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- With today's telescopes, we can observe the Milky Way (*and our Universe*) using light not only on the visible region, but in many different wavelengths
- However, one of its major components the dark matter is not directly visible



Evidence for the existence of an unseen, "*dark*", component in the energy density of the Universe comes from several independent observations at different length scales



History of Dark Matter

Jacobus Kapteyn: First Attempt at a Theory of the Arrangement and Motion of the Sidereal System, Astrophysical Journal, vol. 55, p.302 (1922)

> Remark. Dark matter. It is important to note that what has here been determined is the total mass within a definite volume, divided by the number of luminous stars. I will call this mass the average effective mass of the stars. It has been possible to include the luminous stars completely owing to the assumption that at present we know the luminosity-curve over so large a part of its course that further extrapolation seems allowable.

> Now suppose that in a volume of space containing l luminous stars there be dark matter with an aggregate mass equal to Kl average luminous stars; then, evidently the effective mass equals $(l+K) \times average$ mass of a luminous star.

> We therefore have the means of estimating the mass of dark <u>matter in the universe</u>. As matters stand at present it appears at once that this mass cannot be excessive. If it were otherwise, the average mass as derived from binary stars would have been very much lower than what has been found for the effective mass.



History of Dark Matter

Fritz Zwicky, On the masses of nebulae and of clusters of nebulae, The Atrophysical Journal 86 (1937):







"If this would be confirmed we would get the surprising result that **dark matter** is present in <u>much greater amount</u> <u>than luminous matter</u>."

History of Dark Matter

• Smith 1936, Mass of Virgo Cluster: *"It is possible that [mass estimates] are correct, and that the difference represents a great mass of intranebular material in the cluster"* ApJ, vol. 83, p.23

• **Babcock 1939.** Rotation Curve of M31:

"The obvious interpretation of the nearly constant velocity for 30' outward is that a that a very great portion of the mass of the nebula must lie in the outer regions"

• Kahn & Woltjer 1959. Local Group, Mass of the M31-MW system:

"The Discrepancy seems to be well outside the observational errors"

• Rotation Curves 1970. Roberts, Bosma, Rubin, et al



This implies the existence of a **dark halo**, with mass density $\rho(r) \propto 1/r^2$

Gravitational Lensing: Following **Einstein's theory of general relativity**, light propagates along geodesics which deviate from straight lines when passing near intense gravitational fields. The **distortion** of the images of background objects due to the gravitational mass of a cluster can be used to infer the **shape of the potential well** and thus the **mass of the cluster**



The mass of a cluster can be determined via several methods, including application of the virial theorem to the observed distribution of **radial velocities**, by **weak gravitational lensing**, and by studying the profile of **X-ray emission** that traces the distribution of hot emitting gas in rich clusters.



Total mass: 10^{14} to 10^{15} \, M_{\odot}

Gas fraction: ~16% (~ 13% ICM, ~ 3% galaxies)

Remaining **84%** of the mass is in dark matter

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Bullet Cluster (1E0657-558)



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Blue: 2 clusters of galxies





Blue: 2 clusters of galxies

Red: X-ray emission from hot gas



Cosmic Microwawe Background: $\Omega_{nbm}h^2 = 0.1186 \pm 0.0020$ $\Omega_bh^2 = 0.02226 \pm 0.00023$





New Matter or New Physics?

All these arguments rely on Einsteinian, or Newtonian, gravity.

Should such anomalies be regarded as a *refutation of the laws of* gravitation or as an indication of the existence of unseen dark objects?

Uranus, Neptune



Mercury



New Matter or New Physics?

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Modified Newtonian Dynamics (**MOND**) allows to reproduce many observations on galactic scales, in particular galactic rotation curves, without introducing DM.

However, **MOND is a purely non–relativistic theory**. Attempts to embed it into a relativistic field theory require the existence of additional fields (e.g. a vector field or a second metric), and introduce considerably arbitrariness.

Moreover, the correct description of **large-scale structure formation seems to require some sort of DM** even in these theories.

In contrast, **successful models of particle DM** can be described in the well established language of **quantum field theory**, and do not need any modification of **General Relativity**.

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Candidates include:

Primordial black holes
Axions
Sterile neutrinos
Weakly Interacting Massive Particles (WIMPs).

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"It doesn't matter how beautiful your theory is, it doesn't matter how smart you are. If it doesn't agree with experiment, it's wrong"

Richard P. Jeynman

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Dark Matter Searches

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Graciela Gelmini-UCLA

WIMP DM searches:

- Direct Detection- looks for energy deposited within a detector by the DM particles in the Dark Halo of the Milky Way. Could detect even a very subdominant WIMP component. (Caveat: the DM interaction might be too weak to detect)
- Indirect Detection- looks for WIMP annihilation (or decay) products. (Caveat: the DM may not annihilate)



 At colliders as missing transverse energy, mono-jet or mono-photon events (Caveat: the DM mass may be above 2 TeV or its signature hidden by backgrounds)

All three are independent and complementary to each other! Even if the Large Hadron Collider finds a DM candidate, in order to prove that it is the DM we will need to find it where the DM is, in the haloes of our and other galaxies.

Dark Matter Searches - Indirect searches



Gamma-ray telescopes

- ACTs: HESS, MAGIC, VERITAS, (CTA)
- Space satellite FERMI LAT
- Future: CTA (Gamma400?, DAMPE?)

Neutrino Telescopes

- Amanda, IceCube
- Antares, Nemo, Nestor
- Km3Net

Anti-matter Satellites

- PAMELA
- •AMS-02
- •Future: Herd?

Other

- Synchrotron Emission
- SZ effect
- Effect on Stars
- X-ray telescopes
- Axion searches (recent 'discovery'...)

Direct Searches : Ingredients

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- Dark Halo Model
- Detection Pricinple
- Recoil Rate
- Signature
- Backgroud
- Methods



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Direct Searches – 1: Dark Halo Model

Milky Way's Dark Halo

10¹⁰(GeV/mχ) WIMP's passing through us per cm² per second!



L.Baudis; Klypin, Zhao and Somerville 2002

Direct Searches – 1: Dark Halo Model

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Standard Halo Model: isotropic isothermal sphere of collisionless particles with density profile $\rho(r) \sim 1/r^2$ and Maxwellian velocity distribution:



Direct Searches – 2: Detection Method

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Google Earth

Data di acquisizione delle immagini: 12/14/2015 19°49'41.99"N 18°12'00.64"O alt 13966.77 km 🔘



Direct Searches – 3: Recoil Rate

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Particle/Nuclear Physics

Astrophysics

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Particle/Nuclear
Physics
Detector Properties

Direct Searches – 3: Recoil Rate

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$$\begin{split} m_{\chi} &= 100 \; {\rm GeV/c^2}, \; < \nu > = 220 \; km \, s^{-1}, \; \rho_0 &= 0.3 \; GeV \, cm^{-3} \\ \sigma_{\chi N} \; \sim \; 10^{-38} \, cm^2 \end{split}$$



Direct Searches – 4: Signature

• Earth revolution gives annual modulation:

June - December asymmetry $O(v_{rev}/v_{sun}) \sim 1\%$

• Due to solar system movement in the galaxy, the WIMP Flux is expected to be **not isotropic @earth** $O(v_{sun}/v_o) \sim 100\%$. A directional measurement would provide a **strong signature** and an unambiguous proof of the galactic origin of DM





WIMP events < 1 evts /100 kg/ 100 day Backgrounds events > 10⁶⁻⁷⁻evts/kg-d !!!

- Environmental radioactivity
- Radon and its progeny
- Cosmic rays
- **Neutrons** from natural fission, (a,n) reactions and from cosmic ray muon spallation and capture
- **Radioimpurities** in detector or shielding components

Direct Searches – 5: Background

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Parent	Daughter	Decay	Energy	Half Life
		Mode	[MeV]	
$^{238}\mathrm{U}$	234 Th	α	4.27	$4.47{\times}10^9~{\rm yr}$
$^{234}\mathrm{Th}$	234 Pa	β	0.273	24.1 d
234 Pa	^{234}U	β	2.20	6.70 hr
^{234}U	$^{230}{ m Th}$	α	4.86	$2.45{\times}10^5~{\rm yr}$
$^{230}\mathrm{Th}$	226 Ra	α	4.77	$7.54{\times}10^4~{\rm yr}$
226 Ra	222 Rn	α	4.87	$1.60{\times}10^3~{\rm yr}$
222 Rn	218 Po	α	5.59	3.82 d
218 Po	214 Pb	α	6.12	$3.10 \min$
$^{214}\mathrm{Pb}$	^{214}Bi	β	1.02	$26.8 \min$
$^{214}\mathrm{Bi}$	214 Po	β	3.27	$19.9 \mathrm{min}$
214 Po	$^{210}\mathrm{Pb}$	α	7.88	$0.164 \mathrm{\ ms}$
$^{210}\mathrm{Pb}$	$^{210}\mathrm{Bi}$	β	0.0635	22.3 yr
$^{210}\mathrm{Bi}$	210 Po	β	1.43	$5.01 \mathrm{~d}$
$^{210}\mathrm{Po}$	$^{206}\mathrm{Pb}$	α	5.41	138 d
$^{206}\mathrm{Pb}$				stable

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²³² Th	228 Ra	α	4.08	$1.41 \times 10^{10} \text{ yr}$
228 Ra	^{228}Ac	β	0.0459	$5.75 \mathrm{\ yr}$
^{228}Ac	228 Th	β	2.12	$6.25 \ hr$
228 Th	224 Ra	α	5.52	1.91 yr
224 Ra	220 Rn	α	5.79	3.63 d
220 Rn	²¹⁶ Po	α	6.40	$55.6 \mathrm{s}$
²¹⁶ Po	$^{212}\mathrm{Pb}$	α	6.91	$0.145 \mathrm{\ s}$
$^{212}\mathrm{Pb}$	$^{212}\mathrm{Bi}$	β	0.570	$10.6 \ hr$
$^{212}\mathrm{Bi}$	212 Po	β 64.06%	2.25	$60.6 \mathrm{min}$
	$^{208}\mathrm{Tl}$	α 35.94%	6.21	
212 Po	$^{208}\mathrm{Pb}$	α	8.96	299 ns
$^{208}\mathrm{Tl}$	$^{208}\mathrm{Pb}$	β	5.00	$3.05 \min$
$^{208}\mathrm{Pb}$				stable

γ background



γ radiation emitted durinng the decay of natural radioativity
(²³⁸U, ²³²Th and its unstable daughters)

Total ambient flux~0.23 cm-2s-1

$$l = \lambda(E_{\gamma}) \ln f$$
, $f > 1$

At 100 keV (2.615 MeV), attenuation by a factor $f = 10^5$ requires:

- 67(269) cm of H2O
- 2.8(34) cm of Cu
- 0.18(23) cm of Pb.

α particles

Sources: ²³⁸U, ²³²Th chains and ²²²Rn



Neutron production throught (α,n) reactions

RADON:

The noble gas 222 Rn ($T_{1/2}$ =3.8 d), a pure α -emitter. It is released by surface soil and is found in the atmosphere everywhere

The detector has to be kept sealed from air and flushed with HP $\rm N_2$





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Neutrons contribute to the background of low-energy experiments in different ways: directly **through nuclear** recoil in the detector medium, and indirectly, through the **production of radio nuclides** inside the detector and its components (inelastic scattering of fast neutrons or radiative capture of slow neutrons can result in the emission of γ radiation).

Neutron sources:

- Energetic tertiary neutrons are produced by cosmic-ray muons in nuclear spallation reactions with the detector and laboratory walls;
- In high Z materials, often used in radiation shields, nuclear capture of negative muons results in emission of neutrons;
- Natural radioactivity has a neutron component through spontaneous fission and (α, n) -reactions.







Shield!



CRESST:

1400 m rock

+

4cm of radiopure copper

+

20cm of Bolidean lead with a low ²¹⁰Pb activity of 35Bq/kg.

+

air tight aluminium container (the radon-box)

+

neutron moderator of 50cm polyethylene

With the moderator installed, the remaining neutron flux would be dominated by **neutrons induced by muons in the lead** of the shielding. Such a background is suppressed by the muon **veto system** installed inside the neutron moderator.



















DAMA

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The DAMA/LIBRA set-up ~250 kg NaI(Tl) (Large sodium Iodide Bulk for RAre processes)



As a result of a 2nd generation R&D for more radiopure NaI(TI) by exploiting new chemical/physical radiopurification techniques (all operations involving - including photos - in HP Nitrogen atmosphere)

Residual contaminations in the new DAMA/LIBRA NaI(TI) detectors: ²³²Th, ²³⁸U and ⁴⁰K at level of 10⁻¹² g/g







P. Belli@TAUP2015

- Radiopurity, performances, procedures, etc.: NIMA592(2008)297, JINST 7 (2012) 03009
- Results on DM particles, Annual Modulation Signature: EPJC56(2008)333, EPJC67(2010)39, EPJC73(2013)2648.
 Related results: PRD84(2011)055014, EPJC72(2012)2064, IJMPA28(2013)1330022, EPJC74(2014)2827, EPJC74(2014)3196, EPJC75(2015)239, EPJC75(2015)400
- Results on rare processes: PEPv: EPJC62(2009)327; CNC: EPJC72(2012)1920; IPP in ²⁴¹Am: EPJA49(2013)64



Period: 0.999 ± 0.001 years *

6000

7000

5000

4000

0

-0.02

-0.04

-0.06

8000

Time (day)



Positive evidence for the presence of DM particles in the galactic halo



GLOBAL LANDSCAPE OF DM Direct Search

Null results shown as 90% C.L. upper limits on the spin-independent DM particle-nucleon cross section

DAMA/LIBRA: 3o allowed parameter space



Long-reigning contradicting situation in the dark matter sector: the positive evidence for the detection of a dark matter modulation signal claimed by the DAMA/LIBRA collaboration is (under standard assumptions) **inconsistent with the null-results** reported by most of the other direct dark matter experiments (using different targets Xe, Ge, CaWO₄).

Cryogenic detectors

Cryogenic micro-calorimeter at T ~ mK





SuperCDMS: Ge, Si



EDELWEISS-III (Ge)



CRESST (CaWO₄)







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Cryogenic detectors

CRESST: Cryogenic Rare Event Search with Superconducting Thermometers

Scintillating CaWO4 crystals as target operated as cryogenic calorimeters (~15mK)





Energy deposition in the crystal:

mainly phonons
 (independent of the type of particle)
 Measurement of deposited energy

 small fraction into scintillation light (characteristic of the type of particle)
 Particle discrimination





Excellent **discrimination** between potential signal events (**nuclear recoils**) and dominant radioactive background (**electron recoils**)

CRESST experiment






Noble Liquid Detector Concepts

Noble liquids: Xe, Ar, Ne

Detect either **light only** or **simultaneously light and charge signals** produced by a particle interaction in the sensitive liquid target





Signal/Background discrimination: single phase

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Pulse Shape Discrimination

- ³⁹Ar (β) IBq/kg
 - DEAP: 10⁹ events in Rol / 3 year
- Recoil discrimination from prompt fraction: 0:200ns / 0:10µs











DEAP

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DEAP-3600

- Advanced calibration.
- Ready for first physics run.

DEAP-50T

- Plan for a multi tonne DEAP. (150 tonne, 50 tonne fiducial).
- Approaching the neutrino-wall and probing the remaining parameter spaces.
- Possible transition from PMTs to SiPMs.
- Early design and R&D start up at Carleton University.







LXeTPCs: 50- 500 kg scale

XENON100 @ LNGS Astropart. Phys. 35, 573 (2012)

- **62 kg** LXe,

reached WIMP science goal
inelastic DM, spin-dependent, modulation, axions, light WIMP, Bosonic Super WIMPs, ..
still running as test facility for XENON1T/nT



LUX @ SURF NIM A 704, 111 (2013)

- latest result from 332 days presented at IDM2016

- . - **250 kg** LXe
- published first limit in 2013
- in 2013 best world limit
- reanalysis published in 2016
- will be removed by 2017



PandaX-II @ CJPL

- at present largest LXe TPC
- still taking data
 - new SS cryostat
 - \rightarrow lower radioactivity
- TPC: 60cm×60cm, 4**00 kg** target

New result from 98.7 days:

- Best upper limit :
- 2.5 x 10⁻⁴⁶ cm² at 40 GeV arXiv:1607.07400v1





From LUX to LZ @ SURF

- Scale LUX by 40 in Fiducial
- New detector with 7 ton active LXe
- Aimed at 5.6 ton FV with combination of active LXe and LShrough veto
- Use same water shield of LUX
- Extensive screening campaign and^{РМТs} MC simulations
- Timeline:
- 2017/18: prepare for surface / UG assembly at SURF
- 2019: start UG installation
- 2020: start operation by end of the year
- 2025+ : plan 5+ years of operation
- Sensitivity Goal (1000 live days) × 10-48 cm² at 40 GeV





XENON10 15 cm drift TPC - 25 kg ~10⁴³ cm² **XENON100** 30 cm drift TPC - 161 kg ~10⁻⁴⁵ cm²

XENON1T/XENONnT

100 cm drift TPC - 3500 kg/7000 kg

~10⁴⁷ cm² / 10⁴⁸ cm²

XENON - 1 ton@LNGS

- Science goal: 100 x more sensitive than XENON100
- Target/Detector: 3.5 ton of Xe/ dual-phase TPC with 250 high QE - low radioactivity PMTs.
- Shielding: water Cherenkov muon veto.
- Cryogenic Plants: Xe cooling/purification/ distillation/storage systems designed to handle up to 10 ton of Xe. Upgrade to a larger detector (XENONnT) planned for 2018
- Status: All systems successfully tested. Commissioning of detector ongoing. First science run this Fall.

Sensitivity Goal: 2 x 10⁻⁴⁷ cm² @ 50 GeV in 2ty





The TPC

TPC installation underground

PMT arrays



Dark Side@LNGS

- Dual phase TPC with 46 kg 39Ardepleted LAr (1400 background reduction factor) inside 30 tons LS neutron veto inside a 1000 tons water Cherenkov muon veto
- 1st result from 2616 kg d with UAr
 -> no event in search region . Still taking data
- Proposed **DS2ok.** TDR in preparation. Large R&D effort on SiPMs and other technologies.
- Construction of the very large distillation facility (350 m column) placed inside a coal mine (Seruci, Sardinia) has started.



Future?

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- 1) Solve DAMA tension
- 2) Explore Low Mass Region
- 3) Explore Low Cross Section Region
- 4) ... and the Neutrino Floor?



Future: DAMA tension

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Upcoming Nal Projects to directly test DAMA

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SABRE

Sodium-iodine with Active Background REjection Strategy:

- · lower background: better crystals, PMTs
- liquid scintillator veto against ⁴⁰K (factor 10)
- · lower threshold (PMTs directly coupled to NaI)

• Eliminate seasonal effects :North (LNGS) and South Hemisphere(Australia: Stawell Underground Physics Laboratory)

• *Status*: tests with 2.5 kg crystal ongoing and the 5 kg crystal is growing



Predecessors: DM-Ice: 17 kg 2 Crystals of 8.5 kg Nal@ South Pole KIMS: 12 CsI crystals for 104.4 kg @ Y2L, Korea





COSINE-100 (DM-Ice + KIMS) @Yangyang arxiv:1602.05939

.107 kg of Nal pure Crystal, LS veto and Pb shield - commissioning

ANAIS @ Canfranc 113 kg in Pb shield

- → start of data taking soon
- → background 2-3x ĎAMA (no veto)

Future: Low Mass Region

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EDELWEISS - SuperCDMS - CRESST: the race for the low WIMP mass region

SuperCDMS @SNOLAB

 read phonons and charges from Ge and Si crystals
 •aim for 50 kg-scale experiment (cryostat can accomodate 400 kg) low threshold → focus on 1-10 GeV/c² mass range

• Improvements: deeper lab, better materials, better shield, improved resolution, upgraded electronics, active neutron veto?

• 100 x 33.3 mm ZIPs (1.4 kg Ge, 0.6 kg Si) → fabrication protocol established 2018-20: construction

2020: begin data taking

EDELWEISS @ LSM : arXiv:1603.05120 read phonons and charges from Ge crystals 2016: largest (20 kg) Ge array in operation 2017: 350 kg×d in HV mode to optimize 1-10 GeV sensitivity Future: ton scale together with CDMS (EURECA) CRESST II @ LNGS: read phonons and scintillation light from CaWO4 successful background reduction; data taking 2013-2015, 52 kg×d

2016: lowest thresh 300 eVnr Record sensitivity below 1.7 GeV WIMP mass

Q. Arnaud et al.. To be submitted DAMIC 10⁻⁸ COMSLITE DAN cross EDELWEISS-III 20 CDMSII-Si 10-42 MIMP-nucleon Fon-scale cryogenic experiment EDELWEISS LUX 10-4 utrino background 3 8 9 1 0 WIMP Mass [GeV/c²]

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 - 3 x 10⁻⁴⁸ cm² at 40 GeV



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Future: the Neutrino Floor

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Neutrino floor not the final limit to direct detection searches

- There are various strategies for probing below the floor
 - → Better neutrino flux estimates
 - → Larger detectors
 - → Target complementarity
 - → Annual modulation
 - → Direction dependence



Directional DM searches

Current approach:

low pressure gaseous detector

- Targets: CF4, CF4+CS2, CF4 + CHF3
- Recoil track length O(mm)
- Small achievable detector mass due to the low gas density ⇒Sensitivity limited to spin-dependent interaction



The NEWS idea: use solid target:

- Large detector mass
- Smaller recoil track lenght O(100 nm)

Nuclear Emulsion based detector acting both as target and tracking device

NIT: Nano Imaging Tracker , AgBr crystal size ~ 40 nm

Natsume et al, NIM A575 (2007) 439

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Constituent	Mass Fraction
AgBr-I	0.78
Gelatin	0.17
PVA	0.05

(a) Constituents of nuclear emulsion

Element	Mass Fraction	Atomic Fraction
Ag	0.44	0.12
Br	0.32	0.12
Ι	0.019	0.003
\mathbf{C}	0.101	0.172
Ο	0.074	0.129
Ν	0.027	0.057
Η	0.016	0.396
\mathbf{S}	0.003	0.003

(b) Elemental composition



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Test using 400 keV Kr ions



1) Signal preselection

Resolution: 200 nm Speed: \sim 20 mm²/h



Optical images



X-ray images









602nm

2) Signal confirmation

Resolution: 30 nm Speed: ~ (200µm)²/100 s





1) ADAMO: Anisotropic Scintillator

- for heavy particles the light output and the **pulse shape** depends on the particle impinging direction with respect to the crystal axes
- for γ /e the light output and the pulse shape are isotropic
- ZnWO4 anisotropic scintillator: a very promising Detector (Eur. Phys. J. C 73 (2013) 2276)





2)

Two-phase LAr as a Directional Detector



The basic idea of Columnar Recombination: for nuclear recoil parallel to the electric field, more electron-ion recombination is expected since the electrons must traverse more ionized medium as they drift.

REcoil Directionality



Conclusioni

- Dark Matter is there!
- WIMPs promising candidates
- So far, no convincing evidence of a dark matter particle was found
- However, DAMA/LIBRA experiment is claiming an observation of an annual modulation since long time.

Future

- New experiments, based on NaI technology, are getting ready to run in view of clarifying once and for all the nature of the DAMA/LIBRA longstanding annual modulation.
- New programs on-going to search both for low WIMP mass and low cross section interactions: reach neutrino fllor this/next
- Directionality!

DM discovery is waiting for young brilliant physicist!

