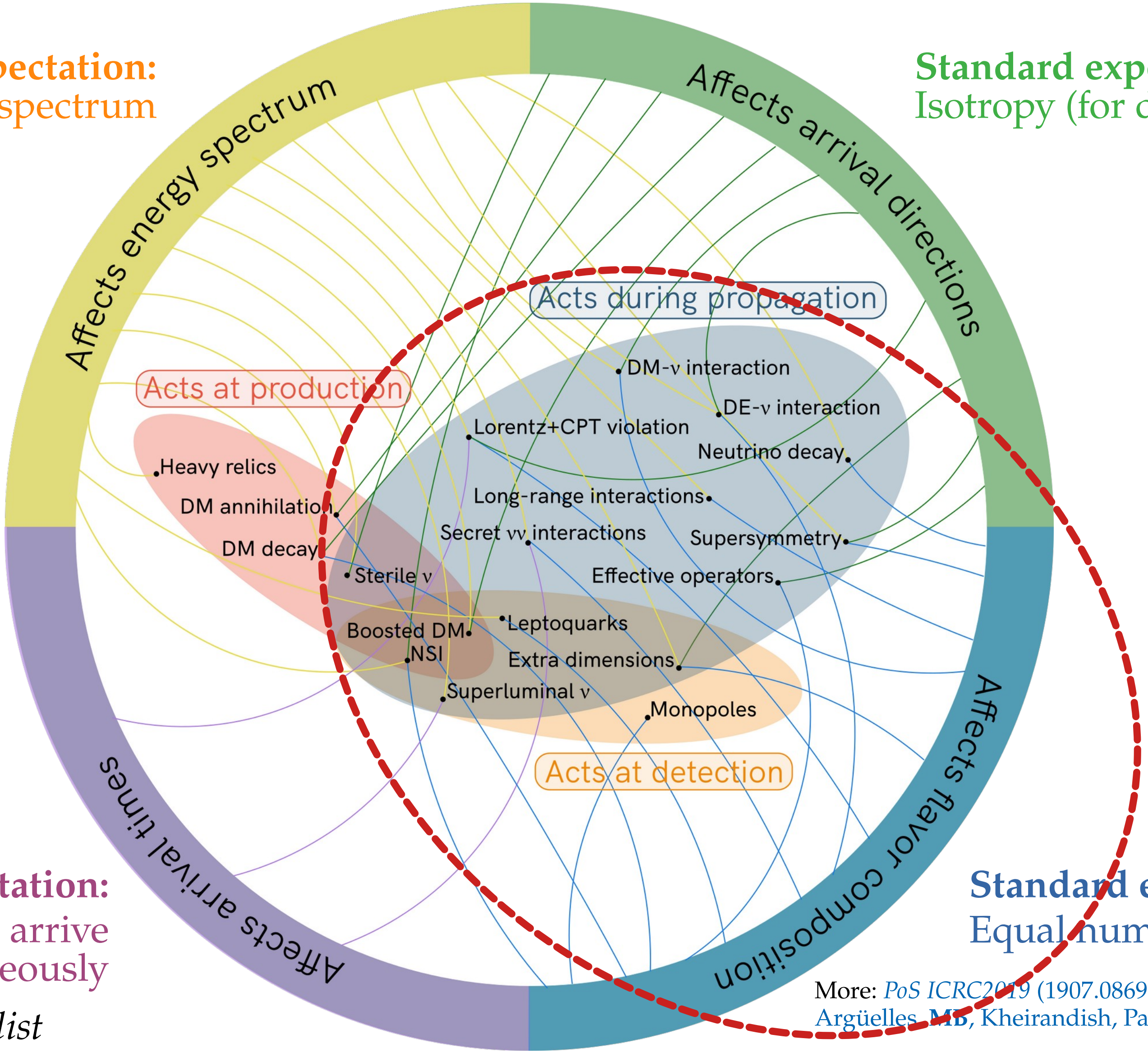
Standard expectation:
Power-law energy spectrum

Standard expectation:
Isotropy (for diffuse flux)



Standard expectation:
ν and γ from transients arrive simultaneously

Standard expectation:
Equal number of ν_e, ν_μ, ν_τ

Note: Not an exhaustive list

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

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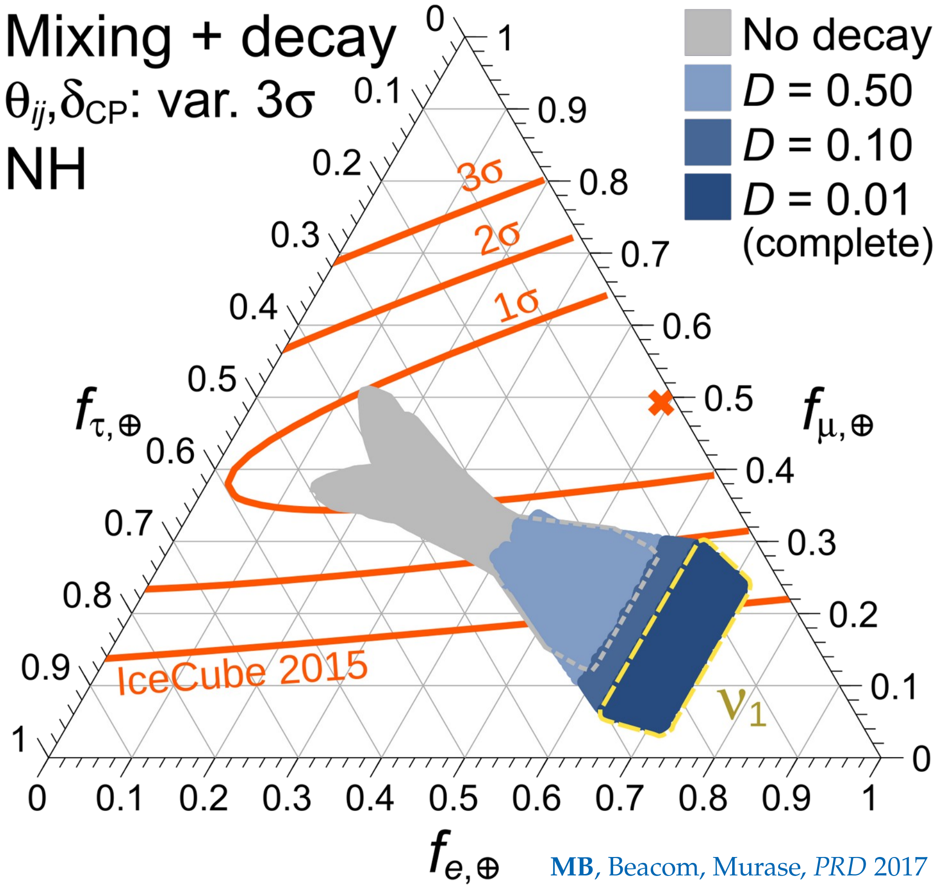

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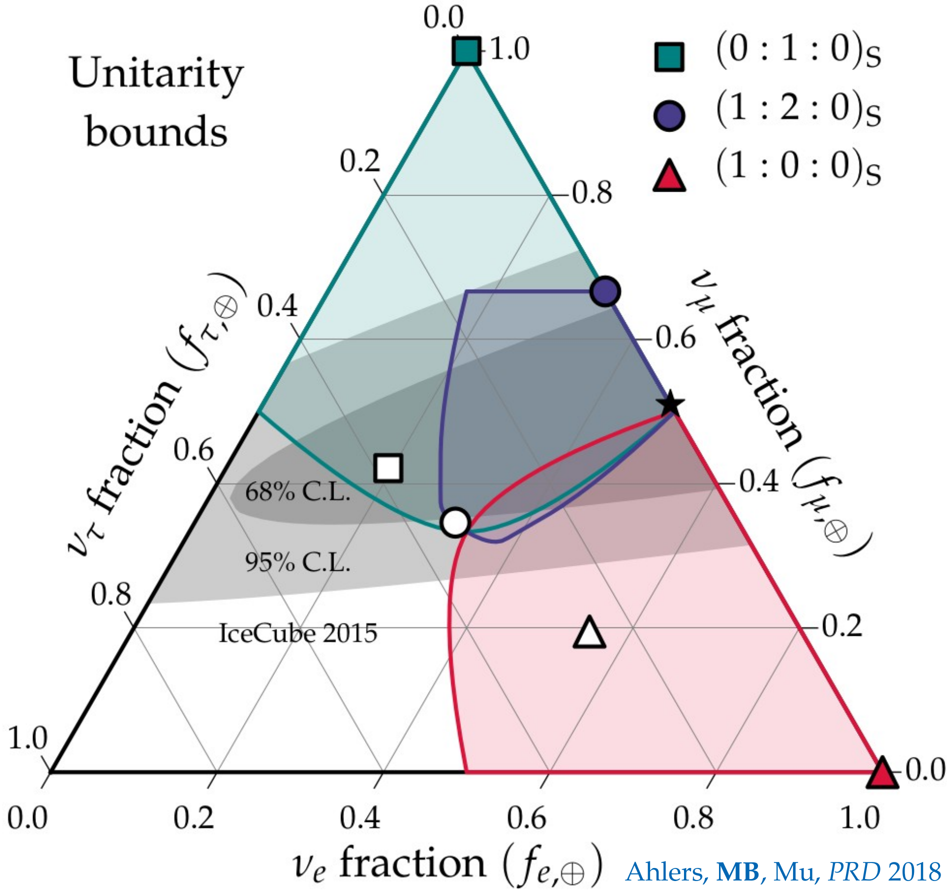

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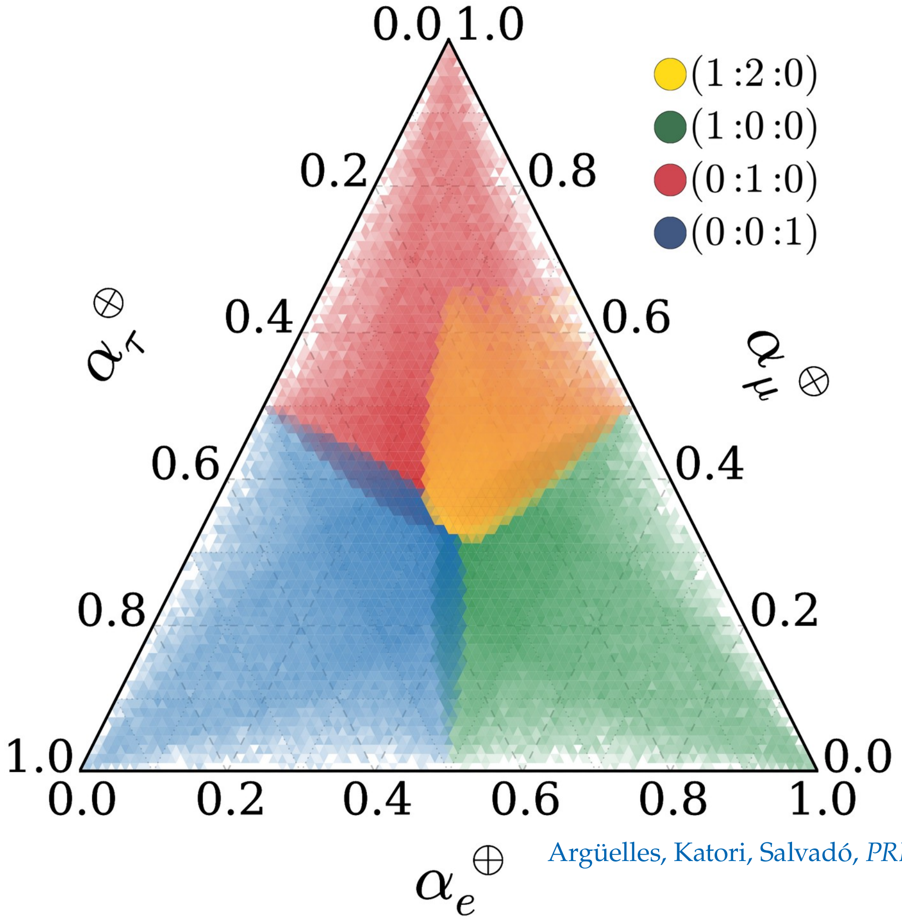

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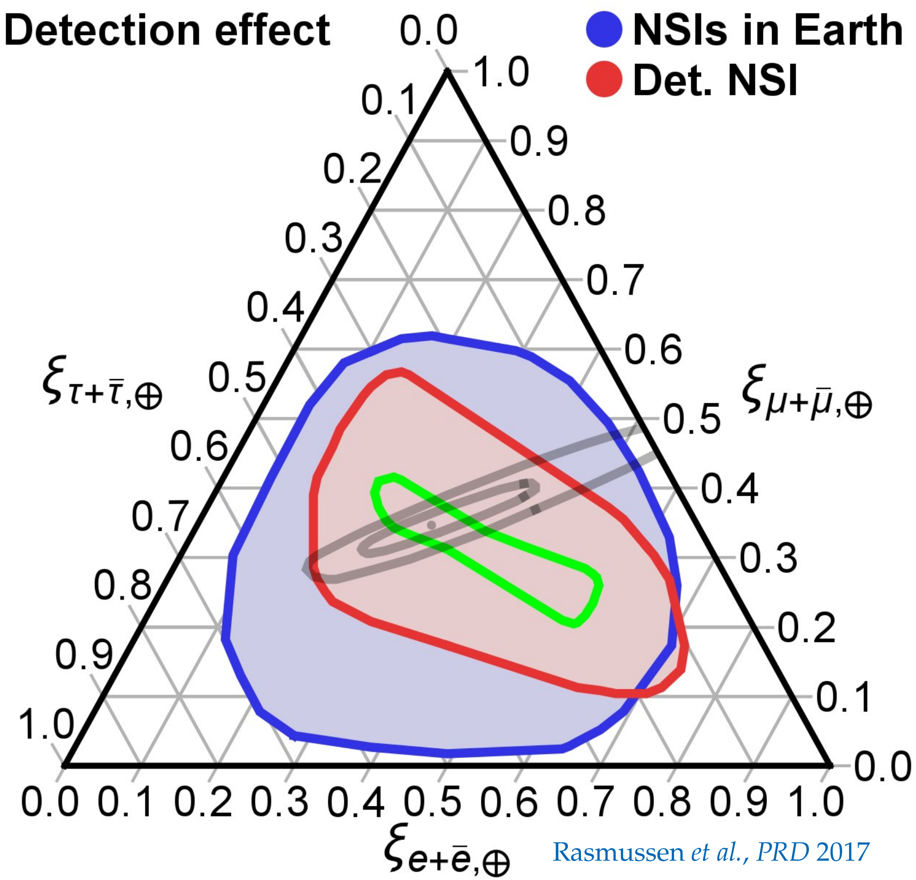

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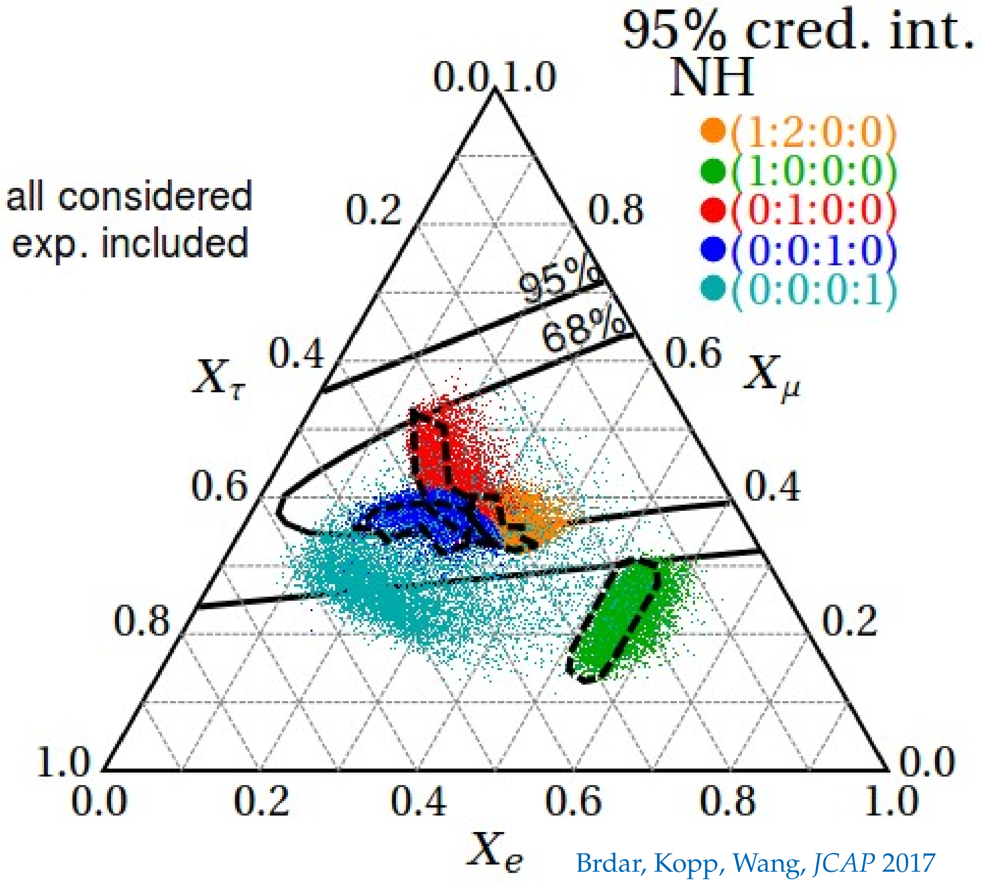

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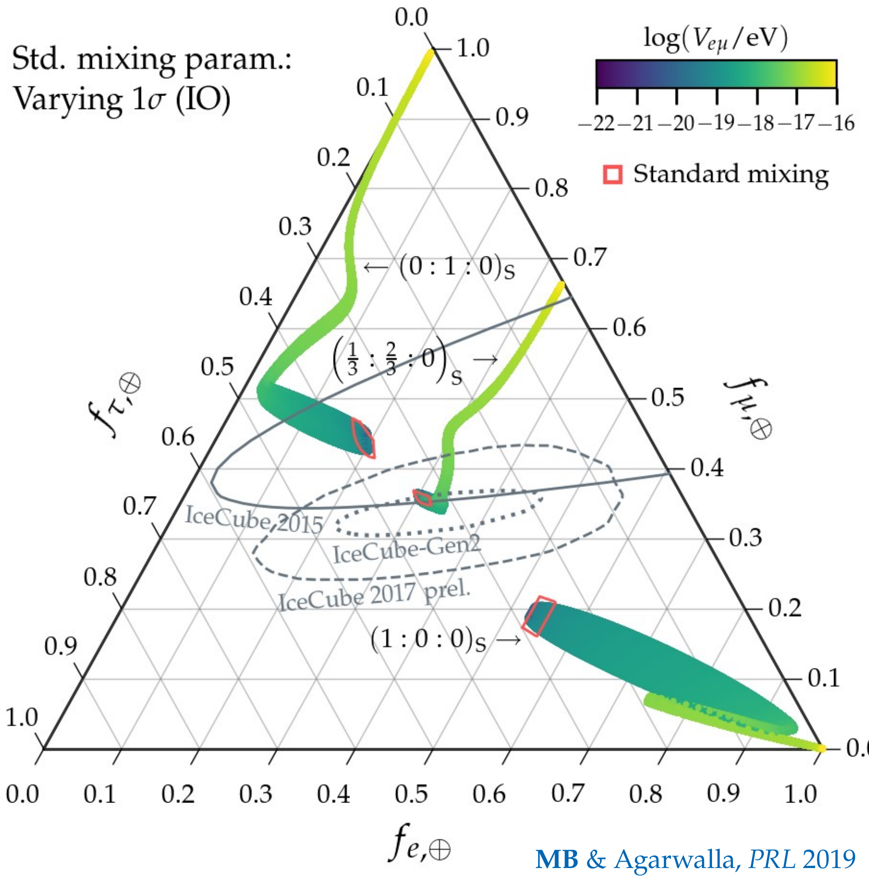

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5. Unstable neutrinos:
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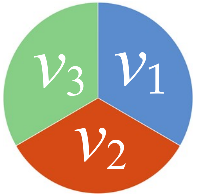

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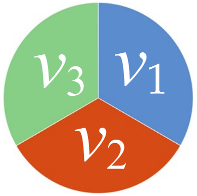

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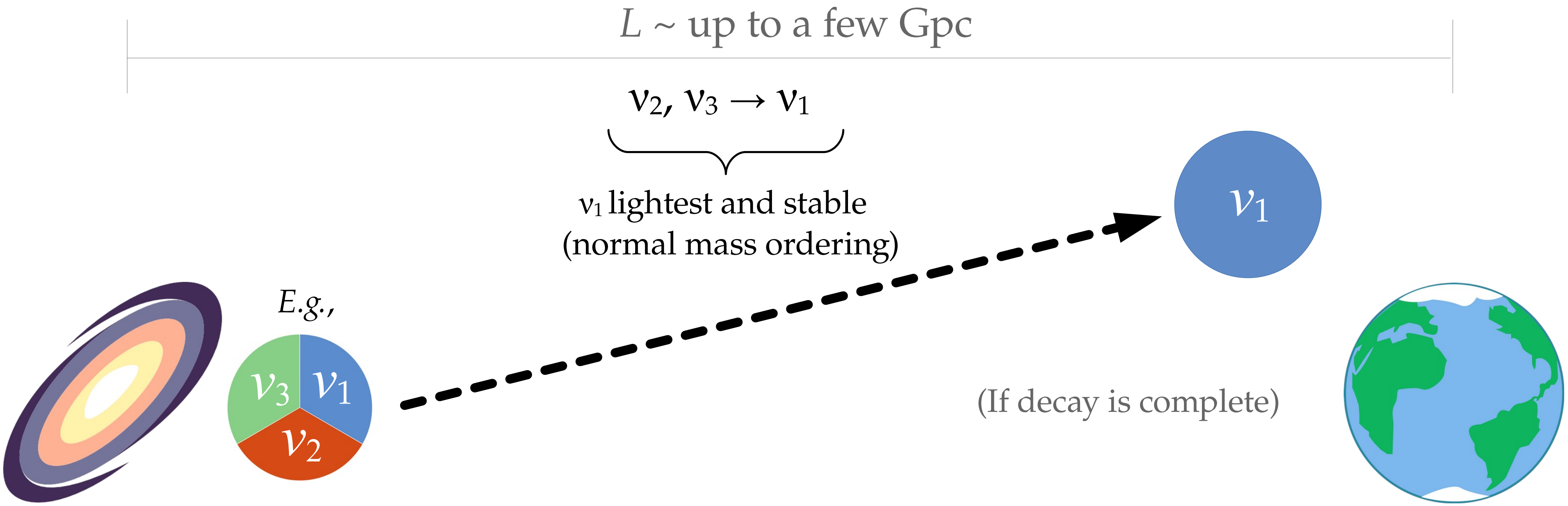

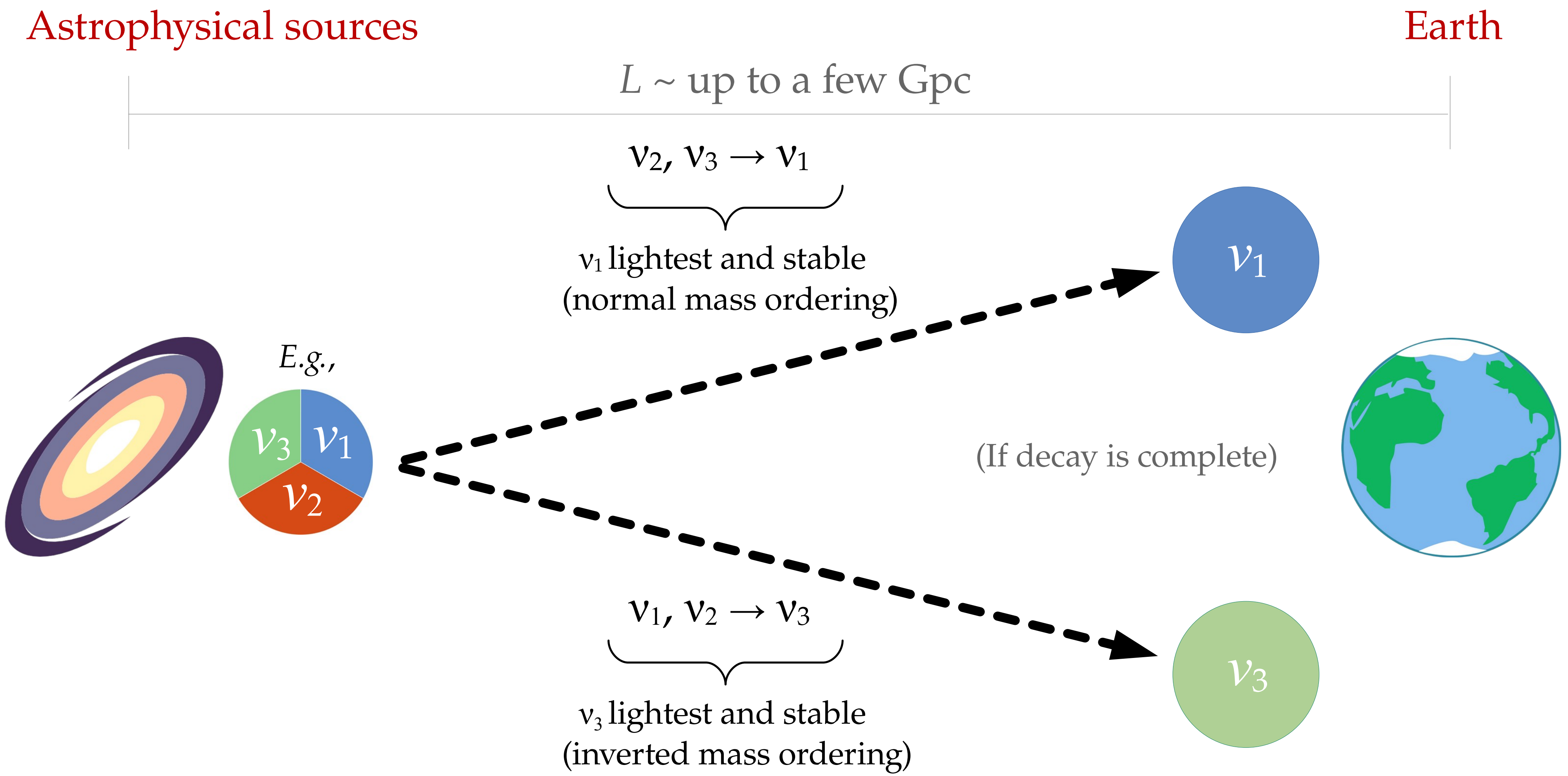
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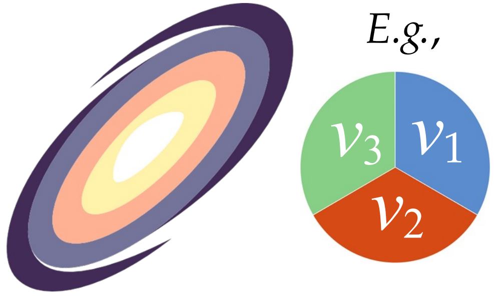

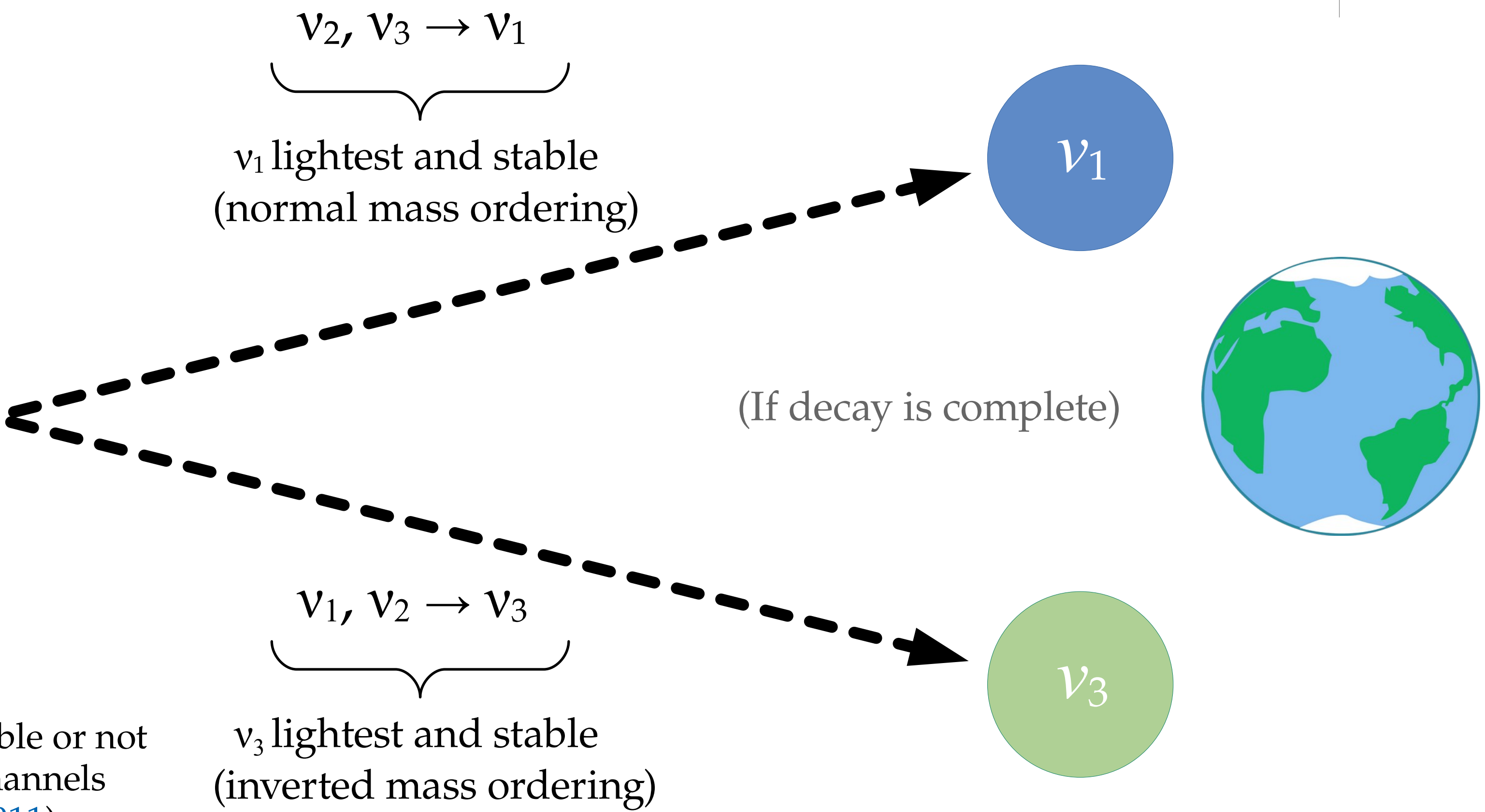

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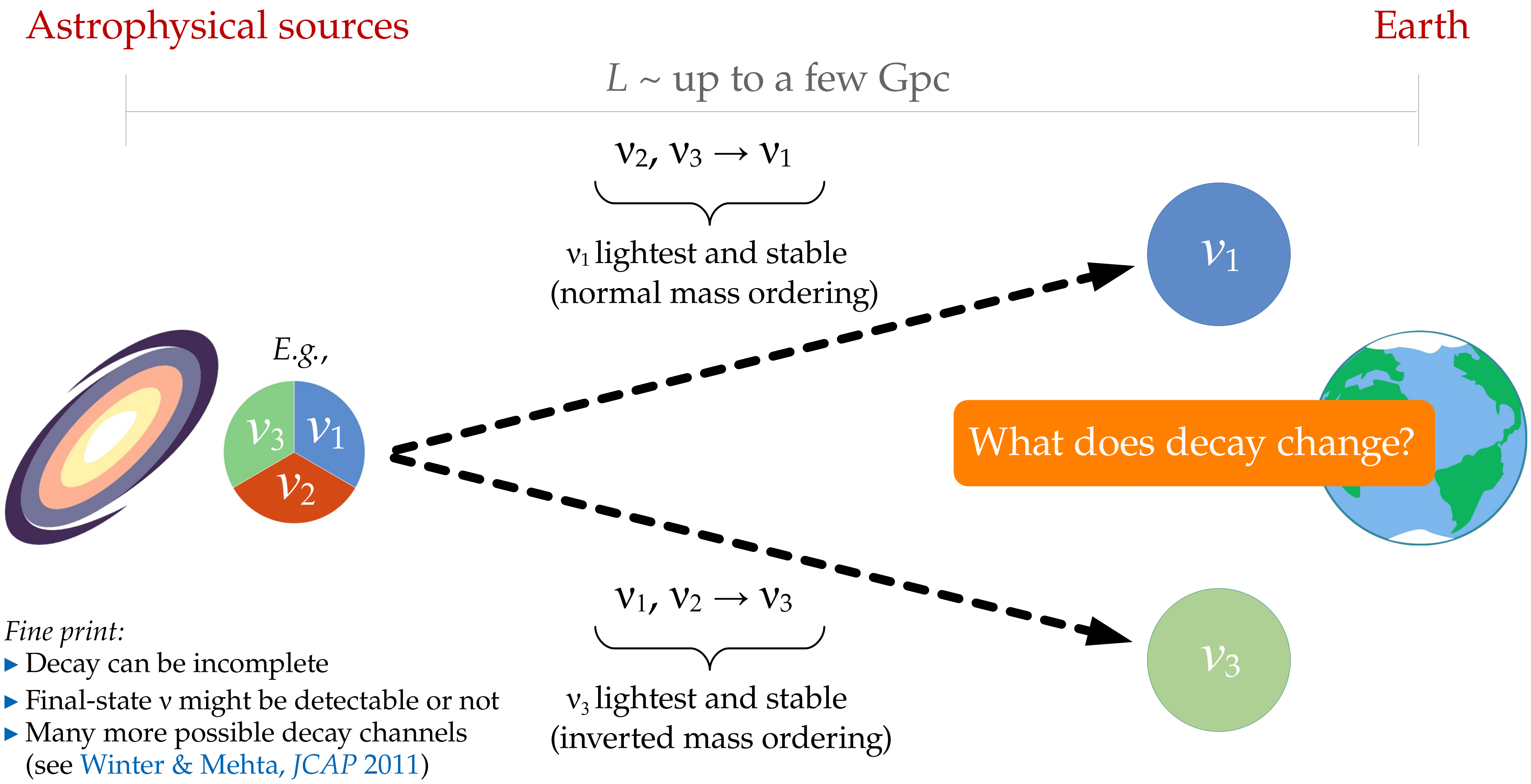
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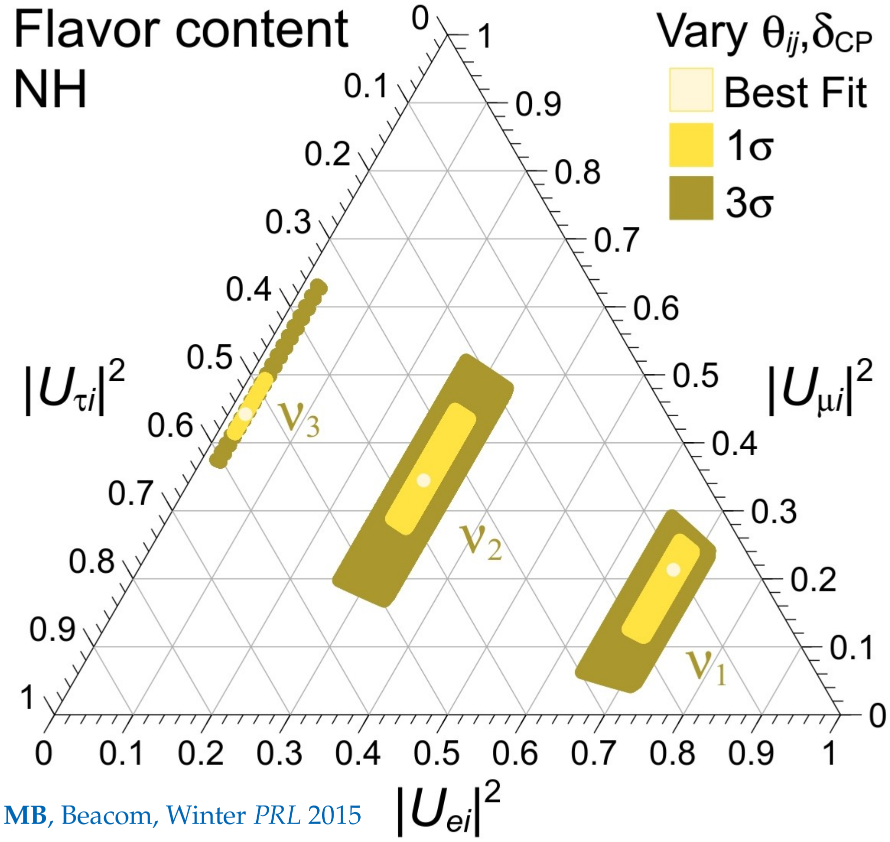
Flavor content of mass eigenstates:

Known to within 2%

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

Known to within 8%

Known to within 20% (or worse)



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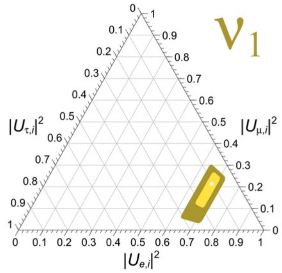

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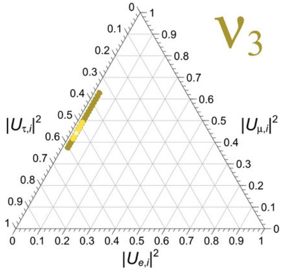

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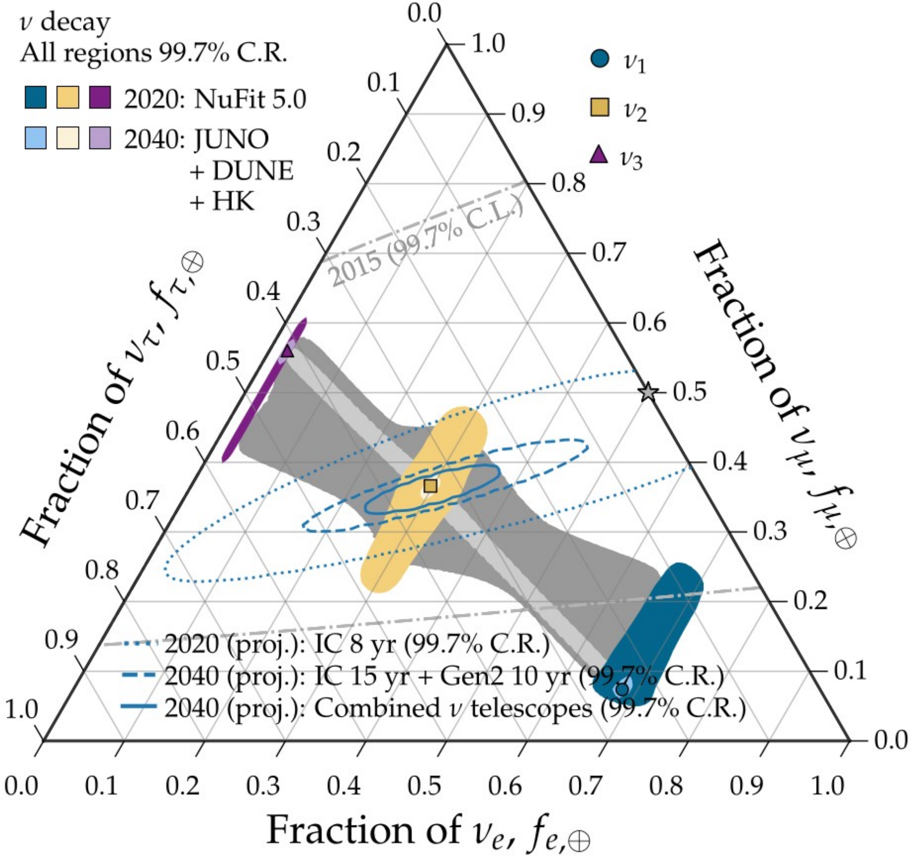

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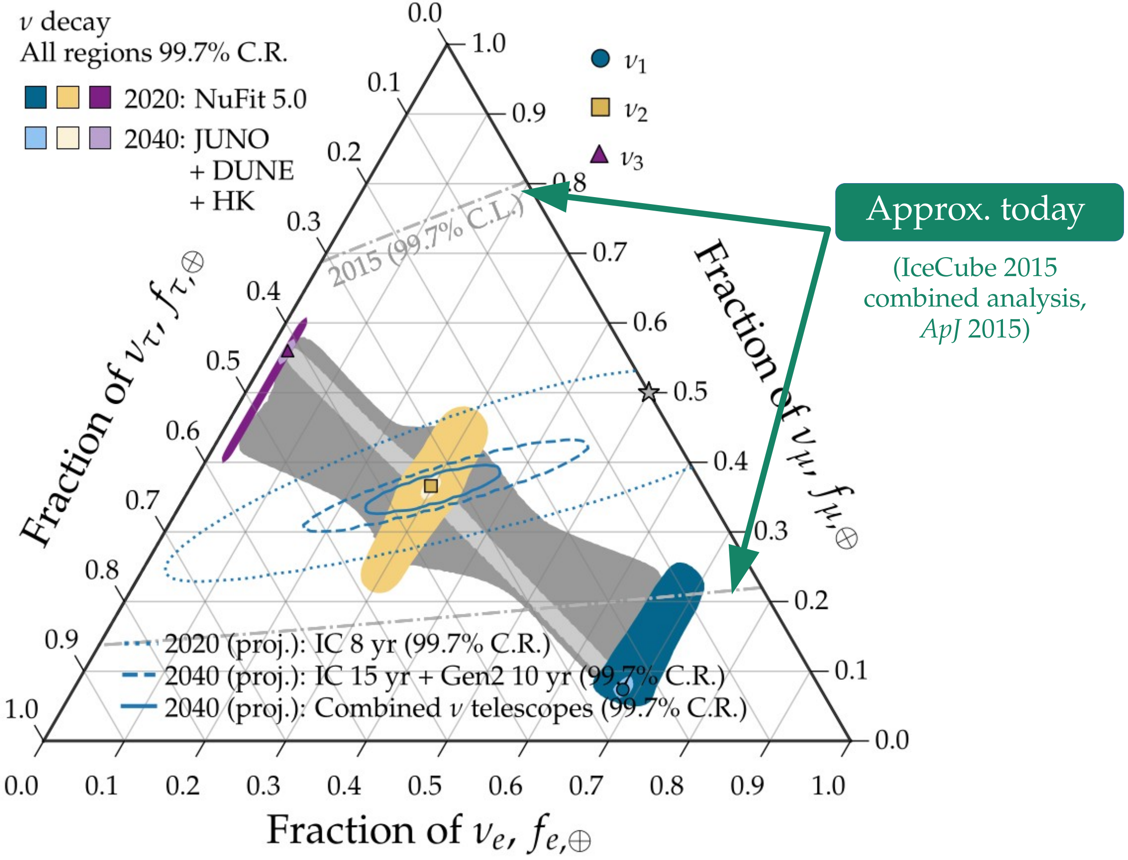

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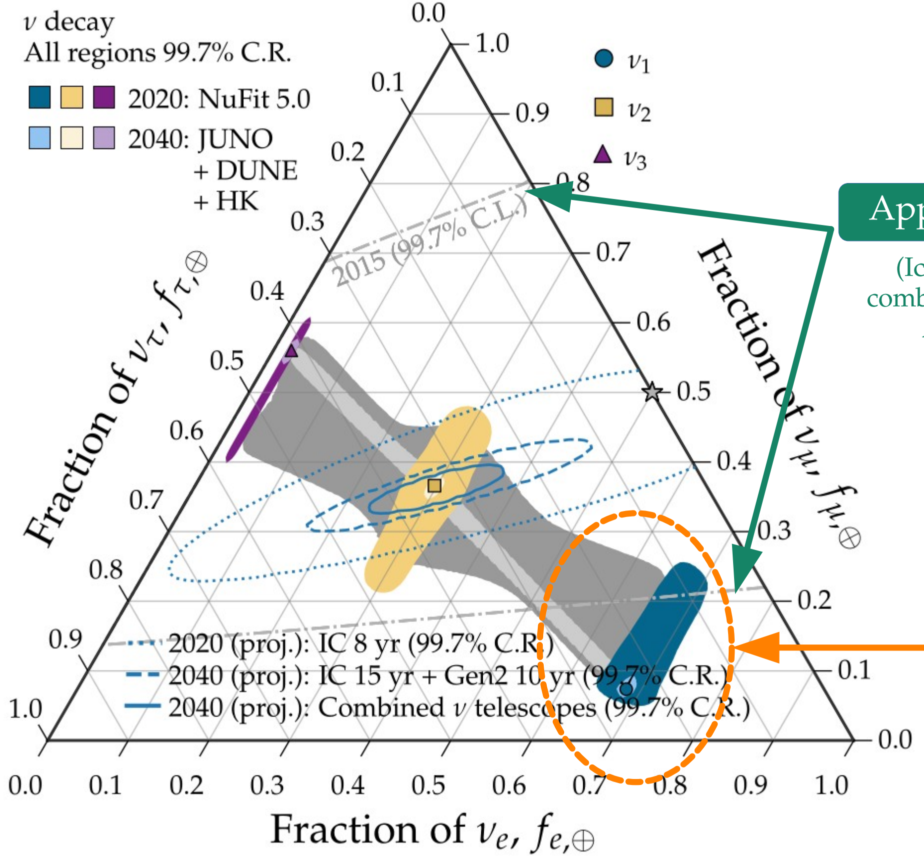

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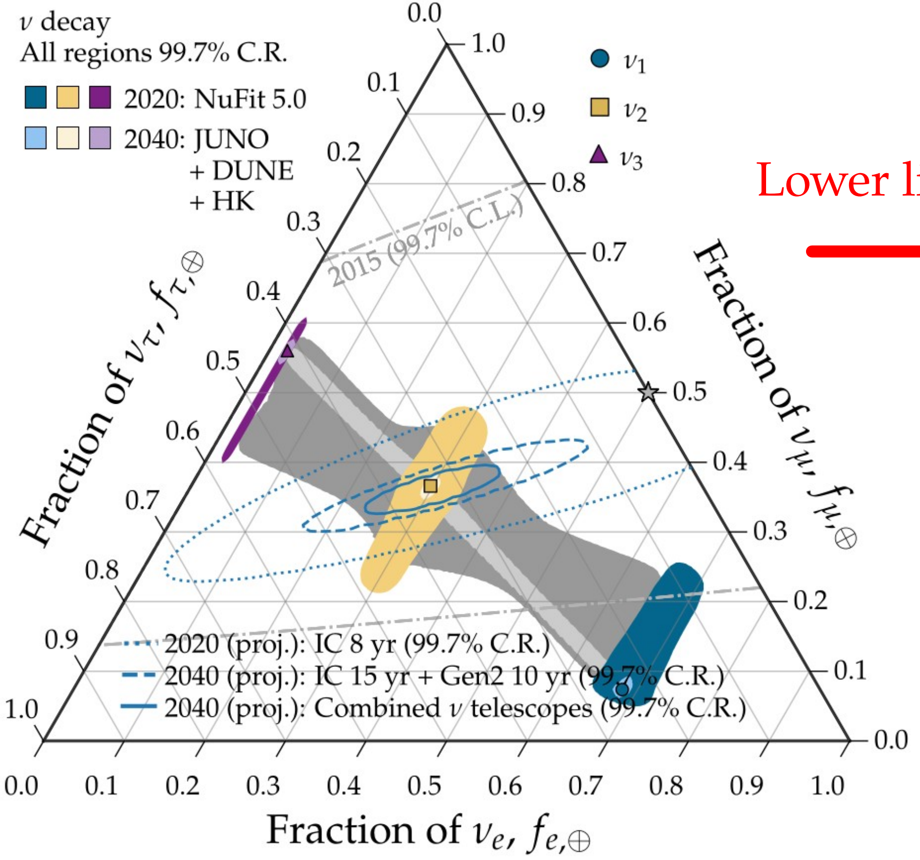

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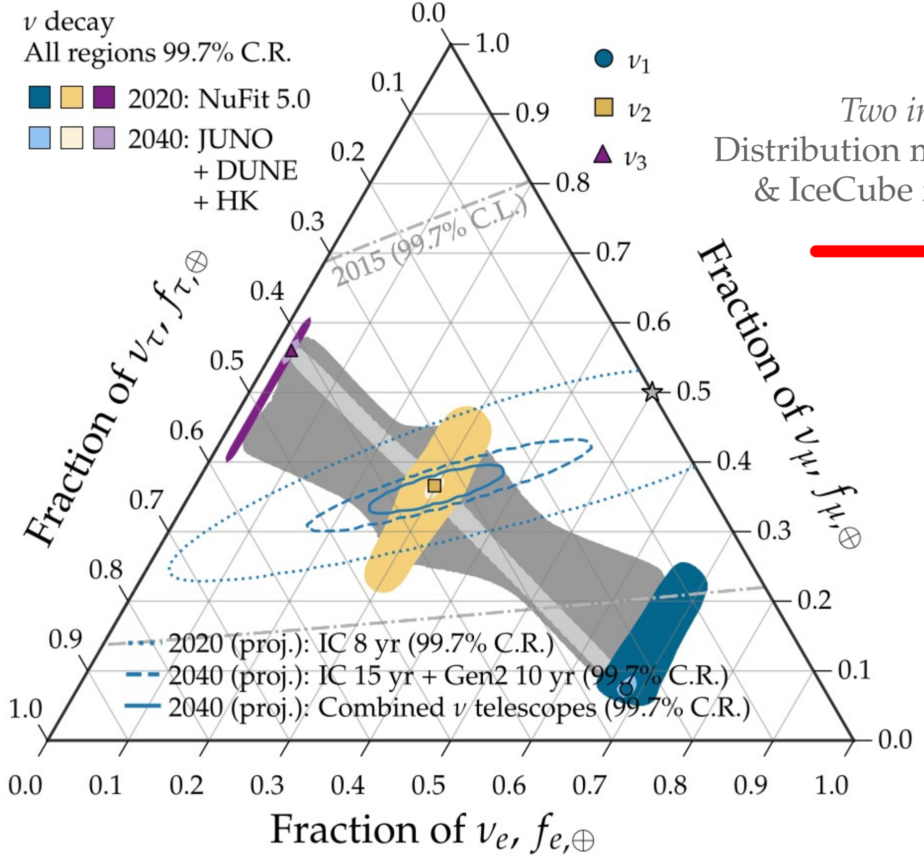

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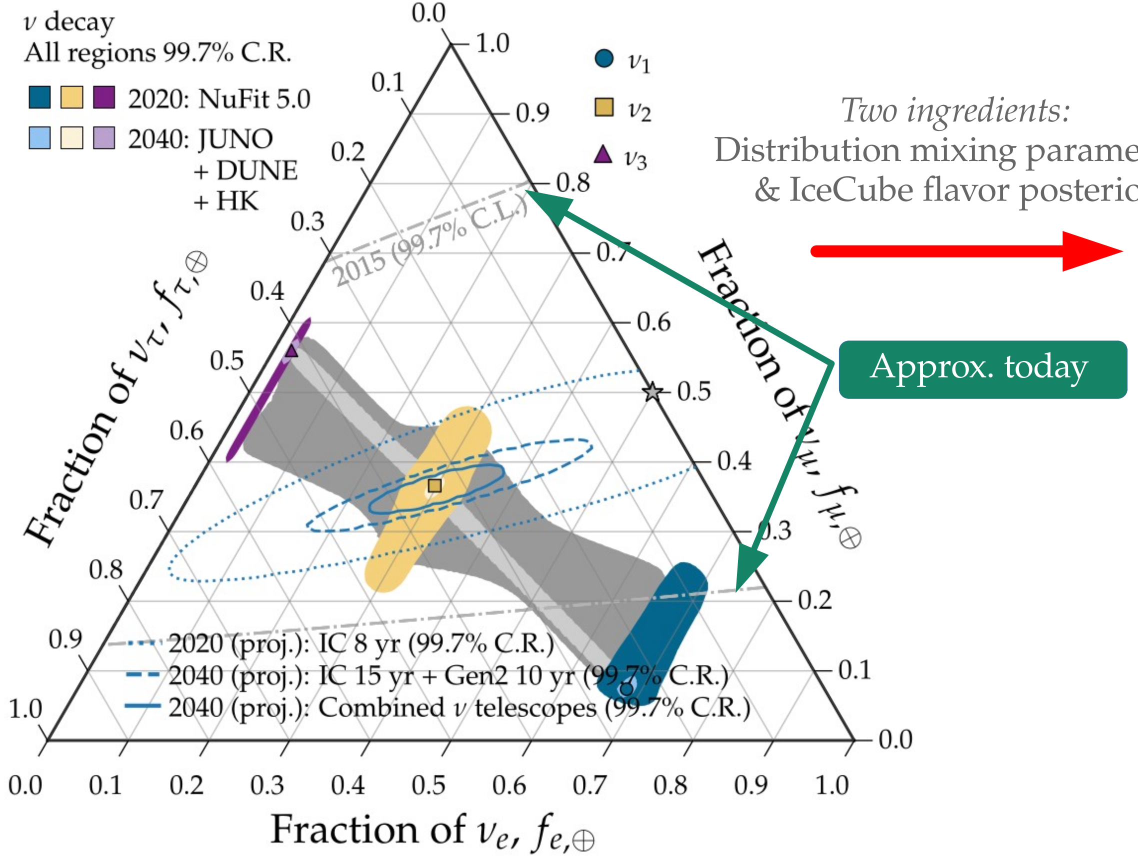

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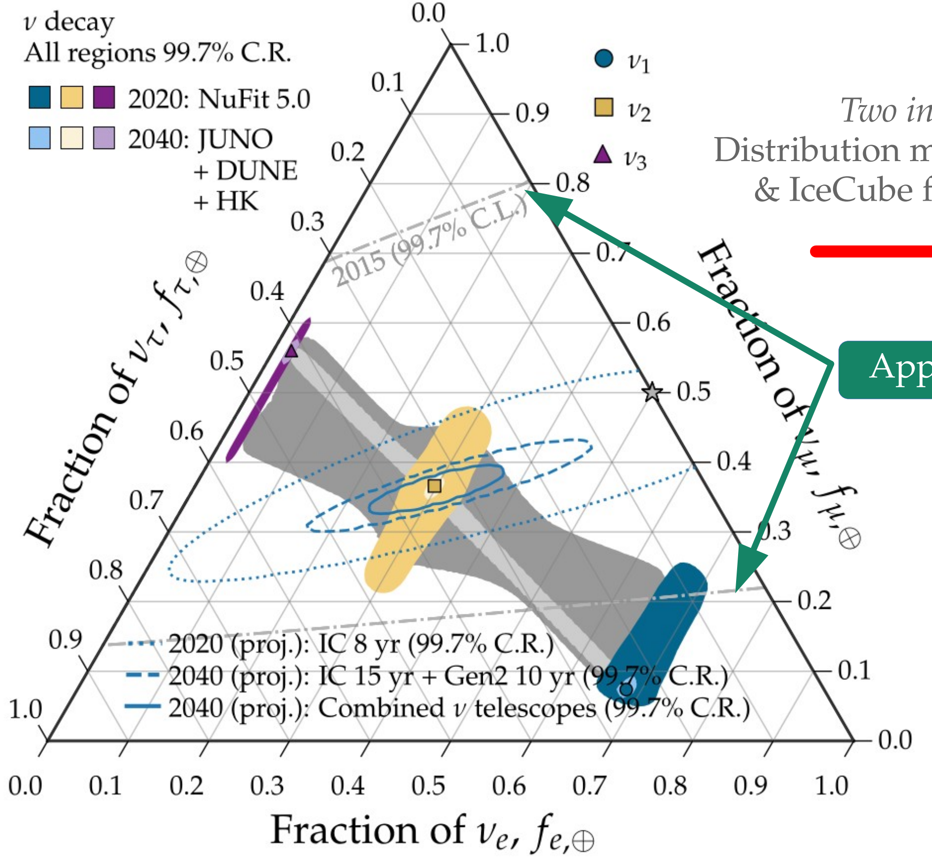

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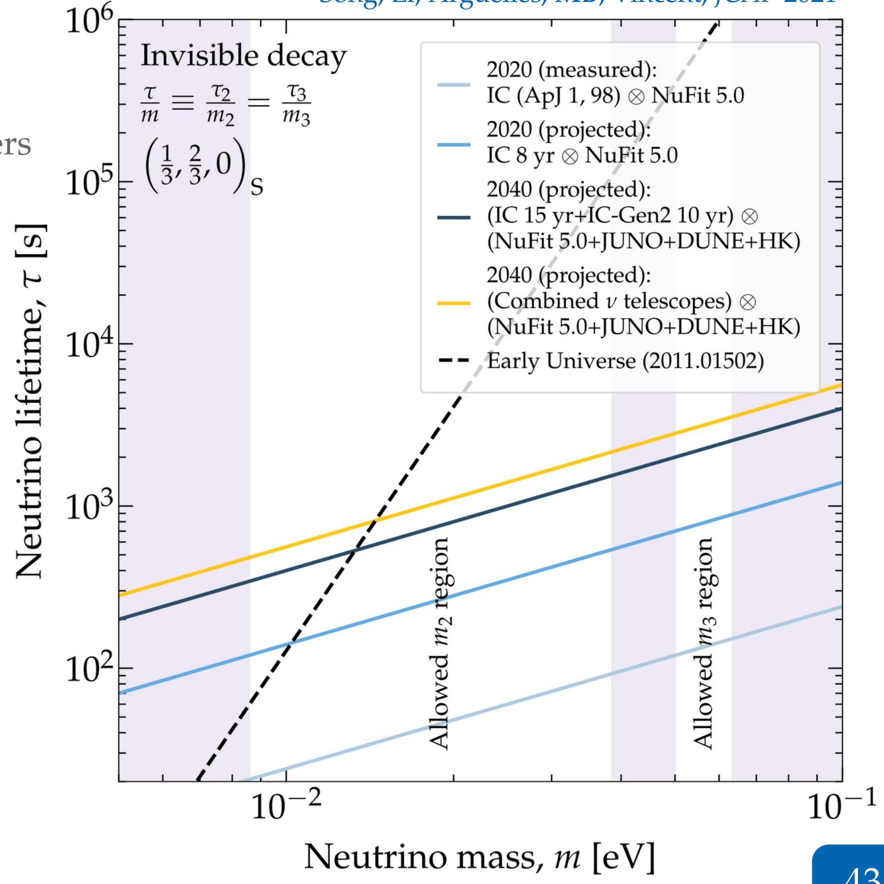

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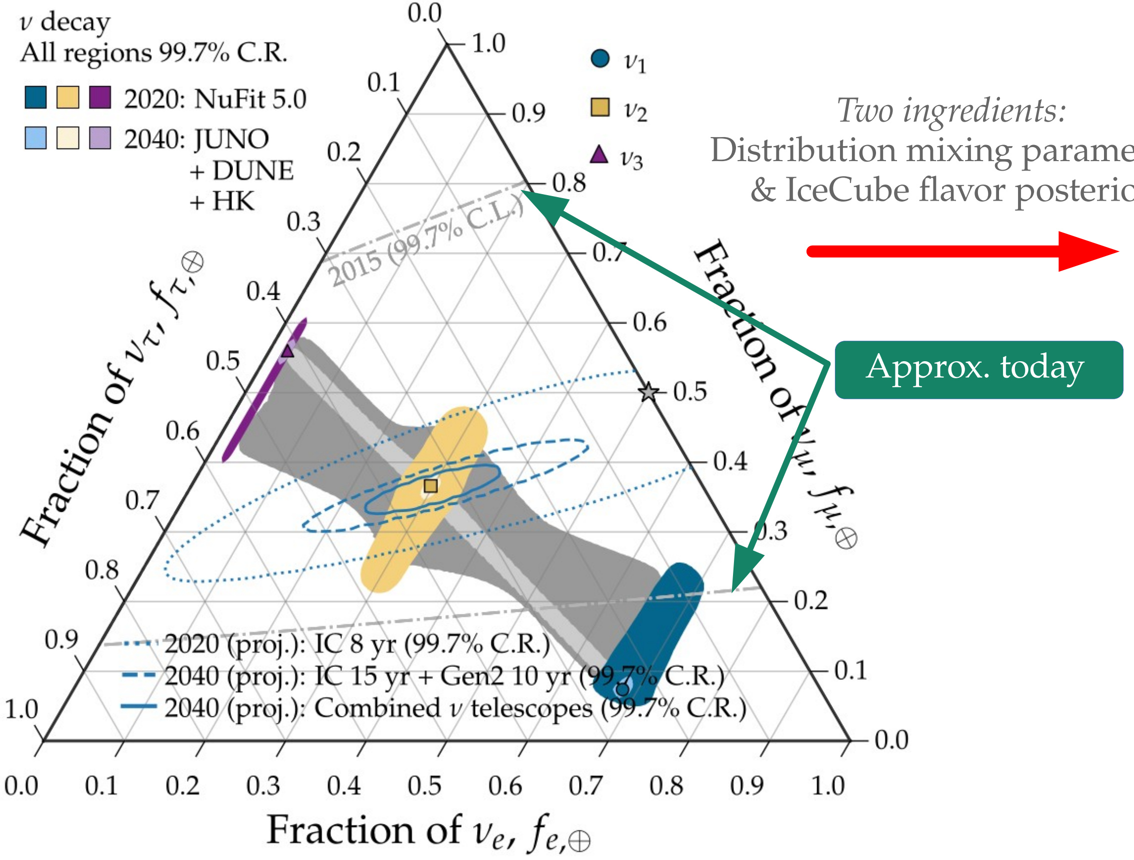

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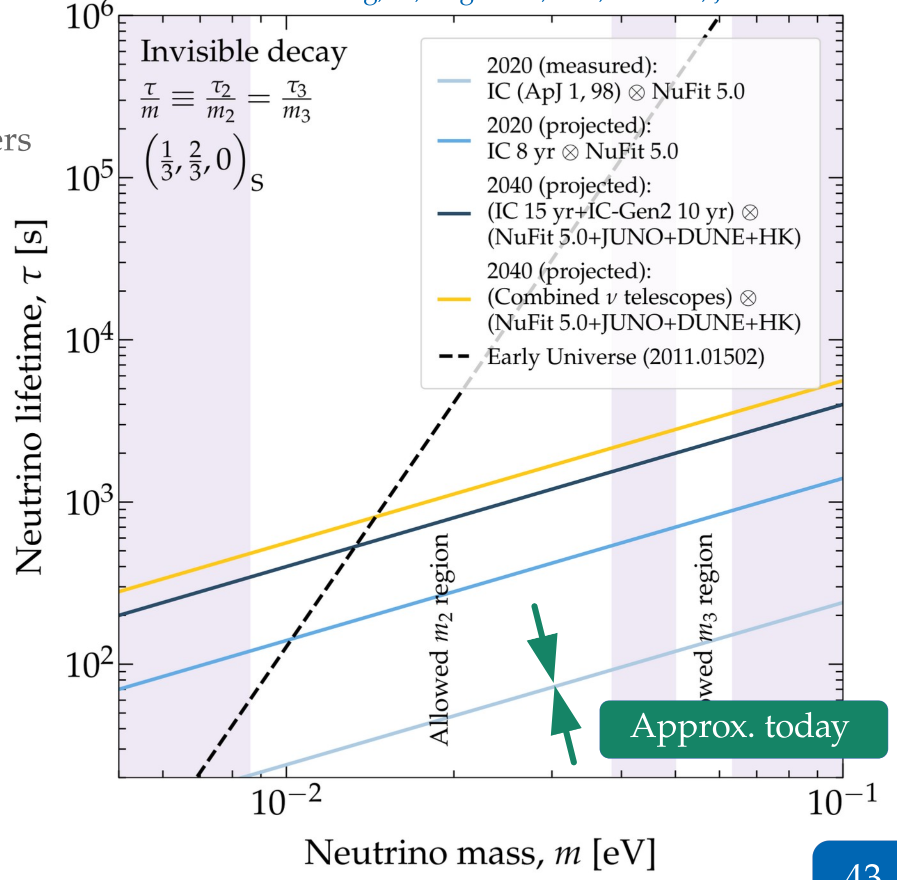

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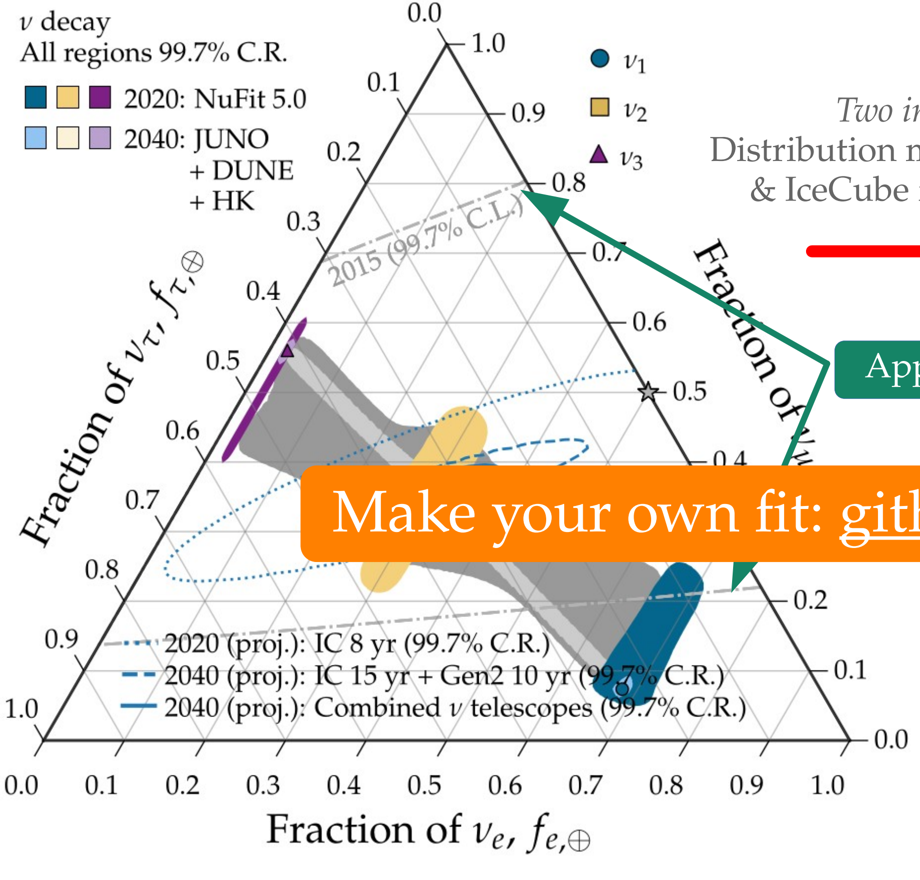

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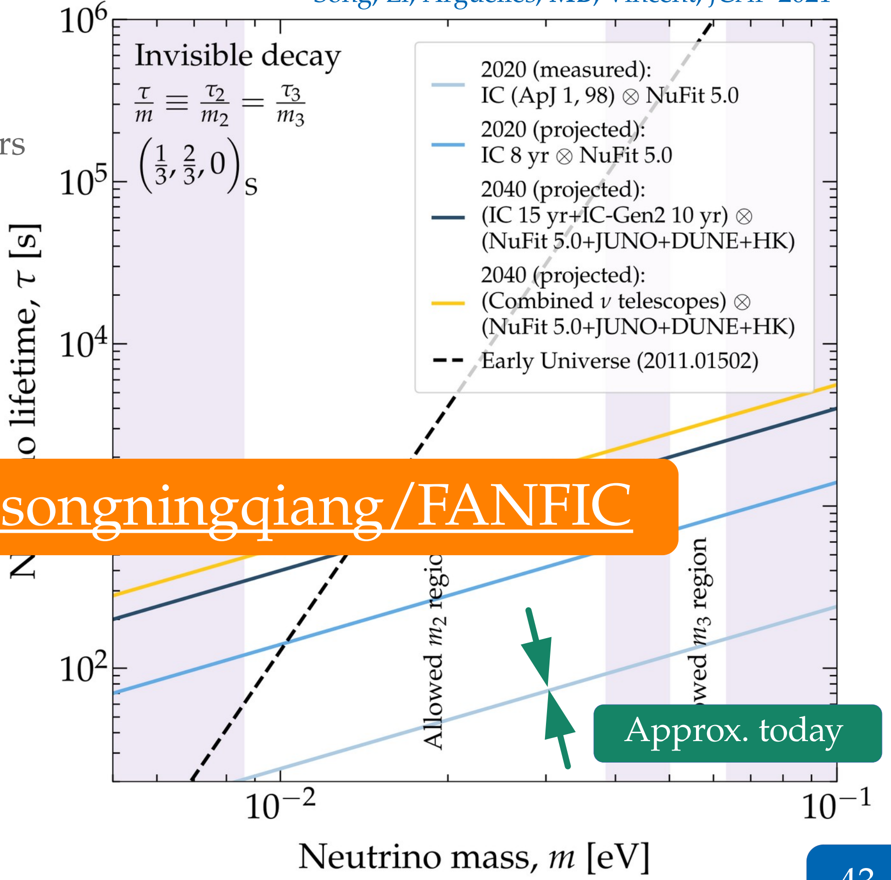

Make your own fit: github.com/songningqiang/FANFIC

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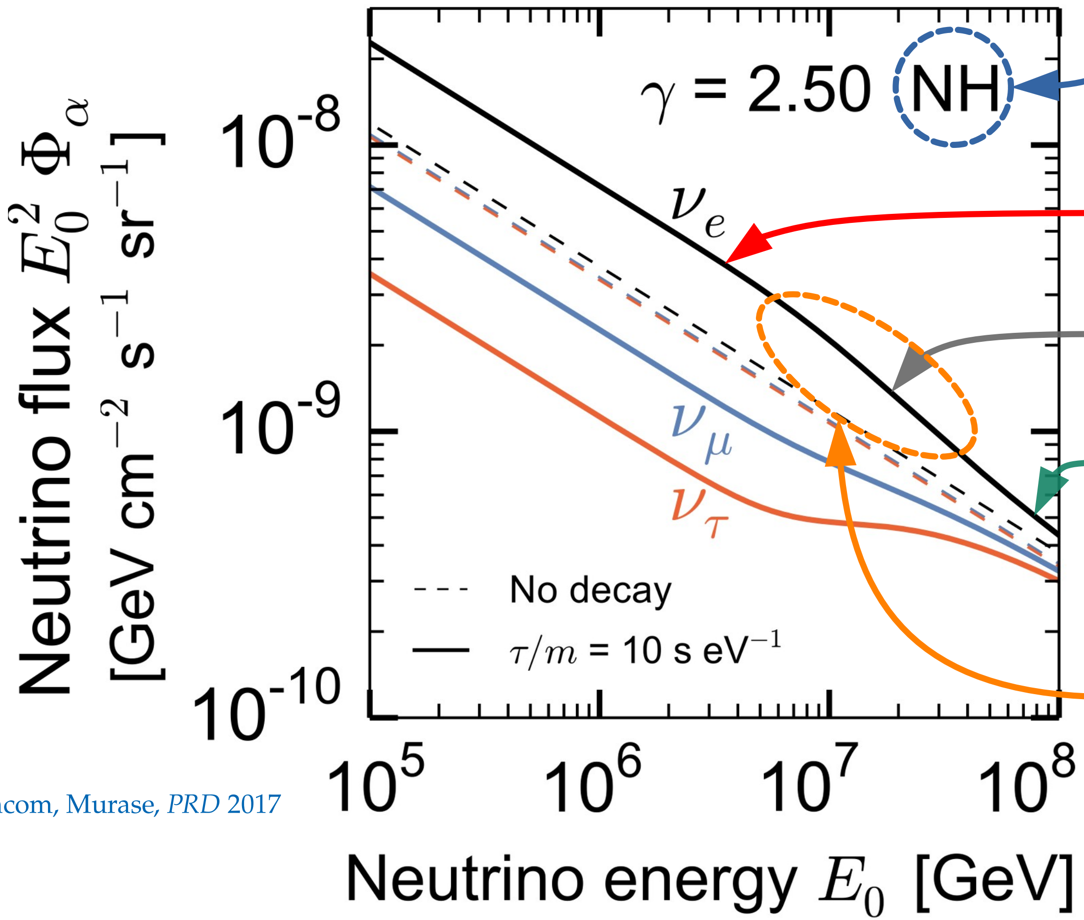

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Look for sigmoid-like transition in spectrum: *challenging, but possible with more statistics*!

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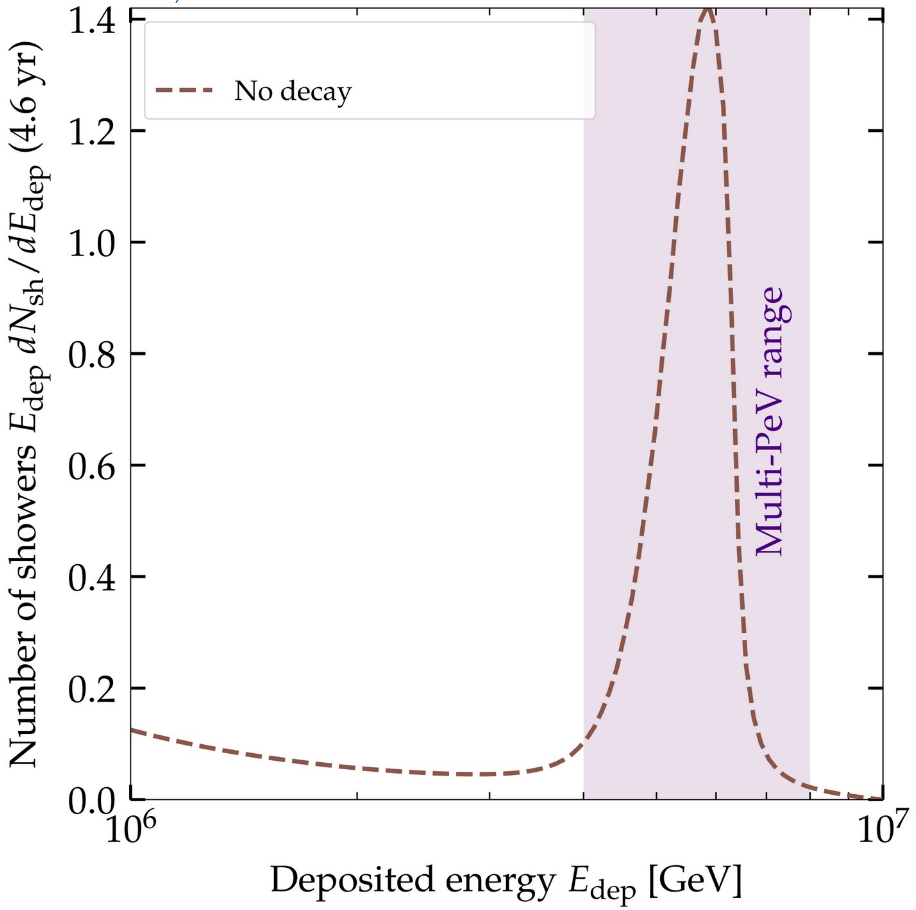

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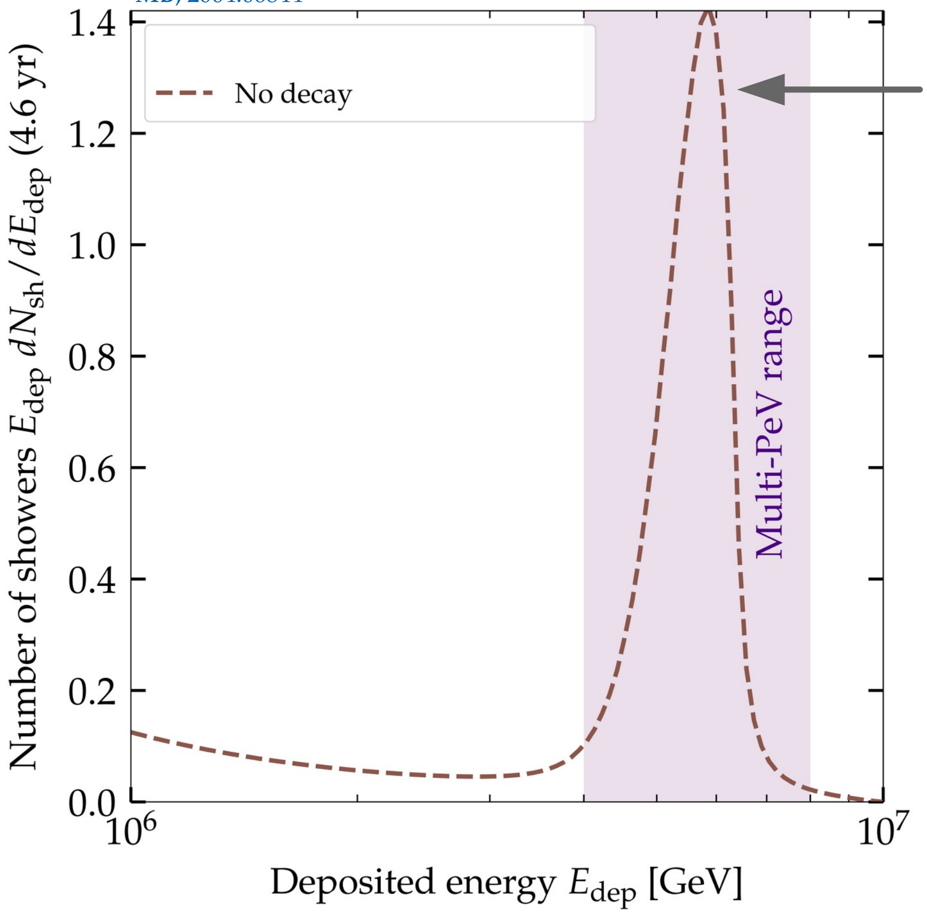

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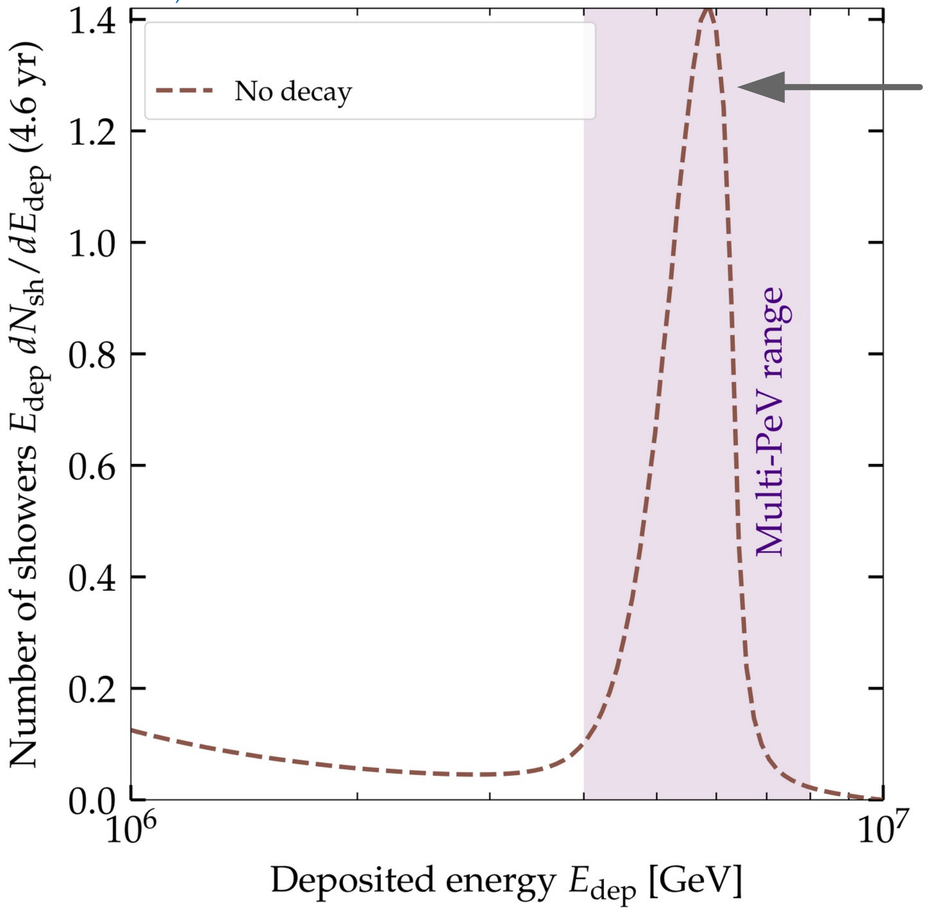

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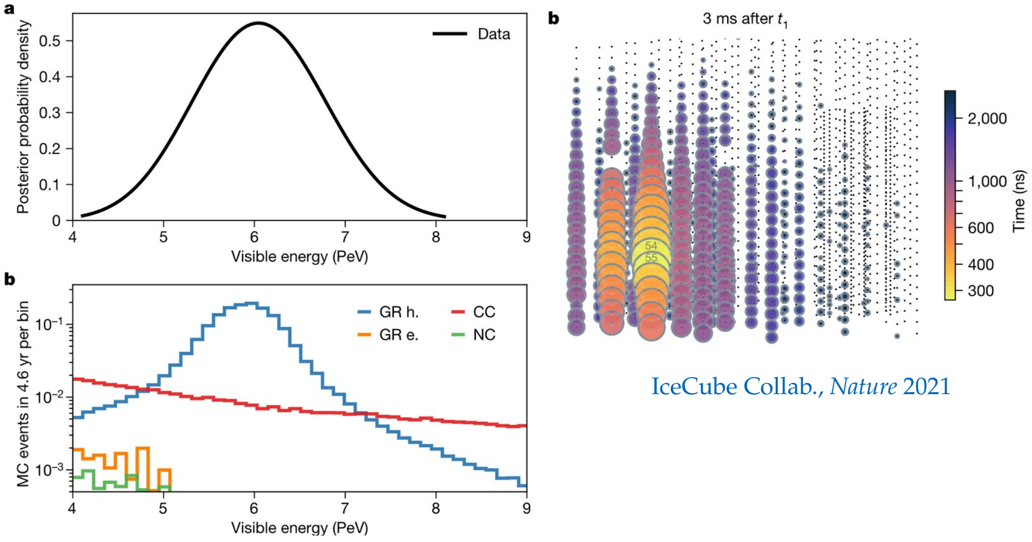
IceCube has seen one GR candidate in 4.6 years:



IceCube Collab., *Nature* 2021

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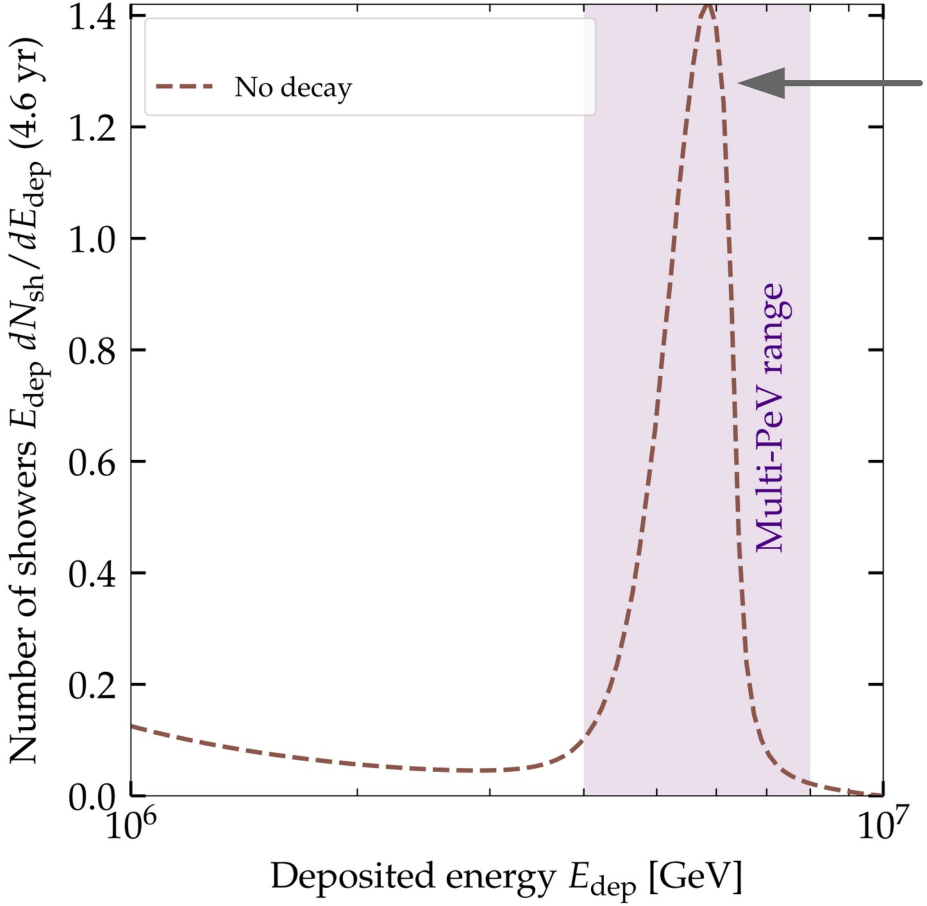

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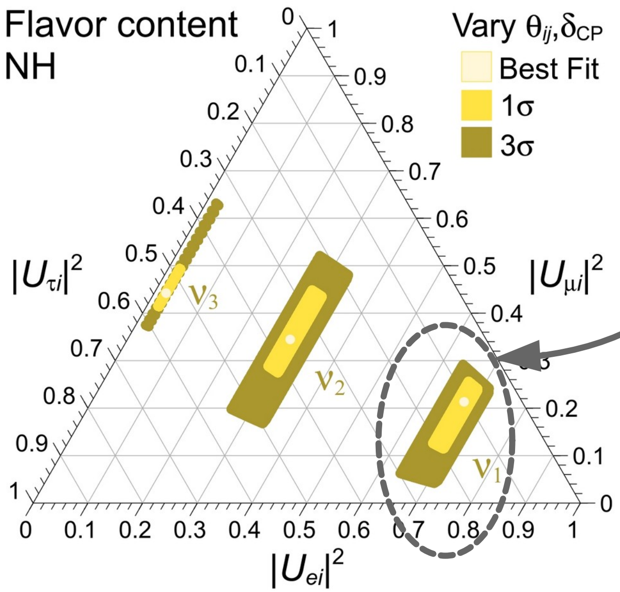
ν_1 is the mass eigenstate with the most e flavor



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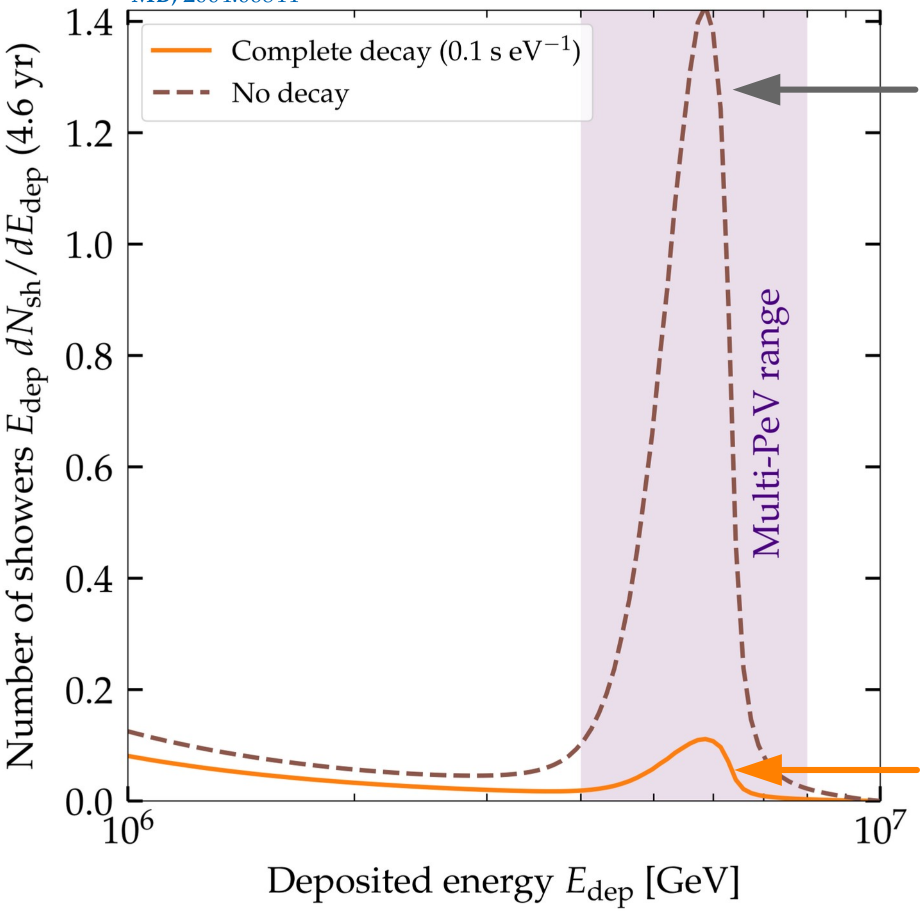

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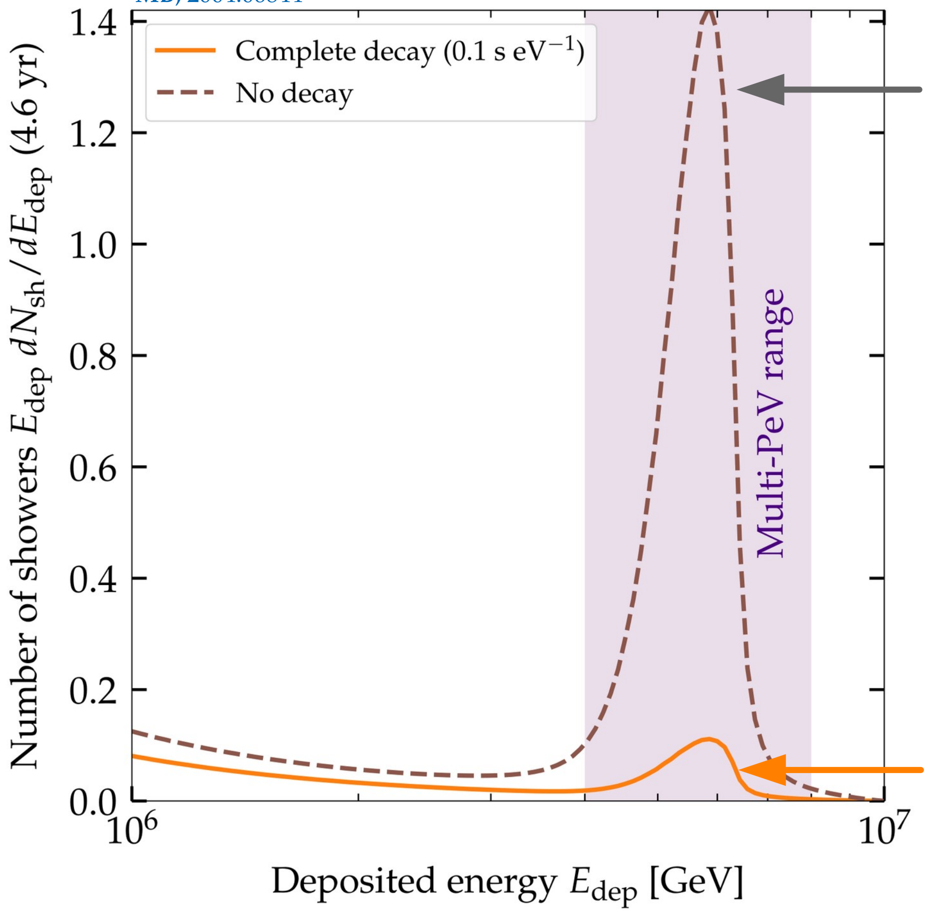

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So by having observed 1 GR event we can place a *lower* limit on the lifetime of $\bar{\nu}_1$ (= ν_1)

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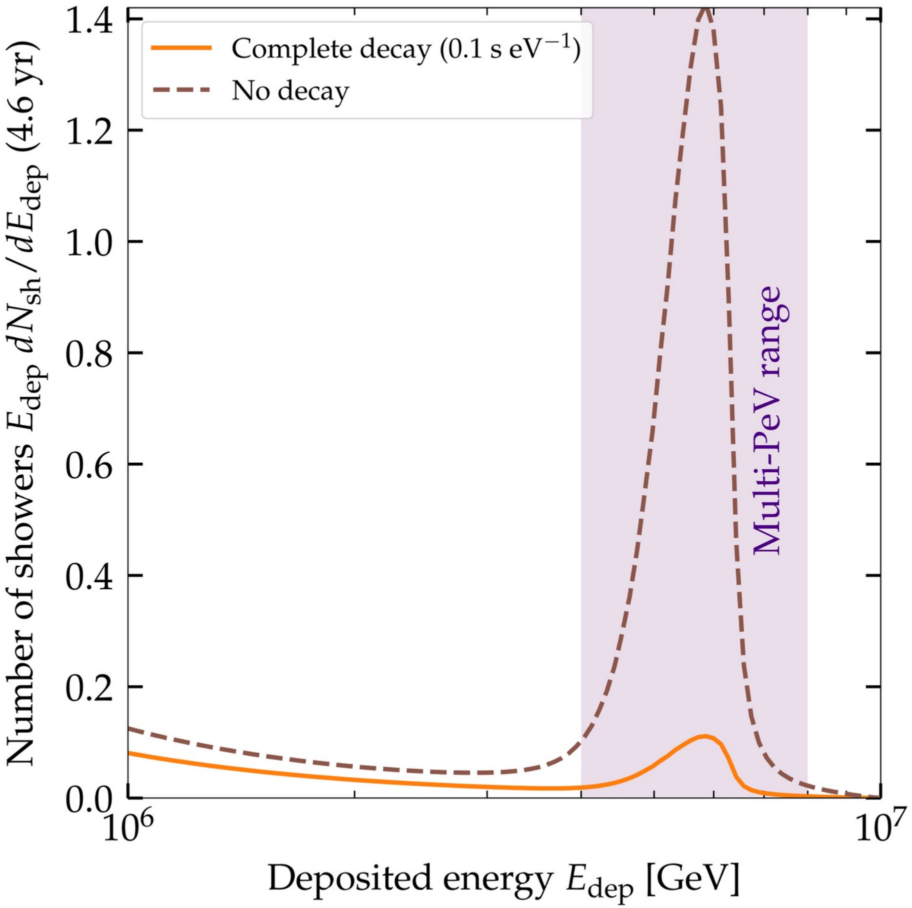

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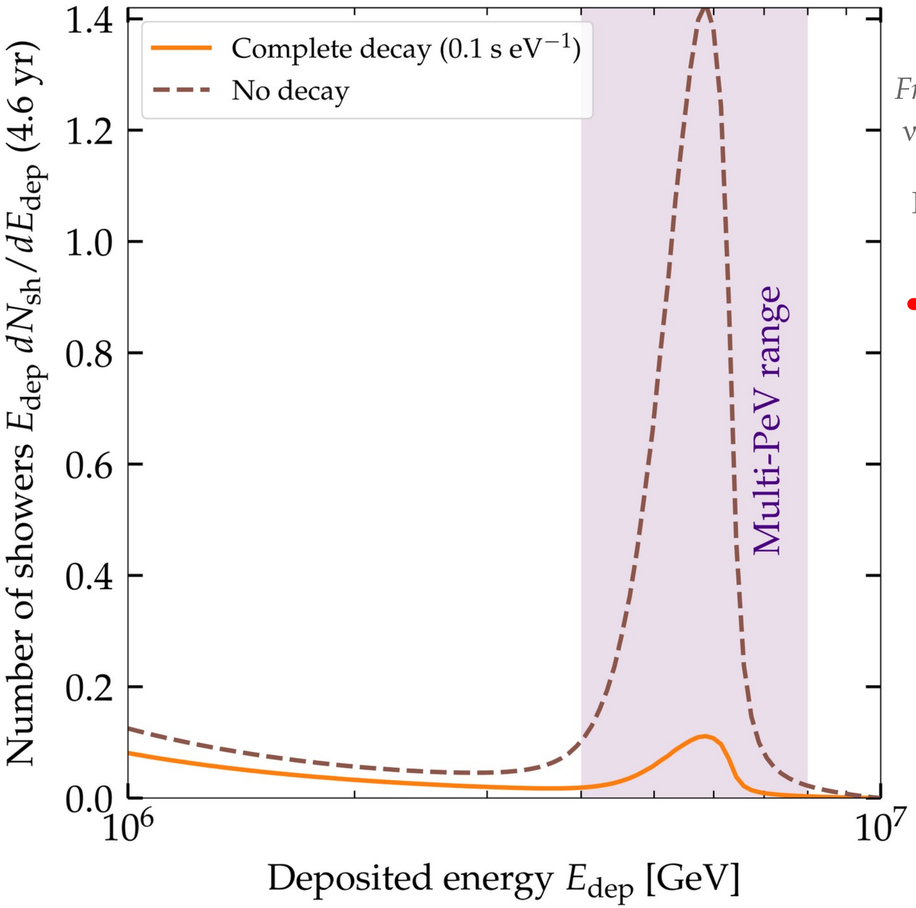

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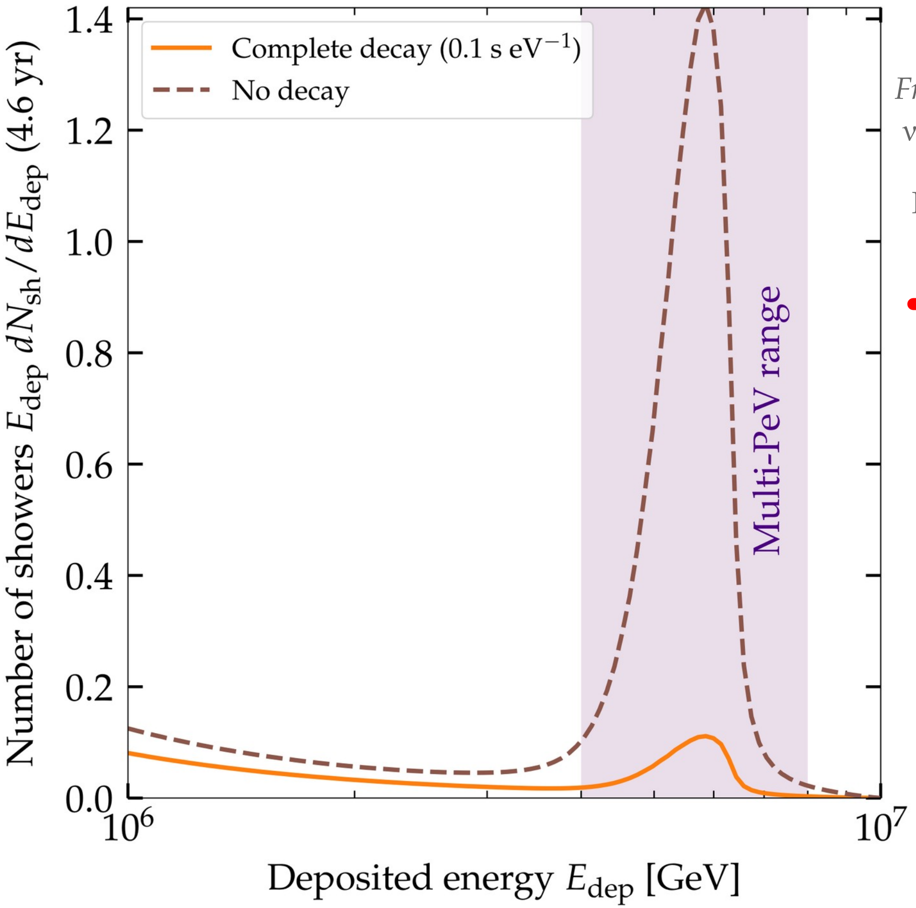

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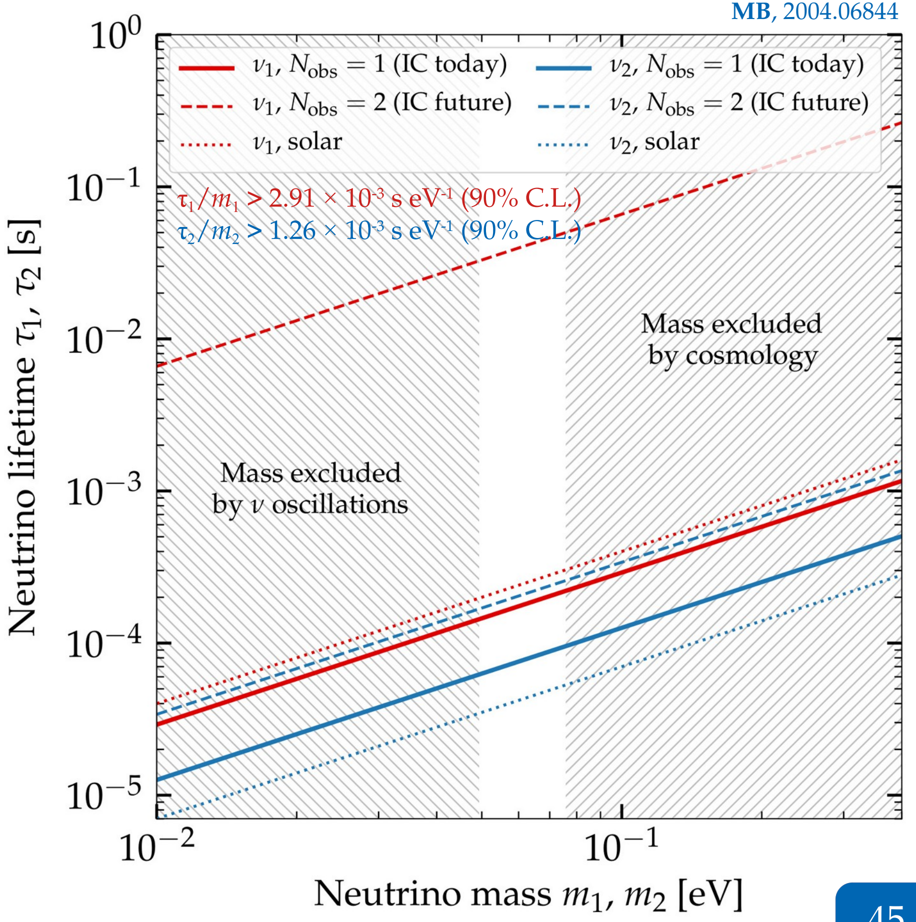

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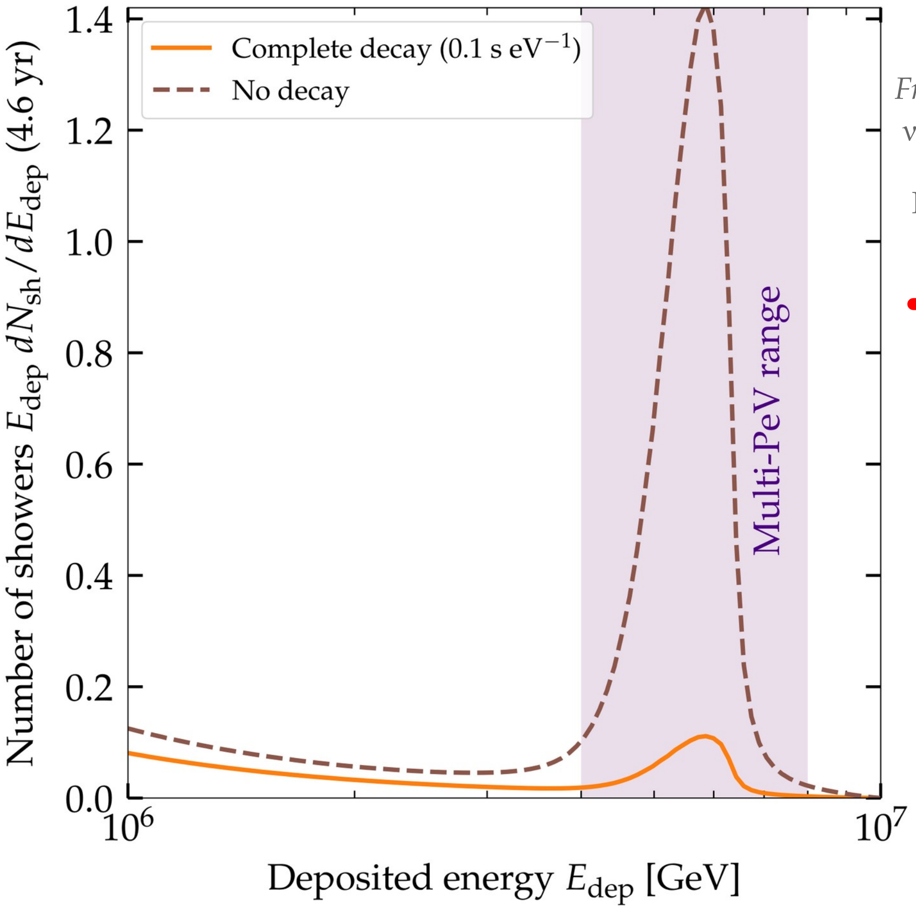

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