



# Neutrino Telescopes: A New Trail to Find New Physics

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Cosmic-ray and Neutrinos in the Multi-messenger Era, Dec. 12th, 2024

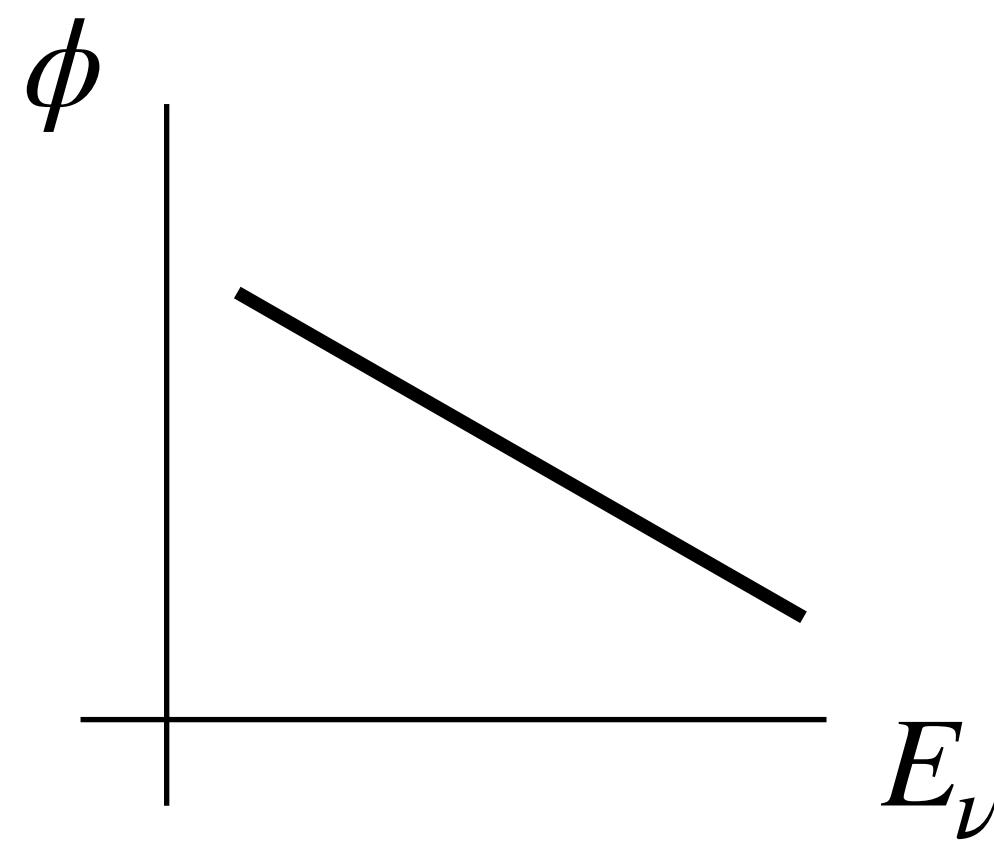
# Why High-Energy Neutrinos?

$$\sigma \sim G_F^2 s$$

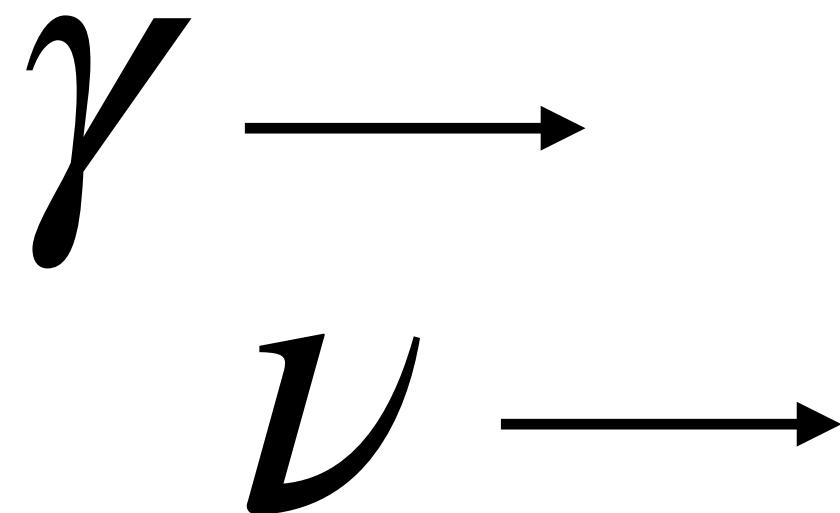
Extreme long baselines

Observing neutrinos  
from uncharted territories

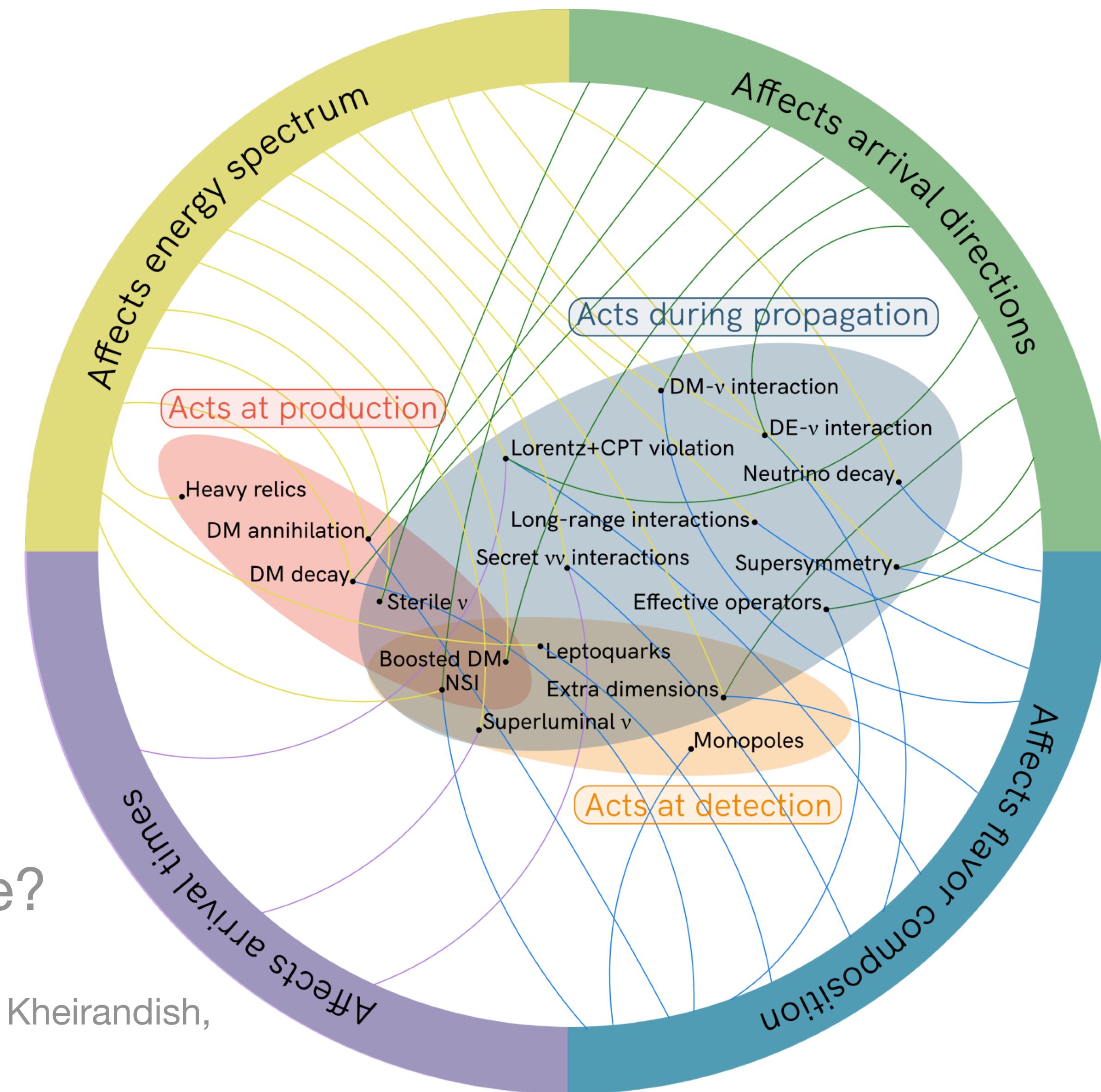
# Observables and Models



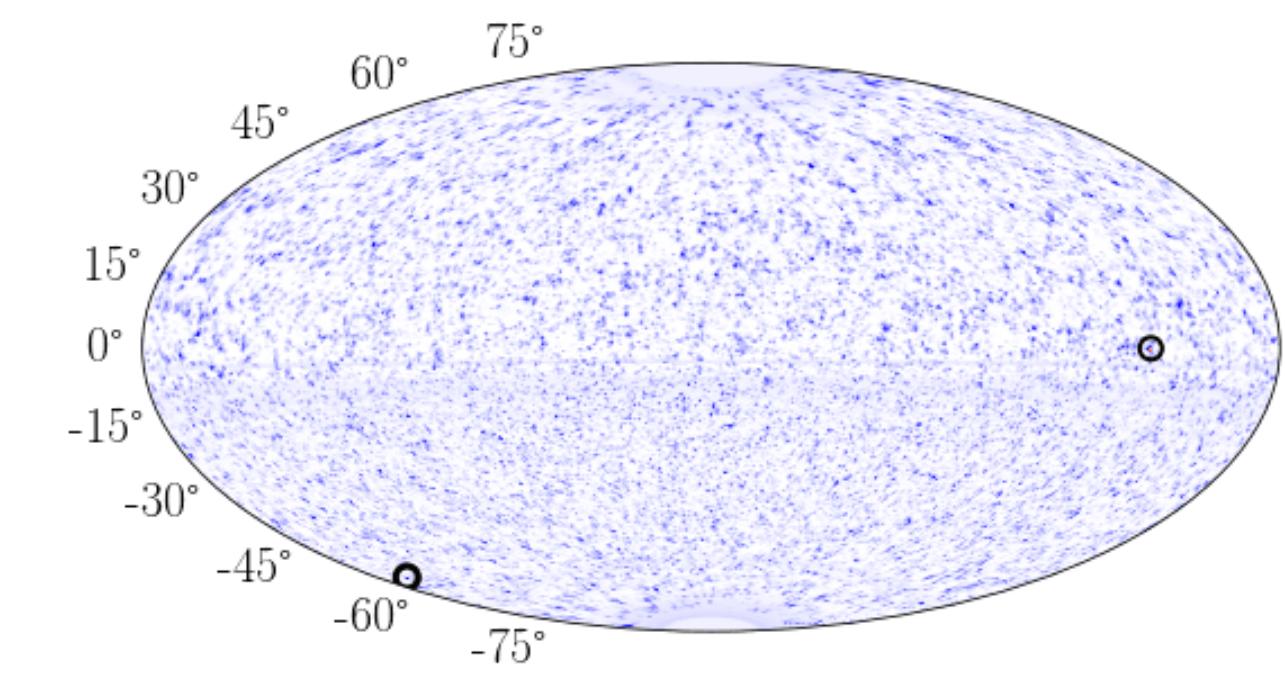
SM: power-law?



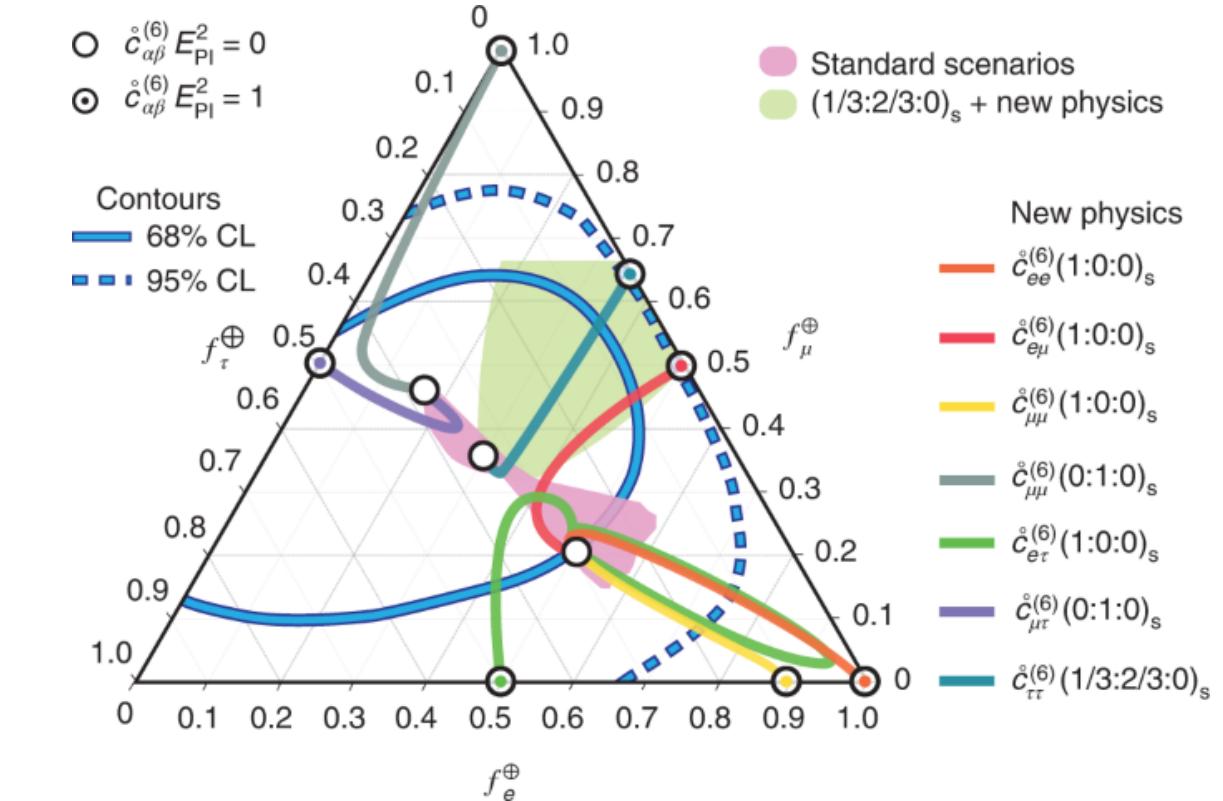
SM: Equal arrival time?



More: 1907.08690 CA, Bustamante, Kheirandish, Palomares-Ruiz, Salvadó, Vincent



SM: Isotropic?



SM: Equal flavors

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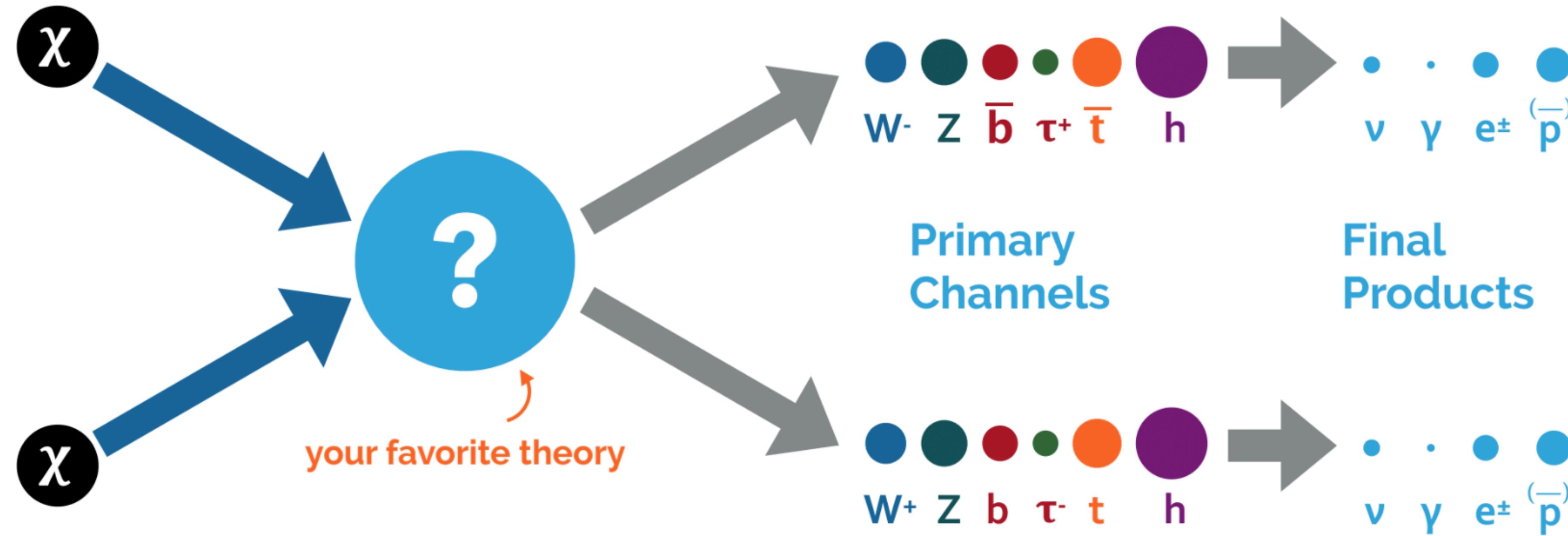
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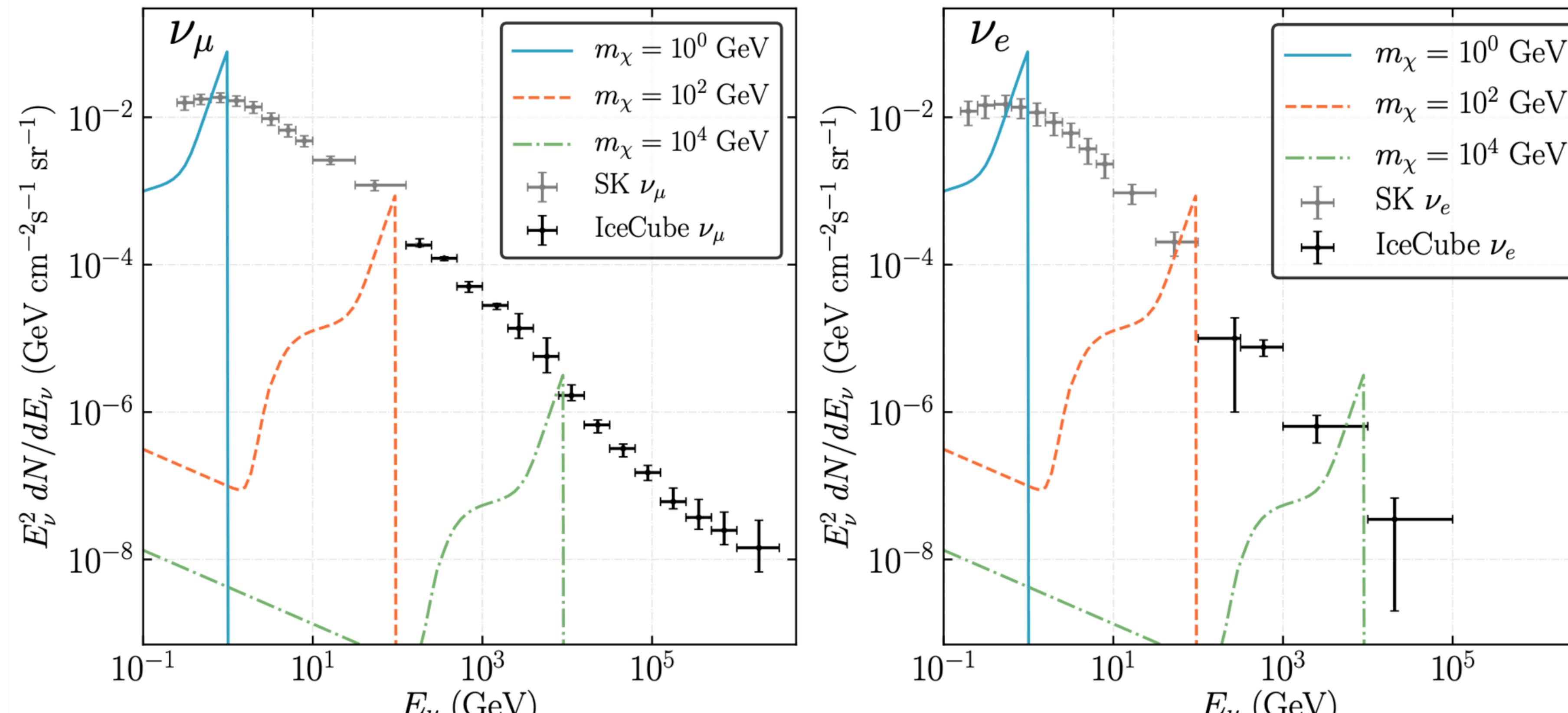
# Dark matter annihilation



To rule out the WIMP miracle in a “model independent way” one needs to constraint **all SM annihilation channels**.

IceCube Collaboration 2205.12950.  
See also CA, H. Dujmovic arXiv  
1907.11193, Dekker et al  
1910.12917; Chianese et al.  
1907.11222; Sui & Bhupal Dev  
1804.04919; Feldstein et al  
1303.7320; Murase et al 1503.04663,  
Murase & Beacom 1206.2595 ...

# Background agnostic constraints on Dark matter making neutrinos



ARGÜELLES, ET AL., REV. MOD. PHYS. 93,  
[ARXIV:1912.09486](https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.09486)

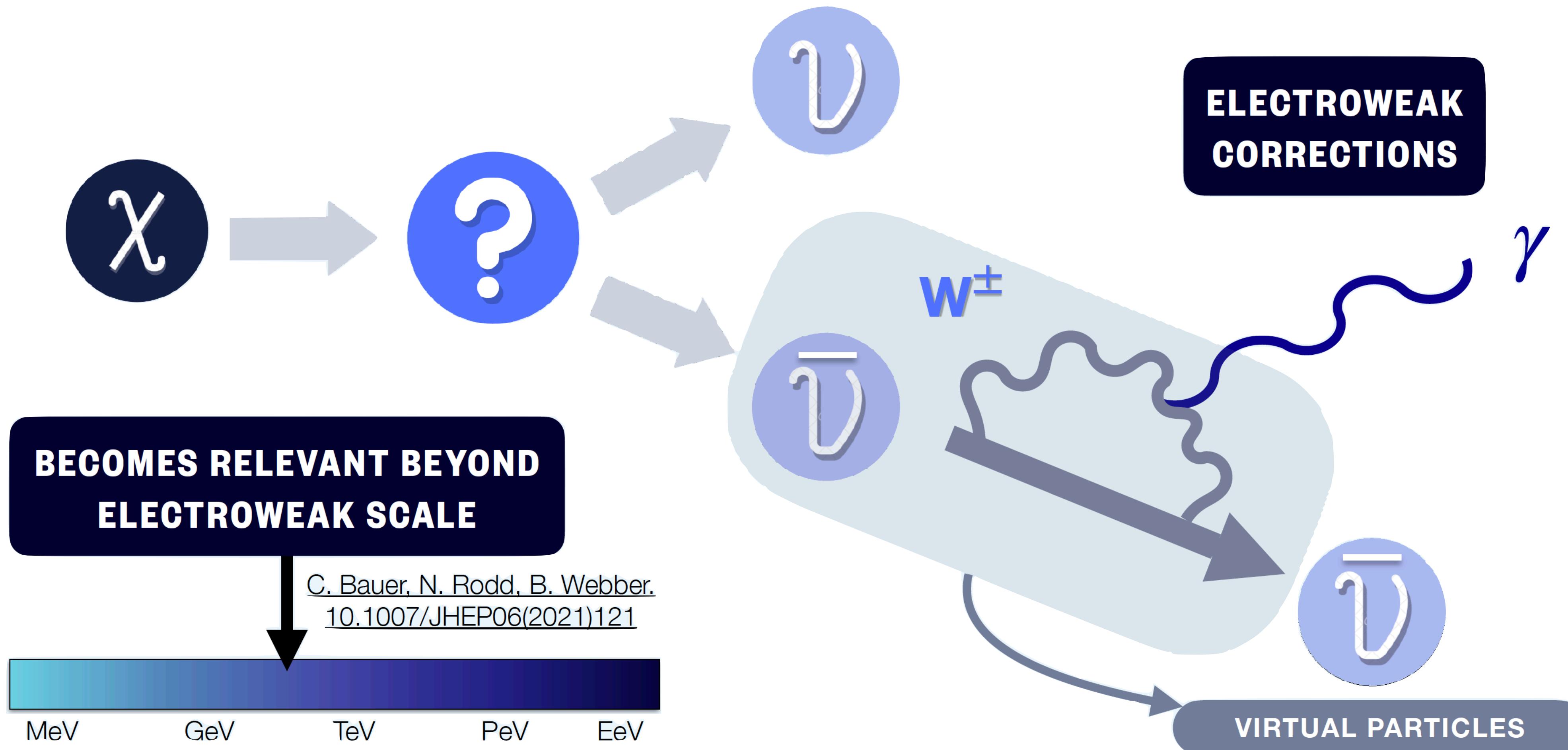
$$\text{Background Agnostic} \Rightarrow \mathcal{L} = \begin{cases} \mathbb{P}(d|\mu) & (d < \mu), \\ 1 & (d \geq \mu) \end{cases}$$

RICHARD, F., ET AL. (SUPER-KAMIOKANDE)  
[PHYS. REV. D94 \(5\), 052001](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.94.052001)

AARTSEN, M. G., ET AL. (ICECUBE) (2015B),  
[PHYS. REV. D91, 122004](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevD.91.122004)

Flux of neutrinos from dark matter cannot overshoot measurements of the integrated neutrino flux.

# Gamma-ray experiments will have correlated signals

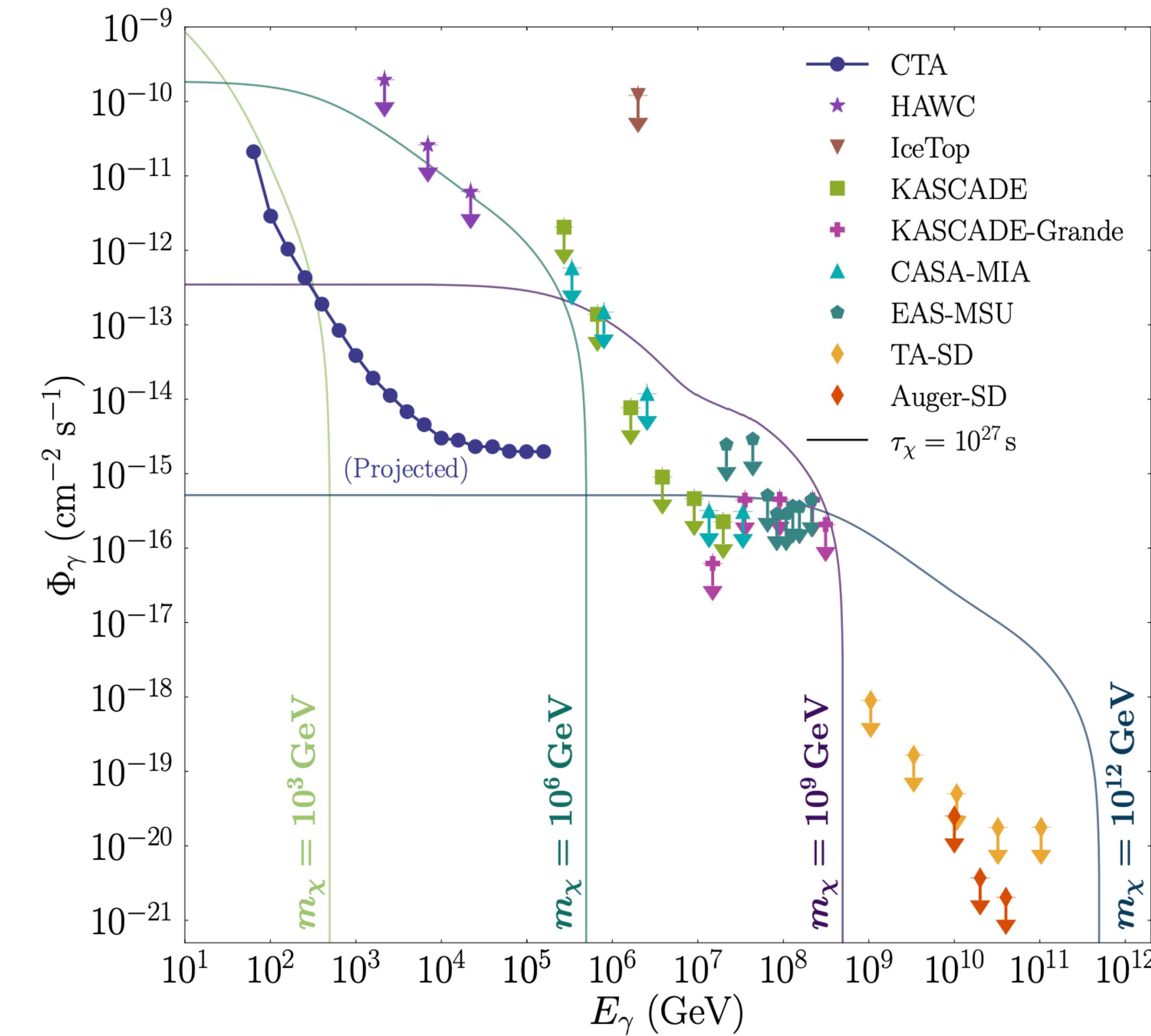


The energy-scale in this process is set by the DM mass, which can be above EWSB, where bosons are massless.

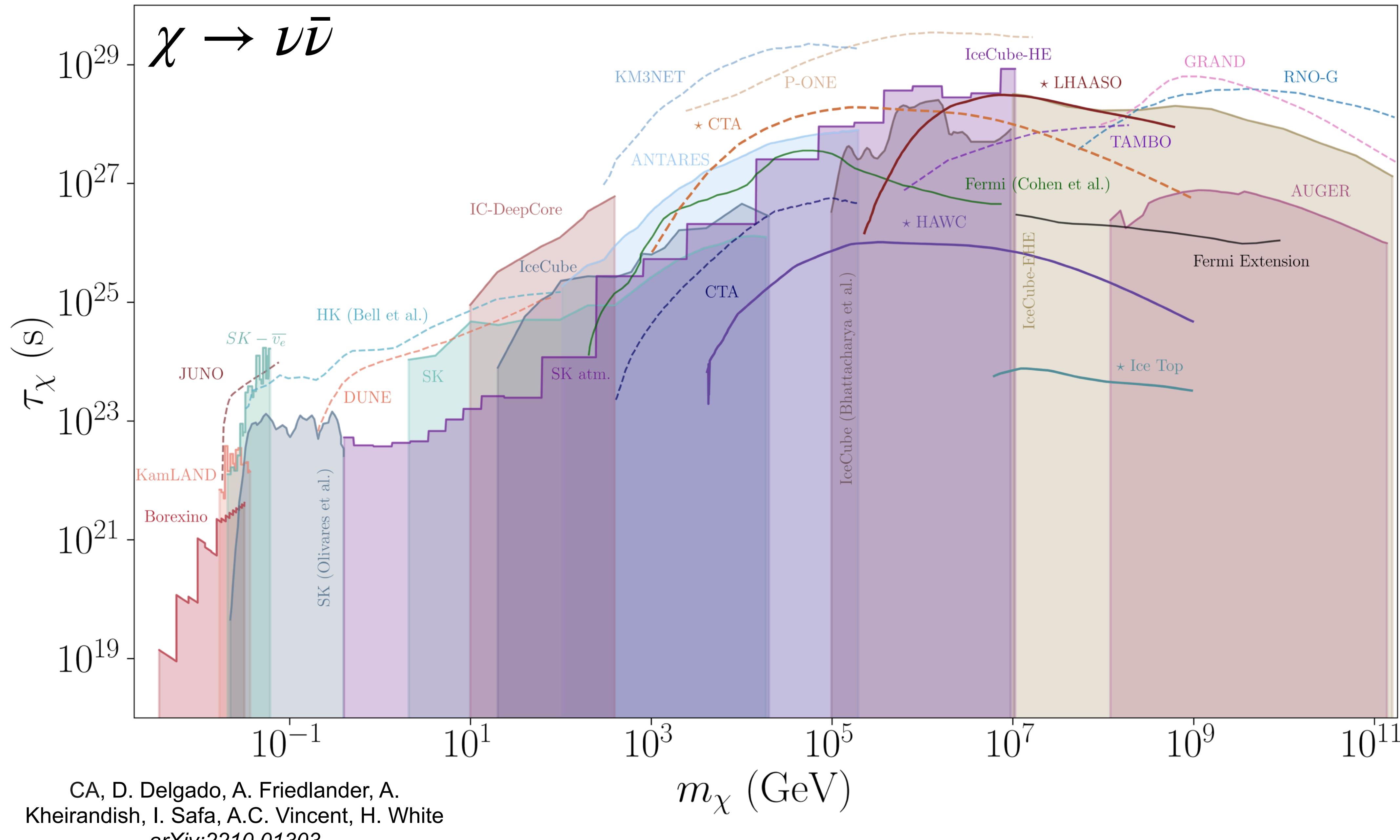
# Background agnostic constraints on Dark matter making neutrinos

$10^{-1} - 10^2$	Fermi-LAT [63]
$10^3 - 10^9$	CTA [64]
$10^4 - 10^9$	HAWC [65]
$10^5 - 10^9$	LHAASO [66]
$10^6 - 10^9$	IceTop [67]
$10^7 - 2 \times 10^9$	KASCADE [68]
$10^8 - 2 \times 10^{10}$	CASA-MIA [69]
$10^9 - 2 \times 10^{12}$	EAS-MSU [70]
$10^{11.5} - 10^{14}$	TA-SD [71]
$> 10^{12}$	Auger-SD [72]

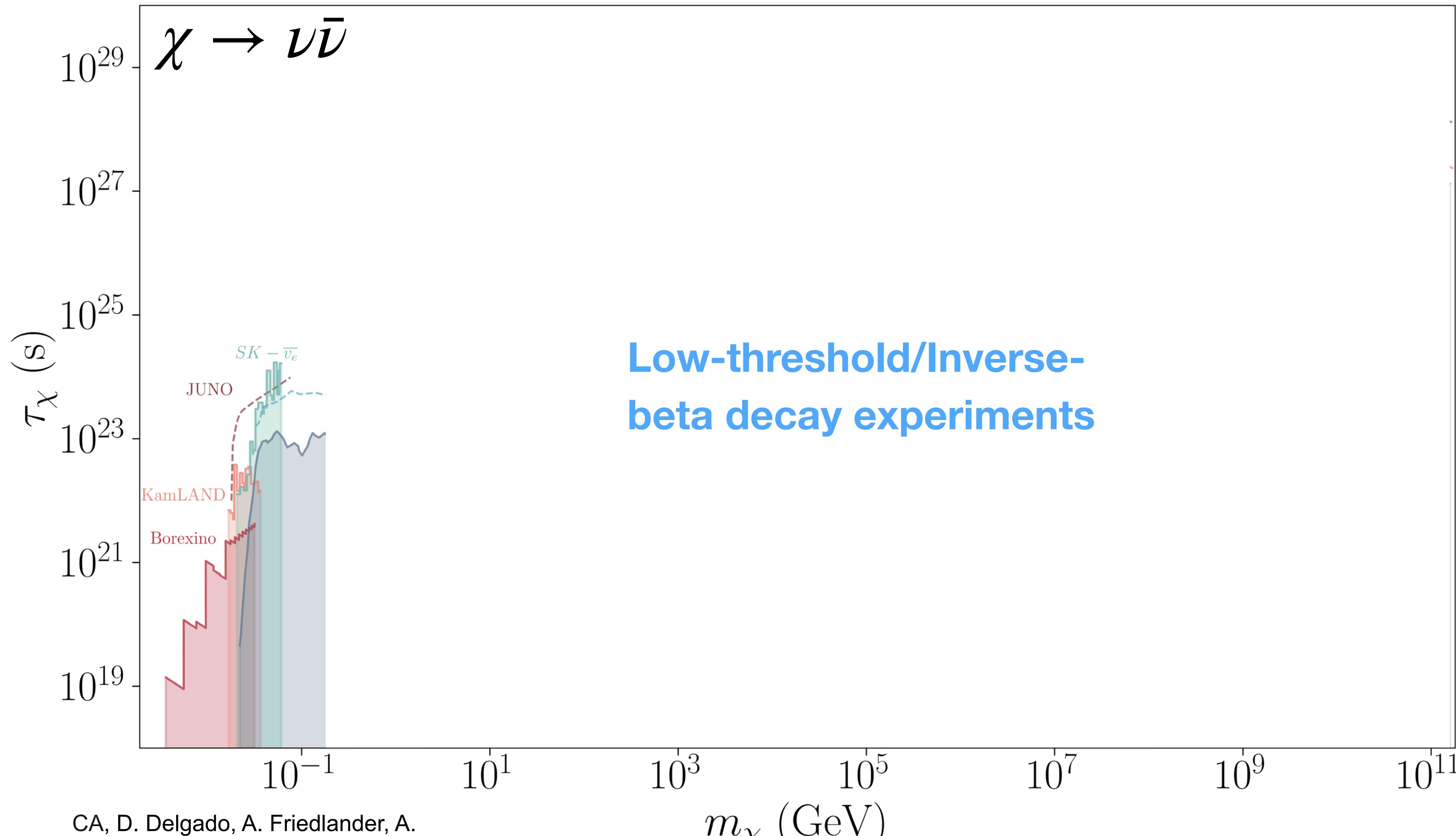
Associated gamma-ray flux  
should also not overshoot  
constraints



# And many more measurements ...



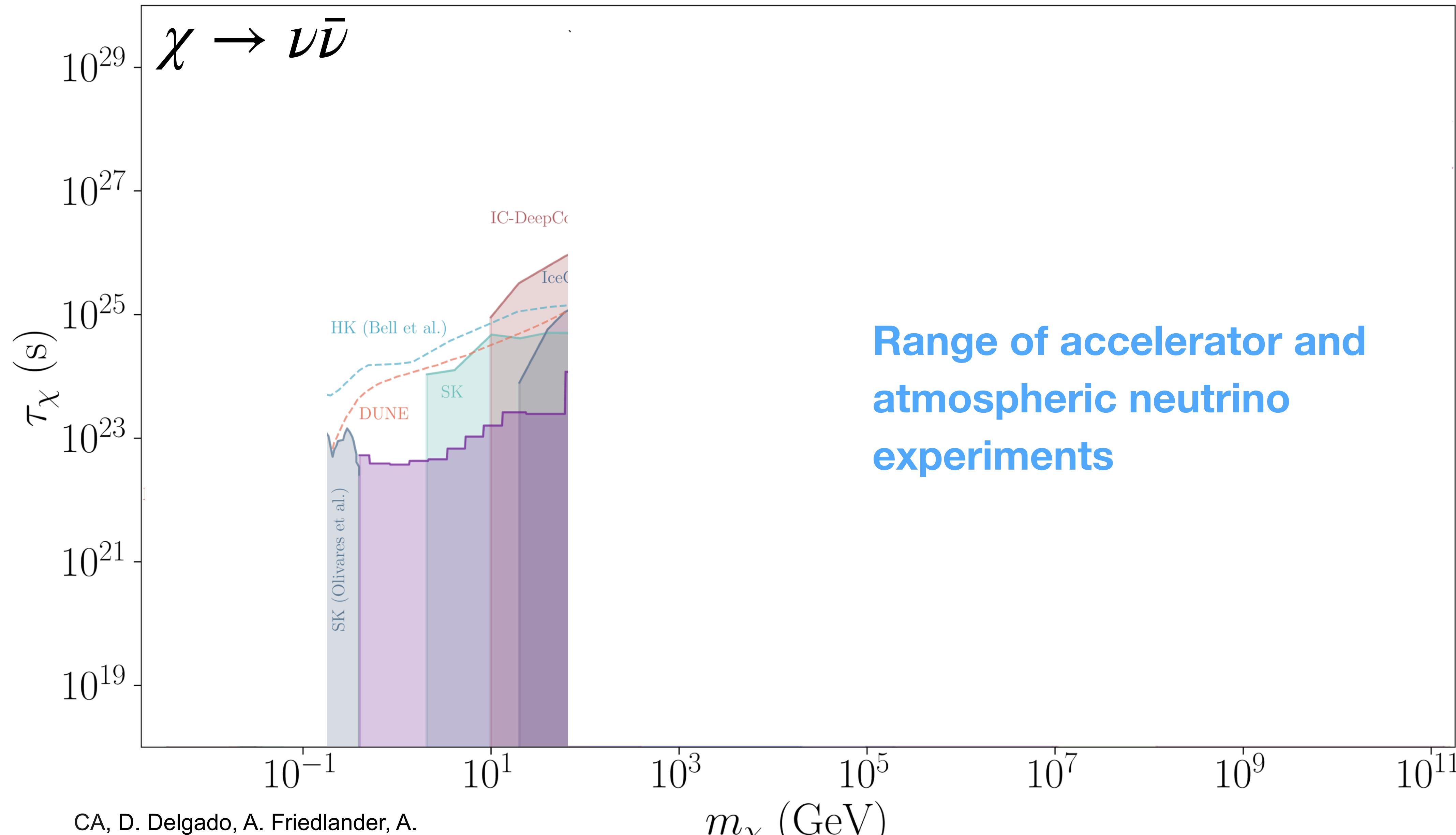
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*arXiv:2210.01303*

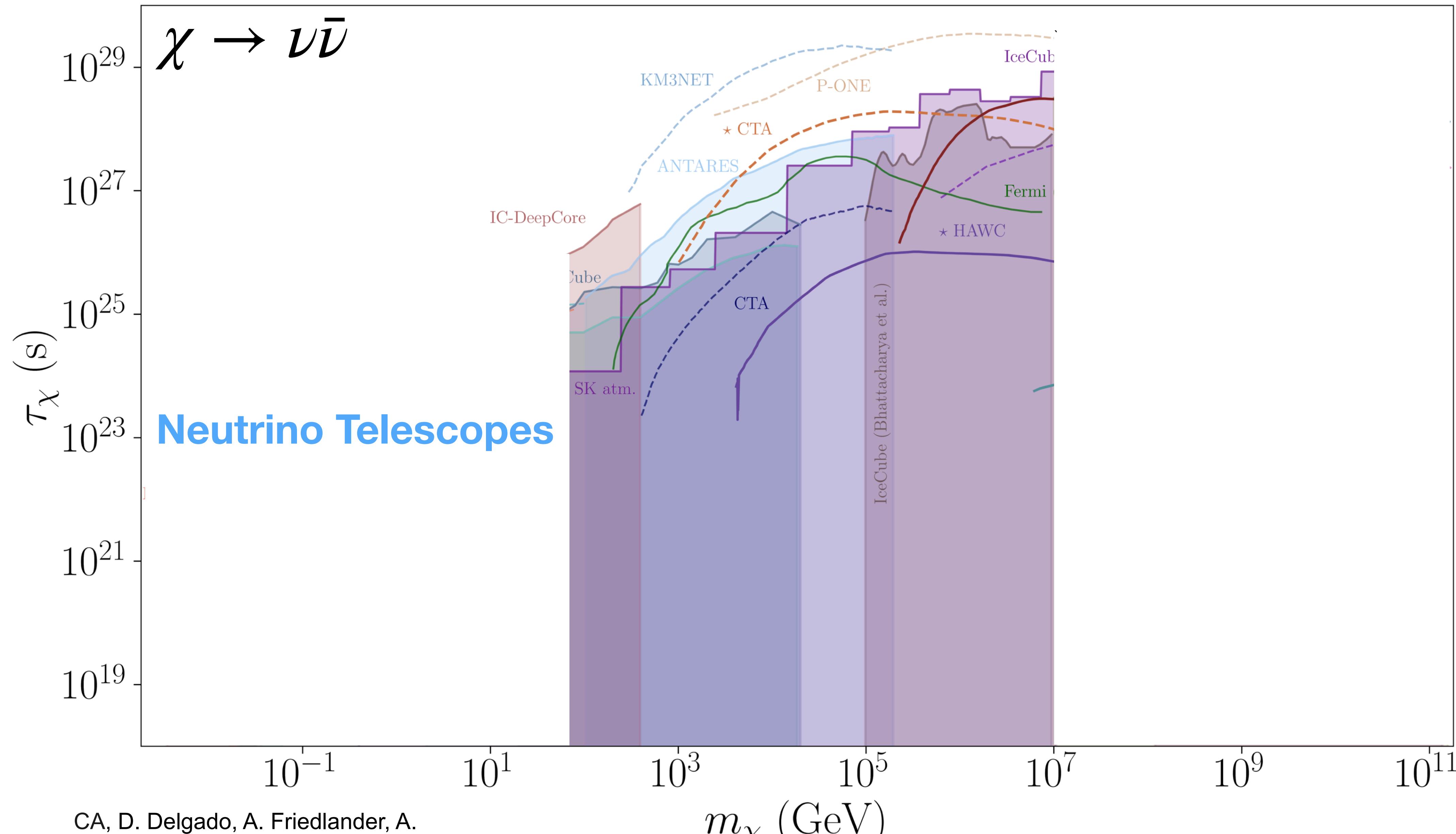
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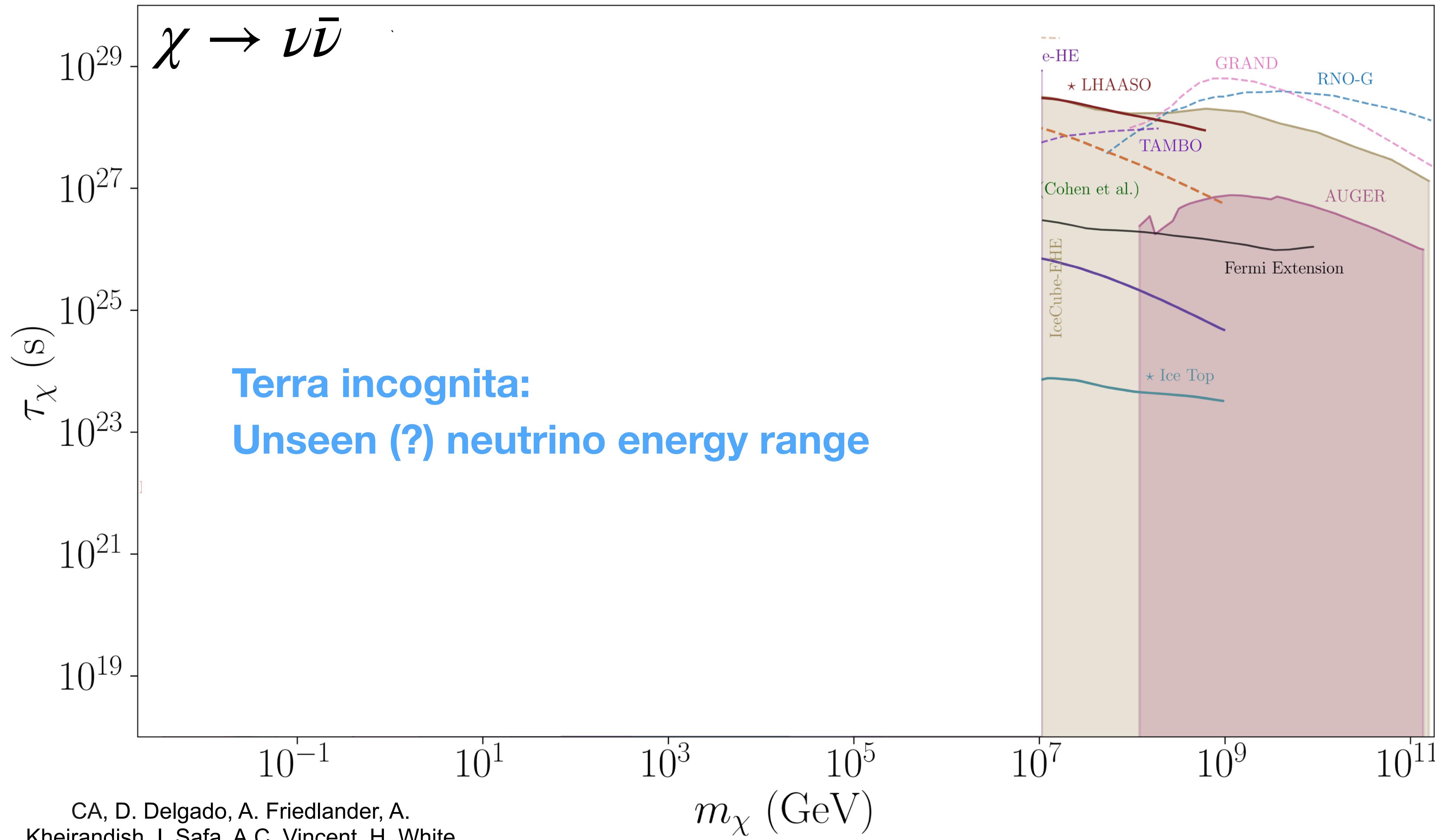
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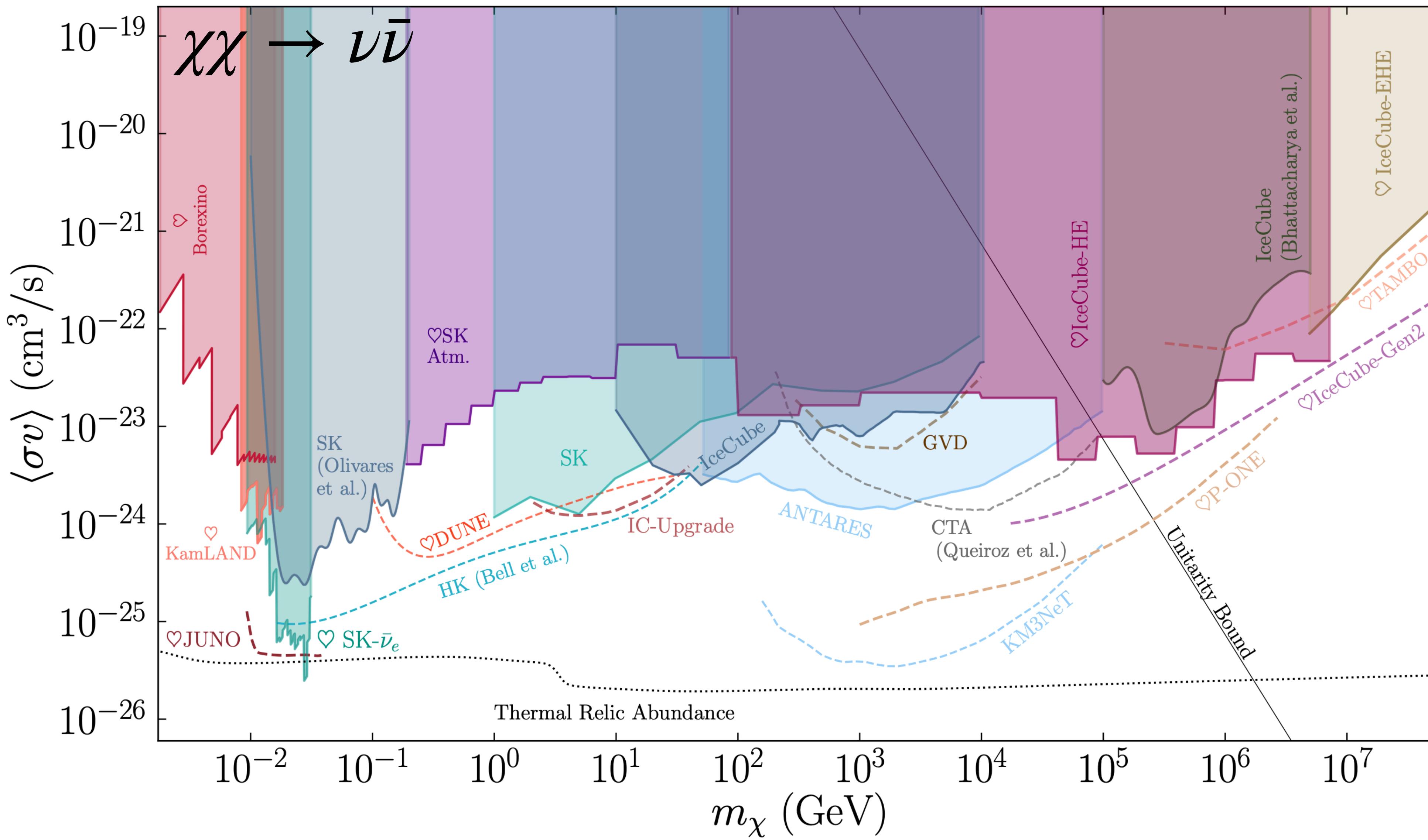


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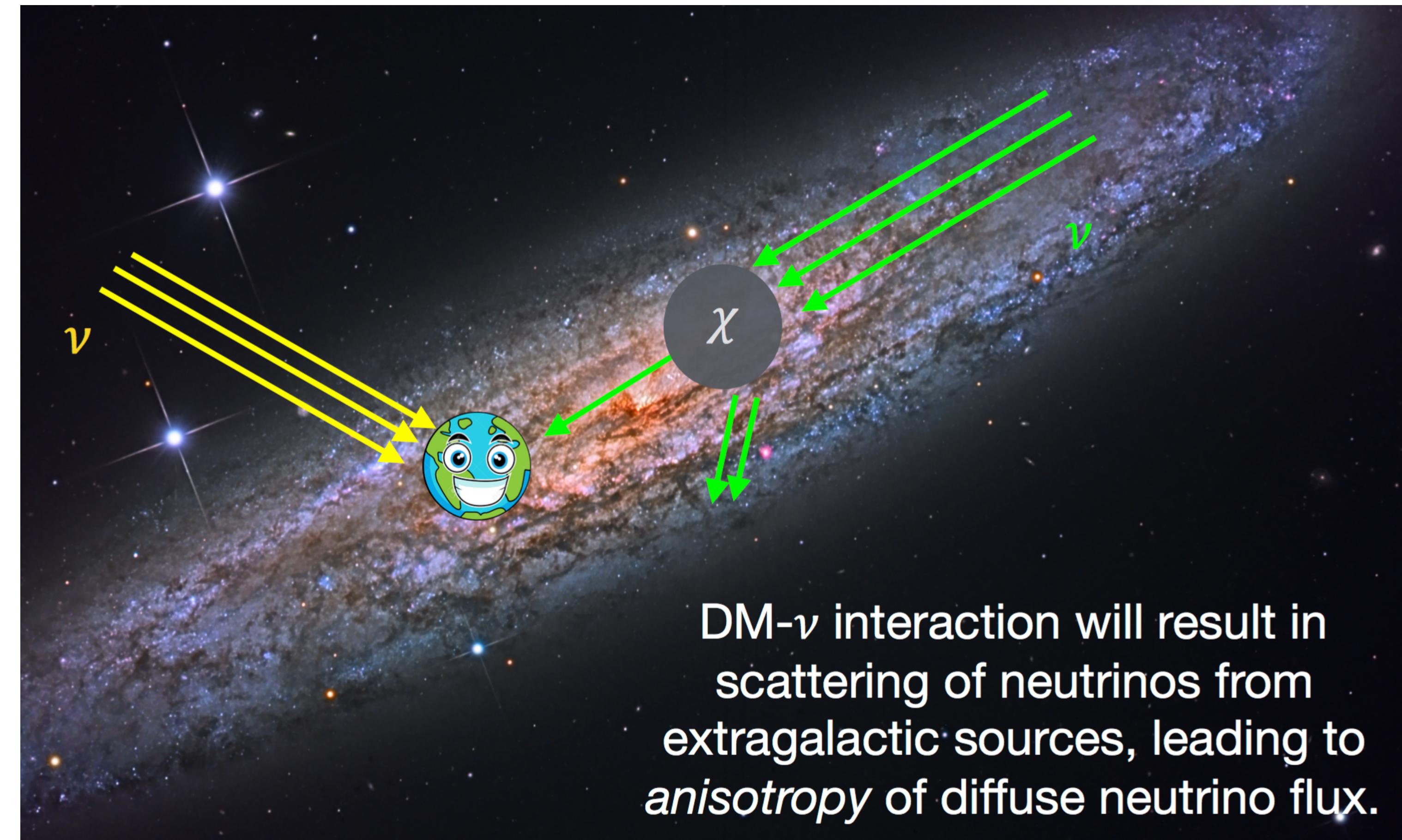
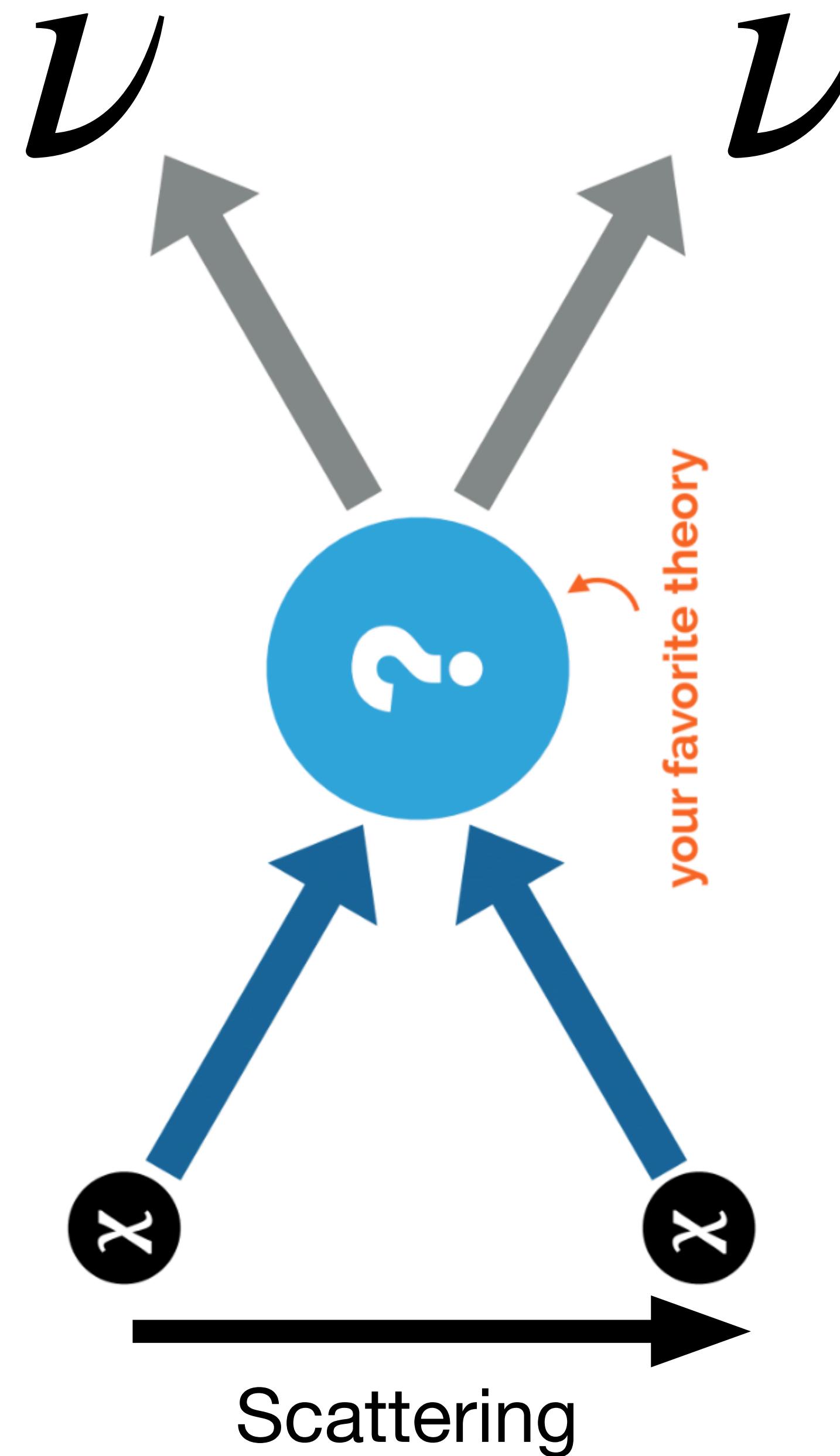


# Dark matter annihilation to neutrino: a largely unexplored frontier



CA, A. Diaz, A.  
Kheirandish, A.  
Olivares-Del-Campo, I.  
Safa, A.C. Vincent *Rev.  
Mod. Phys.* 93, 35007  
(2021);  
See also Beacom et al.  
*PRL* 99: 231301, 2007.  
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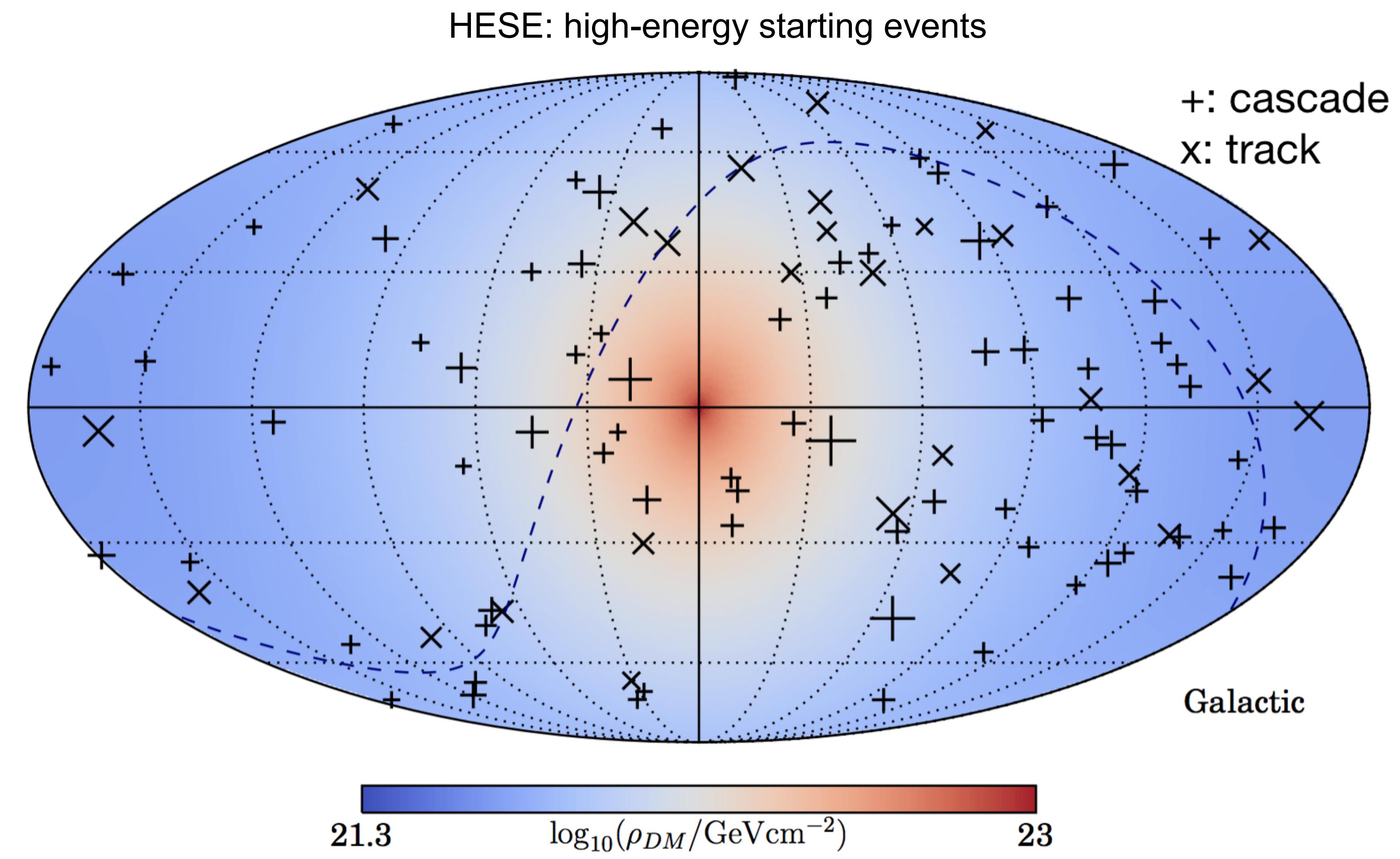
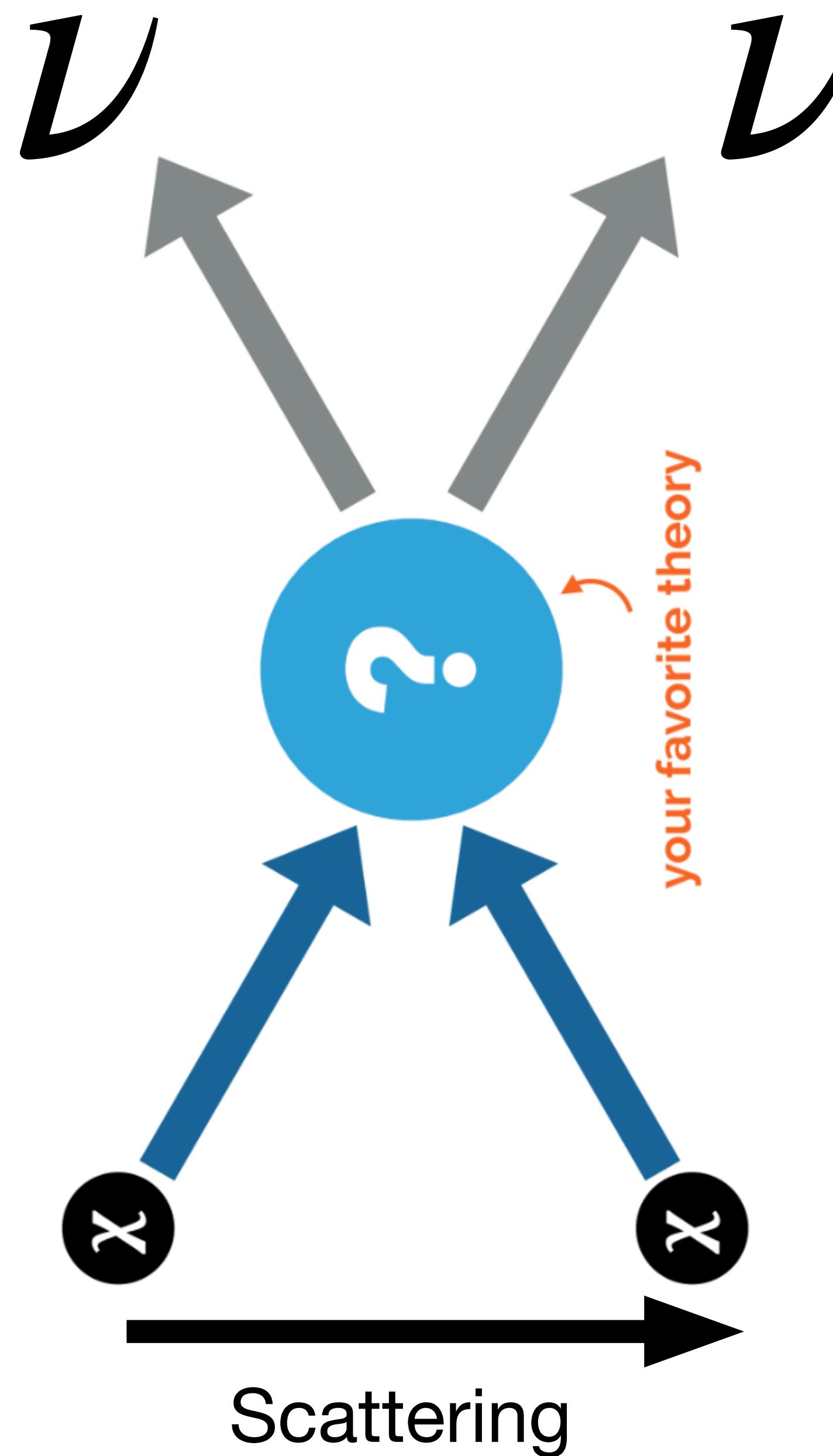
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CA, A. Kheirandish & A. Vincent Phys. Rev. Lett. **119**, 201801

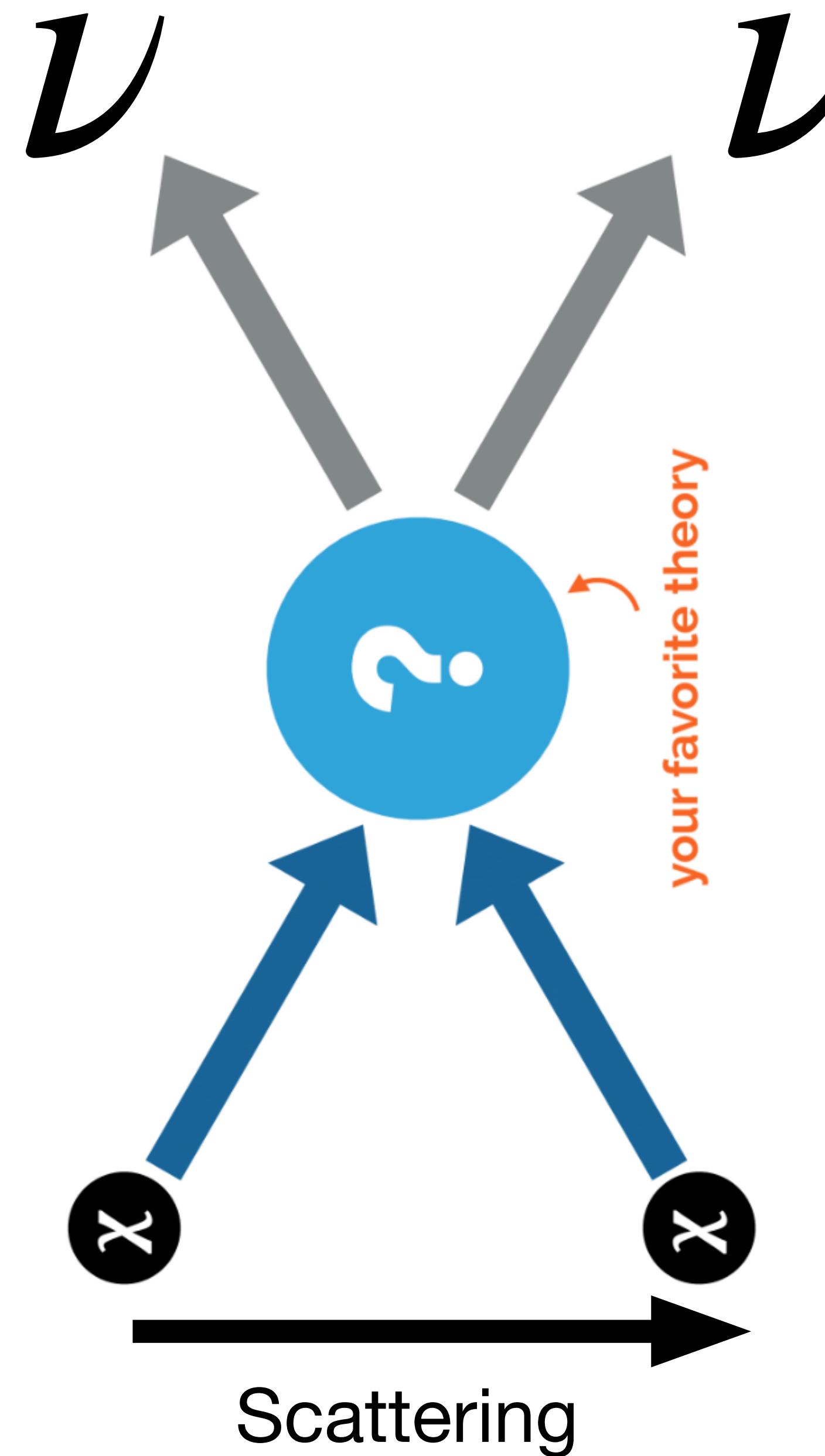
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IceCube Collaboration, arXiv:2205.12950

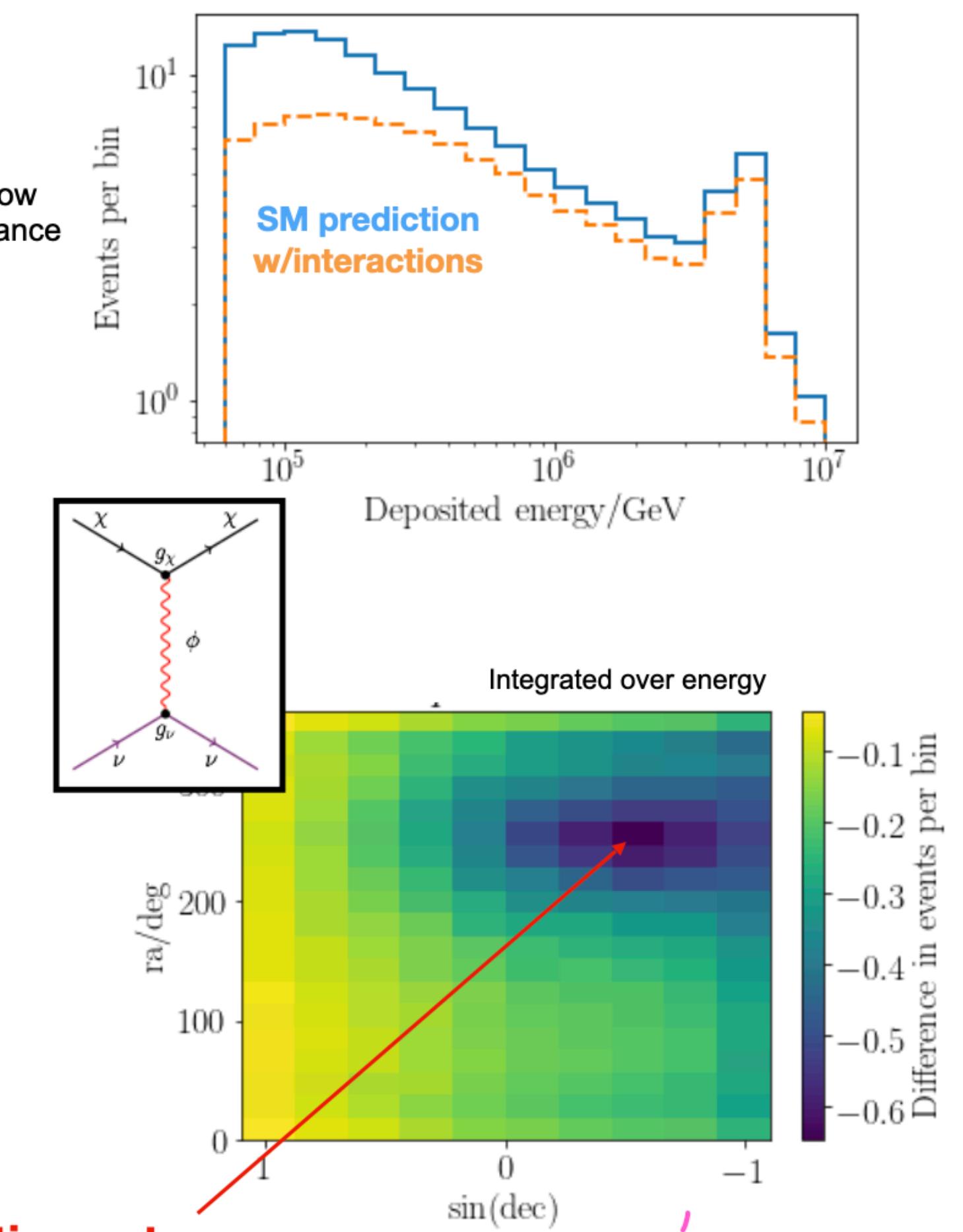
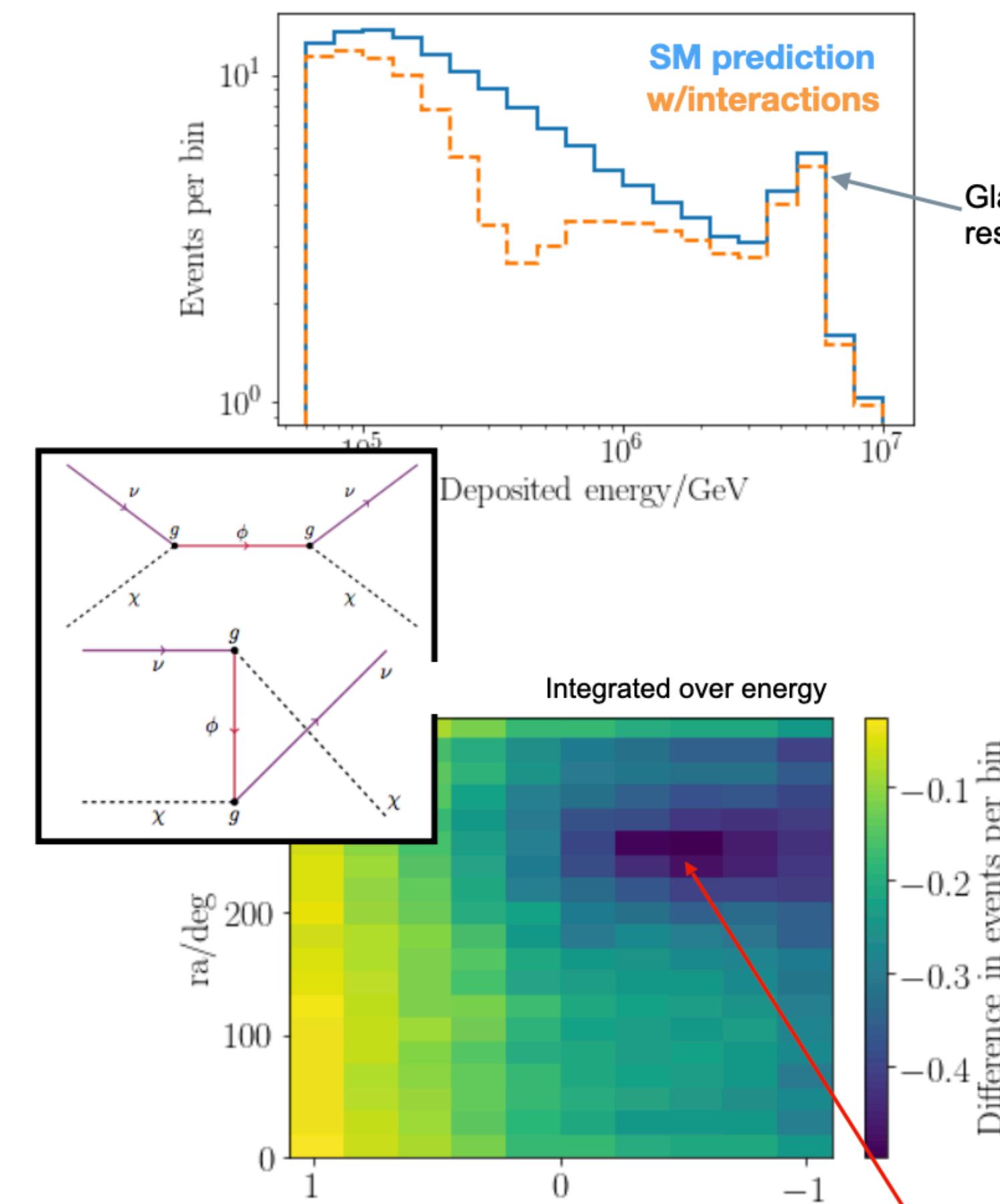


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# Dark matter scattering with neutrinos



$E_\nu > 60 \text{ TeV}$



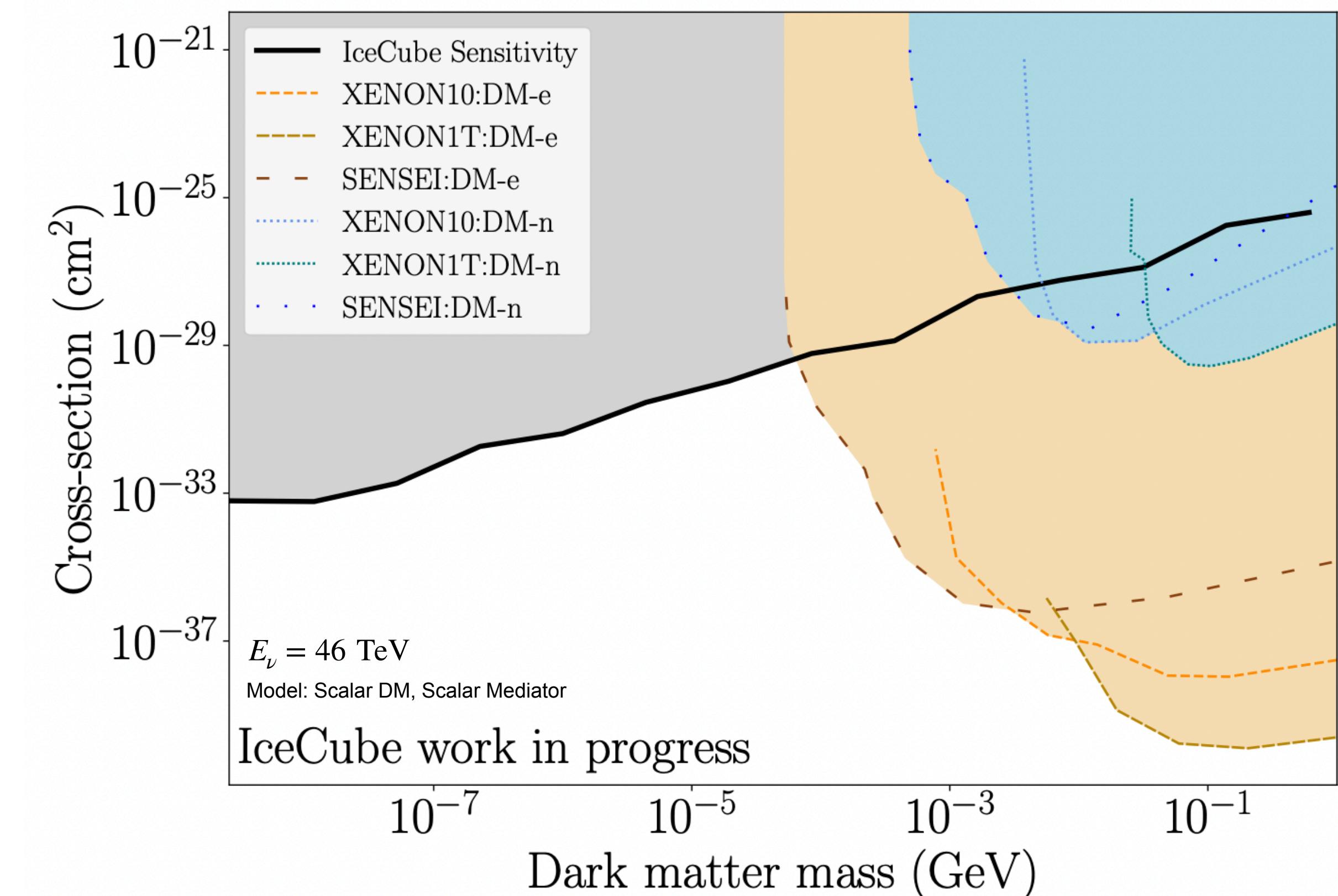
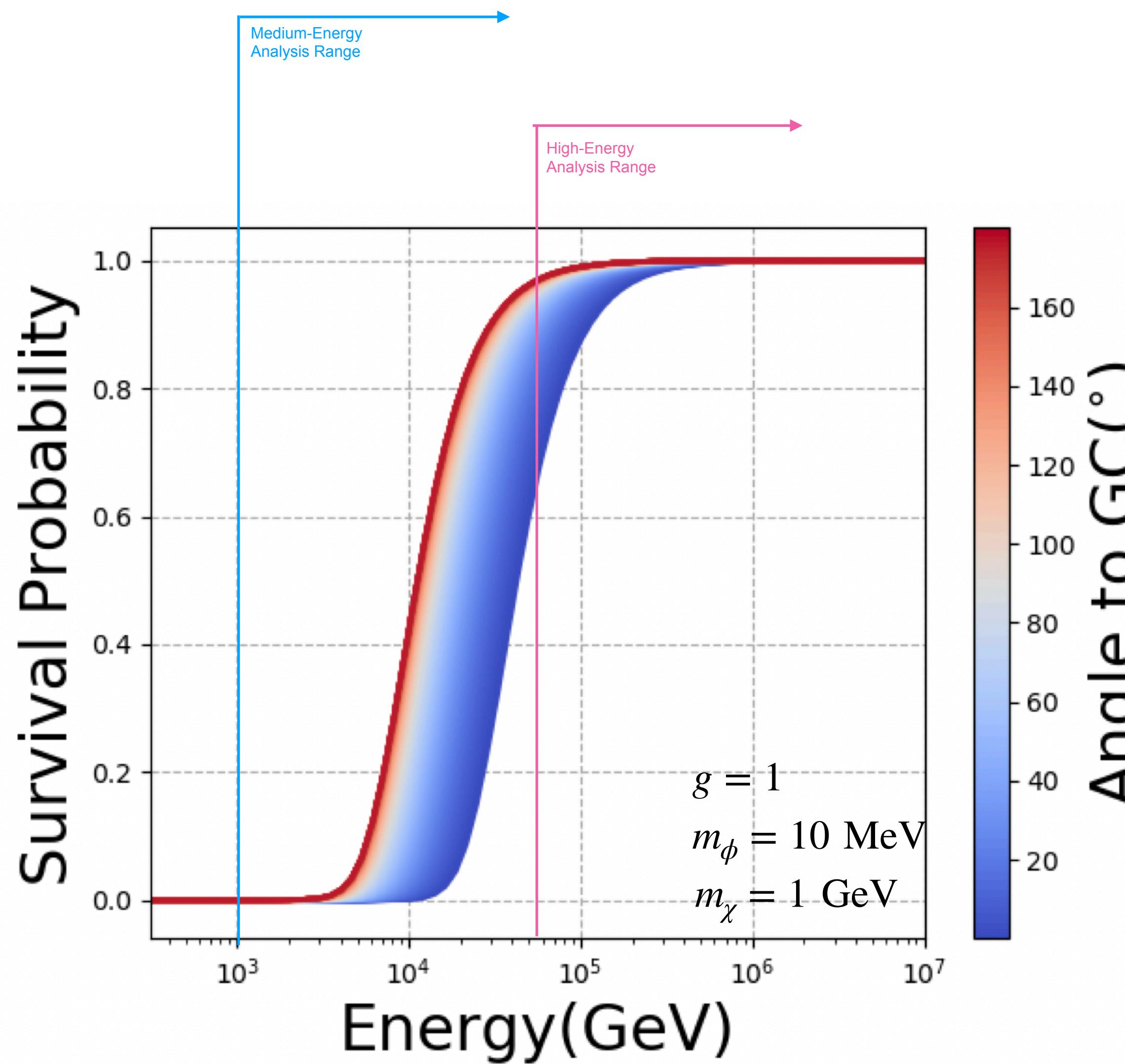
Constraints comparable to cosmology

# Dark matter scattering with neutrinos: new analysis!



Work by Diya Delgado

A. McMullen, A. Vincent, CA, A. Schneider arXiv:2107.11491

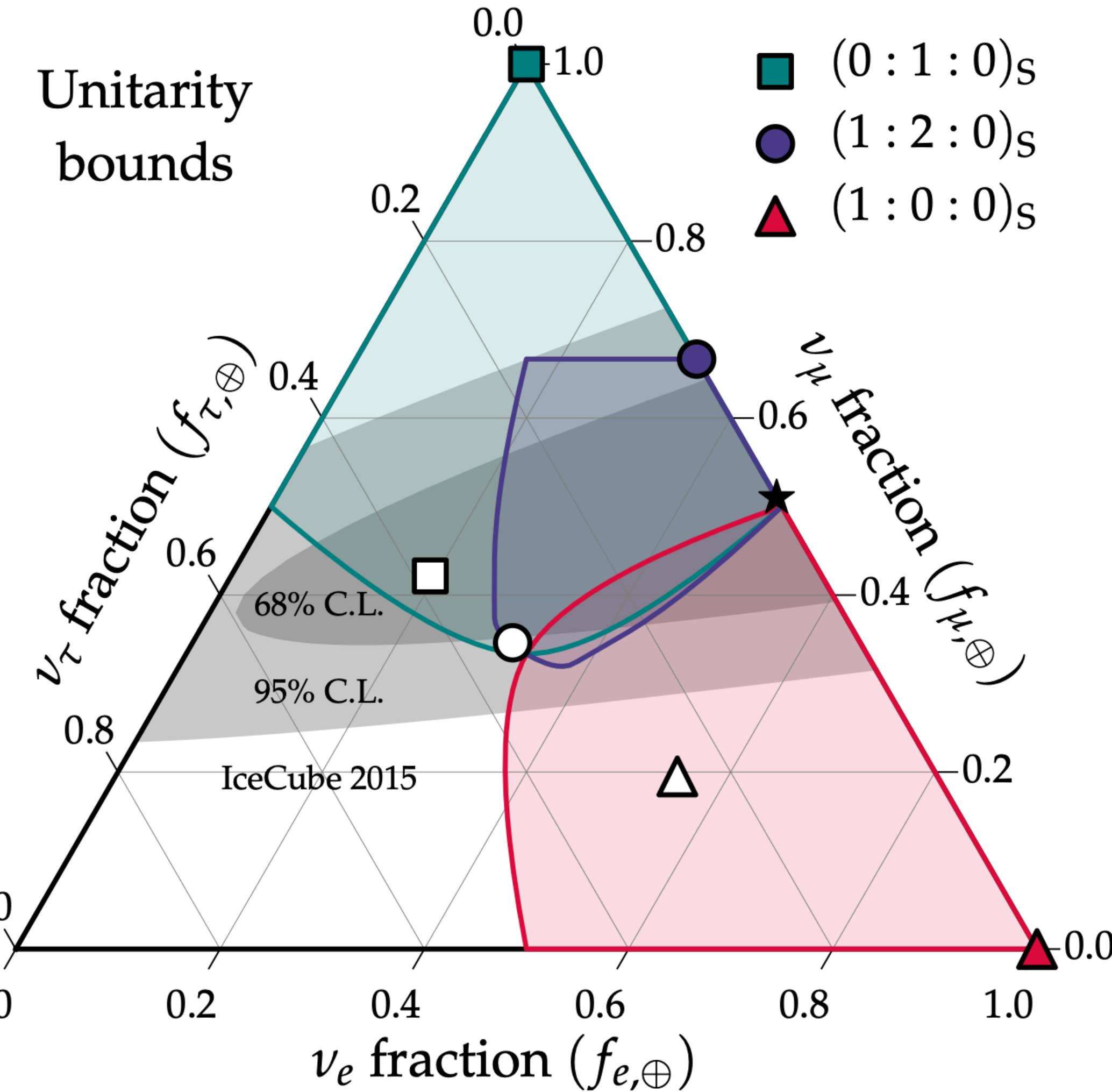


Larger sample sizes data sets yet to be used for these searches.  
Only IceCube's High-Energy Starting Events used so far.

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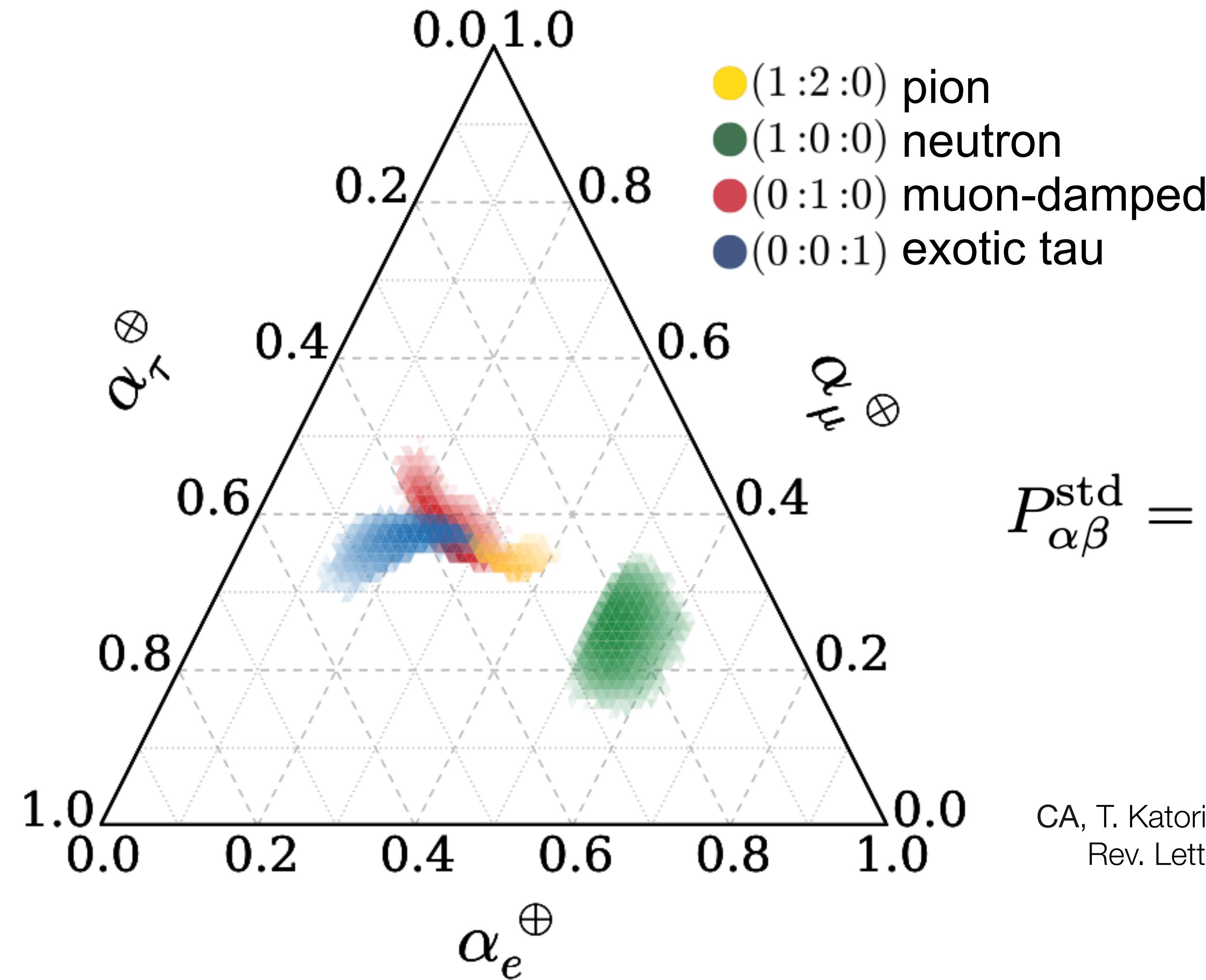


Ahlers, Bustamante, and Mu arXiv:1810.00893

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# After oscillations where will the difference sources end up?

Measuring a flavor composition outside of these regions points to new physics!



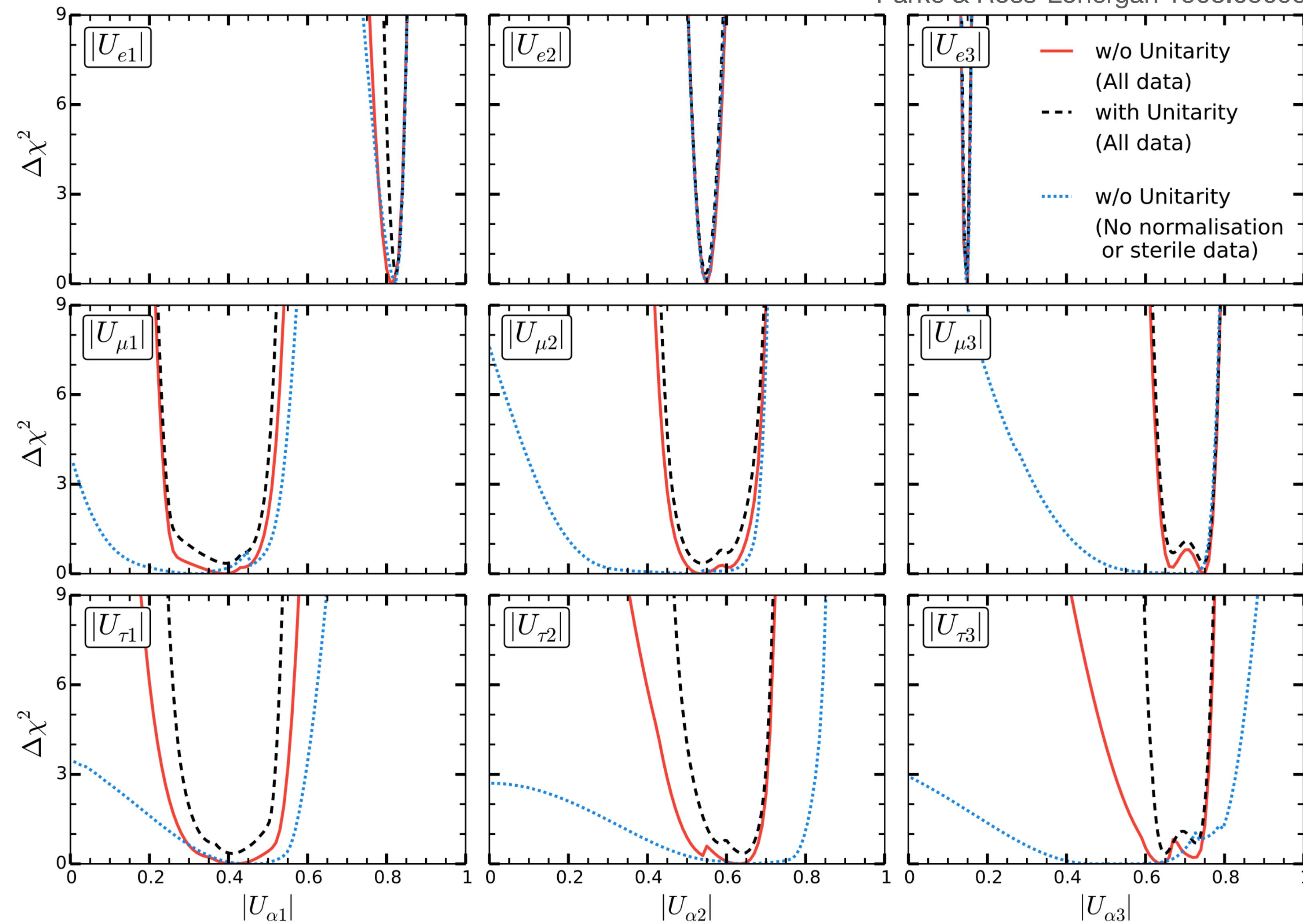
$$P_{\alpha\beta}^{\text{std}} = \sum_{i=1}^3 |U_{\alpha i}|^2 |U_{\beta i}|^2$$

CA, T. Katori, J. Salvado (Phys. Rev. Lett. **115**, 161303)

See also Bustamante et al. PRL 115, 161302 (2015); Rasmussen et al. 1707.07684; Palomares-Ruiz 1411.2998; Palladino et al 1502.02923; Bustamante et al 1610.02096; Brdar et al. 1611.04598; Farzan & Palomares-Ruiz 1810.00892; CA et al. 1909.05341; Learned & Pakvasa hep-ph/9405296 ..

# Non-unitarity

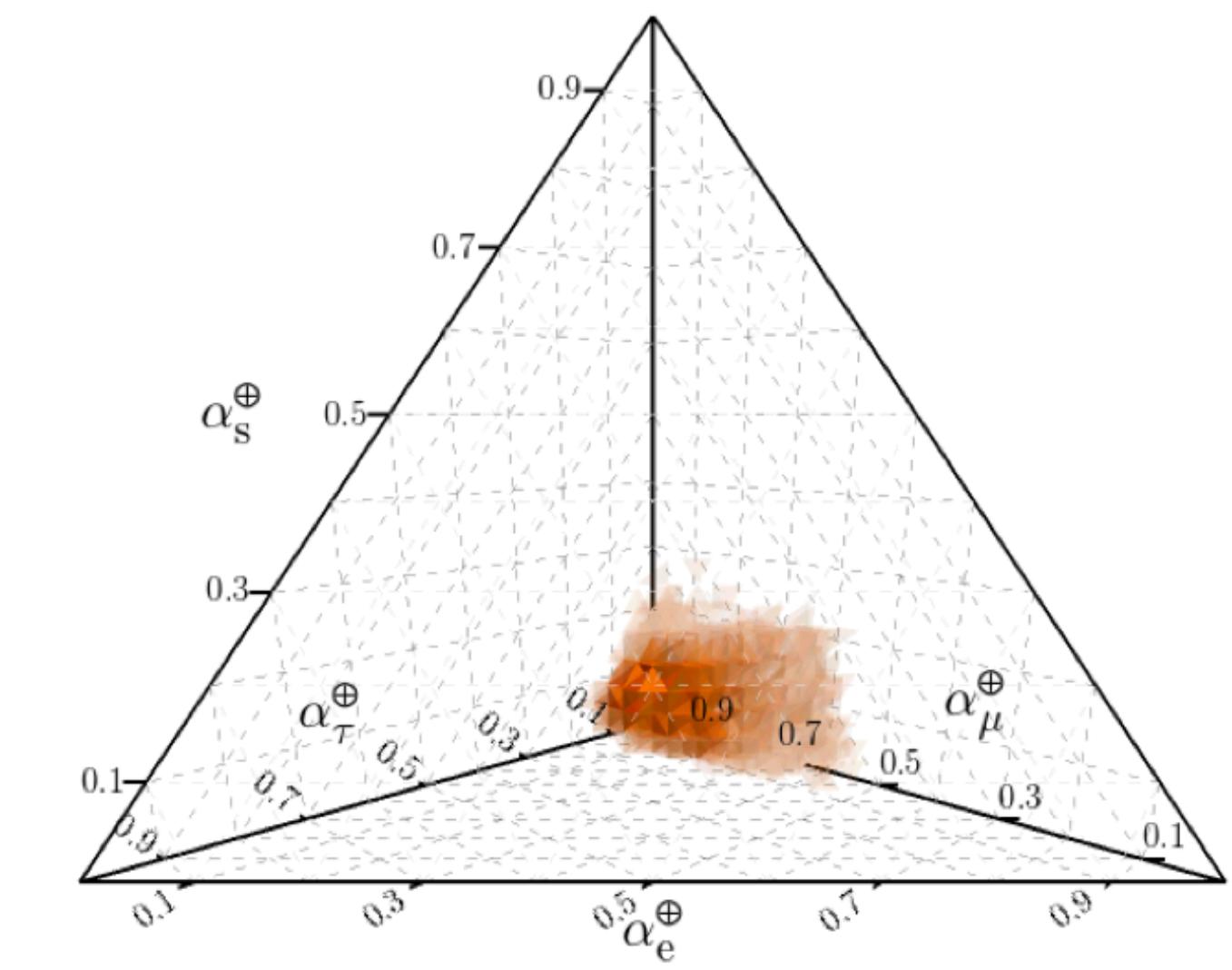
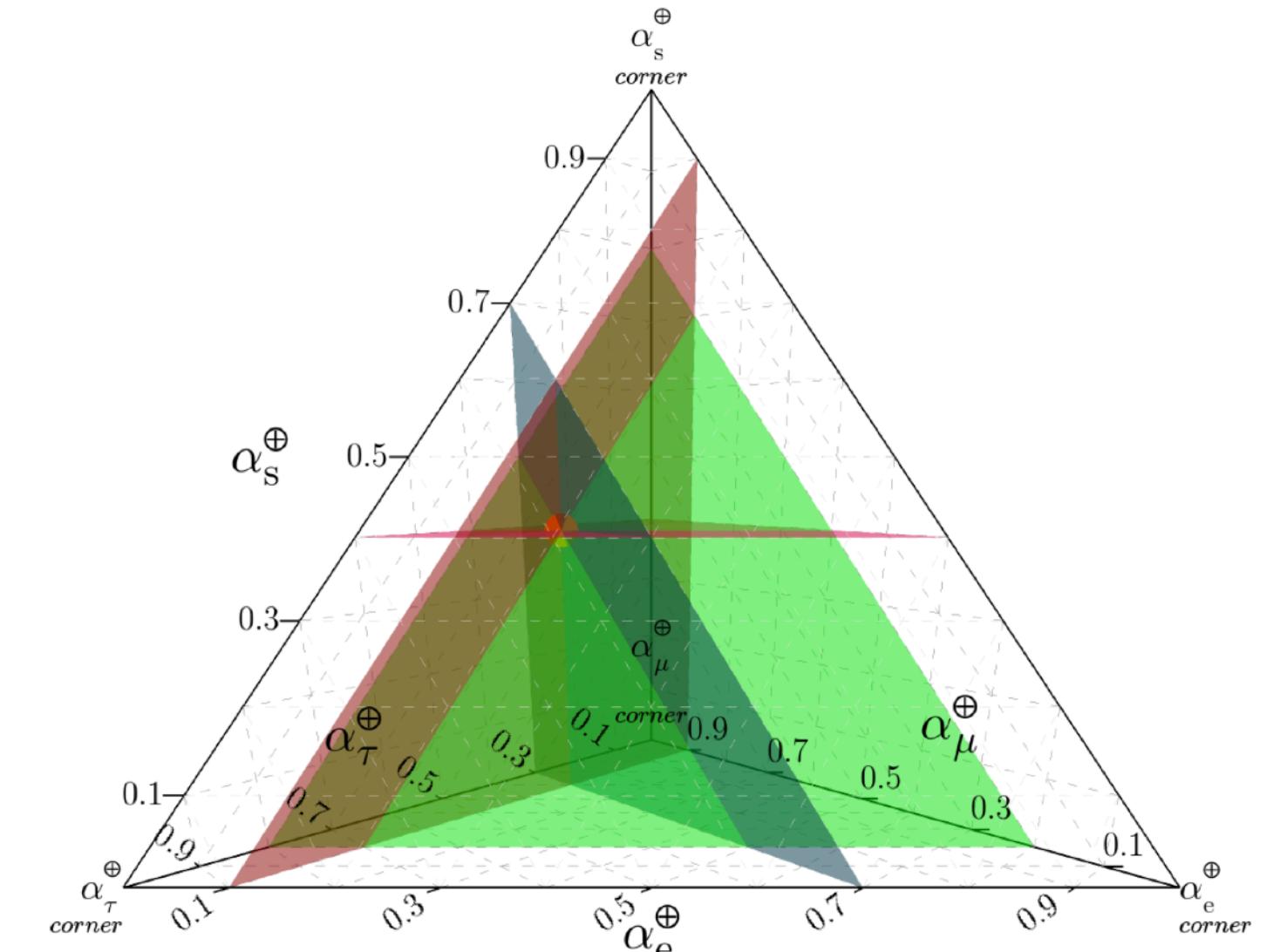
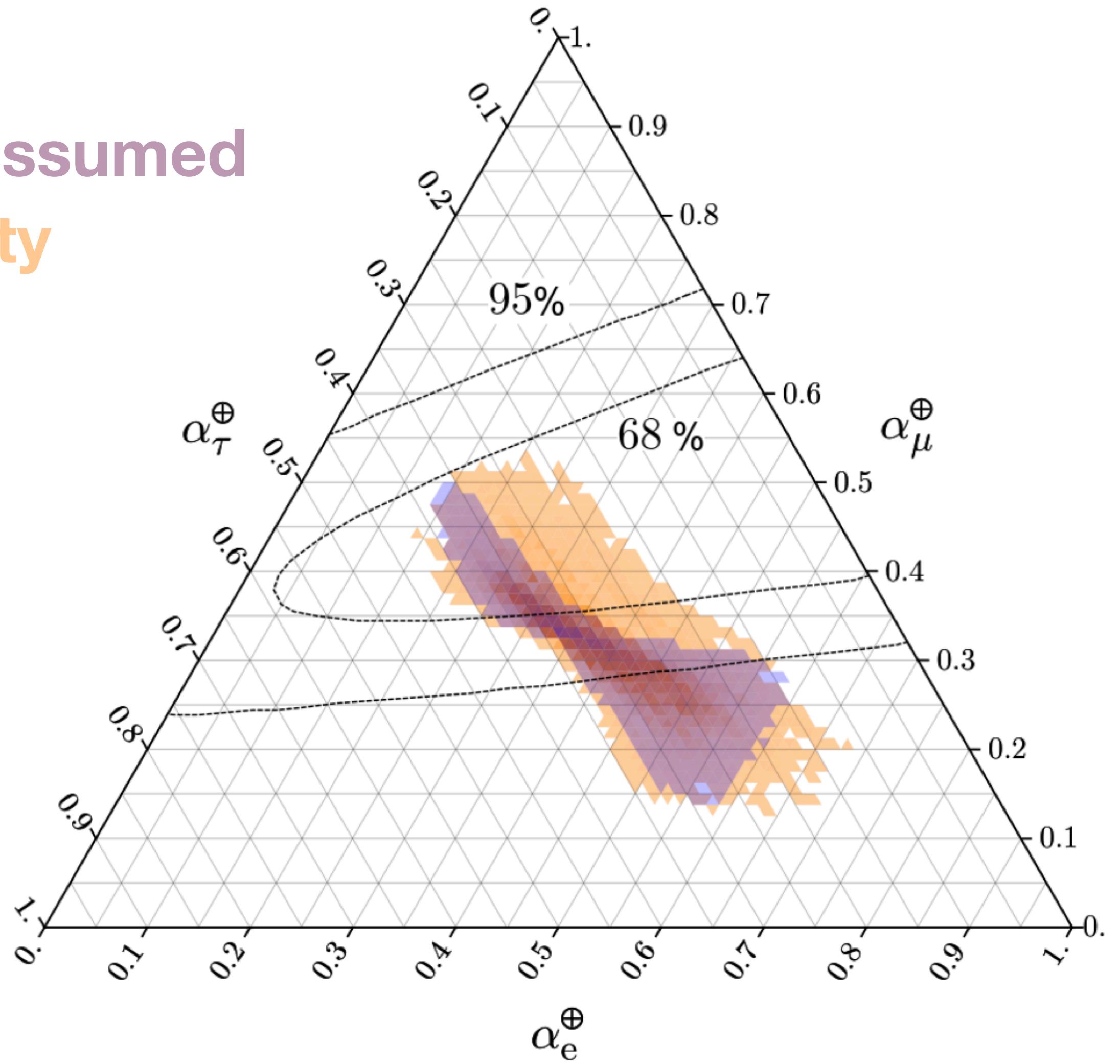
Parke & Ross-Lonergan 1508.05095



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largely  
unconstrained  
without unitarity  
assumption

# Non-unitarity

Unitarity assumed  
No-unitarity

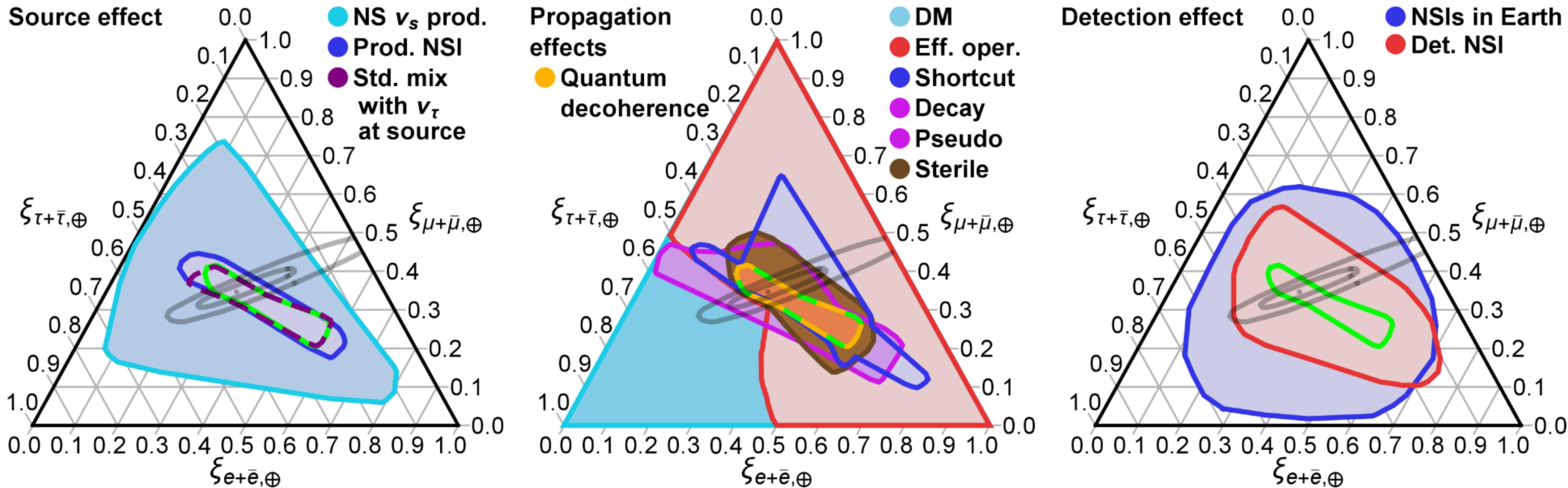


CA, Farrag, Katori, Khandelwal, Mandalia, Salvado arXiv:1909.05341

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# Other New Physics Effects on the Flavor Triangle

Rasmussen et al arXiv:1707.07684



Learned & Pakvasa arXiv:hep-ph/9405296, Mena et al arXiv:1404.0017, CA et al arXiv:1506.02043, Bustamante et al arXiv:1506.02645, Brdar et al arXiv:1611.04598, Gonzalez-Garcia et al arXiv:1605.08055, Rasmussen et al arXiv:1707.07684, Etc

# Search for Lorentz Violation via Flavor Morphing



As neutrinos travel from their far away source they can interact with fields in space.

Example: spontaneous Lorentz violation.

Effects expected at the Planck Scale.

Space-time effects

J. Ellis et al arXiv:1807.051550  
K. Wang et al. arXiv:2009.05201  
Zhang & Ma arXiv:1406.4568

# Trajectories in the flavor triangle in the presence of Lorentz Violation (LV)

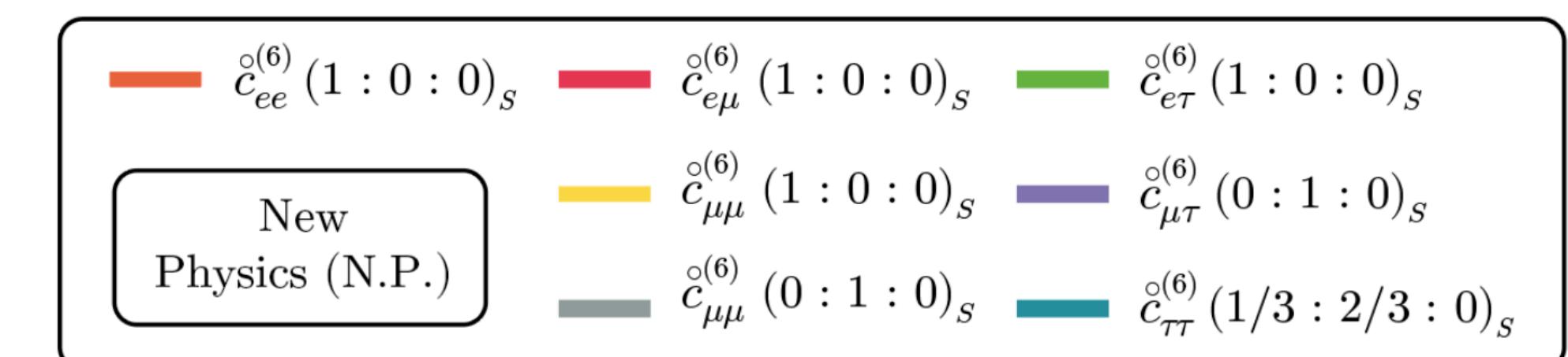
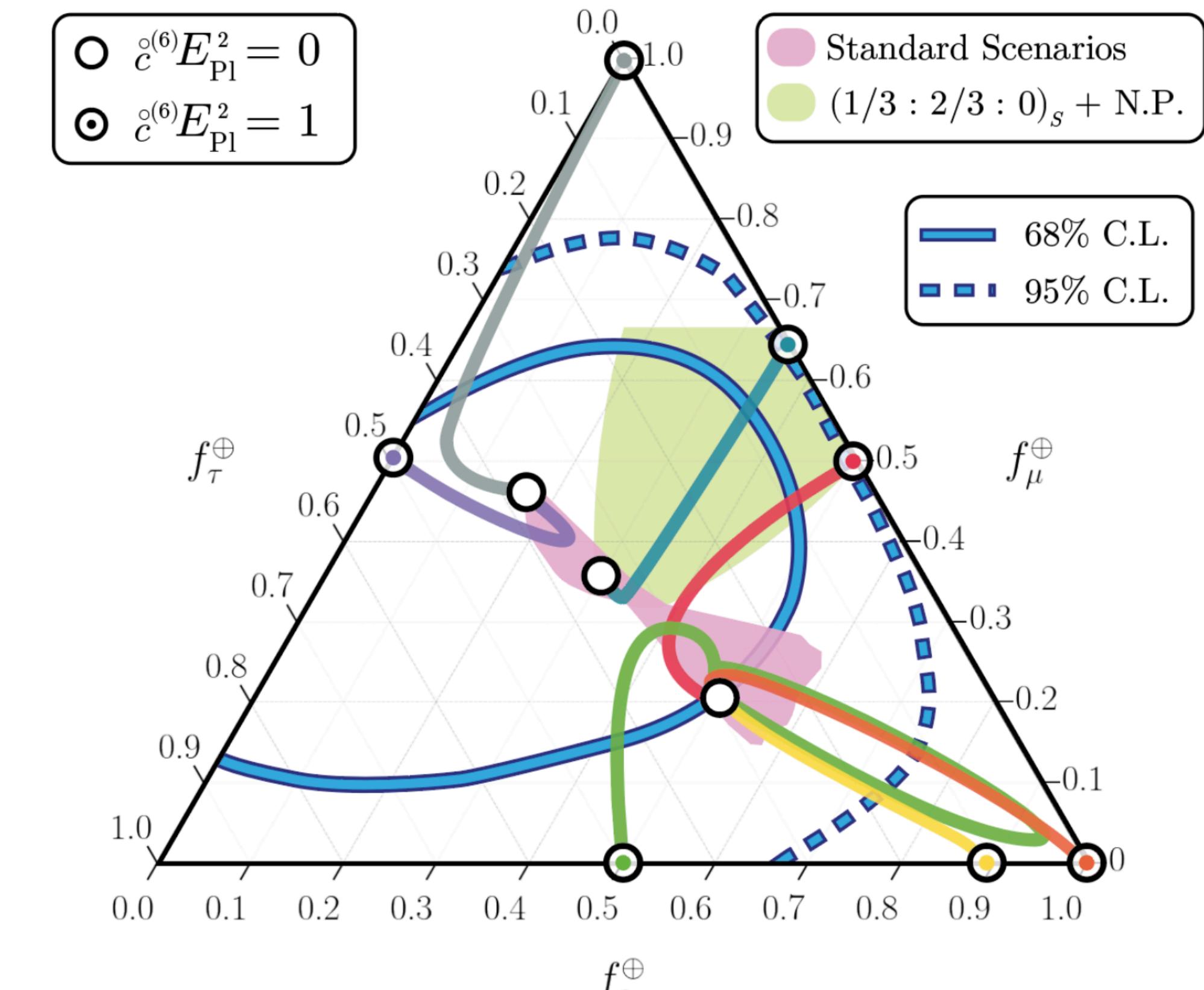
## New Physics Terms

$$H_d = \frac{1}{2E} U M^2 U + \frac{E^{d-3}}{\Lambda_d} \tilde{U}_d O_d \tilde{U}_d^\dagger$$

**Standard Mixing**

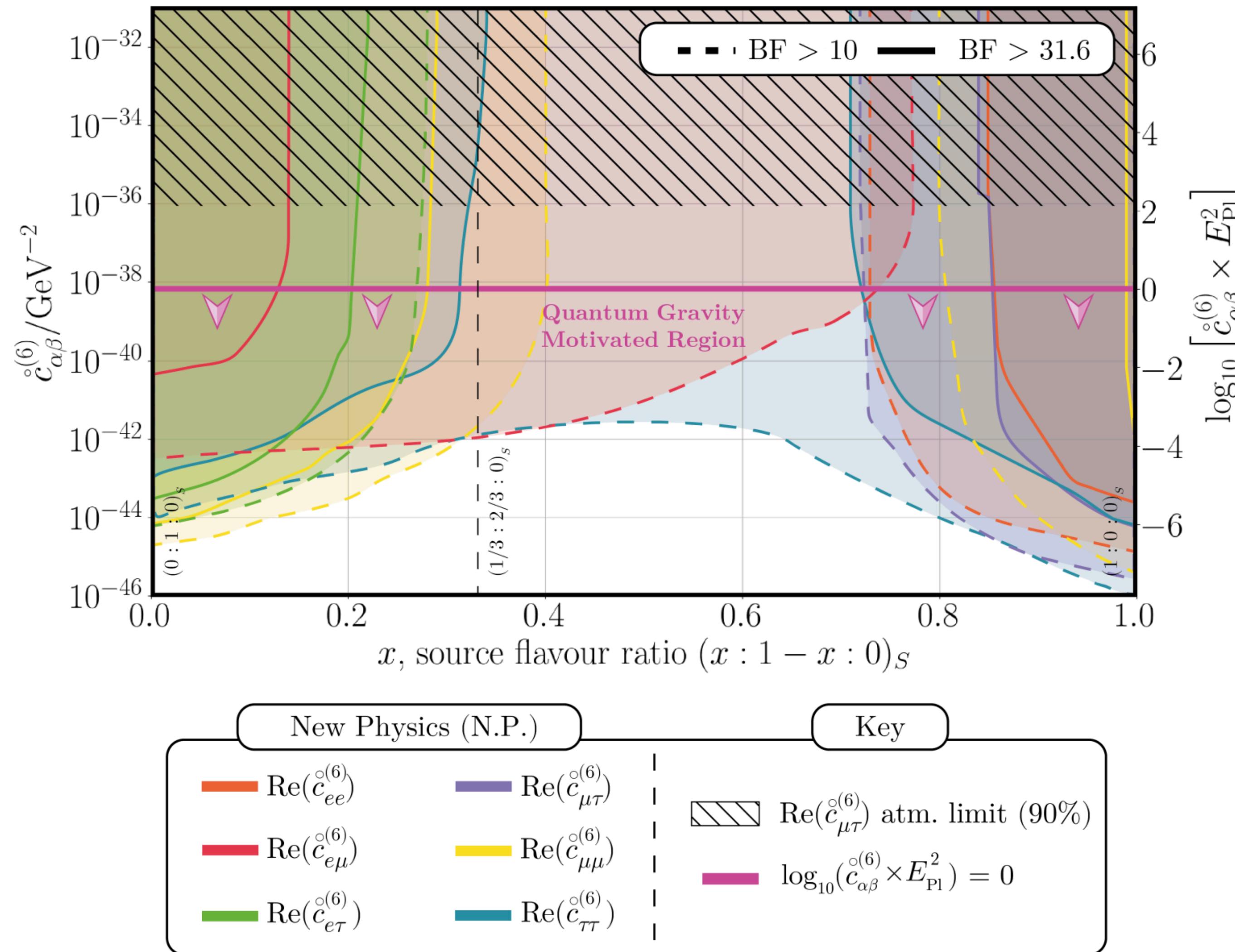
- (1 : 2 : 0) pion
- (0 : 1 : 0) neutron
- (1 : 0 : 0) muon-damped

$$O_d^{e\mu} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



IceCube collaboration *Nature Physics* (2022) arXiv:2111.04654

# Results on high-dimensional LV operators



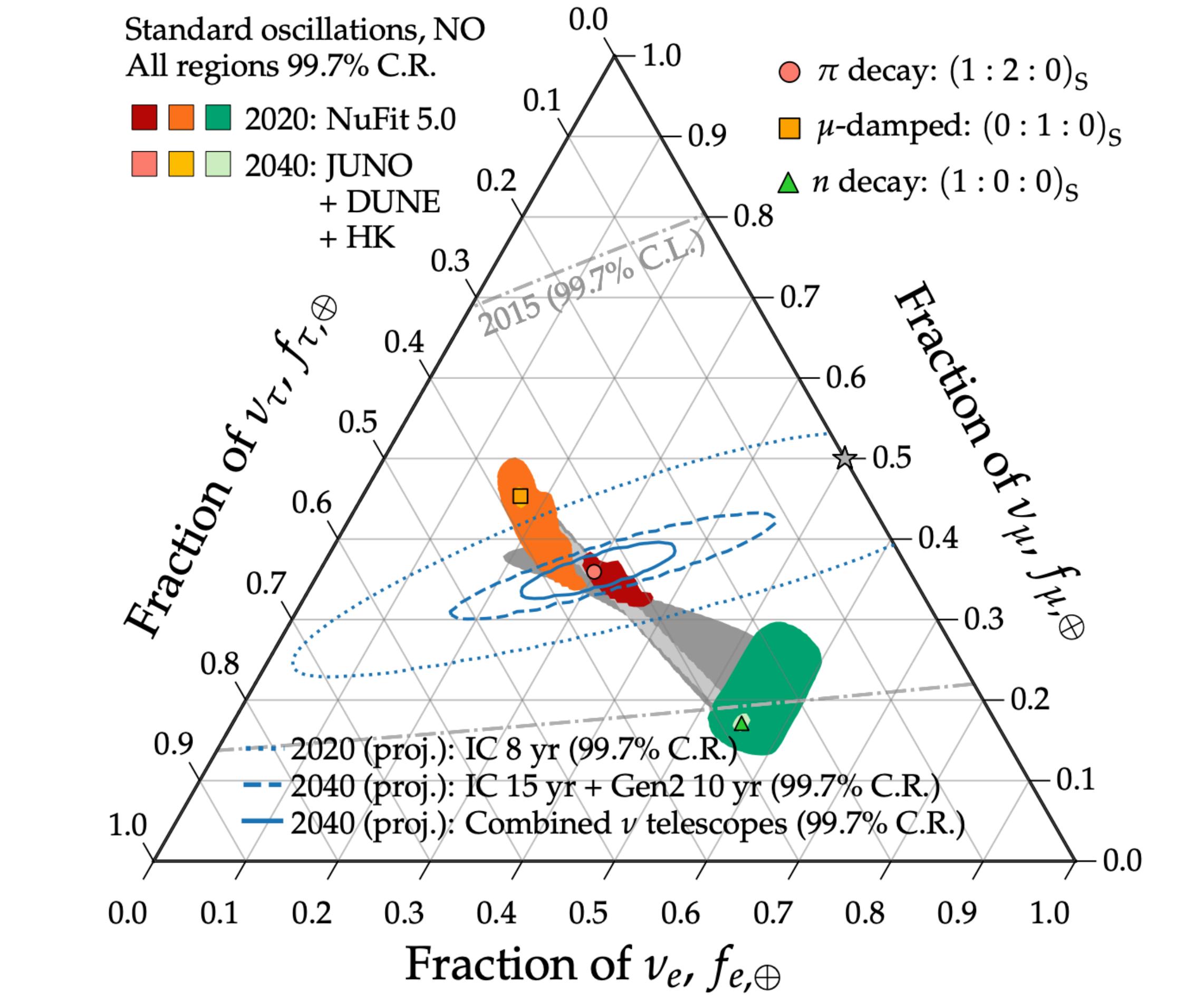
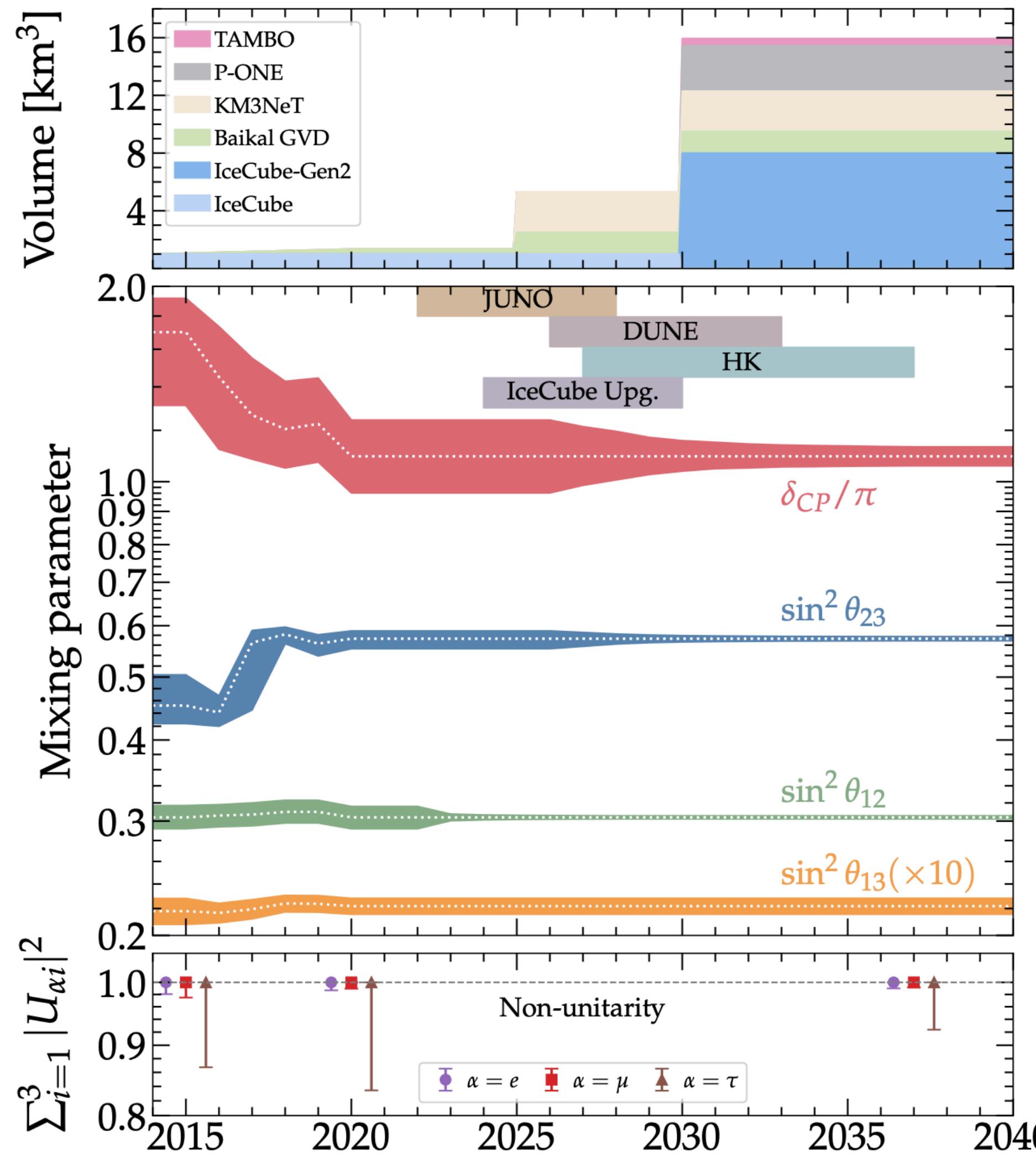
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Constraints of neutrino flavor transition can be interpreted in various models

Model	Limits
IceCube Lorentz violation limit	$\overset{\circ}{a}_{\tau\tau}^{(3)} < 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ GeV}$
Dark matter potential	$V_{\tau\tau} < 2 \times 10^{-26} \text{ GeV}$
Dark matter effective Fermi coupling	$G'_F < 10^{-13} \text{ GeV}^{-2} (m_\phi/10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Dark matter non-standard interaction	$\epsilon_{\tau\tau} < 8 \times 10^{-9} (m_\phi/10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Vector dark matter coupling	$g_{\tau\tau} < 3 \times 10^{-33} (m_\phi/10^{-20} \text{ eV})$
Axion dark matter coupling	$g_{a\tau\tau} < 3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ eV}^{-1}$

CA, Farrag, Katori arXiv:2404.10926

# Future of Flavor Measurements and Synergies With Earth-bound experiments



N. Song, S. Li, CA, M. Bustamante, A. Vincent (arXiv:2012.12893)

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# Neutrino Time of Flight

Dark Matter-neutrino interactions  
Murase & Shoemaker  
arXiv:1903.08607

Time-of-flight constraints rely on assumption of flare emission window. Handle with care.

$$v(E) = c \left[ 1 - s_n \frac{n+1}{2} \left( \frac{E}{E_{LV,n}} \right)^n \right]$$

$$(\Delta v_{\nu\gamma}/c)_{TXS} \sim 10^{-11}$$

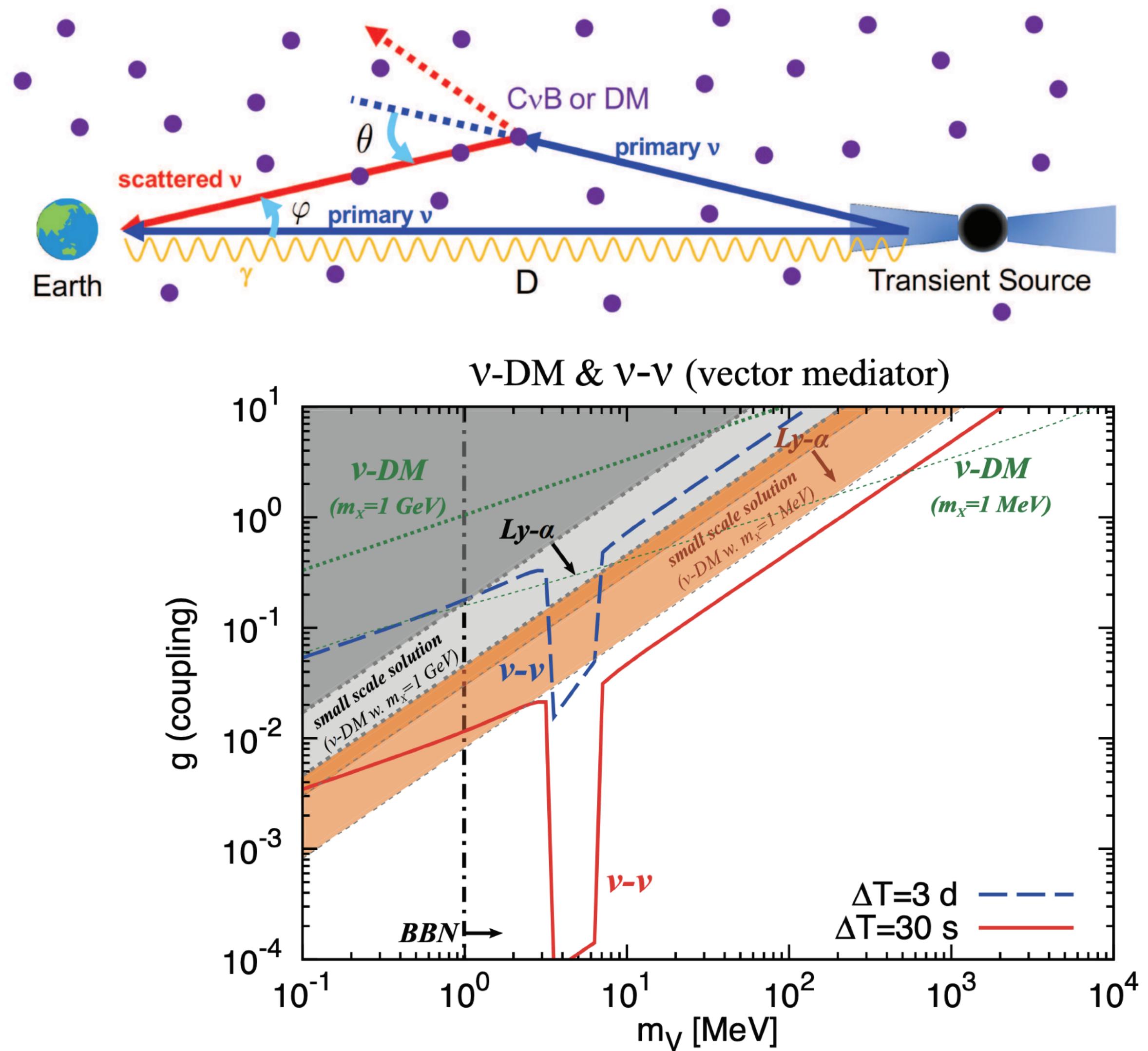
$$(\Delta v_{\nu\gamma}/c)_{SN1987A} \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-9}$$

Space-time effects

J. Ellis et al arXiv:1807.051550

K. Wang et al. arXiv:2009.05201

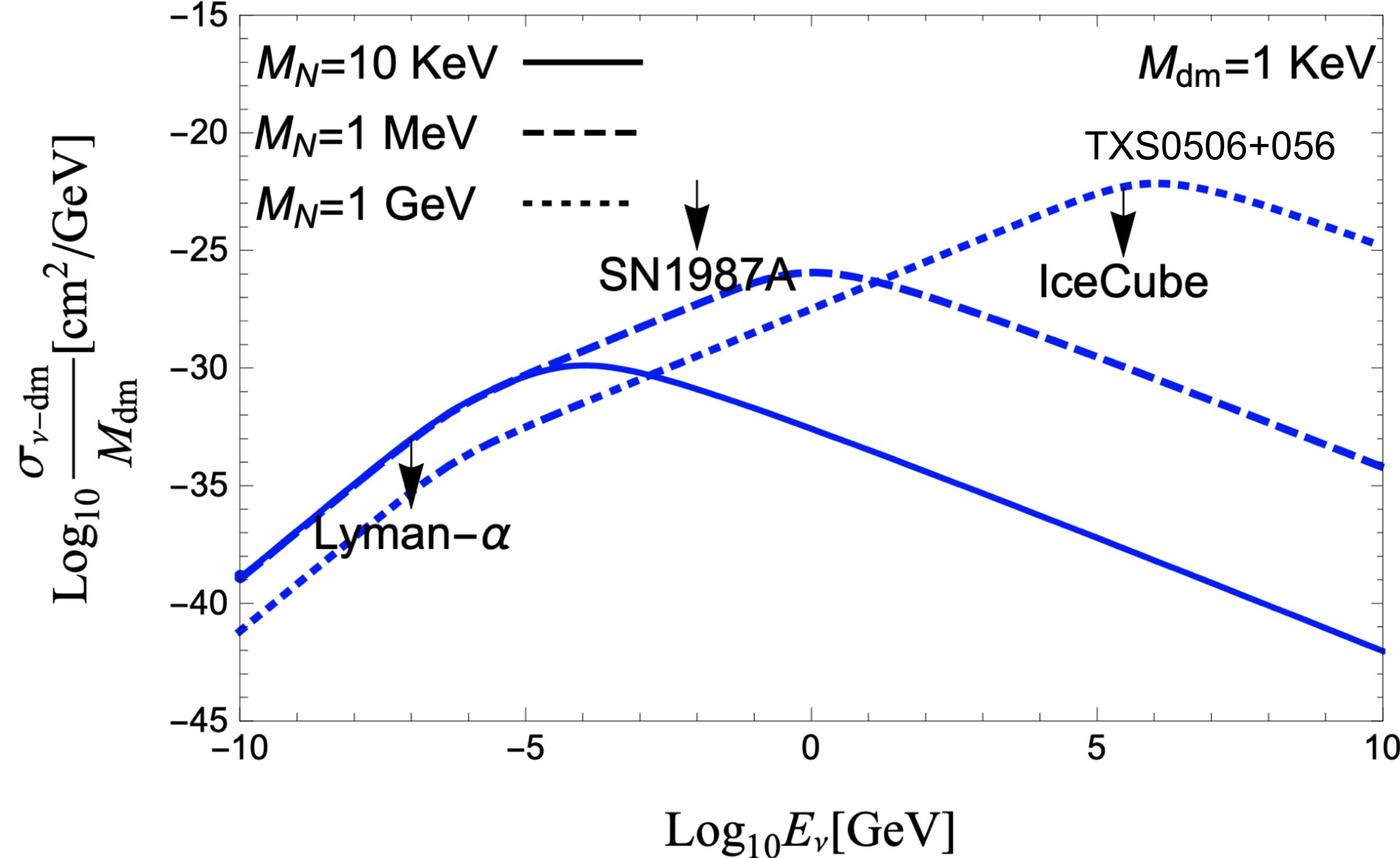
Zhang & Ma arXiv:1406.4568



# Opacity in Individual Sources

Kelly et al arXiv:1808.02889

Choi et al. arXiv:1903.03302



Opacity constraints rely on assumptions on the intrinsic source luminosity. Handle with care.

## dark matter-neutrino couplings

CA et al. arXiv:1703.00451

Kelly et al arXiv:1808.02889

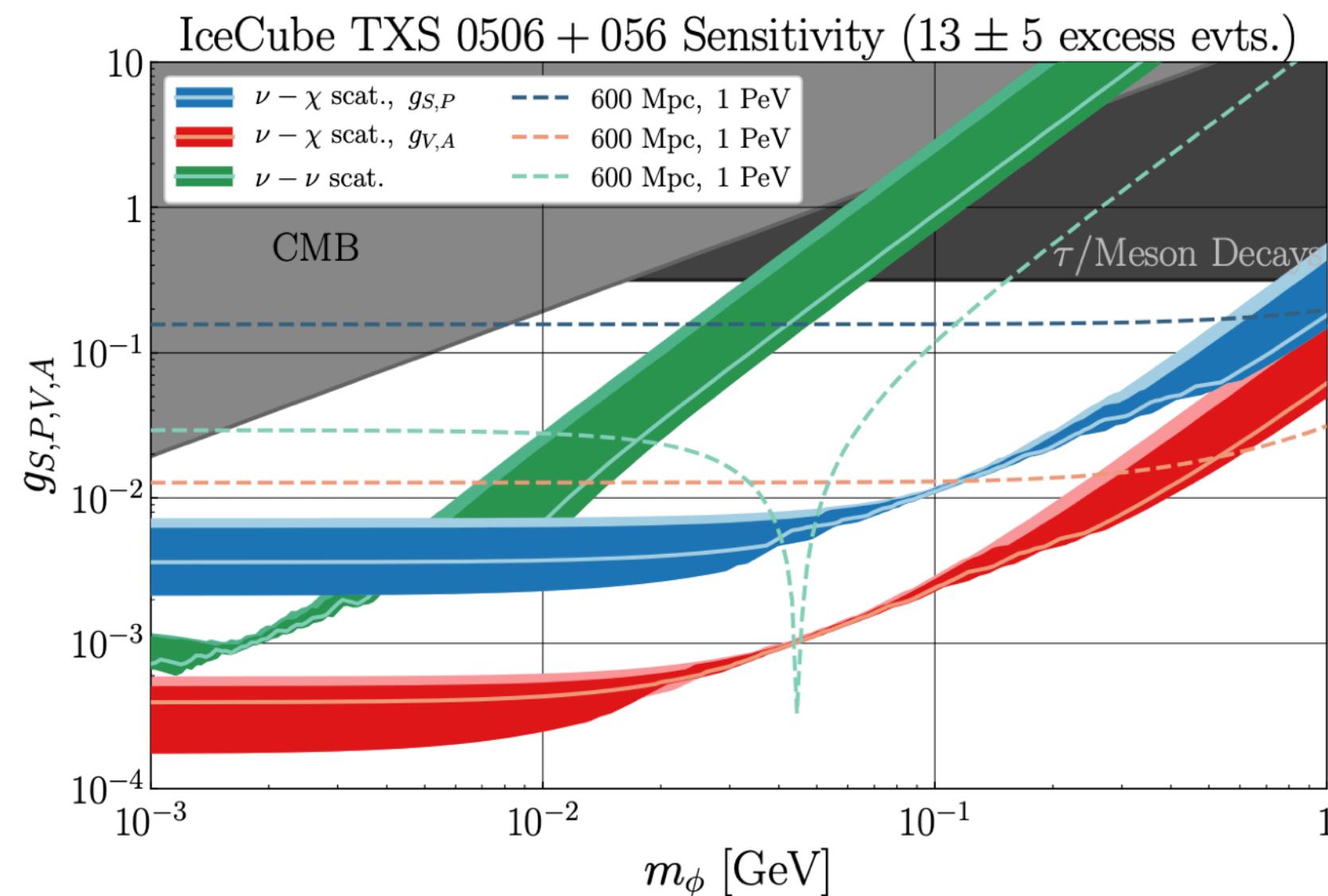
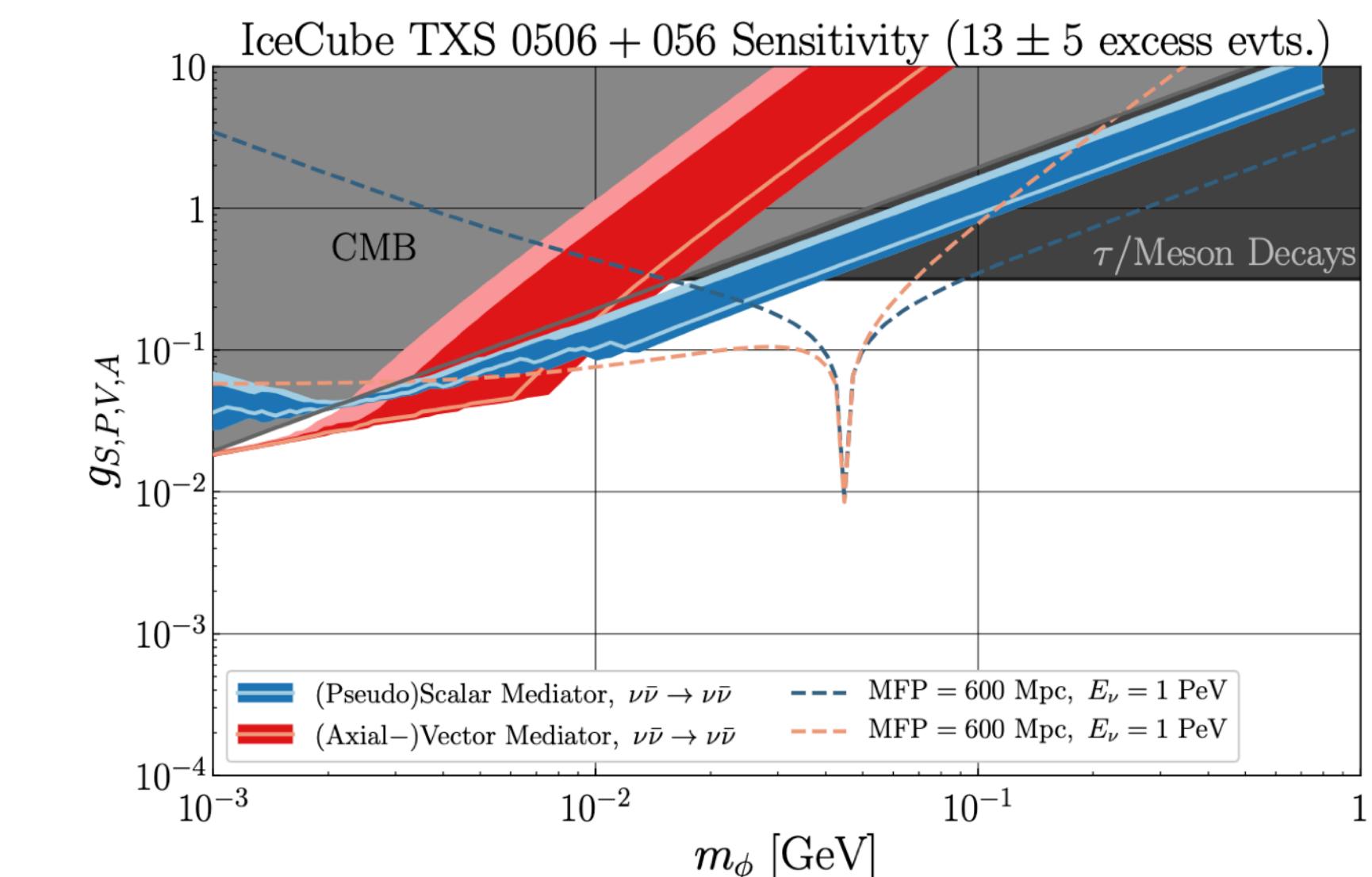
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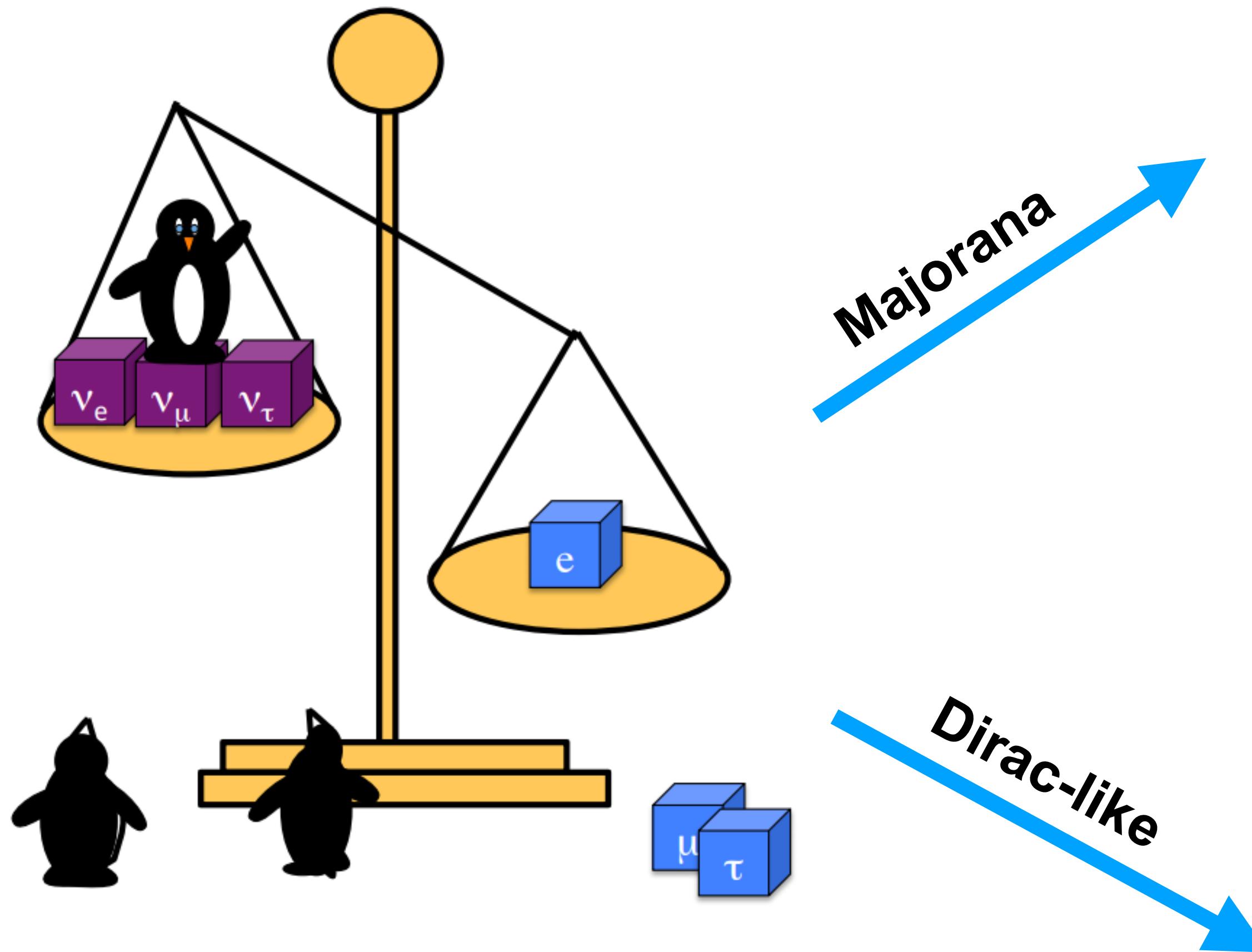
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Carpio et al. arXiv:2104.15136

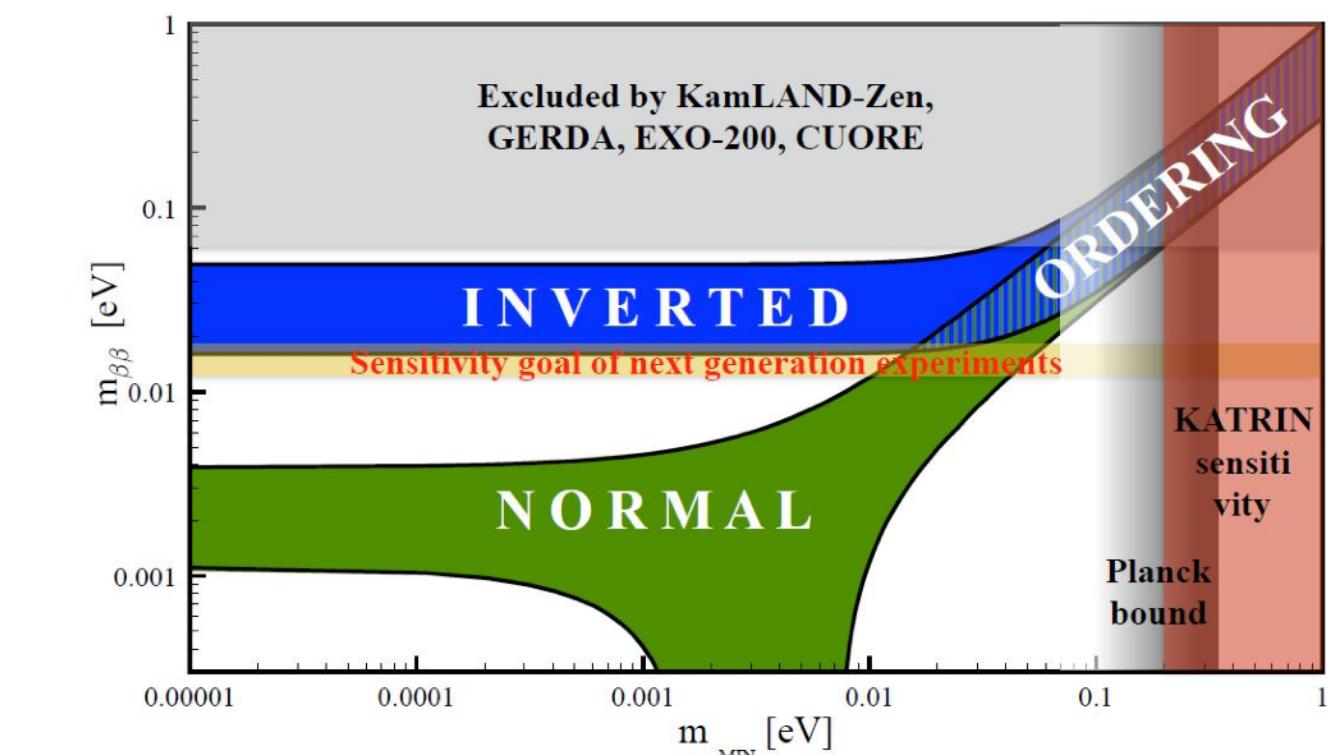
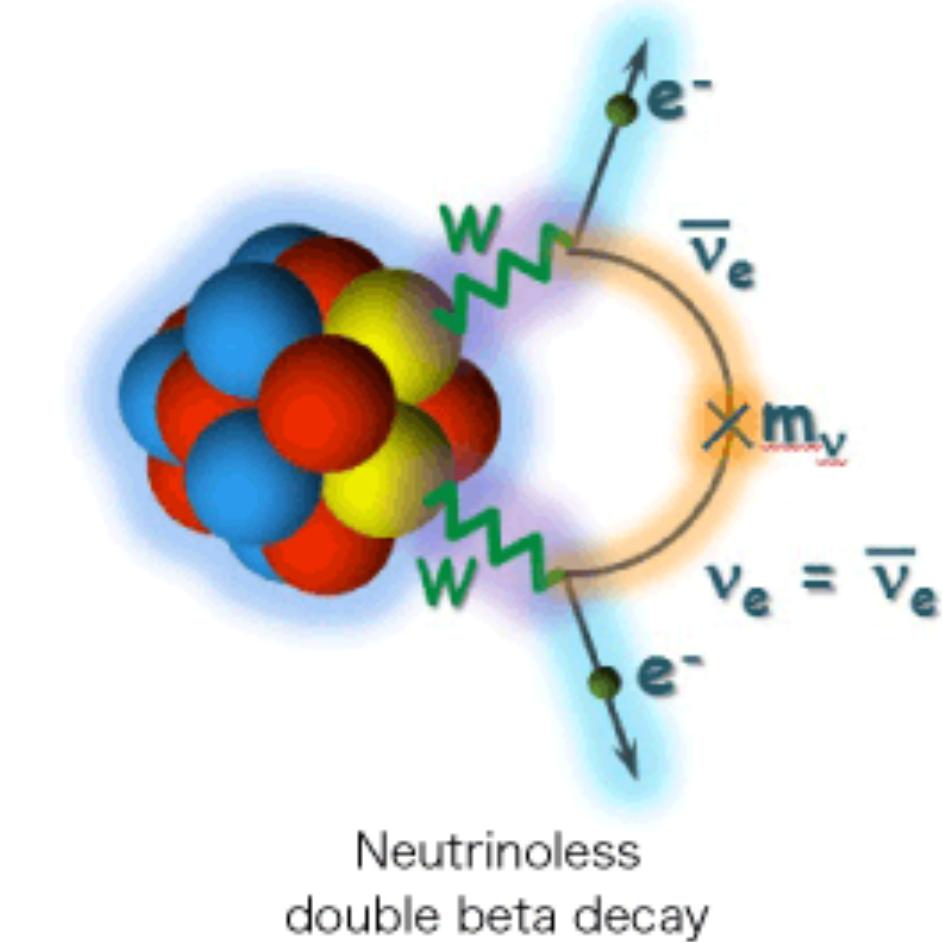


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Arkani-Hamed et al, 2007  
Ooguri & Vafa, 2017  
Gonzalo, Ibañez, Valenzuela, 2021  
Vafa, 2024



If exactly Dirac: combine measurements from Cosmology or direct neutrino mass measurements and neutrinoless double beta decay.

If Quasi-Dirac: ultra long-baseline neutrino oscillation measurements



# Quasi-Dirac Neutrino Model

Carloni, Martínez-Soler, CA, Babu, Bhupal Dev arXiv:2212.00737

Beacom et al, 2003 (arXiv:hep-ph/0307151)

Shoemaker & Murase, 2015 (arXiv:1512.07228)

Esmaili, 2012

$$L_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} \Psi_L^\dagger C M \Psi_L$$

$$\Psi_L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{\alpha L} \\ (\nu_{\alpha R})^c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0_3 \\ M_D \\ M_R \end{pmatrix}$$

Expected to be the dominant contribution if neutrinos are Dirac-like

Lepton-number breaking term.

Dirac neutrinos:  $M_R = 0$

See-saw scenario:  $M_R \gg M_D$

Quasi-Dirac scenario:  $M_R \ll M_D$

J. W. Valle Phys.Rev.D 28 (1983) 540

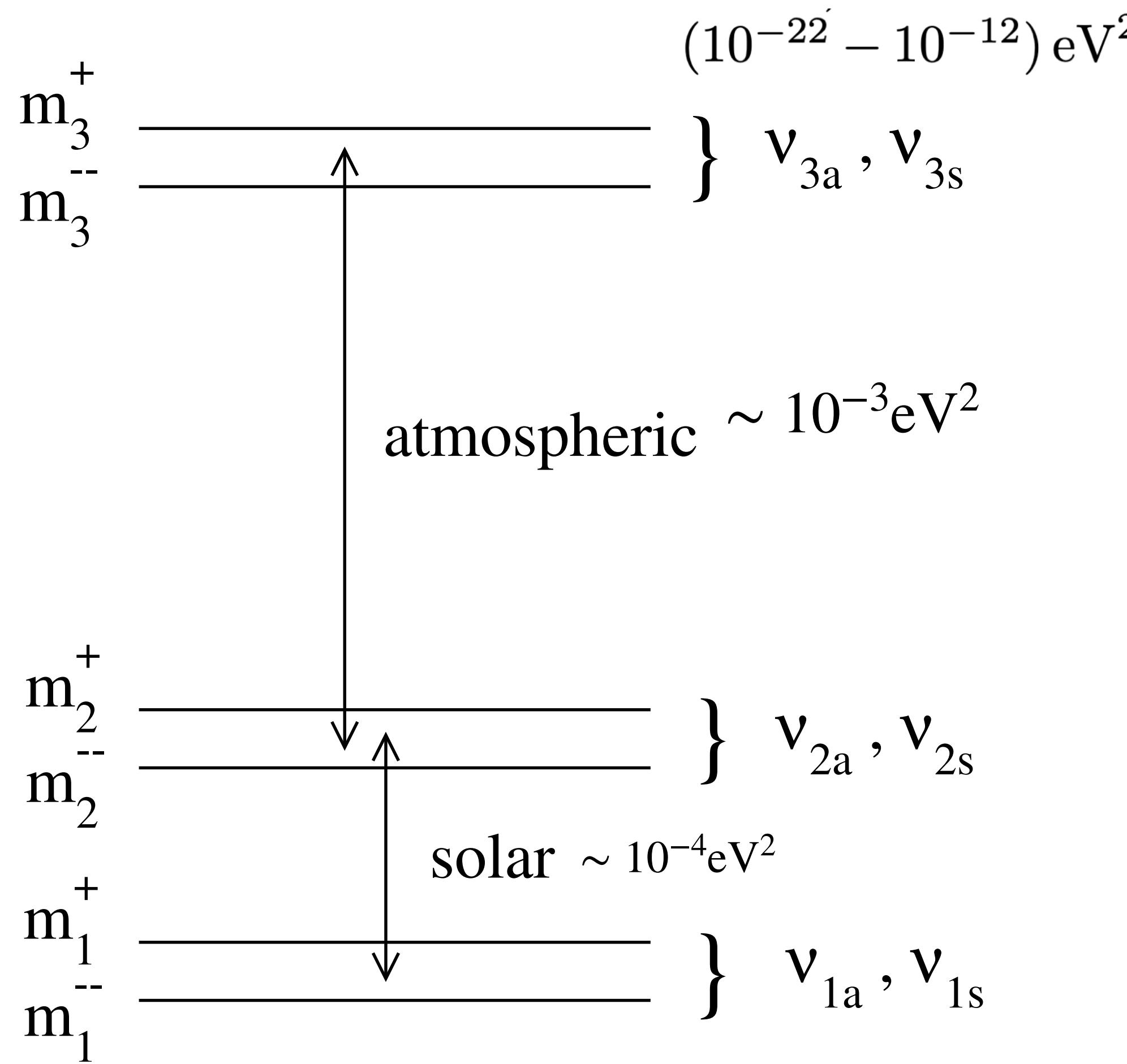


# Oscillations With Quasi-Dirac Neutrinos

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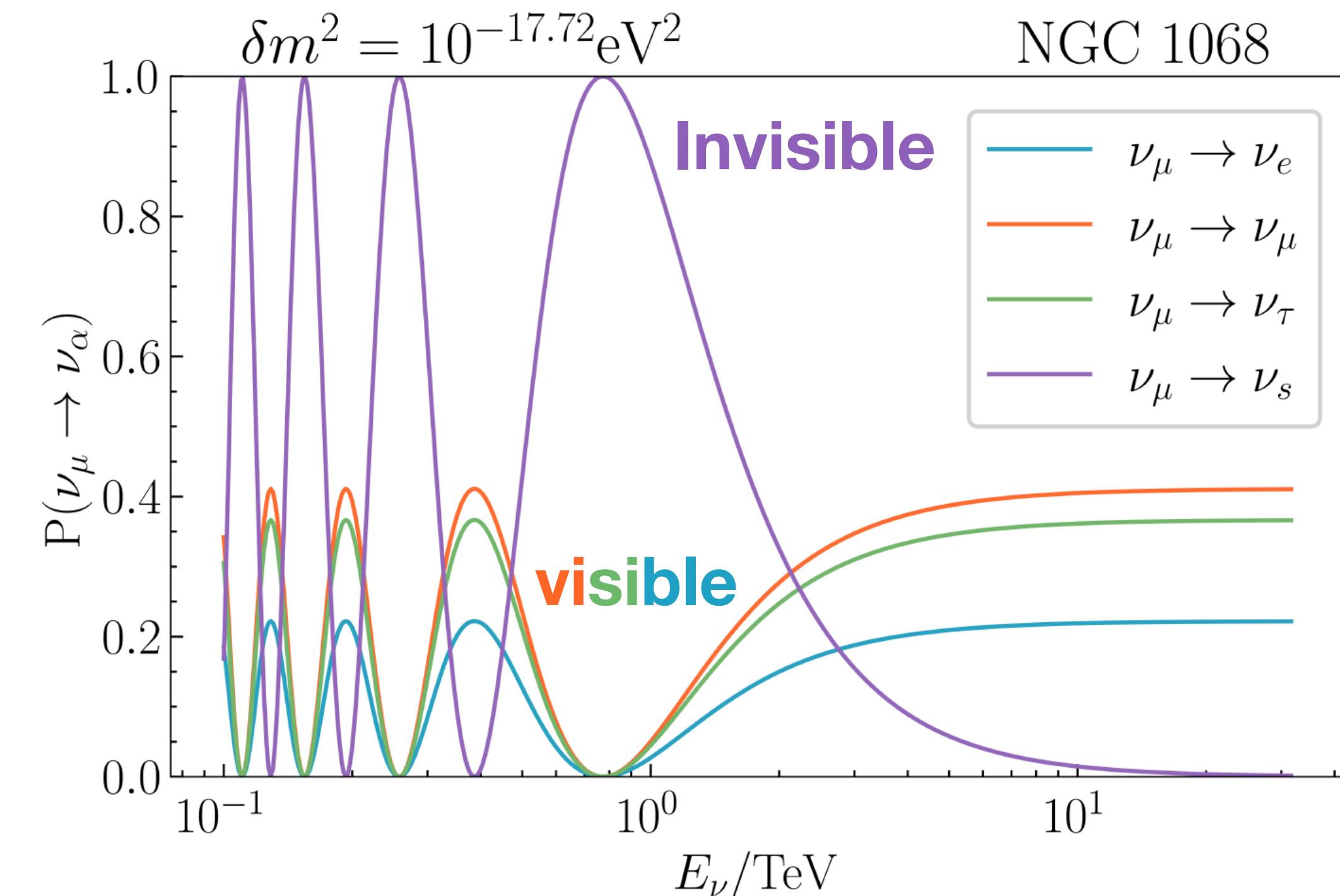
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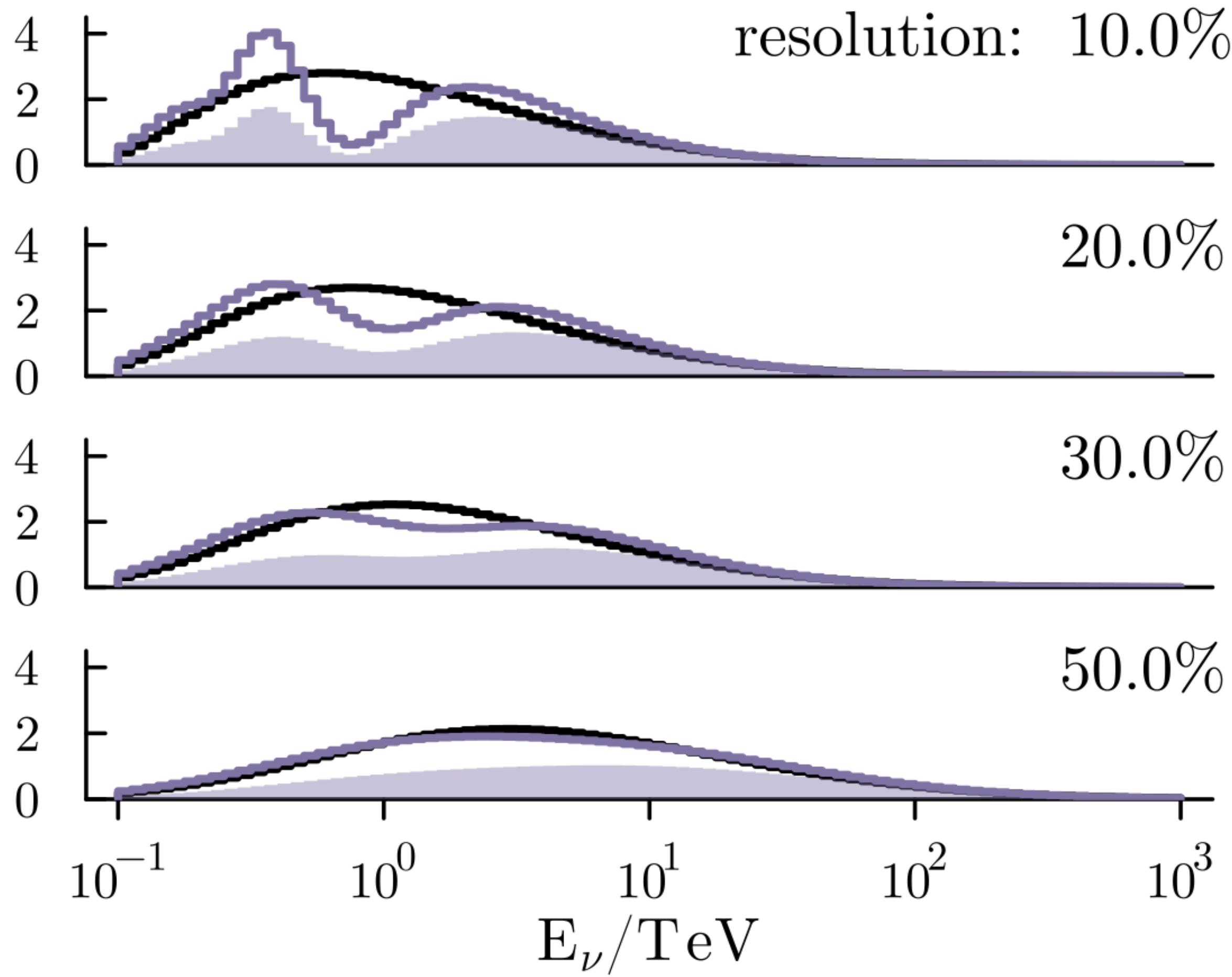
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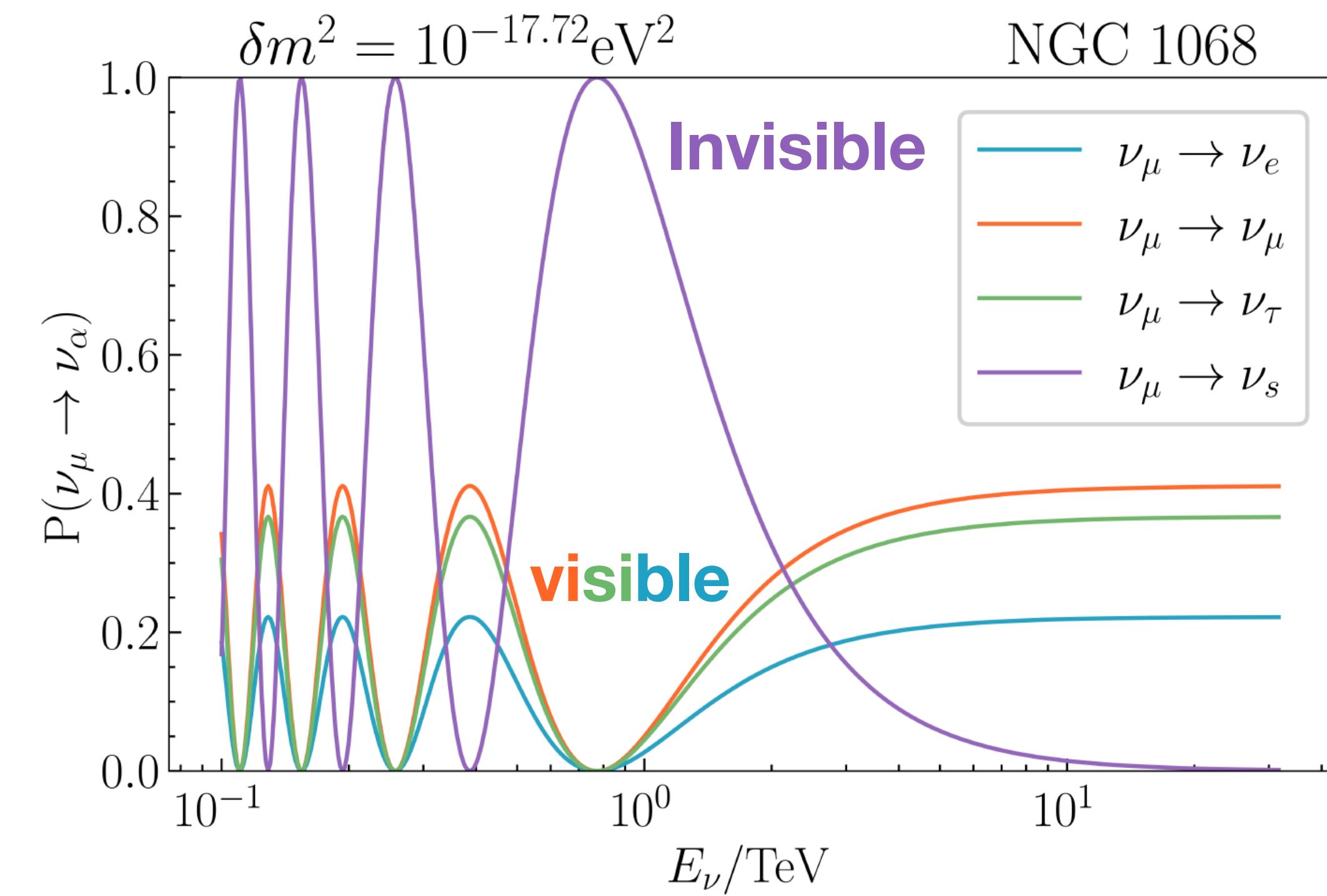
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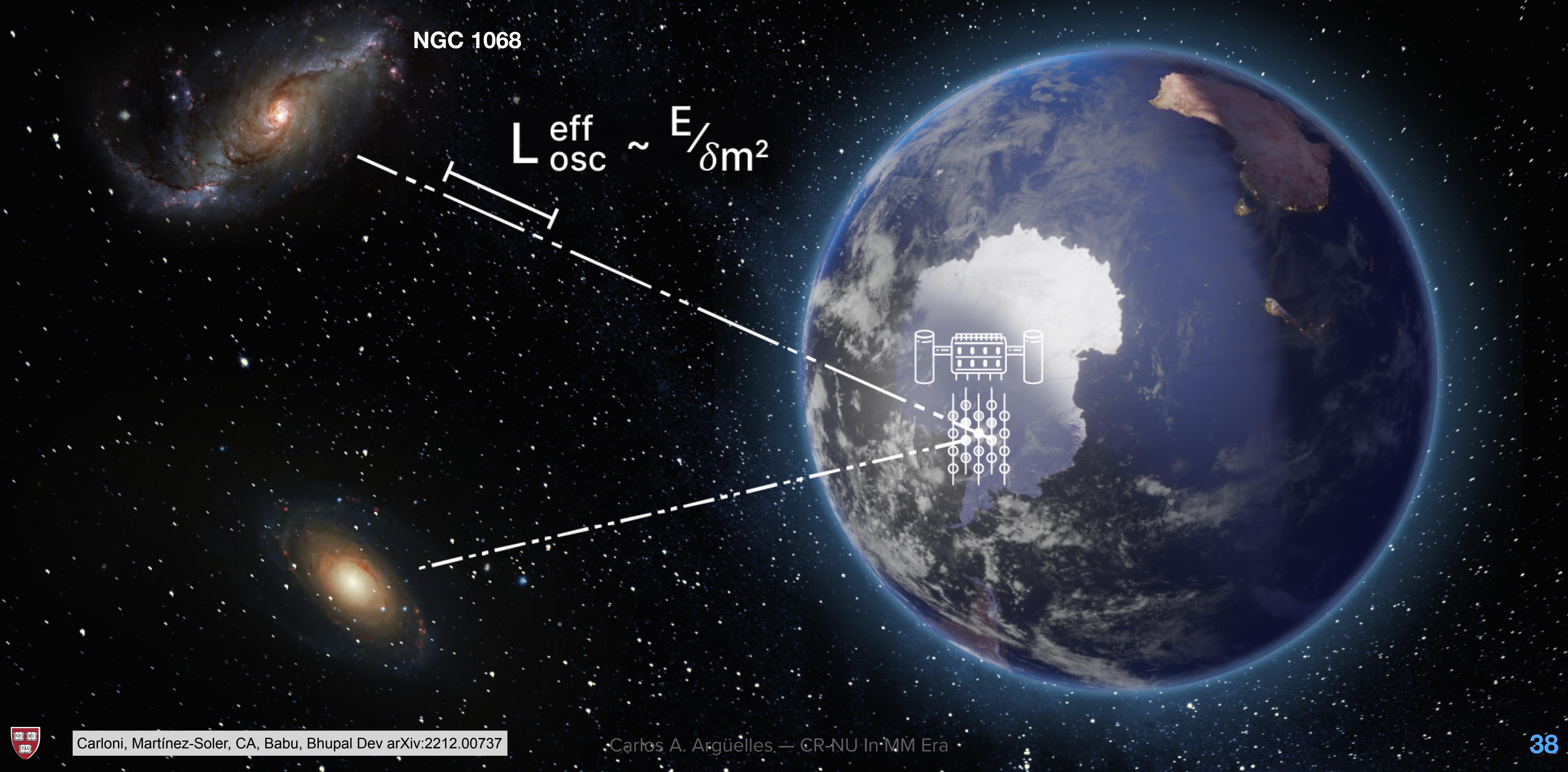


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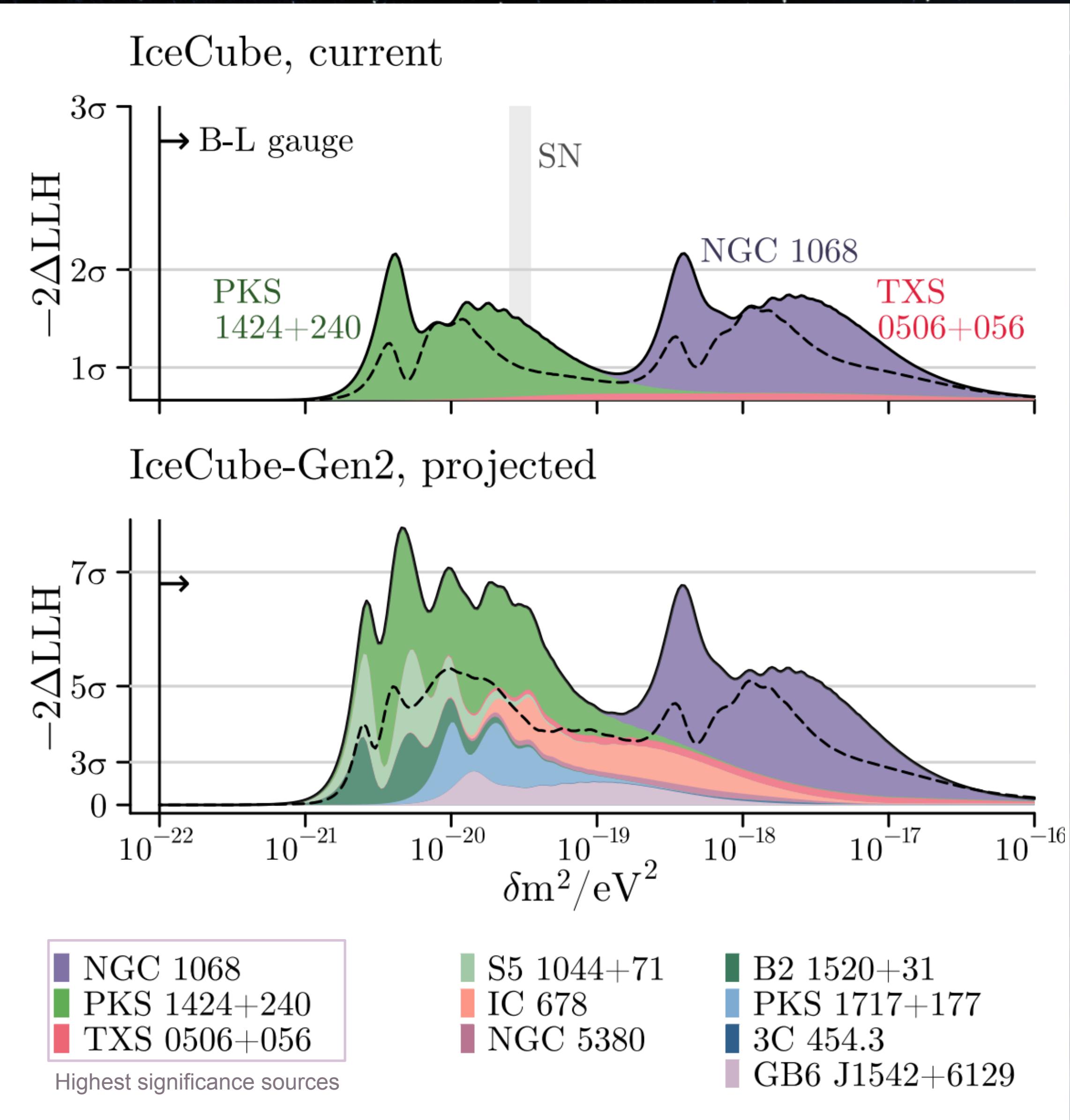
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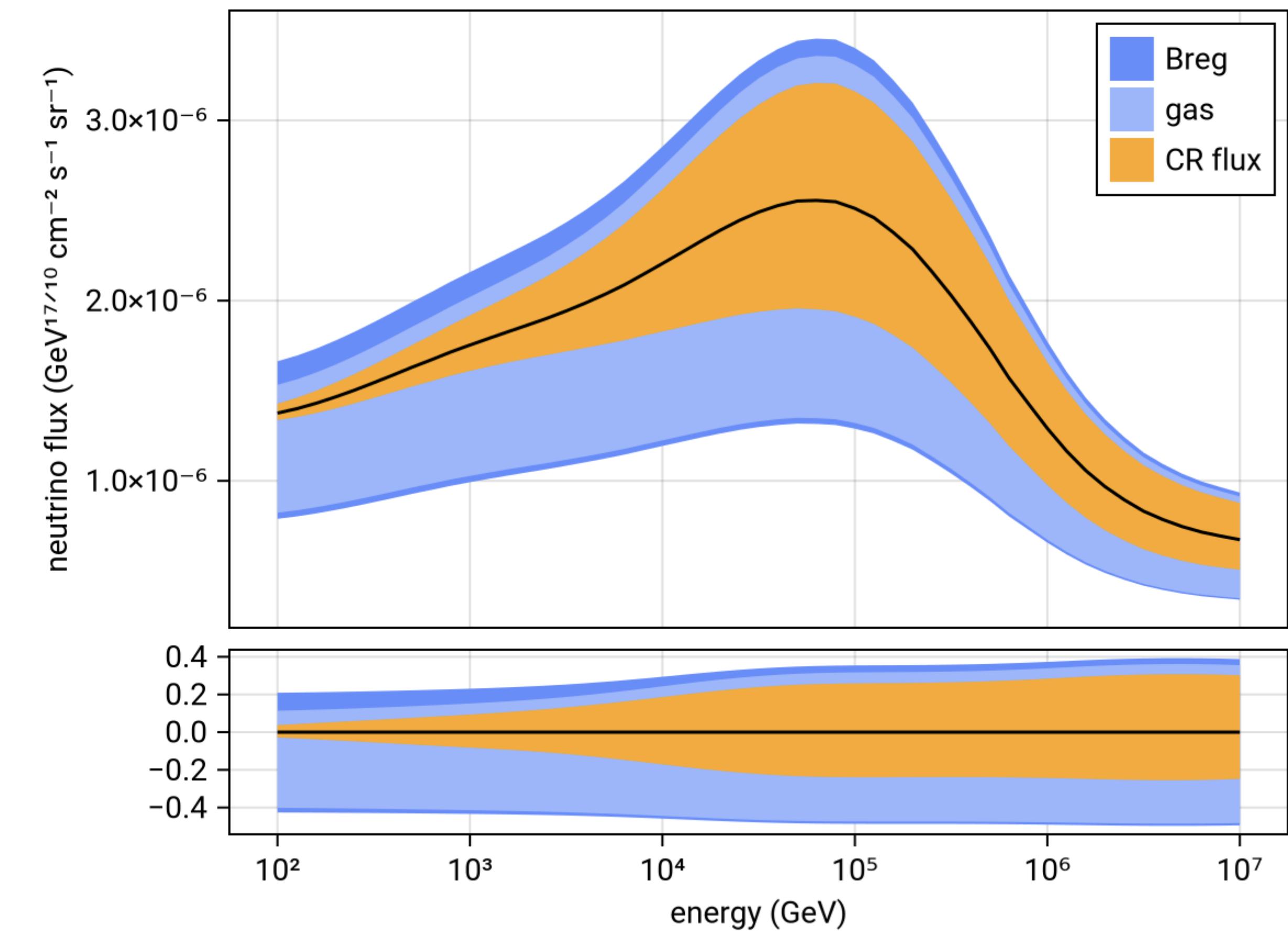
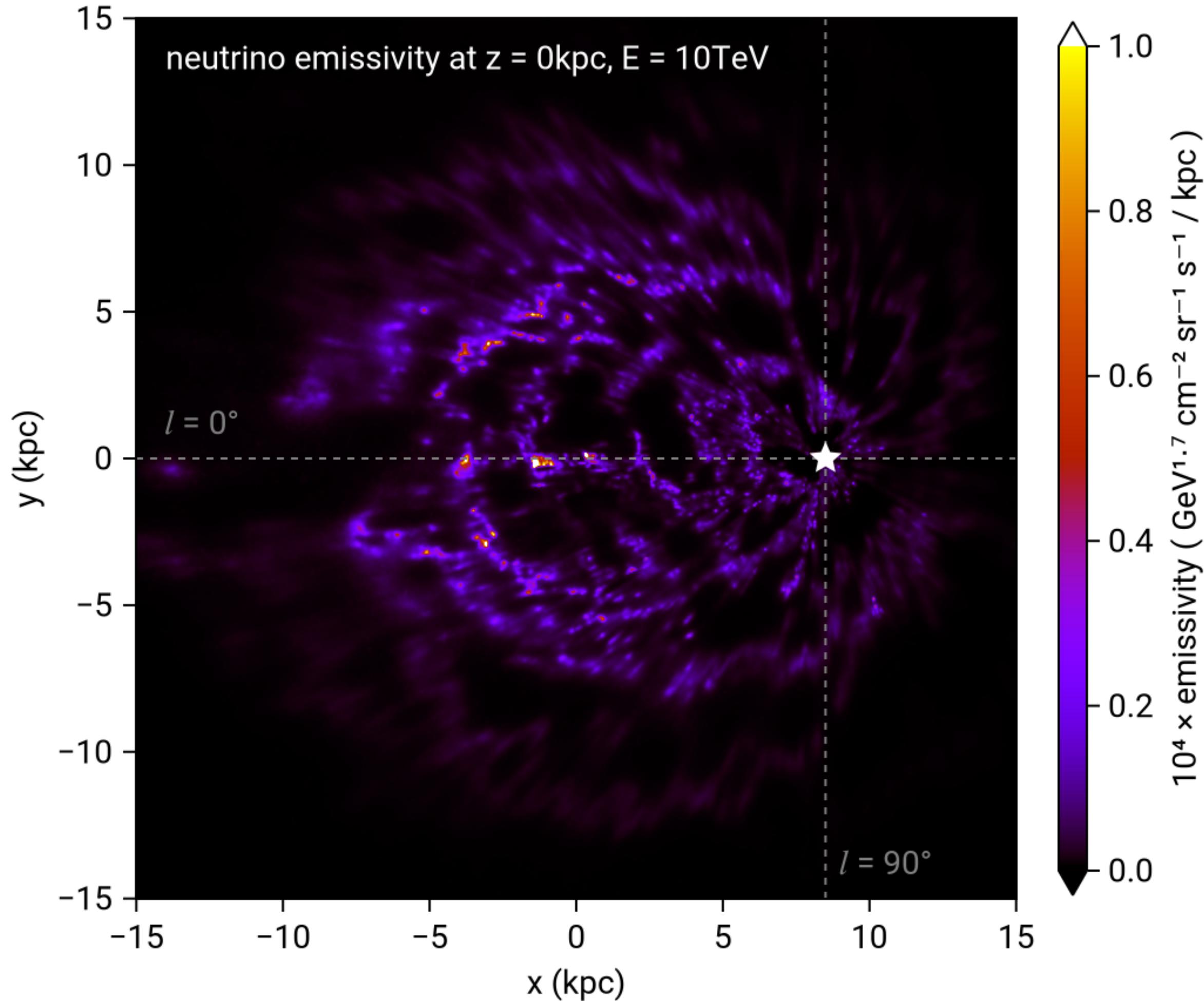


Work by Kiara Carloni and  
Ivan Martínez-Soler



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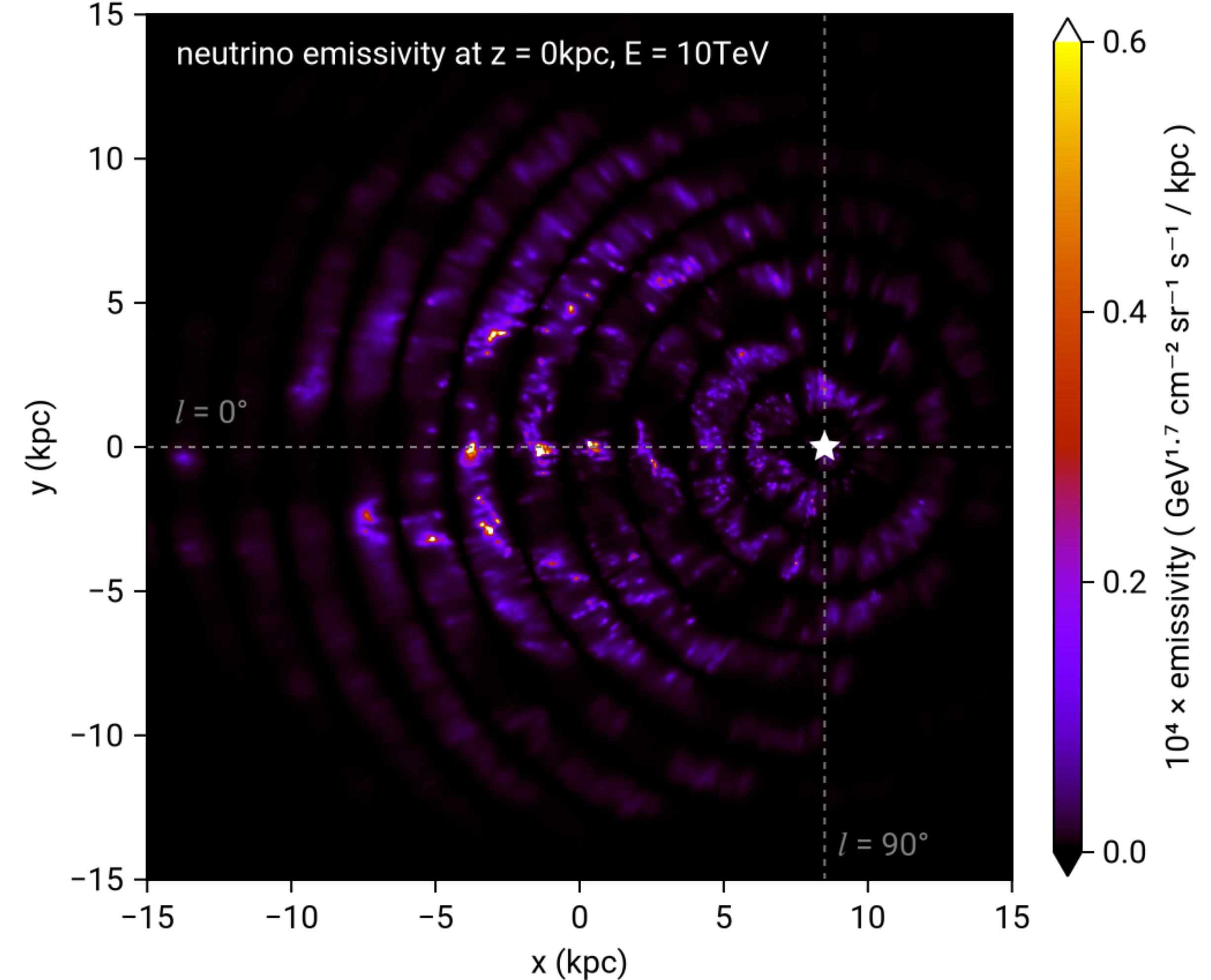
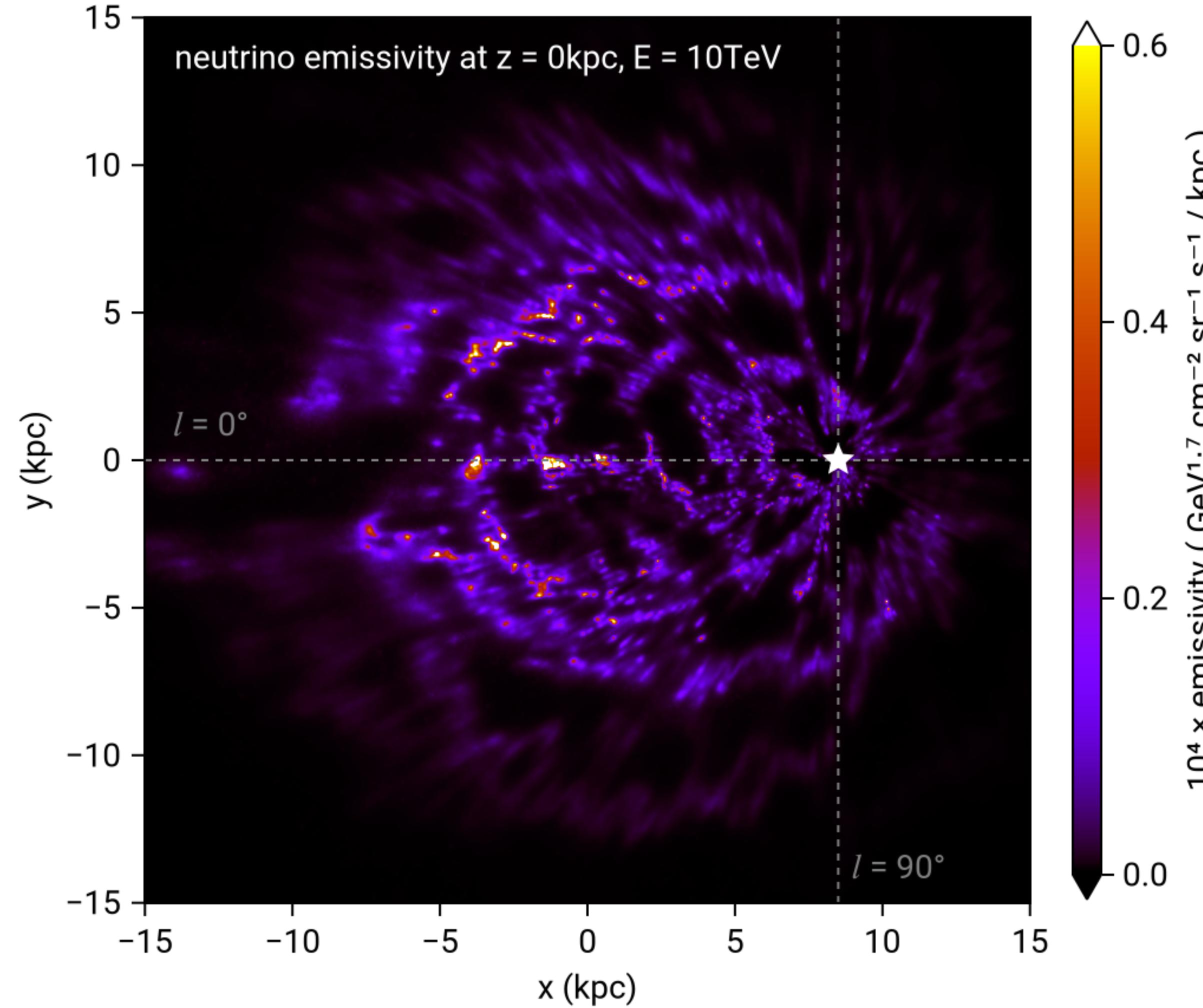
TANDEM:  
New model for neutrino emission of the galaxy using *CR-Propa*



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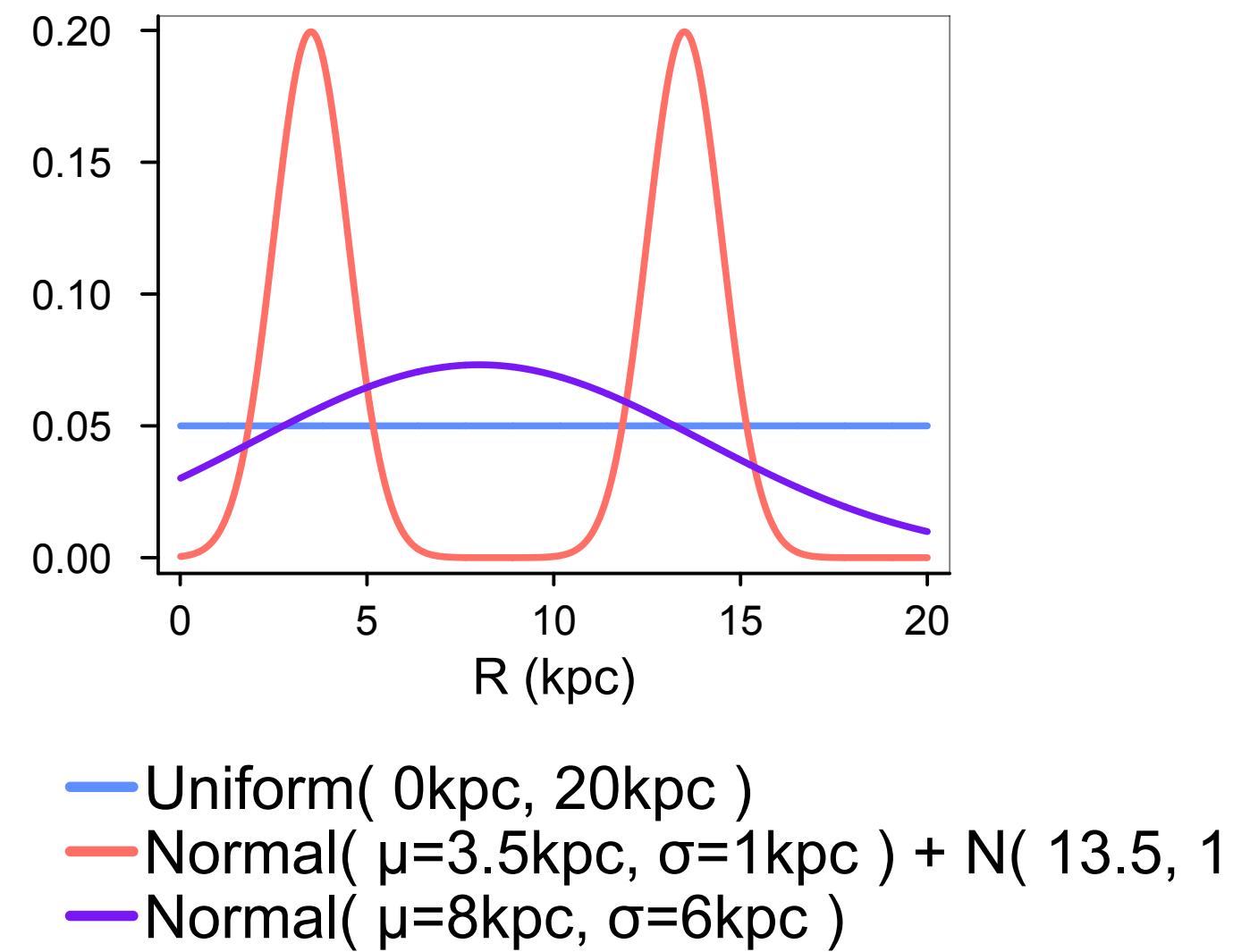
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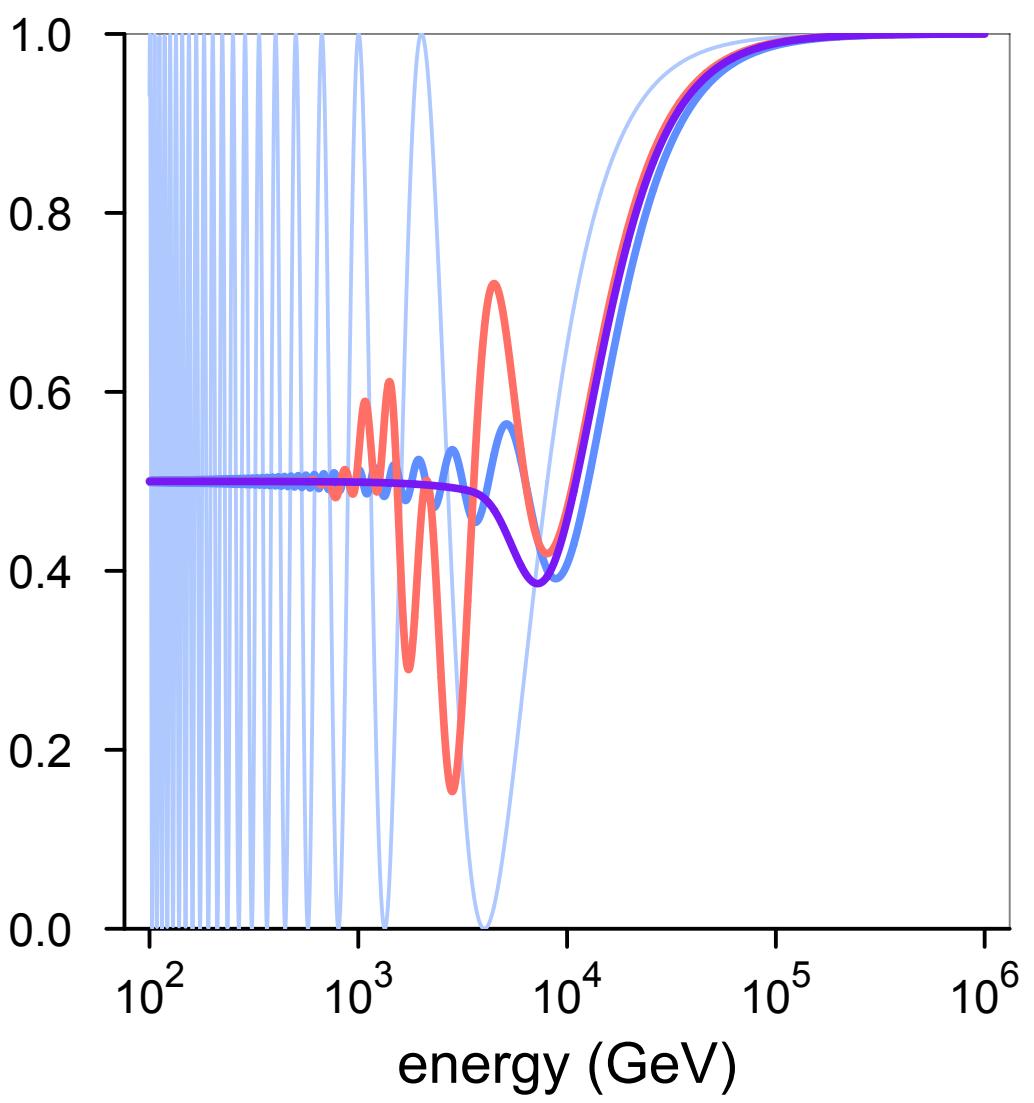
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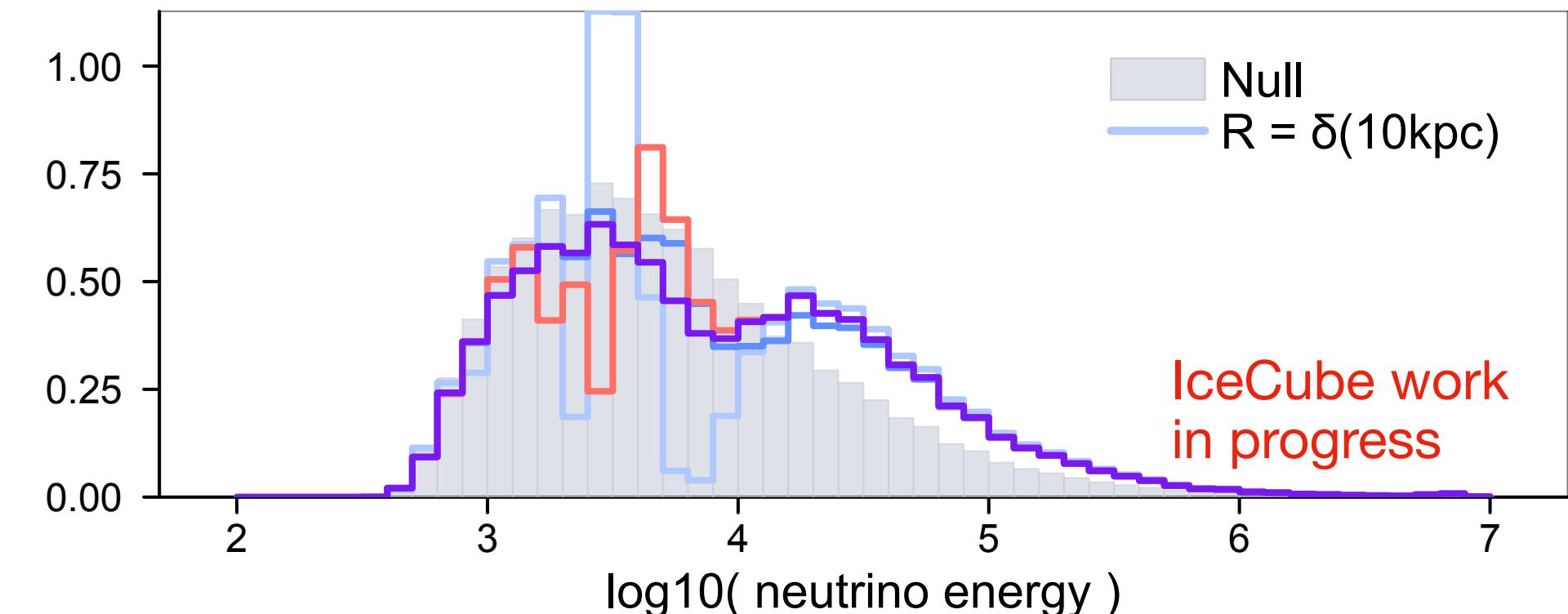
## 1. Ansatz R-distribution



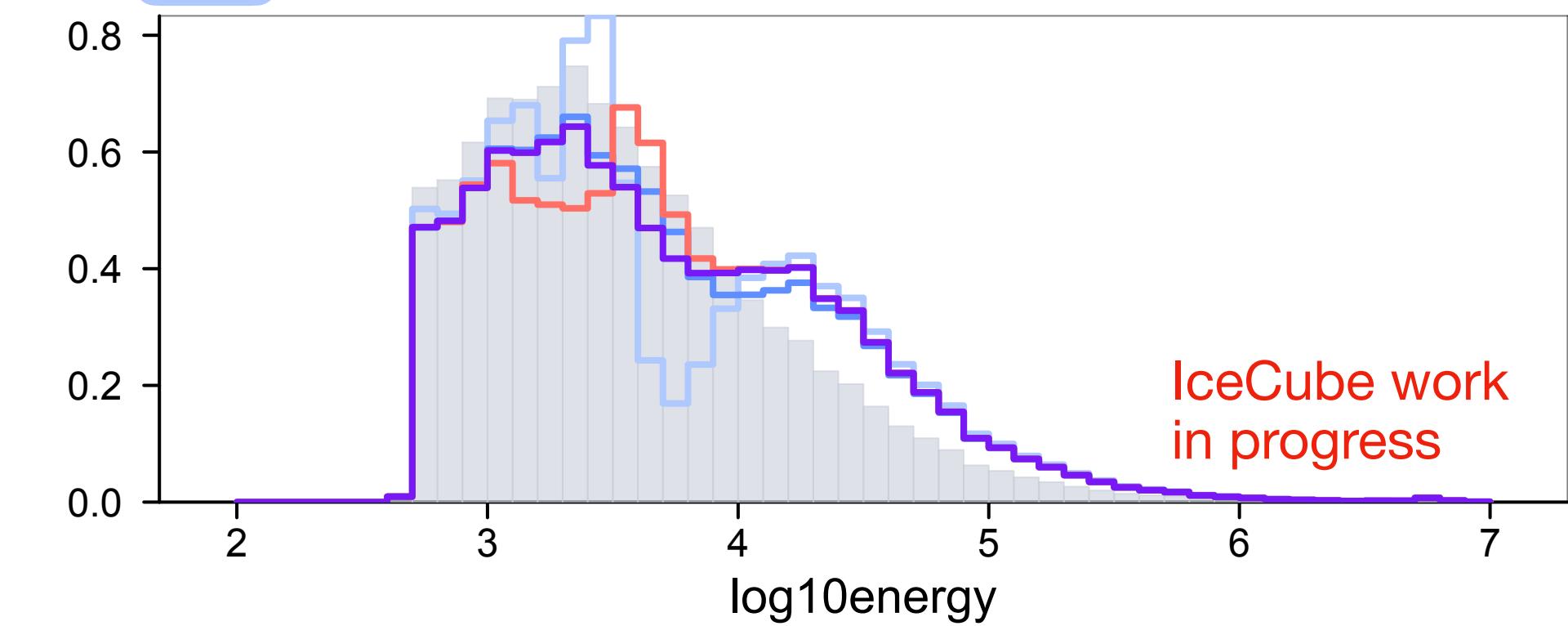
## 2. Oscillations in energy



## 3. Signal PDFs in true energy



## 4. Signal PDFs in reco energy

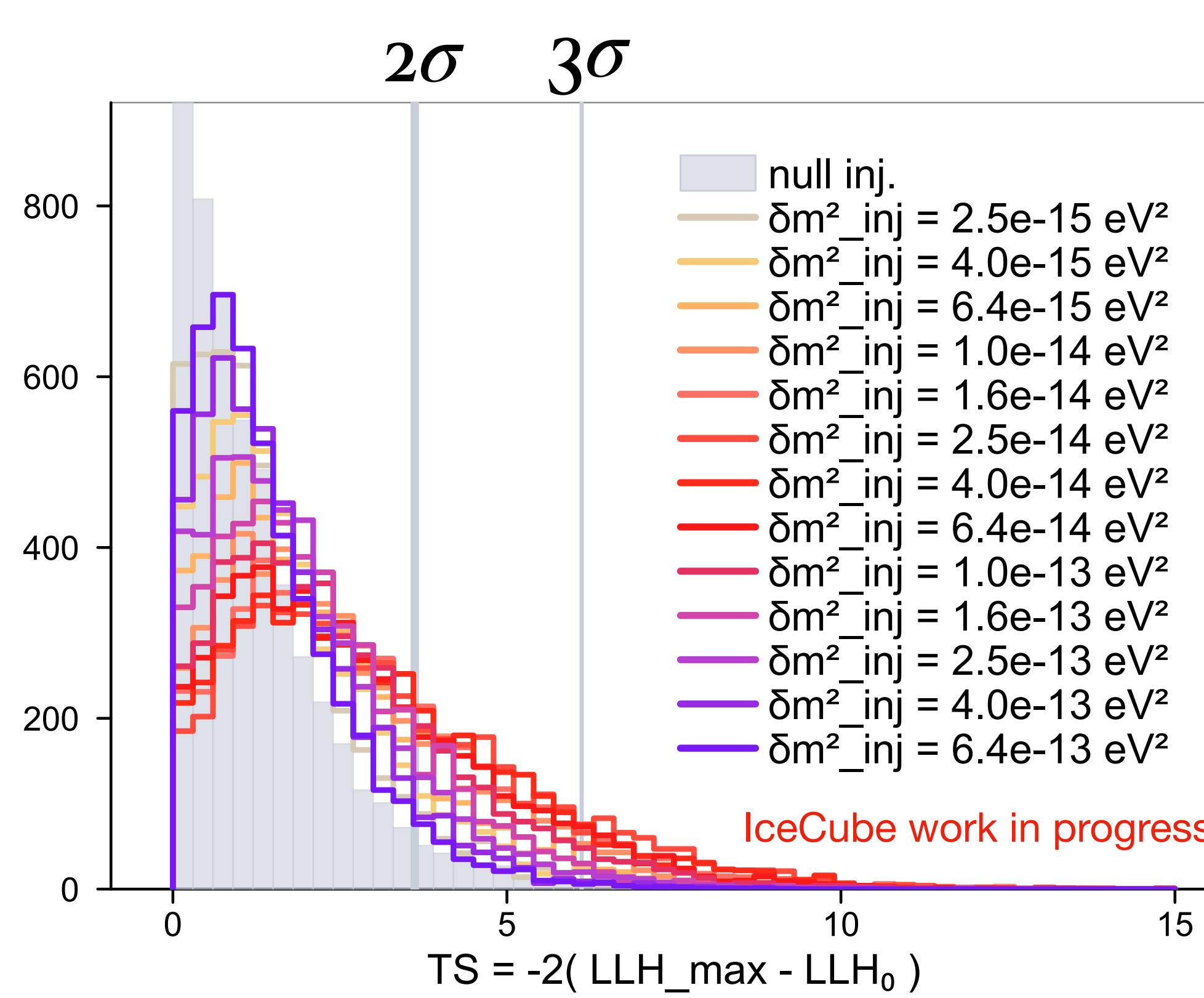


**significant unknowns** → begin with ‘worst case’

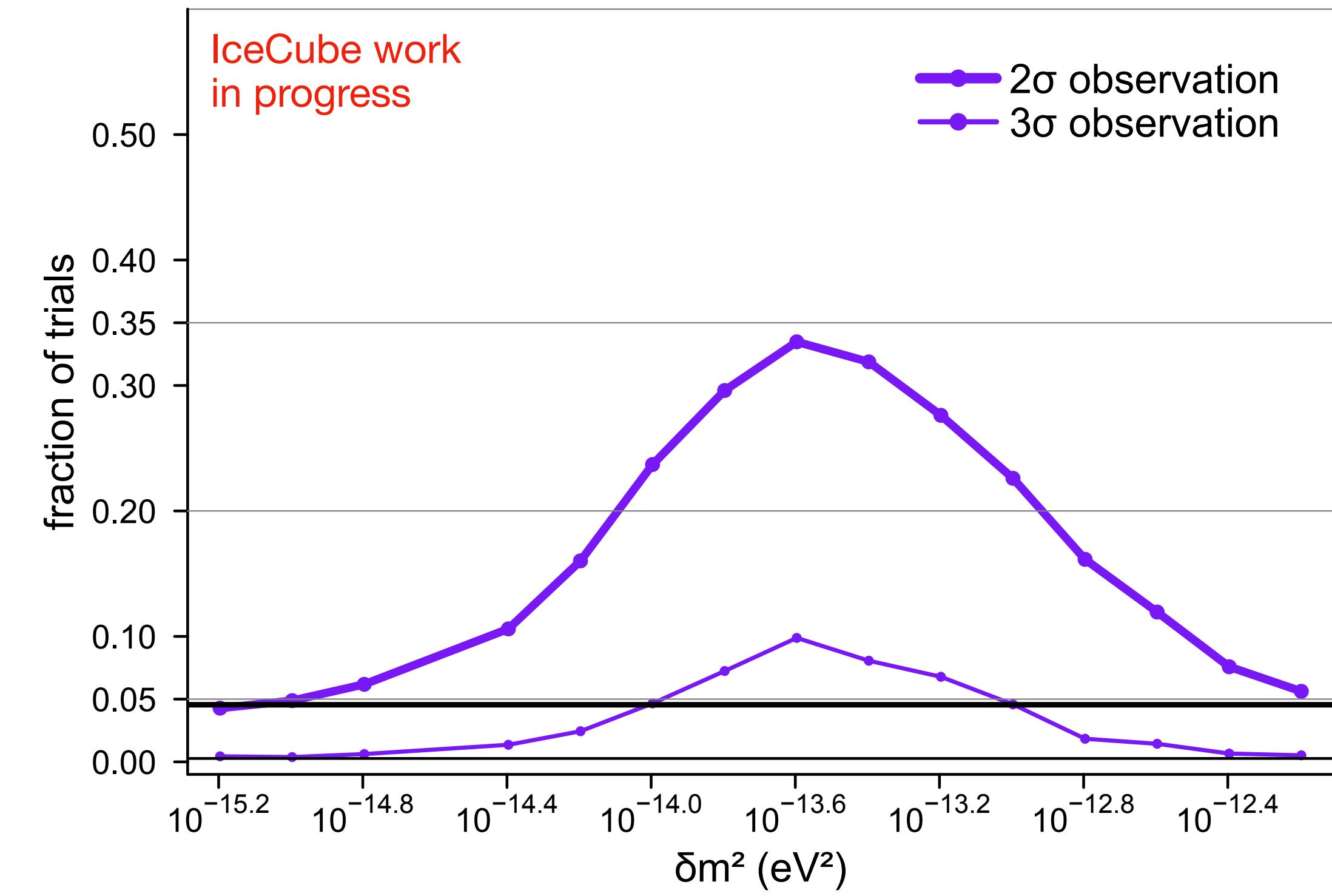
Work by Kiara Carloni ([kcarloni@g.harvard.edu](mailto:kcarloni@g.harvard.edu))

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If neutrinos are QD with some  $\delta m^2$ , how often would we reject the null at  $x$  certainty?



if neutrinos are QD with given  $\delta m^2$ :

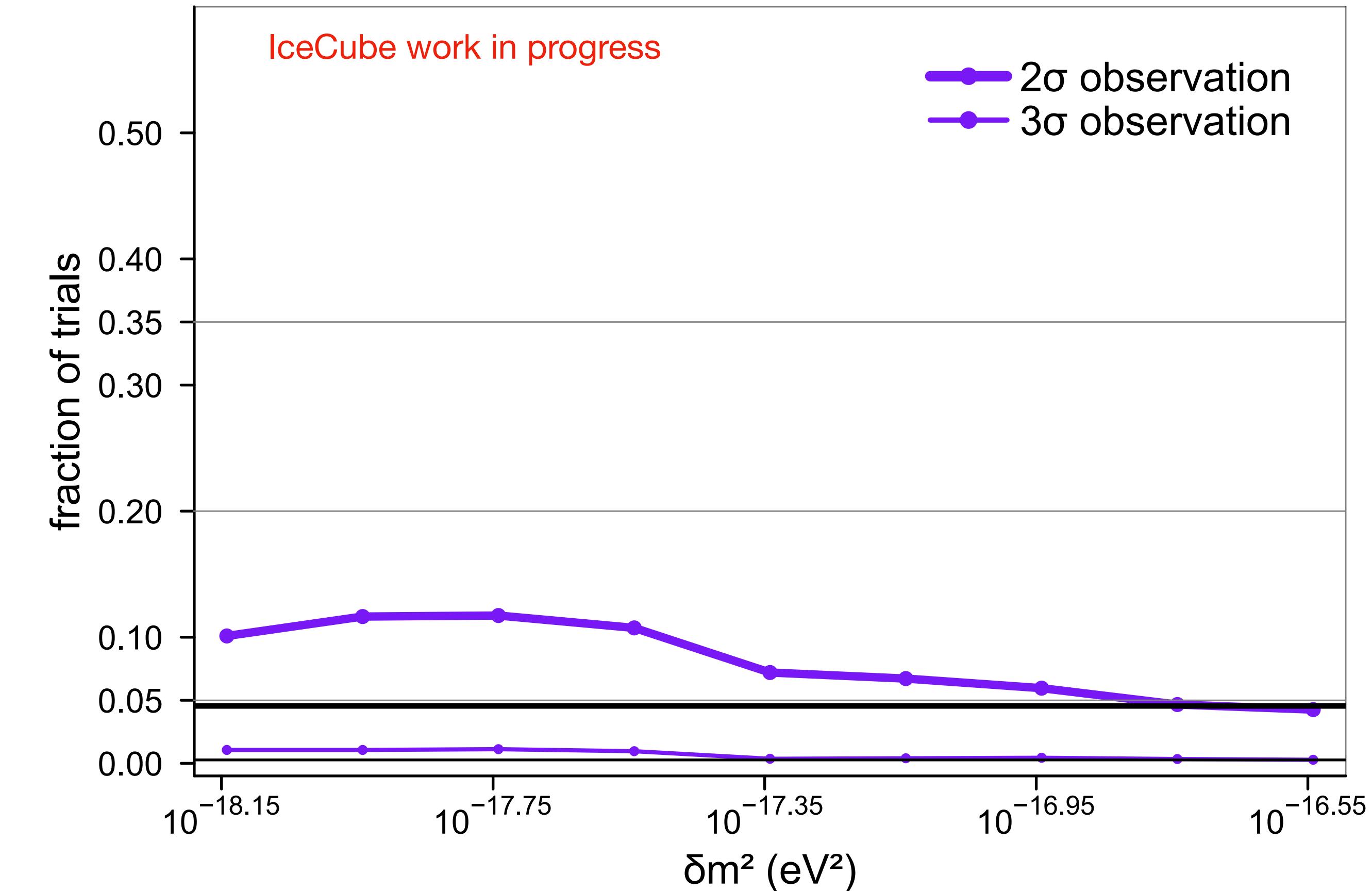
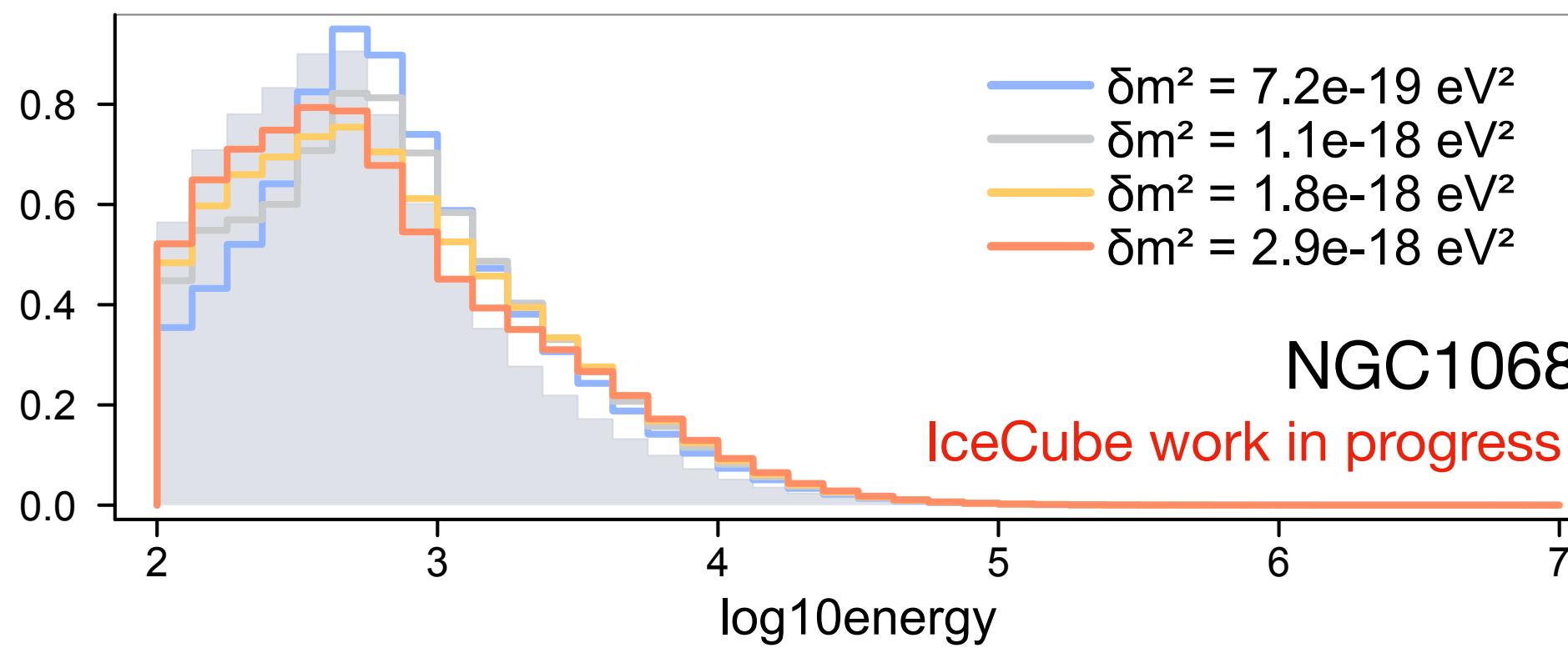
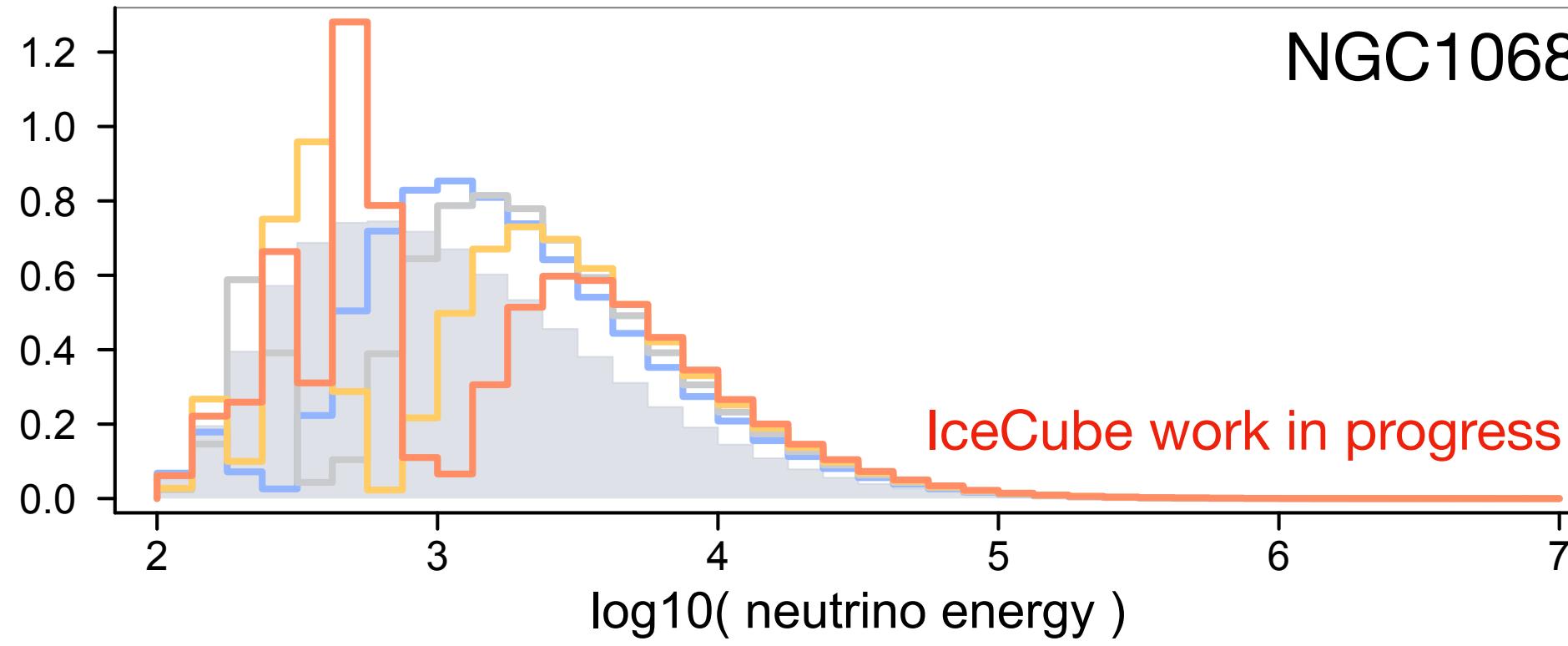


We cover new parameter space never explored before.

# What about the sources?



Recent claims using IceCube Public Data ([arXiv:2211.16520v2](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.16520v2), [arXiv:2406.06476v2](https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.06476v2))  
find  $TS \sim 4$  and place strong constraints.



Current single-source sensitivity, should not, on average place constraints due to non-Wilksian nature of TS distribution.

# **Stops**

- 1.A new frontier in the search for dark matter**
- 2.Using the flavor of neutrinos to find new physics**
- 3.New physics with new sources**
- 4.Future detectors and new ideas**



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# Many Neutrino Telescopes On Our Way



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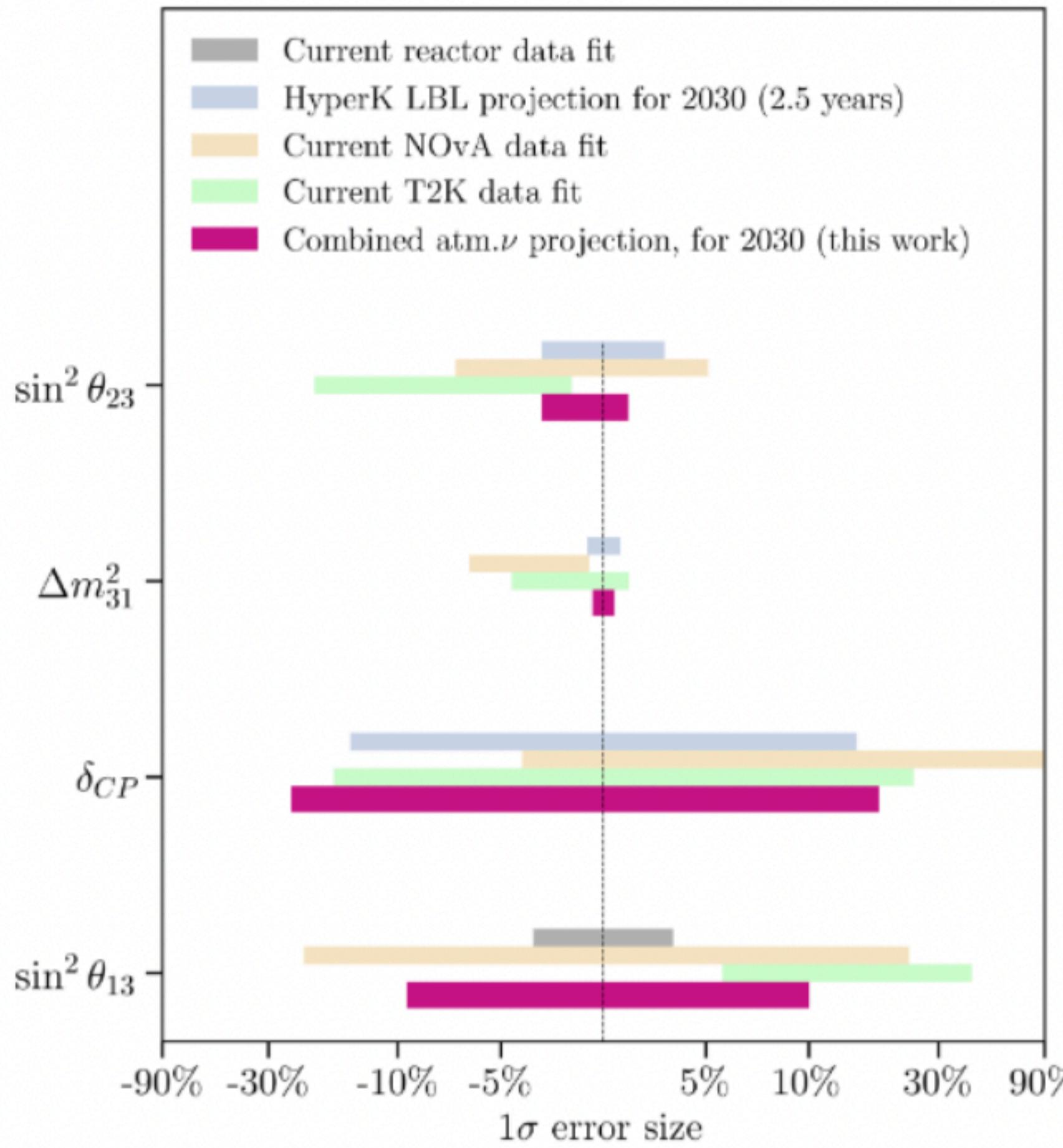


TAMBO



Non-exhaustive list

# Near-term atmospheric neutrinos together

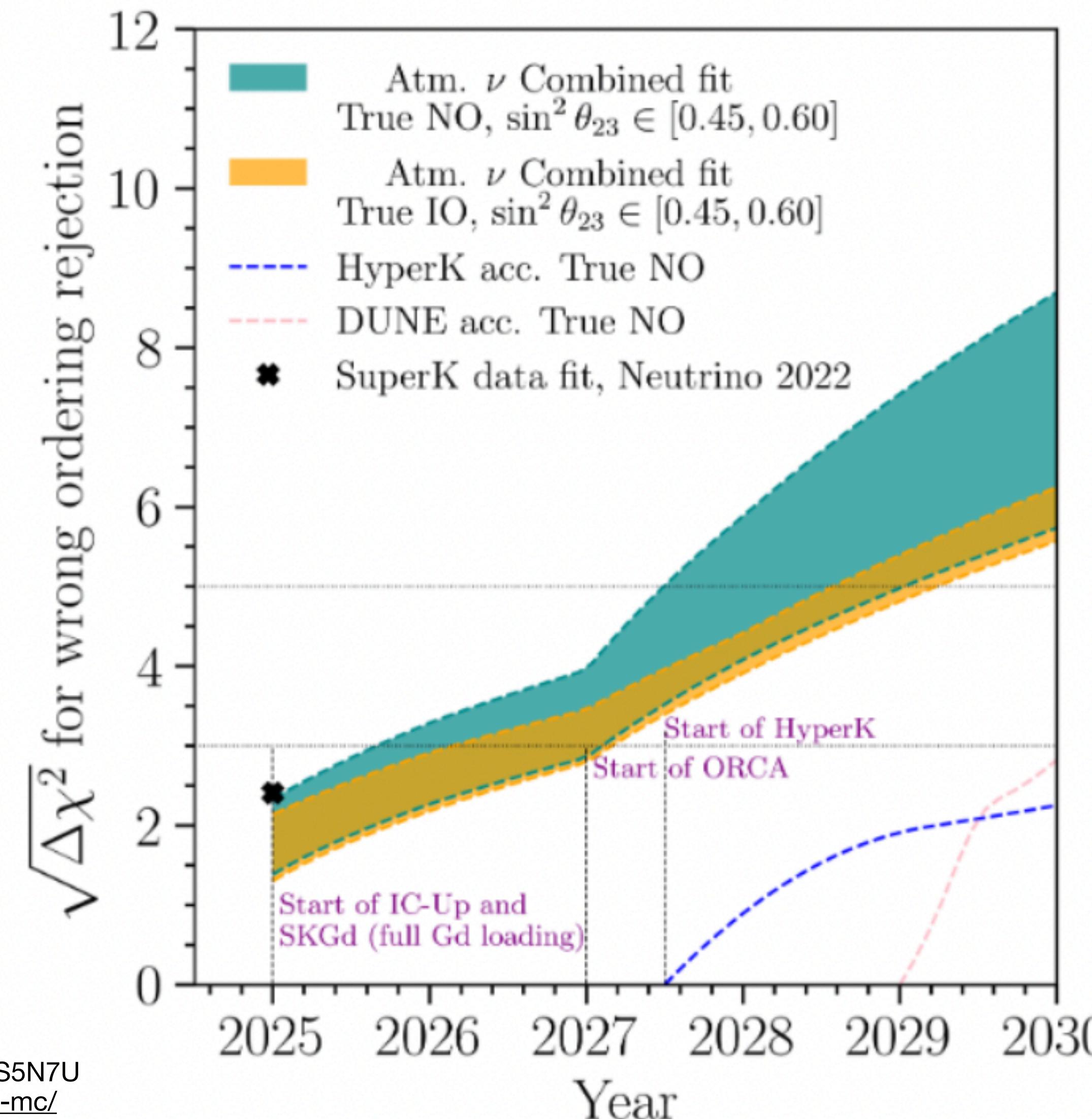


Reproducibility:

MC: <https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataset.xhtml?persistentId=doi:10.7910/DVN/OS5N7U>

Instructions: <https://github.com/Harvard-Neutrino/atmospheric-neutrino-experiment-mc/>

Code: <https://github.com/Harvard-Neutrino/AtmNuCombination>



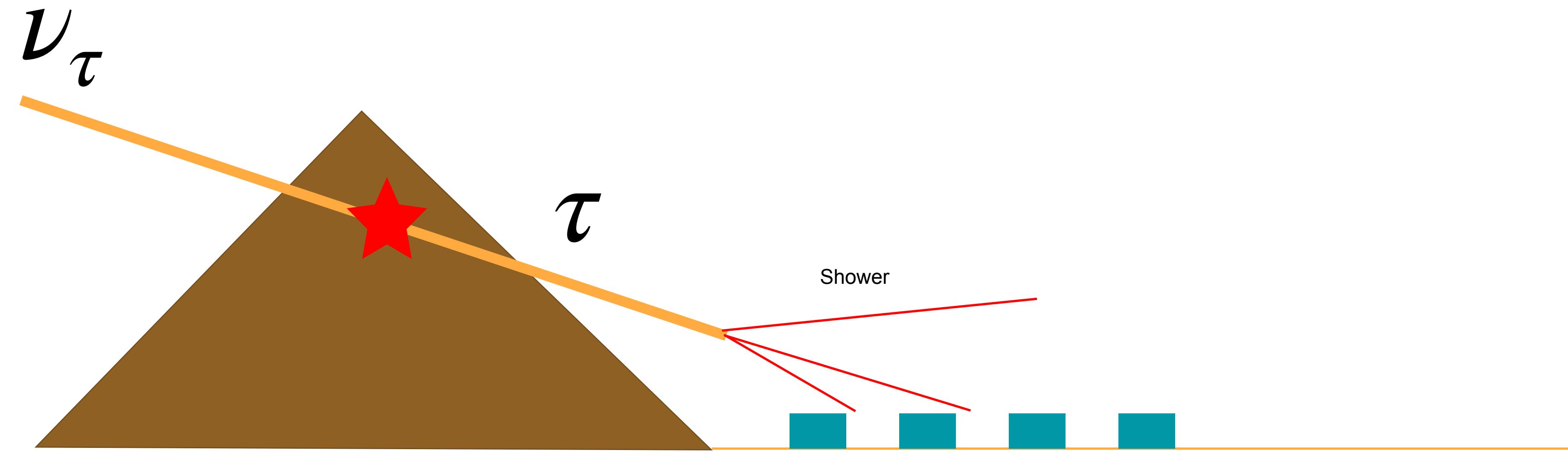
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and M. Jin, PRX 13  
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See also Giner-  
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**Flavor is a very powerful observable**

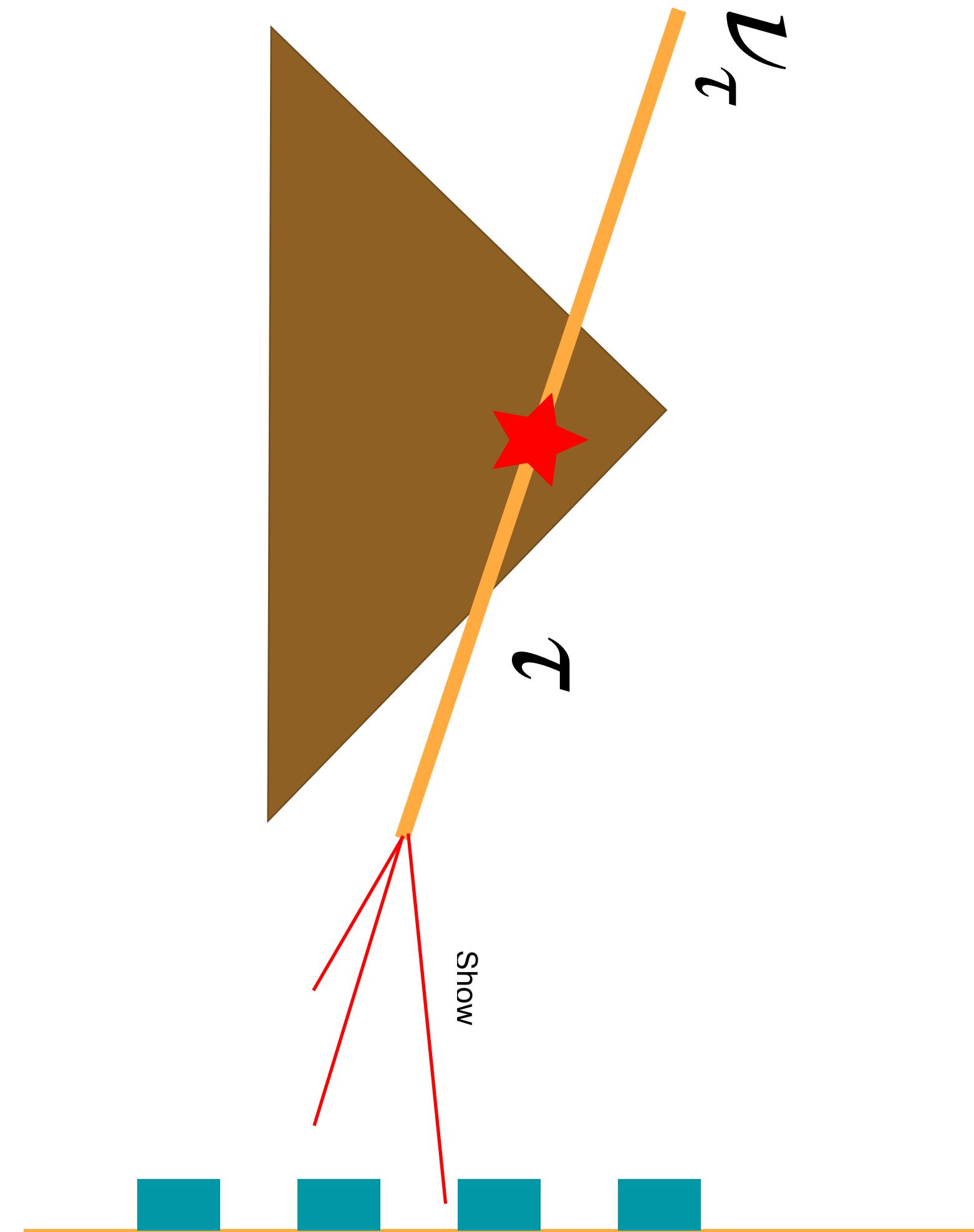
**Tau neutrinos are the least observed neutrino flavor**

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This would be a more ideal scenario, but can't put mountain over detector

Pavel Zhelnin



William Thomson



Diya Delgado



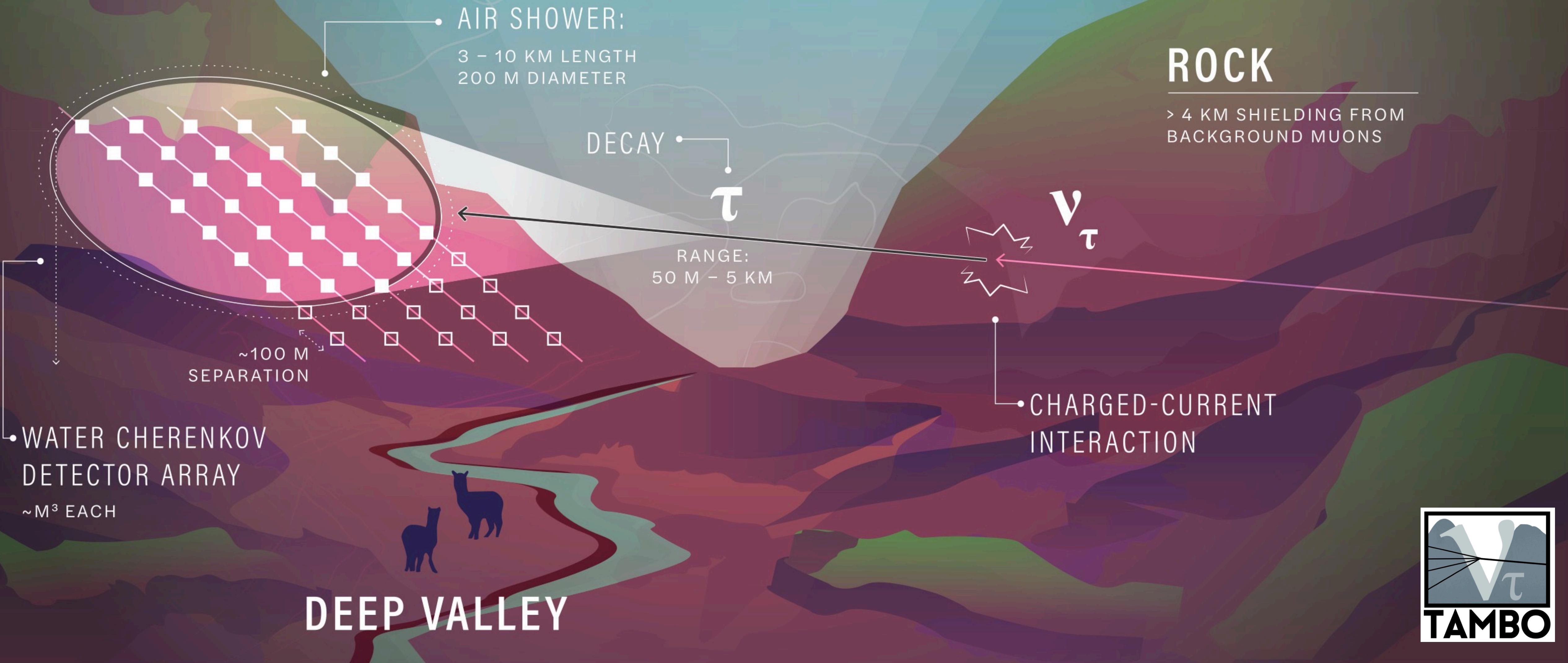
Jeffrey Lazar



Ibrahim Safa



And many others ...



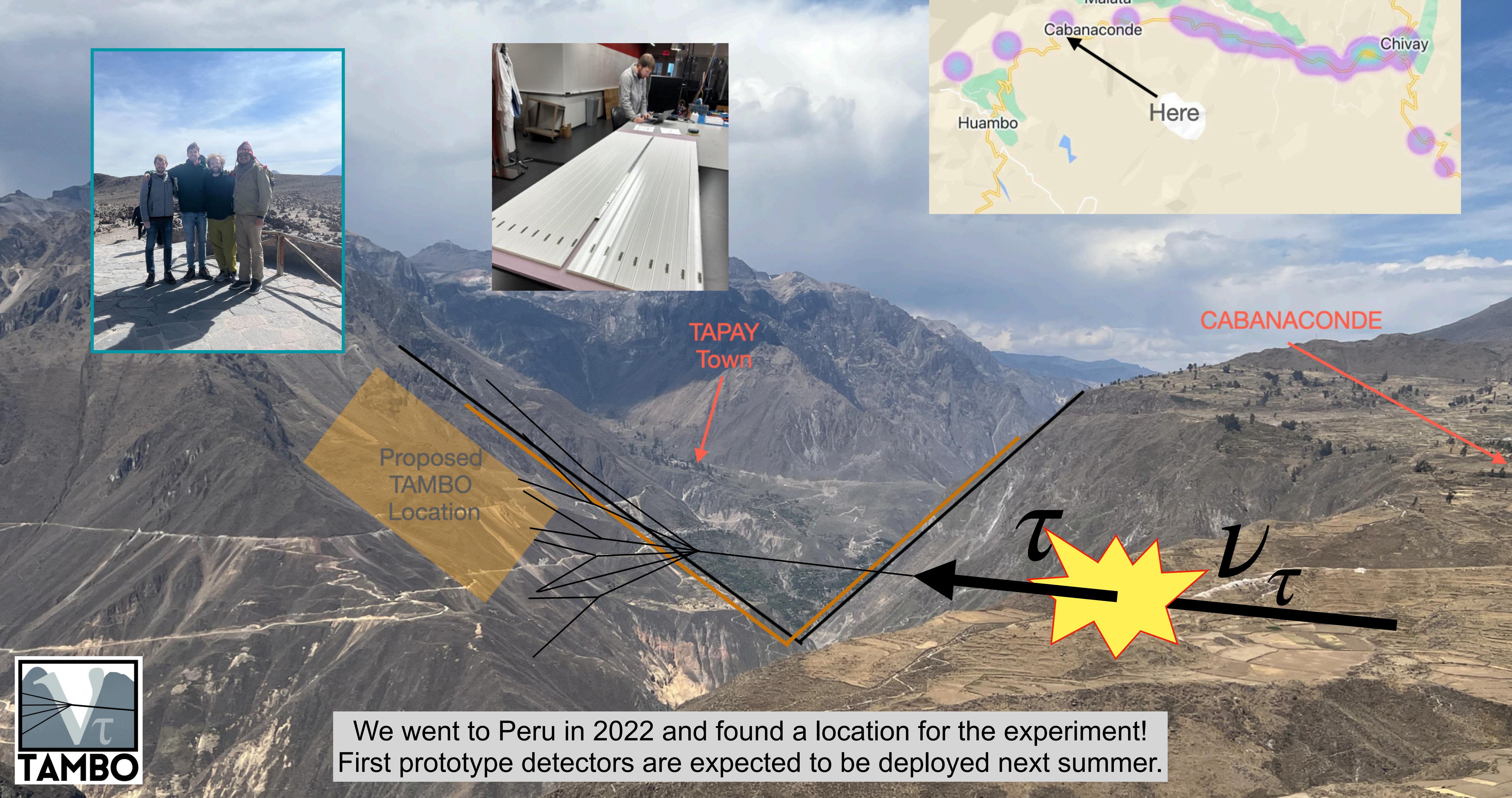
TAU AIR-SHOWER MOUNTAIN-BASED OBSERVATORY (TAMBO)

COLCA VALLEY, PERU

W. Thompson ICRC2024 (arXiv:2308.09753)

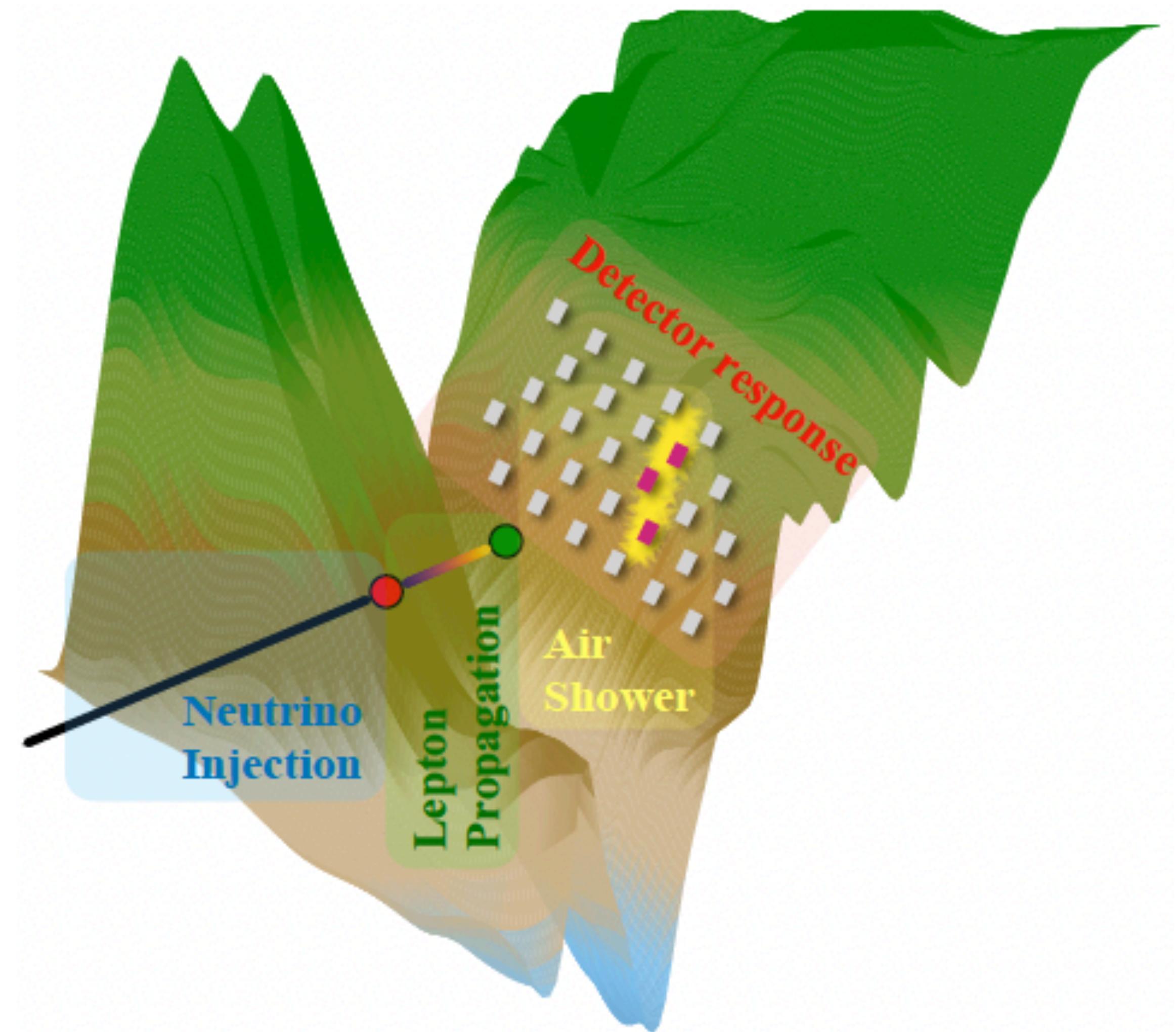
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\*TAMBO means rest place, house or inn in Quechua.



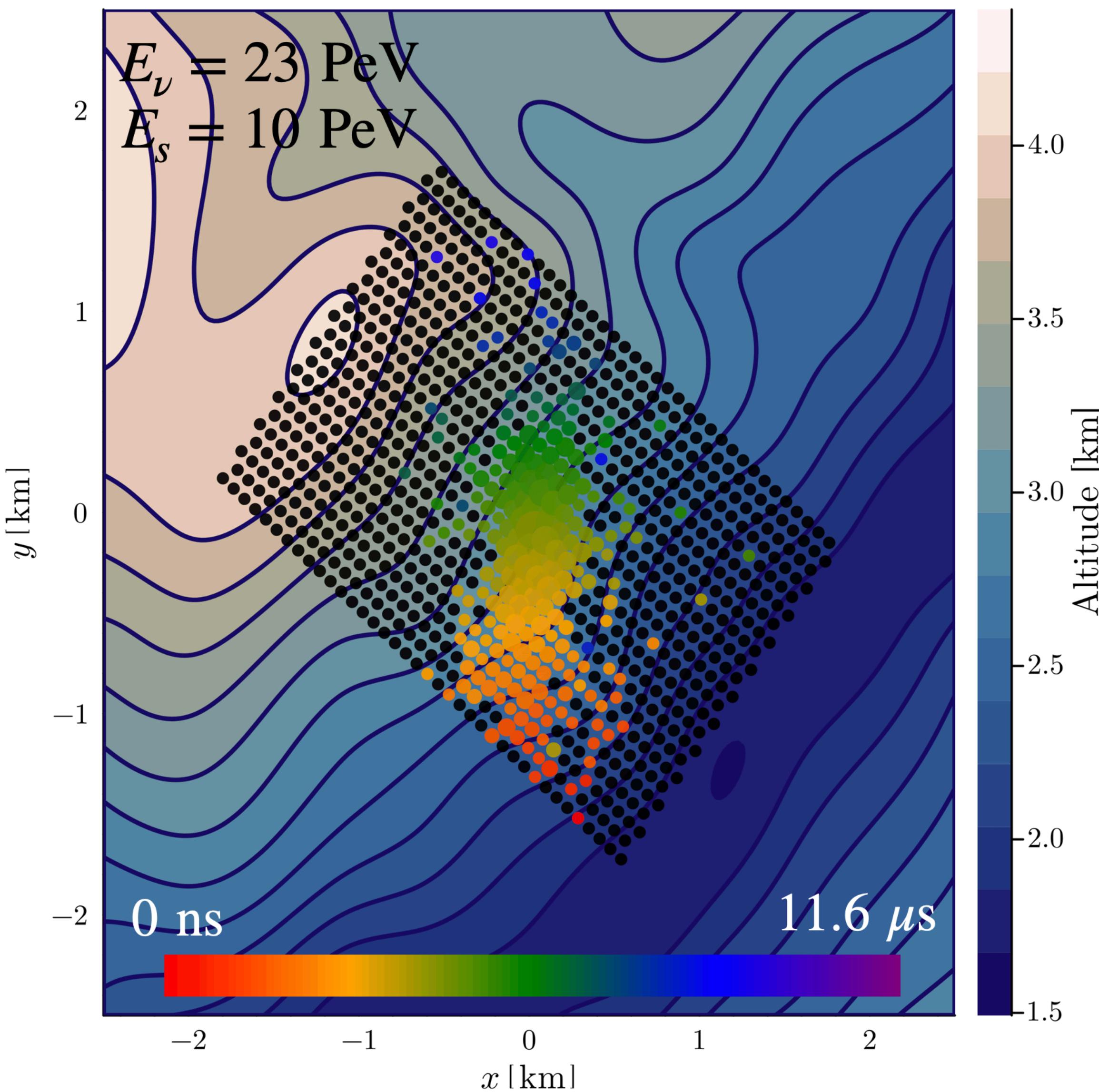
# TAMBO Simulation

\*simulation of air-showers using **CORSIKA8**



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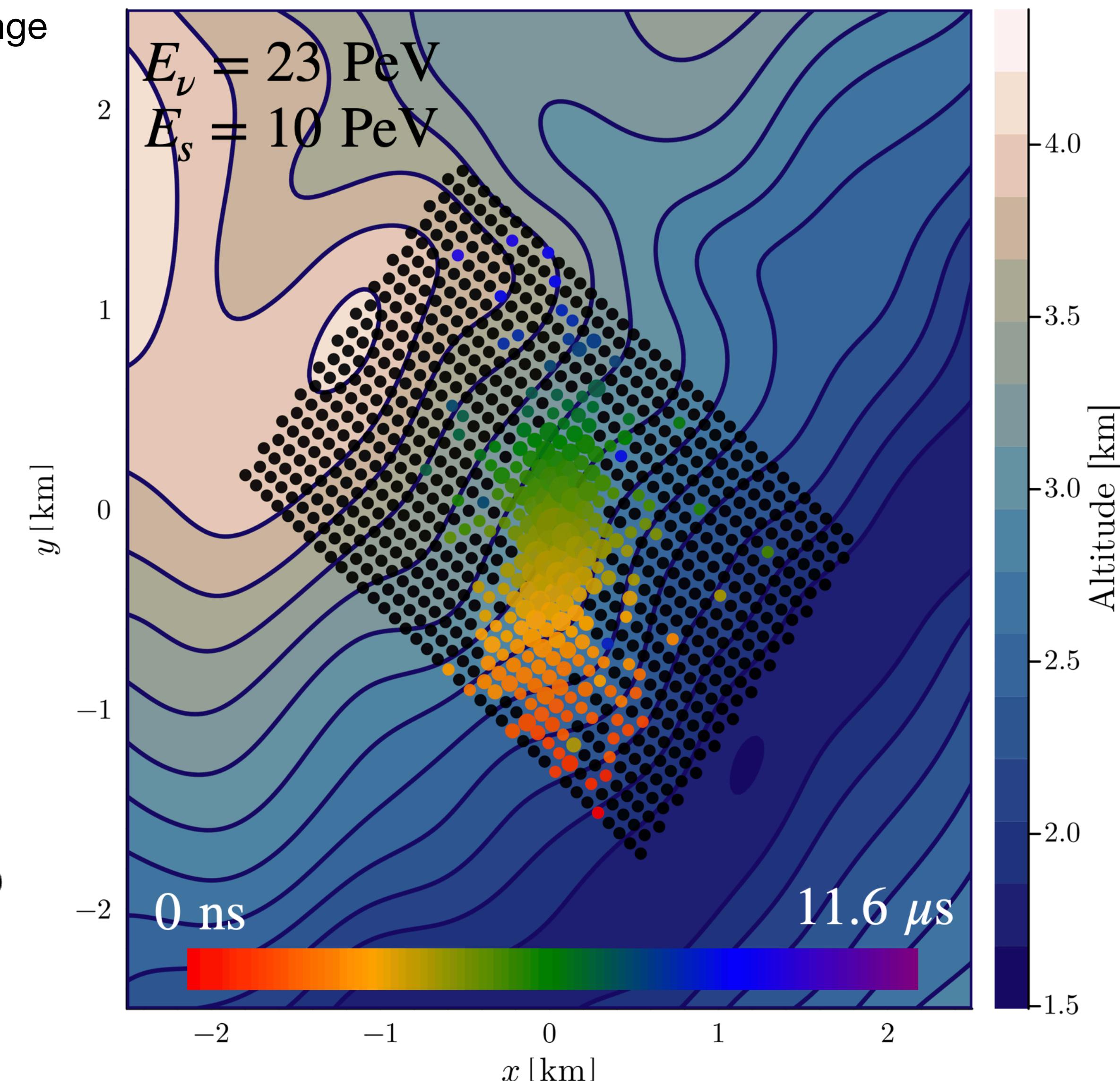
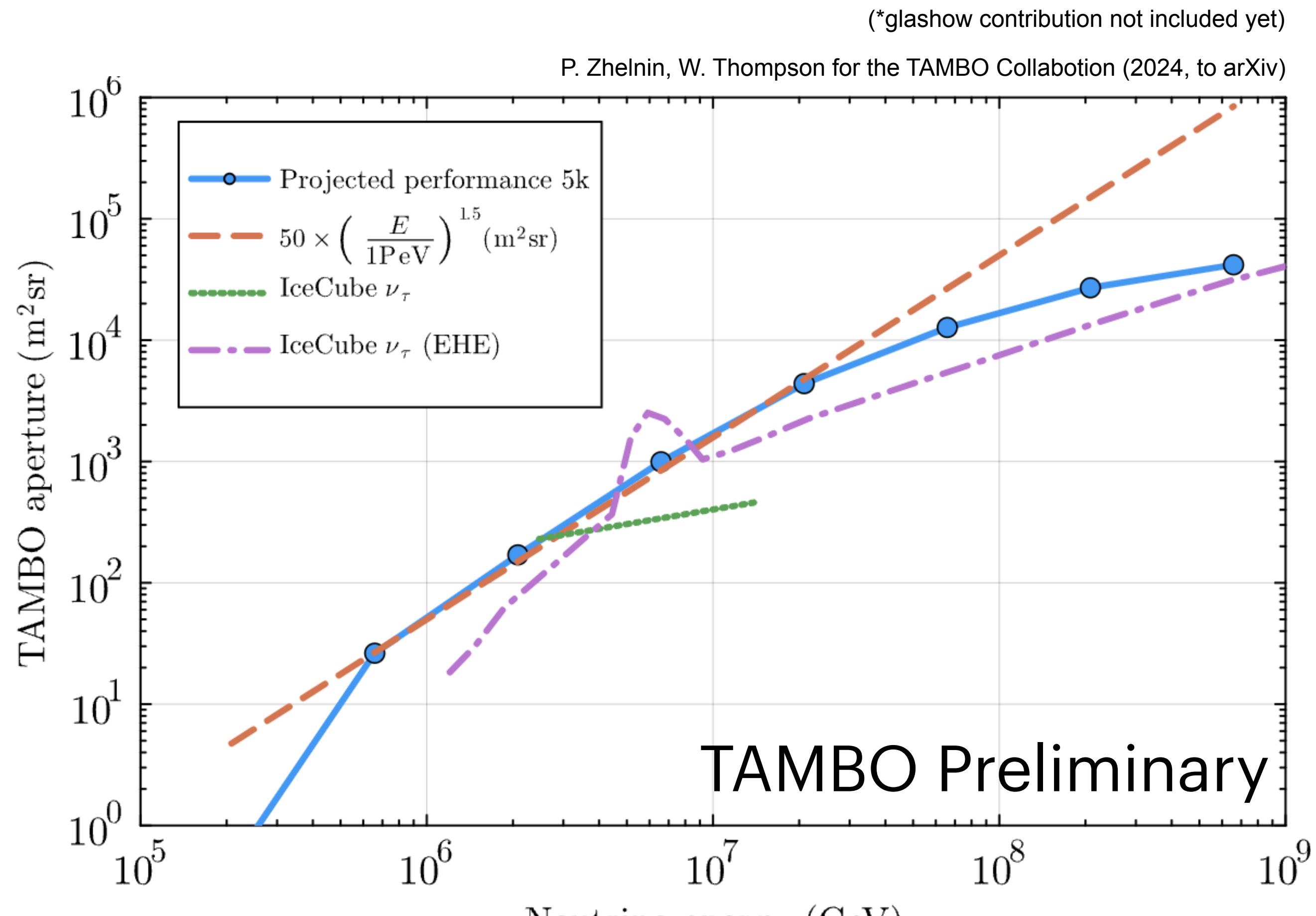
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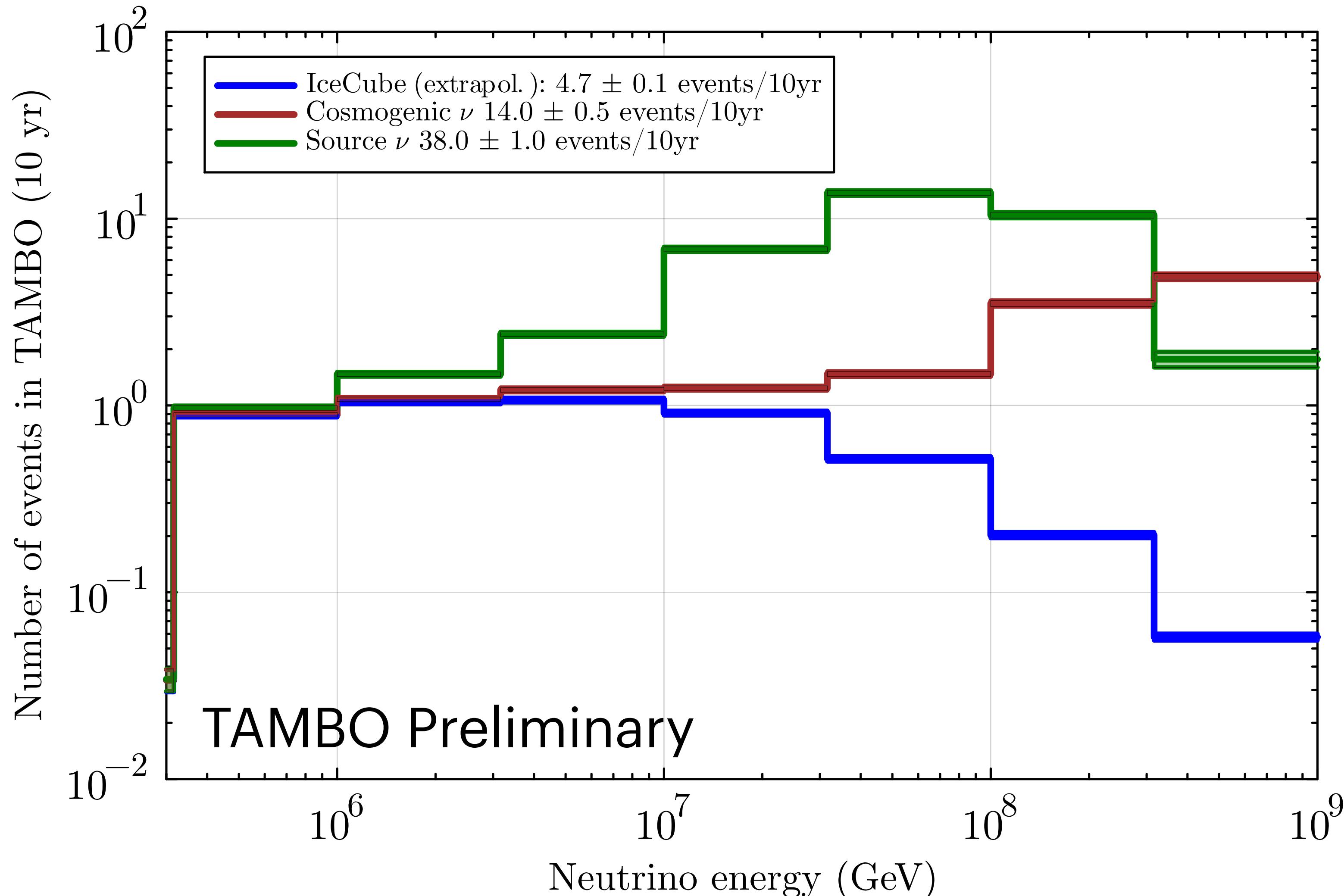
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Design goal: Aim to go as low as possible in energy: 1 PeV to 100 PeV range



# Expected rates at TAMBO given unknown-origin IceCube flux

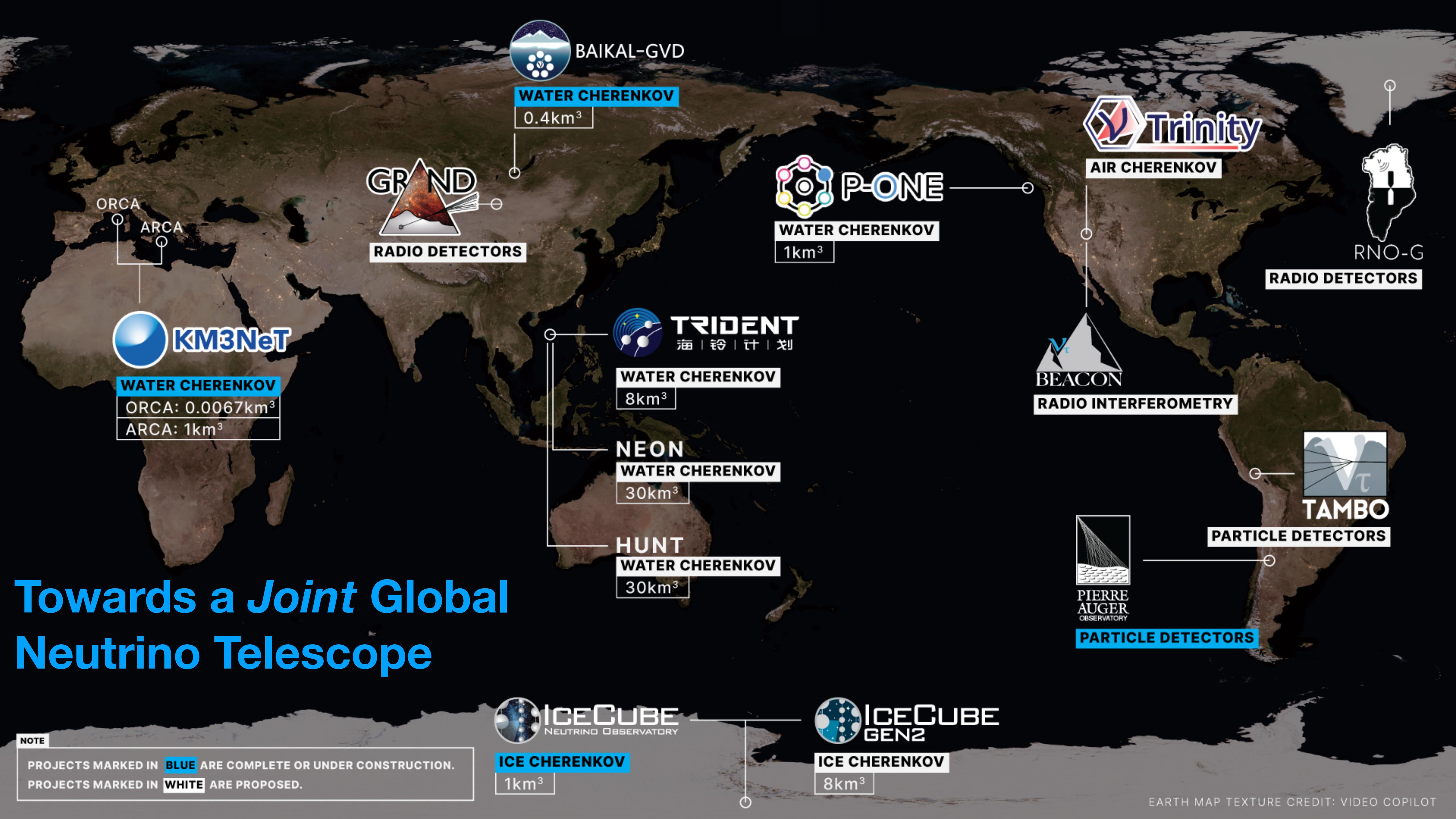


**Cosmogenic  $\nu$**   
**(Bergman & Van Vliet)**

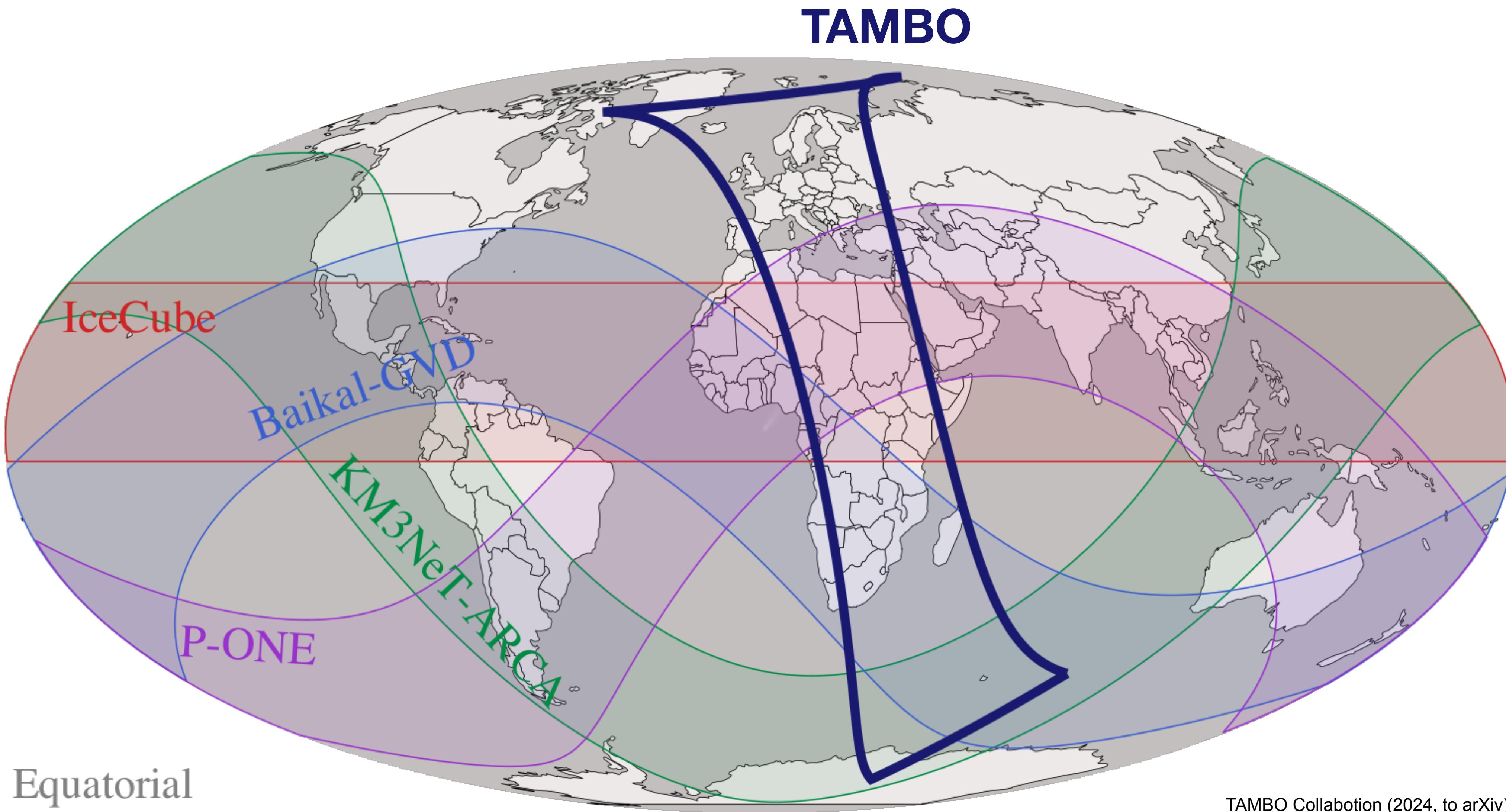
**AGN source population**  
**(Rodriguez et al. AGN)**

$E^{-2.5}$   
**IceCube extrapolation**

For 5000 sensors we expect events  
every other year.  
Few events, but high-purity  
Good for IceCube/KM3NeT follow up



# Towards a *Joint Global Neutrino Telescope*



# Conclusion

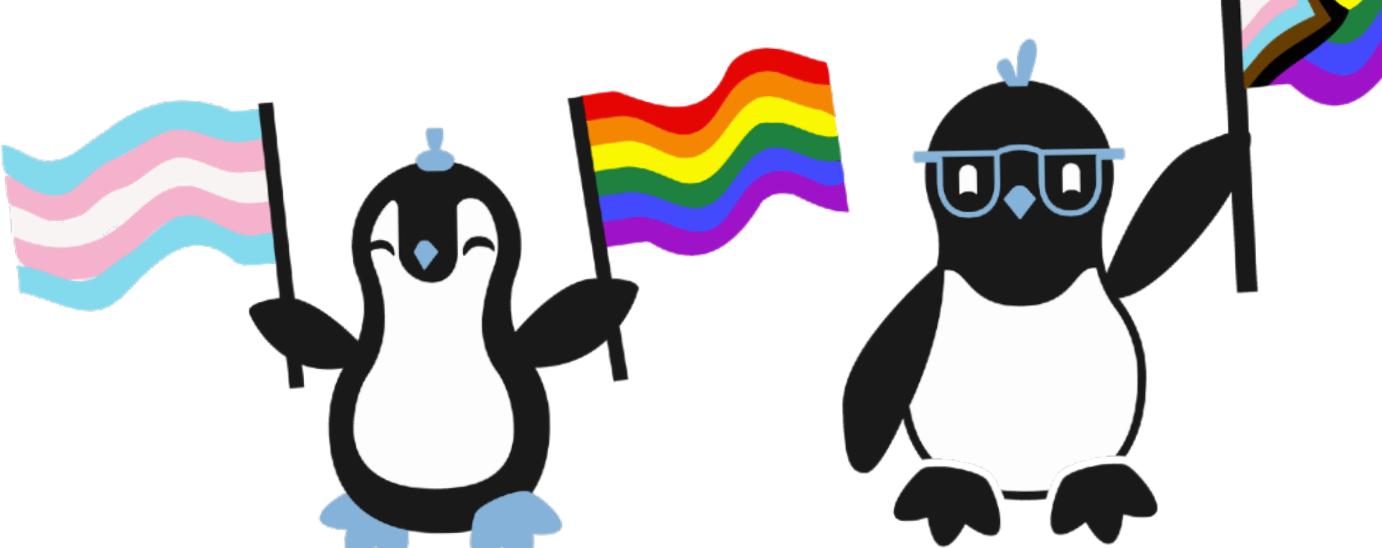
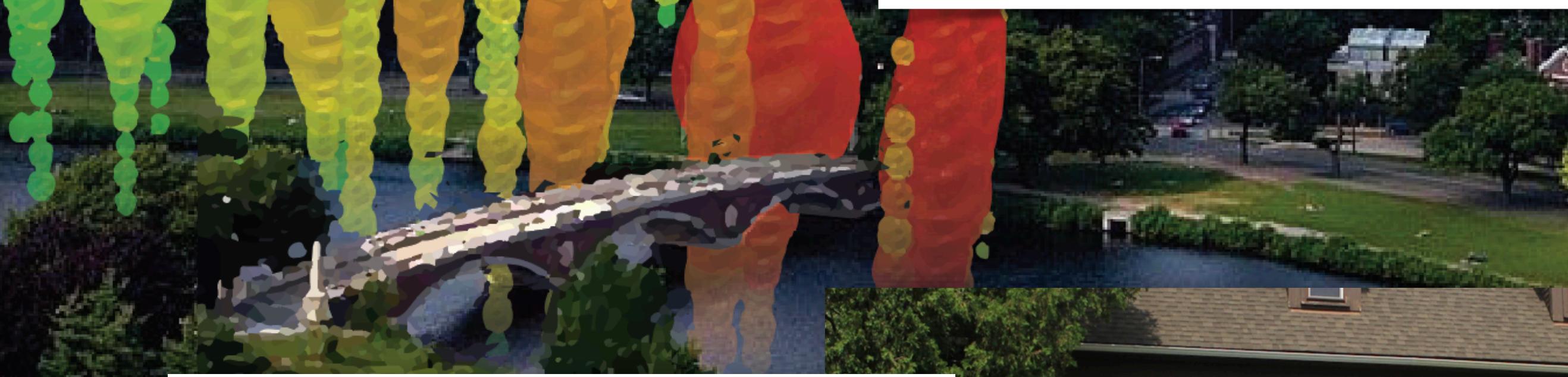
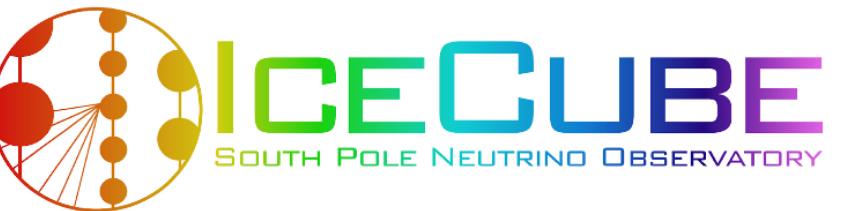
We live in exciting times for particle astrophysics

- First astrophysical neutrino sources are appearing.
- IceCube is able to observe neutrinos from all flavors.
- Neutrino interferometry is a powerful tool to measure tiny effects.

We also have great opportunities for the future

- With IceCube we have a rich data set for continuing searches
- With the Upgrade we will have great new precision
- More neutrino telescopes: more data!
- Diversified neutrino telescope portfolio opens new opportunities for discovery





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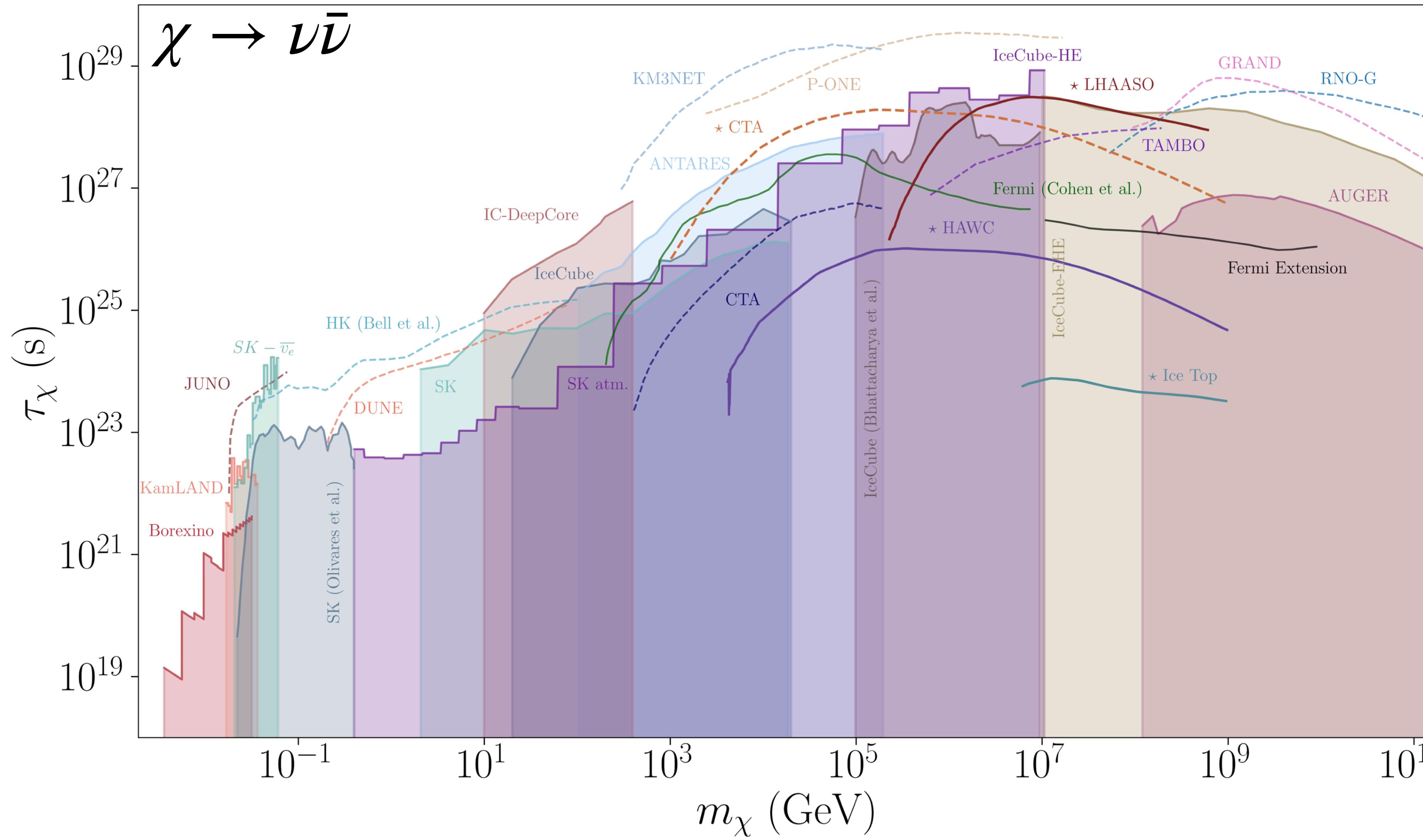
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# Bonus slides

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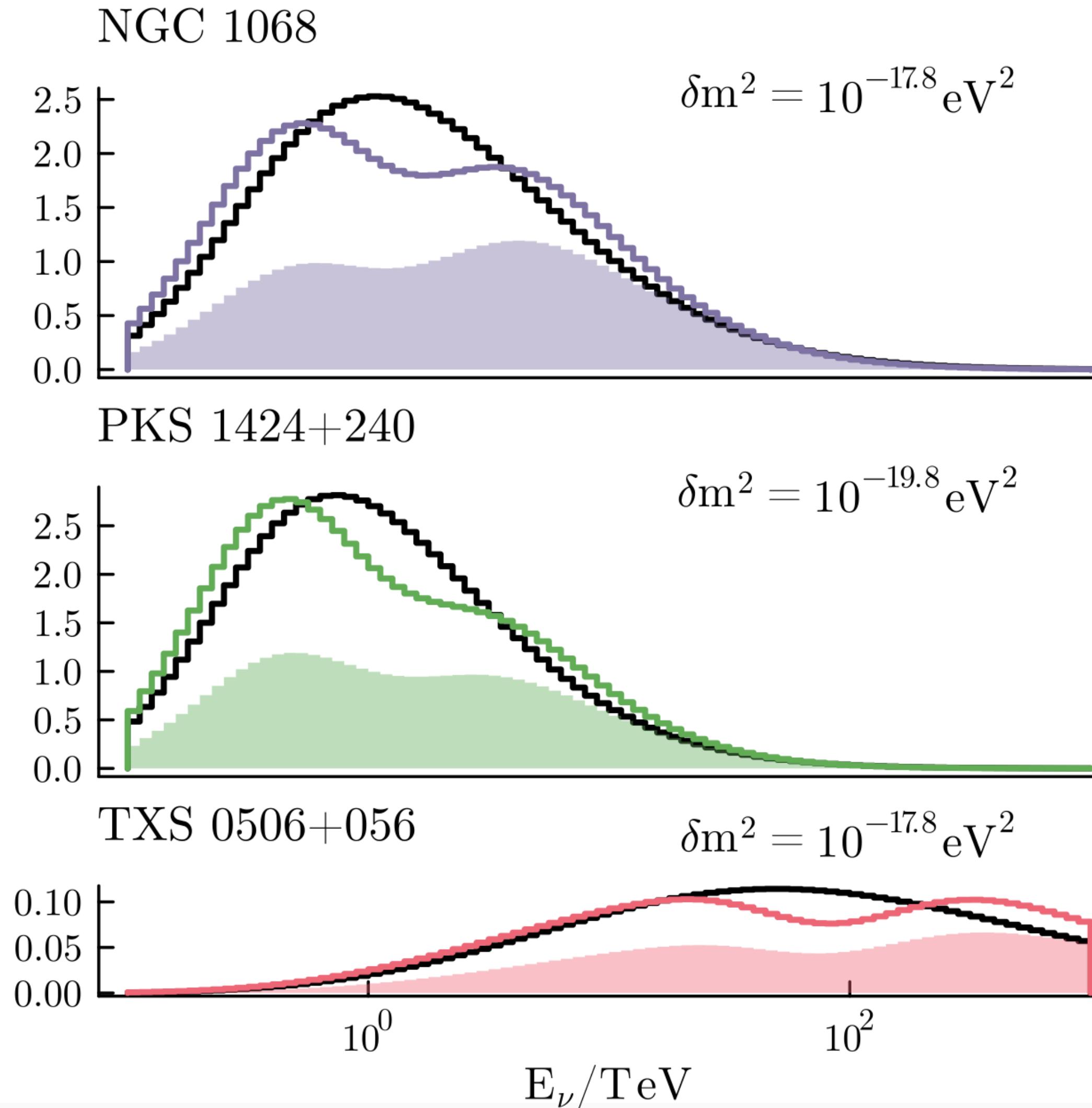
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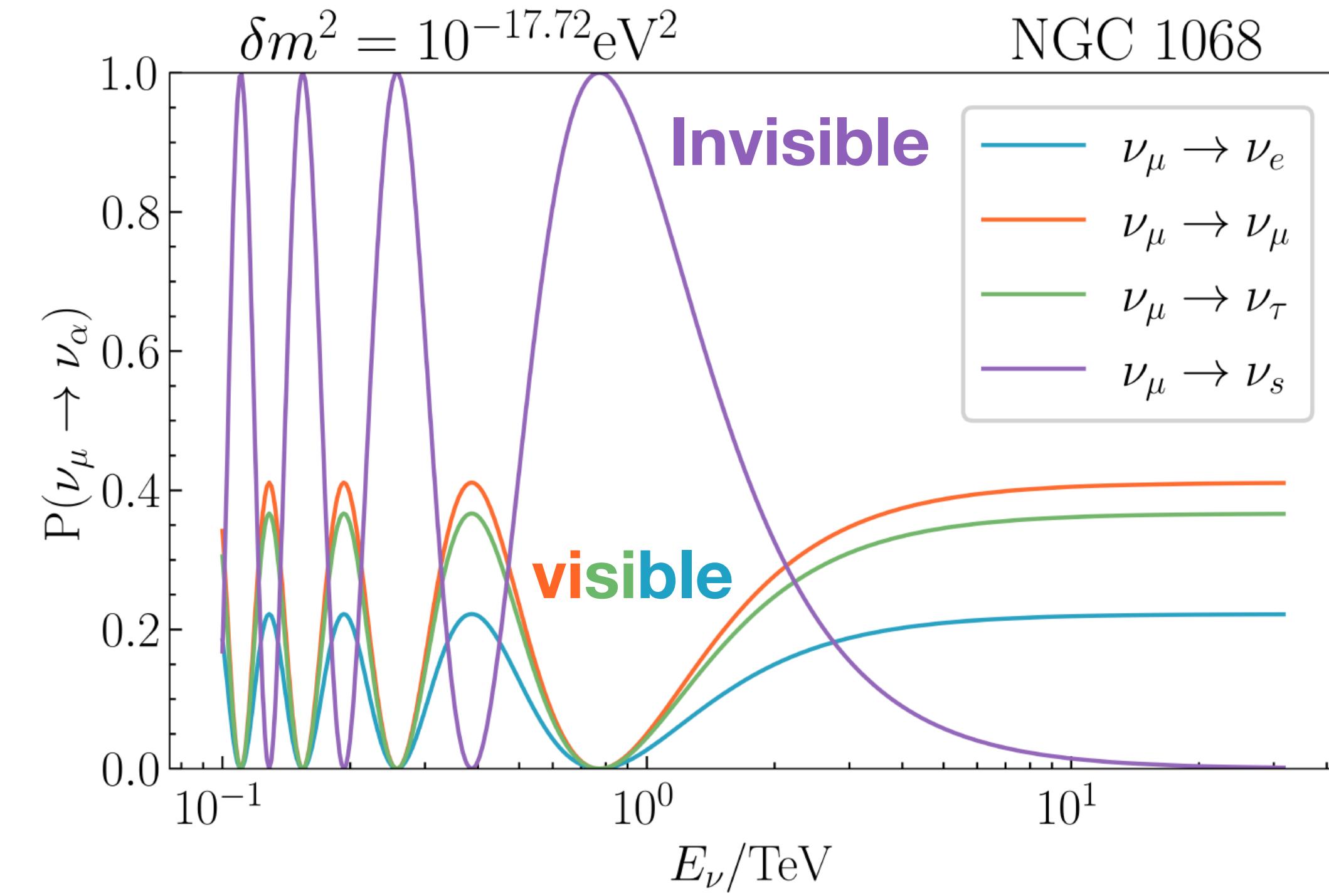
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# Quasi Dirac Bonus

See also Esmaili arXiv:0909.5410, Esmaili & Farzan arXiv:1208.6012,  
Rink & Sen arXiv:2211.16520



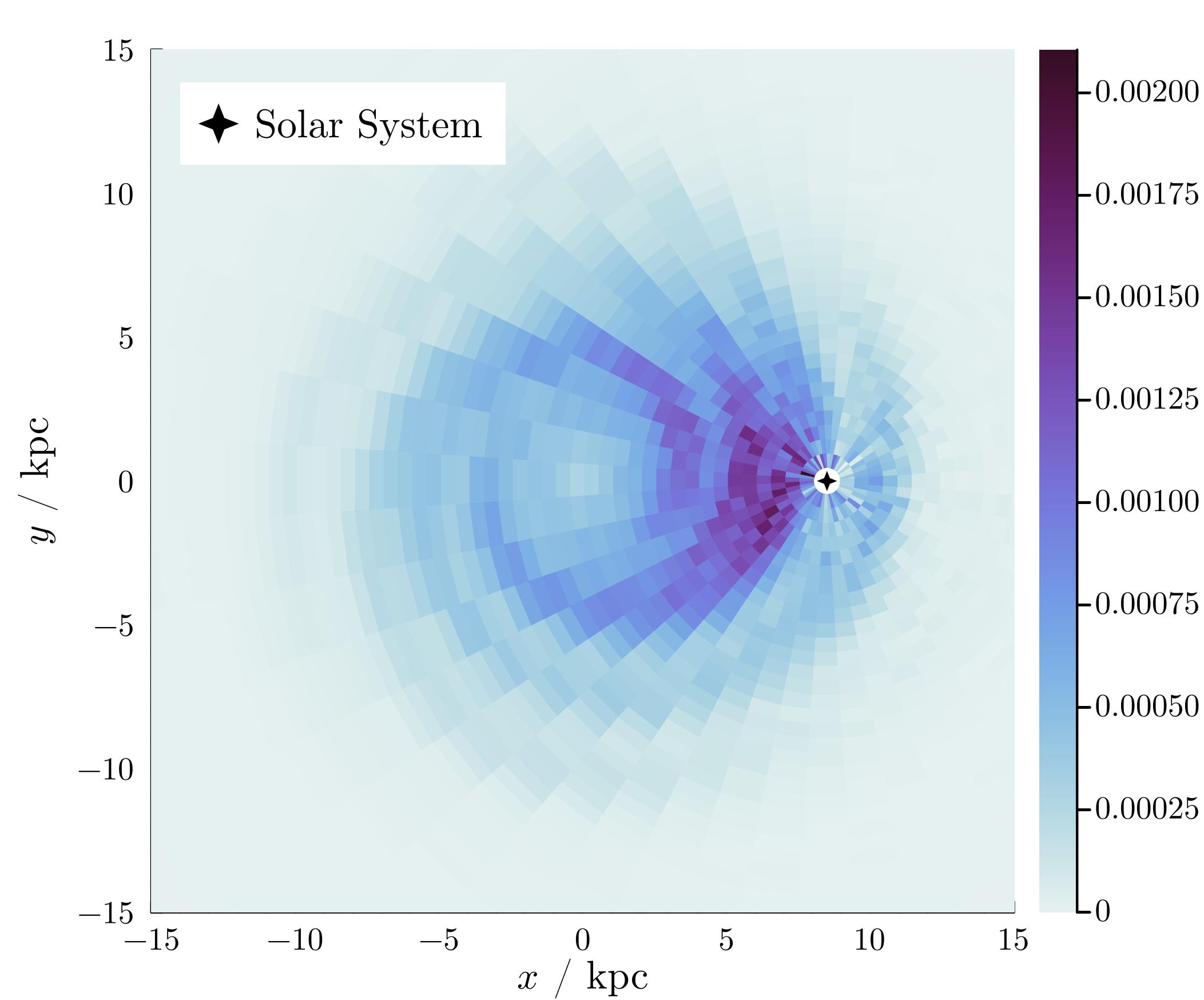
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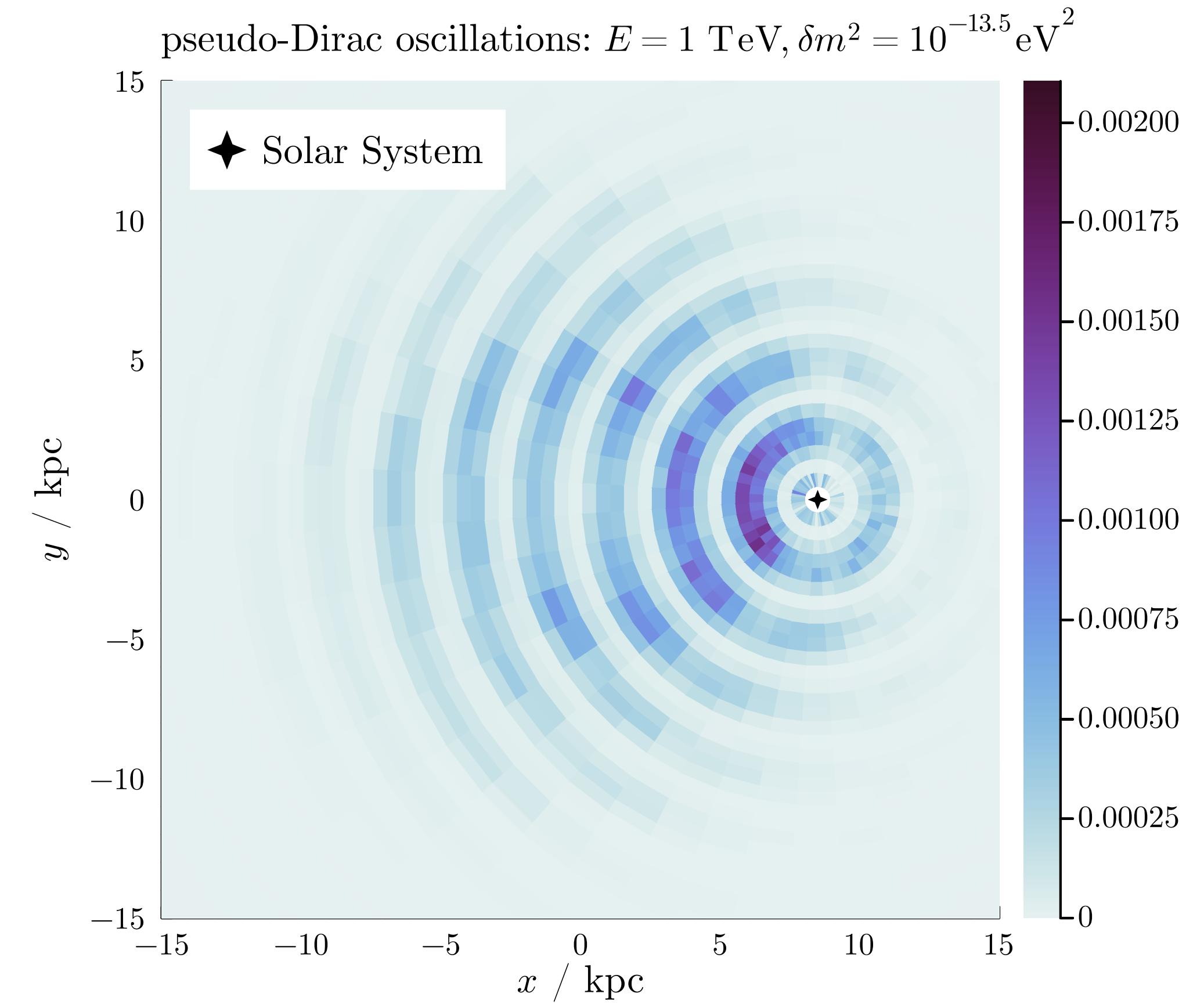
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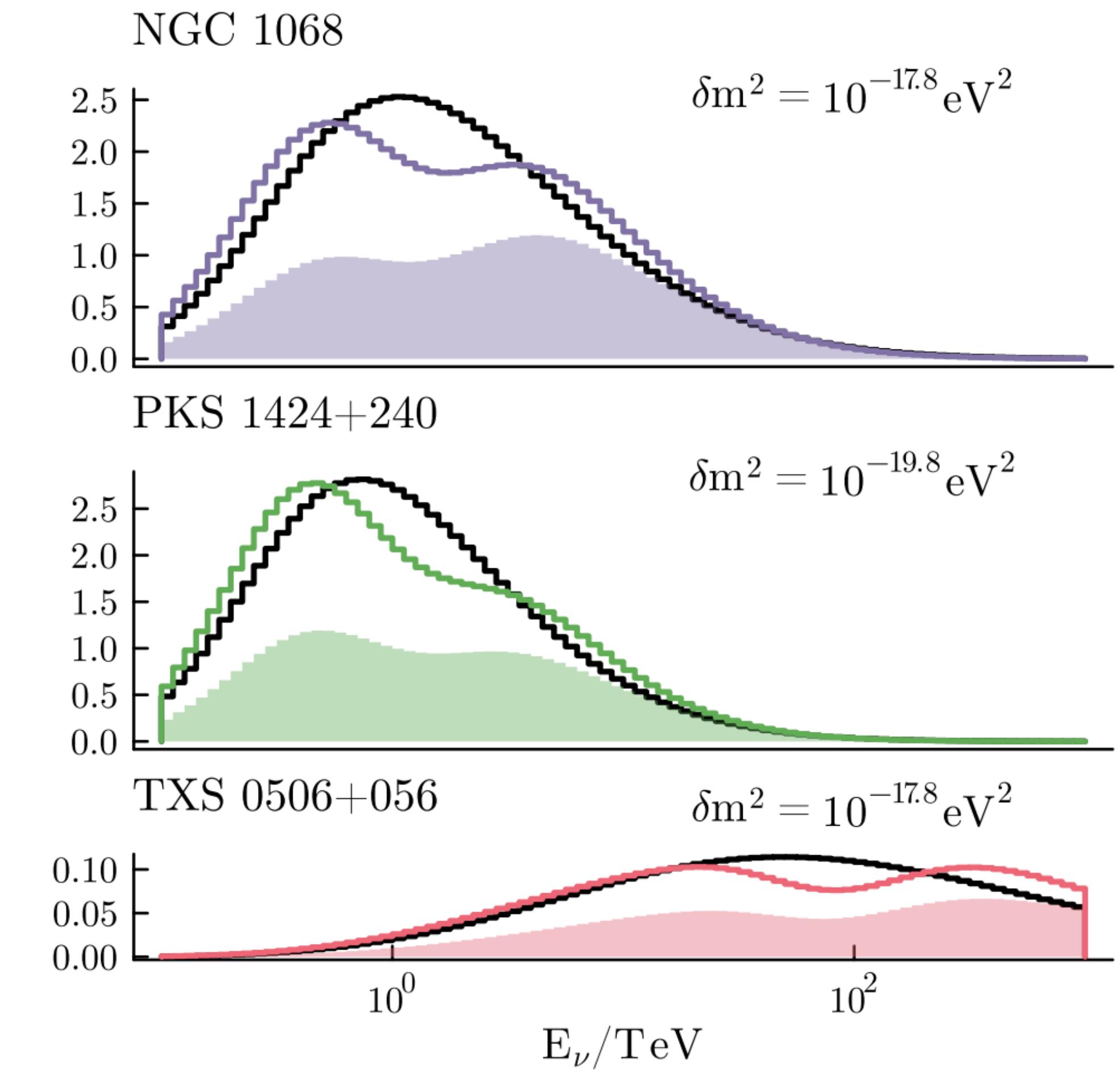
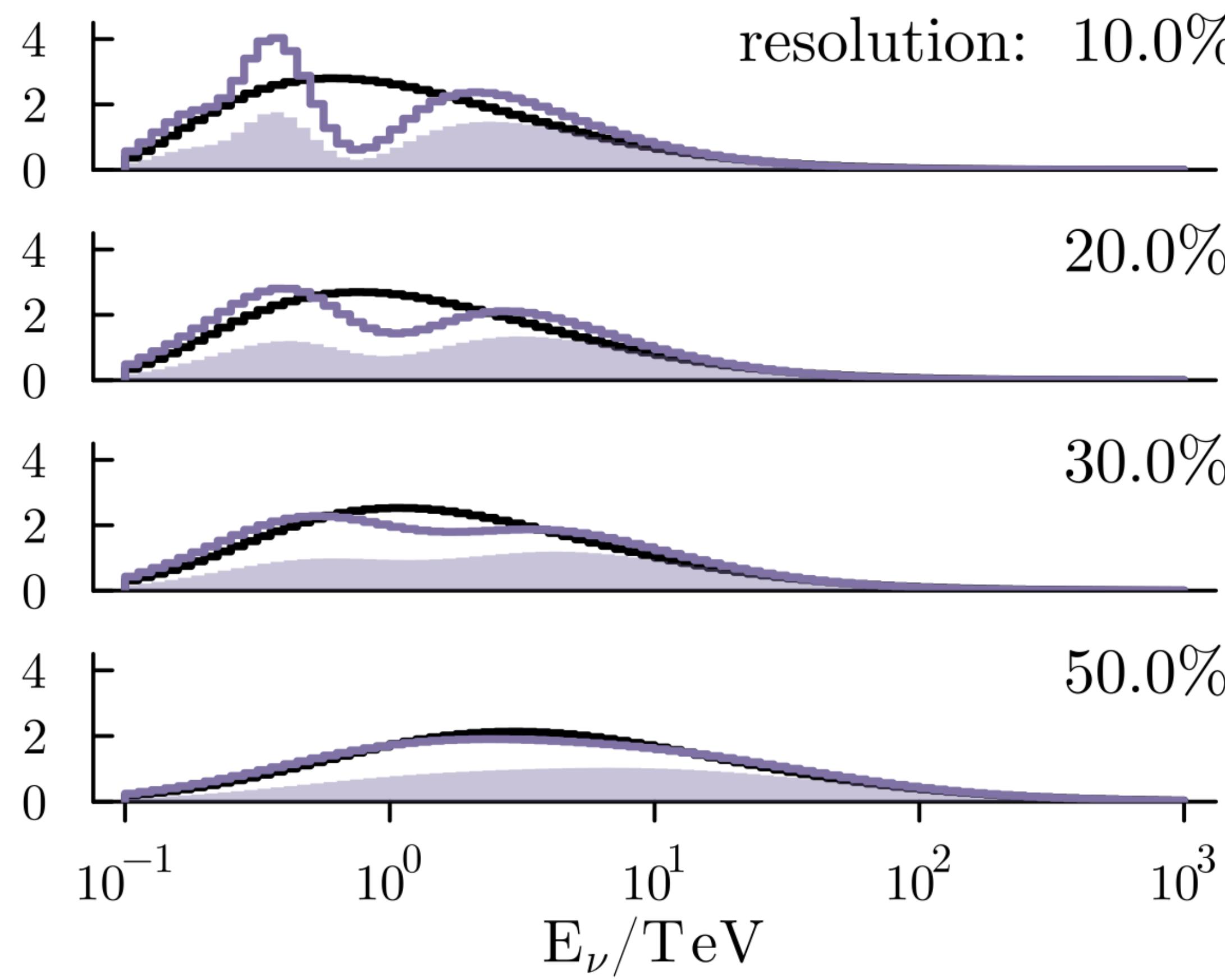
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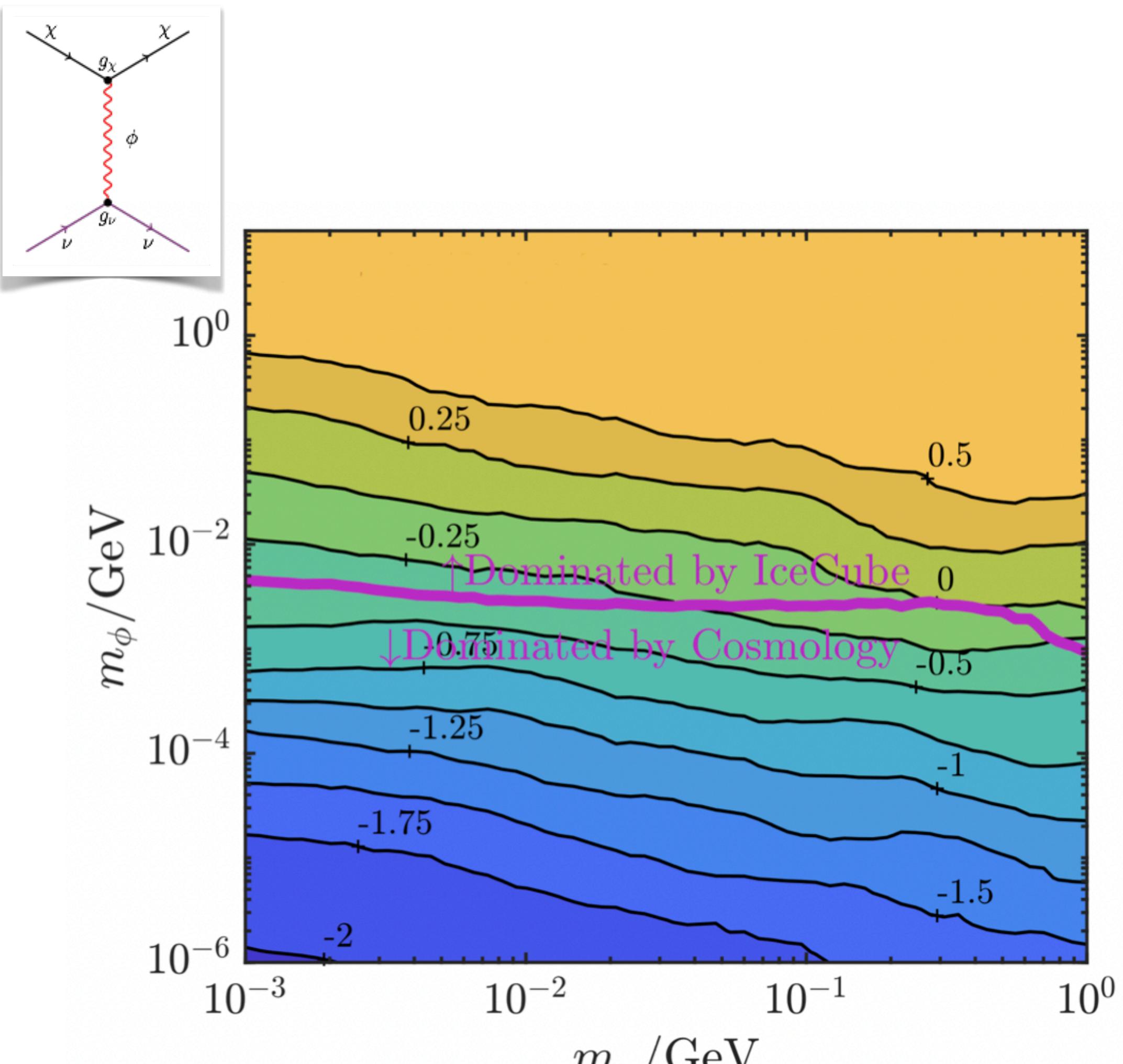
Pseudo-Dirac neutrinos can produce oscillations on  
galactic neutrinos for mass-squared-differences around  $10^{-13.5} \text{ eV}^2$ !

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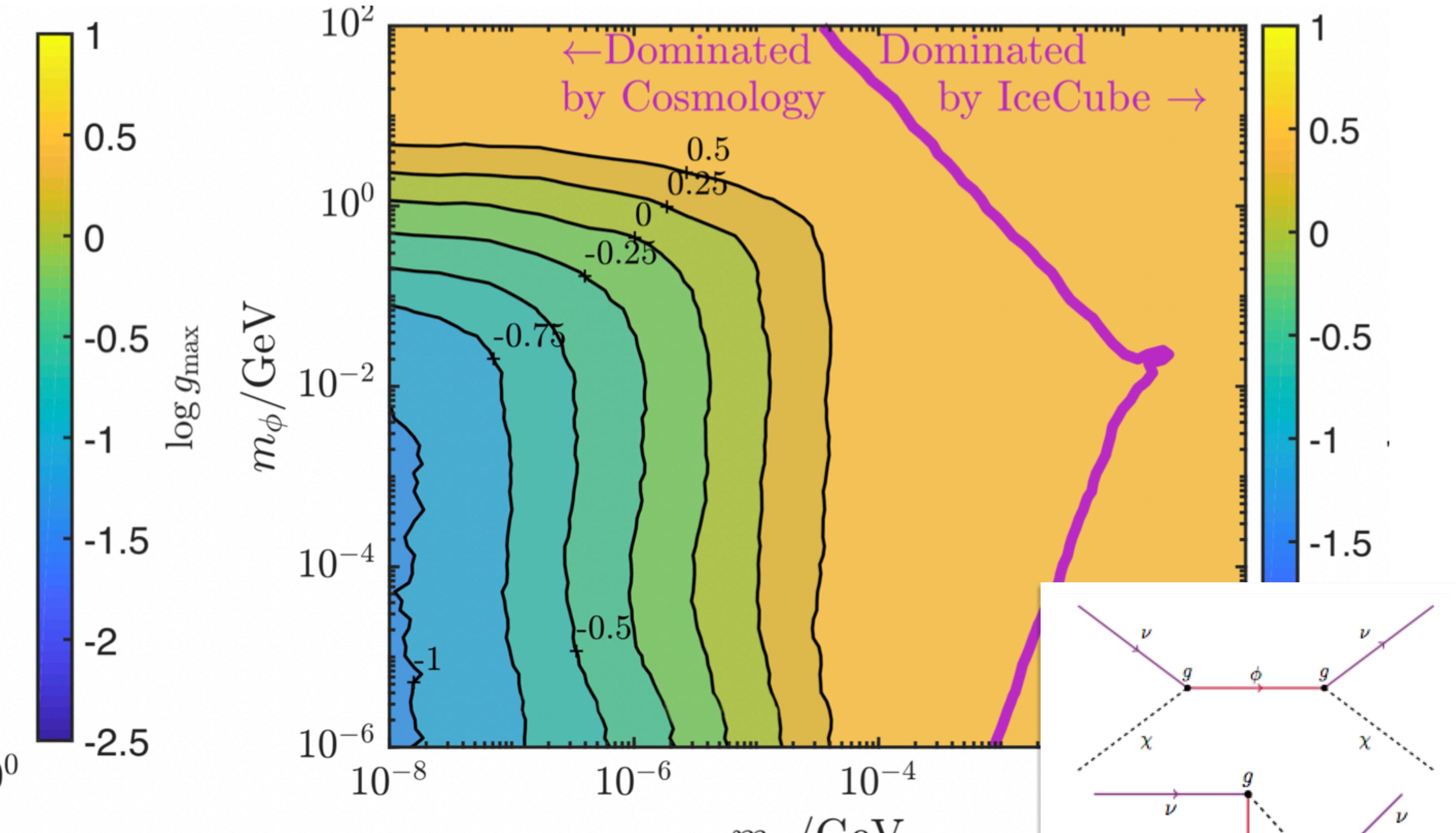
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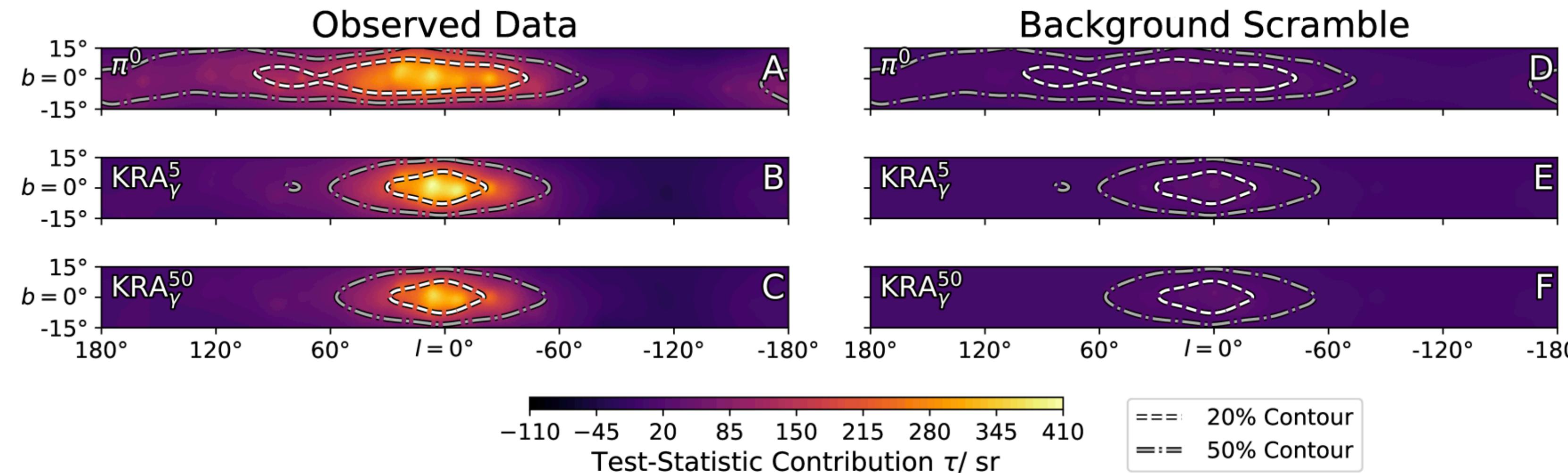
# Constraints on Dark Matter Neutrino Scattering



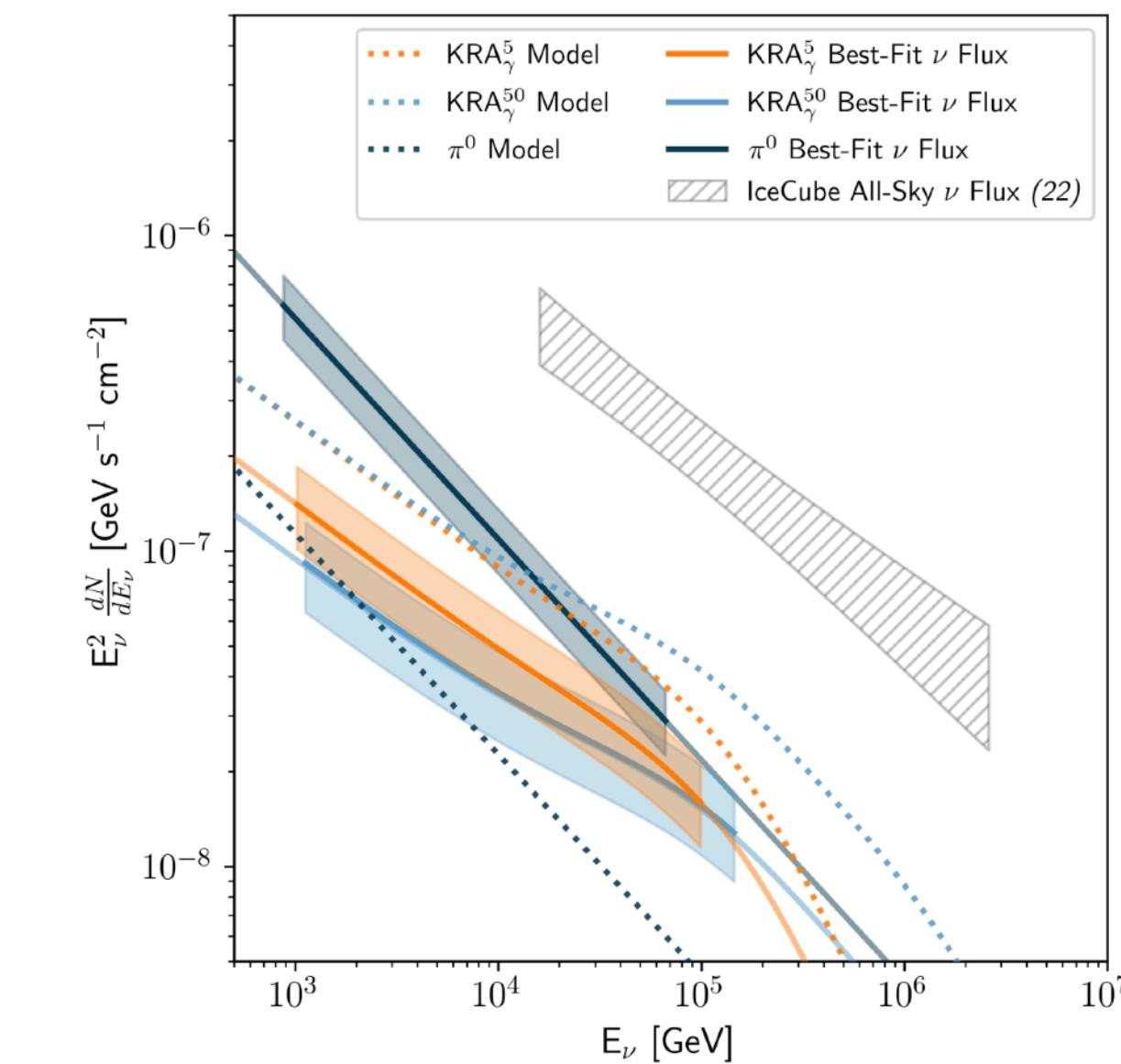
**Color scale is the maximum allowed coupling.**



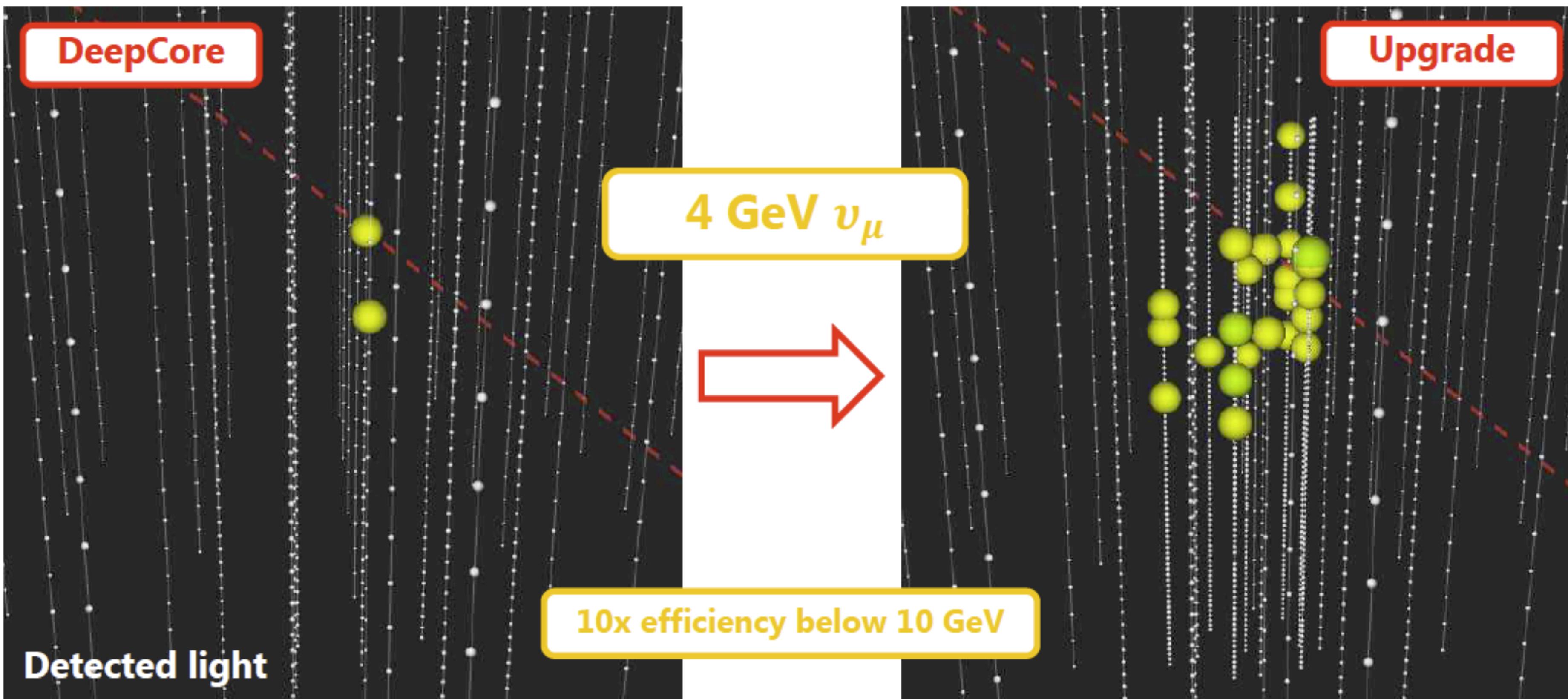
Cosmological bounds using Large Scale  
Structure from Escudero et al 2016



Diffuse Galactic plane analyses	Flux sensitivity $\Phi$	p-value	Best-fitting flux $\Phi$
$\pi^0$	$5.98$	$1.26 \times 10^{-6} (4.71\sigma)$	$21.8_{-4.9}^{+5.3}$
$KRA_\gamma^5$	$0.16 \times \text{MF}$	$6.13 \times 10^{-6} (4.37\sigma)$	$0.55_{-0.15}^{+0.18} \times \text{MF}$
$KRA_\gamma^{50}$	$0.11 \times \text{MF}$	$3.72 \times 10^{-5} (3.96\sigma)$	$0.37_{-0.11}^{+0.13} \times \text{MF}$
Catalog stacking analyses		p-value	
SNR		$5.90 \times 10^{-4} (3.24\sigma)^*$	
PWN		$5.93 \times 10^{-4} (3.24\sigma)^*$	
UNID		$3.39 \times 10^{-4} (3.40\sigma)^*$	

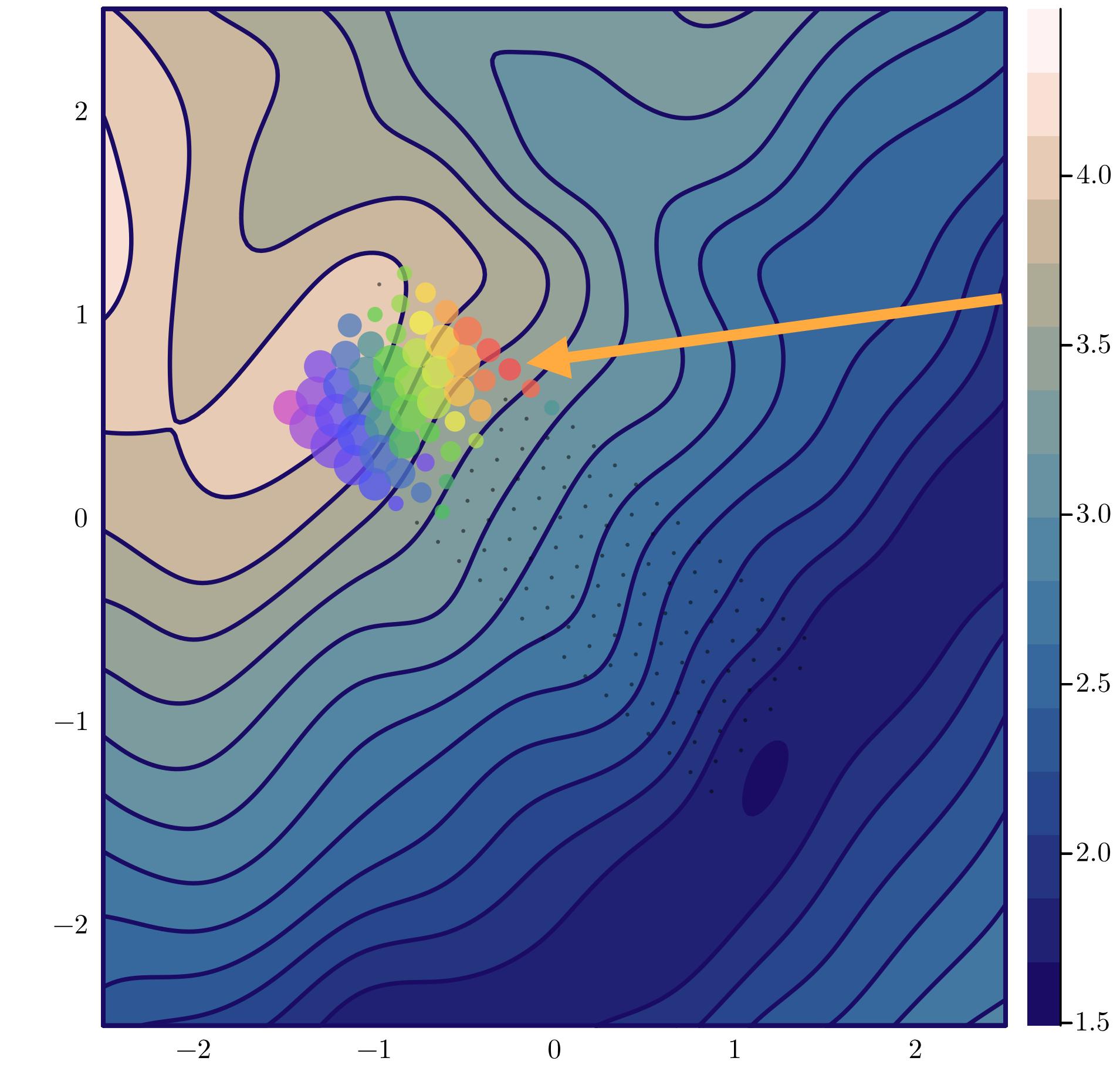
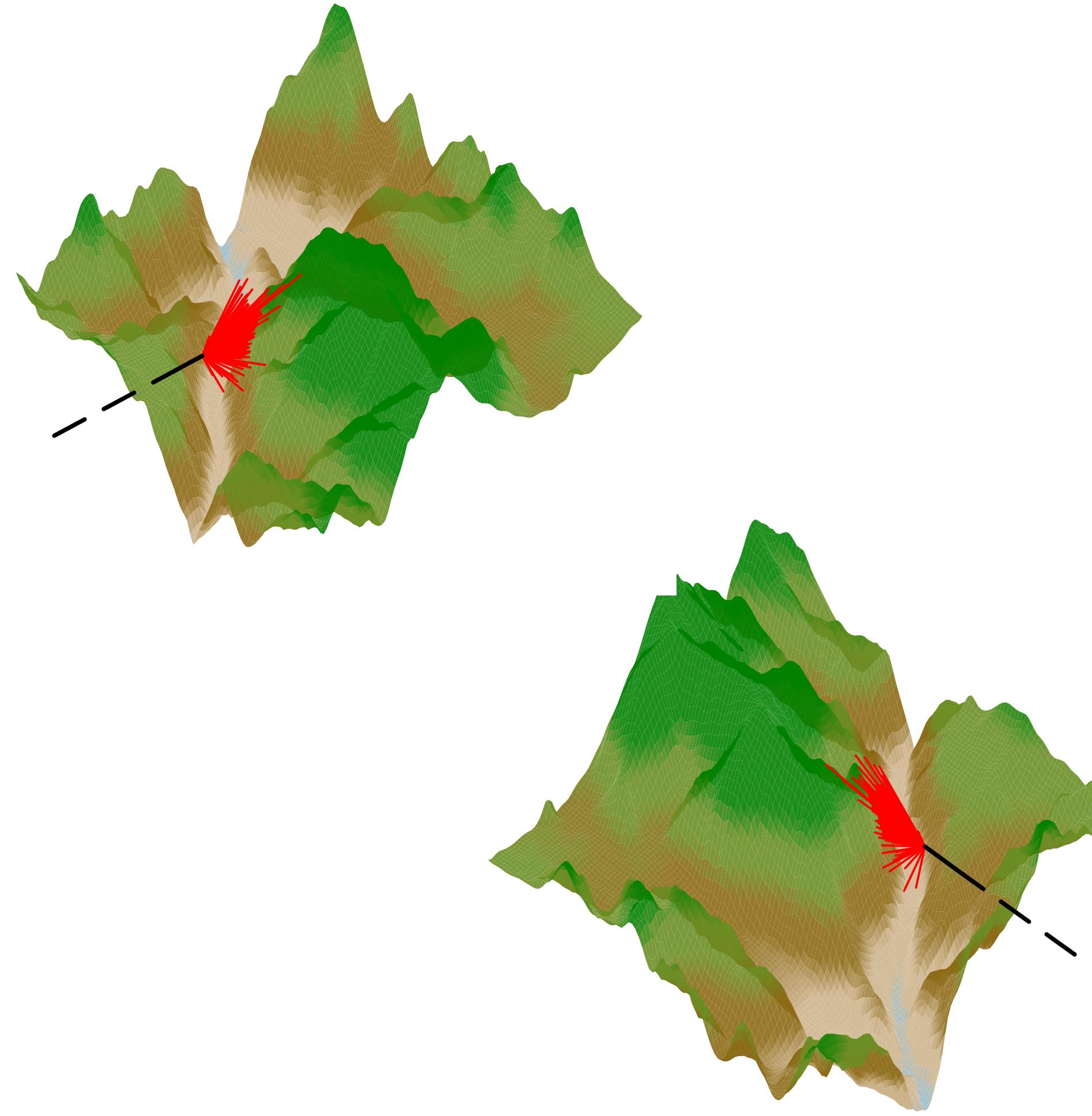


# Improved light-collection for low-energy events



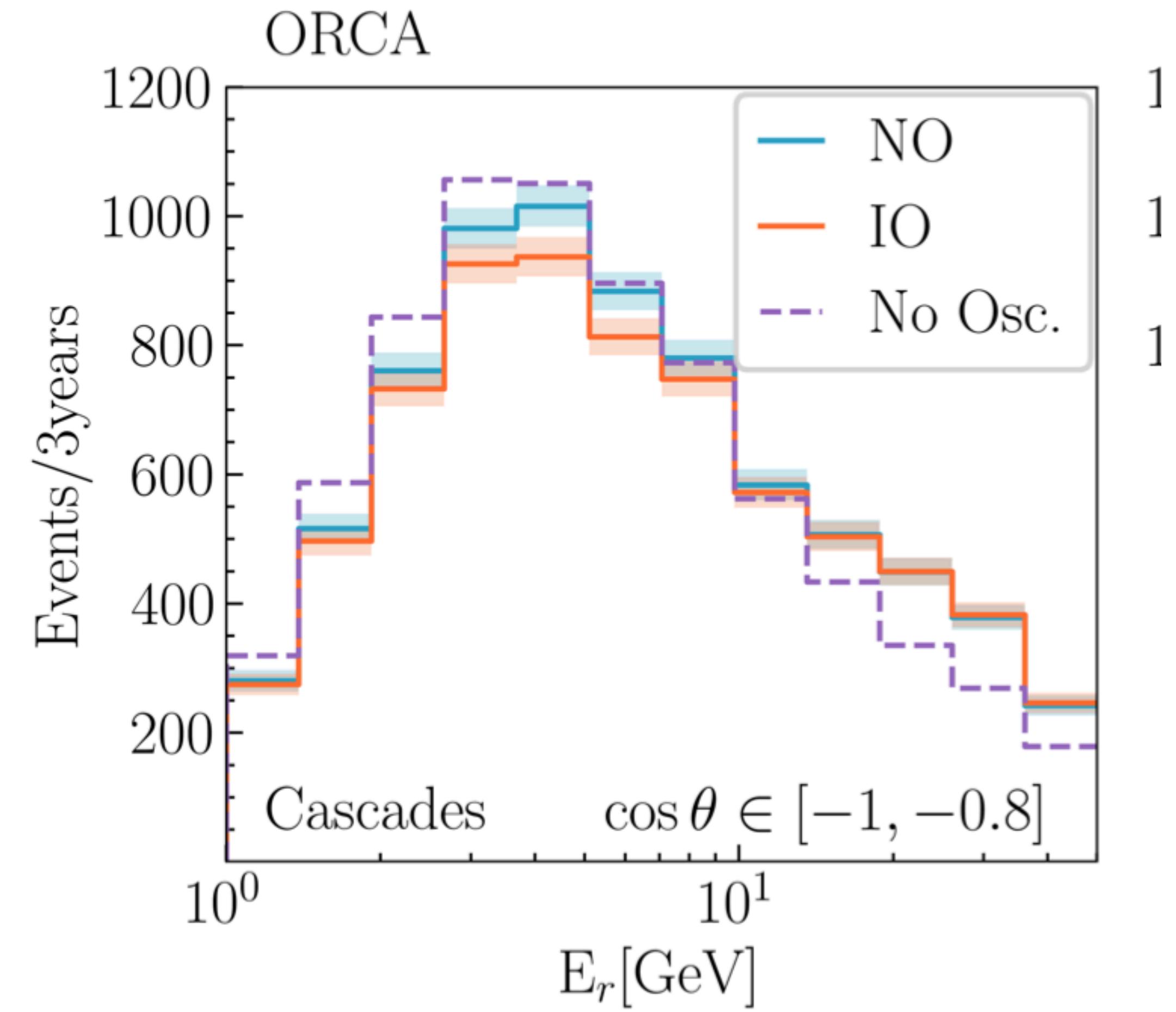
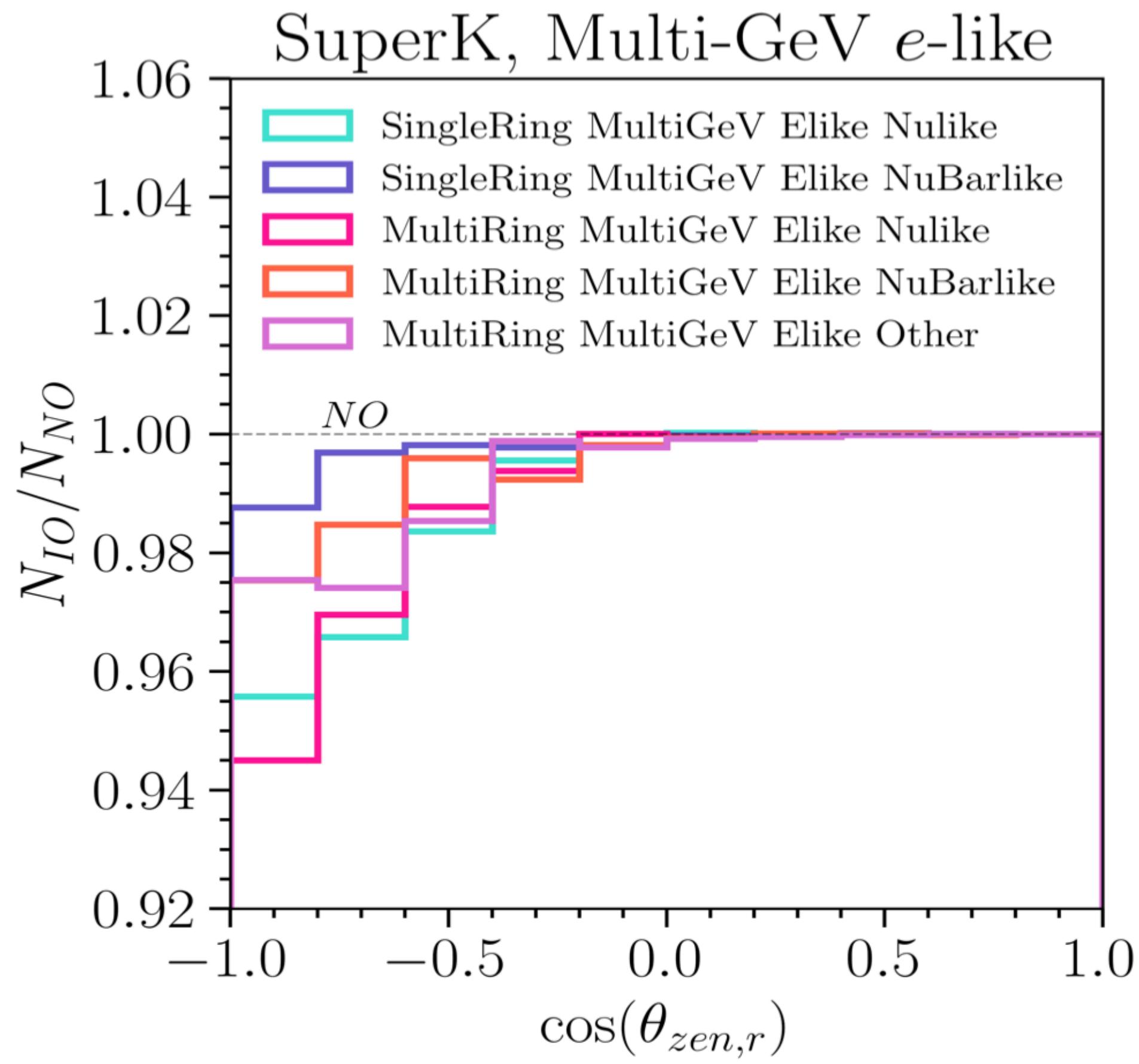
\*DeepCore (shown on the left) is the current low-energy extension of IceCube

# How would these events look like?

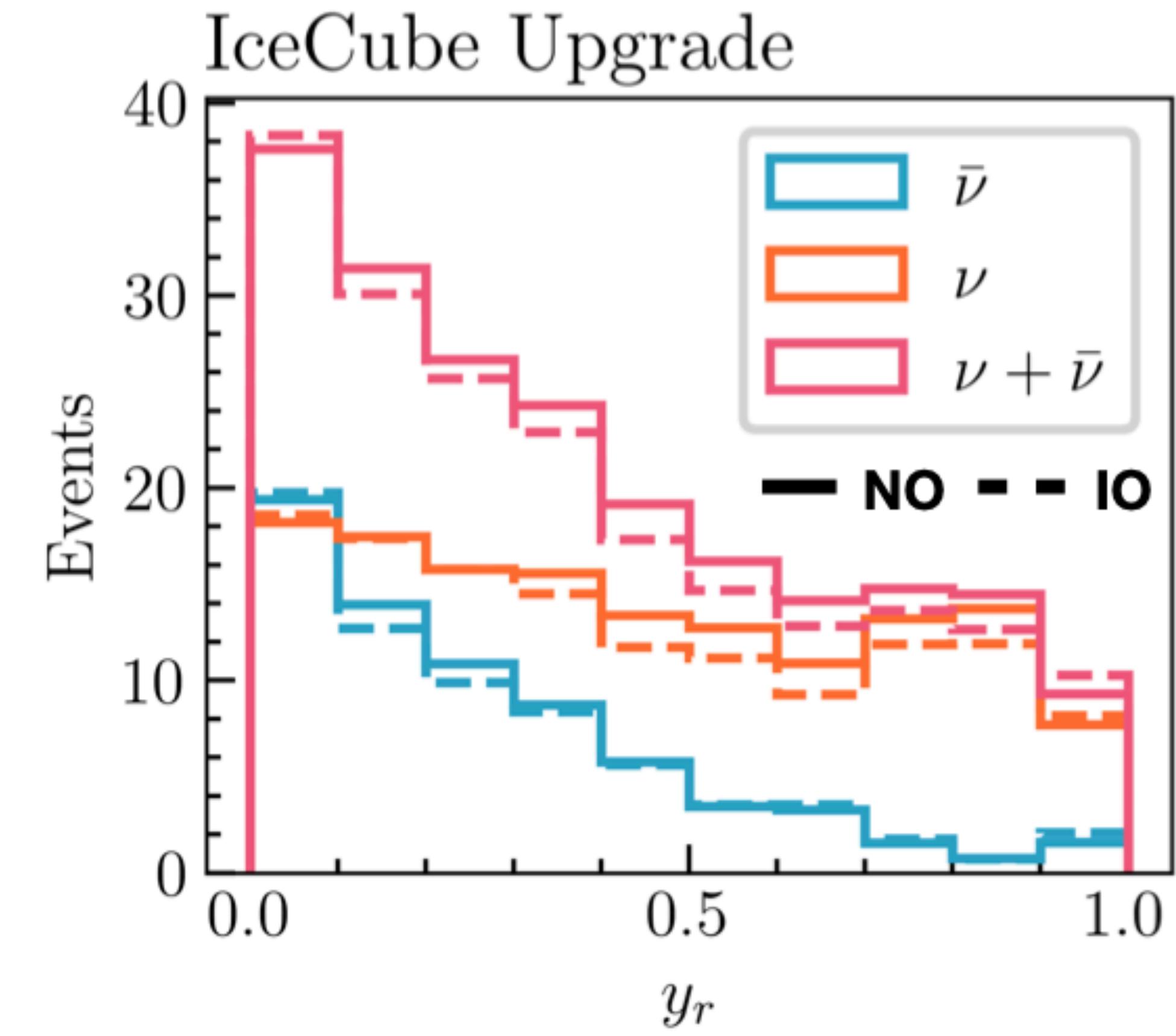
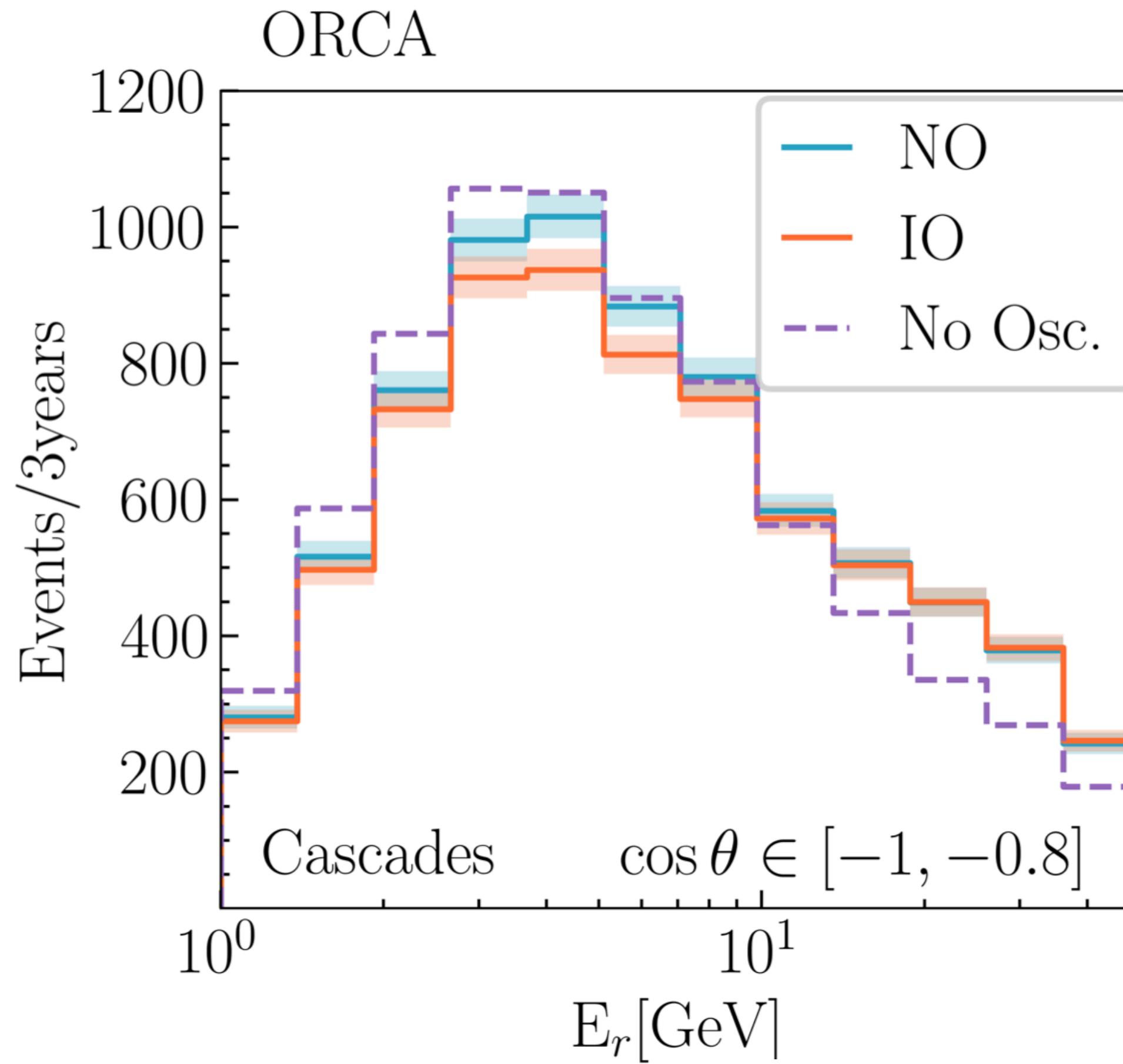


Figures possible by the amazing simulation work done by Jeff Lazar, Pavel Zhelnin, and William Thompson

# Atmospheric neutrino distributions



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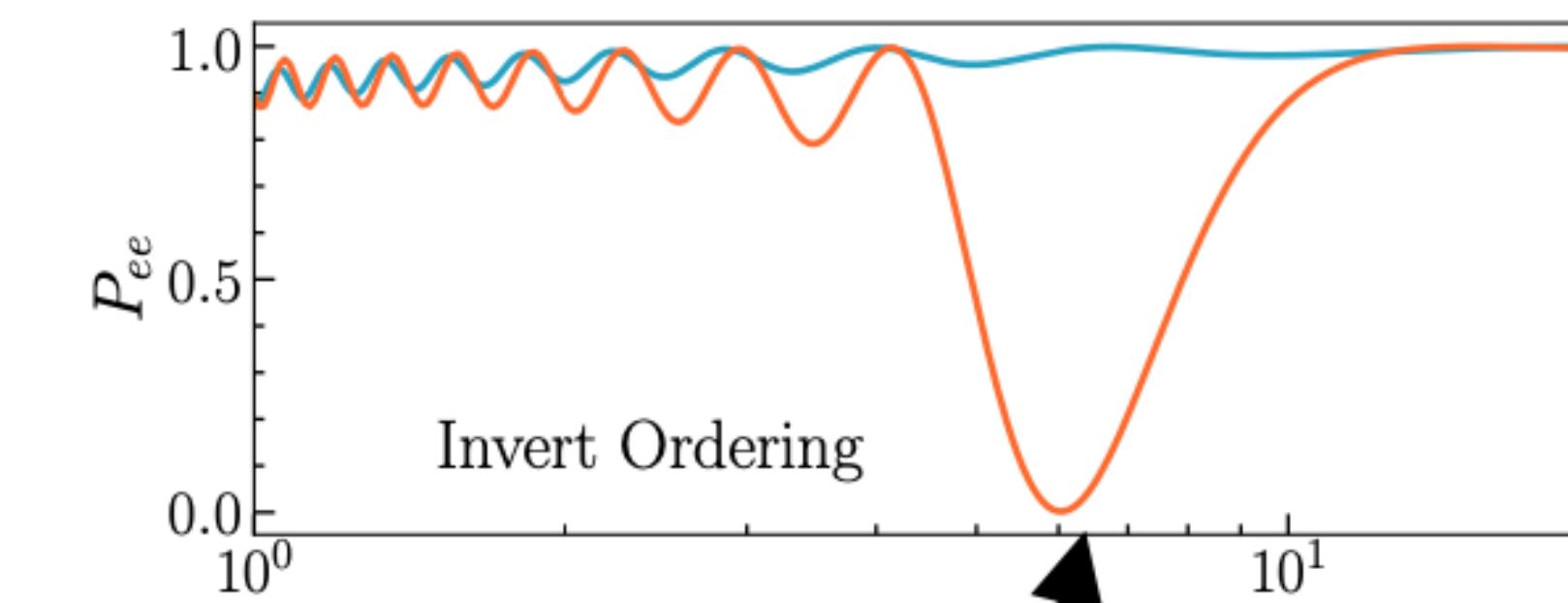
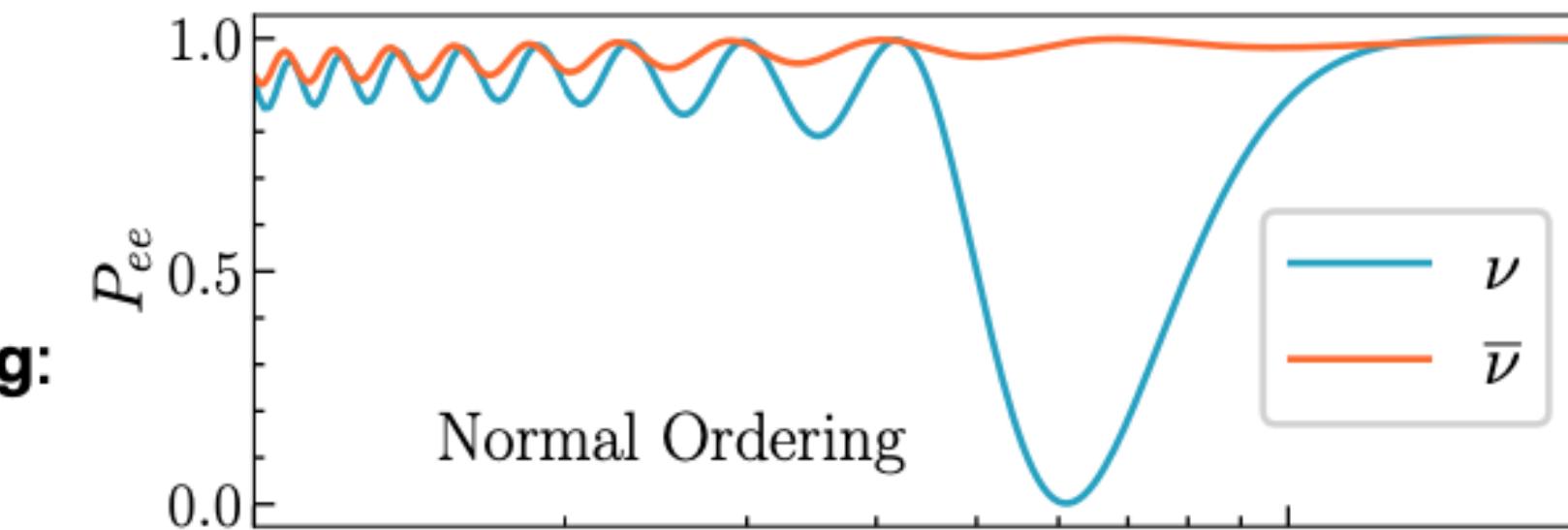
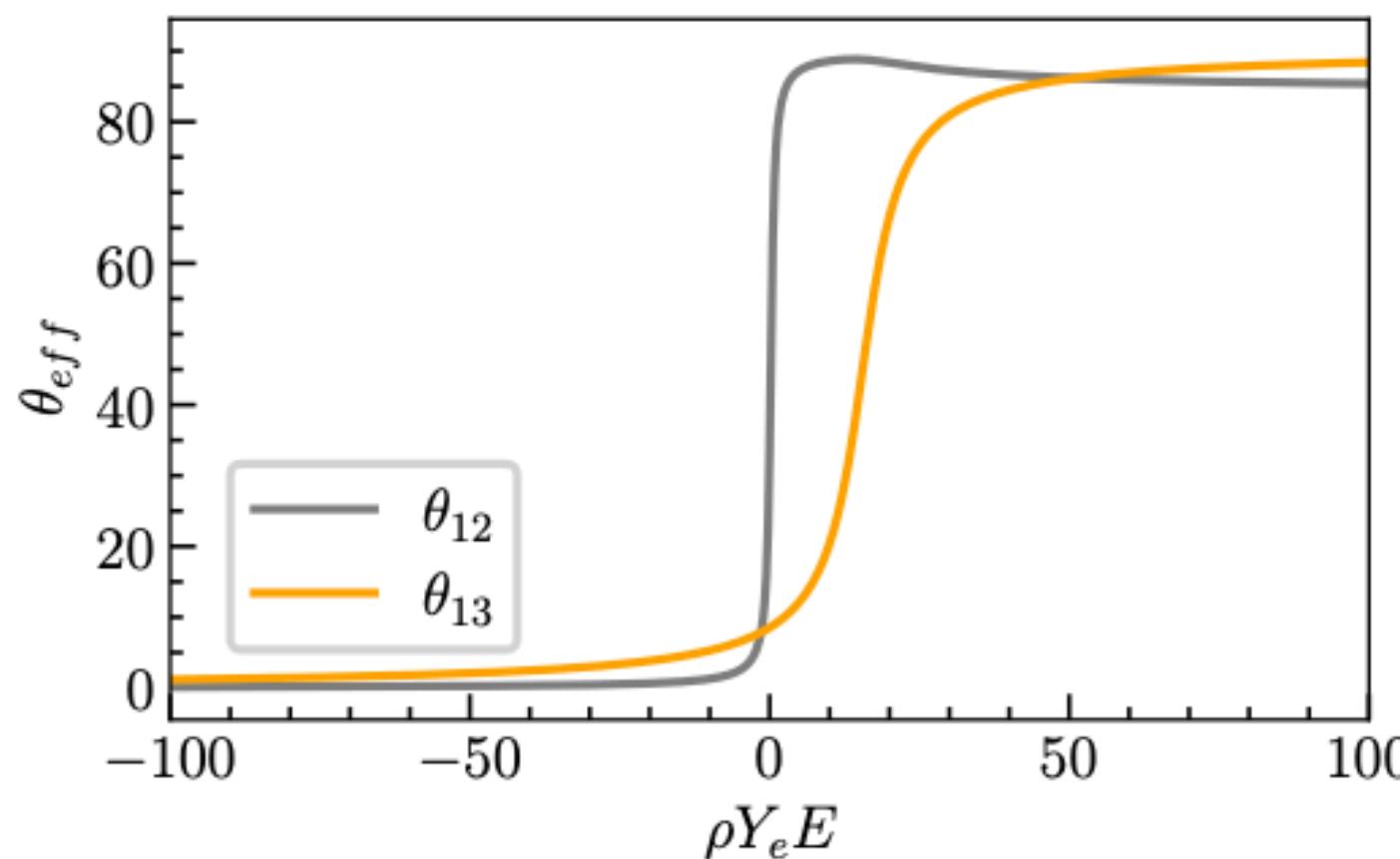
The **sensitivity** to the ordering is dominated by the cascades crossing the core in IC-upgrade and ORCA around the GeV.

# Atmospheric neutrino oscillation probabilities

## Multi-GeV

At the **GeV scale**, trajectories crossing the mantle experience an **MSW resonance**, making neutrinos sensitive to the **mass ordering**:

- The matter effect enhances the oscillation of neutrinos (anti-neutrinos) for NO (IO)



The enhancement of  $\theta_{13}^{eff}$  lead to a deep  
in  $P_{ee}$  for  $\nu$  ( $\bar{\nu}$ ) for NO (IO)

[Palomares-Ruiz and Petcov, NPB 712 \(2005\)](#)

[Akhmedov, Maltoni and Smirnov, JHEP 05 \(2007\)](#)