Particle-Astrophysics Experiments at SLAC: Fall 2018 Graduate Student Orientation

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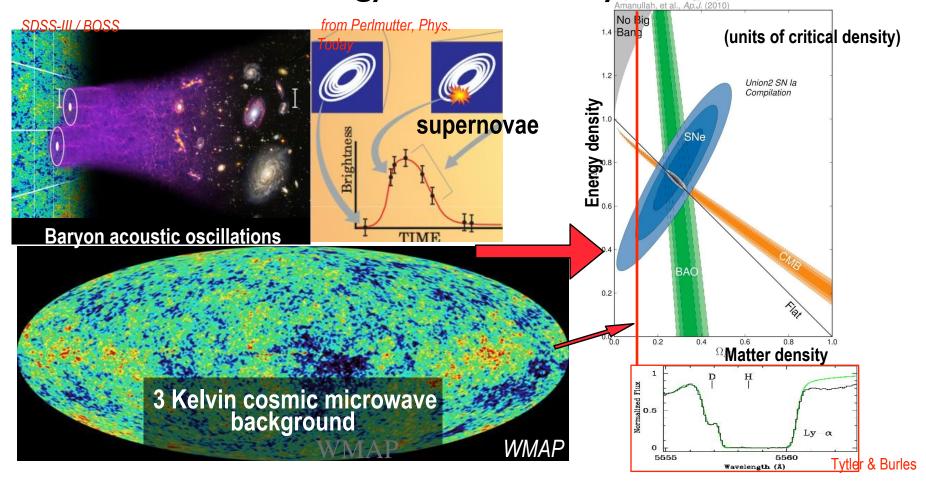
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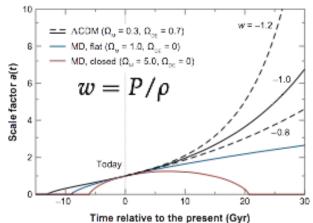


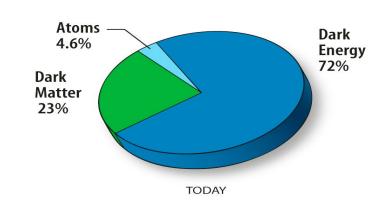
Standard cosmology: An inventory of the universe



Fate of the Universe?

- What is Dark Energy?
 - a Cosmological Constant?
 - a Quantum Field?
 - Or does General Relativity need to be modified?



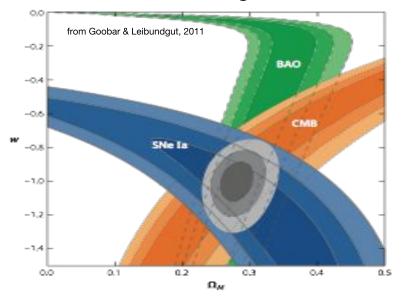


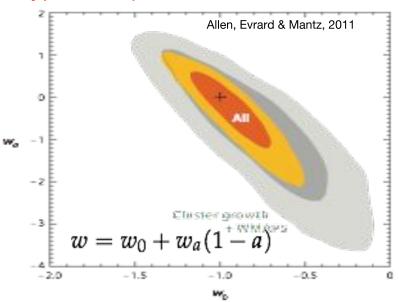
Rip Apart Space-Time Expand Forever

Study Dark Energy with Multiple Methods

Complementary techniques, including:

- The mass function and clustering of Galaxy Clusters
- The power spectrum of Weak Gravitational Lensing shear
- The statistical distance scale in the galaxy distribution, the Baryon Acoustic Oscillations
- The distance-brightness relation of Type la Supernovae





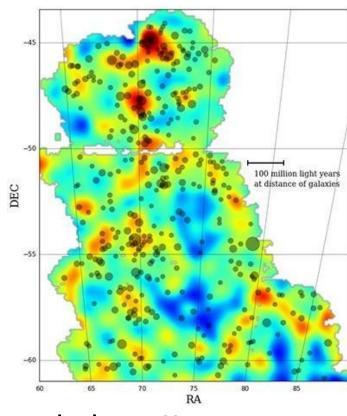
Dark Energy Survey



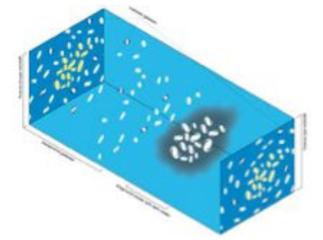
570-megapixel imaging device

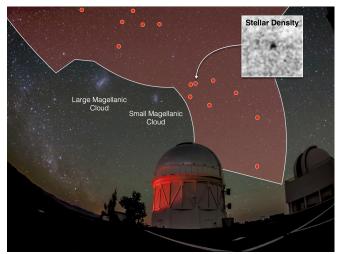
Completing final year of 5 Yr Survey

Dark Energy Survey



dark matter maps

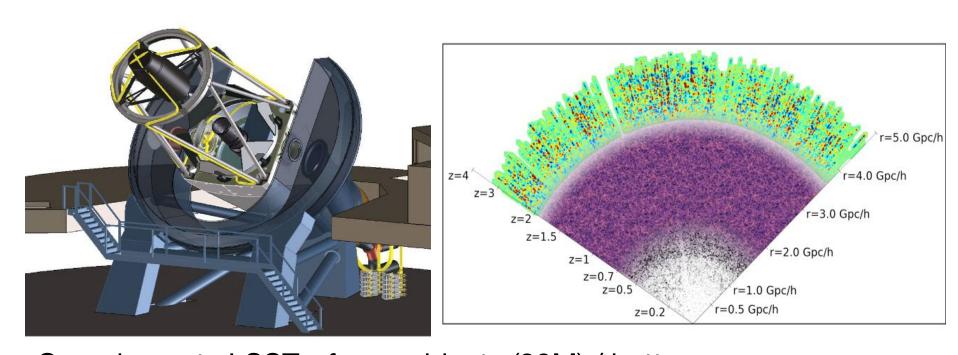




dwarf galaxy candidates

DESI: Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument

First light: 2019.

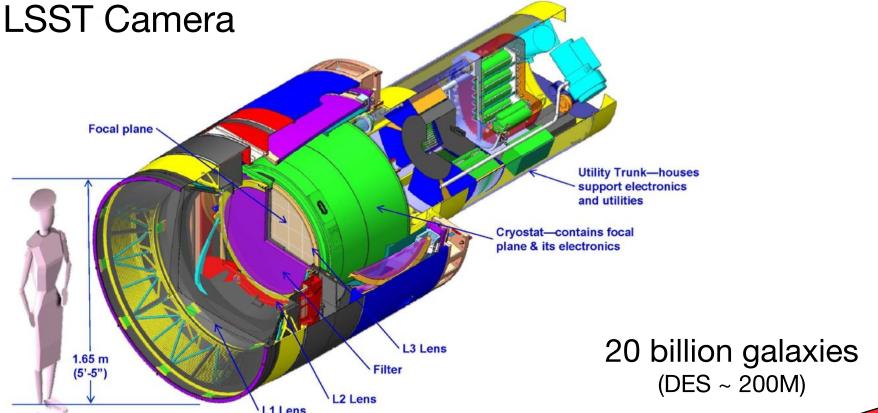


Complements LSST - fewer objects (20M) / better redshift

Large Synoptic Survey Telescope



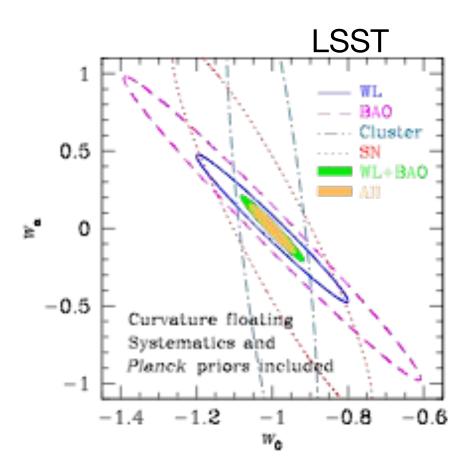
Construction now underway!



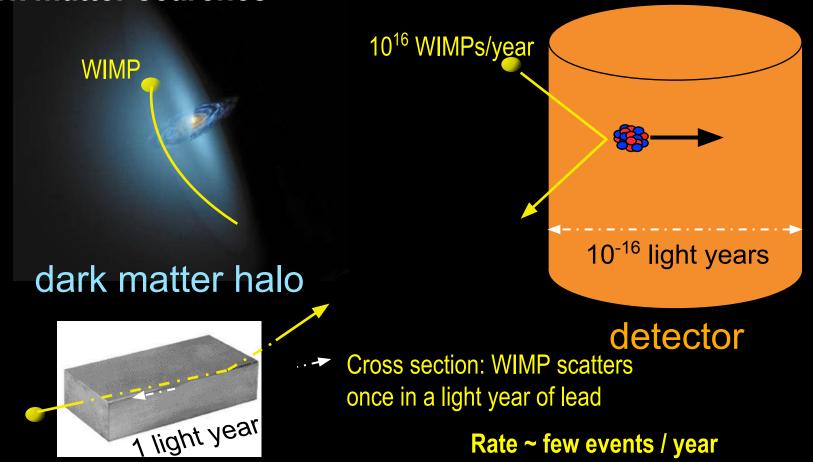
Camera construction in new SLAC clean room



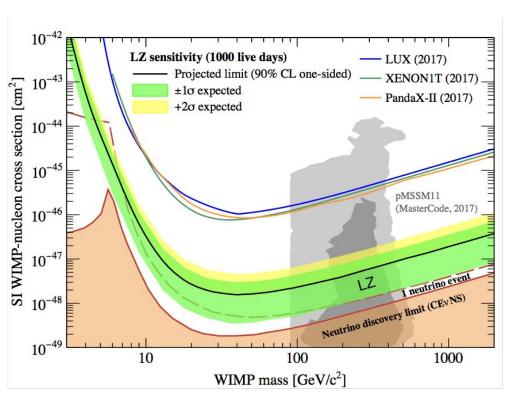
Cosmology Measurements

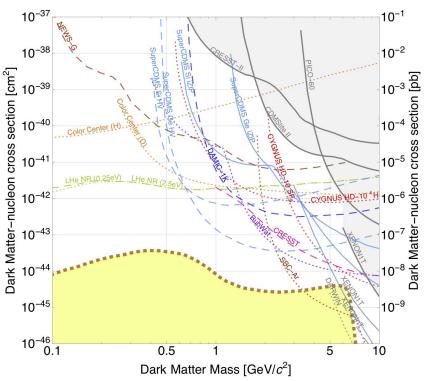


Dark matter searches



SuperCDMS and LZ

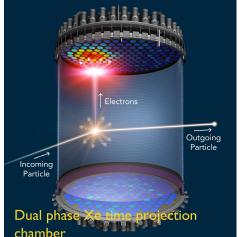


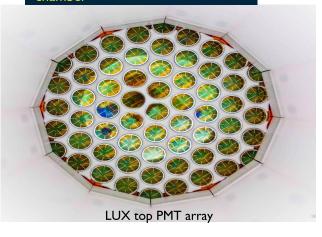


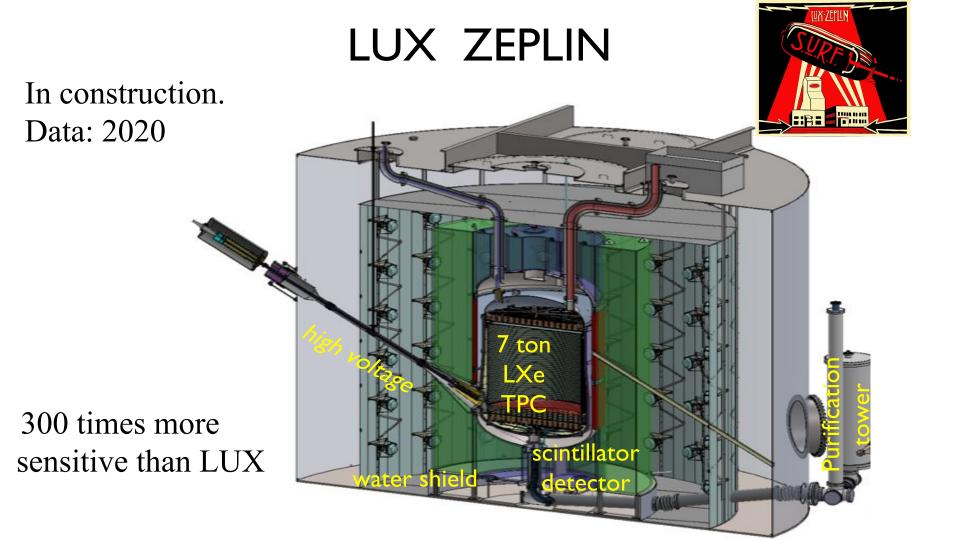
Akerib/Shutt (SLAC): Dark Matter with LUX and LZ

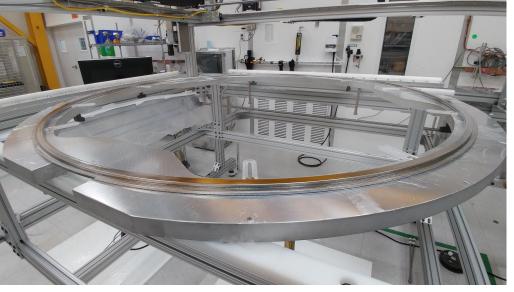


LUX: world-leading search experiment, 4850 ft underground at SURF, South Dakota









Production and testing of LZ high voltage grids

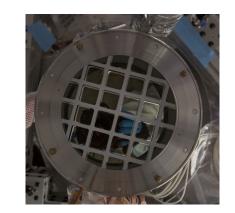
Krypton removal from 10 tons of Xe to ~10⁻¹⁴



Liquid Nobel Test Platform



Unique development platform with significant student involvement





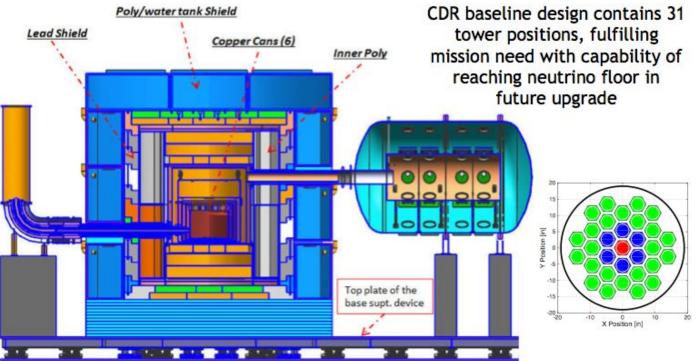
LZ at SLAC

- LZ dark matter data starting in 2020
 - Pipeline development
 - Dark matter analysis
- Broad range of instrumentation
 - HV grids LZ, other applications
 - Purification / Cryogenics
 - Removal of Kr from Xe to 10⁻¹⁴ g/g
- Liquid noble test platform
 - Calibrations, R&D, advanced DAQ
 - Other applications gamma ray telescope?
 - Liquid Ar / DUNE
- Graduate opportunities in all these areas



Conceptual Design for SuperCDMS SNOLAB

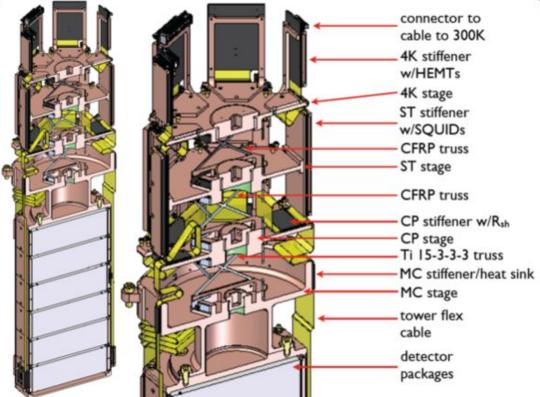




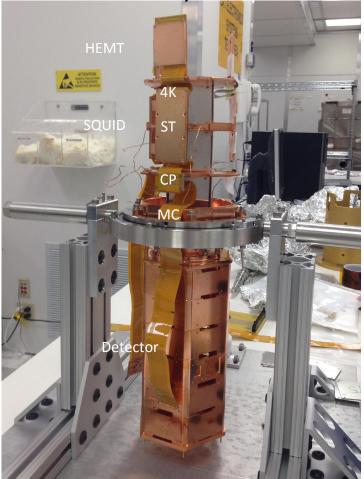
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Detector Tower payload

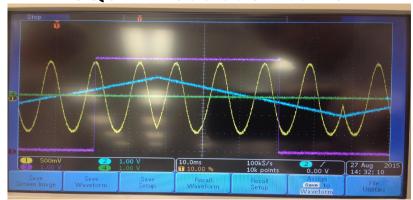




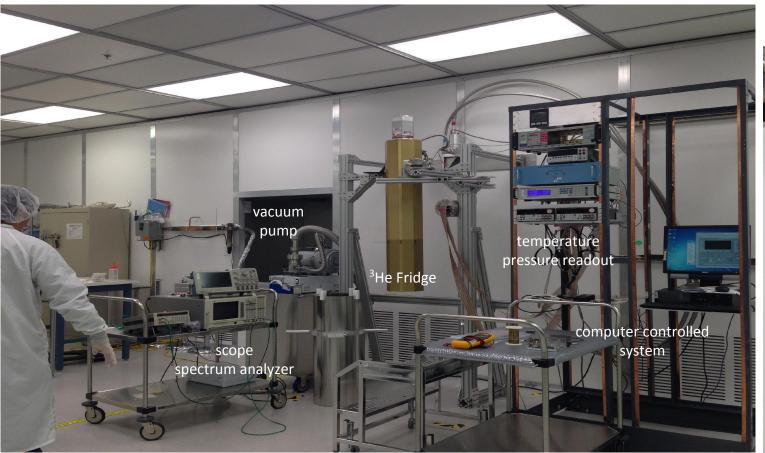
Tower Assembly Stand



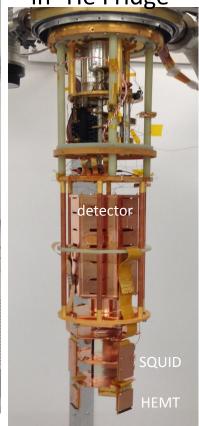
SQUID Modulation Curve



CDMS Tower Test Stand in Cleanroom CDMS Tower



CDMS Tower in ³He Fridge



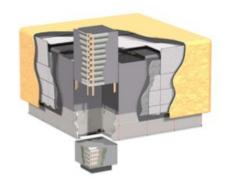
Fermi Large Area Telescope (LAT) Constructed and operated

at SLAC



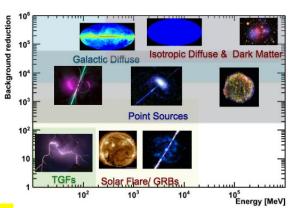


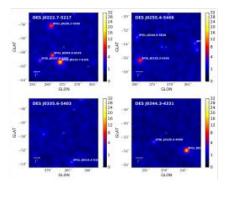




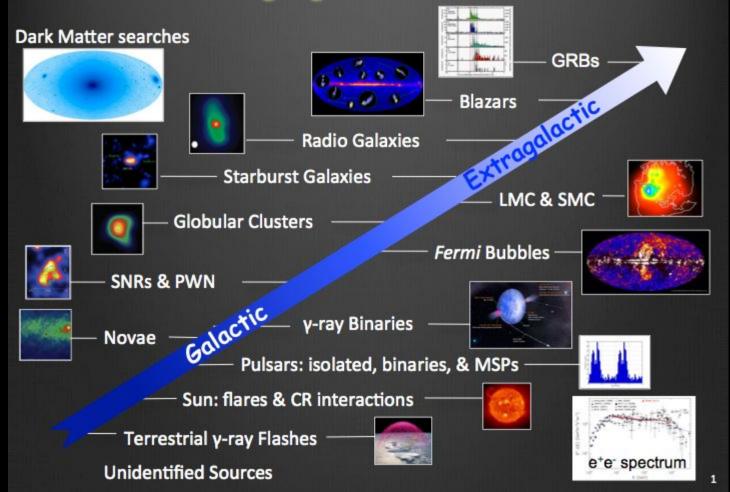
DES & Fermi: Dwarf Galaxies







Fermi Highlights and Discoveries



Particle-Astro Experiments at SLAC

- SLAC history of particle physics experimentation & experiment development
- Large scale facilities & technical support
 - Complements campus
- Dark Energy Survey
 - Profs. Allen, Burke, Roodman, Weschler,
- Large Synoptic Survey Telescope
 - Profs. Kahn, Roodman, Burchat, Allen, Schindler, Weschler
- Dark Energy Spectroscopic Instrument
 - Profs. Weschler, Roodman
- SuperCDMS
 - Prof. Cabrera, Dr. Partridge (SLAC Sr. Scientist)
- Fermi-LAT
 - Dr. Madejski (SLAC Sr. Scientist)
- LUX / LZ
 - Profs. Akerib, Shutt