## Direct Dark Matter Detection

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### Dark Matter is a necessary (and abundant) ingredient in the Universe

### Galaxies

- Rotation curves of spiral galaxies
- Gas temperature in elliptical galaxies



# It is one of the clearest hints of **Physics Beyond the SM**

### Clusters of galaxies

- Peculiar velocities and gas temperature
- Weak lensing
- Dynamics of cluster collision
- Filaments between galaxy clusters

### Cosmological scales

Anisotropies in the Cosmic Microwave Background

$$arOmega_{
m CDM}\,h^2$$
 = 0.1196 ± 0.003



### Challenges for **DARK MATTER** in the 80's

The main questions concerning dark matter are whether it is really present in the first place and, if so, <u>how much</u> is there, <u>where</u> is it and <u>what</u> does it consist of.

<u>How much</u>. In general one wants to know the amount of dark matter relative to luminous matter. For cosmology the main issue is whether there is enough dark matter to close the universe. Is the density parameter  $\Omega$  equal to 1?

<u>Where</u>. The problem of the distribution of dark matter with respect to luminous matter is fundamental for understanding its origin and composition. Is it associated with individual galaxies or is it spread out in intergalactic and intracluster space? If associated with galaxies how is it distributed with respect to the stars?

What. What is the nature of dark matter? Is it baryonic or nonbaryonic or is it both?

van Albada, Sancisi '87

### We don't know yet what DM is... but we do know many of its properties

Good candidates for Dark Matter have to fulfil the following conditions

- Neutral
- Stable on cosmological scales
- Reproduce the correct relic abundance
- Not excluded by current searches
- No conflicts with BBN or stellar evolution

Many candidates in Particle Physics

- Axions and ALPs
- Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs)
- Sterile Neutrinos
- SuperWIMPs and Decaying DM
- WIMPzillas
- Asymmetric DM
- SIMPs, CHAMPs, SIDMs
- Bose Einstein Condensate ...



... they have very different properties

## Dark matter **MUST BE** searched for in different ways...



## ... probing **DIFFERENT** aspects of their interactions with ordinary matter

Accelerator Searches (production)



Direct Detection (scattering)





**Constraints** in one sector affect observations in the other two.

"**Redundant**" detection can be used to extract DM properties.

Indirect Detection (annihilation or decay)







- Experimental **detection** (direct, indirect, collider searches)
- How is DM **distributed** (in the DM halo and in larger structures)
- Determination of **DM parameters** (mass and cross sections)
- What is the model for **physics Beyond the SM**

Outstanding experimental advances  $\rightarrow$  could this happen in the near future?



## **Direct** DM detection

WIMP scattering with nuclei can be measured through

- Ionization
- Scintillation
- Phonons
- Bubble nucleation

#### Detection rate

$$R = \int_{E_T}^{\infty} dE_R \frac{\rho_0}{m_N m_\chi} \int_{v_{min}}^{\infty} v f(v) \frac{d}{dv}$$

$$f(v) \left( \frac{d\sigma_{WN}}{dE_R}(v, E_R) \right) dv$$

Scattered

WIMP

### Experimental setup

Target material (sensitiveness to spindependent and –independent couplings)

Detection threshold

### Astrophysical parameters

For a 100 GeV WIMP, this implies recoil

energies of order  $E_{R}$ ~ 10 keV

Local DM density Velocity distribution factor

### Theoretical input

Recoiling

Nucleus

Differential cross section (of WIMPs with quarks)

Nuclear uncertainties

WIMP-nucleus cross section traditionally separated in two components

$$\frac{d\sigma_{WN}}{dE_R} = \left(\frac{d\sigma_{WN}}{dE_R}\right)_{SI} + \left(\frac{d\sigma_{WN}}{dE_R}\right)_{SD}$$

Spin-independent contribution: scalar (or vector) coupling of WIMPs with quarks

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \alpha_q^S \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{q} q + \alpha_q^V \bar{\chi} \gamma_\mu \chi \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$$

Total cross section with Nucleus scales as A<sup>2</sup> Present for all nuclei (favours heavy targets) and WIMPs

Spin-dependent contribution: WIMPs couple to the quark axial current

$$\mathcal{L} \supset lpha_q^A (\bar{\chi} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \chi) (\bar{q} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 q)$$

Total cross section with Nucleus scales as J/(J+1)Only present for nuclei with  $J \neq 0$  and WIMPs with spin

### **Discriminating a DM signature** (from the otherwise overwhelming background)

Under the hypothesis that the DM is a WIMP

- Nuclear recoils (vs. Electron recoils)
- Single scattering

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DM scattering would lead to an exponential signal

Light WIMPs expected at very low recoil energies

Favours light targets

Low-threshold searches

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DAMA (DAMA/LIBRA) signal on annual modulation

cumulative exposure 427,000 kg day (13 annual cycles) with Nal





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### Isospin-Violating Dark Matter can ease this discrepancy

$$R = \sigma_p \sum_{i} \eta_i \frac{\mu_{A_i}^2}{\mu_p^2} I_{A_i} \left[ Z + (A_i - Z) f_n / f_p \right]^2$$

The scattering amplitudes for proton and neutrons may interfere destructively

$$f_n/f_p = -Z/(A-Z)$$

The interference depends on the target nucleus

For Xe (Z=54, A~130) 
$$\rightarrow$$
  $f_n/f_p = -0.7$ 



XENON100 (Xe) and CDMS II (Si) results can be "reconciled" Frandsen et al. 2013

## The effective interaction of DM particles with nuclei can be more diverse than previously considered

Fitzpatrick, Wick et al. 2012-2014

## The direction of the DM wind has a privileged **DIRECTION**



#### **Experimental challenges**

Low-pressure TPC to measure direction

Large exposure needed (from current limits)

### Characteristic dipole signal

- Poor resolution
- Low-number of WIMPs vs. Background J. Billard et al., 2010

### **Ring-like structure**

- Requires low-recoil energies and heavy
- Also aberration due to Earth's motion

Bozorgnia et al., 2012

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### How does this compare with other searches?





In principle more sensitive at low masses (operator dependent)

Dependent on the mediator mass and on the validity regime of the effective theory.

## Particle Physics models for dark matter

Well motivated DM models in theories beyond the Standard Model (e.g., Supersymmetry)

Minimal SUSY extension

Squarks	$ ilde{u}_{R,L}$ , $ ilde{d}_{R,L}$
	${\widetilde c}_{R,L}$ , ${\widetilde s}_{R,L}$
	${ ilde t}_{R,L}$ , ${ ilde b}_{R,L}$
Sleptons	$ ilde{e}_{R,L}$ , $ ilde{ u}_e$
	$ ilde{\mu}_{R,L}$ , $ ilde{ u}_{\mu}$
	$ ilde{ au}_{R,L}$ , $ ilde{ u}_{ au}$
Neutralinos	$\tilde{B}^{0}, \tilde{W}^{0}, \tilde{H}^{0}_{1,2}$
Charginos	$ ilde{W}^{\pm}$ , $ ilde{H}^{\pm}_{1,2}$
Gluino	Ĩ

### Neutralino

Good annihilation cross section. it is a WIMP Goldberg '83 Ellis, Hagelin, Nanopoulos, Olive, Srednicki '83 Krauss '83

### Sneutrino

Viable candidates in scenarios with Right-Handed sneutrinos Cerdeño, Muñoz, Seto 08 Arina, Fornengo 08

Gravitino (Superpartner of the graviton) Axino (Superpartner of the axion)

Extra-weakly interacting massive particles

### Neutralino in the MSSM

Impose LHC1 bounds and explore the predictions of MSSM parameter space

- Bounds on SUSY masses
- Low-energy observables
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The current bound on BR( $H \rightarrow$  inv) sets constraints on the DM-Higgs coupling

This also translates into (upper) bounds for the scattering cross section of low-mass WIMPs

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Cahill-Rowley et al. 2014

Combined with LHC + Indirect searches  $\rightarrow$  excellent coverage of SUSY parameter space

### Neutralino and Right-handed sneutrino in the NMSSM

Extensions of the MSSM can be more flexible (new light mediators)

Low-mass SUSY WIMPs are still viable (1-100 GeV)



Excellent motivation for direct searches at low masses

### The Galactic Centre Excess: An anomaly in indirect searches?



Compatible with the annihilation of a light WIMP  $\sim$ 10-50 GeV

Hooper, Goodenough 2010 Hooper, Linden 2011

or millisecond pulsars, cosmic ray effects or different spectrum at galactic centre.

Abazajian 1011.4275 Chernyakova 1009.2630 Boyarsky, Malyshev, Ruchayskiy, 1012.5839

Pulsars do not have the right morphology and Fermi would have seen them Hooper, Linden 2012-2014

Fits normally done for pure annihilation channels

Compatible with WIMP DM

$$m_{DM} \sim 20 - 100 \text{ GeV}$$
  
 $\langle \sigma v \rangle \sim 10^{-26} \text{ cm}^3/\text{s}$ 

Right-handed sneutrino in the NMSSM and the Galactic Centre Emission

- Scan in the parameter space imposing all constraints (direct, indirect and colliders)
- The full final state is studied Do not restrict the analysis to pure annihilation channels.



Points fitting the GCE at 90% CL

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• Many of these points can be checked by G2 direct detection experiments



Once more: Complementarity of DM searches

If there is a positive detection of DM, can we identify the underlying model?

### Problem:

• Experimental data allow us to reconstruct "**phenomenological parameters**".

$$m_{\chi}, \sigma^{SI}, \sigma^{SD}, <\sigma >_{ij}$$

 Theoretical models tend to produce similar results (e.g., most WIMPs are alike)

Solution:

 Data from different experiments has to be combined in order to remove degenerate solutions (and reduce the effect of uncertainties)

Strategies that allow the identification of DM from future data

### Identification of Dark Matter with direct detection experiments

Given a DM direct detection, the DM mass and couplings can be determined from the observed number of events and energy spectrum.

The energy spectrum depends on the WIMP mass and the mass of the target

There are degenerate solutions

Example:  $m_{\chi}$ =100 GeV Exposure: 3000 kg day (Ge target)



We need multiple experiments (with various targets)

A single experiment cannot determine all the WIMP couplings, a combination of various targets is necessary.



$$\sigma_0^{SI} = 10^{-9} \text{ pb}$$
$$\sigma_0^{SD} = 10^{-5} \text{ pb}$$
$$m_W = 50 \text{ GeV}$$
$$\epsilon = 300 \text{ kg yr}$$

We use simulated data to assess the reconstruction of DM parameters

Astrophysical and nuclear uncertainties included

Prospects for SuperCDMS (Ge)

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This is an excellent tool to help design future experiments.

Are we being too conservative in describing DM-nucleus interactions?

The most general effective Lagrangian contains up to 14 (x2) different operators that induce six types of response functions and two new interference terms

Haxton, Fitzpatrick 2012-2014

 $\frac{\vec{q}}{m_N}$ 

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}(\vec{x}) = c \Psi_{\chi}^*(\vec{x}) O_{\chi} \Psi_{\chi}(\vec{x}) \Psi_N^*(\vec{x}) O_N \Psi_N(\vec{x})$$

Spin-Indep.

Spin-Dep.

Angular momentum of unpaired nucleon

Angular momentum and spin

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{O}_{1} = \mathbf{1}_{\chi} \mathbf{1}_{N} \\ \mathcal{O}_{3} = i \vec{S}_{N} \cdot \left[ \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{N}} \times \vec{v}^{\perp} \right] \\ \mathcal{O}_{4} = \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{S}_{N} \\ \mathcal{O}_{5} = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \left[ \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{N}} \times \vec{v}^{\perp} \right] \\ \mathcal{O}_{5} = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \left[ \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{N}} \times \vec{v}^{\perp} \right] \\ \mathcal{O}_{6} = \left[ \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{N}} \right] \left[ \vec{S}_{N} \cdot \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{N}} \right] \\ \mathcal{O}_{7} = \vec{S}_{N} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp} \\ \mathcal{O}_{8} = \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp} \\ \mathcal{O}_{9} = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \left[ \vec{S}_{N} \times \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{N}} \right] \\ \vec{z} \end{array}$$

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These operators can be obtained as the non-relativistic limit of relativistic operators (e.g., starting from UV complete models)

### E.g., For a spin 1/2 particle



Vector Mediator

$$\frac{\overline{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}q \longrightarrow \left(-\frac{h_{3}^{N}\lambda_{3}}{m_{G}^{2}}\right)\mathcal{O}_{1}}{\overline{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^{5}q \longrightarrow \left(-\frac{2h_{4}^{N}\lambda_{3}}{m_{G}^{2}}\right)\left(-\mathcal{O}_{7}+\frac{m_{N}}{m_{\chi}}\mathcal{O}_{9}\right)} \\ \overline{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}q \longrightarrow \left(-\frac{2h_{3}^{N}\lambda_{4}}{m_{G}^{2}}\right)\left(\mathcal{O}_{8}+\mathcal{O}_{9}\right)} \\ \overline{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\chi\bar{q}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^{5}q \longrightarrow \left(\frac{4h_{4}^{N}\lambda_{4}}{m_{G}^{2}}\right)\mathcal{O}_{4}$$

Dent, Krauss, Newstead, Sabbharwal 2015

These are extremely sensitive to the choice of target material, being crucial in the design phase of new experiments.



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### Conclusions

Exciting times ahead with future DM experiments (Generation 2)

Good coverage for most WIMP models

... if DM is not a WIMP? (sensitivity to axion-like particles and other exotics)

Excellent complementarity to LHC and indirect searches (testing potential signals)

E.g., Direct detection and the Galactic Centre Excess

Future new data might provide information about the DM properties

The use of multiple targets, or combination of different data is crucial

Need to consider more general DM interactions and/or simplified models

### **Right-handed sneutrino in the NMSSM**

DGC, Muñoz, Seto 2007, DGC, Seto 2009

• Addition of TWO new superfields, *S*, *N*, singlets under the SM gauge group

• New terms in the superpotential

$$W = Y_{u} H_{2} Q u + Y_{d} H_{1} Q d + Y_{e} H_{1} L e - \lambda S H_{1} H_{2} + \frac{1}{3} \kappa S^{3}$$

$$W = W_{\text{NMSSM}} + \lambda_{N} SNN + y_{N} L H_{2}N$$
• After Radiative Electroweak Symmetry-Breaking
$$\langle H_{1}^{0} \rangle = v_{1} \quad ; \quad \langle H_{2}^{0} \rangle = v_{2} \quad ; \quad \langle S \rangle = s$$

$$m_{N} N N$$
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### iZIP calibration

~900 live hours in T3Z1 with a  $^{\rm 210}Pb$  source on side 1

71,525 electrons 16,258 <sup>206</sup>Pb recoils

No events leaking into the signal region (8-115 keV)





(Ionization threshold 2 keVee)