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Direction Sensitive Dark Matter Search with Super-high Resolution Nuclear Emulsion

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Challenge for Direction Sensitive Dark Matter technologies

Can the solid (or liquid) detector have directional sensitivity to nuclear recoil signal due to WIMPs ? (currently gaseous detector is on studied)

Track length of recoiled nuclei < ~ 1 μm
 Angular dispersion due to straggling ~ 25deg.
 Scalability and low-background

New technical challenge !!



Low mass (~10 GeV/c2) search : light target + < 200 nm length High mass (> 100 GeV/c2) search : heavy target + < ~700 nm

$NEWSdm \thicksim \underline{\textbf{Nuclear Emulsions}} \text{ for WIMP Search + directional measurement}$



http://news-dm.lngs.infn.it

NEWS: Nuclear Emulsions for WIMP Search Letter of Intent (NEWS Collaboration)



https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.04199

Concept of NEWSdm experiment



Nuclear Emulsion



Latest nuclear emulsion experiment and readout

OPERA detector



20 m

Observed neutrino oscillation with 30 ton emulsion detector x 5 years (150 ton • year) (Emulsions are 20 % volum in this picture)

Current highest speed readout system



Scanning speed ~ several ton /year

Ref : M. Yoshimoto el al., arXiv:1704.06814 [physics.ins-det]

It has good potential for ton scale experiment !

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Self-production of Nano Imaging Tracker(NIT)



 Production time : 4-5 hours /batch
 One butch : ~ 100 g (+ 300 g) (there are 2 type machines)
 ⇒ kg scale production is possible using this machine.



prototype NIT film for dark matter experiment

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For high-mass DM

For low-mass DM



Mass fraction Atomic Fraction Ag 0.44 0.10 Br 0.32 0.10 0.019 0.004 0.101 С 0.214 0 0.074 0.118 Ν 0.027 0.049 Η 0.016 0.410 S, Na + others ~ 0.001 ~ 0.001

Elemental composition of NIT

Intrinsic radioactivity :

| U-238 | Th-232 | K-40 | Ag-110m | C-14 |
|-------|--------|------|---------|----------|
| 27 | 6 | 35 | (~400) | 24000 |
| | | | | [mBq/kg] |

Intrinsic neutron emission:

~ 1.2 /kg/y (by SOURCE simulation)

⇒ ~ 0.1 /kg/y (> 100 nm nuclear recoil)

Detail shown in Astropart. Phys. 80 (2016) 16-21

NIT device potential





NIT detector / CNO sensitive / no Bkg no directionality Simulation limit is "energy > 5 keV for all atoms (SRIM limit)" & "Sensitivity > 0.1 % (Simulation statistics limit;10 event)"

Device potential : 10 keV of C recoil (> ~ 10% eff. and 45 ° angl. Res.

Low-velocity ion tracking Can use ion implantation as calibration source

- Mono energy (± 0.1 keV)
- Good direction uniformity (<10 mrad)
- Now, C from CO₂ Ar, Kr (but other various ion is possible)

100 keV Carbon SEM image



Low velocity ion created by an ion-implantation system Side view of i ion direction 7cm × 3cm implantation area ion direction emulsion film 10 degree

AgBr crystal has good sensitivity about Carbon (~ 100 % efficiency)

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Development of New Readout System for nano-tracking

Prototype R&D system @Nagoya and Napoli







Demonstration of direction sensitive nuclear recoil detection due to 14.8 MeV neutrons



Mostly detected target was Br recoil [< 200 keV]

Now on preparing CNO recoil demonstration due to 565 keV (Li-p nuclear fission reaction)

Study of higher level event selection technique

For Signal/Background discrimination

For lower energy threshold

Super-resolution microscopy

X-ray microscope (TN et al., Rev Sci Instrum. 2015 86(7):073701)

Machine learning

Phase-difference imaging

etc.

Cutting-edge technologies _for microscopy and imageprocessing

Localized Surface Plasmon Resonance (LSPR)

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Silver-nano particle



Plasmon Resonance condition

Concept of super-resolution microscopy using LSPR



Dipole moment for non-spherical Ag nano particle depends on the polarization angle
 Resonance wavelength is shifted by that.



polarization direction of incident light



By combination both the wavelength shift and rotation of polarized angle, non-diffractive condition is realized. optical resolution \Rightarrow position accuracy (~10 nm or less)



Developed silver grain such as the nuclear recoil has very complicated silver filametn structure

⇒ It's very good to realize above concept

Resolution calibration



Automatic plamon analysis microscope system
Liquid crystal rotater
suppression of stage vibration
(• color imaging)
(• combine machine learning)





Pixel of X axis [1 pix. : 58 nm]]



Readout study using the plasmonics information



cl 3474 in frame 140 at xy: -4.46 11.04

for nano-scale structure

Demonstration of the direction sensitivity have been done.

Direction sensitivity using plasmon analysis

reliminary Direction sensitivity of low-energy C ion [30 keV] Expected : 135° -> Measured : 136° Expected : 90° -> Measured : 90° Entries 1807 Entries 1911 Mean 1.828 amplitude (H/V) Mean 1.572 Std Dev 0.8707 Std Dev 0.8051 47.14 / 42 χ^2 / ndf χ^2 / ndf 41.57 / 40 1.964 ± 0.149 p0 3.5 1.869 ± 0.161 p0 2.373 ± 0.037 p1 1.564 ± 0.034 p1 0.4838 ± 0.0348 p2 0.4158 ± 0.0392 p2 1.298 ± 0.052 1.432 ± 0.064 p3 2.5 2.5 1.5 0.5 0.5 1.5 1.5 2.5 0.5 2 2.5 0.5 2 3 3

Indication :: low-mass dark matter (< 10 GeV/c2) can be seen with the direction !

Background studying

| | Main source | Technologies | Expected rejection power or event rate | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Physical BG | | | | | |
| Electrons | C-14 β Environment gamma | Crystal temperature dependence (<i>M. Kimura et al., NIM A 845 (2017) 373</i>) Crystal sensitivity control Image and plasmonic analysis | (> 10 ⁶ or more rejection power (< O(1) /kg/day)) *now on studying | | |
| | | Synthetic Polymer | > 10 ³ or more | | |
| Neutron | Intrinsic (α, n) - | | \sim 3 x 10 ⁻⁴ /kg/day or less Astropart. Phys. 80 (2016)16-21 | | |
| | Environment | Water shield | < 1E-4/kg/day | | |
| Cosmic-ray | Recoiled nuclei | Coincidence with MIP sensitive emulsion | *on studying using simulation | | |
| | Spallation neutron | (under studying with simulation) | (~O(10⁻⁴)/kg/day * now on study) | | |
| Nonphysical BG | | | | | |
| Contaminated dust | (under studying) | Clean room Plasmonic analysis and image processing Machine learning Chemical treatment | Under studying (at least > 10 ⁶ or more, in principle it should not be background) | | |

Test experiment Site

Gran Sasso underground laboratory, Italy



Now on constructing the device production facility at Hall.F, LNGS

Operation will be started in this October



Conclusion

Directional sensitive search is new methodology to obtain new information for direct dark matter search

Super-fine grained nuclear emulsion (Nano Imaging Tracker : NIT) have been firstly demonstrated to be able to detect the nuclear recoil as track.

NEWSdm project is now on going as international experiment toward directional dark matter search in the LNGS

- **2018 : underground facility construction at LNGS**
- 2019 : TDR will be prepared and start the small scale experiment
- **2020** : preparation and run for larger scale experiment of ~ kg scale

> Background study and new readout technologies are now on progress

Potential of Directional Sensitive Search





