

# Earth tomography with supernova neutrinos at future neutrino detectors

*based on RH, O. Mena and S. Palomares-Ruiz, arXiv:2303.09369*

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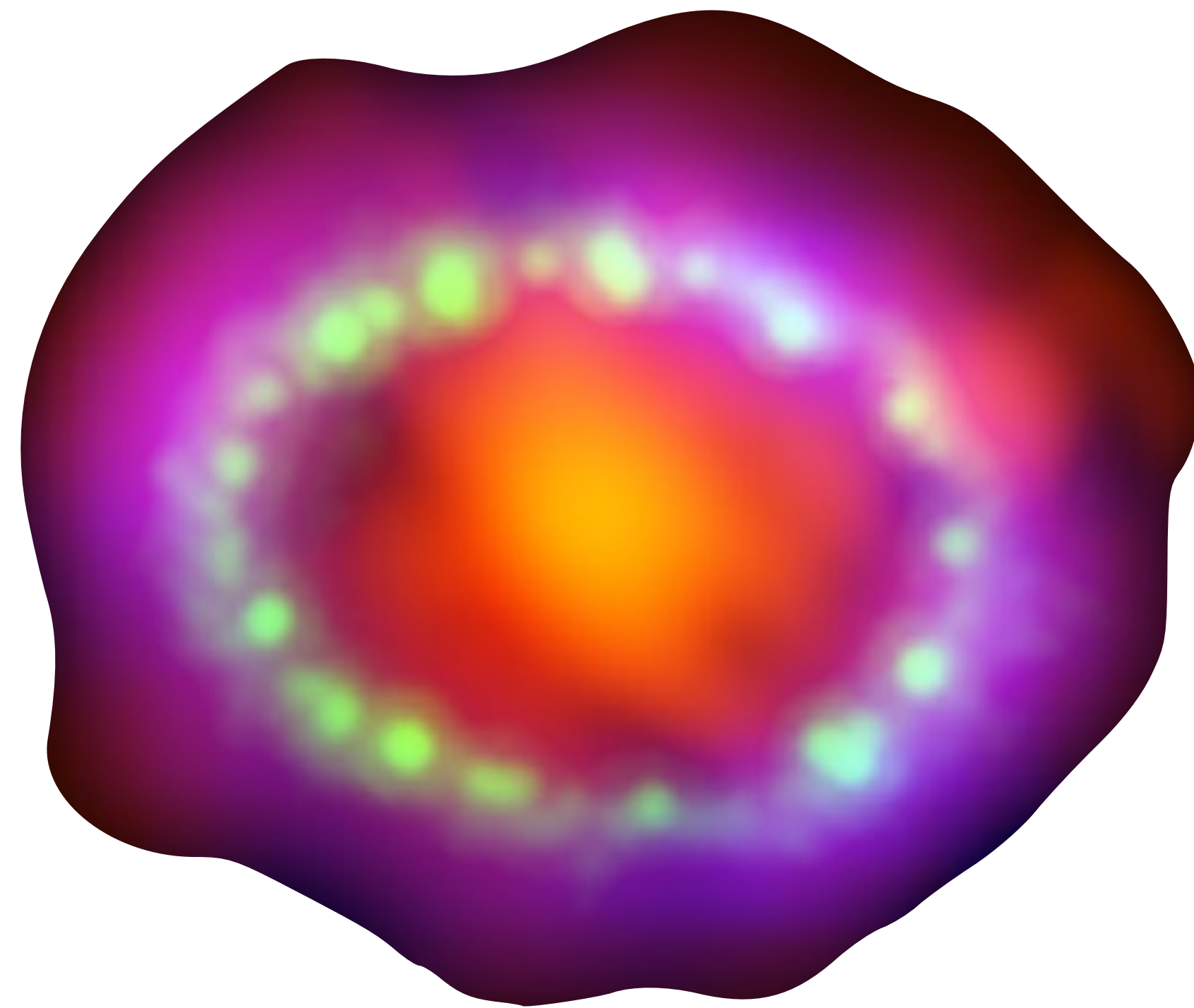
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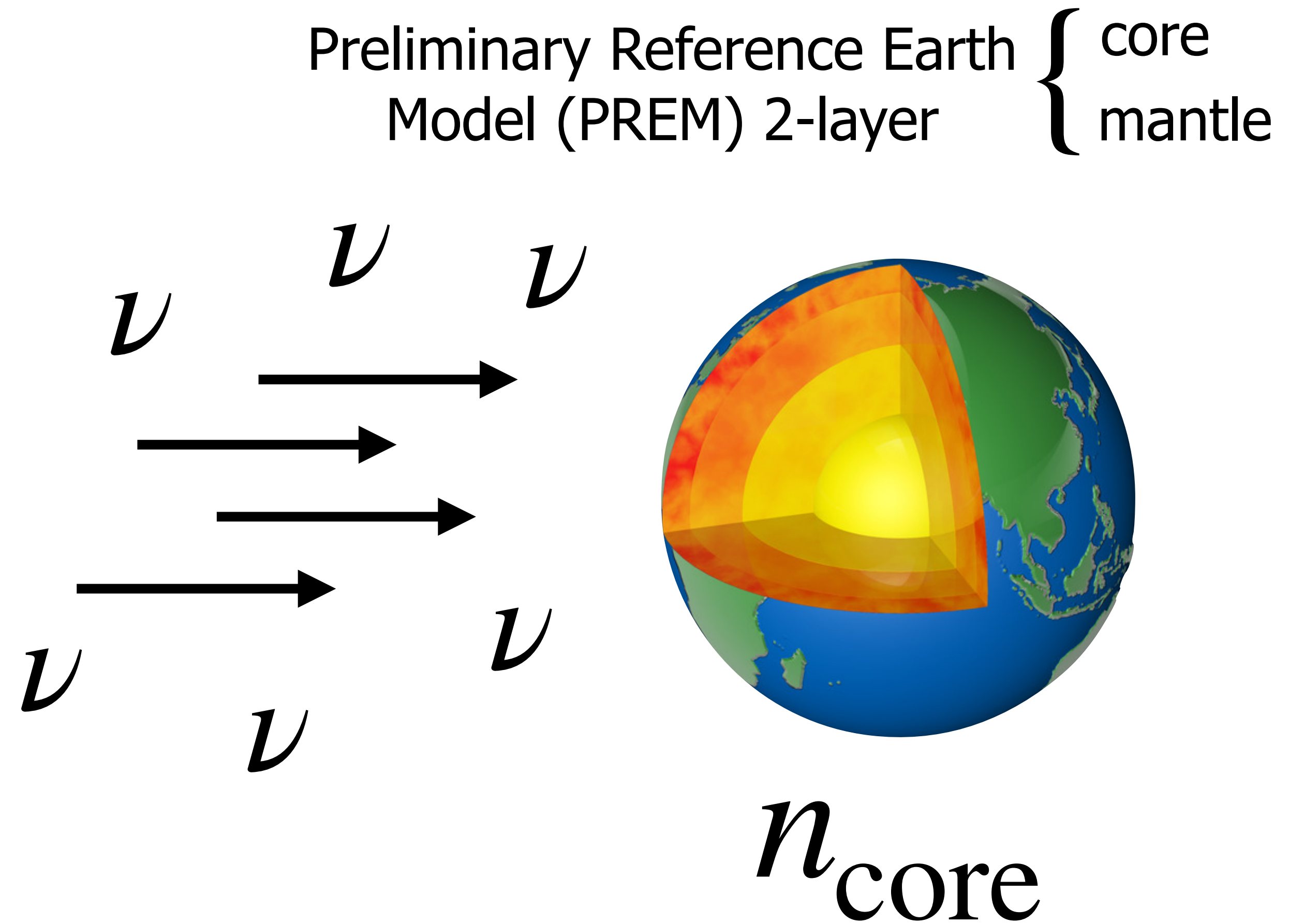
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# Main goal of this work

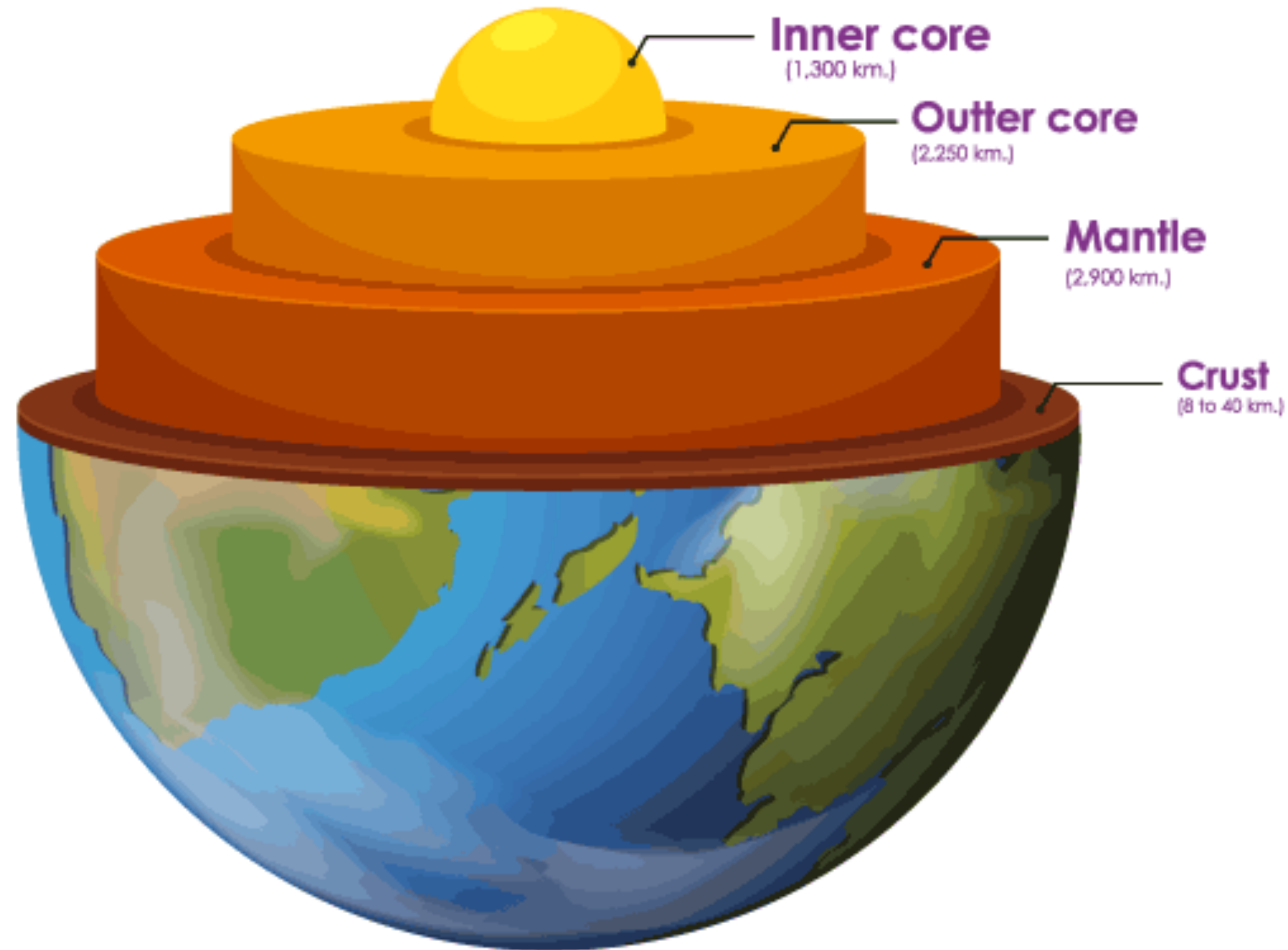


galactic SN  $d_{\text{SN}} \sim 10 \text{ kpc}$



# Earth inner structure

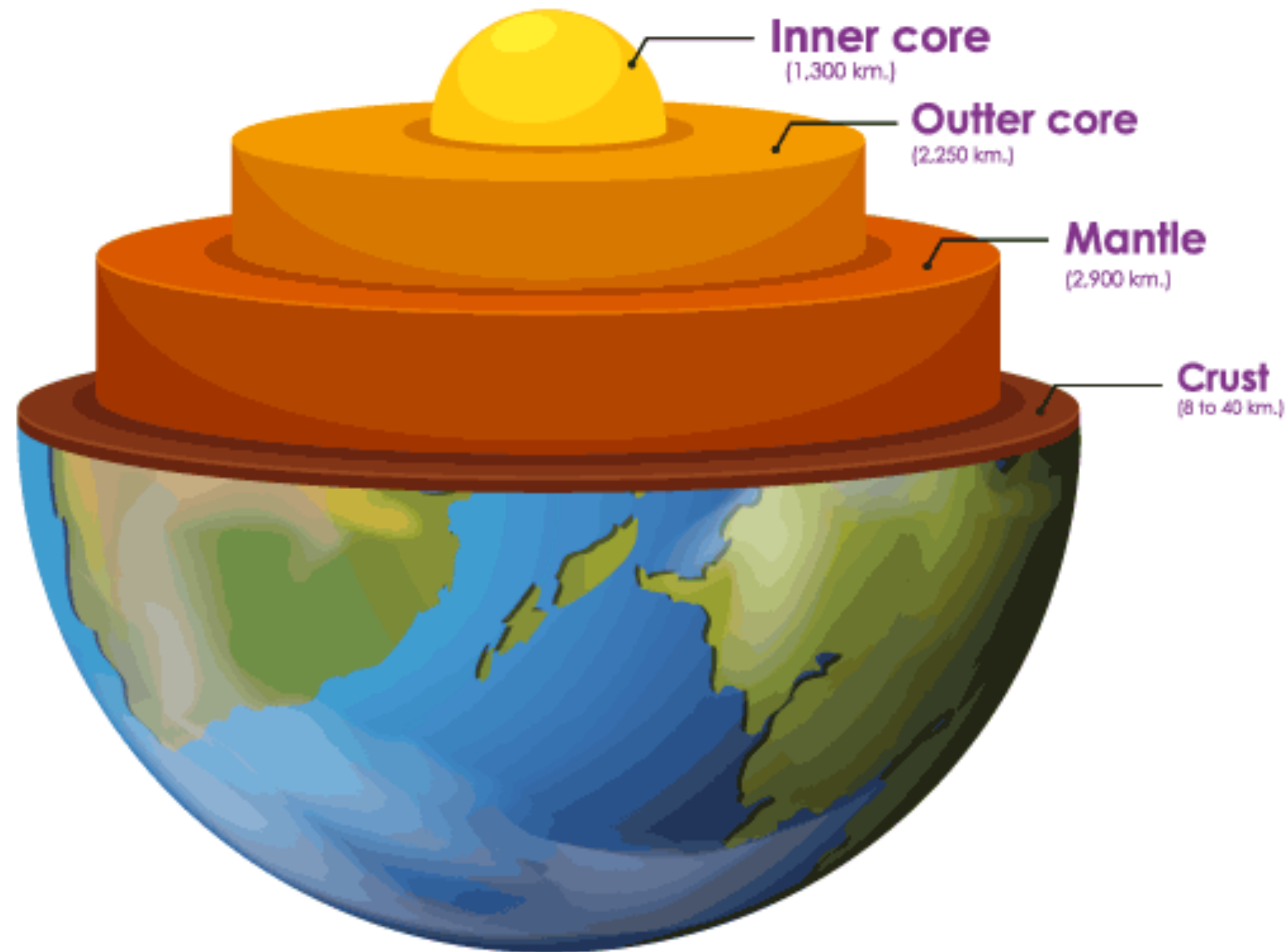
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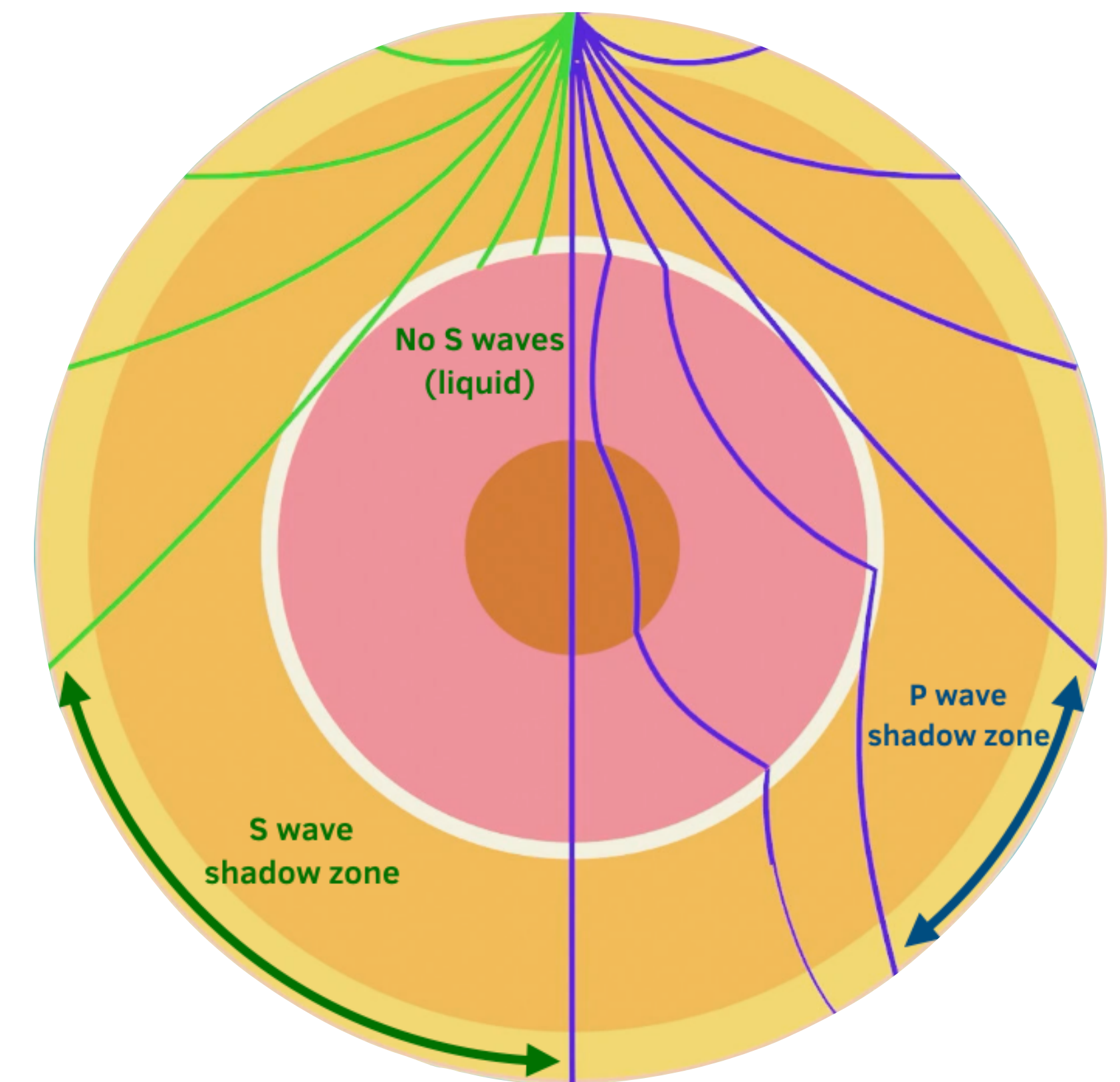
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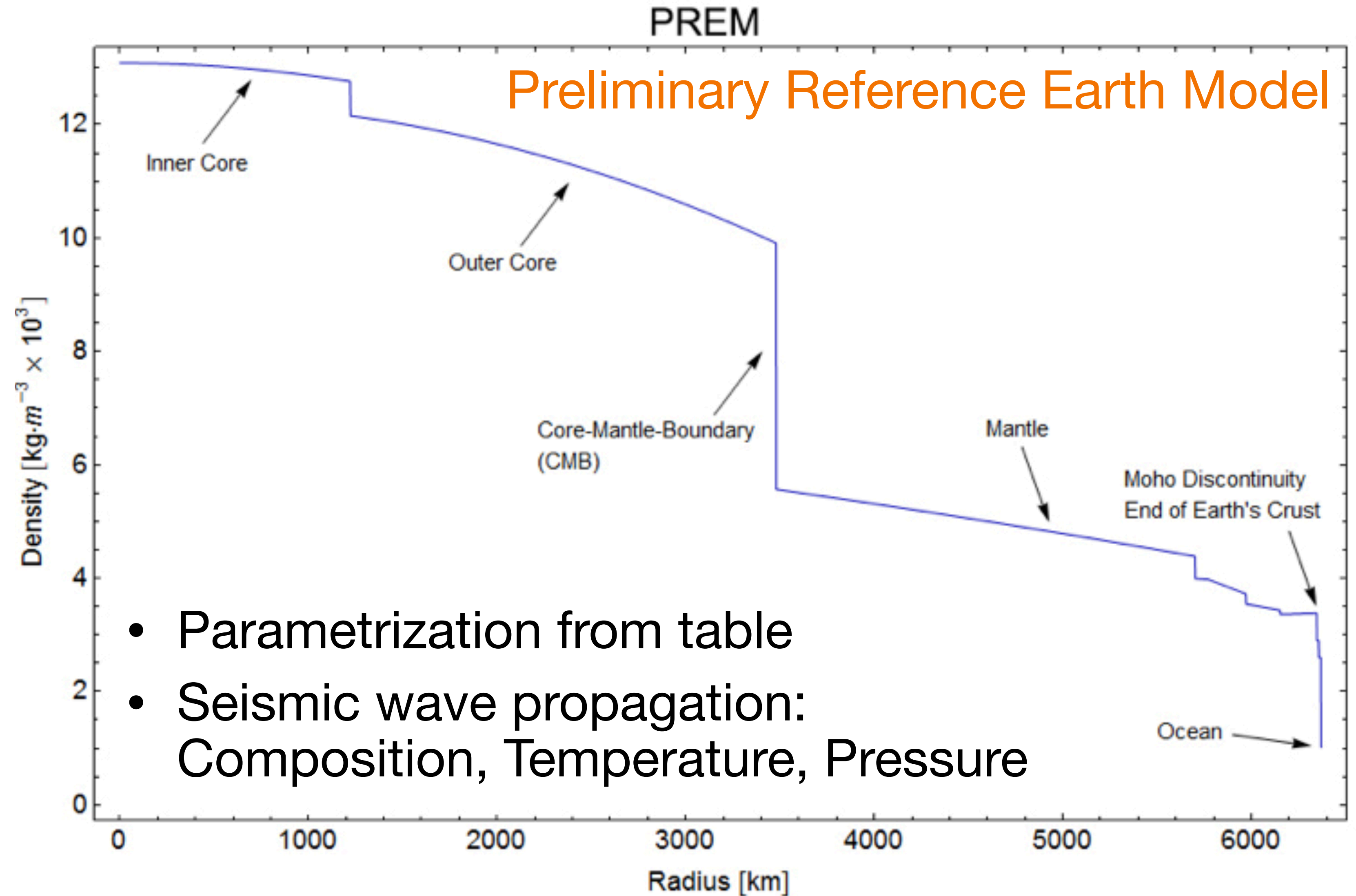
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Seismic waves!



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Phys.Earth Planet.Interiors 25 (1981), 297-356

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1	0.0	6371.0	13.08848
2	100.0	6271.0	13.08630
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6	500.0	5871.0	13.03404
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15	1221.5	5149.5	12.16634
16	1300.0	5071.0	12.12500
17	1400.0	4971.0	12.06924
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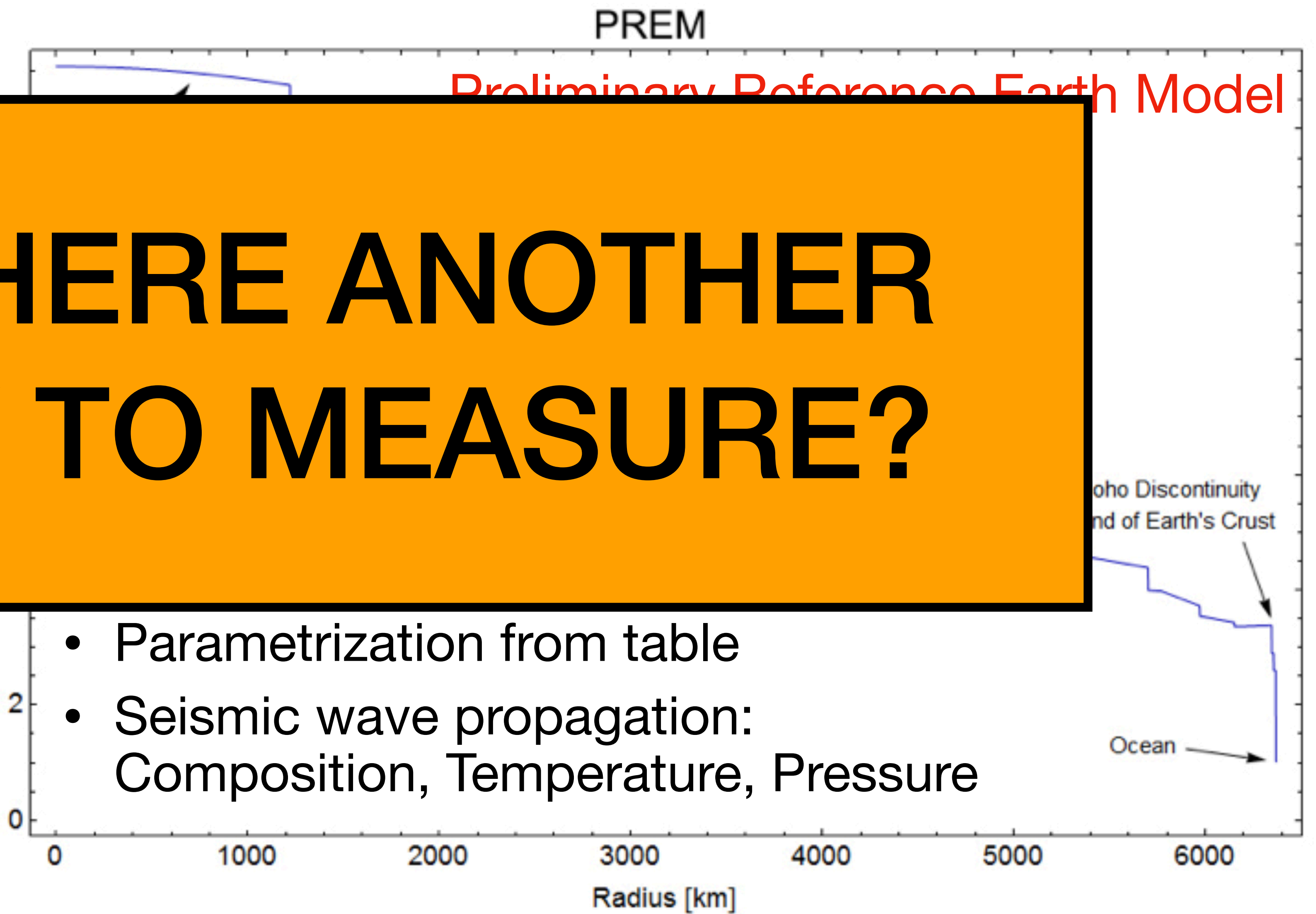
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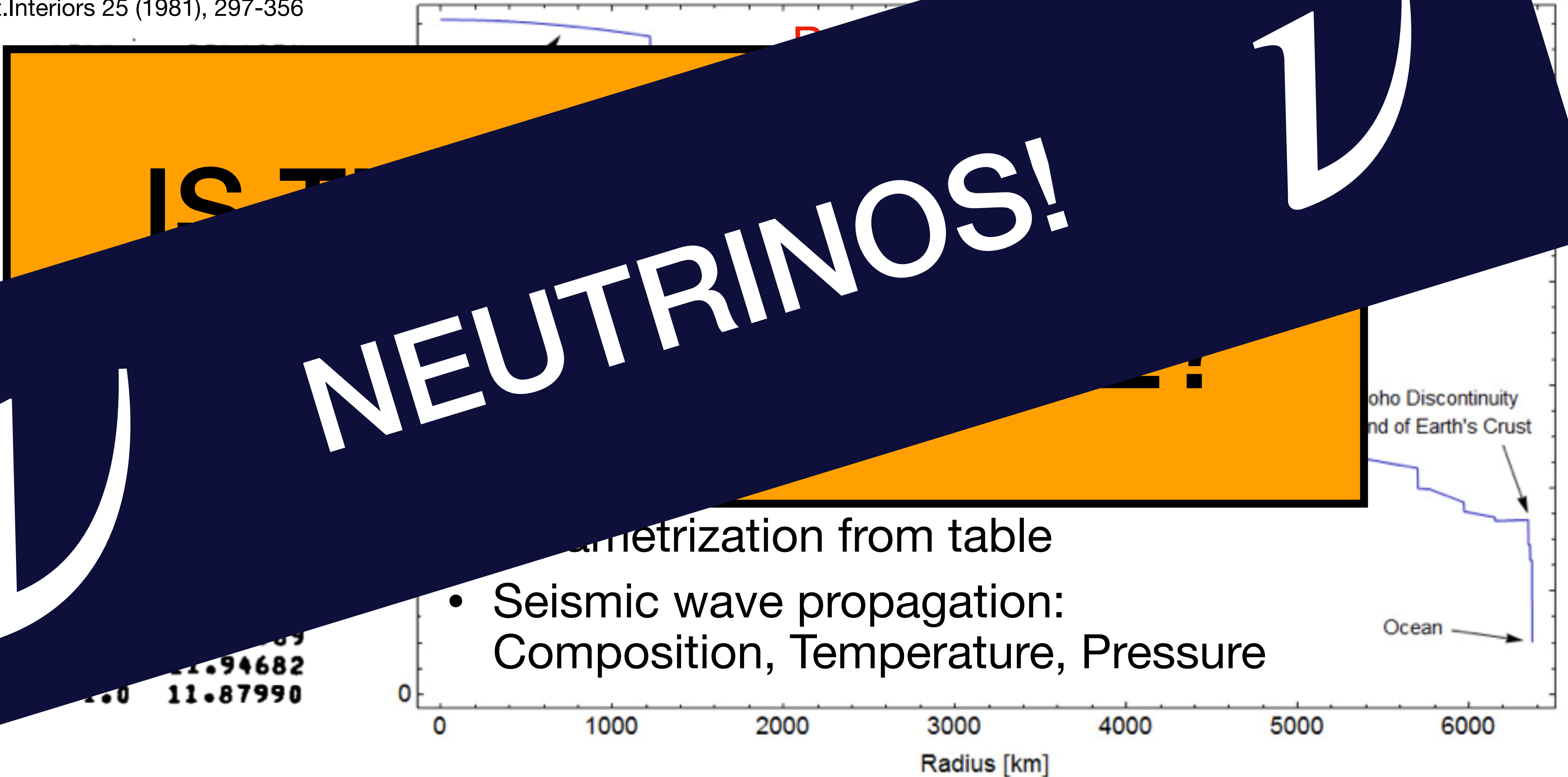
- Parametrization from table
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Vacuum

Matter

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MeV  
↑  
GeV  
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# Neutrino tomography results!

Slide taken from S. Palomares-Ruiz talk

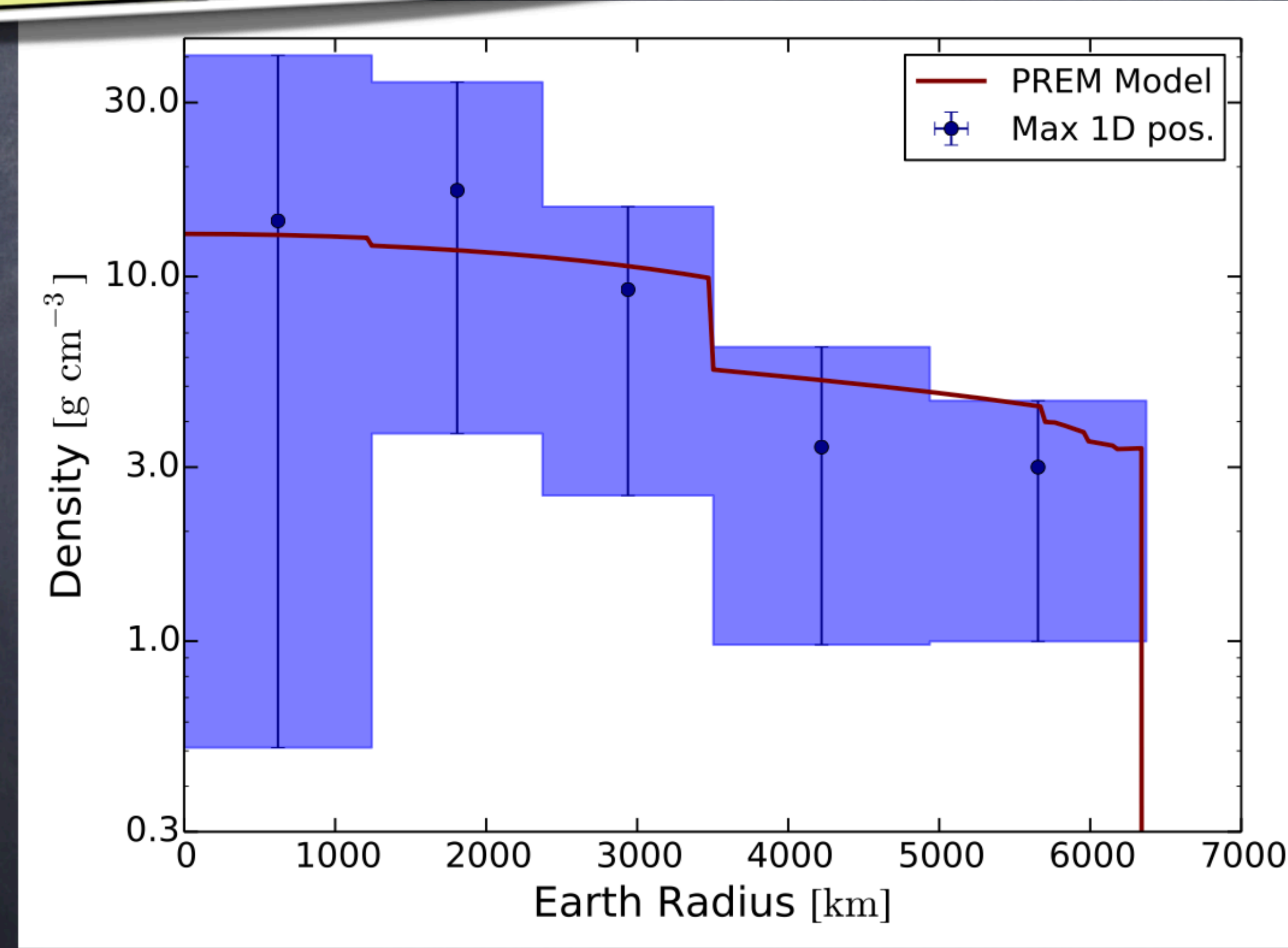
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- 1 year data of atmospheric neutrinos at Ice-Cube neutrino detector

First Earth tomography with neutrinos!

## MAIN RESULT: 1-D DENSITY PROFILE

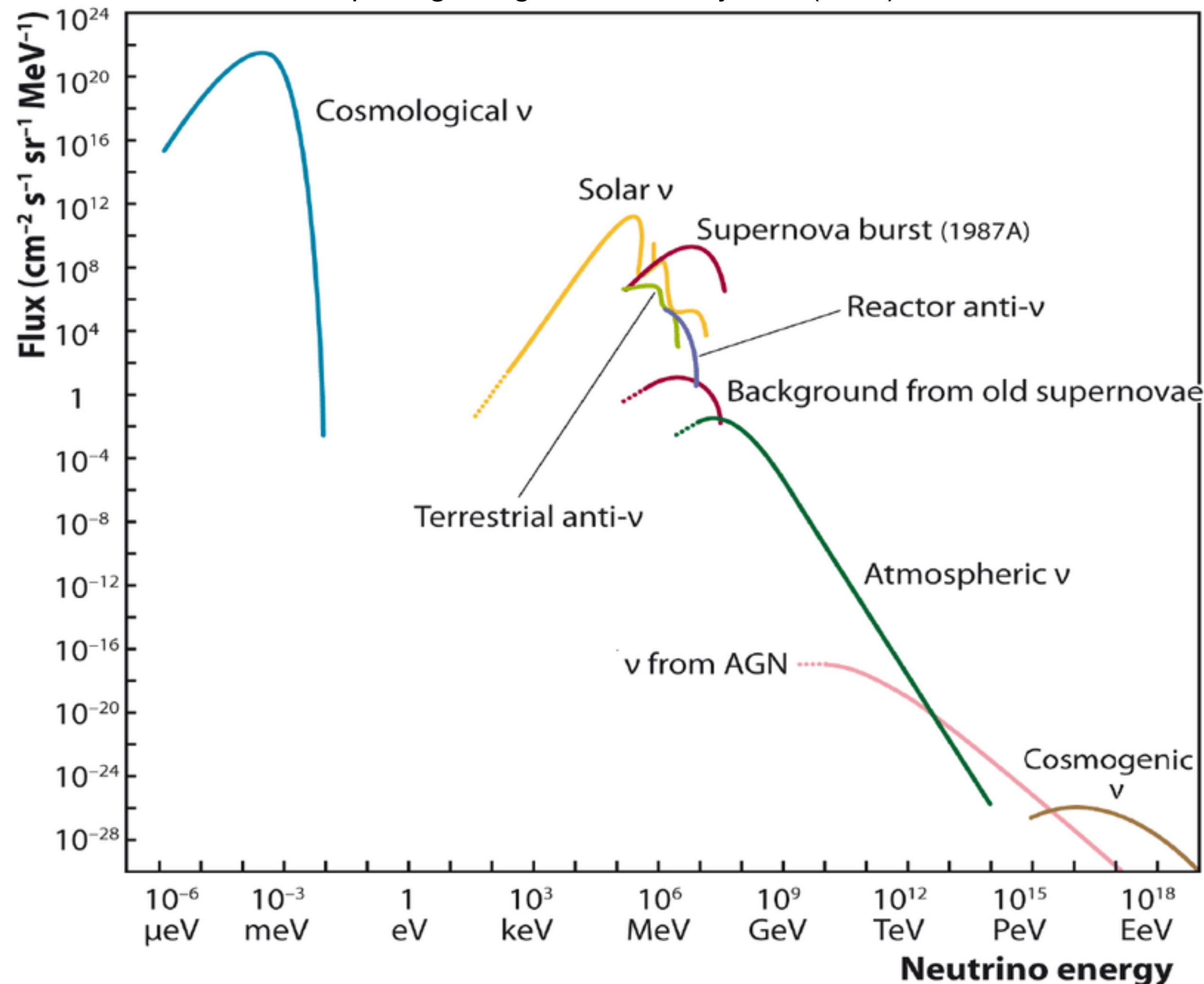
unlike reconstructions with seismic data, no constraint on the Earth mass or moment of inertia



A. Donini, SPR and J. Salvado, Nature Physics 15:37, 2019

# Supernova neutrinos

U.F. Katz, Ch. Spiering, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 67 (2012), 651-704



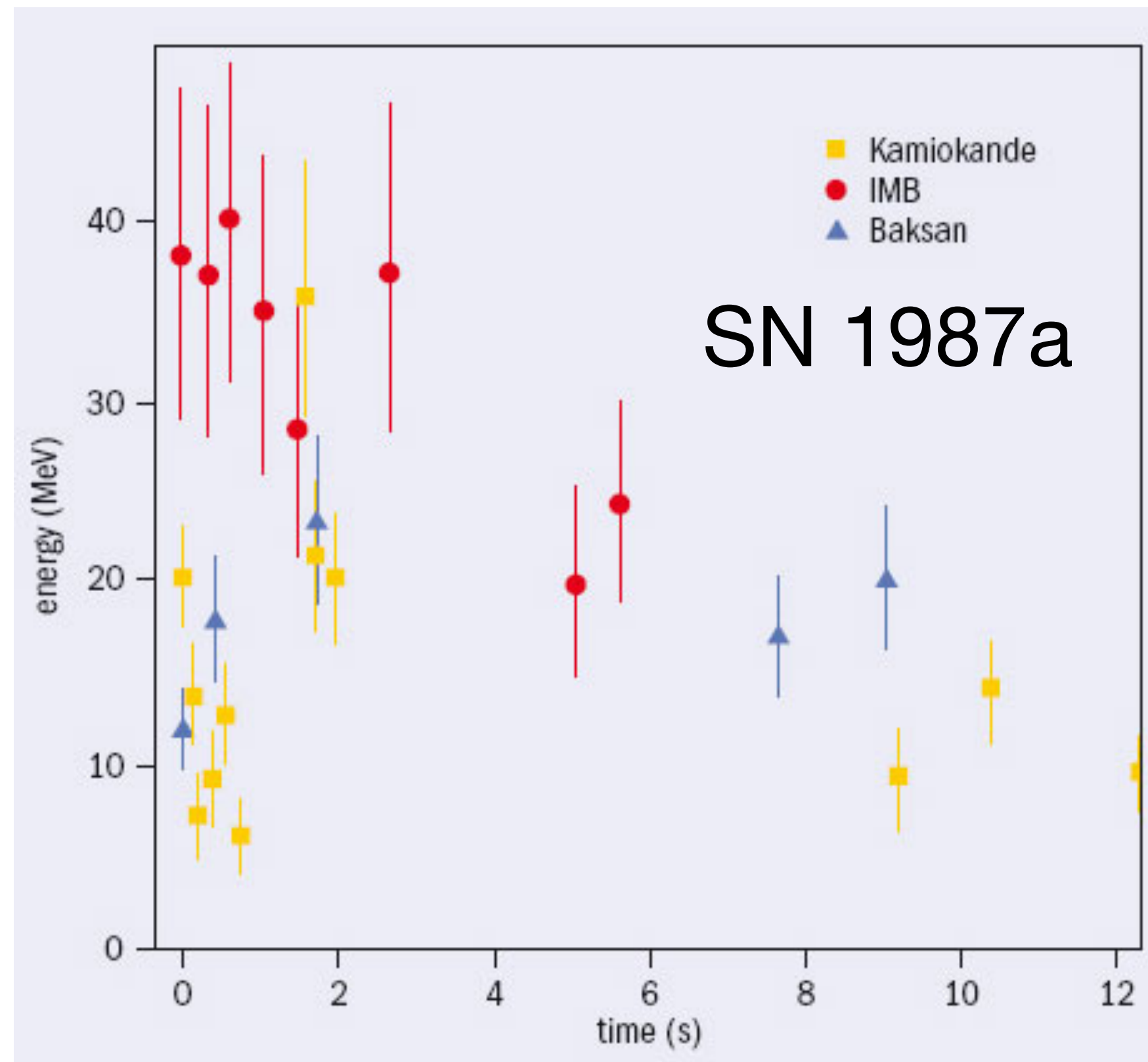
- Core-collapse SN is the violent explosion during death of massive stars.
- 99% energy of star ( $\sim 10^{53}$  erg) is released in the form of neutrinos.

**Excellent source due to high flux and low background (applying temporal cut  $\sim 10$  s).**

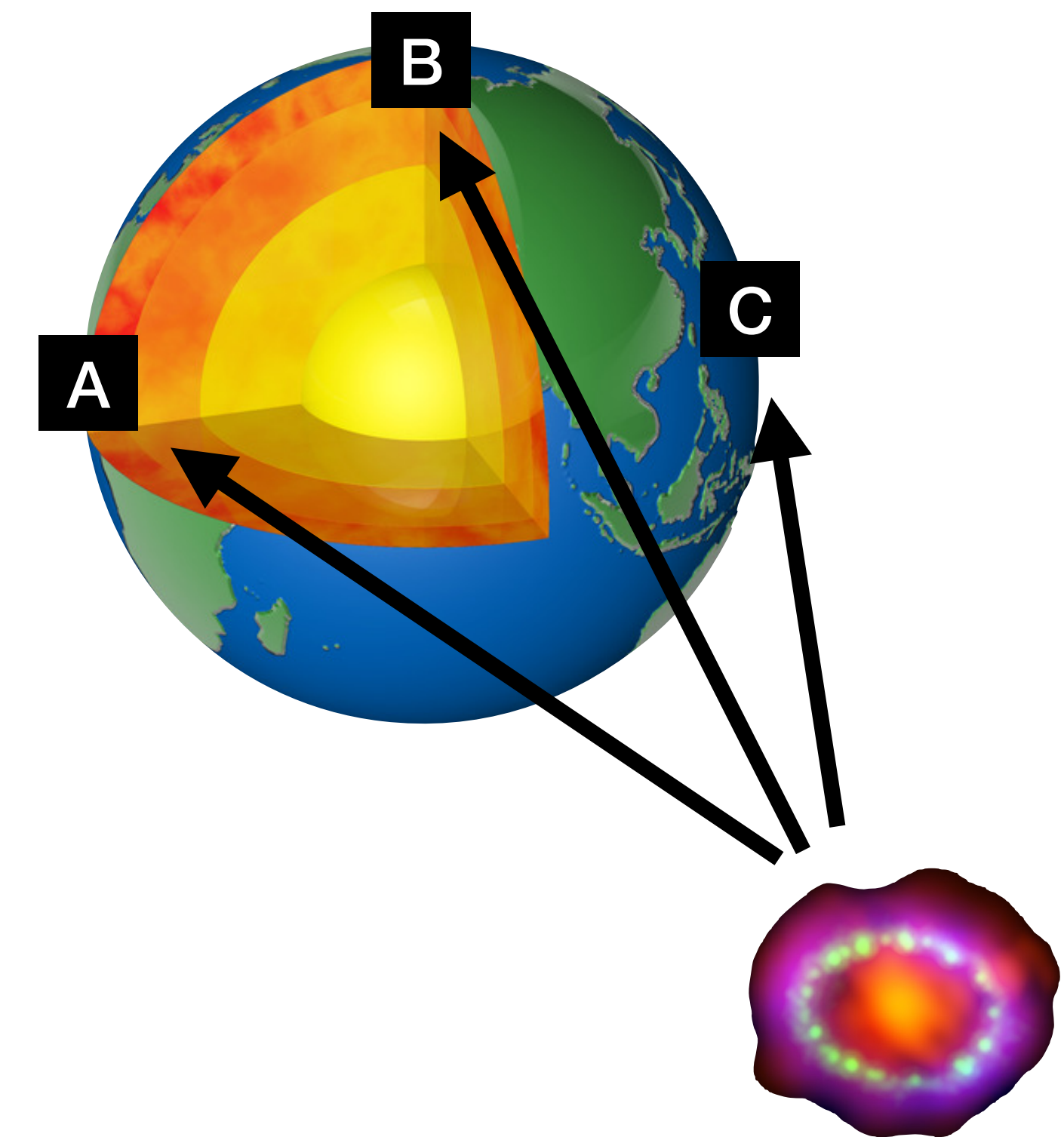
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One direction per detector

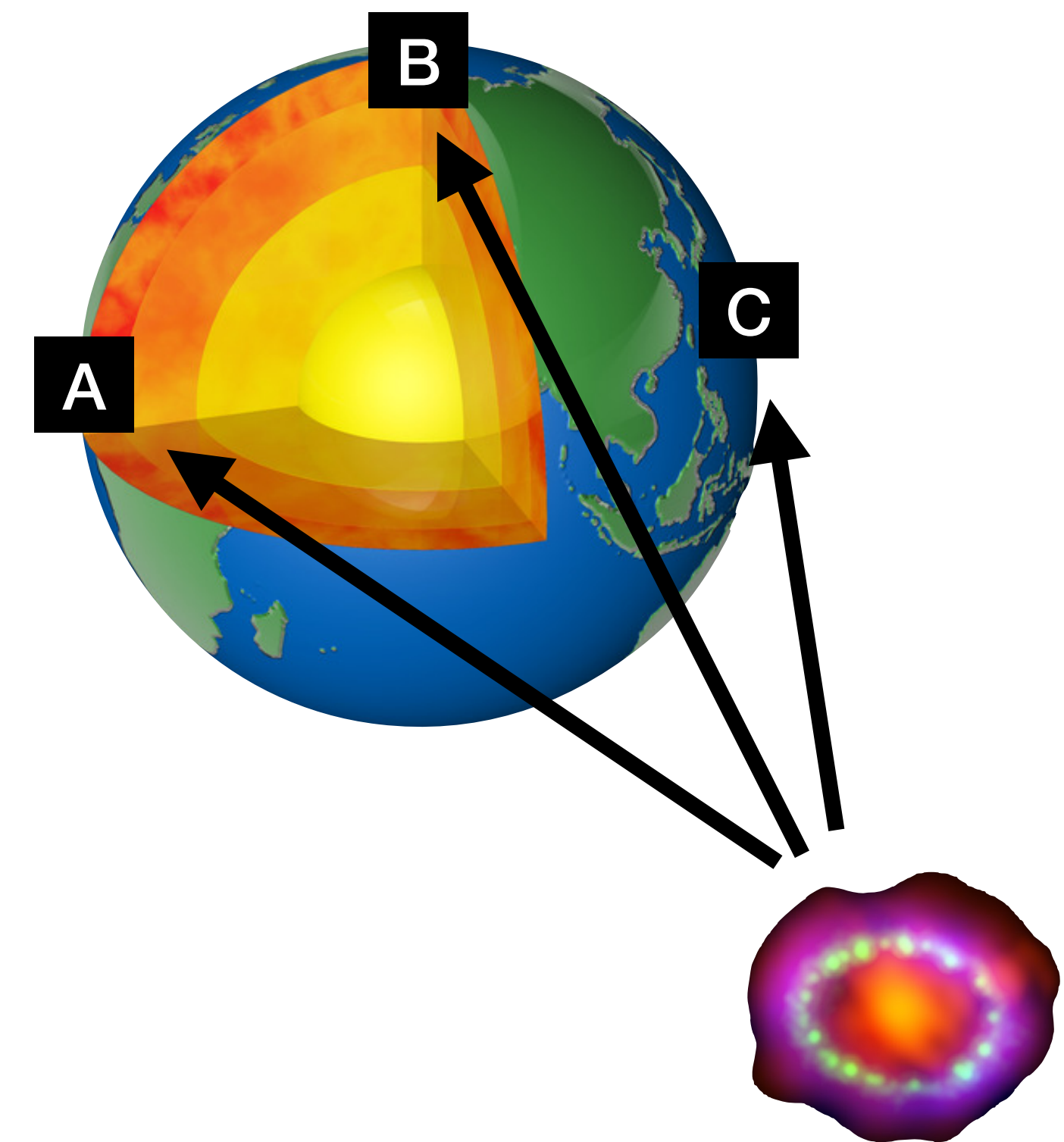
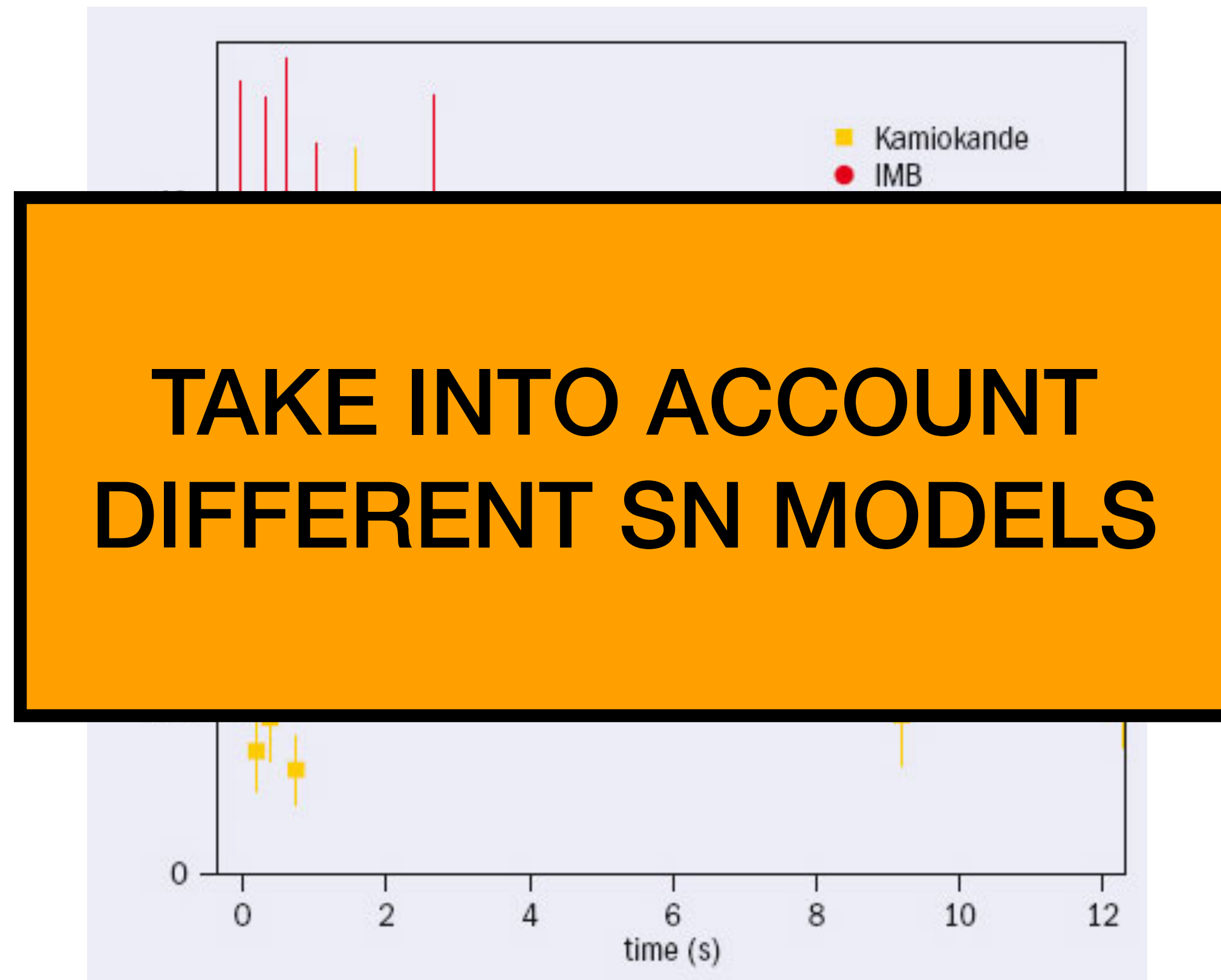


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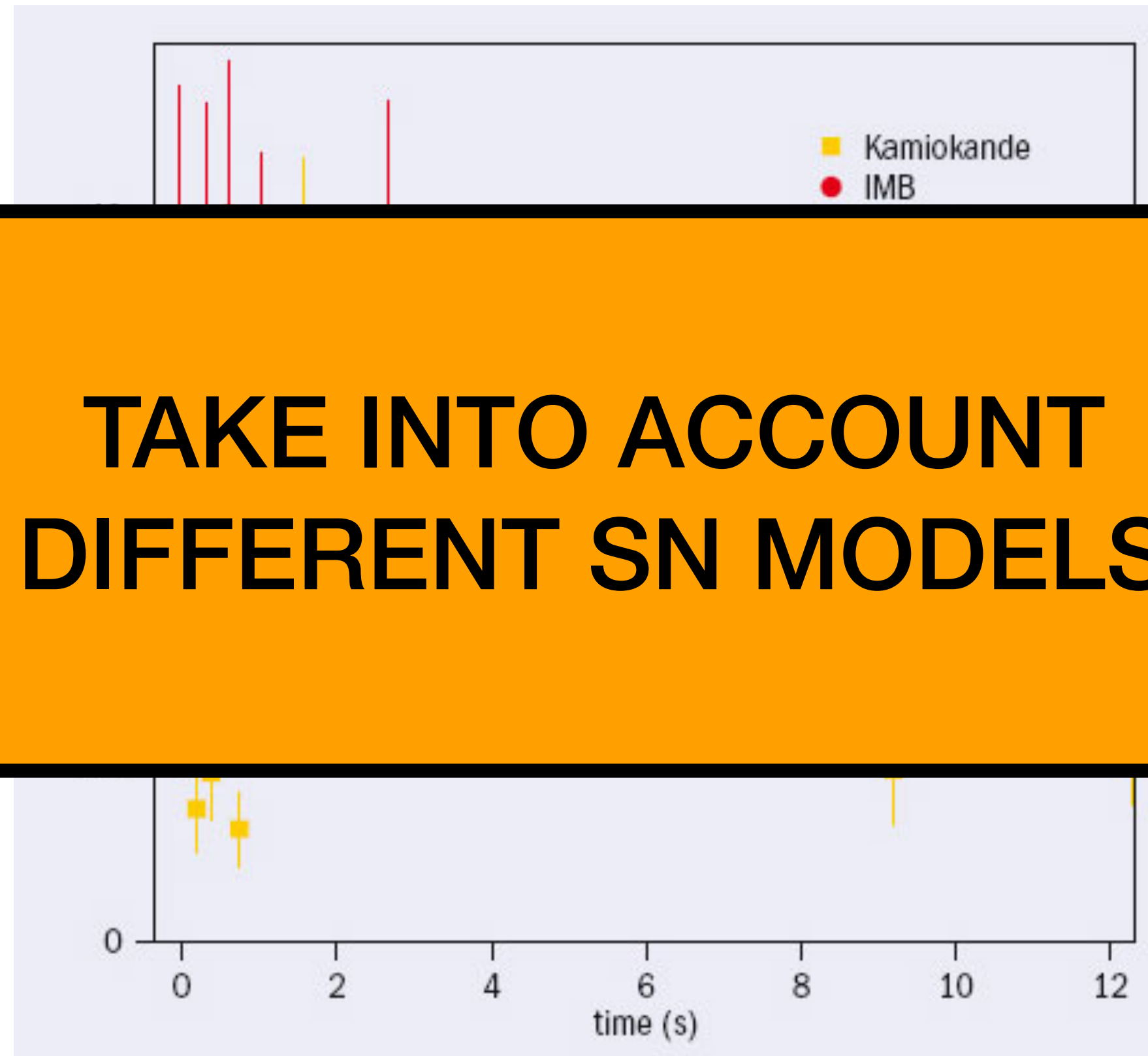


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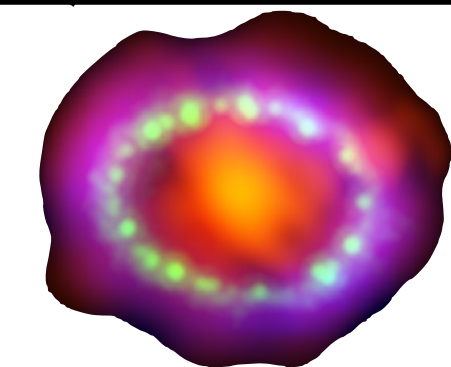
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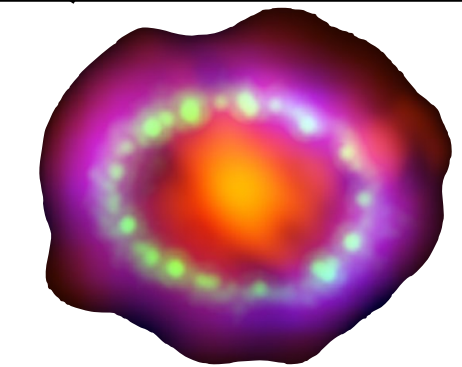
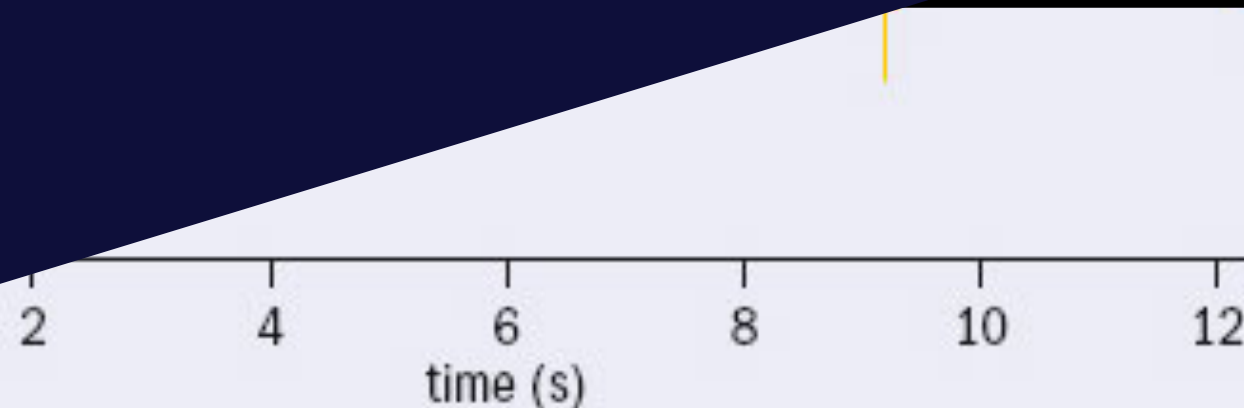
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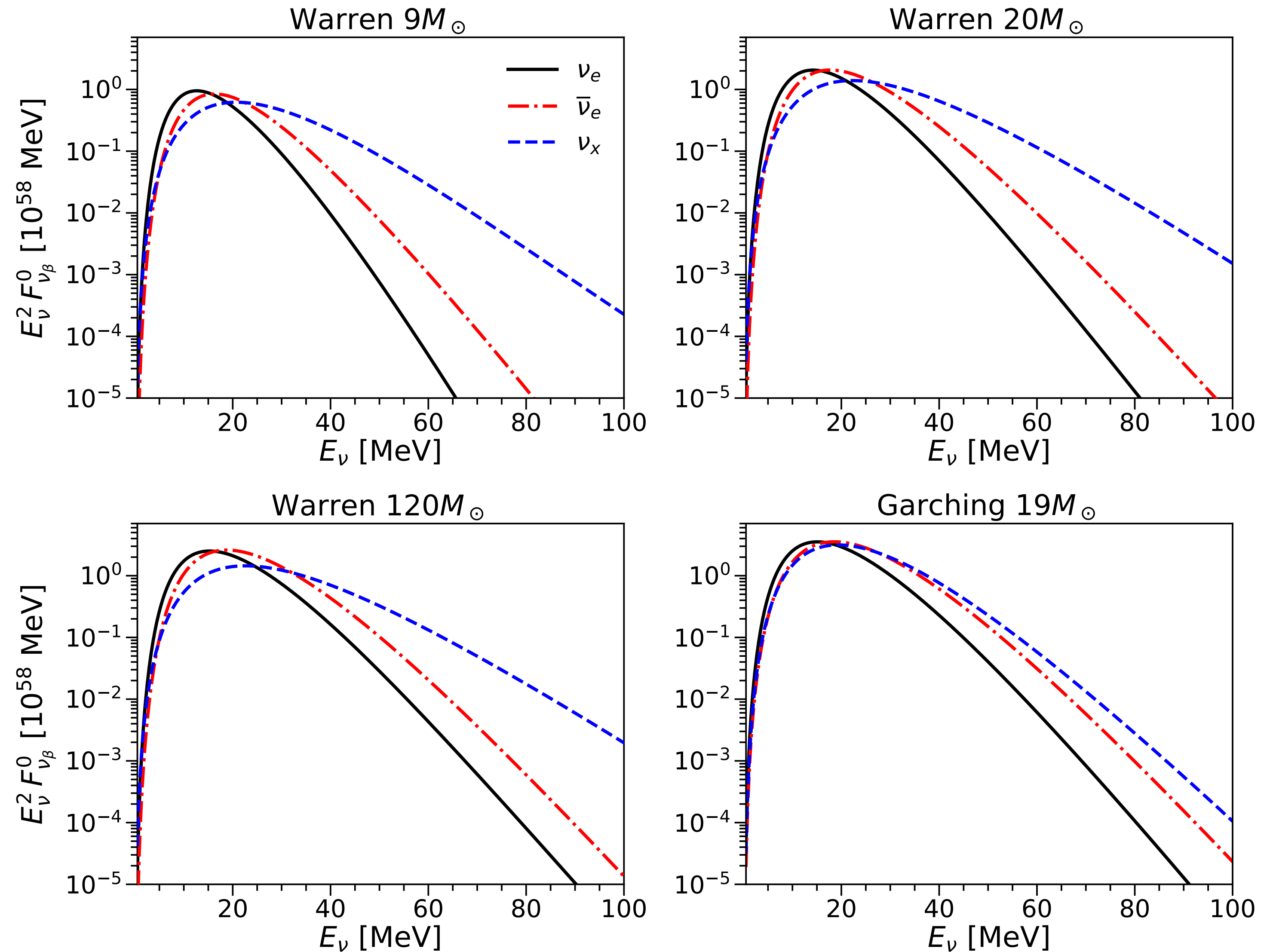
**GALACTIC SN RATE:  
~1 PER CENTURY**

**ACCOUNT  
DIFFERENT INCIDENT  
DIRECTIONS**



# Supernova neutrinos

- Initial fluxes from different simulations and masses:
  - **Garching:** R.Bollig et. al. *Astrophys.J.* 915 (2021) 1, 28
  - **Warren:** M.L. Warren et. al. *Astrophys.J.* 898 (2020) 2, 139





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**NO**

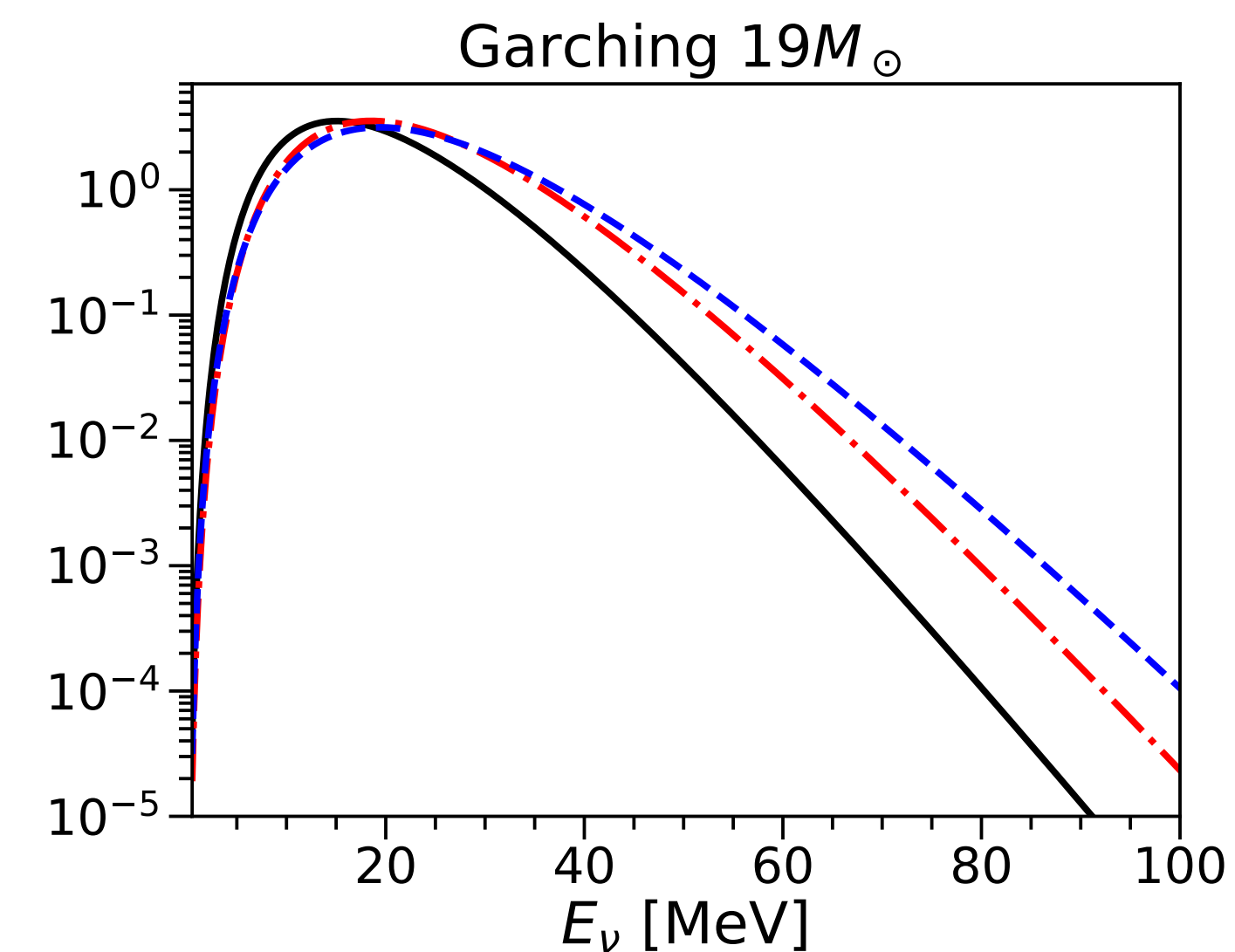
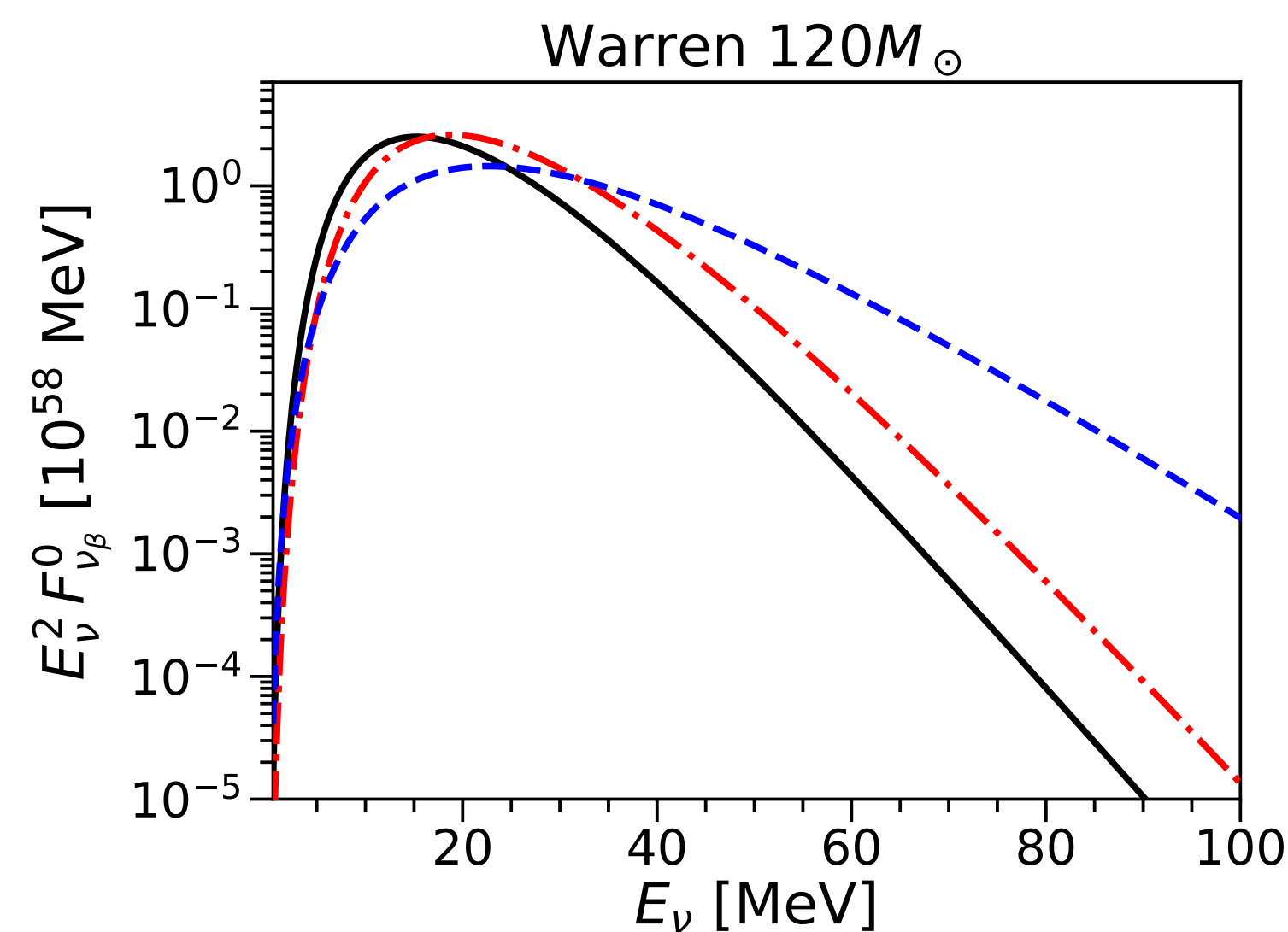
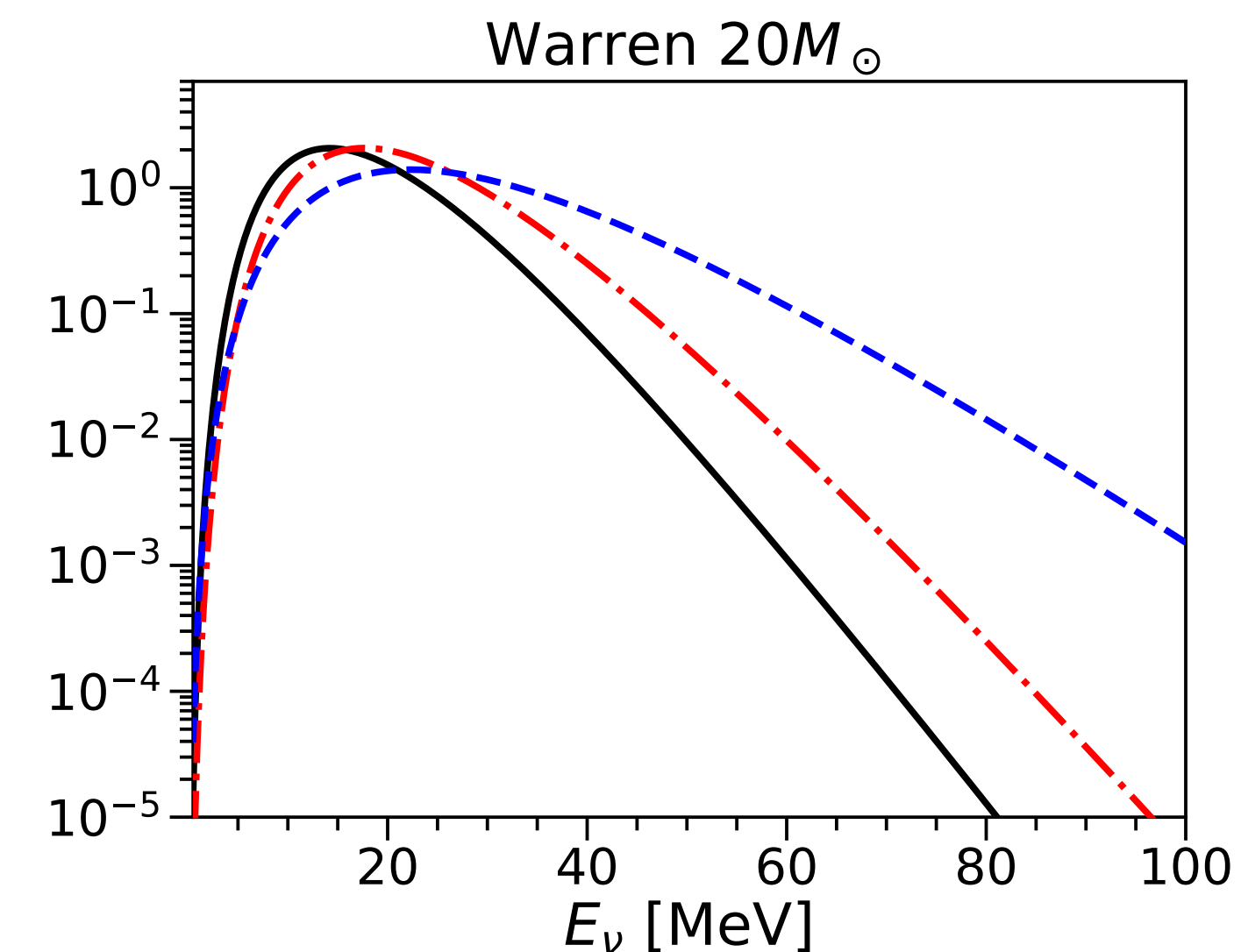
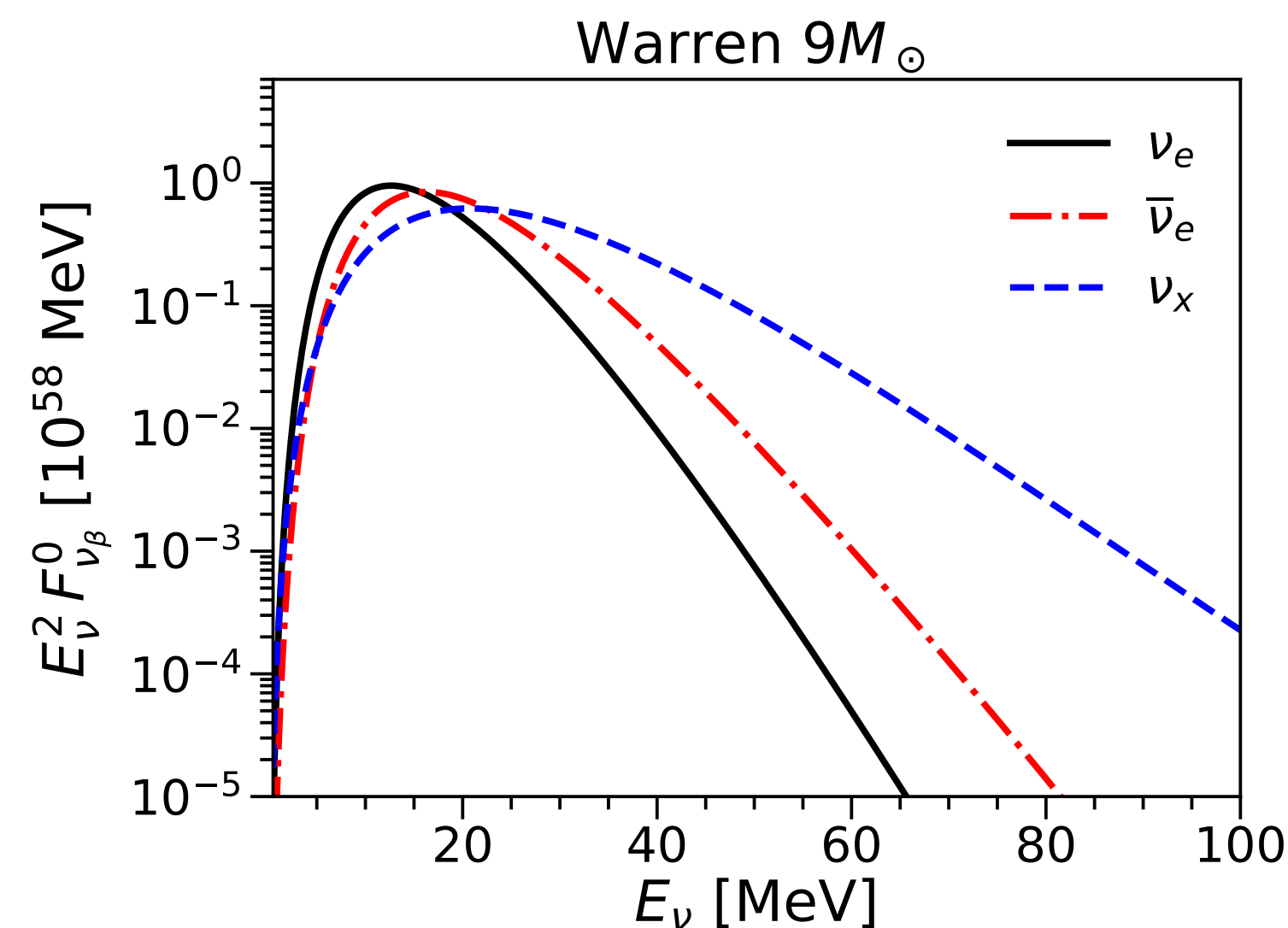
**IO**

$$F_{\nu_3}^0 = F_{\nu_e}^0$$

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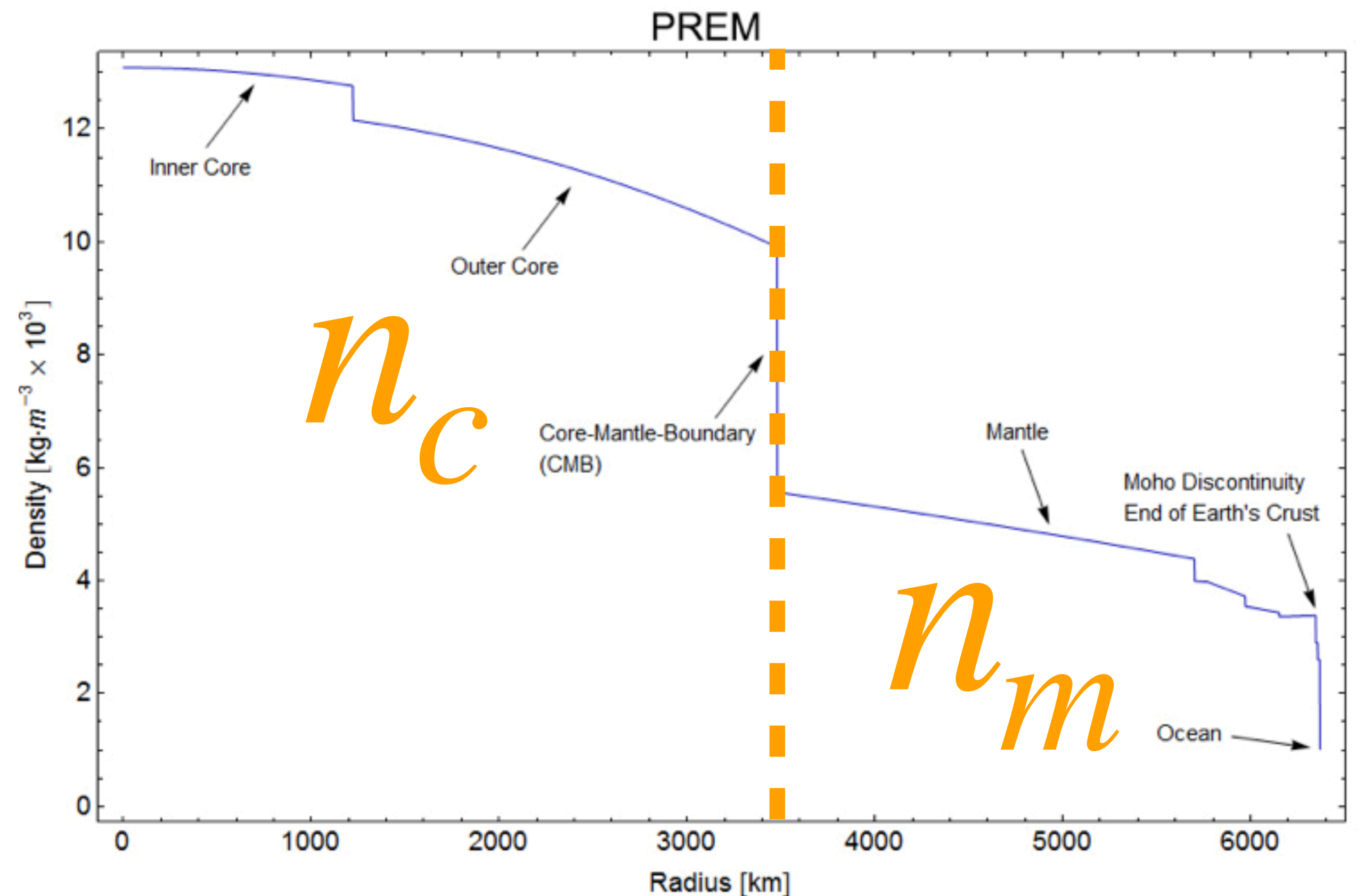


# Earth matter effects

$$\rho_{\oplus}(n_c) = \begin{cases} n_c \rho^{\text{PREM}}(r) & , \quad 0 \leq r \leq R_c , \\ n_m \rho^{\text{PREM}}(r) & , \quad R_c < r \leq R_{\oplus} , \end{cases}$$

2-layer profile:  
PREM normalized

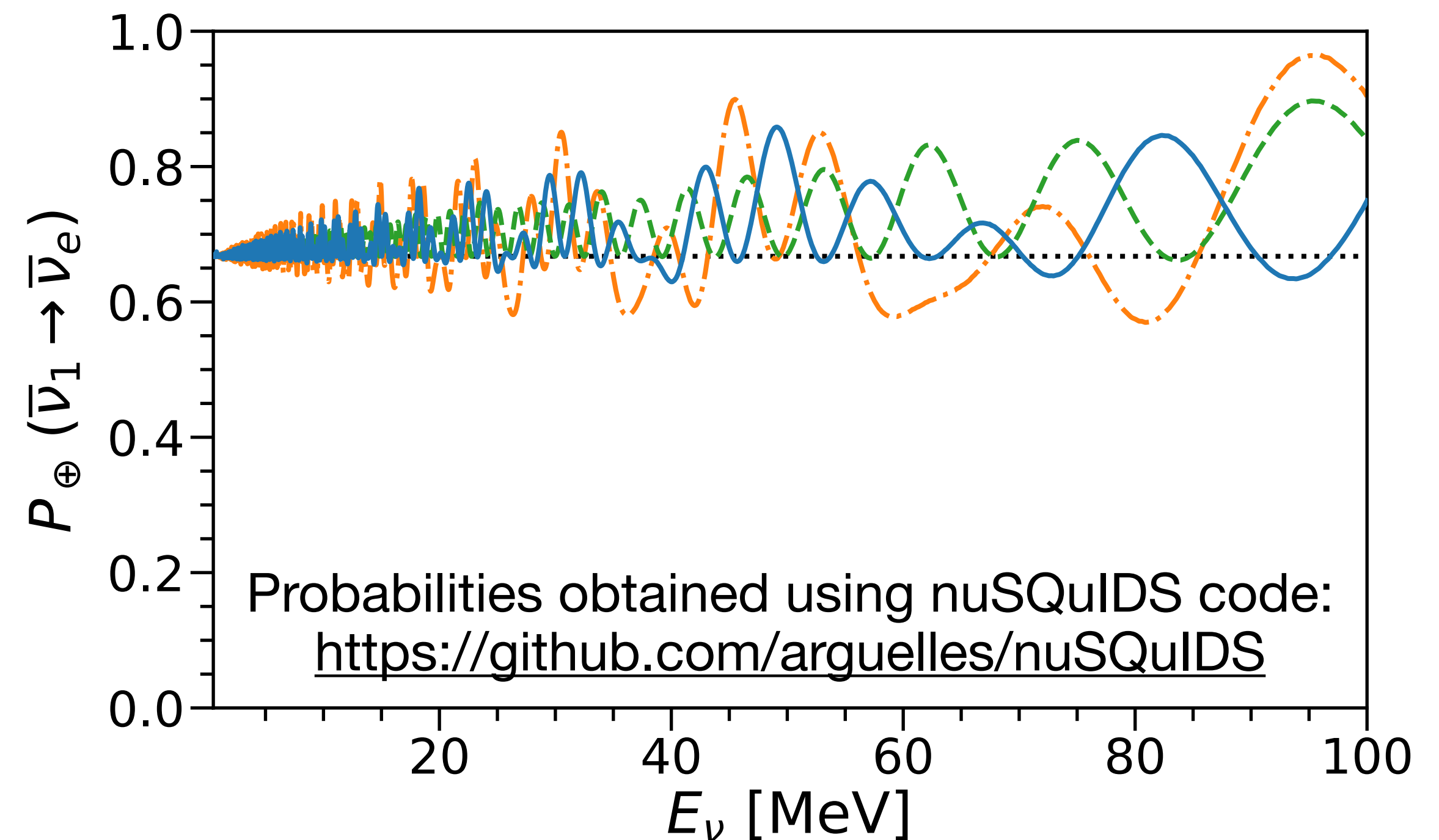
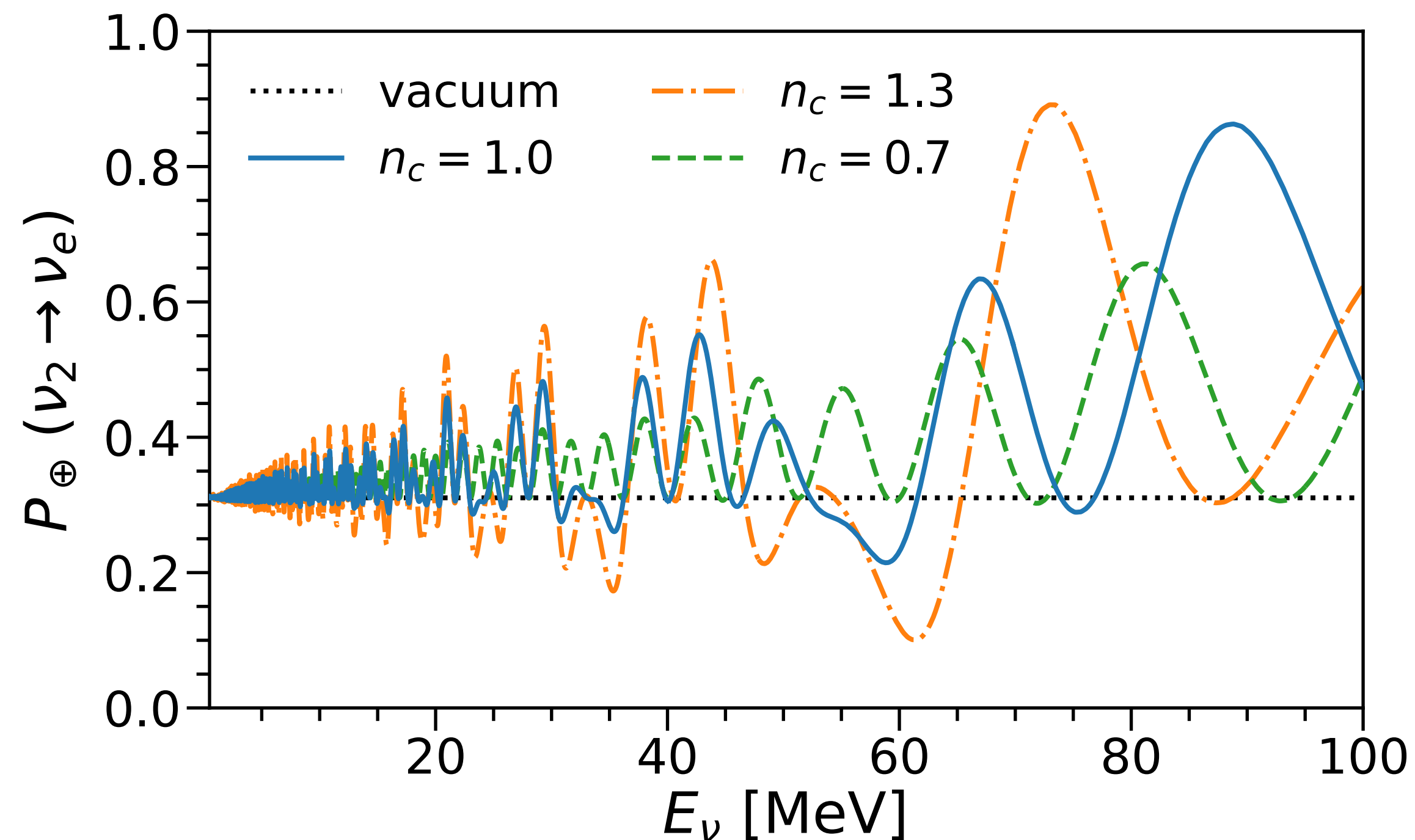
- PREM model with only one free parameter: core norm ( $n_c$ )
- We fix mantle norm ( $n_m$ ) imposing we know the mass of the Earth
- Density also depends on the incident direction ( $\cos \theta_z \equiv c_z$ )



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- We aim to be sensitive to these changes on the probabilities.
- Neutrinos have maximal matter effects at  $E \sim (40-100)$  MeV driven by the solar mass squared difference:  $\Delta m_{21}^2 = 7.5 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2$  (direction dependent).

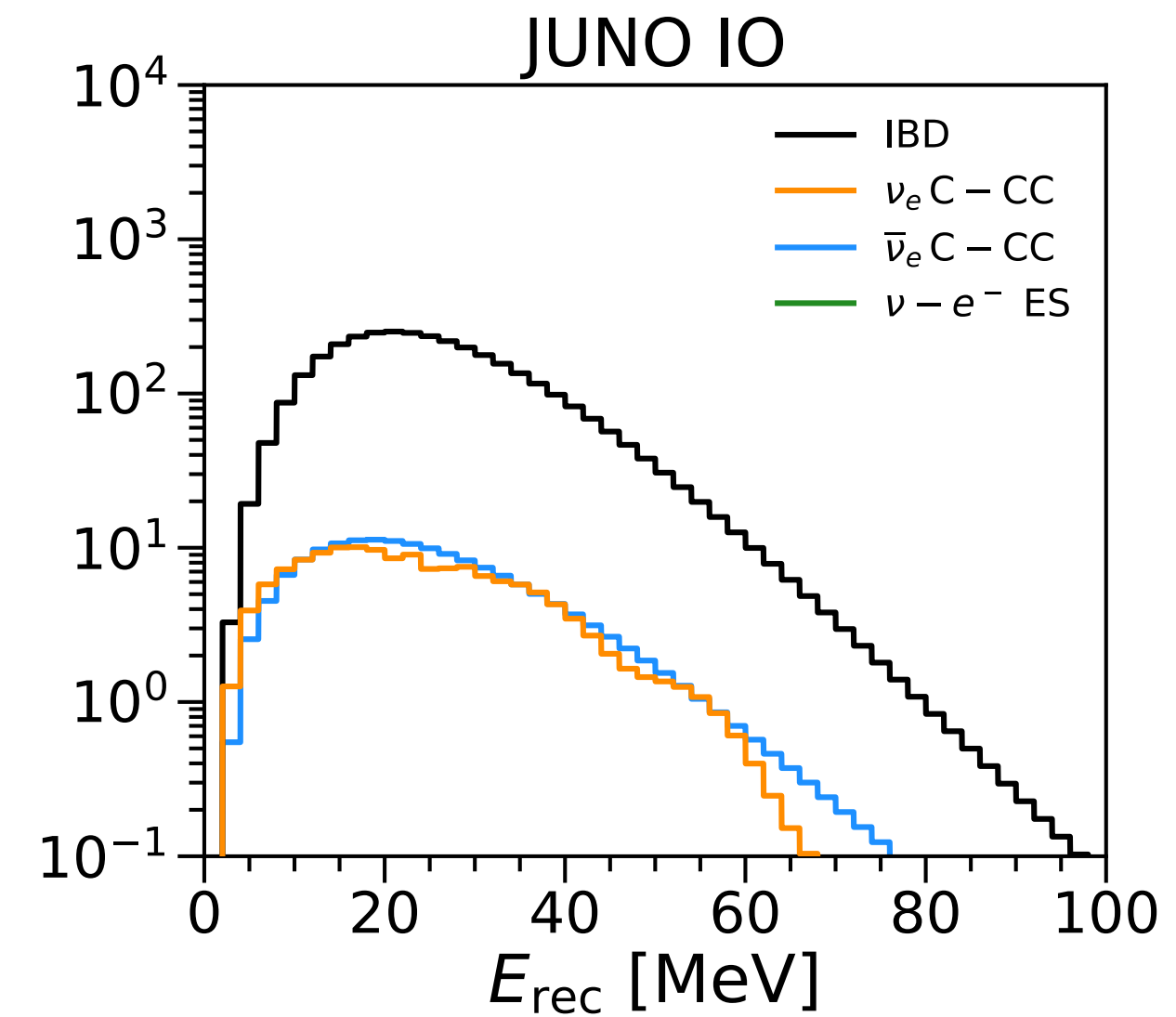
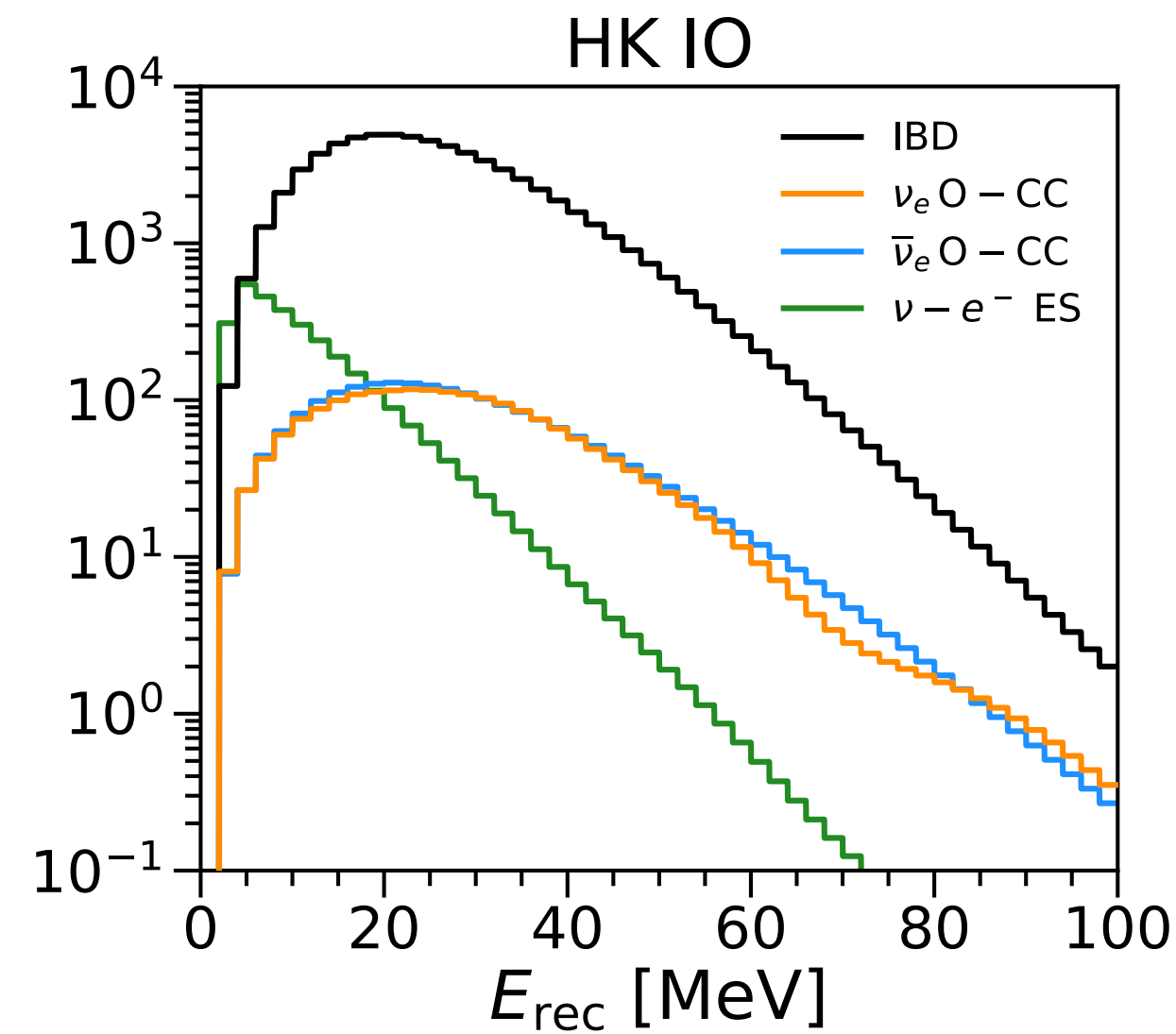
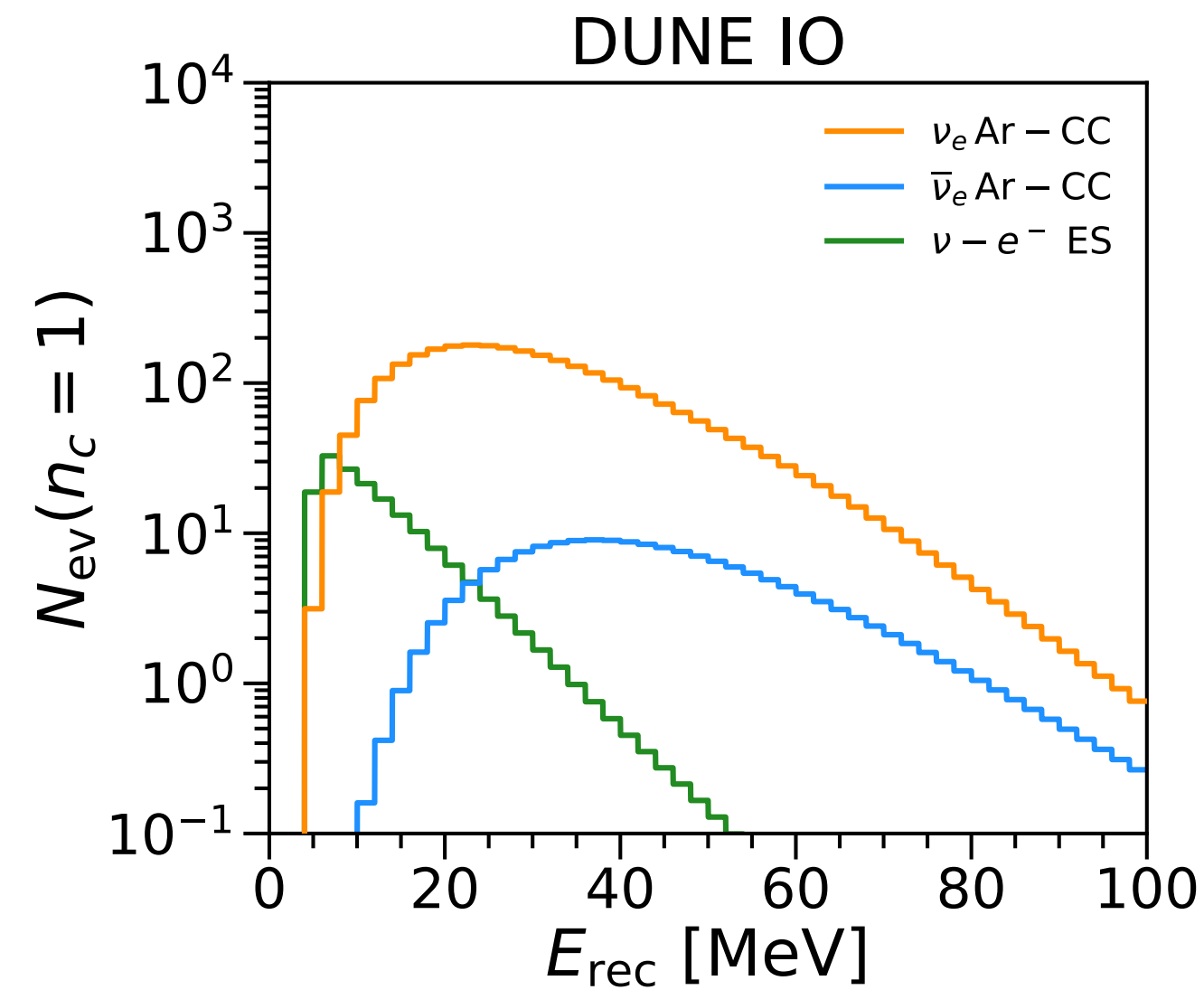
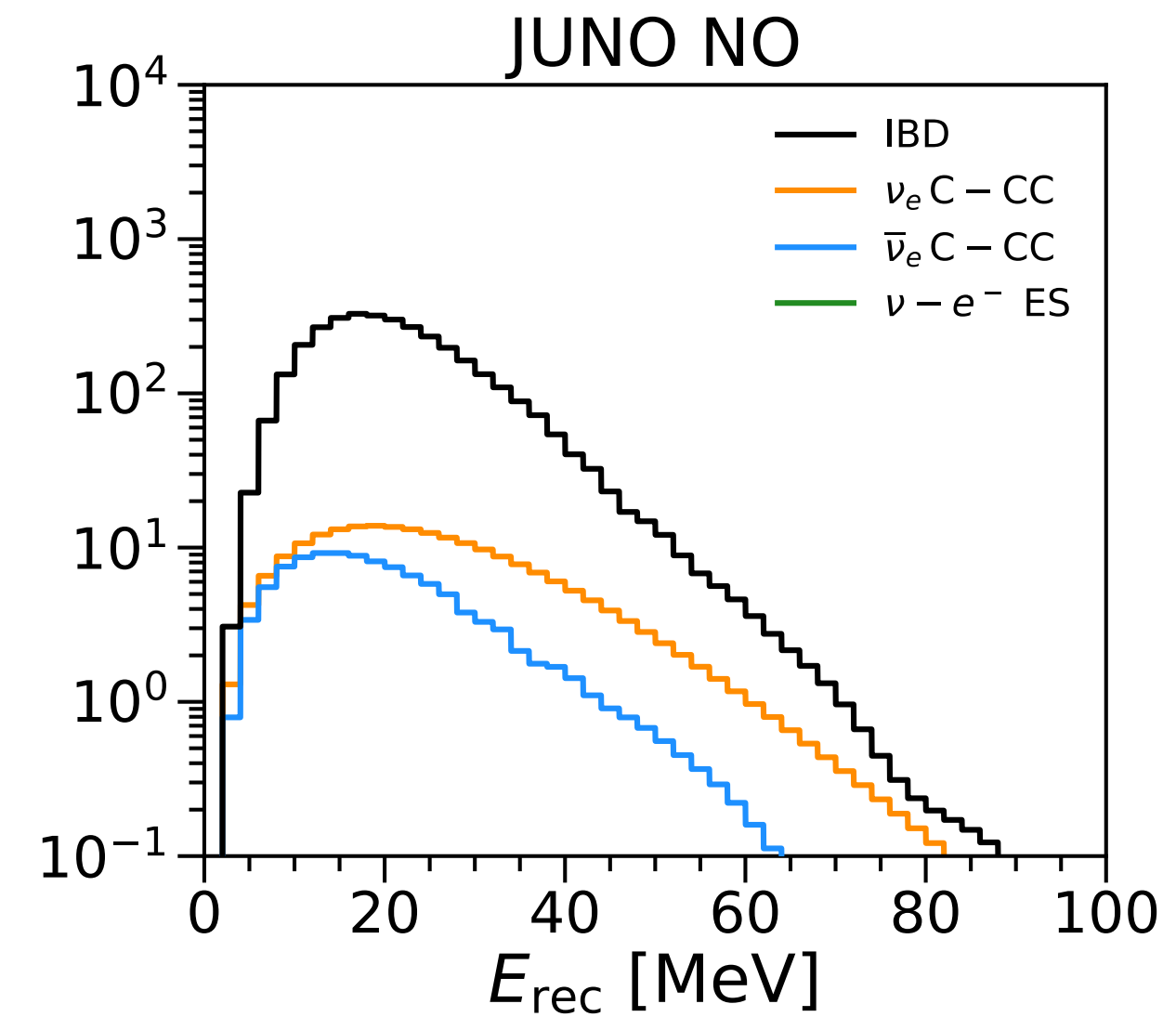
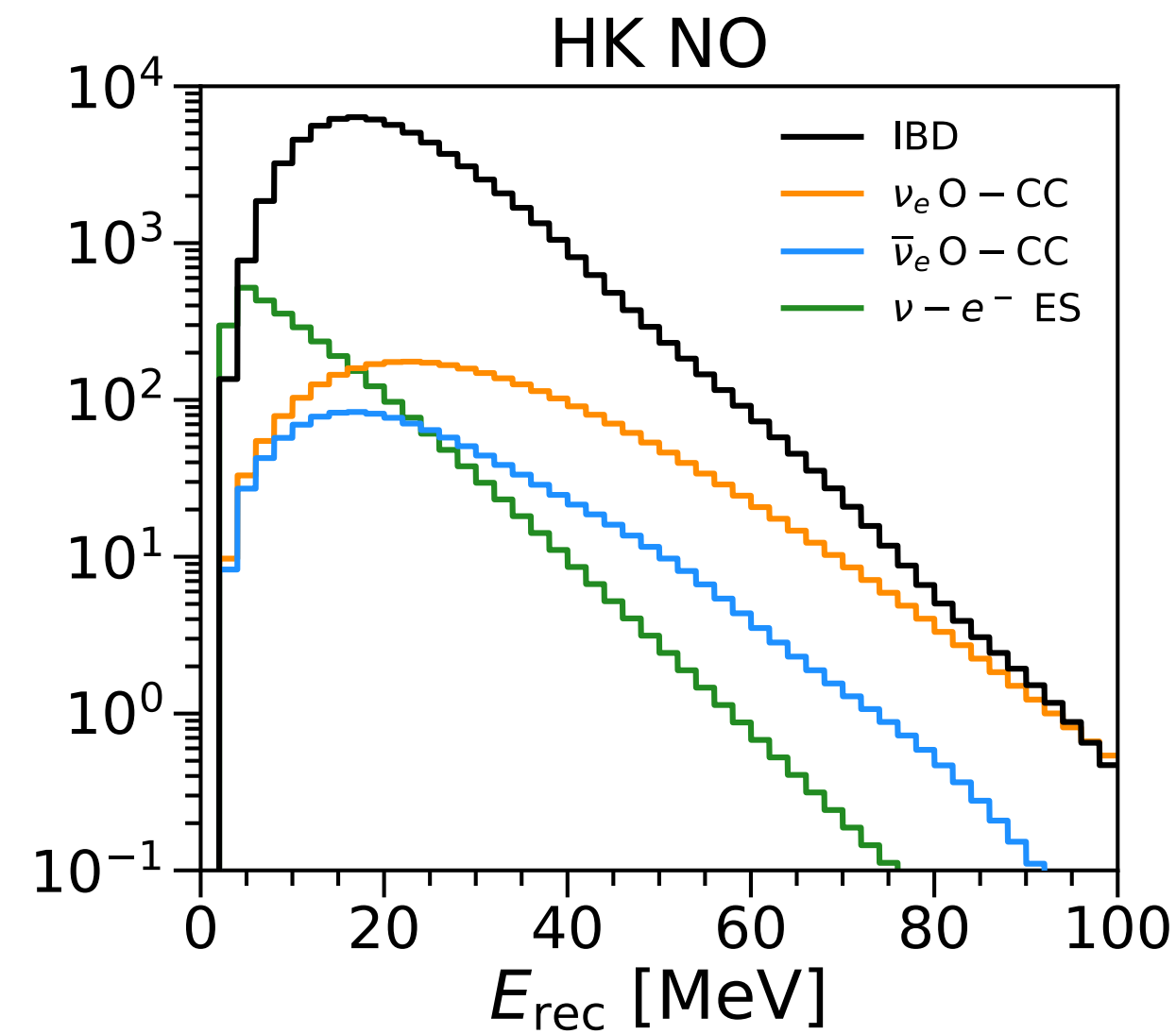
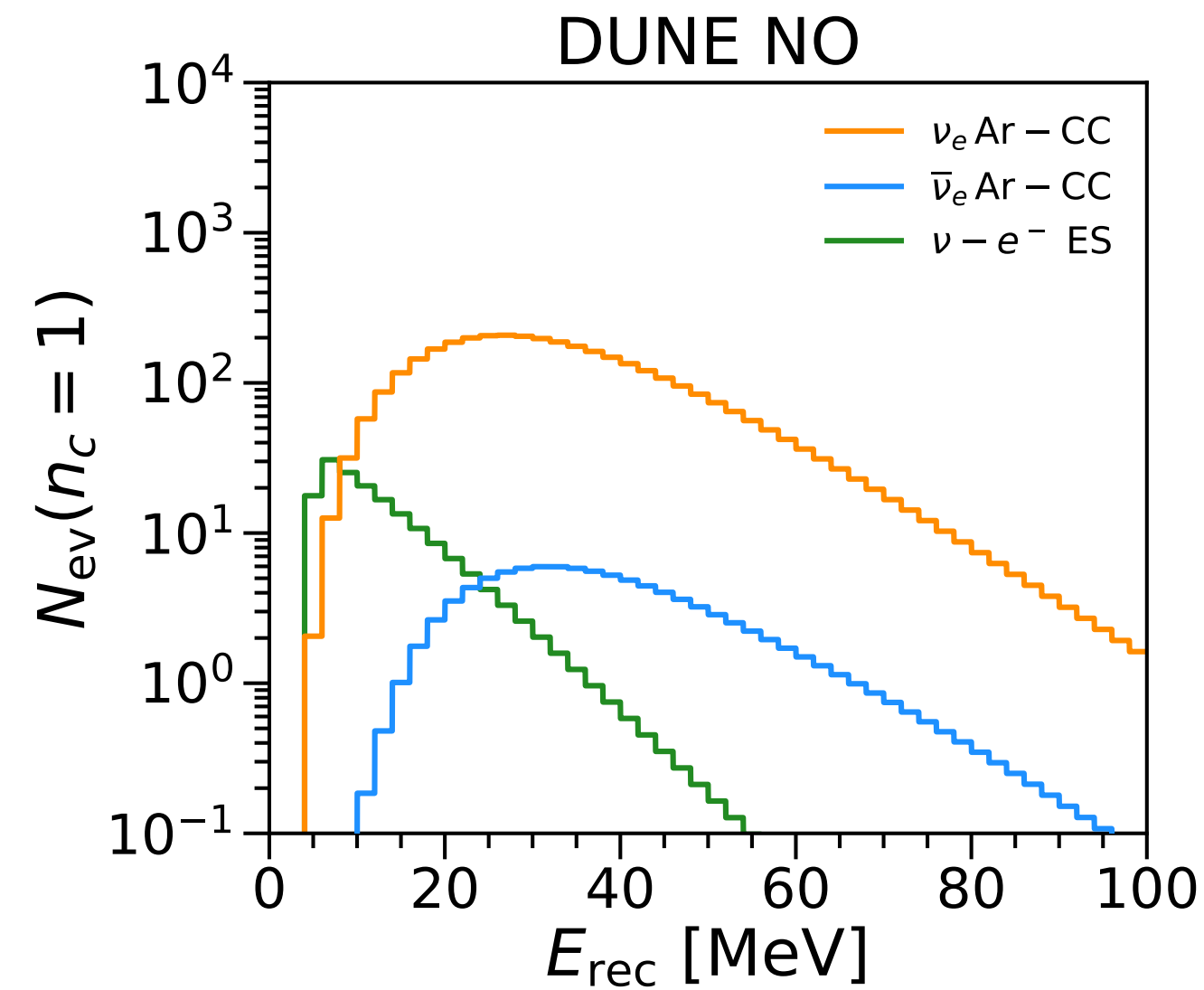


# Future detection of Supernova neutrinos

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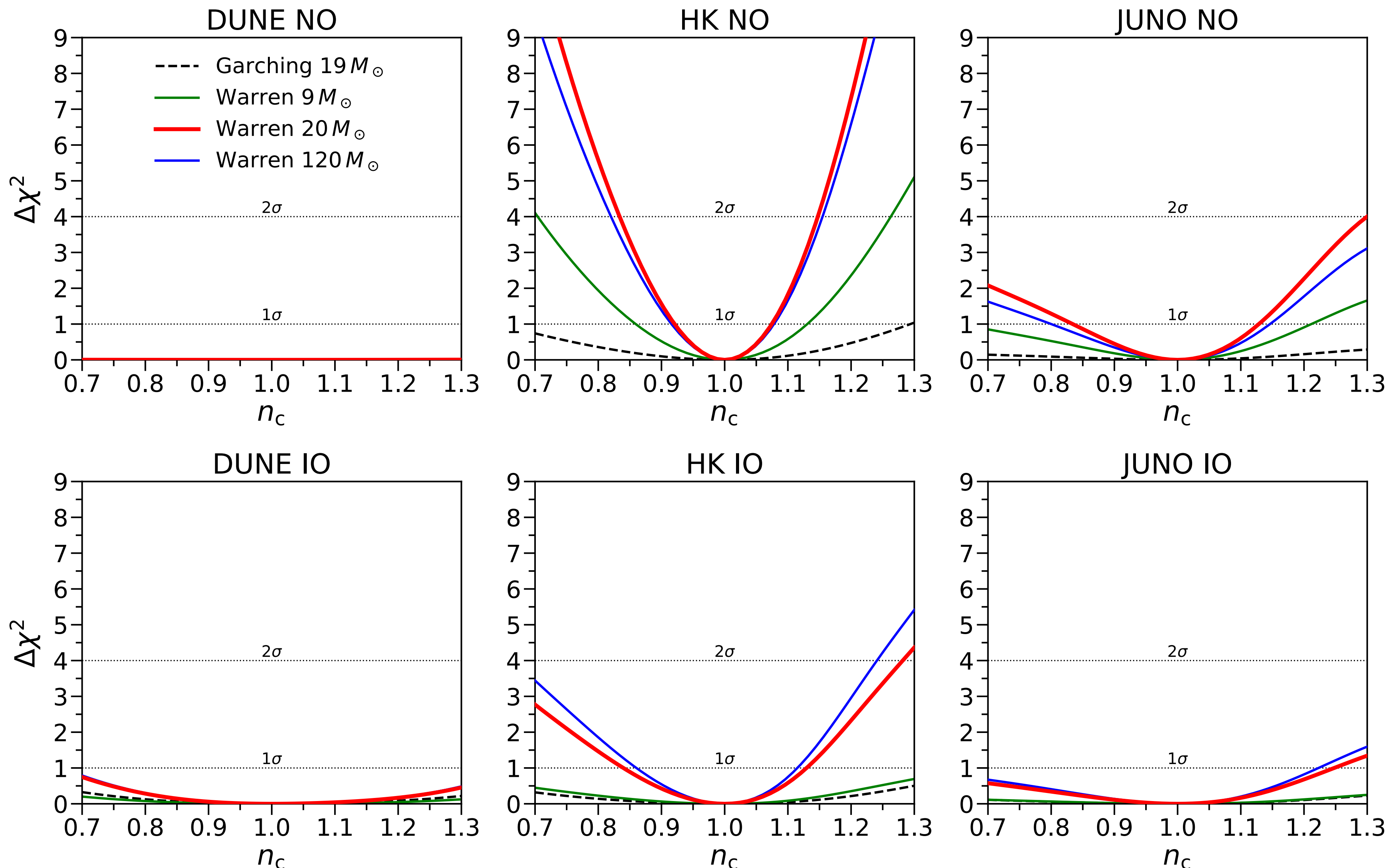
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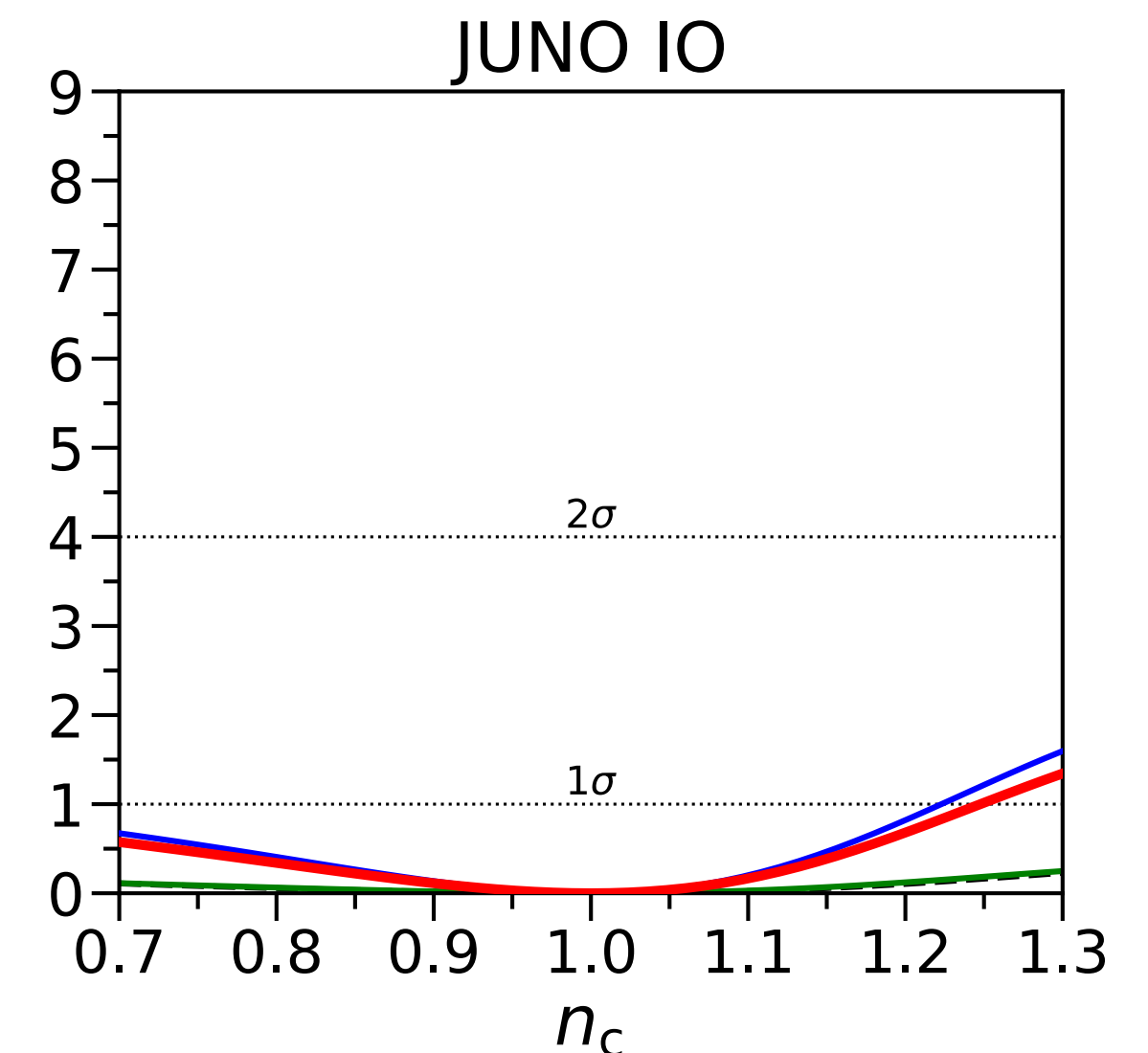
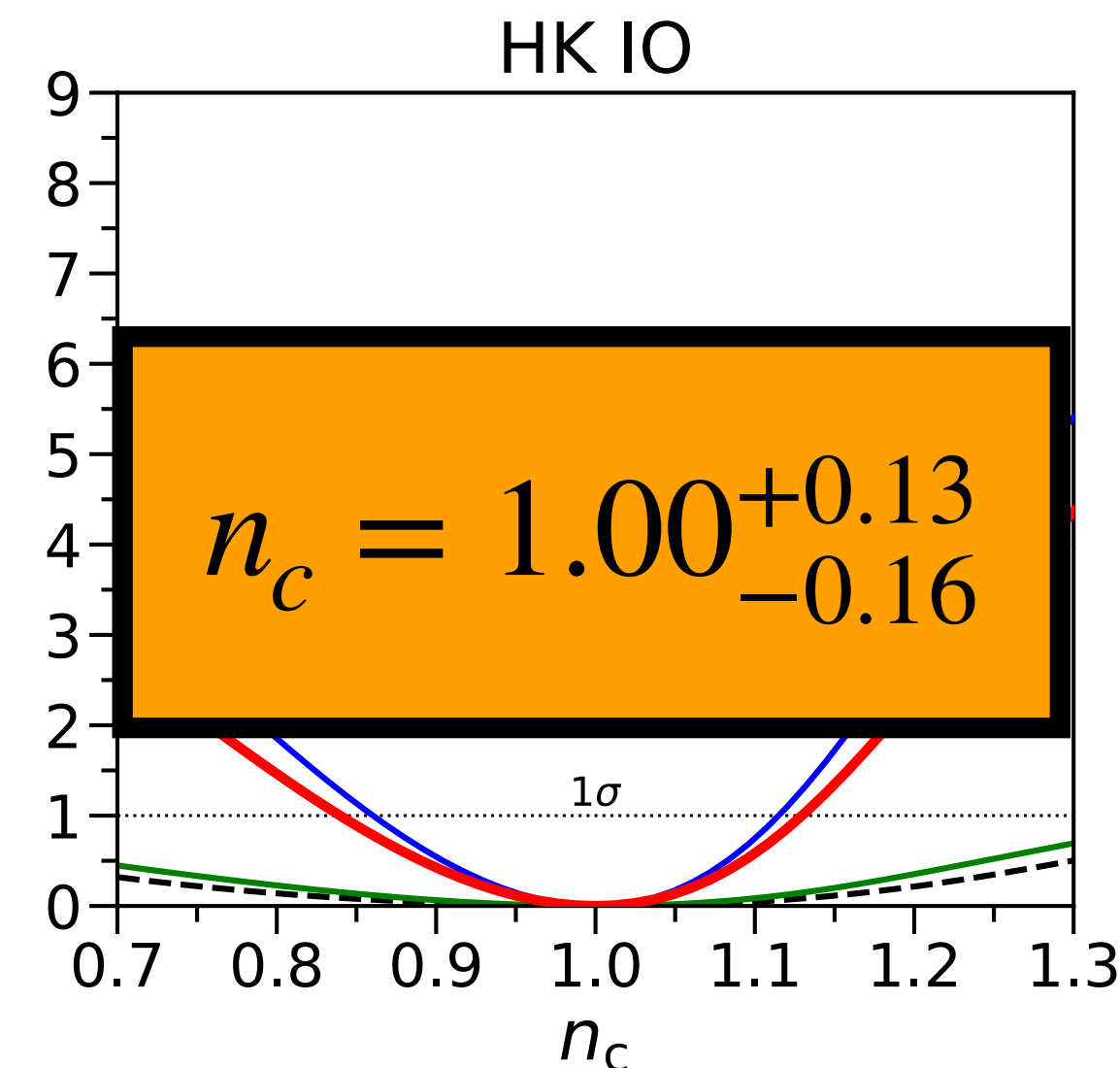
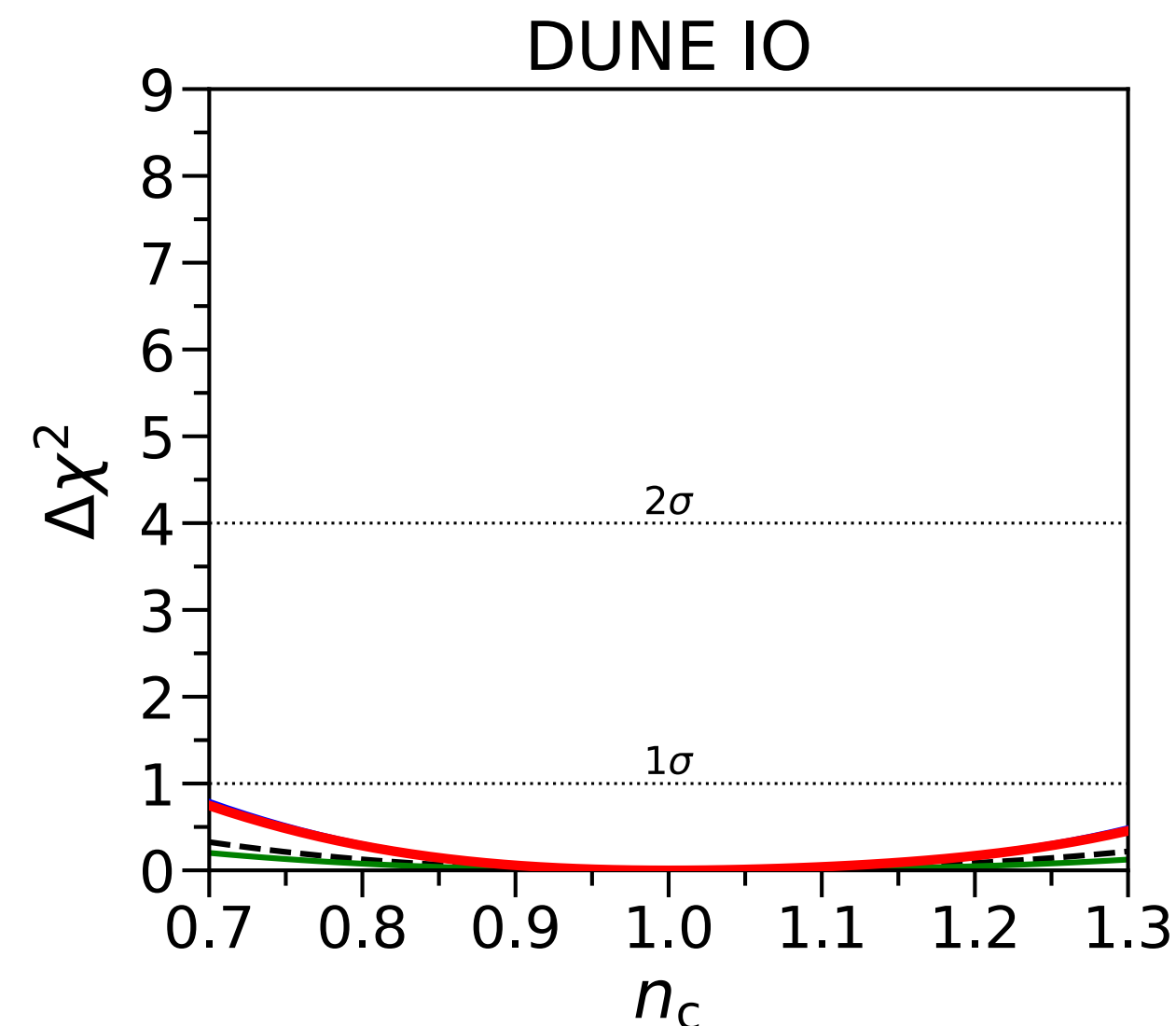
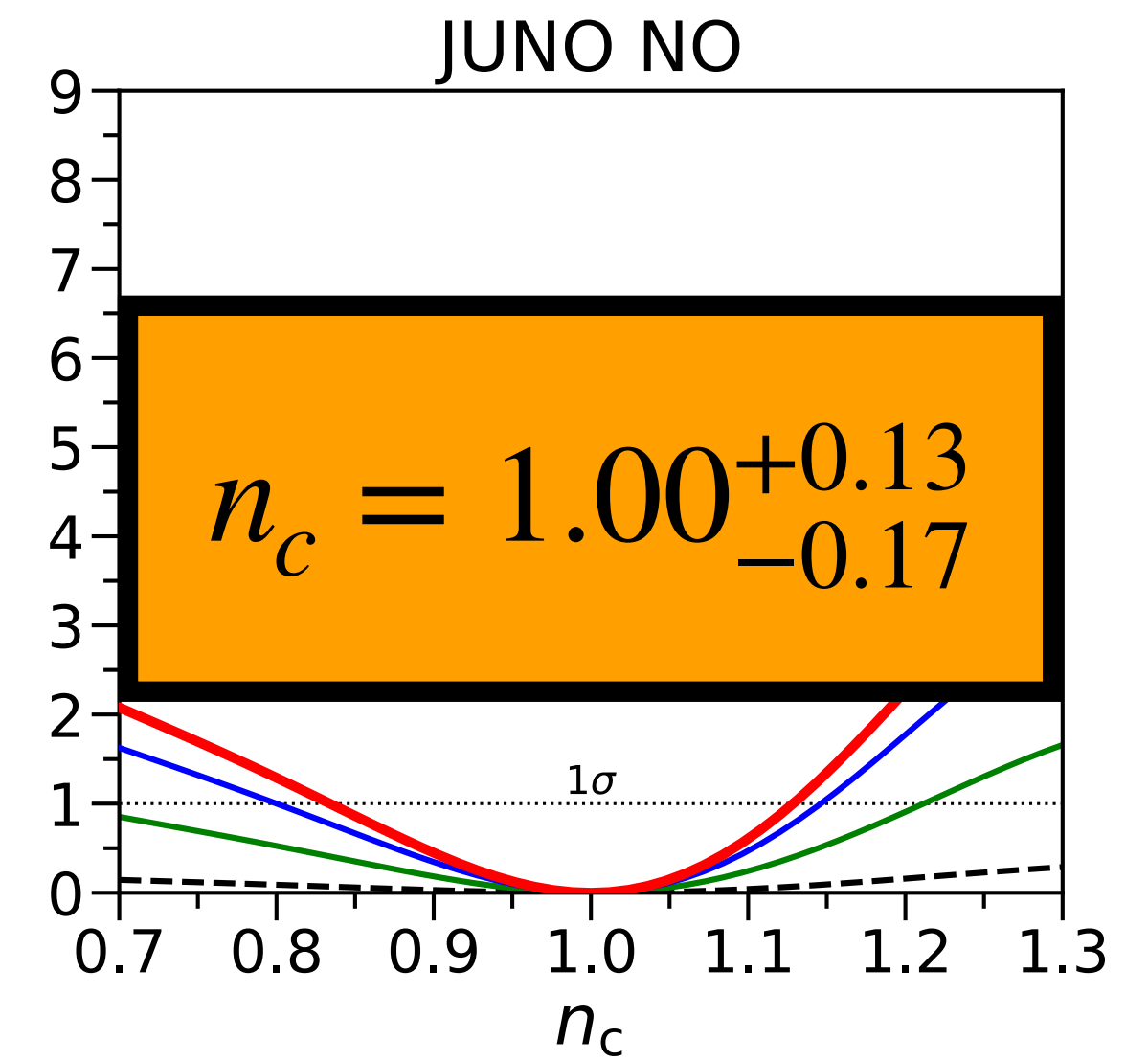
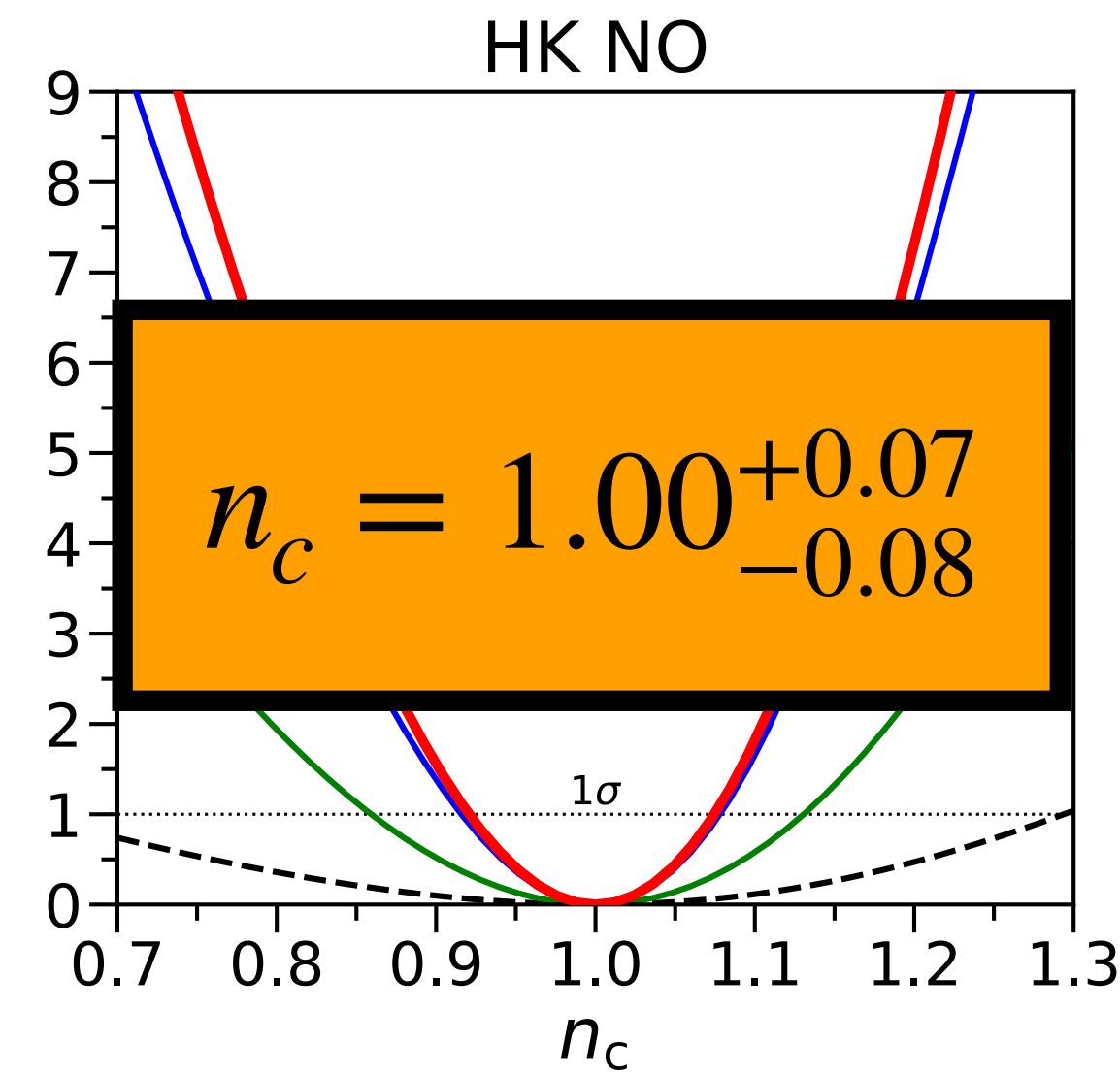
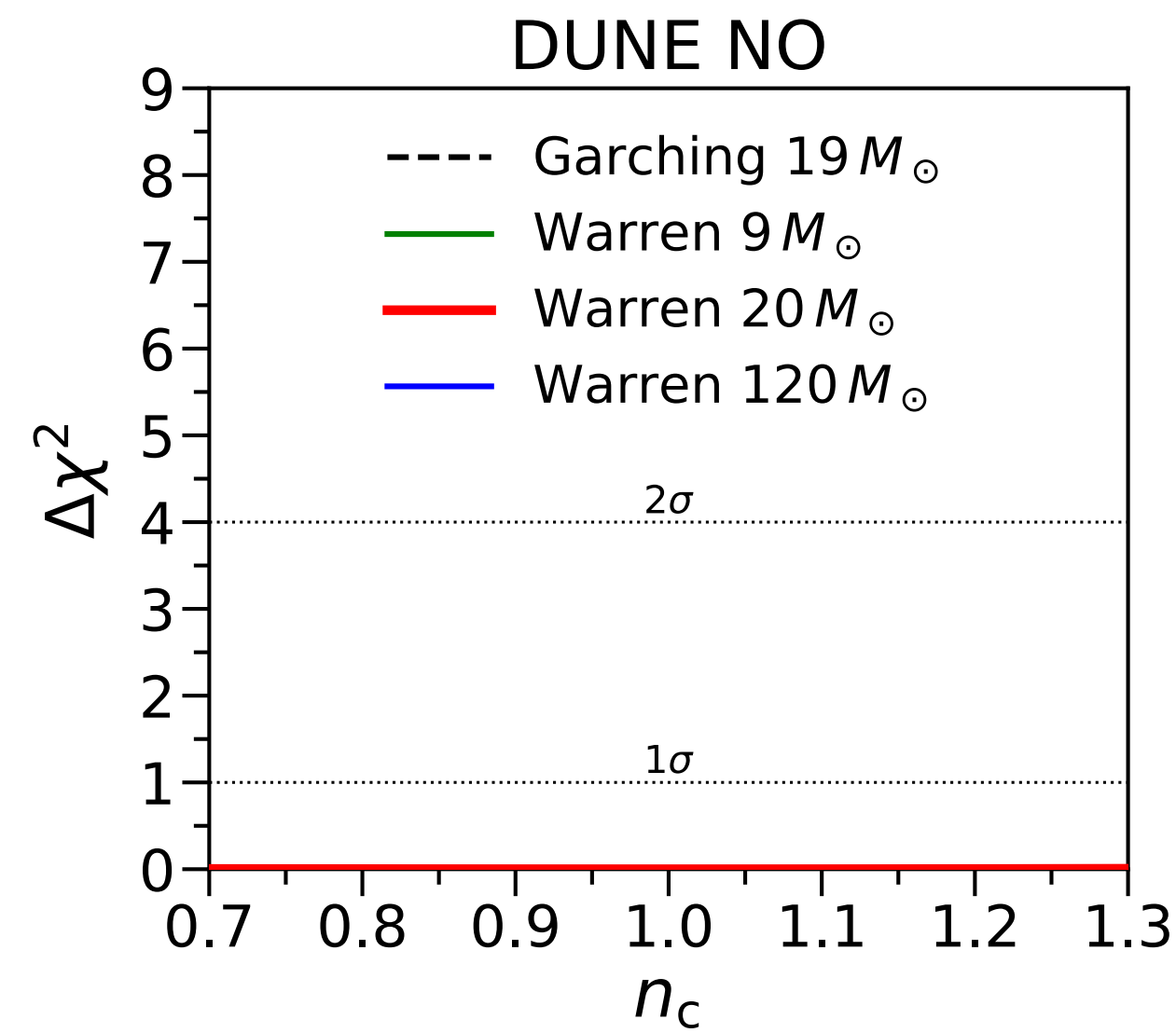
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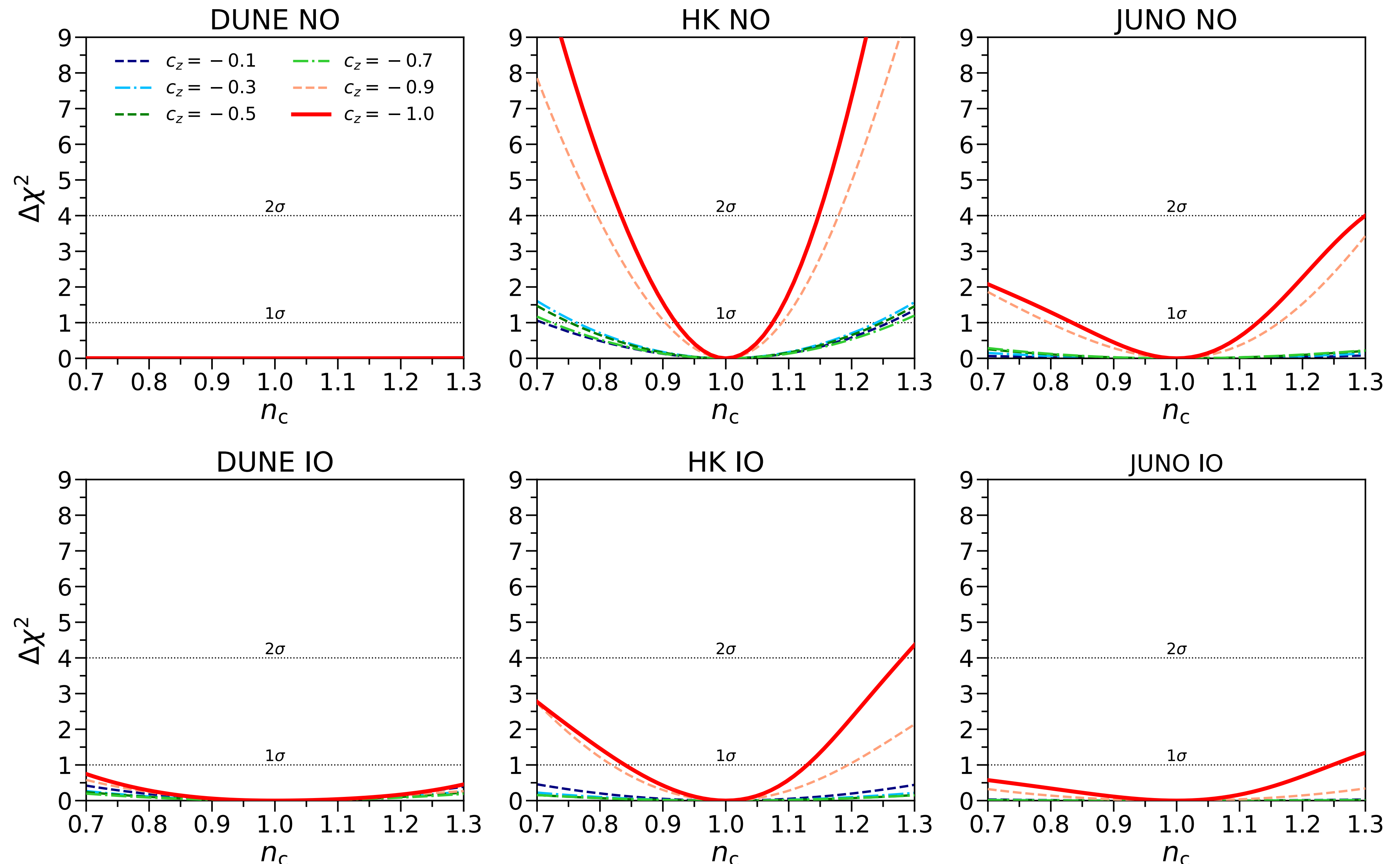
Warren  $20M_{\odot}$

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- Effect of incident direction of the SN neutrinos
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- HK and JUNO NO: core trajectories.
- We need luck: SN neutrinos through core!



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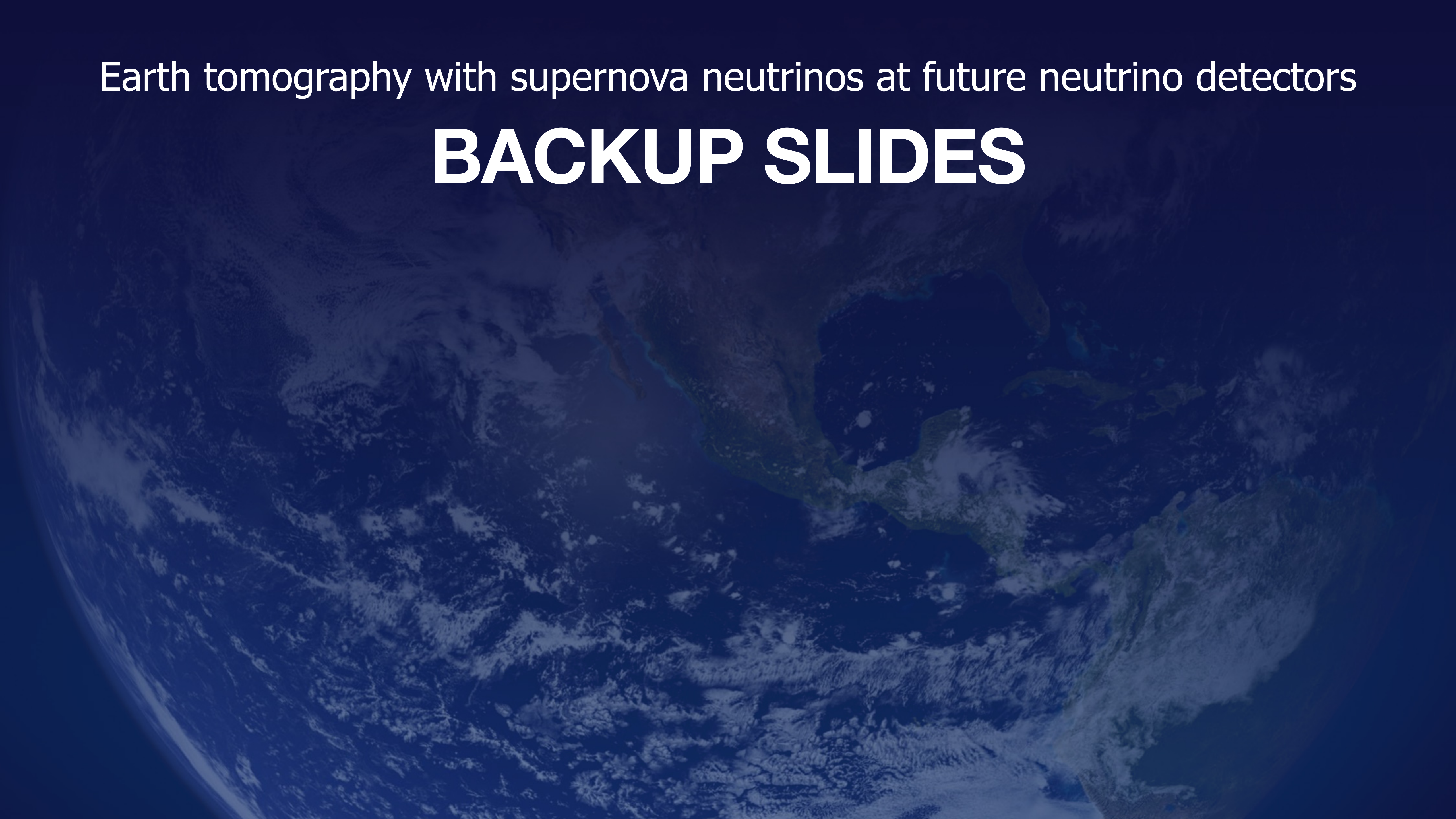
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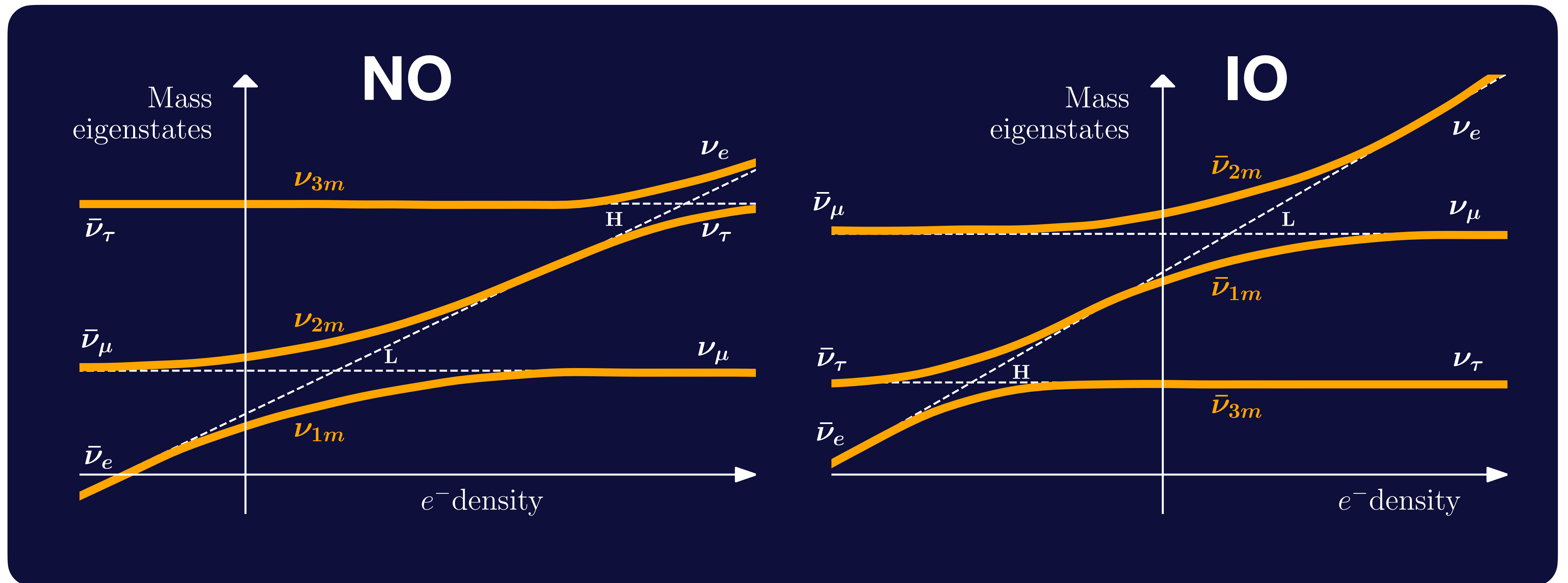
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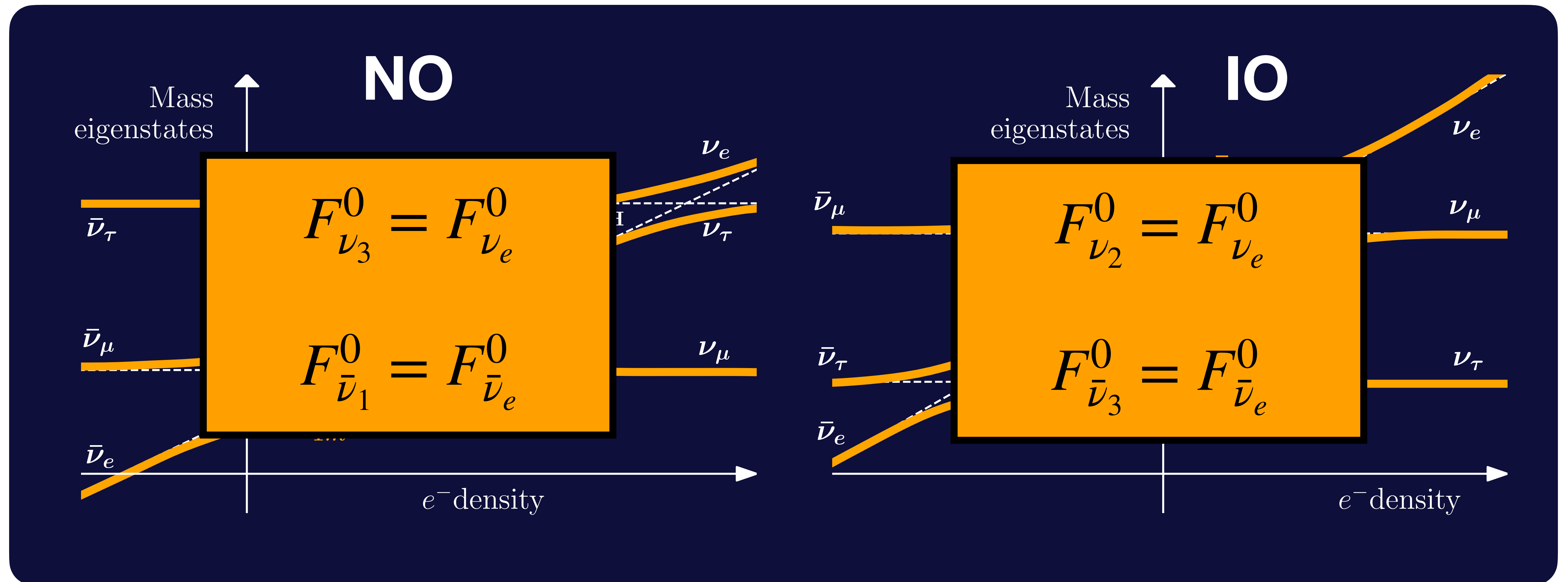
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If  $F_{\nu_e}^0 = F_{\nu_x}^0$  we are not sensitive to the matter effects!

$p$  and  $\bar{p}$  are the probability of transition from an initial mass state that depends on the neutrino mass ordering (SN emission) to a final flavor state that depends on the detection channel

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- In order to obtain  $p$  we need to know neutrino evolution:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{flavor}} = \underbrace{\frac{1}{2E} U M^2 U^\dagger}_{\text{Vacuum}} + \underbrace{V}_{\text{Matter}}$$

$$M^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \Delta m_{21}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \Delta m_{31}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} V(n_e) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U = U_{23} \Gamma_\delta U_{13} U_{12}$$

PMNS matrix

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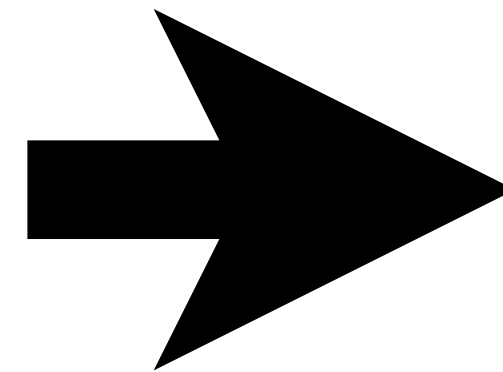
$$p_{\text{vac}}^{\text{NO}} \equiv P_{\text{vac}}(\nu_3 \rightarrow \nu_e) = |U_{e3}|^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{13}$$

$$\bar{p}_{\text{vac}}^{\text{NO}} \equiv P_{\text{vac}}(\bar{\nu}_1 \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = |U_{e1}|^2 = \cos^2 \theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{13}$$

$$p_{\text{vac}}^{\text{IO}} \equiv P_{\text{vac}}(\nu_2 \rightarrow \nu_e) = |U_{e2}|^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{12} \cos^2 \theta_{13}$$

$$\bar{p}_{\text{vac}}^{\text{IO}} \equiv P_{\text{vac}}(\bar{\nu}_3 \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) = |U_{e3}|^2 = \sin^2 \theta_{13} \quad .$$

$V \neq 0$



## Constant density probabilities

$$p_{\oplus}^{\text{NO}} \equiv P_{\oplus}(\nu_3 \rightarrow \nu_e) \simeq \sin^2 \theta_{13} \quad \times$$

$$\bar{p}_{\oplus}^{\text{NO}} \equiv P_{\oplus}(\bar{\nu}_1 \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \simeq \cos^2 \theta_{13} (1 - \bar{P}_{\oplus}^{2\nu})$$

$$p_{\oplus}^{\text{IO}} \equiv P_{\oplus}(\nu_2 \rightarrow \nu_e) \simeq \cos^2 \theta_{13} P_{\oplus}^{2\nu}$$

$$\bar{p}_{\oplus}^{\text{IO}} \equiv P_{\oplus}(\bar{\nu}_3 \rightarrow \bar{\nu}_e) \simeq \sin^2 \theta_{13} \quad \times$$

# Future detection of Supernova neutrinos

$$\frac{dR(E_{\text{rec}})}{dE_{\text{rec}}} = N_t \int dE_{\text{true}} dE_\nu \varepsilon(E_{\text{true}}) \mathcal{R}(E_{\text{true}}, E_{\text{rec}}) \frac{d\Phi_\nu^D(E_\nu)}{dE_\nu} \frac{d\sigma(E_\nu, E_e)}{dE_e}$$
$$\mathcal{R}(E_{\text{true}}, E_{\text{rec}}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_{\text{det}}} \exp\left(-\frac{(E_{\text{true}} - E_{\text{rec}})^2}{2\sigma_{\text{det}}^2}\right)$$

<b>DUNE</b> (LIQUID ARGON)	<b>HK</b> (WATER CHERENKOV)	<b>JUNO</b> (LIQUID SCINTILLATOR)
$\nu_e \text{Ar} - \text{CC} : \nu_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + \text{X} ,$ $\bar{\nu}_e \text{Ar} - \text{CC} : \bar{\nu}_e + {}^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^+ + \text{X} ,$ $\nu - e^- \text{ES} : \nu + e^- \rightarrow \nu + e^- .$	$\text{IBD} : \bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n ,$ $\nu_e \text{O} - \text{CC} : \nu_e + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow e^- + \text{X} ,$ $\bar{\nu}_e \text{O} - \text{CC} : \bar{\nu}_e + {}^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow e^+ + \text{X} ,$ $\nu - e^- \text{ES} : \nu + e^- \rightarrow \nu + e^- .$	$\text{IBD} : \bar{\nu}_e + p \rightarrow e^+ + n ,$ $\nu_e \text{C} - \text{CC} : \nu_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^- + \text{X} ,$ $\bar{\nu}_e \text{C} - \text{CC} : \bar{\nu}_e + {}^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^+ + \text{X} ,$ $\nu - e^- \text{ES} : \nu + e^- \rightarrow \nu + e^- .$
$N_t^{\text{Ar}} = 6.03 \cdot 10^{32}$ 20% ENERGY RESOLUTION	$N_t^{\text{P}} = 2.94 \cdot 10^{34}$ MEDIUM ENERGY RESOLUTION	$N_t^{\text{P}} = 1.47 \cdot 10^{33}$ GOOD ENERGY RESOLUTION



# Sensitivity to Earth density profile

- Binned poissonian  $\chi^2$  distribution with 1 degree of freedom ( $n_c$ ):

$$\Delta\chi^2(n_c; c_z) = 2 \sum_{i,s} \left[ N_{i,s}(n_c; c_z) - N_{i,s}(n_c = 1; c_z) + N_{i,s}(n_c = 1; c_z) \ln \left( \frac{N_{i,s}(n_c = 1; c_z)}{N_{i,s}(n_c; c_z)} \right) \right]$$

- Detection channels of each detector (different topologies):

<b>DUNE</b> (LIQUID ARGON)	<b>HK</b> (WATER CHERENKOV)	<b>JUNO</b> (LIQUID SCINTILLATOR)
$\nu_e \text{Ar} - \text{CC} + \bar{\nu}_e \text{Ar} - \text{CC}$ $\nu - e^- \text{ES}$	0.9 IBD  0.1 IBD + $\nu_e \text{O} - \text{CC} +$ $+ \bar{\nu}_e \text{O} - \text{CC} + \nu - e^- \text{ES}$	0.95 IBD  0.05 IBD + $\nu_e \text{O} - \text{CC} +$ $+ \bar{\nu}_e \text{O} - \text{CC} + \nu - e^- \text{ES}$

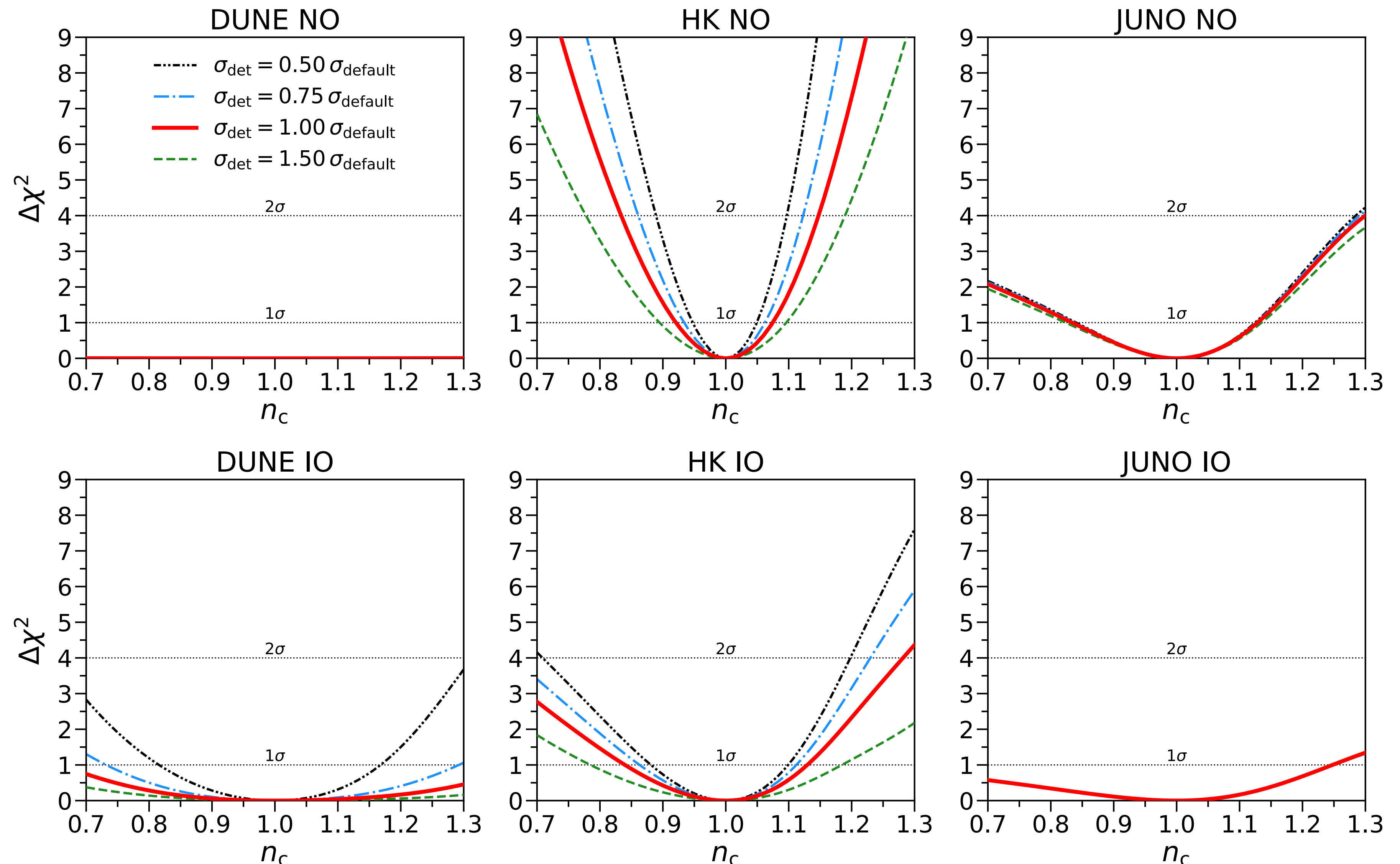
# Sensitivity to Earth density profile

- Effect of energy resolution of detectors

- Warren20,  
 $c_z = -1$ ,  
 $d_{\text{SN}} = 10$  kpc

- JUNO has a superb resolution.

- DUNE and HK have huge improvements.



# Sensitivity to Earth density profile

- Effect of solar mass splitting
- Warren20,  
 $d_{\text{SN}} = 10$  kpc
- Optimistic result in Lindner et. al. *Astropart. Phys.* 19, 755 (2003) with

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

