

# Ultra-high energy extragalactic neutrinos interacting with ultra-light dark matter

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# UHE Cosmic Rays' Origin

Topological  
Defects



Super massive particles decay

Active Galactic Nuclei;  
Gamma Ray Bursts



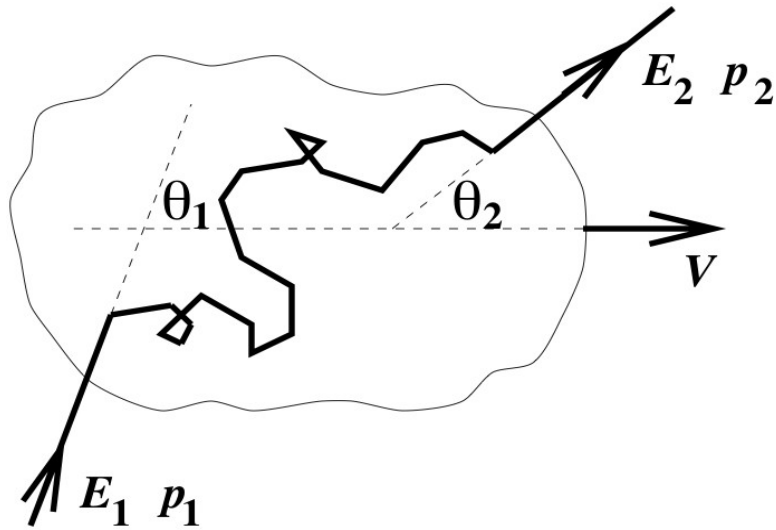
First order Fermi mechanism



$$E < eZBR$$

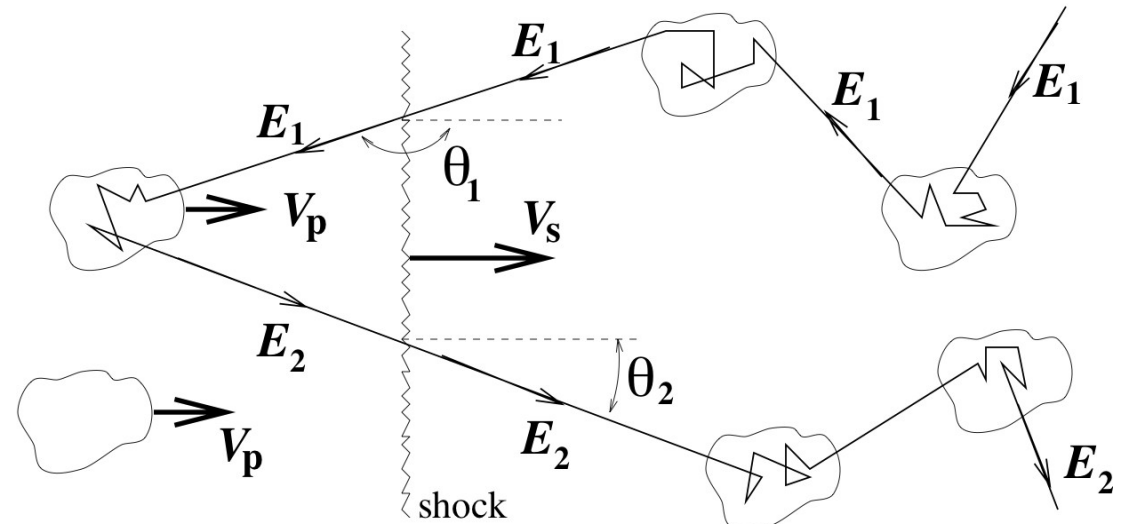
$$\theta \sim eZBD/E$$

# Acceleration Mechanisms



$$\frac{\langle \Delta E \rangle}{E} \sim \beta^2$$

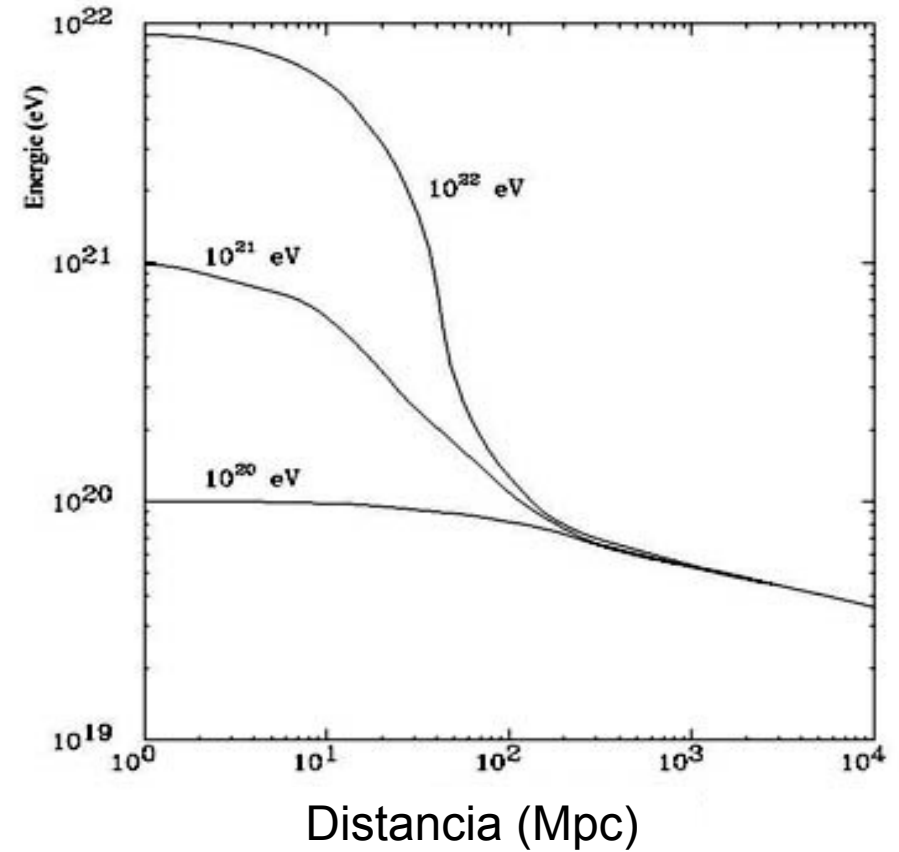
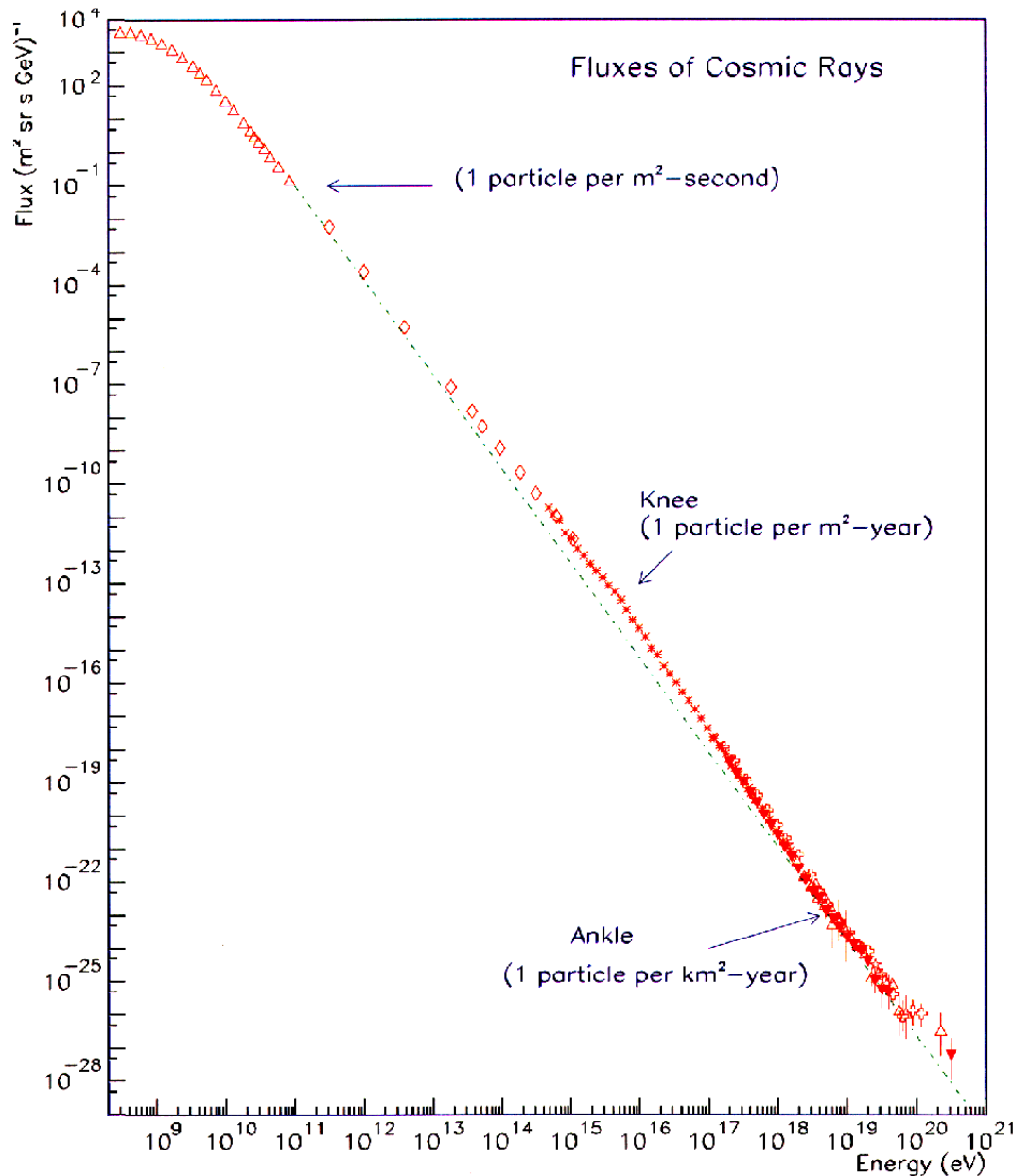
Mecanismo (original) de aceleração de Fermi (de segunda ordem).



$$\frac{\langle \Delta E \rangle}{E} \sim \beta$$

Mecanismo de aceleração de Fermi de primeira ordem.

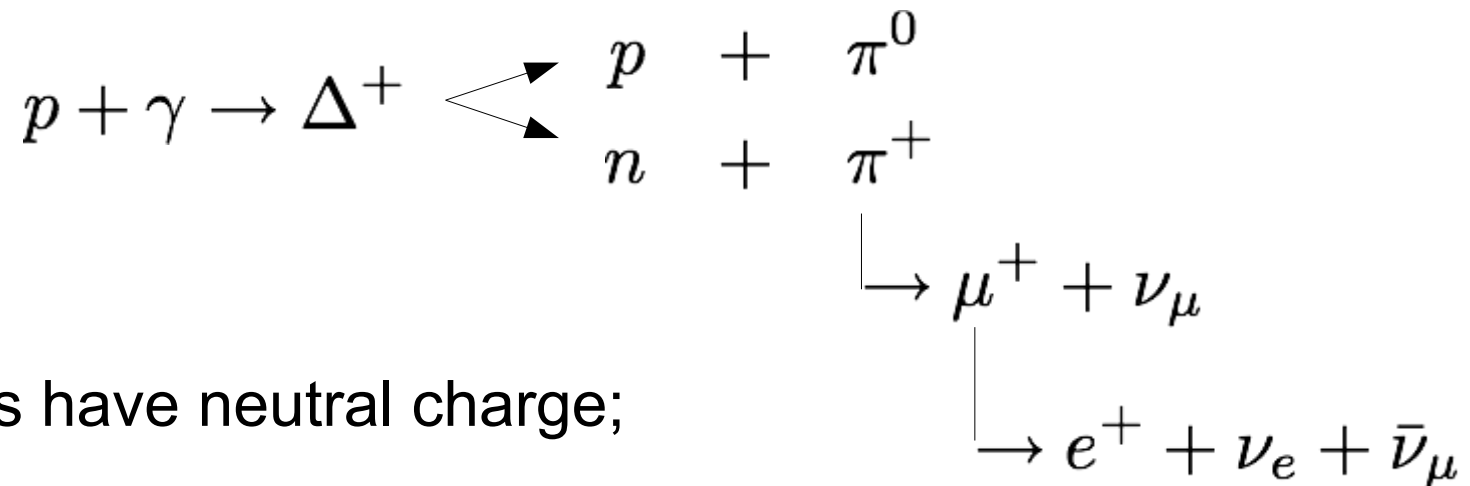
# Neutrinos and Cosmic Rays



$$4 E \epsilon > (2 m_e)^2,$$

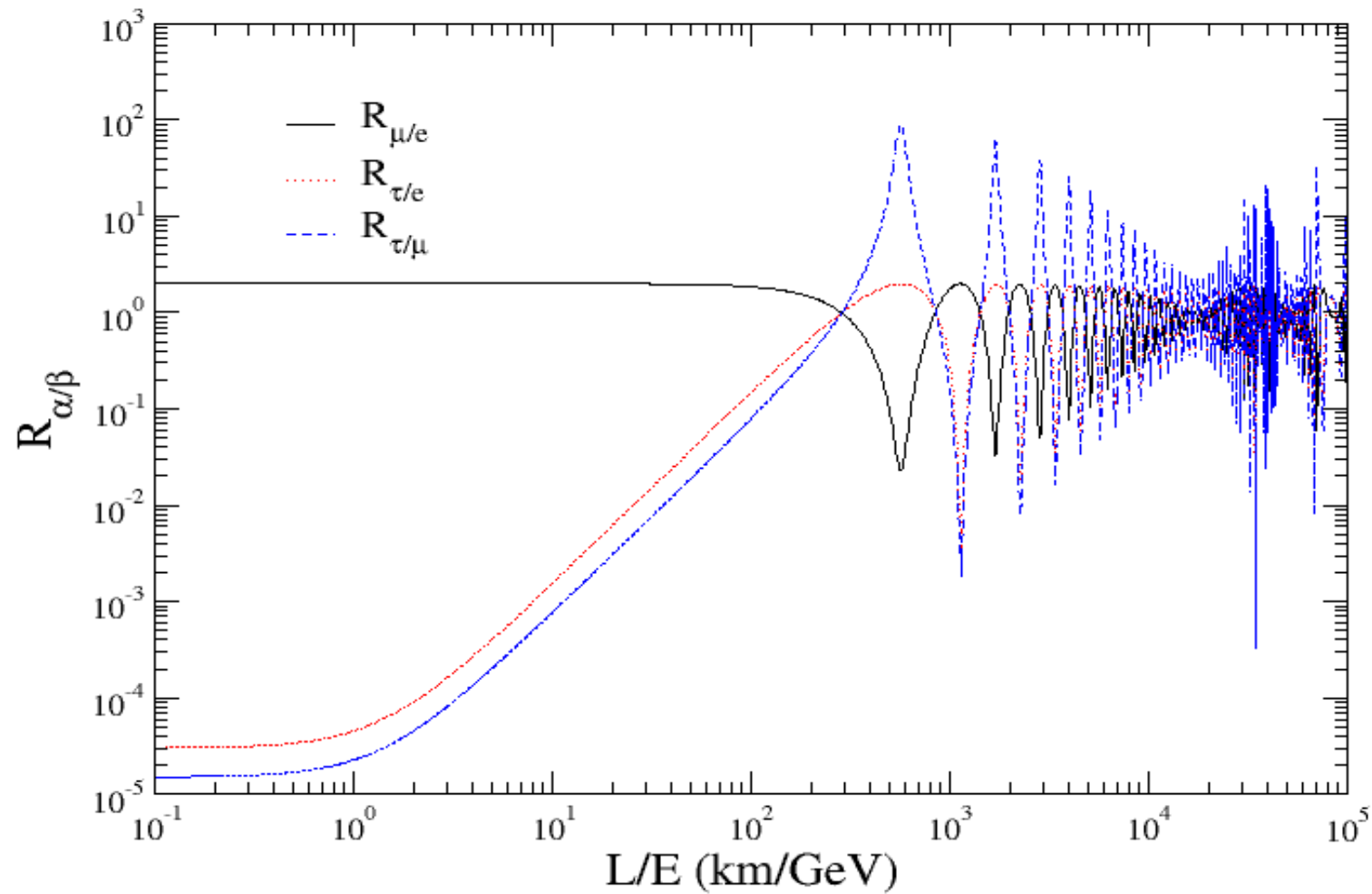
$$4 E_p \epsilon > (m_\Delta^2 - m_p^2).$$

# UHE Neutrinos production mechanism

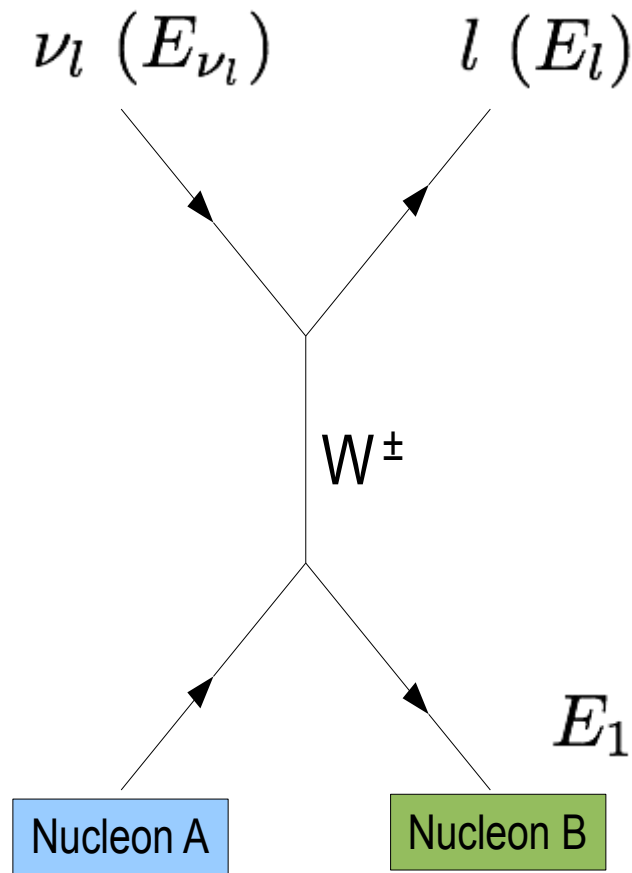


- Neutrinos have neutral charge;
- Very small mass limits;
- Very small magnetic moment limits;
- In principle, they propagate through cosmological distances with very little energy loss and deflection.

# Flavor Ratios



# Charged current neutrino interaction with nucleons



$$E_\nu = E_1 + E_l$$

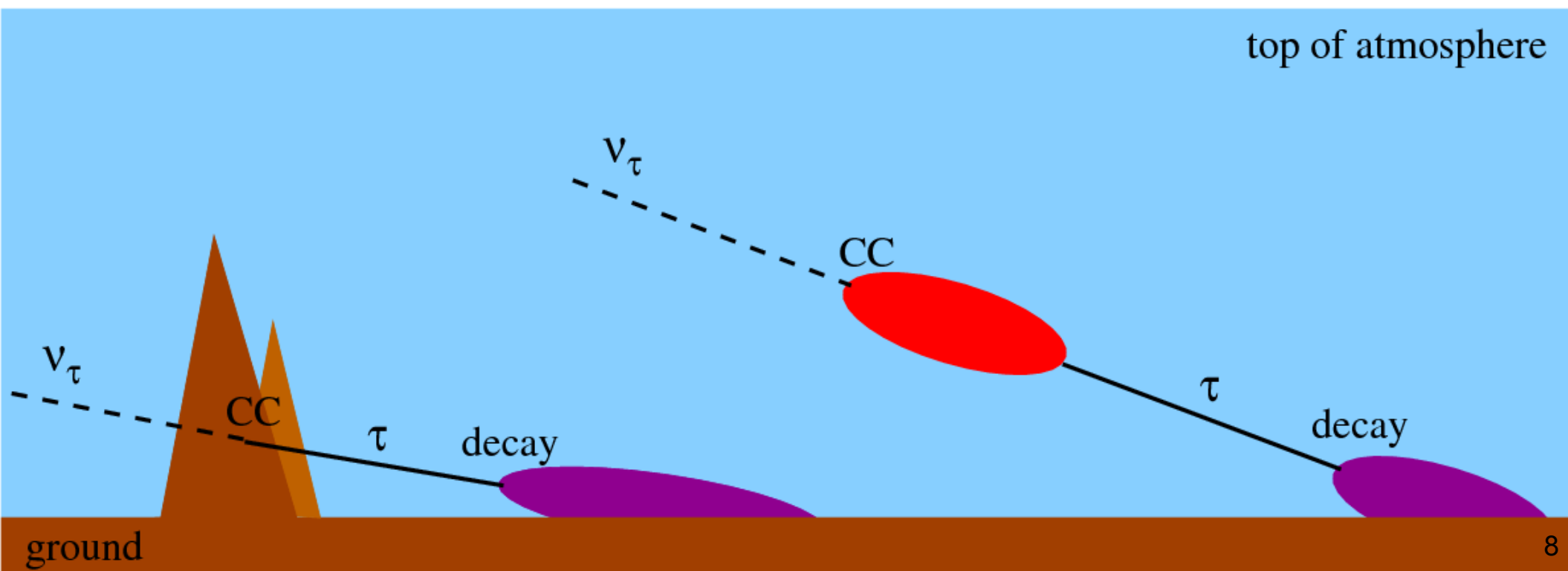
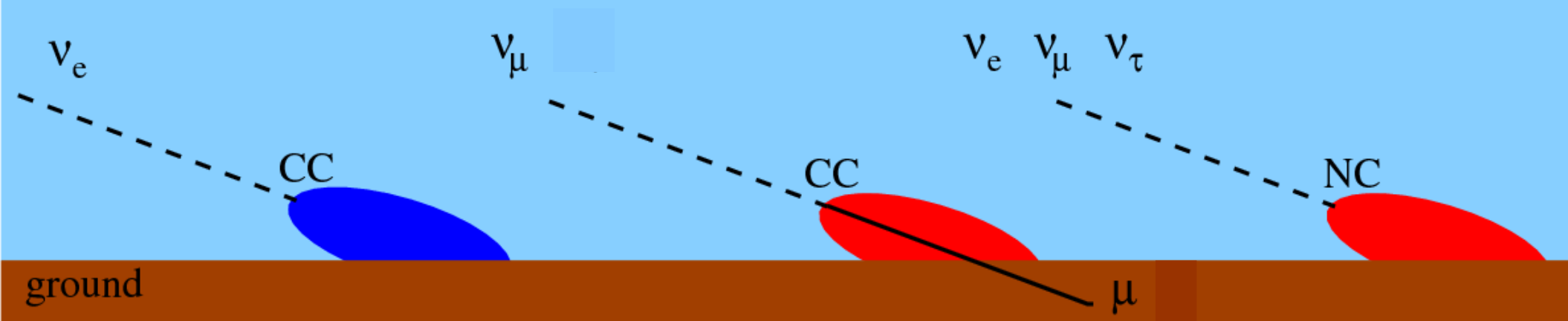
$$y = \frac{(E_\nu - E_l)}{E_\nu}$$

$$E_1 = yE_\nu$$

$$E_l = (1 - y)E_\nu$$

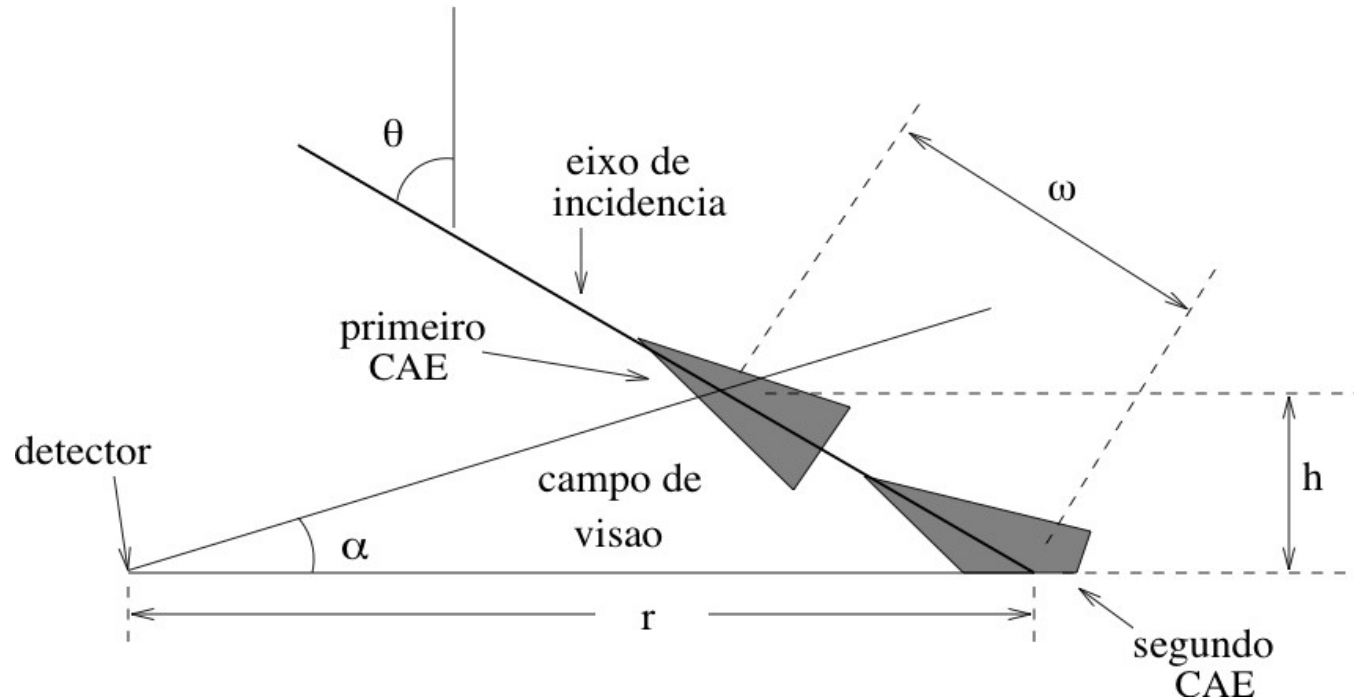
# Down-going neutrino channels at Auger

top of atmosphere





# Prediction of Double Bang events in the atmosphere



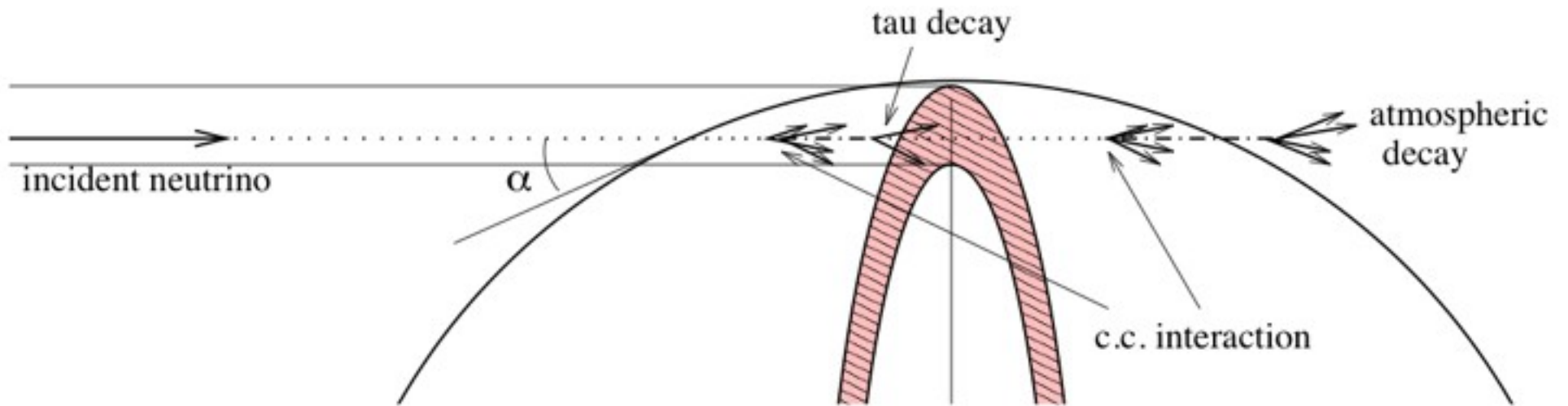
$$L \simeq \frac{E_{\tau}}{[\text{EeV}]} \times 49 \text{ km}$$

$$\simeq (1 - y) \frac{E_{\nu}}{[\text{EeV}]} \times 49 \text{ km}$$

$$E_2 \simeq 2E_{\tau}/3$$

$$\simeq \frac{2}{3}(1 - y)E_{\nu}$$

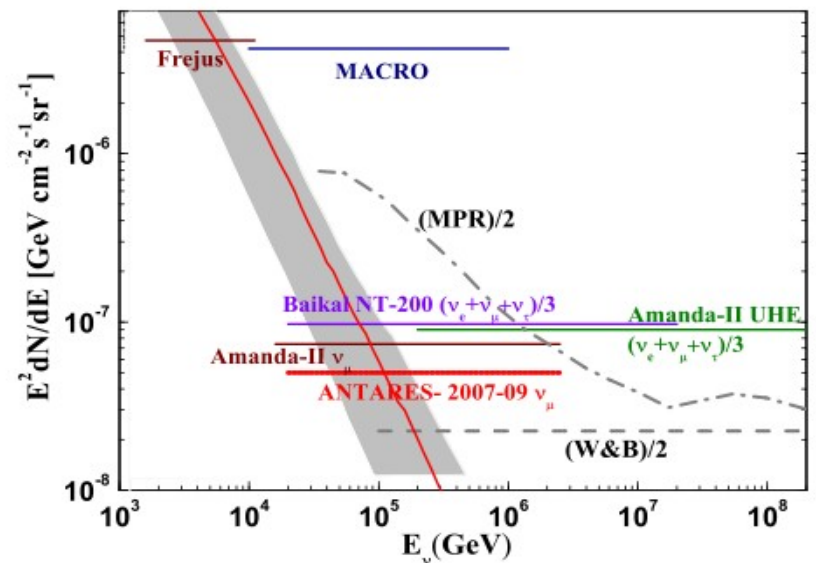
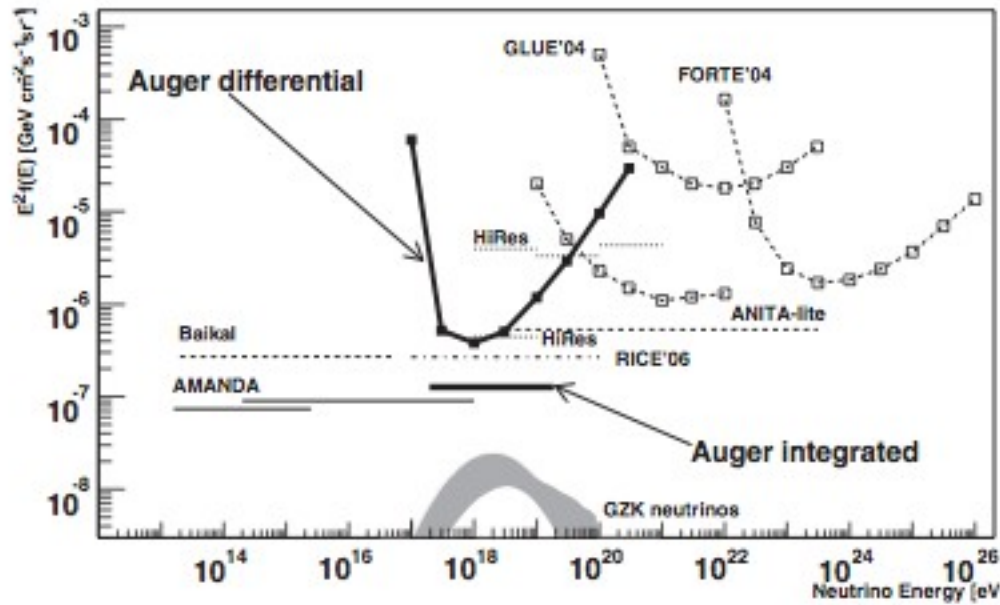
# Skimming Tau Neutrinos



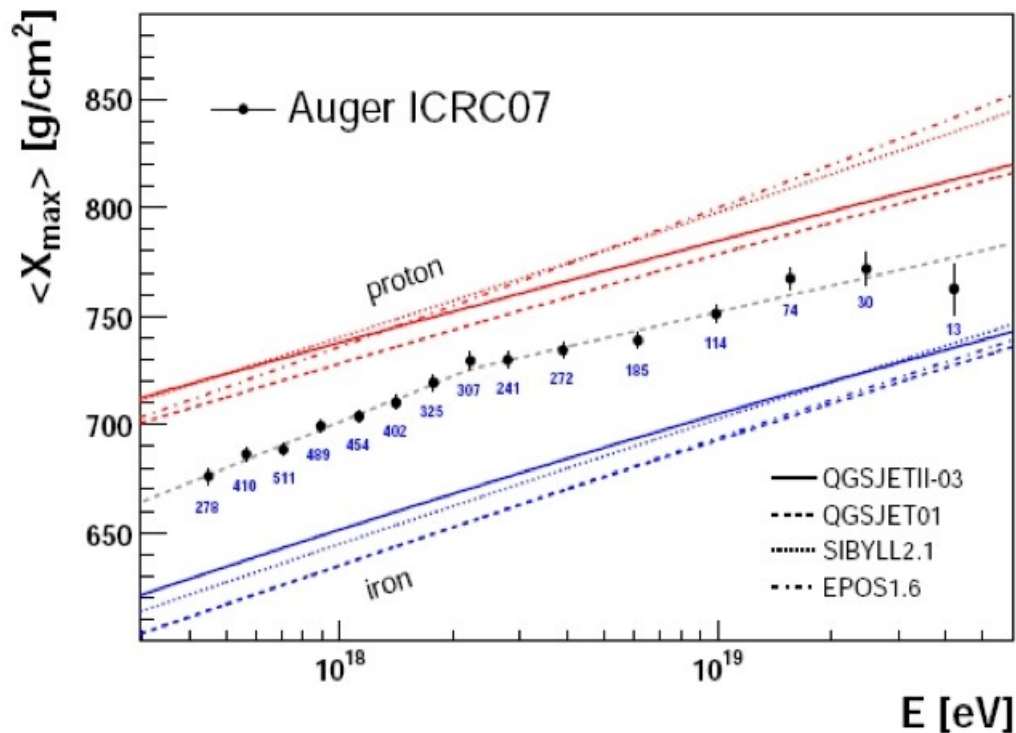
# Other experimental possibilities

- None extragalactic neutrino have been detected yet;
- Auger extensions:
  - HEAT: High Elevation Telescopes;
  - AMIGA: Muons and Infill for the Ground Array.
- JEM-EUSO: 50 to 200 Auger aperture;
- IceCube; ANTARES, NEMO, NESTOR:  
KM3NeT

# Extragalactic UHE Neutrino Flux Limits



# Neutrinos and Composition



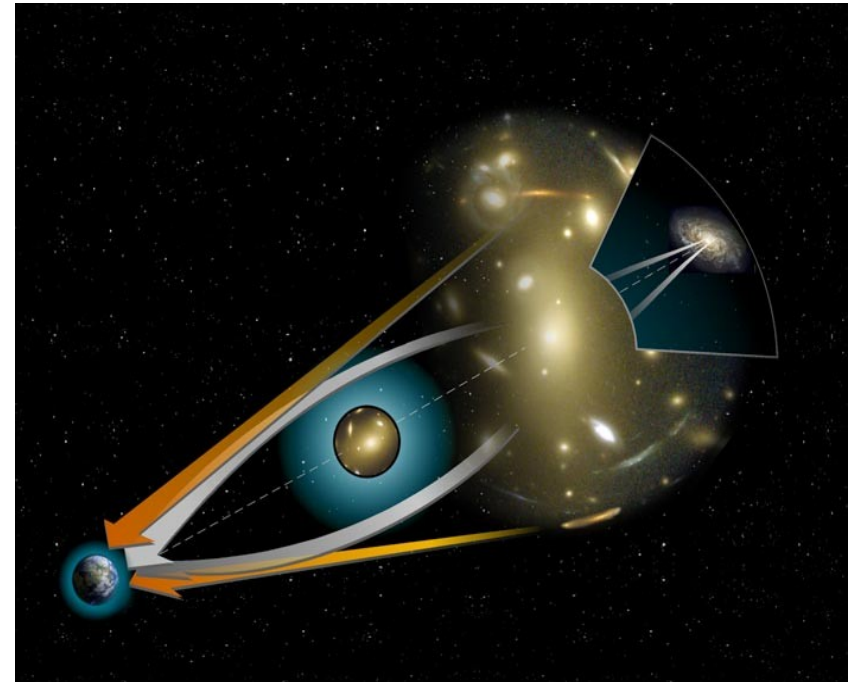
- What happens with neutrino flux if UHE cosmic rays are not protons?

# Some evidences for Dark Matter

- Ratio mass / luminosity:
  - M/L (stars) close to the sun:  $\sim 0.7 M_{\odot}/L_{\odot}$
  - Oort's limit (1932) for galaxies:  $\sim 3 M_{\odot}/L_{\odot}$
  - Coma cluster M/L  $\sim 300 M_{\odot}/L_{\odot}$ :  
Astronomer Fritz Zwicky 1933
- Coma Cluster:
  - Masa total =  $1.6 \times 10^{15} M_{\odot}$
  - Masa en rayos-X =  $0.96 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$

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- Faber & Gallagher (1979)
  - M/L in galaxy clusters  $\sim 80\text{-}400 M_{\odot}/L_{\odot}$
- Confirmation via gravitational lensing
  - $\sim 5\%$  optically visible (stars)
  - $\sim 15\%$  X-rays (plasmas)
  - $\sim 80\%$  DM-DE



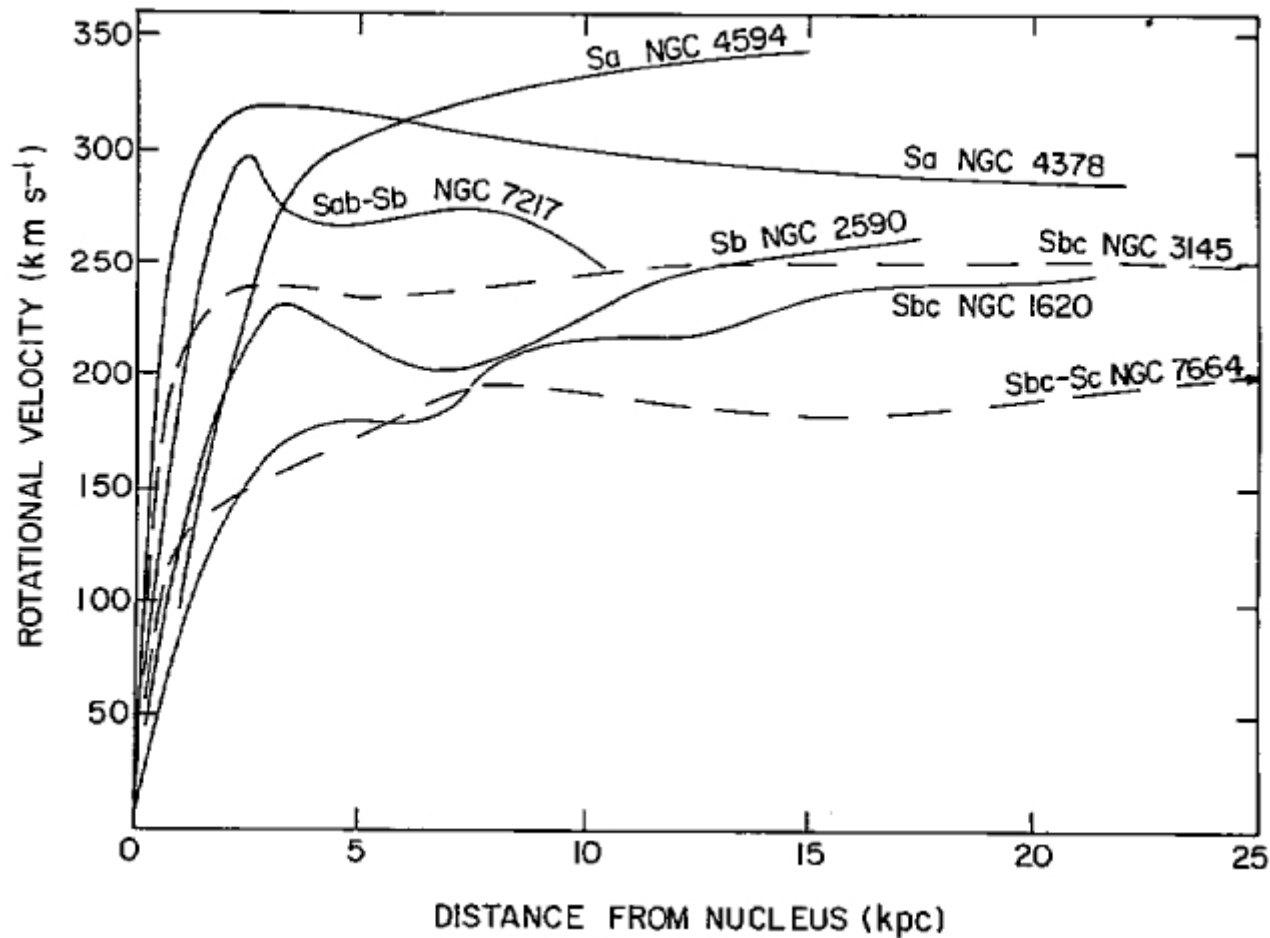
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- Galaxy rotation curves:
  - M31: Babcock (1939)
  - M31: Roberts & Whitehurst (1975)
  - Various galaxies: Rubin, Thonnard & Ford (1978)





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Rubin, Thonnard & Ford ApJL (1978)

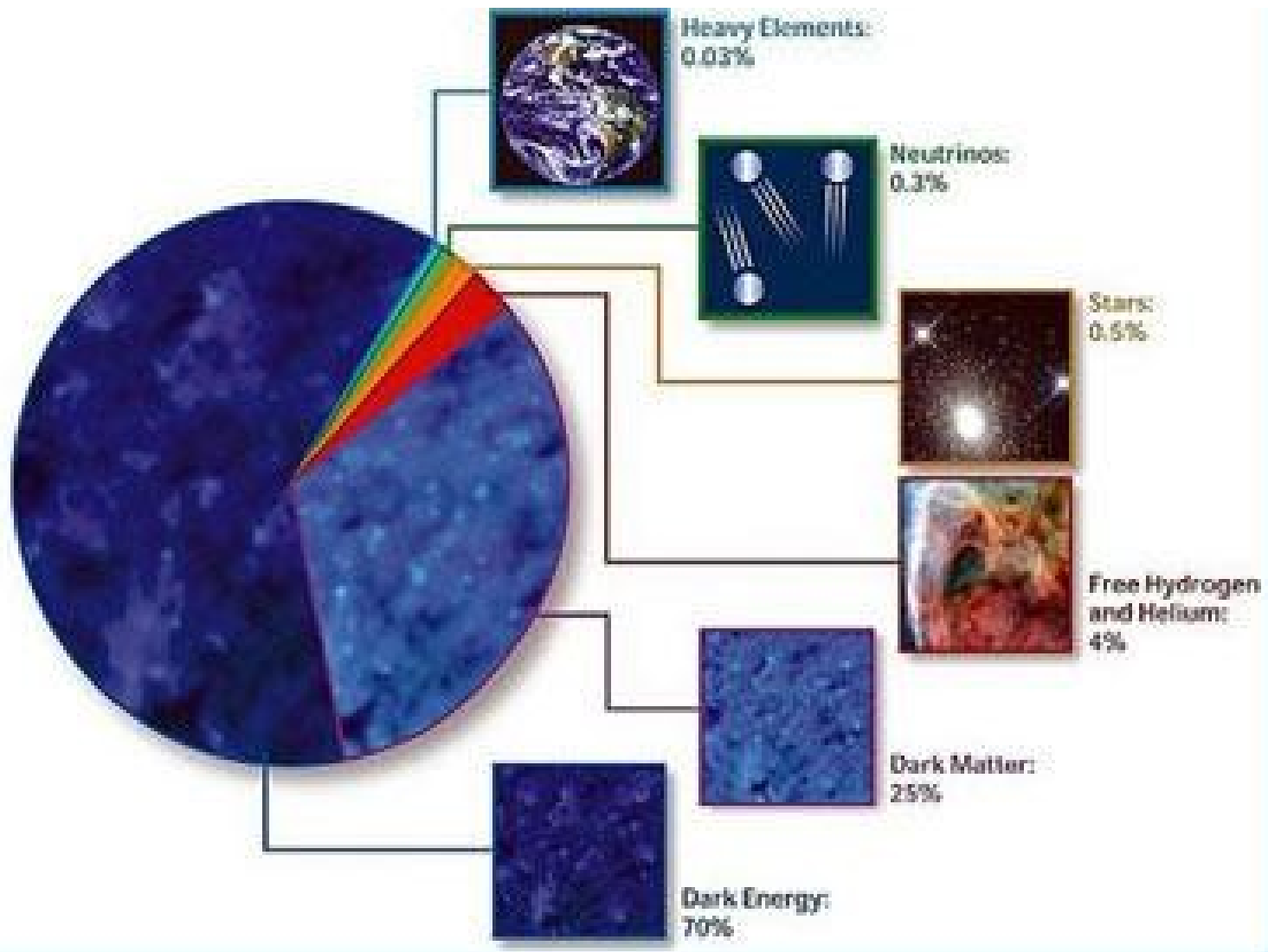
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- Lambda Cold Dark Matter ( $\Lambda$ CDM) model explains very well:
  - CMBR;
  - Large scale structure formation;
  - Universe expansion.

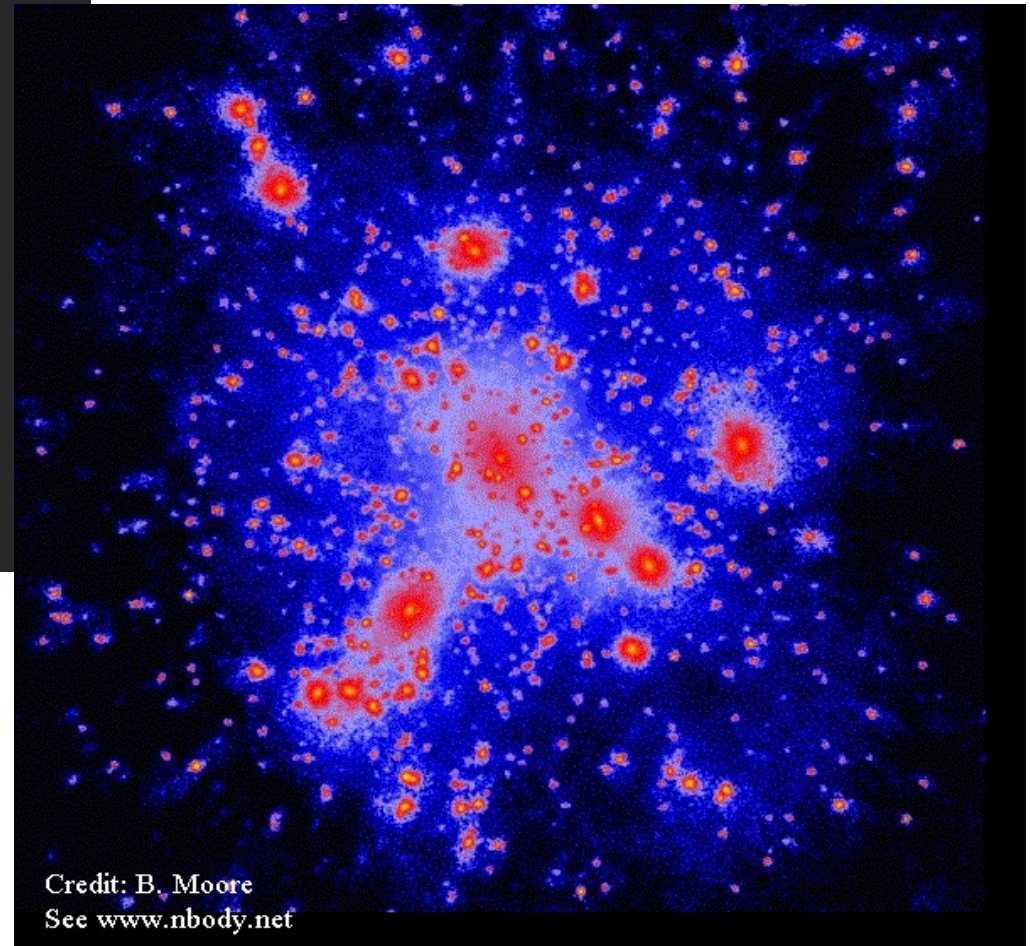
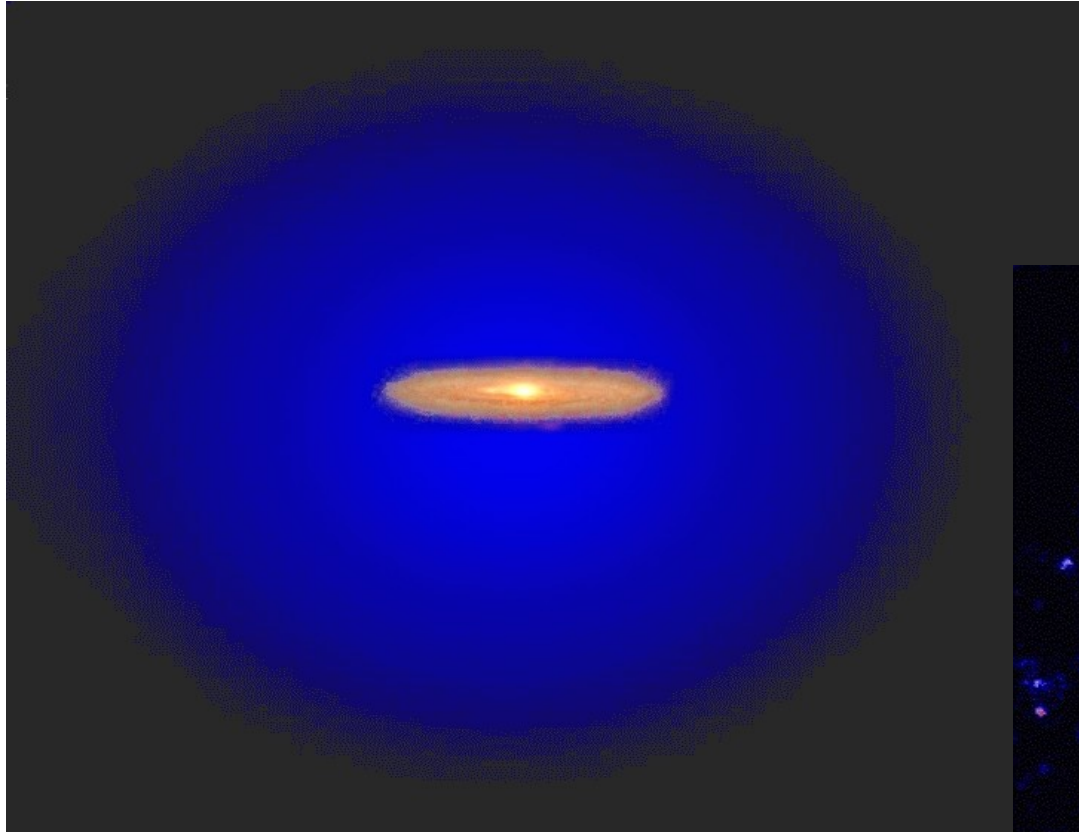
The Bullet Cluster



# The energy distribution in the Universe



# Dark Matter distribution



# What would be the DM?

- Weak interacting particles
  - Neutralinos, gravitinos, axinos?
  - Micro BH?
  - **Scalar Fields** (including very (ultra) light ones)?
  - Et cetera...
- Laws of gravitation not well understood:
  - MOND (Milgrom 1983)
  - TeVeS (Bekenstein PRD 2004)
  - STVG (Moffat JCAP 2005)

# And if neutrinos interact with DM?

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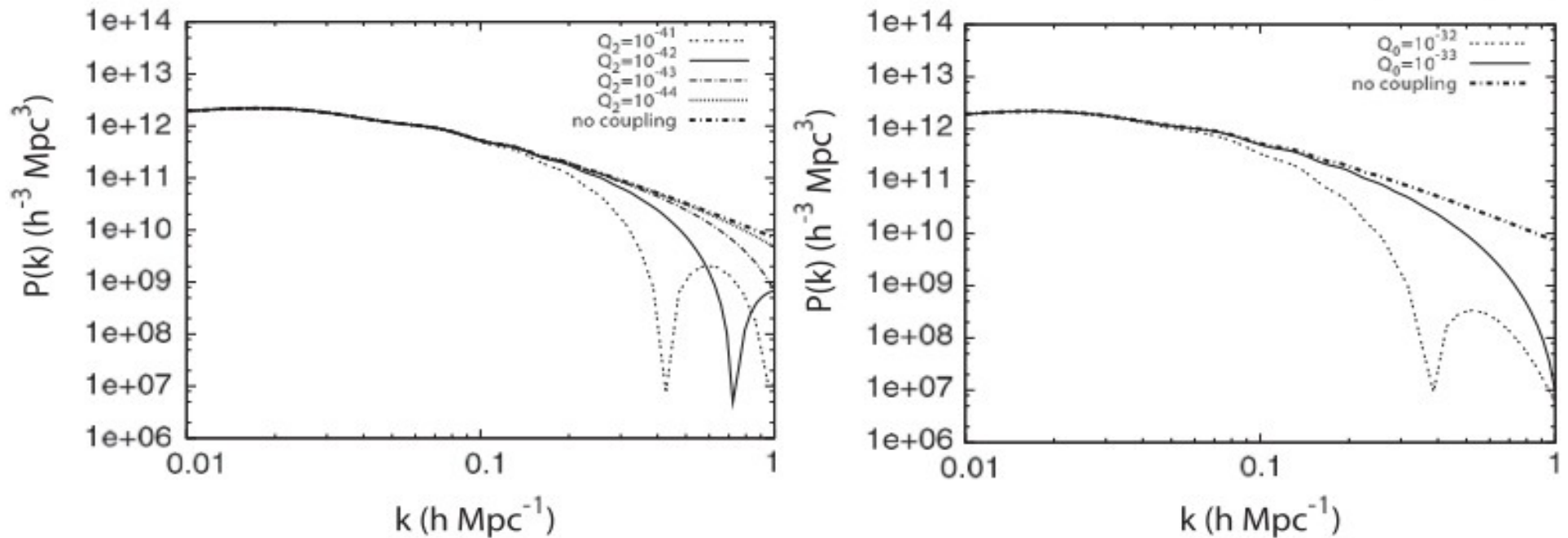


FIG. 2. Several matter power spectra with different opacities  $Q_2$  (top panel) and  $Q_0$  (bottom panel) between dark matter and neutrinos;  $Q_2$  and  $Q_0$  are in units of  $\text{cm}^2 \text{MeV}^{-1}$ .

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COSMOLOGICAL SIGNATURES OF INTERACTING ...

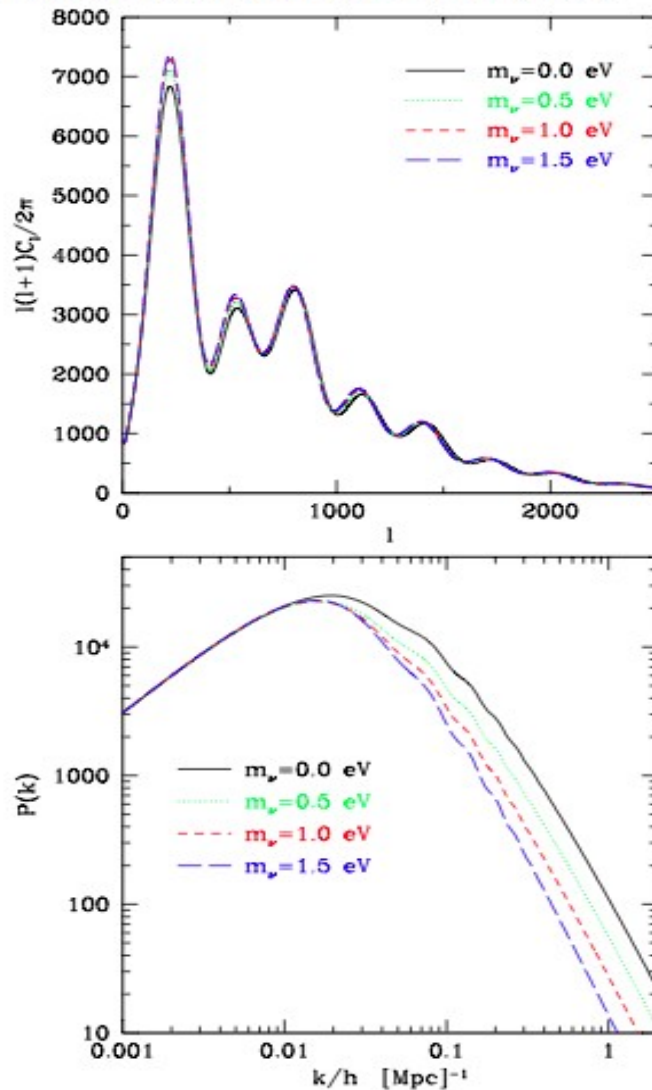


FIG. 7 (color online). The CMB and matter power spectra, for varying values of  $m_\nu$ , for model B1 (one interacting neutrino and two standard neutrinos). The power spectra are normalized (to an arbitrary value) at large scale.

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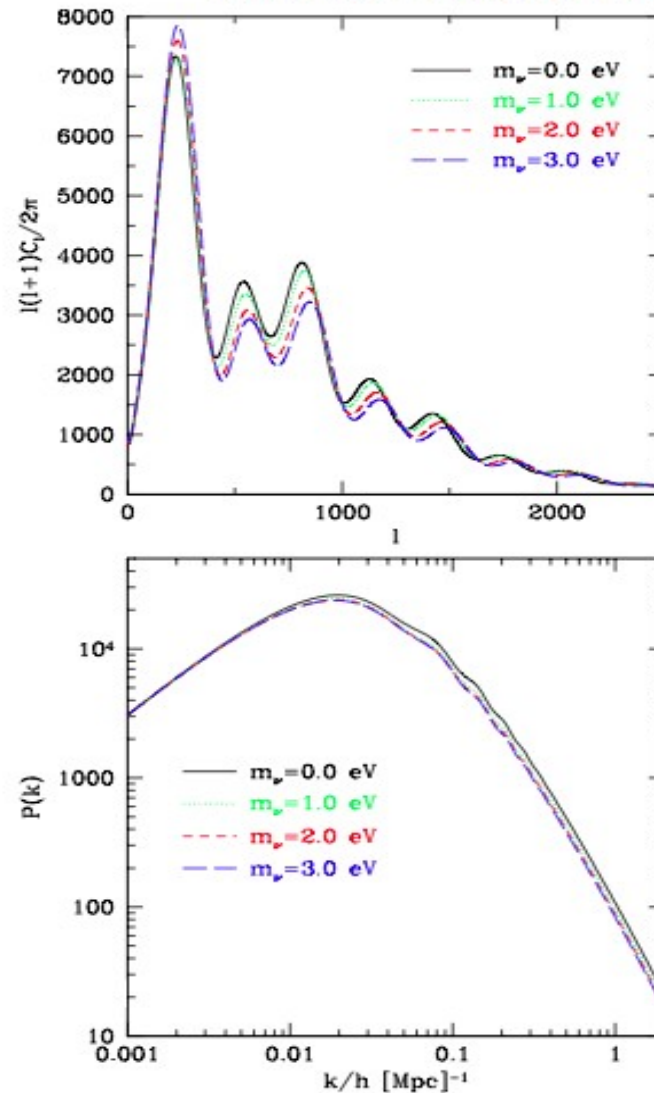
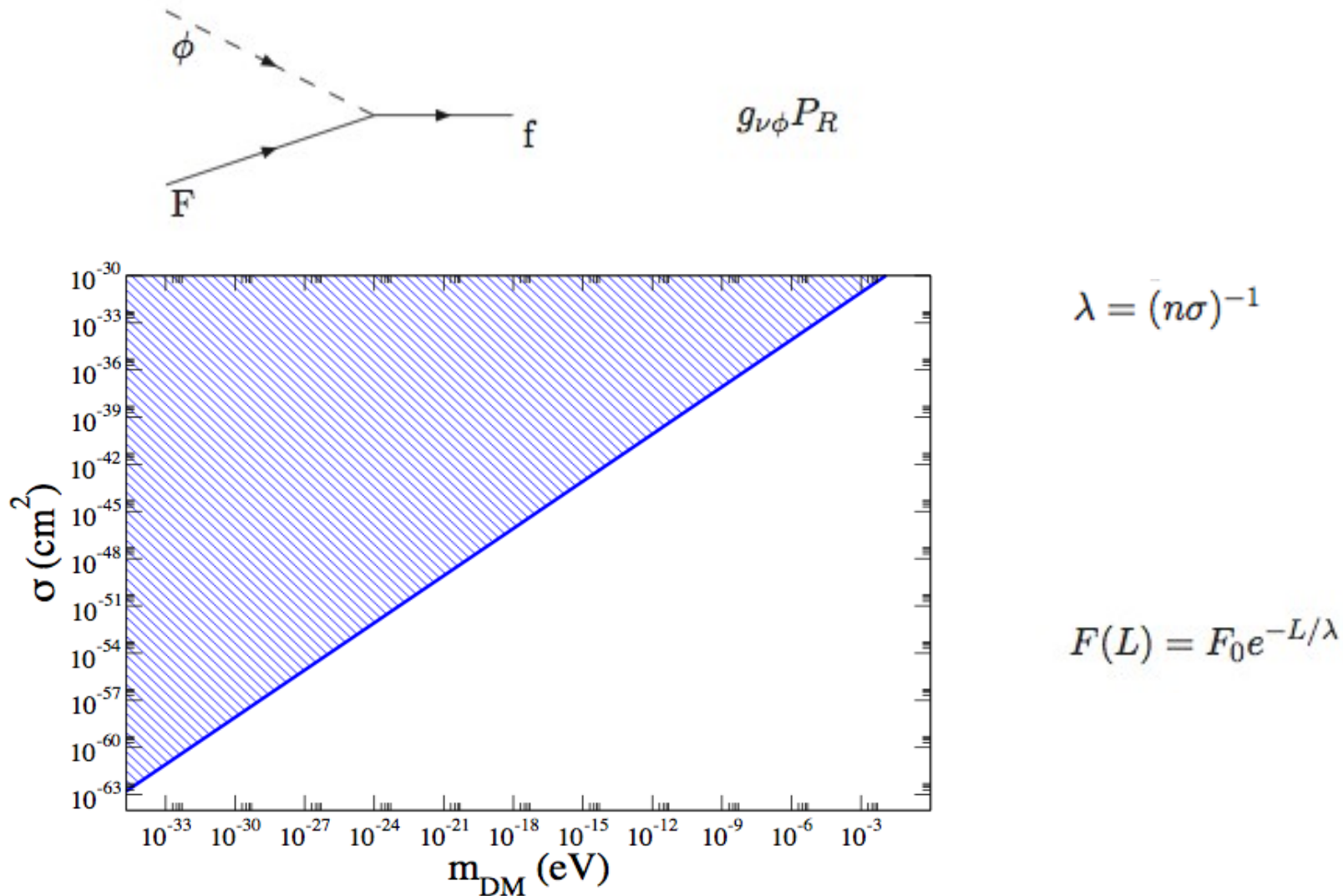


FIG. 8 (color online). The CMB and matter power spectra, for varying values of  $m_\nu$ , for model B3 (three interacting/annihilating neutrinos). The power spectra are normalized (to an arbitrary value) at large scale.

# Neutrino Dark Matter Interaction

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**Figure 2.** Neutrino cross section inducing a 95% neutrino flux suppression, as a function of the DM particle's mass  $m_{\text{DM}}$ . The shaded area shows the suppression parameters' space. We consider a density  $\rho_{\text{DM}} = 1.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ GeV}/\text{cm}^3$  and a mean source distance of  $L = 100 \text{ Mpc}$ .



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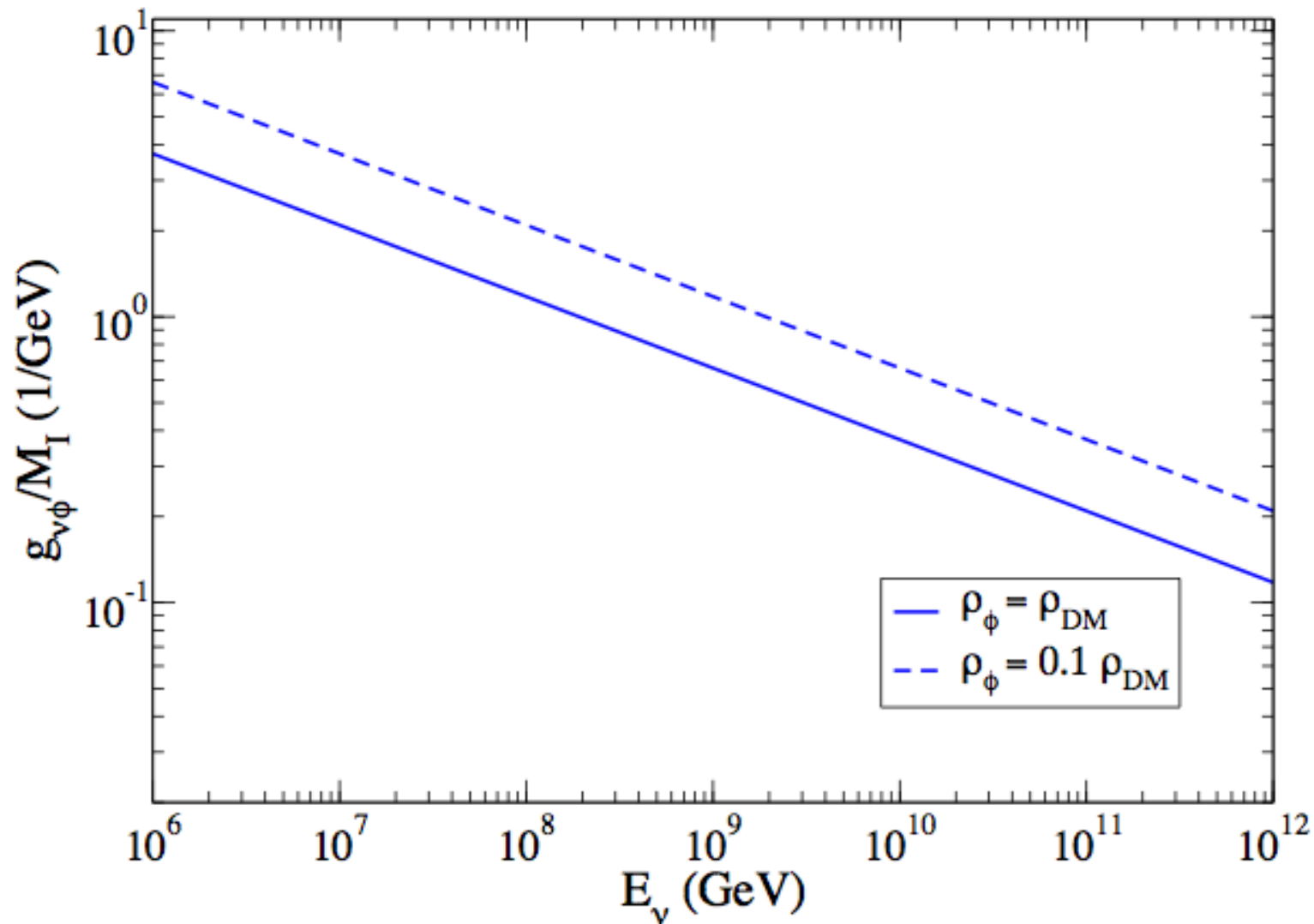
$$\mathcal{L} = g_{\nu\phi} \bar{\nu} \phi P_R F + H.c.$$

$$\sigma \simeq \left( \frac{g_{\nu\phi}}{M_I} \right)^4 \frac{m_\phi E_\nu}{16\pi}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda &= 16\pi \left( \frac{M_I/g_{\nu\phi}}{\text{GeV}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{\text{GeV}}{E_\nu} \right) \left( \frac{\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{\rho_\phi} \right) \text{GeV}^2 \text{cm}^3 \\ &\simeq L_0 \left( \frac{M_I/g_{\nu\phi}}{\text{GeV}} \right)^4 \left( \frac{10^{18} \text{eV}}{E_\nu} \right) \left( \frac{\text{GeV}/\text{cm}^3}{\rho_\phi} \right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{g_{\nu\phi}}{M_I} \gtrsim \left[ \ln \left( \frac{F_0}{F} \right) \frac{L_0}{\rho_\phi E_\nu L} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

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# Conclusions

- In spite of all the predictions, an extragalactic flux of UHE neutrinos have not been observed yet;
- In addition, there is a compelling evidence of a nonstandard matter in the universe, i.e., Dark Matter:
  - Neutrino-DM interaction may exist and lead to absorption of neutrino flux for specific kind of DM;
- Despite the neutrino flux limit may be due to the acceleration mechanism, we raise the possibility of a propagation effect.