
Beyond the Standard Model

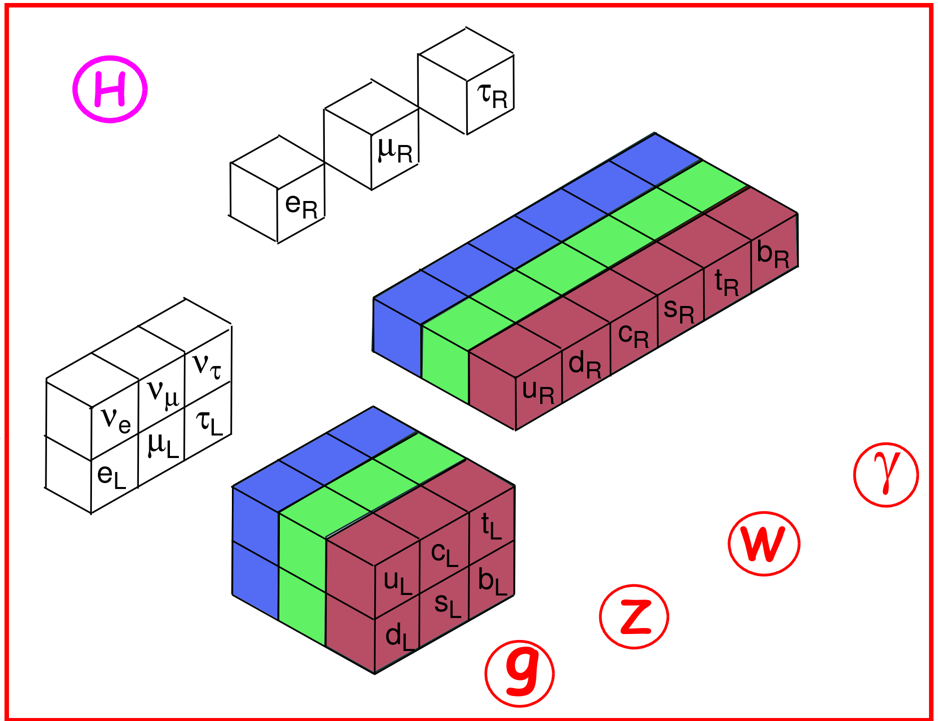
The Standard Model

➡ What is the standard model ?

- The standard model ⇨ the electromagnetic, strong and weak interactions ⇨ based on the principle of gauge invariance.

- Lots of free parameters:
  quark and neutrino mixing parameters,
  lepton and quark masses,
  coupling constants,
  W, Z and H masses...

- Basic fermions and gauge bosons ⇨



The Standard Model

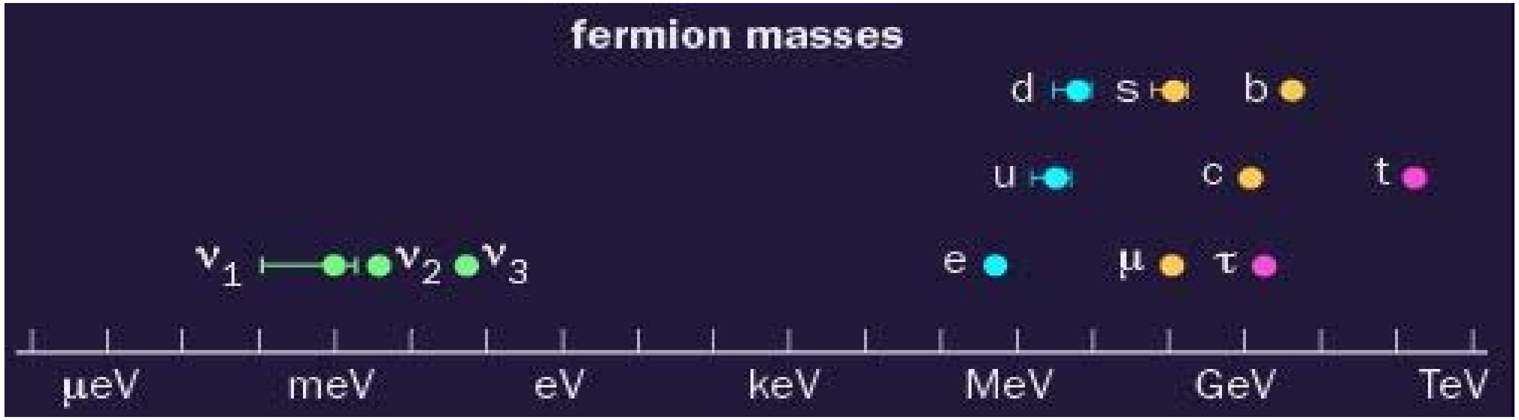
- The Standard Model agrees very well with all experimental data.
- The model has been tested down to 10^{-18} m.
- It has been tested to a precision better than 0.1% .

➡ Problems with the standard model:

- Does the Higgs exist ?
- If neutrinos have mass, are there right-handed neutrinos ?
- Why are there 3 generations ?
- What about gravity ?

The Standard Model

- Why are the masses so different (the hierarchy problem) ?



- Can the strong and electroweak interaction be described by a unified theory ?

- What happened with the anti-matter in the Big Bang ?

- What is dark matter ?

- What is dark energy ?

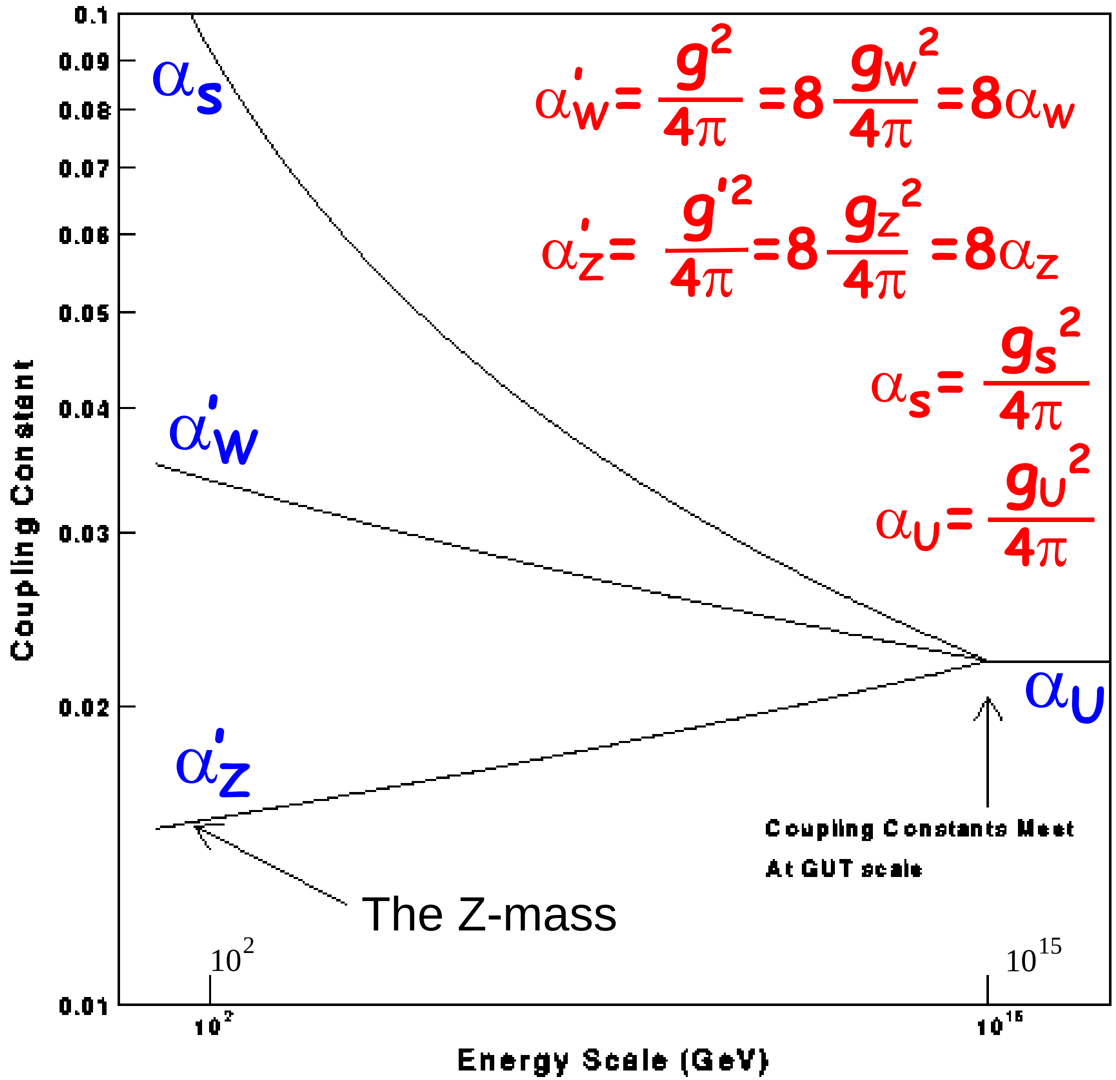
Grand Unified Theories (GUTs)

➡ The Georgi-Glashow model

- **Weak and electromagnetic interactions are unified.**
  ⇨ **add the strong one !**

- **Coupling constants are not truely constant** ⇨ **they depend on energy (or Q^2) in the interaction.**

- **Unification at some very high unification mass** ⇨ **electroweak and strong couplings become equal.**



Grand Unified Theories (GUTs)

- Grand unified theories ⇨ constructed in many different ways.

- Example: The Georgi-Glashow model ⇨ combines coloured quarks and leptons in single families ⇨

  $(d_r, d_g, d_b, e^+, \bar{\nu}_e)$

- Two new gauge bosons are introduced ⇨

  X with Q=-4/3 and Y with Q=-1/3

- The gauge bosons have a mass close to the unification energy ⇨ Extremly heavy: $M_X = 10^{15}$ GeV/c^2

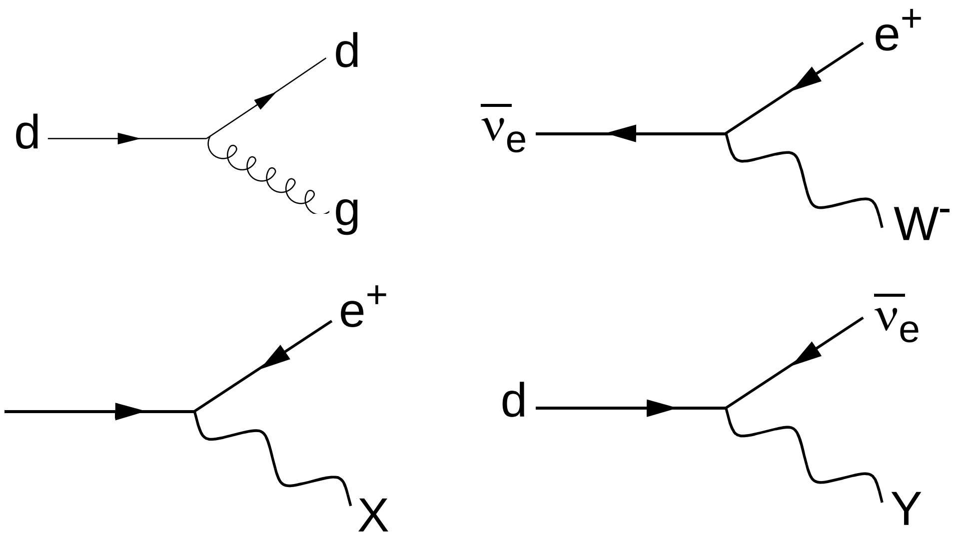
- Single unified coupling constant (g_U): $\alpha_U \equiv \frac{g_U^2}{4\pi} \approx \frac{1}{42}$

Grand Unified Theories (GUTs)

- New gauge bosons ⇨ processes possible in which **quarks are transformed into leptons** by exchanging X and Y bosons:

old processes:

new processes:



- The model **predicts** a value of α_U & relationship between g_U, g and g' ⇨ it predicts a value for the weak mixing angle:

$$\sin^2\theta_W = 0.21$$

Close to the measured value !

Grand Unified Theories (GUTs)

- Prediction ⇨ the sum of the charges is zero within a family $(d_r, d_g, d_b, e^+, \bar{\nu}_e)$

The number of colours → $3Q_d + e = 0$

- Since d-quark have the charge -e/3 the model works !

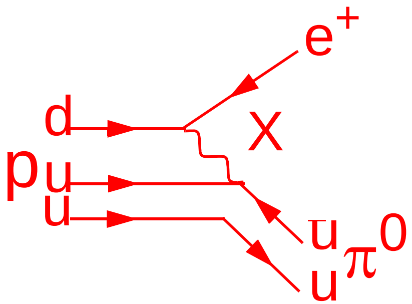
- Baryon and lepton numbers are not necessarily conserved in GUT.

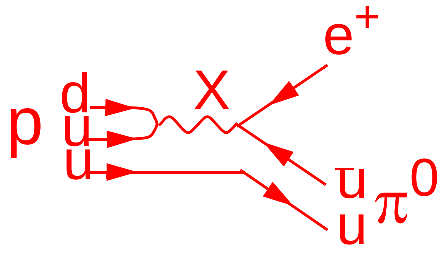
- Non-conservation ⇨ why the world is dominated by baryons even if the same amount of baryons and anti-baryons were produced in the Big Bang.

Proton decay experiments

- Grand Unified Theories $\Rightarrow$ The **proton** must be **unstable !**

  It decays by processes involving the X and Y bosons:





- Baryon and lepton numbers are not conserved in these processes but the following combination is:

$$B - L \equiv B - \sum_{\alpha} L_{\alpha} \qquad (\alpha = e, \mu, \tau)$$

- It is possible to **estimate the lifetime** of the proton (τ_p) from a simple zero-range approximation:

$$\tau_p = 10^{32} - 10^{33} \text{ years} \qquad \textbf{(Age of universe = } 10^{10} \textbf{ years)}$$

Proton decay experiments

- Many experiments that are doing neutrino physics (Kamiokande, IMB) started out as **proton decay experiments**.

- The most searched for **decay mode** ⇨ $p \to \pi^0 + e^+ \to \gamma\gamma + e^+$
  Look for one positron + two electron-positron pairs (from photon conversions).

- No proton decays have been observed ⇨ upper limit:

$$\frac{\text{proton lifetime}}{\text{branching ratio}} = \frac{\tau_p}{B(p \to \pi^0 e)} > 5\times10^{32}\,years$$

- The **Georgi-Glashow model** predicts:

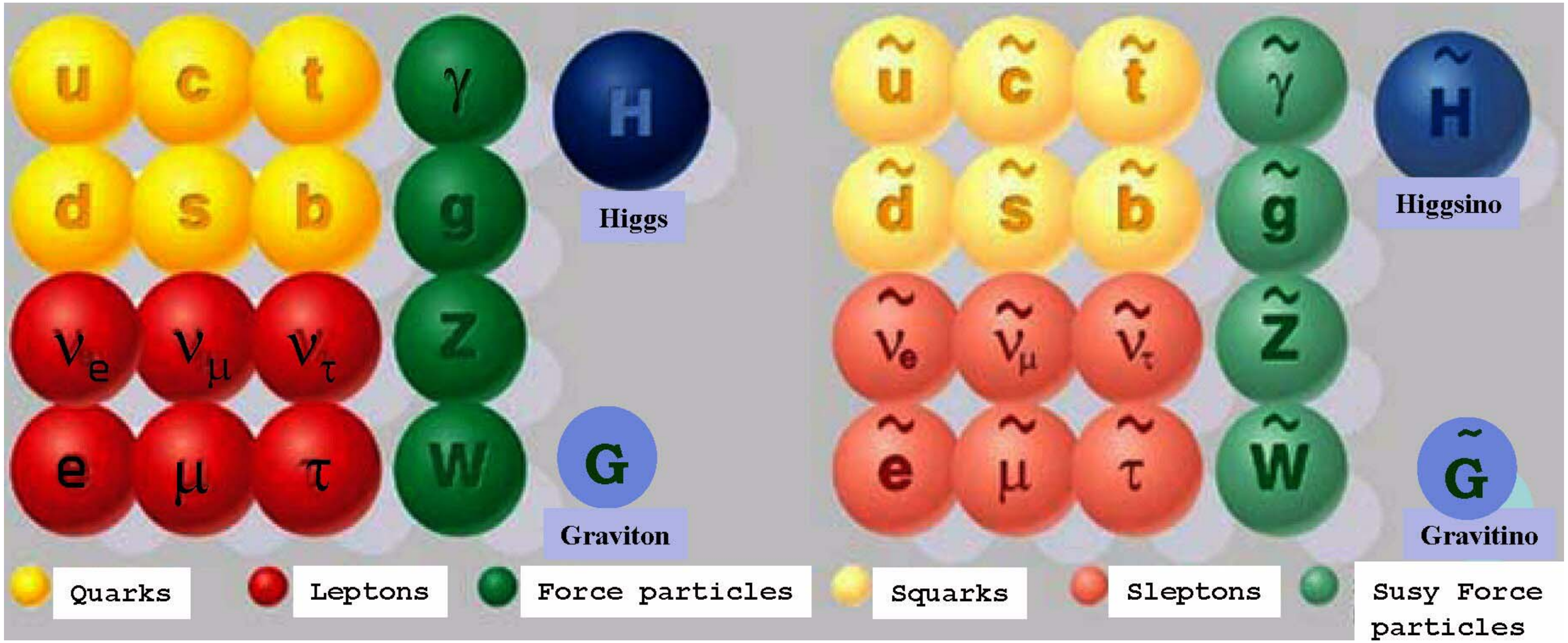
$$\frac{\text{proton lifetime}}{\text{branching ratio}} = 0.003\text{-}0.030 \times 10^{32}\ \text{years}$$

Supersymmetry

- Supersymmetry (SUSY) ⇨ a GUT in which interactions are symmetric under the transformation of a fermion to a boson.

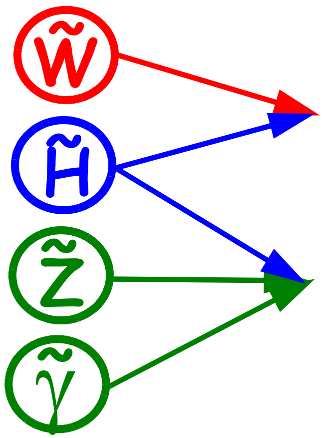
- Every known elementary particle have a super-symmetric partner (superpartner) with different spin.

Spin = 1/2 1 0 0 1/2 1/2



Supersymmetry

- The new particles are called squarks, sleptons, photinos, gluinos, winos, zinos ..... a tilde is used to denote these particle: $\tilde{e}$ $\tilde{W}$ $\tilde{\gamma}$
- New particles must be heavier than the known particles ⇨ otherwise they would already have been discovered.
- The Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP) is stable (in most SUSY models).
- New states are predicted due to mixing between some of the super partner states:



$\tilde{\chi}_1^+$ $\tilde{\chi}_1^-$ $\tilde{\chi}_2^+$ $\tilde{\chi}_2^-$ "Charginos"

$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ $\tilde{\chi}_3^0$ $\tilde{\chi}_4^0$ "Neutralinos"

Supersymmetry

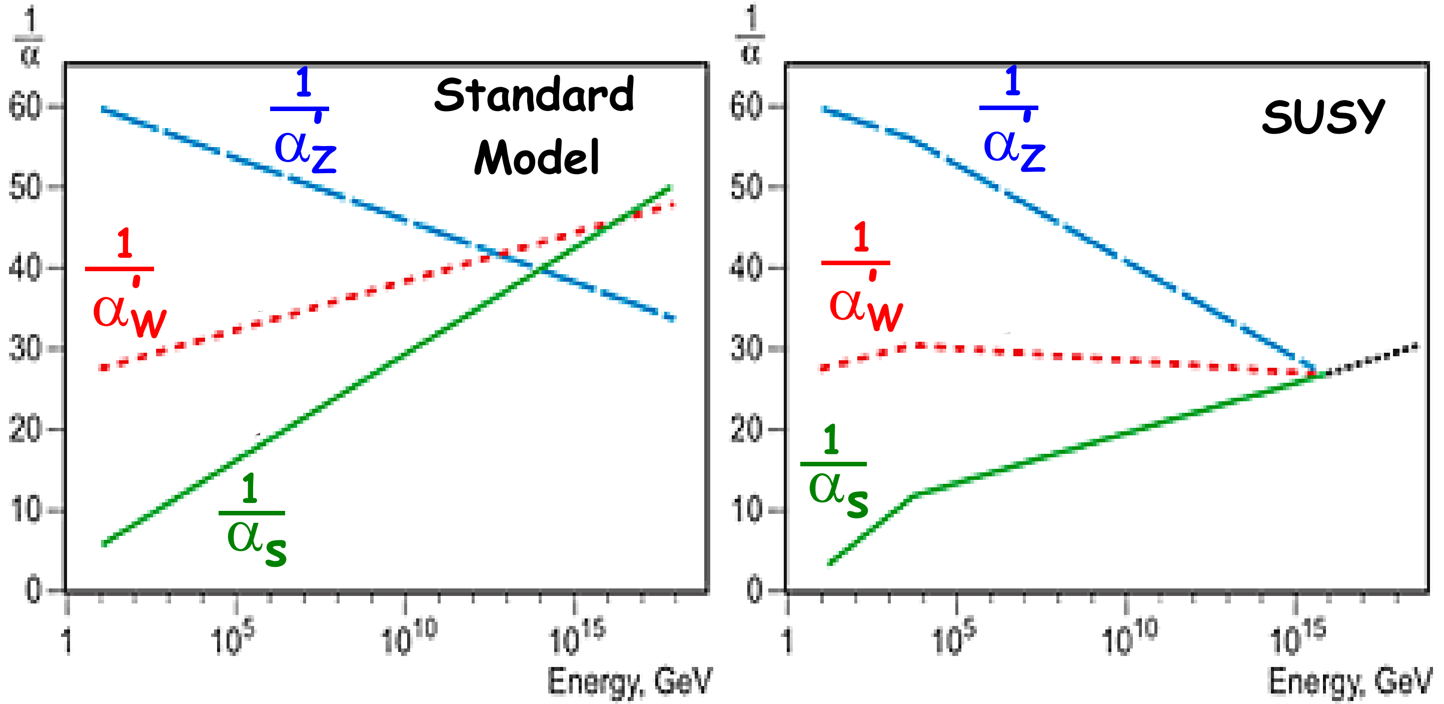
- There are many different supersymmetric models:

	Name	LSP	New parameters
MSSM:	Minimal super symmetric standard model	Any	> 100
cMSSM:	Constrained MSSM	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	M_0, $M_{1/2}$, A_0, $\tan(\beta)$, $\mathrm{sgn}(\mu)$
mSUGRA:	Minimal Supergravity	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	M_0, $M_{1/2}$, A_0, $\tan(\beta)$, $\mathrm{sgn}(\mu)$
AMSB:	Anomaly mediated symmetry breaking	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0$	m_0, $M_{3/2}$, $\tan(\beta)$, $\mathrm{sgn}(\mu)$
GMSB:	Gauge mediated symmetry breaking	$\tilde{G}$	Λ_m, M_m, $\tan(\beta)$, N_5, $\mathrm{sgn}(\mu)$

Supersymmetry

- SUSY ⇨ shift the **grand unification energy** to **higher values**.
  ⇨ the prediction for the lifetime of the proton increases.

- **Extrapolation of α** to the unification scale works better with SUSY.



- SUSY predicts a value for the **weak mixing angle** which is closer to the experimental results than the Georgi-Glashow model.

- Some SUSY models **unify ALL forces including gravity** at the Planck mass of 10^{19} GeV by replacing particles with superstrings.

Supersymmetry

➡ SUSY search in the DELPHI experiment

- **SUSY at LEP ⇨ Example: selectron production ⇨ decay to electrons and neutralinos:**

$$e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \tilde{e}^+ + \tilde{e}^-$$

$$\tilde{e}^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

$$\tilde{e}^- \rightarrow e^- + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$$

1) The cross section for producing selectron pairs is comparable to that of producing ordinary charged particles with the same mass.

2) The selectrons decay before they can reach a detector.

3) The neutralinos only interact weakly and they are therefore virtually undetectable.

Supersymmetry

- Signature ⇨ events with only an electron and a positron.

- Selection:
  i) the e^+ and e^- should carry only half of the collision energy
  ii) the e^+ and e^- are not emitted in the opposite directions

- No events were found with a clear and background free signature.

- The results ⇨ set lower limits on the mass of the neutralino.

- SUSY has many models, each with different sets of unknown parameters ⇨ the results are given for different assumptions on models and parameters.

Supersymmetry

- The slepton searches were combined with other SUSY searches to set limits on the neutralino mass.

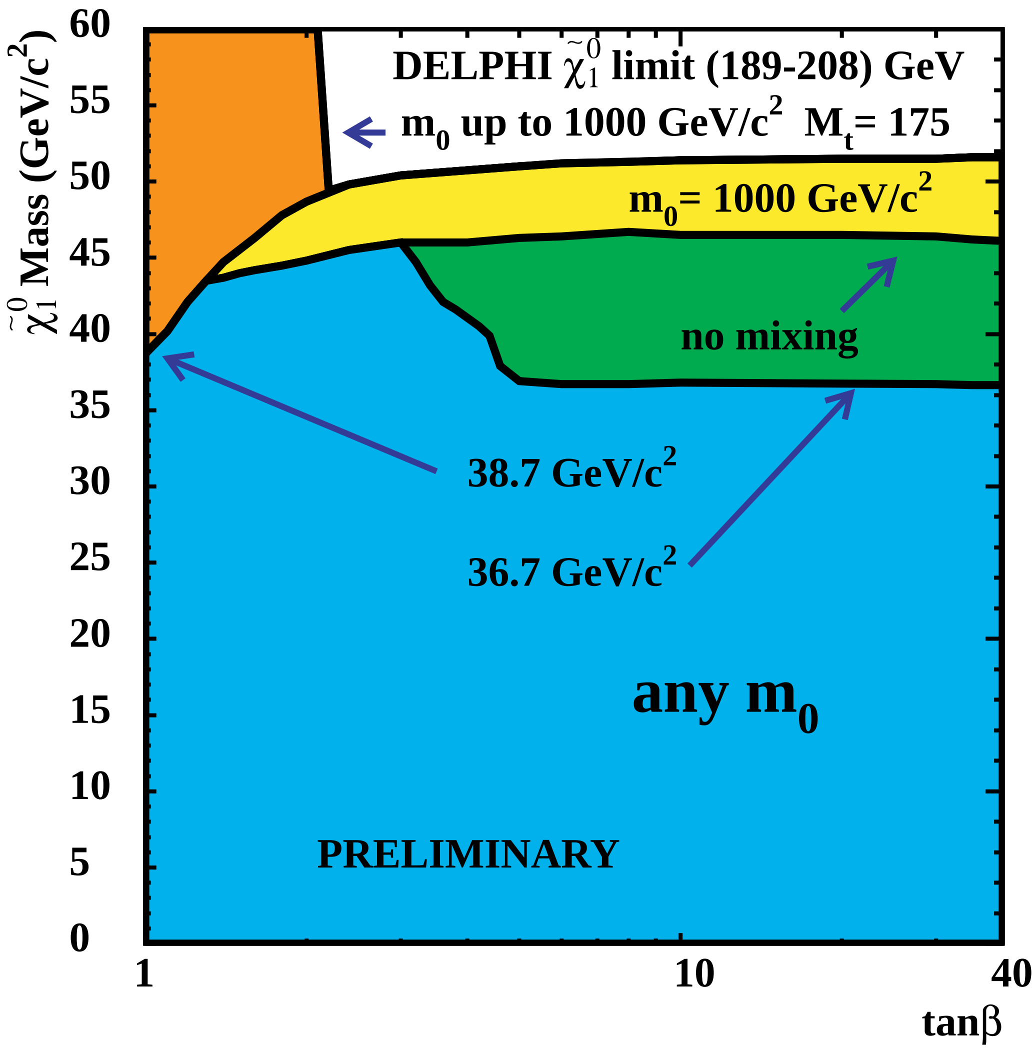
- All the coloured areas are excluded by the searches.

- The tan(β) parameter is related to the SUSY Higgs particles and m_0 to the sfermions mass.

- Result:

$$\tilde{\chi}_1^0 > 36.7 \text{ GeV}$$

for all parameter values.



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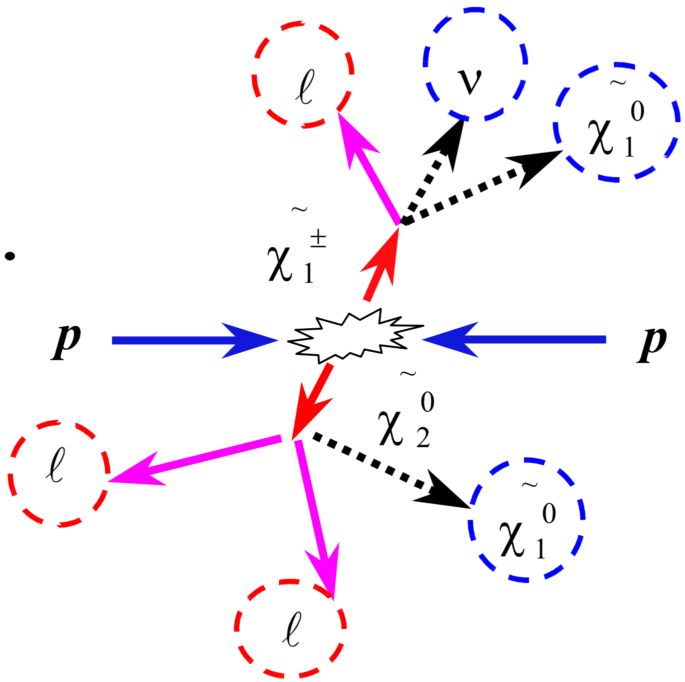
➡ SUSY search in the ATLAS experiment

- One of the main purposes of the LHC experiments are to search for SUSY as predicted by different models.

- Promising channel:
  the production of a chargino & neutralino
  ⇨ decays to leptons & lightest neutralino.



- Signature: three leptons (electrons & muons) and missing energy.

- Selection: P_T>10 GeV for the lepton & Missing energy > 30 GeV.

- Background: ZW and $t\bar{t}$ production.

Gravitation and extra dimensions

- The gravitational force is much weaker than the electromagnetic and strong interactions ⇨ not studied in particle physics.

- Postulated the existance of graviational force carriers ⇨ Gravitons (G).

- Graviation has only been studied at large distances (>1 mm) ⇨ it could be stronger at shorter distances.

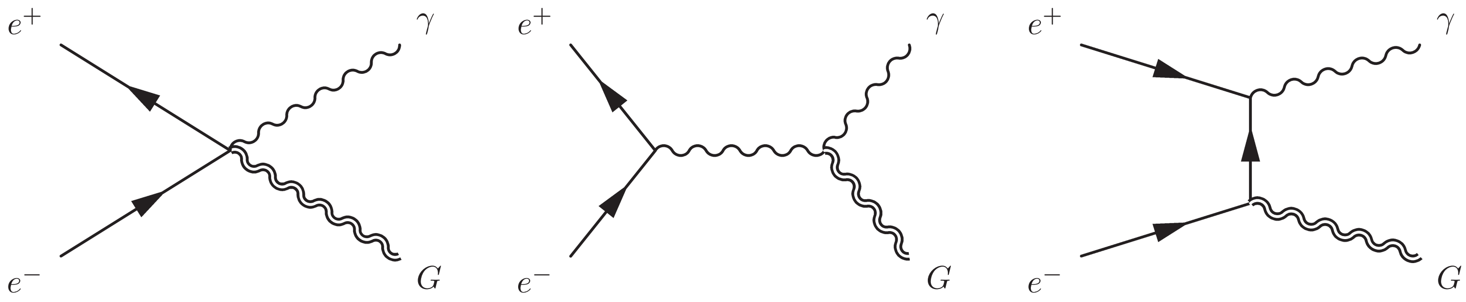
- New theories ⇨ Gravity is unified with other interactions ⇨ New dimensions of space in which only gravity can propagate (new dimensions in addition to the normal 3 space + 1 time dimensions).

Gravitation and extra dimensions

➡ Graviton search in the DELPHI experiment

- At the energy scale where gravity is unified with other forces
  ⇨ gravitons are produced in high-energy collisions
  ⇨ but escape undetected into the extra dimensions.

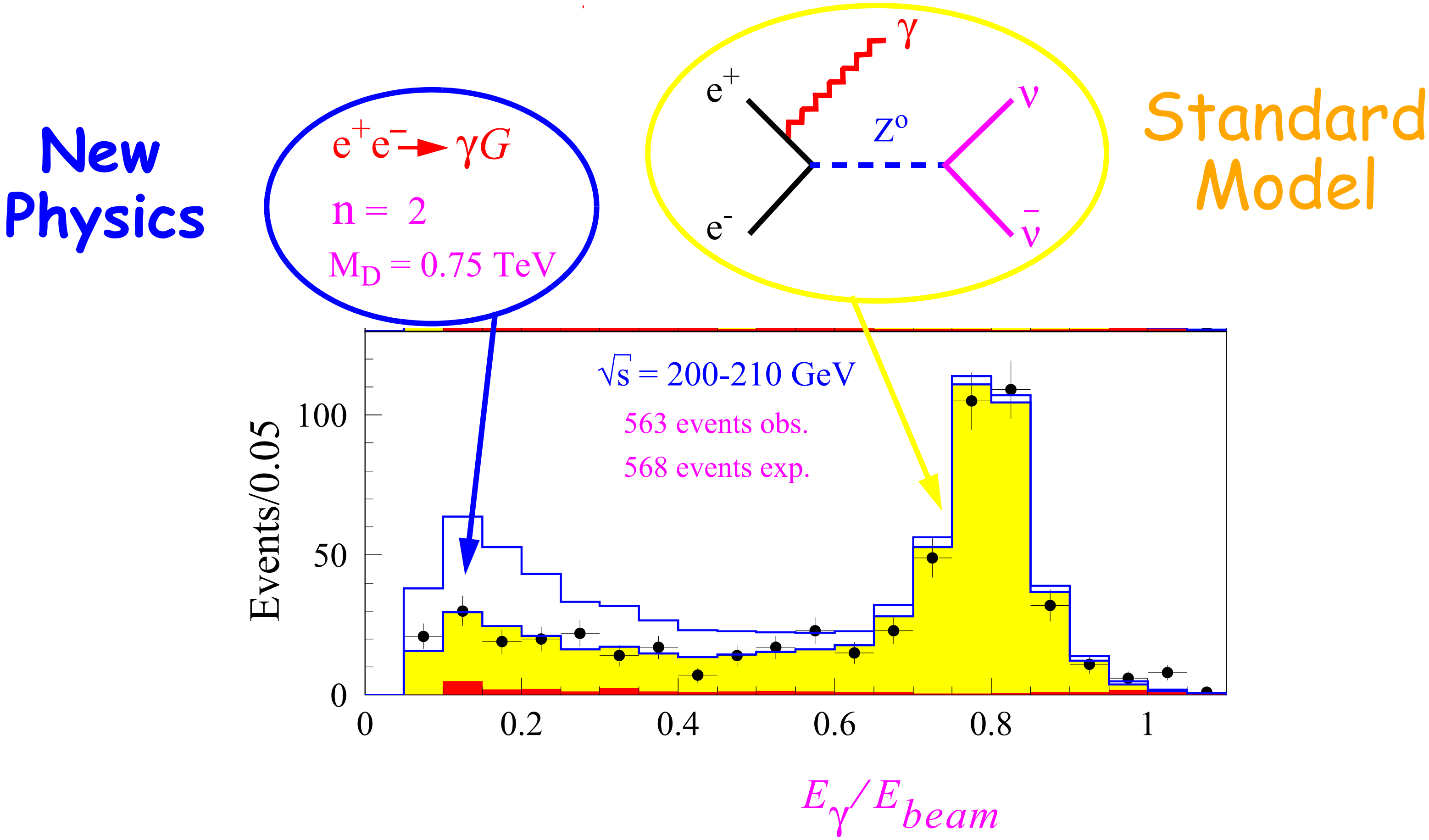
- Prediction: e^+e^- colliders with sufficient energy ⇨
  events with one graviton and one photon:



- Gravitons cannot be detected ⇨
  only one photon in the experiment.

Gravitation and extra dimensions

- **Selections: Events with only one photon and nothing else.**
  Measurement: The energy of the photon



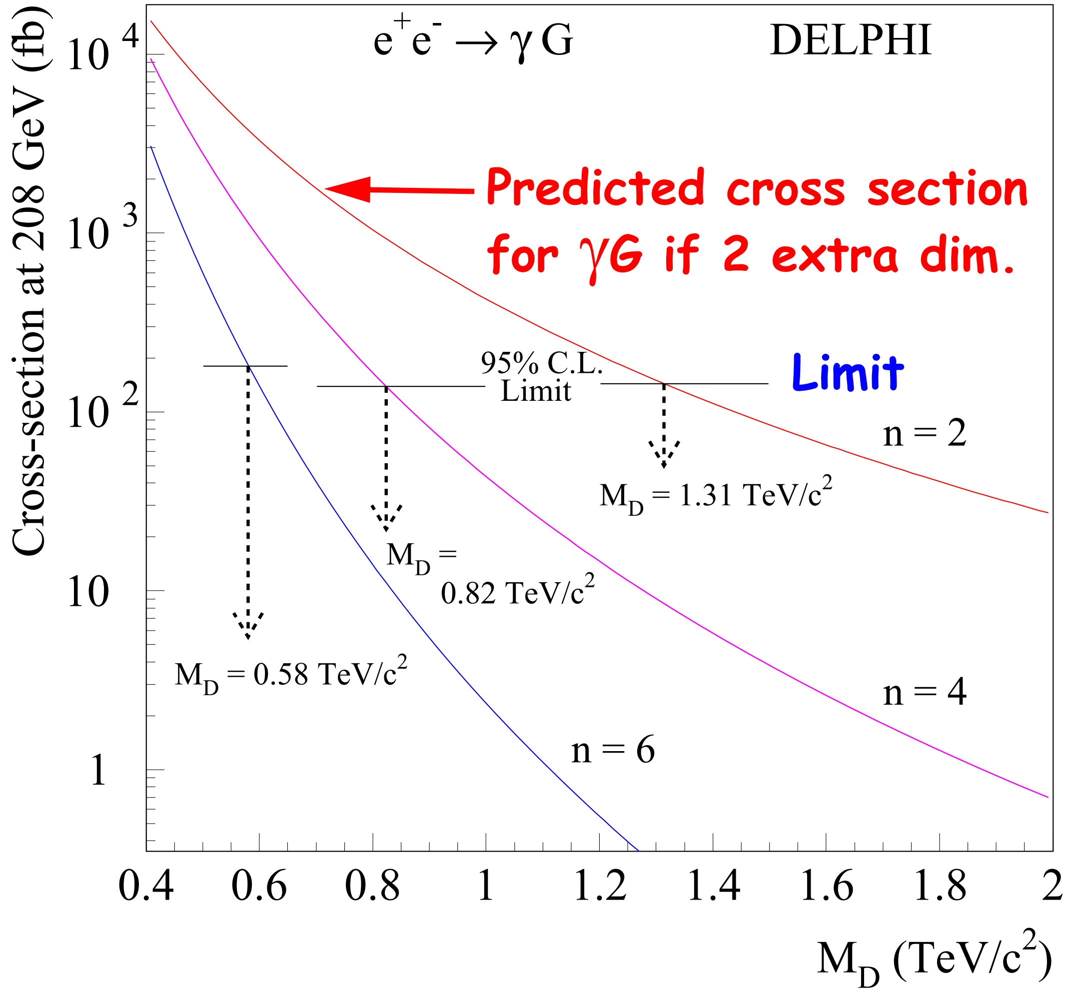
- **Conclusion: No sign of graviton production in the data !**

Gravitation and extra dimensions

- The measurement ⇨ **set limits** on the parameters in the theory

- Parameters:
  i) **n** - the number of extra dimensions
  ii) **M_D** - a fundamental mass scale.

- Limits:
  The data set limits on the cross section ⇨ limits on M_D and n in the theory



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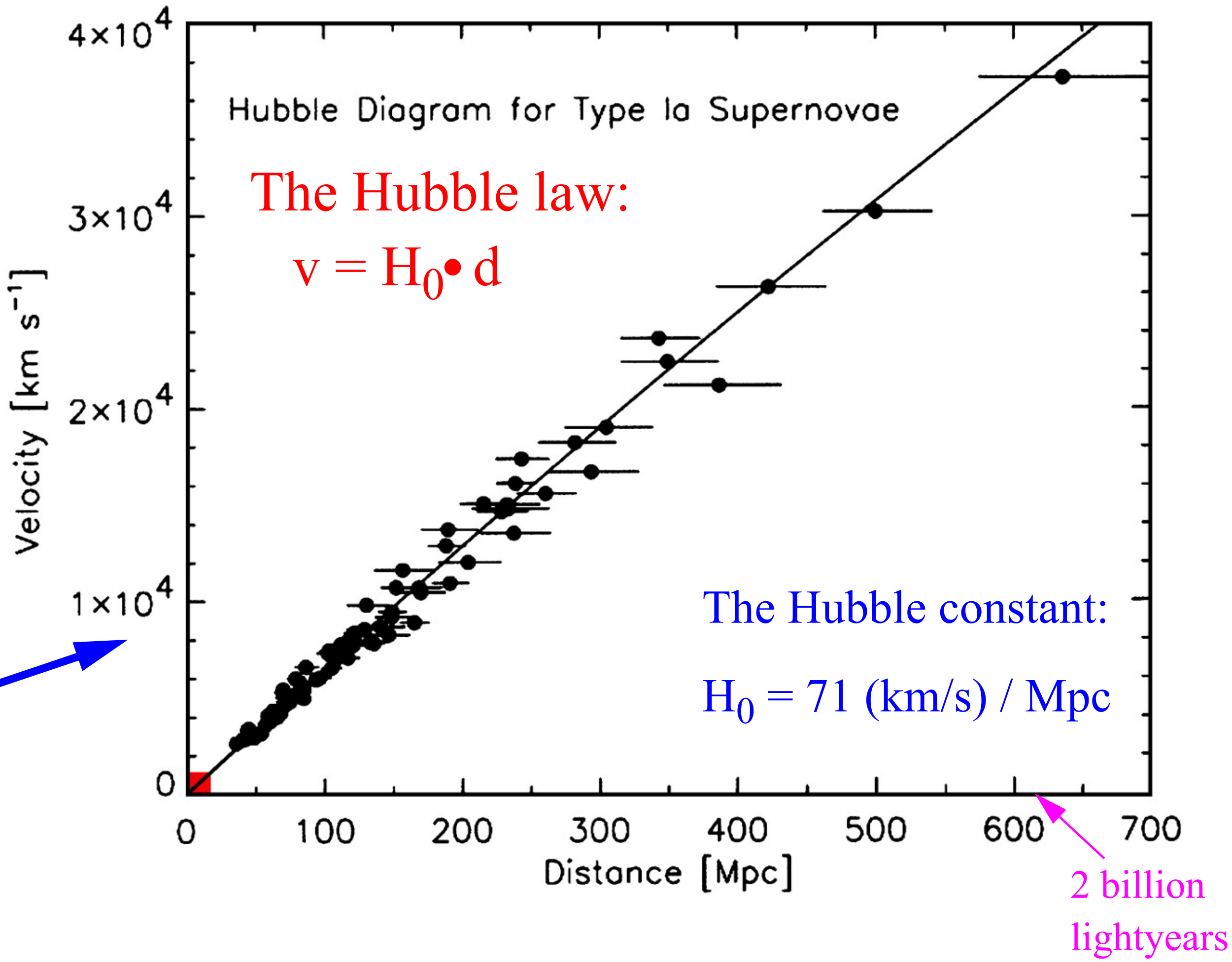
➡ The Big Bang Model

- Experimental **evidence** for the **Big Bang model** ⇨

1) A nearly **uniform** distribution of **matter** in the universe.

2) An abundance of **light elements** such as He, D and Li.

3) The **universe is expanding** and the velocity of super-novas are therefore increasing with their distance to earth.



4) The cosmic background radiation.

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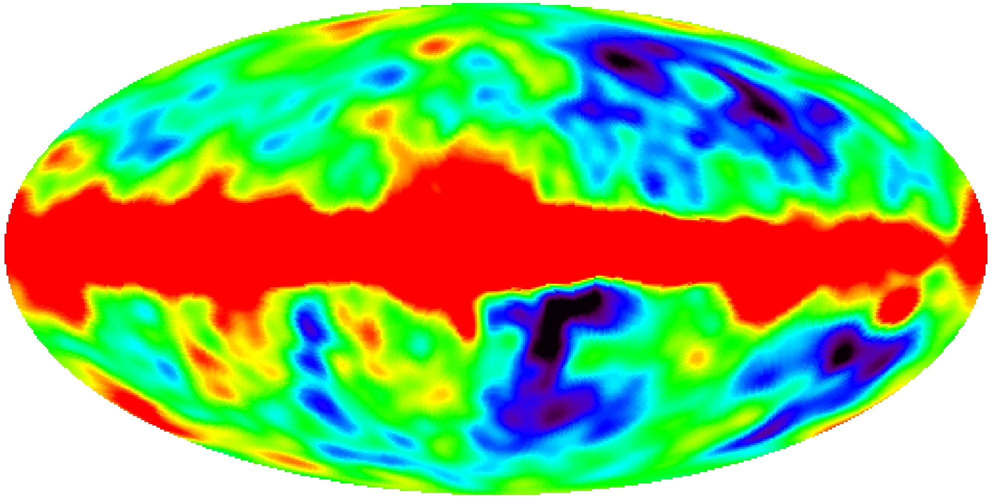
- The cosmic background radiation with a temperature of 2.7 K (0.0002 eV) ⇨ remenant of the Big Bang.

The sky as seen at microwave frequencies by the COBE satellite: →



The difference between the hottest regions in red and the coldest in blue are only 0.0002 K while the average temperature is 2.7 K.

Conclusion: The cosmic microwave background radiation is very uniform.

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- **The critical density:**

$$\rho_c = \frac{3H_0^2}{8\pi G} = O(10^{-26})\ \mathrm{kg\ m}^3$$

Hubble constant (H_0)

Gravitational constant (G)

- **If the density in the universe is larger than the critical density ⇨ the expansion of the universe will eventually end. (otherwise it will continue for ever).**

- **The relative density:**

$$\Omega \equiv \rho / \rho_c = \Omega_M + \Omega_\Lambda$$

Matter part (Ω_M)

Energy part (Ω_Λ)

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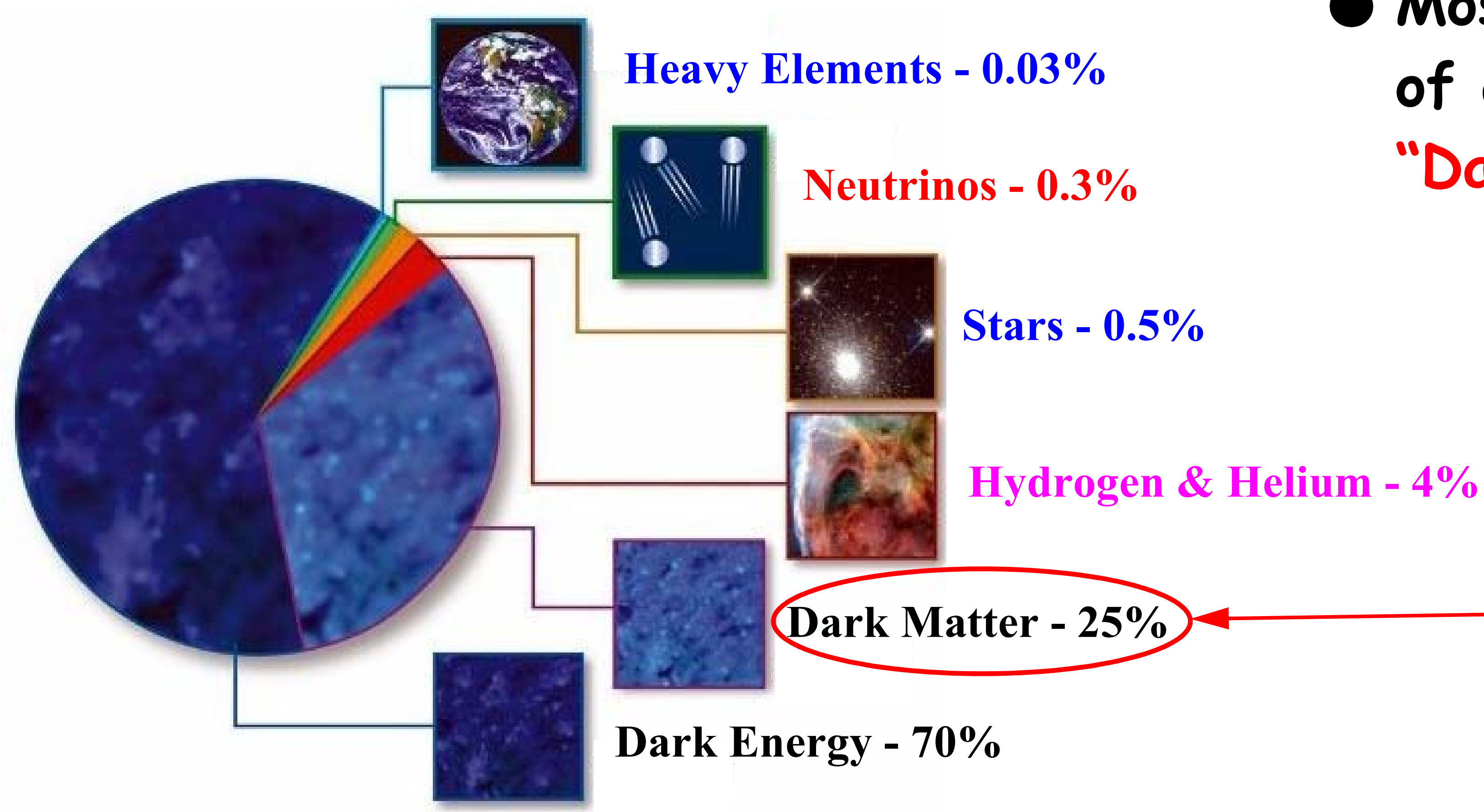
➡ Dark Matter

- The inflationary Big Bang model ⇒ the density is close to the critical density.



- Most of the matter of an unkown type "Dark Matter"

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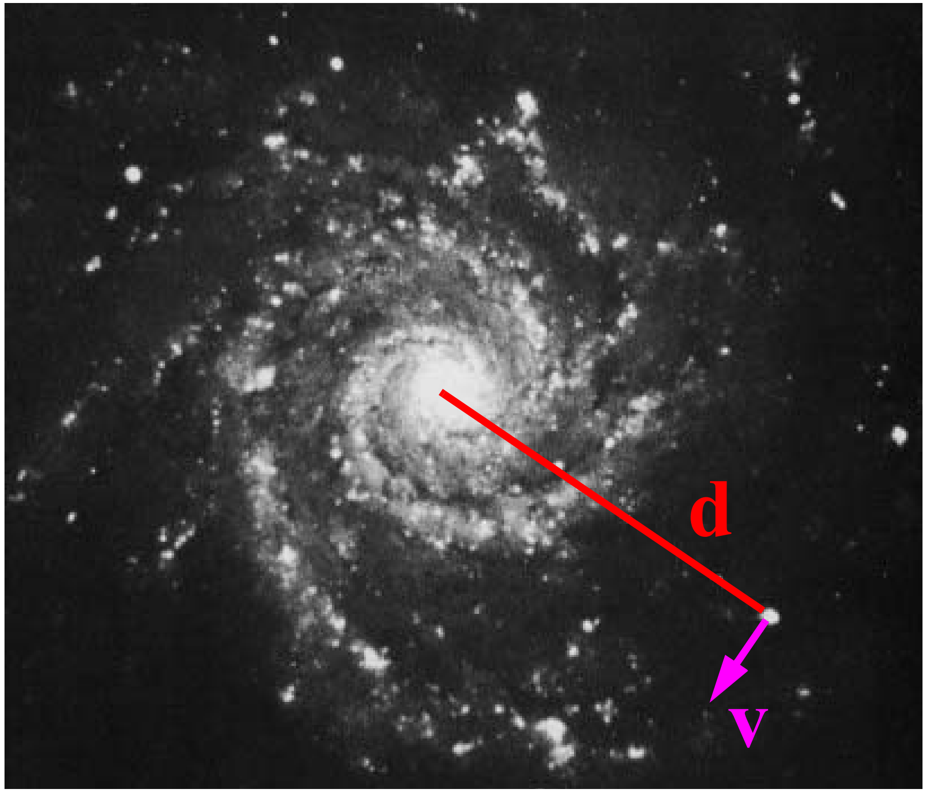
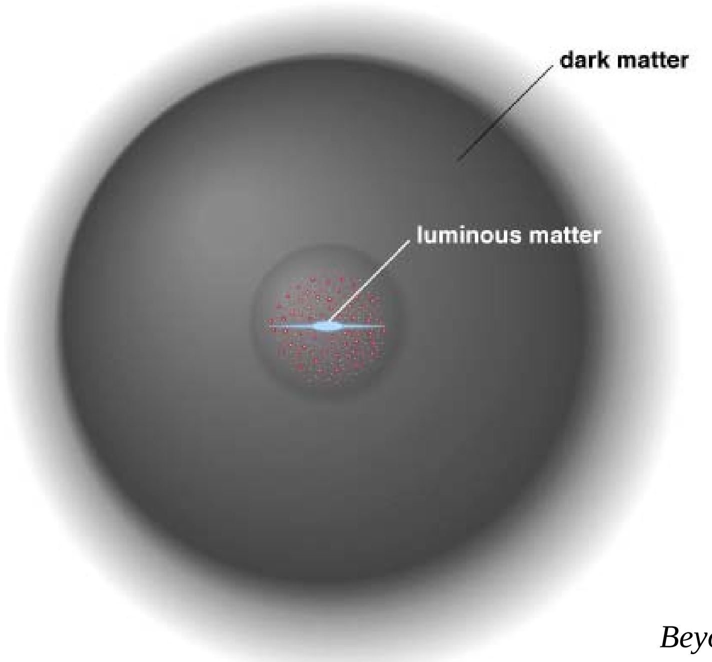
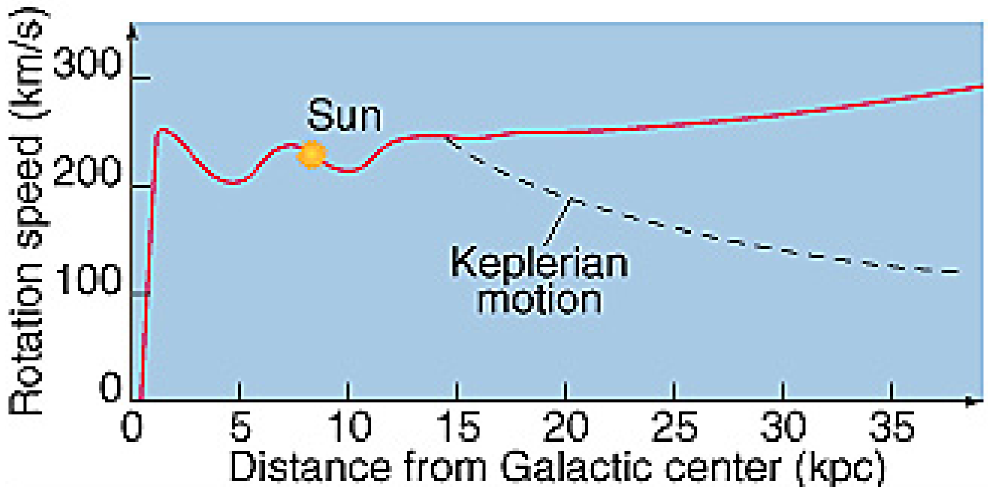
- Evidence for dark matter ⇨ measurements of the rotation velocity of stars in galaxies.

- The large rotational velocity of stars in the outer regions of the the Milky way ⇨ the galaxy is full of dark matter.







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- What does dark matter consist of ?

1) Baryonic matter that emits little or no electromagnetic radiation: Brown dwarfs, small black holes - MACHO's (for Massive Compact Halo Object).

2) Hot dark matter: If neutrinos have a mass > 1 eV ⇨ give a significant contribution to the density of the universe. But it is difficult to explain how the galaxies are formed if neutrinos make up the dark matter.

3) Cold dark matter: Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs). Non-baryonic objects that were non-relativistic at the early stages of the evolution of the universe. SUSY particles could be WIMPs.

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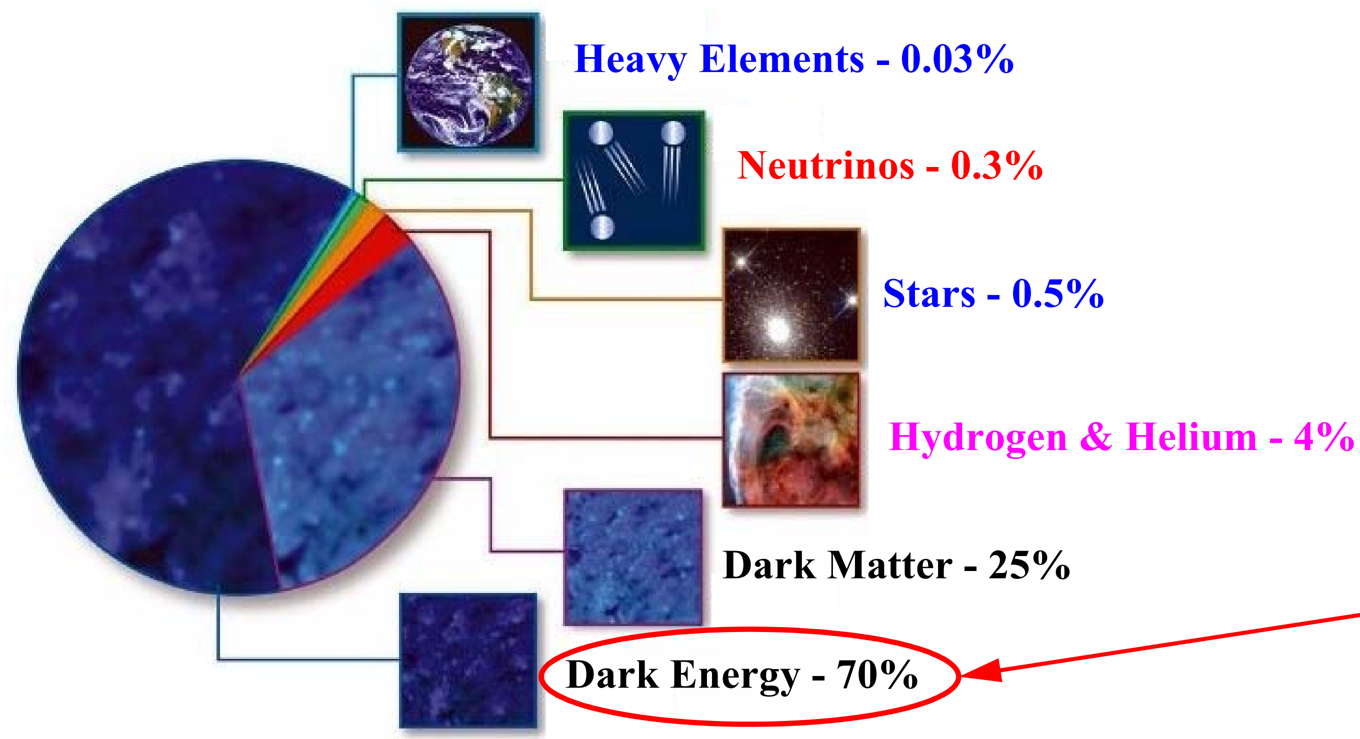
➡ Dark Energy

- The brightness (magnitude) of remote supernovas and their redshifts ⇨ the expansion of the universe is not constant but accelerating ⇨ the universe is full of dark energy.



- Dark Matter: gravitationally attractive force
- Dark Energy: gravitationally repulsive force

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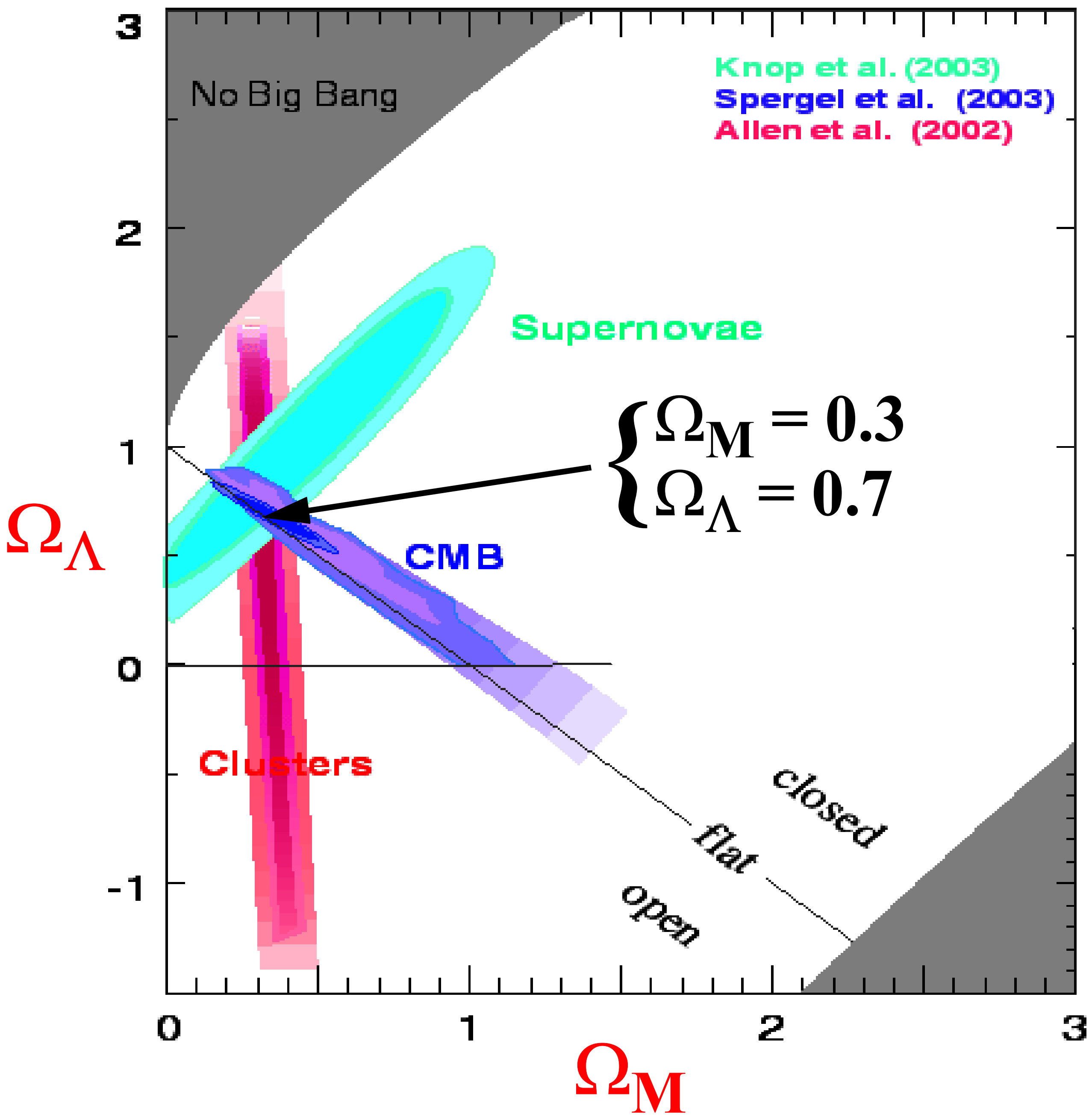
- Other evidence for dark energy ⇨ studies of the Cosmic Microwave Background (CMB) & the motion of clusters in galaxies.



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- What is causing the Dark Energy ?

Two main hypothesis:

1) The Cosmological Constant: Space has an intrinsic constant fundamental energy (10^{-29} g/cm^3). Calculations of vacuum fluctuations in particle physics give rise to an energy density in vacuum but the calculated value do not agree with astronomical observations.

2) Quintessence: Particle-like excitations in a new dynamical field called quintessence. This field differs from the Cosmological constant in that it can vary in space and time.

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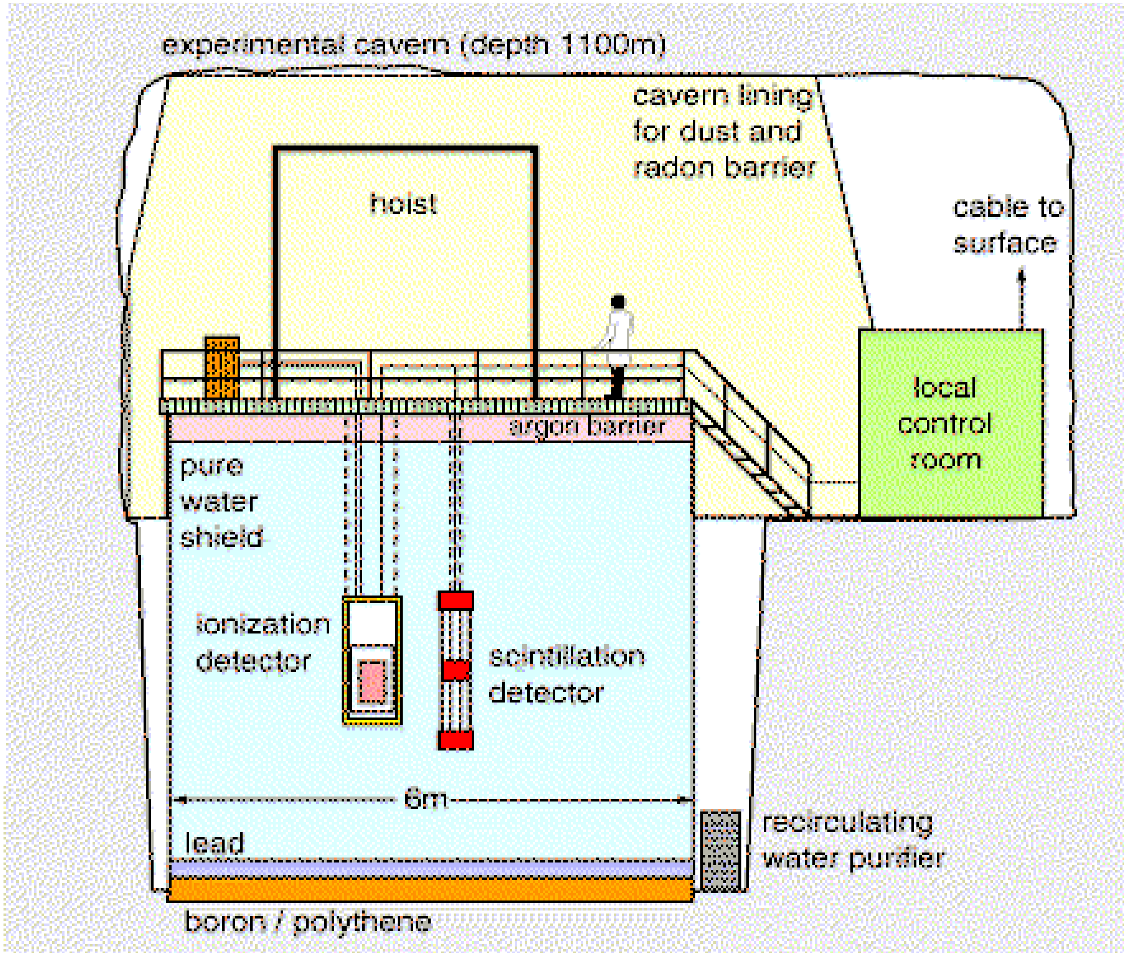
➡ Direct search for WIMPs

- Interactions between WIMPs and matter has to be very rare.
  ⇨ about one WIMP interacting in a kg of matter every day.

- WIMP detectors are installed deep underground and surrounded with shielding in order to minimize the background.



- The Boulby experiment: NaI detector which produces scintillation light if a WIMP interacts with an atom.

- 200 tons of ultra pure water is used for shielding.

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➡ The Cryogenic Dark Matter Search (CDMSII)

- In 2009, CDMSII claimed "a hint" of a dark matter discovery.


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At a Mine's Bottom, Hints of Dark Matter

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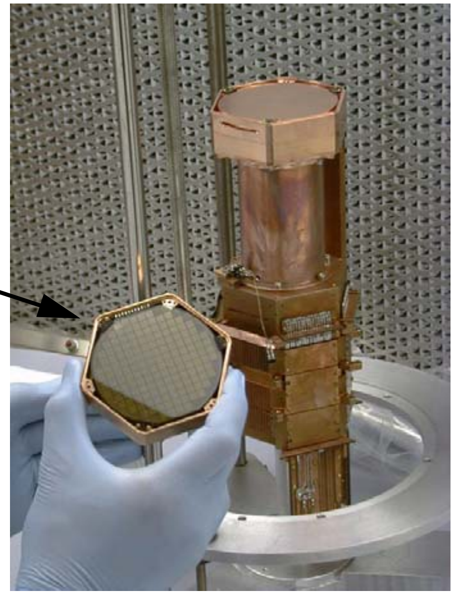
An international team of physicists working in the bottom of an old iron mine in Minnesota said Thursday that they might have registered the first faint hints of a ghostly sea of subatomic particles known as dark matter long thought to permeate the cosmos.

- CDMSII: Ge detectors at the Soudan underground laboratory to look for WIMPs.

- Interactions between WIMPs and the Ge atoms ⇨ phonons and ionization ⇨ detected by sensors on the semiconductors.



- Two candidate events with 0.9 expected from background.