# Results of DM-Ice17 and the Status of COSINE-100

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#### Current Dark Matter Field



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- Liquid Xenon detectors provide currently the best sensitivity to spinindependent WIMP scattering
- No other experiments could confirm the dark matter signal: tension with the DAMA result
- More exclusion limits cannot answer this question

#### DM-Ice17 Experiment

- Located at South Pole
- Two 8.5 Kg Nal(TI) crystals
- Installed: Dec. 2010, Physics run: Jun. 2011 Jan. 2015
- Goals
  - Demonstrate the feasibility of deploying and operating Nal(TI) detectors in the Antarctic ice for a dark matter search
  - *In situ* measurement of the radiopurity of the Antarctic ice at 2450 m depth
  - Study environmental stability
  - First search for annual modulation with Nal(TI) in the Southern Hemisphere





#### Why the South Pole?

- If found, the same dark matter signal in both hemispheres
- Seasonal variation reversed in phase
  - Opposite muon rate, tagging of muons verified by IceCube/ DeepCore
- Overburden from 2450 m ice (2200 m.w.e.)
  - Negligible environmental radioactivity: ppt <sup>238</sup>U/<sup>232</sup>Th, ppb <sup>40</sup>K
  - Stable temperature under ice
- Support infrastructure of Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station



- Analysis threshold at 4 keV
- 3 keV peak from <sup>40</sup>K contamination in the crystals, ~15 keV feature from surface <sup>238</sup>U contamination on the copper encapsulation
- The data are consistent with the null hypothesis in each energy bin



Barbosa de Souza *et al.*, Phys. Rev. D **95**, 032006 (2017)

#### Annual Modulation Allowed Region

- Comparing sinusoidal modulation to background subtracted event rates
- Maximum likelihood fits for DAMA and DM-Ice17
- Period/phase fixed with 1 year/June 2
- Dark matter modulation amplitudes are consistent at all energies with both **no modulation** and the DAMA signal



Vodulation Amplitude (counts / day / keV / kg)

0.06

0.04

0.02

-0.02

-0.04

#### DM-Ice17 Exclusion Limit

- The strongest exclusion limit in the Southern Hemisphere
- To test DAMA result, more mass, lower background, and lower analysis threshold are required



#### COSINE-100

- A joint effort between DM-Ice and KIMS collaboration
- 8 crystals with 106 kg in total
- Located at Yangyang underground laboratory (Y2L), South Korea, with ~700 m rock overburden
- Physics run started
   September 2016





#### COSINE-100 Shielding Structure

#### **Plastic Scintillators**





#### Crystal Installation



Preliminary

Crystal	Mass	Powder	Alpha Rate	$^{40}$ K	$^{238}\mathrm{U}$	$^{232}\mathrm{Th}$	Light Yield
	(kg)		(mBq/kg)	(ppb)	(ppt)	(ppt)	$(\mathrm{PEs/keV})$
Crystal-1	8.3	AS-B	$3.20\pm0.08$	$43.4\pm13.7$	< 0.02	$1.3\pm0.4$	$14.9\pm1.5$
Crystal-2	9.2	AS-C	$2.06\pm0.06$	$82.7 \pm 12.7$	< 0.12	$<\!\!0.6$	$14.6\pm1.5$
Crystal-3	9.2	AS-WSII	$0.76\pm0.02$	$41.1\pm6.8$	< 0.04	$0.4\pm0.2$	$15.5\pm1.6$
Crystal-4	18.0	AS-WSII	$0.74\pm0.02$	$39.5\pm8.3$		$<\!0.3$	$14.9\pm1.5$
Crystal-5	18.3	AS-C	$2.06\pm0.05$	$86.8 \pm 10.8$		$2.4\pm0.3$	$7.3\pm0.7$
Crystal-6	12.5	AS-WSIII	$1.52\pm0.04$	$12.2\pm4.5$	< 0.02	$0.6\pm0.2$	$14.6\pm1.5$
Crystal-7	12.5	AS-WSIII	$1.54\pm0.04$	$18.8\pm5.3$		$<\!\!0.6$	$14.0\pm1.4$
Crystal-8	18.3	AS-C	$2.05\pm0.05$	$56.2\pm8.1$		<1.4	$3.5\pm0.3$
DAMA			< 0.5	< 20	0.7 - 10	0.5 - 7.5	5.5 - 7.5

- 8 crystals with total mass of ~106 kg
- Preliminary background values estimated both at R&D and COSINE setup
- Average light yield ~15 p.e./keV

#### Crystal-LS Coincidence Events



- <sup>40</sup>K emits 1460 keV gamma with 3 keV Auger electron energy deposition in Nal crystal
- Tagging 1460 keV events with LS enables to veto 3 keV background events

#### COSINE-100 High Energy Spectrum



- Gamma spectrum shows pronounce background peaks including 1460 keV from <sup>40</sup>K
- Dynamic range for high energy signals is > 5 MeV

#### COSINE-100 Low Energy Spectrum



- 10 days of data, current set of event selection applied (not final!)
- Depending on crystal, background level ~3 dru at the region of interest
- Cosmogenic peaks remain in certain crystals
- There are still room for improvements



#### COSINE-100 Nal Crystal Simulation



- Work in progress, Geant4 framework
- Using Nal energy spectrum in R&D setup for the first step
- Surface <sup>210</sup>Pb is suspected to be the dominant background, followed by <sup>40</sup>K internal to crystal

#### COSINE-100 Projected Sensitivity



- 2-4 dru flat background is assumed
- 2 years of data with 1 keV analysis threshold will give comparable sensitivity with DAMA's 90% C.L allowed region
- If observed, 600 kg·years of data will give ~7 sigma result (2 dru bkg assumed)



#### Conclusion

- WIMP interpretation of DAMA signal is in tension with other experiments: Independent Nal(TI) experiments are needed
- DM-Ice17
  - DM-Ice17 demonstrates South Pole as viable underground location for dark matter experiments
  - DM-Ice17 set the strongest Southern Hemisphere dark matter exclusion limit
- COSINE-100
  - COSINE-100 is running with 108 kg of Nal(TI) crystals, with lower backgrounds and better technology
  - Initial performances of COSINE-100 are promising, expecting to have DAMAcomparable sensitivity in ~2 years
- Very exciting time for Nal dark matter search...stay tuned!



#### Interpretation of the DAMA Result



#### DM-Ice17 Det

0.15<del></del>

0.1

0.05

#### Contamination

#### <sup>4</sup>Detector Concerts of Concer

Material	<sup>40</sup> K	$^{232}$ Th	$^{238}{ m U}$	$^{238}{ m U}$	$^{235}\mathrm{U}$	<sup>60</sup> Co
			$(^{234}{ m Th})$	$(^{226}Ra)$		
Quartz Light Guides	$0.50\pm0.03$	< 4.9	1:	2	•••	••••
ETL 9390B PMT	9300	1000	2400			
Steel Pressure Vessel *	$13.77\pm6.38$	$6.49\pm0.96$	$118.31\pm60.11$	$2.28\pm0.72$	$8.79 \pm 1.68$	$7.19\pm0.82$
Drill Ice *	$3.71 \pm 1.36$	$0.55\pm0.17$	$6.69 \pm 3.02$	$0.39\pm0.14$	$0.38\pm0.21$	$0.12\pm0.05$
Silicone Optical Gel * $^{\dagger}$	$39.50 \pm 18.60$	< 0.12	$2.08 \pm 1.10$	$38.50\pm61.00$	$0.96 \pm 1.30$	$0.32\pm0.42$
PTFE Supports * $^{\dagger}$	$0.34 \pm 5.09$	$0.52\pm0.44$	< 0.41	$24.46\pm21.37$	$1.92\pm0.72$	< 0.089
Copper Plate * <sup>†</sup>	< 5.13	$<\!1.22$	$0.17\pm0.92$	< 0.67	$3.56 \pm 1.79$	< 0.12
Glacial Ice <sup>†</sup>	$\sim 3 \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 4 \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 10$	$)^{-4}$		

#### Crystal

Isotope	Subchain	Activity	
		$(\mathrm{mBq/kg})$	
$^{40}$ K		17	
$^{129}$ I		1	
$^{232}$ Tb	$^{232}$ Th	$     \begin{array}{r}         1 \\         0.01 \\         0.16 \\         0.017 \\         \end{array} $	
1 11	$^{228}$ Ra $^{-208}$ Tl	0.16	
	$^{238}\mathrm{U}-^{234}\mathrm{Pa}$	0.017	
23811	$^{234}\mathrm{U}-^{230}\mathrm{Th}$	0.14	
U	$^{226}$ Ra $^{-214}$ Po	0.90	
	$^{210}{\rm Pb}-^{210}{\rm Po}$	1.5	





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#### DM-Ice17 Temperature Stability

- Ice environment provides stable temperature
  - Fast decrease during freeze-in
  - Slower decrease over a few months after freeze-in
  - < 0.025°C daily RMS
- PMT gain stability: <2% in 2 years, smaller than energy resolution

Cherwinka et al., Phys. Rev. D 90 (2014) 092005





Cherwinka *et al*., Phys. Rev. D **90** (2014) 092005

- Resolution assessed from <sup>5</sup>/<sub>6</sub>
   same background peaks giving calibration
- Comparable resolution to other similarly sized Nal experiments



#### **Event Types**



#### DM-Ice17 Background Model

- $\beta/\gamma$  separated from alpha with PSD
- Well matched by background model
- Largest contamination from crystals and PMTs at <100 keV due to U/Th/K
- Negligible contribution from the ice





#### DM-Ice17 Background Model: Low Energy Region

- Below 5 keV, background is dominated by
  - $^{40}$ K and  $^{210}$ Pb in Nal(Tl)
  - PMTs
  - Surface <sup>210</sup>Pb and Light guides
- 7.9±0.4 dru observed between 6.5-8 keV



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#### COSINE-100 Crystal-PMT Assembly



- OFE Cu-encapsulated Nal crystal is attached with two 3-inch PMTs
- PMT: R12669 from Hamamatsu, 35% Quantum Efficiency at 420 nm
- Outer surface of crystal and PMT cap is wrapped with Vikuiti reflective films



#### Crystal PMT Waveforms



- The same events read in two channels: Anode and Dynode
  - Anode signal with waveform sensitivity at single-photon level: Primary channel for dark matter search
  - **Dynode** signal for high energy events: helps in understanding better the internal backgrounds in the crystals

#### Resolution @ 60 keV



Crystal 3 Anode Charge Sum, 1\_5 µs Window

#### Am-241 ADC sum (Anode) Am-241 ADC sum (Dynode)



#### Calibration/Light yield calculation



- <sup>241</sup>Am source (60 keV gamma) used to calibrate PMTs
- Gain is matched to have 60 keV peak at the mid-range of FADC dynamic range
- Single Photoelectron spectrum were fitted to calculate PMT light yield



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#### LS for COSINE-100

Linear alkylbenzene (LAB) : Good optical/radioactive properties 2,5-Diphenyloxazole (PPO) : fluor, scintillator/wavelength shifter p-bis-(o-methylstyryl)-benzene (bis-MSB) : wavelength shifter

Purification Setup

(Humidity removal)



## 3000 liters of liquid scintillators

This background of the liquid scintillator contributes negligible amount to the crystal (<0.01 dru)

Ready to be filled

#### COSINE-100 Event Selection



 Looking at charge ratio between rising edge and falling edge of a pulse gives good noise separation power

#### COSINE-100 Event Selection

Gamma



- Additional noise reduction cuts have been developed:
  - Charge asymmetry between 2 PMTs in each crystal
  - Charge/peak: Average charge per SPE



#### Pulse Shape Discrimination for Alpha



- Pulse Shape Discrimination technique works well for alpha separation
- Using charge-weighted mean time
- With separated alpha events, estimation of <sup>210</sup>Po background can be performed
  - 0.5~3 mBq/kg for COSINE-100 crystals

#### Examples of Signal Events (Anode Channel)



### Low Energy Spectrum



- 10 days of data, current set of event selection applied (not final!)
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#### COSINE-100 Low Energy Spectrum (< 20 keV)



#### Average charge/SPE cut



#### Crystal growing in Korea



- A special Kyropoulos machine is under consideration
- Whole procedure can be done by ourselves

Speed up the R&D of background reduction

H. Lee, IDM2016