

Closing in on Dark Matter

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Overview

- Motivation
- Constraining the Dark Matter Self-annihilation Cross Section with Neutrinos
- Neutrinos from the Sun
- ... more Dark Matter Searches at the Pole
- Closing in on Dark Matter

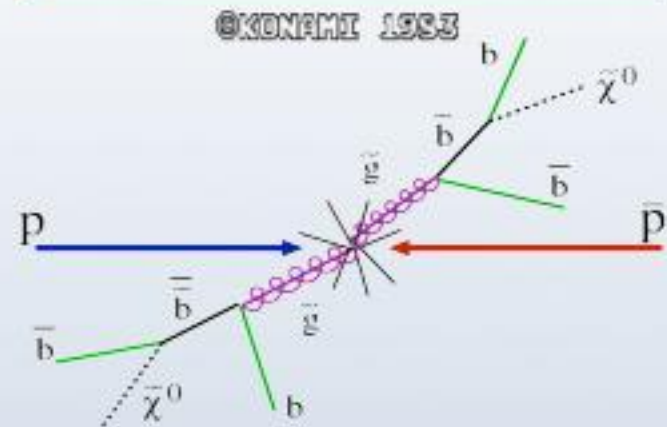
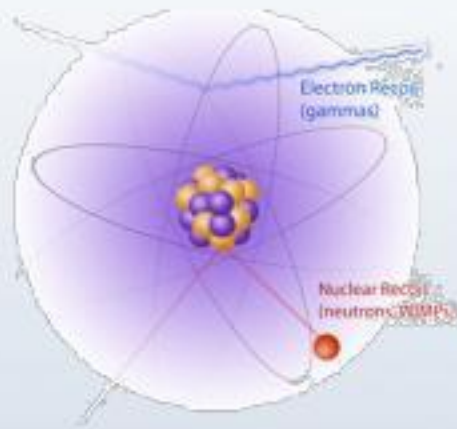
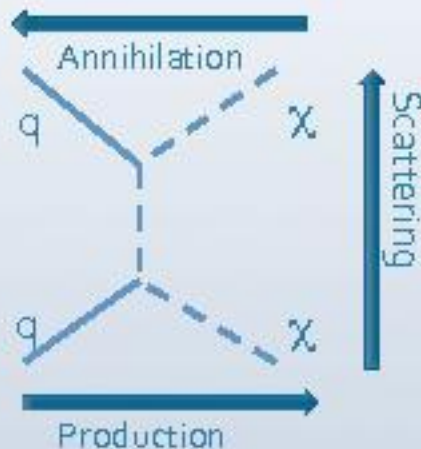
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The Dark Matter Mystery

- Overwhelming observational evidence for the existence of dark matter, but still clueless about its nature



WIMP = Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

Strategies for WIMP Detection

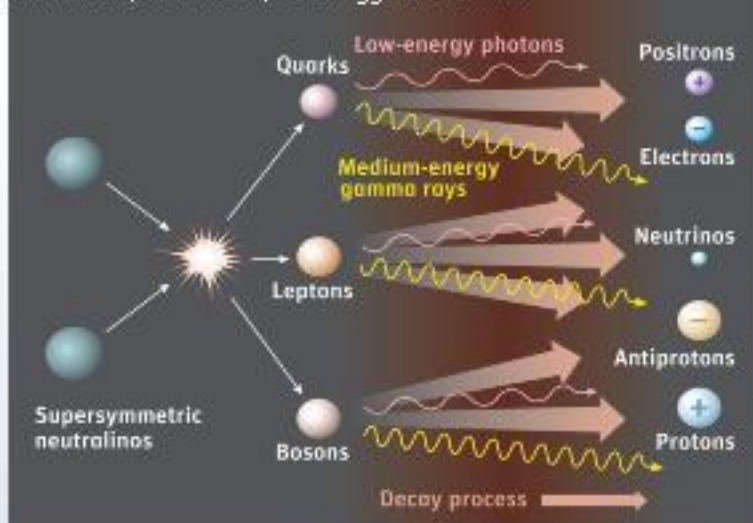
- Direct Detection
 - WIMP scattering of nucleons $\rightarrow$ Nuclear recoils
- Indirect Detection
 - Annihilation signals from WIMPs accumulated in the Sun or Earth $\rightarrow$ Neutrinos
 - Annihilating Dark Matter in the Galactic Halo
 - Gamma-rays, Neutrinos
 - Anti-matter (e^+ , D , $pbar$) – local neighborhood (few kpc)
- Colliders
 - Production of dark matter

WIMP-Nucleon
Scattering
cross-section

WIMP
Self-annihilation
cross-section

What makes Neutrinos so exciting ?

Credit: Sky & Telescope / Gregg Dinderman

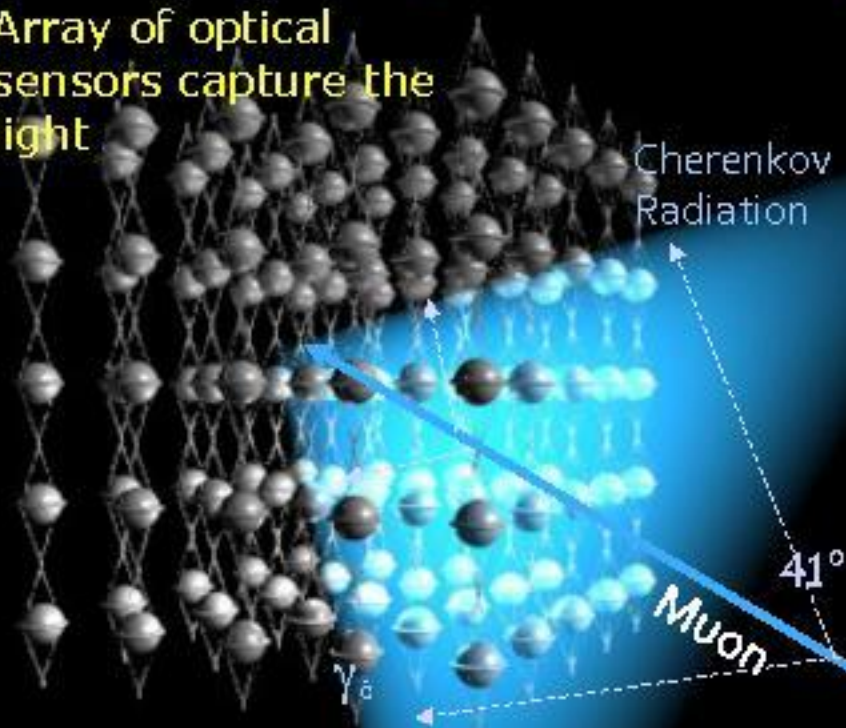


- Neutrinos offer unobscured view of the universe
- Unattenuated and do not bend in magnetic field
- Neutrinos point back to their sources and cover entire energy spectrum

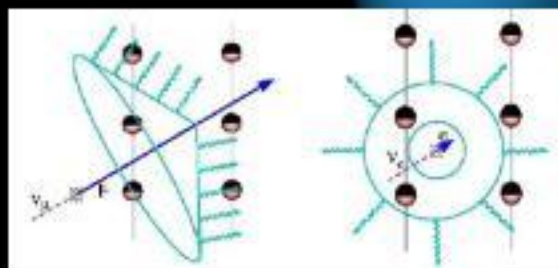


Principle of an optical Neutrino

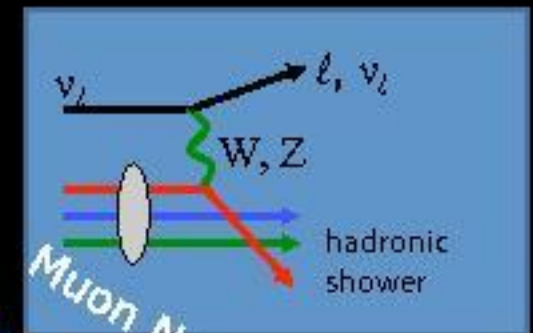
Array of optical sensors capture the light



- Neutrinos interact in or near the detector
- Depending on the interaction a lepton (CC) or a shower (NC) is produced
- O (km) muons from ν_μ
- O (10m) cascades from $\nu_e, \nu_\tau, \text{NC}$

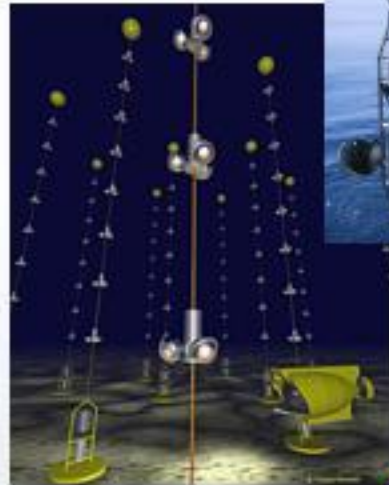


interaction



...Dumand

Cherenkov Neutrino Detectors



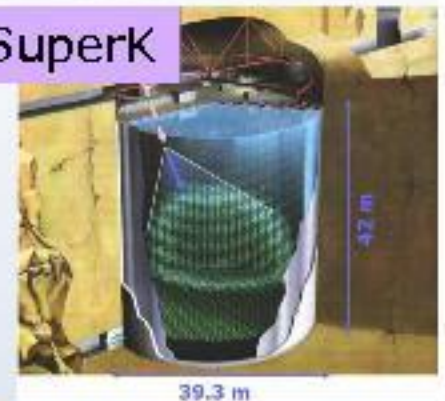
Nemo



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KM3Net

IceCube

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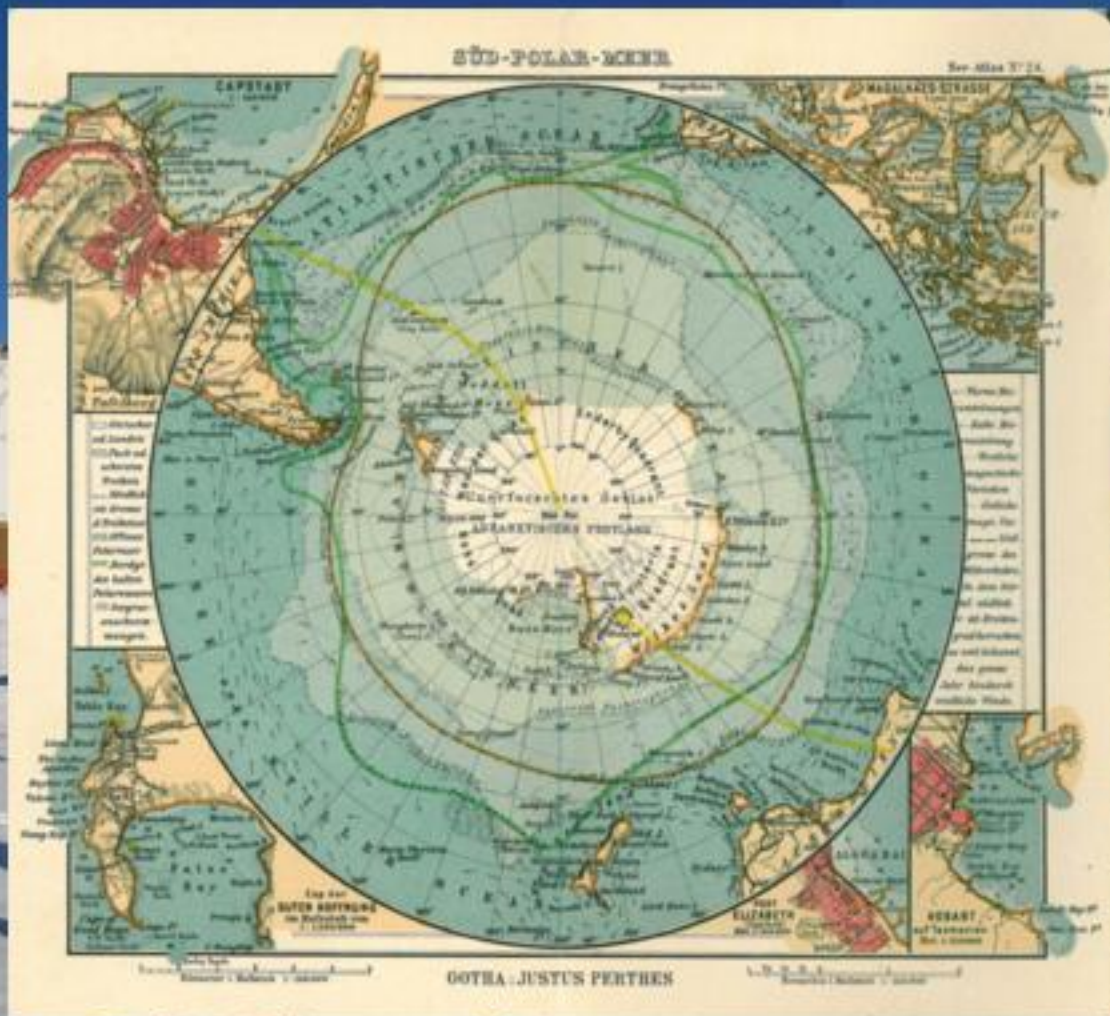
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IceCube Neutrino Telescope

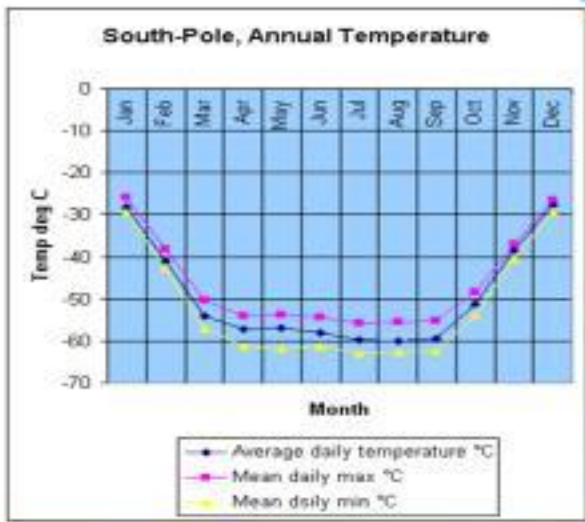
Photo: Cynthia Chang





The IceCube Collaboration





Amundsen Scott South Pole



Geographic South Pole

South Pole
Station

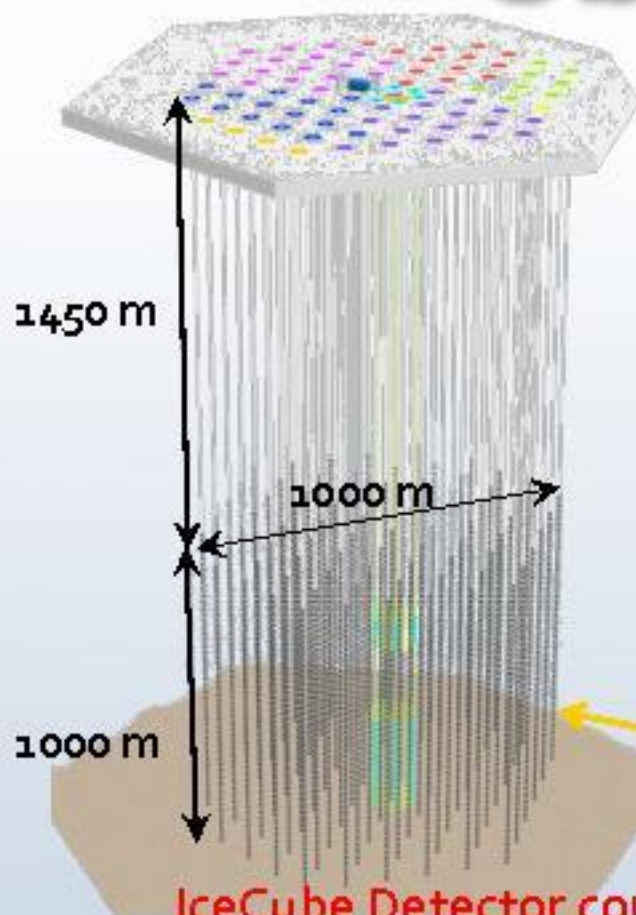
Road to work

Skiway

1 km

IceCube

The IceCube Neutrino Observatory



86 strings each containing 60 sensors
(autonomous DAQ in the ice)

78 sparsely instrumented strings

⇒ 17 m vertical sensor distance

⇒ 125 m horizontal string distance

(~100 GeV – EeV Neutrinos)

8 densely instrumented strings

⇒ 7-10 m sensor distance

⇒ 60 m horizontal string distance

(>10 GeV Neutrinos)

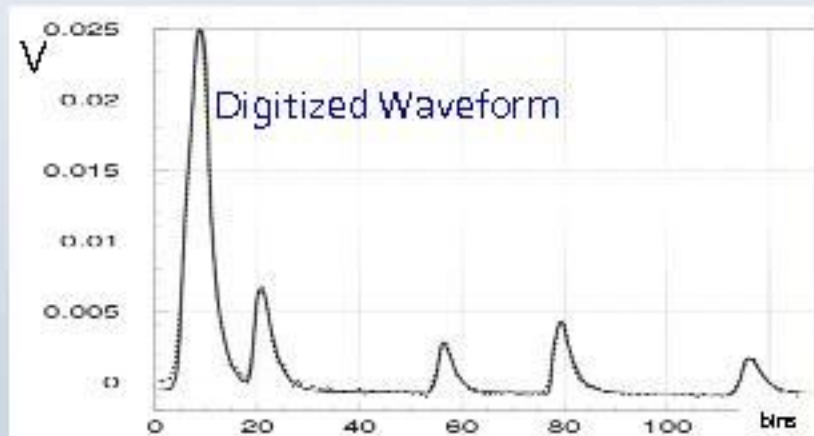
**IceCube Detector construction was
completed on Dec 18, 2010**



Digital Optical Module (DOM)

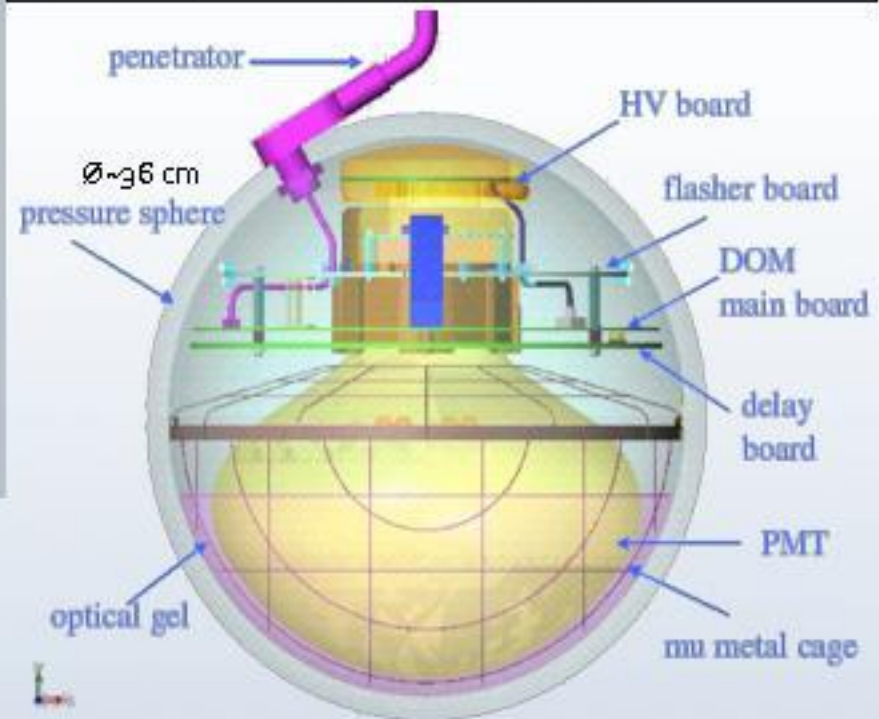
Measure individual photon arrival time:

- 2 ping-ponged four-channel ATWDs:
 - Analog Transient Waveform Digitizer
 - 200-700 Megasamples/s
 - 400 ns range
 - 400 pe / 15 ns
- fADC (fast 'ADC'):
 - 40 Megasamples/s
 - 6.4 μ s range



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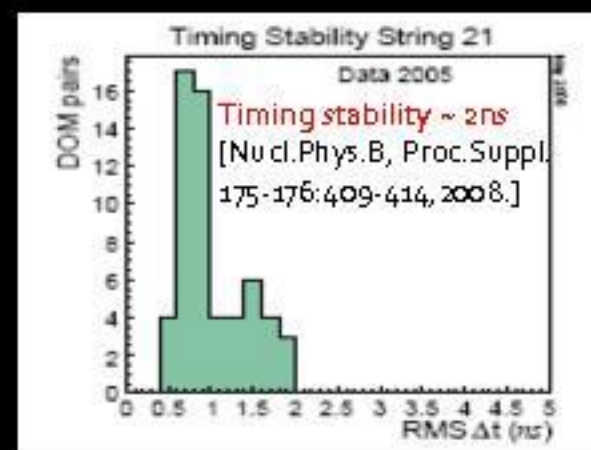
10 inch Hamamatsu PMT (R-7081-02)



- Dark Noise rate ~ 350 Hz
- Local Coincidence rate ~ 15 Hz
- Deadtime $< 1\%$
- Timing resolution ≤ 2 ns

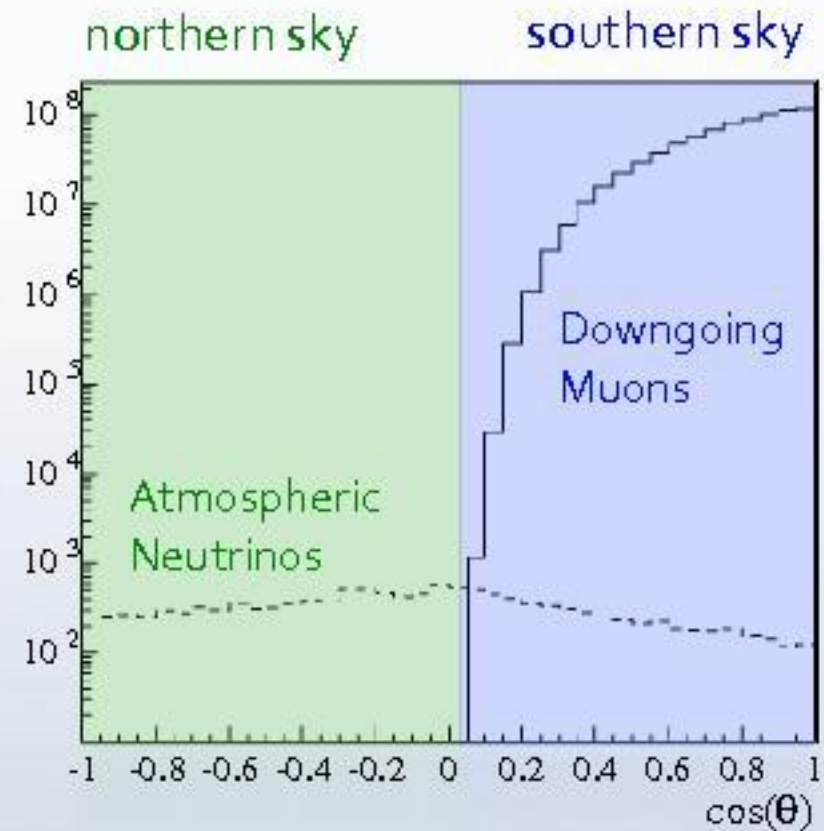
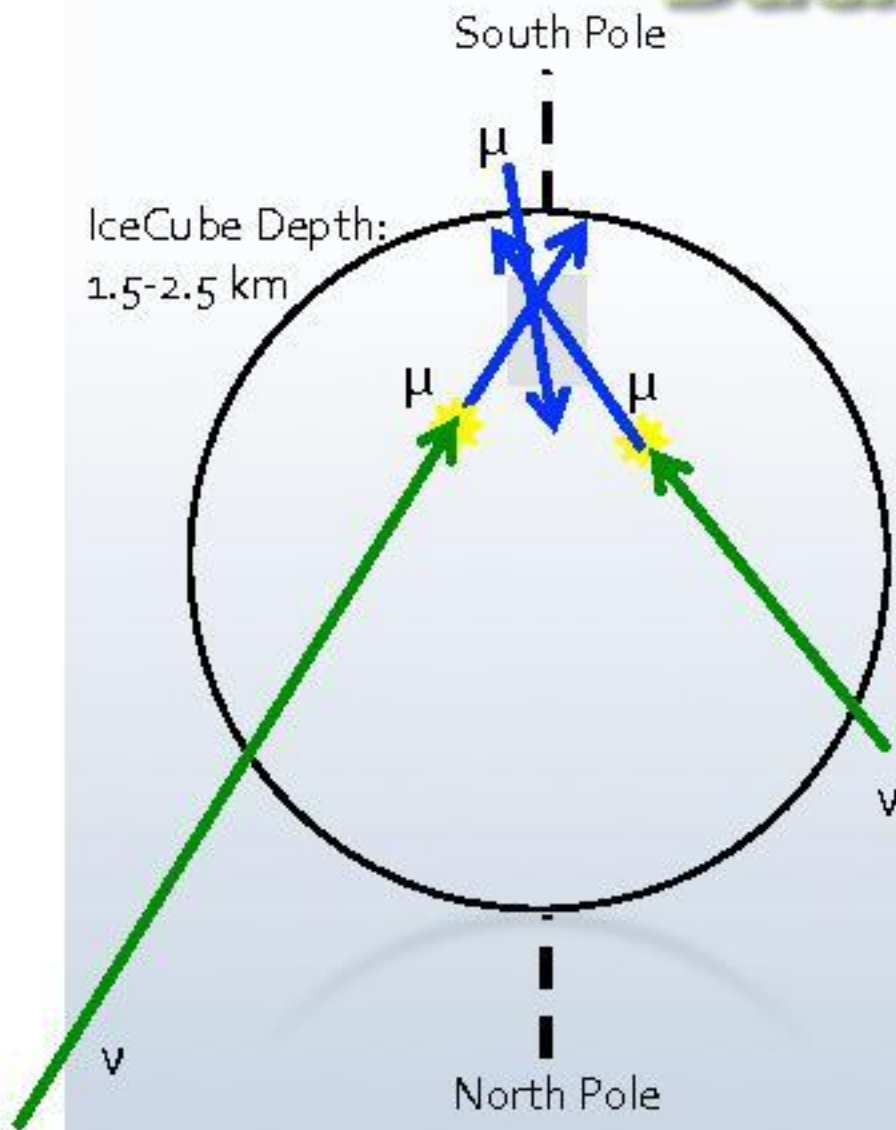
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- High energy muons created in airshowers produce continuous stream of muons
 - $p + A \rightarrow \pi^\pm (K^\pm) + \text{other hadrons}$
 - $\pi^\pm \rightarrow \mu^\pm \nu_\mu \rightarrow e^\pm \nu_e \nu_\mu \nu_\mu$
- Ideal also as calibration beam



- Down-going muons provide timing calibration beam @ ~2.5kHz
- Signal up-going muons initiated by neutrinos @ 10 per hour
- Detector uptime >95%

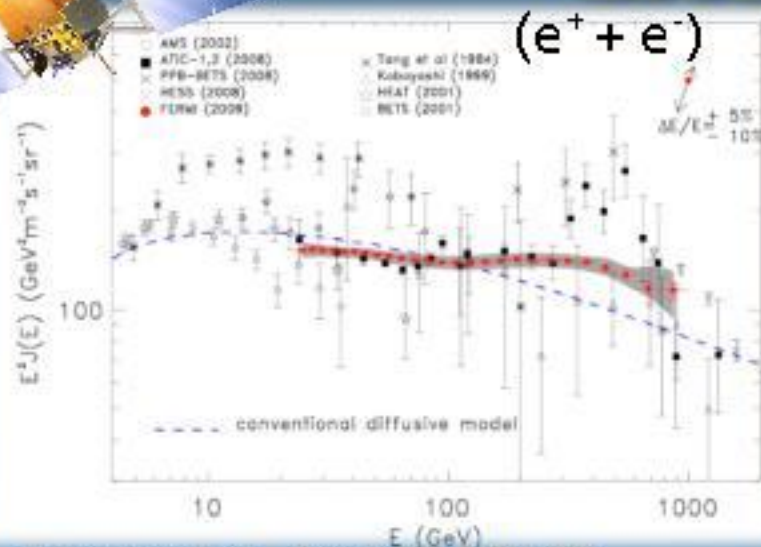
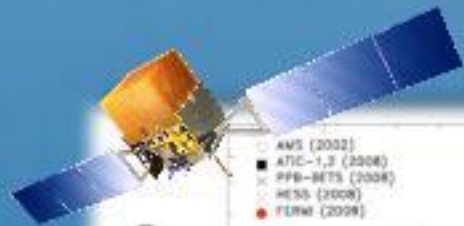
Backgrounds



Atmospheric backgrounds for extra-terrestrial neutrino searches at the depth of IceCube

Dark Matter Searches

A mysterious lepton excess...

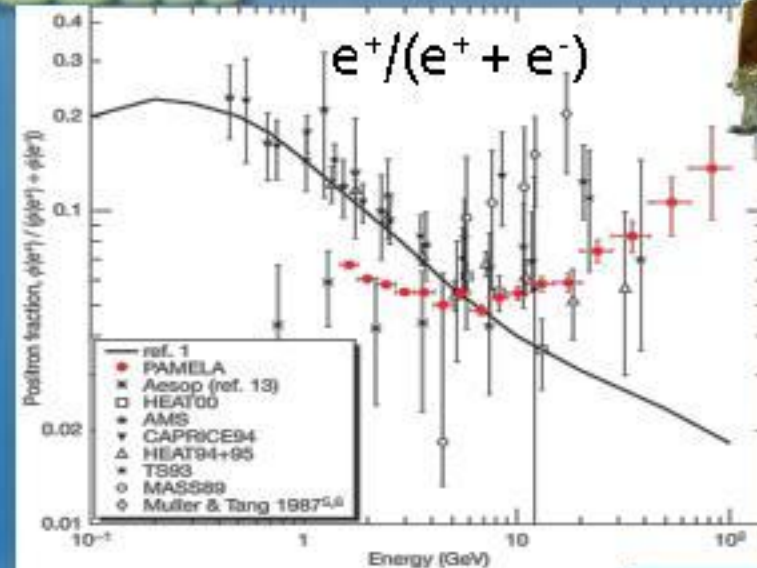


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M. Ackermann, "Observation of the extragalactic diffuse continuum gamma-ray emission with Fermi LAT," talk at TeVPA 2009

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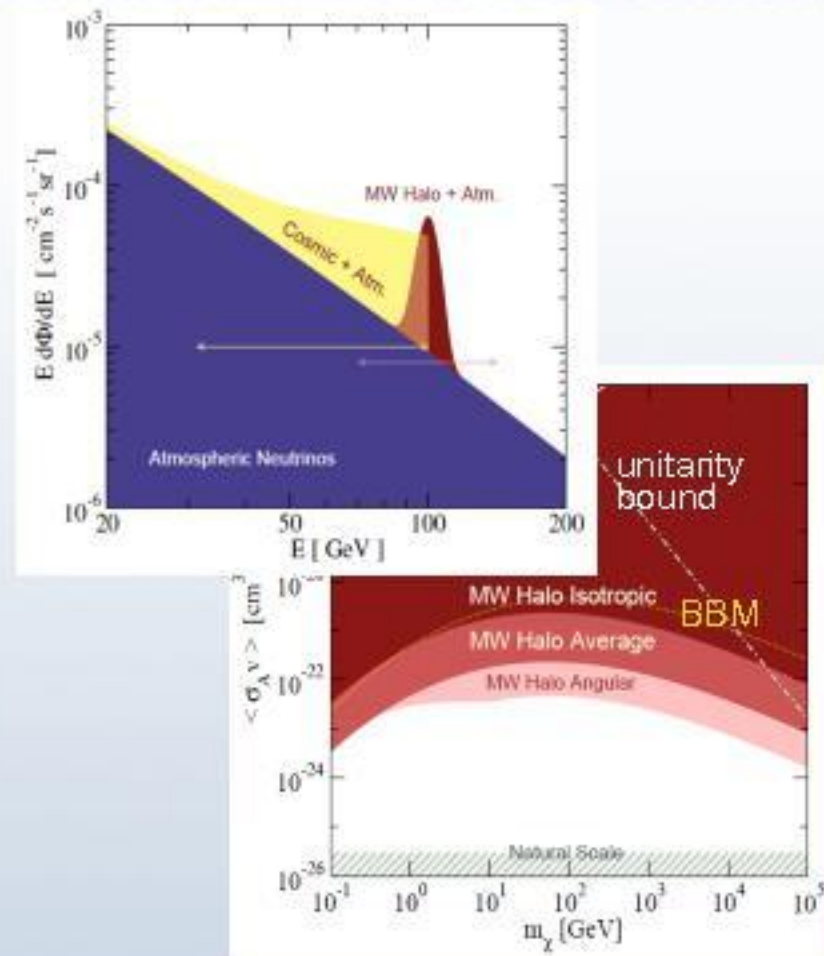
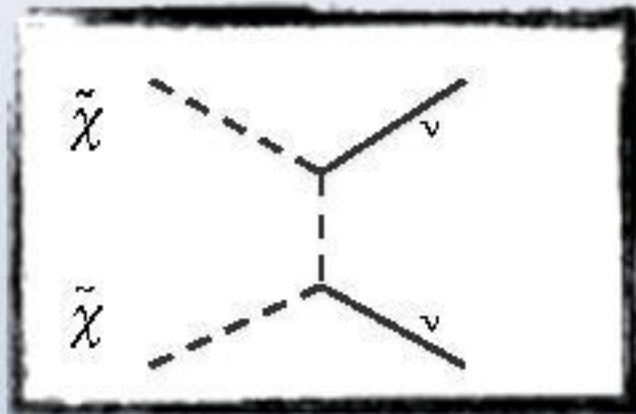
Moskalenko & Strong 1998

O. Adriani, et al., Nature 458, 607 (2009)



Limit on the total Dark Matter Self-annihilation cross section

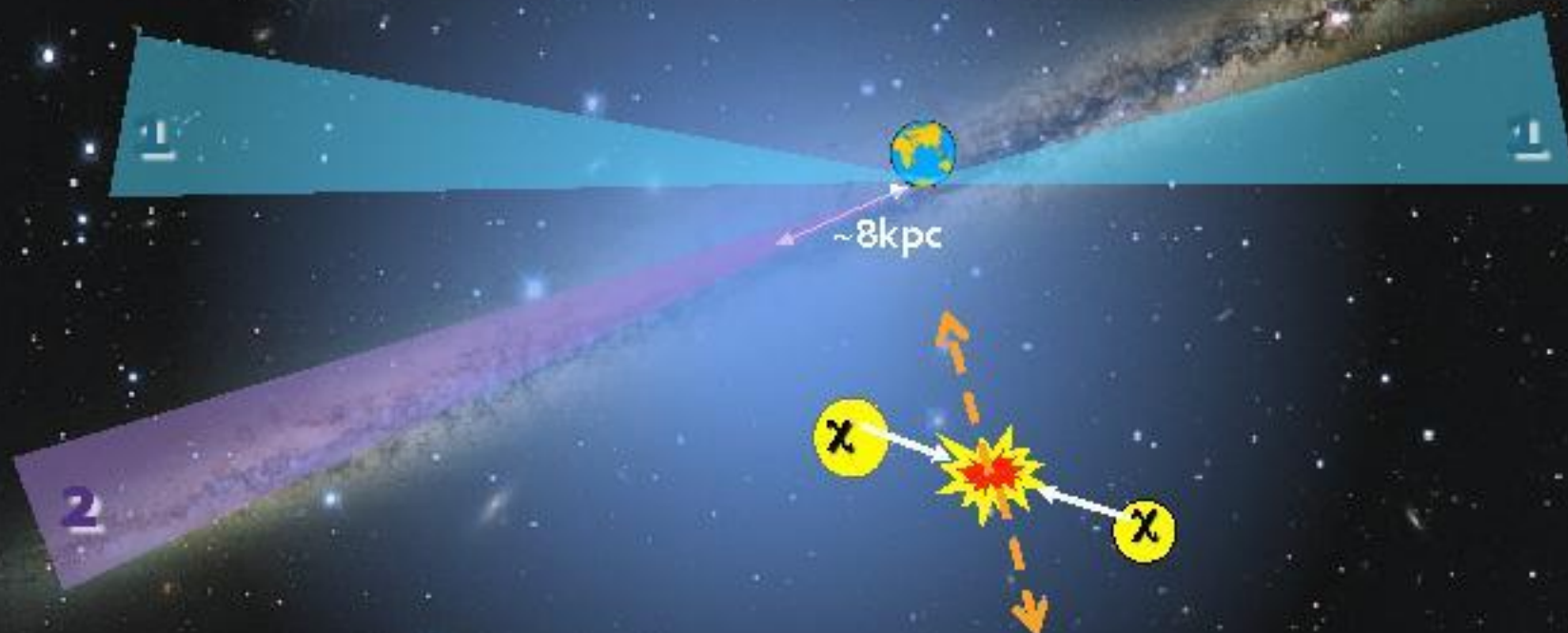
- Smoking gun: Observed particle spectrum may show feature at $E=M_{\text{WIMP}}$
- Neutrinos are least detectable messenger -> conservative upper limit on total $\langle\sigma_{\text{AV}}\rangle$
- Signal from Milky Way halo dominant over cosmic signal



Yuksel, Horiuchi, Beacom, Ando (2007)

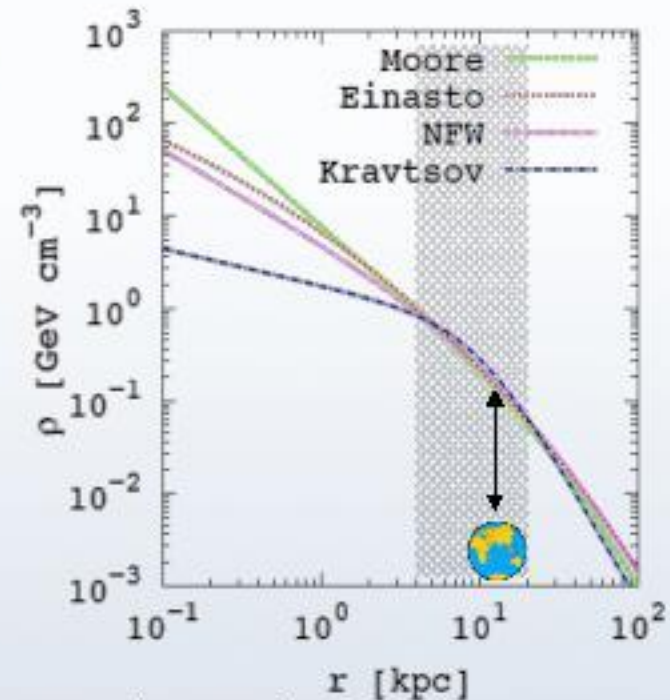
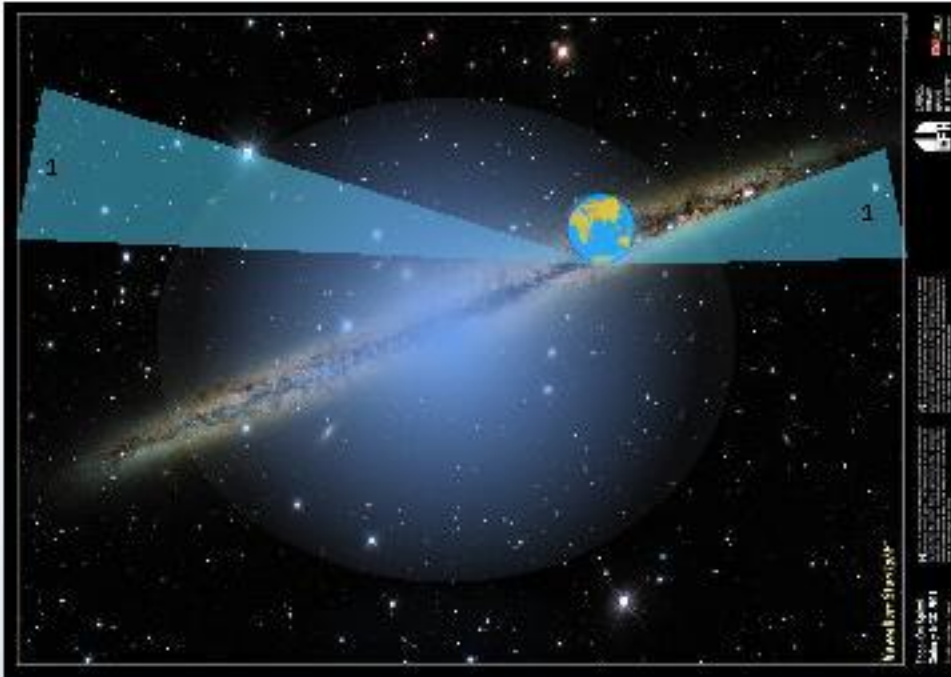
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Dark Matter Searches



- Annihilation $\sim p^2$
- Decay $\sim p$

Dark Matter Halo Analysis



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 Kravtsov et al. *Astrophys. J.* 501, 48 (1998) [[arXiv:astro-ph/9808176](#)].

- Search for a neutrino anisotropy
- Up-going event sample provides pure neutrino sample → Northern Hemisphere
- Analysis based on **275.7 days** of livetime acquired during **2007-2008** with IceCube in the **22-string** configuration

Neutrino Flux from Annihilations

Line of sight integral:



$$\ell_{\max} = \sqrt{(R_{MW}^2 - \sin^2 \psi R_{sc}^2) + R_{sc} \cos \psi}$$

$$\mathcal{J}(\psi) = \frac{1}{R_{sc} \rho_{sc}^2} \int_0^{\ell_{\max}} \rho^2(\sqrt{R_{sc}^2 - 2\ell R_{sc} \cos \psi + \ell^2}) d\ell$$

$$\mathcal{J}_{\Delta\Omega} = \frac{1}{\Delta\Omega} \int_{\cos \psi}^1 \mathcal{J}(\psi') 2\pi d(\cos \psi')$$

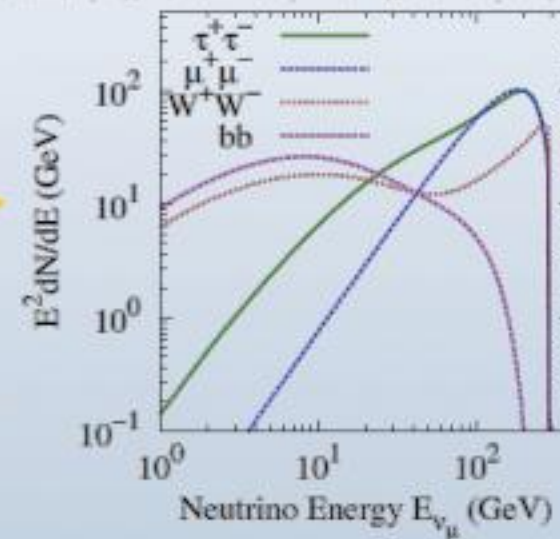
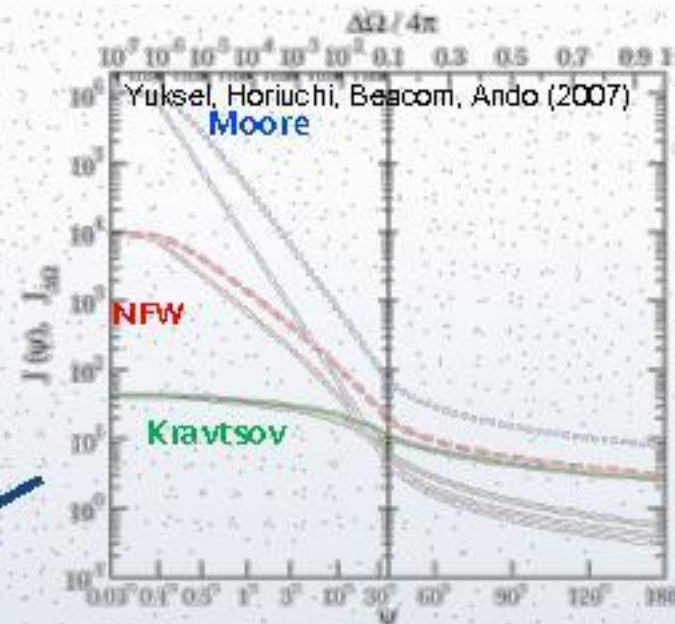
Expected differential neutrino Flux:

$$\frac{d\phi_\nu}{dE} = \frac{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}{2} J(\psi) \frac{R_{sc} \rho_{sc}^2}{4\pi m_\chi^2} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE}$$

Measure
integrated flux

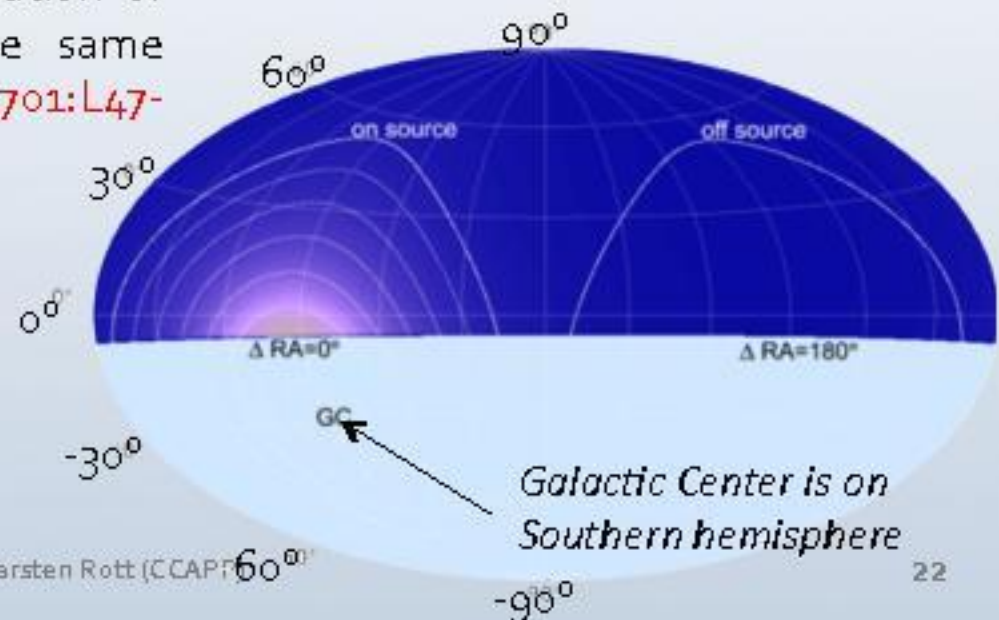
Isotropic emission

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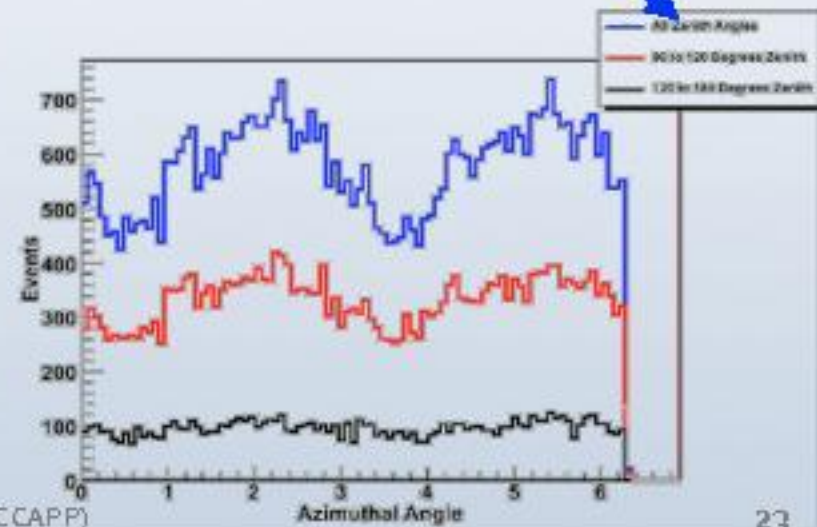
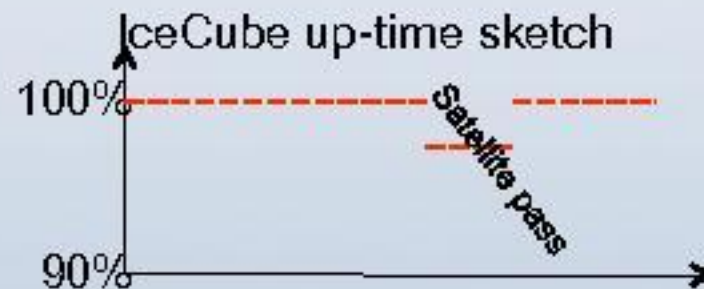
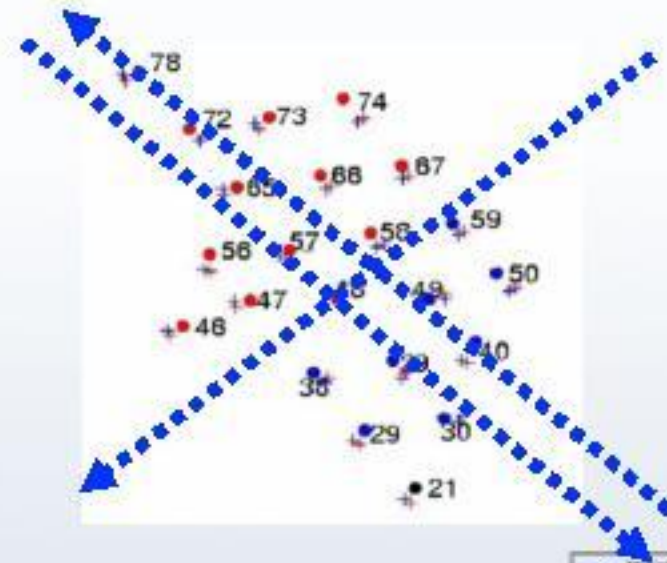
Galactic Halo Analysis

- Compare regions of equal “size” (on vs. off-source)
 - This technique allows to reduce systematic uncertainties by estimating the background from data itself
- Track selection criteria have been well established for the IceCube point source search, for simplicity and minimization of systematic effects we apply the same selection criteria (*Astrophys.J.*701:L47-L51,2009.)
- Do we see any effects on Dark Matter in our neutrino sample ?



Uneven Exposure

- Track reconstruction efficiency varies in detector coordinates
- In equatorial coordinates this reconstruction efficiency is smeared out (as the detector rotates)
- Uneven detector up-time can however reduce this smearing effect
- Detector down-time correlates with satellite visibility (maintenance mode)
- Detector uptime in sidereal days defines this impact

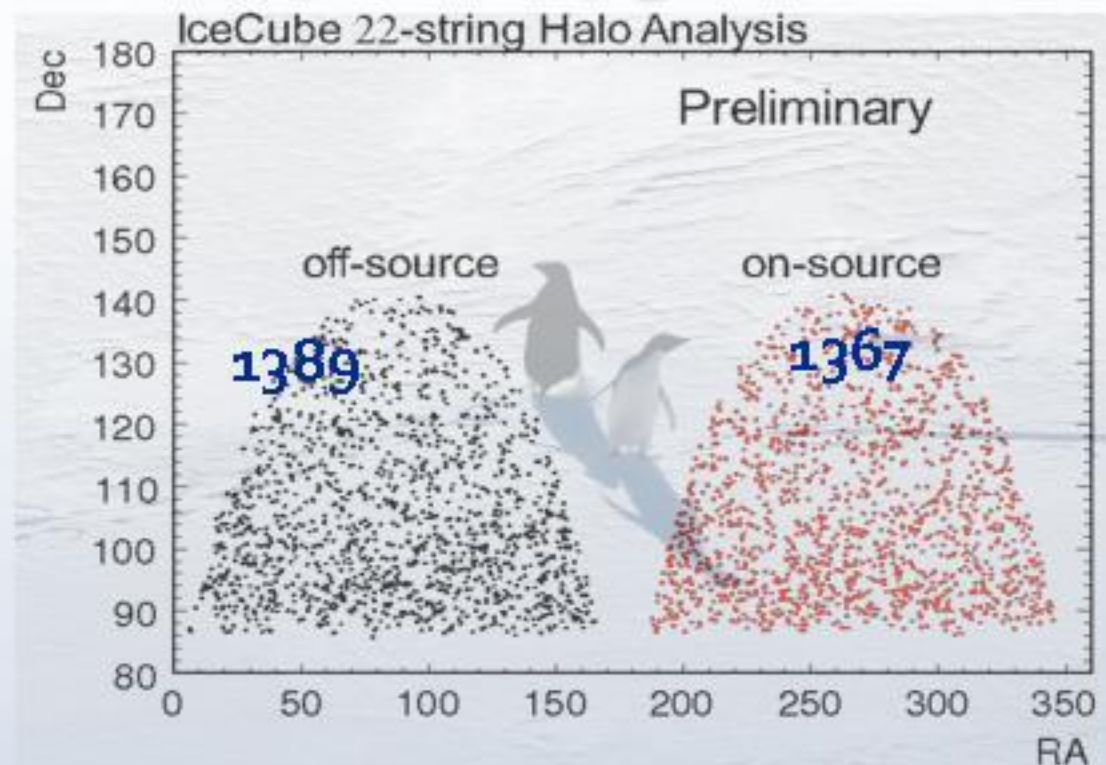


Galactic Halo Systematics

- **Background:**
 - Majority of systematics cancel out (as we use the data itself)
 - What remains: “existing” large scale anisotropy
 - Uneven “exposure” ($\sim 0.1\%$)
 - Neutrino anisotropy caused by cosmic ray anisotropy ($\sim 0.2\%$)
- **Signal acceptance:**
 - Uneven “exposure” (negligible $\sim 1\%$)
 - Theoretical Uncertainties
 - Neutrino cross section, muon propagation, bed rock uncertainty ($\sim 2-4\%$)
 - Ice properties / DOM efficiency
 - MC/data disagreement (horizontal events) ($\sim 30\%$)
 - MC statistics

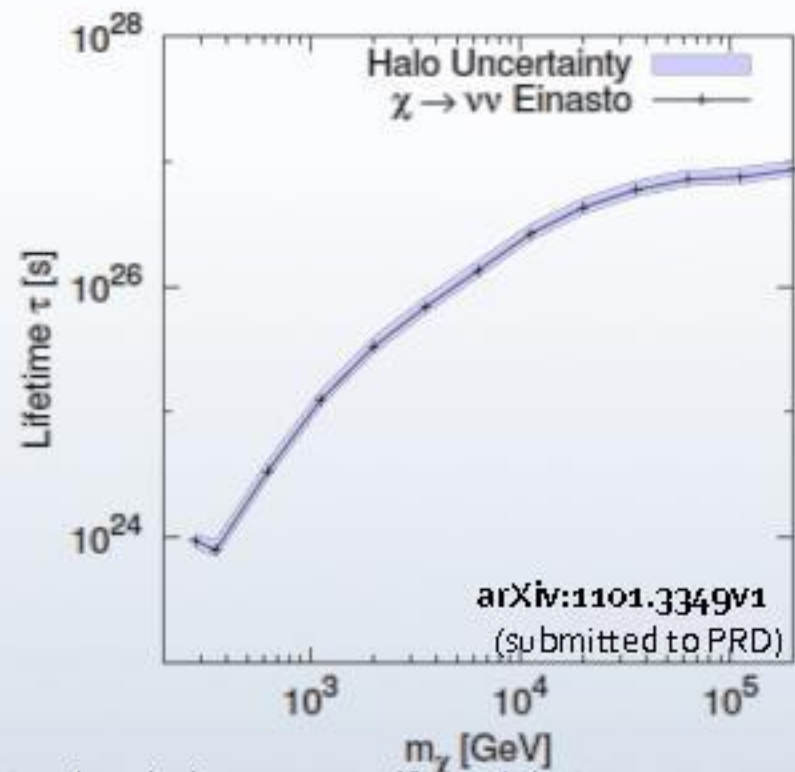
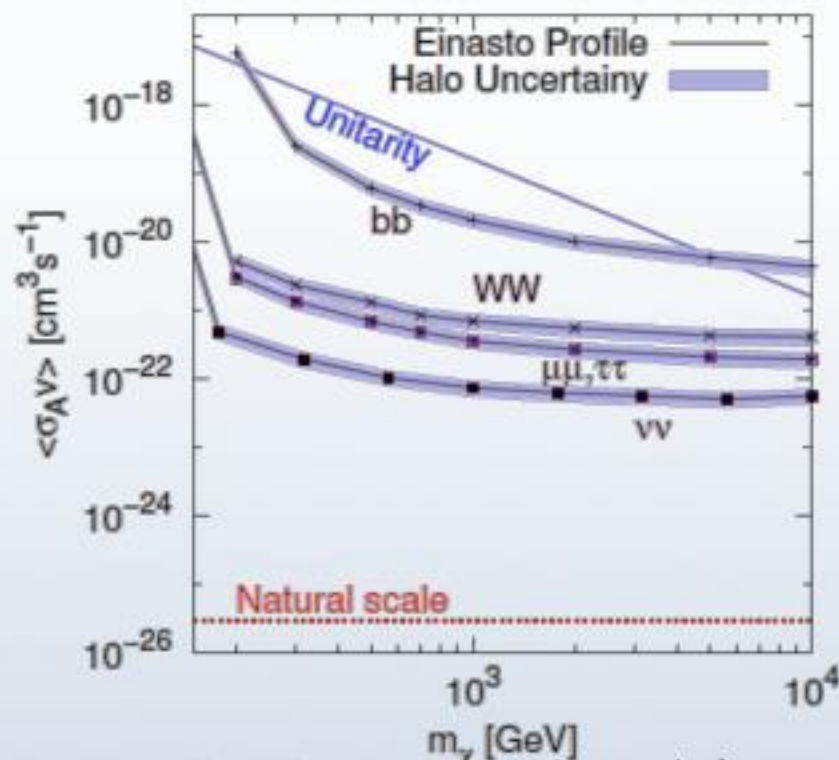
Galactic Halo Analysis

- 5114 Events after selection from -5° to $+85^\circ$ declination
- N_{observed} in on and off source regions are consistent with each other.
- No excess flux in the region, closer to the Galactic Center, proceed to set limits



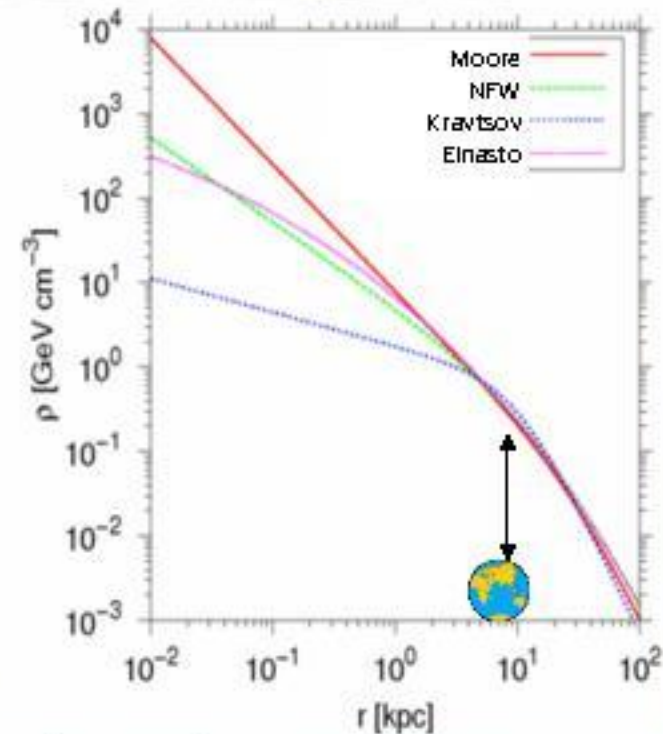
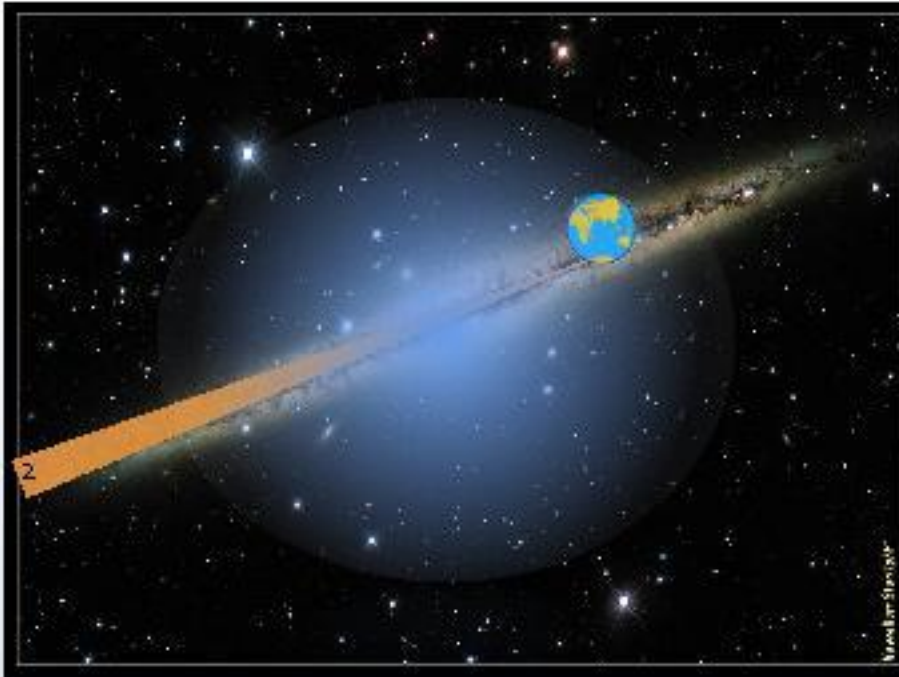
C. Rott arXiv:0912.5183, arXiv:1101.3349v1
(submitted to PRD)

Limits



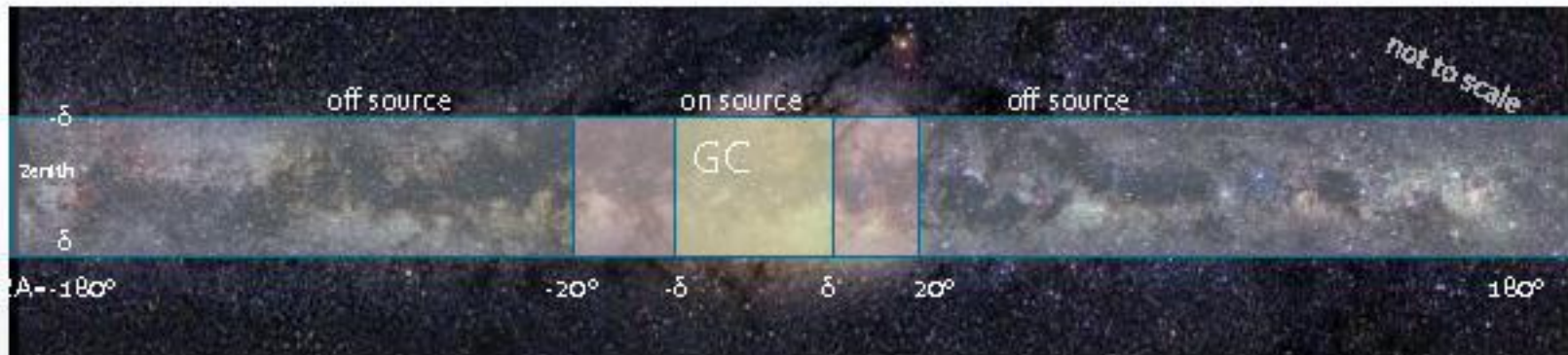
- No anisotropy was observed $\rightarrow$ constrain the dark matter self-annihilation cross section, compute limits are at 90% C.L.
- Small dependence on halo profile
- Dedicated analysis improved upon initial theoretical predictions

Galactice Center Analysis

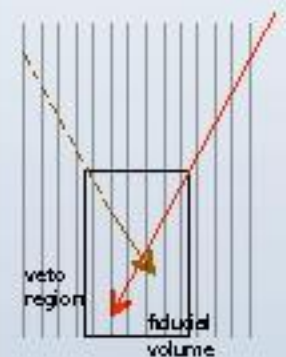
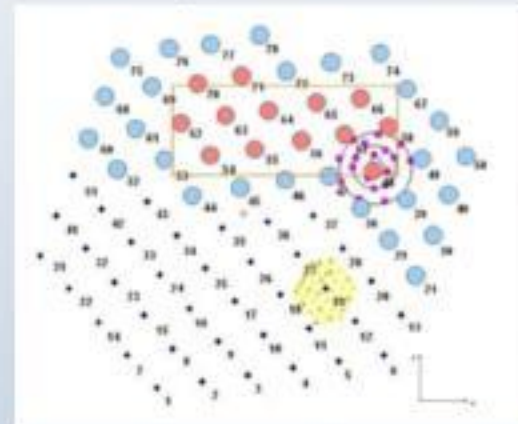


- Search for excess neutrino flux from the Galactic Center
- Rely on down-going starting events
- Analysis based on 375.7 days of livetime acquired during 2008-2009 with IceCube in the 40-string configuration

Galactic Center Analysis

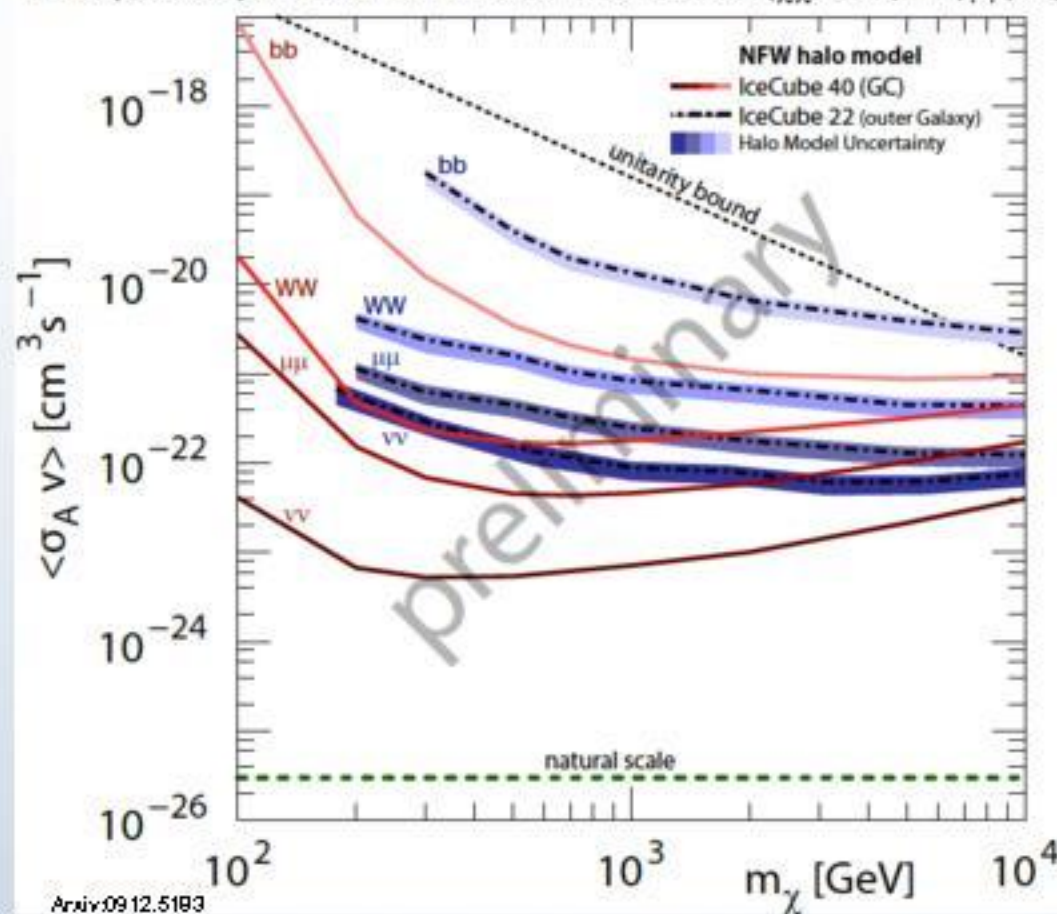


- Dark Matter profiles are peaked at the Galactic Center
- Optimize the size of the on-source region
 - $\rightarrow \delta = 8^\circ$
- Compare the amount of events in the on- and off-source region
- From off-source prediction 798919 events
- On-source observed: 798842 events
- Galactic Center is above the horizon $\rightarrow$ events are down-going in IceCube
 - Use starting events to reduce atmospheric muon background



Galactic Center Analysis

Limits (90% C.L.) on the self annihilation cross section ($\chi\chi \rightarrow bb, WW, \mu\mu, \nu\nu$)



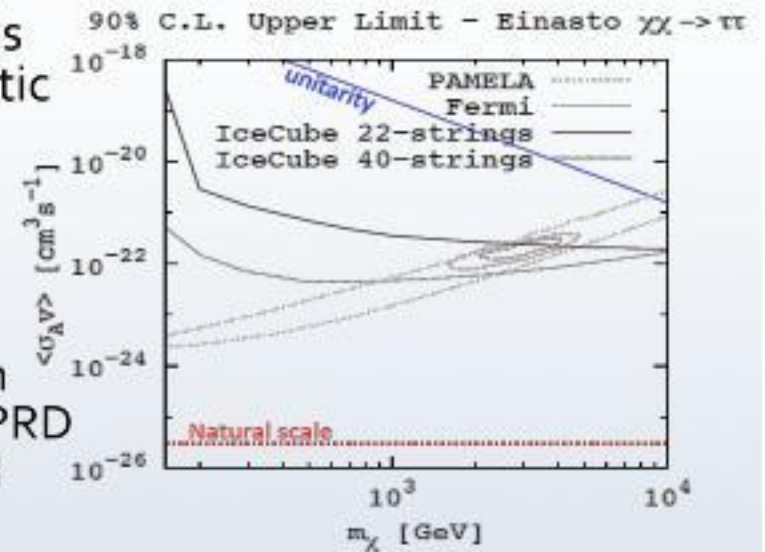
- Number of observed events in on- and off-source region compatible
- Pursue same stratgy as in halo analysis:

$$\underbrace{\frac{d\Phi}{dE}}_{\text{Measure}} = \underbrace{\frac{\langle\sigma_A v\rangle}{2}}_{\text{Constrain}} \underbrace{J(\psi)}_{\text{Halo}} \underbrace{\frac{R_{GC} \rho_{GC}^2}{4\pi m_\chi^2}}_{\text{SUSY}} \underbrace{\frac{dN}{dE}}_{\text{SUSY}}$$

- Proceed to set limit
- The high DM density predicted near the Galactic Center is very beneficial to constraining the dark matter self-annihilation cross section.
 - Limits however strongly depend on the choice of halo model

Galactic Halo Analyses Summary

- Performed two searches for neutrino signals from dark matter annihilations in the Galactic dark matter halo and the Galactic Center
 - Observations are consistent with the background only hypothesis
 - Limits on the dark matter self-annihilation cross section and lifetime have been set (PRD submitted arXiv:1101.3349) in the physical interesting parameter space
- Searches on-going using “full” IceCube detector and Deep Core
 - Dwarf Spheriodals (ICRC2011)
 - Various Galactic Halo analysis



Solar WIMPs

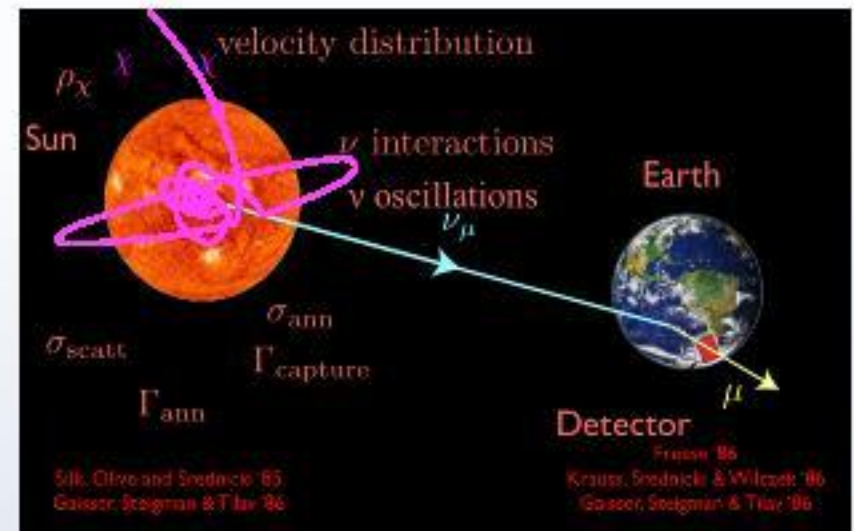
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Solar WIMPs

- Dark Matter could get gravitationally captured by massive bodies (Sun)
- Dark Matter accumulates and starts annihilating $\rightarrow$ Neutrinos are the only particles that can make it out
- At equilibrium ($\Gamma_A = 1/2\Gamma_C$) the neutrino flux does not depend on the self annihilation cross section !
 - Measure WIMP-nucleon scattering cross section



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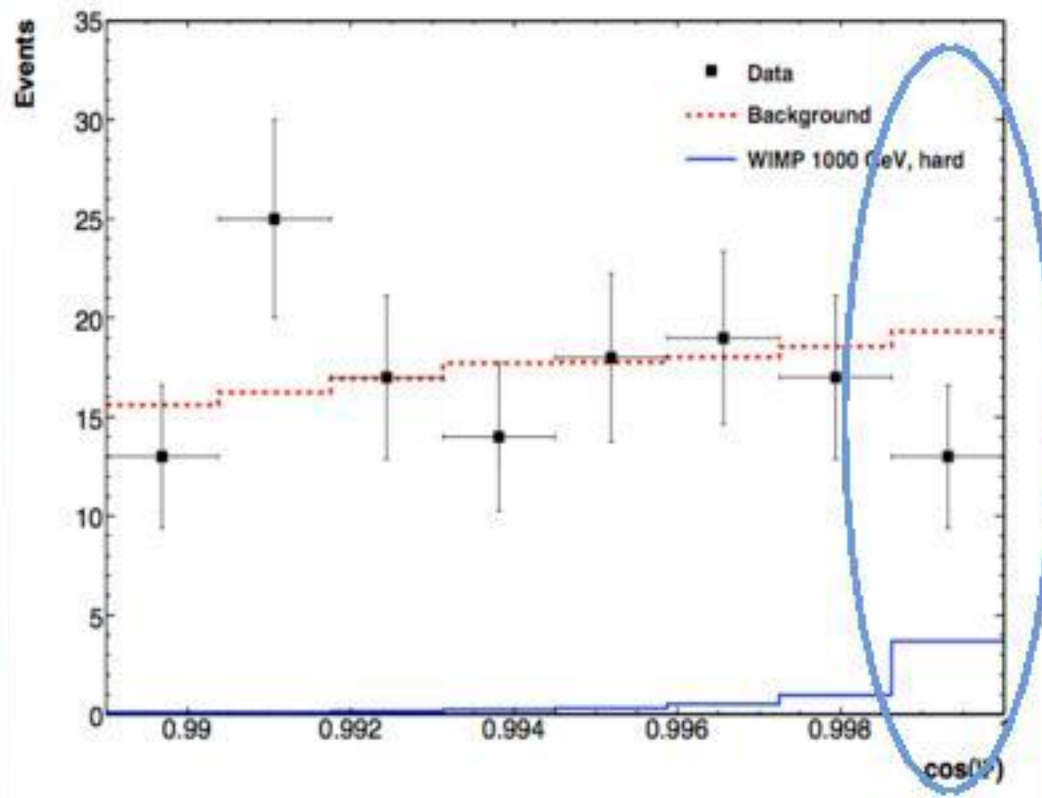
$$\frac{dN}{dt} = C_C - C_A N^2 - C_E N$$

C_C – Capture Rate

$C_A N^2$ – Annihilation Rate (2x)

$C_E N$ – Evaporation Rate (can often be neglected but should not be forgotten)

Solar WIMP Analysis IceCube 22-strings



Up-going events
(Sun below the
horizon) acquired
during 2007-2008

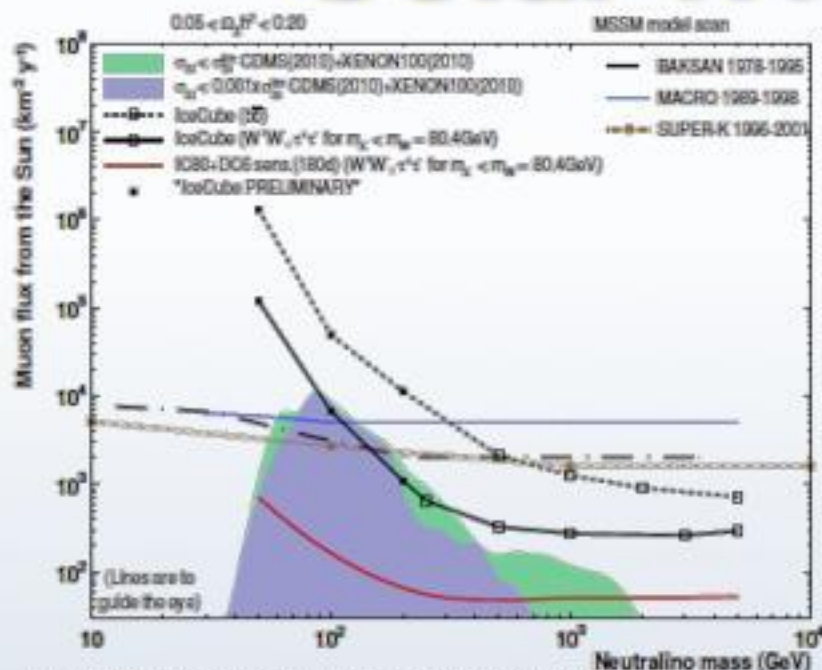
Muon flux in direction
of the Sun

Examine angular
distribution Ψ for Sun
and muon tracks.

Angular resolution
@ (>500 GeV) $\sim 3^\circ$

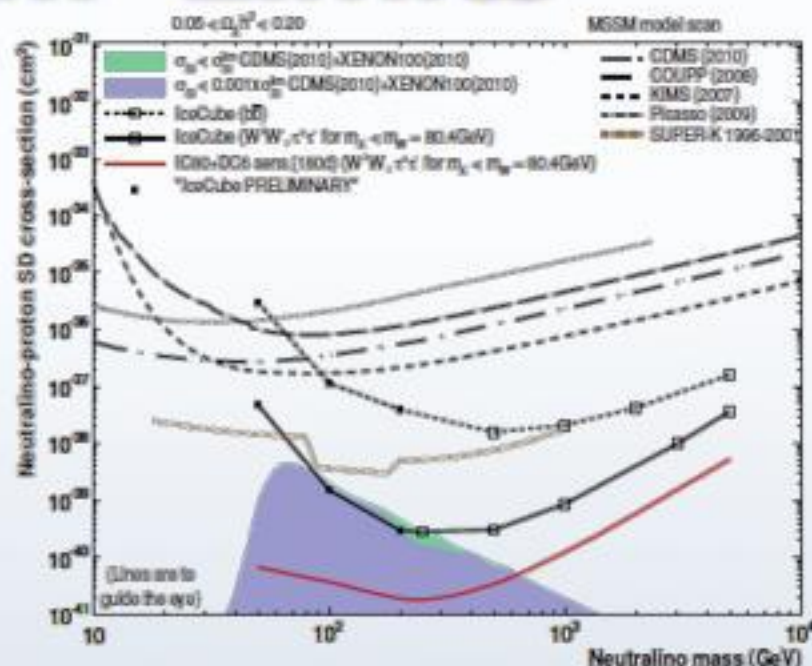
Observation consistent with expectations from atmospheric neutrinos
backgrounds and misreconstructed events $\Rightarrow$ upper limit

Solar WIMP Limits



Phys. Rev. Lett. 102, 202302 (2009) arXiv:0902.2460

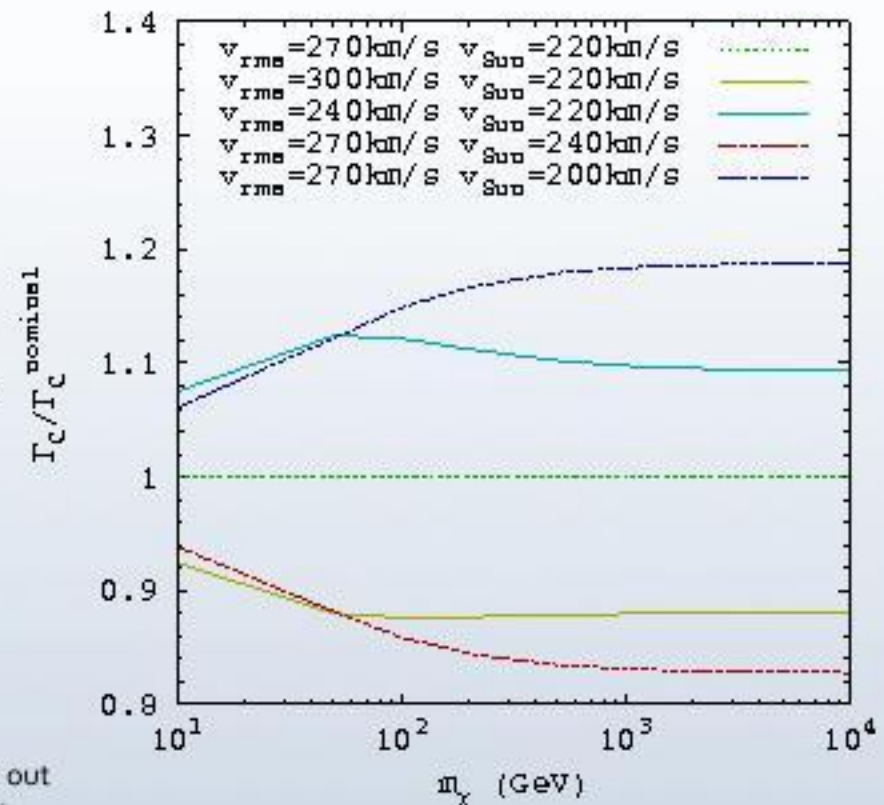
- No excess flux observed
- Obtain limit on the muon flux in direction of the Sun
- Constraints are computed in terms of annihilation modes (hard, soft)



- Under the assumption of the equilibrium condition and standard halo parameters, a limit on the WIMP-proton scattering cross-section can be obtained
- IceCube's limit 2-orders of magnitude better than direct searches
- Spin independent cross section tightly constrained in direct detection experiments

Halo Uncertainties on the Capture Rate

- Dark Matter Density
 - $\Delta\Gamma_A/\Gamma_A = \Delta\rho_{DM}/\rho_{DM} = 10\%$
 - $dN/dt = C_C - C_A N^2 - C_E N$
- Velocity Distributions
 - $\Delta\Gamma_A/\Gamma_A \sim \Delta v_{rms}/v_{rms}$
 - $\Delta v_{sun}/v_{sun}$ complex dependence
 - Non-maxwellian velocity distribution - complex dependence
- Sub structure
 - Can be ignored $\langle\rho_{DM}(8 \text{ kpc})\rangle$
 - Smooth halo well motivated at 8 kpc (CDM Simulations)
 - Extreme cases -> "Deviation from equilibrium"
 - Conversion factor can not easily be derived without detailed knowledge of solar substructure history
- Suppression of capture, composition, evaporation



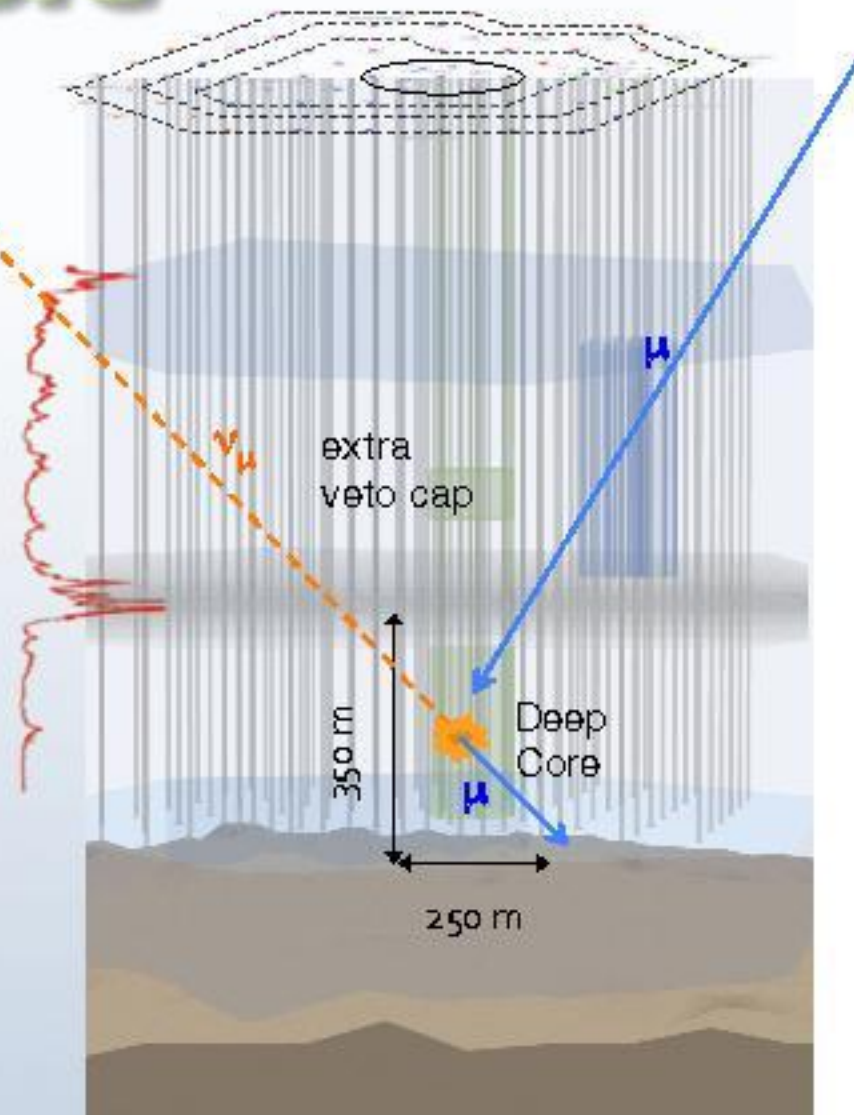
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Outlook for Dark Matter at the Pole

- IceCube/DeepCore Physics
- Dark Matter direct detection in the ice (DM-ice)
- Extension to DeepCore "Hyper-K style detector"
- 1 MT 10 MeV threshold ring-imaging Cherenkov detector

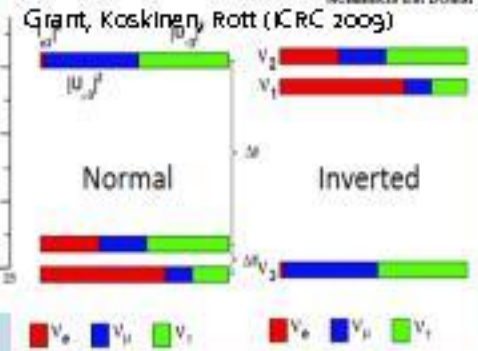
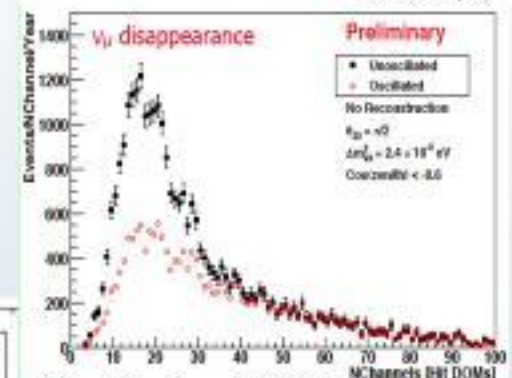
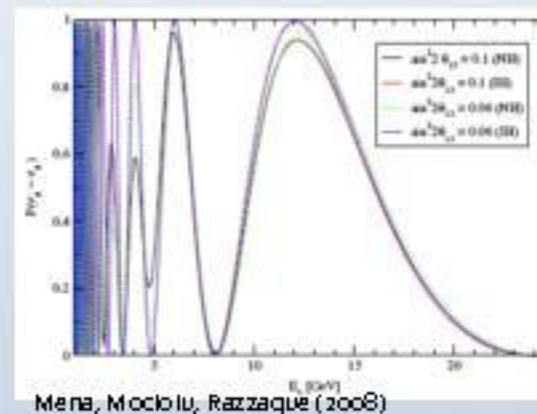
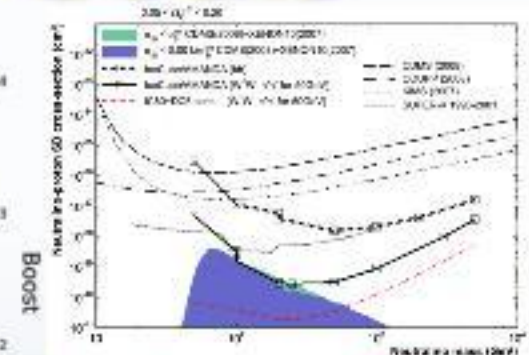
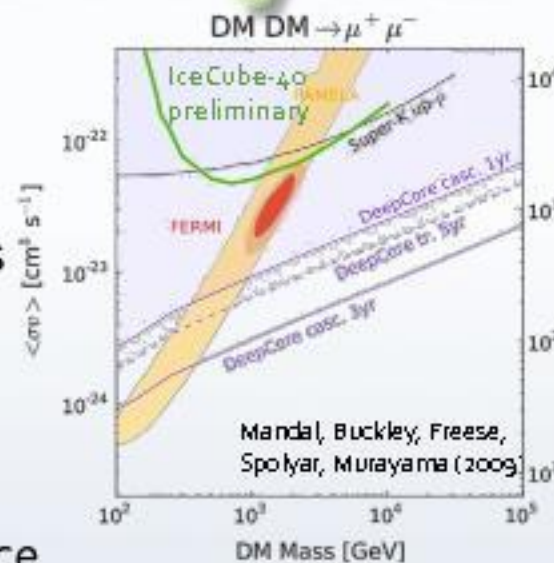
DeepCore

- DeepCore deployed and taking data since June 2010
- 8 special strings plus 7 nearest standard IceCube strings
 - 72 m interstring spacing
 - 7 m DOM spacing on string
- High Q.E. PMTs (~40% better)
 - ~10x higher eff. photocathode density
- Clearest ice below 2100m
 - $\lambda_{\text{atten}} \approx 40\text{-}45\text{ m}$
- Look for starting events in DeepCore to veto atmospheric muons
 - Three veto string layers surrounding DeepCore

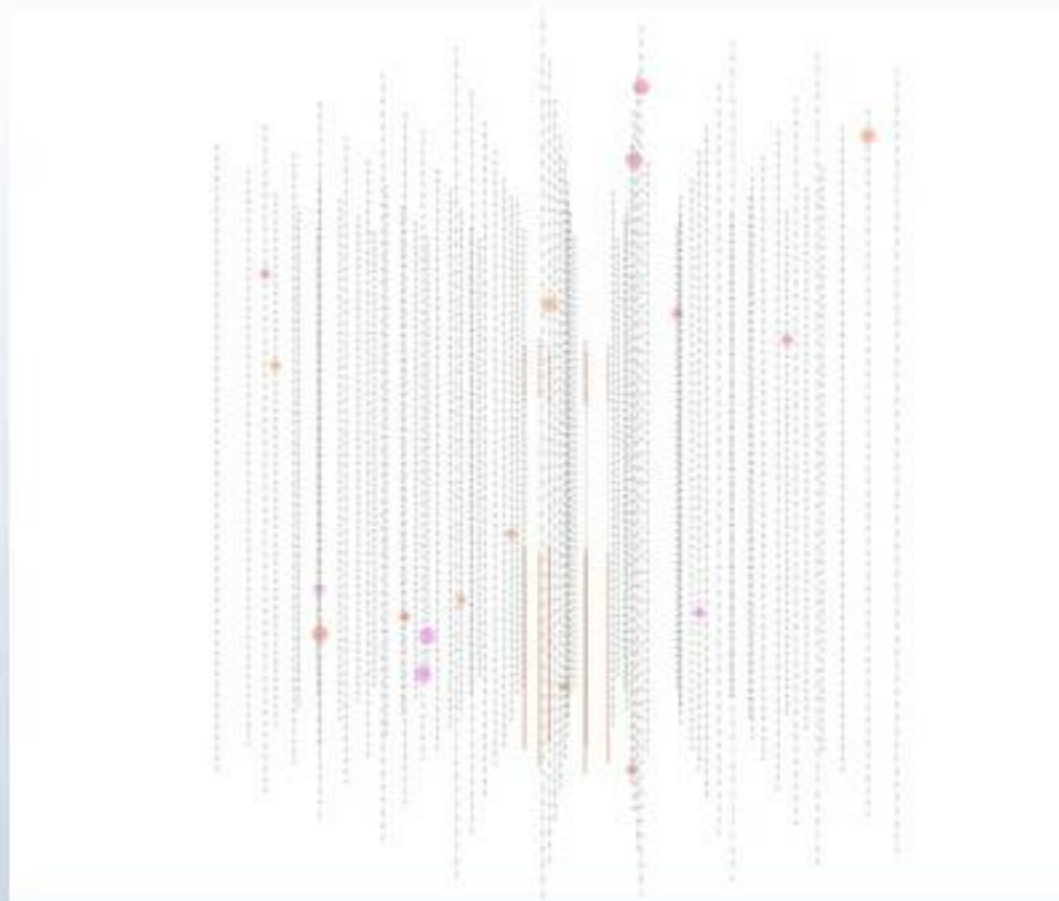


DeepCore Physics Goals

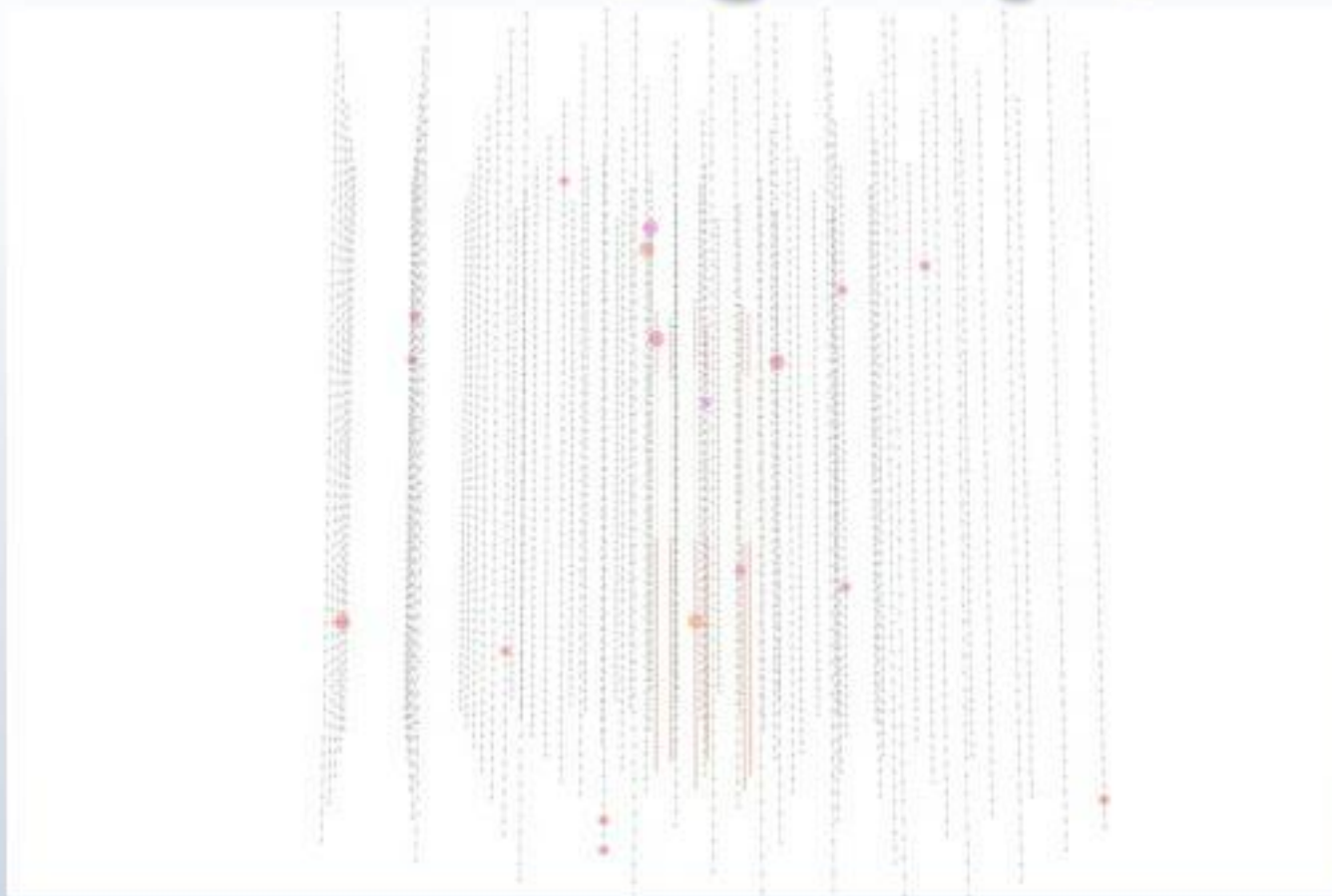
- Dark Matter
 - Solar WIMPs all year and down to accelerator bounds
 - Halo WIMPs
- Neutrino oscillations
 - Muon neutrino disappearance
 - Tau appearance
 - Neutrino Mass Hierarchy?
- Point Sources
- New ideas!
- etc ...



DeepCore $\sim 10\text{GeV } \nu_\mu$ Candidate Event



DeepCore Cascade-like Event (ν_e or ν_τ ?)

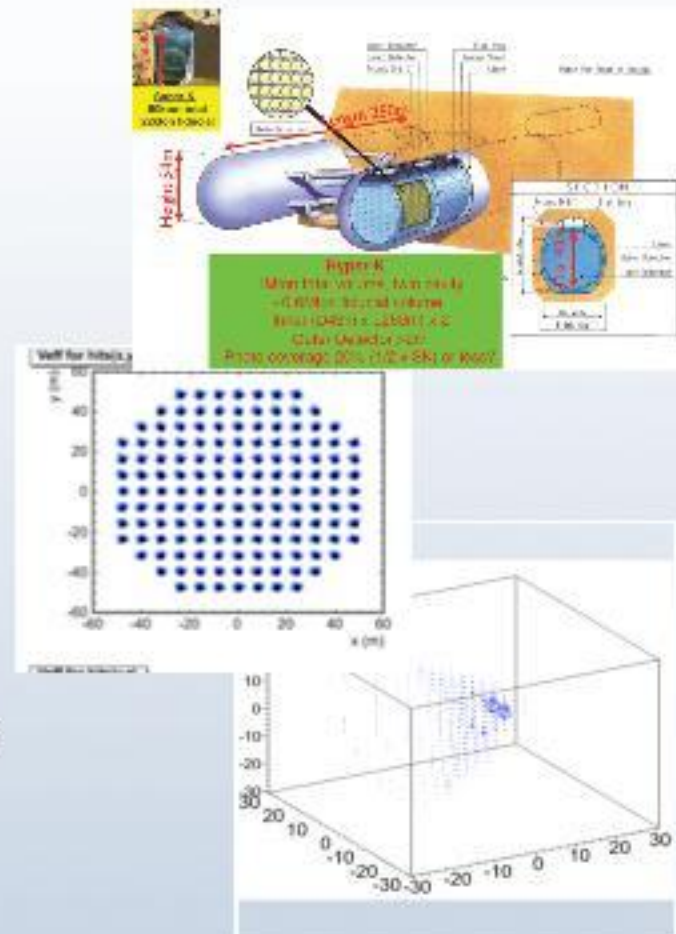


Megaton Scale Detector

- Strong Physics Case for Megaton neutrino detector
 - (1) Low-mass dark matter searches (down to GeV range)
 - (2) Precision measurements of atmospheric neutrino oscillations , long baseling
 - (3) Improved sensitivity to supernova neutrinos, relic SN neutrinos
 - (4) Proton Decay, ...

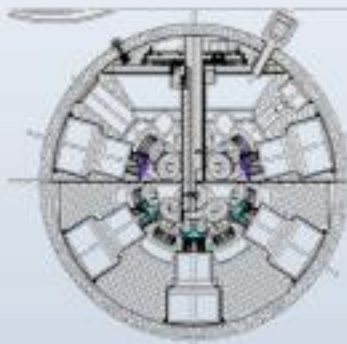
Hyper-K, DeepTitand, or could also be build as an extension to DeepCore with very dense sensor spacing.

- Deep ice (~2.0-2.5km) has scattering length ~50m and absorption length ~230m. Ideal conditions to build large neutrino detector
 - Dominant cost driver PMTs (66%)

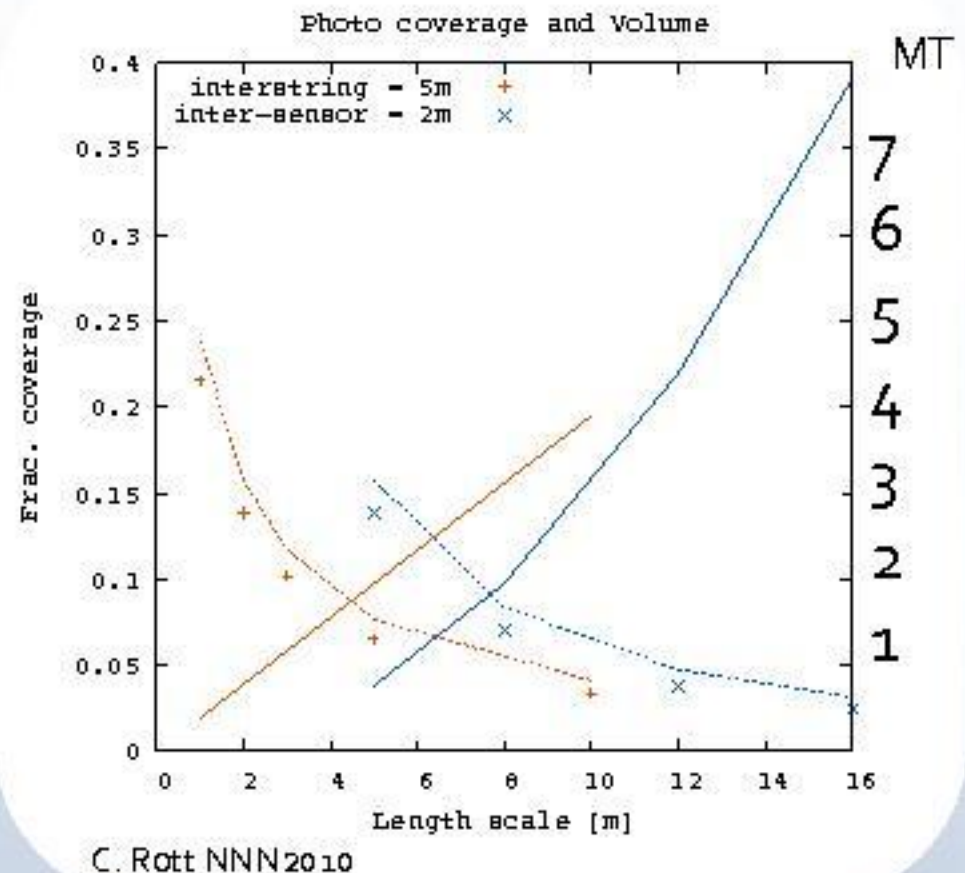


Megaton scale Detector

- How close can we drill, what is the impact of hole ice (refrozen ice)?
- Impact of segmentation of Photo-sensors still uncertain
- Any increase in QE or reduction in sensor cost will help



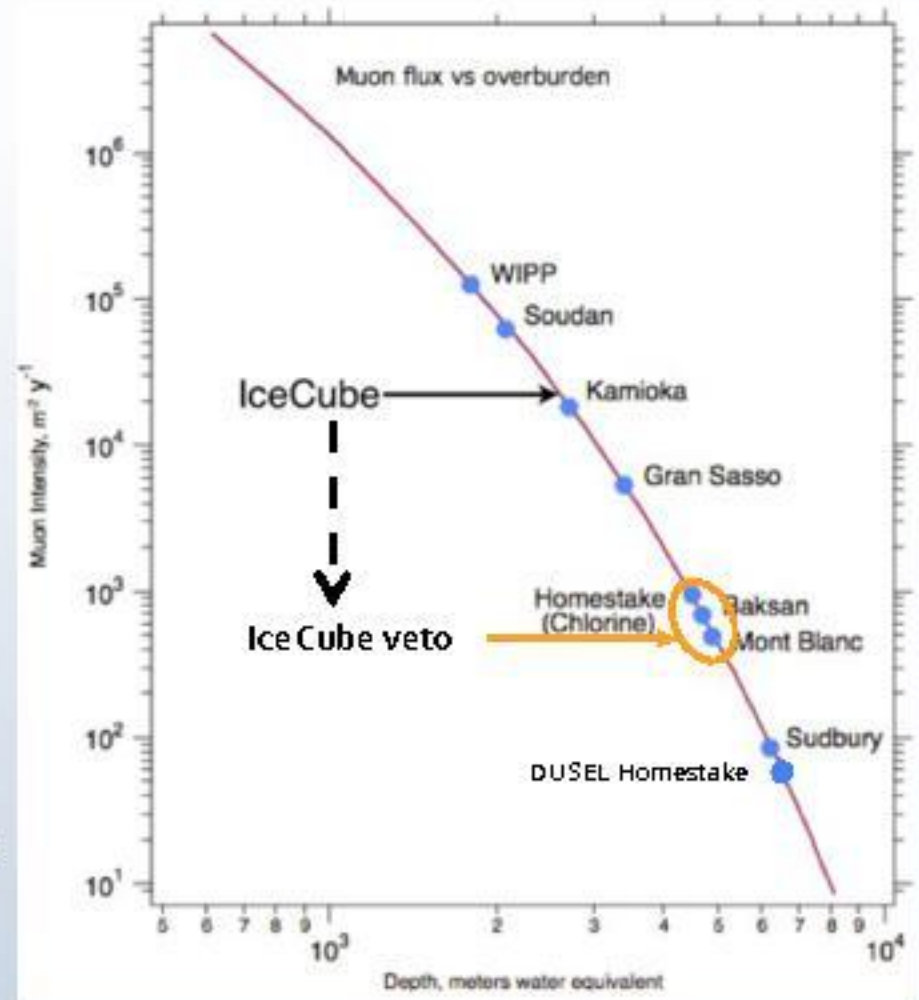
The KM3Net Consortium has studied Multi-PMT OM's. These segmented sensors consist of 31 3" PMTs housed in a 17" sphere



Dark Matter Direct Detection at the South Pole



- Feasibility of operating NaI crystal remotely in the ice
- Use NAIAD detector assembly
- Deployed 2 test devices (2x8.5kg) in December 2010
- Very stable environment
- Muon and neutrino flux precisely measured
- IceCube can veto muons
- Search for annual modulation signal
- Proof of principle, ultimate goal obtain ultra-pure NaI and build scaled up version



Direct Detection

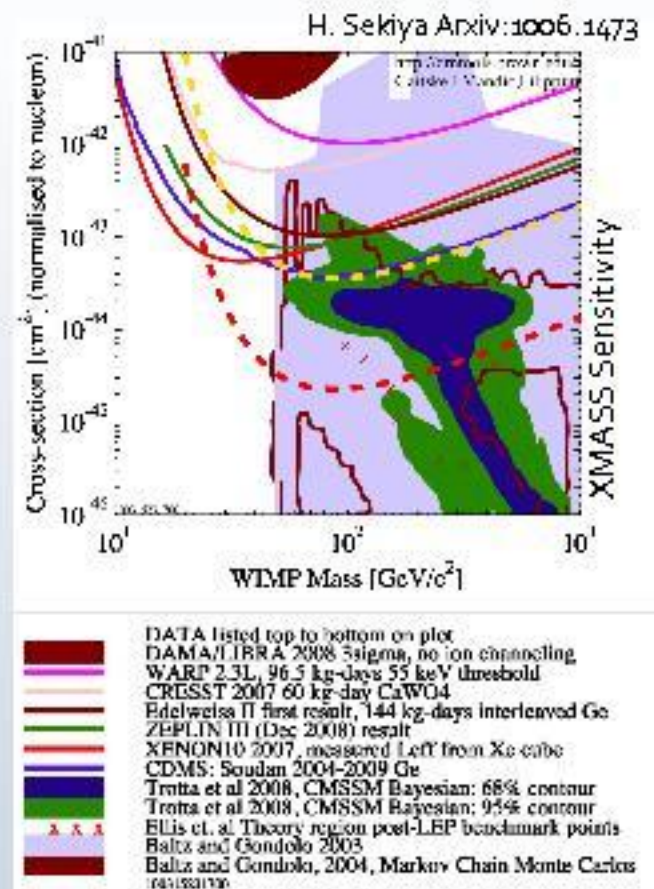


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- Liquid Xenon:
 - High light yield and fast scintillator (178nm)
 - High atomic number $Z=54$, high density ($\sim 3\text{kg/l}$) $\rightarrow$ effective self-shielding, compact detector
 - High mass number ($A\sim 131$) SI: high WIMP rate, SD: 50% odd isotopes
 - No long lived Xe isotopes, Kr-85 can be removed to ppt
- 800kg detector operational and exploring new WIMP territory
- Scalability to large detectors $\rightarrow$ Exciting for solar neutrino studies and eventually astroparticle physics

Closing in on Dark Matter

- Complementary approaches pushes ahead fast:
 - 1.96TeV $\rightarrow$ 14TeV Energy Frontier LHC
 - Self-annihilation cross sections $\sim 10^{-22}$ - 10^{-23} cm³ s⁻¹ $\rightarrow$ Natural scale
 - WIMP nucleon scattering cross section
 - $\sigma^{SD} \sim 10^{38}$ cm² $\rightarrow$ $\sim 10^{40}$ cm²
 - $\sigma^{SI} \sim 10^{43}$ cm² $\rightarrow$ $\sim 10^{45}$ cm²
- Discovery of Dark Matter will not be the end !
 - Answering one question leads to more
 - Particle properties, exploration of underlying theory $\rightarrow$ NLC, Muon Collider
 - Role in our Galaxy and Universe $\rightarrow$ Large Neutrino Detectors , ...



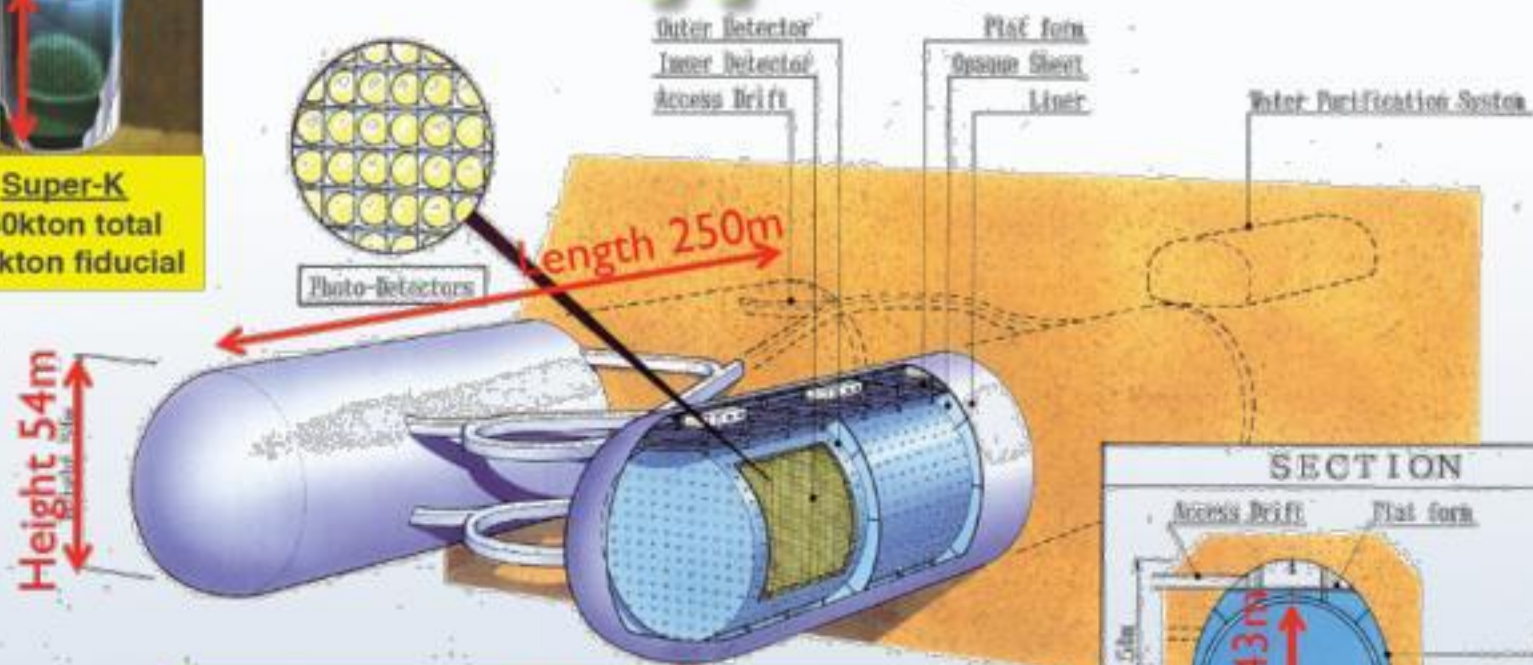
Conclusions

- New approaches and analysis methods have resulted in more and more stringent constraints on dark matter properties
 - Neutrinos are ideal messengers to look indirectly for dark matter
 - Stringent limits on dark matter properties (from IceCube, SK)
- There is very realistic chance that we can finally discover dark matter
- Unraveling its nature and role in the universe will be the mission of next generation detectors

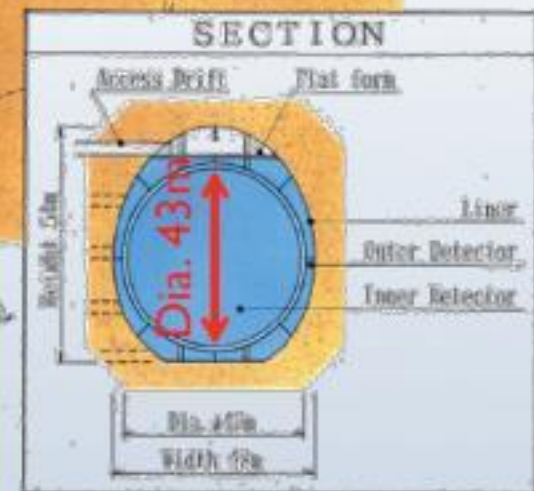


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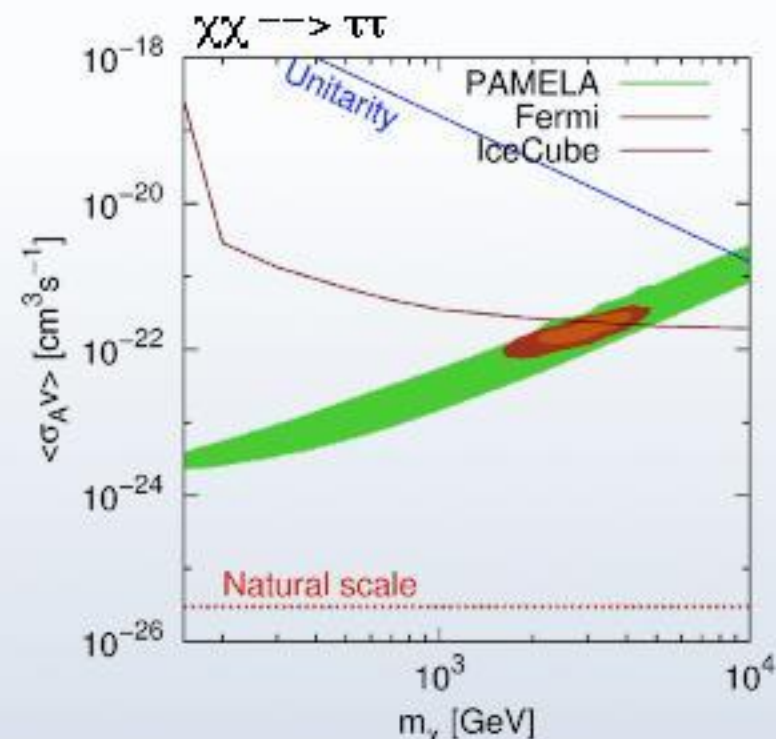
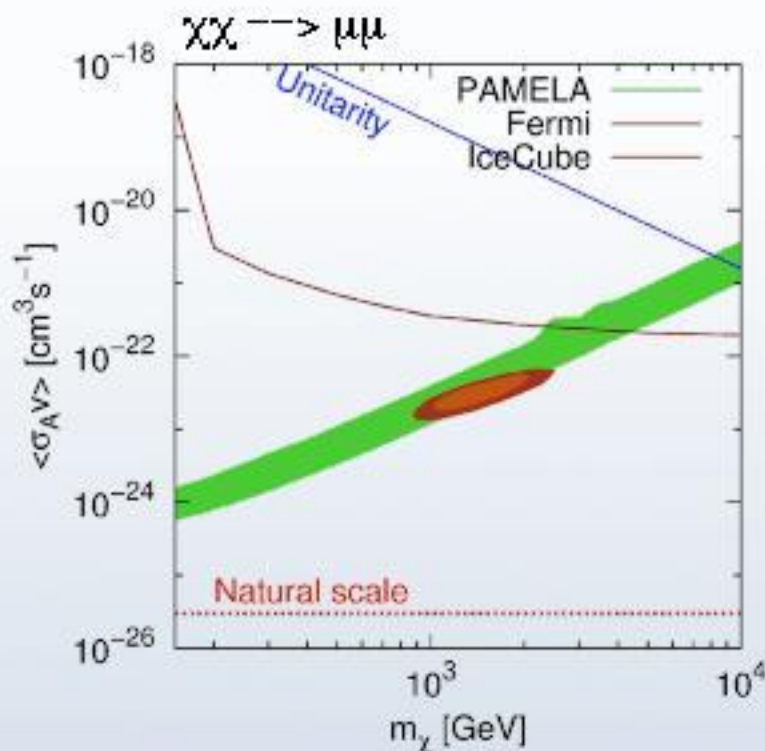
Hyper-K



Hyper-K
1Mton total volume, twin cavity
~0.6Mton fiducial volume
Inner (D43m x L250m) x 2
Outer Detector >2m
Photo coverage 20% (1/2 x SK) or less?



Relevance of Limits



- Neutrino limits start to constrain dark matter models motivated by the lepton excess in PAMELA / Fermi
- Using the partial instrumented (~25%) IceCube detector and one year of data we can set limits in the physical interesting parameter space