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Outline

- Dark Matter results with LAr
- Large scaling challenges and infrastructure for future DM searches
- Photodetector R&D and future detection concepts
- DarkSide-20k experiment

Results from LAr experiment

DarkSide50: succesful physics run with underground argon 2013-2018





Inner Argon dual phase TPC

- 46 kg LAr target 38 x 3 inches PMTs

Liquid scintillator neutron veto

- 30 t of ¹⁰B-loaded liquid scintillator
- active gamma and neutron veto

Water Cherenkov muon veto

- 1 kT of ultra-pure water
- passive shield for external radiation
- active veto for muons

Background free DM search with Uar, Best sensitivity to date for low-mass



DEAP-3600: largest running LAr detector designed for WIMP search

- Ultra-pure acrylic cryostat coated on the inside with TPB wavelenght shifter
- Surrounded by 50 cm plastic for thermal neutron sheilding
- Hamamatsu R5012 PMT view the LAr volume at 71% coverage







Technology challenges for multi-tonne scales: low radioactivity Argon



Ar depleted of ³⁹Ar with respect to atmospheric argon to be extracted from underground wells and **Ar purification infrastructures**



- < 1 yr to process DarkSide UAr
- other rare stable isotopes production for interdisciplinary benefits (¹⁸O, ¹³C, ¹⁵N)

URANIA 330 kg/day

- < 1 yr for 50 tonnes of UAr
- Possible use of UAr for other experiments (LEGEND, COHERENT, ...)





Technology challenges: cryogenic photosensor R&D

Darkside-20k: custom cryogenic SiPMs developed by a collaboration between INFN with Fondazione Bruno Kessler



Reduced DCR with a proper optimized E field engineering for cryogenic applications



Tile+preampl integrated into a unique PCB

PDM: largest SiPM unit ever: 24 cm²

Series/parallel ganging 4s 6p





PDU: 16 PDM arranged in 4 readout channels 20 cm × 20 cm Photodetector assembly: Nuova Officina Assergi @ LNGS Radioclean packaging for cryogenic applications

- 421 m² radon-free ISO6 clean room
- Top quality equipments for packaging of silicon devices



Cryo silicon prober

- Silicon dicer
- Flip chip bonder
- Wire bonder
- No reflow oven
- Single PDM test
 - line
- PDU assembly

Fully operational by the end of the year



Utility for large scale LAr and LXe detectors

DarkSide-20k overview



- Anode, cathode and field cage made with conductive paint (Clevios)
- **TPC readout:** 21 m² cryogenic SiPMs

• TPC lateral walls + additional top&bottom planes in Gd loaded acrylic (PMMA)

• VETO readout: 5 m² cryogenic SiPMs

Future photodetection challenges

Digital SiPM

- From analog to digital SiPM
 - Monolithic devices
 - 3D vertical integration (high fill factor)
- Photodetection modules
 - Low power
 - Large area
 - Low background & cryogenics

Required cooperation with industrial foundries



Charge and light readout



- Photosensitive anodic plane
- Pixel readout to collect ionization charge and UV photons D. Nygren, Y. Mei: arXiv:1809.10213
- Thin-film photoconductor coating
- Amorphous Selenium (commonly used in X-Ray digital radiography devices)

Conclusions

- Achieving background levels below neutrino floor main challenge for next generation Dark Matter experiments
- Technology innovations push forward ultra low background techniques
- Advanced infrastructure required for underground argon extraction (URANIA) and purification (ARIA) and for detector assembly (NOA)
- Strong R&D to develop cryogenic SiPM modules

Cryo temperature SiPMs



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- ✓ Neutrino and Dark Matter physics.
- ✓ Advantage: easy photon counting, low DCR, low bias voltage, radio purity.
- ✓ Disadvantage : dimensions.
- ✓ Possible uses in medical phisics and where low DCR is needed.







≥ > 0.005 ✓ FBK NUV-HD-CRYO – Triple Trench 0.004 Epossidic packaging 0.003 Lower CT 0.002 0.001 A2 G1 A1 A3 -53 A5 \$5 A4 S4 A6 ×10⁻¹ 0 0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2 t [s] Counts 10^{2} 6x6 mm² SiPM dimension 10 6 x 10⁶ Gain @ 45% PDE 50 mHz/mm² DCR -2 8 10 Signal Area [Vs] Ν *** * * Ж Cross talks 20 % 0.035 0.03 Afterpulse 2 % ₩Ж 0.025 Ж Ж 0.02 ¥ 0.015 0.01 0.005 Ennel 10^{-6} 10⁻⁵ 10⁻⁴ 10^{-3} 10⁻² 10⁻¹ ∆T[s]

✓ Very good S/N in ganging mode

Num SiPM	S/N @ 45% PDE			
24	10.6			
48	9.7			
72	8.4			
96	7.9			





https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.13616

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Cryogenic Power-over-Fiber for fundamental and applied physics

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Concept overview

- CRYO-PoF is aimed at designing a cryogenic system based on optoelectronic devices to power analog and digital electronics.
- Using the same laser line, we want to:
 - give bias to the SiPM,
 - give HV to SiPM amplifier,
 - regulate the SiPM bias, with amplitude modulation.
- This solution provides noise immunity, voltage isolation, and spark-free operation.



This solution is inspired by the needs of the DUNE Vertical Drift detector.

All systems that operate in harsh environments (low temperature and prohibitive for a copper-based power line) can benifit.

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A schematic view



A schematic view – first step



Laser: GaAs 808 nm

Laser connected to the optical receiver by an optical fiber. The receiver is directly connected to the SiPM amplifier (3.3 V).







Firs results – 77 K



Output signal from SiPM (no PoF):

- standard biased SiPMs
- standard biased amplificator

S/N = 7.97

Output signal from SiPM (PoF):

- standard biased SiPMs
- PoF biased amplificator

 $S/N = 7.92_{6}$



New ideas on Photosensors & Electrodes for DARWIN, the Next-Gen LXe TPC

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DARWIN

on behalf of the XENON INFN groups (LNGS-UnivAq)



TPC main challenges

- What is special we all know!
- Main challenging parts:
 - PMTs:
 - radioactivity
 - Spurious events (after-pulses, dark counts)
 - Electrodes:
 - Warping
 - Wires may break
 - Both grids and meshes generate micro-discharge
 - UV light (178 nm @ LXe)

Our solutions



Transparent Conductive Electrodes (TCEs) Wavelength shifter suitable for LXe

Tested in a new facility @LNGS dedicated to DARWIN

Photosensors

ABALONE

Glass-glass sealing

• Indium-based evaporated seal

arXiv:1703.04546 arXiv:1810.00280, NIM A 954 (2020) JINST 17 C01038 (2022)

Patent Numbers: U.S. 9,064,678, US-2017-0123084



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Principle:

- p.e. accelerated towards scintillator windowlet (LYSO)
 - $L_0=32 \ \gamma/keV \rightarrow$
 - Readout using SiPM (G = $\sim 10^6$)
 - @ 25 kV, assuming (pessimistic) collection efficiency η = 10% $\rightarrow \sim$ 80 PE
- Total gain: ~10⁸

Major advantages:

- all UHV-components are evaporated
 - production can be fully automated
- field-shaping electrodes work as getter
- good timing
- good pulse height separation

Ferella - R&D for DARWIN

ABALONE tests at LNGS

The setup at LNGS



ABALONE tests at LNGS

- Percentage of Non-Returning measured: around 30%
 - As expected from simulation
- We increased the voltage up to 24 kV
- Spectrum with 2 peaks:

Next step:

measure in LXe

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- SiPM dark counts, not changing with V
- ABALONE Single PE, increasing with V



4000

6000

8000

2000

1600

10000

area (ADC x 10 ns)

ABALONE at 8 kV ABALONE at 12 kV

SiPM Photo-detectors

https://arxiv.org/pdf/22 01.01632v2.pdf

Radiopure SiPM-based photodetectors are a reality

- Design and realization at LNGS
- 10 x10 cm² with aggregated output

This technology now has to be ported to xenon

- Selecting the right SiPMs
- The electronics is already designed and working
 - Including radiopure components, packaging techniques, ...

SiPM tests and plan

We need to measure NUV-HD-Cryo SiPMs in xenon with PEN (and others WLS)

- To estimate the LY and the correlated noises
- We will need to test newest SiPM with metal trenches

We need to measure newest VUV-HD-Cryo SiPM to verify the DCR & correlated noises

- An R&D for BSI VUV SiPM is ongoing with NEXO:
 - PDE may increase to 30-40%
 - iCT can decrease to 5% & AP is already very low for newest NUV devices
 - <u>DCR may still be an issue</u> (need to go to 0.01 cps/mm² not sure it is possible)
- We need to stay tuned to the R&D testing samples

Constraints for DARWIN electrodes

High voltage constraints for DARWIN

- Need sufficient drift field for particles to go towards the gas
- Need sufficient extraction efficiency in gas
- High HV values for cathode in liquid and anode in gas
- Tension for wires or meshes is high

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DARWIN electrodes dimensions: ~**2.6 m diameter** and ~**30 mm thick**

From these constraints:

- maximum HV for the cathode
- maximum field between anode and gate
- local maximum allowed S2 variation
- So far XENON detectors employed:
- Wire mesh
- Parallel wires grid

Transparent conductive electrodes (TCEs)

Idea:

• Use TCEs with deposited on transparent substrate

GOAL of the R&D:

- Explore different solutions for the TPCs in terms of:
 - Transparency (at both 175 nm and 440 nm)
 - Electrical conductivity
 - Mechanical stability
 - Thermal stability
 - Electrical stability

Next steps:

- 4 additional larger prototypes (~20 cm diameter) made of:
- AIN/ITO
- Silver nanowires
- Copper nanowires
- Graphene

Current status

- Very good transparency for graphene
- No effect to air exposition or other

Study in collaboration with the CREO, <u>www.consorziocreo.com</u> , Centro di Ricerche Elettro-Ottiche

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Wavelength shifter

Why not using a wavelenght shifter?

178 nm is still a challenging wavelength:

- Quartz transmissivity ~ 80 85 % with 2.5 mm thickness
- Photocathode sensitivity is maximal at 420 nm
- Most TCEs are developed for optical light applications

Back of the envelope calculation:

- Total collection efficiency with NUV-SiPM ~30%
 - PEN: ~60% efficiency
 - SiPM: ~50% PDE
- To be compared with PMT ~ 30%:
 - QE ~ 40%
 - Fill factor ~ 70%

The end

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IFD2022 - INFN WORKSHOP ON FUTURE DETECTORS

Gd-loaded Water Cherenkov Detectors

XENON

DARWIN

Andrea Mancuso - INFN & Università di Bologna

Water Cherenkov Detectors

• Large number of protons (p decay, target for neutrino interactions)

Neutrons

- Low energy for capture on p (close to Cherenkov th.)
- Low capture cross section (~0.3 barns)

+ Gadolinium (Gd)

Gd has the largest cross section for the capture of thermal neutrons

Idea: enrich WC detectors with a water soluble gadolinium (Gd) salt.

 $Gd(NO_3)_3$

- easily soluble
- good Cherenkov light transparency
- suitable to be used in a detector (no reactive)

n Neutron capture by gadolinium:

- EGADS & Super-K
- XENONnT

Neutron Veto of XENONnT

XENONNT - Dark Matter Direct Detection Experiment (WIMP)

Three nested detectors:

- Muon Veto
- Neutron Veto
- Dual Phase (LXe+GXe) Time Projection Chamber (TPC)

Radiogenic Neutrons are one of the main background !

Neutron Veto:

High Reflectivity Volume + Large PMT coverage

- Inner region optically separated from the Muon Veto through high reflectivity ePTFE panels
- Instrumented with 120 low-radioactivity, high-QE PMTs
- Currently operating with demi-water only

Neutron Veto of XENONnT

Neutron detection:

Radiogenic neutrons scatter in TPC : WIMP-like signal

- by the PMTs

Performances

dedicated calibration (AmBe source)

Tagging Eff. = (0.682 ± 0.026)

$$\tau_{\text{n-capture}} = (177 \pm 8) \, \mu s$$

TPC dead time due to the veto (5%)

 Thermalization of n in water Neutrons captured by Gd (~ 90%) and H (~ 10%)

τ ~ 30 μs

 Cascade of y-rays with total energy of 8 MeV Cherenkov emission from Compton electrons detected

Gd - Water purification plant

- Used to dissolve the Gd–Sulphate inside the Neutron Veto water
- Separate the Gd-rich fraction, purify the Gd-depleted water and unify back the two parts
- Maintain good quality of the water transparency, which affect the light collection efficiency of the Neutron Veto

Conclusions

- Gd-loaded Water Cherenkov detectors have been employed to detect neutrons both to enhance some physics channels (SK) and to suppress the background (XENON);
- The Neutron Veto of the XENONnT experiment exploits this technology to reduce the radiogenic neutrons background, which is one of the main backgrounds for the WIMP search.
- Overall the system showed very good performances with demi-water **best n-tagging** efficiency ever achieved with a pure water Cherenkov detector - and the tagging efficiency will be enhanced after the deployment of the Gd salt
- The same technology can be employed for larger-scale detectors : DARWIN
- Several R&D to increase the Gd concentration without losing water transparency and with an efficient recovery of the salt.

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Detection of Cherenkov light in liquid scintillators

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What am I talking about?

Since **scintillation light** is isotropic, any directional information is lost

However, a few **Cherenkov light** is emitted and provides information on the **neutrino direction**

The separate detection of scintillation light and Cherenkov light in a liquid scintillator:

- would open up new possibilities for present experiments (e.g.: JUNO)
- would pave the way to a new generation of experiments exploiting both detection techniques (e.g.: THEIA)

The separation can be realized thanks to timing and/or spectral features

Timing, spectral and optical features of liquid scintillators

1. measurement of **fluorescence time**

- a. measurements with $\alpha/\beta/p$ radioactive sources
- b. measurements with muons
- c. fit and investigation on systematics

2. detection of Cherenkov light

- a. LS emission and absorption spectrum
- b. spectral features of Cherenkov light
- c. timing features of Cherenkov light

3. measurement of refractive index

- a. compact refractometer with LS cuvette
- b. CW lasers (208 nm to 1035 nm)
- c. beam displacement on CCD
- 4. measurement of group velocity
 - a. compact interferometer with LS cuvette
 - b. short coherence-length lasers (208 nm to 1035 nm)
 - c. fringe displacement on CCD or SiPD

- → improved event reconstruction
- → particle identification via PSD
- → improved description of fluorescence parameters in the JUNO MC

- → improved understanding of the energy response
- → reconstruction of the direction of incident neutrino
- → Improved reconstruction of interaction vertex

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SHELDON (Separation of CHErenkov Light for Directionality Of Neutrinos)

A quasi-tabletop experiment to improve the reconstruction performances in JUNO

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Fluorescence + Cherenkov light emission model

The **Cherenkov** contribution is modeled as a delta function

The **fluorescence** contribution is distributed as a superposition of exponential distributions

The **sum** is convolved with the detector Impulse Response Function

IRF(t) =
$$\sum_{j=1}^{7} N_j G_j(t; \mu_j, \sigma_j)$$

 $F_{Total}(t) = [N_{Ch} \,\delta(t, t_0) + (1 - N_{Ch}) \,F_{Fluo}(t)] * \operatorname{IRF}(t)$

Inclusion of Cherenkov light ⇒ improved <u>PSD</u> parameters

impacts the measurement of fluorescence times significantly!

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Spectral separation of Cherenkov light

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SHELDON/REWIND (Refractive indEx With INterferometric Devices)

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Both SHELDON and SHELDON/REWIND are very-small-scale R&D activities whose realization relies on **prompt micro-financing**

The same applies to LArRI (Liquid Argon Refractive Index), that I will mention later

UNIMI: Piano Sostegno alla Ricerca - linea 2A INFN: in-kind

Measurement of refractive index and group velocity

Refractive index

- refractometer
- CCD sensor

Group velocity

- Interferometer
- Photodiode

Relative sensitivity: ~10⁻⁴

Community and ongoing R&D (disclaimer: this list is not complete)

Organic Liquid Scintillators LAB-based (JUNO, SNO+, [...])....

Water-Based Liquid Scintillators THEIA.....

..**SHELDON** (looking forward to JUNO) CHESS (looking forward to THEIA)

Noble Liquid Scintillators

Innovative photon detectors LAPPD..... Dichroicons.....

....on-the-shelfCHESS these ones need extra effort because of cryogenics and short wavelength

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ANDIAMO, an innovative acoustic neutrino telescope proposal

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Control Room

Motivations

- The availability of a large number of inactive oil platforms permits to realise a detector of unprecedented size: 10000 Km² and a volume ~ 500 Km³ with low costs
- Most of the acoustic array setup installed up to now where linked to Cherenkov telescopes or already existing military arrays, A dedicated large volume undersea/ice acoustic neutrino telescope would be preferred
- Giant steps in signal processing, computing, data storage since the last attempts were made
- We have nowadays dedicated digital hydrophones with ARM processors for onboard trigger/preprocessing for signal discrimination
- Multidisciplinar application (geophysics, marine biology)
- The experience with KM3NeT underwater technologies is a plus

Experiment	Location	Medium	Sensor	Host
			Channels	Experiment
SPATS [19, 20]	South Pole	Ice	80	IceCube
Lake Baikal [7]	Lake Baikal	Fresh Water	4	Baikal Neutrino
				Telescope
ΟvDE [21]	Mediterranean Sea (Sicily)	Sea Water	4	NEMO
AMADEUS [22]	Mediterranean Sea (Toulon)	Sea Water	36	ANTARES
ACoRNE [23]	North Sea (Scotland)	Sea Water	8	Rona military array
SAUND [24]	Tongue of the Ocean	Sea Water	7/49 ^(*)	AUTEC military
	(Bahamas)			array

former acoustic experiments

(*) The number of hydrophones was increased from 7 in SAUND-I to 49 in SAUND-II

A.Simonelli - IFD2022 INFN workshop on future detectors, Bari

AstropartPh Volume 143, October 2022, 102760 A.M., P.Migliozzi, A.Simonelli.

- Reuse the powered ENI oil rigs
- Take advantage of the Adriatic favourable conditions
- Use the ray tracing techniques in a shallow water environment and the advances in computing (from last attempts of 30+y ago)
- Possibility to reach an unprecedented instrumented surface ~ 10000 Km² and a volume ~ 500 Km³ with low costs

Ray tracing and surface covered

exploiting advances in processing techniques and computational power

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Simulated spectra for different distances and cascade energies

Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare

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