# Exclusion, Discovery and Identification of Dark Matter with directional detection

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# Outline

- 1. Characteristics of directional detection data
- 2. Case of a null detection: Exclusion limits
- 3. Case of positive detection: Claim a discovery
- 4. Case of a high significance detection: Constraints on WIMP properties

Conclusions & discussion

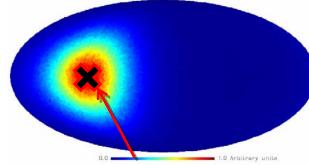
# Directional detection signal

# I.a WIMP signal

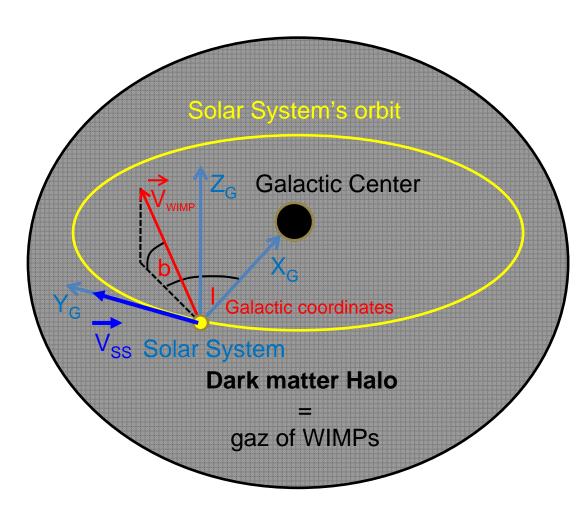
Considering the standard halo model, isothermal sphere:



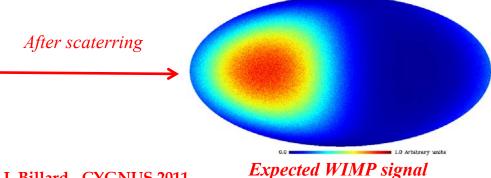
WIMP flux entering a terrestrial detector represented in Galactic coordinates



*Cygnus Constellation*  $(1 = 90^{\circ}, b = 0^{\circ})$ 



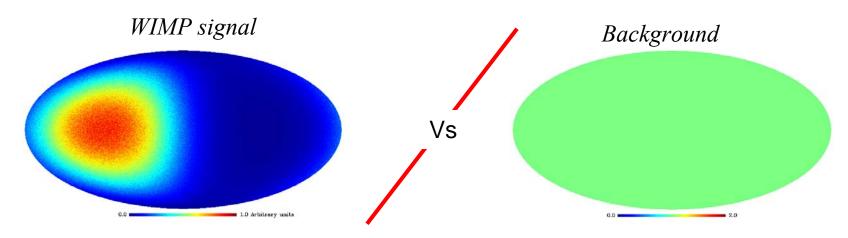
WIMP induced recoil distribution



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#### I.b Interest of the directional detection

Background is supposed to be **isotropic** 



Clear and unambiguous difference between WIMP signal and background

How to take the most advantage of this difference to:

- Set exclusion limits
- Claim a discovery with a sufficient significance
- Identify Dark Matter (particle and galactic physics)

Depending on the WIMP nucleon cross-section

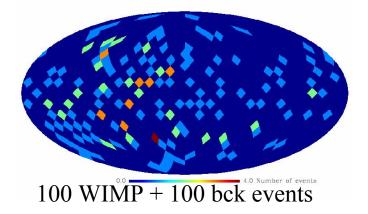
# I.c Expected signal

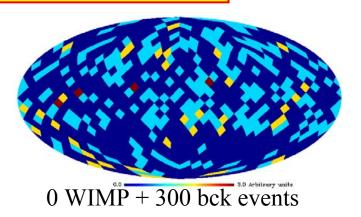
#### **Characteristics of directional data**

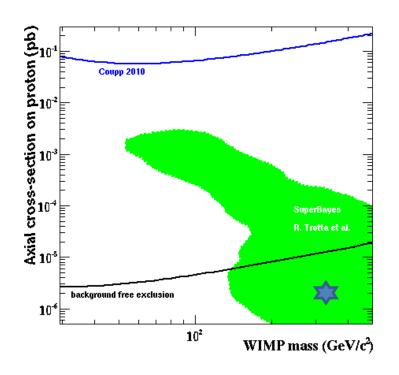
- Low number of WIMP events
- A large background fraction
- Rather low angular resolution

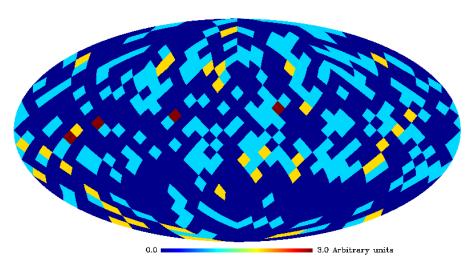


- 10 kg CF<sub>4</sub>
- Livetime : 3 years
- Recoil energy range : [5, 50] keV
- Background event rate  $R_b = 10 \text{ evts/kg/year}$









300 background events. No WIMP

# Case of a null detection

Setting upper limits using directional data...

#### II.a Directional exclusion limit methods

Several methods can be used for directional detection:

#### > Poisson method

No assumptions on the origin of events

➤ 1D Directional Maximum Gap method (S. Yellin, Phys.Rev. D66 (2002) 032005)

Uses only the theoretical WIMP event angular distribution to set limits

➤ The Maximum Patch Method (S. Henderson et .al, Phys.Rev.D78:015020,2008)

A 2D generalization of the Maximum Gap method considering both directional and energy informations

➤ Directional Likelihood method (J. Billard et .al, Phys.Rev.D82:055011,2010)

Considers the theoretical distributions of both WIMP and background events to set the most restrictive limits

Considering only the angular part of the event distribution

No assumptions on the energy spectrum of background: conservative

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#### II.b Directional likelihood Method

Goal = Estimate, from an observed recoil map M, the expected number of :

- WIMP events :  $\mu_s$
- Background events :  $\mu_b$

Consider flat priors and an extended likelihood function

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu_{s},\mu_{b}) = \frac{(\mu_{s} + \mu_{b})^{N}}{N!} e^{-(\mu_{s} + \mu_{b})} \times L(\mu_{s},\mu_{b})$$

$$Likelihood$$

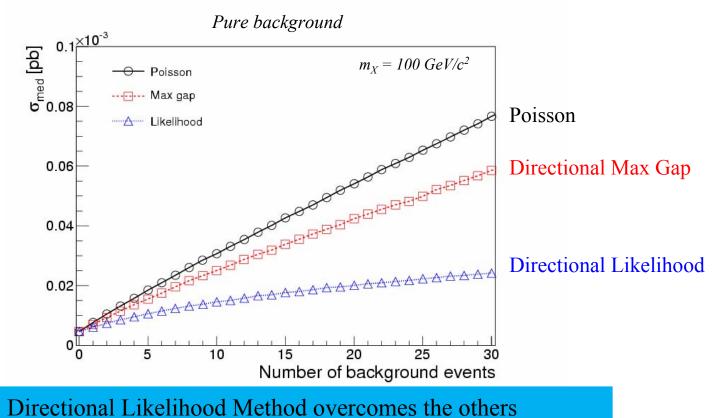
$$L(\mu_{s},\mu_{b}) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{pixels}}} P\left(\frac{\mu_{s}}{\mu_{s} + \mu_{b}} \frac{S_{i}}{\mu_{s} + \mu_{b}} \frac{B_{i}}{\mu_{s} + \mu_{b}} \frac{B_{i}}{\mu_{s}} | M_{i}\right)$$

$$S: \textit{Signal}$$

$$B: \textit{Background} \atop \text{I. Billard - CYGNUS 2011} \text{Marginalize over } \mu_{b} \text{ to get: } P(\mu_{s} | D)$$

# II.c Comparison of the three methods

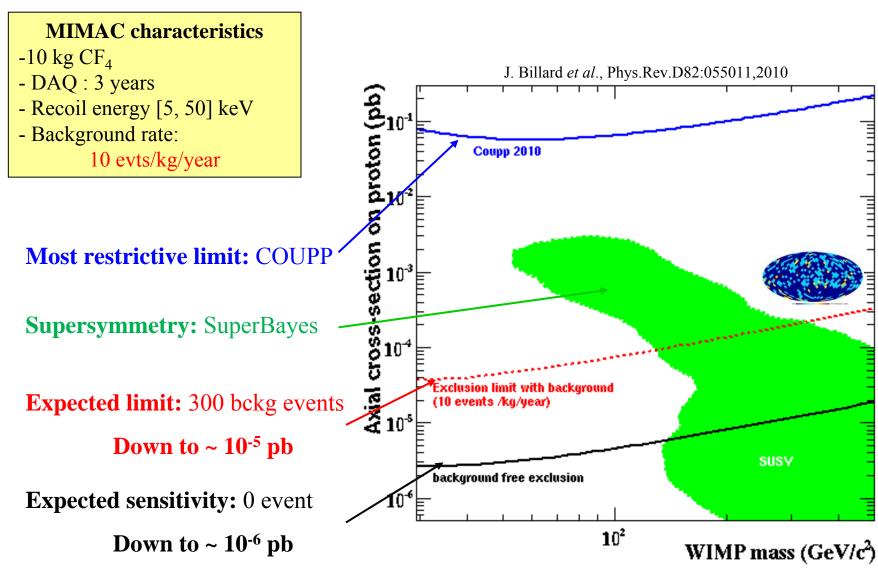
- For each input and each method: 10,000 toy Monte Carlo experiments.
- From each experiment, we can estimate the median value of the upper limit  $\sigma_{med}$ .



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... especially at high background contamination

# II.c MIMAC expected limits



What about the effect of experimental uncertainties on these limits?

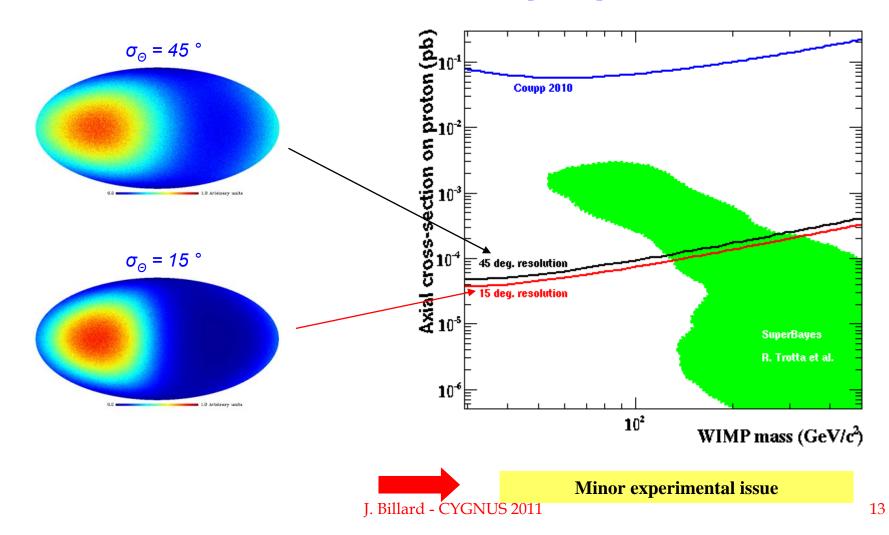
# II.d Experimental effects: Sense Recognition (SR)

Sense of the recoiling nuclei? Recoil track Effect on expected performance of MIMAC: cross-section on proton (pb Coupp 2010 Without Sense Recognition without sense recognition *The WIMP distribution tends to isotropy* A 10° with sense recognition With Sense R. Trotta et al. Recognition 300 background events  $10^2$ WIMP mass  $(GeV/c^2)$ Loose about a factor of 2-3 Very important experimental issue J. Billard - CYGNUS 2011

# II.e Experimental effects: angular resolution

Key issue for directional detection

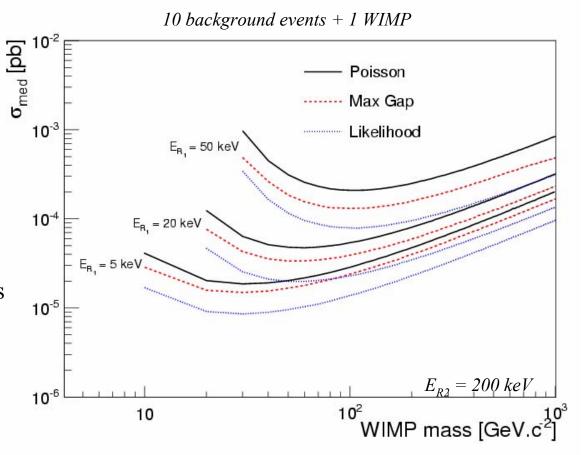
Effect on expected performance of MIMAC:



# II.f Effect of the energy threshold $E_{R1}$

A lower energy threshold leads to:

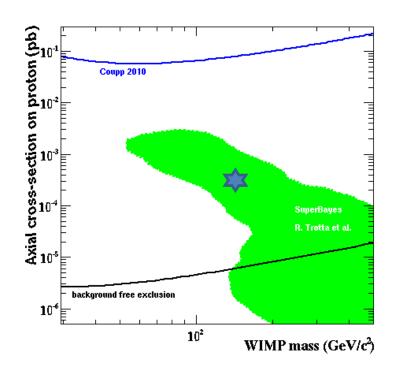
- More restrictive limits
- A higher sensitivity to light WIMPs

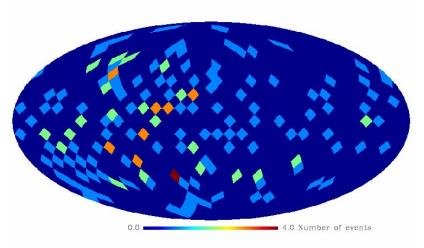


One order of magnitude between 5 and 50 keV threshold

Most important experimental effect

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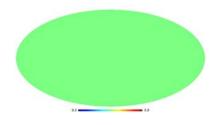
Observed recoil map (100 WIMPs + 100 bckg)

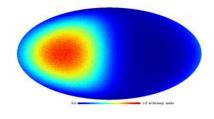
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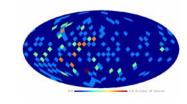
A signal pointing toward the Cygnus
Constellation?

...Is there any WIMP events in this observed recoil map?

#### III.b Likelihood definition







**B:** Background

**S:** Theoretical WIMP signal

**M:** Measurement

$$\mathscr{L}(m_{\chi}, \lambda, \ell, b) = \prod_{i=1}^{N_{\text{bins}}} P([(1-\lambda)B_i + \lambda S_i(m_{\chi}; \ell, b)]|M_i)$$

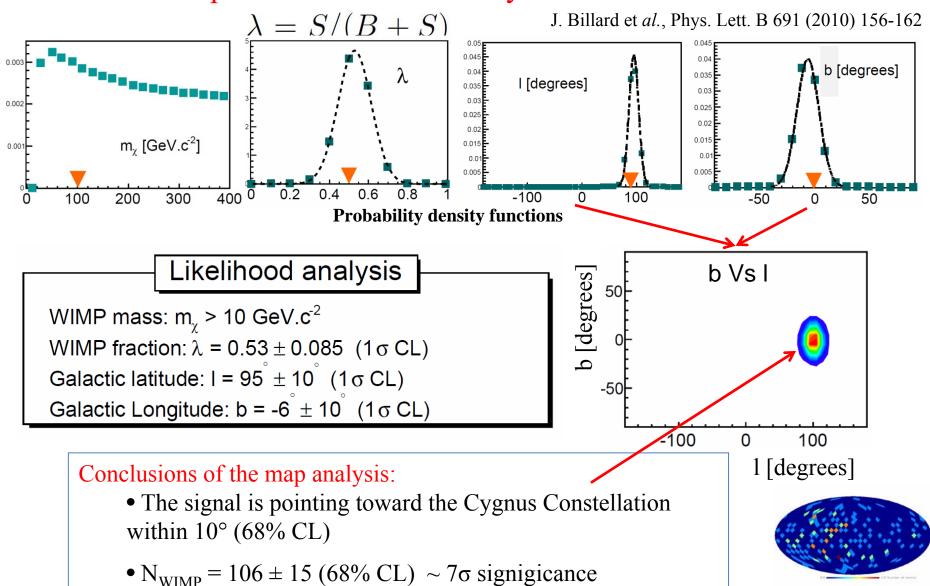
#### A four parameter likelihood:

- WIMP mass m<sub>X</sub>
- The WIMP fraction:  $\lambda = S/(B+S)$
- 1 and b refers to the main incoming direction

#### **Blind analysis**

Prove that the signal comes from Cygnus

## III.c A map based likelihood analysis



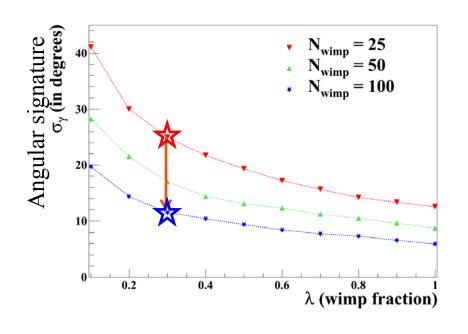
# III.d Constraining the WIMP mass and cross-section

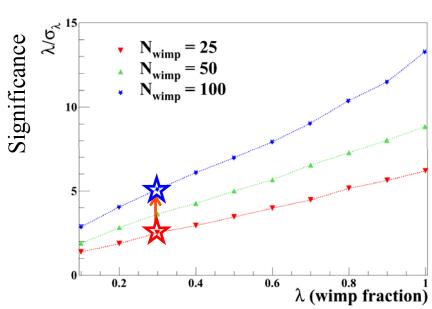
Constraint on  $\lambda$  implies a constraint on the WIMP-nucleon cross-section:

Allowed regions deduced from the likelihood analysis, NOT exclusion! Spin Dependent cross-section Coupp 2010 Realistic simulated data -10 Kg CF<sub>4</sub> - DAQ: 5 months - Bckg rate = 25 evts/kg/year- Angular resolution: 15° (FWHM) **SuperBayes** R. Trotta et al. From: Exclusion strategy  $10^2$ WIMP mass  $(GeV/c^2)$ To: Discovery strategy J. Billard - CYGNUS 2011

Significance:  $\lambda/\sigma_{\lambda}$ 

Satisfactory results on a large range of exposure ( $N_{WIMP}$ ) and background fraction ( $\lambda$ )





Low exposure results: 1.25 kg.year CF4 detector = 25 WIMPs and 50 background WIMP from Cygnus within 25° but... poor significance (HINT of DM detection)

High exposure results: 5 kg.year CF4 detector = 100 WIMPs and 200 background WIMP from Cygnus within 10° High significance (5 $\sigma$ )! (DISCOVERY of DM)

## IIIf: MIMAC « road map »

#### **MIMAC** characteristics

- -10 kg CF<sub>4</sub>
- DAQ: 3 years
- Recoil energy [5, 50] keV
- Background rate:

10 evts/kg/year

Down to 10<sup>-4</sup> pb:

discovery

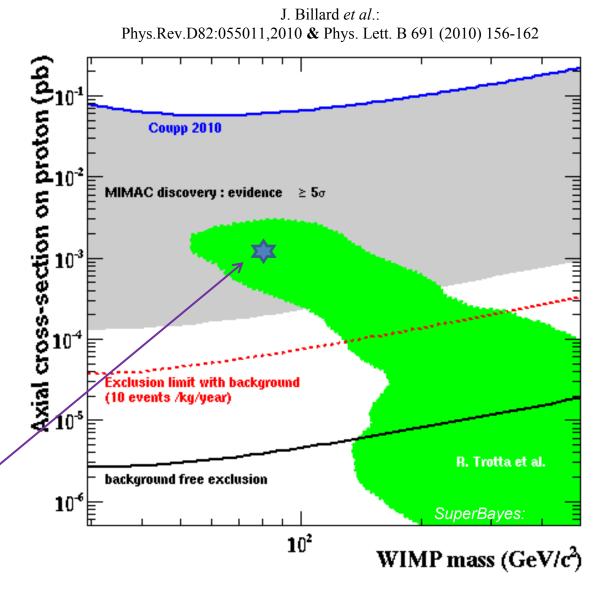
Down to 10<sup>-5</sup> pb:

#### exclusion

Going further... =  $10^{-3}$  pb:

#### **Identification of DM**

« Contraints on the mass, the crosssection and the halo properties »



# A Markov Chain Monte Carlo analysis to identify Dark Matter

#### IV.a Directional event rate

$$rac{\mathrm{d}^2 R}{\mathrm{d}E_R \mathrm{d}\Omega} = rac{
ho_0 \sigma_0}{4\pi m_\chi m_I^2} F^2(E_R) \hat{f}(v_{\mathrm{min}},\hat{q})$$
• Astrophysics
• Particle physics
 $F(E_R) = \frac{\sin(\sqrt{2m_N E_R} r_n)}{\sqrt{2m_N E_R} r_n}$ 

In the case of an axial coupling

Radon transform: [P. Gondolo 2002]

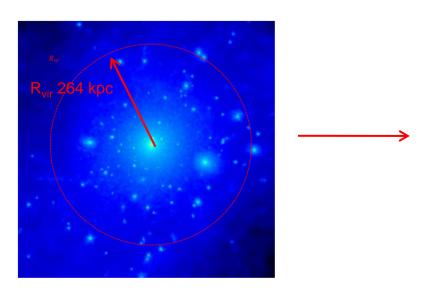
Nuclear physics

$$\hat{f}(v_{
m min},\hat{q}) = \int \mathrm{d}^3v \, egin{array}{c} \delta(ec{v}.\hat{q}-v_{
m min}) f(ec{v}) \end{array}$$

« Geometrically, the Radon transform is the integral of the velocity distribution on a plane orthogonal to the recoil direction and at a distance  $v_{min}$  from the origin »

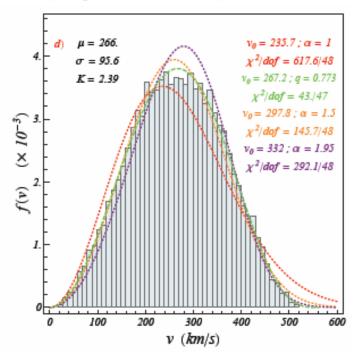
## IV.b The velocity distribution

*N-Body simulation with baryons (F. S. Ling et al. 2009)* 



Dark Matter halo from cosmological N-Body simulations (RAMSES code from R. Teyssier)

Velocity distribution of the WIMP particle within a radius of 9 kpc in the Galactic frame



- No evidence against a smooth velocity distribution
- Standard isotropic halo model disfavoured in this case:  $\beta = 0.06$

Anisotropy parameter: 
$$\beta(r) = 1 - \frac{\sigma_{\theta}^2 + \sigma_{\phi}^2}{2\sigma_r^2}$$

•  $\beta$  < 0: Tangential anisotropy
•  $\beta$  > 0: Radial anisotropy
•  $\beta$  = 0: isotropic

Compatible with a multivariate gaussian distribution... J. Billard - CYGNUS 2011

# IV.b The velocity distribution: Multivariate Gaussian

From the Jeans equation: the velocity tensor is symetric

« One can find an orthogonal basis where the velocity tensor is diagonal »

$$f(\vec{v}) = \frac{1}{(8\pi^3 \det \boldsymbol{\sigma}_v^2)^{1/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}(\vec{v} - \vec{v}_{\odot})^T \boldsymbol{\sigma}_v^{-2} (\vec{v} - \vec{v}_{\odot})\right]$$

The multivariate gaussian velocity distribution function, naturally arises from the fact that:

- It is the triaxial generalization of the standard isothermal sphere [Binney and Tremaine]
- It reproduces flat rotation curves  $(\rho(r) = 1/r^2)$  [N. W. Evans et al. 2000]
- It is quite consistent with recent numerical N-body simulations

[M. Vogelsberger et al. 2009, M. Khulen et al. 2010, F. S. Ling et al. 2010]



The multivariate Gaussian is then used as a fitting model

#### IV.c Free parameters

The 8 free parameters of the fitting model are:

- The WIMP mass m<sub>X</sub>
- The WIMP-nucleon cross- section  $\sigma_n$
- The main incoming direction of the signal (l<sub>O</sub>,b<sub>O</sub>)
- The 3 velocity dispersions  $\sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma_y$  et  $\sigma_z$
- The background rate R<sub>b</sub>

What are the posterior Probability Density Functions of each parameter according to a single experiment?



We developed a Markov Chain Monte Carlo sampling based on the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm for the following reasons:

- Size of the parameter space: 8 dimensions!
- The estimation of the PDFs are very accurate

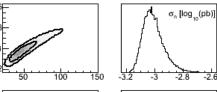
Sub-sampling: « burn-in » and correlation lenghts => independant samples

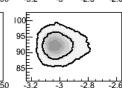
#### Mass

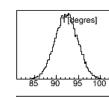
#### Full Markov Chain Monte Carlo result

# m<sub>z</sub> [GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]

#### Cross-section

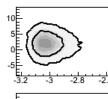


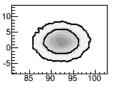


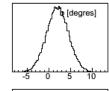


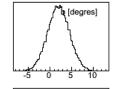
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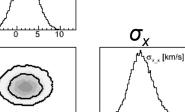
- isotropic halo:  $\sigma_{\rm x} = \sigma_{\rm y} = \sigma_{\rm z} = 155 \text{ km/s}$
- WIMP mass:  $50 \text{ GeV/c}^2$
- 10<sup>-3</sup> pb • Cross-section:
- Background rate (R<sub>b</sub>): 10 evts/kg/year (35%)





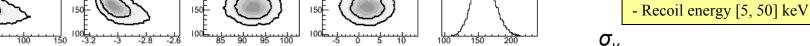


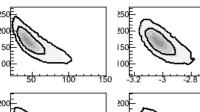


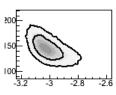


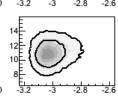
#### The eight fitting parameters are simultaneously constrained from a single experiment

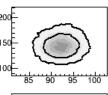
#### **MIMAC** characteristics -10 kg CF<sub>4</sub> σ<sub>v.x</sub> [km/s] - DAQ: 3 years

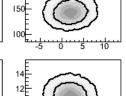


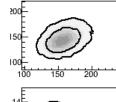


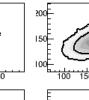


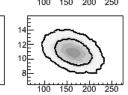


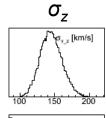


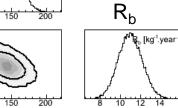






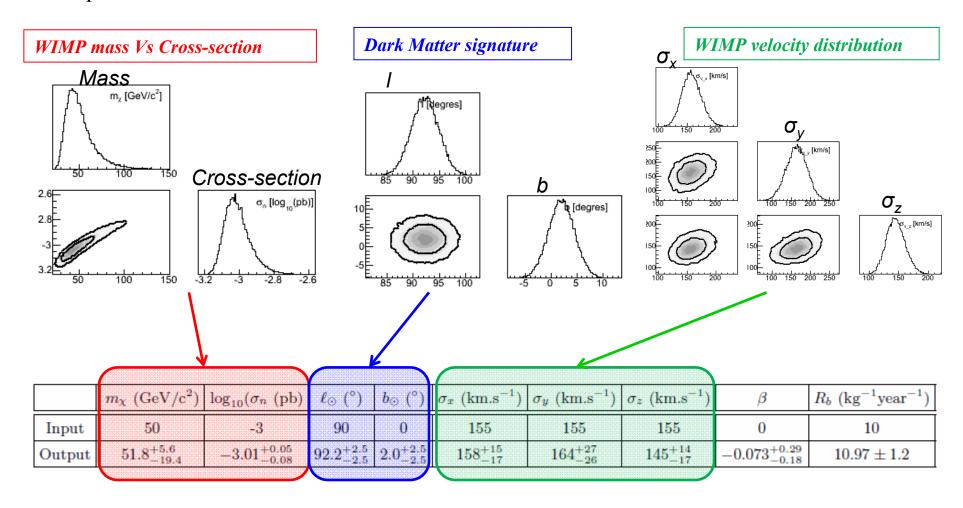






#### IV.d Deduced constraints

The 8 fitting parameters are strongly constrained from a single directional detection experiment:



J. Billard et al., Phys.Rev.D83:075002,2011

Isotropic halo + 35% bckg

# IV.e Input WIMP mass

Standard halo with three different masses:

- 20 GeV
- 50 GeV
- 100 GeV

Consistent constraints on  $(m_X, log_{10}(\sigma_n))$ 

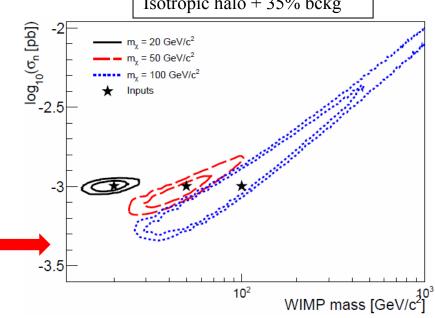
Constraints on the ß parameter:

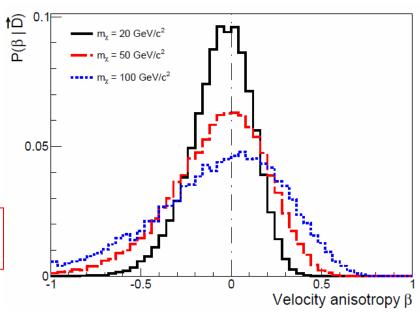
$$\beta(r) = 1 - \frac{\sigma_{\theta}^2 + \sigma_{\phi}^2}{2\sigma_r^2}$$

(Deduced from the full MCMC analysis)

Isotropic halo:  $\beta = 0$ 

Constraints on the WIMP parameters and Dark Matter halo are consistents for all WIMP masses





J. Billard et al., Phys.Rev.D83:075002,2011

35% of bckg +  $50 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ 

# IV.f Input halo model

2 input halo models to generate pseudo-data:

Isotropic ( $\beta = 0$ )

Extremely Anisotropic ( $\beta = 0.4$ )

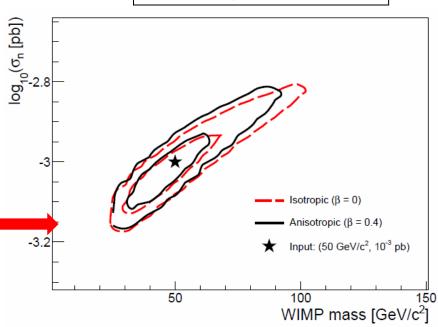
Similar constraints on  $(m_X, \log_{10}(\sigma_n))$ 

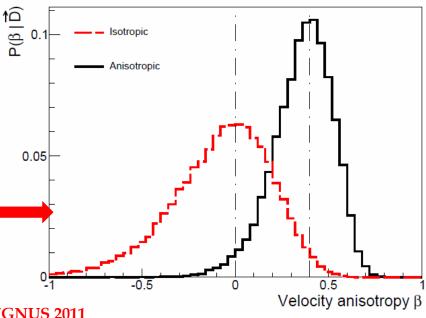
Constraints on the ß parameter:

Isotropic 
$$\beta = -0.073^{+0.29}_{-0.18}$$

Anisotropic  $\longrightarrow \beta = 0.38^{+0.18}_{-0.10}$ 

Discrimination between various halo model could be achieved with directional detection





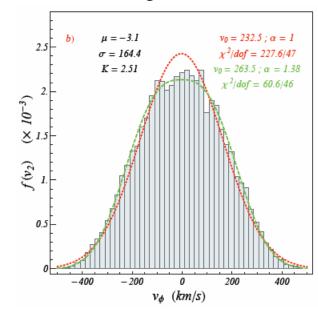
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# IV.h Effect of refined halo model from Nbody simulations

#### RAMSES [R. Teyssier et al.]: Cosmological N-Body simulations

#### **Shell distribution:**

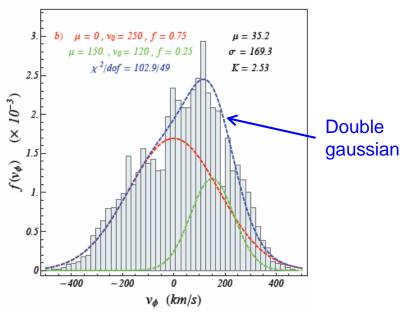
 $7{<}R{<}9~kpc~{\tiny (16545~particles)}$ 



➤ Gaussian distribution disfavoured **Kurtosis** = **2.51** 

#### Ring distribution:

7 < R < 9 kpc and |z| < 1 kpc (2662 particles)



➤ Presence of a co-rotating (150 km/s)

Dark Disk with a 25% contribution to the local WIMP velocity distribution

$$B \sim 0.12$$

With a corotating Dark Disk

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#### IV.h Effect of refined halo model from Nbody simulations

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3 input halo models to generate pseudo-data:

Standard halo

**Smooth** 

**Dark Disk** 

Bias  $\sim 2\sigma$  in the  $(m_X, \log_{10}(\sigma_n))$ 

m, = 20 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> Standard halo  $m_{\chi} = 20 \text{ GeV/c}^2 \text{ NBody Shell}$ m., = 20 GeV/c2 NBody Ring 15 20 25 30 WIMP mass [GeV/c2]

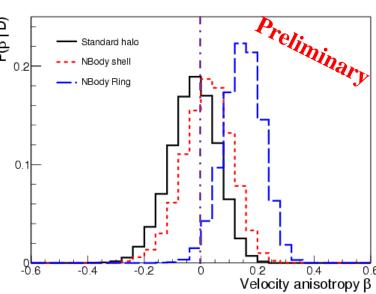
 $2\sigma$  contours

Constraints on the ß parameter:

 $\beta = 0.02^{+0.09}_{-0.07}$ Smooth

 $\beta = 0.15^{+0.06}_{-0.06}$ Dark Disk

> Robustness of the multivariate gaussian WIMP velocity distribution



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# Conclusion

Directional detection presents a lot of advantages in comparison with the classical direct detection of Dark Matter:

- The WIMP induced signal is different from the expected background one
- Exclusion, discovery or identification (Particle physics and astrophysics)

The study of the impact of Dark Matter halo from Nbody simulations on directional detection

(J. Billard et al., in preparation)

#### **However, these results require:**

- •3D Reconstruction of tracks with good resolutions
- Sense recognition
- An accurate measurement of the recoil energy
- → Requires a highly performant detector with a carefull analysis...

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