

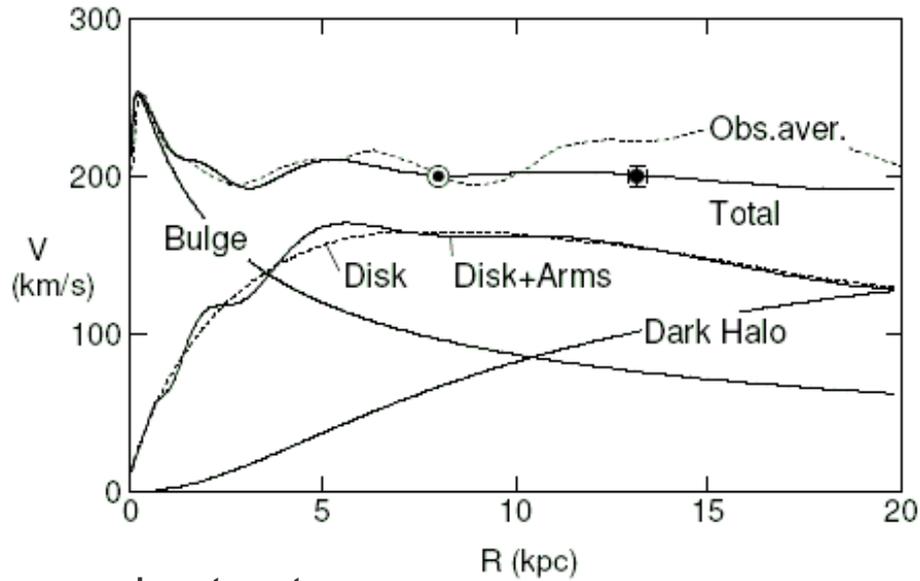
*Dark Matter Induced Neutrinos  
from the Sun*

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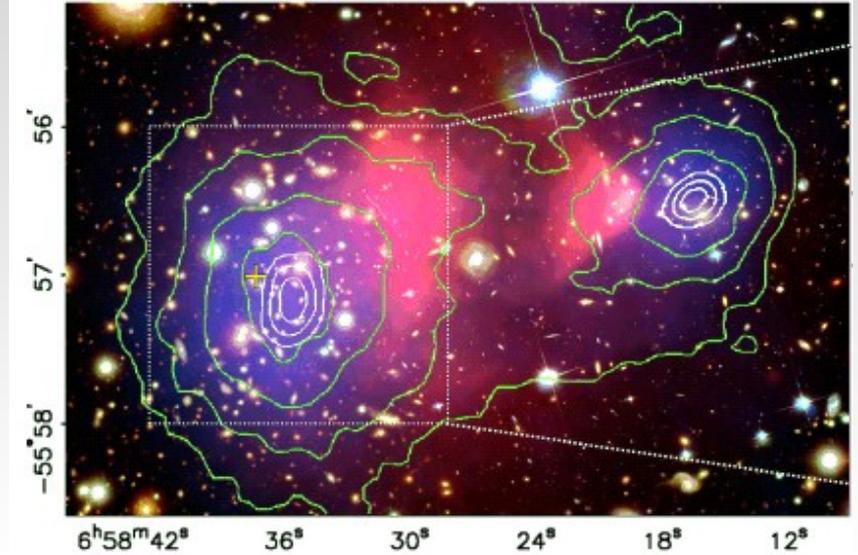
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# Dark Matter Implications

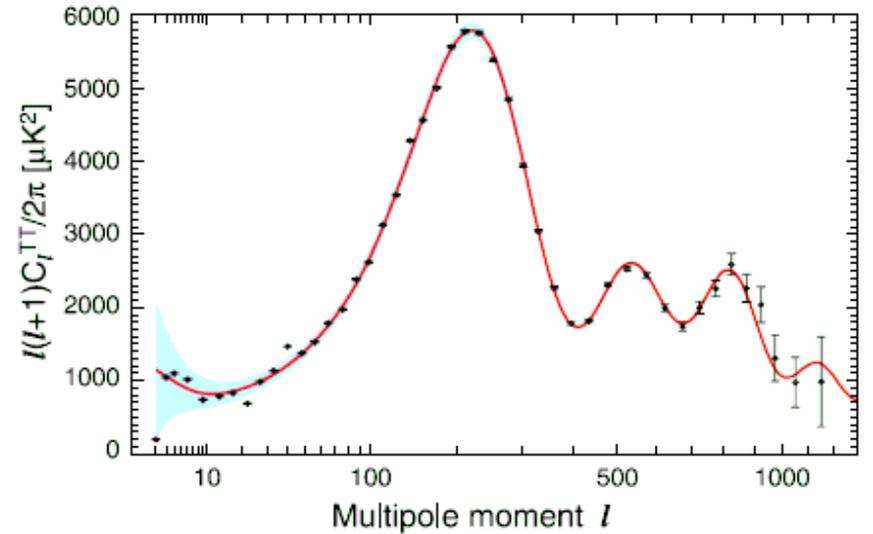
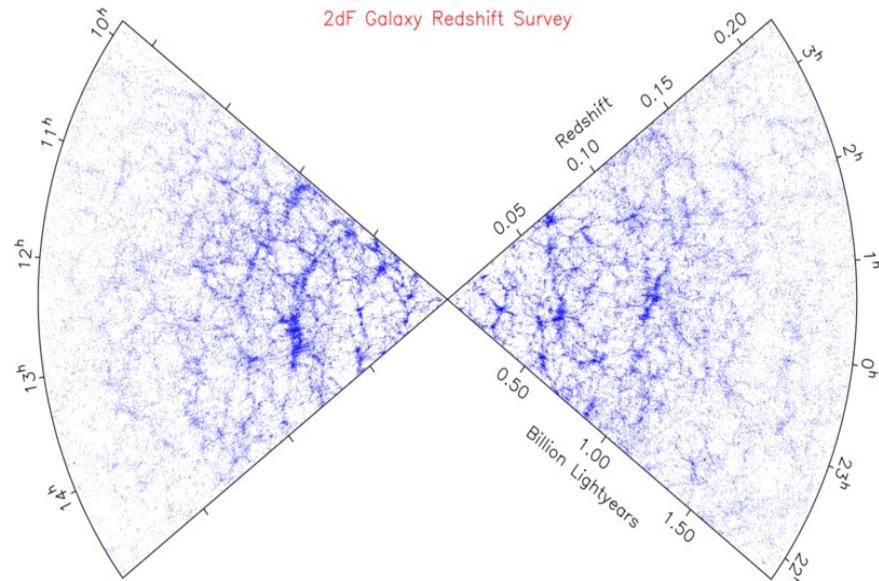
Milky Way rotation curve



1E0657-56 'Bullet cluster'



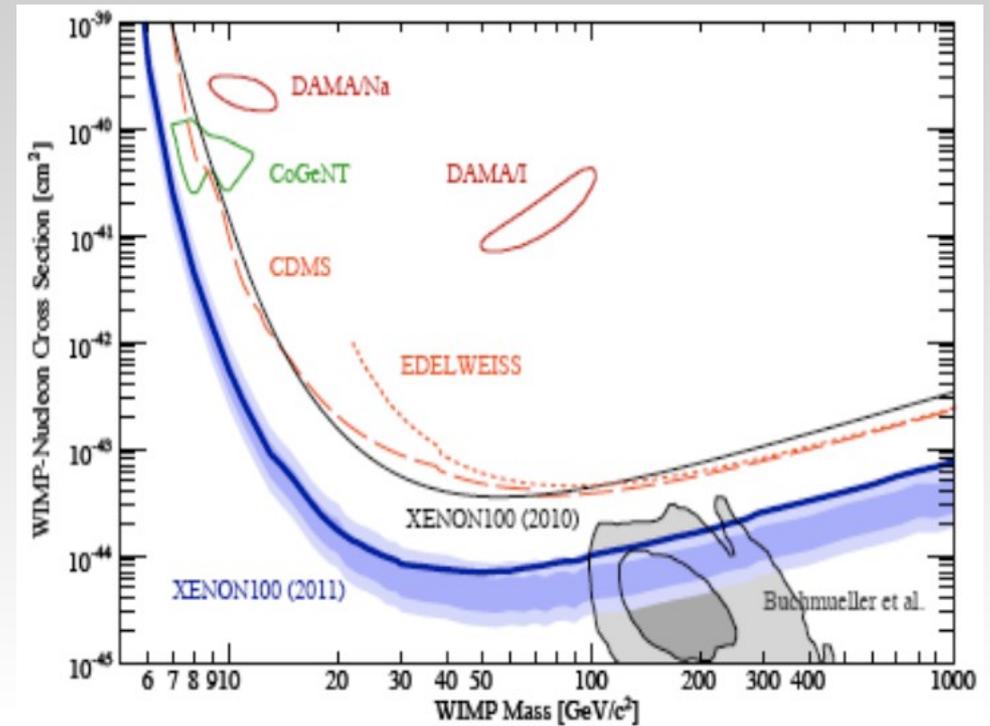
Large scale structure



CMB, WMAP 7 yr

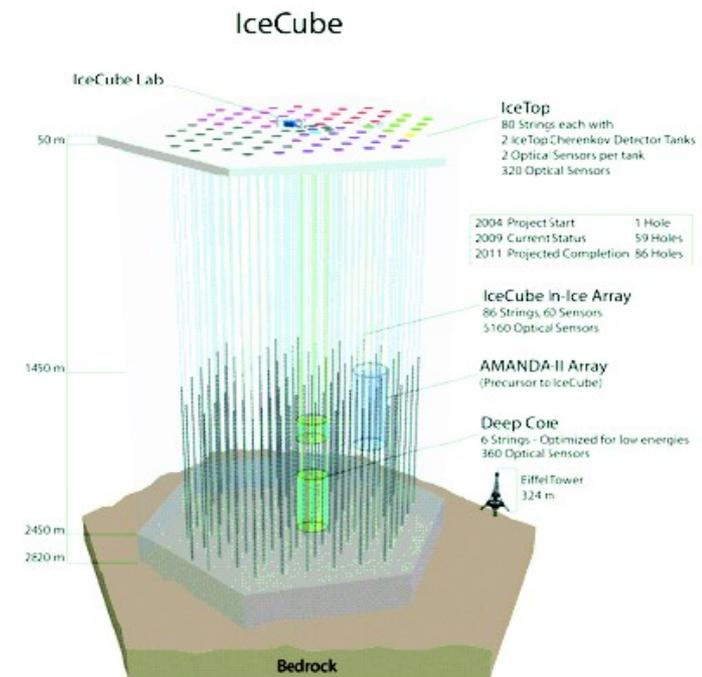
# Searches for DM

**Nuclear recoils:**  
Upper bound on WIMP- nucleon scattering cross-section



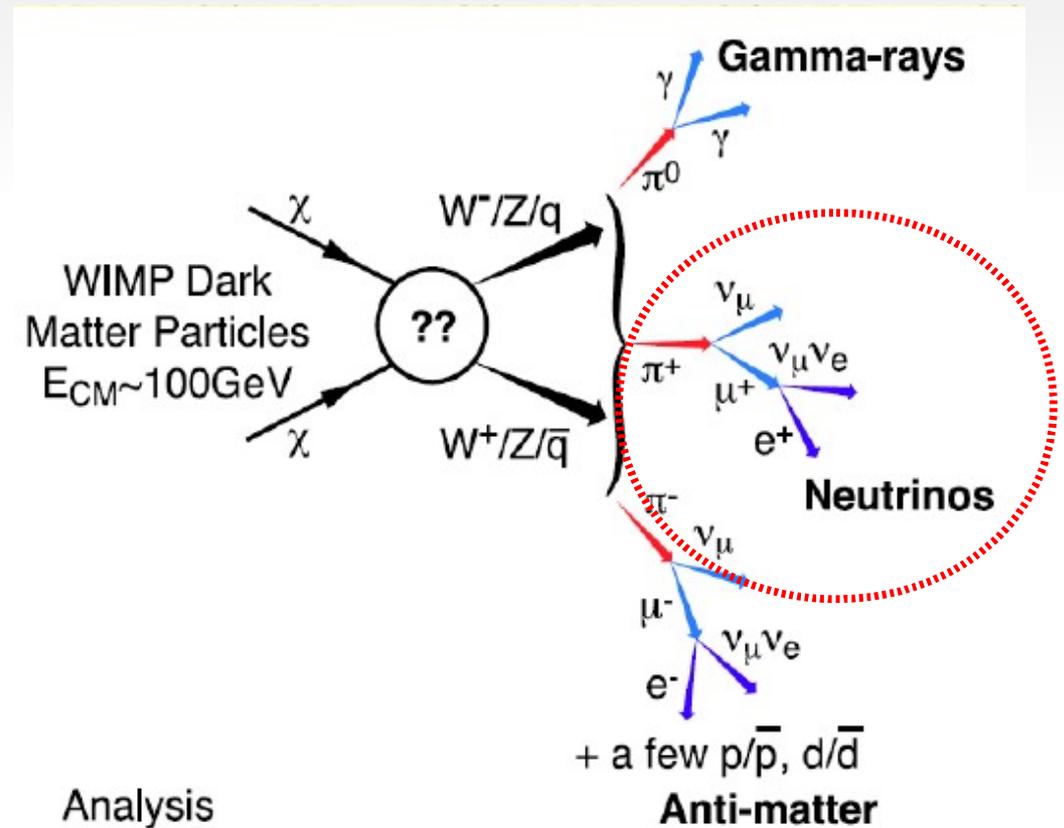
**Collider searches**  
Search for large missing  $E_T$

# Cosmic Ray Experiments

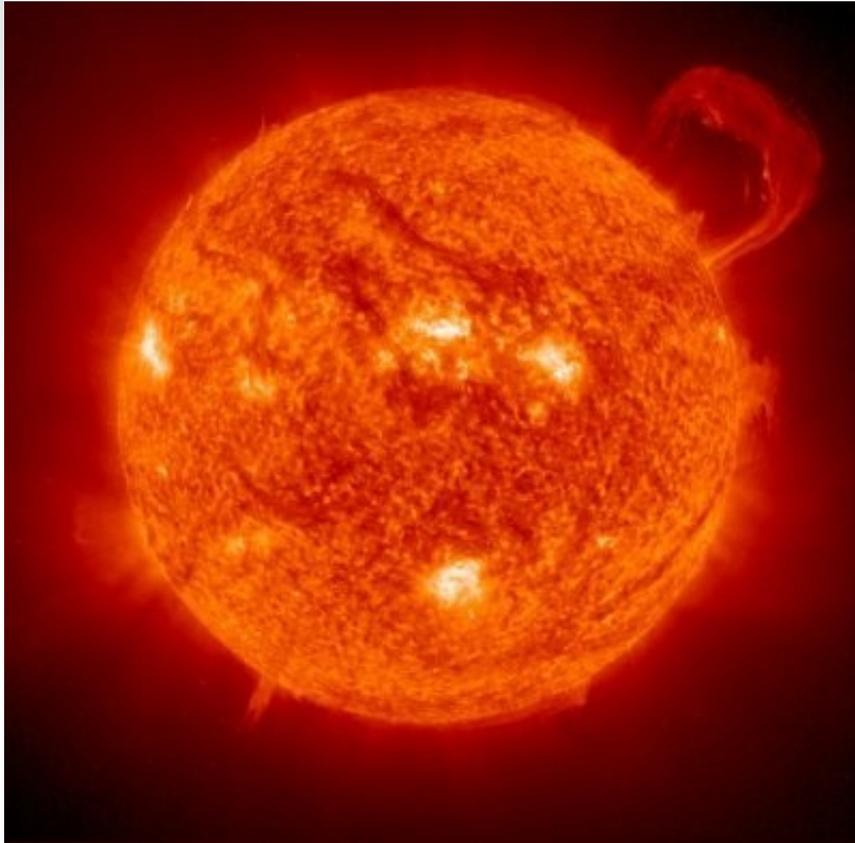


# *What is in the slides...*

- Neutrinos from dark matter annihilations at the center of the Sun



## *Solar DM neutrino signal: three stage process*



- Dark matter capture/annihilation in the Sun
- Neutrino propagation
- Event rates at the IceCube/DeepCore detector

# Wimp Capture

- Solar gravity accelerates pass-by wimps
- WIMP-nuclear scattering: wimp velocity below escape velocity and becomes gravitationally captured

$$\frac{dC_i}{dM}(v) = \frac{\rho_\chi \sigma_i}{m_\chi m_i} \epsilon_i \int d^3u \frac{f(u)}{u} (u^2 + v^2) \mathcal{G}_i(u, v)$$

Velocity distribution \* “capture-scatter” probability  
Gould, 1987

- Chemical composition:  
H, He + heavier elements
- Large escape velocity  
~ 1300 km/s at center, 800 km/s at surface

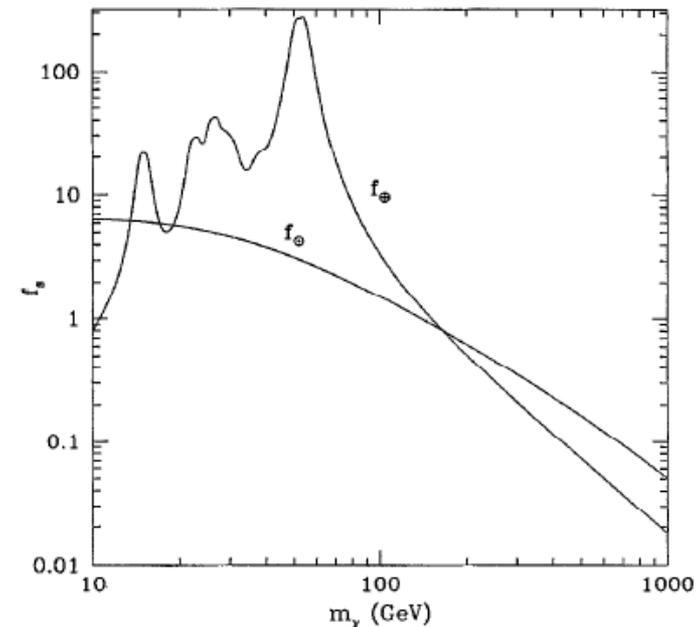
- Spin-dependent scattering:  
mainly off hydrogen
- Spin-independent scattering:  
 $A^4$  enhancement, heavy elements are important

$$C_C^{SI} = 4.8 \times 10^{28} s^{-1} \frac{\rho_{0.3}}{\bar{v}_{270} m_{DM}} \sum_i F_i f_i \phi_i \frac{\sigma_i^{SI}}{m_{N_i}} S \left( \frac{m_{DM}}{m_{N_i}} \right)$$

$$C_C^{SD} = 1.3 \times 10^{29} s^{-1} \frac{\rho_{0.3}}{\bar{v}_{270} m_{DM}} \sigma_H^{SD} S \left( \frac{m_{DM}}{m_{N_i}} \right)$$

J.K.G. 1996

- Kinematical factor  $S(m_X/m_N)$ :  
wimp mass close to abundant  
nuclear masses receives a bonus



# *Thermalization*

- Solar center temperature:  $10^7$  K

equilibrium  $r \sim 1/1000$  solar radius

- Wimps wimps lose energy and settle inside the Sun

*Thermal equilibrium*: stopping time  $\ll$  solar age

## *Annihilation in the center*

- Small region near the solar center
- Non-relativistic annihilation, velocity suppression, Sommerfeld enhancement may apply

DM density evolution equation

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

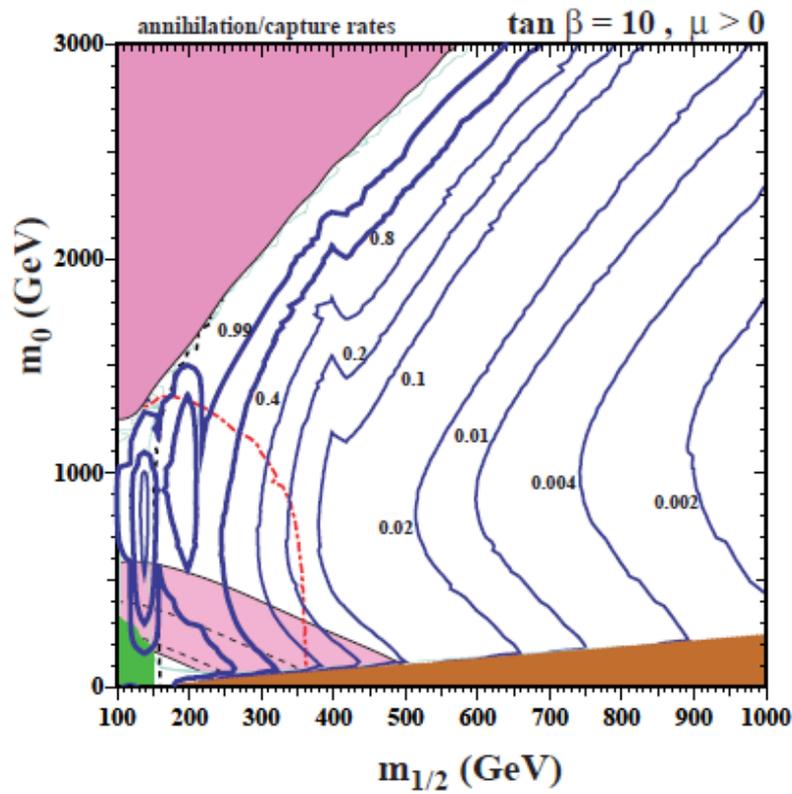
The diagram shows the equation  $\frac{dN}{dt} = C - C_E N - C_A N^2$  with three arrows pointing from labels below to terms in the equation: 'capture' points to  $C$ , 'evaporation' points to  $-C_E N$ , and 'annihilation' points to  $-C_A N^2$ .

# Equilibrium!

- DM density builds up over time
- Annihilation negates capture rate

$$C_A = \langle \sigma_A v \rangle \left( \frac{3kT_c}{2Gm_\chi \rho_c} \right)^{-3/2}$$

$$2\Gamma = C \tanh^2 \left( \frac{t_\odot}{\tau} \right) \quad \tau = 1/\sqrt{CC_A}$$



Equilibrium isn't always reached!

J. Ellis, et. al. 2009

# *Neutrino Propagation*

- Standard 3-gen propagation:

vac oscillation+ matter effects + scattering

$$\frac{d\rho}{dr} = -i [\mathbf{H}, \rho] - \left. \frac{d\rho}{dr} \right|_{NC,CC}$$

$$\mathbf{H} = \frac{1}{2E_\nu} \mathbf{V} \text{diag} (0, \delta m_{21}^2, \delta m_{31}^2) \mathbf{V}^\dagger \pm \sqrt{2} G_F n_e \text{diag}(1, 0, 0)$$

Oscillation is independent of the absolute nu mass scale

matter effect term flip sign between nu and anti-nu

diagonal terms are conserved inside homogeneous medium

## *DM neutrinos from the Solar center ...*

- Low production rate: incoherent at the source
- Each  $\nu$  propagates on its own: mixed flavors can be propagated separately, independent of initial phases
- Time/spatial averaging: removing oscillatory (off-diagonal) terms on the mass basis

## *Collisions: (NC+CC)*

- Neutral current (NC) scattering
  - t-channel Z exchange
  - flavor independent
  - soften neutrino spectrum
  
- Charged current (CC) scattering
  - t-channel W exchange
  - flavor independent for  $E > m_l$
  - neutrino flux attenuation
  - regeneration

# *Tau regeneration*

- Neutrino regeneration:



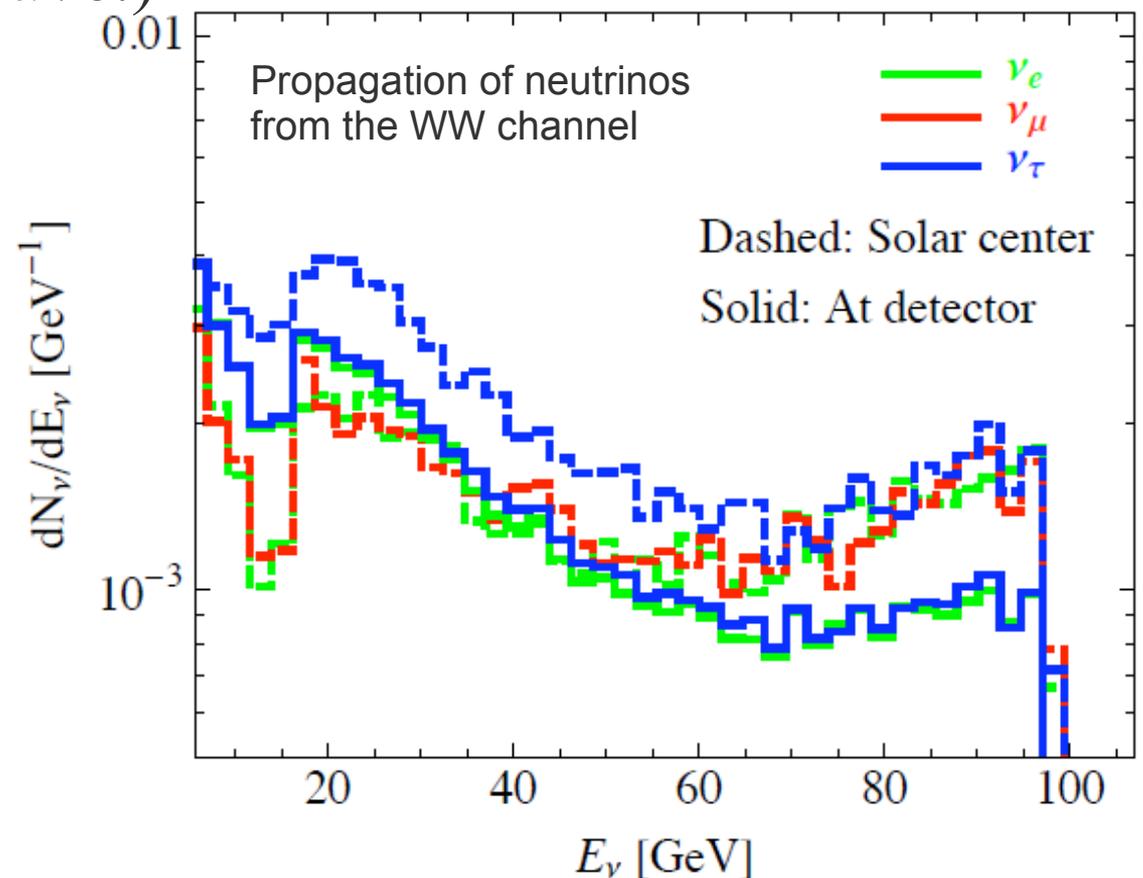
- $\tau$  decay's leptonic branching: 36%

$\nu_\tau$  re-gen creates secondary  $e, \mu$  anti-neutrinos

- $\nu_\mu$  regeneration negligible

# Propagation effects

- Spectra smeared towards lower energy
- Fully mixed  $\nu_\mu \nu_\tau$ : almost identical spectra at the solar surface (on ave.)
- Vacuum oscillation: Only the diagonal terms inside  $\rho$  are kept



*Spin-correlated calculation  
of the neutrino source spectrum*

Madgraph/Pythia/Calchep

# *Annihilation channels*

- Monotonic neutrinos

$$\chi\chi \longrightarrow \nu\bar{\nu}$$

“Hard channels”

- Gauge boson production

$$\chi\chi \longrightarrow WW, ZZ, Zh, \dots$$

- Heavy fermion production

$$\chi\chi \longrightarrow \tau\bar{\tau}, c\bar{c}, b\bar{b}, t\bar{t}$$

“Soft channels”

# Spin correlation

- Non-relativistic chirality suppression  
 $\bar{\nu}\nu$  channel forbidden for self-conjugate spin-1/2 or spin-0 wimps;
- Polarization in W Z decays

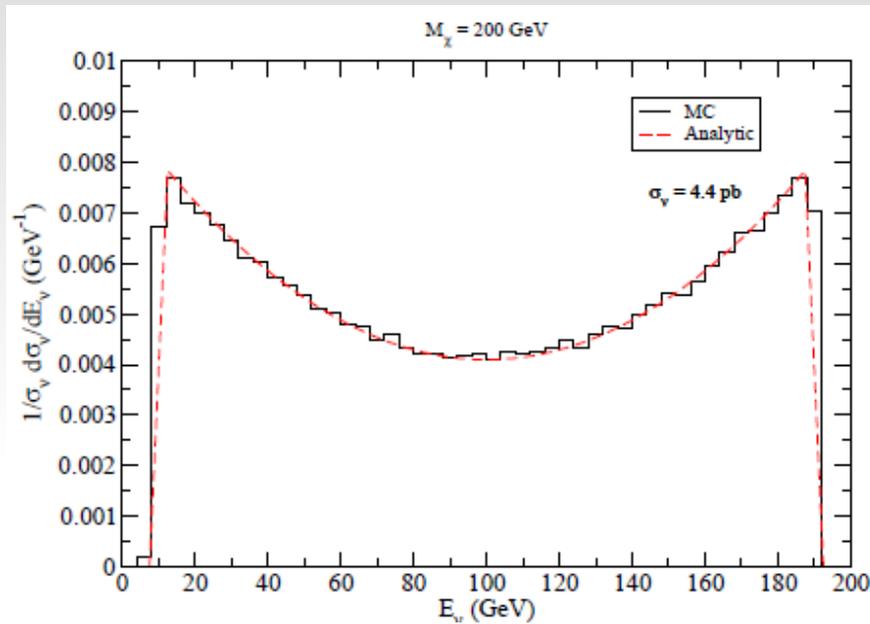
spin	s-channel Higgs	t, u-channel fermion	t, u-channel boson
0	LL, TT	X	LL
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	TT	X
1	LL, TT	X	LL, TT

Wai-Yee Keung, et. al. 2008

- $\tau$  helicity

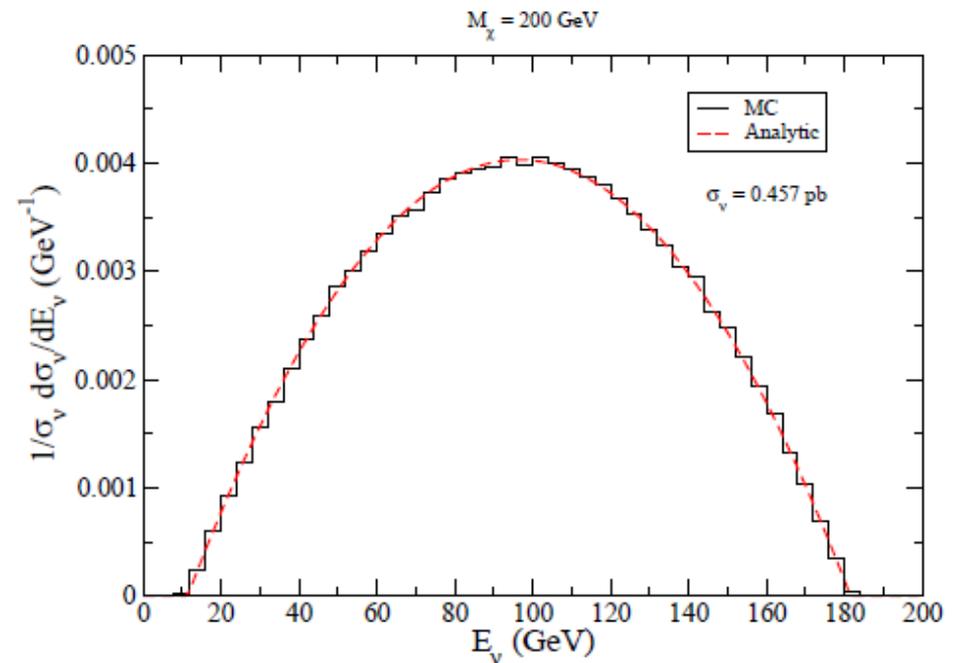
Transverse W/Z and left-handed  $\tau$   
 produce harder neutrino spectra

# *W/Z polarization*



Longitudinal polarization:  
Convex  $\nu$  spectrum  
Example:  $\chi\chi \rightarrow Zh$

Transverse polarization:  
Concave  $\nu$  spectrum  
Example:  $\chi\chi \rightarrow W^+W^-$

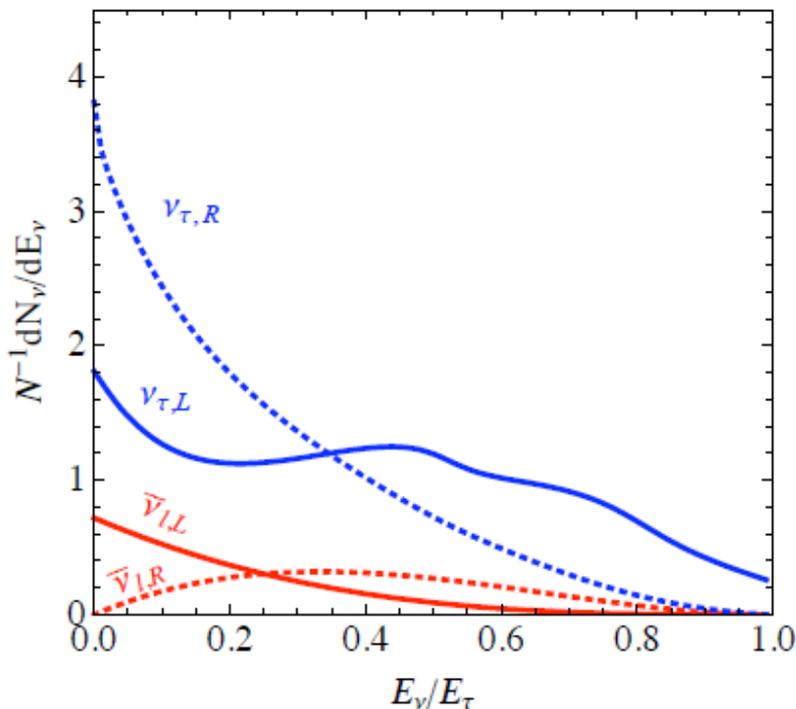


# Handedness in tau decay

- Higher neutrino production rate from (left)right-handed (anti-)taus

$P$ :  $\tau$  helicity number

$$\frac{1}{N_0} \frac{dN}{dy} = g_0(y) + P g_1(y)$$



Decay mode ( $\nu_{\tau}$ )	BF	$g_0(y)$	$g_1(y)$
$\nu_{\tau} \ell \bar{\nu}_{\ell}$	0.18	$\frac{5}{3} - 3y^2 + \frac{4}{3}y^3$	$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{8}{3}y^3 - 3y^2$
$\nu_{\tau} \pi$	0.12	$\frac{1}{1-r_{\pi}} \theta(1 - r_{\pi} - y)$	$-\frac{2y-1+r_{\pi}}{(1-r_{\pi})^2} \theta(1 - r_{\pi} - y)$
$\nu_{\tau} a_1$	0.13	$\int_y^1 f_0^*(x) x^{-1} dx$	$\int_y^1 (y - 2x) f_1^*(x) x^{-2} dx$
$\nu_{\tau} \rho$	0.26	$\int_y^1 f_0^*(x) x^{-1} dx$	$\int_y^1 (y - 2x) f_1^*(x) x^{-2} dx$
$\nu_{\tau} X$	0.13	$\int_y^1 f_X(x) x^{-1} dx$	0
Decay mode ( $\bar{\nu}_l$ )	BF	$g_0(y)$	$g_1(y)$
$\nu_{\tau} \ell \bar{\nu}_{\ell}$	0.18	$2 - 6y^2 + 4y^3$	$-2 + 12y - 18y^2 + 8y^3$

$f(x)$ : neutrino spectrum harmonics in  $\tau$ 's rest frame  
 asterisk: smeared  $f$  functions by particle width

## *Absorptions in the Sun*

- Muons, light hadrons are completely absorbed before decay
- c, b hadrons may decay before scattering
- Elastic scattering / inelastic scattering / decay probabilities calculated during showering Monte Carlo

# Numerical implementation

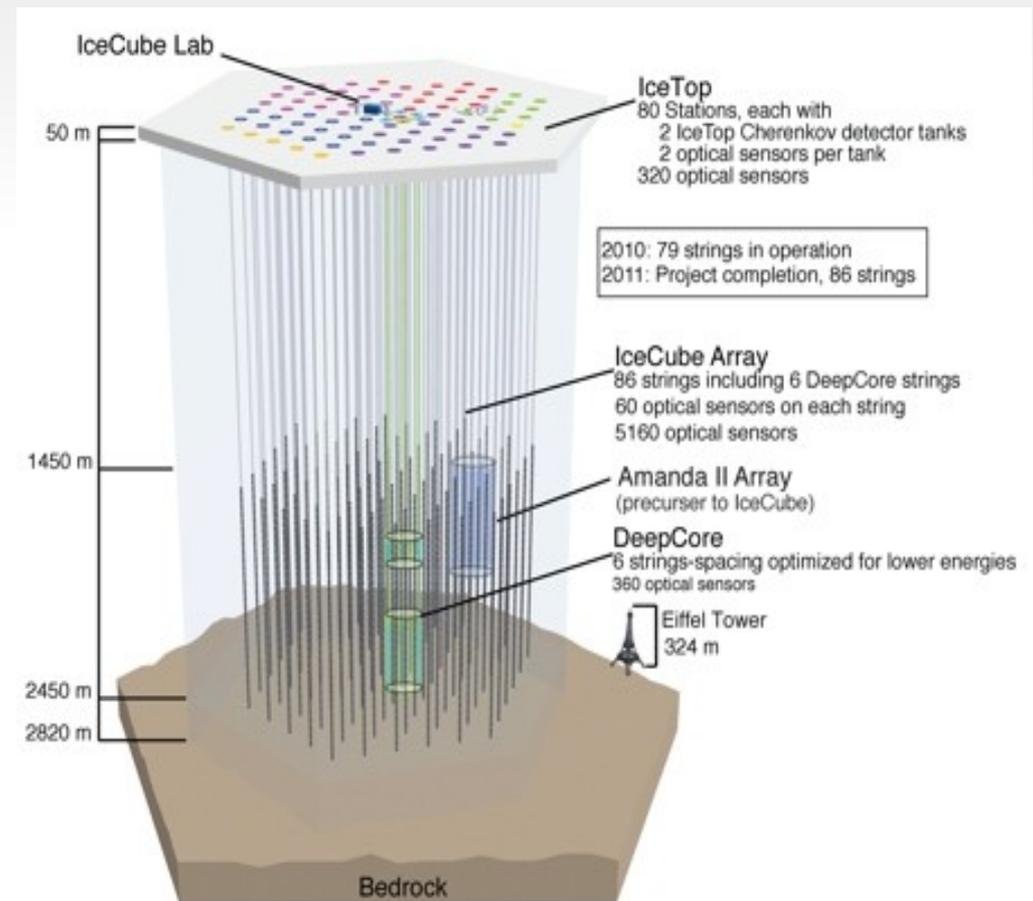
- Parton level @ Madgraph/ Calchep
- Showered by Pythia6
- $\tau$  helicity decay treated separately
- Modified Pythia shower for b,c hadron absorption

Channel	Final state
$W^+W^-$	$W^{+*}\bar{\nu}_\tau\tau^-, W^{+*}s\bar{c}, W^{+*}d\bar{c}$
$t\bar{t}$	$t^*\bar{b}\bar{\nu}_\tau\tau^-, t^*\bar{b}s\bar{c}, t^*\bar{b}d\bar{c}$
$ZZ$	$Z^*\tau^+\tau^-, Z^*\nu_l^+\nu_l^-, Z^*b\bar{b}, Z^*c\bar{c}$
$Zh$	$h^*\tau^+\tau^-, h^*\nu_l^+\nu_l^-, h^*b\bar{b}, h^*c\bar{c},$ $Z^*\tau^+\tau^-, Z^*b\bar{b}, Z^*c\bar{c}$
$\tau^+\tau^-$	$\tau^+\tau^-$
$b\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}$
$c\bar{c}$	$c\bar{c}$

Particles with \* are made stable inside shower

# *Neutrino events at IceCube/DeepCore*

- Cerenkov detector at the South Pole
- Good  $\nu_{\mu}$  angular resolution
- Low energy threshold (DeepCore)
- Known atmospheric background (Super-K)



## *Event categories*

- (Contained events) Muon tracks initiated inside detector

$$\frac{d\phi_\mu}{dE_\mu d\Omega} = V(E_\mu) \eta(\theta_z) \int_{E_\mu}^{E_\nu^{max}} dE_\nu \sum_{i=\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu} n_{n/p} \frac{d\sigma_i^{n/p}(E_\nu, E_\mu)}{dE_\mu} \frac{d\phi_\nu^i}{dE_\nu}$$

- (Up-going events) muon tracks initiated outside detector

$$\frac{d\phi_\mu}{dE_\mu d\Omega} = A_\mu(E_\mu, \theta_z) \int_0^\infty dz \int_{E_\mu}^{E_\nu} dE_\mu^0 P(E_\mu^0, E_\mu; z) \int_{E_\mu}^{E_\nu^{max}} dE_\nu \sum_{i=\nu_\mu, \bar{\nu}_\mu} n_{n/p} \frac{d\sigma_i^{n/p}(E_\nu, E_\mu^0)}{dE_\mu^0} \frac{d\phi_\nu^i}{dE_\nu}$$

- (Cascade events) hadronic showers, poor angular res.

## *'up-going events': muon propagation*

- Muon loses energy before reaching the detector
- Important for thin detectors (Amanda)
- Muon propagation:

$$v_{\mu} \partial_z \phi_{\mu}(E_{\mu}, z) = - \int_0^{E_{\mu}} dE'_{\mu} \phi_{\mu}(E'_{\mu}, z) n(z) \frac{d\sigma(E_{\mu}, E'_{\mu})}{dE'_{\mu}} + \int_{E_{\mu}}^{E_{max}} dE''_{\mu} \phi_{\mu}(E''_{\mu}, z) n(z) \frac{d\sigma(E''_{\mu}, E_{\mu})}{dE''_{\mu}} + \partial_{E_{\mu}}(\alpha(E_{\mu})\phi_{\mu}(E_{\mu}, t))$$

- Muon energy loss calculation

$$\text{Average } E_{\text{loss}} : \quad \frac{dE_{\mu}}{dz} = -\rho(\alpha + \beta E_{\mu})$$

MMC (monte carlo)

## *Background: atmospheric neutrinos*

- Neutrinos from cosmic ray hitting atmosphere as the major background for up-ward neutrinos
- Dominantly  $\nu_\mu$  and  $\nu_e$  (from hadronic shower)
- Measured by Super-Kamiokande [\[Honda, 2006\]](#)

### Tracking the Sun

$$\theta_z(t) = 90^\circ + 23.43^\circ \sin(2\pi t) \quad (0 \leq t \leq 0.5)$$

$t$ : time of the year

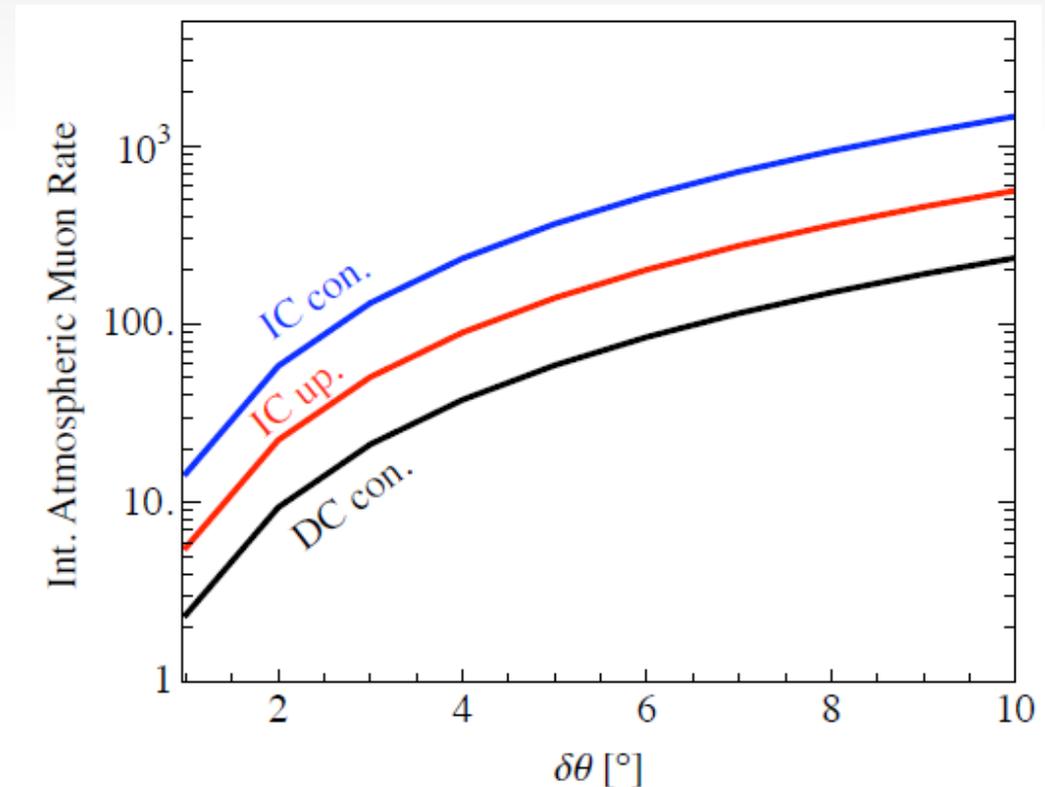
# *Point source against angular resolution*

- Angular resolution limited by kinematics at low energy
- Atm. flux increases as  $\delta\theta^2$

Bkg muon events at  $\delta\theta=1^\circ$

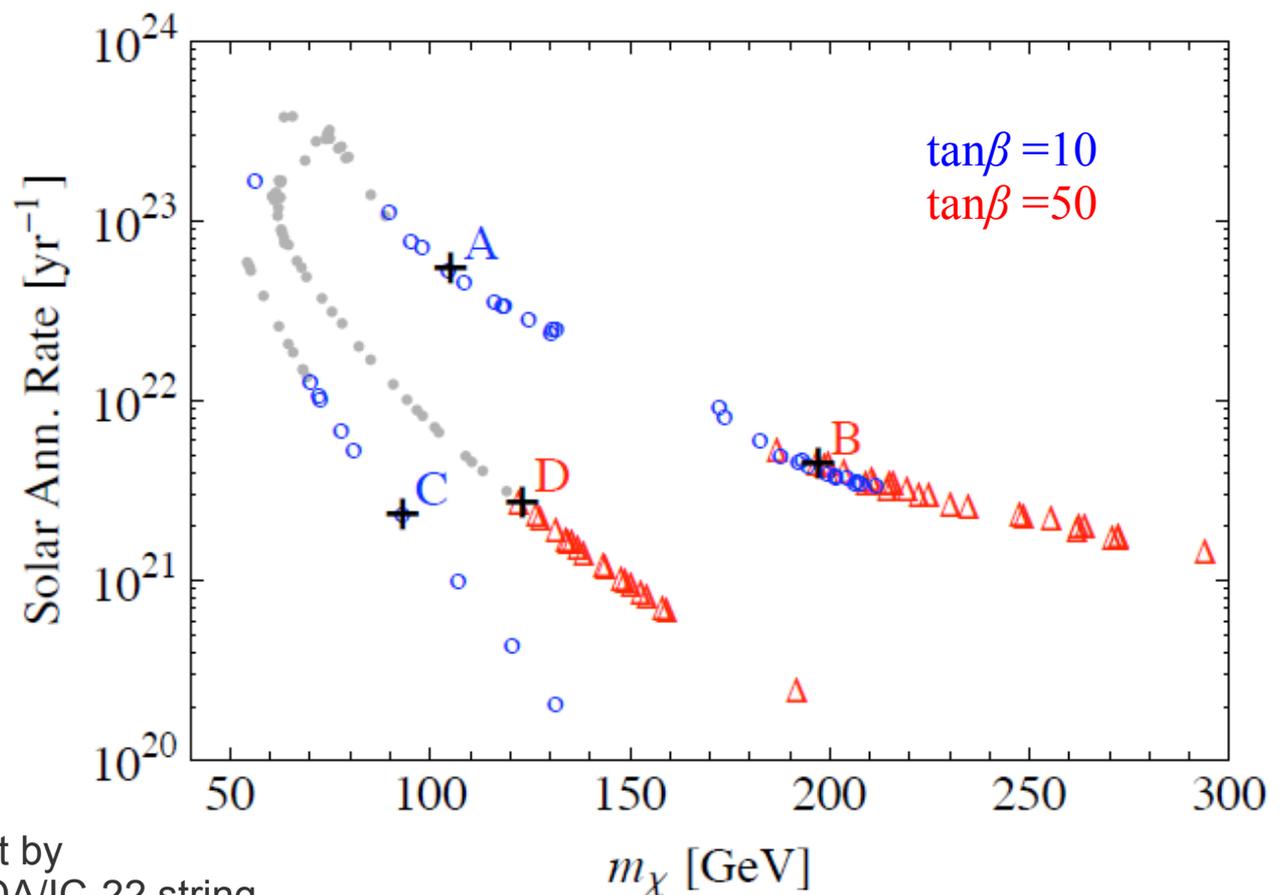
	Event # [(half) yr <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\mu$ threshold [GeV]
IC contained*	14	100
	21	70
IC up-going	5.6	100
	6.1	70
DC	2.3	35

IC values are for half-year  
\* theoretical upper limit, w/o cuts



# Searching for “good” $mSUGRA$ points

- Large capture/annihilation rate
- Wimp mass above IC/DC threshold
- Neutrino copious annihilation channels



# Benchmark points

Point	$m_0$	$m_{1/2}$	$A_0$	$\tan\beta$	$m_{\chi^0}$	$\tau^+\tau^-$	$W^+W^-$	$ZZ$	$b\bar{b}$	$c\bar{c}$	$t\bar{t}$	Ann.(s <sup>-1</sup> )
A (Focus Point)	2154	288	0	10	105	—	90%	8.4%	1.0%	0.11%	—	$5.4 \times 10^{22}$
B	2268	488	0	50	197	1.3%	12%	5.4%	9.5%	—	69%	$4.4 \times 10^{21}$
C ( $\tilde{\tau}$ co-ann.)	54	241	0	10	93	16%	4.4%	—	76%	—	—	$2.3 \times 10^{21}$
D ( $A$ -funnel)	483	304	0	50	123	12%	—	—	88%	—	—	$2.7 \times 10^{21}$
E ( $\tilde{t}$ co-ann.)	150	302	-1099	5	121	95%	0.24%	—	2.9%	—	—	$1.2 \times 10^{18}$
F (Bulk)	80	170	-250	10	64	36%	—	—	63%	—	—	$7.7 \times 10^{21}$
G ( $h$ -funnel)	2000	130	-2000	10	55	7.4%	—	—	83%	3.5%	—	$4.4 \times 10^{16}$

# *Signal rates*

Source	IC up.	IC con.*	IC up.	IC con.*	DC
$E_{\text{thr}}^{\mu}$ (GeV)	100	100	70	70	35
Atm. bkg.	5.6	14	6.1	21	2.3
A	$1.8 \times 10^{-4}$	0.042	8.2	$9.7 \times 10^2$	196
B	2.4	66	5.4	$1.7 \times 10^2$	21
C	0	0	0.016	2.9	2.2
D	0.011	1.3	0.18	14	3.2
E	$3 \times 10^{-5}$	$4 \times 10^{-3}$	$6 \times 10^{-4}$	0.05	0.011
F	0	0	0	0	4.3
G	0	0	0	0	$\sim 10^{-6}$

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F	0	0	0	0	4.3	
G	0	0	0	0	$\sim 10^{-6}$	

wimps too light

too few captures

# Summary

- TAKE-HOME INFO
- Detection level:  $10^{21}$  annihilations per second for WIMP mass  $\sim 10^2$  GeV
- Signal depends on both annihilation and nucleon scattering cross-sections
- Signal is annihilation channel dependent
- (Signal)  $\nu$  energy spectrum reconstruction needs high statistics
- OUR Calculation:
- Spin-correlation for primary (partially in secondary) neutrinos from DM annihilation
- Full propagation effects on neutrino spectra
- Contained/Up-going event rates for IceCube/DeepCore detector