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CXGNO & INTIUM Directional Dark Matter searches with optical readout

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Planck Data 2018



Dark Matter holds it together Dark Energy determines its destiny

G S I Gravitational DM evidences G S I

"Dark" Matter because it does not interact with light

Galaxy rotation curves





Galaxies motion inside clusters



Cosmic Microwave Background



Galactic Collisions



Big Bang Nucleosynthesis



Larger scales explored, older times probed



S **WIMP DM searches** GS G S S in collisions in the sky Efficient production now Efficient annihilation now χ (Particle colliders) (Indirect detection) Pesitrons Quarks -Missing transverse C Electrons Protor Lightest Neutrinos Supersymmetric upersymmetric quark/gluon upersymme W/Z partners particles partners Leptons Antiprotons Missing transverse Ð Supersymmetric momentur neutrolinos Protons Bosons Efficient scattering now $\chi \chi
ightarrow e^+ e^-$, $p \overline{p}$ $p + p \rightarrow \chi + a$ lot (Direct detection)



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G S How to detect something invisible? G S

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Detectability of certain dark-matter candidates

Mark W. Goodman and Edward Witten Joseph Henry Laboratories, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey 08544 (Received 7 January 1985)

We consider the possibility that the neutral-current neutrino detector recently proposed by Drukier and Stodolsky could be used to detect some possible candidates for the dark matter in galactic halos. This may be feasible if the galactic halos are made of particles with coherent weak interactions and masses $1-10^6$ GeV; particles with spin-dependent interactions of typical weak strength and masses $1-10^2$ GeV; or strongly interacting particles of masses $1-10^{13}$ GeV.

DM v~10⁻³c, based on local galactic rotation velocity Look for signature of recoiling nucleus



G S S I Traveling through space G S S I





G S S I Non-relativistic collision S I



Interaction rate is extremely low & backgrounds extremely high

G S S I Direct DM searches signal & backgrounds S I



G S S I Direct DM searches backgrounds I

Neutrinos from Sun, atmospheric and diffuse supernovae





Cosmic rays & cosmogenic activation of detector materials



Natural radioactivity from ²³⁸U, ²³²Th, ²²²Rn, ⁴⁰K...



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Only if you can measure track direction (i.e. correlate with the source), only for Solar Neutrinos





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G S Direct Dark Matter search signal S I

Increasing reliability of any observed signal, increasing difficulty in the experimental technique



Energy dependence: a falling exponential with <u>no peculiar features</u>

What most of experiments measure

Temporal dependence: <u>a few %</u> annual modulation

Directional dependence: an <u>O(100)</u> forward/backward asymmetry that <u>no background</u> <u>whatsoever can mimic</u>

G S S I Directional DM searches features S I

The only approach able to unambiguously and positively identify a DM signal

Capability to reject isotropy down to low threshold, i.e. to fight all backgrounds, including neutral

A. M. Green et. al, Astropart. Phys. 27 (2007) 142

Capability to leap beyond the Neutrino Floor and to do Neutrino physics

P. Grothaus, et al, Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) no.5

Capability to probe DM nature once discovered

F. Mayet et al., Phys. Rept 627 (2016)

difference from baseline configuration	N_{90}	N_{95}
none	7	11
$E_{TH} = 0 \text{ keV}$	13	21
no recoil reconstruction uncertainty	5	9
$E_{TH} = 50 \text{ keV}$	5	7
$E_{TH} = 100 \text{ keV}$	3	5
S/N = 10	8	14
S/N = 1	17	27
S/N = 0.1	99	170
3-d axial read-out	81	130
2-d vector read-out in optimal plane, raw angles	18	26
2-d axial read-out in optimal plane, raw angles	1100	1600
2-d vector read-out in optimal plane, reduced angles	12	18
2-d axial read-out in optimal plane, reduced angles	190	270





WIMP signal in principle detectable with order 10 events

Sun neutrinos physics through CNNS

DM astronomy & DM interactions

G S I Experimental techniques S I



G S I CYGNUS-TPC vision



A multi-site Galactic Nuclear Recoil Observatory at the tonscale to probe Dark Matter below the Neutrino Floor and measure ⁸B solar Neutrinos <u>with directionality</u>

- CYGNUS-TPC Collaboration Meeting @ GSSI June 2018
- Helium/Fluorine-based gaseous TPC for sensitivity to low mass WIMP region for both SI and SD couplings
- Goal of zero background operation after electron/gamma rejection and fiducialization at O(keV)
- Directional and gamma/electron rejection thresholds at O(keV)



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G S Gas TPC concept & features S I



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Energy loss and track topology to efficiently reject background at O(keV) energy threshold



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Helium-Fluorine gaseous target for simultaneous Spin Independent & Spin Dependent sensitivity to O(GeV) WIMPs



Energy loss and track topology to efficiently reject background at O(keV) energy threshold



G S S I CYGNO's change of paradigm: go for the light S I



G. Charpak at al., NIM A258 (1987)

In the amplification process, photons are produced together with electrons

G S CYGNO amplification & readout S I

GEM amplification





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Ionization clusters Ionizing track Electrons Photons Photons

PMT:





Single photon sensitivity Widely used in particle physics and DM searches





GEM amplification





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sCMOS:

slow, high granularity X-Y + energy measurements



Market pulled
 Single photon sensitivity
 Decoupled from target
 Large areas with proper optics
 Spectral response matched to CF4



GEM amplification





fast, integrated Z + energy measurement



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500

wavelength (nm)

400

He:CF₄

spectrum

600

700

800

600

500

400

100

0

200

300

('n'') 200 to



CYGNO gas mixture

HeCF₄ Gain and photons efficiency



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G S I CYGNUS-RD project (2016-2018) G S I

JINST 13 (2018) no.05, P05001

10 x 10 x 1 cm³ 0.1 Liters Triple thin GEMs CMOS & PMT on same side



ORANGE: small prototype Optically ReAdout GEms Camera distance ± 18 cm

PoS EPS-HEP2017 (2017) 077

24 x 20 x 20 cm³ 9.6 Liters Triple thin GEMs CMOS & PMT on opposite sides



LEMOn: large prototype Large Elliptical Module Optically readout Camera distance ± 53 cm

Equipped with a suitable large aperture (f/0.95) and E. Baracchini - a short focal length (25 mm) lens

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G S S I SCMOS: photographing 2D tracks S I



G S ORANGE: SCMOS 2D tracking performances (XY)





About 330 detected photons per track millimetre (for V_{GEM} = 440V), i.e. 230 eV released in gas (from Garfield).

$\begin{bmatrix} G & S \\ S & I \end{bmatrix}$ PMT: fast sensing of track orientation (Δz) $\begin{bmatrix} G & S \\ S & I \end{bmatrix}$



1 cm in 140 ns => drift velocity 7.2 cm/µs in agreement with Garfield expectation of 7.3 cm/µs.



O(100) um 3D tracking with high quality particle identification (PID)

G S Energy threshold: response to ⁵⁵Fe 5.9 keV (NFR)

threshold at ± 1 keV in both prototype



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G S LEMOn tracking performances





Energy resolution was studied at different depths (Z).



In the few keV region a relative resolution of 20%-30% is achieved

G S S I Fiducialization in the drift direction exploiting diffusion S I

or else, suppression of RPRs (i.e. surface) backgrounds

The high readout granularity and position resolution allows to to measure coordinate along drift direction fitting for the diffusion



G S S I ORANGE: response to AmBe neutrons & PID S I

or else, small prototype response to WIMP-like (i.e. neutrons) scattering & capability to distinguish them from backgrounds

1-10 MeV neutrons along with 4 MeV and 60 keV photons. A 0.2 T magnetic field was present within the drift field provided by a permanent magnet.



G S **ORANGE: response to AmBe neutrons & PID** S 1

Nuclear recoils clearly distinguishable from #photons/pixel (i.e. ionisation density)



Please note: only ionisation density used. PID can be complement and largely improved combining it with track topology and track length vs energy

G S S I LEMOn: nuclear recoils from AmBe with directionality S I

Hint of directionality down to low thresholds!

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A CYGNus tpc module with Optical readout

G S CYGNO roadmap towards 30-100 m³ G S I

G S I PHASE I: detector concept G S I

Gas Electron Multipliers (GEMs) amplification

Electron Microscopy of a GEM Foil 30µm Copper Kapton 50µm 300V

Image CERN GDD Group (2001)

Transparent texturised mylar cathode a'la DRIFT

*gammas & neutrons shielding not shown but present

PMT + sCMOS optical readout <u>decoupled</u> from target volume

Atmospheric pressure & room temperature: minimal infrastructure

Year	Rich. (k€)
(CSN5) 2018	29
(TDR) 2019	89
2020	237
2021	284
2022	83
Tot (20-22)	604

Active contribution from several CYGNUS-TPC members 18 cameras monitoring 330*330 mm each with 160 mµ resolution

A total of 72 10⁶ readout 165 x 165 μm² pixels

G S S I PHASE_1 very preliminary background budget S I

Full simulation on going with sCMOS camera & GEMs activities recently measured @ LNGS

	Component	Material	n bkg $[cts/yr]$	γ bkg [cts/yr]	
Preliminary	Environment (after shield.)	Rock, concrete	1×10^{-3}	0.01	
	Ex. shielding	H ₂ O, Steel, Cu, Veto	1×10^{-3}	1×10^2	
	In. shielding + field cage	Acrylic, Cu	1×10^{-6}	1×10^2	
background	GEMs	Kapton, Cu	4×10^{-2}	3×10^3	
budget	Cathode (after fid.)	Mylar	1×10^{-6}	2×10^2	
	Vessel	Steel or plastic?	1 bar == thin vessel		
	PMTs	Glass, electronics	>50 cm from gas volume		
	sCMOS	Si, electronics	>50 cm from gas volume		

G S ERC Consolidator Grant

PHASE_1 is funded as a synergy to the INITIUM project

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INITIUM innovation: atmospheric pressure negative ion He gas mixture with <u>3D optical</u> readout demonstrator towards the development of 100-1000 m³ directional DM detector

G S I Negative ion drift concept G S I

Reduced diffusion, improved tracking & additional means of fiducialization

 Primary ionization electrons are captured by the electronegative gas molecules at tens of um
 Anions drift to the anode acting as the effective image carrier instead of the electrons

- At the amplification stage, anions are stripped of the additional electron and common electron avalanche is generated
- This effectively reduces both longitudinal and transverse diffusion to thermal limit

 $\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{2kTL}{eE}} = 0.7 \,\mathrm{mm} \left(\frac{T}{300 \,\mathrm{K}}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{580 \,\mathrm{V/cm}}{E}\right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{L}{50 \,\mathrm{cm}}\right)^{1/2}$ low diffusion increases active volume per readout area

$\begin{bmatrix} G & S \\ S & I \end{bmatrix}$ SF₆: a new non-toxic player in the negative ion game $\begin{bmatrix} G \\ S \end{bmatrix}$

First evidence for SF₆ negative ion operation in July 2015

Discovered by CYGNO & INITIUM University of New Mexico collaborators

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S I NITEC: a Negative Ion Time Expansion Chamber (2015-2016)

This project has been funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the Marie Sklodowska-Curie grant agreement No 657751

Cathode Timepix 55 x 55 um² pixels ield cage rings No silicon in our TimePix, just charge collection Amplifier GEMPix = triple thin GEM 3 x 3 cm² + TimePix Thresho Compa Field cage: rings support structure (in black in the picture) manufactured with 3D printer at Counte 669 LNF Start of TOA, TOT or Frame Triple GEM counting mode Timepix Quad Timepix ASIC Threshold Noise Clock **Developed at LNF** Adjustable dk from 50 kHz to in collaboration **100 MHz SUITABLE for both** with CERN electron and negative ion drift

Charge pixel readout with negative ion drift

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First ever negative ion operation at nearly atmospheric pressure with SF₆

Opened the doors for a realistic development of negative ion TPC at 1 bar with SF₆

Low density

INITIUM gas mixture

±80% He

Kinematic match to O(GeV) WIMPs

Longer tracks at low energies

He:CF4:SF6 1 kg mass, 1 m³ volume

±19% CF4

- Quencher with high light yield
- Spectrum matched to sCMOS
- Fluorine for SD sensitivity

±1% SF₆

- Induce negative ion drift (NID)
- **NID reduce x 20 diffusion**
- NID provides fiducialization

Increased active volume per unit area with same or improved performances

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G S S I CYGNO prospects sensitivity at low WIMP masses S I

Zero background assumed

G S Direct DM search future G S I

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Incompatible results: only a directional experiment can test the galactic origin of the observed signal DM is excluded to the Neutrino Floor: only a directional experiment can continue DM searches and study neutrinos

G S Stay tuned for CYGNO birth! G S S

20	18 20)19 20	20 20	21 20)22
@ ROMA1/LNF	@ LNF	@ LNF	@ LNF	@ LNGS	
ORANGE		TDR	Construction & test	Installation & data taking	CYGNUS

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Backup slides

G S I Radon Progeny Recoils S I

G S WIMP Sun neutrinos background S I

The Sun is never superimposed to the WIMP incoming direction during its yearly revolution

Clear directional signature for neutrinos from the Sun

