Title: Searching for the Dark Universe

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Abstract: For nearly a century, we have known that the majority of matter in the universe is not luminous. In the past few decades we have come to be certain that this matter is not only not luminous but not made out of any of the particle ever observed in a laboratory. I will describe the ongoing hunt for this matter and the prospects for the discovery in the next decade. I will further discuss recent claims the dark matter may have been discovered in various signals, and prospects for resolving these claims in the next few years. Finally I will touch on the idea of "dark forces," the idea of an expansive dark sector that is much greater than a single dark particle.

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THIS IS THE ERA OF LAMPPOSTS

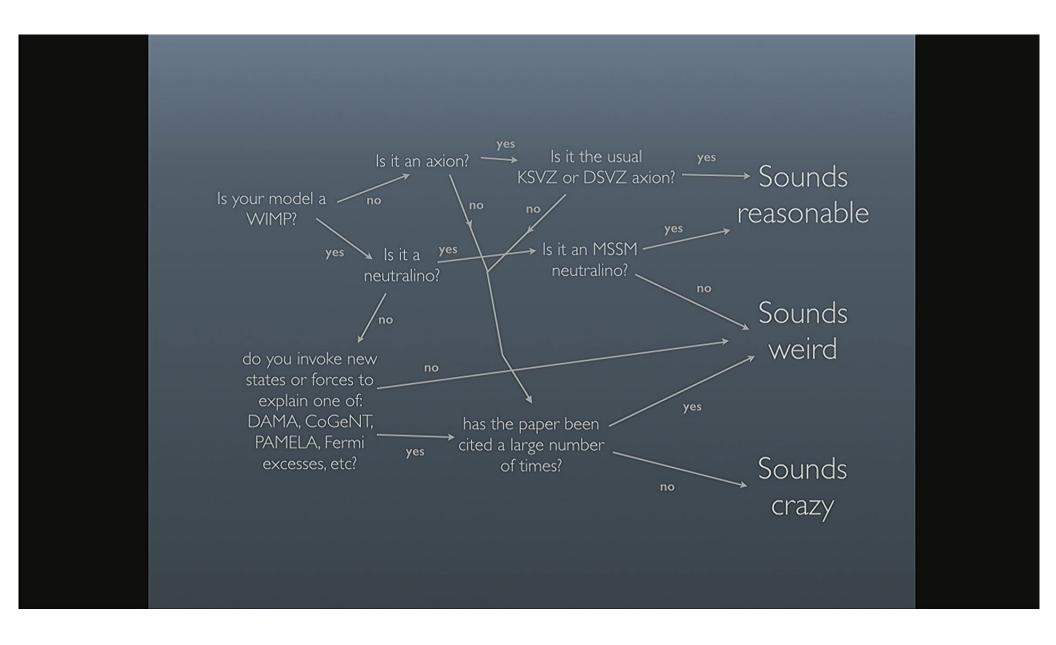








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A STRONG CP PROBLEM

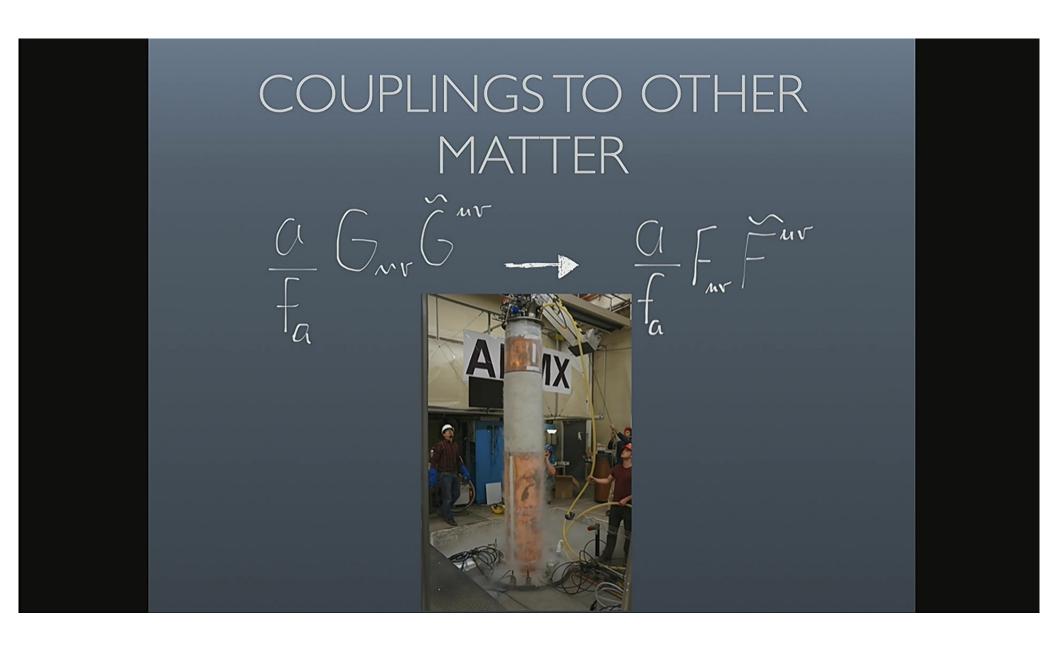
$$\Theta G_{nv} \hat{G}^{nv} \longrightarrow \frac{\alpha}{f_{\alpha}} G_{nv} \hat{G}^{nv}$$

idea -> make Θ a field

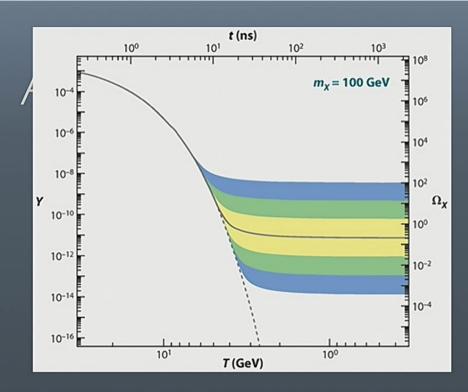
QCD effects generate potential that relaxes Θ (a) to 0

The axion acquires a mass $m_a pprox rac{m_\pi f_\pi}{f_a} pprox 0.6 \, \mathrm{meV} \, \left(rac{10^{10} \mathrm{GeV}}{f_a}
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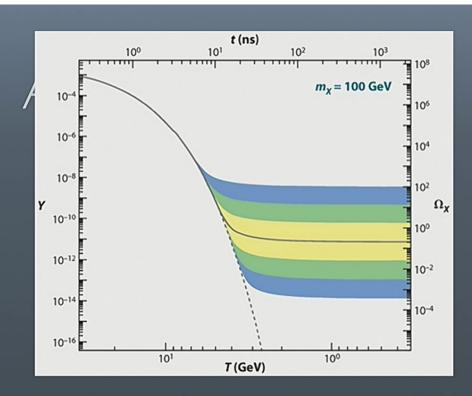


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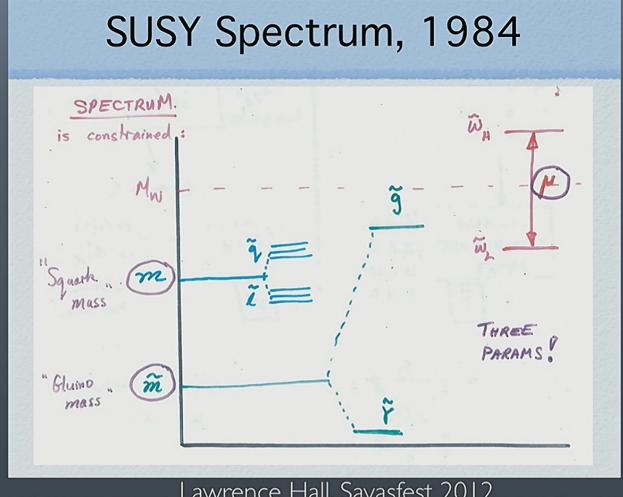


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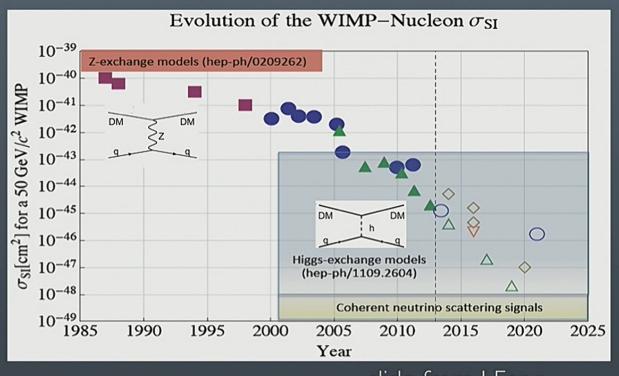
Lawrence Hall, Savasfest 2012 (cf Matt Reece talk LHCP2013)

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- IMHO good to think generally about DM models because conventional wisdom on the weak scale has not proven itself reliable
- So, even if it is a WIMP, it needn't look or act as we anticipated
- Light WIMPs, very heavy WIMPs, hidden sector DM...

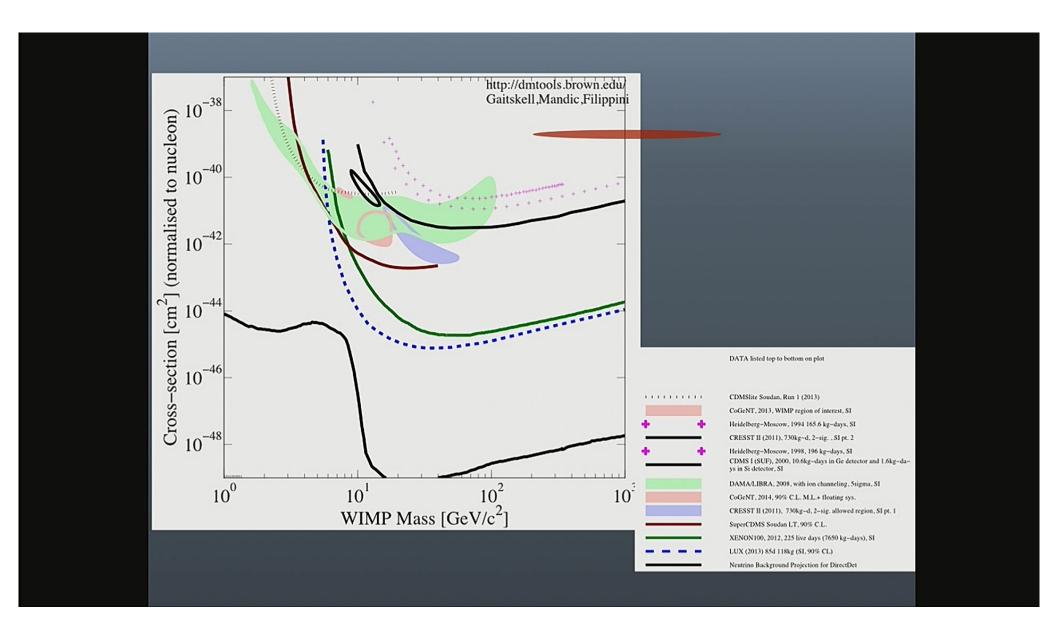
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SO WHAT ABOUT THE SEARCH FOR WIMPS?

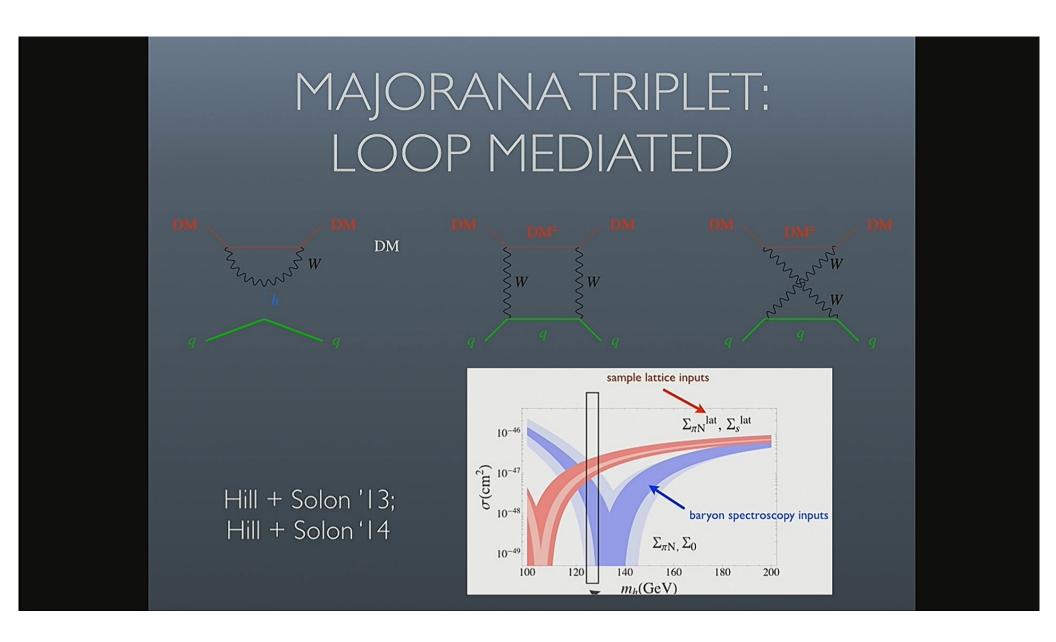


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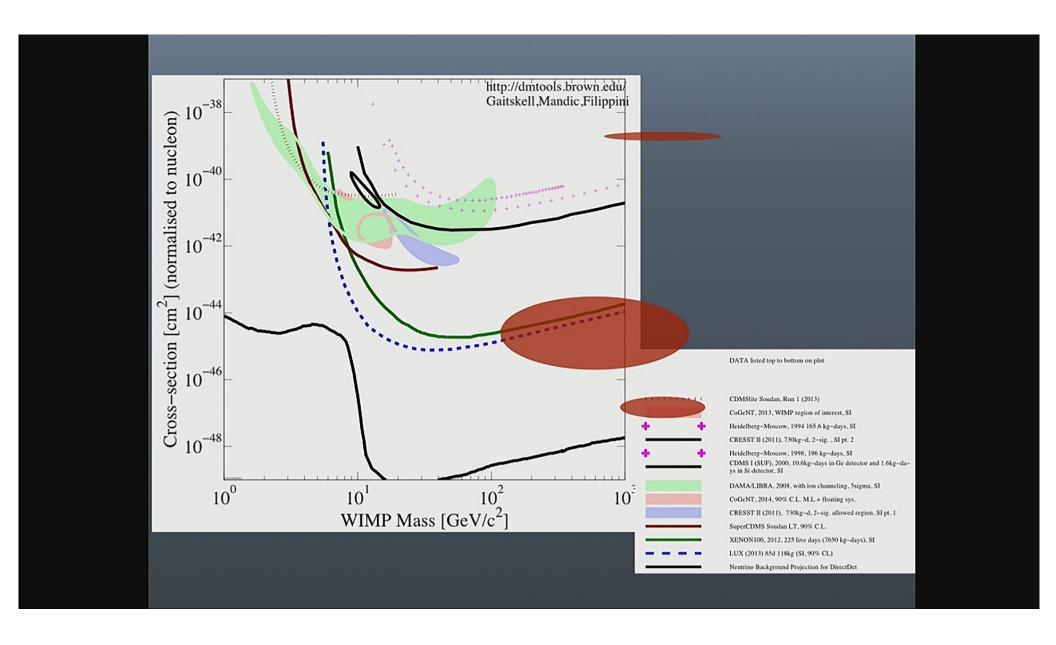
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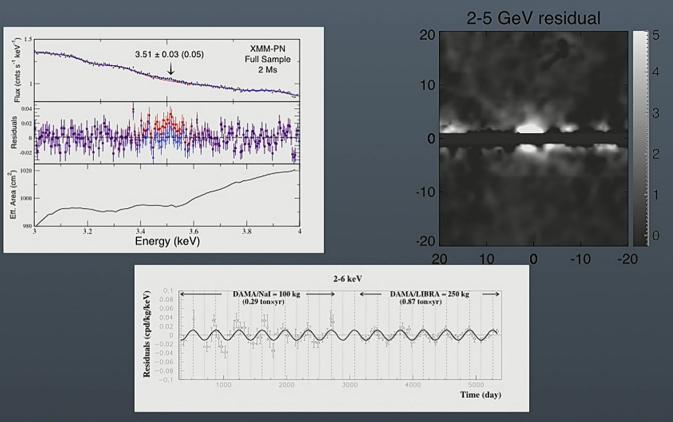
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• This era will answer the question: does the dark matter couple at O(0.1-0.01) to the Higgs boson

 But perfectly plausible WIMPs can have very weak nucleon interactions

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A LINE AT 3.55(ish) KeV

DETECTION OF AN UNIDENTIFIED EMISSION LINE IN THE STACKED X-RAY SPECTRUM OF GALAXY CLUSTERS

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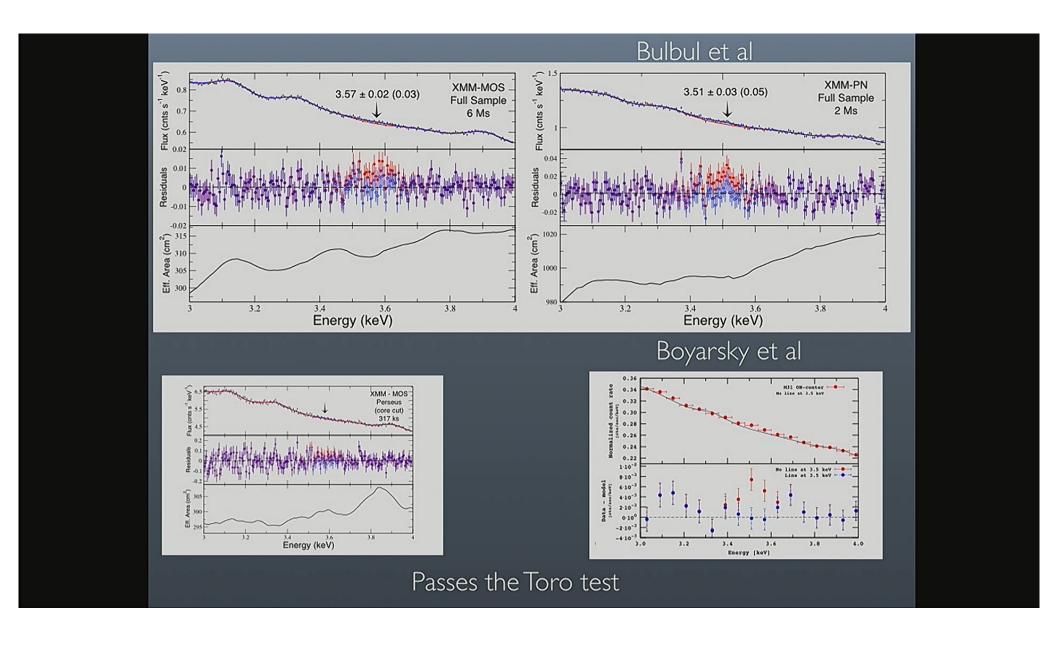
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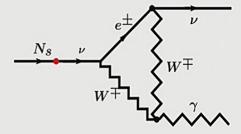
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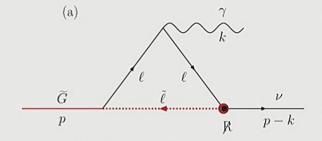
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DECAYING DARK MATTER

• Sterile neutrino $N \rightarrow \nu + \gamma$



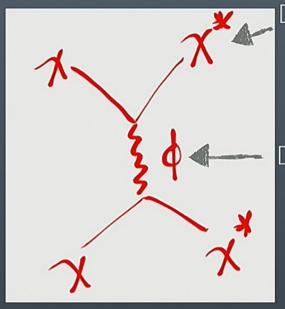
• R-parity violating gravitino $\tilde{q} \rightarrow \nu + \gamma$



- Also R-parity violating axino, ...
- For bosonic DM axions (or axion-like particles) would decay $a \to \gamma \gamma$

from talk by Ruchayskiy, April 2014

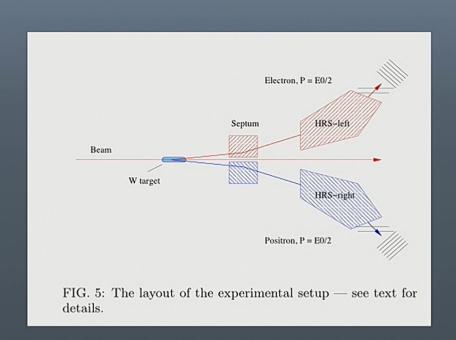
A NEW FORCE



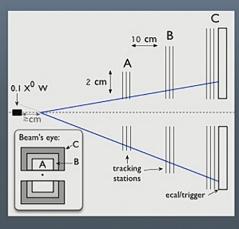
Dark matter

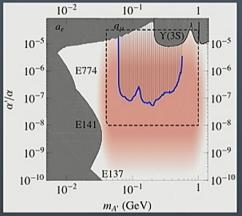
Dark force carrier maybe look for this?

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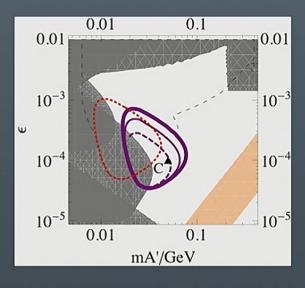




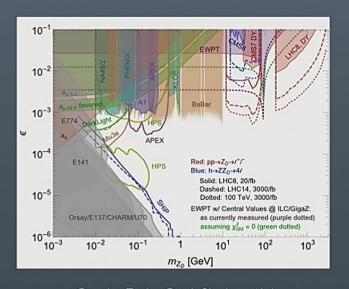
APEX, HPS, Darklight... - searches for new physics at the **<GeV** scale

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SEARCHES FOR DARK FORCES

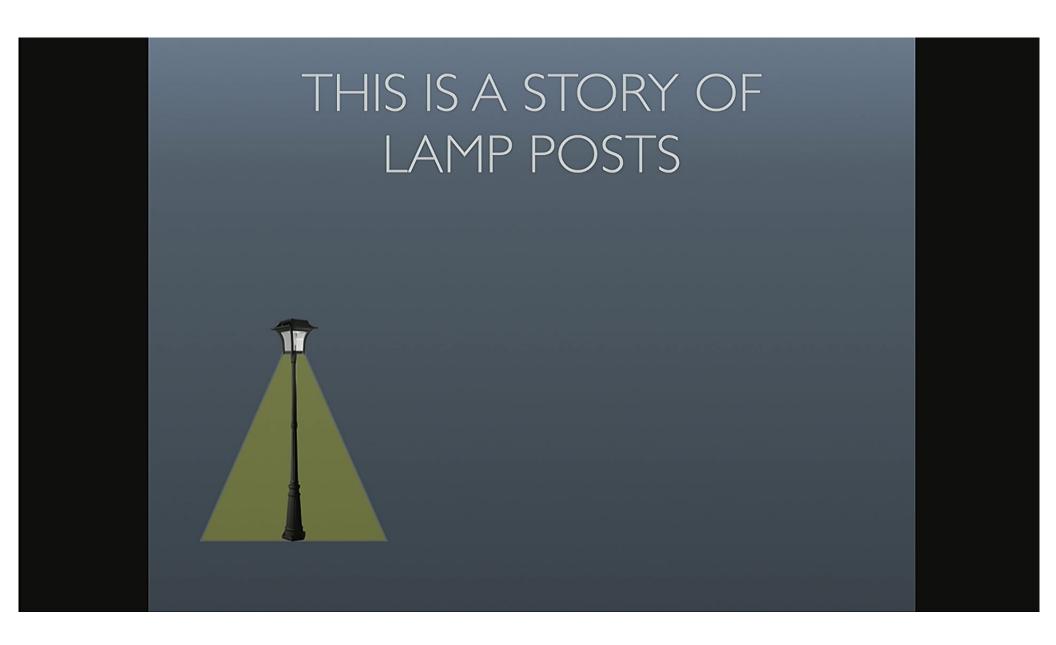


Bjorken, Essig, Schuster, Toro '08



Curtin, Essig, Gori, Shelton '14

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THE SEARCH FOR DARK MATTER

- Finding dark matter is hard because it's dark and we don't know what it is
- In this era, we will learn important qualitative results about dark matter, whether or not it is found
- We have many well motivated lamp posts being pursued,
 and there are tremendous prospects in the coming decade
- But it may be that the lamp post that best illuminates dark matter is still unconsidered

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