Future dark matter experiments with noble liquids

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Dark matter search results

X E N O N Derk Matter Project

- XENON1T is 7 times more sensitive compared to previous experiments (LUX, PandaX-II)
- Most stringent 90% confidence level upper limit on WIMP-Nucleon cross section at all masses above 6GeV



 σ_{SI} below 4.1 · 10⁻⁴⁷ cm² at 30 GeV/c²

Single phase / double phase

WIMP-nucleon interaction with the target medium





S1: Scintillation in theliquid phaseS2: secondary scintillationfrom ionization electronsdrifted to the gas phase

Dual phase TPC advantages

Background rejection: charge to light ratio + fiducialization and multi-scatter id.

S1: prompt scintillation signal in LXe S2: secondary scintillation from drifted e⁻ in GXe



Improving sensitivity



Direct search for WIMPs: status

Spin-independent WIMP-nucleon interaction / from m_x~ 5 GeV/c²



Near future: XENONnT





- XENONnT TPC already assembled and operational with GXe at this time
- Commissioning in LXe expected in September
- First data this fall (2020)

On arXiv today! arXiv:2007.08796



Near future: LZ



90% CL minimum of 1.6 x 10^{-48} cm² at 40 GeV/c²

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Near future: PANDAX-4T



Designed field: drift (400 V/cm), extraction (6 kV/cm)

3-in PMTs, 169 top/199 bottom

1-in veto PMT 126



Nature Physics 13, 212-216 (2017)

LAr TPC: DarkSide-50







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- XENON1T collected more than 1 tonne*yr exposure and set the most stringent limit on WIMP-nucleon cross section versus WIMP mass
- XENONnT is completing construction and is expected to start commissioning in 2020
- nT: an order of magnitude improvement in sensitivity with respect to 1T with 20 tonne*yr exposure







Target complementarity



- Reconstruction of WIMP mass and scattering cross section
- 1σ, 2σ credibility regions for 20, 100 and 500 GeV/c² marginalised over astrophysical parameters uncertainties
- Few 100 GeV can be constrained

 Parameters reconstruction improves with information from Ge detectors



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and more fundamental physics cases

Solar neutrinos

Neutrinoless double • beta decay of ¹³⁶Xe arXiv:2003.13407





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CHALLENGES

- Electron drift over 2.5 meters.
 HV more than -100 kV for drift field of 0.5 kV/cm
- Background: reduce ²²²Rn (material screening, distillation) and (α,n) from PTFE
- Purification and distillation: need high speed for large quantity of LXe
- Light collection efficiency: 4pi photosensors
- Photosensors: high QE, low dark rate, stability
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Xenoscope (UZH)



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www.darwin-observatory.org

- 29 institutions, 12 countries
- Working towards a CDR and a TDR
- DARWIN in the APPEC roadmap
- CDR for 2022, Construction timeline 2025



Future: GADMC Global Argon Dark Matter Collaboration



Restrictions for Liquid Scintillator use at LNGS.

New design: No liquid scintillator. No water. **LAr only**! Great simplification. Overall need: AAr ~(700 +120) tonnes plus 50 tonnes of UAr.

PMTs > **SiPMs** designed and developed for LAr use in collaboration with FBK.

Acrylic TPC. Move from teflon to octagonal sealed acrylic vessel surrounded by the acrylic Veto.

Enhanced Speculare reflector (ESR) to improve the light collection in the TPC & Veto.

ITO > **Clevios**, new conductive polymer, no copper rings.

UAr as target material. New global community, joint effort towards the DS-20k & later ARGO (URANIA, ARIA). **ProtoDUNE** type **cryostat** (*DarkSide-20k is a recognised experiment at CERN*).



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Future: GADMC SIPM R&D

New type of SiPMs suitable for LAr temperature were developed in collaboration with Foundation Bruno Kessler (FBK).

The 24 rectangular SiPMs assembled in 5x5 cm² tile, coupled with Front End Board (Photo Detecting Module). PDE of ~50%. S/N >20.Time resolution <10ns. Gain >10⁶. Dark count rate at cold 0.1 Hz/mm². Compact & radioactively pure.

The 25 PDMs form a motherboards. All power is provided by the steering module. Individual optical readout, every PDM is coupled with an LED and the LED-to-Fiber optical adapter. DS-20k needs 30m² coverage, ~300 MBs in total.

Controlled mass production of the raw wafer in LFoundry company and assembly in a dedicated special clean room at LNGS (NOA). The 30m² coverage of the TPC (8280 channels) + 3000 channel for Veto detector. Test for 2 years at Naples facility.

Compact size > High Coverage efficiency, High PDE & Signal to Noise ratio, Low radioactivity of the components.



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- The 10 cm thick vessel made of a PMMA+Gd₂O₃ sheets to be build around the TPC to moderate and capture neutrons. The 1-2% of Gd oxide in mass.
- Gives 40 cm thick inner (towards the TPC) and outer (towards the Faraday Cage) active liquid AAr volumes to detect gamma cascade due to neutron capture on Gd;
 - The 3000 channels (single PDMs) coupled with ASIC FEE (in collaboration between Genova and Torino INFN groups). 4π coverage;

MEMBRANE CRYOSTAT

ProtoDUNE type cryostat build with use of the Mark III membrane technology developed by GTT company for the Liquified Natural Gas transport ships.



UAr: Urania



From A. Renshaw talk SUSY'19

> ARGON PURIFICATION



ARGON

PRODUCT

The Urania project will procure 50 tonnes of UAr from same Colorado source as for DS-50

Will extract 250 kg/day, with 99.9% purity -> 90 tonnes/yr

UAr will be transported to Sardinia for final chemical purification at Aria

1ST CO2 SEPARATION



2ND CO2

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UAr: Aria

Final chemical purification of the UAr

Processing of O(1 tonne/day) with 10³ reduction of all chemical impurities

Ultimate goal is to isotopically separate ³⁹Ar from ⁴⁰Ar



From A. Renshaw talk SUSY'19 X

Radio-pure cryostat and/or Study a new layout GADMC ower threshold with dedicated

Lower threshold with dedicated external NR calibration

Reduce relying on radio-pure SiPMs and/or new light extraction.

... and increase exposure.



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COHERENT NEUTRINO-NUCLEUS SCATTERING



SUPERNOVA NEUTRINOS



Summary

- A very rich program in the direct dark matter search with noble liquids
- TPC detection technology is being pushed at its best performances in the next decade
- Future detectors based on Xenon and Argon will probe the entire parameter space for WIMPs with mass above 3 GeV/c2 down to the irreducible neutrino background

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Other important science channels will be explored

Backup



The XENON1T detector @ LNGS





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The XENON1T TPC



- 3.2 t LXe in total @180K
- 2 t in the TPC
- 97 cm drift, 96 cm diameter
- Drift field ~100V/cm





Highly reflective PTFE walls



EPJC 75 11 (2015)

248 3-inch PMTs

• 35% QE @ 178nm
• Digitize at 100MHz
• SPE acceptance
~94%

Near future: XENONnT







- Inner region of existing muon veto
- optically separate
- 120 additional PMTs
- Gd in the water tank
- 0.5 % Gd₂(SO₄)₃





- Total 8.4 t LXe
- 5.9 t in TPC
- ~ 4 t fiducial
- 248 → 494 PMTs



222Rn distillation

- Reduce Rn (²¹⁴Pb) from pipes, cables, cryogenic system
- New system, PoP in XENON1T



NC purification

- Faster xenon cleaning
- 5 L/min LXe (2500 slpm)
- XENON1T ~ 100 slpm

XENONnT

Model component	Expectation	Rate uncertainty	
	Observable ROI	Reference signal region	(ξ)
Background			
ER	2610	1.69	
Neutrons	0.29	0.15	50%
$CE\nu NS$ (Solar ν)	7.61	5.41	4%
${ m CE} u { m NS} \left({ m Atm} {+} { m DSN} ight)$	0.82	0.36	20%
WIMP signal			
$6{ m GeV/c^2}~~(\sigma_{ m DM}=3 imes10^{-44}{ m cm^2})$	25	19	
$50{ m GeV/c^2}~(\sigma_{ m DM}=5 imes10^{-47}{ m cm^2})$	186	88	
$1{ m TeV/c^2}~~(\sigma_{ m DM}=8 imes10^{-46}{ m cm^2})$	286	118	

Table 4: Expected number of events in the (3, 100) PE cS1 observable ROI, for the 20 ty target exposure of XENONnT. The rates take into account signal fluctuations, along with detection and data selection efficiencies. We show results for the background components included in the statistical model as well as for 6, 50 and 1000 GeV/c² WIMP signals. The cross-sections are chosen to be close to the XENON1T exclusion limit [3]. Expectation values in the reference signal region reflect the residual fraction of each model component falling inside the 2σ contour of the 50 GeV/c² WIMP PDF, below the cS2_b median. Background uncertainties, where the rate is constrained by ancillary measurement terms included in the full likelihood, are reported in the last column. The ER rate will be highly constrained by data, thus no uncertainty is included.

Source	Rate $[(ty)^{-1}]$	
ER background		
Detector radioactivity	25 ± 3	
222 Rn	66 ± 7	
85 Kr	13 ± 1	
136 Xe	16 ± 2	
124 Xe	4 ± 1	
Solar neutrinos	34 ± 1	
Total	158 ± 8	
NR background		
Neutrons	$(4.1 \pm 2.1) imes 10^{-2}$	
$CE\nu NS$ (Solar ν)	$(6.3 \pm 0.3) imes 10^{-3}$	
$CE\nu NS$ (Atm+DSN)	$(5.4 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-2}$	
Total	$(1.0 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-1}$	

Table 3: Estimated background event rates in the 4t fiducial volume of XENONnT, based on the energy of the recoil event. The energy ROI in which the event rates are integrated is (1, 13) keV for ERs, and (4, 50) keV for NRs. We assume an activity concentration of $1 \mu Bq/kg$ of ²²²Rn and 0.1 ppt (mol/mol) ^{nat}Kr/Xe. The background contributions from Xe isotopes are determined assuming the 8.9% and 0.095% natural abundances of ¹³⁶Xe and ¹²⁴Xe, respectively.

Near future: LZ

The OD

- 17 tonnes Gd-loaded liquid scintillator in acrylic vessels
- 120 8" PMTs mounted in the water tank
- Anti-coincidence detector for y-rays and neutrons
- Observe ~8.5 MeV γ-rays from thermal neutron capture
- Draw on experience from Daya Bay

See talk by B. Penning "The LZ Outer Detector" DM16 Thu afternoon

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- 2 tonnes of LXe surrounding the TPC
- 1" and 2" PMTs at the top and bottom of the skin region
- Lined with PTFE to maximize light collection efficiency
- Anti-coincidence detector for γ-rays
- Tag individual neutrons and γ-rays
- Characterize BGs in situ



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Expected backgrounds

5.6 tonne fiducial volume, 1000 live-days 1.5-6.5 keVee (6-30 keVnr) single scatters, anti-coincidence with vetoes

Background Source		ER [cts]	NR [cts]
Detector components		9	0.07
Dispersed Radionuclides – Rn, Kr, Ar		819	—
Laboratory and Cosmogenics		5	0.06
Surface Contamination and Dust		40	0.39
Physics Backgrounds – 2β decay, neutrinos*		322	0.51
Total		1195	1.03
After 99.5% ER discrimination, 50% NR efficiency		5.97	0.51
* not including ⁸ B and hep	D.S. Akerib et al (LZ collabor	ration) 2018 <u>ar</u> 2	Kiv:1802.06039
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LAr TPC: DarkSide-50





- ➡ 46.4 kg LAr in active volume
- ➡ 38 Hamamatsu R11065 3" PMTs
- PTFE as reflector
- ➡ TPB as wave length shifter
- ➡ Copper field cage
- ➡ ITO layers as anode and cathode
- Drift Field: 200 V/cm
- Extraction Field: 2.8 kV/cm



- Underground Ar: low Ar³⁹ activity.
- Extracted from an underground CO₂ field in Cortez, Colorado.
- Purified by a cryogenic distillation column at FNAL.
 CO₂, O₂, N₂ and He all < 10 ppm.
- 155 kg UAr shipped to LNGS.

Background for DARWIN



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Background for DARWIN



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NR: neutrinos fro neutrino-nucleus



DARWIN: Solar neutrinos

Solar pp and ⁷Be neutrinos



- Continuous recoil spectrum at low energy
- Expected events at 2-30 keV and 30 t fiducial mass:
 - 7.2 cts/day for pp neutrinos
 - 0.9 cts/day for ⁷Be neutrinos
- 2%(1%) stat. precision after 1 year (5 years)

Neutrinos survival probability

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- 2850 pp neutrinos/year
- 1% stat. precision with 100 ton x year exposure



DARWIN: 0νββ decay



Fig. 6: Predicted background spectrum around the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -ROI for the 5t fiducial volume. A hypothetical signal of 0.5 counts per year corresponding to $T_{1/2}^{0\nu} \approx 2 \times 10^{27}$ yr is shown for comparison. Bands indicate $\pm 1 \sigma$ uncertainties.

Background source	Background index [events/(t·yr·keV)]	Rate [events/yr]	Rel. uncertainty
External sources (5 t FV):			
214 Bi peaks + continuum	$1.36 imes 10^{-3}$	0.313	$\pm 3.6\%$
²⁰⁸ Tl continuum	$6.20 imes 10^{-4}$	0.143	$\pm 4.9\%$
44 Sc continuum	$4.64 imes 10^{-6}$	0.001	$\pm 15.8\%$
Intrinsic contributions:			
$^{8}B (\nu - e \text{ scattering})$	$2.36 imes10^{-4}$	0.054	+13.9%, -32.2%
¹³⁷ Xe (μ -induced <i>n</i> -capture)	$1.42 imes 10^{-3}$	0.327	$\pm 12.0\%$
136 Xe $2\nu\beta\beta$	$5.78 imes 10^{-6}$	0.001	+17.0%, -15.2%
$^{222}\mathrm{Rn}$ in LXe (0.1 $\mu\mathrm{Bq/kg})$	$3.09 imes 10^{-4}$	0.071	$\pm 1.6\%$
Total:	$3.96 imes10^{-3}$	0.910	+4.7%, -5.0%

Table 3: Expected background index averaged in the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -ROI of [2435 - 2481] keV, corresponding event rate in the 5t FV and relative uncertainty by origin.



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Fig. 4: Composition of the material-induced external background in the 20t fiducial volume. Top: Relative contribution to the background in the $0\nu\beta\beta$ -ROI by material and isotope. Bottom: Background spectra by isotope with the corresponding model fits. The relative contributions and spectral shapes are representative for smaller fiducial volumes.

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Dark matter search results



XENON1T: UNBLIND + DESALT

- Unbinned Profile likelihood analysis in 3D space (cS1, cS2, R)
- Events passing all selection criteria are shown as pie charts representing the relative PDF from each components for the best-fit model of 200 GeV/c² WIMP and $\sigma_{SI} = 4.7 \cdot 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2$

Width of pie represents WIMP probability



S2-only dark matter search



Migdal and Bremsstrahlung



- Electron recoils from secondary radiation associated with nuclear recoils
- Migdal effect and Bremsstrahlung
- Well below 1 keV (very low detection efficiency for scintillation light)
- S1-S2 and S2-only data from XENON1T

