## Search for Dark matter with ZEPLIN II Liquid Xenon Detector and LUX

xenon two phase dark matter direct detection

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Gravitational lenses:

The blue arcs are light from a distant galaxy whose light has been deflected by the galaxy cluster in the foreground.





## Gravitational Lens Galaxy Cluster 0024+1654

Hubble Space Telescope · WFPC2

RC95-10 - ST Sci OPO - April 24, 1995 - W. Colley (Princeton Univ.), NASA

## Dark matter - gravitational lenses Reconstruction of the mass distribution in the galaxy cluster



# Big Bang Nucleosynthesis



From Turner et al.

M. Signore, New Astro. Rev. 1999

## collision of two large clusters of galaxies



The discovery, using NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory and other telescopes, gives direct evidence for the existence of dark matter. Pink: Hot gas, Blue: Dark Matter



#### Wilson Microwave Anisotropy Probe (WMAP)





 $\Omega_{m}h^{2} = 0.127_{-0.013}^{+0.007}$  $\Omega_{b}h^{2} = 0.0223_{-0.0009}^{+0.0007}$  $h = 0.73_{-0.03}^{+0.03}$ 



### **Dark Matter: Everything here is only <1% of the whole story**



A WIMP  $\chi$  (Weakly Interacting Massive Particle) Created in the Bug Bang: Is predicted in Supersymmetric theory of particle physics:

Lightest particle, neutralino, with a mass

~ 100 x proton mass and stable

#### Has exactly the right properties to be the dark matter!





We see only SM particles Today Symmetry break at higher M scale

#### **Standard particles**

#### **SUSY particles**

# Relative size of luminous galaxy and the dark matter halo



GM

Cored spherical isothermal halo  $\rho(r) = \rho_0 \frac{a^2 + r_0^2}{a^2 + r^2}$ 

#### With Maxwelian local distribution

$$f(\upsilon)d^{3}\upsilon = \frac{e^{-\upsilon^{2}/\upsilon_{0}^{2}}}{\pi^{3/2}\upsilon_{0}^{3}}d^{3}\upsilon$$

# Indirect searches: CDF & D0 at Fermilab (TeV-tron) CMS & Atlas at CERN (LHC)



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# **Direct Detection Strategy**



The Milky Way Galaxy

form factor effect with various targets

## Coherent enhancement on event rate





## **Recoil Spectra of different Targets**

$$\frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\sigma_0 \rho_x}{4\nu_e m_x \mu_{x,N}^2} F^2 \left( E_R \right) \left[ \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\nu_{\min} + \nu_e}{\nu_0} \right) - \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{\nu_{\min} - \nu_e}{\nu_0} \right) \right]$$



Nuclear Recoil Energy (keV)

# **Annual Modulation**



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<sup>40</sup>K: 4\*10<sup>7</sup> γ/day (~1.5MeV)

 $10^{3} / (kg-day)$ 

all materials used for detector construction are contaminated by Uranium and Thorium

**Cosmic rays produce large rate in detector too** 

Current limit  $\sim 0.1$  event/kg/day





## **Detector response to WIMPs and Background** WIMP or Nuclear Neutron Recoil (I, S, Th) 0 Electron Recoil **Ionization** (I,S,Th)**Scintillation** Radioactive **Phonon** background **Target Nuclei Background Discrimination**

# **Principle Tests Setup & Results**



A simple purification process developed to achieve 5ms electron lifetime in liquid xenon







2.0



NIM A329 (1993) 361-36

## single phase studies using a 2kg liquid xenon detector

1995-1996



# 2kg single phase detector @ Mt. Blanc LAB Aug. 1996





# 1kg two-phase study setup





$$N_{ph/e} \approx 70 \bullet \left(\frac{E}{P} - 1.3\right) \bullet X \bullet P$$

E: Electric field (kV/cm), P: Gas Pressure (Bar), X: electron Drift Distance (cm)

**1997** 

# Why Xenon

- •Available in Large Quantities
- •Large abundance for both  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  (<sup>129</sup>Xe~26%) and  $s_0$  (<sup>132</sup>Xe~27%)
- •High Atomic Number ( $\sigma_{WIMP-Nucleon} \propto A^2$ ,  $Z_{Xe}$ =54, A=131)
- •High Density (~ 3g/cm<sup>3</sup> liquid) (compact detector design)
- •High Scintillation Light (175nm) & Ionization Yield
- •Small fano factor ( F = 0.041 Energy Resolution  $\frac{\Delta E}{E} = 2.35 \sqrt{\frac{FW}{E}}$ )



- •Scintillation decay profile difference (primary) (PSD)
- •Large quenching factor (observed energy/e.e.Energy)
- •Can be Highly Purified
  - long light attenuation length (~m)
  - long free electron life time ( $\sim 5$ ms)
- •Gamma & Recoil signal Discrimination
- •Capable of Scale up to Large Volume (ton)
- •No Long Lived Radioactive Isotopes (low background)

# Liquid Xenon Scintillation Mechanism

(A) Pulse Shape discrimination: due to decay profile difference between nuclear recoil & electron recoil
(B) When E<sub>drift</sub> applied, and measure E<sub>i</sub> & E<sub>s</sub>, Very good background rejection due to (E<sub>i</sub>/E<sub>s</sub>)<sub>M.I.P.</sub>>> (E<sub>i</sub>/E<sub>s</sub>)<sub>H.I.P.</sub>
ZEPLIN I (A)
ZEPLIN II (A&B)



Nuclear recoil Electron recoil







### Mesh Structure



# Drift and Luminescence Field Modeling





#### **Single Electron Detection** Area, phe 5 10 15 20 25 0 160 $\chi^{2}/ndf 56.61$ 55 140 $61.71 \pm$ G Ampl 1.884 G Mean 0.3170 ± 0.1382E-01 G Sigma $0.1808 \pm$ 0.9869E-02 A single electron 120 Exp Norm 1981.± 969.1 Exp Slop $27.48 \pm$ 4.293 leaving 100 evts/bin liquid surface 80 can be detected using S2! 60 (~9p.e./e) 40 20 ղ.թ.հ.թ. 0

0.1

0

0.2

0.3

0.5

Area, V.ns

0.4

0.6

0.7

0.8

0.9



# The first piece being made at UCLA Physics Machine shop in 2001!



**PTFE cone and field ring holder** 

# Stainless Steel cast Vacuum Vessel





9. 16. 2002









ZEPLIN II PMT Assembly 7 UV sensitive low temperature PMTs (by ElectronTubes Inc.)



PTFE Heater gas extraction field shaping rings wire mesh





## Zep II Charge Extraction & Luminescence Field Grid





**Cold deflection test** 







#### **Detector Shielding Set up**

A: Xenon Target B: Veto C: Neutron Shield D: Lead





## ZEPLIN II Underground Operation at Boulby Mine

First science run:

- 5 months continuous operation
- 1.0t\*day of raw DM data
- Results submitted to Astropart. Phys.



## Location of ZEPLIN II Detector











#### z2 background 1000us 060424 data.0001 Event 69 Summary



z2 background 1000us 060424 data.0001

**Optical feedback: A detailed look with wider window** 



## **Neutron multi-scatter In ZEPLIN II**





#### **Discrimination and acceptance box determination**

# AmBe source calibration $^{60}$ Co calibration $^{500}_{400}$ $^{500}_{400}$ $^{500}_{400}$ $^{500}_{200}$ $^{507}_{507}$ $^{507}_{600}$ $^{508}_{870}$ $^{507}_{800}$ $^{507}_{870}$ $^{508}_{870}$ $^{507}_{800}$ $^{507}_{870}$ $^{508}_{870}$ $^{508}_{870}$ $^{60}_{870}$



- Upper bound set at 50% n.r. acceptance
- Fixed S2/S1 lower bound
- Energy range from 5 to 20keVee
- 98.5%  $\gamma$  discrimination

# **Science Run Results**



Blue star: Even in coincident with veto

Lower band due to Radon daughters on side walls

## **Background expectations**





**Radon Daughters** 

## **Cross-Section results, first run**

#### In review: submitted to Astropart. Phys.



- **28.6±4.3expected (total)**
- 10.4 upper limit to n.r.
- 225 kg\*days
- 7.2kg fiducial



## Standard Halo Scalar Interaction

WIMP-nucleon cross section limits for 31 days (225 kg-days): 6.6 x 10<sup>-7</sup> pb (@65GeV)



# **ZEPLIN long term strategy II**

5-ton



1-ton

**Nano-Tip Charge Readout** 

# **Future Multi-Ton detector**



# **The LUX Detector**



#### One Possible System for Installation



# LUX Dark Matter Experiment - Summary

- Brown, Case, LLNL, LBNL, Rochester, Texas A&M, UC Davis, UCLA
  - XENON10, ZEPLIN II (US) and CDMS; v Detectors (Kamland/SuperK/SNO/Borexino); HEP/γ-ray astro
  - (Also ZEPLIN III Groups after their current program completed)
- 300 kg Dual Phase liquid Xe TPC with 100 kg fiducial
  - >99% ER background rejection for 50% NR acceptance, E>10 keVr (Case+Columbia/Brown Prototypes + XENON10 + ZEPLIN II)
  - 3D-imaging TPC eliminates surface activity, defines fiducial
- Backgrounds:
  - Internal: strong self-shielding of PMT activity
    - $\gamma/\beta < 7x10^{-4}$  /keVee/kg/day, from PMTs (Hamamatsu R8778 or R8520).
    - Neutrons (α,n) & fission subdominant
  - External: large water shield with muon veto.
    - Very effective for cavern  $\gamma$ +n, and HE n from muons
    - Very low gamma backgrouns with readily achievable <10<sup>-11</sup> g/g purity.
- DM reach: 2x10<sup>-45</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> in 4 months
  - Possible ~5x10<sup>-46</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> reach with recent PMT activity reductions, longer running.

# LUX program: exploit scalability

- LUXcore: Final engineering for large-scale detector
  - Cryostat, >100 kV feedthrough, charge drift, light collection over large distance
  - Full system integration, including ~1m water shield
  - 40 kg narrow "core", 14 PMTs, 20 cm Ø x 40 cm tall.
    - Radial scale-up requires full-funding.
  - Under construction, Jan 2007, operations at Case: spring 2007.





- LUX in ~ 6m Ø water shield
- Very good match to early-implementation DUSEL (e.g., Homestake "Davis" cavern)
   SNOLAB LOI
- System scalable to very large mass.

# Cryostat arrived at Case (Feb. 12 2007)



# LUX Dark Matter Goal

- Dark Matter Goals
  - LUX Sensitivity curve at 2x10<sup>-45</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> (100 GeV)
    - Exposure: Gross Xe Mass 300 kg Limit set with 120 days running x 100 kg fiducial mass x 50% NR acceptance
      - If candidate dm signal is observed, run time can be extended to improve stats
    - ~1 background event during exposure assuming most conservative assumptions of ER 7x10<sup>-4</sup> /keVee/kg/day and 99% ER rejection
      - ER bg assumed is dominated by guaranteed Hamamatsu PMT background (R8778 or R8520) recent PMTs from Hamamatsu achieving lower backgrounds, but not guaranteed
      - Improvements in PMT bg (and rejection power) will extend background free running period, and DM sensitivity
  - Comparison
    - SuperCDMS Goal @ SNOLab: Gross Ge Mass 25 kg
      - (x 50% fid mass+cut acceptance)
      - Limit set for 1000 days running x 7 SuperTowers



XENON10 Results will be announced at APS April Meeting