# **Dark Matter Status Review**

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# Outline

- Introduction
- The Dark Matter problem
- Direct Detection of DM
- Current experimental results
- Prospects

# The Dark Matter problem

- The ACDM model has been successful explaining CMB, large scale structure etc..
- It fits all the observations with only 6 parameters
- A Cold Dark Matter model is necessary for the formation of structure and galaxies in the universe







# The Dark Matter problem



- Invisible dark matter makes up most of the universe but we can only detect it from its gravitational effects
- The nature of dark matter is one of the most fundamental problems in modern physics and cosmology

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## More evidences





#### (**1E 0657-558**) **Bullet Cluster** *Dark matter (blue) Luminous matter (red)*

Stars at high radius are faster than expected



# What is Dark Matter made of?

MOND has problems with weak lensing and CMB MACHOs mostly ruled out

Constraints from astrophysics and searches for new particles:

- No color charge
- No electric charge
- Non-relativistic
- No strong self-interaction
- Stable, or very long-lived



#### Not a particle in the Standard Model of particle physics!!!!

## Which way?







# The Galactic DM Halo

- Dark Matter distributed in a spherical halo around the Milky Way
- Isothermal Maxwell-Boltzmann velocity distribution 220 km/s and V<sub>esc</sub>=544 km/s
- V<sub>e</sub>~245 km/s WIMP velocity relative to Earth
- Local density =  $0.3 \text{ GeV/cm}^3$ J.Bovy S.Tremaine APJ 756 2012 (1e<sup>5</sup> cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> for M<sub>w</sub>=100 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>)







Vogelsberger, et al., MNRAS 395, 797, 2009

## Dark Matter direct detection

#### GOAL: Detection of the WIMP collisions with atomic nuclei



- stable
- slow
- relic from the Bing Bang
- with the "right" mass and abundance



Possible scalar (coupling to the mass of the nucleus) and spin-spin interactions (coupling to the nuclear spin)

$$R_0 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{N_0}{A} \frac{\rho_W}{m_W} \sigma_N \nu_0 \qquad \sigma_N = \frac{\mu^2_N}{\mu^2_n} A^2 \sigma_n$$

N<sub>0</sub> = Avogadro number A= atomic mass  $m_W$  = WIMP mass  $\rho_0$  = local WIMP density ( $\rho_0 \sim 0.3 GeV/cm^3 \rightarrow 3000 wimp/m^3$ ,  $m_W = 100 GeV$ )  $\sigma$  = WIMP-nucleus and WIMP-nucleon scattering cross section ( $\leq 10^7 pb$ )

**The Galactic DM Halo**  

$$Recoil energy E_{R} = \frac{|\vec{q}|^{2}}{2m_{N}} = \frac{m_{r}^{2}V^{2}}{m_{N}} (1 - \cos \theta) \le 1 \div 10 keV$$
J.D. Lewin, P.F. Smith, Astropart. Phys. 6 (1996).87  

$$|\vec{q}| = 2\mu^{2}V^{2}(1 - \cos \theta) \quad momentum transfer$$

$$r = 4m_{W}m_{N}/(m_{W} + m_{N})^{2} \quad Kinematic factor$$

$$m_{r} = m_{W}m_{N}/m_{W} + m_{N} \quad reduced mass$$

$$E_{0} = \frac{1}{2}m_{W}v_{0}^{2} \qquad Most probable energy$$

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$$\frac{dR}{dE_{R}} = \frac{R_{0}}{E_{0}r}e^{-\frac{E_{R}}{E_{0}r}}F^{2}(q)$$
Other Corrections:  
• Earth annual modulation  
• Finite Galactic escape velocity  
• Finite Energy range

## Integral rates for different $M_W$ and targets



• Heavy target and lower threshold favored but only at low WIMP mass

## **Experimental signature**

- Nuclear recoils ~ 10s keV
- Featureless recoil spectrum (no bump)
- Single scatters (uniform throughout the detector volume)

Motion of the Earth respect to the halo:



- Rate variation (June December ~2-10%)
- Direction asymmetry (Daily rotation)

Annual modulation  $(\sim 7\%) \rightarrow Additional signature$  $v_E(t) [km/s] = v_s + 15\cos\theta = 232 + 15\cos\left(2\pi \frac{t - 152.5}{365.25}\right)$ 

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## **Direct Detection - backgrounds**

- $\alpha$  : higher energy depositions
- $\mu$  : underground + veto
- • $\gamma,\beta: ER \rightarrow shielding + discrimination$
- $n : NR \rightarrow shielding + multiple interactions$

Extremely low background technique

required and good discrimination NR-ER

 $\rightarrow$  Underground experiments

Cosmic rays and activation of the detector materials (<sup>39</sup>Ar, <sup>22</sup>N)

Natural (<sup>238</sup>U, <sup>238</sup>Th, <sup>40</sup>K)

Anthropogenic (<sup>85</sup>Kr)

Ultimately: solar, atmospheric and SN v



L.Baudis et al., JCAP01 (2014) 044

## **Background budget**

XENON100



## **Radiopurity: material screening**

- ArDM measurement campaign with **HPGe detector** @LSC.
- Screened samples:
  - **PMT**: glass, electrodes, base, holder components (SS, PE).
  - **HV resistors** for field cage.
  - **Polyethylene** for neutron shield.
  - Perlite



• Evaluating the neutron flux inside the detector (irreducible background)



## The dream of the experimentalist

- Large Exposure (Mass  $\times$  Time) : 100s ton  $\times$  year
- Low Energy Threshold : ~10 keV
- Event topology
- Low Background Rate : <0.1 evt in the exposure
- Discrimination between Signal and Backgrounds
   : > 99.9%

#### **Underground Experiments**



## **Underground Laboratories**



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#### **DM experiments sensitivity**



About an order of magnitude increase in every ~2 years

#### **Current scenario**



## **Current/Future scenario**



## **Annual modulation** → **DAMA/LIBRA**



DAMA/NaI :~100 kg NaI(Tl) 0.29 ton/y over 7 annual cycles DAMA/LIBRA: ~250 kg NaI(Tl) – 25 crystals 0.53 ton/y over 4 annual cycles

> Total exposure : 0.82 ton y Modulation in the range 2-6 keV





- Correct phase and period
- Modulation only in the low energy bin
- No modulation in the multi-hit events

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 $A = (0.0215 \pm 0.0026) \ cpd/kg/keV (8.3\sigma CL)$ Eur.Phys.J.C.(2008)56:333-355

*Eur. Phys. J. C* 73 (2013) 2648. 2013 *Total Exposure: 1.33 ton y* (9.3 *CL*)

## **Low Mass Region**

- Interest triggered by DAMA/LIBRA with the summer / winter modulation: solid evidence but wide suspicion that is an instrumental effect.
- (Close to the detector threshold, however no convincing explanation so far!)
- Additional evidences during the last years from CoGeNT, CRESST, CDMS-Si: excess of events above the expected background
- Light DM interpretation disfavored by many other experiments: XENON100, LUX, SuperCDMS





Assuming:  $M_W$ =8.6 GeV and  $\sigma$ =1.9 × 10<sup>-41</sup> cm<sup>2</sup>  $\rightarrow$  220 events expected

## ANAIS

Annual modulation studies: Data taking @ LSC from Dec 2012

Detectors: 2NaI(Tl) cylindrical modules, 12.5 kg each (Alpha Spectra - USA)
Shield: 10cm roman lead 20 cm low activity lead Active veto scintillators
Radon free box
1 keV<sub>ee</sub> threshold achievable

Goals: Crystal radiopurity (40K)

**NEW** 12,5 kg **ULTRAPURE NaI(TI) DECTECTOR** at LSC since March 2015



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## **Cryogenic experiments at T~mK**

SuperCDMS:

low temperature Ce/Si detectors at SNOLab. Rejection through ionization and phonos.

Focus on low mass WIMPs.

- 6 towers (≈50 kg) Ge with NR discrimination through ionization + phonons
- 1 tower (3Ge+3Si from CDMS). No discrimination. Background limited after 1y
- Start data taking 2018. Ultimate goal 8×10<sup>-47</sup> (SI)



• Potential future increase with multi-target approach (EURECA). Cryostat able to host up to 400 kg

## **Noble liquids technology for particle physics**

• low energy threshold

(high scintillation/ionization yield)

• large mass

(available in large quantity/affordable)

- ultra low background (radiopure and clean)
- background rejection

Element	Z(A)	Boiling point (Tb) @1bar [k]	Liquid density @Tb [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	Energy loss dE/dx (MeV/cm)	Radiation length X <sub>0</sub> (cm)	Collision length λ(cm)	lonization [e <sup>-</sup> /keV]	Scintillation [⁄⁄keV]	Cost
Ne	10(20)	27.1	1.21	1.4	24	80	46	7	
<u>Ar</u>	18(40)	87.3	1.40	2.1	14	80	42	40	
Kr	36(84)	119.8	2.41	3.0	4.9	29	49	25	
Xe	54(131)	165.0	3.06	3.8	2.8	34	64	46	

(pid through pulse shape, light/charge, dE/dx)

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## **Noble liquids technology for particle physics**

- High atomic number and density good for compact and flexible detector geometry. Good stopping power (i.e. self shielding active volume)
- "Easy" cryogenics
- High scintillation yield with fast response (yield ~80% of NaI)
- > High ionization yield and small Fano factor for good  $\Delta E/E$
- Available in large quantity and "easy" to purify with a variety of methods (~2k\$/kg for Xe).



## Ar scintillation

- LAr is an Excellent scintillator:  $W_{\gamma} = 19.5 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \sim 5000 \text{ photons/mm/m.i.p.}$
- Singlet ( $\tau \sim 6$ ns) and triplet ( $\tau \sim 2 \mu$ s) excimers giving a spectrum peaked at 128 nm
- Transparent to its own scintillation light: 9.7 eV not enough to cause secondary scintillation/ionization.
- Light propagation governed only by Rayleigh scattering (purity dependent).



## **Event discrimination technique in Ar**

• <u>Noble liquids detectors effective</u> particularly at higher WIMP masses Preferred option because of event selection / background rejection



Pulse shape discrimination of primary scintillation: very large difference in decay times between fast ( $\approx 7$  ns) and slow ( $\sim 2 \mu s$ ) components of the emitted VUV light.

## Systematic uncertainty

Nuclear recoil energy calibration



Single-phase LXe scintillation detector (>95% light coll efficiency – 25pe/keV) → Neutron scattering experiment



- $S_{1} = \text{signal in pe}$   $L_{y} = \text{light yield @ 122 keV (pe/keV)}$   $L_{eff} = \text{NR scintillation efficiency rel. to 122keV (0 field)}$   $S_{e} = \text{quenching of scintillation yield @ 122keV due to the field}$   $S_{r} = \text{``for NR}$
- Results consistent with previous data for E>10keV
- Average value E<10keV : L<sub>eff</sub>=0.14

(discrepancy with other data but consistent with the best fit on Xe10 neutron calib. )





Phys.Rev.C 79-045807

## LAr vs LXe

 LXe: ✓ Density
 ✓ ~50% odd isotopes (<sup>129</sup>Xe, <sup>131</sup>Xe) for spin dependent interactions
 ✓ No long-lived radioactive isotopes

LAr: 
Available in large quantity
ER background discrimination

- × Price
- **×** ER discrimination

*x* Radioactive isotopes
 <sup>39</sup>Ar → 1.01 Bq/kg
 (NIM-A 574 (2007) 83–88)

#### Additionally: Scintillation wavelength



### **RA contamination in** <sup>nat</sup>**Ar**

•  $^{39}$ Ar and  $^{85}$ Kr "Activity in the atmosphere ~10mBq/m<sup>3</sup>



### **Underground Experiments**



### **XMASS at Kamioka**

850 kg (~100 kg fiducial?) single phase LXe detector

- LXe in copper vessel, water tank
- 62% active surface (632 high QE, HEX PMTs: 13 PE/keV)
- 1 yr of data after refurbishment to reduce surface background
- Expected results by summer





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### **DEAP3600 at SNOLab**

3.6 ton (1 ton fiducial?) LAr single phase

- Acrylic vessel, water tank
- 255 8" high QE, round PMTs
- Steel containment sphere immersed in 8m water tank
- Commissioning 2014. Physics 2015
- Goal ~ $10^{-46}$  cm<sup>2</sup> (SI) for M<sub>w</sub> ~100 GeV after 3 y



## **Outlook for the single phase**

XMASS1.5 : 5 ton total mass (~3 ton fiducial)

- New PMTs to achieve 10<sup>-5</sup> eve/keV/kg/day
- Projected Sensitivity:  $\sigma_{SI} = 10^{-47} \text{ cm}^2 @ 50 \text{ GeV}$
- Status: start in ~2017 ?
- XMASSII  $\rightarrow$  24 ton total mass (~10 ton fiducial)

DEAP - 50T  $\rightarrow$  150 ton (~50ton fiducial)

- Proposal only
- Depleted Ar in acrylic vessel
- New 4400 PMTs (development)
- Projected Sensitivity  $\sigma_{SI} \sim 10^{-48} \text{ cm}^2$

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## Ar ionization charge

- LAr ionization:  $W_e \sim 23.6 \text{ eV} \rightarrow \text{low detection thresholds}$
- Possible electron/ion recombination suppressed by  $E_{drift}$  (absent for mip's at  $E_{drift} \ge 10$ KV/cm)
- Drift velocity parameterized and measured in LAr-TPC's:  $V_{drift}(E,T) \sim 2 \text{ mm/}\mu s @ E_{drift}=1 \text{ KV/cm}$   $\Delta V_{drift} / \Delta T V_{drift} \sim -1.7\%/\text{K}$
- Oxygen (nitrogen) impurities capture free electrons:  $\tau_e [\mu s] \sim 300/\rho [ppb]$  $\rightarrow$  crucial issue for LAr

 $\tau \rightarrow$  electron lifetime  $\rho \rightarrow O_2$  concentration

 Diffusion effects are small for E<sub>drift</sub> ~1 kV/cm: transverse ~ mm's longitudinal « uncertainty on V<sub>drift</sub>



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Primary scintillation S1 in liquid

#### Secondary scintillation S2

- ✓ xy position reconstructed through the S2 light pattern on the top array  $(\sigma_{xy} \sim 1 \text{ mm})$
- ✓ Z position reconstructed through the Drift time ( $\sigma_z \sim 0.3 \text{ mm}$ )

## **Event discrimination technique in Ar**



### Two phases Ar and Xe TPCs currently in operation

XENON100

Panda-X

ArDM

DarkSide50



LNGS H 161kg 37 ~50 kg fiducial 100 242" PMTs 122

still blinded

Modulation

studies

Homestake 370 kg LXe 1 100 kg fiducial 3 122 2" PMTs 1

New DM data Physics run and First results in

first results in

2013

2015 new data

(300d blinded)

LUX

CJPL 125 kg LXe 37 kg fiducial 143 1" PMTs 37 3" PMTs

Aug 2014

80 days DM data

still blinded

Canfranc: 850 kg LAr ~500 kg fiducial 28 8" PMTs

Filled in Feb 15. First science run in 2015? LNGS 50 kg LAr 33 kg fiducial 38 3-inch PMTs

2014 First result 2015 First run depleted Ar

#### **XENON100 / XENON1T**





XENON100 still taking data during Release 2015? Testing calibration sources

XENON1T

Extensive material selection 248 × 3" PMTs (R11410-21) Average QE (178nm) 34%

Under construction (Design completed) Install June 2015?

< 0.2

 $\sim 1$ 

100

LXe

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- 10 m high 9 m diameter Water tank
- 84 high QE 8" Hamamatsu R5912 PMTs
- $\mu$ -induced background < 0.01 evt/yr
- Trigger efficiency >99.5% for neutrons with  $\mu$  in water tank , ~78% with  $\mu$  outside







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## **LZ: LUX+ZEPLIN**

At Homestake . Approved in mid-2014 as DOE-only supported project. (Total cost ~55M\$)

#### Detector:

- Dual-phase TPC with
- 7t LXe viewed
- 488 3-inch PMTs

#### Shield:

- Gd-loaded liquid scintillator
- LUX water shield
- Status: start in 2018?
- Projected Sensitivity: 10<sup>-48</sup> cm<sup>2</sup> for 50 GeV WIMP with 1000 live days



## DarkSide

- DS50: results published in October 2014 (1.422 kg×day, no background)
- Depleted (UG) Argon run in 2015
- G2 phase O(5 ton) within the existing active veto
- G3 phase planned O(100 ton) to reach the neutrino floor (~400 ton×yr with no background)







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### LSC – Canfranc Underground Laboratory

- Lab. space  $\approx 4000 \text{ m}^3$  (main hall).
- Gamma flux  $\approx 2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ y/cm}^2\text{/s}.$
- $\approx 2450$  mwe
- Neutron flux  $\approx 10^{-6}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>/s (CUNA).
- Radon  $\approx$  50-100 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>.
- Temperature, pressure and humidity monitored.





### ArDM-1t in a nutshell



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### **ArDM Phases of the project**

- **Surface** operation :
  - $\,\circ\,\,$  Building the ArDM prototype  $\checkmark\,$
  - Commissioning the detector cryogenics, purification, HV, electronics, light readout and software 

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- **Underground** operation I:
  - $\circ~$  Construction and installation of the passive neutron shielding  $\checkmark~$
  - $\,\circ\,$  Installation of ArDM and its infrastructures  $\checkmark\,$
  - $\circ$  Warm gas argon runs and test of the light readout system  $\checkmark$
  - <sup>83m</sup>Kr source calibration  $\rightarrow \checkmark$
  - Material screening  $\rightarrow$  **Ongoing**
  - Neutron flux measurements  $\rightarrow$  **Ongoing**
- **Underground** operation II :
  - First Liquid argon run (commission HV, purification, cryogenics, ...).  $\rightarrow$  **Ongoing**
  - Physics runs ( $\rightarrow$ 2015?)

#### ArDM: First 1-ton scale double-phase TPC in operation !!

## **Detector Calibration**

- 83Kr data: Verified LY and energy threshold ٠
- Peak width well described by photons ٠ statistics (10% intrinsic resolution)
- Uniform light collection (vertical distribution)
- Expected threshold for DM search  $\sim 30 \text{keV}_r$









### Slow control, trigger and DAQ

- Control of the cryocoolers and cryogenic system fully integrated in the existing PLC
- Reduced manpower requirements during the data taking
- 4x ADC V1720, 8ch, 12bit, 2Vpp, 250MS/s.
- handling up to 2.2 kHz trigger rate (289 MB/s 8 μs digitalization)





#### **Environmental neutron flux measurement**

- Detector in operations @ LSC since November 2013.
  - Two BC501A **liquid scintillators** → fast neutron spectroscopy.
  - <sup>3</sup>He **proportional counter** → thermal neutron background.
- **Periodical calibrations** with gamma sources and a neutron source
- **Data taking** of **several months** is foreseen in collaboration with the *Nuclear Innovation Unit from CIEMAT* and <u>CUNA</u>.







#### Plans

- Commission the detector in liquid
- Assess the LAr purity
- Explore the light yield for the full target
- Measure the <sup>39</sup>Ar background
- Measure the rejection power for electron background
- Measurements of the neutron background from multiple scattering





#### **Expected sensitivity**



50 < E < 100 keV

#### Projected sensitivity with (2.2±0.08) n/d From MC and screening results

## Upgrades

- New field cage (Fully manufactured, stored at LSC)
- New reflectors
- Upgrade of the light readout with SiPMTs

2000 SiPMTs (7×7 mm<sup>2</sup> - SENSEL) necessary for the same light readout



## **Argon over Xenon?**

What is required to explore dark matter to the "Neutrino Floor" well above 100 GeV?

("Neutrino Floor": dark matter sensitivity level where neutrino-induced coherent scattering by atmospheric neutrinos provide one count in given exposure)

σ [cm²]	1 TeV	10 TeV		
LUX [4] [10k kg×day]	1.1×10-44	1.2×10 <sup>-43</sup>		
XENON [2] [7.6k kg×day]	1.9×10 <sup>-44</sup>	1.9×10 <sup>-43</sup>		
DS-50 [1.4k kg×day]	2.3×10 <sup>-43</sup>	2.1×10 <sup>-42</sup>		
XENON-1t [3] [2.7 tonne×yr]	3.0×10 <sup>-46</sup>	3.0×10 <sup>-45</sup>		
LZ [15 tonne×yr]	4.8×10 <sup>-47</sup>	4.8×10 <sup>-46</sup>		
DarkSide-5k [20 tonne×yr]	4.1×10 <sup>-47</sup>	4.0×10 <sup>-46</sup>		
Neutrino Floor [Xe: 300 tonne×yr] [Ar: 400 tonne×yr]	2.6×10 <sup>-48</sup>	2.6×10 <sup>-47</sup>		

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## **Argon over Xenon?**

Complete exploration requires a background-free exposure of 300 tonnes×yr for xenon 400 tonnes×yr for underground argon

Can an Argon experiment be background free at that exposure? YES thanks to pulse shape discrimination!!!

Can an Argon experiment be background free at that exposure? VERY tough job! Background need to be reduced to  $<30 \,\mu dru$ (1 dru = 1 count / [keVee × kg × day])

XENON100 [2012]: 2 leakage events over 400 in ROI LUX [2014]: 1 leakage events over 160 in ROI

## **Cooperation between DarkSide and ArDM**

- Cooperation on depleted argon for ArDM at LSC
- Cooperation for a 5k detector at LNGS
- Cooperation on technology (SiPM)
- Joint letter of intent for 100 tonnes detector

## Conclusions

- Direct detection experiments have excluded WIMP-nucleon cross sections down to 10<sup>-8</sup> pb
- Tension in the low WIMP mass, but some claims rejected
- Double-phase liquid noble TPCs best prospective for the 100 GeV ÷ 1 TeV WIMP mass region
- Program of strong cooperation between DarkSide and ArDM
- G3 Argon detector proposed to reach the "neutrino floor"
- Exciting times for dark matter...

# Backup

#### **Cryogenic design**

Bath design in a modular design

- "clean" and "dirty" LAr volumes
- no direct heat load to the clean LAr
- bubble free ?



PVac.

P101:



- Third cryocooler for redundancy



#### **Experiment - fully remotely controlled**



Webinterface



ArDM Control Center CERN



Audio visual contact with shifters at LSC

#### Neutron shield

- Polyethylene neutron shield
  - 50 cm thick
  - 17 ton total  $(12 + 2 \times 2.5)$
  - ~10<sup>5</sup> reduction of the neutron flux of neutron ( <1 MeV)
  - Installed: bottom + side
  - Top part: pending.

Safety (fire protection)

- Fire-retardant paint.
- Insulating layer +ext. aluminum sheet.









#### Corrections

• Form factor

$$\sigma(qr_n) = \sigma_0 F^2(qr_n) \qquad F(qr_n) = 3 \frac{j_1(qr_n)}{qr_n} e^{-(qs)^2/2}$$



• Earth velocity: annual modulation

$$v_E(t) [km/s] = v_s + 15\cos\theta = 232 + 15\cos\left(2\pi \frac{t - 152.5}{365.25}\right)$$

• Finite galactic escape velocity

$$v_{esc} = 600 \text{ km s}^{-1}$$

• Finite energy range

## **The double phase EL-TPC**



**DUAL PHASE DETECTOR** 

<u>Ultra pure liquid necessary to preserve small electron signal (~10 el)</u>