

Where do we stand with Dark Matter

Supersymmetric candidates?

- ▷ Some generalities about Susy candidates (neutralinos)
- ▷ Indication of an annual modulation effect in WIMP direct search by the DAMA/NaI experiment
- ▷ Implications of these new results when interpreted in terms of relic neutralinos:
  - \* relevance for  $\Omega_m$
  - \* explorability at accelerators
  - \* explorability by indirect searches for WIMPs
  - \* compatibility with SUGRA schemes

# Dark Matter & Susy

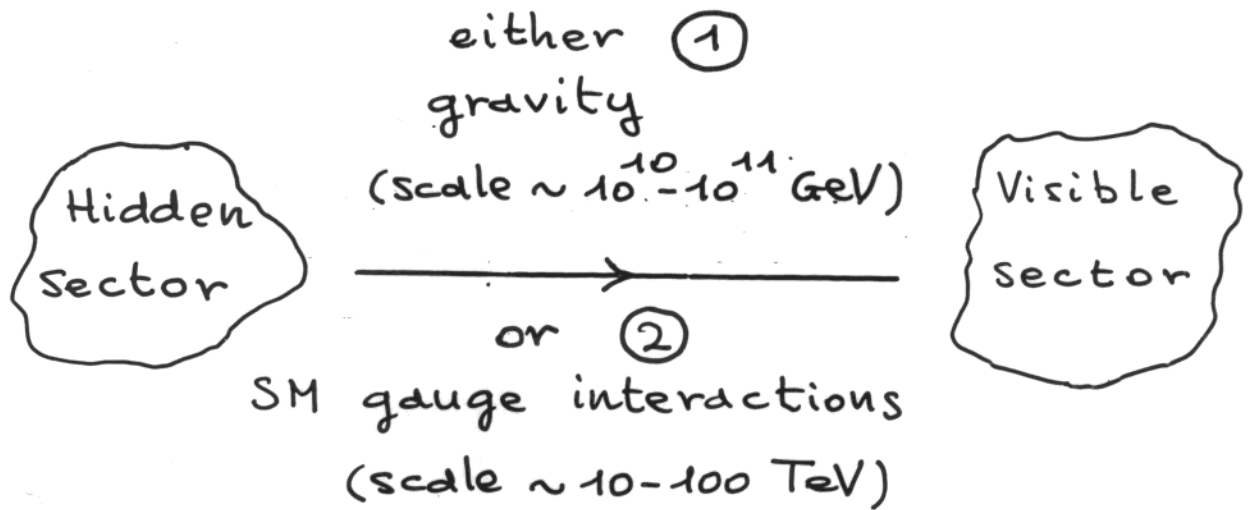
- ▷ A host of observational data and calculations of cosmological structures imply that most of the matter in the Universe is dark
- ▷ The dominant role is played by Cold Dark Matter  
(a generic name: WIMP  $\equiv$   
 $\equiv$  Weakly Interacting Massive Particle)
- ▷ The most favorite candidate for a WIMP is the neutralino, as the Lightest Supersymmetric Particle in a Susy theory with R-parity conservation

## Supersymmetry

- ▷ strong theoretical motivations
  - \* fermion-boson symmetry
  - \* stability of scalar masses
  - \* unification with gravity in supergravity theories
  
- ▷ it would help unification of coupling constants at  $M_{GUT}$
  
- ▷ but no experimental confirmation is available yet
  - \* only a number of constraints on Susy parameters are derivable from accelerators

# Supersymmetry breaking

## 2 schemes



case (1): neutralino is LSP

case (2): gravitino is LSP, neutralino NLSP

LSP  $\equiv$  Lightest Supersymmetric Particle

NLSP  $\equiv$  Next-to-Lightest SuSy Particle

In this talk only low-energy phenomenology connected to case (1) is discussed.

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for case (2), see for instance:

E. Pierpaoli, S. Borgani, A. Masiero, M. Yamaguchi for  
a light gravitino-dominated universe

S. Dimopoulos, G.F. Giudice, A. Pomarol for DM candidates  
in the hidden and messenger sectors

► Neutralino is a good candidate as a  
Weakly Interacting Massive Particle

\* would have decoupled from primeval plasma  
at a temperature  $T \sim \frac{1}{20} m_\chi$  (cold relic)

⇒ could contribute sizeably to  $\Omega_m$

⇒ could be detectable either directly  
or indirectly in searches for relic  
particles

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Definition: linear combination

$$\chi = \underbrace{a_1 \tilde{B} + a_2 \tilde{W}^{(3)}}_{\text{gaugino}} + \underbrace{a_3 \tilde{H}_1^0 + a_4 \tilde{H}_2^0}_{\text{higgsino}}$$

of lowest mass  $m_\chi$ .

gaugino fractional weight:  $P = a_1^2 + a_2^2$

Susy scheme adopted here:

Minimal Supersymmetric extension of Standard Model

at the electroweak scale, implemented by some assumptions to reduce drastically the number of Susy parameters (to six).

△ The ranges of Susy parameters are very loosely constrained

(by experimental bounds & theoretical arguments)

⇒ this implies large dispersions in the values for  $\Omega_\chi h^2$

and

for detection rates

⊕ Some considerations about SUGRA schemes

## Supersymmetric model

\* Minimal Supersymmetric extension of the Standard Model (MSSM) at the electroweak scale ( $M_Z$ ), described by

$$\tan \beta = \frac{\langle H_2 \rangle}{\langle H_1 \rangle}$$

$M_2$  SU(2) gaugino mass ( $M_1 = \frac{5}{3} \tan^2 \theta_w \cdot M_2$  is assumed)

$\mu$  Higgs-mixing parameter

$m_A$  CP-odd neutral Higgs boson (or  $m_h$ )

$m_0$  scalar soft-mass ( $\tilde{q}$  &  $\tilde{l}$ )

$A$  trilinear coupling

\* the supersymmetric parameter space is constrained by

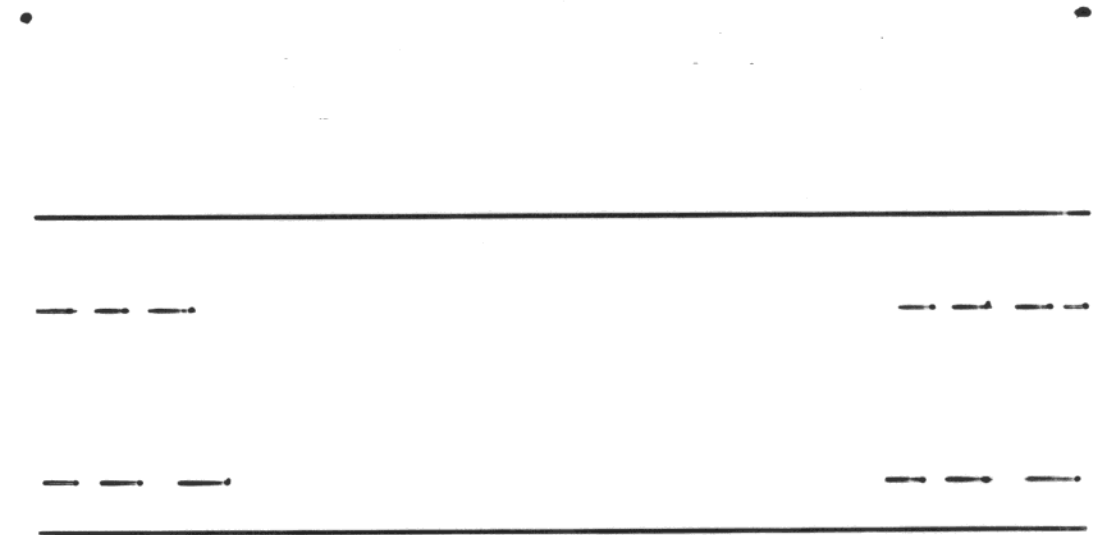
▫ experimental bounds from accelerators on supersymmetric and Higgs searches

▫ constraints from  $b \rightarrow s + \gamma$

▫ condition that neutralino is the LSP

▫ cosmological bound  $\Omega_x h^2 < 0.7$

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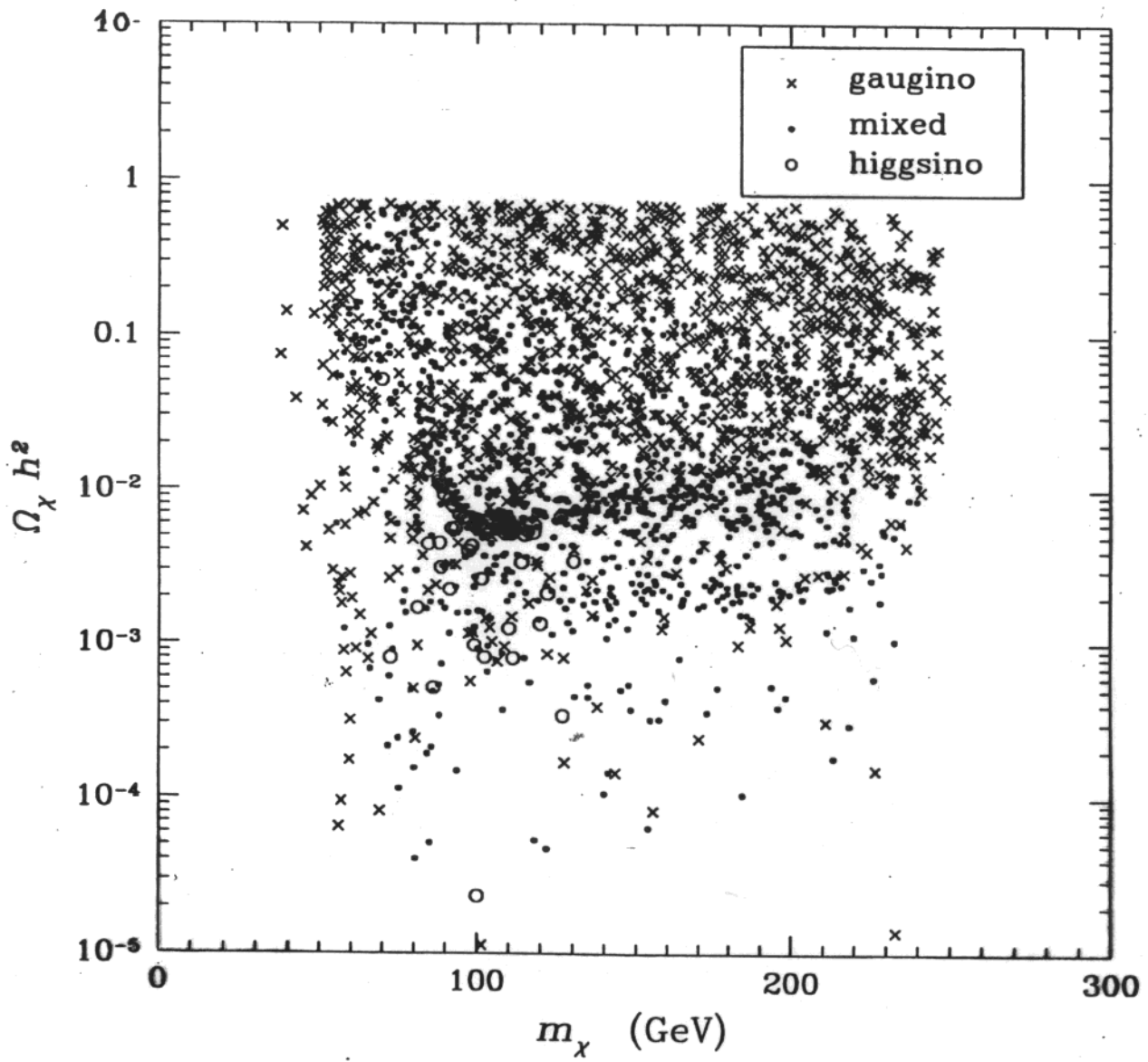
cosmologically interesting range:

$$0.01 \leq \Omega_x h^2 \leq 0.7$$

most appealing interval:

$$0.02 \leq \Omega_x h^2 \leq 0.2$$





## Searches for relic neutralinos

- ▶ direct search: elastic scattering of  $\chi$  off nuclei

$$\chi + \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \chi + \mathcal{N}$$

- ▶ indirect searches:

\* signals due to  $\chi$ - $\chi$  annihilations taking place in celestial bodies (where  $\chi$ 's have been accumulated)  $\rightarrow$   $\nu$ 's  $\rightarrow$  up-going  $\mu$ 's (Earth, Sun)

\* signals due to  $\chi$ - $\chi$  annihilations taking place in the halo

$$\chi + \chi \rightarrow \bar{f} + \bar{f}, \dots$$

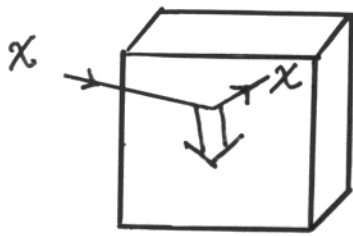
$\begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \nu, \bar{\nu} \\ \hookrightarrow \gamma \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \nu, \bar{\nu} \\ \hookrightarrow \gamma \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{keep directionality,} \\ \text{detectable if emitted} \\ \text{by regions of high } \chi \text{ density} \end{array}$

$\hookrightarrow$  gamma line  
( $2\gamma$ )



$\begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \bar{p} \\ \hookrightarrow e^+ \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \hookrightarrow \bar{p} \\ \hookrightarrow e^+ \end{array}} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{searched for as} \\ \text{rare components} \\ \text{in cosmic rays} \end{array}$

Direct search :  $\chi$ -nucleus scattering



Ge  
NaI  
Xe  
TeO<sub>2</sub>  
.....

$$E_R = \vec{q}^2 / (2m_N)$$

$\chi$ -velocity distribution  
in the Galaxy

Differential rate

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \frac{P_\chi}{m_\chi} \int_{v_{\min}}^{v_{\max}} dv f(v) v \left\{ \frac{d\sigma^c}{dE_R} + \frac{d\sigma^{SD}}{dE_R} \right\}$$

↙  
coherent  
(dominant)

↘  
spin dependent

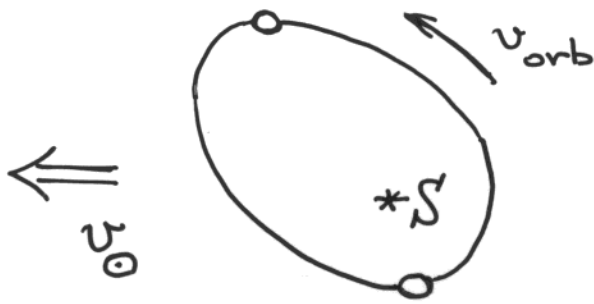
$$\frac{d\sigma^c}{dE} \propto F(q)^2 A^2 \sigma_{\text{scalar}} \quad (\text{nucleon})$$

Assuming a specific expression for  $f(v)$  (usually, a Maxwell-Boltzmann speed distribution) and a set of values for the astrophysical velocities:  $v_\odot$ ,  $v_{\text{escape}}$

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} \implies P_\chi \sigma_{\text{scalar}} \quad (\text{nucleon})$$

Discrimination of the signal against the background is based on the expected annual modulation of the signal

# Annual modulation



speed of the solar system in the Galactic Rest Frame

$$v_{\odot} = \underbrace{(220 \pm 30) \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}}_{v_0} + 12 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

peculiar velocity

speed of the earth in the GRF

$$v_{\oplus}(t) = v_{\odot} + v_{\text{orb}} \cos \gamma \cos \left[ \omega(t - t_0) \right]$$

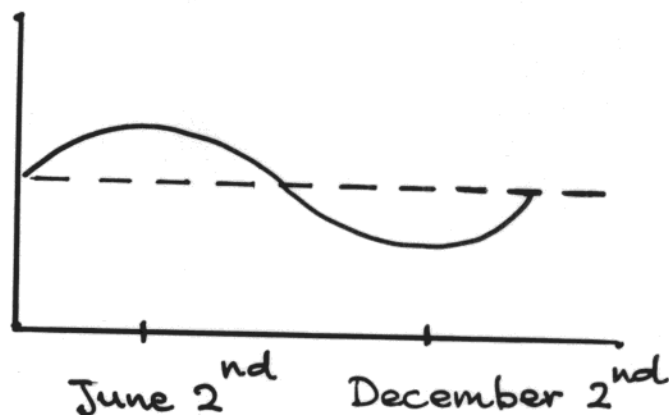
$\omega = 2\pi/1\text{yr}$        $t_0 = \text{June } 2^{\text{nd}}$   
 earth orbital speed      orbit inclination ( $\gamma = 60^\circ$ )

Defining  $\eta(t) \equiv v_{\oplus}(t)/v_0$  ,  $\eta_{\text{av}} \equiv v_{\odot}/v_0$

$$\eta(t) = \eta_{\text{av}} + \Delta\eta \cos[\omega(t - t_0)]$$

$$\eta_{\text{av}} = 1.05 , \quad \Delta\eta = 0.07$$

signal



DAMA data on annual modulation (NaI detector)

▷ 1<sup>st</sup> set of data collected with an exposure  
of 4,549 kg.day

▷ 2<sup>nd</sup> set of data collected with an exposure  
of 14,962 kg.day

both provide indication of an annual modulation  
effect.

Combination of the 2 samples (total  
exposure of 19,511 kg.day) singles out a  
well delimited region in the plane

$P_{\chi} \sigma_{sc}^{(n)} - m_{\chi}$ , centered at

$$\frac{P_{\chi}}{0.3 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}} \sigma_{sc}^{(n)} = 7.0^{+0.4}_{-1.2} \times 10^{-9} \text{ nb}$$

$$m_{\chi} = 59^{+17}_{-14} \text{ GeV}$$

(taking  $v_0 = 220 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ ,  $v_{esc} = 650 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ )

Hypothesis of presence of modulation vs  
hypothesis of absence favoured at 99.6% C.L.

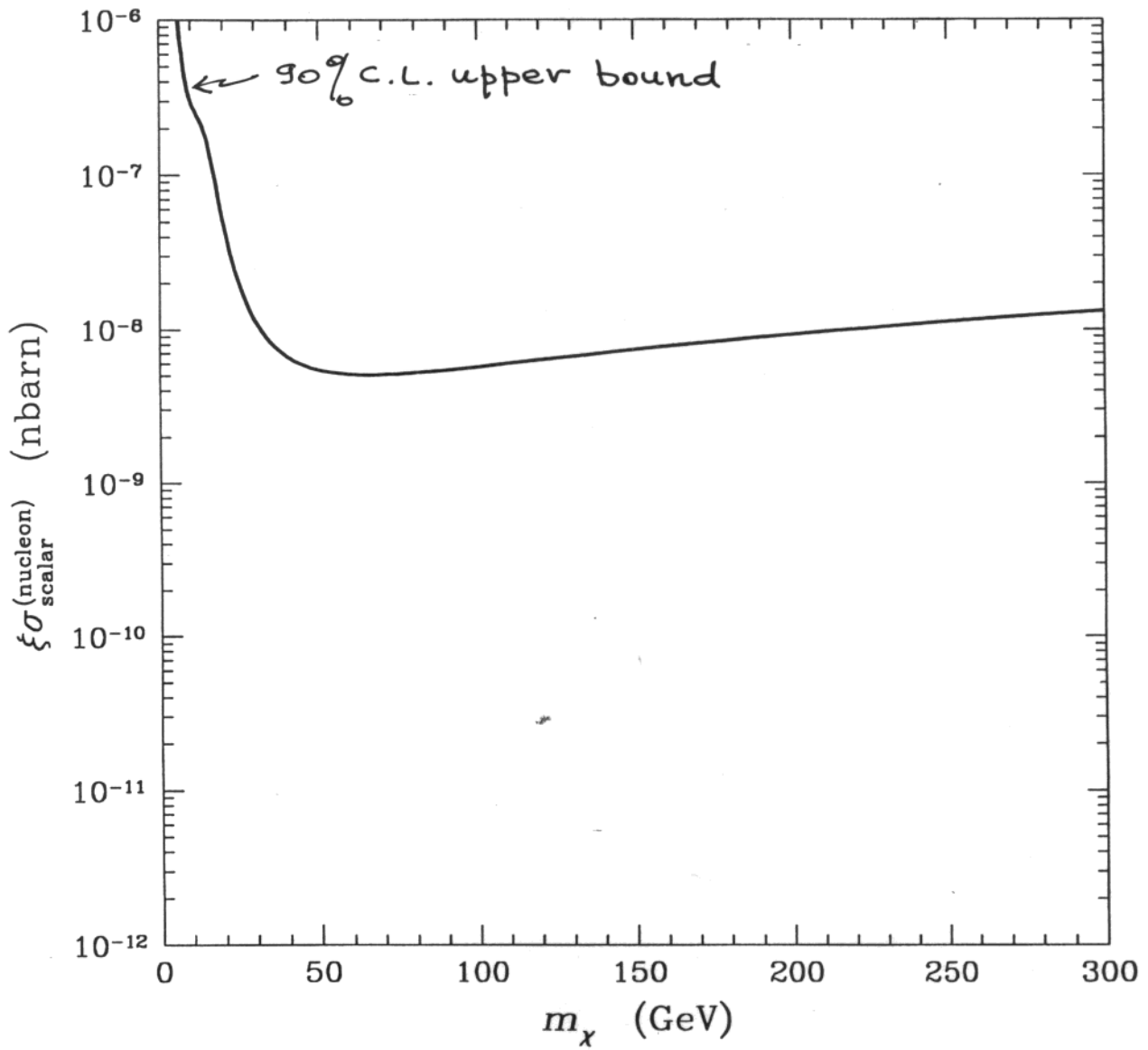
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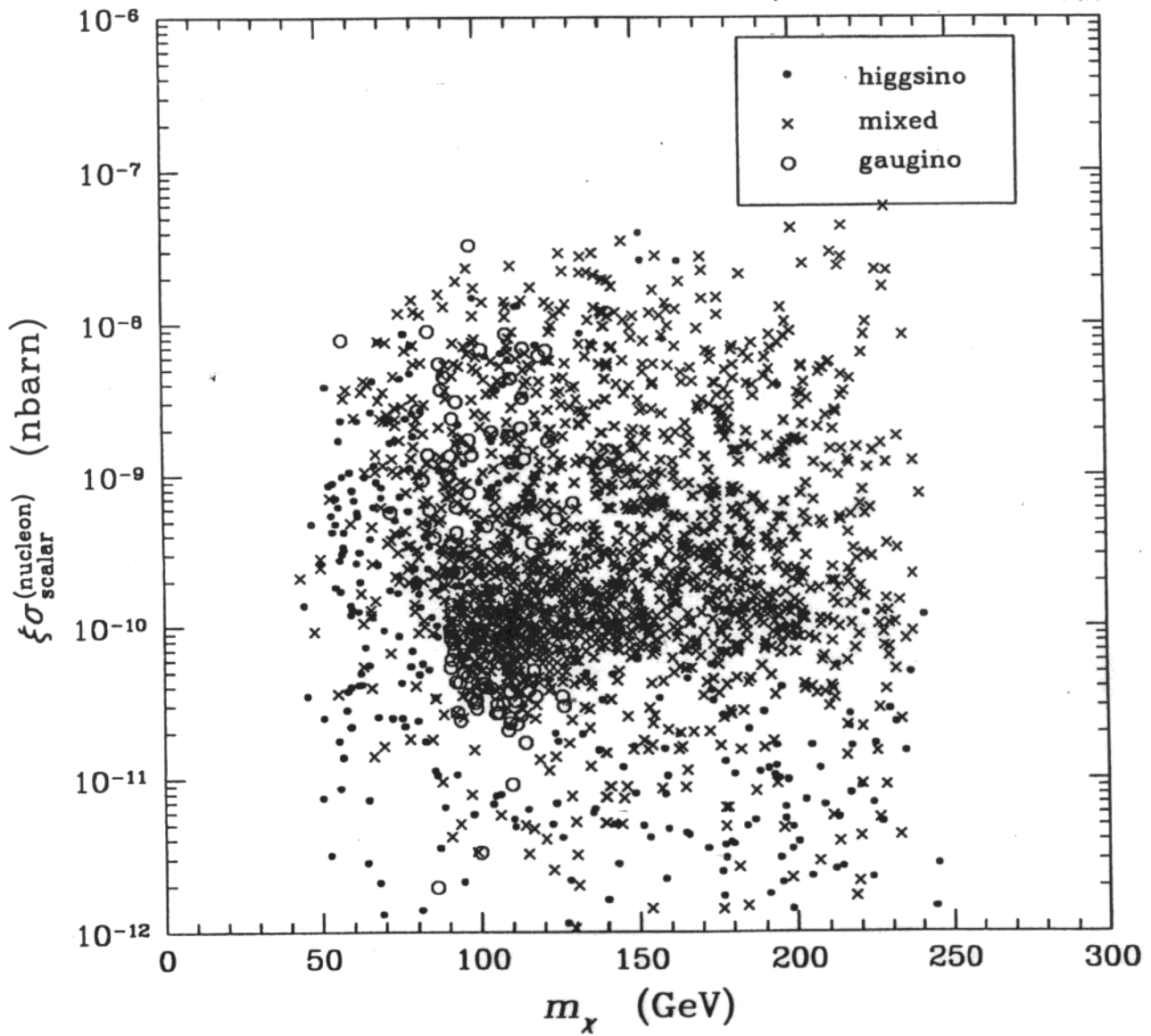
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$$\left( \frac{\rho_\chi}{0.3 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}} \right) \sigma_{\text{scalar}}^{(\text{nucleon})} \quad \text{vs} \quad m_\chi$$



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Region singled out by DAMA data on  
annual modulation

(2- $\sigma$  C.L.)

$$v_0 = 220 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}, \quad v_{\text{escape}} = 650 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$



- ▷ The indication of a possible modulation effect singled out by the DAMA data needs confirmation by further experimental investigation in direct search (already under way)
- ▷ If confirmed, this effect would be a major breakthrough in establishing the existence of particle DM in the Universe
- ▷ We have analysed DAMA data in terms of relic neutralinos and investigated the relevant Susy configurations to establish:
  - \* contribution to  $\Omega_{CDM}$
  - \* explorability at accelerators
  - \* investigation by indirect searches for WIMPs (upgoing  $\mu$ 's at  $\nu$ -telescopes,  $\bar{P}$ 's in CR)
  - \* compatibility with SUGRA schemes

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hep-ph/9809239 to appear in Astrop. Phys.

We select  $\text{Sury}$  configurations whose representative points fall inside the DAMA region

$$\xi \sigma_{sc}^{(n)} - m_\chi \quad \left( \xi \equiv \frac{P_\chi}{P_{loc}} \right)$$

by provisionally setting

$$v_0 = 220 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}, \quad v_{esc} = 650 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

(for an extension, see later on)

We take into account the uncertainty in  $P_{loc}$

$$0.1 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3} \leq P_{loc} \leq 0.7 \text{ GeV} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$$

and use

$$\xi = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{\Omega_\chi h^2}{(\Omega h^2)_{\min}} \right\}$$

$$(\Omega h^2)_{\min} \text{ is set here to } (\Omega h^2)_{\min} = 0.01$$

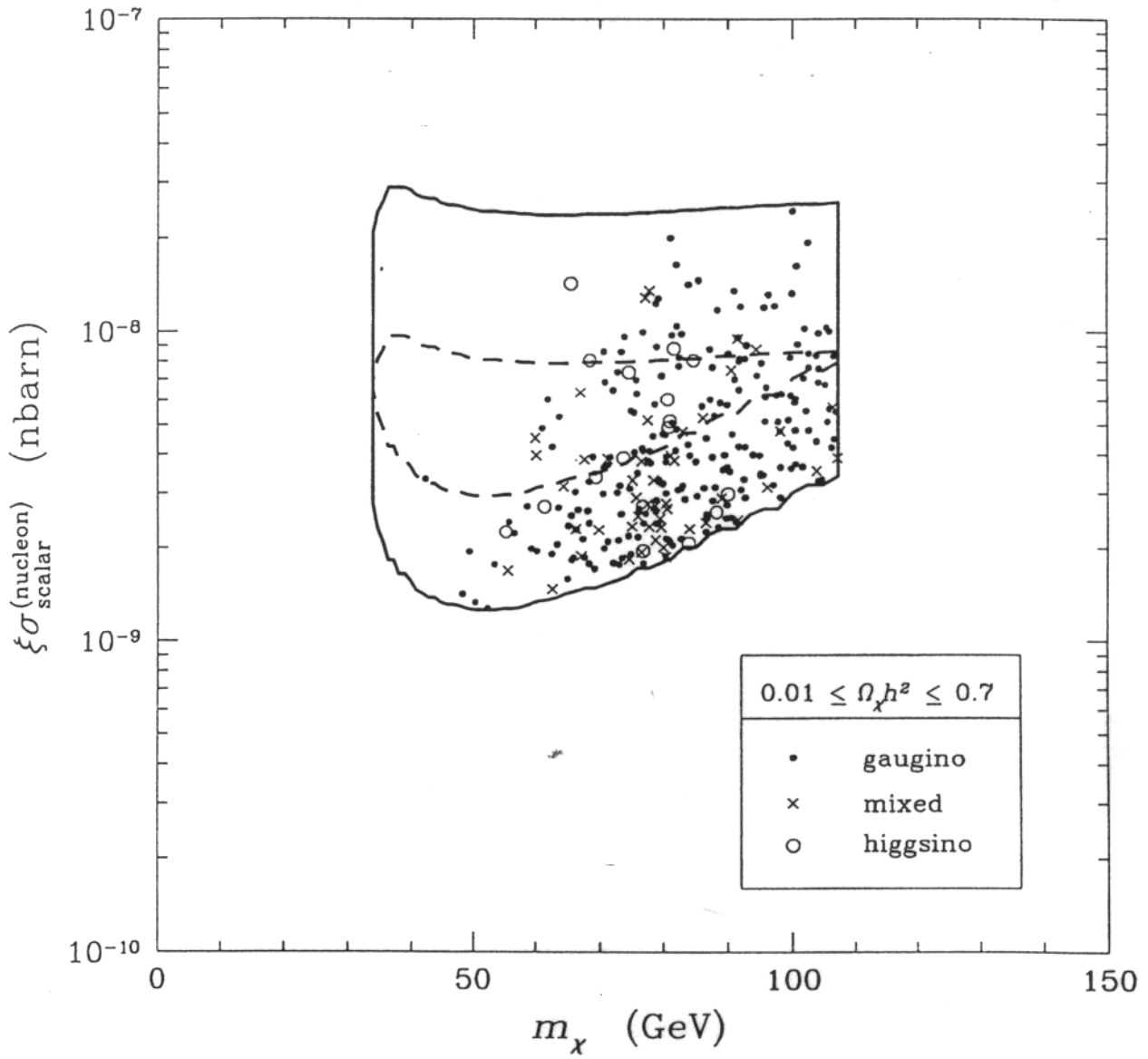


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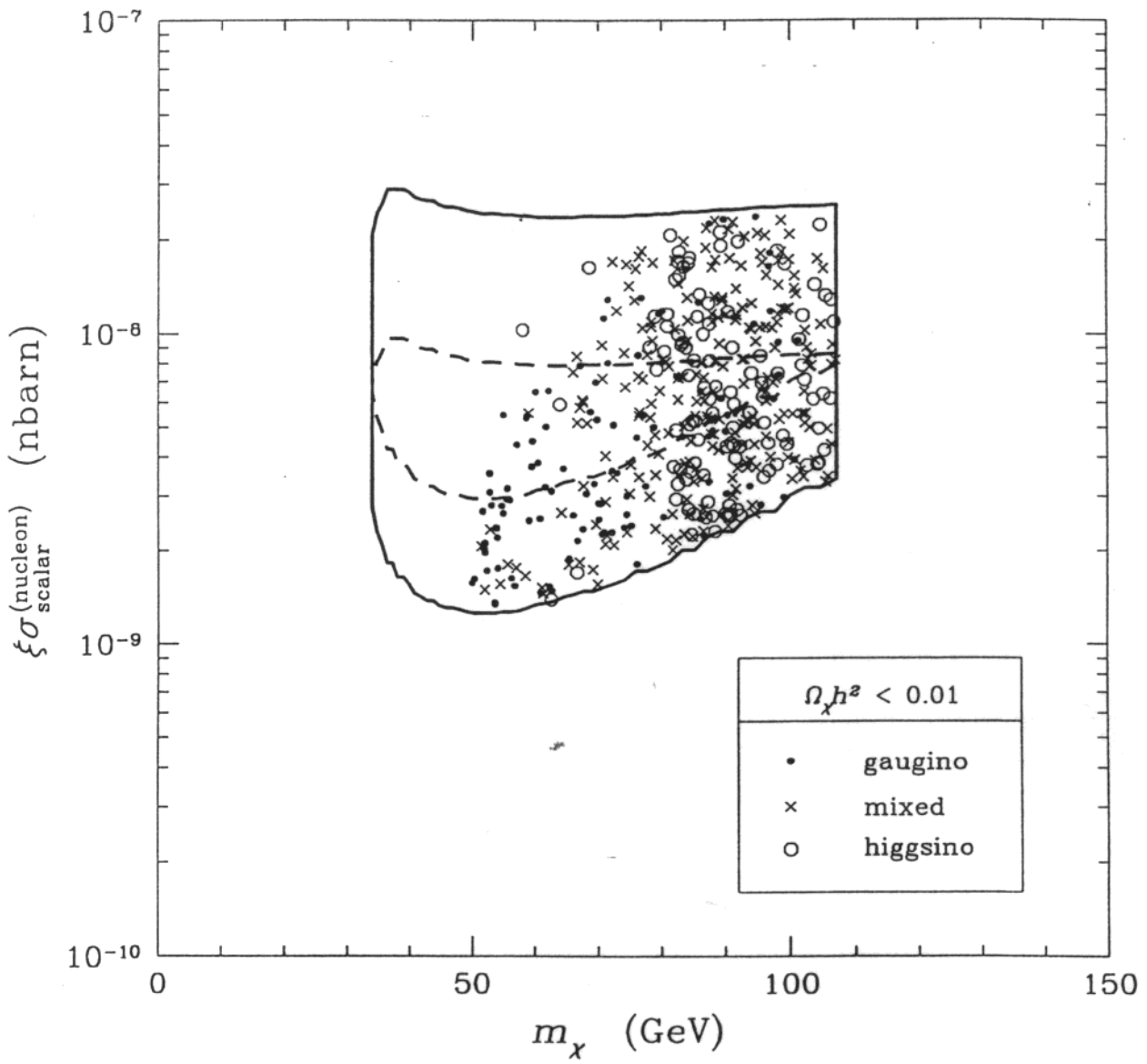


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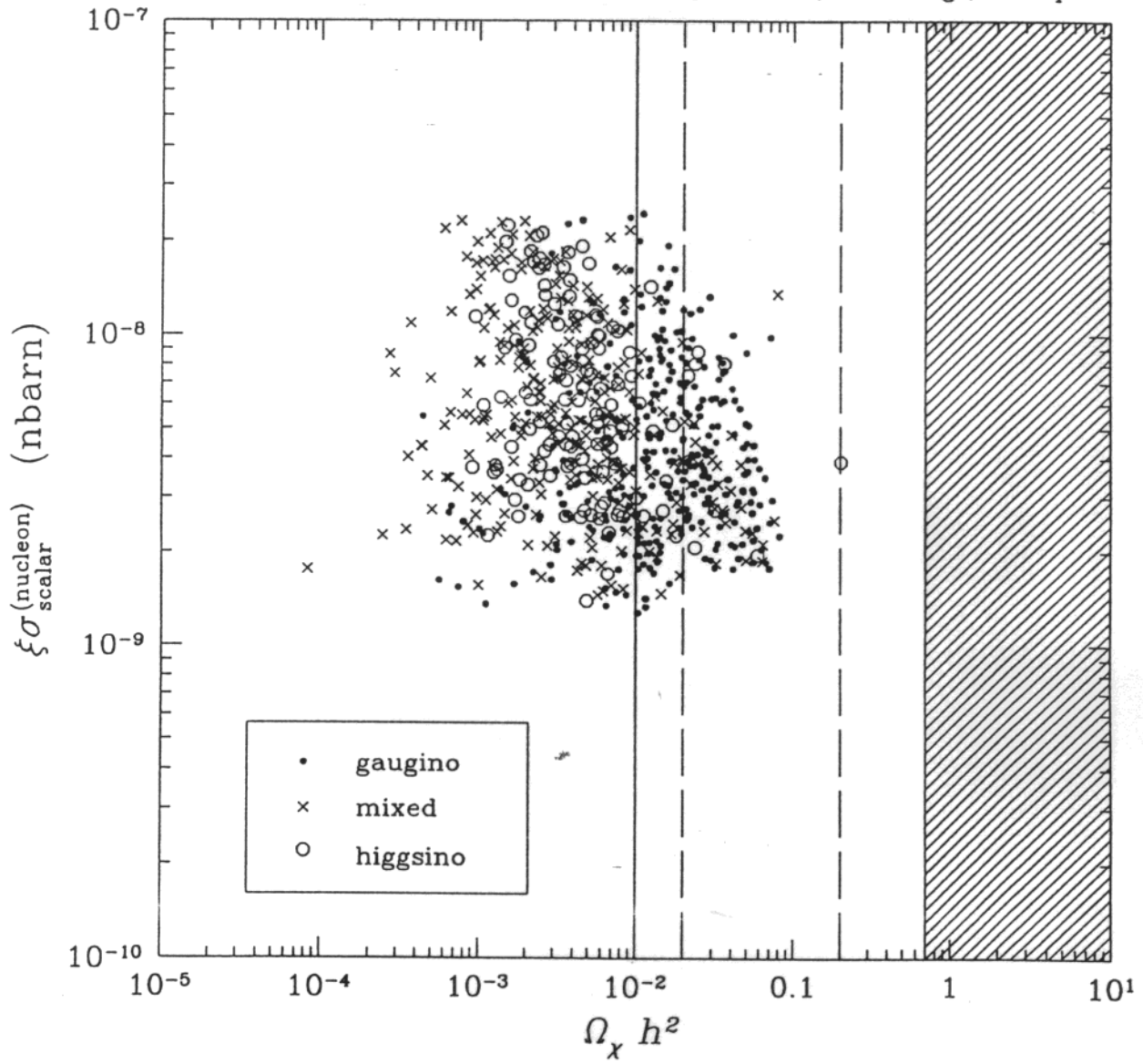


Figure 3

$\tan \beta = 30$

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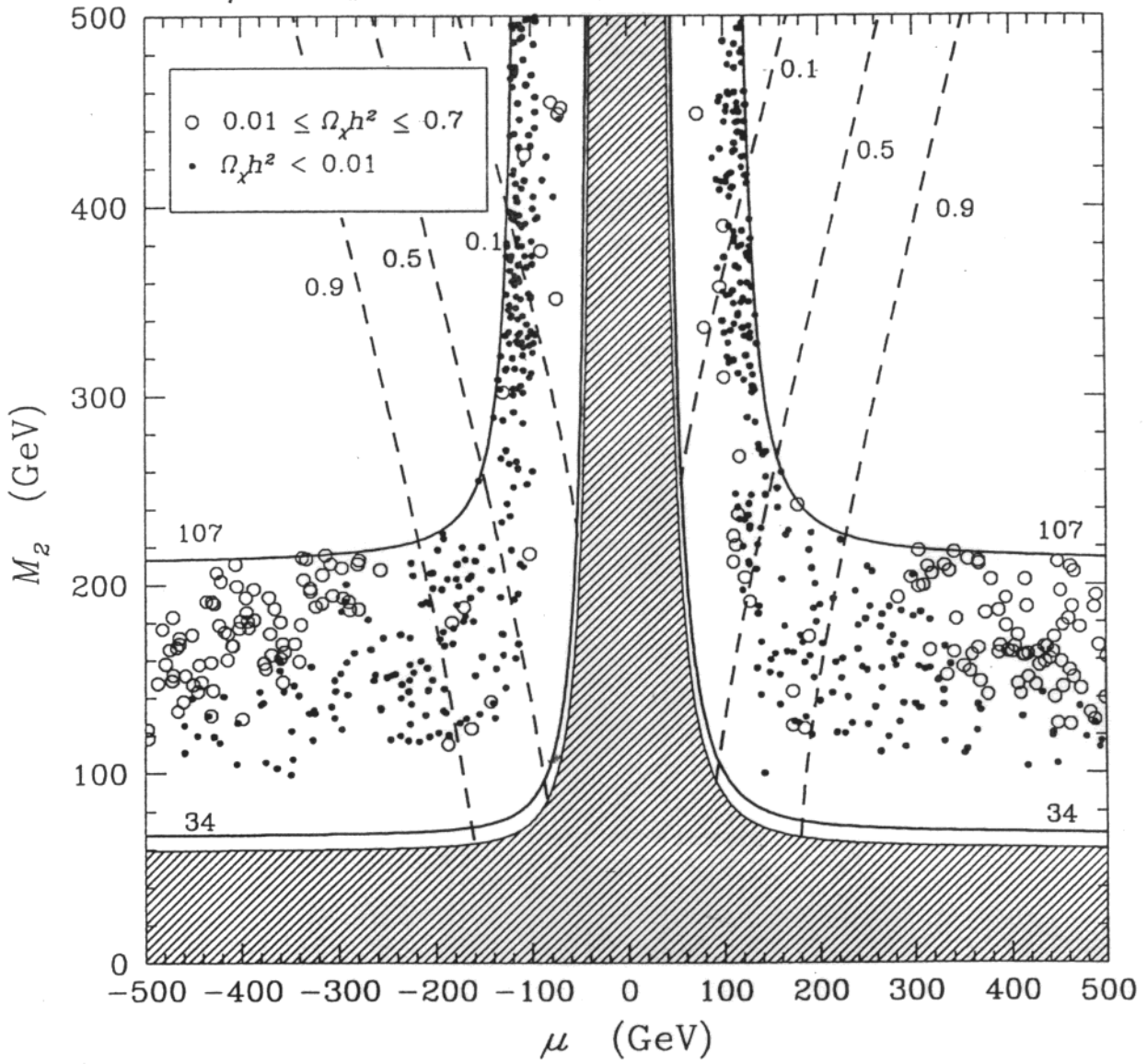


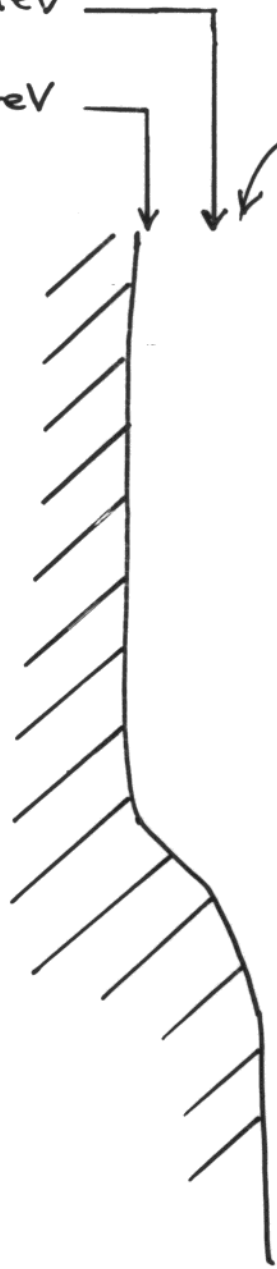
Figure 4 (b)

Reach at LEP2

at  $\sqrt{s} = 200 \text{ GeV}$

at  $\sqrt{s} = 190 \text{ GeV}$

95% C.L.



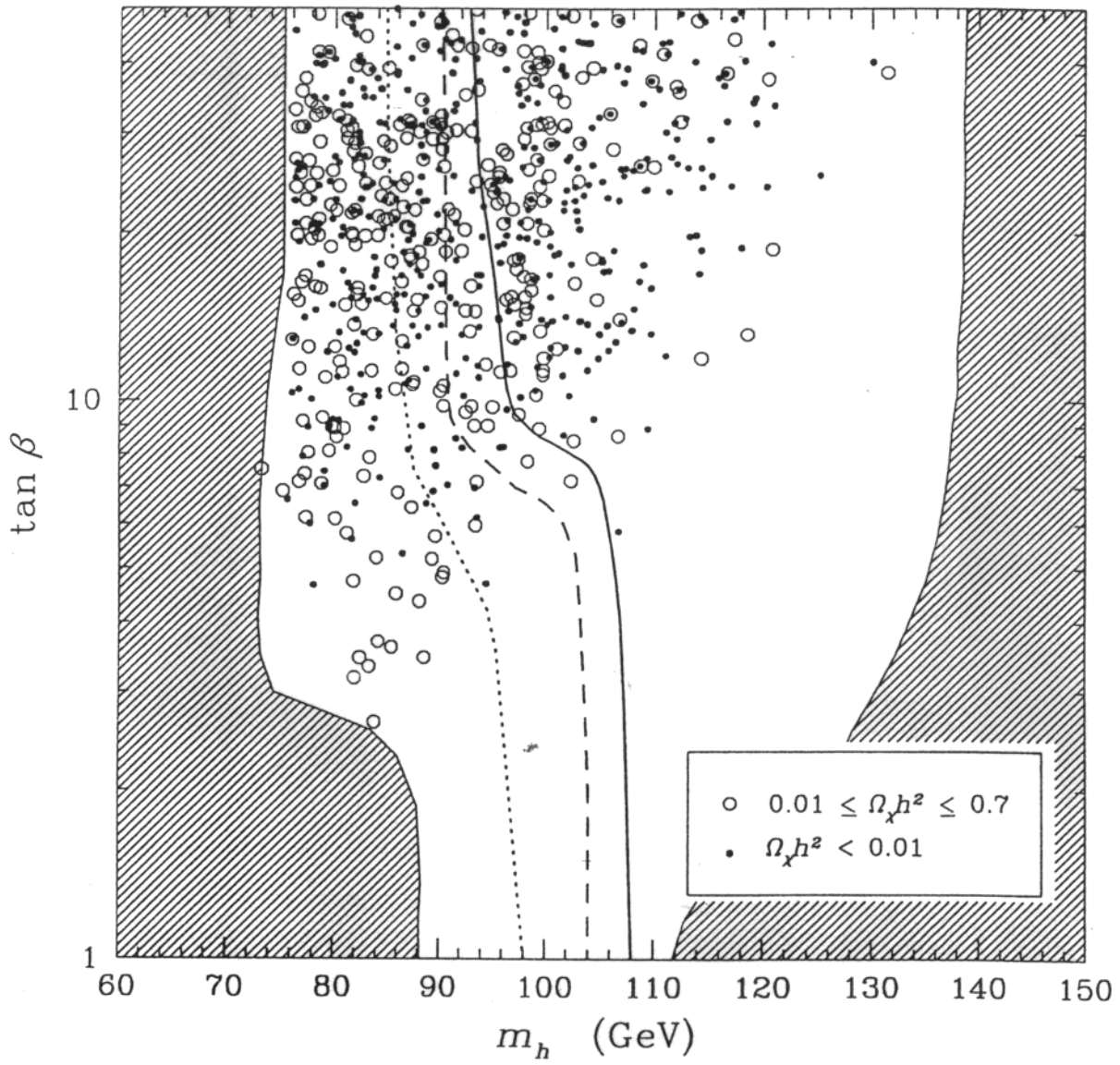


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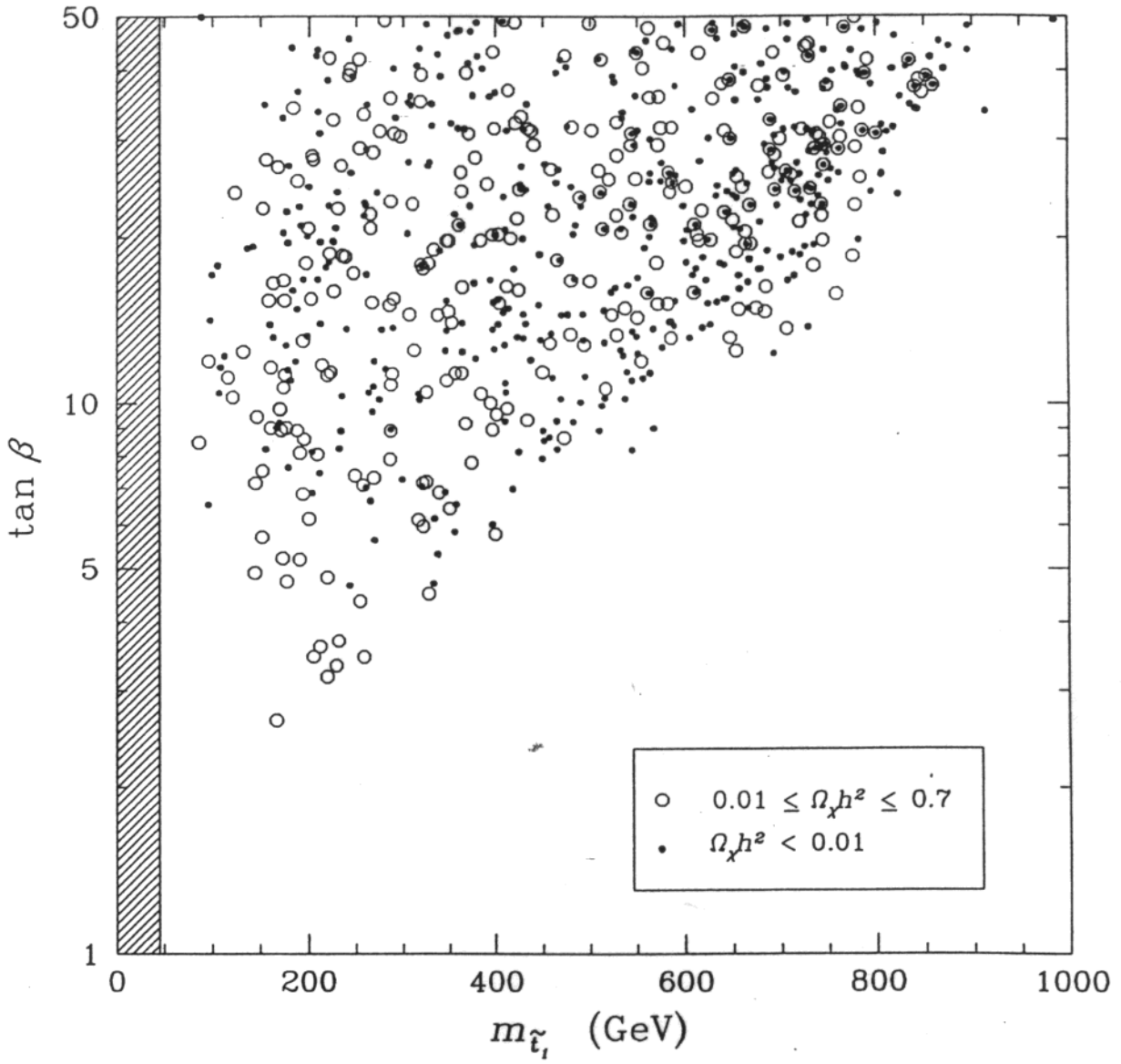


Figure 6

reach of LEP2



reach of TeV33



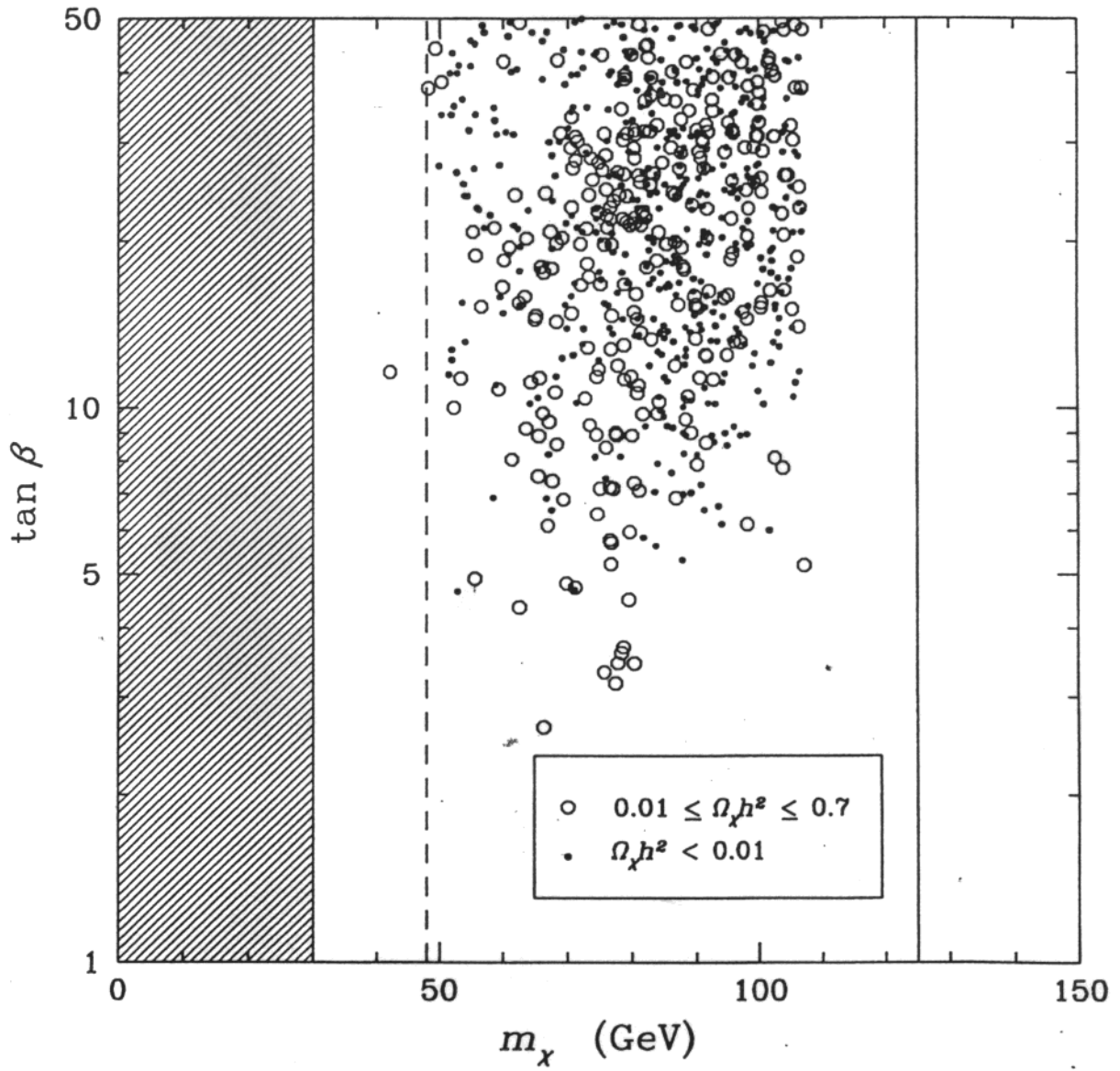


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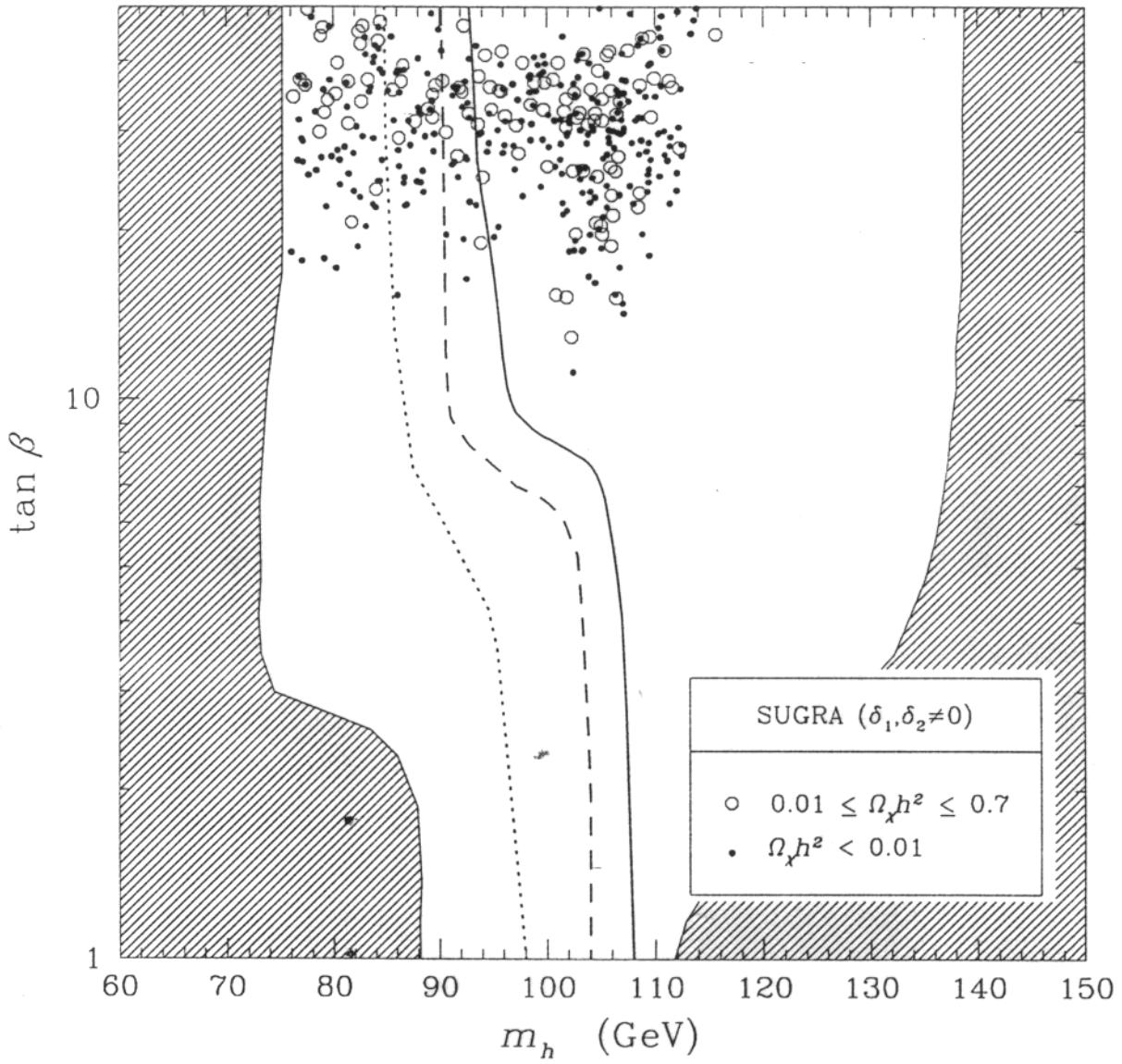


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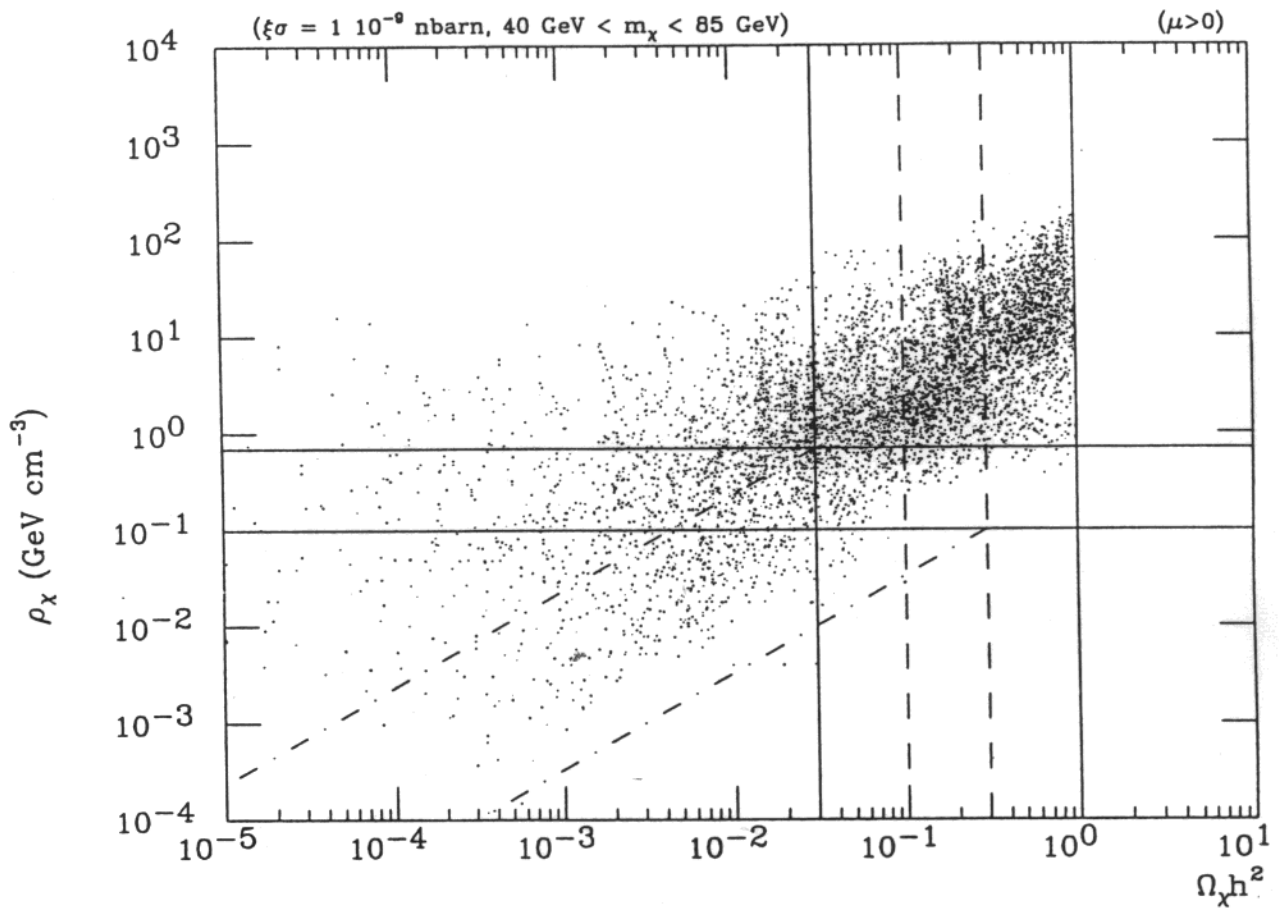
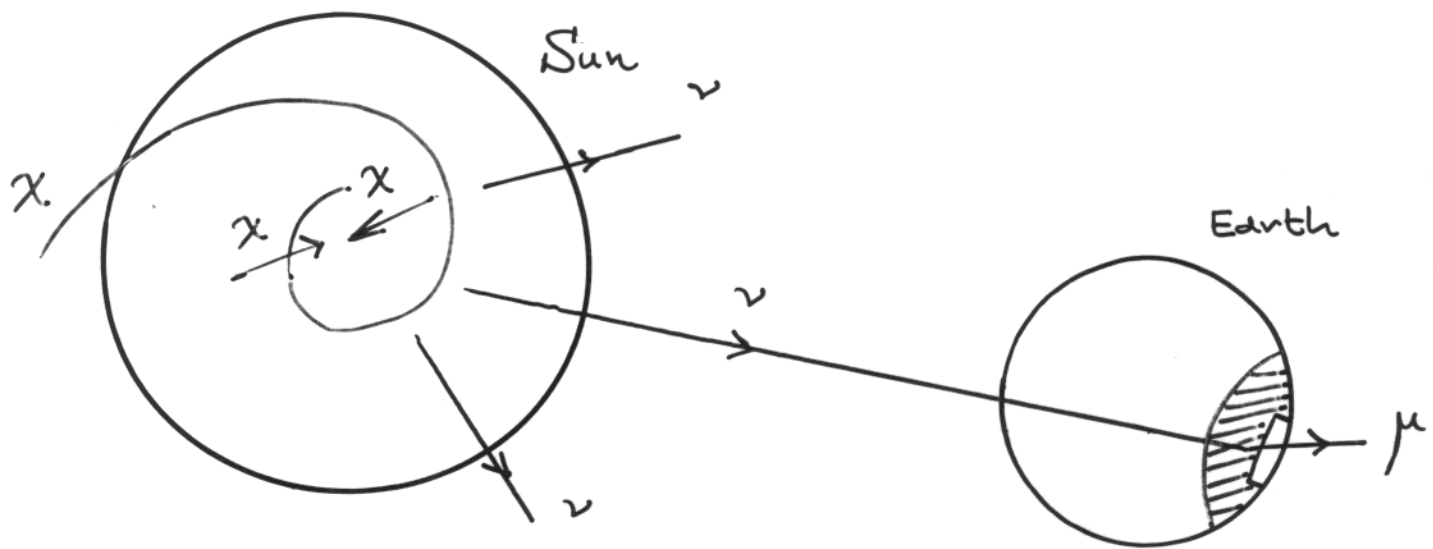


Figure 4

$\chi$ - $\chi$  annihilation in celestial bodies  
(Sun, Earth)

emission of  $\nu$ 's  $\rightarrow$

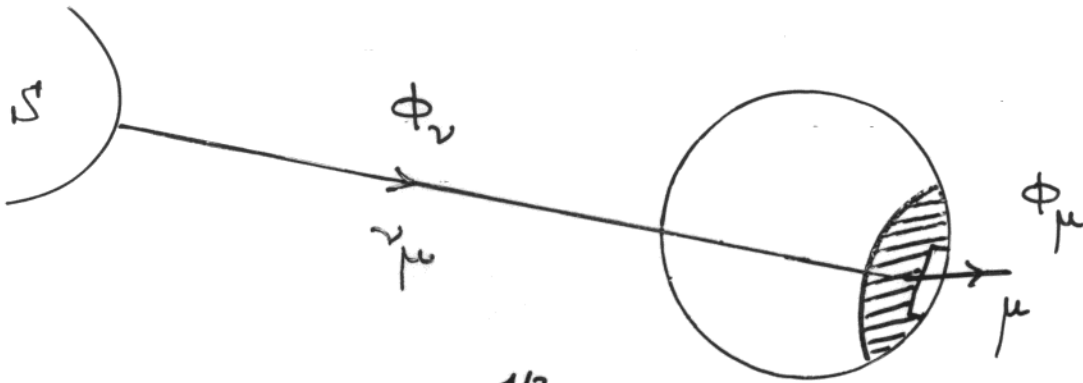
$\rightarrow$  up-going  $\mu$ 's in neutrino telescopes



$\Phi_\mu$  vs  $m_\chi$

► detection of upgoing muons due to conversion of  $\nu_\mu$ 's in Earth

$\nu_\mu$  from the Sun

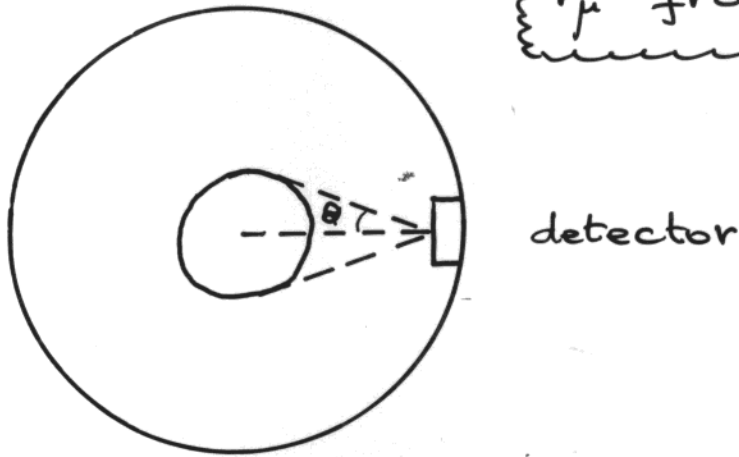


$$\psi_{\nu\mu} \approx 2.5^\circ \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{E_\nu} \right)^{1/2}$$

plus extra angular spread to  $\mu$ -straggling



$\nu_\mu$  from the Earth



$$\theta \approx 5^\circ \left( \frac{100 \text{ GeV}}{m_\chi} \right)^{1/2}$$

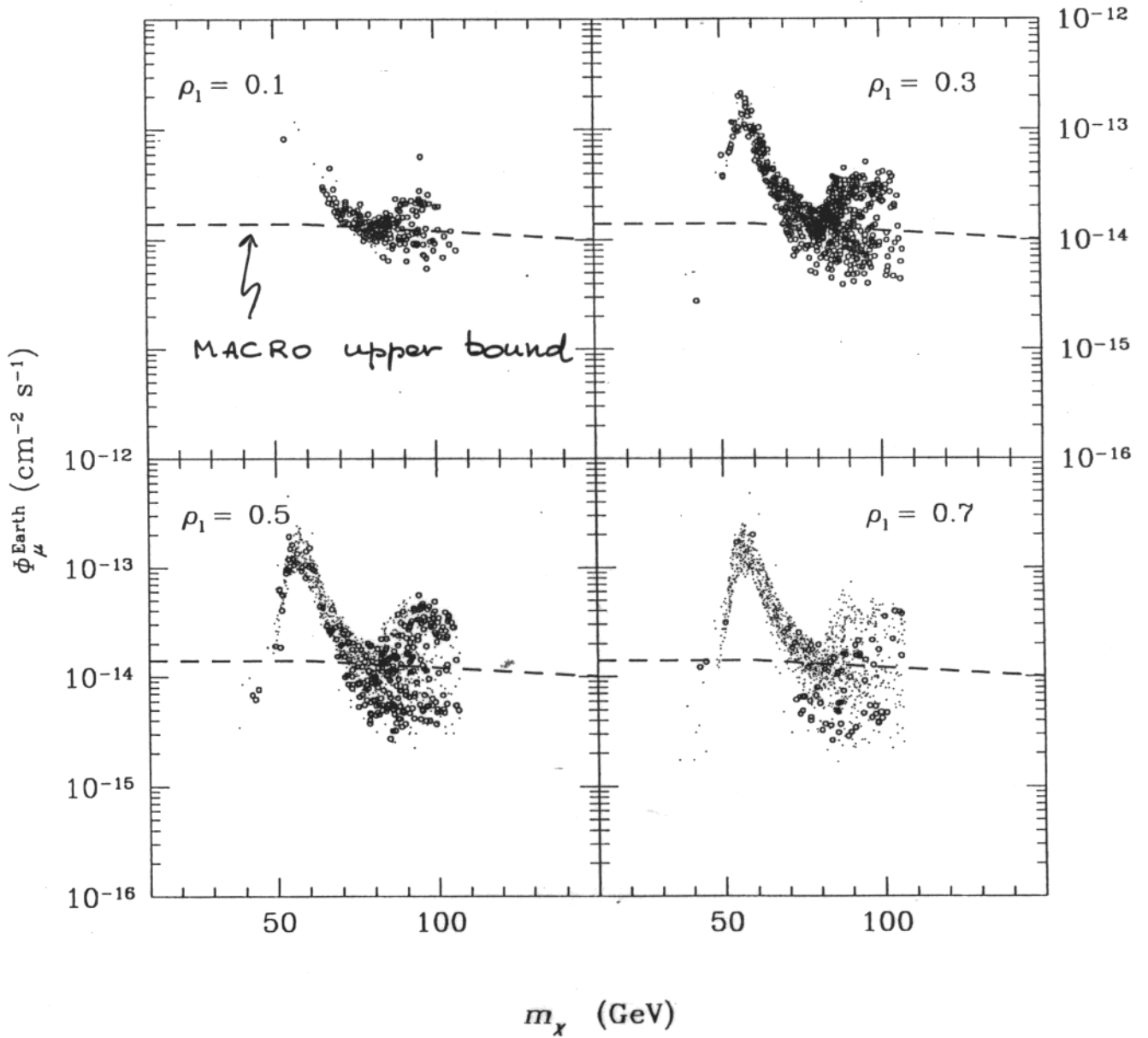


Figure 6

Scatter plots for DAMA configurations



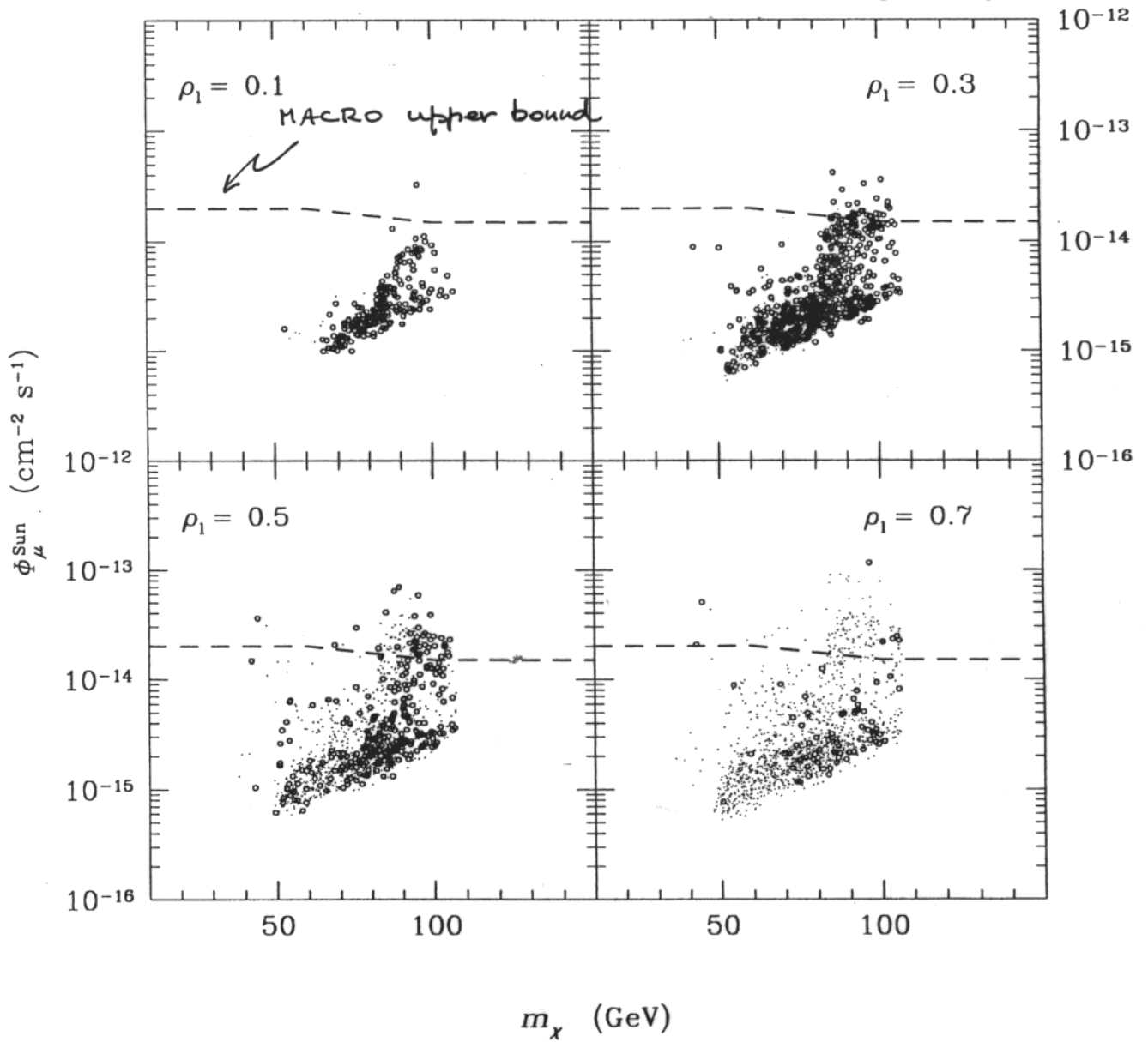


Figure 8

Scatter plots for DAMA configurations

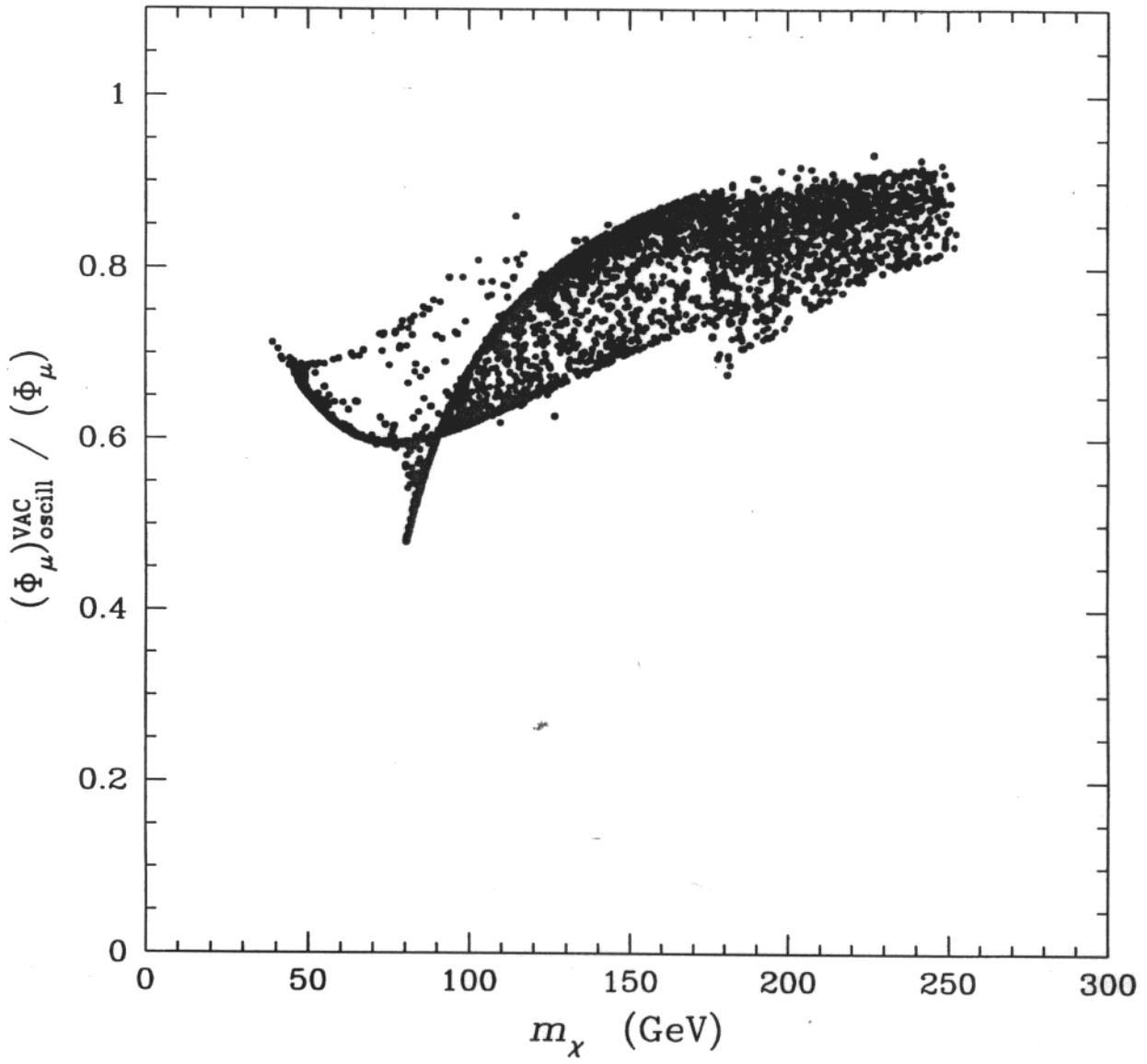
generic scatter plot  
(not limited to DAMA configurations)

$\Phi_\mu \equiv$  flux of upgoing muons generated by  $\chi$ - $\chi$   
annihilation in the center of the Earth

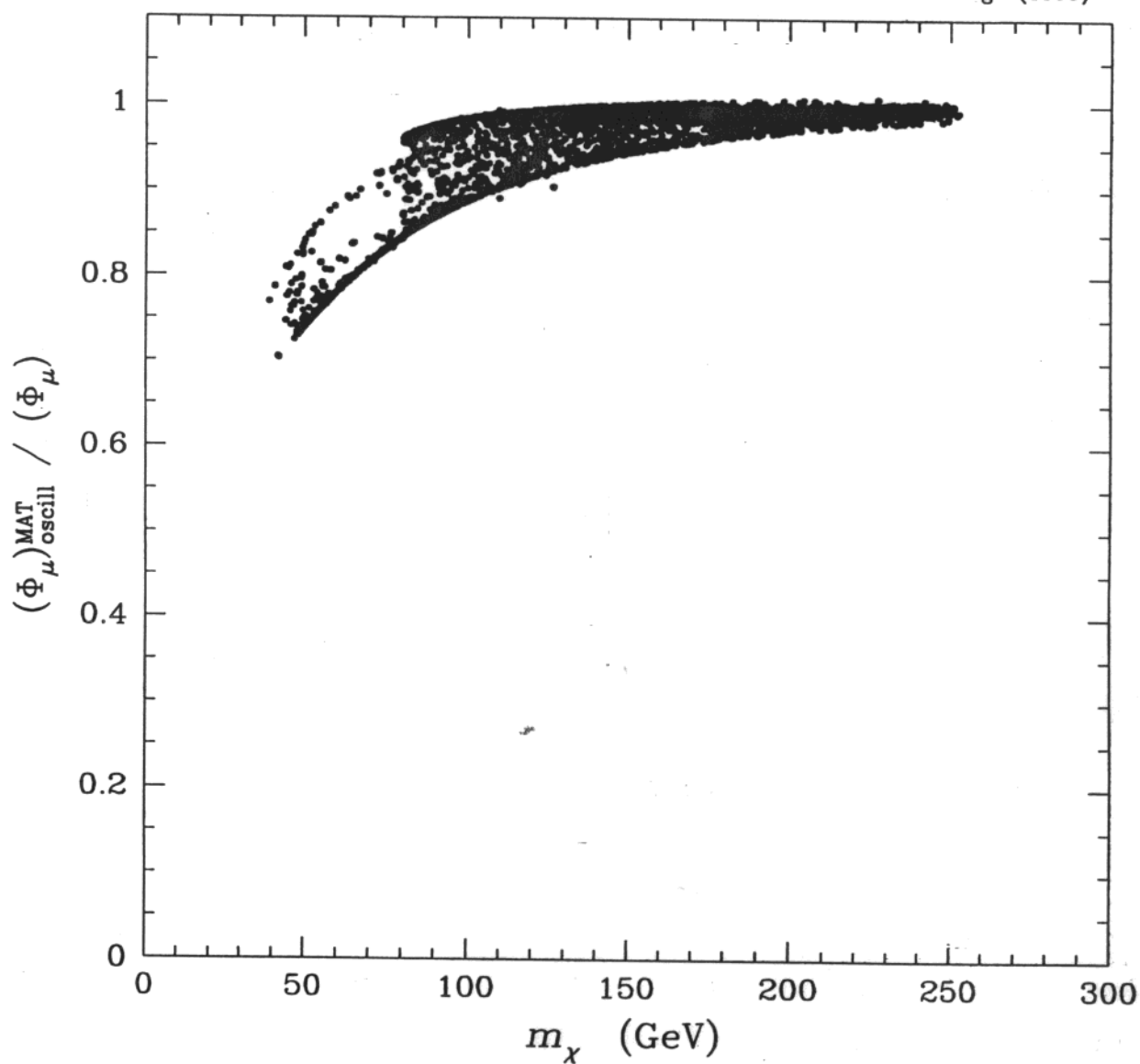
$(\Phi_\mu)_{\text{oscill}}^{\text{vac}} / \Phi_\mu \equiv$  its fractional depletion in case of

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_\tau$  oscillation ( $\Delta m^2 = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ,  $\sin^2(2\theta) = 0.8$ )

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$(\Phi_\mu)^{\text{MAT}}_{\text{oscill}} / \Phi_\mu \equiv$  flux depletion in case of

$\nu_\mu \rightarrow \nu_s$  oscillation ( $\Delta m^2 = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$ ,  $\sin^2(2\theta) = 0.8$ )

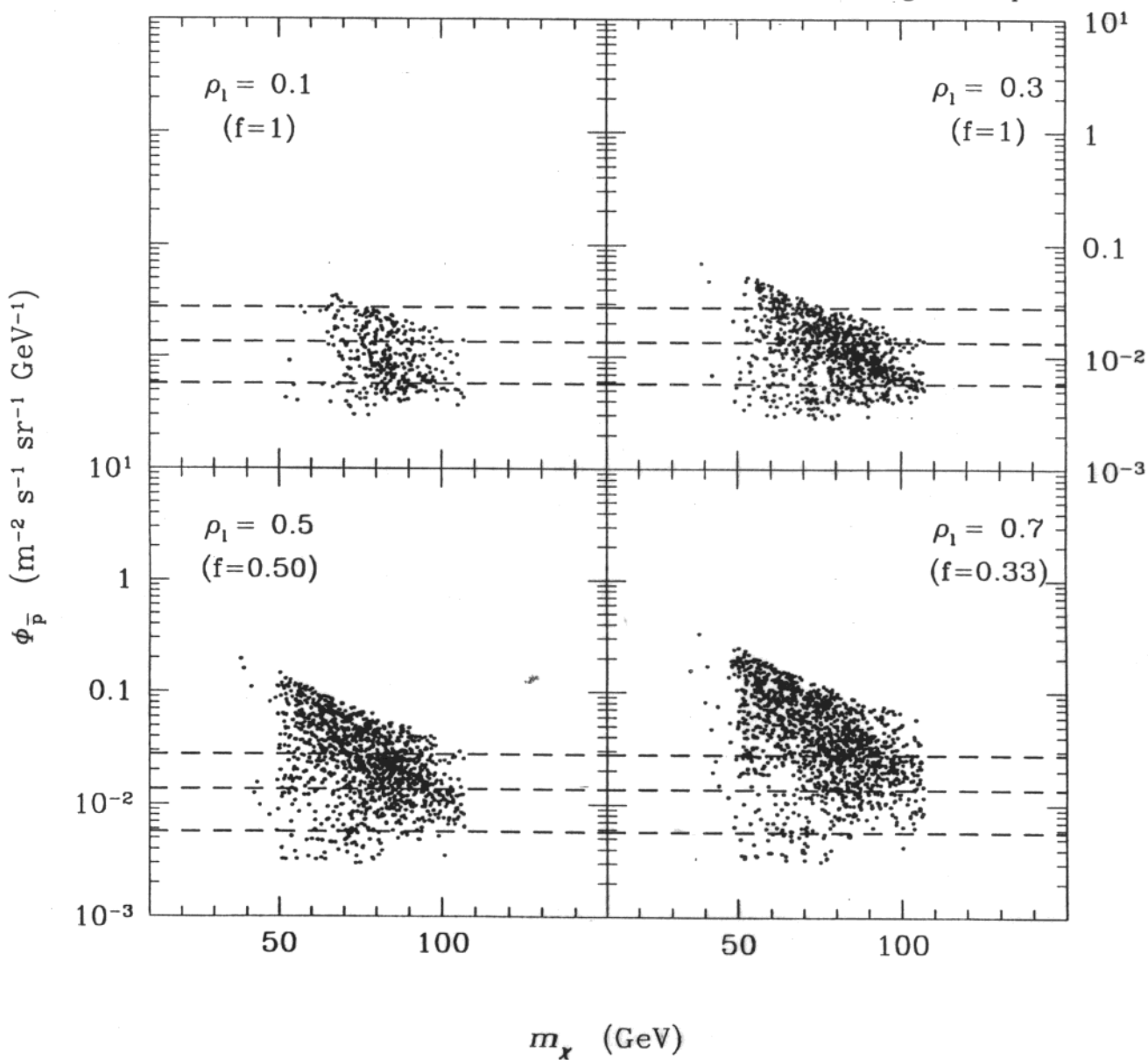


Figure 2

Comparison with BESS 95 data (1<sup>st</sup> bin)

Scatter plots for DAMA configurations

total fluxes (include contributions due to neutralinos of the indicated masses)

62 GeV  
81 GeV  
95 GeV

secondary flux

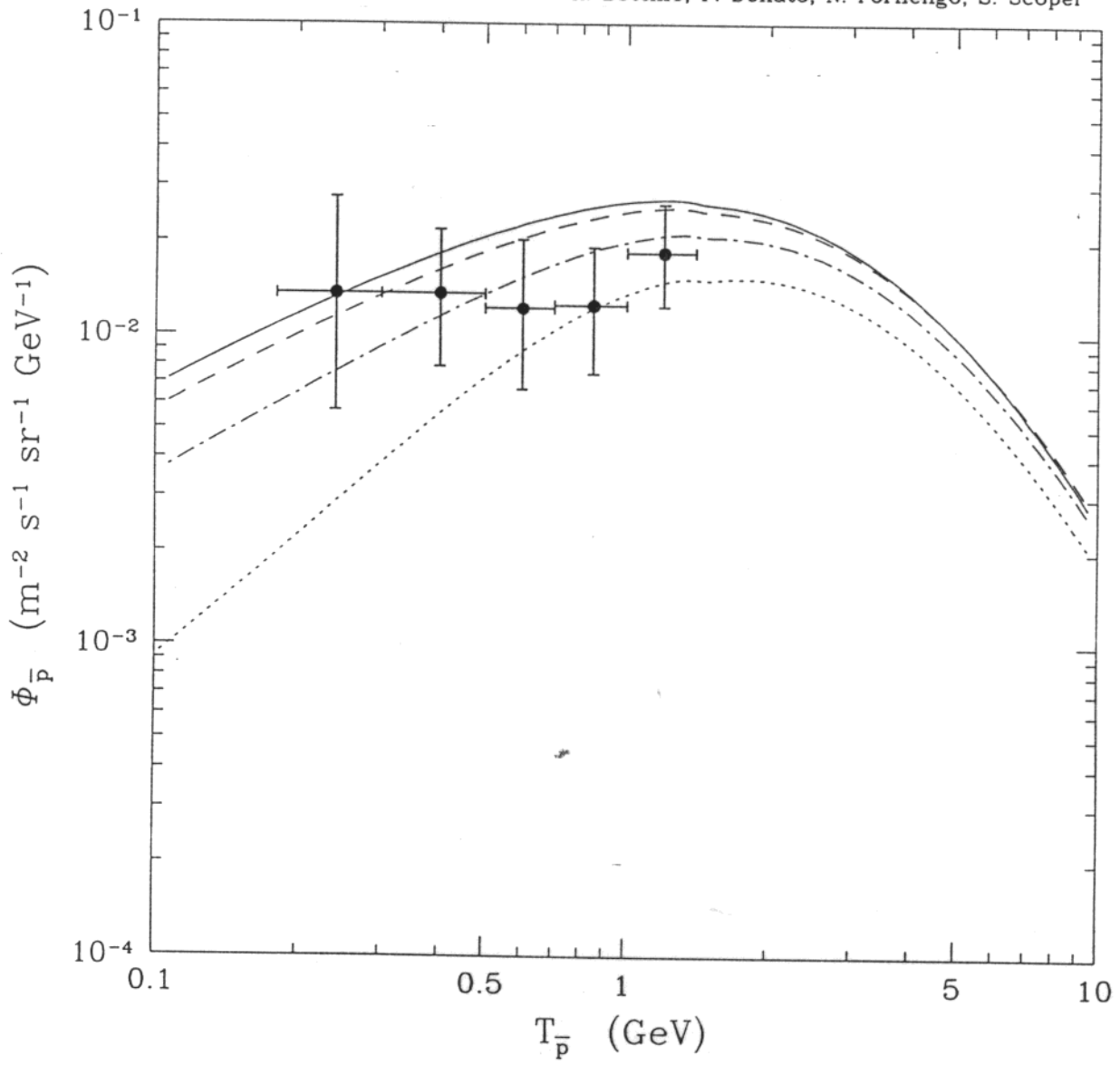


Figure 4

Extending the DAMA region and  
the relevant Susy configurations  
by accounting for the range in  $\nu_0$

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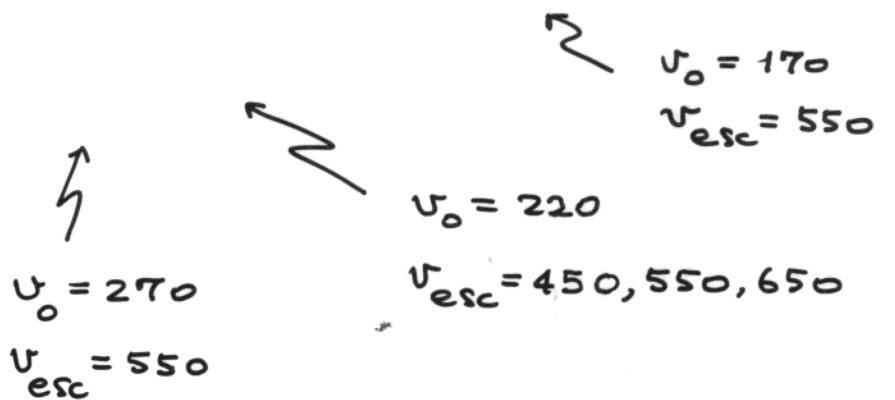
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Dependence of location of the DAMA region  
on the values of  $v_0$  and  $v_{esc}$

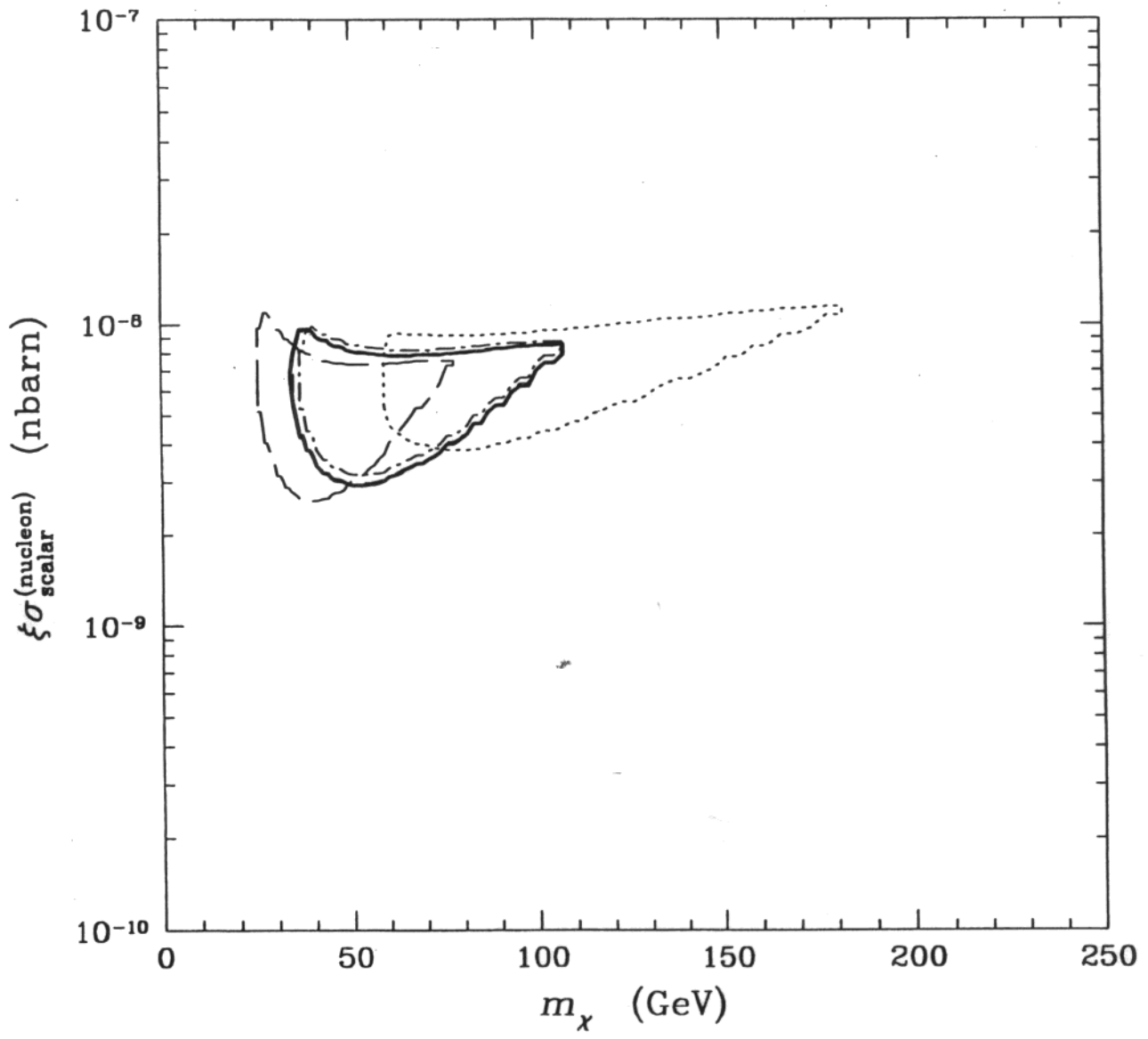
$$v_0 = 220 \pm 30 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \quad (1-\sigma \text{ C.L.})$$

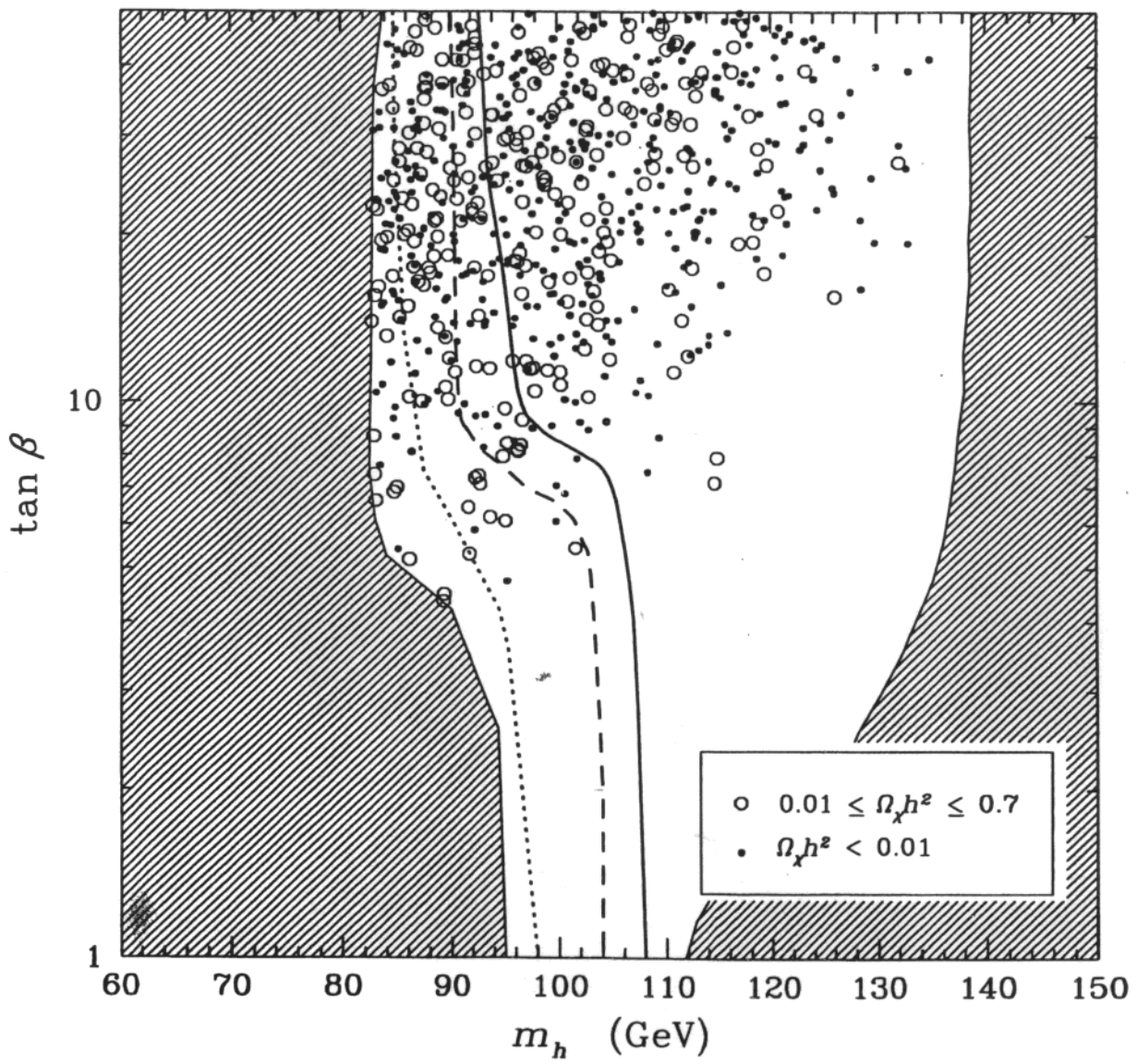
$$450 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \leq v_{esc} \leq 650 \text{ km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1} \quad (90\% \text{ C.L.})$$

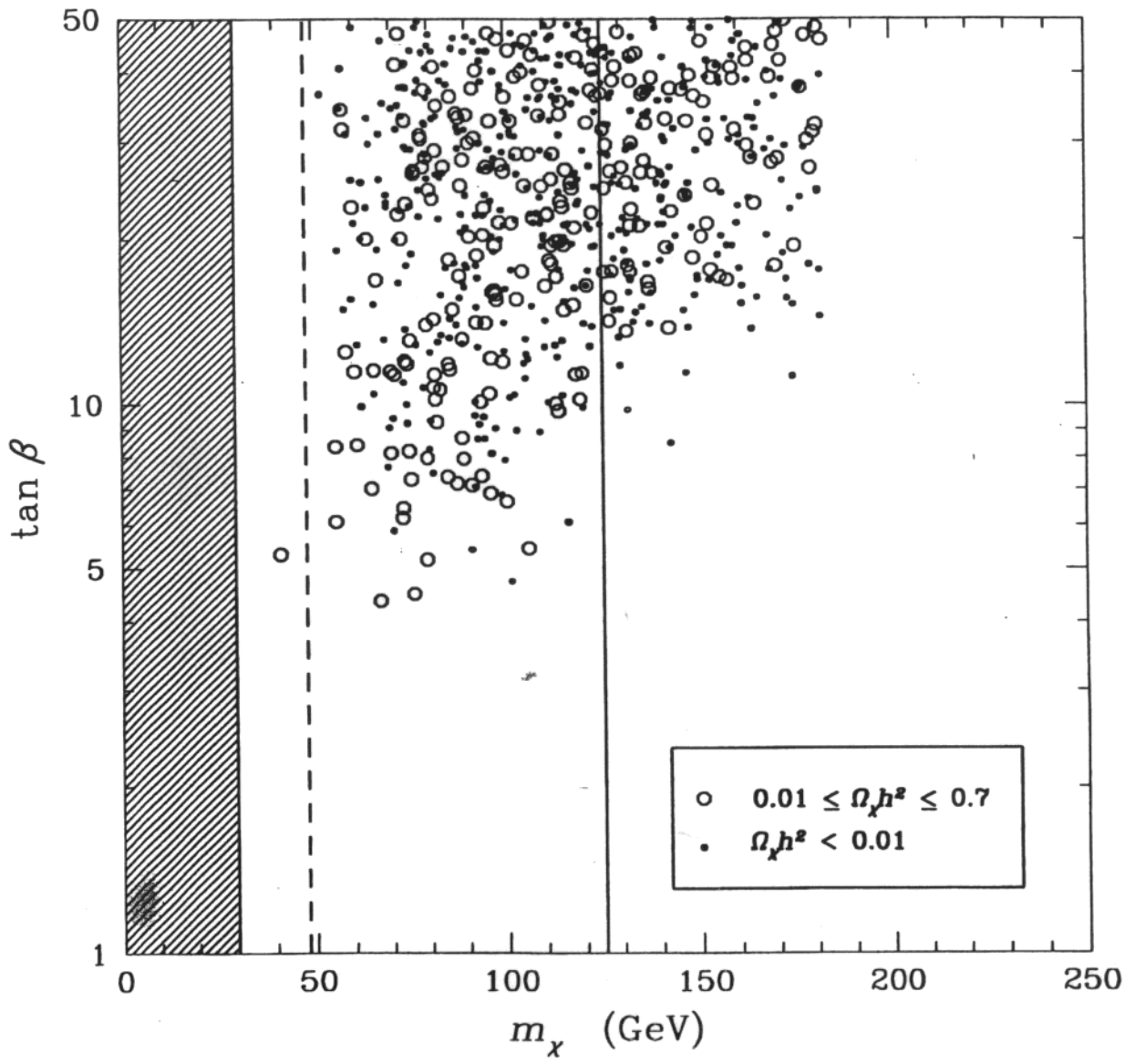


velocities in units of  
 $\text{km} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

- ▷ range of  $m_\chi$  very sensitive to  $v_0$  :  
the range of  $v_0$  extends the range of  $m_\chi$  to  
 $35 \text{ GeV} \leq m_\chi \leq 130 \text{ GeV} \quad (1-\sigma \text{ C.L.})$
- ▷ location of the region quite insensitive to  $v_{esc}$







## Conclusions

- ▷ The indication of an annual modulation effect, singled out by the DAMA/NaI experiment, is widely compatible with an interpretation in terms of a relic neutralino as a major component of DM
- ▷ A sizeable fraction of the relevant Susy configurations:
  - \* provides signals detectable at  $\nu$ -telescopes and as  $\bar{p}$ 's in CRs
  - \* is explorable at accelerators
- ▷ Compatibility with SUGRA schemes
- ▷ We eagerly await confirmation of the yearly modulation effect by further investigation in WIMP direct search.