

Status of the Dark Matter Search with CCDs

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- DAMIC at SNOLAB results
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 - DAMIC@SNOLAB Upgrade
 - Status of DAMIC-M
 - LBC
- Conclusions









Introduction

- Small experiments (that are growing) can have a huge impact in meaningful dark matter models.
- What we need for low masses:
 - Low threshold to access smaller WIMP masses.
 - Scalable technologies to increase the number of interactions in the target.
 - Low and controlled backgrounds to identify the rarest signals and probe the smallest cross sections.
- Aim to measure interactions with matter:
 - Elastic scattering off nuclei (standard WIMP scenario
 - Inelastic scattering off electrons (dark sector coupling)
 - DM absorption by bound electron (dark sector and



Theoretical motivation combined with technological opportunities makes the moment right for the search below 1 GeV.

o) ->.
$$m_X = 1-1000 \text{ GeV } \text{c}^{-2}$$

ng) -> $m_X = 1-1000 \text{ MeV } \text{c}^{-2}$
ALP). -> $m_X = 1-1000 \text{ eV } \text{c}^{-2}$



Use of CCDs for the search of Dark Matter

Photon detector:

Charge coupling makes the detectors ideal for low noise measurements, typical noise for scientific CCDs is 2e- RMS (7.2eV). Very recent work pushing this to "0" noise.













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 - Slow + non-destructive, very low noise sub-e-
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CCD: Moving Charges









DAMIC

- Very low noise and dark current, DAMIC reached the lowest DC ever measured in Silicon detectors
 - 2x10⁻²² A/cm2, <0.001 e/pixel/day (at 140K)

Above 1 keV, the event profile can identify the progenitor... 1. Tight deposition: nuclear recoil Signal low-E electron recoil 2. Elongated track: high-E electron recoil • muon 3. Large blob: alpha decay





CCD spatial resolution provides a unique handle to the understanding of the background, and reject it









- - ³²Si: 140±30 µBq/kg
 - 238 U: < 11 µBq/kg
 - 232 Th: < 7.3 µBq/kg





5700 5720 5740 $E_{\beta 1} = 717 \text{ keV}$ $E_{\alpha} = 3.62 \text{ MeV}$ Δt = 32.3 d



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DAMIC@SNOLAB

- 7 CCDs in stable data taken since 2017 at 140-135K,
- 40g detector with one layer sandwiched in ancient lead
- Data set (7.6 Kg/day) collected with:
 - full spatial resolution (1x1 binning) optimise for background characterisation (³²Si and ²¹⁰Pb) and measurement
 - A second data set collected (4.5kg/day) with best energy resolution (1x100 binning) for science data
- We currently have background reading around ~11,8 dru (events/ keV/kg/day). Less tan 5 dru when removing surface contaminants.











Background model construction in CCDs

- Simulate full detector geometry and radioactive contaminants • in Geant4
 - Detail down to CCD structure. Bulk and surface simulation
 - Isotopes simulated in the volumes
 - 15 common to all volumes: U/Th chains.
 - 7 cosmogenics in the copper, produced by spallation from cosmic rays.
 - only in the CCD ³²Si, ³²P, ³H, ²²Na. •
 - isotopes simulated on the surface:
 - ²¹⁰Pb, ²¹⁰Bi:
- Model construction steps: •
 - Decay+tracking across detector geometry with Geant4 •
 - CCDs response simulation: charge generation and (partial) • collection/transport, pixelation, binning and readout noise
 - Clustering E, σx distribution
 - Binned likelihood fit in WIMP-safe region (6-20 keV) \rightarrow • extrapolate in ROI (0-6 keV)
 - Constraint to assays and coincidence analysis











- Excess of 17.1 ± 7.6 events.
- Exponential decay spectrum with $\varepsilon = 67$ • \pm 37 eVee.
- Fit prefers signal + background over background-only with p-value 2.2 x 10 $^{-4}$





Possible Interpretations of the Excess

- Missing front component in bkg model
- Unaccounted detector front-side effect
- Unknown physics in Silicon
- New physics (e.g., dark matter?)

DAMIC Results









- Even in the presence of the excess, we can place exclusion limits on WIMP-nucleus coherent elastic scattering.
- Nuclear recoil response fully calibrated.
- Excludes the lower mass region of the CDMSII-Si excess (2013)

-> improving the resolution to < 1 e- would change the game



DAMIC Results



We report a limit on WIMP - nucleon SI interaction

Significant fraction of the CDMS
 Si excluded



-> improving the resolution to < 1 e- would change the game





Bulk Excess Spectrum



Single Electron Resolution: skipper amplifiers

- Conventional CCD 1/f low frequency noise of amplifier dominates readout noise level (integration time $\sim 40-50 \ \mu s$)
- Skipper amplifier (floating gate) allows charge to move back-andforth across measurement node before destruction
- Measure charge fast (kill 1/f, single skip integration time $\sim O(1 \ \mu s)$, N times, readout noise follows ~1/sqrt(N)
- Can see single electron ionization signals!











Skipper CCDs future

Several active and planned experiments.

- DAMIC at SNOLAB Upgrade. ~ 18 g (taking data)
- SENSEI (O(100) g started in 2021): first DM experiment using skipper-CCDs
 - Physics results from prototypes and test runs; full scale experiment being commissioned at SNOLAB. Active mass and radiopurity similar to DAMIC
- DMSquared (surface run since late 2020)->Daily modulation
- DAMIC-M (O(1) kg starting 2024): next-generation
 Skipper experiment
 - Scaling up in mass, very low backgrounds (O(0.1dru))
 - DAMIC-M Low Background Chamber (LBC). ~
 18 g (taking data)
- Oscura (O(10) kg, in development): nextgeneration Skipper experiment
- Major R&D for readout, cooling, integration









DAMIC@SNOLAB upgrade

- Understand event excess found in DAMIC
- Two 6k X 4k DAMIC-M and two 6k X 1.5K Sensei skipper CCDs installed end 2021.
- Detector commissioning completed in early 2022.
- Demonstrated single-electron resolution and adequate leakage current levels.
- Expect new spectrum measurement with much lower noise by end of 2022!







DAMIC-M detector

CCDs:

- High resistivity, n-type, high purity silicon; 6k x 1.5k pixels (15 x 15 x 675 µm3)
- Fully depleted (no charge loss when drifting)
- 47/6 µm² skipper amplifiers
- Low background flex cable
- Detector:
 - kg-scale, 4 CCDs per wafer in array
 - Electro-formed copper cryostat, IR shield (at PNNL)
 - Operate at 110K and 1e⁻⁷ mbar
 - Layered poly + lead shielding, innermost layer of ancient lead
 - Custom electronics for fast readout and low noise
- Background controls:
 - Cosmic activation and radon \rightarrow limited the time above ground/in ٠ air (fabrication, transportation, etc). Test and packaging done underground.
 - Careful selection of the materials
 - CCD treatment to properly clean the surfaces.
 - Spatially correlated sequences identification as radioactive decay chains.















DAMIC- M background estimate and design optimization



cosmogenic isotopes in Electro-Formed Cu assuming: exposure time= 10, cooling time underground = 180 d, experiment running time = 1 yr





Compton scattering Measurement

- Calibrate low-energy spectra from Compton scattering on atomic shell electrons in the silicon of skipper CCDs
- Characterise spectrum shape near threshold for more constrained background model
- Improved resolution by 3x (to \sim 0.6e-) threshold by 2x (to \sim 30eV) compared to previous measurement
- Building a model to determine validity of predictions
 - Data vs Relativistic Impulse Approximation model:
 - agreement in the K-shell region
 - softening of the spectrum below 250 eV is observed











Low Background Chamber at LSM (LBC)

- Prototype goals:
 - Ability to control backgrounds for DAMIC-M, O(1 dru)
 - Validate detector components and subsystems
 - Data to model backgrounds near 2e- threshold at Modane
 - Start probing open light mass dark matter parameter space
- Detector:
 - 2 CCDs, 6k x 4k, ~17g target mass
 - Copper cryostat, IR shield
 - Layered poly+lead shielding, innermost layer of ancient lead
 - Air-driven cryocooler and vacuum pump
 - Integrate the new electronics and test the overall acquisition system.
- TimeLine
 - Installed at LSM at the end of 2021
 - 1st run collected (with open shielding and 1 CCD)
 - 2nd run ongoing! (with closed shielding & 2 CCDs)
 - next runs: swap the OFHC packaging with an EFCu one

















Low Background Chamber data

Data taking: 12/02 -7/03 2022, 10/05 2022- now Temperature: ~110 K 650 skips









- 60k
- 50k
- 40k
- 30k
- 20k
- -10k



Low Background Chamber data

Open shielding



~300 dru



Closed shielding



10 dru ~rate same level damic@SNOLAB, to be reduced by changing OFHC CCD box with an EFCU one



OSCURA

- Science goal: electron recoil low-mass direct DM search (1 MeV-1 GeV)
- Technology: skipper-CCD array at underground lab (planning for SNOLAB)
- R&D: scale the existing technology towards a 10 kg experiment to be deployed at 2028
 - 28 gigapixels (16 CCD on silicon wafer, 16 MCM housed in EFC, 100 SMs)
 - Oscura will require ~24,000 readout channels and a readout time of ~2 hours for the full instrument
 - Achieve a radiation background rate of 0.01 counts/kg/keV/day
 - Cool skipper CCDs to operational temperatures in pressurized LN2 bath







10 kg vessel





detector payload



Conclusions

- with new low threshold technology
- CCDs is a good technology for this purpose •
 - A "Zero-ish" detector
- DAMIC@Snolab presented the results showing an inconclusive excess •
- DAMIC program is well established: DAMIC@SNOLAB upgrade, LBC and DAMIC-M. •
- DAMIC-M will bring CCD DM search experiments to the forefront in sensitivity.
- OSCURA will be the next detector







• Very interesting moment of scientific opportunities in low mass dark matter searches that can be addressed



Backup





CCD readout

charges in a row moved in the following row

charges in serial register moved pixels by pixels in X direction

- charges in output node read by amplifier
- In DAMIC-M: Skipper Amplifier











Readout Flexibility

Binning: Several pixels are added together before data taken at hardware level

Less pixels but same noise per pixel!









Some loss of spatial resolution, losing resolution in the y-coordinate (x, z remains the same), but improve S/N and energy



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Results: Leakage Current analysis, DM-e 🔊

- Select CCDs with constant leakage current from 200 g-d of data in 100 ks exposures





• Model pixel charge distribution to .(p) with and without the hypothesis of DM-e signal (S)



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Results: Leakage Current analysis, DM-e

Best exclusion limit for the absorption of hidden photons with masses 1-10 eV/c²



Best exclusion limits for the scattering of dark matter particles with masses <5 MeV/c2





DAMIC at SNOLAB (using standard CCDs, but demonstrating lower dark current and larger mass) **get the world record.**

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Upgrade Forecast

With the a lower threshold due to the skipper mechanism we can probe this unexpected bulk spectrum with better signal-to-noise ratio and better depth reconstruction.



Bulk spectrum measured (blue) and projected with upgrade (red)





Expected number of "excess" events vs. exposure for different analysis thresholds





Event Reconstruction

Compare likelihood of clustered pixels to originate from Gaussian (real ionization events) vs. noise. WIMP search cut of $\Delta LL < -22$ gives 0.1 expected noise event.







Sample Low Energy Event

One low energy event that contributes to the excess is shown below. Very inconsistent with detector noise!



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Excess Parameter Contour





Fit uncertainty on excess parameters (s and ϵ)




DAMIC at **SNOLAB**

675 μ m thick, 16 Mpix CCD, 6 g





Detector: 7 CCDs, 4kx4k pixels, 0.675 mm thick, 6g/CCD

Temperature: ~140 K

Location: SNOLAB (Canada)

Resolution: 1.6 e-

Dark current: < 0.001 e/pix/day

Operation: 2017-2019, upgrade in 2021, data taking ongoing

Background: ~12 d.r.u*





Background Composition: From DAMIC to DAMIC-M

- 20% of background from ³H production from silicon activation
- 20% of background from tritium in the getter
- 20% of background from ²¹⁰Pb
- 20% of background from OFC copper
- ...remaining 20% from a mixed bag of detector materials (mostly kapton cabling)



- Tritium will shield silicon to eliminate activation backgrounds and remove getter hydrogen
- Pb-210 will properly clean all surfaces and control exposure to radon
- Copper will electroform all components near CCD and shield from activation
- options
- (ongoing)



- CCD Activation
- Getter Tritium
- Surface Pb-210
- Copper Box
- Copper Modules
- Copper Vessel
- Flex Cable
- Ancient Lead
- Other



Cable-- extensive research ongoing into clean cable and connector







DAMIC at SNOLAB - Background





Kapton cables and lead

OFHC

~29,0% Pb210 and Cu activation

Phys. Rev. D 105, 062003 (2022)

~12 d.r.u

for DAMIC-M better material selection and handling:

- Limit exposure time to cosmic rays (mostly Cu and Si)
- Limit the detector surfaces' exposure to radon (also of Si wafers prior CCD fabrication)
- Remove Si wafer surface (to reduce surface Pb210 and Partial Charge Collection region in backside) New materials: Electro-Formed copper, low-background cables

CCD bulk

~26,0%

H3 from Si activation or intrinsic Si32

Pb210 on wafer & CCD **CCD** surface ~32,0%





DAMIC at SNOLAB - BACKGROUND

- ~30% of background comes from the CCD bulk
- 3H production from silicon activation or intrinsic 32Si
- ~15% of background comes from wafer surface 210Pb
- ~10% of background comes from CCD surface 210Pb
- ~30% of background comes from OFHC copper
- ..remaining ~15% comes from a mixed bag of detector materials
- o Kapton cables and lead











(*) 1 d.r.u = 1 decay/kg/day/keV









Output of the template background fit between energies of 6–20 keVee

- background model from fit to data (CCDs 2–7) above 6 keVee with templates from GEANT4 simulation.
- Validation fit result with CCD 1 above 6 keVee
- consistency with independent estimates of 210Pb surface activity from individual event identification.
- background model is extrapolated below 6 keVee for WIMP search.













DAMIC at SNOLAB - BACKGROUND



The background model template (for CCDs 2–7) in raw simulated energy Esim and depth (z = 0 corresponds to the front of the CCD)

doi:10.1103/PhysRevD.105.062003







DAMIC-M Timeline





CCD properties

pixel structure



tracks in the CCD





Diffusion and z reconstruction

$$\sigma_{xy}^2 = -A\ln|1 - bz|.$$

$$A = \frac{\epsilon}{\rho_n} \frac{2k_B T}{e},$$
$$b = \left(\frac{\epsilon}{\rho_n} \frac{V_b}{z_D} + \frac{z_D}{2}\right)^{-1}$$

 ϵ permittivity of silicon,

pn : donor charge density in the substrate
kB: Boltzmann's constant
T: operating temperature (120 K in DAMIC)
e: electron's charge
Vb: bias applied across the substrate (40V in DAMIC)
zD: thickness of the device

IN DAMIC: σ_{max}=(21±1)µm≈1.4 pix.



FIG. 4. A MIP observed in cosmic ray background data acquired on the surface. Only pixels whose values are above the noise in the image are colored. The large area of diffusion on the top left corner of the image is where the MIP crosses the back of the CCD. Conversely, the narrow end on the bottom right corner is where the MIP crosses the front of the device. The reconstructed track is shown by the long-dashed line. The short-dashed lines show the 3σ band of the charge distribution according to the best-fit diffusion model.

Search for low-mass WIMPs in a 0.6 kg day exposure of the DAMIC experiment at SNOLAB; *Phys. Rev. D 94, 082006 (2016)* DAMIC Collaboration (A. Aguilar-Arevalo et al.)



Background isotopes

	-	<u> </u>	Characterization of	f the back	around enactrum i						
Parent Chain	Isotope	Q value	Characterization of the background spectrum in DAMIC at SNOLAD.								
^{238}U	234 Th	274 keV	https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.13133								
	234m Pa	2.27 MeV									
226 Ra	214 Pb	$1.02 { m MeV}$									
	²¹⁴ Bi	$3.27 { m MeV}$									
²¹⁰ Pb	²¹⁰ Pb	63.5 keV									
	²¹⁰ Bi	$1.16 { m MeV}$									
²³² Th	228 Ra	45.5 keV		Isotope	Half-life	Decay	Q-value				
	^{228}Ac	$2.12 { m MeV}$		-	[yrs]	mode	[keV]				
	212 Pb	569 keV		³ H	12.32 ± 0.02	β-	18.591 ± 0.003				
	²¹² Bi	2.25 MeV		7Be	0.1457 ± 0.0020	FC	861.82 ± 0.02				
	208 Tl	5.00 MeV		10 P.	$(1 E1 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{6}$	e LC	551.02 ± 0.02				
⁴⁰ K	^{40}K	$1.31 { m MeV}$		14 c	$(1.51 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{\circ}$	P-	556.0 ± 0.6				
Copper	^{60}Co	2.82 MeV		1+C	5700 ± 30	β-	156.475 ± 0.004				
Activation	59 Fe	1.56 MeV		²² Na	2.6018 ± 0.0022	β +	2842.2 ± 0.2				
	58 Co	$2.31 { m MeV}$		²⁶ Al	$(7.17 \pm 0.24) \times 10^{5}$	EC	4004.14 ± 6.00				
	57 Co	836 keV		TABLE I. List of all radioisotopes with half-lives > 30 days that can be produced by cosmogenic interactions with natural silicon. All data is taken from NNDC databases [14]. ^a							
	56 Co	$4.57 { m MeV}$									
	^{54}Mn	$1.38 { m MeV}$									
	^{46}Sc	$2.37 { m MeV}$									
³² Si	³² Si	227 keV		^a Unless stated otherwise, all uncertainties quoted in this paper are at 1σ (68.3%) confidence.							
	^{32}P	$1.71 { m MeV}$									
Silicon	²² Na	2.84 MeV									
Activation	³ H	18.6 keV		Cosmoger	nic activation of sil	licon					

TABLE II. Isotopes considered for the background model grouped by parent decay chain classification. Q values are provided for convenience from Ref. 54, 55.

https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.10584



Compton measurement



Source	γ Energy
Am241	26.3 keV 59.5 keV



Compton Analysis chain



Image = mean all skipper images

skips = Non-Destructive Charge

Measurements



- 2 Pedestal subtraction:
 - gaussian fit row by row overscan: μrow σrow
 - subtraction µrow in active area
 - readout noise $\sigma = median[\sigma row]$





Compton Analysis chain



Fit Dark Current + Calibration (using image with 2000 skips):

- Fit active area convolution Poisson(λ [e-/pix]) and Gaussian(μ [ADU], σ [e-])
- gain [ADC/e-]= conversion ADC in e-

Masked pixels [run 247]: mask 13 masked pixels – in reference: [12] [class MEMaskedPixels]



Mask hot pixels and columns/rows:

15182

0.4389

1.621

15

- hot pixels: if in 50% images of a run the pixel charge > median(μ rows) + 3MAD
- hot column/row: 30% of pixels are hot



Compton Analysis chain



Correction Column transient effect:

- calculate median of charge in a given column: median[col]
- calculate median MED of median[col] from col50 to col260
- subtract MED to median[col1] to median[col49]: median[col1] - MED,, med[col49]-MED
- fit with an exponential $y(col) = [0]^* exp(-[1]^* col)$
- subtract fit result y to col 1 to col 49



at least 1 pixel above 4σ (SEED)



Simulation chain

- 1. Geant4:
 - simulate passage of particles through matter
 - geometry implementation
 - simulation isotopes in detector components
 - energy deposits of isotopes emission in CCD

- 1. Python code:
 - reproduce CCD response
 - cluster information: a cluster is a set of contiguous pixels with charges



5240 340

345

350

355

365

370

375

380

x[pix]

360





Simulation chain

- 3. Personal script:
 - each isotope cluster energy spectrum scaled by:

Activity x component mass / (detector mass x number simulated evts)

sum all isotopes contributions

> background rate = linear fit between 2 and 7.5 keV

Clusters Energy Spectrum







Simulation details

Livermore physics list + neutron processes and radioactive decays.

The Livermore low-energy electromagnetic models are used to describe the interactions with matter of electrons and photons between 20 eV and 100 GeV.

- through a GDML
- Production cuts for $e \pm$, γ and protons
 - 0.0001 mm nearest component to the CCD Stack
 - 0.001 mm farther components

The DAMIC-M detector design and the relative materials are implemented





Simulated Isotopes and activities

	-		Activities [decays/kg/day]					
from DAMIC	A	Z	Copper	EF Copper	Ancient Lead	Dirty Lead	Kapton 2 layers	
matarial aumpliara	208	81	<1.26	<0.000792	0.072	<0.144	15.3	
material suppliers	210	82	2350	<45.8	2850	1560000	1182	
assumption: measured/	210	83	2350	<45.8	2850	1560000	1182	
10	212	82	<3.5	<0.0022	0.2	<0.4	42.5	
	212	83	<2.24	<0.0014	0.128	<0.256	27.2	
calculated:	214	82	<11.2	<0.018	<2.0	<17.6	1182	
Texp = 3m. $Tcool=6m$.	214	83	<11.2	<0.018	<2.0	<17.6	1182	
Trun=1v	228	88	<3.5	<0.0022	0.2	<0.4	42.5	
	228	89	<3.5	<0.0022	0.2	<0.4	42.5	
	234	90	<10.7	<0.018	<2	<1.1	1182	
	234	91	<10.7	<0.018	<2	<1.1	1182	
U238 & Th232	40	19	<2.7	<2.7	<0.5	<19	2480	
	87	37	7.4	7.4			7.4	
	54	25	1.55					
cosmogenic isotopes	56	27	0.64	NB cosmo iso in				
	57	27	13.12	treated				
in Epoxy & Cu	58	27	3.9	separately, not in				
	59	26	0.31	bkg rate of the				
	60	27	5.08	components!				
	46	21	0.17					



Current detector Design





Dark matter mass scale

Mass scale of dark matter

(not to scale)



FIG. 3. The mass range of allowed DM candidates, comprising both particle candidates and primordial black holes. Mass ranges are only approximate (in order of magnitude), and meant to indicate general considerations.

T. Lin, TASI lectures on DM models and direct detection, arXiv:1904.07915





Physics reach direct DM experiment



Figure 6. Left: Illustration of a result from a direct dark-matter detector derived as a cross-section with matter as function of the WIMP mass. The black line shows a limit and signal for reference, while the coloured limits illustrate the variation of an upper limit due to changes in the detector design or properties. Right: Evolution of the sensitivity versus the exposure. For more information see text. differential recoil spectrum DM-nuclei interaction:

$$\frac{dR}{dE}(E,t) = \frac{\rho_0}{2\mu_A^2 \cdot m_\chi} \cdot \sigma_0 \cdot A^2 \cdot F^2 \int_{v_{min}}^{v_{esc}} \frac{f(\mathbf{v},t)}{v}$$

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_A \cdot E_{thr}}{2\mu_A^2}}$$

T. M. Undagoitia, L. Rauch, Dark matter direct-detection experiments, arXiv:1509.08767





Differential rate

 dR^{ER} electronic recoil $\overline{\sigma}$ $\overline{M_{\chi}} \, \overline{8\mu_{e\chi}^2}$ dE_e Properties of the DM **DM Form Factor** Rate scales linearly with Choice of DM DM-electron cross section

nuclear recoil

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. . . .

$$v_{min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_A \cdot E_{thr}}{2\mu_A^2}}.$$

$$\frac{dR}{dE}(E,t) = \frac{\rho_0}{m_\chi \cdot m_A} \cdot \int v \cdot f(\mathbf{v},t) \cdot \frac{d\sigma}{dE}(E,v) \, \mathrm{d}^3 v$$



interaction mediator



Deposited energy as a function of DM mass



FIG. 19. A schematic comparison of the total DM kinetic energy (dotted, gray) with the energy deposited in a regular nuclear recoil (blue, taking a helium target), the typical energy deposited in an electron recoil (red), and the typical energy in phonon excitations (purple). Note that the phonon excitation case cuts off above DM masses above an MeV only because the current theoretical calculations focus on sub-MeV DM; see Section V B for more details.

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FUTURE

- For low mass Dark Matter we are planning experiments that will take this (R&D recently funded by DoE),). Awesome program!
- the future is all skipper...







technology to its full potential 100g (SENSEI), 1kg (DAMIC-M) and 10kg CCDs







Status of the experiment

- Accomplishments: •
 - Silicon ingot production with low cosmogenic exposure
 - Demonstrated single electron resolution with large format, thick skipper CCDs
 - Tested multiple format CCDs to understand performance and inform detector design
 - Developed low background CCD packaging procedures
- In progress:
 - Building analysis/simulation frameworks (IFCA responsible)
 - Development of low-background infrastructure + models
 - Testing new CCD controller electronics
 - Packaging newly produced DAMIC-M CCDs
 - Evaluating performance of DAMIC-M CCDs
 - Performing low-energy calibration measurements
 - Installation of Low Background Chamber prototype





packaging @ UW



Electronics @ LPNHE





Performance testing of skipper CCDs

- Goals:
 - Develop flexible hardware, formal procedures, and robust software for evaluating CCDs of different formats
 - Determine variability in CCD parameters required to • operate "science-grade" detectors (single e- resolution)
 - Test "pre-production" 6k x 1.5k CCDs to inform production of DAMIC-M CCDs
- Achievements:
 - Demonstrated operation of skipper CCDs with similar bias/clock parameters with reproducible performance
 - Observe single electron resolution (<0.07 e-, sub-eV) in all science-grade CCDs
 - Reproduce expected amplifier noise of 1/sqrt(N)

















WIMPs Limits

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WIMPs Limits

Beyond WIMPs

Well-motivated models & DM production scenarios make sharp, testable predictions for astrophysical & terrestrial observables \rightarrow new ideas and experiments now allow us to explore much of it in coming decade

Beyond WIMPs





Inelastic scattering: electron scattering or absorption

- Typically signals of few electrons
- Allows transfer of O(1) amount DM kinetic energy
- The momentum transfers is set by the e- not DM

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oble liquid	Xenon Argon Helium	~5 MeV	~10 eV (Atom)	Done w/X 10/100 DarkSide New Proposa
niconductor	silicon	~200-500 keV	~1 eV (Bandgap)	First succ SENSE SuperCMDS; experiments (100gr),DA (1KG) and C (10Kg
cintillator	gallium Arsenai Nal	~500 keV	~1 eV (bandgap)	R&D ongoi GaAs a photodete
lany Other Ideas	Graphene, superconductors, Dirac materiasl, polar crystal	Various (> keV)	Various (> meV)	R&D ongo requier



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Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor

capacitor **-+**V

- 0 0 0

Metal gate Si oxide (insulator) p-type Si (buried channel)

n-type Si

electron-hole

675 µm

4k x 4k, Pixel size 15 μ m x15 μ m 5.9 gr per CCD

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Shift charge in serial register one pixel down (3 times)













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Detector Response

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optical photons





Backgrounds

Cosmogenic isotopes



 α 5.31 MeV

stable

138 d

arXiv:1708.00110

³²Si, produced by cosmic ray spallation \rightarrow bulk contamination

²¹⁰Pb, a daughter of radon decay \rightarrow surface contamination

being on surface \rightarrow surface and bulk contamination

see A. Matalon presentation at LRT 2019 or A. Aguilar-Arevalo et al, Journal of Instrumentation, Volume 16, June 2021 for details





Natural Radioactivity











DAMIC SPATIAL COINCIDENCE ANALYSIS







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Main Surface Contaminants

 $^{238}U/^{232}Th \alpha-\alpha$

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- Limits on radioactive contaminants:
 - 210 Pb: < 160 µBq/kg
 - ³²Si: 140±30 µBq/kg •
 - 238 U: < 11 µBq/kg
 - 232 Th: < 7.3 µBq/kg

Calibration: Compton measurements

Stainless-steel vacuum

chamber

Aim:

- Parametrize Compton spectrum at low energy (main source of background for DM search)
- Provide detector calibration

Setup:

- Temperature: 126 K
- γ source: Am241 (γ Energy: 26.3 keV & **59.5 keV**)
- skipper CCD (1k x 6k pixels)

Readout:

- 64 skips
- 0.7 e- readout noise (~2.6 eV)
- binning: 4 pixels x 4 pixels

We are starting neutron source measurement

CCD 1k x 6k pixels

Am241 source support







Low Background Chamber

























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