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Dark Matter Searches at PandaX

PANDAX

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Dark Matter

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





Dark Matter





Dark Matter Candidates

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



Dark Matter Detection

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







Indirect Detection

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









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





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



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• Scattering cross section on nuclei etion for background-free WIMP detection [43]. In order of magninuidependent, and A22 mapping factor or neutrino signal

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modulation (left) and daily modulation (right) ts





Detection Strategy

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







Excess in Xenon Detector

• XENON1T experiment, 1 tonne-year exposure, some small excess in nuclear recoil signal region

PRL 121, 111302 (2018)

- fitted with WIMP of 200 GeV mass, 1.7 events

- 0.65 tonne-year exposure, 3σ excess in electronic recoil signal region
 - fitted with solar axion, etc

PRD 102, 072004 (2020)

Need further cross-check with more sensitive detectors





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

XENONnT, 6 ton LNGS, Italy

China Jinping Underground Laboratory (CJPL)



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





PandaX Collaboration





Xenon

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







PandaX Detector

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





PandaX Experiment





PandaX-4T @ CJPL-II



PandaX-4T Subsystems





PandaX-4T Installation





PandaX-4T commissioning

• Stable data running period: 95.0 calendar days







Calibration Methods





Calibration source	Position
^{83m} Kr/ ²²⁰ Rn	Injected from gas panel
²⁴¹ Am-Be	Calibration tubes
D-D neutron	Beam pipe

Internal Calibration Source

- Large size of TPC
 - External calibration sources can hardly produce events in the center
 - Internal calibration sources: ^{83m}Kr, ²²⁰Rn
- ^{83m}Kr: proton beam bombarding ^{nat}Kr ($p + {}^{nat}Kr \rightarrow {}^{83}Rb \rightarrow {}^{83m}Kr$)
 - optimal proton beam energy 20 MeV: limited access in China
 - successfully produced with 3.4 MeV: first measurement of the low energy yield

⁸⁴Rb threshold 3.46MeV



E (MeV)



Detector Response Model

- Light/charge yield, as well as fluctuations
 - Deuteron-deuteron (DD) neutron data used together with AmBe
 - Rn data





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





DM Candidates

- FV: 2.67 tonne
- Exposure: 0.63 tonne-year
- Candidates
 - 1058 candidates
 - 6 below NR median line





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



EPJC 78, no.3, 256 (2018), EPJC 78, 158 (2018)

Next Plan: Tritium Removal

- Tritium spectrum identified in the data
- Likely originated from a tritium calibration at the end of PandaX-II
- Level floating in the final dark matter fit: ~ 5(0.3)x10⁻²⁴ (mol/mol)
- Xenon distillation to remove radioactive impurity like tritium





Multiple Physics Tasks

- Energy 1-30 keVee
 - Dark Matter
- Energy < 200 keVee
 - Astro neutrinos
- Energy > 2MeVee

- 0vDBD





Low Mass Dark Matter





Low Mass Dark Matter

- Axions
- Boosted WIMP
- Migdal effect
- Electron scattering







PandaX-II: electron scan Energy (keV)

- Signal: axions, neutrino magnetic moment
- Major background spectra obtained from calibration data directly
- ¹⁶Independent check of XENON1T low energy ER









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PandaX-II: 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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PandaX-II: cosmic ray boosted DM

- Light DM with cosmic ray boosting
- Signature: diurnal modulation
- Using events below NR median
 - 25 events (expected 26.6 background)



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3rd Generation Xenon Experiments

• Darwin experiment

Home

- 60tonne xenon, 100-150M Euros

News XENON/DARWIN and LZ members have agreed to w...

XENON/DARWIN and LZ members have agreed to work together on next generation dark matter search experiment

The XENON/DARWIN *C* and LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) *C* collaborations have now joined forces to work together on the design, construction, and operation of a new, single, multi-tonne scale xenon observatory to explore dark matter. The detector will be highly sensitive to a wide range of proposed dark matter particles and their interactions with visible matter. Over the last 20+ years, experiments using liquefied xenon targets have delivered world-leading results in the global quest for direct dark matter detection. This next-generation detector aims to continue the pursuit.

Press release: darwin.physik.uzh.ch 🕝

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R&D of PandaX-xT

- Low background PMT
- Large size TPC
- Xenon isotope separation



Unit: mBq/pc	R12699 (30T)	R11410 (4T)	
0 00	0.05±0.06	1.16±0.72	
CO-60	<0.15	<2.34	
	0.12±0.08	0.52±0.81	
Cs-137	<0.25	<1.85	
K-40	36.91±2.45	8.37±8.47 <22.31	
	0.35±0.35	4.33±2.16	
Th-232(early)	<0.92	<7.88	
	0.80±0.29	1.50 ± 0.96	
Th-232(late)	<1.28	<3.08	
	0.00±0.17	13.13±8.53	
U-235	<0.28	<27.16	PandaX-4T
	2.26±4.36	26.29±16.90	
U-238(early)	<9.44	<54.09	
	0.63±0.26	2.05±1.18	
U-238(late)	<1.07	<3.99	利至低本低尤电抹测阵列研发 30吨级抹测 品 透光电极 研友

"Neutrino Floor"

- 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

Collider Searches





Dark Matter Models





Simplified Model with Mediator

- keep the mediator information
 - mass: *m*_{Z'}
 - spin : vector, axial-vector, etc
 - coupling: $g_q g_l g_{DM}$
- simplified model:
 - starting point to build complete theories
 - colliders can search for the mediator directly





Mono-X Search

- dark matter production in association with X
 - dark matter escape detection
 - X: visible particles
 - E_T^{miss} : momentum imbalance in transverse plane







Di-jet Resonance

- direct search of the mediator
- dijet resonance: inclusive, 1 or 2 b-jets





Combined Constraints

• With direct detection experiments







Dark Higgs



- dark matter mass from Higgs mechanism in dark sector
 - dark Higgs boson s : can be even lighter than DM
 - simplified model: dark Higgs + Z' mediator + DM
 - dark Higgs mixing with SM Higgs: decay to vector bosons





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Mono-S(VV)

- reconstruct dark Higgs with a fat jet (containing 2 V -> 4 jets)
 - track-assisted reclustering (TAR) algorithm: better jet substructure resolution



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Summary

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



