Constraints on Low-Mass WIMP Signals from CDMS

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Our best wishes to those affected by the ongoing crisis

CDMS

The Cryogenic Dark Matter Search

Event Discrimination



TEXONO

Instrumentation



Carrier Transient

e⁻

h+

phonons

Carriers (bulk events) go the right way

γ_____

-3

Carriers (surface events) injected into the wrong electrode

> + ballistic phonons

CDMS

Low Energy Analyses

- Stanford Underground Facility
- Soudan

DAMA and CoGeNT



Bernabei et al., Eur. Phys. J. C 56 333 (2008), arXiv:0804.2741

WIMP Event Rates

- 1 × 10⁻⁴¹ cm²
 cross section
- 544 km s⁻¹
 escape
 velocity
- 0.3 GeV cm⁻³
 density



Stanford Result

Akerib et al, PRD 82, 122004 (2010)

- Shallow site (17 m water equivalent overburden)
- + 118 live days from Dec 2001 June 2002
- + 4 × 224 g Ge
 - 1 × Ge not used due to high analysis threshold
 - 1 × Ge sensitive to cryostat temperature, live time reduced
- + 2 × 105 g Si

Cuts

Data Quality (No energy dependence, 99% efficiency)
 Noise
 Pileup

- Chi2 Phonon and ionization pretrigger
 - $< 5 \sigma$ from mean
- Single scatter
 (100% efficiency)
- *no* Muon veto, 50-80 μs
 (67-78% efficiency)
- Inner electrode (83% eff)
- Nuclear recoil (93-96% eff)



Energy Calibration

 Cosmic ray activated (Ge68) and neutron activated (Ge71) lines at 1.3 and 10.4 keV

 Cosmogenic (Ge73m) at 66.7 keV



WIMP Candidates

cut and threshold adjusted event rate

cut adjusted event rate

raw event rate



Ionization vs. Energy

	Ge	Si		
Total	1080	970	Electron 75 (Co) Capture	
Event Accounting (%)				•
1.3 keV line	32	0	Electron Reco	bils -
Zero-charge	30-40	30-40		
14C betas	0	40	Z4 (Si) Z 05 Nuclear Recoils	
Compton	10-20	10-20	Zero Ionization	
Cosmogenic	6	2	Events	
Other	2-22	0-18	0.5 1 10 Recoil energy (keV)	100

Ionization vs. Energy



WIMP-Nucleon 90% Exclusion Limits



C. Savage, et al, J. Cosmol. Astropart. Phys. 04 (2009) 010C. Savage, et al, J. Cosmol. Astropart. Phys. 09 (2009) 036C. Savage, et al, arXiv:1006.0972

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G. Belanger, et al, J. High Energy Phys. 03 (2004) 012

Soudan Result

Ahmed et al, PRL (accepted), arXiv:1011.2482

- + Oct 2006 Sept 2008
- + 241 kg days
- * 8 × 230 g Ge with lowest-detector thresholds of 2 keV
- + NR band (+1.25,-0.5)σ
 - Maximizes sensitivity to nuclear recoils while minimizing expected backgrounds

Ionization vs. Energy





Total Zero-charge Bulk

Surface 1.3 keV

Ionization vs. Energy



CDMS and CoGeNT

- Both use Ge detectors
- Signal in CoGeNT
 not seen in CDMS



• 7 GeV c⁻² 90% confidence

Hooper et al., Phys. Rev. D 82, 123509 (2010), arxiv:1007.1005

WIMP-Nucleon 90% Exclusion Limits

CDMS Stanford 1 keV ---CDMS Soudan 2 keV ---CDMS Soudan 10 keV ---XENON100 □ +

DAMA / LIBRA • CoGeNT • DAMA + CoGeNT 🔯

CDMS Soudan 10 keV --CRESST --XENON10 △



SuperCDMS

Interleaved Detectors

Microstrip Gas Chamber



+ A. Oed 1988 NIM A 263 (1988) 351-359

SCDMS iZip Detectors



- MSGC concept extended to CdZnTe, P. Luke Appl. Phys. Lett. 65 (22) 1994
- SCDMS, P. Brink et al NIM A 559 (2006) 414 - 416

SCDMS iZip Detectors



Surface Discrimination

1:10⁴ surface discrimination from ionization signal



Future Limits



Backup Slides

Inner Charge Cut

- + Area_qi = 83%
- + Cf-252 passage = 81 83%
- Energy dependence
 - * 84% (4 keV) 79% (100 keV)
 - <4 keV, qi and qo indistinguishable, linearly extrapolate to 100% passage

Search Complementarity

Direct

- + bulk
- focus point

Production

- + coannihilation
- + bulk

Indirect

- * coannihilation
- Higgs funnel

