

DM-Ice17: Direct Dark Matter Detection at the South Pole

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First Evidence of Dark Matter

- 1933: Fritz Zwicky analyzes the Coma cluster and sees a large discrepancy
 - Galaxies are moving too fast!
- Infers that unseen "dark" matter is dominating the gravitational movement



Evidence: Rotation Curves



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Evidence for Dark Matter



What is Dark Matter?

- Requirements
 Beyond the Standard Model
 Stable, massive, non-baryonic, neutral
- WIMPs: Weakly-Interacting Massive Particles
 - "WIMP Miracle": weak cross-section matches
 - GeV TeV mass





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Dark Matter Detection

Collider Production

Produce WIMPs and detect them as missing

energy



Direct Detection

Detect nuclear recoil from WIMP-nucleon scattering



Indirect Detection

Search for excess of annihilation products (solar core, GC...)



Direct Detection Techniques

To identify signal over background:





Positive Hints of Detection

WIMP-

CDMS Si (2013)

- 3σ excess
- Excluded by CDMS Ge

CoGeNT (2011)

- 2.80 annual modulation
- Postulated to be surface events

CRESST (2011)

- 4σ excess
- Signal excluded after detector upgrades and background reduction

DAMA: only result not excluded by same target medium/collaboration, although KIMS (using CsI(TI)) has ruled out lodine recoils





DArkMAtter (DAMA)

- Largest signal at 9.5σ annual modulation over 14 years
 - Nal(TI) scintillation detectors
 - 1% modulation on 1 dru background
 - 1 yr period; May 24±7 phase



DAMA Result Controversy

- Signal excluded by other experiments
- Could something else be modulating?
 - 100s of papers suggesting environmental backgrounds, internal backgrounds, experiment systematics...
 - Is the threshold moving? Temperature change in electronics? Radon? Muons?
 - No background explanation can successfully explain the signal



Borexino 2012

DAMA Controversy: Muons



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The DM-Ice Concept

- Complement DAMA and study modulation
 - Nal(TI) detector of similar size and threshold
- Minimize potential modulating background
 - Constant temperature
 - Constant -20° C
 - Understand muon background
 - IceCube coincidence
 - Neutron moderation
 - Water ice
 - Clean environment
 - 2500m overburden
 - U, Th ~ 0.1 1 ppt
 - K ~ 0.1- 1 ppb



Southern hemisphere muons (IceCube)

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DM-Ice



DM-Ice is a phased program that will run in local muon veto both hemispheres to test the dark matter interpretation of the E DAMA modulation 20 DM-Ice250 Set limits Southern Northern

IceCube Neutrino Observatory

- 5160 PMTs in 1km³
 - 1500 2500 m deep
 - Neutrinos: up-going
 - Atm. muons: down-going



DM-Ice17 Goals

 Illustrate feasibility of Nal(TI) detector in South Pole ice

- Environmental studies
 Backgrounds, stability
- IceCube muon coincidence



DM-lce17



DM-Ice17 Data

- Stable data taking since January 2011
 – 99% uptime
- Calibrated using
 internal contamination
 - Source runs taken before deployment



Low Energy Background Model



Cosmogenic Activation

Short-lived isotopes verify the energy calibration



Muon Background

- ~3 muons/crystal/day
- Identified through energy and pulse shape
- Modulation agrees with IceCube observations



IceCube Coincidence

<u>**DM-Ice goals:**</u> verify muon identification; provide energy, direction

IceCube goals:

improve reconstructions with known location along track



[13EventHeader :: StartTime: 2012-12-21 17:09:53 UTC EndTime : 2012-12-21 17:09:53 UTC RunID : 121431 SubrunID : 0 EventID : 79868923 SubEventID : 0 SubEventStream : InIceSplit

Coincidence Results

- Up to 93% (33%) of Det-1 (2) muons are coincident
- Including DM-Ice's location lowers the reconstruction fail rate and verifies precision
 - Fewer misreconstructions particularly for low energy





DM-Ice





DM-Ice37

- 2-18.3 kg crystals running at Boulby
- Background reduction from DM-Ice/ANAIS/ KIMS effort

Crystals	⁴⁰ K [mBq/kg]	²¹⁰ Pb [µBq/kg]	²²⁸ Ra- ²⁰⁸ TI
DM-lce17	17	1500	160
DAMA	0.6	24.2	8.5
In progress	1.5	188	2





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Future of DM-Ice

- DM-Ice37
 - Reached 3 dru background
 - R&D to get cleaner
 - Goal < 1 dru
 - DM-lce17: 7.9 dru
- DM-Ice250 North
 - Boulby: clean, well modeled environment
 - ZEPLIN shielding available
- DM-Ice250 South
 - Co-deployment with PINGU will be mutually-beneficial





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Conclusions

- This is an exciting time for dark matter!
- DM-Ice17: successful operation in the ice
 Mutually beneficial analysis with IceCube
- R&D progressing swiftly
- DM-Ice250: unique position to definitively test DAMA by running in both hemispheres





Questions?

Direct Detection Experiments



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DAMA Data



1800

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DAMA/Nal

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DAMA/LIBRA

Energy [keV]

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Scintillation Mechanism



DM-lce17 Data



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Pre-Deployment Source Runs



Noise Removal



Muon Identification





Coincidence Processing DM-Ice17 observes a muon No Was IceCube reading out? Deadtime (1.8%)(Is Level2 data available?) Yes Is there a Muon Filter/sDST No No coincidence MinBias/sDST NCh event within [-1,+6] µs of the DM-Ice17 muon? Yes **Coincident:** Run missing reconstructions Output coincident event

Effect on Misreconstructions

- Total number coincident: 1666 (43% coincident)
- Expected accidental coincidence/crystal ~ 20
- Misreconstruction rate reduced in Det-1 from 17% to 6.3%
- Improvement from NCh only

Detector	Total	Zenith > 90°	Energy < 100GeV	Distance > 20m	Nan Reco
Det-1 Traditional	1072	115	62	141	5
Det-1 DM-Ice seed	1072	44	23	166	0
Det-2 Traditional	594	145	23	94	1
Det-2 DM-Ice seed	594	100	22	111	0

Reconstruction: Zenith & Azimuth

 Comparison of reconstruction parameters with/ without DM-Ice seeds confirms IceCube resolution



Energy

Counts **Det-1 MPE** • DM-Ice17 slightly prefers **Det-1 Seed** a higher energy reconstruction 10 - Through-going events Difference centered about 84 ± 600 GeV 10^{0} 25 10-1 20 10 Residual 15 10 10 $dP/d\log 10(E_{\mu}/GeV)$ 10 10 10 2.5 3.5 6.5 2 3 4.5 5 5.5 6 1400m 10 Energy Estimate [GeV] 1600m 2400m* 10 2600m* 10-10 1800m s10² Conuts O 10-11 2000m 10-10⁴ 10⁵ **10**⁰ 10¹ 10² **10**³ 106 Muon energy [GeV] ×10³ 120 -20 20 60 80 100 Antonia Hubbard⁴⁰ 0 40 IceCube Bootcamp 2015 ∆ energy [GeV]

Reconstruction Comparisons

- Distance of closest approach indicates room for improvement
- 53% of events reconstruct closer with DM-Ice seed





Conclusions: DM-Ice17/IceCube

- Successful coincidence identification
- IceCube verifies DM-Ice muon tag – Energy and direction information
- DM-Ice17 offers a calibration tool for IceCube
 - Particularly for low energy
- Interest from low energy, calibration, and reconstruction working groups
- Future: optimization of reconstruction use, integration of IceTop, PINGU development

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DM-Ice37 Contamination

- Collective Nal(TI) effort (DM-Ice, ANAIS, KIMS)
 - Goal set by DAMA: 1 dru in ROI
 - Currently: 3 dru above noise energies
 - Noise removal in progress
 - DM-lce17: 8 dru

Significant improvements in location and PMTs

- 3 mBq/kg ⁴⁰K, ²¹⁰Pb reduction in R&D



DM-Ice37 Phosphorescence

- Phosphorescence observed with R&D crystals
- ~300 ms decay
 - Longer time in ice likely from older crystals
 - Exposure to radiation can produce crystal defects and traps

