

# CDMS II Results and Supersymmetry

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### SuperCDMS Collaboration



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### Particle Dark Matter



Galaxy rotation curves and cluster motions point to missing mass, it is noted that a cold thermal relic can be produced in the early universe (left) and the MSSM (right) gives a concrete candidate:  $\chi^0$ 

- 1. Natural relic cold dark matter (CDM) candidate
- 2. The particle can naturally be created thermally with 2 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> <  $m_{\gamma}$  < 10 TeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- 3. New particles soften Higgs mass fine-tuning (hierarchy problem)
- 4. Running couplings more appropriate for unification

### **Coupling to Detectors**



- (2009)
- Functions  $f_p$  and  $f_n$  are thought to be roughly equal so  $A^2$  enhancement
- Si gets a kinematic enhancement over Ge for given halo model
- Cross section very small relative to other particle processes (below 10<sup>-39</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> for WIMP masses above 7 – 10 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>), so only single scatters in detector

$$\sigma_{SI}^{0} = \frac{4}{\pi} \mu_{\chi N}^{2} [Zf_{p} + (A - Z)f_{n}]^{2}$$

## Expected Events: Electron Recoils (ERs)



- ERs charge calibrated via <sup>133</sup>Ba line (right)
- The yield for ERs is around unity: longer deposition length allows charge production not to "saturate"
- Gammas and electrons will deposit energy via ERs

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χ°, n

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Lindhard Model:

$$\epsilon = 11.5 E_R (keV) Z^{-\frac{7}{3}}$$

$$k = 0.133 Z^{\frac{2}{3}} A^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$g(\epsilon) = 3\epsilon^{0.15} + 0.7\epsilon^{0.6} + \epsilon$$

$$y(E_R) = \frac{kg(\epsilon)}{1 + kg(\epsilon)}$$

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from newer detectors

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## Eliminate Neutrons: Segmented Detector



- CDMS has always been highly segmented
- Hexagonal housings hold cylindrical ~ 1cm thick detectors (left)
- For CDMS II Soudan largest exposure periods had 5 towers (below)
- Multiple scattering of neutrons result in events with multiple hits in the detectors (below), these are rejected since the WIMP cross section makes it extremely unlikely for it to scatter more than once



### Eliminate Neutrons: Go Underground

Exposure	neutrons	Shield neutrons	Surface events	Fiducial Volume	
28 kg-d	18		2		
1 kg-y	.01	.07	1.2	37%	
6 kg-y	.07	.24	.005	68%	
385 kg-y	.03	.1	<.24	73%	
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# Surface Events (SEs): A Problem?



- Electrons streaming in from decays near a detector interact near detector surface
- ERs occurring in the 10 micron dead layer result in incomplete charge collection
- These events show reduced yield and can appear in the NR band (right) nuclear recoil (<sup>252</sup>Cf)



# Surface Events (SEs): A Problem?



- CDMS II detectors can use phonon pulse properties to distinguish surface events
- Lose some efficiency but cuts can be highly effective (left)
- The events are sometimes referred to as β generically, which usually means any events coming under the 2σ ER band line
- The procedure used is sometimes called a "timing-cut" because phonon delay and risetime variables help distinguish NRs from SEs (left)

### **Exposures at Soudan**

	run	num. towers	detector types	Ge dets	Si dets	Publications (pre-2010)
This Work: "c58"	118	1	oZIP (6)	4	2	PRD <b>72</b> , 052009 (2005)
	119	2	oZIP (12)	6	6	PRL <b>96</b> , 011302 (2006) PRD <b>73</b> , 011102 (2006)
	123	5	oZIP (30)	19	11	PRL <b>102</b> , 011301 (2009)
	124	5	oZIP (30)	19	11	PRL <b>102</b> , 011301 (2009)
	125	5	oZIP (30)	19	11	Science <b>327</b> ,1619(2010)
	126	5	oZIP (30)	19	11	Science <b>327</b> ,1619(2010)
	127	5	oZIP (30)	19	11	Science <b>327</b> ,1619(2010)
	128	5	oZIP (30)	19	11	Science <b>327</b> ,1619(2010)
	132	3	oZIP (4), mZIP (10), iZIP (3)	17	0	(engineering)
	133	5	iZIP (15)	15	0	(3 publications fall `13 – spring `14)
	8/25/13		SUSY 2013 - 10	CTP, Trieste		14

# **Optimal Filter**

#### Single Template Optimal Filter

- Pulse templates are fit to digitized pulses in frequency space using an "Optimal Filter" (OF) algorithm
- The OF yields energy and start time measurements
- Some examples of singletemplate OF fits show the basics of the procedure (right)

#### Cross-talk Optimal Filter

- Charge channels are known to have capacitive coupling
- Use "cross-talk" OF to correct for the effect, but finding best fit value more difficult (next slide)



## Post – 2010 Re-processing

#### Germanium Data

- Charge pulses are fit with cross-talk OF (two channels simultaneously)
- The charge start time is used to construct the phonon delay and hence affects the timing cut
- Most of the time the procedure used gives global minimum in  $\chi^2$  (right, top)
- Prior to 2010, the algorithm sometimes fit at a local minimum, for the current data this was fixed (right, bottom)

#### Silicon Data

- Si data from the CDMS II runs 125-128 had not been analyzed so did position correction
- Also used the improved charge algorithm (right)



### CDMS II Ge/Si Timing Methods: Classic



- Use a linear combination of phonon delay and risetime
- Standard cut used in previous CDMS II analysis
- Provides consistency check for 2010 result, and direct comparison with charge OF upgrade

## CDMS II Ge/Si Timing Methods: Neural Network (NN)



- Use more than 2 timing parameters and choose the 2 with the best discrimination power using a generalized rotation, these are the "principal components"
- The neural network (NN) procedure selects between SEs and NRs by using a training set
- The NN output is a single discrimination parameter which returns a value in the range [0,1]: 0 for SEs, 1 for NRs
- The contours of this variable in the principal component plane can help visualize the cut (left)

# CDMS II Ge/Si Timing Methods: $\chi^2$

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- $5D-\chi^2$  uses 5 different timing parameters and defines statistics to determine how neutron-like an event is ( $\chi^2_N$ ) and how beta-like an event is ( $\chi^2_B$ )
- The cut is then set in the  $\chi^2_N$   $\chi^2_B$  plane (above)
- The neutron consistency cut is set to pass 90% of the neutrons in the control sample (<sup>252</sup>Cf data) (vertical line, above)
- The near horizontal line requires  $(\chi^2_N \chi^2_B) > \eta$ , where  $\eta$  is the value which parameterizes the cut

## **CDMS II Re-Analysis Ge Candidates**



## Ge Data Re-processing Results



- (black, solid) 90% C.L. limit using the classic cut
- (red, dashed) 90% C.L. limit using the NN cut
- (blue, dashed) 90% C.L. limit using the  $5D-\chi^2$
- The 5D-χ<sup>2</sup> method is dominant at high WIMP mass, but the NN cut is stronger below 11 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- All the cut-setting methods use Yellin's "optimum interval" method after cut optimization
- The optimum interval method allows extractions of limits without systematics due to poor knowledge of backgrounds

## **CDMS II Si Candidates**



- $2D-\chi^2$  uses 2 different timing parameters and defines statistics to determine how neutron-like an event is ( $\chi^2_N$ ) and how beta-like an event is ( $\chi^2_B$ )
- Similar to the 5D version but only uses the phonon delay and risetime which are used in the classic method as well
- Discovered 3 candidate events

R. Agnese et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. In press (2013): arXiv:1304.4279

## Ge/Si Re-analysis Limits



WIMP Mass  $[\text{GeV}/c^2]$ 

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### Comparison to cMSSM (2011-2013)



Buchmueller et al., (2011) arXiv:1110.3568

- With new LHC Higgs mass constraints the cMSSM moves neutralinos to heavier masses and lower cross sections
- Several collaborations (CDMS, CoGeNT, CRESST etc.) see "hints" of signals at lower masses
- This conference has shown that LHC results seem to push the cMSSM to the limits, what are the boundaries for SUSY in general on the standard WIMP phase space (left)?

Fowlie et al., Phys. Rev., D86, 075010 (2012)

#### **Projections for the Future**



## Summary

- New analysis methods have been employed on the Ge/Si data from the CDMS II
  - Ge data produced 0, 2, 3 candidates for 5D- $\chi^2$ , NN and classic timing methods
  - Ge limit the strongest 10 keV threshold limit produced by CDMS
  - Si data produced 3 candidate events using a  $\chi^2$  analysis
  - A likelihood analysis of this data favored a region around m $_{\chi}$  = 8.6 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> and  $\sigma_n$  = 1.9x10<sup>-41</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>
- While SUSY still remains a very interesting candidate theory WIMP masses have been pushed higher and to lower cross section by Higgs mass ~ 126 GeV/c<sup>2</sup> – direct detection should push to improve in both the high and low mass ranges!
- A myriad of theoretical models exist which can produce lighter DM but how are they linked to SUSY, do we need to move beyond minimal models like the cMSSM?
- SuperCDMS is continuing to push to lower threshold in both the new SuperCDMS-Soudan data set (run 133) and the CDMS II Ge set, exploring consistency at low WIMP mass is key

### **Backup Slides**

## **Energy Scale Measurement: Ge**



# **Energy Scale Measurement: Ge**



- CDMS Germanium measurements show over-measured energies below 15 keV and under-measured above w.r.t. measurements of yield (previous slide)
- Re-scaling the energies to best-fit values improves the Ge limits at low mass for 10 keV threshold modestly

# **Energy Scale: Effect on Results**





- Similar studies were undertaken on Si data
- The result of rescaling the energies to the best fit values is a slight shift (left) of the contours and best-fit values

## SuperCDMS Style Detectors



- The SuperCDMS detectors are of the iZIP type (above) and include dual-sided readout for both charge and phonons
- This is accomplished with an "interdigitated" design for electrodes and TES depositons interdigitated z-sensitive ionization and phonon (iZIP) detectors
- The channel layout is shown above, the red shaded areas in the middle are a cartoon of the excluded "surface" regions by the charge asymmetry restriction (next slide), they are not to scale

# Surface Event Discrimination (iZIP)



- The interleaved design and dual-sided charge readout gives very asymmetric charge signal for SEs
- Reduction by at least a factor of 1.7x10<sup>-5</sup> on SE backgrounds

R. Agnese et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. In press (2013): arXiv:1305.2405