# Dark Matter search with emulsion detectors





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# Dark matter search at the accelerators







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## Ultra-relativistic dark matter







## Nuclear recoils induced by galactic dark matter scattering in the emulsion





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Due to solar system movement in galaxy, WIMP flux is expected to be not isotropic on the Earth direction measurement!









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# Nanometric nuclear recoils in the emulsion





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$$E_{l} = \frac{3\varepsilon_{d}(\lambda)}{\varepsilon_{m}(\lambda) + 2\varepsilon_{d}(\lambda)} E_{0}$$
  

$$E_{l} \text{ intensity inside the metal}$$
  

$$\varepsilon_{m}(\lambda_{l}) + 2\varepsilon_{d}(\lambda_{l}) \approx 0$$
  

$$F_{l} \text{ is resonance enhanced}$$

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# Resonant light scattering: silver grains

### **TEM image of Carbon track after development**



## Different orientation



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**Optical response strongly depends** on the polarization of incident light





# Two grains building up a track







# Single grain: accuracy



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# Super-resolution microscope





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### Horizontal ions, signal-like events

### Barycenter displacement > $3\sigma$ (Moving)

Moving grains 21714 Entries Microtracks 0.06872 Mean Static grains 1000 0.7064 Std Dev 11088 Entries 800 0.04414 Mean 0.6407 Std Dev Entries 9286 600 0.02258 Mean Std Dev 0.8641 400 200 1.5 -1.5-0.5 0.5 0 \$ [rad]

Super-resolution plasmic imaging microscopy for a sub micron tracking emulsion detector, PTEP (2019) 063H02



100 KeV



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### Barycenter displacement $\leq 3\sigma$ (Static) 60 KeV











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$$+a\cos 2(\theta - \varphi)$$

$$\varphi = pixel "phase"$$

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# Super resolution imaging



Super-resolution high-speed optical microscopy for fully automated readout of metallic nanoparticles and nanostructure Scientific Reports 10 (2020) 18773



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R = 45 nm → blue H = 80 (120) nm → green (red)

Annu. Rev. Phys. Chem. 58 (2007) 267-297



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# dipole in metallic particle dipole moment $p = 4\pi\varepsilon_m a^3 \frac{\varepsilon_1(\lambda) - \varepsilon_m(\lambda)}{\varepsilon_1(\lambda) + 2\varepsilon_m(\lambda)} E_0$ resonance $\varepsilon_1(\lambda_l) + 2\varepsilon_m(\lambda_l) \approx 0$

Appl. Phys. Lett. 80, 1826 (2002)

Ag grain size  $\rightarrow$  resonance wavelength

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### 40 nm diameter





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### 60 nm diameter

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### 40 nm diameter, 80 nm height

NR-40x80 **/.5 μm x /.5 μm** 



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### 40 nm diameter, 120 nm height



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# **Emulsions in applied Science**

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# **Emulsions for medical applications**

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Scarce knowledge of the interaction along their path

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Protons and ions used in hadron-therapy

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## Identification of fragments through the measurement of their ionization

## G. De Lellis et al., JINST 12 (2007) P08013

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Study of Carbon ion interactions G. De Lellis et al., Nucl. Phys. A853 (2011) 124

![](_page_22_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_22_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $\sigma_{tot} = (18420 \pm 380_{stat} \pm 1840_{svs})$  mbarn

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![](_page_22_Figure_7.jpeg)

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 $\sigma(\Delta z = 1) = (2510 \pm 140_{stat} \pm 250_{sys})$  mbarn

![](_page_22_Picture_10.jpeg)

# Momentum and angular distribution of fragments

G. De Lellis et al., Meas. Sci. Technol. 26 (2015) 094001 G. De Lellis et al., JINST 12 (2017) P08013 M. C. Montesi et al., Open Physics 17 (2019) 233

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# Summary of measurement performance

Observable	Method	Range	Notes
<b>τ</b> (lifetime)	Flight length, < <b>ð</b> >	10 <sup>-16</sup> ÷10 <sup>-11</sup> s	
Momentum	MCS	0.5 ÷ 10 GeV	pion
Momentum	range	<500 MeV	
Energy	Shower counting, calorimetry	1÷ 20 GeV	electron
Z (charge)	Ionization	1÷6	nuclei
A (mass number)	Range, MCS	1÷12	nuclei
Kinetic energy	Nanometric range	≥30 keV	Carbon
$e/\pi^0$ separation	$\gamma$ conversion	No threshold	
$\mu/\pi$ separation	Range, topology	No threshold	Dense material

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![](_page_25_Picture_6.jpeg)

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Tadaaki Tani, Photographic Science, Advances in Nanoparticles, J-Aggregates, Dye Sensitization,

G. De Lellis et al., Nuclear Emulsions in Particle Physics Reference Library, volume 2 Detectors for

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Image taken using OPERA emulsion film with pinhole handmade camera (Di Ferdinando)

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# **QUIZ - 3**

- micron or so and how to achieve the nanometric accuracy
- List the main advantage of an emulsion-based detector for medical applications

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• Explain what is normally limiting the resolution for nuclear emulsion to half a

List one technique used to investigate the internal structure of a volcano

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# A few problems as homework

- types. Hint: assume that 1 AgBr Crystal is equal to 1 bit of information
- a Poisson distribution.

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Calculate the data capacity of a double-sided emulsion film with 50 µm thick sensitive layers and 12.5 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup> surface for OPERA, NIT and U-NIT emulsion

Calculate the probability to reconstruct a background track in a 100µm thick emulsion layer, assuming that the transverse accuracy is 1µm, the random fog (spurious grain) level is 7 grains/1000  $\mu$ m<sup>3</sup> and a track is made of at least 5 grains. Hint: assume that the track is straight and that the number of grains is described by

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