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Project in Canada to Search for Supersymmetric Objects

Projet d'Identification de Candidats Supersymétriques SOmbres

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# THE DARK MATTER PROBLEM - FIRST INDICATIONS



Fritz Zwicky, 1937

• Studies kinetic energies of 8 galaxies of the Coma Cluster

finds velocities are much larger than expected

 apparently Coma cluster contains 200 x more mass than is visible in form of galaxies

The "hidden mass" problem becomes a "key problem" of modern cosmology









an invisible "Great Attractor"

# VIRGOHI21: A GALAXY OF DARK MATTER ! (50 M Ly)

Visible spectrum

**RF-hydrogen emission** 

1000 x more Dark Matter than hydrogen! M ~ 0.1  $M_{MW}$ 



# DARK MATTER AROUND OTHER GALAXIES





DSS OPTICAL

 $M_{Tot} > 10 M_{vis}$ 

#### Abell 2029

- a cluster of thousands of galaxies
- surrounded by gigantic clouds of hot gas
- T~ 10<sup>6</sup> K

# DARK MATTER AT AT LARGE SCALES

### **Gravitational lensing**

- provides evidence of large masses between source and MW
- recently 3D reconstruction of clusters of Dark Matter







M<sub>dark</sub>>50 M<sub>vis</sub>

# THE BULLET CLUSTER IE0657-56 (3.4 10<sup>9</sup> LY)

Optical Datk Matter X-ray Gas

High velocity merger of clusters of galaxies 4500 km/s

 $M_{dark} > 49 M_{vis}$ 

M. Markewitch et al: HST, Magellan, Chandra (August 2006)

# HE CETUS CLUSTER MACSJ0025.4 (6x10<sup>9</sup> LY)

HST, Chandra (August 2008)

# **DM AND STRUCTURE AT VERY LARGE SCALES**

**SLOAN DIGITAL SKY SURVEY** 

- SDSS I completed Jan. 2005
- SDSS II until 2008
- maps cube of 6x10<sup>9</sup> Ly sides

# **DM & DEVELOPMENT OF STRUCTURE**



- BB creates DM + ord. Matter
- DM decouples early
- Clumps
- Ordinary matter flows in
- Galaxies form
- Galaxies trace DM distribution



-First large scale 3D reconstruction of DM distribution

-Hubble Space Telescope: largest picture mosaic ever 1.4° x 1.4° (size of moon)

- Distance by red shifts: ESO VLT (Chile), Magellan (Chile), Subaru (Hawaii), CHT (Hawaii)

--X-ray mapping of gas in galaxies: XMM Newton



Growing clumpiness of DM & ordinary matter flowing in

Next: Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (2013)

8.4 m diameter mirror

30 Tbyte/night

Google participates in organizing data analysis (New Scientist Jan. 2007)



The larger the scale we average the more uniform becomes the Universe!

# WMAP – PRECISION COSMOLOGY!



\* Phase change @T ~10<sup>-35</sup>s with x 10<sup>50</sup>  $\rightarrow$  flat space

WMAP RESULTS:  $\Omega_{tot} = 1.02 \pm .02$ 

- $\Omega_{\rm b}$  = 0.04 ±0.004
- $\Omega_{\rm m}$  = 0.27 ±0.04
- $Ω_{\Lambda}$  = 0.73 ±0.04

**Other :** 

Inflation :

 $\Omega_{tot} = 1$ 

**BBN:**  $\Omega_{\rm b} = 0.039$ 

clusters of galaxies, grav. lensing hot x-ray gas :  $\Omega_m = 0.3$ 

SN1a – redshift :  $\Omega_{\Lambda} = 0.7$ 



# THE NEUTRALINO: A CDM CANDIDATE

- $\chi_1$  can be lightest stable super symmetric particle LSP
- Majorana particle
- Interaction with matter electro-weak
- can provide closure density

"photino"

relic population from early BB

# $\chi_{1} = N_{11}\tilde{\gamma} + N_{12}\tilde{Z} + N_{13}\tilde{H}_{1}^{0} + N_{14}\tilde{H}_{2}^{0}$ "zino"

45 GeV < M $\chi_{-}$  < 600 Gev - 7 TeV

#### Accelelerators

#### **SUSY** structure

cosmology

higgsino" "higgsino"

# **NEUTRALINO INTERACTION CROSS SECTIONS**



#### Spin-dependent

#### Spin-independent

#### General form of cross sections:

# $\sigma_{A} = 4G_{F}^{2} \left(\frac{M_{\chi}M_{A}}{M_{\chi} + M_{A}}\right)^{2} C_{A}F(q^{2})$

 $C_A^{SI}$ : Spin independent – coherent interaction  $\propto A^2$  $C_A^{SD}$ : Spin dependent interaction  $\propto \langle S_{p,n} \rangle^2$  $F(q^2)$ : nucl. form facor  $\rightarrow$  important for large  $q^2$  and large A

# **SPIN DEPENDENT - SPIN INDEPENENT**



Spin independent

**No correlations** 

Spin dependent

Large SD x - sections possible for small SI x-sections !

# **Searches for DM Particles**

Production in situ at accelerators





Indirect detection via DM annihilation in Sun, Earth, Galaxy v,  $\gamma\text{-rays},$  anti-protons , positrons





Direct detection in u/g laboratories



 $\sim 10^{10}$  particles traverse us on earth per second!



- Recoil energyies: < 100 keV
- Rates: << 0.1 count /kgd
- Annual rate modulation  $\approx 5-7\%$

A. Drukier, K. Freese, Spergel PRD 33(86)3495

# (IN) DIRECT VS ACCELERATOR EXP.



**Direct detection experiments limit int. rate** 

**Constrained mSUGRA** g – 2 constraint SUSY

**Split SUSY** 

# Accelerators limit mass range

R.W. Schnee astro-ph/061256

#### **DIRECT SEARCHES**

- Ib detectors interact with galactic WIMPS
- fast WIMPS produce measurable recoils
- probe  $\chi$  halo density / structure at solar system
- no signal  $\rightarrow$  limits on X-section
- $\rightarrow$  constraints on MSSM parameter space

#### **INDIRECT SEARCHES**

- gravitational trapping (sun, galactic centre etc)
- annihilating of slow WIMPS
- detection of annihil. products: pairs of  $\gamma$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}$ s
- probe  $\chi$  abundance elsewhere
- no signal  $\rightarrow$  limits on X-section
- $\rightarrow$  constraints on parameter space

# $\chi$ - CDM ?

#### **ACCELERATOR SEARCHES**

- no signal  $\rightarrow$  limits on mass range
- cannot tell if WIMP is stable
- $\rightarrow$  constraints on MSSM parameter space

#### Complementarity !!!

- Discovery of cosmol. WIMP does not prove yet SUSY  $\rightarrow$  accelerator searches
- LHC signal does not yet prove CDM discovery  $\rightarrow$  (in) direct searches



Black: running green: starting soon



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# **Superheated Liquids For Particle Detection**





1958 G. Brautti, M. Crescia and P. Bassi: "A Bubble Chamber Detector for Weak Radioactivity" (Il Nuovo Cimento, 10, 6, 1958)





1993 Contract of the search for Dark Matter with Moderately Superheated Liquids" (V.Z., Il Nuovo Cimento, 107, 2, 1994)

#### Superheated Liquids & Dark Matter: SIMPLE, COUPP, PICASSO



# **The Seitz Theory of Bubble Chambers**



F. Seitz, Phys. Fluids I (1) (1958) 2



- Superheated droplets at ambient T & P<sup>\*</sup>
- 150µm droplets of carbofluorides dispersed in polymerised gel
- Active liquid:  $C_4F_{10}$   $T_b = -1.7 \circ C$ )
- Radiation triggers phase transition
- Events recorded by piezo-electric transducers





\* Inspired by personal neutron dosimeters @ Bubble Technology Industries, ON



# **Main Features**

- each droplet is an independent "clean" Bubble Chamber
- keV threshold for DM induced recoils
- with full efficiency for nuclear recoils
- excellent gamma & MIP at  $E_{rec}$ = 5 keV
- continuous operation 30h
- recompression recycles burst droplets
- low cost, with potential for a large DM experiment
- in house fabrication



1<sup>st</sup> generation: 10 mL



2<sup>nd</sup> generation : 1L



3<sup>rd</sup> generation : 4.5L

# Active Target C<sub>4</sub>F<sub>10</sub>

Neutralino interaction with matter:

$$\sigma_A = 4G_F^2 \left(\frac{M_\chi M_A}{M_\chi + M_A}\right)^2 C_A$$

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Depending on the type of target nucleus and neutralino composition

Isotope	Spin	Unpaired	$\lambda^2$
<sup>7</sup> Li	3/2	р	0.11
<sup>19</sup> F	1/2	р	0.863
<sup>23</sup> Na	3/2	р	0.011
<sup>29</sup> Si	1/2	n	0.084
<sup>73</sup> Ge	9/2	n	0.0026
<sup>127</sup> I	5/2	р	0.0026
<sup>131</sup> Xe	3/2	n	0.0147

Spin independent interaction (
$$C_A \propto A^2$$
)  
Spin dependent interaction  
$$C_A = (8/\pi)(a_p < S_p > + a_n < S_n >)^2(J+1)/J$$

Spin of the nucleus is approximately the spin of the unpaired proton or neutron



R&D in collaboration with BTI, Chalk River

- Start with monomer matrix solution
- Add heavy CsCl solution to match density of active gas ( $\rho = 1.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$ )
- add active gas in liquid form
- magnetic stirring to disperse droplets
- polymerize matrix
- all done in clean room to avoid U/Th, Rn









## **Determination of the acive mass**

- Weighing of  $C_4 F_{10}$  during detector fabrication
- Control of active mass by calibration in know AcBe neutron flux





# **Detection of Nuclear Recoils**

- Calibration with mono-energetic neutrons
- neutron induced nuclear recoils similar to WIMPS
- at low energies only s-wave scattering important
- Reaction: <sup>7</sup>Li(p,n)<sup>7</sup>Be, <sup>51</sup>V(p,n)<sup>51</sup>Cr reaction at 6 MV UdeM-Tandem



Recoil detection efficiency
Control of active mass in detectors
Comparison of different liquids

Ideal tool for calibrating droplet detectors!



## **Droplet Detectors are Threshold Detectors...**

Determine energy response as a function of T & P  $\rightarrow$  superheat!



# **Target selection**





# **Neutron Beam Calibration**





## **Calibration of the Detector Response**



# **Monte Carlo Simulations**

Test beam

AmBe source (u/g calib.)



• Response at threshold not a step function!  $P(E, E_{th}) = 1 - \exp a(1 - \frac{E}{E_{th}})$ 

New!

• *a* - increases with neutron energy!

## **Detector Response**





Gamma & MIP rejection better 10<sup>10</sup> above E<sub>rec</sub>= 10 keV!

## **Background Reduction**



Gamma & MIP rejection better  $10^{10}$  above  $E_{rec} = 10 \text{keV}!$ 

# **Limit of Stability: Homogeneous Nucleation**

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- Limit of stability when thermal fluctuations deposit E<sub>min</sub> within R<sub>mib</sub>
- Theory predicts instability of liquid phase at app. 90%  $T_c$



# **Treatment of Signal Waveforms**







- filter events (high pass)
- Integrate amplitude
- $\bullet \rightarrow$  Variable  $\propto$  to Signal energy "pvar"



- time frequency analyis
- Fourier transform variable "fvar"
- spike cuts

# The Energy Variable "Pvar"

Power cut variable discriminates:

- « Non-particle » induced events
- Air bubbles
- Fractures...



Cut value is temperature dependent!



Neutron-calibration (AcBe)



Temperature interpolation

# The Frequency Variable "Fvar"



- Construct Fourier Transform
- Ratio of region A / region  $B \rightarrow ``Fvar"$

## **Pvar vs. Fvar** $\rightarrow$ **Background Discrimination**!



Red: background run

# **Discrimination of Nuclear Recoils from Alpha Particles**

PICASSO discovered a significant difference between amplitudes of neutron and α- particle induced events ! New Journal of Physics 10(2008)103017 arXive: 0807.1536

Average of peak amplitudes of nine transducers / detector

High pass filter with cut-off at 15 KHz

Signals carry information about first moment of bubble formation





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#### Why not observed earlier?

Previous detector had smaller droplets!

- now 200  $\mu$ m compared to < 10  $\mu$ m
- range of nuclear recoils < L<sub>c</sub>
- but range of alphas >> L<sub>c</sub>
- many bubbles can form on  $\alpha$  track (depend on temperature)





# $\alpha$ - n Discrimination: Temperature Dependence



Strong saturation of raw signals above 30°C!



(in MIP sensitive region:  $T = 60^{\circ} C \rightarrow > 20$  bubbles)

# **EVENT LOCALIZATION**

Reconstruction of event position very promising Allows suppression of hot spots or surface events Determine t<sub>0</sub> from wave form Reconstruction efficiency > 80%





th<sub>i</sub>: Calculated time from the fitted point to the i<sup>th</sup> piezo.

t<sub>i</sub>: Measured time of the beginning of the event on the i<sup>th</sup> channel.

Detectors | imit

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#### 3D- distribution of background events

# A Curiosity: The Amazing Steepness of the $\alpha$ -Threshold!





# The Ongoing 2.6 kg PHASE



- 32 detectors  $\rightarrow$  2.6 kg of  $C_4F_{10}$
- 288 acoustic R/O channels
- 3D event localization
- 32 detectors running
- Control via Internet
- analysis in progress







#### Temperature & Pressure Control System (TPCS)

- TPCS units
- temp. precision: ± 0.1°C
- 4 detectors /TPCS
- 40 h data taking
- 15 h recompression





## **Data Analysis**

Example : Det. 71, 72 (subset of data)) Rates normalized to <sup>19</sup>F mass

 $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$  - background



Fitting to known backgrounds  $\rightarrow$  determine  $\chi$ - limits

# **Status: Spin Dependent WIMP Interactions**



\*Subm. Phys. Lett B. (arXiv: 0907.0307)





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# Summary

- 2.6 kg Phase with 32 detectors
- First physics competive results with two detectors only
- Rule out most of DAMA/LIBRA effect in SD sector
- Upgrade gradually with cleaner detectors  $\rightarrow$  "saltless" detectors
- New discovery of n  $\alpha$  discrimination
- Next: prepare 25 kg phase  $\rightarrow$  7000 kgd

