Toward A Consistent Picture For CRESST, CoGeNT and DAMA

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Current State of Direct Detection Experiments

- Three dark matter direct detection experiments (DAMA/ LIBRA, CoGeNT, and CRESST-II) have each reported signals which are not consistent with known backgrounds
- The signals do resemble that predicted for a dark matter particle with mass of ~10 GeV and cross section with nucleons ~10⁻⁴¹- 10⁻⁴⁰ cm²
- These signals are also faced but null results of several other experiments
- Can the signals of these experiments be explained by a single species of dark matter particle, without conflicting with the constraints of other experiments?

What's going on with these surface events?



Optimist: A bit of a moving target is expected



"All our vehicles come with a 24-hour, round-the-block guarantee."

Pessimist: Replace vehicle by "signals"

A theorist's understanding of surface events



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Is the spectrum consistent with CDMS?



The original CoGeNT excess spectrum (that included the surface event contamination) was larger the spectrum measured at CDMS.

This is difficult to explain any way other than with detector systematics.

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Excluding these additional surface events in CoGeNT brings the two spectra into much better agreement

CoGeNT and CRESST



Dark Matter Should Have Annual Modulation



http://www.hep.shef.ac.uk/research/dm/intro.php

DAMA (Nal) Claim



2-6 keV

Quenching factor for Na



Modulation in the CoGeNT data

- We find modulation of 16±5% at the 2.7 sigma level
- The best fit to the peak is found to be at April 18±16 days
- DAMA peak is May 16±7 (2-4 keVee range) or May 26±7 (2-6 keVee range)
- N-body simulations of galaxy formation find 68% of models have a peak within 20 days of late May/early June

Spectrum of Modulation

There is more modulation at higher energies than predicted in the standard halo model

Overall rate versus modulation

- The simplest comparison between the overall spectra and the modulation spectra are discrepant by a factor of at least a few. What are the possibilities for reconciling this discrepancy?
- Particle Physics
 - Inelastic dark matter
 - Form Factor Dark Matter
 - Resonant Dark Matter
- Astrophysics
 - Substructure within the halo (streams)

Simulations of the Velocity Distribution of Dark Matter in Our Galaxy

Michael Kuhlen, Neal Weiner, Jurg Diemand, Piero Madau, Ben Moore, Doug Potter, Joachim Stadel, Marcel Zemp: **JCAP 1002 (2010) 030**

Streams?

Conclusions and Future Outlook

- I am going to have disagree with Neal that to zeroth order, none of the experiments agree
- When considering reasonable uncertainties
 - CoGeNT and CRESST have similar overall spectra
 - CoGeNT and DAMA have similar modulation spectra
- CoGeNT is continuing to take data (after the fire) and we look forward to seeing if the modulation signal continues to increase in significance
- CDMS is undertaking an annual modulation analysis
- First C4 detector to be constructed soon