

DARK MATTER SEARCHES WITH SUPER-KAMIOKANDE

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Inside of SK detector during
refurbishment work (July 15, 2018)

Super-Kamiokande collaboration



❑ Host Institute

- Kamioka Observatory, Institute of Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR), University of Tokyo
- Research Center for Cosmic Neutrinos (RCCN), ICRR, University of Tokyo

❑ Collaboration Institutes in Japan

- Osaka University
- Okayama University
- Gifu University
- Keio University
- Kyoto University
- High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK)
- Kavli Institute for the Physics and Mathematics of the Universe (Kavli IPMU), The University of Tokyo
- Kobe University
- Junior College, Fukuoka Institute of Technology
- Shizuoka University of Welfare
- Tokai University
- University of Tokyo
- Department of Physics, Faculty of Science & Graduate School of Science, The University of Tokyo
- Tokyo Institute of Technology
- Nagoya University
- Miyagi University of Education

❑ Foreign Institutes

- Boston University
- British Columbia Institute of Technology

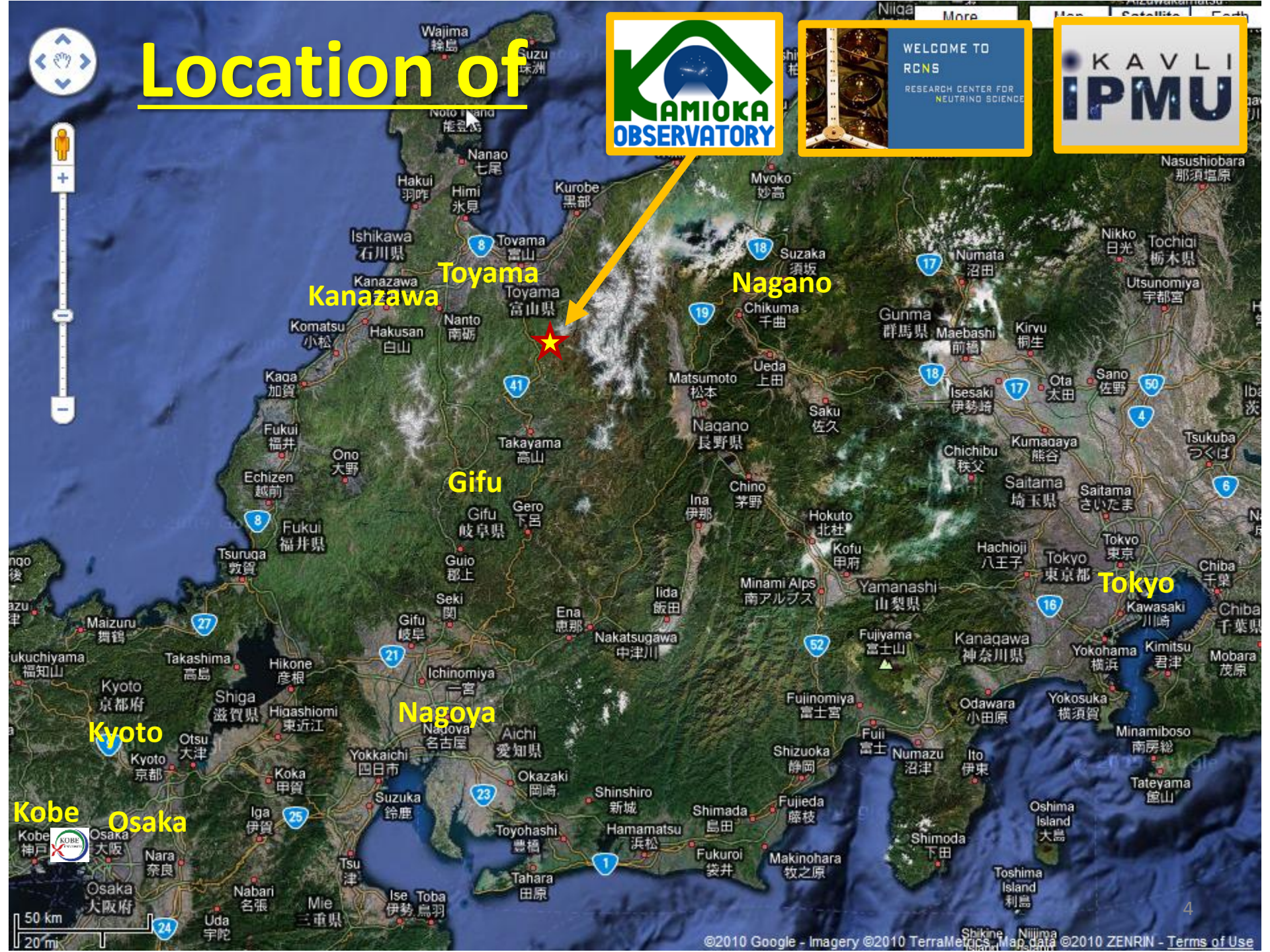
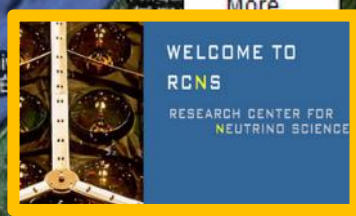
- University of British Columbia
- University of California, Irvine
- California State University
- Chonnam National University
- Duke University
- Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology
- University of Hawaii
- Stony Brook University
- Seoul National University
- Sungkyunkwan University
- University of Toronto
- TRIUMF
- Tsinghua University
- National Centre for Nuclear Research (NCBJ)
- University Autonoma Madrid
- Imperial College London
- Queen Mary University of London
- University of Liverpool
- University of Oxford
- University of Sheffield
- INFN, Sezione di Bari
- INFN, Sezione di Padova and Universita` di Padova
- INFN, Sezione di Napoli and Universita` di Napoli
- INFN, Sezione di Roma
- IN2P3- Laboratoire Leprince-Ringuet, Ecole Polytechnique
- University of Warsaw
- University of Winnipeg

10 countries, ~47 institutions, ~180 researchers (as of Oct. 2019)

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- **SK detector & indirect WIMP search in SK**
- **DM search results**
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 - Boosted WIMP search
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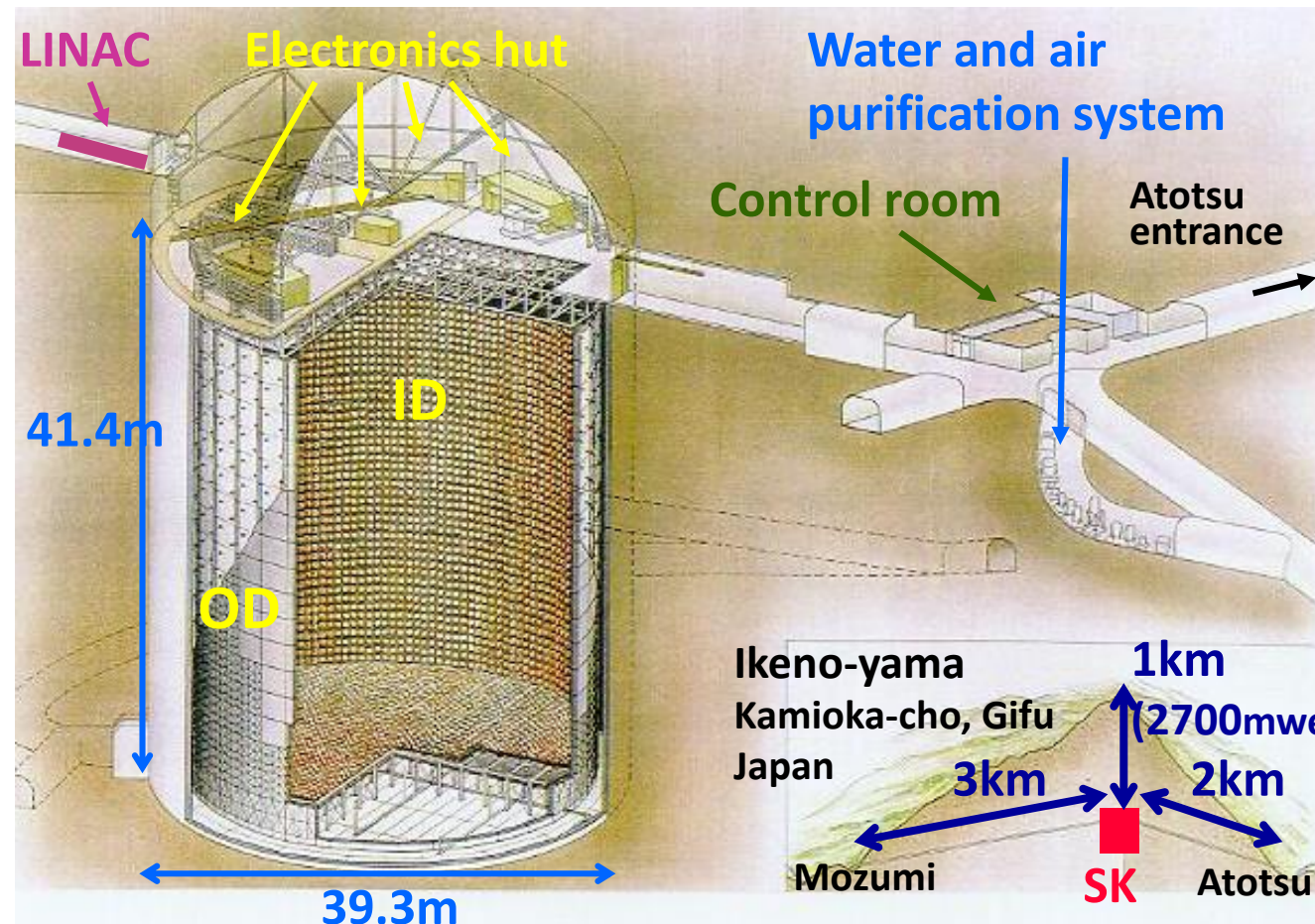
Location of



Super-Kamiokande detector



<http://www-sk.icrr.u-tokyo.ac.jp/sk/>



- 50 kton water Cherenkov detector
- ~2m OD viewed by 8-inch PMTs
- 32kt ID viewed by 20-inch PMTs
- 22.5kt fid. vol. (standard)
- SK-I: April 1996~
- **SK-V is running**

Physics targets:

- Nucleon decay search
- Neutrino oscillation study
- Astrophysical neutrino search

Inner Detector (ID) PMT: ~11100 (SK-I,III,IV,V), ~5200 (SK-II)
Outer Detector (OD) PMT: 1885

History & Plan of Super-Kamiokande



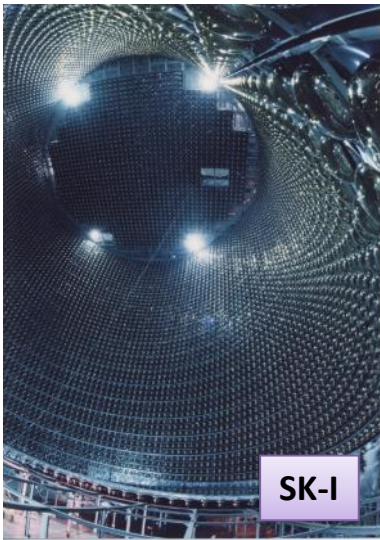
SK-I

SK-II

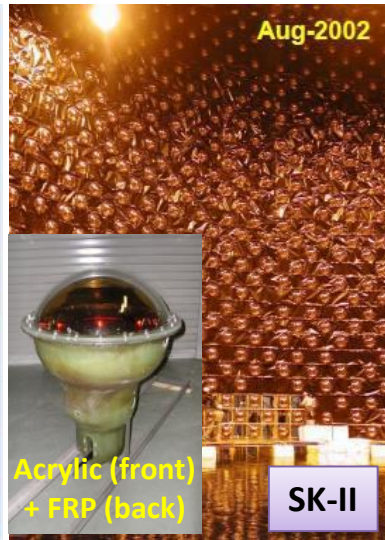
SK-III

SK-IV

SK-V →
SK-Gd



SK-I



SK-II



SK-III



SK-IV



Water system
For SK-Gd

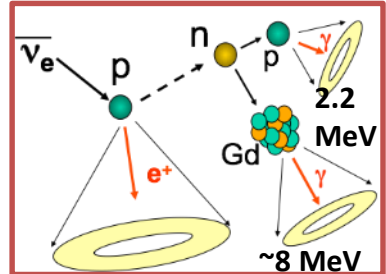
11146 ID PMTs
(40% coverage)
4.5 MeV
1496 days

5182 ID PMTs
(19% coverage)
6.5 MeV
791 days

11129 ID PMTs
(40% coverage)
4.5 MeV
548 days

Electronics
Upgrade
3.5 MeV
2970 days

Neutron tagging
with Gd

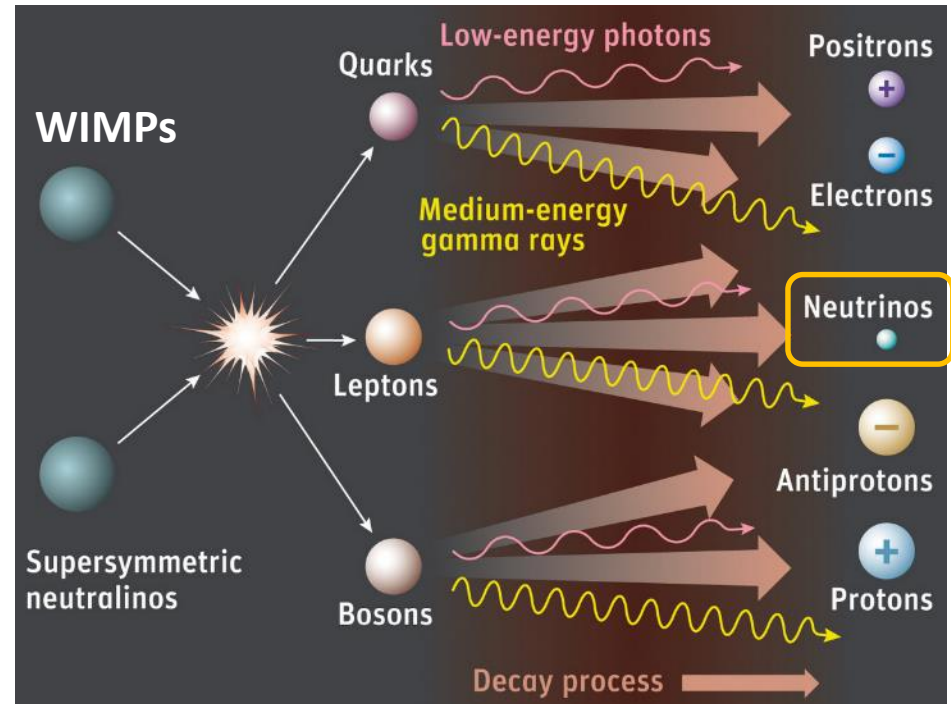


- Analysis energy threshold (recoil electron kinetic energy)
- Live time for solar neutrino analysis

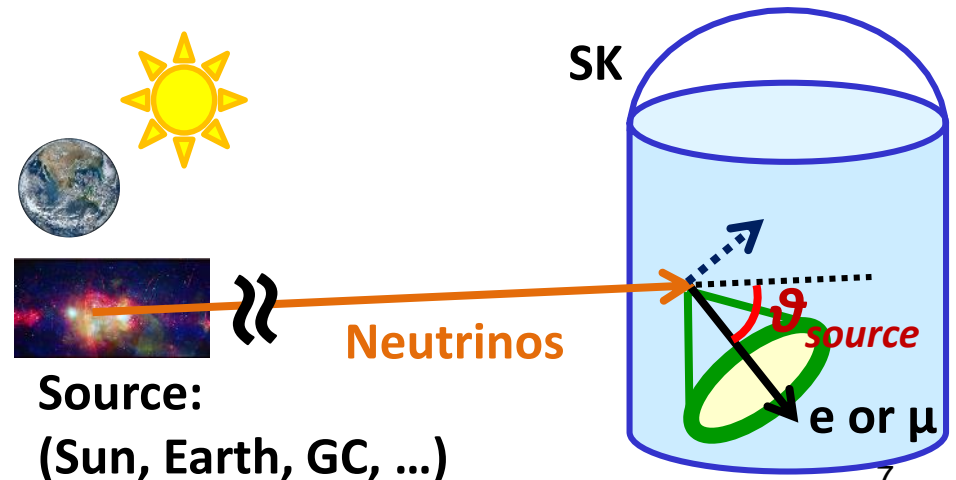
Current total: 5805 days

Indirect WIMP search in SK

- Weakly interacting massive particle (WIMP) is a Dark Matter (DM) candidate
- Annihilation (or decay) of WIMPs could produce neutrinos.
 - Directly, or via SM particles
- WIMPs could accumulate in massive object.
 - Trapped by gravity
- SK searches for WIMP-induced neutrinos from possible sources
 - Targets: Solar core, Earth core, Galactic Center (GC)
 - Use ϑ_{source} , above atmospheric neutrino (atm. ν) background.



https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/GLAST/science/dark_matter.html



Summary of DM searches in



- **Solar WIMP search: ϑ_{sun}**
 - PRL 114, 141301 (2015): SK-I~IV 3903 days (1996-2012)
- **Earth WIMP search: ϑ_{zenith}**
 - SK-I~IV 5326~5629 days (1996-2016), *preliminary*, paper in preparation
- **Galactic WIMP search: ϑ_{GC}**
 - SK-I~IV 5326~5629 days (1996-2016), *preliminary*, paper in preparation
 - Fit analysis & ON-/OFF-source analysis
- **Boosted DM search: ϑ_{GC}**
 - PRL 120, 221301 (2018): SK-IV 2628 days
 - Search for an excess of elastically scattered electrons above the atm. ν background (ON-/Off-source analysis)

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Atmospheric ν categories in

Fully contained (FC)

Partially contained (PC)

Upward-going muons (Up- μ)

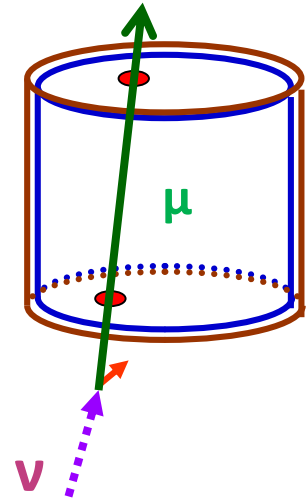
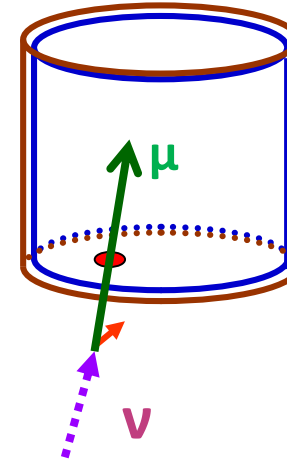
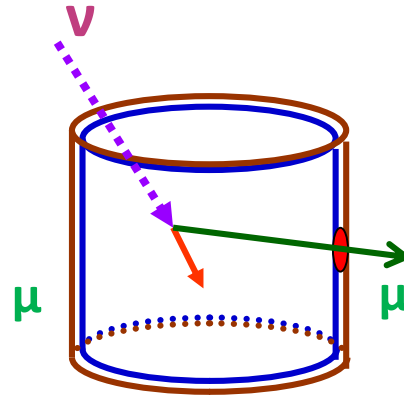
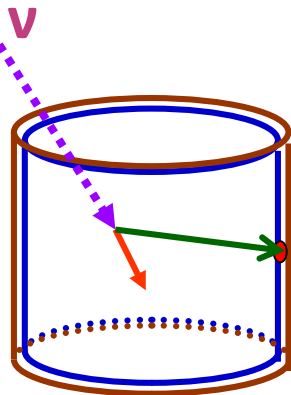
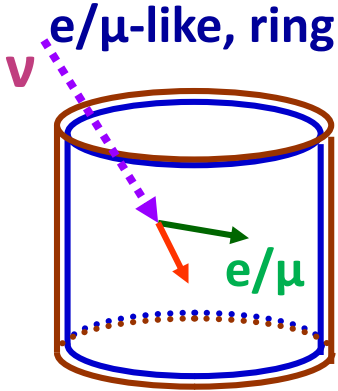
Sub/Multi-GeV,
e/ μ -like, ring #

Stopping

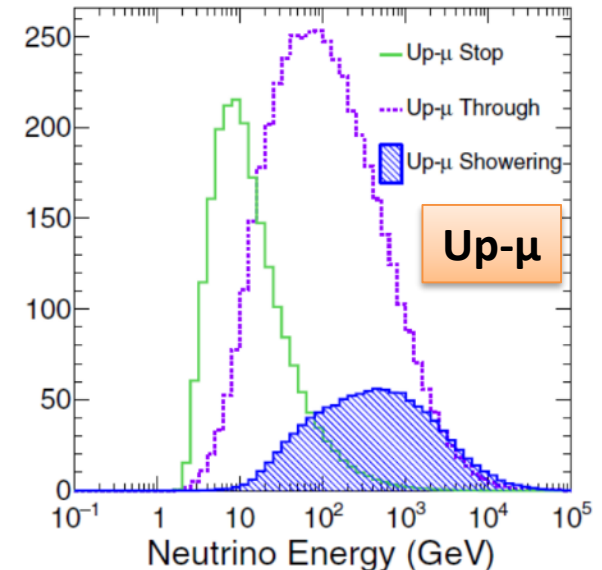
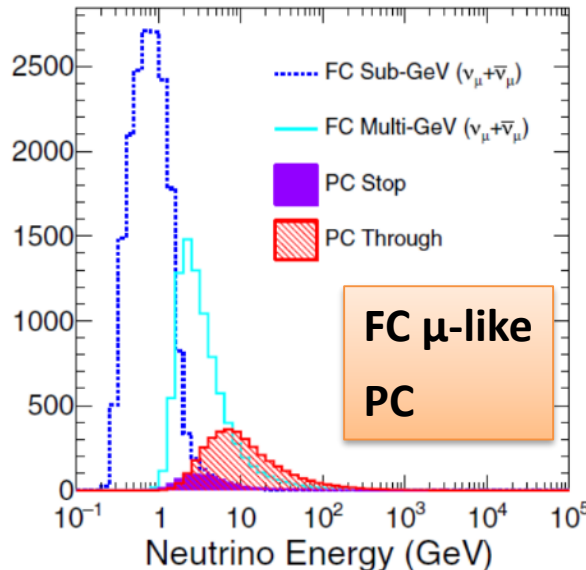
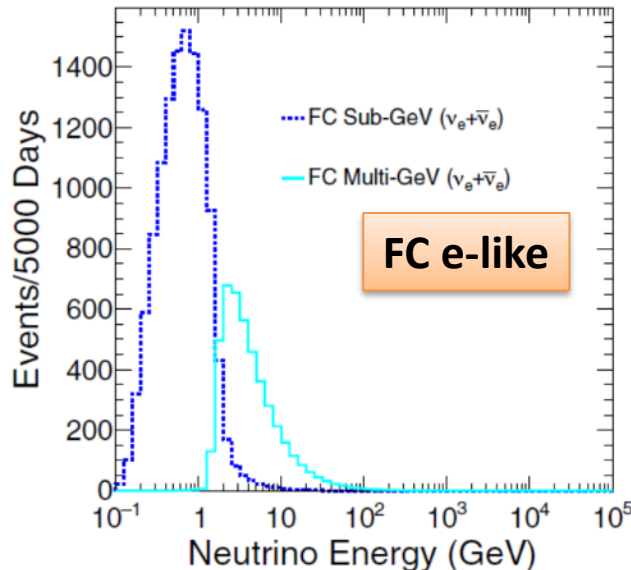
through-going

Stopping μ

Through-going
(non-)showering μ



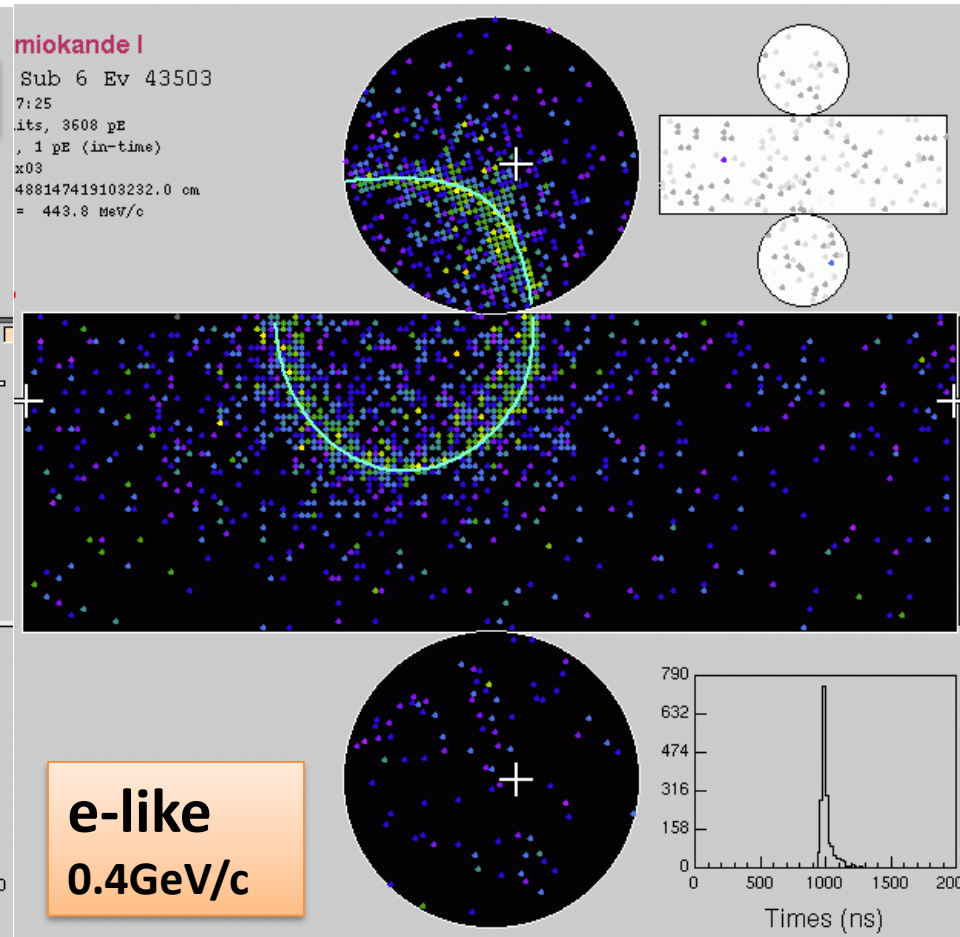
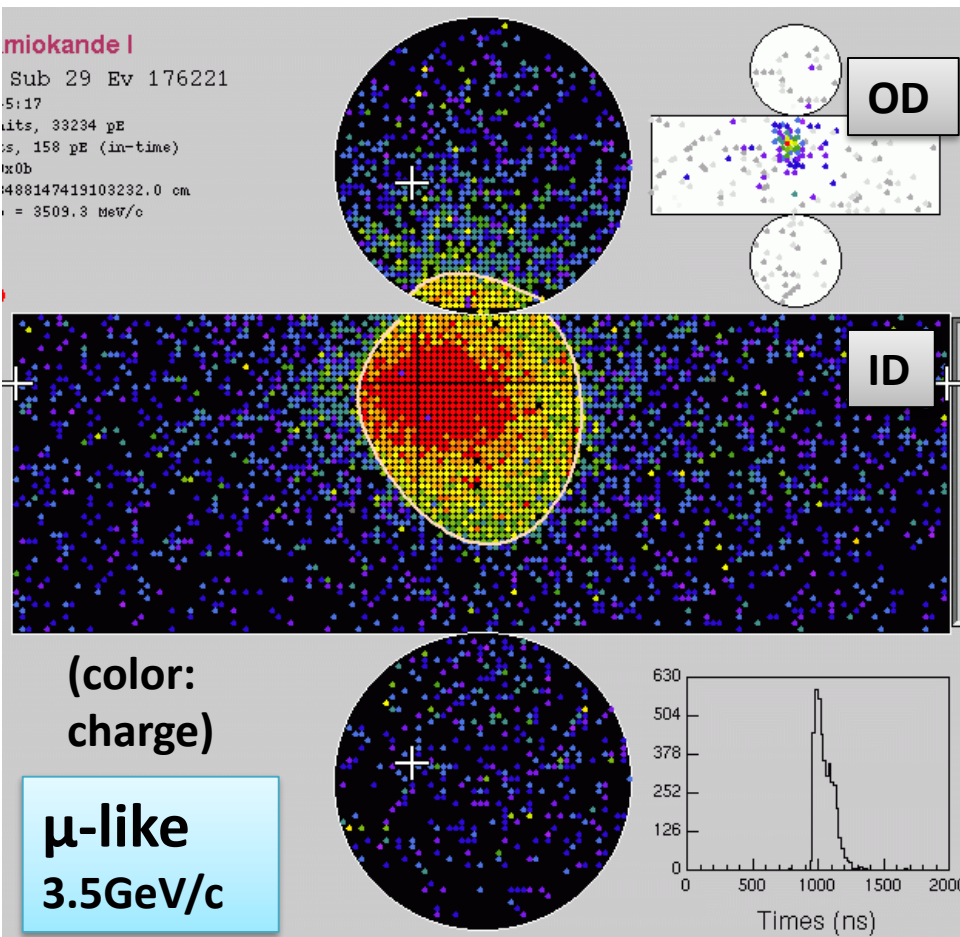
Expected energy spectrum of ν



Typical high-energy events: 1

**Atmospheric ν :
Partially contained (PC)**

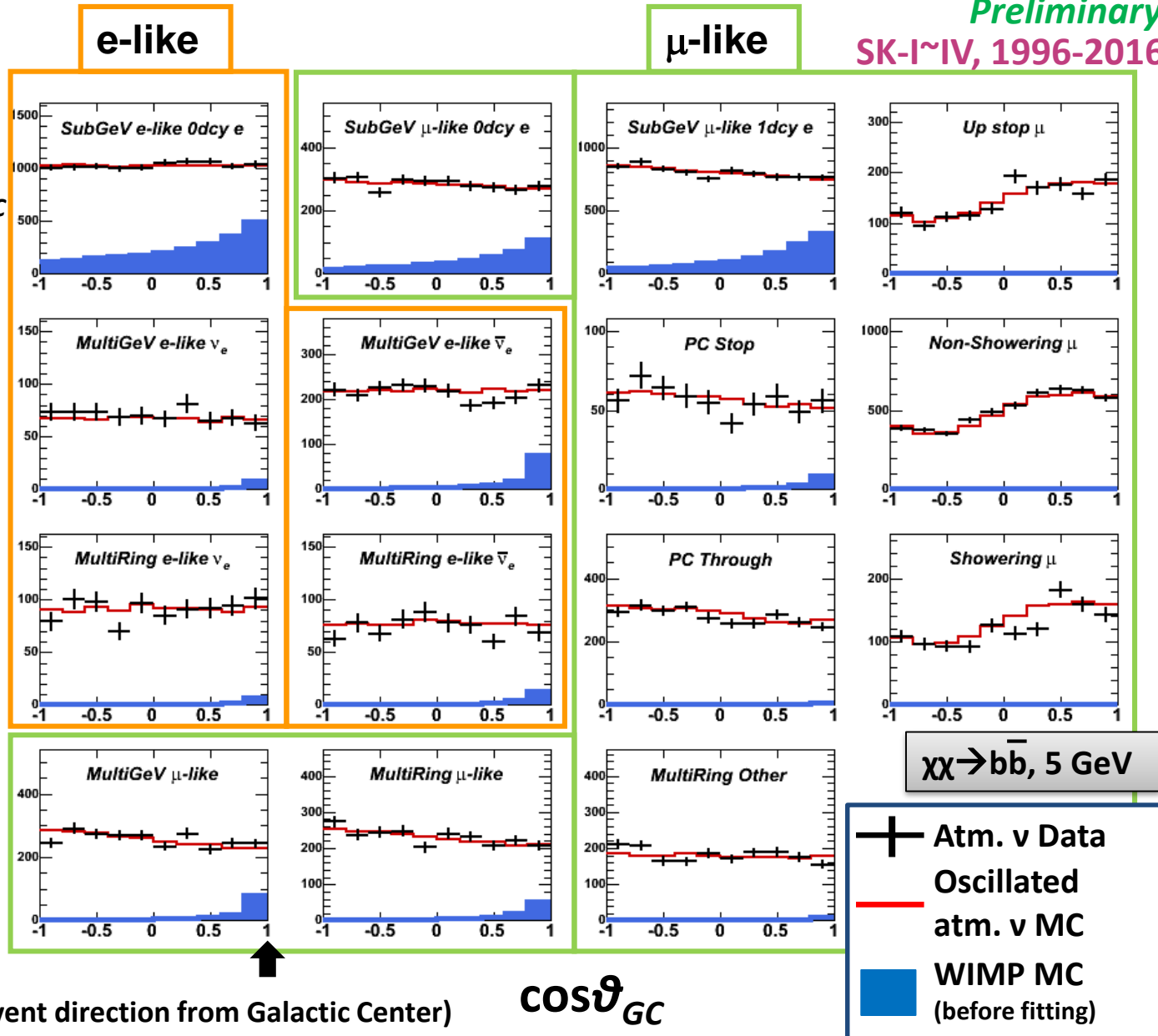
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Galactic WIMP search: fitting

Preliminary
SK-I~IV, 1996-2016

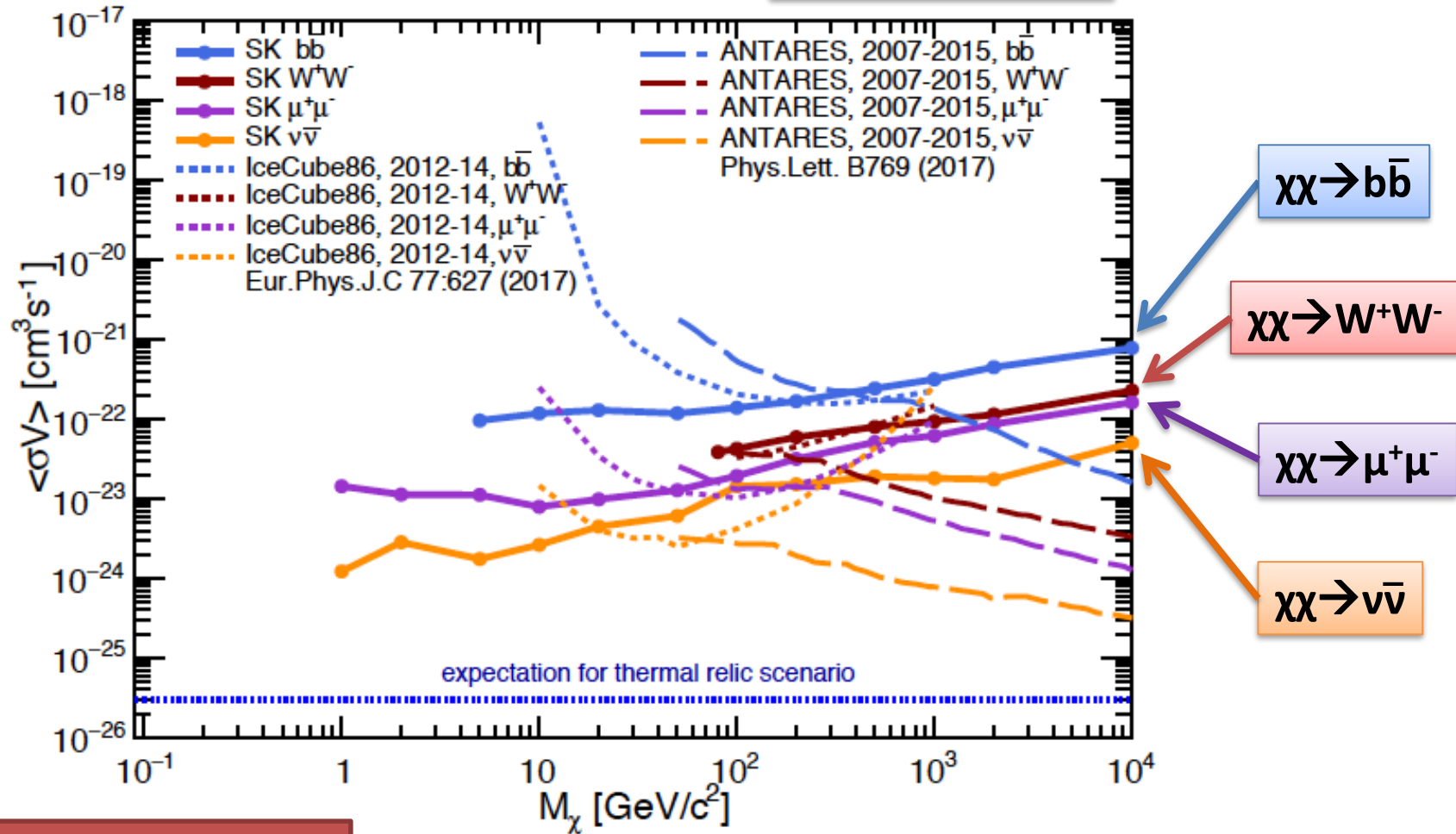
- Use Atm. ν Data & oscillated MC
- Horizontal axis: $\cos\vartheta_{GC}$
- WIMP MC
 - DarkSUSY simulation is used
- NFW halo model is assumed
- Fitted results are consistent with null WIMP
- 90% C.L. upper limit on WIMP self-annihilation cross section $\langle\sigma V\rangle$ is obtained



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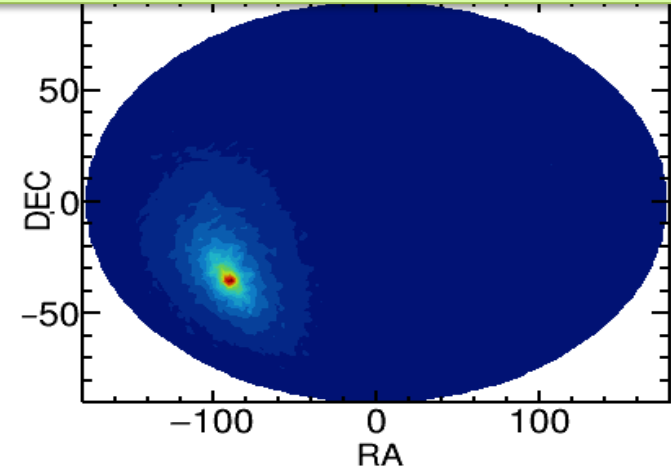


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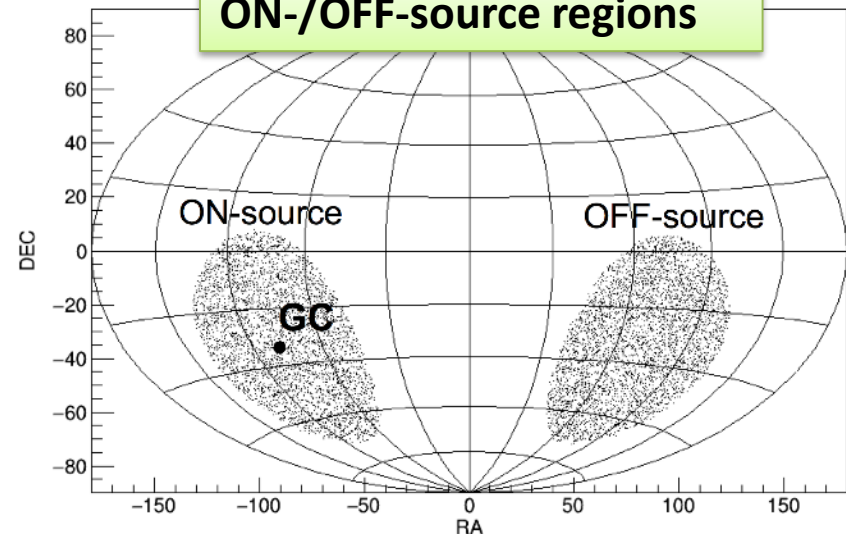
Galactic WIMP search: ON/OFF

- Search for large-scale anisotropy due to DM-induced ν 's from our Galaxy
- **Compare the number of ν events in a certain angular region**
 - ON-source: around Galactic Center (GC)
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- Any excess of events in the ON-source part should indicate a possible unknown source, since atm. ν background equally affects those two regions.
- Independent from atmospheric ν simulation and related systematic uncertainties

Expected DM-induced neutrinos from Galaxy (diffused, peaked from GC)



ON-/OFF-source regions



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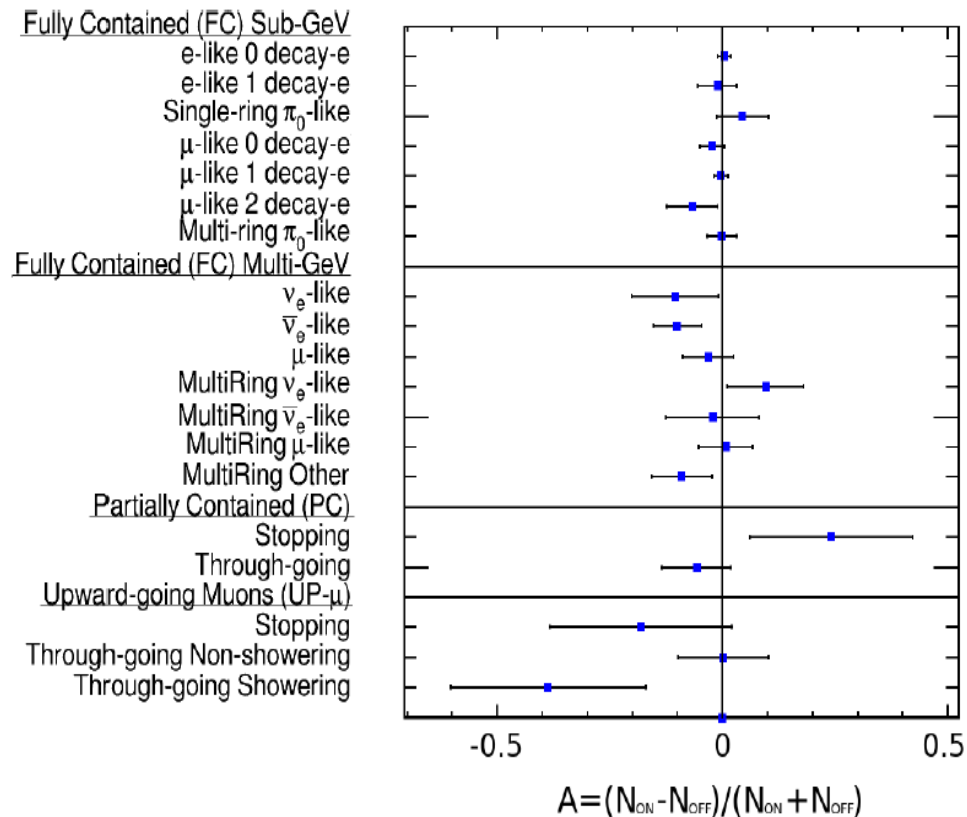
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Observed asymmetry between number of ν events in ON- and OFF-source region in various event subcategories for the NFW halo model



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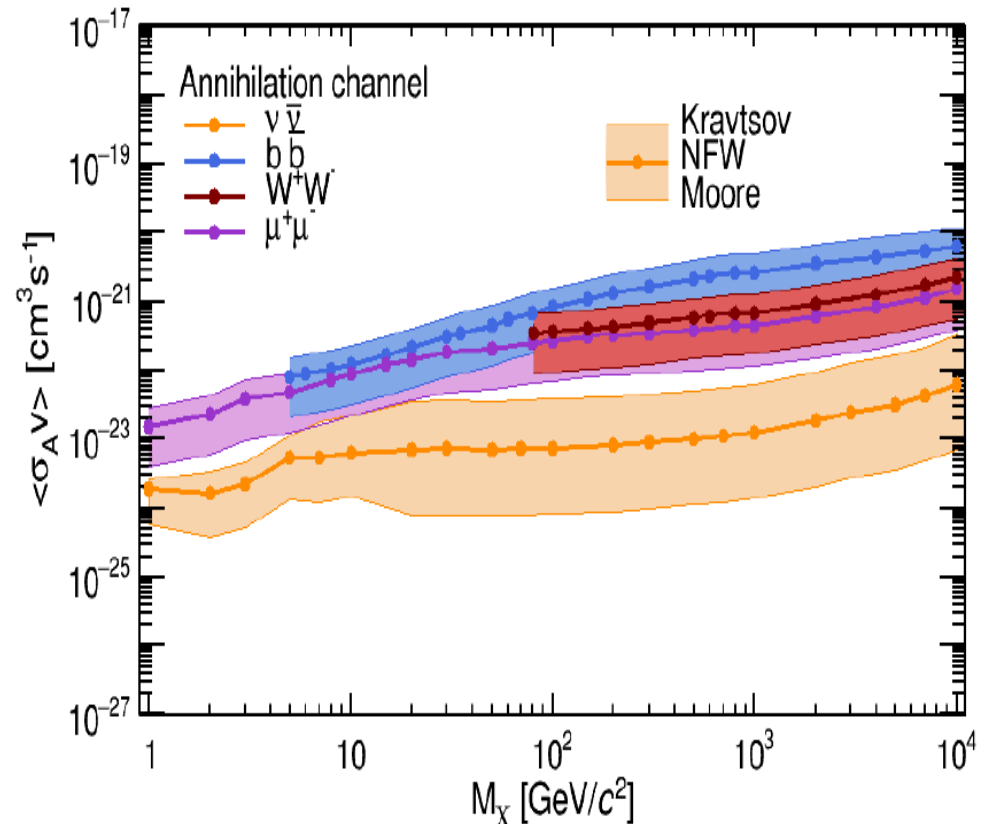
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■ 90% C.L. upper limit on WIMP self-annihilation cross section $\langle\sigma_A V\rangle$ and influence of the halo model choice are obtained

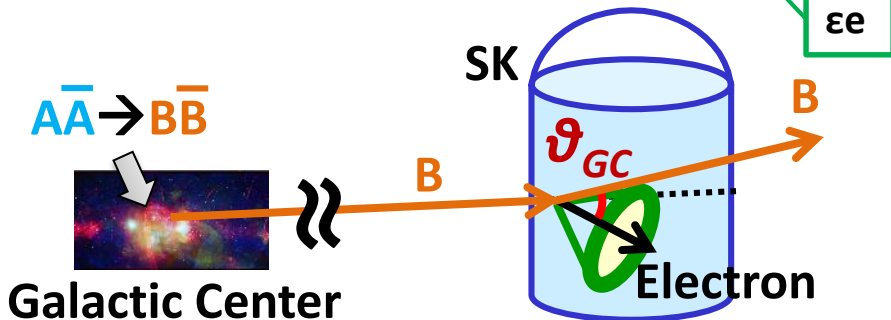
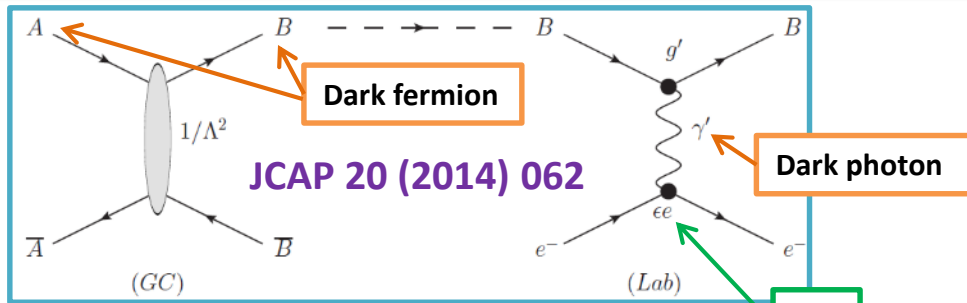
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Boosted DM search in SK

- “A” is heavy DM particle, which constitutes dominant CDM component, but does not couple to SM particle
- “B” is lighter DM particle, boosted from annihilation or decay of A and couples to SM electron through a massive dark photon
- Searched for (elastically scattered) electrons from GC direction, in 100 MeV - 1TeV, in cone regions ($\vartheta_{GC} < 5^\circ \sim 40^\circ$), above the atmospheric neutrino background, in SK-IV 2628-day data.
- No excess \rightarrow Upper limit on production of B



PRL 120, 221301 (2018)

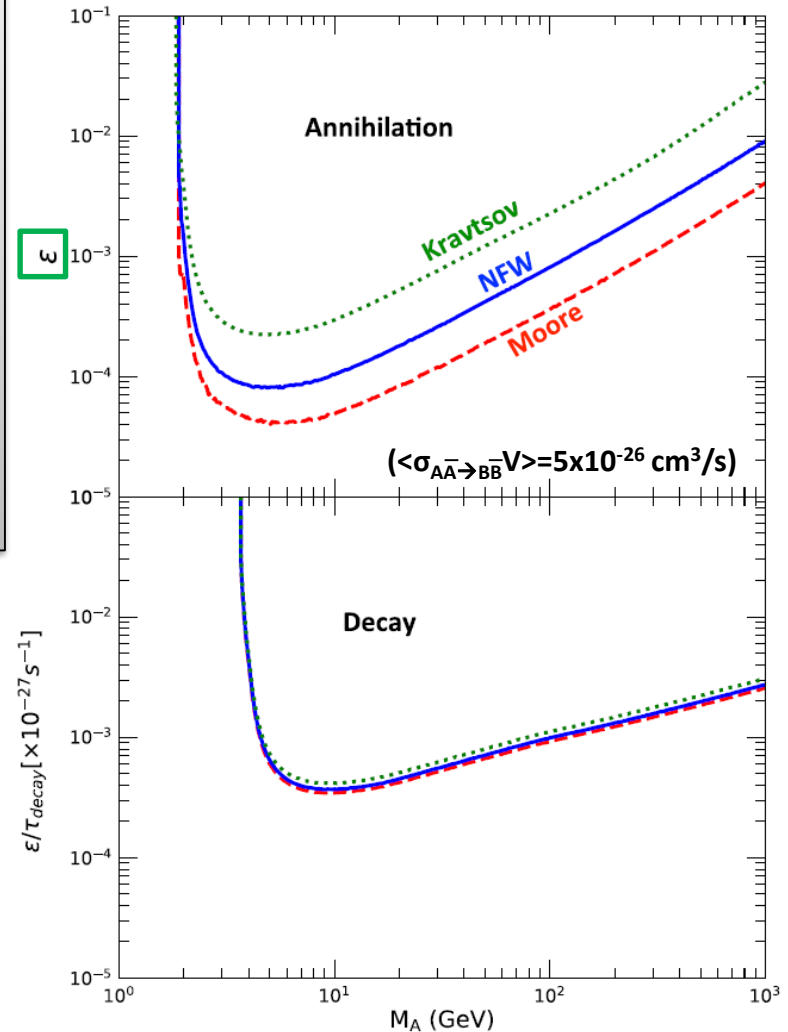


FIG. 3. 90% confidence interval upper limits for $m_B = 200 \text{ MeV}$, $m_{\gamma'} = 20 \text{ MeV}$, and $g' = 0.5$, for boosted dark matter produced by annihilation (top) and decay (bottom).

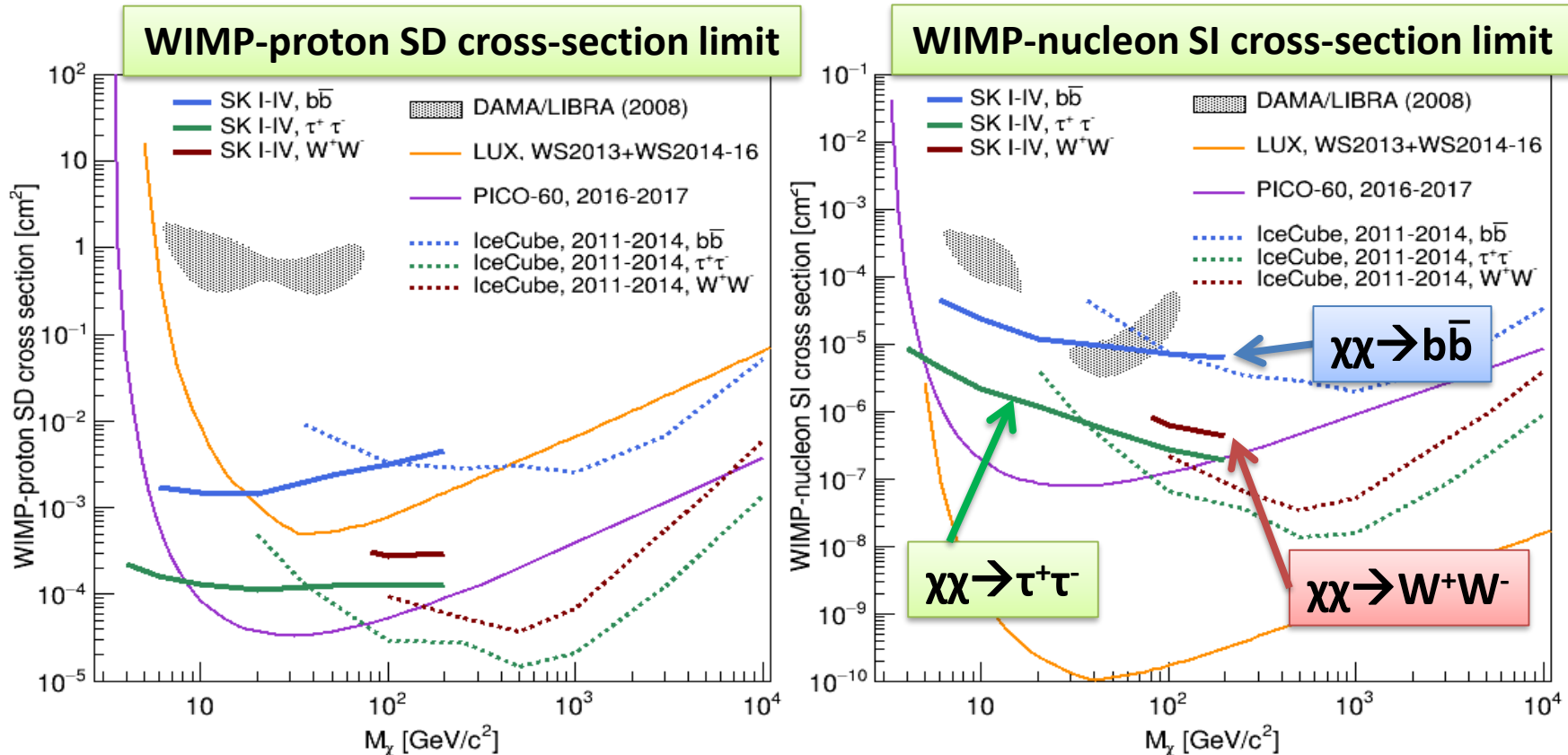
Solar WIMP search

- WIMPs could be occasionally trapped after losing energy by scattering off nuclei in the Sun. (H, He, C, N, O, ...)
- Spin-Dependent (SD) & Spin-Independent (SI) interactions of WIMP-proton/nucleon scattering cross section can be constrained and compared with results from direct DM experiments
- No excess \rightarrow 90% C.L. upper limits

PRL 114, 141301 (2015)

SK-I~IV, 1996-2012

3903 days

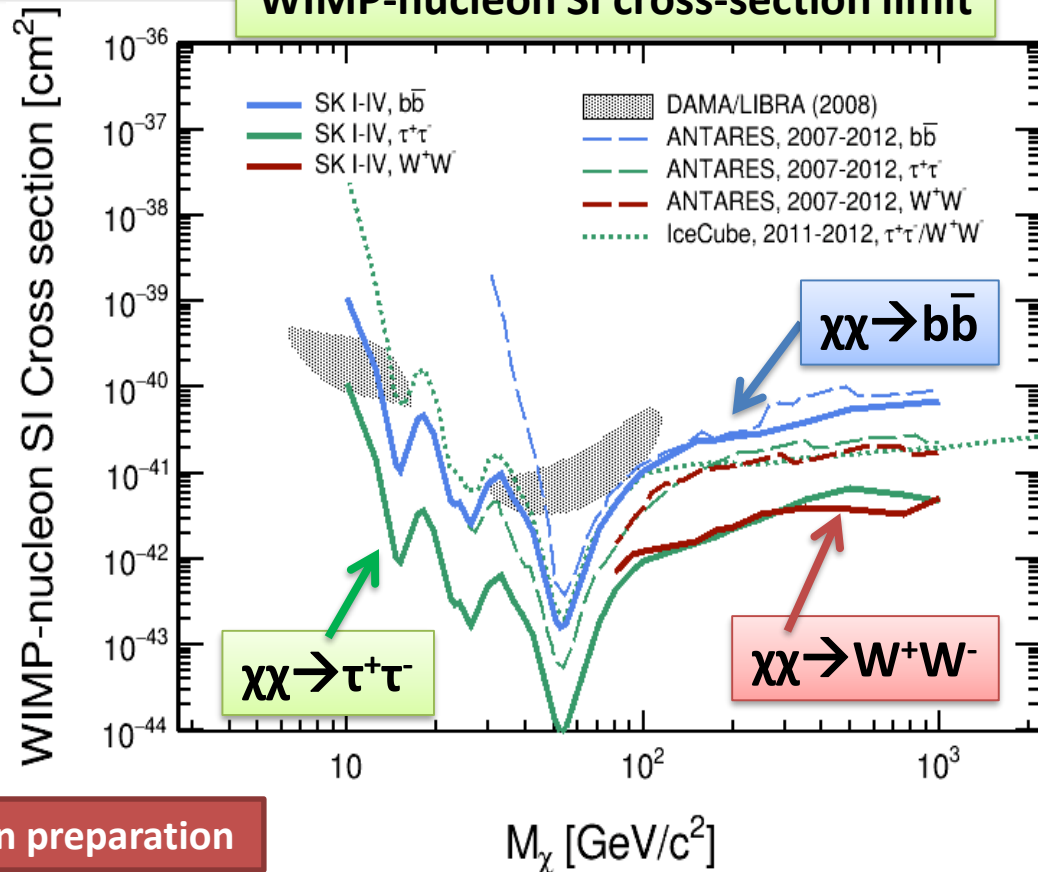
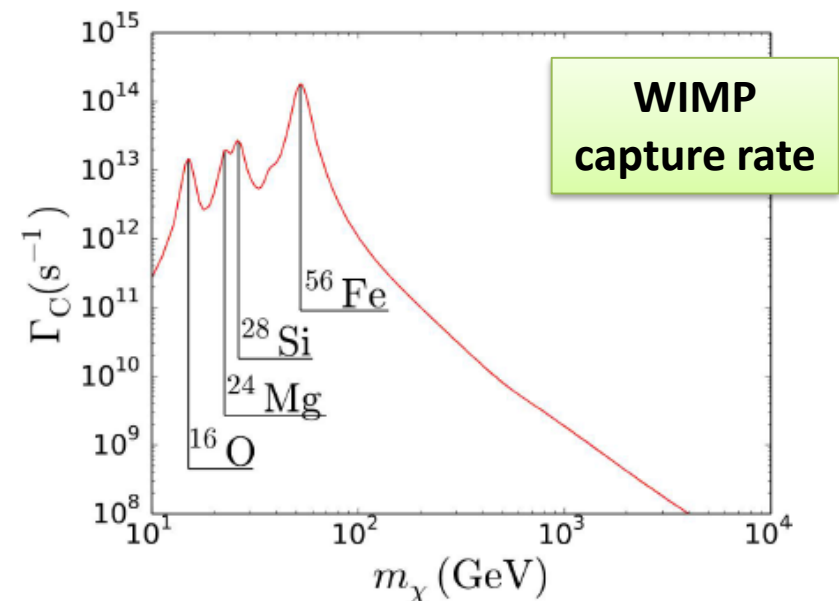


Earth WIMP search

- Spin-Independent (SI) interactions dominate in the capturing process of WIMPs by Earth
- WIMP-nucleon SI scattering cross section can be constrained and compared with results from direct DM experiments
- If the mass of WIMP matches abundant elements in the Earth, the capture rate increases considerably.

■ No excess → 90% C.L. upper limits

WIMP-nucleon SI cross-section limit



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Next step: SK-Gd Phase

SK-Gd Phase:

Add gadolinium (Gd) to **enhance neutron tagging** efficiency of the SK detector.

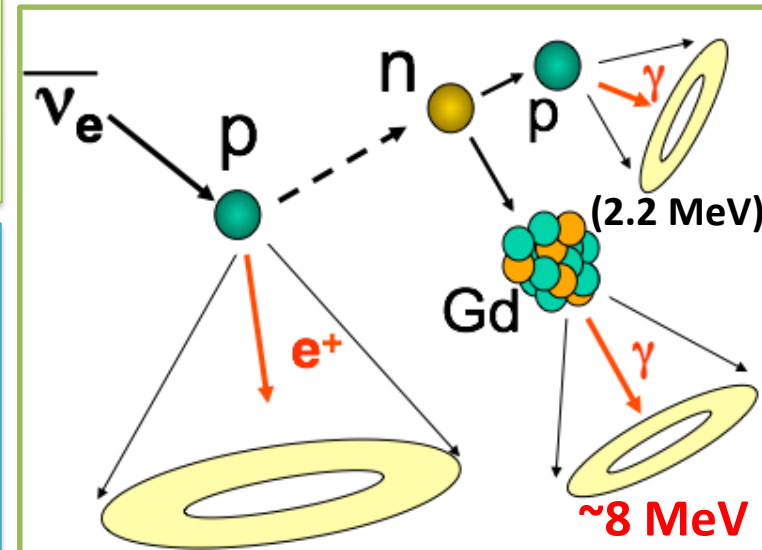
Physics targets:

- **Detect the world's first Supernova Relic Neutrinos (SRN) (or Diffuse Supernova Neutrino Background, DSNB)**
- Improve pointing accuracy for supernova
- Early warning of nearby supernova from pre-burst signal (silicon burning)
- Enhance ν or $\bar{\nu}$ discrimination in atmospheric ν & T2K analysis
- Reduce backgrounds in proton decay search

Refurbishment of the SK detector was done in June 2018 – January 2019

- Fix water leakage, Replace dead PMTs, Improve water piping...

Planning to start 0.01% Gd run in early 2020 (adjusting schedule with T2K)



- Reduce BG of $\bar{\nu}_e$ signal
 - Delayed coincidence
 - $\Delta T \sim 30 \mu\text{s}$
 - Vertices within ~ 50 cm

Capture efficiencies in water

- 0.01% Gd [$\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ 10t] : $\sim 50\%$
- 0.1% Gd [$\text{Gd}_2(\text{SO}_4)_3$ 100t] : $\sim 90\%$

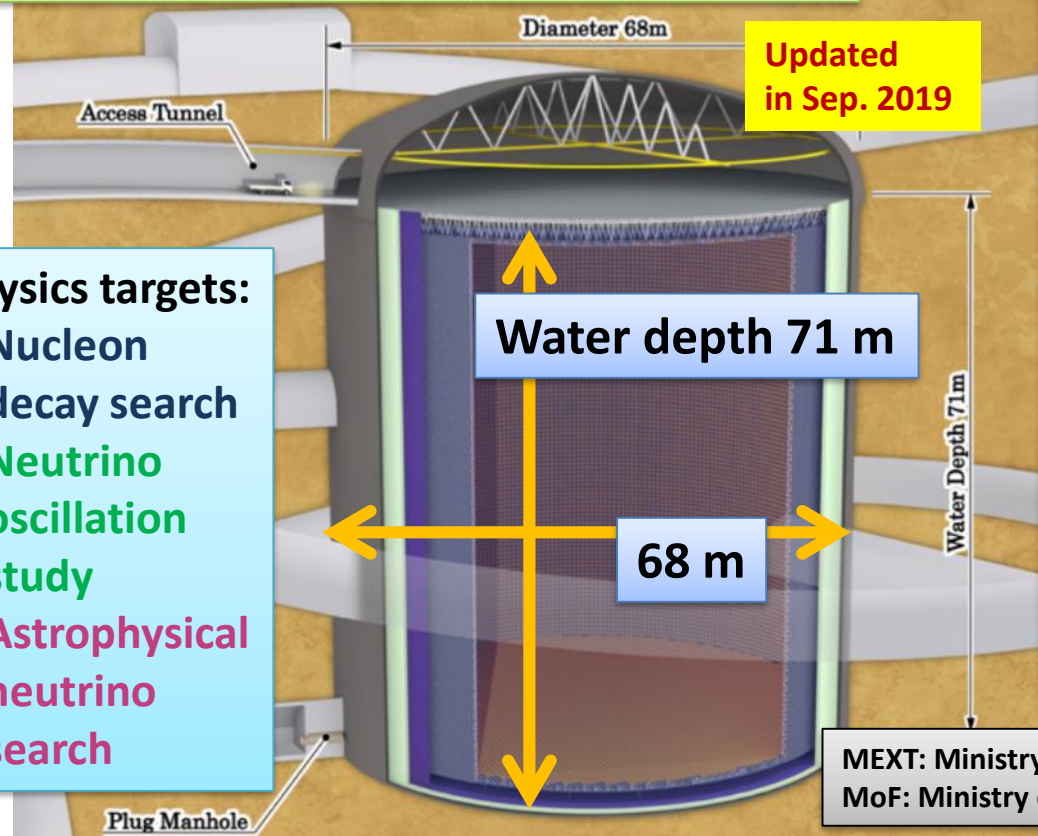
Hyper-Kamiokande (HK)



<http://www.hyper-k.org/en/>

Design Report 2018: arXiv:1805.04163

- Gigantic neutrino and nucleon decay detector in Kamioka, Japan
- **188 kton fiducial mass**: $\sim 8.4 \times \text{SK}$
- **x 2 higher photon sensitivity** than SK
- MW-class world-leading ν -beam by upgraded J-PARC

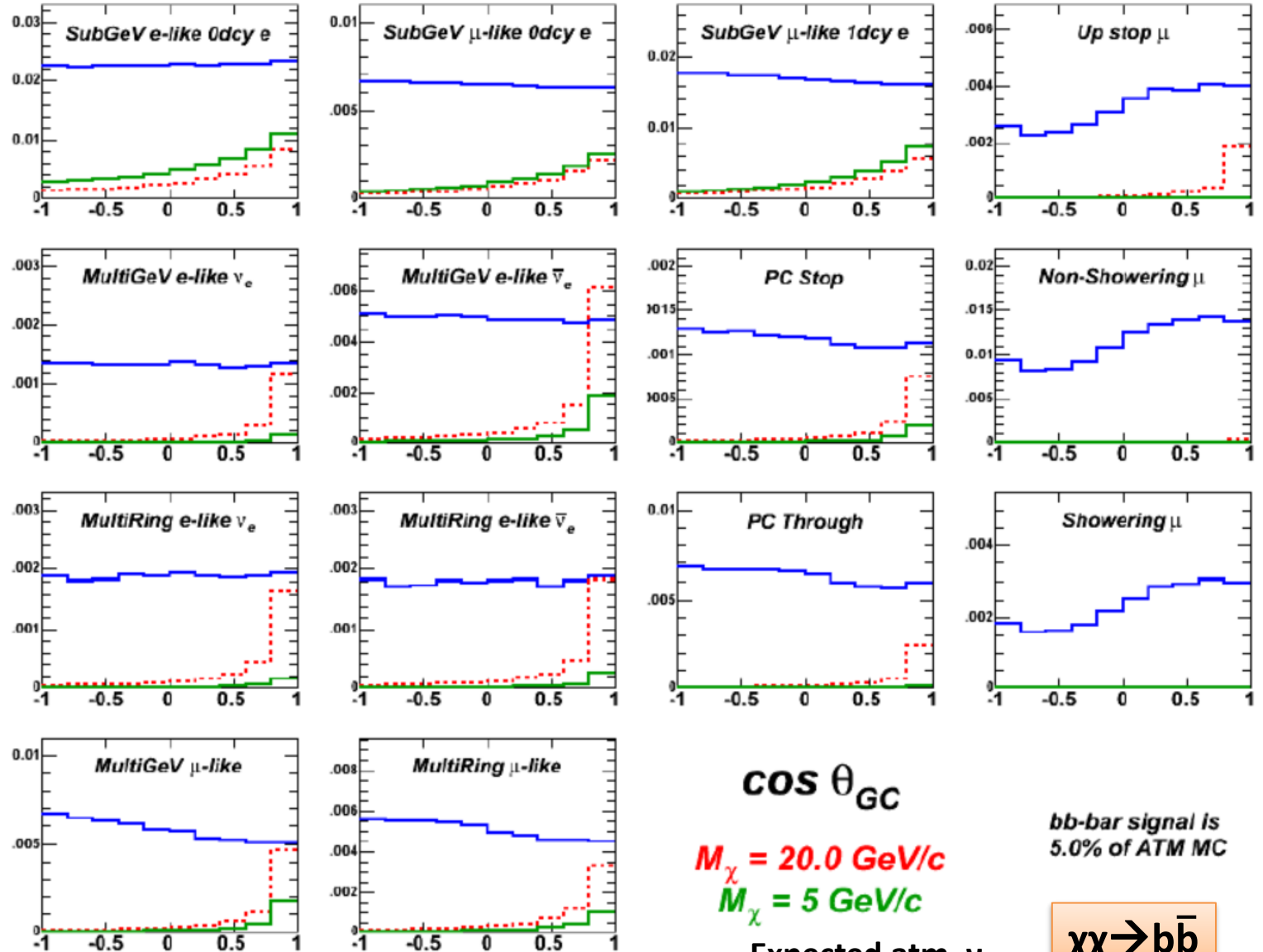


- Physics targets:
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- Current status:**
- HK is a priority project by MEXT's Roadmap 2017
 - **MEXT included HK in their FY2020 budget request to MoF.**
 - The construction of HK will be started in **April 2020**.
 - Start observation in ~ 2027
 - To enhance neutrino oscillation physics, a 2nd detector in Korea is under study

MEXT: Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology
MoF: Ministry of Finance, Japan

Galactic WIMP search in atm. ν



$\cos \theta_{GC}$

$M_\chi = 20.0 \text{ GeV}/c$

$M_\chi = 5 \text{ GeV}/c$

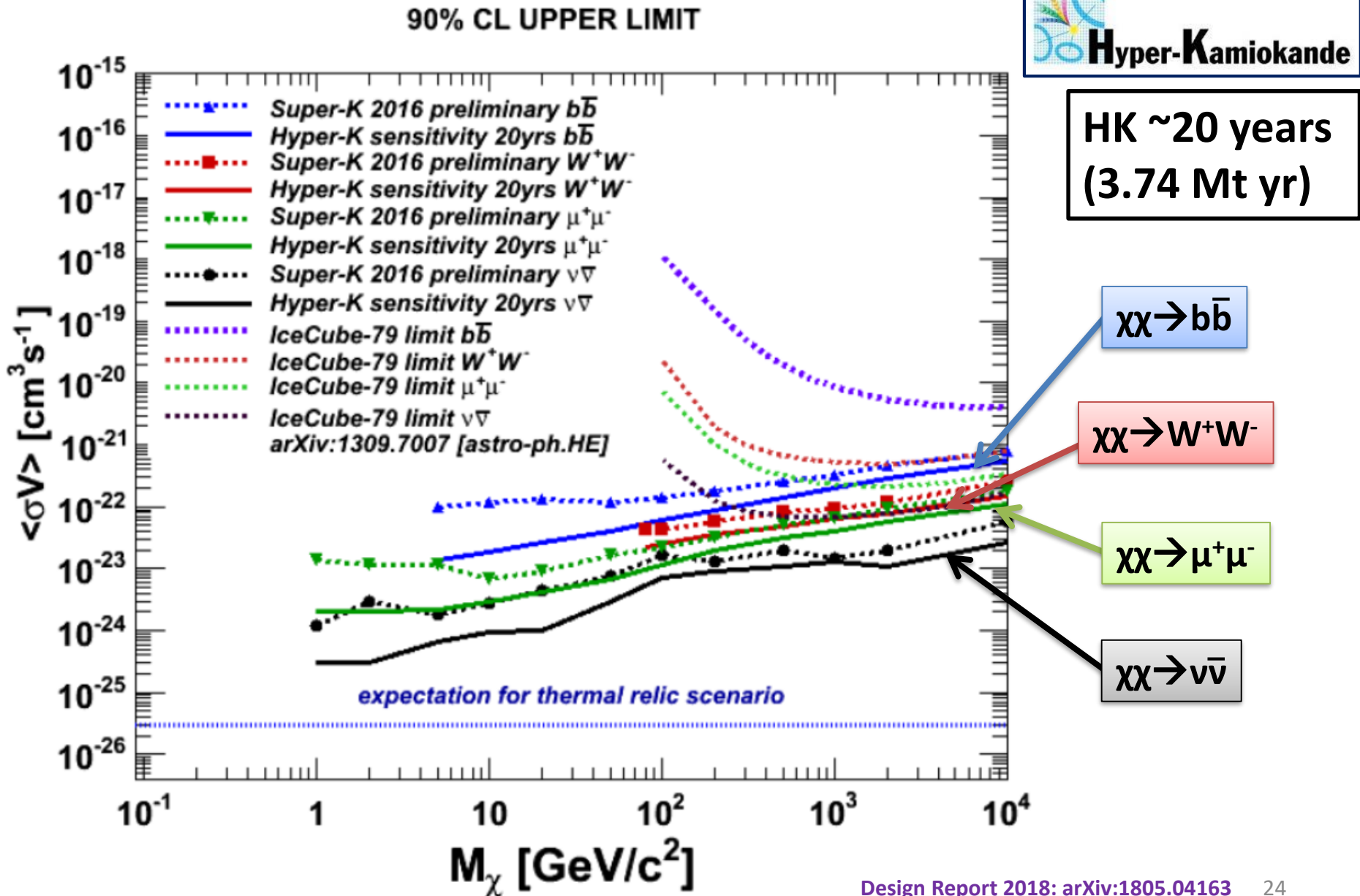
— Expected atm. ν

bb-bar signal is 5.0% of ATM MC

$\chi\chi \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

$\cos \vartheta_{GalacticCenter}$

Expected sensitivity of Galactic WIMP search



Summary

- **Super-Kamiokande is a 50-kton water Cherenkov detector located 1,000 m underground in Japan.**
- **Indirect DM searches are carried out with SK.**
 - **Sun, Earth, & Galactic Center**
- **Planning to start SK-Gd in early 2020.**
 - **Adjusting schedule with T2K**
- **MEXT submitted FY2020 budget request including Hyper-Kamiokande to MoF.**
 - **188 kton fiducial mass: $\sim 8.4 \times$ SK**
 - **Construction of HK: April 2020~, Observation: 2027~**