



# WIMPs searches for monoenergetic neutrinos from stopped meson decay in the Sun



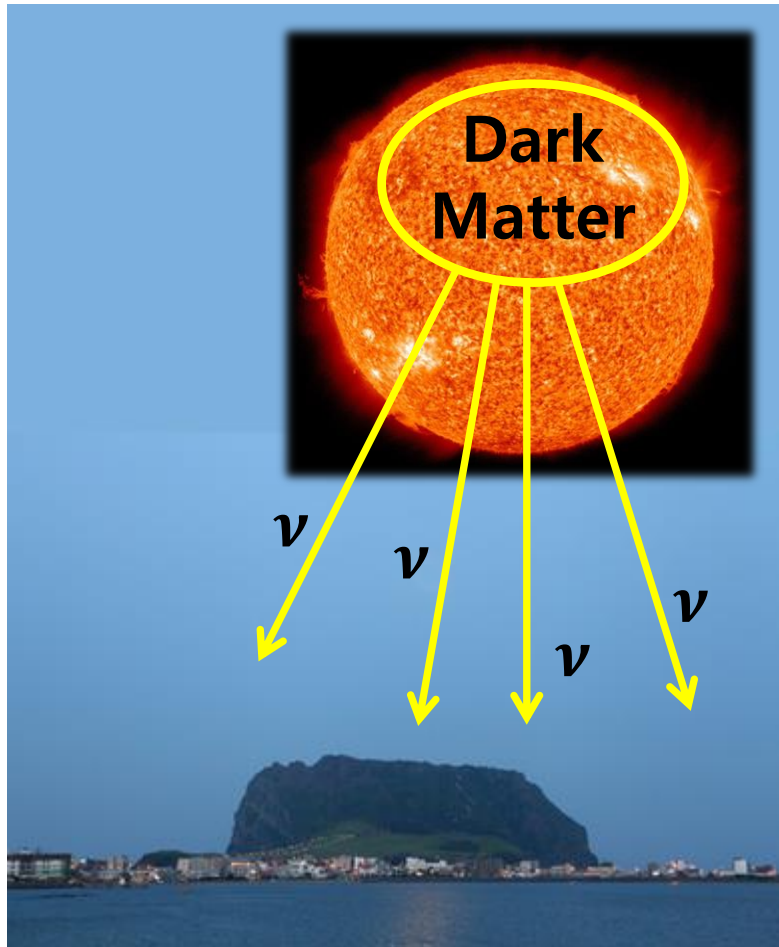
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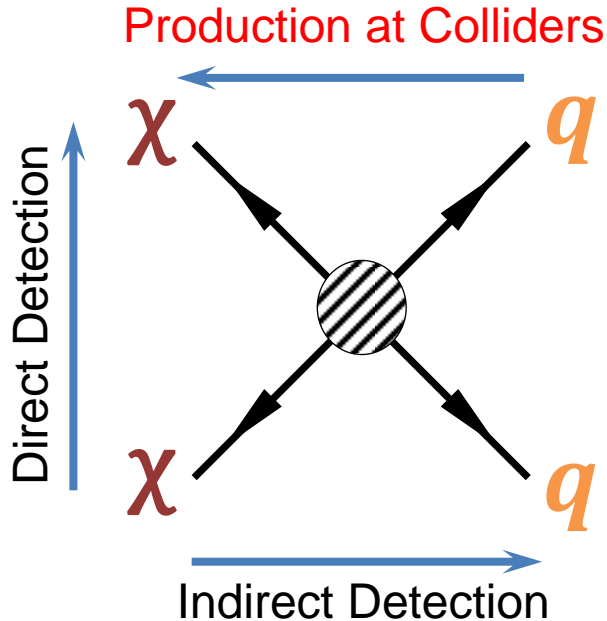


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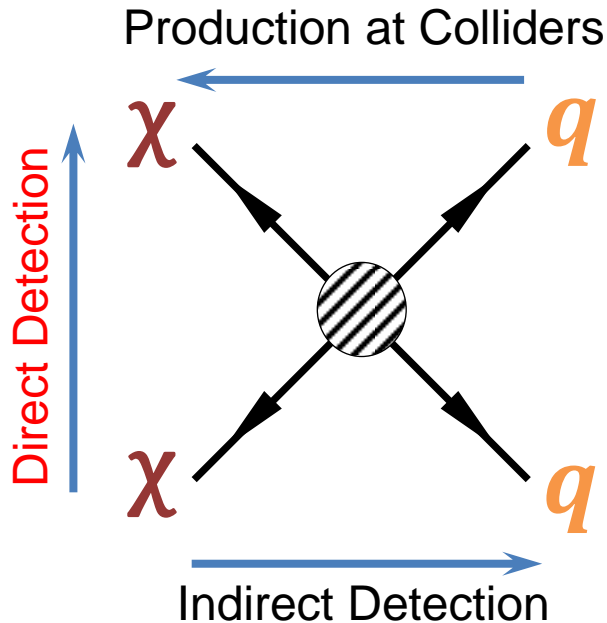
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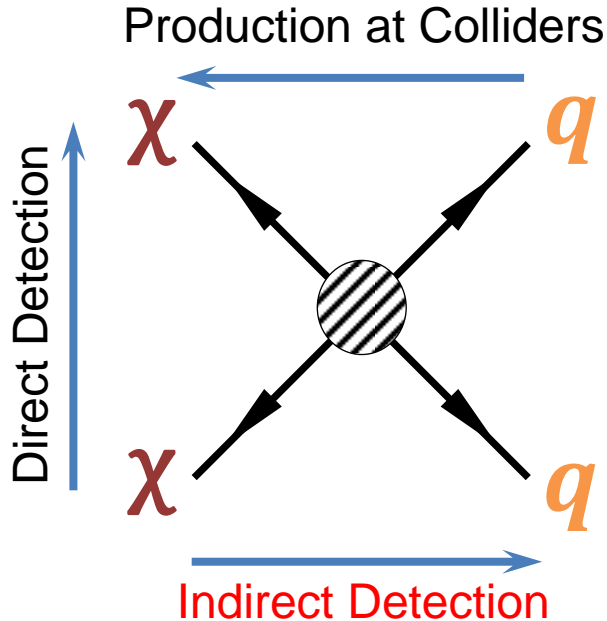
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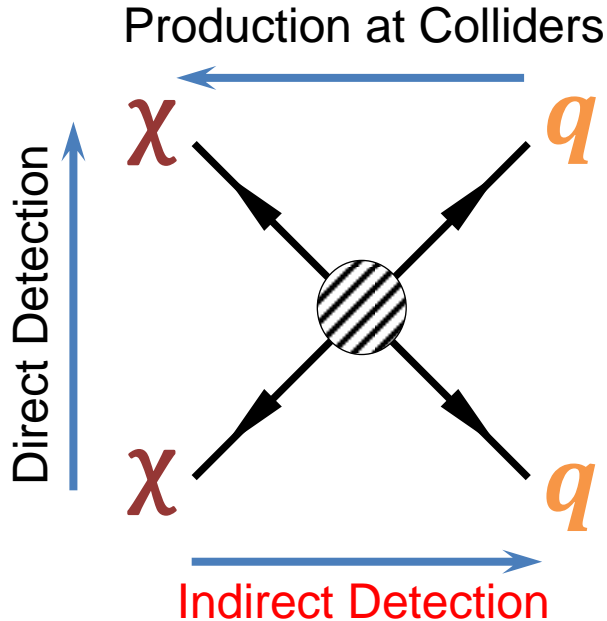
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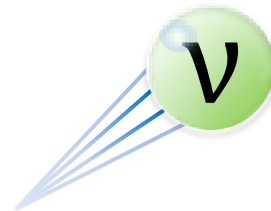
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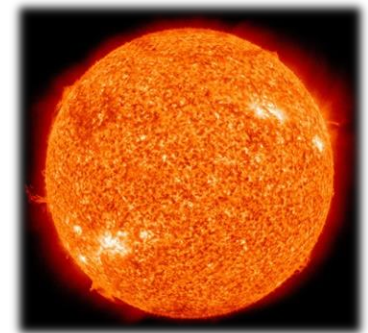
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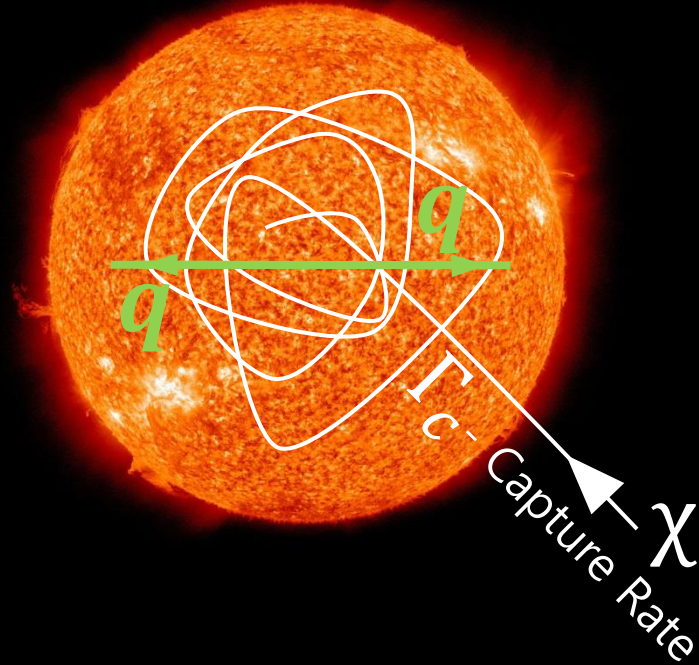


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# Solar WIMPs

$\Gamma_a$  - Annihilation Rate



The change of the number of WIMPs is

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \Gamma_c - 2\Gamma_a$$

In equilibrium, we can write down

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = 0 \rightarrow \Gamma_a = \Gamma_c / 2$$

in terms of cross-section

$$\Gamma_c \propto C_0^{SD}(m_\chi) \cdot \sigma_{SD}^p$$

The number of WIMPs are equilibrium with the assumption of

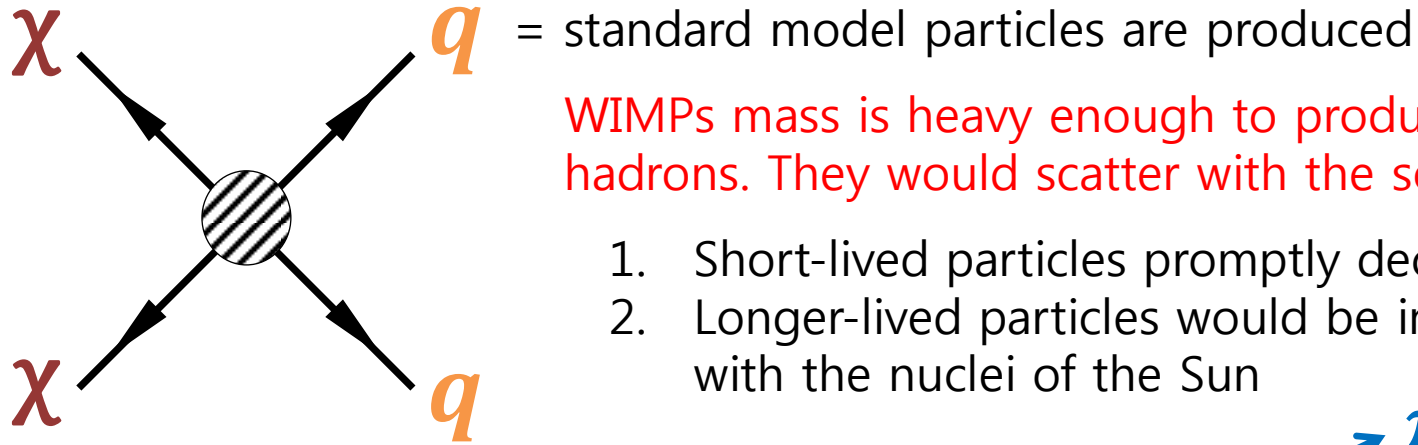
$$t_{Equilibrium} \ll t_{Solar}$$

For  $m_\chi \leq 4\text{GeV}$ , the captured WIMPs can be ejected from the Sun again; evaporation

; [ K. Griest and D. Seckel, Nucl. Phys. B 283, 681 (1987) [Erratum-ibid. B 296, 1034 (1988)]; A. Gould, Astrophys. J. 321, 560 (1987) ]

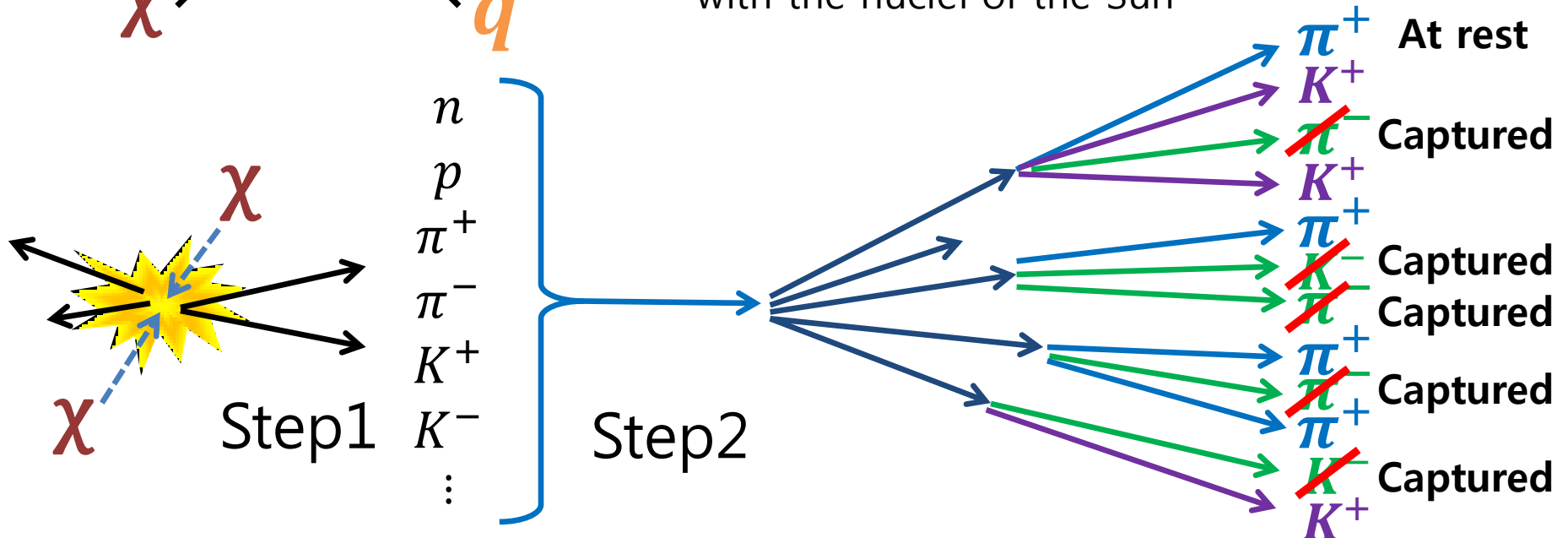
# Solar WIMPs

After annihilation...



WIMPs mass is heavy enough to produce multiple hadrons. They would scatter with the solar nuclei

1. Short-lived particles promptly decay
2. Longer-lived particles would be interacting with the nuclei of the Sun



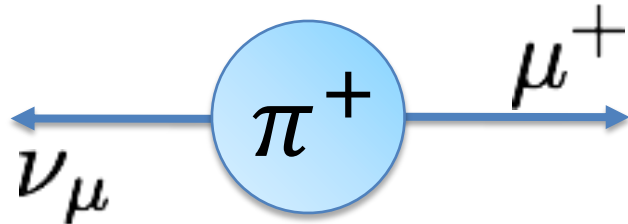


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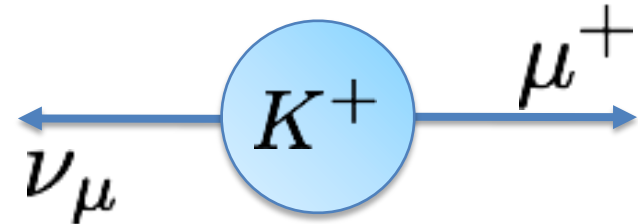
Now, we obtained lots of stopped long lived mesons... And then?

$\pi^-, K^-$  : captured,  $\pi^0$  : promptly decay into two photons,  
 $\pi^+, K^+$  only give neutrinos through at rest decay.

$$\pi^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \sim 100\%$$



$$K^+ \rightarrow \mu^+ \nu_\mu \sim 64\%$$



**For the  $\pi^+$**

$$m_\mu^2 + p_\mu^2 = m_\pi^2 + p_{\nu_\mu}^2 - 2m_\pi \cdot p_{\nu_\mu}$$
$$p_{\nu_\mu} = \frac{m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2}{2m_\pi} = \underline{29.8 MeV}$$

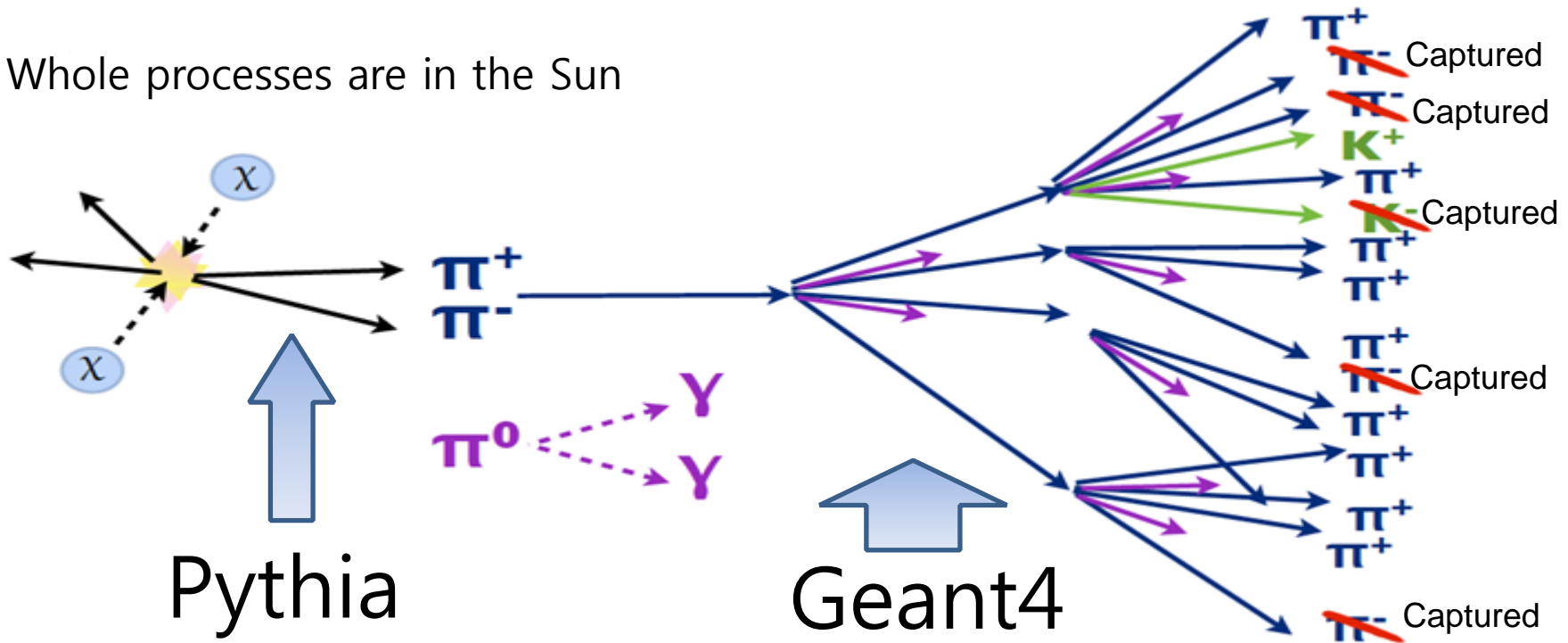
**For the  $K^+$**

$$m_\mu^2 + p_\mu^2 = m_K^2 + p_{\nu_\mu}^2 - 2m_K \cdot p_{\nu_\mu}$$
$$p_{\nu_\mu} = \frac{m_K^2 - m_\mu^2}{2m_K} = \underline{235.5 MeV}$$

The two-body decay at rest results in a monoenergetic neutrino signal

# Simulation

Whole processes are in the Sun



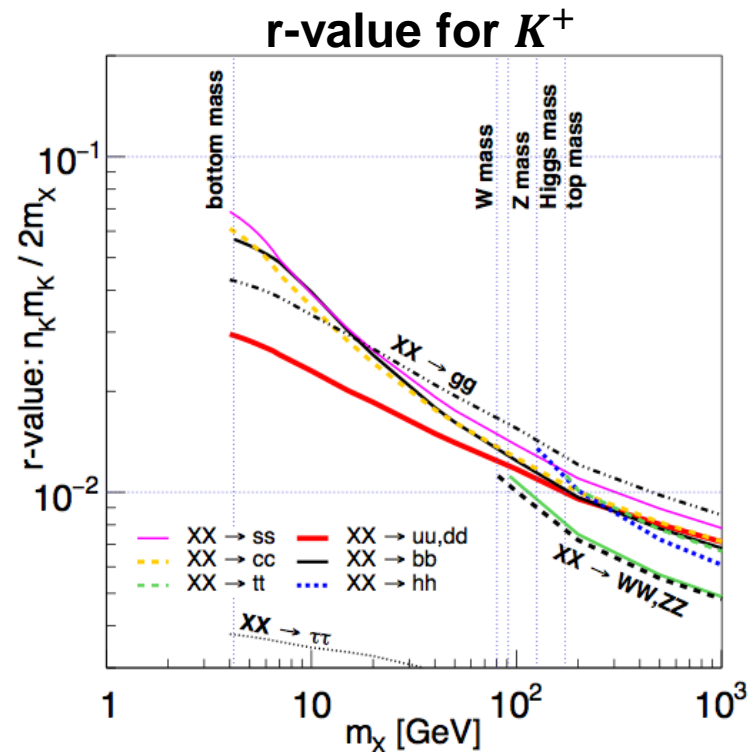
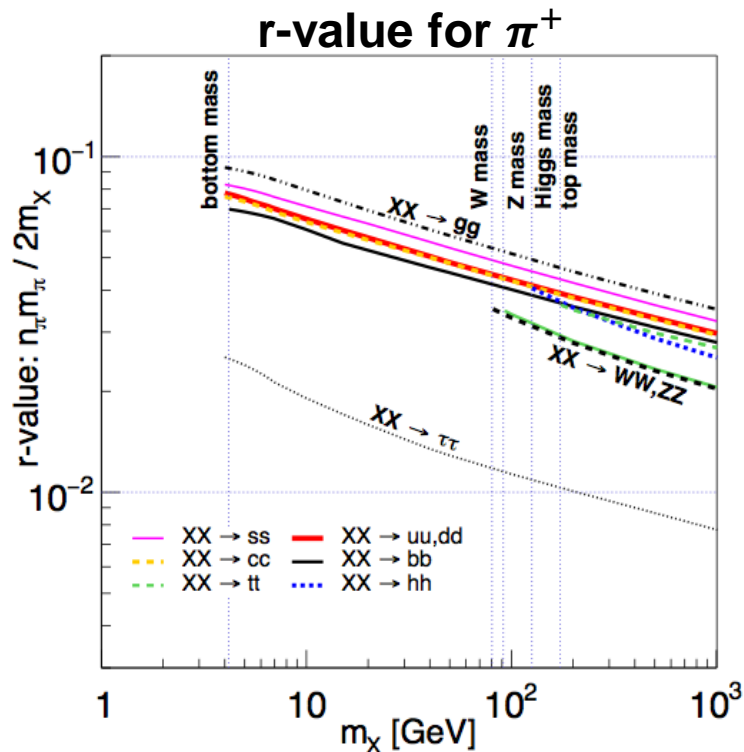
- Calculate the decay of the short lived particles (also, high energy neutrinos would be calculated)
- Generate the energy density table of hadrons & neutrinos from decay

- Calculate the scattering process in the Core of the Sun
- Stopped meson can give mono-energetic neutrinos; low energy neutrinos

# r-value - for the amount of mesons

We defined “**r-value**”, which is the mass fraction of WIMP mass converted into the stopped  $\pi^+$  and  $K^+$

For example, for  $XX \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  with 5GeV WIMP mass, r-value for  $\pi^+$  is 0.07  
It means 7% of WIMP mass becomes the stopped  $\pi^+$

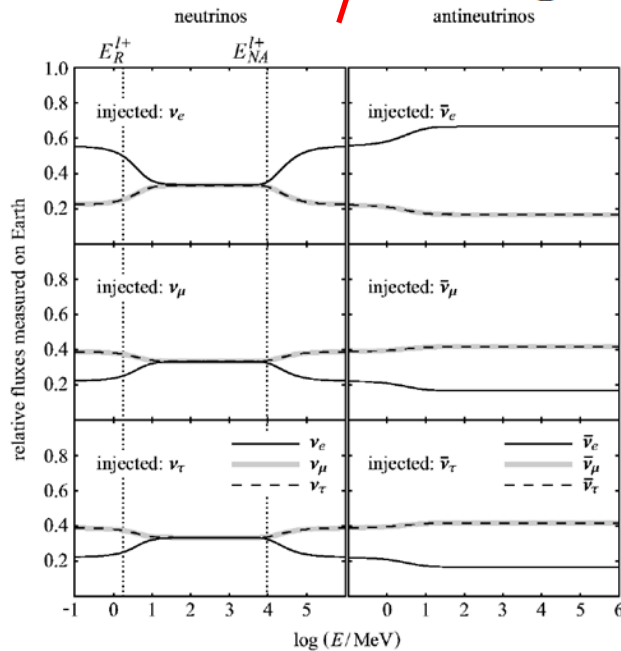


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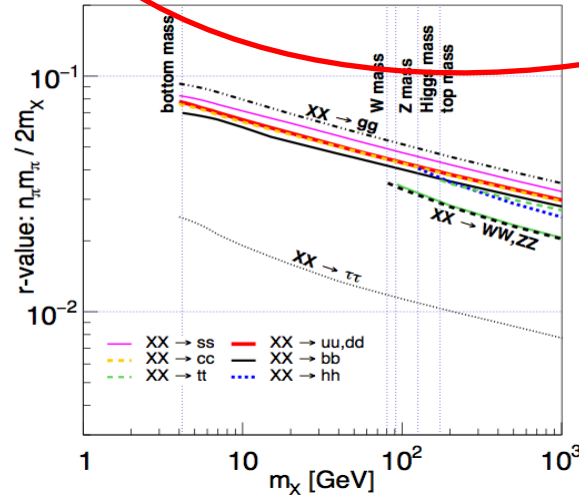
# Signals & Backgrounds

The flux of monoenergetic electron neutrino at the Earth

$$\frac{d^2\Phi_{\pi,K}}{dEd\Omega} = \frac{(F_{\nu_e})(1/2)\Gamma_C}{4\pi r_{\oplus}^2} \left( \frac{2m_X r_{\pi,K}}{m_{\pi,K}} \right) \delta(E - E_0)\delta(\Omega)$$



R. Lehnert and T. J. Weiler, Phys. Rev. D 77, 125004 (2008) [arXiv:0708.1035 [hep-ph]].



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$m_X$ (GeV)	$C_0^{SD}$
10	0.094
20	0.038
30	0.021
40	0.013
50	$8.7 \times 10^{-3}$
60	$6.3 \times 10^{-3}$
70	$4.8 \times 10^{-3}$
80	$3.8 \times 10^{-3}$
90	$3.0 \times 10^{-3}$
100	$2.5 \times 10^{-3}$
200	$6.6 \times 10^{-4}$
300	$3.0 \times 10^{-4}$
400	$1.7 \times 10^{-4}$
500	$1.1 \times 10^{-4}$
600	$7.6 \times 10^{-5}$
700	$5.6 \times 10^{-5}$
800	$4.3 \times 10^{-5}$
900	$3.4 \times 10^{-5}$
1000	$2.7 \times 10^{-5}$
2000	$6.9 \times 10^{-6}$
3000	$3.1 \times 10^{-6}$
4000	$1.7 \times 10^{-6}$
5000	$1.1 \times 10^{-6}$

TABLE VI. Capture coefficient  $C_0^{SD}(m_X)$  in units of  $10^{29} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ pb}^{-1}$ .

Y. Gao, J. Kumar and D. Marfatia, Phys. Lett. B 704, 534 (2011) [arXiv:1108.0518] [hep-ph].

Factor which is from muon to electron neutrino

# Signals & Backgrounds

Main background is atmospheric electron neutrinos and their flux are

$$\frac{d^2\Phi}{dE d\Omega}(E = 30\text{MeV}) \sim 10 \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}\text{MeV}^{-1}$$

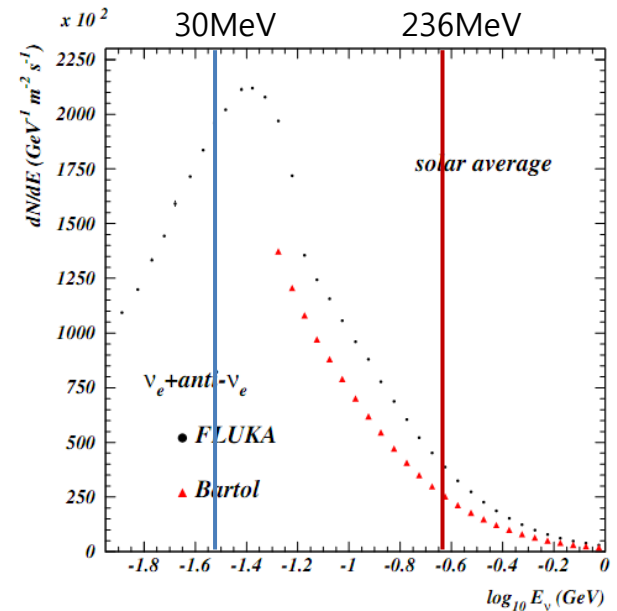
$$\frac{d^2\Phi}{dE d\Omega}(E = 236\text{MeV}) \sim 1 \text{ m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}\text{sr}^{-1}\text{MeV}^{-1}$$

Otherwise, the stopped pions/kaons from cosmic ray at the Earth, the Sun and the Moon could be backgrounds.

However,

In the Earth, few cosmic rays convert into pions/kaons, but just a few stopped pions/kaons arrive the surface. (it's an order of magnitude smaller)

In the Moon/Sun, because of huge distance, they are insignificant



G.Battistoni, A.Ferrari, T.Montaruli and P.R.Sala, *Astropart. Phys.* 23, 526 (2005)

# Signals & Backgrounds

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Now, we can estimate the number of signal and background

$$N_{S,B} = \left[ \underbrace{f_{S,B}}_{\text{Energy Window}} \int_{(1-\epsilon/2)E_0}^{(1+\epsilon/2)E_0} dE \int d\Omega \underbrace{\frac{d^2\Phi_{S,B}}{dEd\Omega}}_{\text{Signal/Background flux}} \right] \times \underbrace{A_{\text{eff}} \times T}_{\text{Exposure of detectors}}$$

The fraction of events falling within the energy bin centered at 29.8MeV, 235.6MeV

Now, let's determine the sensitivity of detectors

# Neutrino Telescope Survey



Liquid Scintillator



Argon

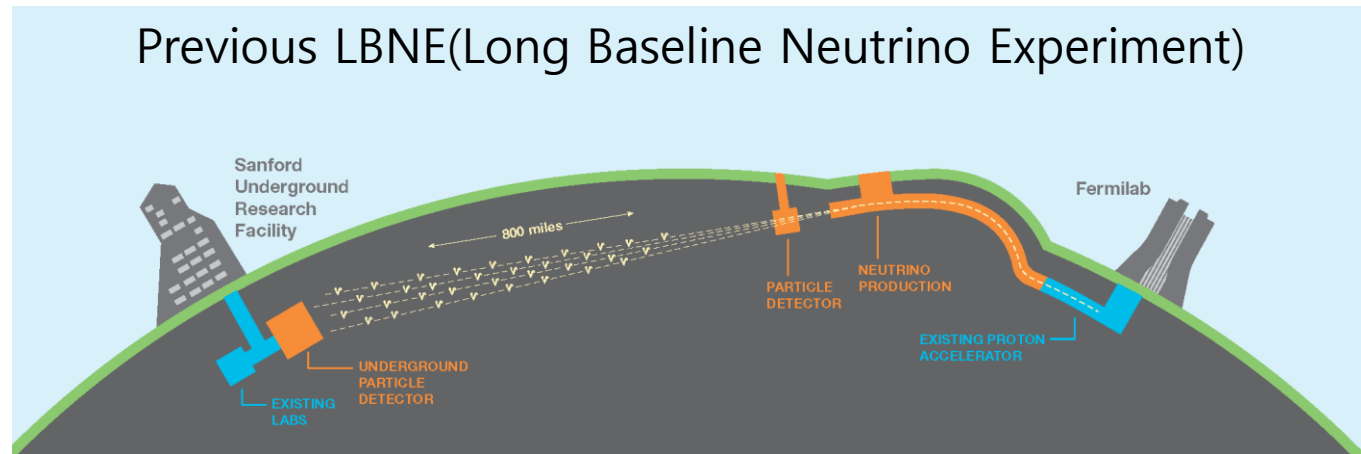


Water



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Hyper-Kamiokande



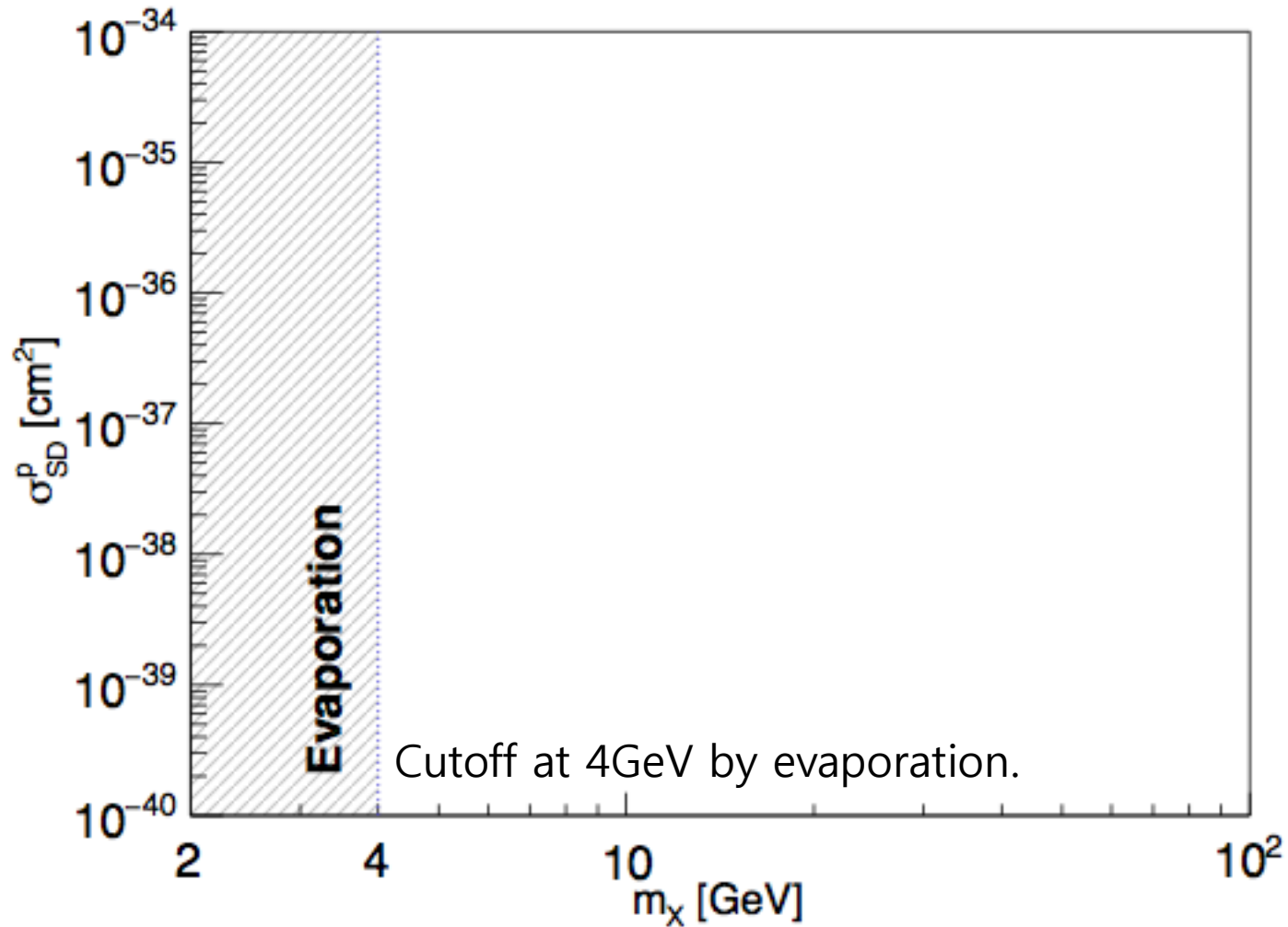
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experiment	status	exposure	$N_B^\pi$	$N_{obs}^\pi$	$f_S^\pi$	$N_S^\pi$	$N_B^K$	$N_{obs}^K$	$f_S^K$	$N_S^K$
KamLAND	current	4 kT yr	—	—	—	—	5.1	6	0.68	5.5
DUNE	future	34 kT yr	0.2	0	1	2.3	50	50	0.68	10.3
Super-K	current	240 kT yr	—	—	—	—	305	305	0.68	28.7
Hyper-K	future	600 kT yr	—	—	—	—	762.5	763	0.68	45.4

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# Results

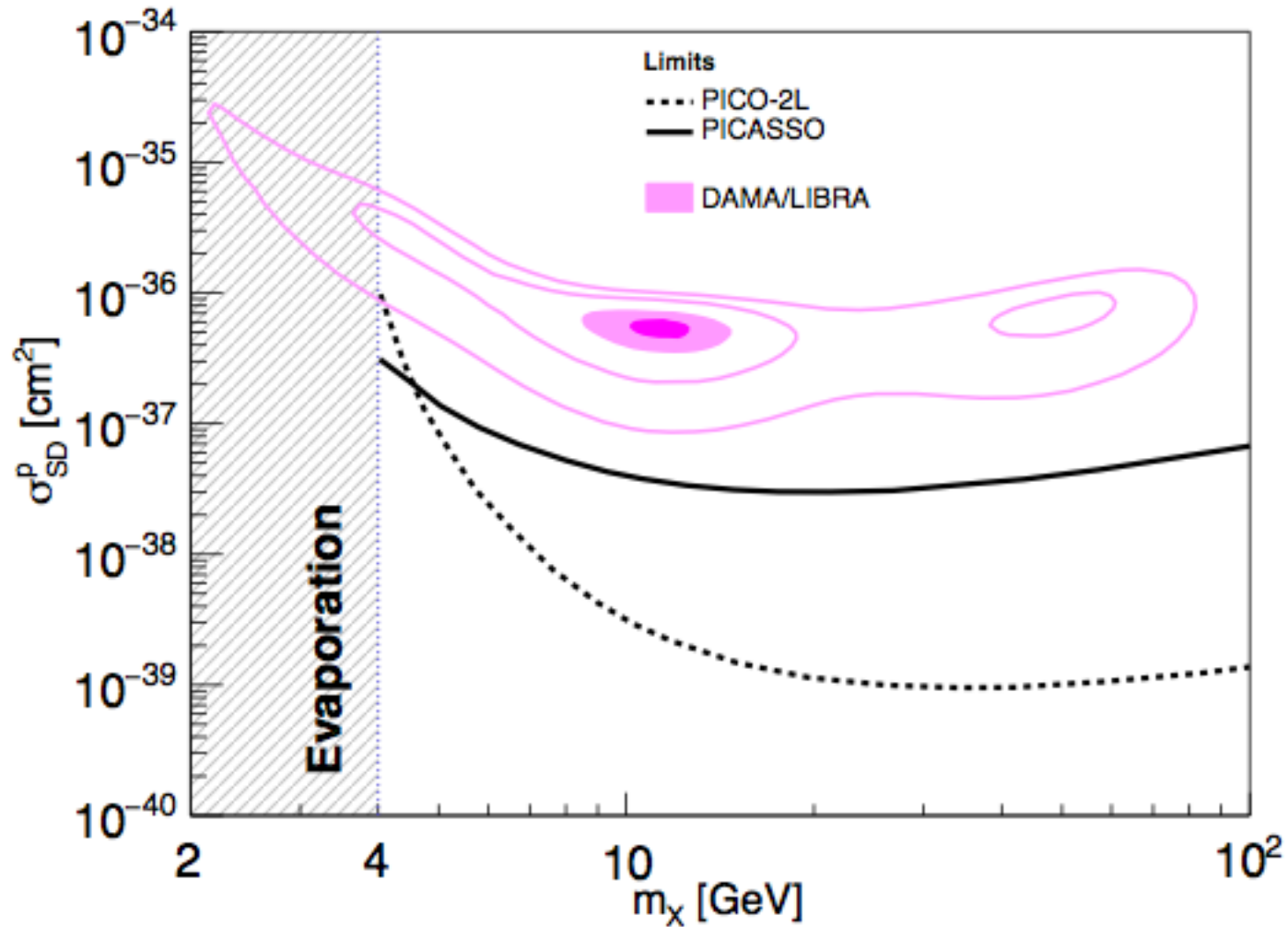
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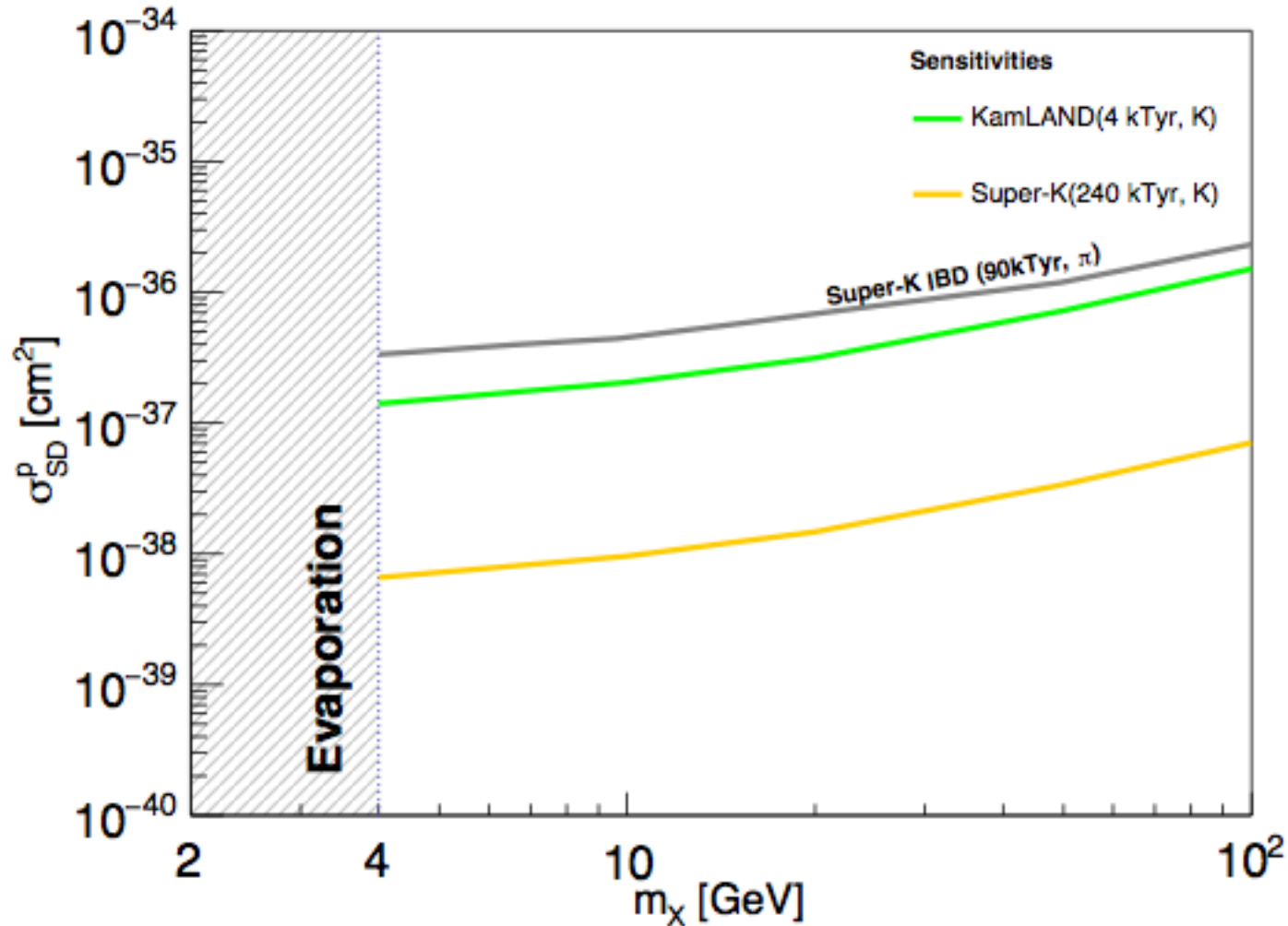
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The sensitivity of direct detection



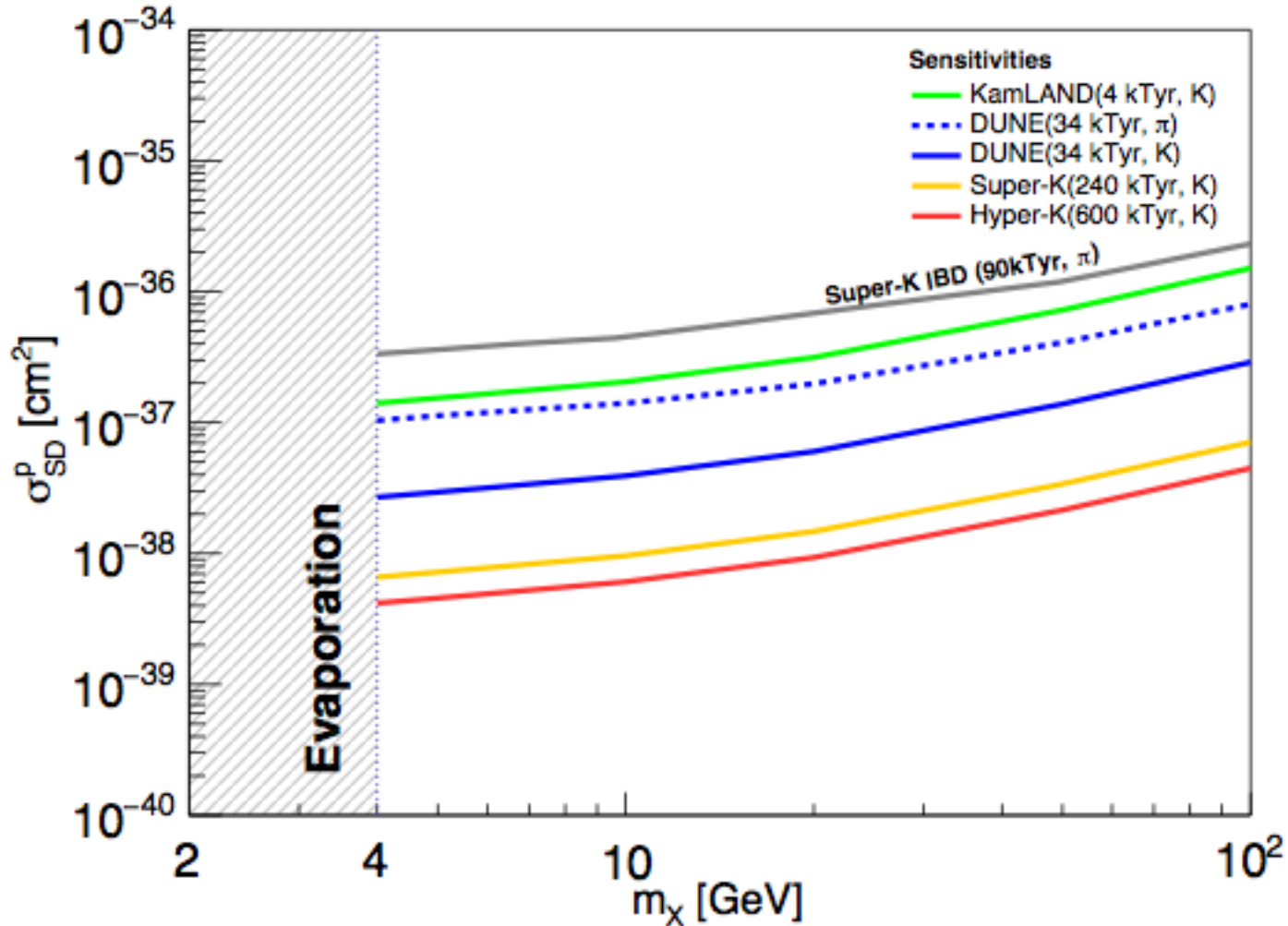
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## Current neutrino detectors

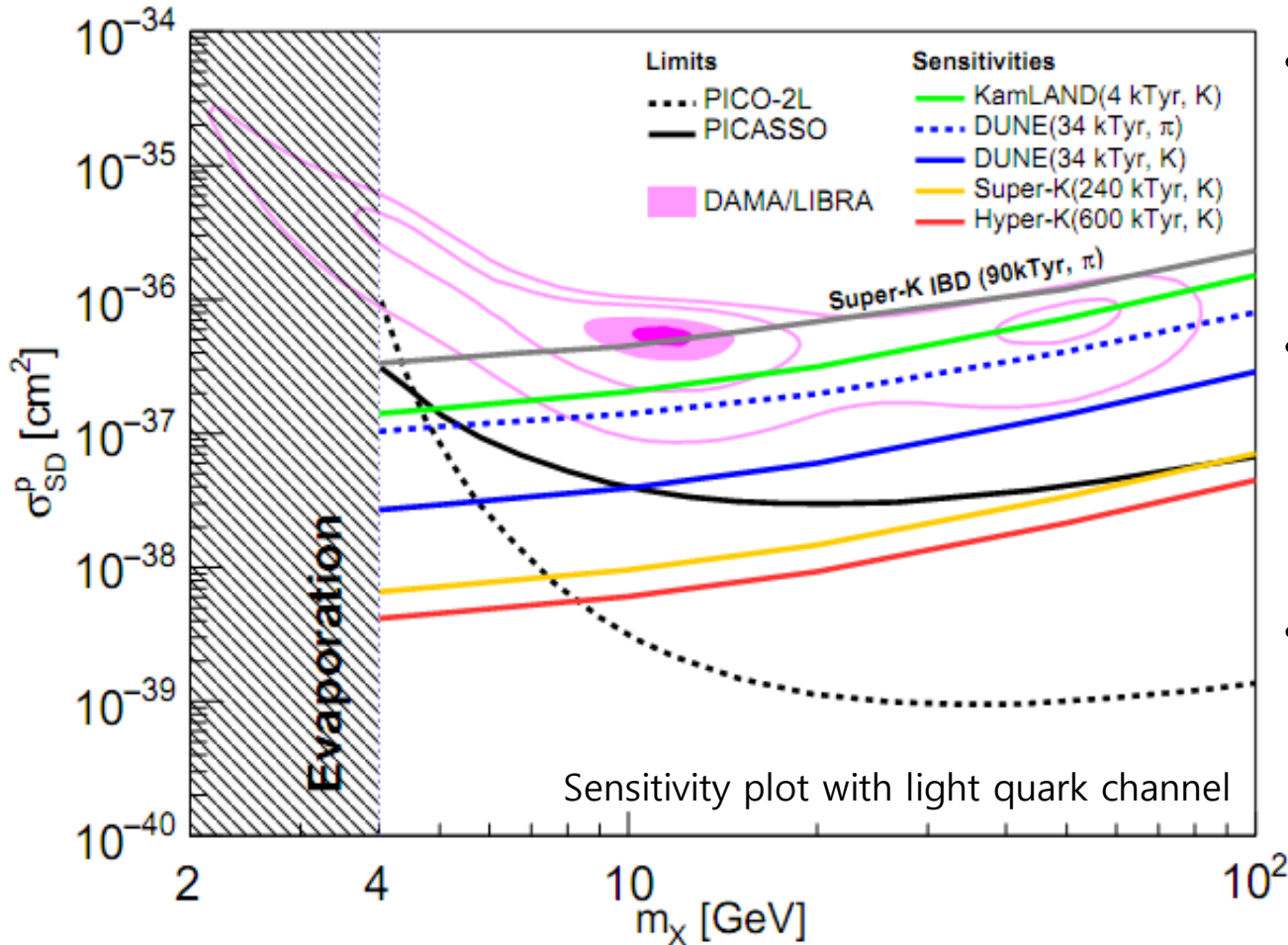


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## Future neutrino detectors



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- Some of indirect detection can give competitive sensitivity for low WIMP mass
- Because of more probable interaction for kaon's neutrino, kaon line gives better sensitivity
- Because of large amount of yields of stopped pions/kaons, light quark channel is attractive

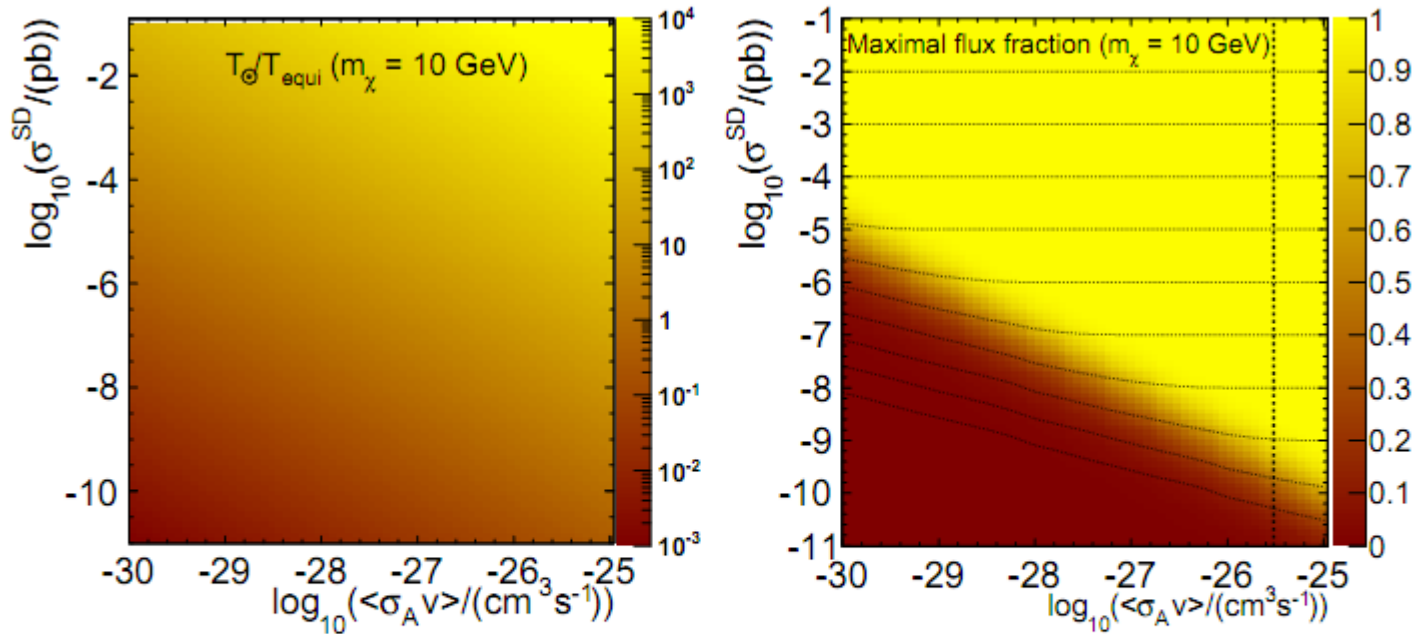
# Conclusion

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- We considered solar WIMPs annihilation process carefully and included the scattering between solar nuclei and hadrons
- Using Pythia & Geant4, we estimated the number of stopped pions/kaons
- The amount of the stopped meson is large enough to be detectable signal, compared with backgrounds. That is, it can be additional WIMPs detection channel
- Monoenergetic signals can give competitive sensitivity. Specially, neutrinos from stopped kaon decay can give better upper limit for WIMP-nucleon spin-dependent cross section for low WIMP mass

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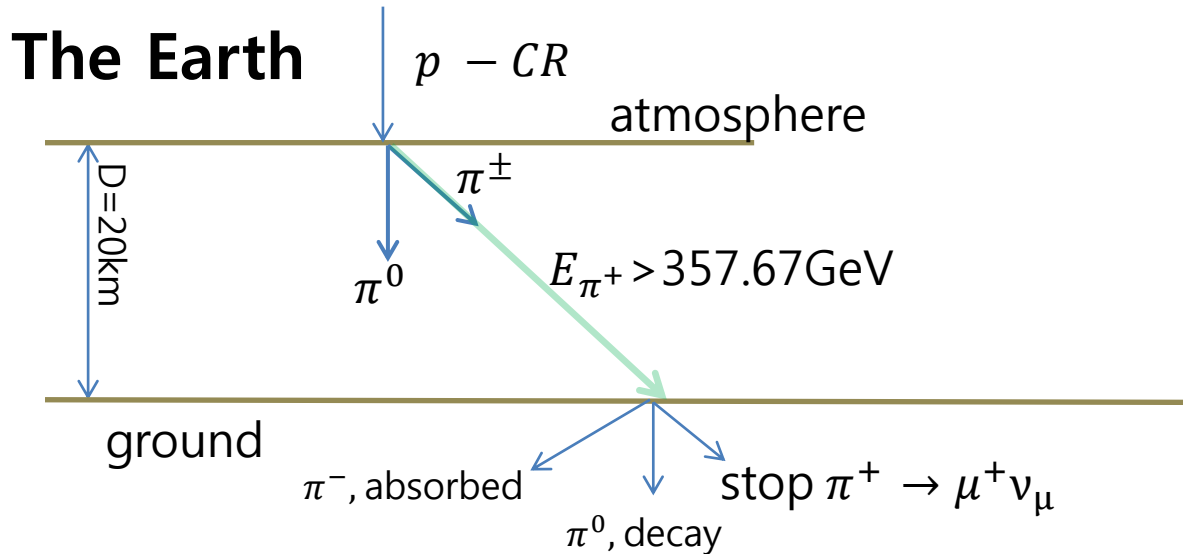


**Figure 6.** Left: Average factor by which the age of the Sun exceeds the equilibration time scale, as function of the self-annihilation cross section and the WIMP-nucleon spin-dependent scattering for a WIMP of mass 10 GeV. Right: The corresponding fraction of the neutrino flux compared to the maximal flux reached at equilibrium. The dotted line indicates the thermal relic cross section, while the dashed lines indicate the affect on a constrained on the WIMP Nucleon cross section if the dark matter self-annihilation cross section is reduced so that the Sun is not in equilibrium anymore.

Carsten Rott, Takayuki Tanaka, Yoshitaka Itow, JCAP09(2011)029 [arXiv:1107.3192 [astro-ph.HE]]

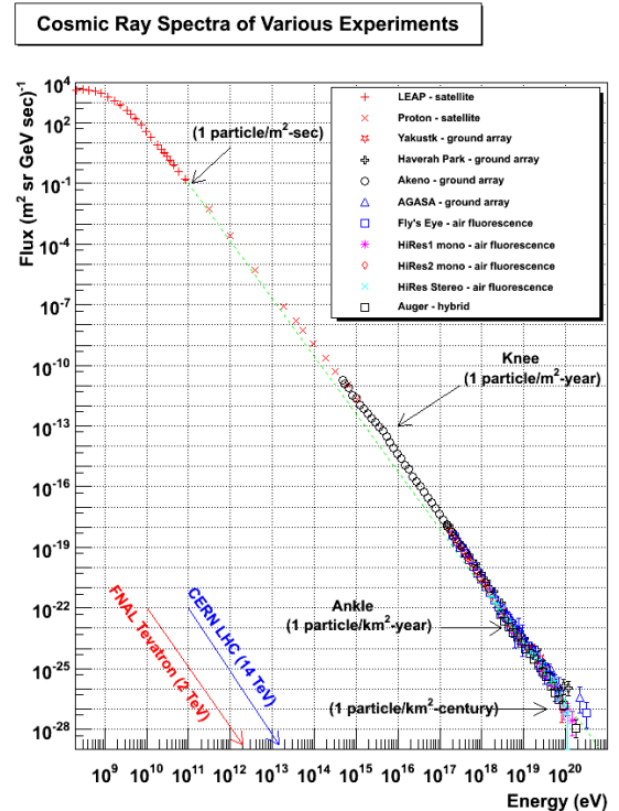
$$I_N(E) \approx 1.8 \times 10^4 \left( \frac{E}{\text{GeV}} \right)^{-\alpha} \frac{\text{nucleons}}{\text{m}^2 \text{ s sr GeV}}$$

Suppose cosmic ray only consisting of proton.  $\alpha = 2.7 [3m_\pi, 10^6] \text{ GeV}$   
 $\alpha = 3.0 [10^6, 10^8] \text{ GeV}$



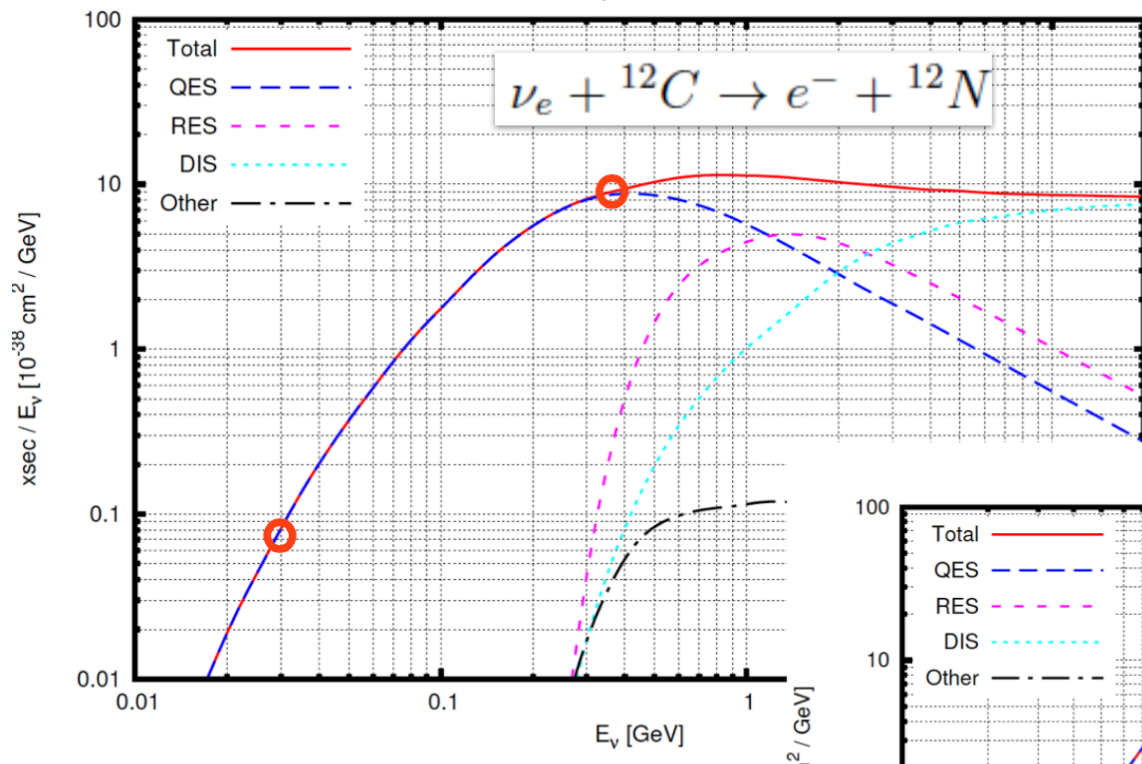
$$E_{CR_E}(\text{surface}) \rightarrow N_{\pi^+} m_{\pi^+} * b\%$$

$$I_{CR_E} = \frac{a}{100} \cdot \frac{b}{100} \cdot 4.62 \cdot 10^2 [\text{neutrinos}][\text{m}^2 \text{ s sr}]^{-1}$$



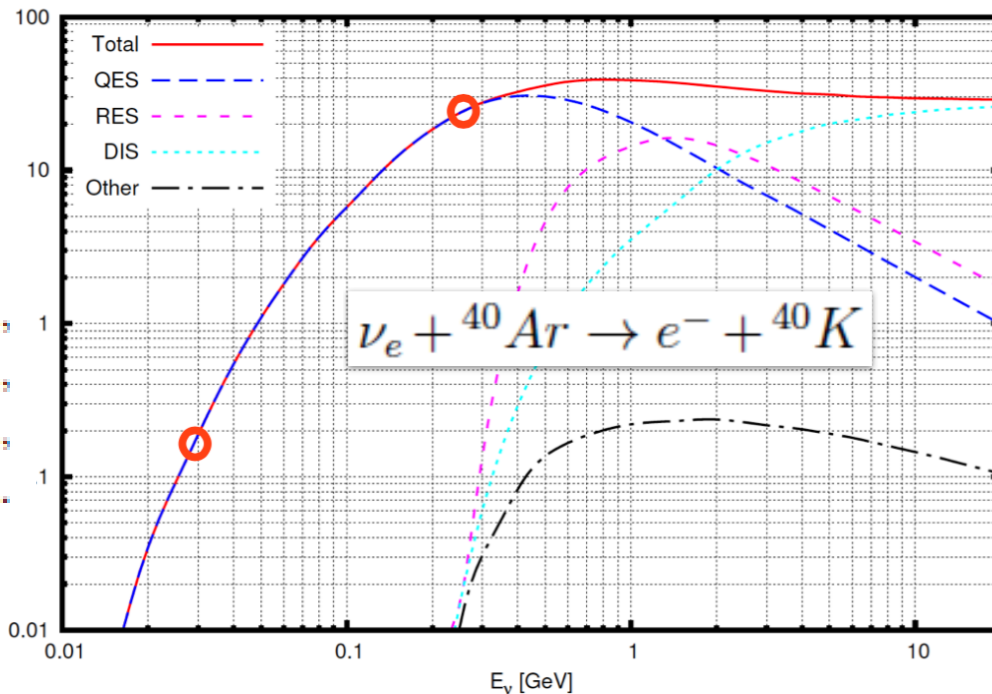


Cross sections of  $\nu_e$  interactions with  $^{12}\text{C}$  [CC]



- 29.8MeV
  - charged current quasi-elastic
- 235.5MeV
  - charged current quasi-elastic,
  - just at the edge of pion production, deep inelastic scattering, resonance, coherent

Cross sections of  $\nu_e$  interactions with  $^{40}\text{Ar}$  [CC]



$$\sigma_{\nu_e + ^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + A' + X} (30 \text{ MeV}) \sim 1.8 \times 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\nu_e + ^{12}\text{C} \rightarrow e^- + A' + X} (236 \text{ MeV}) \sim 1.6 \times 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\nu_e + ^{40}\text{Ar} \rightarrow e^- + A' + X} (236 \text{ MeV}) \sim 5.2 \times 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2,$$

$$\sigma_{\nu_e + ^{16}\text{O} \rightarrow e^- + A' + X} (236 \text{ MeV}) \sim 2.0 \times 10^{-38} \text{ cm}^2.$$

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