

# IceCube Physics Results

*Studying Neutrinos from the South Pole*

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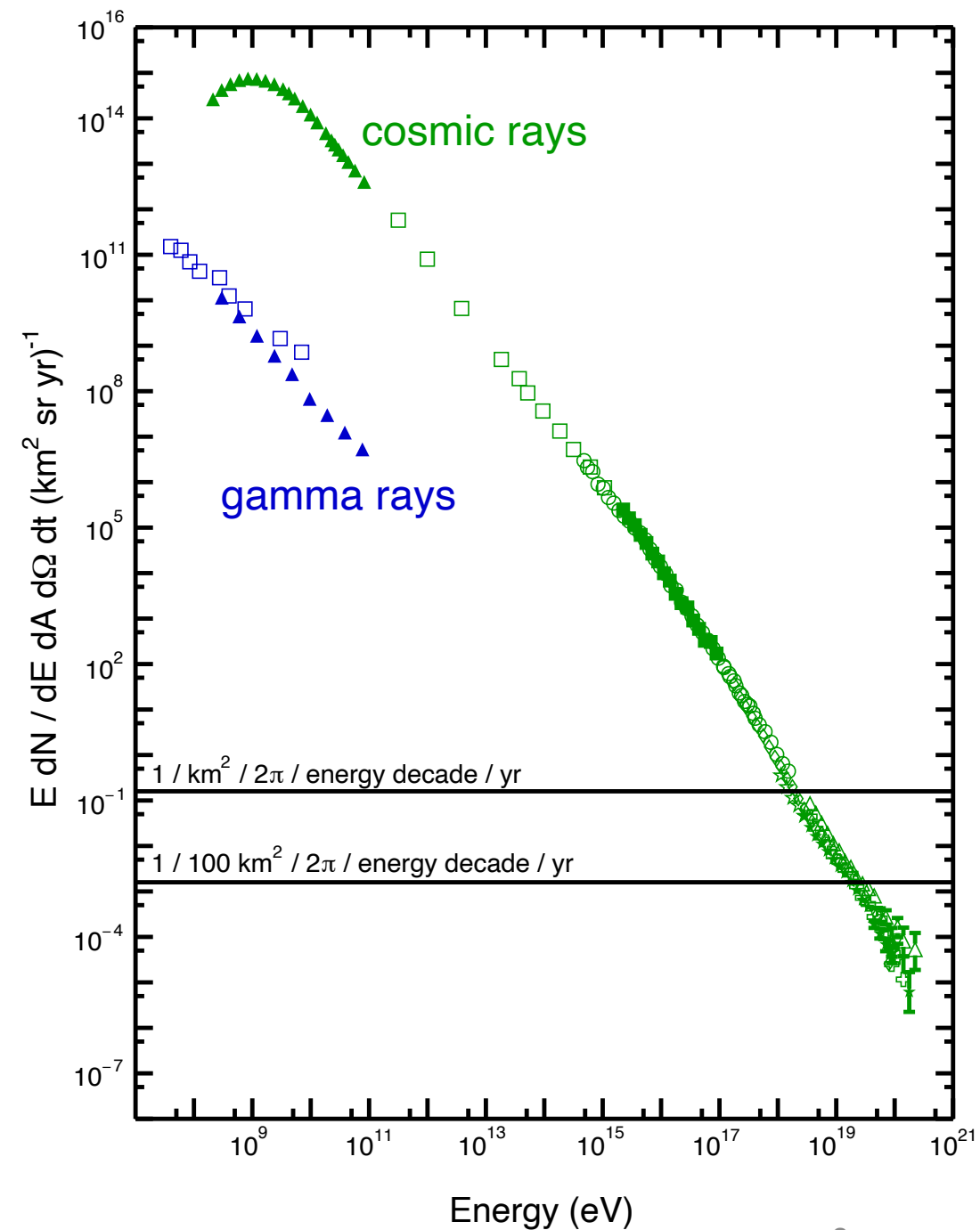
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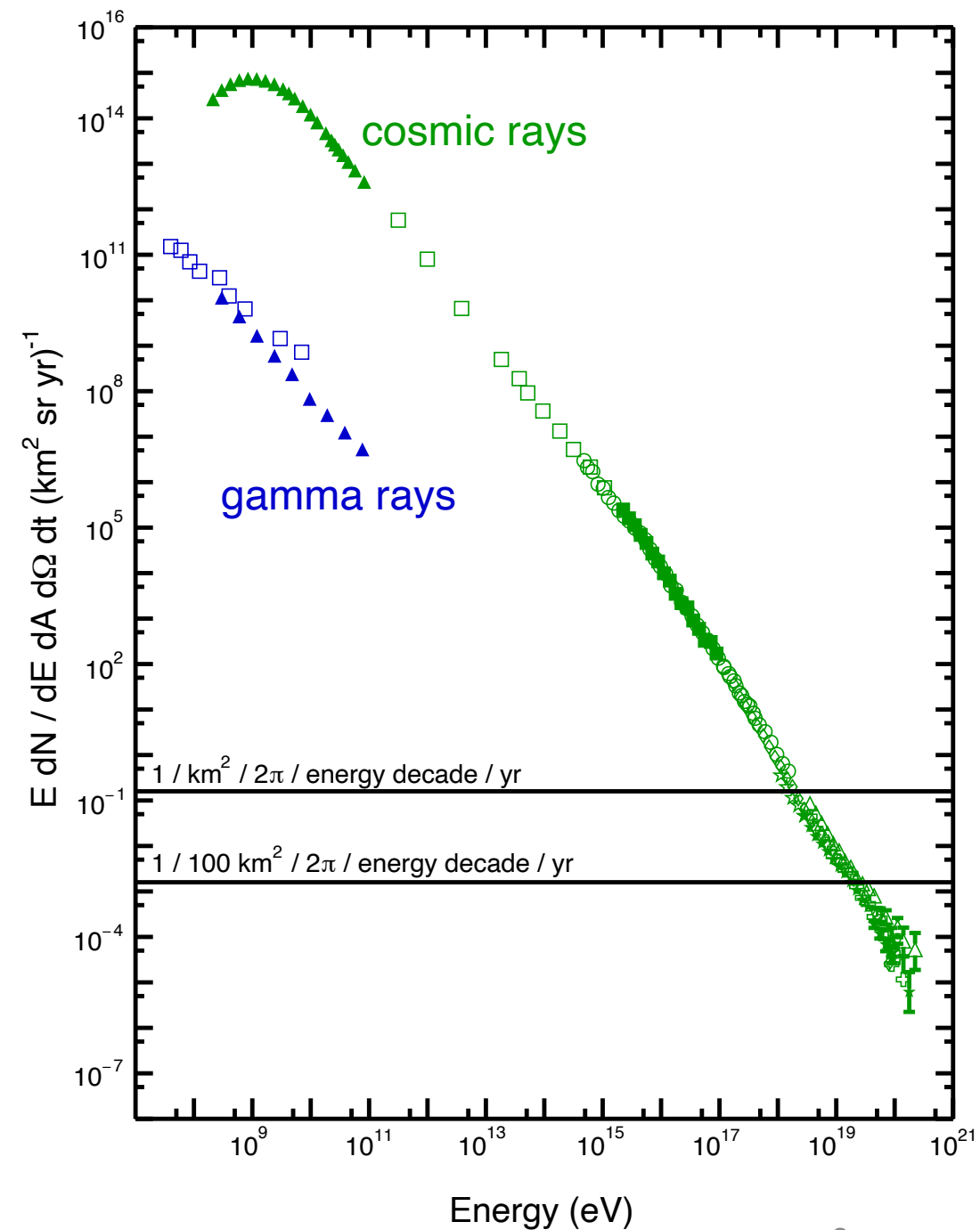


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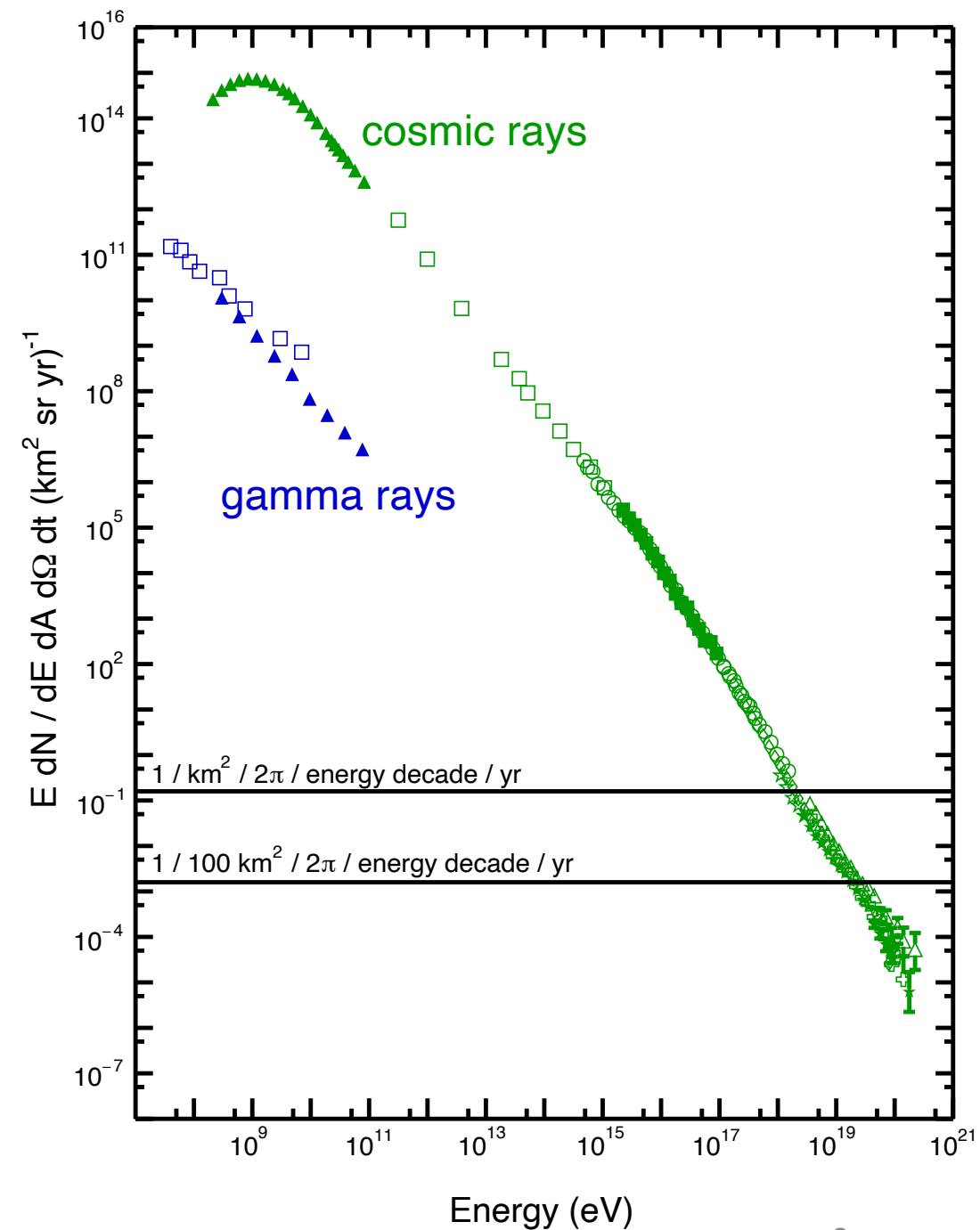
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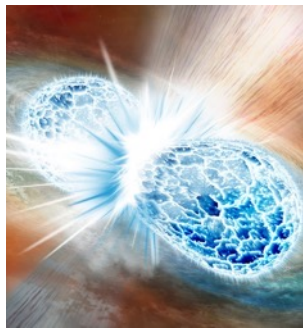
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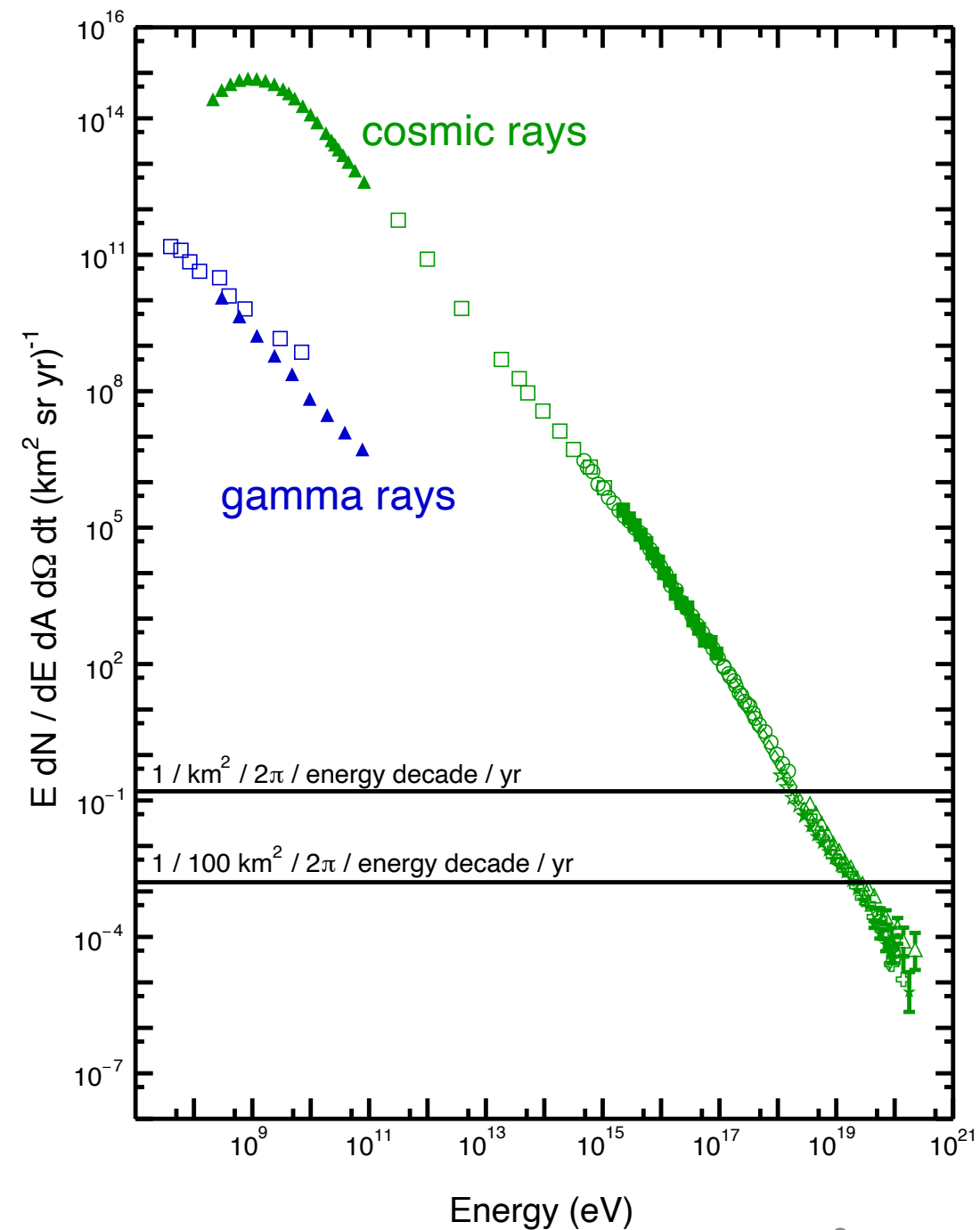
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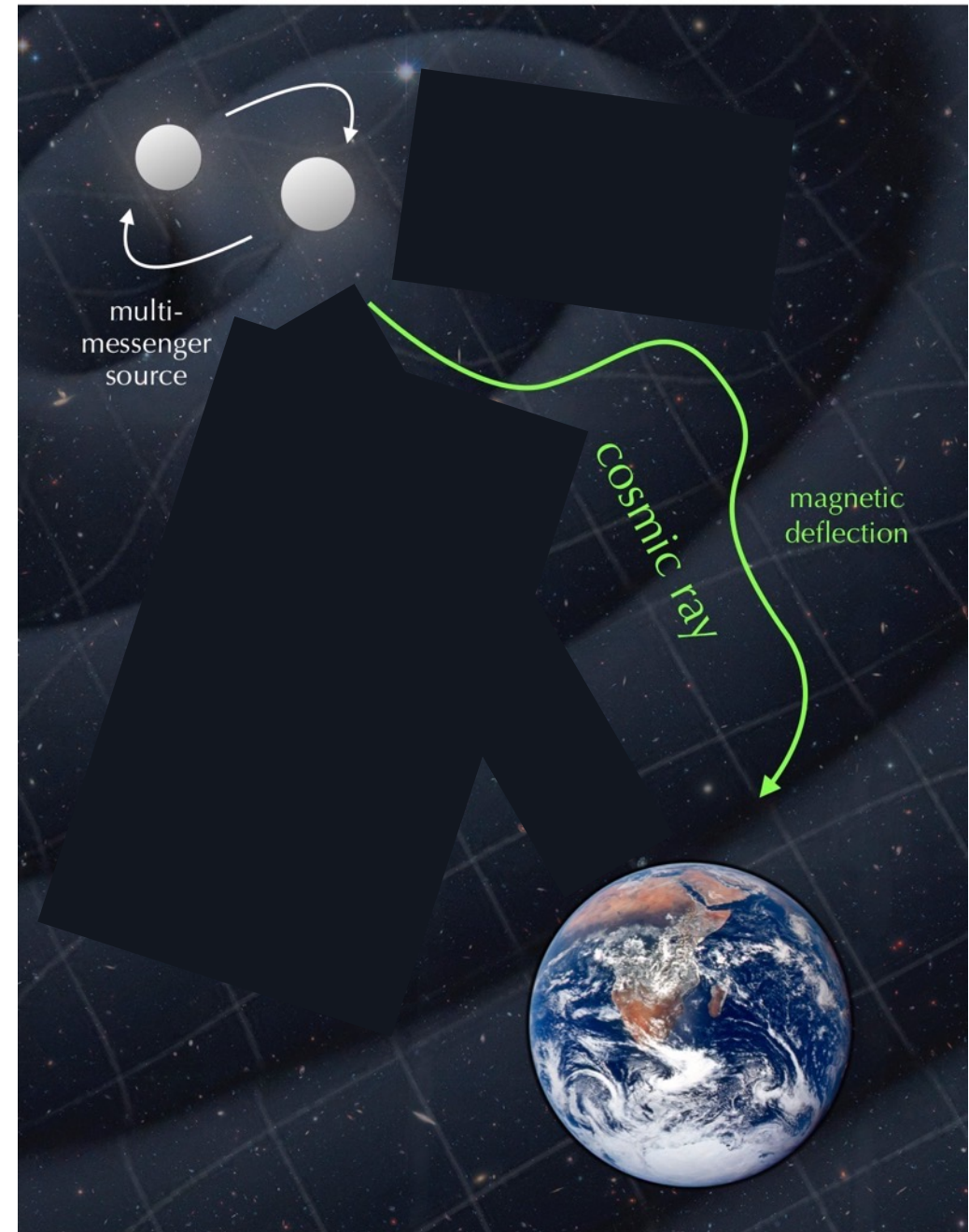
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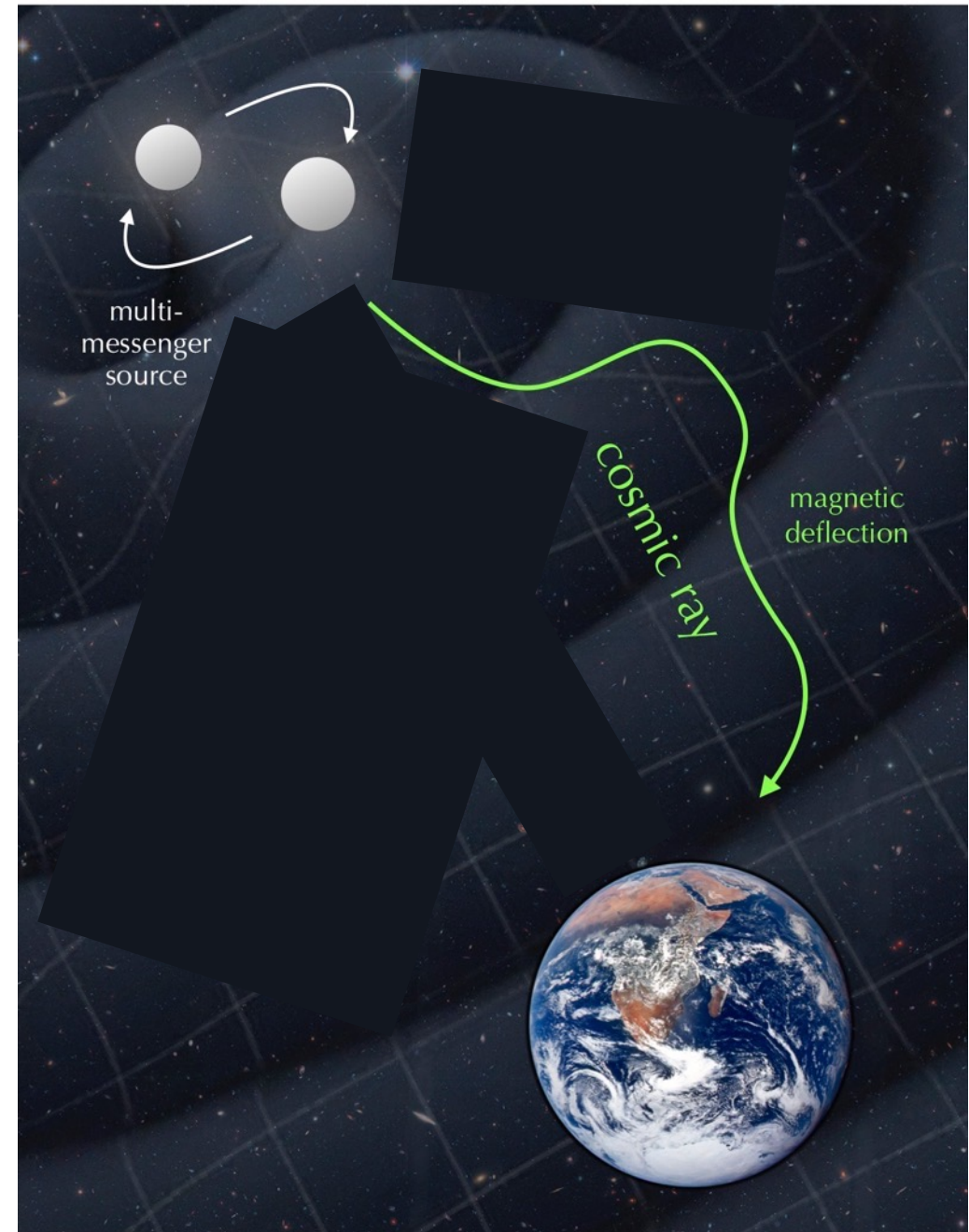
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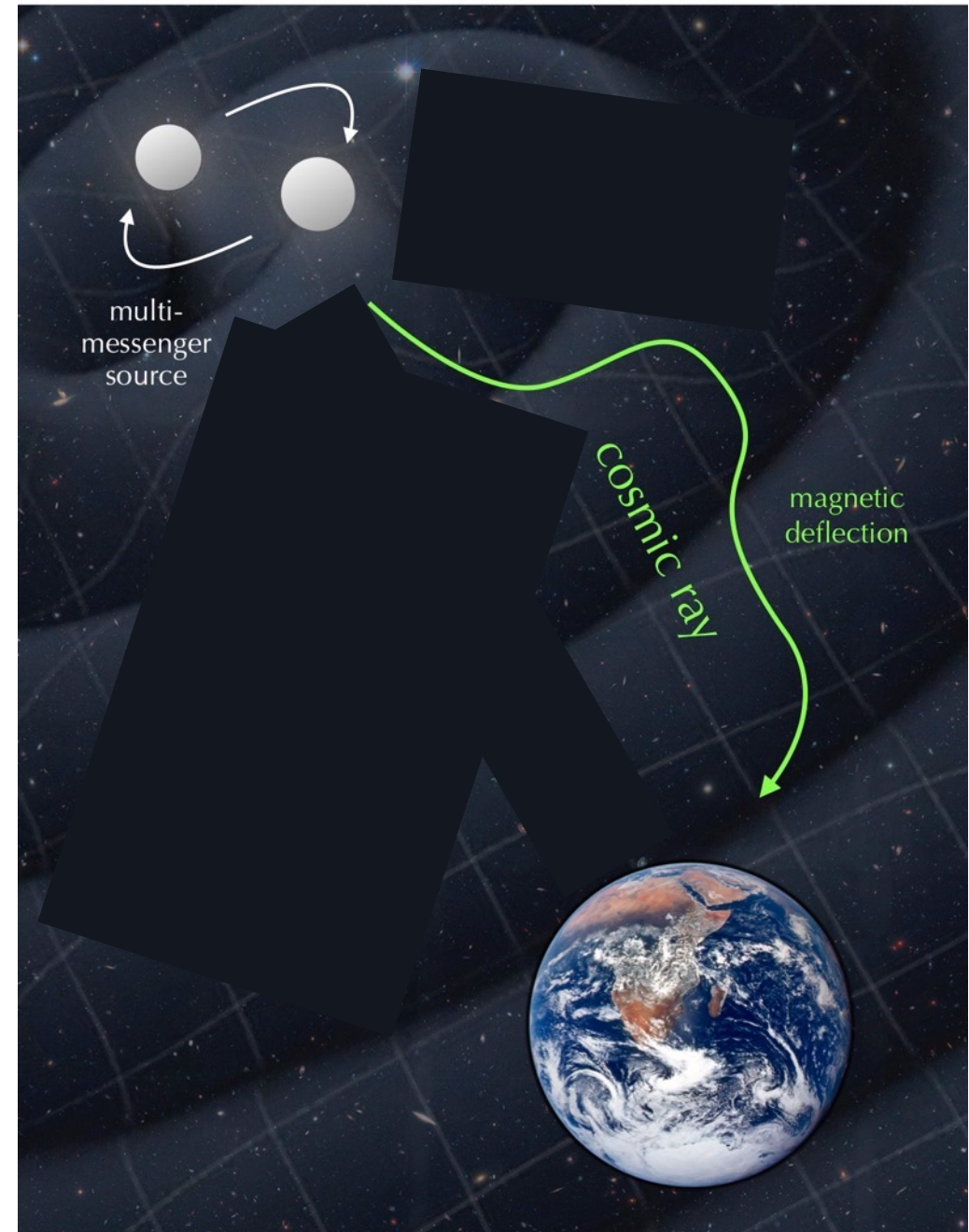
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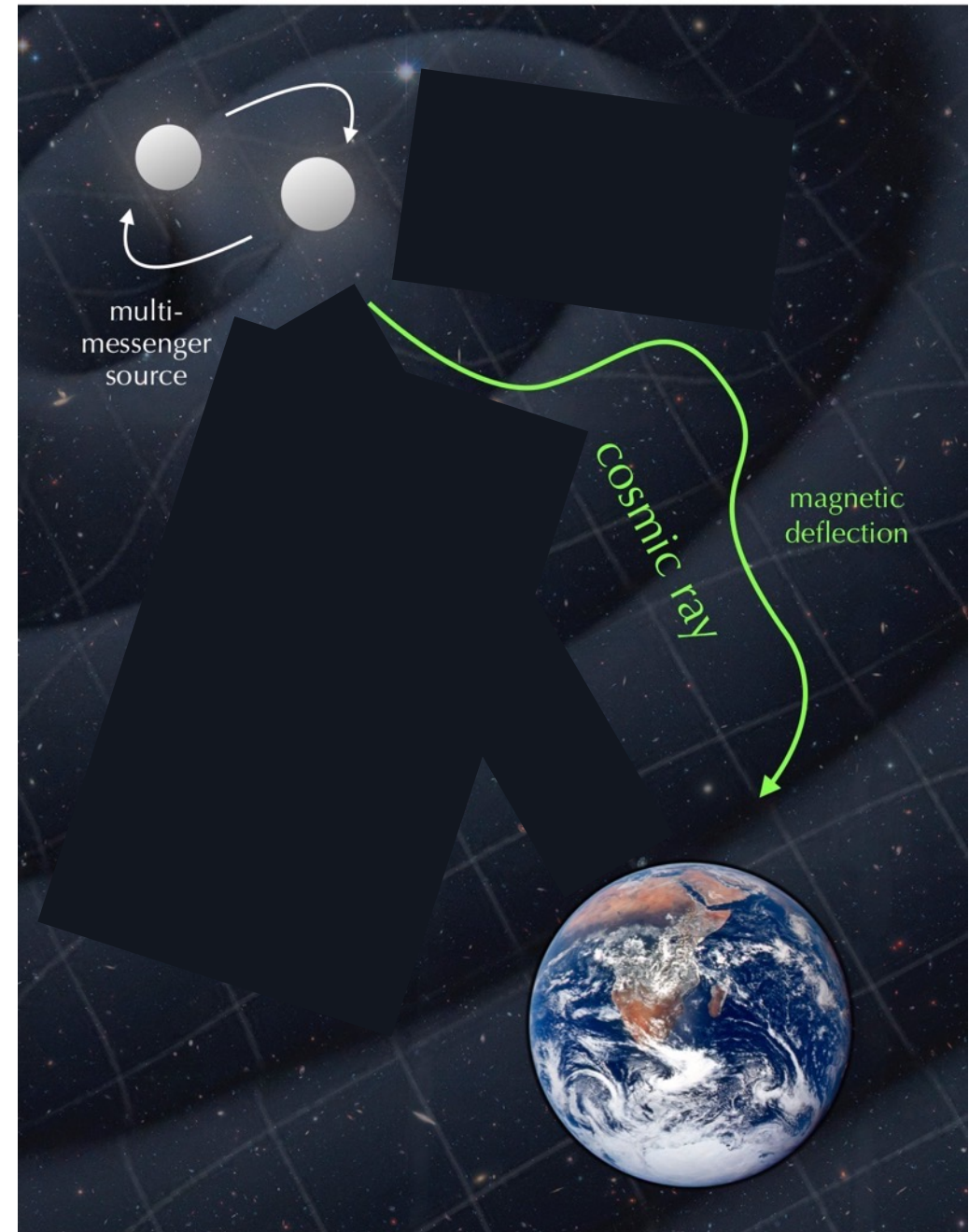
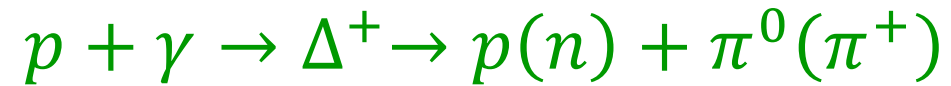
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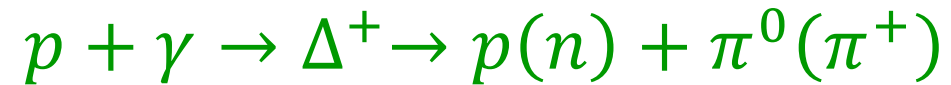
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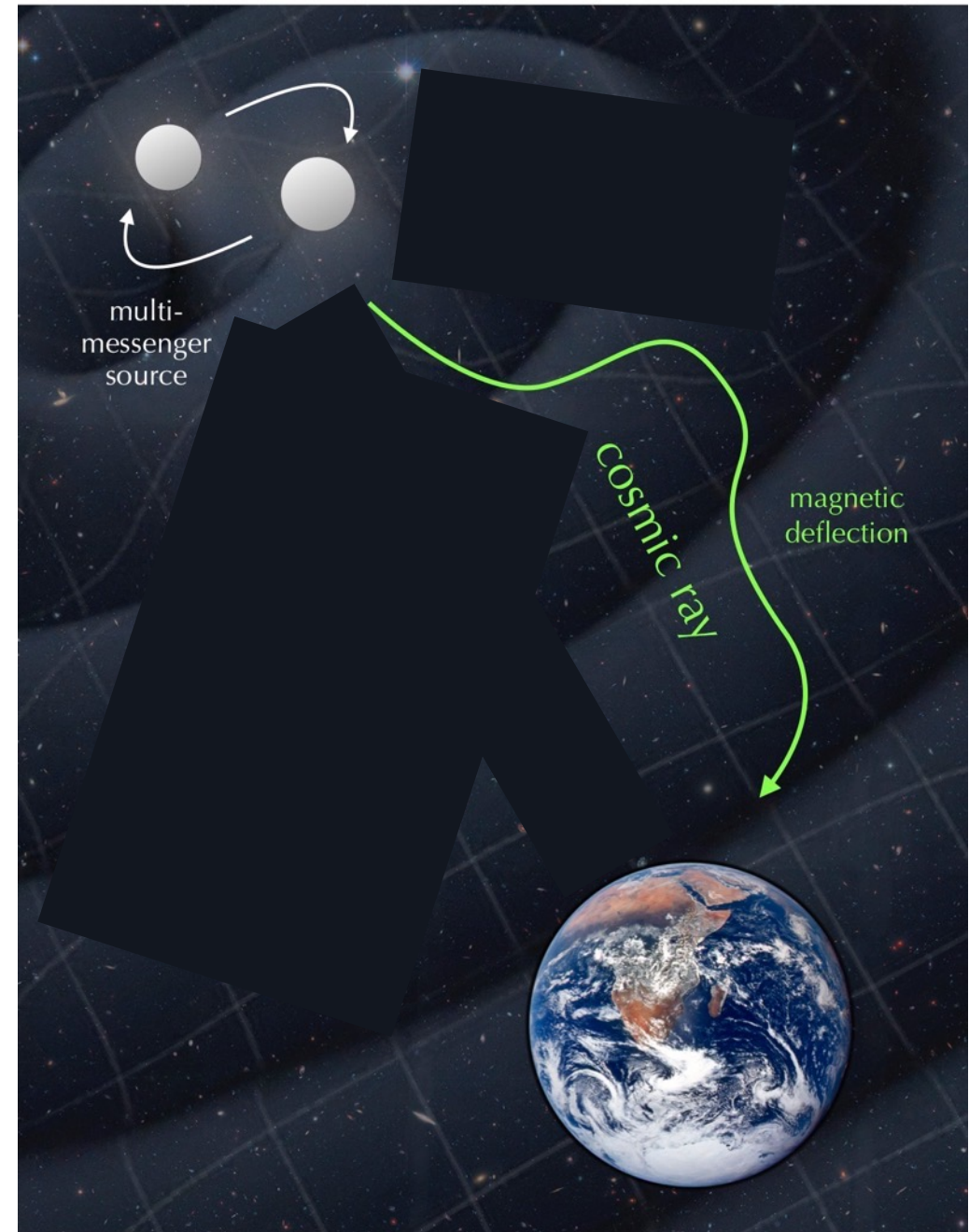
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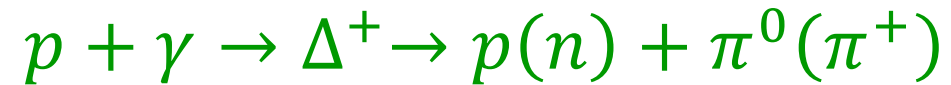
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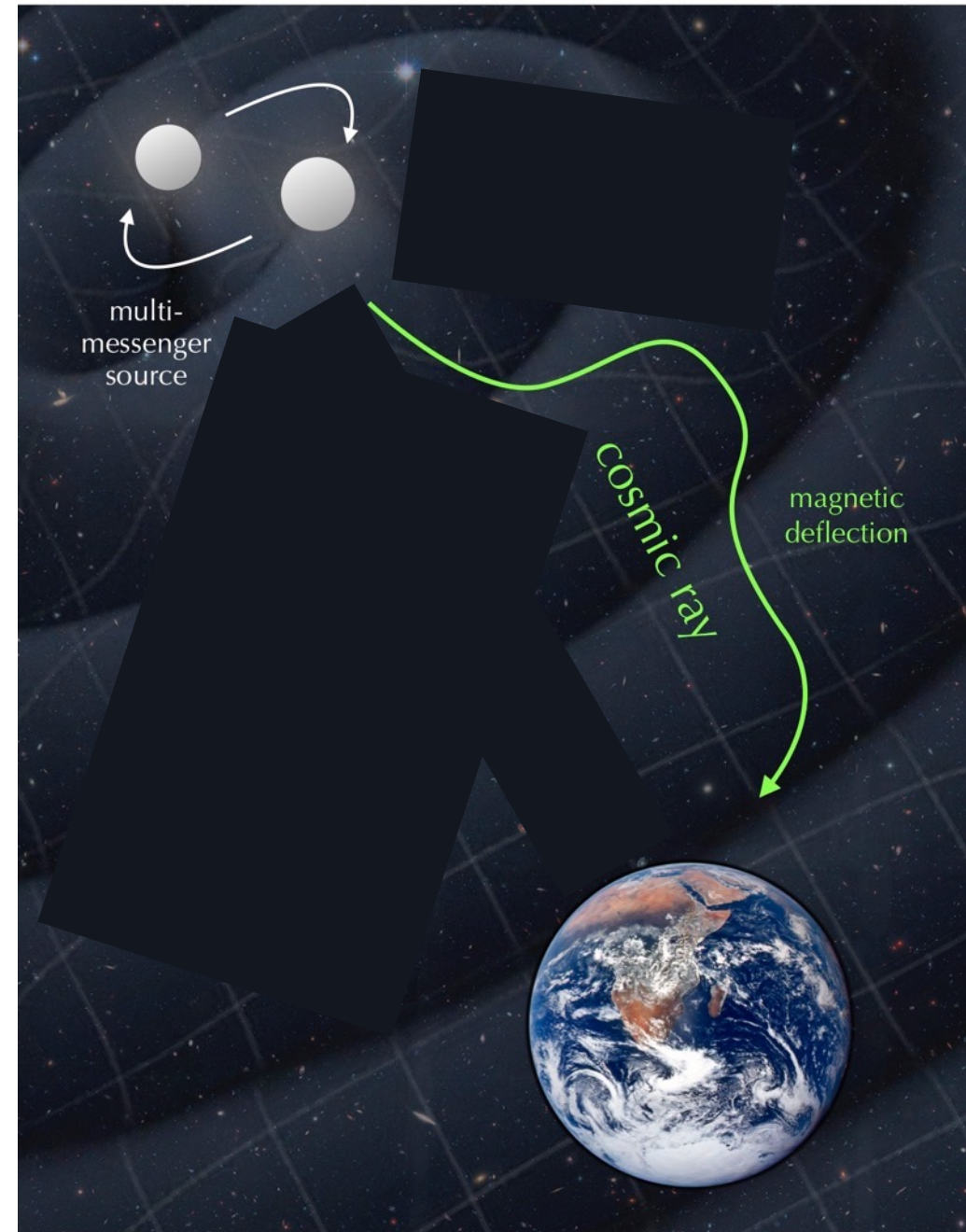
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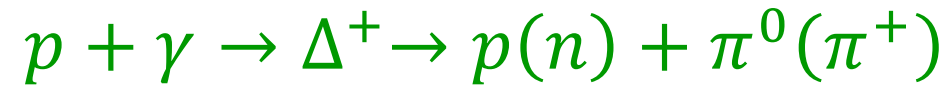




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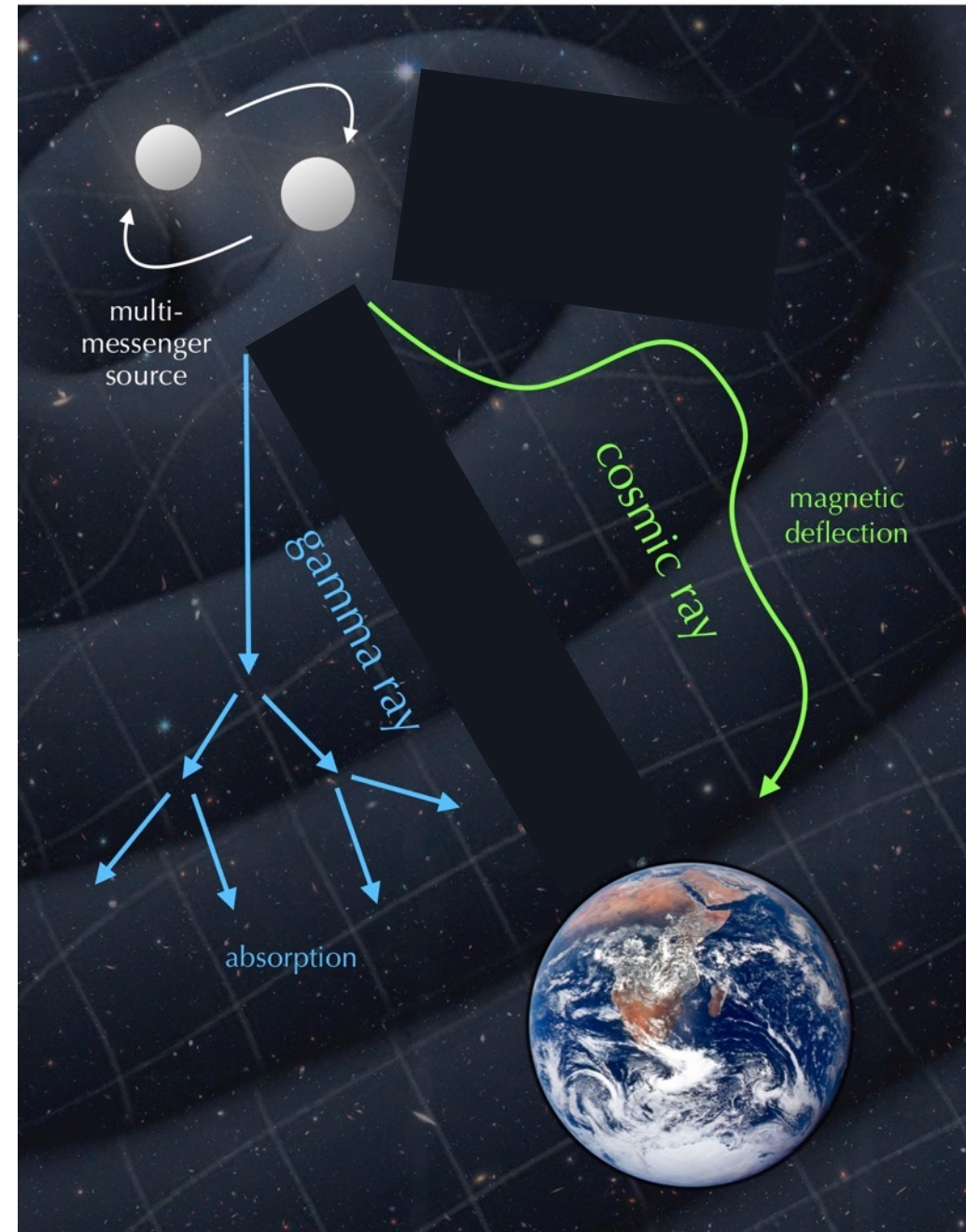
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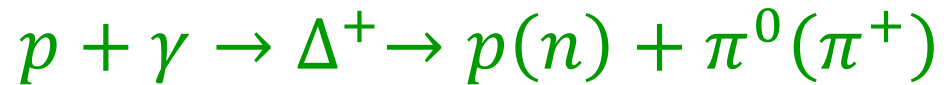
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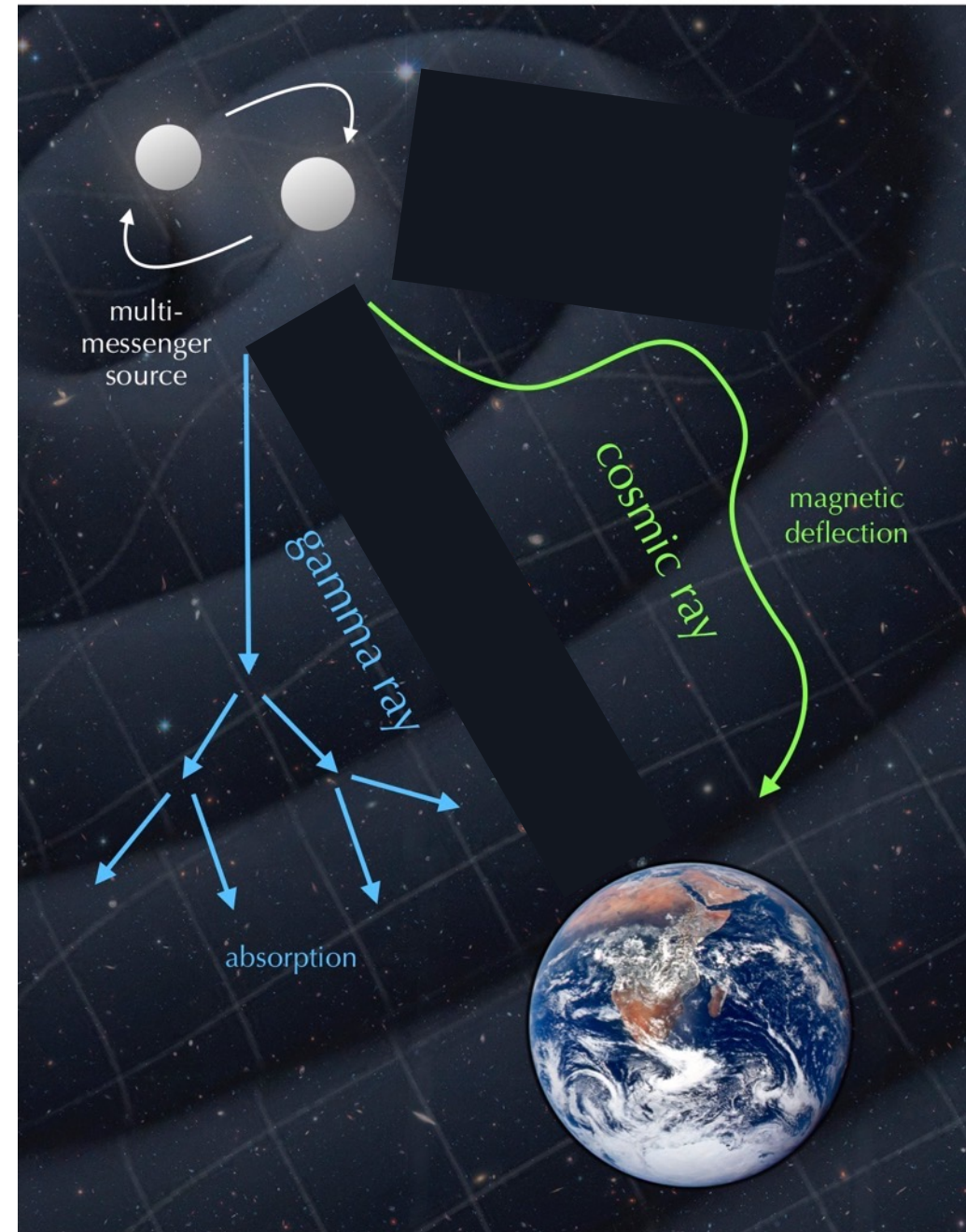
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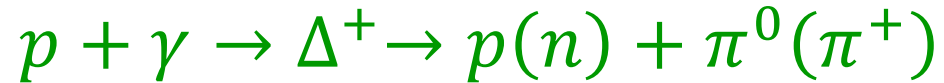
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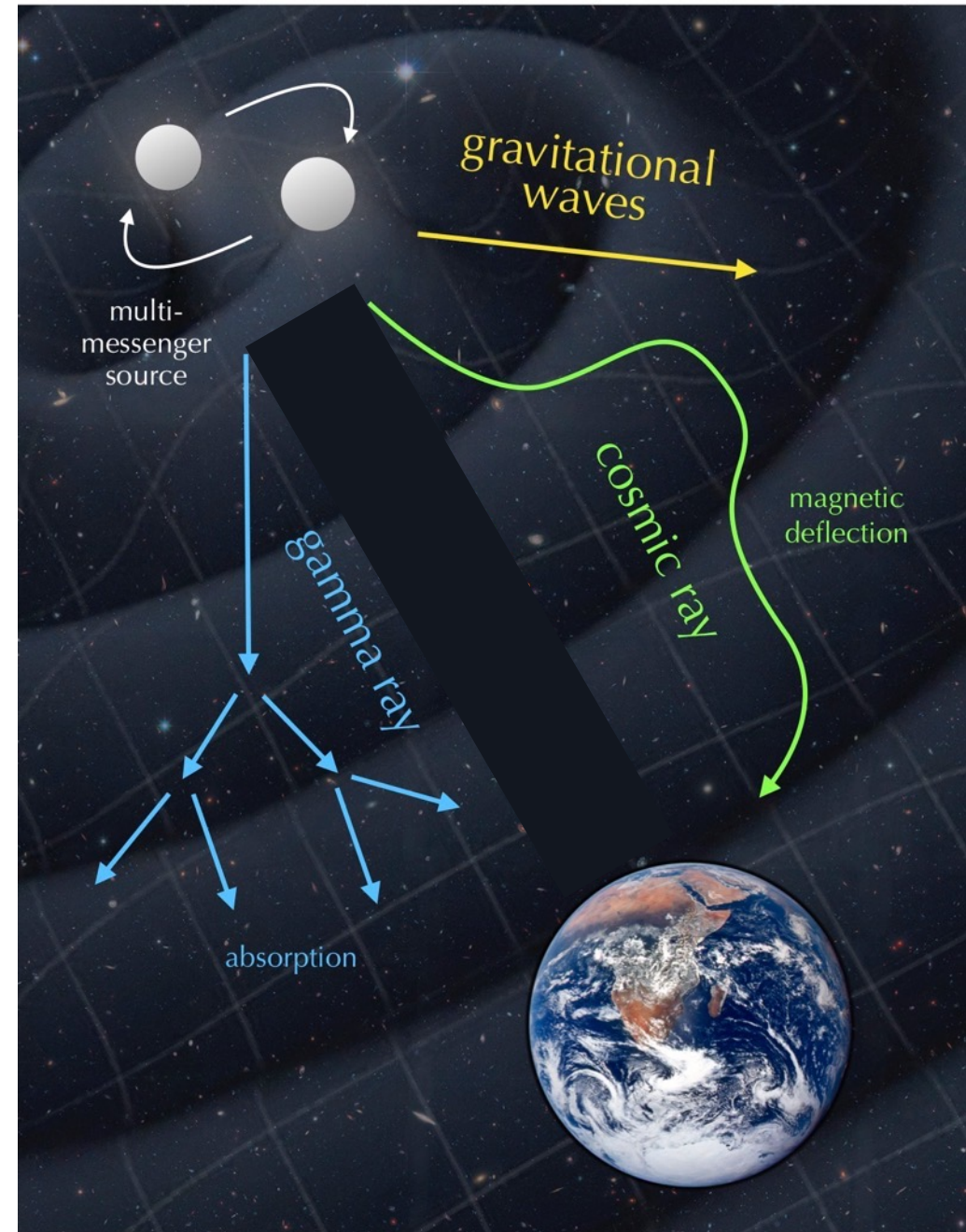
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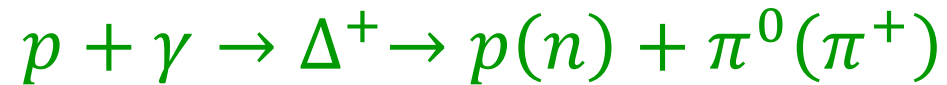
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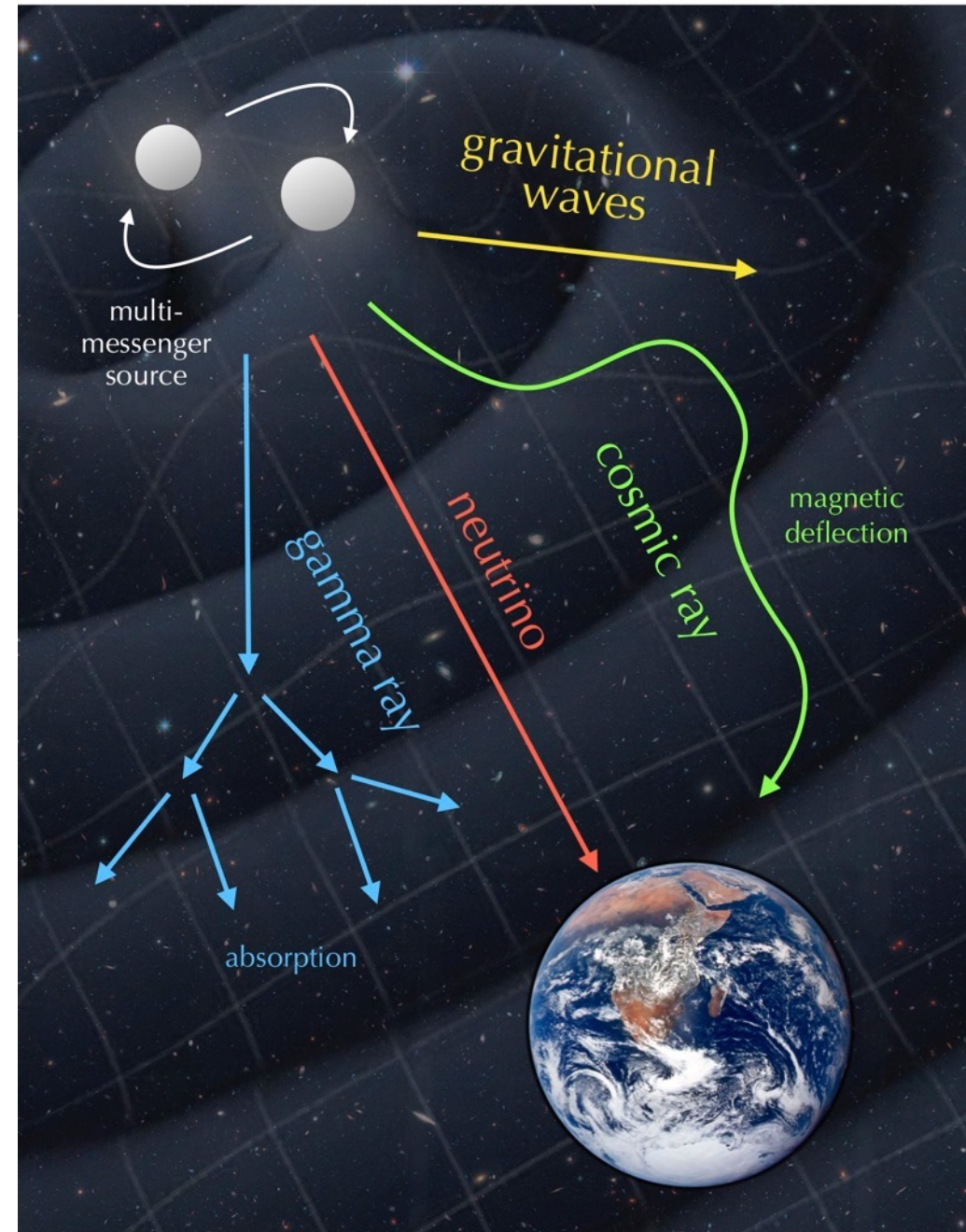
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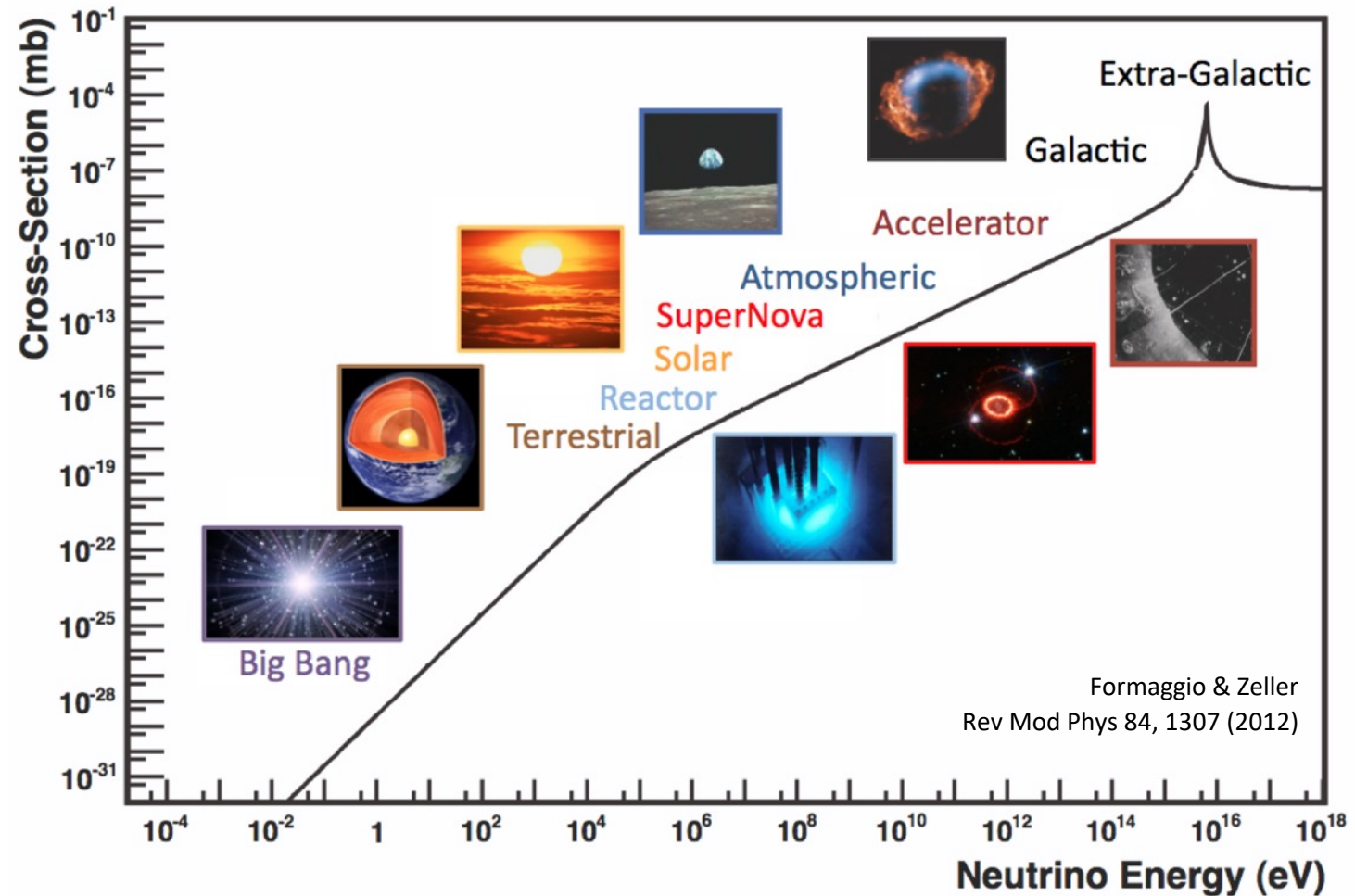


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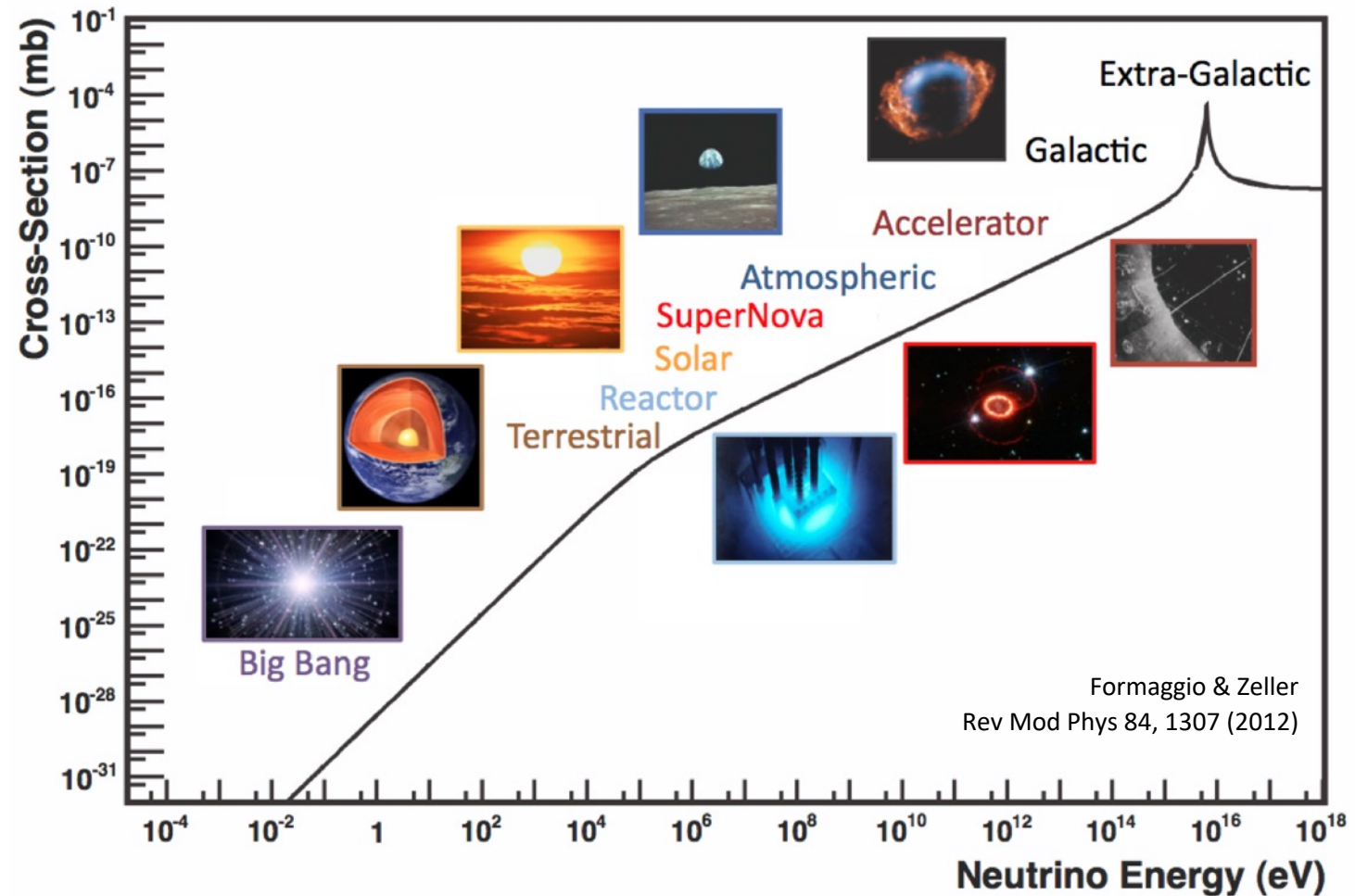


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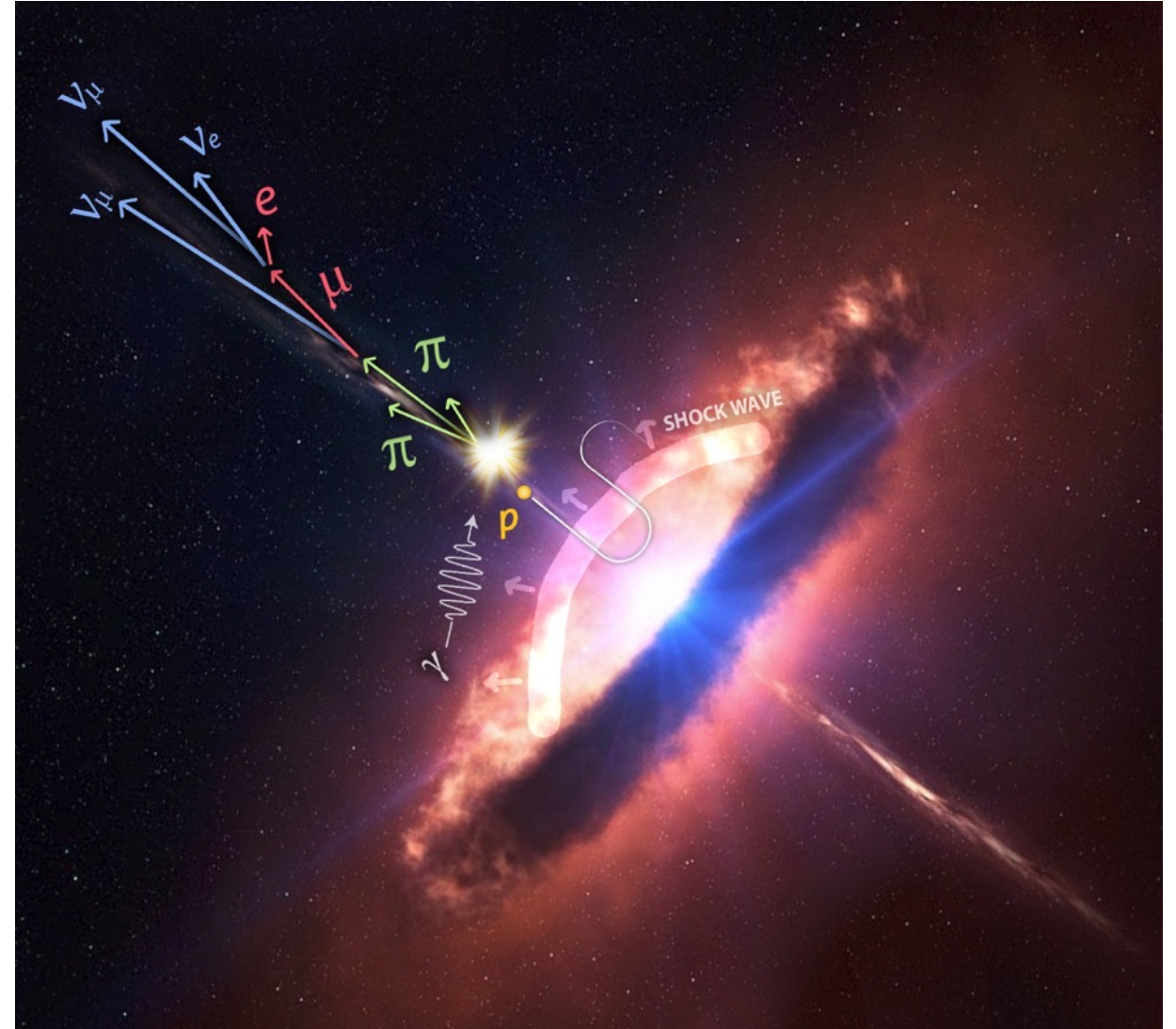
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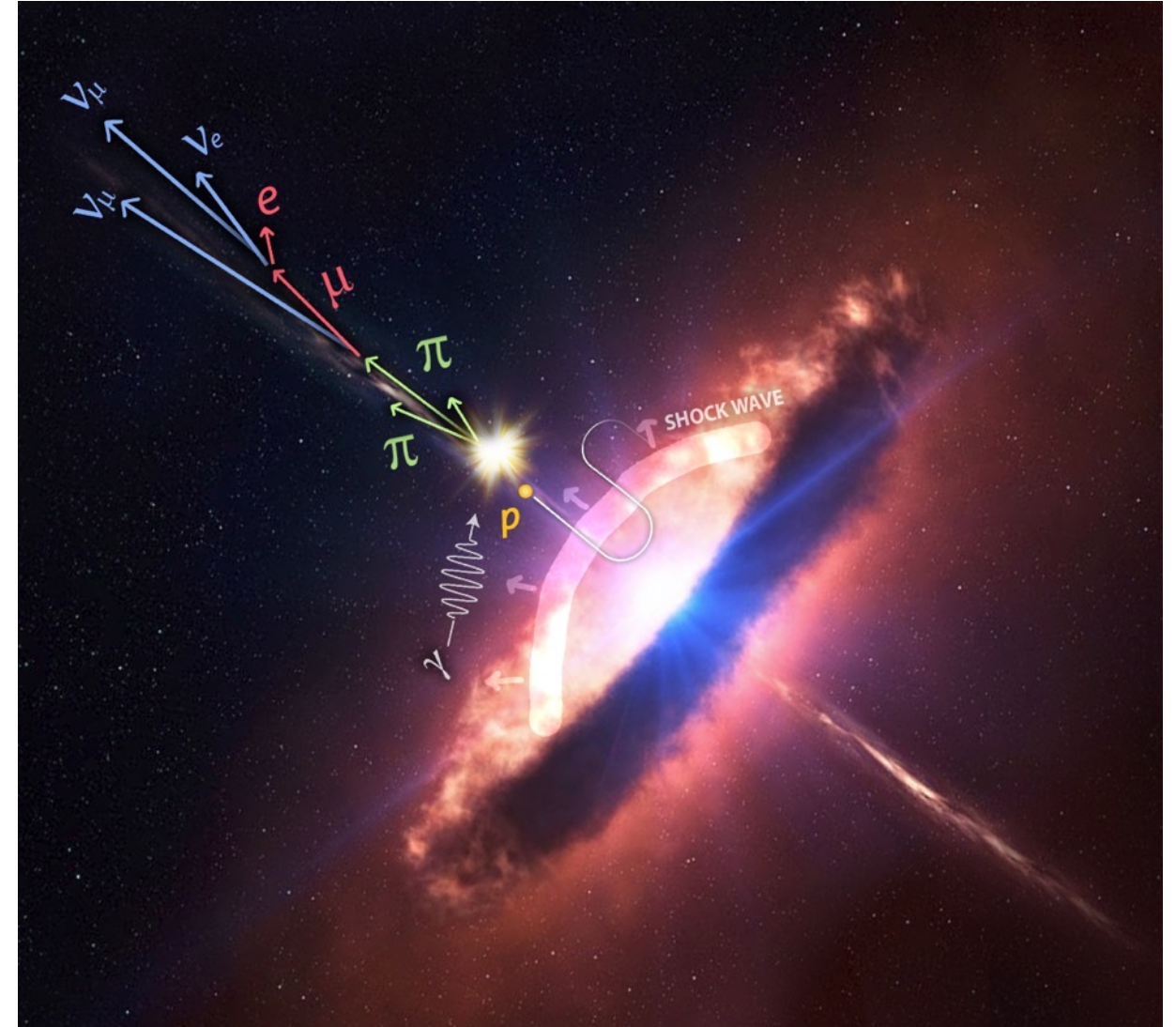
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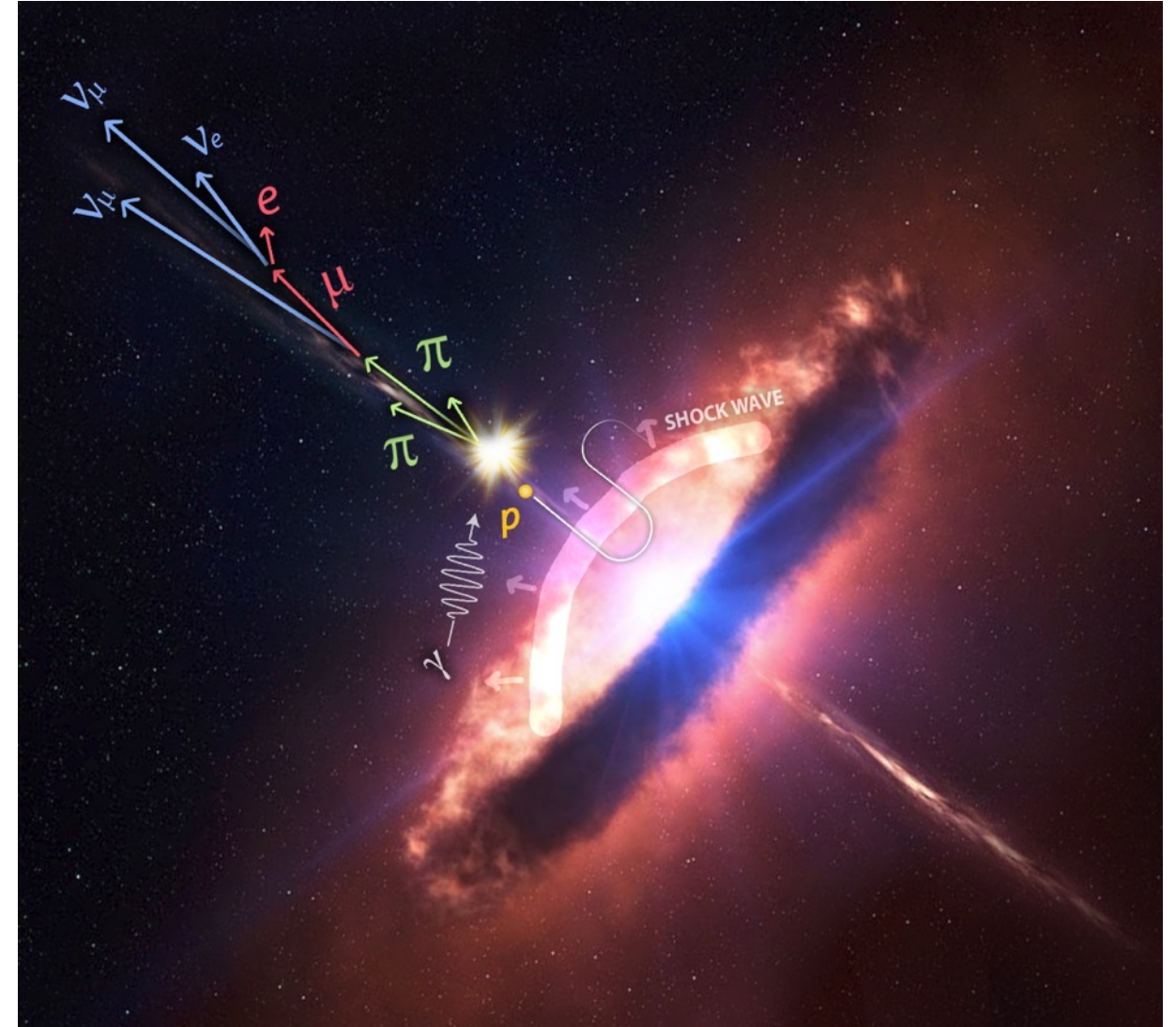


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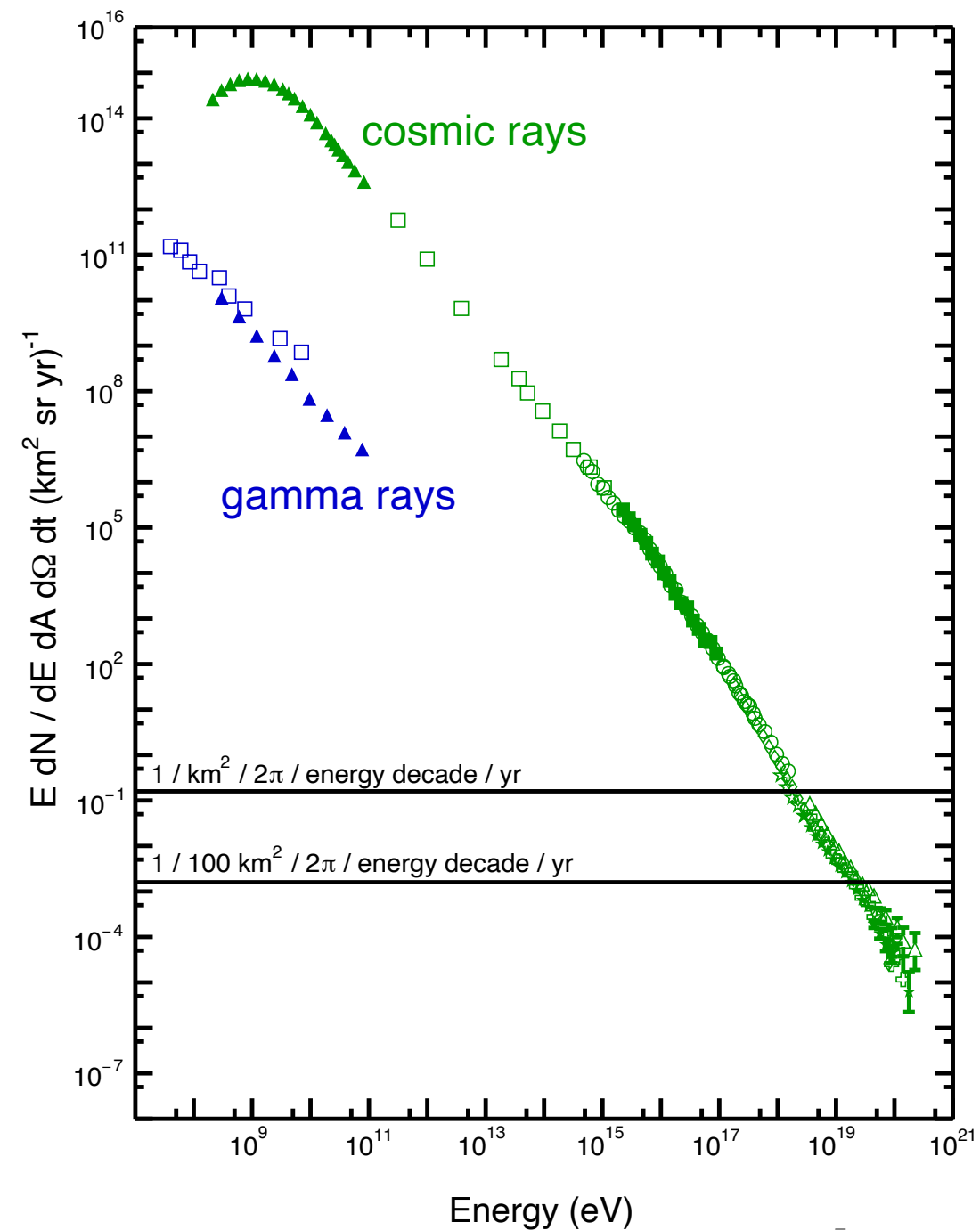


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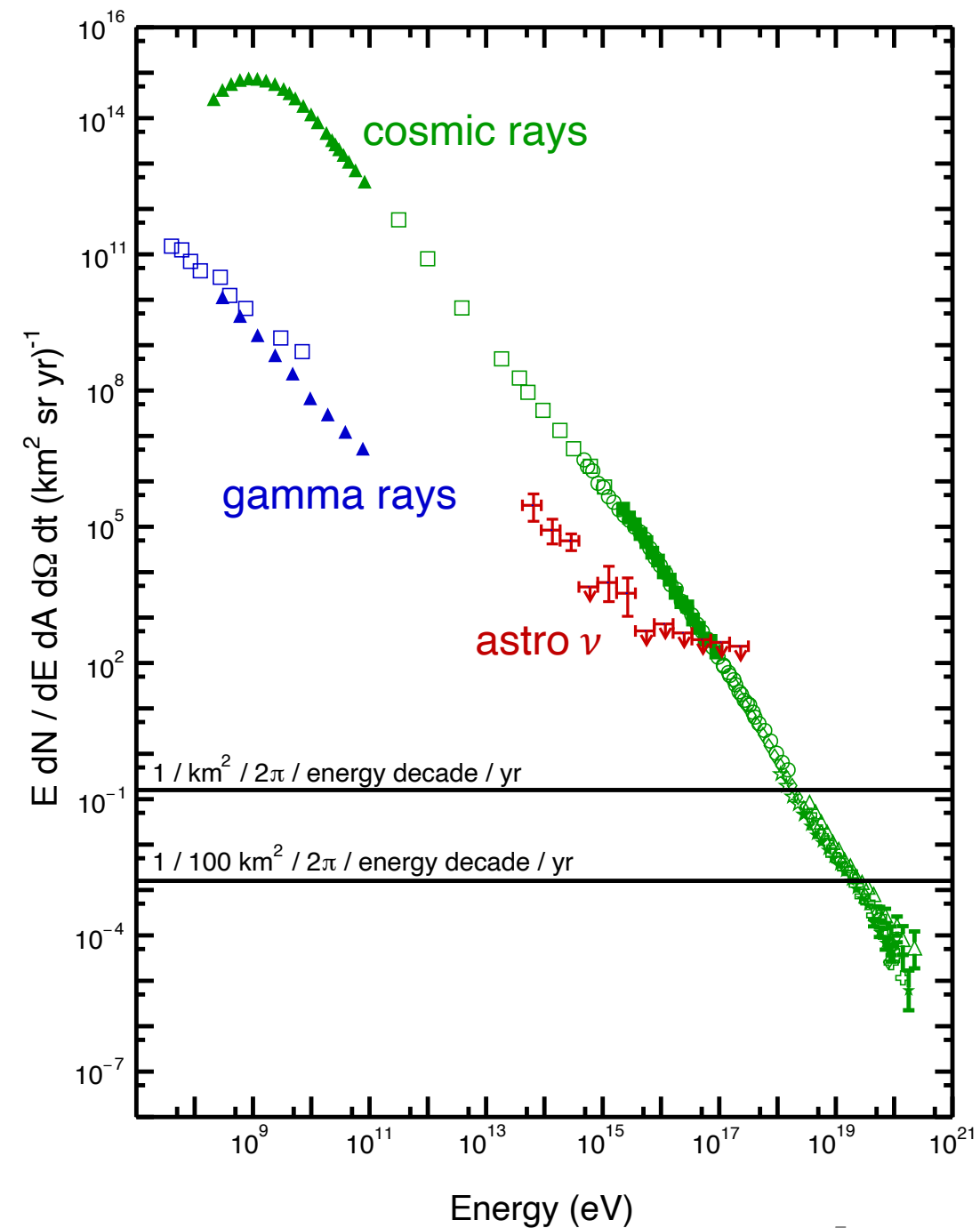


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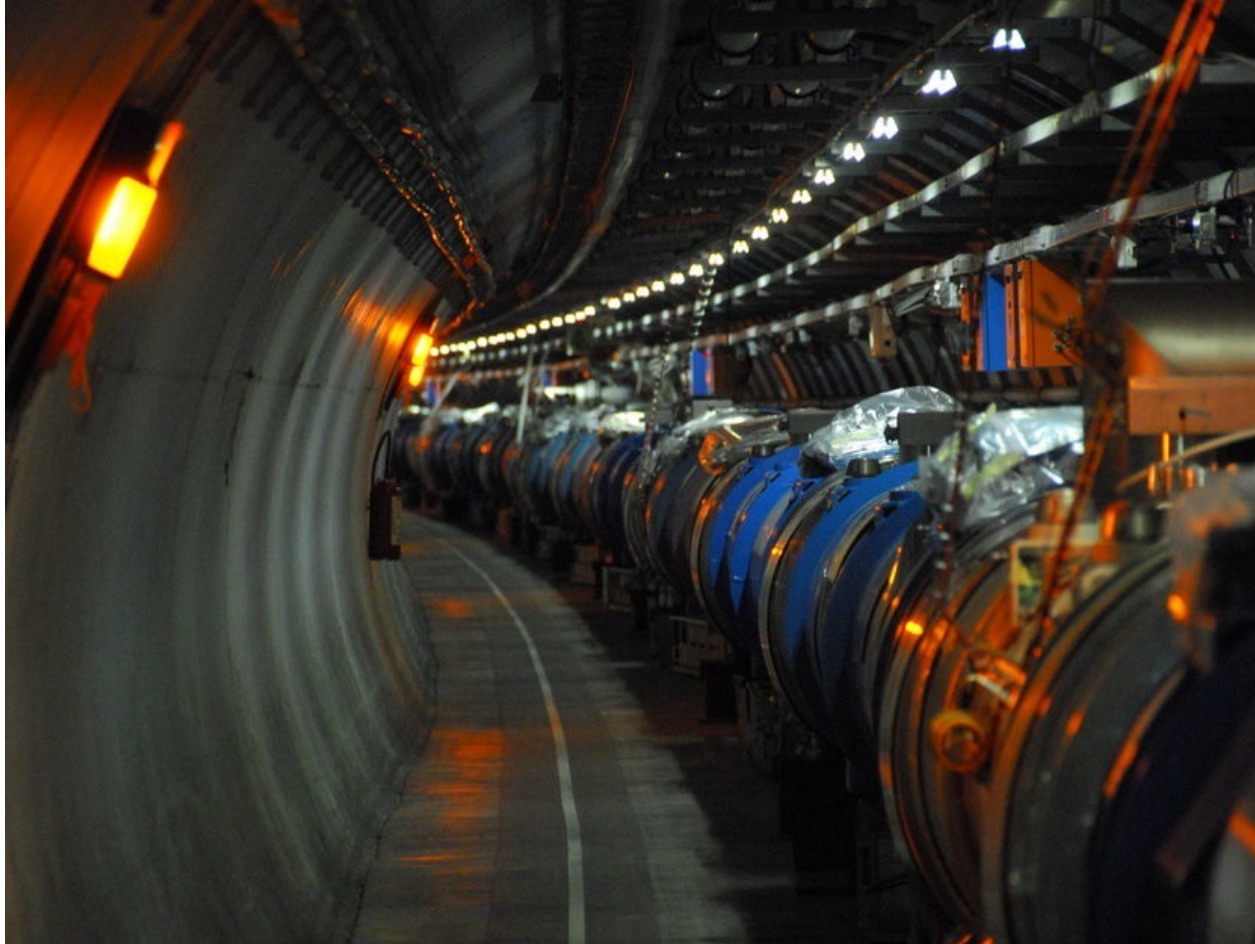
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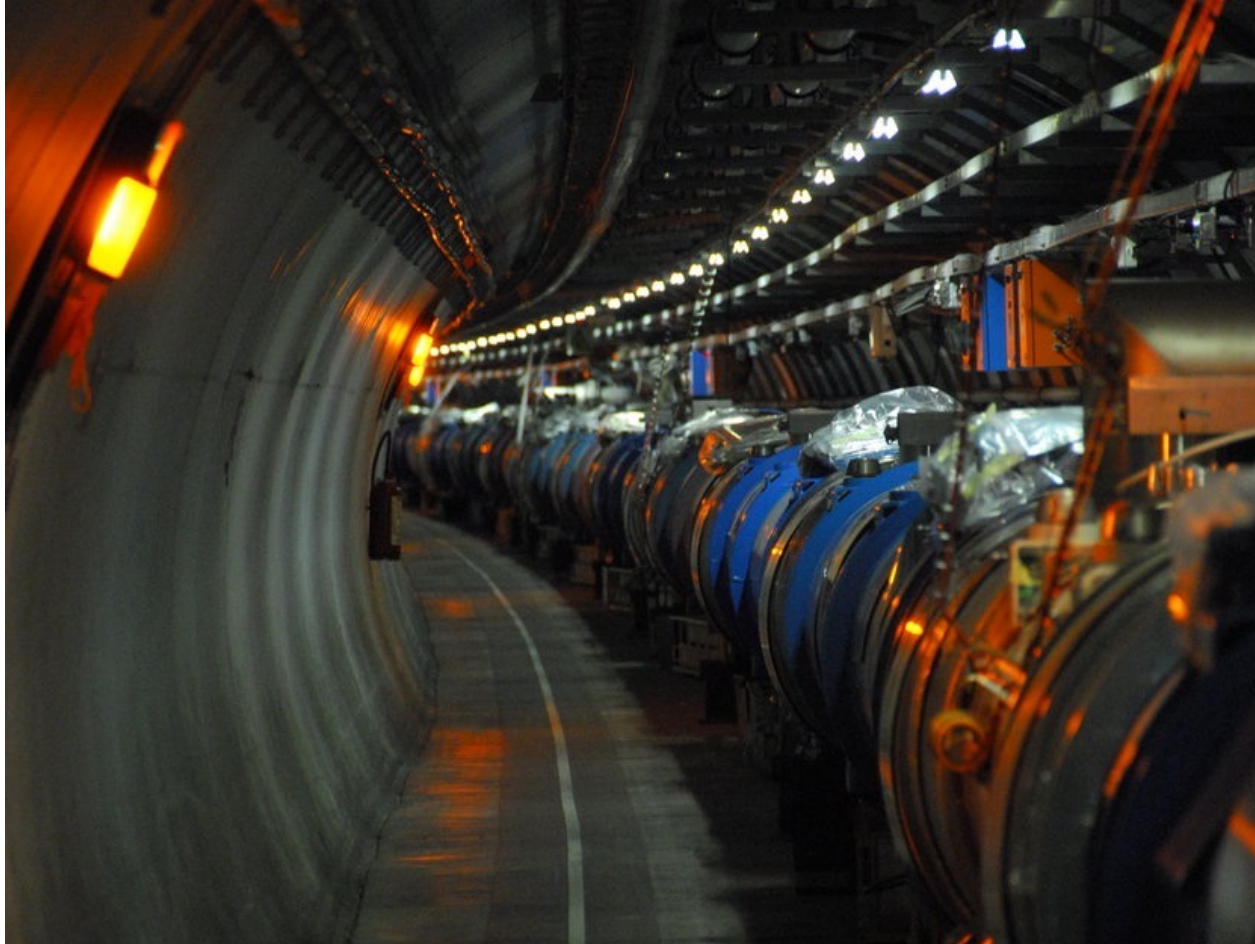


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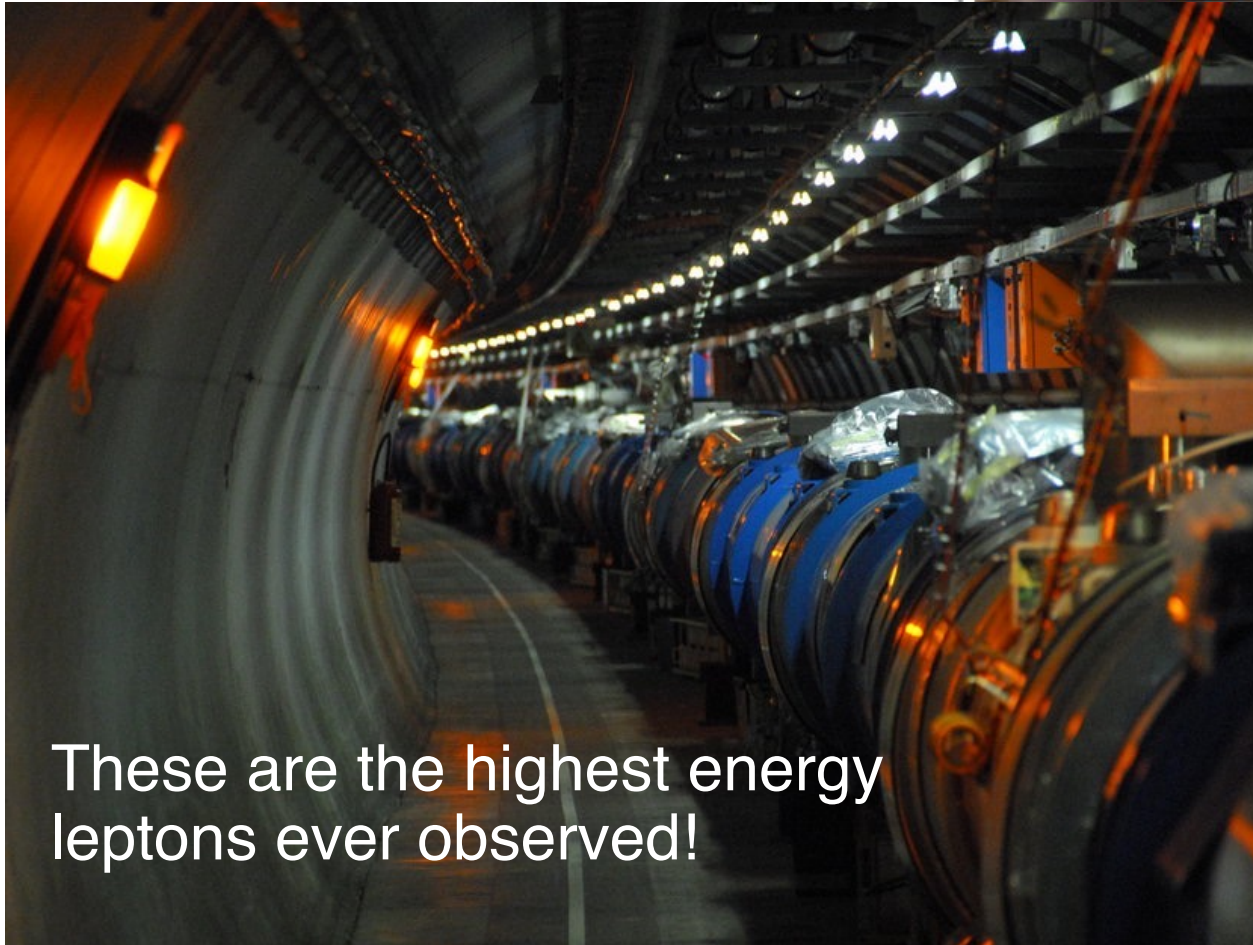


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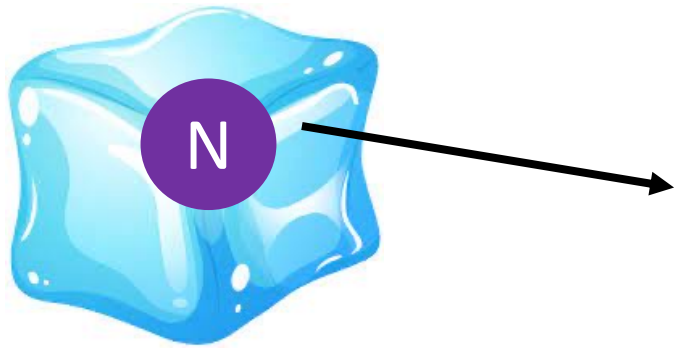


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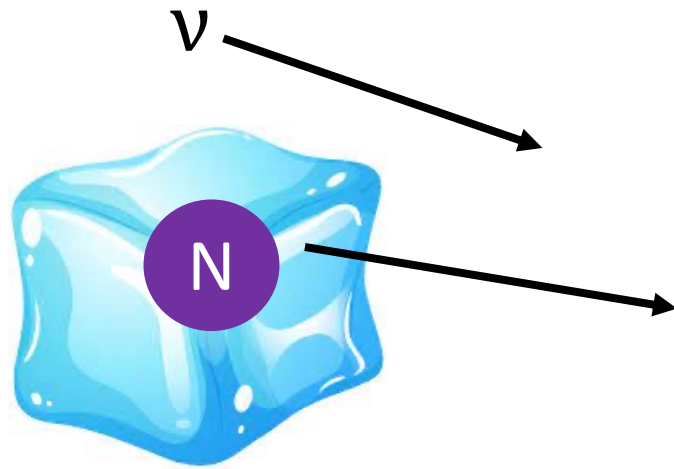




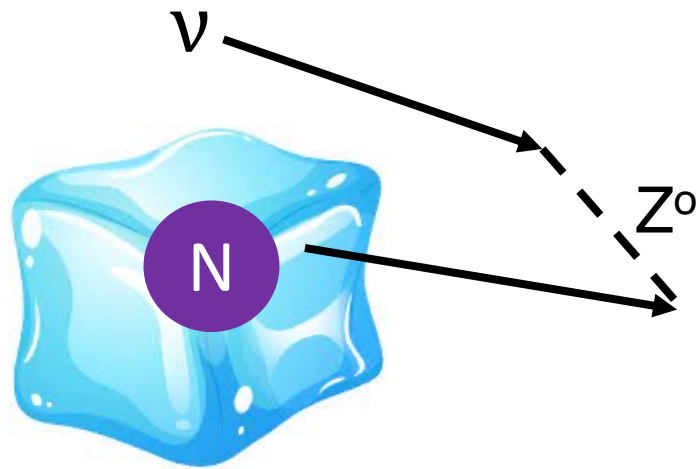
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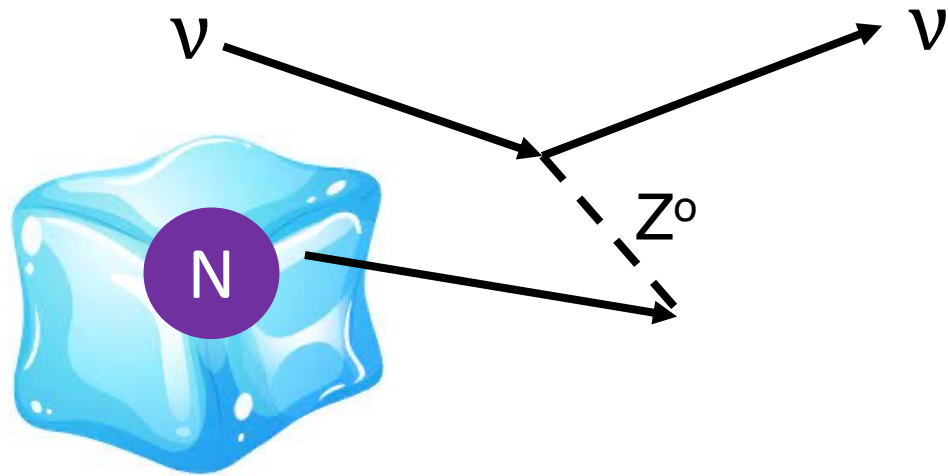
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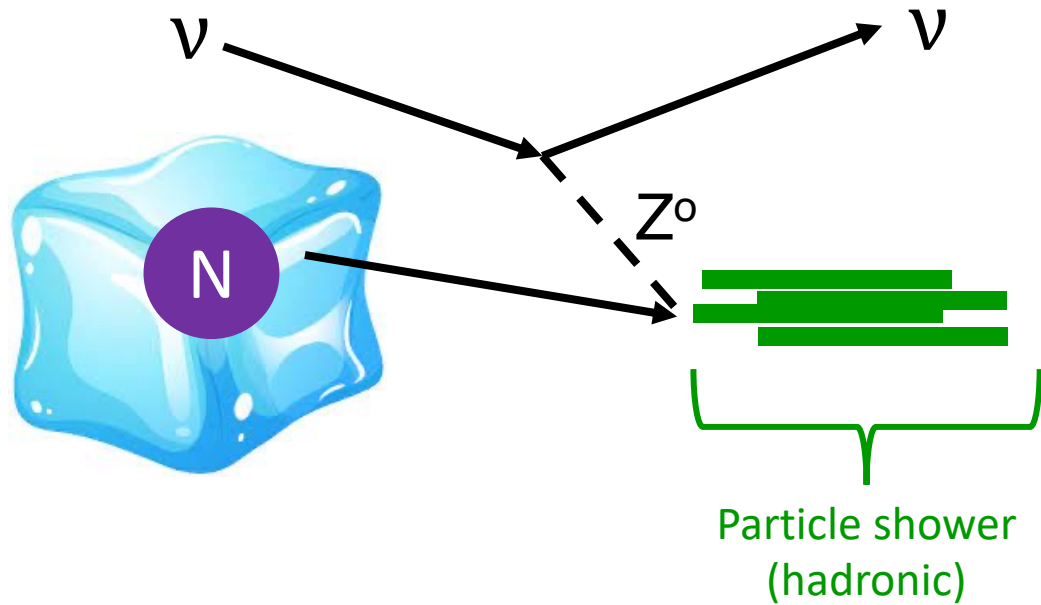
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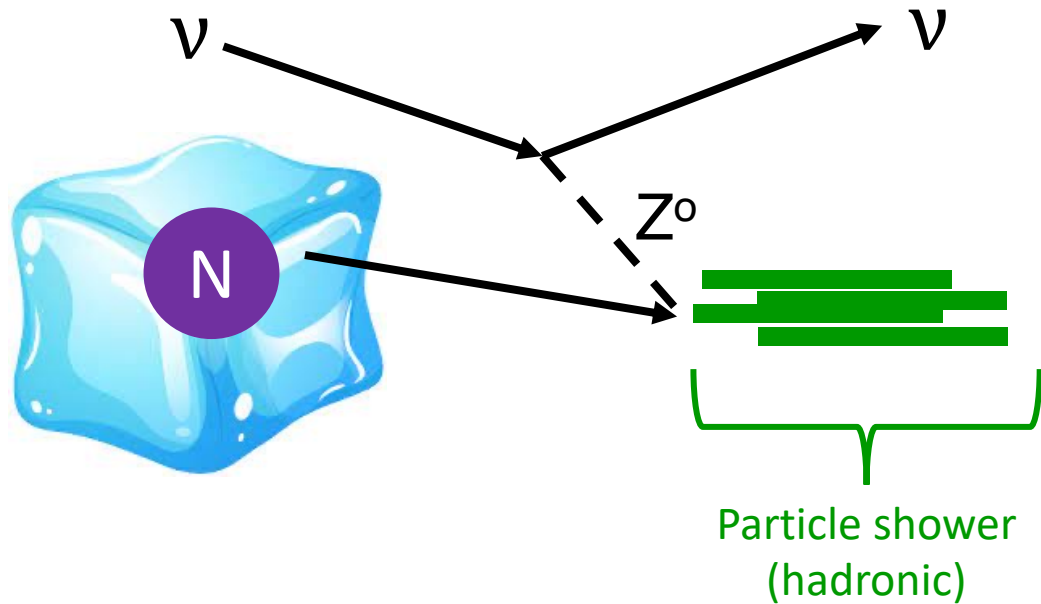


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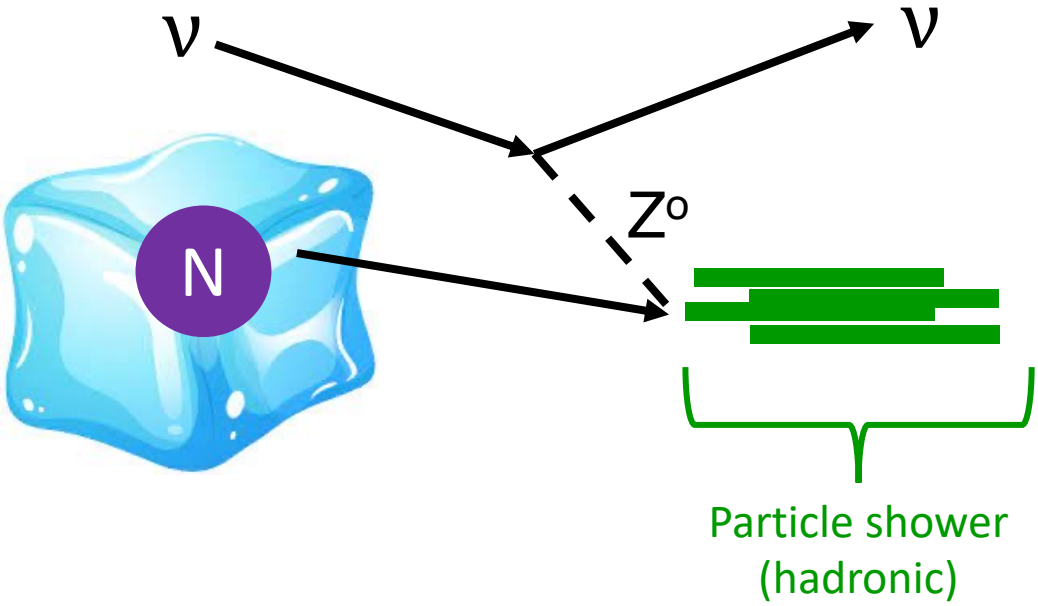
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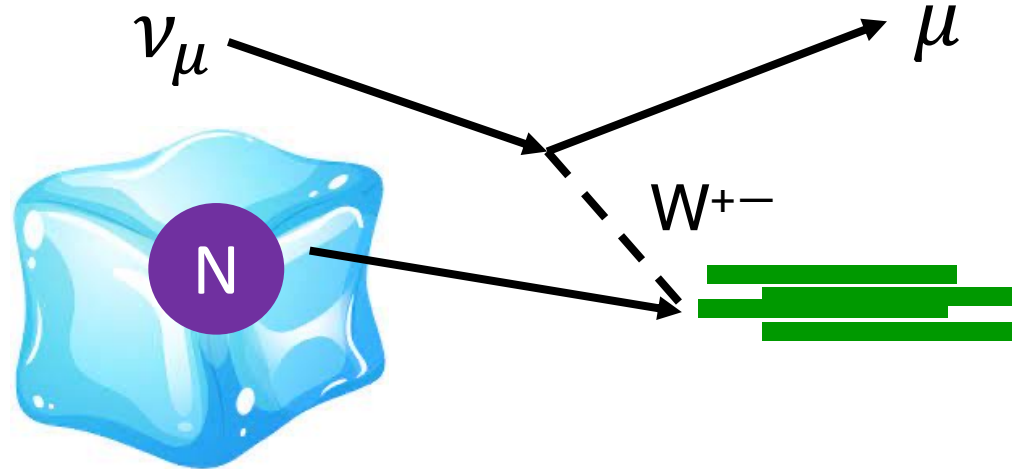


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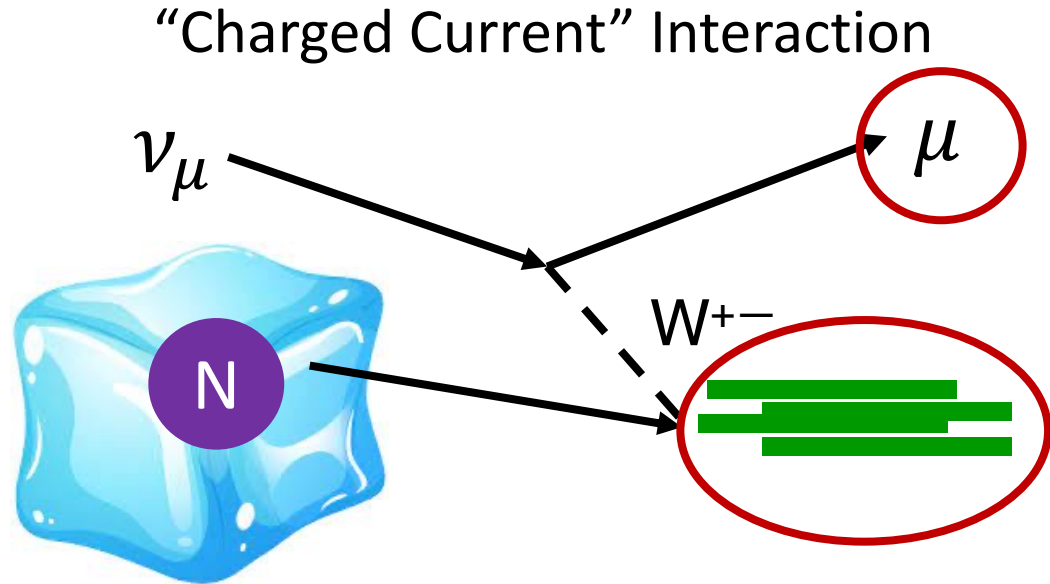
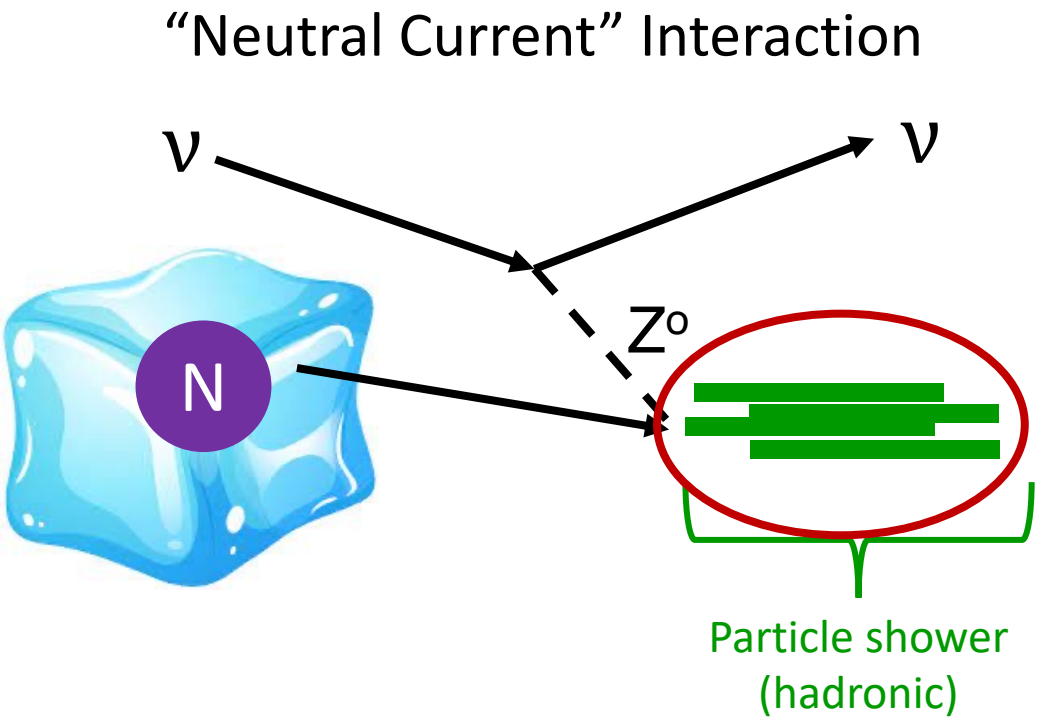
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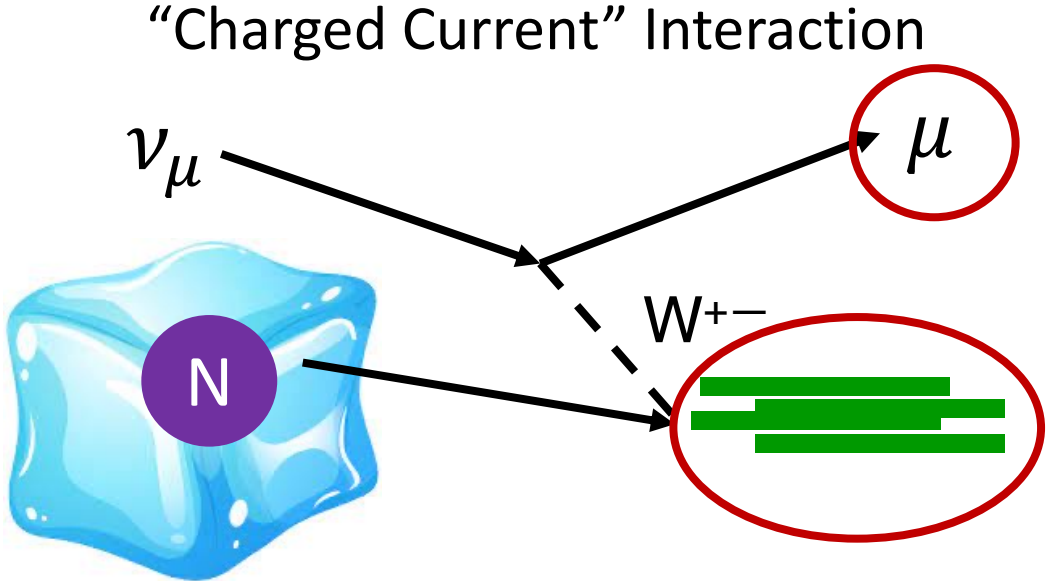
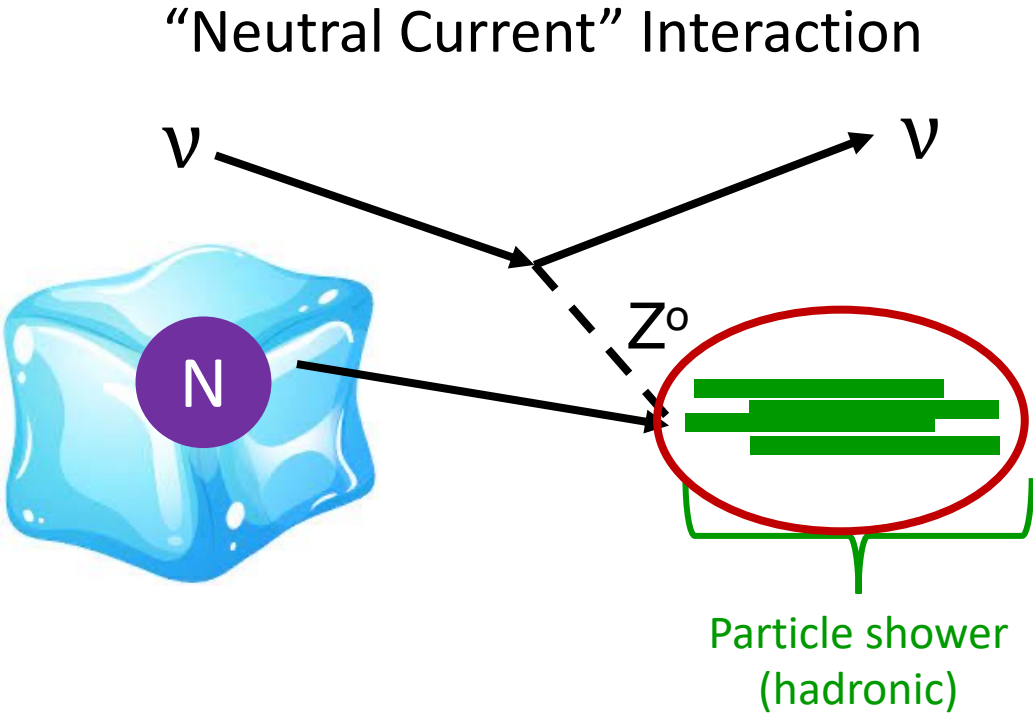
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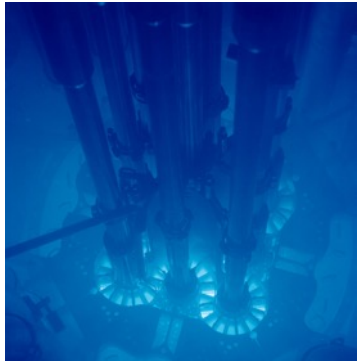
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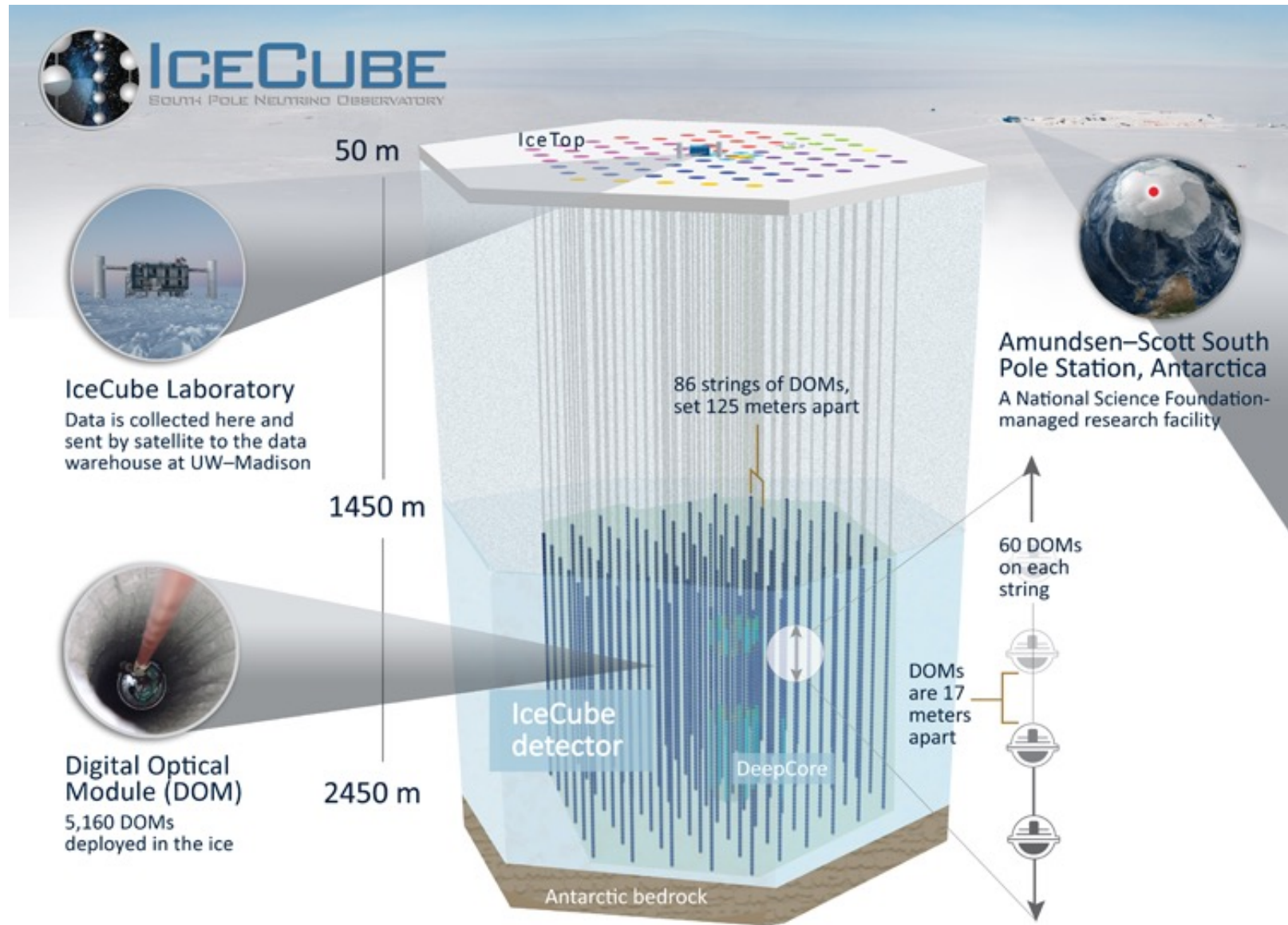


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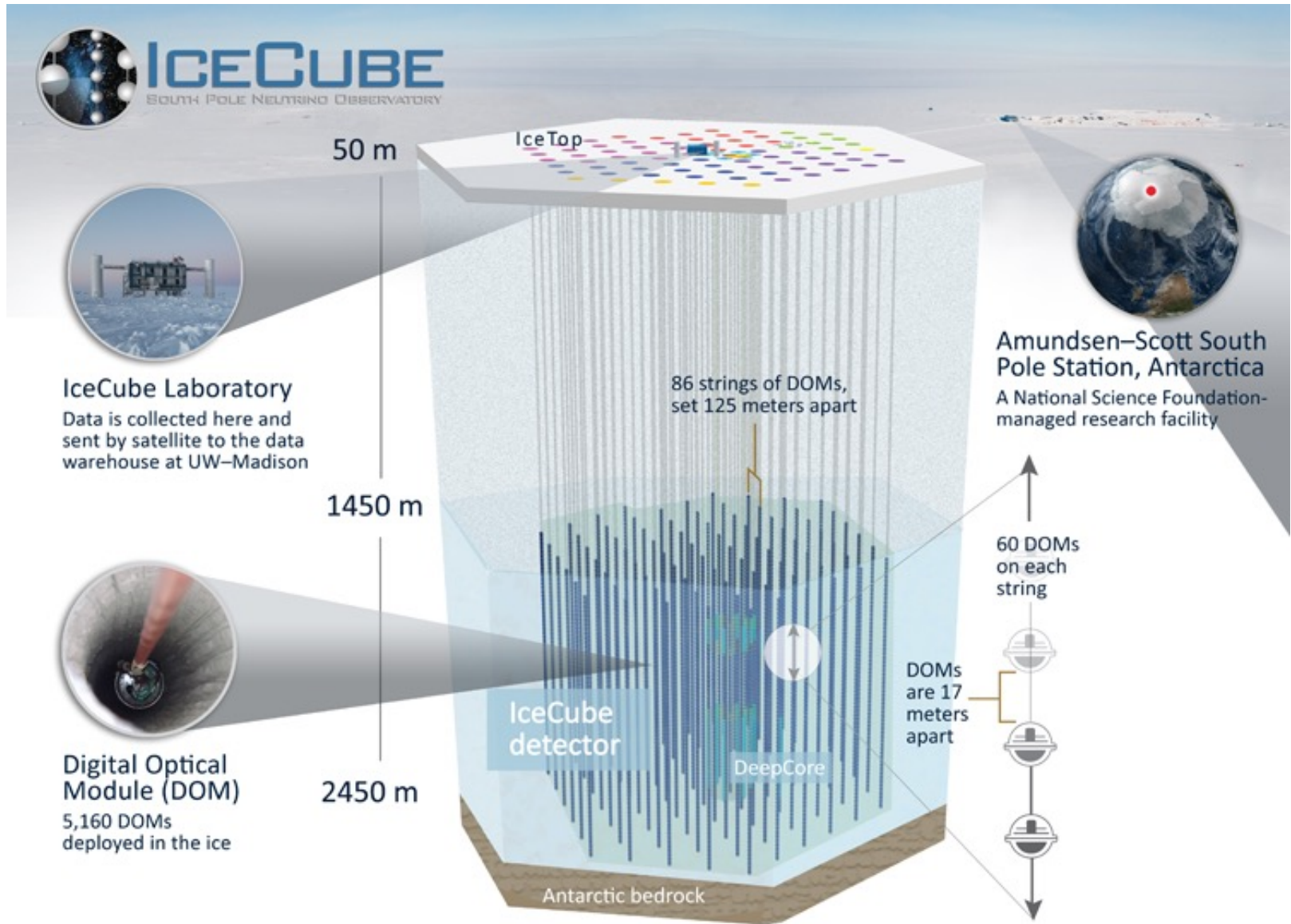
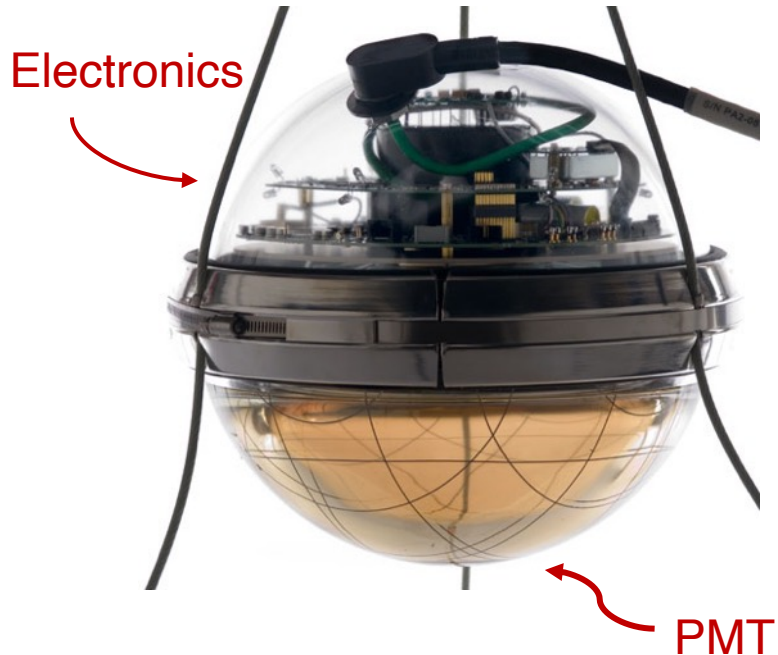
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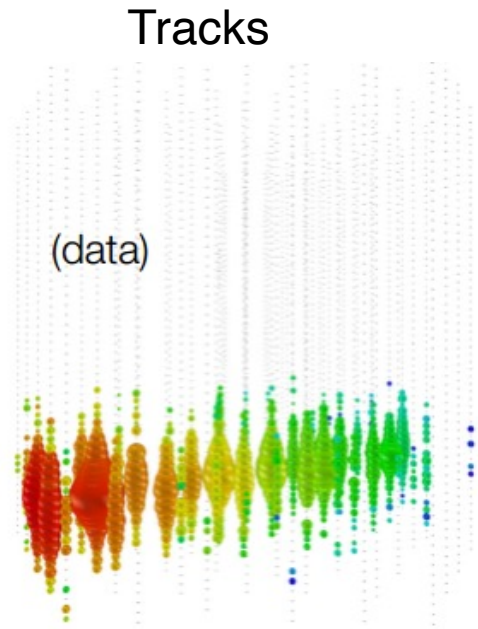




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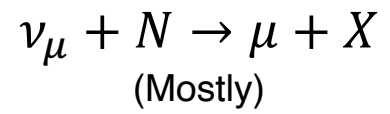
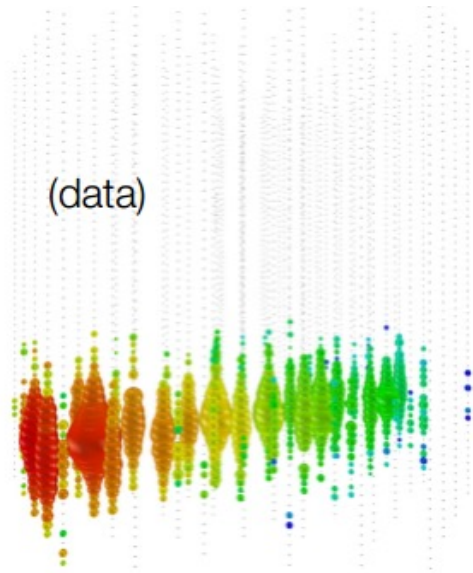


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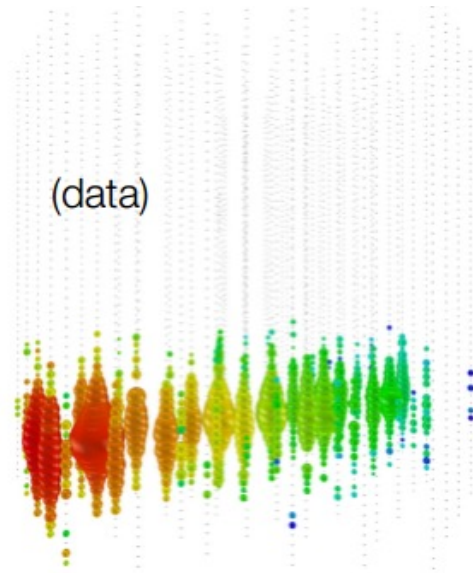
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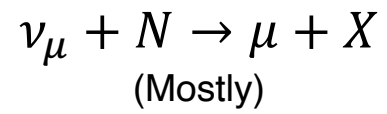
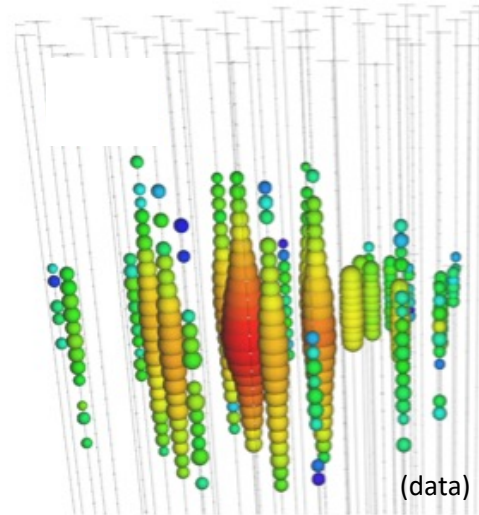


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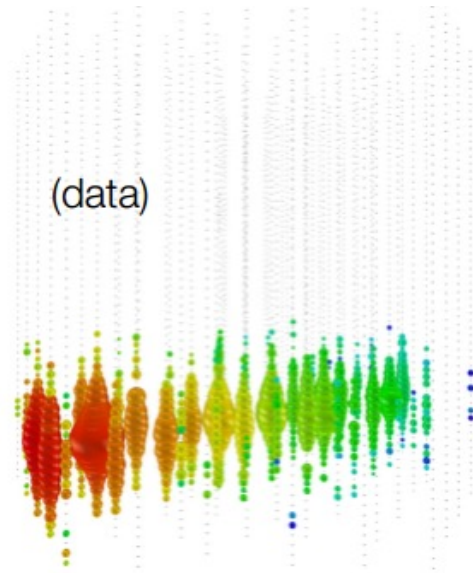


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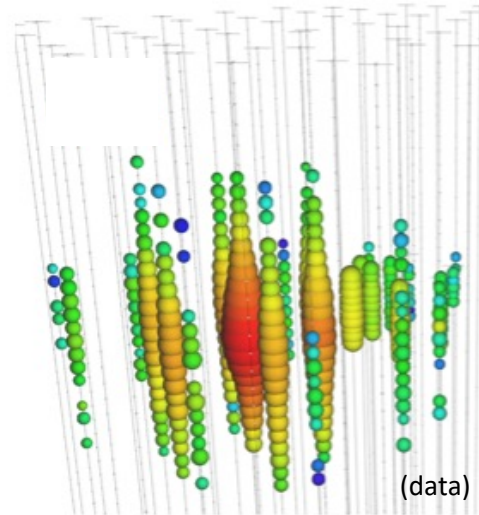
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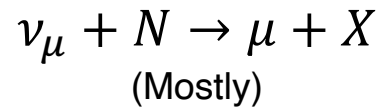
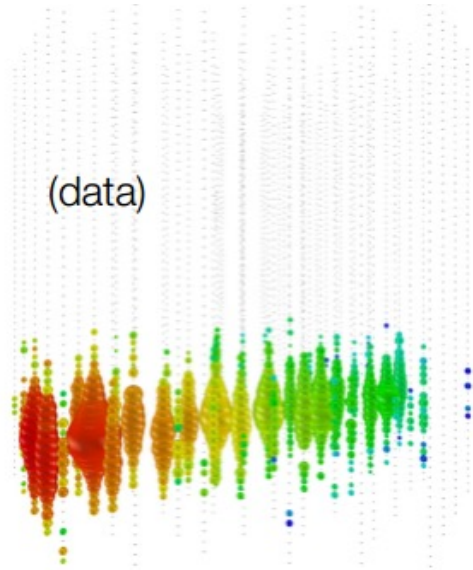
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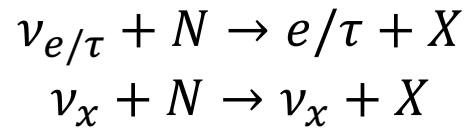
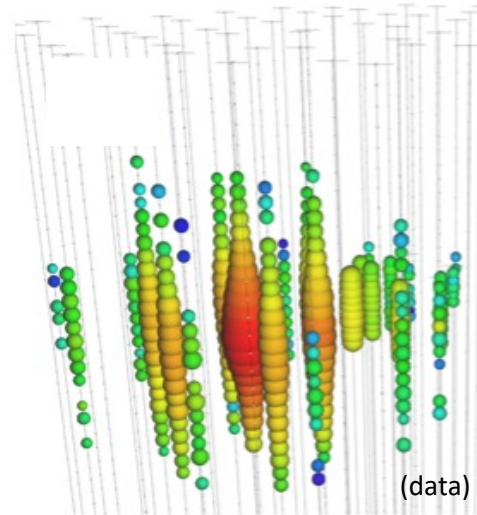
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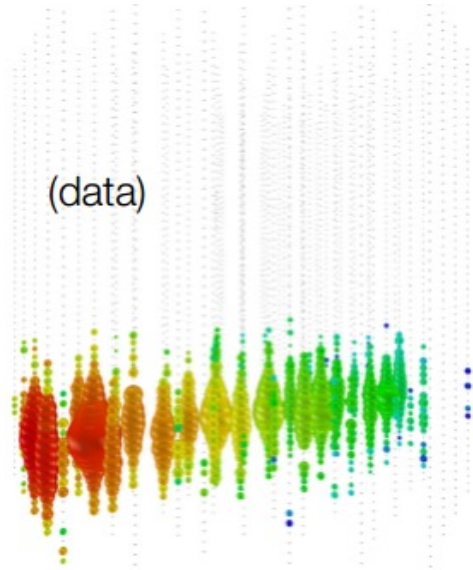
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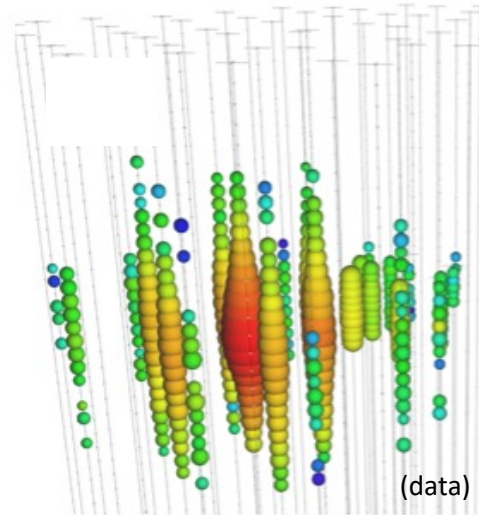


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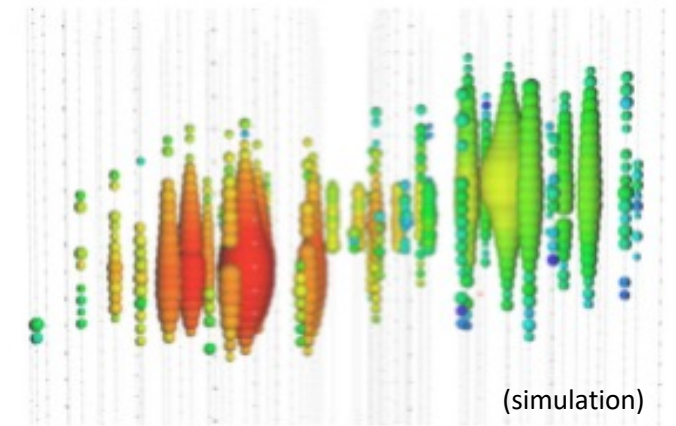


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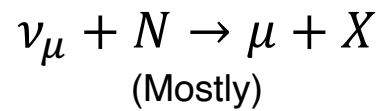
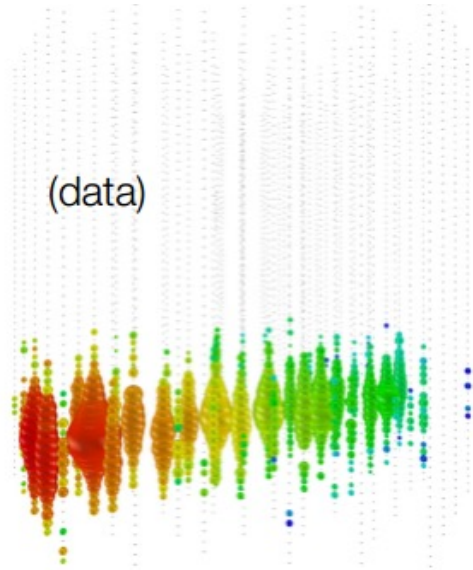
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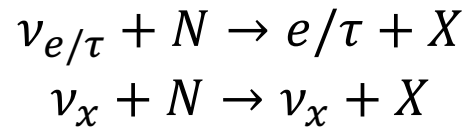
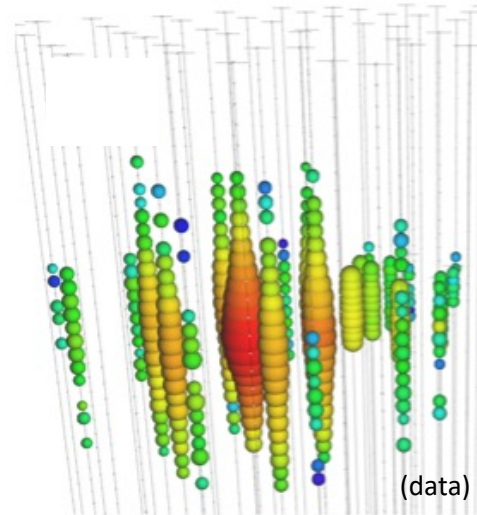
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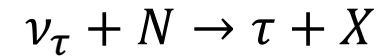
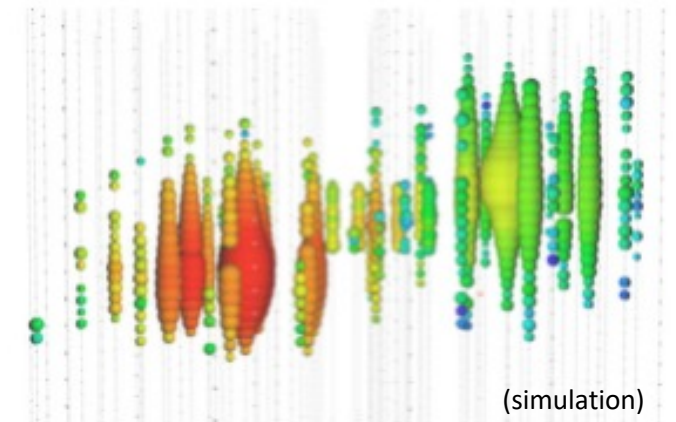
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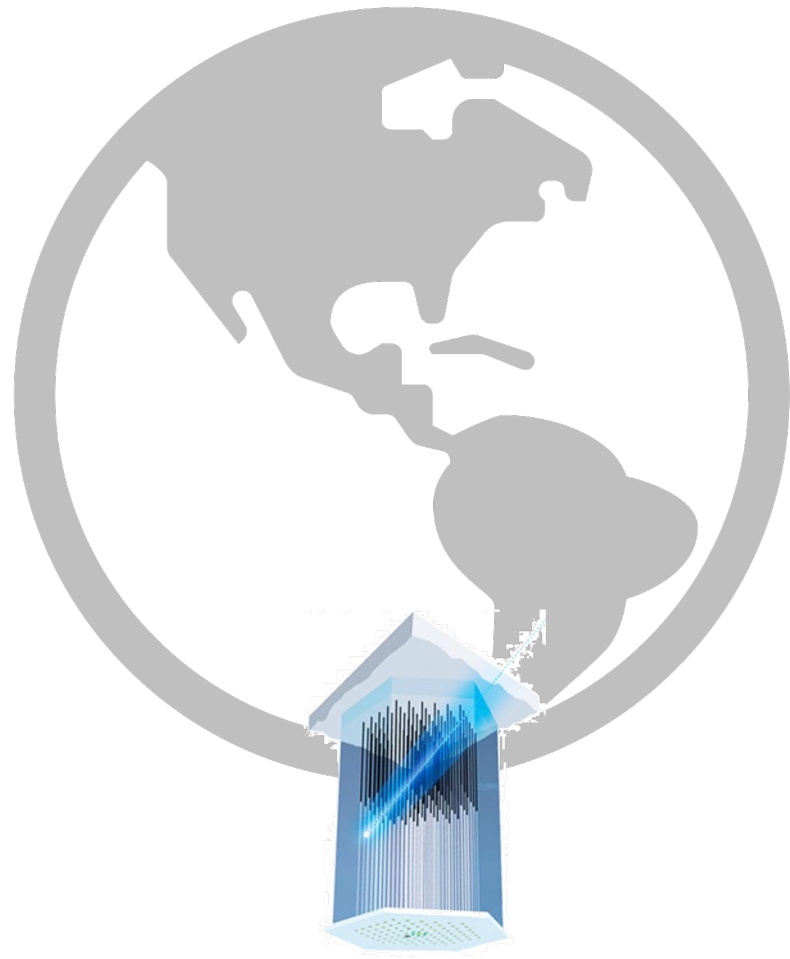
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$\tau$  decay length is 50m/PeV

Unobserved,  
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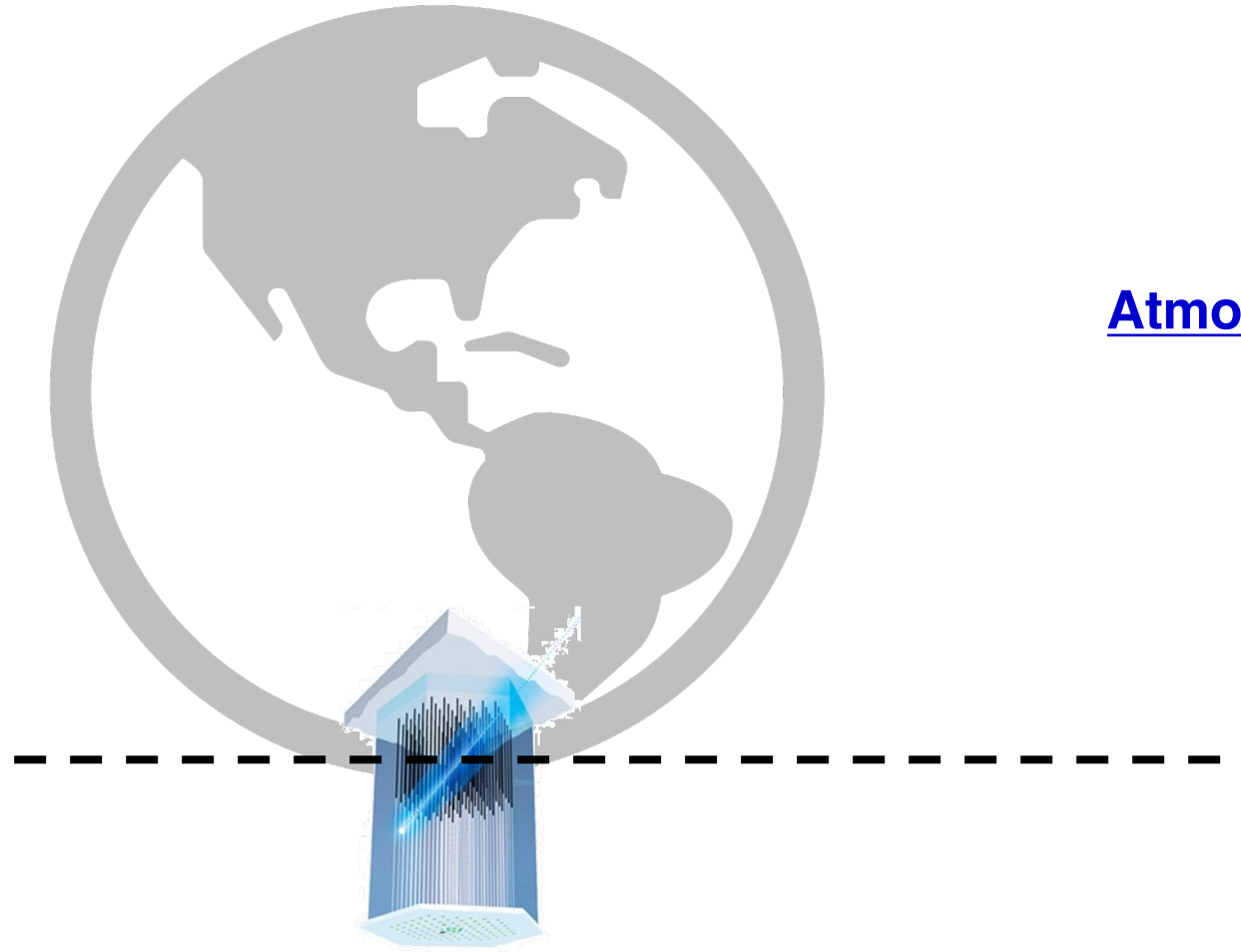




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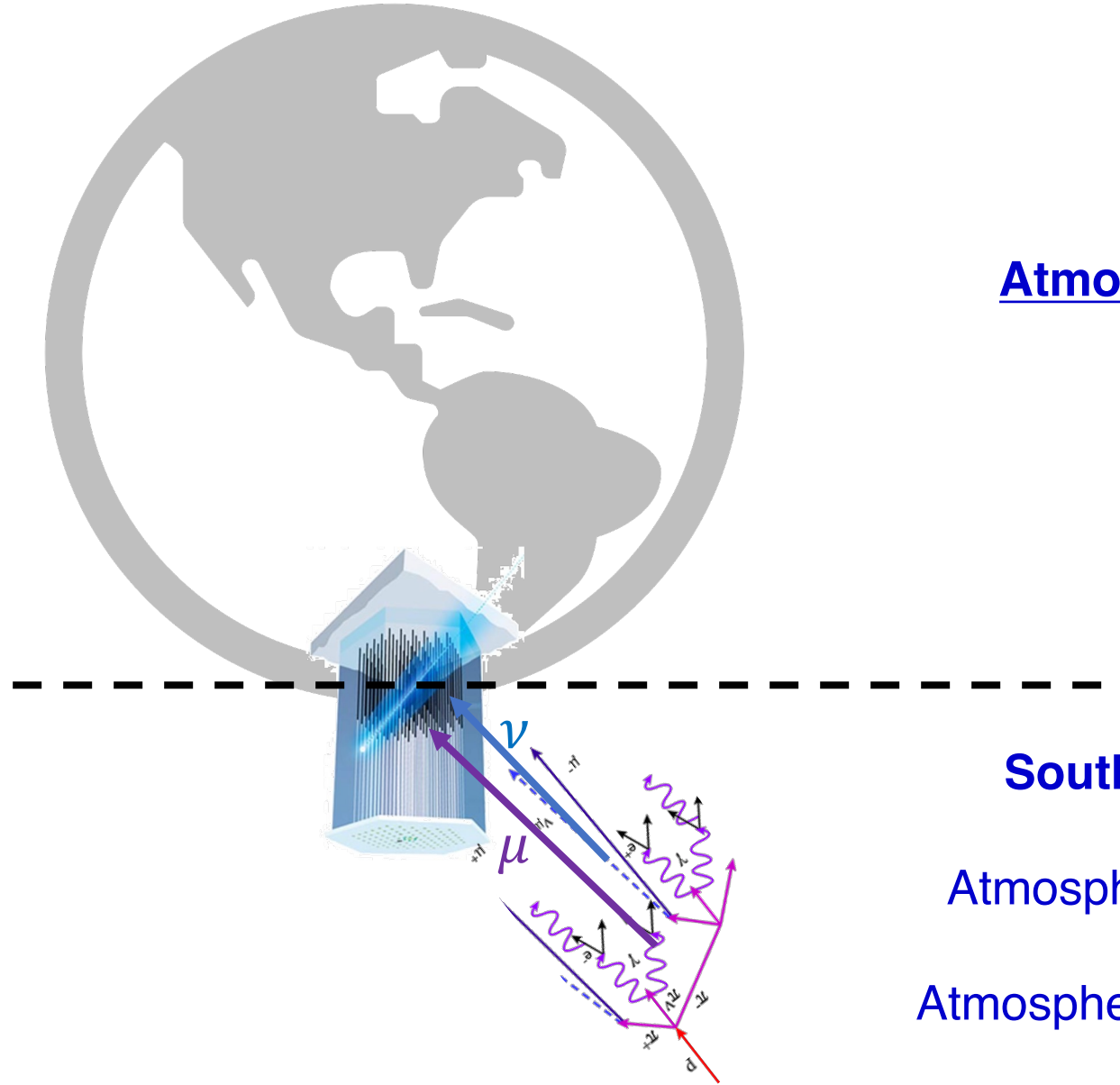
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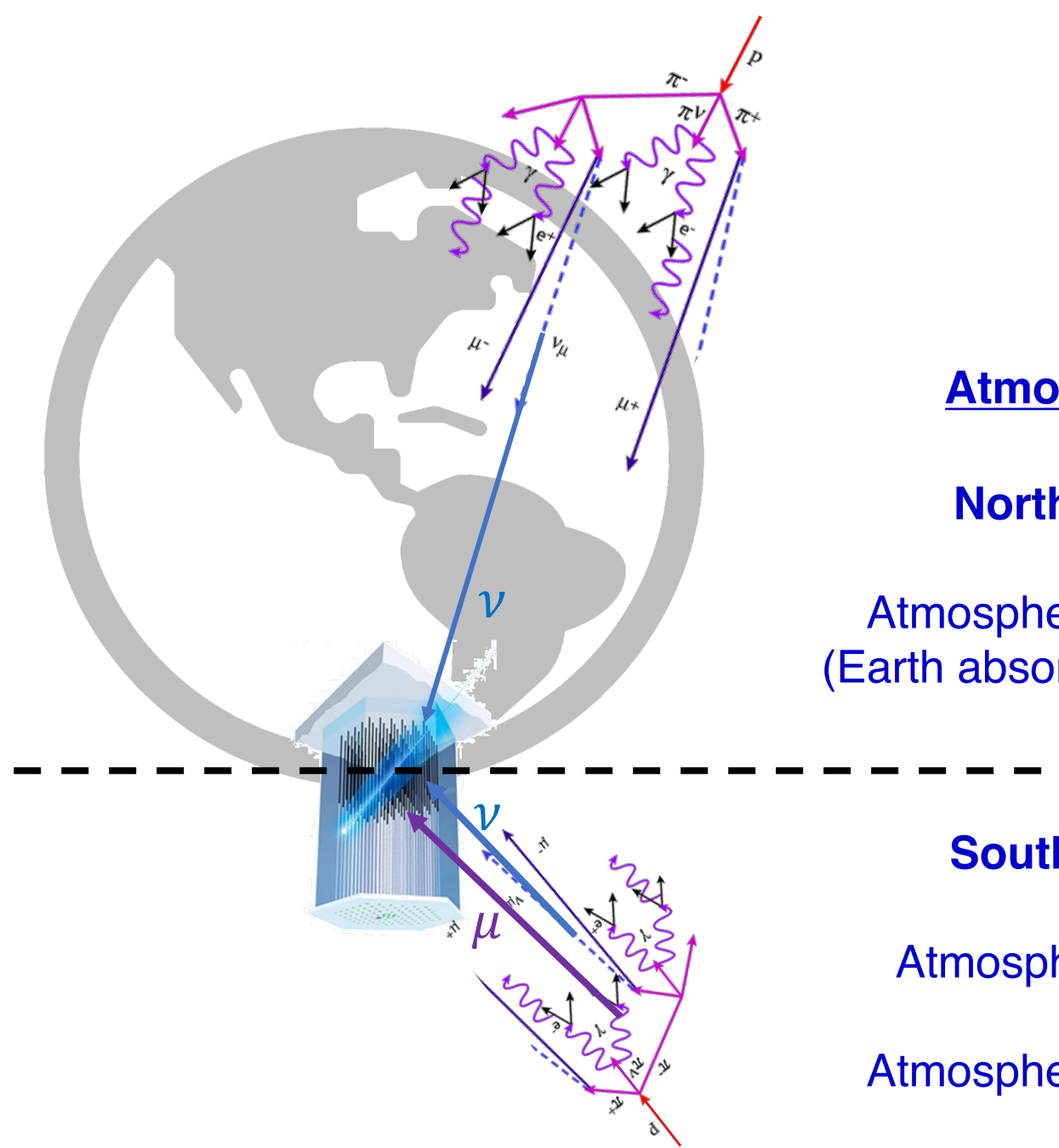
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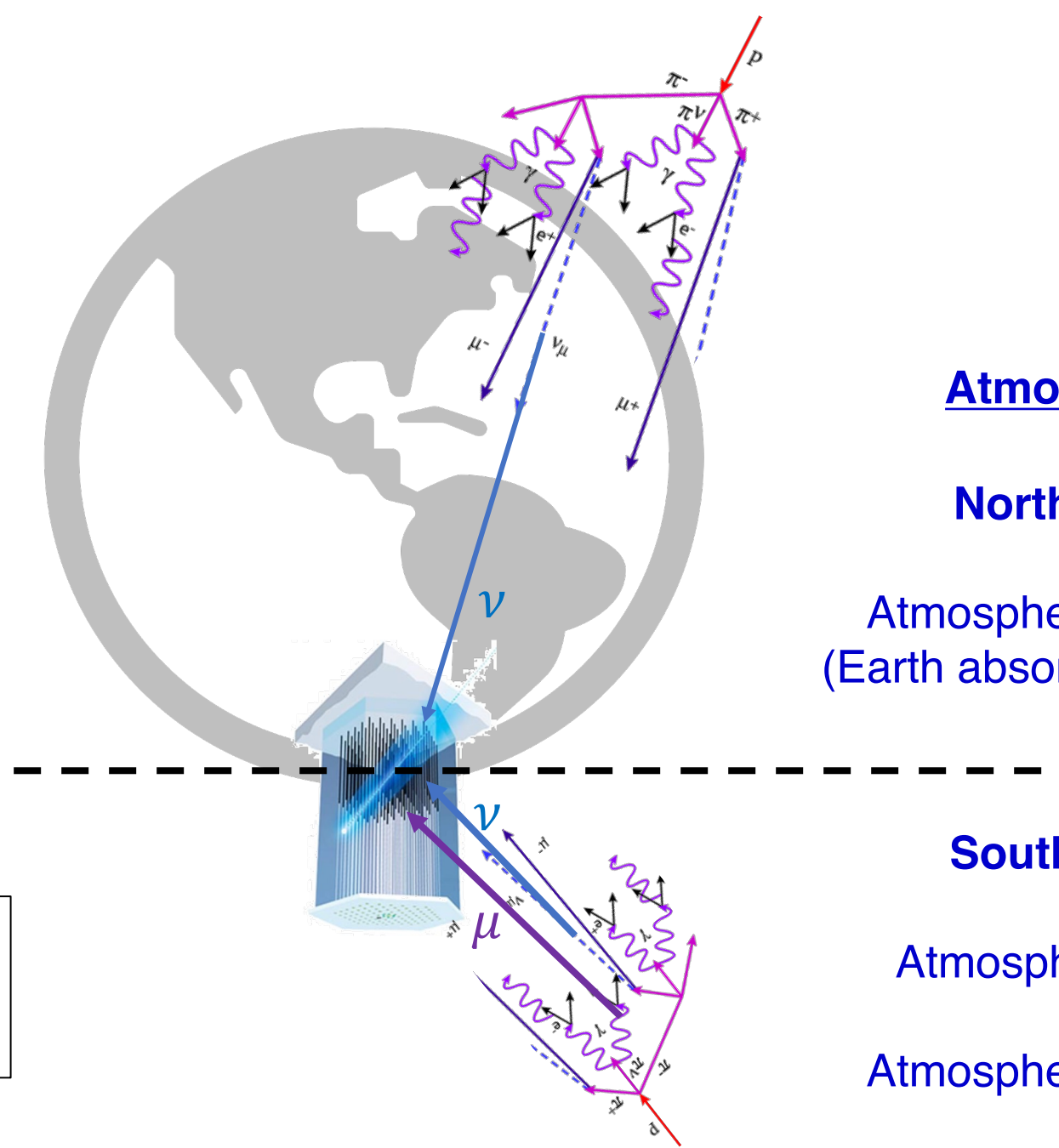
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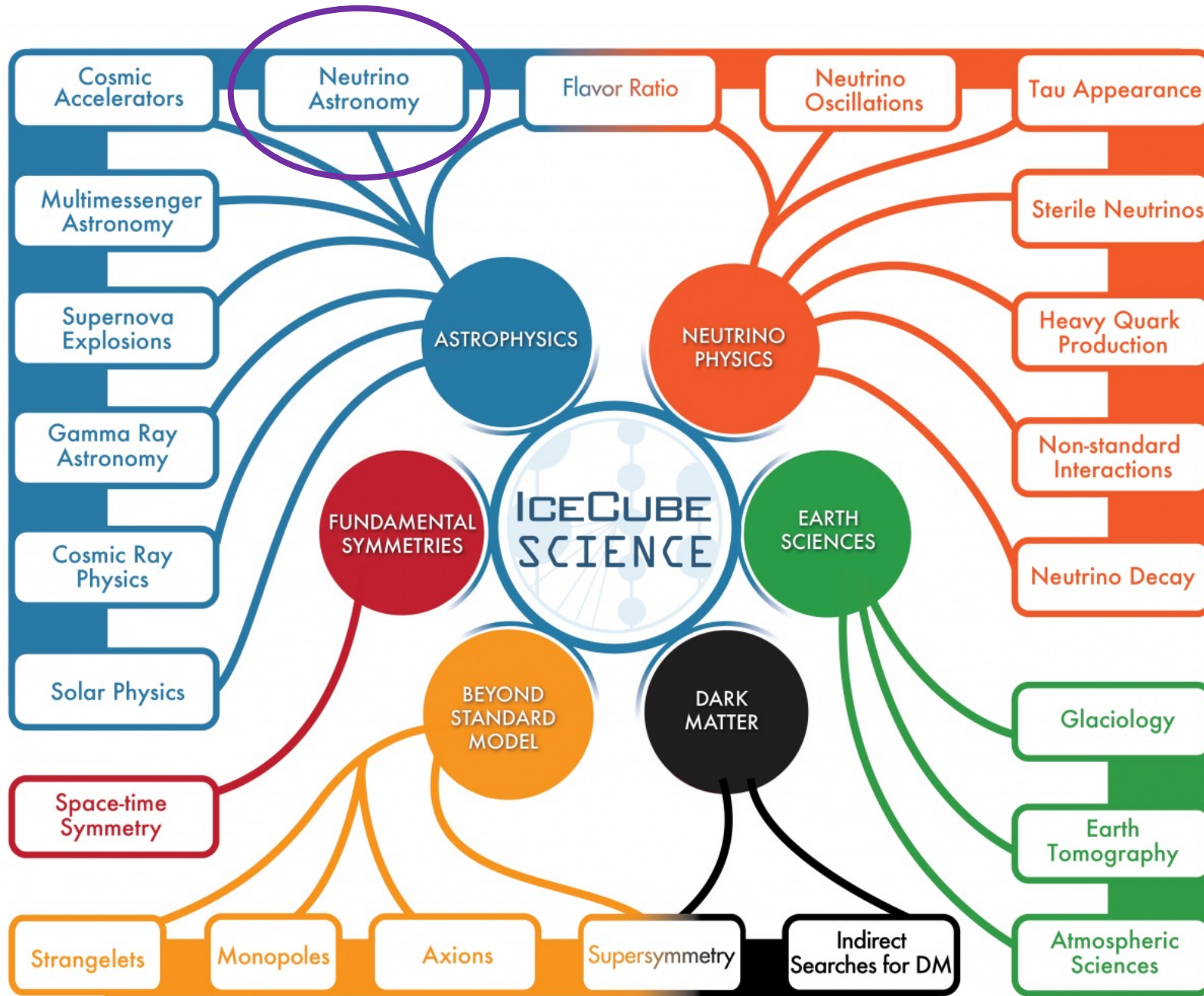
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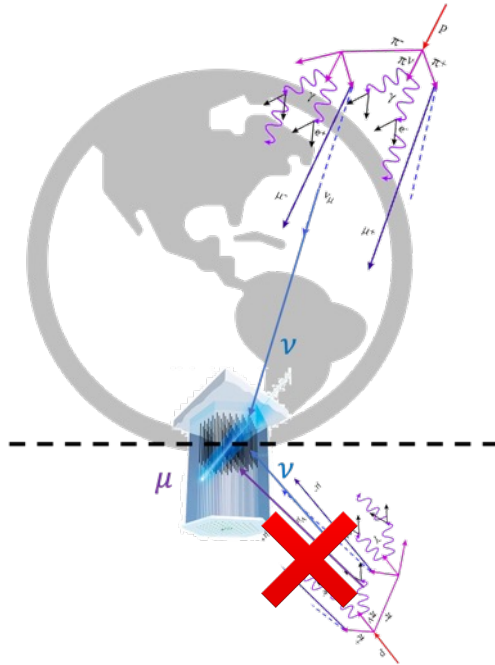


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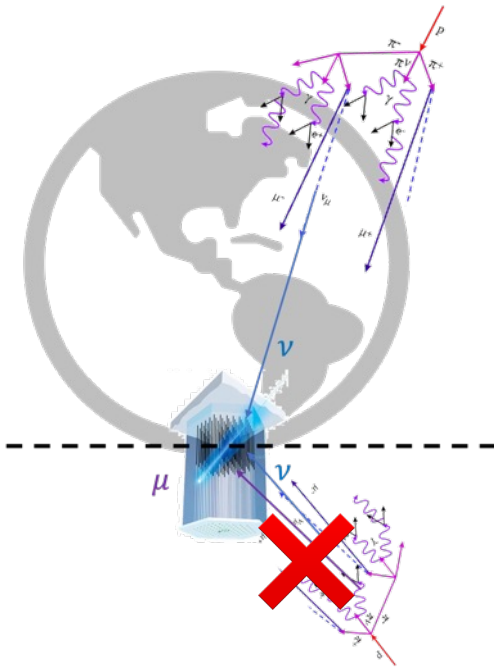


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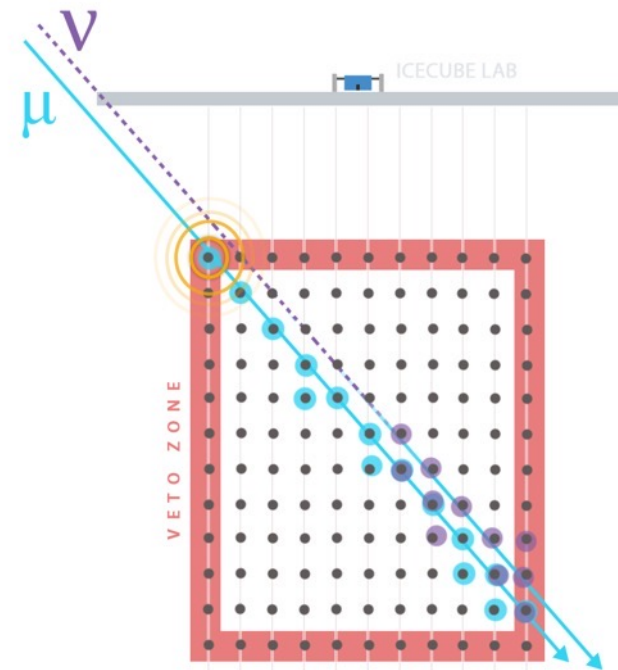
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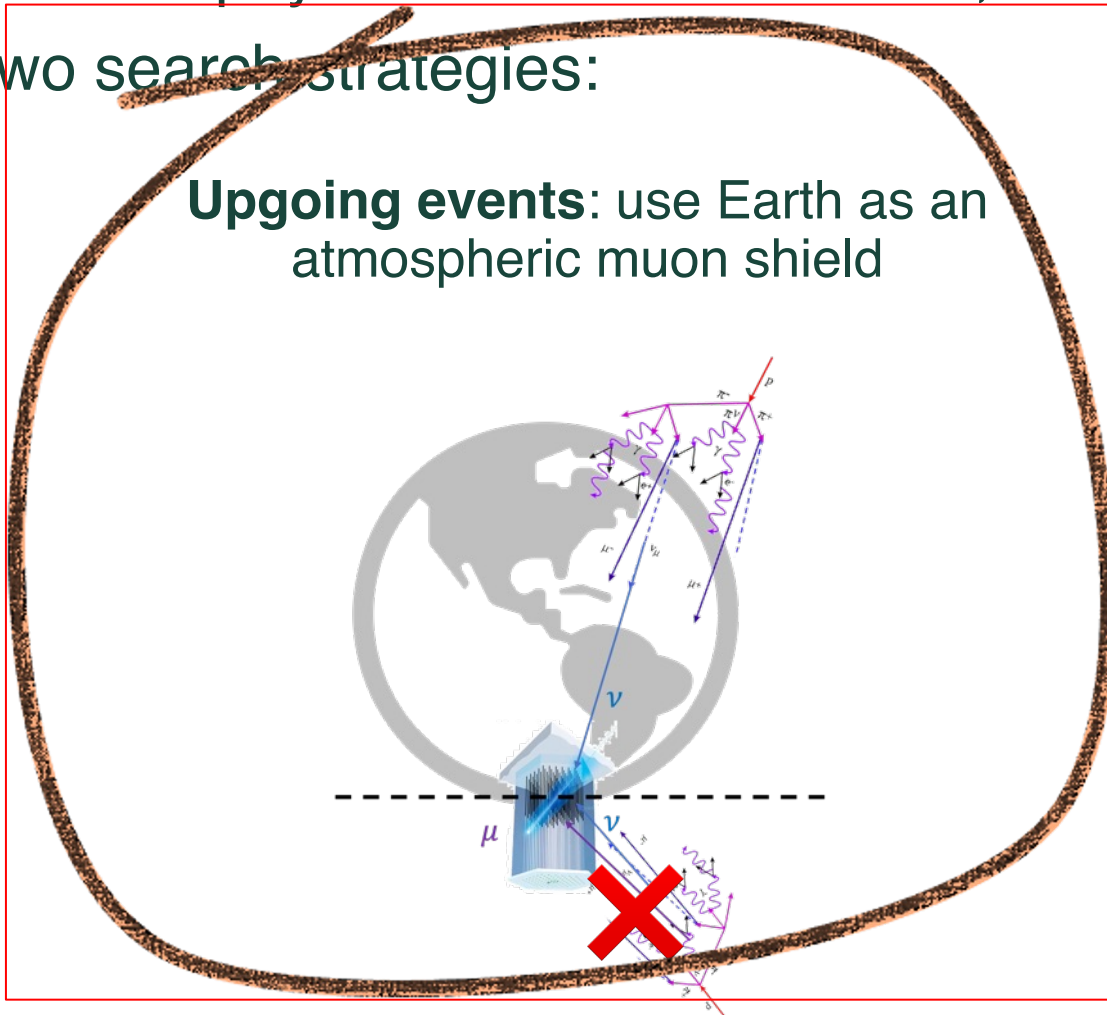


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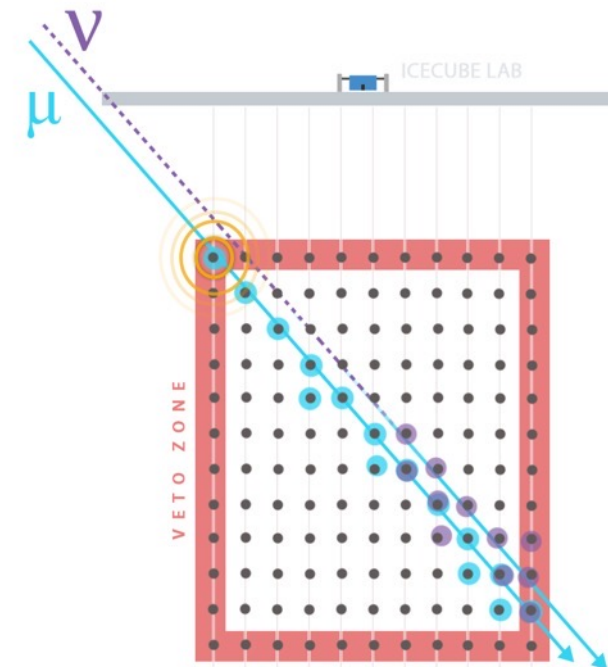
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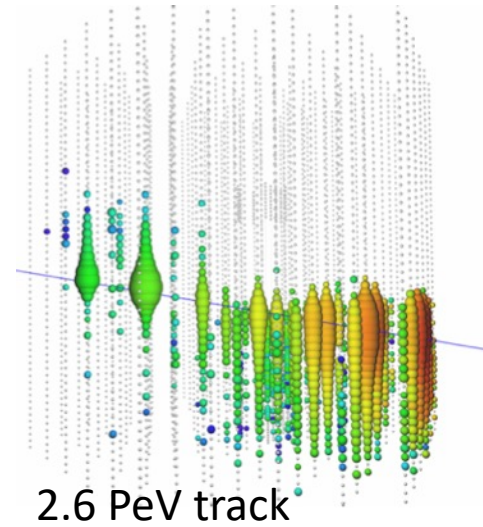
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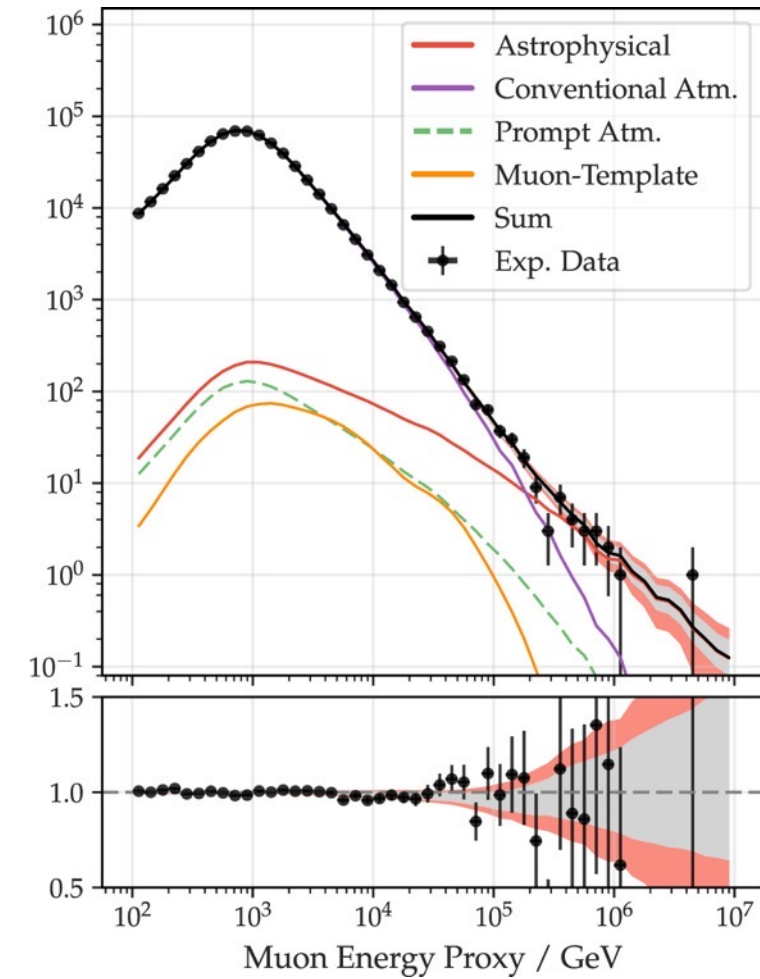
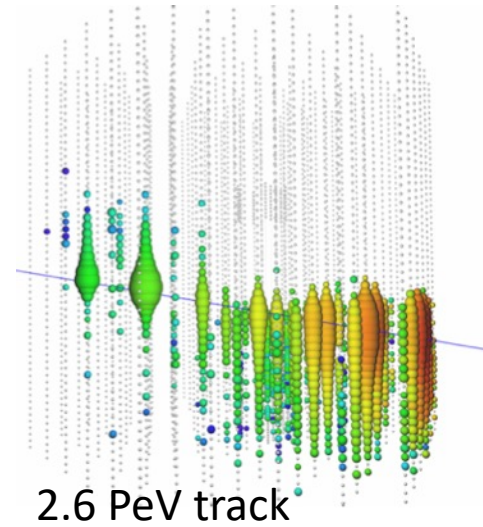
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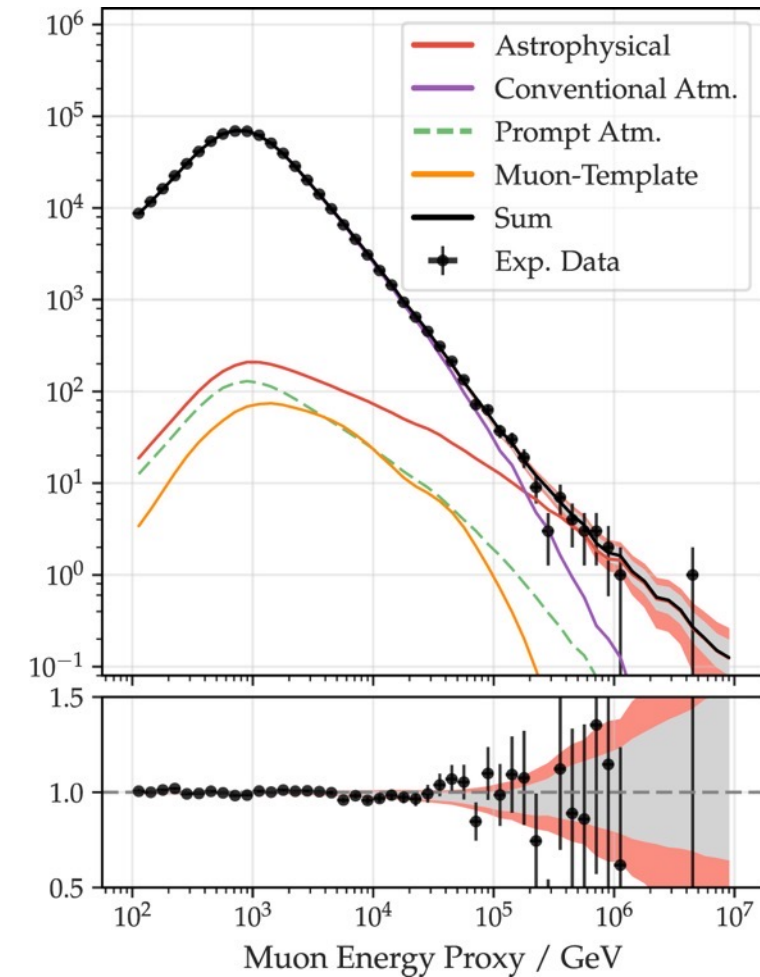
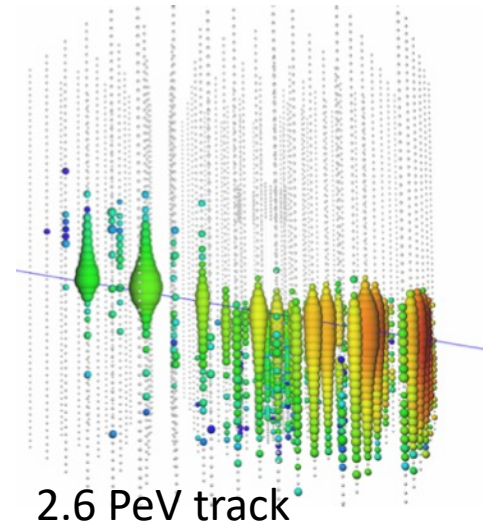


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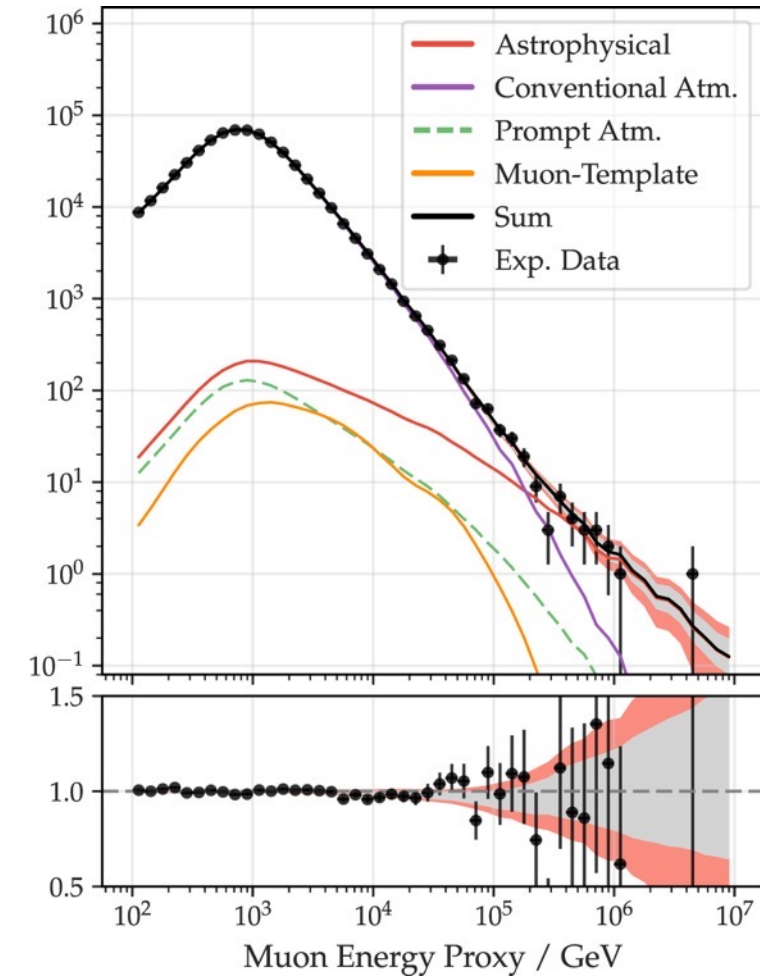
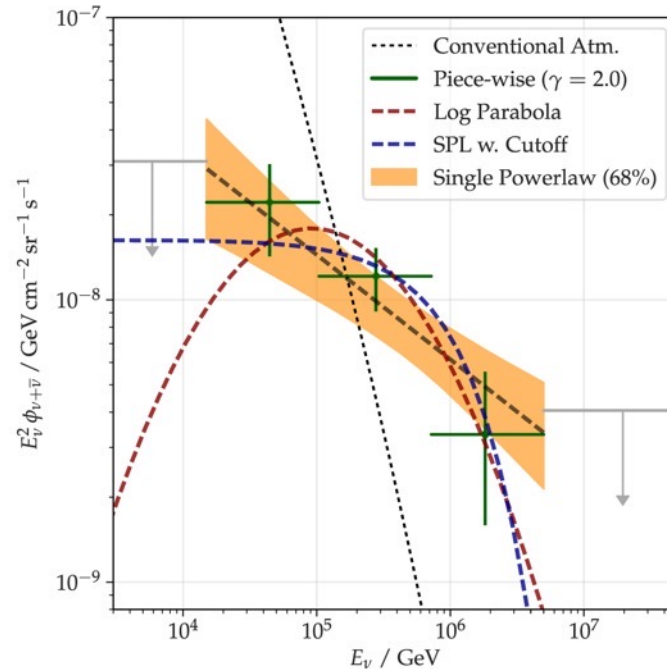
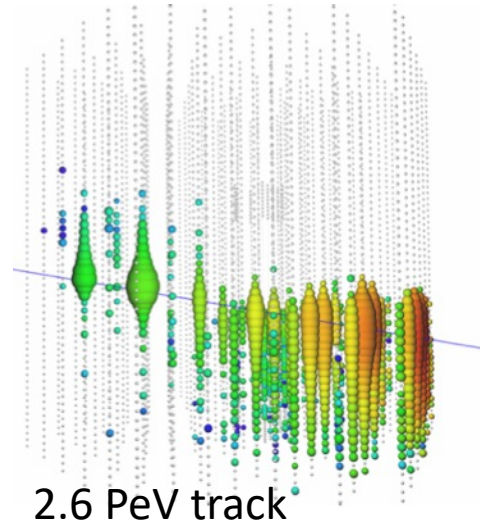
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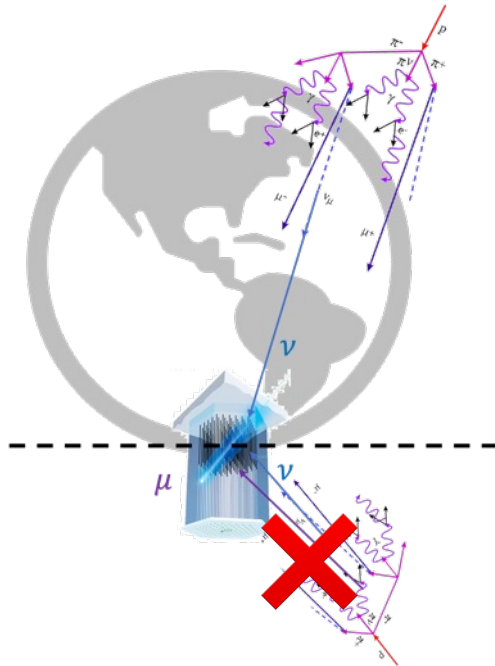


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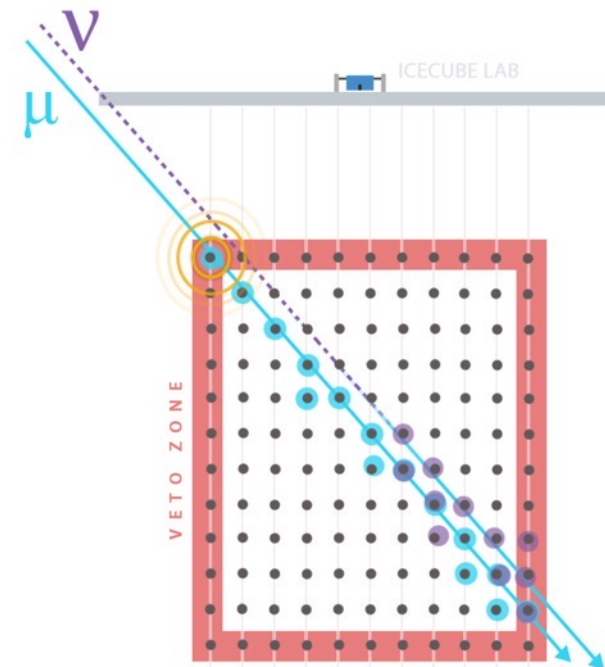
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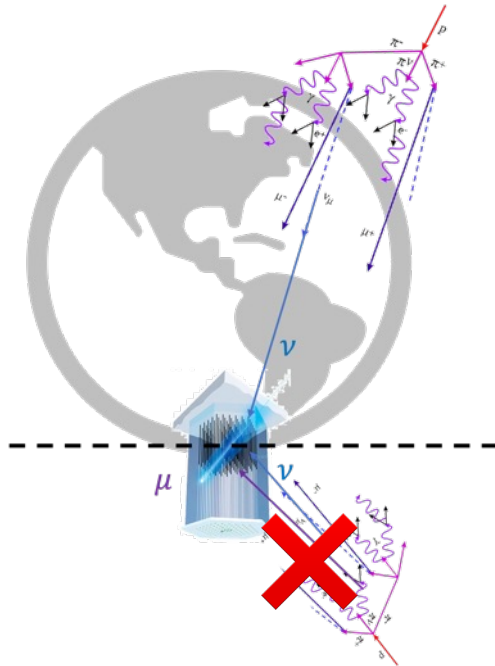


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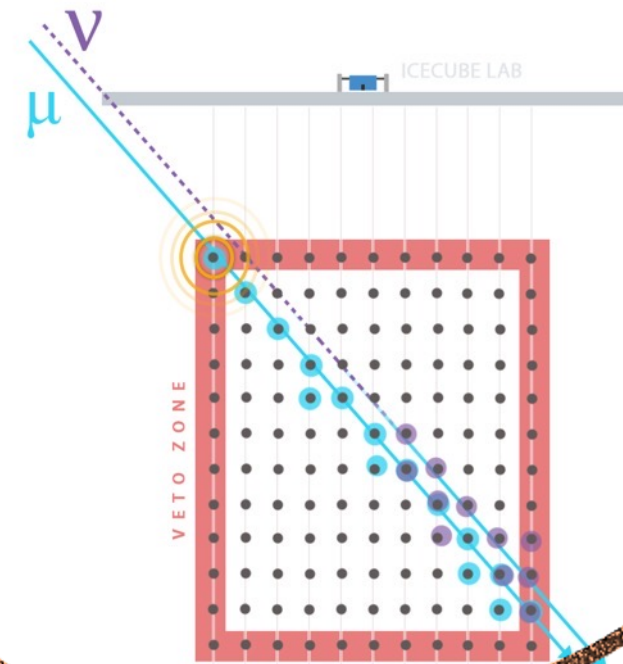
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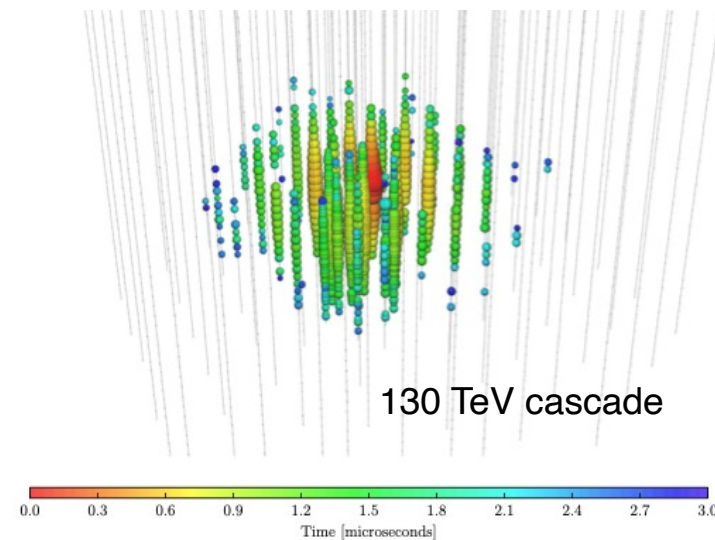
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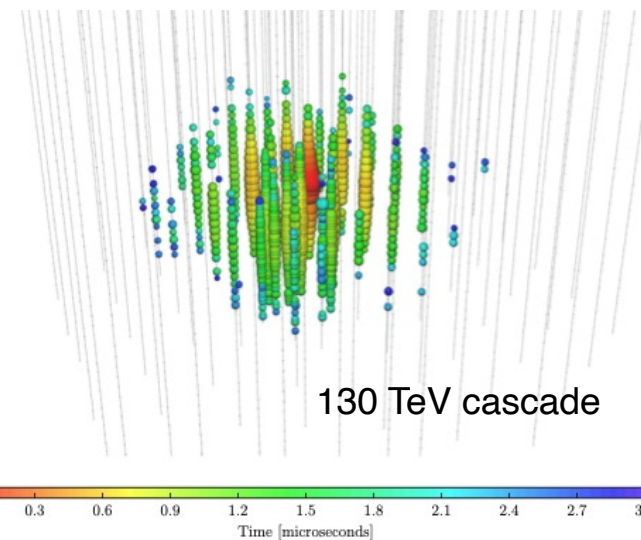
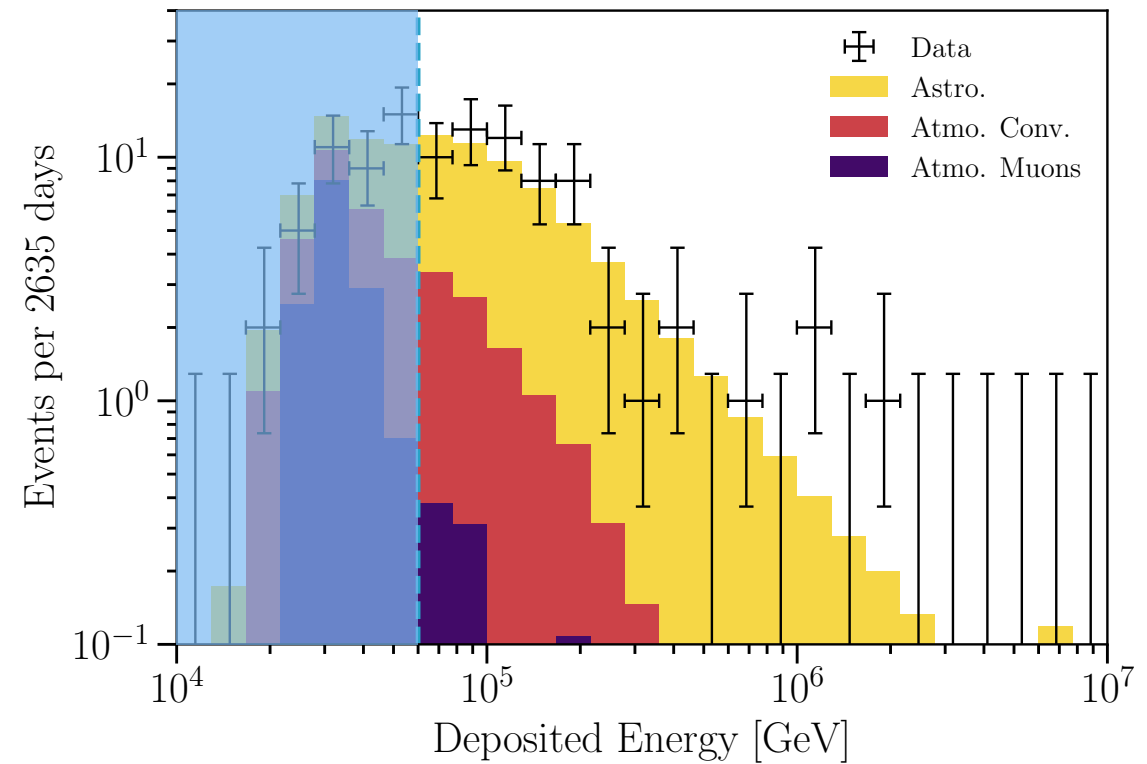




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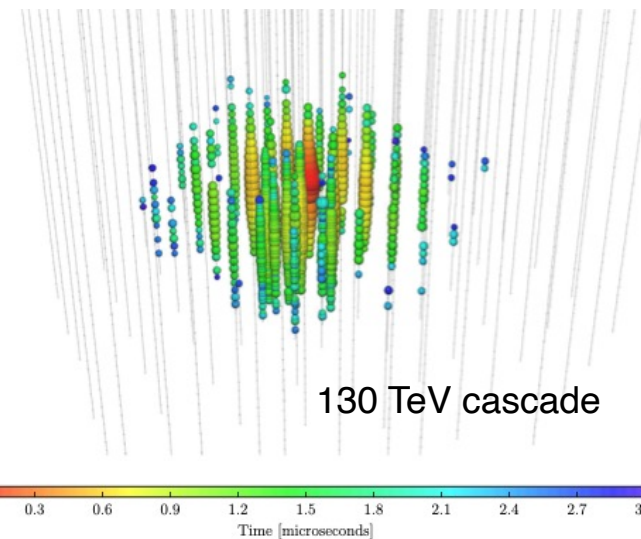
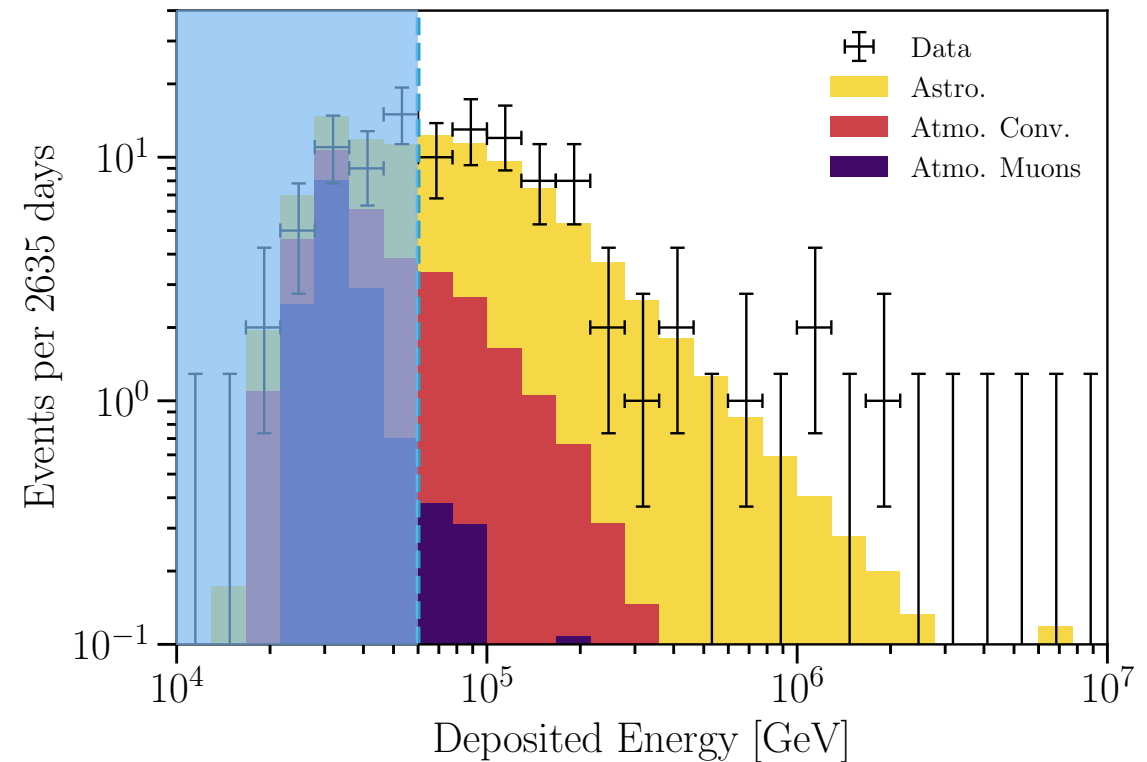


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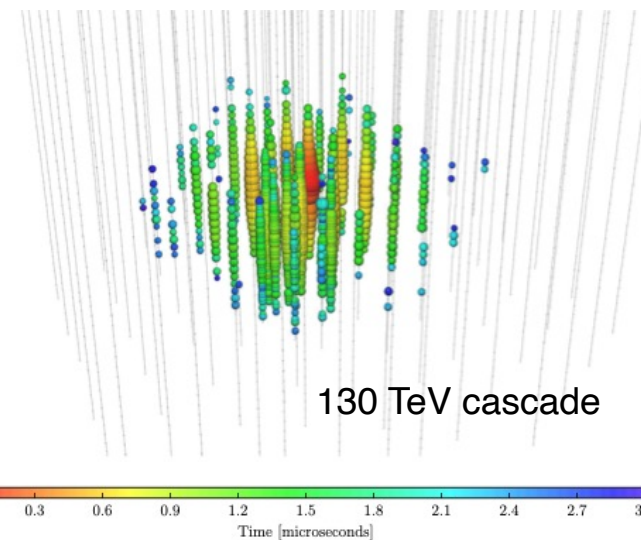
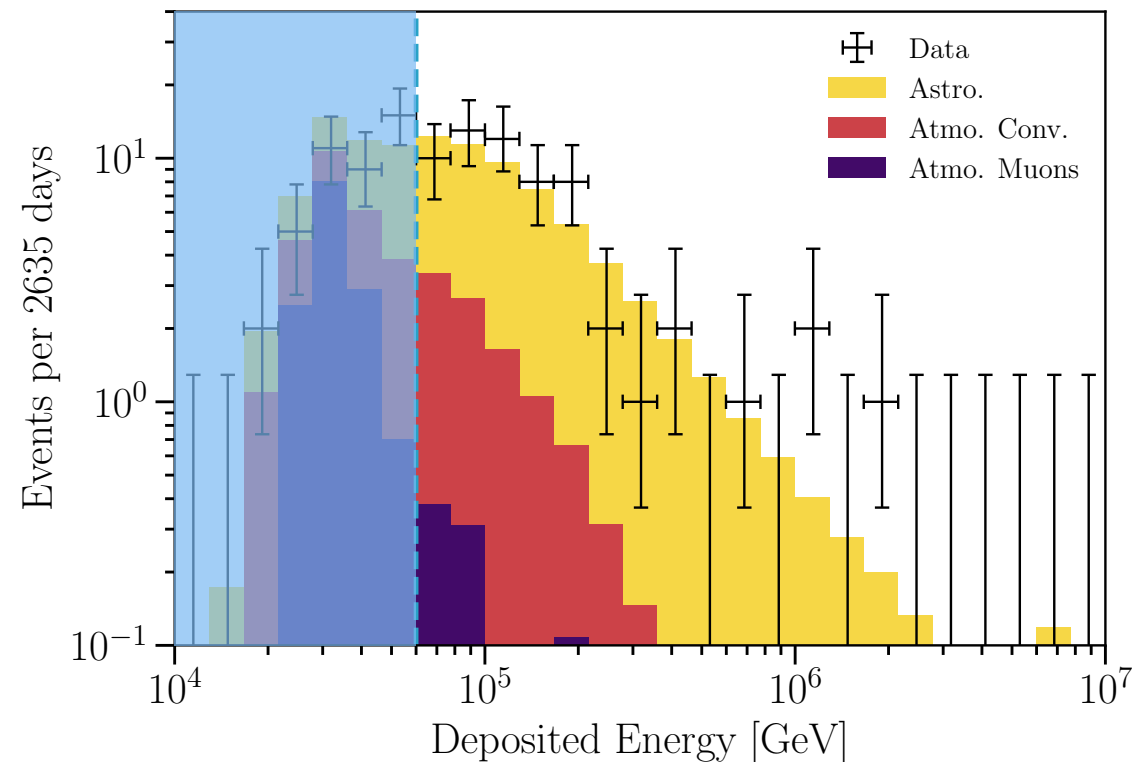
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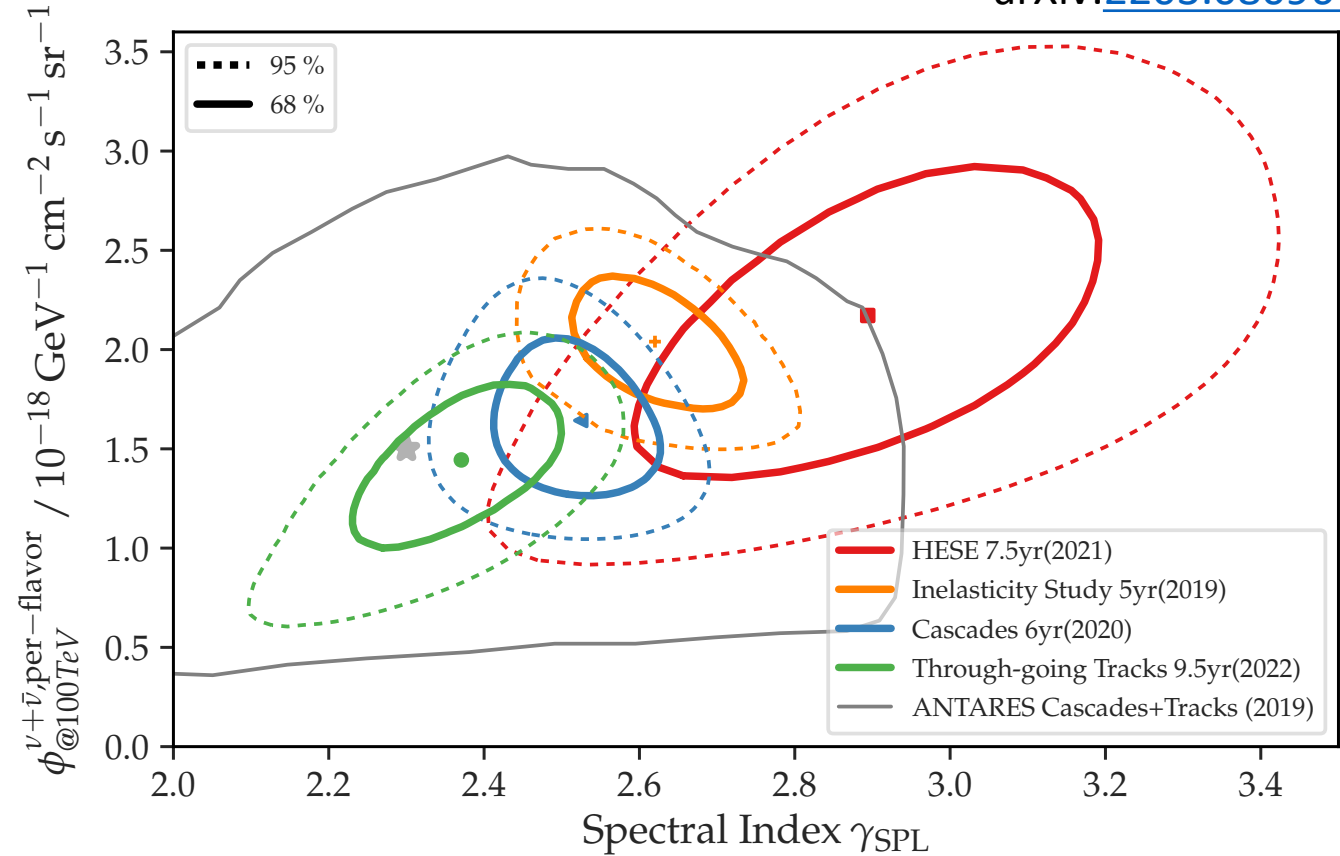
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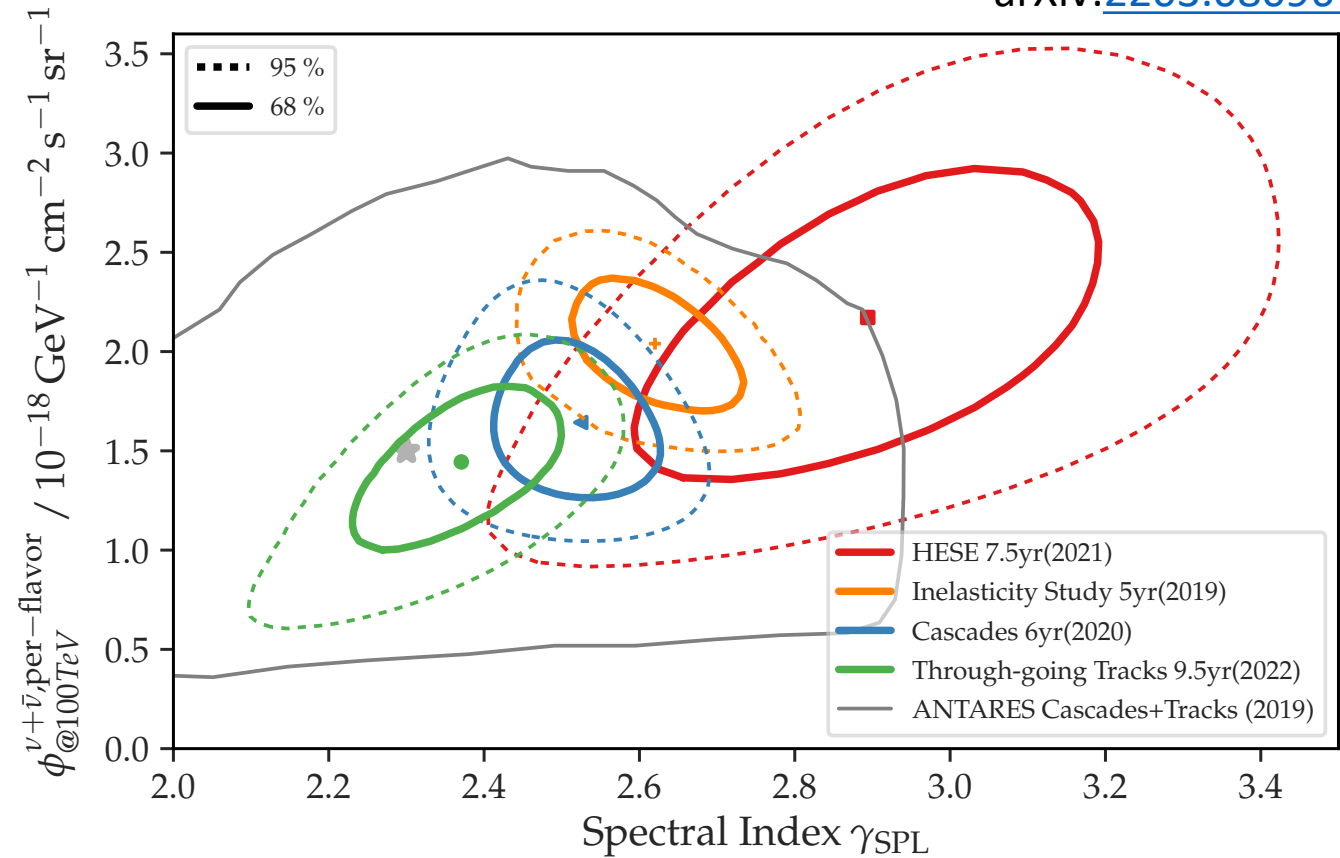


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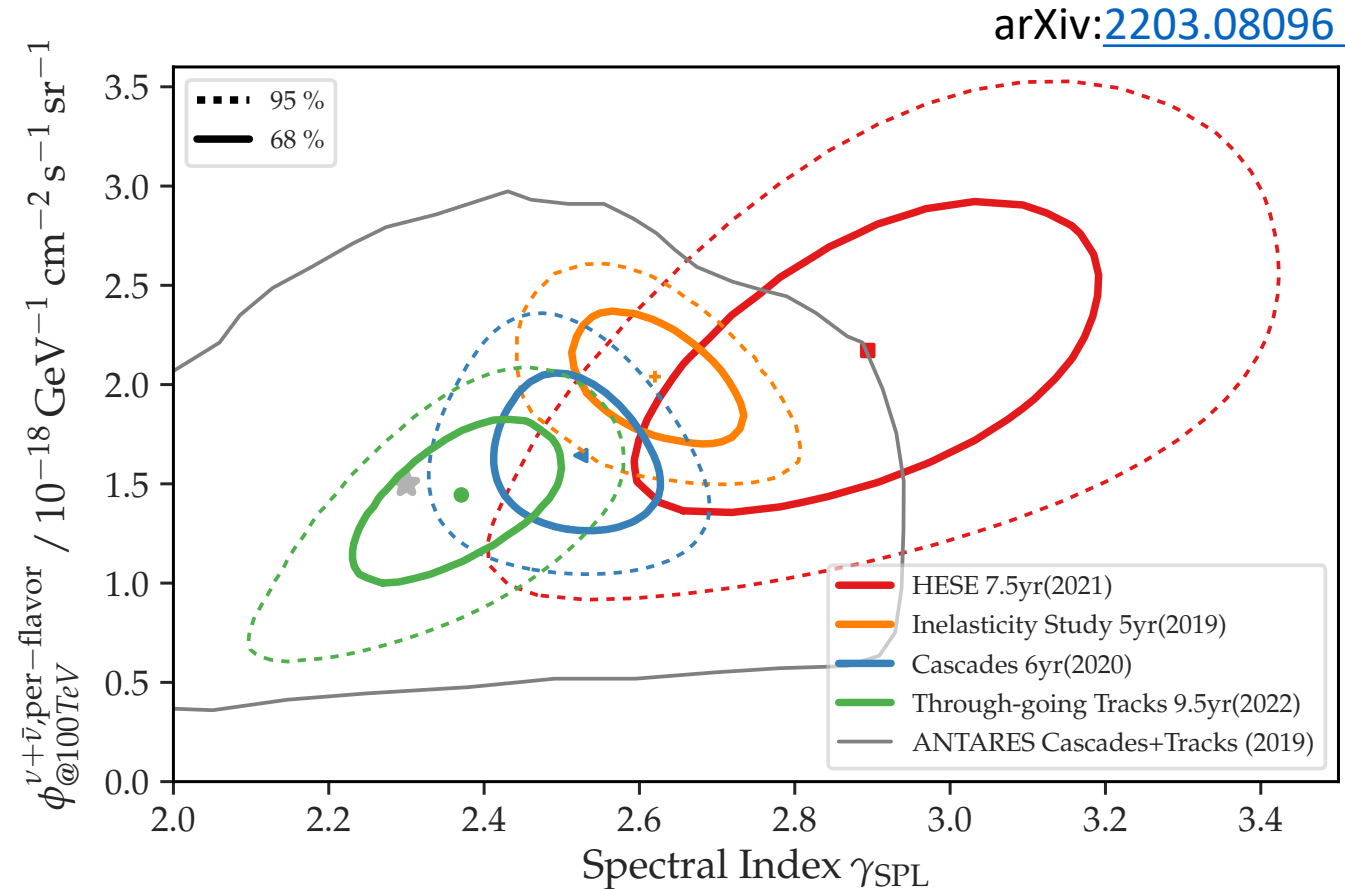


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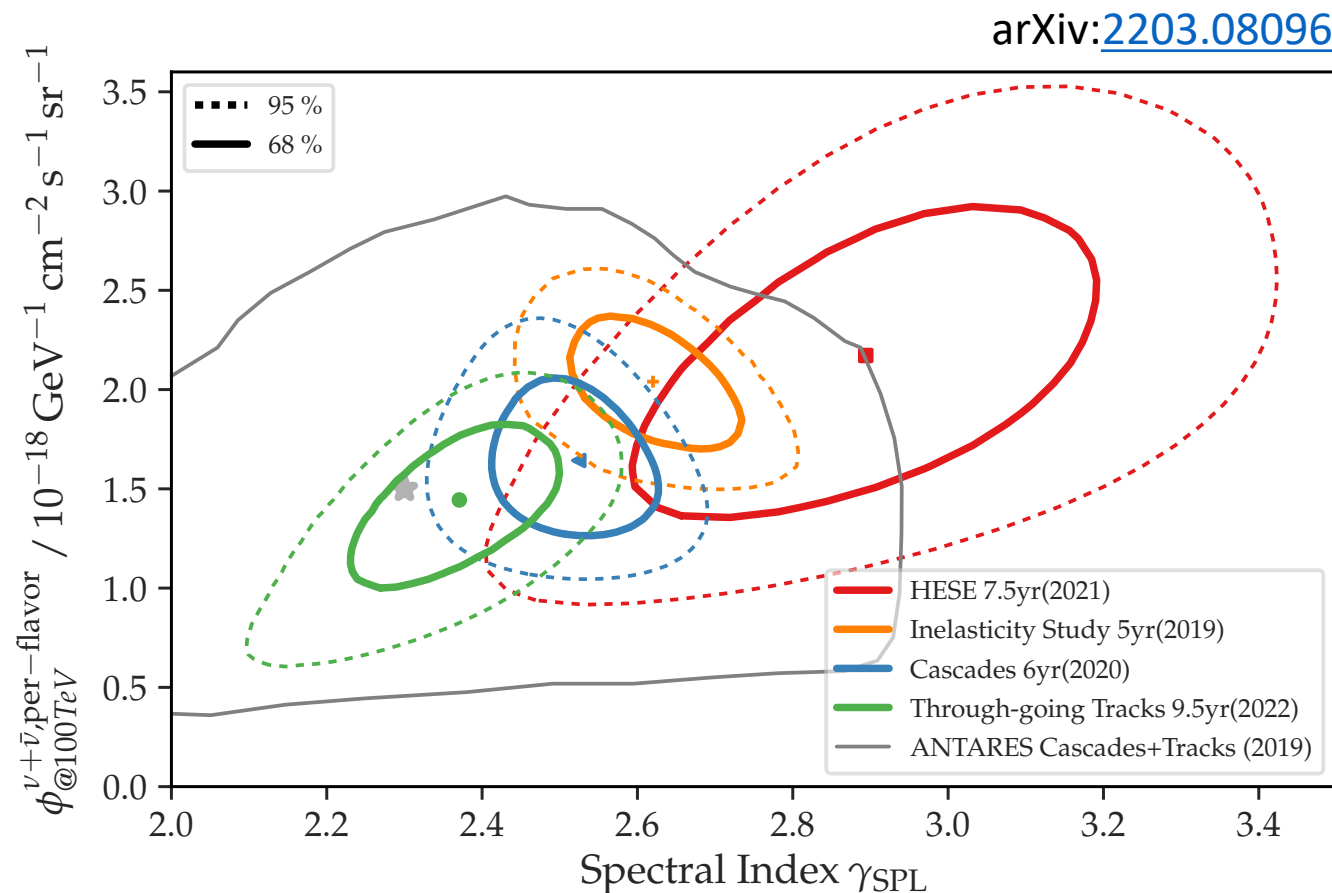


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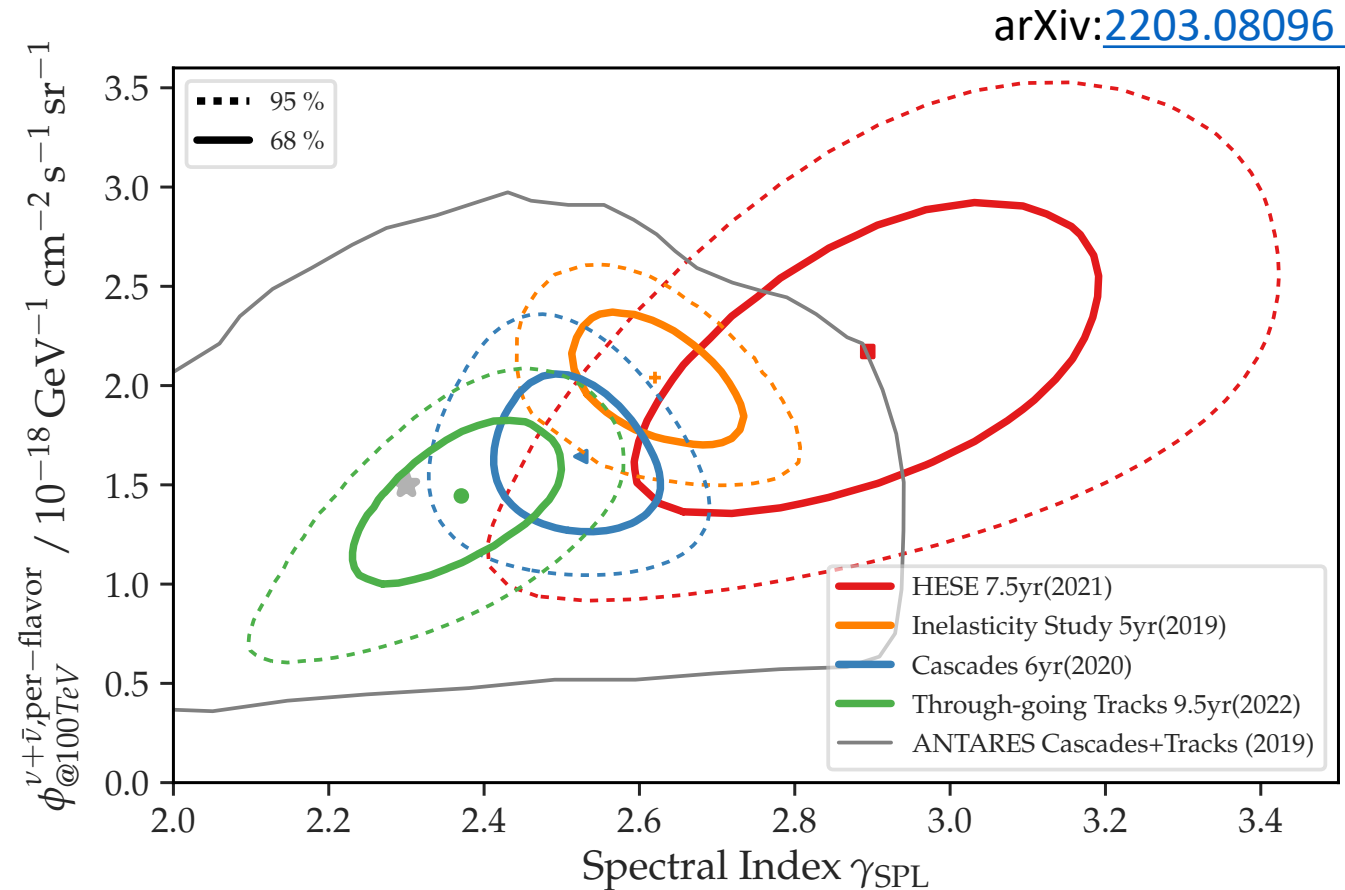


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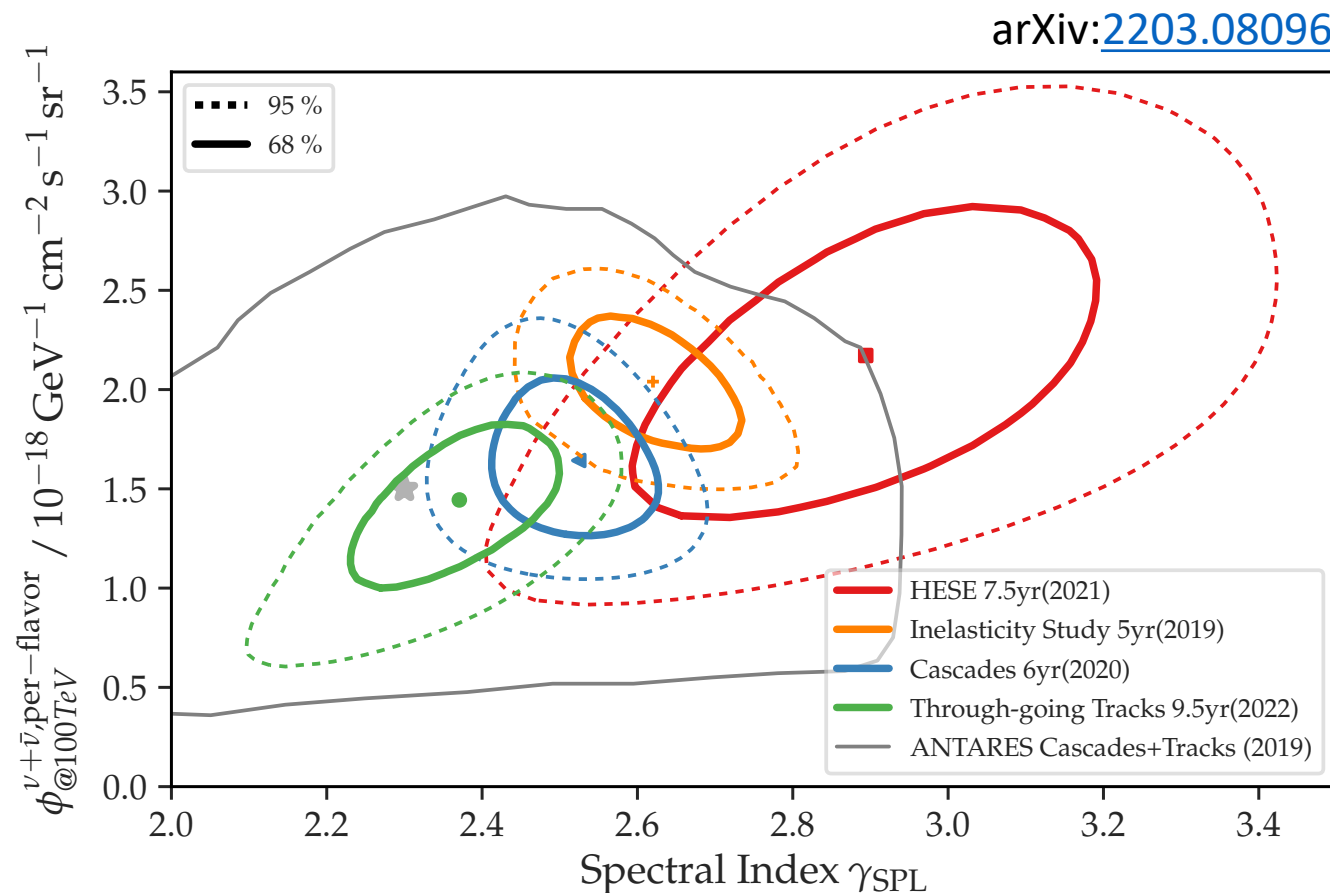
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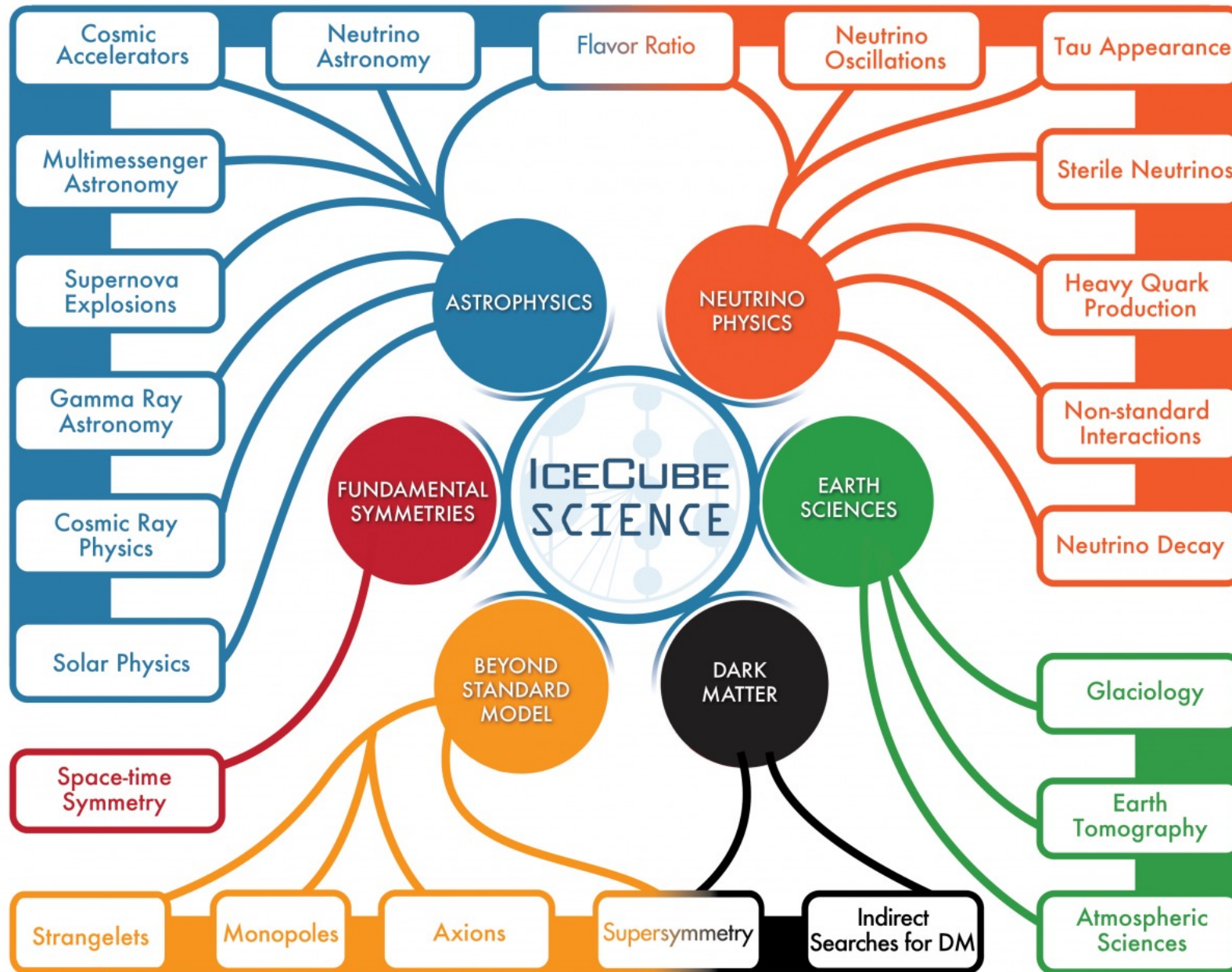
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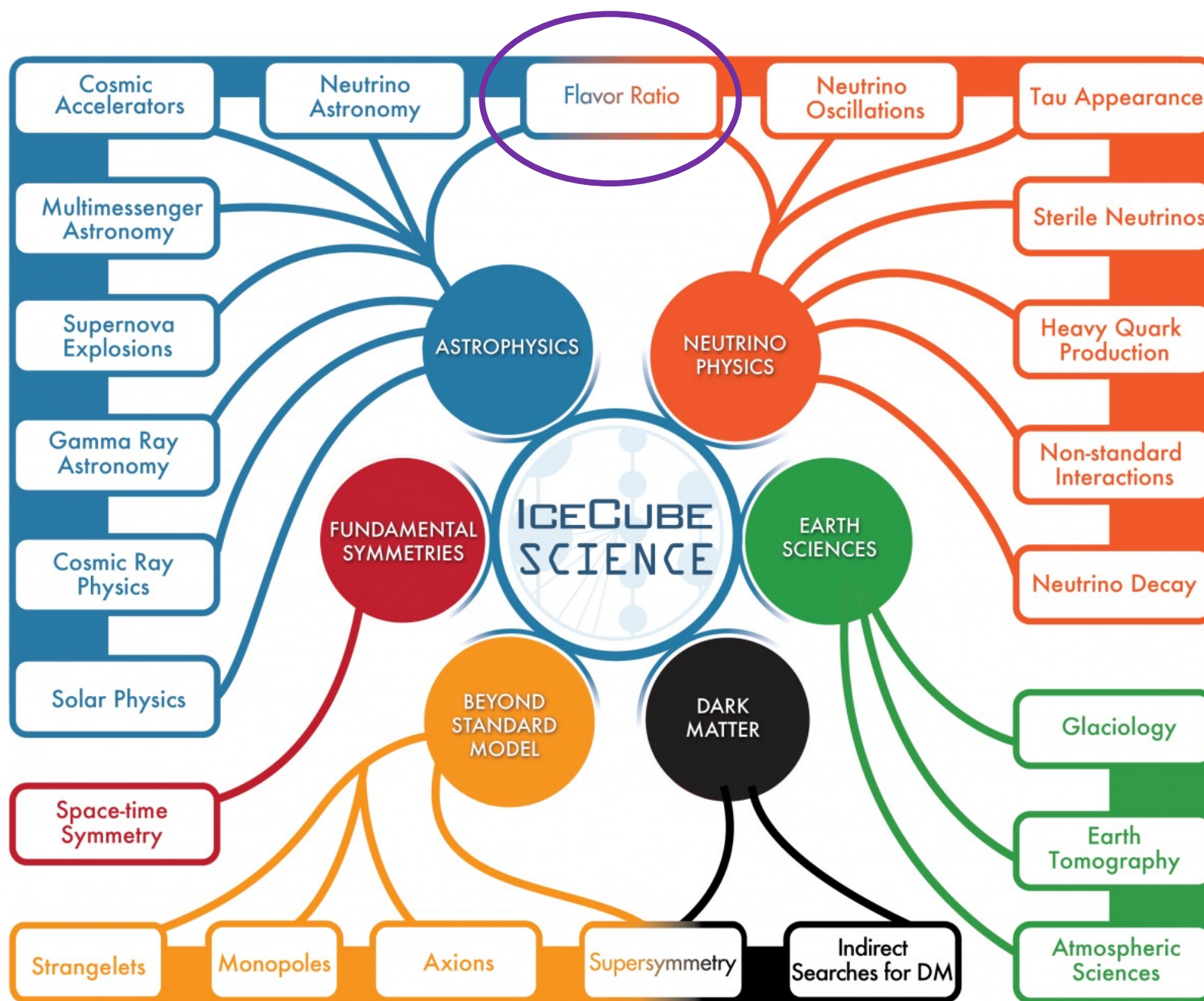
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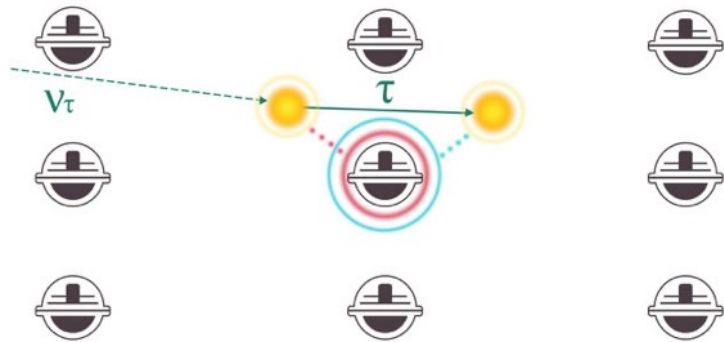
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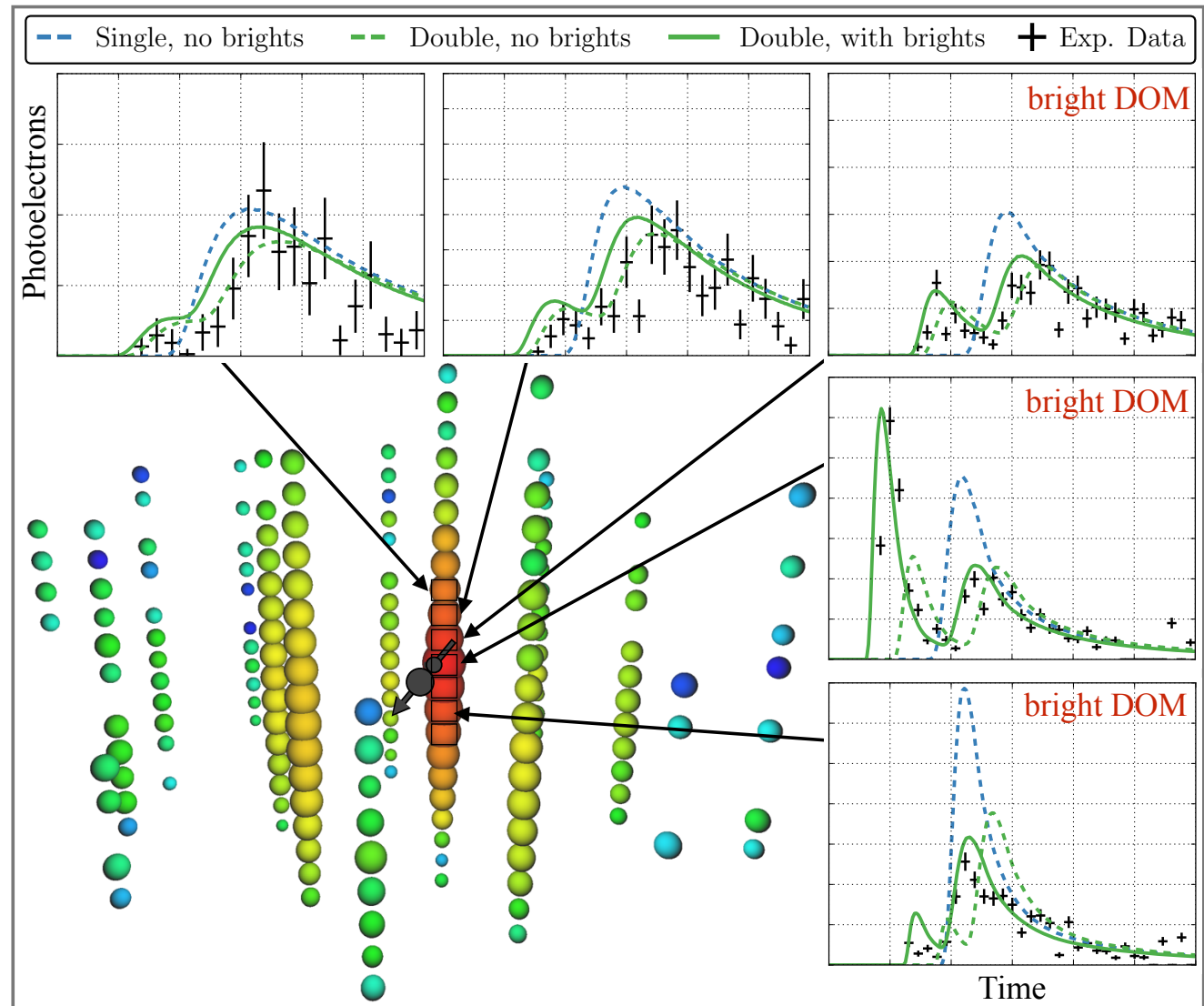
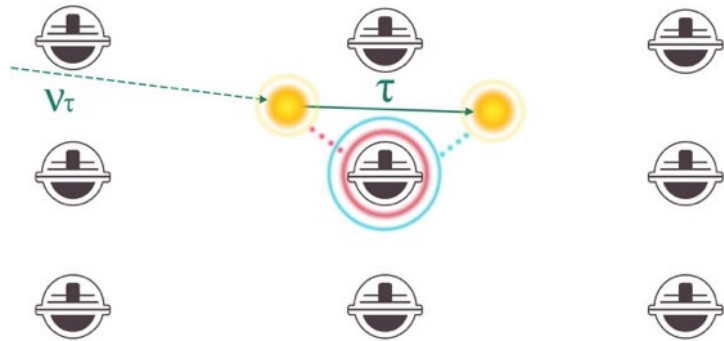
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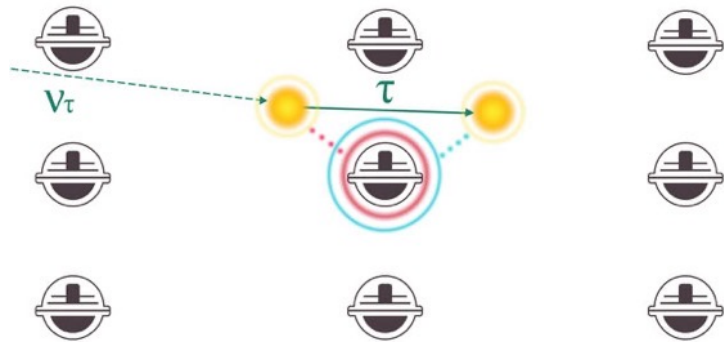


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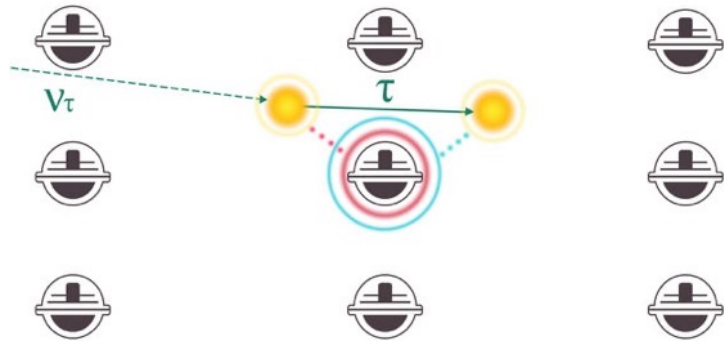
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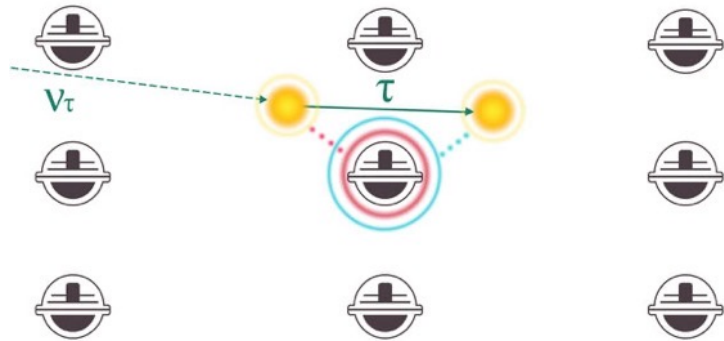


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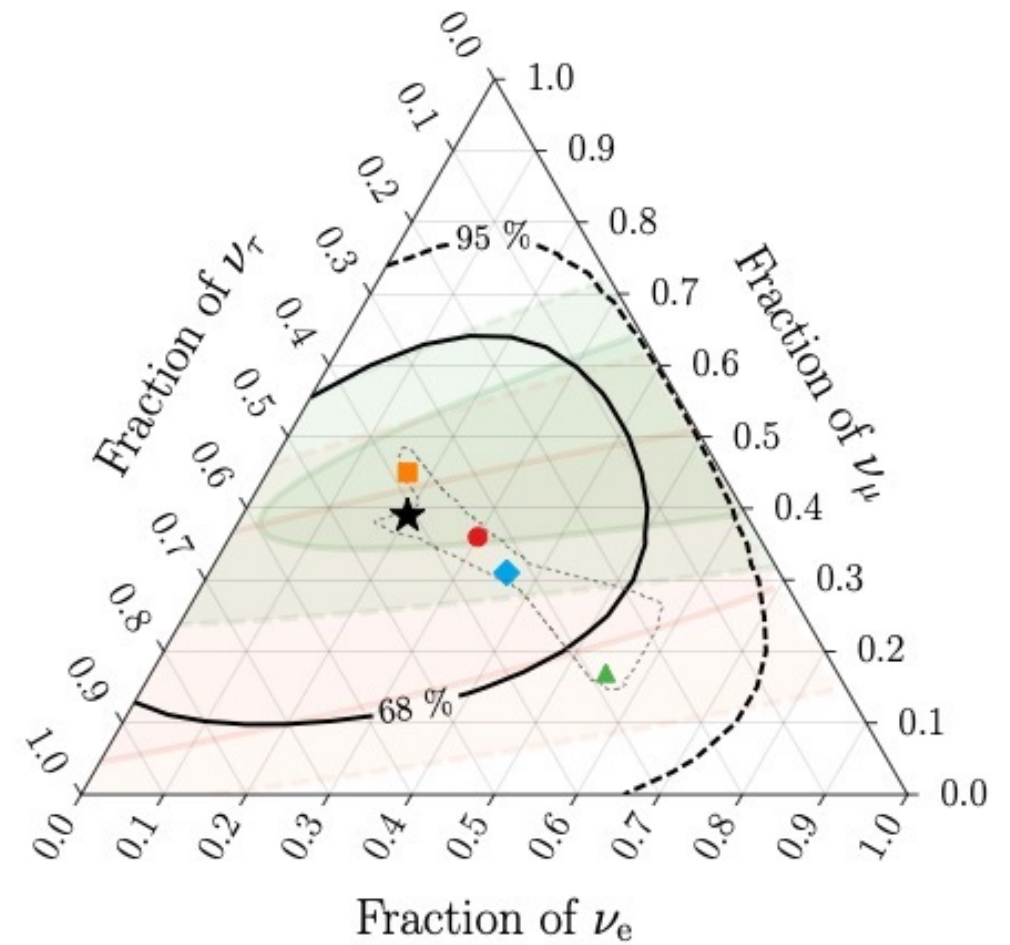


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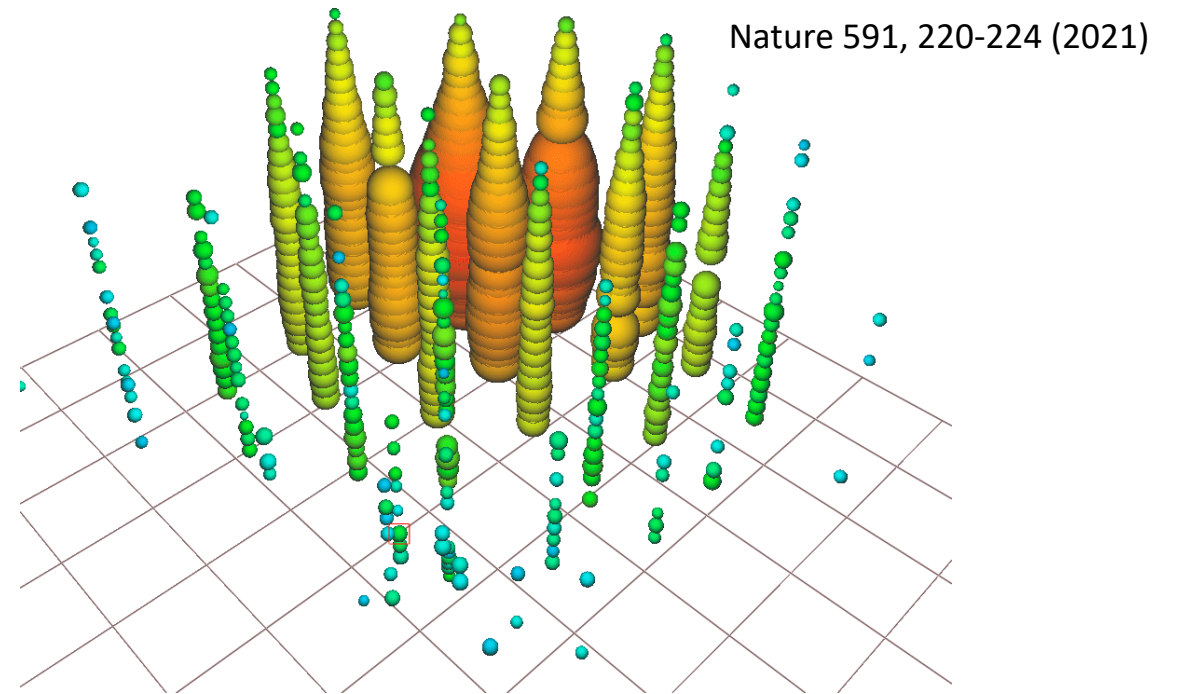
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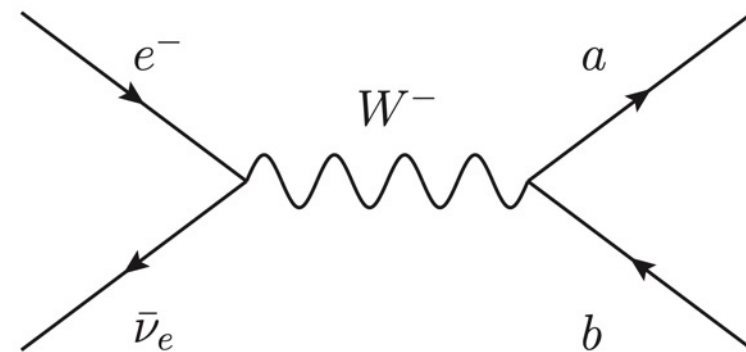
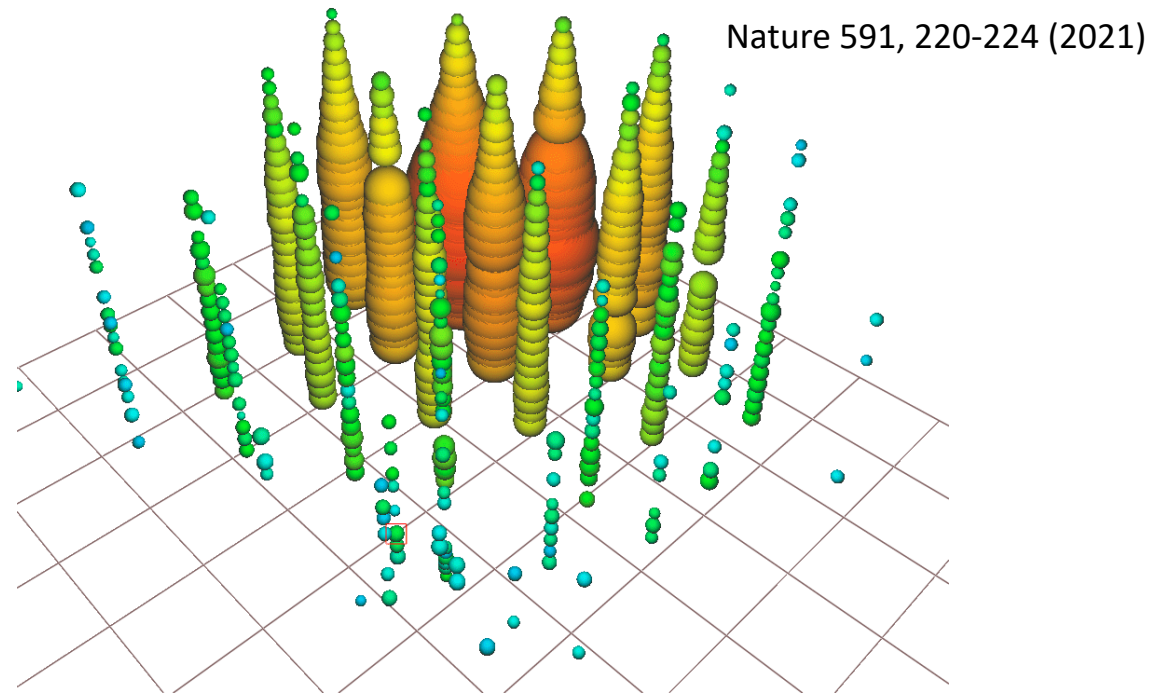
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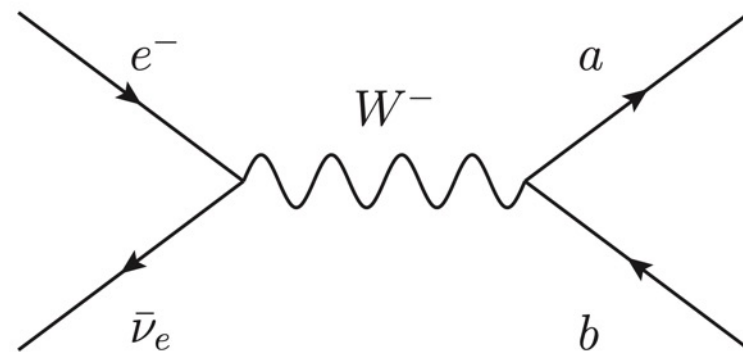
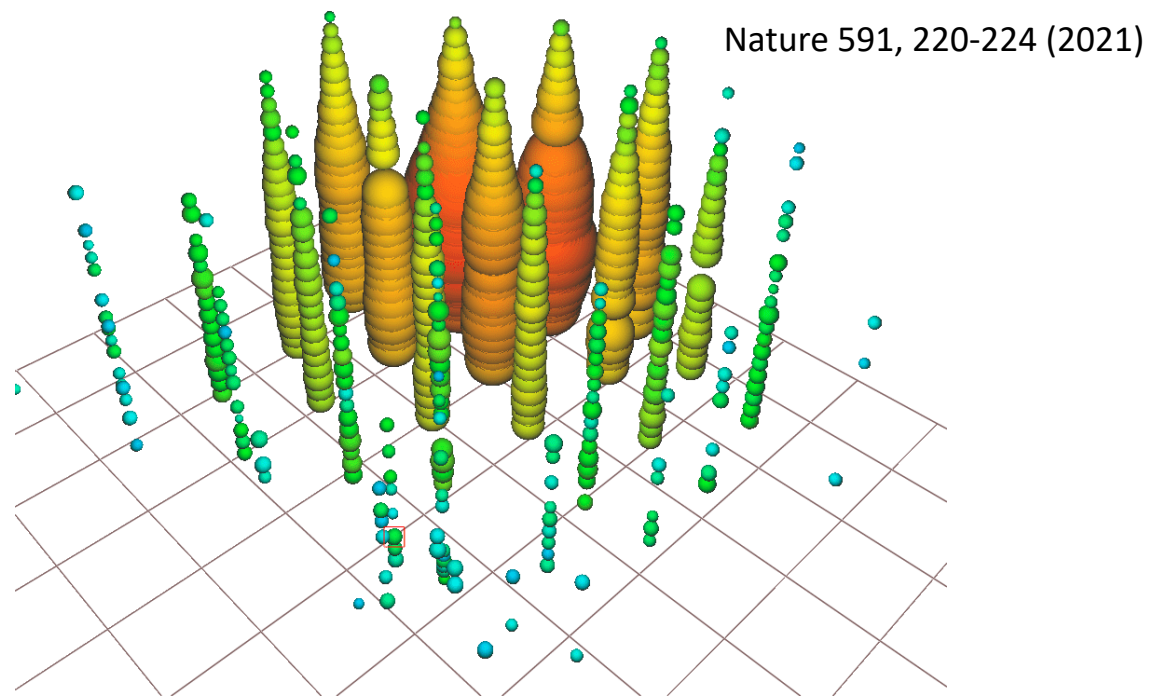
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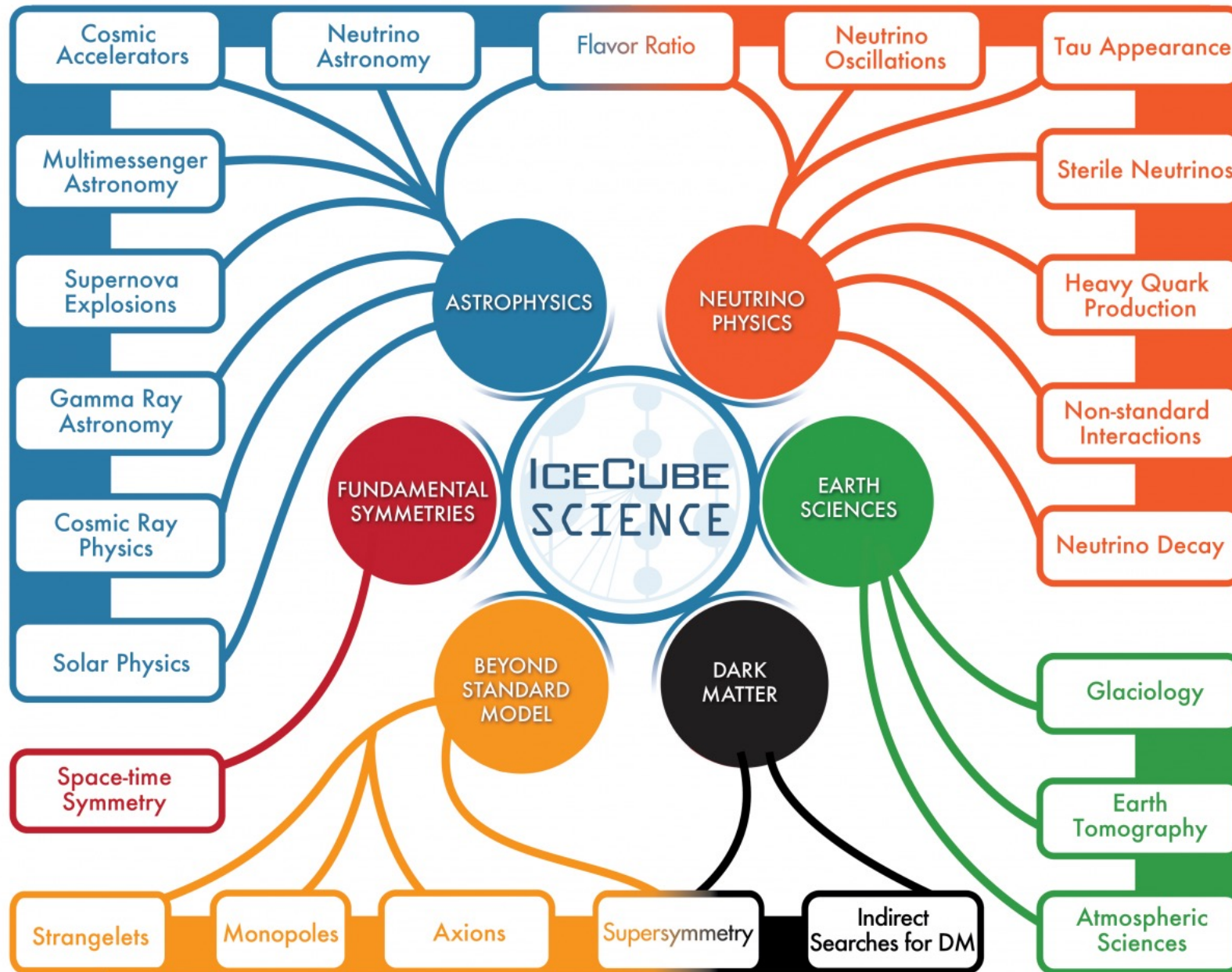
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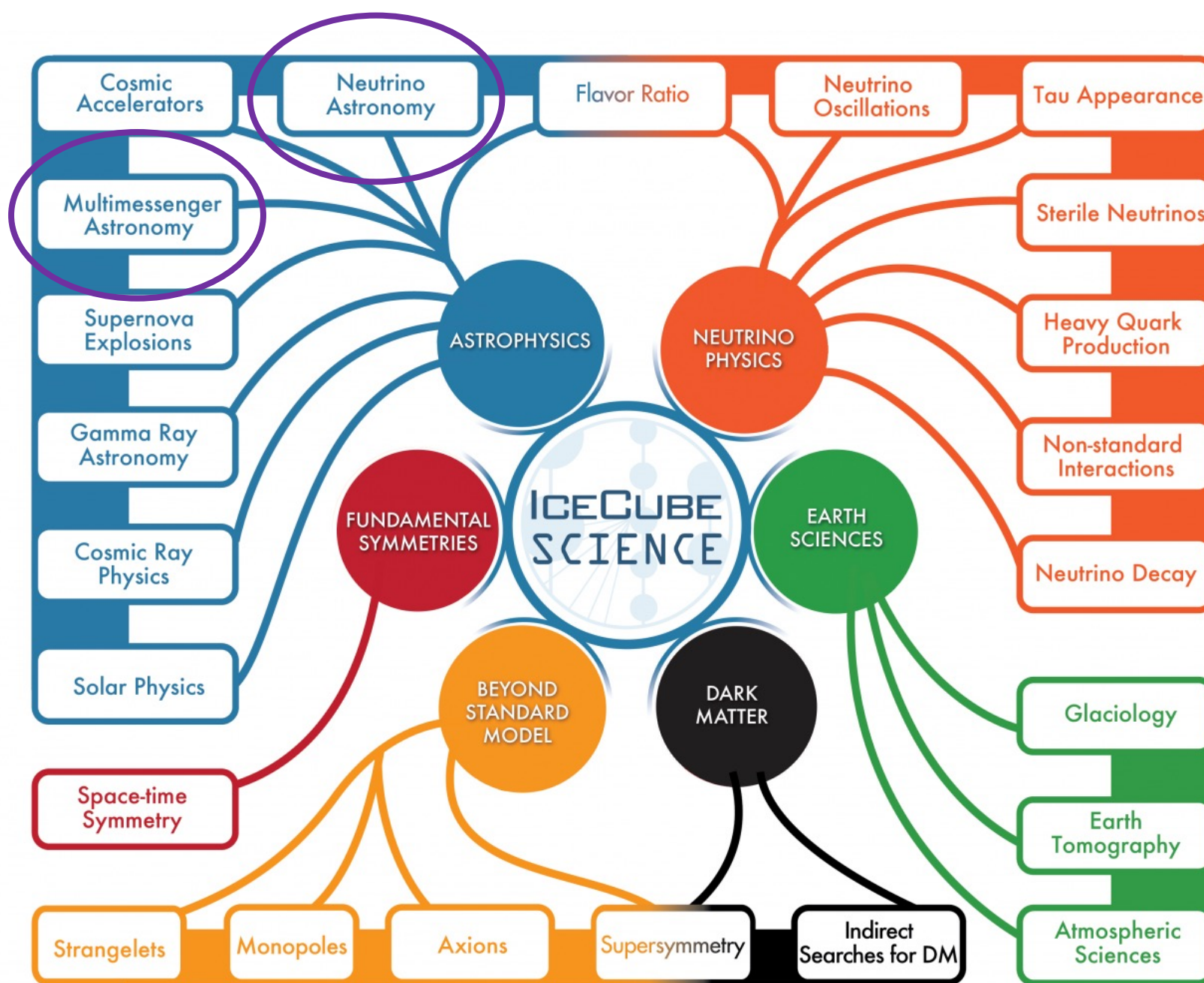
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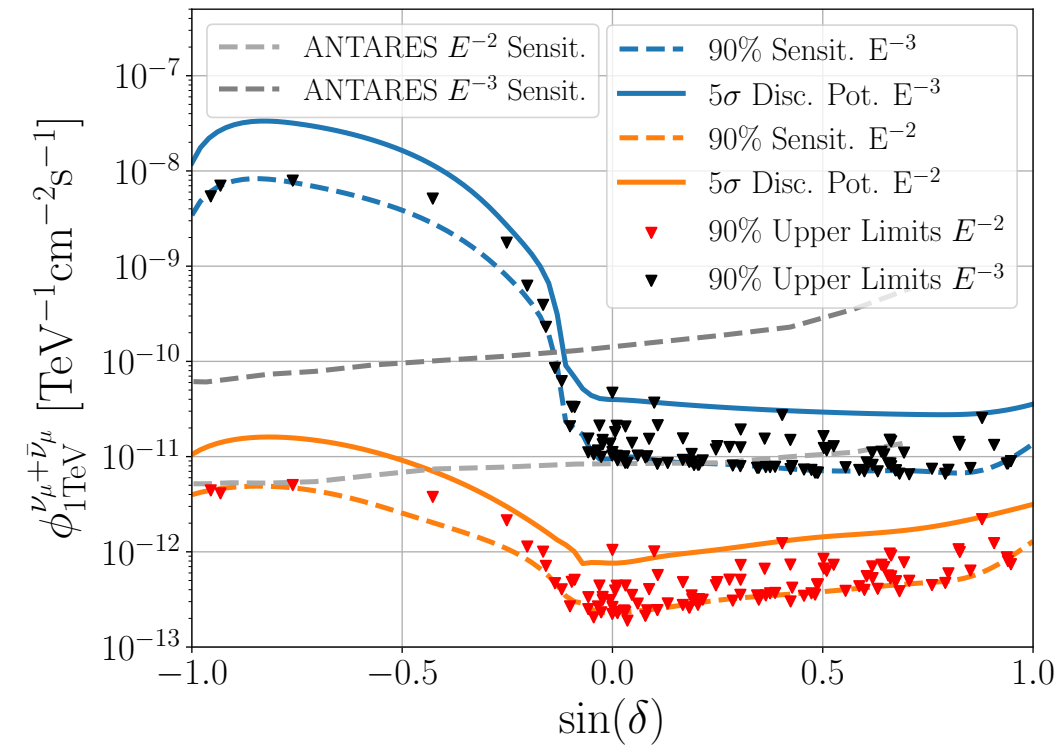


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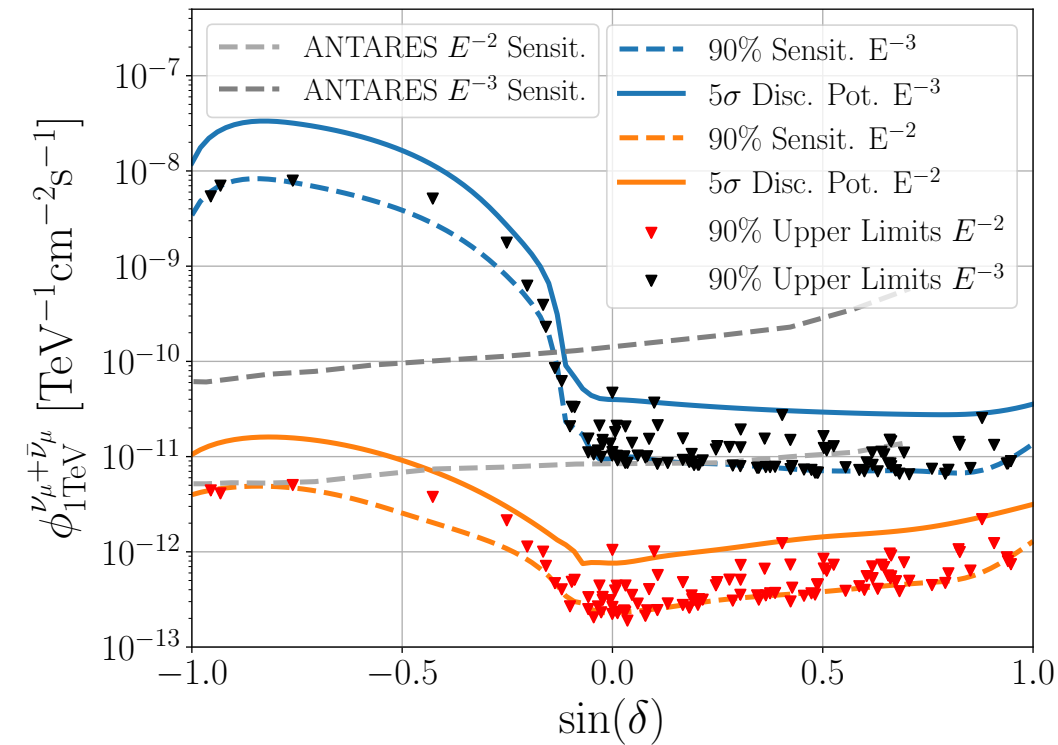
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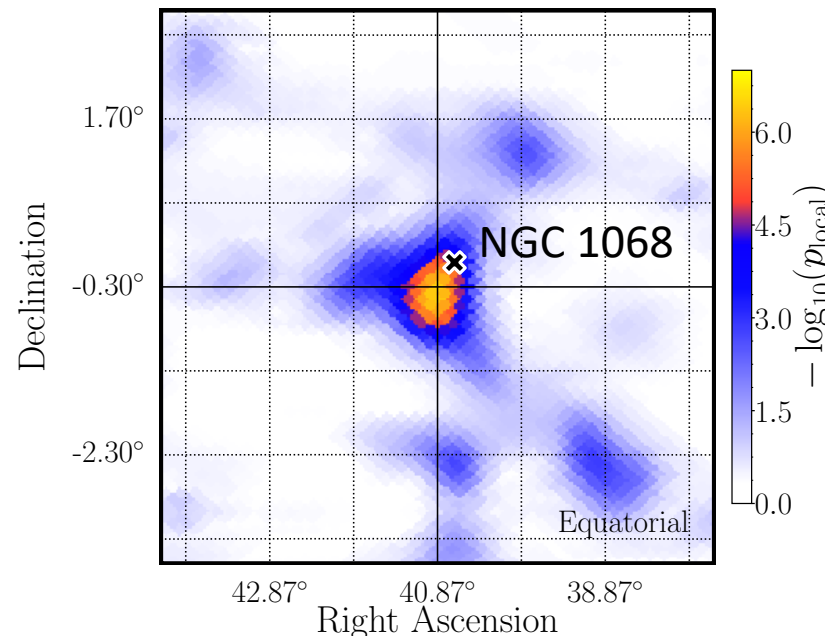
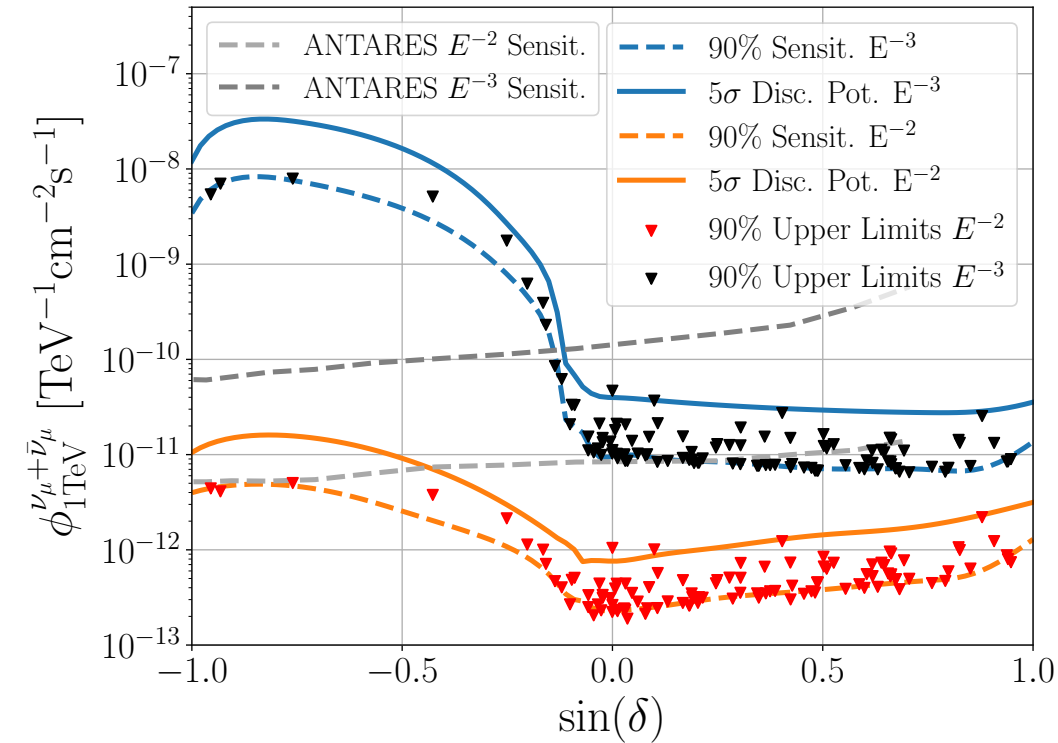
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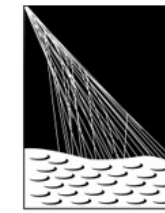


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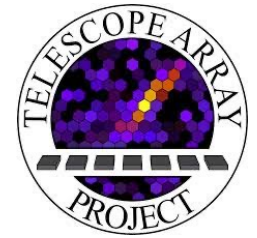
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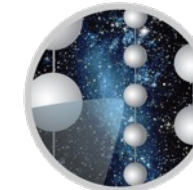
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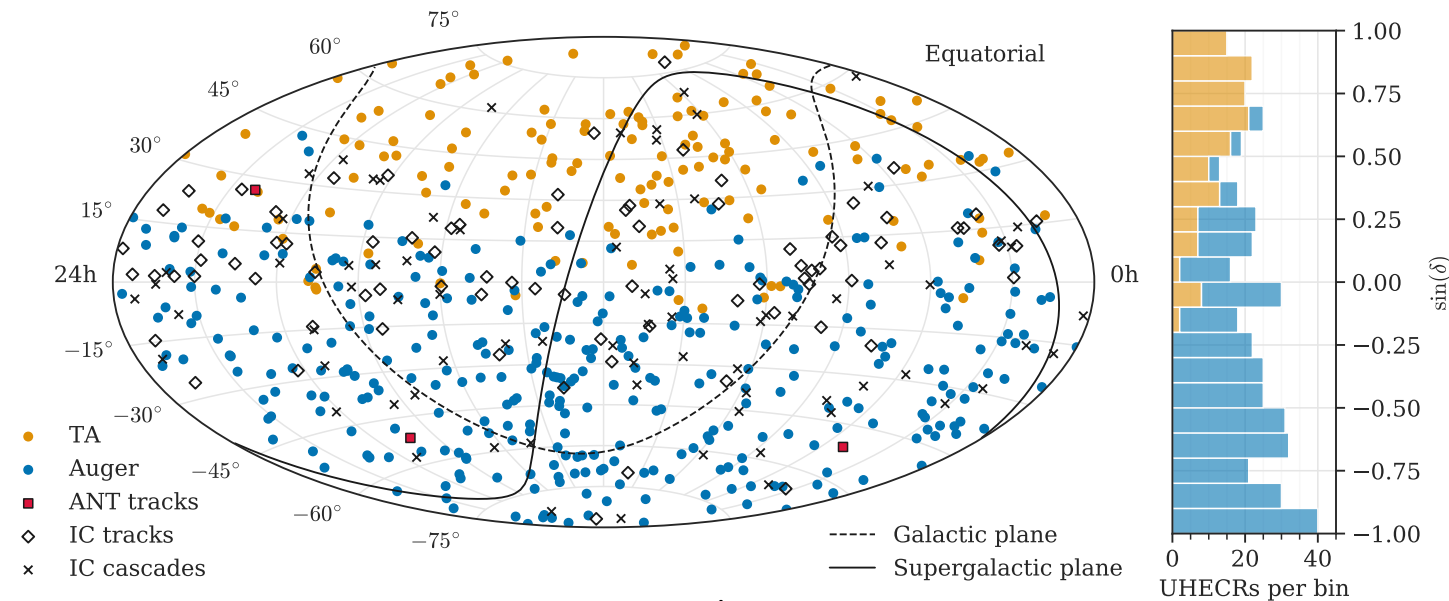
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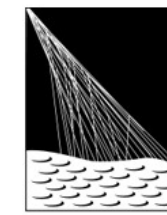
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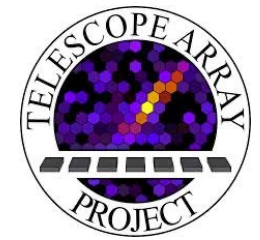
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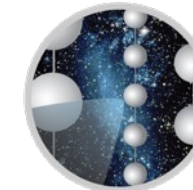
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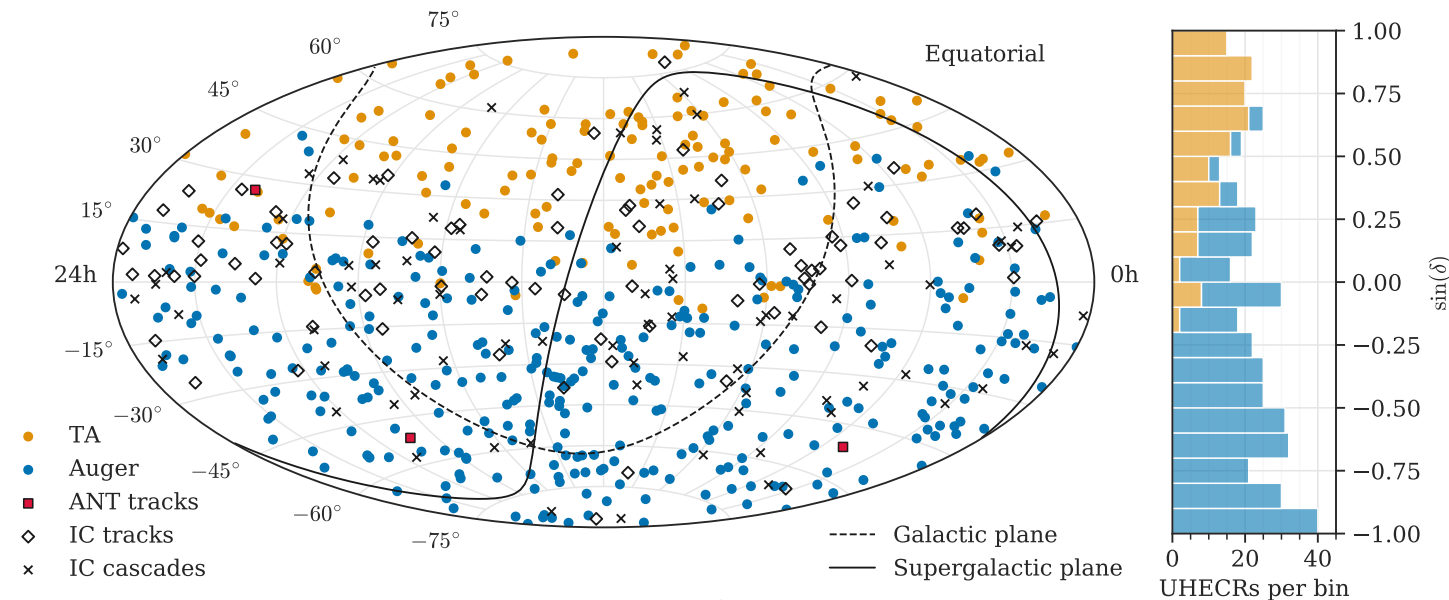
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# Searching for Sources

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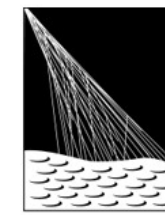
Cosmic-rays and neutrinos are suspected to have common origin → search for correlations!

No significant correlations found

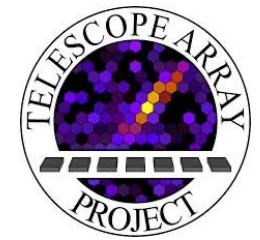
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Good CR accelerators may be optically thin and therefore poor neutrino beam dumps

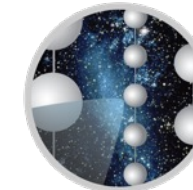
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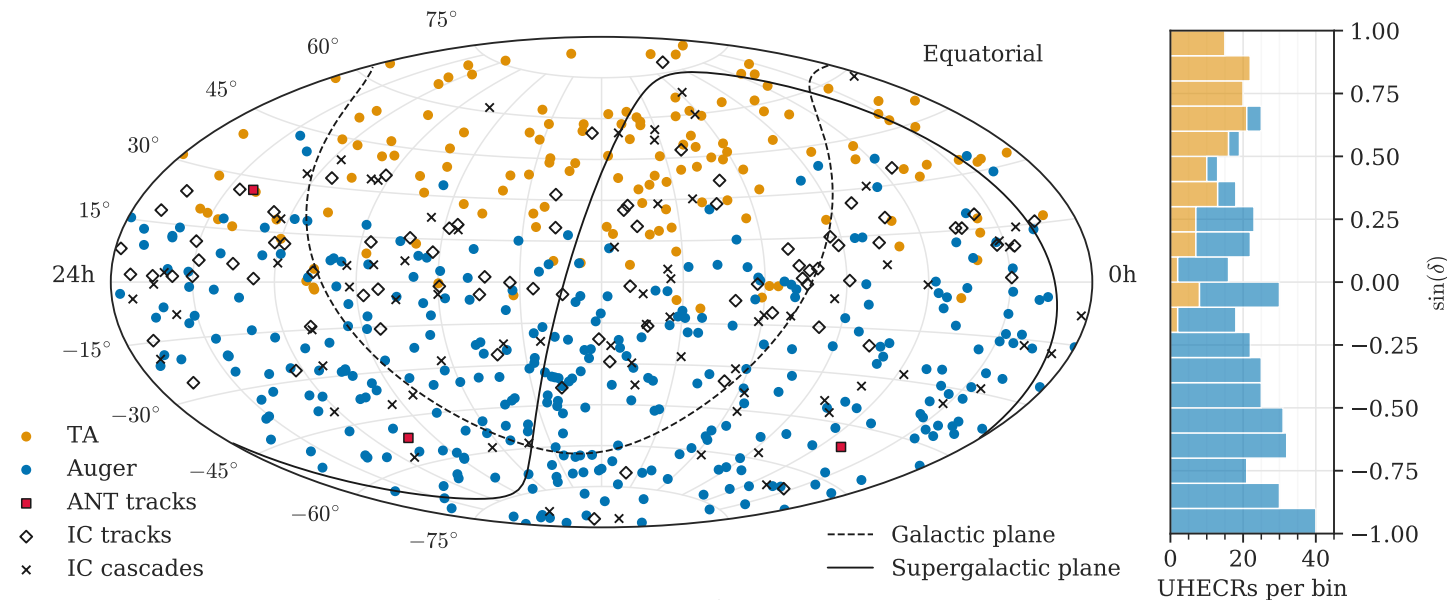
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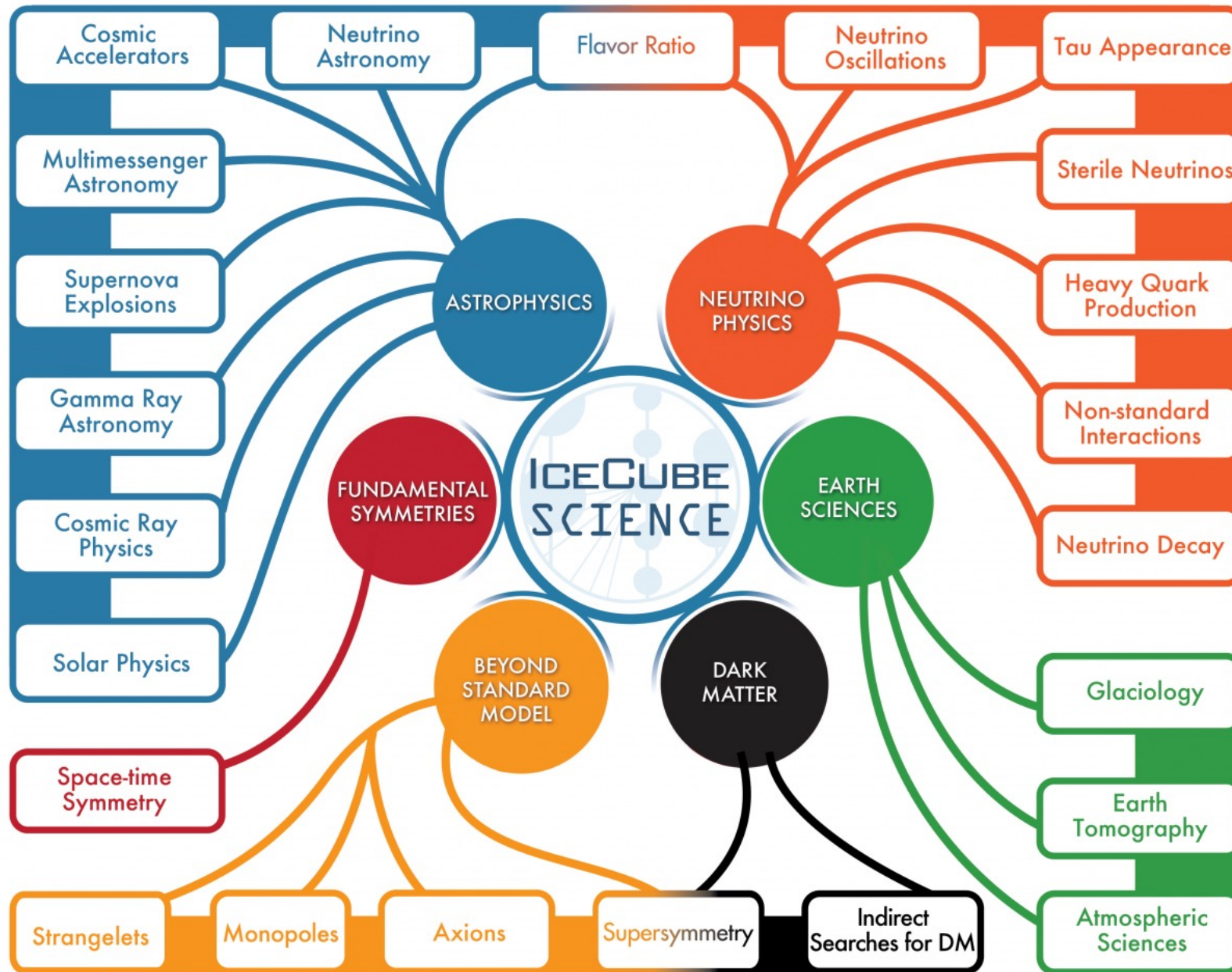


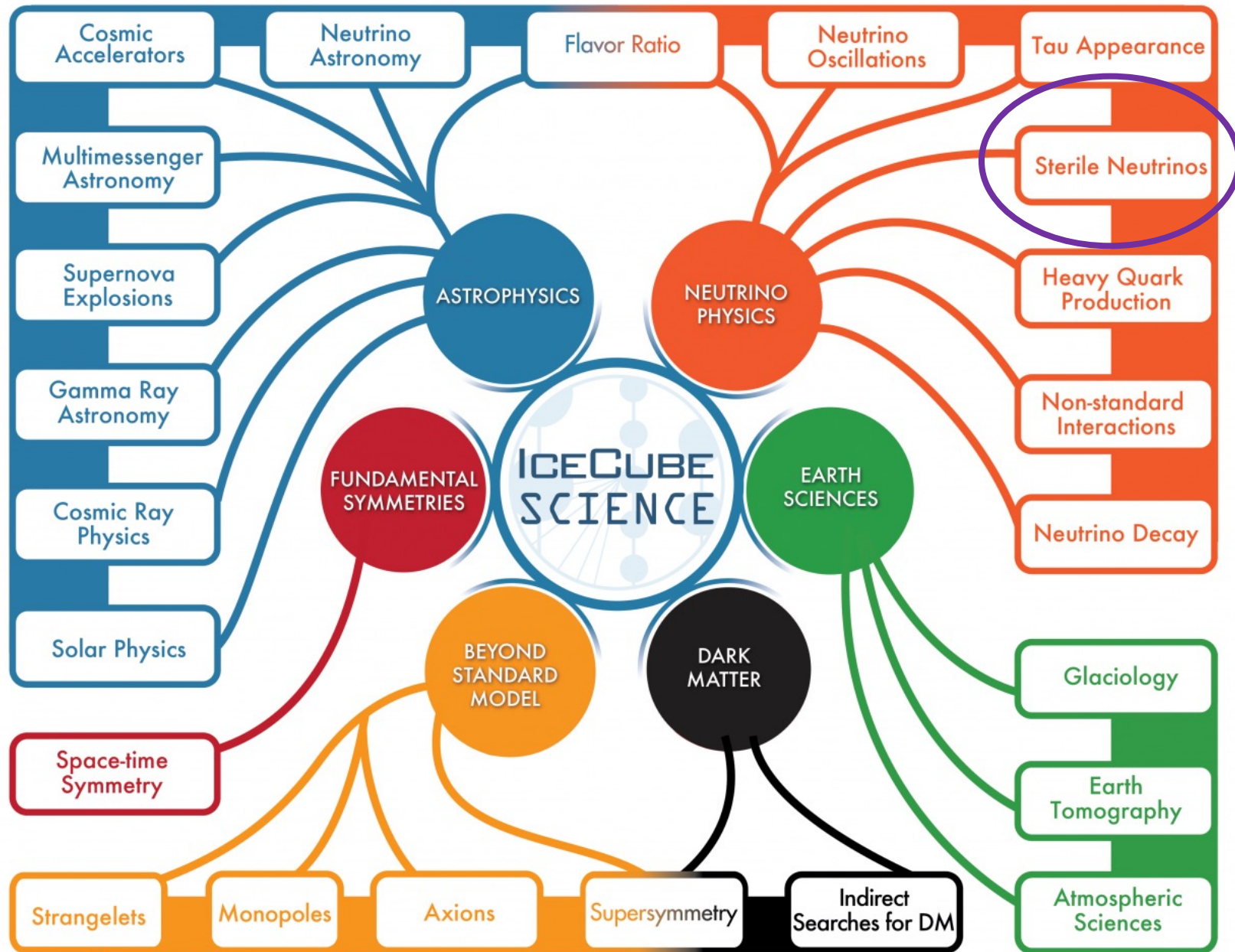
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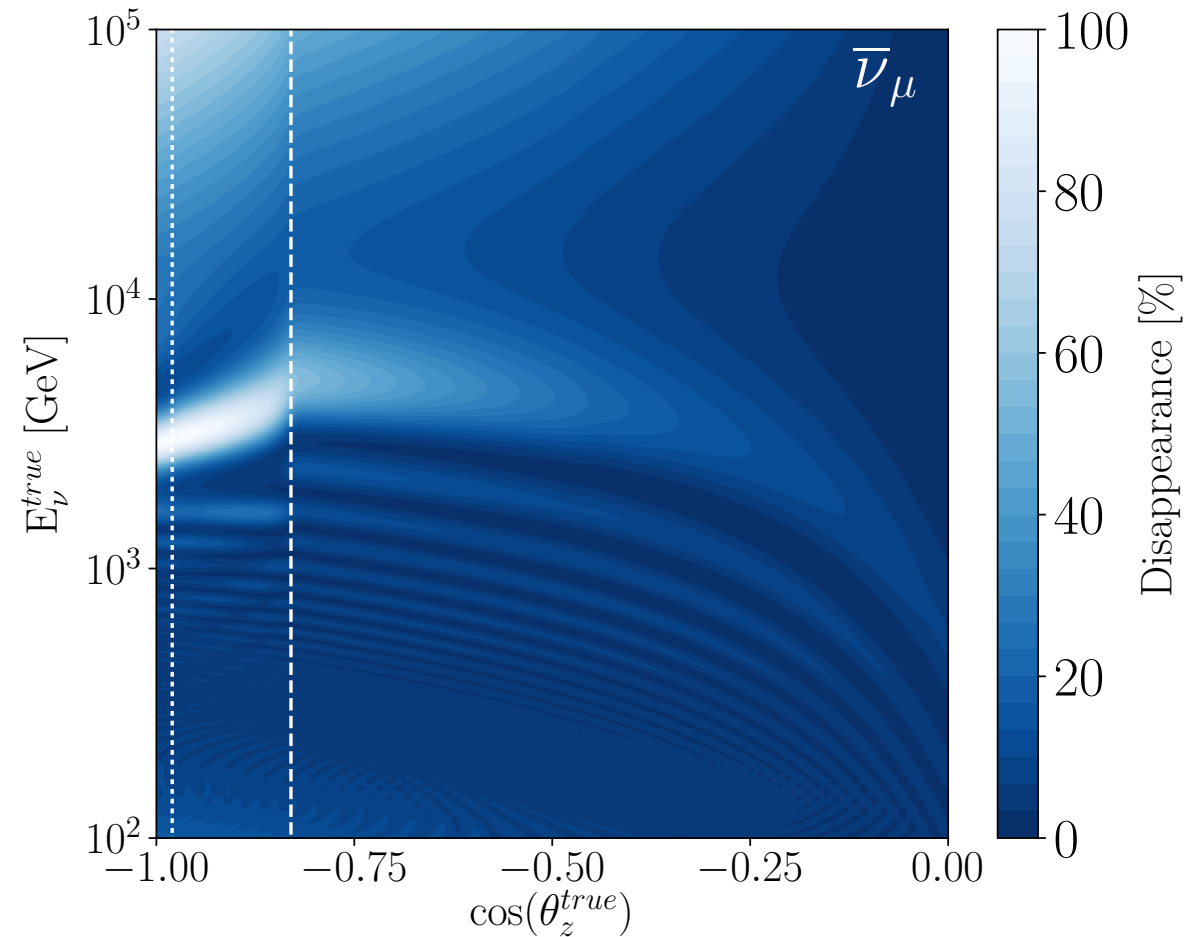
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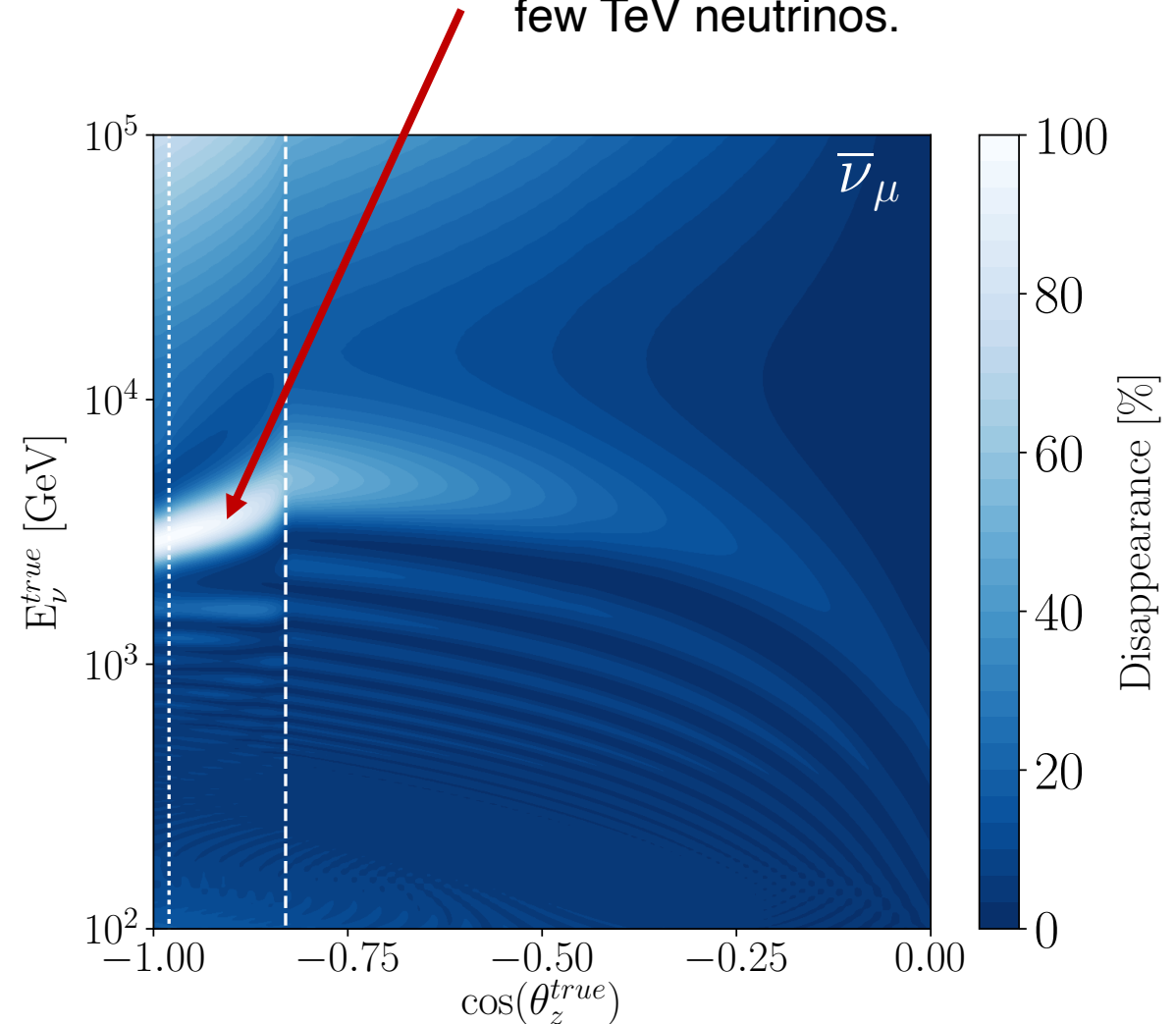


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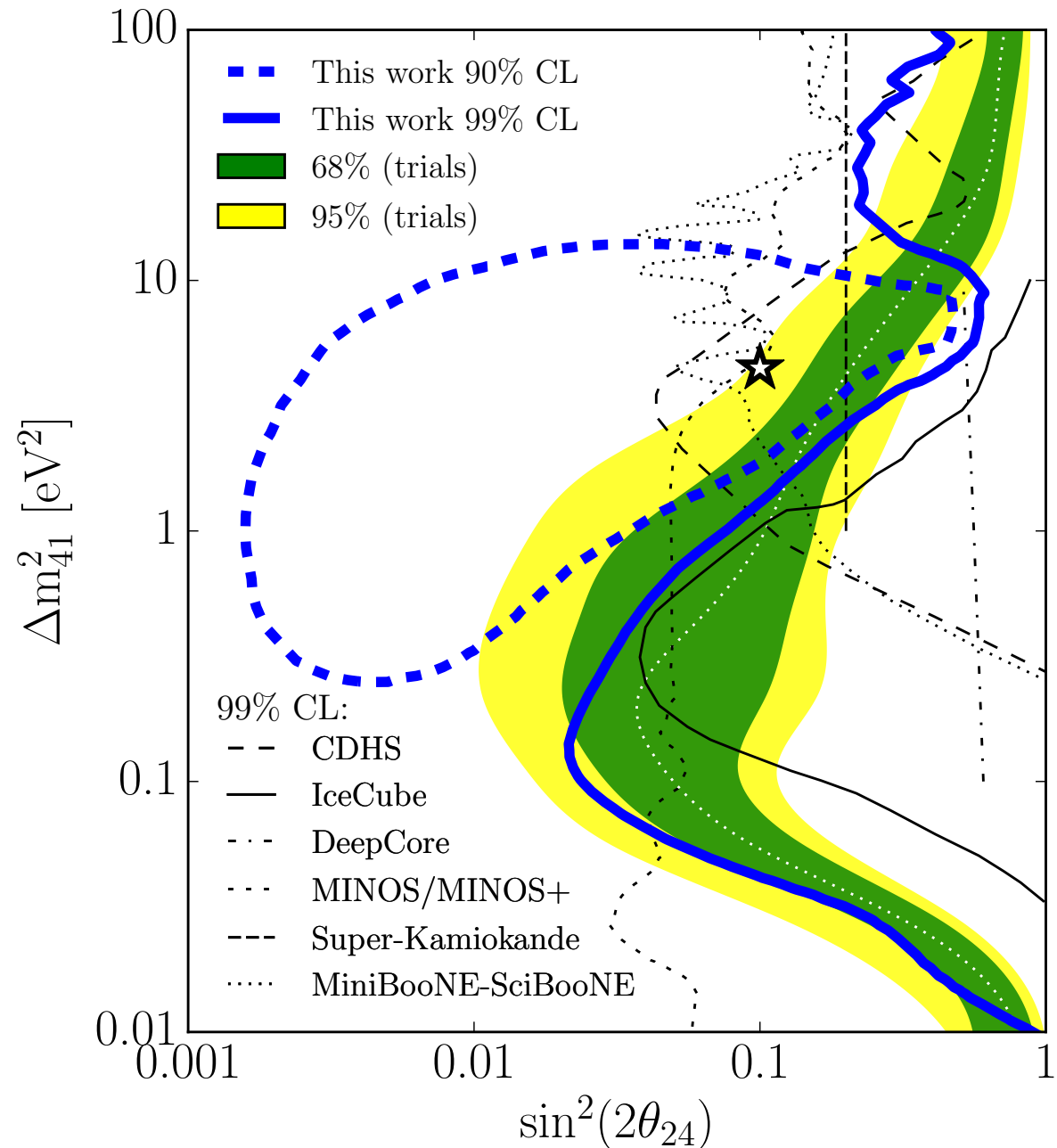


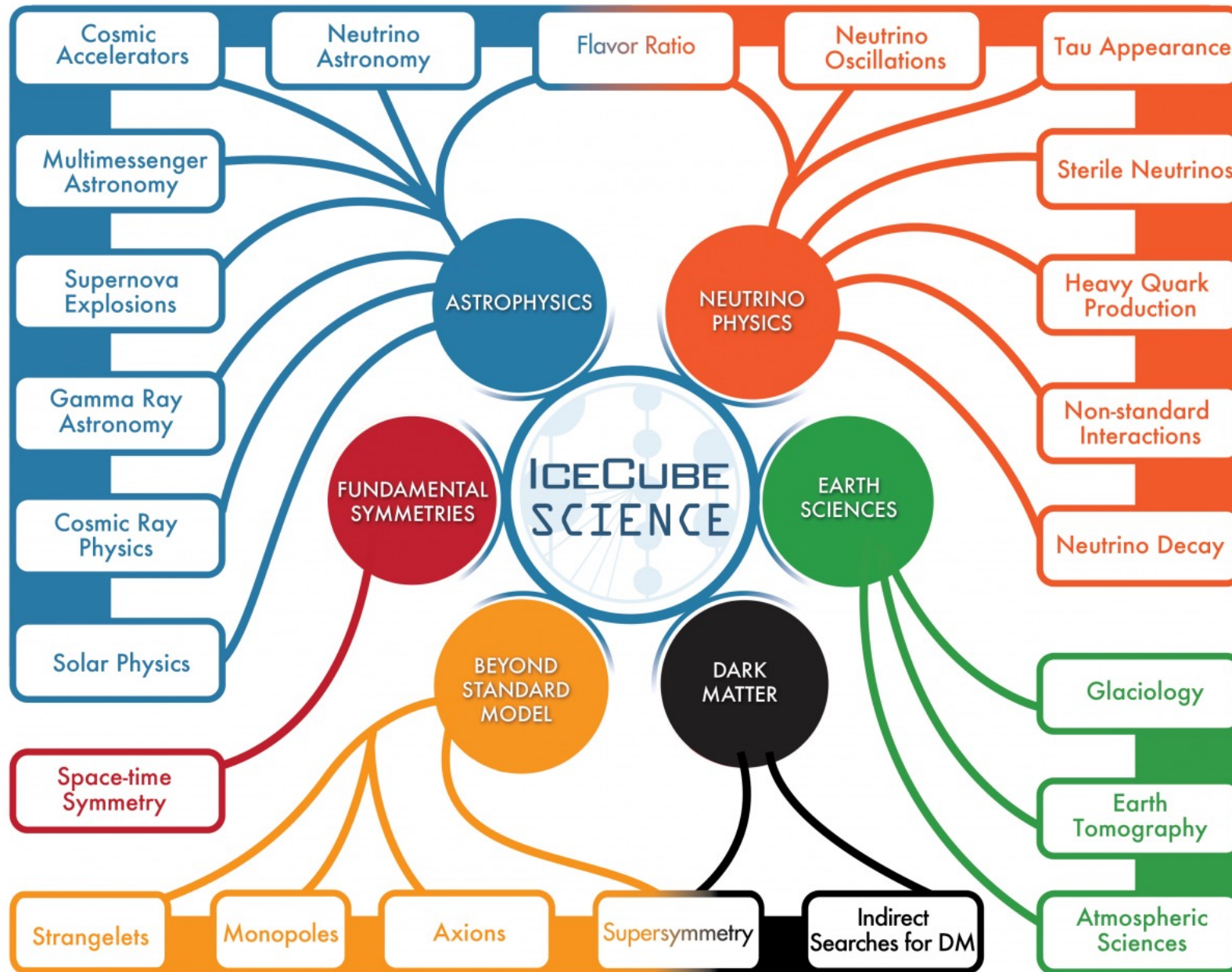
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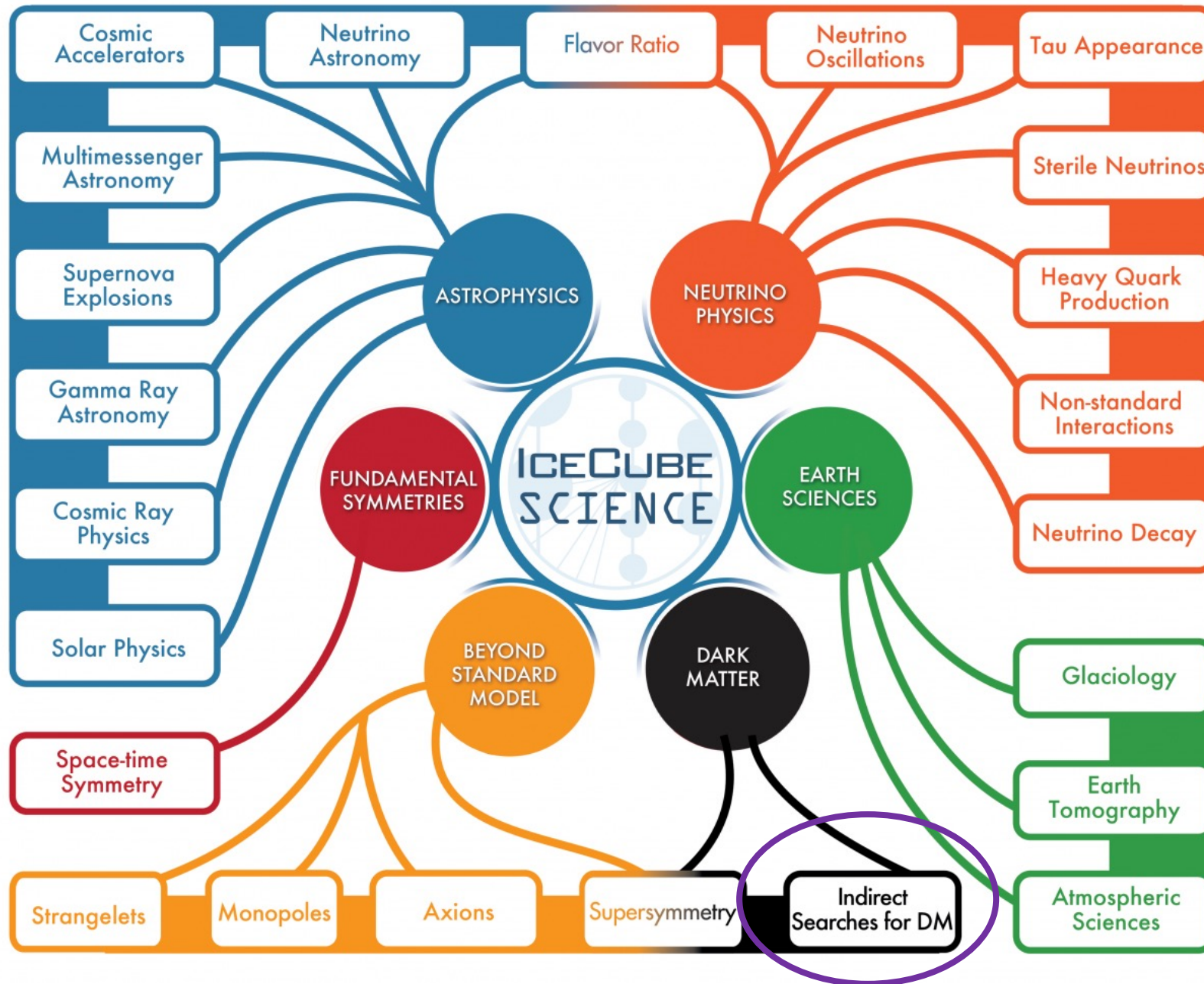
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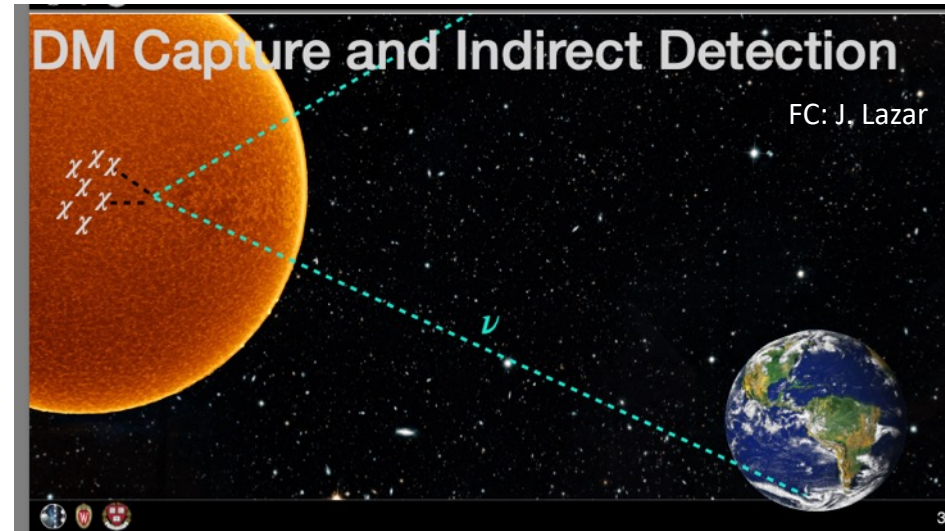
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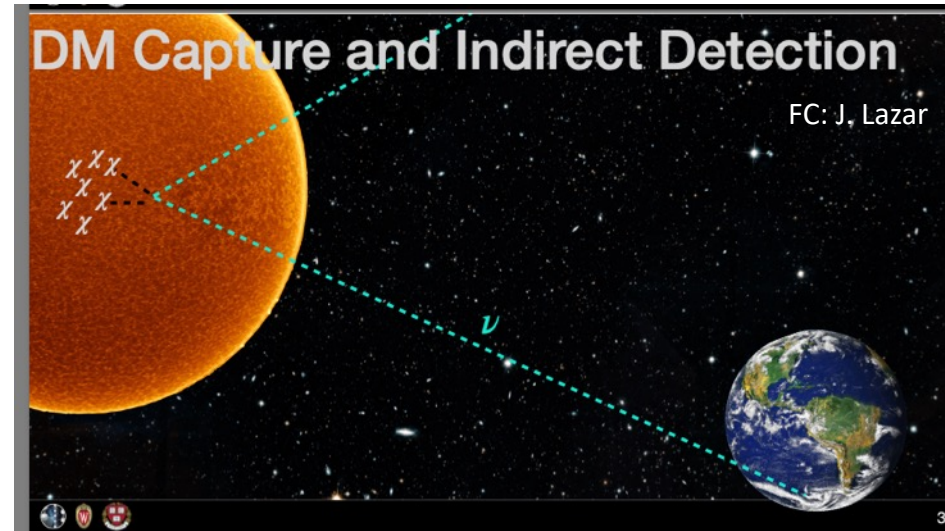
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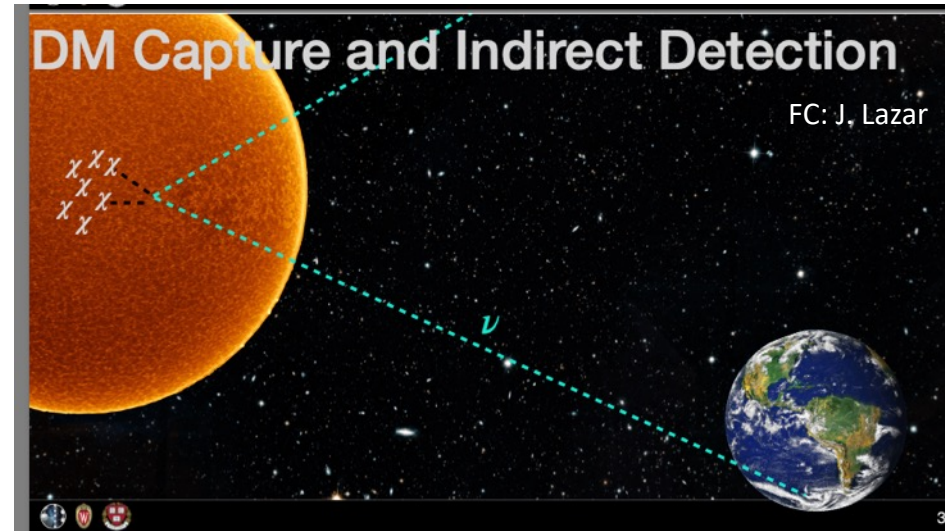


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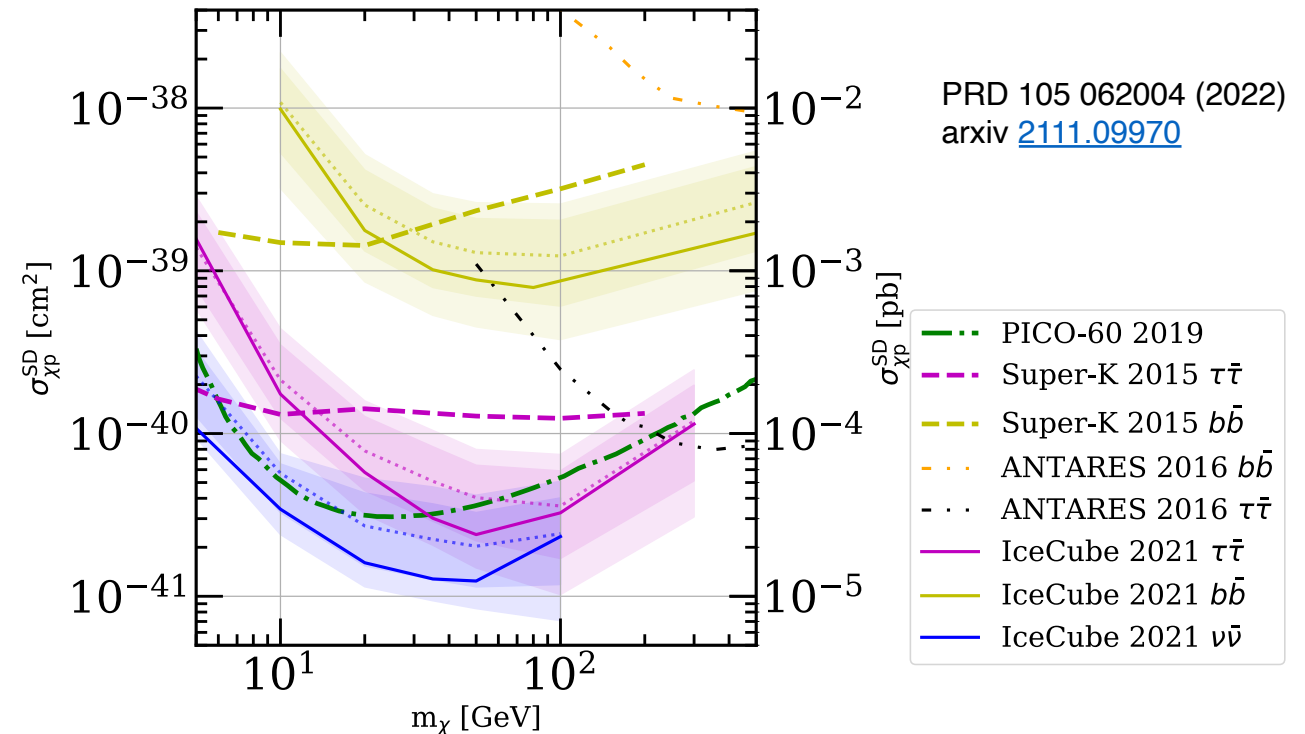
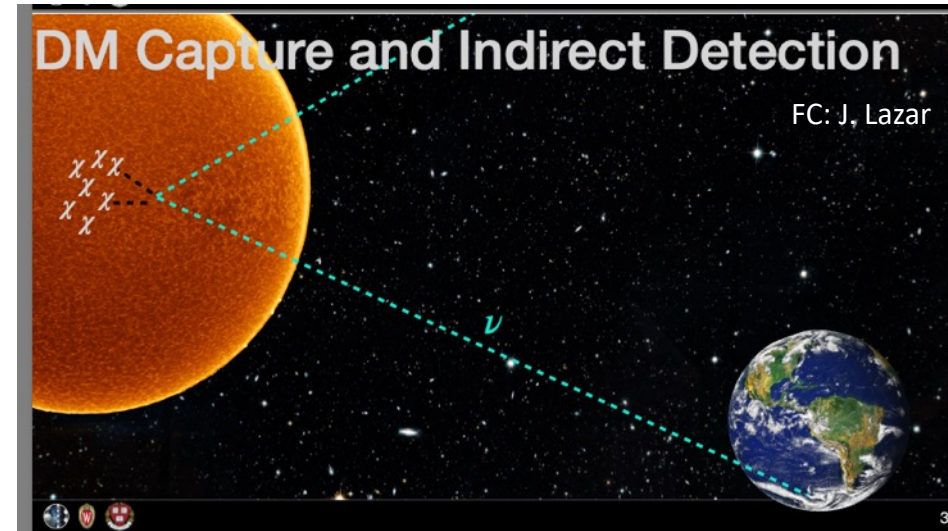


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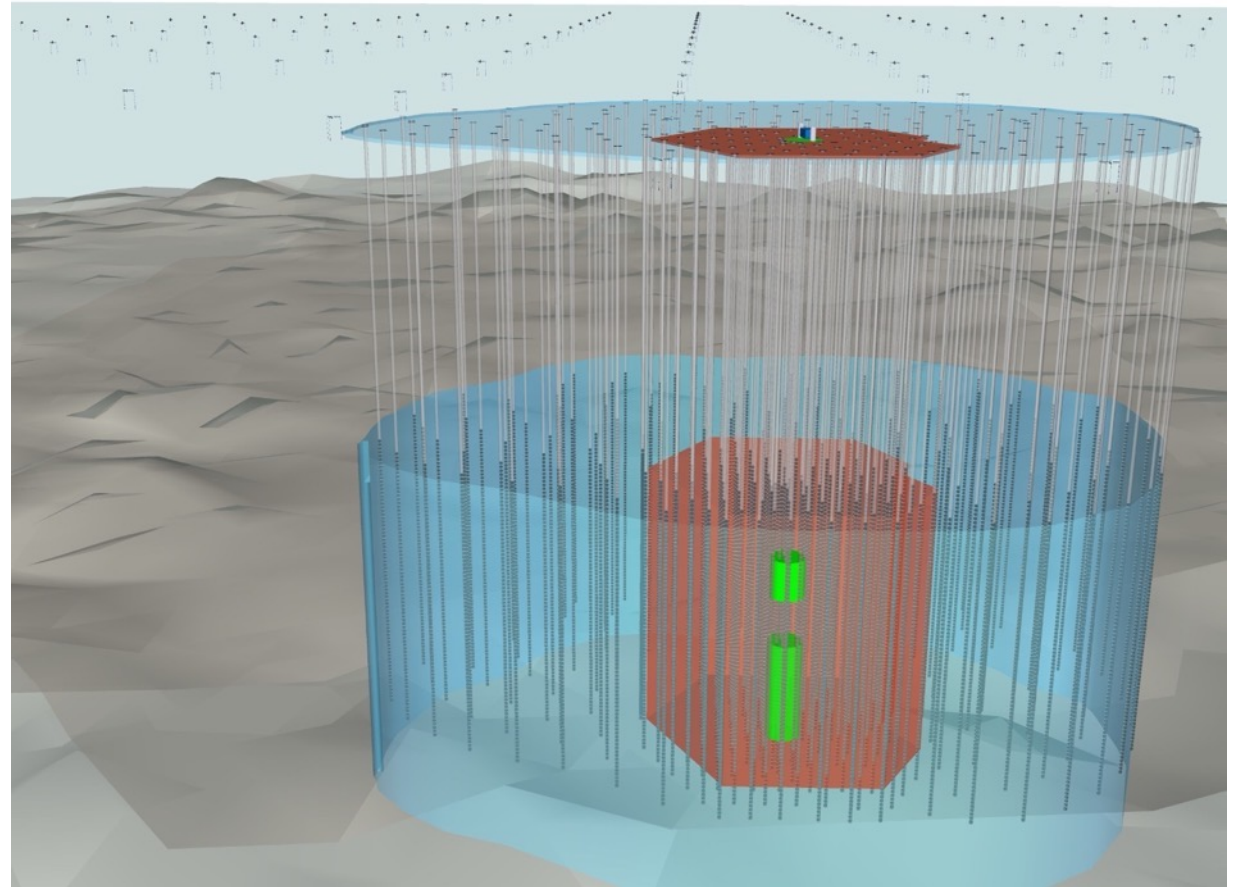
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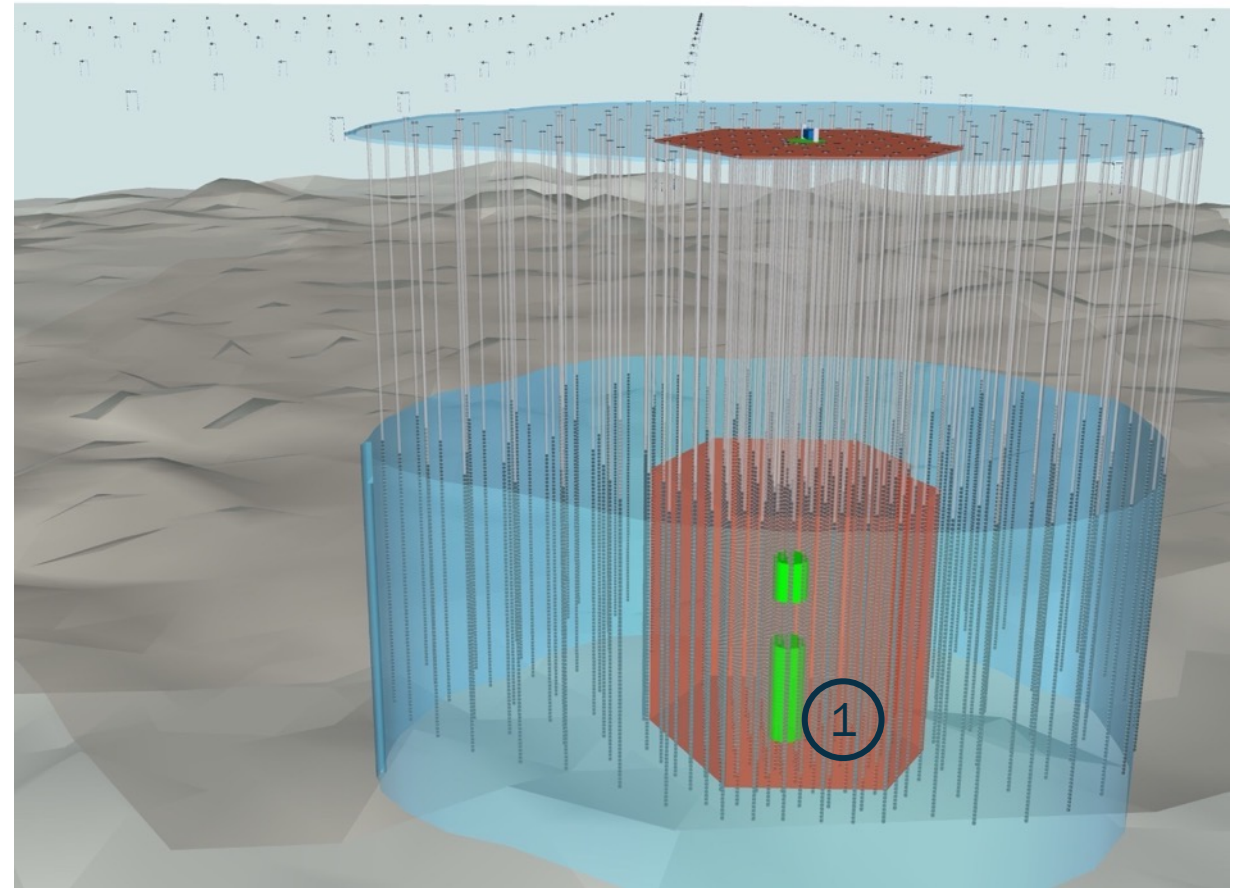


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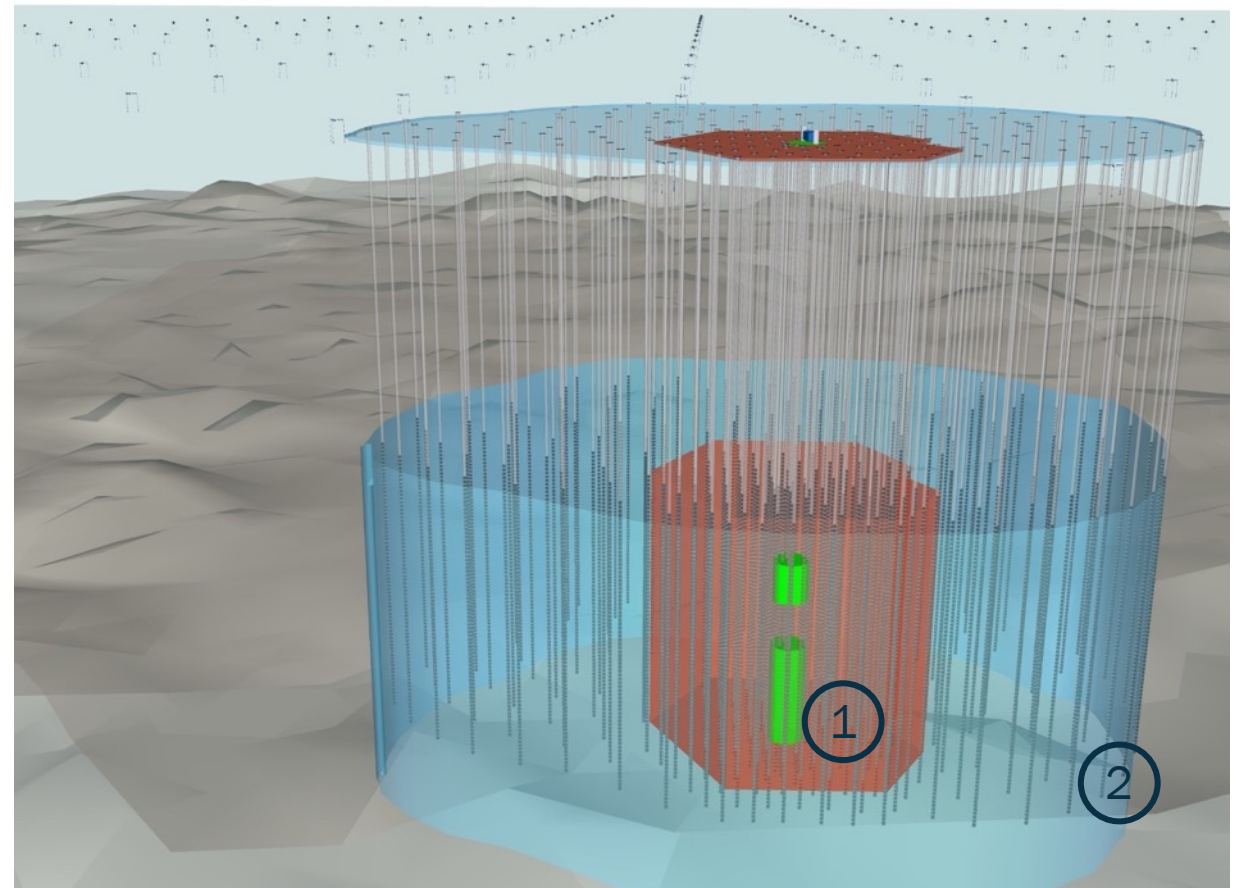


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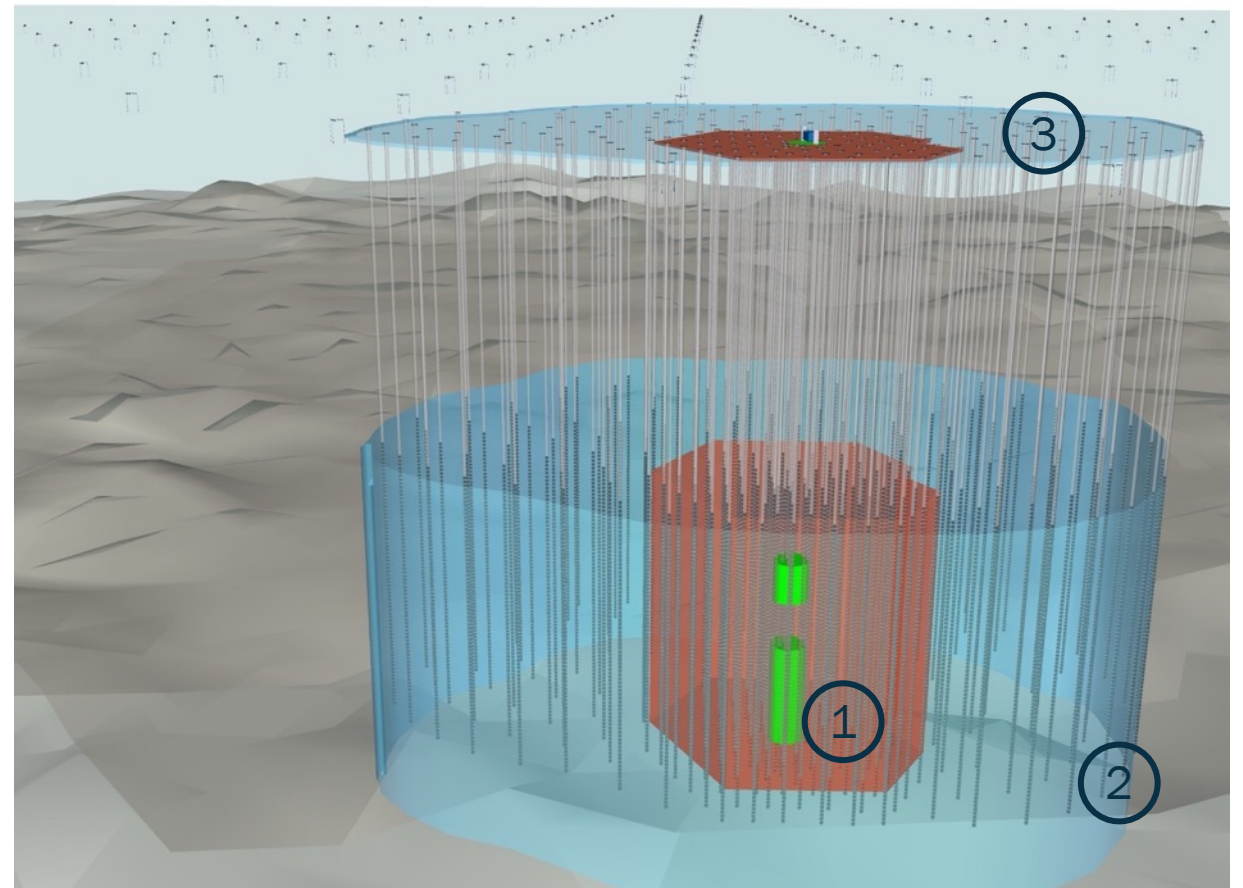
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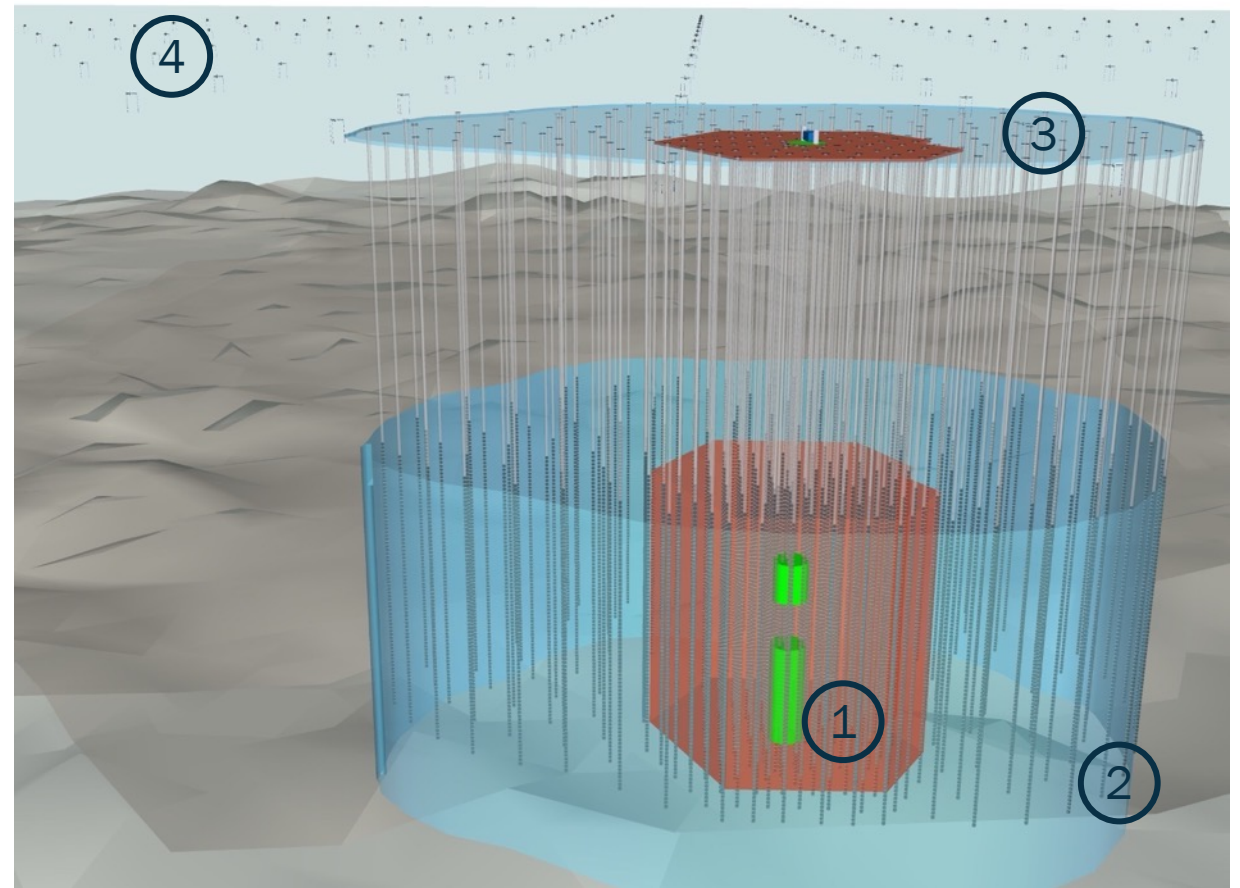
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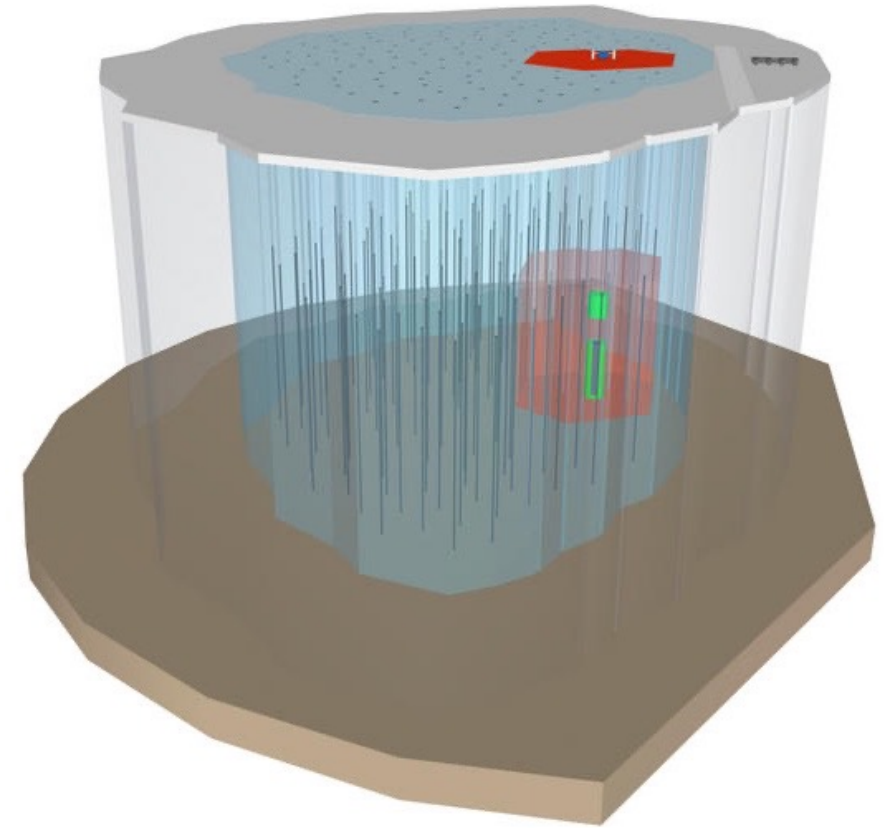


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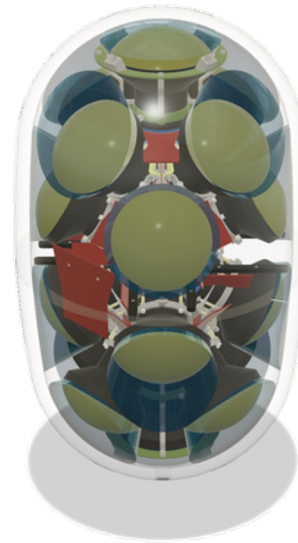
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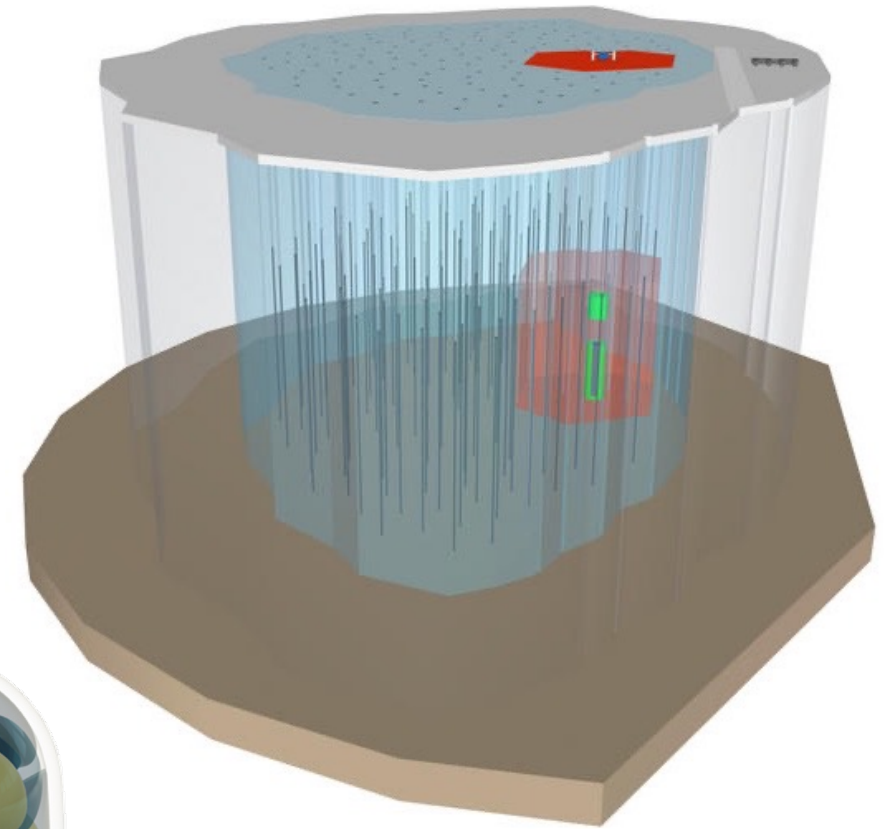


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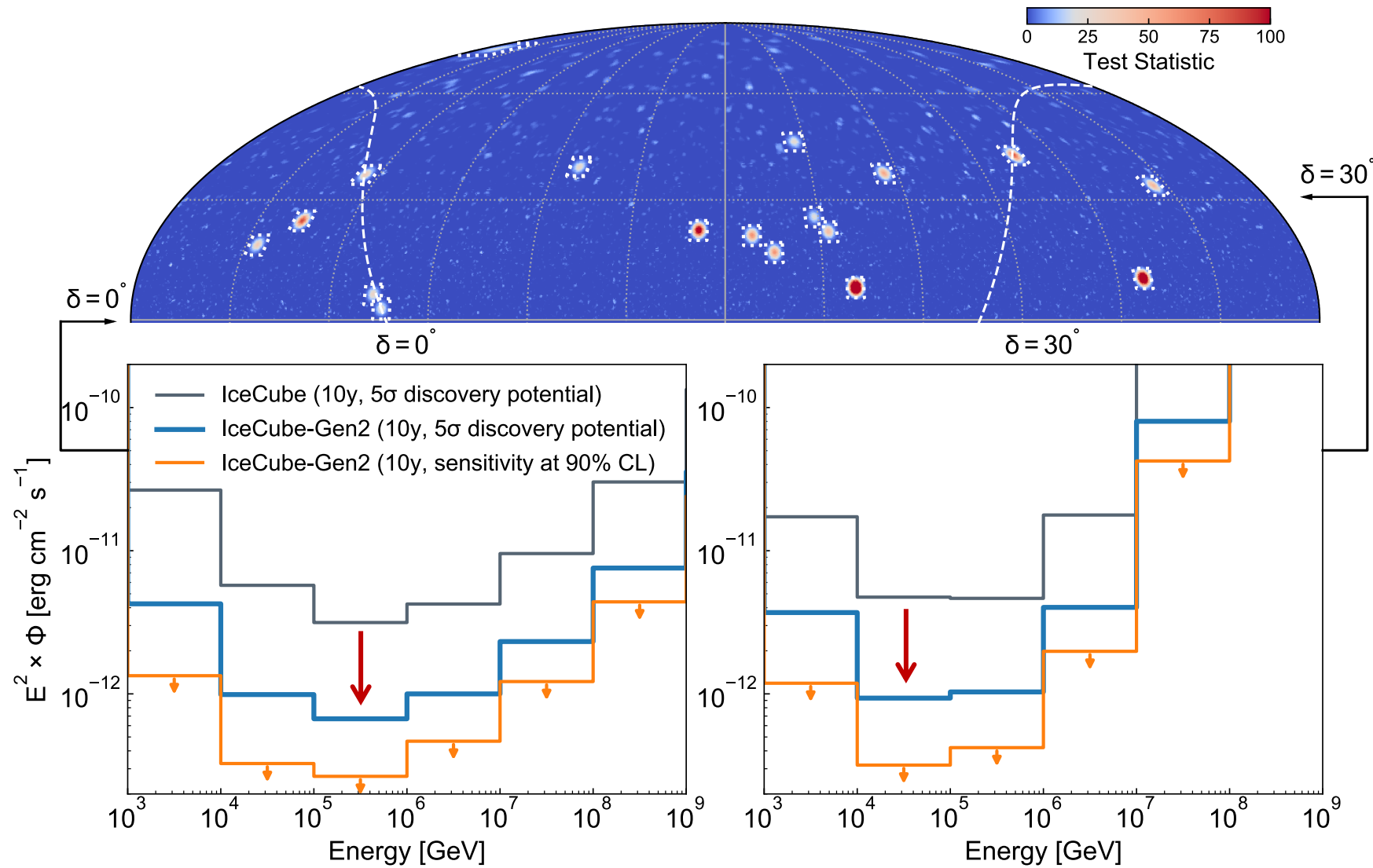


Gen2 DOM



Features new pixelated module, based on development work in the IceCube Upgrade

# Sensitive to sources 5x fainter than IceCube



# Conclusions

Neutrinos are unique messengers to the cosmos

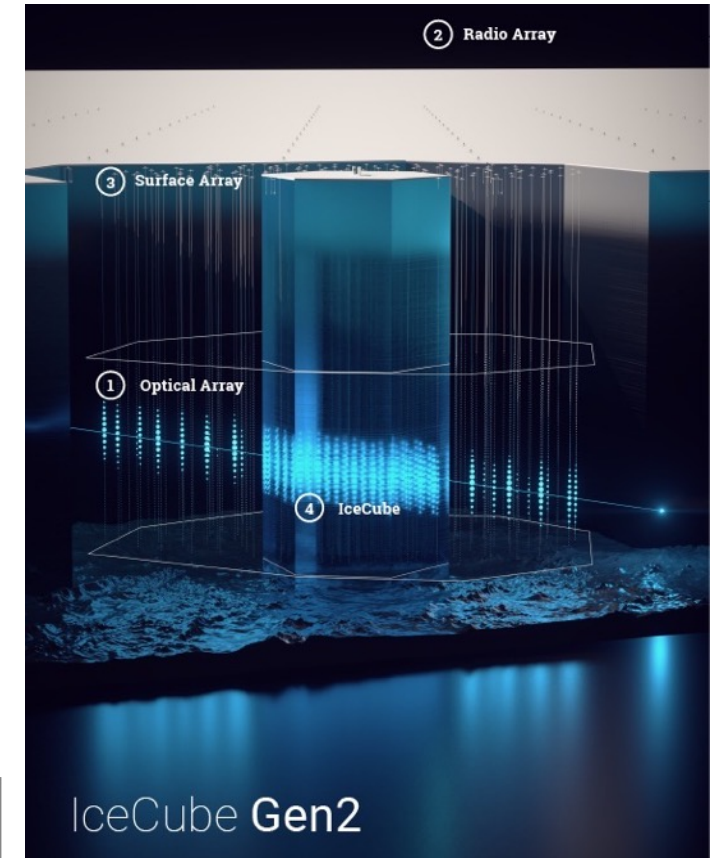
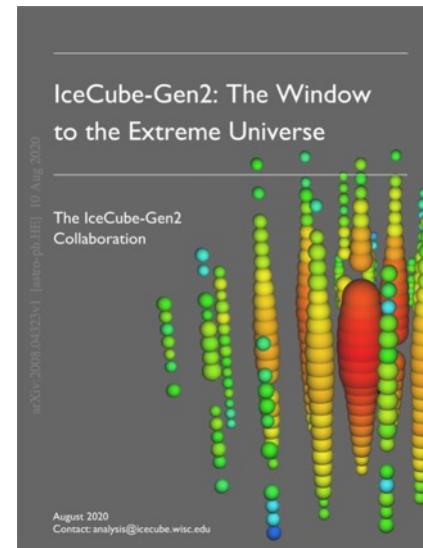
Very exciting first decade w/ IceCube

- Discovery of high-energy neutrinos & identification of first potential sources
- Powerful probes of particle & neutrino physics
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Future is bright!



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*Questions?*

*"Where the telescope ends, the microscope begins. Which of the two has the grander view?"*

**—Victor Hugo**



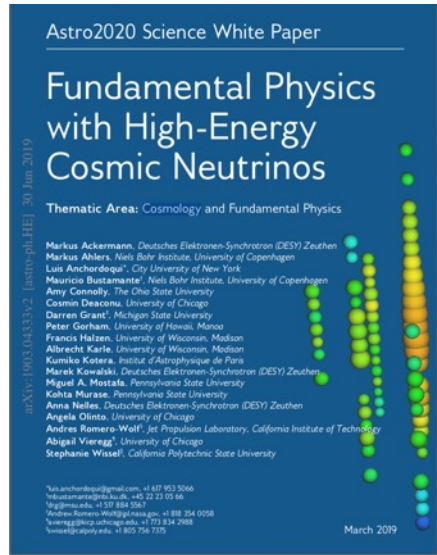
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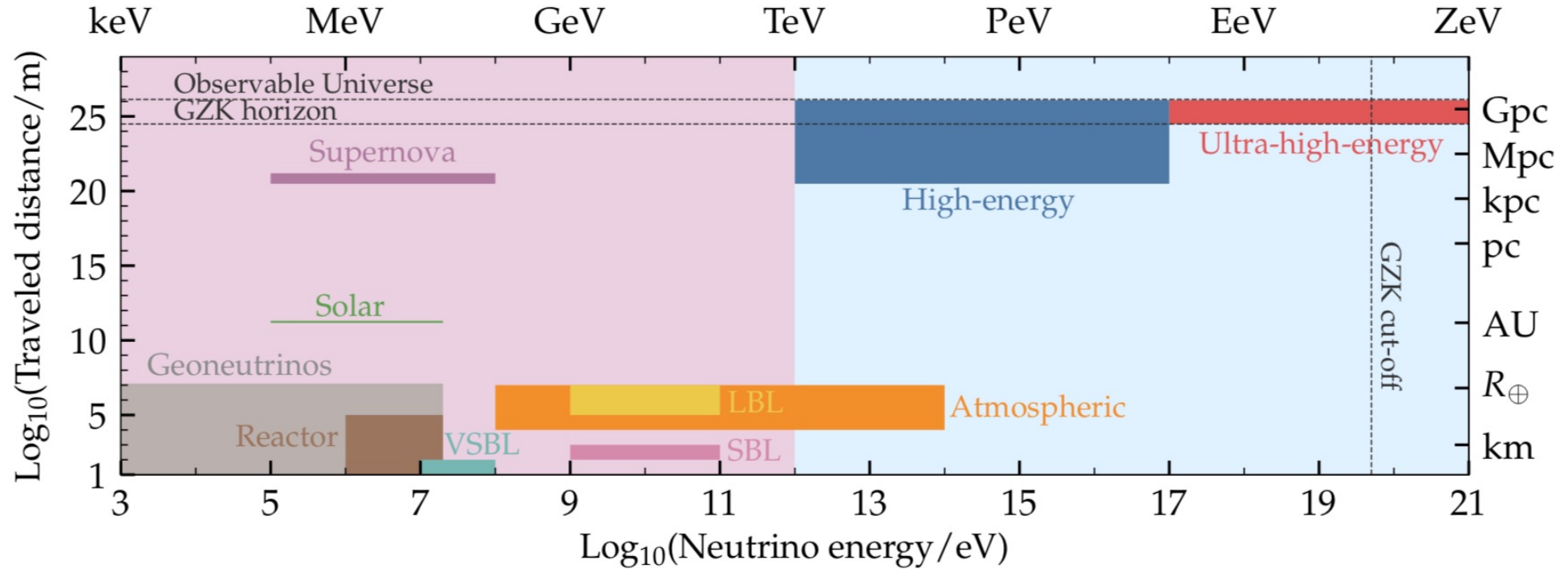
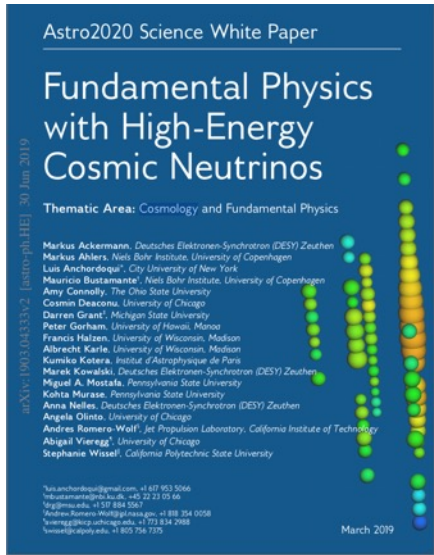
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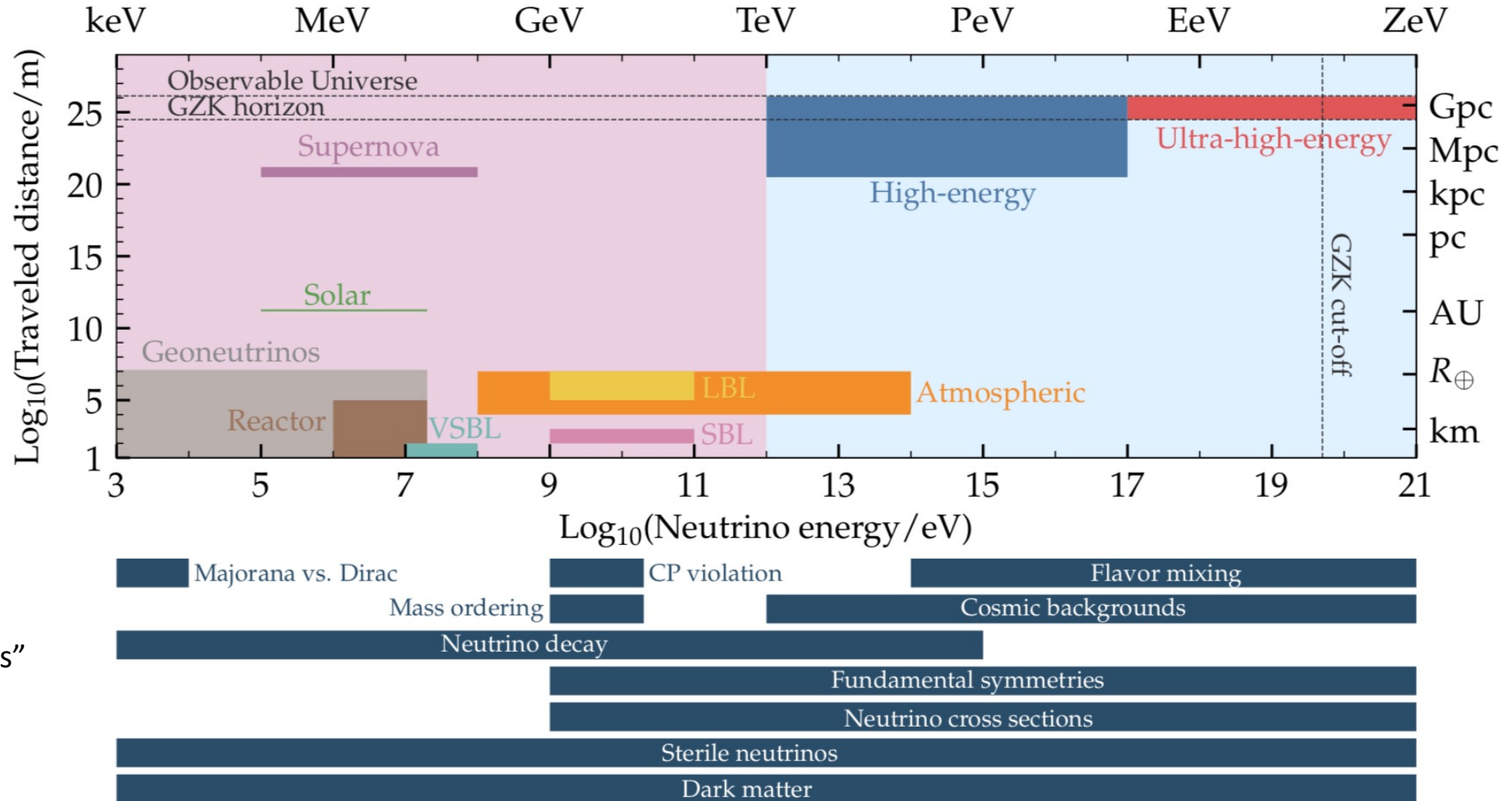
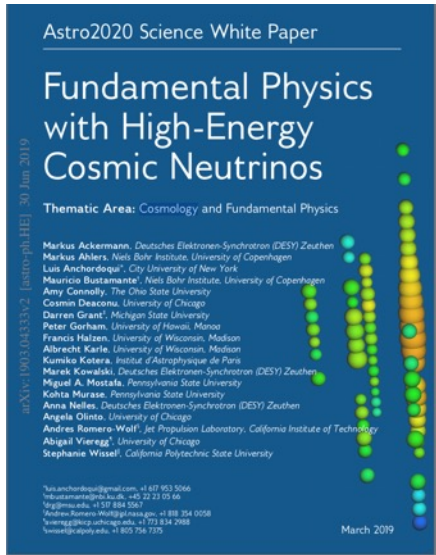
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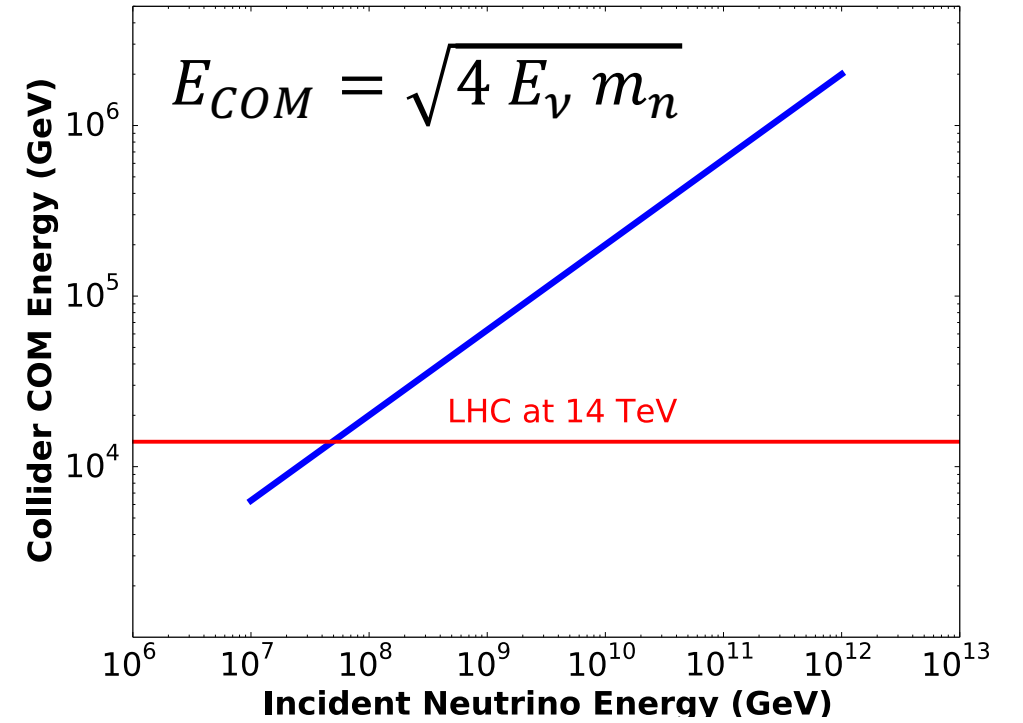


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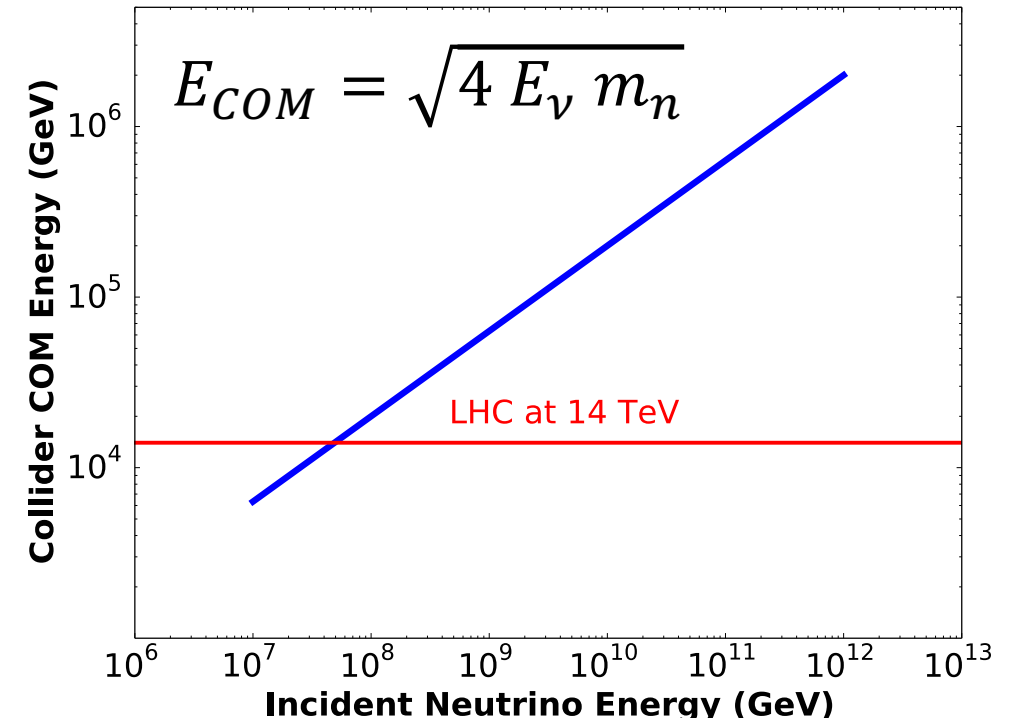


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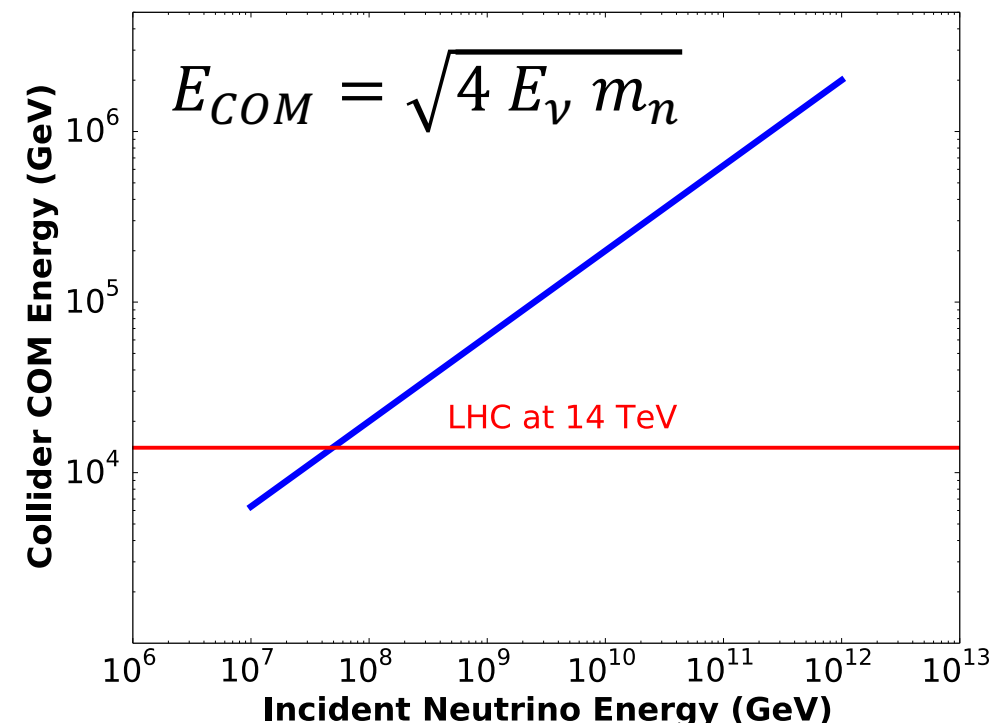


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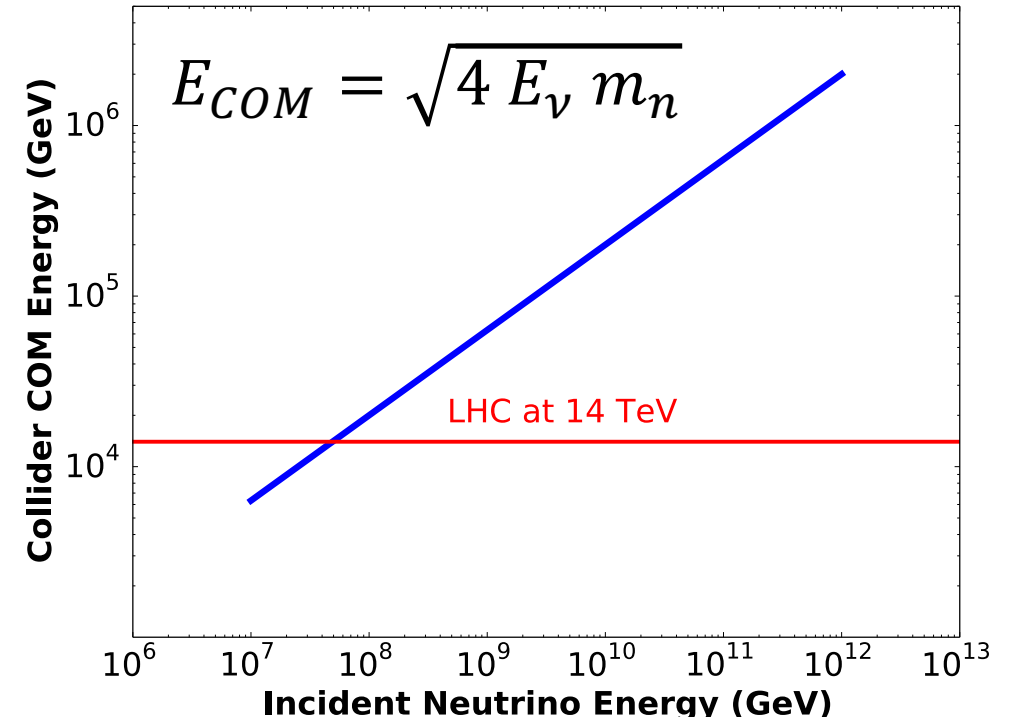




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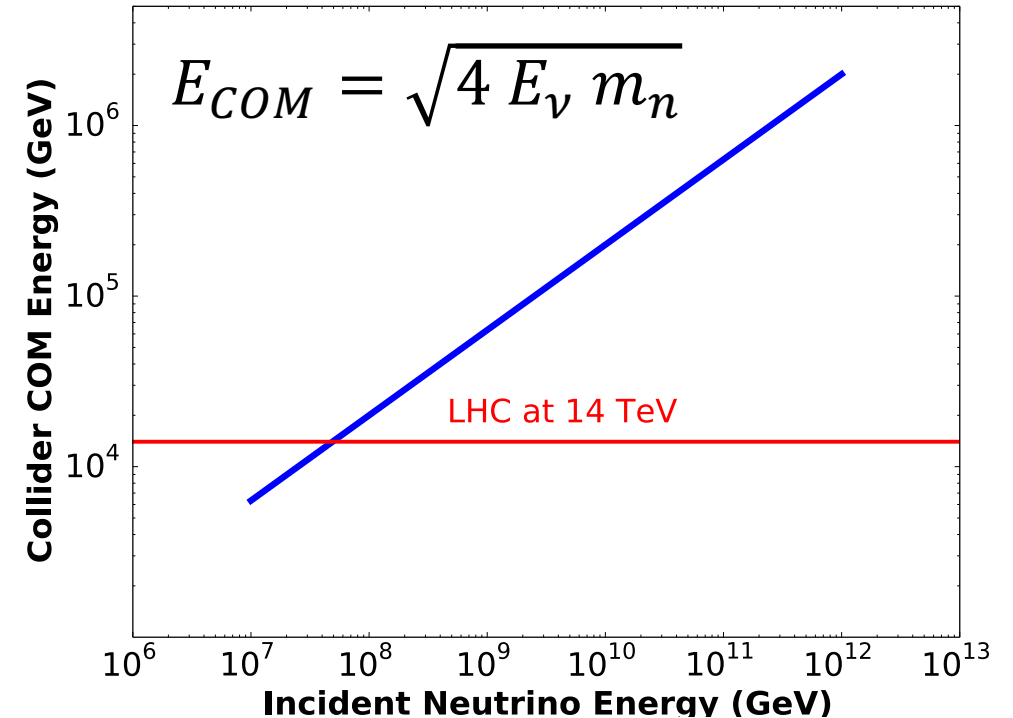


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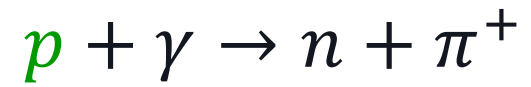
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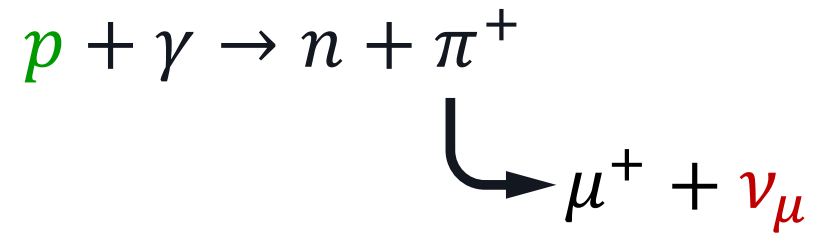
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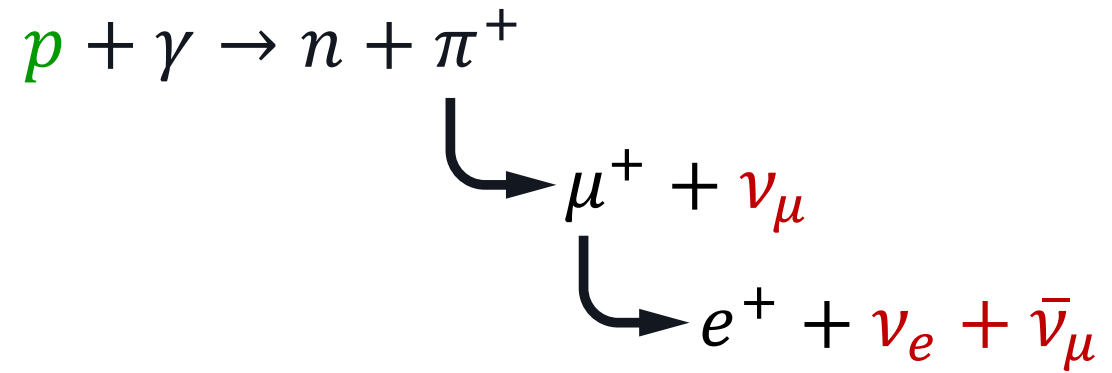
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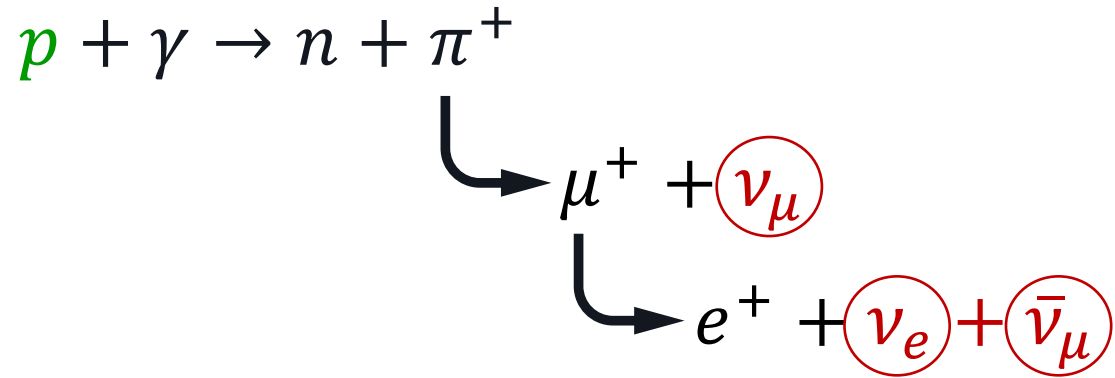
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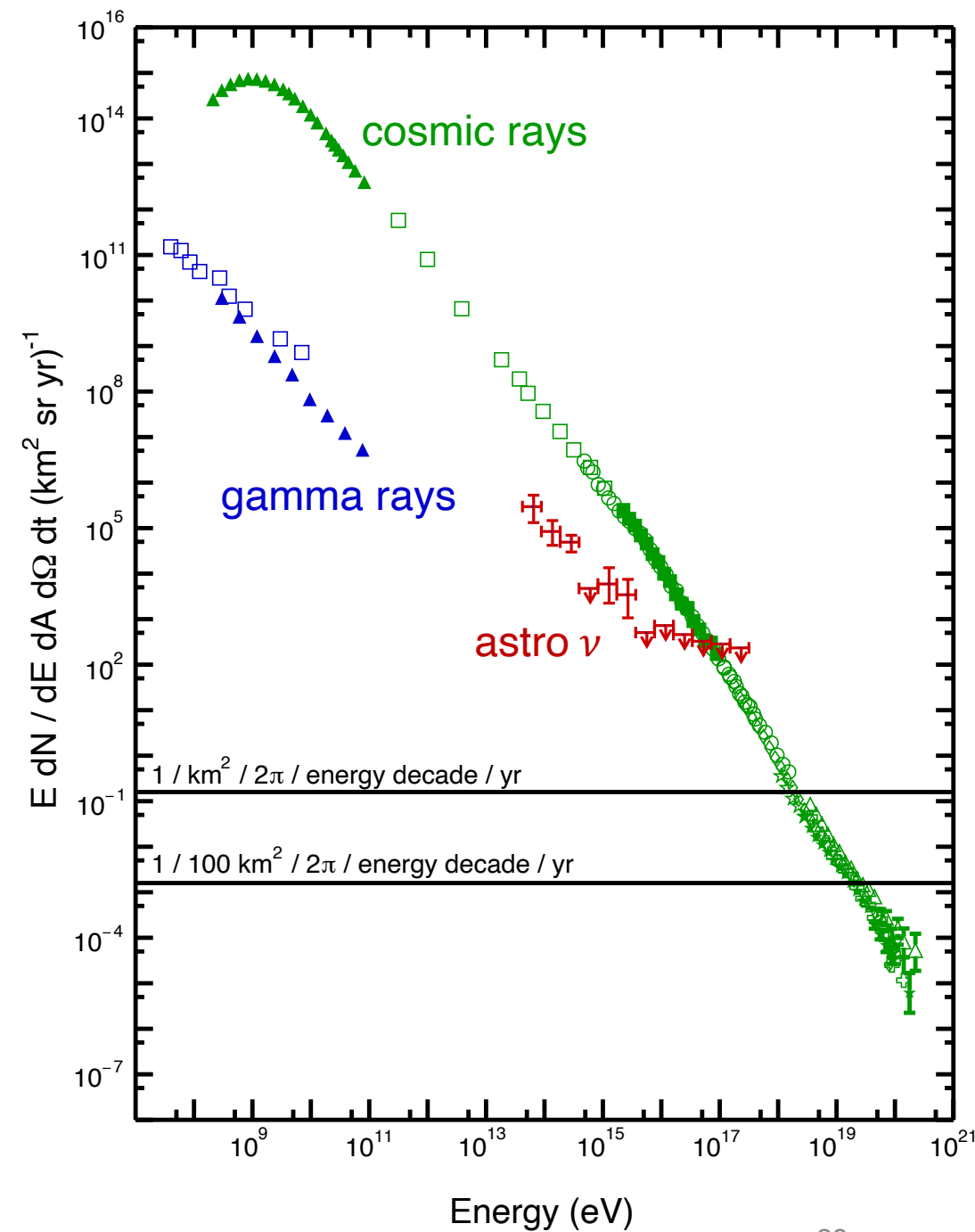
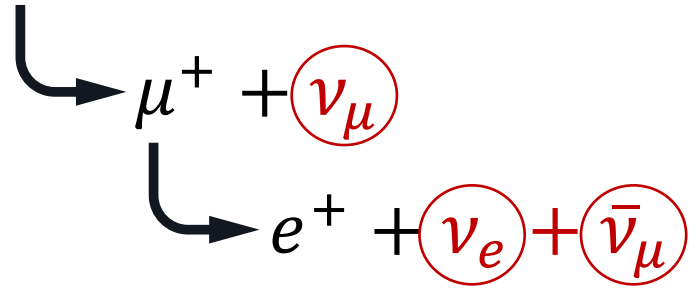
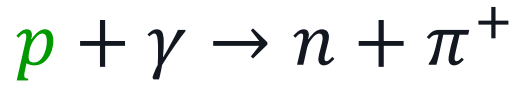
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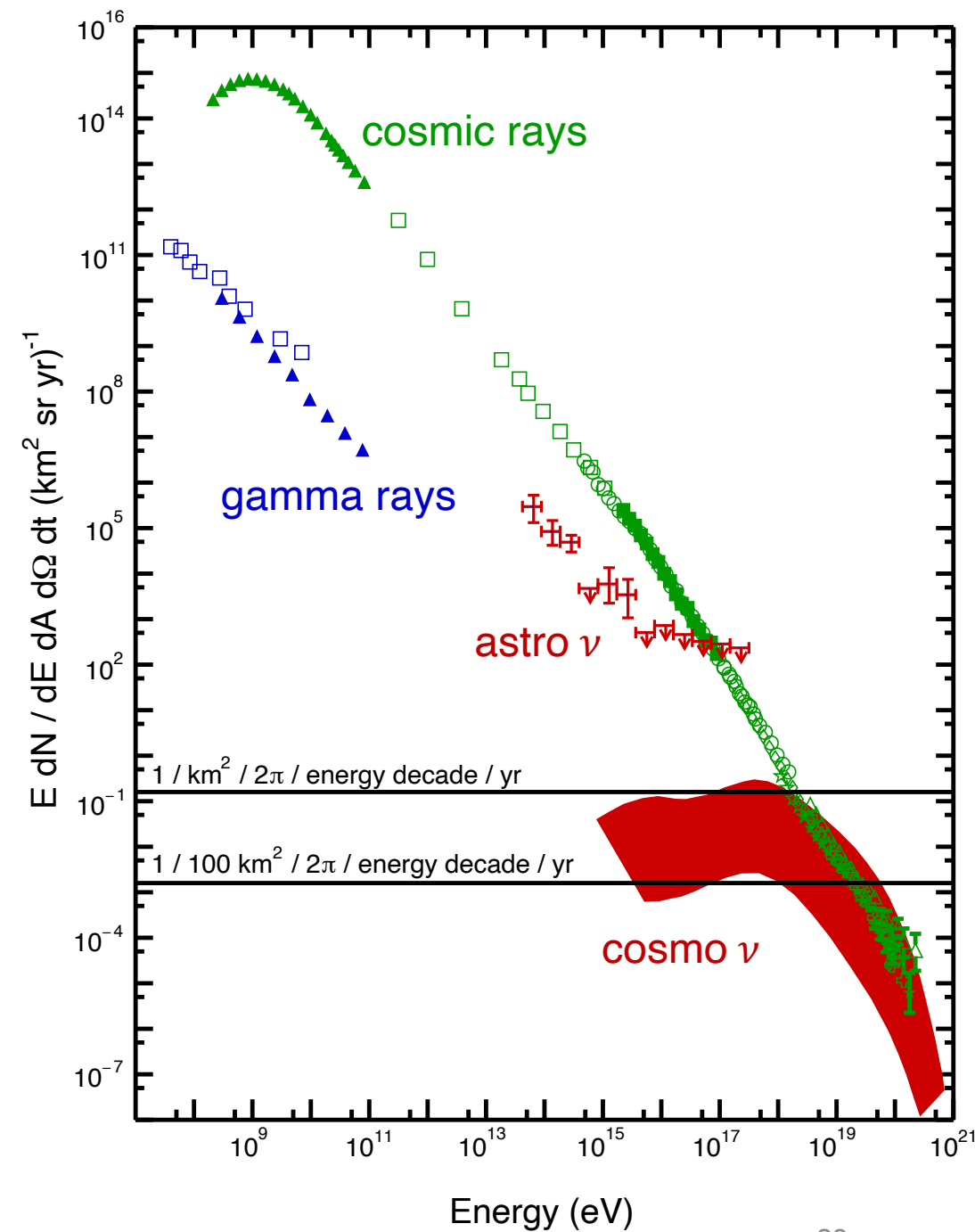
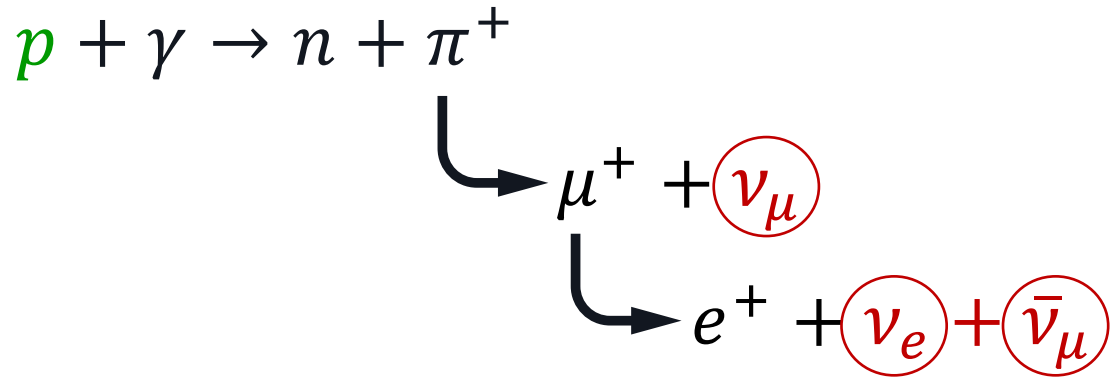
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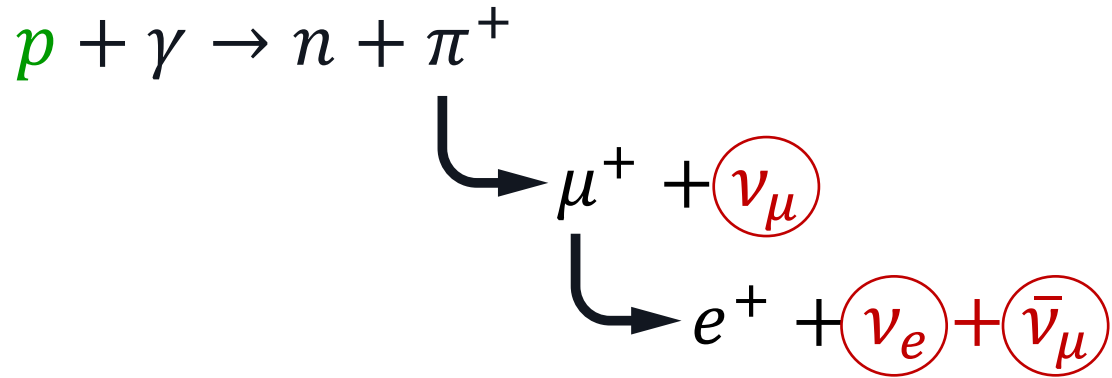
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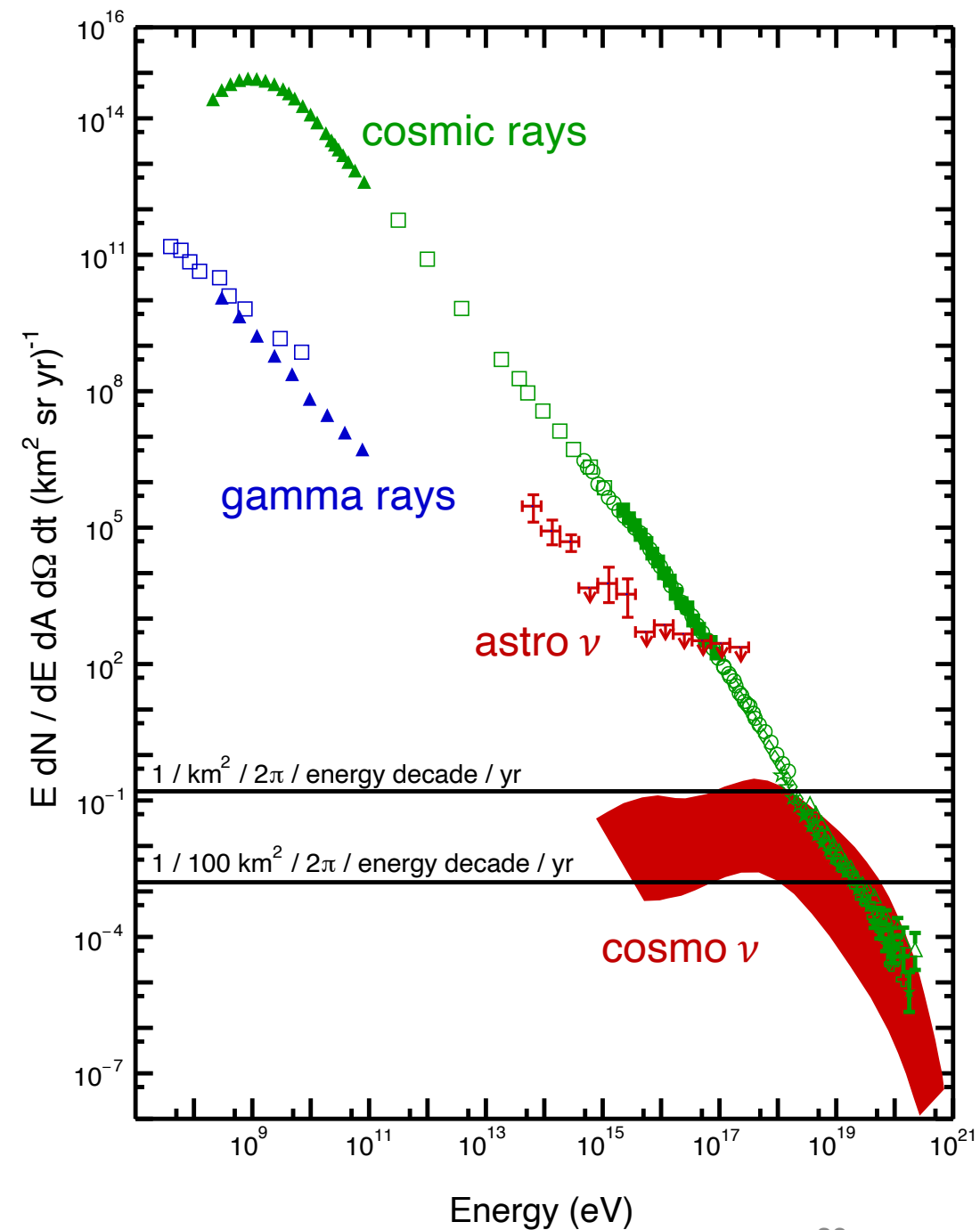


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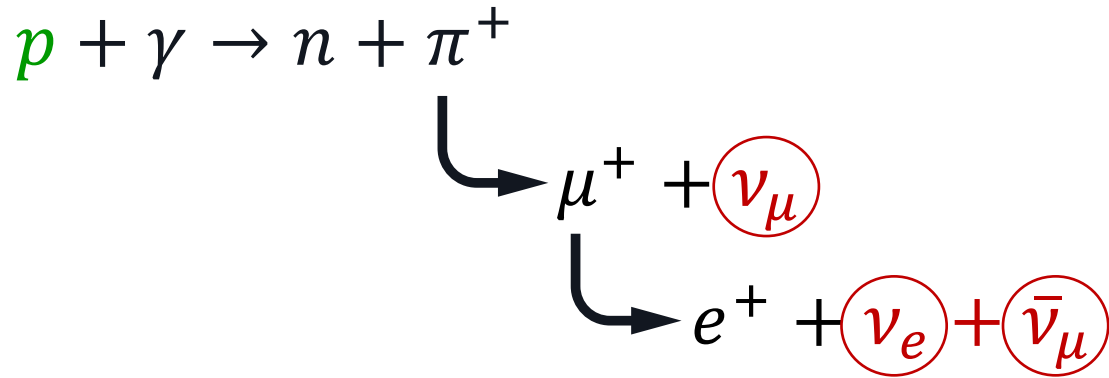


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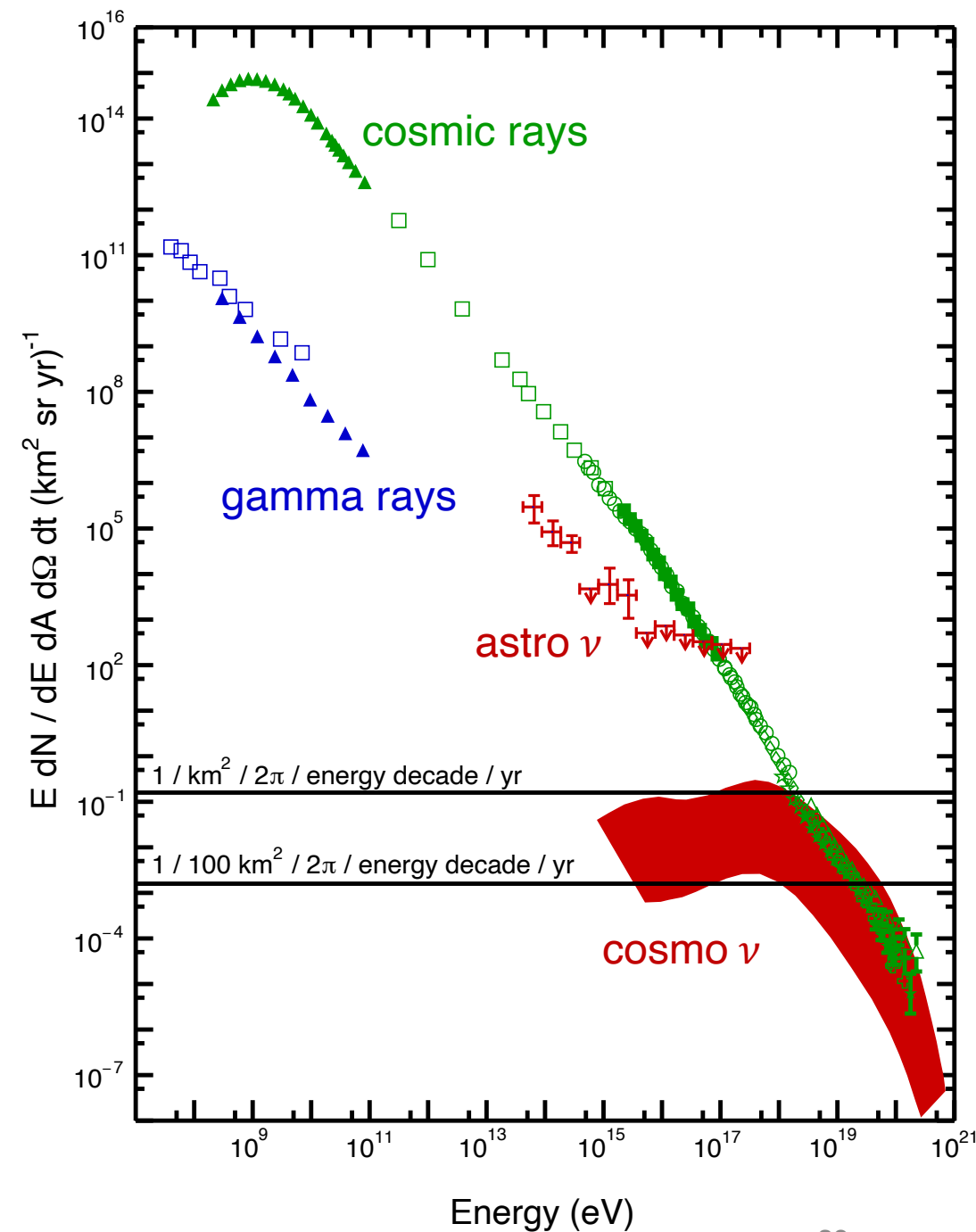
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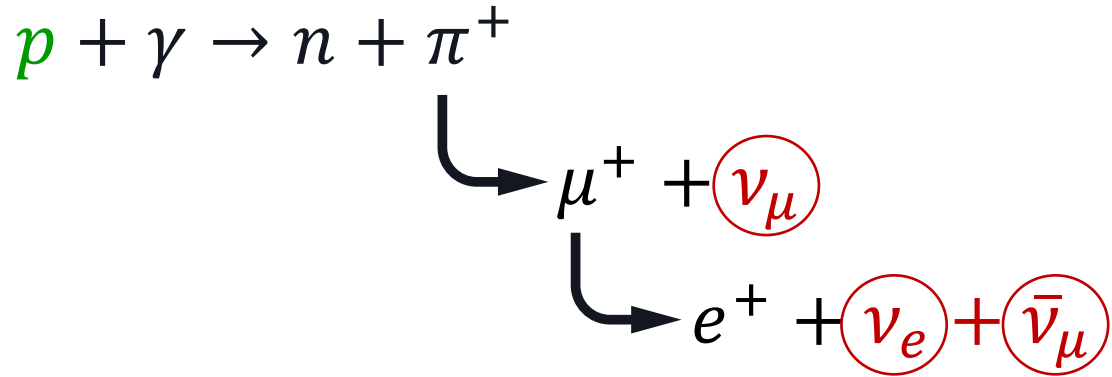
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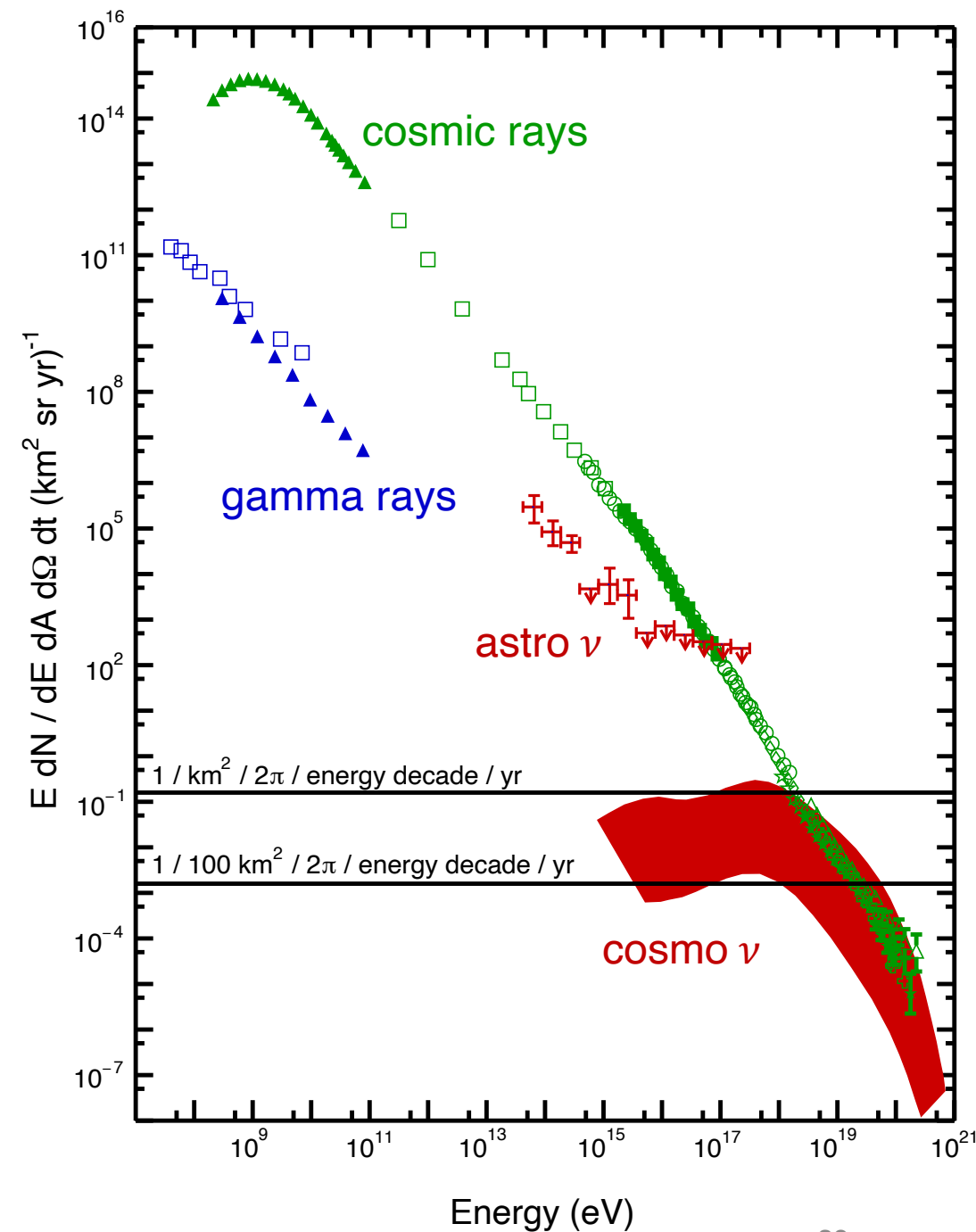
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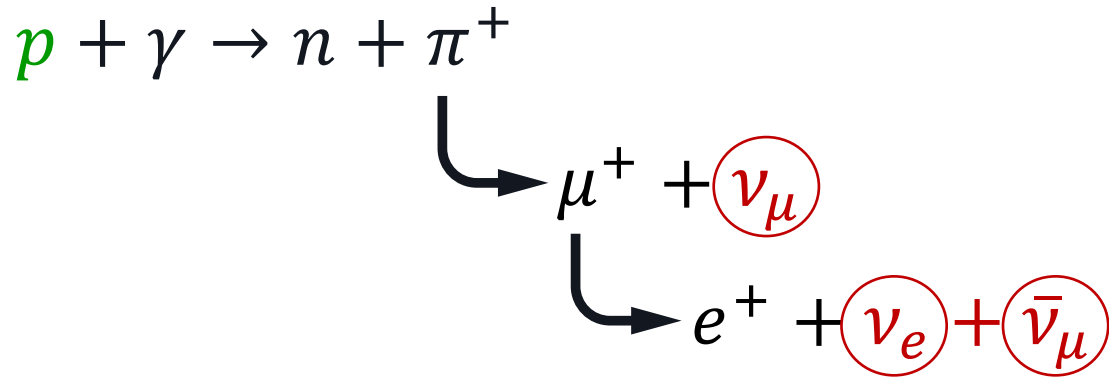
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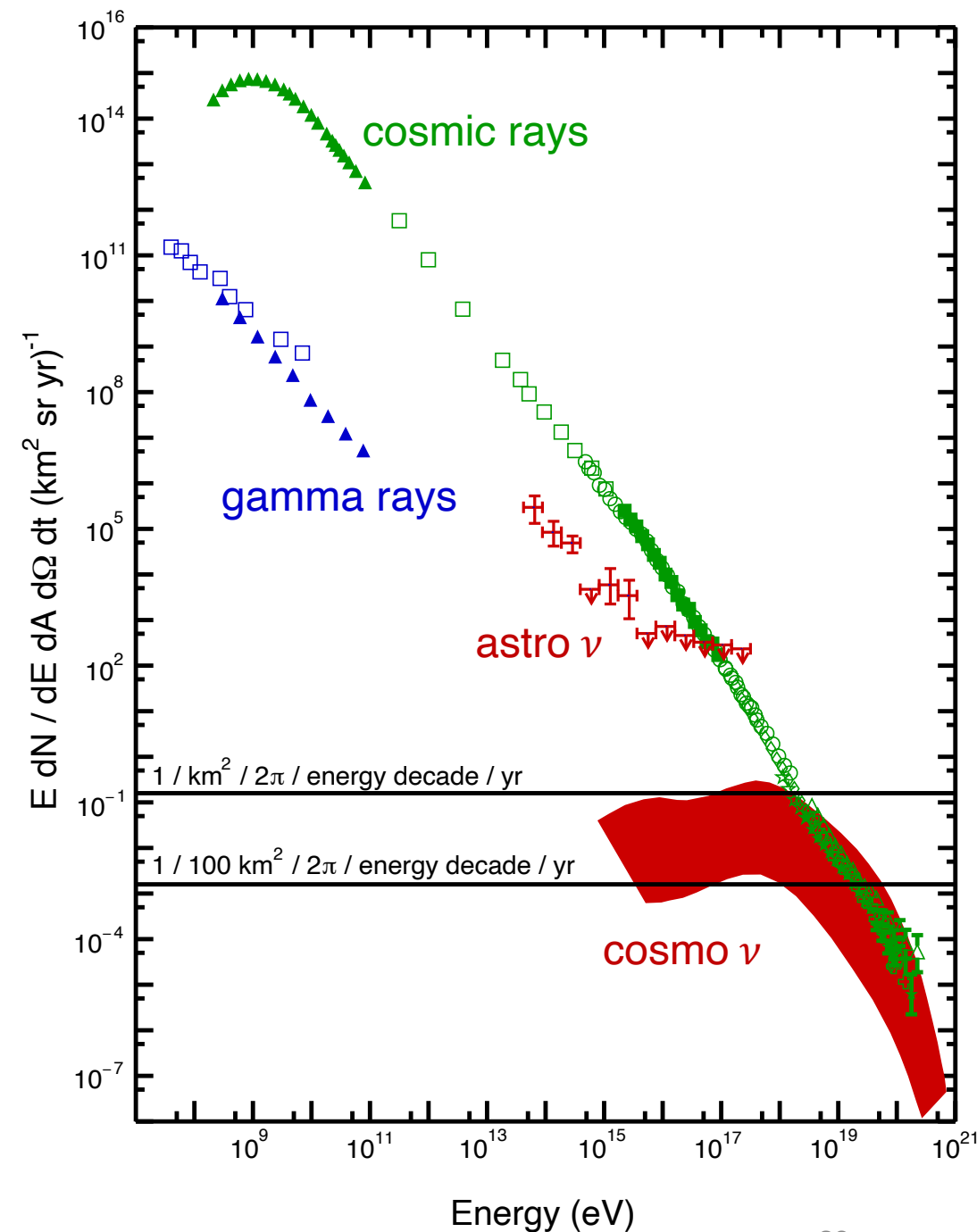
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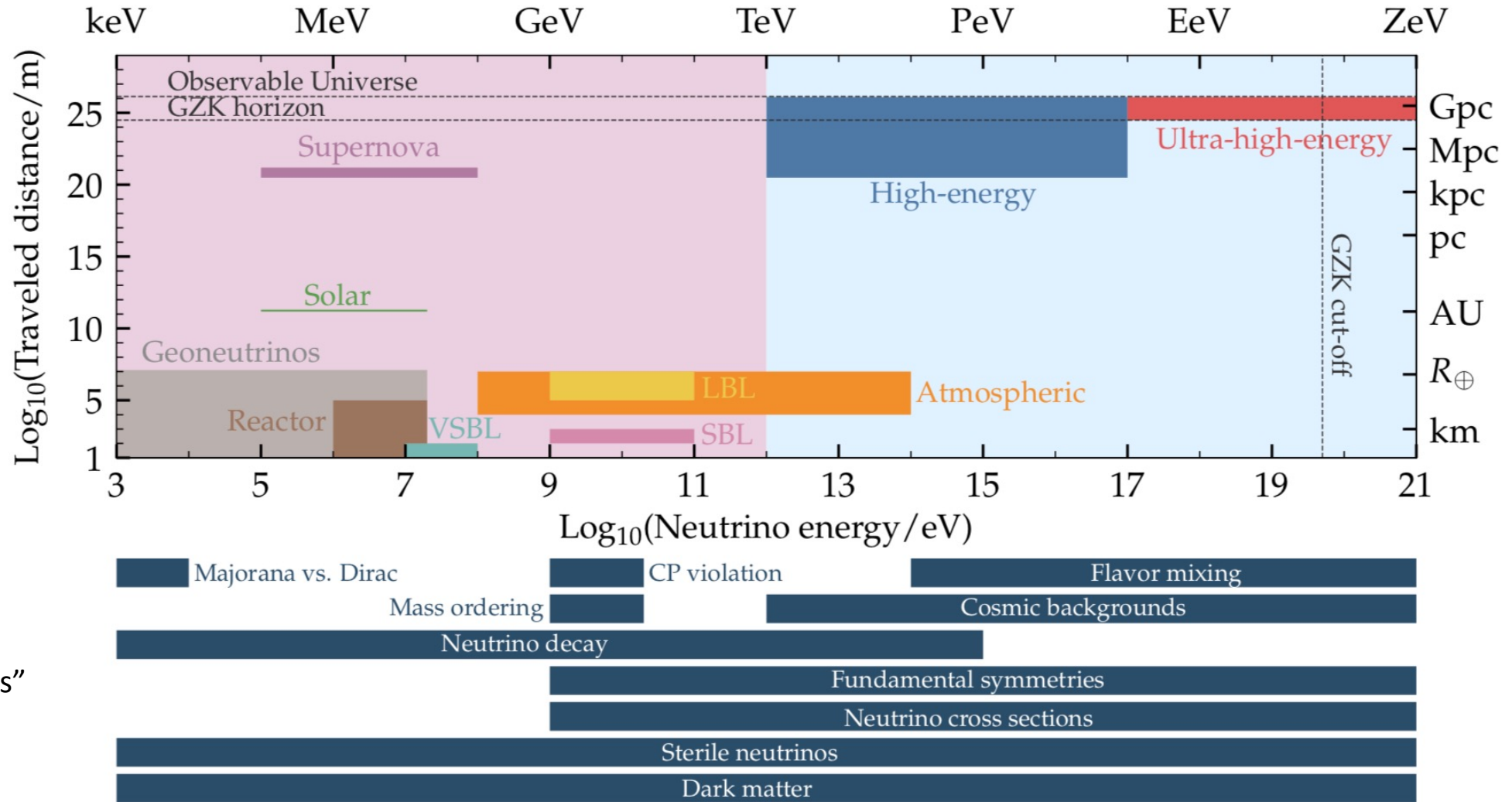
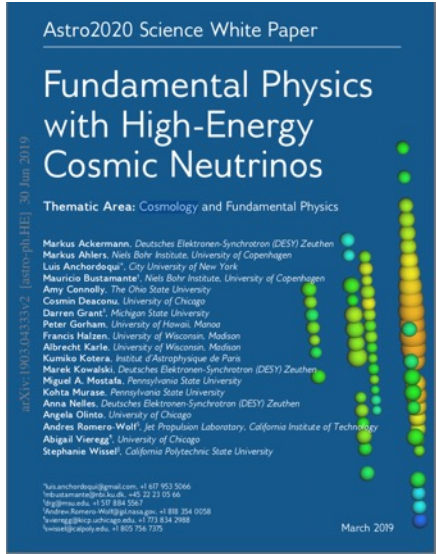
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# Old Idea



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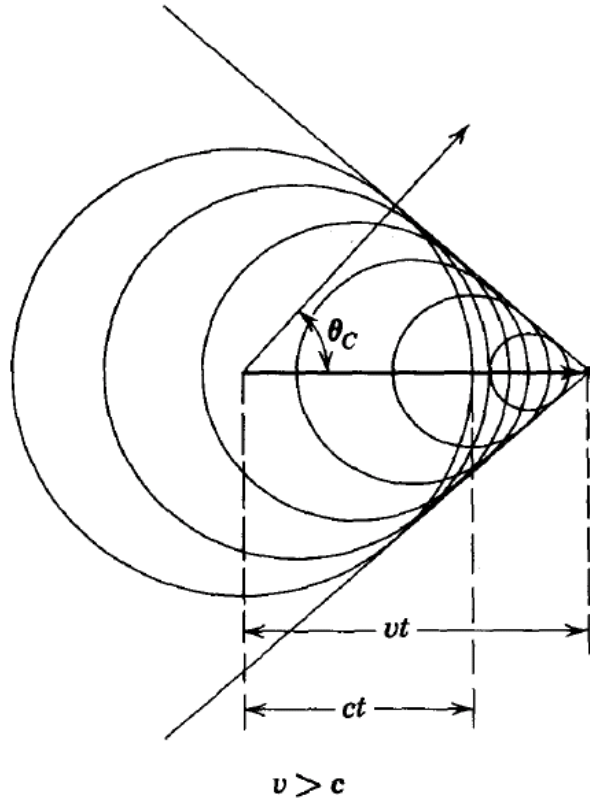
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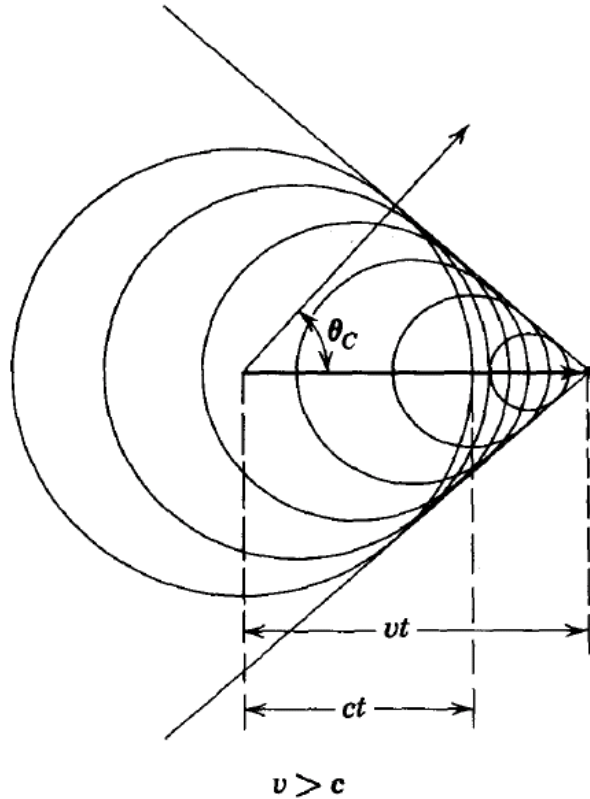


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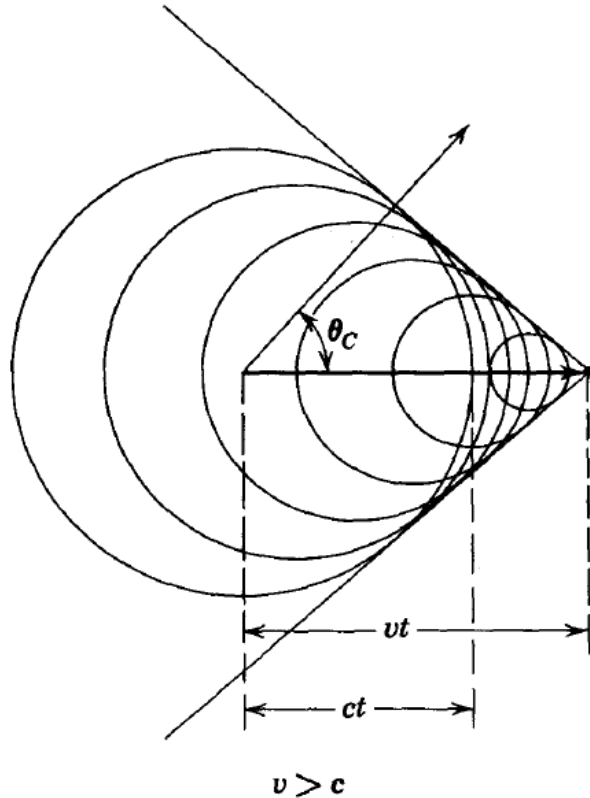


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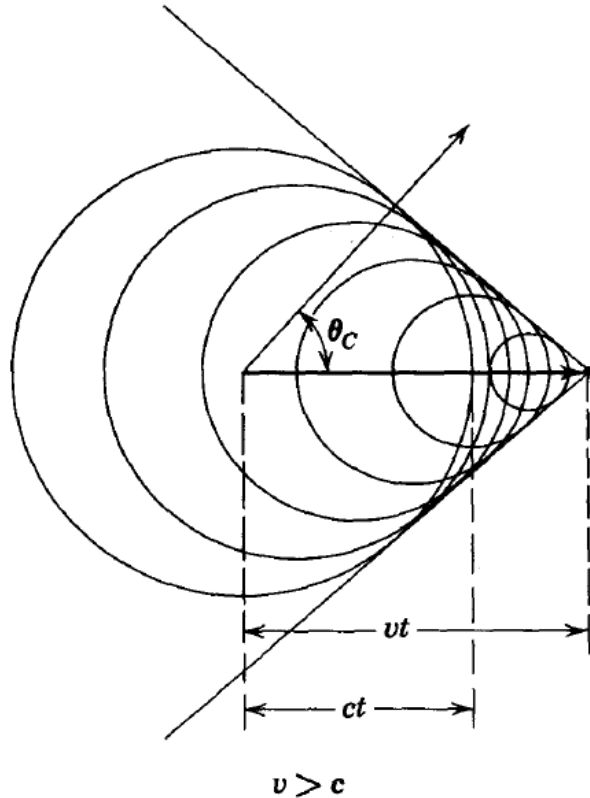
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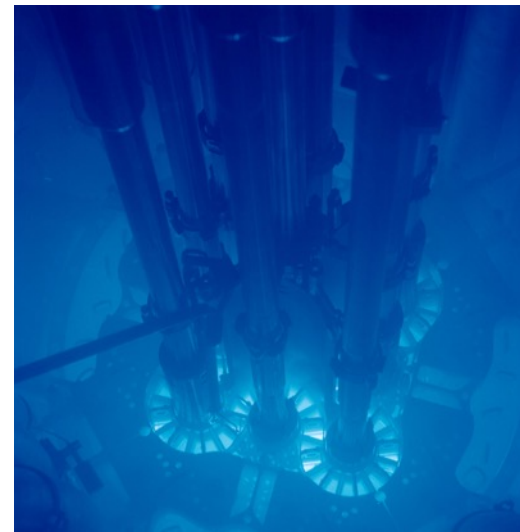
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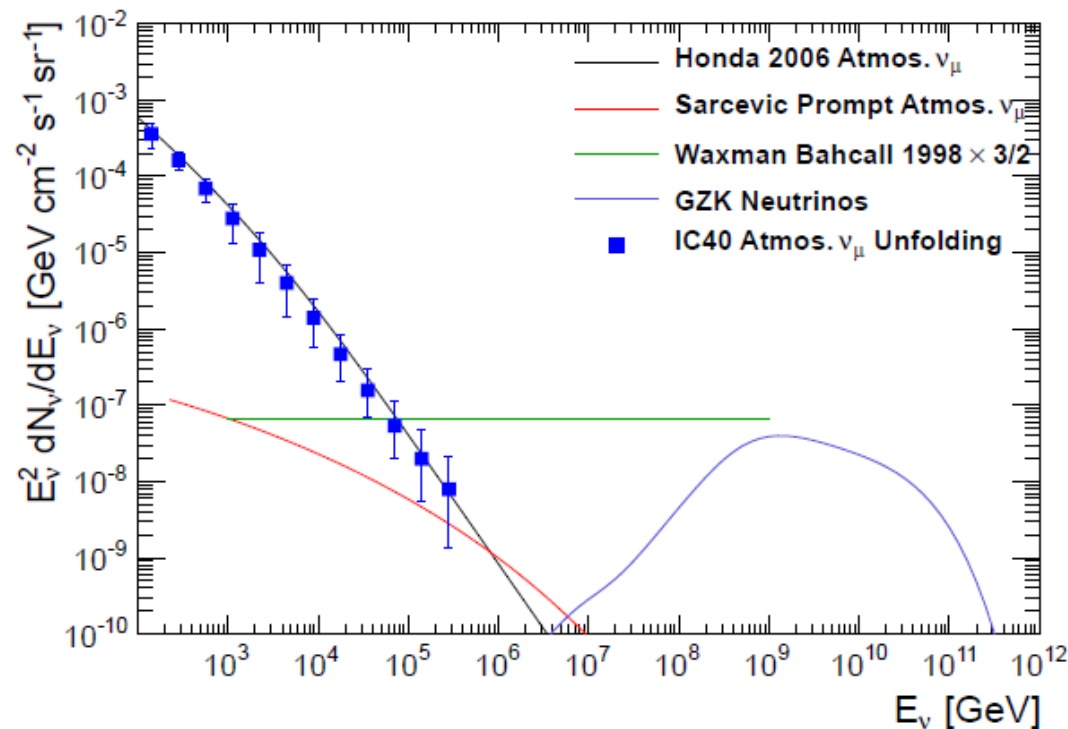
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- ▶ Astrophysical Neutrinos (maybe dominant  $> 100$  TeV)
- ▶ Cosmogenic Neutrinos ( $> 10^6$  TeV)

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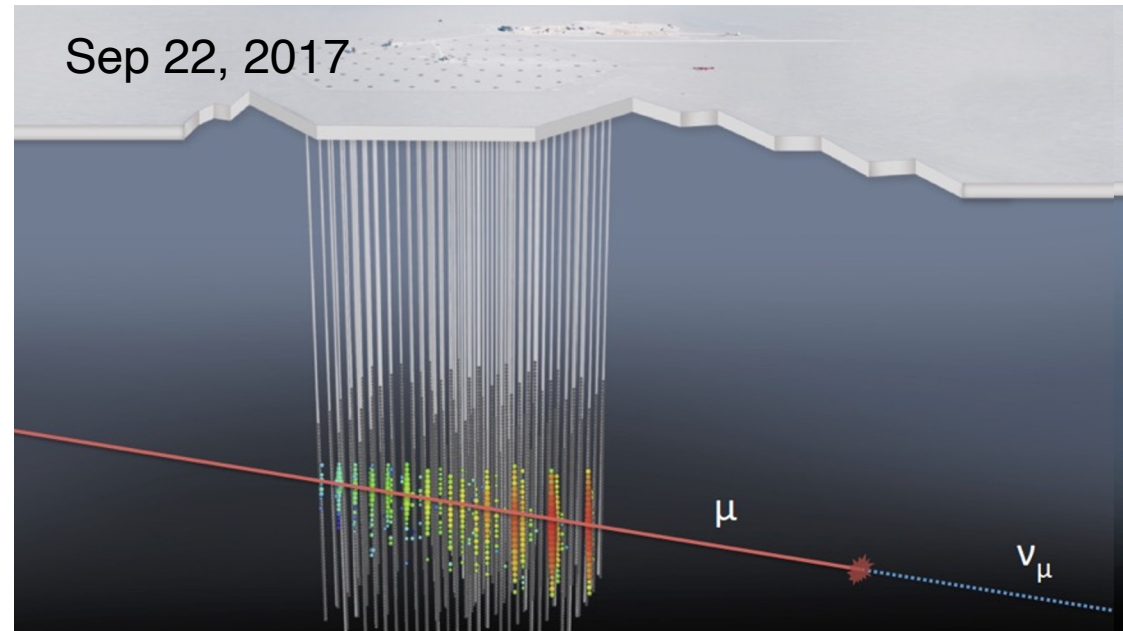
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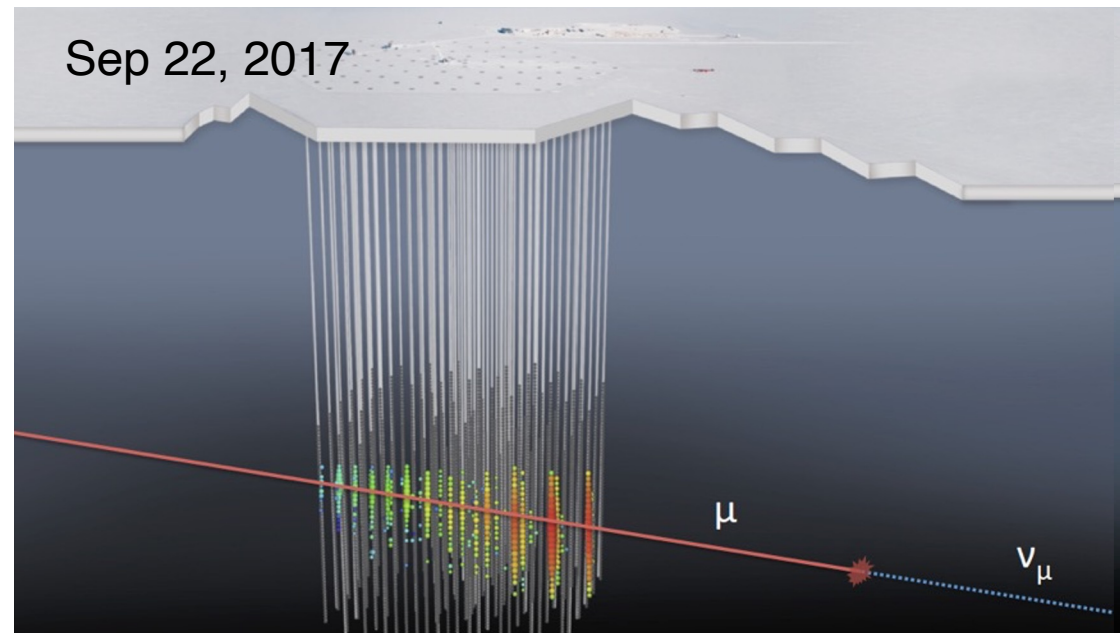
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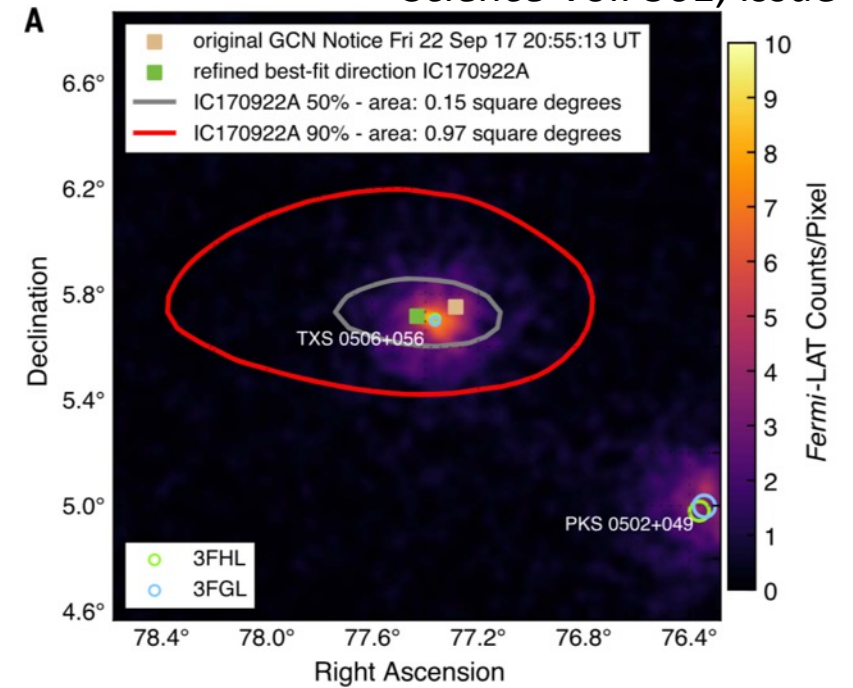
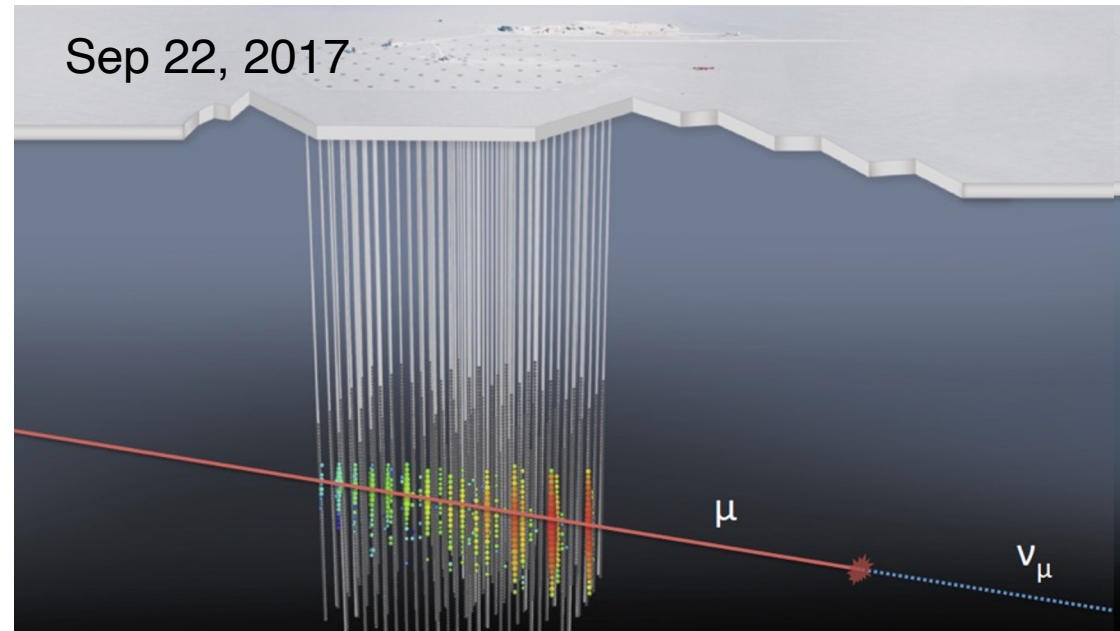
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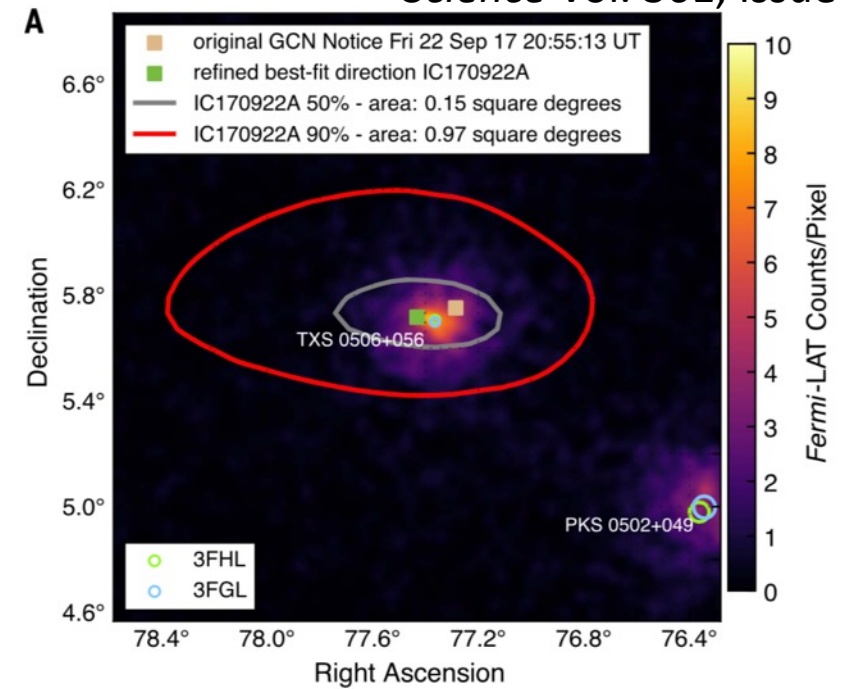
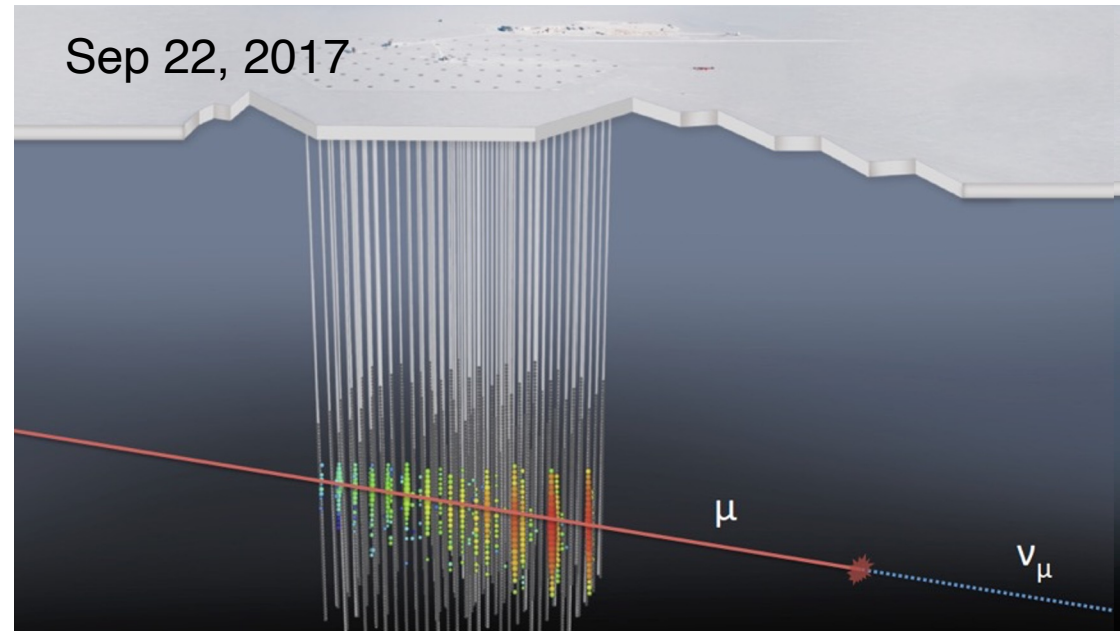


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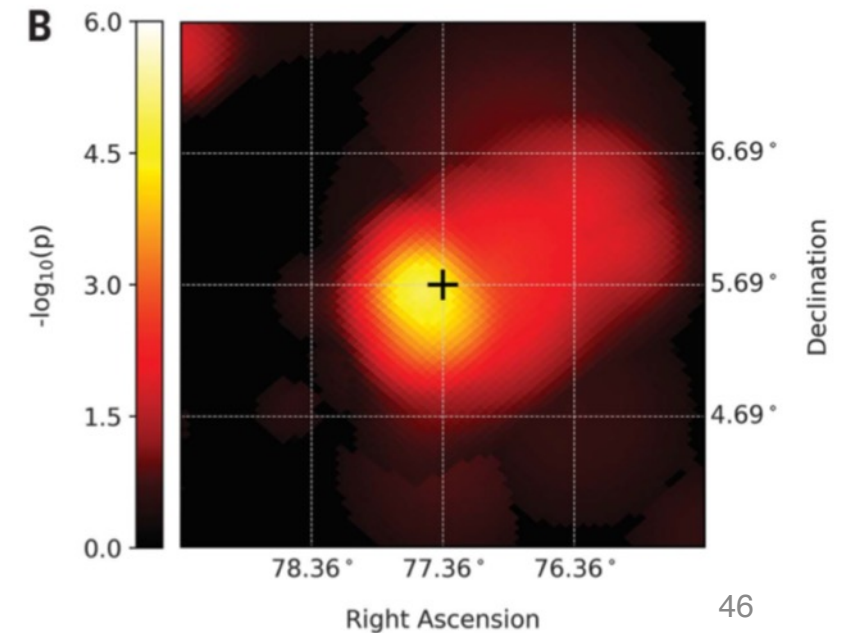
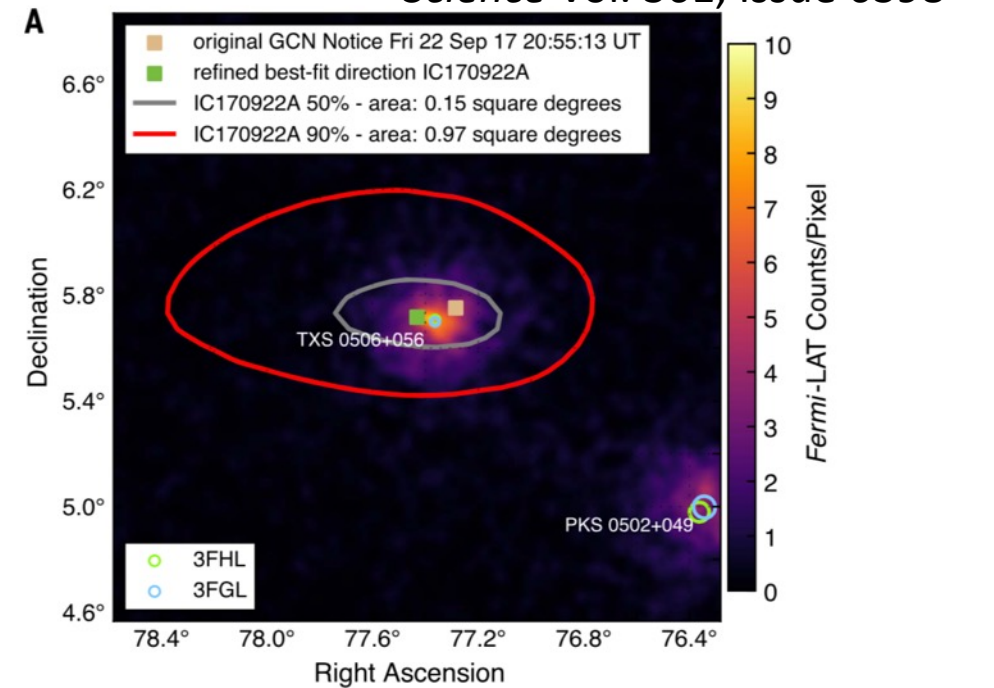
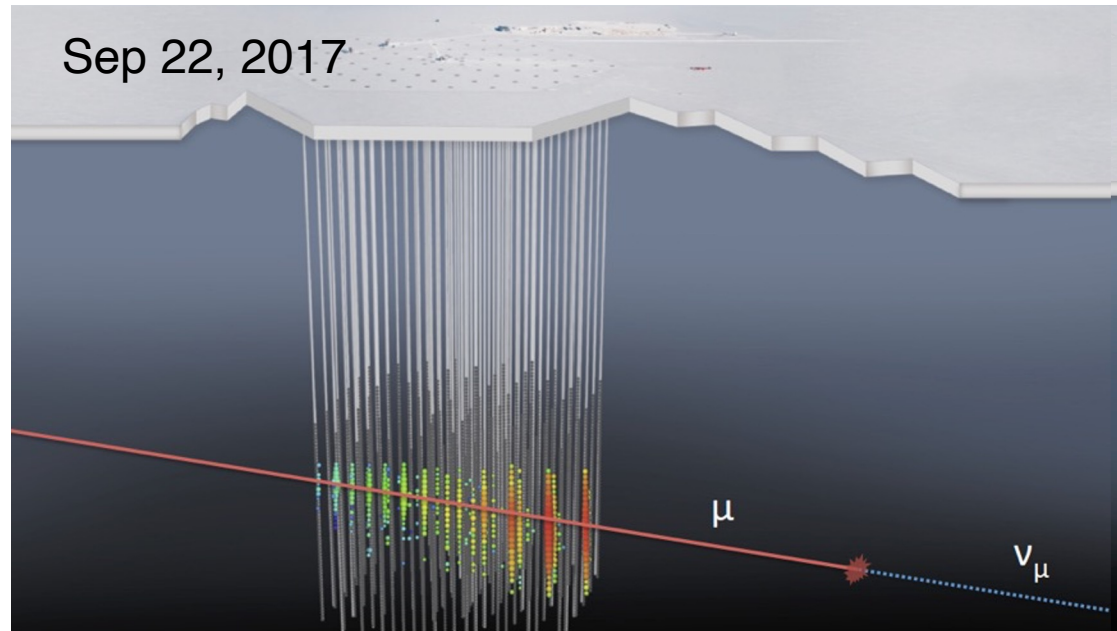


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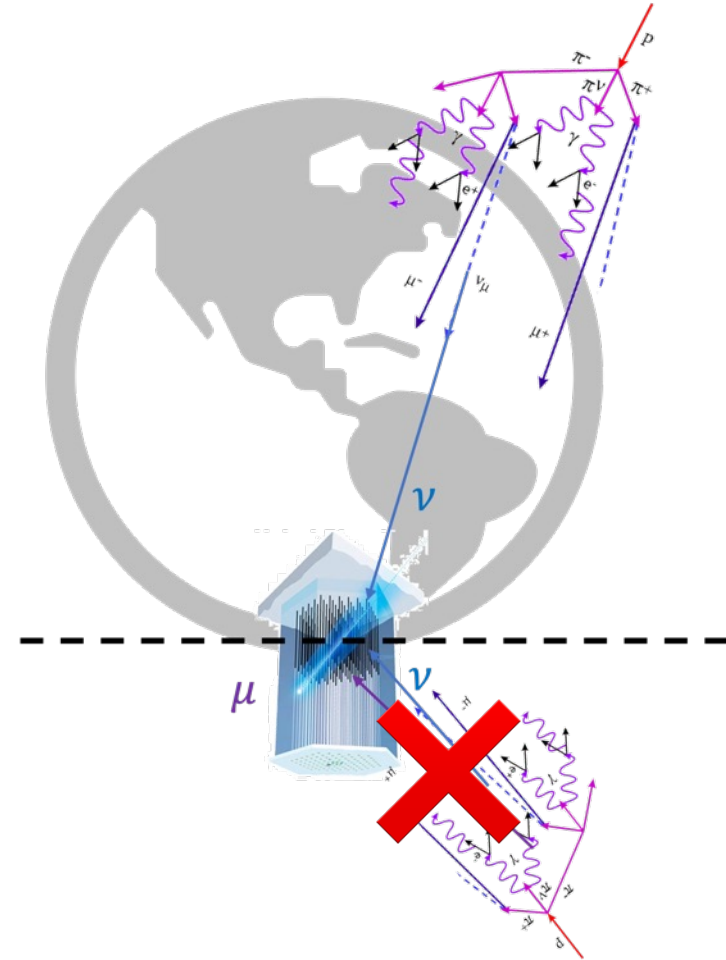


# Astrophysical Neutrino Searches

For astrophysical neutrino searches, atmospheric neutrinos are a background

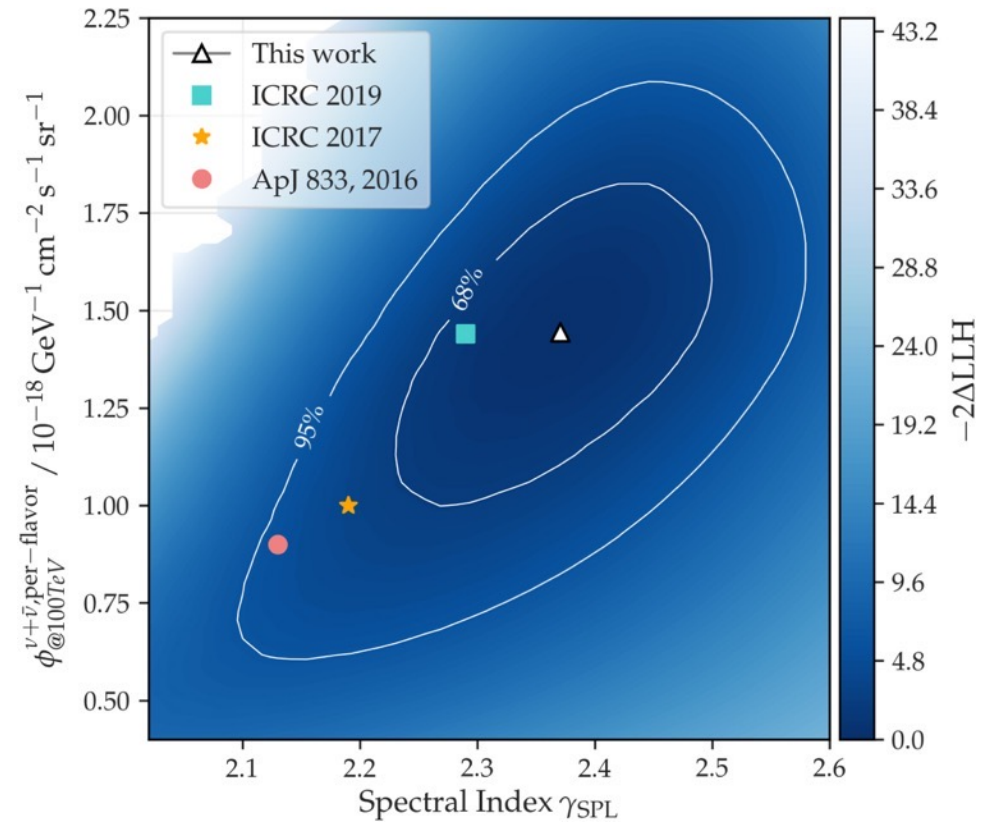
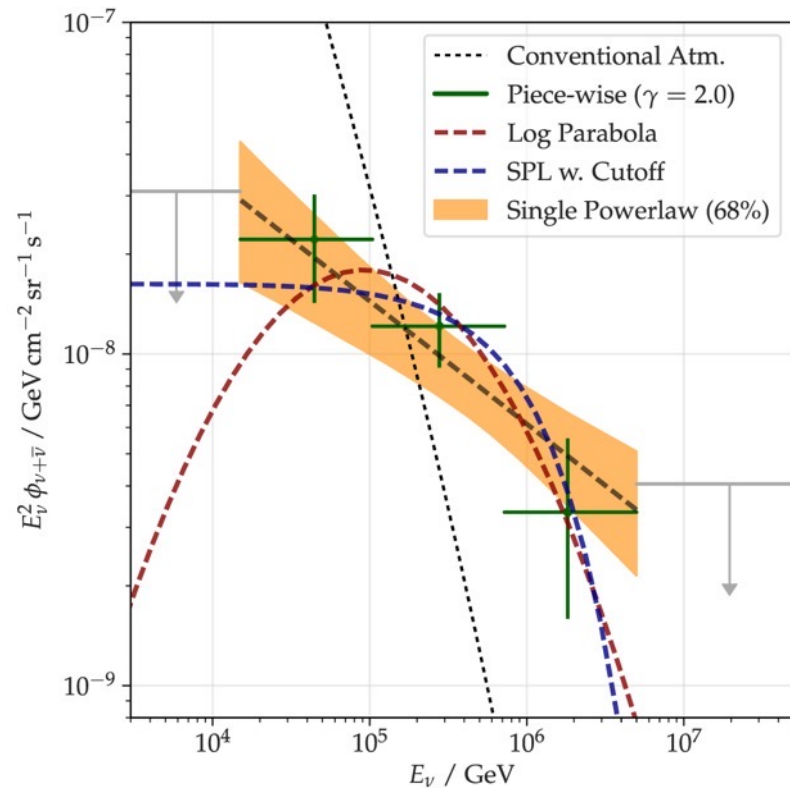
One strategy: look for **upgoing** events

Uses the Earth as a shield to atmospheric muons



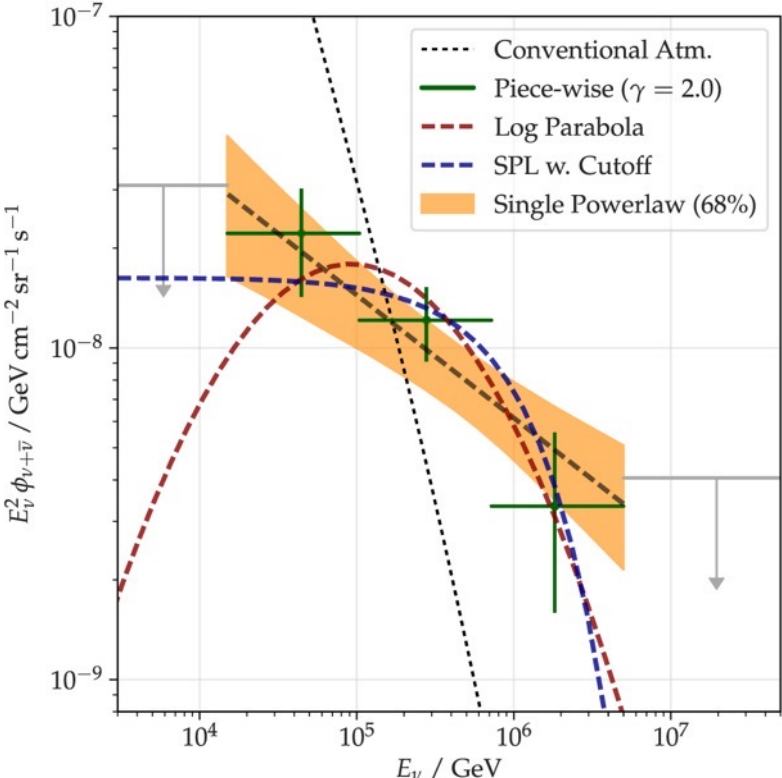
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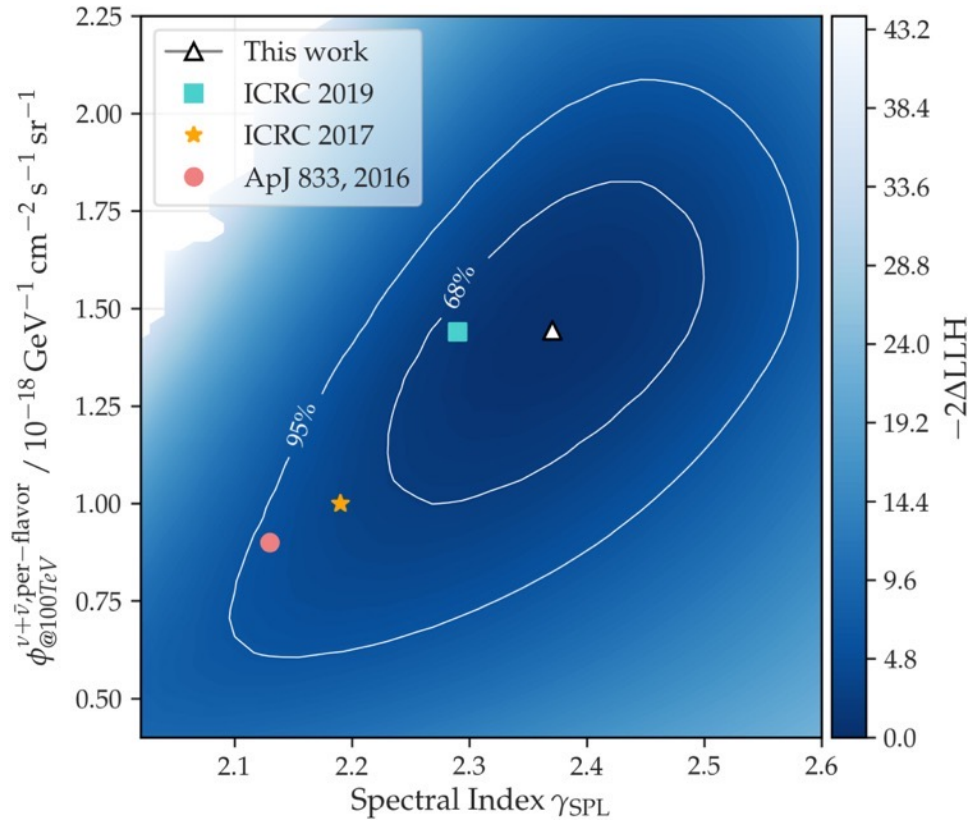


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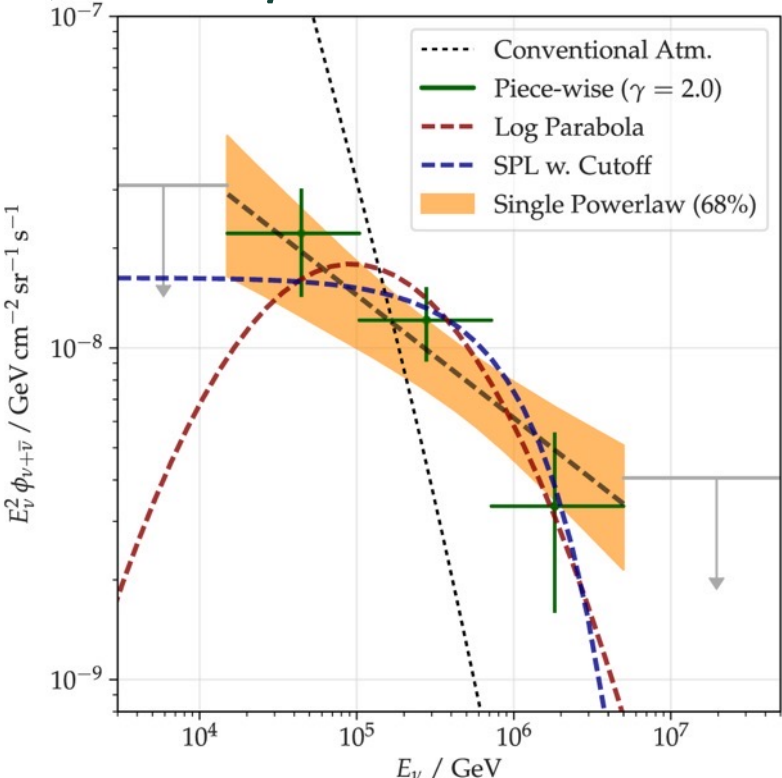
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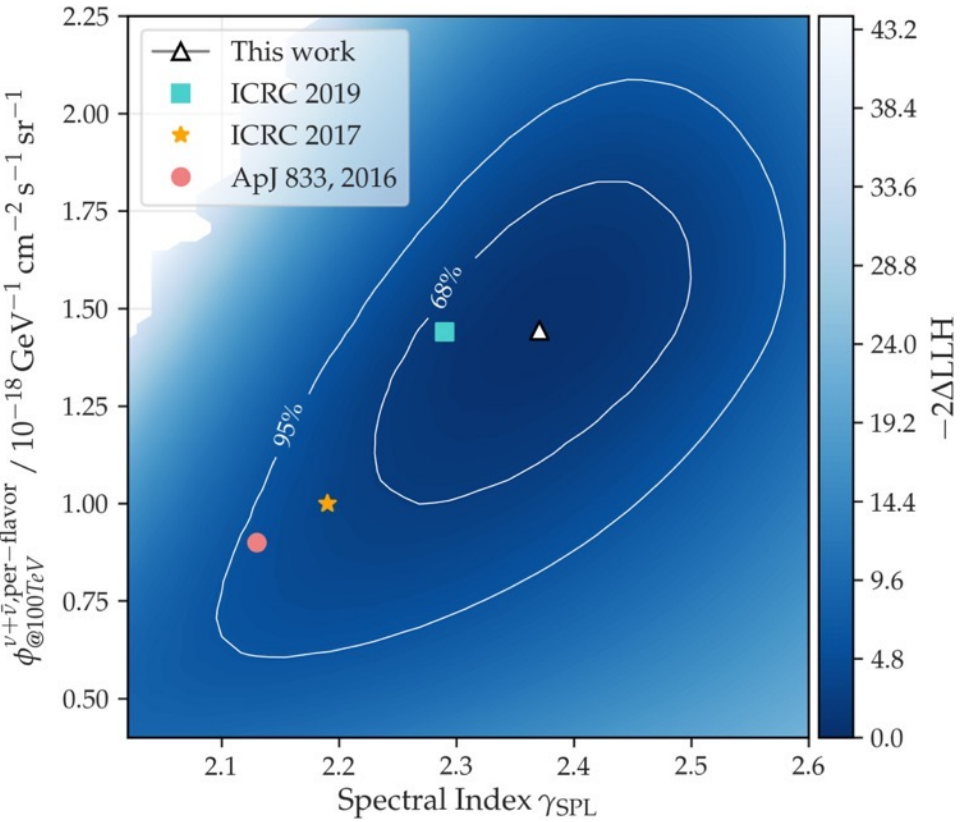
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Data still consistent with single power law, fits w/  $\gamma = 2.37 \pm 0.09$



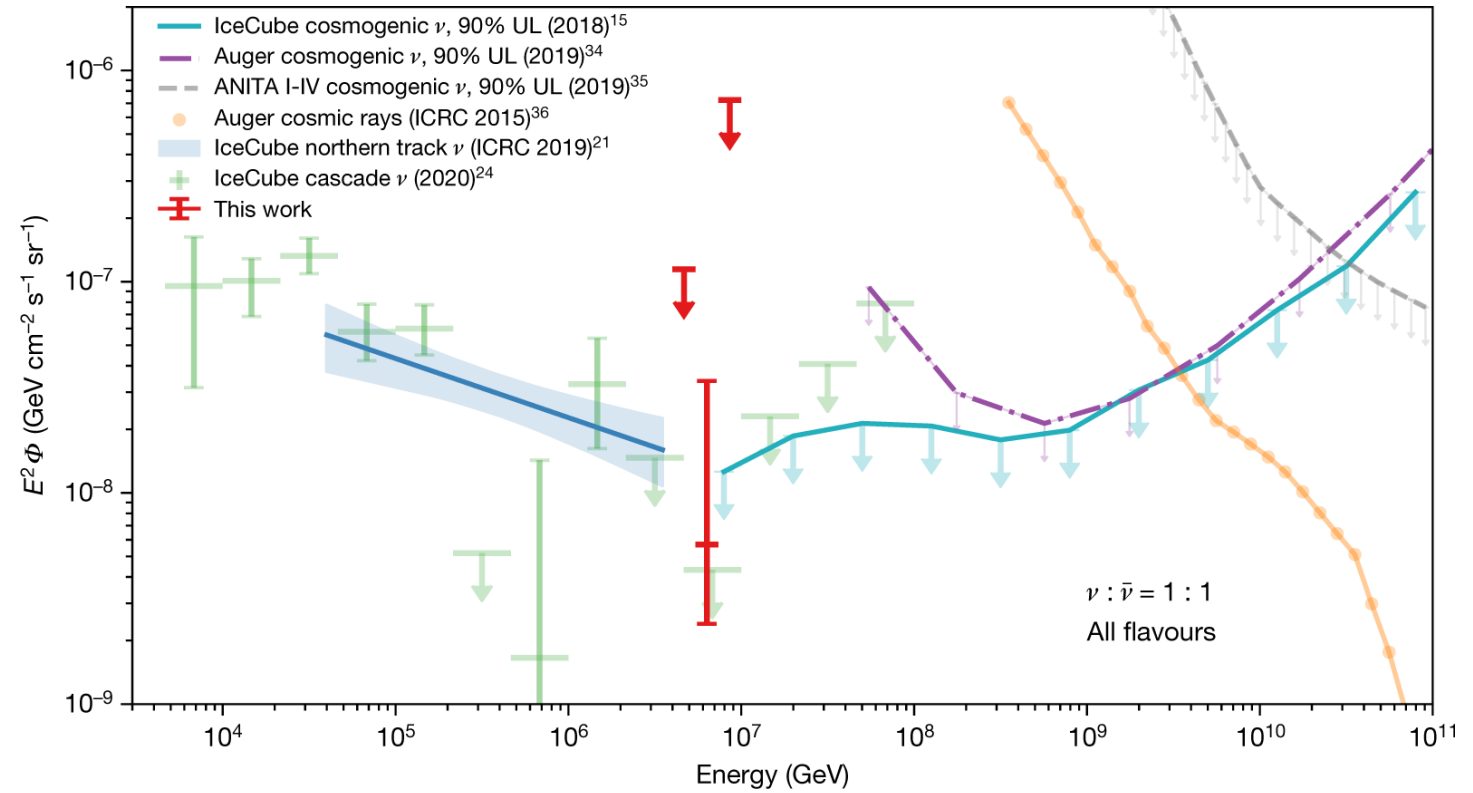
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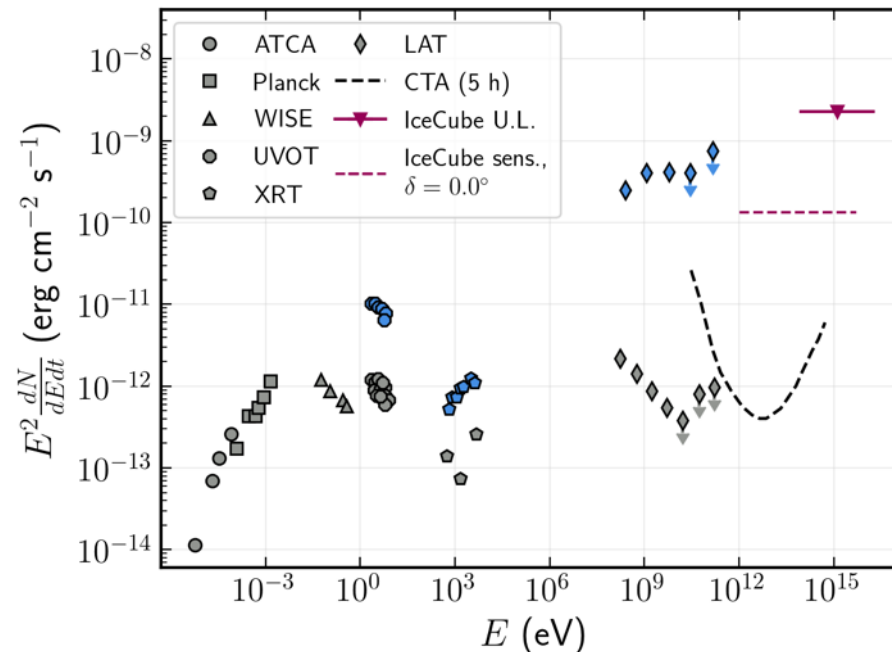
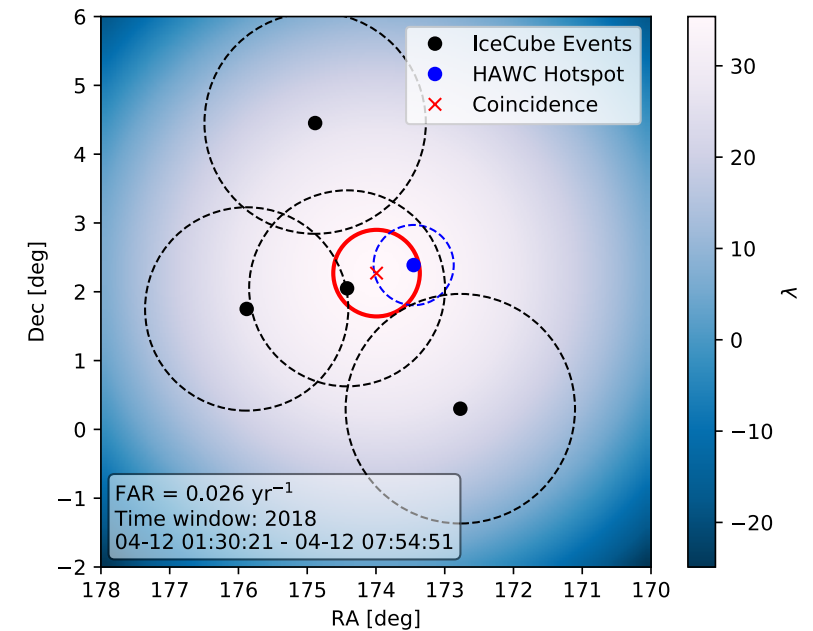
## Correlations with Photon Catalogs

IceCube follows-up other messengers

Through AMON, sub-threshold searches ongoing between HAWC and IceCube

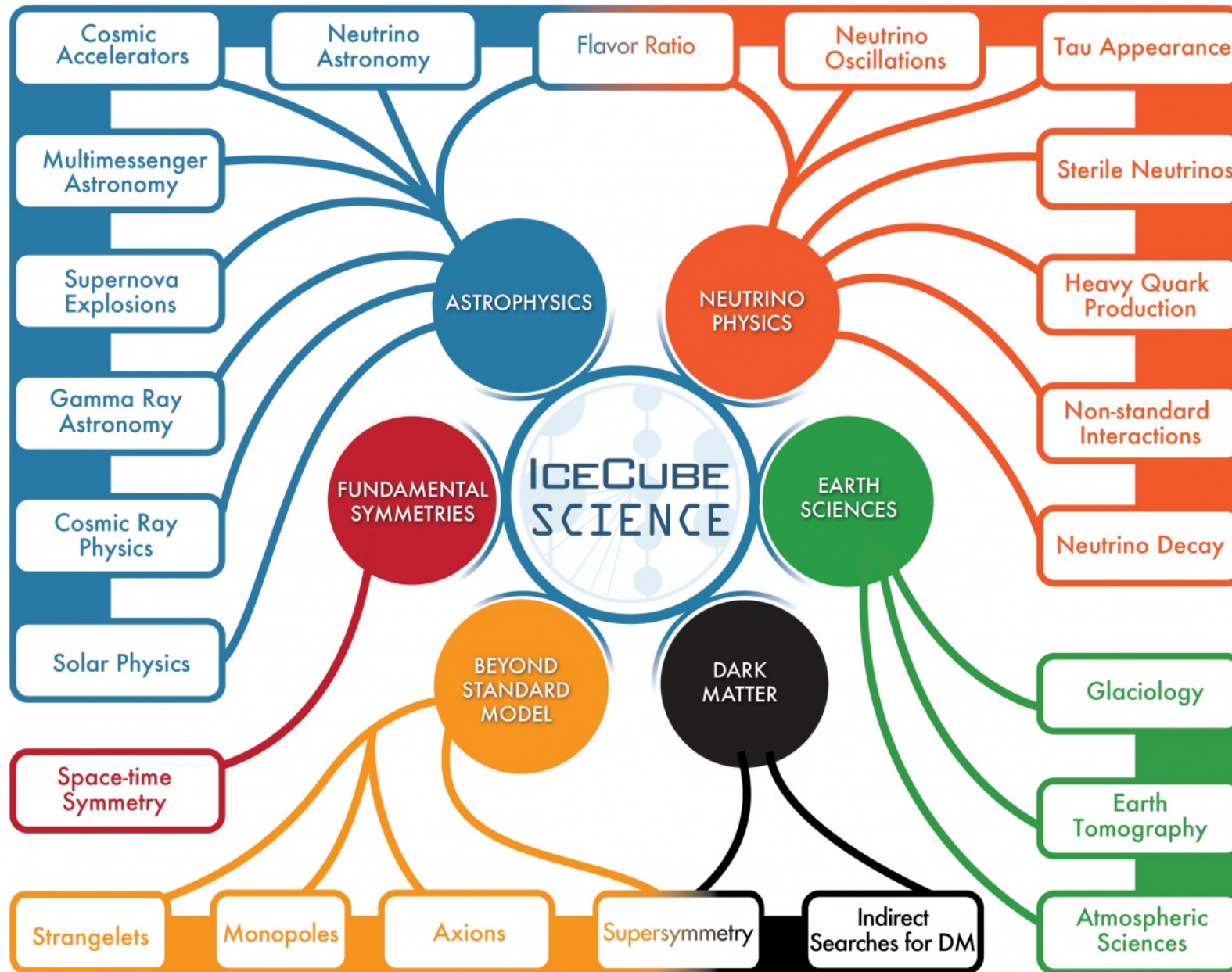
Generic fast-response analysis tool for responding to the community

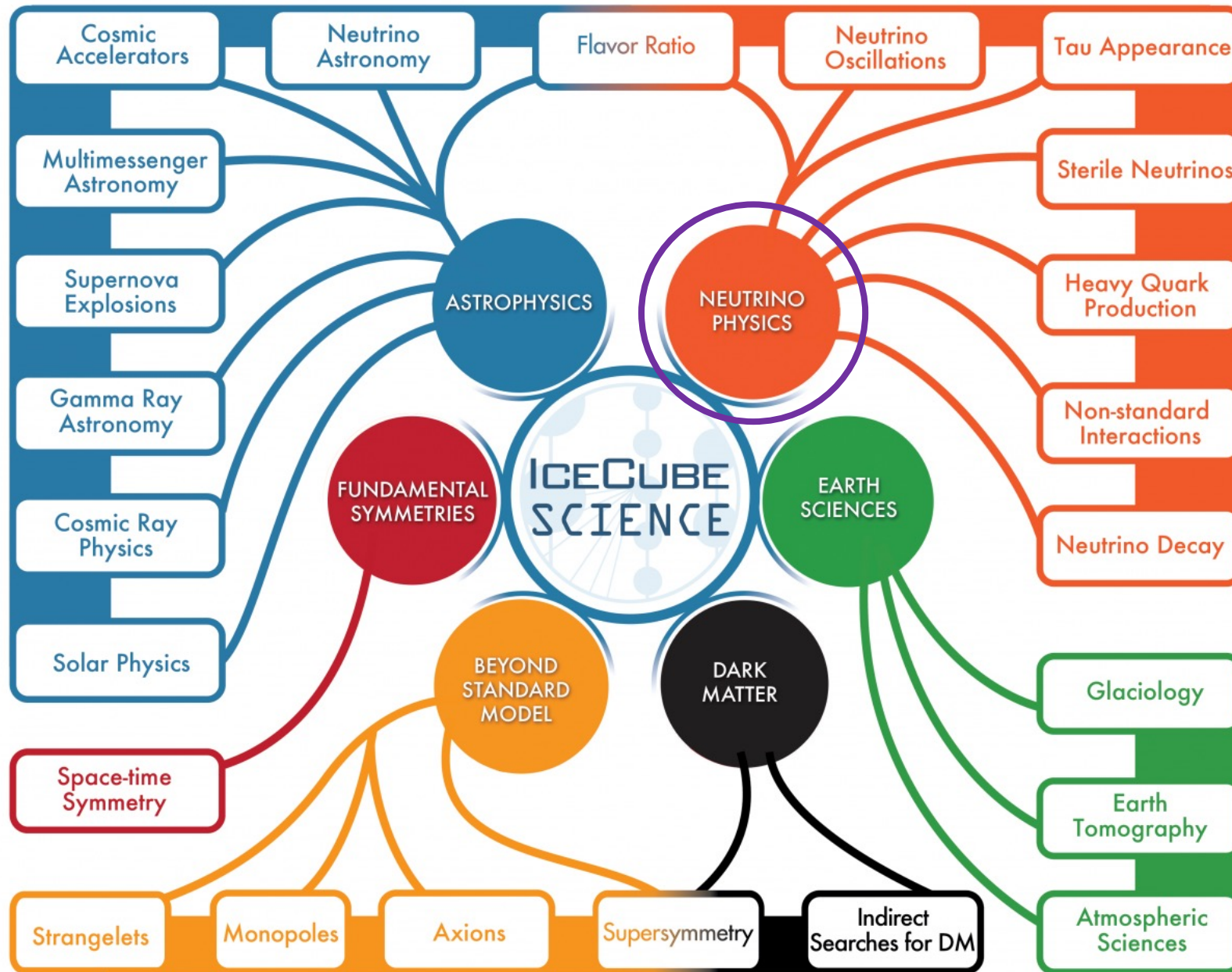
A HAWC-IceCube coincidence; post-trials p-value  $\sim 7\%$ .  
ApJ 906 (2021) 63  
[arxiv 2008.10616](https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.10616)



IceCube follow up of FSRQ PKS 0346-27, observed in an enhanced flux state. p-value  $\sim 14.5\%$ .  
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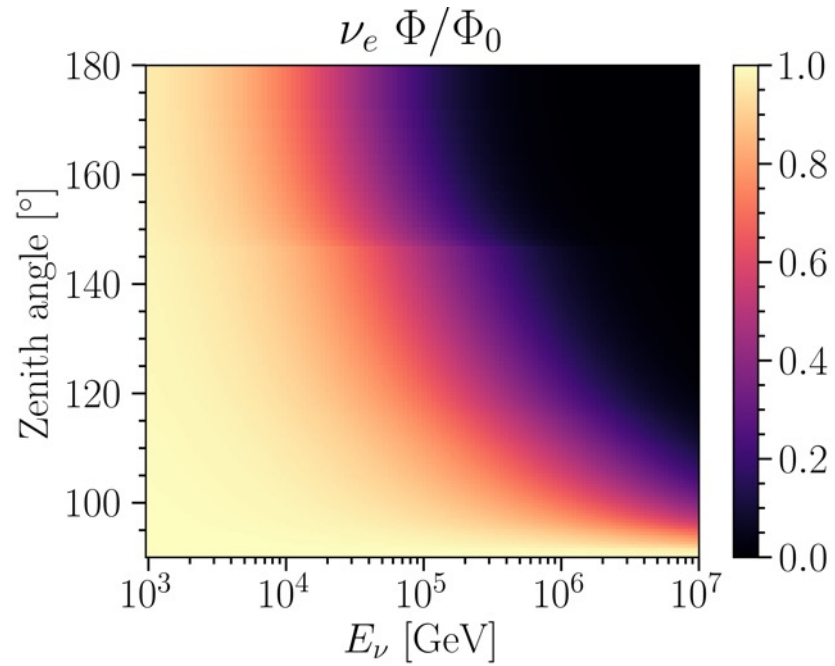
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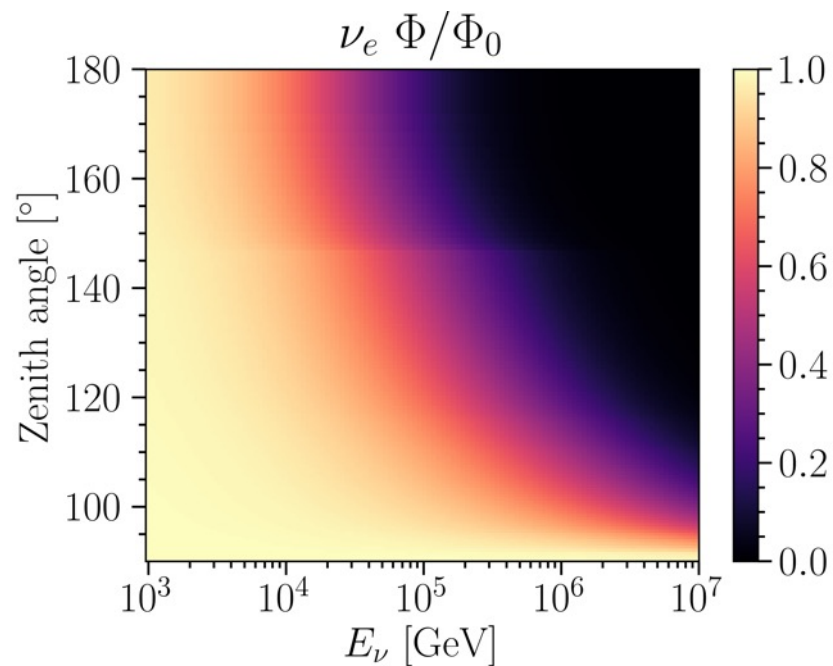
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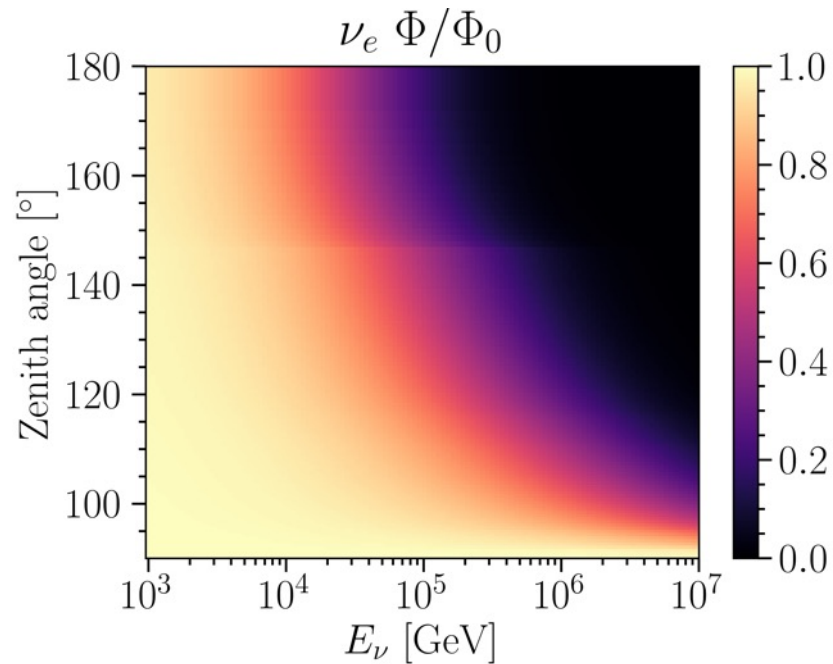
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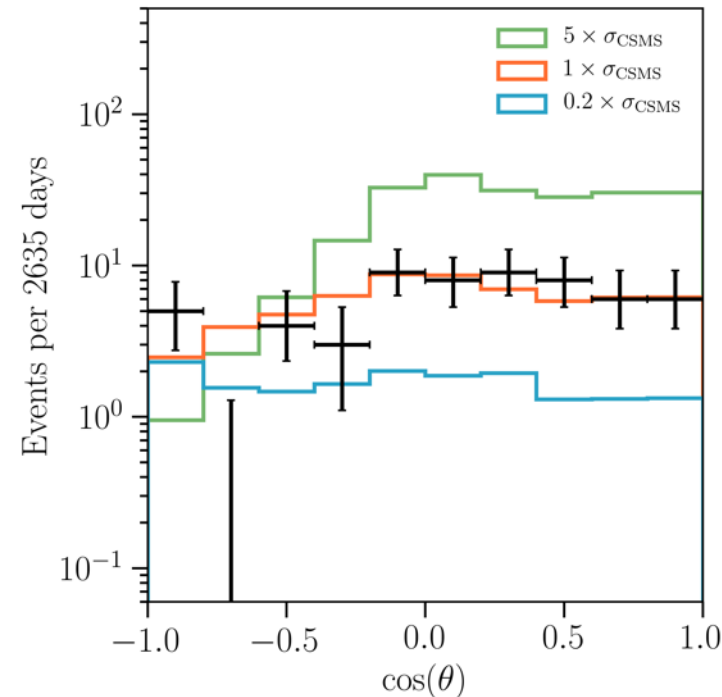
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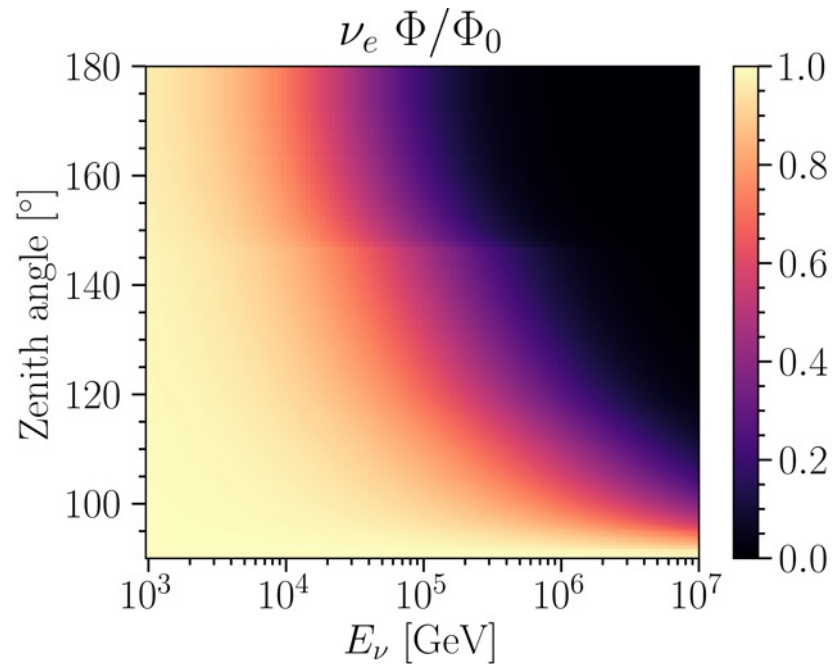


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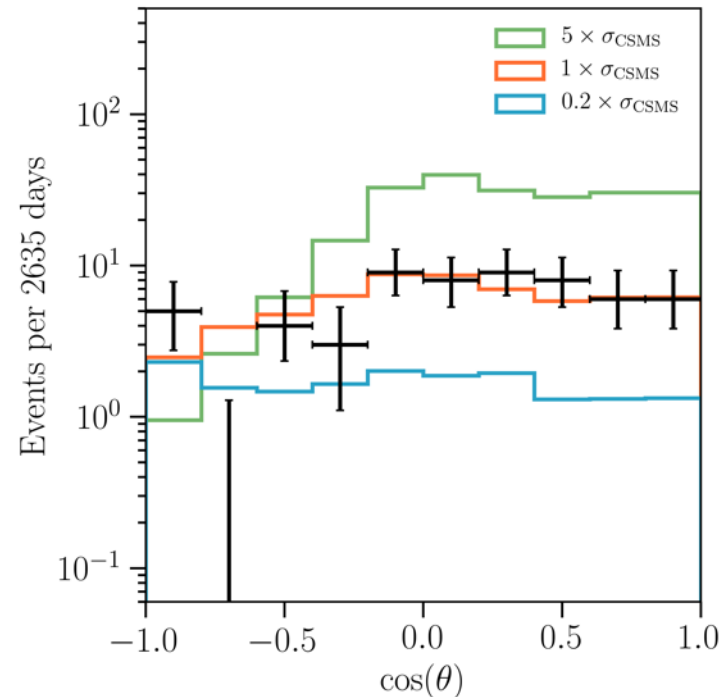
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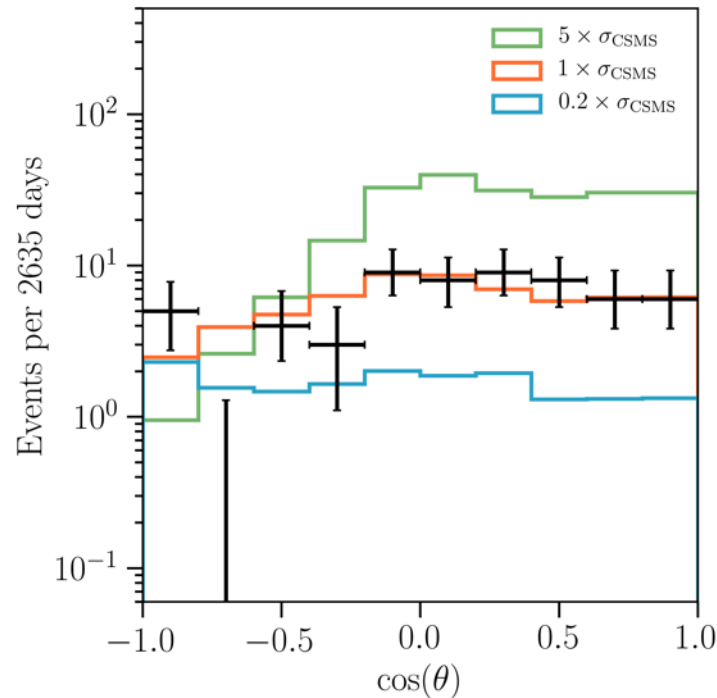
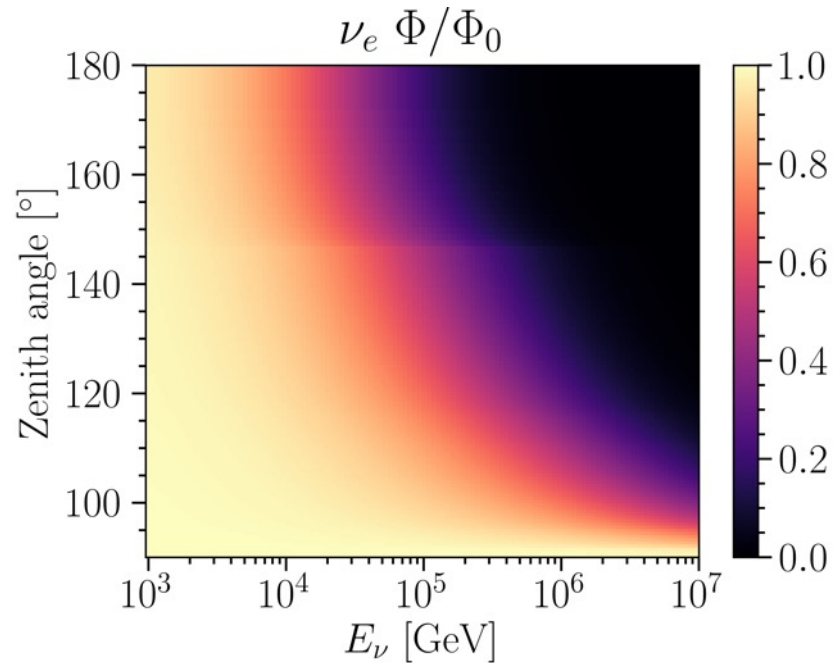


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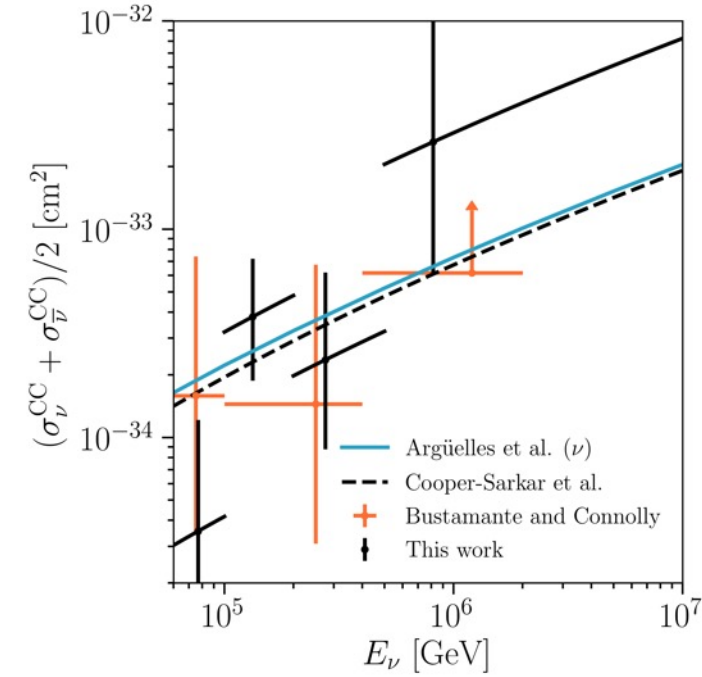
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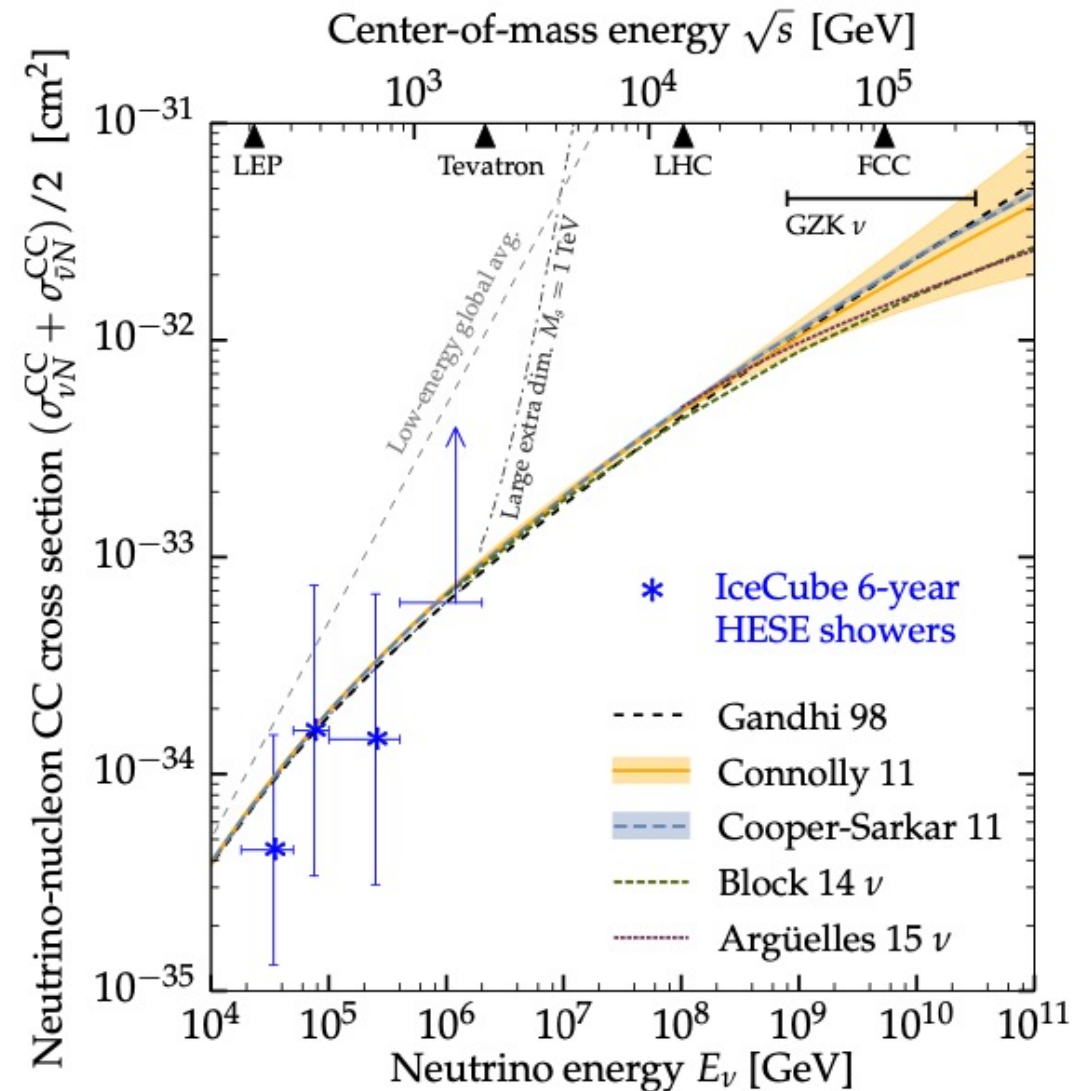


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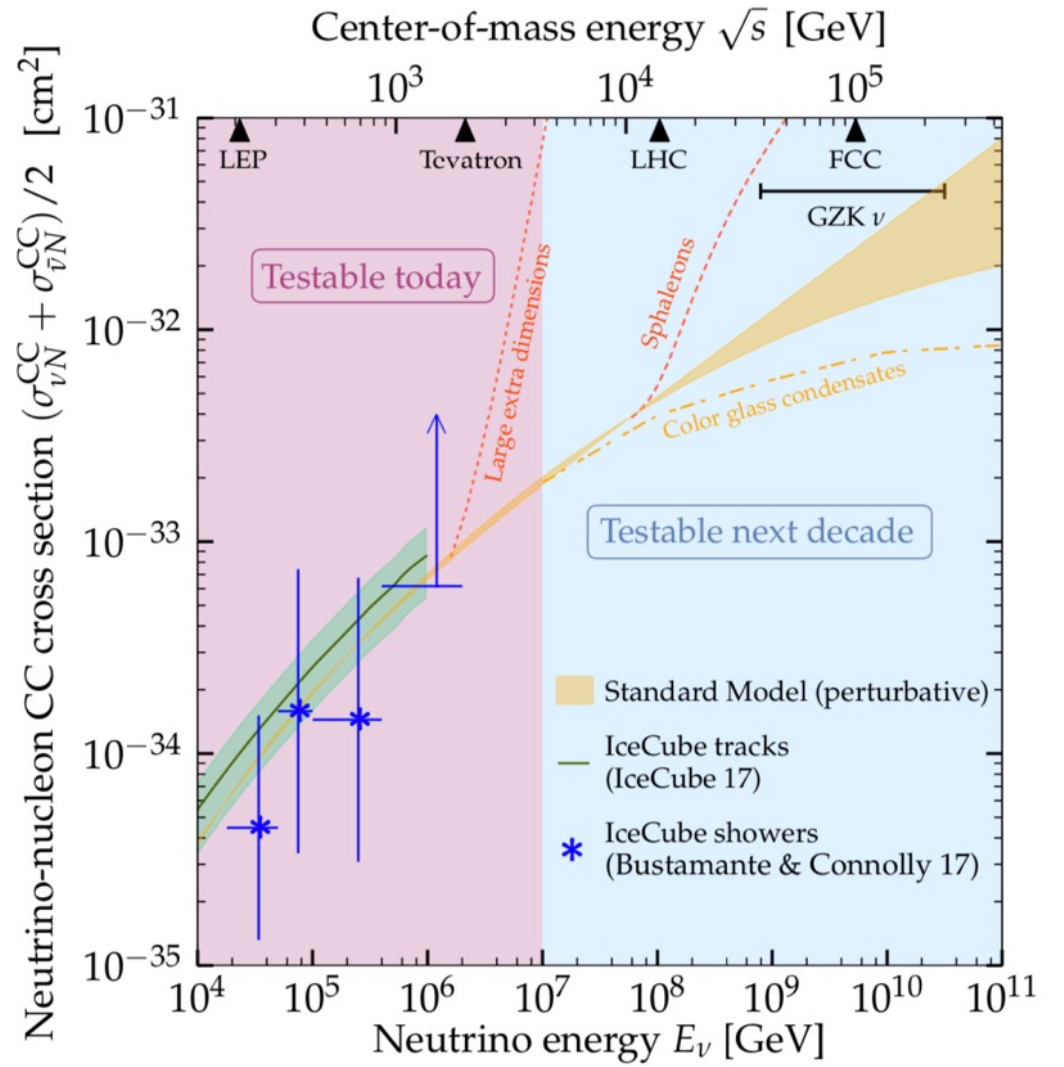
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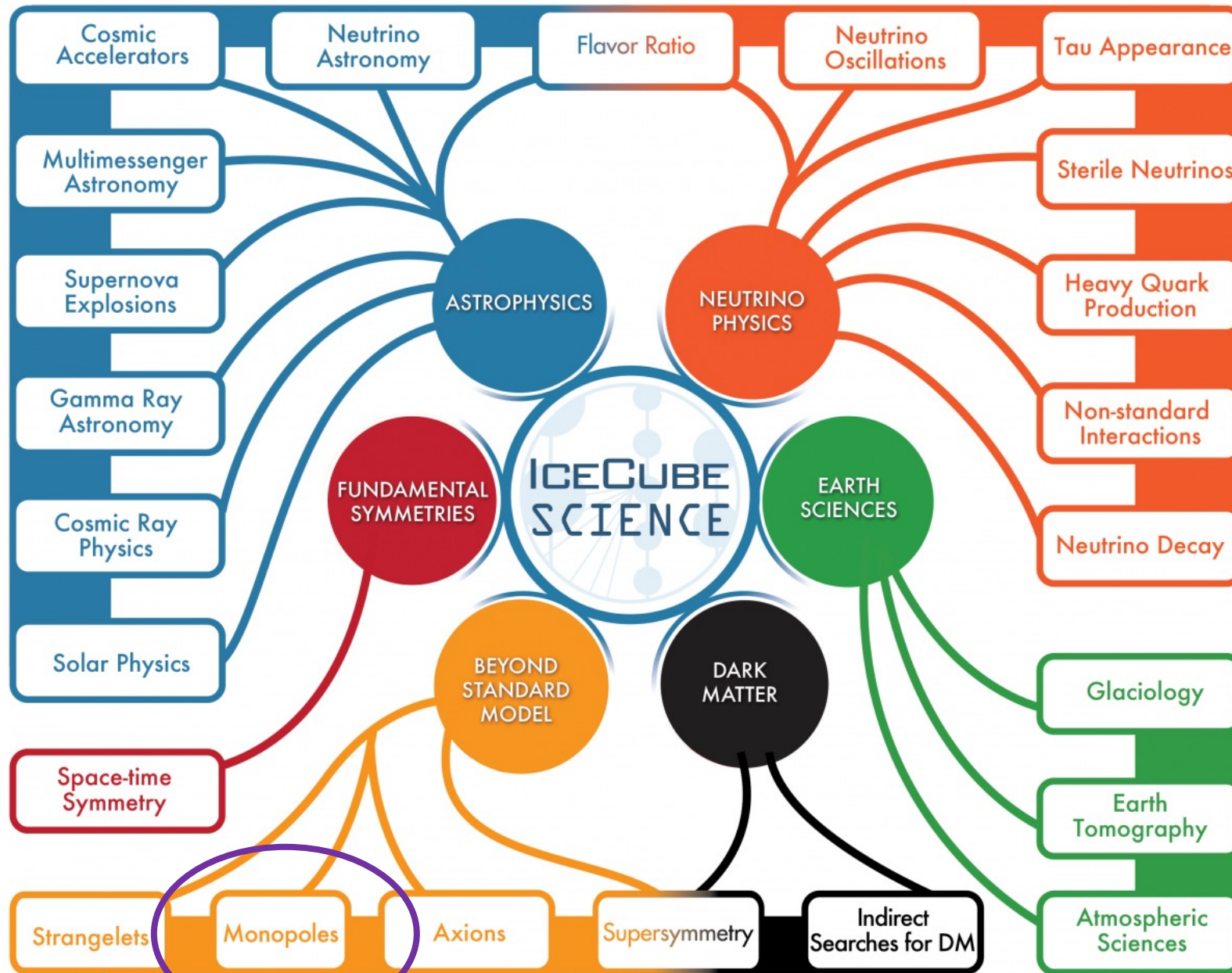
Measurements of the cross-section probe various BSM scenarios (e.g. sphalerons, LEDM, etc.)



Bustamante and Connolly, PRL 122, 041101 (2019)





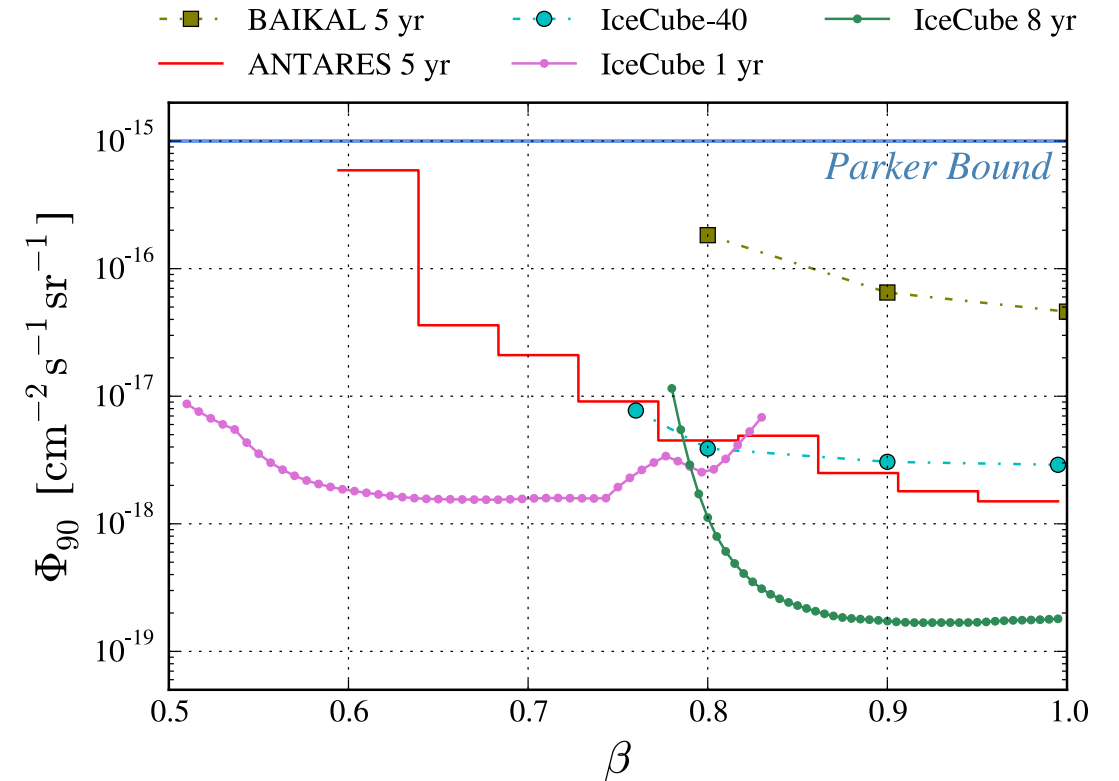


# Monopoles

Use IceCube as a gigaton detector for novel BSM particles like monopoles

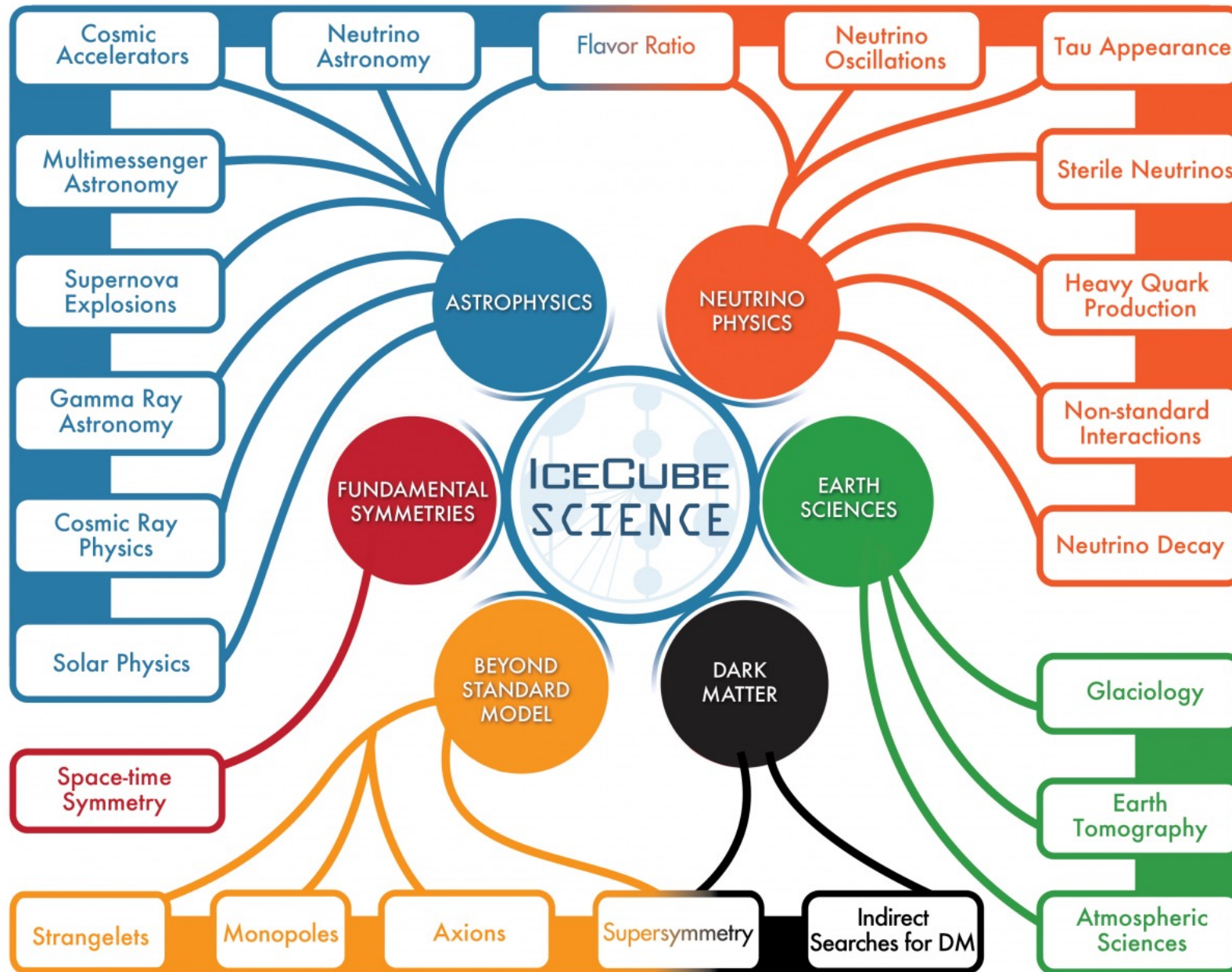
Latest search looks for relativistic ( $\beta > 0.75$ ) monopoles -- appears as "slow" track with a smooth light deposition pattern

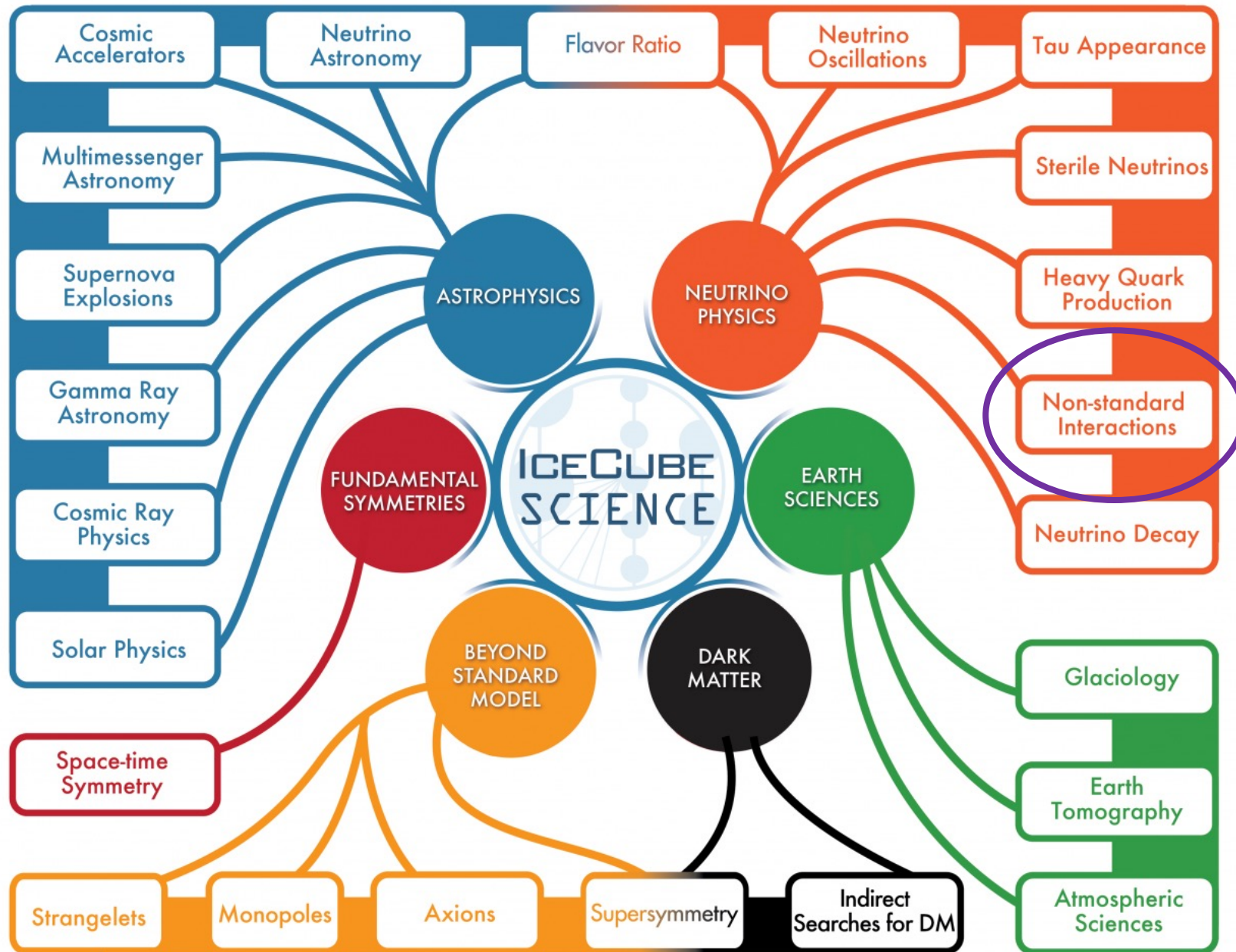
No passing events on background of  $\sim 0.3$ , set strict upper limit



PRL 128 051101 (2022)  
arxiv [2109.13719](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.13719)

Analysis level	$n_{\text{obs}}$	$n_{\text{sg}}$	$n_{\text{bg}}$
Online filter	$1.63 \times 10^8$	178	371
Step I:			
Initial off-line cuts	$3.16 \times 10^4$	89.9	57.2
Track quality cut	$8.46 \times 10^3$	64.1	20.4
Down-going cut	3	35.5	10.1
IceTop surface veto	3	35.5	$10.0^{+10.3}_{-5.1}$
Step II	0	33.2	$0.27^{+0.27}_{-0.14}$



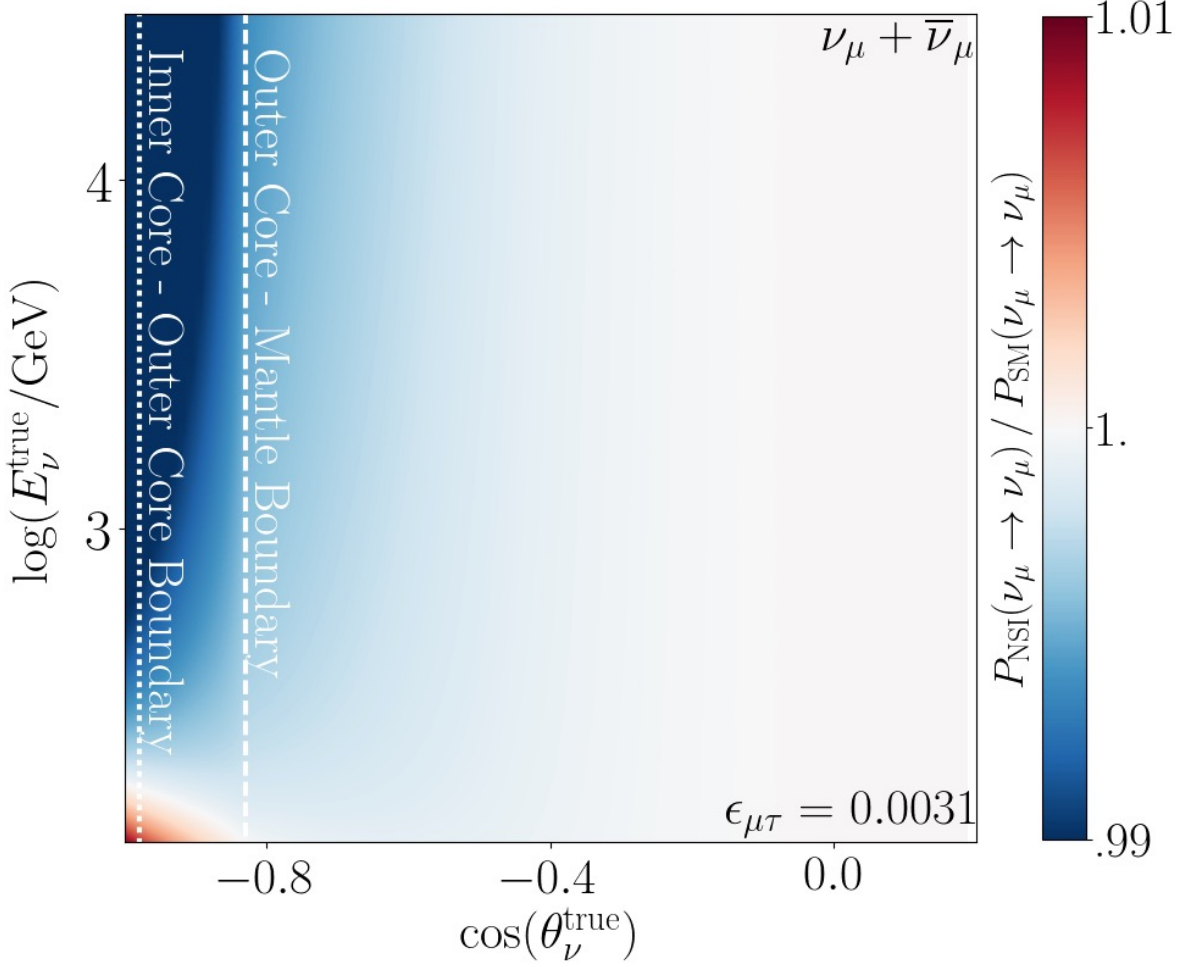




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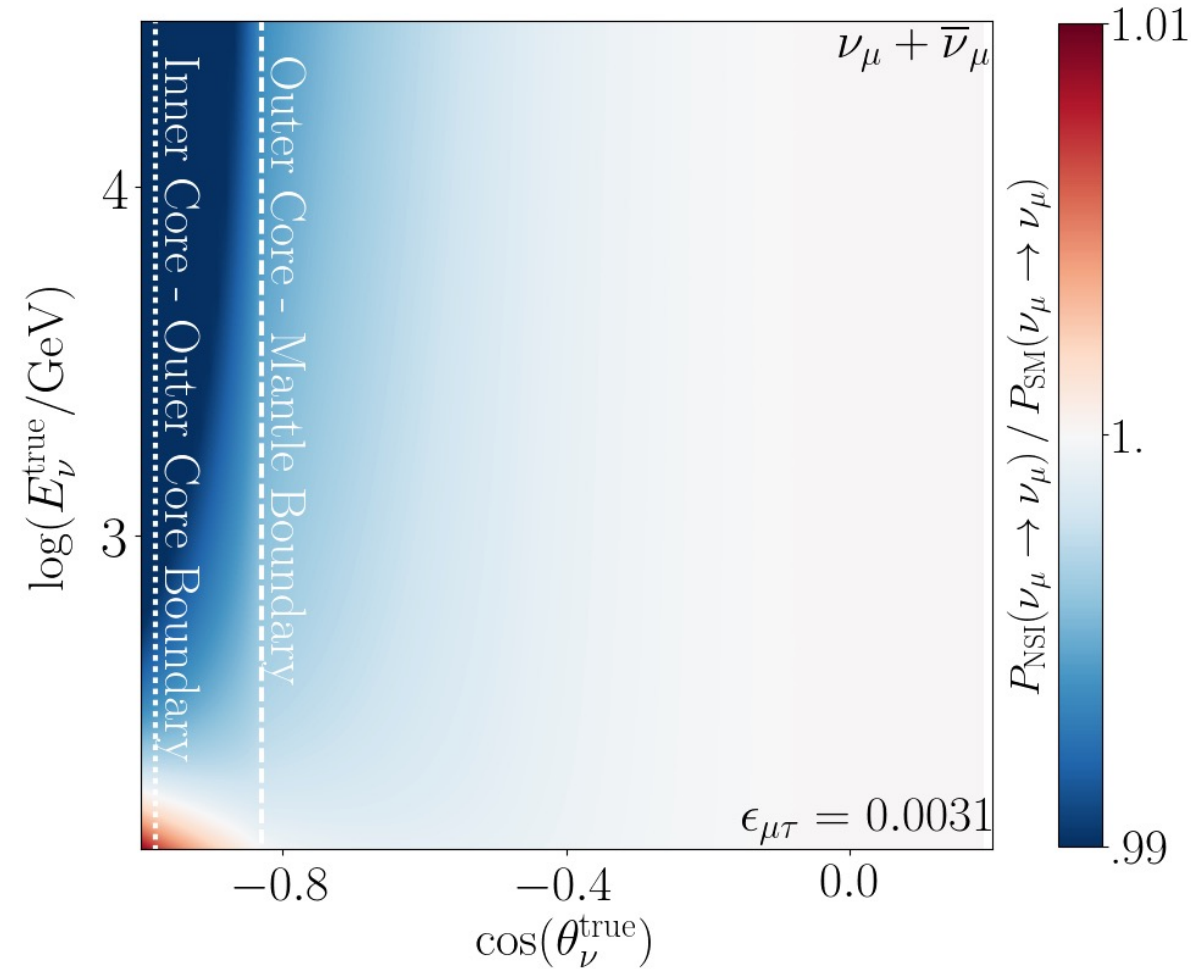


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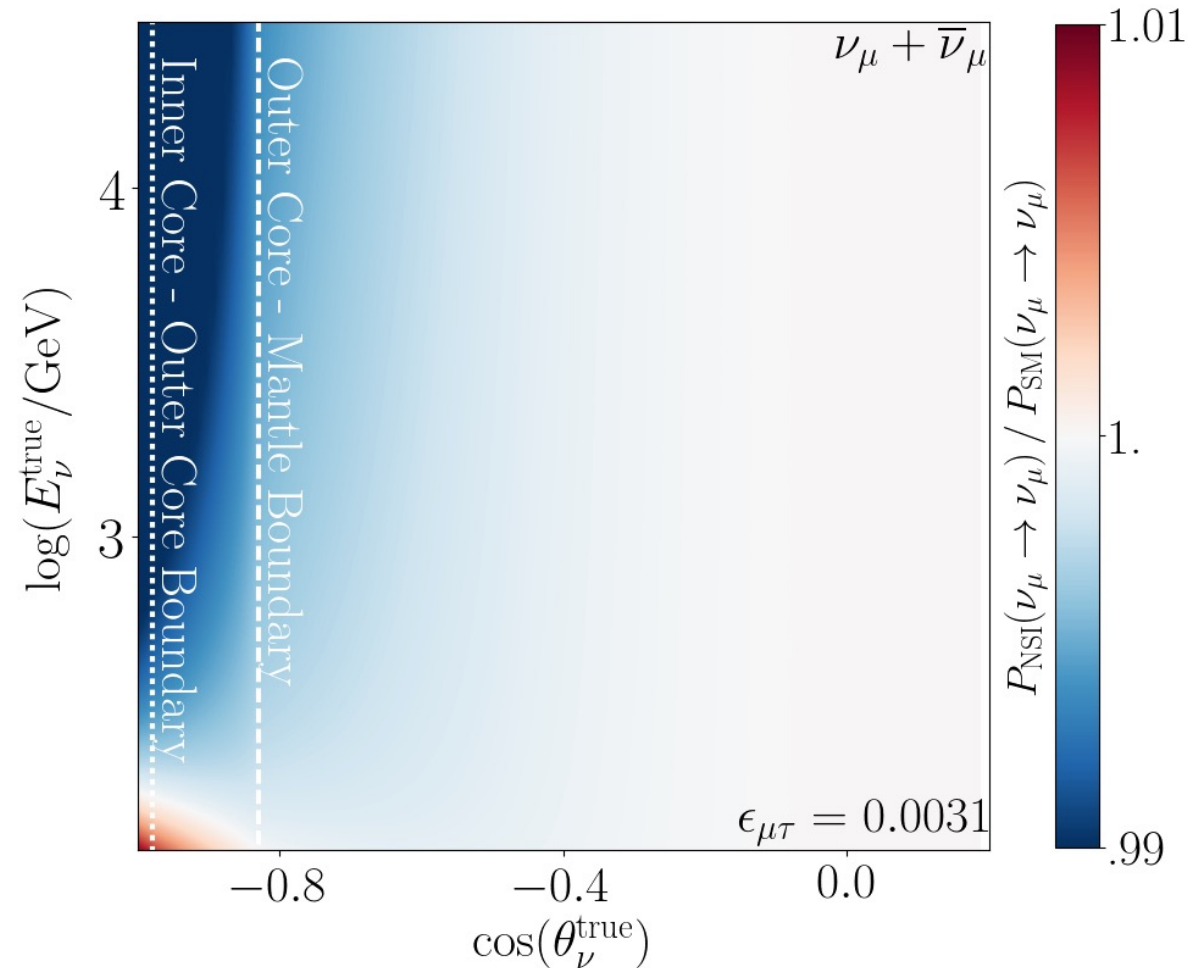
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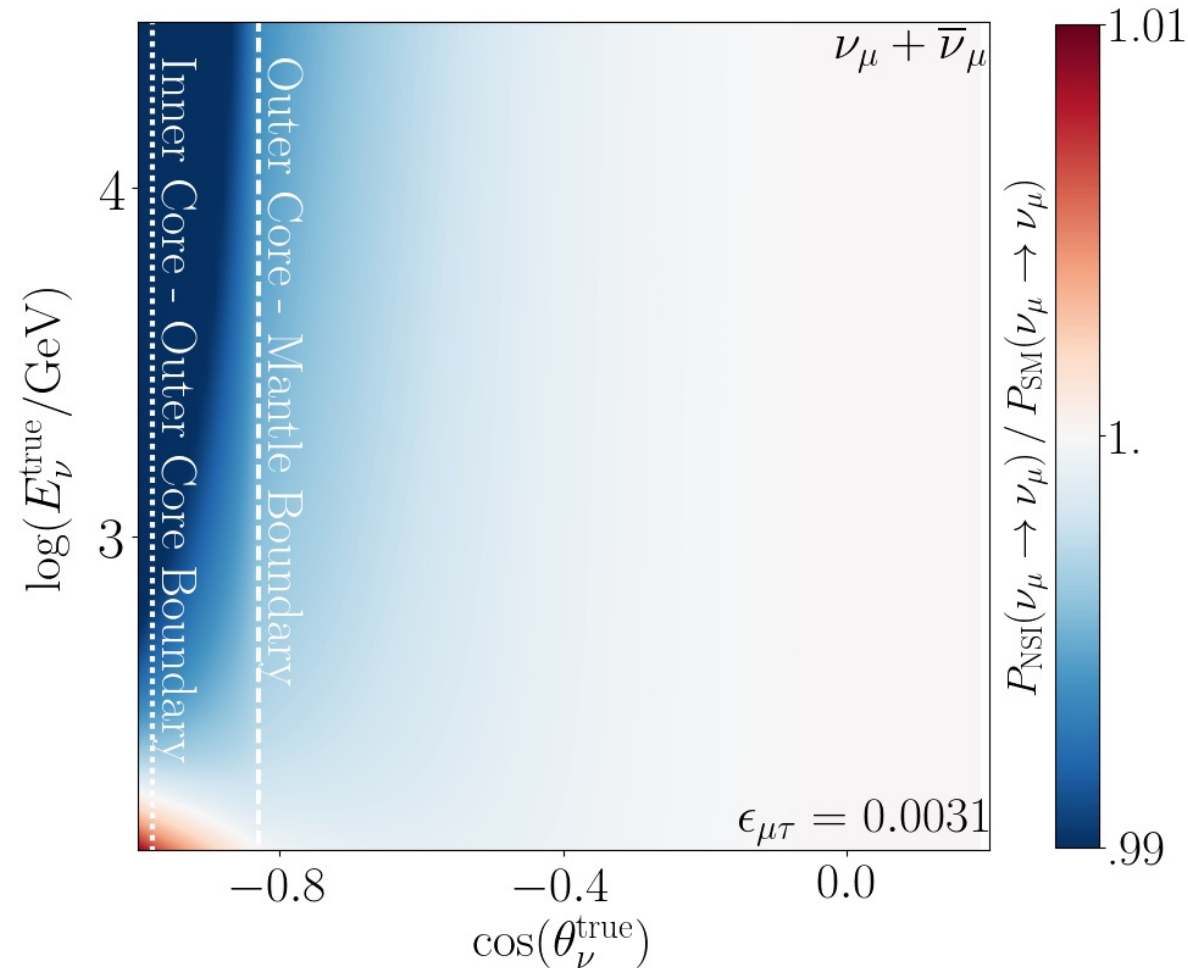
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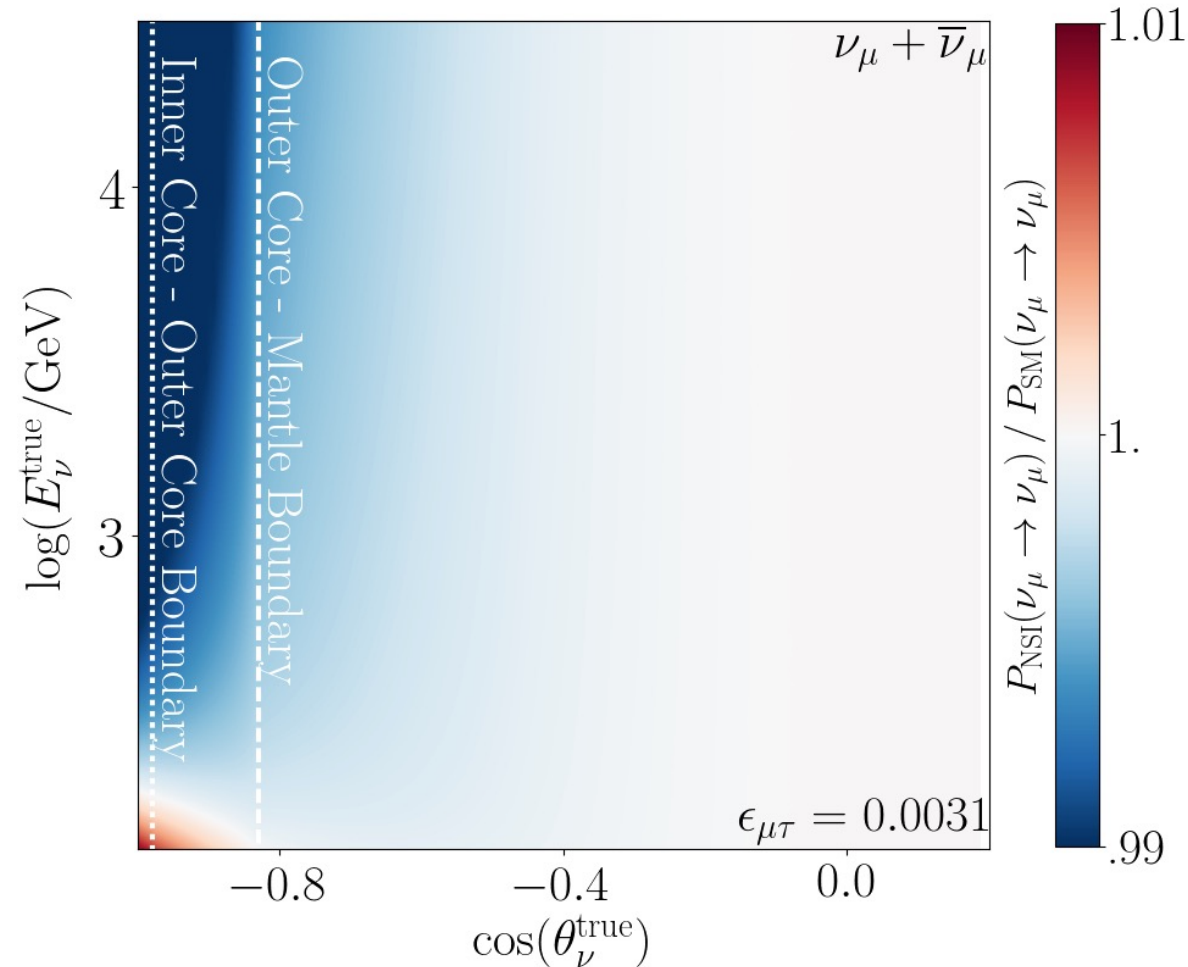
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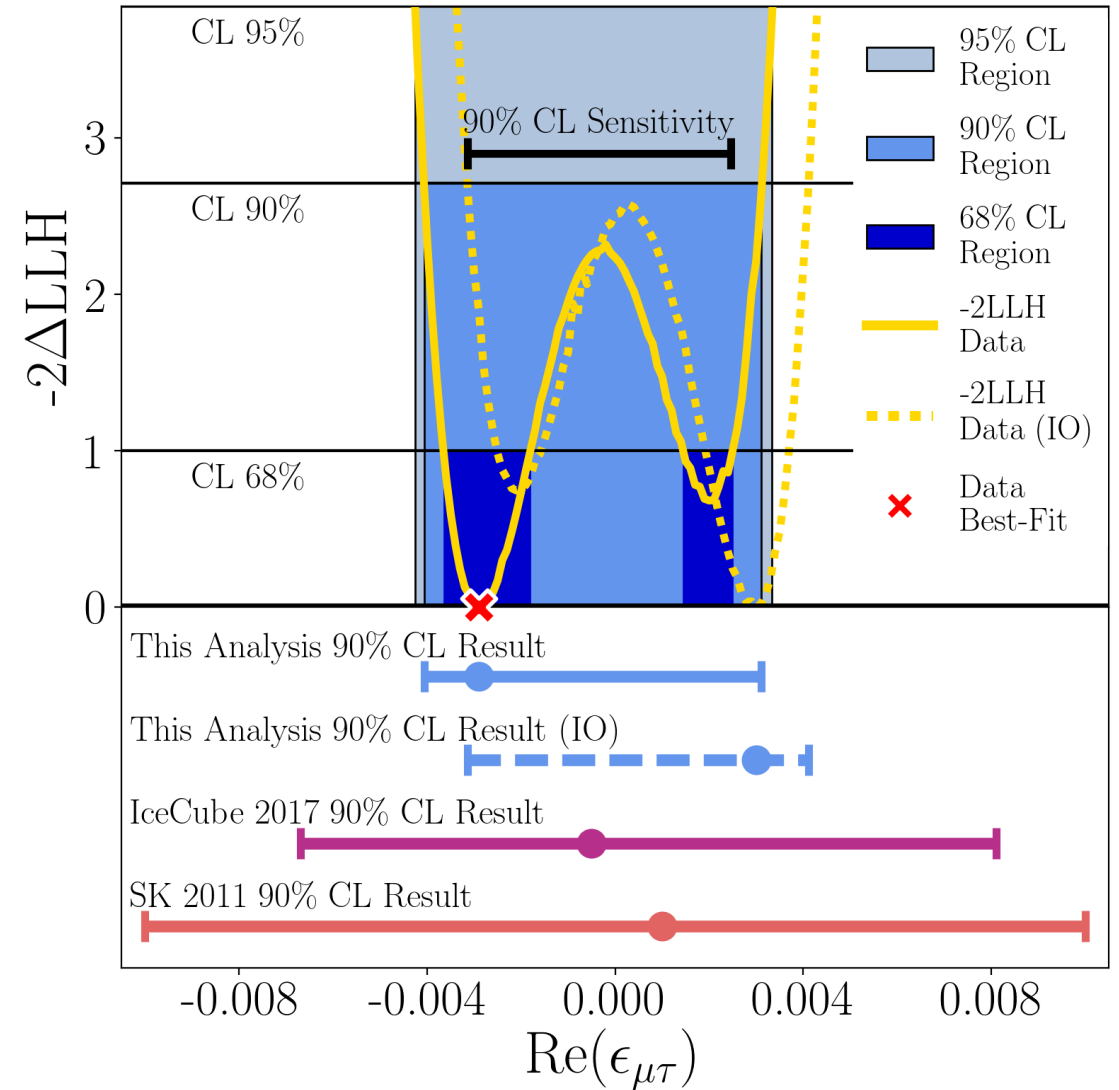
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Set world's strongest constraint!

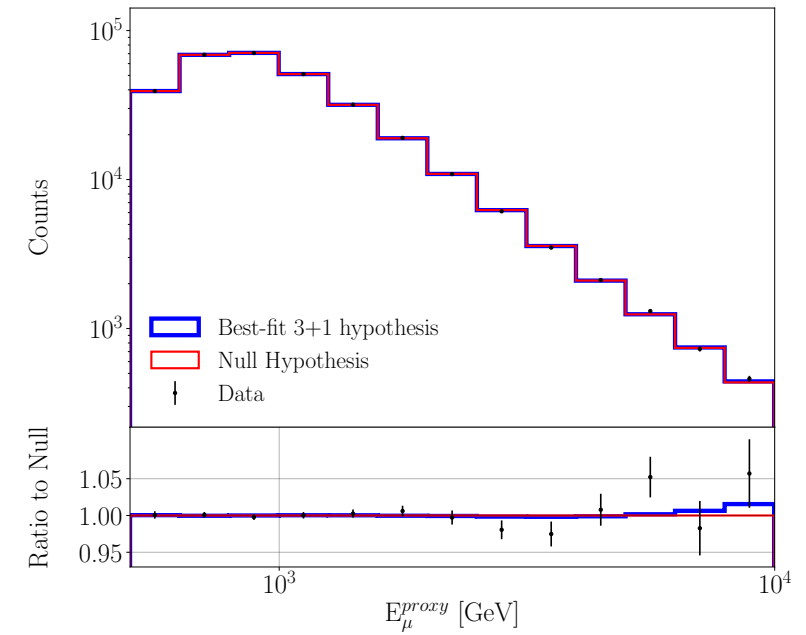


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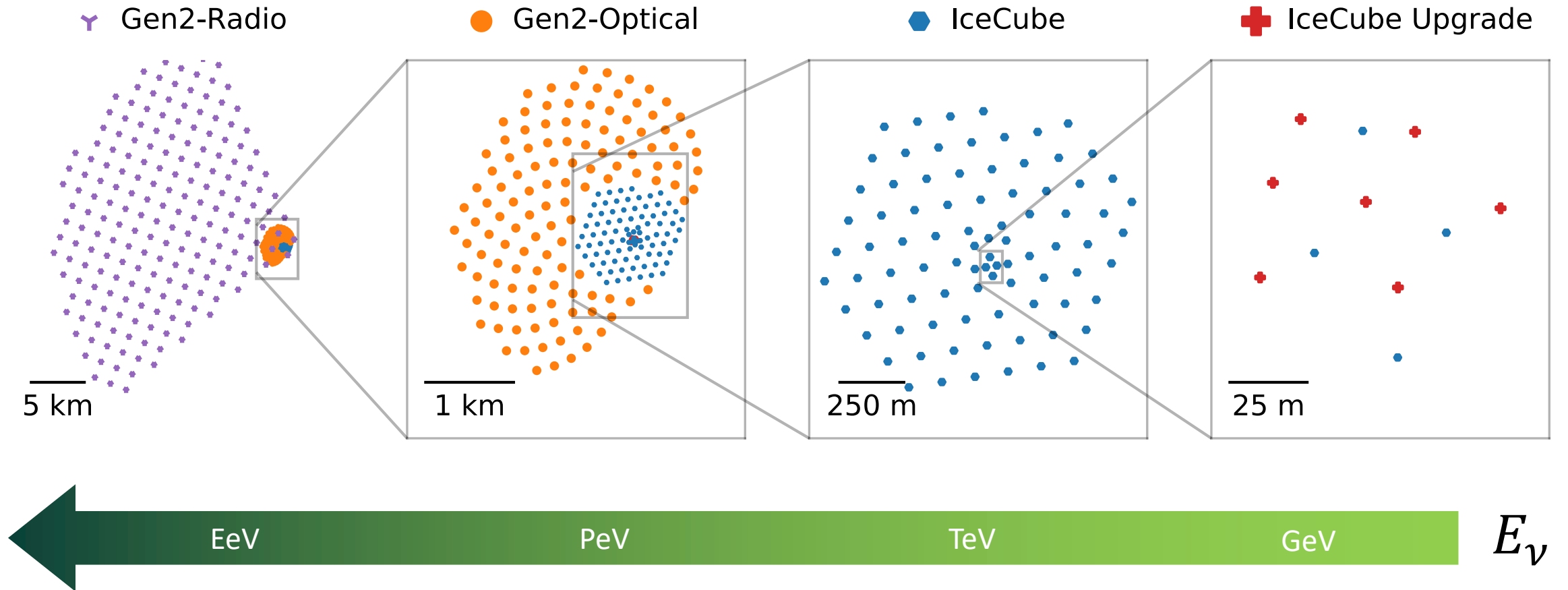
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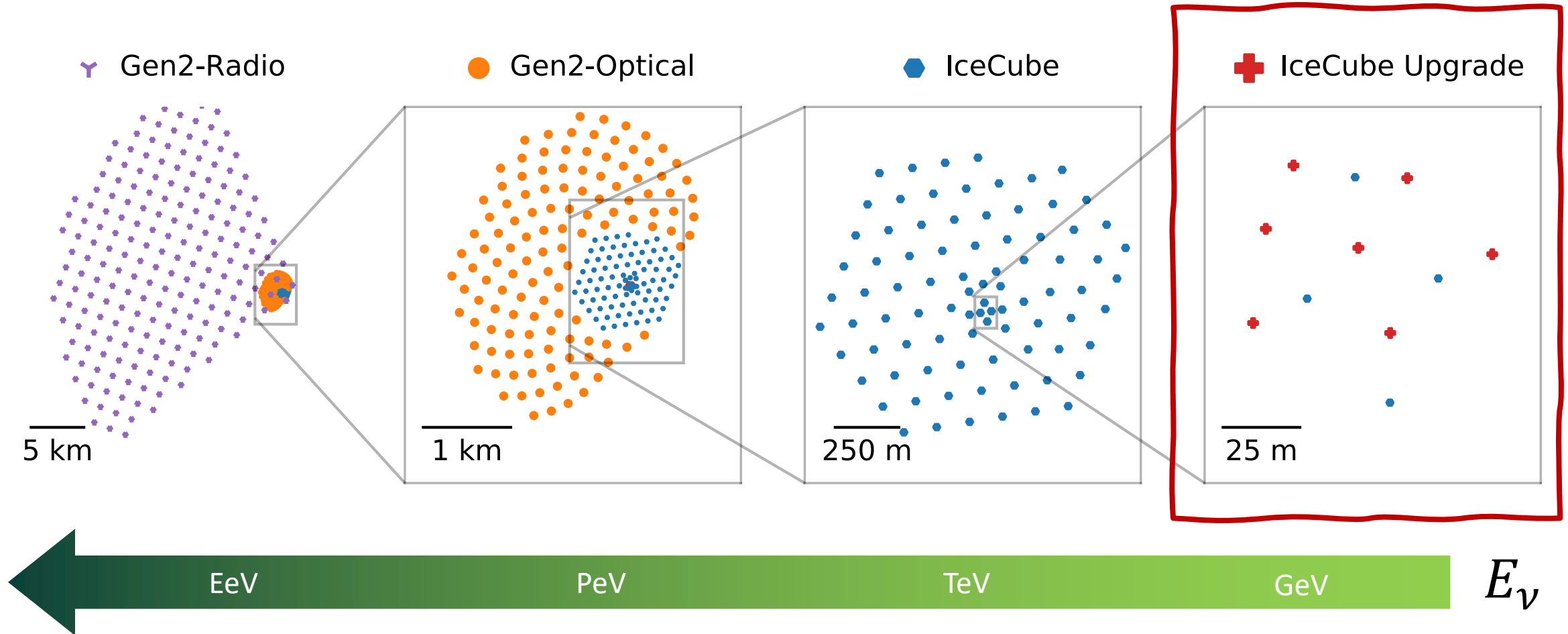




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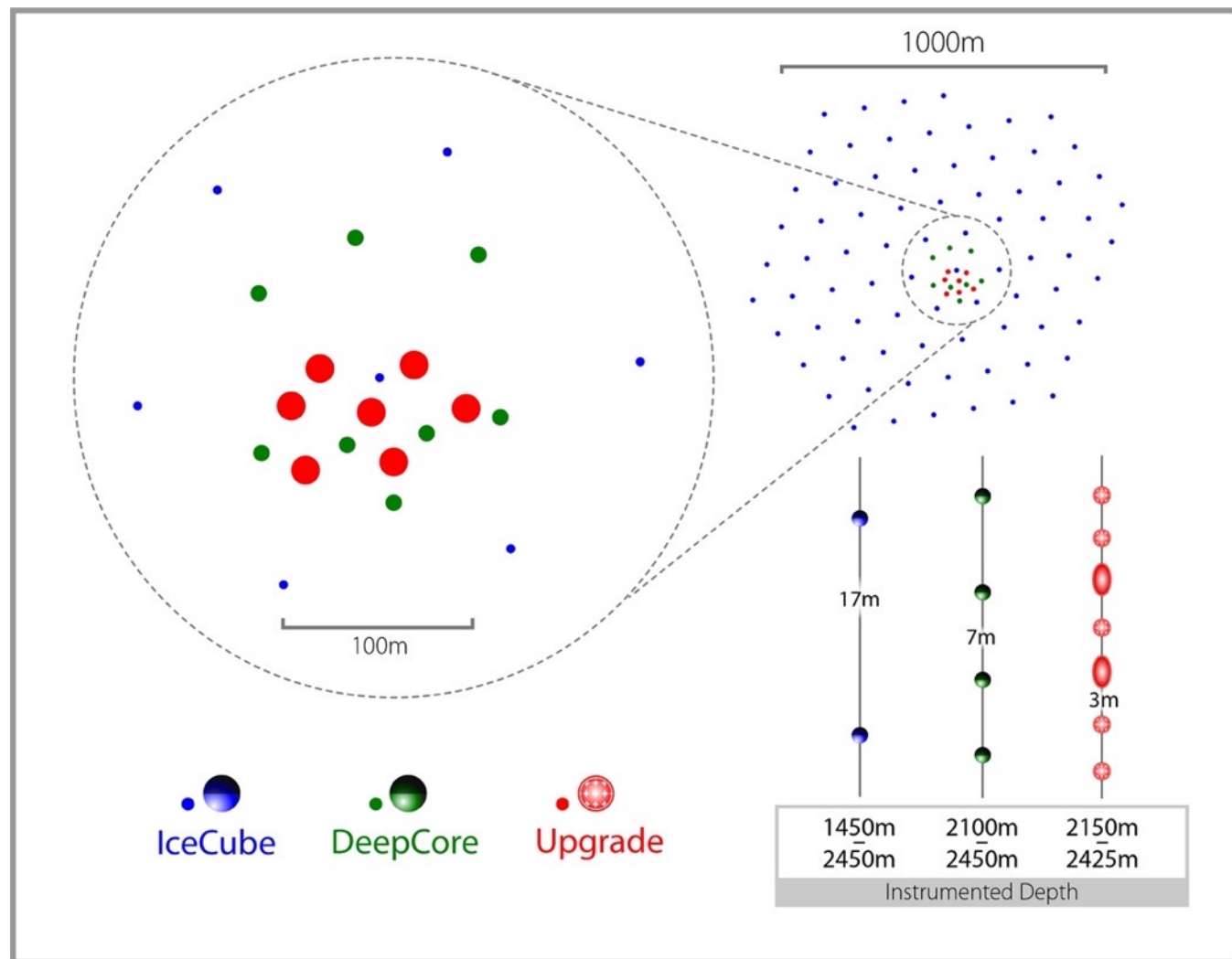


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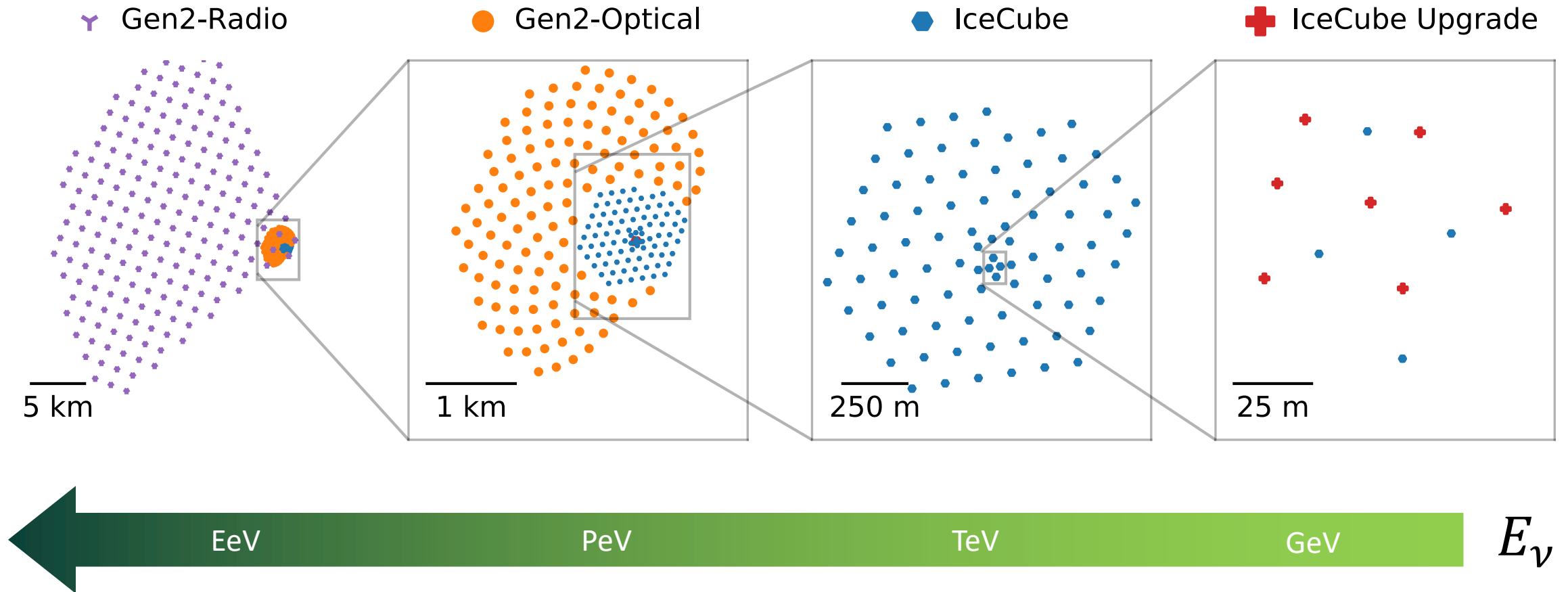


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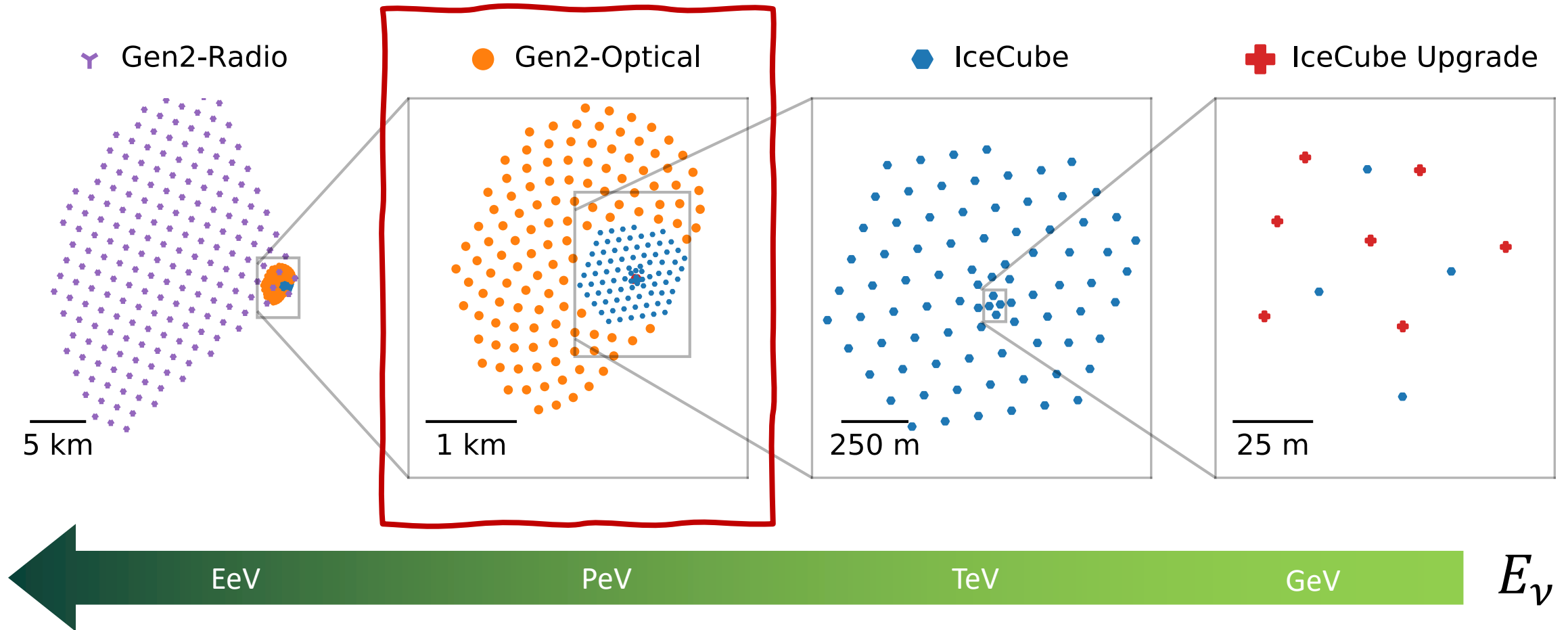
- 7 new strings, ~100 sensors/string
- 5 year construction project underway
- Key goals: ice calibration, sensitivity to GeV neutrinos
- R&D platform: pixelated detectors, wavelength shifting sensors



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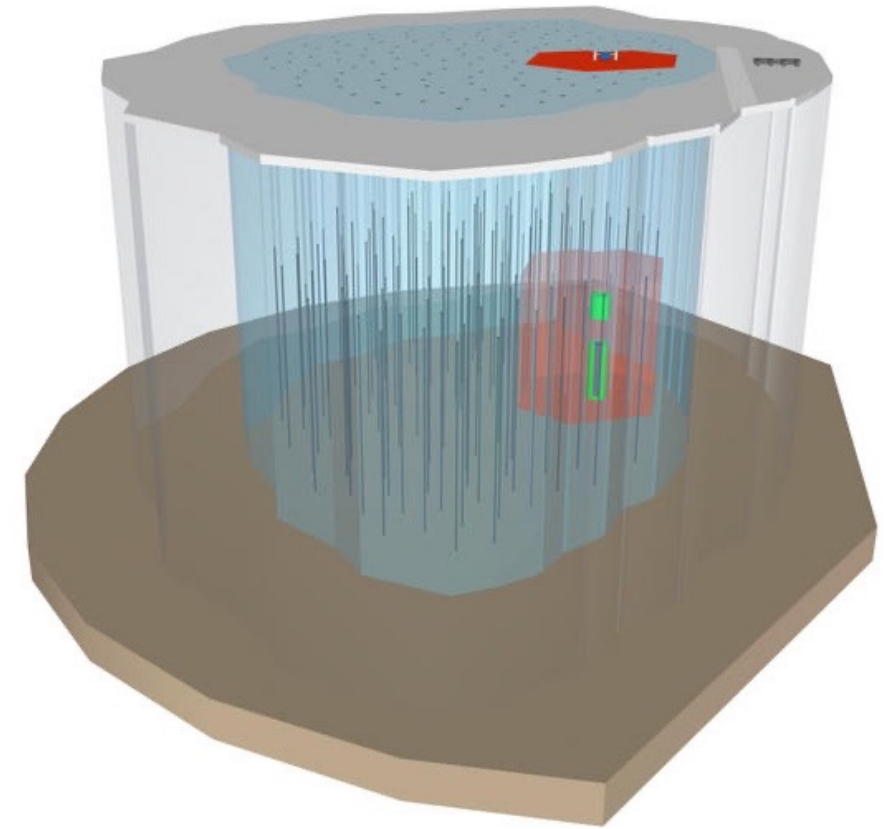


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# IceCube-Gen2 Optical

- Enlarged, 8 km<sup>3</sup> optical array in “Sunflower” layout
  - 122 strings, 240m lateral spacing
  - 80 Oms/string, 17m vertical spacing
- ~10x the contained volume
- 5x the effective area
- 2x the angular resolution



D-Egg

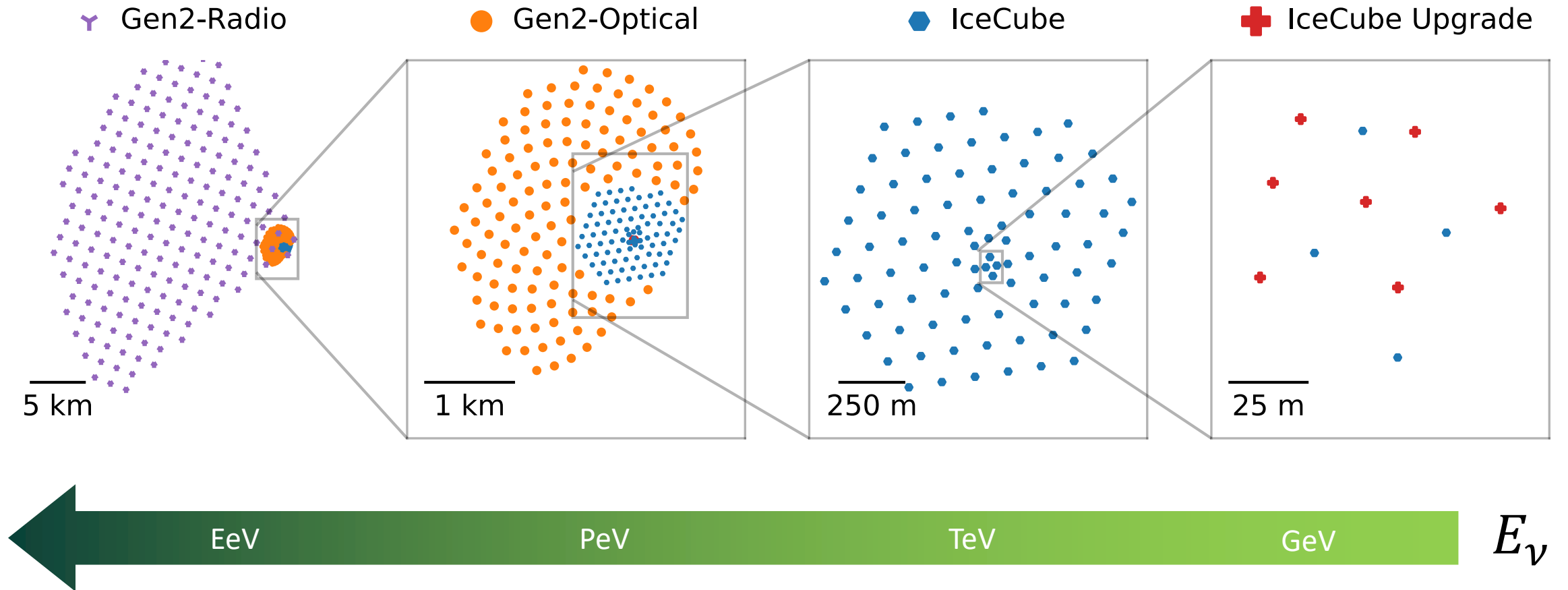


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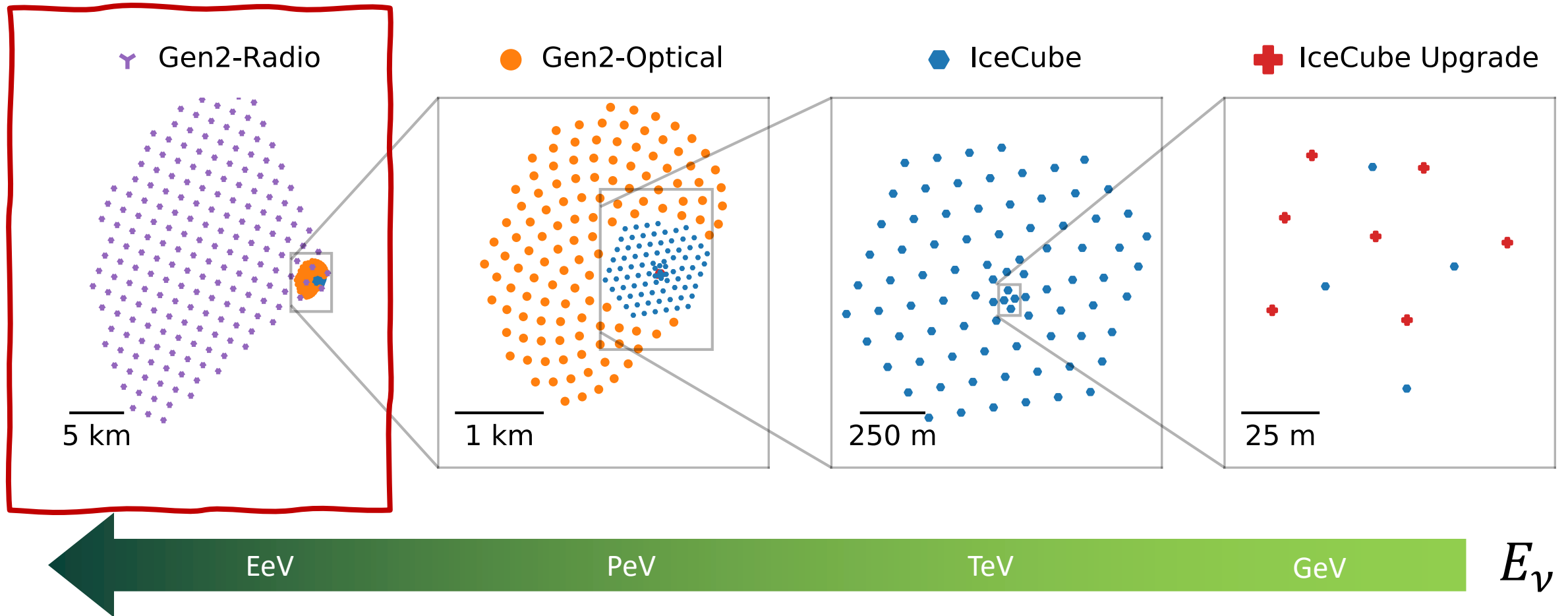


Features new  
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# IceCube-Gen2 Radio

500 km<sup>2</sup> radio array

Probes even pessimistic cosmogenic models

