

# Search for right-handed neutrino with solar neutrino experiment

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A search for right-handed neutrino with solar neutrino experiment is presented.

## I. INTRODUCTION

## II. PRODUCTION AND DECAY OF RIGHT-HANDED NEUTRINO

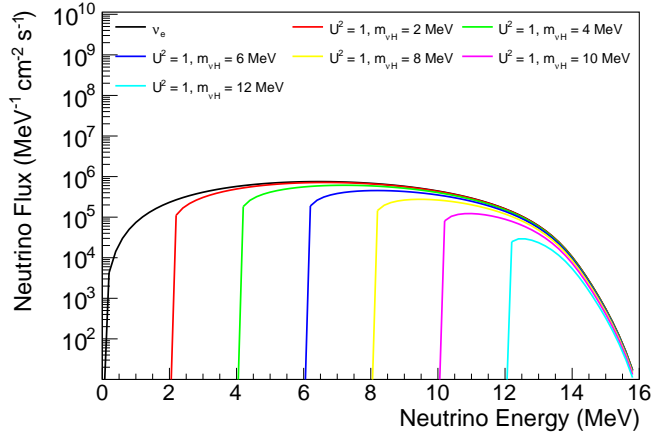


FIG. 1. Energy spectra of right-handed neutrinos with different masses emitted from  $^8\text{B}$  decay in the Sun. The right-handed neutrino spectra are based on  $^8\text{B}$  left-handed solar neutrino spectrum ( $\nu_e$  in the plot, taken from [1]) and are suppressed by the mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$  by  $\Phi(E_{\nu H}) = |U_{eH}|^2 \sqrt{1 - (\frac{m_{\nu H}}{E_{\nu H}})^2} \Phi_{\text{SB}}(E_{\nu})$ , where  $|U_{eH}|^2$  is 1.0 in this plot.

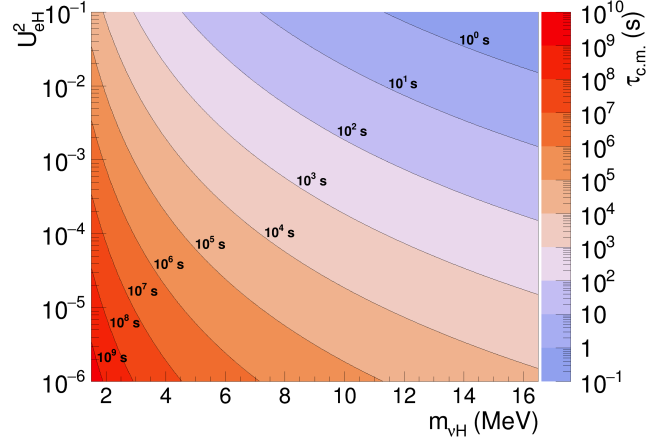


FIG. 2. Proper lifetime ( $\tau_{c.m.} = 1.0/\Gamma_{c.m.}^{tot}$ ) of right-handed neutrinos with different masses and different mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$ . The total width  $\Gamma_{c.m.}^{tot}$  includes decays by both  $W$  and  $Z$  bosons, and is defined by  $\Gamma_{c.m.}^{tot} = \frac{G_F^2}{192\pi^3} m_{\nu H}^5 |U_{eH}|^2 (1 + h[\frac{m_e^2}{m_{\nu H}^2}])$ , where  $h[\frac{m_e^2}{m_{\nu H}^2}]$  is the phase-space taken from [2].

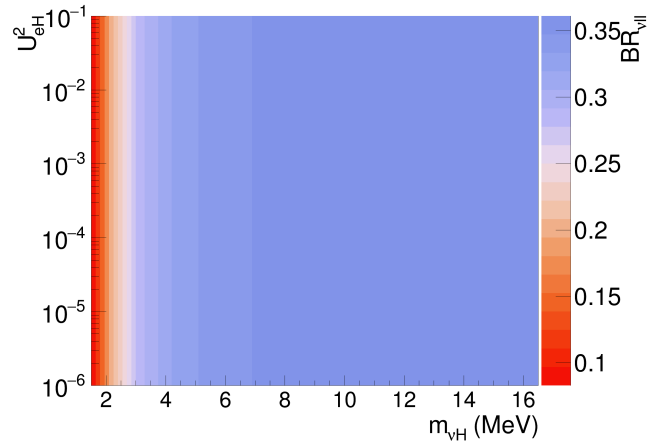


FIG. 3. Branching ratio of  $\nu_H$  decay to  $\nu_e e^+ e^-$  for different masses and different mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$ .

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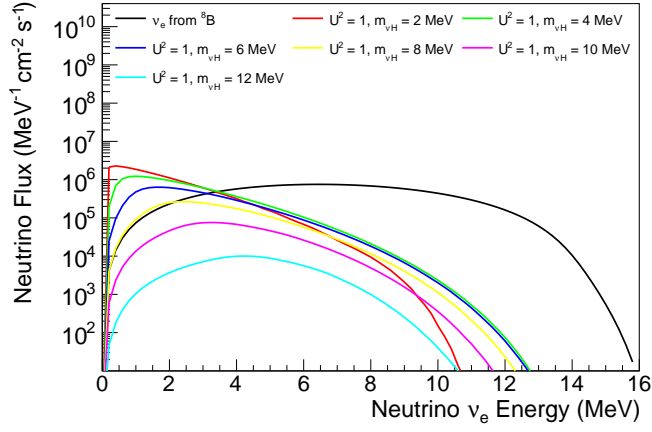


FIG. 4. Energy spectra of left-handed neutrinos ( $\nu_e$ ) in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+ e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The spectra shown in this plot include all  $\nu_H$  decay (regardless of where they decay). The original solar neutrino energy spectrum from  $^8B$  in the Sun is also shown in the plot (black curve).

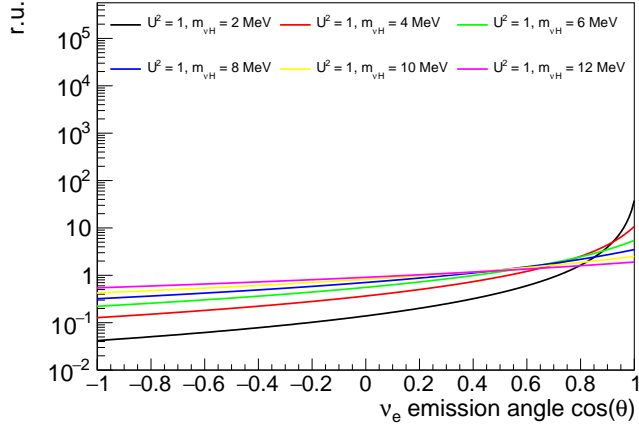


FIG. 5. Top: emission angle  $\cos(\theta)$  distribution of left-handed neutrinos ( $\nu_e$ ) in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+ e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The plots shown in this plot include all  $\nu_H$  decay (regardless of where they decay). Bottom: sketch of definition of emission angle  $\theta$ .

### III. SEARCH FOR $\nu_H$ WITH $e^+e^-$ SPECTRUM

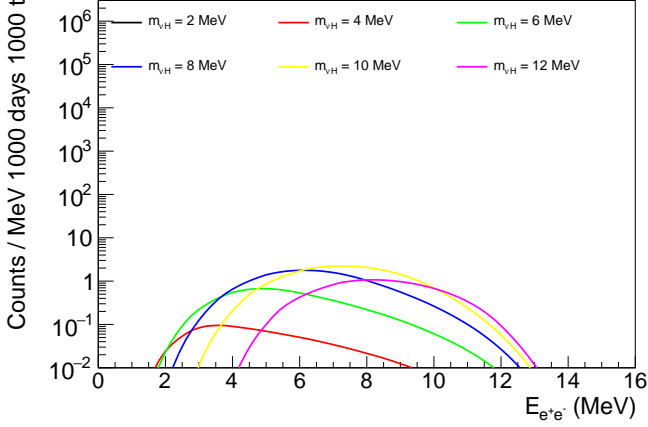


FIG. 6. The expected energy spectra of of  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The spectra only include  $\nu_H$ 's that decay inside a 1000-ton detector placed on earth over 1000 days. The mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$  is  $10^{-6}$  in this plot.

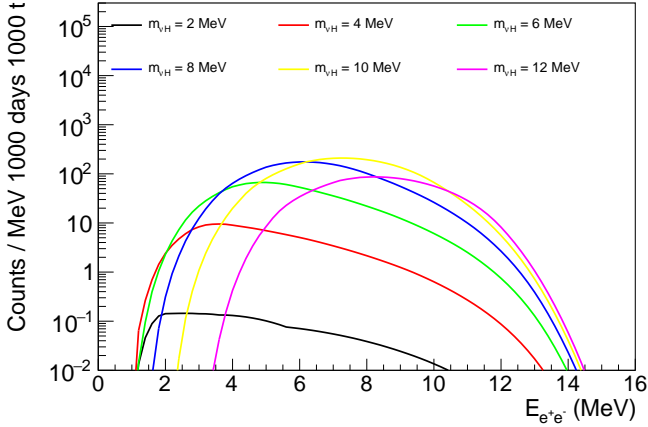


FIG. 7. The expected energy spectra of of  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The spectra only include  $\nu_H$ 's that decay inside a 1000-ton detector placed on earth over 1000 days. The mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$  is  $10^{-5}$  in this plot.

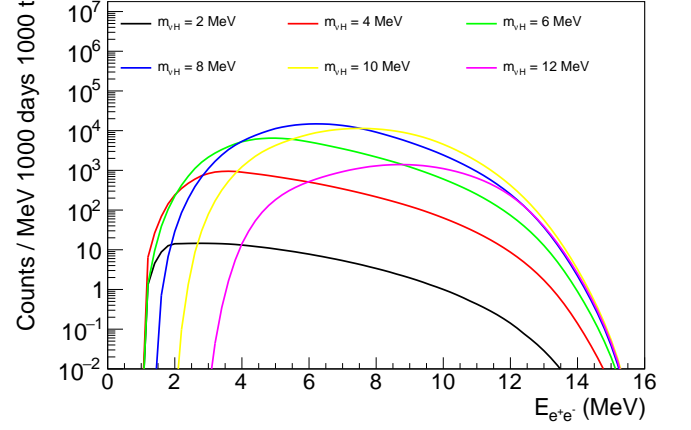


FIG. 8. The expected energy spectra of of  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The spectra only include  $\nu_H$ 's that decay inside a 1000-ton detector placed on earth over 1000 days. The mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$  is  $10^{-4}$  in this plot.

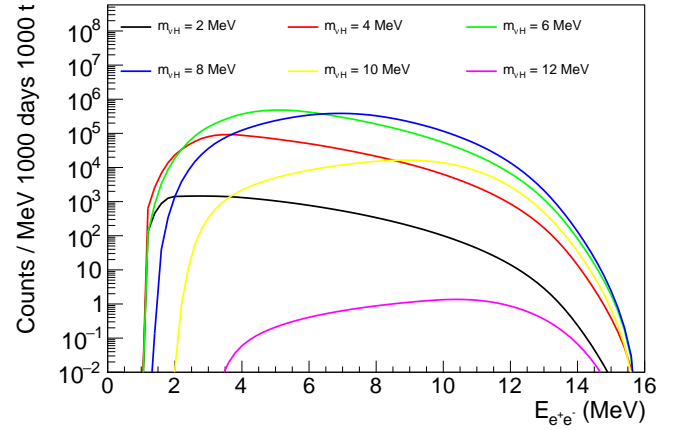


FIG. 9. The expected energy spectra of of  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The spectra only include  $\nu_H$ 's that decay inside a 1000-ton detector placed on earth over 1000 days. The mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$  is  $10^{-3}$  in this plot.

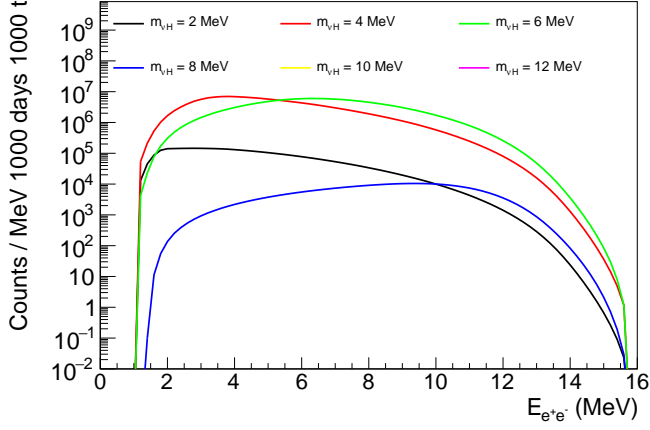


FIG. 10. The expected energy spectra of  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The spectra only include  $\nu_H$ 's that decay inside a 1000-ton detector placed on earth over 1000 days. The mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$  is  $10^{-2}$  in this plot.

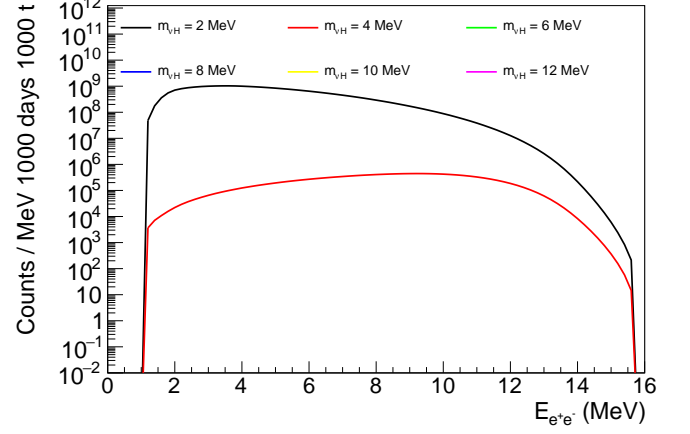


FIG. 12. The expected energy spectra of  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The spectra only include  $\nu_H$ 's that decay inside a 1000-ton detector placed on earth over 1000 days. The mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$  is 1.0 in this plot.

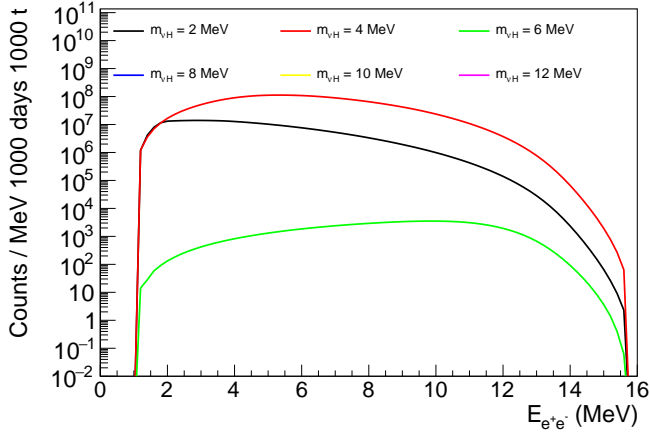


FIG. 11. The expected energy spectra of  $e^+e^-$  pairs in the lab frame from  $\nu_H$  to  $\nu_e e^+e^-$  decay for different  $\nu_H$  masses. The spectra only include  $\nu_H$ 's that decay inside a 1000-ton detector placed on earth over 1000 days. The mixing parameter  $|U_{eH}|^2$  is  $10^{-1}$  in this plot.

#### IV. SEARCH FOR $\nu_H$ WITH $\nu_e$ SOLAR ANGLE

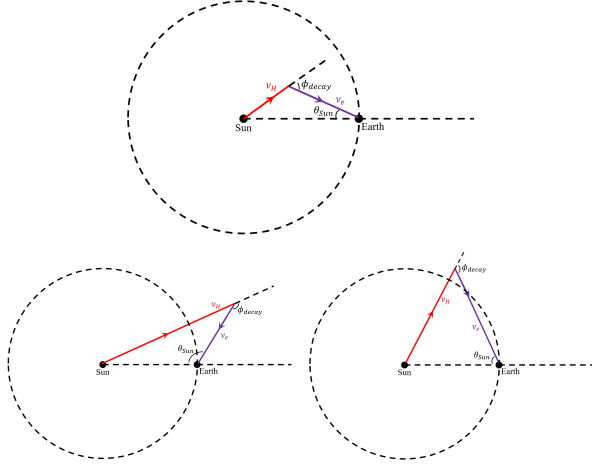


FIG. 13. Definition of angles  $\phi_{decay}$  (emission angle) and  $\theta_{Sun}$  (solar angle) for  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then the decay product  $\nu_e$  reaches the detector on earth. Different scenarios of  $\nu_H$  decays are shown:  $\nu_H$  decay inside earth orbit (top plot), and  $\nu_H$  decay outside earth orbit (bottom plots).

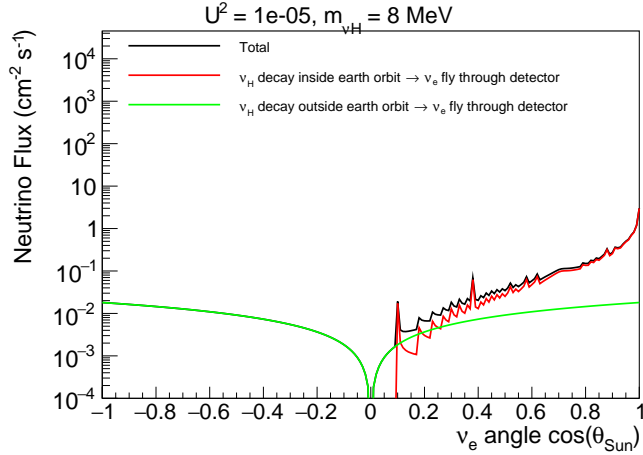


FIG. 14. Distribution solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 8$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-8}$ .

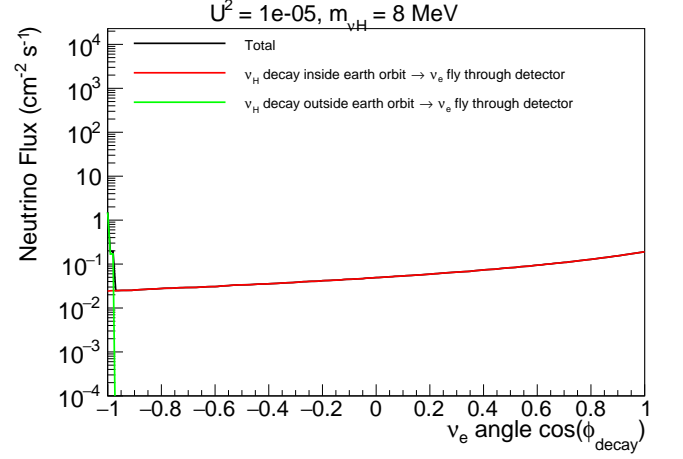


FIG. 15. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 8$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-5}$ .

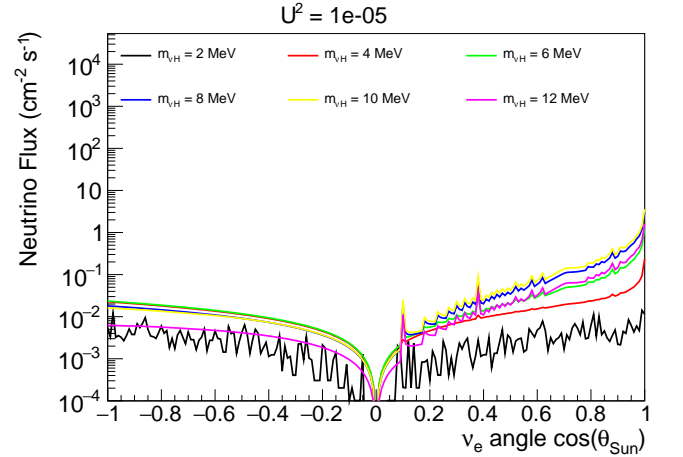


FIG. 16. Distributions of solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-5}$ .

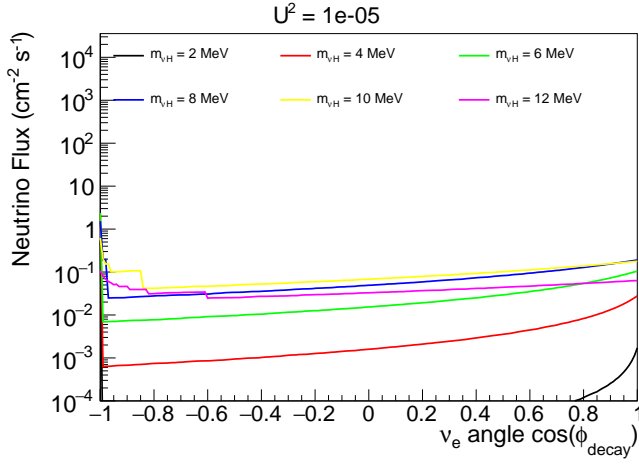


FIG. 17. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-5}$ .

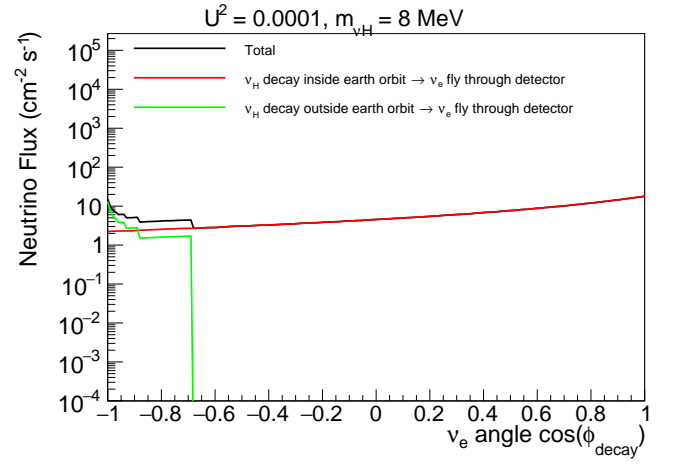


FIG. 19. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 8$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-4}$ .

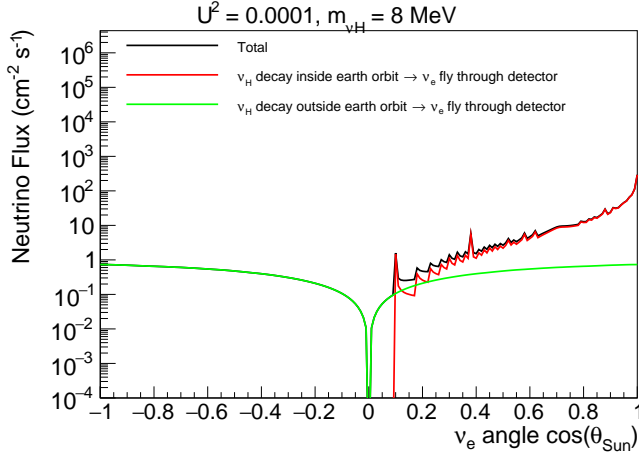


FIG. 18. Distribution solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 8$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-4}$ .

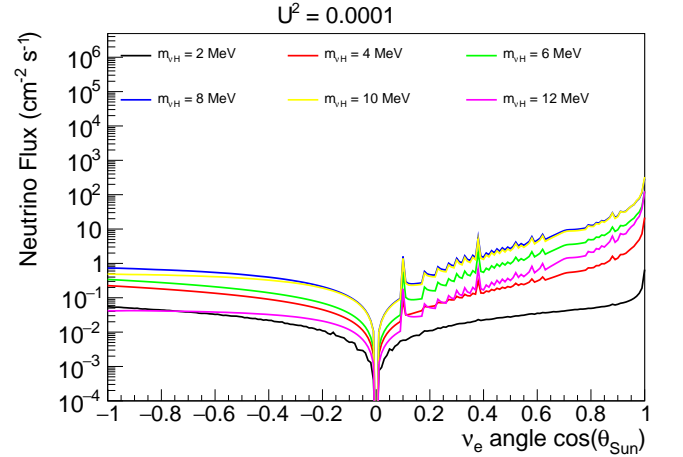


FIG. 20. Distributions of solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-4}$ .

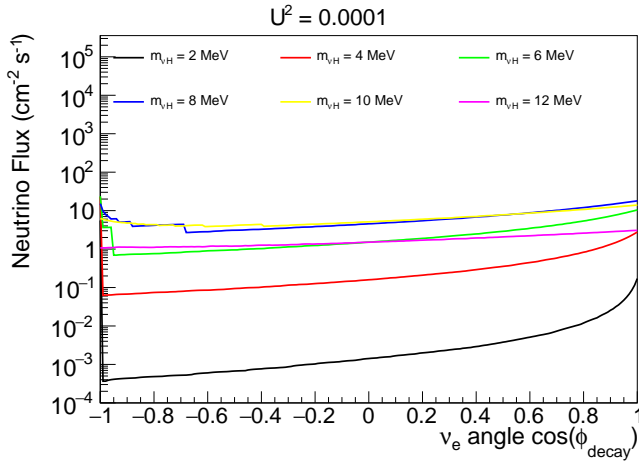


FIG. 21. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-4}$ .

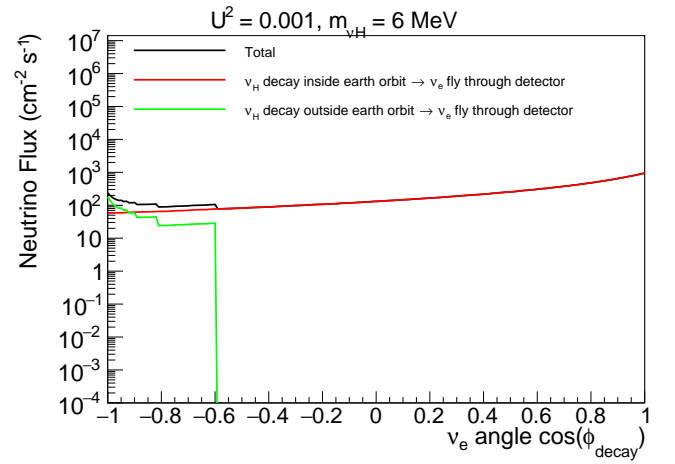


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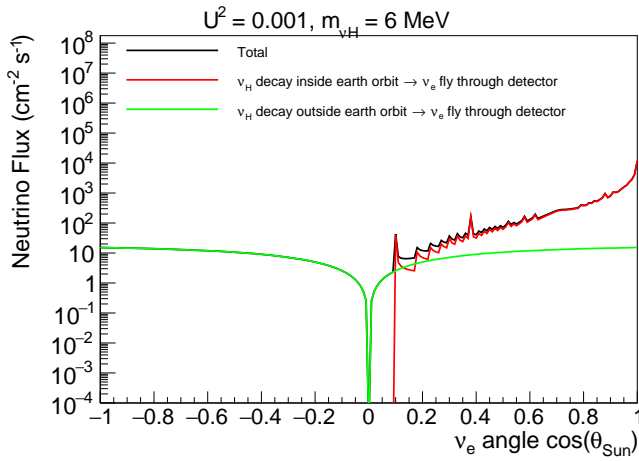


FIG. 22. Distribution solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 6$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-3}$ .

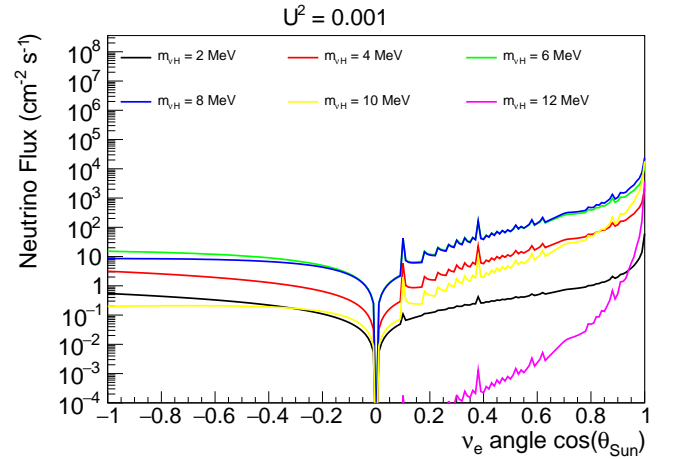


FIG. 24. Distributions of solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-3}$ .

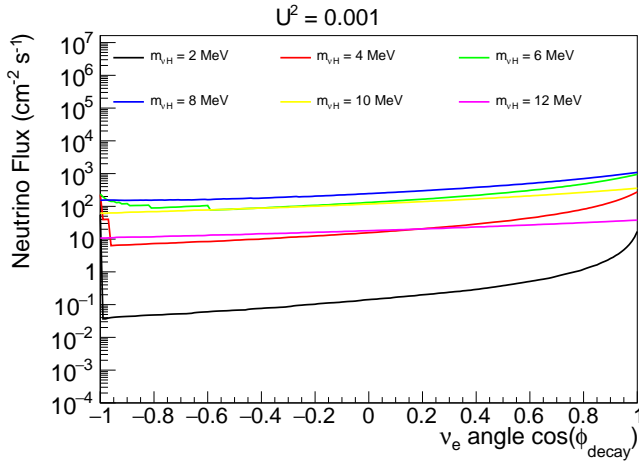


FIG. 25. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-3}$ .

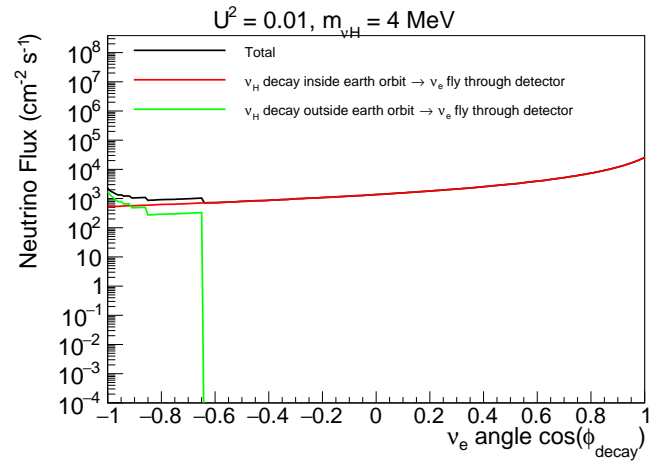


FIG. 27. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 4$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-2}$ .

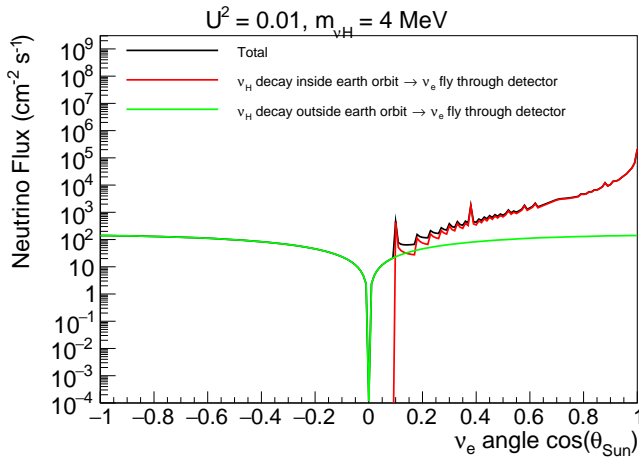


FIG. 26. Distribution solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 4$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-2}$ .

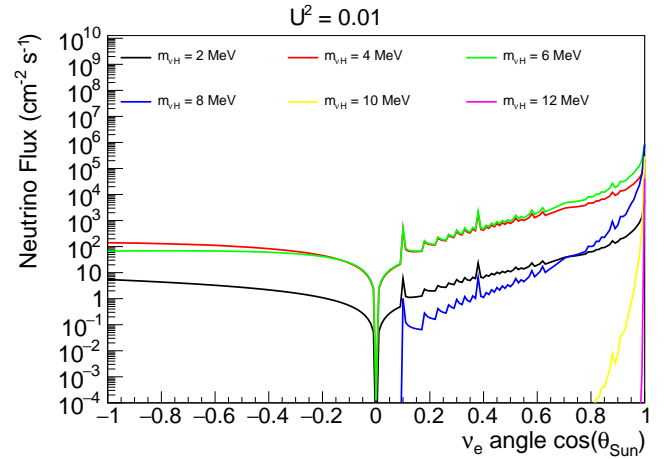


FIG. 28. Distributions of solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-2}$ .



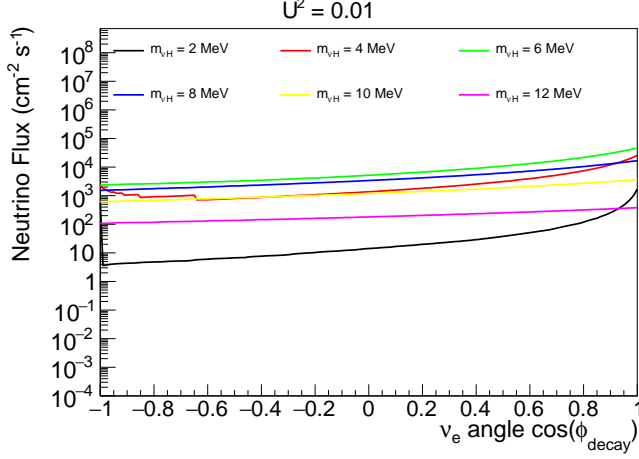


FIG. 29. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-2}$ .

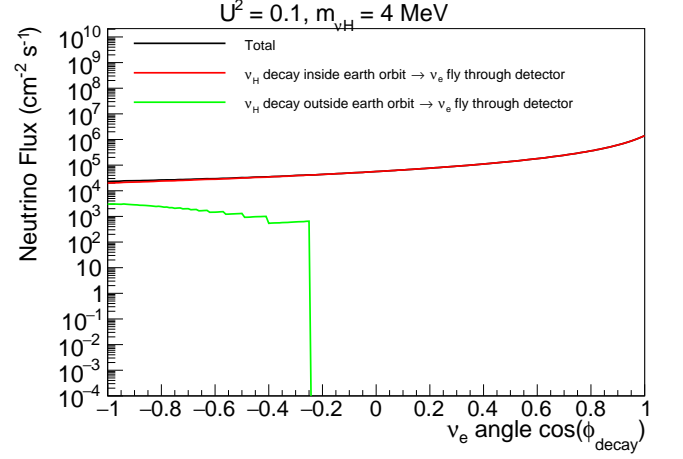


FIG. 31. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 4$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-1}$ .

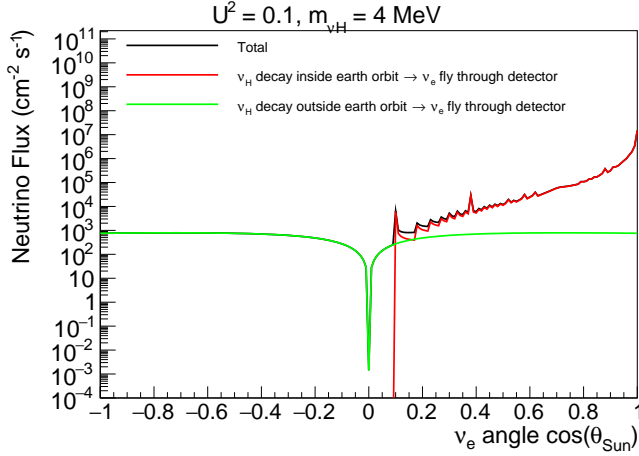


FIG. 30. Distribution solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 4$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-1}$ .

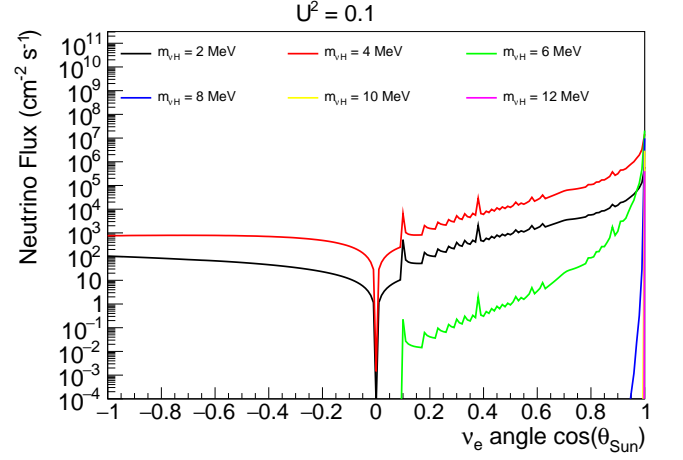


FIG. 32. Distributions of solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-1}$ .

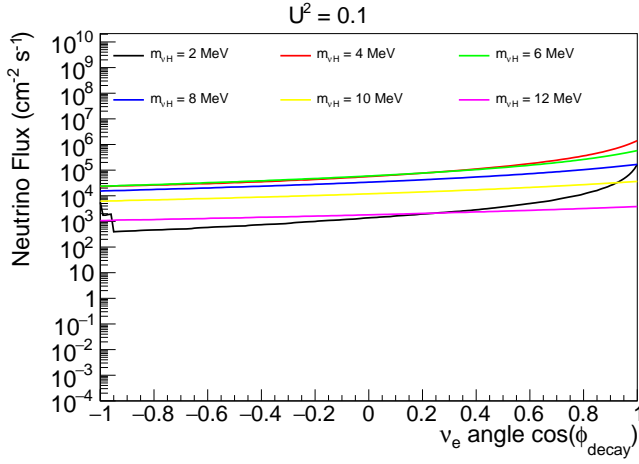


FIG. 33. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-1}$ .

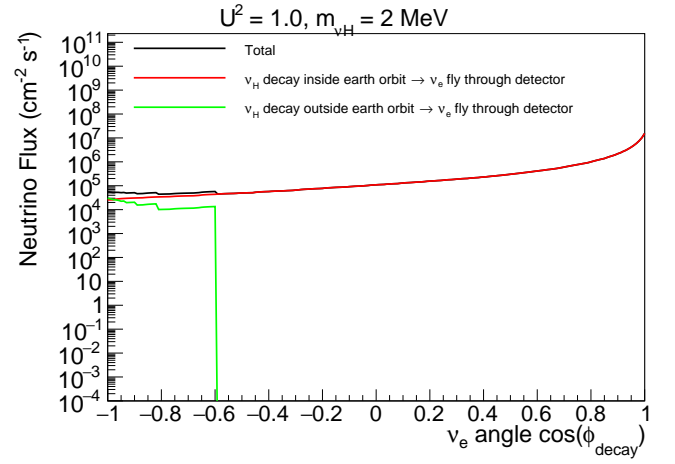


FIG. 35. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{decay})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 2$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 1.0$ .

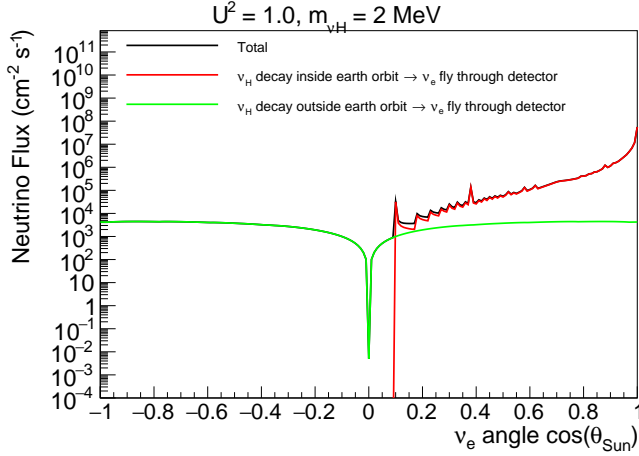


FIG. 34. Distribution solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The distributions for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 2$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 1.0$ .

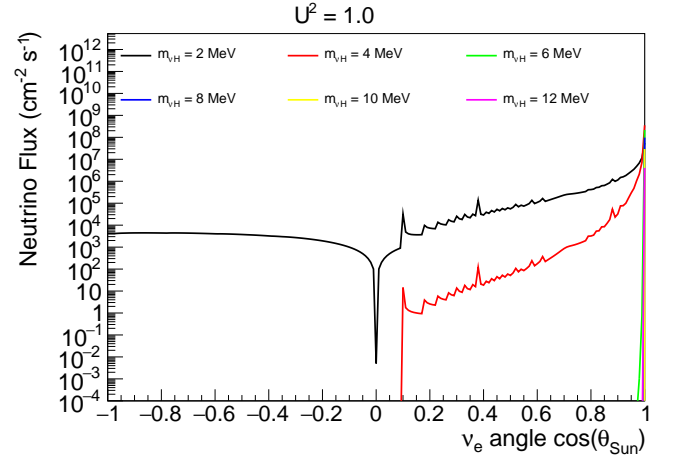


FIG. 36. Distributions of solar angle  $\cos(\theta_{Sun})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 1$ .

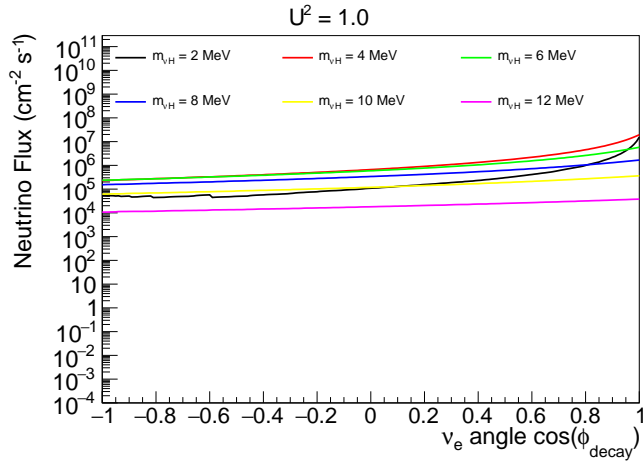


FIG. 37. Distributions of emission angle  $\cos(\phi_{\text{decay}})$  of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu_H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 1$ .

## V. SEARCH FOR $\nu_H$ WITH $\nu_e$ SPECTRUM

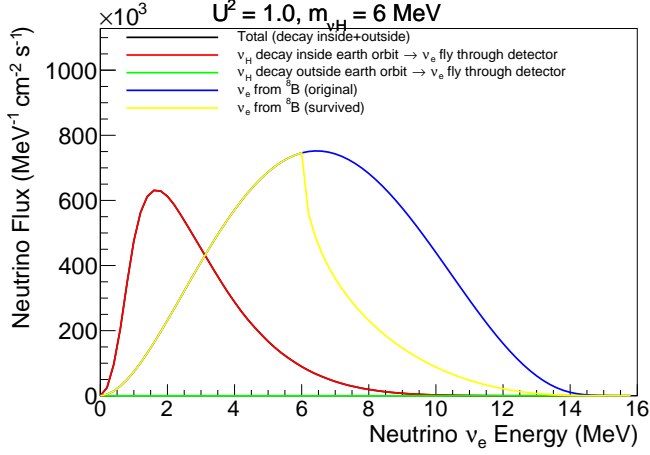


FIG. 38. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The spectra for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  $^8B$  decay in the Sun, and spectrum of solar neutrino that survived the mix to  $\nu_H$  during  $^8B$  decay, are also shown in the plot. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 6$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 1.0$ .

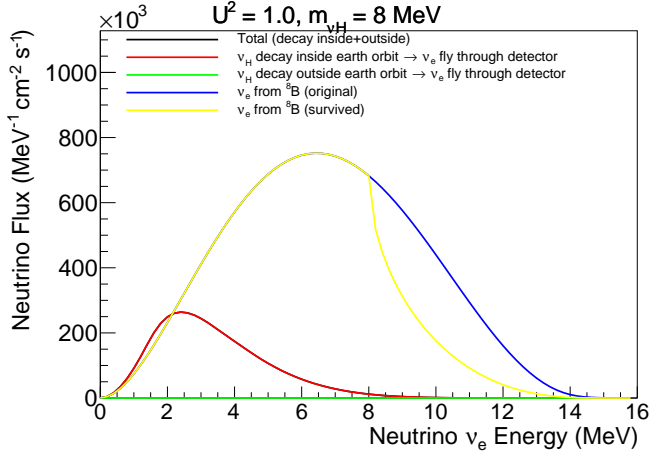


FIG. 39. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The spectra for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  $^8B$  decay in the Sun, and spectrum of solar neutrino that survived the mix to  $\nu_H$  during  $^8B$  decay, are also shown in the plot. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 8$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 1.0$ .

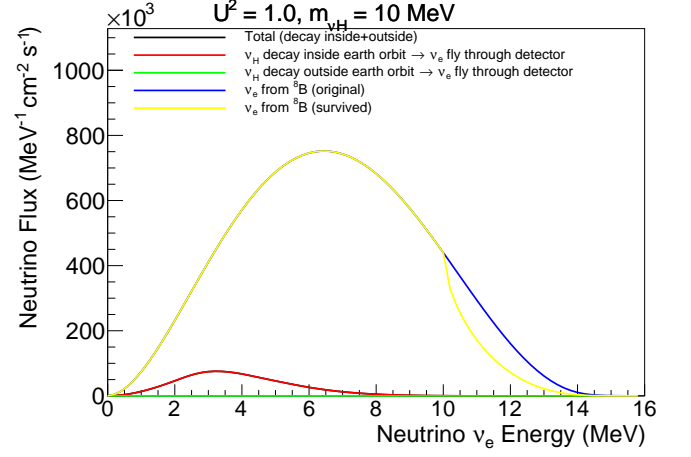


FIG. 40. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The spectra for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  $^8B$  decay in the Sun, and spectrum of solar neutrino that survived the mix to  $\nu_H$  during  $^8B$  decay, are also shown in the plot. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 10$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 1.0$ .

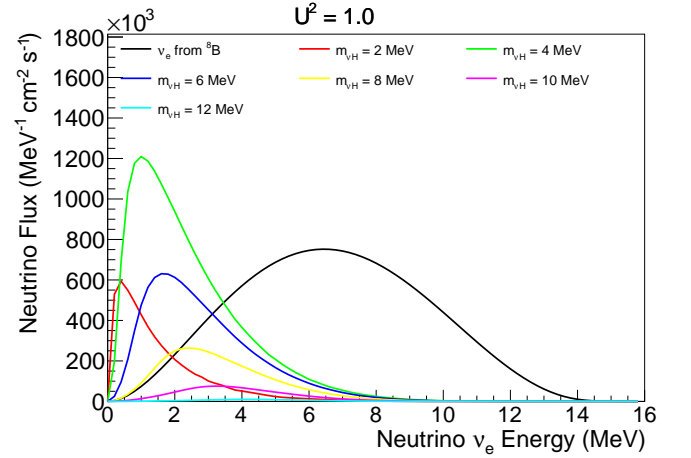


FIG. 41. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 1.0$ . The background (original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  $^8B$  decay in the Sun) spectrum is also shown in the plot.

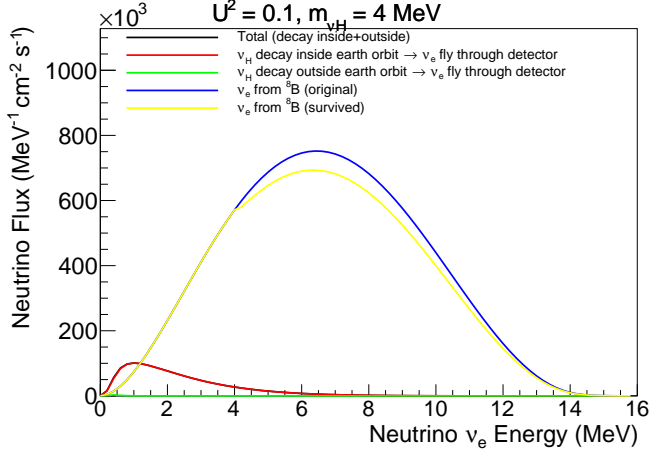


FIG. 42. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The spectra for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  $^8B$  decay in the Sun, and spectrum of solar neutrino that survived the mix to  $\nu_H$  during  $^8B$  decay, are also shown in the plot. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 4$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-1}$ .

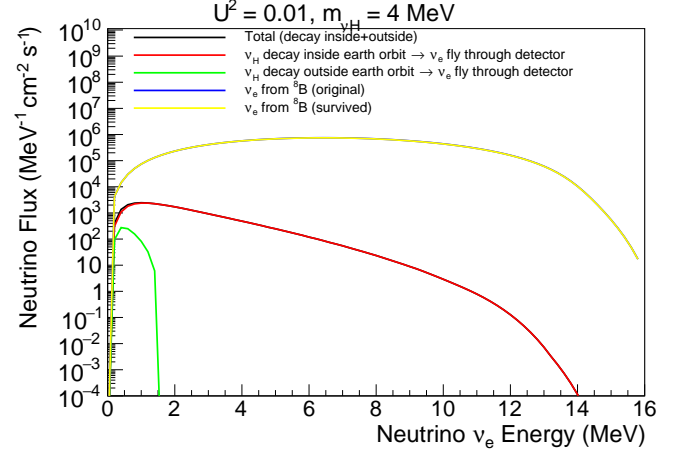


FIG. 44. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The spectra for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  $^8B$  decay in the Sun, and spectrum of solar neutrino that survived the mix to  $\nu_H$  during  $^8B$  decay, are also shown in the plot. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 4$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-2}$ .

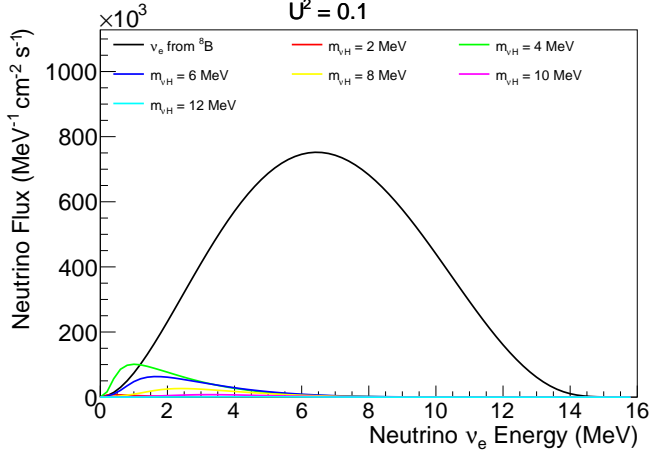


FIG. 43. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-1}$ . The background (original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  $^8B$  decay in the Sun) spectrum is also shown in the plot.

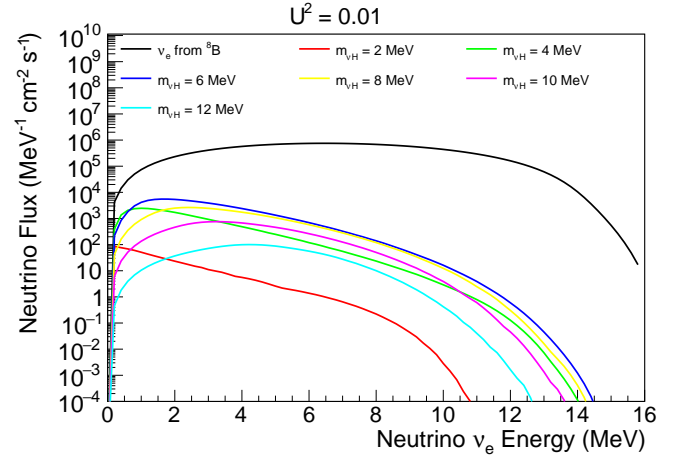


FIG. 45. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-2}$ . The background (original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  $^8B$  decay in the Sun) spectrum is also shown in the plot.

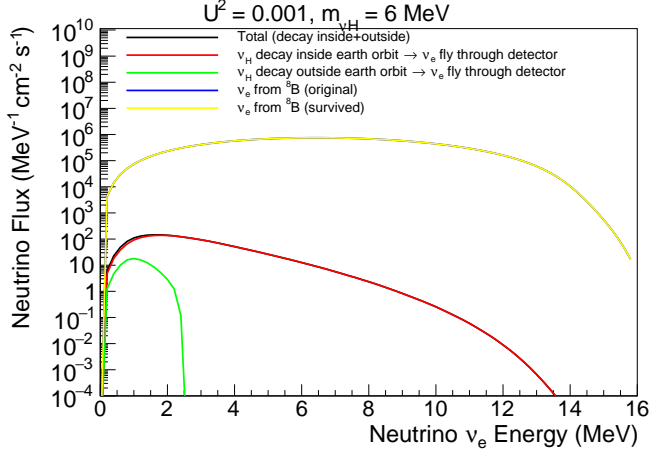


FIG. 46. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The spectra for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  ${}^8B$  decay in the Sun, and spectrum of solar neutrino that survived the mix to  $\nu_H$  during  ${}^8B$  decay, are also shown in the plot. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 6$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-3}$ .

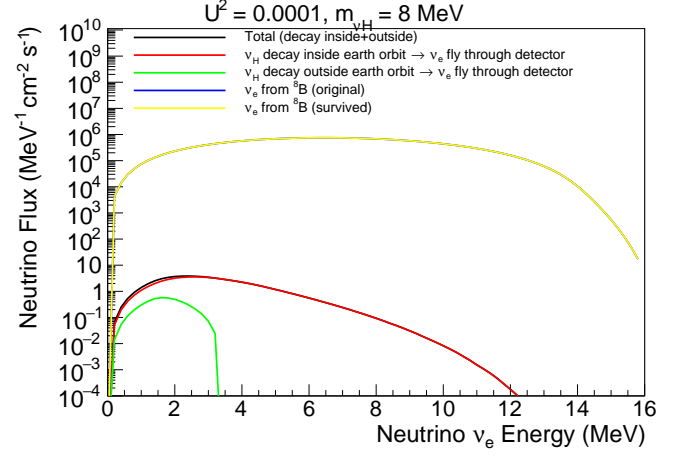


FIG. 48. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The spectra for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  ${}^8B$  decay in the Sun, and spectrum of solar neutrino that survived the mix to  $\nu_H$  during  ${}^8B$  decay, are also shown in the plot. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 8$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-4}$ .

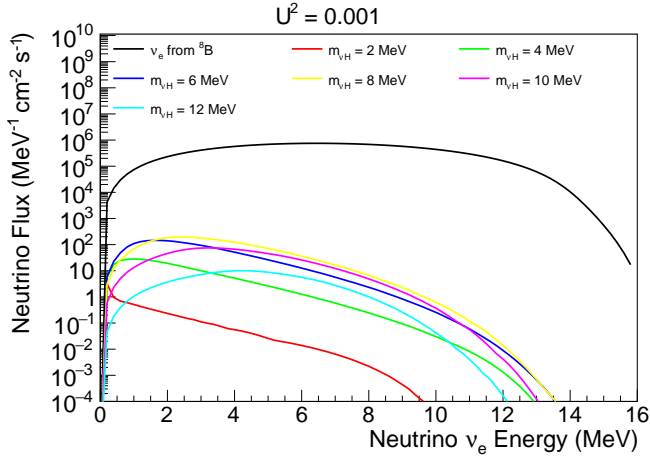


FIG. 47. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-3}$ . The background (original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  ${}^8B$  decay in the Sun) spectrum is also shown in the plot.

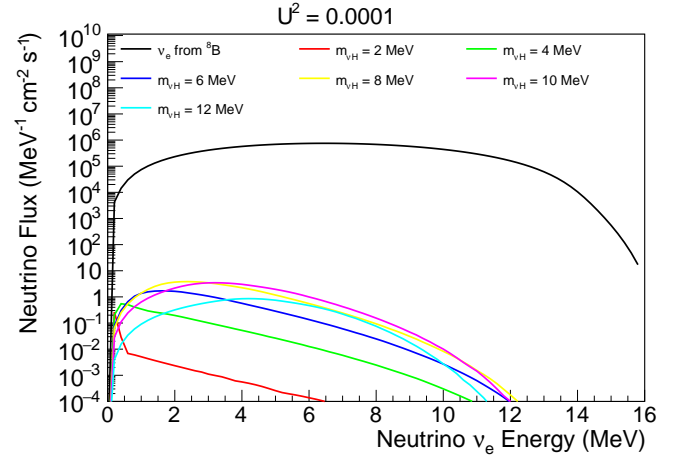


FIG. 49. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-4}$ . The background (original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  ${}^8B$  decay in the Sun) spectrum is also shown in the plot.

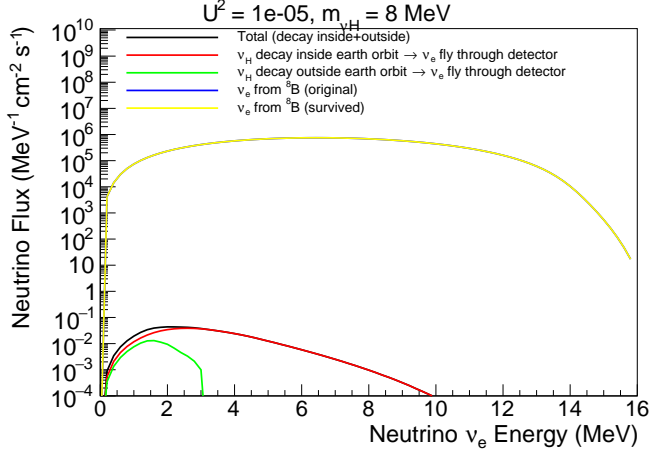


FIG. 50. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. The spectra for  $\nu_H$  decay inside and outside earth orbit are shown separately. The original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  ${}^8B$  decay in the Sun, and spectrum of solar neutrino that survived the mix to  $\nu_H$  during  ${}^8B$  decay, are also shown in the plot. The signal model shown in this plot is  $m_{\nu H} = 8$  MeV and  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-5}$ .

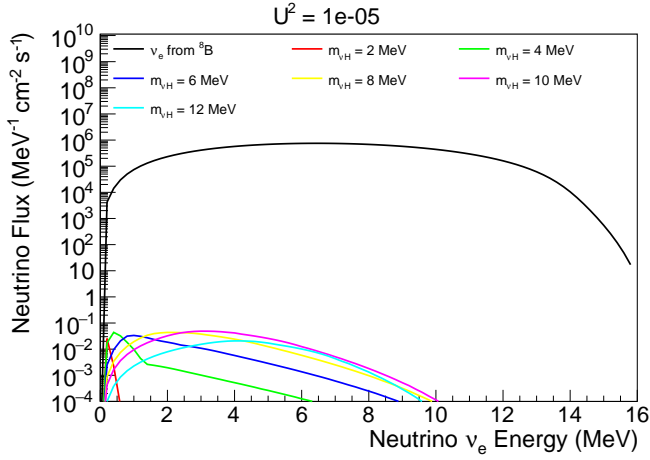


FIG. 51. Energy spectra of  $\nu_e$ 's that come from  $\nu_H$  decay in flight and then reach the detector on earth. Different curves are for different  $\nu_H$  masses  $m_{\nu H}$ , and the mixing angle  $|U_{eH}|^2 = 10^{-5}$ . The background (original solar neutrino spectrum that come from  ${}^8B$  decay in the Sun) spectrum is also shown in the plot.

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