SUPER BODS Cryogenic Dark Matter Search

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Super Cryogenic Dark Matter Search (SuperCDMS)

- Use cryogenic detectors to search for dark matter interactions with standard model matter
- Previously operated at Soudan, Minnesota
- Currently undergoing installation of the next generation at SNOLAB
 - Improving upon detector technologies
 - Lower backgrounds



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Talk Overview

- Detector physics and technologies
- SuperCDMS SNOLAB
- R&D Devices and the CUTE Facility

Detector Physics and Technologies



SuperCDMS Detector Concepts

- Germanium and silicon detectors at cryogenic temperatures (<50mK)
- Particle interactions with Ge/Si atoms produce vibrations (phonons) and electrical charge (electron-hole pairs)



WIMPs and Neutrons scatter from the Atomic Nucleus

> Photons and Electrons scatter from the Atomic Electrons



Recoil Type

- Nuclear recoils: WIMPs, neutrons
- Electron recoils: most backgrounds, some DM candidates (e.g. ALPs, dark photons)



Energy Measurement

Transition edge sensors (QETs)



Phonons are measured via Quasiparticle trap assisted Electrothermal feedback





Neganov-Trofimov-Luke (NTL) Effect

- Charges in the crystal lattice drifting across an applied potential will produce additional phonons called NTL phonons
- Energy in NTL phonons is proportional to applied voltage across the detector
- Results in sensitivity to much lower energies

Sensors measure Et, and neh



Sensors measure Et





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SuperCDMS SNOLAB Detectors

iZIP and HV detectors with new sensor layout in two materials:

- Ge lower DM cross section sensitivity
- Si lower DM mass sensitivity

Larger than Soudan detectors (100mm diameter, 33mm thick)

iZIP

- 6-8V bias (minimal NTL phonon contribution)
- NR/ER discrimination
- Surface event removal





High Voltage (HV)

- 100V bias (NTL phonons dominate)
- Much lower threshold
- No recoil type discrimination





interleaved Z-sensitive Ionization and Phonon (iZIP) Detectors

- iZIP detectors measure phonons and charge gives recoil type discrimination
 - WIMP DM does not interact electromagnetically, and will interact with the nucleus in a 'nuclear recoil'
 - Most backgrounds will interact electromagnetically in an 'electron recoil'
 - The charge yield of each recoil type is different
- Surface events are a problem are usually background events and have incomplete charge collection (can mistake ERs for NRs)
- Interleaved electrode and phonon sensor layout gives electric field that allows for zsensitivity and surface event rejection





Electric field and z-sensitivity





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High Voltage (HV) Detectors

- New detector type based on operation of SuperCDMS Soudan iZIP detectors at high (~70 V) bias (called CDMSlite mode)
 - 2 sided bias for uniform E-field
 - Channel layout optimized for position sensitivity •
 - No charge readout
- Higher density phonon sensor coverage (35%) compared to iZIP (4%) decreased phonon collection time
- Improved energy resolution and lower threshold











SuperCDMS SNOLAB



SuperCDMS SNOLAB

- 7 tower capacity, 6 detectors per tower
- Commissioning planned for 2022
- First run with 4 towers



SuperCDMS SNOLAB





Detector tower (disassembled)



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SuperCDMS SNOLAB Construction

Construction is progressing!





low radon cleanroom

seismic platform







SuperCDMS SNOLAB Goal (SI WIMP DM)



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SuperCDMS Collaboration (2016) 10.1103/PhysRevD.95.082002



SuperCDMS SNOLAB Sensitivity

Dark Matter Mass Ranges Traditional NR Low Threshold NR HV NR Electron recoil HV, no discrimination Absorption (dark photons, ALPs)



- iZIP, "background free" iZIP, limited discrimination HV, no discrimination HV, no discrimination

 $\gtrsim 5 \text{ GeV}$ $\gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$ $\sim 0.3 - 10 \, \text{GeV}$ $\sim 0.5 \text{MeV} - 10 \text{ GeV}$ \sim 1 eV – 500 keV ("peak search")



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R&D Devices and CUTE Facility





Cryogenic Underground TEst (CUTE) Facility



• Internal and external lead shields



- A low background test facility at SNOLAB
 - Cryogen-free dilution refrigerator
 - Capable of operating a single SuperCDMS tower
 - Goal: characterize SuperCDMS SNOLAB detectors

 - Rock overburden
 - Water tank (1.5m radius)
 - Polyethylene shield

Suspension system

- Vibration isolation •
- Active damper system to account • for lab pressure changes





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CUTE and SuperCDMS

- CUTE is currently managed by SuperCDMS
- Management will eventually be transferred • to SNOLAB







CUTE at SNOLAB



HVeV Detectors

- electron-hole pairs
- surface facilities



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Cryogenic PhotoDetectors

- Optimized for photon detection
- Single distributed channel for fast athermal phonon collection time
- No bias voltage applied •
- Low threshold (~20eV) and very good energy resolution (~4eV) •
- Very competitive for low mass DM search via nuclear recoils



• Two CPD devices have been operated at the CUTE facility!





arXiv:2009.14302, submitted to APL

arXiv:2007.14289, submitted to PRL, in revisions

Questions?







QETS



M. Bowles PhD thesis

