## **Non-Accelerator Experiments**

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# Outline

- Direct dark matter search experiments
  - CRESST
  - EDELWEISS and EURECA
  - ZEPLIN-III and LUX-ZEPLIN
  - ArDM [-> DARWIN]
  - DRIFT-II [ -> CYGNUS]

Oxford Oxford/Sheffield

Imperial/RAL/Edinburgh Sheffield/Liverpool Sheffield/Edinburgh

- Electric dipole moment search experiments
  - CryoEDM– eEDMSussex/RAL/OxfordImperial
- Underground Laboratories
  - Boulby Underground Science Facility

## **The Key Science Question**

### Strong astrophysical evidence for the existence of Dark Matter



## **Current Results and Aims**



### **Focus on Direct Detection Techniques**



Displacement / tracking: DRIFT, Newage, MIMAC, DM-TPC

## **CRESST – Phonon-Scintillation (CaWO<sub>4</sub>)**



# EDELWEISS-II Phonon-ionisation (Ge) Edelwerss



- 2009-2010: 1 year physics run
  - 10 ~400 g detectors: 9 for physics, ~2kg fiducial mass
  - ~300 kg.d under analysis (~CDMS)
- 2010-2011: Additional new detectors with increased fiducial volume
- => six months more data for summer conferences
- => End 2010: ~9 kg fid mass
- => Sept 2011: ~30 kg fid mass







SuperNEMO and EURECA in LSM Extension? After December 2009:

- ✤H Kraus (Oxf) still EURECA spokesman.
- Oxford focussing on new cryogenic cabling for Edelweiss.
- V Kudryavtsev (Shef) and his team accepted into Edelweiss collaboration with current responsibility for background simulation
- Exciting year: EDELWEISS and CRESST running and collecting data (see summer conferences for new results).

# UK could remain (and have a leading role) in this with modest funding.

## Zeplin-III scintillation-ionisation (Xe)



83 days continuous run Feb-May 2008 847 kg.days raw data

V Lebedenko et al. PRD 80, 052010 (2009) V Lebedenko et al. PRL 103, 151302 (2010)

D Yu Akimov et al, PLB submitted (2010)

**First science run results** 

# ZEPLIN III – current status

### After December 2009

- awarded a 6-month extension in funding to end July, profiled to end October 2010
- teething problems following the completion of its two upgrades with new lower background PMTS and an active veto (including neutron tagging) now been solved
- ZEPLIN-III is currently collecting second run data
- By end October 2010 will have same exposure as first run
- Putting the two runs together, and capitalising on some efficiency improvements, will improve sensitivity by a factor of just over 3.
- Zeplin-III will not have reached a background limited sensitivity and another several months running would yield a factor of 5-10 improvement

No funding, so working instrument will be switched off at the end of October.



# **LUX-Zeplin**

### After December 2009

- LZS proposal to STFC/NSF/DOE for a new large scale instrument to be deployed in the SUSEL laboratory at Homestake with sensitivities 3 orders of magnitude better than current world best levels. The UK would be a 50% partner with co-PI status.
- STFC review of LZS was terminated abruptly following the conclusion that there was no prospect of funding any new experiment for direct dark matter searches in the foreseeable future.
- The ZEPLIN team has de-scoped its immediate plans and, on the suggestion of STFC, put in a proposal to allow our team to become involved with an existing competitor experiment, LUX350 (due to start taking data in 2011) in an exploitation mode.
- This proposal has the support of the LUX collaboration and it is currently under review by the AGP Theory Panel.

# **DRIFT II – Directional Detection**

- Vital link to tie WIMP to astronomical origin - Motion of the Earth through a static WIMP 'halo'
- The Earths rotation relative to the WIMP wind -> Direction changes by ~90° every 12 hours

### WIMP Astronomy

- new Spin-Dependent limit is achieved with no compromise on directional sensitivity (other experiments on plot do not have this)
- this is ~x1000 better than any competitor directional WIMP detector (NEWAGE, DM-TPC, MIMAC)
- DRIFT II is now volume limited.... not background limited





# **EDM - theory**



Tight constraints on models of new physics. For superpartner masses ~few 100 GeV
& large phases, predicted nEDM is already 10-100x too large – SUSY CP problem

## **nEDM and Strong CP problem**



CPv phase  $\theta$  in QCD induces neutron EDM

 $d_n \sim 10^{-16} \theta \text{ e.cm} \qquad \Rightarrow \theta < 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ rads}$ 

Strong CP problem: Why is  $\theta$  so small? Peccei-Quinn: Axions?

## **History: nEDM**



## **CryoEDM - Current status**

- Discovered last year that, contrary to published findings, the titanium alloy used some of components goes superconducting at liquid helium temperatures
- Currently doing a cryogenic magnetic scan of a provisional replacement vessel.
- This, alongside problems with ageing cryogenics, has caused a delay of about a year
- Detector development; much more reliable cryogenic valves; investigation of HV breakdown in helium; data acquisition; simulations of systematic effects.
- Have also demonstrated with a scale model in the lab that can achieve adequate magnetic shielding for experiment at level of 1E-28 e.cm.
- Expect to observe our first neutron resonance in the new apparatus towards the end of this calendar year.
- First results expected in ~2012-3 at ~3E-27 level
- Finance remains difficult costs in € and staffing levels very tight (losing the East-European visiting scientists and no ILL support)

## **CryoEDM - Future plans**

- Expect to observe first neutron resonance in the new apparatus towards the end of this calendar year
- ILL's scheduled year-long shutdown, and the associated move/upgrade to a 6x more intense beamline, anticipated for 2013-14
- Note may need increased manpower on site during dismantling/reconstruction
- EPSRC-funded Swansea group collaborating at low level: may grow
- Aim to submit upgrade proposal early-mid 2011 leading to further factor of 10 improvement by 2017.

## **Other leading nEDM experiments**

Group	# people	Anticipated sensitivity (ecm)	Ву
UK: CryoEDM	~25	~3E-27	2013
CryoEDM (new beamline)	~30?*	~3E-28	2017
SNS-EDM	~90	<1E-28?	>2020
PSI (new neutron	~50	~5E-27	2013
source)		~5E-28	2017
PNPI/ILL	~10-20?	~1E-26	2012

# **Electron EDM**

### eEDM (e.cm)



Current Experimental limit: Berkeley, Thallium beam (2002)  $|d_e| < 1.6 \times 10^{-27} e \cdot cm$ 

Standard Model

|d<sub>e</sub>| < 1×10<sup>-36</sup> e⋅cm

## eEDM – Current status

- YbF beam experiment at IC has taken two data sets, each with sensitivity about a factor of two better than the current world limit.
- The first was a null data set (applied electric field not reversed) to rule out many systematic errors
- Teething problems with the second data set with the electric field reversed have now been solved by making very minor changes to the apparatus.
- About to re-start second data run (4-8 weeks).

Expect to measure the eEDM with world-leading sensitivity in summer 2010 at around ~5E-28 e.cm level

## eEDM – Current status

### After December 2009

- STFC support originally to be cut off end October 2010, but now some funding for operations until March 2011.
- Some staff effort still mainly funded by fellowships, but will lose PDRA support, which will be a significant blow to 24 hour running of experiment.
- Plan to apply to EPSRC for a minimal amount of funding, covering technical support and running costs but not our RA or research student.
- Continued STFC funding for project is vital.

# eEDM – Future plans

First upgrade in place to fix some known limitations of current machine would increase sensitivity about a factor of two to around ~2E-28 e.cm level in spring 2011

- Major change to a new buffer gas source to produce an intense and slow beam of YbF. This his should give a further factor of ten improvement in sensitivity. Source already in operation but need to build a new beamline and incorporate better magnetic shielding.
- First data run with new source anticipated in 2012 with ultimate sensitivity of below ~3E-29 e.cm level by 2014
- Main competition Harvard/Yale ThO experiment.
- Preliminary results in 2011/12 and competitive results by 2015.

## **Boulby Science Facility**



# **Current Boulby projects (2010)**



#### ZEPLIN-III

2 phase (liquid/gas) high field Xenon WIMP dark matter detector. Installed 2007- now operating

#### **DRIFT-II**

Low pressure gas TPC directional DM detector. Installed – 2005. Continuing R&D and operation





Low-background material screening





High sensitivity low-background Germanium detector and purpose built Rn emanation



Danish/UK expt to study the effect of cosmic rays on aerosols & cloud production. Phase 1 near completion.

# **Boulby Update & Future**

#### Latest Boulby News:

 June 2009: New facility manager Sean Paling
Boulby mine and the Underground facility awarded ISO18001 national H&S management award.

#### **Future Science Aims / Plans**

- Continued hosting / supporting **Dark Matter** searches (DRIFT, ZEPLIN-III and beyond)
- Development of UK centre of excellence for ultra sensitive **low activity material screening**
- Development of **geoscience studies** (local government funding already secured for geology/geophysics studies.)
- Continued involvement with 'ILIAS-type' EU underground lab networking.
- Pursuit of possible future small and large projects e.g LAGUNA, ELENA. SKY-II









#### Future expansion?

- Plenty of space and low cost for future excavations @ Boulby
- Proven track record for operations
- Ongoing strong local support

## **Future Development?**

- Boulby compares WELL with EU and world sites: depth, backgrounds, local support, running costs and expansion potential.
- It is an active contributor in both ILIAS and ILIAS-next EU lab programmes.
- Tried and tested as a site for supporting science (from 1988 today).
  - The potential for expansion @ Boulby is excellent.
  - Space available in existing lab & lots of existing tunnels to exploit. New tunnels are cheap to cut.
  - New and deeeper rock types available (harder rock – bigger labs).



#### **STRONG local support**

CPL (the mine owners) are supportive of pursuing expansion of physics and science hosted.

CPL hosting gives the UK a WORLD CLASS facility at relatively low cost

## Summary-I

Dark matter and EDM experiments directly address key science questions

### ✓ What is the universe made of?

### Why is there more matter than antimatter?

in a complementary way to accelerator based experiments or astronomical observations

UK plays a leading role in cryogenic and liquid noble gas dark-matter searches

While funding continues, ZEPLIN-III, CRESST and EDELWEISS continue to take data with potential for world leading sensitivity in 2010/2011

The search for dark matter is an active area worldwide and as new global consortia form (EURECA and LUX-ZEPLIN) continued involvement in both cryogenic dark matter searches and in liquid noble gas detectors is the highest priority

## Summary -II

- Any observation of a neutron or electron EDM is Beyond the Standard Model
- The UK leads forefront experiments on both neutron and electron EDMs and owns the world leading limit on the neutron EDM.
  - CryoEDM is currently being commissioned; results are expected in 2012/13 at the sensitivity level ~3E-27 e.cm with plans for an upgrade leading to further factor of 10 improvement by 2017.
  - EDM expects to measure the electron EDM with world-leading sensitivity in summer 2010 at around ~5E-28 e.cm level, improving to ~2E-28 e.cm by 2011. A planned upgrade to source and beamline should lead to an ultimate sensitivity of below around ~3E-29 e.cm level by 2014
- There is scope for expansion at the Boulby Science Facility into hard rock to accommodate low-background underground R&D facilities and space for (a) large underground detector(s) in a low background environment.