

XENON100 - The new results.

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There is plenty of indirect evidence that a large fraction of the energy content of the Universe is made from a yet unknown forma of dark matter. The XENON 100 experiment, installed underground in the Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso (LNGS, Italy), is searching for WIMP dark matter particles scattering off al large liquid xenon target. XENON100 features the lowest background of all running dark matter experiments and has recently published the results of 225 live days of data taking: No indication for a dark matter signal has been found, therefore leading to the strongest limits on WIMP-nucleon scattering cross sections to-date.

In this talk, I will introduce the experiment and focus on the recent results. Finally, the status of the successor experiment XENON1T, which aims at a sensitivity increase of 2 orders of magnitude, will be presented.

- Coffee, tea and cookies will be served at 16:30h
- After the seminar there is a chance for private discussions with the speaker over wine and pretzels





