# Ricerche dirette di materia oscura (WIMPs, assioni, altro)

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### Observational evidence for DM at all scales



Galaxies



#### Galactic Clusters





### What do we know of Dark Matter?

- Mostly "negative" information:
  - No colour charge
  - No electric charge
  - No strong self-interaction
- Stable, or very long-lived

Cold

CMB evidence that it is non-baryonic PLANCK:  $\Omega_c\approx 5~\Omega_b$ 

DM accounts for almost 85% of total matter in Universe

Nature 445, 286 (2007)



dark matter forms a loose network of filaments, growing over time, which intersect in massive structures at the locations of clusters of galaxies

# WIMPs

#### Weakly Interacting Massive Particles

- Non-baryonic, cold thermal relics from the early Universe
- To account for the missing matter masses should be order of 1-1000 GeV and crosssections at the electroweak scale
- Three ways to search for WIMP DM
  - **Direct detection** of scattering on matter
  - Indirect detection of signals from annihilation (or decay) with CR detectors in space or on ground
  - Production in high energy collisions (LHC)
    - need confirmation from DD or ID to establish it is DM



# WIMP direct detection

 Goodman & Witten (1985):
 "Detectability of certain dark matter candidates"  $\chi N \rightarrow \chi N$ elastic scattering off nuclei



$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = N_T \frac{\rho_{\chi}}{m_{\chi}} \times \int d\mathbf{v} f(\mathbf{v}) \, \mathbf{v} \frac{d\sigma_{\chi}}{dE_R}$$



- Large detector mass, long exposure
- Low energy threshold
- Ultra-low radioactive bg
- Good bg discrimination

Nuclear recoil energy  $\approx 1 \div 100 \text{ keV}$ 

# WIMP signatures

- WIMP halo  $\rightarrow$  WIMP wind
  - Solar system orbit around the galactic center (~220 km/s)
- Annual rate modulation
  - Earth orbit (±30 km/s, few % effect)
  - Model independent, but background could in principle be similarly modulated!
- Sidereal direction modulation
  - Measure angle between WIMP apparent direction and Earth bound detector
  - Directional signature (unique to WIMPs)
  - O(10) rate variation between parallel and perpendicular directions (large effect)



### WIMP direct searches current status

#### • DAMA signal

- 2.46 ton × yr exposure
- annual modulation signature observed over 20 annual cycles (12.9 σ)
- ANAIS, COSINE-100 and SABRE set to replicate the experiment
- Other techniques
  - no observations so far
  - hard to reconcile results under standard WIMP scenarios



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# Low mass: CRESST

- First CRESST-III run 07/2016 02/2018
- Unprecedented low nuclear recoil thresholds of 30 eV
- Leading sensitivity over one order of magnitude:
  - 160 MeV/c<sup>2</sup> → 1.8 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- CRESST-III phase 2 will push further the threshold (10 eV), exposure (1tonne\*day with 1000 CRESST modules) and background (improving a factor of ~100) to approach the neutrino floor.





### Noble liquids spearheading WIMP searches





- Increased LXe mass in the TPC:  $2t \rightarrow 6t$ .
- Reused most of the existing systems and infrastructures developed for XENON1T.
- Background from Rn reduced by factor 10, thanks to cryogenic distillation.
- Neutron background reduced with an active neutron veto around the cryostat.
- Expected sensitivity on WIMP-nucleon SI cross-section will improve by a factor 10 with 20 tonne x year data (about 5 years of live time).

### The Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration



- Currently taking data:
  - ArDM at LSC
  - DarkSide-50 at LNGS
  - DEAP-3600 at SNOLAB

- Next step: DarkSide-20k at LNGS (2022-)
- Last step: 300 tonnes detector, location t.b.d (2027-)
- A collaboration supported by the three Underground Labs

# CERN as a technological hub for DarkSide

- Key technologies enabling DarkSide-20k and future liquid argon program
- Low radioactivity argon
  - ARIA cryogenic distillation column leak tests and technical review
- Cryogenic Photosensors
  - NOA large area Photon Detector Modules integration tests
- Cryogenics for liquid argon detectors
  - **Proto-DUNE** cryostats





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### SiPM to enhance LAr technology

- Advantages w/r to cryogenic PMTs
  - Very compact, much lower radioactivity
  - Light yield increase by 50%
  - Greater stability
  - Ten-fold reduction of costs per unit area
  - SiPMs love to run at LAr temperature!
- A full chain (development-production-packaging-testing) strategy largely funded by Regione Abruzzo
  - Custom SiPM development for cryogenic temperature (FBK)
  - Industrial cooperation for large-scale production (LFoundry)
  - Radiopure packaging of the tiles and of the cryogenic FE readout board (Nuova Officina Assergi - NOA)



## DarkSide-Proto @CERN

1-ton TPC prototype of DS-20k detector will allow:

- validation of the design of mechanics and cryogenics of the TPC
- integration tests of the custom SIPM-Photosensors and of the full read-out electronics and data acquisition chain



# Scalability: a LAr shield for DarkSide-20k

- AAr in ProtoDune style large cryostat to provide shielding and active VETO
- Would benefit from an important technological contribution from CERN allowing to eliminate Liquid Scintillator Veto and Water tank
- Significantly simplify the overall system complexity and operation
- Fully scalable design for future larger size detector (300 ton)



### CERN Neutrino Platform:

- Two almost identical cryostats built for NP02 and NP04 experiments
- About 8x8x8 m<sup>3</sup> inner volume, 750 t of LAr in each one
- Cryostat technology and expertise taken from LNG industry
- Construction time: 55 weeks (NP04), 37 weeks (NP02)
- Thought since the beginning to be installable underground





Internal : polyurethane ~78 cm, 90 kg/m³, heat input ~6.5 W/m²



# DarkSide future program

20-	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34
DS-Proto																			
DS-20k																			
GADMC																			

DarkSide-20k a 20-tonnes fiducial argon detector 100 tonne×year background-free search for dark matter

### GADMC detector

a 300-tonnes depleted argon detector I,000 tonne×year background-free search for dark matter

# European Astroparticle Physics Strategy 2017-2026

### **5. Dark Matter**

APPEC encourages the continuation of a diverse and vibrant programme (including experiments as well as detector R&D) searching for WIMPs and non-WIMP Dark Matter. With its global partners, APPEC aims to converge around 2019 on a strategy aimed at realising worldwide at least one 'ultimate' Dark Matter detector based on xenon (in the order of 50 tons) and one based on argon (in the order of 300 tons), as advocated respectively by DARWIN and Argo.

# Directional detection: beyond the neutrino floor

- Mature technology: gaseous TPC (DRIFT, MIMAC, DMTPC, NEWAGE, D3, CYGNO)
- R&D on several other techniques:



• NEWS

- Nanometric track direction measurement in nuclear emulsions
- Exploit resonant light scattering using polarised light
- Measurement of track slope and length beyond the optical resolution
- Unprecedented accuracy of 6 nm achieved on both coordinates

Barycenter shift (100keV C ion)

#### • RED

- Columnar Recombination in liquid argon TPC
- PTOLEMY
  - Graphene target (nanoribbon or nanotubes)



# Axions, ALPs, WISPs

- Origins in particle physics (extensions to Standard Model, strong CP problem)
- sub-eV Dark Matter candidates
- Low energy scale dictates experimental approach
- WISP searches are complementary to WIMP searches



WISP = Weakly Interacting Slim Particles Slim = sub-eV ALP = Axion Like Particles

# WISP detection

- Pierre Sikivie (1983): "Experimental Tests of the invisible Axion", based on the conversion of axions to photons:
  - in a static magnetic field, the axion can "borrow" a virtual photon from the field and turn into a real photon
- Three main approaches being pursued:
  - **Haloscopes** (look directly for dark-matter WISPs in the galactic halo of MW)
  - Helioscopes (search for ALPs or axions emitted by the Sun)
  - Laboratory experiments (generate and detect ALPs in a single setup)





# Haloscopes

### The QUAX approach: axion-electron coupling

- Due to the motion of the solar system in the galaxy, the axion DM cloud acts as an effective RF magnetic field on electron spin
- RF field excites magnetic transition in a magnetized sample (Larmor frequency) with a static magnetic field
  B<sub>0</sub> and can produces a detectable signal
- The interaction with axion field produces a variation of magnetization which is in principle measurable



## Haloscopes

### QUAX: latest results / perspectives



Another proposal called KLASH is exploring the possibility of studying the 0.2  $\mu\text{eV}$  range

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### THE KLASH AXION CALLING (... and I live by the river)

- KLoe magnet for Axions SearcH
  - arXiv:1707.06010 (Alesini, Babusci, Di Gioacchino, Gatti, Lamanna, Ligi)
  - Draft LOI submitted to CSN2
- Proposal of a large Haloscope @ LNF
- Search of galactic axions in the mass range 0.3-1 µeV
- Large volume RF Cavity (35 m<sup>3</sup>)
- Moderate magnetic field (0.6 T)
- Copper rf cavity Q~600,000
- T 4.2 K





### Light shining through a wall



- Magnetic field: H = 11T, L = 1.5 m
- Source: gyrotron;  $P \approx 100$  kW,  $\Phi_{\gamma} = 10^{27}$  s<sup>-1</sup>,  $\varepsilon_{\gamma} = 120$  µeV ( $v \approx 30$  GHz)
- Fabry-Perot cavity: finesse  $Q \approx 10^4$
- Sub-THz single-photon detection based on TES technology,  $\eta\approx 1$
- Possible second FP cavity behind the wall to enhance axion-photon conversion rate P. Sikivie, D.B. Tanner and K. Van Bibber, Phys. Rev. Lett. 98, 172002 (2007)

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Active Superconducting Region

### Light shining through a wall

### 11T dipole magnet

- The HL-LHC Project implies beams of larger intensity
  - Additional collimators are needed
- Two collimators to be installed on either side of interaction point 7
  - Replace a standard Main Dipole by a pair of shorter 11 T Dipoles
- 5 single aperture short models fabricated and tested by CERN TE-MSC team
  - Bore field ranging from 10 to 12 T
  - 60 mm coil aperture
  - ~1.5 m magnetic length











STAX project presented within the CERN Physics Beyond Collider document for the EU Strategy Detector developed in collaboration with the CNR-nano and NEST Scuola Normale Pisa

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# Vacuum magnetic birefringence (VMB) and Vacuum magnetic dichroism (VMD)

- The existence of ALPs is expected to generate both VMB and VMD.
- Light-by-light scattering predicted by QED will also generate VMB but not VMD.
- These effects could in principle be detected by very sensitive polarimeters.

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- PVLAS has reached a noise floor in VMB a factor 7 above the expected QED value. The same experiment has also set laboratory limits on the existence of ALPs.
- A new optical scheme has been proposed which would allow the use of superconducting dipole magnets such as those developed at CERN for LHC. This possibility would greatly enhance the physics potential [EPJC (2016) 76:294].
- The OSQAR collaboration has already used LHC magnets to set limits on the existence of axion-like-particles at lower masses with respect to the PVLAS limits using regeneration.

#### Relevant themes of the PBC-technology group at CERN

### Understanding the nature of Dark Matter

#### Complementarity

- LHC experiments probe the sub-TeV range for WIMPs. But, if WIMPs are discovered by the LHC, an astrophysical detection will be necessary to connect the produced particles with the cosmic dark matter.
- For WIMP masses at multi-TeV, only direct and indirect detection methods have significant discovery potential.

#### Common strategic planning of future research

maximize the combined DM search potential



Beyond detector R&D: CERN as a technological Hub

### Technology

- Magnets, Superconductors, Cryostats
- Vacuum & Cryogenics
- LAr detectors
- SiPM + electronics
- R&D + applications

Global collaboration and coordination

#### **Underground laboratories**

- Historically, in competition to gain scientific leadership in different fields of research
- However, increasing size of experiments needs larger investment of human, technological and financial resources
- Birth of a global strategy for international collaboration:
  - specialization of laboratories → "network" by pooling resources and expertise
  - ambition to create supranational structures, on the CERN model, possibly "spread" on different experimental sites.

#### **Overlapping areas of research**

- See for instance US Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel (P5):
  - Cosmic, Energy and Intensity Frontiers, on equal grounds within the larger field of particle physics

#### **Diversification strategy**

- An example: CERN/Fermilab joint LAr programme for neutrino physics
  - Technology + physics reach



### Convention for the Establishment of a European Organization for Nuclear Research (1953)

#### ARTICLE II : Purposes

- 2. The Organization shall, ... (omissis) ..., confine its activities to the following:
  - a. the construction and operation of one or more international laboratories (hereinafter referred to as "the Laboratories") for research on high-energy particles, including work in the field of cosmic rays; each Laboratory shall include:
    - i. one or more particle accelerators;
    - ii. the necessary ancillary apparatus for use in the research programmes carried out by means of the machines referred to in (i) above;
    - iii. the necessary buildings to contain the equipment referred to in (i) and (ii) above and for the administration of the Organization and the fulfilment of its other functions;
  - b. the organization and sponsoring of international co-operation in nuclear research, **including co-operation outside the Laboratories**; this co-operation may include in particular:
    - a. work in the field of theoretical nuclear physics;
    - b. the promotion of contacts between, and the interchange of, scientists, the dissemination of information, and the provision of advanced training for research workers;
    - c. collaborating with and advising other research institutions;
    - d. work in the field of cosmic rays.