Future rare event challenges



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Rare events: few selected items

Neutrinoless ββ





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Dark Matter

Neutrinos

Neutrino mass Different (compelling) physics cases

Common features

Low rate (few counts/year)	Low background
Random process	Signature
No "beam off"	
Limited information	

Rare events

A continuous quest for

best performance



new technologies

with the constraints imposed by the need of

larger scales



low background

- space and cost
- long running times
- severe material assay
- underground location
- shields and vetos

New experiments aim at the best sensitivity and depend on the parallel evolution of all these aspects

Background: a common enemy

- It is the common denominator (or better enemy) to all rare event experiments
- It is the experimental factor which most severely affects (limits) the experimental sensitivity

Main sources:

- Environmental radioactivity
- Radioactivity of the detector and surrounding materials
- Cosmic rays and their secondary reactions
- Specific to each detecting technique

Mitigations:

- Underground operation (and preparation)
- Material assay
- Phased approach
- ... but also signatures and technological improvements

- pulse shape analysis
- hybrid techniques
 - special detecting techniques

It is the true challenge of all future approaches

Neutrinoless double beta decay

Three light v's: the "standard" plot

Experimental parameters are pictured as a function of the lightest mass eigenvalue:

- S.Pascoli, S.Petcov, Phys.Atom.Nucl. 66 (2003) 444, arxiv:0111203
- R.Mohapatra et al., arXiv:0510213
- A.Strumia and F.Vissani, IFUP-TH/2004-1; arXiv:0606054



S. Dell'Oro, S. Marcocci, F. Vissani, Phys. Rev. D90, 033005 (2014)

• darker:

Majorana

• light: mixing

parameter

uncertainties

phases range

Experimental signature of ββ(0v)



• Can help reducing backgrounds

Moreover, to cure NME systematics:

• study as many as possible different isotopes

Experimental sensitivity

The number of background events expected along the experiment lifetime is

 $N_B = bkg \cdot \Delta E \cdot M \cdot t_{meas}$

Two cases are then possible depending on the extent of the background:

$$N_B >> 1 \longrightarrow S_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \epsilon \frac{i.a.}{A} \sqrt{\frac{M \cdot t_{meas}}{bkg \cdot \Delta E}}$$

$$N_B < 1 \longrightarrow S_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \epsilon \frac{i.a.}{A} M \cdot t_{meas}$$

$$M_B < 1 \longrightarrow S_{1/2}^{0\nu} \propto \epsilon \frac{i.a.}{A} M \cdot t_{meas}$$

generally named "zero packground" condition

N_{nuclei} number of active nuclei in the experiment measuring time [y] Imeas detector mass [kg] Μ detector efficiency 3 i.a. isotopic abundance atomic number A **ΔE** energy resolution [keV] bkg background [c/keV/y/kg]

By inserting the proper nuclear factor of merit is then possible to get the sensitivity on the effective neutrino Majorana mass 1

$$\frac{1}{S_{1/2}^{0\nu}(m_{ee})} \propto \sqrt{S_{1/2}^{0\nu} \cdot G^{0\nu}} M^{0\nu}$$

Despite their simplicity these formula's outline the dependence of the sensitivity on the critical experimental parameters: Mass, Measure Time, Energy resolution, Background and Isotope choice

Energy resolution



Background

The background index in the ROI is the most critical of the parameters driving the sensitivity.

Strategies:

Radioactivity

- Cosmogenic activation
- µ-induced reactions
- 2 neutrino double beta decay
- •

"Brute force": directly reduce intrinsic, extrinsic, & cosmogenic activities

- Select and use ultra-pure materials
- Minimize all passive (non "source") materials
- Avoid material re-contamination (machining, manipulation, storage)
- Fabricate ultra-clean materials (underground fab if needed)
- Go deep reduced µ's & related induced activities
- Rank materials: build an accurate Background budget (MC model)

Discrimination techniques

- Energy resolution
- Active veto detector
- Tracking (topology)
- Particle ID, angular, spatial,time correlations
- Fiducial Fits
- Granularity (arrays)
- Pulse shape discrimination (PSD)
- Ion Identification

→ Both approaches are generally needed → Specific and intense R&D's needed

Methods	
TPCs (liquid, gas)	¹³⁶ Xe
Doped Liquid Scintillators	¹³⁶ Xe, ¹³⁰ Te
Solid state detectors	⁷⁶ Ge, ¹¹⁶ Cd
Bolometers (+ enhancements)	¹³⁰ Te, ⁸² Se, ¹⁰⁰ Mo, ¹¹⁶ Cd
Foils with tracking chambers	⁸² Se, ¹⁵⁰ Nd, ¹⁰⁰ Mo

Status: present/near future



Synopsis



Future challenge



Future challenge

Active international collaborations aiming at a next generation experiment with sensitivities $T_{1/2} \sim 10^{27}$ -10²⁸ yr (\rightarrow multi-ton, low background)

Isotope	Experiment	Description
⁷⁶ Ge	GERDA & MAJORANA	Large Scale Ge, O(tonne) HPGE crystals
⁸² Se	SuperNEMO	Se foils, tracking and calorimeter, 100 kg scale
¹³⁶ Xe	nEXO	Liquid TPC, 5 tonnes
	NEXT/BEXT	High pressure gas TPC, tonne scale
	KamLAND2-Zen	¹³⁶ Xe in scintillator
¹³⁰ Te	CUPID	Bolometers with light sensor (also ⁸² Se, ¹¹⁶ Cd, ¹⁰⁰ Mo)
	SNO+ II	¹³⁰ Te in scintillator

- Additional efforts underway: AMoRE, CANDLES, PandaX III, CDEX 1T, COBRA
- In most cases a phased approach is proposed (stepwise increments)
- Isotope enrichment requires time and money
- Potential underground lab sites (increasing number): SNOLAB, JingPing, Gran Sasso, SURF, CanFranc, Frejus, Kamioka, ANDES, Y2L

DBD future



Sensitivity revisited



By generalizing:

- $n' = M \cdot z$
- B' = B/z

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and re-defining
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    1. x' ≡ n'·T ≡ S(cale)
    2. y' ≡ B'·Δ ≡ P(erformance)
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we completely get rid of the "z" block and get an effective and objective comparison

The condition $N_B = (B' \cdot \Delta E) \cdot (n' \cdot T) = x' \cdot y' = P \cdot S$ is a lin in log-log scale

Meaning:

n' \equiv number of "effective" moles of $\beta\beta$ isotope

- B' \equiv background rate normalized to the number of "effective" moles of $\beta\beta$ isotope
- Sensitivity estimates depend obviously on the assumptions for the the expected performance and scale of the experiments.
- For the major upcoming experiments, in some cases they are measured with pilot experiments, in others they are modeled through Monte Carlo simulations
- In all cases the actual values will be soon measured when the experiments will start taking data.

 $T \equiv t_{meas}$

 $B \equiv bkg$

 $\Delta \equiv \Delta E$

 $\eta \equiv a.i.$

The sensitivity hill



Fixed budget

- On a large scale, factors like cost and time can become important.
- Enrichment is a common request. Let's assume it accounts for half of the cost.
- Let's also assume g_A=1.25 and request a background level such to maintain each isotope in the ZB condition.
- What is the reach of a 100M € experiment?

		Bkg	FWHM	Miso	T ^{1/2} 0v (ZB)	<m<sub>ββ></m<sub>	a.i.	Cost(iso)	Prod.	Cost(nat)	M _{tot}
		[c/keV/kg/y]	[keV]	[ton]	[yr]	[meV]	[%]	[€/g]	[ton/y]	€/g	[ton]
MAGE	76Ge	8,4E-05	3	0,71	6,99E+27	19	7,8	70	165	1,2	0,79
CUPID ZnSe	82Se	1,56E-05	10	0,71	6,32E+27	12	9,2	70	2275	0,8	1,28
CUPID ZnMO4	100Mo	1,94E-05	9	0,5	3,63E+27	15	7,6	100	266000	0,02	1,15
CUPID CdWO4	116Cd	3,19E-05	6	0,33	2,09E+27	26	9,6	150	22200	0,06	1,05
CUPID TeO2	130Te	8,35E-06	5	3,85	2,34E+28	6	34,2	13	150	0,03	4,79
SNO++	130Te	1,93E-07	270	3,85	5,37E+27	12	34,2	13	150	0,03	3,85
nEXO+	136Xe	5,52E-07	58	6,25	2,09E+28	7	8,9	8	50	1,2	6,25
Kam-Zen	136Xe	1,28E-07	250	6,25	1,25E+28	9	8,9	8	50	1,2	6,25
BEXT	136Xe	2,13E-06	15	6,25	1,25E+28	9	8,9	8	50	1,2	6,25

Fixed <m_{ββ}> sensitivity

- Let's revers our argument and design an experiment with a sensitivity $\langle m_{\beta\beta} \rangle = 10 \text{ meV}$ (g_A=1.25 and a background level such to maintain each isotope in the ZB condition)
- What is its scale and cost?

		Bkg	FWHM	M _{iso}	T ^{1/2} 0v (ZB)	Cost(iso)	a.i.	Cost(iso)	Prod.	Cost(nat)	M _{tot}
		[c/keV/kg/y]	[keV]	[ton]	[yr]	[M€]	[%]	[€/g]	[ton/y]	€/g	[ton]
MAGE	76Ge	2,29E-05	3	2,62	2,57E+28	184	7,8	70	165	1,2	2,92
CUPID ZnSe	82Se	9,68E-06	10	1,03	9,16E+27	72	9,2	70	2275	0,8	2,07
CUPID ZnMO4	100Mo	7,73E-06	9	1,13	8,19E+27	113	7,6	100	266000	0,02	2,88
CUPID CdWO4	116Cd	4,27E-06	6	2,24	1,4E+28	336	9,6	150	22200	0,06	7,81
CUPID TeO2	130Te	2,27E-05	5	1,27	7,72E+27	17	34,2	13	150	0,03	1,76
SNO++	130Te	1,21E-07	270	5,53	7,72E+27	72	34,2	13	150	0,03	6,15
nEXO+	136Xe	9,36E-07	58	3,32	1,11E+28	27	8,9	8	50	1,2	3,68
Kam-Zen	136Xe	1,3E-07	250	5,53	1,11E+28	44	8,9	8	50	1,2	6,14
BEXT	136Xe	2,17E-06	15	5,53	1,11E+28	44	8,9	8	50	1,2	6,14



What do we know about?



WIMP detection it in the lab?

- By searching for collisions of invisibles particles with atomic nuclei => E_{vis} (q ~ tens of MeV)
- Need very low energy thresholds
- Need *ultra-low backgrounds*, good background understanding (no "beam off" data collection mode) and discrimination
- Need large detector masses



The WIMP landscape



Low mass WIMPs: observed?



CDMS-Si, DAMA/ LIBRA,CoGeNT, CRESST: excess of events above the *known* backgrounds





DM experiments

Experiment	Technique	Lab	Isotope/Mass	Since
SuperCDMS	LowT	SNOLAB	92 kg Ge, 11 kg	
CRESST	LowT	LNGS	5kg CaWO4	2013→
Edelweiss	LowT	LSM	30 kg Ge	2014→
DAMIC	CCD	SNOLAB	100 g Si	2015→
COUPP	Bubble	SNOLAB	60 kg CF₃l	→2014
PICASSO/PICO	Bubble	SNOLAB		
Xmass	LXe SP	Kamioka	835/150 kg	2013→
CLEAN	LAr SP	SNOLAB	500/100 kg	2014→
DEAP	LAr SP	SNOLAB	3600/1000 kg	2014→
XENON100	LXe TPC	LNGS	161/50 kg	2013→
LUX	LXe TPC	SURF	370/100 kg	2013→
PANDAX	LXe TPC	CJPL	125/37 kg	2014→
ArDM	LAr TPC	LSC	850/100 kg	2014→
DarkSide	LAr TPC	LNGS	50/33 kg depl.	2014→

Future Cryogenic Experiments at T~ mK

- SuperCDMS at SNOLab: approved by NSF&DoE
- Collaboration between SuperCDMS and EURECA, at the ~100 kg level
- (cryostat can house up to 400 kg target material)
- Multi-target approach (CaWO₃, Ge), start data taking in 2018 Reach for SI cross sections: 8x10⁻⁴⁷ cm²



Future noble liquid detectors

- Under construction: XENON1T at LNGS, 3.1 t LXe in total
- Future: LUX-ZEPLIN (7 t LXe) (approved by NSF&DoE), XENONnT (n=6-7 t LXe) (to be proposed), XMASS (5 t LXe), DarkSide (5 t LAr) (R&D funds)
- Design and R&D: "ultimate detector" DARWIN (~20 t LXe and/or 50 t LAr)



Directional information

- Yes, but mostly for low WIMP masses
- Many directional techniques currently in R&D phase
- Might be difficult to reach the 10⁻⁴⁸ 10⁻⁴⁹ cm² cross section with this technique

36.6 t yr exposure, 500 (solar) nu events

367 t yr exposure, 500 nu events



P. Grothaus, M. Fairbairn, J. Monroe, arXiv: 1406.5047

Perspectives



Direct neutrino mass measurements

Direct measurements of neutrino mass



• Kinematic determination of the neutrino mass is the only model independent measurement

Direct measurements of neutrino mass



KATRIN

- Large electrostatic spectrometer with gaseous ³H source (Q=18.6keV)
- Expected statistical sensitivity: m_{ve} < 0.2 eV 90% CL
- Expected start of data taking in 2016





Project8

First measured electron and spectra (summer 2014)



Effective volume, m

¹⁶³Ho + $e^- \rightarrow {}^{163}$ Dy* + v_e

- Calorimetric measurement of ¹⁶³Dy atomic de-excitation (mostly non-radiative)
- Rate at end-point and v mass sensitivity depend on Q

$$\frac{d\lambda_{EC}}{dE_c} = \frac{G_{\beta}^2}{4\pi^2} (Q - E_c) \sqrt{(Q - E_c)^2 - m_{\nu}^2} \times \sum_i n_i C_i \beta_i^2 B_i \frac{\Gamma_i}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(E_c - E_i)^2 + \Gamma_i^2/4}$$

- Missing precise measure of Q_{EC} = 2.2-2.8 keV.
- T_{1/2} ≈ 4570 years: few active nuclei needed
- Advantages:
 - Source = detector
 - All energy is detected
 - No molecular final states
 - Self-calibrating
- Challenges:
 - $\Delta E_{FWHM} < 10 \text{ eV}$
 - T_{rise} < 1 µs to avoid background due to pile-up
 - Clean isotope production and incorporation
 - Huge arrays needed (high speed MUX, data handling)

M. Galeazzi et al., arXiv:1202.4763v2



Conclusions

- Rare event searches have a strong scientific motivation
 - Neutrinoless double beta decay is still the only practical approach to the question of the neutrino nature
 - Neutrino mass value and origin is an indispensable piece of information
 - WIMP searches are quickly reaching the parameter regions dominated by neutrino scattering
 - Observed anomalies in the WIMP low mass region need to be confirmed/ understood
- Next generation experiments are mostly based on consolidated technologies properly scaled to match the needed sensitivity
- The true challenge is the reduction of the background i.e. the clear identification of a weak signal with a blurred signature
- In this respect new technological improvements can make the difference and foster new enhanced approaches
- On the other hand, background issues cover all the aspects of the experiment and require specific technologies, know-how and resources
- The quest for a clean (radio-pure), quick and large scale production of specific isotopes is also a challenge
- All future experiments are aiming at ton-size scales. Cost and time are correspondingly increasing and a new challenge is raising: competition.



MAGE



MJD:

- Modules of ^{enr}Ge housed in high-purity
- electroformed copper cryostat
- Shield: electroformed copper / lead
- Initial phase: R&D demonstrator module:
- Total 40 kg (29 kg enr.)

GERDA

GERDA



GERDA:

- 'Bare' enrGe array in liquid argon
- Shield: high purity liquid Argon / H2O
- Phase I (2013): 21.6 kg · yr
- Phase II (2015): add ~20 kg new detectors -Total ~40 kg
- Joint Cooperative Agreement:
- Open exchange of knowledge & technologies (e.g. MaGe, R&D)

Intention is to merge for Large Scale Ge.

Select best techniques developed and tested in GERDA and MAJORANA

CUPID: CUORE Upgrade with Particle IDentification

• White papers: arXiv:1504.03599, arXiv:1504.03612

- Artusa, D.R. et al. Eur. Phys. J. C74 (2014) 10, 3096, arXiv:1404.4469
- Next-generation bolometric tonne-scale experiment
- Based on the CUORE design and CUORE cryogenics
 - Largest cryostat and DU built; mature technology
 - 988 enriched (90%) crystals, PID with light detection
- 4 options considered:
 - ¹³⁰TeO₂ : phonons + Cherenkov detector
 - Zn⁸²Se, Zn¹⁰⁰MoO₄, ¹¹⁶CdWO₄ : phonons +scintillation
- Aim for zero-background measurement
- Sensitivity to entire IH region
 - CUORE geometry and background model
 - 99.9% α rejection @ >90% signal efficiency (5 σ separation of α and β)
 - 5 keV FWHM resolution
 - Challenge: nearly zero background measurement: background goal <0.02 events / (ton-year)
 - Half-life sensitivity $(2-5) \times 10^{27}$ years in 10 years (3σ)
 - m_{ßß} sensitivity 6-20 meV (3σ)



α/β discrimination



nEXO

Concept

- Large ultra-pure volume of enriched liquid ¹³⁶Xenon
- Contaminants removed by filtering
- Use ultra-low radioactivity material around the LXe
- Then rely on self-shielding
- Measure ionization e-
- Reconstruct position on segmented anode (wires or pads/strips)
- Excellent multi-pulse separation
- Measure scintillation photons
- Timing for drift direction position reconstruction
- Achieve excellent energy resolution combining with charge measurement

Based on the successful operation of EXO-200

EXO-200:

- ~150 kg enriched LXe detector
- operation 2011-2014 @ WIPP



nEXO:

- ~5,000kg LXe detector
- pre-conceptual stage
- based @ SNOLAB



KamLAND-Zen program



SNO+

- SNO heavy water replaced by 780 tonnes of liquid scintillator
 - ~9500 PMTs
 - 1700 + 5700 tonnes ultra-pure water shielding
 - New rope net to hold down the 6m radius acrylic vessel
 - 6800' underground in SNOLAB
- Stable loading of aqueous Te(OH)₆ in SNO+ scintillator with good optical properties achieved by BNL
- 780 tonne detector and high 130Te isotopic abundance gives large isotope mass
 - 0.3 0.5% Te (by weight) in SNO+
 Phase I is 2.34 3.9 tonnes of Te or
 800 1333 kg of ¹³⁰Te
 - Percent level loading is feasible
 - 3% Te in SNO+ Phase II would give 8 tonnes of ¹³⁰Te



NEXT



• High Pressure Xenon (HPXe)

- TPC operating in EL mode.
- Filled with 100 kg of Xenon enriched at 90% in ¹³⁶Xe (in stock) at a pressure of 15 bar.
- Event energy is integrated by a plane of radiopure PMTs located behind a transparent cathode (energy plane), which also provide t₀.
- Event topology is reconstructed by a plane of radiopure silicon pixels (MPPCs) (tracking plane).

Start operation 2nd half 2016







detector concept

Test underground,

radiopure operation

double beta decay

searches

90% sensitivities

	Isotope	Q	FWHM	B _{iso}	Performance	Scale/time	counts [1y]	Sensitivity [90% CL]	<m<sub>ββ> [meV]</m<sub>
CUORE0	130Te	2527	5	1,7E-01	1,6E-01	7,3E+01	11,7	9,2E+24	290
CUORE	130Te	2527	5	2,9E-02	2,67E-02	1,4E+03	37,1	9,82E+25	89
GERDA-I	76Ge	2039	4,5	2,3E-02	1,09E-02	1,2E+02	1,4	4,59E+25	237
GERDA-I up	76Ge	2039	3	4,1E-02	1,27E-02	2,9E+01	0,4	2,05E+25	354
GERDA-II	76Ge	2039	3	1,2E-03	3,63E-04	2,9E+02	0,1	2,62E+26	99
K-Zen	136Xe	2458	243,2	9,8E-03	3,23E-01	1E+03	332,9	2,43E+25	213
K-Zen 2	136Xe	2458	243,2	3,1E-04	1,04E-02	1,2E+03	12,4	1,46E+26	87
EXO-200	136Xe	2458	80,9	2,8E-03	4,36E-02	4,1E+02	17,7	4,14E+25	163
EXO-200 2	136Xe	2458	57,8	1,2E-03	1,37E-02	4,1E+02	5,6	7,39E+25	122
MJD	76Ge	2039	3	1,2E-03	3,68E-04	2,4E+02	0,1	2,22E+26	108
SuperNEMO D	82Se	2997	138,6	1,1E-04	4,21E-03	2,3E+01	0,1	2,09E+25	209
SNO+	130Te	2527	267,3	3,7E-04	1,29E-02	1,3E+03	16,2	1,35E+26	76
NEXT	136Xe	2458	19,7	8E-04	8,56E-03	1,7E+02	1,4	5,98E+25	136
CUPID(TeO2)	130Te	2527	5	1,1E-03	1,03E-03	3,59E+03	3,7	8,03E+26	31
CUPID(ZnMoO4)	100Mo	3034,4	5	1,1E-03	1,46E-03	2,5E+03	3,7	5,69E+26	38
CUPID(Li2MoO4)	100Mo	3034,4	5	1,1E-03	1,12E-03	3,3E+03	3,7	7,37E+26	33
CUPID(CdWO4)	116Cd	2813,5	5	1,1E-03	2,34E-03	1,6E+03	3,7	3,54E+26	63
K-Zen II	136Xe	2458	243,2	2E-04	6,56E-03	1,9E+03	12,4	2,31E+26	69
nEXO	136Xe	2458	57,8	3,8E-05	4,19E-04	1,3E+04	5,3	2,36E+27	22
SNO+2	150Nd	3367	229	1,8E-03	1,18E-01	4,3E+02	50,4	2,59E+25	224
SuperNEMO	82Se	2997	138,6	1,1E-04	4,21E-03	4,6E+02	1,9	1,42E+26	80

NME's from J. Barea and F. Iachello, Phys. Rev. C 79 (2009) 044301

Low mass region

Heavily constrained by CDMS-Ge, XENON10, XENON100, LUX, EDELWEISS, CRESST, CoGeNT, PandaX,...



Noble liquid detector concepts

Double phase TPC

Cryogenic experiments

Absorber masses from ~ 100 g to 1400 g

SuperCDMS

new, leading results at low masses

proposed for SNOLAB: Std: ~92 kg Ge, 11 kg Si Lite: 5 kg Ge, 1.2 kg Si

CRESST

18 CaWO₃ detector modules (5 kg) installed at LNGS in 2013

low-background run in 2014, recent results and taking more data

EDELWEISS-III

new run with 36 Ge FID800 (~ 30 kg) detectors since June 2014

End 2014/early 2015: reach 3000 kg x d (125 live days)

2016: reach 1.2 ton x days (500 live days)

XMASS at Kamioka (LXe), DEAP and CLEAN at SNOLab (LAr)

XMASS at Kamioka:

835 kg LXe (100 kg fiducial), single-phase, 642 PMTs unexpected background found detector refurbished *new run since Nov 2013*

CLEAN at SNOLab:

500 kg LAr (150 kg fiducial) single-phase open volume *under construction* **to run in 2014**

DEAP at SNOLab:

3600 kg LAr (1t fiducial) single-phase detector *under construction first data expected in fall 2014*

Ar and Xe TPCs

XENON100 at LNGS:

161 kg LXe (~50 kg fiducial)

242 1-inch PMTs since 2013

LUX at SURF: 370 kg LXe (100 kg fiducial)

122 2-inch PMTs physics run and first results in 2013 **new run in 2014** PandaX at CJPL:

125 kg LXe (37 kg fiducial)

143 1-inch PMTs37 3-inch PMTsfirst results inAugust 2014

ArDM at Canfranc:

850 kg LAr (100 kg fiducial)

28 3-inch PMTs in commissioning **to run 2014** **DarkSide at LNGS:**

50 kg LAr (dep in ³⁹Ar) (33 kg fiducial)

38 3-inch PMTs first data with nondepl Ar in 2014

CCDs for low-mass WIMPs: DAMIC

- Particle identification
- Fiducialisation to reject surface events (X-rays)
- DAMIC100 (100 g Si active mass) under construction at SNOLAB; results in 2015

2012 DAMIC limit 107 g-days with 0.04 keV energy threshold Phys.Lett. B711 (2012) 264-269

Bubble chambers

- Detect single bubbles induced by high dE/dx nuclear recoils in heavy liquid bubble chambers (with acoustic, visual or motion detectors)
- Large rejection factor for MIPs (10¹⁰), scalable to large masses, high spatial granularity
- Existing detectors: SIMPLE, COUPP, PICASSO, PICO 2L
- Future: PICO (PICASSO + COUPP) -> 250 I detector detector at SNOLAB, C3F8 with 3 keV threshold
- MOSCAB: CSN2 R&D

n-induced event (multiple scatter)

WIMP: single scatter

COUPP 60 kg CF₃I detector installed at SNOLAB; physics run until May 2014

PICASSO at SNOLAB

PICO 2L

Spin-dependent limits

Recoil range << 1 μ m in a liquid - very high dE/dx

Directional detectors

R&D on low-pressure gas detectors to measure the recoil direction, correlated to the galactic motion towards Cygnus

Challenge: good angular resolution + head-tail at E_{thr} (~30-50 keV)

DRIFT, Boulby Mine 1 m3, negative ion drift CS₂, CF4, O2 gas DRIFTIII plans: 24 m³ (3 x 8 m3 cells) at Boulby 4 kg target mass DMTPCino TPC at MIT CCD readout 1 m3 prototype, CF4 gas commissioning fall 2014

MIMAC 100x100 mm² 5I chamber at Modane CF₄, CHF₃, H gas

NEWS: Nuclear Emulsion WIMP Search: CSN2 R&D for directional detection with nuclear emulsions

NEWAGE, Kamioka CF₄ gas at 0.1 atm 50 keV threshold

WIMP perspectives

About a factor of 10 increase in sensitivity every 2 years Who knows! Perhaps (hopefully?!) by 2026...

KATRIN

KATRIN progress

Commissioning of the main spectrometer completed in 2014

Spectrometer transmits electrons as expected !

Background rate of order Hz (10 mHz desired). Greater reduction of backgrounds to come

- Elimination of Rn with liquid-nitrogencooled baffles
- Electrostatic shielding of electrons ejected from the spectrometer hull by muons

Radius in analyzing plan (m)

KATRIN sensitivity

- Run time: 5 years (3 years of beam time)
- m_v sensitivity improved by one order of magnitude.

m_v < 0.2eV (90%CL)

 Discovery potential: m_v = 0.3eV (3σ) m_v = 0.35eV (5σ)

 Sensitivity is still limited by statistics

> $\sigma_{stat} = 0.018 \text{ eV}^2$ $\sigma_{syst} = 0.017 \text{ eV}^2$

Project8

Cyclotron Radiation Emission Spectroscopy

- Fill a volume with tritium gas
- Add magnetic field
- Decay electrons spiral around field lines
- Detect the cyclotron radiation
- Non-destructive measurement of electron energy
- Novel technology with promising future perspectives

The frequency of the emitted radiation depends on the relativistic boost

$$\omega_{\gamma} = \frac{\omega_0}{\gamma} = \frac{eB}{K + m_e}$$

Test measuremet with ^{83m}Kr IC line

ECHo

U Milano-Bicocca, INFN Milano/Genova/ Roma, U Lisboa, U Miami, NIST, JPL

- Transition-Edge Sensors (TES)
- ¹⁶³Ho implanted Au absorbers
- Microwave Multiplexing with Kinetic Inductance Detectors (MKIDs).
- Successful funding received for 10³ channels

- 6.5x10¹³ nuclei per detector (300 Bq)
- ΔE≈1eV and τR≈1µs
- 1000 channel array
- 6.5x10^{16 163}Ho nuclei (≈18µg)
- 3x10¹³ events in 3 years

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NuMECS

Los Alamos, NIST, U Madison and others

- Transition-Edge Sensors (TES)
- Good energy resolution (6 eV @ 6 keV with ⁵⁵Fe surrogate).
- Concentration on high purity ¹⁶³Ho production – proton activation of dysprosium
- Show scalability through a demonstrator experiment with 4.10²⁴ TES array of Ho-implanted detectors with RF-SQUID multiplexing

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