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## Physics beyond the standard model with the ANTARES neutrino telescope

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# Physics motivations

Supernovae  
Explosions

Neutrino  
Physics

Dark Matter  
& Exotics searches

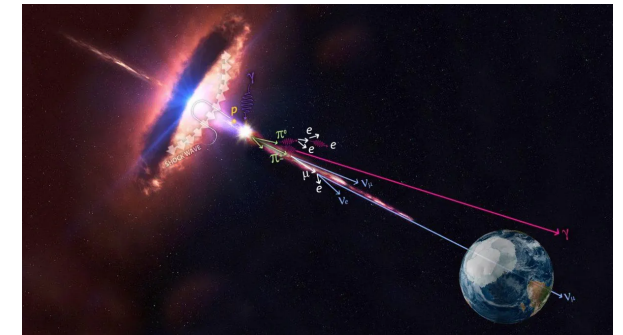
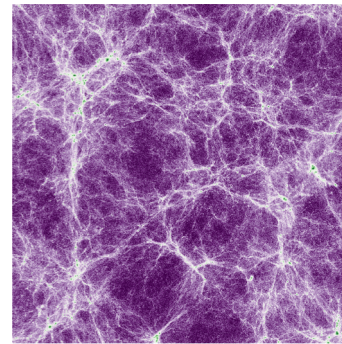
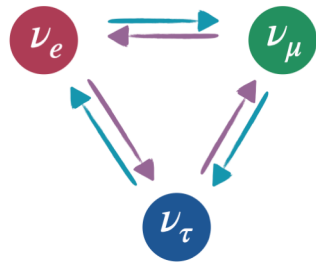
Cosmic neutrinos  
Multi-Messenger program

MeV

GeV

TeV

PeV

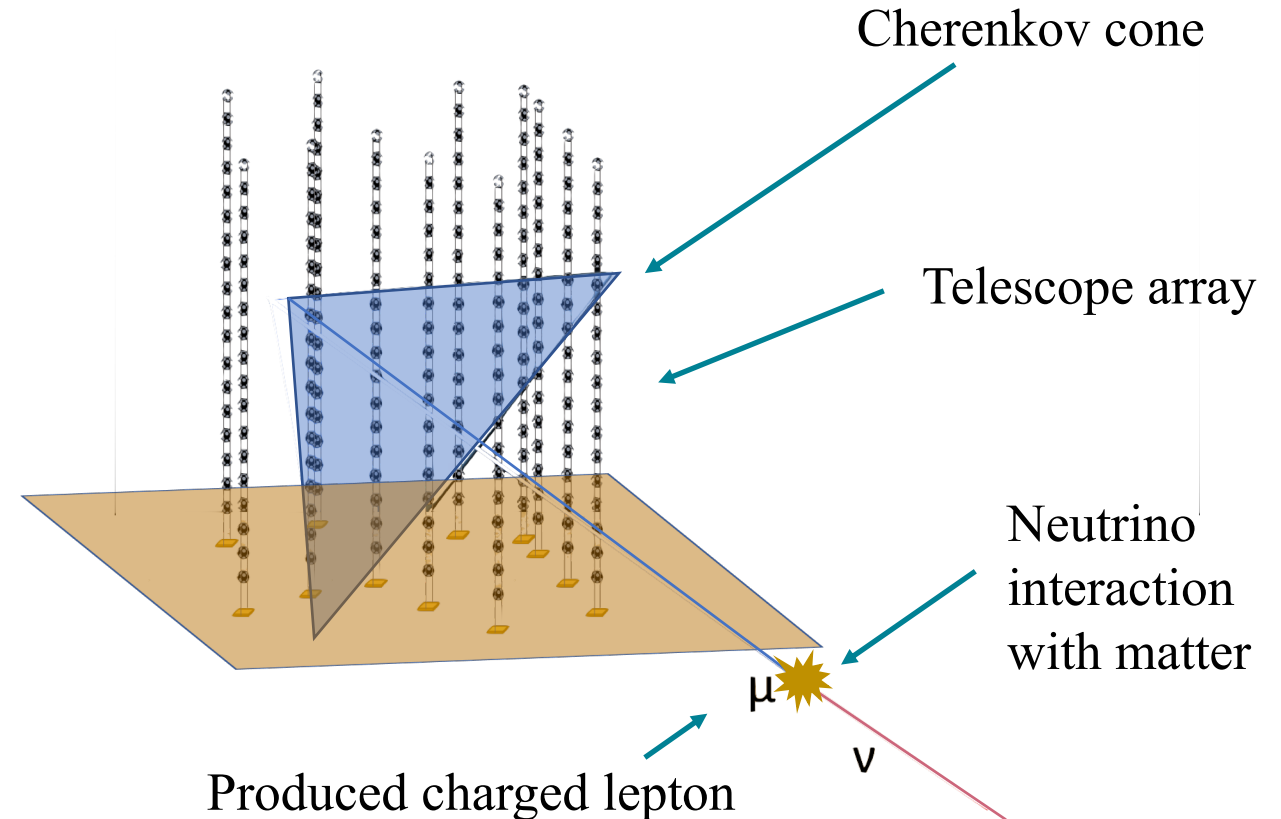


+ Not only physics: Environmental research (Earth & Sea Science).

# Characteristics of neutrino telescopes

- Large volume: offers a large number of free target nucleons for neutrino interactions.
- Great depth: provides shielding against secondary particles produced by CRs.
- Transparent medium: allows propagation of Cherenkov photons emitted by relativistic charged particles produced by neutrino interactions

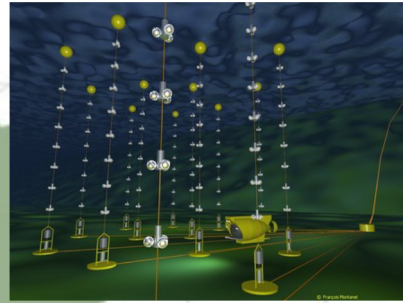
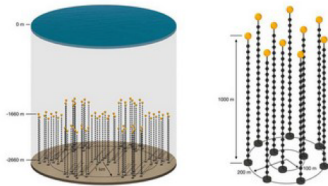
Sensitive from few GeV to few PeV



Time and position of photons to reconstruct the Cherenkov cone → neutrino incoming direction

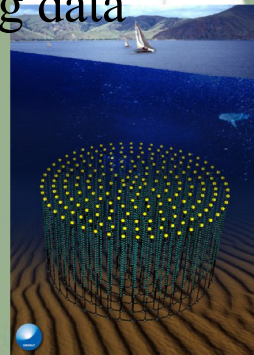
# Neutrino telescopes around the world

P-ONE  
R&D phase



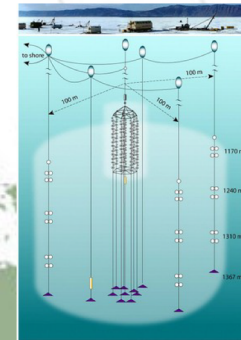
ANTARES , 0.01 km<sup>3</sup>  
2007 – Feb 2022

KM3NeT/ORCA,  
Under construction,  
taking data

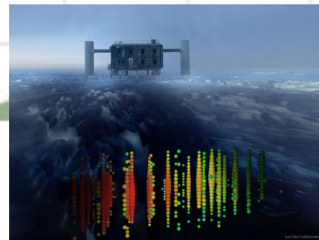


KM3NeT/ARCA,  
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Baikal/GVD,  
Under construction,  
taking data



IceCube, 1Km<sup>3</sup>

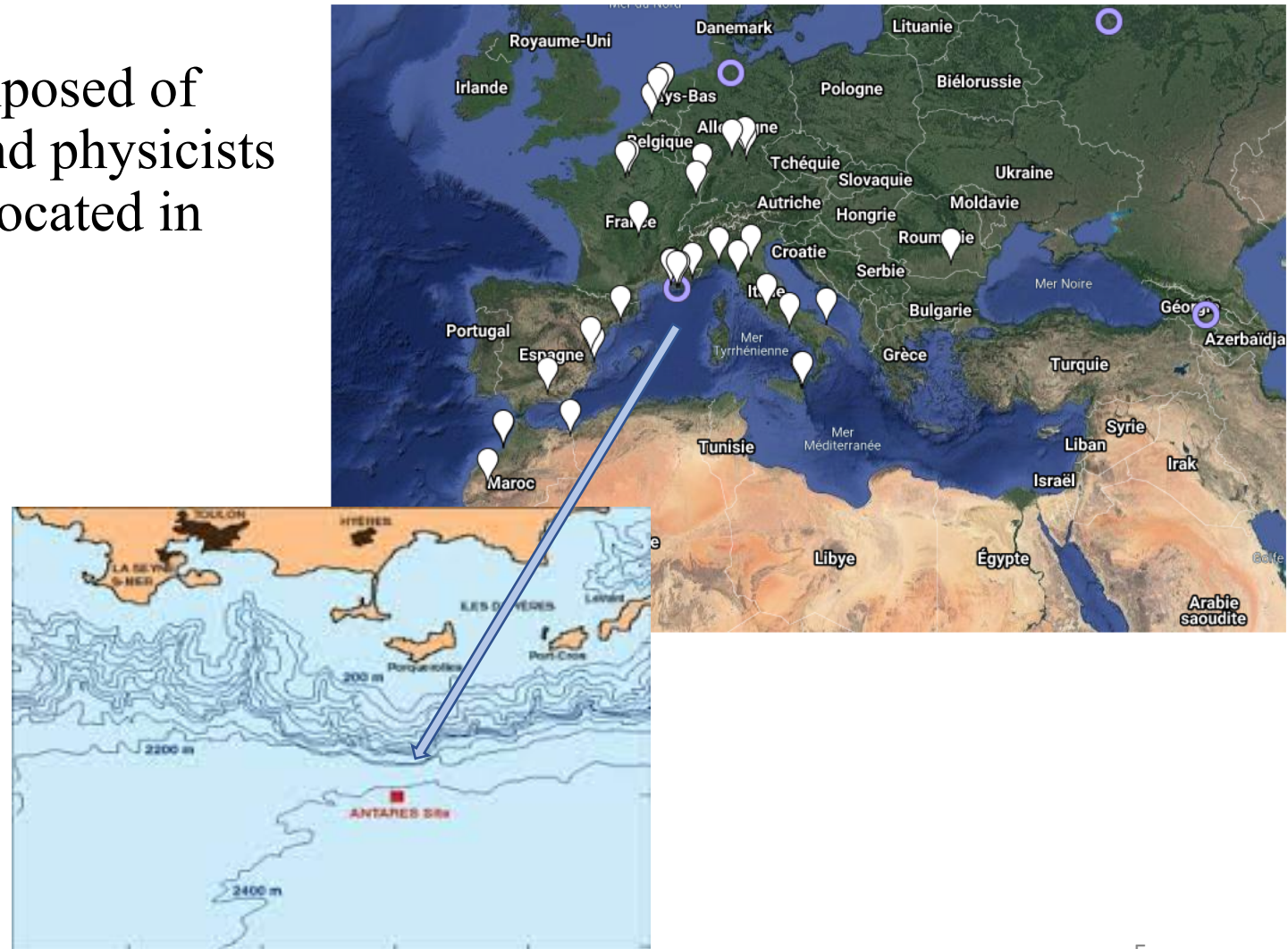


IceCube Gen 2,  
Projected

# The ANTARES Collaboration

The ANTARES collaboration is composed of around 150 engineers, technicians and physicists from different institutes principally located in Europe.

The collaboration was born in 1997.



# The ANTARES neutrino telescope

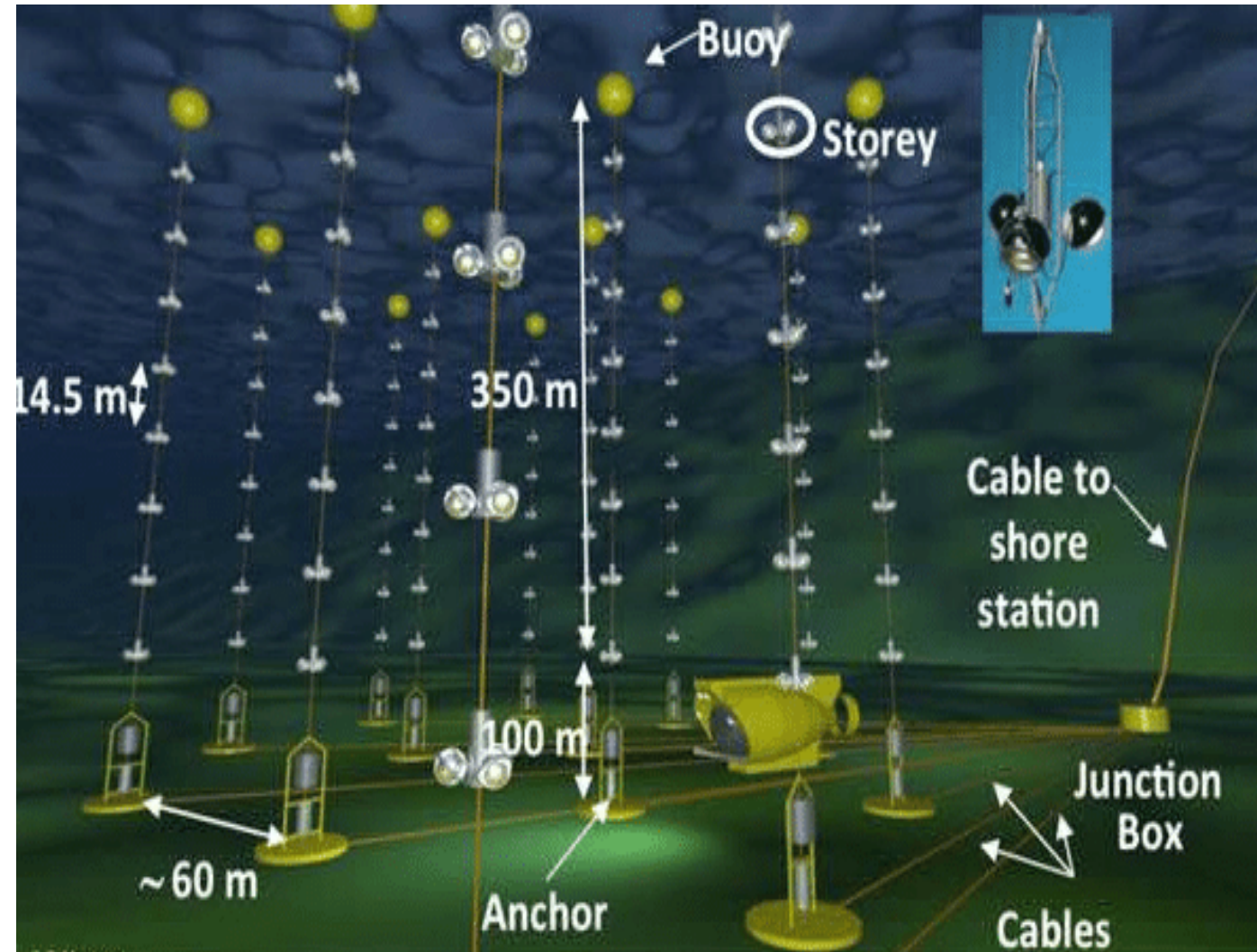
- Toulon, France
- ~2500 m depth
- Data taking: 2007-> February 2022 ♡

Array infrastructure:

- 12 lines
- 25 storeys (3 OM x storey)
- ~900 PMTs
- Volume =  $0.01 \text{ km}^3$

→ > 10000 neutrinos recorded

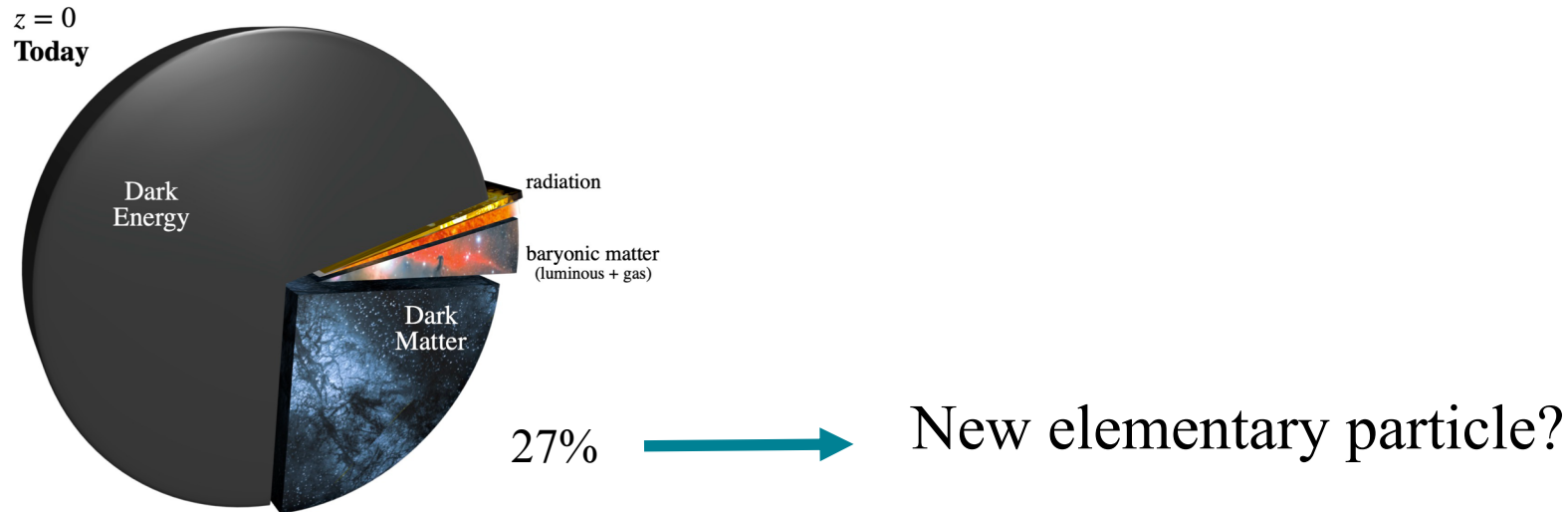
→ ~100 publications in the field of neutrino physics and astrophysics





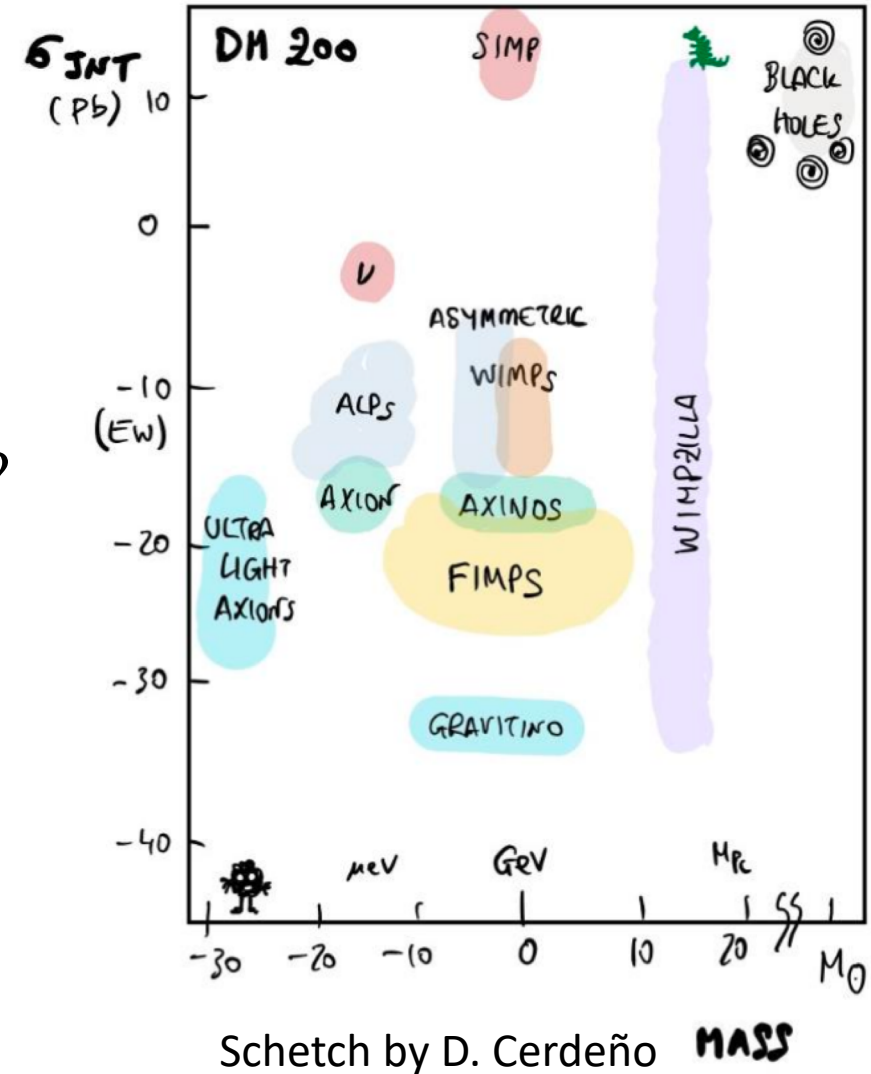
# Beyond Standard Model searches with a neutrino telescope

# Beyond standard model: dark matter



- In the early Universe they were in thermal equilibrium with the ordinary matter plasma
- Electrically neutral
- Very weakly interactions with ordinary matter
- Stable on cosmological scales
- Non-relativistic

WIMP-like particle





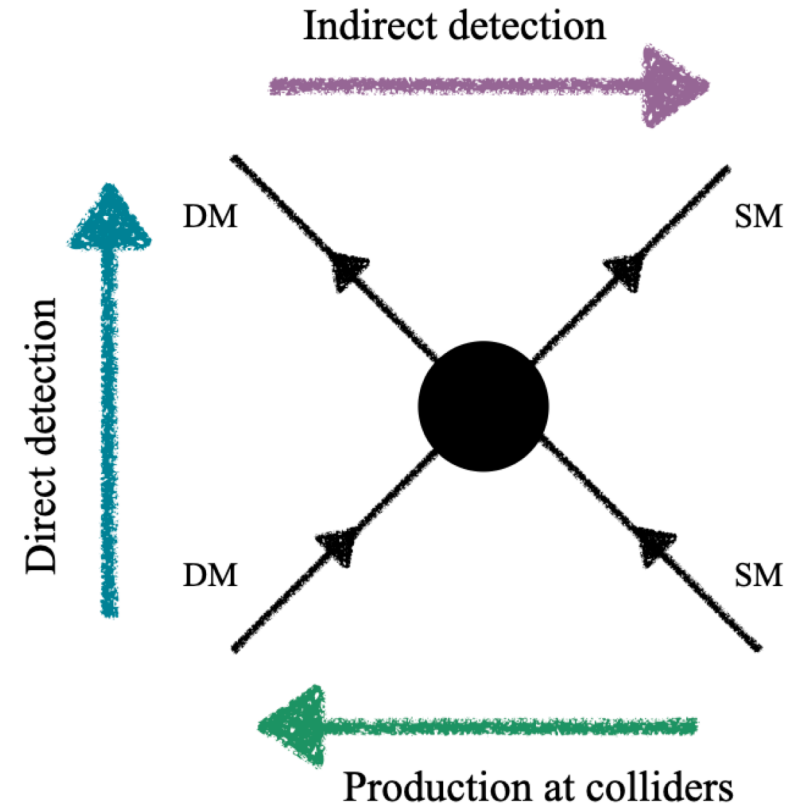
# Dark matter searches with a neutrino telescope

Neutrinos give:

- Directional information
- Spectral information
- Propagation unaffected by absorption, nor deflection

But

- The method is subject to astrophysical uncertainties
- Sensitive to scattering or annihilation cross sections depending on the object being analysed

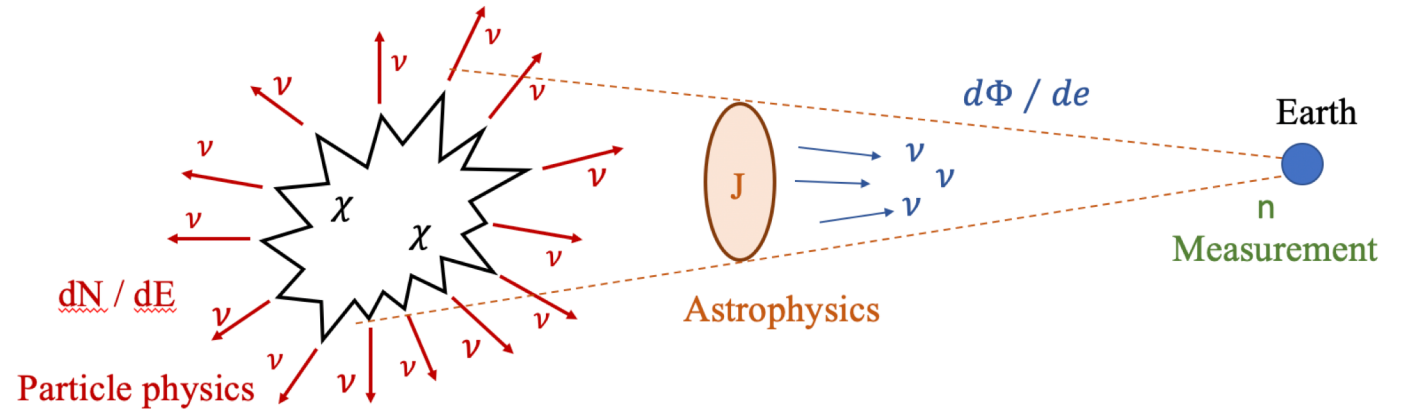


Possible candidate sources: *Sun, Galactic Center, Earth, Dwarf Spheroidal Galaxies*

# Dark matter searches in the Galactic Center



# Dark matter searches from Galactic centre



$$J = \int_{\Omega} d\Omega \int_{l.o.s.} \rho^2 ds$$

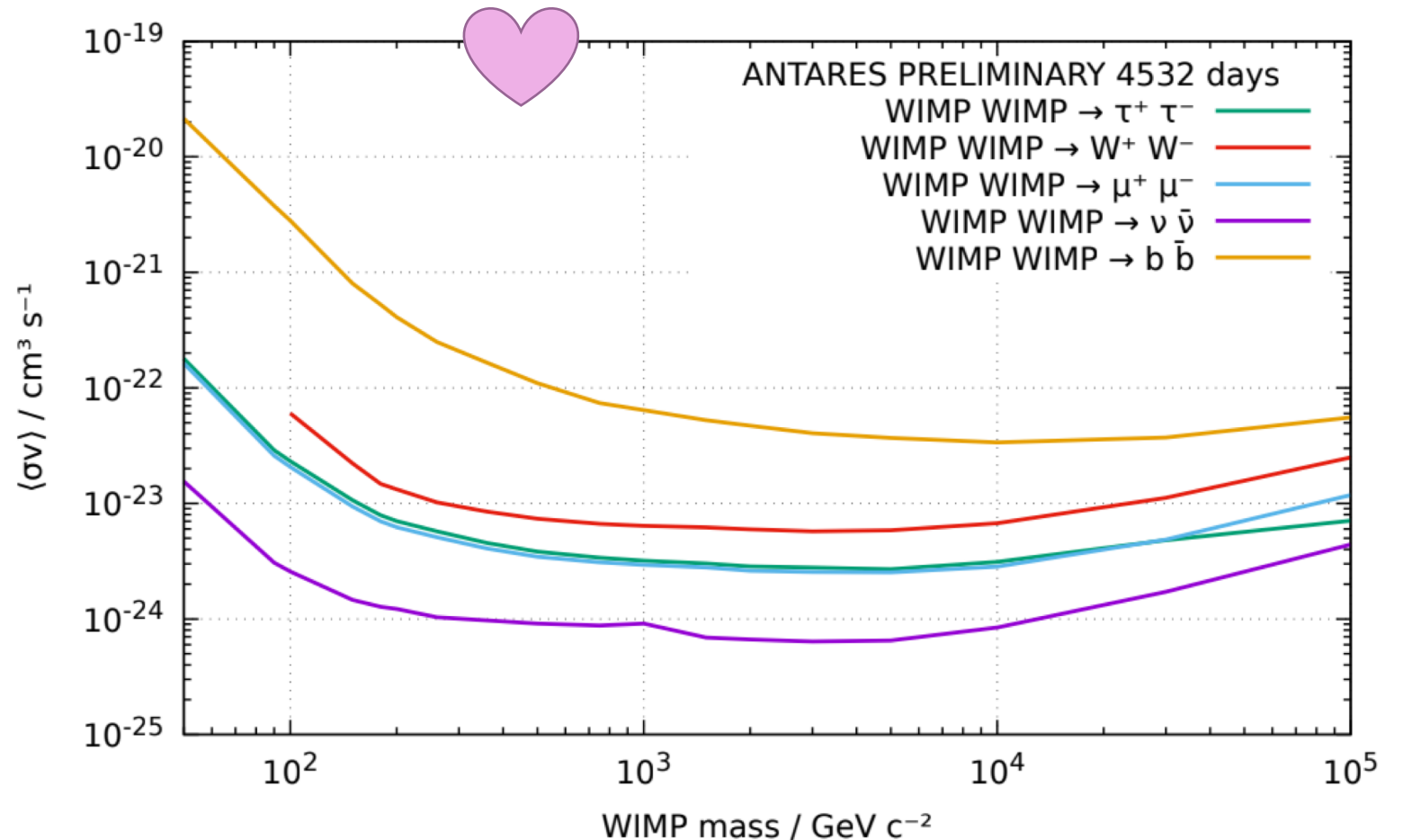
**J factor**,  
depending on the  
density model

$$\phi = \frac{n}{A(M_{\chi})t} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \frac{1}{M_{\chi}^2} \frac{\langle\sigma v\rangle}{2} \int_0^M \frac{dN}{dE} dE J$$

**Flux** = number of observed events / Acceptance \* lifetime =  
annihilation rate \* **average number of particle per collision** \*  
**source geometry**

# Dark matter searches from Galactic centre

- Limits on  $\langle \sigma v \rangle$  from WIMP annihilation in galactic center
- ANTARES 2007-2022, 4532 days
- 11850 tracks, 235 showers
- Assuming NFW halo profile with 100% branching ratio for each annihilation channel



[PoS ICRC 2023 \(1375\)](#)

# Multiple-experiment combination

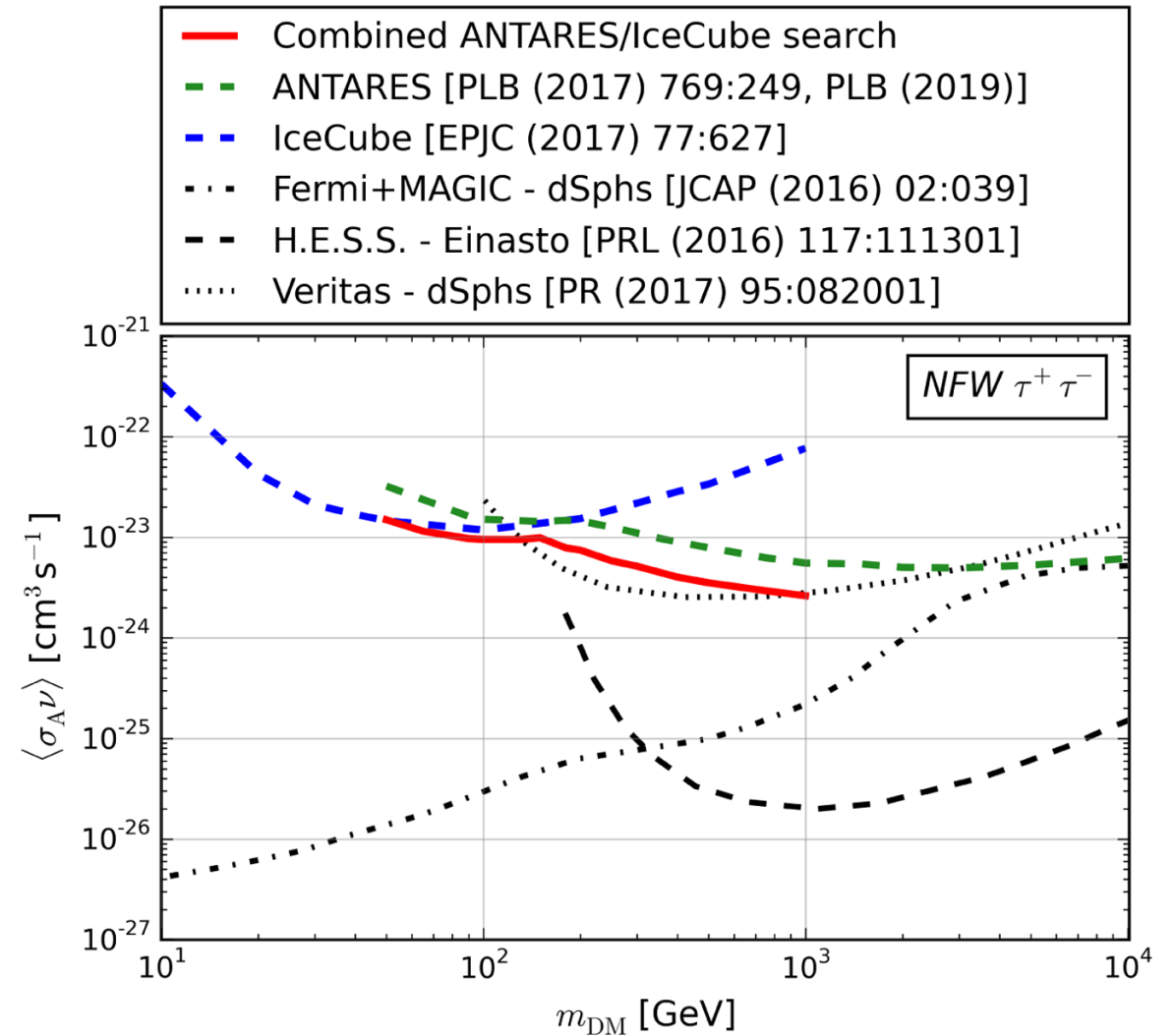
ANTARES and IceCube have conducted a combined-likelihood search for dark matter searches from the Galactic Center

Limits for NFW, tau channel

ANTARES 2101.6 days

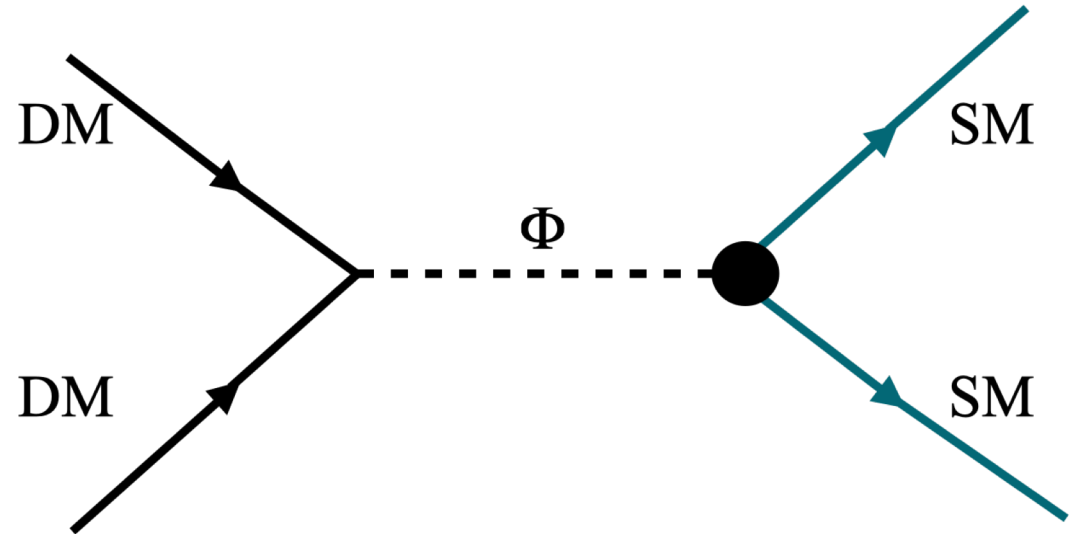
IceCube 1007 days

[Phys. Rev. D 102, 082002 \(2020\)](#)



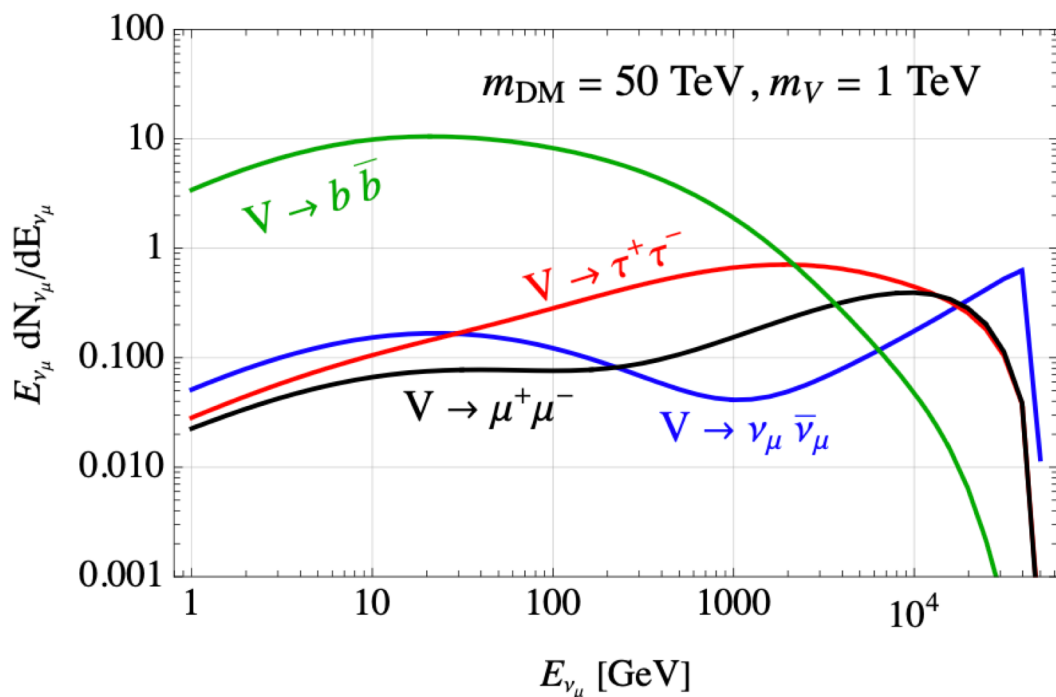
# Secluded dark matter

- Since WIMP models has not provide results
- New models, according to the searches at colliders, can be investigated
  - Modified cosmological evolution: Universe at freeze-out is smaller
  - Same amount of dark matter but more diluted
  - Dark matter decay by a mediator
  - The cross section is smaller and the dark matter is heavier

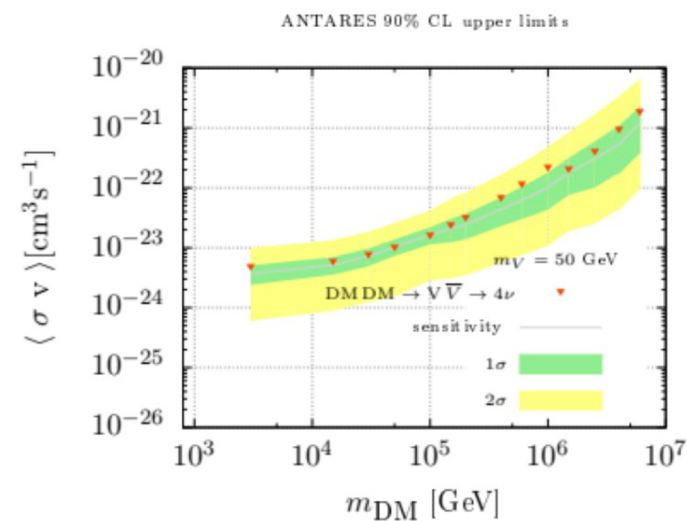
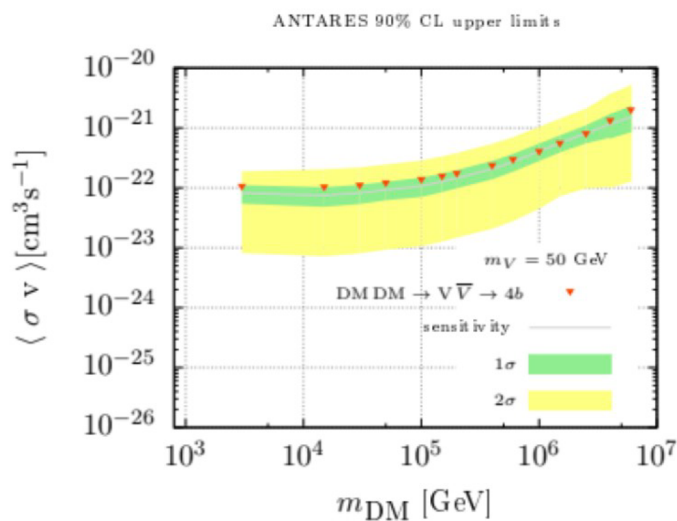
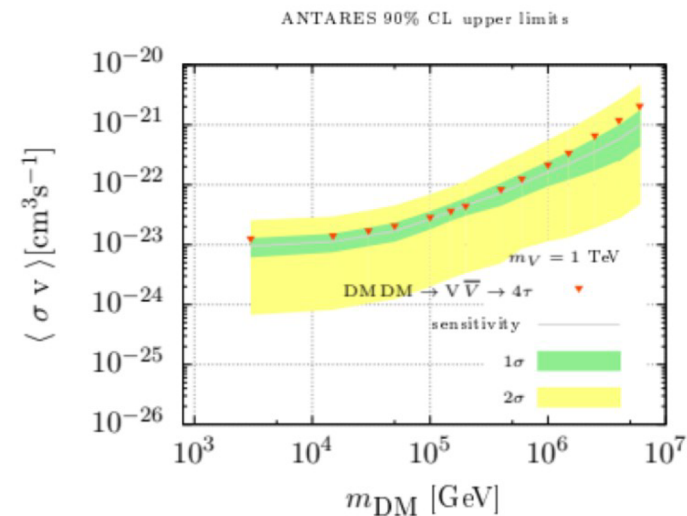
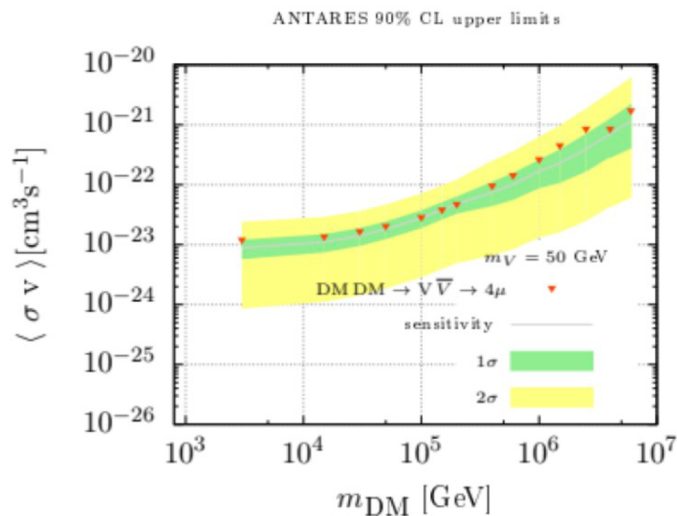


# Secluded dark matter: from the Galactic Center

ANTARES 2007 -2015



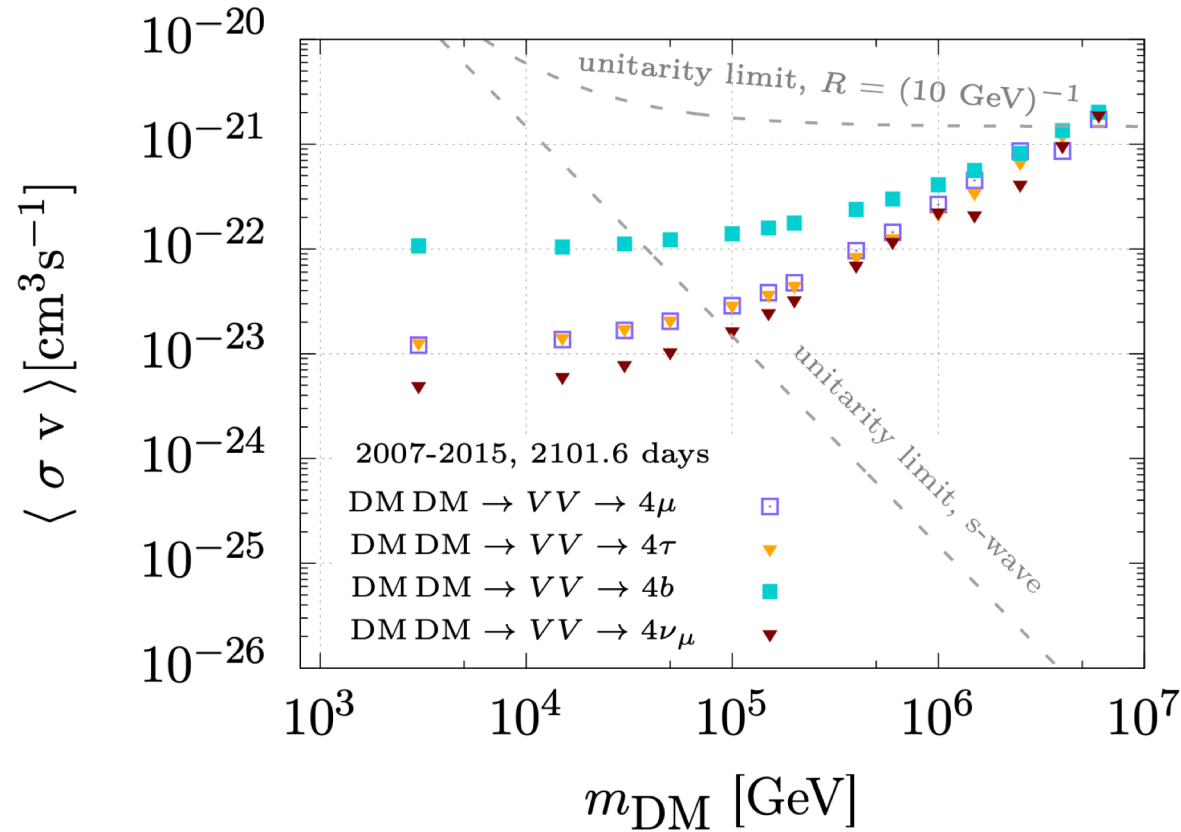
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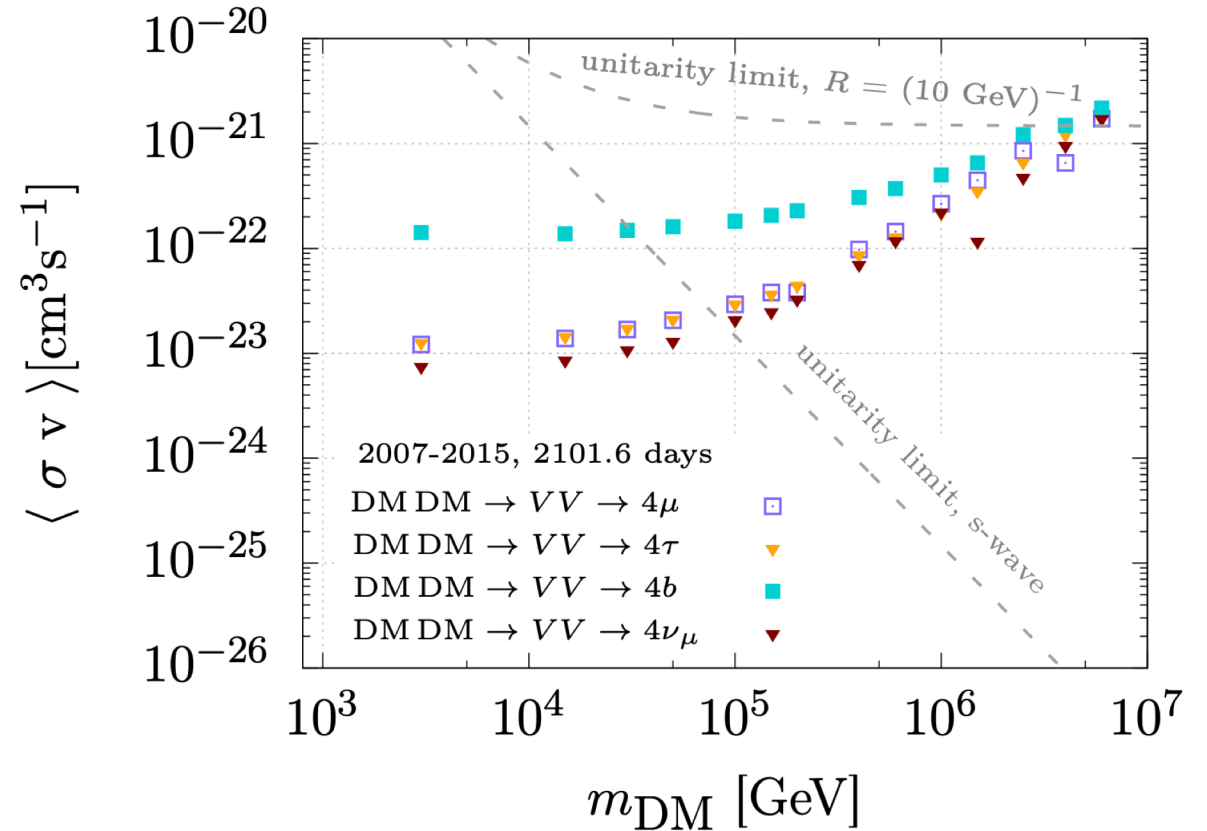
# Secluded dark matter: from the Galactic Center

ANTARES 2007 -2015

ANTARES 90% CL upper limits  $m_V = 50$  GeV



ANTARES 90% CL upper limits  $m_V = 1$  TeV



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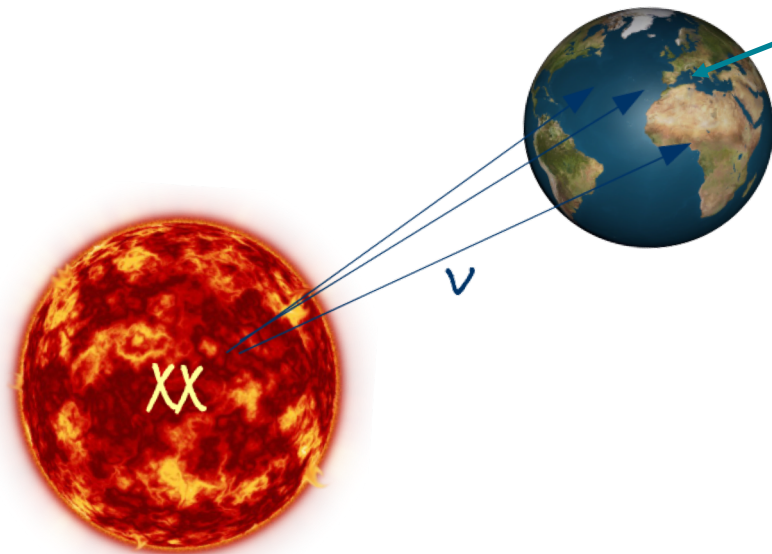
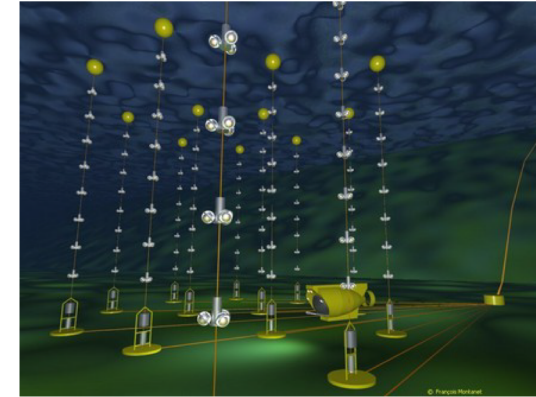




**Dark matter  
searches  
towards the  
Sun**

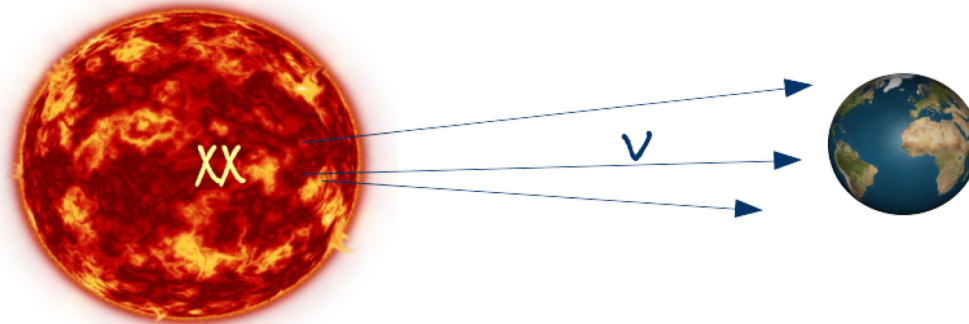
# Dark matter towards the Sun using neutrinos

- Neutrinos and anti-neutrinos, all flavours, with energy  $<$  few TeV
- Neutrinos are detected through Cherenkov light emitted by the products (relativistic charged particles) of the neutrino interaction



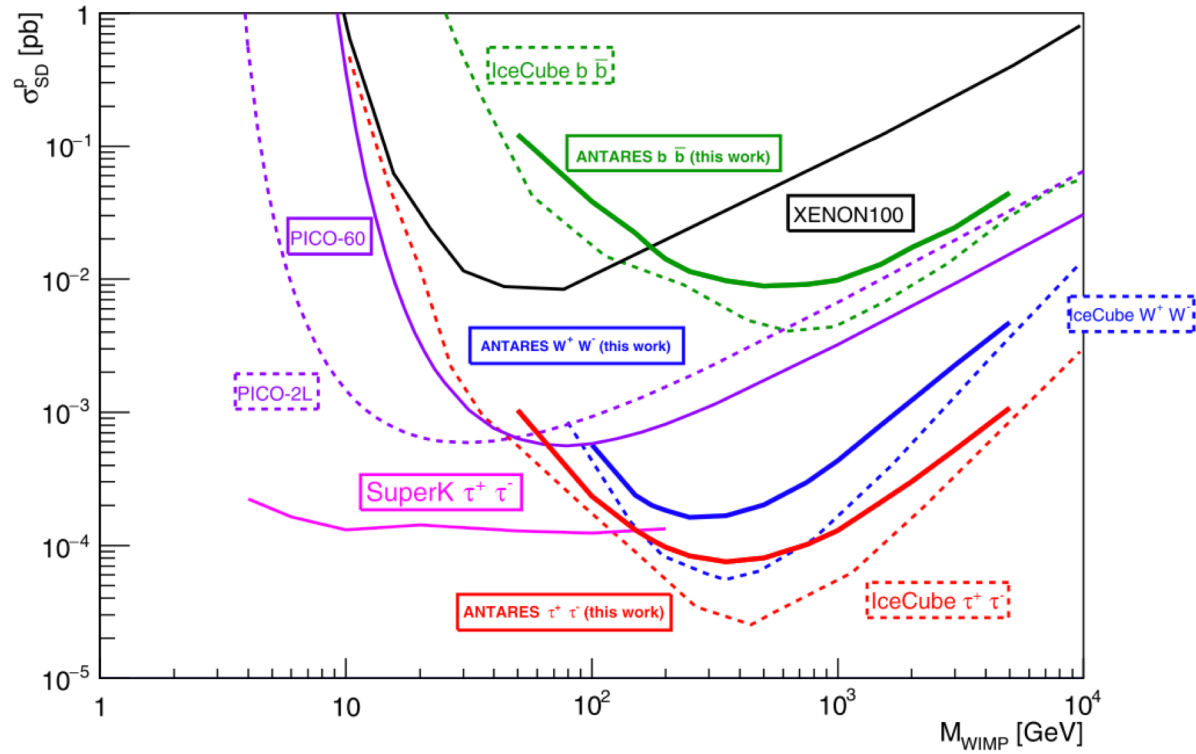
- DM can be captured by massive bodies, such as the Sun
- Inside these bodies, DM can annihilate into Standard Model particles
- These SM particles yield neutrinos

# Dark matter towards the Sun



- Differential neutrino flux related to the annihilation rate  $\frac{d\Phi}{dE_\nu} = \frac{\Gamma}{4\pi d^2} \frac{dN_\nu}{dE_\nu}$
- In equilibrium between capture and annihilation  $\Gamma = C/2$  where C is the capture rate
- Neutrino flux is sensitive to DM-nucleon scattering cross-section, both spin-dependent and spin-independent
- Negligible Astrophysical background:  
Very clean signal → DM interpretation

# Dark matter towards the Sun



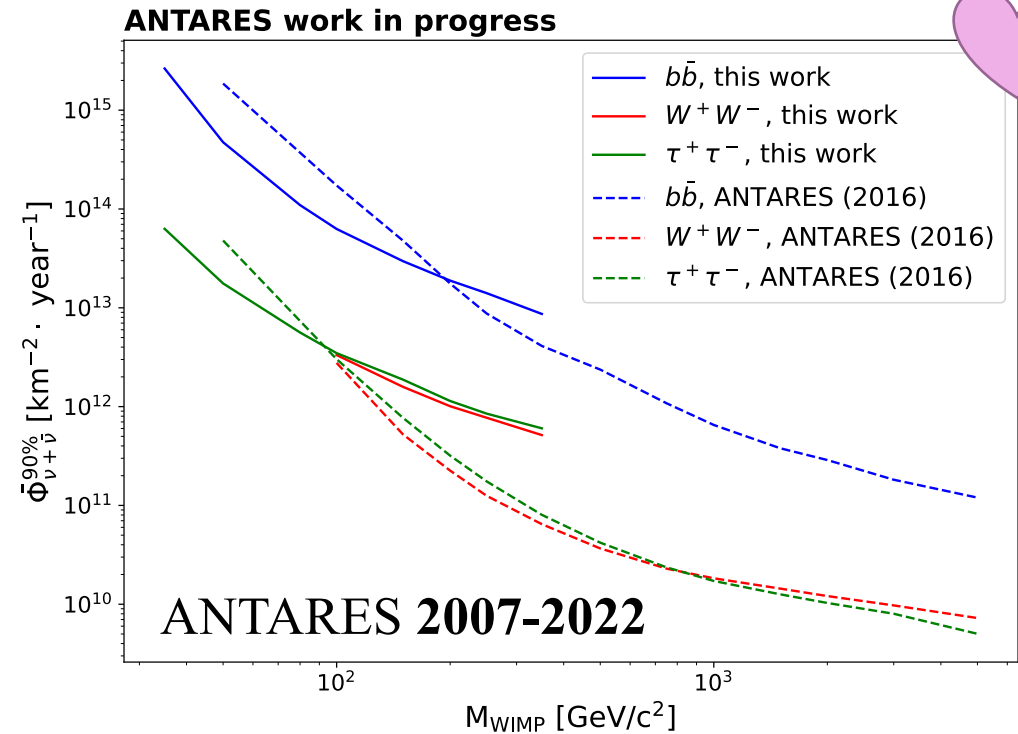
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**New work in progress!**

Presented at Neutrino2024

ANTARES 2007-2012

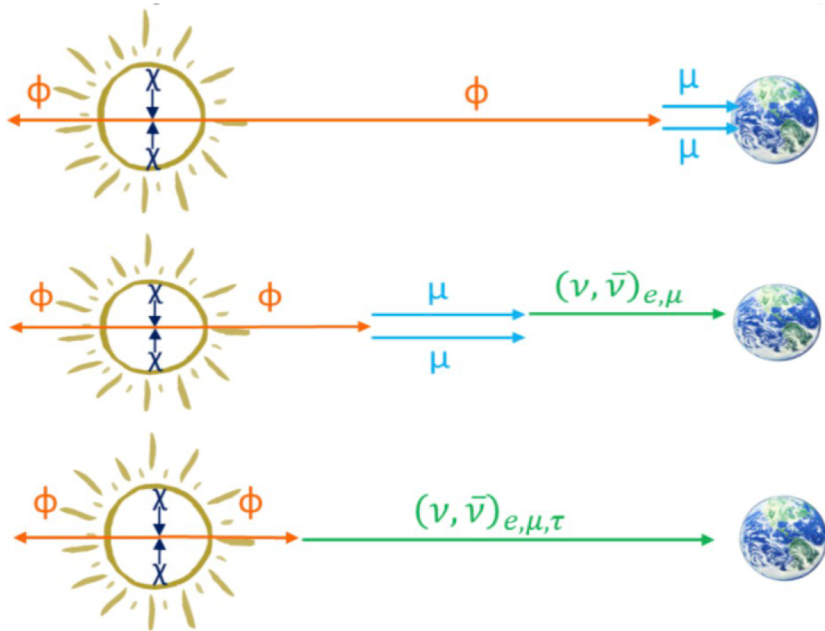
Annihilation channels:  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $W^+W^-$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$



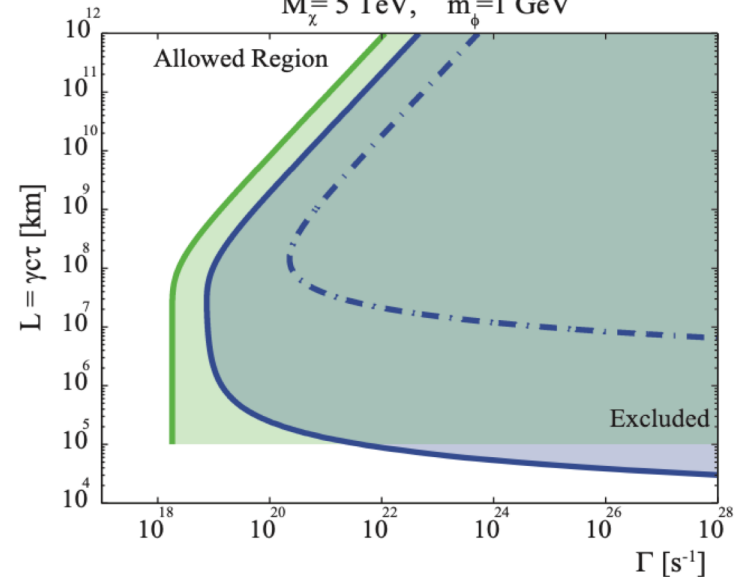
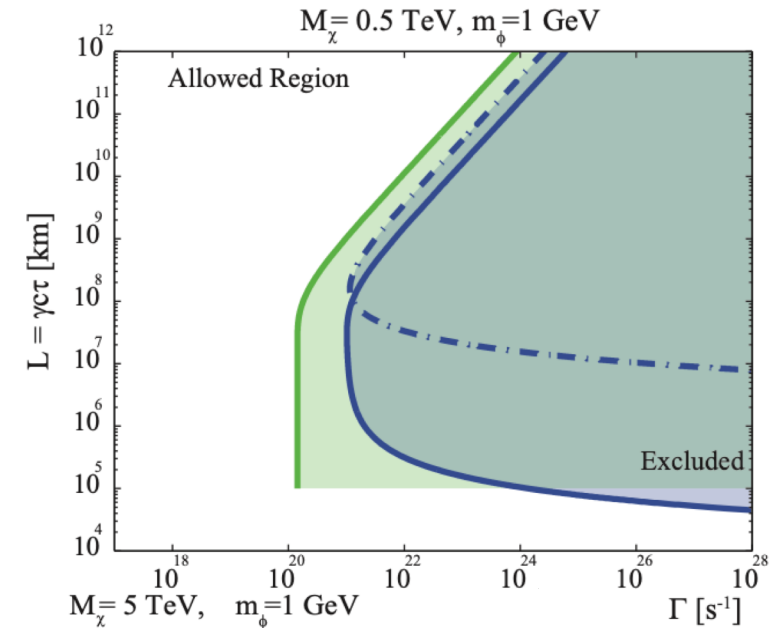
**ANTARES 2007-2022**

# Secluded dark matter: towards the Sun

Assuming that DM can be annihilated through a mediator that has a long lifetime, three different situations have been considered:

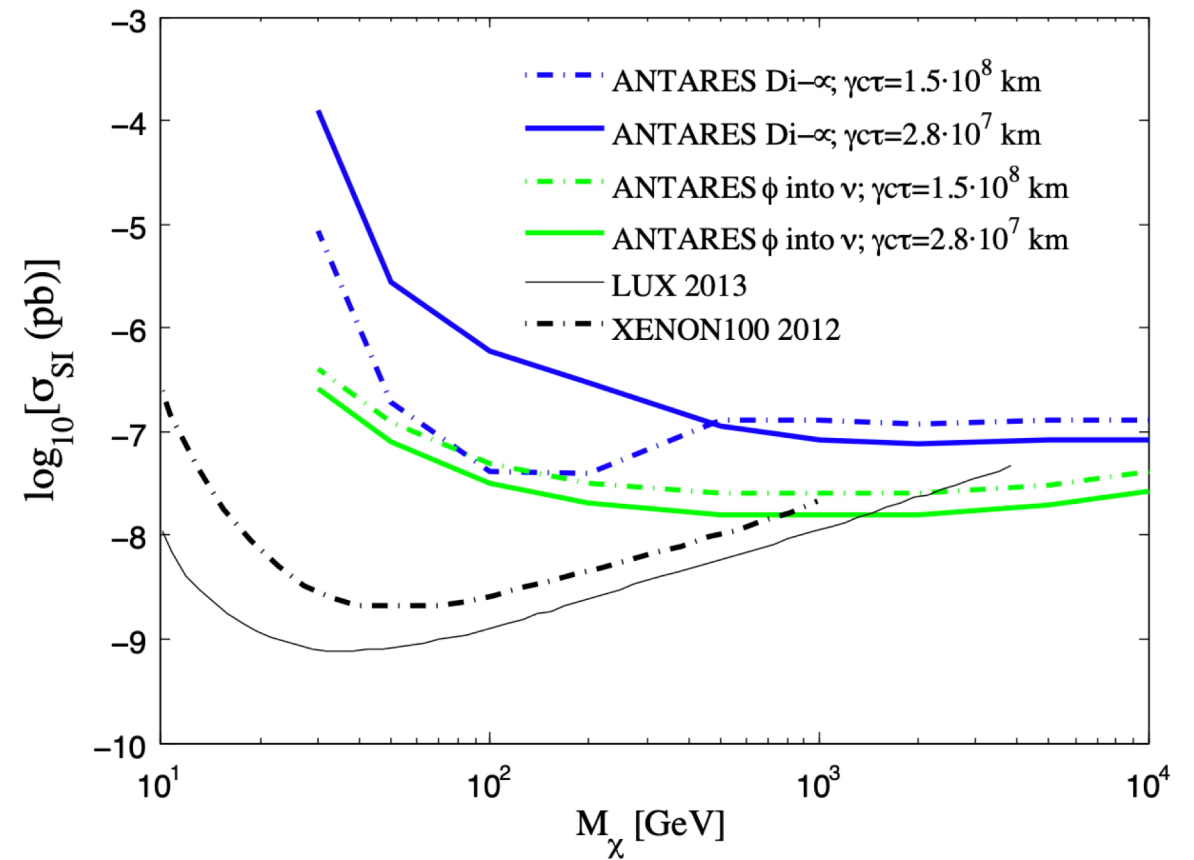
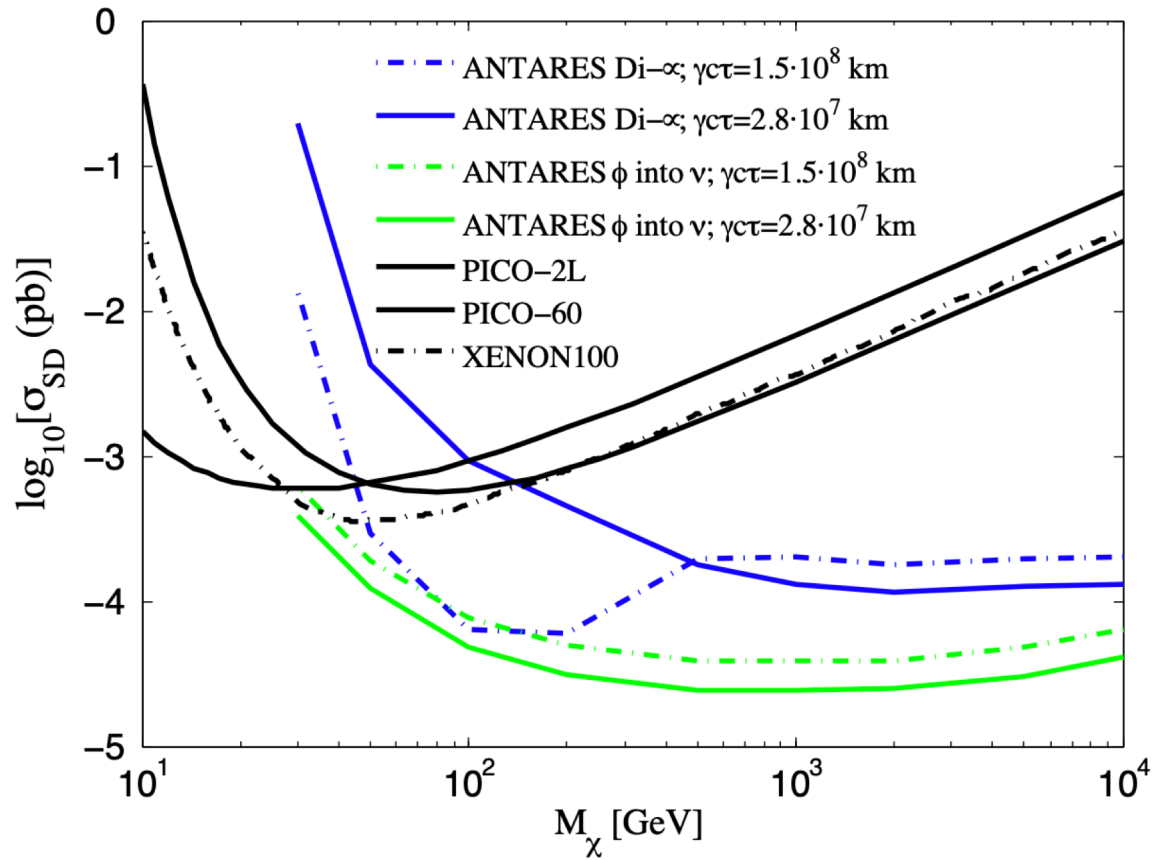


Limits depending on the lifetime of the mediator and the dark matter mass



# Secluded dark matter: towards the Sun

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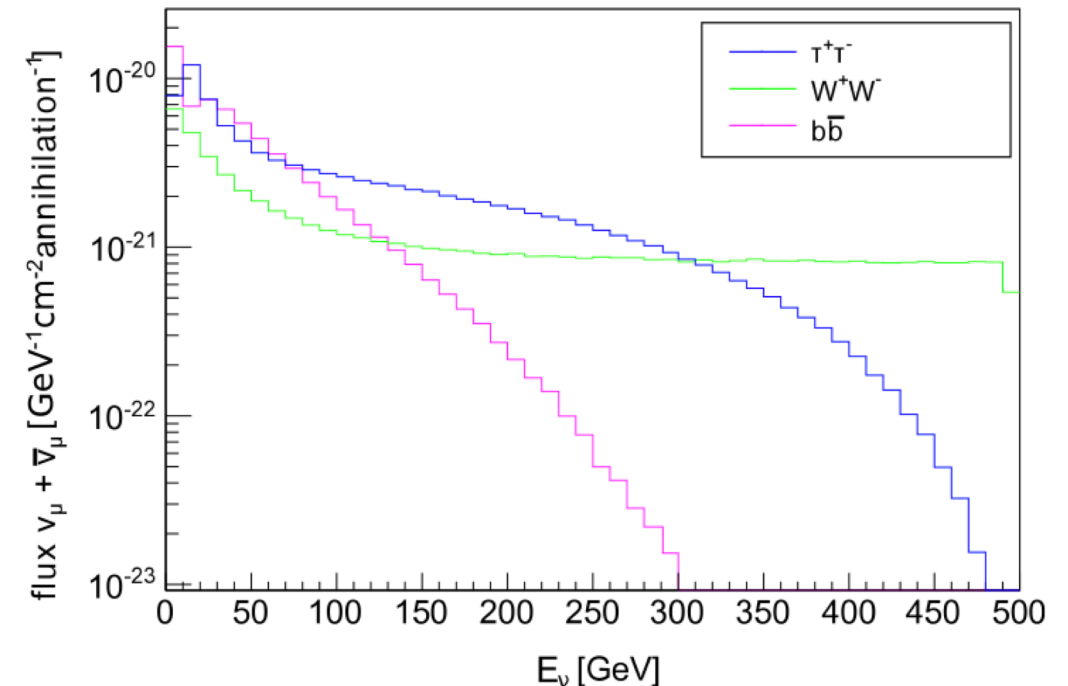
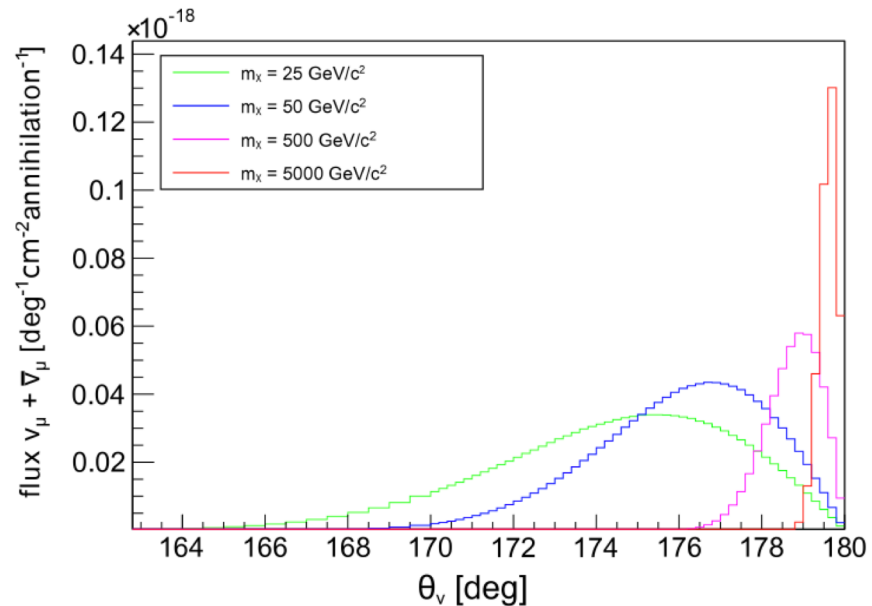
# Dark matter searches in the center of the Earth



# Dark matter searches in the centre of the Earth

Conditions:

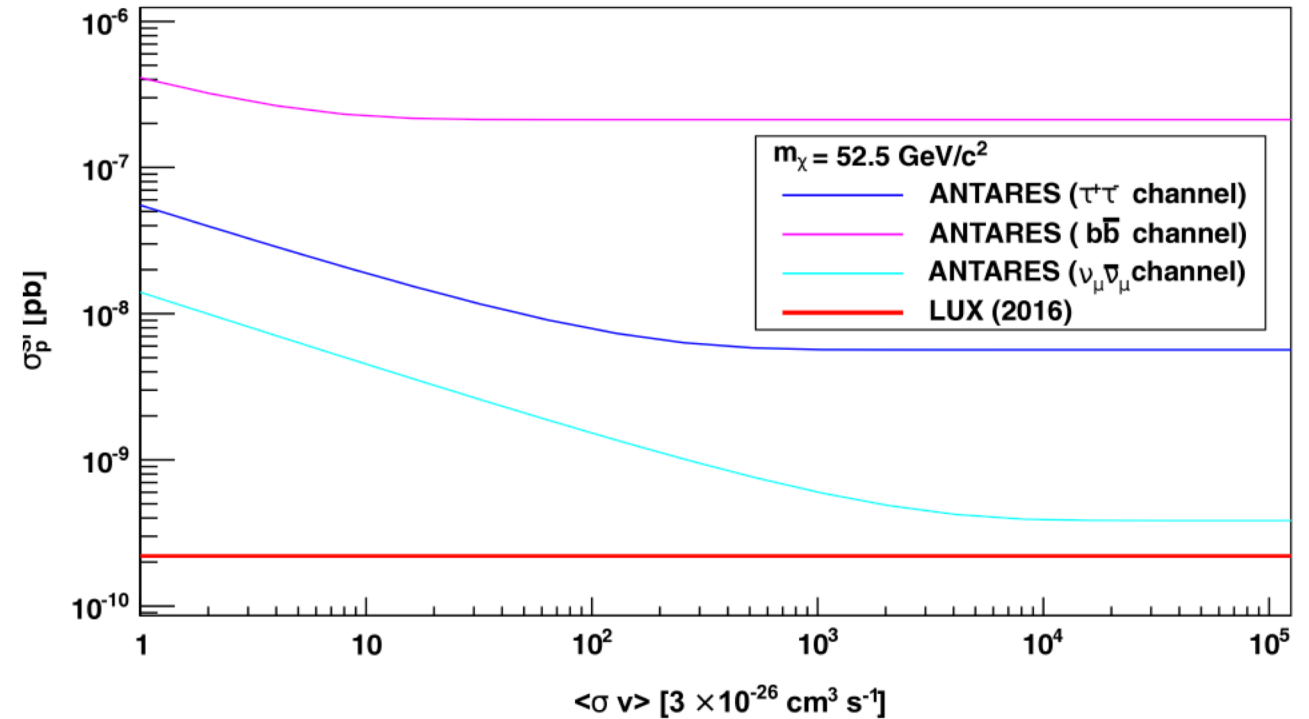
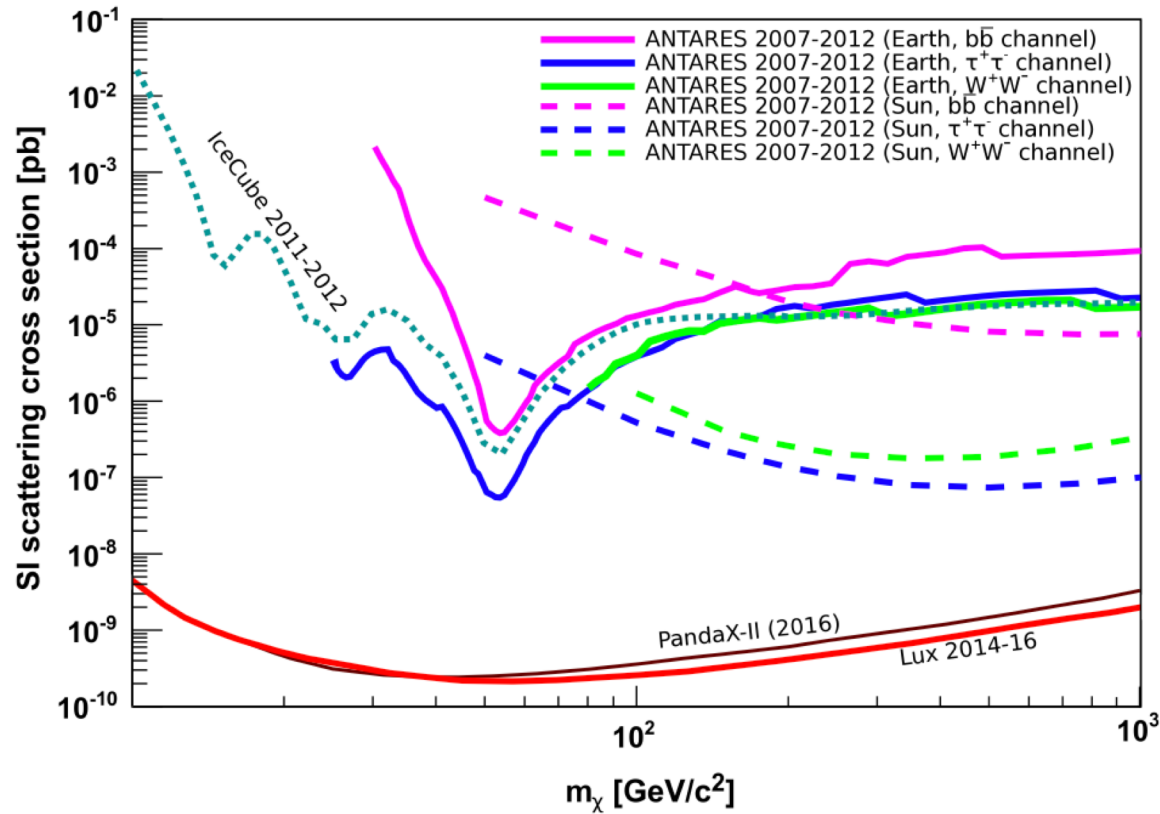
- WIMP velocity (270 km/s) < Earth escape velocity (11-14 km/s)
- large difference between the mass of the WIMP and the mass of the nucleus the particle is scattering on
- Spin-Independent elastic scattering (Iron, nickel)
- Same channels used for Sun analysis:  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $W^+W^-$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$



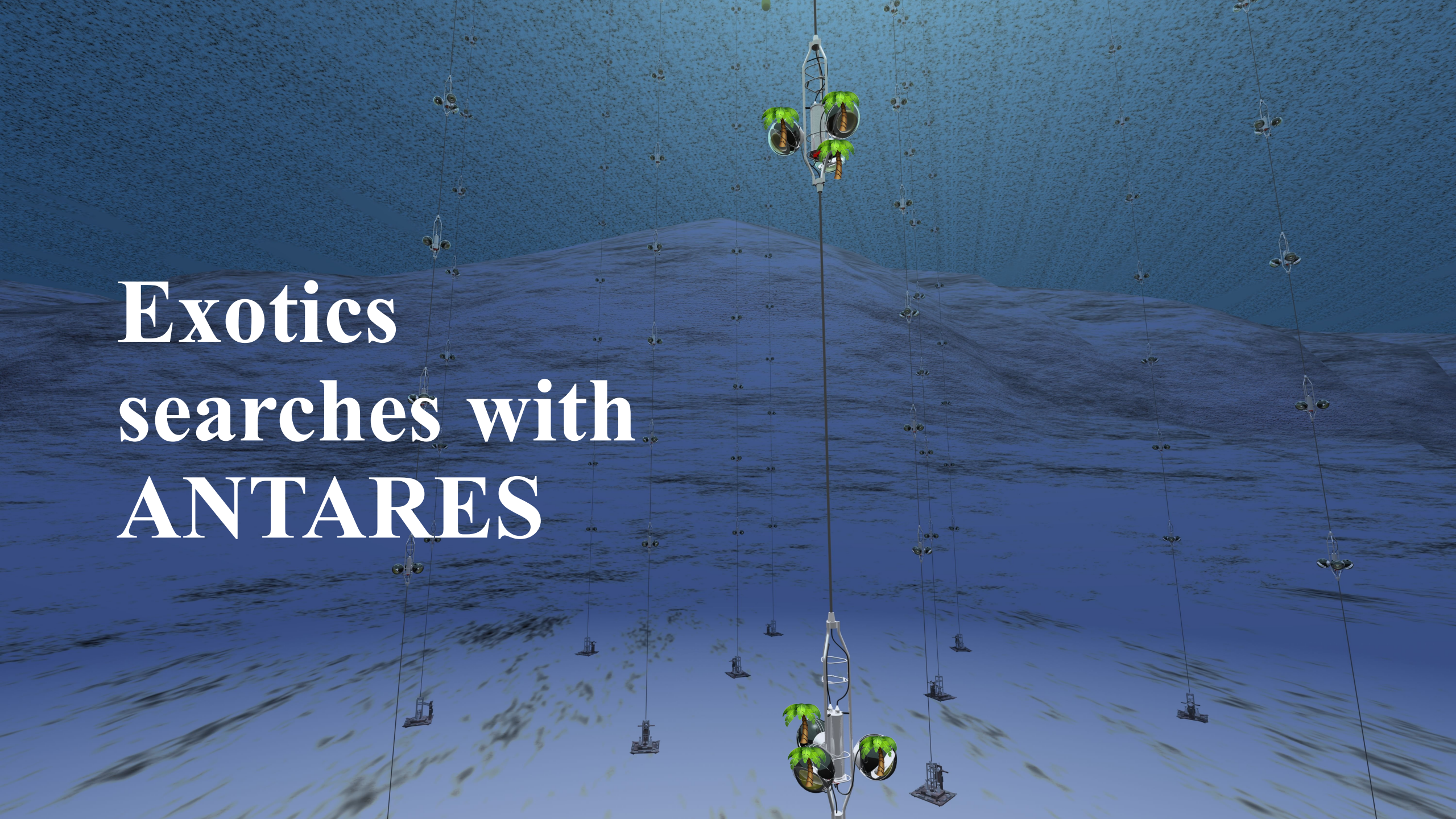


# Dark matter searches in the Earth

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# Exotics searches with ANTARES



# Beyond standard model: new physics

In addition to dark matter, different searches for new physics beyond standard model can be performed with a neutrino telescope:

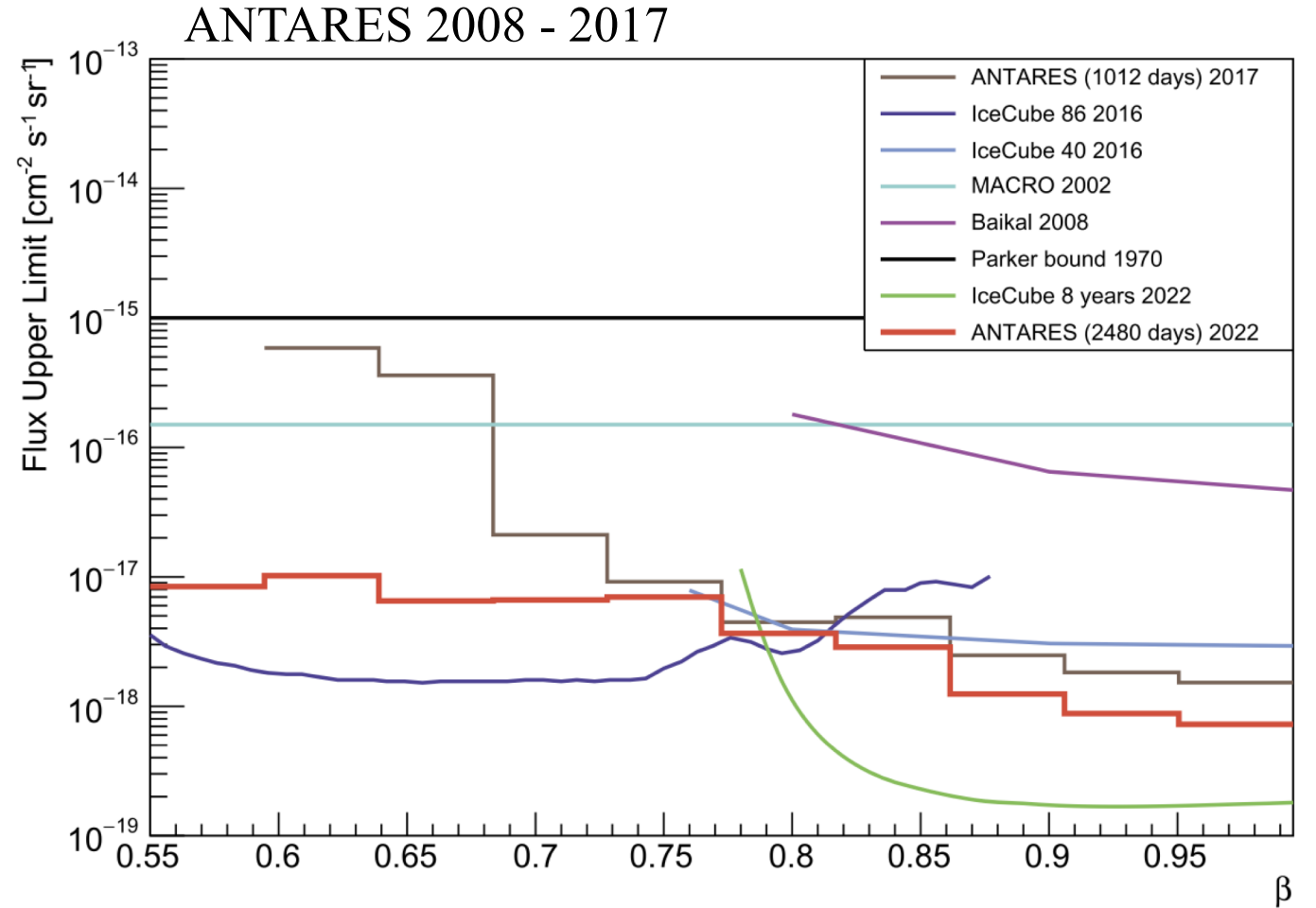
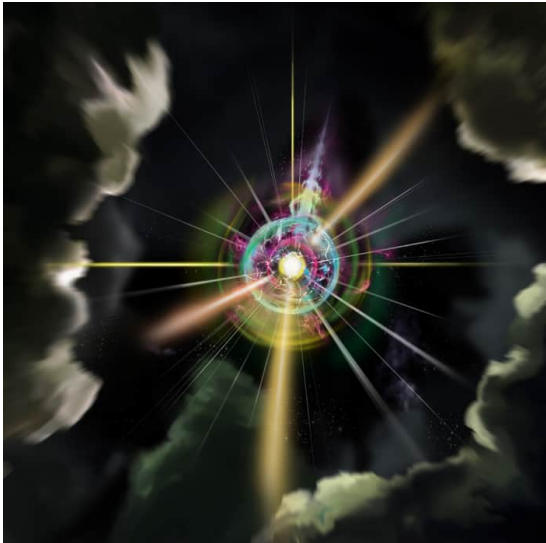
- Magnetic monopoles
- Very massive nuclearites
- Lorentz Invariance Violation (LIV)
- Sterile neutrinos
- Non standard neutrino oscillations
- Quantum decoherence
- ...



This presentation

# Magnetic monopoles

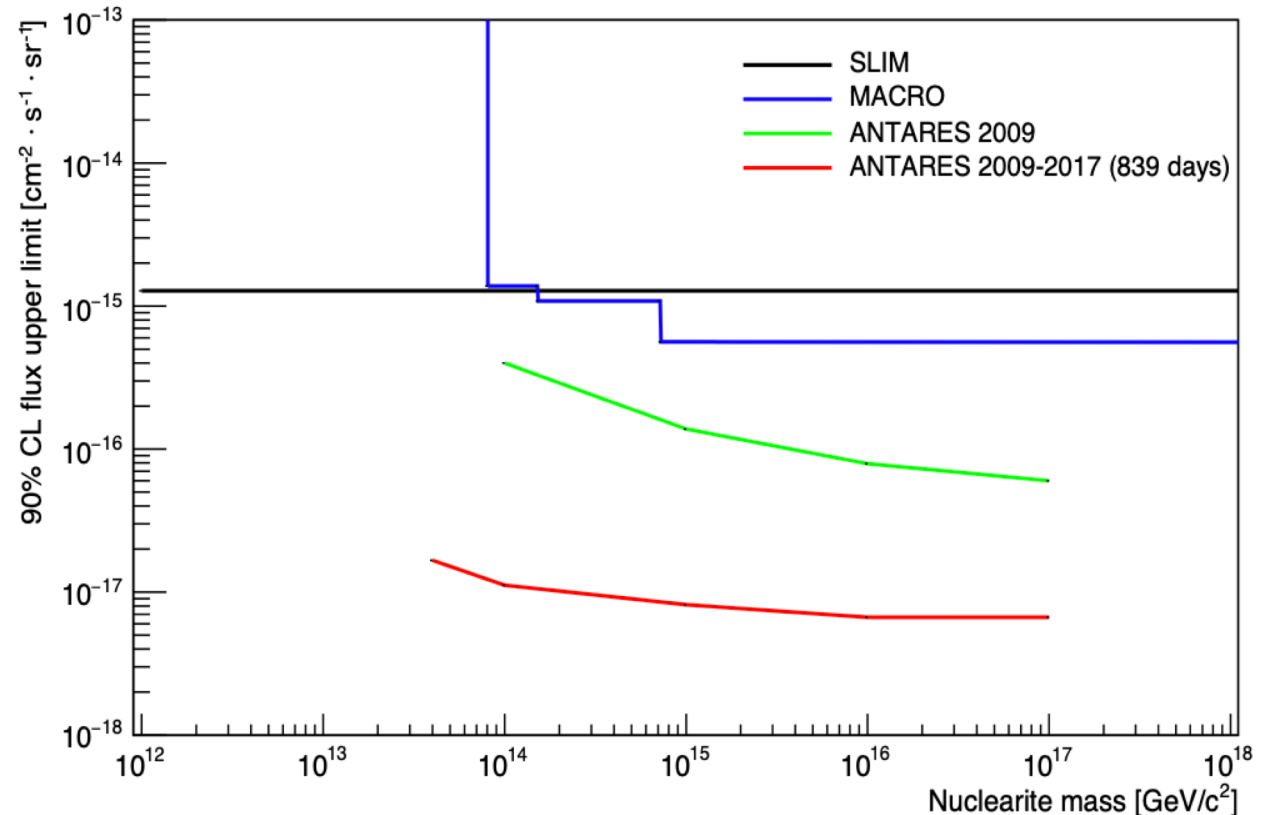
Created during early phase of Universe  
Magnetic monopoles can be accelerated at large velocities and emit a large amount of Cherenkov light.



# Very massive nuclearites

Massive strange matter  
Produced in violent astrophysical  
processes  
Reaching the Earth in the cosmic  
radiation  
→ black body radiation

ANTARES 2009 – 2017 (red line)  
Down-going cosmic nuclearites arriving on  
the Earth with velocities  $\beta = 10^{-3}$



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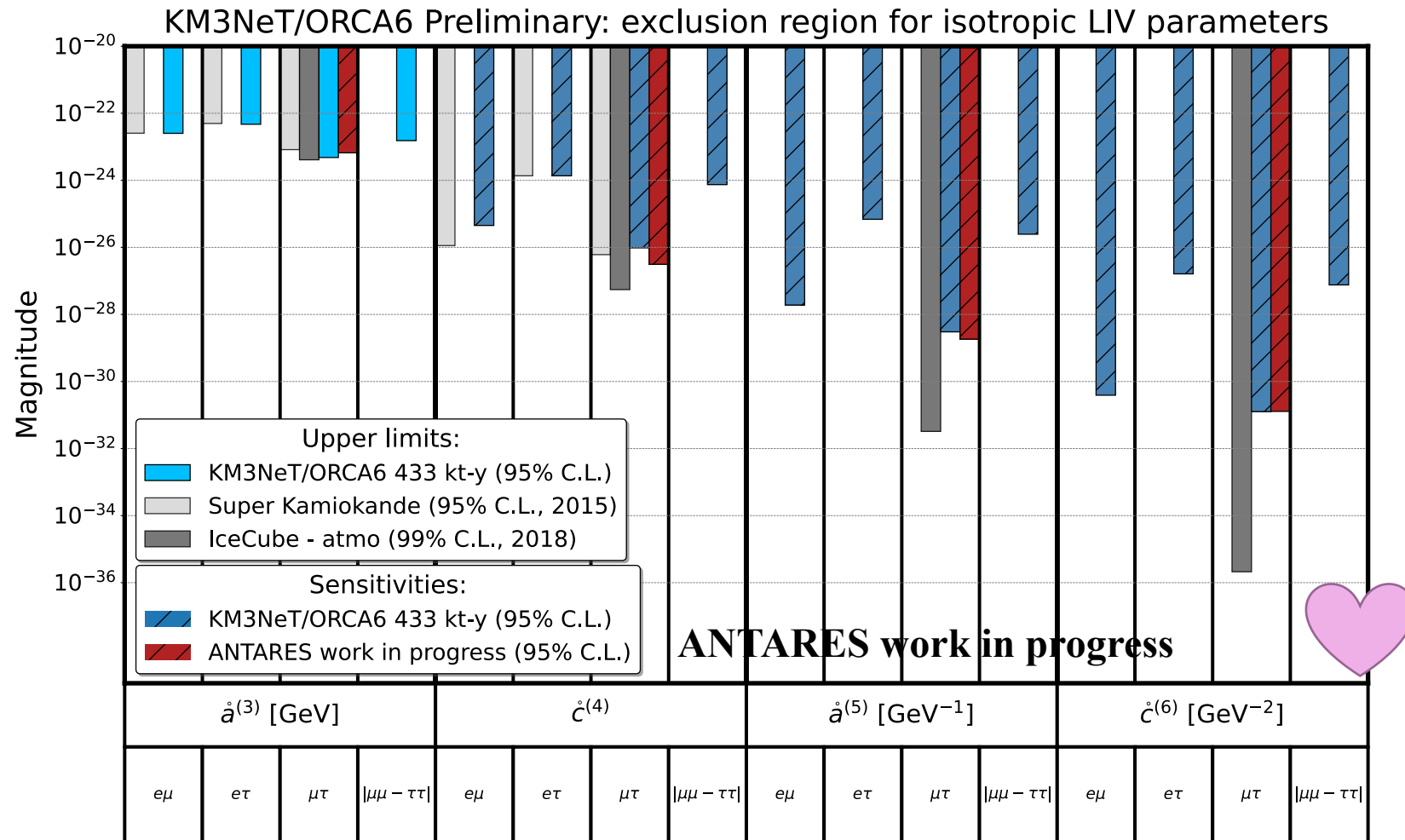
# Lorentz Invariance Violation (LIV)

Lorentz invariance states that the outcome of an experiment is:

- the same for two inertial observers watching the same experiment
- independent of the inertial laboratory in which it is performed
- LIV is allowed in many theories attempting to unify the Standard Model and general relativity
  - Standard Model Extension (effective field theory):
    - isotropic LIV models → ANTARES focus
    - Nonzero LIV coefficient implies deviations from standard oscillations
    - Mass dimension determines oscillation dependence on baseline L and energy E
    - Focus on mass dimension up to six

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# Lorentz Invariance Violation (LIV)



ANTARES 2007 - 2022

# What is next?

- The next generation neutrino telescope KM3NeT is under construction and is already taking data
- KM3NeT has an improved design, with two detectors (ARCA & ORCA) sensitive from MeV to PeV energies.
- Expected to become complete by 2028

**ANTARES**



**KM3NeT**



# Conclusions

- ANTARES has taken data from 2007 to early 2022
- More than 100 papers have been published in peer-review journals in the field of neutrino searches
- ANTARES was part of the multi-messenger world collaborating with other experiments
- Final legacy analysis are ongoing and will be finalized in 2024

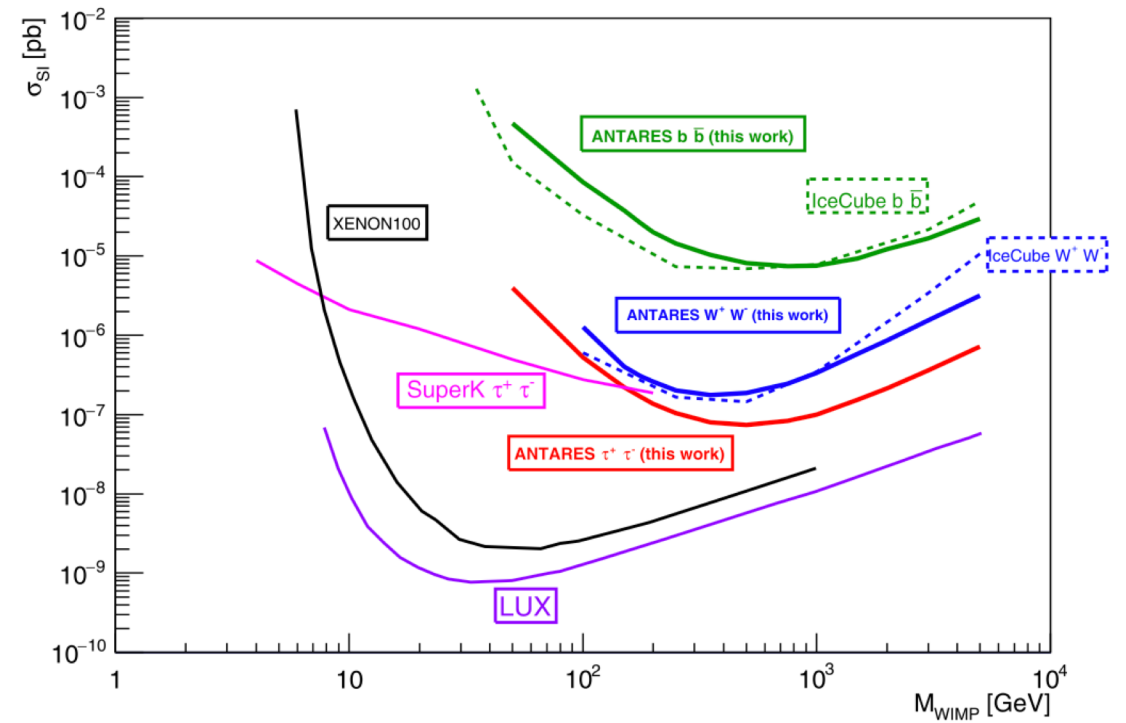
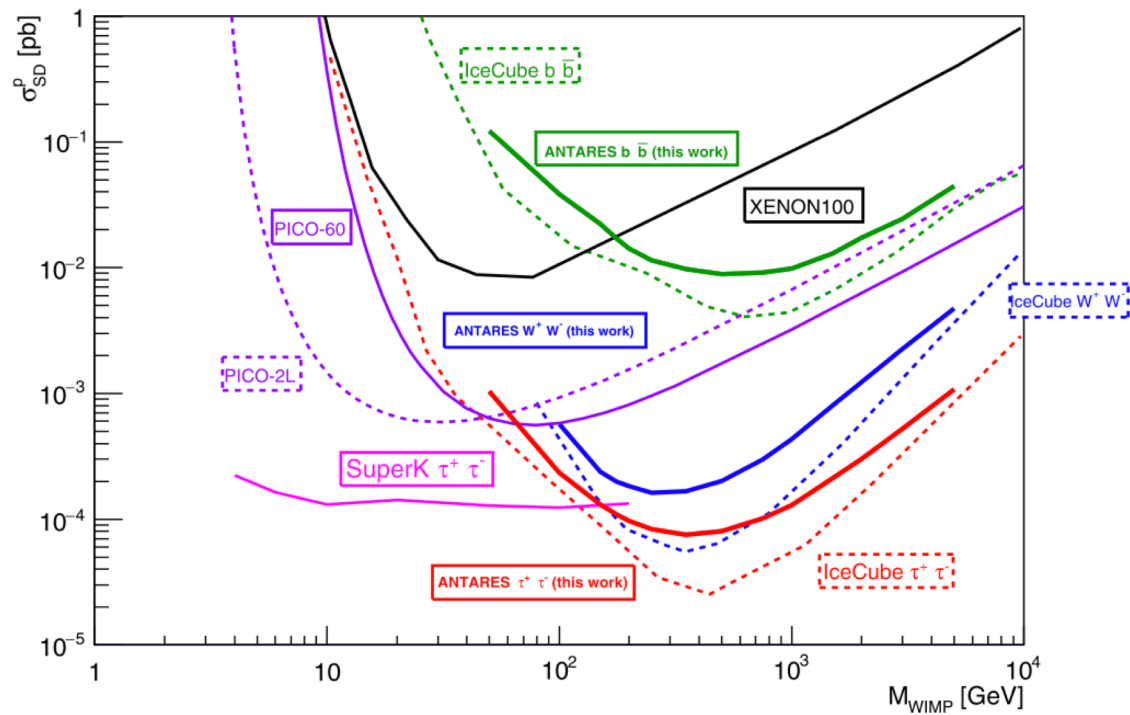


A 3D rendered scene featuring a blue, wavy landscape that resembles water or a soft, undulating terrain. The scene is filled with a grid of hanging speakers. A central tower of speakers is prominent, with several smaller speaker units suspended from it by thin wires. The overall aesthetic is futuristic and digital.

Thanks for the attention!

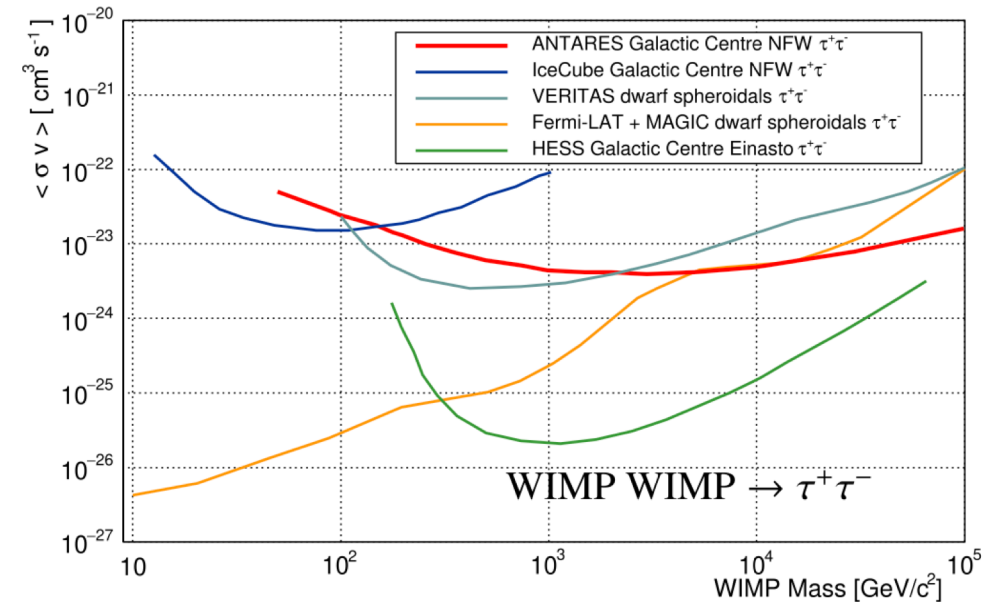
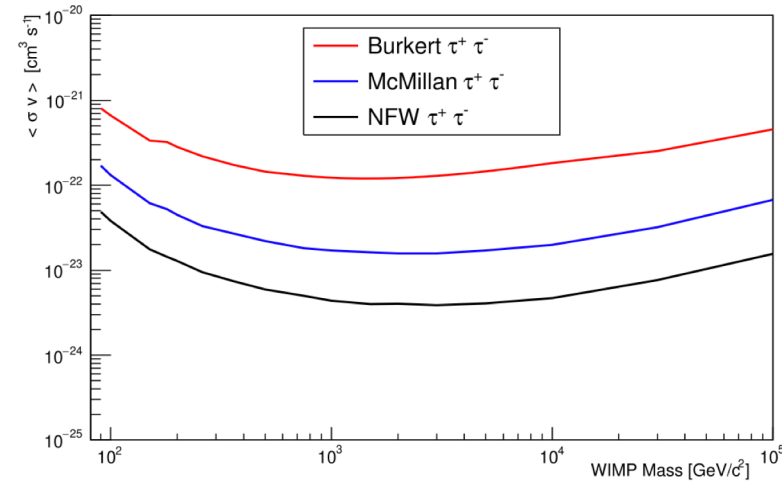
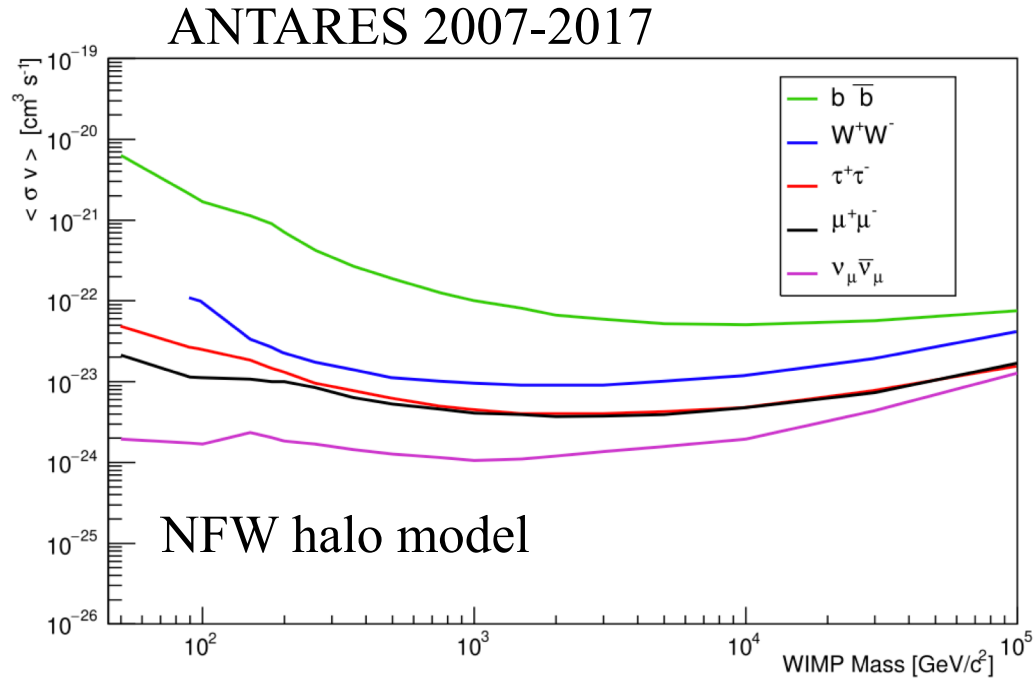
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# Dark matter towards the Sun

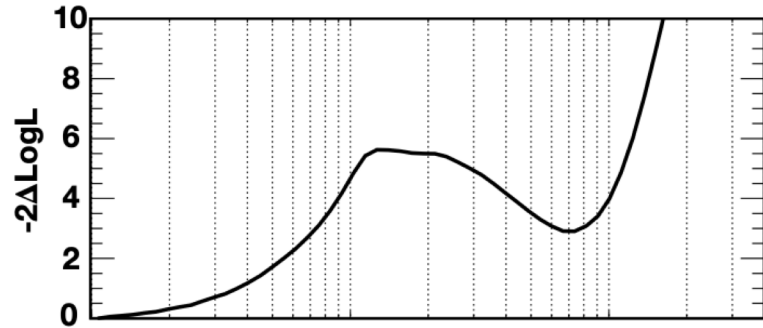


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# Dark matter searches from Galactic centre



# Sterile neutrinos



3+1 neutrino model  
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