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## DARK MATTER DIRECT DETECTION

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#### **EVIDENCE FOR DARK MATTER**

#### **OBSERVATIONAL EVIDENCE FOR DM AT ALL SCALES**









# **Galactic Clusters**

## **A DARK UNIVERSE**

- ACDM Cosmological Model
  - $\Omega_b h^2 = 0.02237 \pm 0.00015$
  - $\Omega_M h^2 = 0.143 \pm 0.0011$
- 100σ difference between the baryon density and the matter density
- DM accounts for 85% of total matter in Universe



#### WHAT IS DARK MATTER? A spectrum spanning 80 orders of magnitude



#### WIMP paradigm: a good place to start looking

#### The Minimal WIMP Model Basic Assumptions:

- Single particle that does not interact with itself
- Interacts weakly with Standard Model
- $2 \rightarrow 2$  annihilations primarily in s-wave
- Annihilations set thermal abundance today



#### DARK MATTER IN THE MILKY WAY



## WIMP WIND ON EARTH

Goodman & Witten (1985): "Detectability of certain dark matter candidates"

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

- $\rho_{\chi}$  galactic dark matter halo local density
- v relative velocity wrt terrestrial detector
- $\sigma_{\chi}$  elastic scattering off target nuclei

 $\Phi \simeq \frac{10^5}{\mathrm{s}\,\mathrm{cm}^2} \times \left(\frac{100\,\mathrm{GeV}}{m_{\chi}}\right)$ 



## WIMP-NUCLEON SCATTERING

Non-relativistic scattering  $v/c \simeq 10^{-3}$ 

$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2} m_{\chi} v^2; \quad r = \frac{4m_{\chi} m_N}{(m_{\chi} + m_N)^2}$$
$$E_R = E_0 r \frac{(1 - \cos \theta)}{2}$$

- Contact interaction independent of momentum exchange (nucleus as a particle, with charge and spin)
  - standard SI/SD description
  - nuclear form factors generally included



$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{R_0}{E_0 r} \exp\left(-\frac{E_R}{E_0 r}\right) \times [S(E_R)F^2(q^2)I]$$

 $F^2(q^2)$  Form factor  $S(E_R)$  seasonal modulation I Interaction type



## WIMP NUCLEON SI INTERACTION EXCLUSION LIMITS LANSCAPE

- To improve sensitivity:
  - larger exposure M × T and lower background
- To extend sensitivity at low mass WIMPs:
  - lower energy threshold
- Minimum of the curve:
  - depends on target nuclei





- very small: low recoil energies < 100 keV</p>
- very rare: <1 event/(kg y) at low masses and < 1 event/(t y) at high masses
- buried in backgrounds with > 10<sup>6</sup> higher rates:
  - Muon-induced neutrons: NRs
  - Cosmogenic activation of materials/targets: ERs
  - Radioactivity of detector materials: NRs and ERs
  - Target intrinsic isotopes: ERs

#### **DEEP UNDERGROUND LABORATORIES**



#### **DETECTOR TECHNOLOGIES**



## LARGE EXPOSURE: NOBLE LIQUID TPC

- dual-phase Time Projection Chambers with multi-tonne liquid Xe, Ar targets
- read out primary scintillation: "S1" + proportional gas scintillation from drifted electrons: "S2"
- ▶ 3D position reconstruction:
  - time difference between S1 and S2 gives Z position (few mm resolution)
  - pattern of S2 light gives XY position (~1cm resolution)
- background identification + passive suppression
- zeptobarn (10<sup>-45</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>) to yoctobarn (10<sup>-48</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>) sensitivity to WIMP dark matter



#### EXPERIMENTS: NOBLE LIQUIDS

#### **SENSITIVE TO A BROAD RANGE OF WIMP MASSES**



#### **XENON DETECTORS**

#### LZ: best limit for high WIMP masses XENON: lowest background from ER

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#### **ARGON DETECTORS**

#### LAr high mass: background discrimination <sup>15</sup>





## NEUTRON TAGGING VIA Gd-LOADED ACRYLIC

- γ-rays (<8MeV) from n capture by Gd</p>
- *n*-tagging efficiency ~90%
- R&D finished and production started





#### LOW RADIOACTIVITY, HIGH EFFICIENCY SiPM PHOTOSENSORS



**TPC optical plane** (  $\sim 21 \text{ m}^2$ ) 525 PDUs



**Photo Detection Unit** 16 tiles arranged into 4 channels



**Tile / photo-detector module** 24 SiPMs + signal amplifier

- Wafer delivery from LFoundry started in 2022
- Packaging and assembly for TPC sensors:
   Nuova Officina Assergi (NOA), about to start operations
- Packaging and assembly for Veto sensors: RAL and Liverpool, UK
- Several test facilities to qualify production: Naples, Liverpool, Edinburgh, AstroCent



## **LOW RADIOACTIVITY ARGON: URANIA & ARIA**

#### 1) UAr extraction at the URANIA plant.

<sup>39</sup>Ar ( $\beta$ -decay) suppressed by ~ 10<sup>3</sup> in underground CO2 reservoir in Cortez, Colorado UAr extraction rate: 250-330 kg/day Expected argon purity at outlet: 99.99%

3) Qualification at Canfranc, DArT in ArDM A single-phase LAr detector with active volume ~1L, capable of measuring UAr to AAr <sup>39</sup>Ar depletion factors of the order of 1000 with 10% precision in weeks





Installed in the shaft of a coal mine Chemical purification rate: 1 t/day

First module operated according to specs with nitrogen Run completed with Ar at the end of 2020: results to be published soon Full assembly about to start

#### HIGH MASS WIMP SI INTERACTION EXCLUSION LIMITS PROSPECTS



#### LOW MASS WIMP SI INTERACTION EXCLUSION LIMITS PROSPECTS

Sensitivity projection for a 1 ton-year exposure dualphase LAr TPC optimized for light dark matter searches through the ionization channel



#### EXPERIMENCES OF CONTRACTOR OF

WIMP Direct Detection – Event by Event Discrimination EDELWEISS (France) und CDMS (USA) Dark Matter Proje





E deposition  $\rightarrow$  temperature rise  $\Delta T \sim \mu K \rightarrow$  re

- Sub-keV (< 100 eV) energy thresholds & background discrimination</p>
- Crystals: Ge, Si, CaWO4, Nal
- T-sensors:
  - superconductor thermistors (highly doped superconductor): NTD Ge → EDELWEISS

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• superconducting transition sensors (thin films of SC biased near middle of normal/SC transition): TES → CDMS, CRESST, COSINUS





#### CRESST @LNGS

- Sub-GeV WIMP mass sensitivity
- **CRESST-III** run 07/2016 02/2018
  - Target crystal mass: 23.6g
  - Gross exposure (before cuts): 5.7 kg days
  - Nuclear recoil threshold: 30 eV
- Low Energy Excess, still being investigated
  - LEE observed "everywhere", in particular in cryogenic experiments → one single common origin considered unlikely, stress from crystal, sensor or holding.
- Recent results in the ~100 MeV range for the DM mass and for both SI (Si, CaWO4) and SD (LiAlO2) interactions
- Moving ahead to increase the exposure to consolidate the capability of light DM detection





#### LOW THRESHOLD: SPC & CCD

#### NEWSG @LSM

140 cm diameter copper sphere 135 mbar of pure CH4 (110 g)

WIMP exclusion limit (S140@LSM, 135mbar CH4)

 $m_{\chi} (\text{GeV})$ 



 Skipper CCDs: low ionization energy, low noise, and particle tracks for background reduction, particle ID (DAMIC-M, SENSEI)



## **THRESHOLD DETECTORS**

#### Quasi background-free detection of sub-keV nuclear recoils:

- Nucleation depends on NR threshold and target fluid:
  - ▶ Freon-based chambers ER-blind @ ~3 keV
  - Liquid-noble chambers ER-blind @ < 500 eV, (target 100 eV)</p>

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- PICO (SNOLAB): superheated freon target, camera + acoustic readout, background rejection based on topology O(10-2)
  - PICO-60 SD WIMP-p best limit with 60 kg C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>8</sub> target
  - PICO-40L new design running
  - PICO-500 planned
- **SBC** (SNOLAB): Scintillating Bubble Chamber, superheated 10 kg Xe-doped LAr, cooled to 130 K, piezoelectric sensors + cameras readout + SiPMs for scintillation signal
  - SBC-LAr10 demonstrator @Fermilab running in 2024, radio pure detector gearing up for first DM search @SNOLAB



arXiv:2207.12400

WIMP Mass [GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]

Phys. Rev. D 100, 082006 (2019)

#### EXPERIMENTS: DIRECTIONAL DETECTORS

## DIRECTIONALITY: THROUGH THE NEUTRINO FOG

- Directional detectors can separate neutrino and DM signals
- n remains <2 even in the neutrino fog
- fog becomes a positive: a source of guaranteed signal in DM experiment!









arXiv:2109.03116

## **DIRECTIONALITY: THROUGH THE NEUTRINO FOG**

► Mature technology: gaseous TPC with different readouts → CYGNUS (10-1000 m<sup>3</sup>)



- R&D on several other techniques:
  - NEWSdm Nanometric track direction measurement in nuclear emulsions (exploit resonant light scattering using polarised light)
  - **RED** Columnar Recombination in liquid argon TPC
  - PTOLEMY Graphene target (nanoribbon or nanotubes)



## LIGHT DARK MATTER (SUB-GEV)



- DM mass kinematically accessible through inelastic interactions extracting substantial fraction of the DM kinetic energy:
  - DM-N scattering w/ Migdal
  - DM-e scattering
  - DM scattering w/ collective modes (e.g. phonons, magnons)

$$E_{\rm kin} = \frac{1}{2} m_{\rm DM} v_{\rm DM}^2 \sim 1 \ \rm eV \left(\frac{m_{\rm DM}}{1 \ \rm MeV}\right)$$



#### **DM-N SCATTERING w/ MIGDAL**

- Interactions between a neutral particle and a nucleus may result in atomic excitation or ionization
- Migdal atomic relaxation can lead to keV electron recoil (ER) energy for sub-keV nuclear recoils (NRs)
- Potential enhancement of low-mass dark matter sensitivity has been explored
  - LUX, PRL 122 131301 (2019)
  - XENON1T, PRL 123 241803 (2019), PRD 106 022001 (2022)
  - DarkSide50, PRL 130 101001 (2023)
  - EDELWEISS, PRD 106 062004 (2022)
  - CDEX-1B, PRL 123 161301 (2019)
  - SuperCDMS, arXiv: 2203.02594
  - and more ...
- This effect has not been definitively verified
  - MIGDAL @LLNL: 14.1MeV neutrons on LXe

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 $m_{DM}$  [GeV/c<sup>2</sup>]

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<sup>D</sup>hys. Rev. D 107, 063001 (2023)

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#### **DM-e SCATTERING**

#### Light DM interactions with final state electrons



light DM-electron scattering

- absorption of bosonic DM (axion-like particles and
- sterile neutrino-electron

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PRL 130, 101002 (2023)



#### WIMP SEARCH TIMELINE

Take as reference spin-independent cross section upper limits at 60 GeV WIMP mass



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#### **SUMMARY & OUTLOOK**

Direct dark matter detection experiments need to explore everywhere

WIMP still main paradigm: a variety of detector technologies in place to reach v fog, add directional sensitivity to clear it

Light DM probed via scattering to 1 MeV (and via absorption to ~eV), and possibly much lower

Ultra Light DM: a wealth of dedicated initiatives probing sub-eV masses (not covered here...)

## **ADDITIONAL SLIDES**

#### DM DIRECT DETECTION



- Coherent nuclear recoils from several astrophysical sources (Sun, atmosphere, and diffuse Supernovae)
- DM/CEvNS signals not identical → with high statistics, an experiment can overcome background uncertainty using spectral information



## **NEUTRINO FOG**

- Neutrino floor from CEvNS not a hard limit on direct detection sensitivity, rather a gradual penalty that can be overcome to some extent.
- To clear the fog:
  - increase exposures
  - have multiple target nuclei
  - improve neutrino flux measurements
  - o use signatures

The n index quantifies the diminishing gain in increasing exposure when limited by neutrinos:

reducing the sensitivity by a factor of 10 requires increasing the exposure by at least 10<sup>n</sup>



## DAMA MODULATION SIGNAL

- Standard Halo Model predicted modulation A~0.02-0.1, t<sub>0</sub>=152.5 days
- DAMA/Nal + DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 + phase2:
  - 2.86 t × yr (2 6 keV)
  - $A = (0.00996 \pm 0.00074) \text{ cpd/kg/keV} \chi^2/\text{dof} = 130/155$



No signal from other direct detection experiments

#### ANAIS-112 (LSC) & COSINE-100 (Y2L) offer direct test, no clear observation of modulation

DAMA/LIBRA-phase2-empowered running with lower software energy threshold of 0.5 keV



## MODULATION PERSPECTIVE (@LNGS)

#### **SABRE**

- Development of ultra-high purity Nal(Tl) crystals (3-5 kg, 0.1-0.3 dru in the ROI)
  - PoP at LNGS exploited successfully <sup>40</sup>K tagging with sensitivity at the level of 1ppb
- Two sites: LNGS in Northern and SUPL in Southern hemisphere
  - Passive shielding (North) + active veto (South)

#### **COSINUS**

- Nal detectors operated as cryogenic calorimeters
- dual readout of heat and scintillation light
- construction phase, several prototypes, mass
   60g → 110g
- COSINUS-1n: Ø(100 kg days) to know whether DAMA sees a nuclear recoil signal or not (low threshold essential)





#### exposure of 100 kg days

## WIMP NUCLEON SD INTERACTION EXCLUSION LIMITS LANSCAPE

- Spin-dependent phase space is wideopen at lower masses but technology to probe deep at 10 – 100 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> is well-developed
  - PICO superheated bubble chambers Freon (C<sub>3</sub>F<sub>8</sub>) probe proton coupling
  - LXe TPC detectors cover ncoupling, but the xenon neutrino fog is decades higher than the fluorine neutrino fog
  - EDELWEISS, SuperCDMS ncoupling at lower masses CRESST is exploring new SD crystals with Lithium
  - New technology could be a liquid/ solid phase change detector like supercooled H<sub>2</sub>O



#### WIMP-NUCLEON SCATTERING IN NREFT

- More general description by nonrelativistic effective field theory
- expansion parameters:  $v/c \simeq 10^{-3}$  and  $|\vec{q}|/m_M$
- $|\vec{q}| \simeq O(10 100 \text{ MeV})$ is the momentum exchange
- *m<sub>M</sub>* is some large scale involved (DM mass, nucleus mass, or a heavy mediator mass)

relativistic interactions constructed as bilinear products of the available scalar and four-vector amplitudes (20 effective Lagrangians)

j	$\mathcal{L}^{j}_{\mathrm{int}}$	Nonrelativistic reduction	$\sum_i c_i \mathcal{O}_i$	P/T
1	χχNN	$1_{\chi}1_N$	$\mathcal{O}_1$	E/E
2	$i \bar{\chi} \chi \bar{N} \gamma^5 N$	$i \frac{\vec{q}}{m_N} \cdot \vec{S}_N$	$\mathcal{O}_{10}$	0/0
3	$i \bar{\chi} \gamma^5 \chi \bar{N} N$	$-i\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\chi}}\cdot\vec{S}_{\chi}$	$-\frac{m_N}{m_\chi}\mathcal{O}_{11}$	O/O
4	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^5\chi\bar{N}\gamma^5N$	$-rac{ec{q}}{m_{\chi}}\cdotec{S}_{\chi}rac{ec{q}}{m_{N}}\cdotec{S}_{N}$	$-\frac{m_N}{m_\chi}\mathcal{O}_6$	E/E
5	$ar{\chi} \gamma^{\mu} \chi ar{N} \gamma_{\mu} N$	$1_{\chi}1_N$	$\hat{\mathcal{O}}_1$	E/E
6	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi\bar{N}i\sigma_{\mulpha}rac{q^{lpha}}{m_{ m M}}N$	$\frac{\vec{q}^{2}}{2m_N m_{\rm M}} 1_{\chi} 1_N + 2 \big( \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\chi}} \times \vec{S}_{\chi} + i \vec{v}^{\perp} \big) \cdot \big( \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}} \times \vec{S}_N \big)$	$\frac{\dot{q}^2}{2m_N m_{\rm M}} \mathcal{O}_1 - 2\frac{m_N}{m_{\rm M}} \mathcal{O}_3 + 2\frac{m_N^2}{m_{\rm M} m_{\chi}} \left(\frac{q^2}{m_N^2} \mathcal{O}_4 - \mathcal{O}_6\right)$	E/E
7	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi\bar{N}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^{5}N$	$-2\vec{S}_N\cdot\vec{v}^{\perp}+\frac{2}{m_\chi}i\vec{S}_{\chi}\cdot(\vec{S}_N\times\vec{q})$	$-2\mathcal{O}_7+2\frac{m_N}{m_\chi}\mathcal{O}_9$	O/E
8	$i\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\chi\bar{N}i\sigma_{\mulpha}rac{q^{lpha}}{m_{M}}\gamma^{5}N$	$2i \frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}} \cdot \vec{S}_N$	$2\frac{m_N}{m_M}\mathcal{O}_{10}$	0/0
9	$\bar{\chi}i\sigma^{\mu u}rac{q_{ u}}{m_{ m M}}\chiar{N}\gamma_{\mu}N$	$-\frac{\vec{q}^{2}}{2m_{\chi}m_{\rm M}}1_{\chi}1_{N}-2\big(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{N}}\times\vec{S}_{N}+i\vec{v}^{\perp}\big)\cdot\big(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}}\times\vec{S}_{\chi}\big)$	$-rac{{{ar q}}^2}{{{2m_\chi m_M }}} {\mathcal O}_1 + rac{{{2m_N }}}{{{m_M }}} {\mathcal O}_5 \ - 2rac{{{m_N }}}{{{m_M }}} \left( {rac{{{ar q}}^2}{{m_N }^2}} {\mathcal O}_4 - {\mathcal O}_6  ight)$	E/E
10	$\bar{\chi}i\sigma^{\mu\nu}rac{q_{\nu}}{m_{\rm M}}\chi\bar{N}i\sigma_{\mu\alpha}rac{q^{lpha}}{m_{\rm M}}N$	$4\left(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}}\times\vec{S}_{\chi}\right)\cdot\left(\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}}\times\vec{S}_{N}\right)$	$4\left(\frac{\bar{q}^2}{m_{\rm M}^2}\mathcal{O}_4-\frac{m_N^2}{m_{\rm M}^2}\mathcal{O}_6\right)$	E/E
11	$\bar{\chi}i\sigma^{\mu\nu}rac{q_{\nu}}{m_{\rm M}}\chi\bar{N}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}N$	$4i\left(rac{ec{q}}{m_{\mathrm{M}}} imesec{S}_{\chi} ight)\cdotec{S}_{N}$	$4\frac{m_N}{m_M}\mathcal{O}_9$	O/E
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13	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\chi\bar{N}\gamma_{\mu}N$	$2\vec{v}^{\perp}\cdot\vec{S}_{\chi}+2i\vec{S}_{\chi}\cdot\left(\vec{S}_{N}\times\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{N}}\right)$	$2\mathcal{O}_8 + 2\mathcal{O}_9$	O/E
14	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\chi\bar{N}i\sigma_{\mulpha}rac{q^{lpha}}{m_{ m M}}N$	$4i\vec{S}_{\chi}\cdot\left(rac{\vec{a}}{m_{\rm M}}\times\vec{S}_{N} ight)$	$-4 \frac{m_N}{m_M} \mathcal{O}_9$	O/E
15	$\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\chi\bar{N}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}N$	$-4\vec{s}_{x}\cdot\vec{s}_{N}$	$-4\mathcal{O}_4$	E/E
16	$i\bar{\chi}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma^{5}\chi\bar{N}i\sigma_{\mulpha}rac{q^{lpha}}{m_{ m M}}\gamma^{5}N$	$4i\vec{v}^{\perp}\cdot\vec{S}_{\chi}rac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}}\cdot\vec{S}_N$	$4 \frac{m_N}{m_M} \mathcal{O}_{13}$	E/O
17	$i\bar{\chi}i\sigma^{\mu\nu}rac{q_{ u}}{m_{ m M}}\gamma^5\chi\bar{N}\gamma_{\mu}N$	$2i\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}}\cdot\vec{S}_{\chi}$	$2\frac{m_N}{m_M}\mathcal{O}_{11}$	0/0
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19	$i\bar{\chi}i\sigma^{\mu\nu}rac{q_{\nu}}{m_{\rm M}}\gamma^5\chi\bar{N}\gamma_{\mu}\gamma^5N$	$-4i\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}}\cdot\vec{S}_{\chi}\vec{v}_{\perp}\cdot\vec{S}_{N}$	$-4\frac{m_N}{m_M}\mathcal{O}_{14}$	E/O
20	$i\bar{\chi}i\sigma^{\mu\nu}rac{q_{\nu}}{m_{\rm M}}\gamma^5\chi\bar{N}i\sigma_{\mulpha}rac{q^{lpha}}{m_{\rm M}}\gamma^5N$	$4\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}}\cdot\vec{S}_{\chi}\frac{\vec{q}}{m_{\rm M}}\cdot\vec{S}_{N}$	$4rac{m_N^2}{m_{ m M}^2}\mathcal{O}_6$	E/E