Dark Matter Direct Detection: Mostly cryogenic detectors

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Outline

- Why cryogenic detectors ?
- Sensors and a few examples of detectors
- Charge-phonon detectors
- Light-phonon detectors
- Some other detectors
- Conclusions and prospects

after Drukier and Stodolsky, PRD 30 (1984) 2295 Direct detection techniques



Wimps direct detection experiments

- CDMS-II @ Soudan Mine
- EDELWEISS-II (cryo Ge @ Fréjus)
- CRESST-II (cryo CaWO₄, ZnWO₄) @ Gran Sasso
- ROSEBUD (cryo Al203, CaWO4) @ Canfranc
- XENON-10, XENON-100, ZEPLIN, DRIFT, NaIAD
- WARP, ArDM (liquid argon)
- DAMA/LIBRA (Nal, Xe @ Gran Sasso)
- IGEX @ Canfranc, HDMS/GENIUS-TF (Ge) @ Gran Sasso
- CUORICINO/ CUORE (Te02) @ Gran Sasso
- SIMPLE, MACHe3, ORPHEUS (Bern)
- ELEGANT, LiF @Japan
- + Future experiments: SuperCDMS/GEODM, EURECA, XENON-1ton, XMASS, ...





Initial motivations

- Heat capacity varies as T³ (dielectric materials), or as T (metal)
- Sensitivity to a given ΔE better at low T
- Phonons meV or less : intrinsic resolution in principle excellent $\delta E_0 = 2.35 \sqrt{\epsilon F E_0}$
- Also, possibility to combine heat (phonon) measurement to light or charge for scintillating and semiconductor materials



Detector principle

- 1- Energy input in detector absorber
- 2- Coupling between absorber and sensor (NTD, TES, MMC, ...)
- 3- Slow recovery by weak coupling to thermal bath





Pioneering microcalorimeters

From: S.H. Moseley, J.C. Mather, D. McCammon, J. Appl. Phys. 56 (1984) 1257 to the XQC array
N. Coron, et al., Nature 314 (1985) 75
0.5 mg diamond composite bolometer



Sensors: MIT

- Metal-Insulator Transition (MIT)
 - Implanted Si (ion implant)
 - Neutron Transmuted Doped (NTD) Ge
 - Amorphous thin film sensors (e.g. $Nb_xSi_{(1-x)}$, or $Y_xSi_{(1-x)}$)
- Excellent thermistors, usually used in MΩ to GΩ range
- Predictibility of impedance initially difficult (produce several batches) for ion implant (also for NTD)
- Homogeneity critical
- High temperature diffusion: much better homogeneity for implanted Si (limitation: few µm thick)

Sensors: MIT (Metal-Insulator Transition)

- Adjustable $M\Omega$ to $G\Omega$ impedance
- Usually several batches produced
- Variable range hopping (Mott, Efros, Shklovskii)



Nb-Si alloy

- Co-evaporation made at CSNSM (Orsay)
- Nb < 9%: semiconducting
 - Anderson insulator
 - High electron-phonon thermal coupling
 - 1/f noise

- Nb > 9%:
- superconducting
- Tc depends on Nb concentration





Transition edge sensors

- Principle
- α = R/T dR/dT can be >> 1000 !
- Single pixel example
- Oustanding energy resolution





Sensors: Transition edge (TES)

- Initial problems:
 - Reproducibility of T_c
 - Adjustment by magnetic impurity implantation (Fe), but tedious
 - Instability when current biased
- Solution to most of these points: negative electrothermal feedback (ETF)
- Let the sensor self-bias with low T thermal bath
- Adjust regulation power to keep sensor at same impedance
- Signal = Regulation power









Sensors: Transition edge (TES)

- Oustanding energy resolution
- Comparison with best silicon detectors
- Performances similar to WDS (wavelength dispersive)
- Ability to detect environmental effects



Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

- Paramagnetic sample in relatively low B (≈ few mT)
- Initial attempts (Bühler and Umlauf) used 4f ions embedded in dielectrics: nice energy resolution, but rather slow detectors
- In 1993, Bandler et al. proposed to embed paramagnetic ions in metals: much faster response (≈ 10⁻⁷ s)
- Excellent energy resolution (≈ 3 eV @ 6 keV)
- At present, most studied system Au:Er
- Perspectives of further improvements in energy resolution



Metallic Magnetic Calorimeters

- Excellent energy resolution (≈ 3 eV @ 6 keV)
- Comparable to TES resolution
- Already some applications





Best present performances of Single Pixel Microcalorimeters







EDELWEISS-I limitations

- Several runs between 2000 and 2003
- Last run = data taking with trigger on heat signal
- Improved efficiency at low energy (50 % at 11 keV)
- Stable behavior over 4 months of the detectors
- Fiducial exposure: 22 kg.d
- 18 nuclear recoil candidates > 15 keV

Possible backgrounds

- Residual neutron flux
 - 1 n-n coincidence observed
 - 2 single expected by MC
- Surface electron recoils
 - Miscollected charge events at low energy
 - Leak of events down to the nuclear recoil band not visible in coincidence events

Further, studies concerning the possible origins for these backgrounds



²¹⁰Pb and Penetration Lengths



EDELWEISS-II setup in LSM







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-Bolometric detectors with NbSi with identification and rejection of surface events -Interdigit detectors with identification and rejection of surface events - Large number of channels/wires - Operation in underground site: remote operation of dilution cryostat and helium reliquefier

GeNTD data: improved bakgrounds

Gamma background reduction of x3 relative to EDELWEISS-I







Physics run with GeNTD

11 detectors with<30 keV</th>threshold

 Threshold chosen before start of run

(EDW-I results \rightarrow expected β bkg)

93.5 kg.day

3 events observed in nuclear recoi band

- 31, 31 and 42 keV

Evidence for events with deficient charge collection





Identification of surface events with Ge/NbSi detector

Athermal phonon measurement with NbSi thin film thermometers



Simulation of InterDigit Detector



Identification of surface events with Ge/NbSi detector







Check of course that γ -ray rejection still excellent



Limits with GeNTD and ID detectors

93.5 kgd GeNTD

- 11 detectors x 4 months
- 30 keV threshold
- 3 events observed in nuclear recoil
band6 kgd ID2 detectors x 4 months15 keV thresholdNo nuclear recoilsNo evts outside γ band1. 2009: 10 ID detectorsx 20 improvement in 8 months:
4x10-8 pb
- 18.6 kgd ID
 - 2 detectors x 4 months
- Jan. 2009: 10 ID detectors
 - 4x10⁻⁸ pb
 - More detectors build in 2009





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CDMS II Background Discrimination

 Ionization Yield (ionization energy per unit recoil energy) depends strongly on type of recoil

 Most background sources (photons, electrons, alphas) produce electron recoils


CDMS II Background Discrimination

 Ionization Yield (ionization energy per unit recoil energy) depends strongly on type of recoil

 Ionization yield alone rejects >99.9% of gammas, >75% of 'betas'



Ionization + Timing:

Reject 99.9998% of Chardman and States and S

CDMS 2008



First CDMS 5-Tower Results



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WIMP Candidate: Blind Analysis

All cuts set blind, without looking at signal •In good Fiducial Volume

- •In the Nuclear Recoil Band
- Not surface event: phonon timing cut
- Not a Multiple Scatter





⇒Would expect roughly 650 kg.d * 30% effective/fiducial exposure= 200 kg.d

Actually used exposure is **125 kg.d** 7/19 detectors used because of "variations of performances" on run 124

WIMP search. Of the 19 Ge detectors, three suffering reduced performance from readout failures and one from relatively poor resolution, have been left out of the present report. The remaining 15 Ge detectors were used for the run 123 analysis. Eight of these detectors were excluded from WIMP search during the shorter run 124 due to systematic variations in performance between the Achardia, Les-Houcheso 3/2009 Along with the Si detectors, the analysis of

data from these detectors is ongoing and remains blind.



XENON vs CDMS sensitivities



Xenon-10 and CDMS have similar sensitivies

CDMS : additional 1000 kg.d raw data, open box fall 2008



From CDMS-II in Soudan to SuperCDMS in SNOLab





CRESST-II experiment (Gran Sasso)

<u>Background discrimination by simultaneous detection of phonons</u> <u>and light</u>

separate calorimeter as light detector Works with many absorber materials CaWO₄, PbWO₄, BaF, BGO (other tungstates and molybdates)



CRESST II

Features:

- mass : 10 kg CaWO₄
- threshold lower than 15 keV (recoils)
- excellent background discrimination

- identification of recoil nucleus

(unique an important for positive identification of a WIMP signal)

Goal:

Sensitivity better than 10⁻⁸pb Chardin, Les Houches, 3/2009

CRESST detector module – background discimination

nultaneous measurement of phonons and scintillation light to discriminate nuclear recoil signals from radioactive background





Quenching Factor Q

Every particle has a different quenching factor Q Q= photon light signal / particle light signal (both of same energy)

Note: two measurements at millikelvin temperatures: ⁴He and ²¹⁰Pb





300 g detector module



Operating temperature ~10 mK

phonon channel: 300g CaWO₄ Ø = 40mm, h = 40mm W-SPT 4 x 6 mm^2 light channel: Si 30 x 30 x 0.4 mm³ W-SPT with AI phonon collector reflector: polymeric foil, teflon

Light Detector







Al-phonon collectors separate heater / thermal link

Si wafer (30 x 30 mm²) read out by W-

Effective threshold: $E_{thresh,ee} \sim 2 \text{ keV}$ (few photons) 10 to 20 eV absolute

Run with two prototype detector modules

Stability of detectors:

Very constant sensor response over a period of two months

Energy resolution of phonon detector:

 $\gamma:1$ keV @ 46.5 keV:



CRESST detector module – background discrimination





<u>Upgrade</u>

 installation of 66
SQUIDchannels to readout 33detector modules (10 kg);wiring, electronics, dataacquisition...

installation of PE neutron
....moderator and plastic
....scintillator μ-veto

shielded cryostat



PE neutron moderator

plastic scintill. μ-veto Chardin, Les Houches, 3/2009

PE- shielding and muon veto



50 cm PE – shielding (12 tons) Plastic scintillator muon veto





66 channel SQUID system



new wiring for 66 channels

- 576 wires into Helium bath
- 432 wires to mixing chamber (7mK)
- -288 wires from mixing chamber to detectors



Low background connectors and solder

Detector support structure



special low background, low heat leak copper low background CuSn2 springs



- 10 detector modules build in (3kg)
- cryostat running
- first measurements started

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Phonon detectors

Good performance









Origin of the background

- Neutrons (hole in shielding fixed)
- Electronic noise
- a-emitters

<u>next</u>

-Neutron calibration

-Install new light detectors and start physics run

Preliminary limits

no neutron calibration yet



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Experimental status and theoretical predictions



High compacity array

 CUORICINO: largest mass cryogenic experiments (42 kg at T ≈ 10mK)

- Crystal mass >≈ copper structure mass
- For CUORE-type array, possibility to identify neutrons by multiple interactions

Charc

COUPP : the old bubble chamber

1-Liter Chamber in NuMi Tunnel



COUPP results Insensitive to em backg "Digital" response but Tuning of T and P allows energy scan

Data from 2006 Run

- Data from pressure scan at two temperatures.
- Fit to alphas + WIMPs





Cryoelectronics developments

- Challenges in cryoelectronics :
 - Large number of wires
 - heat load constraints (exercises)
 - development of custom cables and amplification components (FETs)
- High impedance channels (CUORE, EDELWEISS, EURECA) : develop ultra-low noise low dissipation AsGa FETs (LPN Marcoussis)
- Low impedance channels : SQUID electronics (IPHT Jena, MPI Muenchen, Oxford, APC Paris...)
- For both types of channels : multiplexing is mandatory for most matrices applications
- Cryogenic detectors : relatively slow signals →
 - digitize very early (close to cryostat) the analog signals
 - digital filter (after anti-aliasing low-cost filter...)
 - digital trigger



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DAMA evidence for dark matter?

- Exp questions to investigate
- 1)Tricky analysis at threshold
 - Signal in energy window dominated by PMT noise
 - Signal at threshold in varying efficiency energy region
 - =>influence of cuts on noise rejection, signal power ?
 - => difference of efficiencies for signal and background ?



2-4 keV region : pulse shape analysis for PMT



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DAMA evidence for dark matter?

- 3) Coincidence of Sm signal with 3 keV peak of ⁴⁰K in all spectrum ?
 - Looks like the modulation of a peak ?
 - What is the expected contribution from ⁴⁰K ?



DAMA LIBRA : how to go ahead ?

- Open data policy recommended by ILIAS and ASPERA
- **×** Blind analysis
- * "Duplicate" experiment : KIMS (CsI), ANAIS (NaI)
- x Explore low energy/mass regions
- In any case, alternate observation by other experiment is needed
- Bahcall's proposal at TAUP2003


CsI(Tl) : 4 * 8.7 kg crystals

Pulse shape discrimination on 3409 kg.d



Crystal	p.e./keV	Mass(kg)	Data(kg·days)
S0501A	4.6	8.7	1147
S0501B	4.5	8.7	1030
B0510A	5.9	8.7	616
B0510B	5.9	8.7	616
Total		34.8	3409



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DAMA LIBRA : how to go ahead ? TAUP03: Some Comments

* Bahcall's proposal at TAUP2003

John Bahcall

DAMA

- DAMA sees a modulation at 6.3s
- Potentially, this is extremely important.
- Existing experiments cannot check this result directly.
- Therefore,
 - Appoint blue-ribbon committee with subpoena power
 - If no mistakes found, repeat experiment but better



Conclusions

- Cryogenic detectors provide an excellent, although technically challenging, solution to the detection of WIMPs
- Two main techniques : charge-phonon (mainly Ge) and lightphonon (several potential targets) are complementary
- Surface events have been a big challenge for Ge detectors, but ZIP and Interdigit detectors provide nice strategy against this initial limitation (need for convergence ? Only one Ge expt)
- Light-phonon detectors offer potentially a multiplicity of targets, and do not suffer at the present level of sensitivity from surface effects
- Main problem for light-phonon detectors: phonon only events
- ≈ 2010 : decision on discriminating tonne-scale DM experiment in Europe (and similar process in the US)
- Cost for tonne-scale experiments (50-100 M€ range) requires convergence
- Xenon TPC and Ge appear at present as best candidates

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