

# DAMIC

### DARK MATTER IN CCD

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# MOTIVATION



- ► Low masses matter too ! (~GeV WIMP, ADM)
- low energy threshold (10-100 eV) obtained with solid (e.g. semiconductor band gap)

### **DIRECT DETECTION**

**Detect the nuclear recoil induced by the WIMP-Nucleus interaction** 



- Background (radiogenic) removal/estimation
  - Discrimination (Nuclear vs electronic recoil)
- ► Threshold
- ► Calibration
- Operation stability

## **DAMIC: DETECTION PRINCIPLE**



► low noise ~2e- (= 7.5 eV)  $-> E_{th} = 50-60 \text{ eVee}$ 

~light mass target (kinetic matching)

# DAMIC CCD



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- ► Thick CCD: 0.675 mm
- ► 2.9g (5.8g)/ CCD
- ► 8 (16) MegaPixels
- ► pixel size: 15 x 15 µm
- High resistivity: 10-20 kΩ.cm
  (low donor density—>fully depleted at 40V)
- Iow dark current (10<sup>-</sup> e- /pix /day at 120K)



- ➤ readout noise < 2 e-</p>
- ► readout time ~ 40us / pix

### **ENERGY CALIBRATION: ELECTRON RECOIL**



► linearity better than 5% from 40 eV<sub>ee</sub> to 10keV<sub>ee</sub>

### **ENERGY CALIBRATION: NUCLEAR RECOIL**



# **3D RECONSTRUCTION**

charge diffusion  $\sigma$  along z axis



#### muon track



- ► 3D reconstruction
- surface event tagging

## **RADIOGENIC BACKGROUND**

- no effective discrimination nuclear vs electronic recoil
  - potential bkg from low energy β and γ

- unique spatial and energy resolution
  - observe decay chain from a single isotope\*
  - $\succ$  <sup>238</sup>U and <sup>232</sup>Th chain
  - ► <sup>32</sup>Si, <sup>210</sup>Pb chains
  - ► <sup>3</sup>H ?

### particle identification



#### <u>decay chain</u>



(JINST 10 (2016) no.08, P08014 arXiv:1506.02562 [astro-ph.IM])

# DAMIC AT SNOLAB (2016)

### **DAMIC DETECTOR**



### DAMIC AT SNOLAB





- 2 km down a mine
  (6000m water equivalent)
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZPLcv-ASwc
- muon rate < 0.27 m<sup>-2</sup> d<sup>-1</sup> (1µ/m<sup>2</sup> every 3 days !)

- Many effort to reduce the back noise
  - Nitrogen purge
  - Copper surface treatment

### WIMP SEARCH: ANALYSIS STEPS



- 1. data selection (E < 10 keVee, noisy pixel)
- 2. find hits with LL clustering algo. (comparison bkg vs bkg+signal)
- 3. exclusion of surface events
- 4. fit of the candidate spectrum

### WIMP SEARCH: RESULTS



compatible background hypothesis (Compton scatt.)

- ► sensitivity at low mass WIMP ( $m_x < 10 \text{ GeV/c}^2$ )
- Limits with 0.6kg.day
- Exclusion of a part of CDMSII signal with same target (Si)

### HIDDEN PHOTON SEARCH



- ▶ hidden photon (m = [1-30 eV])
  absorbed by electron
  → ionisation
- search for additional contribution in the leakage current
- most stringent direct detection limits in 3-12 eV mass region

## STATUS: DAMIC 2017

- DAMIC40: Intermediate step to confirm progress in background, improvement of operations.
- April 2016 January 2017:
  Installation of 6-7 working CCDs (4k x 4k => ~40g of mass)
  - replaced copper box and modules
  - replaced of parts of the shielding with ancient lead (Roman lead from Modane)
  - cleaning and etching
- Already 6 kg.day with 5-15 d.r.u.





- DM search with spectral discrimination
- Spectrum measurement down to 60 eVee of the Compton spectrum
- New model produced

- ► G4 Full detector simulation —>Optimise shielding and cleaning
- ► Input the screening result
- Ongoing simulation and analysis
- ► Next step: fit spectrum with floating concentration

# FUTURE PLANS

### **DAMIC FUTURE**



# **TARGET MASS & BACKGROUND REDUCTION**

Mass: ~ 1kg (current ~ 40 g)



5000 Å

1500 Å

n-Si

AI 1000 Å

SiO<sub>2</sub> 4500 Å

- current mass: 5.8g /CCD
- ➤ goal: increase CCD mass 3X (1kg=>~50CCDs)
  - ~1mm with same fabrication
    process
    - ~ few mm thickness might be possible
  - ► larger format :4k x  $4x \rightarrow 6k x 6k$

**background:** ~0.1 d.r.u (current ~ 5 d.r.u. / EDELWEISS < 1)



- Lots of effort and experience gained
- ► keep activation low (Cu / Si)
  - track the Si and Cu
  - electroformed Cu
- Chain identification
  (a plus w.r.t. other exp.)

### ELECTRONICS: SKIPPER CCD



- Skipper CCD is an innovative technique (cf SENSEI project *arXiv:1706.00028*)
  Non destructive multiple uncorrelated readings
- ➤ resolution < 0.1 e- can be achieved (0.2 e- is a good compromise for read out time)
- ► Allow for the single e- measurement
- dark current limiting but very low in Si: 2e- threshold possible

### DAMIC POTENTIAL SENSITIVITY



► Competitive limits on ~GeV WIMP interaction

► Can exploit e- recoil as well and explore hidden sector

### CONCLUSION

CCD is an efficient DM detector for low mass WIMP

- ► stable operation
- very good energy & spatial resolution

- After a phase of development / bkg reduction DAMIC has released competitive limits (0.6kg day exposure)
  - Currently upgrading to DAMIC40

- Broad potential for next upgrade:
  - ► physics goal: ~GeV WIMP and Light DM
  - ► work on CCD fab. , read out electronics, process/transport handling <sub>23</sub>

# THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION

### **READ OUT NOISE**



Integration time / µs

## **ENERGY LINEARITY**



# CCD



# CCD





# Radiogenic bkg

Analysis	Isotope(s)	Tracer	Bulk rate	Surface rate
method		for	$\mathrm{kg}^{-1}\mathrm{d}^{-1}$	$cm^{-2} d^{-1}$
α	<sup>210</sup> Po	<sup>210</sup> Pb	<37	$0.011 \pm 0.004, 0.078 \pm 0.010$
spectroscopy	$^{234}\text{U} + ^{230}\text{Th} + ^{226}\text{Ra}$	<sup>238</sup> U	<5 (4 ppt)	-
	<sup>224</sup> Ra- <sup>220</sup> Ra- <sup>216</sup> Po	<sup>232</sup> Th	<15 (43 ppt)	_
$\beta$ spatial	<sup>32</sup> Si – <sup>32</sup> P	<sup>32</sup> Si	$80^{+110}_{-65}$	_
coincidence	<sup>210</sup> Pb – <sup>210</sup> Bi	<sup>210</sup> Pb	<33	_

### **OTHER EXPERIMENTS**



### NUCLEAR RECOIL CALIBRATIONS

### low E neutrons



### fast neutrons



### WIMP Search efficiency

### DM candidate spectrum



### DAMIC BACKGROUND SPECTRUM

