

Low threshold crystal detectors for Dark Matter search

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CDMS SuperCDMS (Ge & Si)



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Cryogenic Rare Event Search with Superconducting Thermometers (at LNGS)

CRESST





CRESST-II results



CRESST-III



Status quo

m = 250g V = 32x32x40 mm³

Phonon threshold:

Light-detector res.:



 $\sigma \approx 5 \text{ eV}$



block-shaped target crystal (with TES)



CRESST-III phase 1



10 x 24g detectors operated for one year ≈ **50 kg-days** (net)

R. Strauss, Direct Dark Matter Detection: Experiment meets Theory, March 6-8, 2017, Munich

CRESST-III phase 2





Reduction x100 of intrinsic bgd of crystals required! reach 10⁻² cts/(kg.keV.d)

 Growth of CaWO₄ crystals in-house
 All production steps under control
 Improvement x10 already achieved
 Cleaning procedure e.g. by re-crystallization, chemical purification of raw materials

100 x 24g detectors operated for 2 years ≈ **1000 kg-days** (net)

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SuperCDMS @ Soudan (2090mwe)







CDMS lite @ Soudan



making use of Neganov-Luke effect:

$$E_t = E_r + \frac{1}{3 eV} E_Q \Delta V$$

with V=70V amplification of heat signal \sim 24 \rightarrow effective lowering the threshold

NL amplification:

- ➢ allows E_{thr}≈50eV
- opens window into ~GeV range
- Ioss of PID

needs careful energy calib.





SuperCDMS Soudan (2090mwe) → SNOLAB (6010mwe)



EDELWEISS @ LSM





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EDELWEISS-III FID800 detectors







Ø=70mm, h=40 mm 2 GeNTDs heat sensors

Electrodes:

concentric AI rings (2mm spacing) covering all faces XeF₂ surface treatment to ensure low leakage current (<1 fA) between adjacent electrodes

J Low Temp Phys (2014) 176: 182-187

"Performance of the EDW-III experiment for direct dark matter searches" arXiv:1706.01070 (subm. to JINST)

Nuclear recoil calibration + discrimination



- Clear event-by-event separation
 down to 5 keV energy (nuclear recoils)
- Response to nuclear recoils calibrated down to the analysis threshold for low-mass WIMP searches (1 keV_{ee} heat = 2.5 keV nuclear rec.)



EDELWEISS-III 2014—2015 WIMP search

161 days of physics data with 8 FIDs: ~500 kg.d total



EDELWEISS-III 2014—2015 WIMP search

161 days of physics data with 24 FIDs: >3000 kg.d total



first measurement of cosmogenic ³H in Ge





Search for light WIMPs → lower threshold, better resolution



EDELWEISS R&D targets:

 Use High Voltage: Amplification of heat signal to reduce effective threshold 8V -> 100V

 Optimize sensors: Improve energy resolutions on heat (thr) & ionization (ID)
 → σ_{heat}=100eV, σ_{ion}=100eV

Reduce Heat-only events reduction by 100



- \rightarrow up to 100V working \rightarrow NL boost 35
- \rightarrow sensitivity to low mass WIMPs (~1GeV/c²)
- \rightarrow BUT: no electron/gamma suppression









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CDMS with large NL amplification g_L



Since Y(ER) > Y(NR)ER have larger g_L



P. Cushman, IDM 2016, Sheffield



CDMS towards single e- detection



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iZIP detectector with h=1cm & vacuum electrode





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300

value of ²⁴¹Am 13.9 keV peak

200

300

200

100

0 1

50

100

V_{applied} [Volts]

light DM with m_{DM}~MeV—GeV ?





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Search for light DM with GeMMC



combine EDW Ge technology (KIT) with high resol. MMC's (U HD)



- > DM-e⁻ scattering \rightarrow e⁻/h⁺ pairs
- charge drift in high E-field @ 20mK
- amplification of phonon signal
- phonon readout with MMC



best achieved resolution with MMC (maXs20): ΔE_{FWHM} =1.6eV

A. Fleischmann et al., *AIP Conference Proceedings*, **1185** (2009) 571

Search for light DM with GeMMC





Conclusions



low thresh crystal detectors complementary to "standard WIMP" searches by Xe, Ar low mass WIMP search: expect major results within next 2—24 months (CRESST, CDMS-lite, EDW-NL, DAMIC)

stay open-minded about nature of DM:
-> asymmetric DM, light DM, dark sector

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approaches towards "single electron detection" A low thresh crystal detectors complementary to beam stop expts many new ideas (\rightarrow Cosmic Visions workshop etc)

tests at surface/shallow sites, but "final" expts in underground lab \sim table top \rightarrow midsize (few m³) setup with shielding

not covered here: Ge diodes (GERDA, Majorana, CDEX, TEXONO,...)