

Title: Studying Supersymmetry With Dark Matter Experiments

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Abstract: If low-scale supersymmetry exists in nature, then it will be very likely that a number of superpartners will be discovered at the LHC. It is also very likely, however, that much of the supersymmetric spectrum will go unobserved, leaving many important holes in our understanding of the TeV scale. Direct and indirect astrophysical probes of neutralino dark matter can enable for some of these holes to be filled. By studying the interactions of the lightest neutralino, in many models, a much more complete understanding of supersymmetry can be achieved than is possible by using hadron colliders alone.

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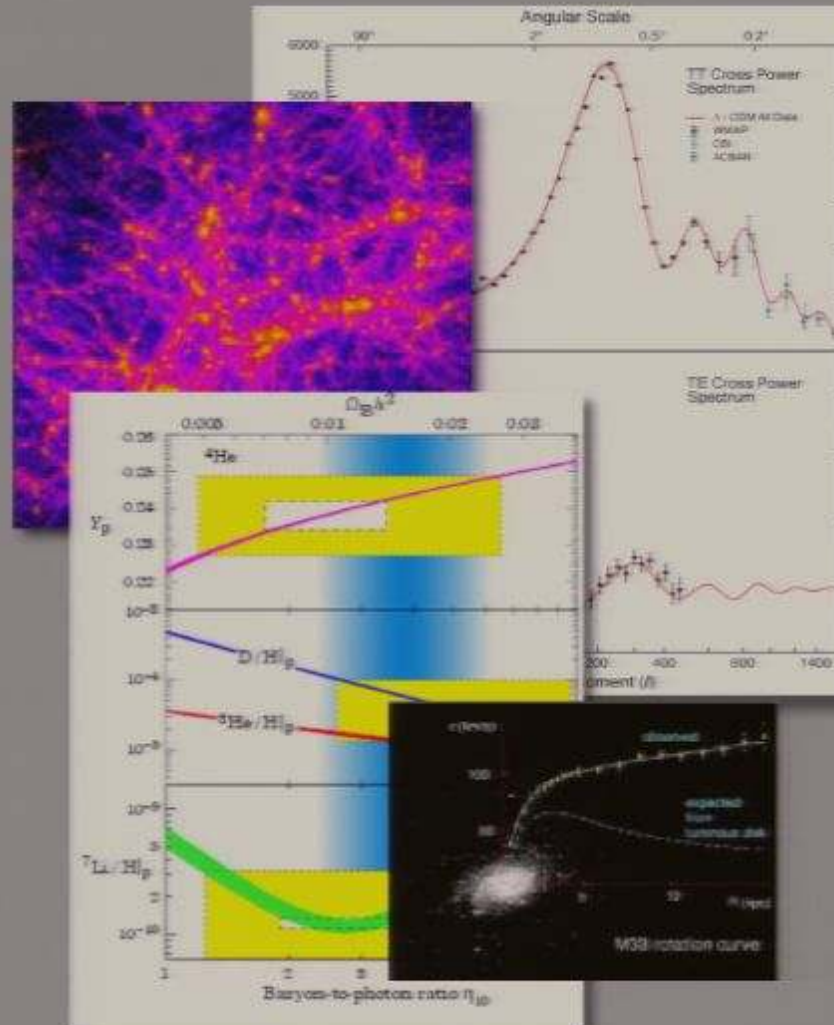
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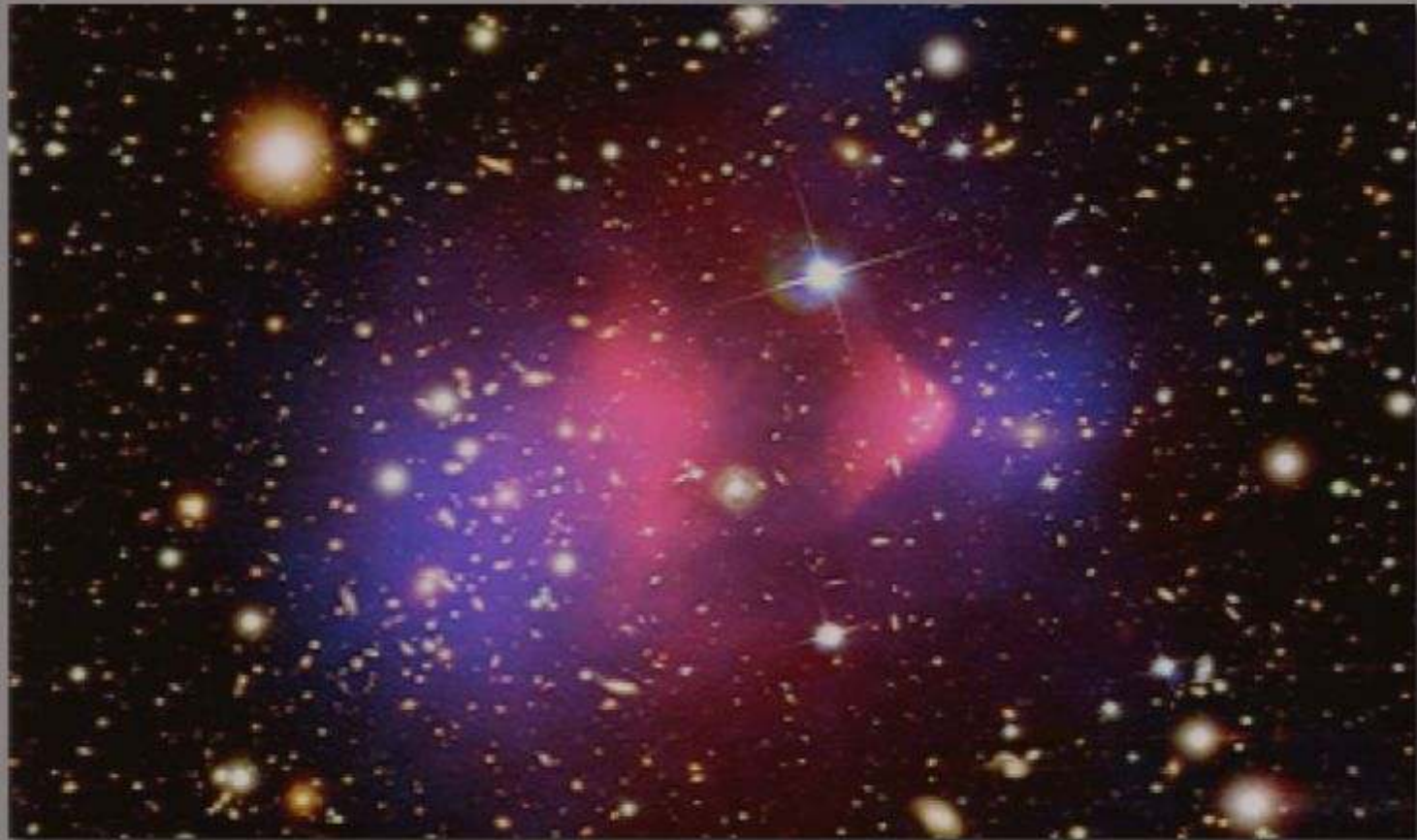
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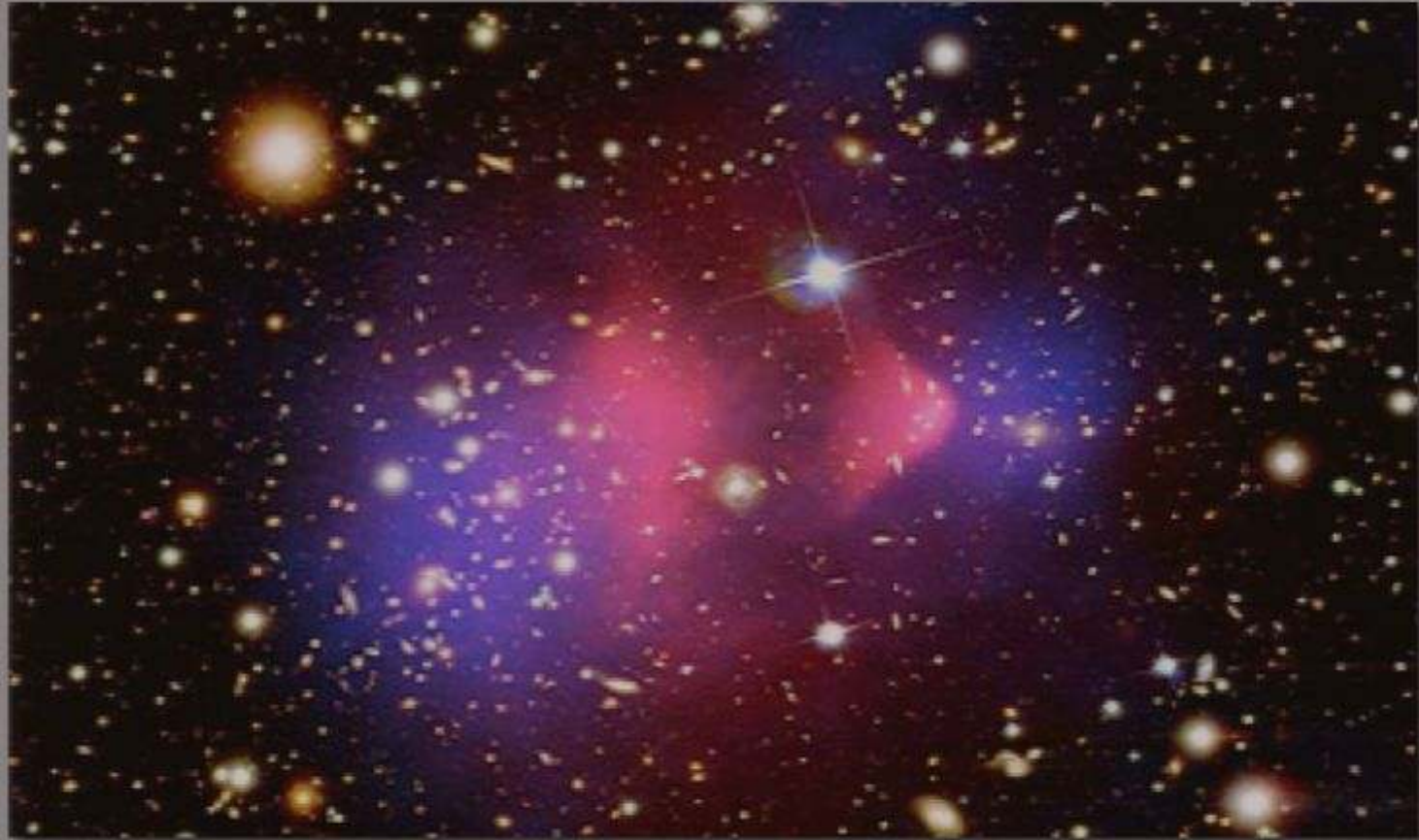
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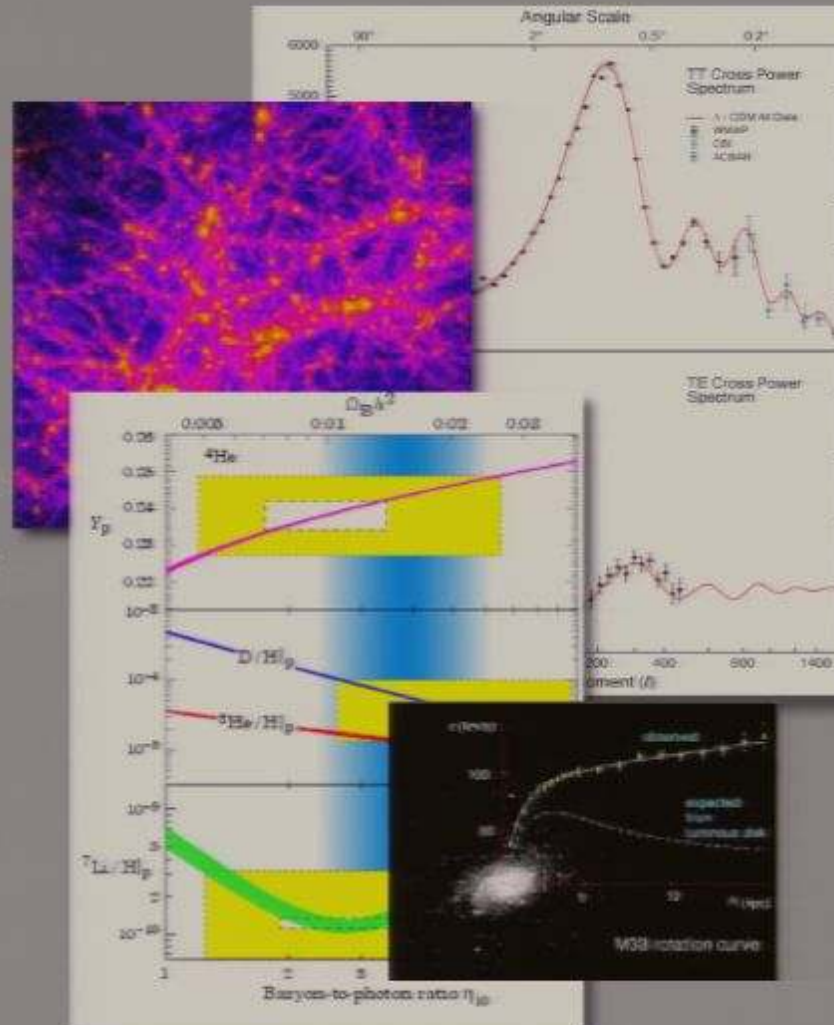
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- Each observes dark matter through its gravitational influence
- Still no (reliable) observations of dark matter's electroweak interactions (or other non-gravitational interactions)
- Still no (reliable) indications of dark matter's particle nature



# The Dark Matter Candidate Zoo

Axions, Neutralinos, Gravitinos, Axinos, Kaluza-Klein Photons, Kaluza-Klein Neutrinos, Heavy Fourth Generation Neutrinos, Mirror Photons, Mirror Nuclei, Stable States in Little Higgs Theories, WIMPzillas, Cryptons, Sterile Neutrinos, Sneutrinos, Light Scalars, Q-Balls, D-Matter, Brane World Dark Matter, Primordial Black Holes, ...

# Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)

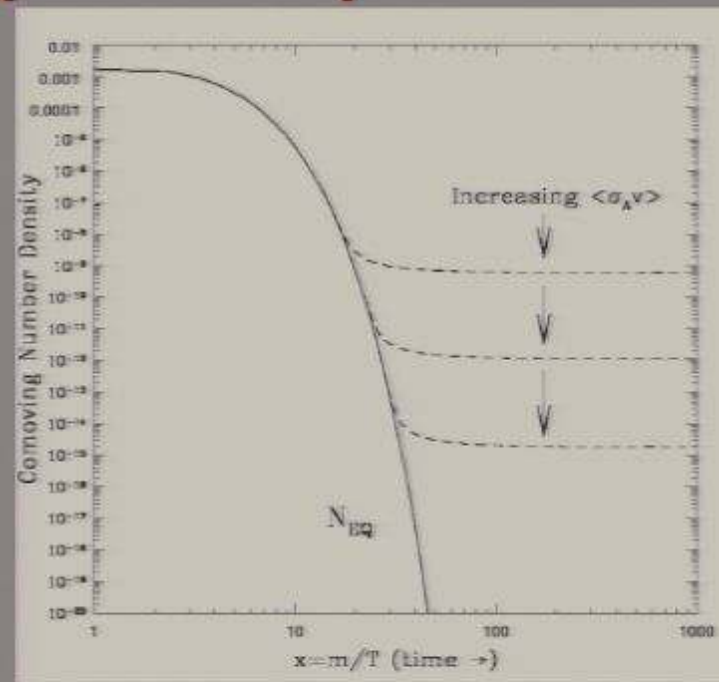
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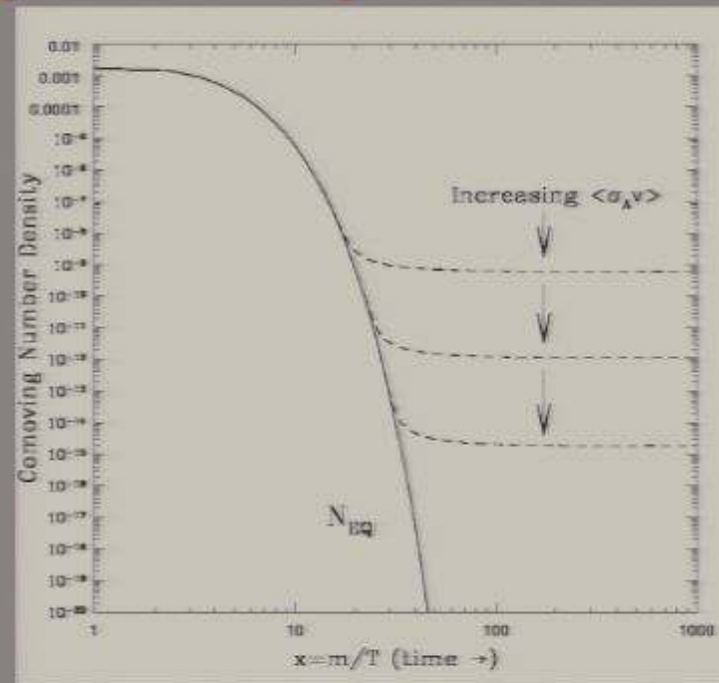
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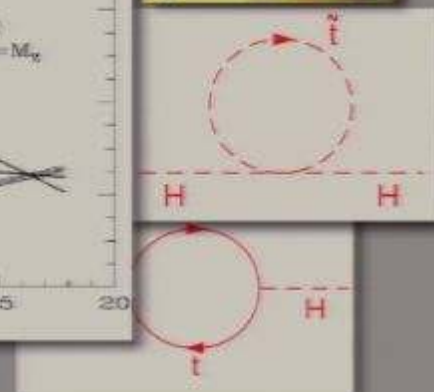
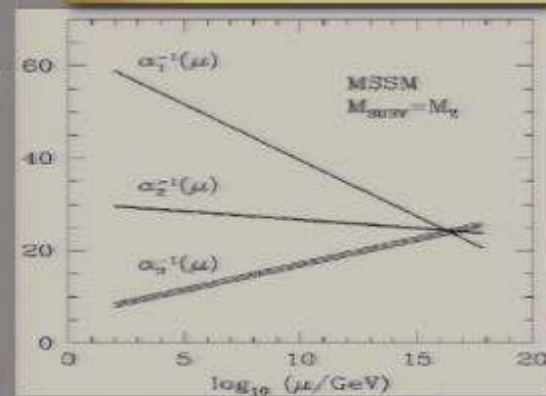
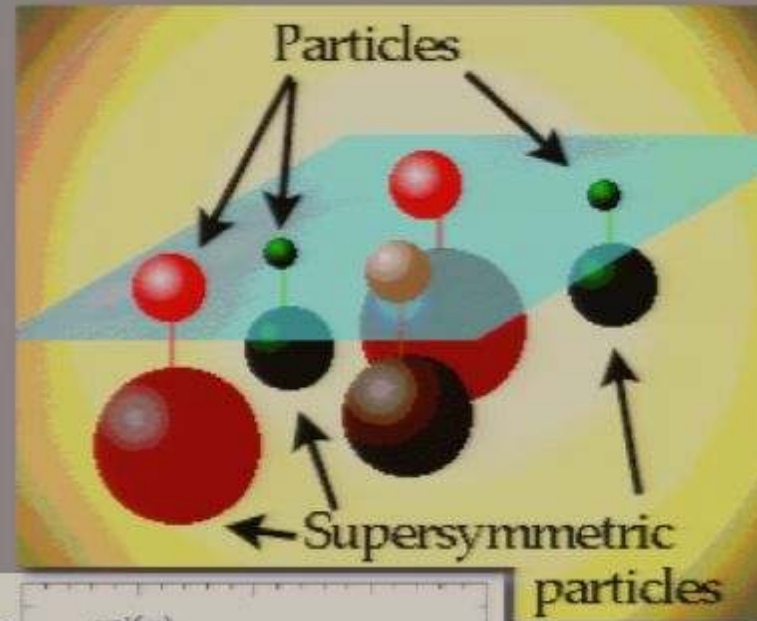
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Numerical coincidence? Or an indication that dark matter originates from EW physics?

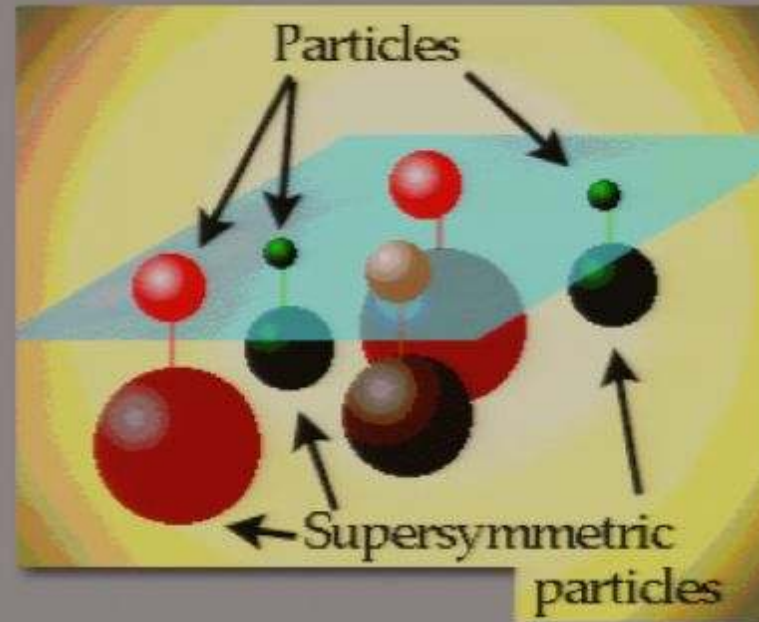
# Supersymmetry

- Perhaps the most theoretically appealing (certainly the most well studied) extension of the Standard Model
- Natural solution to hierarchy problem (stabilizes quadratic divergences to Higgs mass)
- Restores unification of couplings
- Vital ingredient of string theory
- Naturally provides a compelling candidate for dark matter



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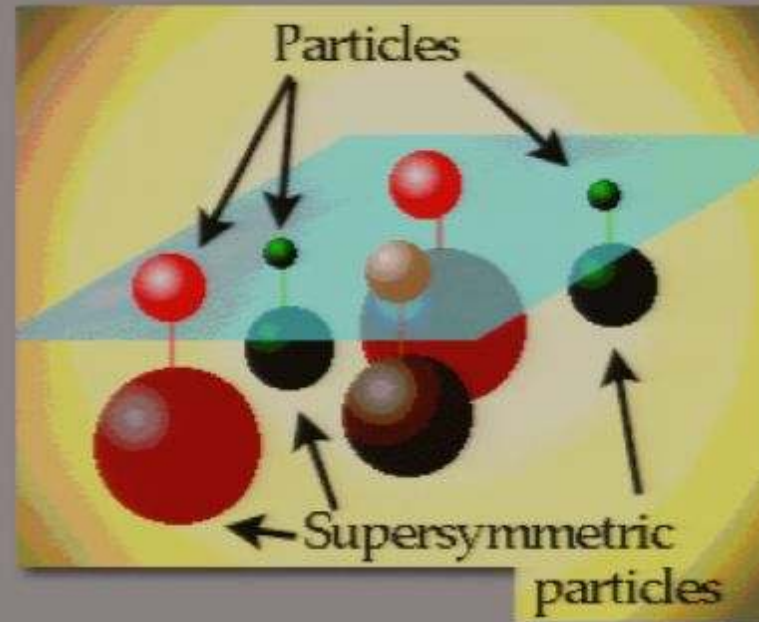
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Excluded by direct detection

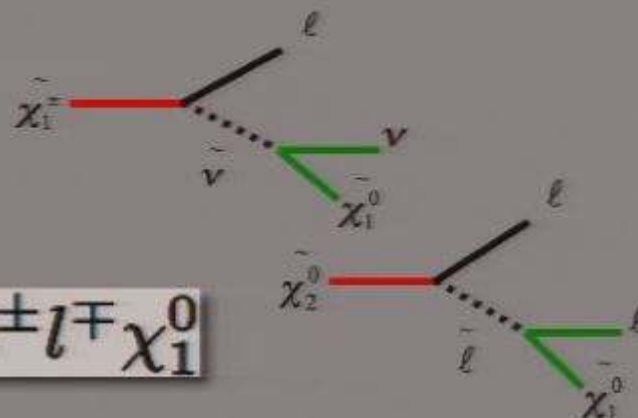
# Supersymmetry at the Tevatron

- Most promising channel is through neutralino-chargino production

For example:

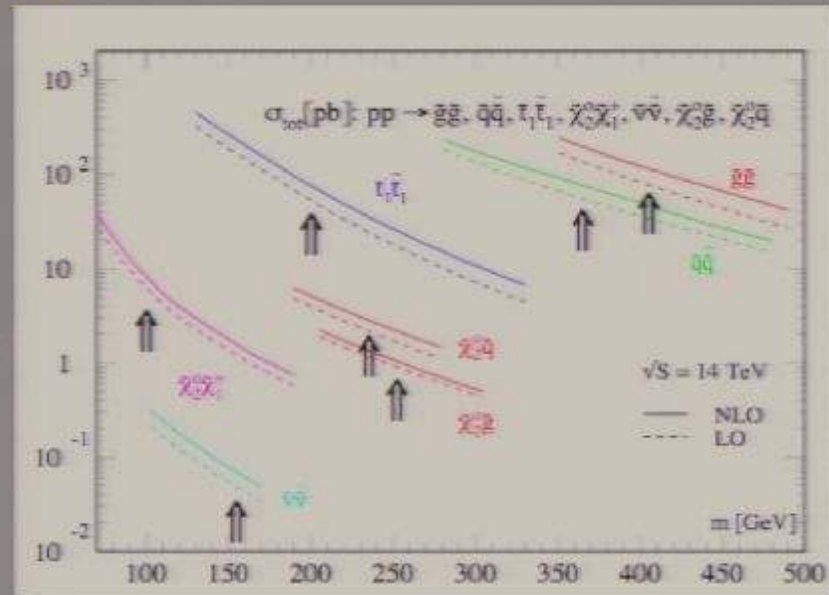
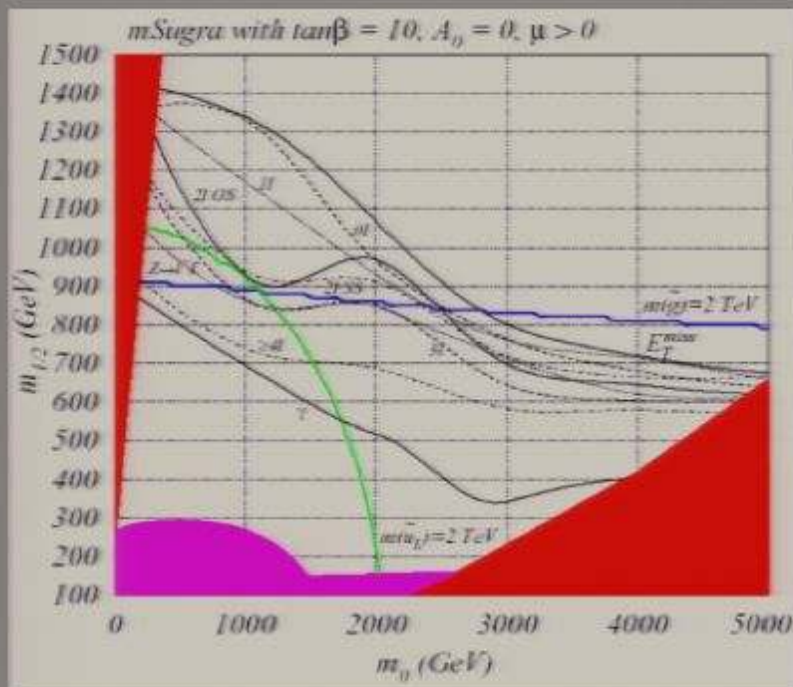
$$\chi^\pm \chi_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\nu} l^\pm l^\pm \tilde{l}^\mp \rightarrow \nu \chi_1^0 l^\pm l^\pm l^\mp \chi_1^0$$

- Currently sensitive to charginos as heavy as  $\sim 140$  GeV
- Tevatron searches for light squarks and gluinos are also very interesting
- For the case of light  $m_A$  and large  $\tan\beta$ , heavy MSSM higgs bosons (A/H) may be observable



# Supersymmetry at the LHC

- Squarks and gluinos produced prolifically at the LHC
- Subsequent decays result in distinctive combinations of leptons, jets and missing energy



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- Squarks and gluinos up to 1 TeV can be discovered with 1% of the first year design luminosity
- Ultimately, LHC can probe squarks and gluinos up to  $\sim 3$  TeV

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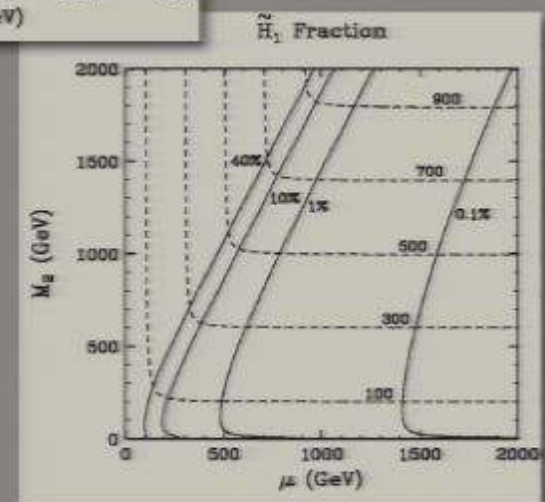
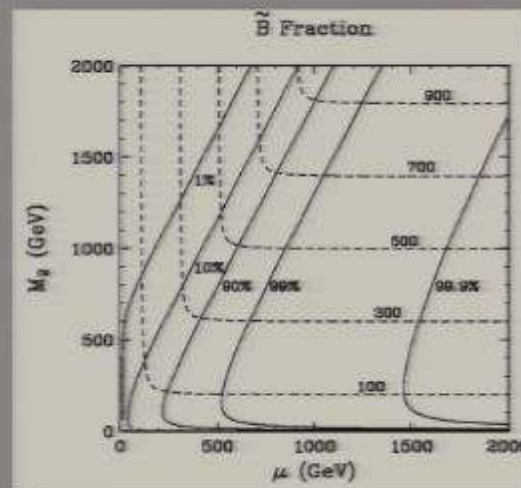
- For moderate and heavy SUSY models, the LHC will reveal far fewer superpartners
- It is not at all unlikely that the LHC could uncover a spectrum of squarks, gluinos and one neutralino
- Other than one mass, this would tell us next to nothing about the neutralino sector

mass/mass splitting	LCC4 value	LHC
$m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$	169.1	$\pm 17.0$
$m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$	327.1	$\pm 49.$
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$m(A)$	419.3	$\pm 1.5^*$
$\Gamma(A)$	14.8	$\pm -$
$m(\tilde{u}_R), m(\tilde{d}_R)$	944., 941.	$\pm 94.$
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$m(\tilde{u}_L), m(\tilde{d}_L)$	971., 975.	$\pm 141.$
$m(\tilde{s}_L), m(\tilde{c}_L)$	975., 971.	$\pm 146.$
$m(\tilde{b}_1)$	795.	$\pm 40.$
$m(\tilde{b}_2)$	862.	$\pm 86.$
$m(\tilde{t}_1)$	716.	$\pm (> 345)$
$m(\tilde{g})$	993.	$\pm 199.$

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# Studying Supersymmetry With Neutralino Dark Matter

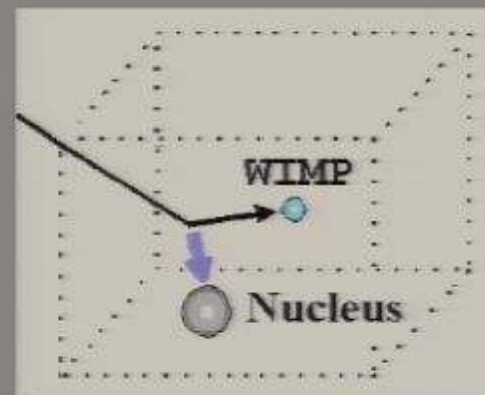
- Unless several of the neutralinos are light enough to be discovered at the LHC, we will learn very little about the composition and couplings of the lightest neutralino
- Astrophysical dark matter experiments provide another way to probe these couplings
- Potentially enable us to constrain/measure parameters appearing in the neutralino mass matrix:  $\mu$ ,  $M_1$ ,  $M_2$ ,  $\tan\beta$



# Astrophysical Probes of Particle Dark Matter

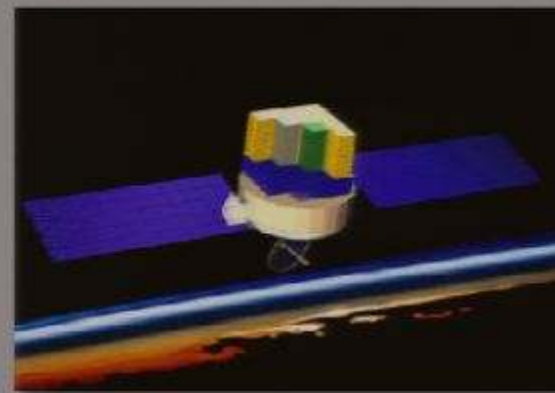
## Direct Detection

- Momentum transfer to detector through elastic scattering



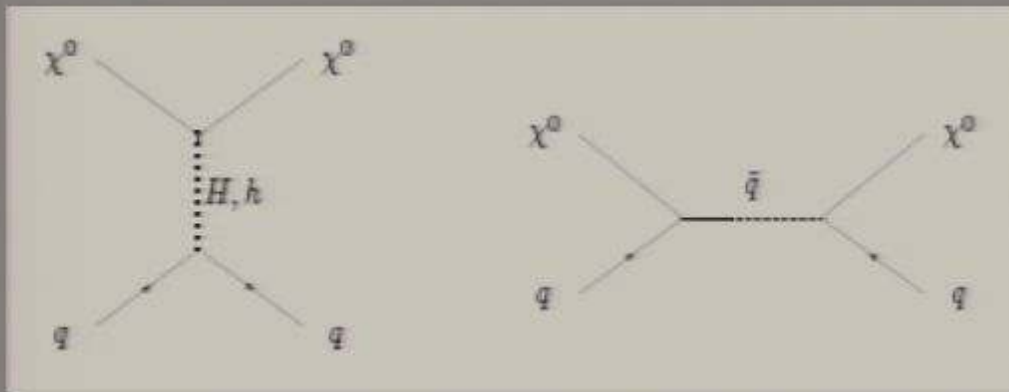
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- Observation of annihilation products ( $\gamma$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $e^+$ ,  $\bar{p}$ , etc.)

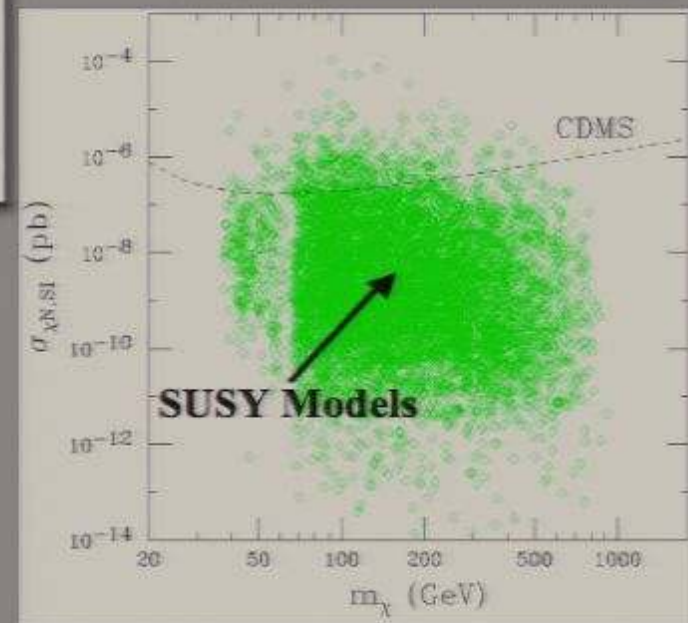
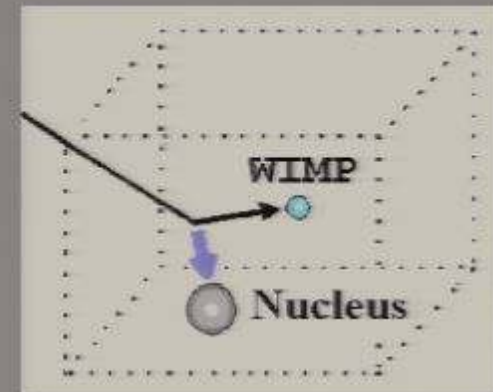


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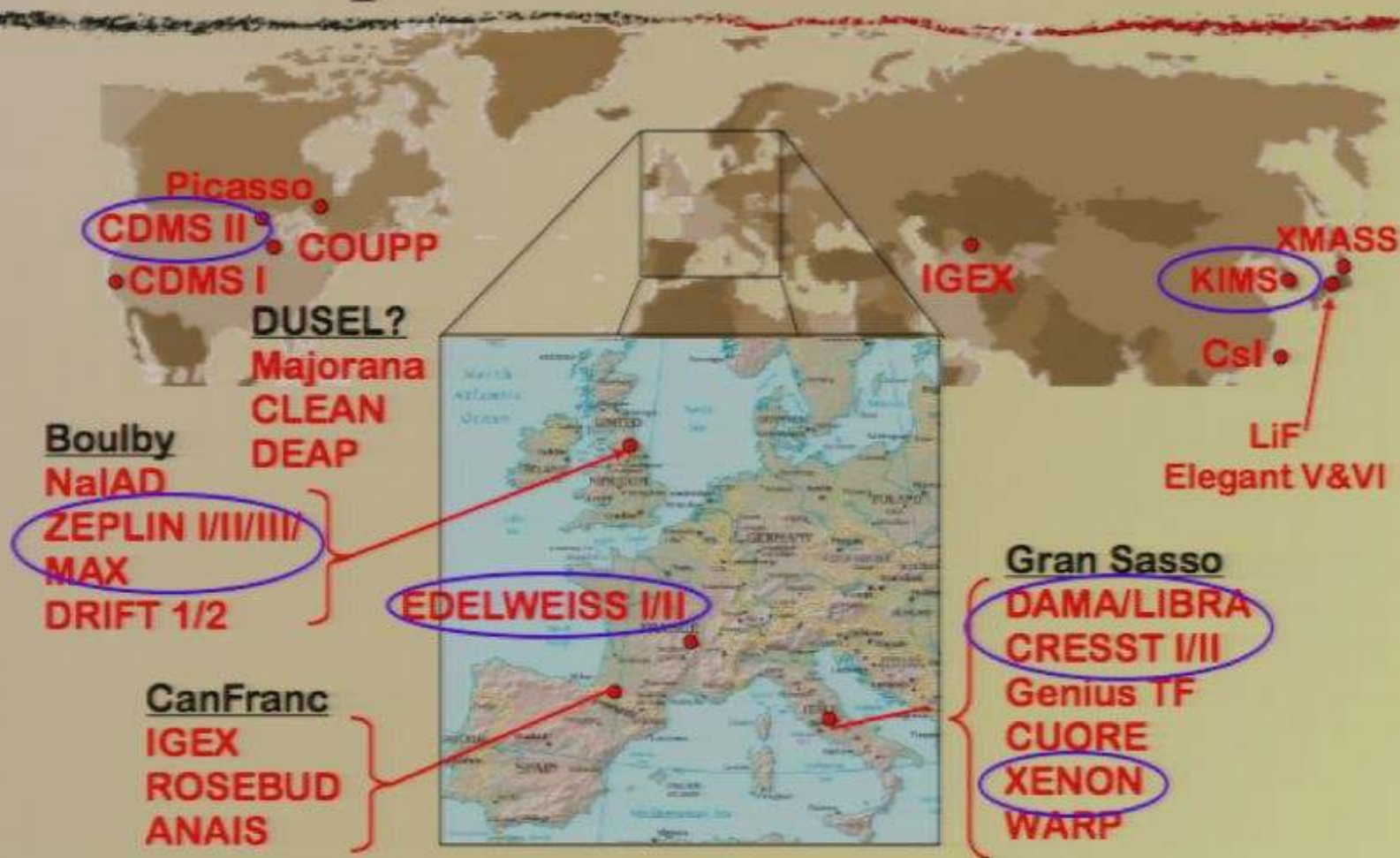
- Neutralino-nuclei elastic scattering can occur through Higgs and squark exchange diagrams:



- Cross section depends on numerous SUSY parameters: neutralino mass and composition,  $\tan\beta$ , squark masses and mixings, Higgs masses and mixings

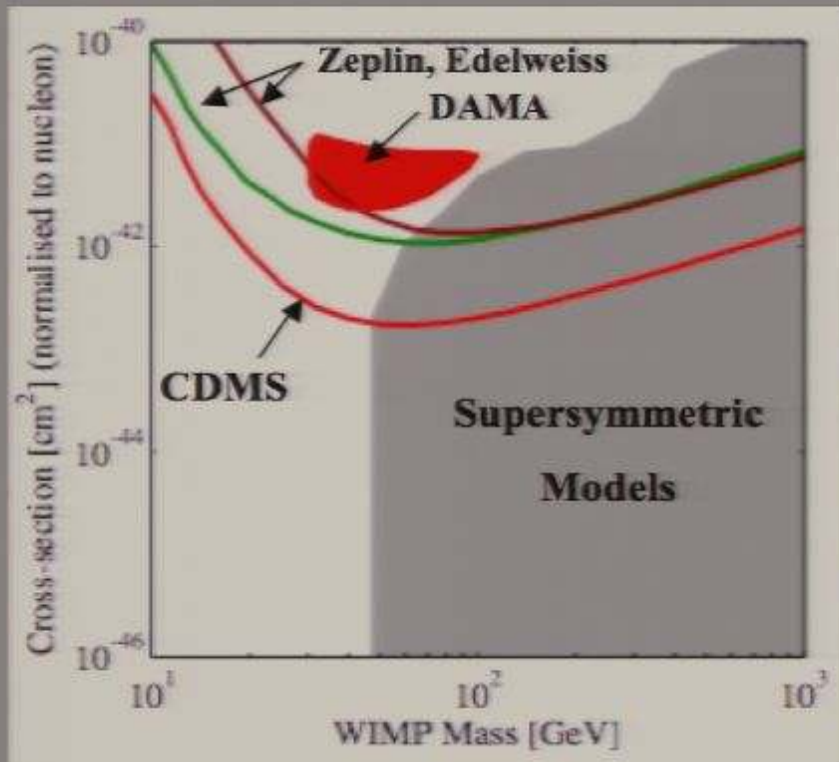


# Direct Detection WIMP Experiments Worldwide



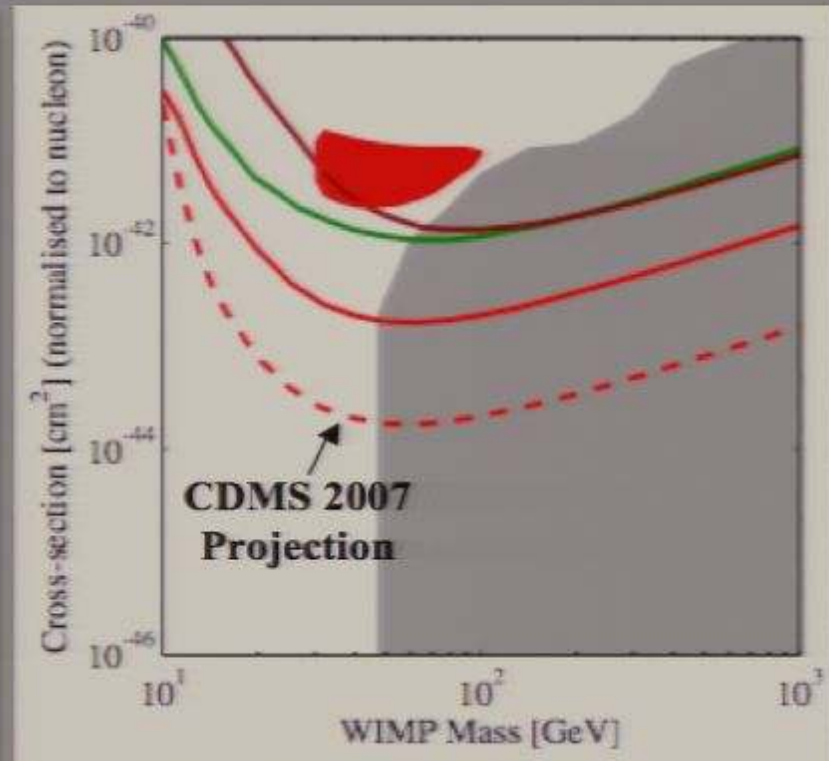
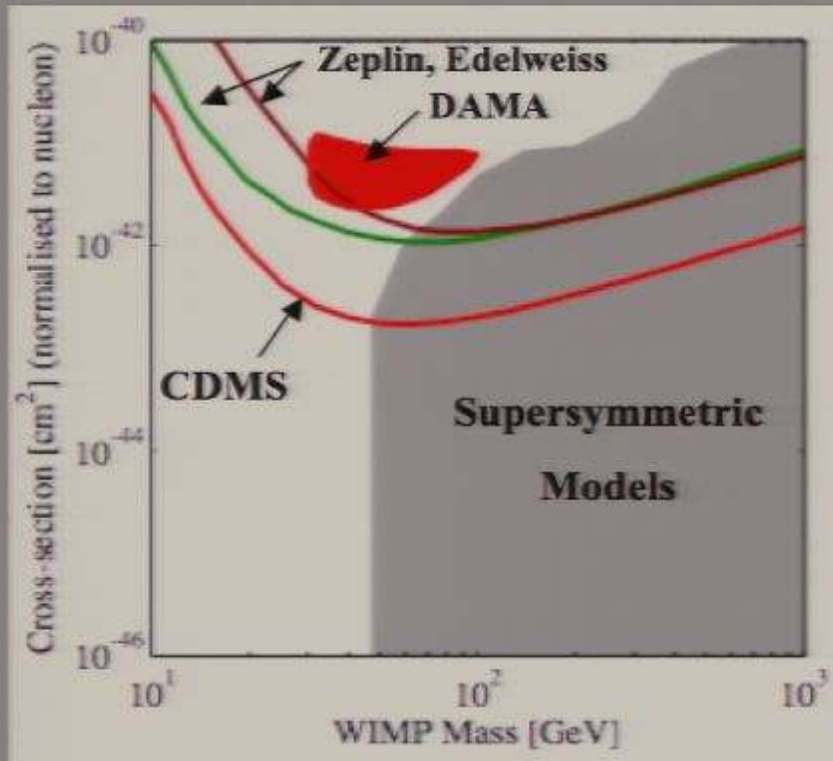
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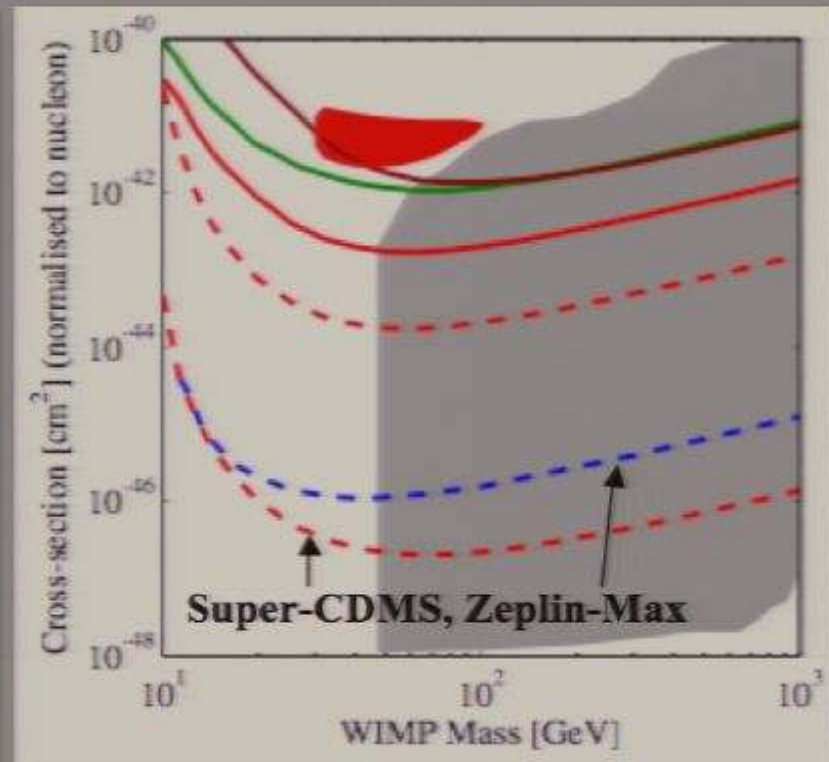
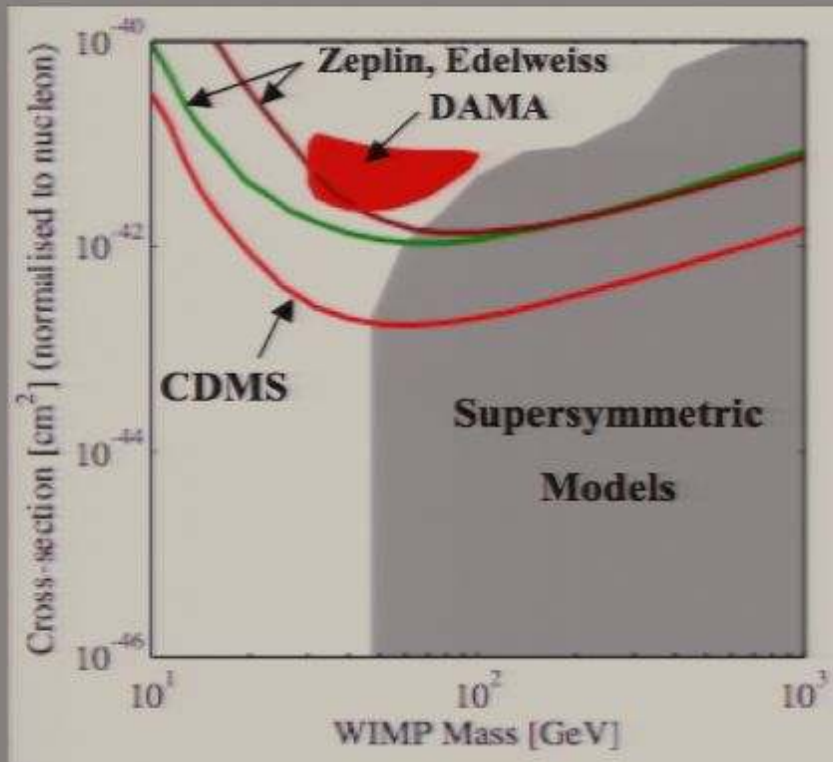
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- Near-Future Prospects:



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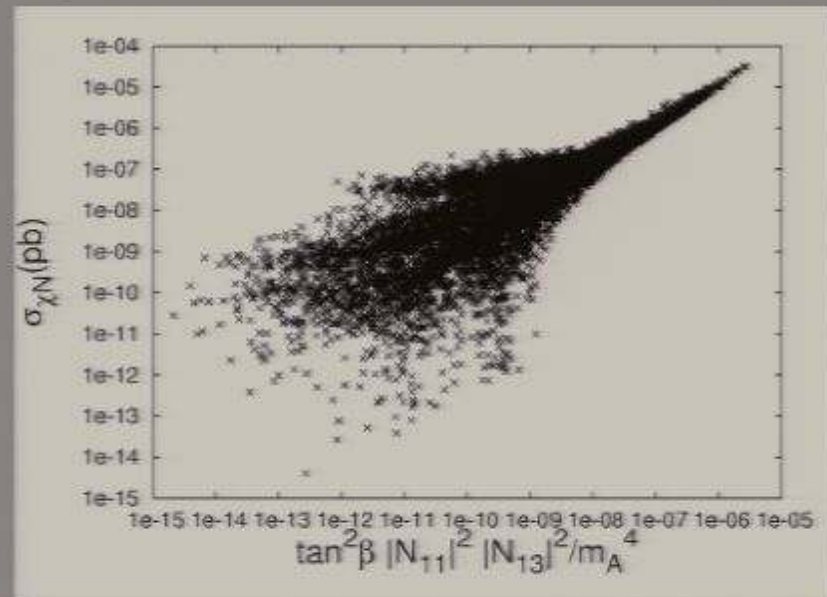
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But what does direct detection tell us?

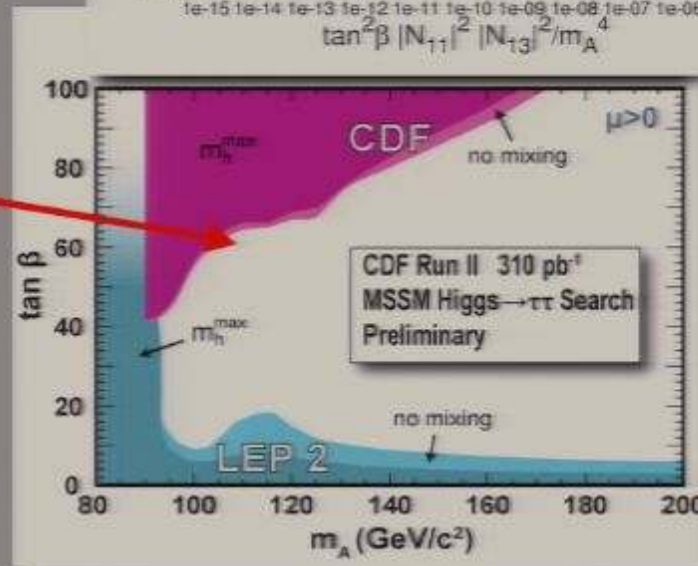
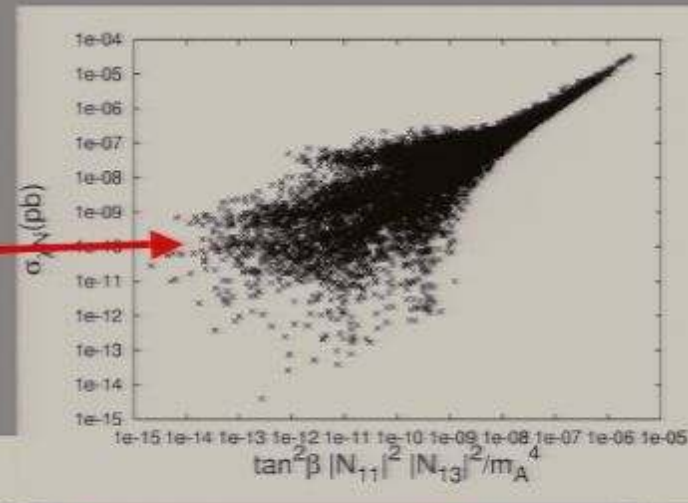
- Neutralino *is* dark matter  
( $\mu\text{sec}$  vs. cosmological time scales)
- Models with large cross sections are dominated by Higgs exchange, couplings to b, s quarks
- Squark exchange contribution substantial only below  $\sim 10^{-8}$  pb
- Leads to correlation between neutralino composition,  $\tan\beta$ ,  $m_A$  and the elastic scattering rate



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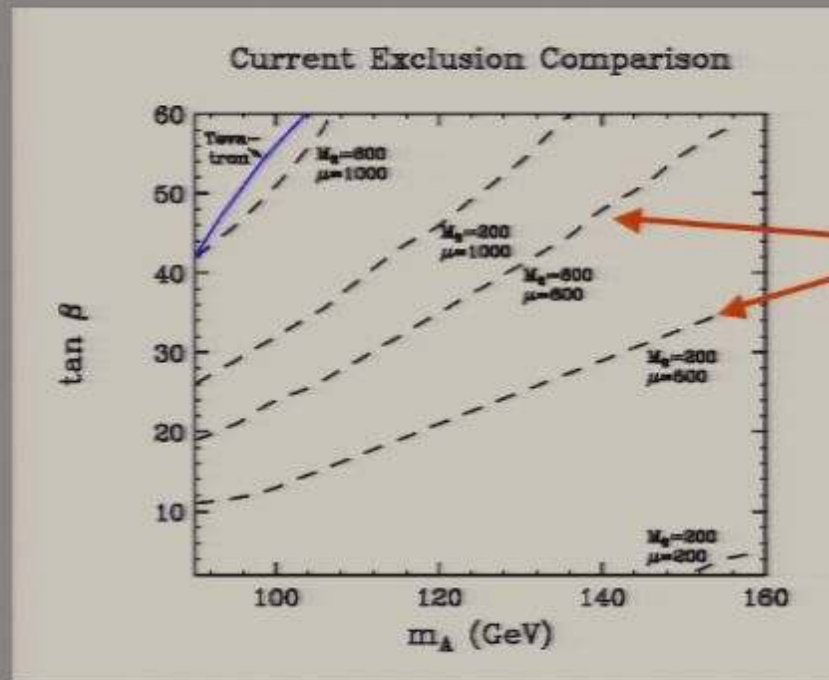
# Direct Detection And The Tevatron

- Correlation between neutralino composition,  $\tan \beta$ ,  $m_A$  and the elastic scattering rate (large  $\tan \beta$ , small  $m_A$  leads to a large elastic scattering rate)
- MSSM Higgs searches at the Tevatron are also most sensitive to large  $\tan \beta$ , small  $m_A$



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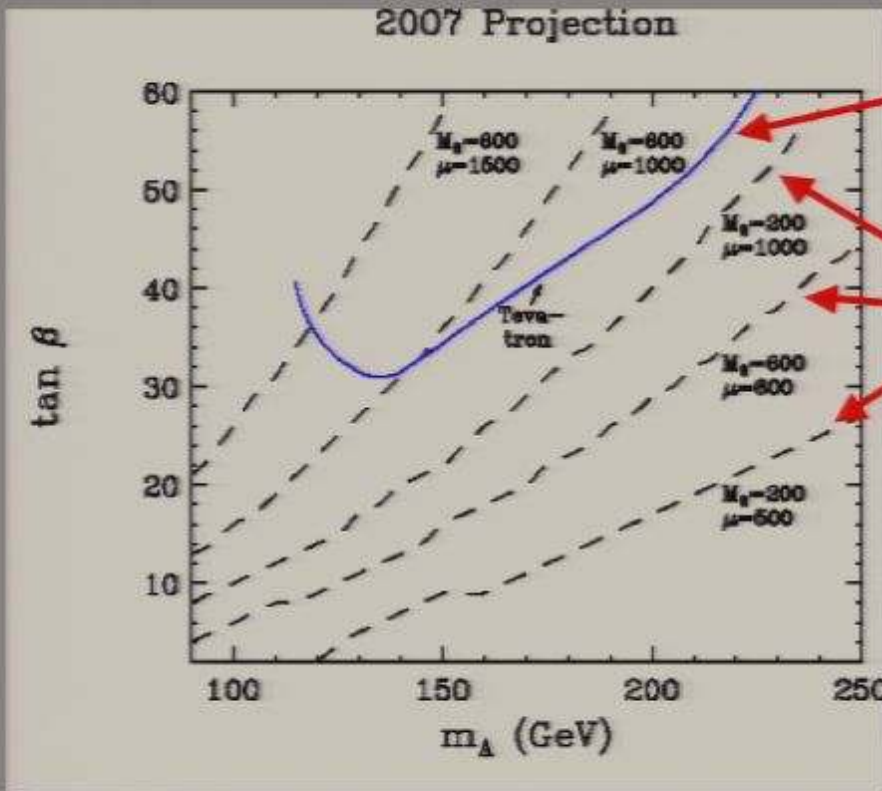


Current  
CDMS Limit

For a wide range of  $M_2$  and  $\mu$ , much stronger current limits on  $\tan \beta$ ,  $m_A$  from CDMS than from the Tevatron

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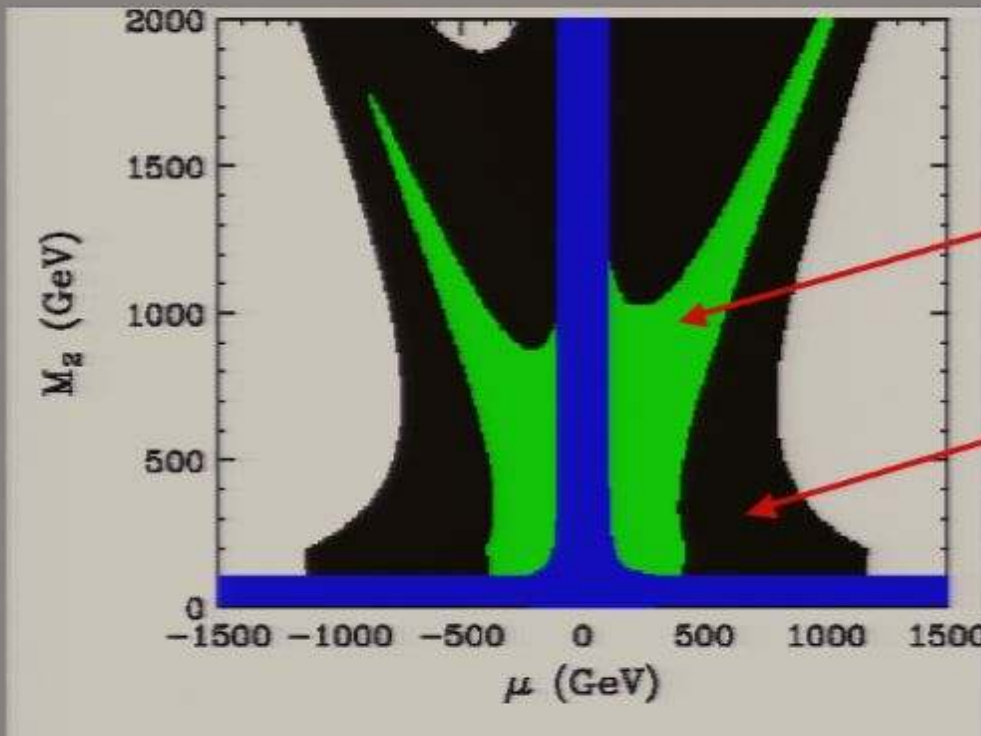
$3\sigma$  discovery reach,  $4 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

Projected 2007 CDMS Limit  
(assuming no detection)

Limits from CDMS imply heavy, neutral MSSM Higgs (H/A) are beyond the reach of the Tevatron, unless the LSP has a very small higgsino fraction ( $\mu \gg M_2$ )

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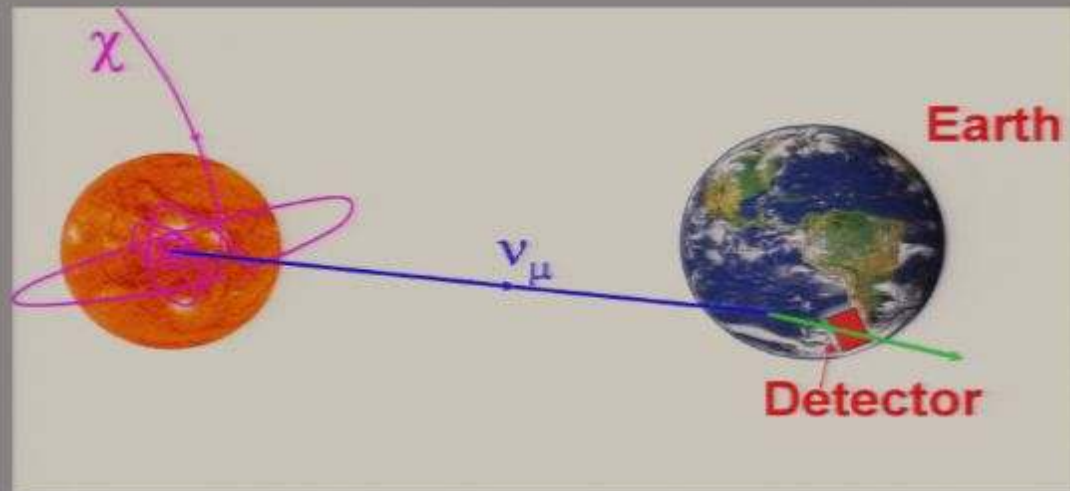
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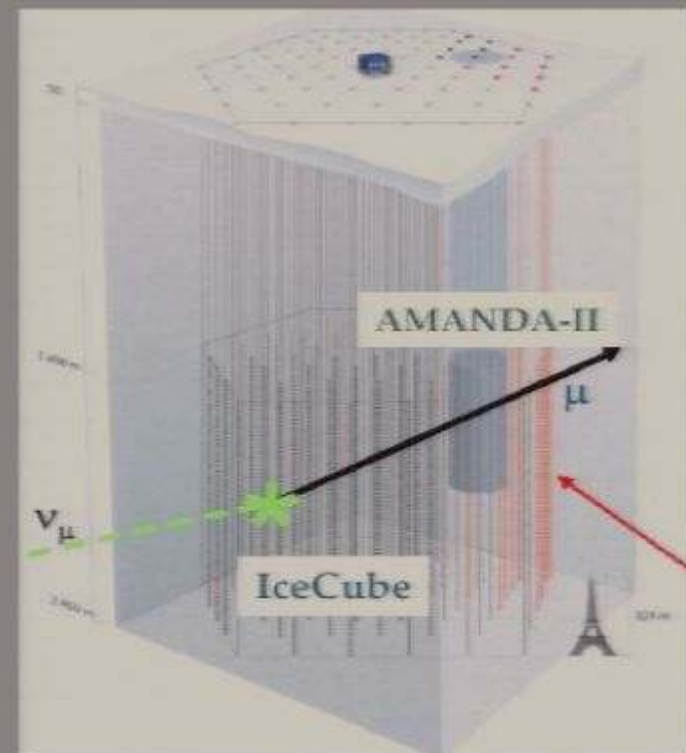
# Indirect Detection With Neutrinos

- Neutrinos elastically scatter with nuclei in the Sun, becoming gravitationally bound
- As neutrinos accumulate in the Sun's core, they annihilate at an increasing rate
- After  $\sim$ Gyr, annihilation rate typically reaches equilibrium with capture rate, generating a potentially observable flux of high-energy neutrinos



# Indirect Detection With Neutrinos

- Muon neutrinos from the Sun interacting via charged current produce energetic muons
- Kilometer-scale neutrino telescope IceCube currently under construction at South Pole



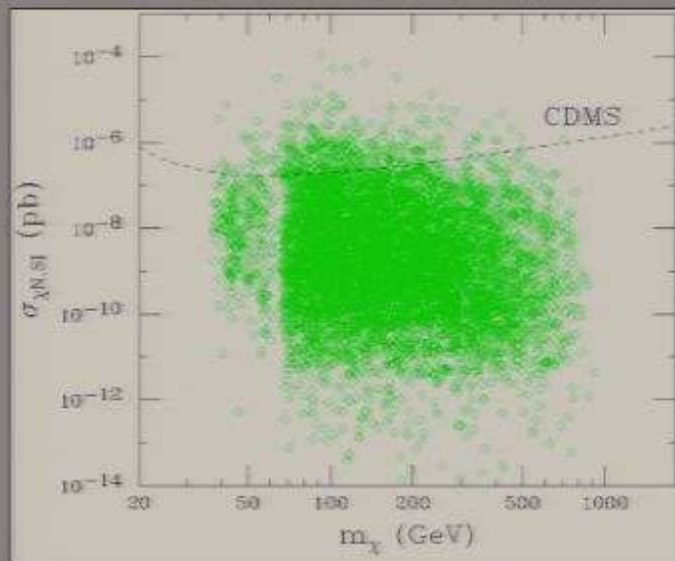
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- Rate observed at IceCube depends primarily on the neutralino capture rate in the Sun (the elastic scattering cross section)
- The reach of neutrino telescopes is, therefore, expected to be tied to that of direct detection experiments

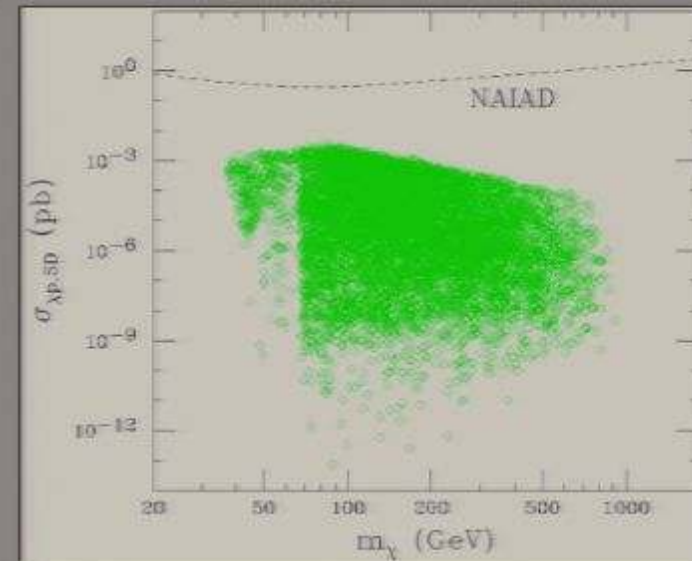
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- Important Caveat: WIMPs scatter with nuclei in the Sun through *both* spin-independent and spin-dependent scattering
- Sensitivity of direct detection to spin-dependent scattering is currently very weak

**Spin-Independent**



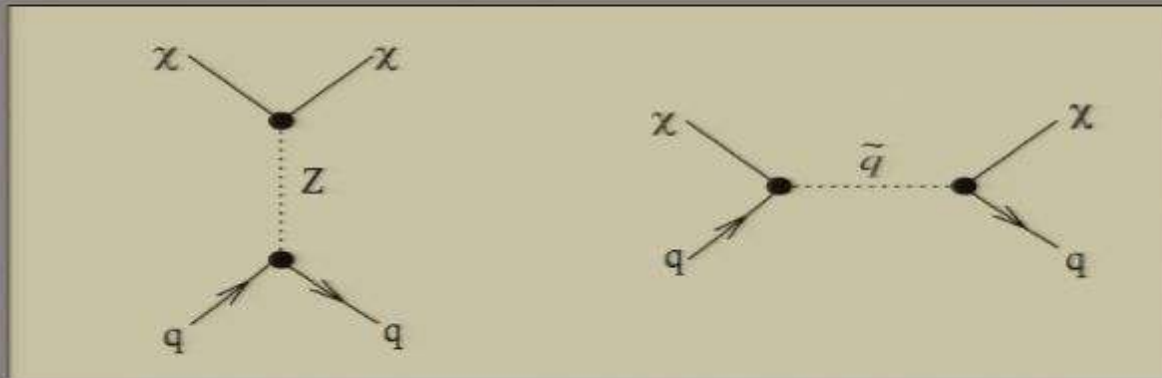
**Spin-Dependent**



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What kind of neutralino has large spin-dependent couplings?



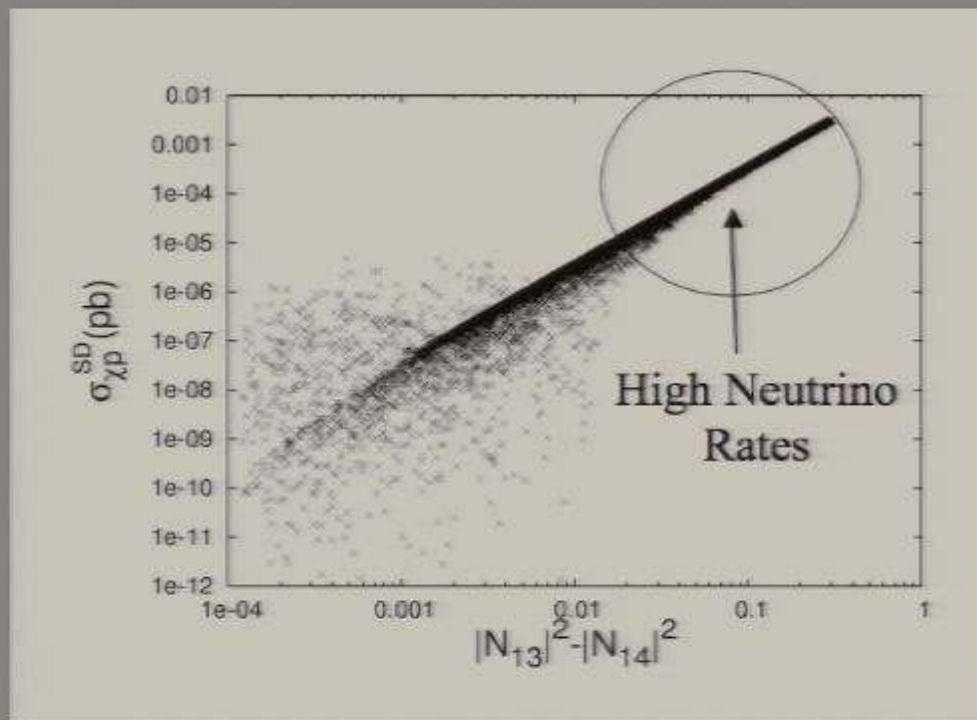
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→ Substantial Higgsino Component Needed

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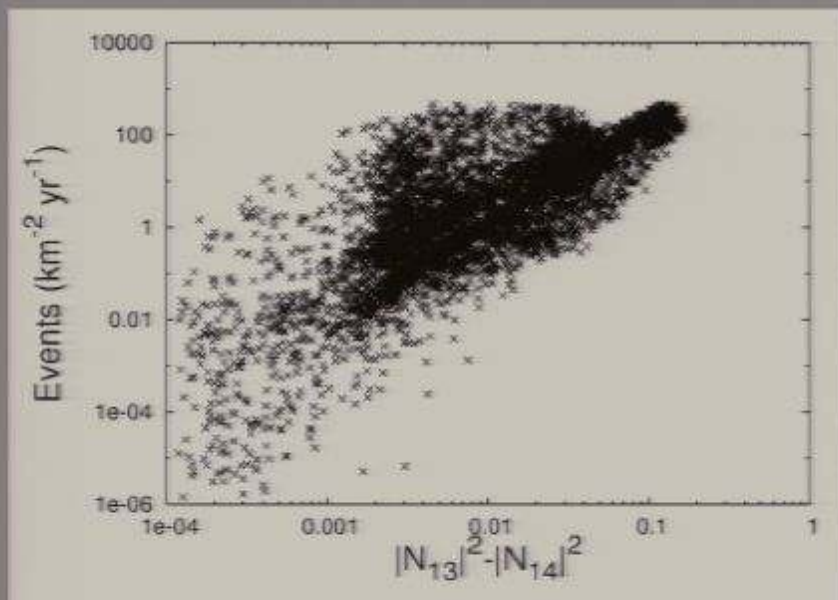


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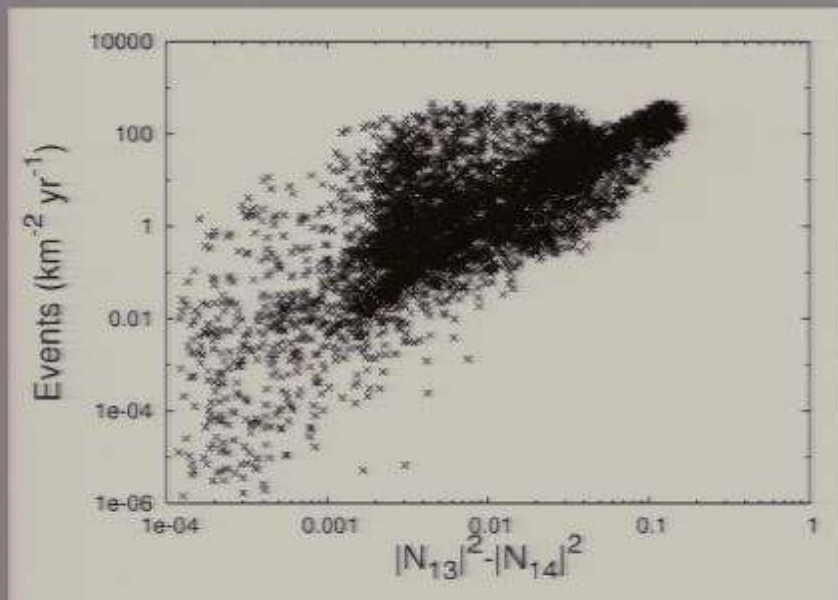


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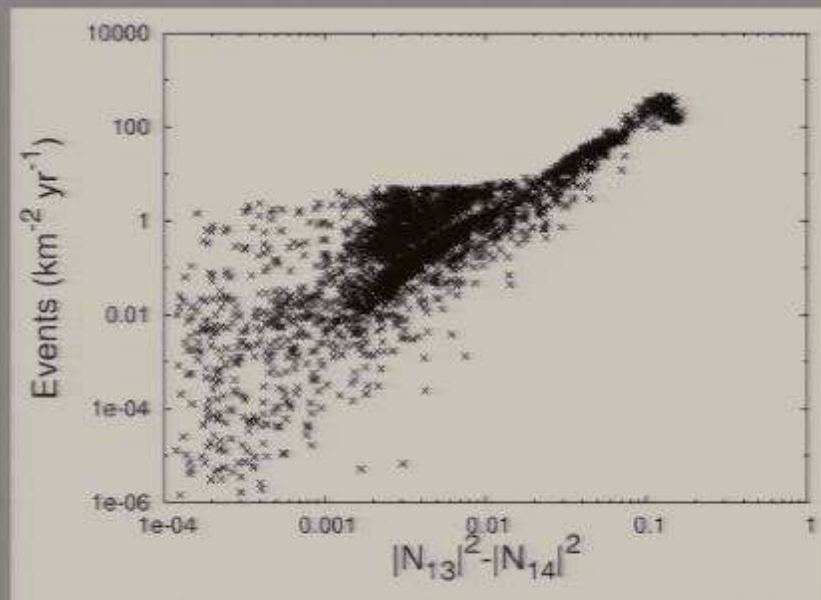
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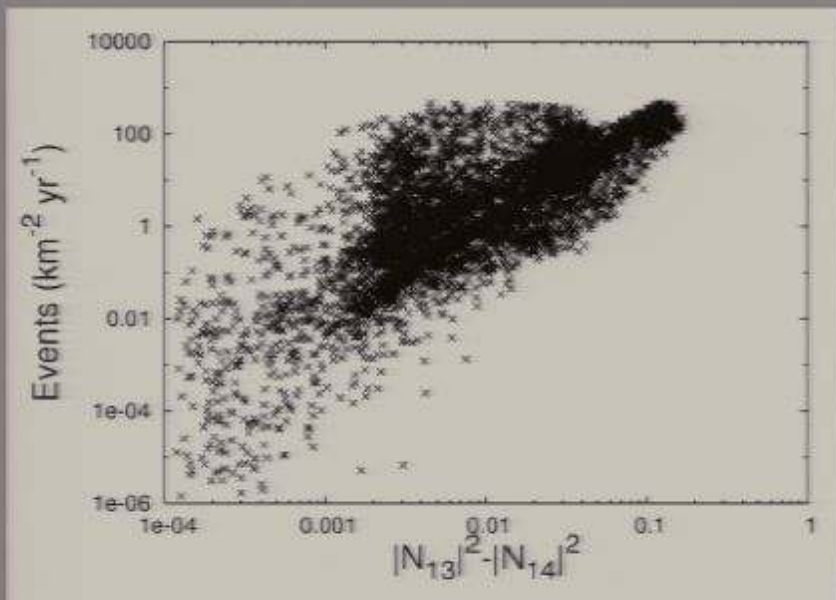
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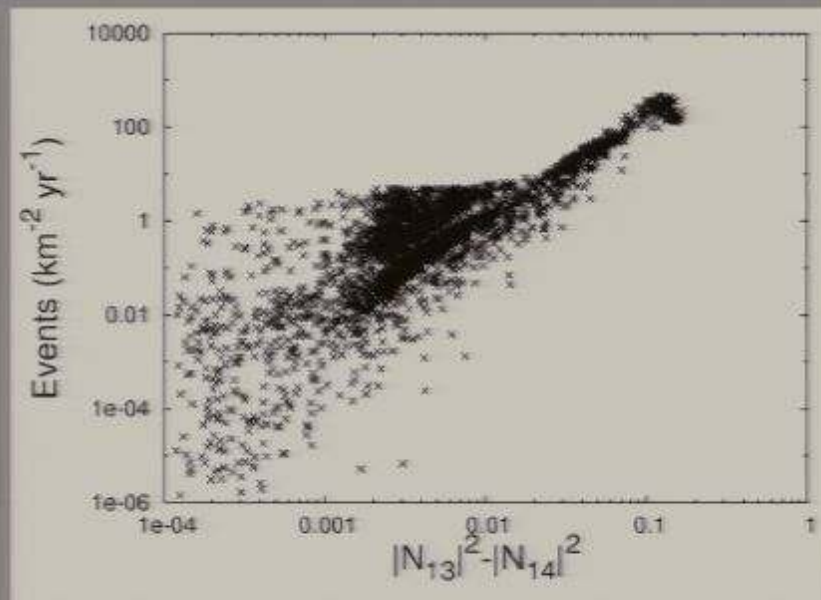
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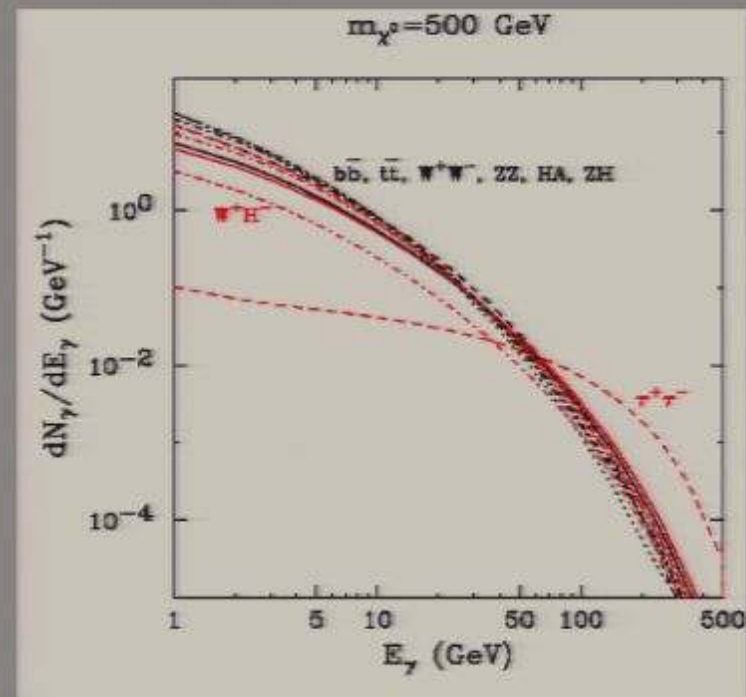
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What does the gamma-ray spectrum tell us?

- Most annihilation modes generate very similar spectra
- $\tau^+\tau^-$  mode is the most distinctive, although still not identifiable with planned experiments (GLAST, etc.)
- Neutralino mass and annihilation rate may be roughly extracted

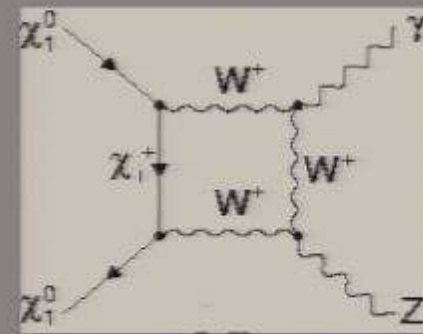
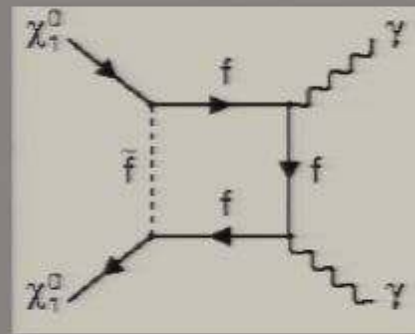


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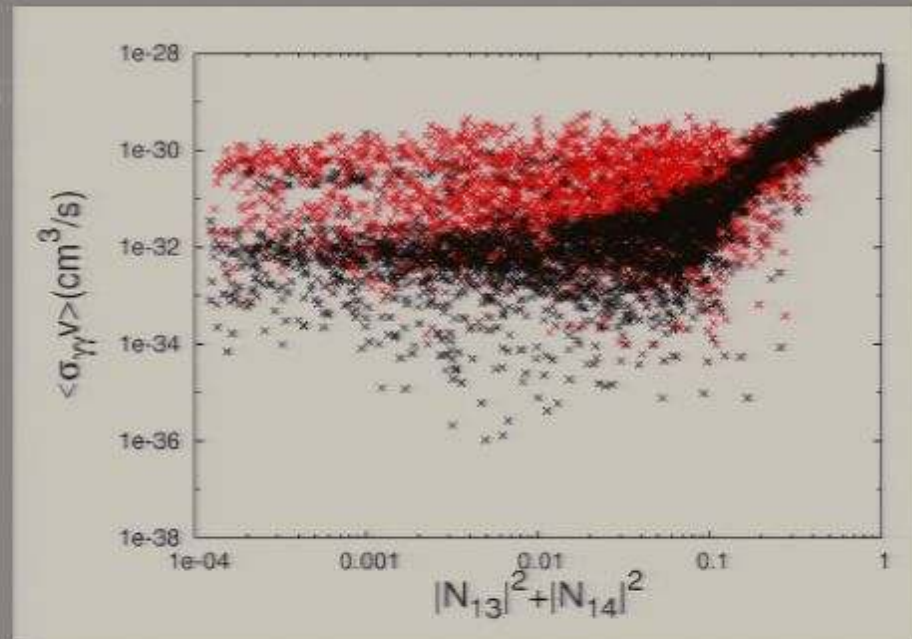
- At loop level, neutralinos annihilate to  $\gamma\gamma$  and  $\gamma Z$  final states
- Distinctive spectral line features
- If bright enough, fraction of neutralino annihilations to lines can be measured



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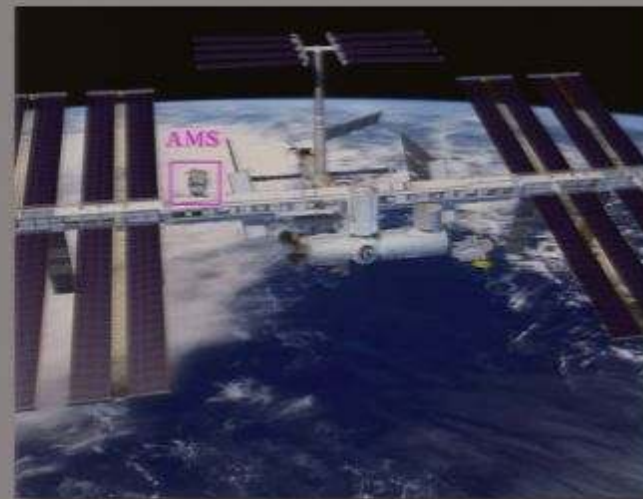
- Chargino- $W^{+/-}$  loop diagrams provide largest contributions in most models
- Cross sections largest for higgsino-like (or wino-like) neutralinos
- Knowledge of squark masses makes this correlation more powerful



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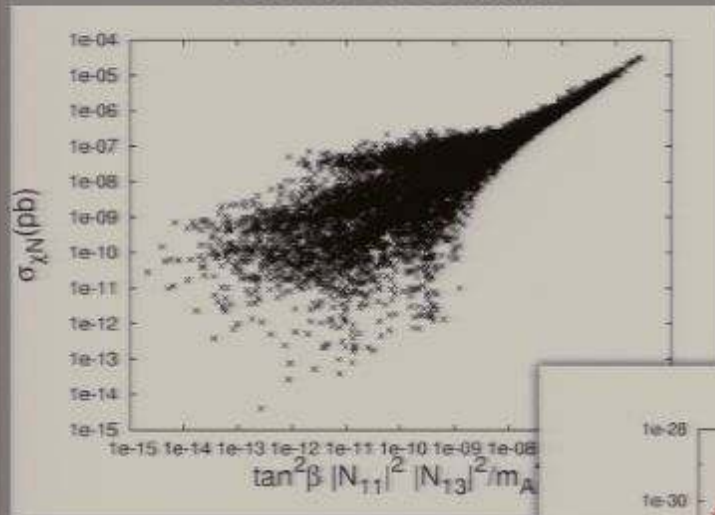
# Information From Anti-Matter

- Gamma-ray observations can tell us the fraction of neutralino annihilation to various modes ( $\gamma\gamma$ ,  $\gamma Z$ ), but cannot measure the total cross section
- Positron spectrum generated in neutralino annihilations is dominated by local dark matter distribution (within a few kpc)
- Considerably less uncertainty in the local density than the density of inner halo
- Cosmic positron measurements can roughly measure the neutralino's total annihilation cross section

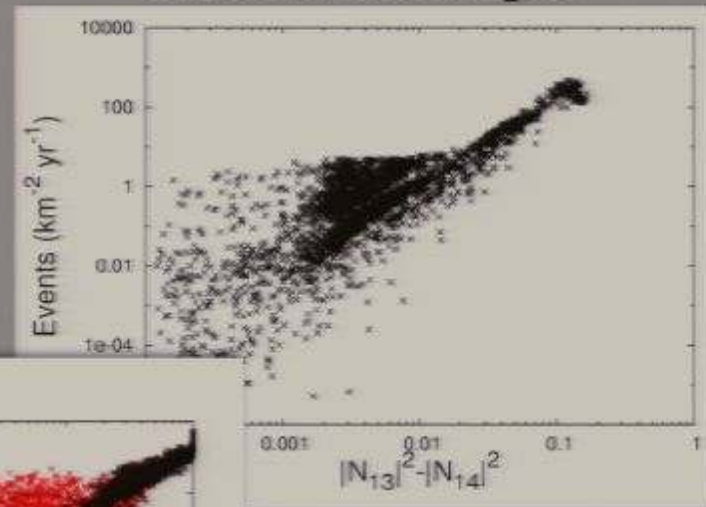


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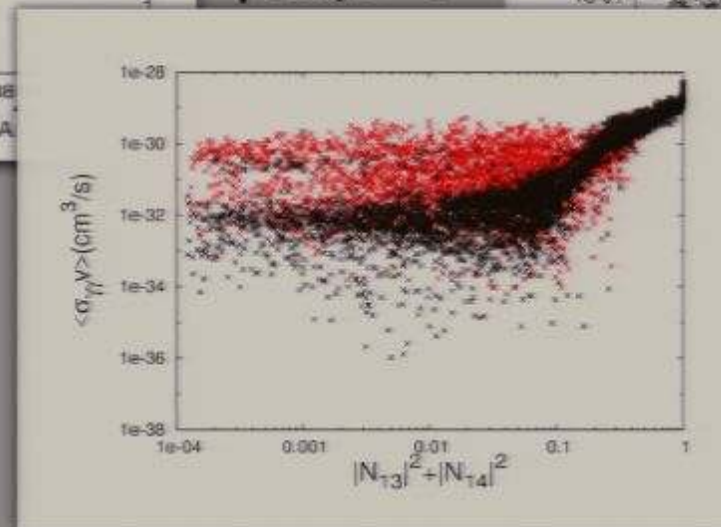
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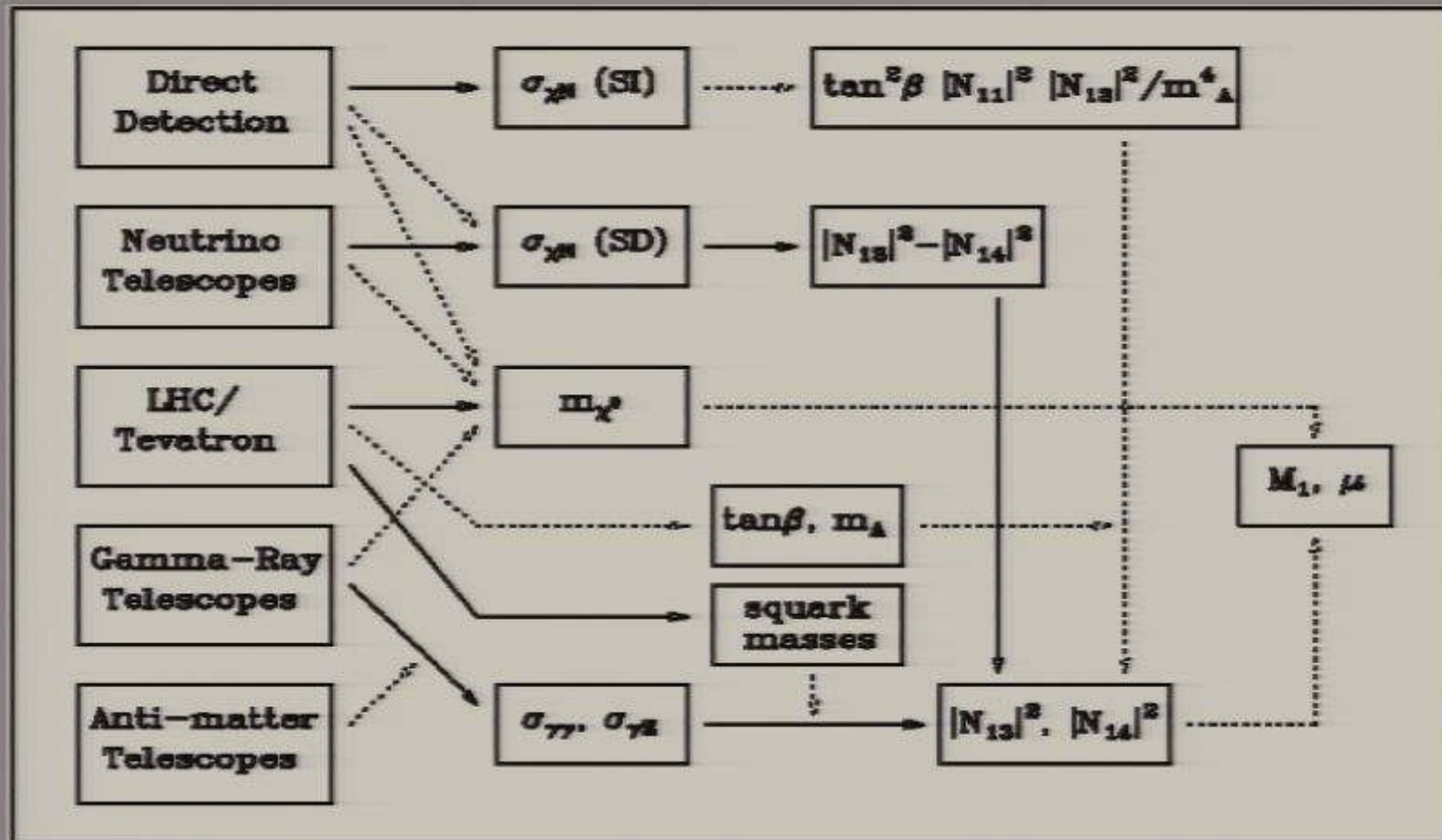
Neutrino Telescopes



$\gamma$ -Rays +  $e^+$



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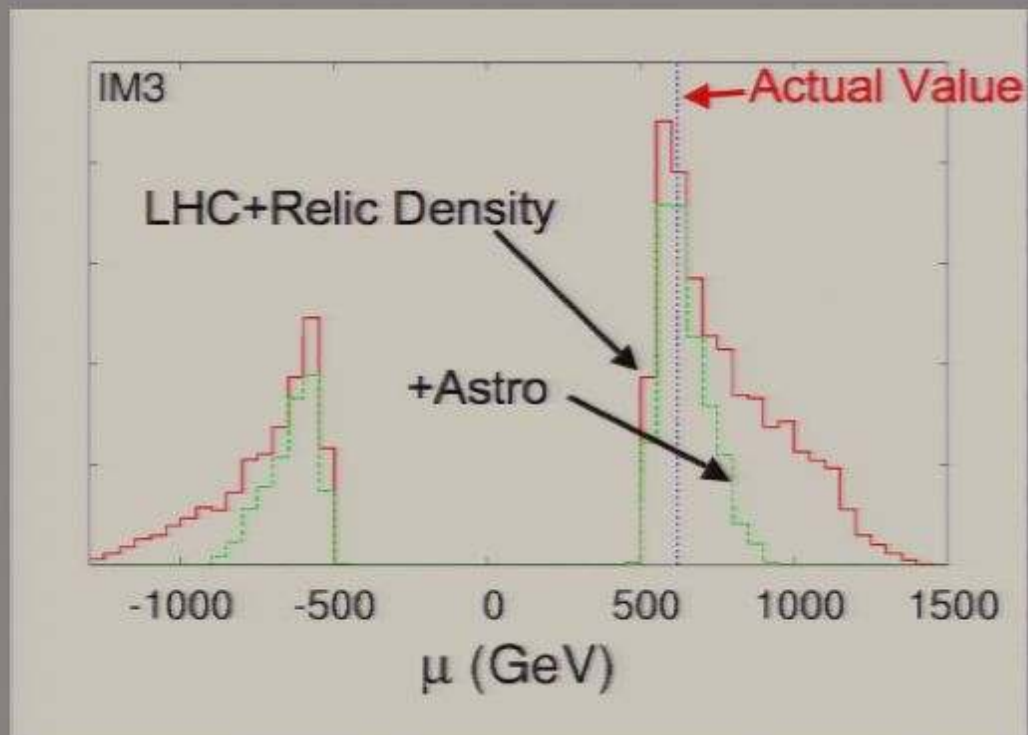
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 $\tan\beta = 51 \pm 15\%$ ,  $m_A = 397 \pm 1\%$   
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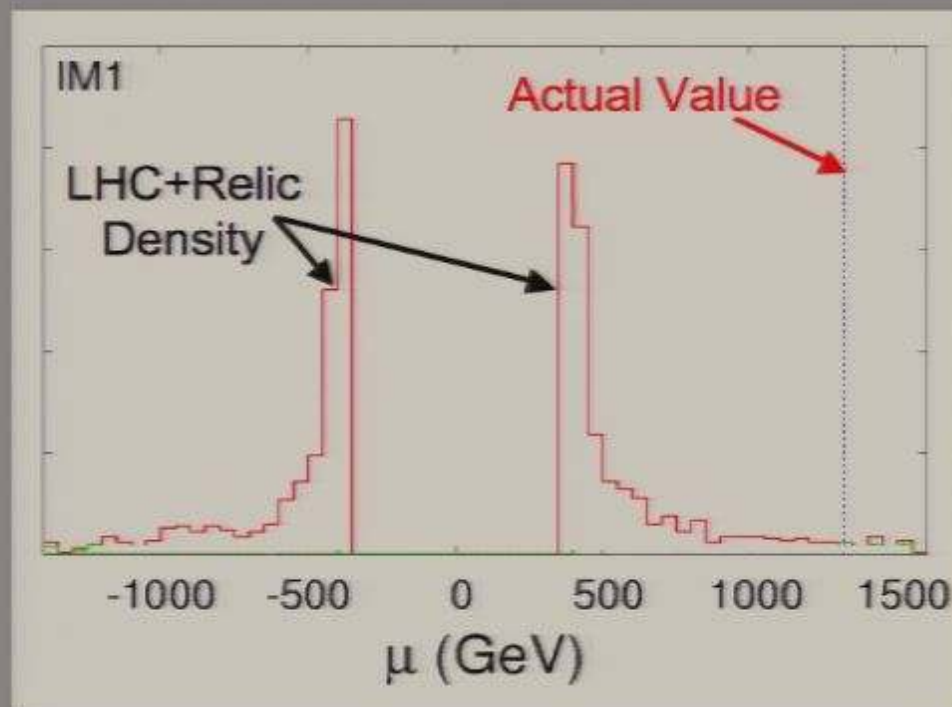
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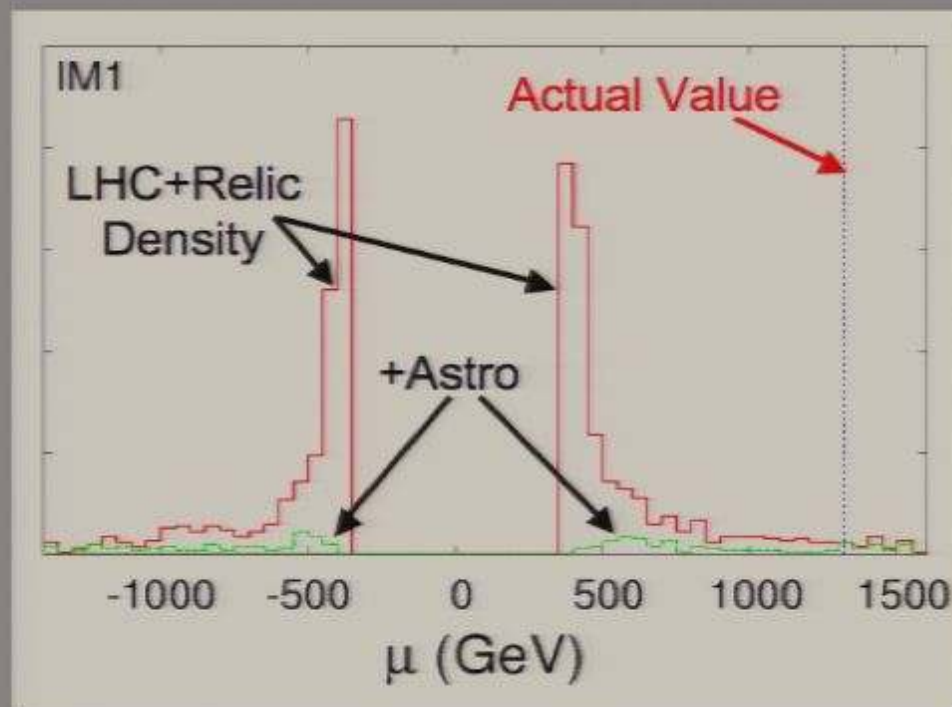
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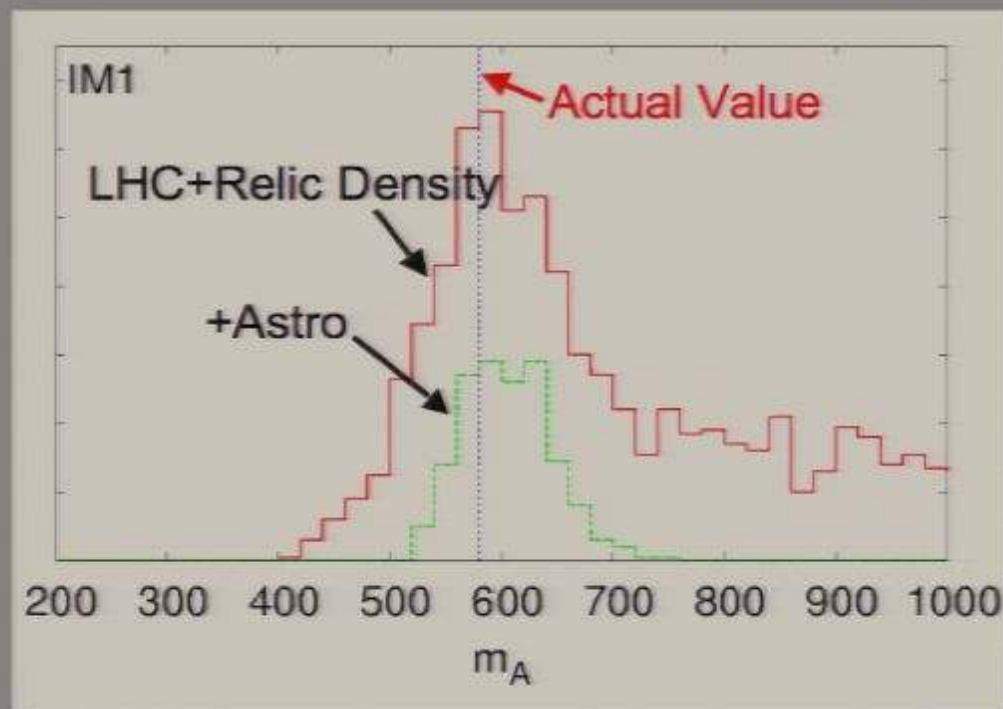
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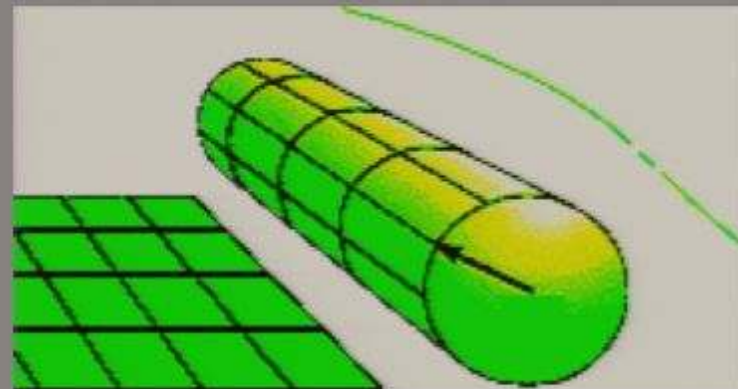
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- Thus far, we have assumed that the new particles seen at the Tevatron/LHC and in dark matter experiments are superpartners of SM particles
- Several alternatives to supersymmetry have been proposed which may effectively mimic the signatures of supersymmetry at the LHC

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## Universal Extra Dimensions (UED)

- All SM particles allowed to travel around extra dimension(s) with size  $\sim \text{TeV}^{-1}$
- Particles moving around extra dimensions appear as heavy versions of SM particles (Kaluza-Klein modes)
- The lightest Kaluza-Klein particle can be stable, weakly interacting and a suitable candidate for dark matter
- Can we distinguish Kaluza-Klein modes from superpartners?

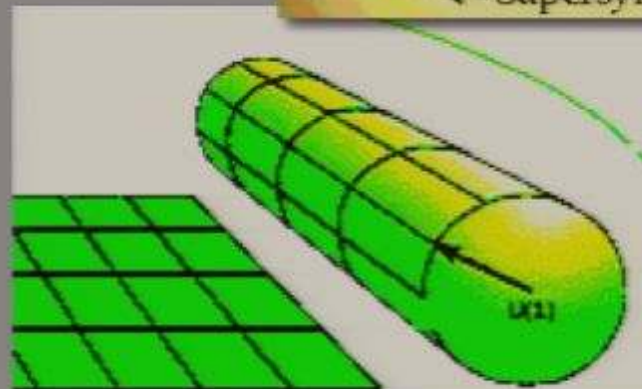
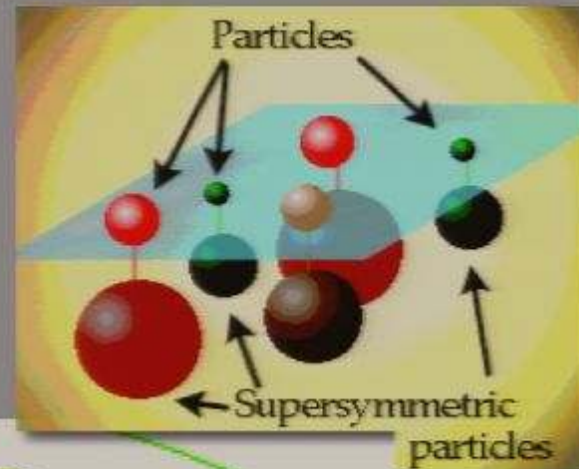


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⇒ **Spin-determination crucial**



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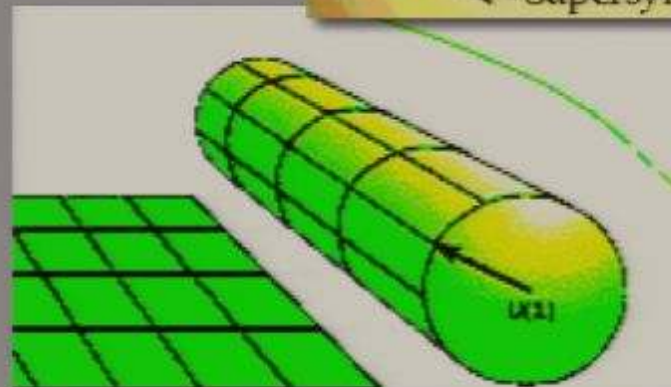
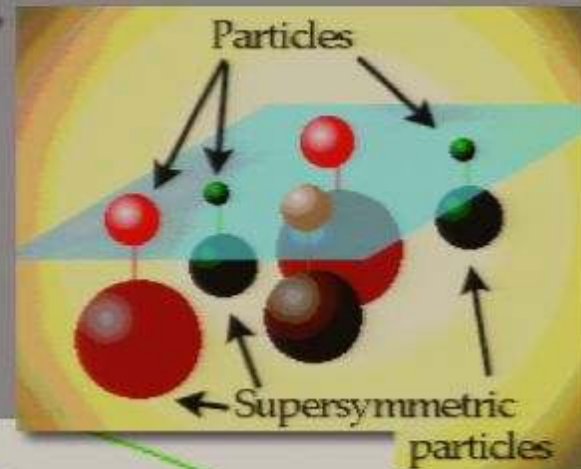
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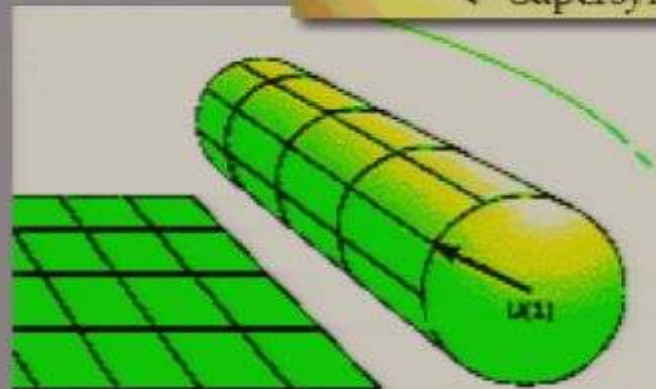
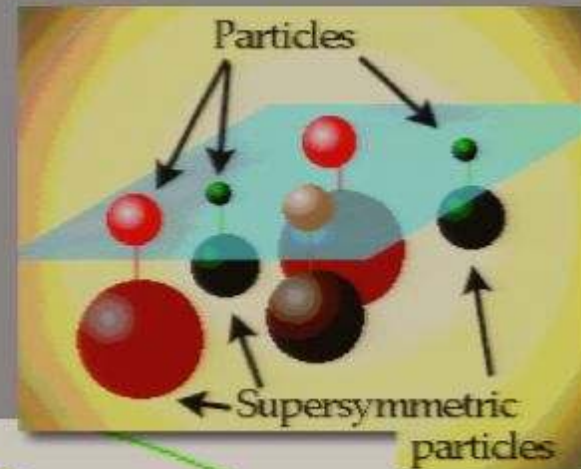
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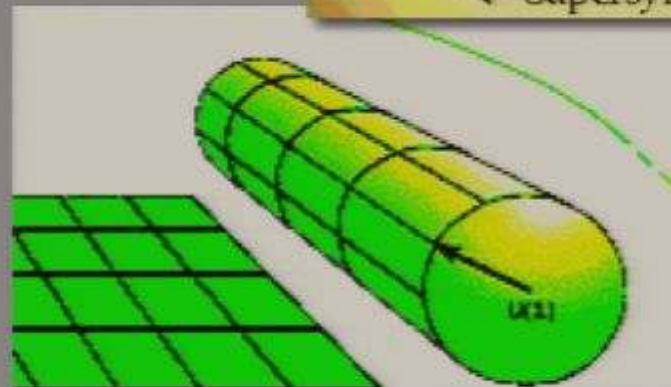
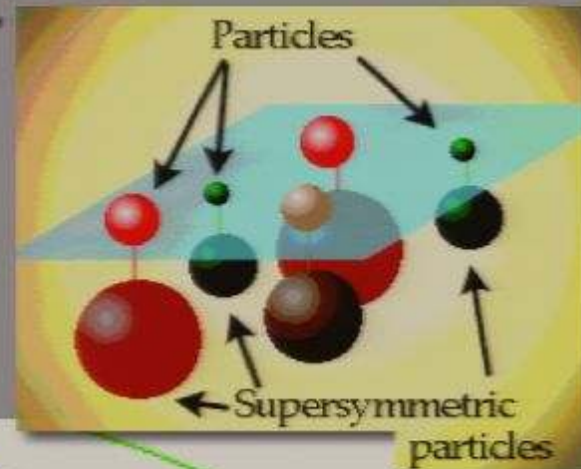
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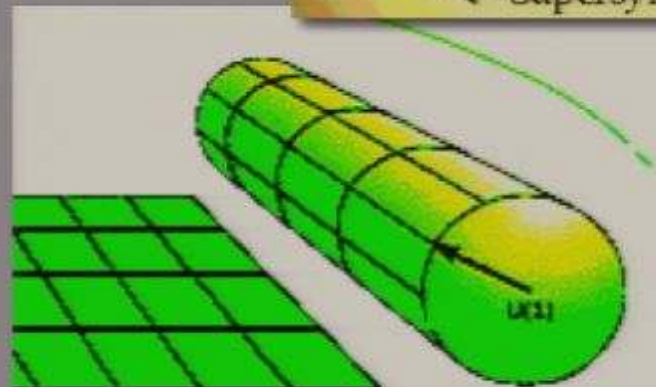
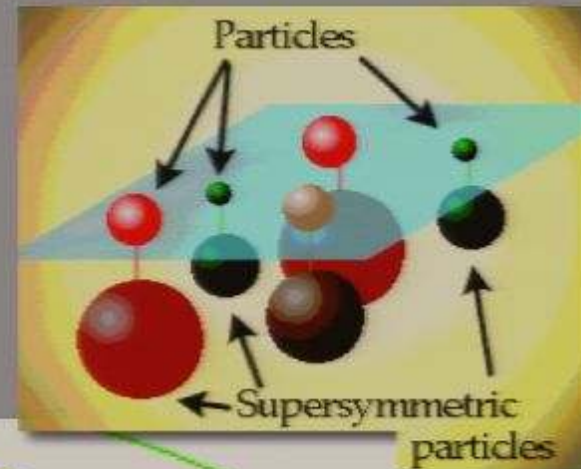
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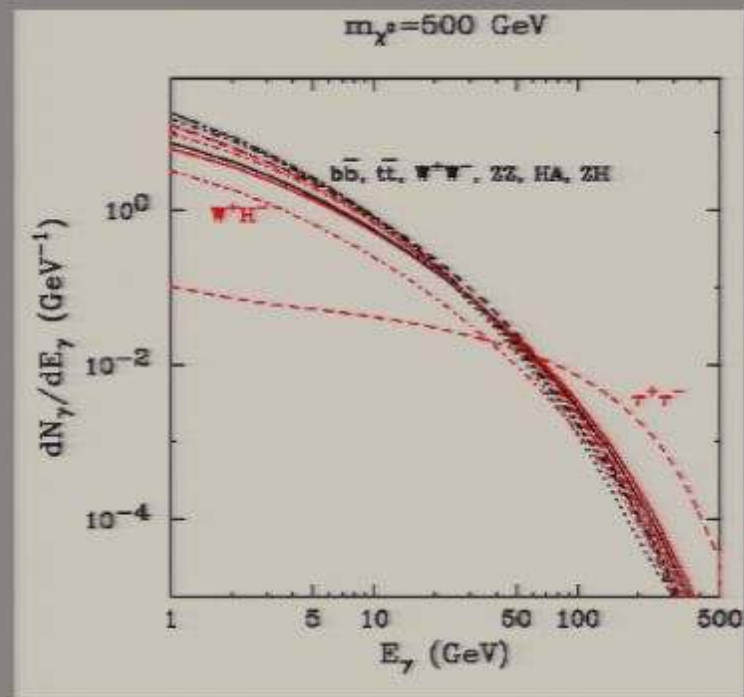
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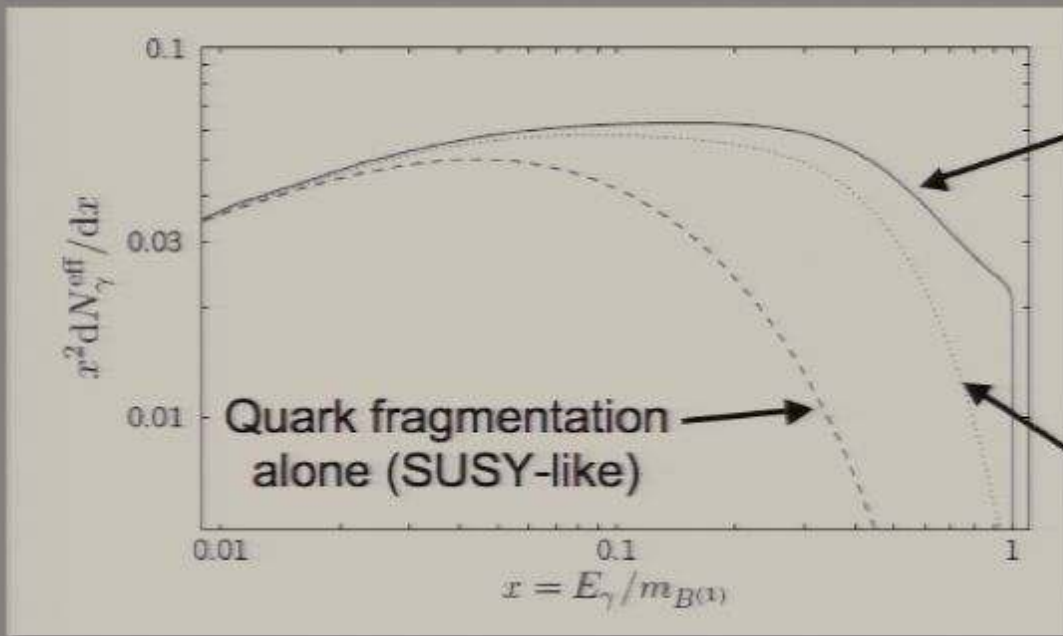
Neutralino annihilations to gauge/Higgs bosons and heavy quarks produce rather soft gamma-ray spectrum



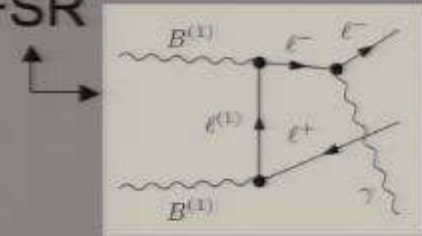
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Kaluza-Klein dark matter particles produce harder spectrum due to 20-25% annihilation to tau pairs, and final state radiation



Total,  
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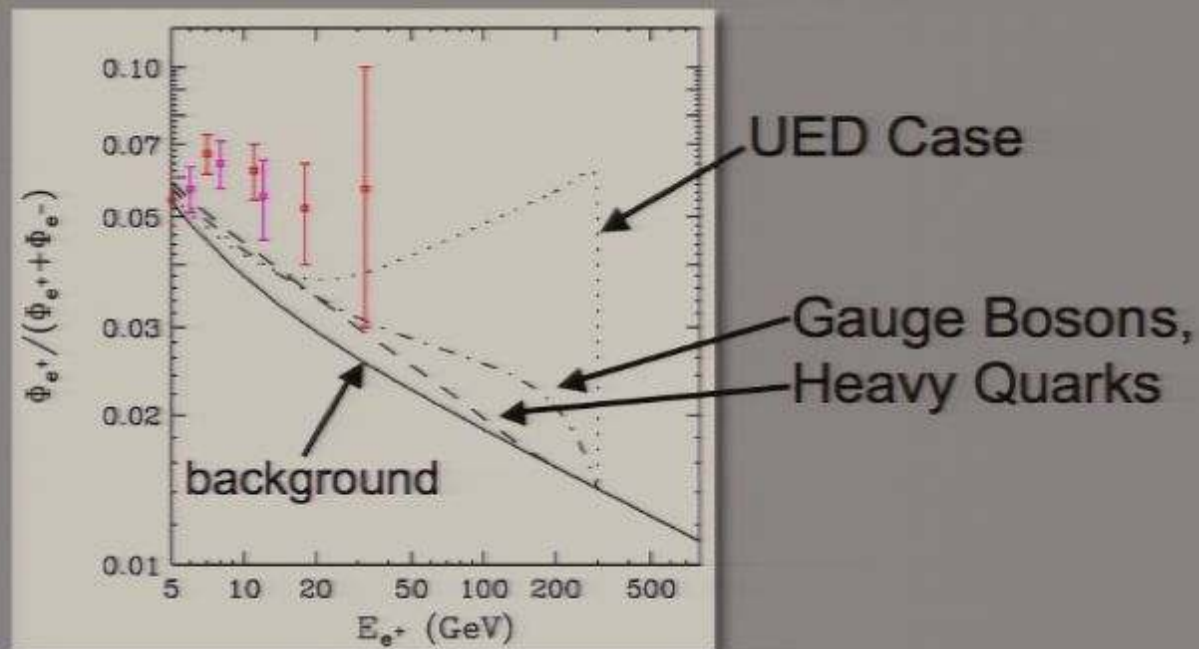


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Annihilations to  $e^+e^-$  ( and  $\mu^+\mu^-$ ,  $\tau^+\tau^-$ ) generate distinctive hard spectrum with edge



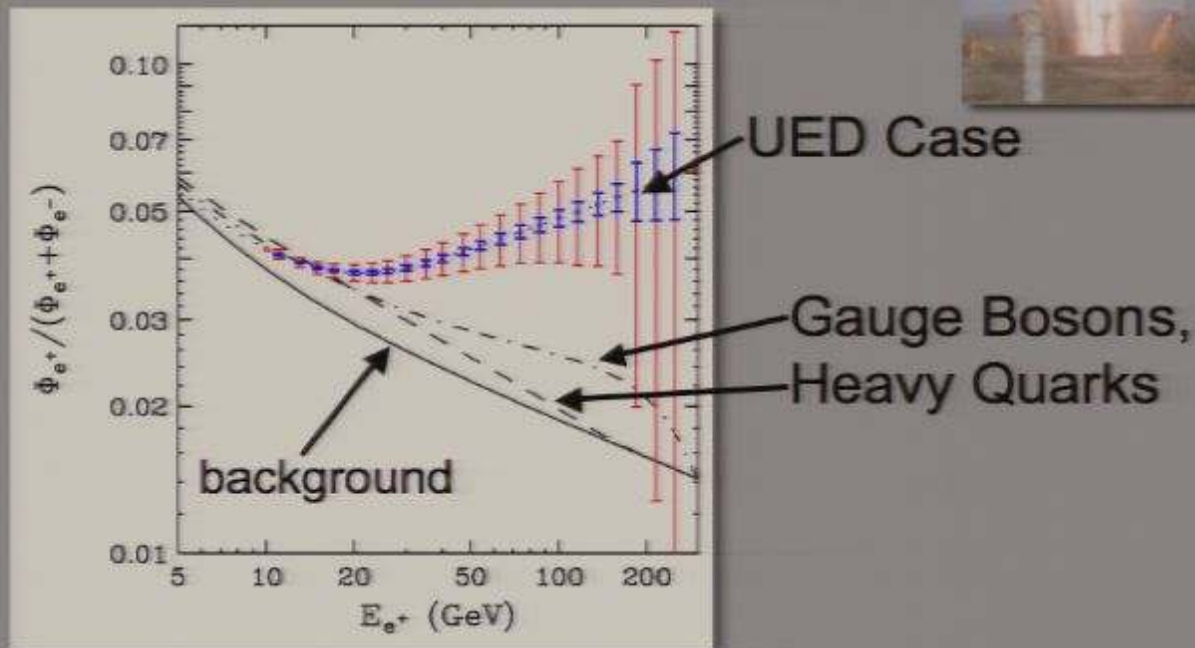
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Clearly identifiable by future experiments  
(Pamela, AMS-02) for light/moderate masses

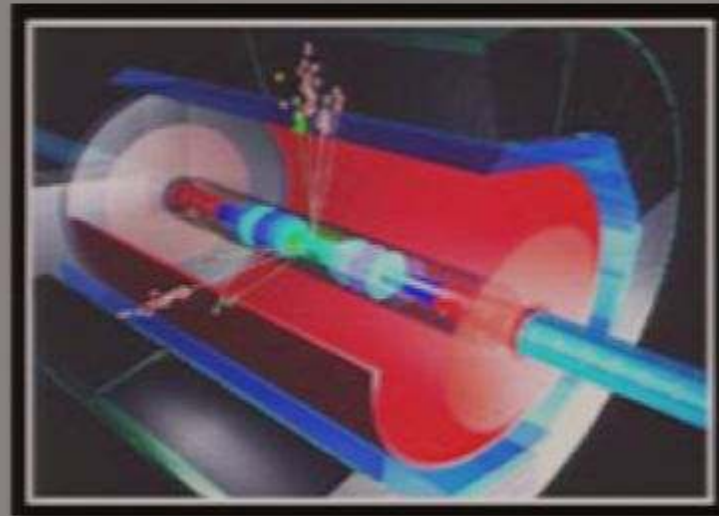
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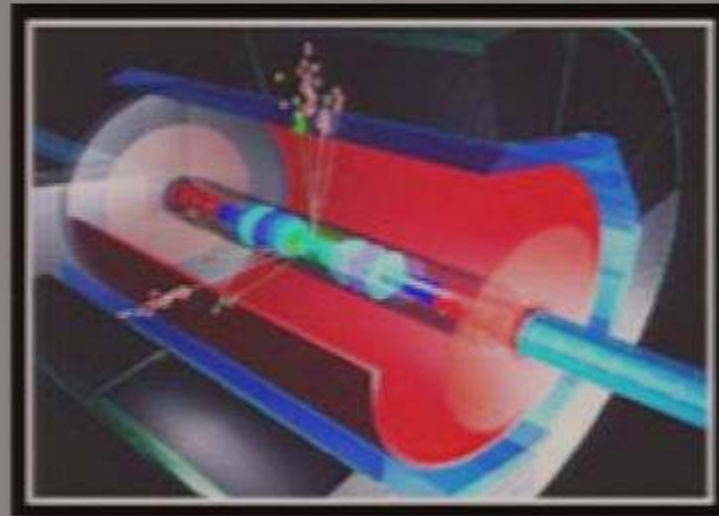


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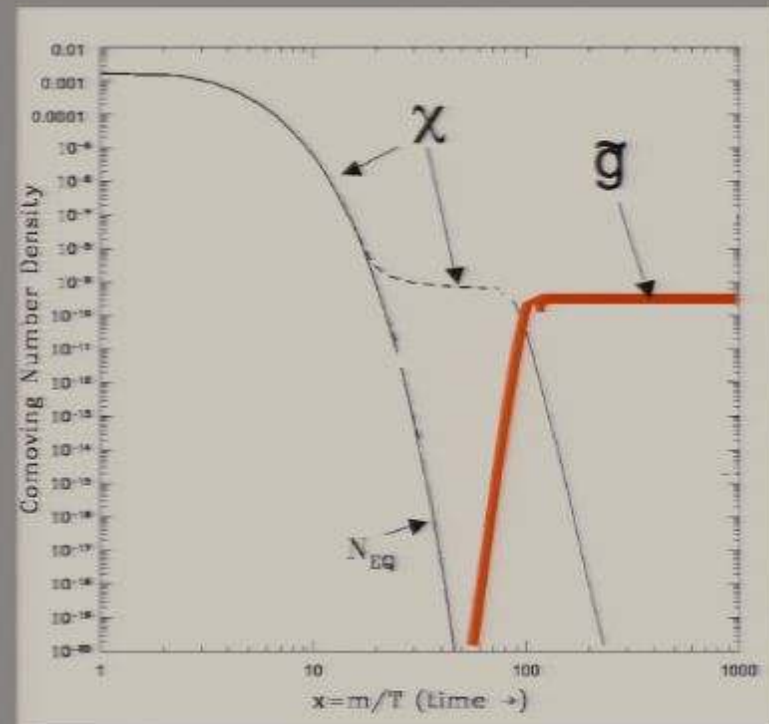
**But what if they don't match?**



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What if the calculated abundance doesn't match astrophysical observations?

- SuperWIMP Scenario: neutralinos freeze-out, and later decay to gravitinos
- Non-WIMP dark matter generated through WIMP-like freeze-out process
- No signal for direct or indirect detection

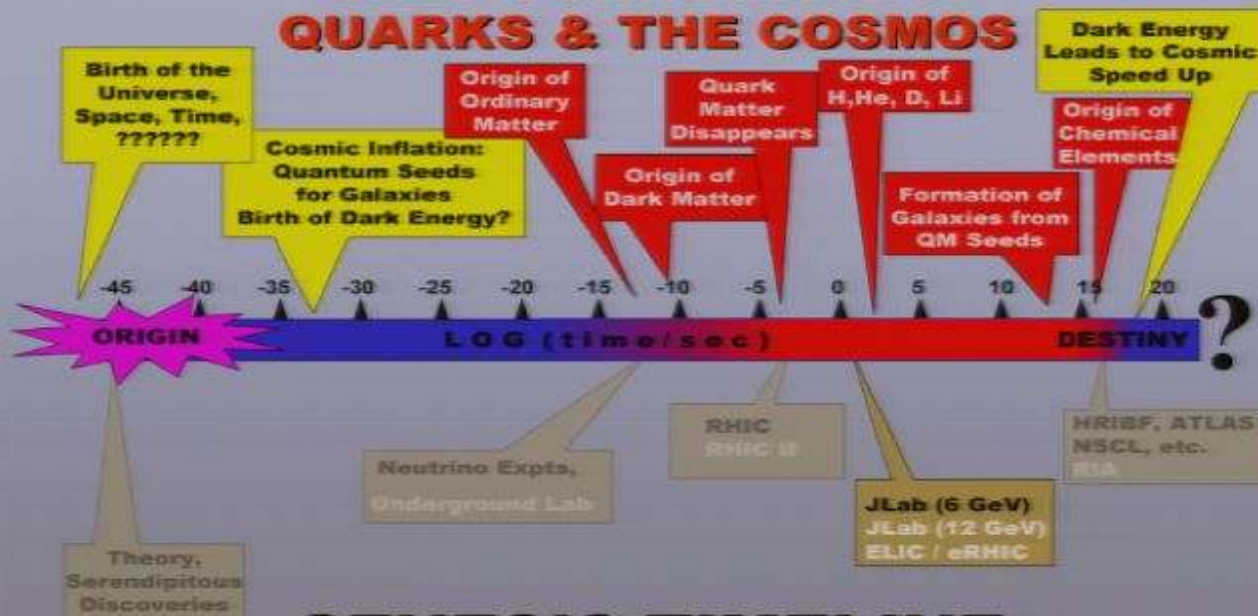


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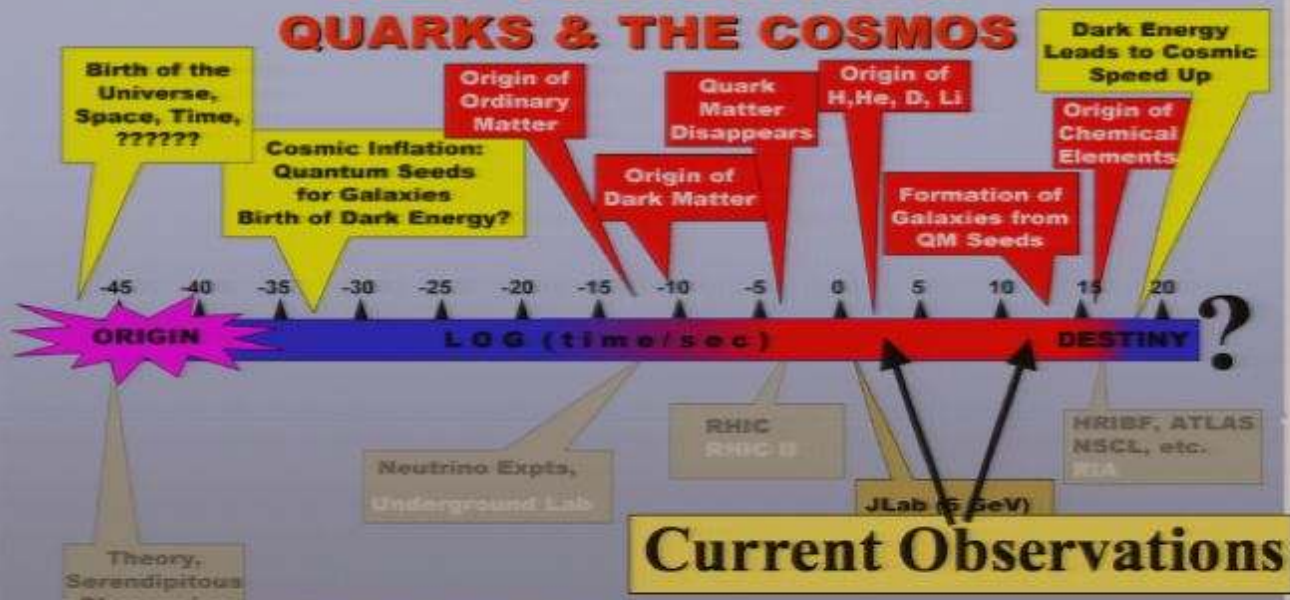
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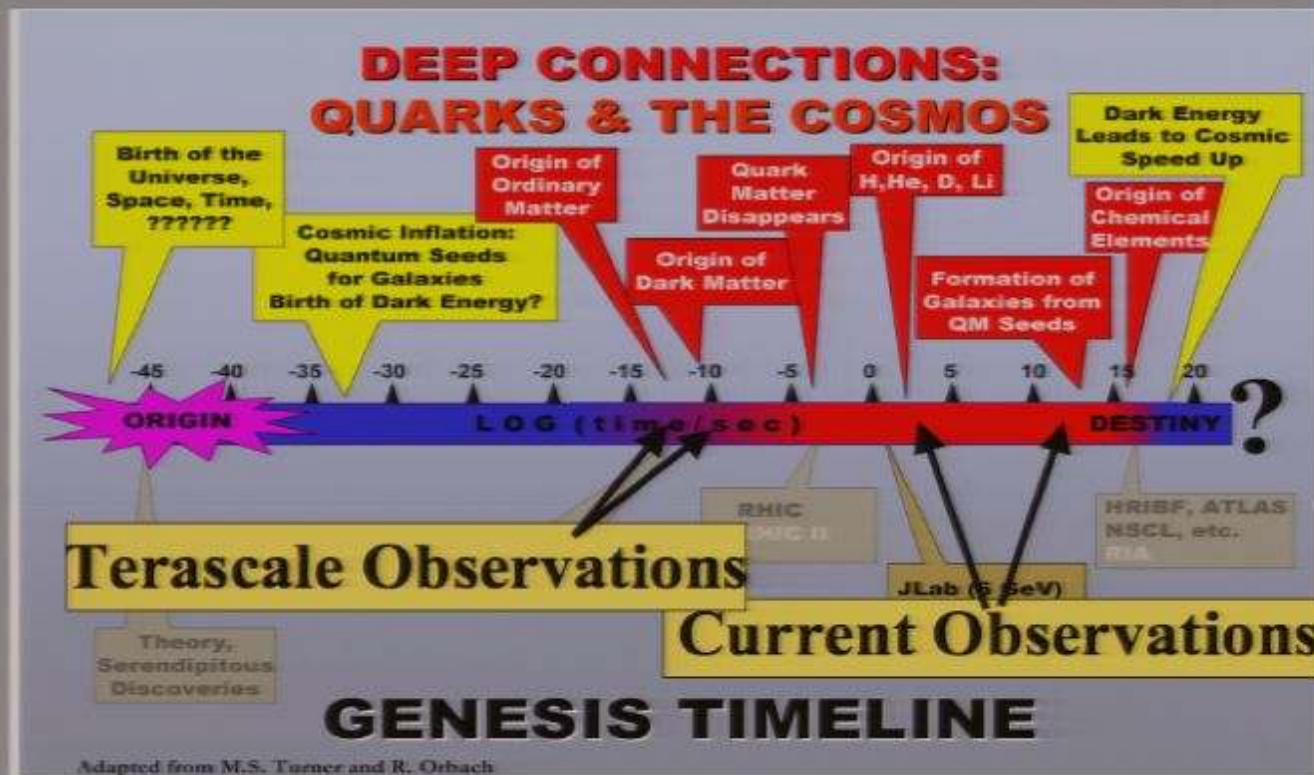
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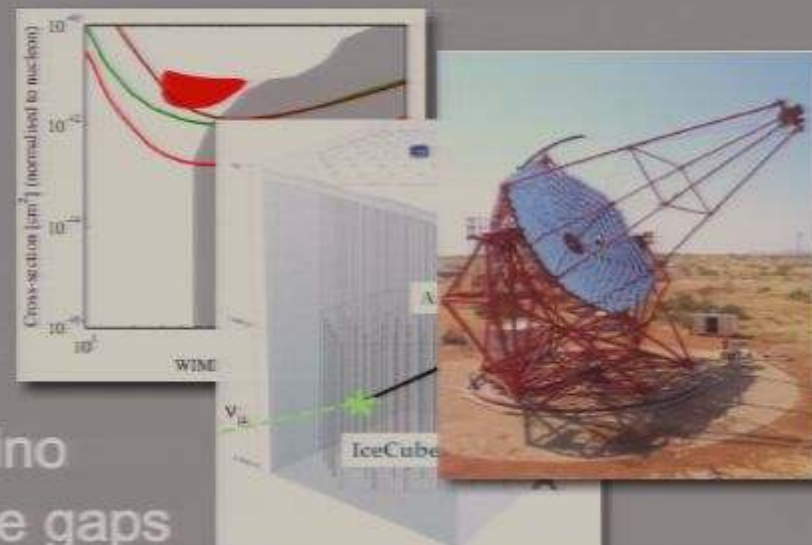
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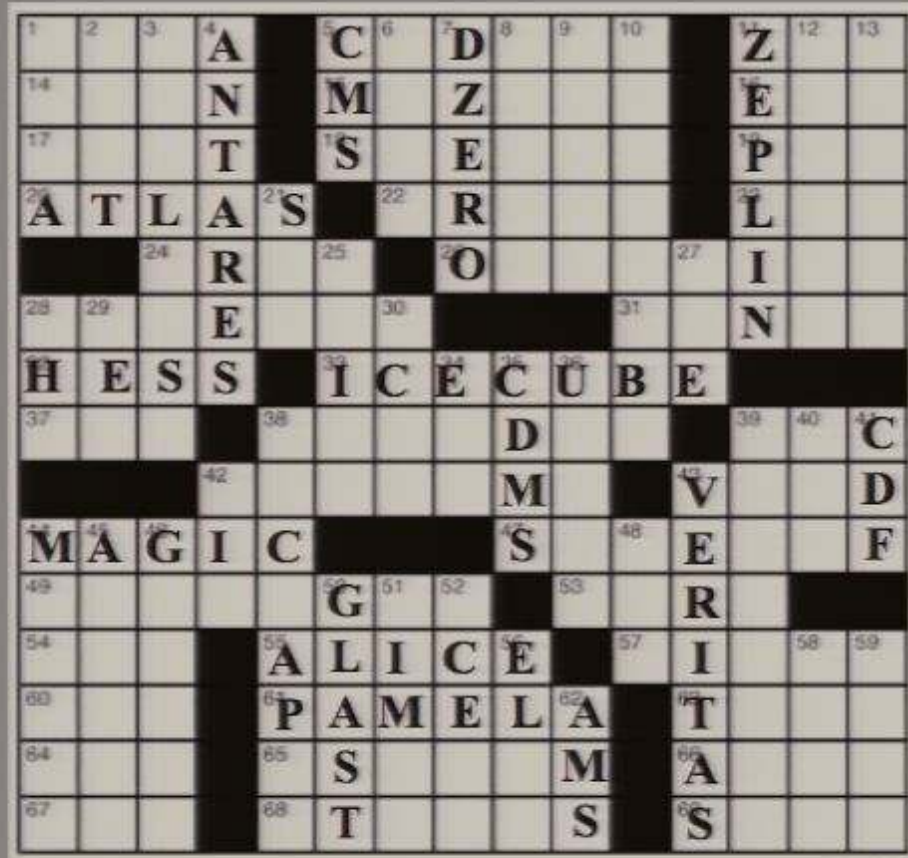
- If (low-scale) supersymmetry exists in nature, then the LHC is exceedingly likely to discover superpartners
- The sparticle spectrum measured by the LHC will be very incomplete unless most of the sparticles are very light
- To learn more about the SUSY spectrum with colliders, we may have to wait for the ILC



# Summary

- Direct and indirect detection of dark matter can provide additional information on the couplings/composition of the lightest neutralino and masses of exchanged particles
- In many cases, dark matter measurements can break degeneracies between bulk/funnel/coannihilation regions of parameter space
- For models in the A-funnel region of parameter space,  $m_A$  can often be determined by astrophysical measurements
- Astrophysical probes of neutralino dark matter can fill in some of the gaps in our post-LHC/pre-ILC understanding of supersymmetry





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