New bounds on isospin-violating dark matter from DEAP-3600





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New direct detection limits were recently reported by the DEAP-3600 experiment



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These new limits look irrelevant but I claim that they are not



The region above the lines is excluded

The crucial point is that these experiments use different targets



The experimental signal depends on 3 particle physics parameters

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

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE} = \frac{m_A}{2\mu_A^2 v^2} \cdot (\sigma_0^{\mathrm{SI}} \cdot F_{\mathrm{SI}}^2(E) + \sigma_0^{\mathrm{SD}} \cdot F_{\mathrm{SD}}^2(E)).$$

$$\sigma_0^{\rm SI} = \sigma_p \cdot \frac{\mu_A^2}{\mu_p^2} \cdot [Z \cdot f^p + (A - Z) \cdot f^n]^2$$

In the previous figure it was assumed that $f^{p} = f^{n}$ (isospin-conservation)

$$\sigma_0^{\rm SI} = \sigma_p \cdot \frac{\mu_A^2}{\mu_p^2} \cdot [Z \cdot f^p + (A - Z) \cdot f^n]^2$$

There is no support whatsoever for this assumption. The default dark matter scenario should be $f^p \neq f^n$ (isospin-violating DM)

Several simple dark matter models give rise to isospin-violating DM

Dark-Photon Mediation:

 $f_n/f_p=0$

Z Mediation:

$$f_n/f_p = -12.5$$

Light Squark-Mediation:

For isospin-violating DM, cancellations may occur for certain values of f^p/fⁿ



And they strongly depend on the target nucleus

For isospin-violating DM, the experimental limits need to be reevaluated



The limits will depend on fn/fp

Only for fn/fp ≈ -0.7 are changes important

> Xenonphobic dark matter

The DEAP-3600 limit can actually be more constraining



It is really probing new regions of parameter space!

There is a region of parameter space where DEAP-3600 is most constraining



This is a new example of complementarity among different direct detection targets



The end of the Xenon dominated epoch

The beginning of a new era: - Testing isospin conservation - Majorana or Dirac DM