**IDPASC Dark Matter School** 

Evora. 14-18 December 2011

#### Direct search. Experimental

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#### The standard models



NormalNeutrinosmatter 4%0.15-1%



The Standard Model of Subnuclear Physics explains 5% of the universe with a vacuum energy some 120 orders of magnitudes too large The Standard Model of Cosmology accounts the rest with:

A dark matter we don't see

A cosmological constant we don't understand

#### **Direct Search of WIMPs**

#### These lectures are limited to one possible type of cold dark matter (CDM)

#### Weak Interacting Massive Particles=WIMPs

#### **Possibly the Neutralinos of SUSY theories**

Only their direct experimental earches are considered

#### Velocity Distribution

 $f_{\oplus}(ec{v},t) = f_{ ext{gal}}(ec{v}+ec{v}_{\odot}+ec{v}_{\oplus}(t)) \qquad f_{ ext{gal}}(ec{v}) pprox ec{v}$ 

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} N \exp\left(-v^2/\bar{v}^2\right) & v < v_{\rm esc} \\ 0 & v > v_{\rm esc} \end{array} \right.$$

 $ar{v}\simeq 220\,{
m km/s}$   $v_{
m esc}\simeq 550\,{
m km/s}$ sun velocity:  $\vec{v}_{\odot} = (0, 220, 0) + (10, 13, 7) \, \text{km/s}$ earth velocity:  $\vec{v}_{\oplus}(t)$  with  $v_{\oplus} \approx 30$  km/s



T. Schwetz, PPC11 CERN

The velocity distribution is assumed to be Maxwellian truncated at the escape velocity from the Galaxy  $v_{esc}$ =650 km/s

# **Direct Search of WIMPs**

Look for WIMP-nucleus scattering, detect energy deposited by recoiling nucleus Only a fraction (typically 20%) of the energy deposited by a slow nucleus detected as ionisation Much larger fraction goes to heat Thresholds 2-30 keV





Two kinds of interactions of WIMPs with nuclei

•SD (spin dependent), coupling to nucleons spins; only unpaired nucleons couple to WIMPs

• $\Rightarrow$  odd number of *p* or of *n* (*J* $\neq$ 0),  $\propto$  *J*(*J*+1)

• SI (spin independent), scalar interaction with the mass

• $\Rightarrow$  coherent process  $\Rightarrow$  cross-section  $\propto A^2$ 

1 pb =  $10^{-40}$  m<sup>2</sup>= $10^{-36}$  cm<sup>2</sup>

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# **Principles of WIMPs Detection**

#### **Target = Detector**

Measure the energy deposited by the hit **nucleus** Part of this energy appears as **charge**, **light or heat** 

#### Main challenges

•Signal rate is small

•Energy deposit is tiny (several keV)

•Signal spectrum decreases with increasing E

#### •3 basic backgrounds

•electromagnetic ( $\beta \& \gamma$ ); dominant  $\Rightarrow$  electrons

•neutrons (and WIMPs)  $\Rightarrow$  nuclear recoil

•surface contamination (partial energy release)

Against backgrounds Underground laboratory Search for characteristic signal: annual modulation (DAMA/LIBRA; ANAIS) Shielding. Against <u>external backgrounds only</u> Active discrimination. Against <u>external and internal</u> background Measure charge (free electrons) and heat (phonons) Measure charge (free electrons) and light (photons) Pulse shape discrimination (PSD) Reconstruct event position, define fiducial volume w/o surfaces



### **The Exclusion Plot**

#### •Backgrounds cannot be accurately modelled and subtracted

develop blindly selection criteria to define a "backgroundfree" region in the experimental parameters space = signal region (SR)

- •Assume a halo model (local WIMP density, velocity,..)
- •Calculate for each WIMP mass  $m_W$  the maximum possible signal rate allowed by the data

#### **Result is model dependent**

•Some experiments with events in the SR follow a dangerous (unreliable) procedure

- •Define, for each BG type, a "reference region", in which that BG is dominating
- •Assume a BG model (e.g. dependence on energy)
- •Check it with calibrations and other data
- •Extrapolate in the SR. If more events are found, claim a signal



 $10^{-4}$ 



# Tiny signals. Go underground



### **Underground Laboratories. Differences**

•Depth ( $\mu$  flux, spallation *n* flux)

•Determines only a fraction of the background sources

•Maximum cavity size decreases with increasing depth, costs increase, rock bursts risk increases

#### •Diameter & height of the halls

•May limit the thickness of the shields (water tanks)

•Depends on rock quality and depth

- •Horizontal vs. vertical access (vertical more expensive and risky)
- •Support infrastructures, personnel (quantity and quality)
- •Underground area allocation policy, turnover of experiments
  - •Scientific Committee: international vs. local (or national)

•Degree of internationality of the community

The field <u>is not</u> limited by lack of underground space



### **General procedures**

Shielding; use only materials with low enough radioactive contaminants

Pb, Cu, Poli, water, noble liquids, scintillators

Grading with increasing radiopurity from external to internal layers

Proper simulation and analytical codes must be developed to evaluate the maximum tolerable contaminants in the detector and shields materials.

Background model and background budget calculations

Background model should be controlled on dedicated preliminary experiments

All materials should be screened to check within limits

HPGe Detectors, Mass spectroscopy, etc.

Selection procedures and background discrimination at analysis level should be defined blindly

Notice "traditional" shielding: Pb outside, Cu inside



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### Shielding ambient radioactivity with H2O

 $\gamma$  flux from U, Th, K = 0.5 m^{-2} s^{-1} @ LNGS, almost depth independent

n flux from U, Th, K =  $3.8 \times 10^{-2}$  m<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> @ LNGS, almost depth independent

n flux  $\mu$ -induced in rocks  $\approx 8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  @ LNGS, depth **dependent** ( $\approx \times 10$  @ LSC) H. Wulandri et al. CRESST hep-ex0401032v1

Shielding materials must be sufficiently radio-pure. Water is an option Consider radioactivity of the inner wall (if any)

Water shields thickness  $\Rightarrow$  3-4 m



Designed for external  $\gamma$ ,n, $\mu$  background  $\sim 10^{-4}$  cts/(keV kg y) In the neutrinoless double beta decay region Q=2035 keV

 $\varnothing$  10 m H = 9.5 m V = 650 m<sup>3</sup>



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#### How thick?



#### **GERDA** shields



Pure water in S/S tank Active veto (Cherenkov light)

**Cryostat: S/S screened for low radiaoctivity** 

Internal Cu lining (absorb gammas from S/S)

**Pure L-Ar (5.0)** 

Ge array

#### **Running/commissioning experiments**

- DAMA/LIBRA. Running at LNGS (Italy). 250 kg NaI Scintillators
- KIMS. Running at Y2L (Korea). 100+ kg CsI Scintillators
- ANAIS. Under development at LSC (Spain) 150-250 kg NaI Scintillators
- CDMS II. Completed at SUL (USA). 4.75 kg Ge Bolometrs
- EDELWEISS II. Running at LSM (France). 4 kg (40 kg foreseen) Ge Bolometers
- CRESST2. Running at LNGS (Italy). 2.7 kg (10 kg foreseen) CaWO<sub>4</sub> Bolometers
- XENON 100. Running at LNGS (Italy). 160 kg Xe Liquid/Gas TPC
- DEAP 3600. Construction at SNOLab (Canada). 3600 kg Ar Liquid scintillation
- CLEAN. Construction at SNOLab (Canada). 150 kg Ar/Ne Liquid scintillation
- WARP. Under construction at LNGS (Italy). 140 kg Ar Liquid/Gas TPC
- XMASS. Being installed at Kamioka (Japan). 850 (100 fid) kg Xe Liquid scintillation
- ArDM. Under test at CERN, then @ LSC (Spain) 850 kg Ar Liquid/Gas TPC
- COUPP. SNOLab (Canada). 60 kg. Bubble chamber. CF<sub>3</sub>Br. Spin dependent
- PICASSO. SNOLab (Canada). 80 kg. Superheated droplets. Spin dependent
  - More in different stages of R&D

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# Characteristics of the techniques

Values reported in the table are indicative (no uncertainty reported here)

	Signal	A	eV/ pair	eV/ Pht	$L_{eff}$	σ(E)/E (%) @ 662 keV	NR/ER discr	SD		$\checkmark$
NaI(Tl)	Pht	23 127	17	26	0.07 (I) 0.30(Na)	1.8	N	Y	2 A's EM	<sup>40</sup> K
LXe	Pht	131	16	22	0.15	1.7?	Y	Y	selfsc	$\tau_3 / \tau_1$
LAr	Pht	40	24	25	0.25	2?	Y	N		$\tau_3 / \tau_1$
L/GXe	Pht&Q	131	<i>f</i> (E)	<i>f</i> (E)		1.8(ph&ch)	Y	Y	selfsc	$\tau_3 / \tau_1$
L/GAr	Pht&Q	40	<i>f</i> (E)	<i>f</i> (E)		2	Y	N	selfsc $\tau_3 / \tau_1$	<sup>39</sup> Ar
Ge-bol	Phn&Q	73	3		0.3	0.2	Small	7%		Surface Vacuum
WCaO <sub>4</sub> bolom.	Phn&Pht	16,40 184				0.7	Y	N	3 A's	Surface Vacuum
Ge- diode	Q	73	3		0.3	0.2	Y	7%	EM	Surface Cosmog

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#### **Kinematics**



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#### Interaction rate

$$v_{Sun}$$
=220 km/s

The WIMP interaction rate is proportional to

- •the local WIMP density  $\rho$  [ $\rho$ =0.3 GeV/cm<sup>3</sup>]
- •the cross section on protons  $\sigma_p$
- •the mass of the nucleus squared (assuming coherent scattering)  $A^2$
- •the nuclear form factor F(q), becoming very small at momentum transfer  $q=(2ME_R)^{1/2}$  values high enough to resolve the nuclear structure. Depends on the nucleus
- •the, time dependent, "average" WIMP velocity  $\eta$

•Inversely to WIMP mass  $M_W$  and reduced mass squared



Example:  $\sigma = 10^{-8}$  pb, Ge detector,  $R(15-65 \text{ keV}) = 10^{-3} / (\text{kg keV d})$ 

### **Nuclear Form Factor**

Form factor = Fourier transform of the spatial density (vs distance from centre) of the scattering centres

- •Charge for charged particles scattering
- •Mass for WIMP SI coupling (and neutrons)
- •Spin for WIMP SD coupling

Momentum transfer q

Coherent scattering only if q < 1/R



### Energy loss below 100 keV

The energy transfer in a **liquid** medium (Ne, Ar, Xe) is deposited as

•ionisation (electron-ion pairs)

•Example: 38% of the energy deposit in LXe (E=0)

•excitation (excited atoms or molecules) released as

•UV & visible (emitted in ns-µs)

•IR (ps) [see G. Carugno, NIM A 419 (1998) 617; G. Bressi et al. NIM A 440 (2000) 254]

•Low energy free electrons <lowest excited level

Depend on linear energy transfer (LET), applied electric field (recombination) and on impurities (ppb level)

**Inorganic solid scintillators**. NaI(Tl), CsI(Tl), BGO,.. •Scintillation (µs time scale)

•Example: 12% of the energy deposit in NaI(Tl)

•Phosphorescence (from milliseconds to days)

•IR radiation

•Heat

•Ionization (NaI(Tl) 17 eV per pair)

•Radiation damage: metastable color centres (days?) Depend on **temperature** 

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# Measuring W (in liquids)

Liquid Ar, Kr and Xe have a, spatially local, band structure Correct measurement of the number of electron-ion pairs produced by radiation needs •to minimize the loss of charge carriers by attachment to impurities  $\Rightarrow$  **ultra-purify the liquid** •to minimize the recombination of electron-ion pairs  $\Rightarrow$  **apply a very high electric field** •to estimate the deposited energy correctly  $\Rightarrow$  **electrodes should collect all electrons** small gridded ionization chambers, irradiated with electrons and gamma-rays from internal radioactive sources.

Material	Ar	Kr	Xe
Gas			
Ionisation Potential (eV)	15.8	14.0	12.1
W(eV)	26.4	24.2	22.0
Liquid			
Gap energy (eV)	14.3	11.7	9.3
W(eV)	23.6	18.4	15.6

LXe has the smallest W-value, hence the largest ionization yield, of all liquid rare gases.

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### Charge collection vs E

#### **Recombination of electron - ion pairs**

depends on field E

between the two original partners
 (geminate recombination. Onsager model)
 between different partners (columnar recombination. Jaffe model)

Alphas ionise heavily (NR even more), producing a cylindrical track in which the largest fraction of energy is deposited (delta rays outside it) with a high recombination rate

Typically 10% of the charge is collected at fields E < 20 kV/cm

For electrons (from 570 keV gammas) charge collection >90% already at E=5 kV/cm





### Charge and light



Liquid Xe

Electric field reduces recombination

Light and charge as functions of the field. Electrons from 662 γ–rays

Aprile, E. et al., 2007, Nucl. Instr. Methods B 173, 113.

# Charge and light









## Charge and light in Liquid Xe/Ar



### **Excimer de-excitation. Singlet and triplet**

In liquid Ar the UV luminescence is due to the transitions to the ground level (two separate atoms) of the lowest molecular levels  ${}^{1}\Sigma_{u}$  ( $\Lambda$ =0, total spin=0) and  ${}^{3}\Sigma_{u}$  ( $\Lambda$ =0, total spin=1), within picoseconds

The singlet decay is strongly allowed (few ns lifetime) The triplet decay need to flip one electron spin  $(S=1\rightarrow S=0)$  and cannot go emitting a photon. Need to wait for collisions

In Xe similar situation even if total  $\Lambda$ , total S scheme not appropriate

NB. Emitted radiation is not re-adsorbed because too low energy to excite atomic levels

	T <sub>1</sub>	T <sub>3</sub>
Ne	5 ns	15.4 µs
Ar	7 ns	1.6 µs
Xe	4 ns	22 ns

Approximate and simplified



Internuclear distance

LXe no Electric filed

#### UV light $\lambda$ =177.6 nm



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### LAr no Electric filed



#### UV light $\lambda$ =128 nm

Time evolution of the luminescence in L Ar without electric field

Lifetimes  ${}^{1}\Sigma_{u} \Rightarrow 7 \text{ ns}$  ${}^{3}\Sigma_{u} \Rightarrow 1600 \text{ ns} (very sensitive to impurities)$ 

Electrons  $I_S/I_T = 0.3$ Alphas  $I_S/I_T = 1.3$ Fission fragments  $I_S/I_T = 3$ 

Hitachi et al. Phys Rev **B** (1983) 5279

## Solid scintillators NaI(Tl), CsI (Tl)



In solid alkali halide crystals at room temperature the fraction of released energy emitted as light is small

Add dopant (Tl)

 $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \text{ cm}^3$  is viewed by a 1 cm<sup>2</sup> Si photodiode. CsI(Tl) counter exposed to 662 keV  $\gamma$  rays from a <sup>137</sup>Cs source. Energy resolution,  $\Delta_{\text{FWHM}}/E_{\gamma} = 6\%$ .

NB. Pure NaI scintillates at LN2 temperature

M. Moszynski et al. IEEE Trans Nucl Sci **49** (2002) 971; NIM A **505** (2003) 63; IEEE Trans Nucl Sci **50** (2003) 767

### Channelling

- •In a crystal the collision centres are arranged in periodic lattice
- •The relevant dE/dx formula (Bethe–Bloch or others @  $\beta$  O(10<sup>-3</sup>) needs to be modified
- •Incoherent scattering at directions different from atoms lines
- •Coherent scattering by strings or planes of atoms at directions close (within a fraction of degree) to crystal axis



#### NaI. Pulse shape



#### Bleu light $\lambda$ =415 nm

Gerbier et al. Astrop Phys 11 (1999) 287

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### DAMA & LIBRA

250 kg of NaI(Tl) supplied by St. Gobain, arranged in a 5 x 5 array of rectangular NaI bars, each 10.2 x 10.2 x 25.4 cm<sup>3</sup> Each bar is encapsulated in a radio-pure OFHC copper housing and viewed through special quartz lightguides at both end-faces by low-background PMTs Sensitivity **5.5 – 7.5 pe/keV** 

Hardware trigger
2-PMs coincidence, threshold=1 PE
Quantum efficiency = 30%
single-hit events (visible energy in one bar only)
pulse time structure characteristic of scintillation (100s ns) as opposed to short pulses (10s ns) for PMT-induced noise.



Graded shielding: radiopure Cu - Pb - Cd Polyetilene&paraffin

NIM A **592** (2008) 297
### **External Backgrounds**

#### Ambient neutrons penetrating the shields

**Thermal** neutron flux measured by looking at  ${}^{23}Na(n,\gamma){}^{24}Na$  and  ${}^{23}Na(n,\gamma){}^{m24}Na$ .

 $<1.2 \text{ x } 10^{-7} \text{cm}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1} \Rightarrow \text{capture rate} <0.022 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1} \text{ negligible}$ 

**Fast neutron** flux. MC from known LNGS ambient flux  $\Rightarrow < 10^{-3}$ kg<sup>-1</sup>keV<sup>-1</sup>d<sup>-1</sup>

Muon flux  $\Phi_{\mu} = 20 \text{ m}^{-2} \text{d}^{-1}$ . Order of magnitude calculation  $\Rightarrow <3 \times 10^{-5} \text{kg}^{-1} \text{keV}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$ Muon flux modulation  $E_{\mu} > 1.3 \text{TeV}$ , LVD 0.0015±0.0006. DAMA/LIBRA concludes: effect too small. Max 5 July±15 d. DAMA-LIBRA max May 26±7 d (2 sigma)



LVD. 31st ICRC, Łódz, Poland, July 7-15 2009 MACRO Astropar. Phys **7** (1997) 109

# **Internal Backgrounds**

DAMA developed sophisticated techniques over the years for radio pure NaI (Tl) powders and protocols for crystal growing (St Gobin is not allowed use that for others!)

Activity of the major radioactive nuclides traces measured in the crystals (including cosmogenic <sup>125</sup>I, <sup>129</sup>I, <sup>210</sup>Pb, <sup>22</sup>Na<sup>, 24</sup>Na) and

 $^{228}$ Th 2 - 30  $\mu$ Bq/kg

 $^{238}$ U several  $\mu$ Bq/kg, may vary from crystal to crystal. Decay chain probably broken

<sup>nat</sup>K 20 ppb (g/g)

<sup>40</sup>K, abundance  $a_{40}$ =1.17×10<sup>-4</sup>

89% beta decays to  ${}^{40}$ Ca (maximum energy Q=1.31 MeV)

11% EC to <sup>40</sup>Ar (E=1.461 MeV), followed by **X** or Auger de-excitation  $E_X$ =3.2 keV

#### NIM A 592 (2008) 297

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#### <sup>40</sup>K

DAMA: protocols for extremely radio-clean NaI(Tl) crystals <sup>40</sup>K in crystals = **20 ppb** (g/g) <sup>40</sup>K decays •**89% beta** to <sup>40</sup>Ca (Q=1.31 MeV). No severe background •EC 11% EC to <sup>39</sup>Ar ( $E_{\gamma}$ =1.461 MeV) + X ray/Auger electron  $E_{X}$ =3.2 keV. BKGRND when  $\gamma$  escapes





#### DAMA/LIBRA average energy spectrum



### **DAMA** modulation signal

2-6 keV

arXiv 0804.2741



Effects mimic modulation? (1.2x10<sup>-2</sup> dru) Exposure = 0.82 t y **Temperature <10<sup>-4</sup> dru** NO 8.2 sigma evidence for modulation  $Rn < 2 \times 10^{-6} dru$ NO Amplitude =  $0.0131 \pm 0.0016$ Noise <10<sup>-4</sup> mod ampl\* NO Period =  $0.998 \pm 0.003$  y Energy scale <2 x 10<sup>-4</sup> dru NO T maximum =  $144 \pm 8$  d (expected 152.5) Efficiency <10<sup>-4</sup> dru NO Muon modulation  $< 3 \ge 10^{-5}$ NO

> (\*) hardware rate = 0.1 Hz/detector (2.5 Hz in total) Fitted modulation amplitude (250 kg array)  $< 1.8 \times 10^{-3}$  Hz  $\rightarrow < 0.6$ / (kg d) A. Bettini.Padova Univ. and INFN and LSC 42

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# **DAMA** modulation signal

#### arXiv 0804.2741

No modulation E > 6 keV **OK** 





No modulation in multiple hits **OK** 

#### Modulation amplitude vs Energy arXiv 0804.2741



Modulation amplitude decreases (?) with increasing energy OK (?)

### Fit W mass and SI cross section

Fairbairn & Schwetz Arxiv 0808.0704

Model dependent. Spin independent coupling + "standard" halo model



DAMA positive evidence can be made consistent with XENON10 and CDMS assuming lower and strongly asymmetric (larger in radial direction than in the tangential one) velocity dispersion

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# Fit W mass and cross section





### <sup>40</sup>K in the spectrum



DAMA/LIBRA measured  $^{40}$ K = 20 ppb



#### *σ/E*=25% at 3.2 keV or *σ*=0.8 keV

Could not find DAMA in papers value of the 1.46 keV γ escape probability MC calculation by Cebrian gives 43% escape from a single similar crystal Guess **20% escape probability** 

Calculation gives the 3.2 keV <sup>40</sup>K peak (green curve)

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#### **Peculiar background spectrum**



Background almost 0 at lowest energy

DAMA should provide a background model to explain that

#### **DAMA-Nal vs LIBRA**





 $\chi^2$ /d.f. ~ 2-2.5, but all DAMA above, all LIBRA below or on the average

### ANAIS @ LSC

DAMA/LIBRA result is very important. It must be checked by an independent experiment

Comparison with experiments not looking for modulation is model dependent



Do not discriminate electromagnetic signal Use NaI (same nuclei) crystals Look for annual modulation

#### ANAIS

- •Develop technique for 250 kg NaI(Tl) crystals
- •<sup>40</sup>K < **100 ppb** in powder, < **20 ppb** in crystal
  - •1 kg NaI from a first R&D process
    - •<sup>40</sup>K traces measured with Ge •<sup>40</sup>K >**100 ppb**
  - •2<sup>nd</sup> differently produced sample under test (looks much better)
- •Develop background model and test on prototypes (ANAIS-0)
- •Aim: assemble in 2012

#### Canberra BEGe

PPC (Point Contact) Ge detectors produced by Canberra as BEGe (Broad Energy Ge)

Very good energy resolution

Good control of the pulse shape: surface events suppression

No electron recoil nuclear recoil discrimination. Data form GERDA experiment



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# CoGent-set up

ArXiv 1002.4703 ArXiv 1106.0650

Canberra 400 g BEGe detector in the Soudan Underground Laboratory (700 m depth) Shields "similar to" PRL **101** (2008) 251301

from in to out:

- •low-background NaI[Tl] anti-Compton veto
- •5 cm of low-background Pb
- •15 cm of standard Pb
- •0.5 cm of borated neutron absorber
- •>99:9% efficient muon veto,
- •30 cm of polyethylene
- •low-efficiency large-area external muon veto.

Very simple controls of the main parameters (temperature, Rn, etc.)

#### CoGent. DM "signal"

ArXiv 1002.4703 ArXiv 1106.0650



### CoGent. Surface vs bulk



**Proper evaluation needed** 

#### CoGent. The "signal"

ArXiv 1002.4703 ArXiv 1106.0650



After surface event suppression, electron and nuclear recoils Estimated backgrounds:

L-shell EC < <sup>65</sup>Zn: <10% Neutrons: ≈ 0.1%

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#### **CoGent.** Modulation

ArXiv 1106.0650

No modulation  $\chi^2$ /dof =20.3/15 Modulation  $\chi^2$ /dof =7.8/12 **Marginal statistical significance** Modulation amplitude = 0.166±0.038 **Much too large to be due to WIMPS** Period: 347±29 d OK Minimum: 16±12 October **4.3 \sigma off expectation for WIMPs** 



Wait more data and better analysis. If it persists, it may show that background can be modulated, with 1 yr period (but phase, amplitude,..)



#### CoGent vs DAMA/LIBRA

#### WIMP mass and cross section

#### Contradiction



#### ArDM (LSC)



#### XENON100 (LNGS)



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# Noble Liauids self shielding

- Noble liquids, Xe, Ar, and Ne look very promising for the WIMP detection, because
- •can be easily assembled in large masses (scalability)
- •can be cleaned from radioactive traces at very high levels
- •self-shielding structures can be built, with the central part shielded by a large contiguous mass (in the same container) of the same liquid  $\Rightarrow$  no free surface, no surface contamination



proportional S

Drift Field

•Shield can be instrumented to act as a veto also in **one phase** 





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**PMTs** 

### XMASS @ Kamioka



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# **XMASS**

#### XMASS: Measured property

- Reconstructed energy
  - ~4% rms @122 keV
- 15.1±1.2 ph-electrons/keV
- Position resolution (122keV)
  - 1.4cm RMS (@z=0cm)
  - 1cm RMS (±20cm)
- BG reduction
  - Low BG PMT
  - Material screening 250 pieces
  - Kr: distillation
  - 10mh x 10m  $\phi$  water tank

Y. Suzuki HEP2011

- BG measured
  - 222Rn: 8.2±0.5mBq
  - <sup>220</sup>Rn: < 0.28mBq</p>

QE=28-39%Coverage = 62% 6



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#### •Two-phase (Liquid & Gas)

•Localisation of the event via TPC  $\Rightarrow$  definition of fid. vol. without surfaces

•Discrimination between nuclear and electromagnetic recoils by

•Detection of primary scintillation light <u>and</u> ionisation via proportional scintillation (Benetti et al. in 1993)

# **Dual-PhaseTPC**



Rafael F. Lang: How To Detect Dark Matter Particles

### XENON 100 L<sub>eff</sub>

#### ArXiv 1104.2587





 $L_y$ : Light yield measured at 122 keV = (2.20±0.09) phel/keV  $S_{ee}$ : Electric field quenching factor for ER = 0.58  $S_{nr}$ : Electric field quenching factor for NR = 0.95

#### ArXiv 1107.2155

### XENON 100 @ LNGS



R/O of S1 and S2 with low background Hamamtzu PMs

- •Number of photoelectrons
- •x,y reconstruction of the event (barycentre)



Top array, above the wires

Bottom array, in the liquid (refractive index = 1.7!)

#### XENON 100. EM Background ArXiv 1101.3866



Polyethylene

loor

Screen all materials + Monte Carlo simulation Design for <10<sup>-3</sup>/(kg keV d) for each component Main bknd components

•Radioact. contamin. of detector and shields materials

•Intrinsic radioactivity of LXe

•<sup>82</sup>Kr in Xe. 100 ppt required. Distillation and analysis procedures developed

•Decays of <sup>222</sup>Rn and progeny inside shields

Compare calculation with spectrum in preliminary technical run (2009)



### XENON 100. Background ArXiv 1101.3866

BG budget calculation (before S1/S2) for different fiducial masses and w &w/o active Xe veto

cut	Predicted rate [ $\times 10^{-3}$ events kg <sup>-1</sup> day <sup>-1</sup> keV <sup>-1</sup> ]					
Volume	62 kg target		40 kg þducial		30 kg þducial	
Veto cut	none	active	none	active	none	active
Detector and shield materials	134.39	73.66	11.93	3.18	6.54	1.83
$^{222}$ Rn in the shield (1 Bq/m <sup>3</sup> )	5.95	1.72	0.92	0.16	0.16	0.02
$^{85}$ Kr in LXe (120 ppt of $^{nat}$ Kr)	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35
$^{222}Rn$ in LXe (21 $\mu$ Bq/kg)	1.04	0.51	0.56	0.38	0.53	0.37
All sources	143.73	78.24	15.76	6.07	9.58	4.57



#### **XENON100. Fiducial volume** ArXiv 1104.2549

The power of self-shielding (and event position reconstruction)

Total mass = 161 kg: 99 kg active veto, completely surrounding the optically separated 62 kg target, of which 48 kg fiducial mass



ER background in the signal region, before S2/S1 discrimination < 5 x  $10^{-3}$ /(keV kg d) Air leak during maintenance work  $\Rightarrow^{82}$ Kr increase (w.r.t. to  $0.7 \pm 0.1$  ppb in 2010)

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#### arXiv:1104.2549v1; 13 Apr 2011



#### XENON 100 vs CoGent



Sensitivity at low masses only due to energy resolution However cut at  $L_{eff}$  at 3 keV<sub>Rec</sub> does not affect result of comparison with CoGent 2010


Larger sensitive mass

requires reducing

Water tank shield

needed already @

LNGS depth, not

**aLSM** depth

backgrounds in

proportion

#### **XENON 1t - Expected background from detector materials**





E. Aprile WONDER 2010

Neutrons

#### XENON 1t Reach SI & SD



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#### Single phase LAr. Deap and Clean at SNOLab



# **Deap/Clean.** $L_{eff}$ and discrimination



Discrimination capability depends on the number of photoelectrons.

If an electric field is present the corresponding  $T_{eff}$  is higher.

arXiv 0904.2930

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 $8x10^{-16}$  abundance of <sup>39</sup>Ar in atmospheric Ar  $\Rightarrow$  1Bq/m<sup>3</sup> beta (*Q*=566 keV,  $\tau$ =388 y)



Prompt =<150 ns PSD (Pulse Shape Discrimination) =  $6x10^{-8}$ demostrated (@ E=0)

Ongoing programme (DarkSide) in the USA for depleted Ar from underground sources (reduce <sup>39</sup>Ar by >20) [NIM A 587 (2008) 46]

#### ArDM 1 ton @ LSC





#### To be installed in Hall A LSC in 2012

**ArDM** 



Phased approach:

- 1. Surface at CERN: build and commission 1-t L Ar TPC. (Done)
- 2. Underground at LSC. Develop underground infrastructures with LSC and science run with natural Ar (starts 2011)
- 3. Underground at LSC, phase 2. Science run using depleted Ar

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# ArDM sensitivity

We assume:

500 kg active mass after fiducialization.

Background rejection: 10<sup>7</sup> (10<sup>4</sup> from PSD and 10<sup>3</sup> from S1/S2) for

beta/gamma background

Signal efficiency: 50%

Neutrons from materials and neutron shield in place

WIMP mass 100 GeV and xsec 10<sup>-44</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>

Region of interest 30-100 keV

Ar39	gamma	neutrons	background	WIMP rate
[evt/day]	[evt/day]	[evt/day]	[evt/day]	[evt/day]
1.50E+06	47,500	0.07	0.22	0.25

#### A. Curioni

Thursday, May 26, 2011

#### WARP at LNGS



Passive neutron and gamma shield





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#### **Bolometers**





thermal link

thermometer (W-film)

absorber crystal

In a dielectric crystal

*C*= heat capacity m= absorber mass M= absorber molar mass  $\Theta_D$  = Debay temperature

#### **Advantages**

Low energy threshold (keV, sub-keV) W(Ge)=3 eV/pair, W(Si)=3.8 eV/pairVery good energy resolution Measure all the energy deposit  $(L_{eff}=1)$ Good ER/NR discrimination by measuring light/phonons charge/phonons Surface/bulk discrimination by detecting athermal phonons (pulse shape)

#### Disadvantages

Need milliKelvin technology Shielding cryostat interference Surfaces facing detectors in vacuum Difficult to scale

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## CDMS II@SUL

- Soudan Underground Lab (713 m dep)
- 19 Ge ZIPs (4.75 kg) + 11 Si ZIPs (2.75 kg)
- 3 Ge ZIPs not working properly
- Charged particle track  $\Rightarrow$  e-h pairs & phonons
- Ionisation charges drifted (E=3 V/cm) to 2 electrodes on one face
- Phonons are collected before thermalisation on 4 thin film superconducting circuits on the other face

#### One ZIP detector. M=250 g



Ionisation yield = Ionisation/Phonons  $\Rightarrow$  NR-ER discrimination >10<sup>4</sup> (above 10 keV) Ionisation yield for ER < 10 µm from surface is reduced  $\Rightarrow$  look like NR Signal timing  $\Rightarrow$  NR-ER discrimination >10<sup>6</sup> (above 10 keV)

W(Ge)=3 eV/pair, W(Si)=3.8 eV/pair

Akerib et al. PR **D72** (2005) 052009

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#### **CDMS II. Towers & Crvostat**

One of the 5 "towers" In Si ZIP: similar rate for n, 5-7 smaller rate for WIMPs



Plastic scintillators muon veto

Shield made of Pb from the ballast of a 18<sup>th</sup>-century French ship

Polyetilene shield later installed: 2.5 n flux attenuation

Mounting points for the detector assembly @ 10 mK



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# **Phonons.** Basic concepts

Transfer of heat within non-metallic solids results in propagation of **elastic waves** associated with the **displacement of atoms** from their lattice sites

Traveling vibrational waves occur in spatially **localized**, **quantized units** = **phonons** 

In single hyper-pure crystals at low temperatures, a phonon, of a given frequency *v*, can disappear (mainly) by

- scattering on impurities
- •decay anharmonically (split in 2, each of lower frequency)  $\tau \propto v^{-5}$

Once converted to low frequencies: **ballistic** = straight-line trajectories over long distances without destruction or redirection

Simulation shows an energy wave propagating from a point sources, reflecting when it reaches the surface. Arrows are group velocities. Wave is not spherical because crystal is not isotropic

Several wave shapes, depending on the source vibration direction etc



N. Zuckerman J. R. Lukes HT2007-32674

# **CDMS. QET**, the phonon detector

QET = Quasiparticle-assisted Electrothermal-feedback Transition-edge sensor (4144)

1 μm wide W strip = TES (Transition Edge Sensor)



•TES is stably maintained in the SC-normal transition by electro-thermal feedback •Phonons reaching the surface scatter into Al fins creating quasiparticle exicitations •Quasi-particle diffuse in the Al and enter TES •Interactions between quasi-particles and W conduction electrons • $\Rightarrow$  Increase of electrons T  $\Rightarrow$  decrease of TES current  $\Delta I$ 

Ballistc phonons (< 1 THZ) travel @  $v_{sound}$ , do not scatter frequently Higher initial population of ballistic phonons for ER (1) than NR (2) [due to the larger charge density produced by ER]  $\Rightarrow$  faster phonon leading edge for ER Excess of ballistic phonons if energy deposited close to surface (3) Phonon signal leading edge rise-time even faster than ER

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Phys Rev **D72** (2005) 052009 86

# CDMS II



•Measure phonon signal rise-time and delay w.r.t. ionosation signal  $\Rightarrow$  timing parameter

•Background model

•Surface  $\gamma$  rays from surfaces near the detectors. Major contribution: <sup>210</sup>Po.

•Estimated leak to signal region =  $0.8 \pm 0.1$  (stat)  $\pm 0.2$  (syst)

•Neutron induced recoils

•MonteCarlo and check on Si. Estimated background = **0.1** Ahmed et al. 16 January, 2019 A. Bettini.Padova Univ. and INFN and LSC

Ahmed et al. PRL 102 (2009) 011301

#### **CDMS II Results**



## **CDMS** Low Energy analysis

 $m_W < 10 \text{ GeV produce } E_R < 10 \text{ keV} \rightarrow 10 \text{ were energy threshold } @ 2 \text{ keV}$ Use only 8 best Ge ZIPs, rest as anticoincidence  $\rightarrow 241 \text{ kg d}$ Phonon based recoil energy scale



Assume events to be signal T1Z5 best discrimination against ER Not compatible with CoGent "all-signal" Continuous curve is for  $m_W = 7$  GeV  $\sigma = 5 \times 10^{-41}$  cm<sup>2</sup> (best fit to CoGent) not excluded by CDMS, but requires that the largest fraction of the CoGent low energy excess to be background

Recoil energy spectrum agrees with background expectations ("Zero-charge" ev.= ER near the edge of detector +Surface ev +bulk+1.3 X line)

arXiv 1011.2482



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#### EDELWEISS2@LSM. Backgrounds

Remember:  $\sigma = 10^{-8}$  pb, Ge detector, RoI=15 $\leq E_r \leq 65$  keV  $\rightarrow R = 10^{-3} / (\text{kg keV d})$ 



#### **EDELWEISS 2. Detector concept**

#### Measure heat Ge NTD thermistors Measure charge and localise event: coplanar grid technique

Grid of ring shaped electrodes on the top and bottom surfaces

Arrange potentials to define:

- •Bulk zone
- •Surface zones
- •Guard zone
- Claibtarion with <sup>210</sup>Po source

**rejection = 60 000** 





#### EDELWEISS-II



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# EDELWEISS-II Data

data from 1 year with ten 400g Ge crystals meanwhile four 800g modules installed



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Kraus, IDM2010

#### **EDELWEISS 2. Results**

10 Ge detectors (Ge-ID) 400 g each Measure photopeaks from cosmogenic <sup>65</sup>Zn (9 keV) and <sup>68</sup>Ge (14 keV)  $\rightarrow$  Fid. mass =160 g Exposure 384 kg d Measure  $\gamma$  rej fact = (3±1) 10<sup>-5</sup> (6 ev in the NR)





- 5 WIMP candidates in the signal region
  Background estimates
  •γ induced non gaussian = 0.9
  •leakege of surface events = 0.3
- •µ-induced <0.4

•n from detector and shield = 1.3

Total bckgrnd < 3

arXiv 1103.4070

## Scintillating bolometers



Scintillating bolometers (crystals) [CaWO4, CdWO4 or ZnWO4] allow to measure at the same time

phonon production (largest fraction)

light yield (small fraction)

thermal link *Nuclear recoils* due to WIMP–nucleon (and neutron-nucleon) scattering produce **mainly phonons** and very little scintillation light

*Electron recoils* produce a substantial amount of scintillation light

photon/phonon yield ratio depends on the recoiling nucleus

Largest fraction of energy eventually becomes heat. Heat channel measures true energy, both for electron and nuclear recoils

### **CRESST.** Discriminating incident particle

Discrimination of nuclear recoils from radioactive backgrounds by simultaneous measurement of phonons and scintillation light



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W. Seidel Wonder 2010<sub>6</sub>



Contamination on the supports surfaces can produce background being both in the same vacuum

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2011: 730 kg day

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# **CRESST.** Data

#### arXiv 1109.0702



 $\alpha$ 

### **CRESST Background**



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#### arXiv 1109.0702

## **CRESST.** Background evaluation

•For Pb and  $\alpha$ 

- •Define a "reference region"
- •Assume energy dependence dN/dE
- •Extrapolate tail into signal region

•For n

•Use data (multiplicity) from source & coincidence with μ



Maximum likelihood to evaluate different contributions finds two maxima

Total number of events should be 67

	M1	M2	
$e/\gamma$ events	$8.00\pm0.05$	$8.00\pm0.05$	
$\alpha$ events	$11.5^{+2.6}_{-2.3}$	$11.2_{-2.3}^{+2.5}$	
neutron events	7.5 <sup>+6.3</sup>	9.7 <sup>+6.1</sup> -5.1	
Pb recoils	15.0 <sup>+5.2</sup> <sub>-5.1</sub> 42	$18.7^{+4.9}_{-4.7}$ 47.6	
signal events	<b>29.4</b> <sup>+8.6</sup> -7.7	$24.2^{+8.1}_{-7.2}$	
	Tot = 71.4!	Tot = 71.8!	

#### arXiv 1109.0702

### **CRESST. "Signals" at low mass**

•If it were a signal

•Incompatible with XENON100 and CDMS

- •Incompatible with "CoGent"
- •Incompatible with DAMA/LIBRA



### **Summary**



DAMA/LIBRA 2008 3 sigma, with ion channeling DAMA/LIBRA 2008 3sigma, no ion channeling Edelweiss II Final result (March 25 2011) CDMS: Soudan 2004-2009 Ge XENON100 2010 (161 kg-d)



WIMP Mass  $[GeV/c^2]$ 

#### •We have considered only one possible type of DM particles, but many other may exist

•Field is progressing quickly

- negative)
- •Progress depends on the experimental ingenuity
- •Still small laboratory stile physics
- •Have fun
- •Be curious
- •Be critical

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