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Dark Matter Searches @ PandaX

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Dark Matter

- Strong evidences for the existence of dark matter
- The nature of dark matter is unknown







Dark Matter Detection

- General approaches
 - direct detection
 - indirect detection
 - collider search







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Direct Detection

- Near the Solar system, dark matter density 0.3 GeV/cm³
 - Every second, 100k dark matter particles (100 GeV/c²) pass through 1 cm²
- Incoming DM scatters with target atoms





DARK MATTER OVERVIEW: COLLIDER, DIRECT AND INDIRECT DETECTION SEARCHES - QUEIROZ, FARINALDO S. ARXIV:1605.08788

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Detection Strategy

- Recoil energy: light, charge, heat
- Large target: multi-tonne scale
- Underground laboratory





Direct Detection





Multi-tonne Xenon Experiments

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• PandaX-4T, XENONnT and LZ



PandaX-4T, 4 ton, CJPL-II, China

LZ, 7 ton, Sanford Lab, US

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XENONnT, 6 ton LNGS, Italy

PandaX Collaboration





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China Jinping Underground Laboratory (CJPL)



- Deepest
 - 6800 m.w.e.
 - < 0.2 muons/m²/day
- Horizontal access
 - 9 km long tunnel



PandaX-4T @ CJPL-II



Xenon

- Dense and homogenous
- Self-shielding
- High light and charge yields



10 Energy[keV]

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10²



Figure 3.2.1. Mean interaction lengths for neutrons [25] and gamma rays **阁守** in **第三**届粒子物理前沿研讨会

PandaX Detector

- Dual-phase xenon TPC
 - Large scale target
 - Precise energy and 3D-positon reconstruction
 - NR and ER discrimination power





PandaX-4T Subsystems





PandaX-4T Commissioning

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• Stable data running period: 95.0 calendar days



PandaX-4T major improvement

- Triggerless DAQ: low threshold
 - read out pulses above 20 ADC (~1/3 PE)
- ²²²Rn: ~ 5 uBq/kg
 - 1/6 of PandaX-II
- ⁸⁵Kr: ~0.3 ppt mol/mol
 - 1/20 of PandaX-II





WIMP-nucleon SI exclusion limits

- Sensitivity improved from PandaX-II final analysis by 2.6 times at 40 GeV/c²
- Dived into previously unexplored territory!
- Approaching the "low E" neutrino floor



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Low Mass Dark Matter

- Neutrino floor due to B8 CEvNS
- Lower S1 selection threshold to 2 hits





Data Analysis

- Blind analysis is performed with 0.48 tonneyear data, which has
- a software veto excluding time and position with high rates.
- Dominant background: accidental paired S1-S2
 - boosted decision tree

Nhit	BDT	Expected bkg	Expected B8	Observed	
2	off	62.6	2.3	59	
	on	1.5	1.4	1	
3	off	0.8	0.4	2	
	on	0.04	0.3		/_ -
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Constraints on B8 and WIMP

- Leading constraints on B8 neutrino flux through CEvNS
 - Into sensitivity of the "neutrino floor". Can cast new insight on neutrino- nucleus interactions.
- Strongest constraints on WIMP in 3-10 GeV region



arXiv:2207.04883



Other Scenarios

- Boosted DM
- Absorption DM
- Electron scattering







Cosmic-ray Boosted Dark Matter

• Attenuation due to the earth shielding



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- Using events below NR median: 25 events (expected 26.6 background)
- Expand to the region beyond the astrophysical and cosmological probes



S. Ge, J. Liu, Q. Y, N. Zhou PRL 126 (2021) 9, 091804, 第三届粒子物理前沿研讨会RL 128, 171801 (2022) Editors' Suggestion

Absorption DM-nucleus Interaction

• Dark matter is mixed with right-handed neutrino

$$\mathcal{O}_{\rm NC} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \left(\bar{n} \gamma^{\mu} n + \bar{p} \gamma^{\mu} p \right) \bar{\chi} \gamma_{\mu} P_R \nu + \text{h.c.}$$

- DM-nucleus interaction
 - incoming DM absorption
 - $\stackrel{(-)}{\chi} + {}^{A}\mathrm{Xe} \rightarrow \stackrel{(-)}{\nu} + {}^{A}\mathrm{Xe}$
- Mono-energetic recoil energy

$$- E_R \simeq \frac{m_\chi^2}{2M_T}$$

Key issue: detector resolution



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Energy Resolution Validation

- Signal response model vs NR calibration data
 - S1, S2 distribution in every energy window
 - D-D neutron back-scatter peak



Entries Mean Std Dev

NR calibration MC

20 30 40

60000

50000

40000

20000

Constraints on Absorption DM-nucleon

- First mono-energetic NR signal search
- Strong constraints on sub-GeV DM

- with collider and indirect detection $(\chi \rightarrow \nu \nu \nu)$



 10^{-43}

 10^{-4}



Absorption DM-electron Interaction

A general Fermionic (sterile neutrino-like) dark matter absorption on electron

Total ER efficiency





DM-electron interaction

• Much smaller energy deposit

WIMP





R. Essig, T. Volansky, T.-T. Yu PRD 96, 043017 (2017)



S2-only Strategy

• Dual-phase xenon TPC



• To lower the threshold: S2-only







WIMP-electron scattering

- Light WIMP scattering with electrons
- S2-only analysis: effective threshold 80eV
- 15-30 MeV/c² WIMP: strongest constraints





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Dark Matter Models

- Toward simplified model or UV-complete model
 - some interesting signatures come out



Two-component Majorana DM

- Strong constraints on DM-nucleon elastic scattering
- Two-component Majorana DM
 - a pair of dark Majorana fermions with a large Dirac mass, split by a small Majorana mass term
 - reduce the elastic scattering rate
 - keep enough annihilation rate
- χ_1 (DM candidate) is lighter than χ_2
 - inelastic scattering at tree-level
 - mass splitting δ = m₂-m₁
 - kinematically suppression

$$L_{\text{tree}} = \frac{g^2}{M^2} \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^{\mu} \chi_2 \bar{q} \gamma_{\mu} q \rightarrow c_5^{\text{N}} \bar{\chi}_1 \gamma^{\mu} \chi_2 \bar{N} \gamma_{\mu} N$$





Loop Contribution

- Box diagram
 - elastic scattering
 - no kinematic suppression

$$L_{\text{loop}} = \frac{4g^4 m_{\chi_1} m_q}{16\pi^2 M^4} F_3(\frac{m_{\chi_1}^2}{M^2}) \bar{\chi}_1 \chi_1 \bar{q}q \to c_1^N \bar{\chi}_1 \chi_1 \bar{N}N,$$

- but with mediator mass suppression
- Complementary to tree-level especially for large mass splitting



PandaX-II Search

- Extending signal region
 - Improve the sensitivity to high mass splitting
- PandaX-II full exposure data



0.9

0.8

0.7

0.6

0.5

0.4 0.3

0.2 0.1

Detection Efficiency

Run 9

Run 10

Run 11

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Combine Inelastic and Elastic

- Loop-level: Competitive constraints for large DM mass and large mass splitting
- Collider constraints from ATLAS mono-jet search



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¹³⁶Xe DBD Measurement

• First measurement from dark matter detector

arXiv:2205.12809

详见成兆侃的报告

- 649.7 ± 6.5 kg natural xenon in FV and 94.9 days of data,
 - the total fitted number of Xe-136 DBD events is 17468 ± 243 in ROI of 440 to 2800 keV
- Xe-136 DBD half-life is measured as: 2.27 ± 0.03 (stat.) ± 0.09 (syst.) $\times 10^{21}$ yr



3rd Generation Xenon Experiments





PandaX-xT R&D





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研发新型两英寸超低本底光电管

自研高速波形采集卡(500MB/s)







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Summary

- Dark matter detection plays a key role in new physics search.
- In China, a sizeable team has formed, producing leading results
- Active communication among theorists and experimentalists



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Neutrino floor

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- Non-uniform atmosphere neutrinos distribution, due to magnetic field
- CJPL has a unique advantage towards the "neutrino floor"



Site	Flux (m^2 sec sr GeV)^-1 [100MeV]
Kamioka	4249
Gran Sasso	7304
Sudbury	11879
Frejus	8215
INO	2554
South Pole	12001
Pythasalmi	12208
Homestake	11774
JUNO	2871

Honda et al. arXiv: 1502.03916 neutrino flux

Dark Matter Candidates

• WIMPs, Axions, ALPs, ...: covering extremely large mass range



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Indirect Detection

- AMS-02 experiment
 - positron spectrum
- DAMPE experiment
 - electron spectrum



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Excess in Direct Detection



- XENON1T experiment, 1 tonne-year exposure, some small excess in nuclear recoil signal region
 - fitted with WIMP of 200 GeV mass, 3.56 events



TABLE I: Best-fit expected event rates with 278.8 days livetime in the 1.3 t fiducial mass, 0.9 t reference mass, and 0.65 t core mass, for the full (cS1, cS2_b) ROI and, for illustration, in the NR signal reference region. The table lists each background (BG) component separately and in total, the observed data, and the expectation for a 200 GeV/c² WIMP prediction assuming the best-fit $\sigma_{SI} = 4.7 \times 10^{-47}$ cm².

Mass	1.3 t	1.3 t	0.9 t	0.65 t
$(cS1, cS2_b)$	Full	Reference	Reference	Reference
ER	627 ± 18	$1.62{\pm}0.30$	$1.12{\pm}0.21$	$0.60{\pm}0.13$
neutron	$1.43{\pm}0.66$	$0.77{\pm}0.35$	$0.41{\pm}0.19$	$0.14{\pm}0.07$
$CE\nu NS$	$0.05{\pm}0.01$	$0.03{\pm}0.01$	0.02	0.01
\mathbf{AC}	$0.47\substack{+0.27\\-0.00}$	$0.10\substack{+0.06\\-0.00}$	$0.06\substack{+0.03\\-0.00}$	$0.04\substack{+0.02\\-0.00}$
Surface	106 ± 8	$4.84{\pm}0.40$	0.02	0.01
Total BG	735 ± 20	$7.36{\pm}0.61$	$1.62{\pm}0.28$	$0.80{\pm}0.14$
$\mathrm{WIMP}_{\mathrm{best-fit}}$	3.56	1.70	1.16	0.83
Data	739	14	2	2

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Excess in Direct Detection

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• XENON1T and XENONnT

