

Neutrino Decay scenarios on the Cosmic Neutrino Background

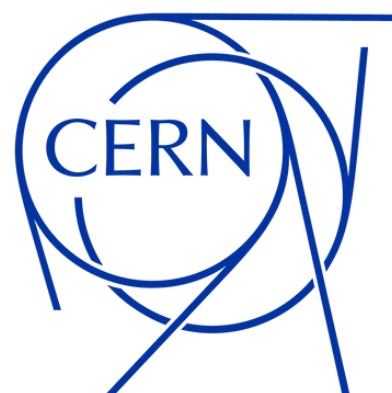
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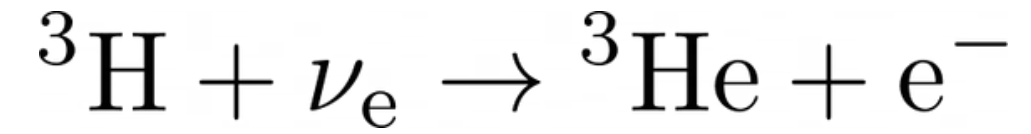


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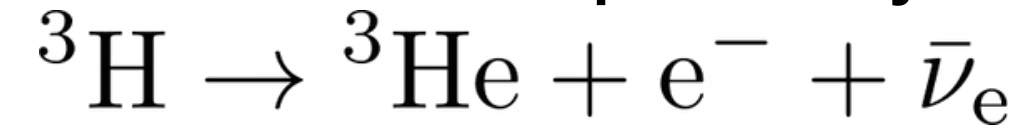
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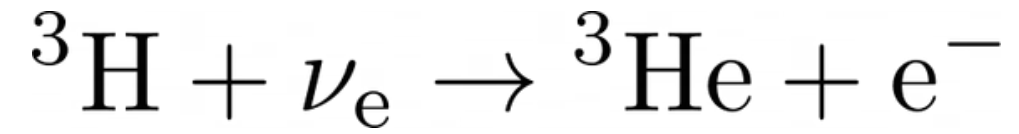
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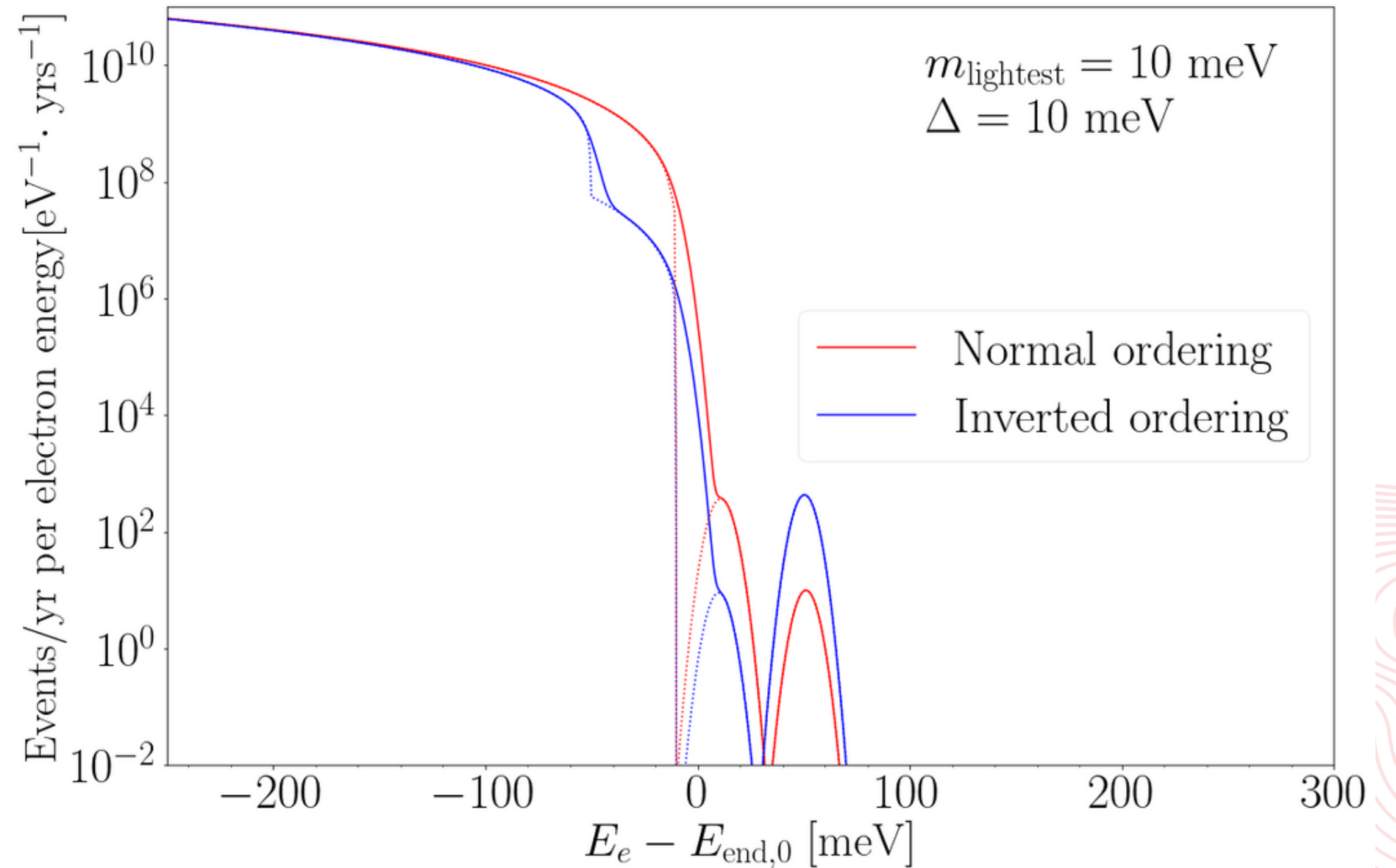
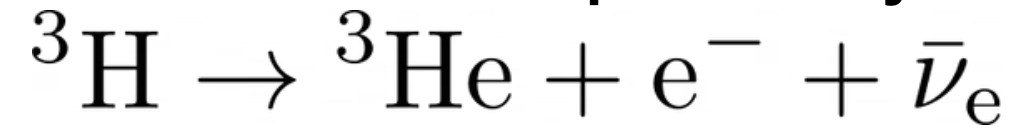
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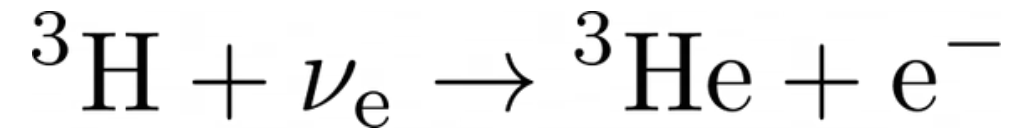
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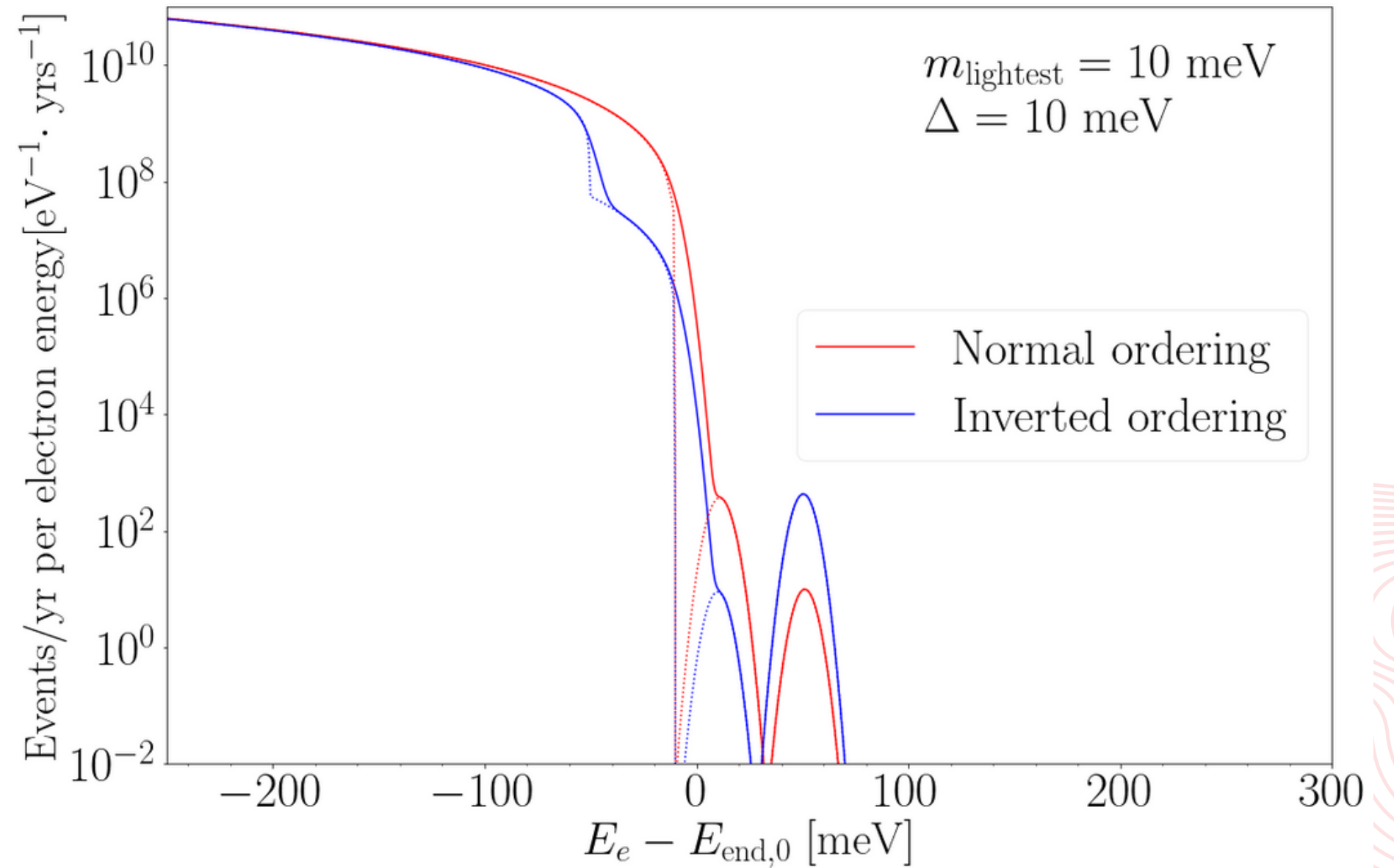
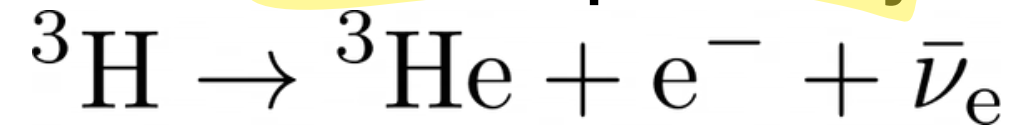
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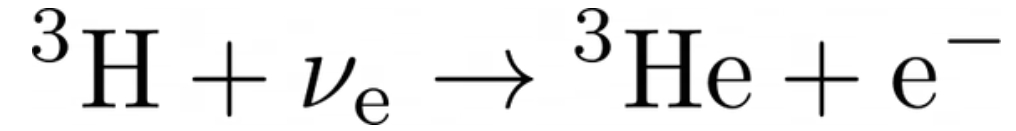
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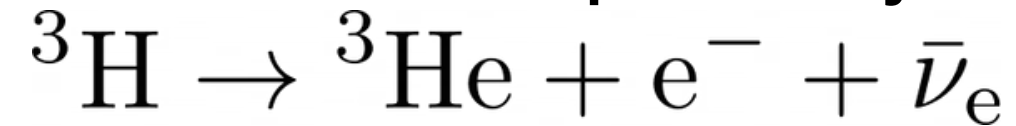
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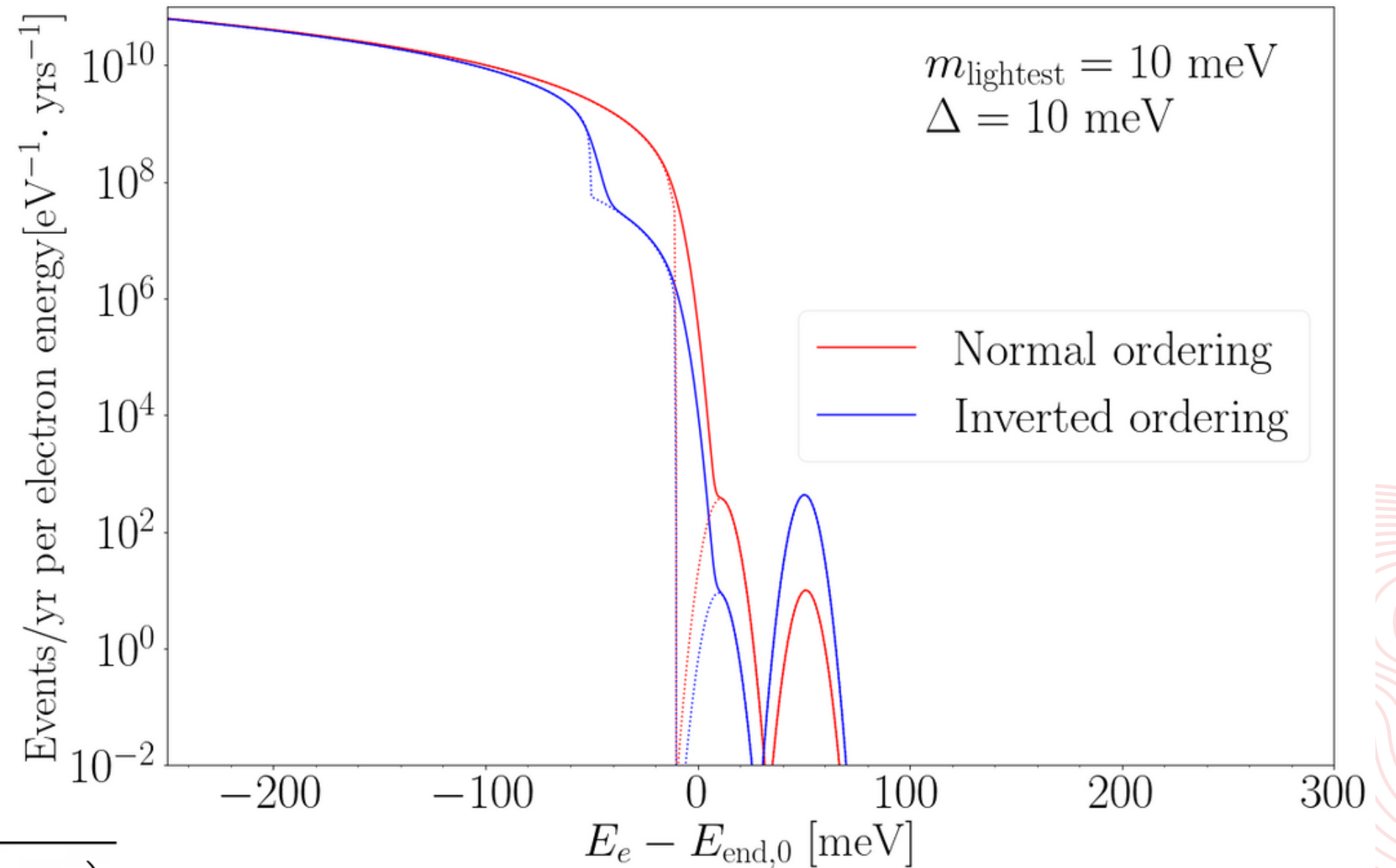
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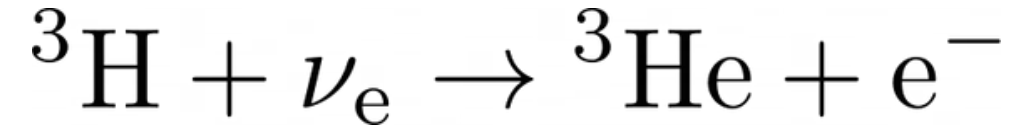


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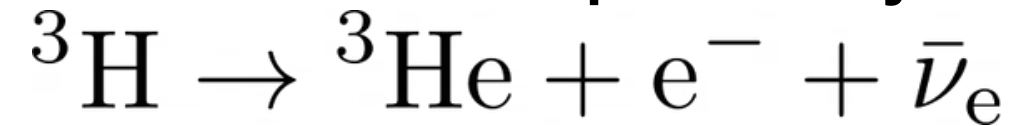
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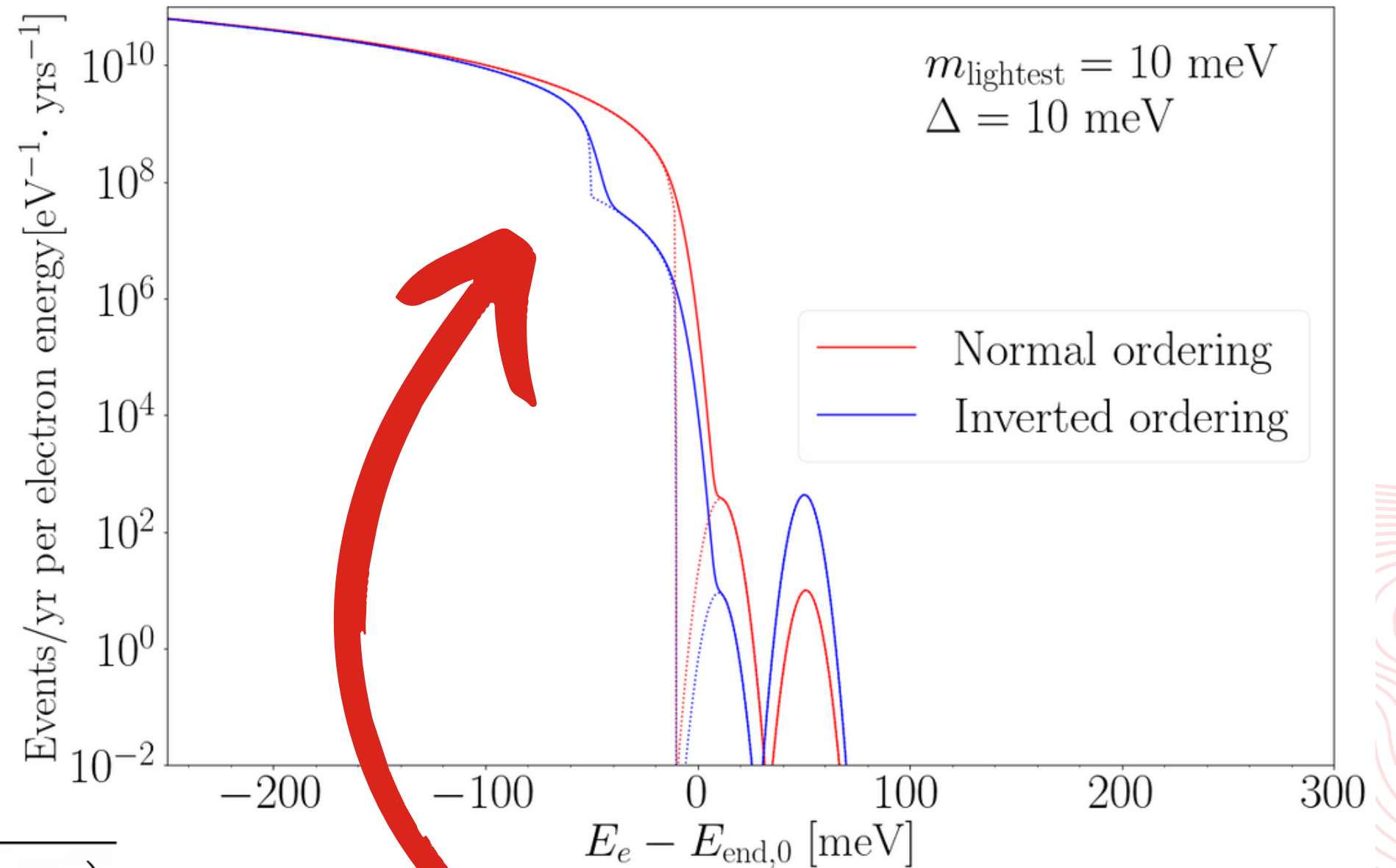
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$$|U_{e1}|^2 \simeq 0.681, \quad |U_{e2}|^2 \simeq 0.297, \quad |U_{e3}|^2 \simeq 0.0222.$$

$$\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$$

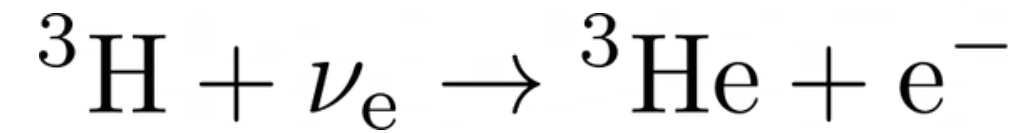
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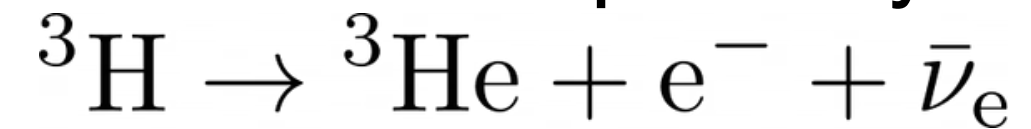
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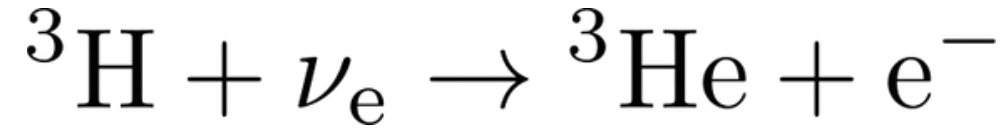
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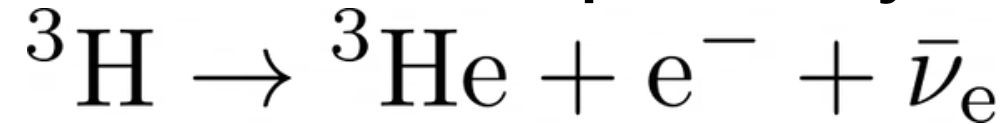
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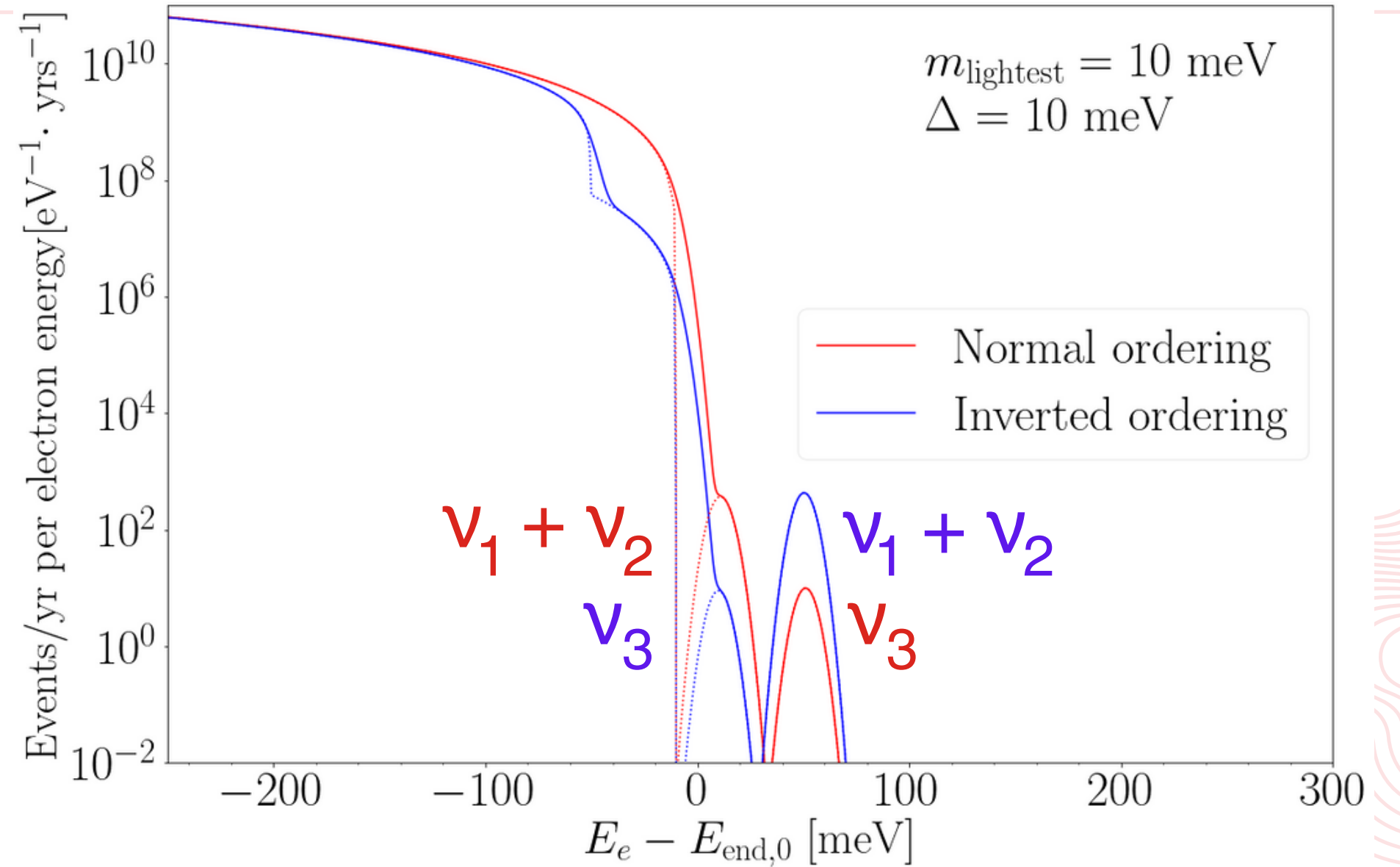


Capture rate

$$\Gamma_i = N_T |U_{ei}|^2 \bar{\sigma} v_\nu f_{c,i} n_0$$

$$\bar{\sigma} = \frac{G_F^2}{2\pi v_\nu} F(Z, E_e) \frac{m_{3\text{He}}}{m_{3\text{H}}} E_e p_e (|F|^2 + g_A^2 |GT|^2),$$

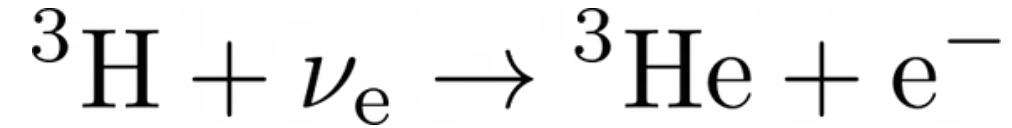
$$\frac{d\tilde{\Gamma}_{\text{CNB}}}{dE_e}(E_e) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(\Delta/\sqrt{8\ln 2})} \sum_{i=1}^{N_\nu} \Gamma_i \times \exp \left\{ -\frac{[E_e - (E_{\text{end}} + m_i + m_{\text{lightest}})]^2}{2(\Delta/\sqrt{8\ln 2})^2} \right\}$$



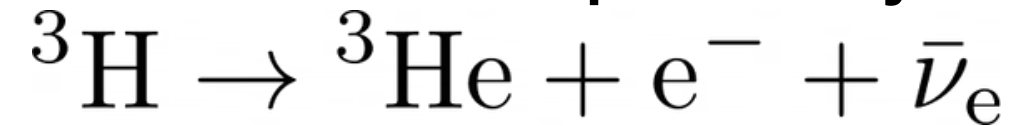
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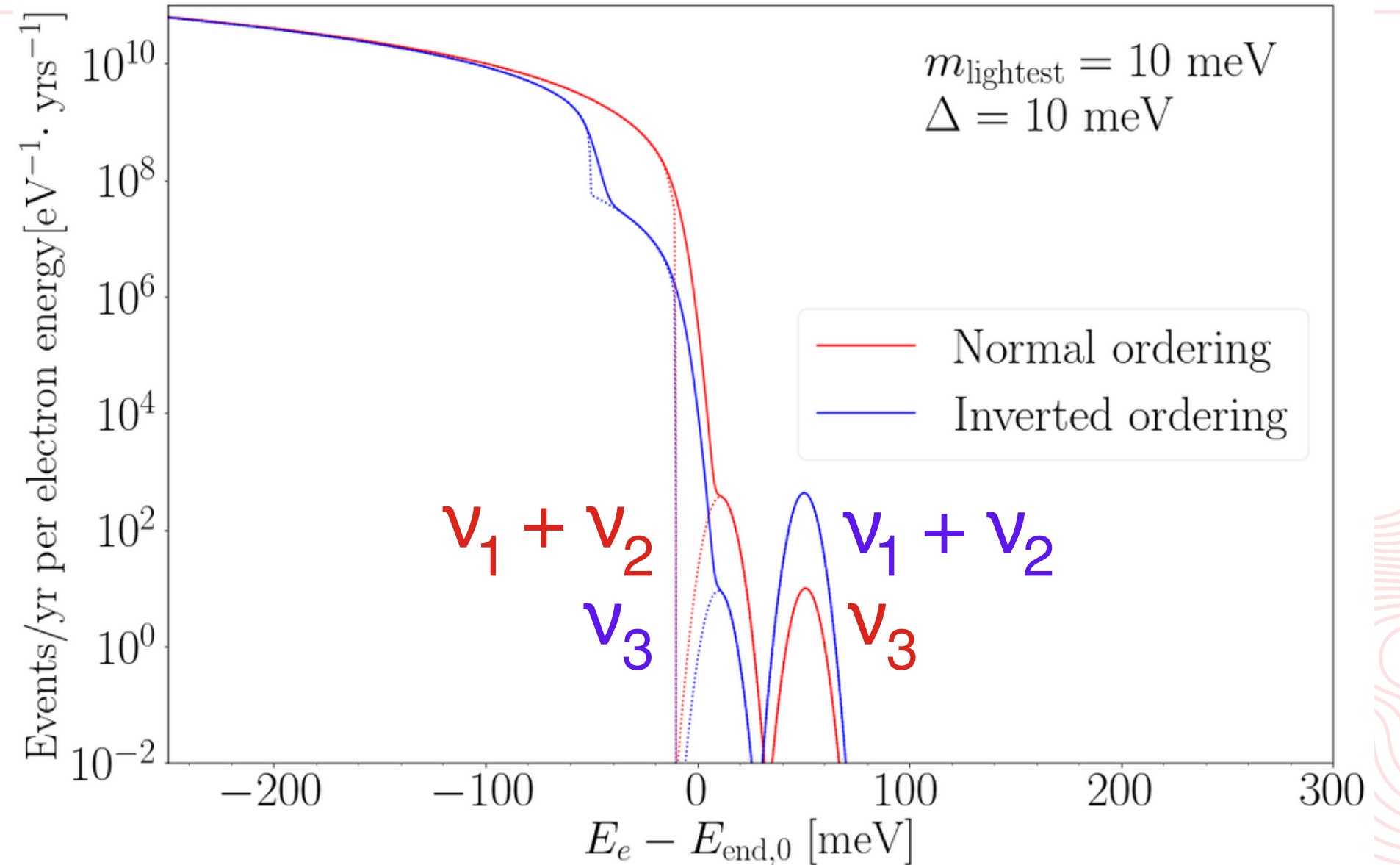


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Neutrino gravitational
clustering factor [2-6]

$$f_{c,i} = 1 + 76.5 \left(\frac{m_i}{\text{eV}} \right)^{2.21},$$



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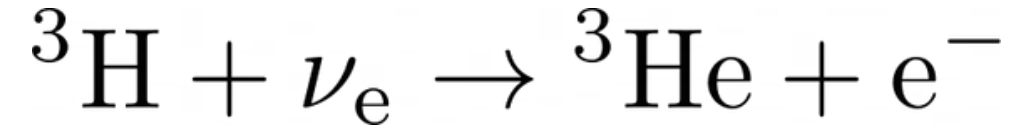
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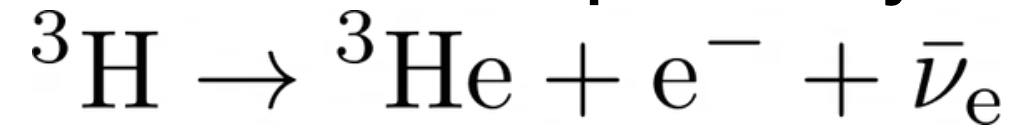
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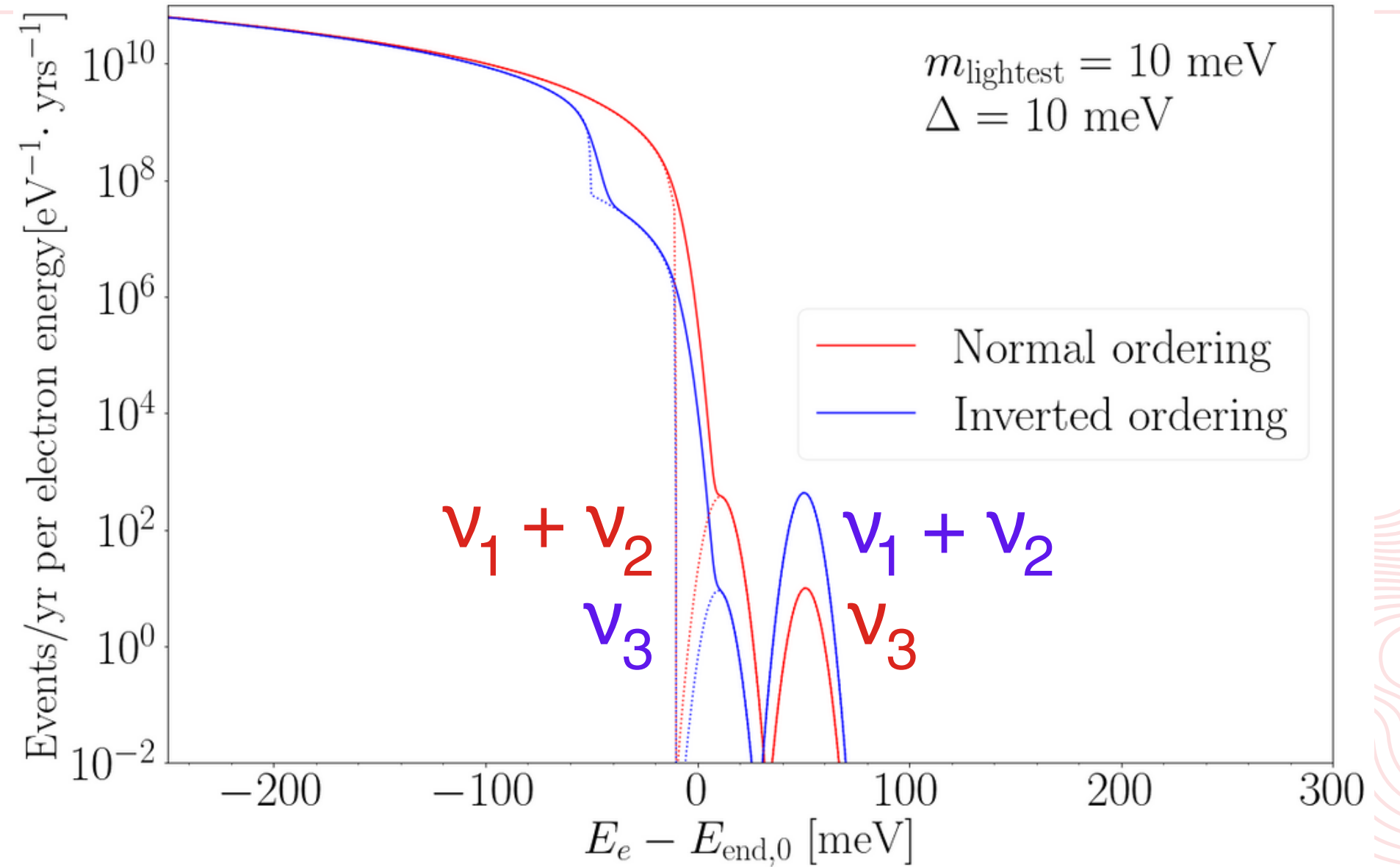


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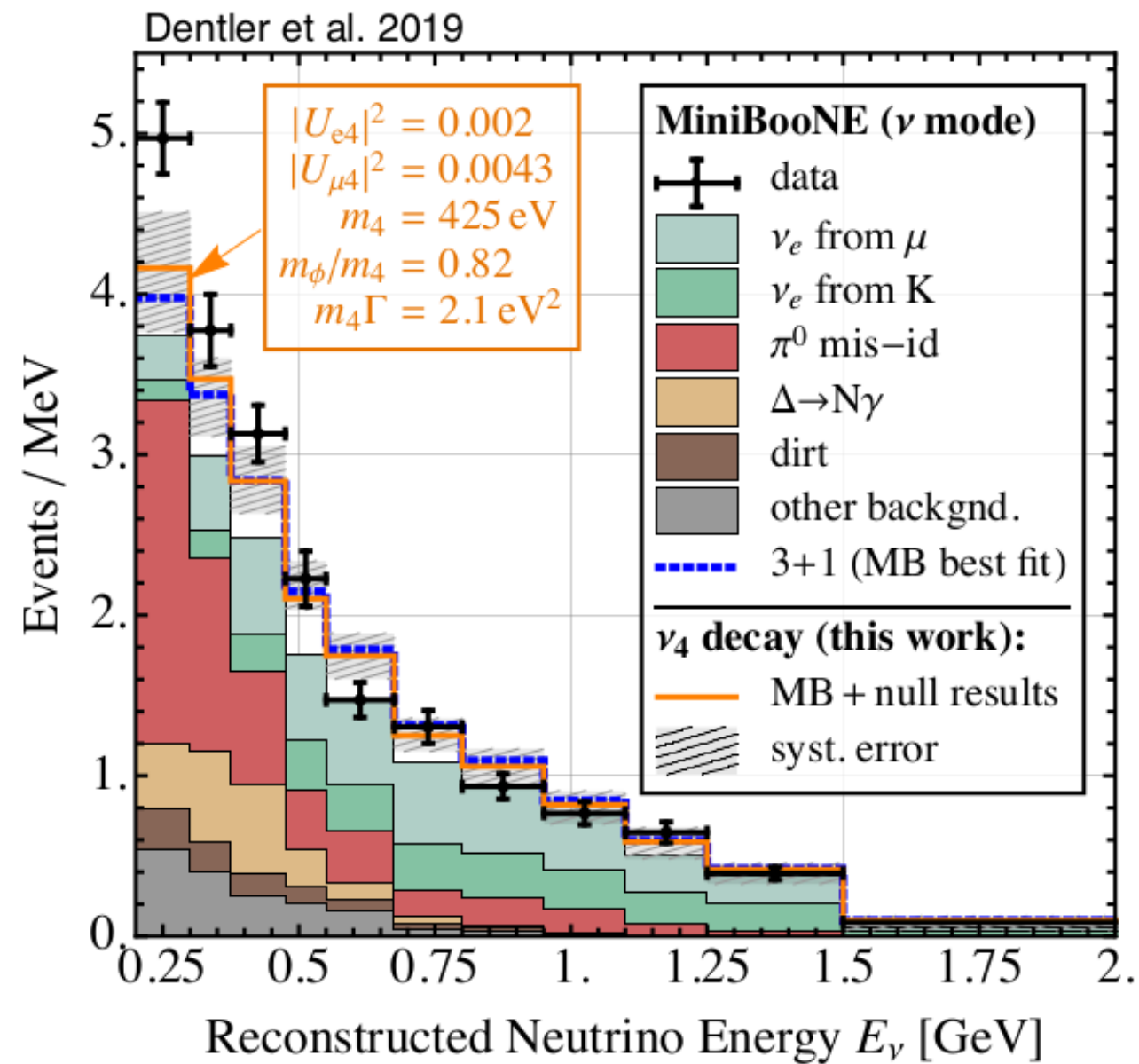
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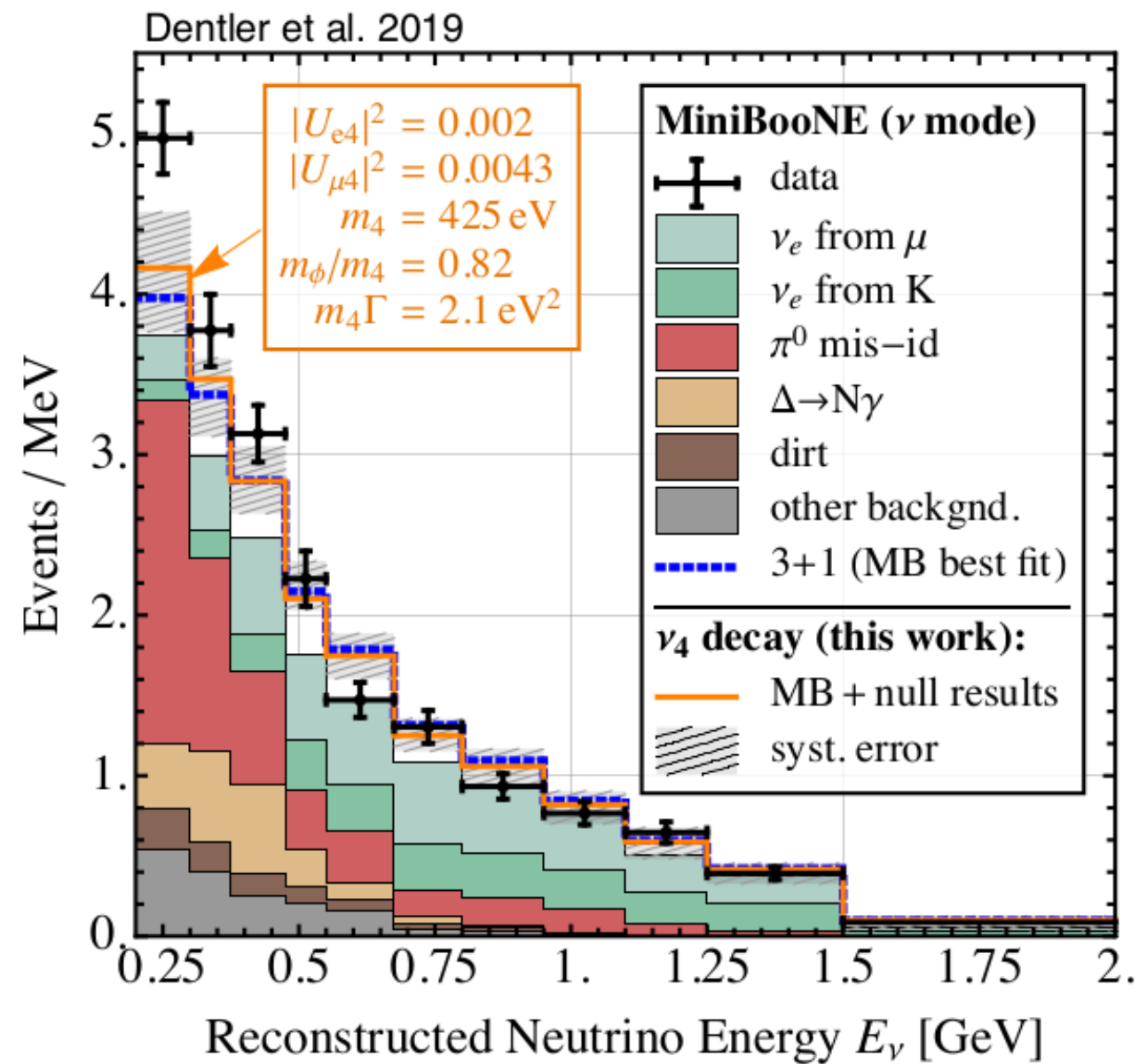
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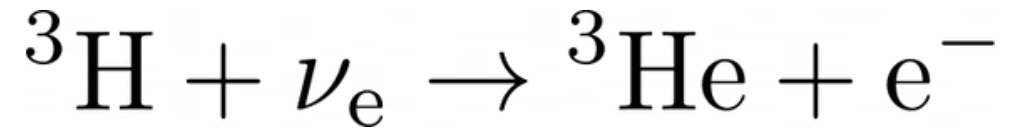
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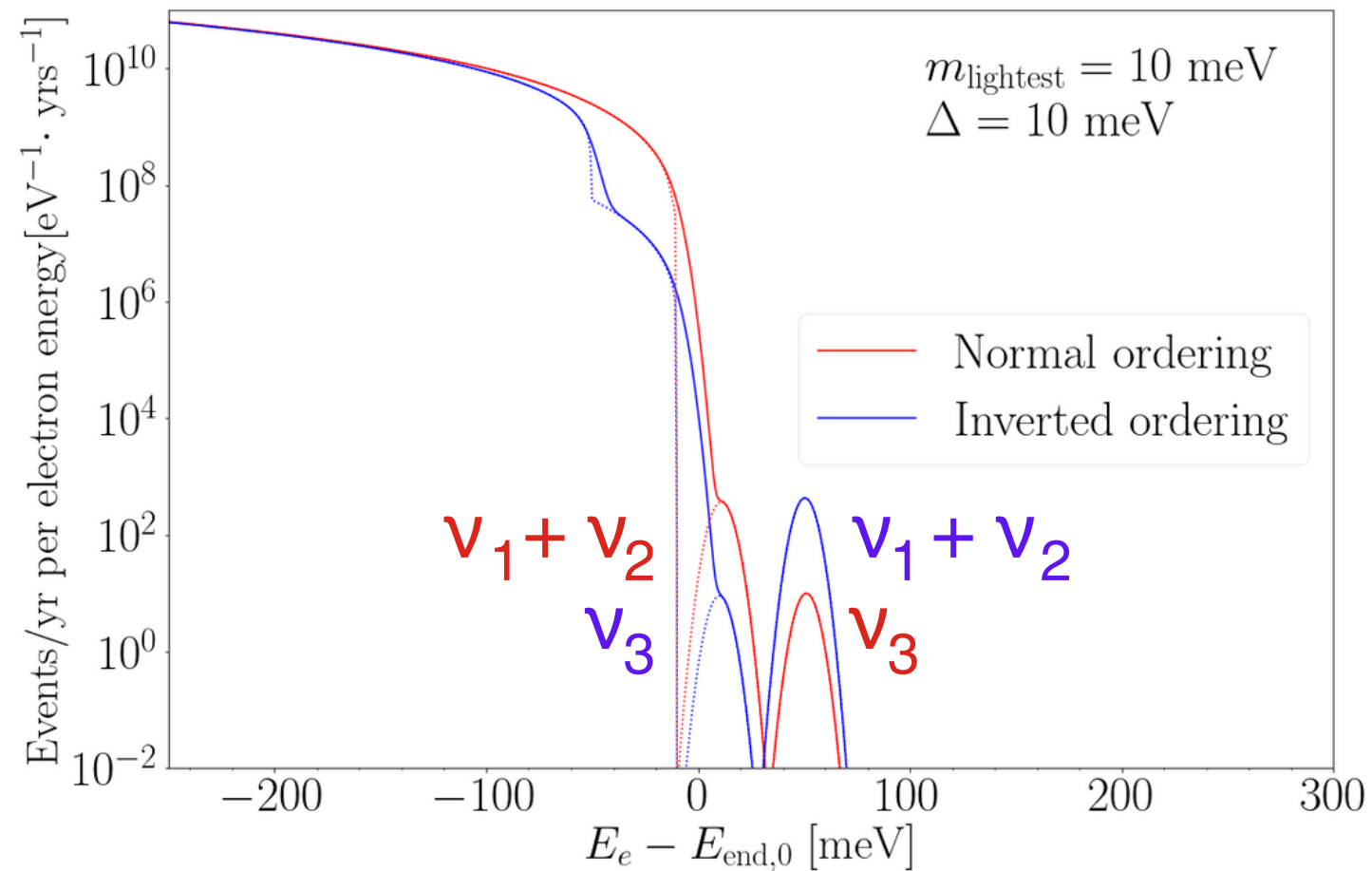
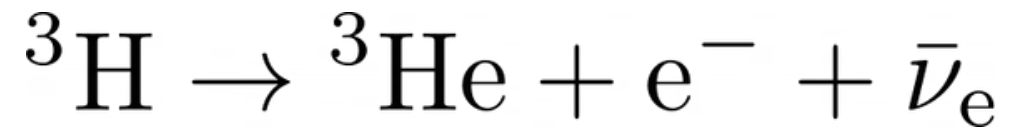
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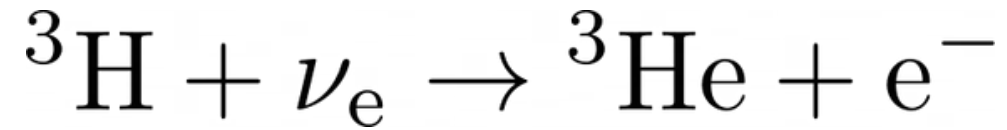
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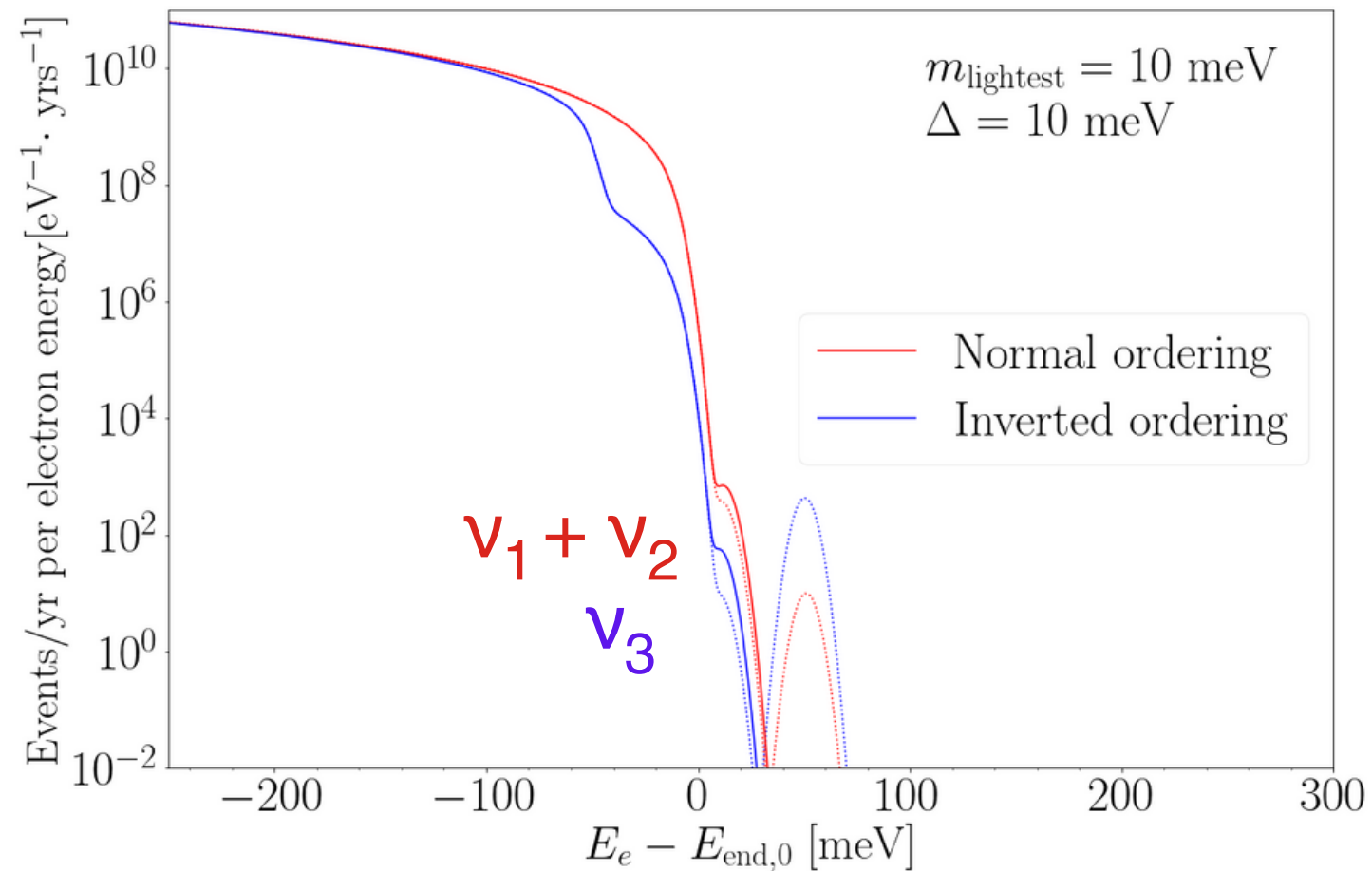
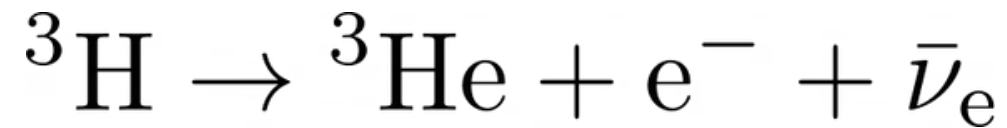
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Solving the differential equation for the neutrino evolution with decay:

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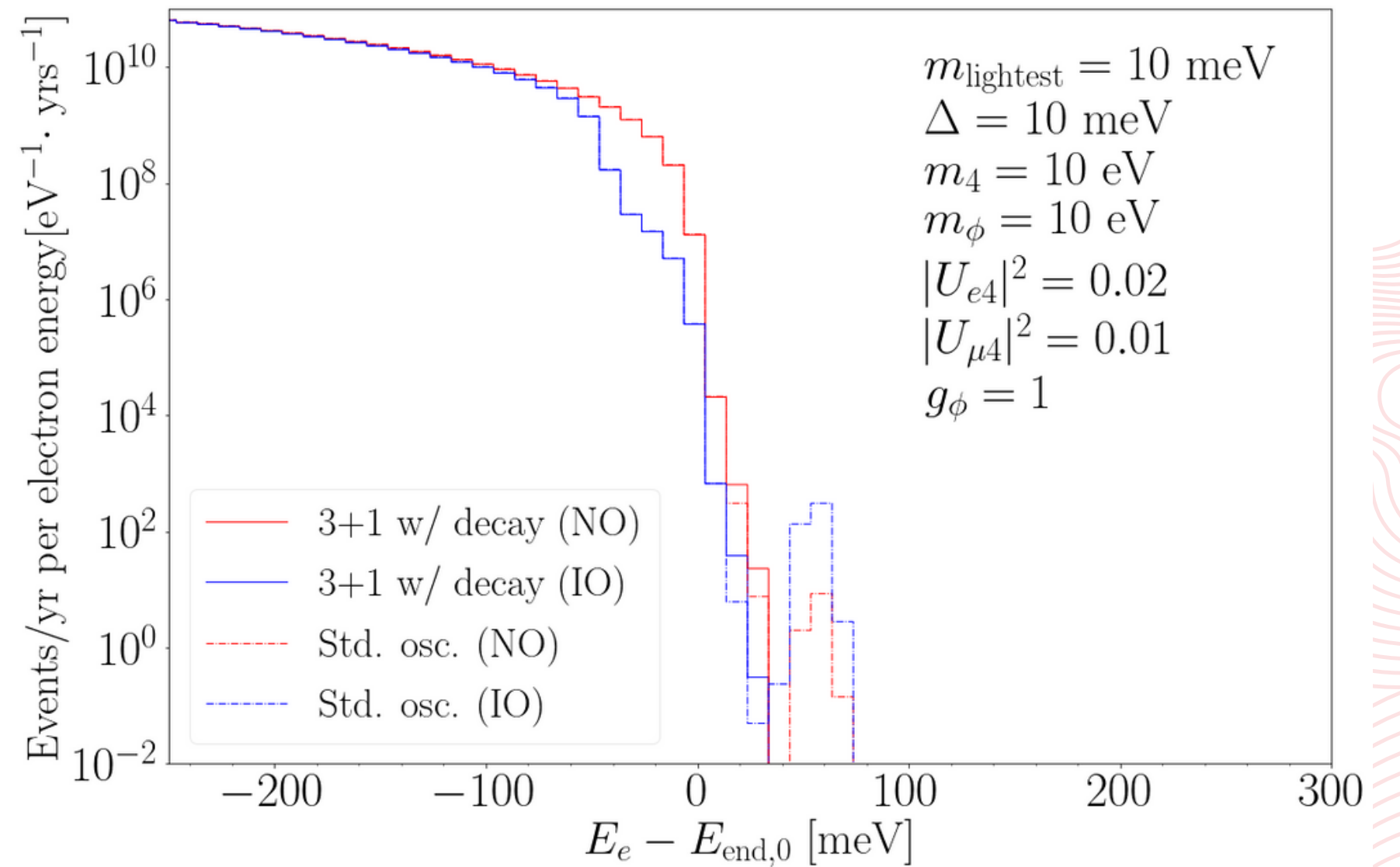
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3. Chi-square test

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i 2|(1 + \delta A_x)E_i^{(3+1)}(g_\phi, m_\phi, m_4, U_{e4}) - E_i^{\text{SO}}| +$$

$$+ 2E_i^{\text{SO}} \ln \frac{(1 + \delta A_x)E_i^{(3+1)}(g_\phi, m_\phi, m_4, U_{e4})}{E_i^{\text{SO}}} +$$

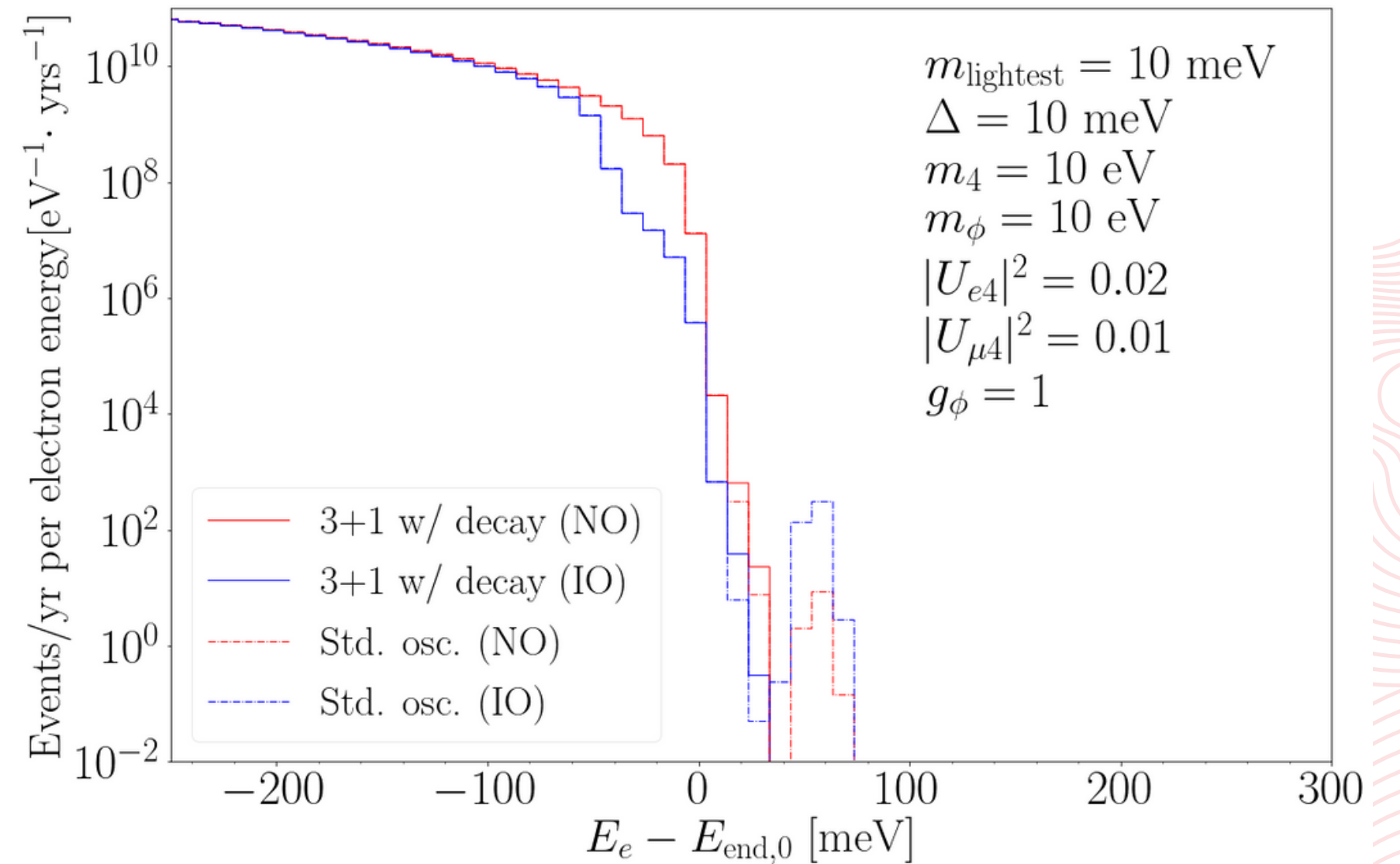
$$+ \left(\frac{\delta E_{\text{end},0}}{\sigma_{E_{\text{end},0}}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta A_\beta}{\sigma_{A_\beta}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta A_{C\nu B}}{\sigma_{A_{C\nu B}}}\right)^2.$$

Systematic uncertainties:

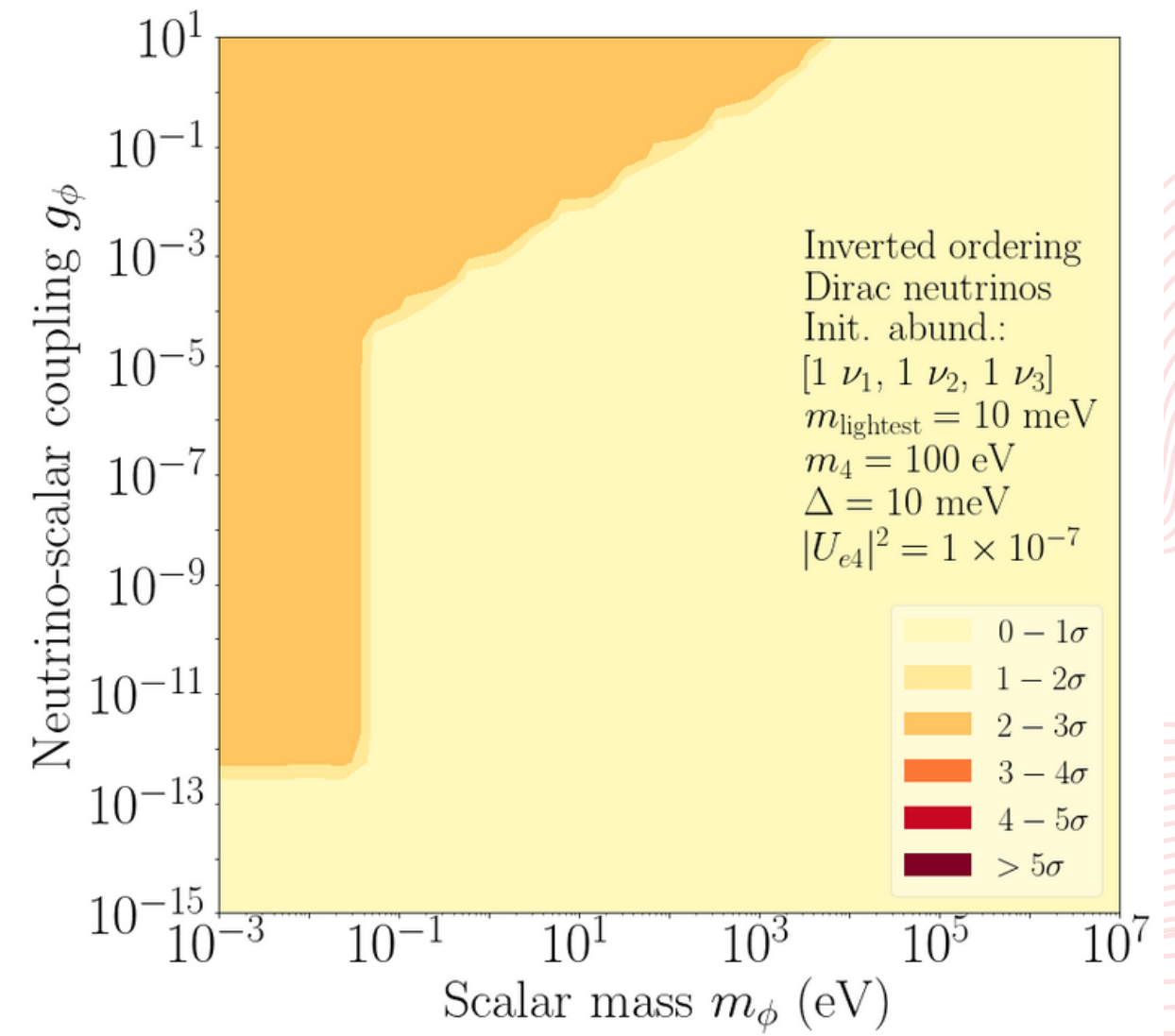
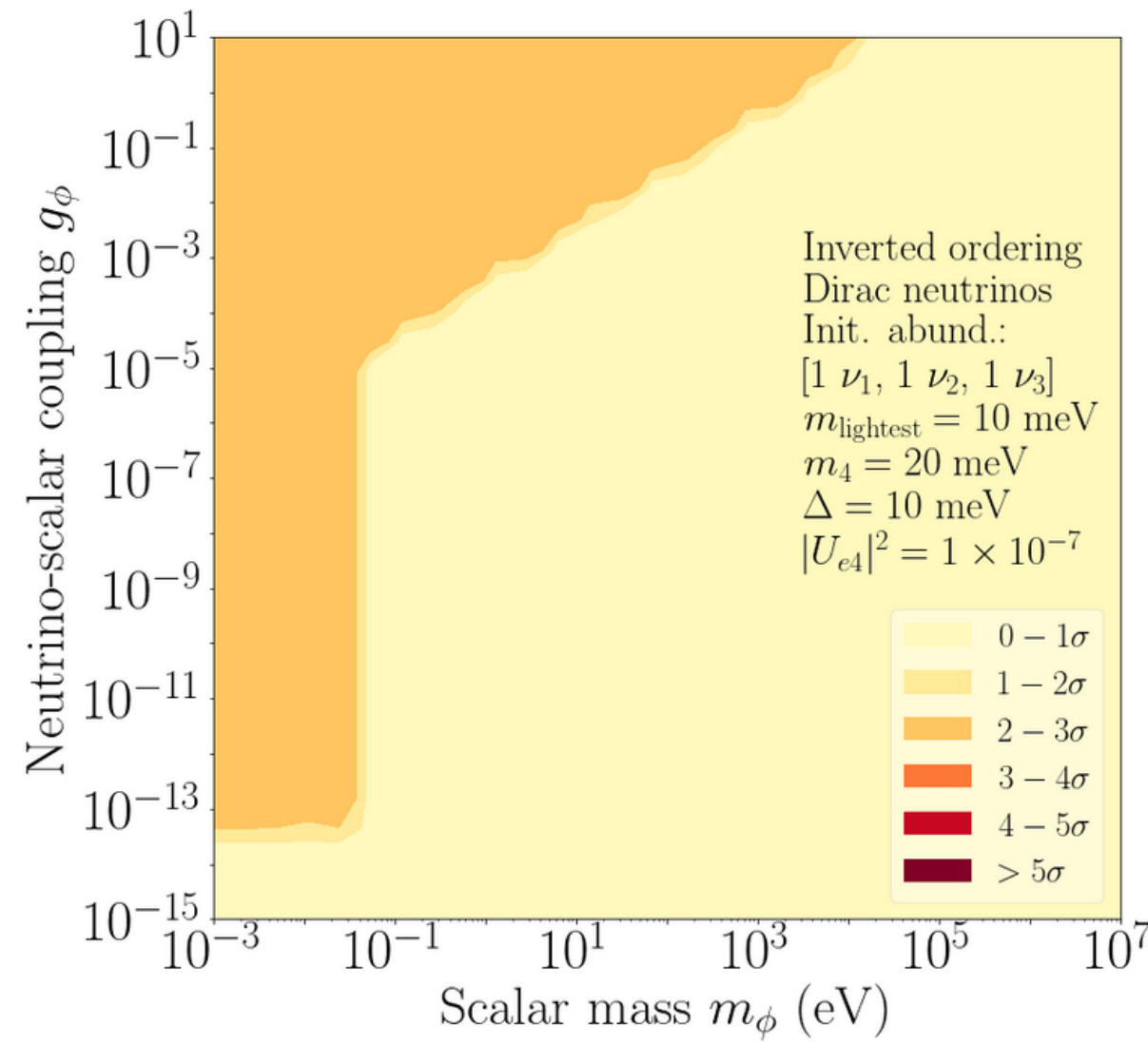
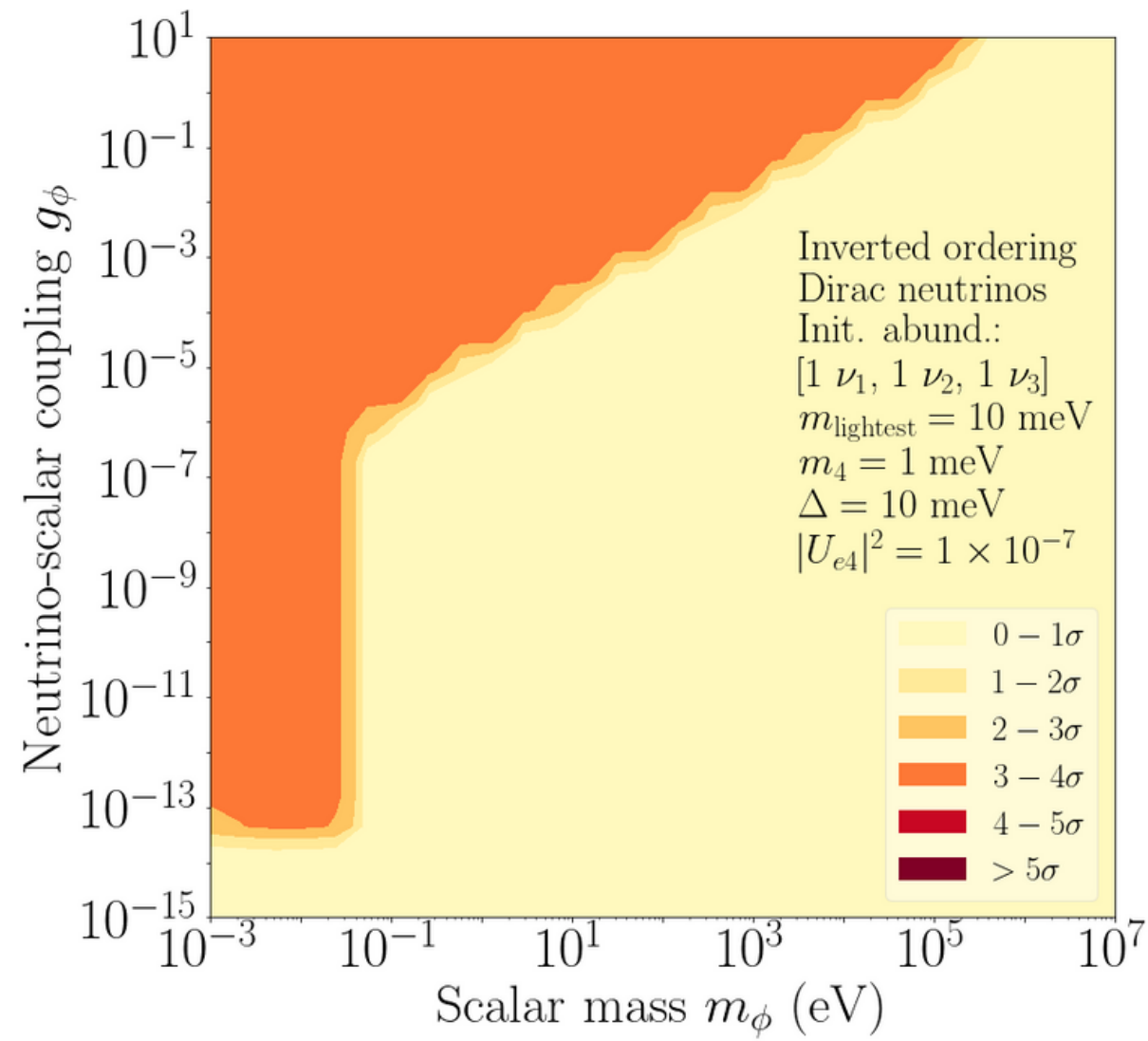
$$\sigma_{E_{\text{end},0}} = 2 \text{ eV}$$

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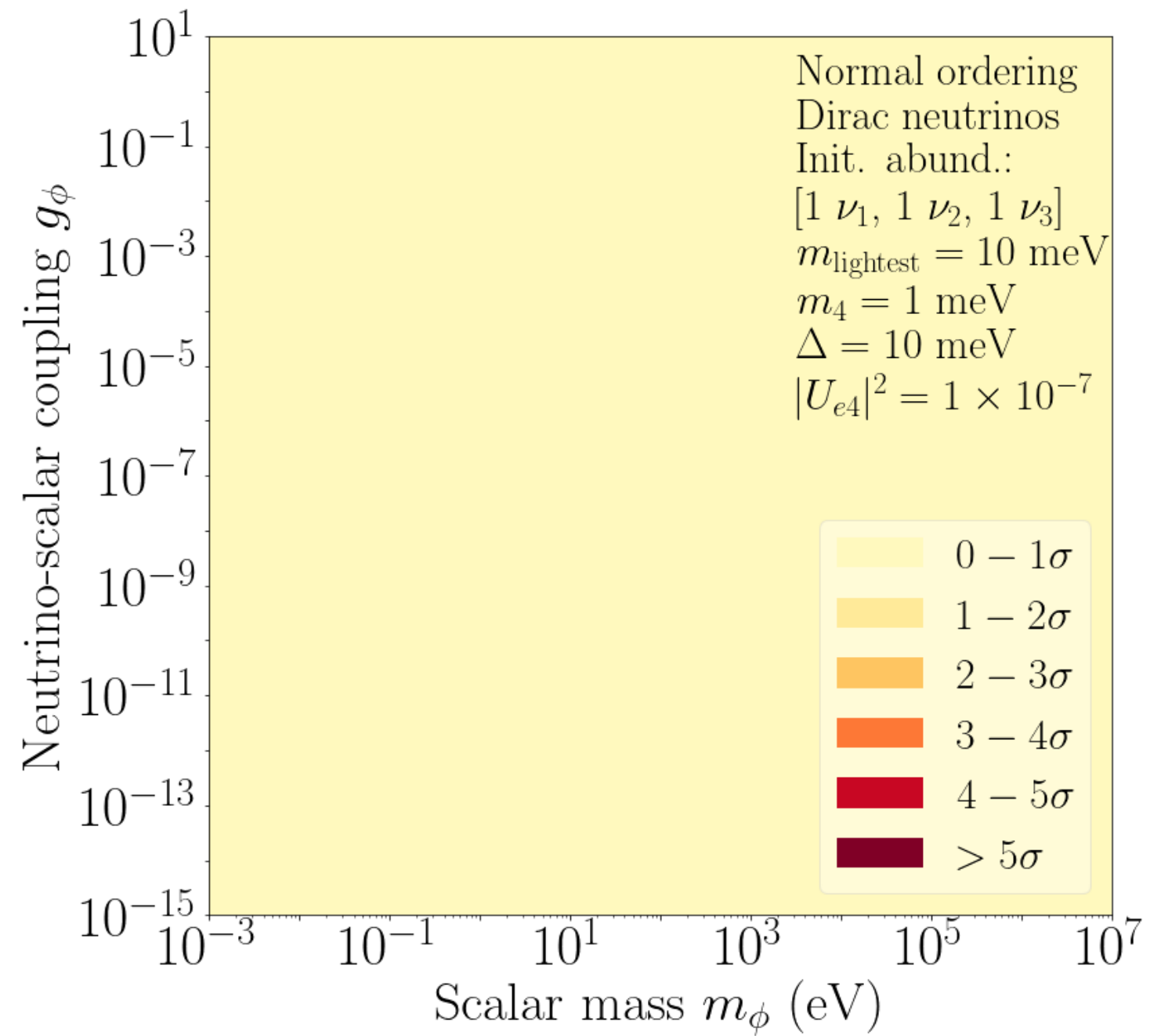


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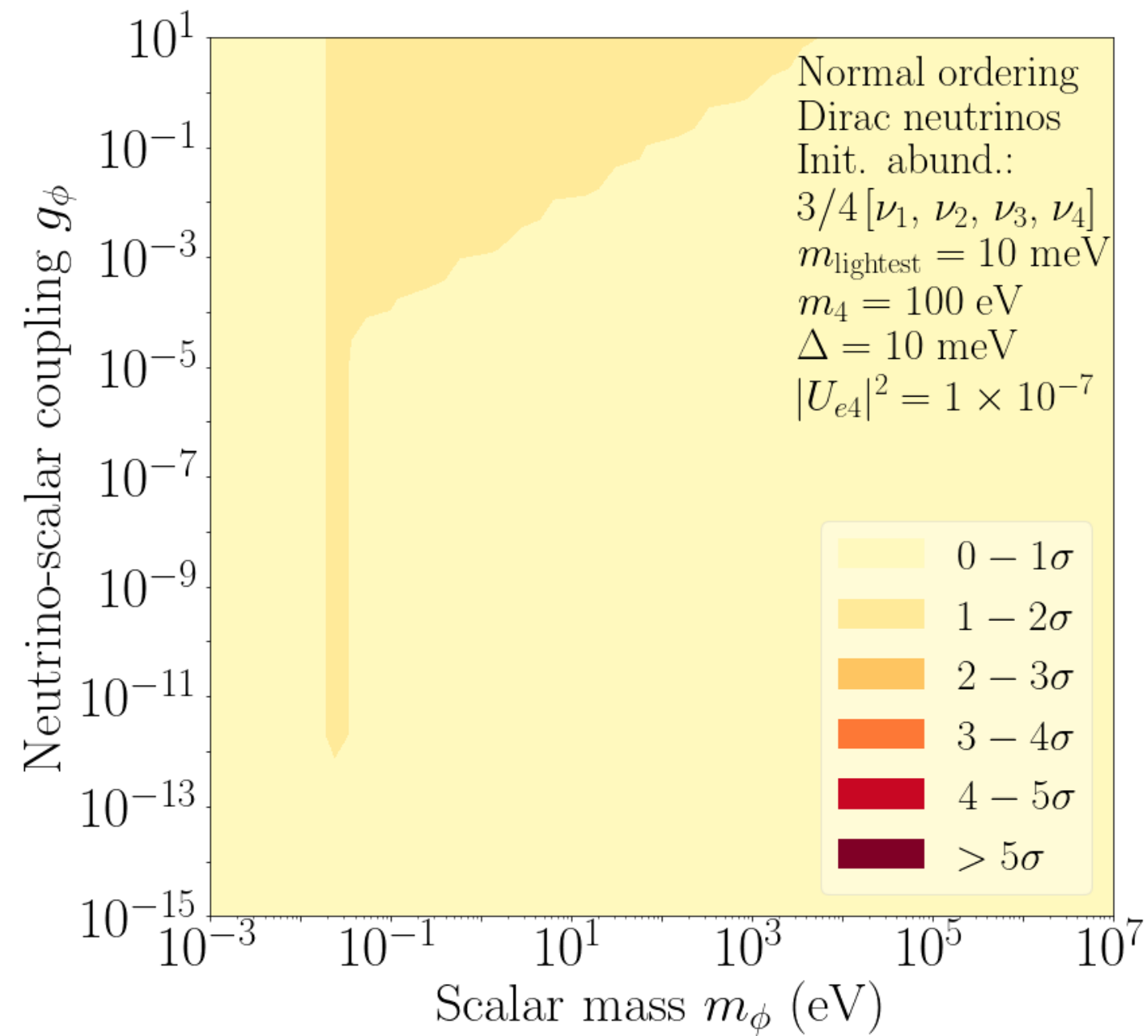
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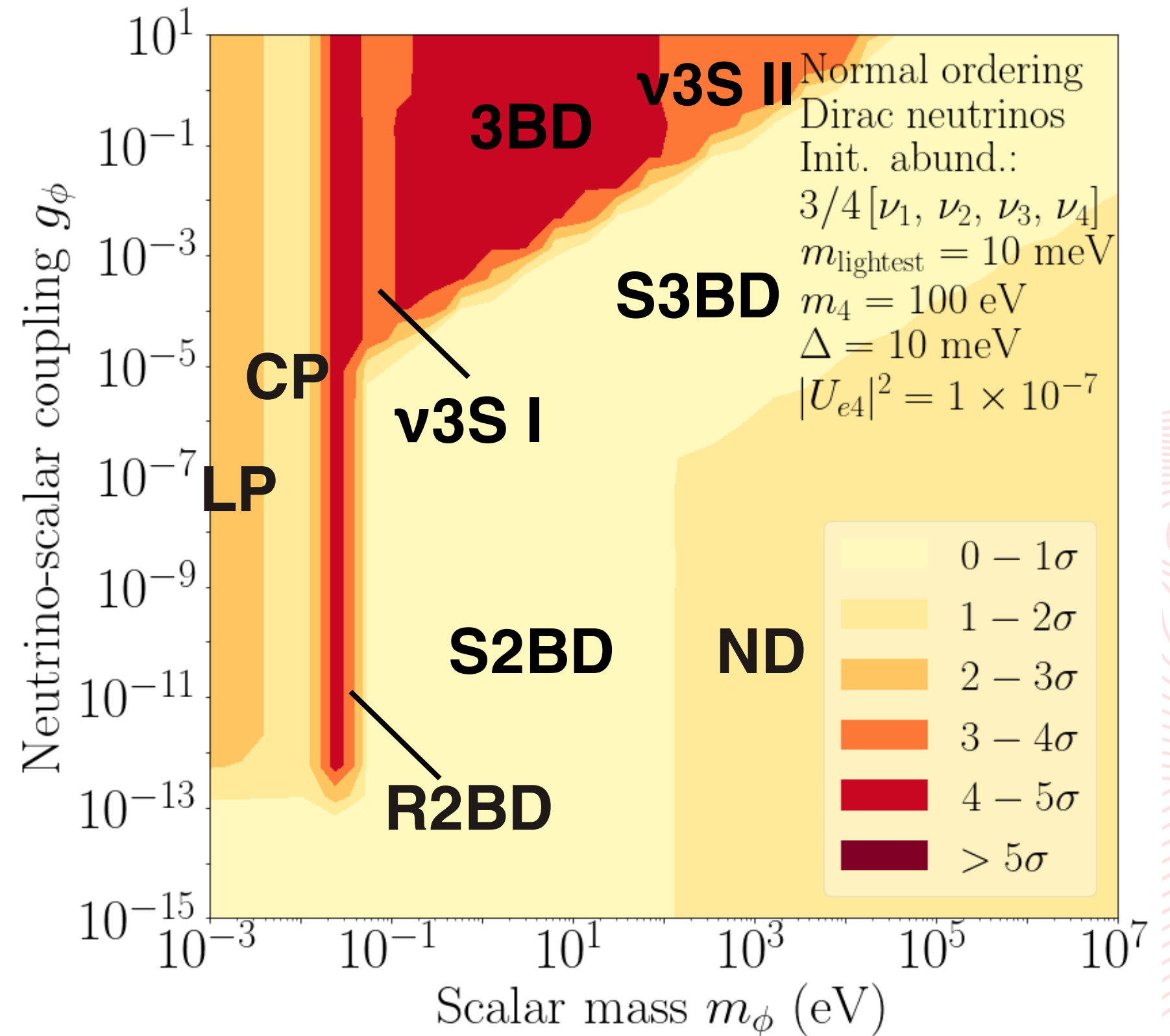


Considering normal ordering, an exposure of 100 g yr, Dirac neutrinos, an initial population of 3 active neutrinos + 1 sterile (normalized to 3 species), and non-relativistic capture.

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Additional exposure
(1000 g yr)

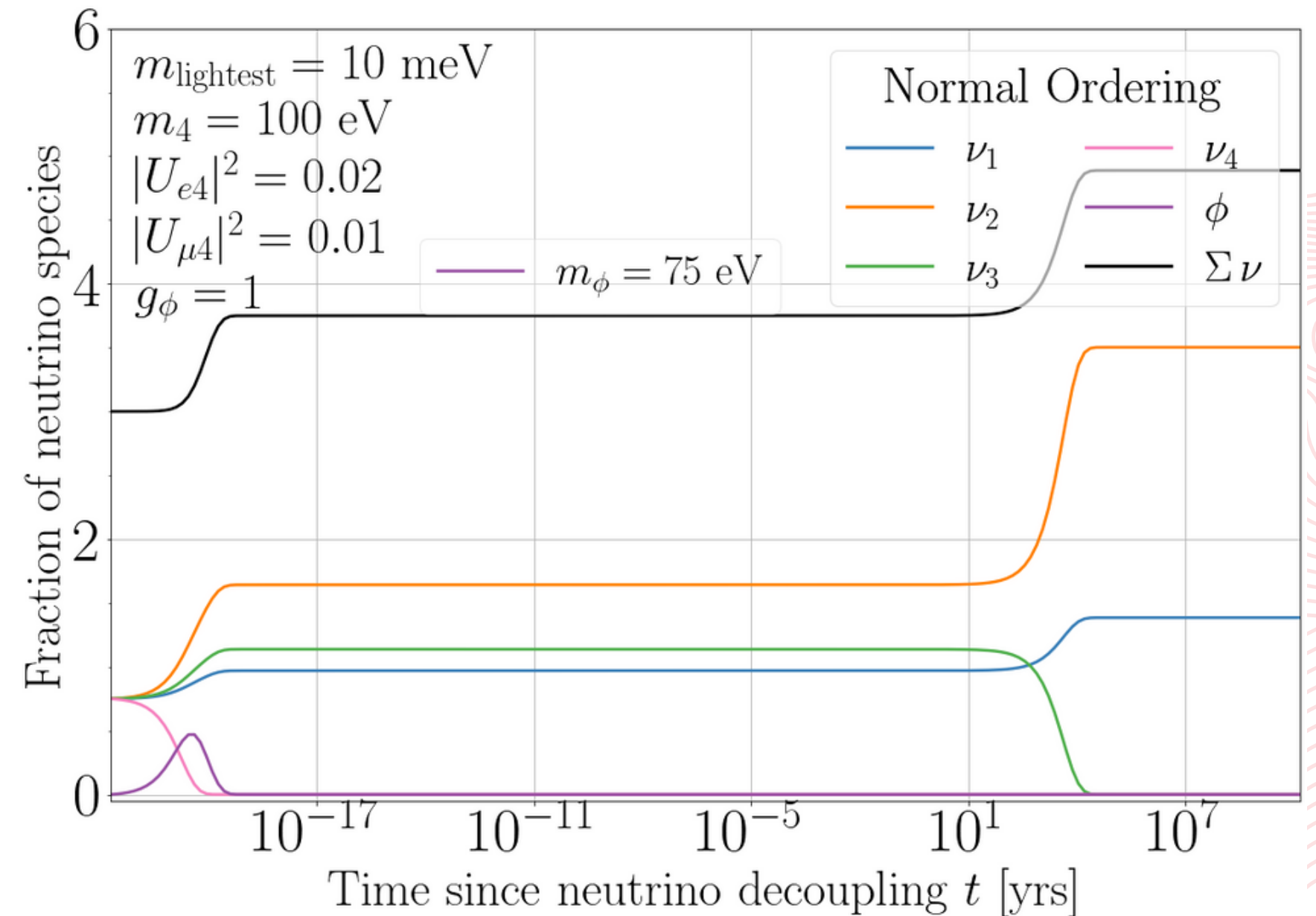
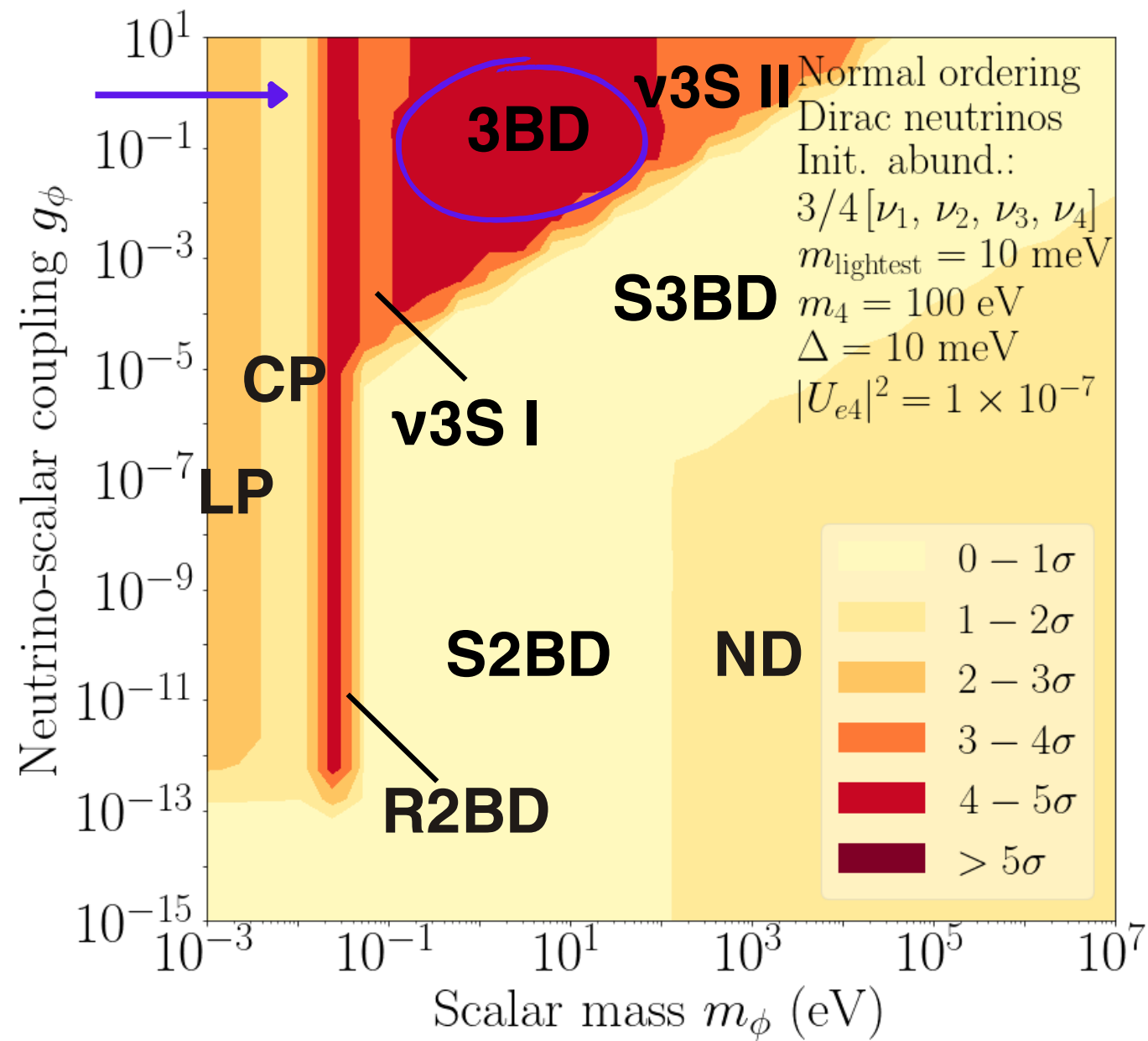
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- Three-Body Decay (**3BD**)
- Sterile Two-Body Decay (**S2BD**)
- ν_3 Suppression II (**$\nu_3\text{S II}$**)
- Sterile Three-body decay (**S3BD**)
- No Decay (**ND**)



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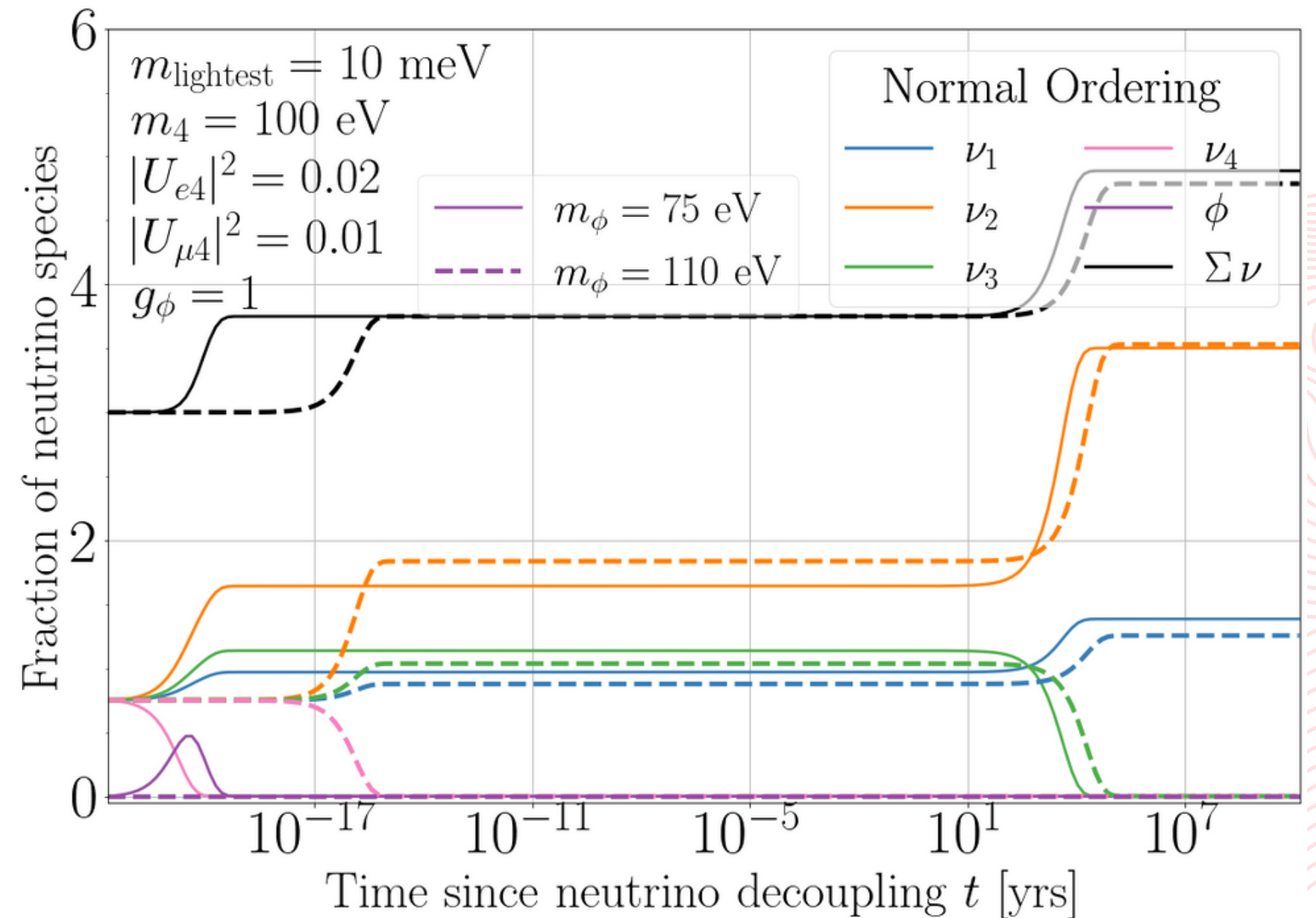
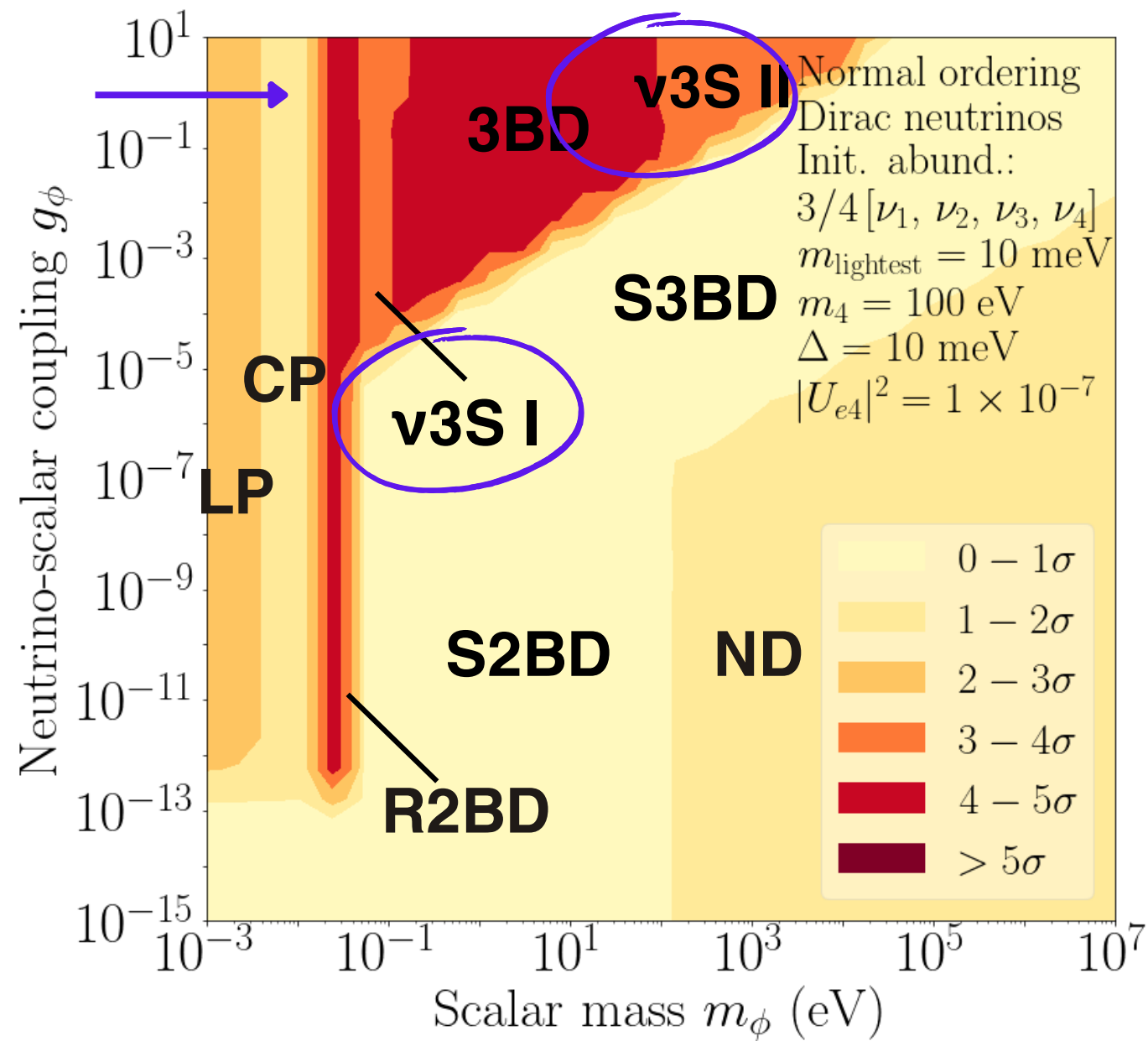
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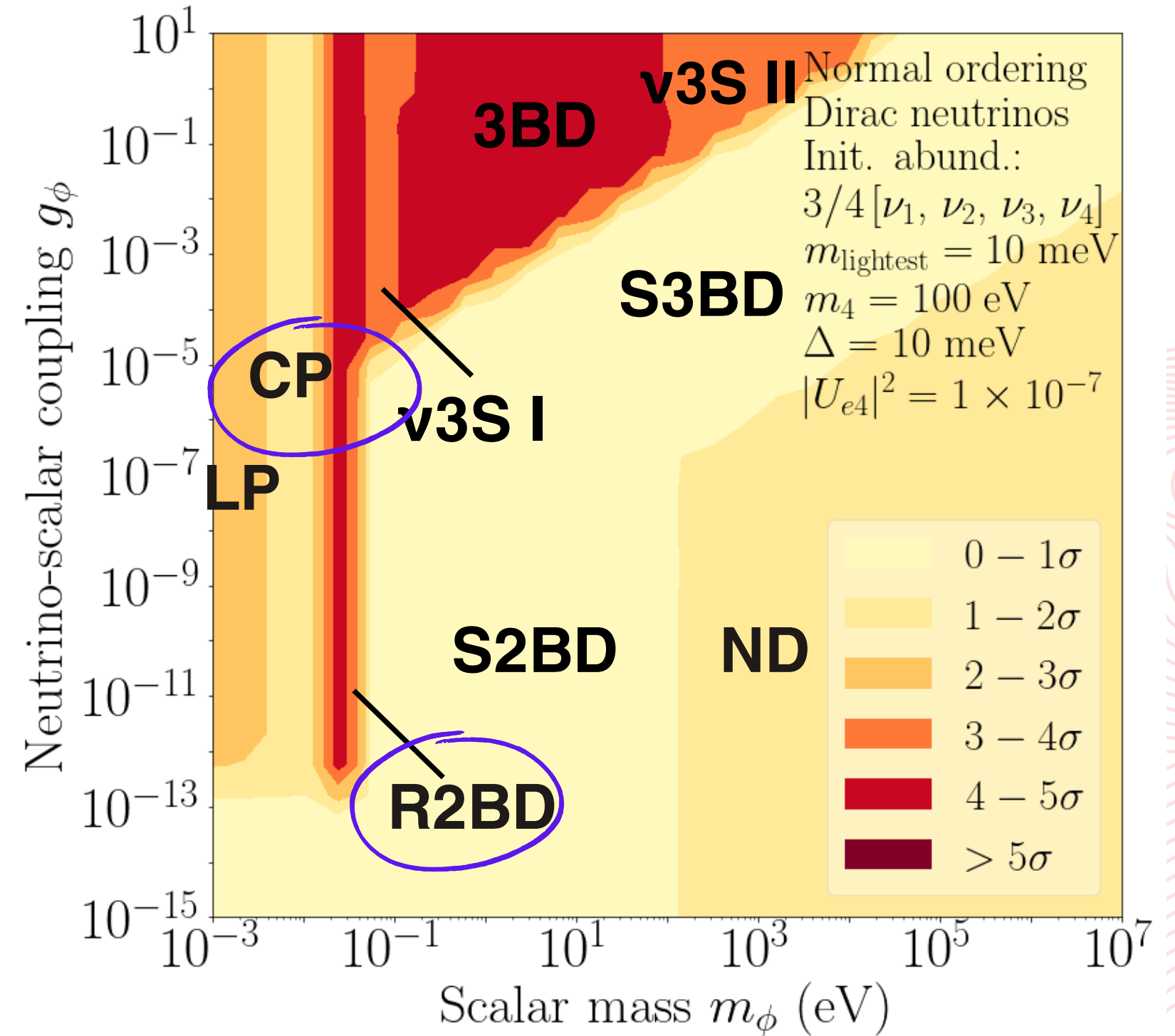
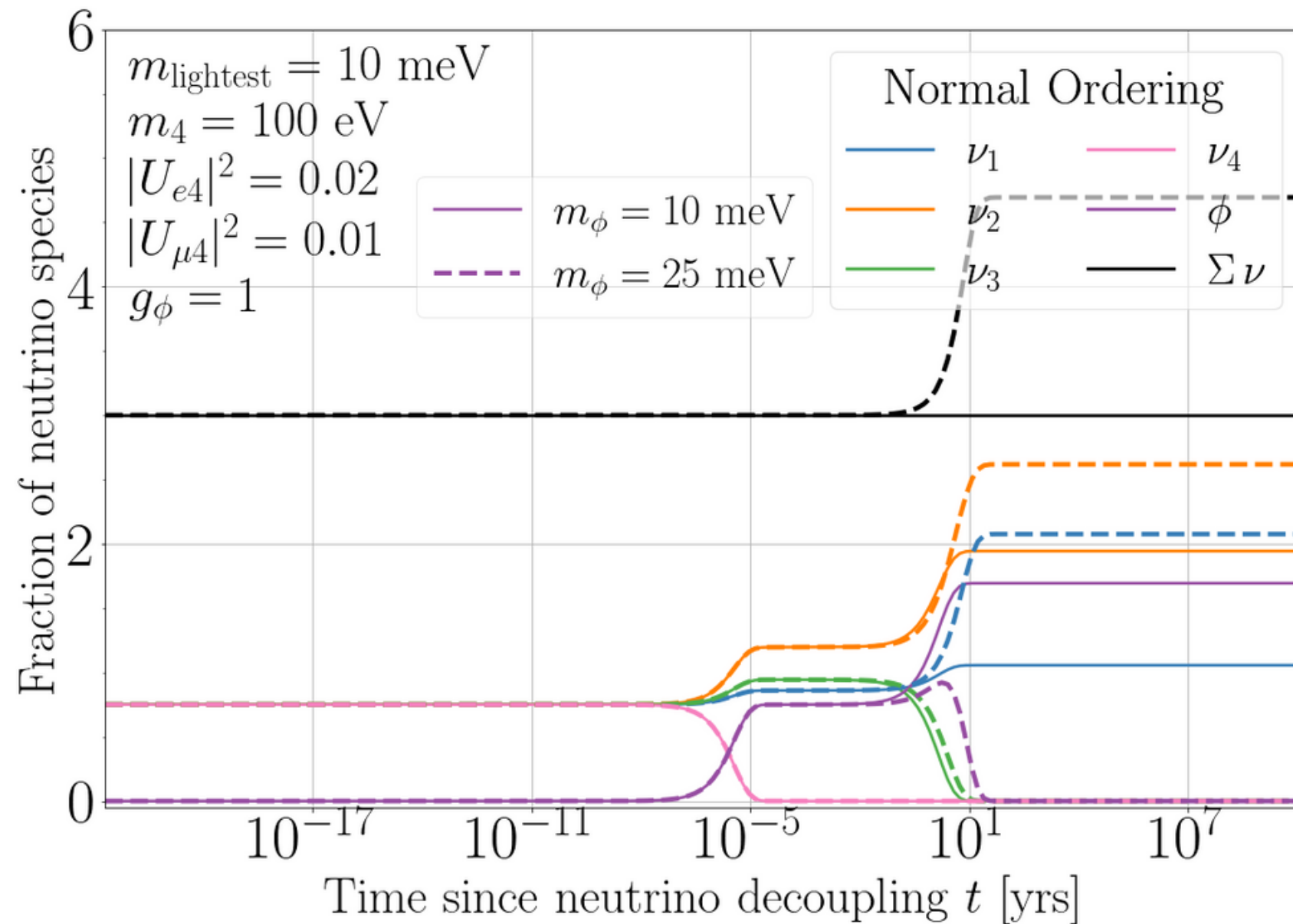
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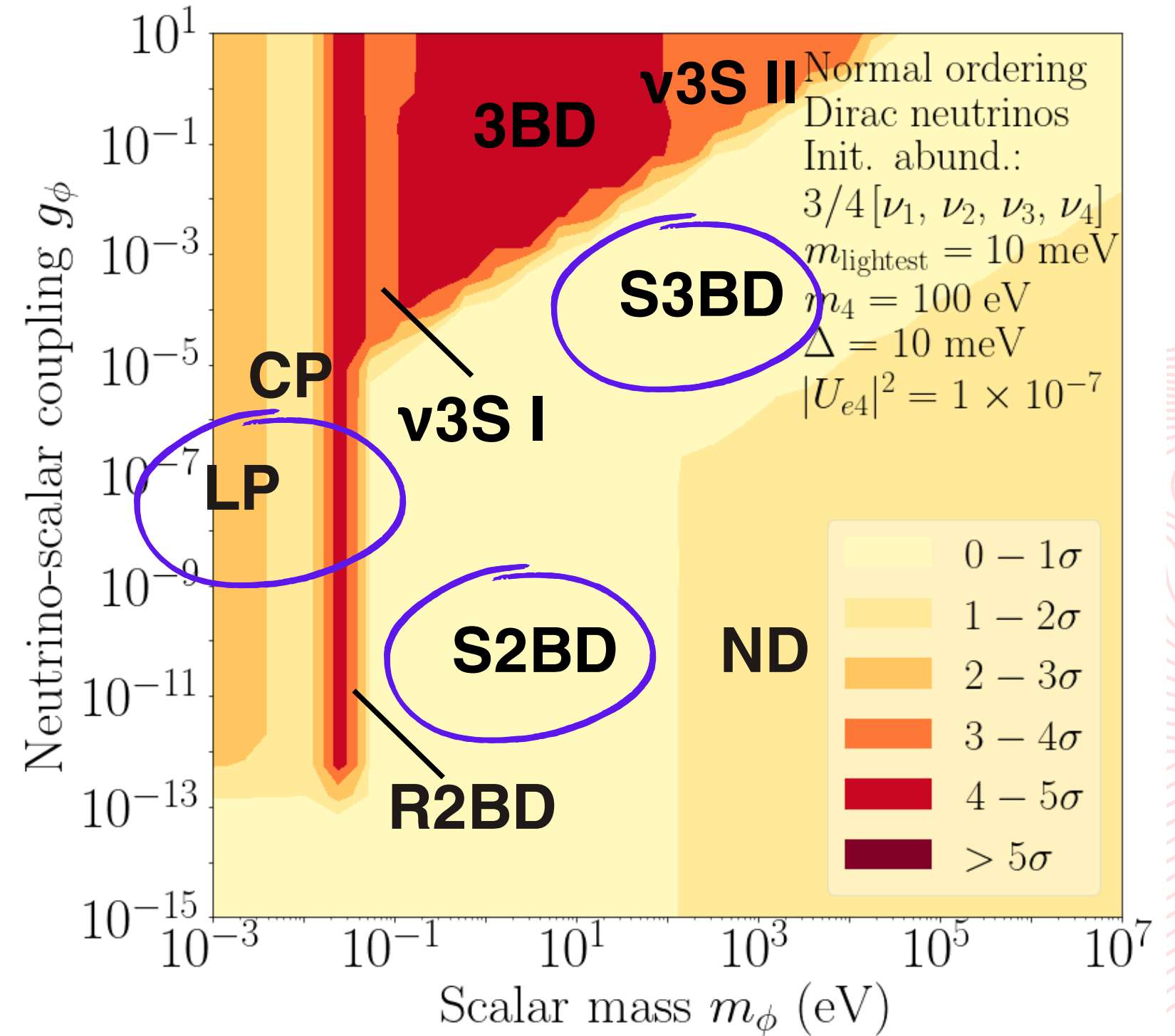
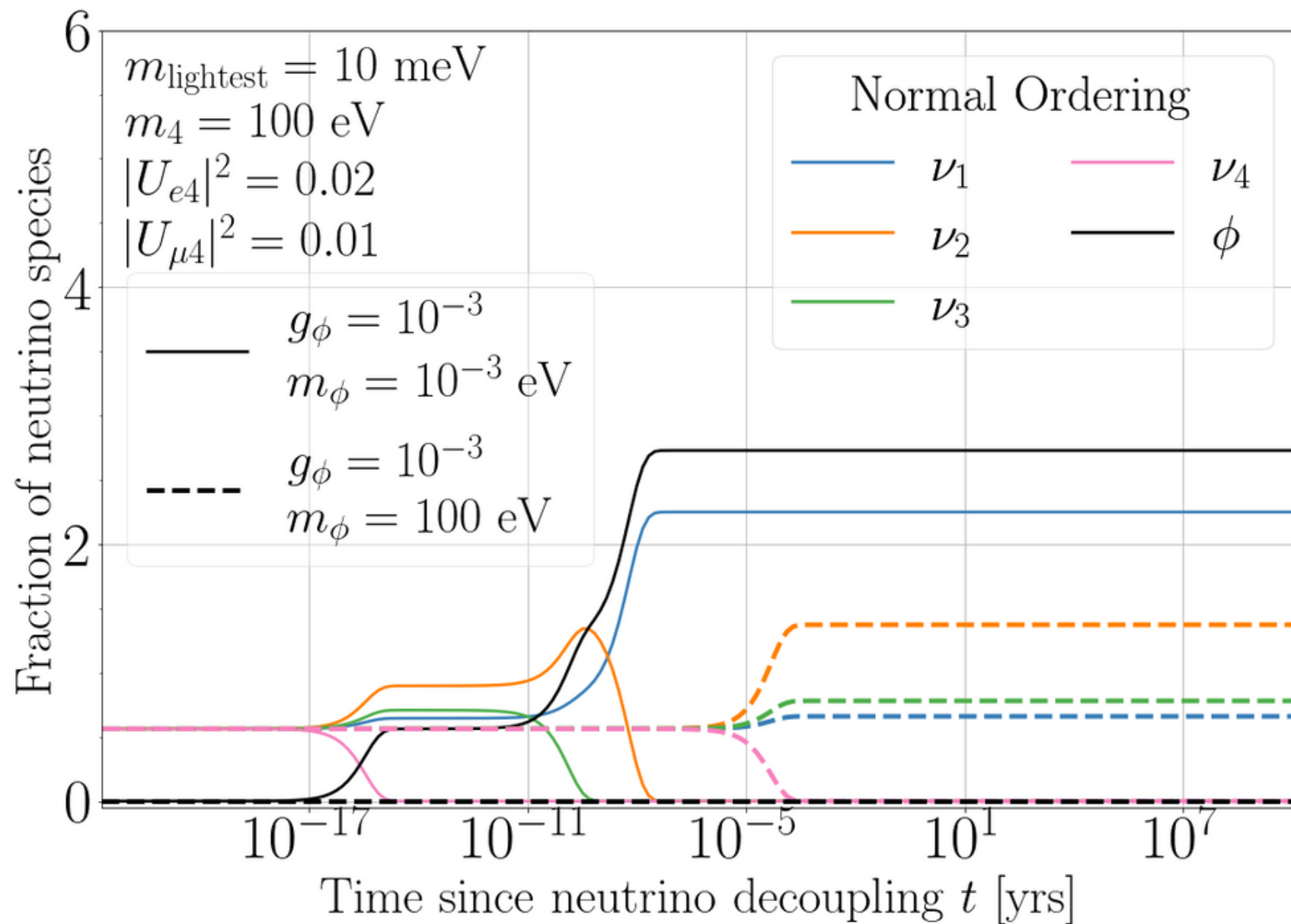
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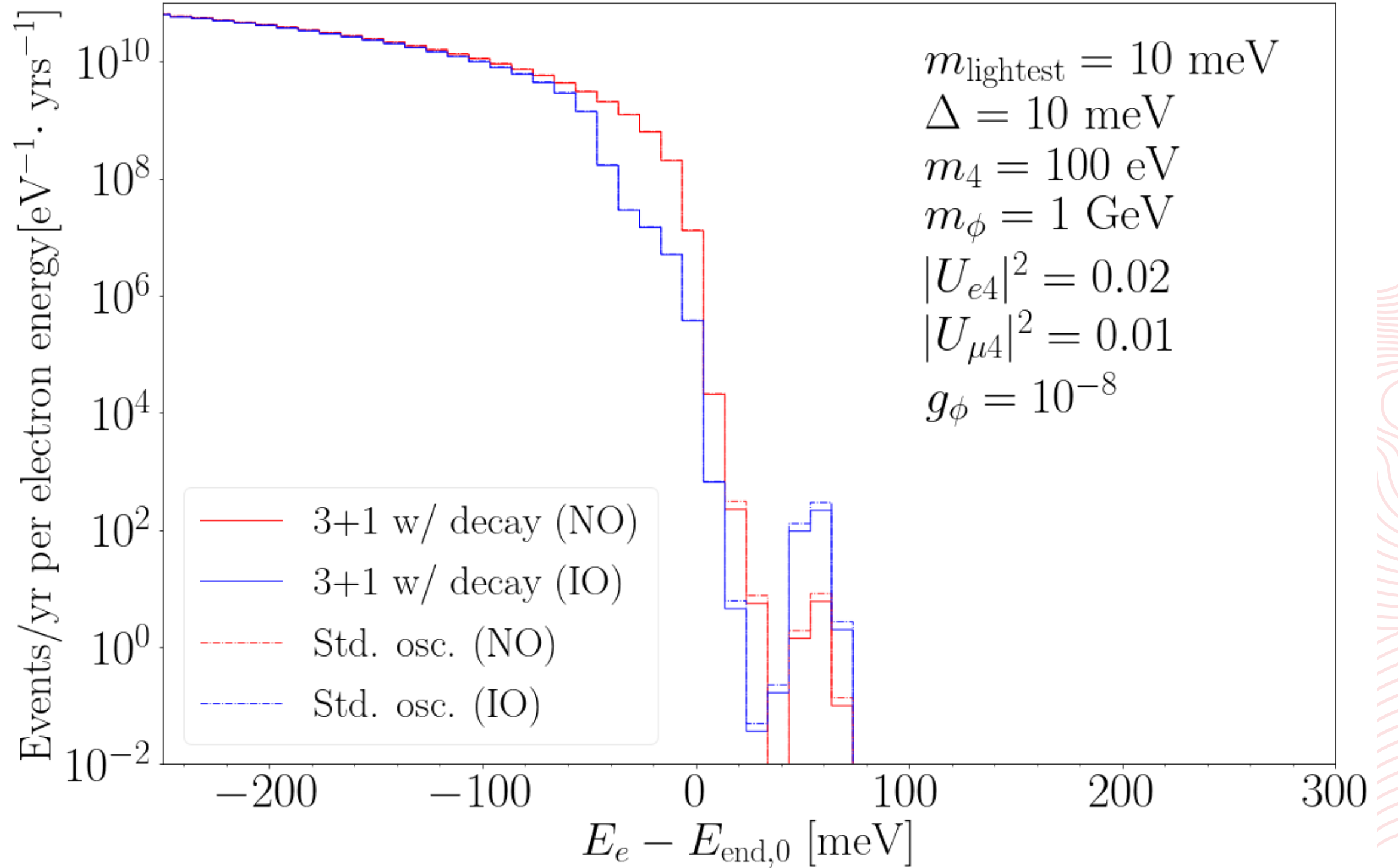
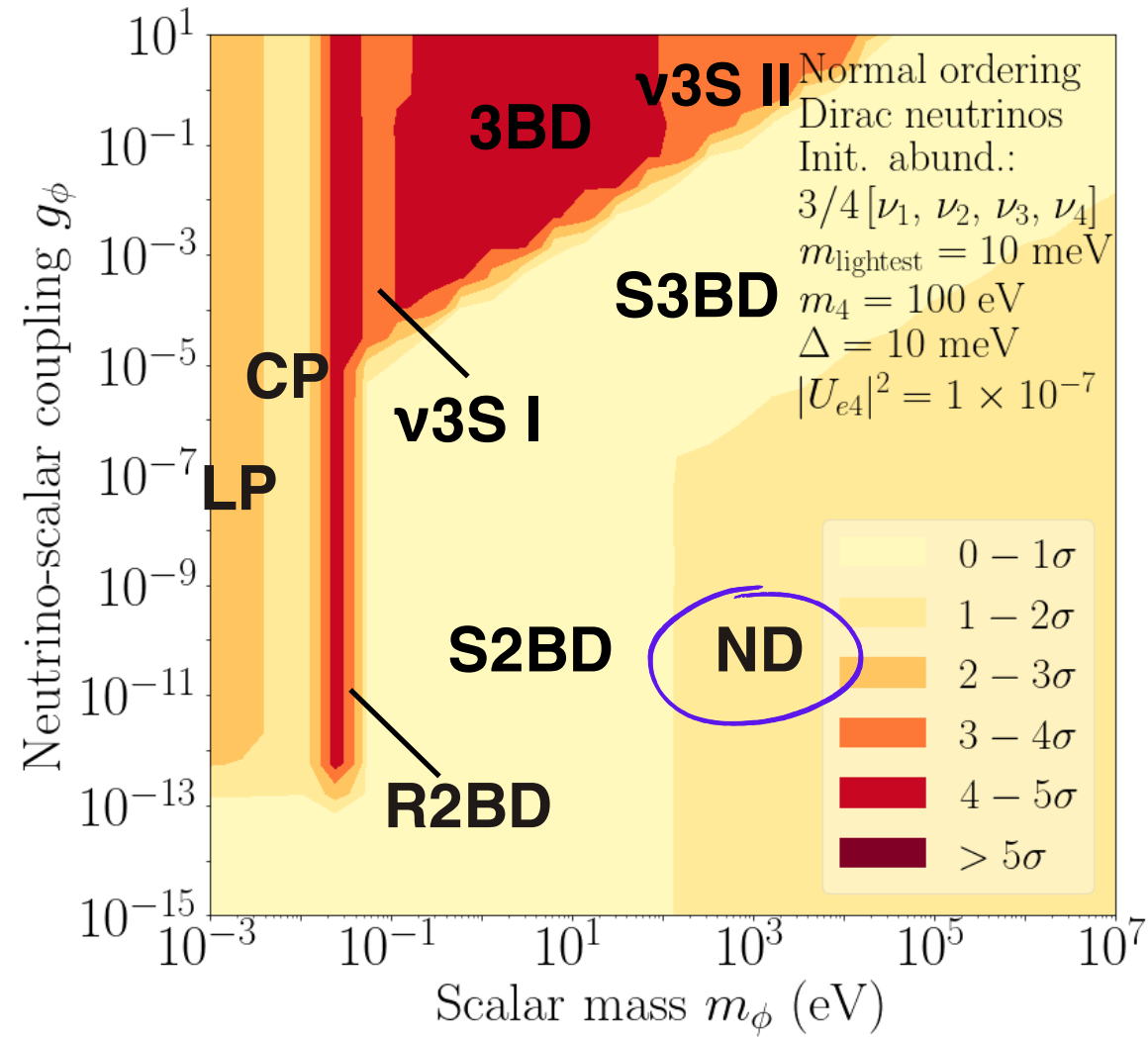
Results

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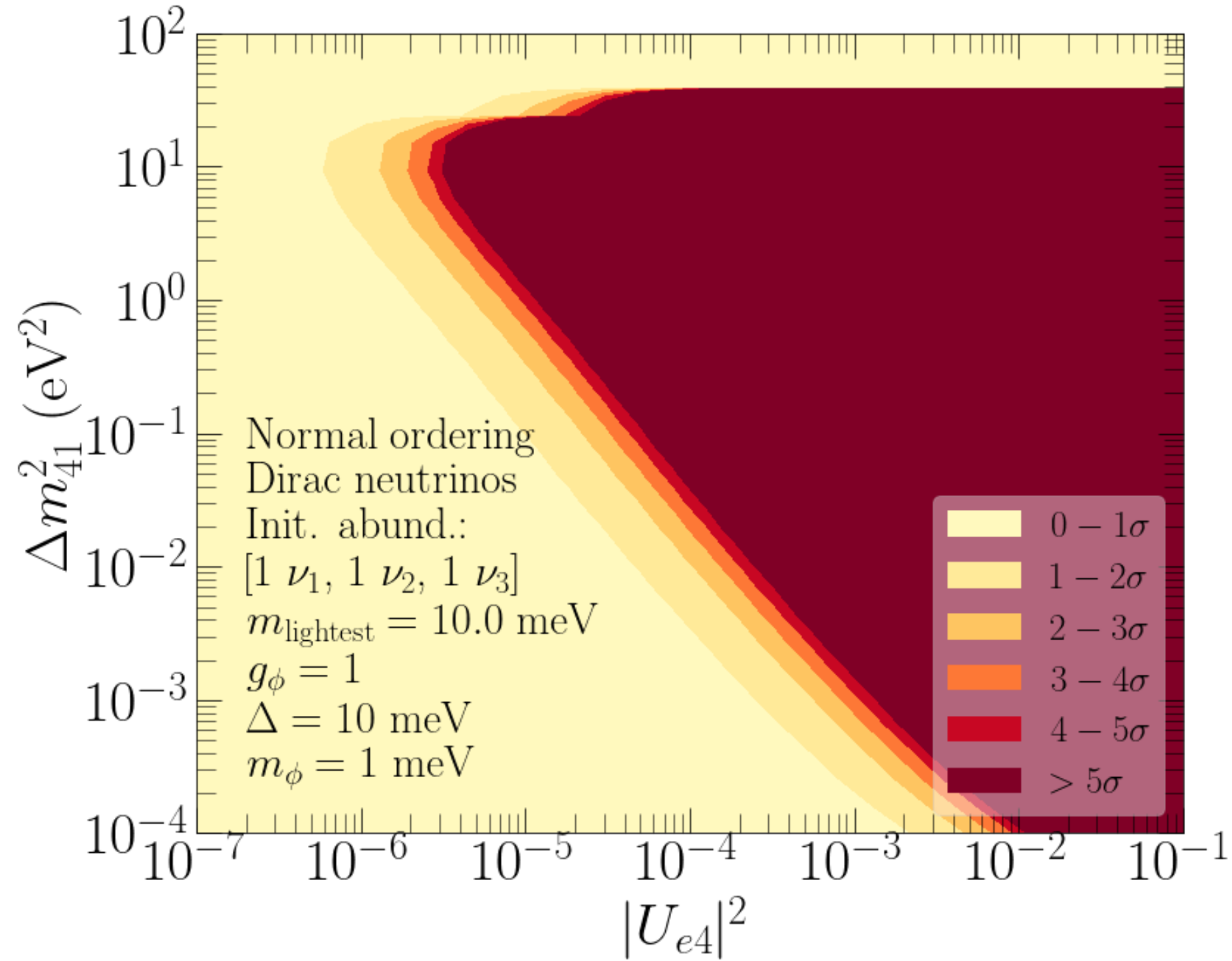
Results

- No Decay (ND)



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- New limits on sterile neutrino parameter space (?)



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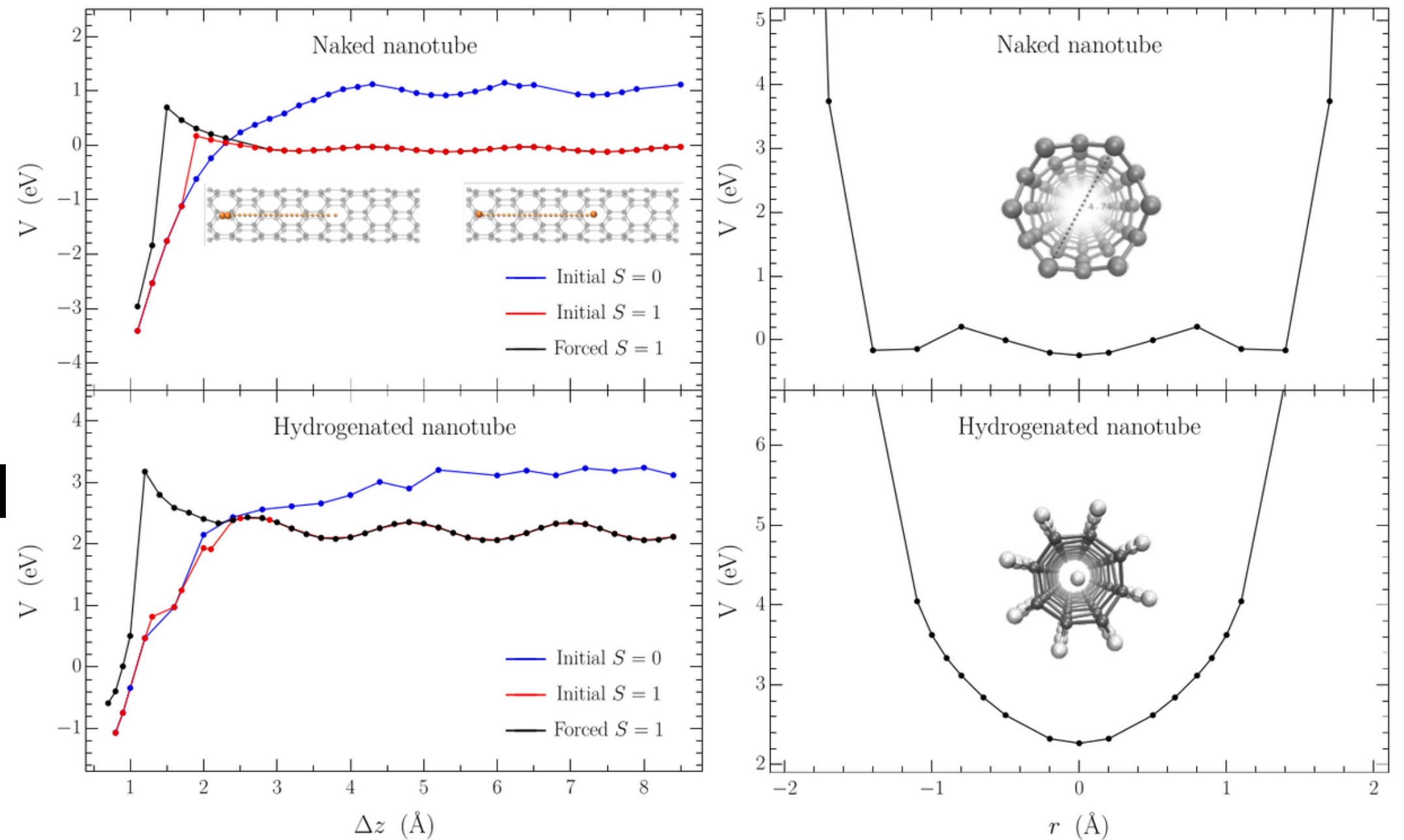
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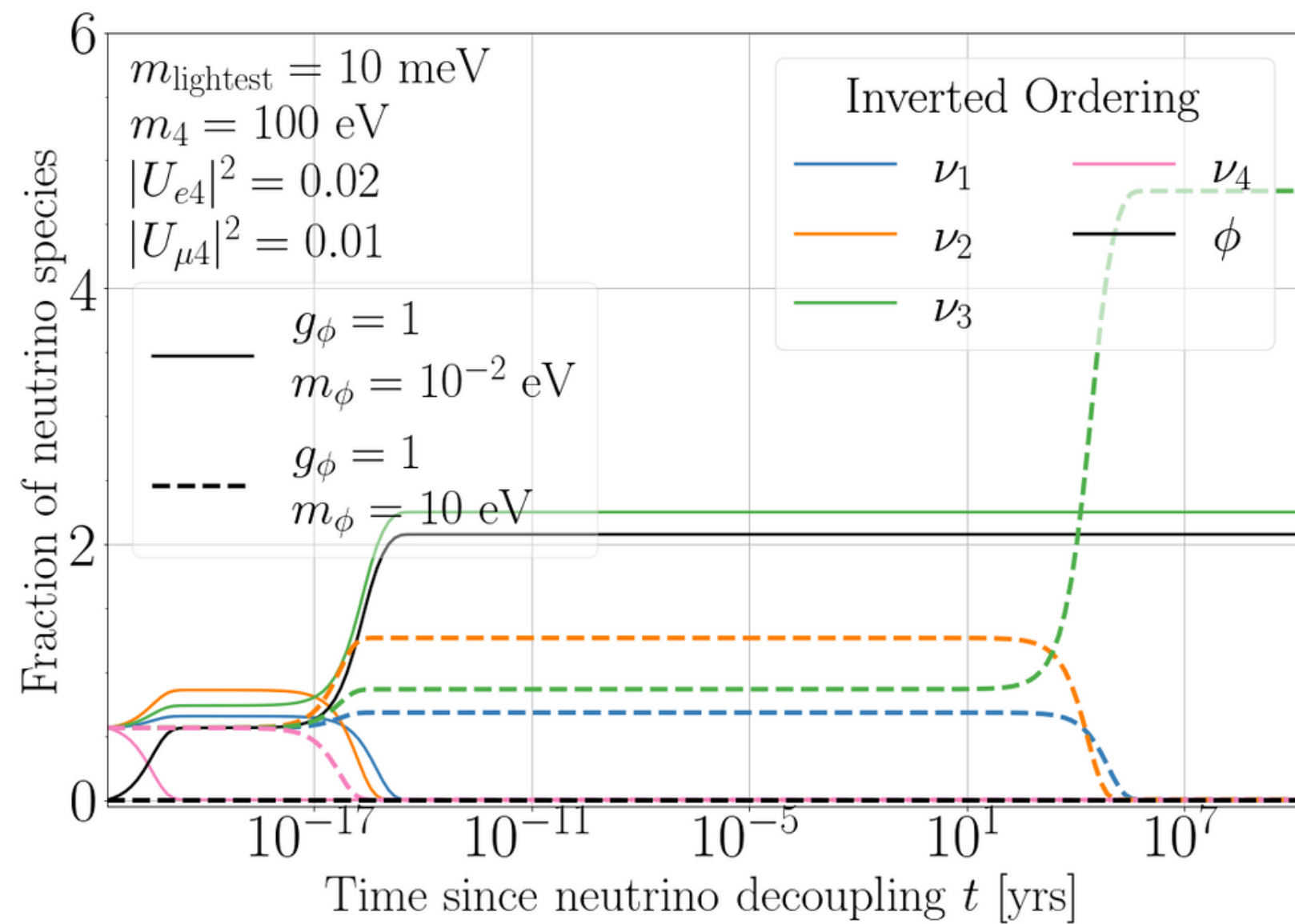
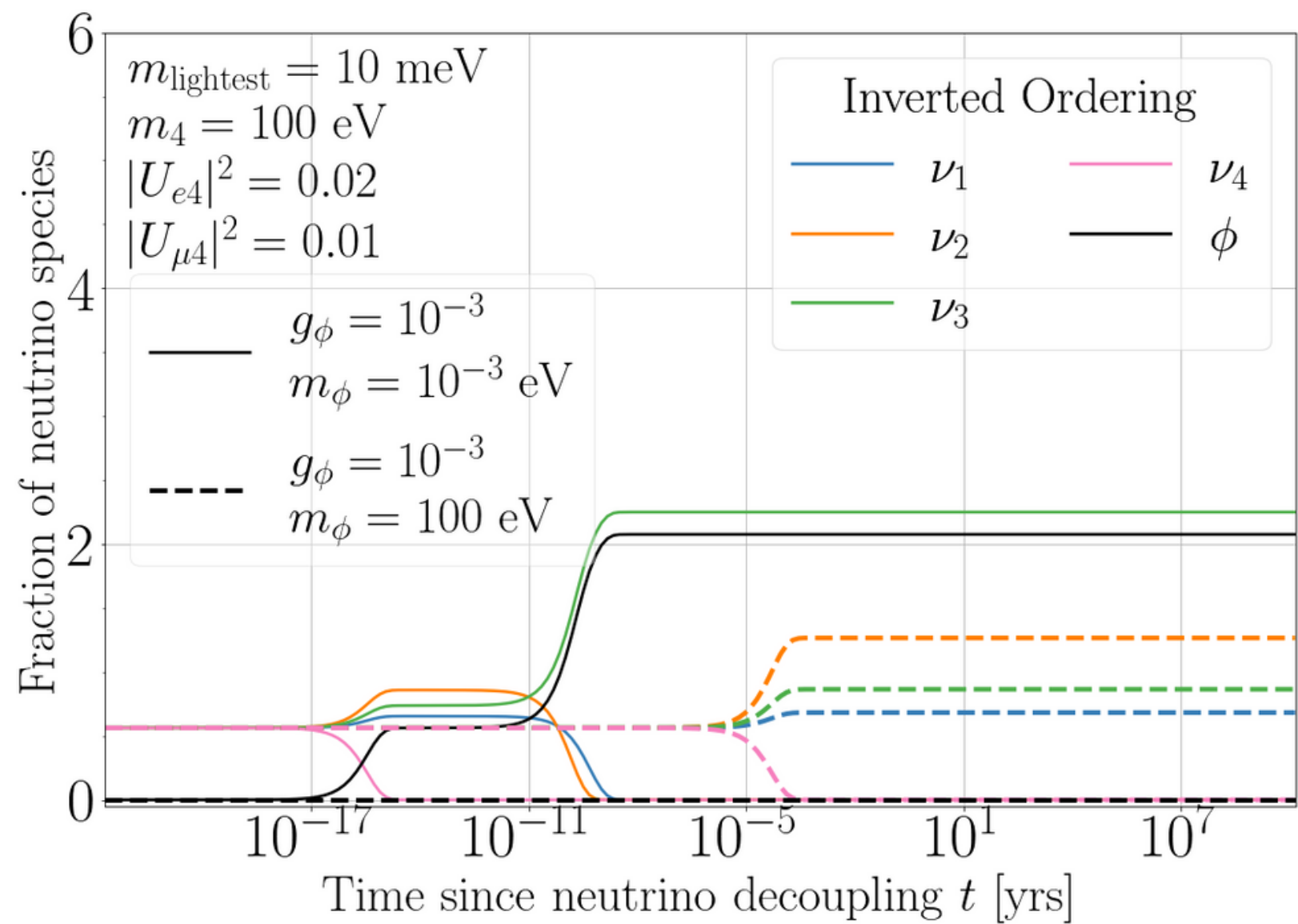
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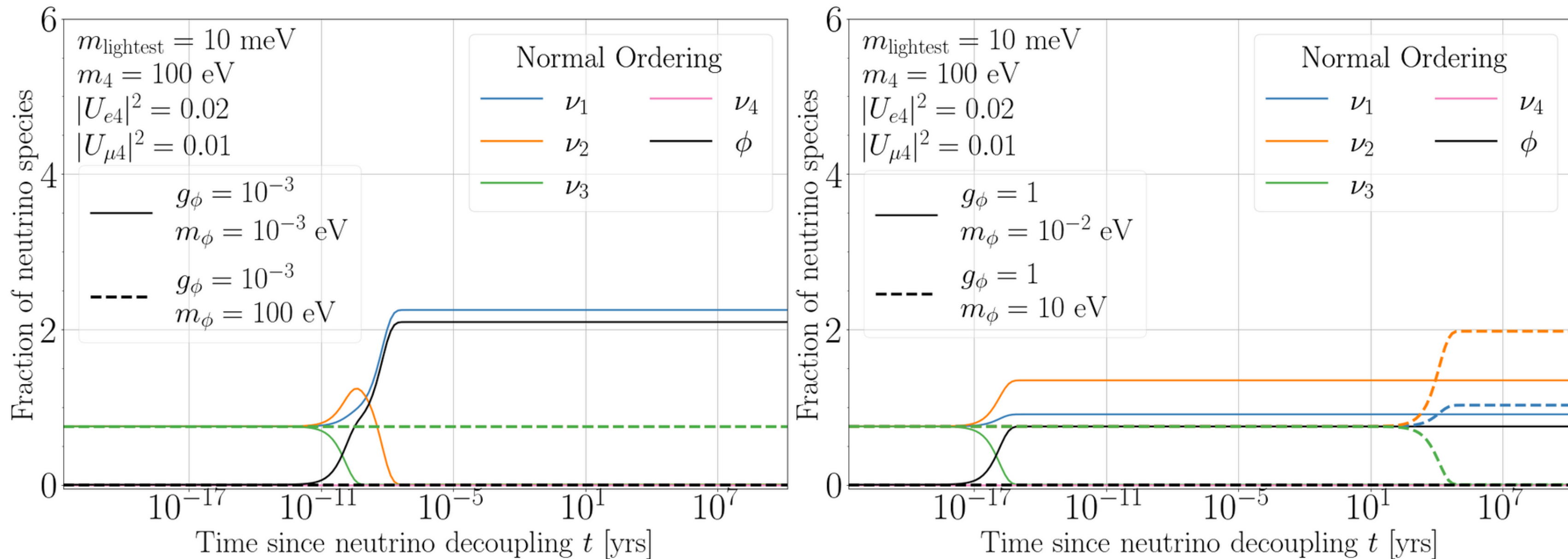
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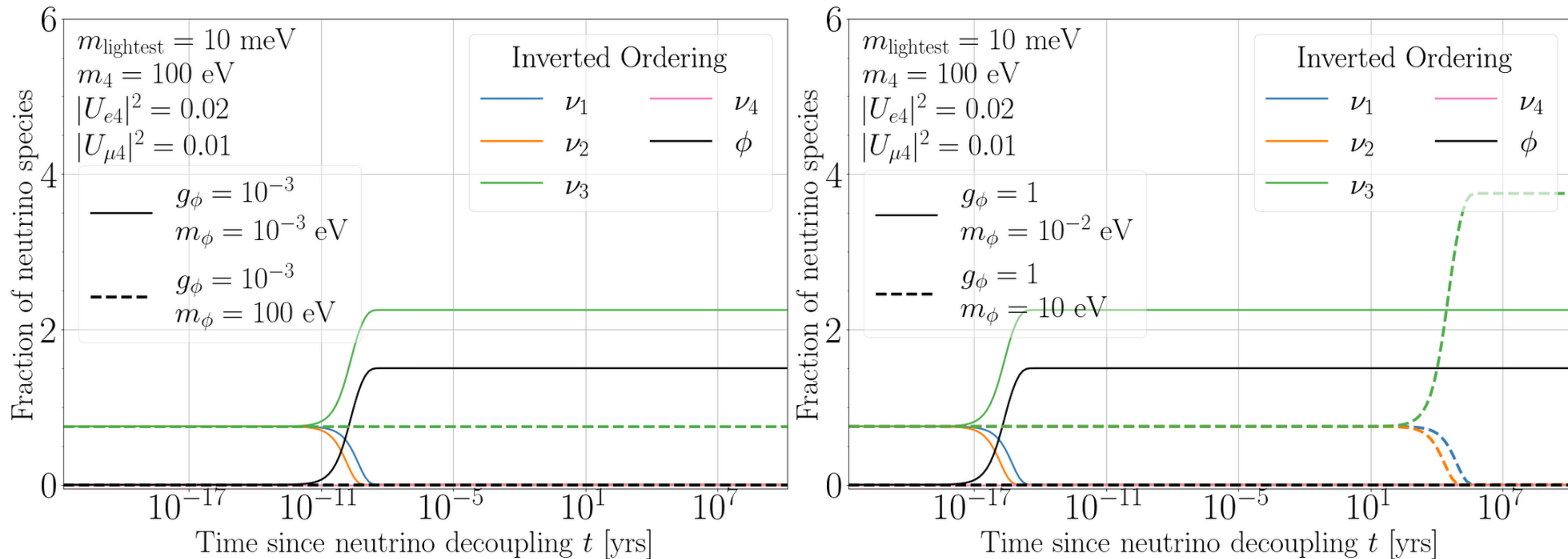
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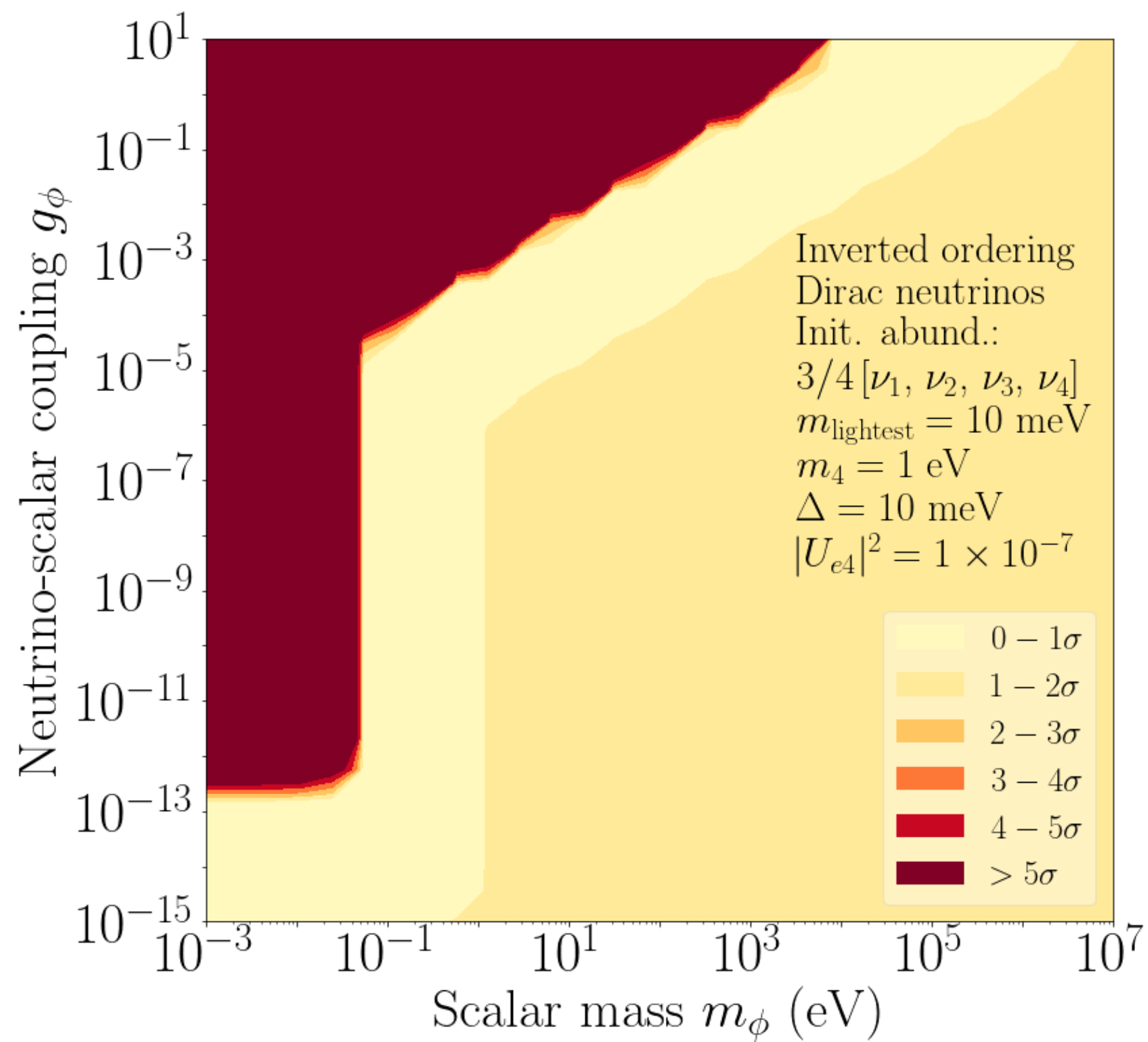
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