

Particle Astrophysics at Fermilab

Fermilab Particle Astrophysics Center

Fermilab is home to about 50 astrophysicists. Research focuses on the nature of dark matter and dark energy; the evolution of the universe; and the role of neutrinos in our universe.

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Theoretical
Astrophysics Group

Sloan Digital
Sky Survey

Pierre Auger
Observatory

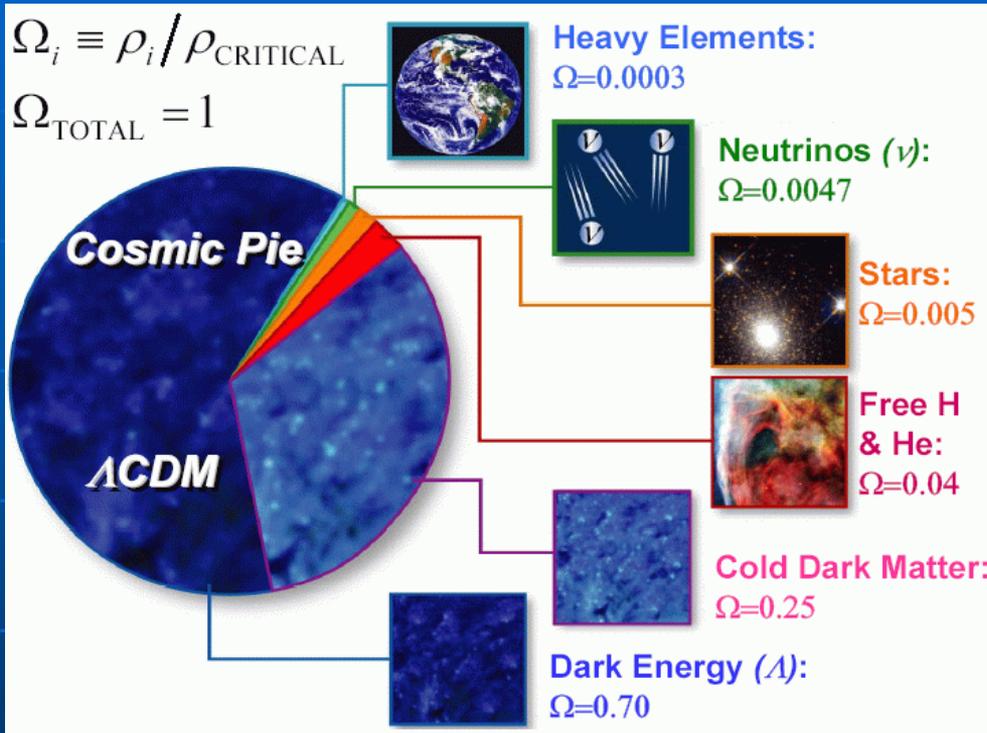
Cryogenic Dark
Matter Search

Supernova/
Acceleration Probe

Dark Energy Survey

Brenna Flaugher
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June 8,9 2005

Dark Energy, Dark Matter and UHECR



Dark Energy is the dominant constituent of the Universe (~ 70%)

Dark Matter is next (25%)

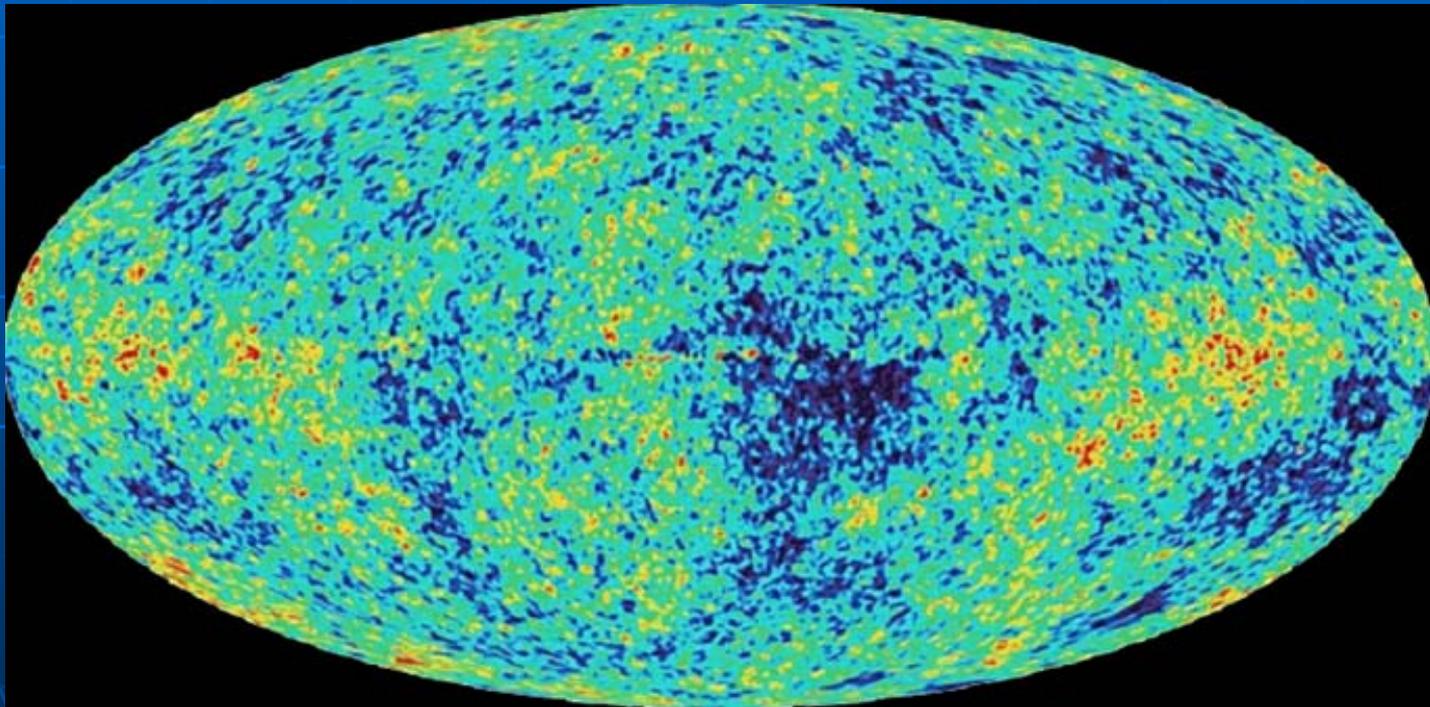
95% of the Universe is in Dark Energy and Dark matter for which we have no understanding

What are those Ultra High Energy ($> 10^{19}$ eV) Cosmic Rays?
where do they come from?
how are they produced?

Picture of the OLD universe

Quantum fluctuations grew during inflation – these led to galaxies & other structures

The CMB is the most distant light we'll ever be able to see, probes the initial conditions for structure formation.



WMAP measures the CMB radiation density field at $z \sim 1000$, ~ 13 billion years ago

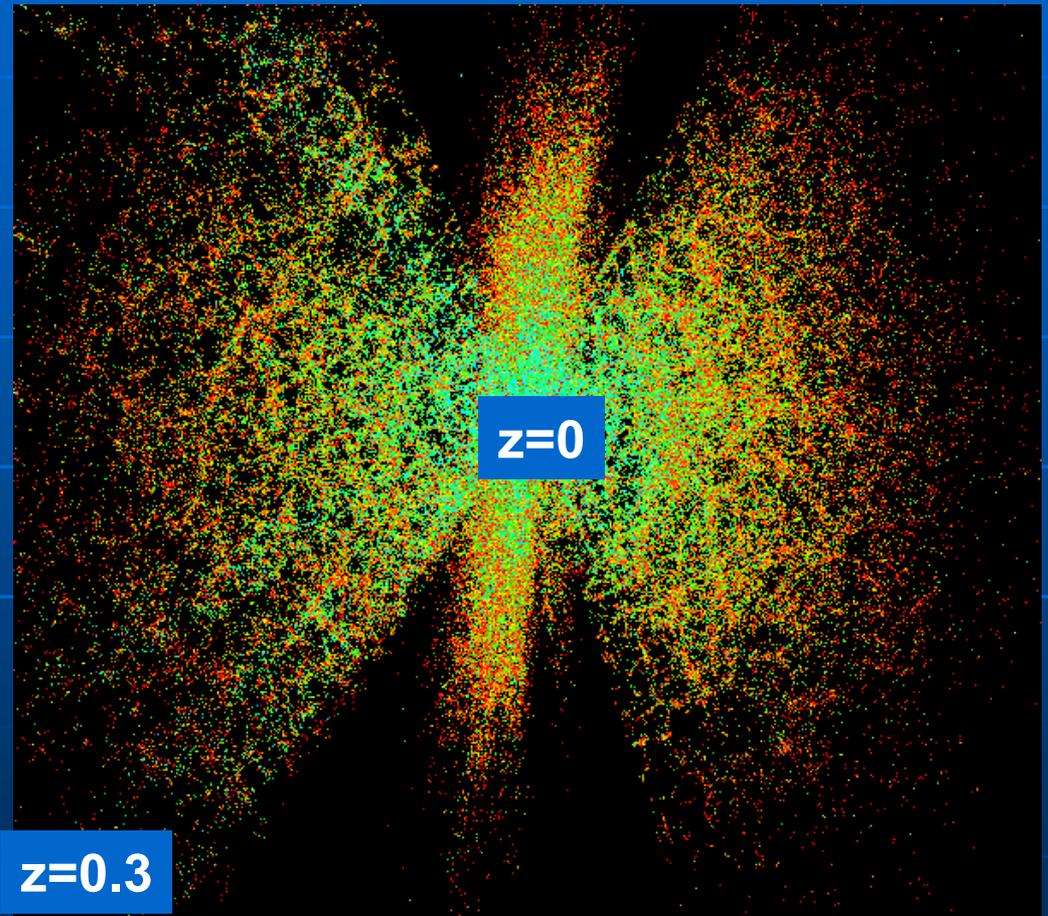
Picture of the RECENT universe

Sloan Digital Sky Survey measures the galaxy density field out to $z \sim 0.3$

filamentary structure is evident

sample density drops off with z : fainter, harder to see

At $z \sim 0.7$ DE and DM are about equal, DE dominates now.



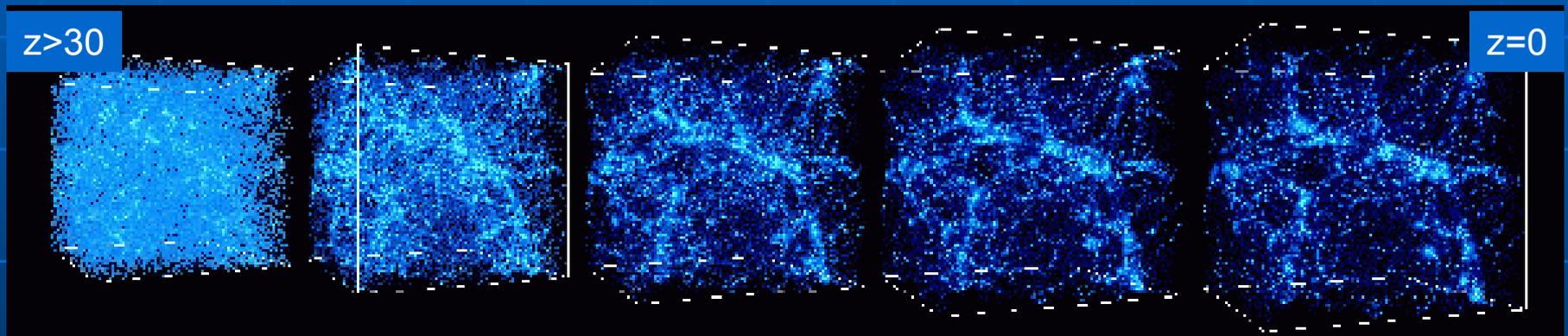
Dark Matter and Energy

- Expansion rate of the universe:

$$H^2(z) = H_0^2 \left[\underbrace{\Omega_M (1+z)^3}_{\text{dark matter}} + \underbrace{\Omega_{DE} (1+z)^{3(1+w)}}_{\text{dark energy}} \right] \quad \text{(flat Universe, const. } w, \text{ } w = -1: \text{ cosm. const.)}$$

- rate of growth of structure

- mass, number and spatial distribution of galaxies as a function of z



- The parameter, $w = \mathbf{p}/\rho$, describes the evolution of the density of dark energy with redshift.
- Current Status: $\sigma(w) \sim 0.15^*$, $w < -0.76$ (95%)

* **CMB+LSS+SNe; no single dataset constrains w better than $\sim 30\%$**

A Cluster of Galaxies in SDSS Data

What is the cluster redshift?

What is the cluster mass?

not completely different from jet clustering in collider physics but also have depth (red shift) info.



Theoretical Astrophysics Group

- Founded in 1983 by Lederman and Schramm
 - Goal is to perform research at the confluence of astrophysics, cosmology, and particle physics
 - Rocky Kolb and Mike Turner + 3 post doc.
- Now
 - Scott Dodelson is head of the group
 - approximately 10-15 theoretical astrophysicists (5 FNAL staff, 5 PD, + users, visitors)
 - partially ($\sim 1/4$) funded by a NASA Astrophysics Theory grant.
 - More than 1000 papers published!
- Strong connections to area Universities

Theory: Supports existing projects & helps initiate new ones

- Cosmological ν mass constraints
(Beacom, Bell, & Dodelson 2004; SDSS Abazajian, Dodelson, Frieman, et al. 2004)
- Dark Energy: Models & Detection
(Kolb et al. 2005; Battye & Weller 2005)
- Inflation (Kolb et al. 2004; Kadota & Stewart 2004)
- Dark Matter (Beacom, Bell & Bertone 2004; Bertone & Merritt 2005)
- Gravitational Lensing
(Dodelson & Zhang '05; Zhang, Hui, & Stebbins '04)
- Strings (Greene, Jackson et al. 2004)



Sloan Digital Sky Survey (E885)

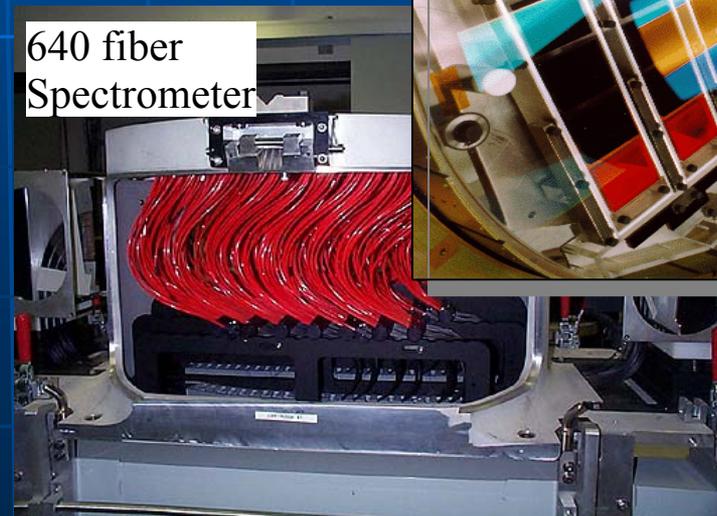
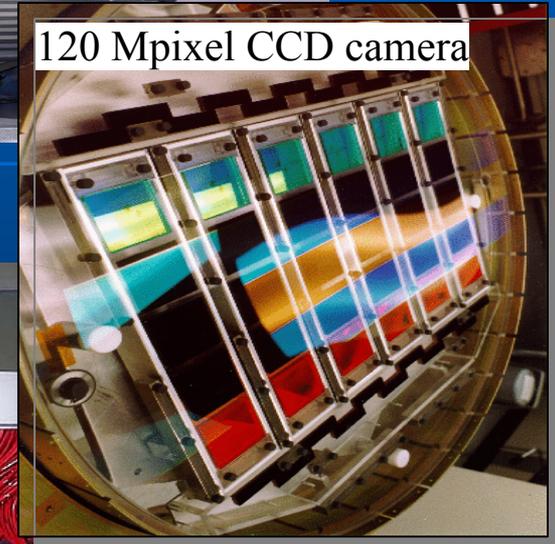
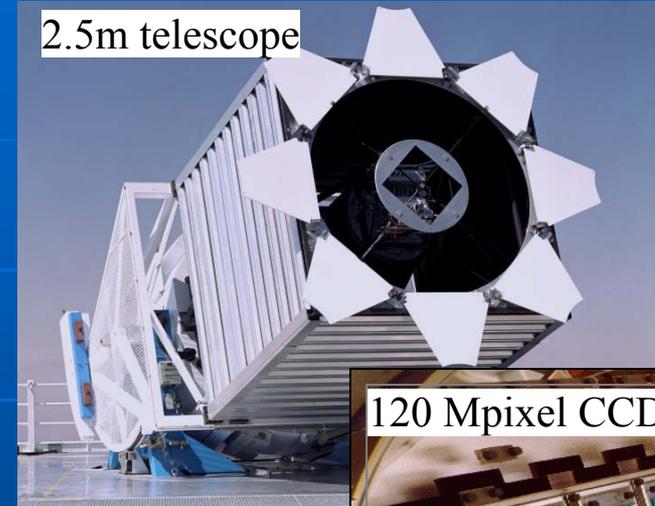
Fermilab involved since 1990

Goal: Study formation & evolution of galaxies and large scale structure
Understand the role of Dark Matter in shaping the universe

5 year mission: 2000-2005

Digital map of $\frac{1}{4}$ of sky in 5 wavelength bands
Spectra of 1 million galaxies,
100k Quasars

Public Data!

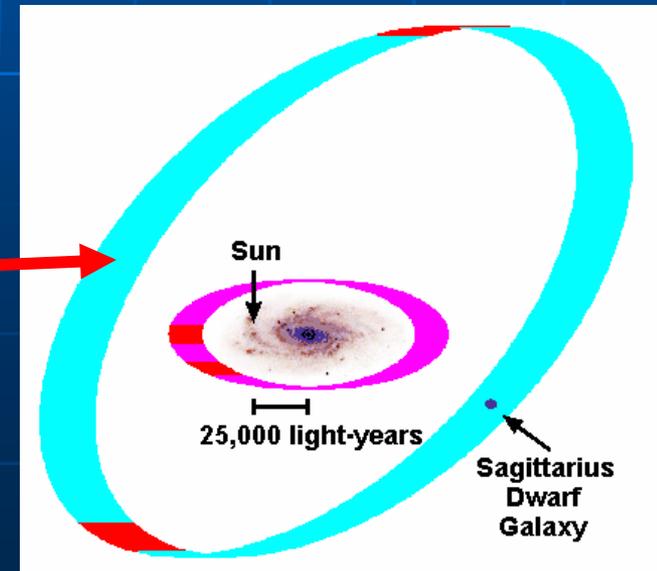


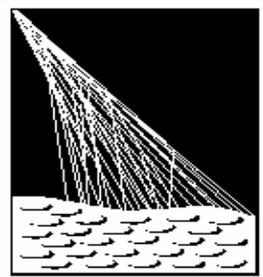
SDSS Impact

- Science publications:
 - 213 in the last year
 - ~ 50% were by people outside the Collaboration
- 20 PhD theses on SDSS data completed last year
- As of March 05, 660 refereed papers included SDSS or Sloan in their title and/or abstract. (~ 50% were actual analysis of SDSS data)
- These papers have been referenced over 12000 times including 14 papers referenced over 100 times each.
- Numerous articles in popular magazines
- With WMAP 2003 Science breakthrough of the year
- One appearance on David Letterman!

Sloan Digital Sky Survey

- 150 Scientists from 15 institutions
- Funding from: DOE/Fermilab, NSF, NASA, US Naval Observatory, Monbusho/Japan, Universities, Sloan Foundation, Max Planck Soc.
- Today: imaging 113% complete; spectroscopy 75% complete
- Received funding from NSF and Sloan Foundation for SDSS-II: 3 more years
 - Legacy (complete SDSS-I)
 - SEGUE (galactic structure)
 - SN (low/intermediate redshift)





**PIERRE
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OBSERVATORY

The Pierre Auger Project (E881)

Goal: Measure the Highest Energy Cosmic Rays $>10^{19}$ eV
Energy Spectrum - Direction - Composition

Two Large Air shower arrays

3000 km² in Mendoza, Argentina: construction underway
Auger North in Colorado or Utah: planning stage

50 Institutions, >250 Scientists

Funding agencies: DOE, NSF and in 13 other countries.

US support is about 25% of the total

1st data coming in: submitted to 35 papers to International Cosmic Ray Conference Aug. 2005 Pune, India

Fermilab has been involved since the inception in ~1994

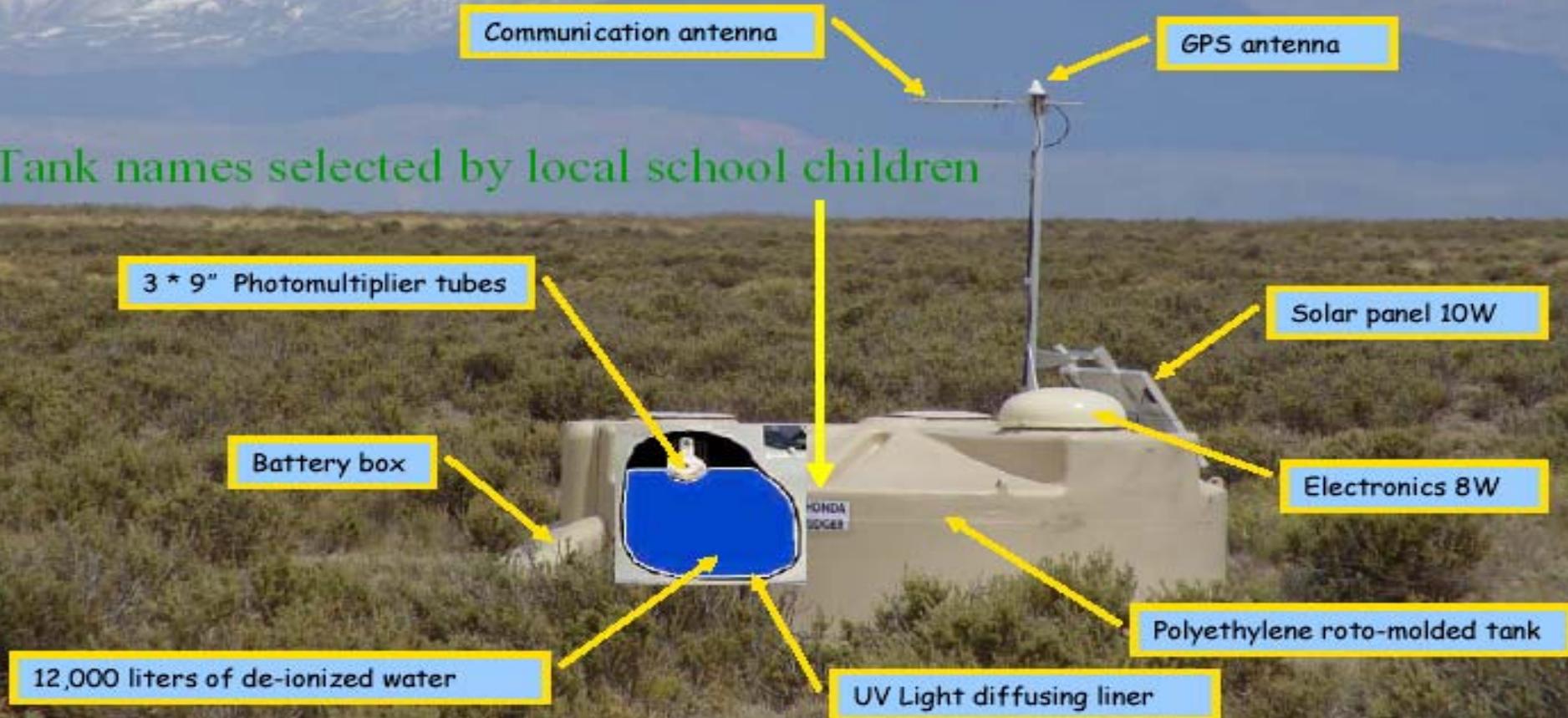
Paul Mantsch (FNAL/TD) is project manager and will be giving the Auger highlight talk at ICRC

Pierre Auger Surface Detectors

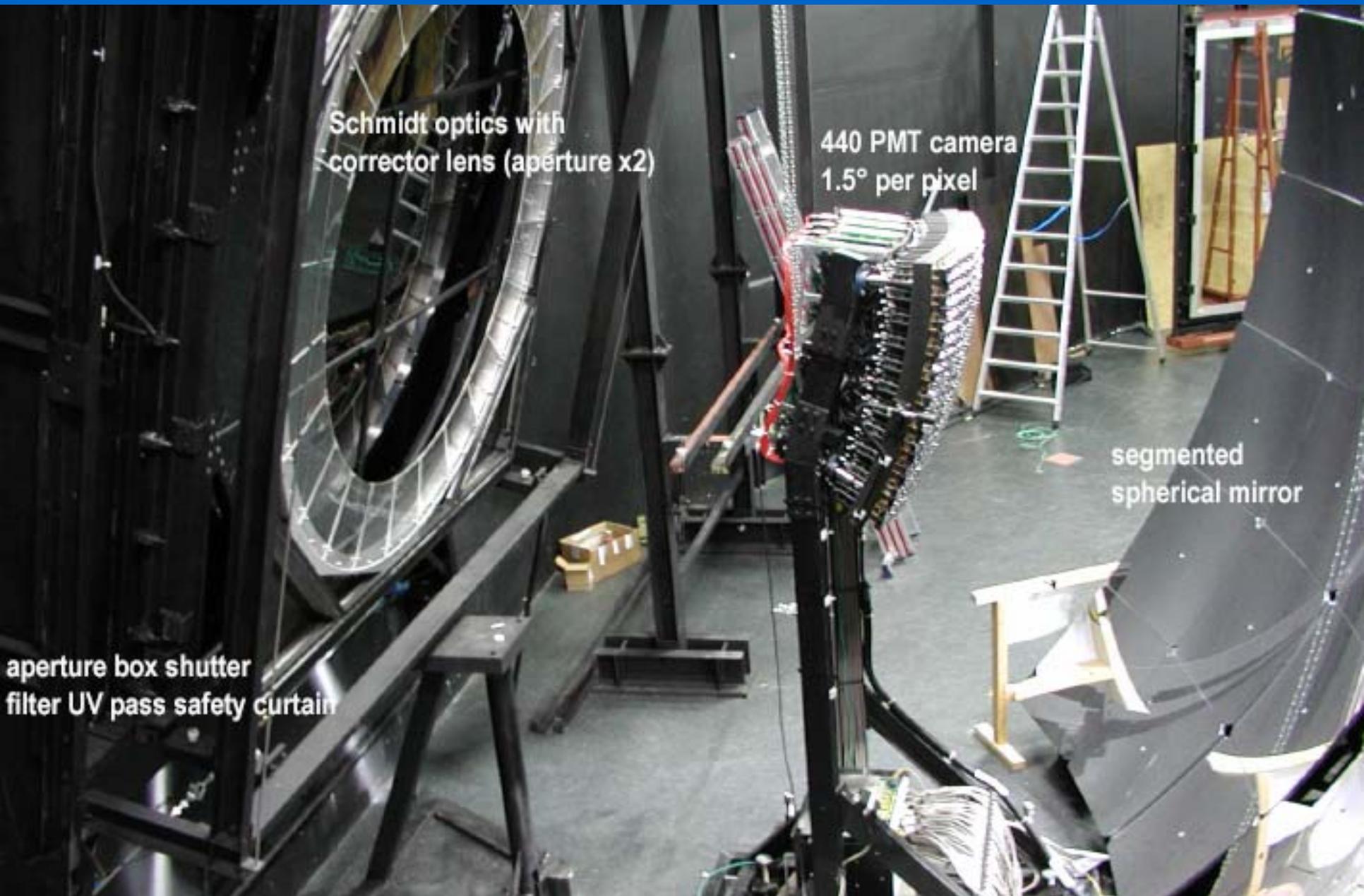
1600 Surface Detectors

1.5 km spacing

Tank names selected by local school children

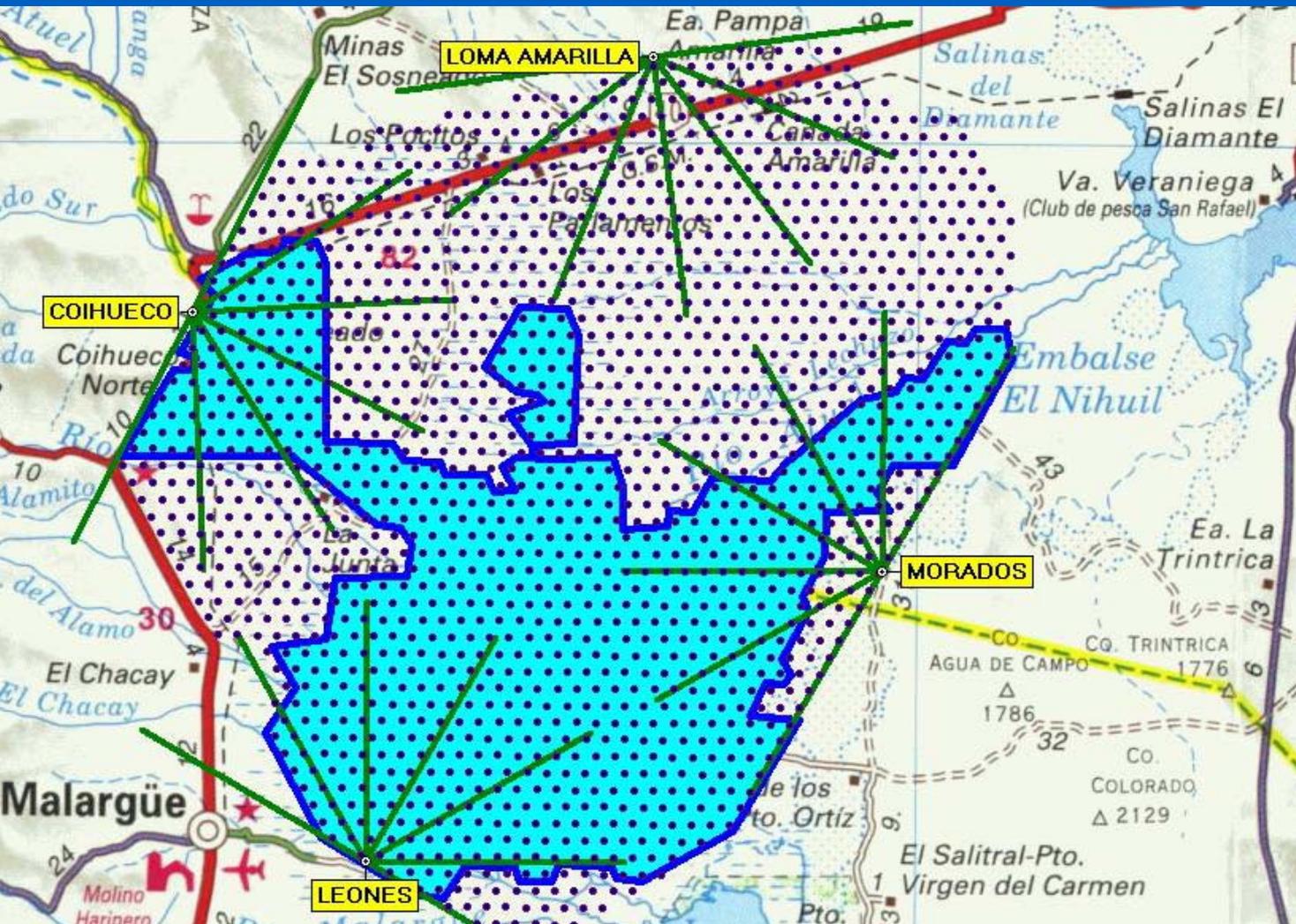
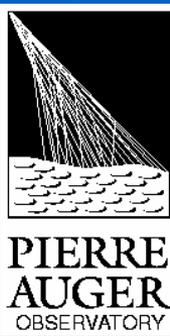


Pierre Auger Fluorescence Telescope



The Pierre Auger Project

Southern Site is already the worlds largest



726/1600
tanks
and
18/24
telescopes
sending
data

Cryogenic Dark Matter Search(E891)

CDMS Mission:

Direct detection of Dark Matter Candidate: Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPS)

Need very low background:
Locate in Soudan Mine

1st data Oct. '03-Jan. 04:
1 tower: 1 kg Ge, 0.2kg Si

**Improved world limit
by x4!**

Collaboration of ~ 50 Scientists

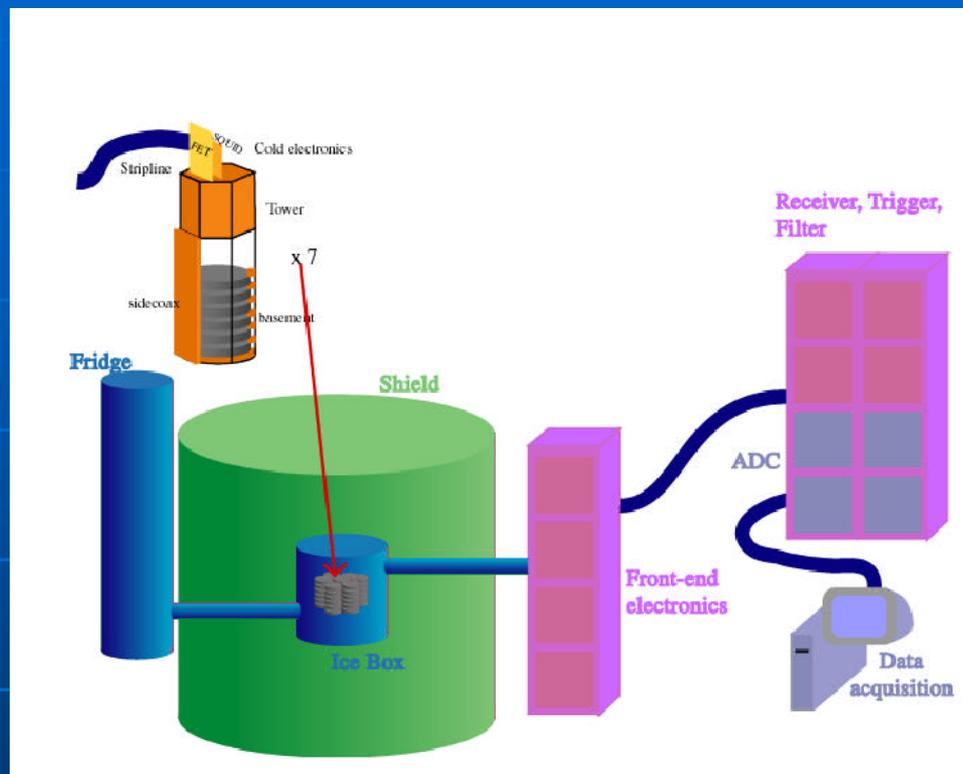
Funding: DOE, NSF and Universities

Dan Bauer (FNAL/PPD) is the project leader



CDMS in a Nut Shell

- Direct detection of a few WIMPS/year!
- Cryogenic towers of 6 Ge and Si detectors, < 50 mK
- Active Background Rejection
 - Detectors distinguish between nuclear recoils (WIMPS, neutrons) and electron recoils (backgrounds)
- Reject neutrons using
 - multiple scattering
 - Neutrons do, WIMPS don't
 - comparison of Ge to Si rates
 - Neutron cross sections similar, but WIMP cross sections x5 higher in Ge
 - depth
 - Neutrons mainly from cosmic ray interactions

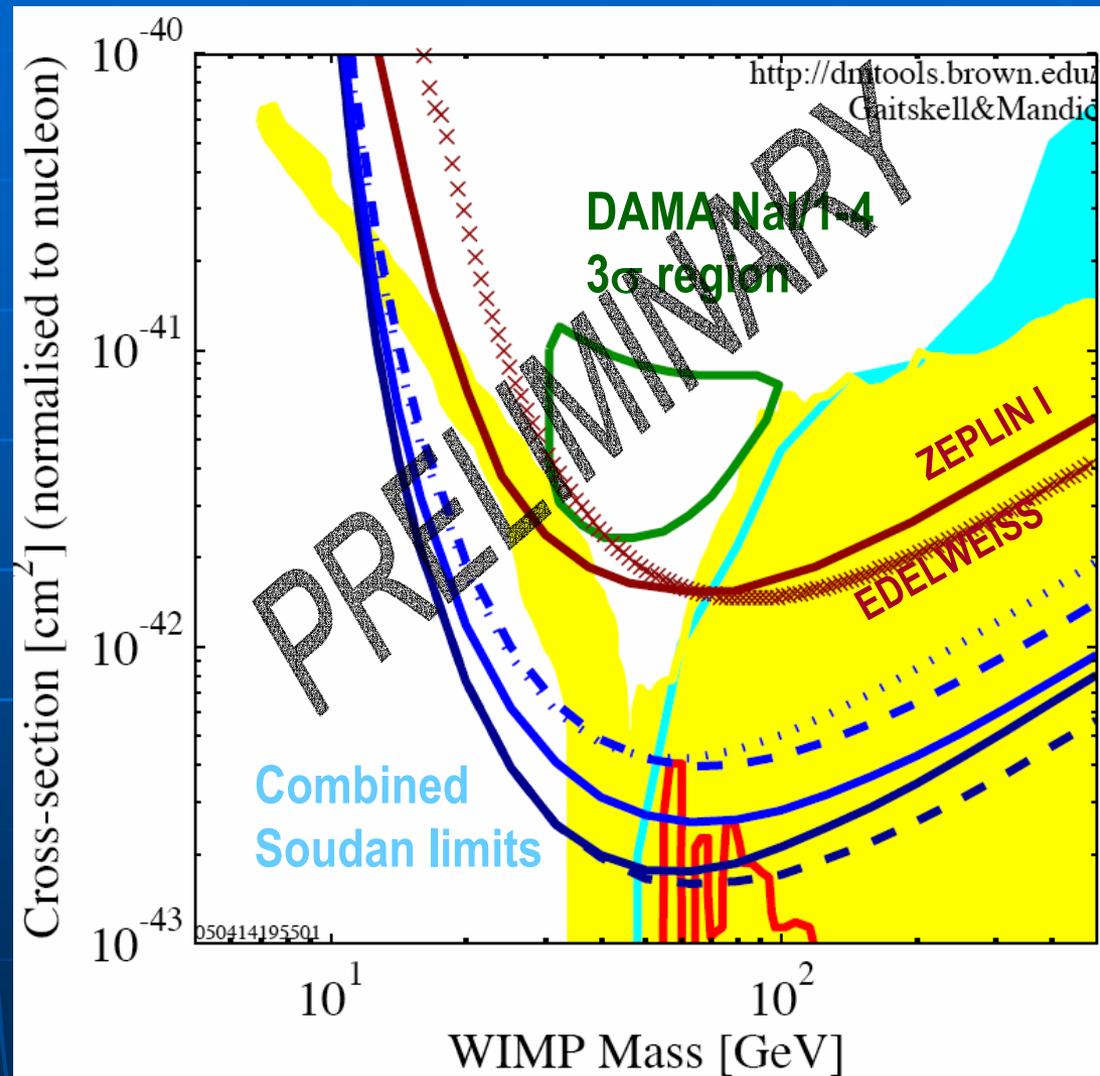


Shielding

Layered shielding (Pb, polyethylene, Cu) against radioactive backgrounds and active scintillator veto (>99.9% efficient against cosmic rays).

CDMS - Status and Future

- March – August 2004: **two towers**
Just released preliminary result:
Best limit in the world by a factor of 10!
- Probing significant regions of MSSM model space
- Light-mass region largely ruled out
- **NOW:** Five towers installed (cold mid-June)
- Another factor of 10 available at Soudan by 2007
- After that will need to go deeper and bigger: Super CDMS (P947)



New Initiatives in Experimental Astrophysics

- Dark Energy Survey – P939 (proposal)
 - Started Fall of 2003
 - 2004: PAC, Director gave stage 1 approval pending funding
 - Fermilab is leading construction of the Instrument
 - UIUC is leading Data Management
 - goal is to be on the telescope in 2009
- SNAP – potential candidate for JDEM, the joint Dark Energy mission (DOE + NASA)
 - R&D lead by LBNL
 - Fermilab admitted to SNAP Collaboration in 2004

The Dark Energy Survey (DES)

■ Proposal:

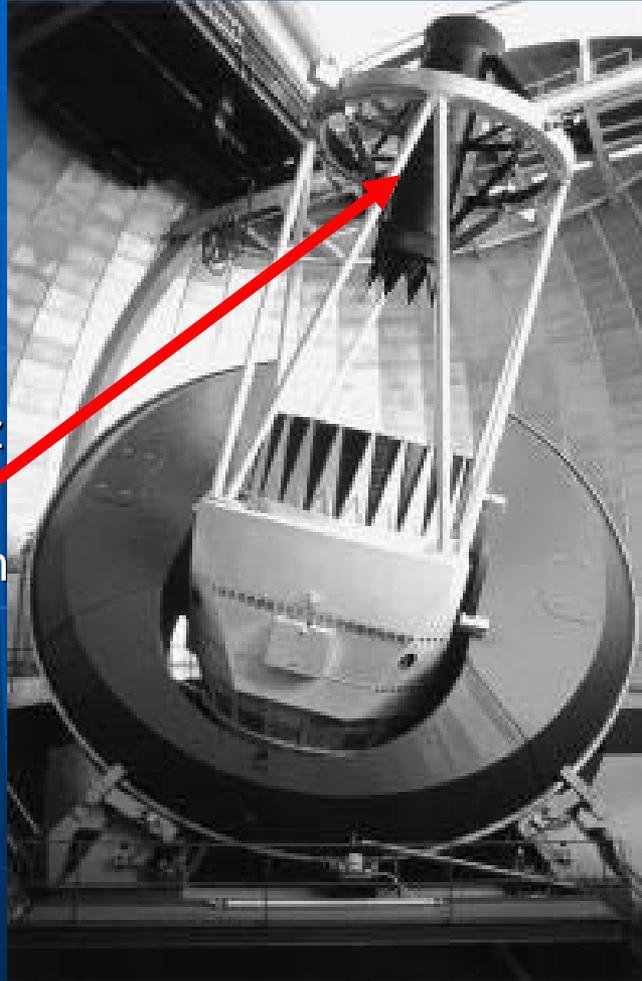
- Perform a 5000 sq. deg. survey of the southern galactic cap
- constrain w to $\sim 5\%$ with 4 complementary techniques
- begin to constrain dw/dz

■ New Equipment:

- Replace the PF cage with a new 2.2 deg. FOV optical CCD camera
- Instrument Cost $\sim \$22.5\text{M}$

■ Time scale:

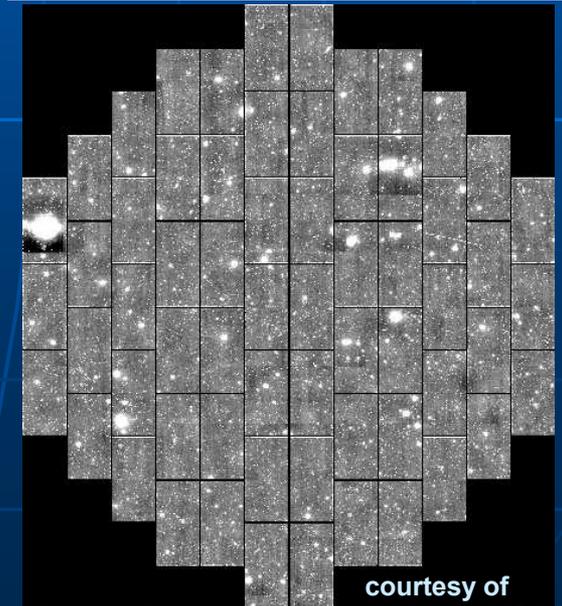
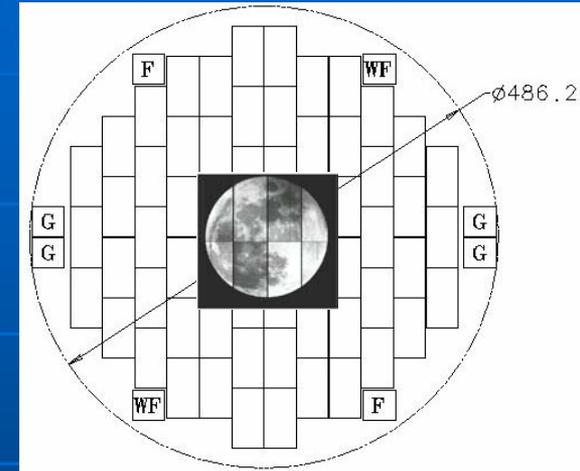
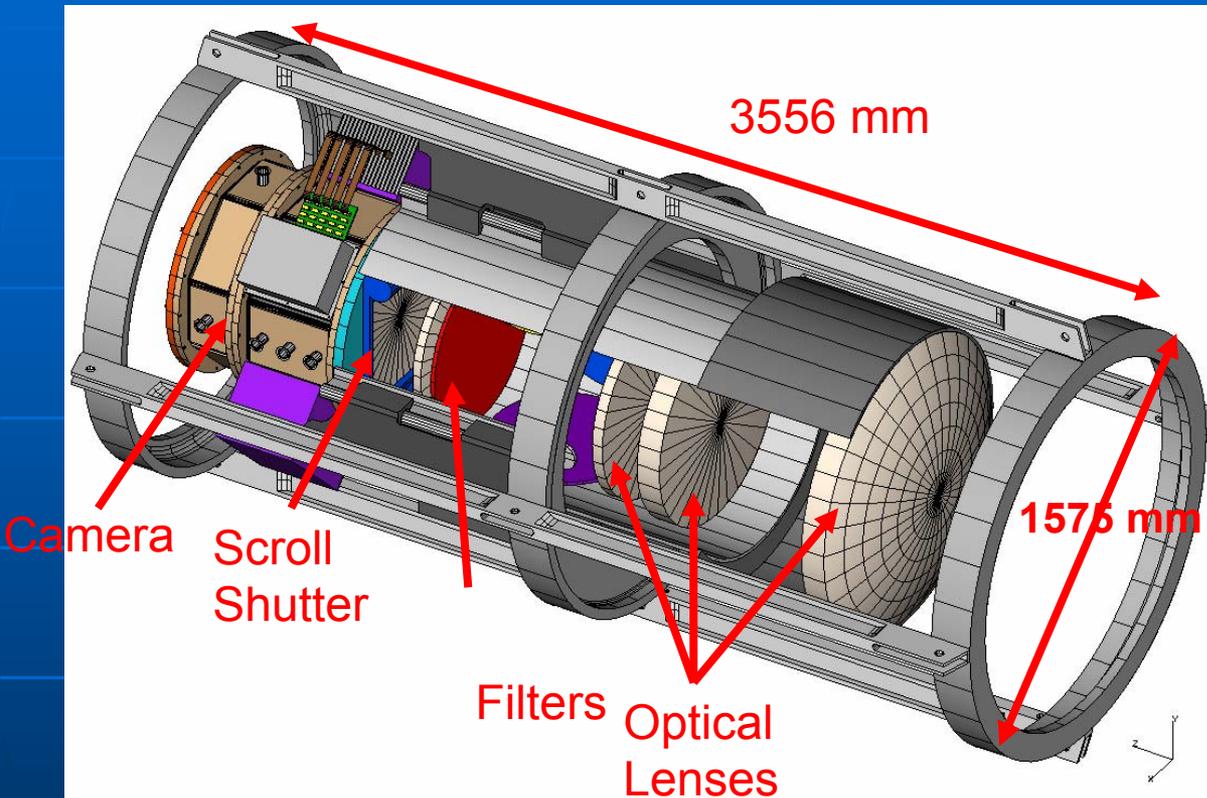
- Instrument Construction 2005-2009
- Survey 2009-2014



Use the Blanco 4M Telescope at the Cerro-Tololo Inter-american Observatory (CTIO)

DES Instrument

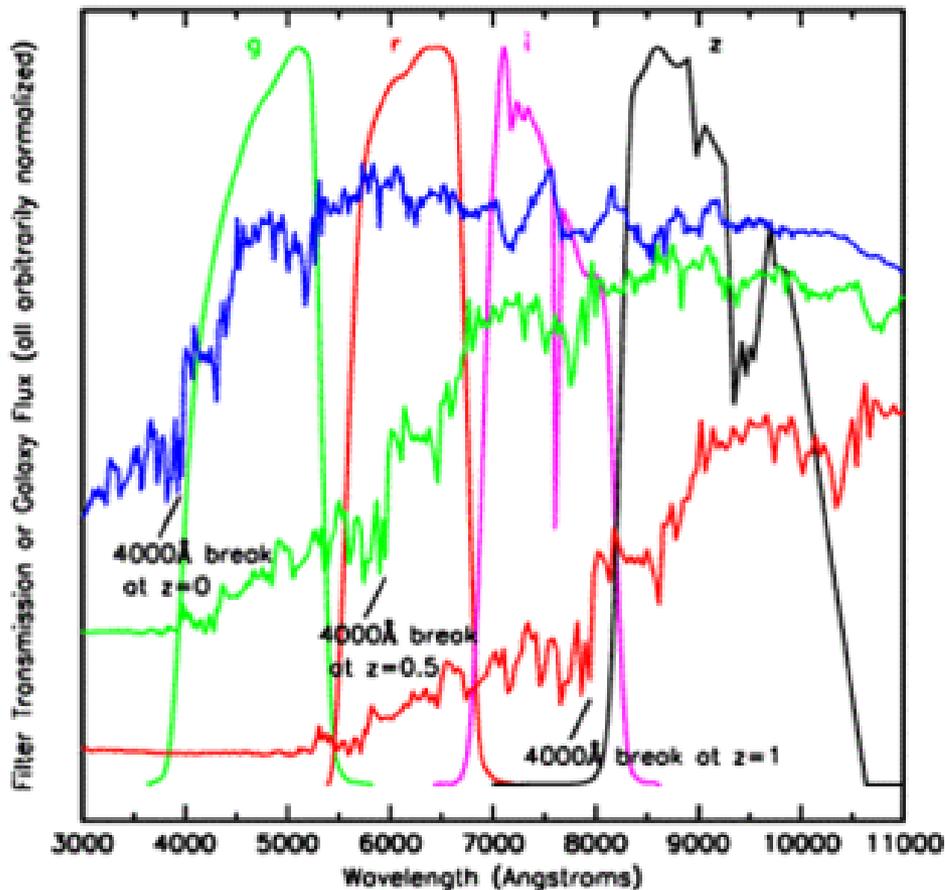
DES camera will be the largest of its time



courtesy of
F. Valdes/NOAO

Each image: **3 sq. deg.**, **~ 20 Galaxy clusters**
~ 200,000 Galaxies, **500 Mega pixels (62 CCDs)**
Each night **~ 300 GB** of image data
Entire survey **~ 500 TB**

Build on SDSS experience: photometric redshifts are useful!



Elliptical galaxy spectra at redshifts $z = 0, 0.5,$ and $1.$

The 4000 Å break in the spectrum moves with redshift

The difference in brightness of an object seen through the different filters gives a measure of the redshift

At a redshift of 1, only the z filter gets much light

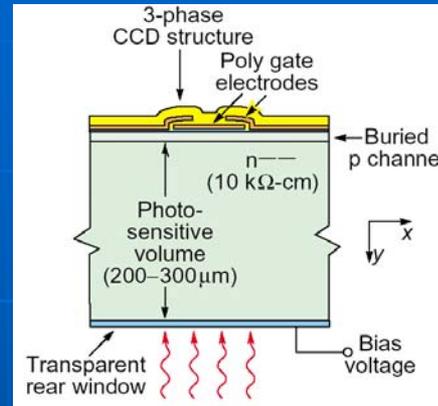
This is not as precise as taking a full spectrum but it is **MUCH** faster and can go fainter

45 min for spectra, 55sec for photo-z

CCDs

Reference Design: LBNL CCDs

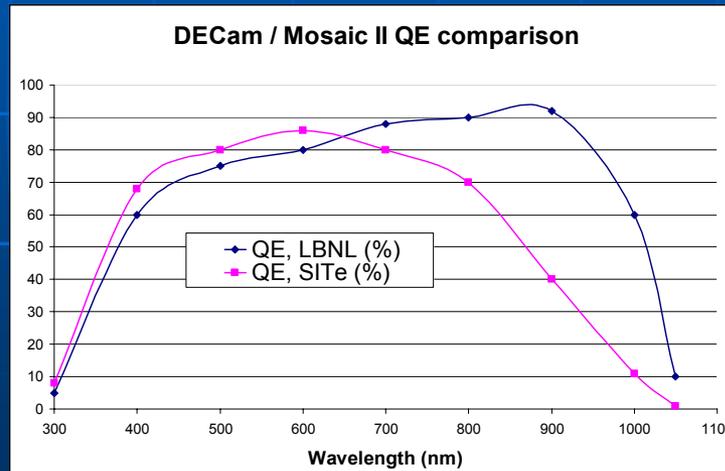
- QE > 50% at 1000 nm
- 250 microns thick
- readout 250 kpix/sec
- 2 RO channels/device
- readout time ~17sec



LBNL CCDs in use on WIYN telescope. From S. Holland et al, LBNL-49992 IEEE Trans. Elec. Dev. Vol.50, No 1, 225-338, Jan. 2003

LBNL CCDs are much more efficient in high wavelengths (z-band: 825 - 1050nm)

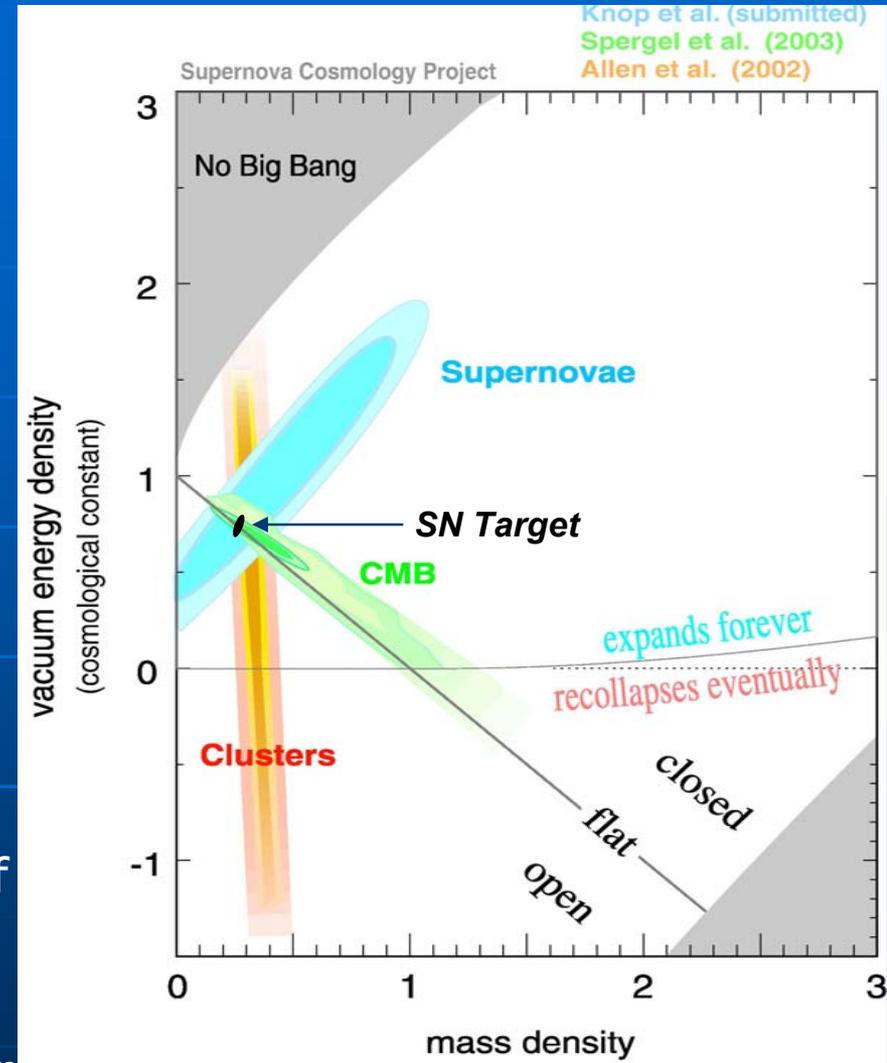
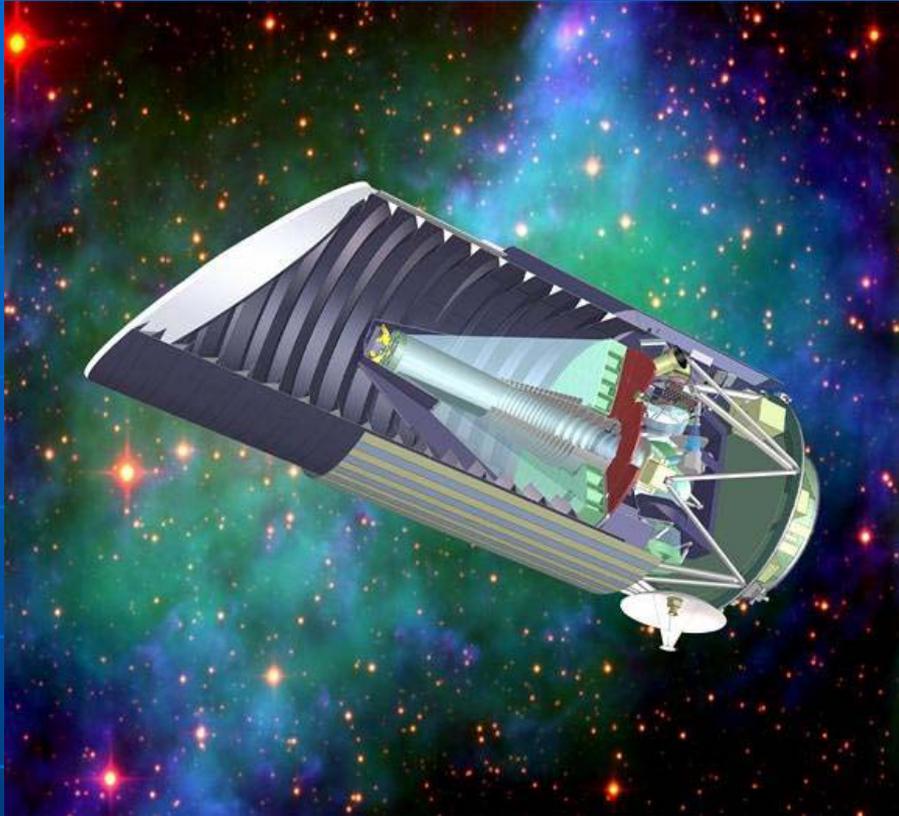
To get redshifts of ~1 DES will spend 46% of survey time in z -band



DES is the 1st production quantity application for LBNL CCDs

DES CCD design has already been used on telescopes in small numbers (3) SNAP CCDs are the next generation, optimized for space

SNAP



- Discover and measure large numbers of supernovae, light curves and spectra, look back 3 - 10 Byrs ($z=0.5 - 1.7$)
- Wide field survey: Weak lensing, cluster counts, angular PS
- Space-based: higher sensitivity, no smearing by earth's atmosphere

Fermilab Particle Astrophysics Center – Formed Jan. 1, 2005

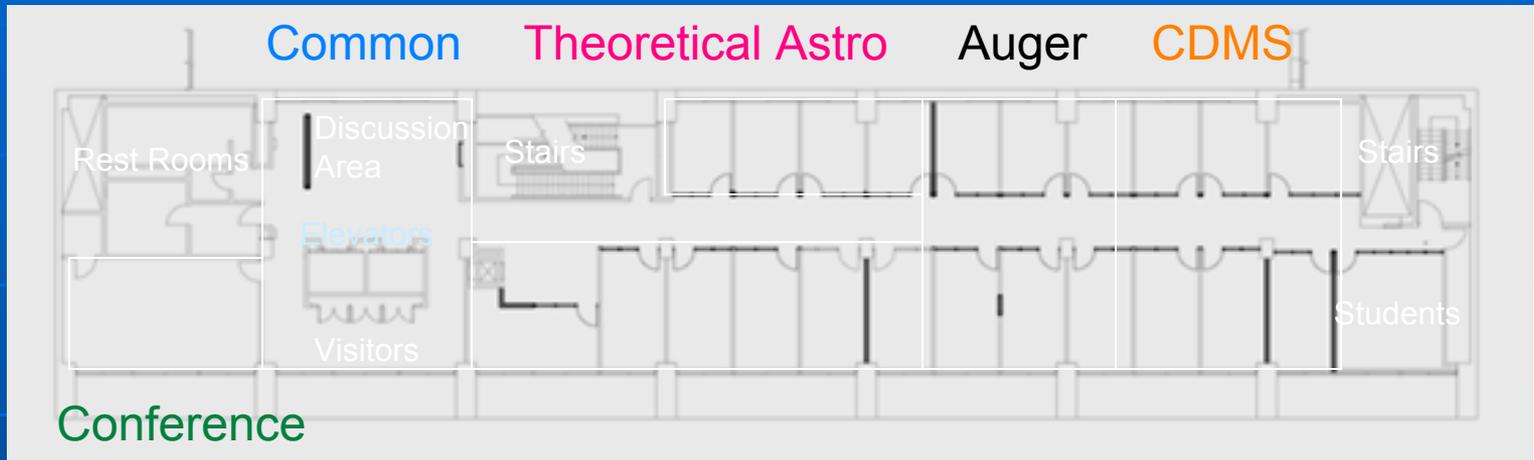
- Fermilab Particle Astrophysics Center goals:
 - to be an intellectual center that will serve to unify and to focus the astrophysics program at Fermilab, thereby enhancing the overall effectiveness of the effort and the recruiting power of the individual projects.
 - to provide the framework in which future efforts will be germinated, will be developed and will be advanced.
 - To become an internationally recognized center where scientists from Fermilab and the User Community can come to learn about and participate in the interface of particle physics and cosmology.

Fits well with Fermilab Mission and Long Range Plans

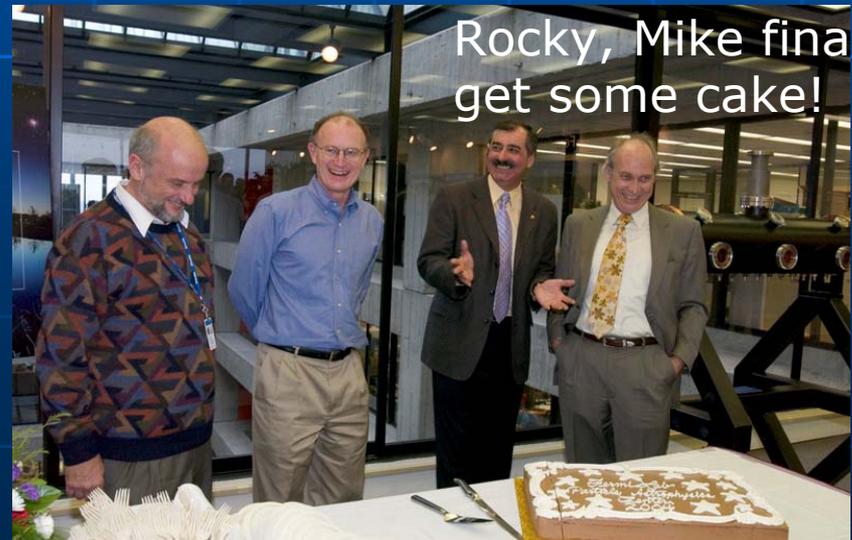
- Fermilab Mission statement
 - Fermilab advances the understanding of the fundamental nature of matter and energy by providing leadership and resources for qualified researchers to conduct basic research at the frontiers for high energy physics and related fields.
- Fermilab Long Range Plan May 2004:
 - Fermilab should substantially expand its leadership role in Particle Astrophysics, which provides probes of fundamental physics that complement accelerator experiments.

Particle Astrophysics Center

Location, location, location: WH6W+WH7W



Rocky Kolb is the director of the Particle Astrophysics Center
Proximity will facilitate discussions and use of common resources



Rocky, Mike finally get some cake!

Conclusions

- Very exciting time – cosmology is entering realm of “precision” measurements to compare to theoretical predictions and still there is no complete theory for Dark Matter and Dark Energy
- Fermilab has an active and successful role in both theoretical and experimental particle astrophysics
- The Particle Astrophysics Center provides an organizing structure to a wide and diverse field
- Fundamental questions we face today need to be attacked from both cosmology and from accelerators:
 - What in the nature of Dark Matter?
 - What is Dark Energy?
 - And what about those UHECR?

Extra Slides

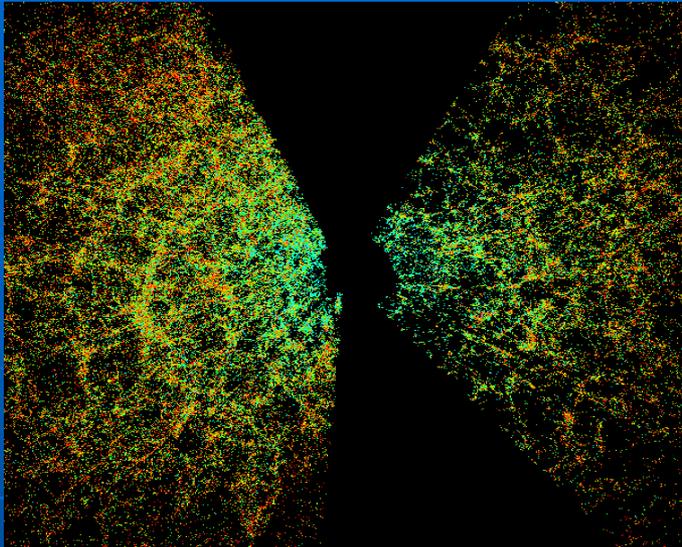
Particle Astrophysics Center

- Interdivisional – all divisions are involved in one or more of the projects. All individual astrophysics groups and projects continue to operate as before.
- Will assist Users community members who are involved in programs that are part of the Center
- Membership is open to all Fermilab employees who work on existing astrophysics projects and new initiatives
- Director of the Center will report on scientific matters to the Lab Director
- Director of the Center will be advised by a Steering committee which consists of the heads of the projects
- The Fermilab Director, with the advise of the director of the center and Steering committee, will recruit a distinguished visiting committee to advise him about the directions for research and to make suggestions concerning the progress of astrophysics at Fermilab

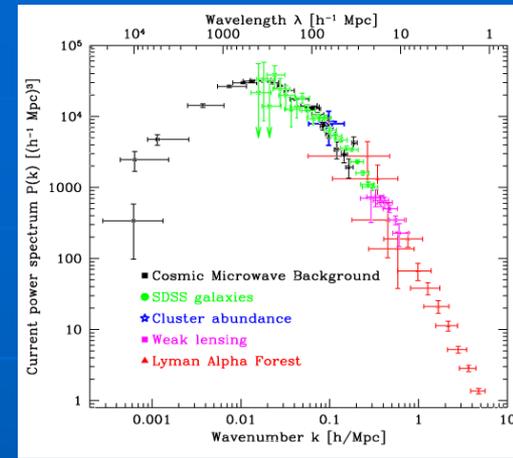
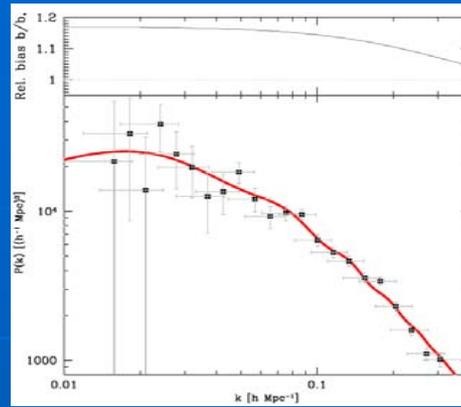
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SDSS Impact



Distribution of Galaxies around Sun to $z=0.15$
(Blanton 2003)



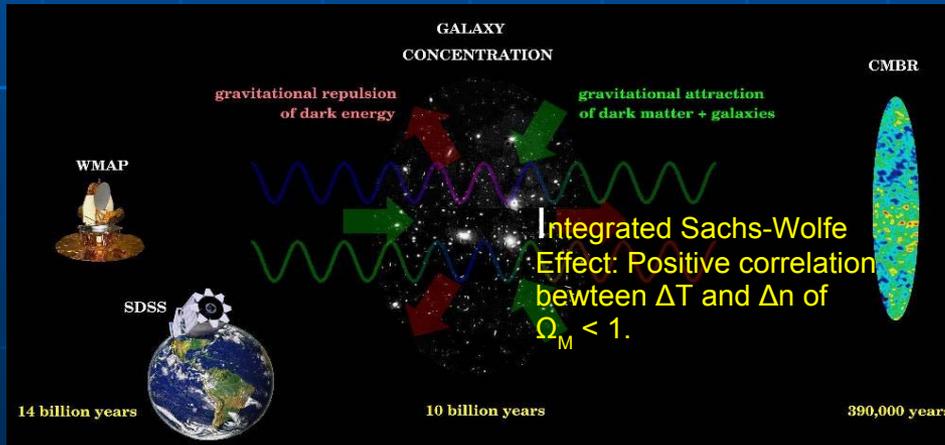
Λ CDM
adjusted to
 L^* galaxy

$$\Omega_M h = 0.213 \pm .023$$

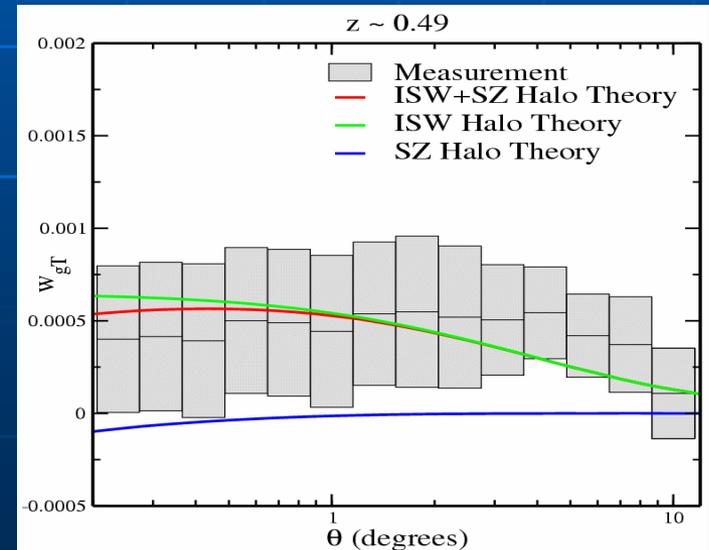
$$\sigma_8 (\text{gal}) = 0.96 \pm .02$$

$$n = 0.995$$

Three-dimensional Power Spectrum
(Tegmark et al 2003)



SDSS vs WMAP: Correlation of
temp. fluctuations with galaxy counts
(Scranton et al. 2003)

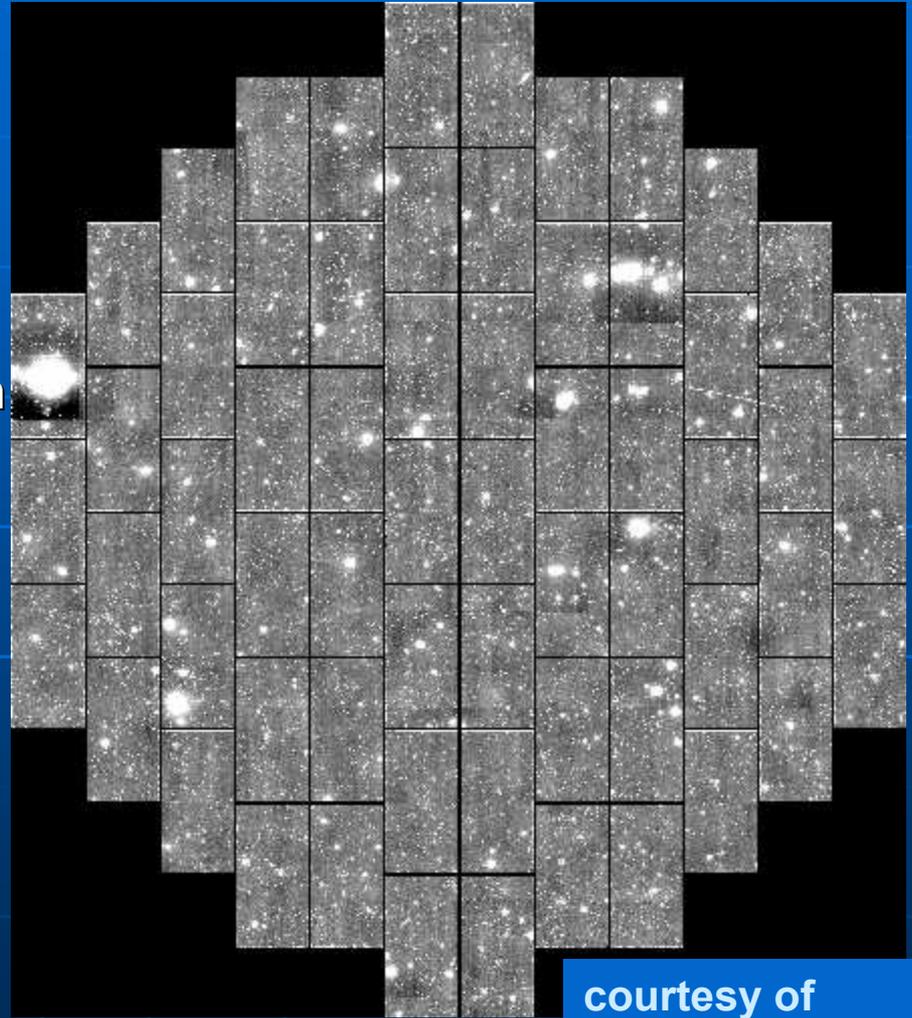


Strong evidence for dark energy
dominated universe (Λ CDM)

DES Science

DES: Four Probes of Dark Energy

- Galaxy Cluster Counting: $N(M, z)$
 - Measure red shifts and masses
 - 20,000 clusters to $z=1$ with $M > 2 \times 10^{14} M_{\odot}$
- Weak lensing
 - 300 million galaxies with shape measurements over 5000 sq deg.
- Spatial clustering of galaxies
 - 300 million galaxies to $z = 1$ and beyond
- Standard Candles
 - 2000 SN Ia, $z = 0.3-0.8$



courtesy of
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Strawman Schedule

(assumes new funding in Year 0)

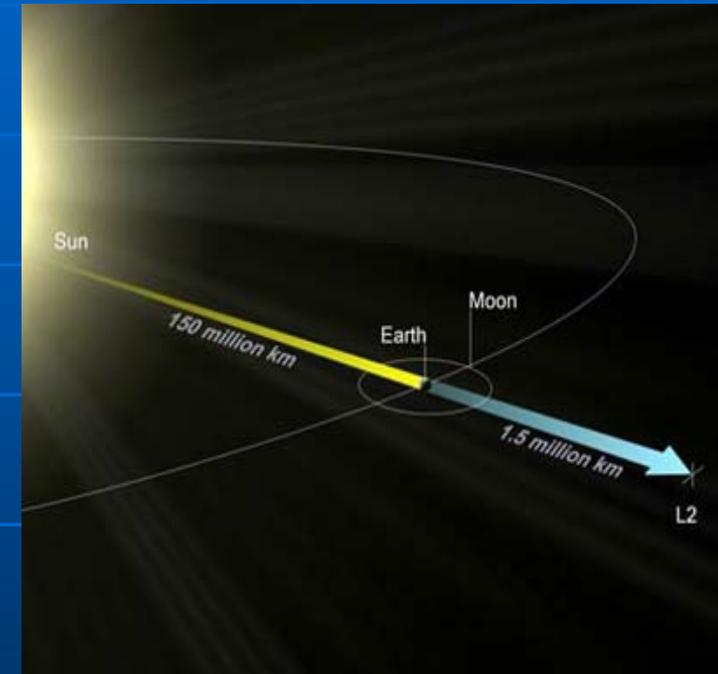
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| Year -1 | Pre-phase A / Pre-conceptual planning (CD0)
Conduct mission concept studies in anticipation of an AO
Establish study office |
| Year 0 | Phase A / Conceptual design
NASA in-house mission concept definition study
Write AO |
| Year 1 | Issue AO; select investigations (CD1)
Industry participation in spacecraft Phase A studies |
| Yr 2-3 | Phase B / Preliminary design (CD2)
Issue RFP or use RSDO; select prime contractor |
| Yr 4-8 | Confirmation; Phase C/D / Final design (CD3) /
Construction (CD4)
Develop the mission, on time and on budget |
| Yr 9-11 | Launch; Phase E / Operations
Dark energy phase |
| Yr 12-14 | General astronomical observing phase |
| Year 15 | End of 6 year prime mission |

The **SNAP** Observatory



Mission reference parameters

Orbit	L2 halo orbit
Pointing stability	Within 0.02 arcsec; focal plane feedback
Time on target	87%
Calibration	Standard star network to AB 20 mag



Telescope reference parameters

Focal Length	21.66 meters
Aperture	2.0 meters
Optical field	Annular, 6 to 13 mrad; 1.37 sq. deg.
Geometric blur	2.8 microns rms

Dark Energy Roadmap

Present to 2009: $\sigma(w) \sim 0.1$ (SNE+WMAP combined, ~ 0.3 alone)

- Supernovae: ESSENCE, CFHTLS, HST, SNF, SDSS,...many 100's of SNe Ia over $z \sim 0.1-0.8$
- Weak Lensing: Deep Lens, CFHTLS, ...: $\sim 200-1000$ sq. deg. deep multi-band imaging
- Cluster SZ: APEX, ... ~ 200 sq. deg. survey

2009 to ~ 2014 : DES will be in a unique position to constrain w to $\sigma(w) \sim 0.05$ using four independent techniques and 1st constraints on dw/dz

2014 and beyond: LST and JDEM will start to reach the next level of cosmological precision: $\sim 1-2\%$ on w and $\sim 5\%$ on dw/dz



CDMS Active Background Rejection

Detectors with excellent event-by-event background rejection

- Measured background rejection:
- 99.995% for EM backgrounds using charge/heat
- 99.4% for β 's using pulse risetime as well

■ Much better than II proposal!

Tower 1

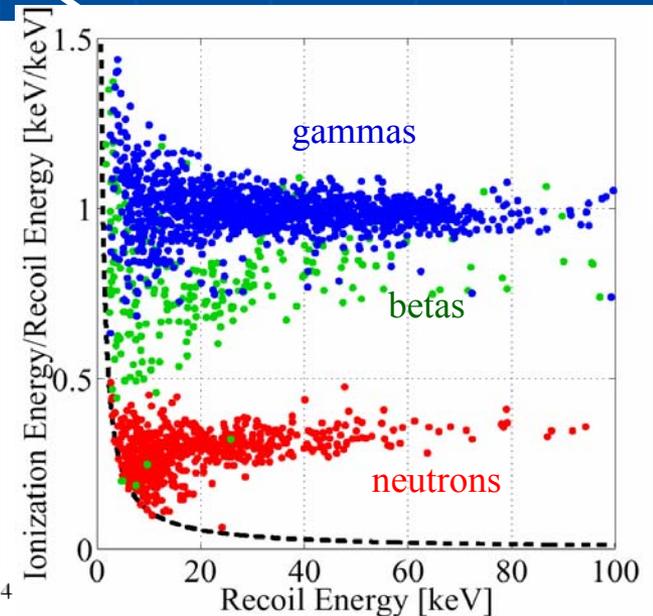
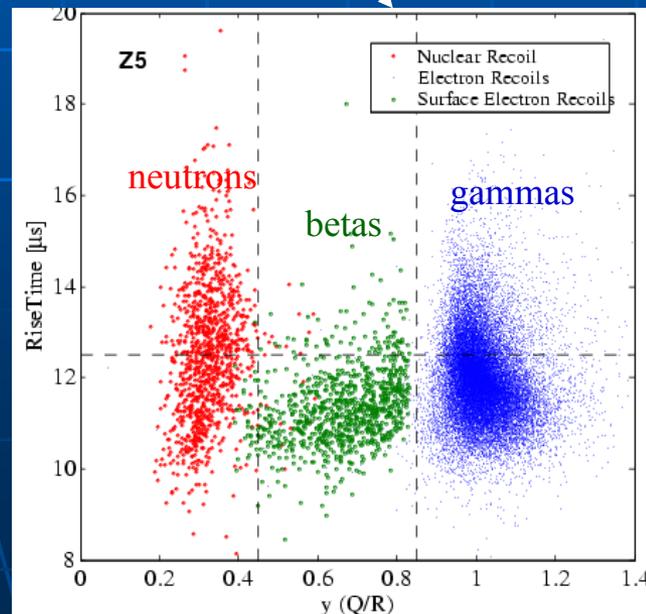
4 Ge

2 Si

Tower 2

2 Ge

4 Si



First WIMP limits from CDMS II at Soudan

- Best in the world by x4!
- DAMA 'signal' is not due to spin-independent WIMP interactions
- Probing significant section of MSSM model space
- New results on spin-dependent WIMP-neutron cross sections

