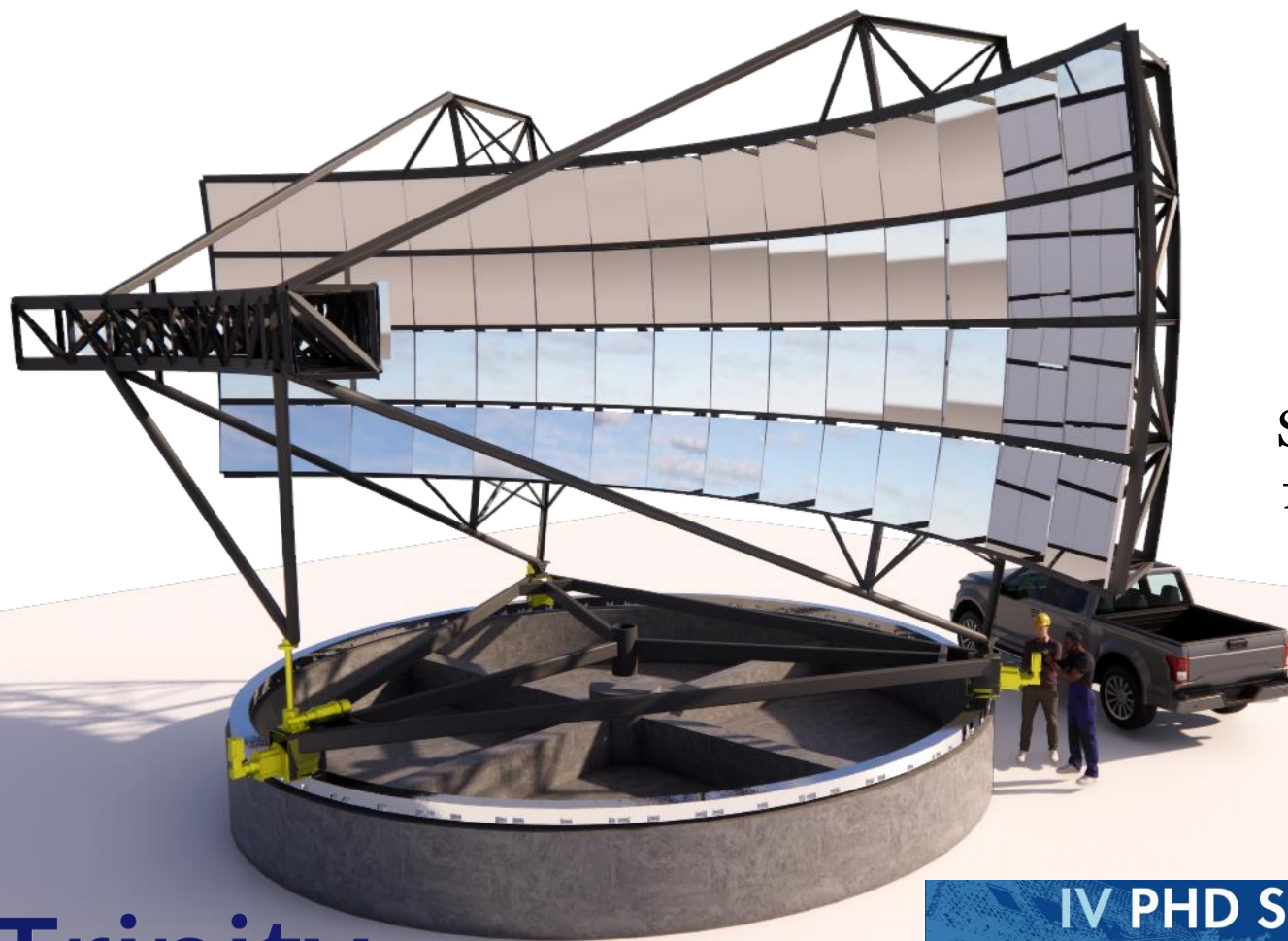




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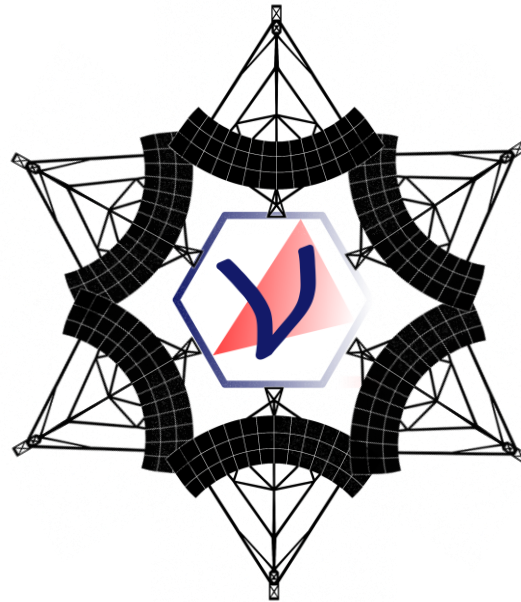
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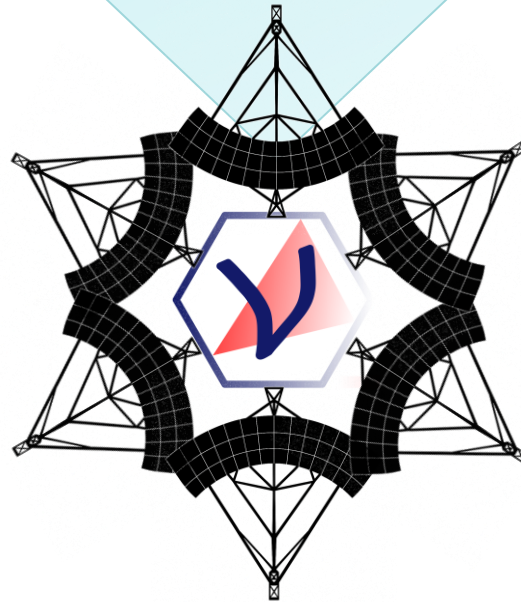
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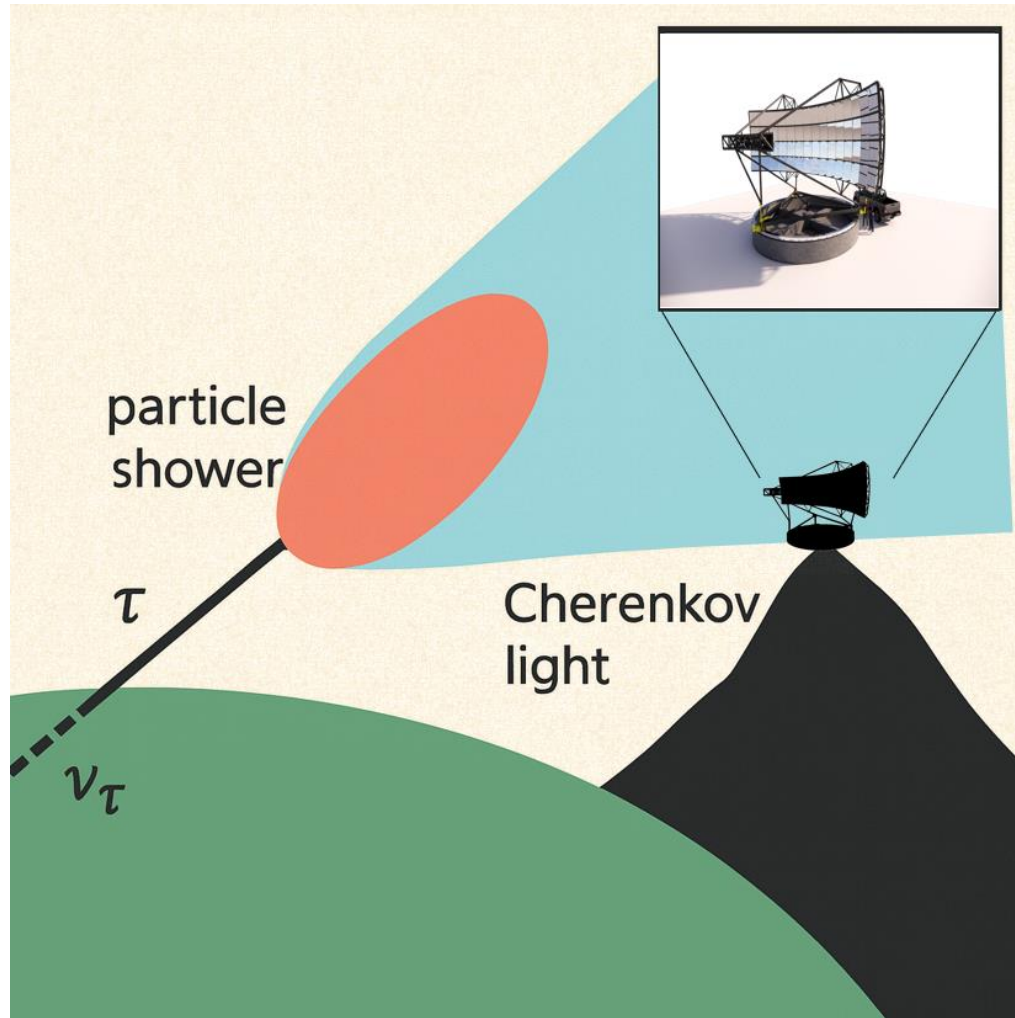


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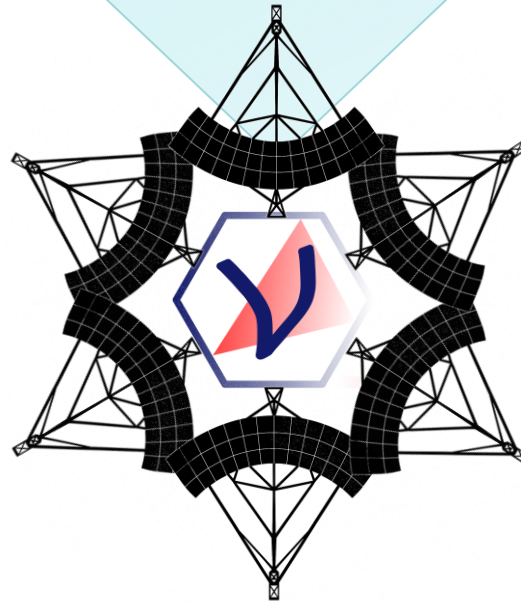


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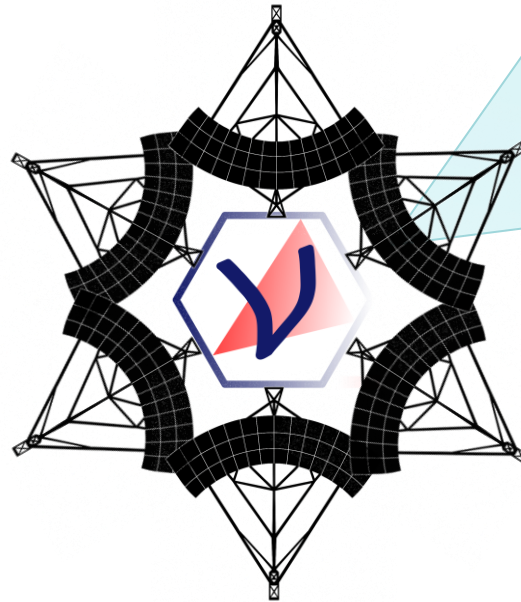
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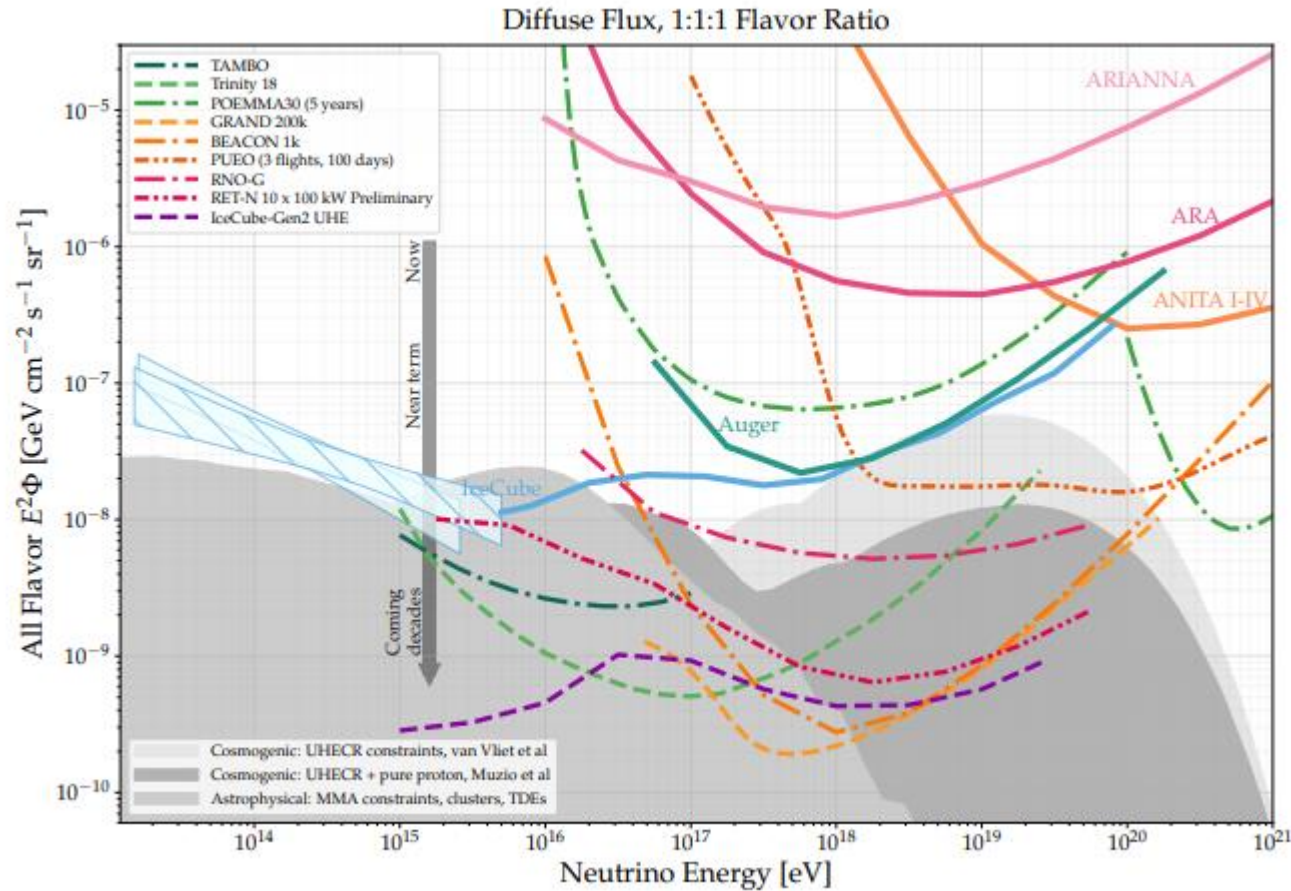


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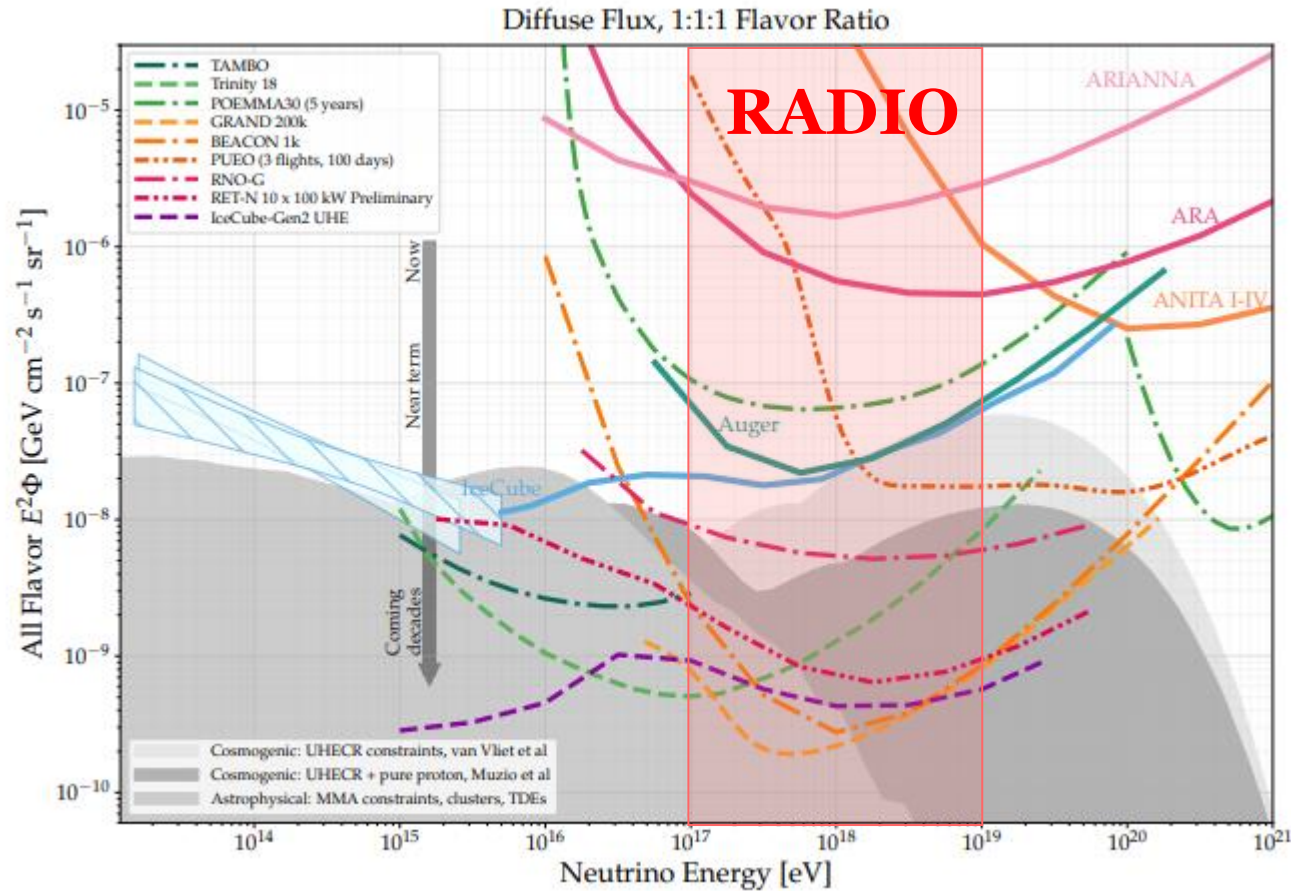


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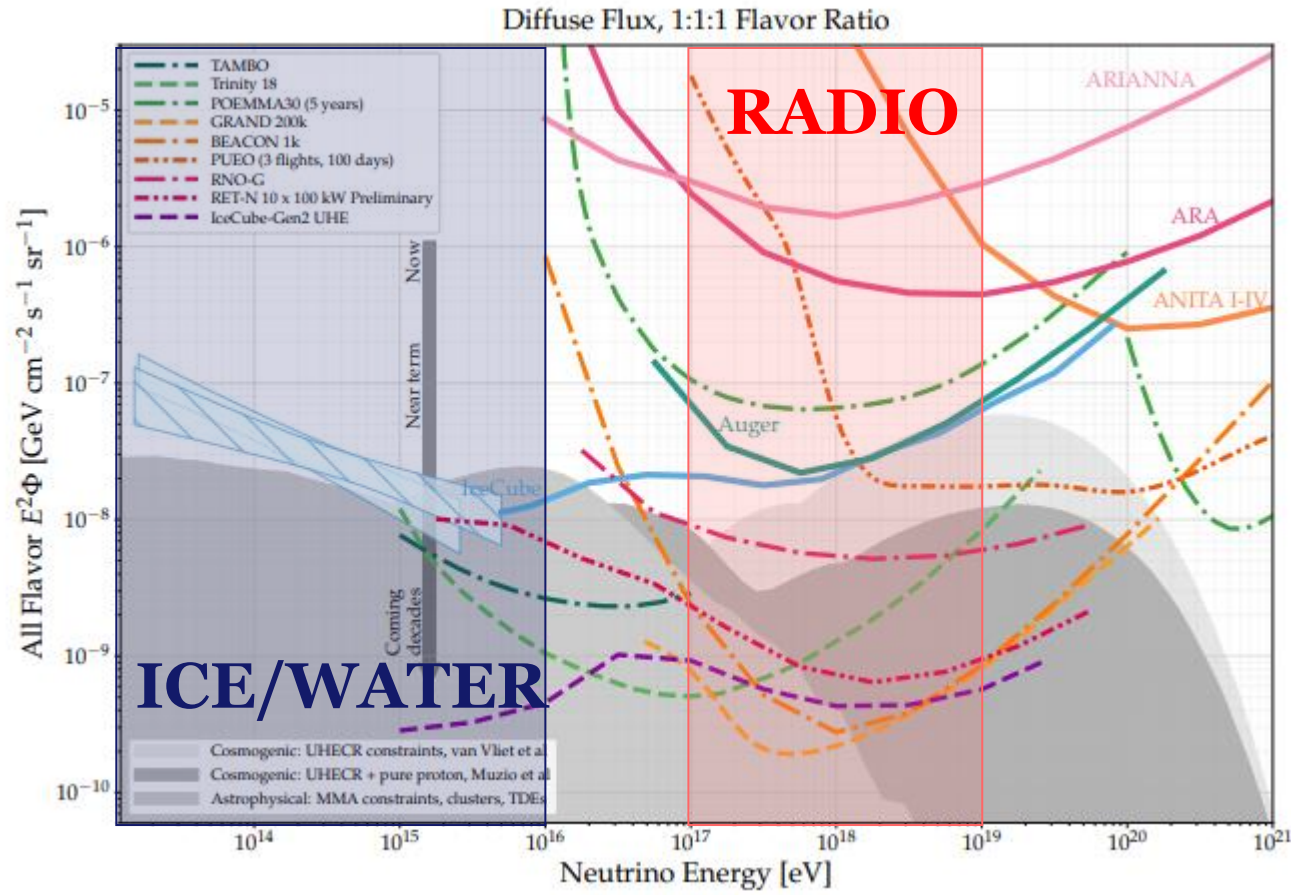


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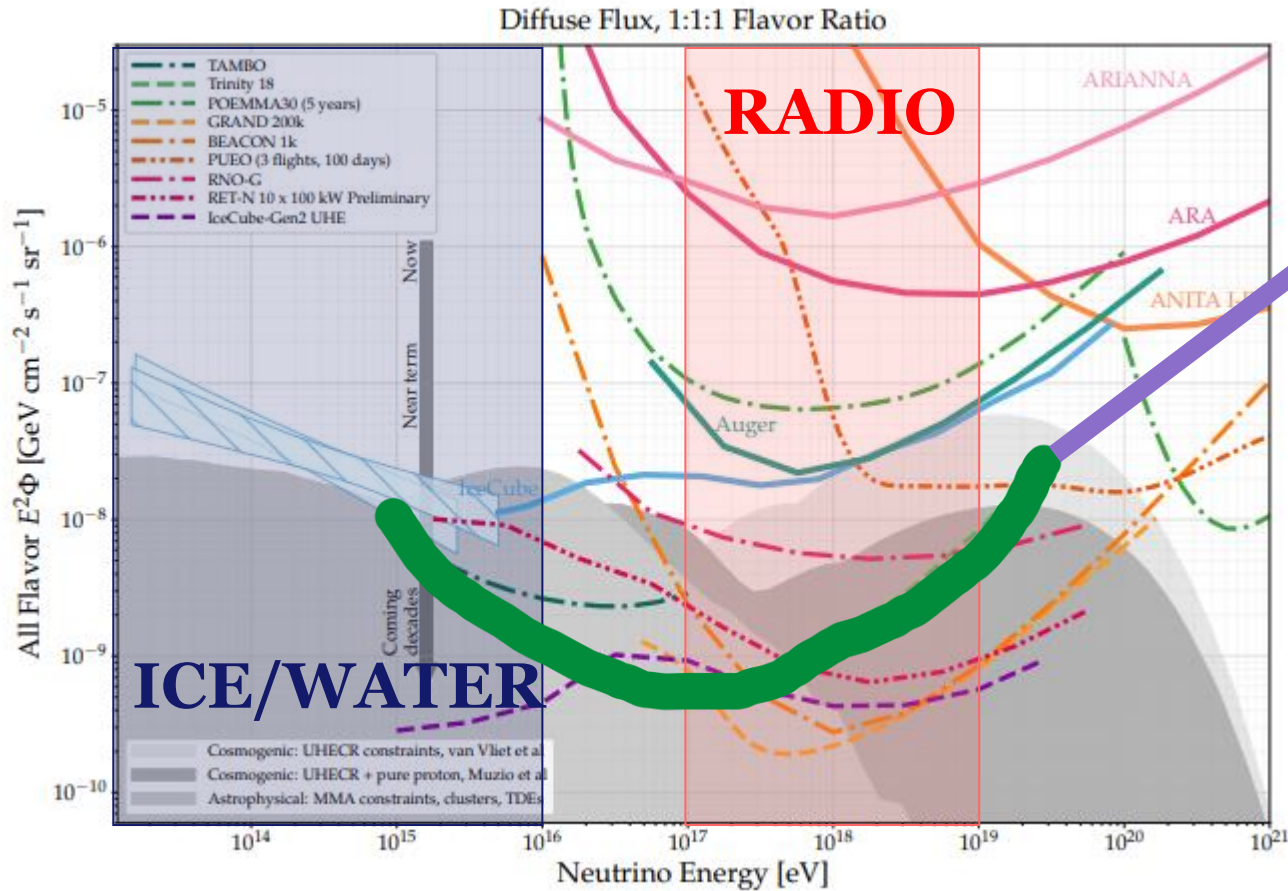


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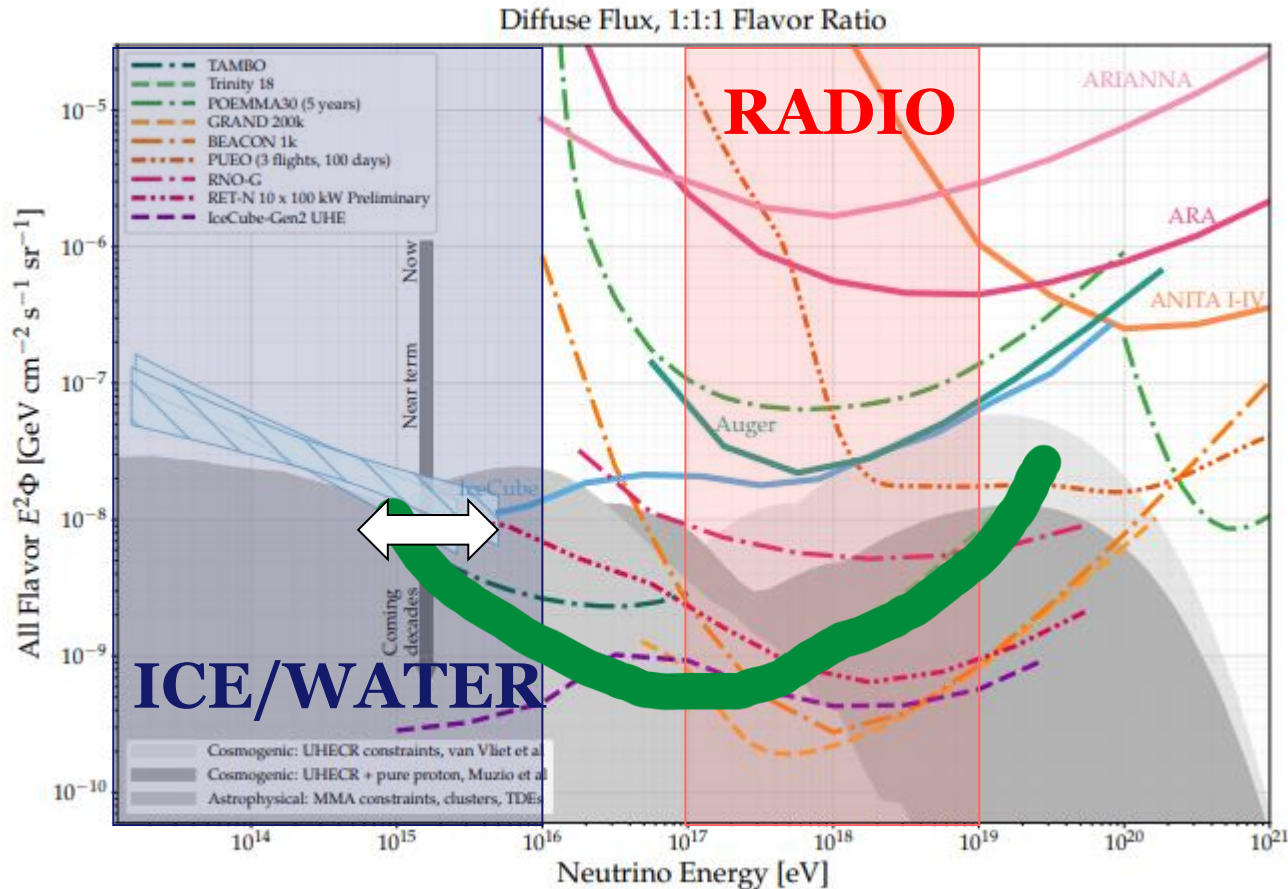


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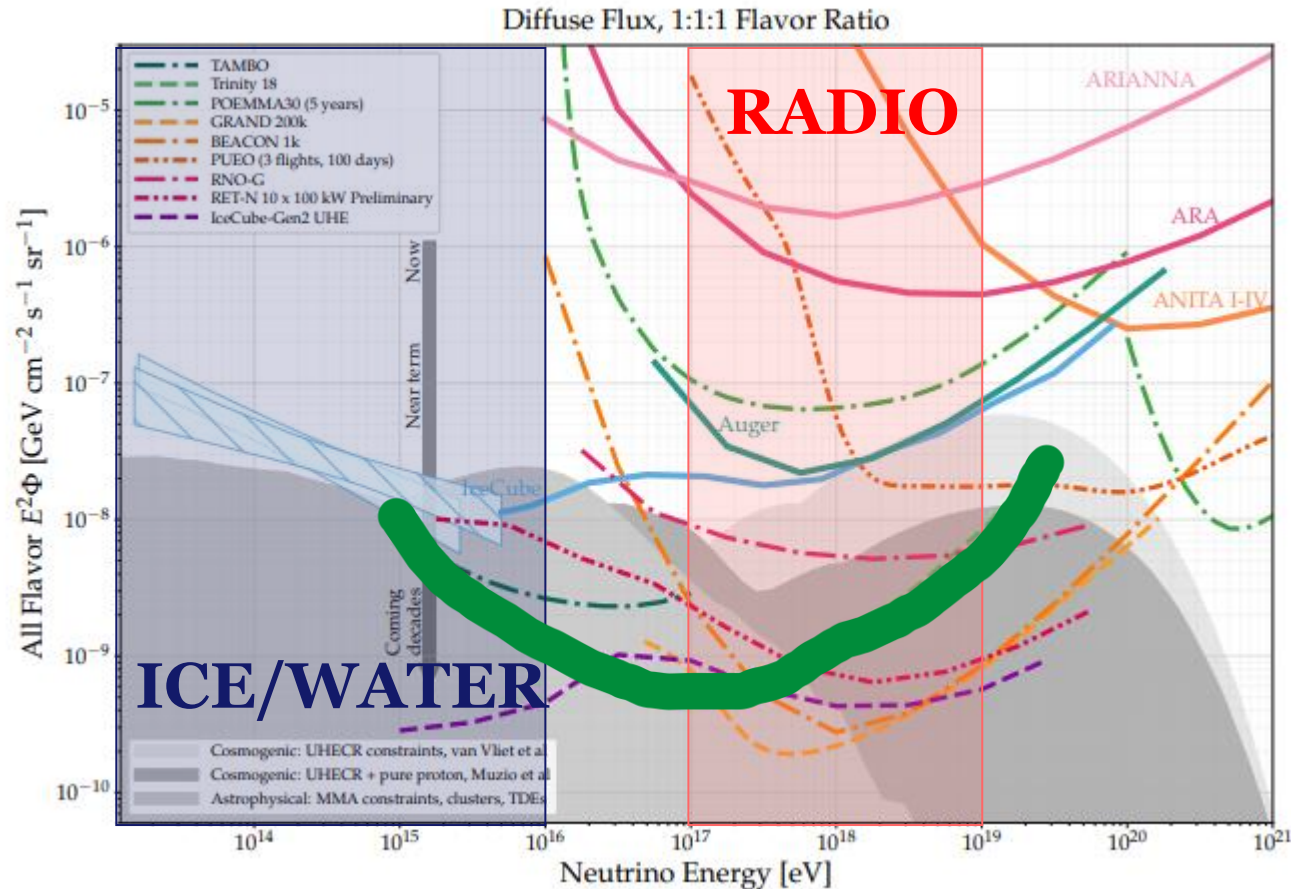


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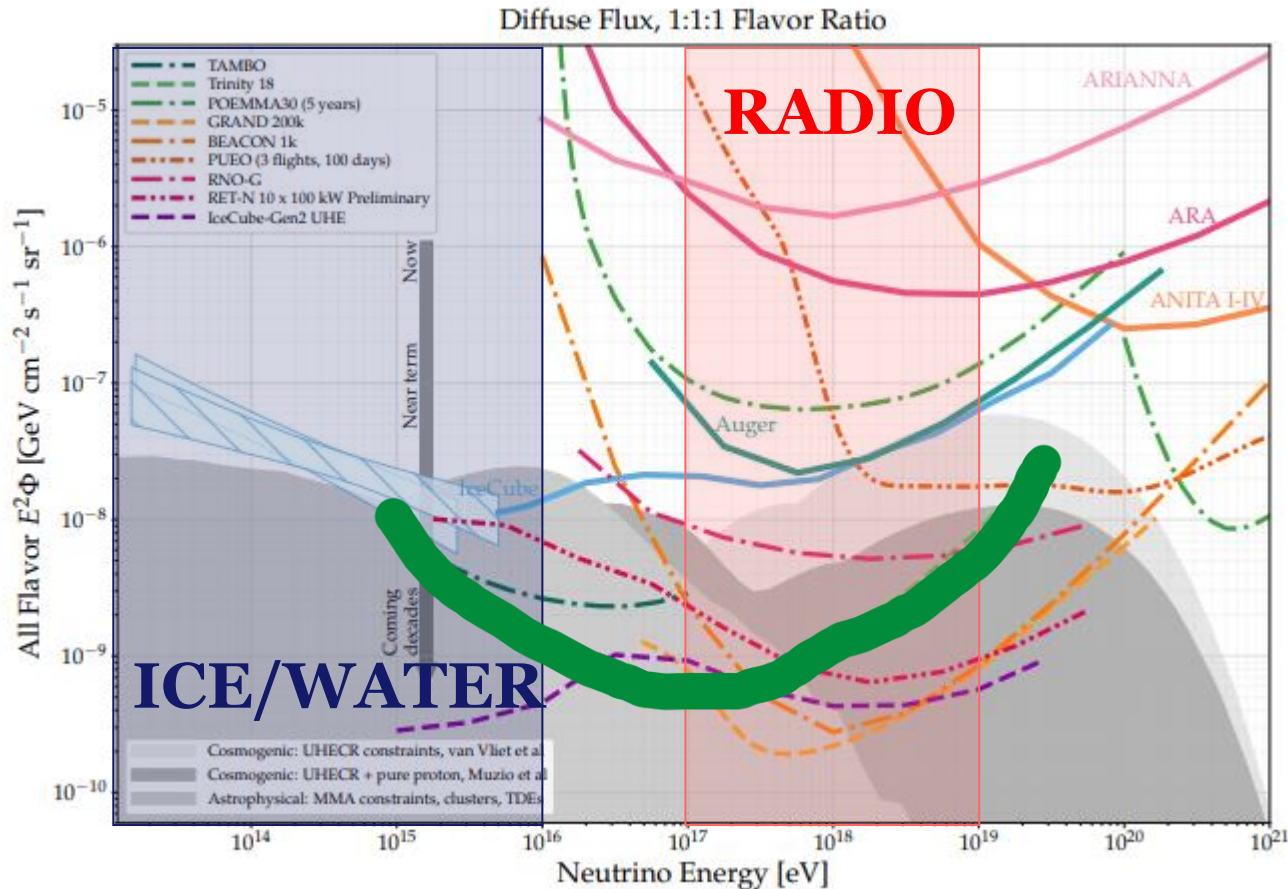
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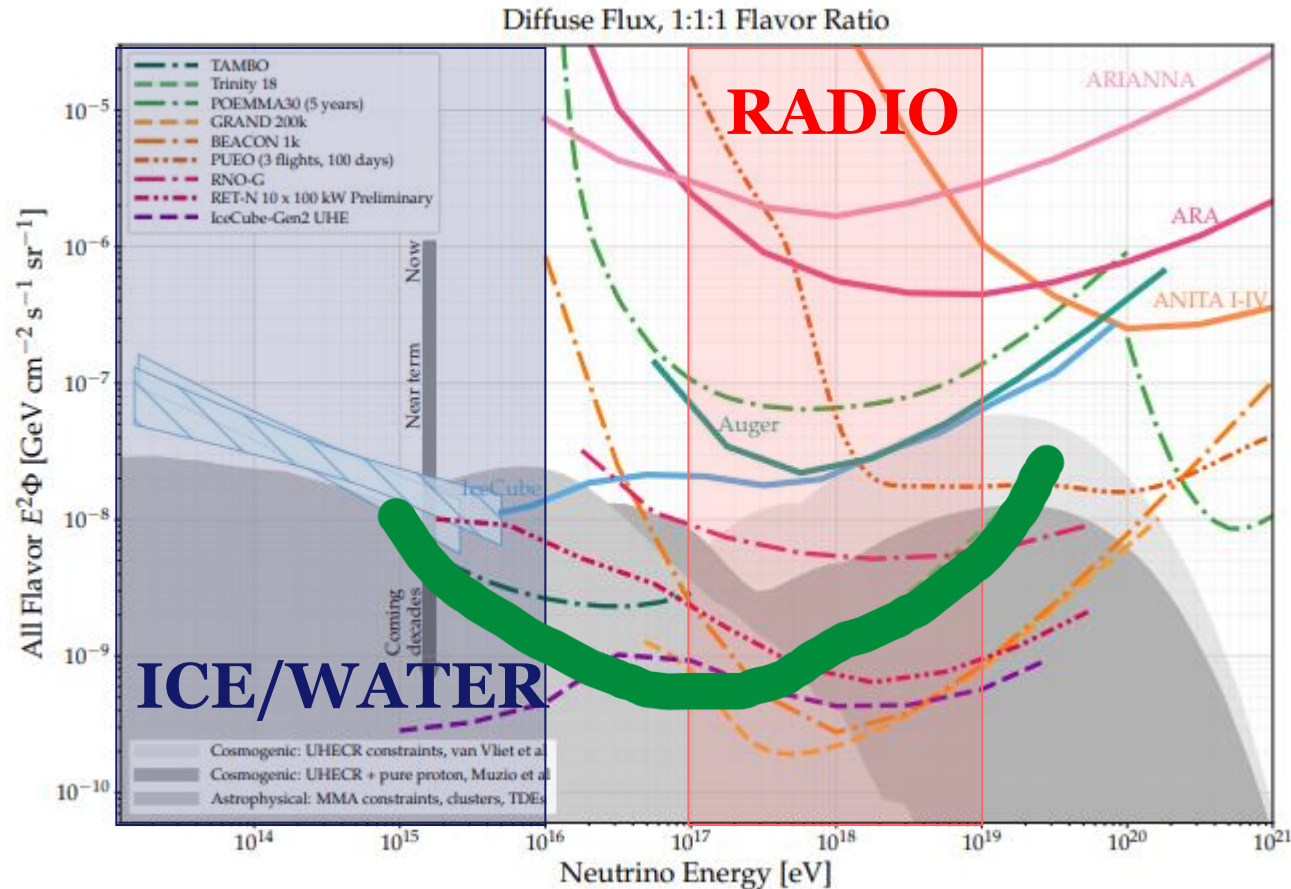


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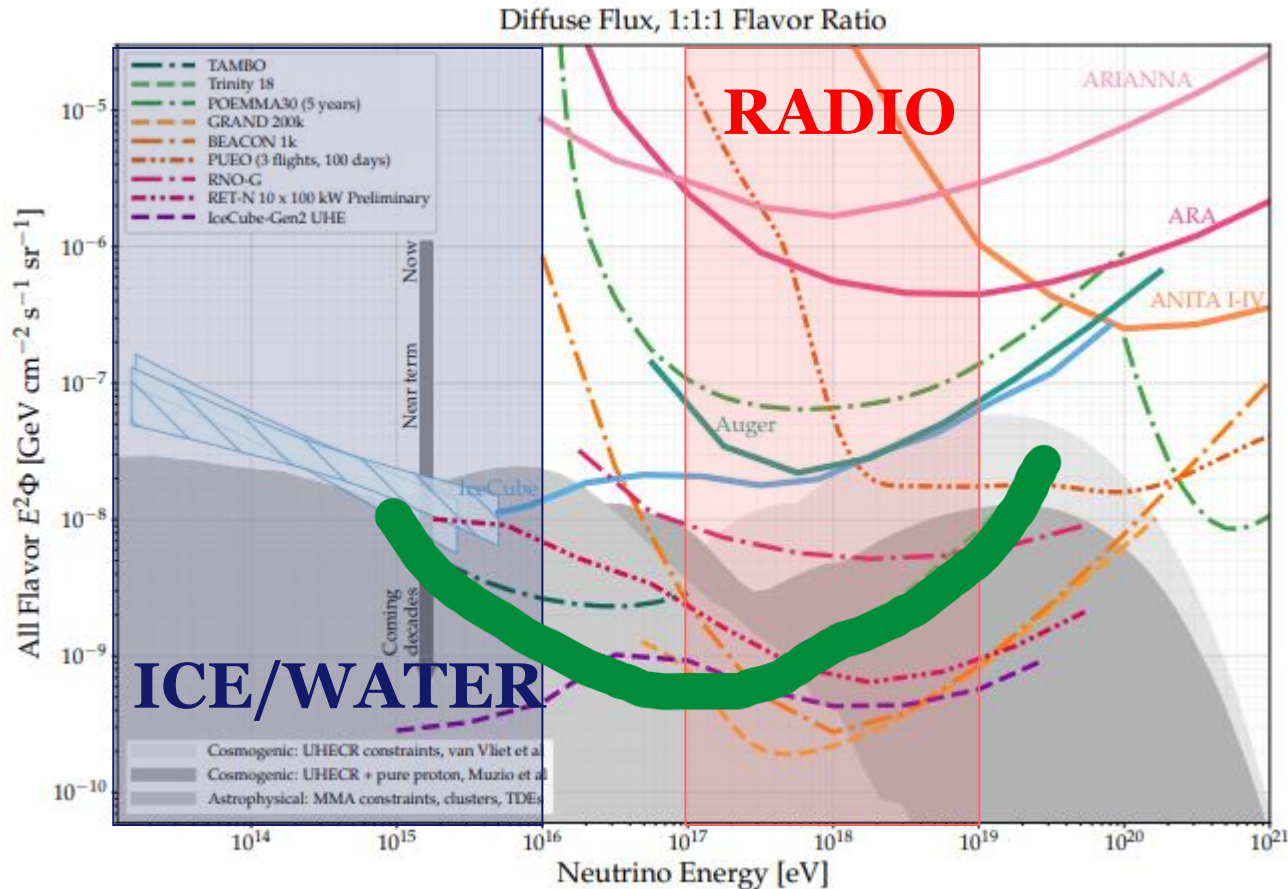


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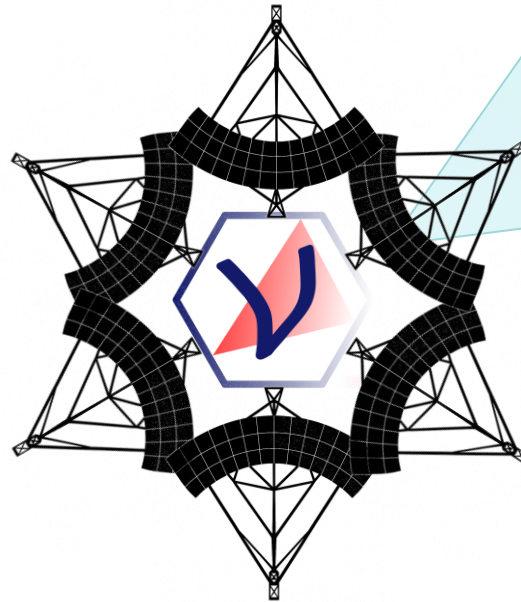
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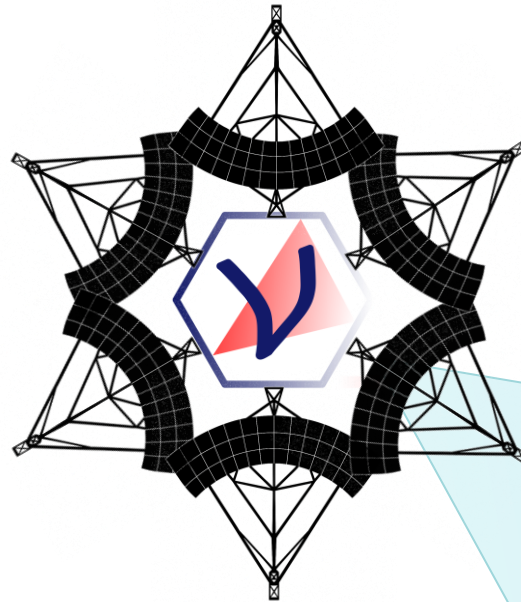
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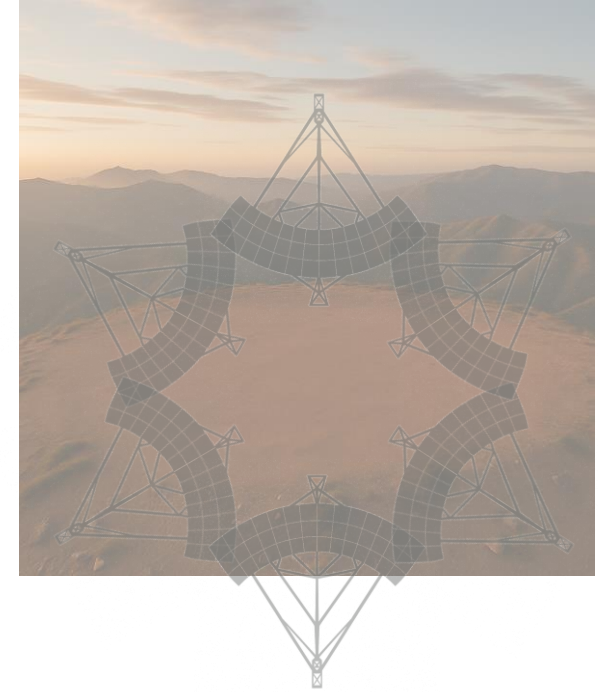
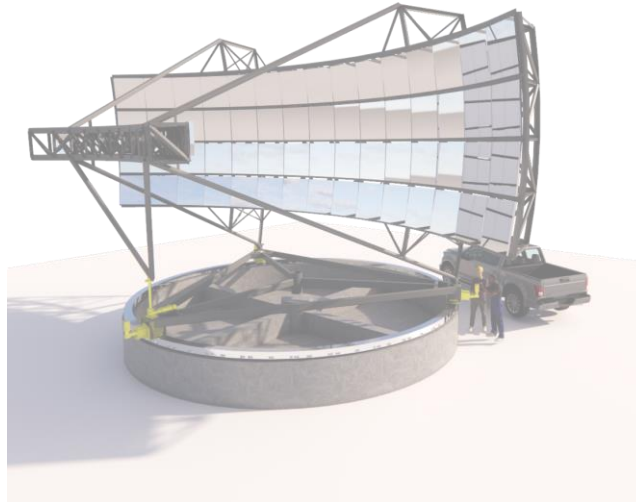


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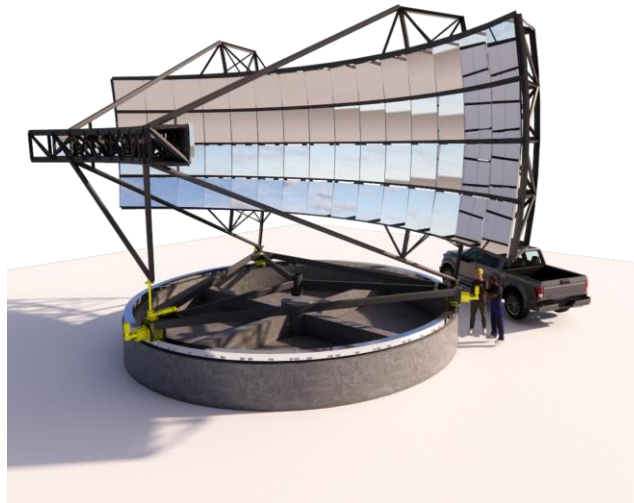


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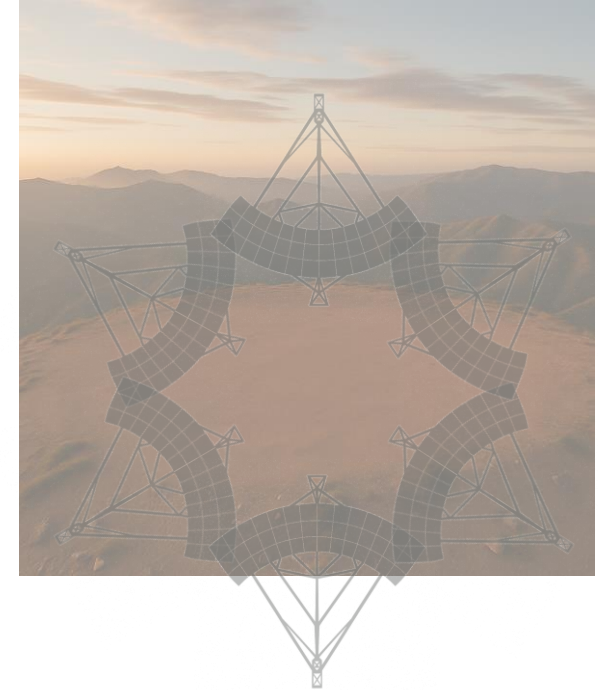
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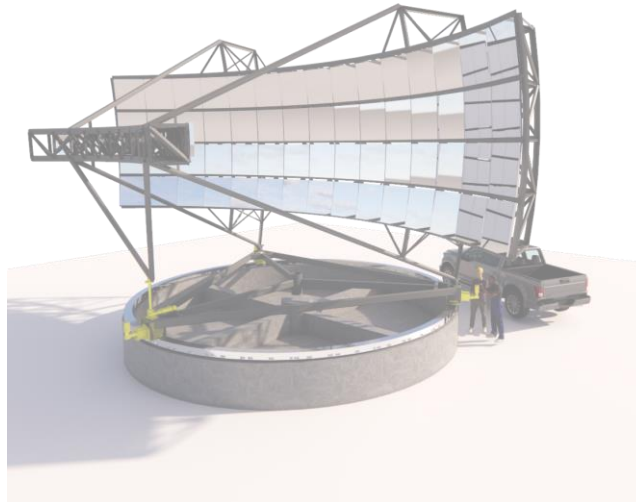


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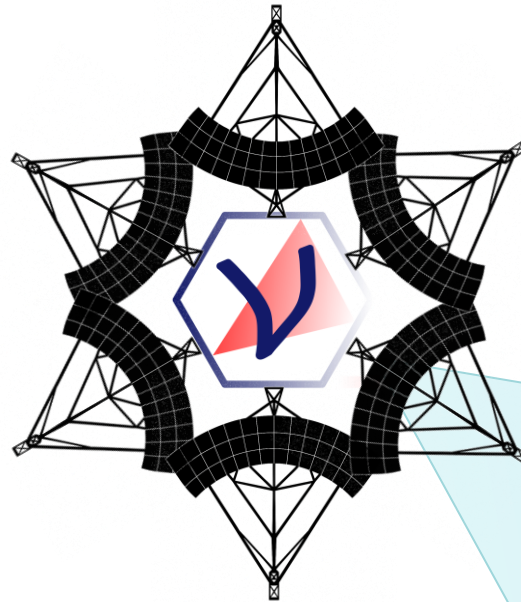
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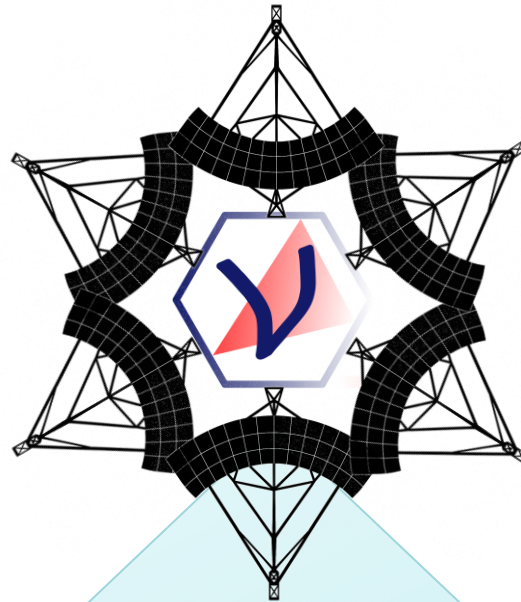
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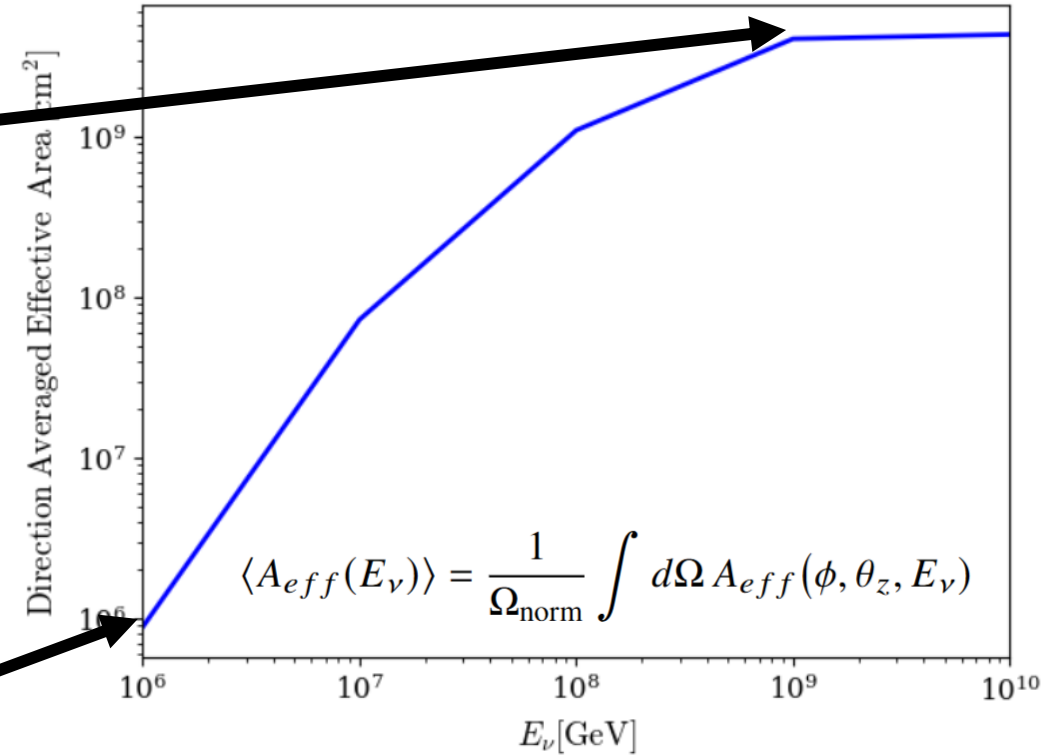
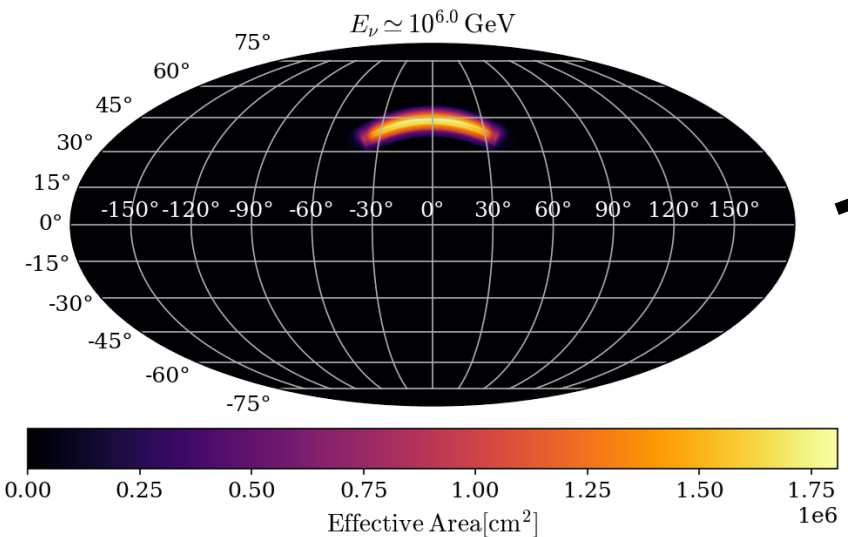
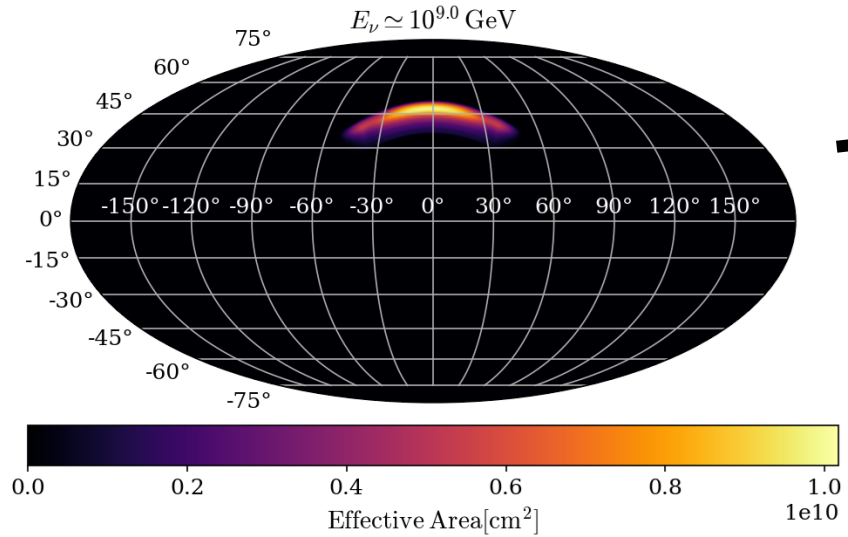


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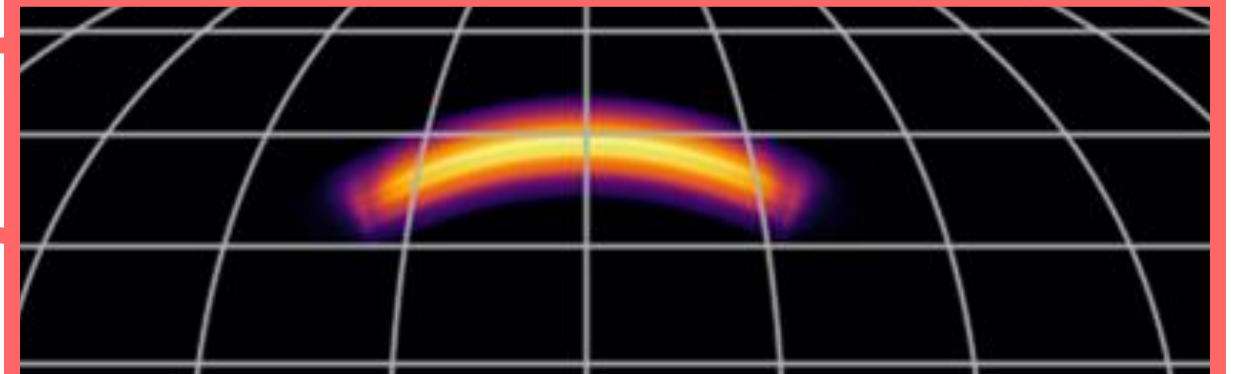
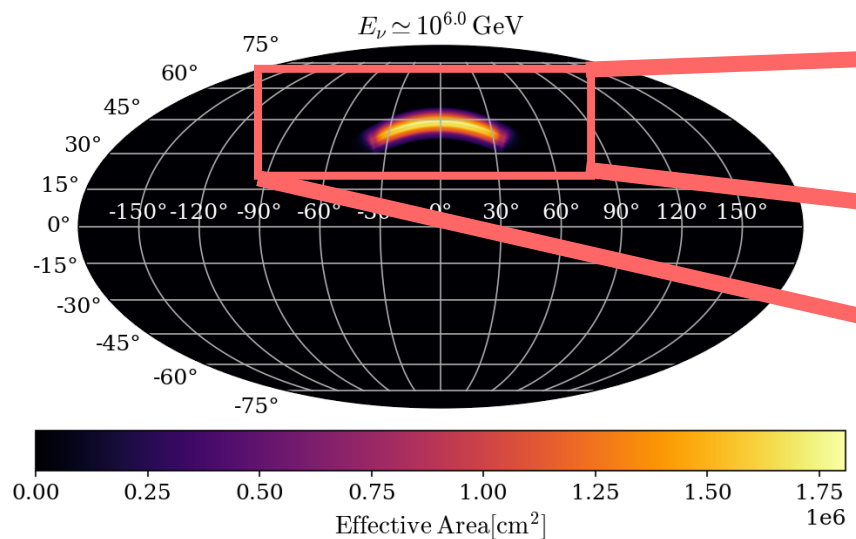
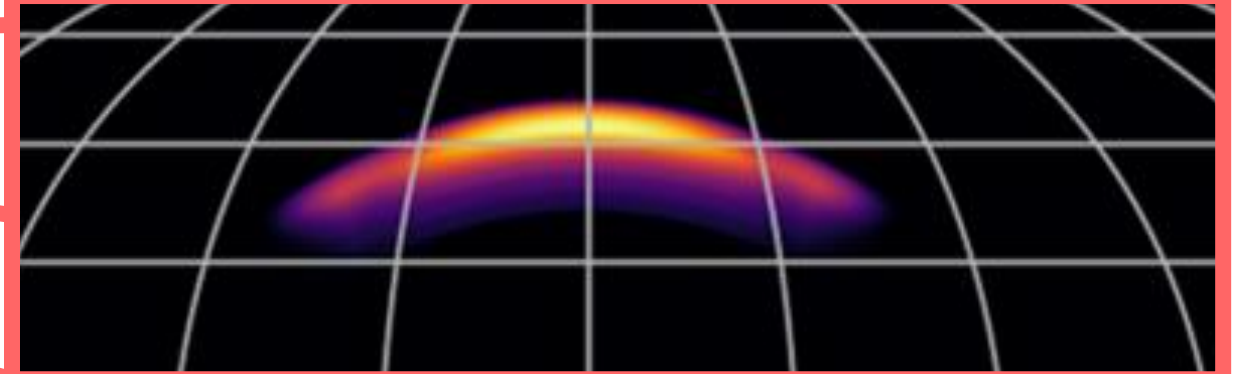
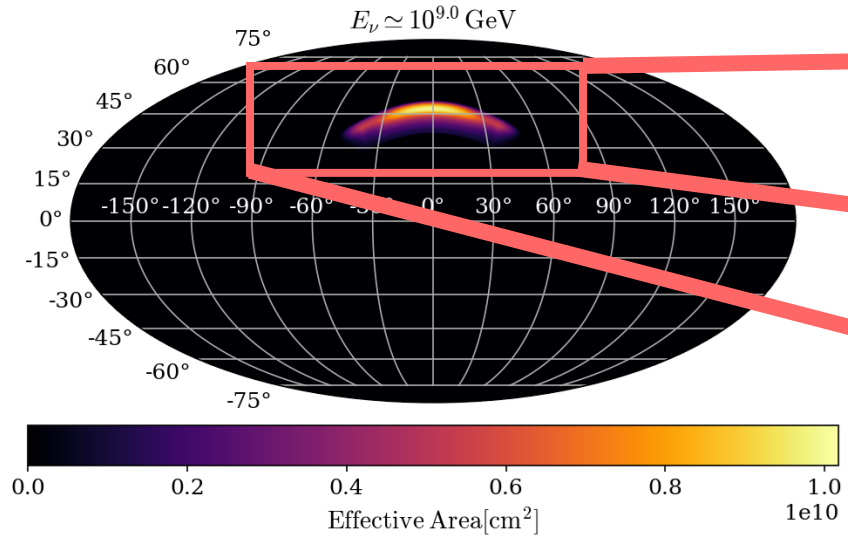
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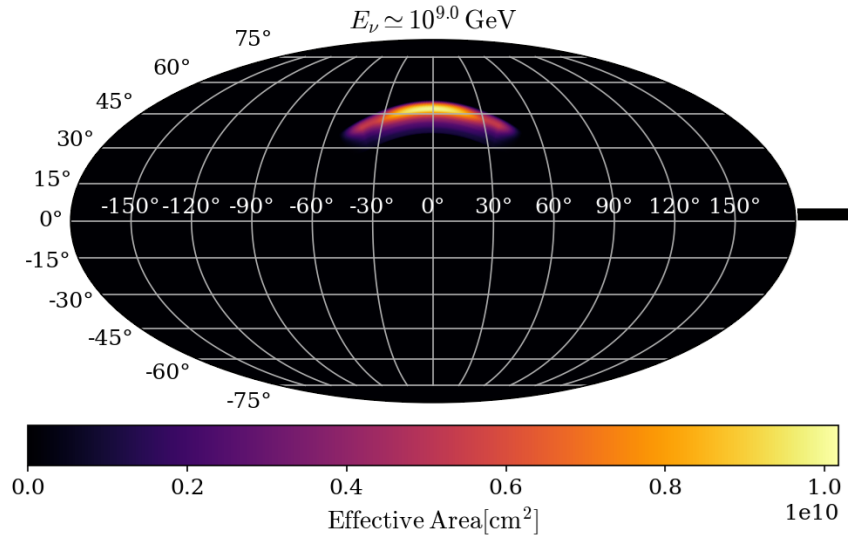


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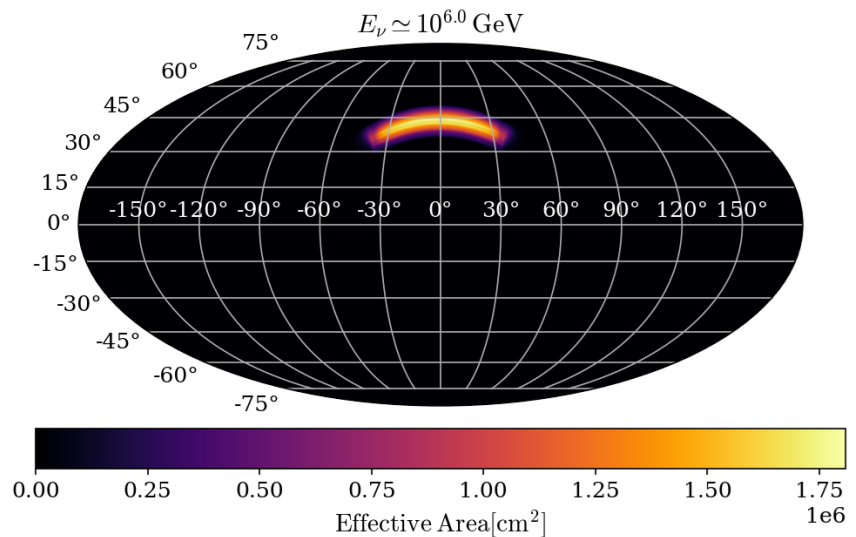
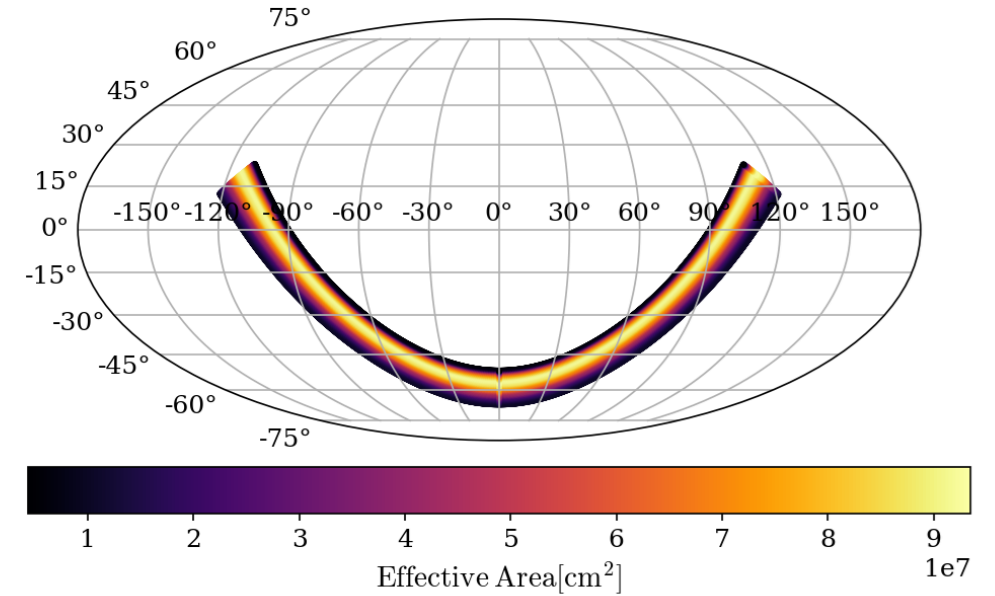
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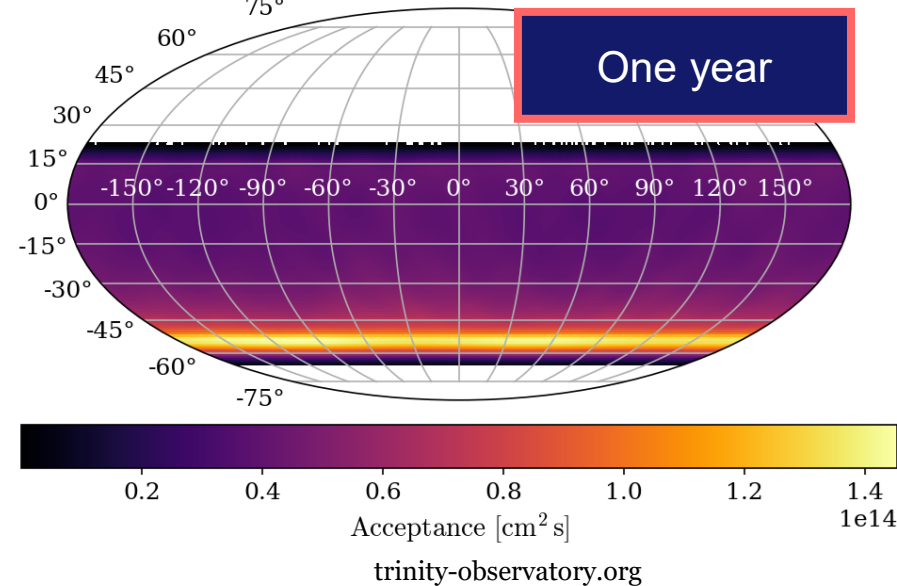
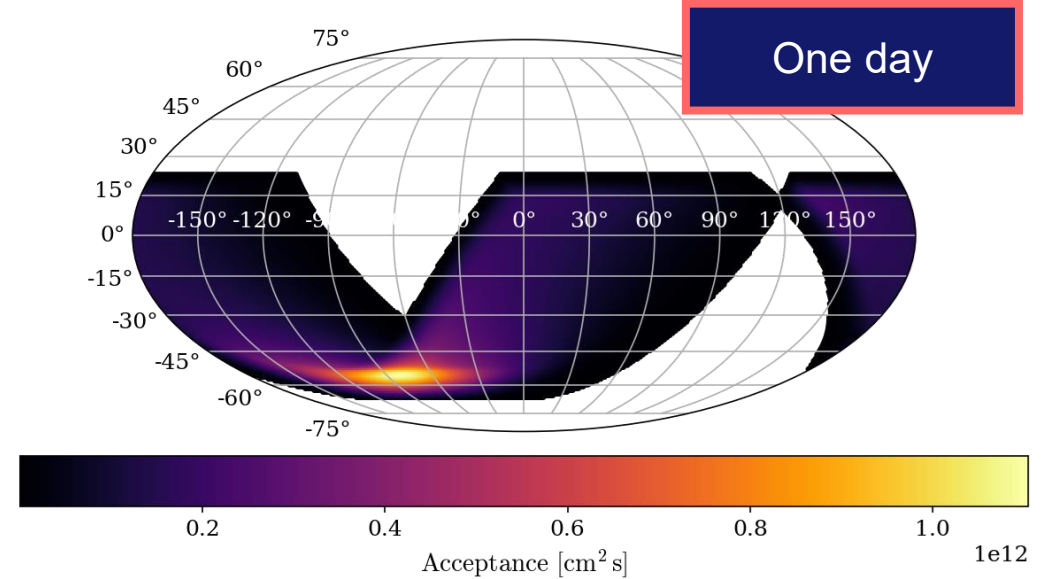
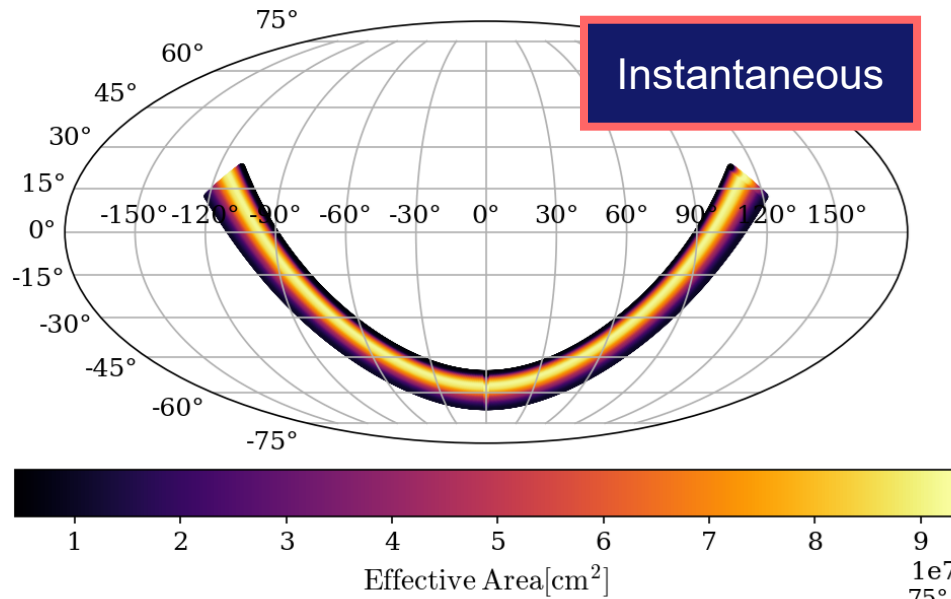


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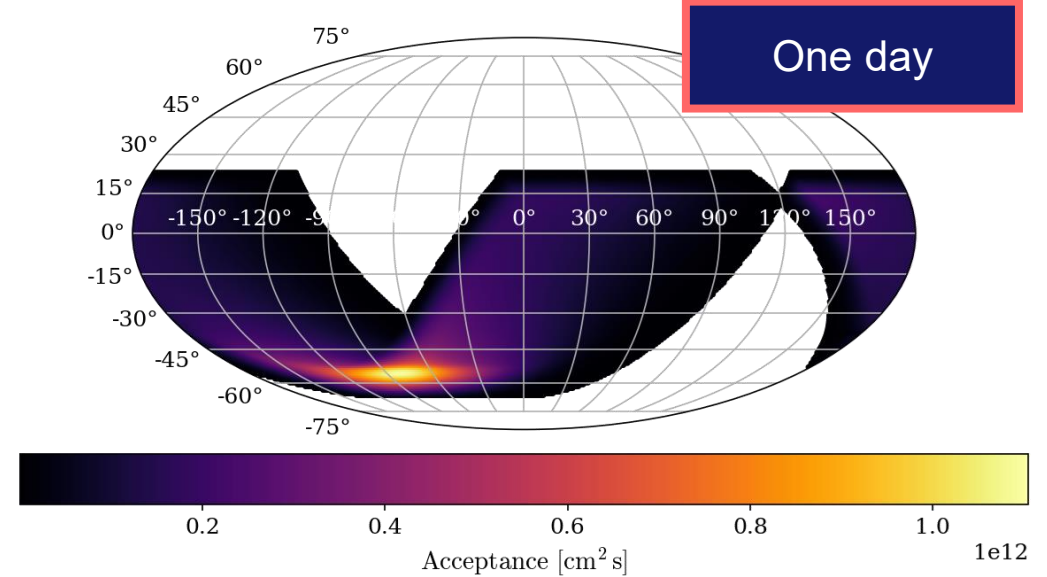
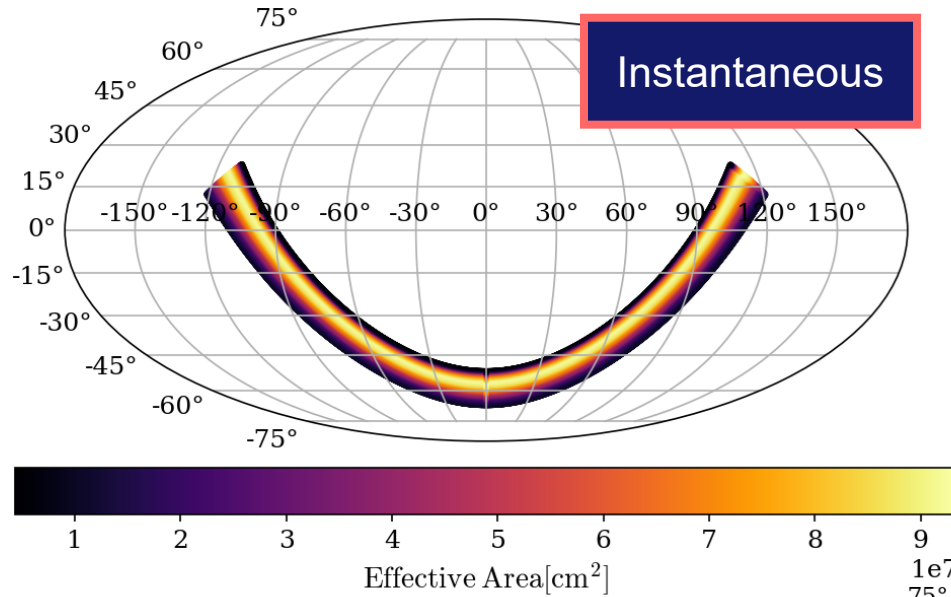
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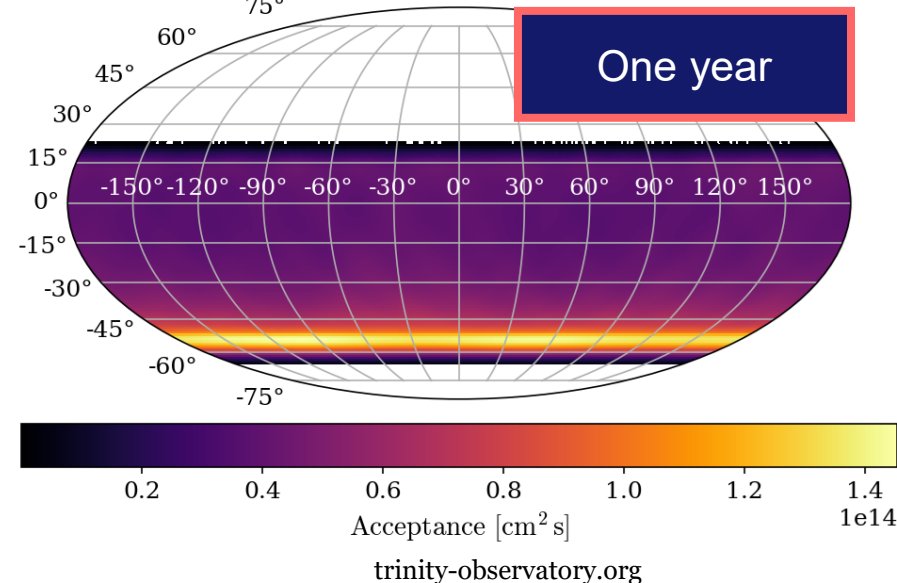


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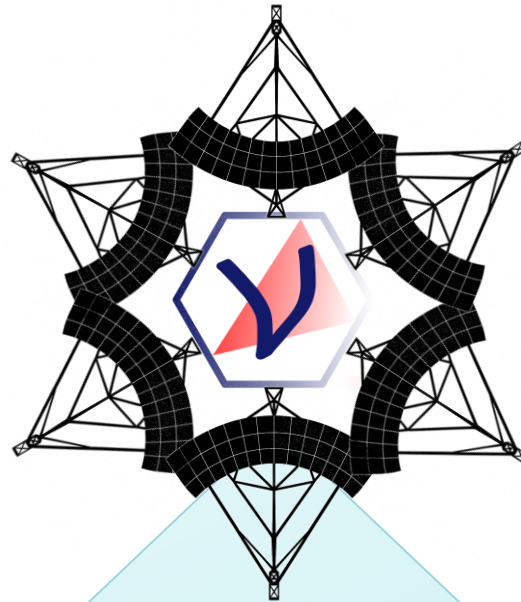
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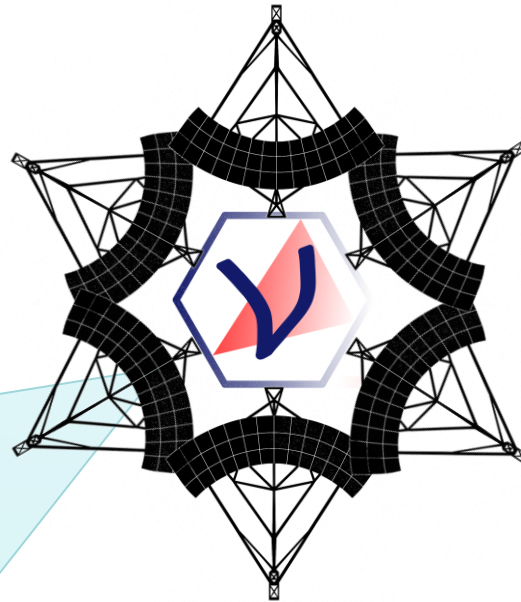
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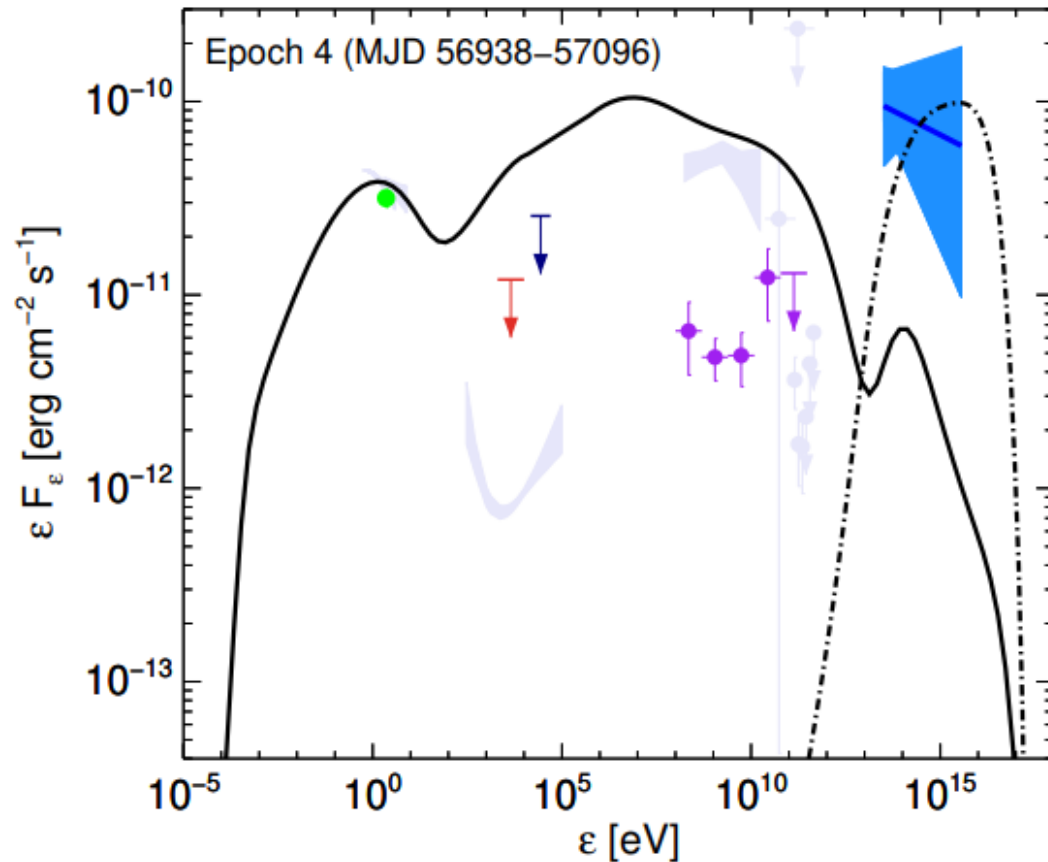


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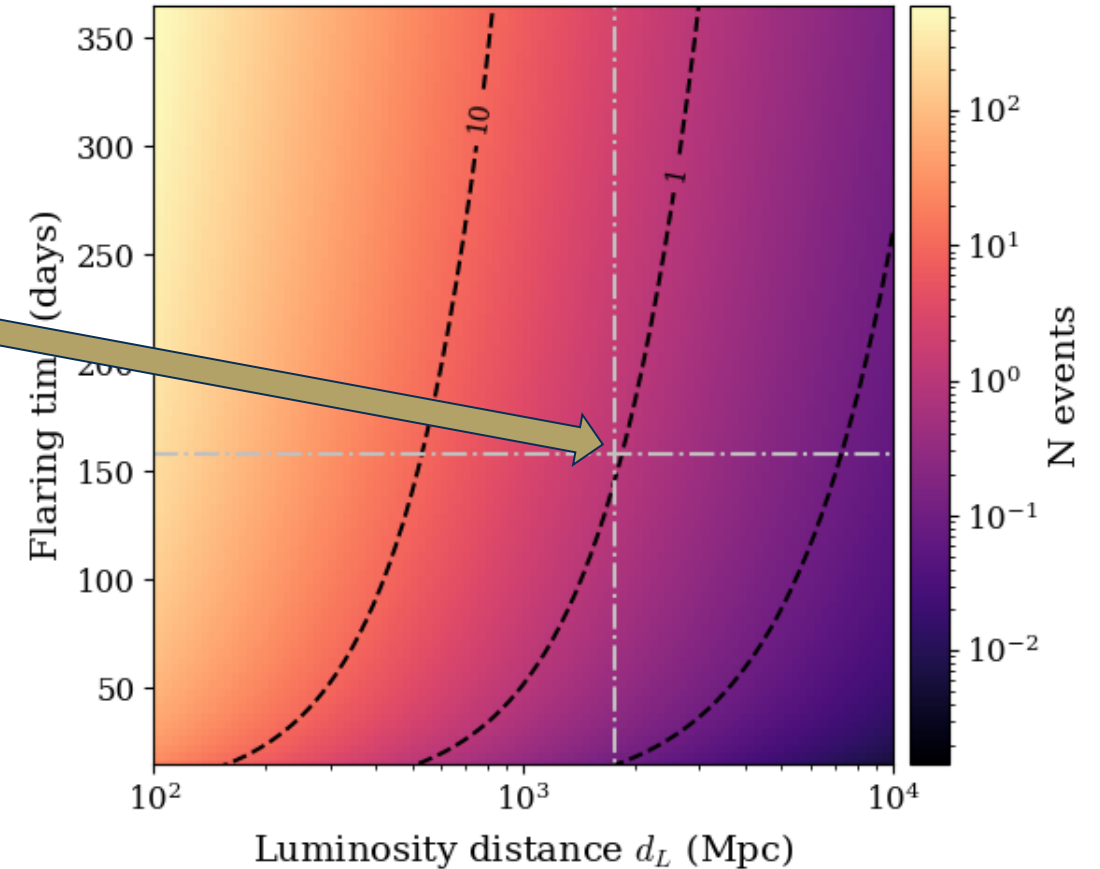
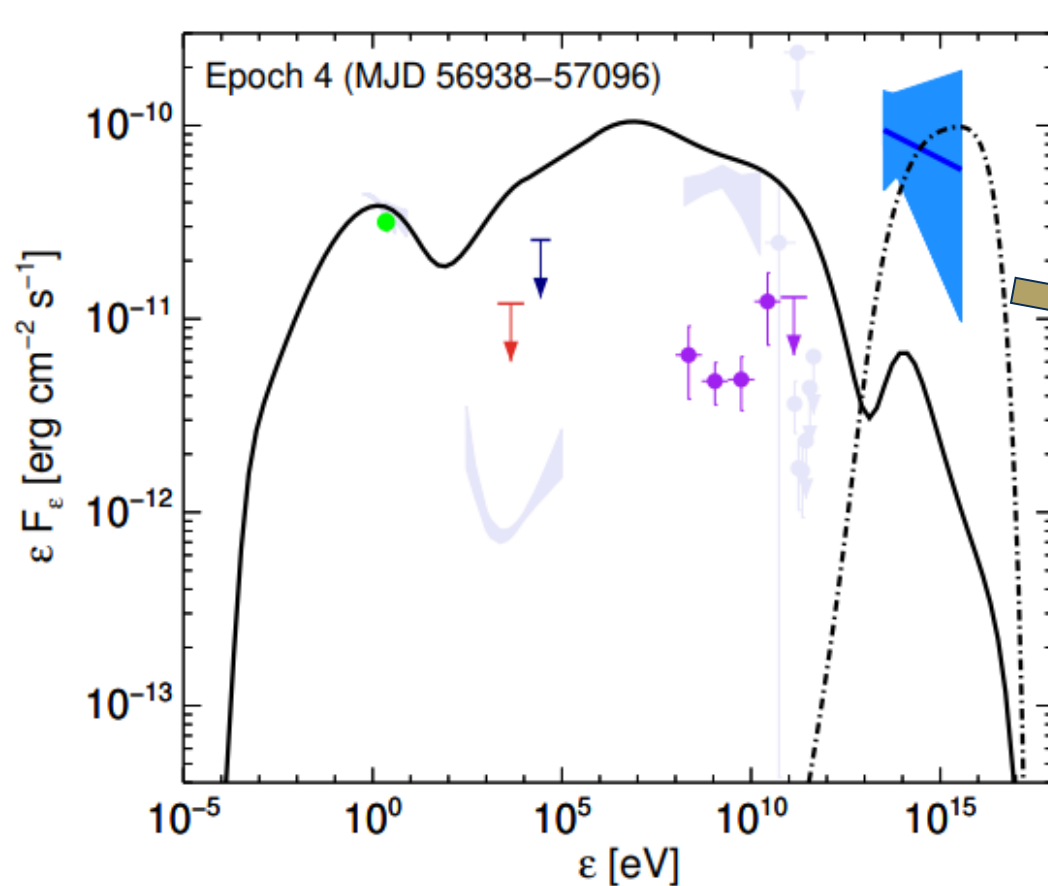
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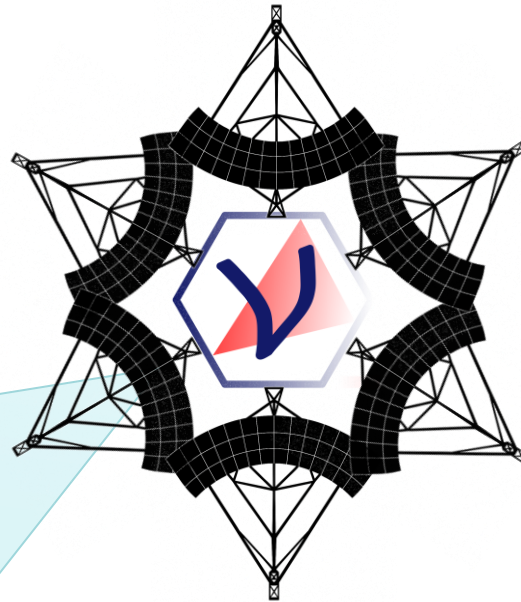
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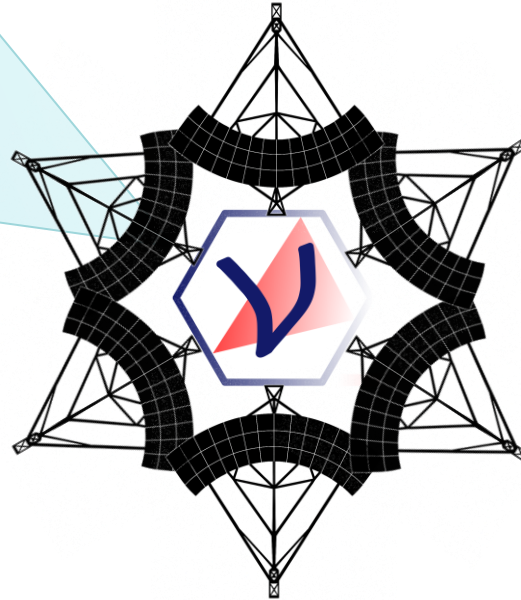
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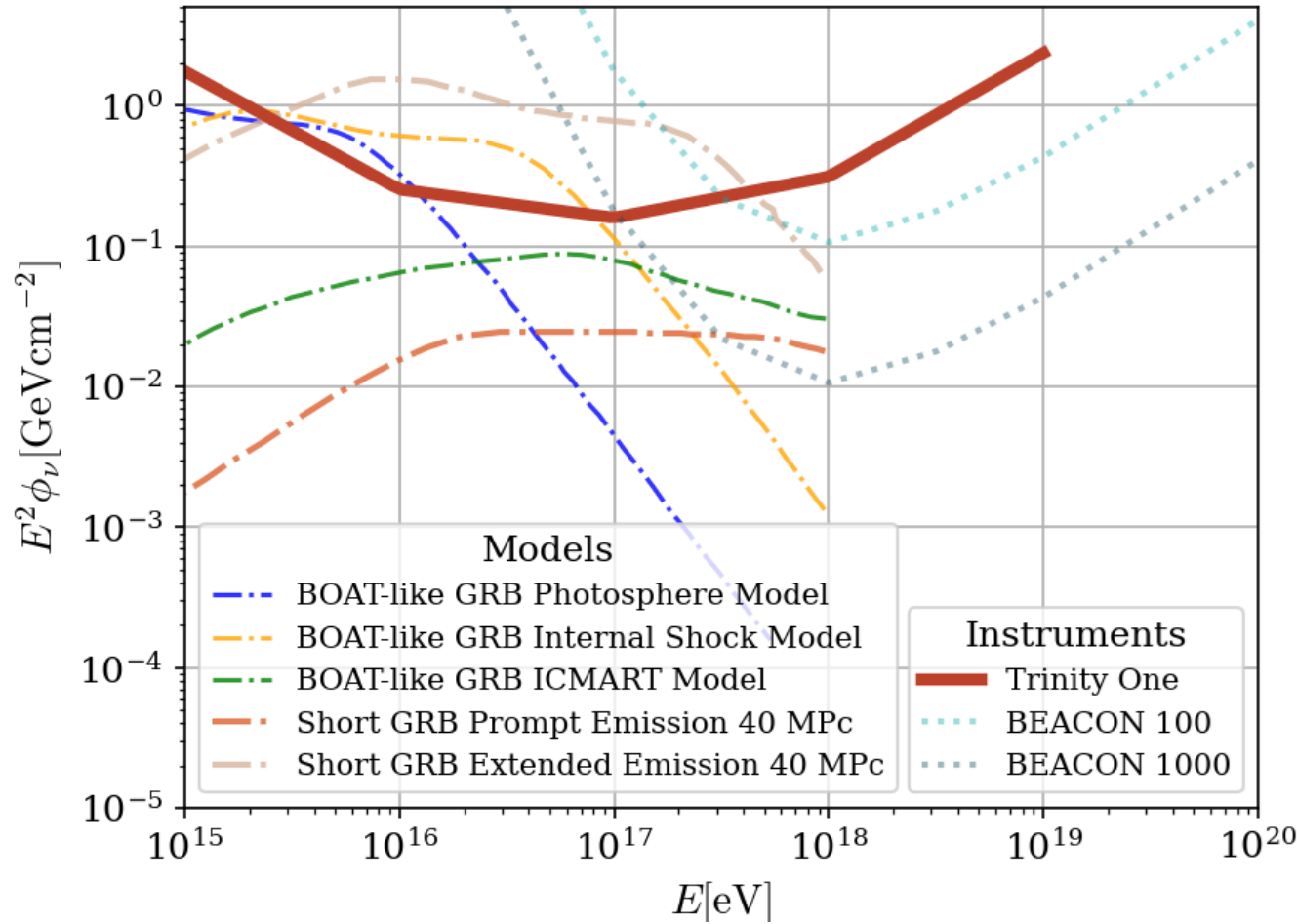


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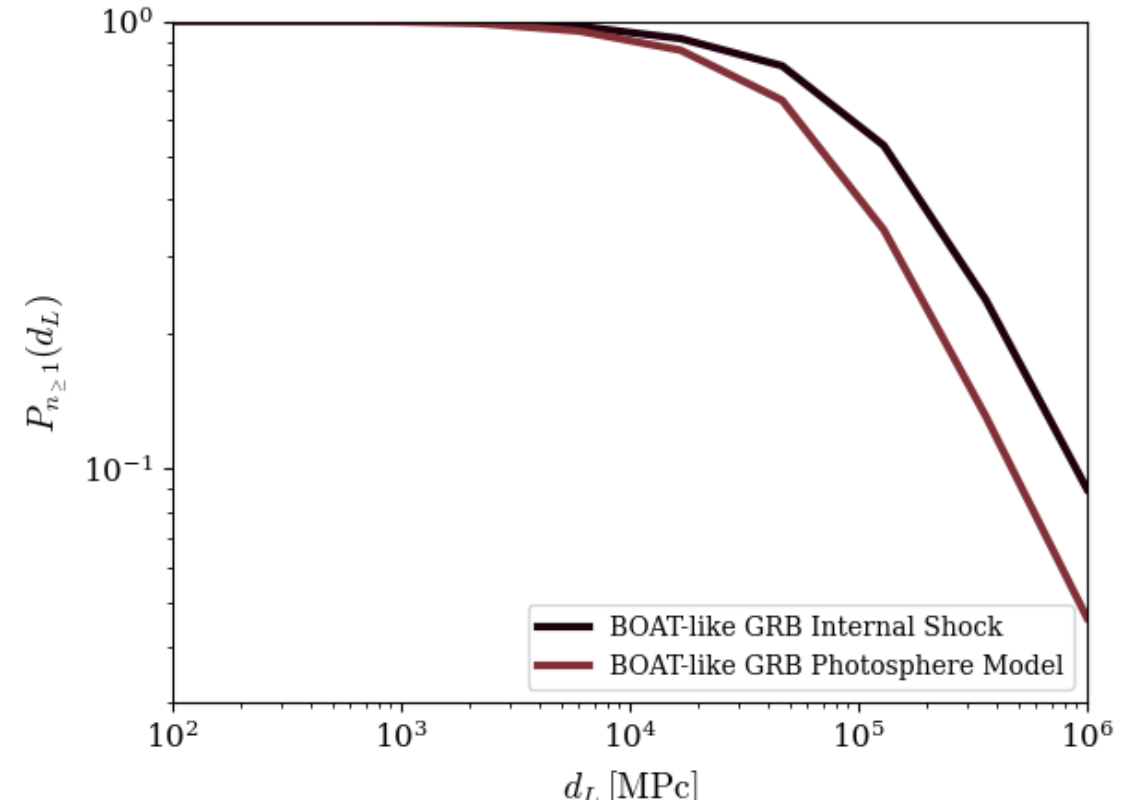
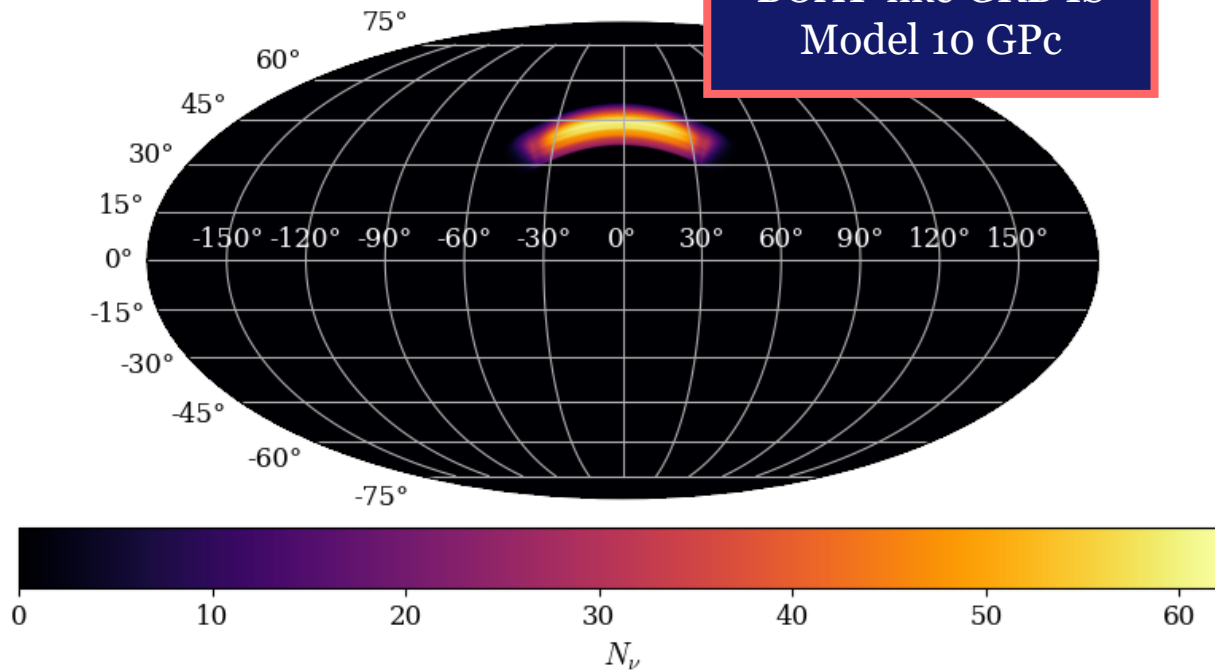


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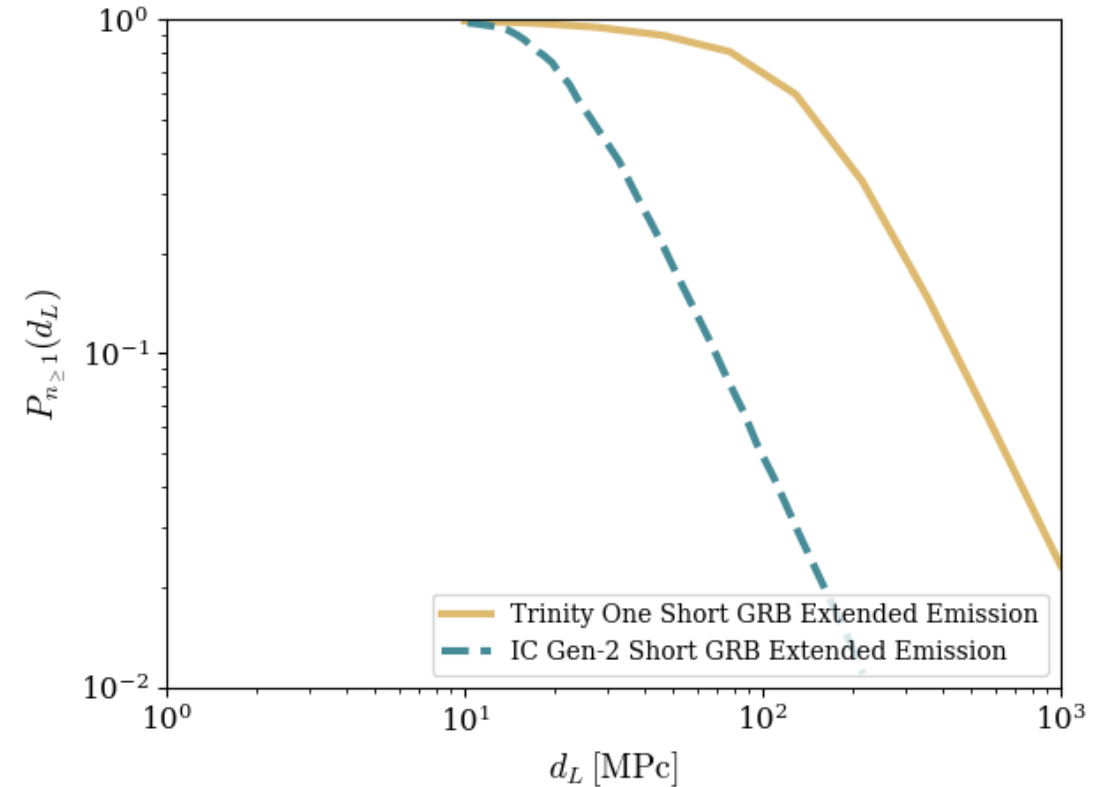
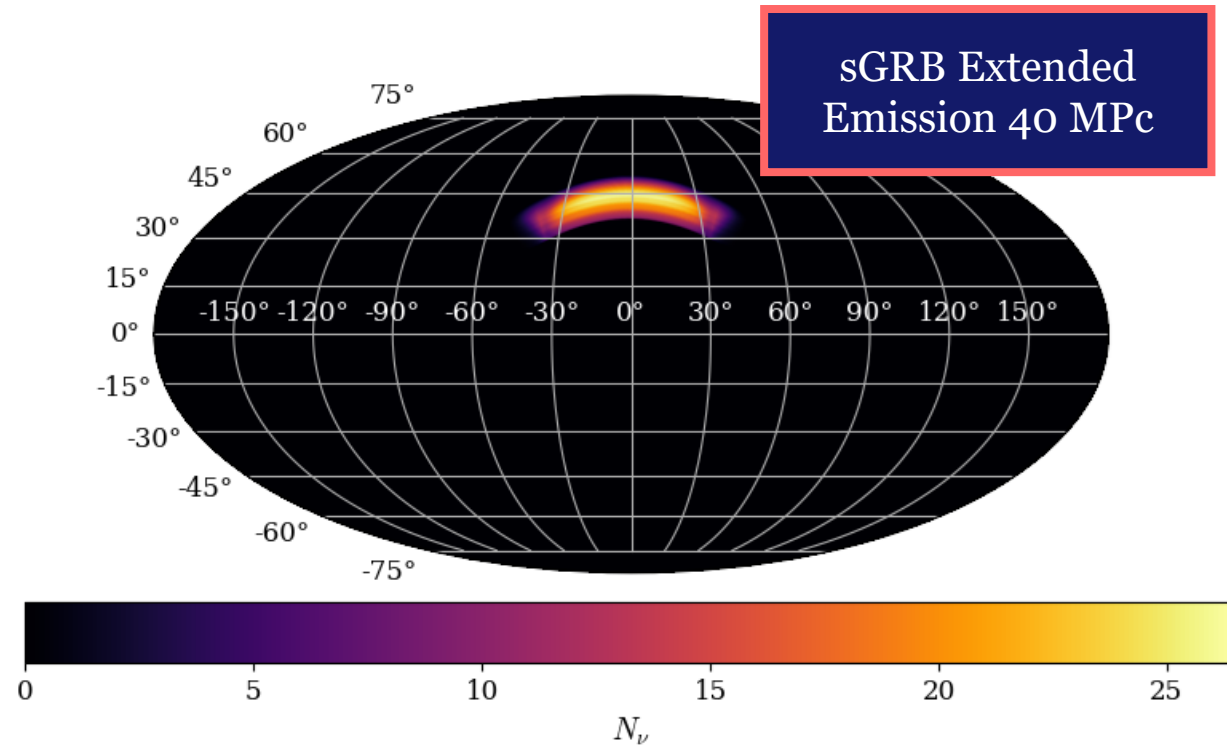
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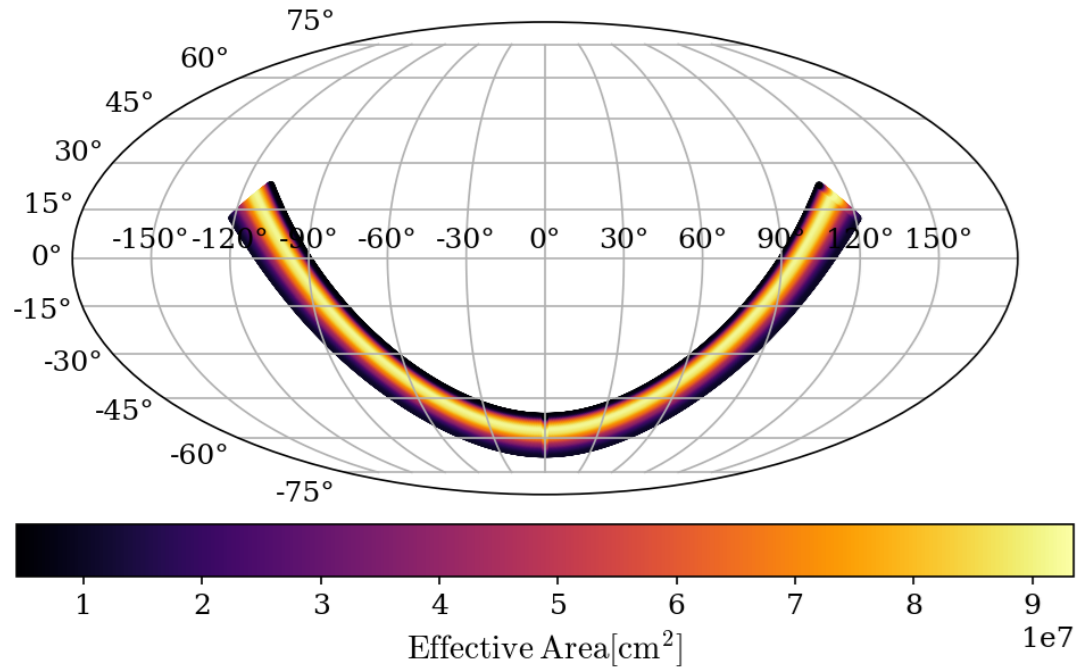
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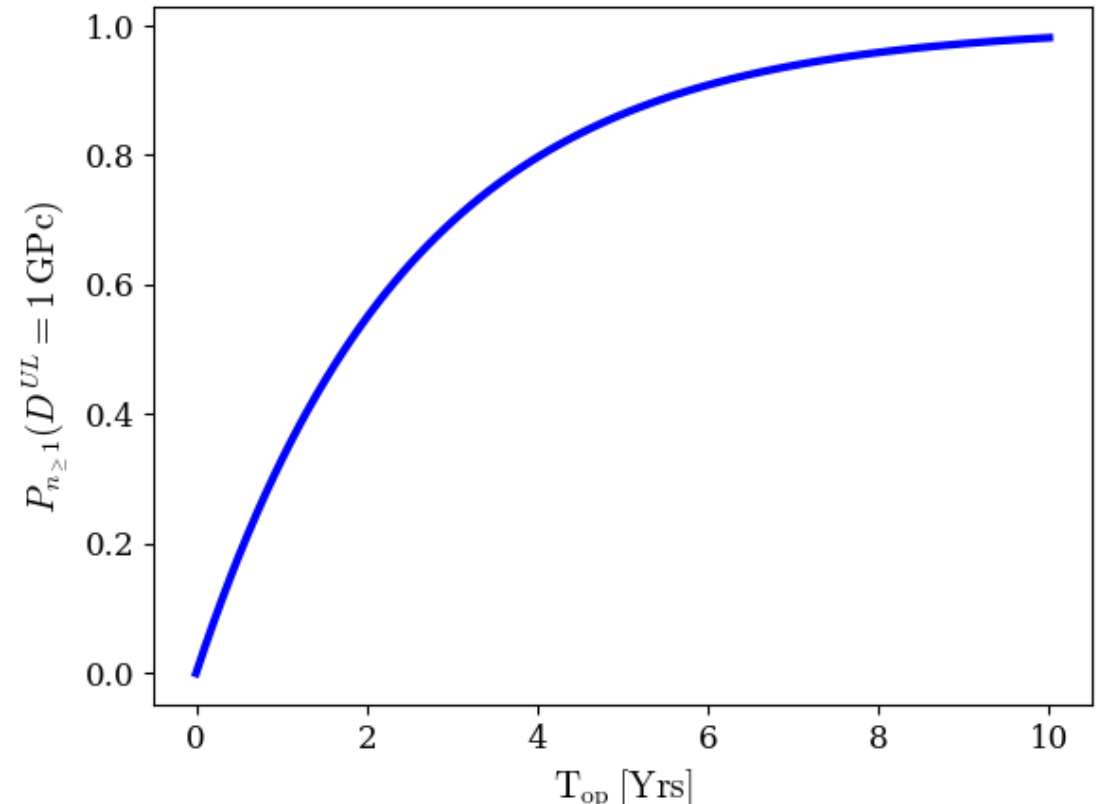
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- Follow ups from gravitational waves observatories expected

- 1 Gpc Upper Limit



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- Demonstrate Earth-skimming as a UHE neutrino detection method.
- Leverage high sensitivity and sharp angular resolution for point-source studies.
- Use azimuthal rotation to boost neutrino detection rates.
- Work in progress, stay tuned...

Going to ICRC next week? Check out our poster on Trinity One

Right after some of our first data analysis run from the Trinity Demonstrator!

# Questions?

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