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The Direct Search Experiment for Light Dark Matter (DELight): Overview and Perspectives

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Driven by the null results in the searches for dark matter, the field of direct dark matter detection is constantly evolving to push new frontiers. Ultimately, a vast parameter space for dark matter masses below a few GeV is yet to be explored. That said, low mass dark matter candidates necessitate novel detector designs with lower thresholds and alternative target materials compared to e.g., the xenon-based experiments currently providing the strongest overall constraints on many dark matter models.

The Direct search Experiment for Light dark matter (DELight) will deploy a target of superfluid ⁴He instrumented with large area microcalorimeters (LAMCALs) based on magnetic microcalorimeter (MMC) technology in a setup optimized for low mass dark matter searches. The talk will present an overview of this novel upcoming experiment, including preliminary background models and sensitivity projections.

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