

# Dark Matter WIMPs & Axions Experiments

- Evidence and Candidates of Dark Matter
- Direct and Indirect Searches of WIMPs
- PAMELA/ATIC/DAMA Anomalous Results  
[ + *talks Bi XJ ; Shan CL* ]
- TEXONO Results on Low Mass WIMPs  
[ + *talk Lin ST* ]
- Axions (*if time permits*)

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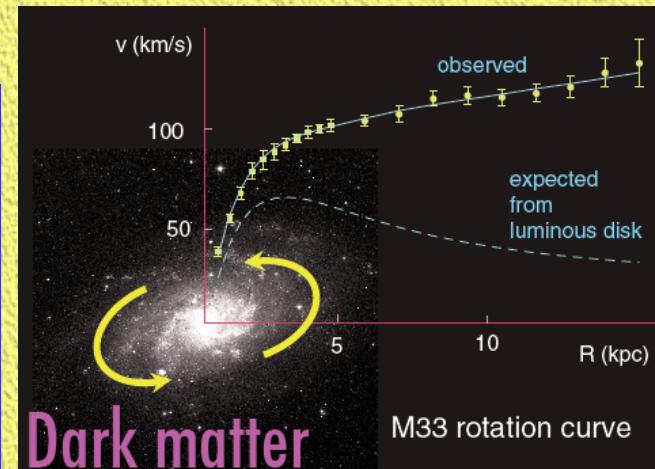


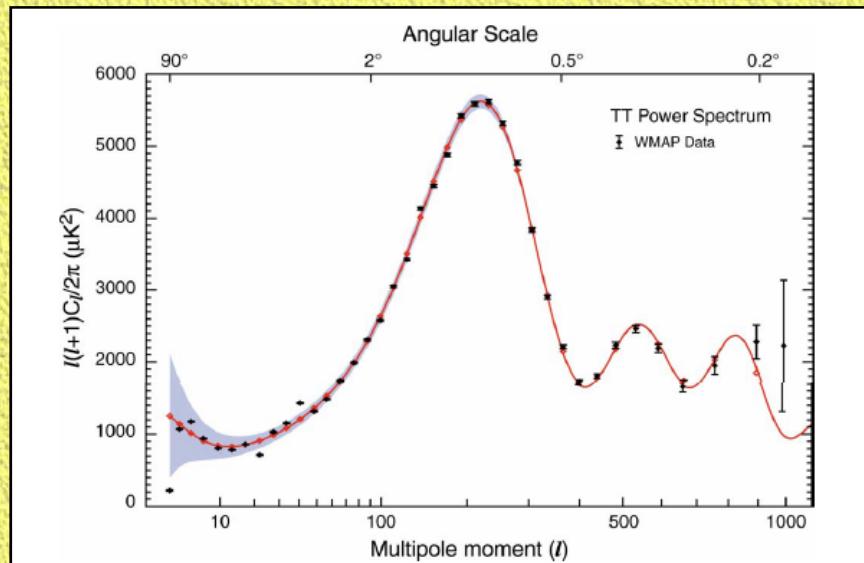
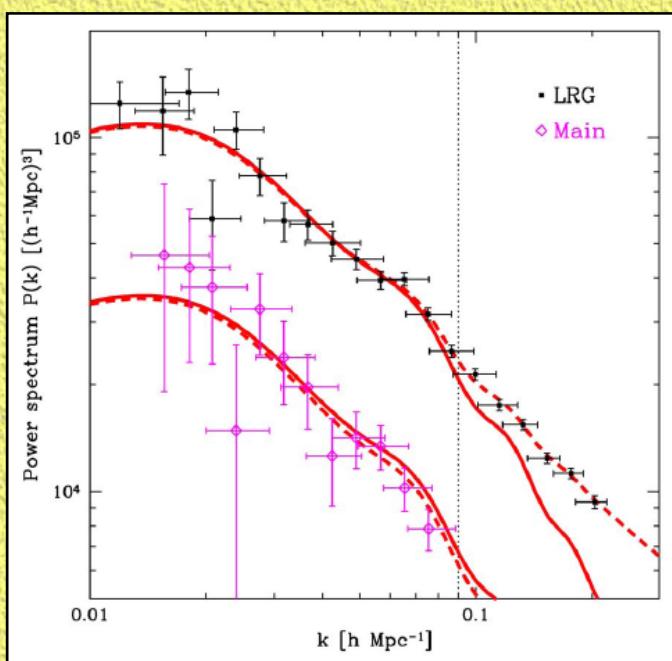
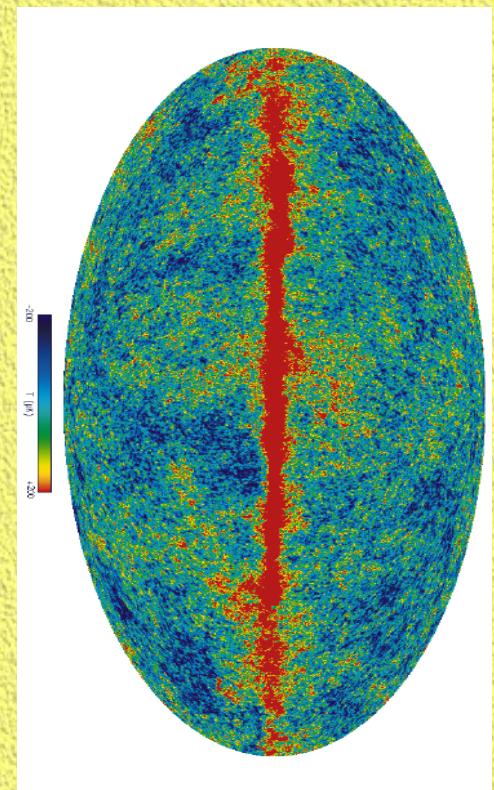
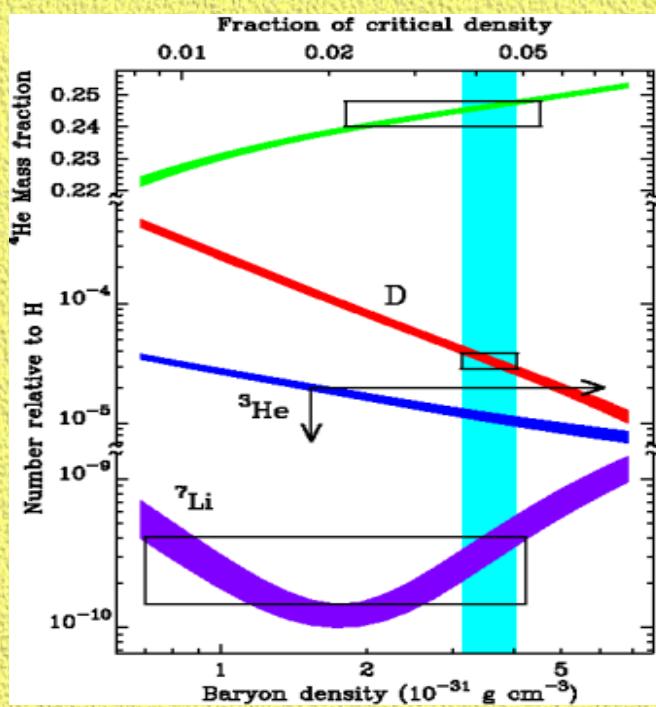
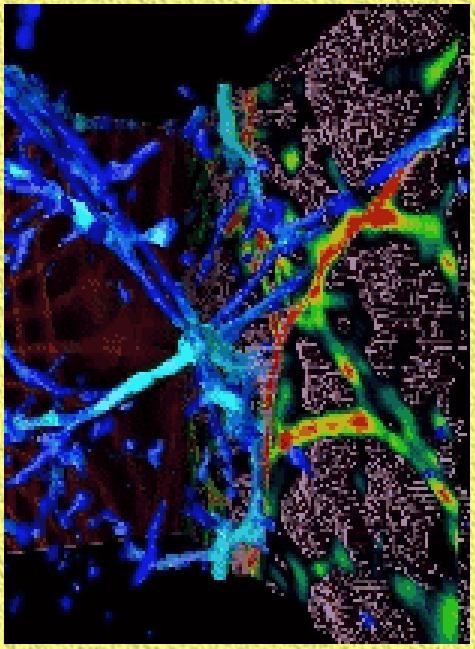
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# Evidence for Dark Matter

- **Spiral galaxies**
  - ↳ **Rotation Curve**
    - ⇒ **Missing  $\Omega$  (Galactic-kpc)**
- **Clusters & Superclusters**
  - ↳ **Gravitational Lensing**
    - ⇒ **Missing  $\Omega$  (Cluster-Mpc)**
- **Large Scale Structures**
  - ⇒ **Cold Dark Matter**
- **CMB Anisotropy**
  - ⇒  $\Omega_{\text{total}}$  ;  $\Omega_{\text{baryon}}$  (**cosmological**)
- **Big Bang Nucleosynthesis**
  - ⇒ **Constrain Baryon density**





# Dark Matter is DARK (not interacting electromagnetically) And NOT modified Gravity .....



Gravitational potential  
from weak lensing

Galaxies in optical  
(Hubble Space  
Telescope)

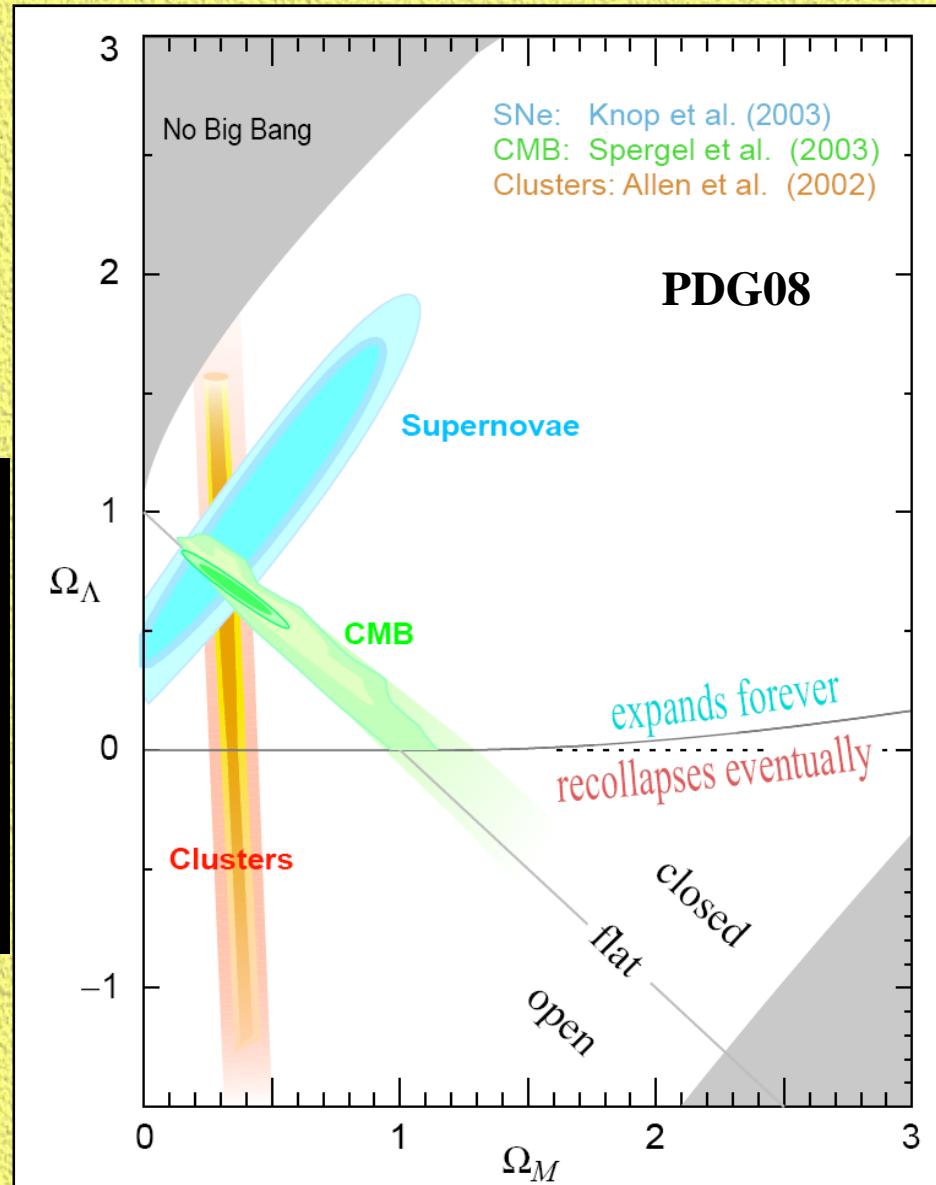
X-ray emitting hot gas  
(Chandra)

# Combined Constraints :

$$h = 0.71 \pm 0.04$$

Cosmological constant	$\Omega_\Lambda h^2 = 0.354 \pm 0.008$
Matter ( $p \approx 0$ )	$\Omega_m h^2 = 0.1369 \pm 0.003$
Radiation ( $p = \rho/3$ )	$\Omega_r h^2 = 2.47 \times 10^{-5}$

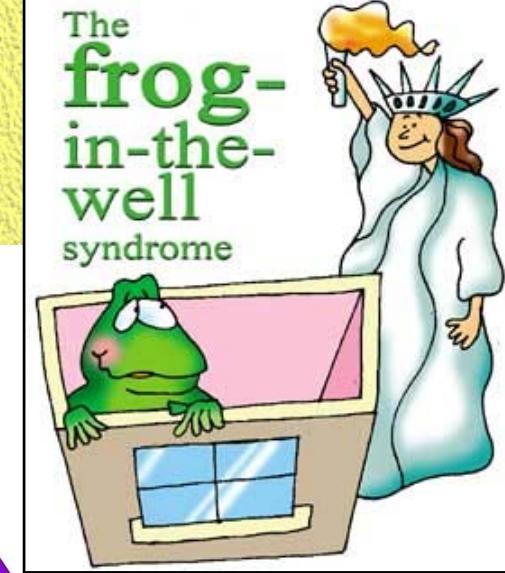
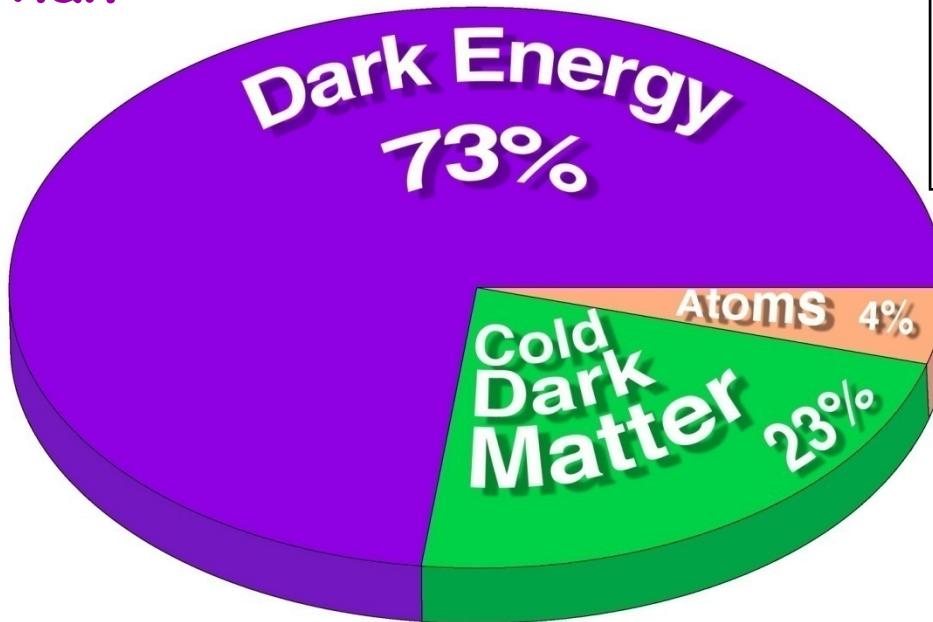
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$$\Omega_\Lambda = 0.73 \pm 0.04, \quad \Omega_m = 0.27 \pm 0.04$$

# Compositions of the Universe : We only Understand ~4% !!!????

Dark Energy : " We  
know less than  
Nothing !"



← Standard  
Model  
Matter :  
Understood

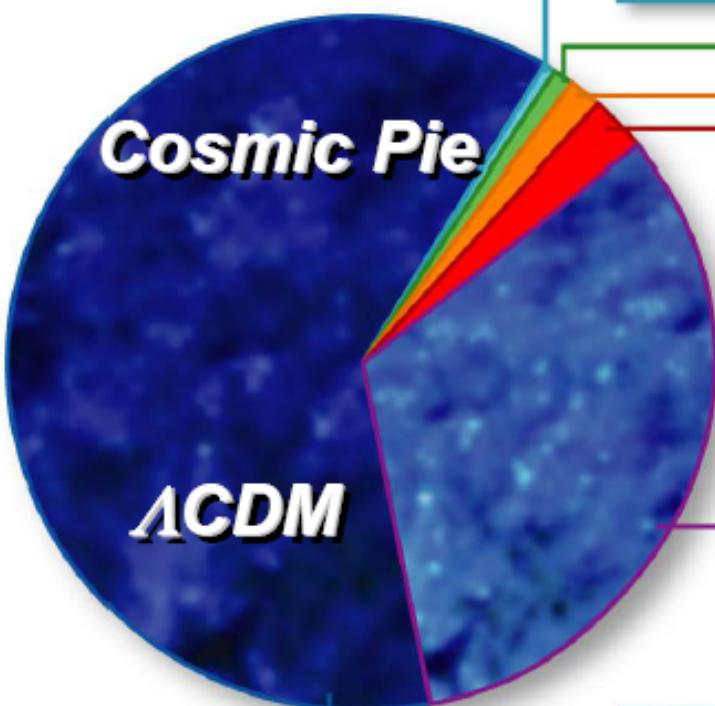
Or ....

✓ *The Ultimate Copernicus  
Principle !!*

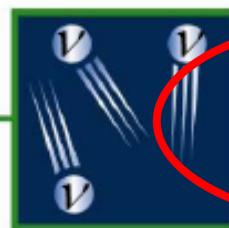
Dark Matter : " We  
know Nothing !" (but  
perhaps have  
reasonable guesses)

*at least as much  
neutrinos by mass  
as visible matter !*

$$\Omega_i \equiv \rho_i / \rho_{\text{CRITICAL}}$$
$$\Omega_{\text{TOTAL}} = 1$$



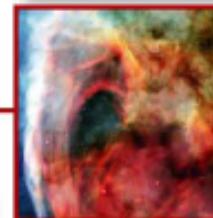
**Heavy Elements:**  
 $\Omega=0.0003$



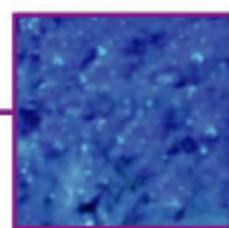
**Massive Neutrino:**  
 $\Omega=0.0047$



**Stars:**  
 $\Omega=0.005$



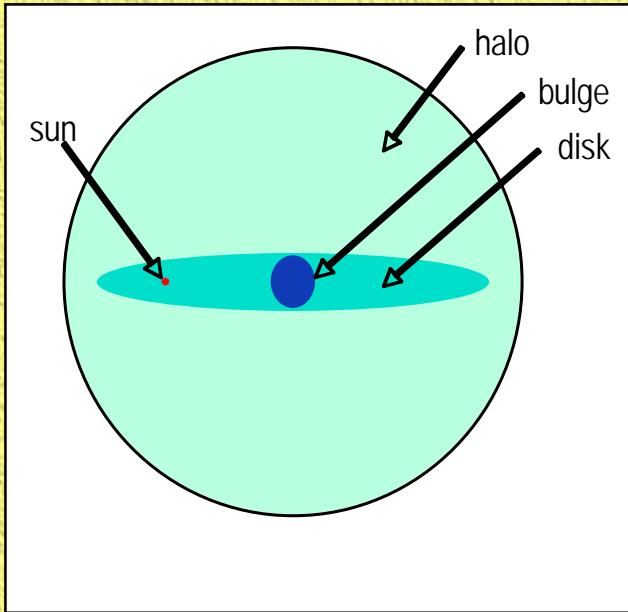
**Free H & He:**  
 $\Omega=0.04$



**Dark Energy ( $\Lambda$ ):**  
 $\Omega=0.70$

**Dark Matter:**  
 $\Omega=0.25$   
Massive neutrinos?

# Properties of a Good Cold Dark Matter Candidates:

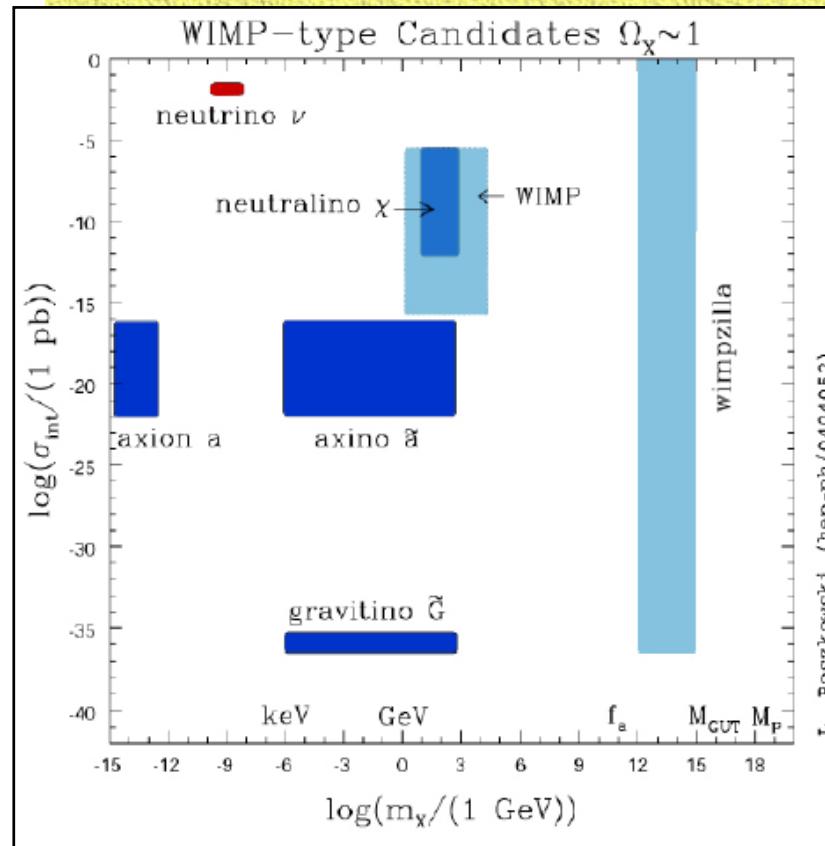


**Dark Matter  
gravitationally  
bounded in  
galactic halo**

- ✓ stable (protected by a conserved quantum number)
- ✓ no charge, no colour (weakly interacting)
- ✓ cold, non dissipative
- ✓ relic abundance compatible to observation
- ✓ motivated by theory (vs. “ad hoc”)

# (Incomplete) List of CDM candidates

- RH neutrinos
- Axions
- Lightest Supersymmetric particle (LSP) - neutralino, sneutrino, axino
- Highest Kaluza-Klein Particle (LKP)
- Heavy photon in Little Higgs Models
- Solitons (Q-balls, B-balls)
- Black Hole remnants
- ...



# Evolution of the Dark Matter Density

- Produced in big bang, but also annihilate with each other.
- Annihilation stops when number density drops to the point that

$$H > \Gamma_A \approx n_\chi <\sigma_A v>$$

i.e. annihilation too slow to keep up with Hubble expansion (“freeze out”)

- Leaves a relic abundance:

$$\Omega_\chi h^2 \approx 10^{-27} \text{ cm}^3 \text{s}^{-1} / <\sigma_A v>_{\text{fr}}$$

! **IF**  $\sigma_A \sim$  electroweak scale

$$\sigma_{\text{ann.}} \approx \text{a few pb} \approx \alpha_W^2 / M_W^2$$

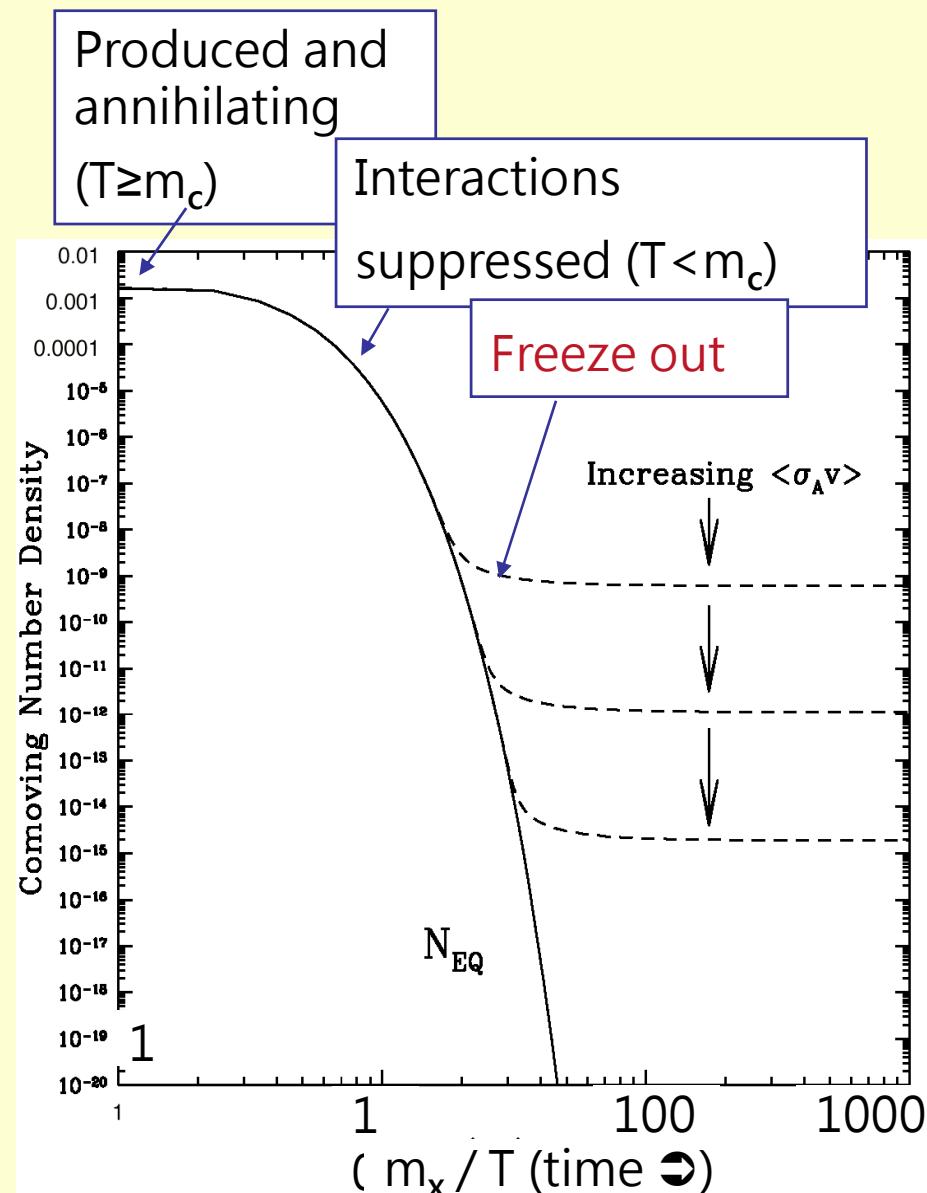
**THEN**

$$\Omega_\chi \sim 0.3$$

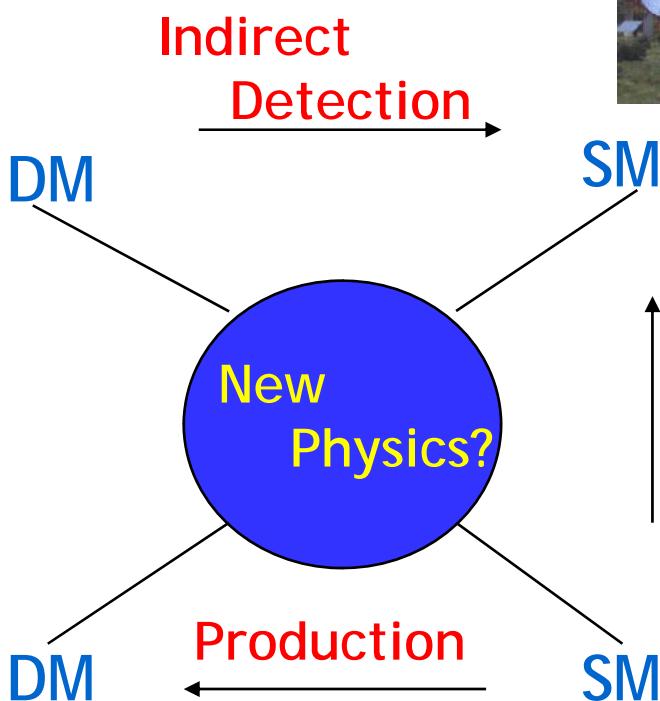
[ coincidence or miracle ?! ]

⇒ **WIMPs**

( no constraints on  $m_\chi$  )

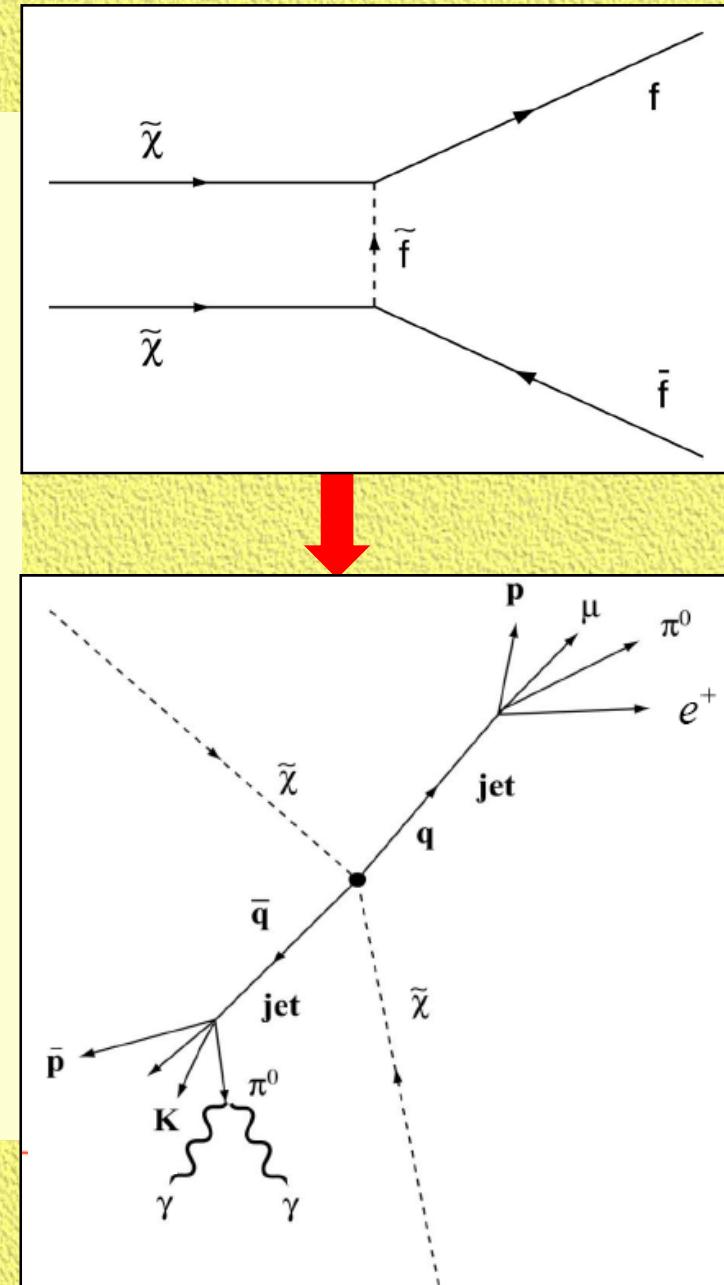


# Dark Matter Detection



# Indirect Detection of WIMP

- through their annihilation products
- Signals  $\Rightarrow$  high-energy neutrinos, anti-protons, positrons & photons
- Sources  $\Rightarrow$  Sun, Earth, Galactic Center, Milky Way Halo, Stars, External Galaxies
- HE neutrinos from Sun/Earth or anomalous  $\gamma$ -rays peaks  $\Rightarrow$  smoking gun signatures
- Anomalous spectral distributions of  $e^+$ ,  $p\bar{}$ ,  $\gamma$  etc.  $\Rightarrow$  dependent on background models



# Anomalous Cosmic Positron Spectrum

! Consolidated by latest results from  
PAMELA, PPB-BETS, ATIC

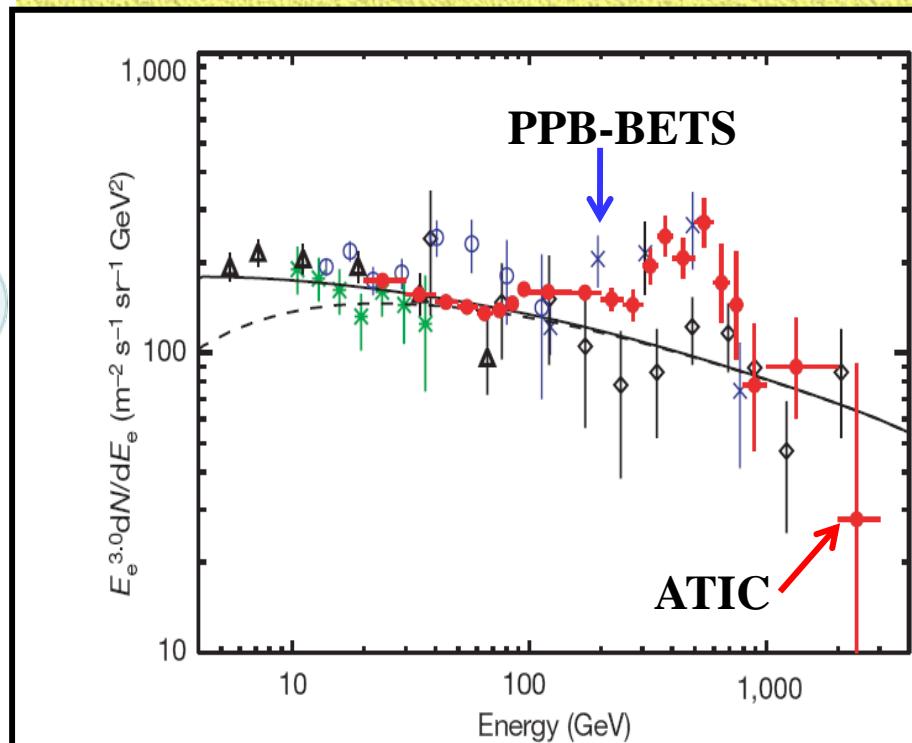
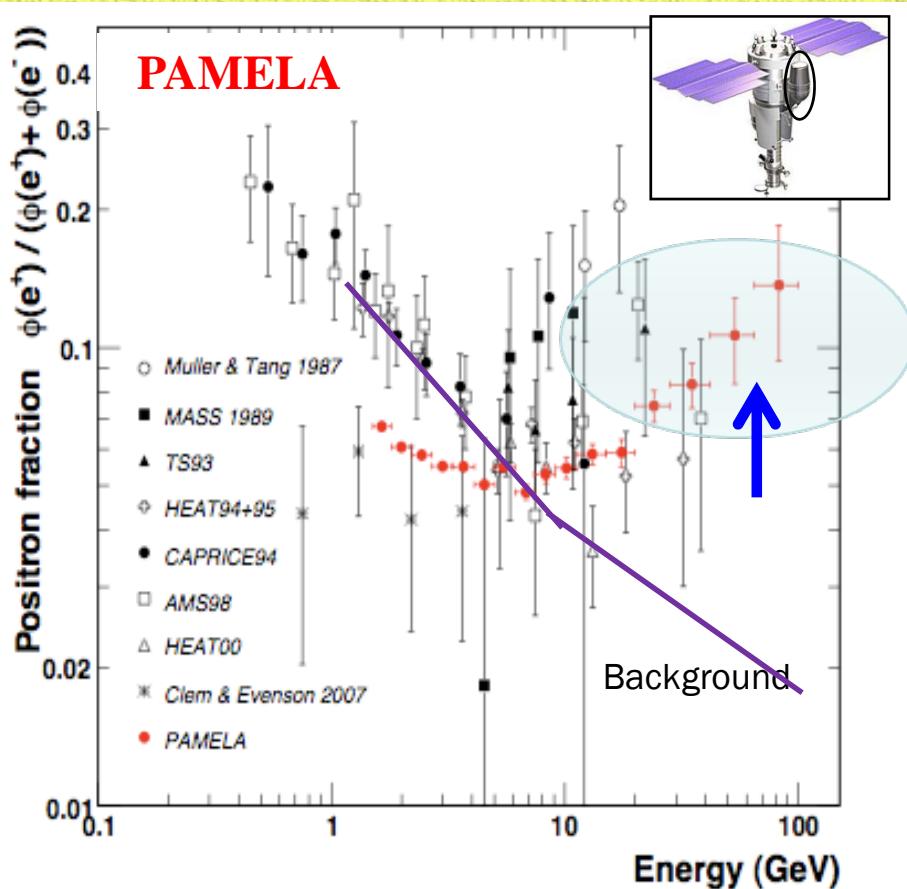


Figure 3 | ATIC results showing agreement with previous data at lower energy and with the imaging calorimeter PPB-BETS at higher energy. The

Astrophysical Primary sources or WIMP-induced ??

# Cosmic-Ray Anti-proton from PAMELA is OK, however.....

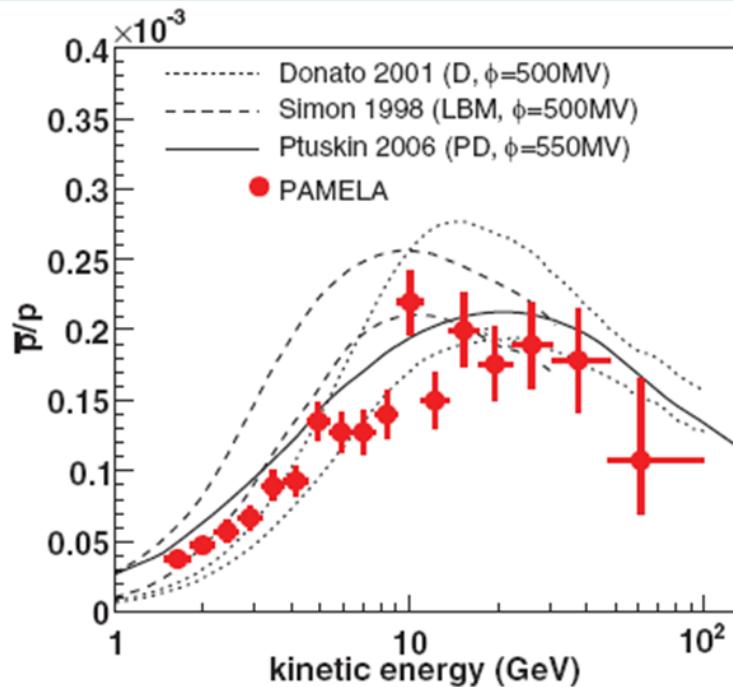


FIG. 3 (color). The antiproton-to-proton flux ratio obtained in this work compared with theoretical calculations for a pure secondary production of antiprotons during the propagation of cosmic rays in the galaxy. The dashed lines show the upper and lower limits calculated by Simon *et al.* [17] for the standard leaky box model, while the dotted lines show the limits from Donato *et al.* [18] for a Diffusion model with reacceleration. The solid line shows the calculation by Ptuskin *et al.* [19] for the case of a plain diffusion model. The curves were obtained using appropriate solar modulation parameters (indicated as  $\phi$ ) for the PAMELA data taking period.

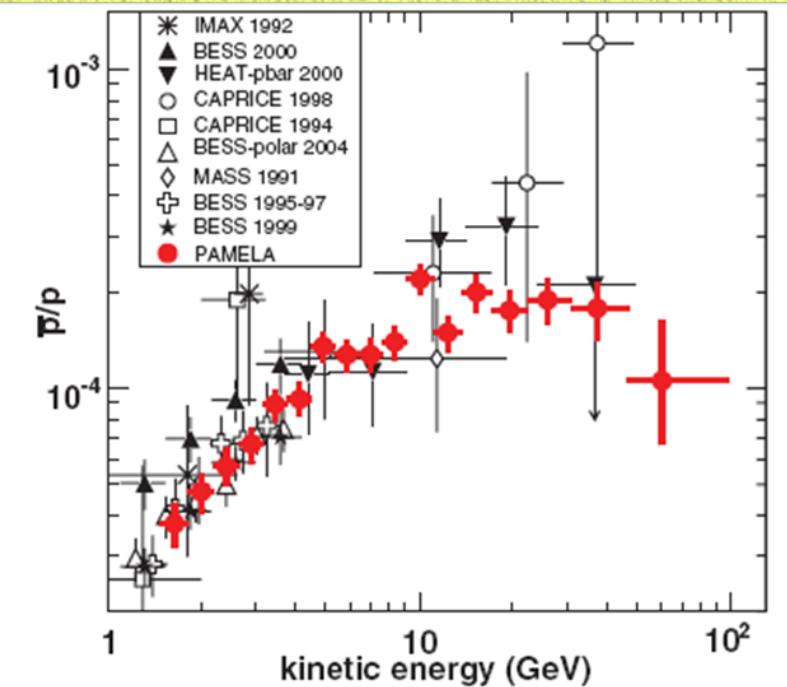


FIG. 4 (color). The antiproton-to-proton flux ratio obtained in this work compared with contemporary measurements [8–10,20–23].



# Advanced Thin Ionization Calorimeter ATIC

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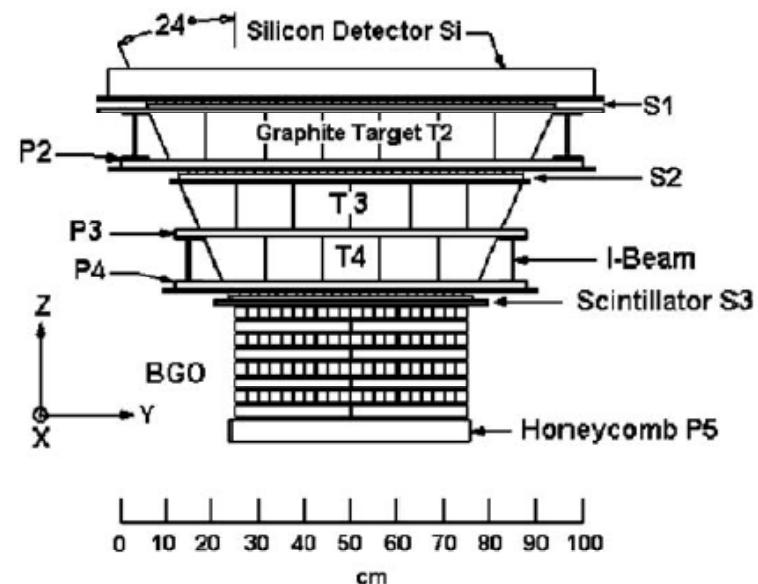
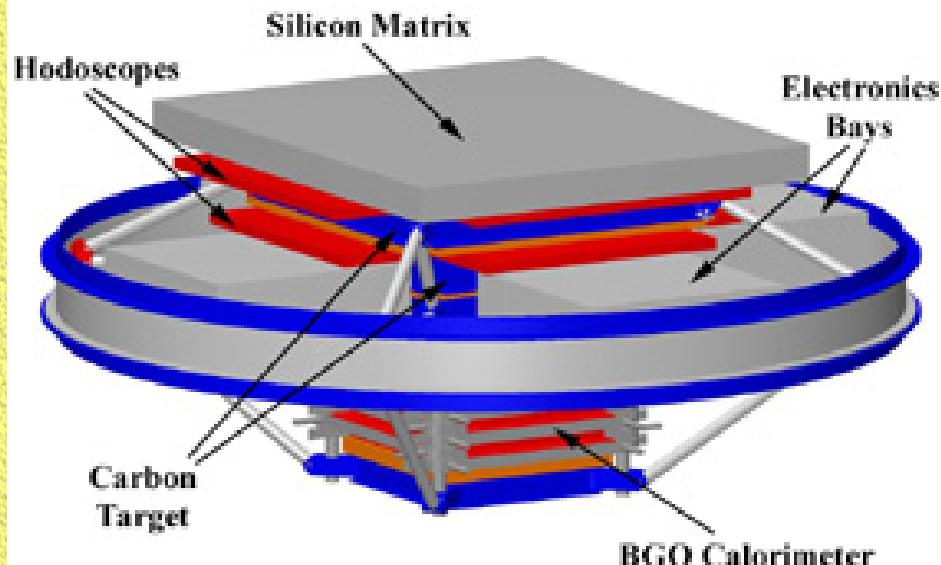
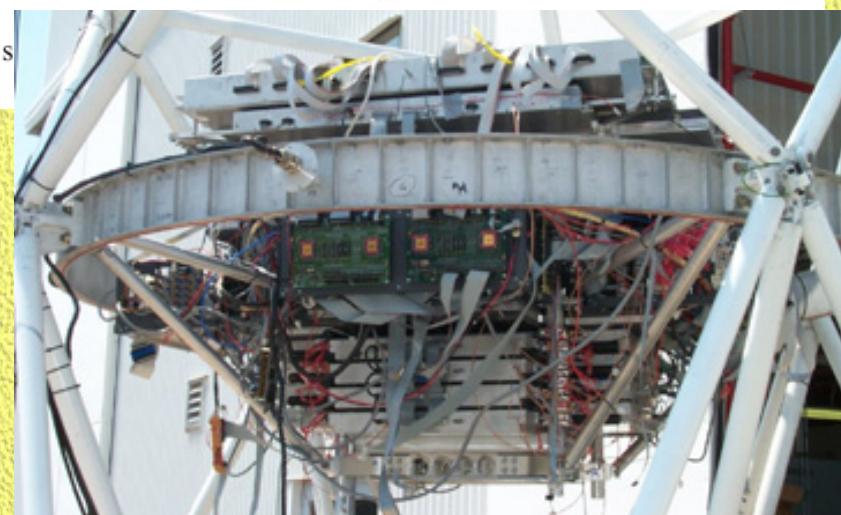


Fig. 1. 3D mechanical drawing (left) and 2D simulation s



# Typical (p,e, $\gamma$ ) Shower image in ATIC (Flight data 250 GeV @ BGO)

- Electron and gamma-ray showers are narrower than the proton shower
- Gamma-ray shower: No hits at top detectors around shower axis
- p-rejection in e ~  $10^{-4}$

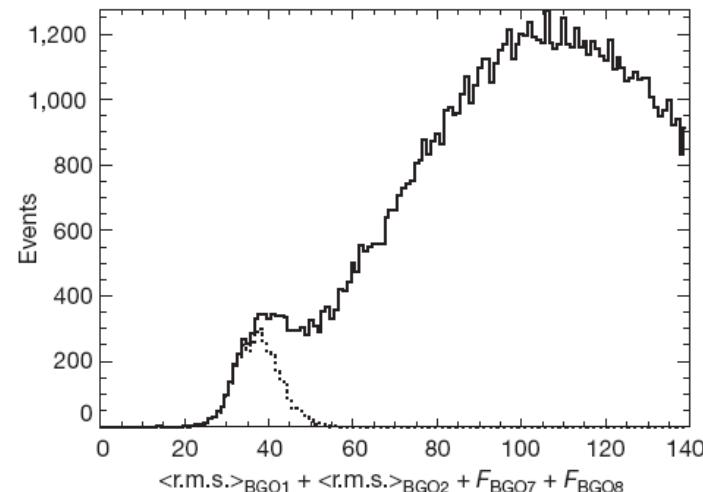
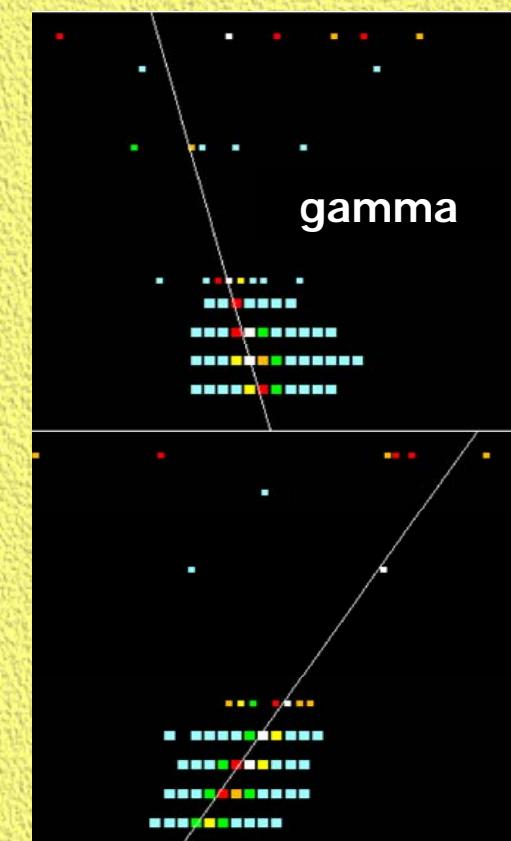
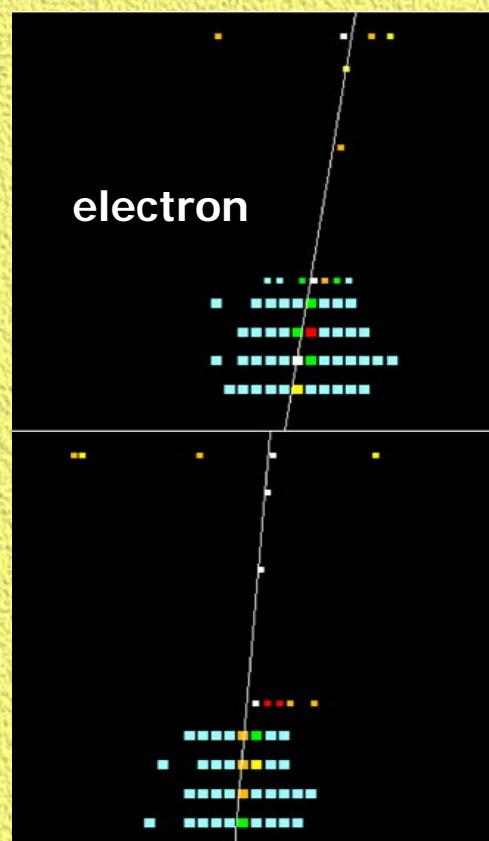
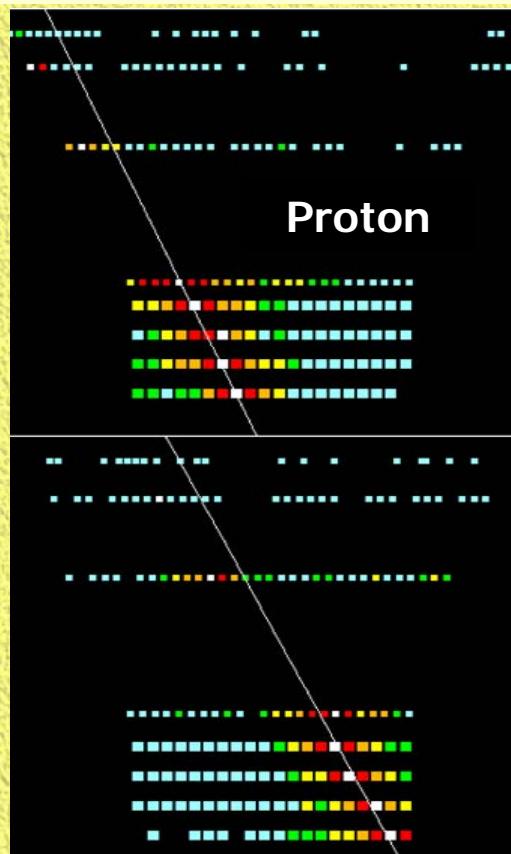


Figure 1 | Separation of electrons from protons in the ATIC instrument.

# An excess of cosmic ray electrons at energies of 300–800 GeV

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Galactic cosmic rays consist of protons, electrons and ions, most of which are believed to be accelerated to relativistic speeds in supernova remnants<sup>1–3</sup>. All components of the cosmic rays show an intensity that decreases as a power law with increasing energy (for example as  $E^{-2.7}$ ). Electrons in particular lose energy rapidly through synchrotron and inverse Compton processes, resulting in a relatively short lifetime (about  $10^5$  years) and a rapidly falling intensity, which raises the possibility of seeing the contribution from individual nearby sources (less than one kiloparsec away)<sup>4</sup>. Here we report an excess of galactic cosmic-ray electrons at energies of  $\sim$ 300–800 GeV, which indicates a nearby source of energetic electrons. Such a source could be an unseen astrophysical object (such as a pulsar<sup>5</sup> or micro-quasar<sup>6</sup>) that accelerates electrons to those energies, or the electrons could arise from the annihilation of dark matter particles (such as a Kaluza–Klein particle<sup>7</sup> with a mass of about 620 GeV).

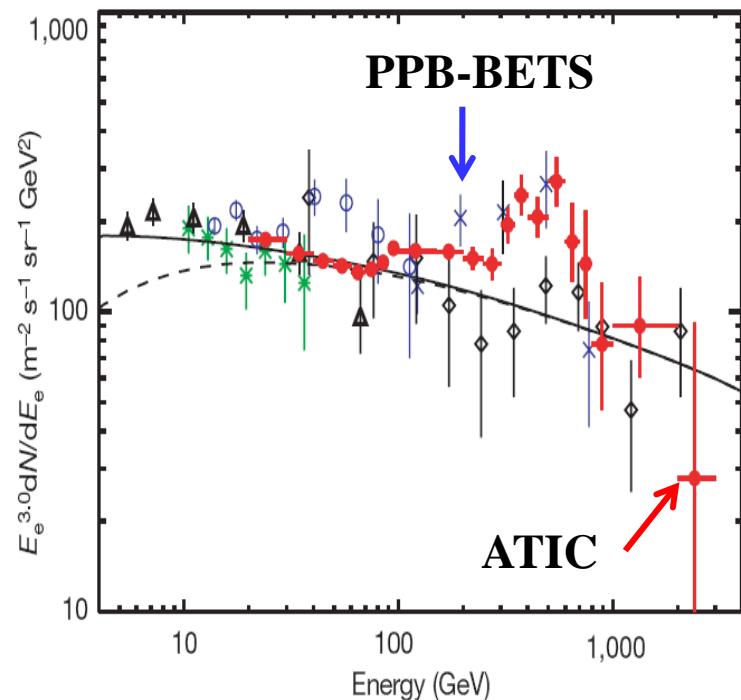
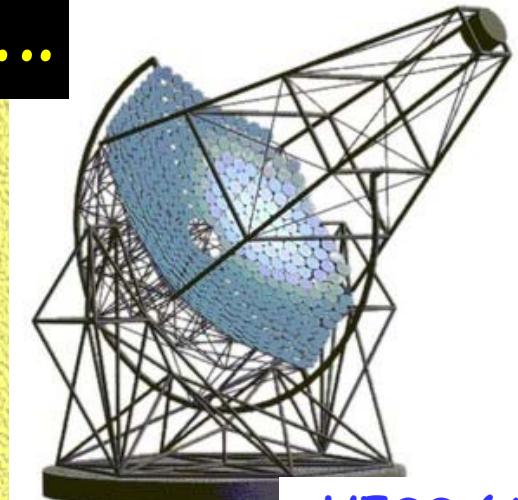
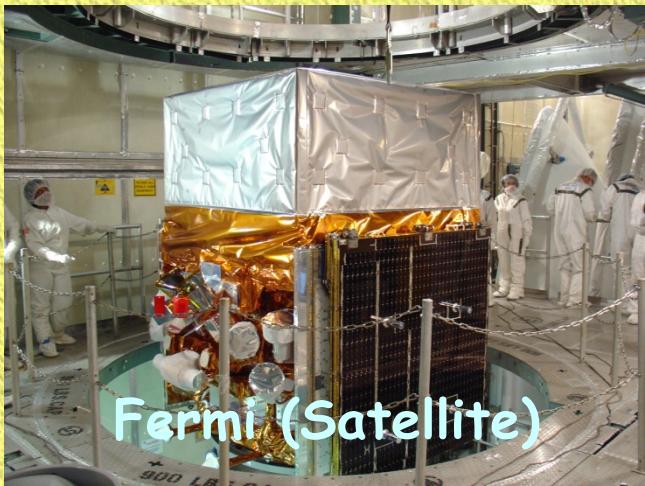
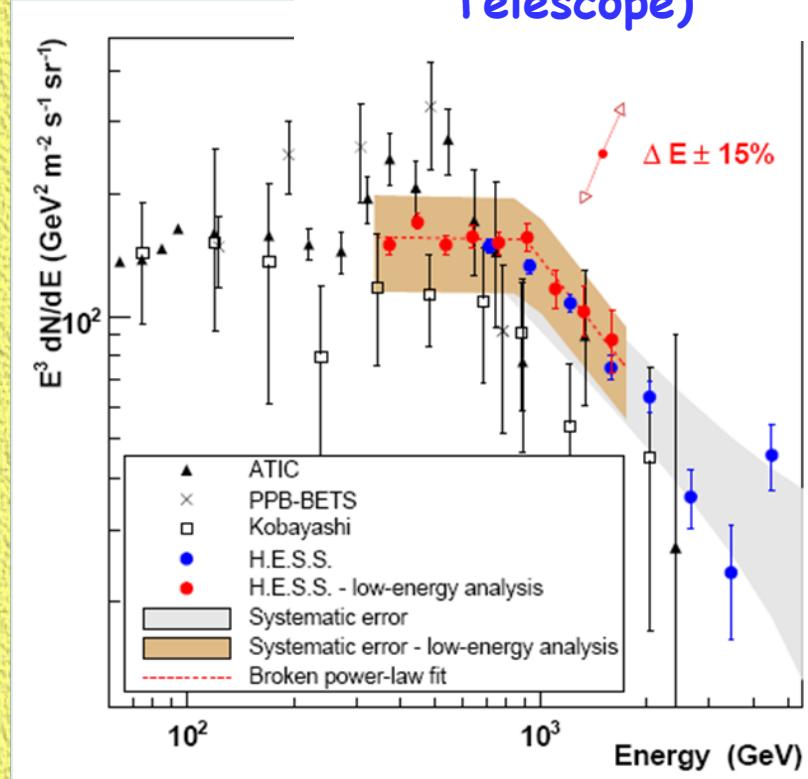
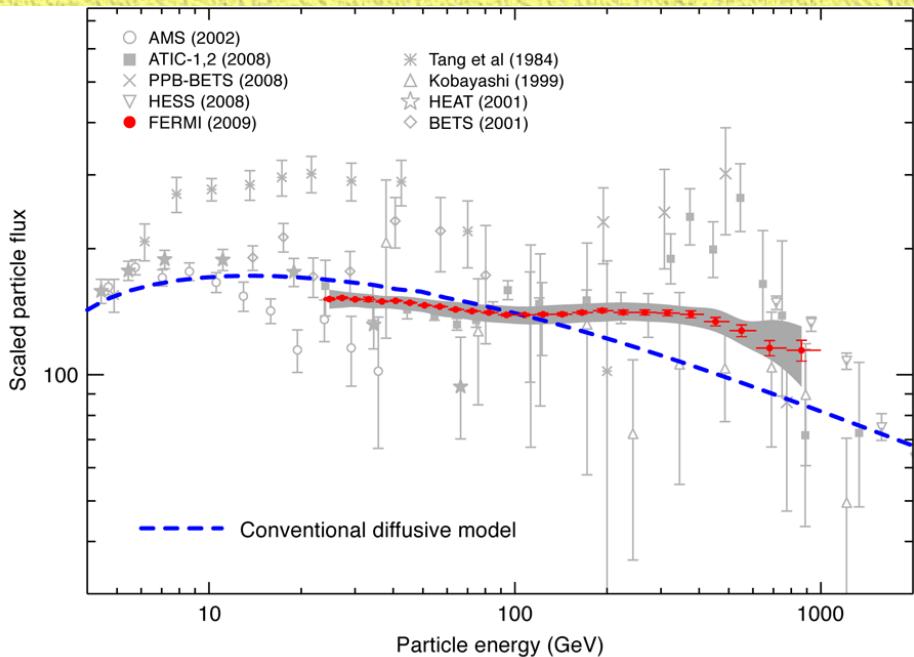


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# But ! New May 2009 Results .....

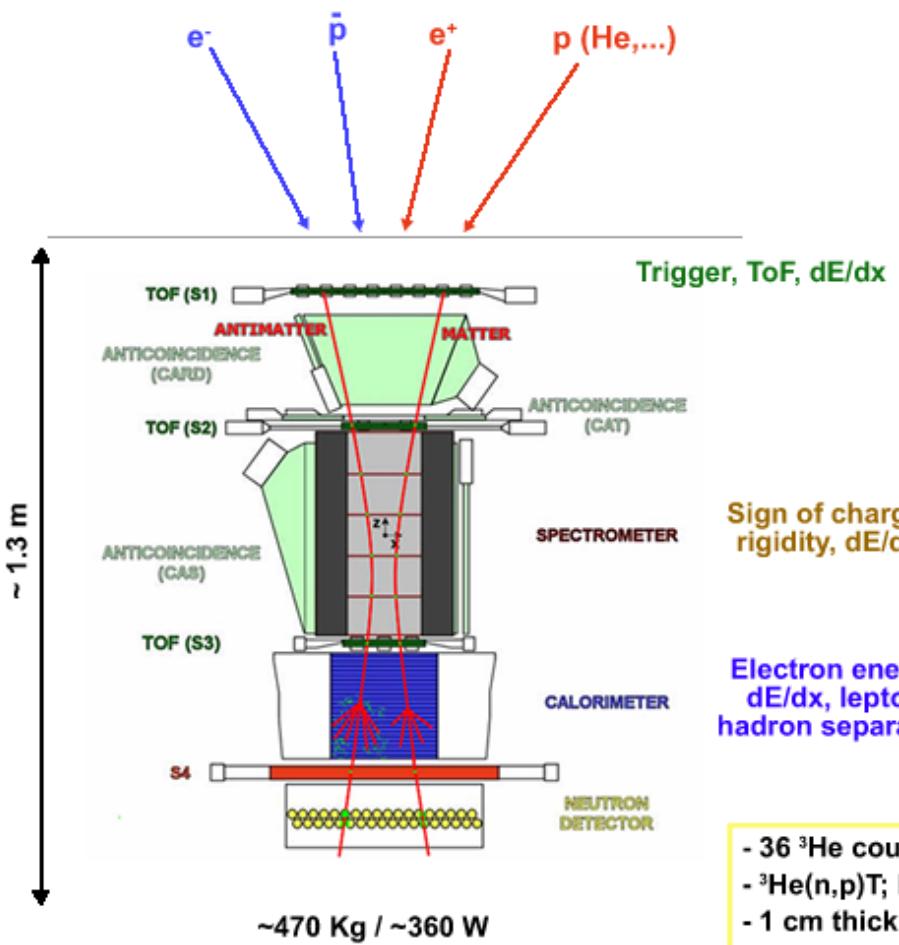


**HESS (Air Cerenkov Telescope)**





a **P**ayload for **A**ntimatter **M**atter **E**xploration  
and **L**ight-nuclei **A**strophysics



- S1, S2, S3; double layers, x-y
- plastic scintillator (8mm)
- ToF resolution  $\sim 300 \text{ ps}$  (S1-3 ToF  $> 3 \text{ ns}$ )
- lepton-hadron separation  $< 1 \text{ GeV}/c$
- S1.S2.S3 (low rate) / S2.S3 (high rate)

- Permanent magnet, 0.43 T
- $21.5 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$
- 6 planes double-sided silicon strip detectors (300  $\mu\text{m}$ )
- 3  $\mu\text{m}$  resolution in bending view  $\rightarrow$  MDR  $\sim 800 \text{ GV}$  (6 plane)  $\sim 500 \text{ GV}$  (5 plane)

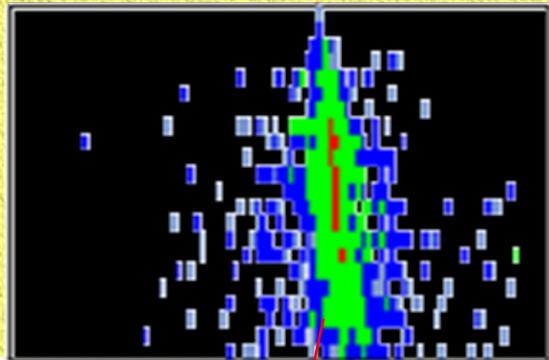
Sign of charge,  
rigidity, dE/dx

Electron energy,  
dE/dx, lepton-  
hadron separation

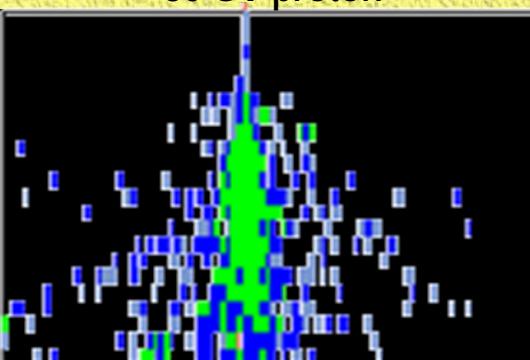
- 44 Si-x / W / Si-y planes (380)
- $16.3 \text{ X0} / 0.6 \text{ L}$
- $dE/E \sim 5.5 \%$  (10 - 300 GeV)
- Self trigger  $> 300 \text{ GeV} / 600 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ sr}$

- 36  $^3\text{He}$  counters
- $^3\text{He}(n,p)\text{T}$ ;  $E_p = 780 \text{ keV}$
- 1 cm thick poly + Cd moderator
- 200  $\mu\text{s}$  collection

51 GV positron



80 GV proton



## e/p separation:

- Calo-E-fraction
- Energy-momentum match
- Shower start point
- Shower long./lat profile

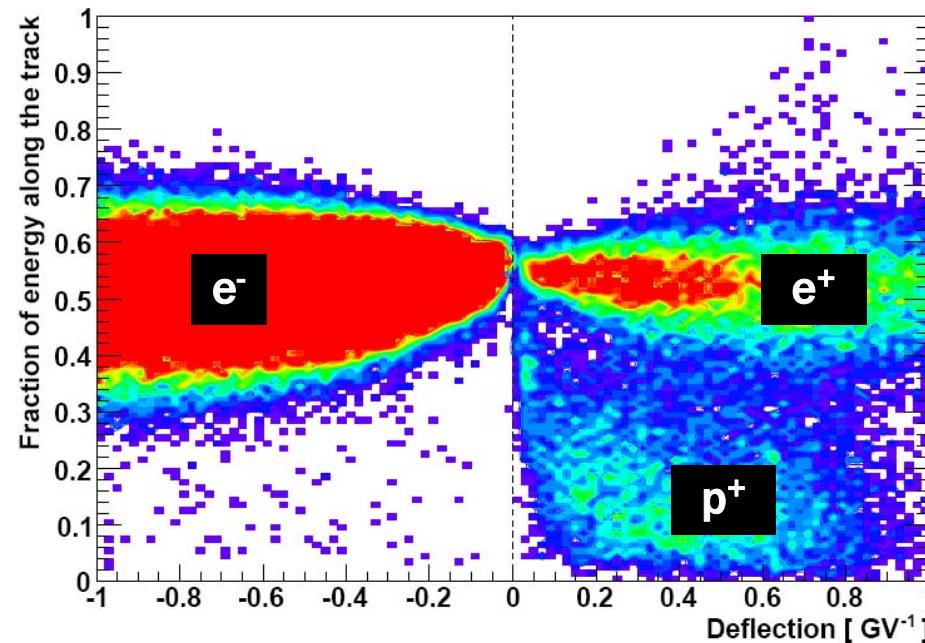
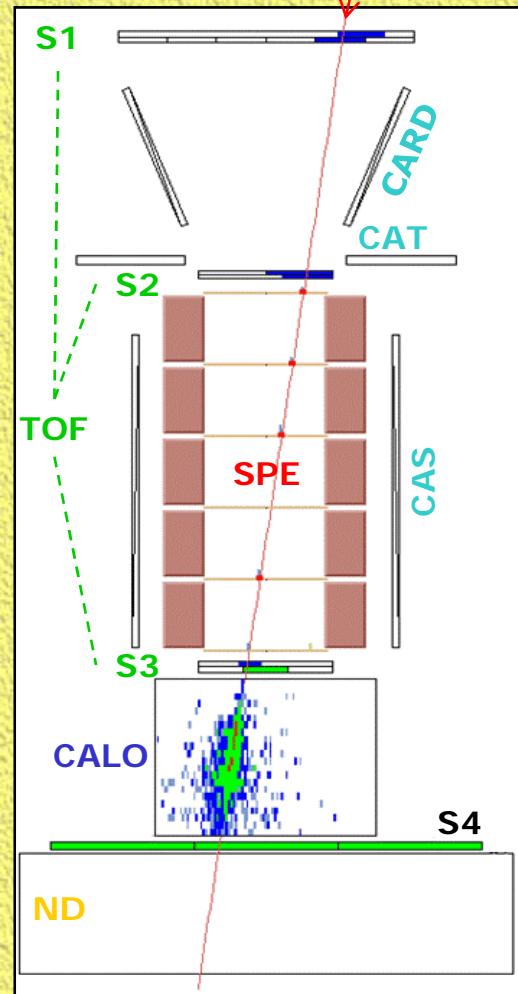


FIG. 1: Calorimeter energy fraction  $\mathcal{F}$ . The fraction of calorimeter energy deposited inside a cylinder of radius 0.3 Molière radii, as a function of deflection.  
by extrapolating the particle track reconstructed by the spectrometer  
**p-rejection < 10<sup>-5</sup>**

# An anomalous positron abundance in cosmic rays with energies 1.5–100 GeV

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Antiparticles account for a small fraction of cosmic rays and are known to be produced in interactions between cosmic-ray nuclei and atoms in the interstellar medium<sup>1</sup>, which is referred to as a ‘secondary source’. Positrons might also originate in objects such as pulsars<sup>2</sup> and microquasars<sup>3</sup> or through dark matter annihilation<sup>4</sup>, which would be ‘primary sources’. Previous statistically limited measurements<sup>5–7</sup> of the ratio of positron and electron fluxes have been interpreted as evidence for a primary source for the positrons, as has an increase in the total electron+positron flux at energies between 300 and 600 GeV (ref. 8). Here we report a measurement of the positron fraction in the energy range 1.5–100 GeV. We find that the positron fraction increases sharply over much of that range, in a way that appears to be completely inconsistent with secondary sources. We therefore conclude that a primary source, be it an astrophysical object or dark matter annihilation, is necessary.

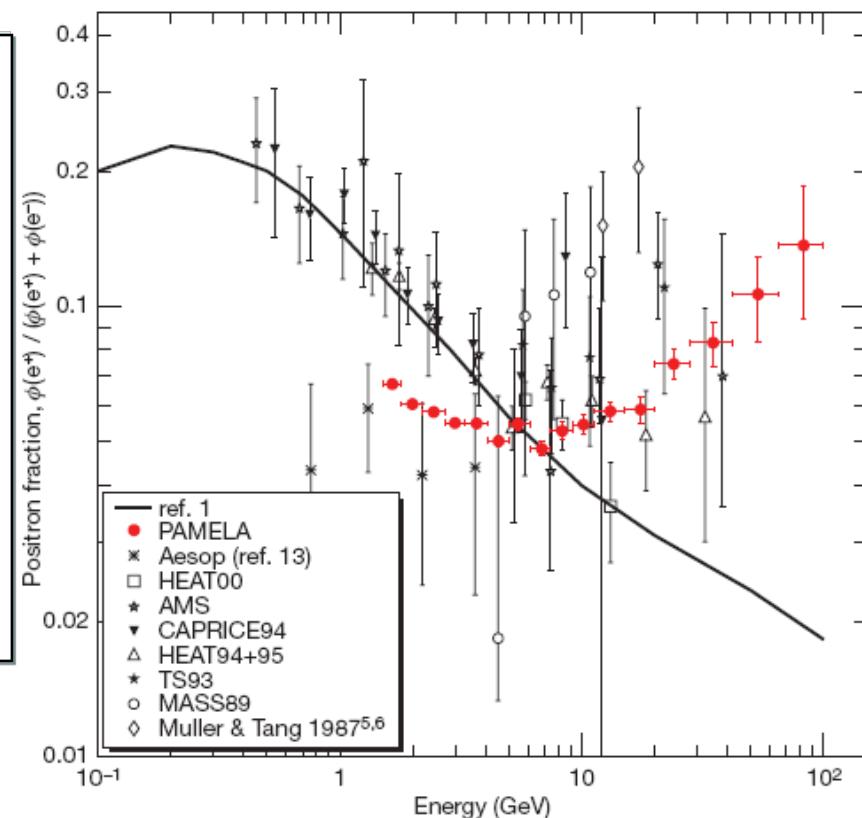


Figure 2 | PAMELA positron fraction with other experimental data and with secondary production model. The positron fraction measured by the

**AMS: Construction of the detectors is complete.  
Expected Launch : Fall 2010**

**TRD**



*e*

**Silicon Tracker**  
*Z, P*



*e,  $\gamma$*



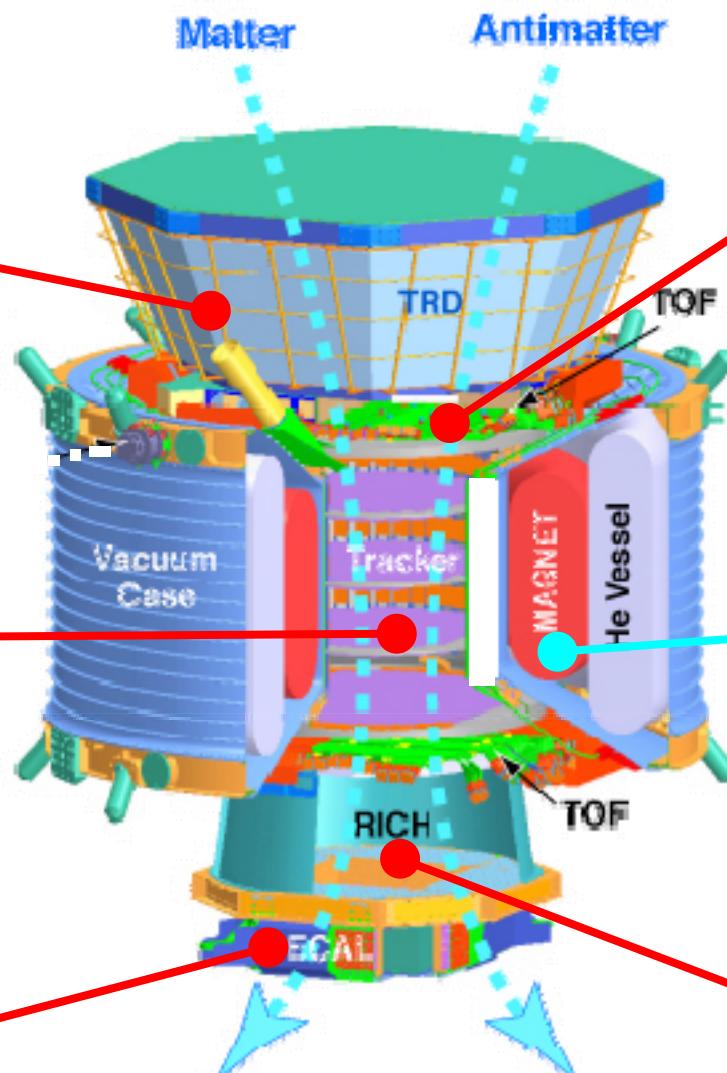
**Calorimeter**

*e,  $\gamma$*

**Size: 3m x 3m x 3m  
Weight: 7 tons**

**Matter**

**Antimatter**

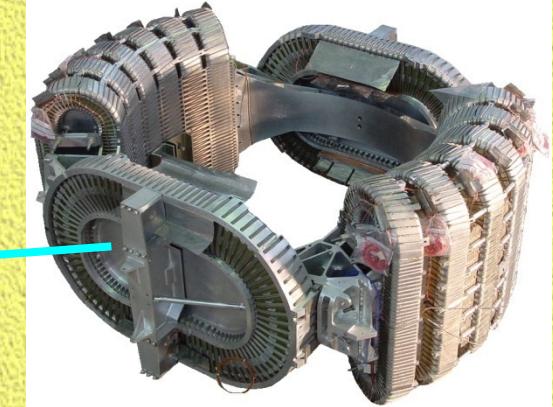


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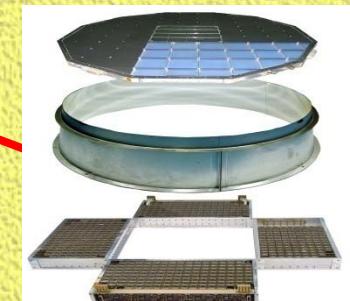
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**Magnet**  
*P*



**RICH**  
*v, Z*



# AMS-2 Sensitivities ...

... charge determination till  $\sim 500$  GeV

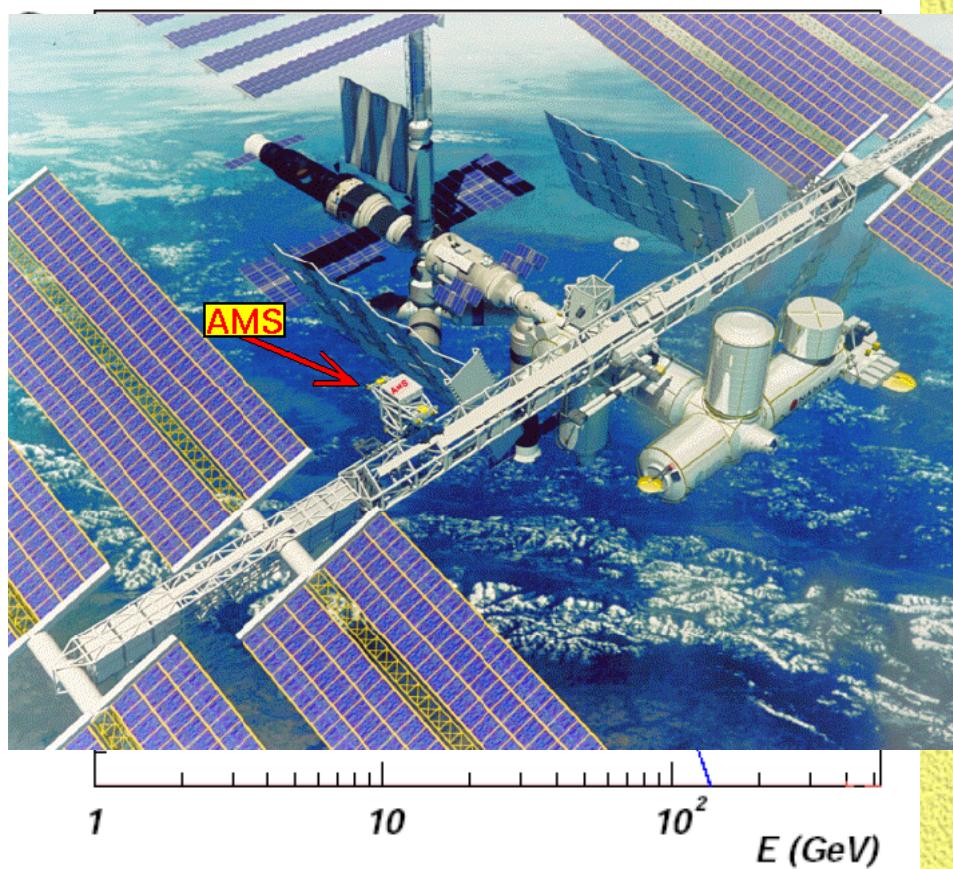
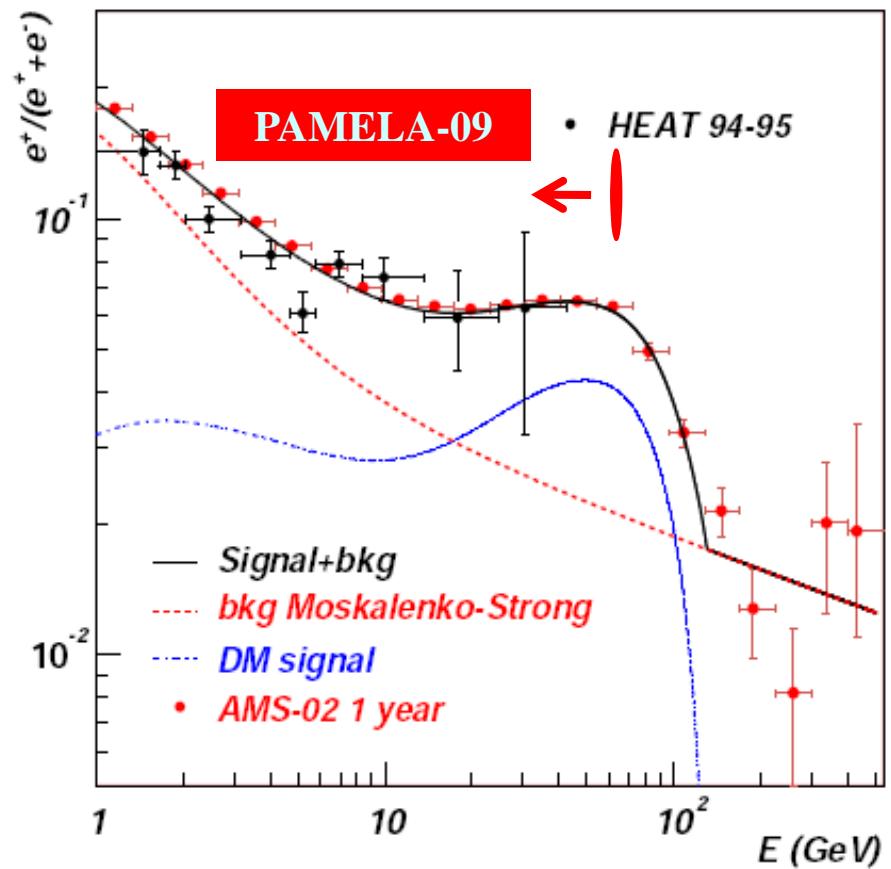
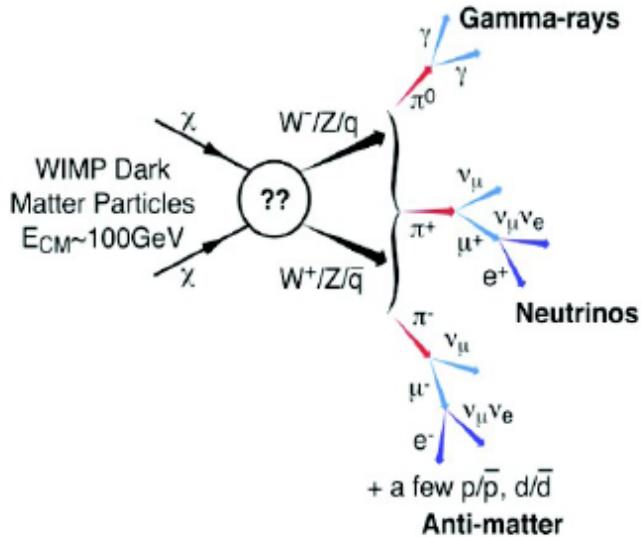


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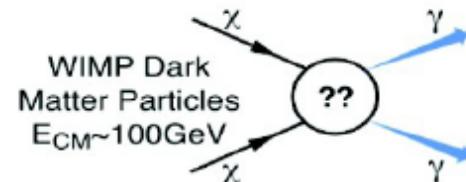
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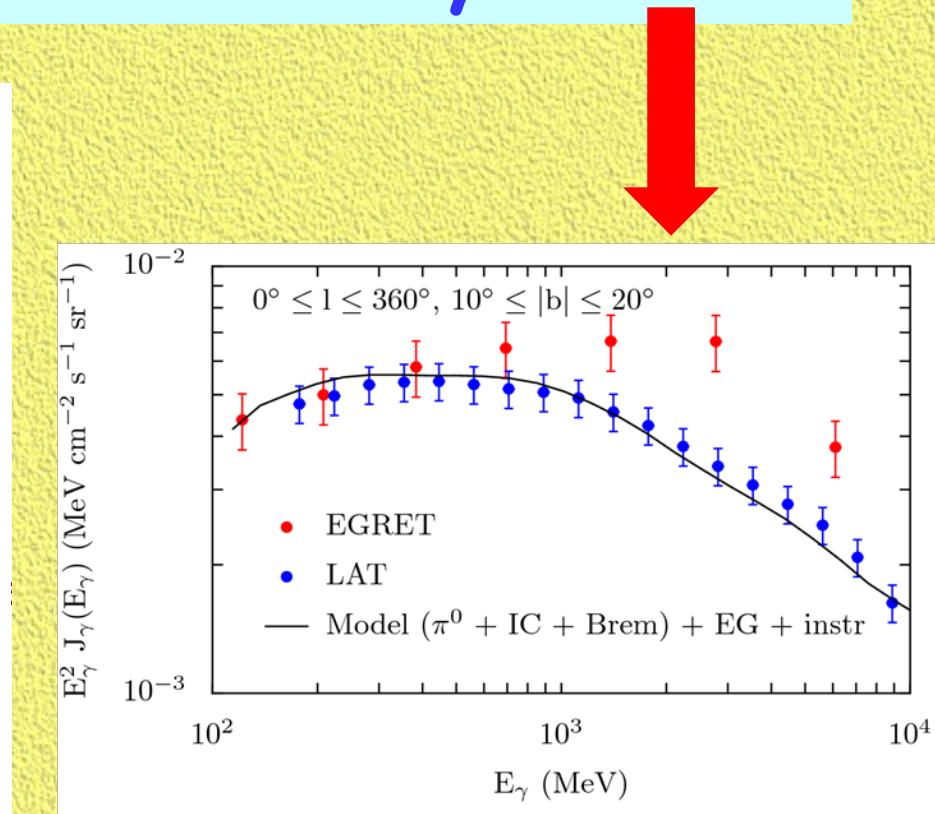
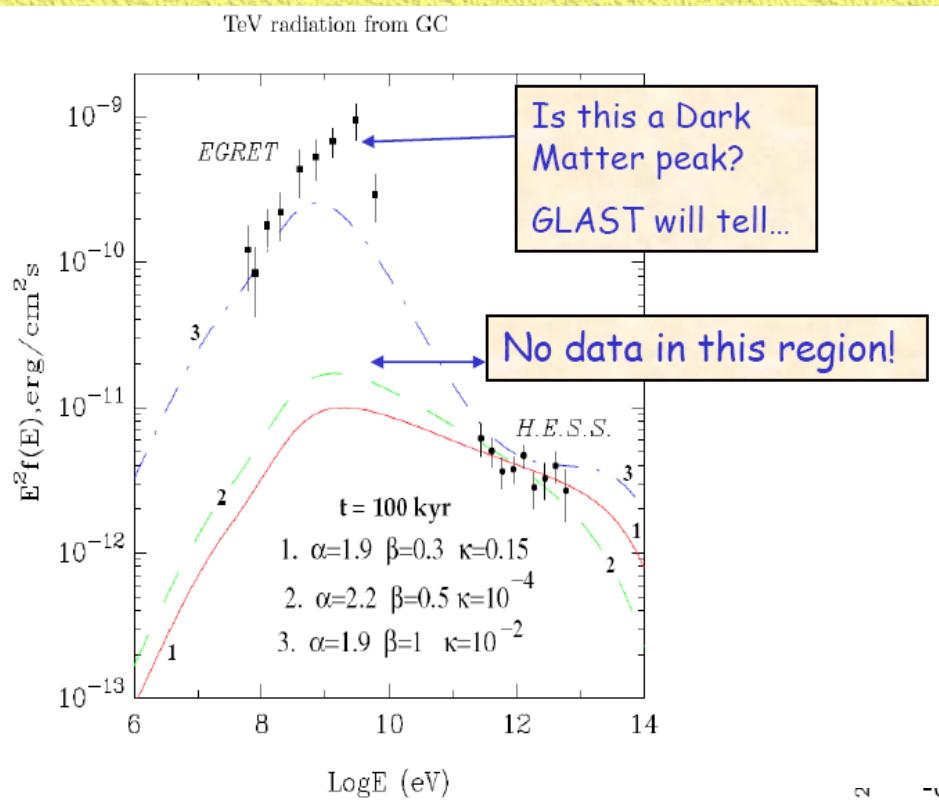


Taking Data : *GLAST/Fermi*



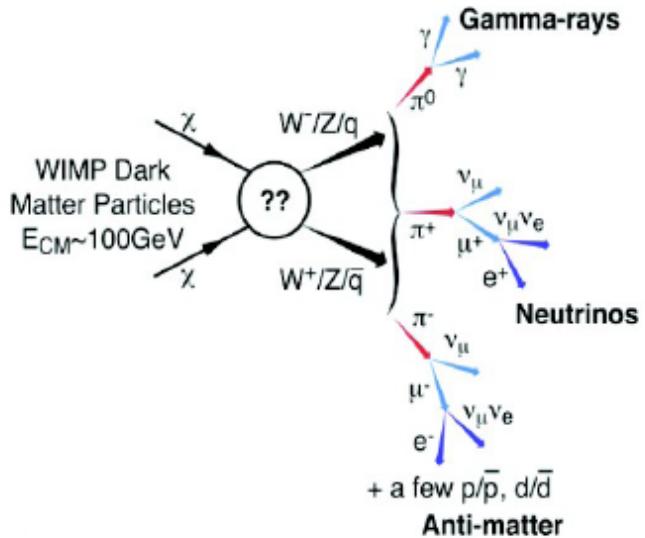
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! from EGRET, *NOW* tested by Fermi



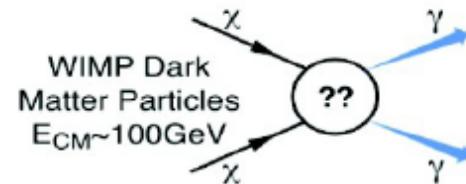
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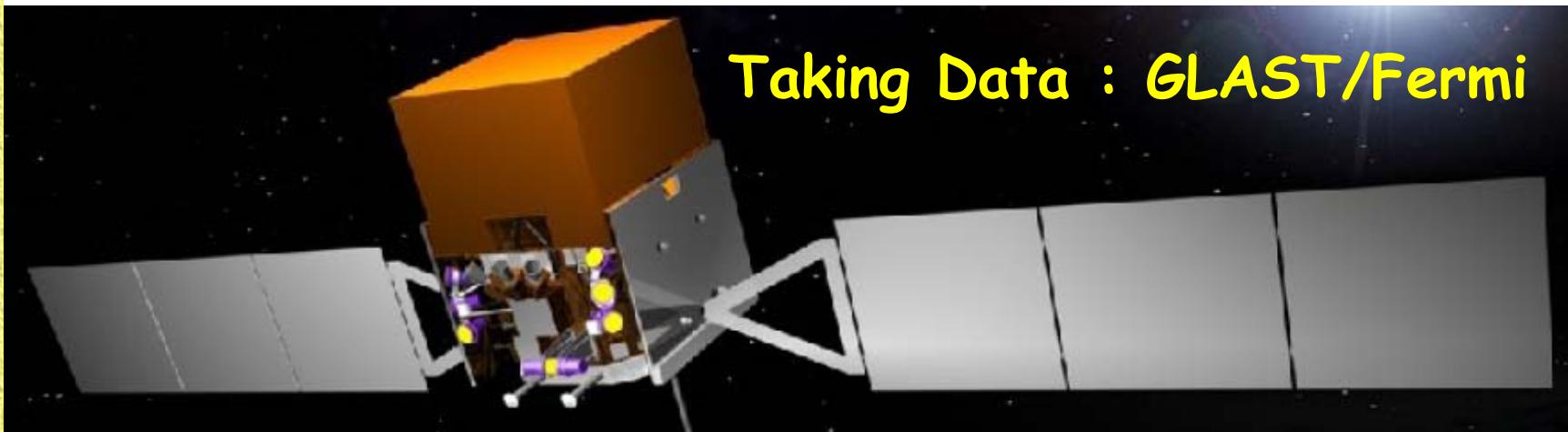


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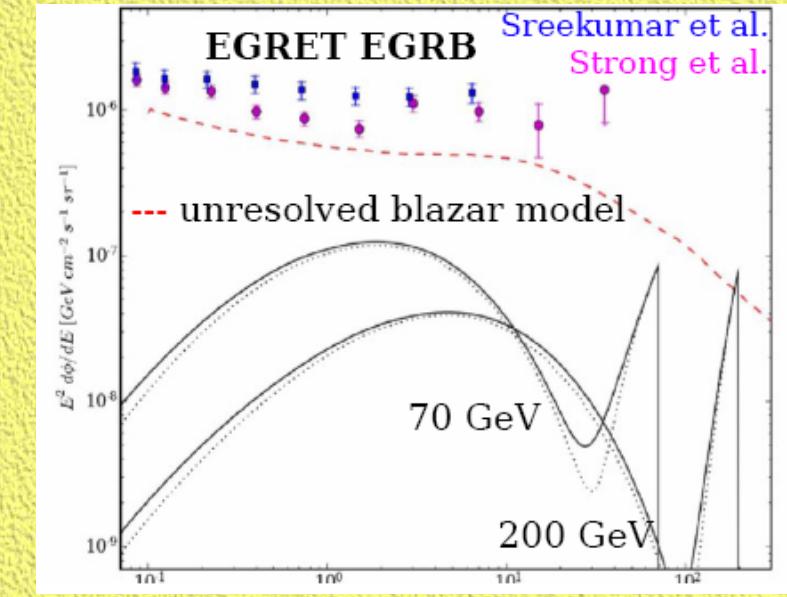
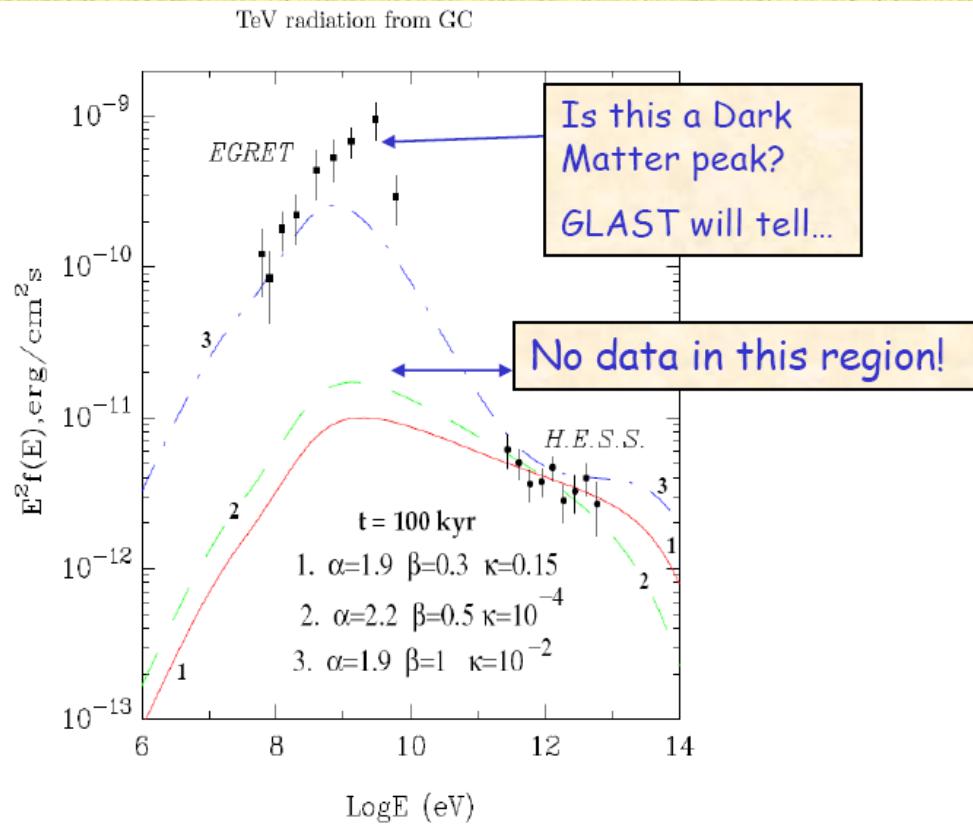


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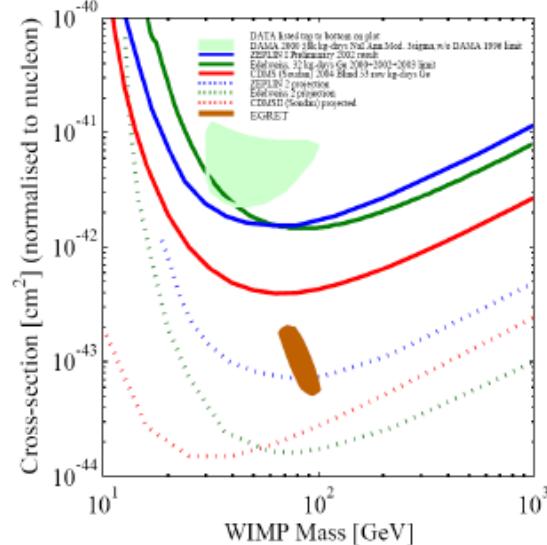


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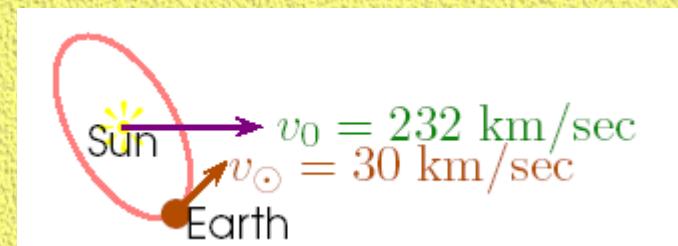
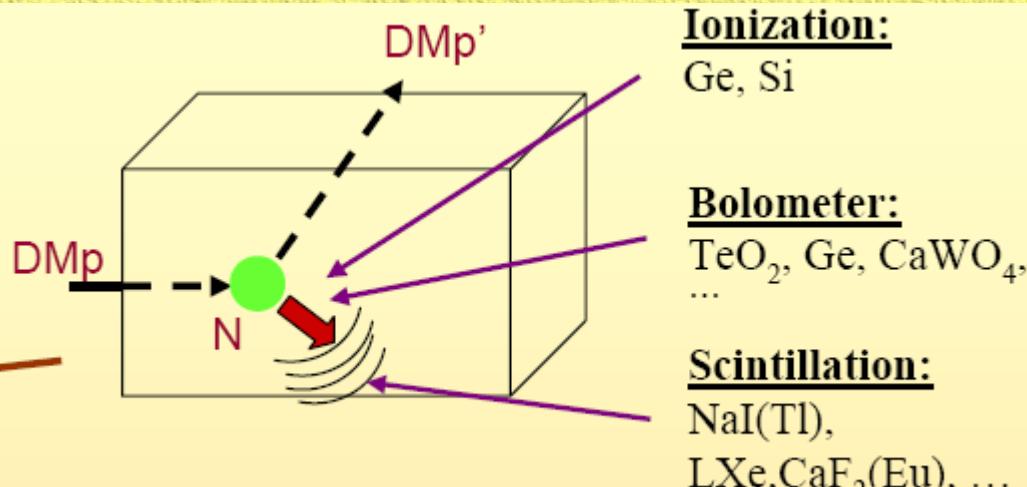
! from EGRET, soon tested by GLAST



Data explained by 50-100 GeV neutralino?



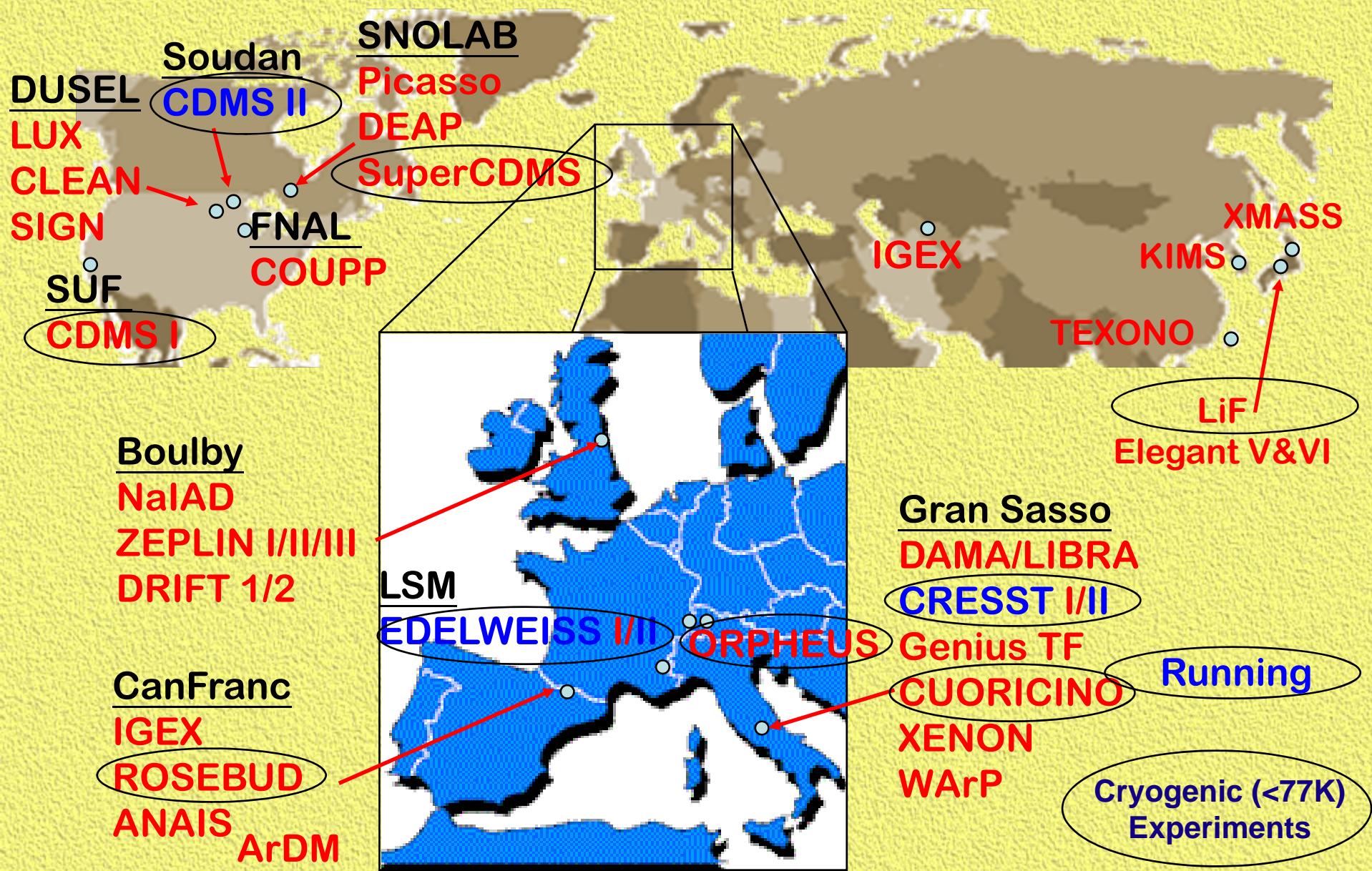
# WIMP Direct Detection



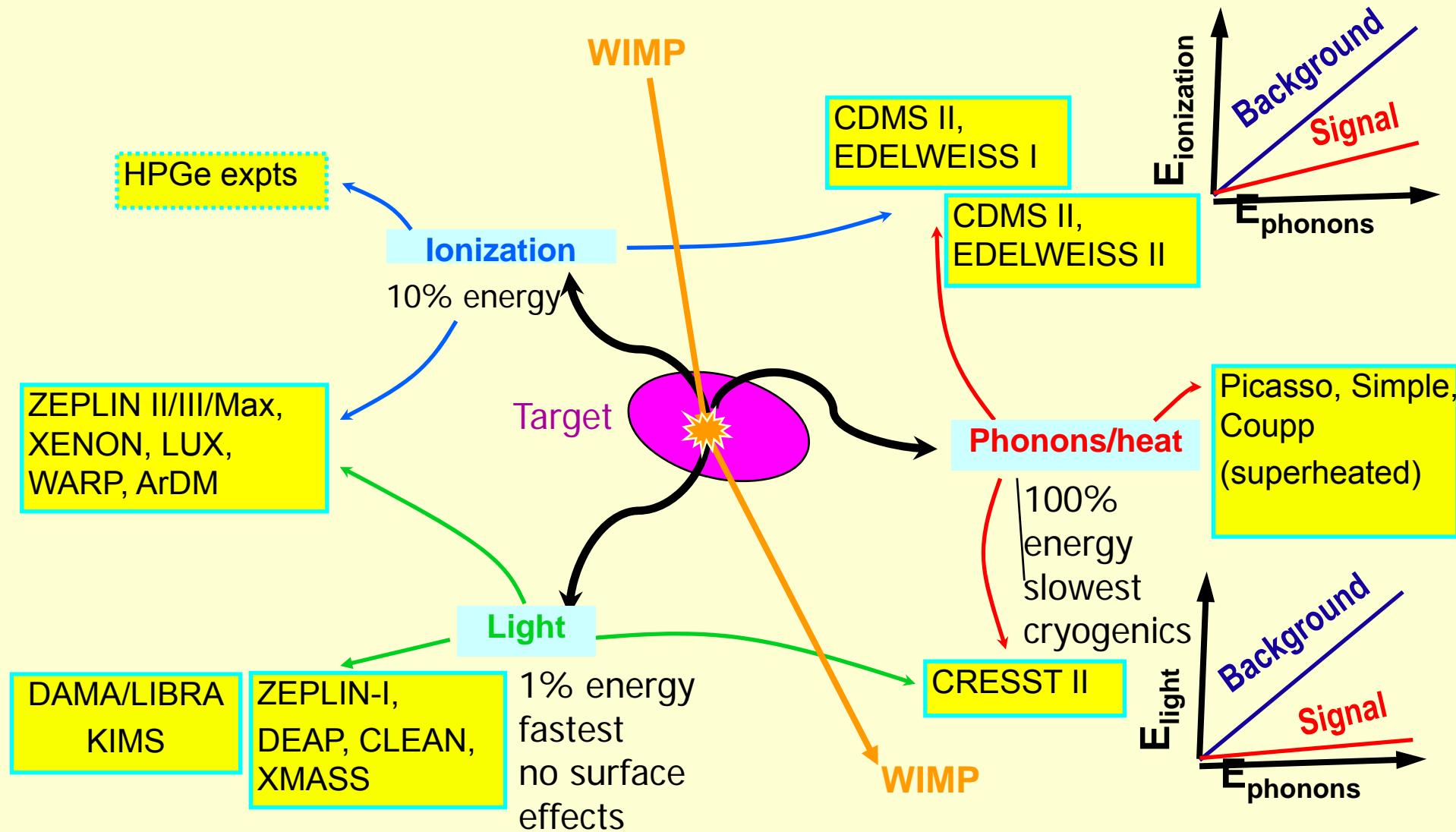
- Elastic recoil of non relativistic halo WIMPs off the nuclei
- Both Spin-Independent ( $\sim A^2$ ) and Spin-Dependent [ $\sim (J+1/J)$ ] Couplings
- Recoil energy of the nucleus in the keV range
- Annual modulation effect due to the rotation of the Earth around the Sun
- Directional Recoils, experimentally challenging

# WIMP-detection Experiments Worldwide

(from Subject Review TAUP-07)



# Detector Techniques - Present Focus : Nuclear Vs Electron recoils

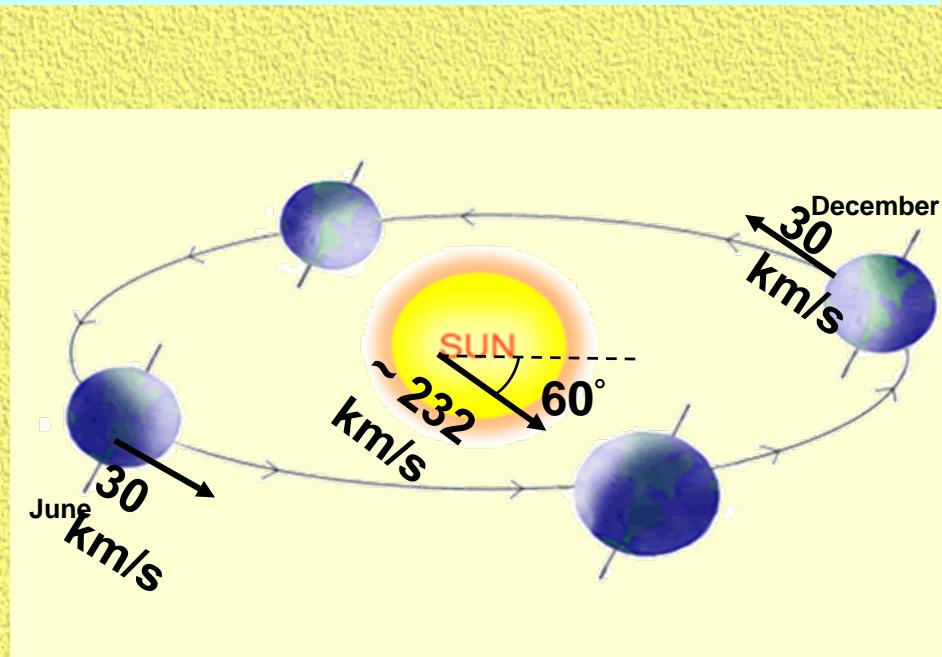
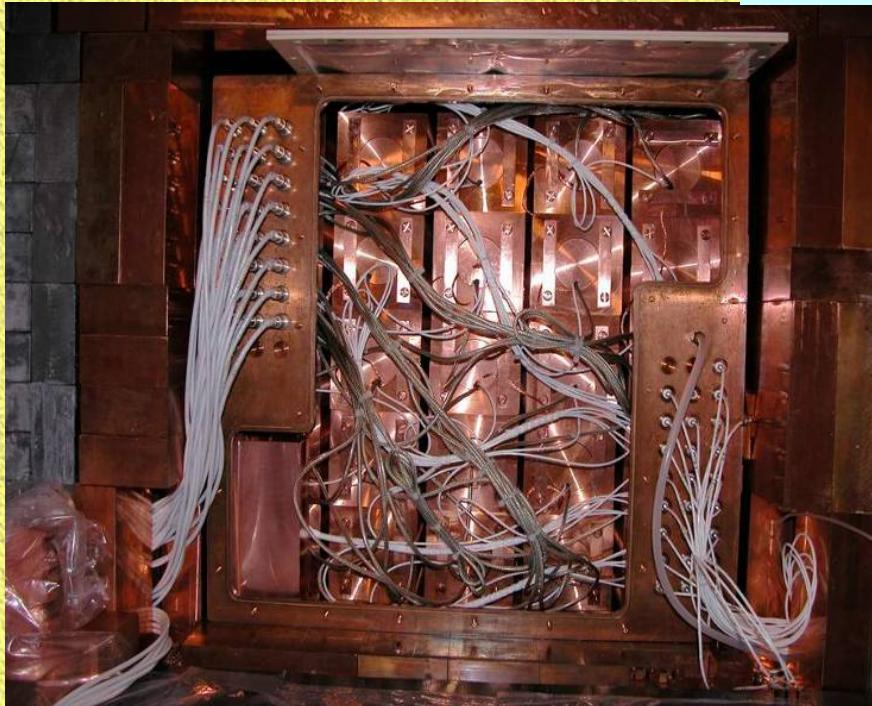


◎ Future : Lower Threshold ; Direction Sensitive

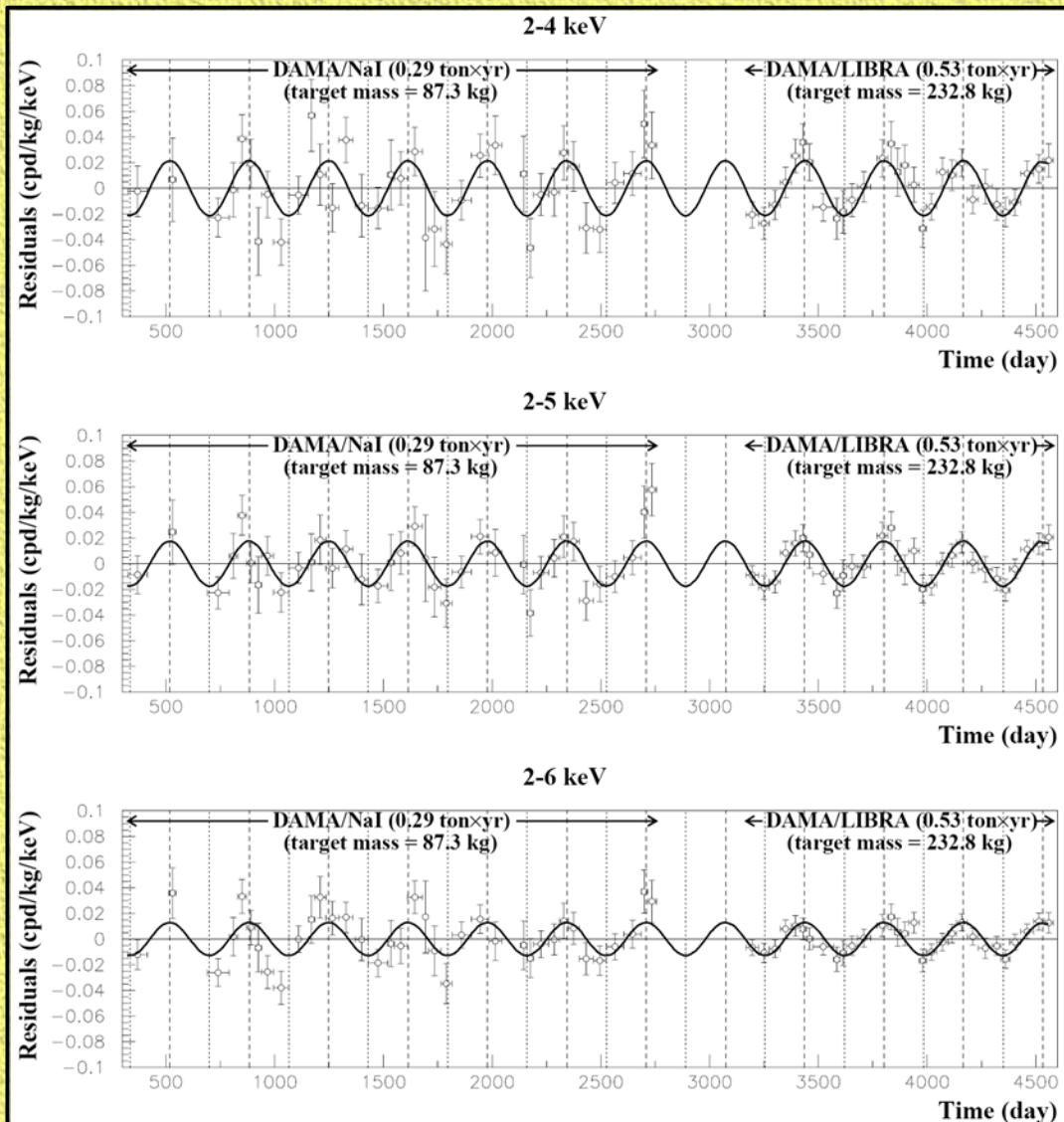


## DAMA/LIBRA

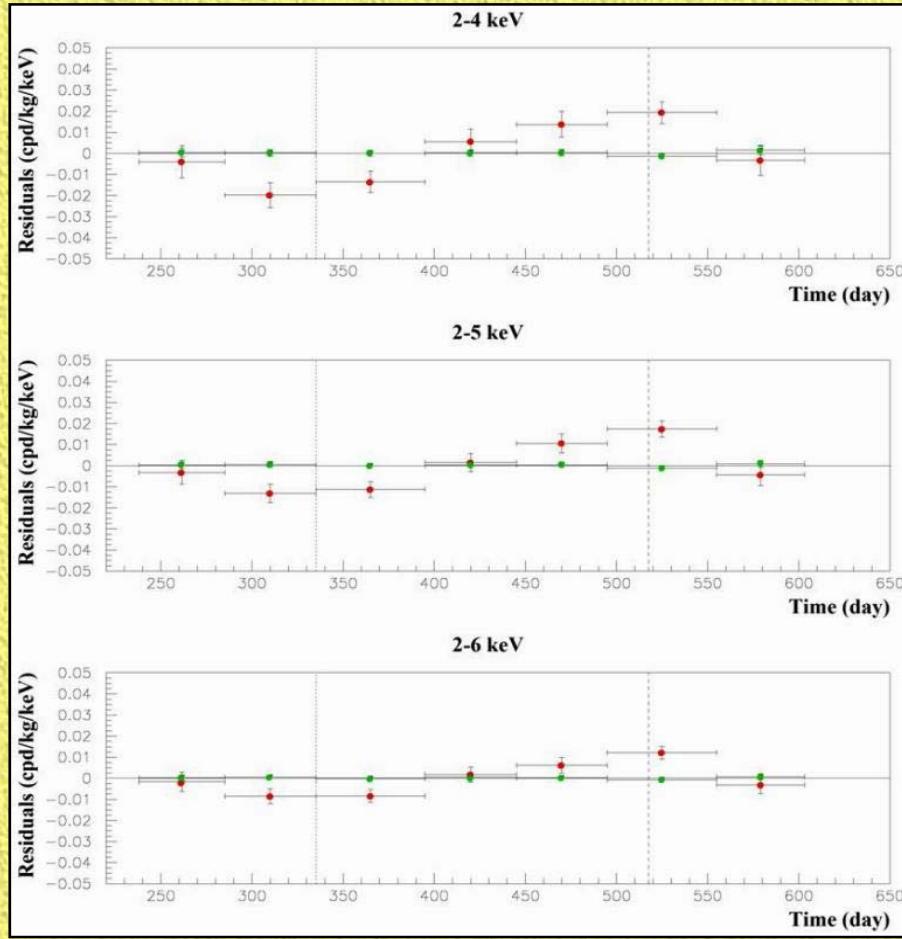
- **NaI(Tl) Scintillator at Gran Sasso : total 0.82 ton-year data**
- **Observe annual modulation in the 2-6 keV single-hit signal band, total 11 cycles,  $> 8\sigma$**
- **No modulations at higher energy & for multiple-hits**



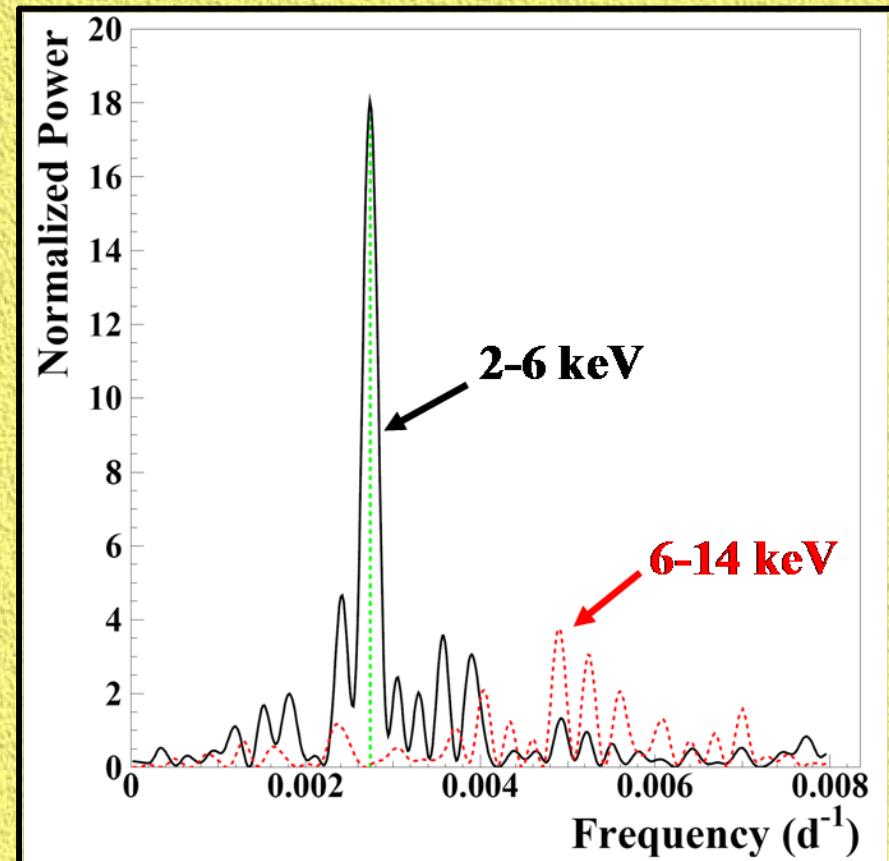
- Single Hit 2-6 keV Signal Region
- DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (4 years)
- Total exposure:  
 $300555 \text{ kg}\times\text{day} = 0.82 \text{ ton}\times\text{yr}$



- \* *multiple-hits residual rate (green points) vs single-hit residual rate (red points)*



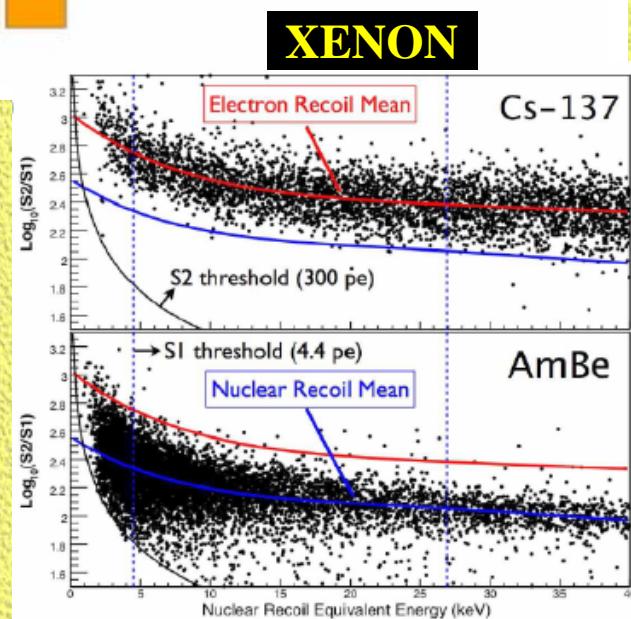
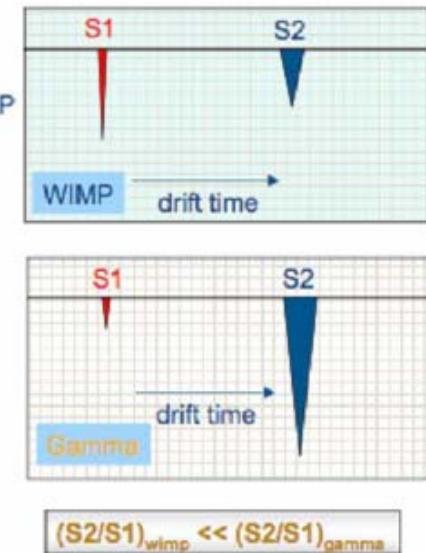
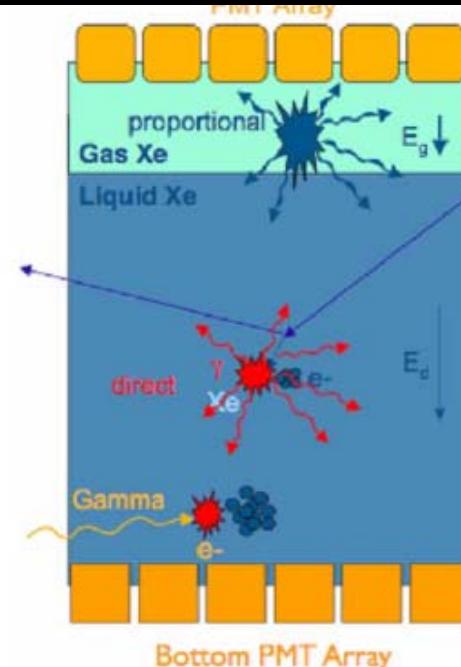
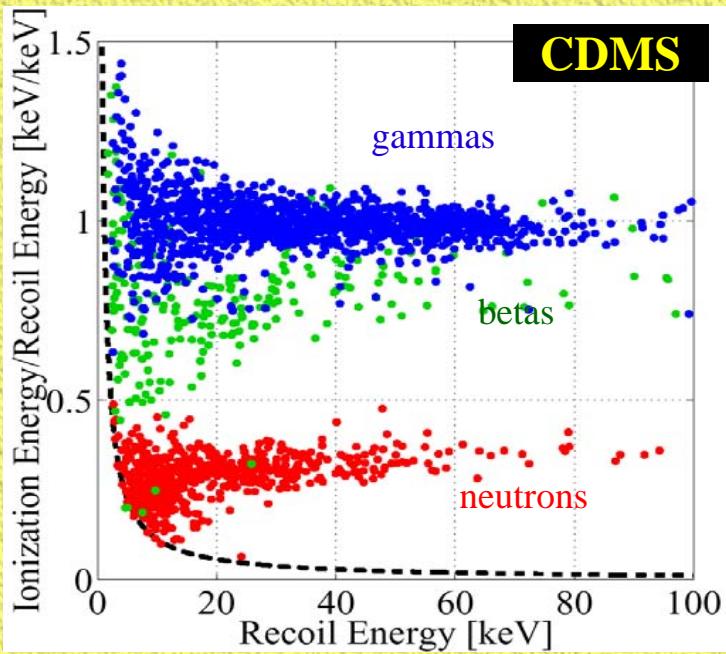
## Single-Hit Power Spectrum



- \* **No Modulation for multiple hits at 2-6 keV**
- \* **No Modulation for single hit above 6 keV**

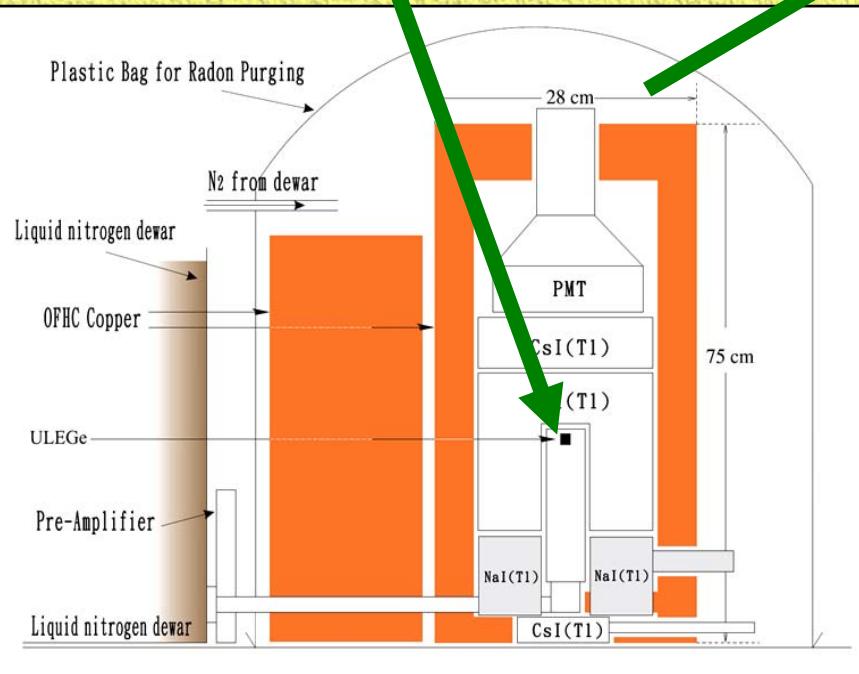
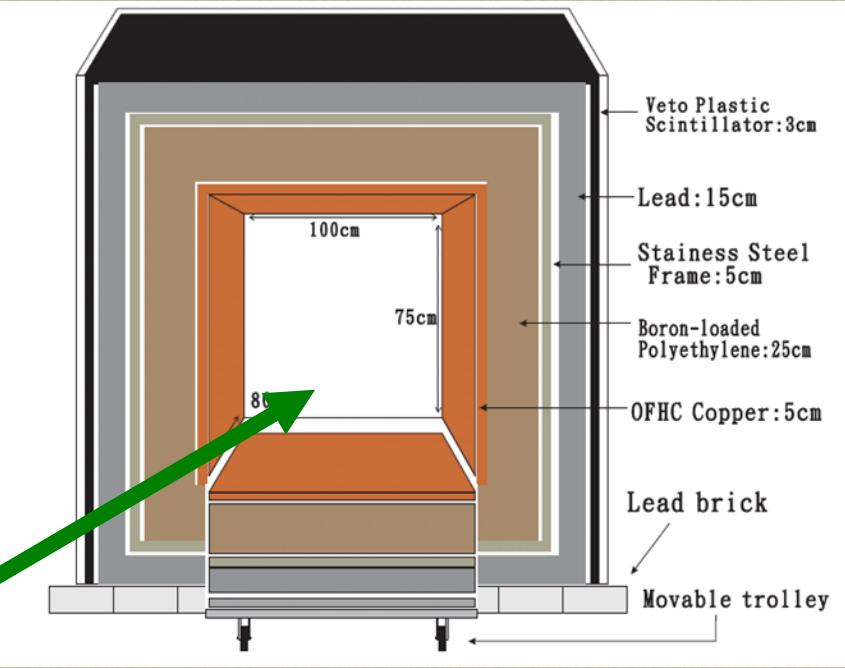
# Sensitive Techniques: Phonon+Ionization & Dual Phase Xenon

⇒ Nuclear Vs electron recoils differentiation



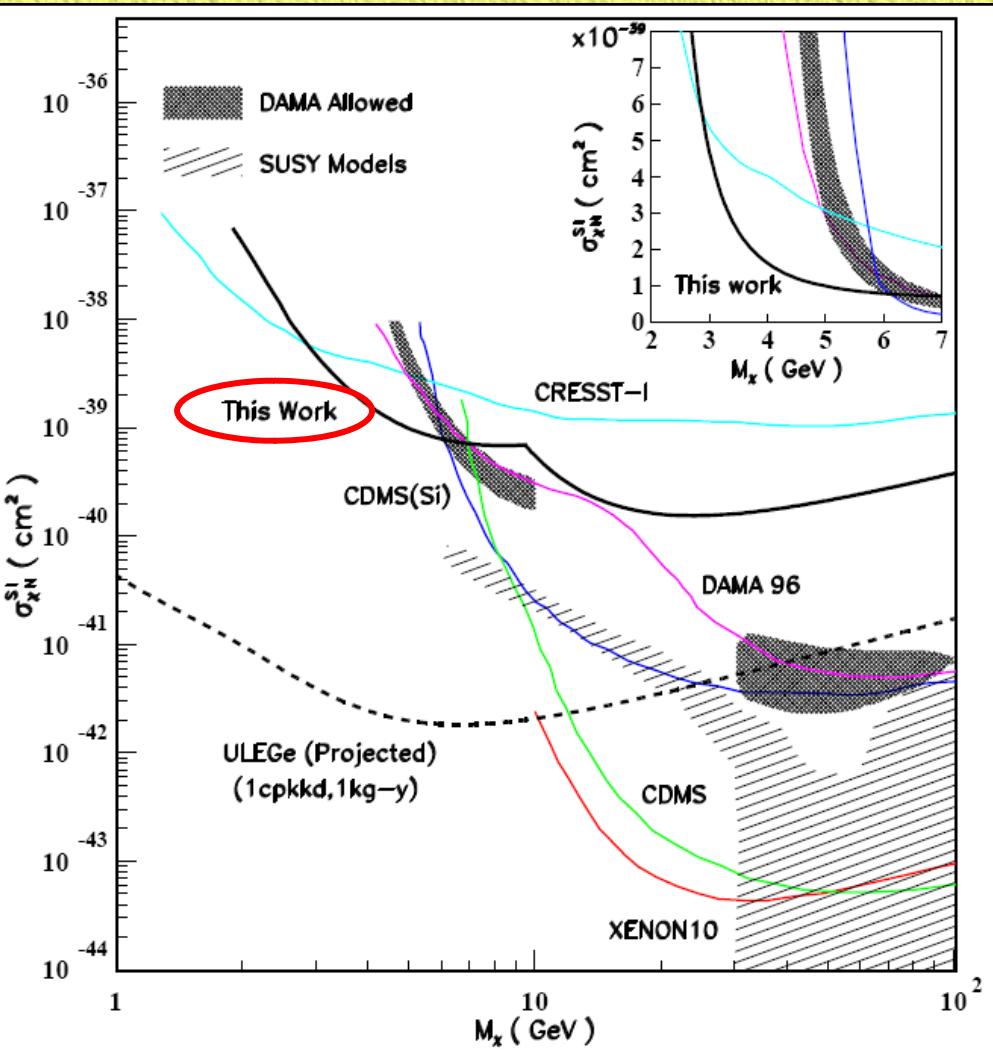
# TEXONO Detector & Shieldings

4X5g  
ULEGe



- **Candidate Events:** selected by Anti-Compton [ACV :  $\gamma$ ] and Cosmic-Ray [CRV:  $\mu$ ] vetos & Pulse-Shape Discrimination [PSD: electronic noise]
- **Critical Issues:** Signal efficiencies for trigger, DAQ & Selection
- **Non-Ge Efficiency [DAQ,ACV,CRV]:** evaluated by Random Trigger events.

# Exclusion Plot : Spin-Independent Couplings

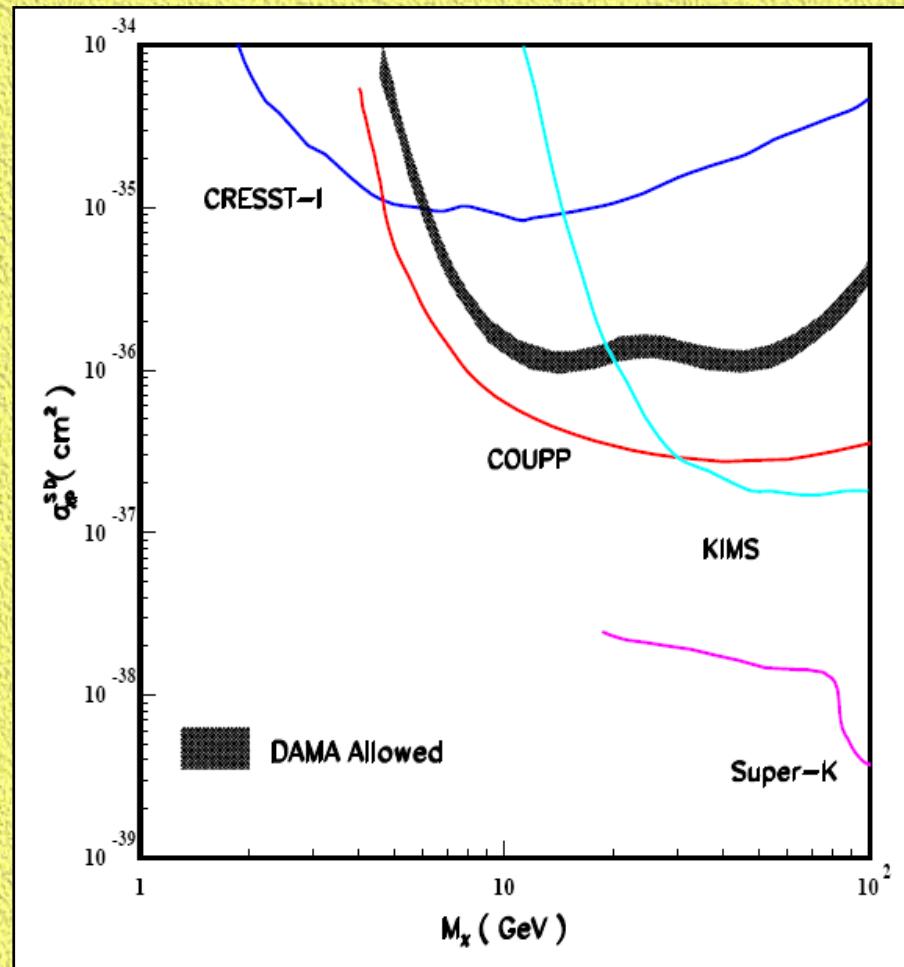
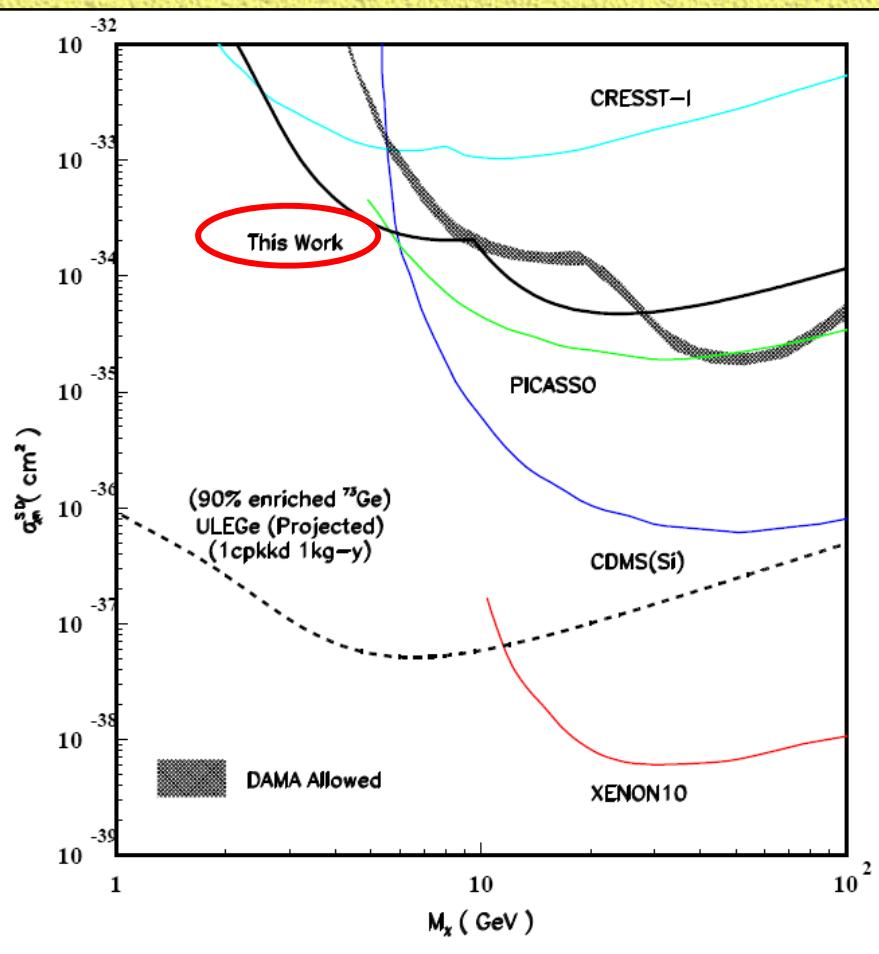


**TEXONO** : 20 g  
ULEGe at  
220 eV threshold  
→ low WIMP  
masses [PRD 2009]  
[ Lin ST's talk ]

Data Taking at KS  
with 500 g Point-  
Contact Ge Underway



# Exclusion Plot : Spin-Dependent Couplings

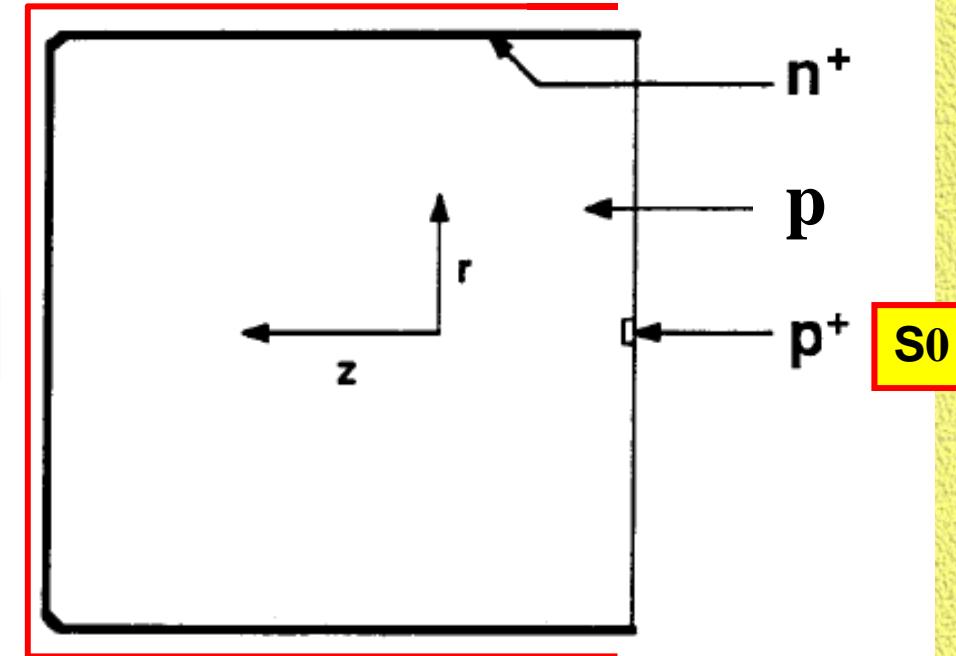


# To Reconcile DAMA Results:

- ? Do we understand of WIMP physics and astrophysics properties (mass, local density distribution, local velocity distributions...)
- ? Do we understand how WIMP interacts with matter (e.g.  $\chi$ -e)
- ? Do we understand our detector response (e.g. Quenching Factor in crystal lattice...)

# Detector Scale-up

## Plans: Point Contact Ge Detector



- 500-g, single-element, modified coaxial HPGe design, inspired by successful demonstration of Chicago group (nucl-ex/0701012)
- Position-sensitive from drift-profile pulse shape
- Dual-electrode readout and ULB specification
- Delivered July 2008, KS data taking November 2008
- 900-g detector under construction

# New Opportunities : Excellent Candidate Site for Underground Lab. at 四川錦屏, China



♥ 17 km drive-access  
road tunnel with >2 km  
rock overburden !

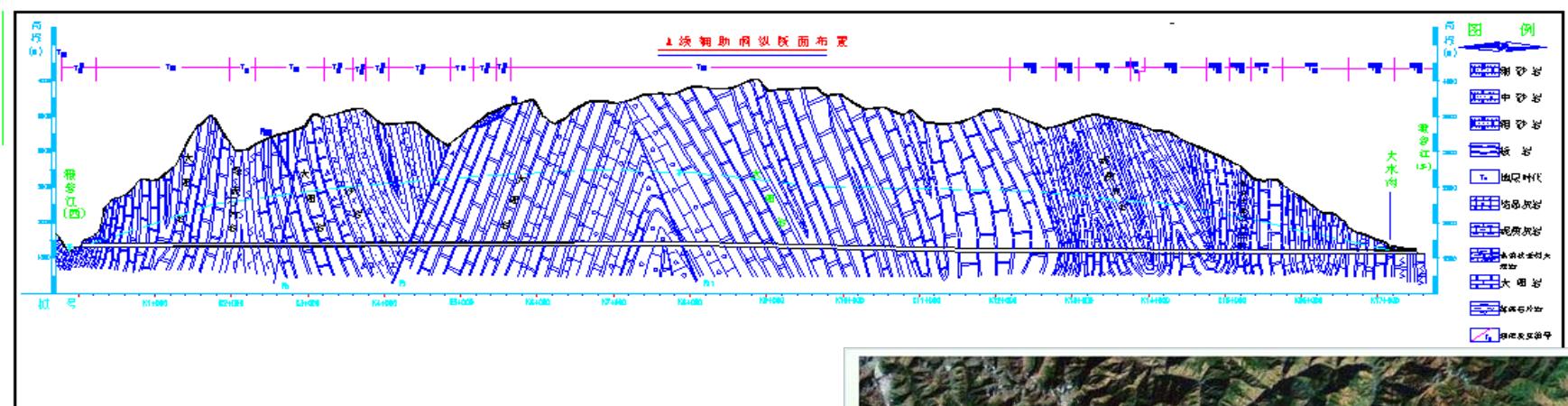


穿越锦屏山的锦屏二级水电站引水隧洞的最大埋深为2525米，四条隧洞的总长度超过了70公里，组成了世界规模最大的发电引水隧洞群。图为一号隧洞的TBM掘进机作业场景。（刘渝 喻安琪摄影报道）

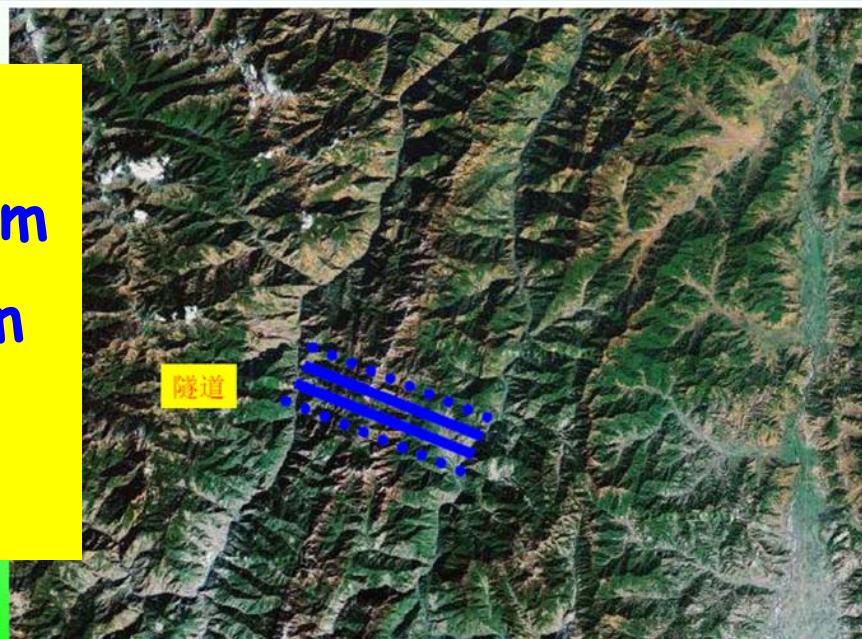


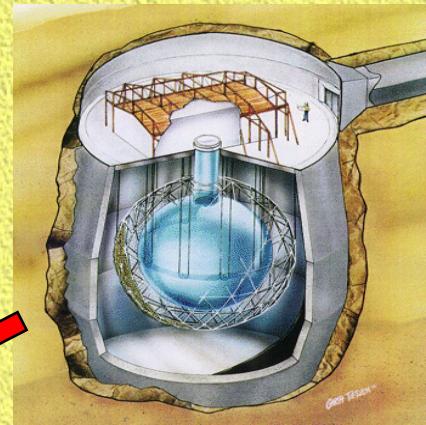
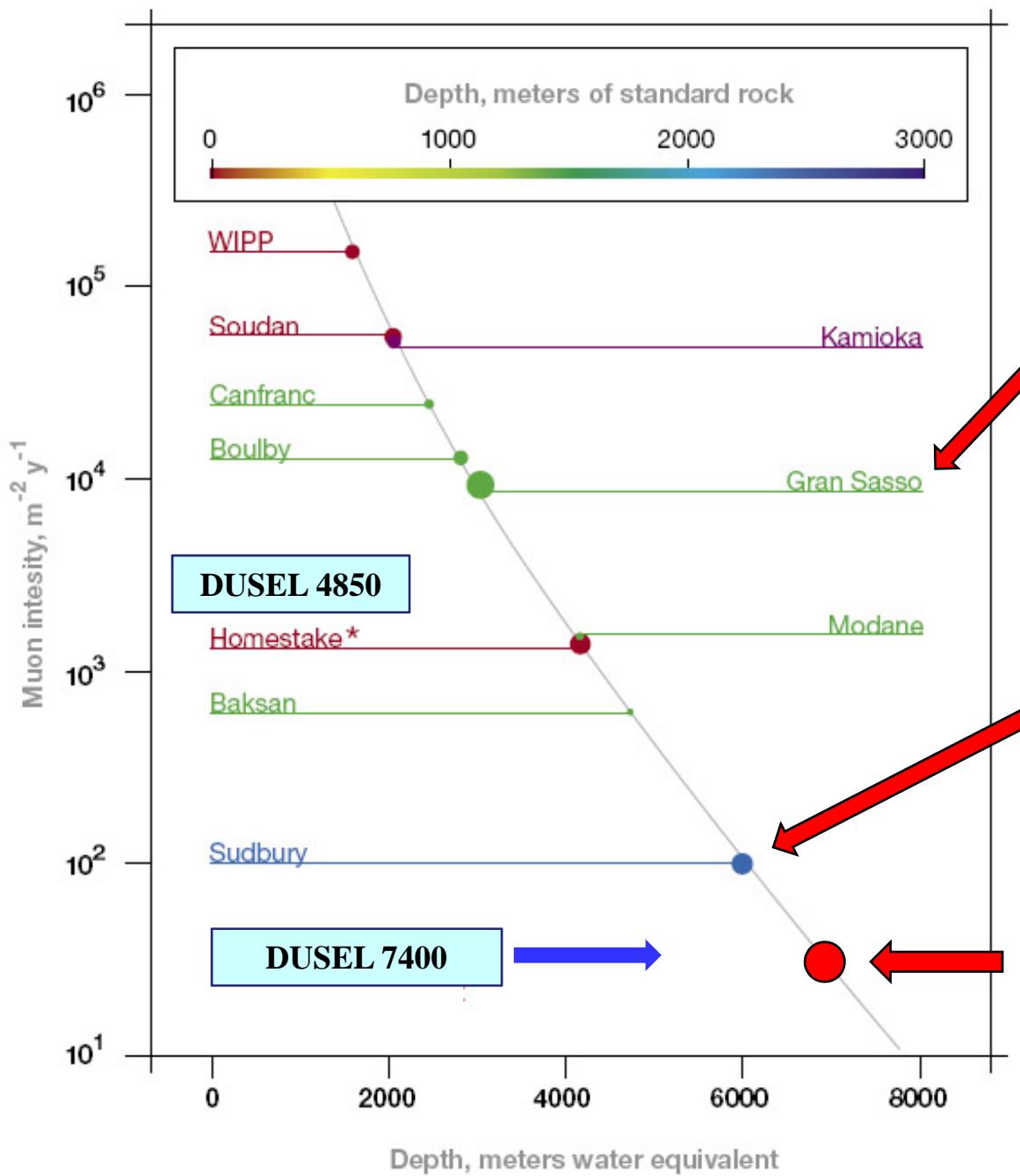
# 锦屏山隧道 Mt. Jin-Ping Tunnel

MoU signed May 2009  
Excavation of 1<sup>st</sup> cavern begins 2009  
Operating ULEGe 2010.



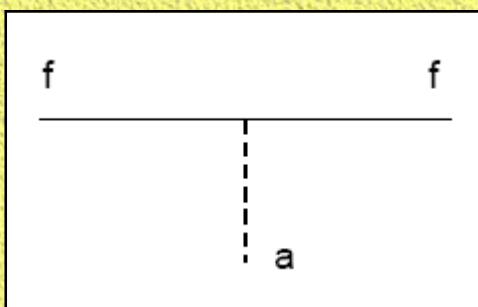
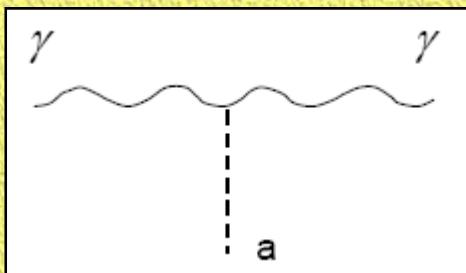
- ♥ Tallest Peak 4193 m
- ♥ Max. Rock Overburden: 2375 m
- ♥ Road Tunnel Distance: 17.5 km
- ♥ Fraction of tunnel with >1500 Rock Overburden: >70%





# Axions

- Invented to Solve “Strong CP Problem”
- Produced via QCD Phase-Transition in early Universe:  
i.e. Cold (non-relativistic)
- Couples to Photons & Electrons



## The Strong CP Problem

$$L_{\text{QCD}} = \dots + \theta \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} G^a{}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu}$$

Because the strong interactions conserve P and CP,  $\theta \leq 10^{-10}$  .

neutron  
dipole  
moments

The Standard Model does not provide a reason for  $\theta$  to be so tiny,

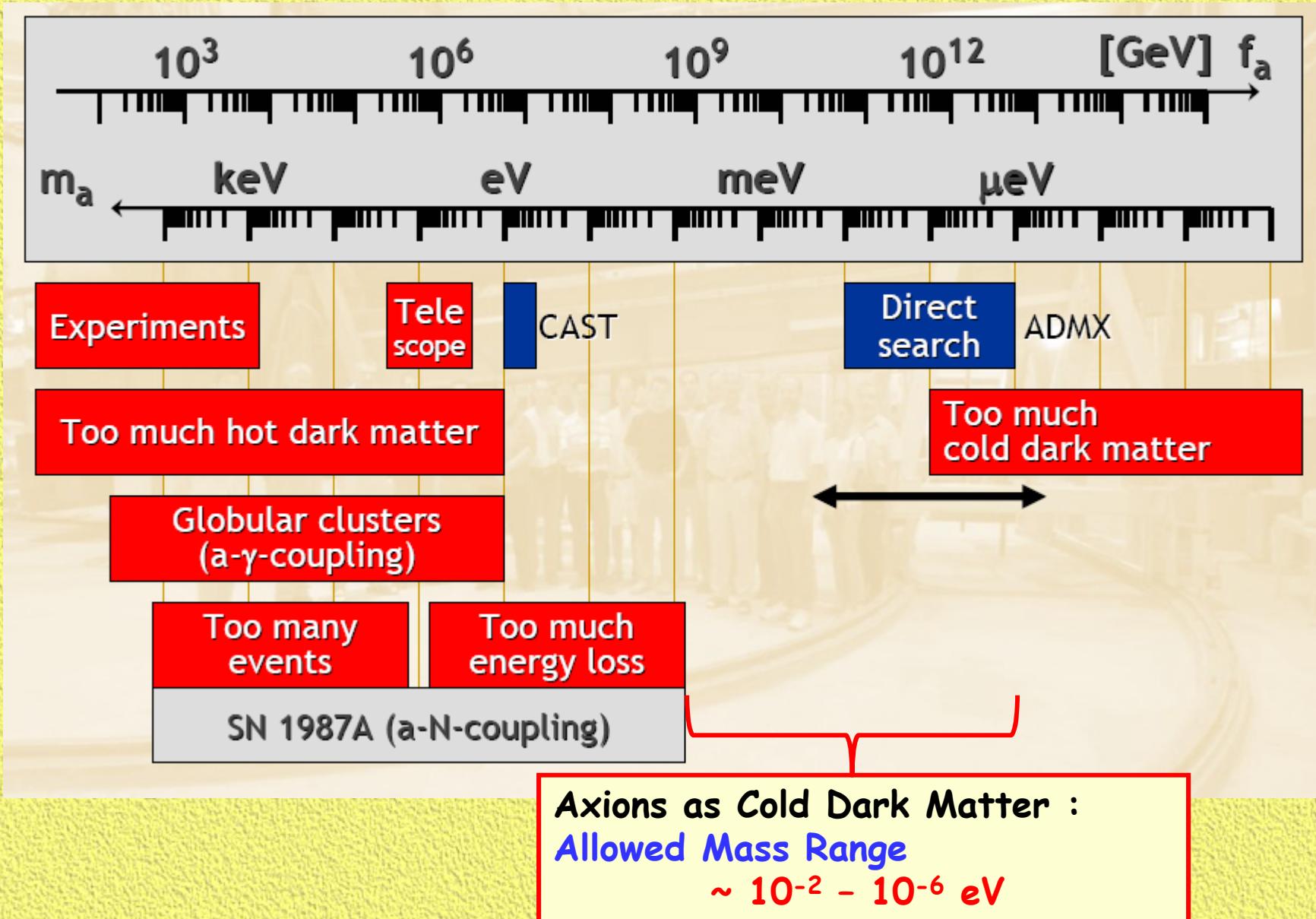
## Assume $U_{PQ}(1)$ symmetry

$$L = \dots + \frac{a}{f_a} \frac{g^2}{32\pi^2} G^a{}_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{a\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu a \partial^\mu a + \dots$$

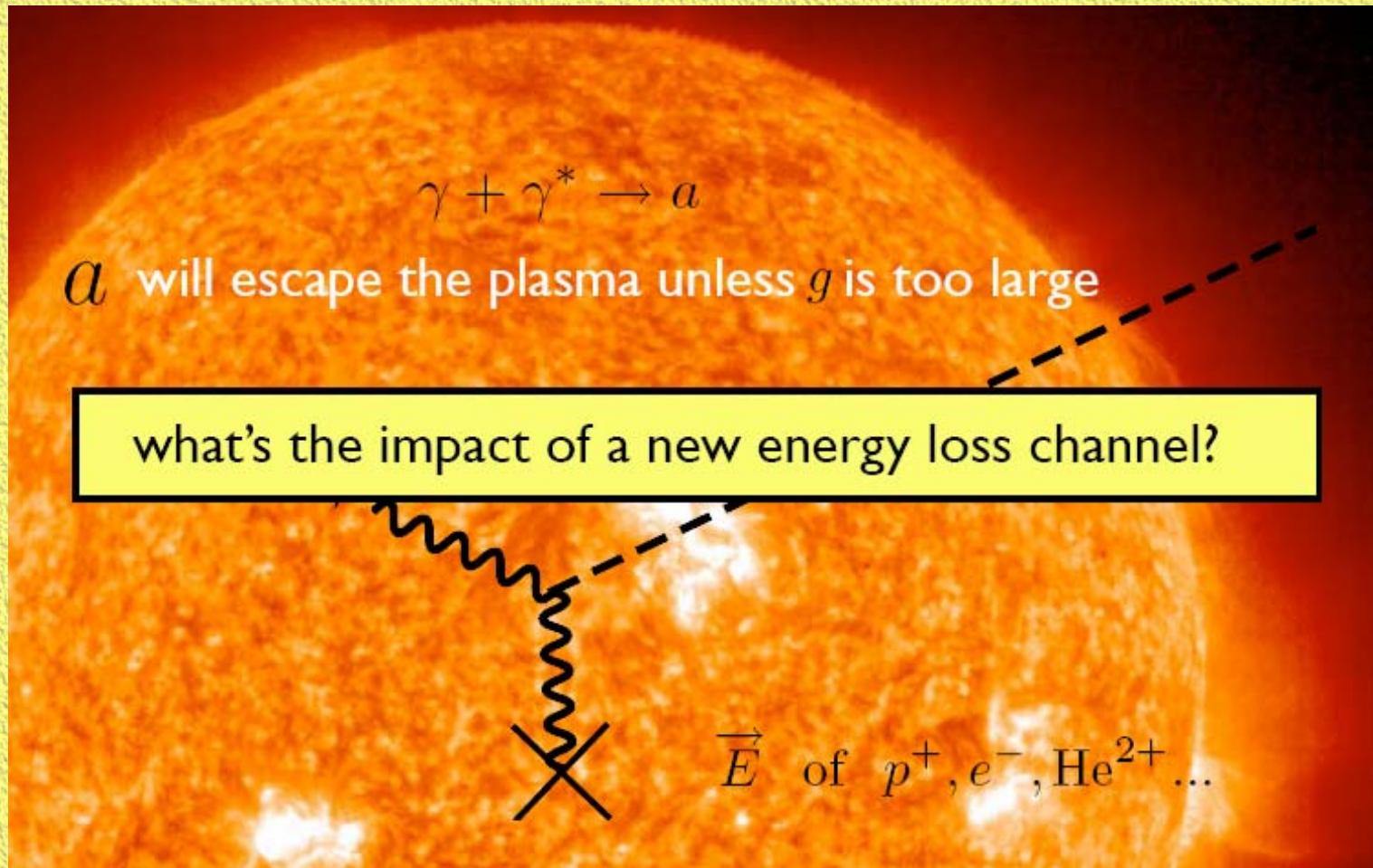
$$\theta = \frac{a}{f_a} \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \text{light neutral pseudoscalar}$$

$$m_a \sim \text{eV} \frac{10^6 \text{ GeV}}{f_a}$$

# Laboratory & Astrophysics Bounds on Axions

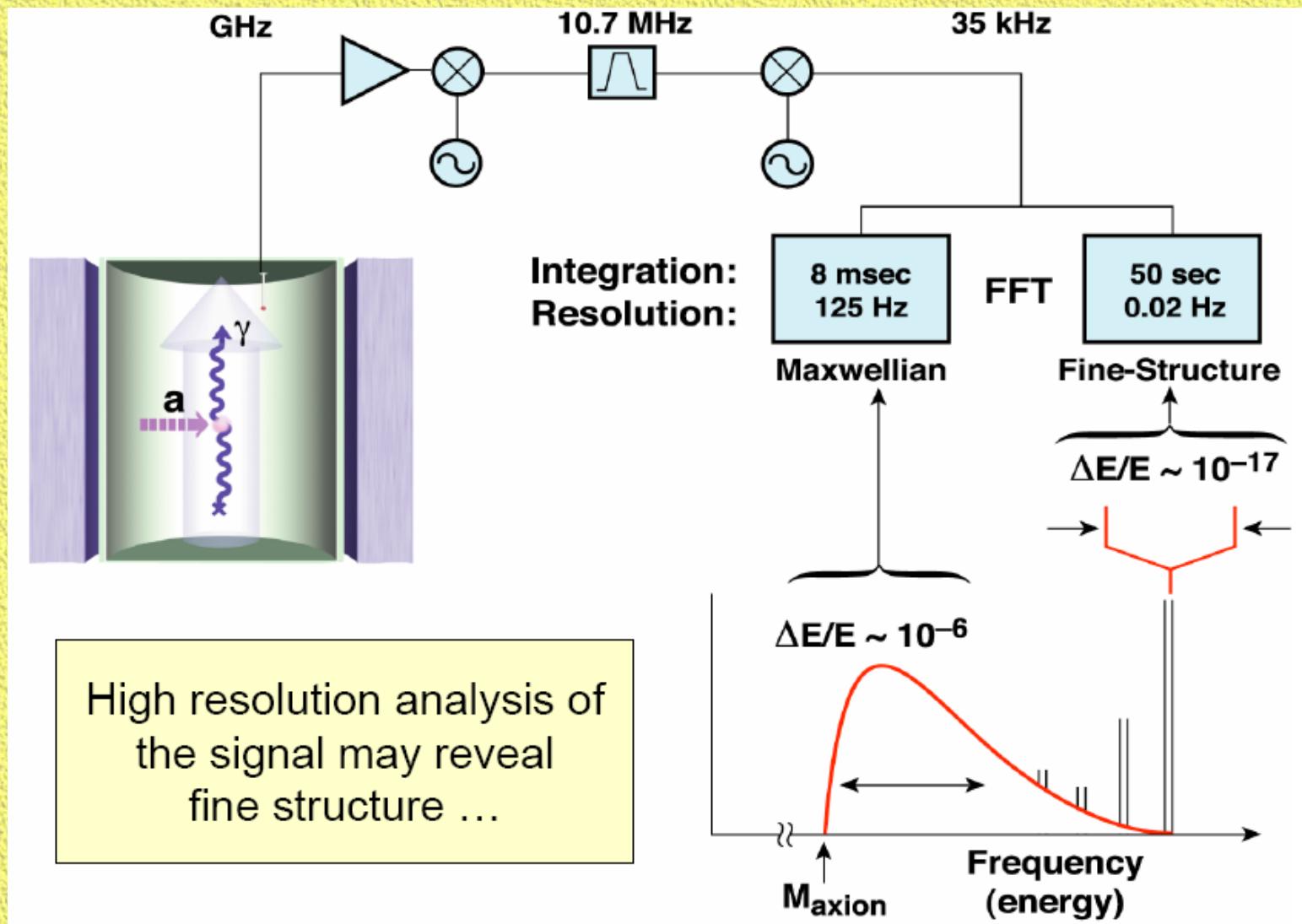


# Essence of Astrophysics Bounds



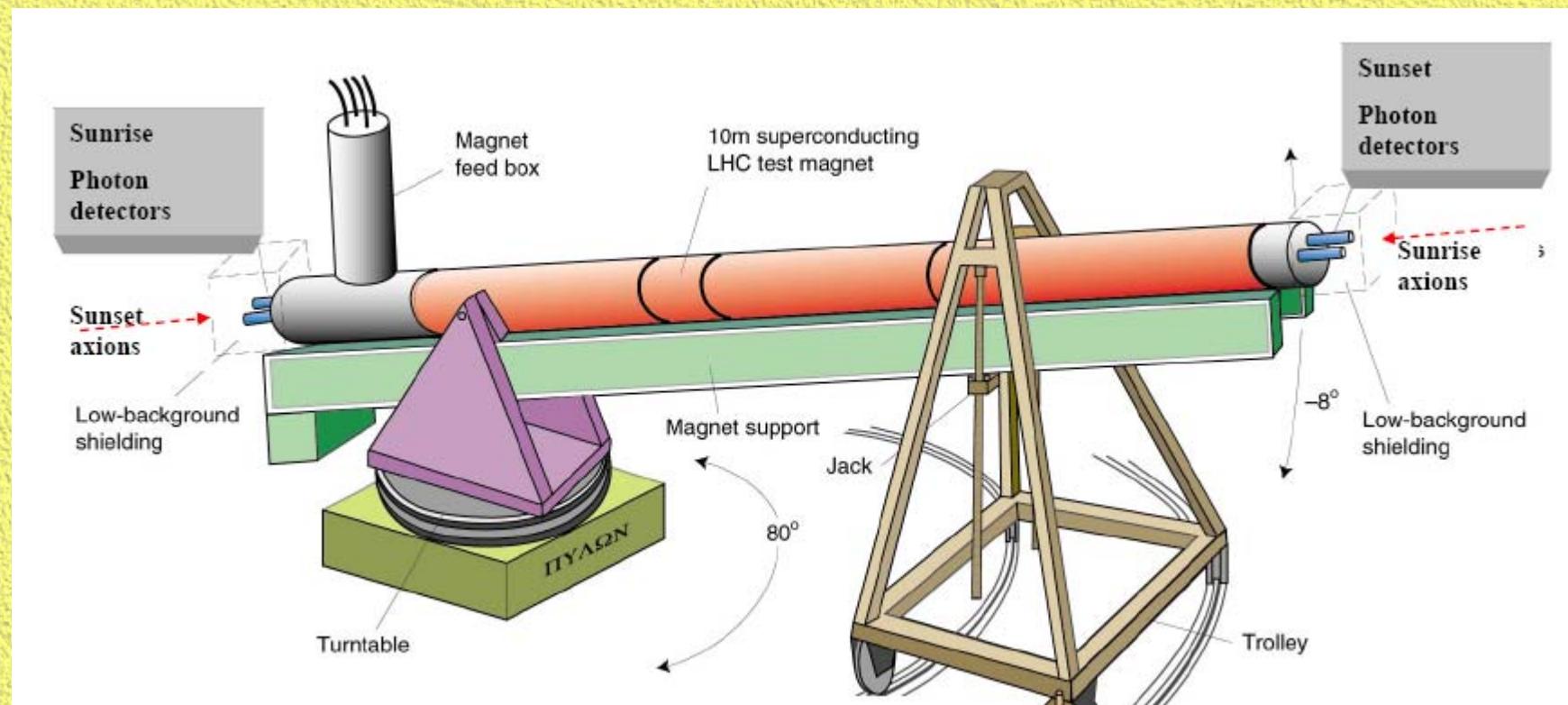
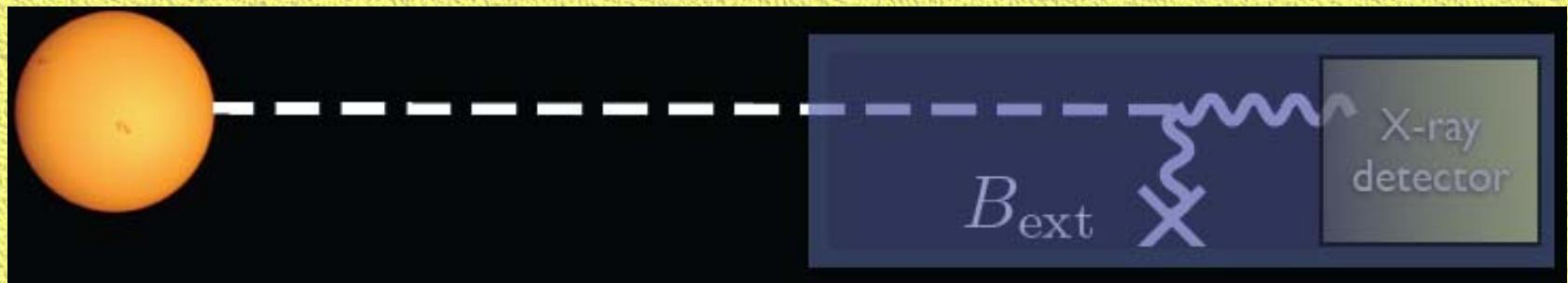
Constraints from Stellar Cooling at Sun  
(main sequence), supernovae, white dwarf, globular clusters, red giants

# Microwave Cavity Experiments (e.g. ADMX)



Excellent Analyzing Power but Limited Bandwidth

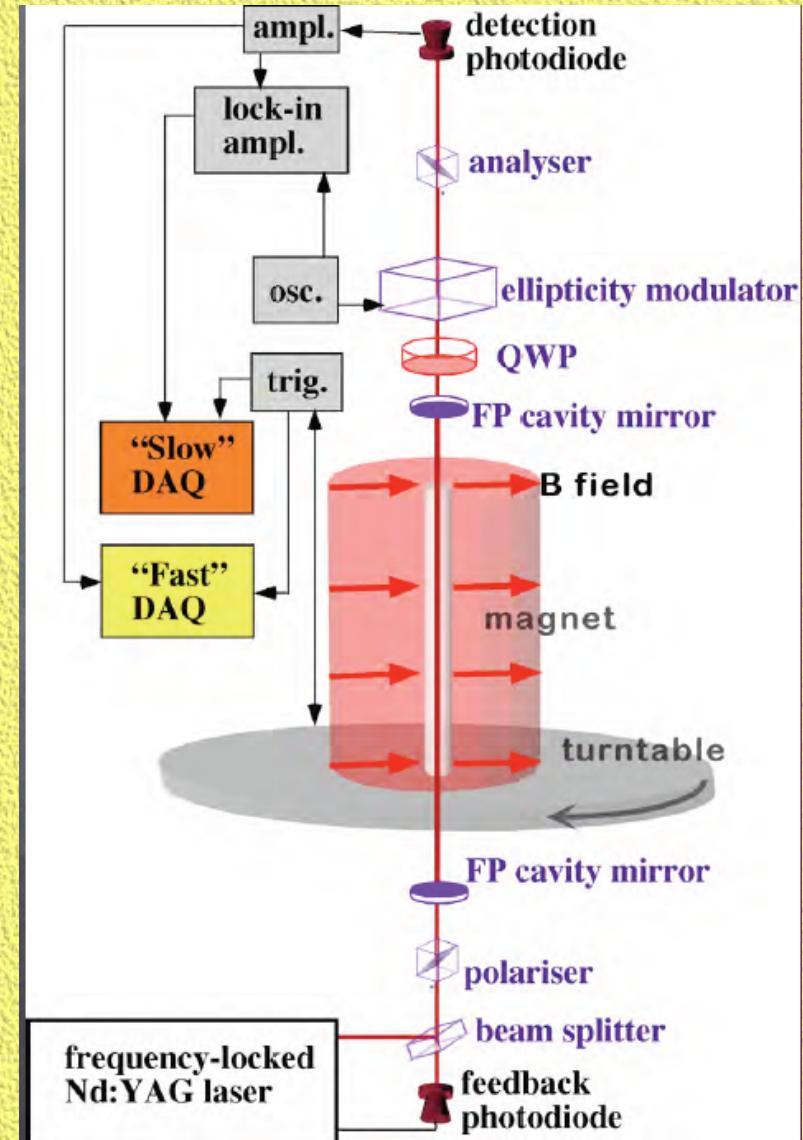
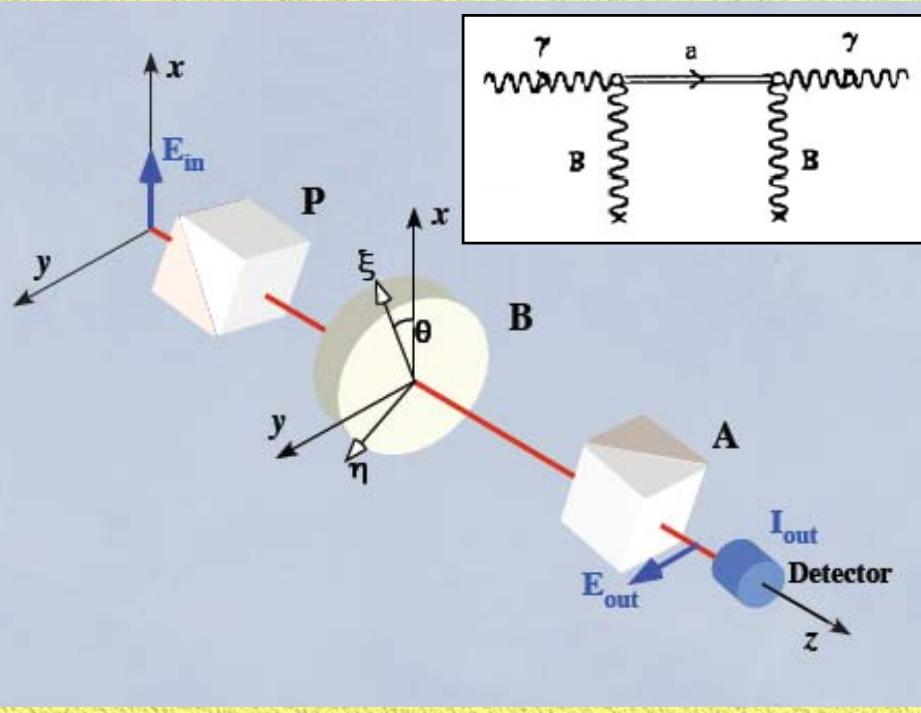
# Solar Axion Experiments (e.g. CAST)



# Polarization Rotation Experiments (e.g. PVLAS)

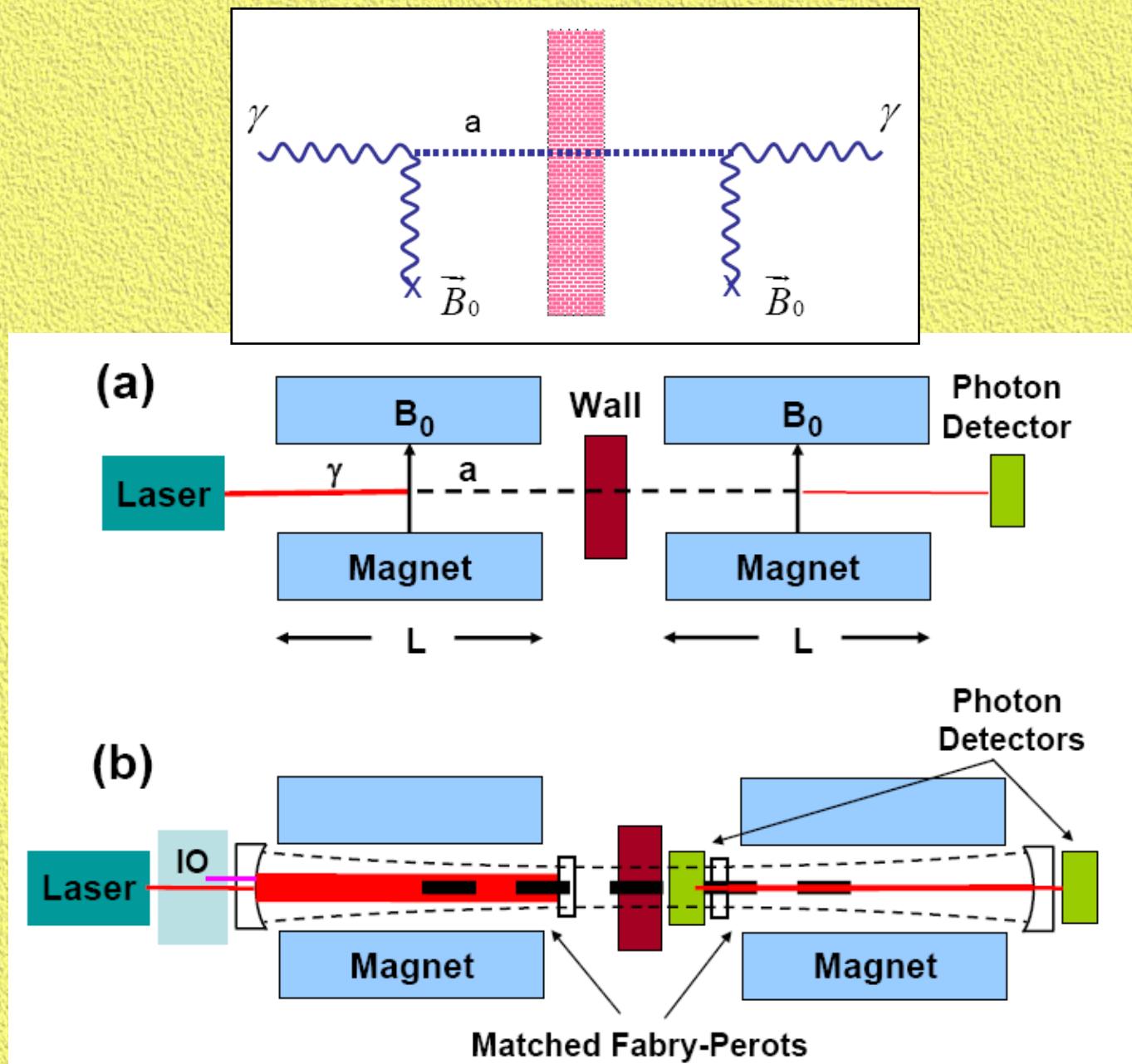
Primakoff effect reduces parallel component, perpendicular component unchanged

- Rotates the plane of polarization

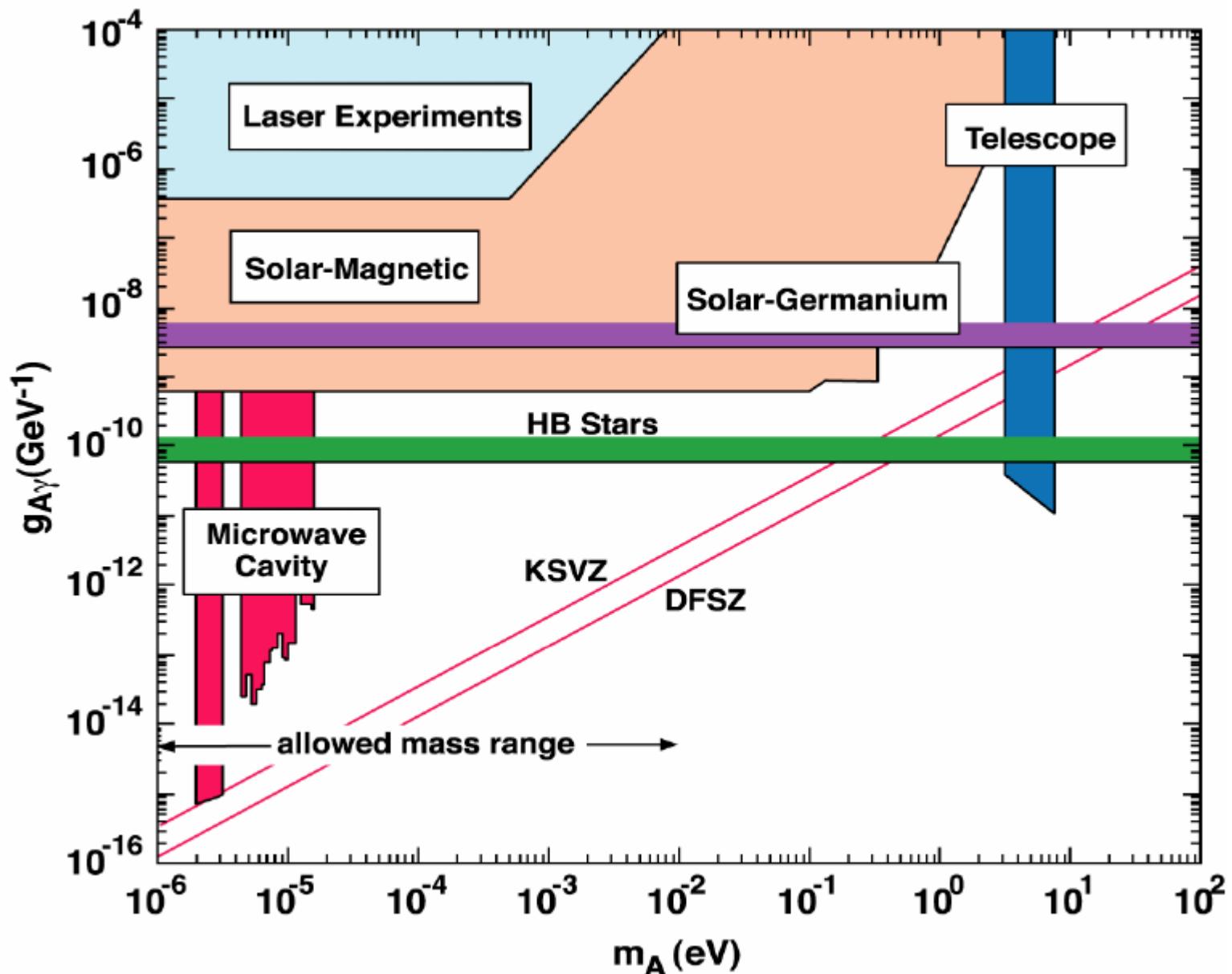


Earlier anomalous signals disappear !!

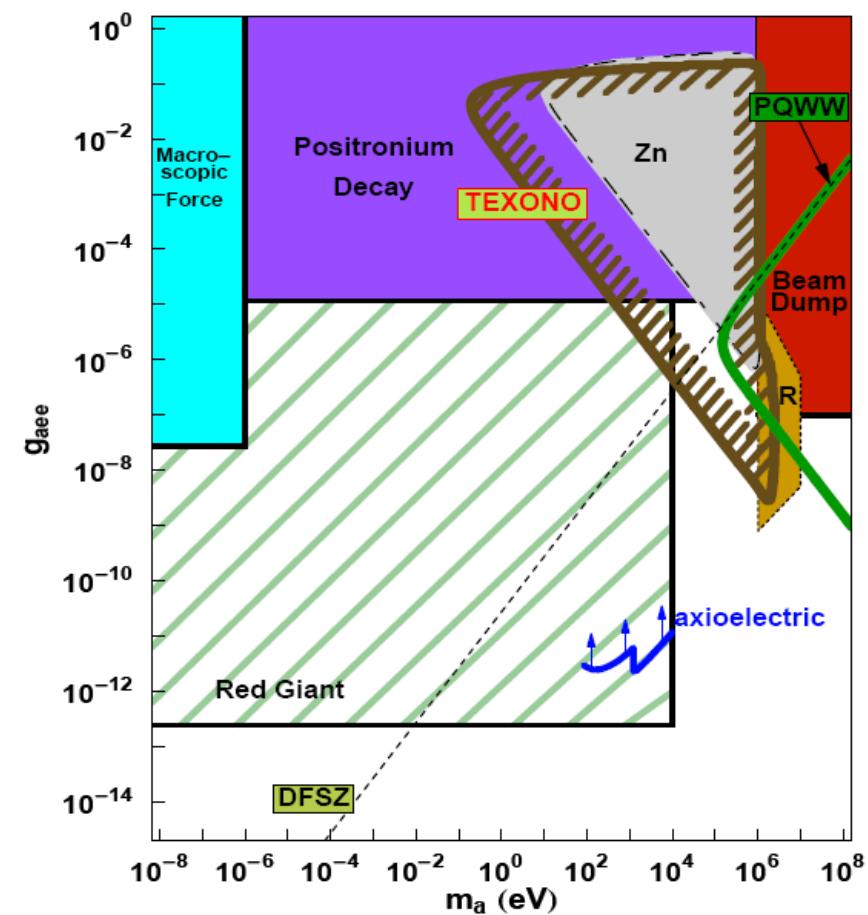
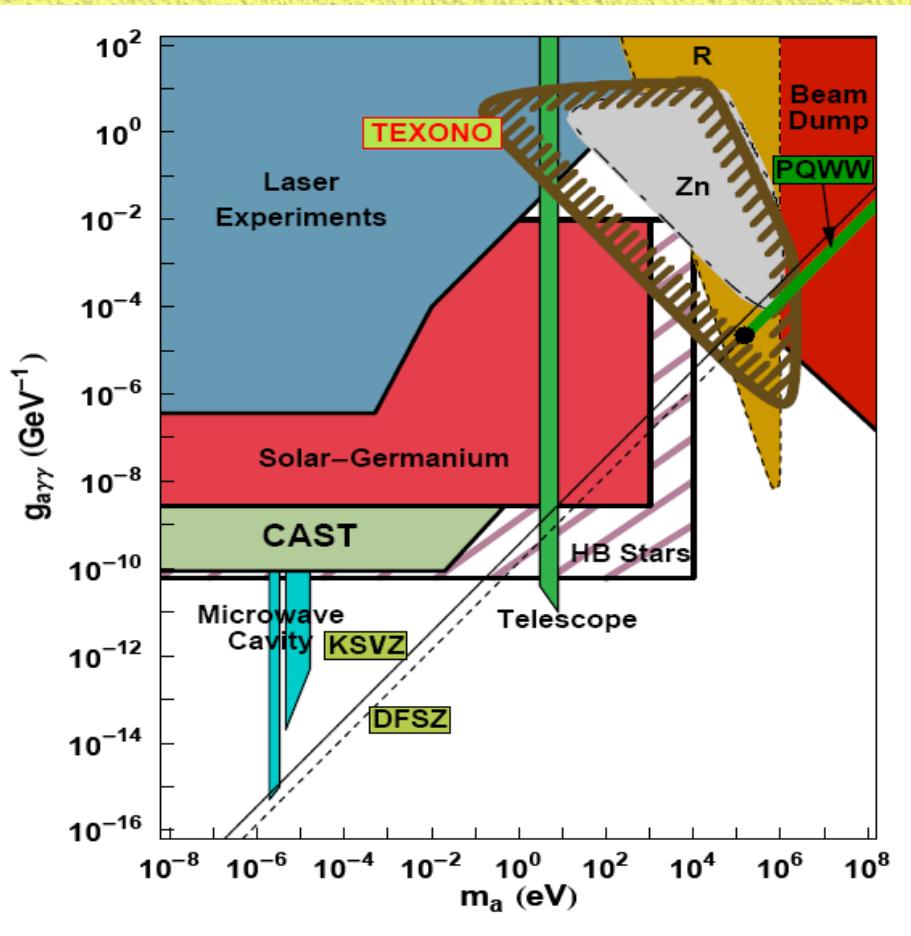
# Axion-Photon Conversion Experiments



# Exclusion Plot : $A\gamma$ Couplings at Low Mass



# Exclusion Plot : general $A\gamma$ & $Ae$ Couplings



**TEXONO** : 1 kg HPGe using possible Axions emissions from Reactor

# Summary & Outlook



- Missing Energy Density Problem is the most intriguing & important one in basic science.
- Some tangible leads & lines of attack already exist for Dark Matter Problem
- WIMPs & Axions are two of the most popular candidates for Cold Dark Matter, motivated independently in Particle Physics
- Wide spectrum of experimental techniques pursued
- Several anomalous results which can be CDM-induced
- Competitive sensitivities in TEXONO on direct searches
  - ⇒ New Underground Lab. at Sichuan soon
- Strong Potentials for Surprises in both Theory & Expts