



# Dark Matter Searches at Super-Kamiokande



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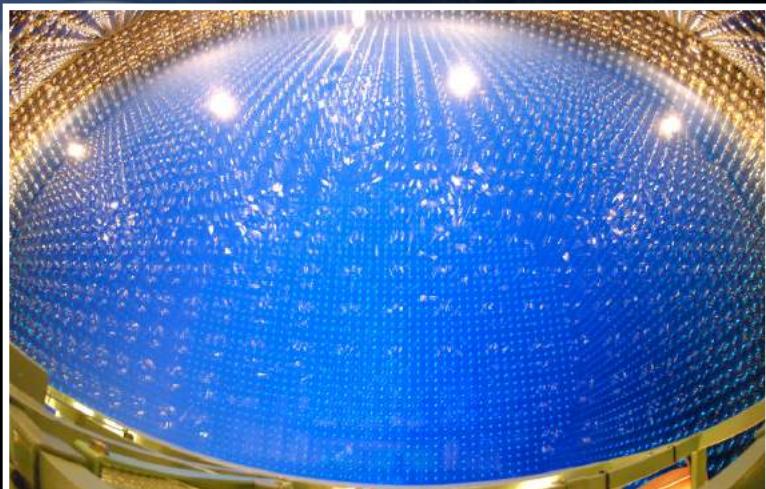
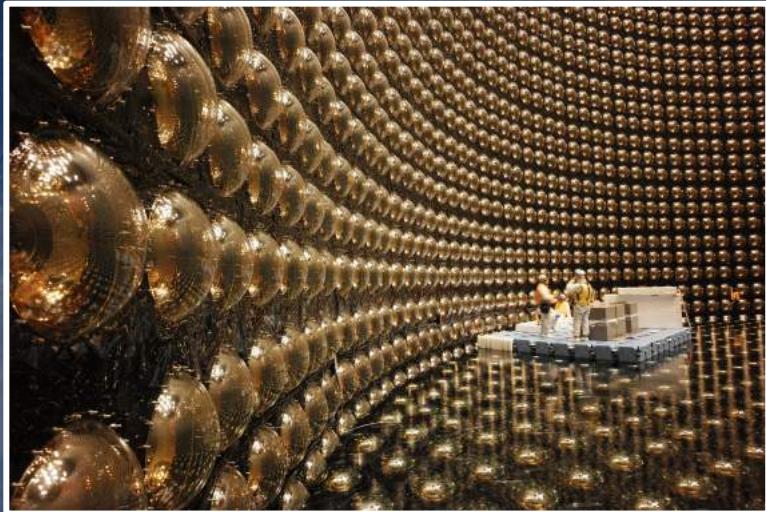


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# OUTLINE

## Indirect dark matter searches at Super-Kamiokande

- Galactic WIMP search  
ON/OFF-source analysis (2016)
- Galactic WIMP search  
Global Fit analysis (2017)
- Solar WIMP search  
Global Fit analysis (2015)
- Earth WIMP search  
Global Fit analysis (2017/18)



# (non-scientific) WIMP searches

Google

wimp dark matter

wimp dark matter

wimp dark matter review

wimp dark matter direct-detection searches in noble gases

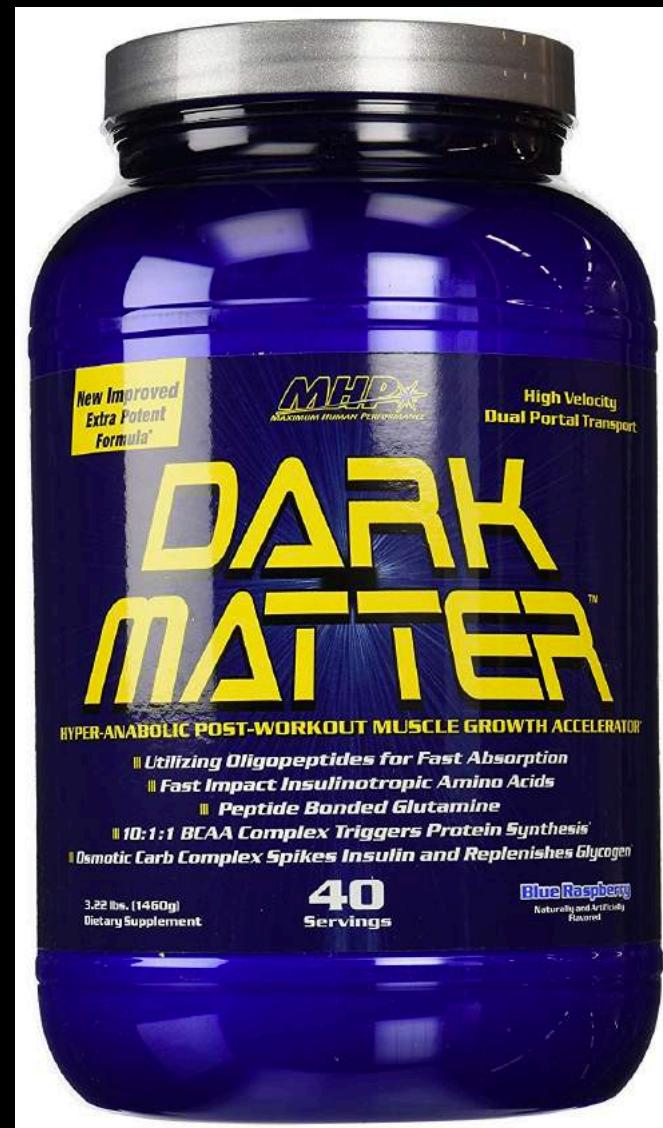
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wimp dark matter candidates

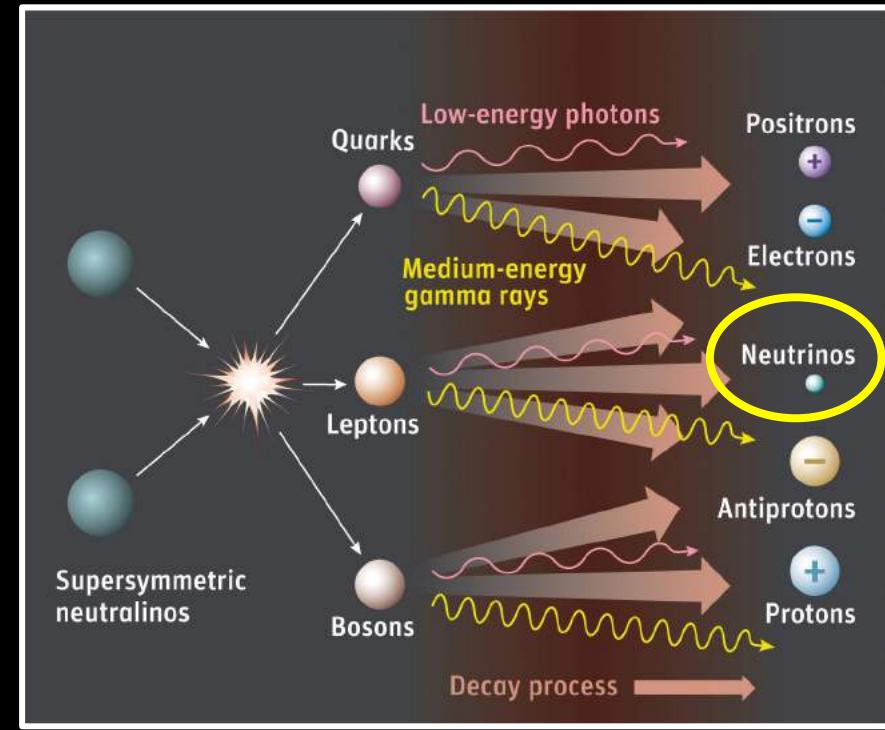
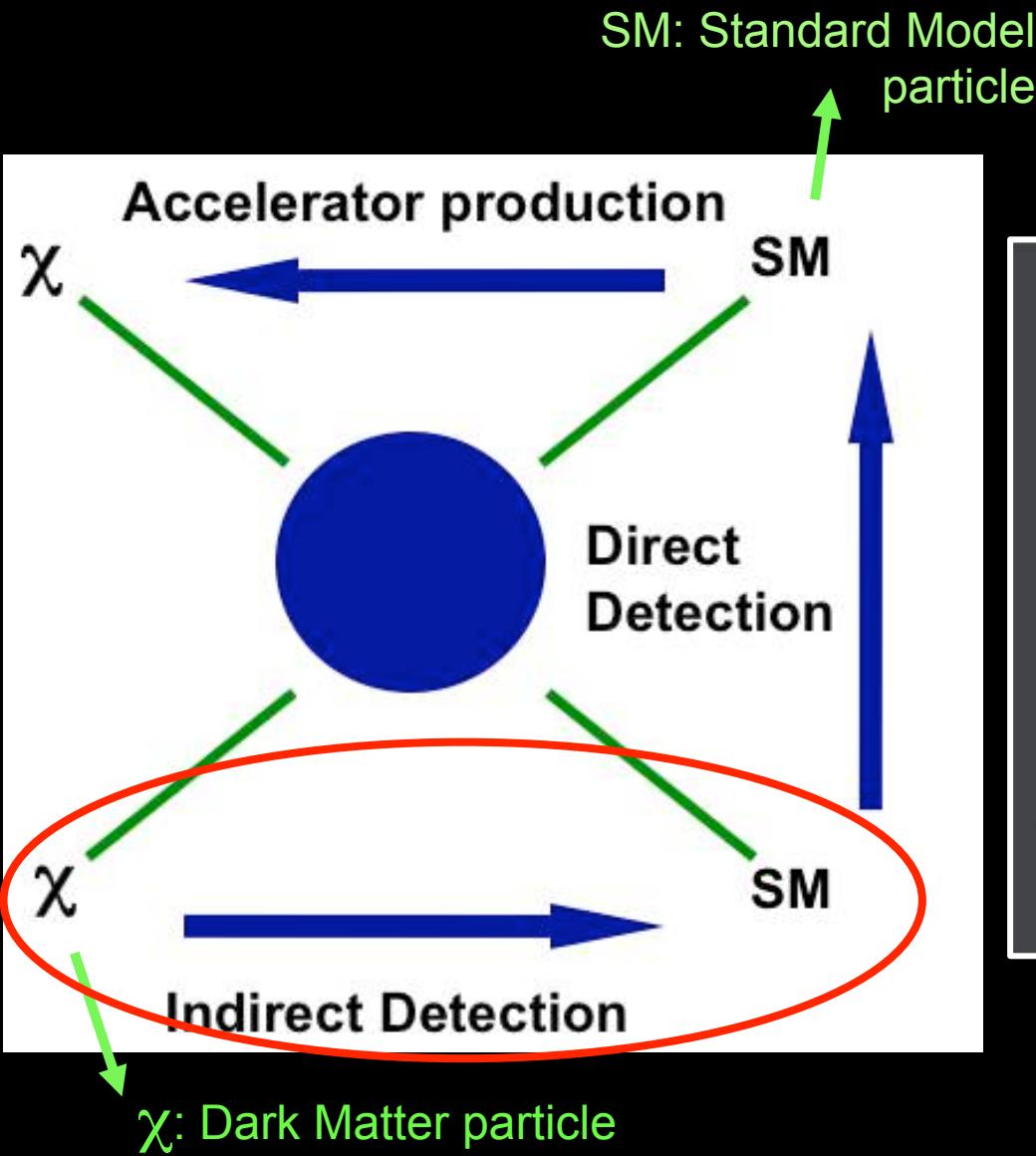
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\$127.98 per 40 servings on ebay

Available in 3 flavors: Blue Raspberry, Fruit Punch and Grape....



# (scientific) WIMP searches





# Super-Kamiokande

@ Kamioka Observatory (ICRR, University of Tokyo), Japan

located 1km  
underground

40m



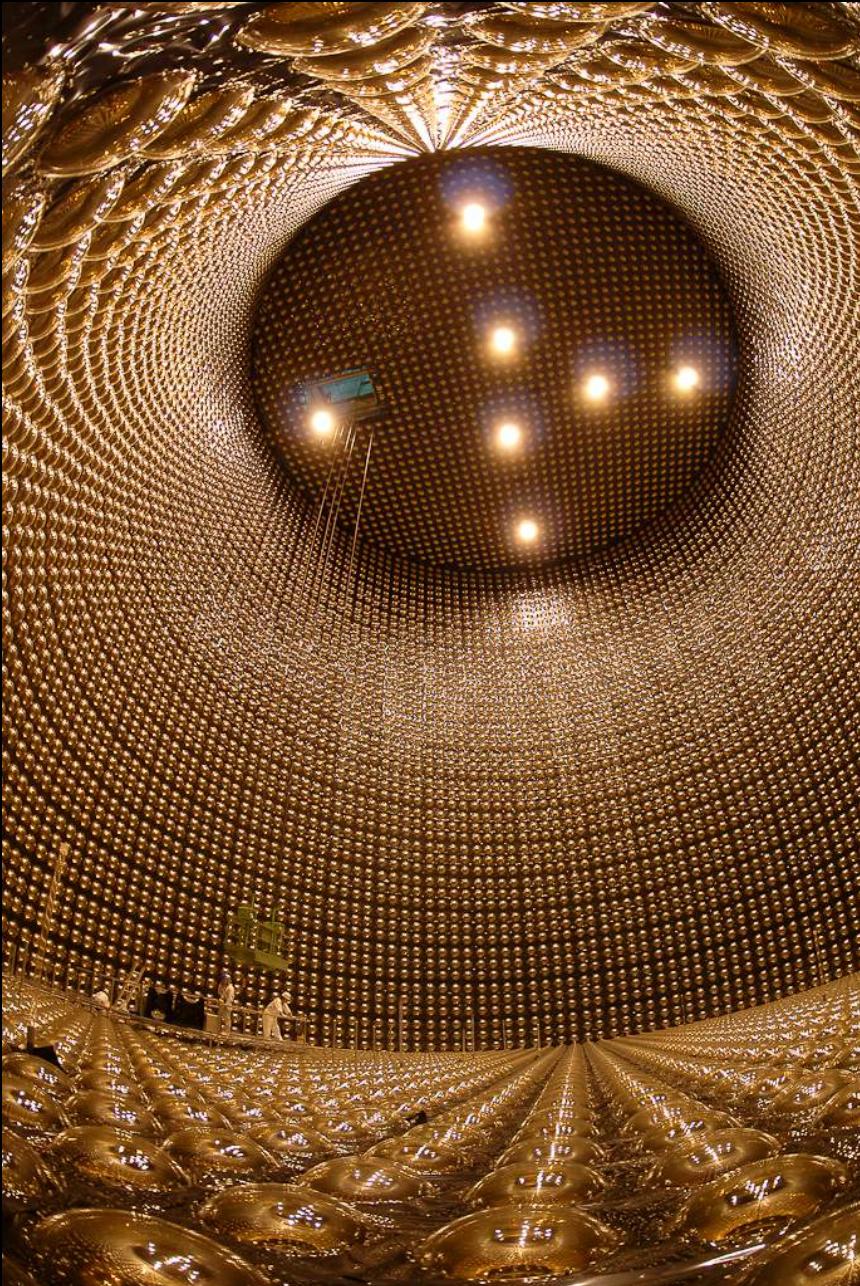
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photomultipliers (PMTs)  
detect Cherenkov light

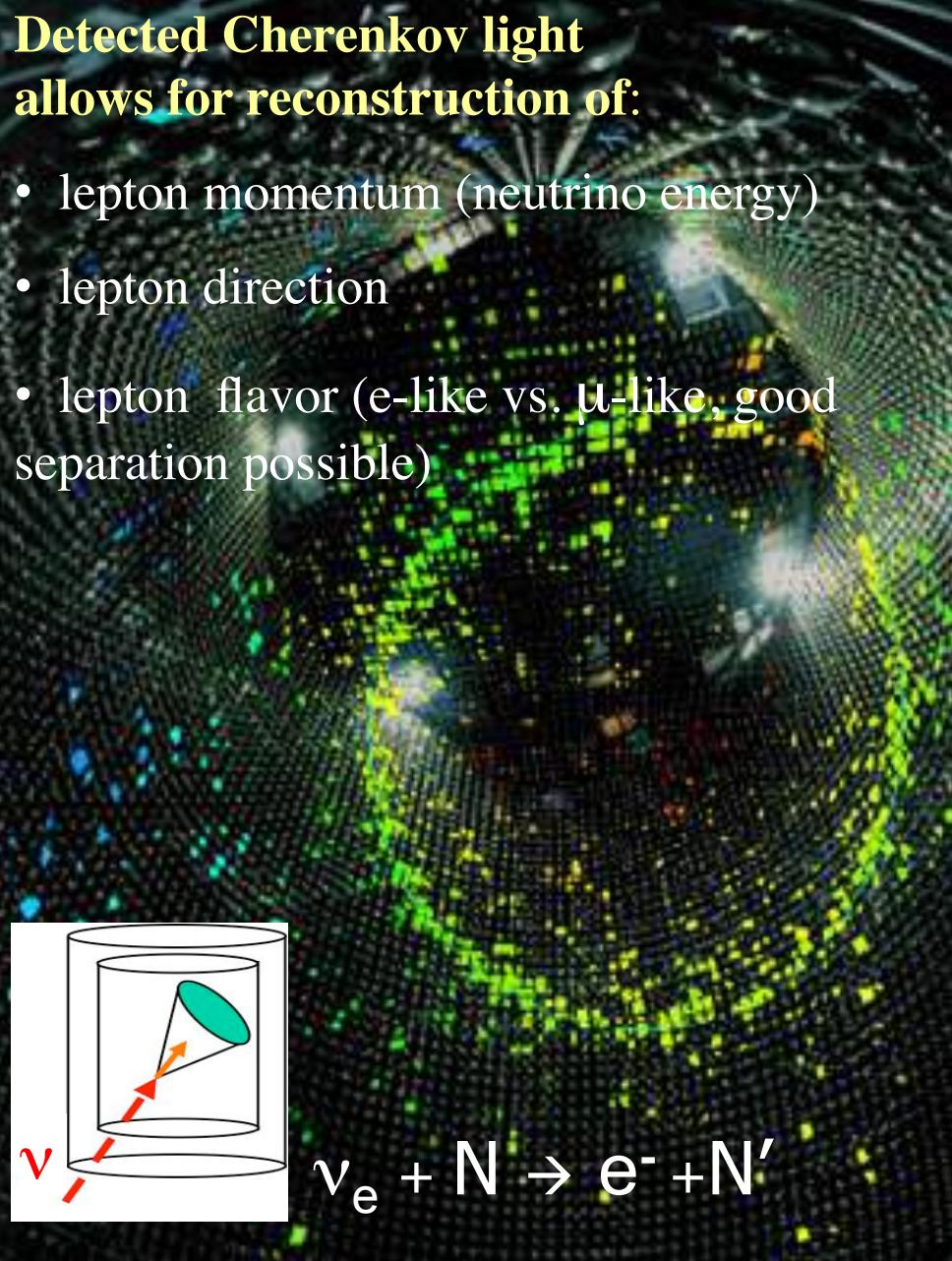


- 50 kton of pure water (22.5 kton FV)
- inner (ID) & outer/veto (OD) detection regions
- SK runs from 1996
- measures solar, atmospheric, cosmic & accelerator neutrinos
- T.Kajita → Nobel Prize 2015

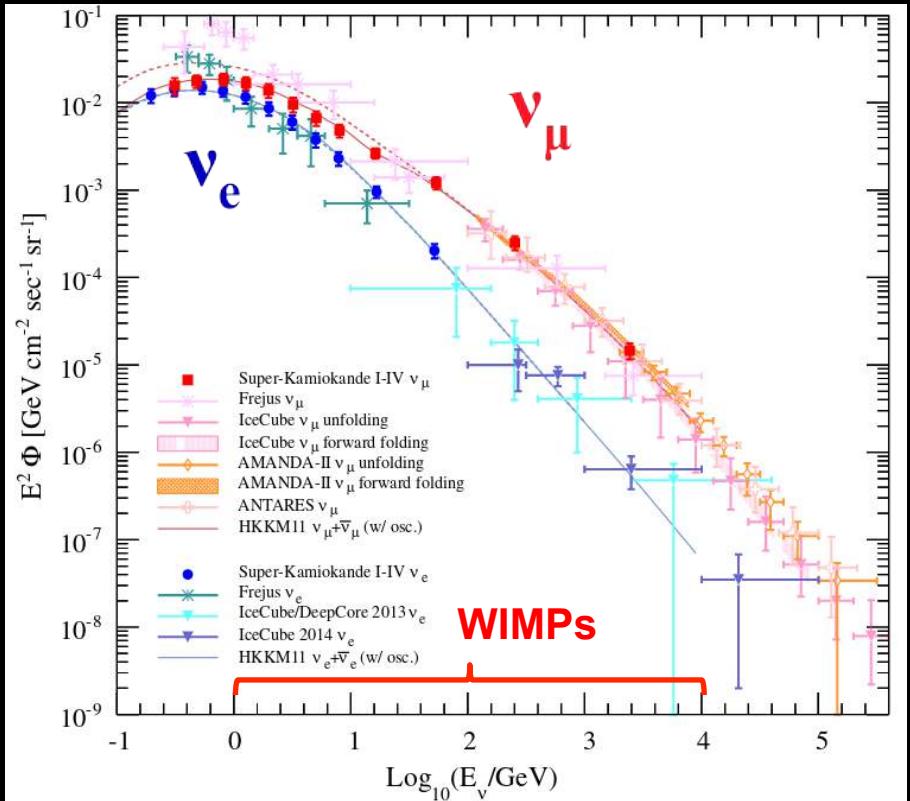


**Detected Cherenkov light allows for reconstruction of:**

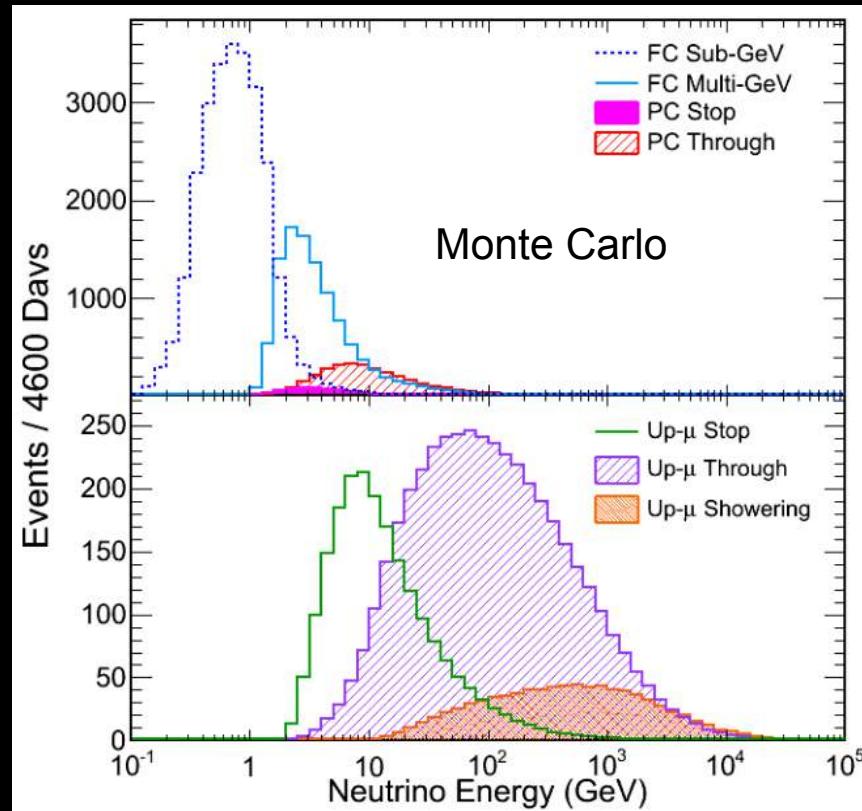
- lepton momentum (neutrino energy)
- lepton direction
- lepton flavor ( $e$ -like vs.  $\mu$ -like, good separation possible)



# Atmospheric neutrinos: main background in DM-induced $\nu$ searches



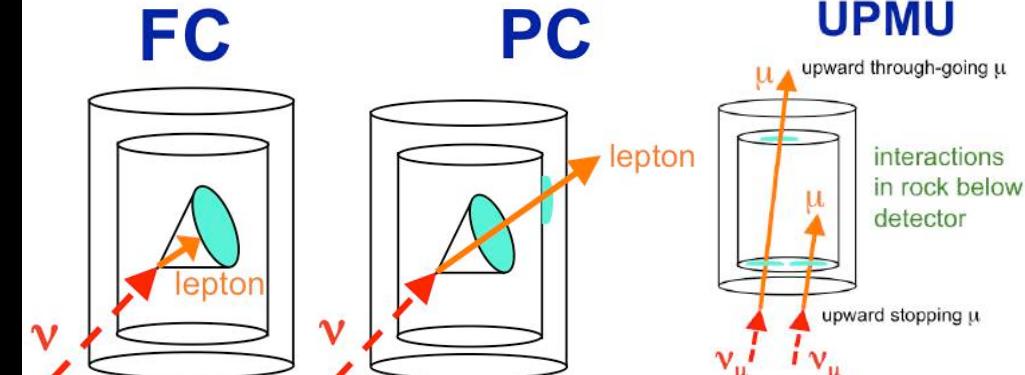
atmospheric neutrinos at SK



**FC**

**PC**

**UPMU**



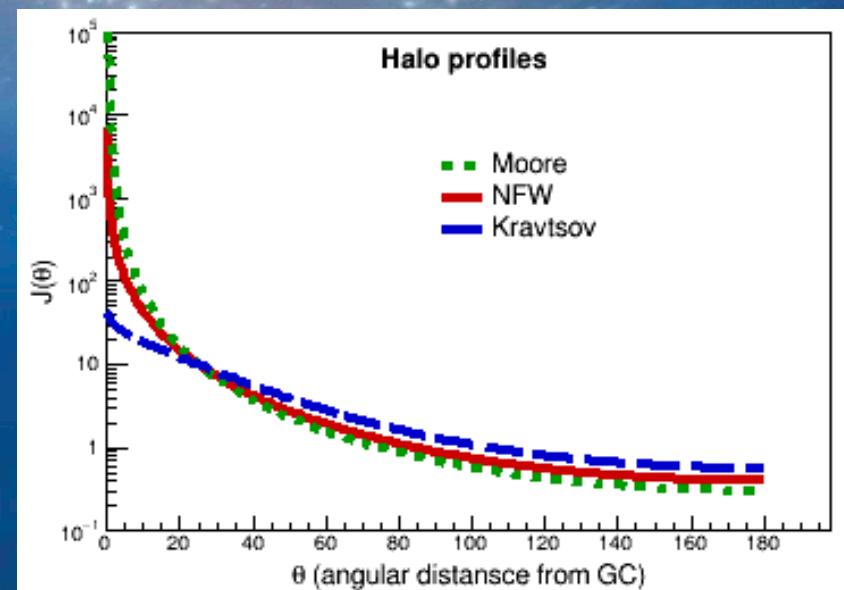
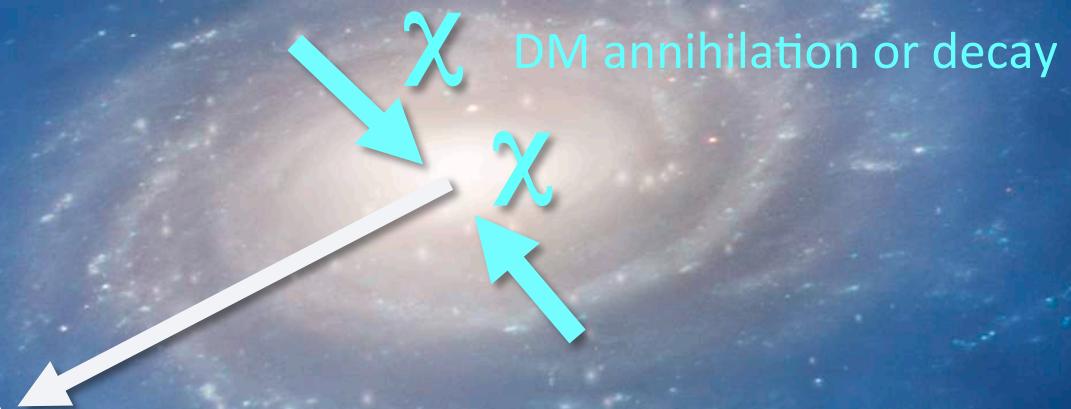
- ~10 events/day
- data period: 1996–2016
- ~50 000 events in total

# Galactic WIMP search

ON-/OFF-source analysis (K.Frankiewicz)

# Galactic WIMP search

- diffuse signal from entire Galaxy, peaked from Galactic Center
- GC visibility with SK:  
~71% with UPMU, 100% FC/PC
- search constrains DM self-annihilation cross section  $\langle\sigma v\rangle$



Expected signal intensity strongly depends on halo model  
NFW is considered as a benchmark model

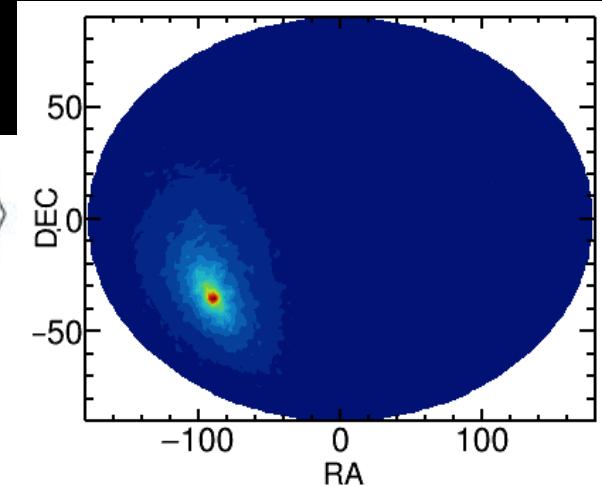
# Galactic WIMP search: ON-/OFF-source

Analysis by K. Frankiewicz

Search for large-scale anisotropy due to  
DM-induced  $\nu$ 's from Milky Way

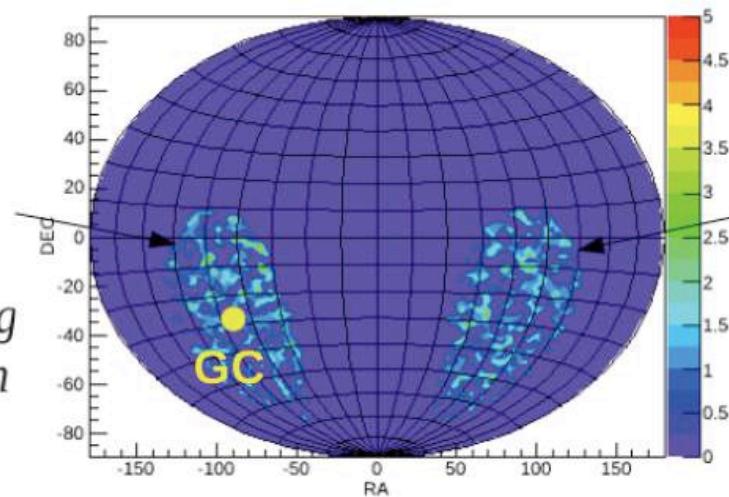
expectation for DM-  
induced neutrinos

$$\Delta N \approx N_{on}^{sig} - N_{off}^{sig} = \Delta N^{sig} \propto \langle \sigma_A v \rangle$$



on-source

$$N_{on}^{bkg} + N_{on}^{sig}$$



off-source

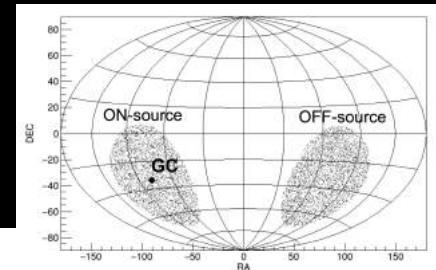
$$N_{off}^{bkg} + N_{off}^{sig}$$

- Analysis uses ON-/OFF-source concept to estimate background directly from data
- Independent on MC simulations and related systematic uncertainties

# ON/OFF-source results

Analysis by K. Frankiewicz

Based on SK-I-IV data (1996-2016)



## Fully Contained (FC) Sub-GeV

- e-like 0 decay-e
- e-like 1 decay-e
- Single-ring  $\pi_0$ -like
- $\mu$ -like 0 decay-e
- $\mu$ -like 1 decay-e
- $\mu$ -like 2 decay-e
- Multi-ring  $\pi_0$ -like

## Fully Contained (FC) Multi-GeV

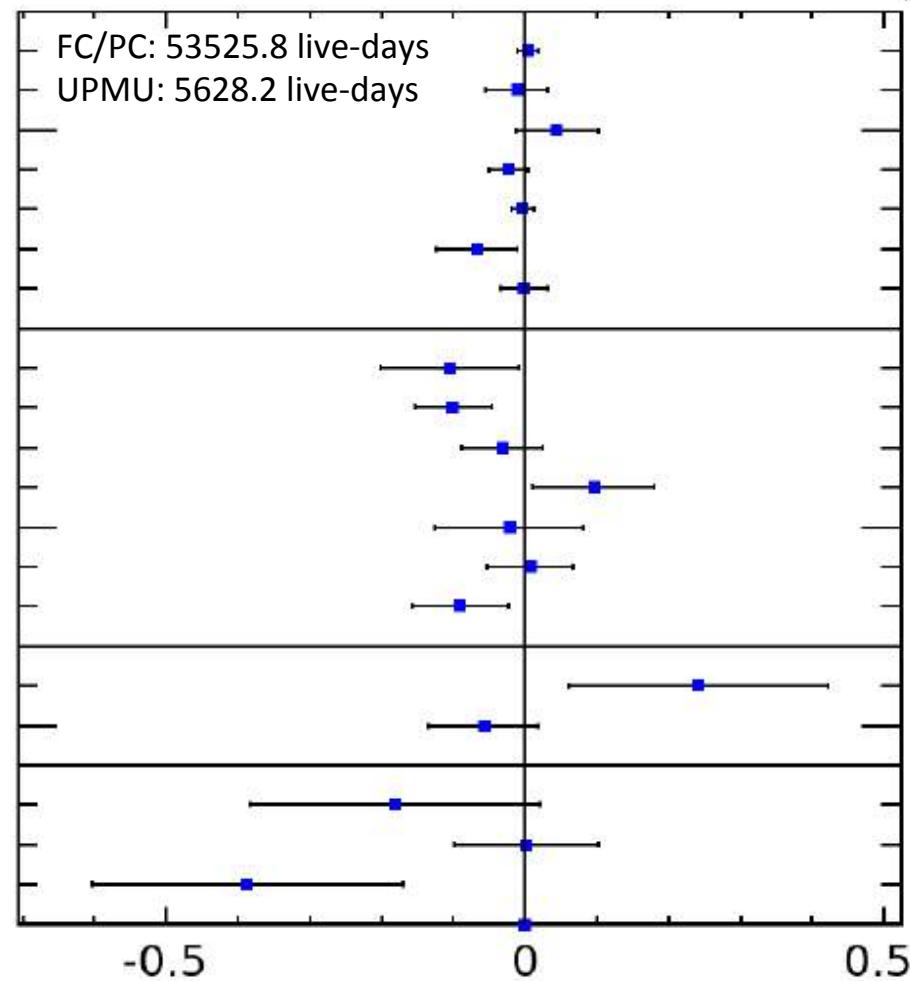
- $\nu_e$ -like
- $\bar{\nu}_e$ -like
- $\mu$ -like
- MultiRing  $\nu_e$ -like
- MultiRing  $\bar{\nu}_e$ -like
- MultiRing  $\mu$ -like
- MultiRing Other

## Partially Contained (PC)

- Stopping
- Through-going

## Upward-going Muons (UP- $\mu$ )

- Stopping
- Through-going Non-showering
- Through-going Showering

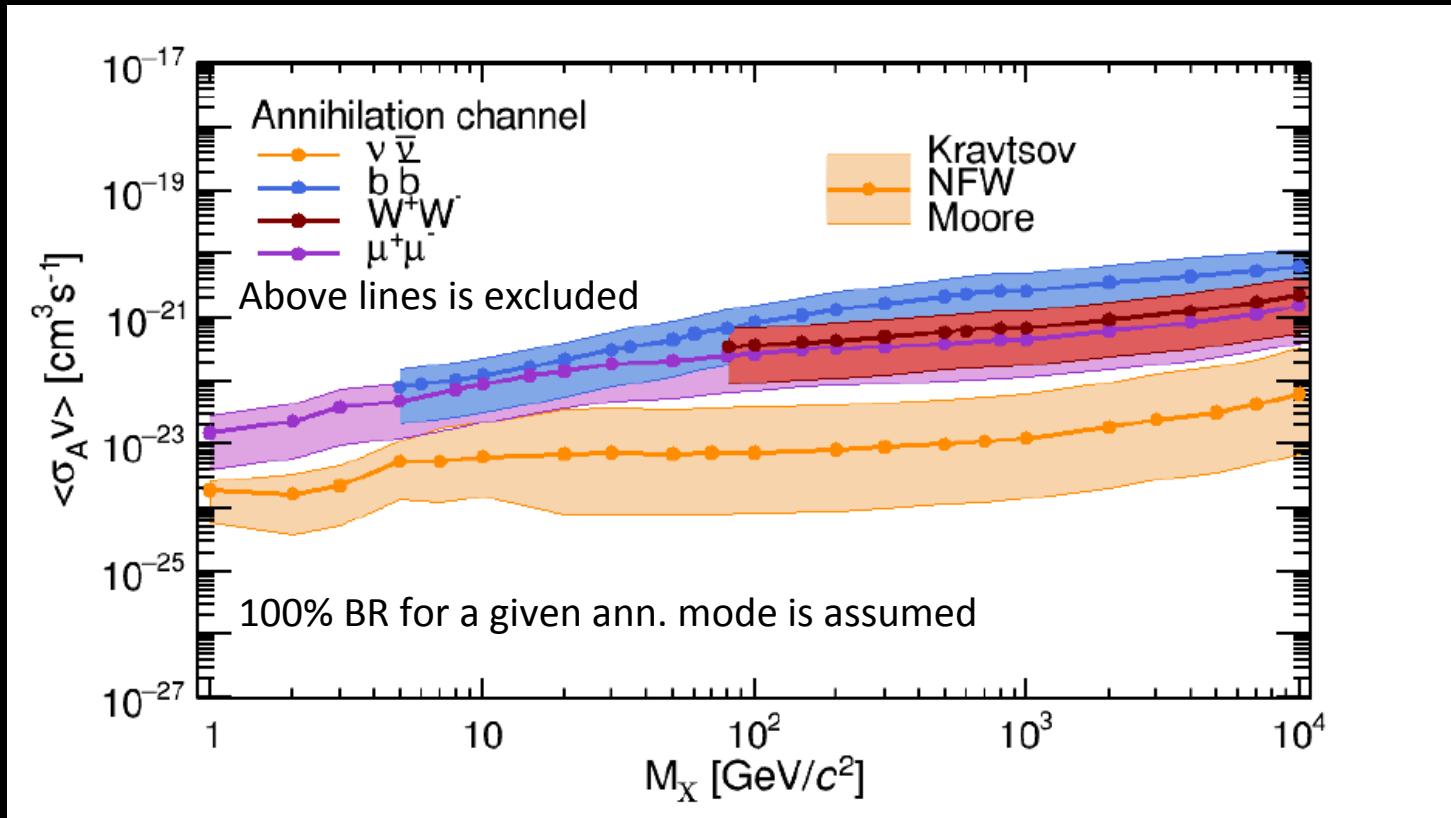


$$A = (N_{\text{ON}} - N_{\text{OFF}}) / (N_{\text{ON}} + N_{\text{OFF}})$$

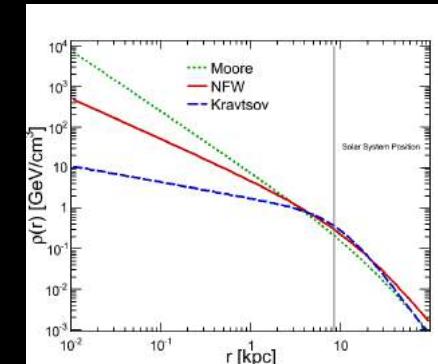
DATA is consistent with background, no asymmetry in neutrino flux observed

# ON-/OFF-source results

90% CL upper limits on dark matter self-annihilation cross-section + halo model choice impact



- Intensity factors for halo profiles differs orders of magnitude →
- Comparison of these limit with other experimental results on the next slides



# Galactic WIMP search

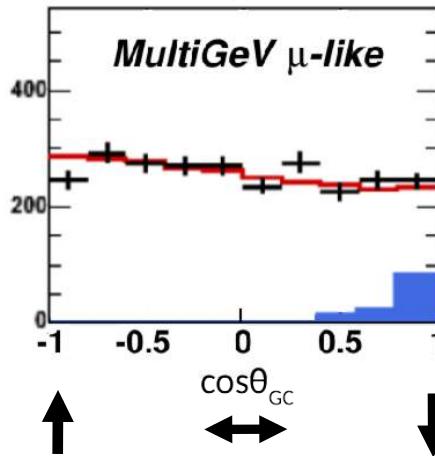
Global Fit analysis (P.Mijakowski)

# Global Fit method: DM searches at Super-K

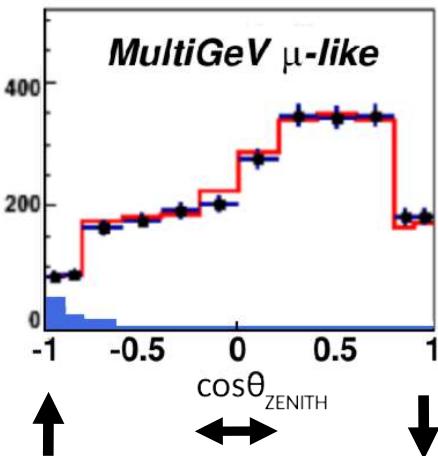
- Search for excess of neutrinos from **Earth/Sun/Milky Way**
- **FIT:** for each tested WIMP mass & ann. mode, find configuration of **ATM  $\nabla$  + DM signal** that would match DATA the best using reconstructed angular & momentum distributions

$$\chi\chi \rightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}, W^+W^-, b\bar{b}, \mu^+\mu^- \rightarrow \dots \nu_{e/\mu/\tau}$$

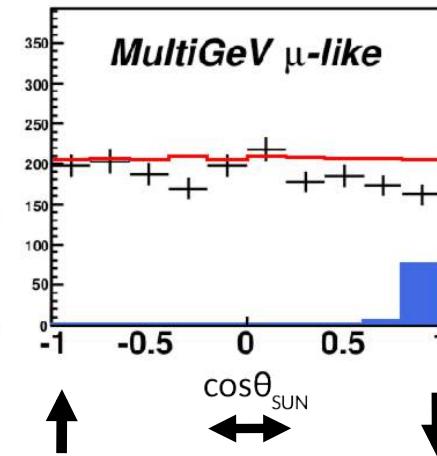
**Galactic WIMP search**



**Earth WIMP search**



**Solar WIMP search  
point-like source**

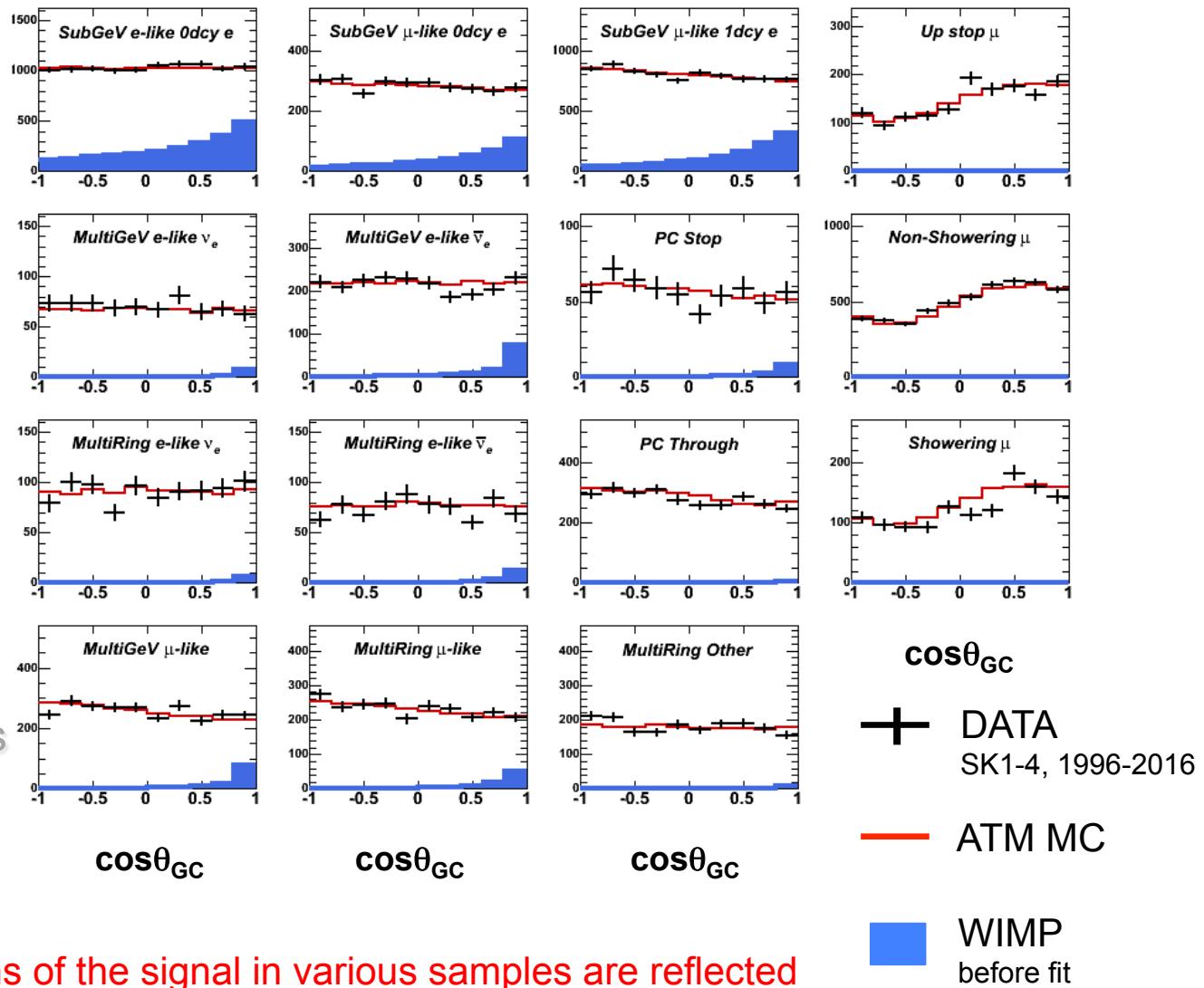


- In these coordinate systems signal is easy to distinguish from atmospheric neutrino background

# Galactic WIMP search: data

- FIT based on lepton mom. &  $\cos\theta_{\text{GC}}$  distributions, 5326-5629 live-days, 1996-2016
  - NFW halo mode assumed
  - Fit results are consistent with null WIMP contribution
  - 90% CL upper limit on DM self-annihilation cross section  $\langle\sigma_A V\rangle$

**example: 5GeV WIMPs  $b\bar{b}$  ann. channel**



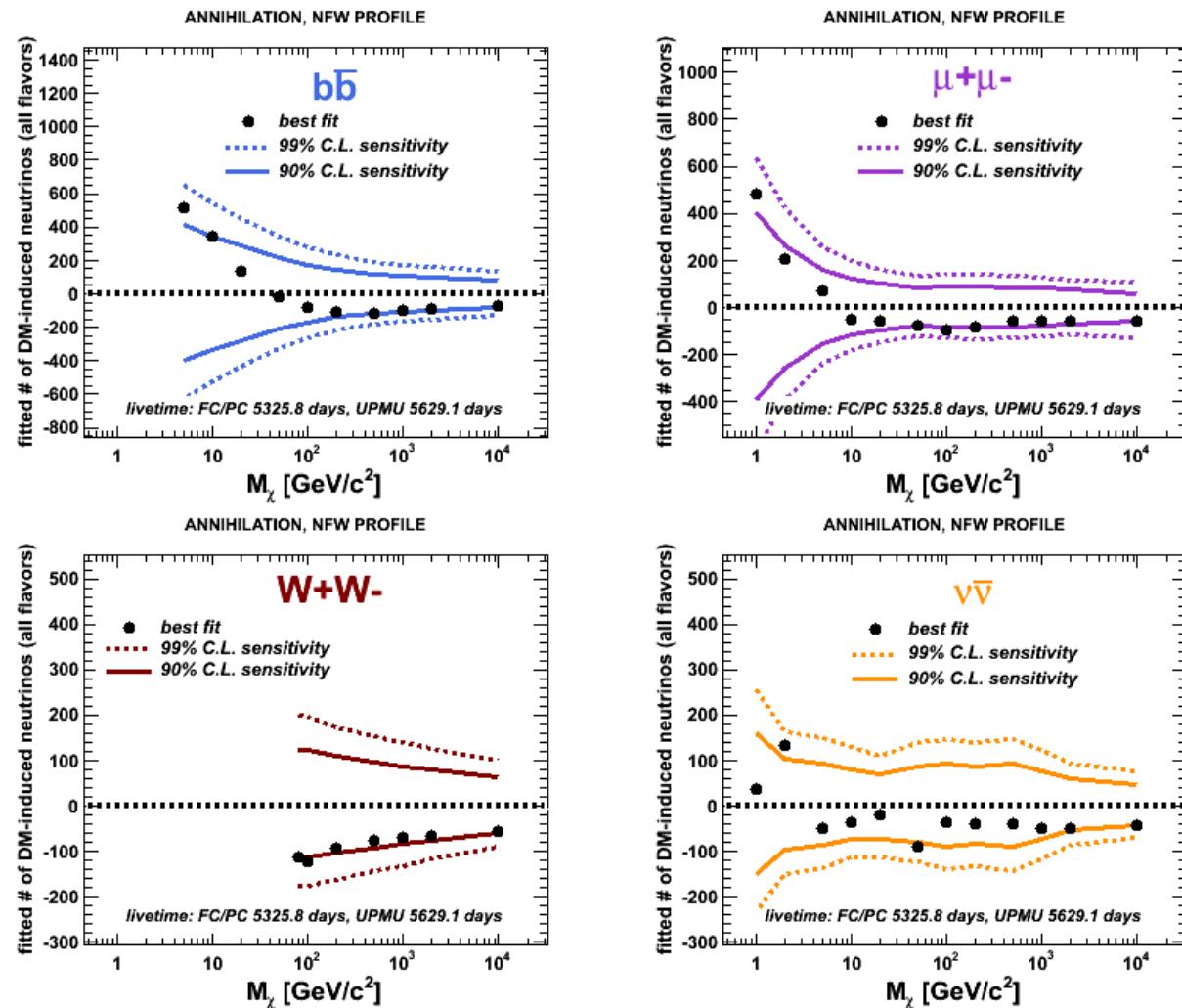
proportions of the signal in various samples are reflected

# Galactic WIMP search: fitted number of DM-induced V's

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## SK preliminary

*points on the plots are not independent*

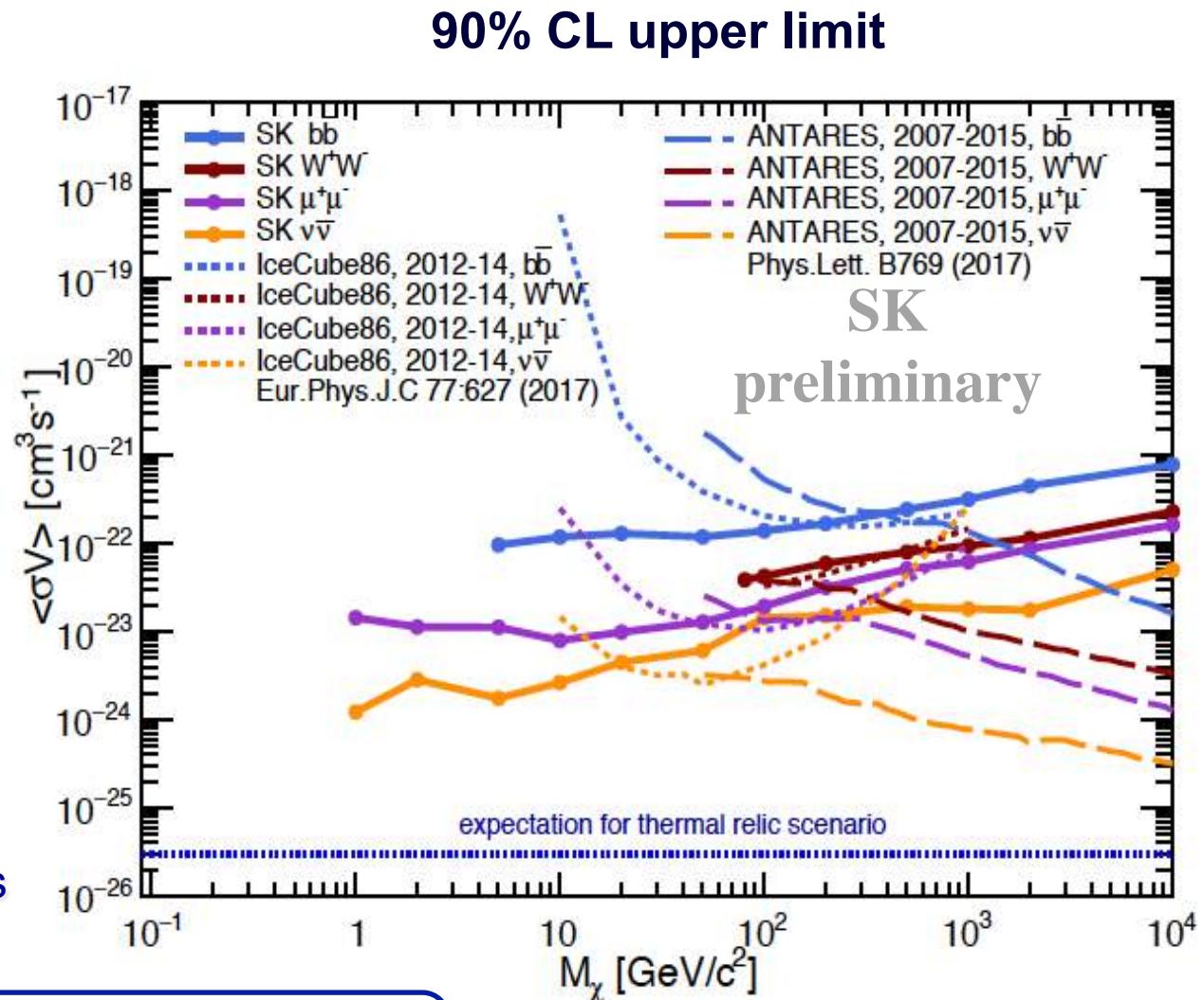


~150 systematic uncertainty terms included in the fit

p-values in backup

# Galactic WIMP search: DM self-annihilation cross section

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$$\frac{d\phi_{\Delta\Omega}}{dE} = \frac{\langle\sigma_A \cdot V\rangle}{2} J_{\Delta\Omega} \frac{R_{sc}\rho_{sc}^2}{4\pi \cdot M_\chi^2} \frac{dN}{dE}$$

# Galactic WIMP searches comparison

- Global Fit analysis yields  $\sim 1$  order of magnitude stronger constraints than ON/OFF-source
- If positron excess seen by AMS-02 and others is due to leptophilic DM annihilation into  $\mu^+\mu^-$  then we can probe the favored phase-space regions

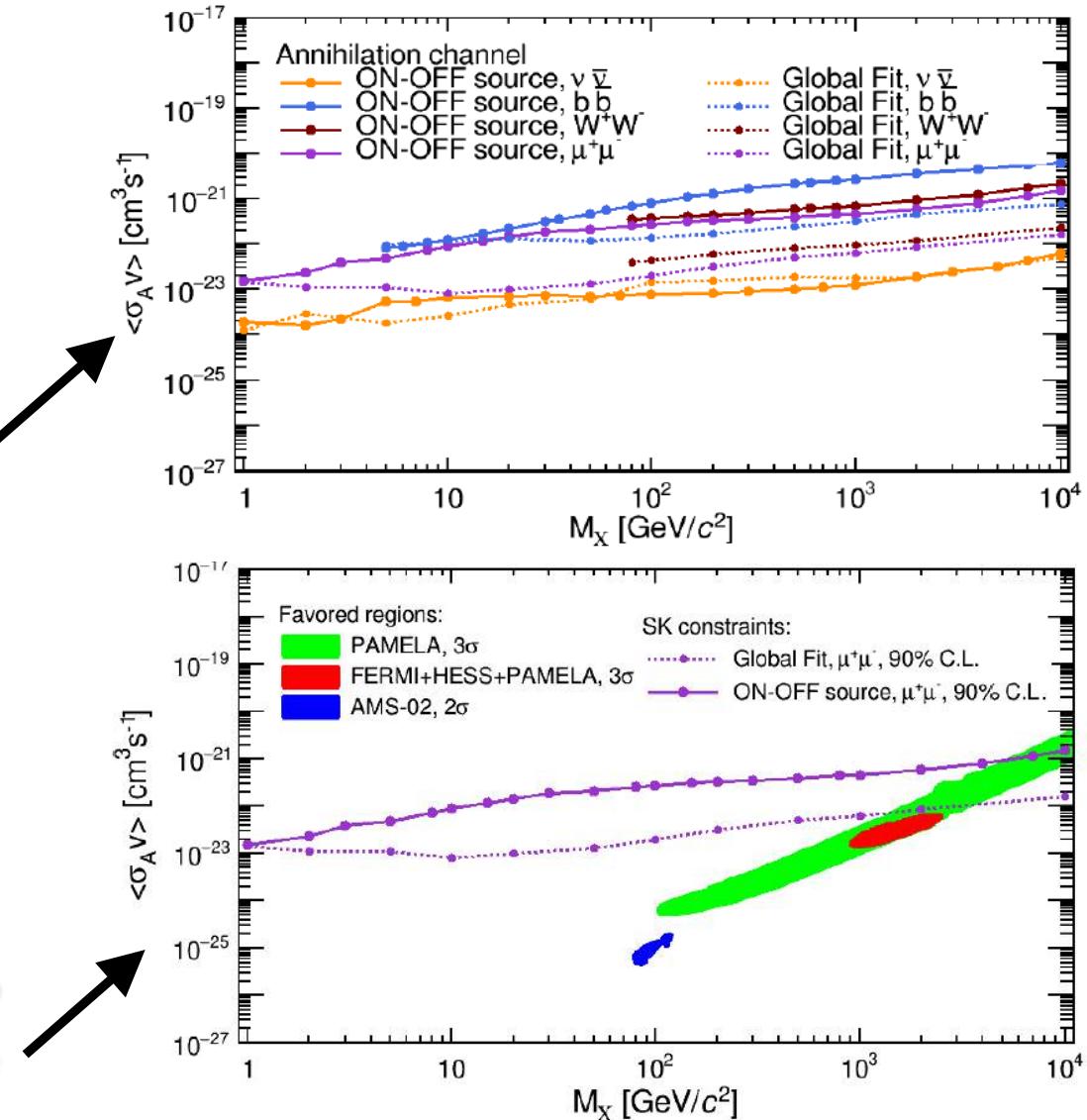


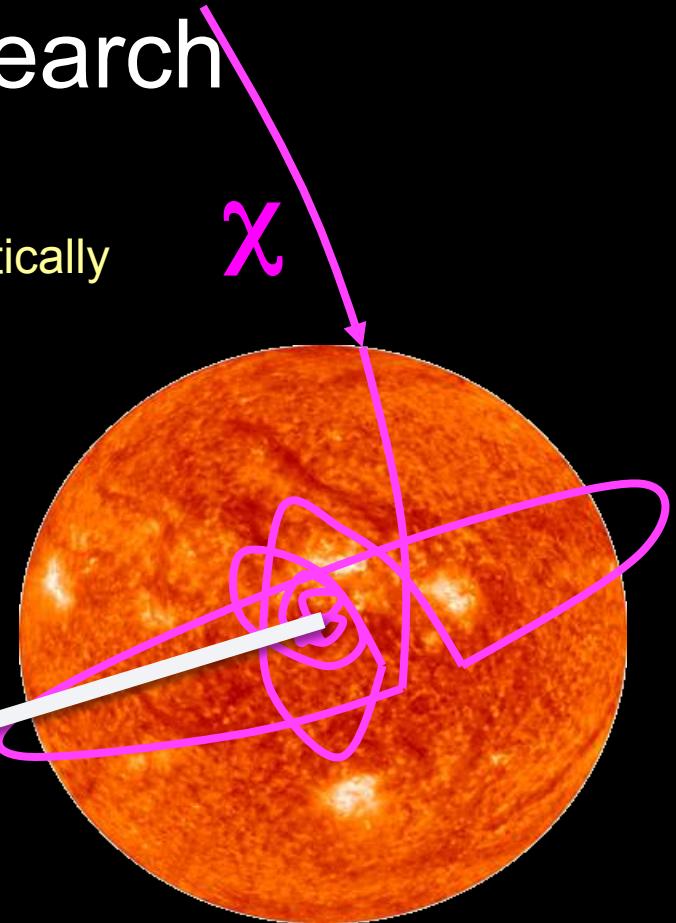
FIGURE 12.1: Favored regions obtained by interpreting the observed positron and electron excesses as due to dark matter annihilation in  $\mu^+\mu^-$ . Green region is favored by PAMELA (at  $3\sigma$ ), red region is favored by the global fit of FERMI, HESS and PAMELA data (at  $3\sigma$ ) (Meade et al., 2010), and blue region is favored by AMS-02 data (at  $2\sigma$ ) (Di Mauro et al., 2016). The 90% C.L. limits from SK data are plotted with solid purple line for "ON-OFF souce" analysis (this thesis), and with solid line for "Global fit" approach (Mijakowski, 2018). NFW halo model is assumed in all cases.

# Solar WIMP search

Global Fit analysis (K. Choi)

# Solar WIMP search

- DM particles passing through the Sun can elastically scatter with nuclei and loose energy
- WIMP density increases in core, leading to DM annihilation until equilibrium is achieved:  
***capture rate = annihilation rate***



detector



$\nu$

- Scattering cross section  $\sigma_{\chi n}$  can be constrained and compared with results from direct DM detection

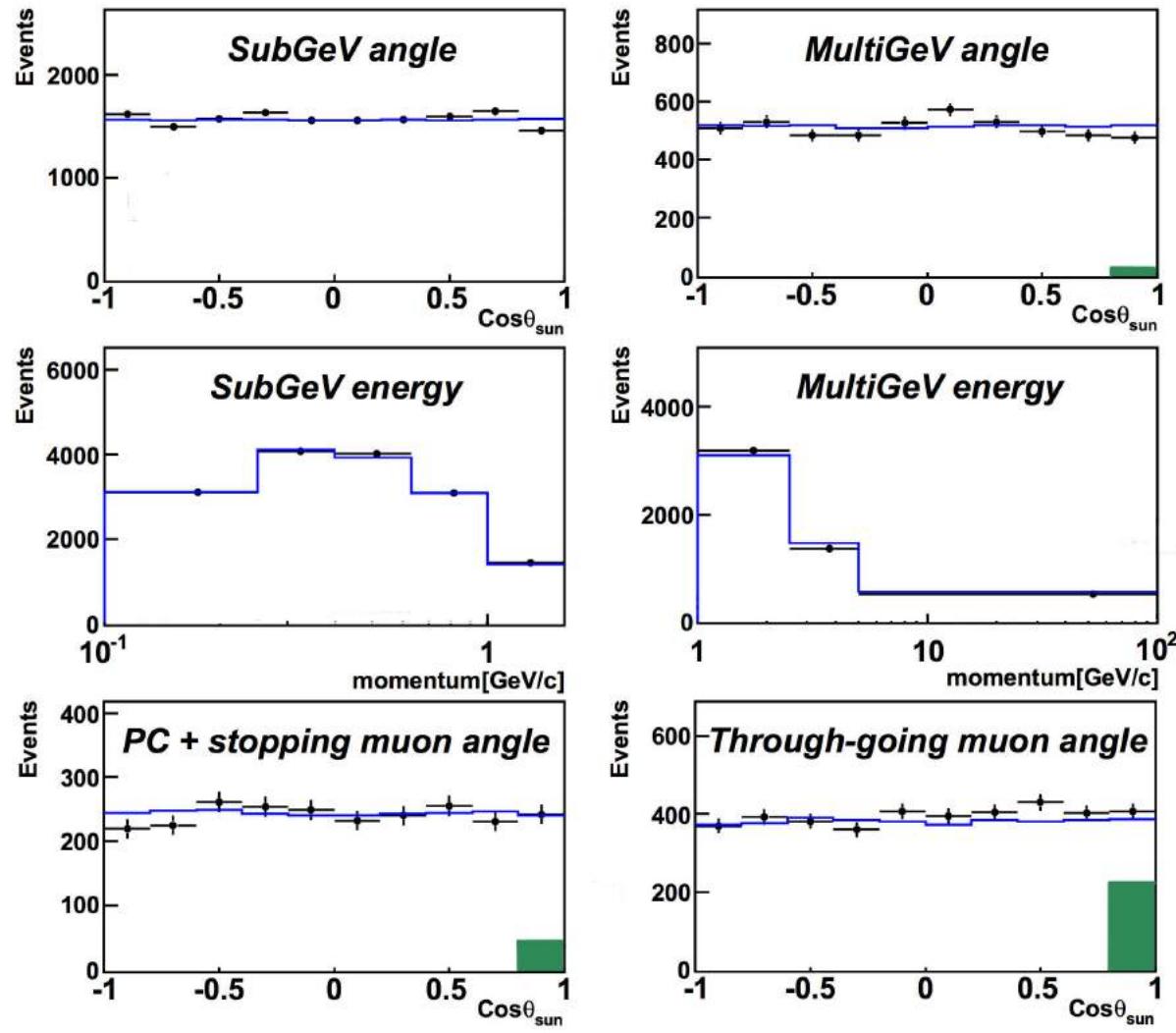
more: G.Wikström, J.Edsjö JCAP  
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Published: K.Chi et al.,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 114, 141301 (2015)

# Solar WIMP search

- FIT based on lepton mom. &  $\cos\theta_{\text{SUN}}$  distributions, 3903 days of SK data (1996-2012)
- No excess of  $\nu$ 's from the SUN as compared to atm bkg
- 90% CL upper limit on WIMP-nucleon scattering cross section  $\sigma_{Xn}$  for  $\tau^+\tau^-$ ,  $bb$  and  $W^+W^-$  channels

example for: 200 GeV WIMPs,  $\tau^+\tau^-$  ann. channel



DATA

SK1-4, 1996-2012



ATM MC

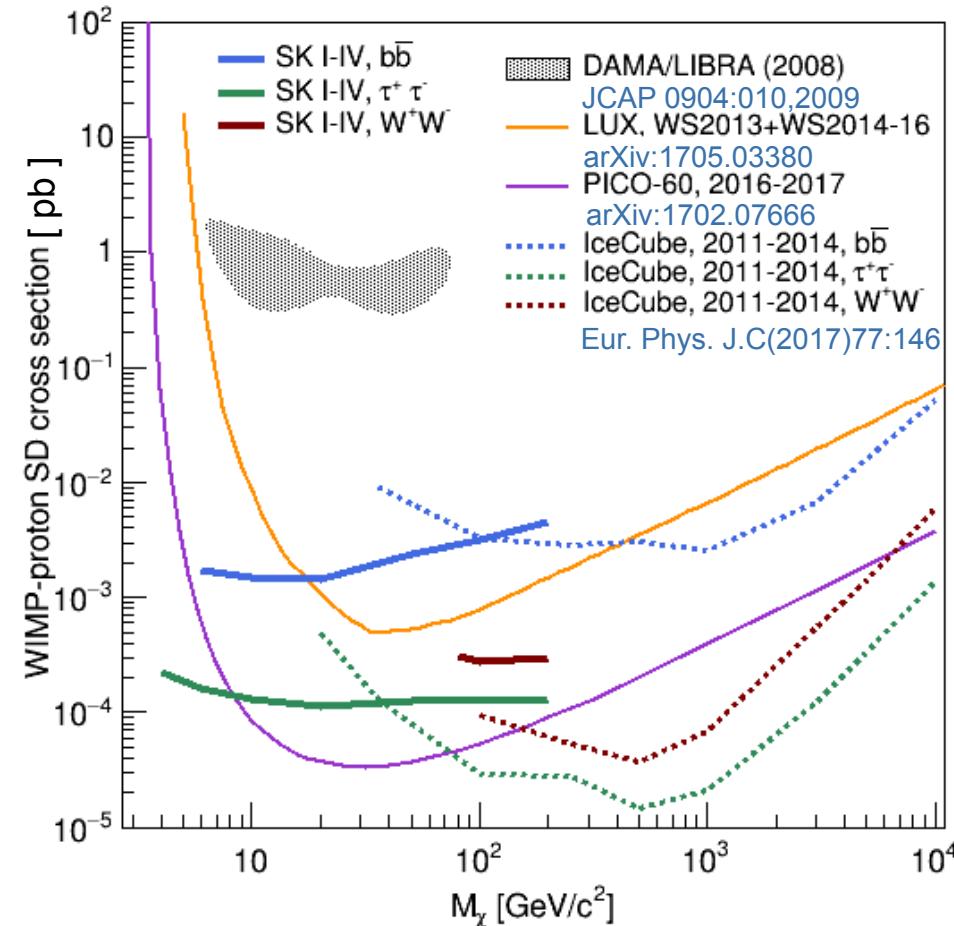


WIMP  
before fit

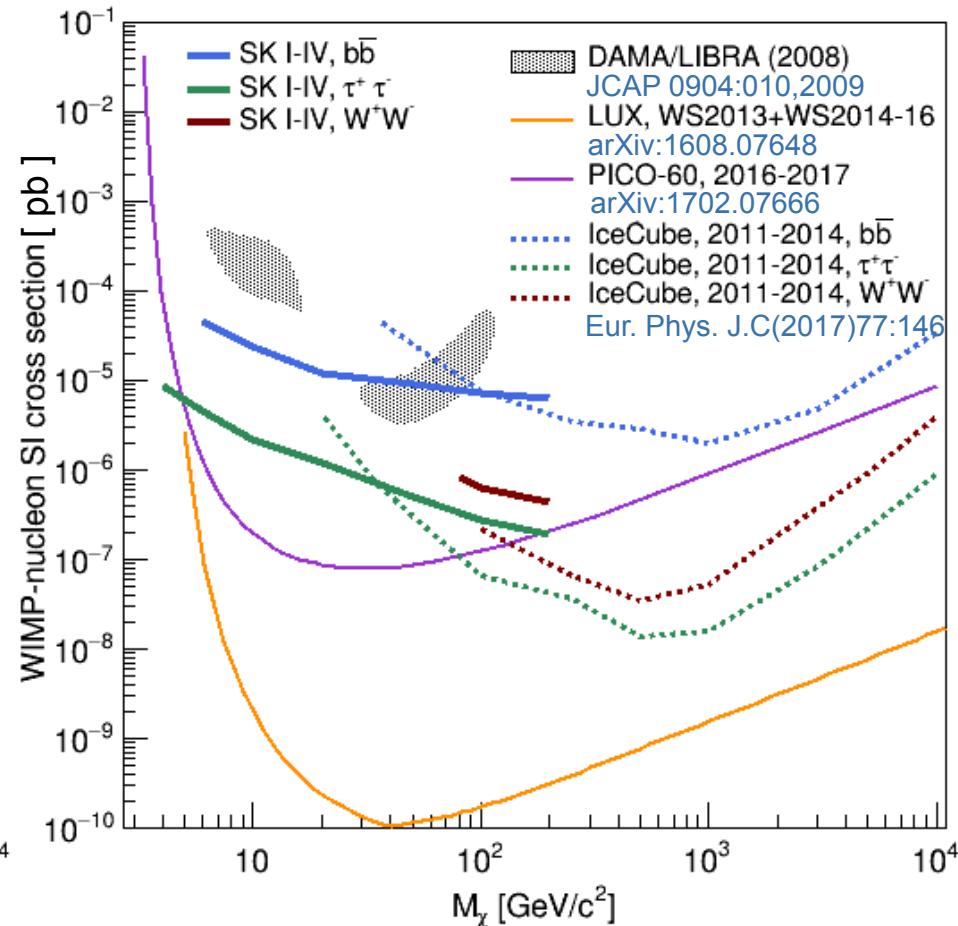
# Solar WIMP search: WIMP-nucleon SI & SD cross section limit

90% CL upper limit

## spin dependent interactions



## spin independent interactions



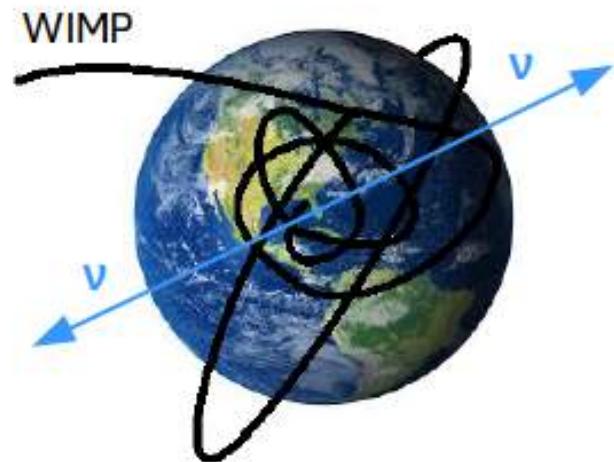
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# Earth WIMP search

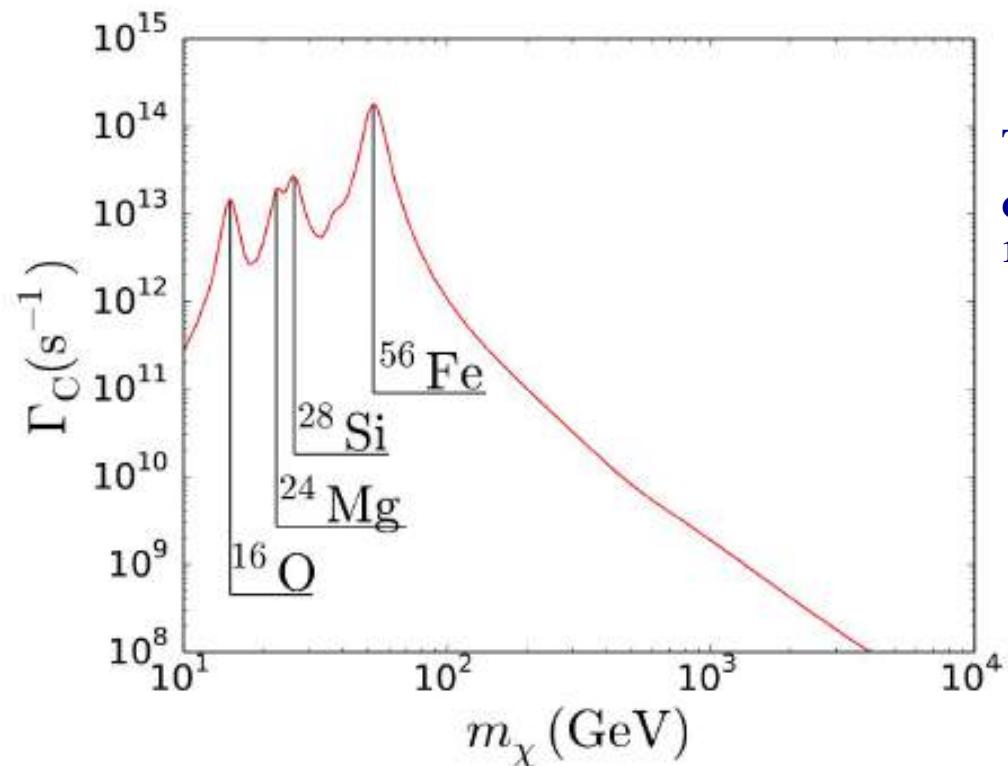
Global Fit analysis (K.Frankiewicz)

# Earth WIMP search

- Spin-independent interactions dominate in the capturing process → scalar interaction in which WIMPs couple to the nucleus mass
- If the mass of DM matches given heavy element, the capture rate increases considerably



## WIMP capture rate in the Earth



The peaks correspond to **resonant capture** on the most abundant elements  $^{16}\text{O}$ ,  $^{24}\text{Mg}$ ,  $^{28}\text{Si}$  and  $^{56}\text{Fe}$  and their isotopes

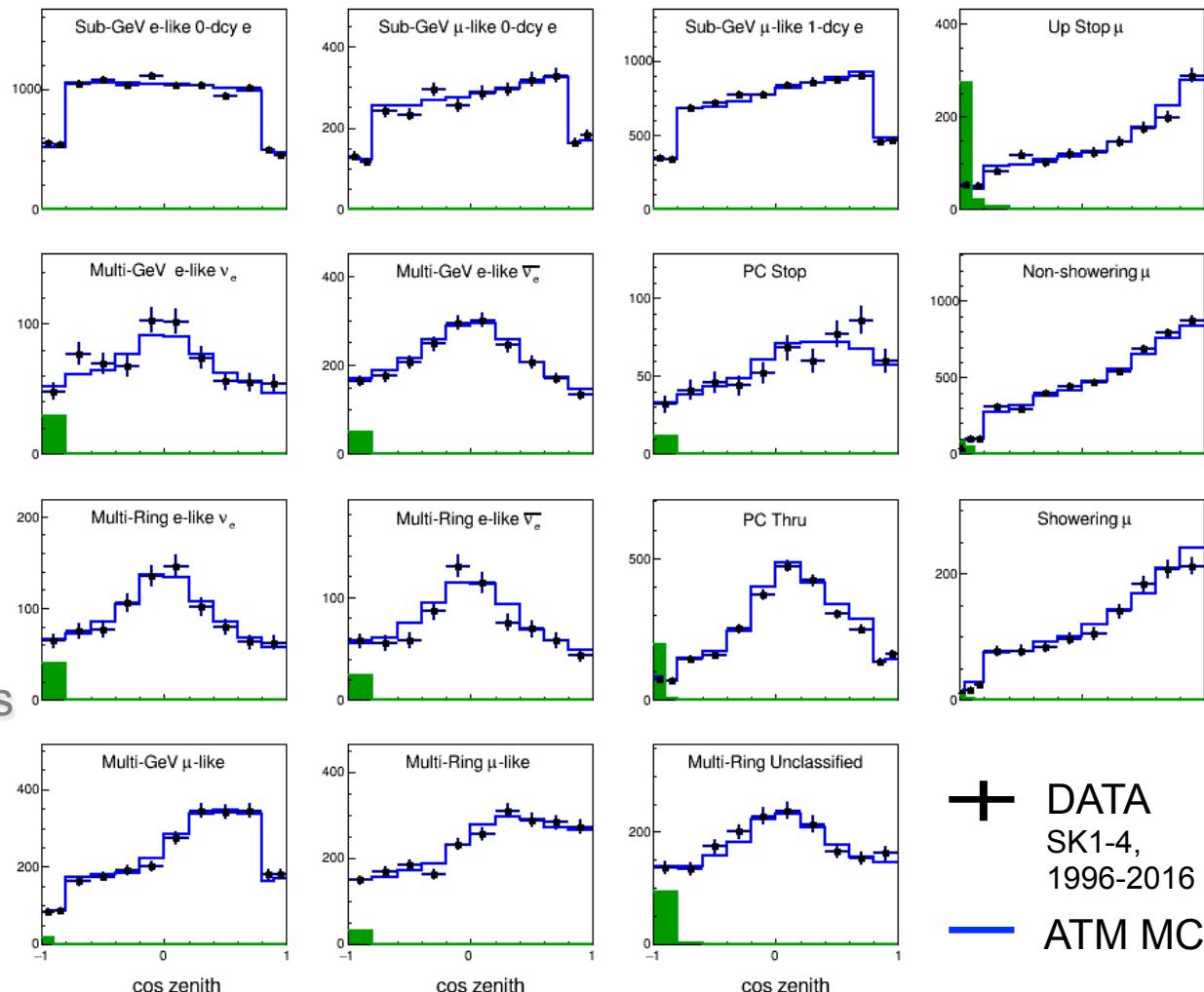
**WIMP-nucleon SI scattering cross section**  $\sigma_{\chi-N}$  can be constrained and compared with results from direct DM detection.

# Earth WIMP search: data fit

SK preliminary

example: 25GeV WIMPs  $\tau^+\tau^-$  ann. channel

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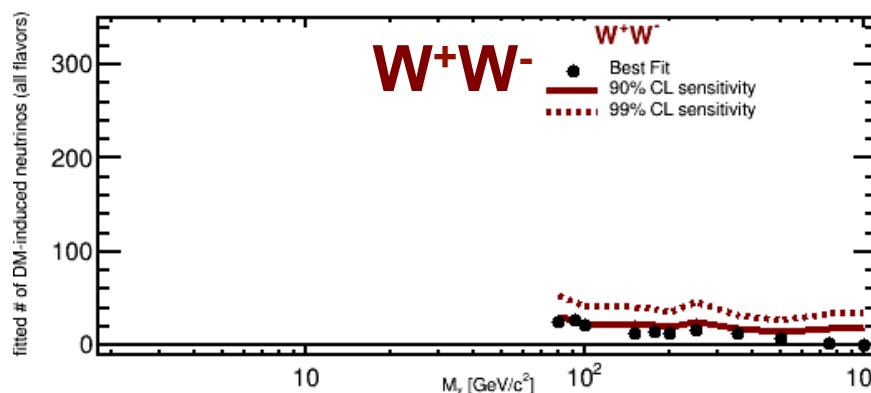
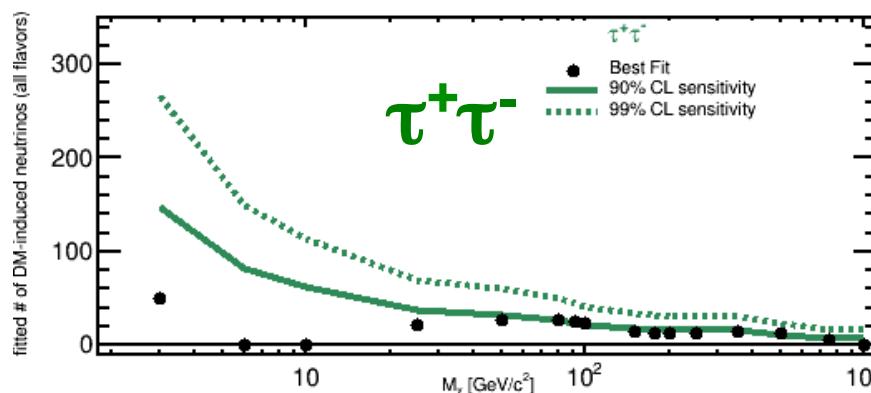
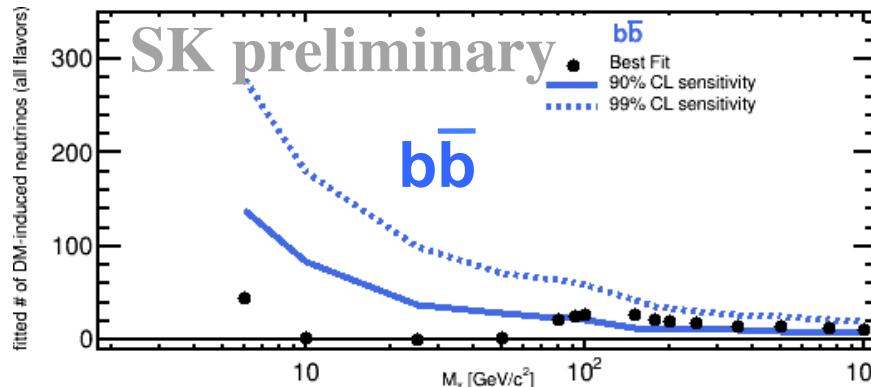


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# Earth WIMP search: fitted number of DM-induced $\nu$ s

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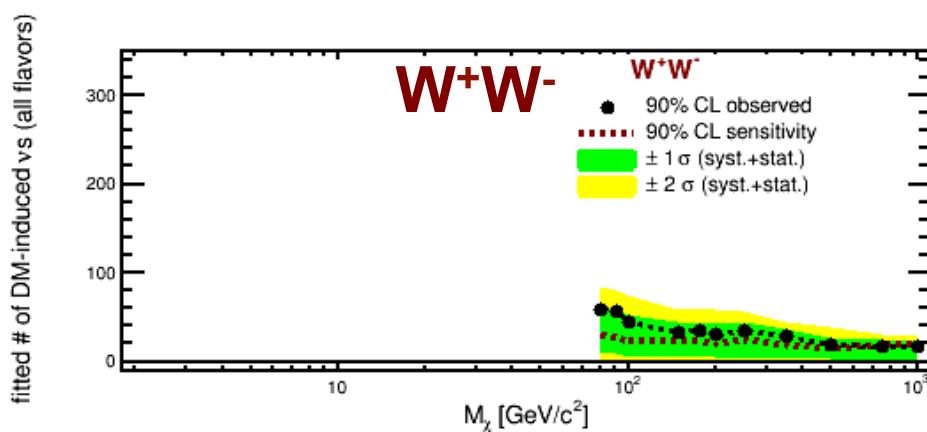
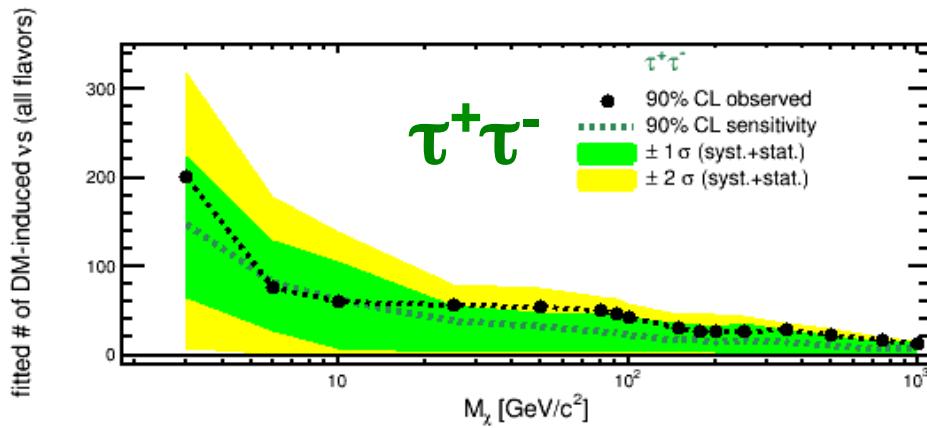
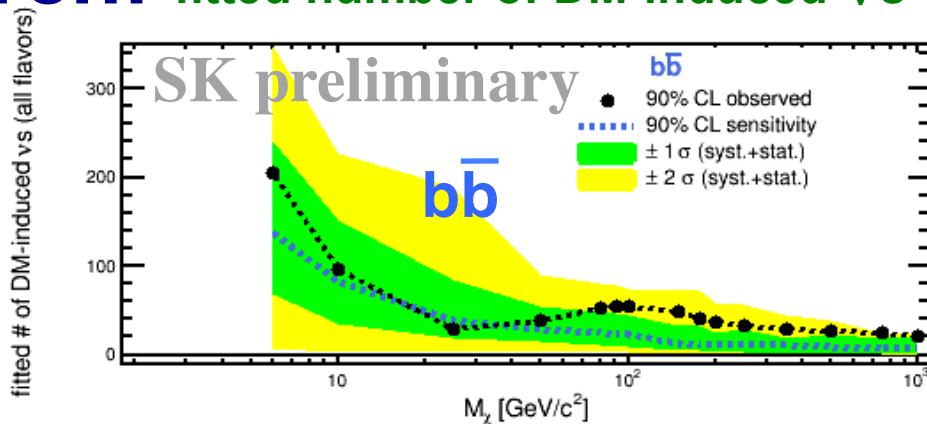
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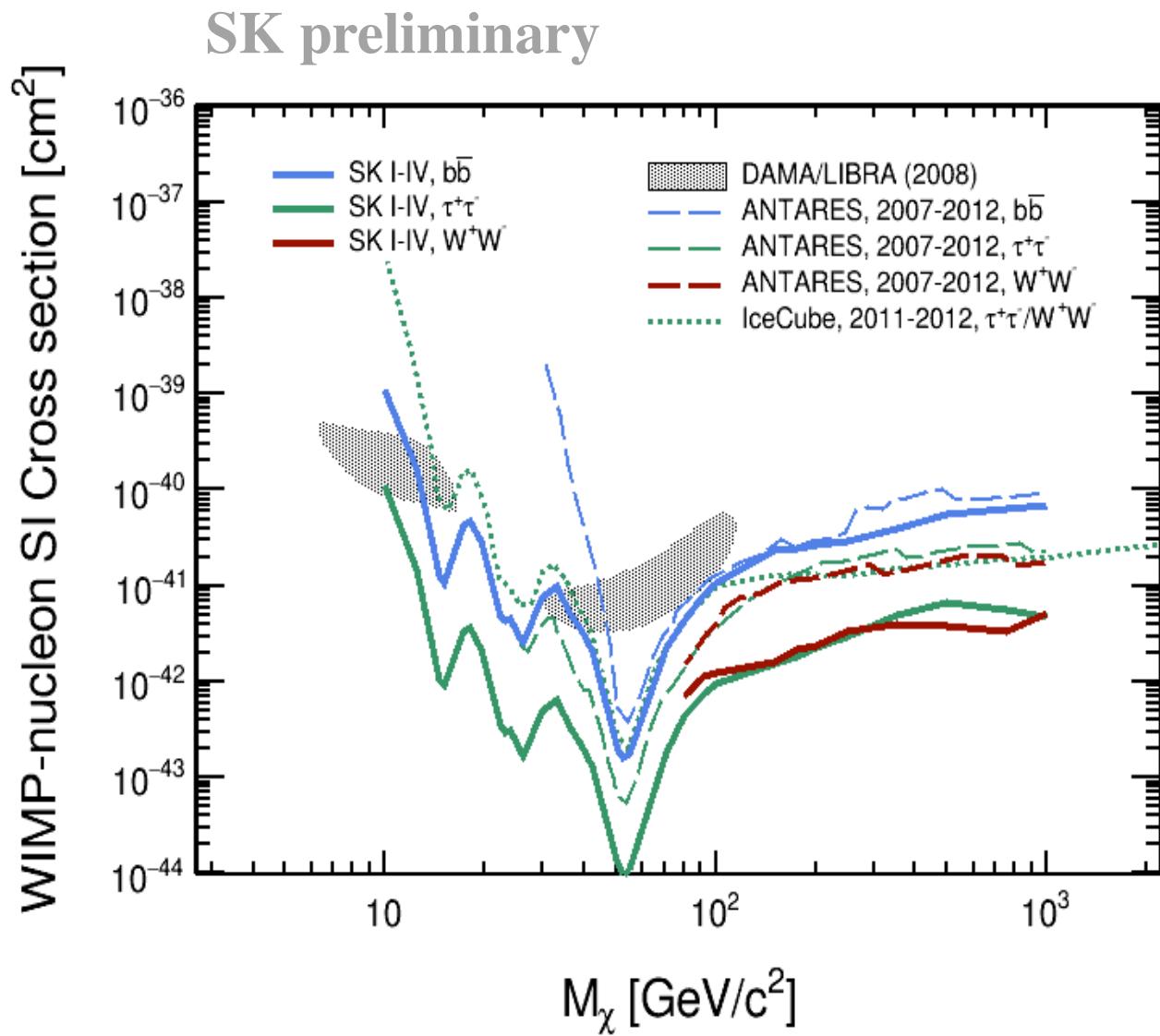
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# Earth WIMP search: WIMP-nucleon SI cross-section limit

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best limit among neutrino telescopes!

# Summary

- DM induced neutrinos has not been observed at Super-Kamiokande so far
- Galactic WIMP search (2017)
  - upper limits on  $\langle\sigma_A V\rangle$  for wide range of WIMPs masses (1 GeV to 10 TeV)
  - strongest limits < 20-100GeV among  $\nu$  experiments
- Solar WIMP search (2015)
  - strongest limits < 20-100GeV among  $\nu$  experiments, published PRL.114, 141301 (2015)
- Earth WIMP search (2017)
  - upper limits on spin-independent WIMP-nucleon cross-section
  - high sensitivity to resonant capture region → currently the strongest limits from  $\nu$  experiments
  - PhD of K.Frankiewicz, paper in preparation, target PRL



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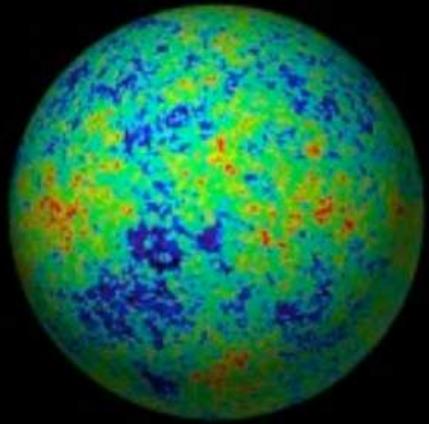
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# Dark Matter

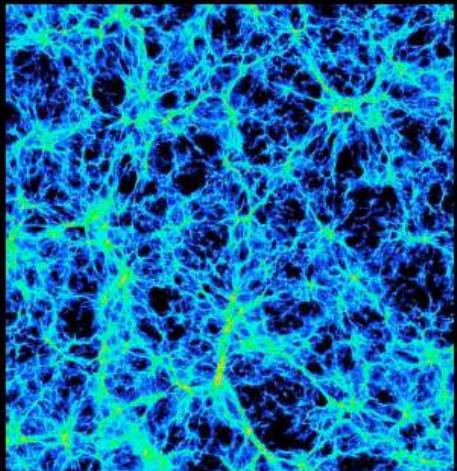
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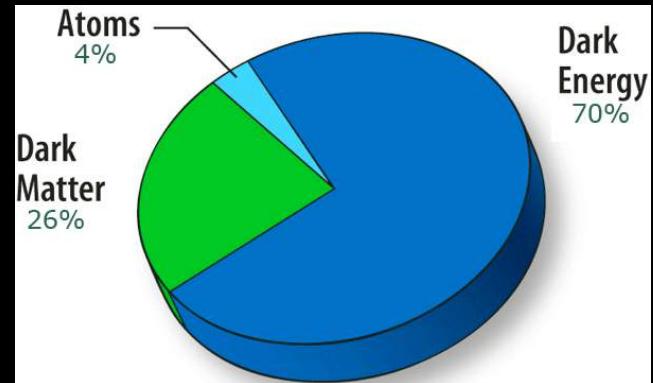
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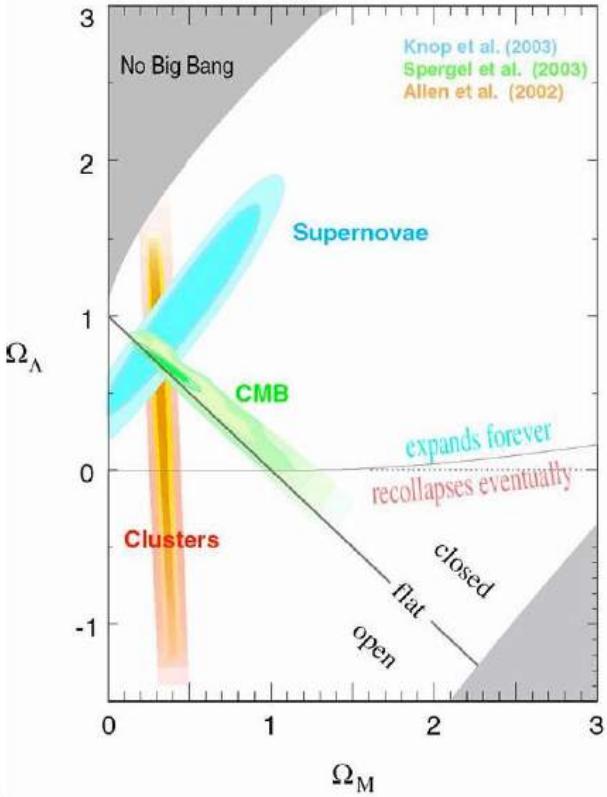
Structure



Lensing



Supernova Cosmology Project



# Dark Matter Candidates

Well motivated:

- ~~neutrino~~ – ‘hot’ DM
- WIMP
- neutralino  $\tilde{\chi}$
- gravitino  $\tilde{G}$
- axion  $a$
- axino  $\tilde{a}$

} **still main candidate**

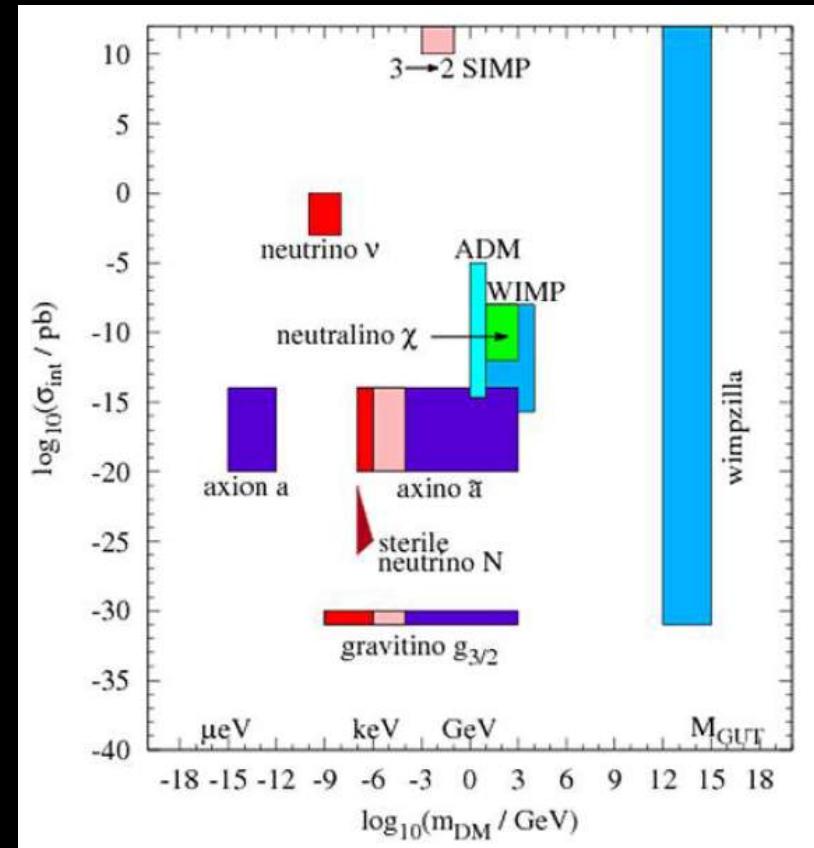
**WIMP** (Weakly Interacting Massive Particle)

- neutral
- long lifetime
- massive (GeV - TeV)
- weakly interacting with matter

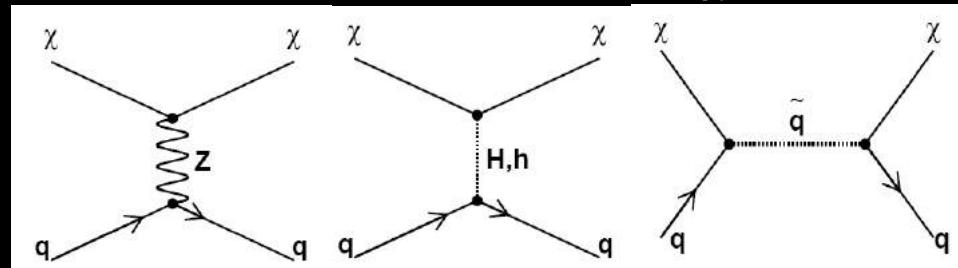
Good WIMP candidate from SUSY  $\rightarrow$  LSP

**neutralino  $\tilde{\chi}$**

$$\tilde{\chi} = a_1 \tilde{\gamma} + a_2 \tilde{Z} + a_3 \tilde{H}_1 + a_4 \tilde{H}_2$$



*Example interactions of neutralino  $\tilde{\chi}$*



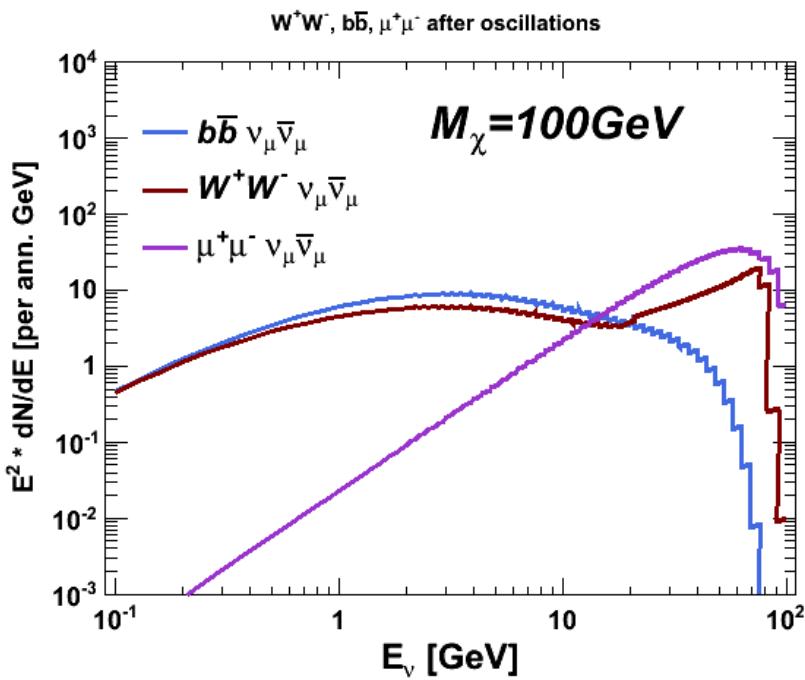
# Signal simulation

Simulate DM signal before detection → DarkSUSY & WimpSim

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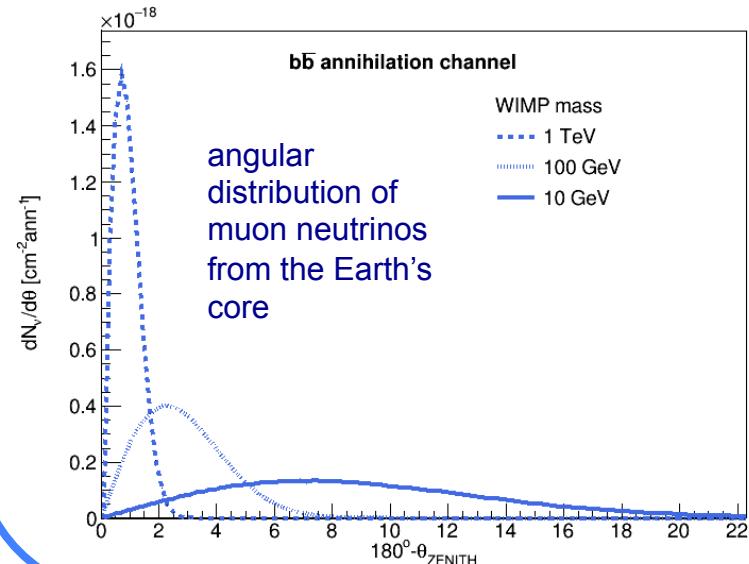
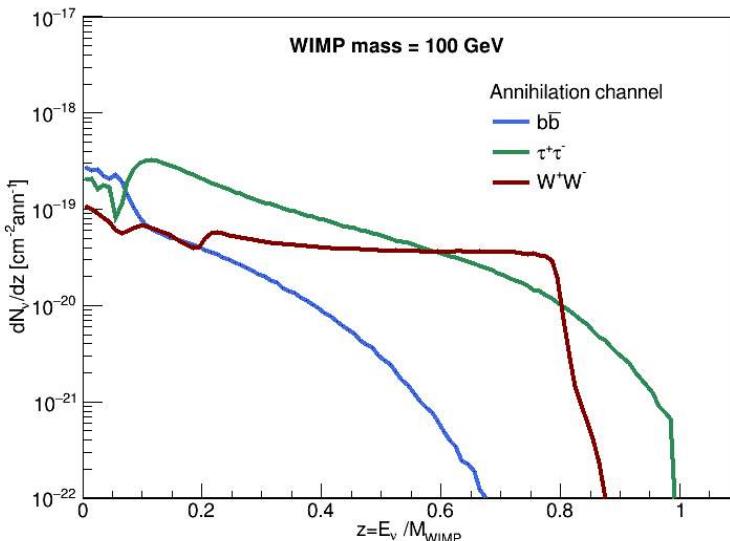
## EXAMPLE: Galactic WIMP search

differential  $\nu_\mu \bar{\nu}_\mu$  energy spectra per DM annihilation for  $M_\chi = 100$  GeV (oscillated throughout Galaxy)



## EXAMPLE: Earth WIMP search

muon neutrino flux produced in WIMP annihilation in the Earth's core



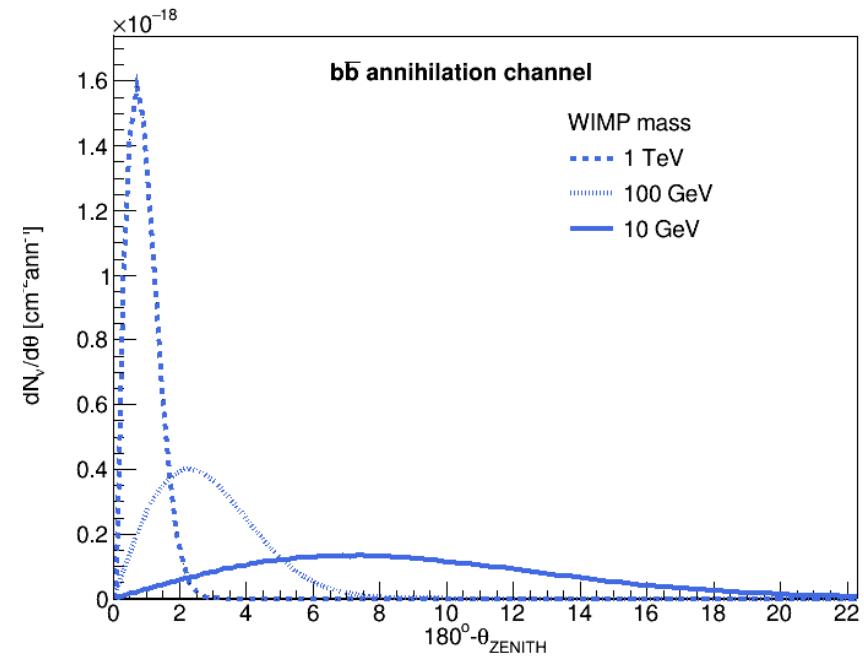
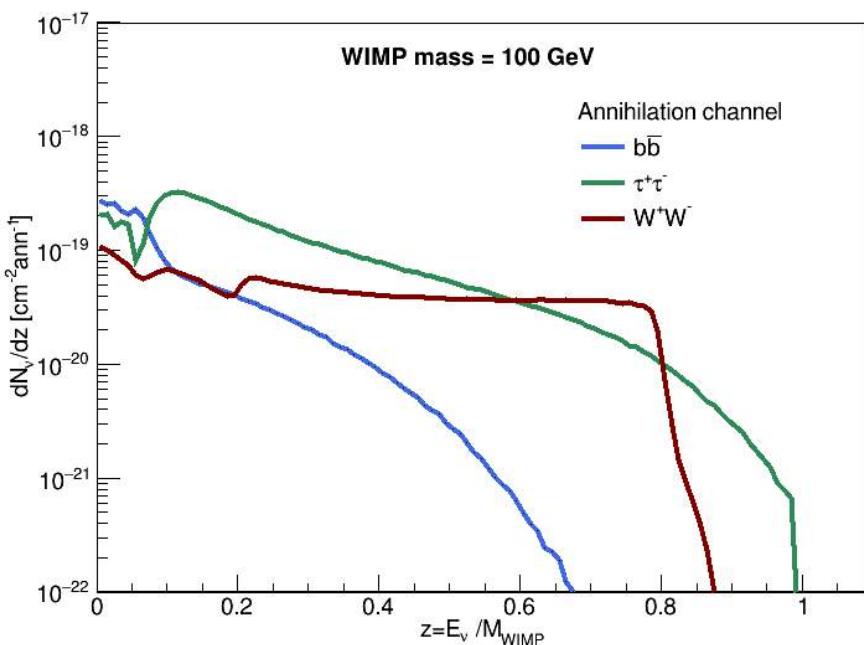
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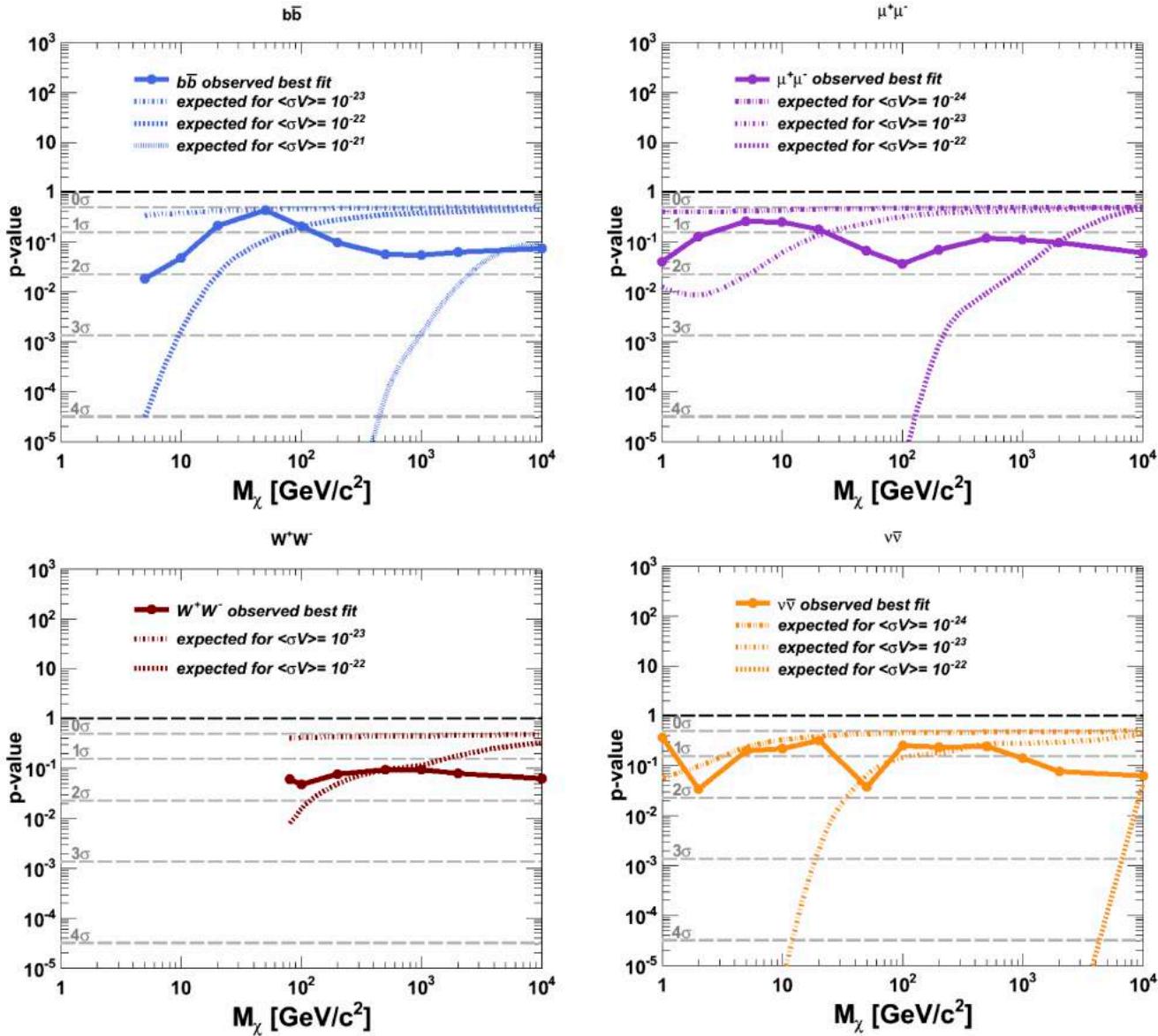
## EXAMPLES

muon neutrino flux produced in WIMP annihilation in the Earth's core

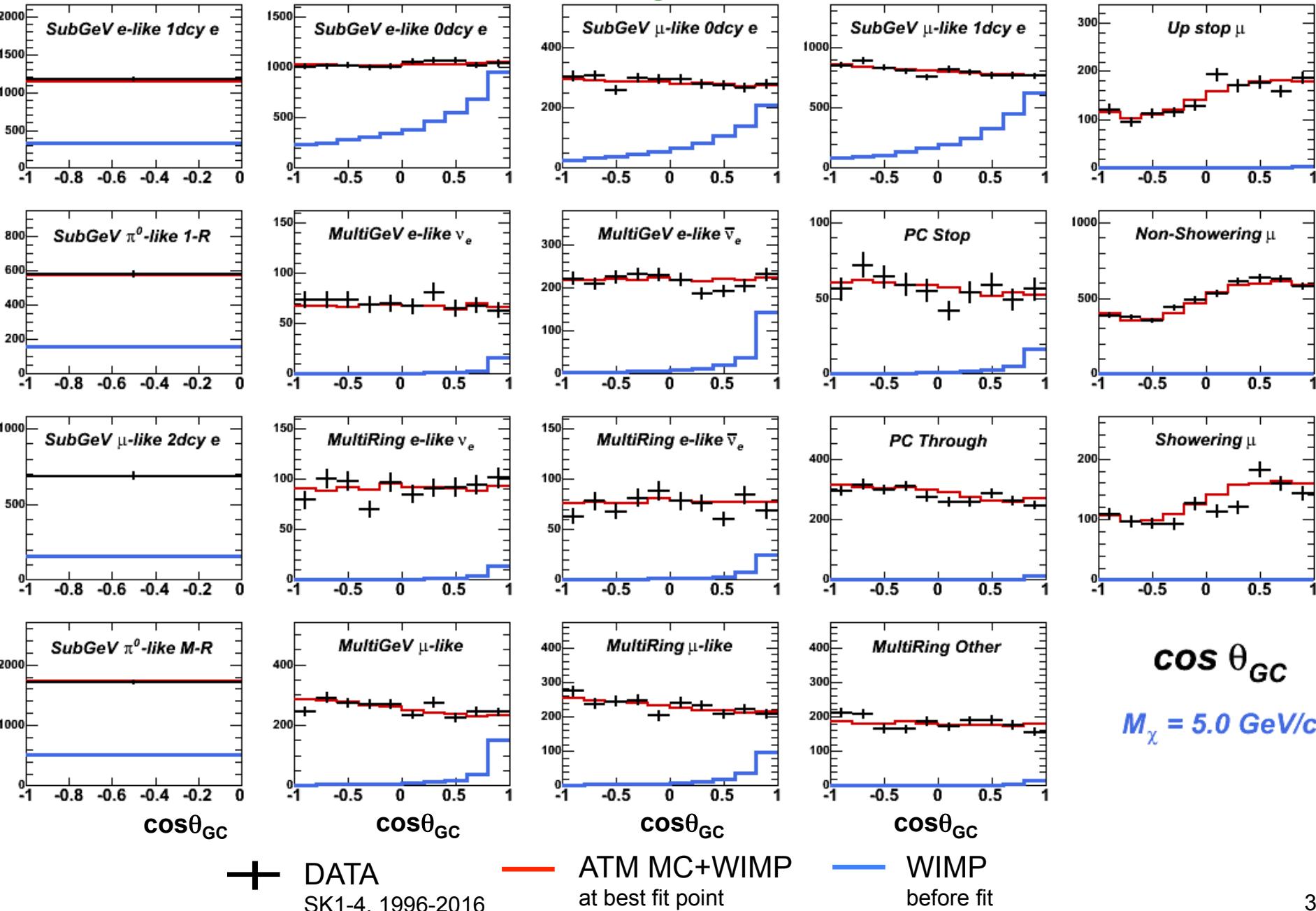


- Energy spectra and angular distribution for each neutrino flavor are calculated for given annihilation channel and assumed WIMP mass
- 3-flavor ν oscillations and interactions included

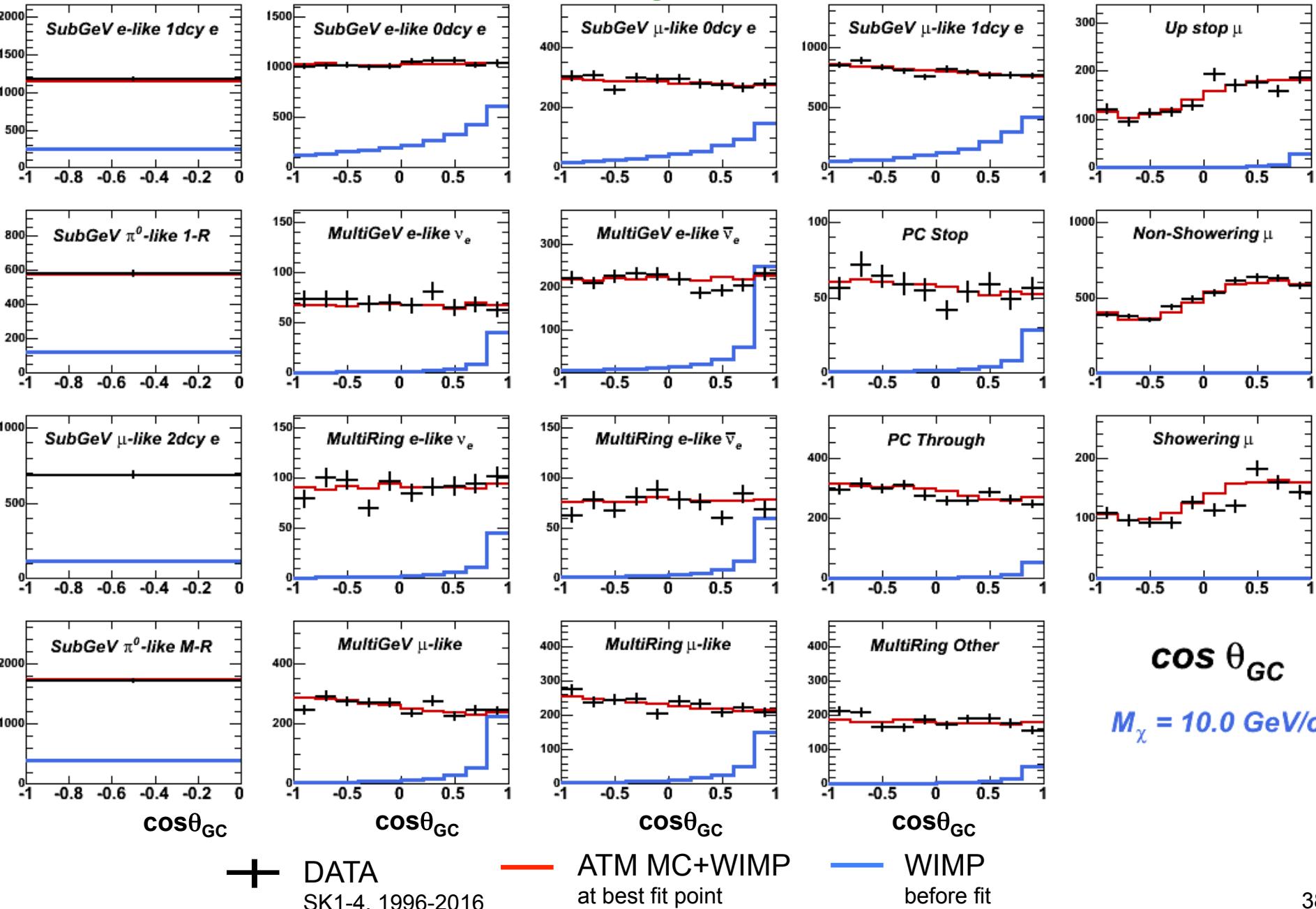
# Galactic WIMP search: p-value's



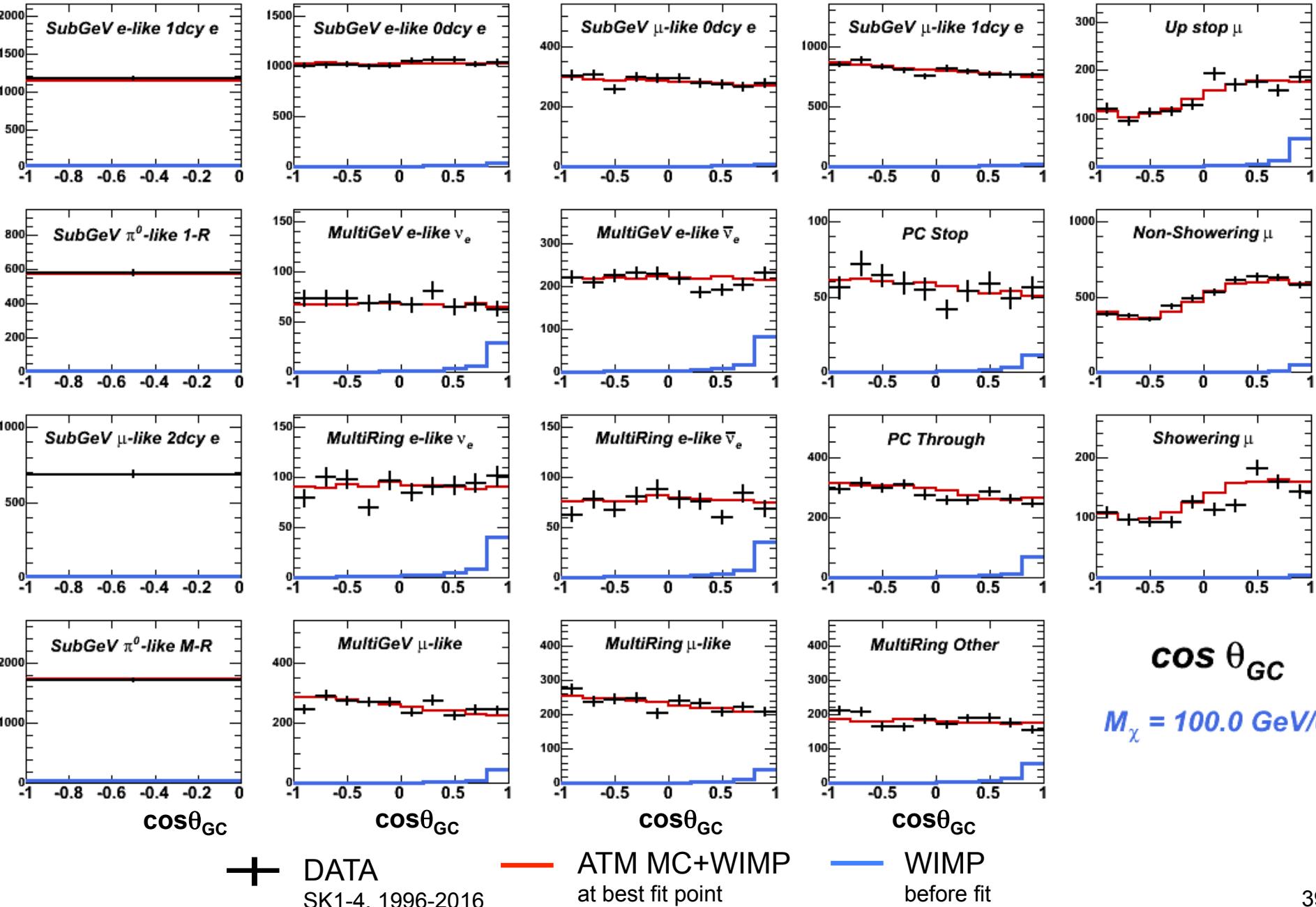
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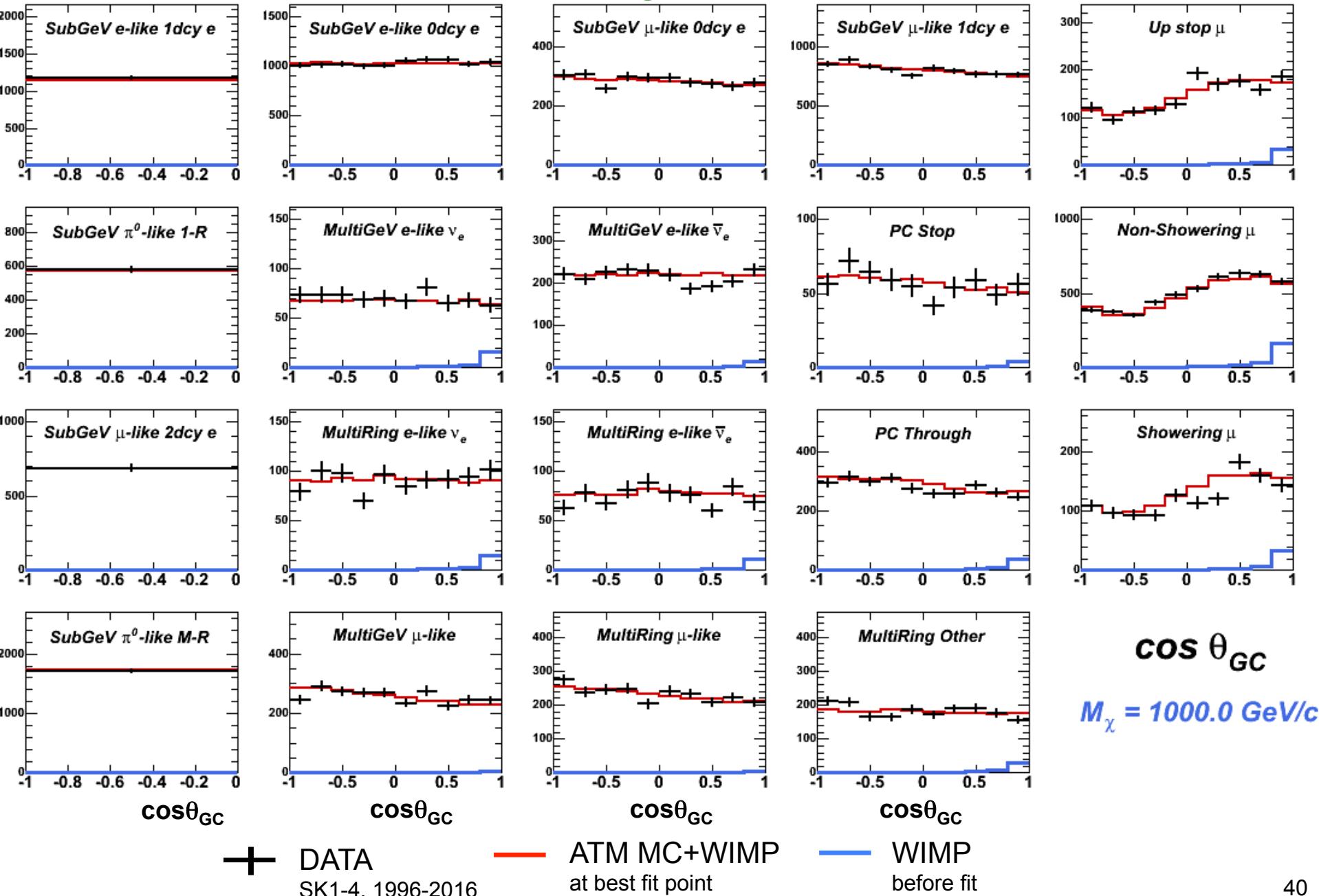
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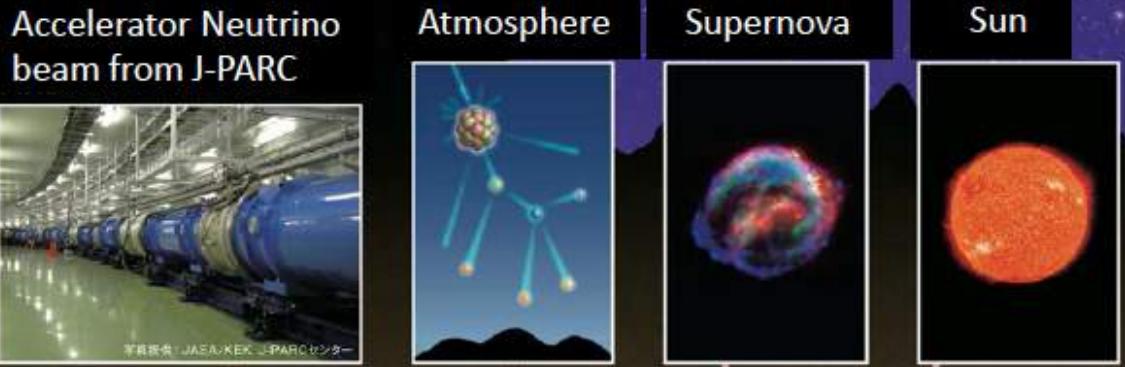


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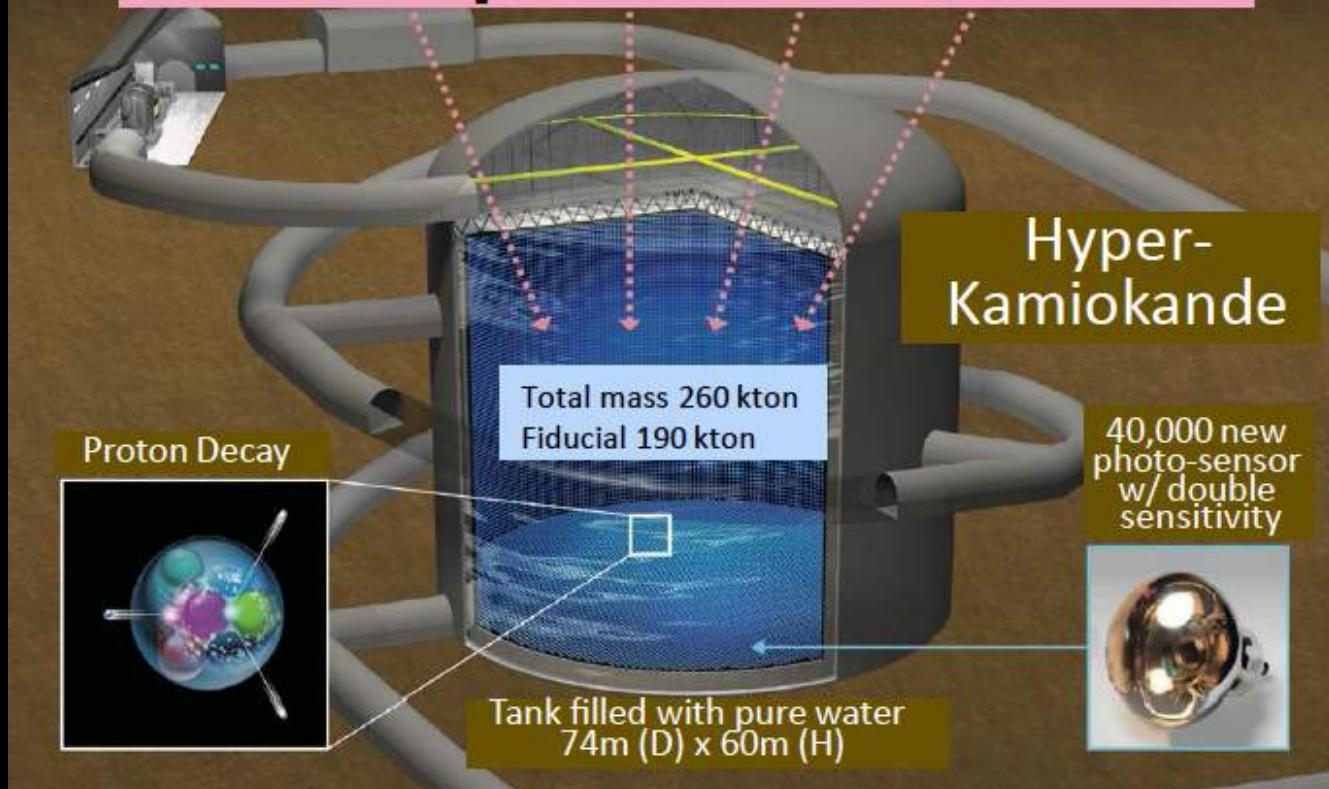


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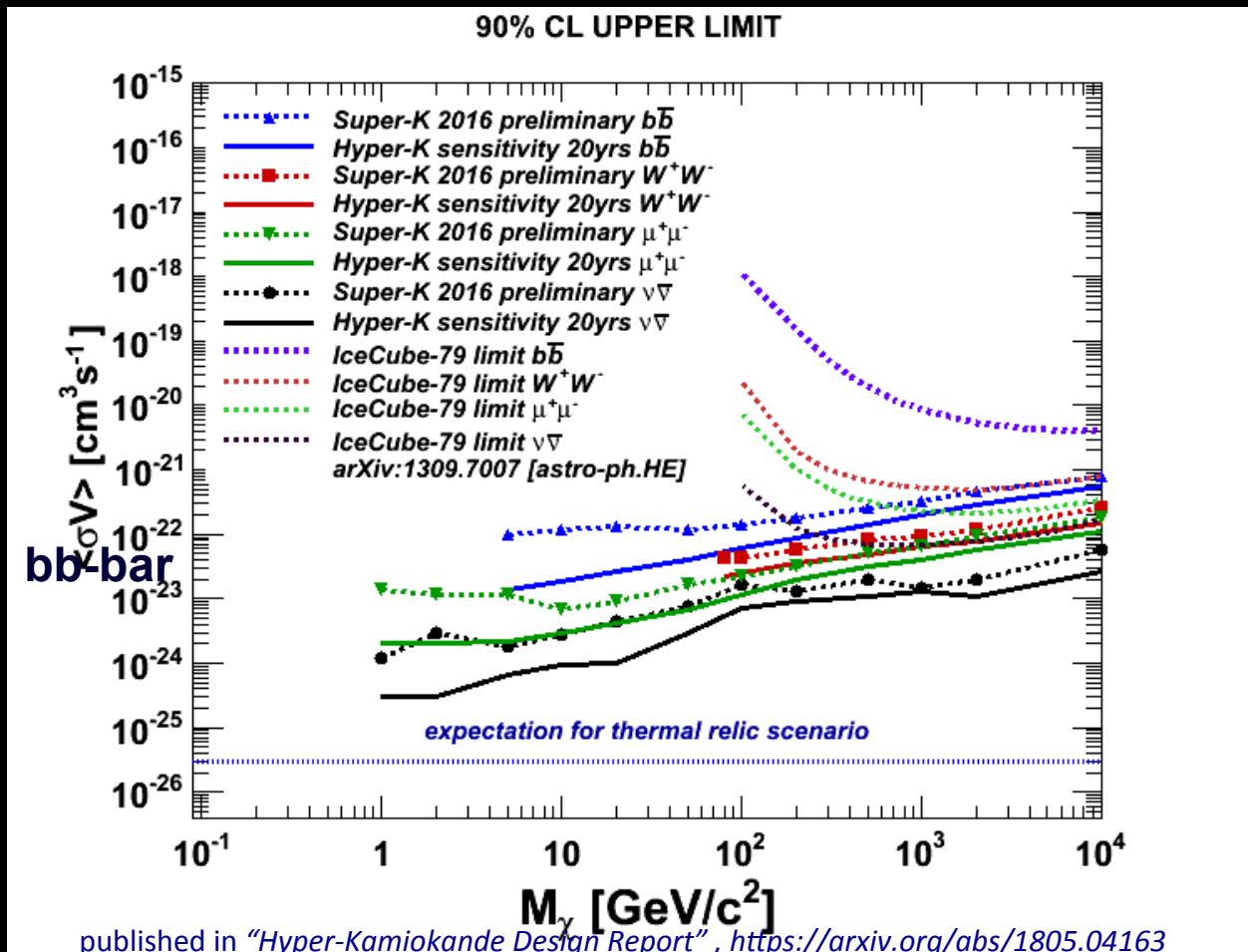
**$\sim 10 \times$  Super-K fiducial mass**



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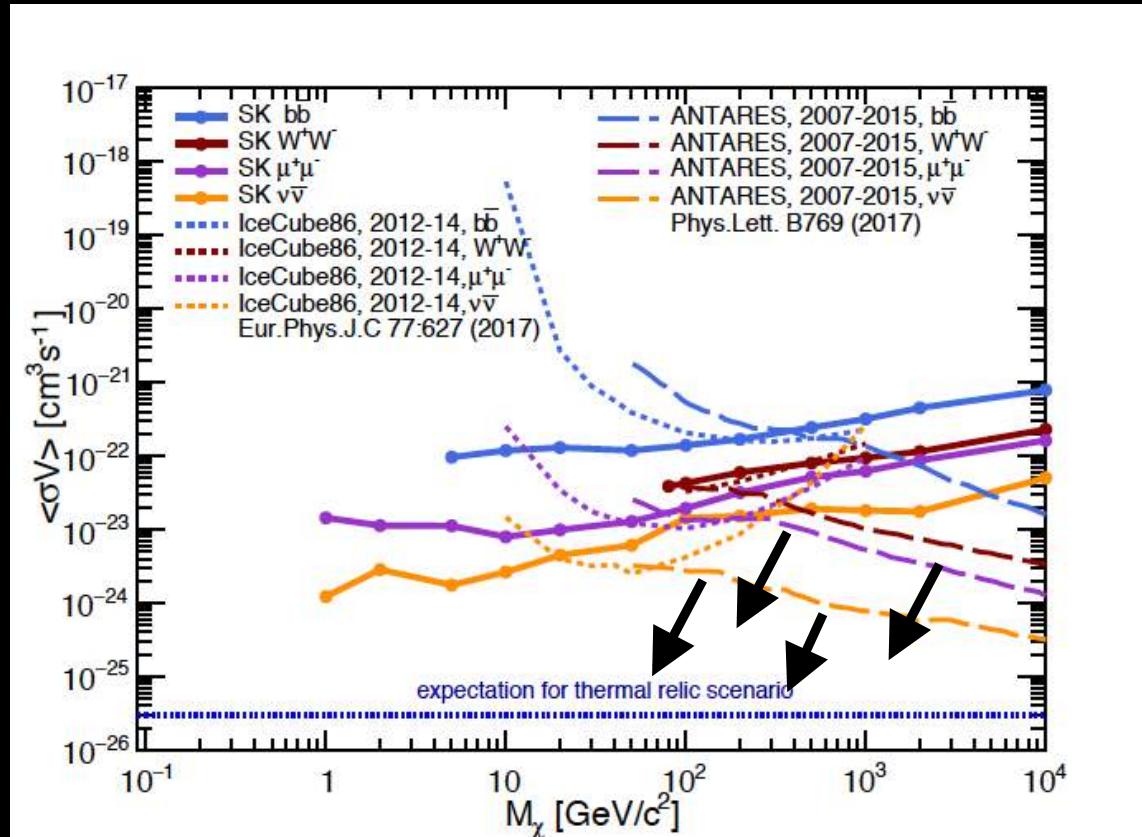
Galactic WIMP search sensitivity  
~3-10x improvement after 20 yrs  
of Hyper-Kamiokande running



Sun & Earth WIMP searches: similar level of improvement is expected

# Prospects at KM3NeT

Strong limits from Antares (0.01km<sup>3</sup>, 12 strings) → great potential of KM3NeT  
(0.1 → ~1km<sup>3</sup>, 230 strings)



Super-K: 0.45 Mton•yrs (current limit)

Hyper-K: 3-10x improv. in 20 yrs

ORCA: 3-10x imprv. in ~ 1 yr (wrt. SK)

ARCA-2 blocks: 30-10<sup>2</sup>x imprv. in ~ 1yr