Dark Matter Direct Detection

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Standard Model of Cosmology



Dark Matter is ~30% of the energy density of the universe.





Indirect Detection

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Collider Production







 $\overline{\chi}$

X

e≠,<u>p</u>,D

e-,V,\

Dark Matter Direct Detection

Signal: $\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$



detector requirements: particle ID for recoil N, e-, alpha, n (multiple) final states



WIMP Scattering

kinematics: $v/c \sim 8E-4!$

recoil angle strongly correlated with incoming WIMP direction





Spin Independent:*χ* scatters coherently off ofthe entire nucleus A: σ~A²D. Z. Freedman, PRD 9, 1389 (1974)

<u>Spin Dependent:</u> mainly unpaired nucleons contribute to scattering amplitude: $\sigma \sim J(J+1)$

detector requirements: measure recoil energy, time, +angle





detector requirements: ~1-10s of keV energy threshold, very low backgrounds





Sidereal direction modulation: asymmetry ~ 20-100% in forward-backward event rate. Spergel, Phys. Rev. D36:1353 (1988)



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The Low-Background Frontier: Prospects



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Bolometers

phonon, ionisation or scintillation readout of crystals with Transition Edge Sensors at O(10 mK) targets: Ge (SuperCDMS, EDELWEISS, COGENT, CDEX), Si (SuperCDMS), CaWO₄ (CRESST)





Charge electrodes: biased at +/- 2V, measure E_{recoil}, configuration optimised to reject surface events



Scintillation side:

Si absorber on 300 gm CaWO₄, tungsten TES readout for particle ID

Phonon side: TES readout to measure E_{recoil}I



EDELWEISS: interleaved electrodes reduce surface backgrounds by x10⁵





DAMA/LIBRA: 9.2σ excess in 2-6 keV, 1.33 ton-yr NaI data set, with modulation.

COGENT: excess in 0.5-3 keVee in 145 kg-day data set with Ge detector.

SuperCDMS: CDMS Si reported excess, SuperCDMS Ge excludes it.

CRESST-II: excess reported in phase-1, phase-2 excludes it. *(Oxford)* New results! 7 kg-day, 0.3 keV threshold.





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DAMA/LIBRA: phase-2 upgrade to lower energy threshold, took place in 2011, results not yet reported.

LXe: XMASS plans 5T, XENON1T -> nT.

DM-ICE: Nal, 17 kg deployed in S. Pole ice, 37 kg at Boulby, background 7.9/(keV kg day) *PRD 90 092005 (2014)* plan 250 kg Nal scale up (need crystal radio-purity gains) *(Sheffield, Boulby Laboratory)*





Low-Mass Region Prospects

Goal: reach the neutrino bound!

CRESST: R&D towards 0.1 keV threshold, with smaller crystals, lower background for 1-6 GeV WIMPs search.

EDELWEISS-III: 24 x 800gm cryogenic Ge detectors in LSM. energy threshold reduced to 2.4 keV. UK: cabling, backgrounds. Detector development with SuperCDMS for low mass WIMPs. (*Oxford, Sheffield*)

SuperCDMS: Focus on 0.3-10 GeV/c² WIMP masses with 50 kg of Ge (and Si) detectors at SNOLAB, from 2017. Operate in HV mode, for 0.9 keV threshold. 10^{-37}

section [cm²]

cross

WIMP-nucleon

R&D towards very, very low mass: **DAMIC:** search for WIMP interactions in CCDs, 100g to operate at SNOLAB. aim: 1E-5 pb with 1 keV threshold.

NEWS: spherical, high pressure gas detector with 0.1 keV threshold, at SNOLAB from 2017, aim: 1E-5 pb sensitivity with Ar, Ne targets.





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Two-Phase Xenon TPCs

Xenon 10 kg, 100 kg, 1Tonne LUX (250 kg), PANDA-X (120kg, 500 kg)



Akerib et al, Phys.Rev.Lett. 112 (2014) 091303 X



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Single Phase Liquid Nobles, a la Neutrinos

high light yield from 4π PMT coverage, self-shielding of liquid target, only detect scintillation



XMASS: 832 kg LXe detector at Kamioka, running from 2013, upgrading PMTs to reduce backgrounds, future 5T detector.

DEAP3600: 3600 kg LAr at SNOLAB, commissioning now, design like SNO to reduce backgrounds, future 50T detector.



no electric fields = scale to O(kT) mass
1) no recombination in E field
2) no pile-up from ms-scale electron drift in TPC
but background discrimination from scintillation only!



DEAP-3600 Commissioning

UK delivery of calibration systems (STFC PRD):

- tagged Na-22 source Cal A, B, E pipes, Cal F racetrack (RAL)
- tagged AmBe source in Cal A, B, E (*RHUL*)
- optical calibration sources, in-situ fixed fibers and multi-wavelength, deployable laser flask (*Sussex, RHUL*)

calibration campaigns now routine, PMT response well-understood.



Cal E

~4m

5-Year Future, Prospects

Goal: cover favored MSSM parameter space

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LZ: follow-on to LUX, 7 Tonnes LXe, using same SURF infrastructure as LUX. Commissioning from 2019. (*Edinburgh, ICL, Liverpool, Oxford, RAL, Sheffield, UCL*)

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Beyond the Neutrino Bound

Goal: WIMP spectroscopy!





Experiment	$\sigma(1 \text{ TeV})$	σ(10 TeV)
DarkSide-50	2E-43	2E-42
XENON-100	2E-44	2E-43
DEAP-3600	5E-46	5E-45
XENON-1T	3E-46	3E-45
LZ (7T)	5E-47	5E-46
1 Neutrino	2E-48	2E-47
DEAP-50T	3E-48	3E-47
ARGO-300T	9E-49	9E-48
adapted from C. Galbiati		



DARWIN: design study for 50-80T two-phase LXe Size: >2m length x diameter. Background dominated by solar **v**-e scattering.

Emphasis on high-mass sensitivity: **DEAP-50:** design for 50T single-phase LAr. Size: 7m diameter x tall. Background tolerances much easier than DEAP-3.6, a la SNO.

ARGO: design for 300T depleted LAr detector. LOI to LNGS for 20T prototype stage. Global coordination of LAr experiments.

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Energy range equivalent ~50-200 keV 5 / p. 24

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DMTPC: CCD and charge readout of CF₄; measure 40° resolution, commissioning 1m³ module for SNOLAB. (*RHUL*)

DRIFT: MWPC readout, operating 0.8m³ detector in Boulby since 2001. Negative ion drift of CS₂+CF₄. *(Sheffield, Edinburgh)*

MIMAC: micromegas readout of CF₄ target, in Modane. Focus on low energy.

NEWAGE: mu-PIX readout of CF₄ target, in Kamioka. First directional limit.

CYGNUS: coordination of directional R&D

plus R&D on fine-grained emulsions, pixel chips, high P gas, biological detectors, C nanotubes, ++



Model Space

WIMPs aren't the only possibility!



Axion and ALP detection:

Primakoff conversion searches: ADMX, CAST (direction modulation)



new constraints from direct detection: EDELWEISS, XENON100, XMASS

search for axio-electric effect:

$$\sigma_{Ae} = \sigma_{pe}(E_A) \frac{{g_{Ae}}^2}{\beta_A} \frac{3E_A{}^2}{16\pi \, \alpha_{em} \, m_e{}^2} \left(1 - \frac{\beta_A{}^{2/3}}{3}\right),$$

observable: peak in electron recoil spectrum at axion mass.

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Axions: Status and Prospects

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Conclusions & Outlook

Direct detection searches are rapidly expanding physics reach: to lower cross sections, probing new parameter space, to lower masses, testing new models, to higher masses, complementary with the LHC, to new particle candidates (axions, ALPS, ...)

Experiments with UK involvement that are running or funded will improve reach by 3 orders of magnitude over next decade.

This is a field where the structure of the STFC funding is difficult: exploitation support is critical, need a mechanism to bid for this (successfully) in projects where STFC does not provide significant capital. Adding breadth through CG only is very, very hard for small experiments.

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Extra

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Constraints from Theorists: limits on kinetic mixing to hidden sector coupling extracted from XENON 10, 100, and XMASS spectra. (*arXiv:1412.8378*)



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Quenching

Current status of measurements of visible/recoil energy in -ionization on Ge -scintillation on Xe, Ar



Impact of uncertainties up to x5-10 in dark matter limits, particularly at low mass!





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Grothaus, Fairbairn, JM Phys.ReV.D90 (2014) 055018

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PDFs in (energy, angle, time) of event for coherent solar nu background vs. background+signal show significant differences, including 35° resolution:

