# Dark Matter 1-ton Era

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WIMP Mass  $[\text{GeV}/c^2]$ 

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# What Techniques

- Si/Ge Bolometers
- Nal Scintillating Crystals

- Bubble Chambers Noble (Xe/Ar) Scintillators Noble (Xe/Ar) Scintillating TPC

# Remember!

It only makes sense if you can guarantee background-free condition



### PICO Bubble Chambers and Update on COUPP60

Hugh Lippincott, Fermilab for the PICO Collaboration UCLA DM 2014





## Why bubble chambers?

- By choosing superheat parameters appropriately to electronic recoils (10-10 or better)
- To form a bubble requires two things
  - Enough energy
  - Enough energy density length scale must be comparable to the critical bubble size

• Electronic recoils never cross the second threshold!

(temperature and pressure), bubble chambers are blind



Collected >3000 kg-days of dark matter search data between 9 and 25 keV threshold 

- No darkening

Good live fraction > 80% (including >95% over the last month)

## COUPP60 - the data

- Analysis still under development
- Good news: Zero multiple bubbles, no neutrons. Limit on neutron rate is factor 7 below observed rate in COUPP4
- Bad news: Population of events that sound like nuclear recoils but are clearly not WIMPs
  - Silver lining: statistics we can actually study them in detail





### XMASS, present and future development

S. Moriyama Kamioka Observatory, The University of Tokyo

Institute for Cosmic Ray Research, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2014, Dark Matter 2014, UCLA

# XMASS: LXe single phase detector

- Many interesting physics targets, including EM interactions
  - Dark matter: elastic, inelastic <sup>129</sup>Xe, super-WIMPs, ALP, HP, ...
  - Solar axions, 2vDEC, SN, and other unexpected signal
- Intrinsic BG of XMASS I: O(10<sup>-4</sup>)/kg/keV<sub>ee</sub>/d @40keV dominated by <sup>214</sup>Pb, w/o part. ID (arXiv: 1401.4737)





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(2 inch)

# Key component to see the surface

- One of the most simple and straightforward way to see the surface events is the use of PMTs with a convex, dome shape photocathode.
- Similar shape can be seen in many examples.









From PMT handbook (HPK)

# Identification performance

- 3 PMTs accept 40-50% of total
- One example of surface ID: 3 PMTs > 10% of total PE
- Assume surface RI 8mBq <sup>210</sup>Pb, 10<sup>7</sup> events ~42y. In <u>2-2.5keV</u> 0.1 events/y w/o dead tube 0.3 events/y w/ 15 dead tubes
- DM signal efficiency ~ 20% of all volume. Surface events can be identified and rejected effectively.





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2-2.5keVee

42yrs equiv.

surface

MaxPE3/TotalNPE

# Beyond the surface: solar ppv, Kr and Rn

- Internal background, future goal <10<sup>-5</sup>/kg/keV<sub>ee</sub>/d - e scat. by solar pp v ~  $10^{-5}/\text{kg/keV}_{ee}/\text{d}$  irreducible  $-^{212}$ Pb, <0.3µBq/kg ~ 10<sup>-5</sup>/kg/keV<sub>ee</sub>/d=dru  $\rightarrow$  1/10 − <sup>85</sup>Kr (Q<sub>β</sub>=687keV,  $\tau_{1/2}$ =11yr), 1ppt ~10<sup>-5</sup>dru → 1/10 - <sup>214</sup>Pb, 10mBq/kg ~ 10<sup>-4</sup>dru → <1/10</p>

- γ ray and neutron contribution will be evaluated.
- Prediction of these background are accurate and will be taken into account in analyses to search for DM signal. <~10<sup>-46</sup>cm<sup>2</sup> would be searched for.



## XMASS in future

XMASS-1.5





DM 1ton FV (5ton) 1.5m $\phi$ , ~1000 PMTs Requesting budget DM, pp solar v ~10<sup>-46</sup>cm<sup>2</sup> Annual/spectral info XMASS-II

DM, solar, ββ 10ton FV Detailed study of DM pp solar ν ββ ~30meV(IH)



## Dark-matter Experiment using Argon Pulse Shape Discrimination Fabrice Retière on behalf of the DEAP collaboration







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## DEAP-3600 concept

### **3.6 tonnes of liquid** Argon

Enclosed in 85 cm radius acrylic ball

- $\circ$  1 tonne fiducial
  - Excluding surface events

### **Scintillation only**

- Aka single phase
- Light viewed by 255
  photo-multiplier tubes



## Neutron background mitigation





## Pulse shape discrimination concept





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### Assuming 8PE per keV

Background	Rate/count
<b>Neutron</b>	< 2 pBq/kg
In 1t LAr	< 0.06 count/year
β <b>&amp;</b> γ	< 2 pBq/kg
In 1t LAr	< 0.06 count/year
<b>Radon</b>	< 1.4 nBq/kg
In 1t LAr	< 44 count/year*
<b>Surface</b> α	< 0.2 mBq/m <sup>2</sup>
In 1t LAr	< 0.6 count/year

WIMP-nucleon cross section sensitivity of 10<sup>-46</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> at 100GeV.

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## Projected backgrounds

### Mitigation

- Shielding: 6000 mwe (SNOLAB), Active water shield, light guides and filler blocks Material selection
- Pulse shape discrimination Material selection (for  $\gamma$ )
- Material selection, SAES getter,
- cold charcoal radon trap
- \* High energy events, not in ROI
- Material selection (acrylic), sanding of AV (1mm removal), fiducialization.

## Total of <0.6 events in ROI in 3 years for a spin-independent

# Challenge for Scintillating Detectors





Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 568 (2006) 700–709

### Time and space reconstruction in optical, non-imaging, scintillator-based particle detectors

### C. Galbiati, K. McCarty\*

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# Challenge for Noble Scintillators

diffusive propagation: *R* 3  $\partial x = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{N}}$ 

t.o.f.:

 $\partial x = \frac{c\sigma}{n} \sqrt{\frac{3}{N}}$ 

# Scintillating Noble TPCs

# $\partial z \approx 1 \text{ mm}$ $\partial (x, y) \approx 1 - 3 \text{ cm}$

## How a two-phase Xe TPC is a perfect way to look for WIMPs

T. Shutt - NygrenFest, May 3, 2014



T. Shutt

Case Western Reserve University

- Liquid Xe large signal, strong shielding of external backgrounds
- 3D event position

 Charge (S2) / light (S1) distinguishes electron recoil backgrounds

 Single electrons and photons



## Self-shielding in liquid xenon

• MeV gammas and neutrons:  $\lambda \sim 10$  cm

### 300 kg LUX





Single, low-energy Compton scatter

$$P(L) \cong \frac{L}{\lambda} e^{-\frac{L}{\lambda}}$$



PMT







LZ is not quite at neutrino limit

defeat pp solar neutrino background

 Get rid of PMT radioactivity – Would enable simultaneous BB-decay and DM search

Please buy LED light bulbs

### **Future directions**



## Background rejection might or might not be sufficient to



## Future Directions of Xe Scintillating TPC

- XENON-1t at LNGS (2016?)
- LZ at Sanford Lab (?)
- XENON-nt at LNGS (?)

### DarkSide A scalable, zero-background technology

Pulse shape of scintillation provides powerful discrimination for NR vs. EM events:

Rejection factor  $\geq 10^8$  for >60 photoelectrons: proposed by Boulay & Hime, AstropartPhys 25, 176 (2006) demonstrated by WARP AstropartPhys 28, 495 (2008)

- Ionization: scintillation ratio a semi-independent discrimination mechanism:
- Great spatial resolution from ionization drift localizes events, allowing rejection of multiple interactions, "wall events", etc.
- Underground argon <sup>39</sup>Ar abatement factor  $\geq$ 150



### Beta/Gamma



# Argon Scintillating TPC

### Nuclear Recoil











### Underground Argon Measurements





 $10^3$  M<sub> $\chi$ </sub> [GeV]



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### Underground Argon Measurements

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# Liquid Argon TPC & Cryostat

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### 4-m Diameter Liquid Scintillator Neutron Veto

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## 10-m high Water Tank

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### Class 100 Clean Room Radon < 5mBq/m<sup>3</sup>

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Like the jelly beans in this jar, the Universe is mostly dark: 96 percent consists of dark energy (about 70%) and dark matter (about 26%). Only about four percent (the same proportion as the lightly colored jelly beans) of the Universe - including the stars, planets and us - is made of familiar atomic matter.

# The End

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