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# Effective Field Theory Analysis of CRESST-II Data

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## CRESST

- direct Dark Matter detection experiment (model independent): nuclear recoils
- Cryogenic Rare Event Search with Superconducting Thermometers
- located at the LNGS underground lab in central Italy



## CRESST

- additional shielding

- temperature  $\sim 15 \text{ mK}$ 





#### **CRESST-II** detectors

- scintillating target (CaWO<sub>4</sub>)
- separate phonon detector and light detector (for scintillation light detection)

Example: detector Lise

-  $E_{\textit{th}}$  = 307  $\pm$  4 eV for nuclear recoils





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- assuming all events in ROI as signal
- using Yellin optimum interval method for limit calculation





### **CRESST-III**

- upgrade to CRESST-III, data taking since 2016 with 10 new detectors
- focus on low mass dark matter, detector design improvements
- design goal: energy threshold below 100 eV





#### Dark Matter Search

- model-independent? in general assuming scalar (or spin-dependent) DM-nucleon interaction to be dominant
- dark matter nature unknown
- structure might be more complicated than assumed
- $\rightarrow$  set limits in a more general way



#### **Effective Field Theory of Dark Matter Detection**

low momentum transfer (keV)



non-relativistic



## **Effective Field Theory of Dark Matter Detection**

possible relevant Galilean invariant quantities:

$$ec{S_{\chi}}, \quad ec{S_N}, \quad ec{q}, \quad ec{v}$$

Hermitian and orthogonal:

$$ec{S_{\chi}}, \quad ec{S_N}, \quad ec{q}, \quad ec{v}^{\perp} = ec{v} + ec{q}/(2\mu_N)$$



#### **Dark-Matter-Nucleon Interaction**

possible combinations:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{O}_{1} = \mathbb{I} & \mathcal{O}_{9} = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot (\vec{S}_{N} \times \vec{q}) \\ \mathcal{O}_{3} = i \vec{S}_{N} \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{v}^{\perp}) & \mathcal{O}_{10} = i \vec{S}_{N} \cdot \vec{q} \\ \mathcal{O}_{4} = \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{S}_{N} & \mathcal{O}_{11} = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{q} \\ \mathcal{O}_{5} = i \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot (\vec{q} \times \vec{v}^{\perp}) & \mathcal{O}_{12} = \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot (\vec{S}_{N} \times \vec{v}^{\perp}) \\ \mathcal{O}_{6} = (\vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{q}) (\vec{S}_{N} \cdot \vec{q}) & \mathcal{O}_{13} = i (\vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp}) (\vec{S}_{N} \cdot \vec{q}) \\ \mathcal{O}_{7} = \vec{S}_{N} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp} & \mathcal{O}_{14} = i (\vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{q}) (\vec{S}_{N} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp}) \\ \mathcal{O}_{8} = \vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{v}^{\perp} & \mathcal{O}_{15} = -(\vec{S}_{\chi} \cdot \vec{q}) ((\vec{S}_{N} \times \vec{v}^{\perp}) \cdot \vec{q}) \end{array}$$

interaction with nucleon described by  $\sum_{\tau=0,1} \sum_{k=1}^{15} c_k^{\tau} \mathcal{O}_k t^{\tau}$ 



#### **Dark-Matter-Nucleus Interaction**

$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\vec{r}) = \sum_{i=1}^{A} \sum_{\tau=0,1} \sum_{k=1}^{15} c_k^{\tau} \mathcal{O}_k^{(i)} t_{(i)}^{\tau}$$

goal: set limits on c, for each one separately (setting all the other c = 0)

for movement inside nucleus: input from nuclear physics (shell model)

 $\Rightarrow$  set limits (isoscalar operators not depending on nuclear spin)



## **Results**





# Limits for Wilson coefficients $c_3^0$ and $c_5^0$





#### Summary

- set limits for more general Effective Field Theory
- CRESST-II: best DM limit for SI interaction below 1.7 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- leading limits for masses below  $\sim$  3-4 GeV/c² for coefficients  $c^0_1,\,c^0_3,\,c^0_5,\,c^0_8,\,c^0_{11},\,c^0_{12}$  and  $c^0_{15}$
- upgrade to CRESST-III: improved threshold, precision, design and radiopurity