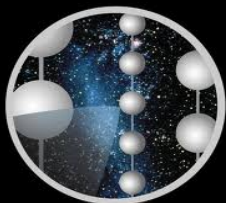


IceCube searches for neutrinos from dark matter annihilations in the Sun and Cosmic Accelerators



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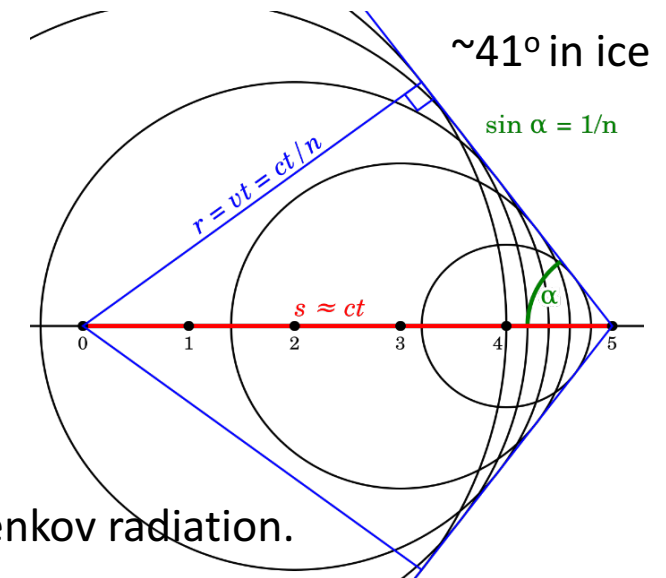
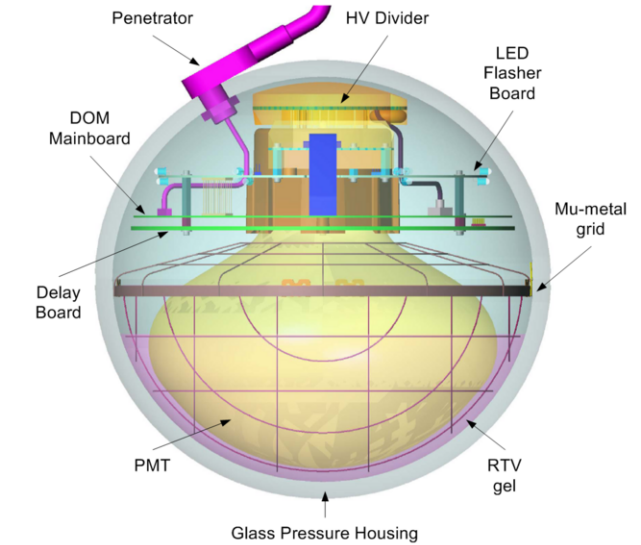
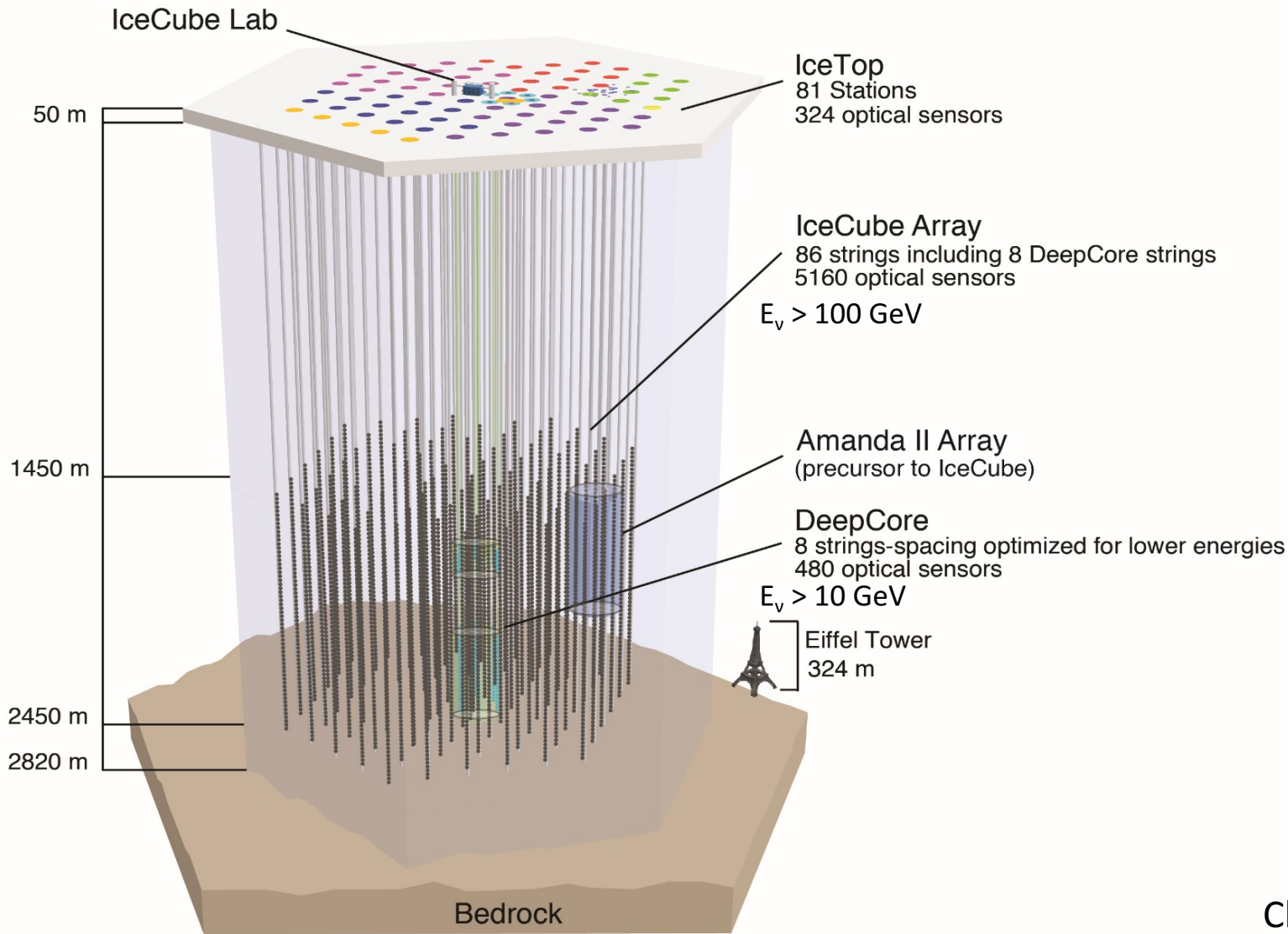
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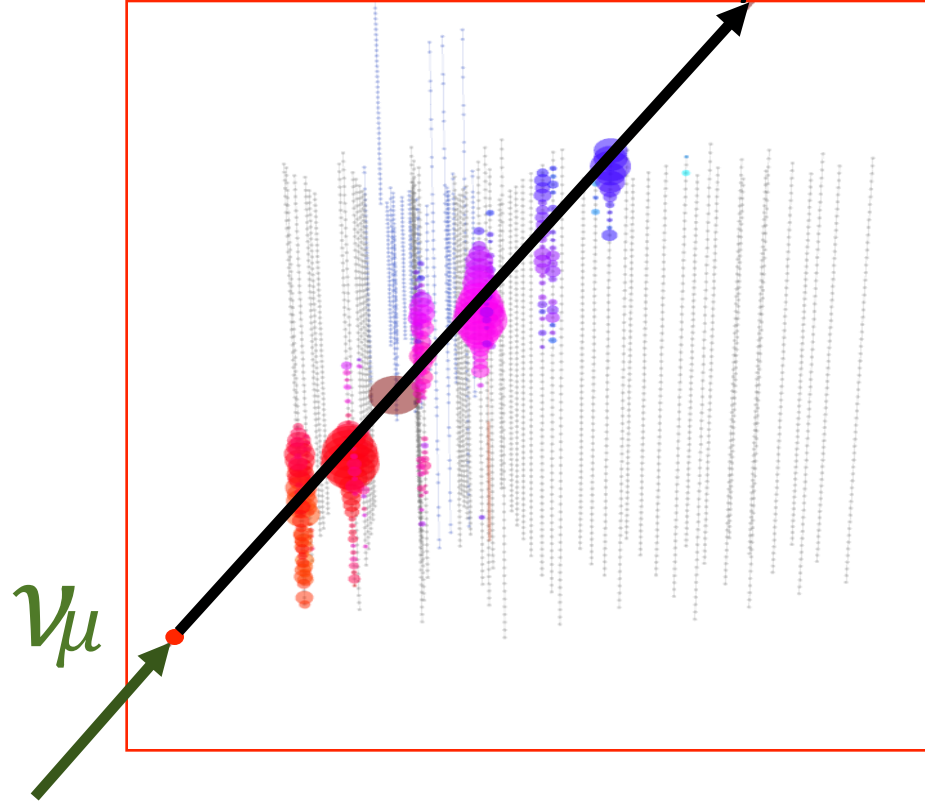
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The IceCube Neutrino Observatory



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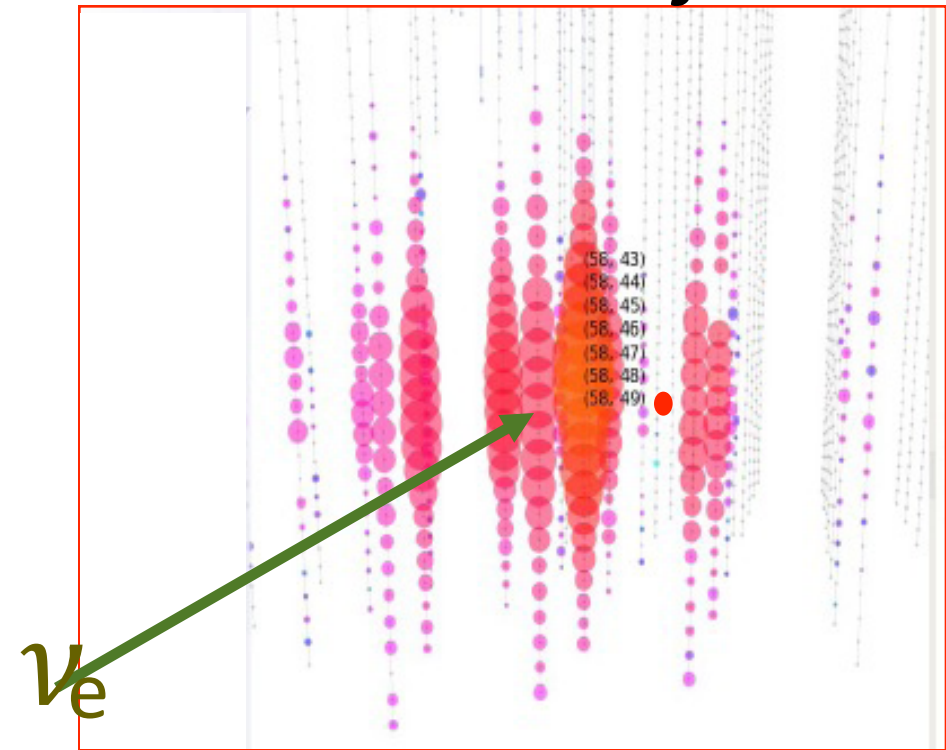
Muon tracks → ν_μ CC



Good angular resolution: **Neutrino Astronomy**

- ($\sim 0.6^\circ$ at 10 TeV)
- Vertex can be outside the detector: **Increased effective volume!**

cascades → *all flavors*



ν_e , ν_τ and all-flavor neutral current

Fully active calorimeter: **High energy resolution**

Angular reconstruction above ~ 50 TeV

In both cases, ν and $\bar{\nu}$ are indistinguishable

Dark Matter

We know DM exists from:

- Galactic Rotation Curves :

$$\Omega_{dm} \geq 0.1$$

- Gravitational Lensing
due to galaxy Clusters
Bullet Cluster :
astro-ph/0608247

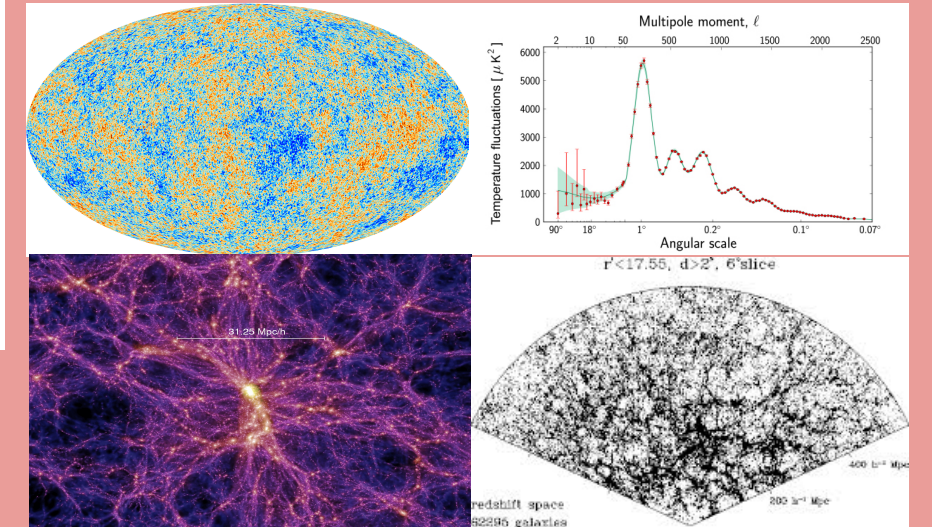
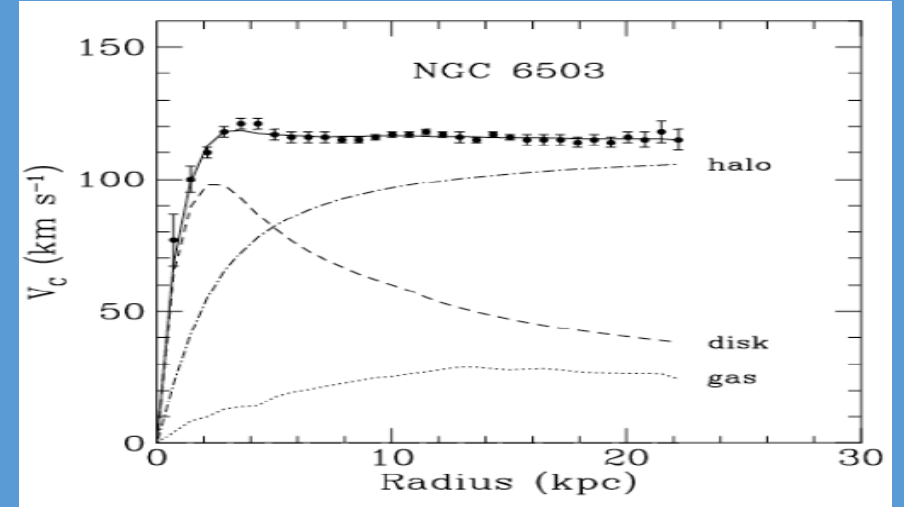


$$\Omega_{dm} \sim 0.2 - 0.4$$

- Precision Cosmology

- Planck CMB Measurements
- Λ CDM simulations such as Millenium reproduce observed LSS

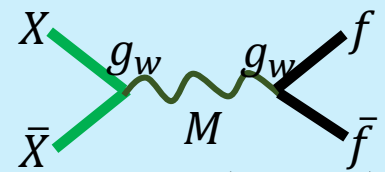
$$\Omega_{dm} = 0.268 \pm 0.02$$



Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

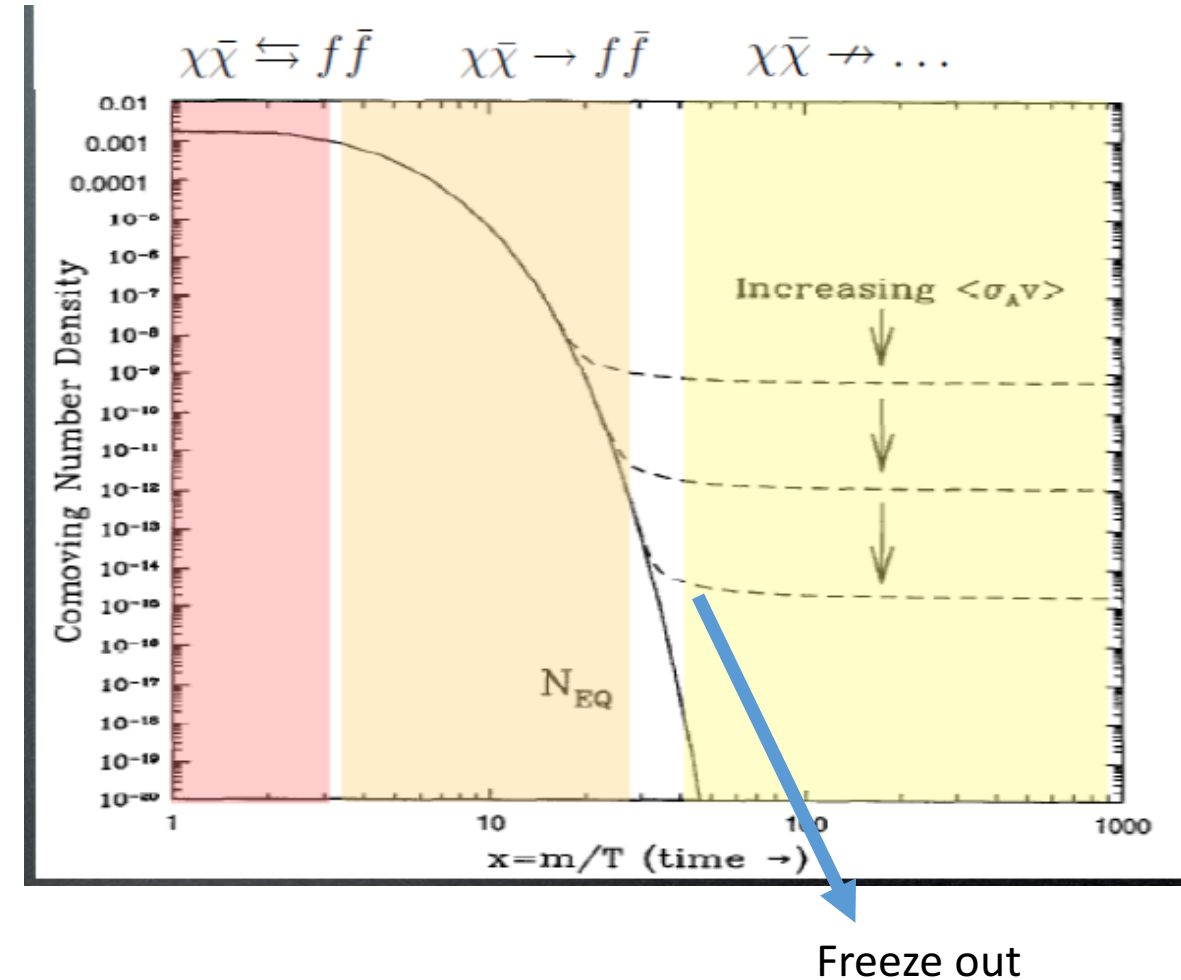
Dark Matter as a thermal relic of the Early universe.

- Boltzmann equation of the early universe
 - $\frac{dn_X}{dt} + 3Hn_X = -\langle\sigma_{ann}v\rangle[n_X^2 - n_{eq\,X}^2]$
- Relic $\Omega_{DM} \sim 0.27$
 For $\langle\sigma_{ann}v\rangle = 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$

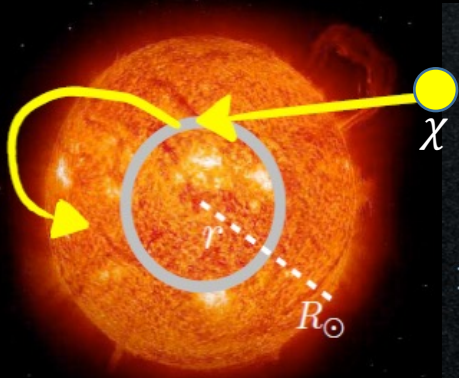


$$\langle\sigma_{ann}v\rangle \approx \frac{(g_w^2/4\pi)^2}{M^2} \approx 3 \cdot 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$$

- Stable WIMPS present in various theories WIMP Miracle
 - Neutralino in SUSY theories
 - Kaluza Klein particles.



WIMP Capture and Annihilation in the Sun



$$\Gamma_{\text{capt}} = \frac{\rho_{\text{DM}}}{M_{\text{DM}}} \sum_i \sigma_i \int_0^{R_\odot} dr 4\pi r^2 n_i(r) \int_0^\infty dv 4\pi v^2 f_\odot(v) \frac{v^2 + v_{\odot\text{esc}}^2}{v} \phi_i(v, v_{\odot\text{esc}})$$

DM number density

Scattering Cross Section
 $\sigma_{SD} \propto J(J+1)$
 $\sigma_{SI} \propto A^2$

Number density of element $i \rightarrow$ Solar Model

velocity distribution
 (in solar frame, without Sun's gravity)

effect of solar gravity

Spin Dependent scattering

- Only the hydrogen in the Sun contributes significantly.
- Lower event rates in direct detection experiments
- More interesting for IceCube

Spin Independent scattering

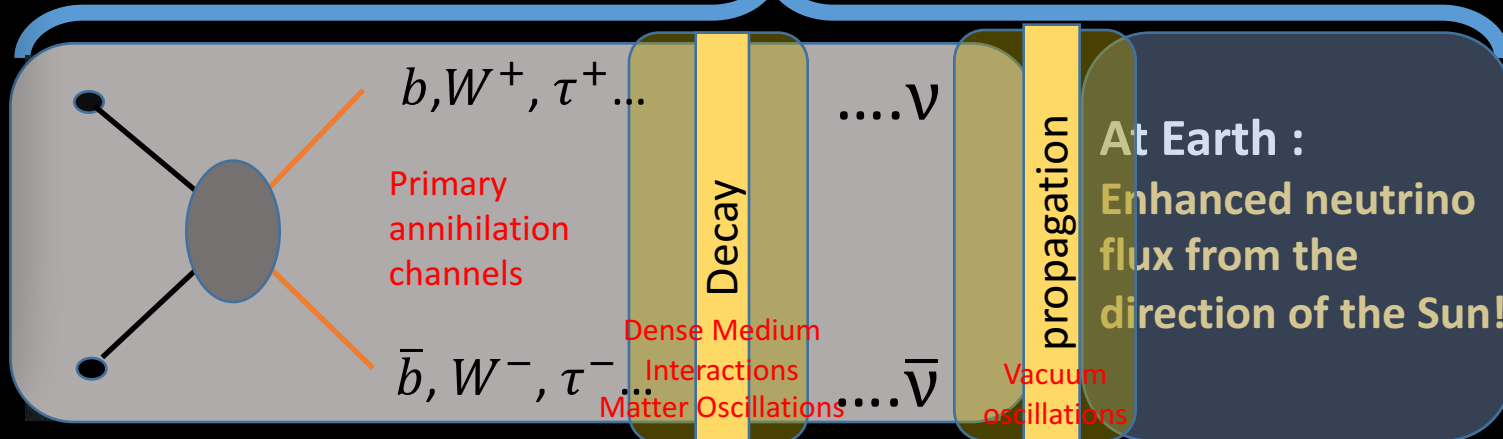
- Heavier nuclei contribute more due to $\propto A^2$ enhancement.
- Better sensitivity using direct detection experiments such as LUX, XENON etc

Capture

Equilibrium

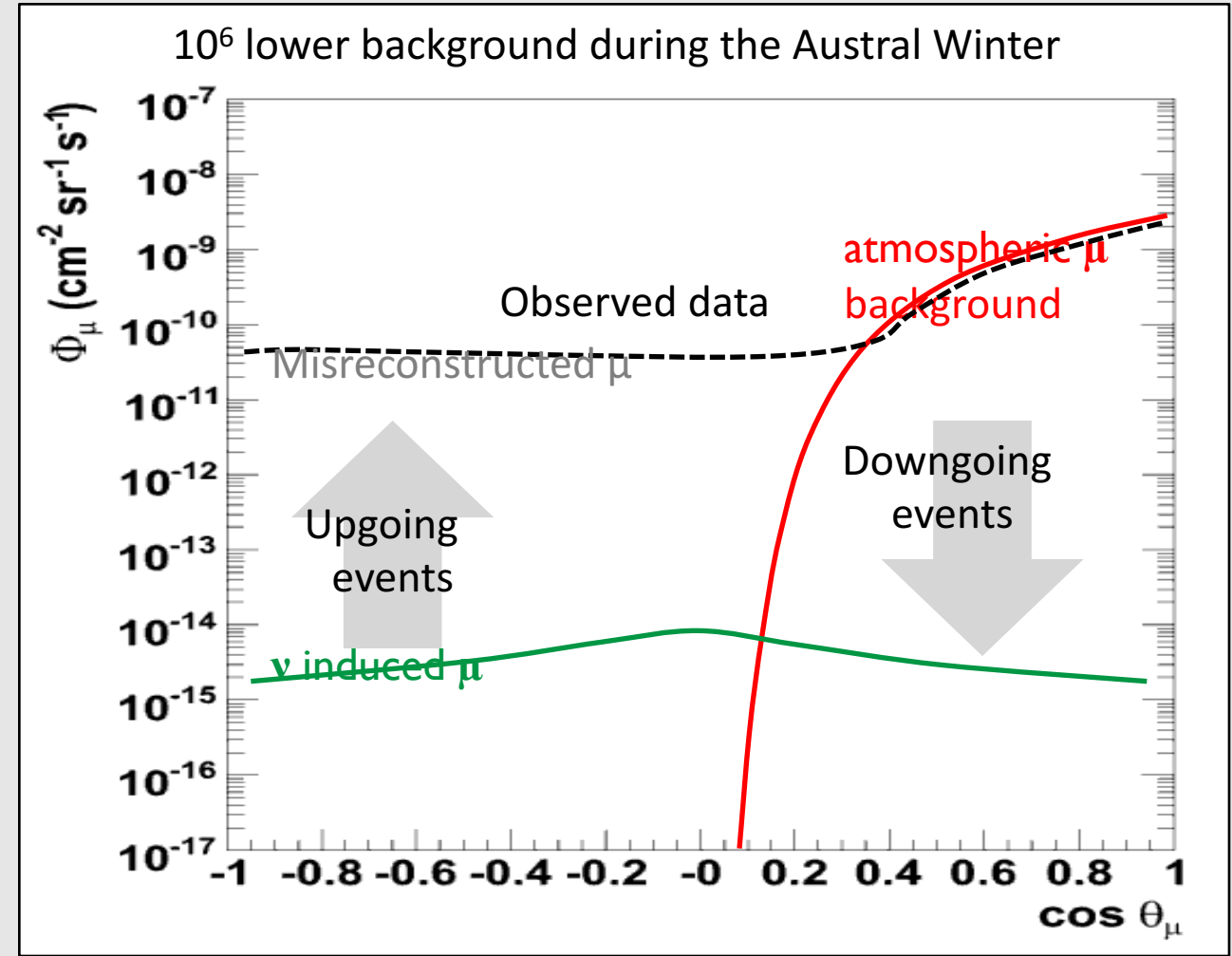
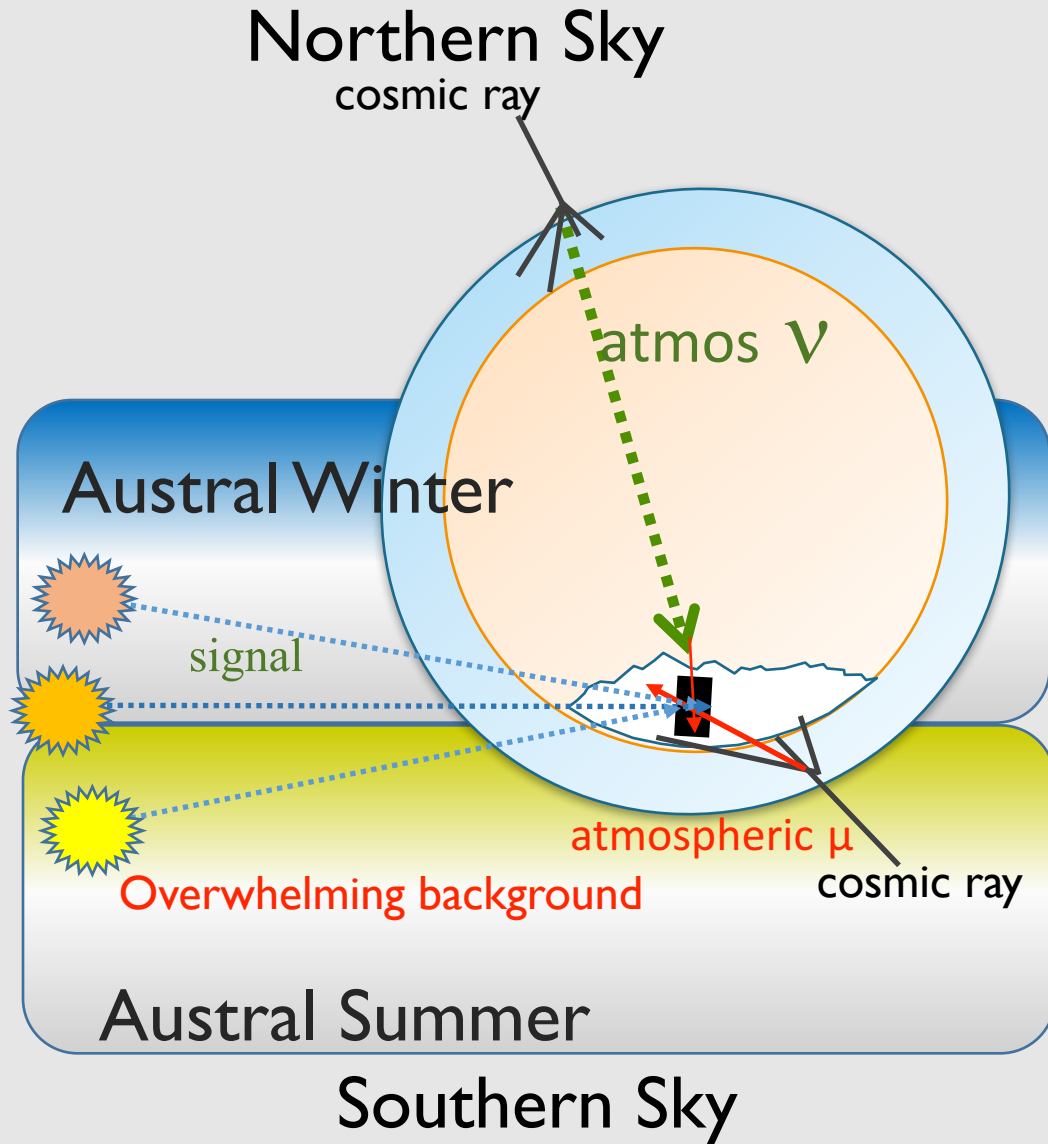
$$\Gamma_A^{\text{equi}} = \frac{1}{2} C_c$$

Annihilation

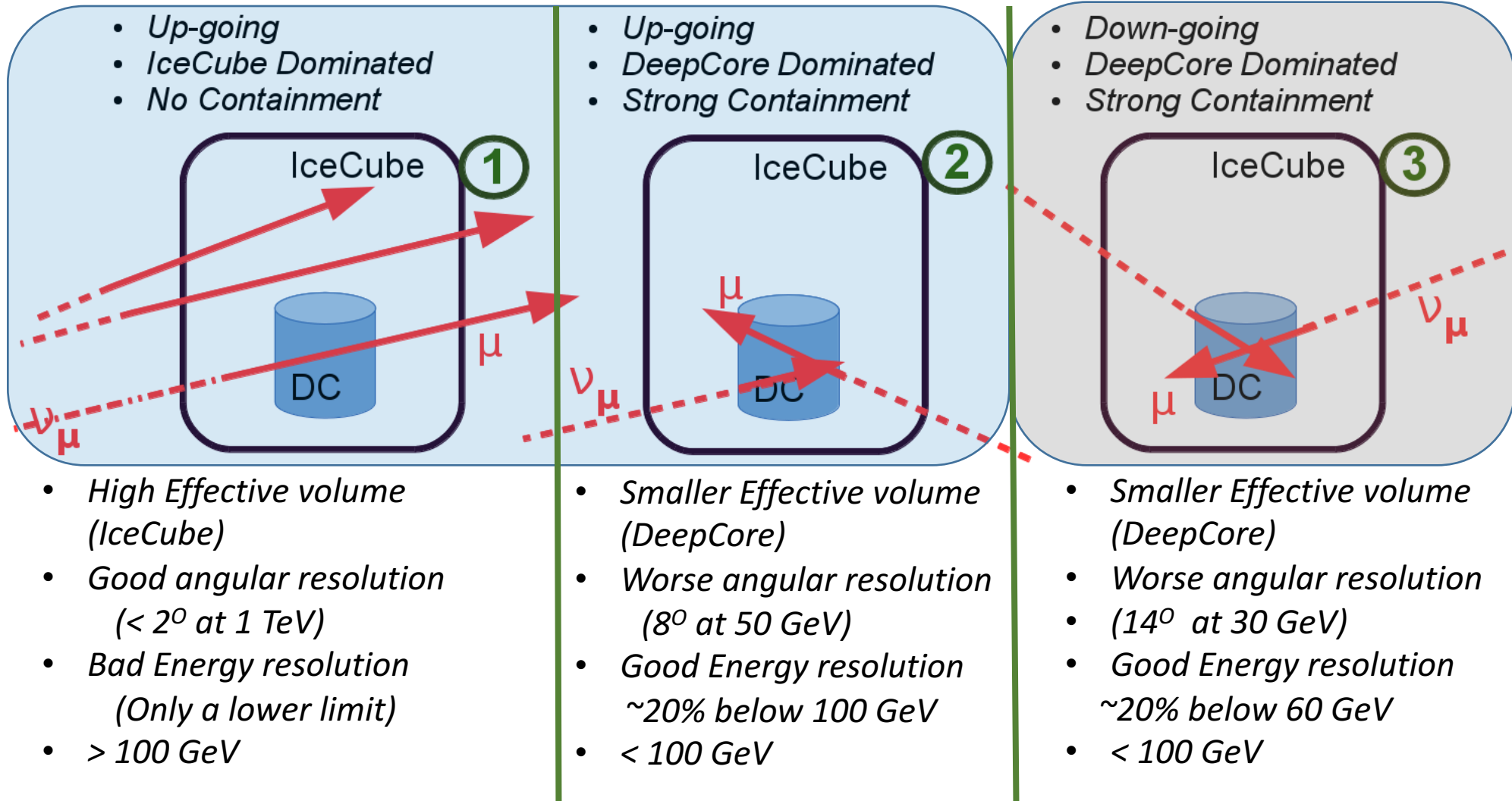


All calculations performed with DarkSusy/WimpSim

Events in IceCube

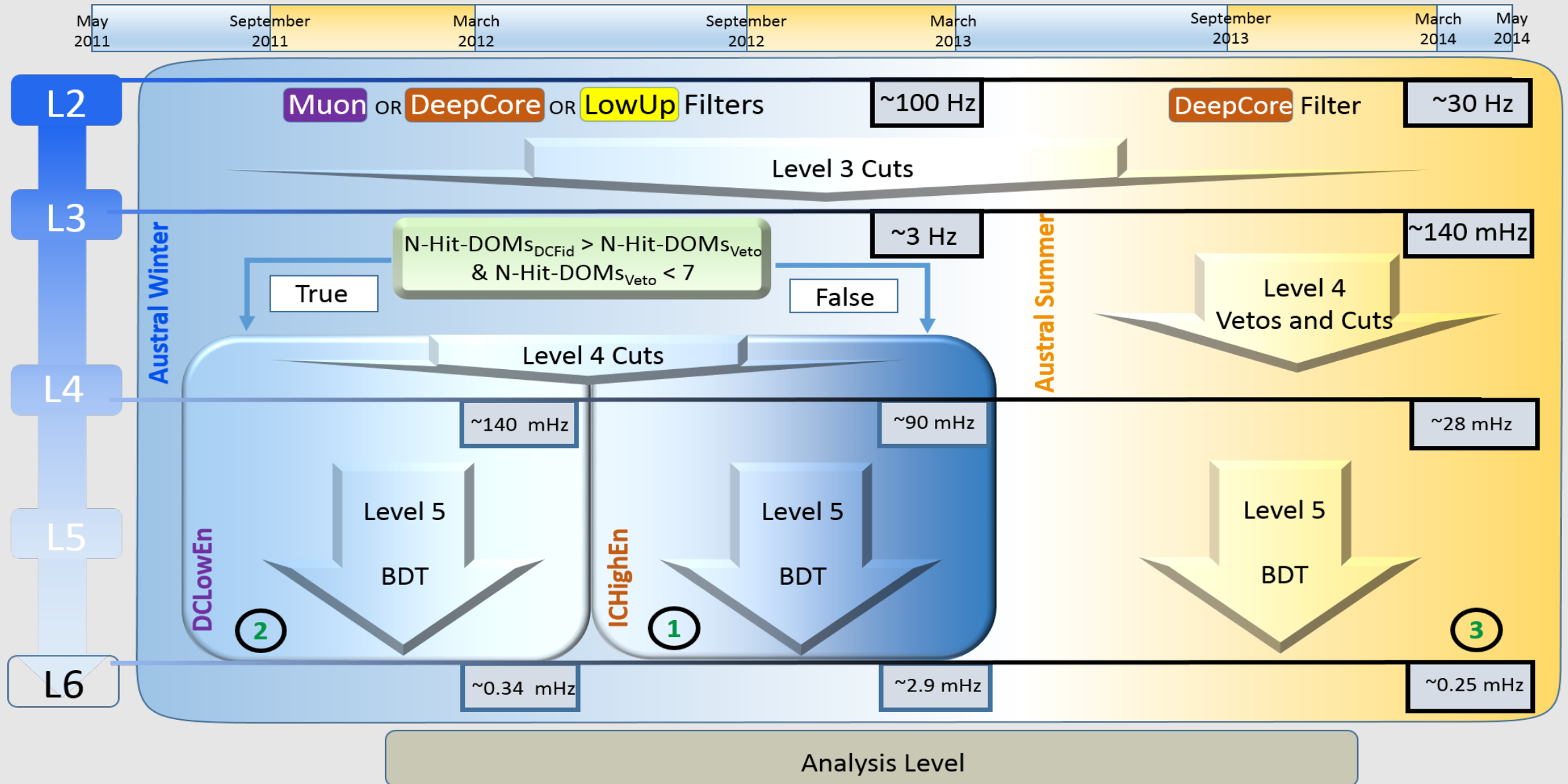


Event Selection Strategy

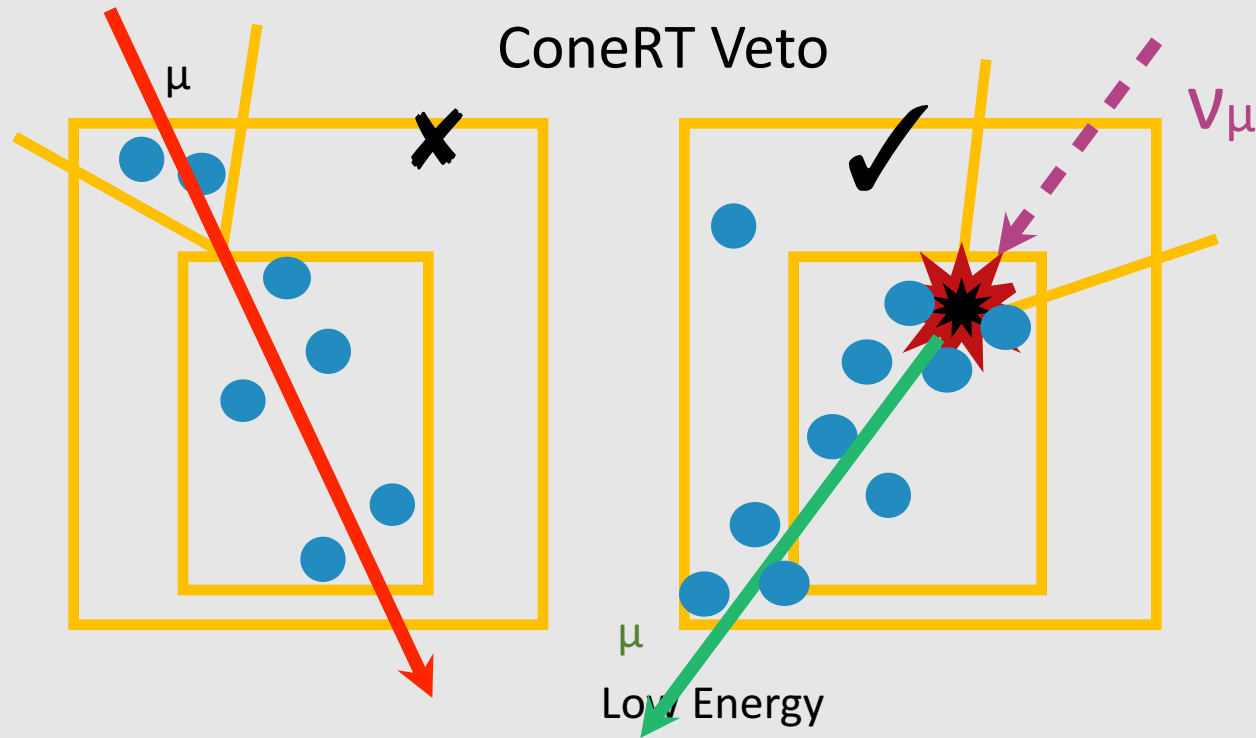


Attempts to isolate a down going IceCube dominated sample were not successful due to μ background.

Samples



Level 4 - Veto



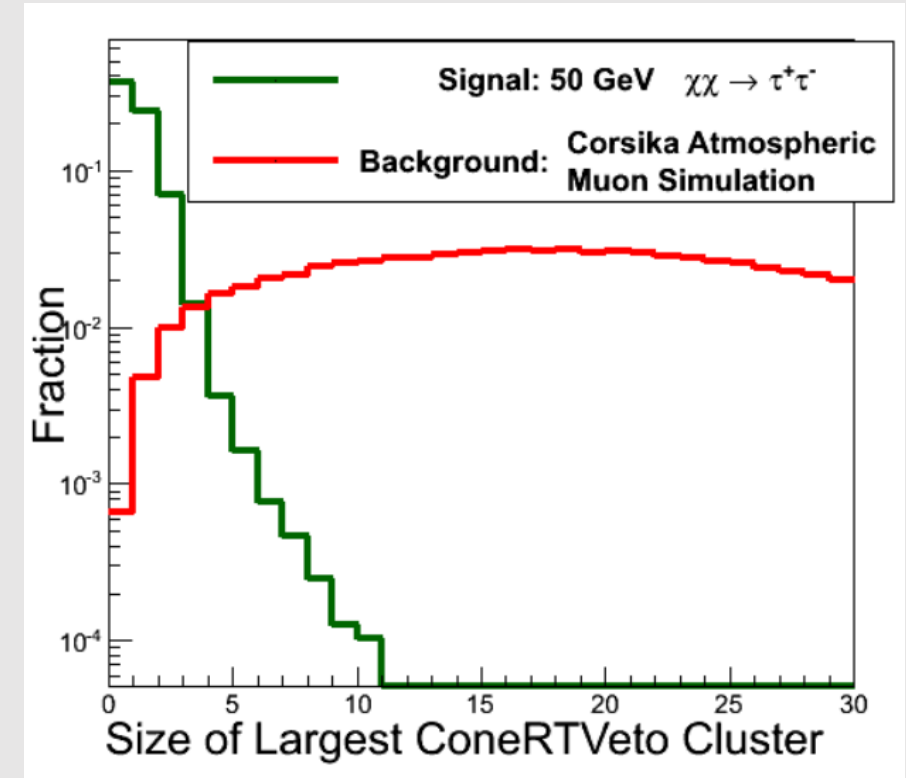
Muons sneak past cuts on starting vertex.

(Falsely reconstructed starting vertex)

Look for hits within a 40 degree cone.

Sort them into clusters: within 250 metres and $1\mu\text{s}$ of each other

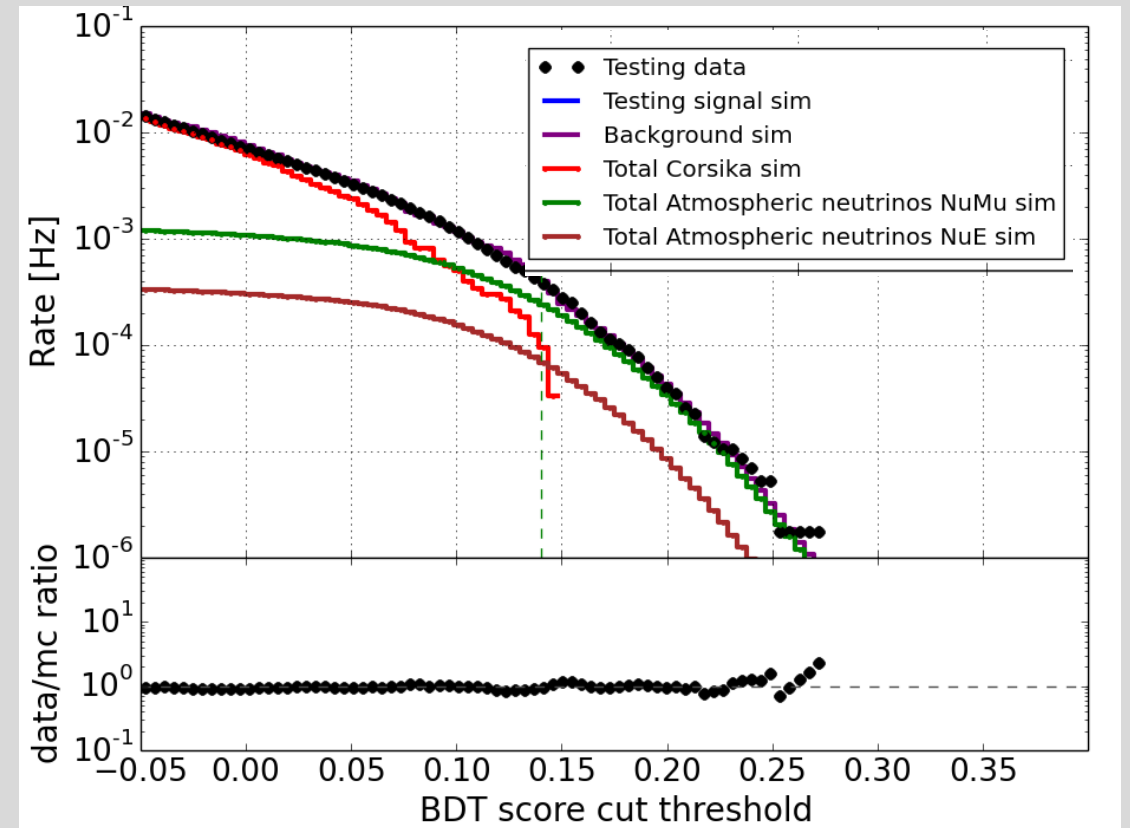
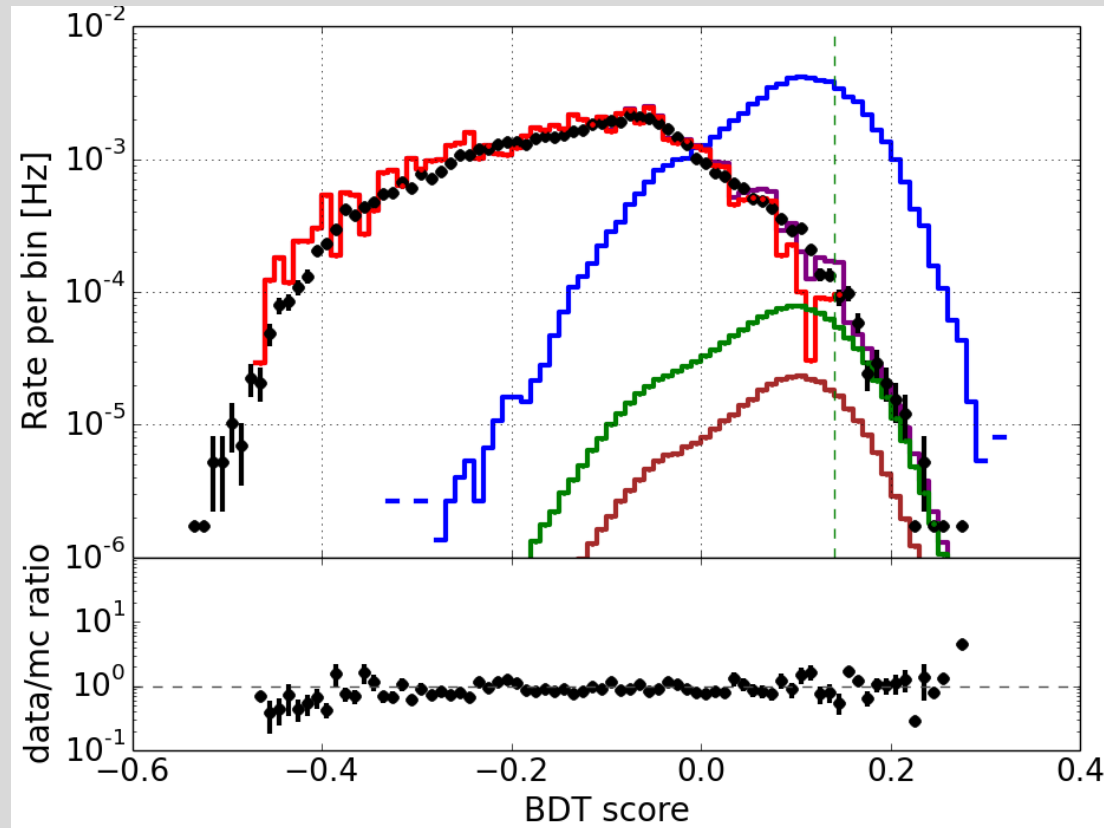
Count the size of the largest cluster



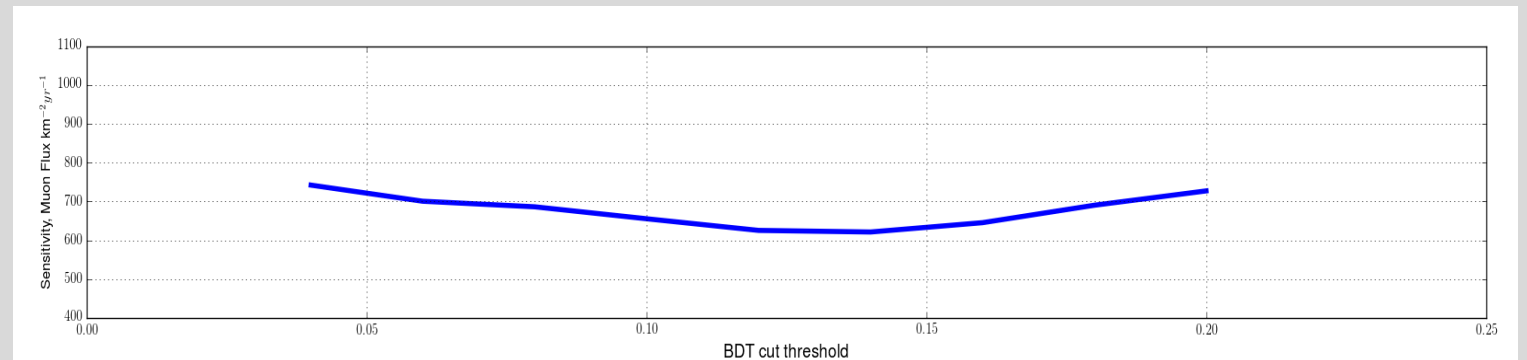
Cut at 3 rejects >80% of Bkg, keeps 90% of Signal.

Level 5 – Boosted Decision Tree (contd)

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Best BDT cut threshold for sensitivity chosen - the Model Rejection Factor method.

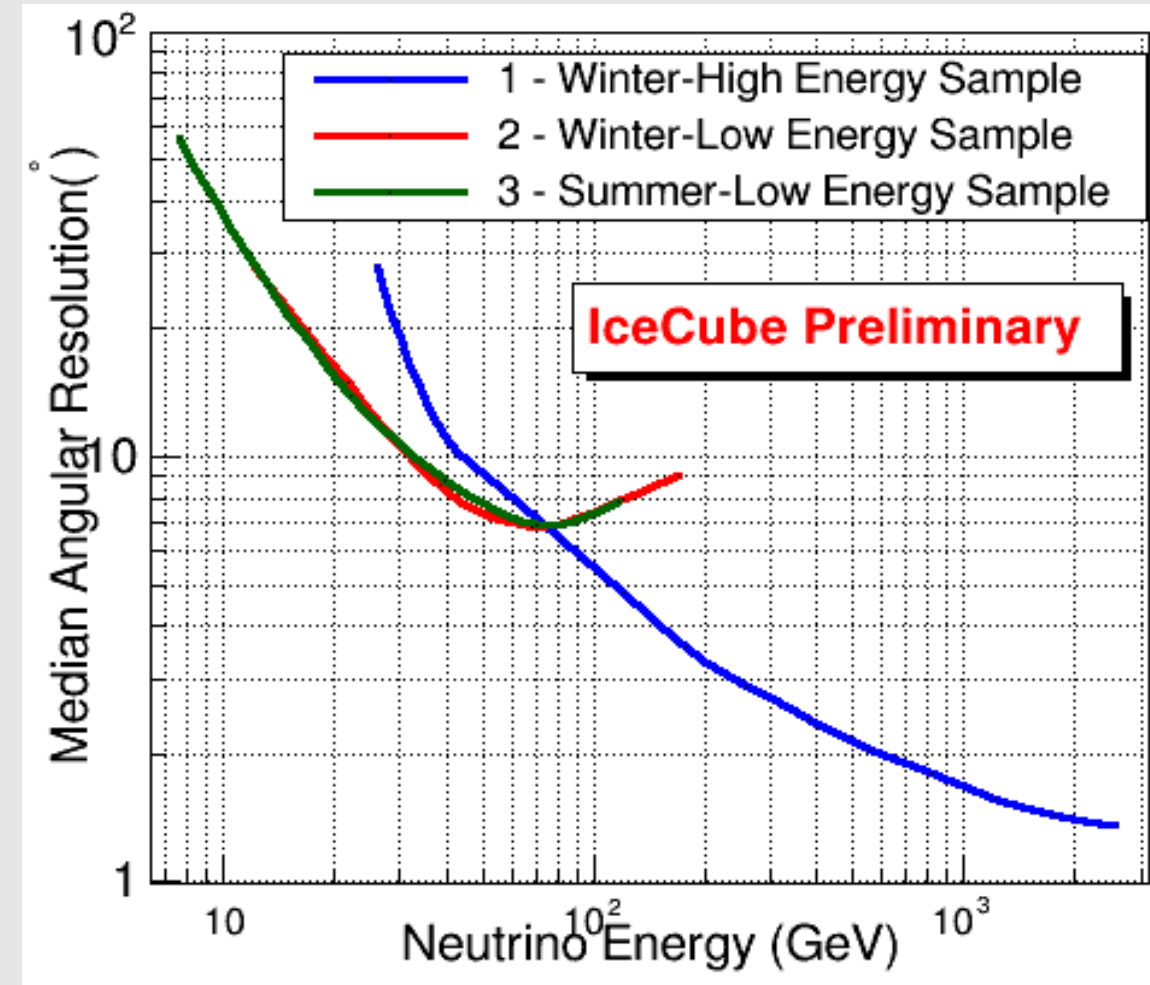
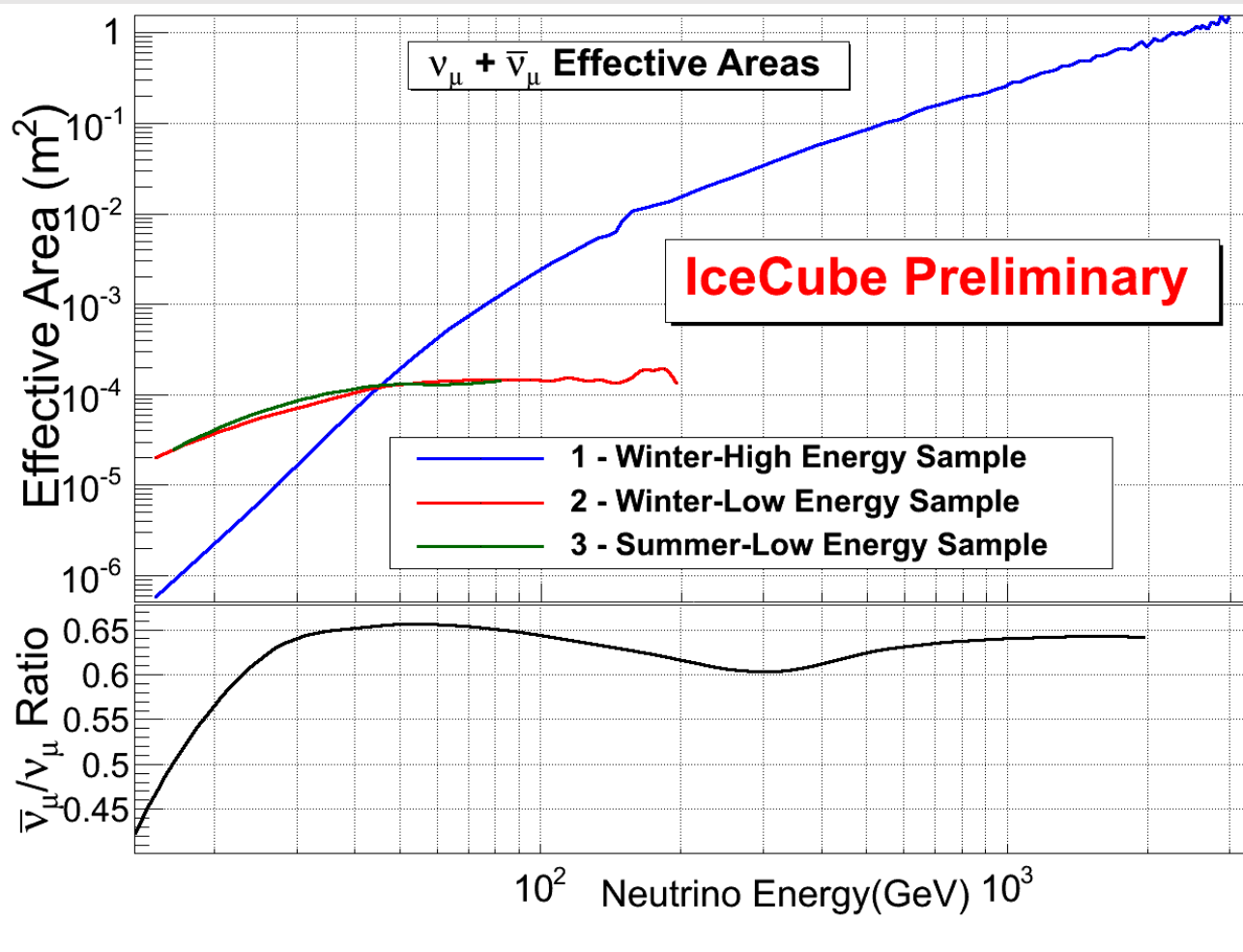


Final Samples Summary

Sample	Rate (mHz)	Total MC (mHz)	Atmos $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ (mHz)	Atmos $\nu_e + \bar{\nu}_e$ (mHz)	Atmos μ (mHz)	Energy range (GeV)	Typical signal efficiency
1 Winter High Energy	2.9	3.0	2.1	0.1	0.8	100 -2000	24% (5 TeV $\chi\chi$ to W^+W^-)
2 Winter Low Energy	0.34	0.36	0.26	0.08	0.02	10-100	6% (50 GeV $\chi\chi$ to $\tau^+\tau^-$)
3 Summer	0.25	0.28	0.21	0.05	0.03	10-50	4% (20 GeV $\chi\chi$ to $\tau^+\tau^-$)

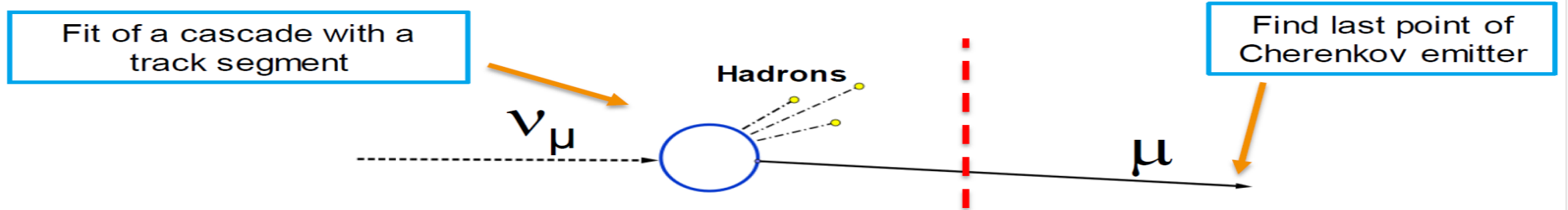
- Livelimes : Winter 528.28 days, Summer 490.77 days. Total 1019.05 days of data.
- Non overlapping, no events in common
- True event directions not examined. Analysis is blind.

Event Selection Performance



Energy Reconstruction

$$E_{\text{reco}} = E_{\mu}(R_{\mu}) + E_{\text{vertex}}(E_{\text{had}}, \vec{x}_{\text{vertex}})$$

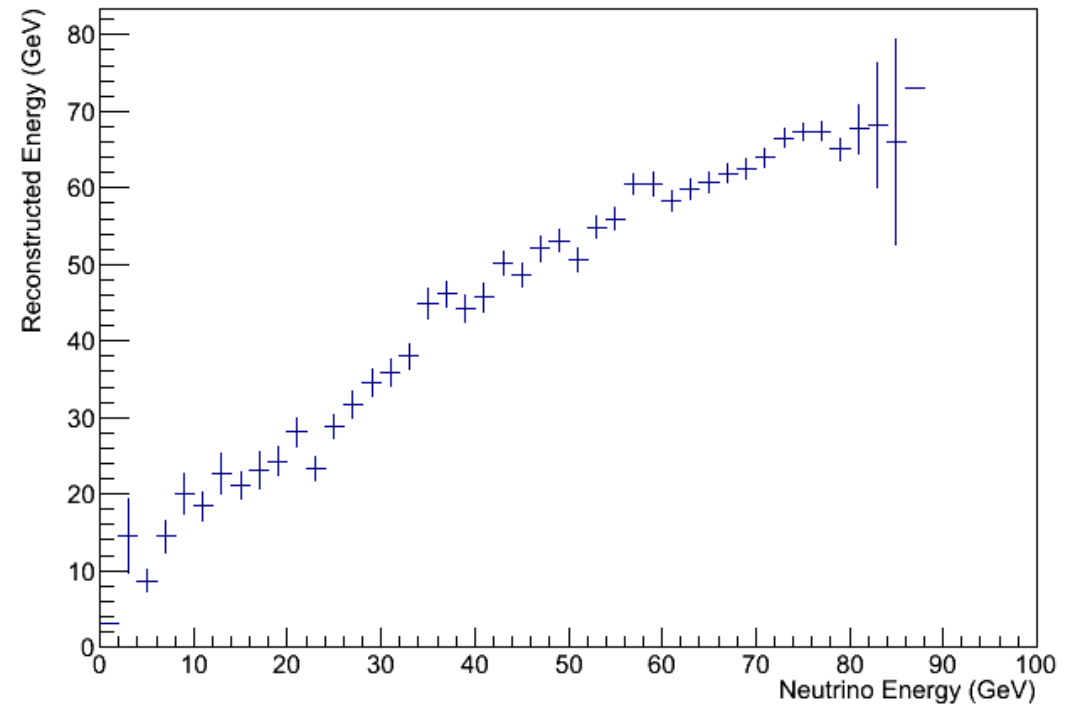


A full neutrino energy estimator for contained tracks

Enhances signal to background discrimination, and sensitivity for the DeepCore dominated samples

2 and **3**

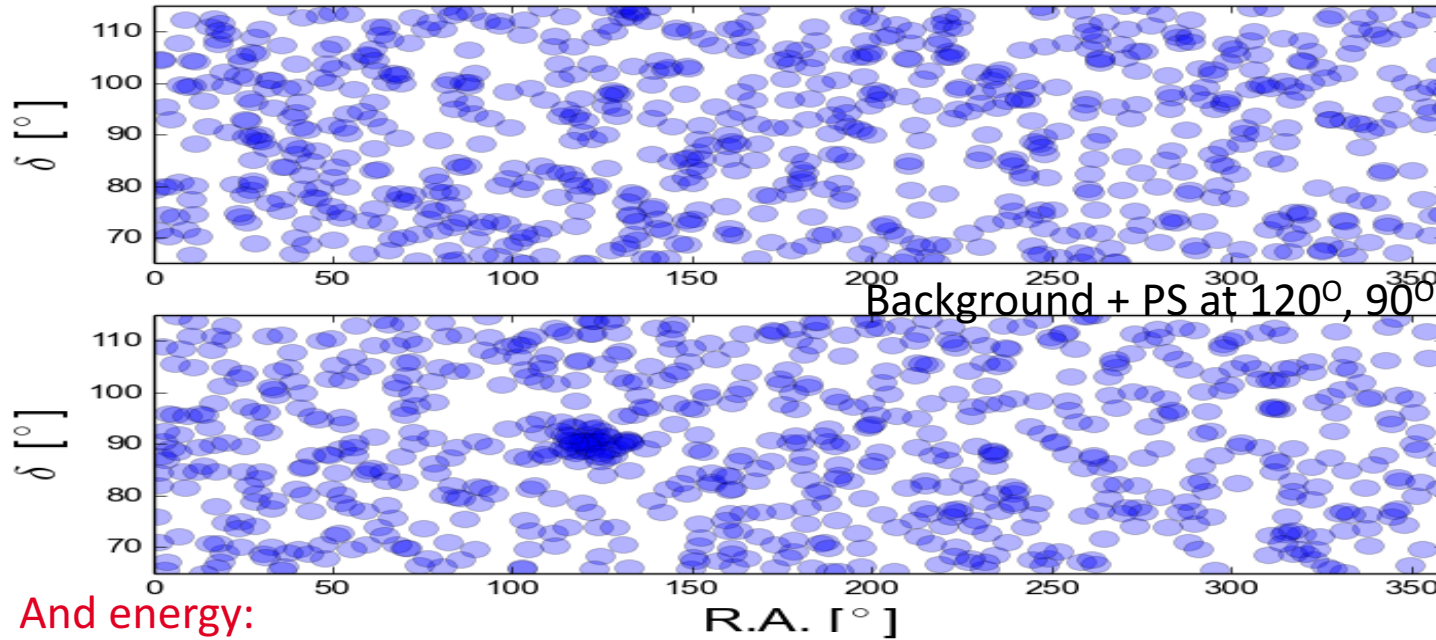
Event energy information used for a Solar WIMP analysis for the first time in IceCube.



Analysis Method

Use event direction:

Background only



Background (atmospheric ν and μ) :

- Uniform within declination band

$$B(\delta_i)$$

Signal (Astrophysical ν from source) :

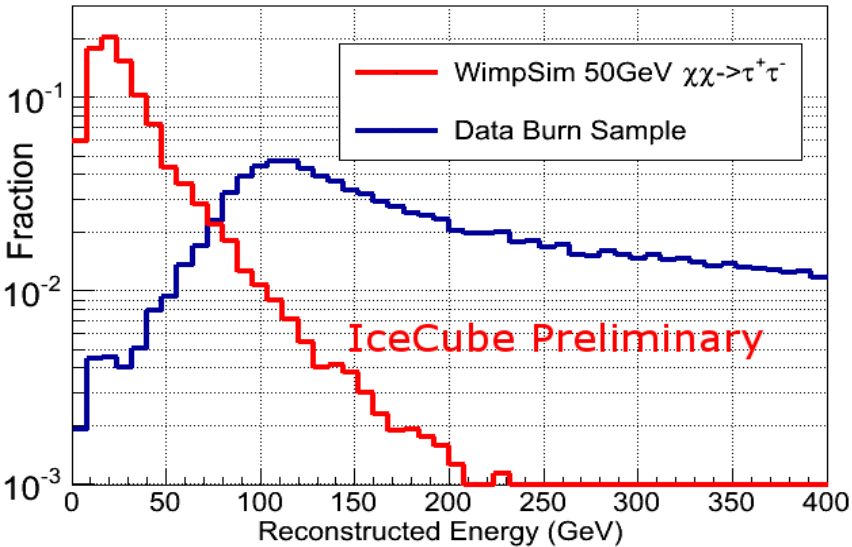
- Clustered around source

$$K_i^j = \frac{\kappa_i e^{\kappa_i \cos(\theta |\vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j(t_i)|)}}{2\pi(e^{\kappa_i} - e^{-\kappa_i})}$$

Fisher Bingham distribution,
(Gaussian in directional statistics)

Event by event angular resolution

And energy:



$$S_i(m_\chi, ch) = P(E_i | m_\chi, ch) * K_i^j$$

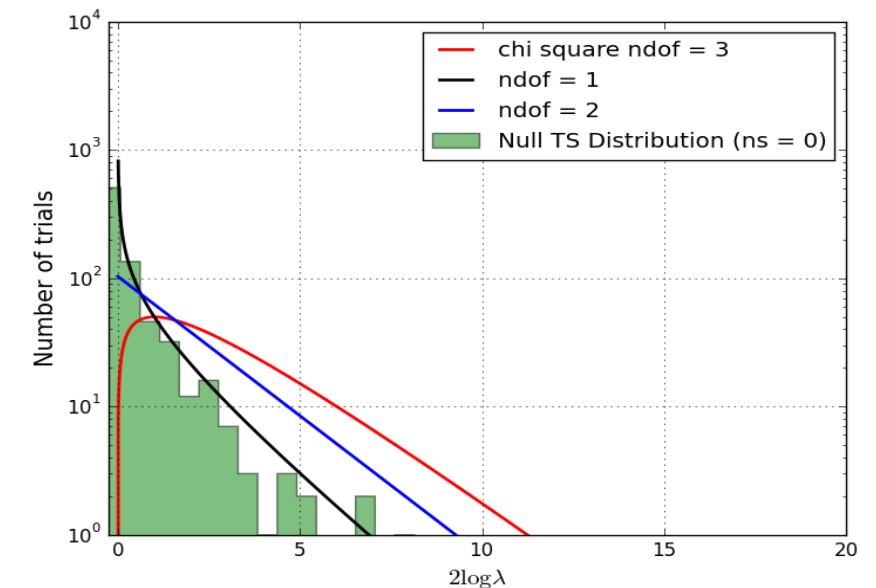
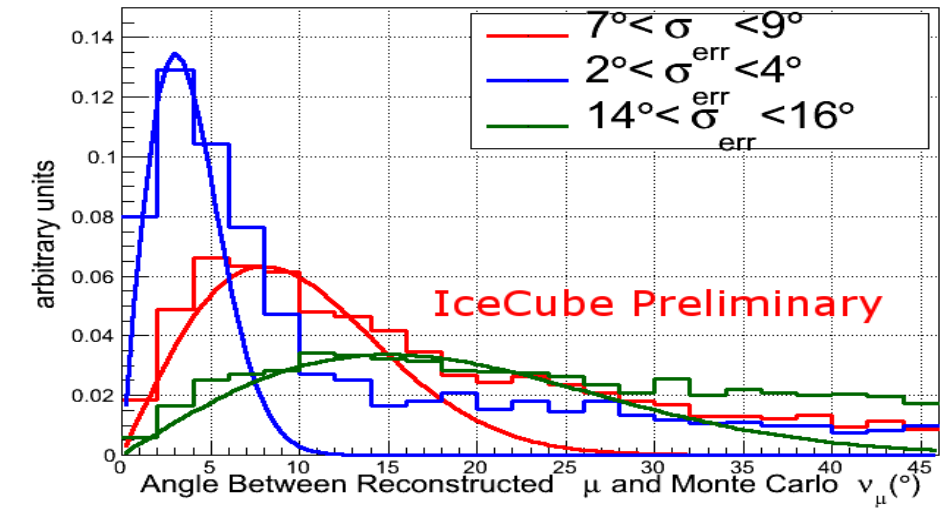
$$B_i = P(E_i | \phi_{atm}) * B(\delta_i)$$

Likelihood:

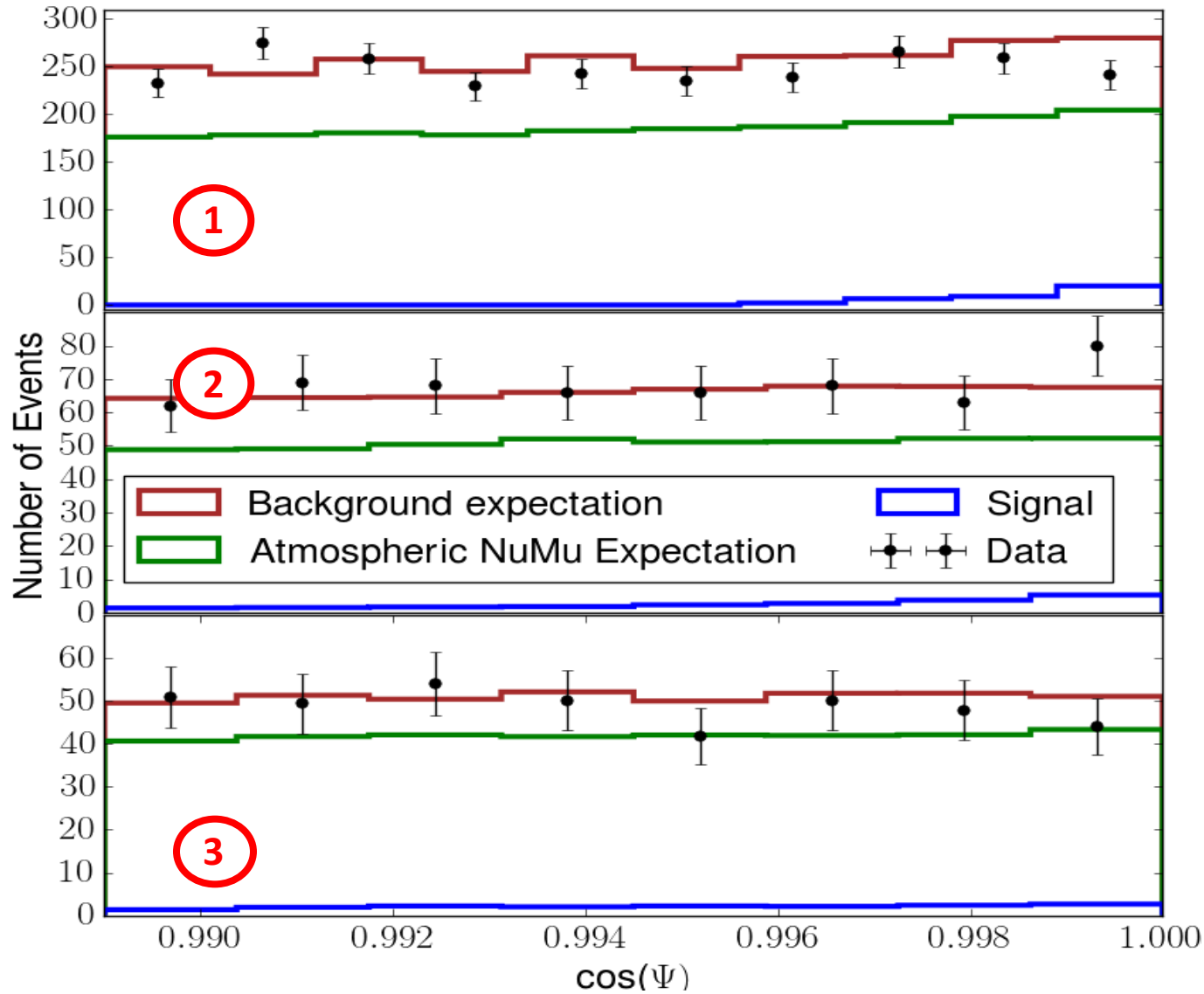
$$\mathcal{L}(n_s) = \prod_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{n_s}{N} S_i(m_\chi, ch) + \left(1 - \frac{n_s}{N}\right) B_i \right)$$

Analysis Method (contd)

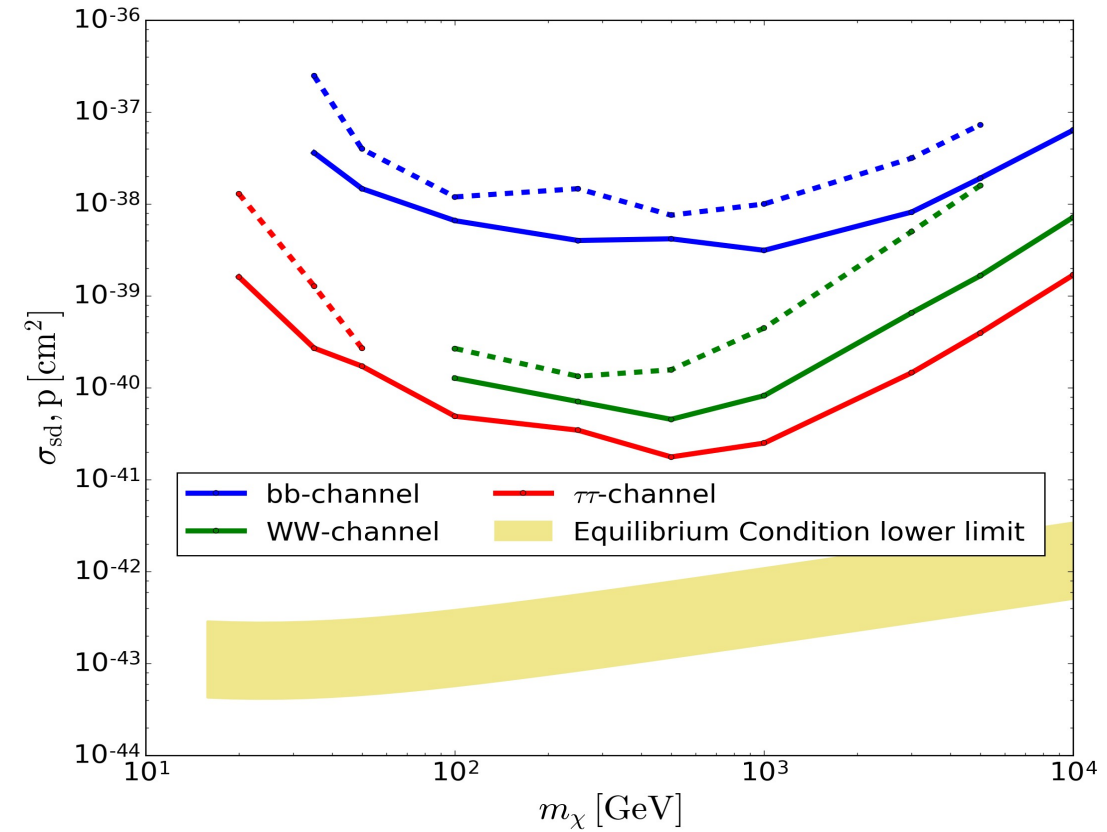
- $B(\delta_i)$ and $P(E_i|\phi_{atm})$ are estimated from data.
 - Robust against false discovery
- $P(E_i|m_\chi, ch)$ is estimated from Monte Carlo
- K_i^j is analytic.
- Log likelihood can be maximized to find the best fit \hat{n}_s
- $-2 \log \left(\frac{\mathcal{L}(n_s=0)}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{n}_s)} \right)$ is the test statistics and is distributed as $\chi^2(1 \text{ dof})$ – (Wilke’s theorem)
- Significance from many datasets scrambled in R.A.
- Confidence intervals on n_s - Feldman and Cousins.



Results



- No statistically significant excess
- Best p – value $\sim 16\%$
 $500 \text{ GeV } \chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$
 $\hat{n}_s = 24.4$

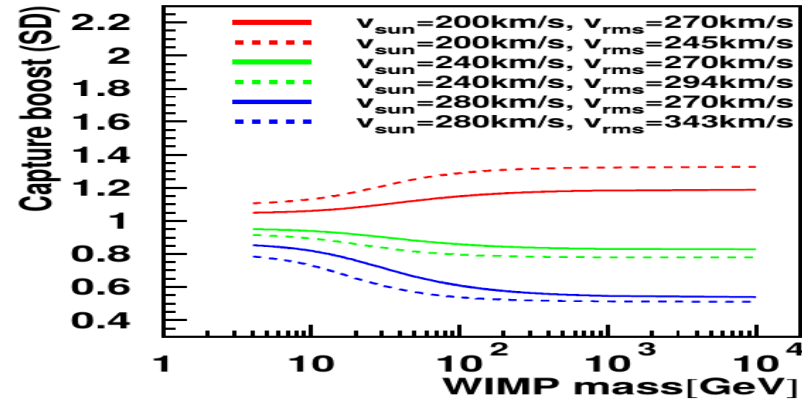


More livetime + better event selection + better analysis methods + bugfix -> Results better by ~ 1 order of magnitude w.r.t IC79

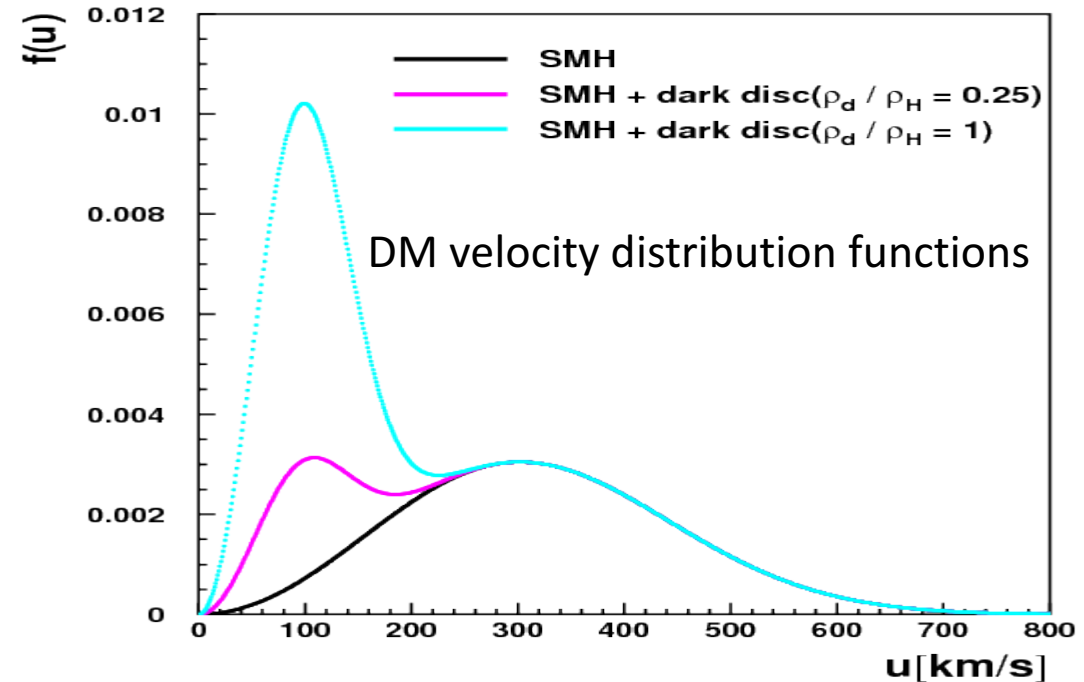
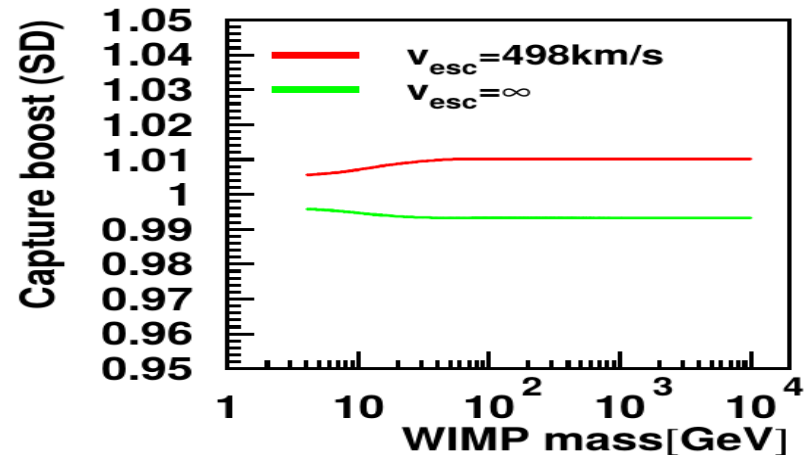
Astrophysical Uncertainties

There are uncertainties on:

- The velocity of the Sun w.r.t the halo



- The fraction of DM in a co-rotating dark disk
- The galactic escape velocity

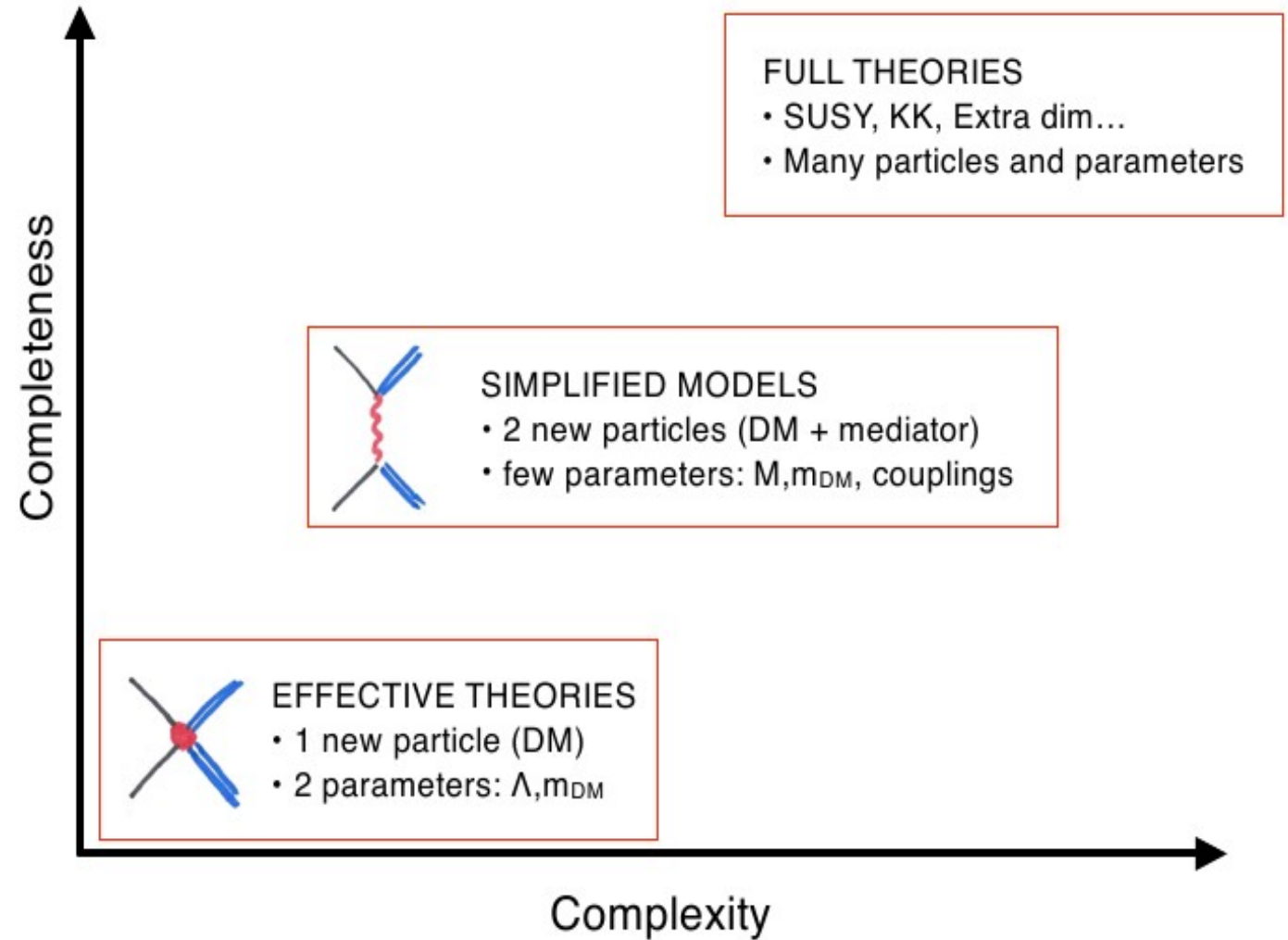
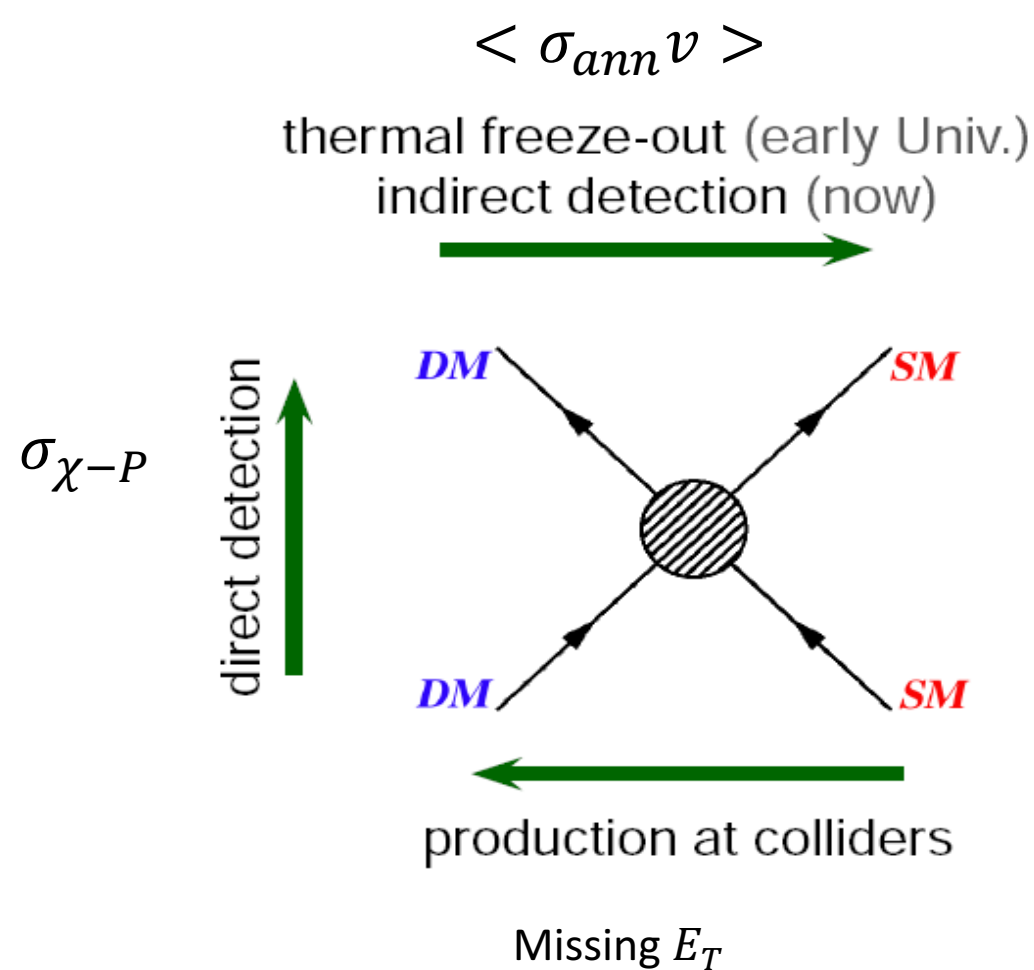


C. Rott et al. JCAP05 (2014) 049

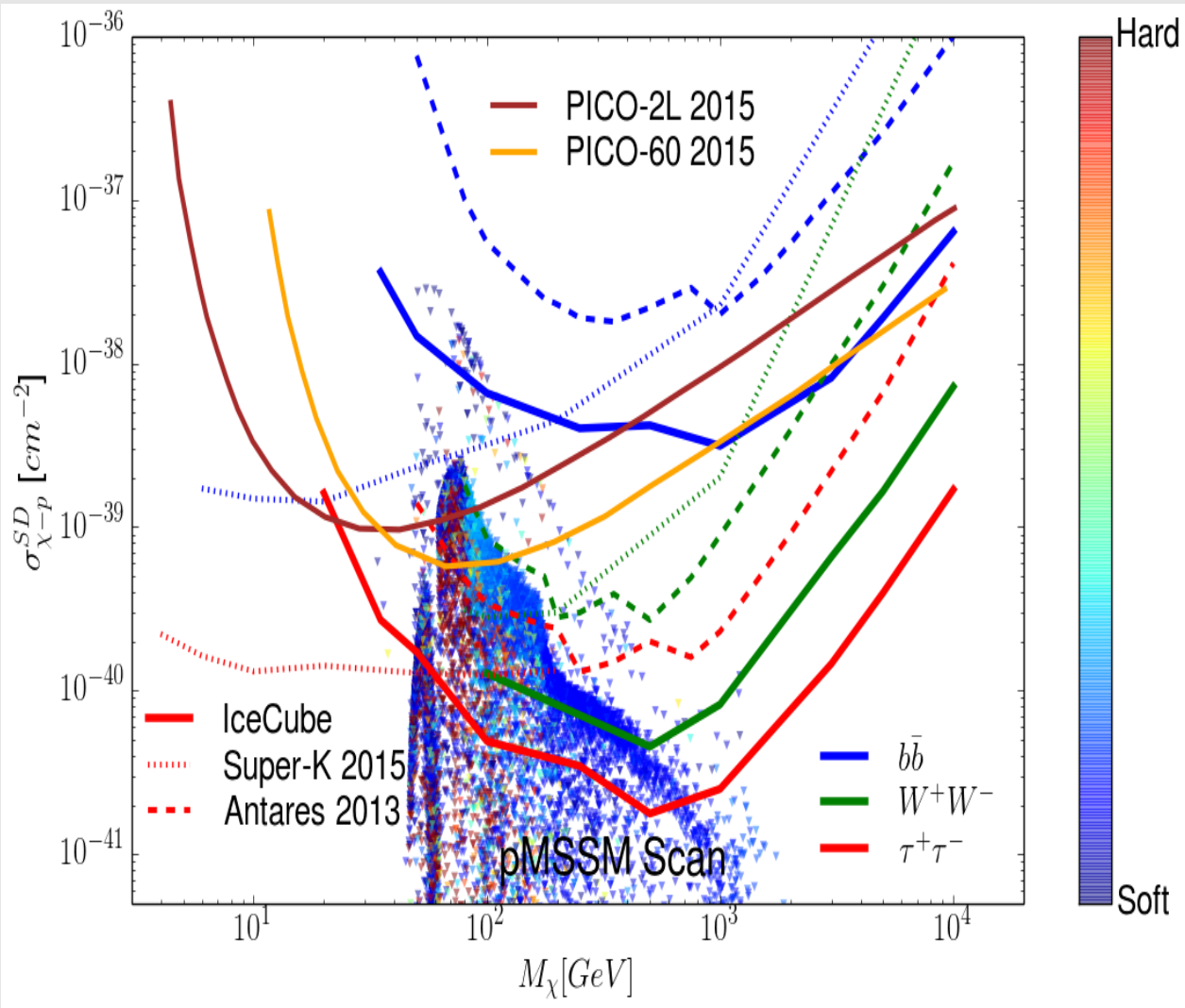
The uncertainties are **20% (50%) at low (high) WIMP masses.**

Conservative w.r.t. the dark disk fraction.

Complementarity and DM Models



Complementarity in the pMSSM



Only pMSSM models not excluded by LHC Run 1 are shown

Correct Higgs Mass and Relic density
SI $\sigma_{\chi-N}$ not greater than LUX bounds

Model colourcoded by hardness or softness of annihilation channels

“PMSSM benchmark models for Snowmass 2013” arXiv:1305.2419,

148.3 GeV Bino-Higgsino WIMP can be excluded at >90% C.L

Complementarity of DM Searches in a Consistent Simplified Model: the Case of Z'

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$U(1)'$ extension of the standard model :

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)'$$

One new gauge boson Z'

(mass $m_{Z'}$ given by SSB in a hidden sector)

Majorana DM, stable under Z_2 symmetry

$U(1)'$ charges for cancellation of **SM X SM X $U(1)'$** gauge anomaly. Higgs is charged

Full lagrangian in backup slides

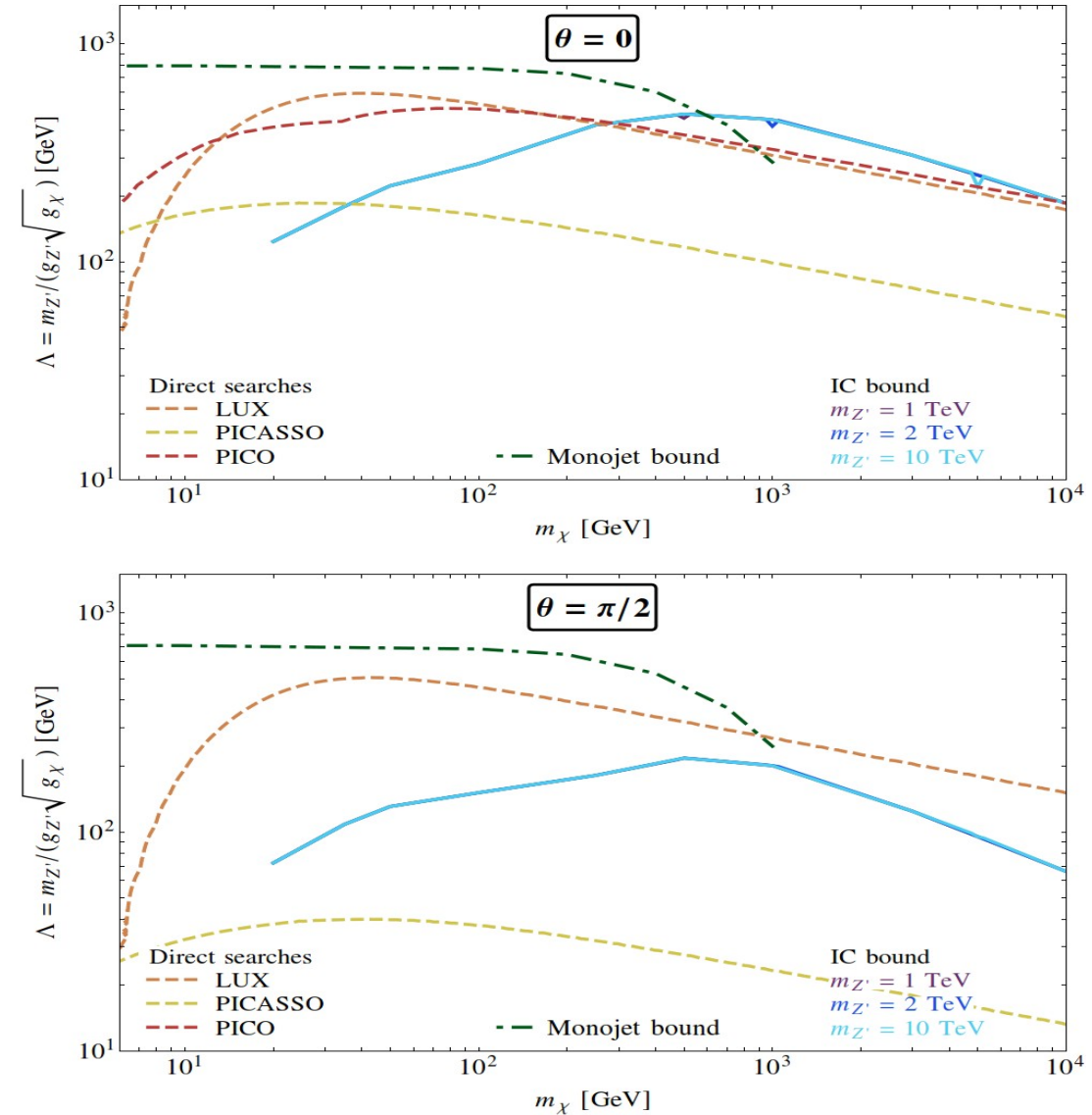
SD WIMP-Nucleon scattering in the non relativistic limit –

Direct Detection constraints

Z - Z' mixing

LHC constraints from $Z' \rightarrow l+l-$ and monojet constraints on DM

Strongest constraints are from LHC below 400 GeV WIMP mass, and IC above 400 GeV, except for $\theta = \pi/2$



The Emerging 750 GeV diphoton excess – portal to the dark sector?

E. Morgante et. al., JHEP 1607 (2016) 141

A pseudoscalar, P of mass 750 GeV:

- Scattering is SD at the NR limit

750 GeV > Ewk Scale

- Lagrangian is $SU(2)_L$ invariant, P couples to B .
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DM χ (fermion) or ϕ (scalar) stable under Z_2 symmetry.

3 scenarios.

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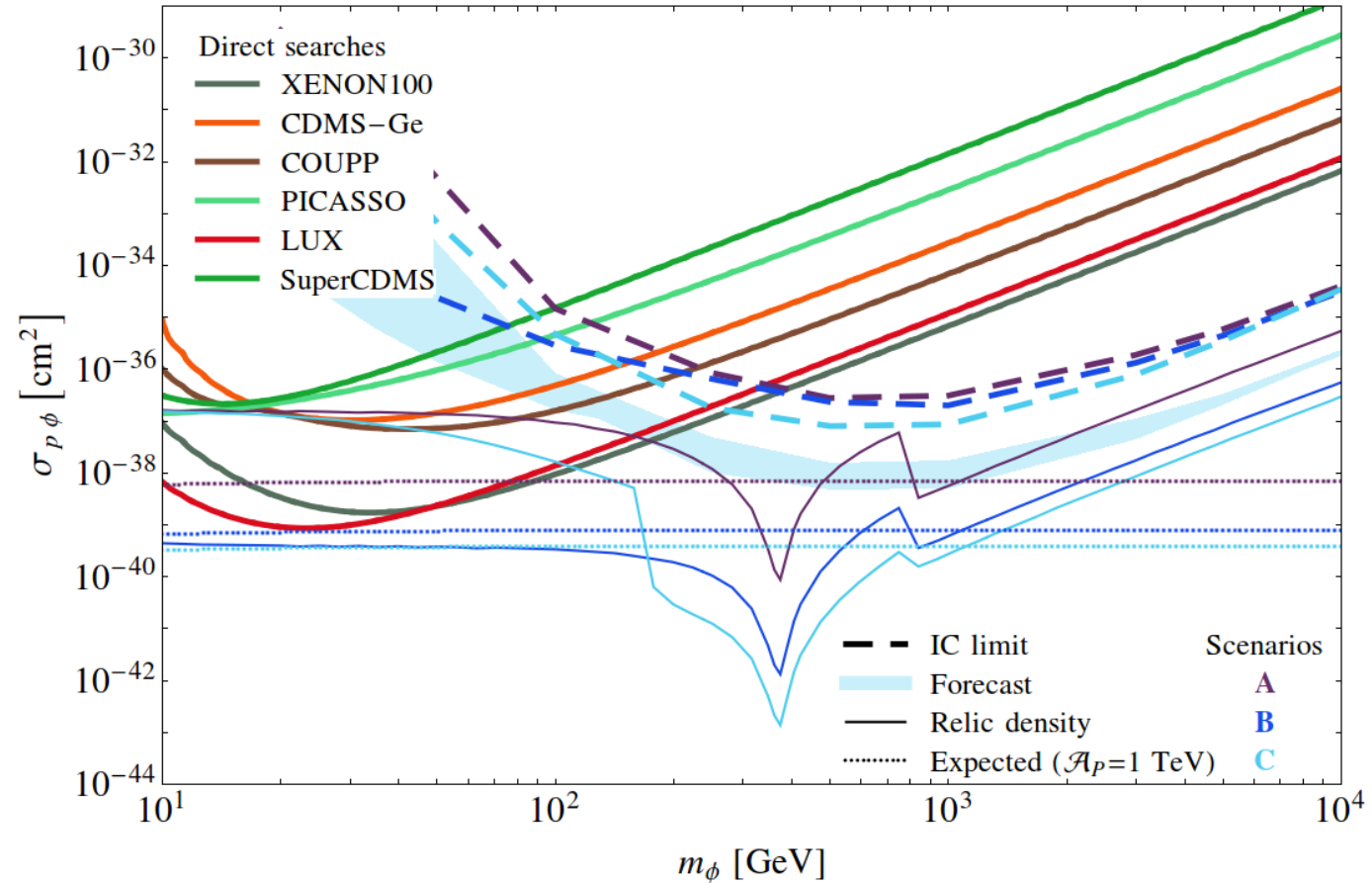
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WIMP-proton scattering in the NR limit

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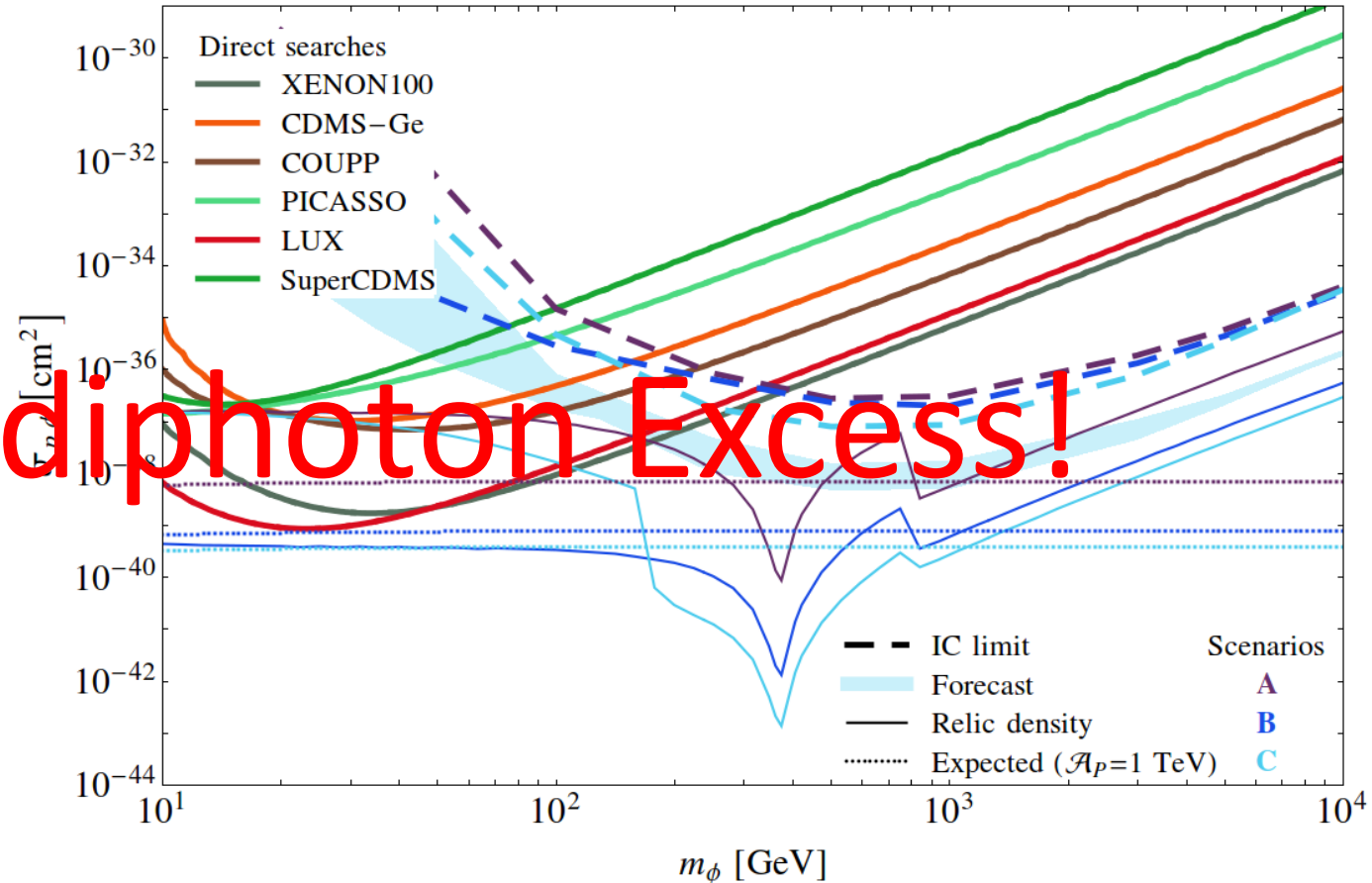
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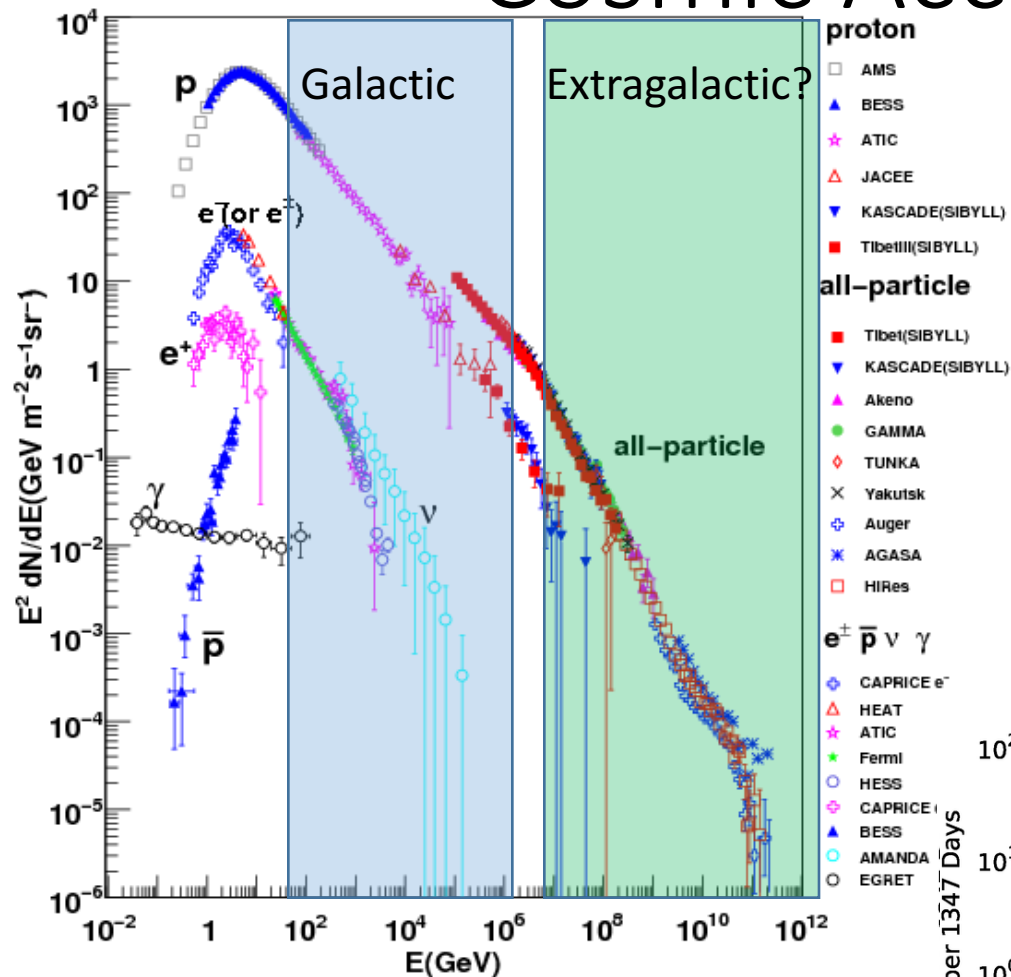
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Searches for neutrinos from Cosmic Accelerators

Cosmic Accelerators and IceCube



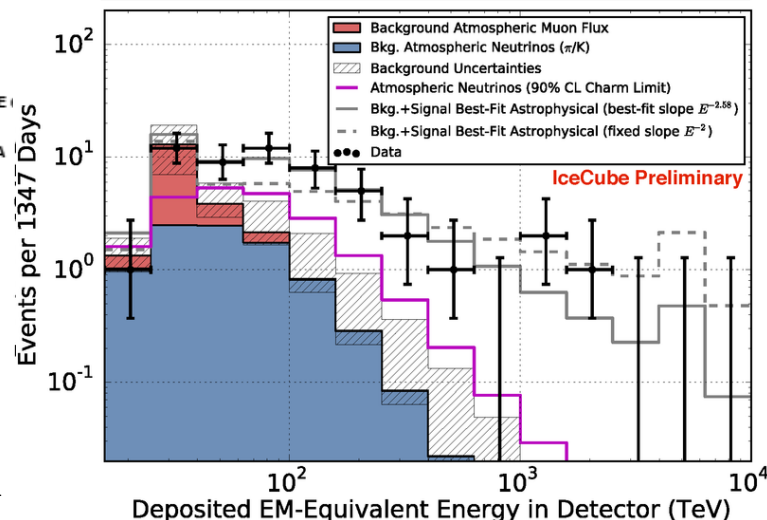
54 events seen on an expected background of $12.6 \pm 5.1 \mu$ and $9.0^{+8.0}_{-2.2} \nu$. Atmospheric only origin rejected 6σ

CRs, where do they come from? What accelerates them?

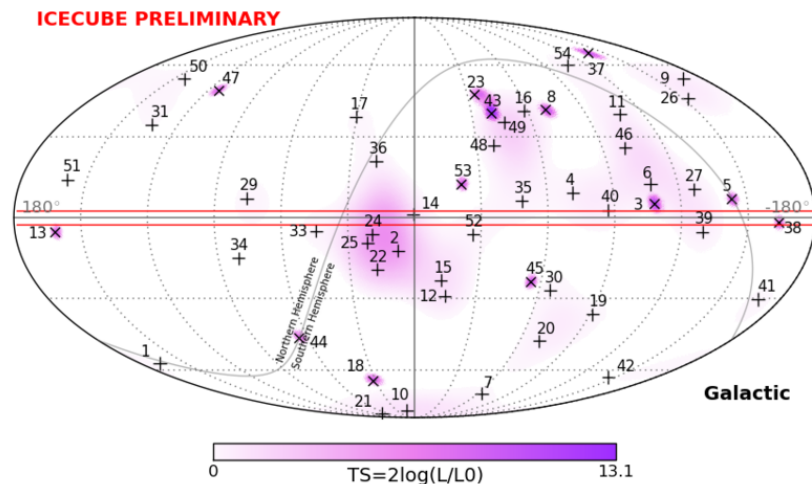
- Galactic: SNRs, microquasars?
- Extragalactic : AGNs, galaxy clusters, starburst galaxies, GRBs?

How are they accelerated? First order fermi acceleration – predicts parent proton spectrum of power law E^{-2} for an ideal shock.

- Neutrinos produced at source with same power law spectrum through p-p and p- γ interactions – pion decay – muon decay.
- 1:2:0 at source \rightarrow 1:1:1 at Earth.

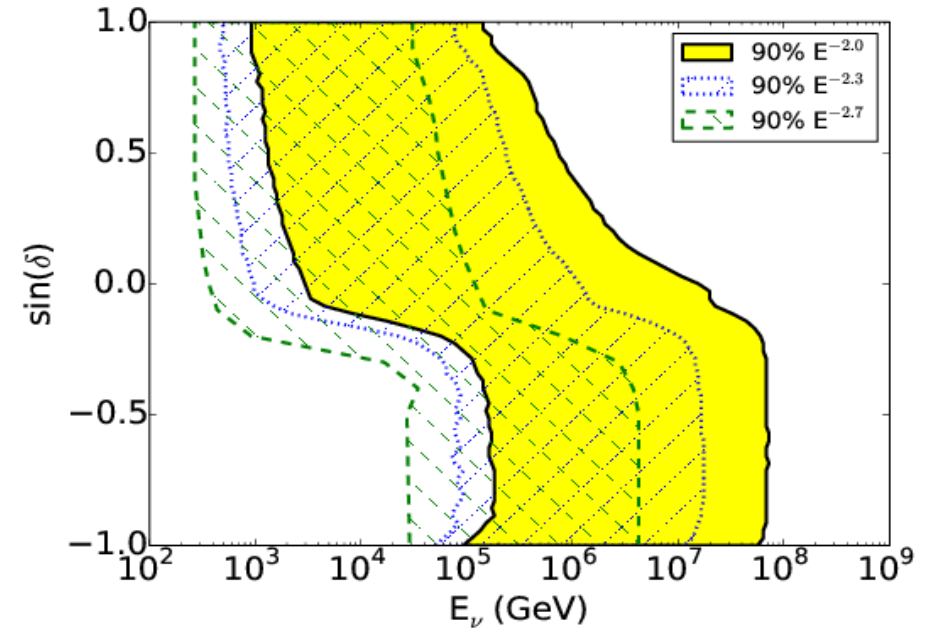
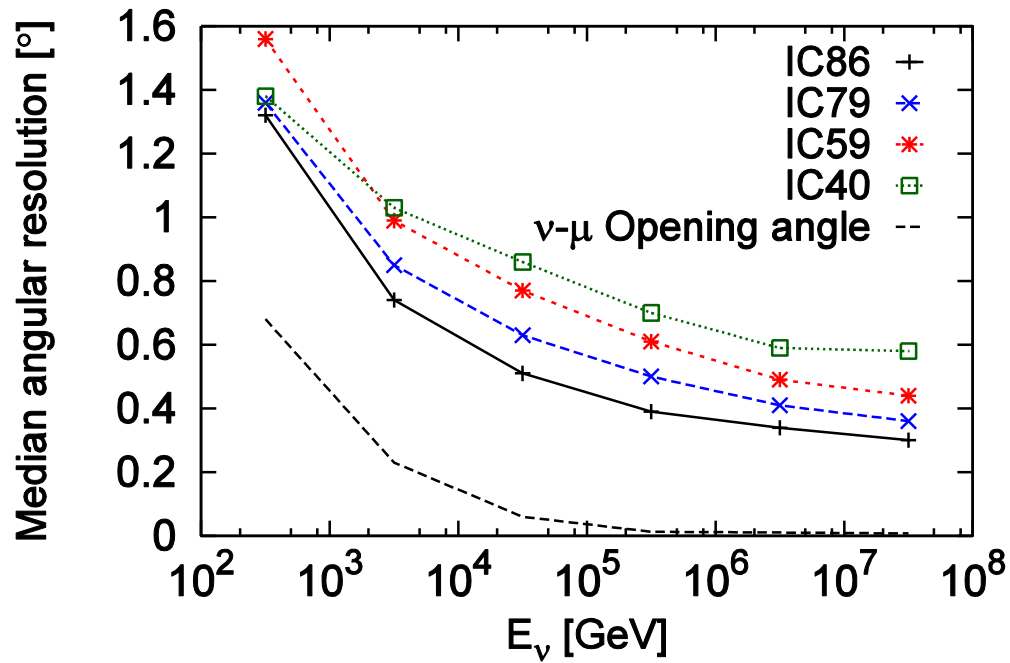


SPS – Lugano, M. Rameez



No statistically significant clustering

The IceCube samples of events dedicated to PS searches

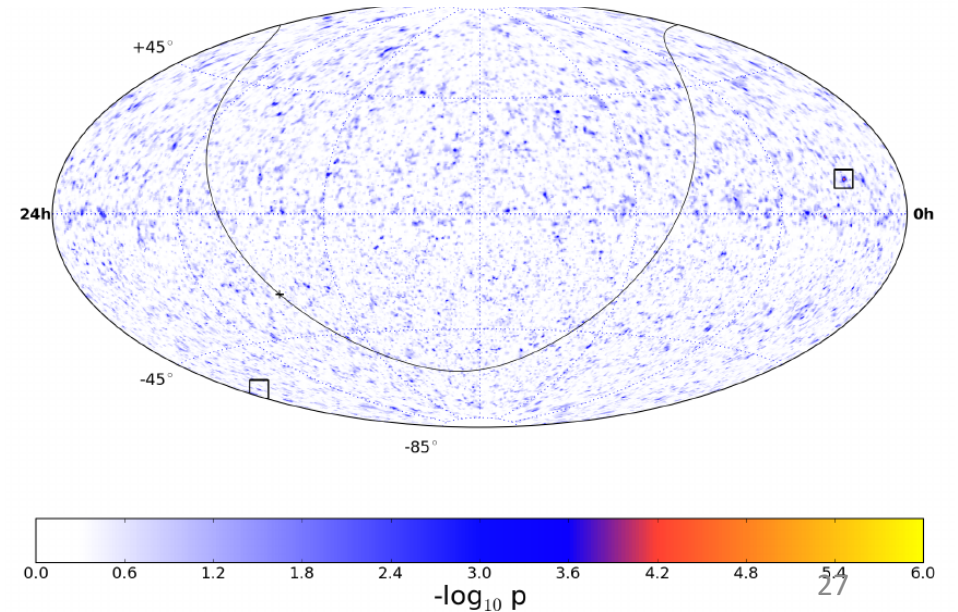


~400000 tracks, from IC40, 59, 79 and 86 (4 years of IceCube)

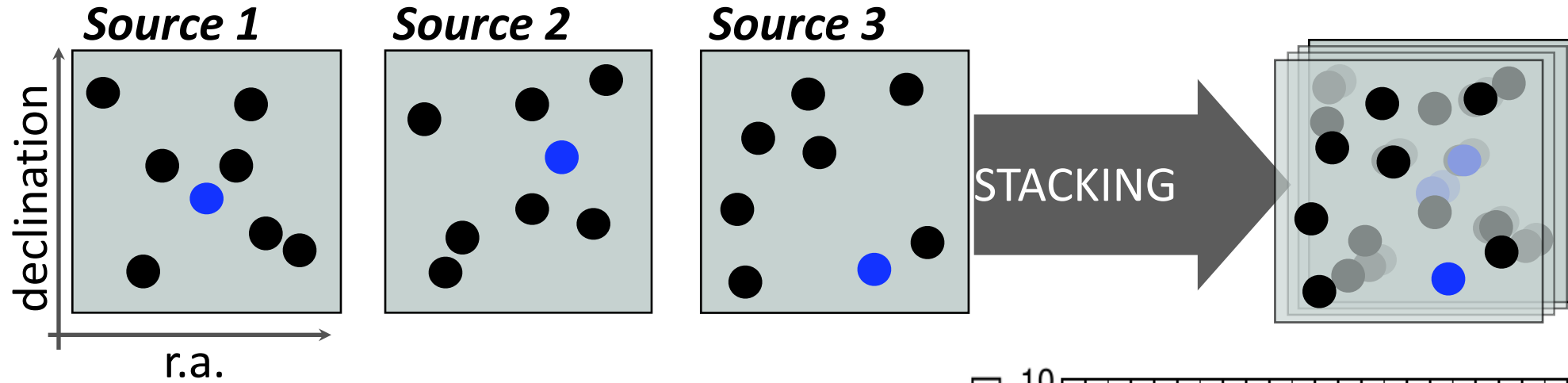
Northern sky: μ from $\nu_\mu + \bar{\nu}_\mu$ CC interactions

Southern sky: Atmospheric μ

All sky point source searches : no statistically significant excess –
correcting for trials



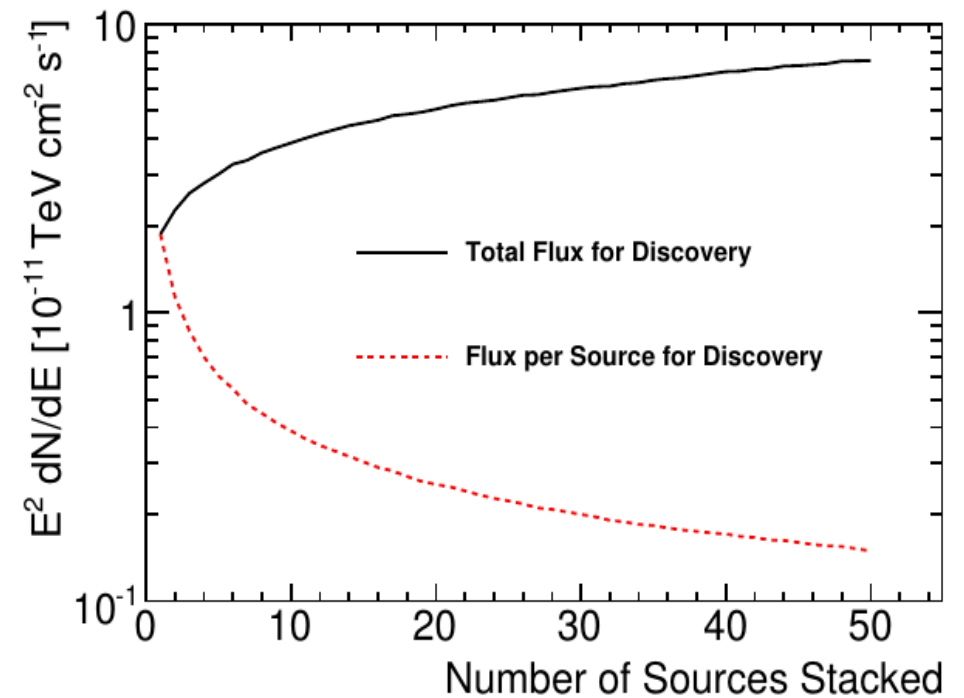
The Stacking Method



$$S_i^{tot} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N_s} W_j R_{IC}(\delta_j, \gamma) S_i^j}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_s} W_j R_{IC}(\delta_j, \gamma)}$$

Theoretical weight W_j , detector acceptance $R_{IC}(\delta_j, \gamma)$

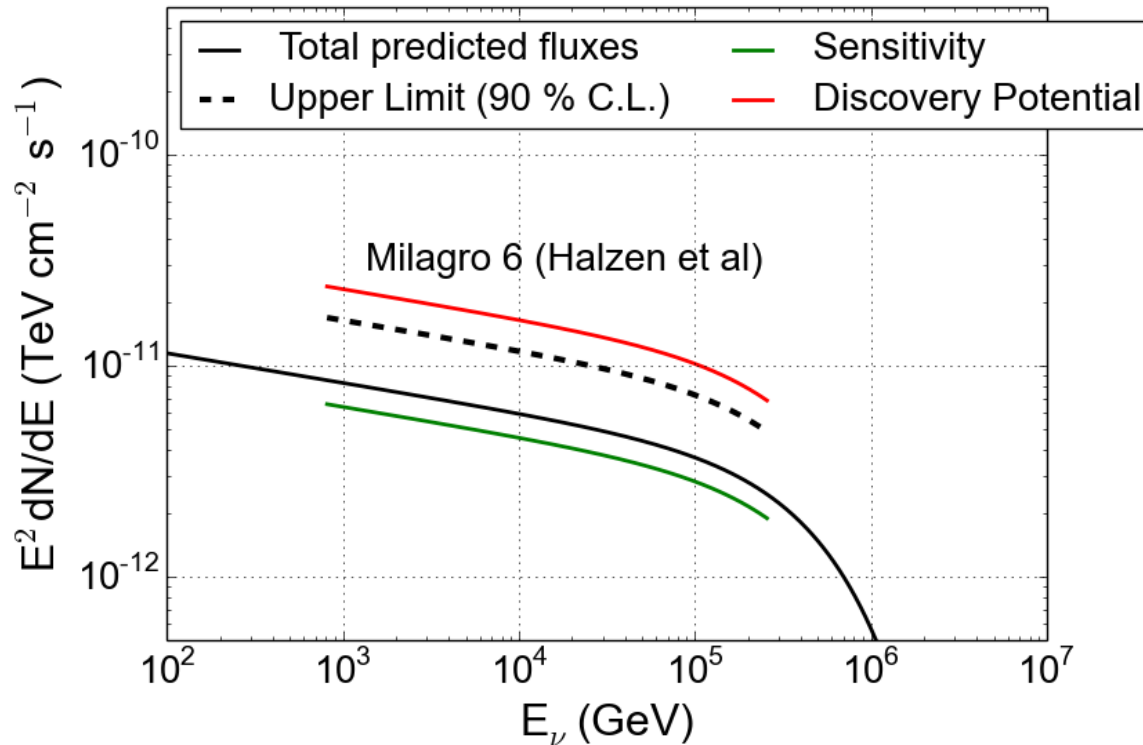
Sources that are individually too weak can still be detected as a catalog



Stacking Search Example : Milagro Hotspots

6 TeV associations with supernova remnants based on **Milagro observations**. Models from Halzen et al.

P value = 1.99% in IC86+79+59



F. Halzen, A. Kappes and A. O'Murchadha (Phys. Rev. D78:063004, 2008)

Compatible with the background only hypothesis.

Similar excess (2%) observed in IC40 a posteriori, hence excluded.

More data required.

Update : With more data, the significance has reduced again. 25% p value
(See Talk by Tessa Carver: TASK III session 1745 hrs)

Probably a background fluctuation

Summary/Conclusions

A search was carried out for ν from WIMP annihilations in the Sun:

- 3 years of IceCube data, Innovative background rejection, improved reconstructions
- Unbinned maximum likelihood method using energy estimators

We obtained:

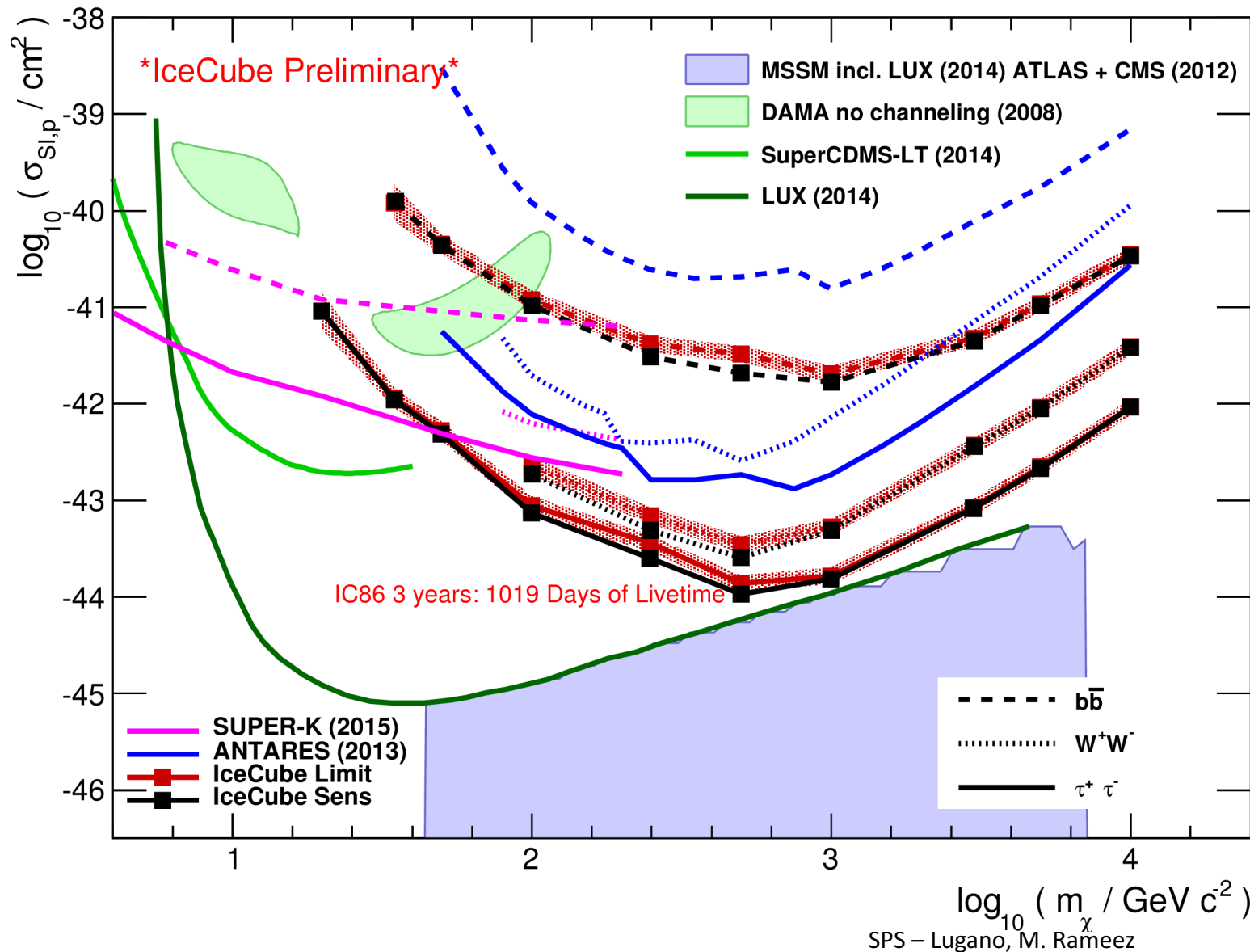
- No statistically significant excess
- The most stringent bounds on μ flux from the direction of the Sun above 80 GeV
- The most stringent constraint on the Spin Dependent WIMP-Nucleon scattering cross section.
- Can constrain theories of symmetric dark matter with candidate in 10GeV-10TeV range

Similar method was used to search for neutrinos from candidate sites for CR acceleration, such as SNRs

No statistically significant excess was found in any searches

Backup Slides

Results (contd)



Direct detection better for SI scattering

$$\sigma_{\chi-\text{Nucleus}} \propto A^2$$

Constraints can be derived also on a host of other SD and SI velocity and momentum suppressed operators.

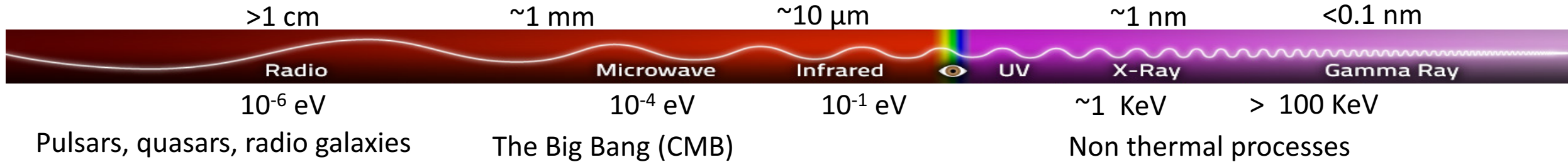
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Systematic Uncertainties

Mass (GeV)	Channel	uncertainty in % (+ / -)
Absolute DOM efficiency		
20	$\tau^+\tau^-$	-11 / +29
50	$\tau^+\tau^-$	-8 / +23
100	W^+W^-	-9 / +19
500	$b\bar{b}$	-7 / +11
1000	W^+W^-	-6 / +9
Photon propagation in ice : Absorption and Scattering		
20	$\tau^+\tau^-$	-13 / +18
50	$\tau^+\tau^-$	-9 / +13
100	W^+W^-	-9 / + 11
500	$b\bar{b}$	-8 / + 7
1000	W^+W^-	-6 / + 4

Multi messenger Astronomy

Photons



Cosmic Rays

Electrons, protons, heavy nuclei : $10^8 - 10^{20}$ eV – Origins unknown.

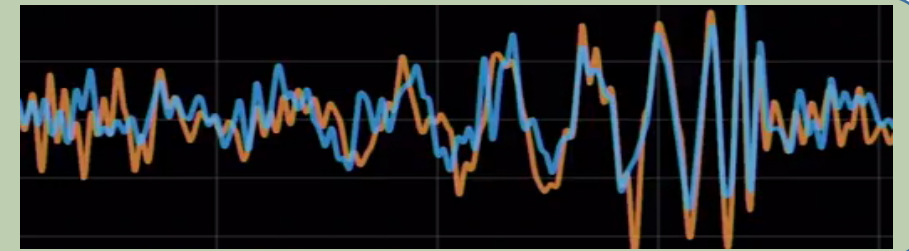
Gravitational Waves

Predicted by General relativity – Observed first in 2015

BH-BH merger ~410 MPc away.

Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (6): 061102

New



Neutrinos

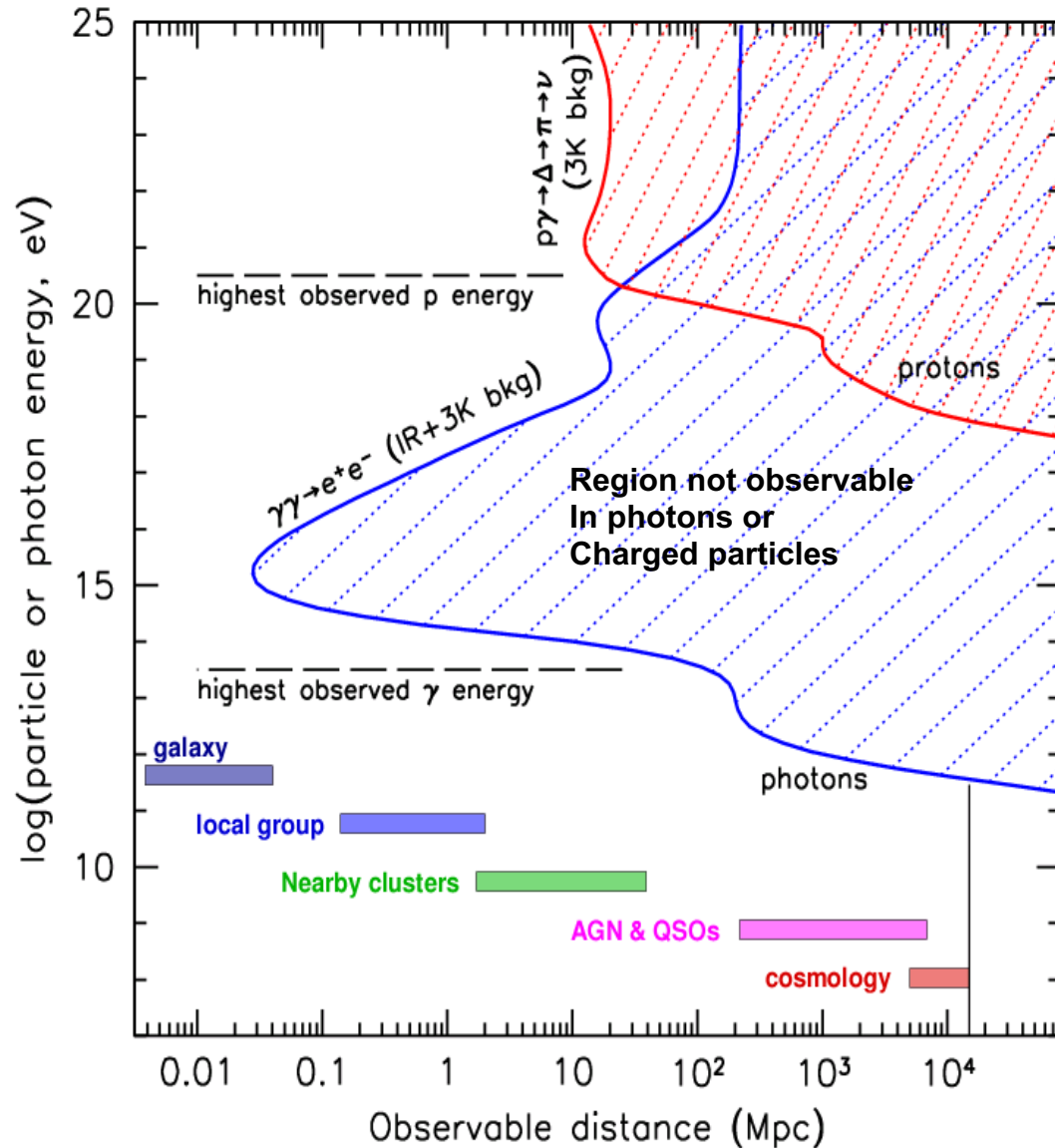
Proposed by Pauli in 1930, detected by Reines and Cowans in 1959, neutral, weakly interacting.

The Sun, SN1987 A – 10 MeV

Diffuse astrophysical flux >50 TeV

This Talk

The messenger horizon



γ -rays do not travel too far

- 1 TeV : Closest AGNs

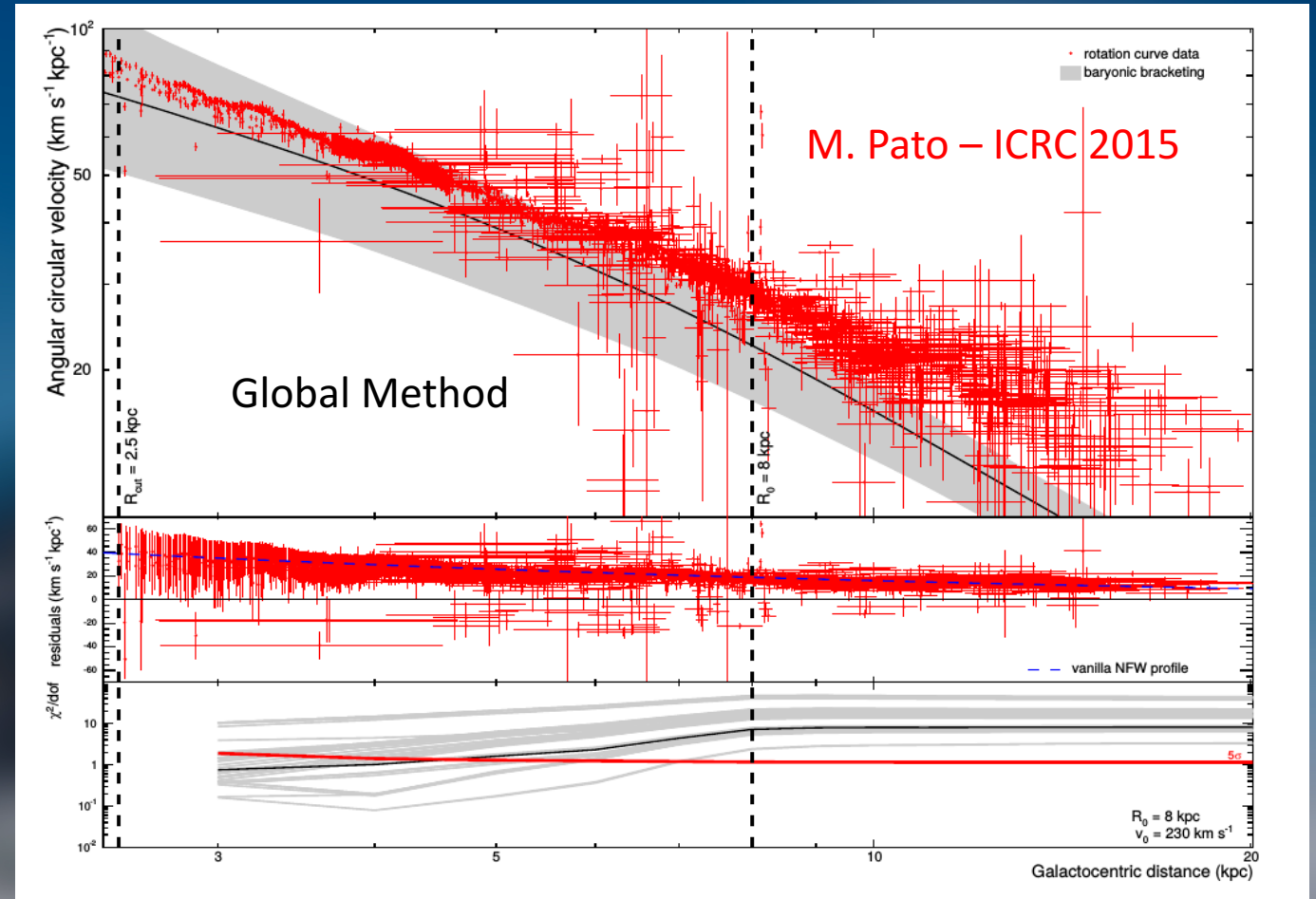
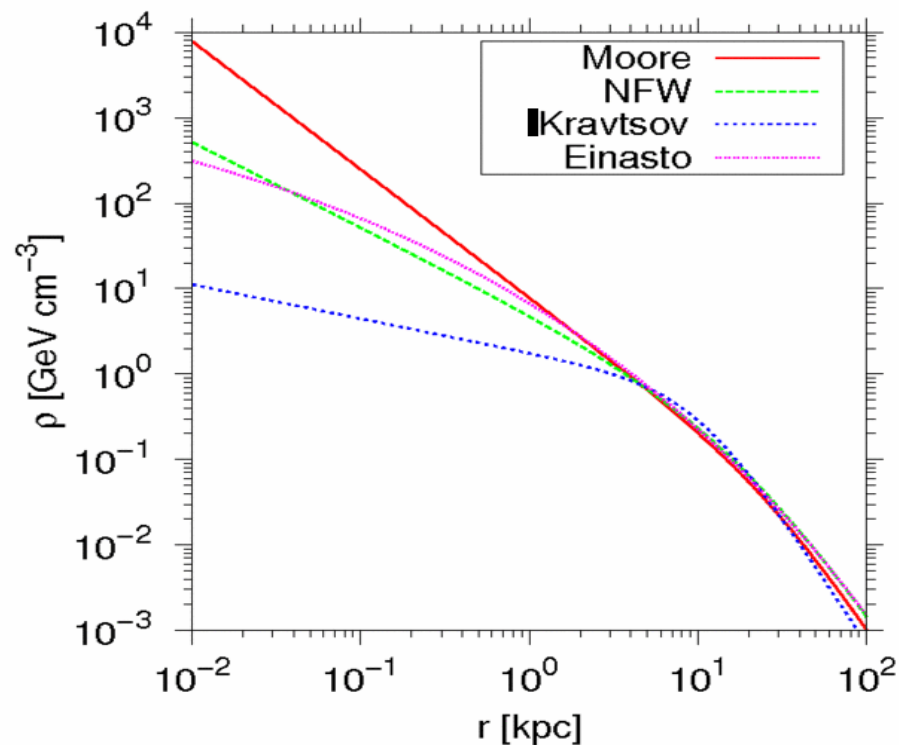
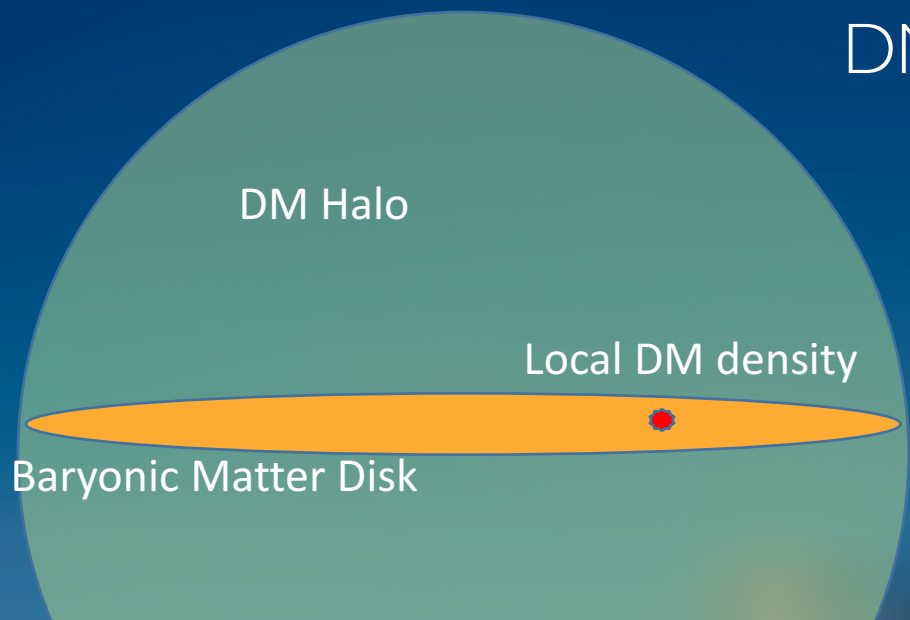
CRs cannot point back

- Deflection : few degrees at ~ 50 EeV
- Horizon ~ 100 Mpc – interactions with CMB

The neutrino - ideal messenger for the non thermal universe

- Neutral, undeflected
 - can point back
 - Interacts only weakly
 - can travel Gpc distances
 - **hard to detect**
 - We hope to see
 - The sites of CR acceleration
 - Dark Matter annihilation
- IceCube was built to look for astrophysical neutrinos.

DM within our own Galaxy

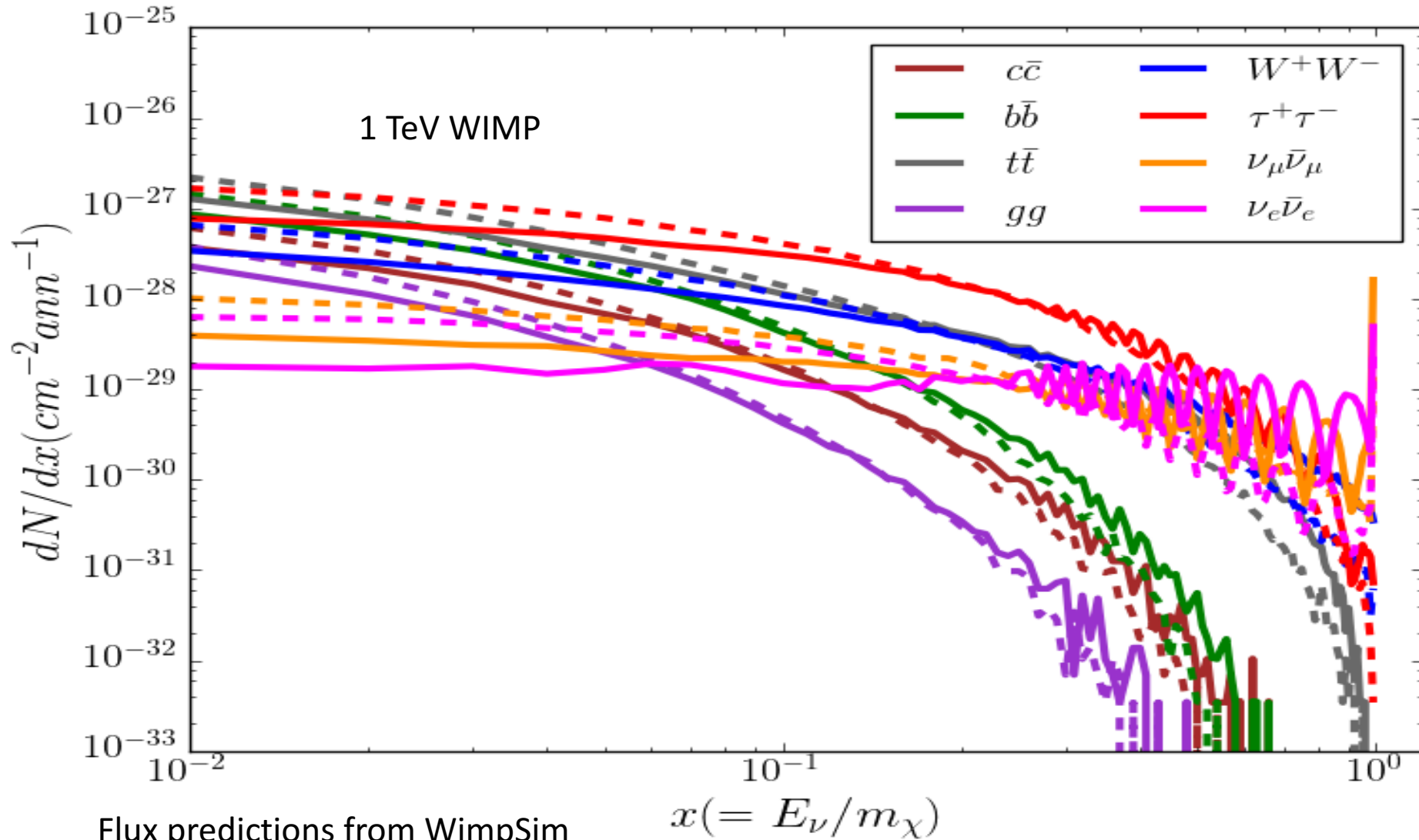


Global Method : Average ρ_{DM} at radius of orbit of Sun
 $\sim 0.4 \pm 0.1 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$

Local Method : ρ_{DM} at the position of the Sun

'Local' and 'Global' methods now starting to agree on the local DM density See [H.Silverwood et al, ICRC 2015](#).

ν from WIMP annihilations in the Sun



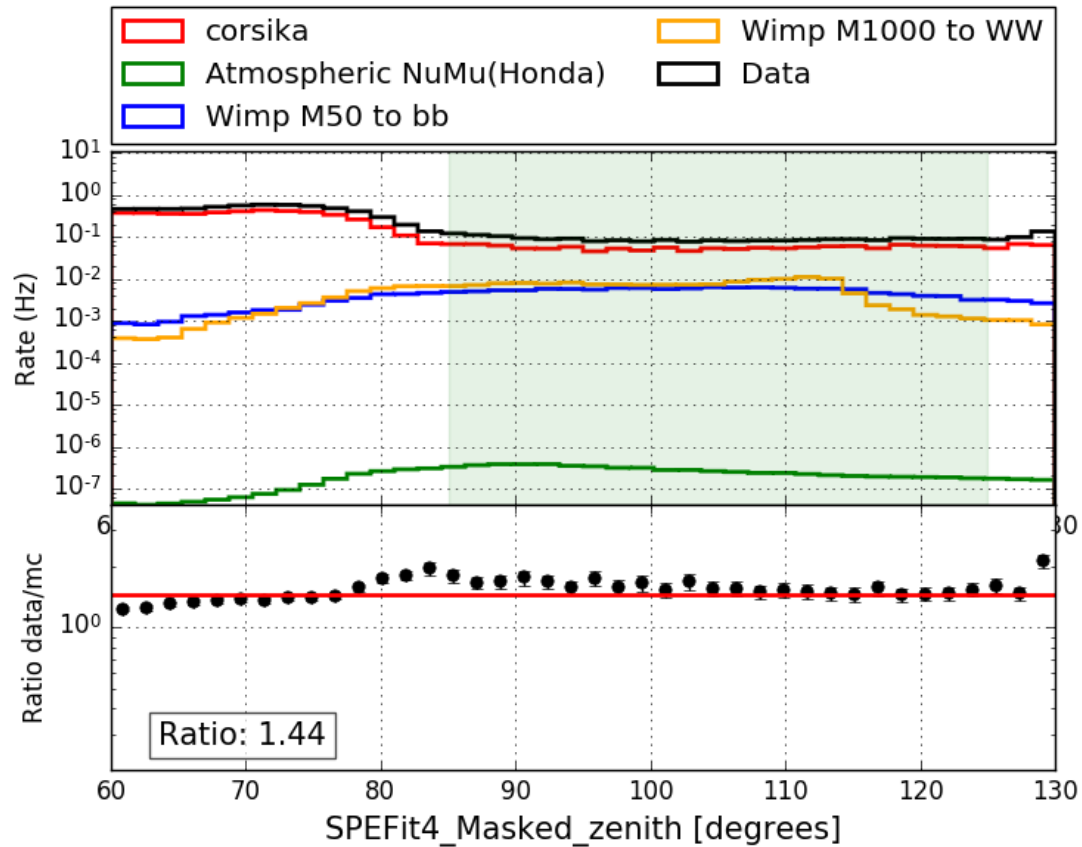
Select:

W^+W^- , $\tau^+\tau^-$ (hard channels)
 $b\bar{b}$ (soft channel)

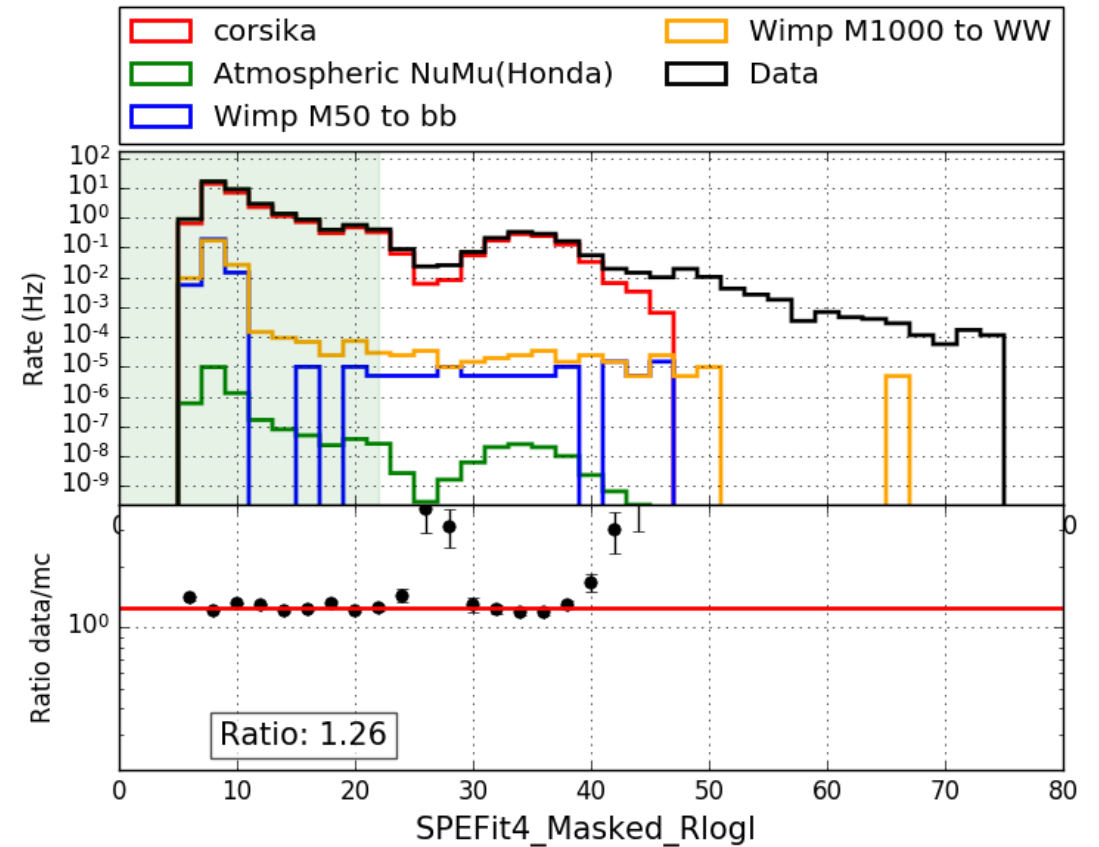
gg (even softer) and direct
 neutrino (even harder) are not
 theoretically favoured

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Level 3 Cut examples

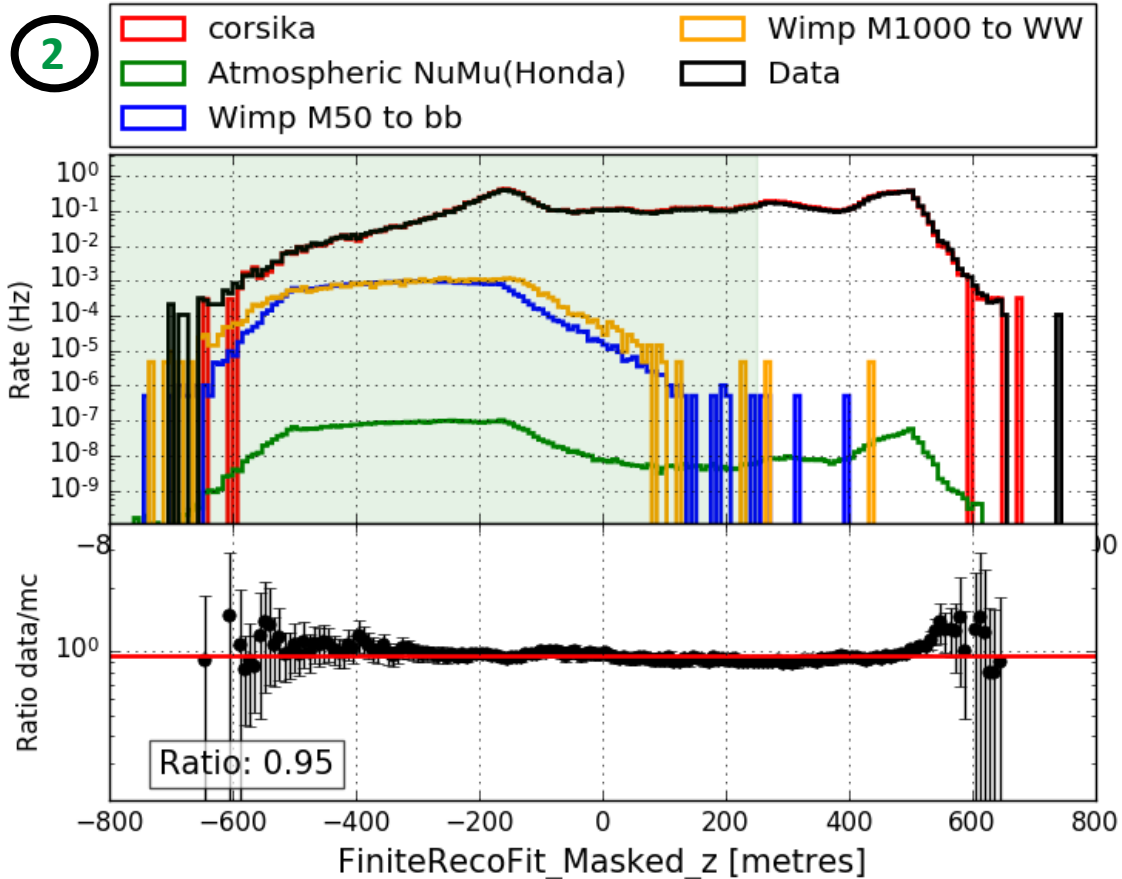


Explicit cut on reconstructed direction to select only horizontal tracks.

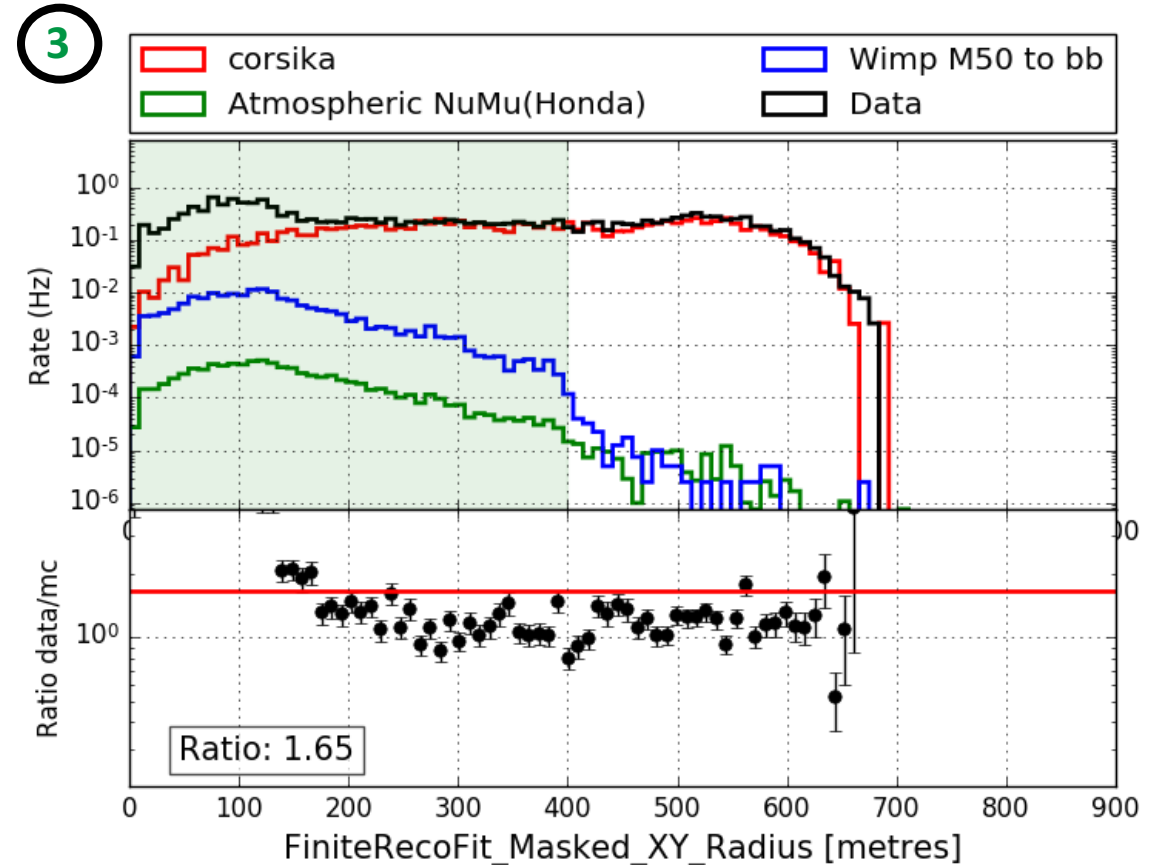


Reduced log likelihood.
Cut on quality, rejects badly reconstructed events.

Level 3 Cut Examples (continued)



Z coordinate of reconstructed starting vertex. Select events starting lower in the detector.



Distance along XY plane to starting vertex. Select events starting near center of the detector.

Level 5 – Boosted Decision Tree

Multivariate classification algorithm:

Gives each event a score between -1.0 (background) and +1.0 (signal)

Trained on a sample of signal like and background like events using selected variables.

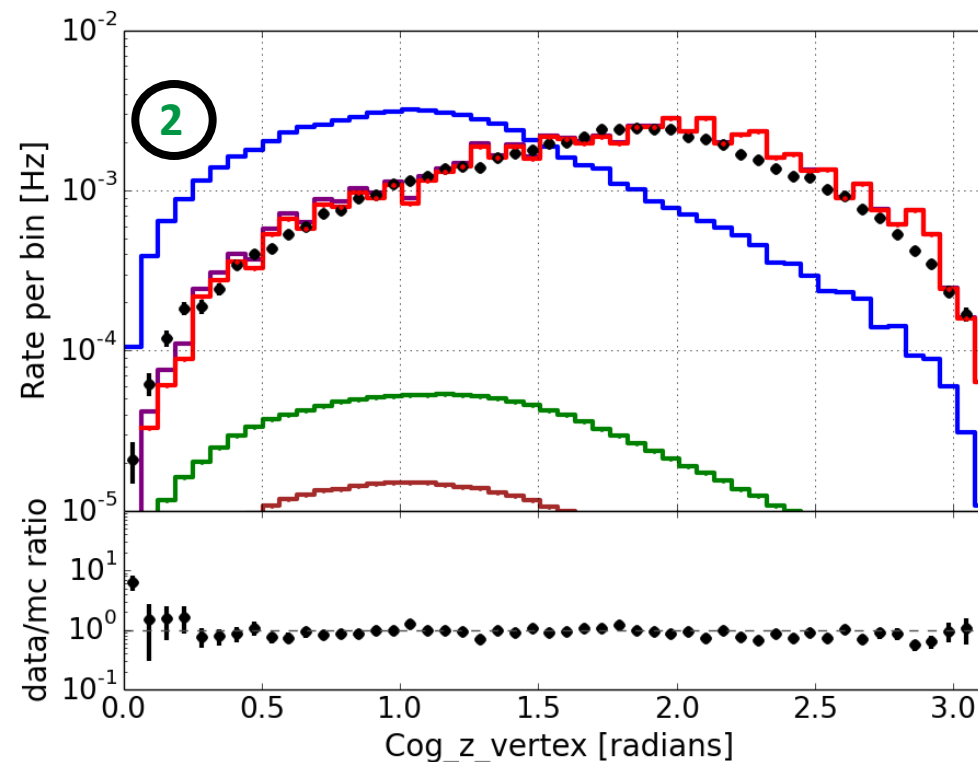
Variables have to offer:

Good Signal to background separation

Good Data/MC agreement (avoid simulation artifacts)

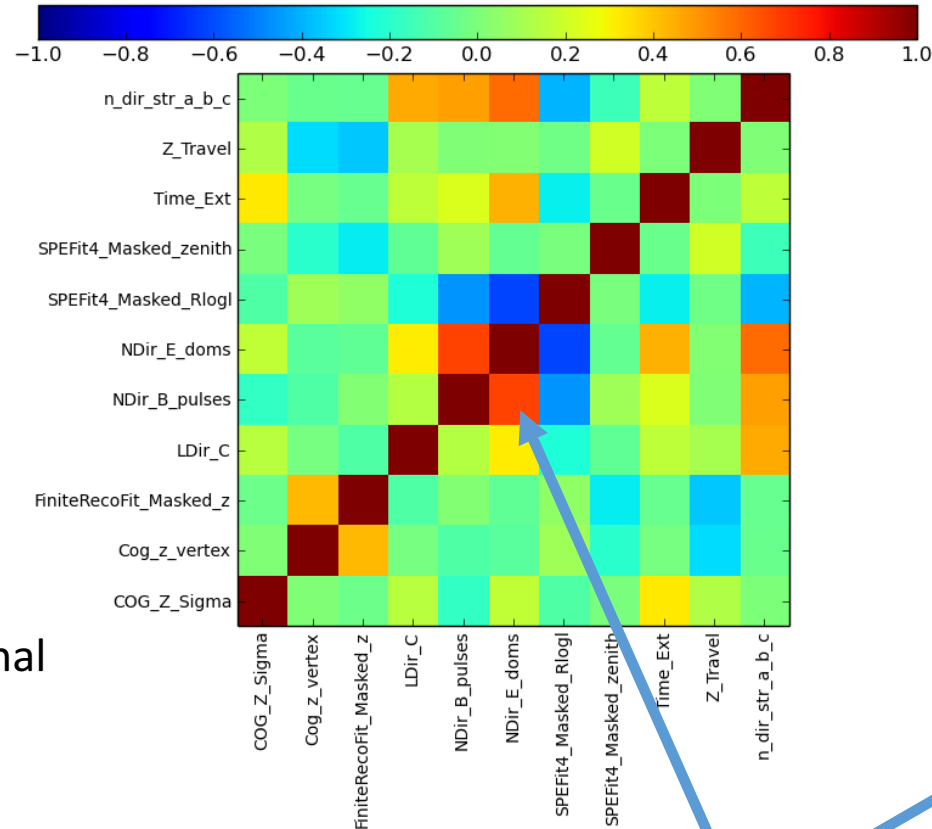
Example BDT variable

Zenith of vector between COG and Vertex

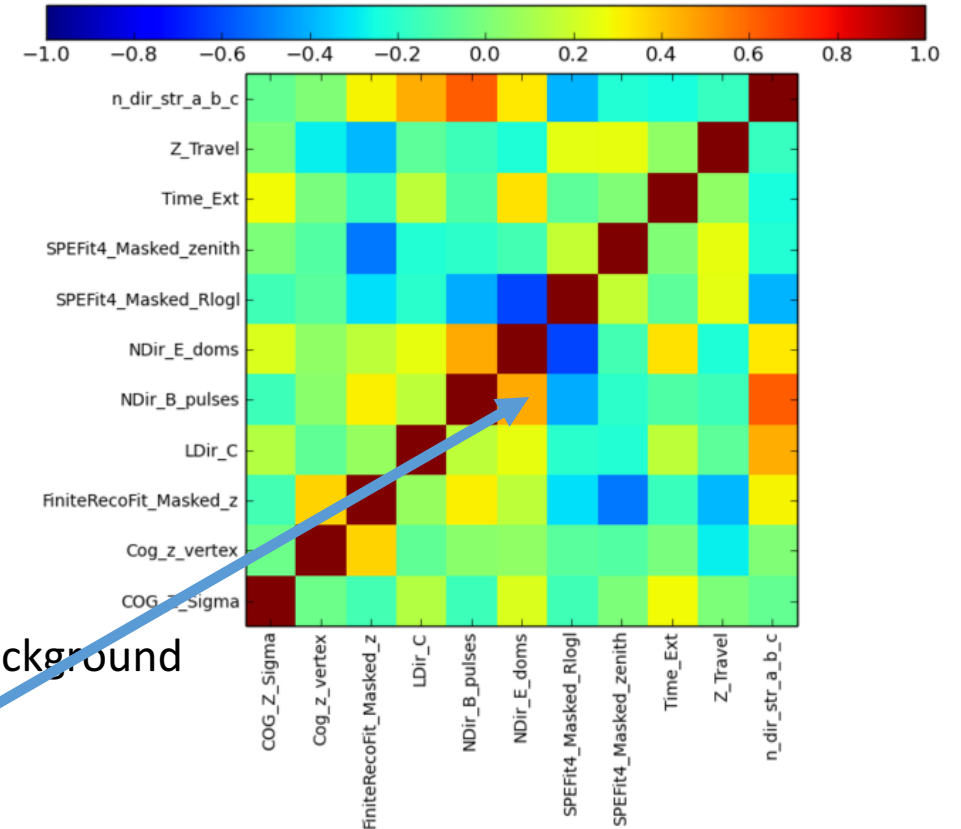


Level 5 – Boosted Decision Tree (contd)

Prefer variables that are not very correlated with each other.



Signal



Background

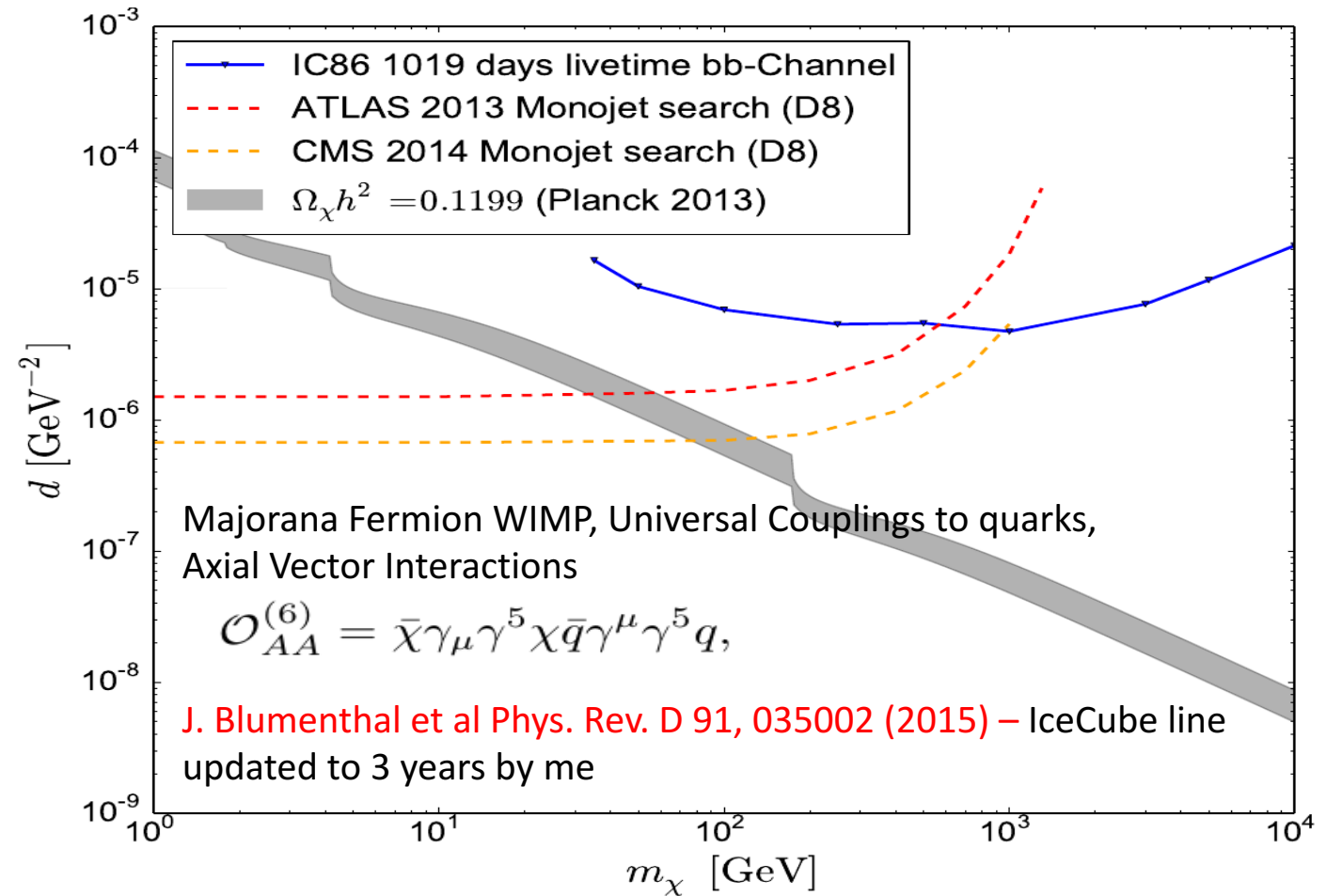
Or different correlations for signal and background.

Complementarity and EFTs

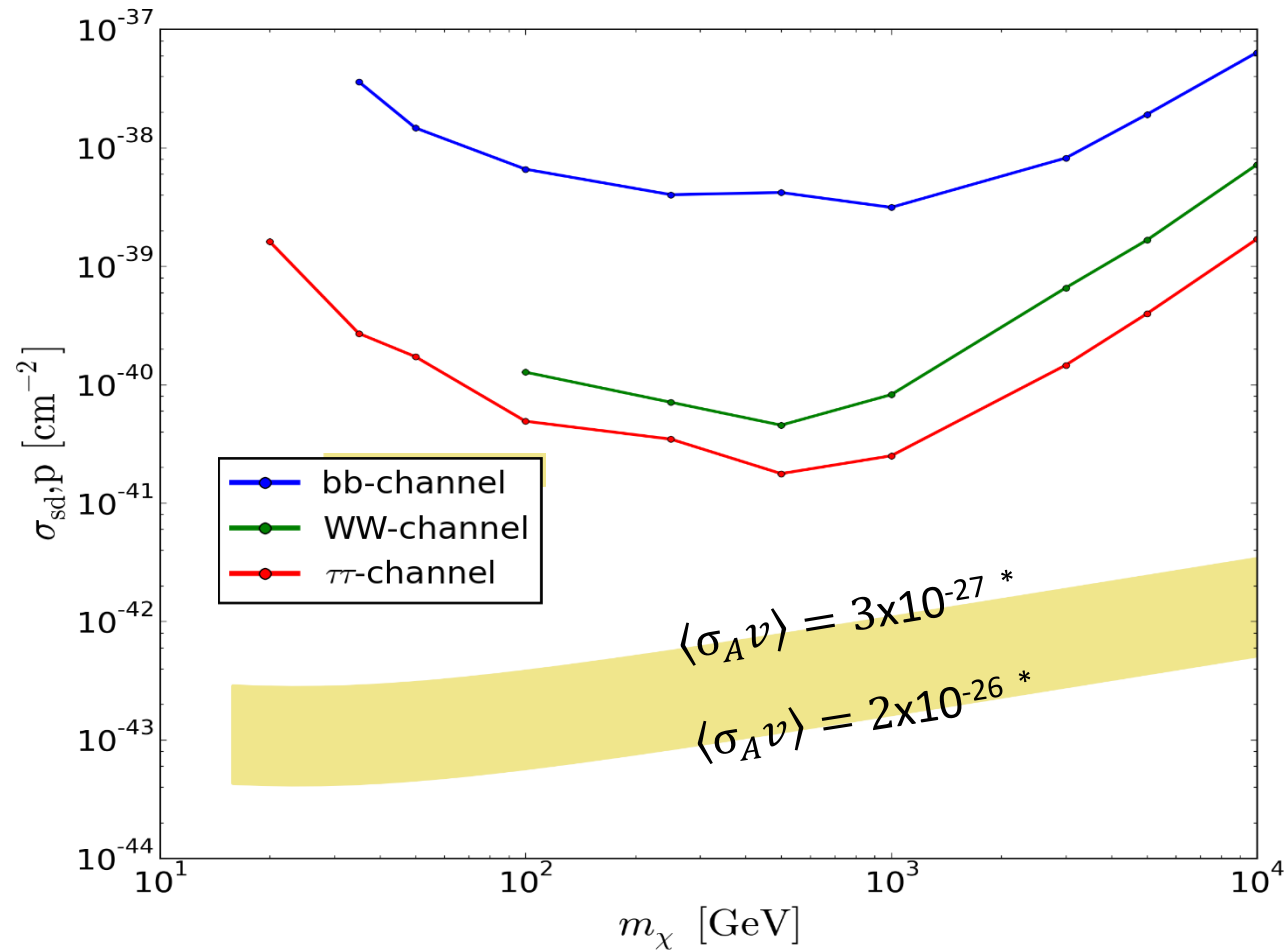
Name	Operator	Dimension	SI/SD
D1	$\frac{m_q}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q$	7	SI
D2	$\frac{im_q}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} q$	7	N/A
D3	$\frac{im_q}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} \gamma^5 q$	7	N/A
D4	$\frac{m_q}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma^5 q$	7	N/A
D5	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$	6	SI
D6	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu q$	6	N/A
D7	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q$	6	N/A
D8	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 q$	6	SD
D9	$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \chi \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q$	6	SD
D10	$\frac{i}{\Lambda^2} \bar{\chi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma^5 \chi \bar{q} \sigma_{\mu\nu} q$	6	N/A
D11	$\frac{\alpha_s}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \chi G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$	7	SI
D12	$\frac{\alpha_s}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi G^{\mu\nu} G_{\mu\nu}$	7	N/A
D13	$\frac{\alpha_s}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \chi G^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}$	7	N/A
D14	$\frac{\alpha_s}{\Lambda^3} \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi G^{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}$	7	N/A

EFT

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{SM}} + \sum_{n>4} \frac{f^{(n)}}{\Lambda^{n-4}} \mathcal{O}^{(n)}.$$



Equilibrium revisited



There's a threshold σ_{SD} below which the equilibrium condition is not a valid assumption

$$\frac{t_\odot}{\tau_\odot} = 330 \left(\frac{C_\odot}{\text{s}^{-1}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\langle \sigma_A v \rangle}{\text{cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1}} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{m_\chi}{10 \text{ GeV}} \right)^{3/4},$$

Jungman and Kamionkowski (1996)

Upcoming experiments like CTA have sensitivity towards DM $\langle \sigma_A v \rangle$ below the natural scale even at high WIMP masses

Our limits will remain above this threshold for a long time to come
Assuming $\langle \sigma_A v \rangle \sim$ natural scale.

Other Stacking Searches (No significant excess)

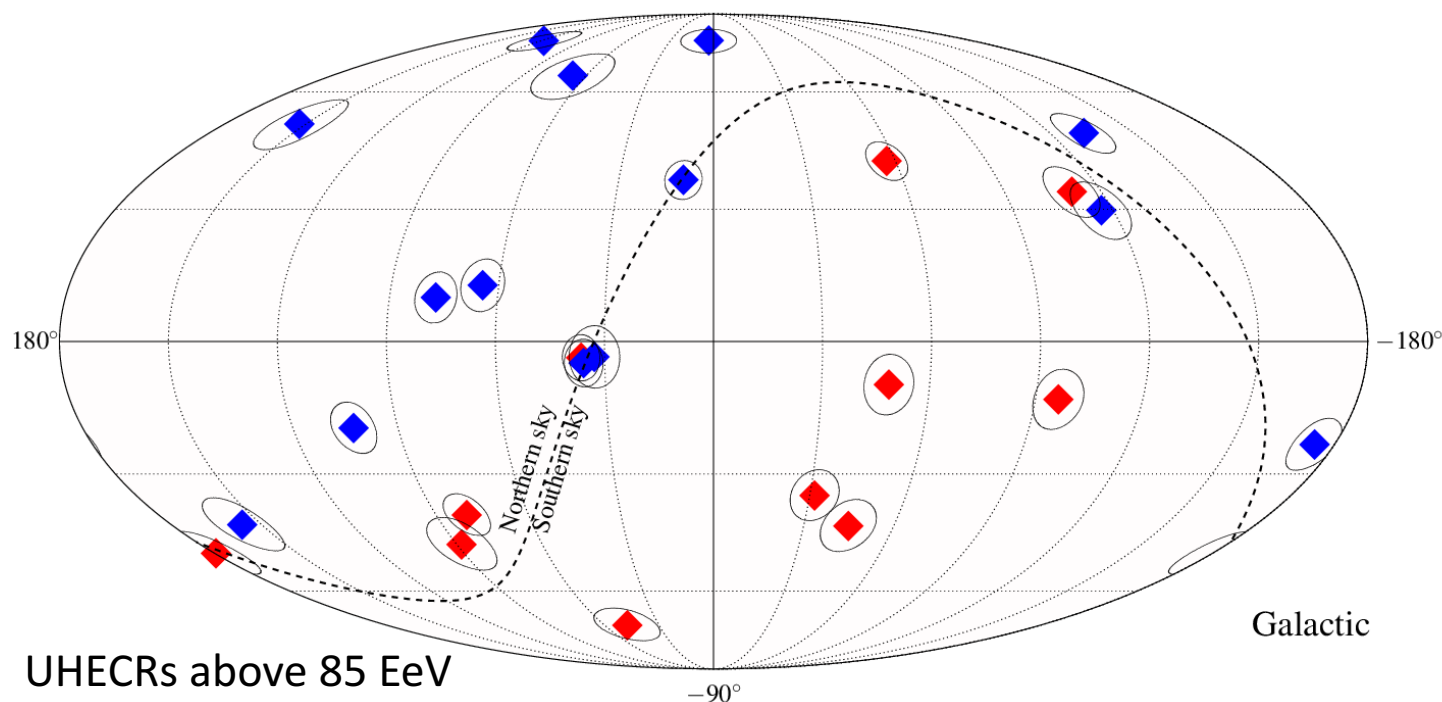
SNRs younger than 10000 years (Sedov Taylor Phase)

Starburst galaxies in the nearby universe : Contribute $< 1\%$ of the diffuse astrophysical flux

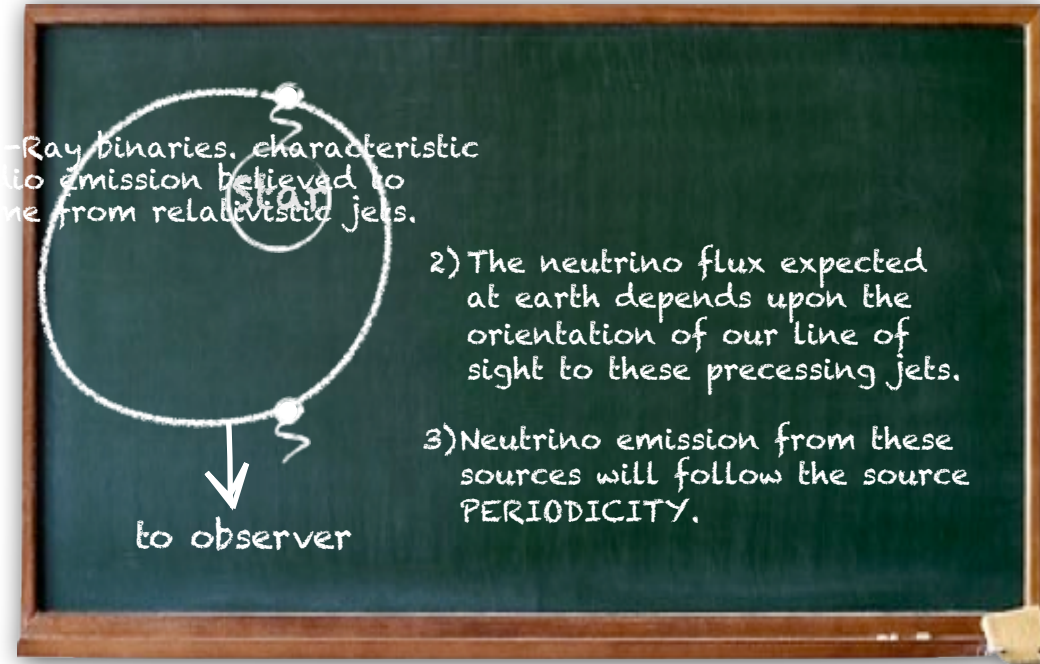
Supermassive blackholes within the GZK horizon, from the 2MASS catalog : Contribute $< 2\%$ of the diffuse flux

Nearby Galaxy Clusters : Theoretical predictions are below current sensitivity.

Arrival directions of Auger and TA
UHECRs above 85 EeV
Limits better than Antares
analysis by a factor of 25



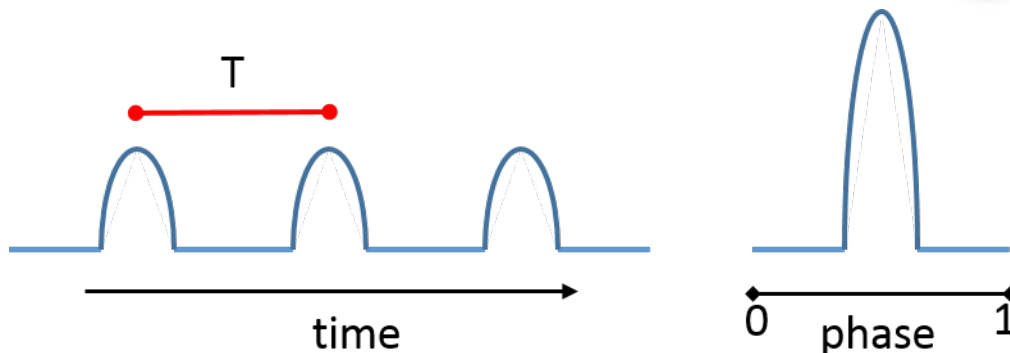
Periodic search – Gamma Ray binaries



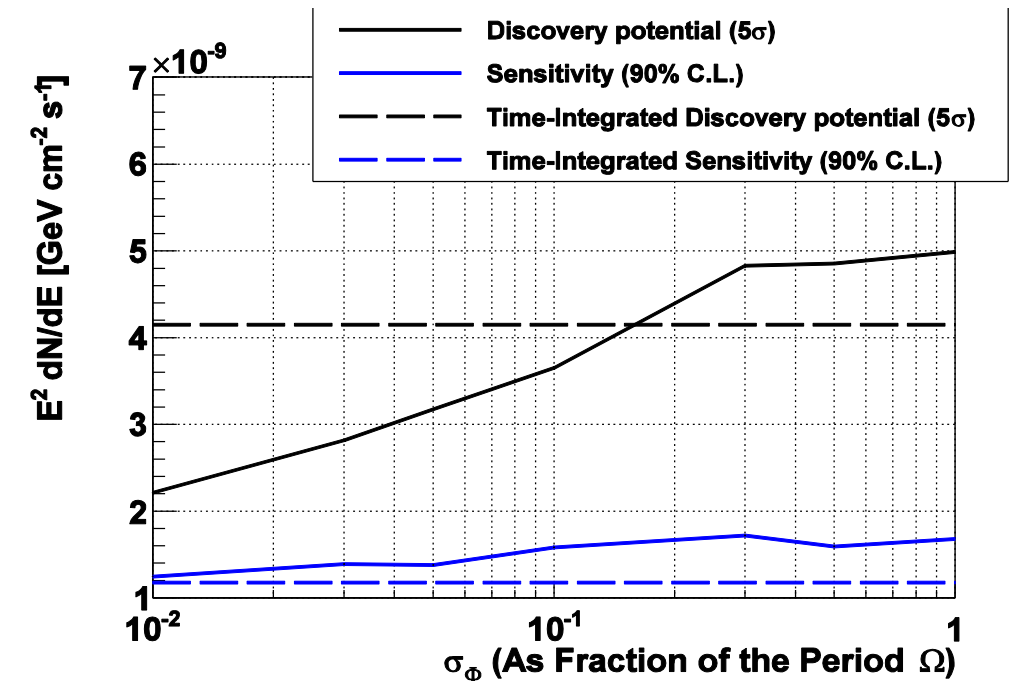
The Hypothesis: A neutrino signal will have the same periodicity as the optical and X-ray observations.
(not necessarily in phase with gamma)

Trial factor reduction: 10 micro quasars selected

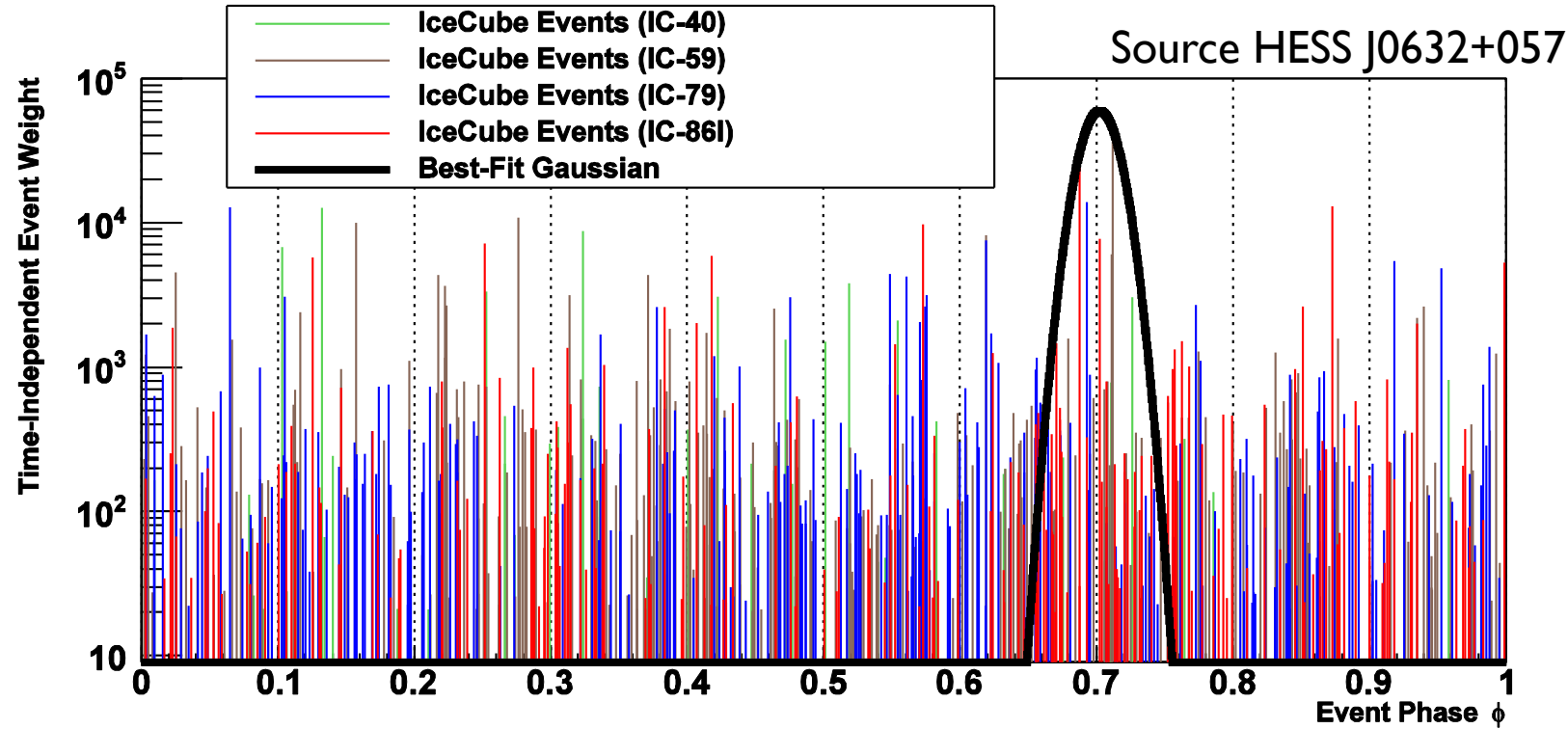
- Northern sky: detected in GeV or higher
- Southern sky: detected in TeV



Method : Look for a directional excess of events also clustered in phase.



Periodic Search (Results)



Post trial p value 44.3%

Background only hypothesis.

Pre trial p value : 8.67%, No significant excess