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The DARK MATTER – LHC Endeavour to Unveil TeV NEW PHYSICS

Antonio Masiero Univ. of Padua and INFN, Padua Origin of Mass

The Energy Frontier

Matter/Anti-matter Asymmetry

Dark Matter

Origin of Universe

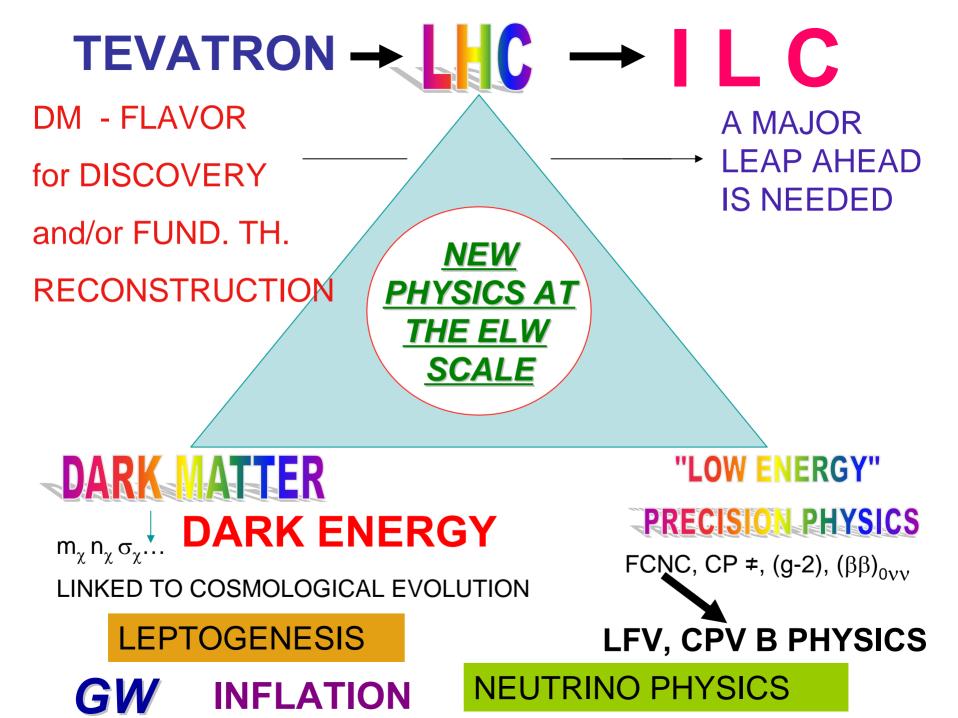
Unification of Forces

New Physics Beyond the Standard Model

Neutrino Physics

The Intensity Frontier

The Cocraic From



PROLOGUE

... no firm experimental indication that some NEW PHYSICS sets in at the electroweak scale (i.e., with new particles and phenomena at the TeV mass scale) and

... yet, we are strongly convinced that **TeV New Physics** is present

WHY TO GO BEYOND THE SM

"OBSERVATIONAL" REASONS

•HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS NO (but A_{FB}^Z....^{bb}) •FCNC, CP \neq NO (but CPV in Bs, sin2 β tension)

•HIGH PRECISION LOW-EN.

NO (but $(g-2)_{\mu}$...)

•NEUTRINO PHYSICS

 $(\mathbf{YES})_{v}\neq 0, \ \theta_{v}\neq 0$

•COSMO - PARTICLE PHYSICS YESDM, ΔB_{COSm} , INFLAT., DE)

THEORETICAL REASONS

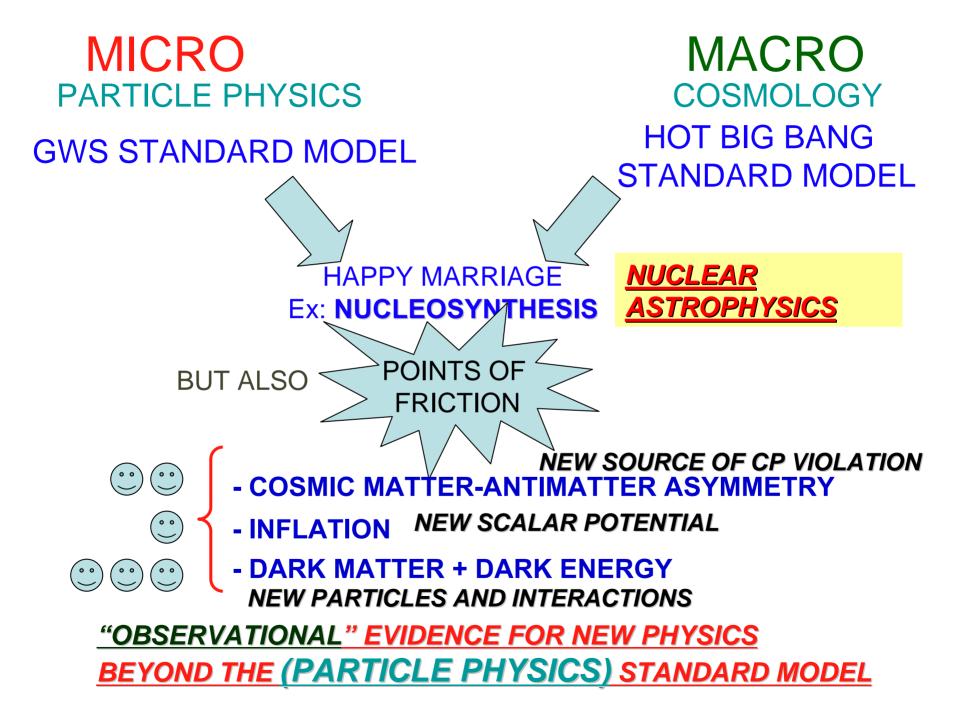
•INTRINSIC INCONSISTENCY OF SM AS QFT



(spont. broken gauge theory without anomalies)

•NO ANSWER TO QUESTIONS THAT "WE" CONSIDER "FUNDAMENTAL" QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY "FUNDAMENTAL" THEORY

(hierarchy, unification, flavor)



SOMETHING is needed at the TeV scale to enforce the unitarity of the electroweak theory

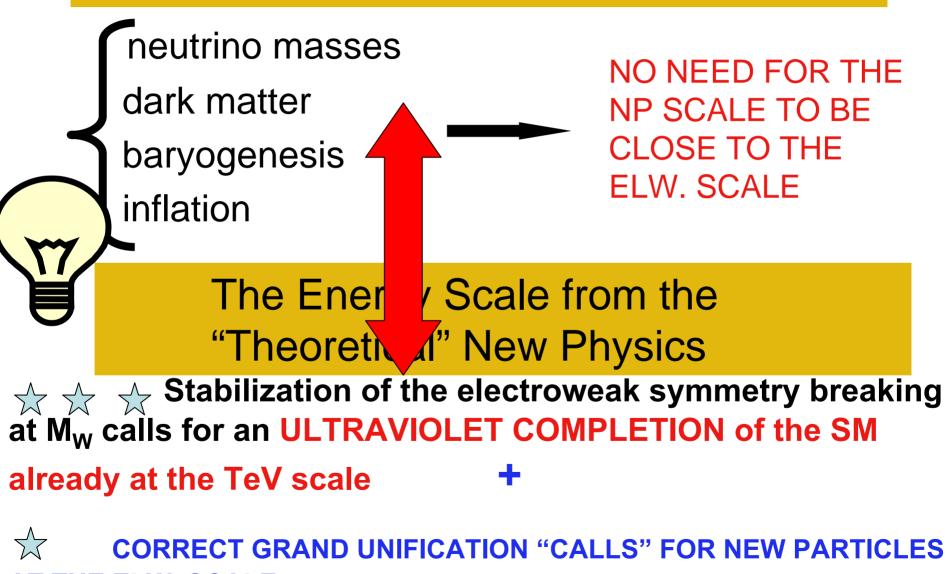
Is it possible that there is "only" a light higgs boson and no NP?

- This is acceptable if one argues that no ultraviolet completion of the SM is needed at the TeV scale simply because there is no actual fine-tuning related to the higgs mass stabilization (the correct value of the higgs mass is "environmentally" selected). This explanation is similar to the one adopted for the cosmological constant
- Barring such wayout, one is lead to have TeV NP to ensure the unitarity of the elw. theory at the TeV scale

GENERAL FEATURES OF NEW PHYSICS AT THE ELW. SCALE

- Some amount of **fine-tuning** (typically at the % level) is required to pass unscathed the elw. precision tests, the higgs mass bound and the direct search for new particles at accelerators.
- The higgs is typically rather light (<200 GeV) apart from the extreme case of the "Higgsless proposal"
- All models provide signatures which are (more or less) accessible to LHC physics (including the higgsless case where new KK states are needed to provide the unitarity of the theory)

COULD (AT LEAST SOME OF) THE "OBSERVATIONAL" NEW PHYSICS BE LINKED TO THE ULTRAVIOLET COMPLETION OF THE SM AT THE ELW. SCALE ? The Energy Scale from the "Observational" New Physics

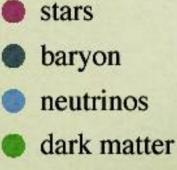


AT THE ELW. SCALE

On the Energetic Budget of the Universe

- Stars and galaxies are only ~0.5%
- Neutrinos are ~0.1-1.5%
- Rest of ordinary matter (electrons, protons & neutrons) are 4.4%
- Dark Matter 23%
- Dark Energy 73%
- Anti-Matter 0%
- Higgs Bose-Einstein condensate ~10⁶²%??

Courtesy of H. Murayama



dark energy

<u>DM → NEW PHYSICS BEYOND THE</u> (PARTICLE PHYSICS) SM - if Newton is right at scales>size of the Solar System

- $\Omega_{DM} = 0.233 \pm 0.013 *$
- Ω_{baryons} = 0.0462 ± 0.0015 **
- *from CMB (5 yrs. of WMAP) + Type I Supernovae + Baryon Acoustic Oscillations (BAO)

**CMB + TypeI SN + BAO in agreement with Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

The **BULLET CLUSTER**: two colliding clusters of galaxies

Stars, galaxies and putative DM behave differently during collision, allowing for them to be studied separately. In MOND the lensing is expected to follow the baryonic matter, i.e. the X-ray gas. However the lensing is strongest in two separated regions near the visible galaxies — most of the mass in the cluster pair is in the form of collisionless DM



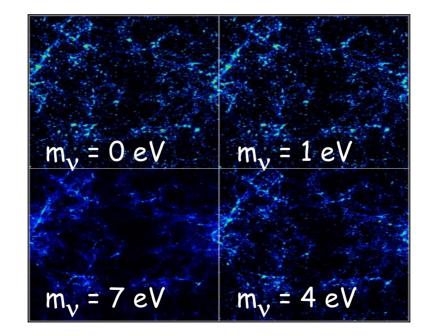
DM: the most impressive evidence at the "quantitative" and "qualitative" levels of New Physics beyond SM

- QUANTITATIVE: Taking into account the latest WMAP data which in combination with LSS data provide stringent bounds on Ω_{DM} and Ω_B EVIDENCE
 FOR NON-BARYONIC DM AT MORE THAN 10
 STANDARD DEVIATIONS!! THE SM DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY CANDIDATE FOR SUCH NON-BARYONIC DM

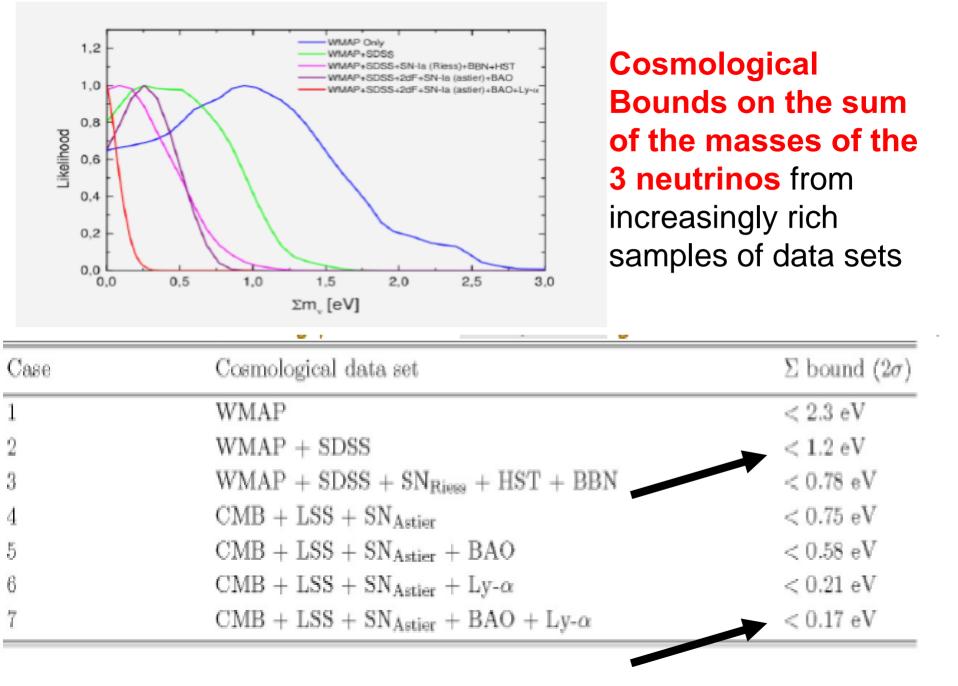
THE RISE AND FALL OF NEUTRINOS AS DARK MATTER

- Massive neutrinos: only candidates in the SM to account for DM. From here the "prejudice" of neutrinos of a few eV to correctly account for DM
- Neutrinos decouple at ~1 MeV ; being their mass<<decoupling temperature, neutrinos remain relativistic for a long time. Being very fast, they smooth out any possible growth of density fluctuation forbidding the formation of proto-structures.
- The "weight" of neutrinos in the DM budget is severely limited by the observations disfavoring scenarios where first superlarge structures arise and then galaxies originate from their fragmentation

LSS PATTERN AND NEUTRINO MASSES



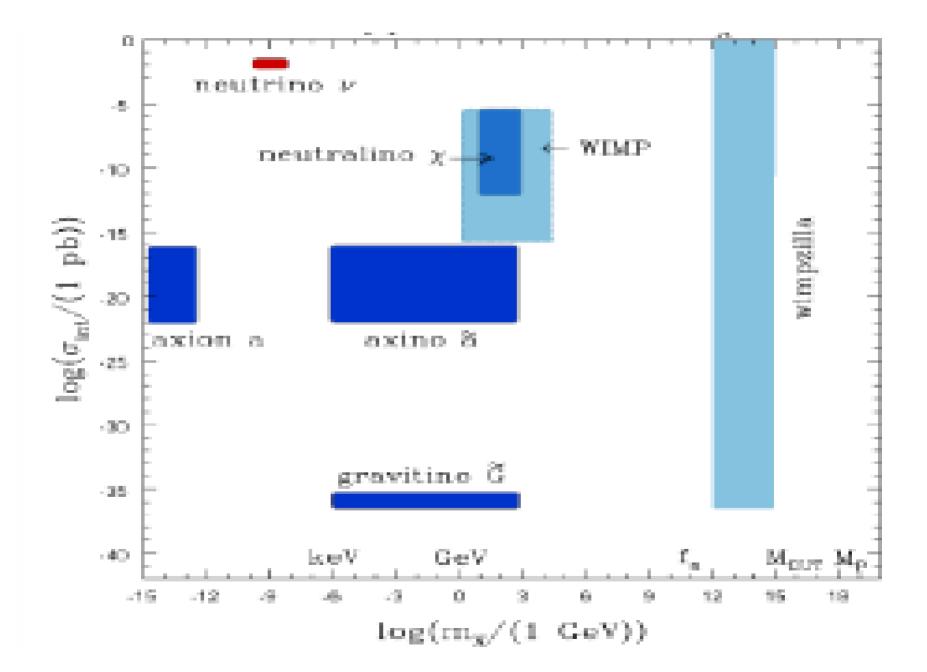
(E..g., Ma 1996)



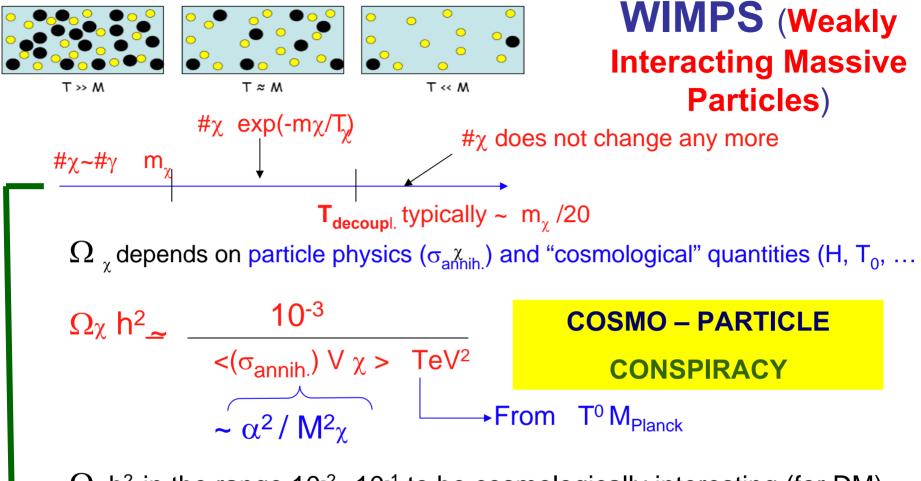
Fogli et al., Phys. Rev. D 75, 053001 (2007)

TEN COMMANDMENTS TO BE A "GOOD" DM CANDIDATE BERTONE, A.M., TAOSO

- TO MATCH THE APPROPRIATE RELIC DENSITY
- TO BE COLD
- TO BE NEUTRAL
- TO BE CONSISTENT WITH BBN
- TO LEAVE STELLAR EVOLUTION UNCHANGED
- TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH CONSTRAINTS ON SELF INTERACTIONS
- TO BE CONSISTENT WITH DIRECT DM SEARCHES
- TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH GAMMA RAY CONSTRAINTS
- TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH OTHER ASTROPHYSICAL BOUNDS
- "TO BE PROBED EXPERIMENTALLY"



THE DM ROAD TO NEW **PHYSICS BEYOND THE SM**: IS DM A PARTICLE OF THE NEW PHYSICS AT THE ELECTROWEAK ENERGY SCALE ?



 $\Omega\chi h^2$ in the range 10⁻² -10⁻¹ to be cosmologically interesting (for DM)

m_χ ~ 10² - 10³ GeV (weak interaction) Ωχh² ~ 10⁻² -10⁻¹ !!! → THERMAL RELICS (WIMP in thermodyn.equilibrium with the

plasma until T_{decoupl})

CONNECTION DM – ELW. SCALE THE WIMP MIRACLE :STABLE ELW. SCALE WIMPs

1) ENLARGEMENT OF THE SM	SUSY (χ ^μ , θ)	EXTRA DIM. (x ^{µ,} j ⁱ⁾	LITTLE HIGGS . SM part + new part
	Anticomm. Coord.	New bosonic Coord.	to cancel Λ ² at 1-Loop
2) SELECTION RULE	R-PARITY LSP	KK-PARITY LKI	T-PARITY LTP
→DISCRETE SYMM.	Neutralino spin 1/2	spin1	spin0
→STABLE NEW PART.			
3) FIND REGION (S) PARAM. SPACE WHERE THE "L" NEW PART. IS NEUTRAL + Ω_{L} h ² OK	m _{LSP} ~100 - 200 GeV [*]	m _{LKP} ~600 - 800 GeV	↓ m _{LTP} ~400 - 800 GeV

Bottino, Donato, Fornengo, Scopel

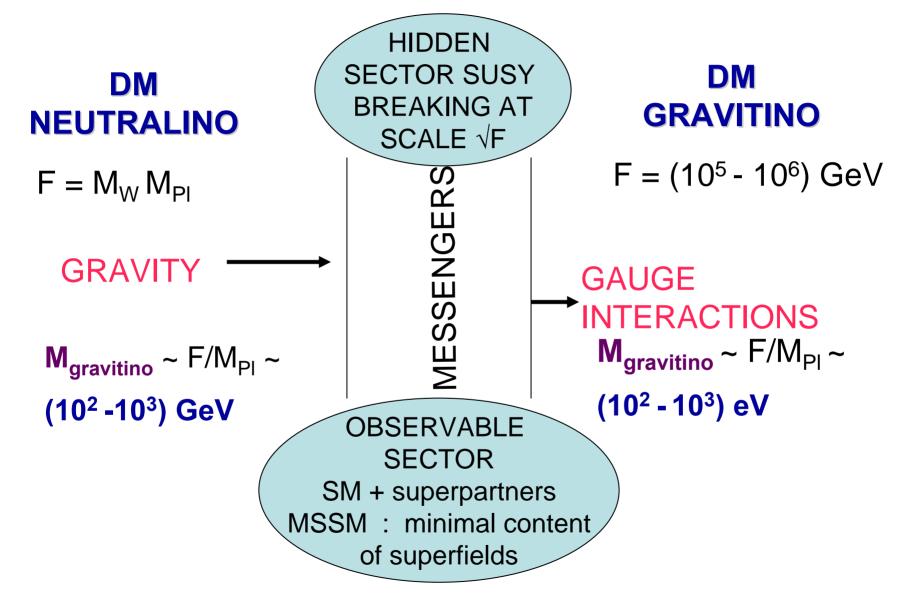
SUSY & DM : a successful marriage

- Supersymmetrizing the SM does not lead necessarily to a stable SUSY particle to be a DM candidate.
- However, the mere SUSY version of the SM is known to lead to a too fast p-decay. Hence, necessarily, the SUSY version of the SM has to be supplemented with some additional (ad hoc?) symmetry to prevent the pdecay catastrophe.
- Certainly the simplest and maybe also the most attractive solution is to impose the discrete R-parity symmetry
- MSSM + R PARITY -----> LIGHTEST SUSY PARTICLE (LSP) IS STABLE .
- The LSP can constitute an interesting DM candidate in several interesting realizations of the MSSM (i.e., with different SUSY breaking mechanisms including gravity, gaugino, gauge, anomaly mediations, and in various regions of the parameter space).

WHO IS THE LSP?

- SUPERGRAVITY (transmission of the SUSY breaking from the hidden to the obsevable sector occurring via gravitational interactions): best candidate to play the role of LSP:
 - **NEUTRALINO** (i.e., the lightest of the four eigenstates of the 4x4 neutralino mass matrix)
- In **CMSSM**: the LSP neutralino is almost entirely a **BINO**

DM \iff THE ORIGIN OF THE SUSY BREAKING

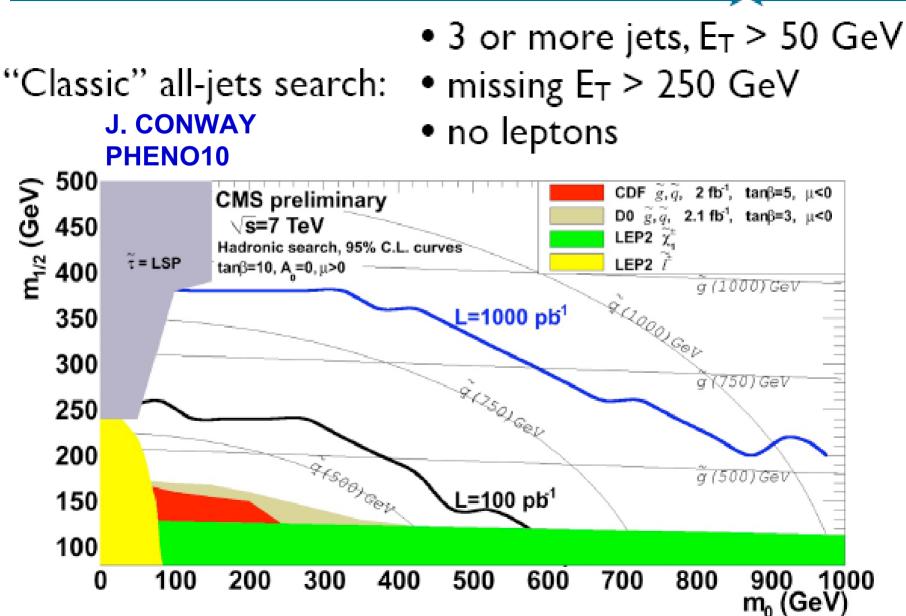


GRAVITINO LSP?

- GAUGE MEDIATED SUSY BREAKING
- (GMSB) : LSP likely to be the GRAVITINO (it can be so light that it is more a warm DM than a cold DM candidate)
- Although we cannot directly detect the
- gravitino, there could be interesting signatures
- from the **next to the LSP (NLSP)** : for instance
- the s-tau could decay into tau and gravitino,
- Possibly with a very long life time, even of the order of days or months

SUSY: jets + missing ET





IS THE "WIMP MIRACLE" AN ACTUAL MIRACLE?

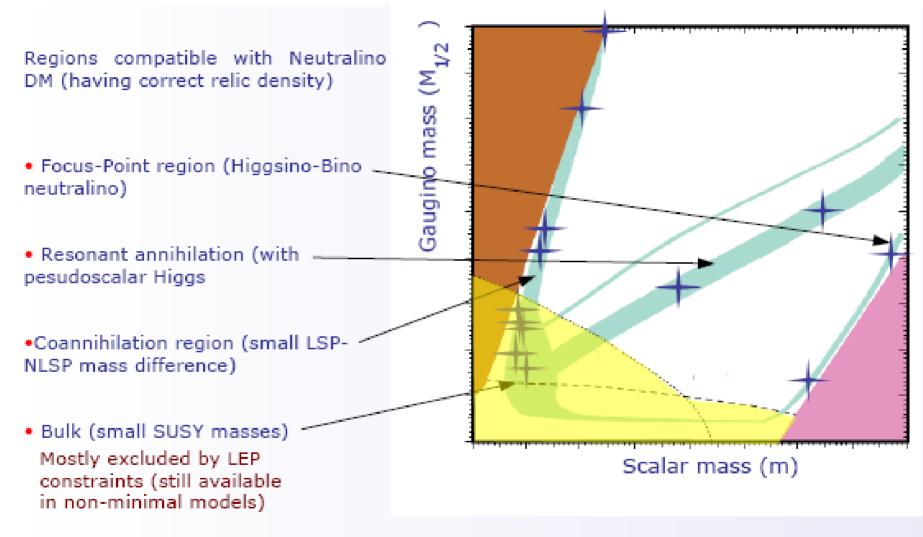
USUAL STATEMENT

Many possibilities for DM candidates, but WIMPs are really special: peculiar coincidence between particle physics and cosmology parameters to provide a VIABLE DM CANDIDATE AT THE ELW. SCALE

HOWEVER

when it comes to quantitatively reproduce the precisely determined DM density \rightarrow once again the fine-tuning threat...

LHC reach in the SUSY parameter space (example CMSSM – A, M, m, $tan\beta$, μ)



(see e.g., Ellis, Ferstl, Olive)

Cerdeno '09

DM and NON-STANDARD COSMOLOGIES BEFORE NUCLEOSYNTHESIS

- NEUTRALINO RELIC DENSITY MAY DIFFER FROM ITS STANDARD VALUE, i.e. the value it gets when the expansion rate of the Universe is what is expected in Standard Cosmology (EX.: SCALAR-TENSOR THEORIES OF GRAVITY, KINATION, EXTRA-DIM. RANDALL-SUNDRUM TYPE II MODEL, ETC.)
- WIMPS MAY BE "COLDER", i.e. they may have smaller typical velocities and, hence, they may lead to smaller masses for the first structures which form **GELMINI, GONDOLO**

WHY H
$$\neq$$
 H_{GR}
 $H_{GR}^2 = \frac{1}{3M_p^2} \rho_{tot} \simeq 2.76 g_* \frac{T^4}{M_p^2}$

Change the number of relativistic d.o.f.'s, g_* ;

R. Catena

- - Kination
 P. Salati, Phys. Lett. B 571 (2003) 121
- Consider theories where the effective Planck mass is different from the constant M_p:
 - Scalar-Tensor theories
 R. C., N. Fornengo, A. Masiero, M. Pietroni and F. Rosati, Phys. Rev. D 70 (2004) 063519
 - Extradimensions
 L. Randall and R. Sundrum, Phys. Rev. Lett. 83 (1999) 4690

LARGER WIMP ANNIHILATION CROSS-SECTION IN NON-STANDARD COSMOLOGIES

- Having a Universe expansion rate at the WIMP freeze-out larger than in Standard Cosmology→ possible to provide a DM adequate WIMP population even in the presence of a larger annihilation crosssection (Catena, Fornengo, A.M., Pietroni)
- Possible application to increase the present DM annihilation rate to account for the PAMELA results in the DM interpretation (instead of other mechanisms like the Sommerfeld effect or a nearby resonance)

El Zant, Khalil, Okada

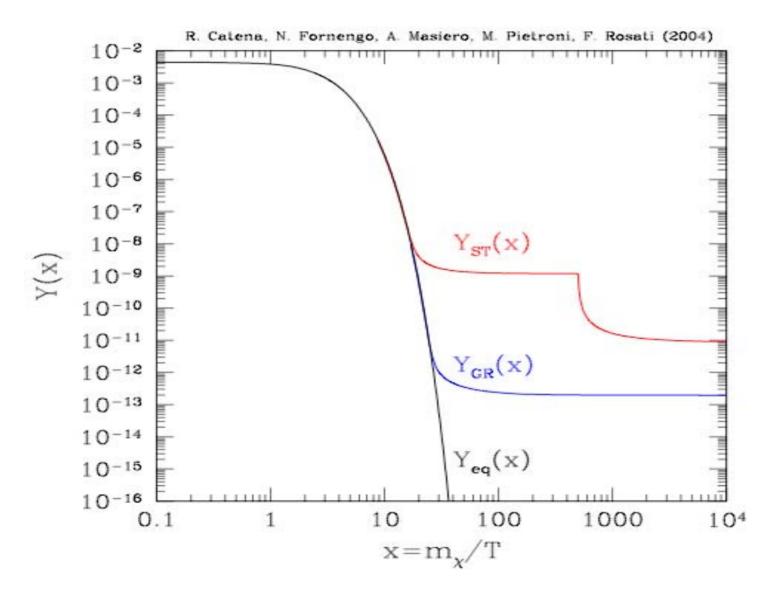
EXP. BOUNDS on the DEVIATION from H in GR

$$H^2_{ST} \simeq A^2(\varphi) \times H^2_{GR}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c} 0.1 \gtrsim \frac{\Delta H^2}{H^2} \equiv \frac{H_{\text{ST}}^2 - H_{\text{GR}}^2}{H_{\text{GR}}^2} = A^2(\varphi_{\text{BBN}}) - 1 & \text{at BBN}^1 \end{array} \right) \text{ pietroni, rosati}$$

$$\gamma_{\text{PN}} - 1 = -\frac{2\alpha^2}{1 + \alpha^2} = (2.1 \pm 2.3) \times 10^{-5} \quad \text{Today}^2 \text{ Bertotti, less, tortora}$$

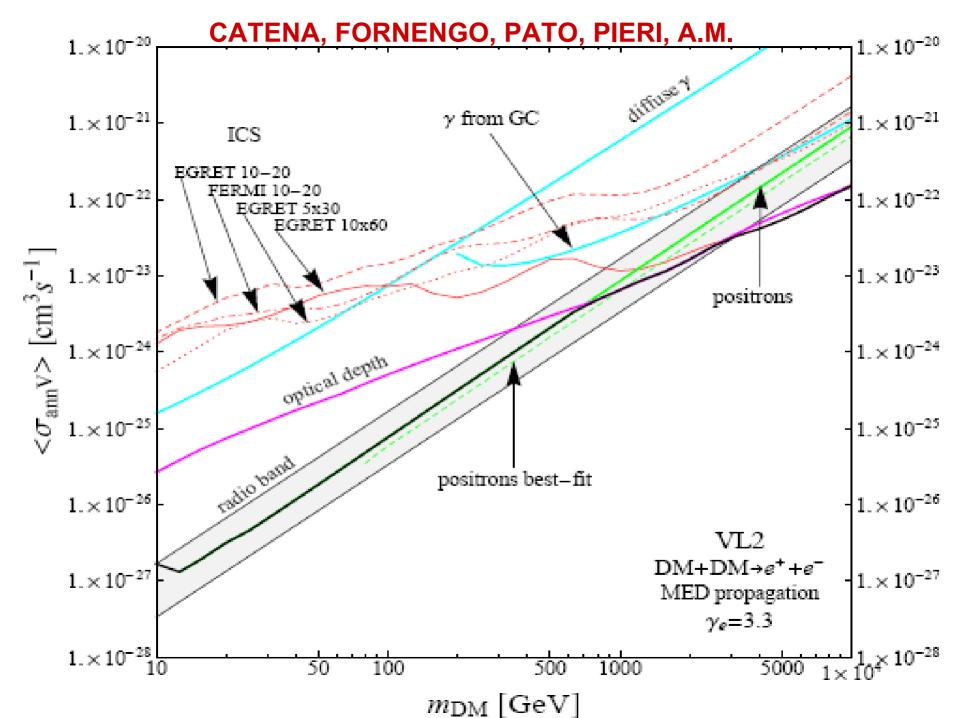
NEUTRALINO RELIC ABUNDANCE IN GR AND S-T THEORIES OF GRAVITY



ST THEORIES AND DE

- Scalar-Tensor gravity is a nice environment to accommodate DE, and may lead to drastic revisions of standard DM studies

 The expansion history at T~10 GeV >>T_{BBN} may be constrained by cosmic antiprotons



HUMAN PRODUCTION OF WIMPs

WIMPS HYPOTHESIS

DM made of particles with mass 10Gev - 1Tev ELW scale LHC, ILC may PRODUCE WIMPS

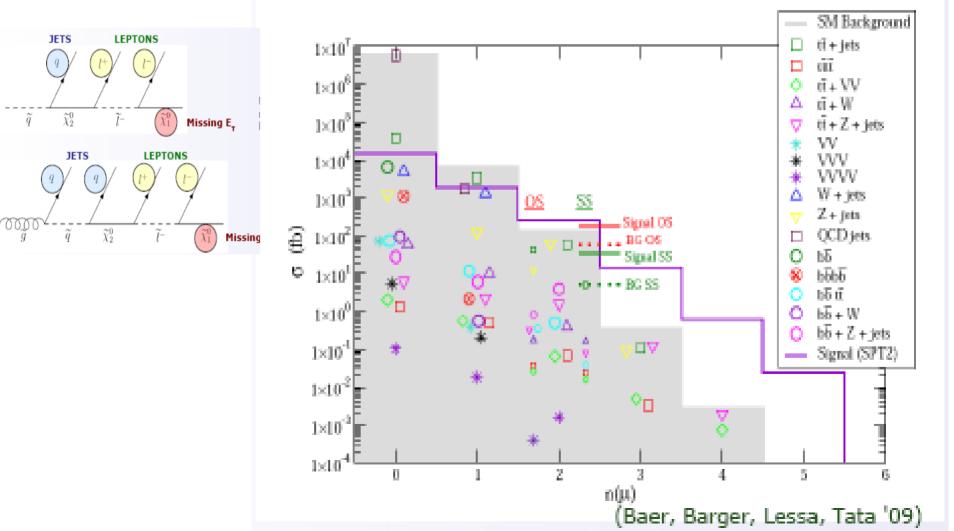
WIMPS escape the detector → MISSING ENERGY SIGNATURE

With WEAK INTERACT.

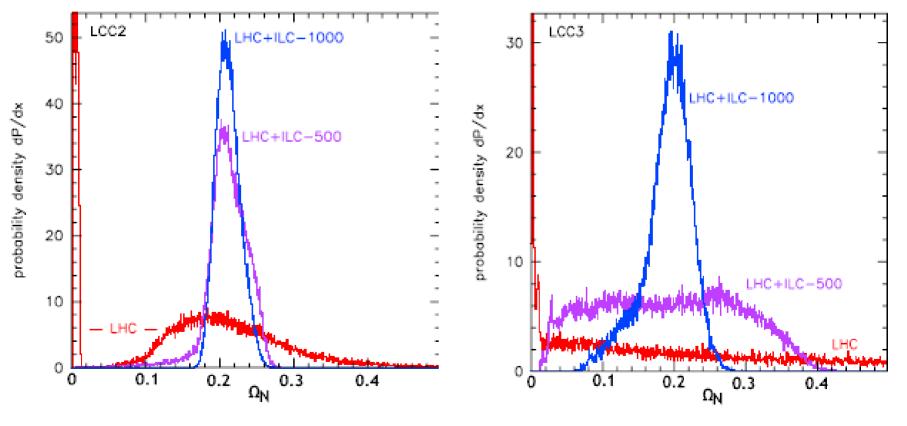
POSSIBILITY TO CREATE OURSELVES IN OUR ACCELERATORS THOSE DM PARTICLES WHICH ARE PART OF THE RELICS OF THE PRIMORDIAL PLASMA AND CONSTITUTE 1/4 OF THE WHOLE ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE

DM through the jets + missing energy signature at the LHC

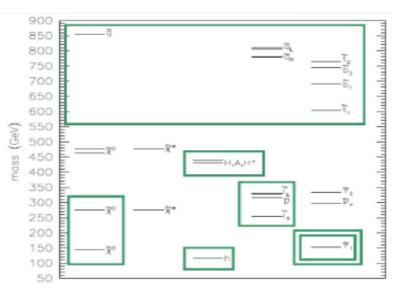
Estimation of the SM background for 4 jets + n leptons



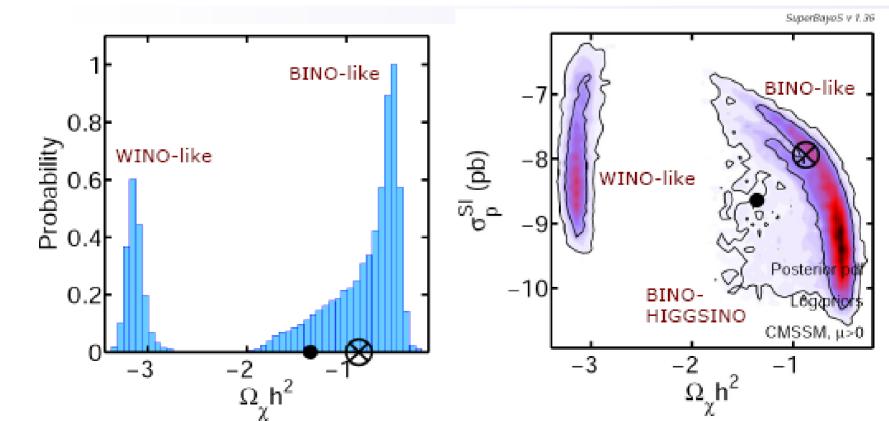
PREDICTION OF Ω DM FROM LHC AND ILC FOR TWO DIFFERENT SUSY PARAMETER SETS



BALTZ, BATTAGLIA, PESKIN, WIZANSKY



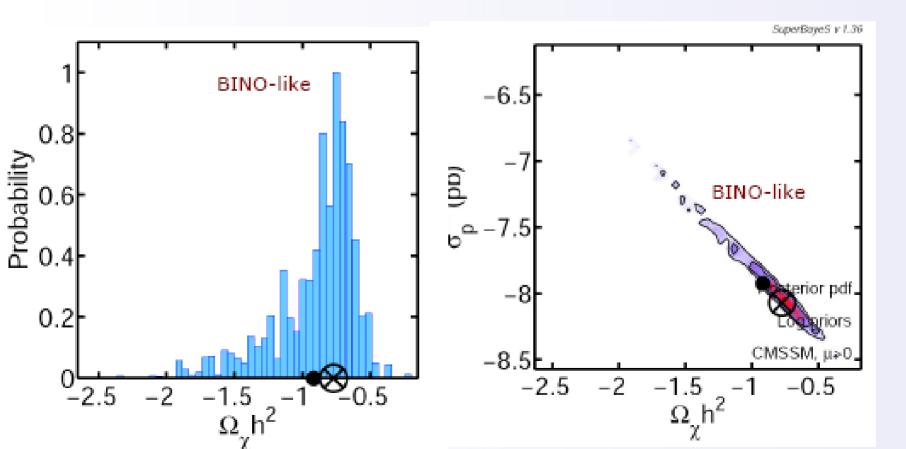
Let's suppose to find part of the SUSY particle spectrum at LHC: will we be able to reconstruct then which s-particle is going to be the LSP?



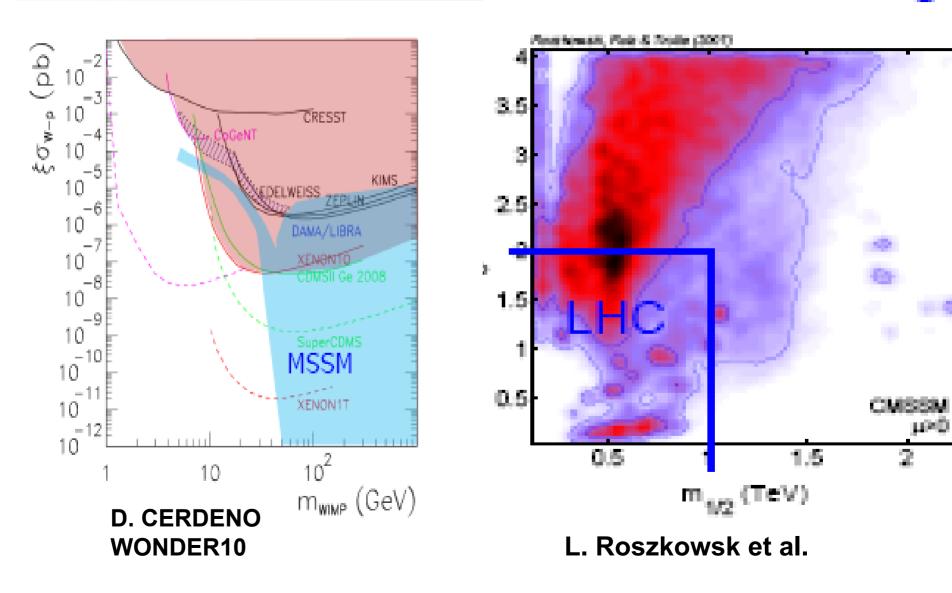
...but if we succeed to find the DM synergy LHC - DM

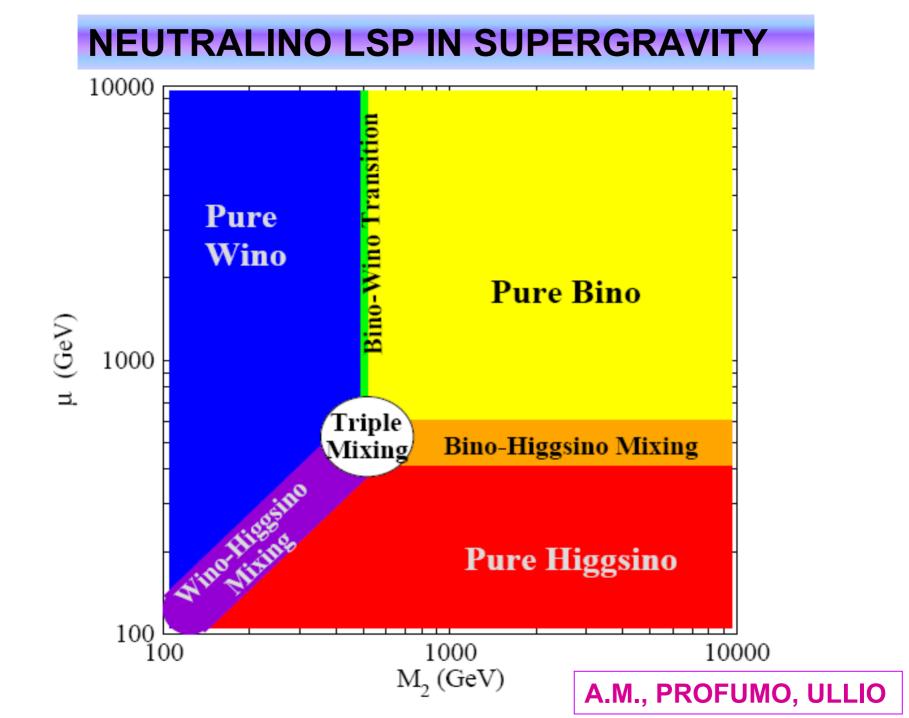
The combination of LHC data with Direct Detection data can resolve the degeneracy

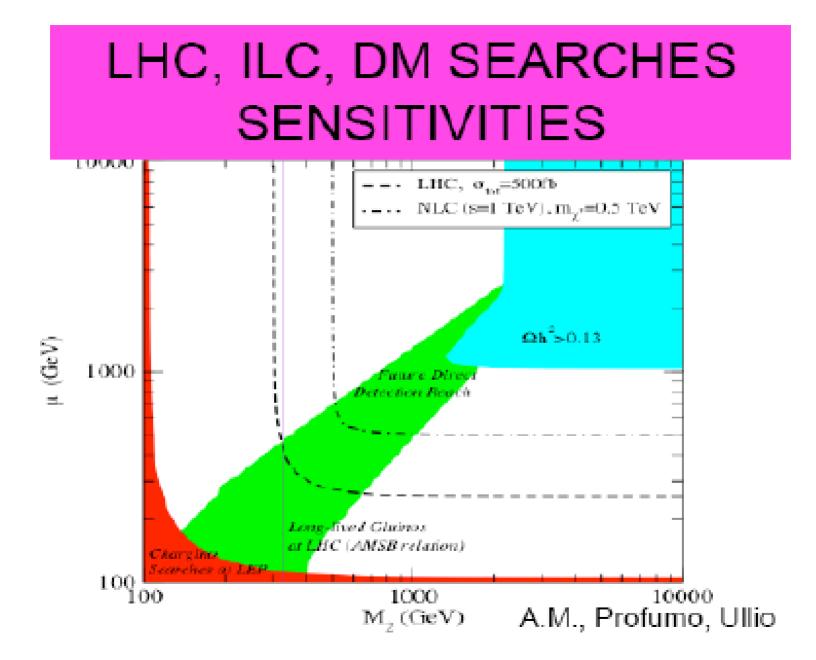
The reconstruction of the relic abundance has a similar accuracy but spurious maxima disappear (Bertone, Cerdeño, Fornasa, Trotta, de Austri - in preparation)



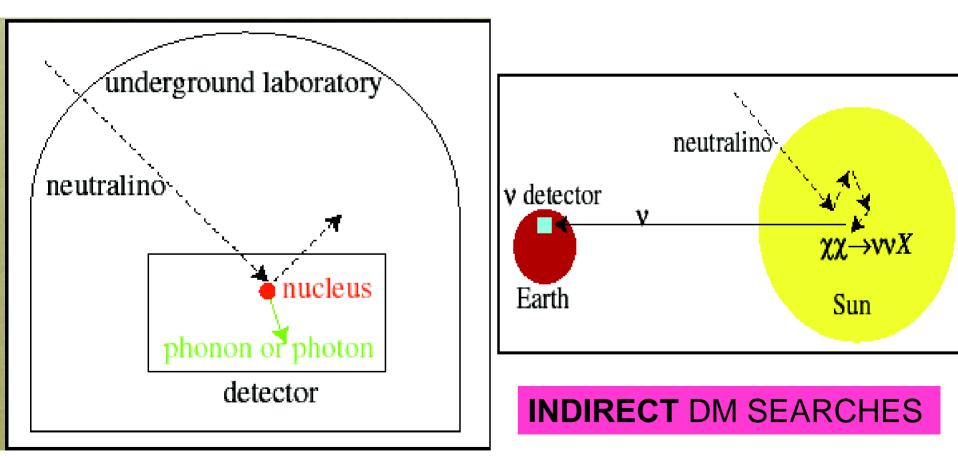
On the LHC – Direct DM searches coverage of the MSSM parameter space







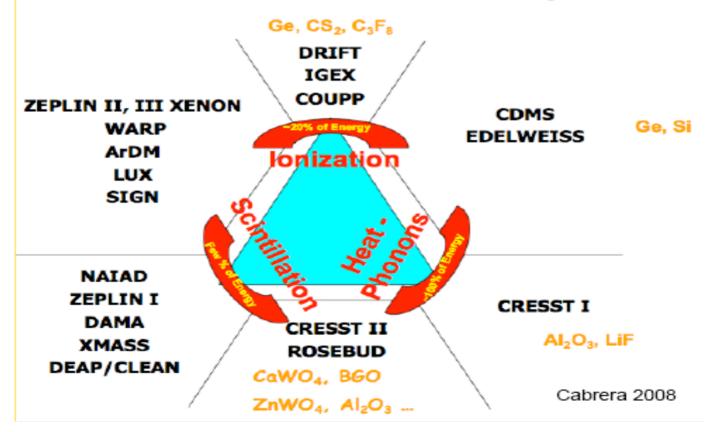
HUNTING FOR DARK MATTER



DIRECT DM SEARCHES

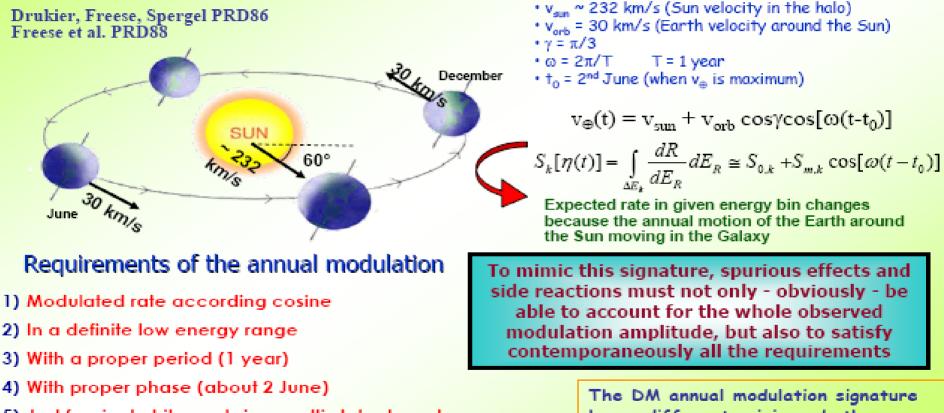


Direct Detection Techniques



The annual modulation: a model independent signature for the investigation of Dark Matter particles component in the galactic halo

With the present technology, the annual modulation is the main model independent signature for the DM signal. Although the modulation effect is expected to be relatively small a suitable large-mass, low-radioactive set-up with an efficient control of the running conditions would point out its presence.

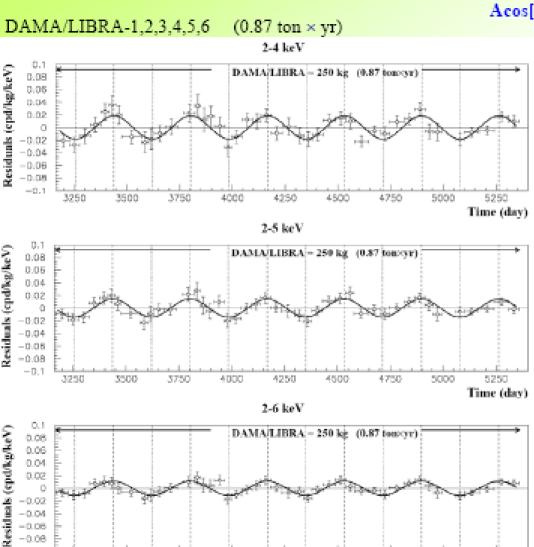


- 5) Just for single hit events in a multi-detector set-up
- 6) With modulation amplitude in the region of maximal sensitivity must be <7% for usually adopted halo distributions, but it can be larger in case of some possible scenarios

The DM annual modulation signature has a different origin and, thus, different peculiarities (e.g. the phase) with respect to those effects connected with the seasons instead

DAMA/LIBRA-1 to 6 Model Independent Annual Modulation Result

experimental single-hit residuals rate vs time and energy



-0.02

-0.04-0.08

-0.08-0.1

3250

3500

3750

4000

4250

4500

4750

5000

Acos[ω (t-t₀)]; continuous lines: t₀ = 152.5 d, T = 1.00 y

The fit has been done on the DAMA/NaI & DAMA/LIBRA data (1.17 ton × yr)

2-4 keV

A=(0.0183±0.0022) cpd/kg/keV χ²/dof = 75.7/79 8.3 σ C.L.

Absence of modulation? No $\gamma^{2}/dof = 147/80 \implies P(A=0) = 7 \times 10^{-6}$

2-5 keV

A=(0.0144±0.0016) cpd/kg/keV γ^2 /dof = 56.6/79 **9.0** σ C.L.

Absence of modulation? No χ^2 /dof=135/80 \Rightarrow P(A=0) = 1.1×10⁻⁴

2-6 keV

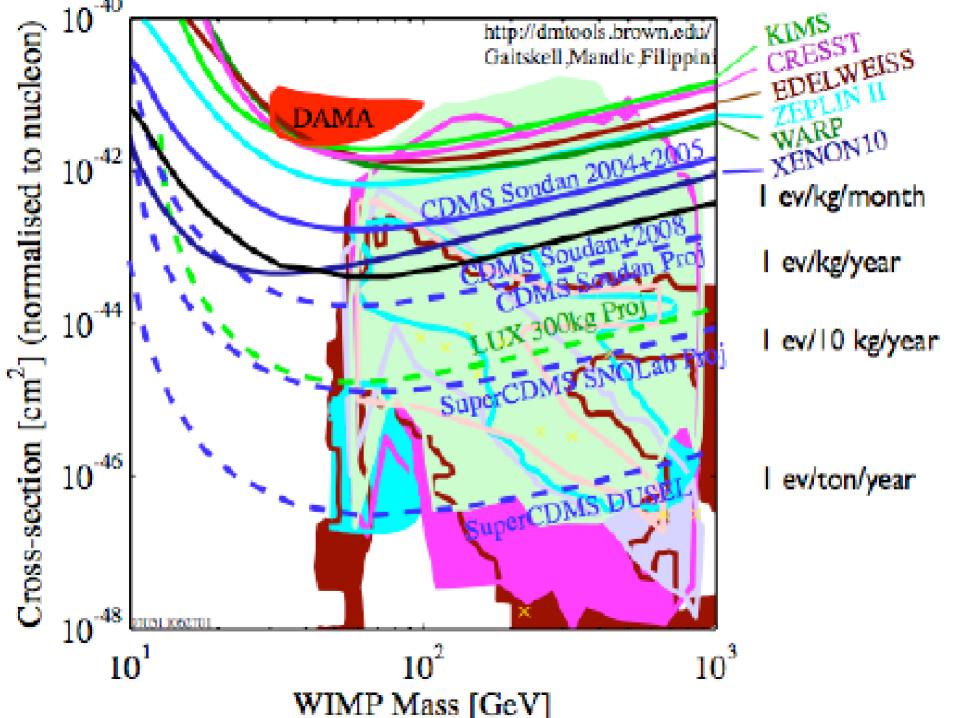
A=(0.0114±0.0013) cpd/kg/keV χ²/dof = 64.7/79 8.8 σ C.L. Absence of modulation? No

 χ^2 /dof=140/80 \Rightarrow P(A=0) = 4.3×10⁻⁵

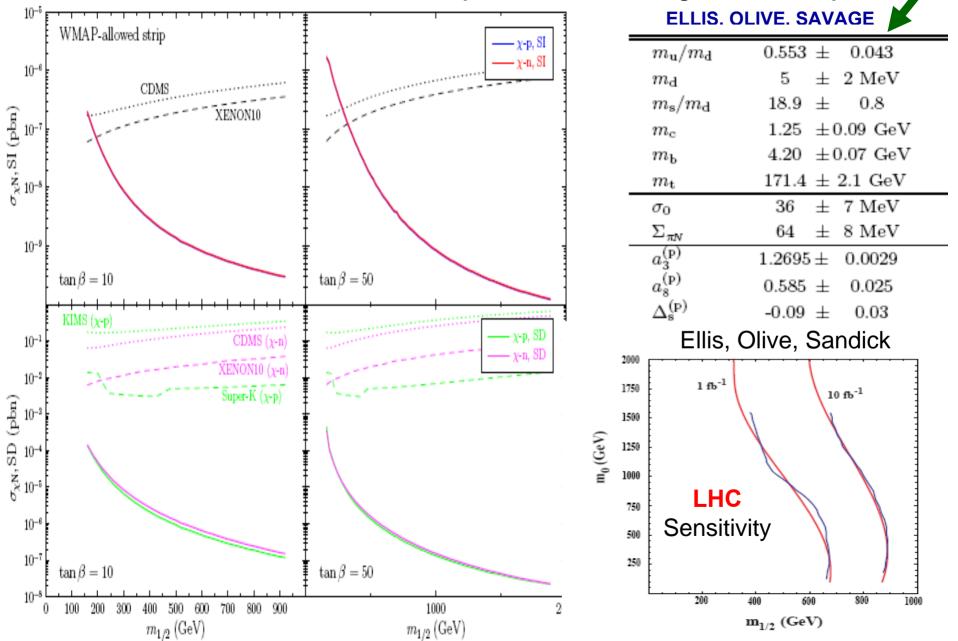
The data favor the presence of a modulated behavior with proper features at 8.8 C.L.

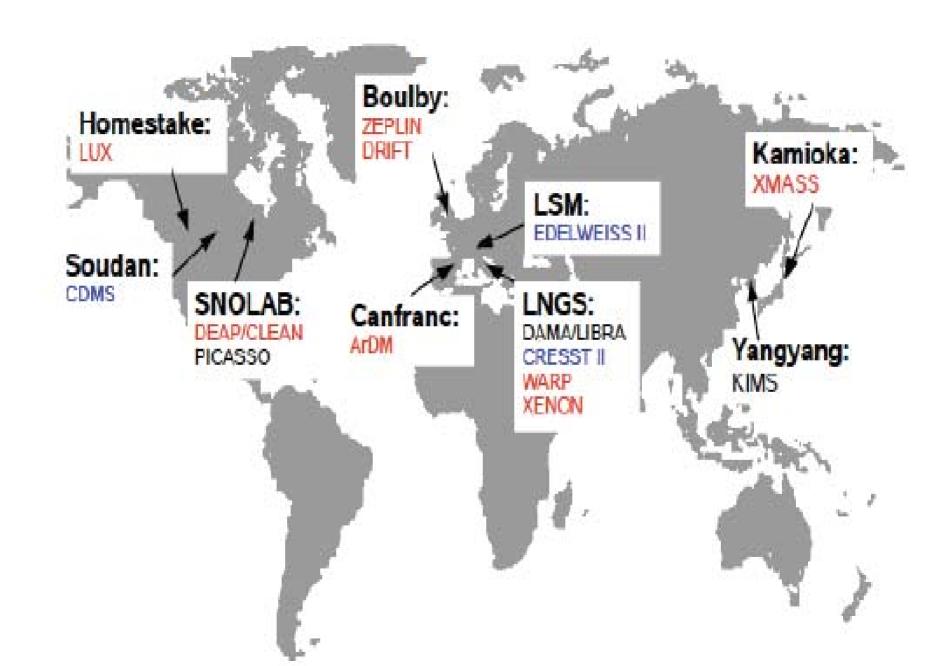
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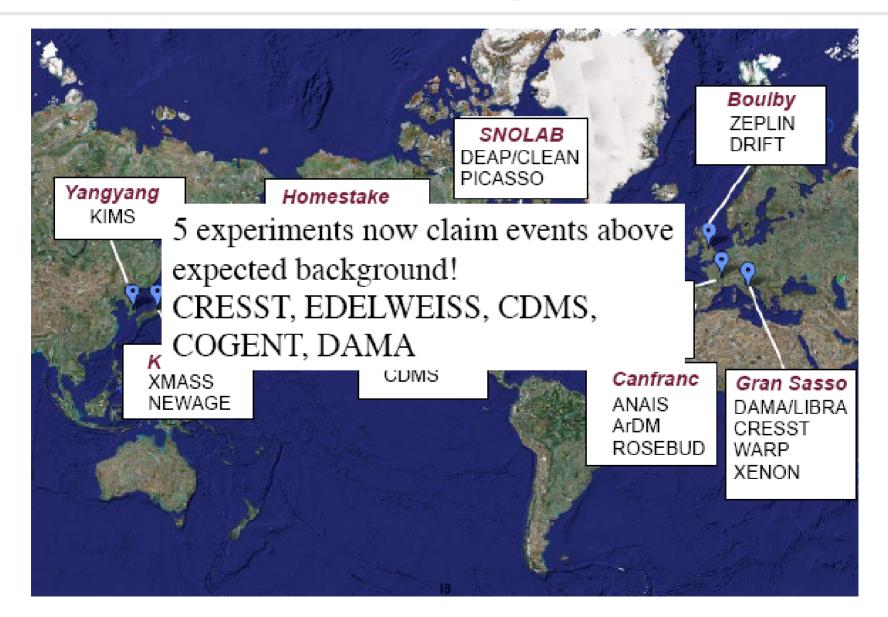


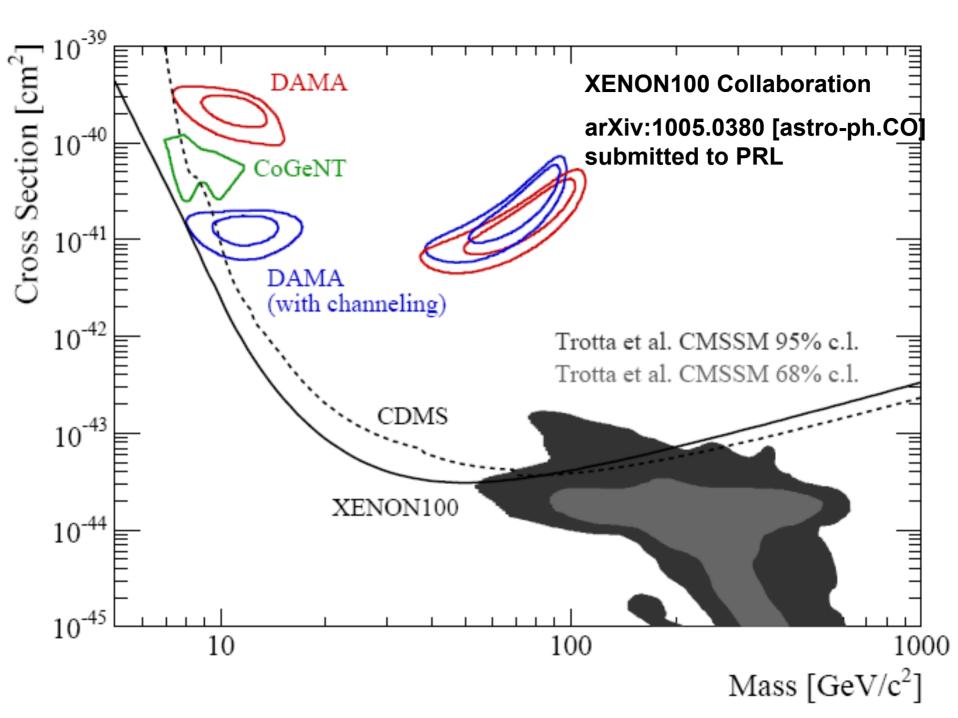
Neutralino-nucleon scattering cross sections along the WMAP-allowed coannihilation strip for tanbeta=10 and coannihilation/funnel strip for tanbeta=50 using the hadronic parameters



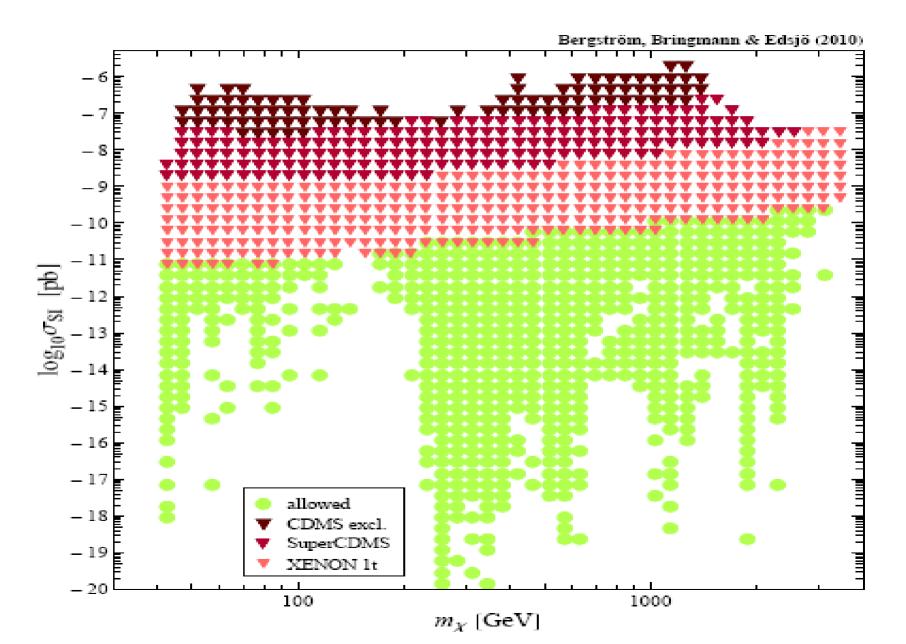


Main WIMP Experiments



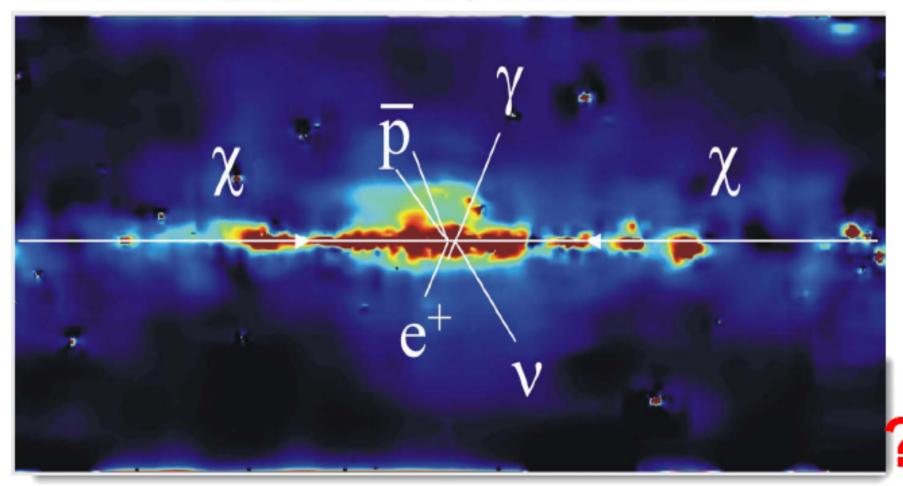


DM from the MSSM



DM INDIRECT DETECTION

WIMP-WIMP annihilation in the galactic halos may be detected through production of γ , neutrinos, anti-matter.



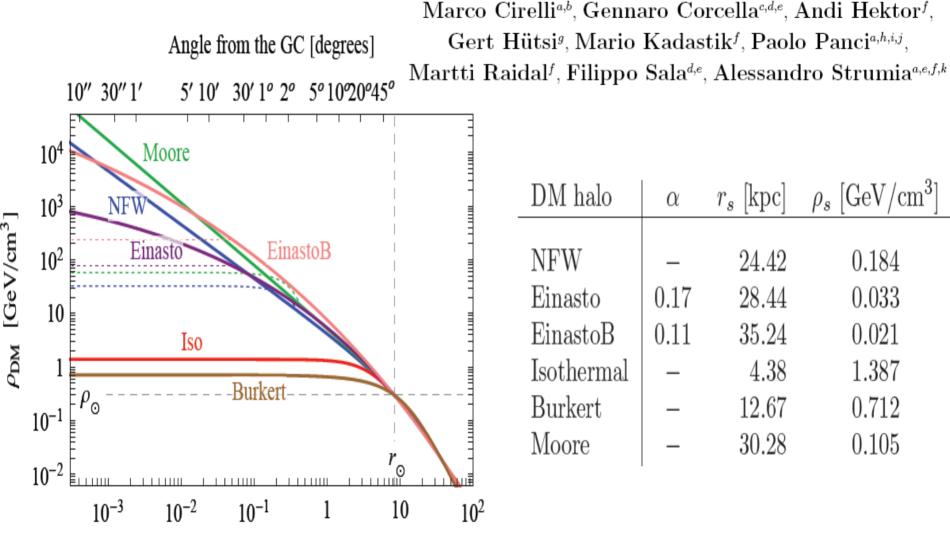
INDIRECT SEARCHES OF DM

- WIMPs collected inside celestial bodies (Earth, Sun): their annihilations produce energetic neutrinos
- WIMPs in the DM halo: WIMP annihilations can take place (in particular, their rate can be enhanced with there exists a CLUMPY distribution of DM as computer simulations of the DM distribution in the galaxies seem to suggest. From the WIMP annihilation:
- -- energetic neutrinos (under-ice, under-water exps Amanda, Antares, Nemo, Nestor, ...)

--photons in tens of GeV range (gamma astronomy on ground Magic, Hess, ... or in space Agile, Glast...)

--antimatter: look for an excess of antimatter w.r.t. what is expected in cosmic rays (space exps. Pamela, AMS, ...)

DM PROFILES



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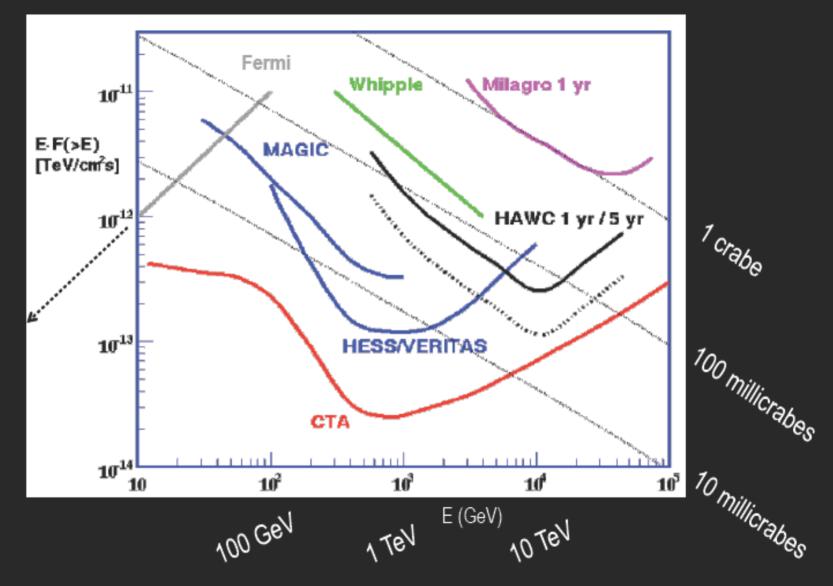
DM ANNIHILATION PRODUCTS

$$VV \rightarrow 4e, VV \rightarrow 4\mu, VV \rightarrow 4\tau,$$

Higgs mass	Branching ratios in Pythia (Herwig)				qualitative
$M_h(\text{GeV})$	$W^{(*)}W^{(*)}$	$Z^{(*)}Z^{(*)}$	$b\overline{b}$	$t\overline{t}$	feature
115	8% (6%)	$0.8\% \ (0.7\%)$	73% (81%)	0 (0)	dominantly b
135	41% (35%)	5.6%~(4.6%)	42%~(52%)	0 (0)	mixed W, b
170	96%~(96%)	2.4% (2.5%)	0.8%~(1.3%)	0 (0)	dominantly W
200	74% (74%)	26%~(25%)	0.2%~(0.4%)	0 (0)	mixed W, Z
300	$69\% \ (69\%)$	31%~(30%)	0 (0.1%)	0 (0)	mixed W, Z
400	61%~(60%)	29%~(28%)	0 (0)	10%~(11.2%)	above the t threshold
500	57% (55%)	27%~(26%)	0 (0)	15%~(18%)	above the t threshold

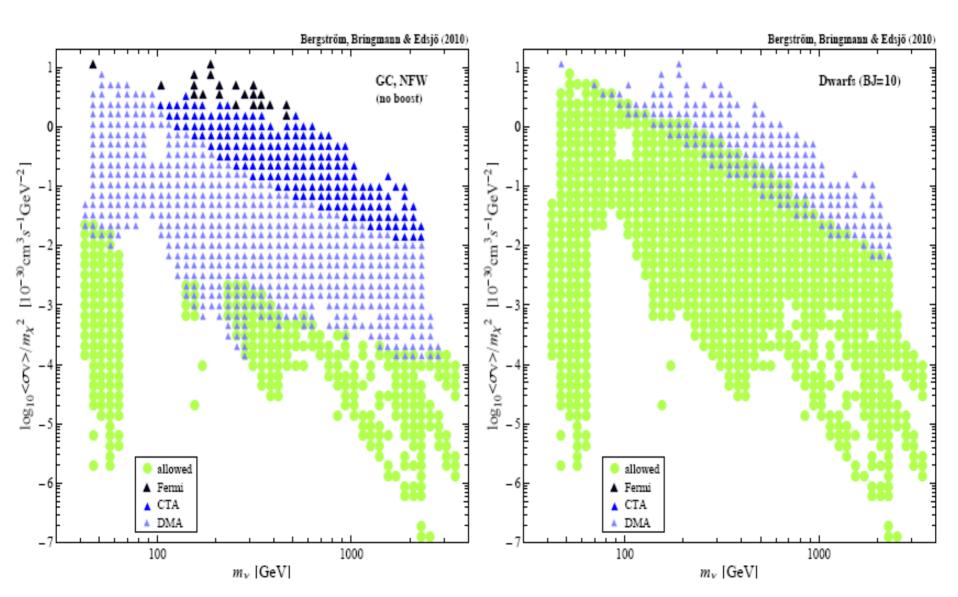
Current and future sensitivities





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Sensitivity to the MSSM DM annihilation



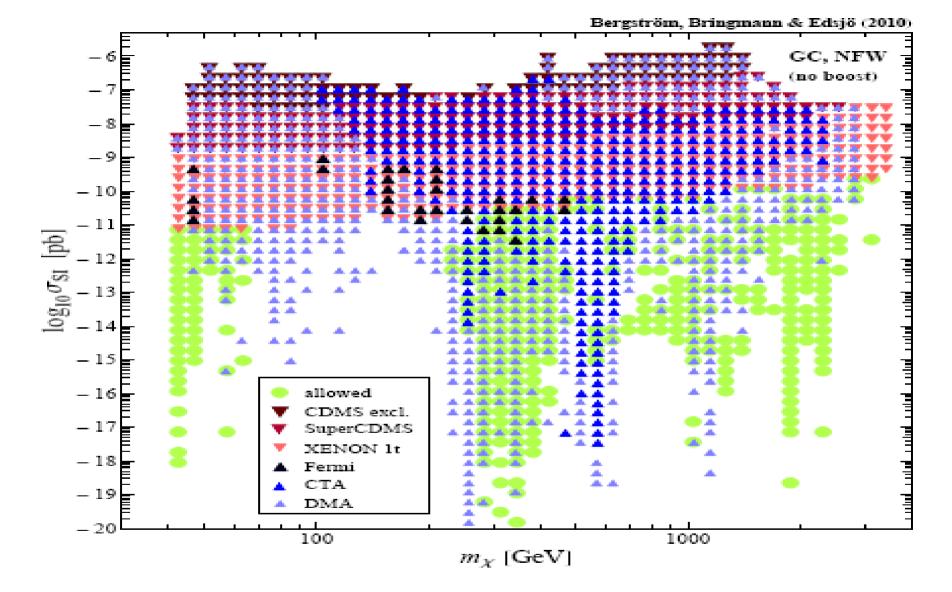
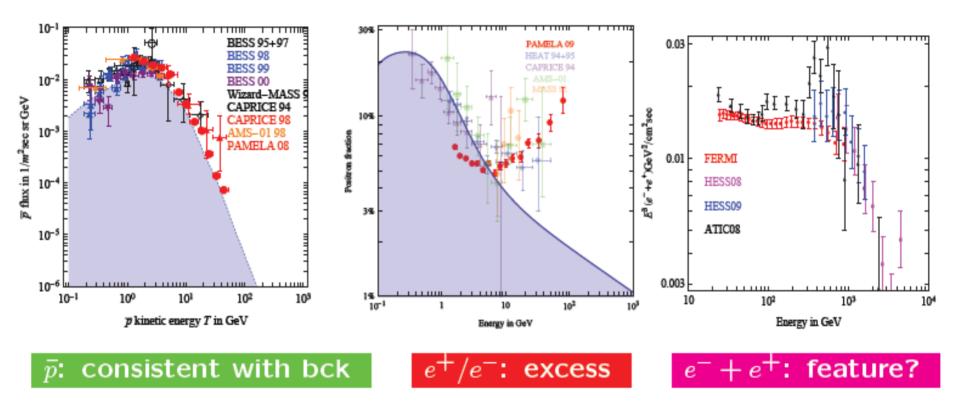


FIG. 6: The models shown in the original plane of spin independent cross section versus neutralino mass, using the galactic center as target and assuming an NFW profile.

PAMELA, FERMI/ATIC, HESS

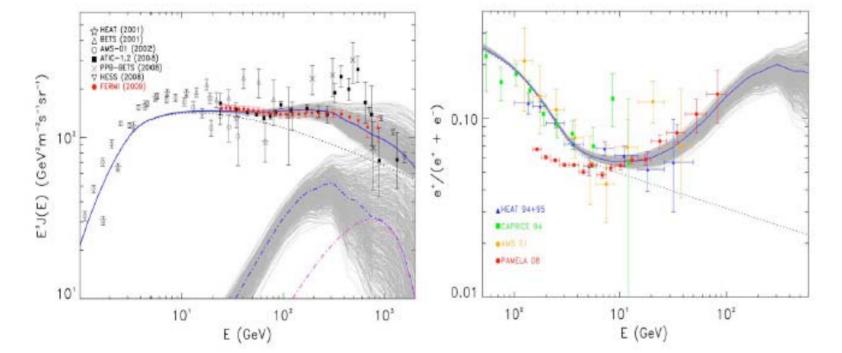




PAMELA excess: October 2008, stimulated enormous theoretical activity; note: statistical errors only! Fermi: feature observed by ATIC not confirmed

Grasso et al

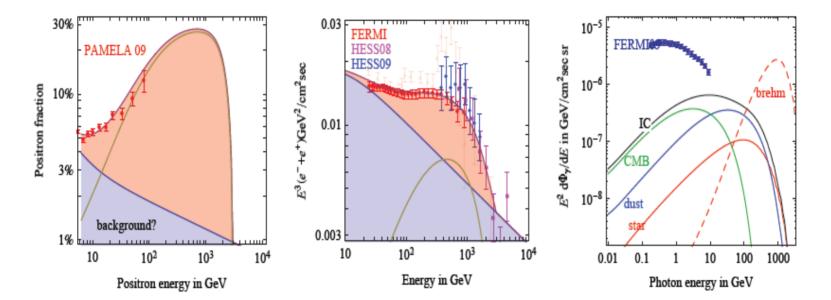
pulsar parameters "randomly" varied!



Pulsars: Fermi & PAMELA

Standard Dark Matter best fit

DM with M = 3. TeV that annihilates into $\tau^+ \tau^-$ with $\sigma v = 1.9 \times 10^{-22}$ cm³/s



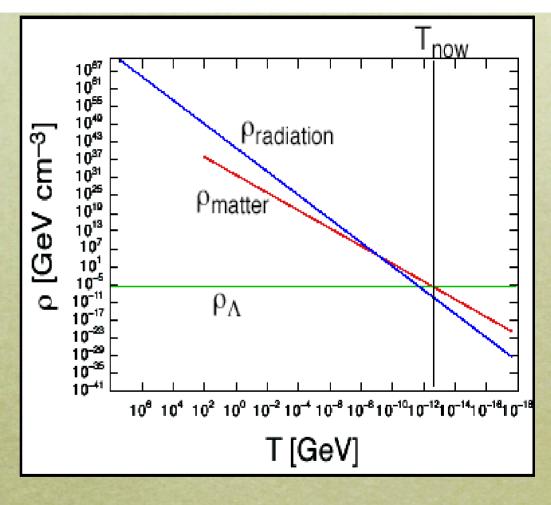
(Inverse Compton depends only on the e^{\pm} spectrum)



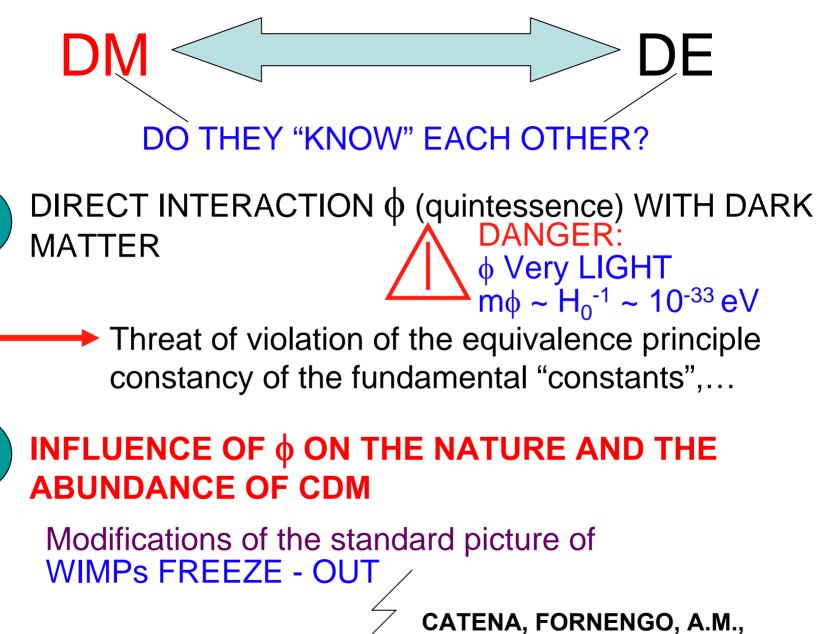
Watch boost factor! DM particles too heavy for SUSY to be relevant for LHC

THE "WHY NOW" PROBLEM

- Why do we see matter and cosmological constant almost equal in amount?
- "Why Now" problem
- Actually a triple coincidence problem including the radiation
 If there is a deep reason for ρ_Λ~((TeV)²/M_{Pl})⁴, coincidence natural



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MICRO

STANDARD MODEL of PARTICLE PHYSICS

G-W-S MODEL

MACRO MODELLO STANDARD of COSMOLOGY

HOT BIG BANG



BUT ALSO

HAPPY MARRIAGE EX: NUCLEOSYNTHESIS

FRICTION POINTS



DARK MATTER AND DARK ENERGY

LHC → AN EXCEPTIONAL WINDOW TO EXPLORE THE UNIVERSE AND ITS ORIGIN, BUT...

<u>ON THE LHC – DM –FCNC COOPERATION</u> <u>TO CORNER TeV NEW PHYSICS</u>

- The traditional competition between direct and indirect (DM,FCNC, CPV) searches to establish who is going to see the new physics first is no longer the priority, rather
- COMPLEMENTARITY between direct and indirect searches for New Physics is the key-word
- Twofold meaning of such complementarity:
- i) synergy in "reconstructing" the "fundamental theory" staying behind the signatures of NP;

ii) coverage of complementary areas of the NP parameter space (ex.: multi-TeV SUSY physics)

SLOW "DECOUPLING" of NEW PHYSICS EFFECTS in DM and FCNC SEARCHES w.r.t. the DIRECT ACCELERATOR SEARCHES.

BACK-UP SLIDES

Scalar-Tensor Gravity (Jordan Frame)

$$S = S_G[\tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}, \Phi] + S_M[\psi_M, \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu}]$$

MASSES AND NON-GRAV. COUPL. ARE CONSTANT

$$S_{g} = \frac{1}{16\pi} \int d^{4}x \sqrt{-\tilde{g}} \left[\Phi^{2} \tilde{R} + 4 \omega(\Phi) \tilde{g}^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\mu} \Phi \partial_{\nu} \Phi - 4 \tilde{V}(\Phi) \right]$$

ENERGY-MOMENTUM TENSOR OF MATTER IS CONSERVED

S_M is just the (MS)SM lagrangian

– All fields feel the same metric :eq. princ. OK – $m_{\Phi}^2 \sim R \sim G T^{\mu}_{\mu} \sim \Lambda_{uv}^4 / M_{P}^2 = O(H_0^2)$: the cc fine-tuning protects m_{Φ}^2

Cosmology is easier in the Einstein Frame

$$\begin{split} \tilde{g}_{\mu\nu} &\equiv A^2(\varphi) g_{\mu\nu} \\ \Phi^2 &\equiv 8\pi M_*^2 A^{-2}(\varphi) \\ V(\varphi) &\equiv \frac{A^4(\varphi)}{4\pi} \tilde{V}(\Phi) \\ \alpha(\varphi) &\equiv \frac{d\log A(\varphi)}{d\varphi} \,. \end{split}$$

Effective Planck Mass

Measures the distance from GR

$$S_g = \frac{M_*^2}{2} \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[R + g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \varphi \partial_\nu \varphi - \frac{2}{M_*^2} V(\varphi) \right] S_M = S_M [\psi_M, A^2(\varphi) g_{\mu\nu}]$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{\ddot{a}}{a} &= -\frac{1}{6M_*^2} \left[\rho + 3 \ p + 2M_*^2 \dot{\varphi}^2 - 2V(\varphi) \right] \\ \left(\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \right)^2 + \frac{k}{a^2} &= \frac{1}{3M_*^2} \left[\rho + \frac{M_*^2}{2} \dot{\varphi}^2 + V(\varphi) \right] \\ \ddot{\varphi} + 3\frac{\dot{a}}{a} \dot{\varphi} &= -\frac{1}{M_*^2} \left[\frac{\alpha(\varphi)}{\sqrt{2}} (\rho - 3p) + \frac{\partial V}{\partial \varphi} \right] , \end{split}$$

Masses and non-gravitational couplings are space-time dependent

The energy-momentum tensor of matter is not conserved

Free particles do not follow geodesics of the metric $g_{\mu
u}$

PHYSICAL OBSERVABLES ARE FRAME-INDEPENDENT (Catena, Pietroni, Scarabello 06)

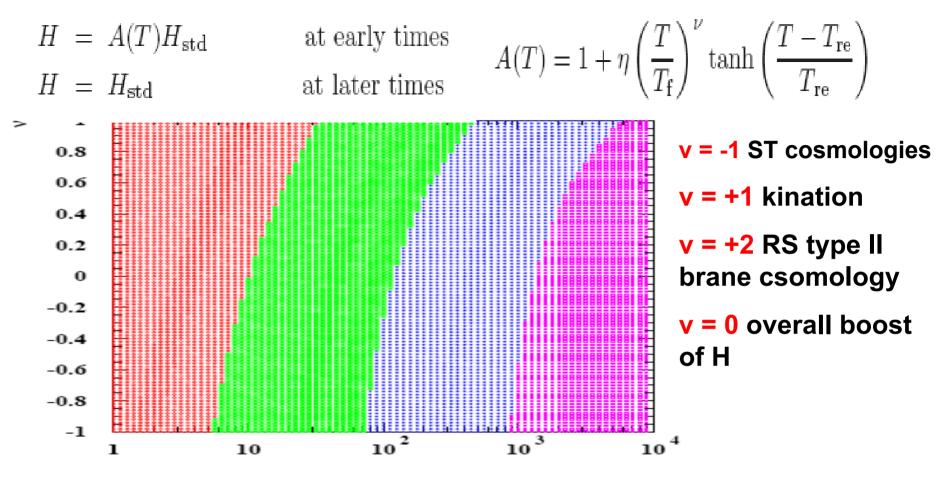


FIG. 12: Contour plot of the enhancement $R = (\Omega h^2)/(\Omega h^2)_{\rm GR}$ of the WIMP relic abundance in a scenario with enhanced Hubble rate compared to the standard GR cosmology. The different bands refer to (from left to right): $1 \leq R \leq 10, 10 < R \leq 100, 100 < R \leq 1000, 1000 < R$. The highest value of R is around $7.5 \cdot 10^3$. We have fixed $m_{\chi} = 500$ GeV and $T_{\rm re} = 10^{-3}$ GeV. For all points, the WIMP relicdensity, as calculated in the modified cosmology, satisfies the dark matter density constraint.

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