Particle Dark Matter in the galactic halo: results and perspectives

DAMA/LIBRA

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+ by-products and small scale expts.: INR-Kiev
+ neutron meas.: ENEA-Frascati
+ in some studies on ββ decays (DST-MAE project): IIT Kharagpur, India

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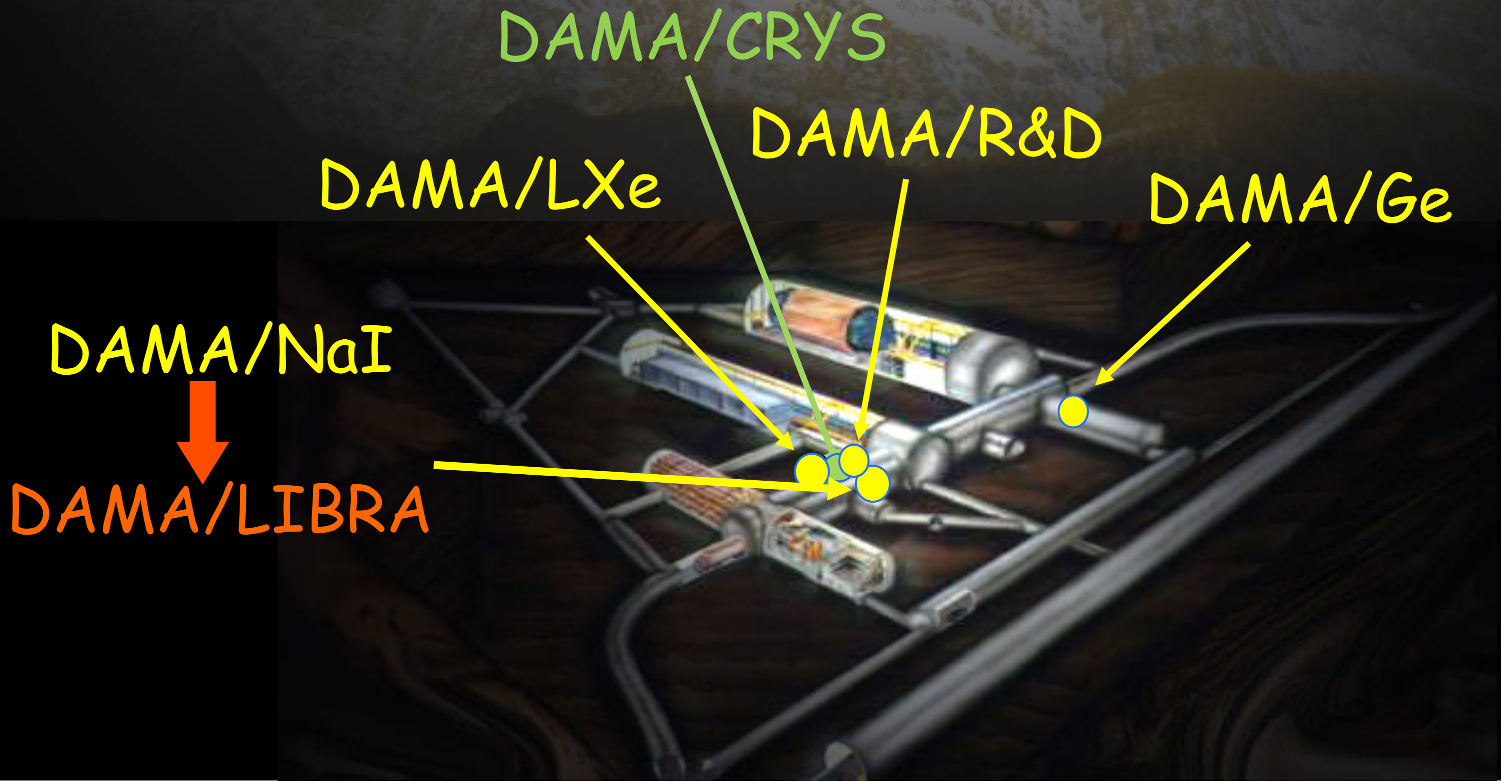
DAMA: an observatory for rare processes



Relic DM particles from primordial Universe

SUSY
(as neutralino or sneutrino
In various scenarios)

the sneutrino in the Smith
and Weiner scenario

sterile ν

electron interacting dark matter

a heavy ν of the 4-th family

even a suitable particle not
yet foreseen by theories

axion-like (light pseudoscalar
and scalar candidate)

self-interacting dark matter

mirror dark matter

Kaluza-Klein particles (LKK)

heavy exotic canditates, as
"4th family atoms", ...

Elementary Black holes,
Planckian objects,
Daemons

etc…

(& invisible axions, ν's)

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Right halo model and parameters?

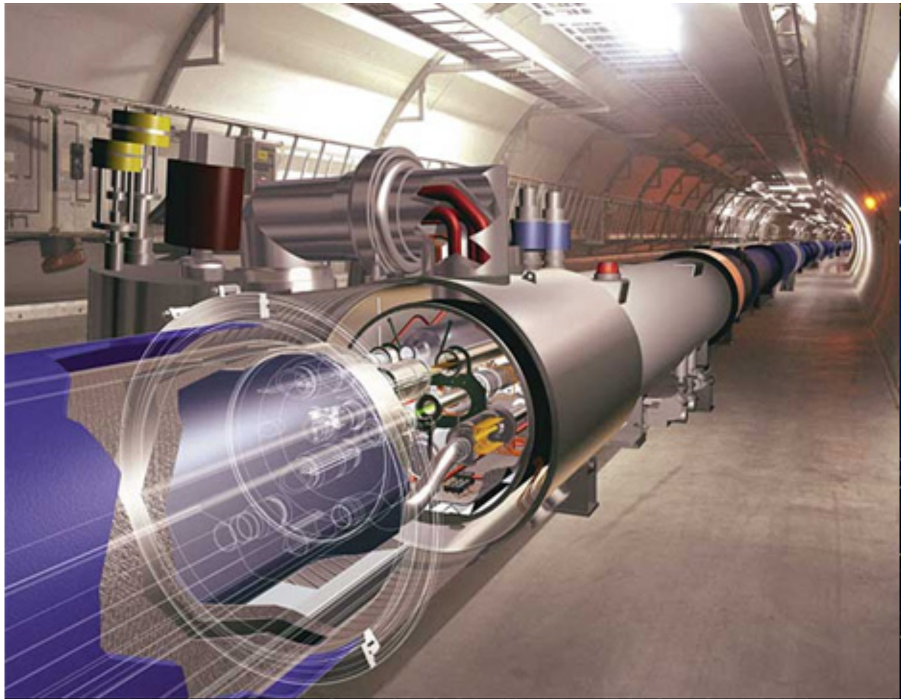
- Composition?
  DM multicomponent also
  in the particle part?
- Right related nuclear and
  particle physics?

Non thermalized components?

Caustics?

clumpiness?

etc… etc…



accelerators can
prove the existence of some possible Dark Matter candidate particles

But accelerators cannot
credit that a certain particle is in the halo as the solution or the only solution for particle Dark Matter …

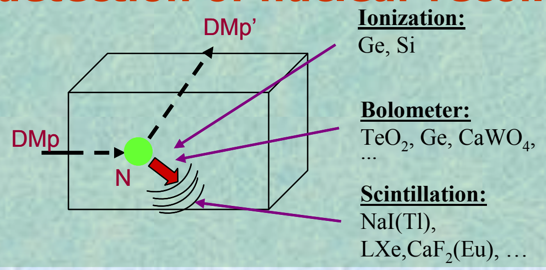
+ Dark Matter candidate particles and scenarios (even for neutralino candidate) exist which cannot be investigated at accelerators

Direct detection with a model independent approach and a low background widely sensitive target material

Some direct detection processes:

- Scatterings on nuclei

  → detection of nuclear recoil energy



- Inelastic Dark Matter: W + N → W* + N

  → W has Two mass states χ+ , χ- with δ mass splitting

  → Kinematical constraint for the inelastic scattering of χ- on a nucleus

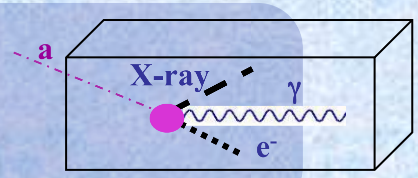
$$\frac{1}{2}\mu v^2 \geq \delta \Leftrightarrow v \geq v_{thr} = \sqrt{\frac{2\delta}{\mu}}$$

- Excitation of bound electrons in scatterings on nuclei

  → detection of recoil nuclei + e.m. radiation

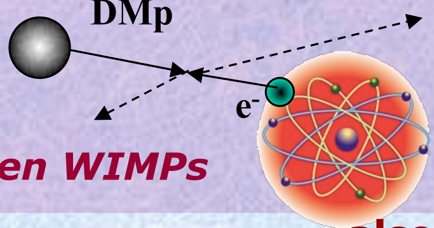
- Conversion of particle into e.m. radiation

  → detection of γ, X-rays, e^-



- Interaction only on atomic electrons

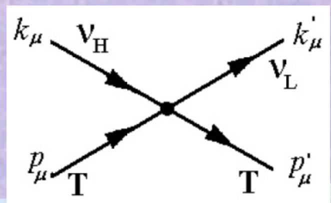
  → detection of e.m. radiation



… even WIMPs

- Interaction of light DMp (LDM) on e^- or nucleus with production of a lighter particle → detection of electron/nucleus recoil energy

e.g. sterile ν



… also other possibilities …

e.g. signals from these candidates are **completely lost** in experiments based on "rejection procedures" of the e.m. component of their rate

- … and more

2 different questions:

- Are there Dark Matter particles in the galactic halo?

The exploitation of the annual modulation DM signature with highly radiopure NaI(Tl) as target material can permit to answer to this question by direct detection and in a way largely independent on the nature of the candidate and on the astrophysical, nuclear and particle Physics assumptions

DAMA/NaI and DAMA/LIBRA

- Which are exactly the nature of the Dark Matter particle(s) and the related astrophysical, nuclear and particle Physics scenarios?

This requires subsequent model-dependent corollary analyses (see e.g. in recent DAMA – and other – literature;… and more)

N.B. It does not exist any approach to investigate the nature of the candidate in the direct and indirect DM searches, which can offer these latter information independently on assumed astrophysical, nuclear and particle Physics scenarios…

The DM annual modulation: a model independent signature for the investigation of Dark Matter particles component in the galactic halo

As a consequence of its annual revolution around the Sun, which is moving in the Galaxy, the Earth should be crossed by a larger flux of Dark Matter particles around 2 June (when the Earth orbital velocity is summed to the one of the solar system with respect to the Galaxy) and by a smaller one around 2 December (when the two velocities are subtracted).

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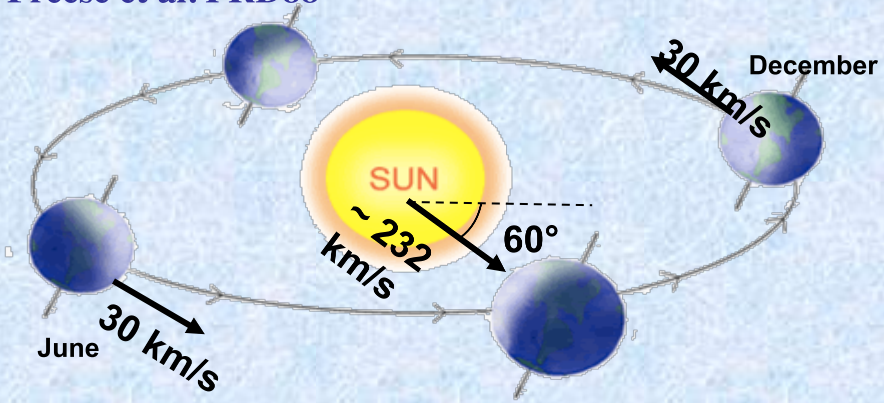
Freese et al. PRD88



- v_{sun} ~ 232 km/s (Sun velocity in the halo)
- v_{orb} = 30 km/s (Earth velocity around the Sun)
- $\gamma = \pi/3$
- $\omega = 2\pi/T$ T = 1 year
- t_0 = 2nd June (when $v_\oplus$ is maximum)

$$v_\oplus(t) = v_{sun} + v_{orb}\cos\gamma\cos[\omega(t-t_0)]$$

$$S_k[\eta(t)] = \int_{\Delta E_k} \frac{dR}{dE_R} dE_R \cong S_{0,k} + S_{m,k}\cos[\omega(t-t_0)]$$

Expected rate in given energy bin changes because of the annual motion of the Earth around the Sun moving in the Galaxy

Requirements of the annual modulation

1) Modulated rate according cosine
2) In a definite low energy range
3) With a proper period (1 year)
4) With proper phase (about 2 June)
5) Just for single hit events in a multi-detector set-up
6) With modulation amplitude in the region of maximal sensitivity must be <7% for usually adopted halo distributions, but it can be larger in case of some possible scenarios

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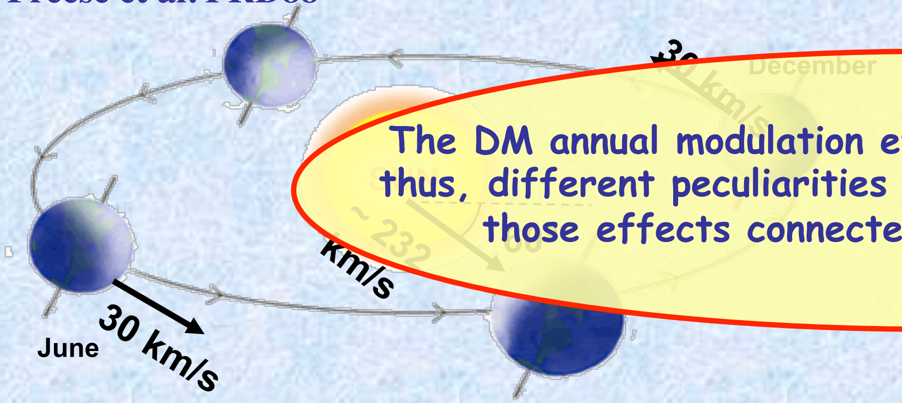

The DM annual modulation effect has different origins and, thus, different peculiarities (e.g. the phase) with respect to those effects connected instead with the seasons

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Competitiveness of ULB NaI(Tl) set-up

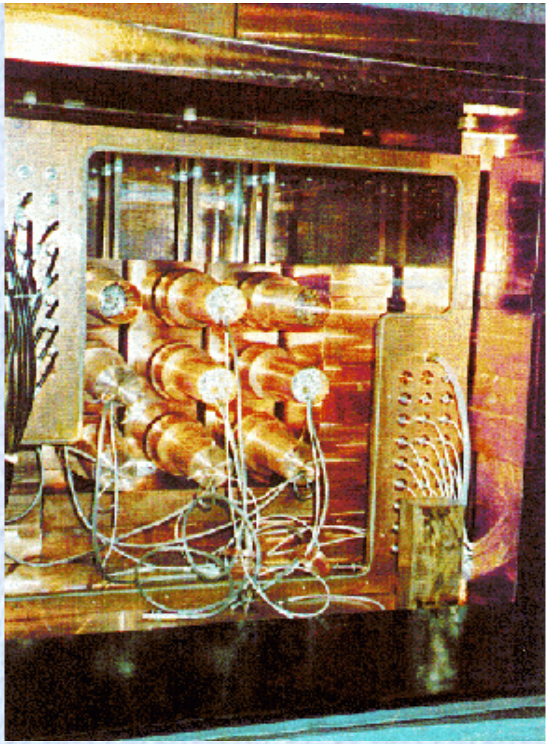
- Well known technology
- High duty cycle
- Large mass possible
- "Ecological clean" set-up; no safety problems
- Cheaper than every other considered technique
- Small underground space needed
- High radiopurity by selections, chem./phys. purifications, protocols reachable
- Well controlled operational condition feasible
- Neither re-purification procedures nor cooling down/warming up (reproducibility, stability, ...)
- High light response (5.5 -7.5 ph.e./keV)
- Effective routine calibrations feasible down to keV in the same conditions as production runs
- Absence of microphonic noise + noise rejection at threshold (τ of NaI(Tl) pulses hundreds ns, while τ of noise pulses tens ns)
- Sensitive to many candidates, interaction types and astrophysical, nuclear and particle physics scenarios on the contrary of other proposed target-materials (and approaches)
- Sensitive to both high (mainly by Iodine target) and low mass (mainly by Na target) candidates
- Effective investigation of the annual modulation signature feasible in all the needed aspects
- Fragmented set-up
- Etc.

A low background NaI(Tl) also allows the study of several other rare processes : possible processes violating the Pauli exclusion principle, CNC processes in ^{23}Na and ^{127}I, electron stability, nucleon and di-nucleon decay into invisible channels, neutral SIMP and nuclearites search, solar axion search, ...

High benefits/cost

The pioneer DAMA/NaI :
≈100 kg highly radiopure NaI(Tl)

Performances: N.Cim.A112(1999)545-575, EPJC18(2000)283, Riv.N.Cim.26 n. 1(2003)1-73, IJMPD13(2004)2127



Results on rare processes:

- Possible Pauli exclusion principle violation — PLB408(1997)439
- CNC processes — PRC60(1999)065501
- Electron stability and non-paulian transitions in Iodine atoms (by L-shell) — PLB460(1999)235
- Search for solar axions — PLB515(2001)6
- Exotic Matter search — EPJdirect C14(2002)1
- Search for superdense nuclear matter — EPJA23(2005)7
- Search for heavy clusters decays — EPJA24(2005)51

data taking completed on July 2002, last data release 2003. Regular publication of the data and of corollary investigations. Still producing results.

Results on DM particles:

- PSD — PLB389(1996)757
- Investigation on diurnal effect — N.Cim.A112(1999)1541
- Exotic Dark Matter search — PRL83(1999)4918
- Annual Modulation Signature

PLB424(1998)195, PLB450(1999)448, PRD61(1999)023512, PLB480(2000)23, EPJC18(2000)283, PLB509(2001)197, EPJC23(2002)61, PRD66(2002)043503, Riv.N.Cim.26 n.1 (2003)1, IJMPD13(2004) 2127, IJMPA21(2006)1445, EPJC47(2006)263, IJMPA22(2007)3155, EPJC53(2008)205, PRD77(2008) 023506, MPLA23(2008)2125.

model independent evidence of a particle DM component in the galactic halo at 6.3σ C.L.

total exposure (7 annual cycles) 0.29 ton x yr

Installing the DAMA/LIBRA set-up ~250 kg ULB NaI(Tl)

Residual contaminations in the new DAMA/ LIBRA NaI(Tl) detectors: ***^{232}Th, ^{238}U and ^{40}K at level of 10^{-12} g/g***

- ***Radiopurity,performances, procedures, etc.:*** NIMA592(2008)297
- ***Results on DM particles:*** EPJC56(2008)333, EPJC67(2010)39.
- ***Results on rare processes:*** EPJC62(2009)327

...calibration procedures

The DAMA/LIBRA set-up

For details, radiopurity, performances, procedures, etc.
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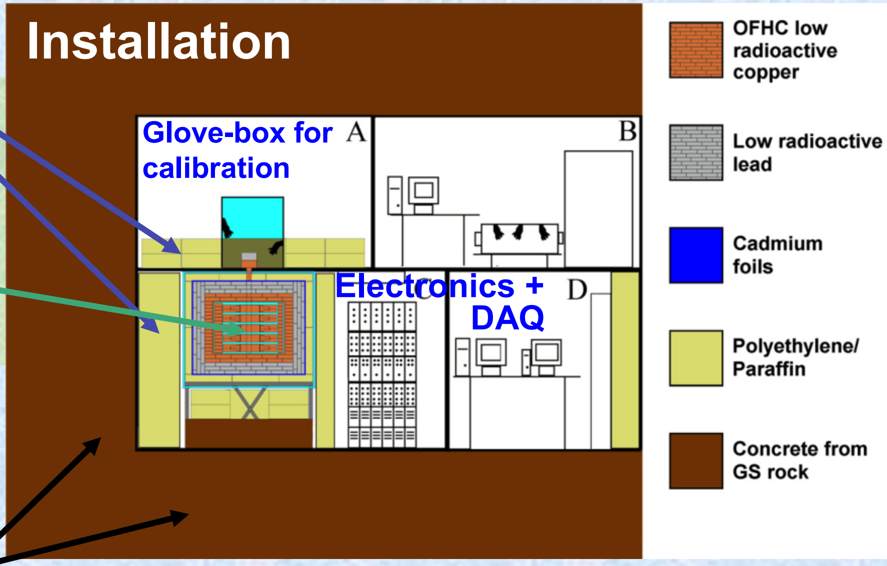
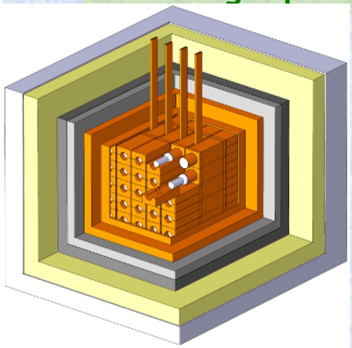
Polyethylene/ paraffin

- 25 x 9.7 kg NaI(Tl) in a 5x5 matrix
- two Suprasil-B light guides directly coupled to each bare crystal
- two PMTs working in coincidence at the single ph. el. threshold



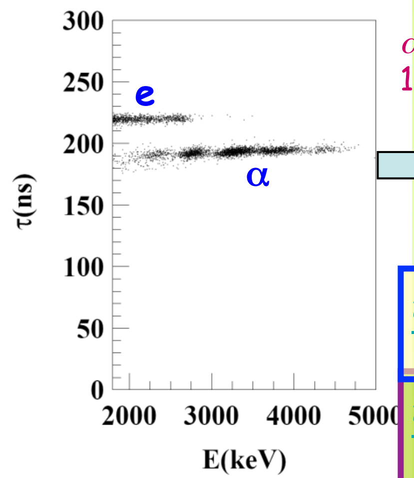


5.5-7.5 phe/keV

~ 1m concrete from GS rock

- Dismounting/Installing protocol (with "Scuba" system)
- All the materials selected for low radioactivity
- Multicomponent passive shield (>10 cm of Cu, 15 cm of Pb + Cd foils, 10/40 cm Polyethylene/paraffin, about 1 m concrete mostly outside the installation)
- Three-level system to exclude Radon from the detectors
- Calibrations in the same running conditions as production runs
- Installation in air conditioning + huge heat capacity of shield
- Monitoring/alarm system; many parameters acquired with the production data
- Pulse shape recorded by Waweform Analyzer Acqiris DC270 (2chs per detector), 1 *Gsample/s*, 8 bit, bandwidth 250 MHz
- Data collected from low energy up to MeV region, despite the hardware optimization was done for the low energy

Some on residual contaminants in new ULB NaI(Tl) detectors



α/e pulse shape discrimination has practically 100% effectiveness in the MeV range

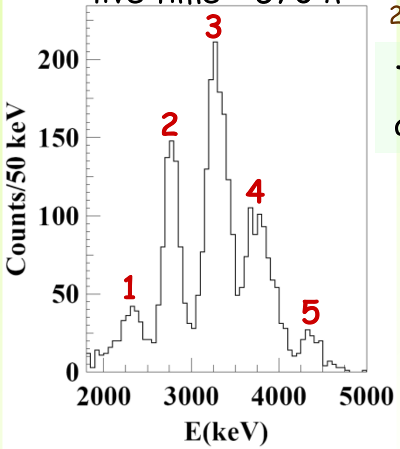
The measured α yield in the new DAMA/LIBRA detectors ranges from 7 to some tens α/kg/day

Second generation R&D for new DAMA/LIBRA crystals: new selected powders, physical/chemical radiopurification, new selection of overall materials, new protocol for growing and handling

<u>^{232}Th residual contamination</u> From time-amplitude method. If ^{232}Th chain at equilibrium: it ranges from 0.5 ppt to 7.5 ppt

<u>^{238}U residual contamination</u> First estimate: considering the measured α and ^{232}Th activity, if ^{238}U chain at equilibrium $\Rightarrow$ ^{238}U contents in new detectors typically range from 0.7 to 10 ppt

live time = 570 h



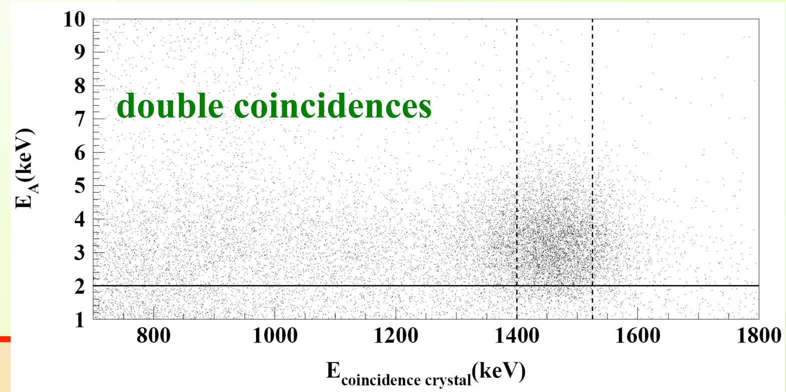
^{238}U chain splitted into 5 subchains: $^{238}U \rightarrow {}^{234}U \rightarrow {}^{230}Th \rightarrow {}^{226}Ra \rightarrow {}^{210}Pb \rightarrow {}^{206}Pb$

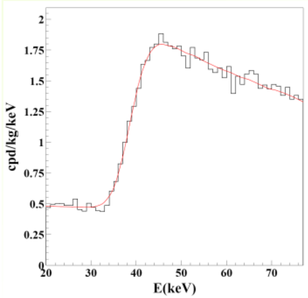
Thus, in this case: (2.1±0.1) ppt of ^{232}Th; (0.35 ±0.06) ppt for ^{238}U

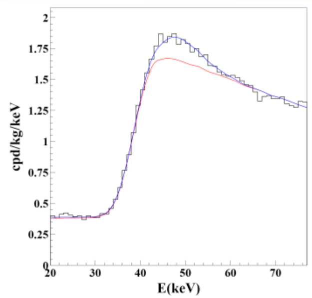
and: (15.8±1.6) μBq/kg for ^{234}U + ^{230}Th; (21.7±1.1) μBq/kg for ^{226}Ra; (24.2±1.6) μBq/kg for ^{210}Pb.

<u>^{nat}K residual contamination</u>

The analysis has given for the ^{nat}K content in the crystals values not exceeding about 20 ppb







<u>^{129}I and ^{210}Pb</u>

$^{129}I/^{nat}I \approx 1.7\times10^{-13}$ for all the new detectors

^{210}Pb in the new detectors: (5 – 30) μBq/kg.

No sizable surface pollution by Radon daugthers, thanks to the new handling protocols

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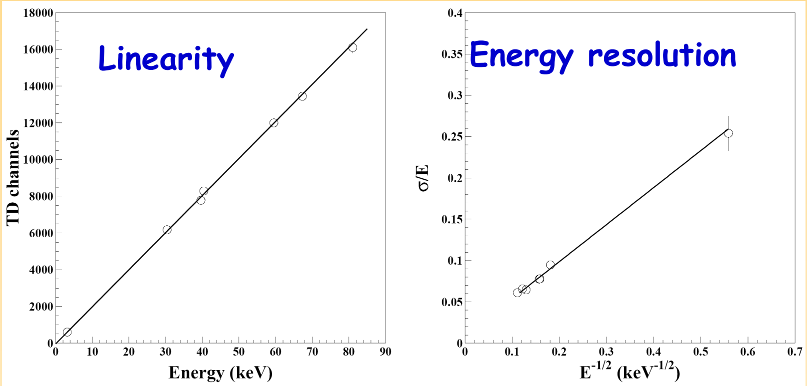
DAMA/LIBRA calibrations

Low energy: various external γ sources (^{241}Am, ^{133}Ba) and internal X-rays or γ's (^{40}K, ^{125}I, ^{129}I), routine calibrations with ^{241}Am



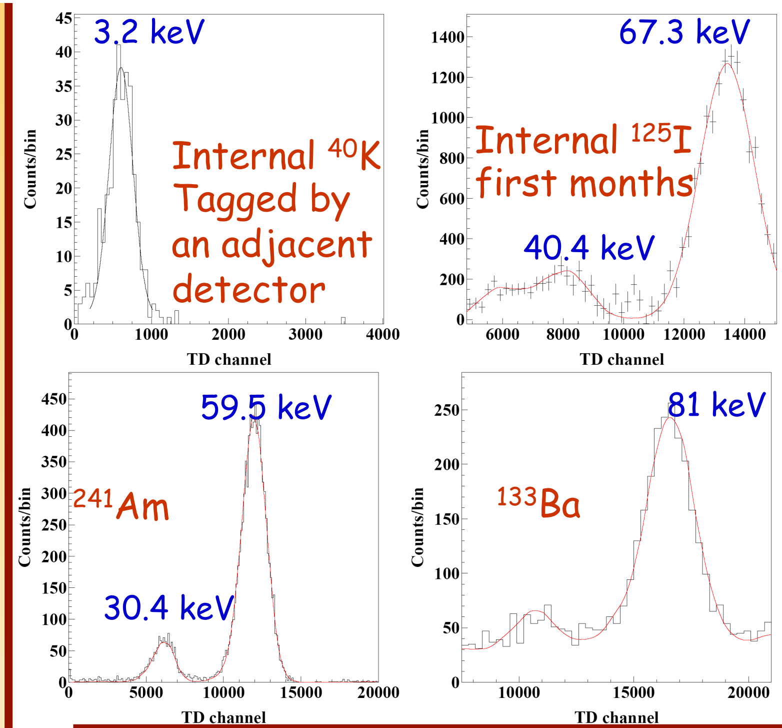
$$\frac{\sigma_{LE}}{E} = \frac{(0.448 \pm 0.035)}{\sqrt{E(keV)}} + (9.1 \pm 5.1)\cdot 10^{-3}$$

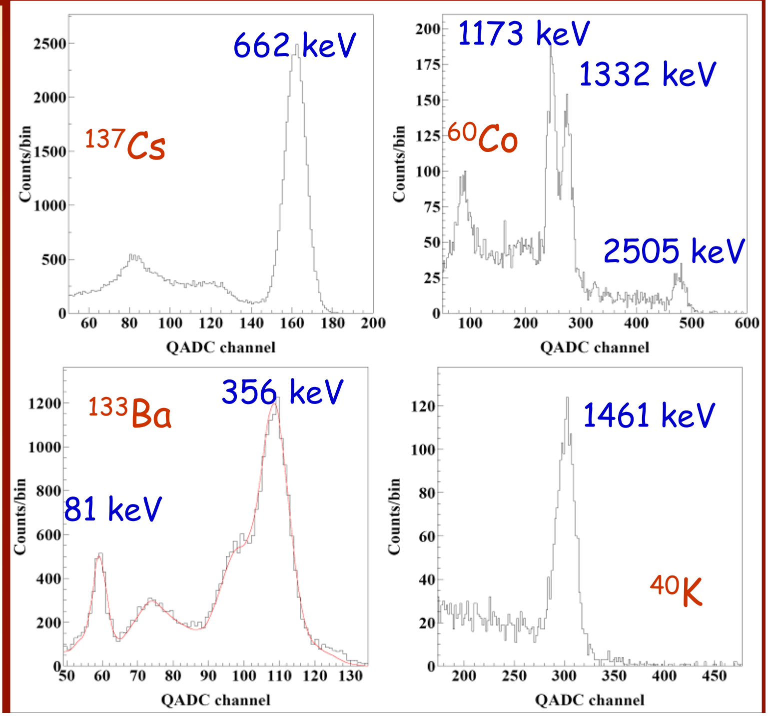
High energy: external sources of γ rays (e.g. ^{137}Cs, ^{60}Co and ^{133}Ba) and γ rays of 1461 keV due to ^{40}K decays in an adjacent detector, tagged by the 3.2 keV X-rays

The signals (unlike low energy events) for high energy events are taken only from one PMT

$$\frac{\sigma_{HE}}{E} = \frac{(1.12 \pm 0.06)}{\sqrt{E(keV)}} + (17 \pm 23)\cdot 10^{-4}$$

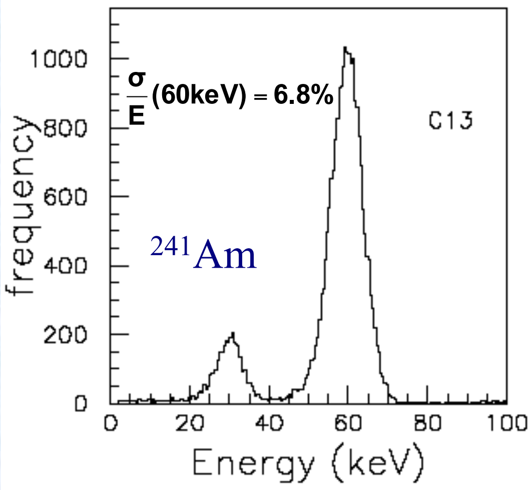
Thus, here and hereafter keV means keV electron equivalent





Examples of energy resolutions

DAMA/LIBRA ULB NaI(Tl)



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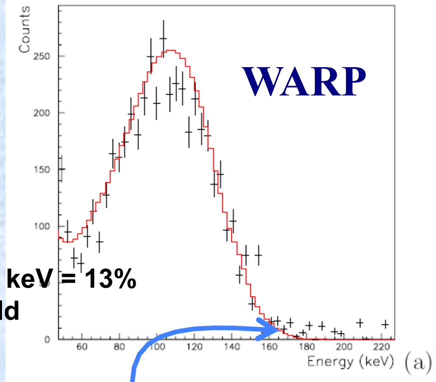

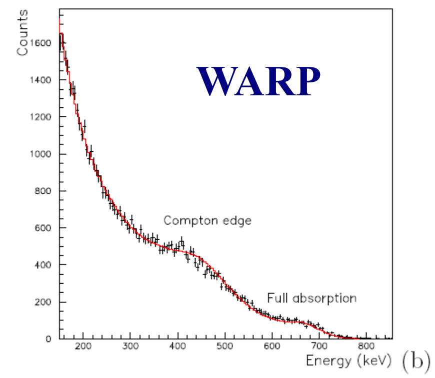

σ/E @ 122 keV = 13%
at zero field

Fig. 2. Energy spectra taken with external γ-ray sources, superimposed with the corresponding Monte Carlo simulations. (a) ^{57}Co source ($E = 122$ keV, B.R. 85.6%, and 136 keV, B.R. 10.7%), (b) ^{137}Cs source ($E = 662$ keV).

subtraction of the spectrum ?

ZEPLIN-II

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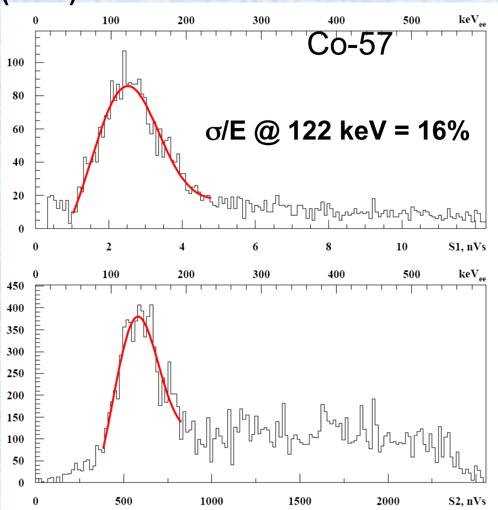

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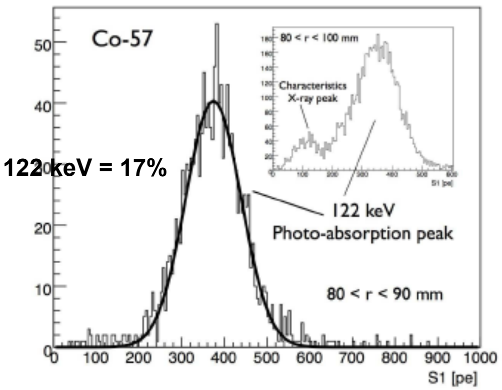
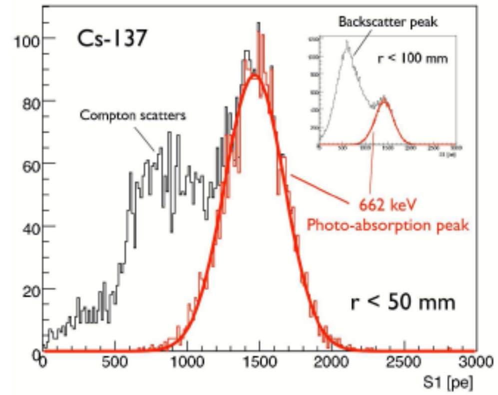
XENON10 XENON10

σ/E @ 122 keV = 17%





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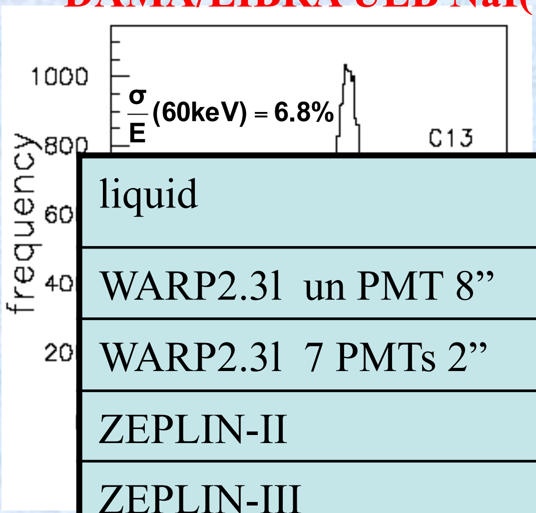

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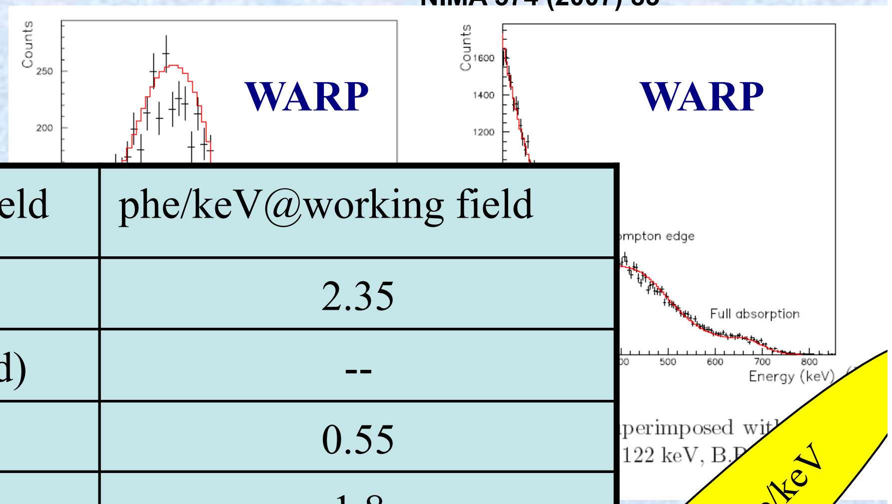

liquid	phe/keV@zero field	phe/keV@working field
WARP2.3l un PMT 8”	--	2.35
WARP2.3l 7 PMTs 2”	0.5-1 (deduced)	--
ZEPLIN-II	1.1	0.55
ZEPLIN-III		1.8
XENON10	--	2.2 (^{137}Cs), 3.1 (^{57}Co)
XENON100	2.7	1.57 (^{137}Cs), 2.2 (^{57}Co
Neon	0.93	field not forese

DAMA/LIBRA : 5.5 – 7.5 phe/keV

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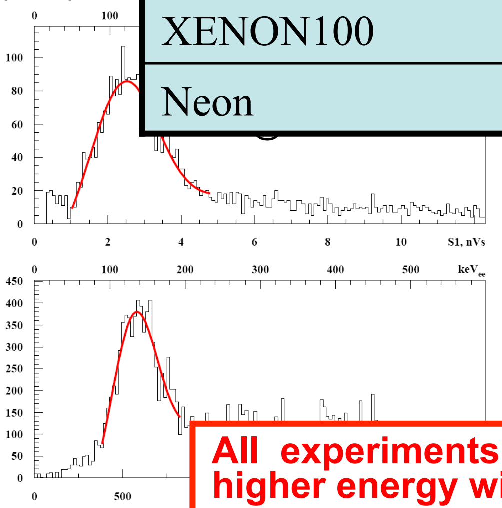

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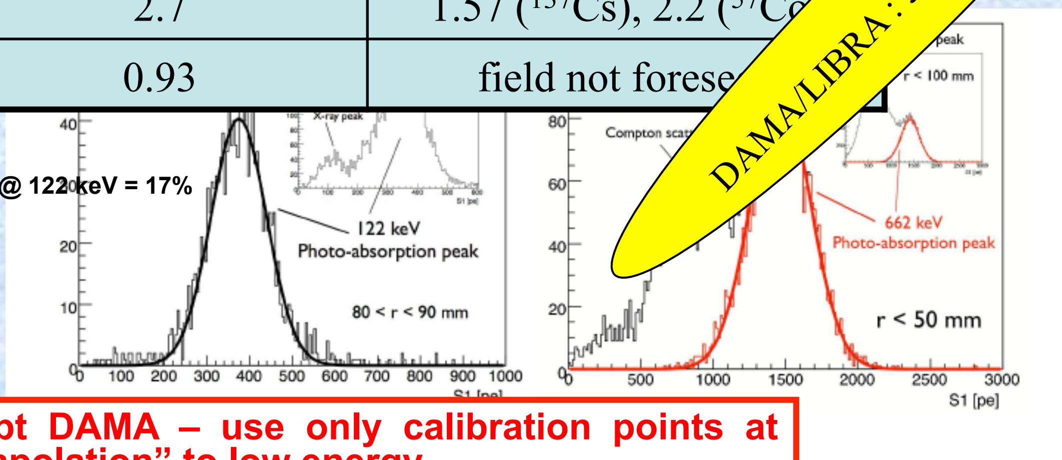

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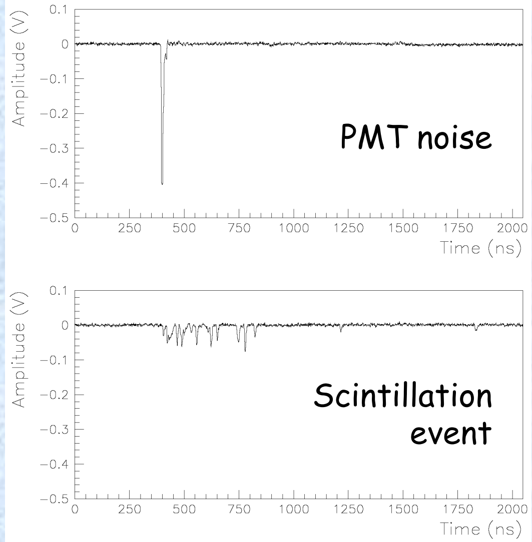
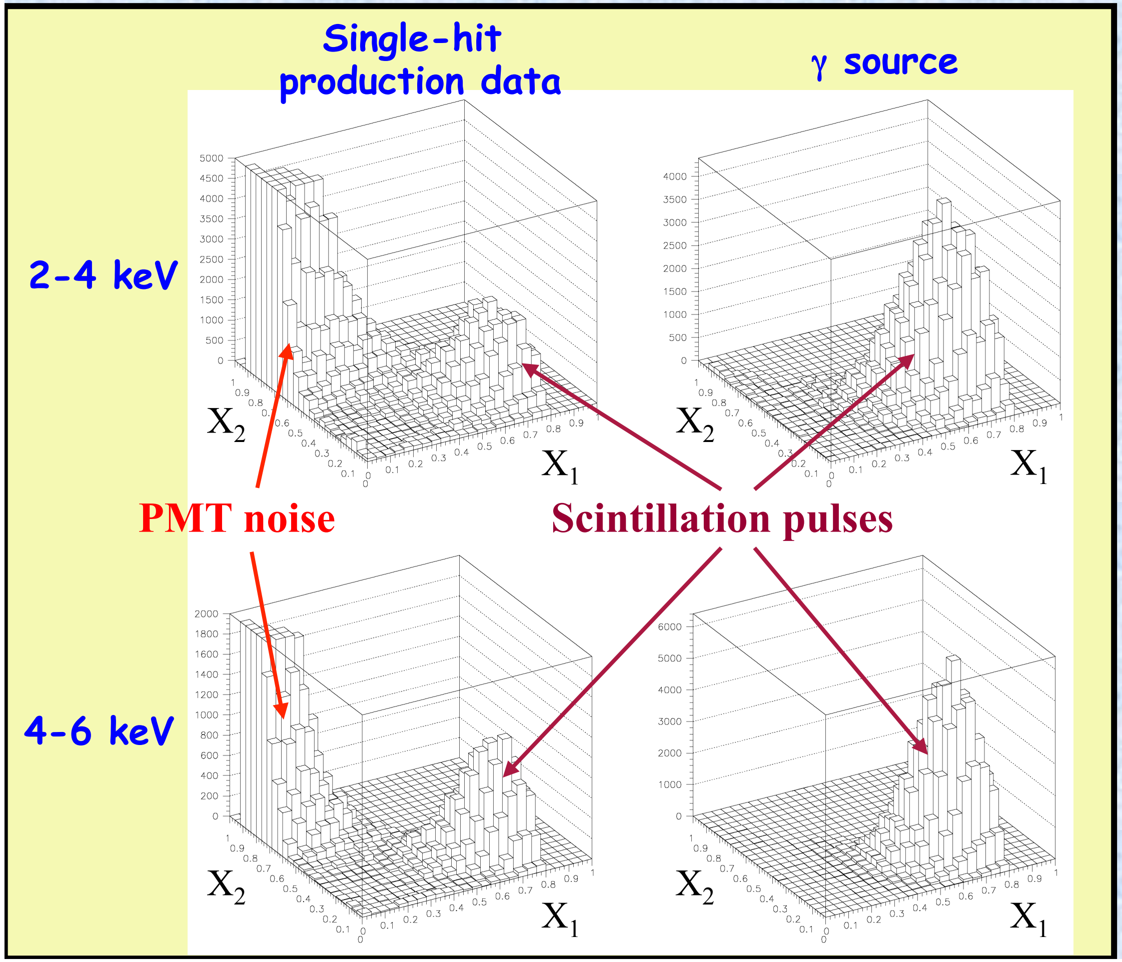
All experiments – except DAMA – use only calibration points at higher energy with “extrapolation” to low energy

Noise rejection near the energy threshold

Typical pulse profiles of PMT noise and of scintillation event with the same area, just above the energy threshold of 2 keV



The different time characteristics of PMT noise (decay time of order of tens of ns) and of scintillation event (decay time about 240 ns) can be investigated building several variables



From the Waveform Analyser 2048 ns time window:

$$X_1 = \frac{\text{Area (from 100 ns to 600 ns)}}{\text{Area (from 0 ns to 600 ns)}};$$

$$X_2 = \frac{\text{Area (from 0 ns to 50 ns)}}{\text{Area (from 0 ns to 600 ns)}}$$

- The separation between noise and scintillation pulses is very good.
- Very clean samples of scintillation events selected by stringent acceptance windows.
- The related efficiencies evaluated by calibrations with ^{241}Am sources of suitable activity in the same experimental conditions and energy range as the production data (efficiency measurements performed each ~10 days; typically 10^4–10^5 events per keV collected)

This is the only procedure applied to the analysed data

Infos about DAMA/LIBRA data taking

Period		Mass (kg)	Exposure (kg × day)	α-β²
DAMA/LIBRA-1	Sep. 9, 2003 – July 21, 2004	232.8	51405	0.562
DAMA/LIBRA-2	July 21, 2004 – Oct. 28, 2005	232.8	52597	0.467
DAMA/LIBRA-3	Oct. 28, 2005 – July 18, 2006	232.8	39445	0.591
DAMA/LIBRA-4	July 19, 2006 – July 17, 2007	232.8	49377	0.541
DAMA/LIBRA-5	July 17, 2007 – Aug. 29, 2008	232.8	66105	0.468
DAMA/LIBRA-6	Nov. 12, 2008 – Sep. 1, 2009	242.5	58768	0.519
DAMA/LIBRA-1 to -6	**Sep. 9, 2003 – Sep. 1, 2009**		**317697 = 0.87 ton×yr**	**0.519**

DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)

total exposure: 425428 kg×day = 1.17 ton×yr

- **calibrations: ≈72 M events from sources**
- **acceptance window eff: 82 M events (≈3M events/keV)**

- **EPJC56(2008)333**
- **EPJC67(2010)39**

- **First upgrade on Sept 2008:**
  - replacement of some PMTs in HP N_2 atmosphere
  - restore 1 detector to operation
  - new Digitizers installed (U1063A Acqiris 1GS/s 8-bit High-Speed cPCI)
  - new DAQ system with optical read-out installed
- **Second upgrade on Oct./Nov. 2010**
  - replacement of all the PMTs with higher Q.E. ones

... continuously running

Model Independent Annual Modulation Result

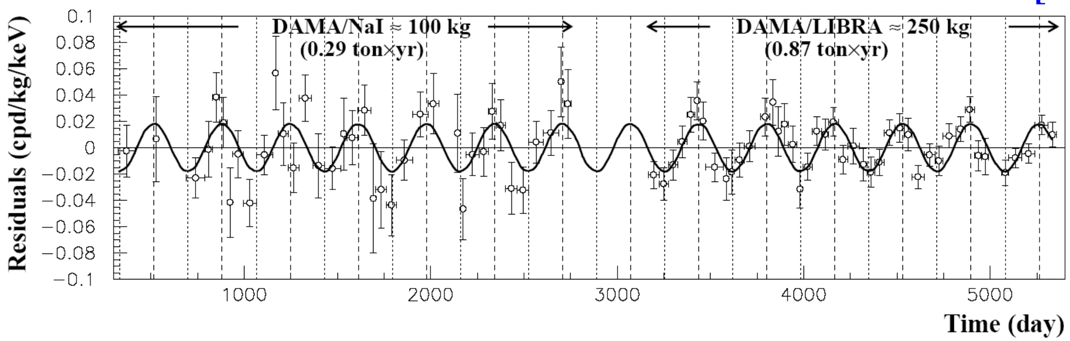
DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (6 years) Total exposure: 425428 kg×day = 1.17 ton×yr

experimental single-hit residuals rate vs time and energy

EPJC67(2010)39; see also refs therein

$A\cos[\omega(t-t_0)]$; continuous lines: t_0 = 152.5 d, T = 1.00 y

2-4 keV



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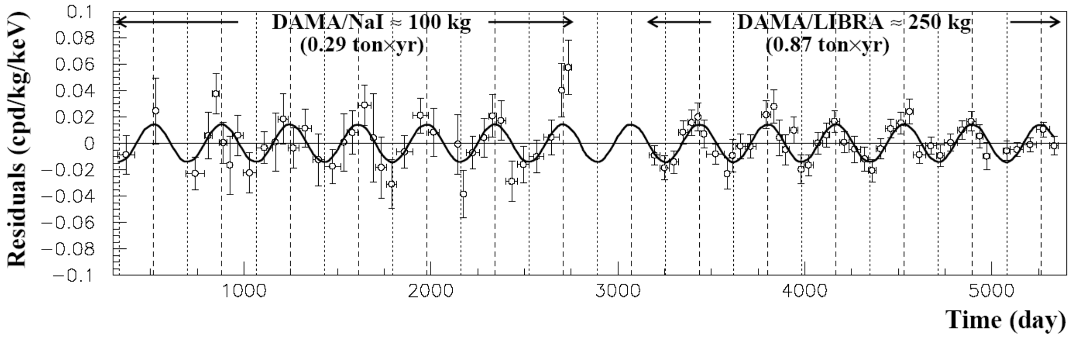

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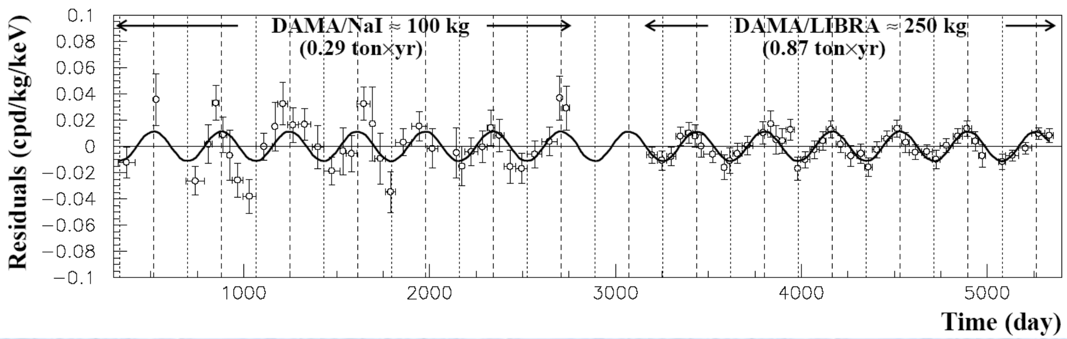

2-4 keV

A=(0.0183±0.0022) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 75.7/79 **8.3 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=147/80 ⇒ P(A=0) = 7×10^{-6}

2-5 keV

A=(0.0144±0.0016) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 56.6/79 **9.0 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=135/80 ⇒ P(A=0) = 1.1×10^{-4}

2-6 keV

A=(0.0114±0.0013) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 64.7/79 **8.8 σ C.L.**

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The data favor the presence of a modulated behavior with proper features at 8.8σ C.L.

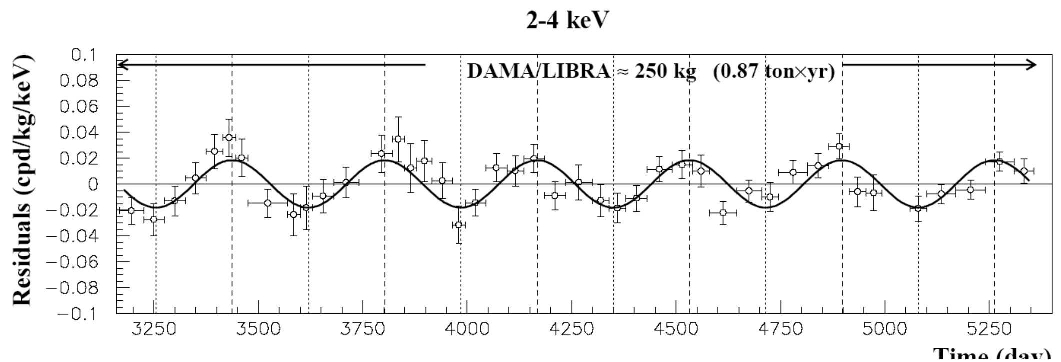
DAMA/LIBRA-1 to 6 Model Independent Annual Modulation Result

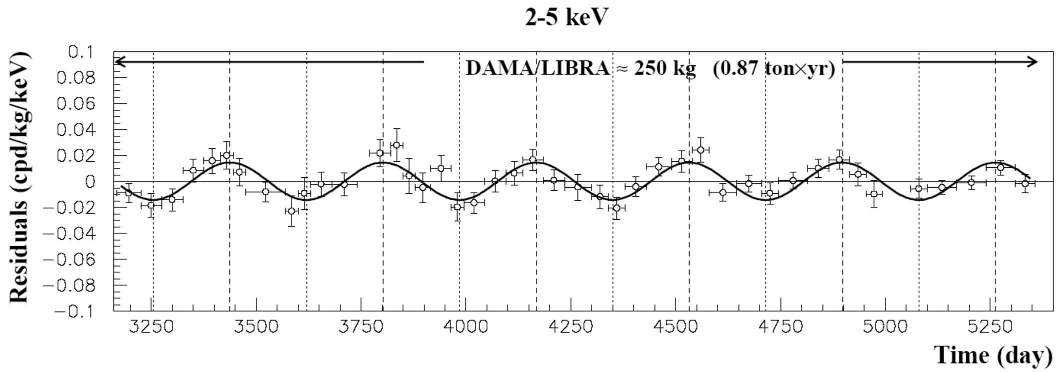
experimental single-hit residuals rate vs time and energy

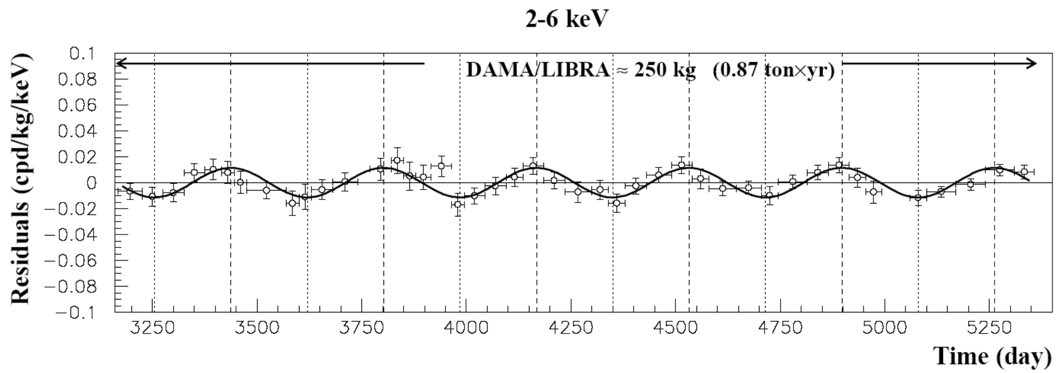
EPJC67(2010)39

Acos[ω(t-t_0)] ; continuous lines: t_0 = 152.5 d, T = 1.00 y

DAMA/LIBRA-1,2,3,4,5,6 (0.87 ton × yr)







The fit has been done on the DAMA/NaI & DAMA/LIBRA data (1.17 ton × yr)

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Modulation amplitudes measured in each one of the 13 one-year experiments (DAMA/NaI and DAMA/LIBRA)

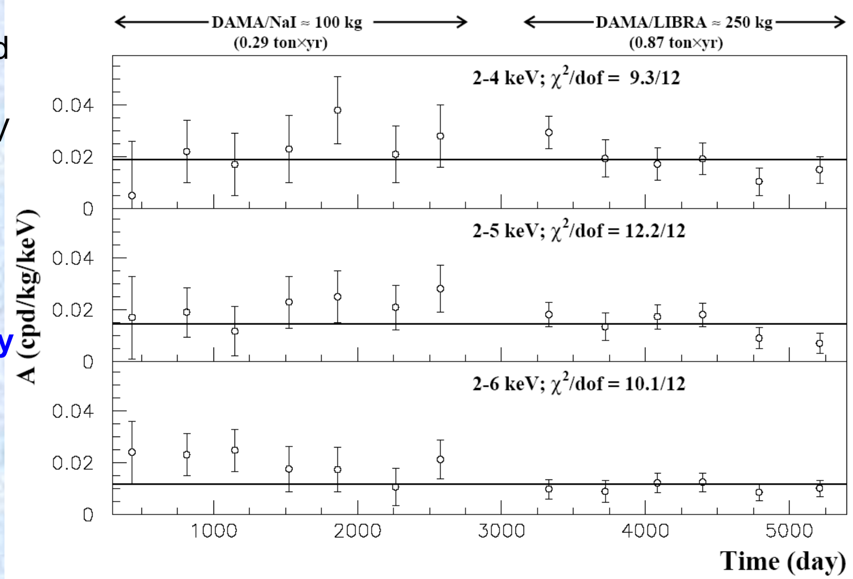
	A (cpd/kg/keV)	T= 2π/ω (yr)	t_0 (day)	C.L.
DAMA/NaI (7 years)				
(2÷4) keV	0.0252 ± 0.0050	1.01 ± 0.02	125 ± 30	5.0σ
(2÷5) keV	0.0215 ± 0.0039	1.01 ± 0.02	140 ± 30	5.5σ
(2÷6) keV	0.0200 ± 0.0032	1.00 ± 0.01	140 ± 22	6.3σ
DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)				
(2÷4) keV	0.0180 ± 0.0025	0.996 ± 0.002	135 ± 8	7.2σ
(2÷5) keV	0.0134 ± 0.0018	0.997 ± 0.002	140 ± 8	7.4σ
(2÷6) keV	0.0098 ± 0.0015	0.999 ± 0.002	146 ± 9	6.5σ
DAMA/NaI + DAMA/LIBRA				
(2÷4) keV	0.0194 ± 0.0022	0.996 ± 0.002	136 ± 7	8.8σ
(2÷5) keV	0.0149 ± 0.0016	0.997 ± 0.002	142 ± 7	9.3σ
(2÷6) keV	0.0116 ± 0.0013	0.999 ± 0.002	146 ± 7	8.9σ

DAMA/NaI (7 annual cycles: 0.29 ton x yr) + DAMA/LIBRA (6 annual cycles: 0.87 ton x yr) total exposure: 425428 kg×day = 1.17 ton×yr

A, T, t_0 obtained by fitting the single-hit data with **$A\cos[\omega(t-t_0)]$**

- The modulation amplitudes for the (2 – 6) keV energy interval, obtained when fixing the period at 1 yr and the phase at 152.5 days, are: (0.019±0.003) cpd/kg/keV for DAMA/NaI and (0.010±0.002) cpd/kg/keV for DAMA/LIBRA.
- Thus, their difference: (0.009±0.004) cpd/kg/keV is *≈2σ* which corresponds to a modest, but non negligible probability.

The χ^2 test (χ^2 = 9.3, 12.2 and 10.1 over 12 *d.o.f.* for the three energy intervals, respectively) and the *run test* (lower tail probabilities of 57%, 47% and 35% for the three energy intervals, respectively) accept at 90% C.L. the hypothesis that the modulation amplitudes are normally fluctuating around their best fit values.



Compatibility among the annual cycles

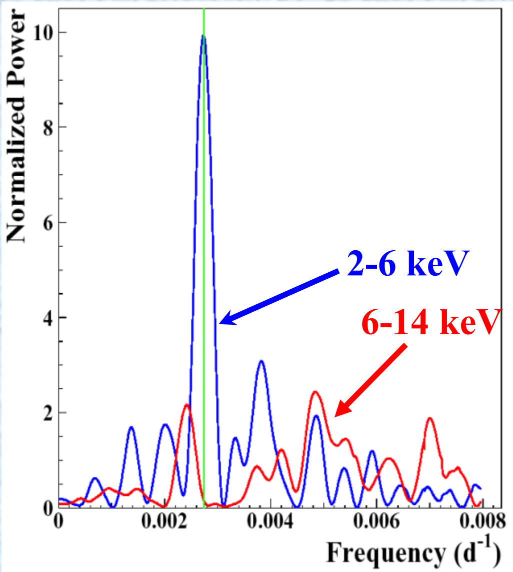
Power spectrum of single-hit residuals

(according to Ap.J.263(1982)835; Ap.J.338(1989)277)

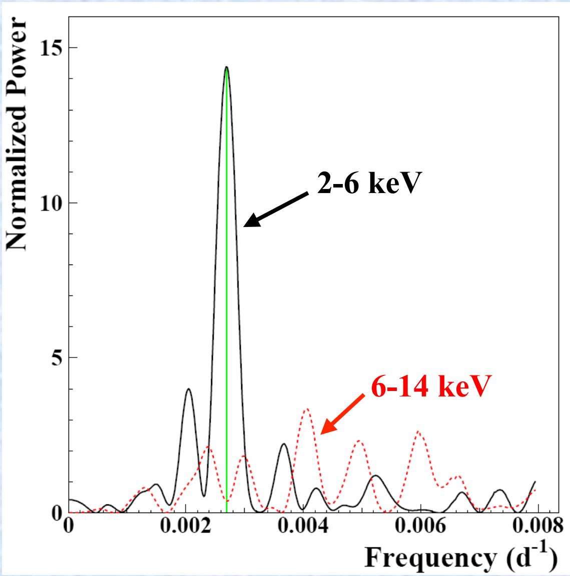
Treatment of the experimental errors and time binning included here

2-6 keV vs 6-14 keV

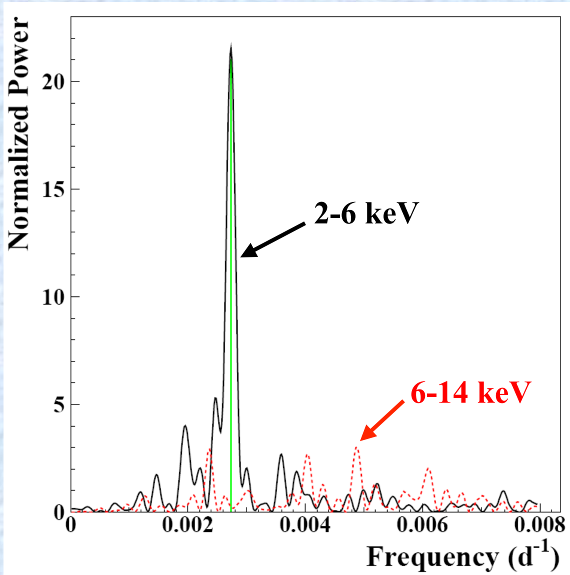
DAMA/NaI (7 years)
total exposure: 0.29 ton×yr



DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)
total exposure: 0.87 ton×yr



DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)
total exposure: 1.17 ton×yr



Principal mode in the 2-6 keV region:

DAMA/NaI	DAMA/LIBRA	DAMA/NaI+LIBRA
$2.737 \cdot 10^{-3}$ $d^{-1} \approx 1$ y^{-1}	2.697×10^{-3} $d^{-1} \approx 1$ yr^{-1}	2.735×10^{-3} $d^{-1} \approx 1$ yr^{-1}

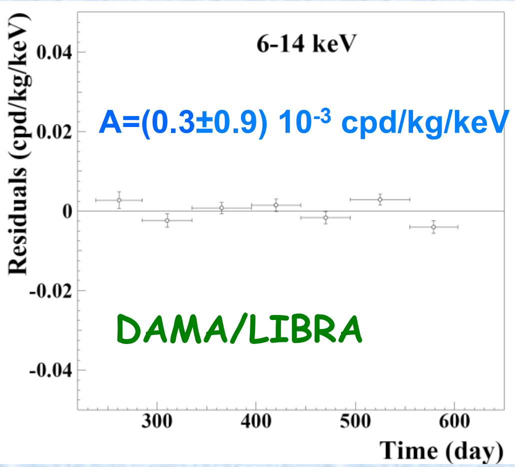
+

Not present in the 6-14 keV region (only aliasing peaks)

Clear annual modulation is evident in (2-6) keV while it is absent just above 6 keV

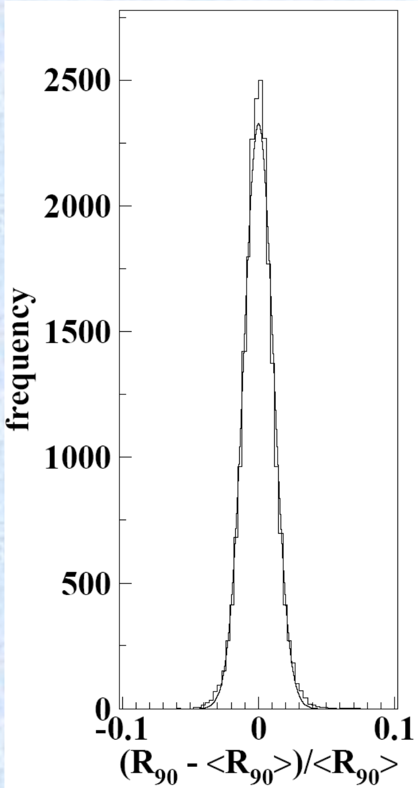
Rate behaviour above 6 keV

- **No Modulation above 6 keV**



Mod. Ampl. (6-10 keV): cpd/kg/keV
(0.0016 ± 0.0031) DAMA/LIBRA-1
-(0.0010 ± 0.0034) DAMA/LIBRA-2
-(0.0001 ± 0.0031) DAMA/LIBRA-3
-(0.0006 ± 0.0029) DAMA/LIBRA-4
-(0.0021 ± 0.0026) DAMA/LIBRA-5
(0.0029 ± 0.0025) DAMA/LIBRA-6
→ statistically consistent with zero

DAMALIBRA-1 to -6



σ ≈ 1%, fully accounted by statistical considerations

- **No modulation in the whole energy spectrum:**
  studying integral rate at higher energy, R_{90}
  - R_{90} percentage variations with respect to their mean values for single crystal in the DAMA/LIBRA running periods
  - Fitting the behaviour with time, adding a term modulated with period and phase as expected for DM particles:

consistent with zero

Period	Mod. Ampl.
DAMA/LIBRA-1	-(0.05±0.19) cpd/kg
DAMA/LIBRA-2	-(0.12±0.19) cpd/kg
DAMA/LIBRA-3	-(0.13±0.18) cpd/kg
DAMA/LIBRA-4	(0.15±0.17) cpd/kg
DAMA/LIBRA-5	(0.20±0.18) cpd/kg
DAMA/LIBRA-6	-(0.20±0.16) cpd/kg

+ if a modulation present in the whole energy spectrum at the level found in the lowest energy region → R_{90} ~ tens cpd/kg → ~ 100 σ far away

No modulation above 6 keV
This accounts for all sources of bckg and is consistent with studies on the various components

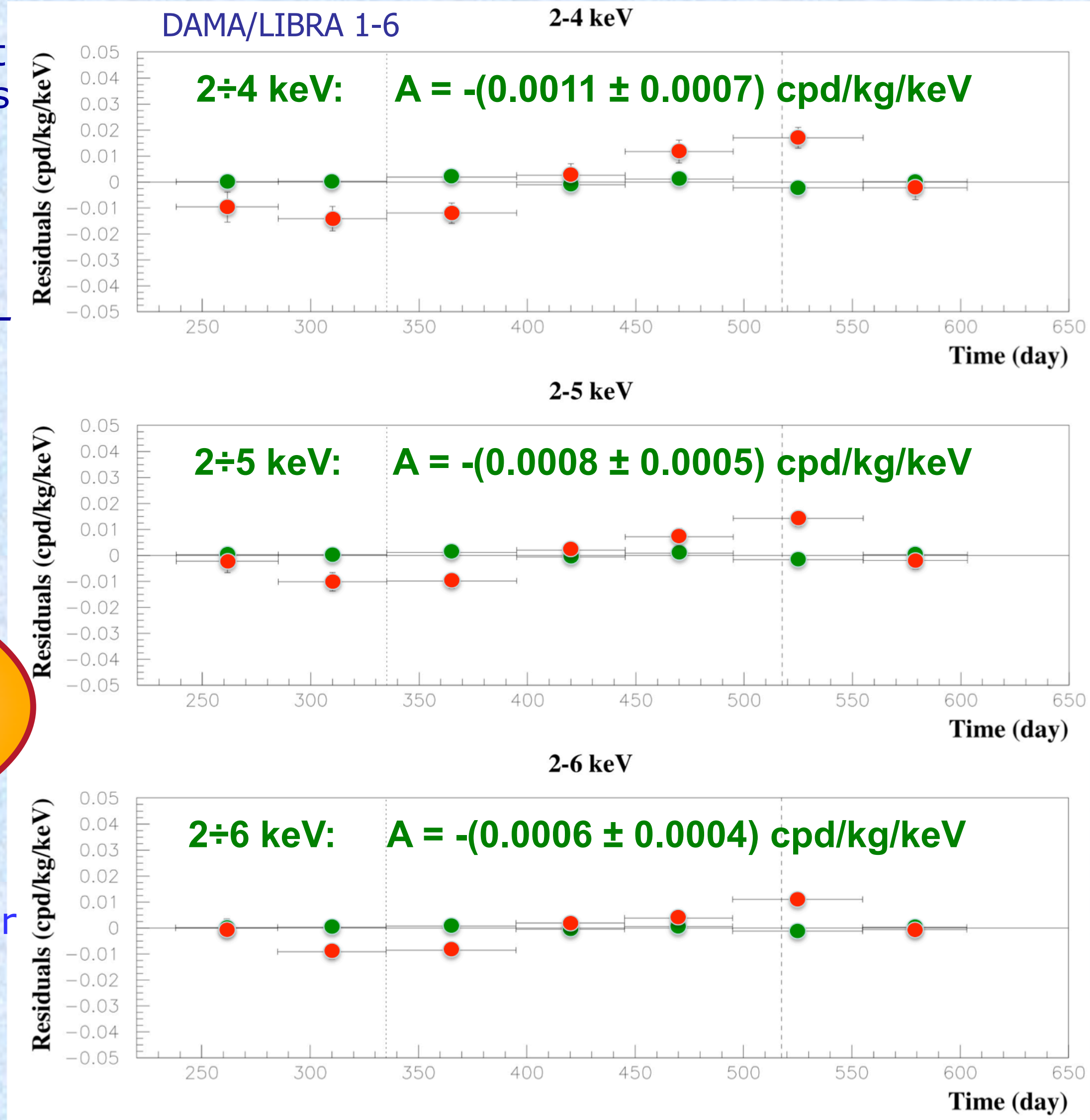
Multiple-hits events in the region of the signal

- Each detector has its own TDs read-out → pulse profiles of *multiple-hits* events (multiplicity > 1) acquired (exposure: 0.87 ton×yr).

- The same hardware and software procedures as those followed for *single-hit* events

signals by Dark Matter particles do not belong to *multiple-hits* events, that is:

multiple-hits events = Dark Matter particles events "switched off"



Evidence of annual modulation with proper features as required by the DM annual modulation signature:
- present in the ***single-hit*** residuals
- absent in the ***multiple-hits*** residual

This result offers an additional strong support for the presence of Dark Matter particles in the galactic halo, further excluding any side effect either from hardware or from software procedures or from background

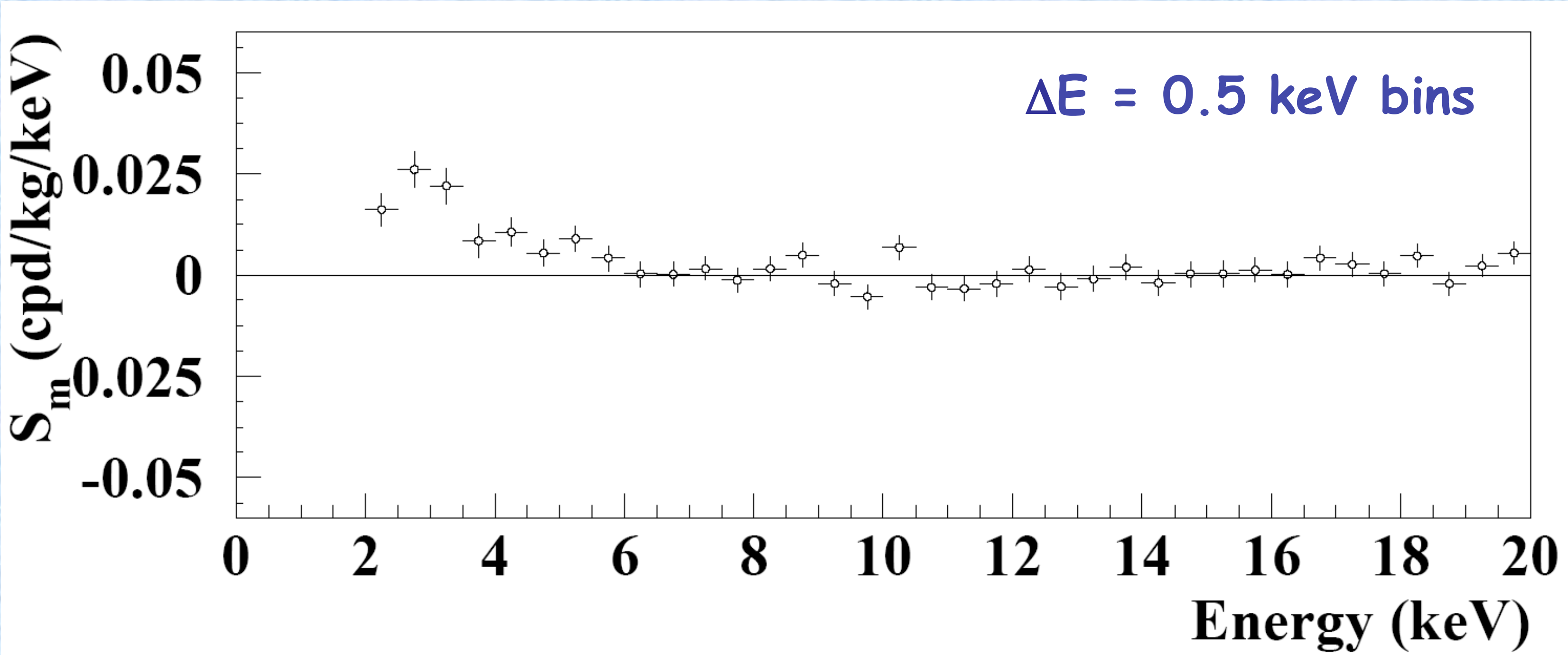
Energy distribution of the modulation amplitudes

$$R(t) = S_0 + S_m \cos[\omega(t - t_0)]$$

here $T=2\pi/\omega=1$ yr and $t_0= 152.5$ day

DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)

total exposure: 425428 kg×day ≈1.17 ton×yr



A clear modulation is present in the (2-6) keV energy interval, while S_m values compatible with zero are present just above

The S_m values in the (6–20) keV energy interval have random fluctuations around zero with χ^2 equal to 27.5 for 28 degrees of freedom

Statistical distributions of the modulation amplitudes (S_m)

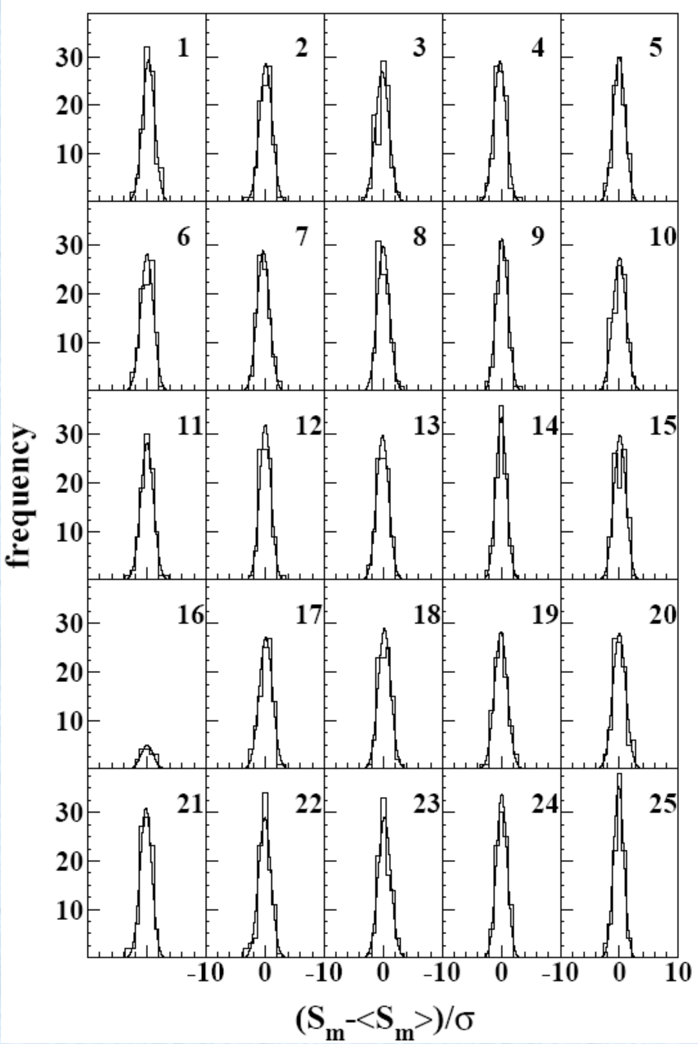
a) S_m for each detector, each annual cycle and each considered energy bin (here 0.25 keV)

b) $\langle S_m \rangle$ = mean values over the detectors and the annual cycles for each energy bin; σ = error associated to the S_m

DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)

total exposure: 0.87 ton×yr

Each panel refers to each detector separately; 96 entries = 16 energy bins in 2-6 keV energy interval × 6 DAMA/LIBRA annual cycles (for crys 16, 1 annual cycle, 16 entries)

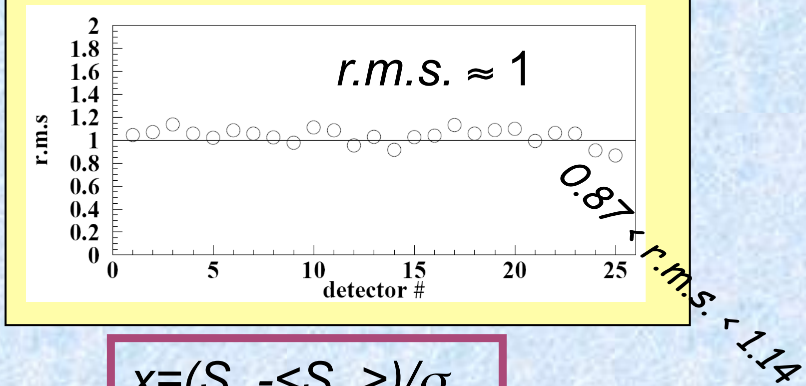


2-6 keV

Standard deviations of the variable

$(Sm-\langle Sm\rangle)/\sigma$

for the DAMA/LIBRA detectors



$x=(S_m-\langle S_m\rangle)/\sigma$,

$\chi^2=\Sigma x^2$

Individual S_m values follow a normal distribution since $(S_m-\langle S_m\rangle)/\sigma$ is distributed as a Gaussian with a unitary standard deviation (r.m.s.)

→ S_m statistically well distributed in all the detectors and annual cycles

Statistical analyses about modulation amplitudes (S_m)

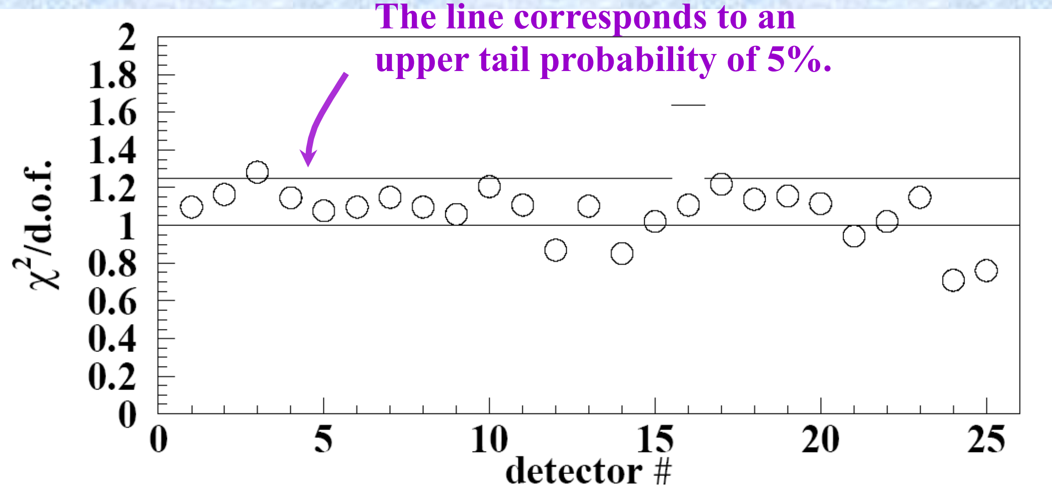
$x=(S_m-\langle S_m\rangle)/\sigma$,

$\chi^2=\Sigma\, x^2$

χ^2/d.o.f. values of S_m distributions for each DAMA/LIBRA detector in the (2–6) keV energy interval for the six annual cycles.

DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)

total exposure: 0.87 ton×yr



The *χ^2/d.o.f.* values range from 0.7 to 1.22 (96 *d.o.f.* = 16 energy bins × 6 annual cycles) for 24 detectors ⇒ at 95% C.L. the observed annual modulation effect is well distributed in all these detectors.

The remaining detector has *χ^2/d.o.f.* = 1.28 exceeding the value corresponding to that C.L.; this also is statistically consistent, considering that the expected number of detectors exceeding this value over 25 is 1.25.

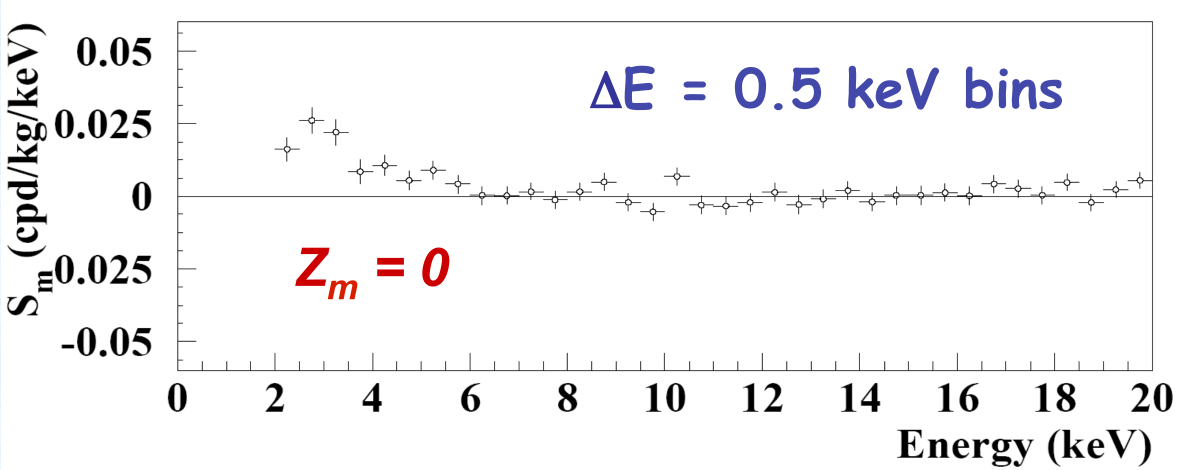
- The mean value of the twenty-five points is 1.066, slightly larger than 1. Although this can be still ascribed to statistical fluctuations, let us ascribe it to a possible systematics.
- In this case, one would have an additional error of $\leq 4 \times 10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV, if quadratically combined, or $\leq 5\times10^{-5}$ cpd/kg/keV, if linearly combined, to the modulation amplitude measured in the (2 – 6) keV energy interval.
- This possible additional error (**≤ 4 %** or **≤ 0.5%**, respectively, of the DAMA/LIBRA modulation amplitude) can be considered as an upper limit of possible systematic effects

Energy distributions of cosine (S_m) and sine (Z_m) modulation amplitudes

$$R(t) = S_0 + S_m \cos[\omega(t-t_0)] + Z_m \sin[\omega(t-t_0)]$$

DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)

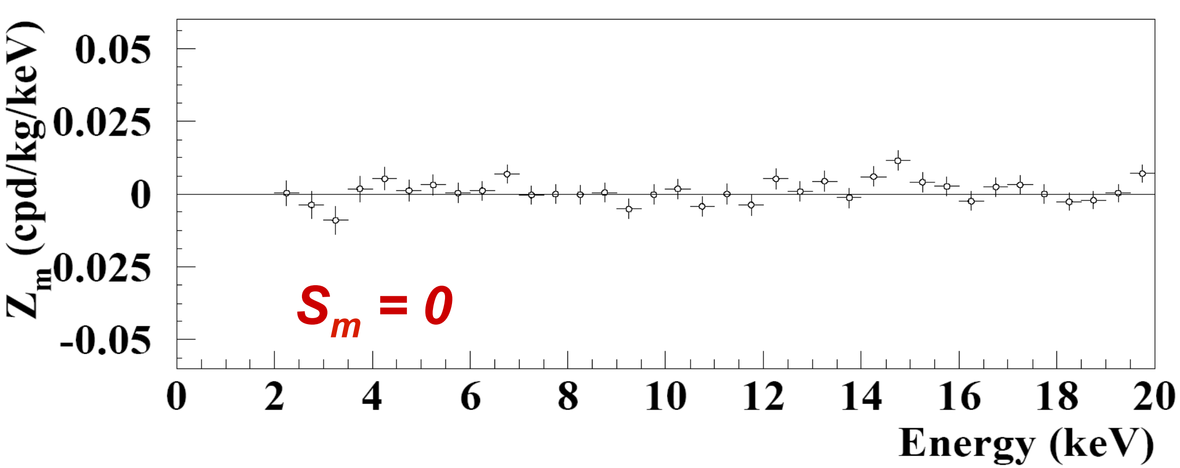
total exposure: 425428 kg×day = 1.17 ton×yr



t_0 = *152.5 day* (2° June)

phase at 2° June

as for DM particles



phase at 1° September

T/4 days after 2° June

The χ^2 test in the (2-14) keV and (2-20) keV energy regions (χ^2/dof = 21.6/24 and 47.1/36, probabilities of 60% and 10%, respectively) supports the hypothesis that the $Z_{m,k}$ values are simply fluctuating around zero.

Is there a sinusoidal contribution in the signal? Phase ≠ 152.5 day?

DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (6 years)

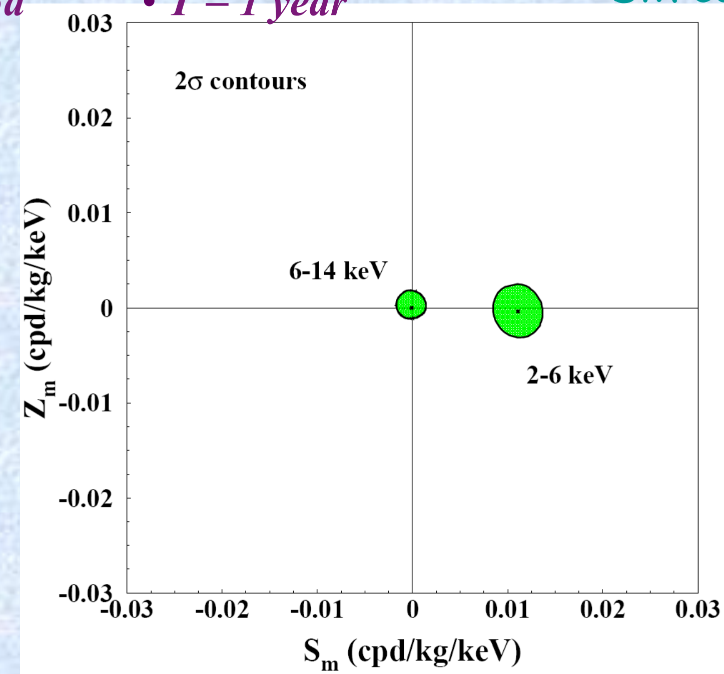
total exposure: 425428 kg×day = 1.17 ton×yr

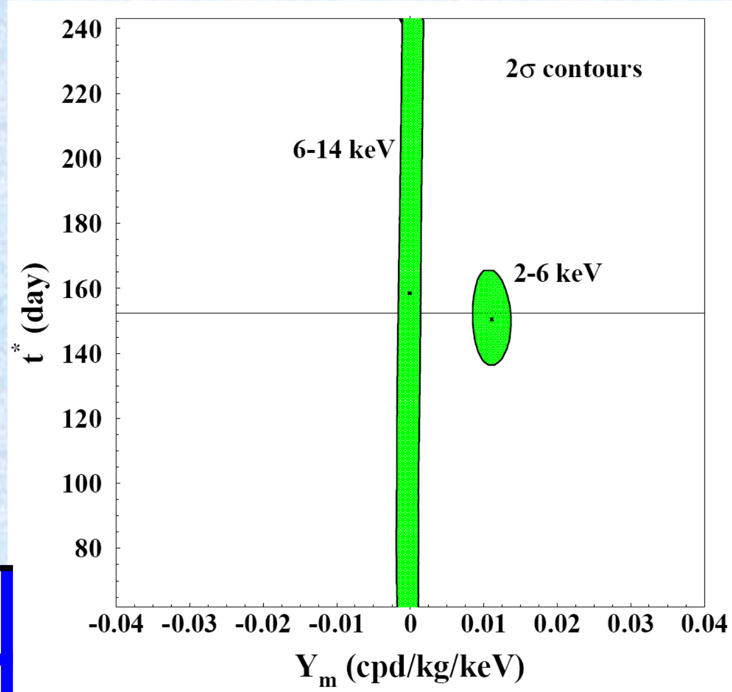
$$R(t) = S_0 + S_m \cos[\omega(t - t_0)] + Z_m \sin[\omega(t - t_0)] = S_0 + Y_m \cos[\omega(t - t^*)]$$

For Dark Matter signals:

- $|Z_m| \ll |S_m| \approx |Y_m|$
- $\omega = 2\pi/T$
- $t^* \approx t_0 = 152.5d$
- $T = 1$ year

Slight differences from 2nd June are expected in case of contributions from non thermalized DM components (as e.g. the SagDEG stream)





E (keV)	S_m (cpd/kg/keV)	Z_m (cpd/kg/keV)	Y_m (cpd/kg/keV)	t* (day)
2-6	0.0111 ± 0.0013	-0.0004 ± 0.0014	0.0111 ± 0.0013	150.5 ± 7.0
6-14	-0.0001 ± 0.0008	0.0002 ± 0.0005	-0.0001 ± 0.0008	--

The analysis at energies above 6 keV, the analysis of the multiple-hits events and the statistical considerations about S_m already exclude any sizable presence of systematical effects

Additional investigations on the stability parameters

Modulation amplitudes obtained by fitting the time behaviours of main running parameters, acquired with the production data, when including a DM-like modulation

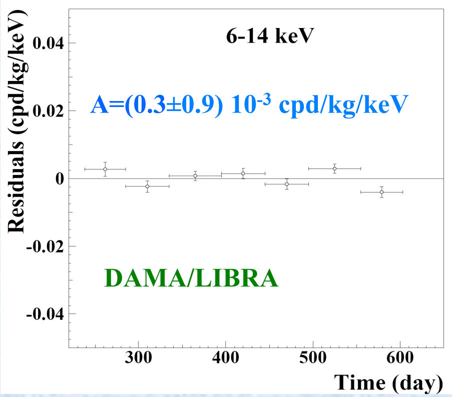
Running conditions stable at a level better than 1% also in the two new running periods

	DAMA/LIBRA-1	DAMA/LIBRA-2	DAMA/LIBRA-3	DAMA/LIBRA-4	DAMA/LIBRA-5	DAMA/LIBRA-6
Temperature	-(0.0001 ± 0.0061) °C	(0.0026 ± 0.0086) °C	(0.001 ± 0.015) °C	(0.0004 ± 0.0047) °C	(0.0001 ± 0.0036) °C	(0.0007 ± 0.0059) °C
Flux N_2	(0.13 ± 0.22) l/h	(0.10 ± 0.25) l/h	-(0.07 ± 0.18) l/h	-(0.05 ± 0.24) l/h	-(0.01 ± 0.21) l/h	-(0.01 ± 0.15) l/h
Pressure	(0.015 ± 0.030) mbar	-(0.013 ± 0.025) mbar	(0.022 ± 0.027) mbar	(0.0018 ± 0.0074) mbar	-(0.08 ± 0.12) $\times 10^{-2}$ mbar	(0.07 ± 0.13) $\times 10^{-2}$ mbar
Radon	-(0.029 ± 0.029) Bq/m^3	-(0.030 ± 0.027) Bq/m^3	(0.015 ± 0.029) Bq/m^3	-(0.052 ± 0.039) Bq/m^3	(0.021 ± 0.037) Bq/m^3	-(0.028 ± 0.036) Bq/m^3
Hardware rate above single photoelectron	-(0.20 ± 0.18) $\times 10^{-2}$ Hz	(0.09 ± 0.17) $\times 10^{-2}$ Hz	-(0.03 ± 0.20) $\times 10^{-2}$ Hz	(0.15 ± 0.15) $\times 10^{-2}$ Hz	(0.03 ± 0.14) $\times 10^{-2}$ Hz	(0.08 ± 0.11) $\times 10^{-2}$ Hz

All the measured amplitudes well compatible with zero
+ none can account for the observed effect
(to mimic such signature, spurious effects and side reactions must not only be able to account for the whole observed modulation amplitude, but also simultaneously satisfy all the 6 requirements)

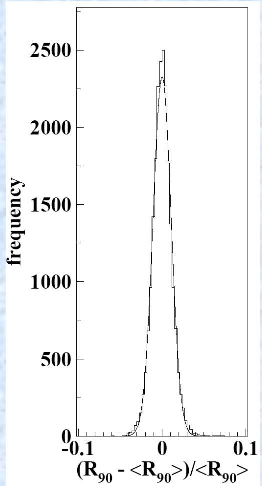
Summarizing on
a hypothetical background modulation in DAMA/LIBRA 1-6

- **No Modulation above 6 keV**



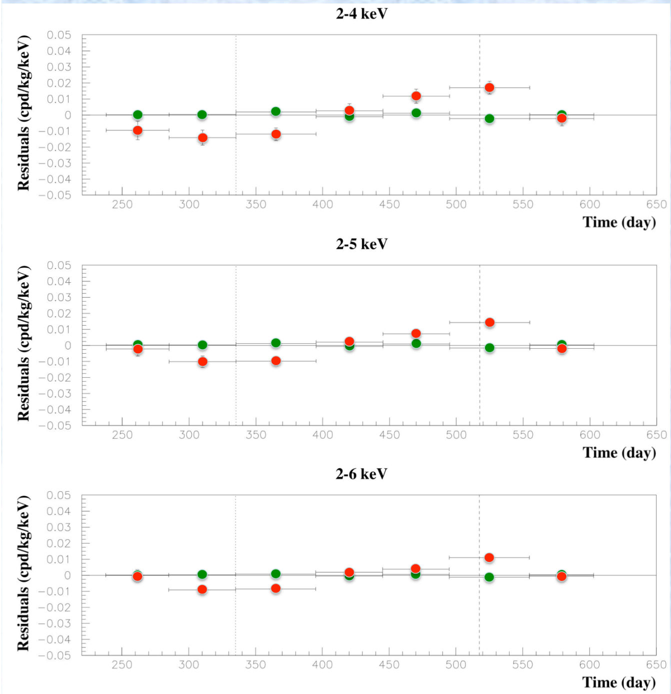
- **No modulation in the whole energy spectrum**

$\sigma \approx 1\%$



+ if a modulation present in the whole energy spectrum at the level found in the lowest energy region → R_{90} ~ tens cpd/kg → ~ 100 σ far away

- **No modulation in the 2-6 keV *multiple-hits* residual rate**



multiple-hits residual rate (green points) vs single-hit residual rate (red points)

No background modulation (and cannot mimic the signature):
all this accounts for the all possible sources of bckg

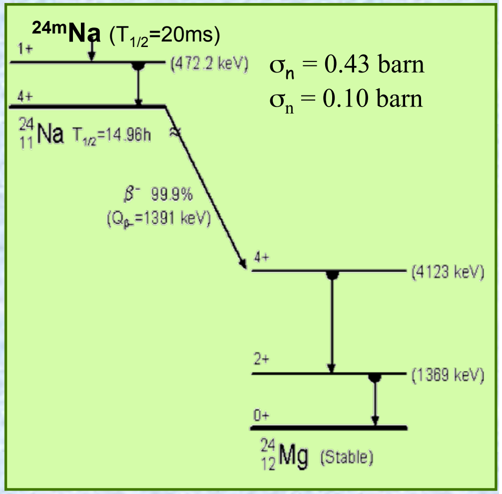
Nevertheless, additional investigations performed ...

Can a possible thermal neutron modulation account for the observed effect?

NO

- Thermal neutrons flux measured at LNGS :

$\Phi_n = 1.08 \; 10^{-6}$ n cm^{-2} s^{-1} (N.Cim.A101(1989)959)



σ_n = 0.43 barn
σ_n = 0.10 barn

- Experimental upper limit on the thermal neutrons flux "*surviving*" the neutron shield in DAMA/LIBRA:
  - ➢studying triple coincidences able to give evidence for the possible presence of ^{24}Na from neutron activation:

$\Phi_n < 1.2 \times 10^{-7}$ n cm^{-2} s^{-1} (90%C.L.)

- Two consistent upper limits on thermal neutron flux have been obtained with DAMA/NaI considering the same capture reactions and using different approaches.

Evaluation of the expected effect:

► Capture rate = $\Phi_n \sigma_n N_T$ < 0.022 captures/day/kg

HYPOTHESIS: assuming very cautiously a 10% thermal neutron modulation:

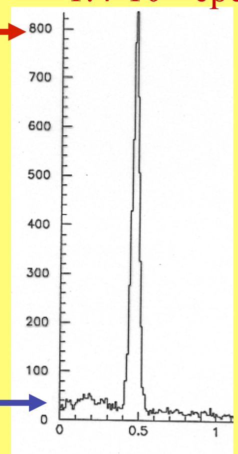
$S_m^{(thermal\ n)} < 0.8 \times 10^{-6}$ cpd/kg/keV (< 0.01% $S_m^{observed}$)

MC simulation of the process

When $\Phi_n = 10^{-6}$ n cm^{-2} s^{-1}:

$7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ cpd/kg/keV

$1.4 \cdot 10^{-3}$ cpd/kg/keV



E (MeV)

In all the cases of neutron captures (^{24}Na, ^{128}I, ...) a possible thermal n modulation induces a variation in all the energy spectrum

Already excluded also by R_{90} analysis

Can a possible fast neutron modulation account for the observed effect?

NO

In the estimate of the possible effect of the neutron background cautiously not included the 1m concrete moderator, which almost completely surrounds (mostly outside the barrack) the passive shield

Measured fast neutron flux @ LNGS:
$\Phi_n = 0.9\ 10^{-7}$ n cm^{-2} s^{-1} (Astropart.Phys.4 (1995)23)

By MC: differential counting rate above 2 keV ≈ 10^{-3} cpd/kg/keV

HYPOTHESIS: assuming - very cautiously - a 10% neutron modulation:

$S_m^{(fast\ n)} < 10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV (< 0.5% $S_m^{observed}$)

- **Experimental upper limit on the fast neutrons flux "*surviving*" the neutron shield in DAMA/LIBRA:**
  - through the study of the inelastic reaction ^{23}Na(n,n')^{23}Na*(2076 keV) which produces two γ's in coincidence (1636 keV and 440 keV):

    $$\Phi_n < 2.2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ n cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1} \text{ (90\%C.L.)}$$

  - well compatible with the measured values at LNGS. This further excludes any presence of a fast neutron flux in DAMA/LIBRA significantly larger than the measured ones.

Moreover, a possible fast n modulation would induce:

- a variation in all the energy spectrum (steady environmental fast neutrons always accompained by thermalized component)

  already excluded also by R_{90}
- a modulation amplitude for multiple-hit events different from zero

  already excluded by the multiple-hit events

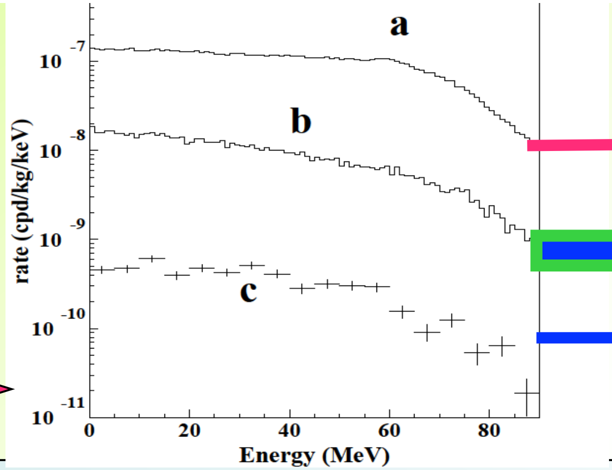
Thus, a possible 5% neutron modulation (ICARUS TM03-01) cannot quantitatively contribute to the DAMA/NaI observed signal, even if the neutron flux would be assumed 100 times larger than measured by various authors over more than 15 years @ LNGS

The μ case

DAMA/LIBRA surface ≈ 0.15 m²
Total μ flux @ DAMA/LIBRA ≈ 2.5 μ/day

MonteCarlo simulation
- **muon intensity distribution**
- **Gran Sasso rock overburden map**

Single-hit events (where just one detector fires)



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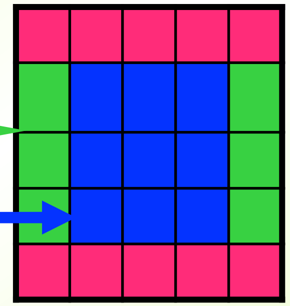


Case of fast neutrons produced by μ

Φ_μ @ LNGS ≈ 20 μ $m^{-2}d^{-1}$ (±2% modulated)
Measured neutron Yield @ LNGS: Y=1÷7 10^{-4} n/μ/(g/cm²)
R_n = (fast n by μ)/(time unit) = $\Phi_\mu Y M_{eff}$

Annual modulation amplitude at low energy due to μ modulation:

$$S_m^{(\mu)} = R_n\, g\, \varepsilon\, f_{\Delta E}\, f_{single}\, 2\% / (M_{setup}\, \Delta E)$$

g = geometrical factor; ε = detection effic. by elastic scattering
$f_{\Delta E}$ = energy window (E>2keV) effic.; f_{single} = single hit effic.

Hyp.: M_{eff} = 15 tons; $g \approx \varepsilon \approx f_{\Delta E} \approx f_{single} \approx 0.5$ (cautiously)
Knowing that: $M_{setup} \approx 250$ kg and ΔE=4keV

→ $S_m^{(\mu)} < (0.4 \div 3) \times 10^{-5}$ **cpd/kg/keV**

Moreover, this modulation also induces a variation in other parts of the energy spectrum and in the *multi-hits* events

It cannot mimic the signature: already excluded also by R_{90}, by *multi-hits* analysis + different phase, etc.

Can (whatever) hypothetical cosmogenic products be considered as side effects, assuming that they might produce:
- only events at low energy,
- only *single-hit* events,
- no sizable effect in the *multiple-hit* counting rate
- pulses with time structure as scintillation light

?

But, its phase should be (much) larger than μ phase, t_μ :

- if $\tau \ll T/2\pi$: $t_{side} = t_\mu + \tau$
- if $\tau \gg T/2\pi$: $t_{side} = t_\mu + T/4$

It cannot mimic the signature: different phase

The phase of the muon flux at LNGS is roughly around middle of July and largely variable from year to year. Last meas. by LVD and BOREXINO partially overlapped with DAMA/NaI and fully with DAMA/LIBRA: 1.5% modulation and phase
LVD = July 5^{th} ± 15 d, BOREXINO = July 6^{th} ± 6 d

DAMA/NaI + DAMA/LIBRA measured a stable phase: May, 26th ± 7 days

This phase is 7.1 σ far from July 15th and is 5.7 σ far from July 6th

R_{90}, multi-hits, phase, and other analyses → **NO**

more about the phase of muons ...

The DAMA: modulation amplitude 10^{-2} cpd/kg/keV, in 2-6 keV energy range for single hit events; phase:

May 26 ± 7 days

(stable over 13 years)

μ flux @ LNGS (MACRO, LVD, BOREXINO) $\approx 3 \cdot 10^{-4}\ m^{-2} s^{-1}$; modulation amplitude 1.5%; phase:

July 6 ± 6 days **(BOREXINO, CSN2 sept. 2010)**

but

the muon phase differs from year to year (error no purely statistical); LVD/BOREXINO phase value is a "mean" of the muon phase of each year

The DAMA phase is 5.7σ far from the LVD/BOREXINO phases of muons (7.3 σ far from MACRO measured phase)

1) if we assume for a while that the real value of the DAMA phase is June 16th (that is 3σ fluctuation from the measured value), it is well far from all the measured phases of muons by LVD, MACRO and BOREXINO, in all the years

2) Moreover, considering the seasonal weather condition in Gran Sasso, it is quite impossible that the maximum temperature of the outer atmosphere (on which μ flux modulation is dependent) is observed in the middle of June

Inconsistency of the phase between DAMA signal and μ modulation

Summary of the results obtained in the additional investigations of possible systematics or side reactions

(previous exposure and details see: NIMA592(2008)297, EPJC56(2008)333, arXiv:0912.4200, arXiv: 1007.0595)

DAMA/LIBRA 1-6

Source	*Main comment*	*Cautious upper limit (90%C.L.)*
RADON	Sealed Cu box in HP Nitrogen atmosphere, 3-level of sealing, etc.	**$<2.5\times10^{-6}$ cpd/kg/keV**
TEMPERATURE	Installation is air conditioned+ detectors in Cu housings directly in contact with multi-ton shield→ huge heat capacity + T continuously recorded	**$<10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV**
NOISE	Effective full noise rejection near threshold	**$<10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV**
ENERGY SCALE	Routine + instrinsic calibrations	**$<1\text{-}2\times10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV**
EFFICIENCIES	Regularly measured by dedicated calibrations	**$<10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV**
BACKGROUND	No modulation above 6 keV; no modulation in the (2-6) keV *multiple-hits* events; this limit includes all possible sources of background	**$<10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV**
SIDE REACTIONS	Muon flux variation measured at LNGS	**$<3\times10^{-5}$ cpd/kg/keV**

+ they cannot satisfy all the requirements of annual modulation signature

Thus, they cannot mimic the observed annual modulation effect

Summarizing

The new annual cycles DAMA/LIBRA-5,6 have further confirmed a peculiar annual modulation of the *single-hit* events in the (2-6) keV energy region which satisfies the many requests of the DM annual modulation signature.

The total exposure by former DAMA/NaI and present DAMA/LIBRA is 1.17 ton × yr (13 annual cycles)

In fact, as required by the DM annual modulation signature:

1)
The *single-hit* events show a clear cosine-like modulation, as expected for the DM signal

2)
Measured period is equal to (0.999±0.002) yr, well compatible with the 1 yr period, as expected for the DM signal

3) Measured phase (146±7) days is well compatible with the roughly about 152.5 days as expected for the DM signal

4)
The modulation is present only in the low energy (2—6) keV energy interval and not in other higher energy regions, consistently with expectation for the DM signal

5)
The modulation is present only in the *single-hit* events, while it is absent in the *multiple-hit* ones as expected for the DM signal

6)
The measured modulation amplitude in NaI(Tl) of the *single-hit* events in the (2-6) keV energy interval is: (0.0116±0.0013) cpd/kg/keV (8.9σ C.L.).

No systematic or side process able to simultaneously satisfy all the many peculiarities of the signature and to account for the whole measured modulation amplitude is available

Model-independent evidence by DAMA/NaI and DAMA/LIBRA

well compatible with several candidates (in several of the many possible astrophysical, nuclear and particle physics scenarios); other ones are open

Neutralino as LSP in various SUSY theories

Various kinds of WIMP candidates with several different kind of interactions Pure SI, pure SD, mixed + Migdal effect +channeling,... (from low to high mass)

a heavy ν of the 4-th family

Pseudoscalar, scalar or mixed light bosons with axion-like interactions

WIMP with preferred inelastic scattering

Mirror Dark Matter

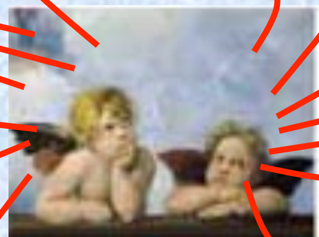
Light Dark Matter

Self interacting Dark Matter

Dark Matter (including some scenarios for WIMP) electron-interacting

Sterile neutrino

heavy exotic canditates, as "4th family atoms", ...



Elementary Black holes such as the Daemons

Kaluza Klein particles

... and more

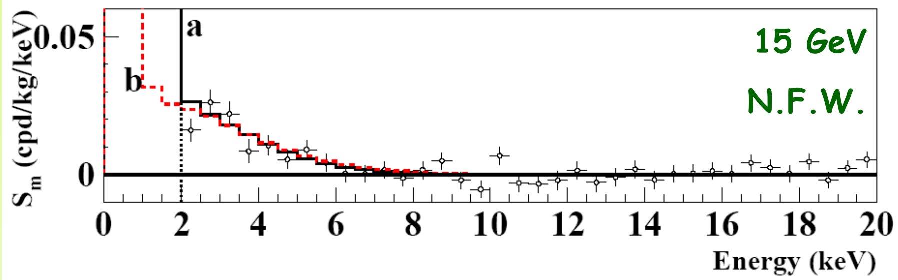
Possible model dependent positive hints from indirect searches (but interpretation, evidence itself, derived mass and cross sections depend e.g. on bckg modeling, on DM spatial velocity distribution in the galactic halo, etc.)
not in conflict with DAMA results; null results not in conflict as well

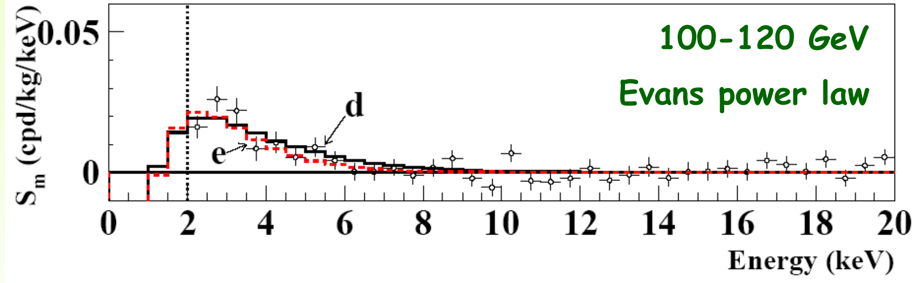
Available results from direct searches using different target materials and approaches do not give any robust conflict & compatibility of possible positive hints

Just few <u>examples</u> of interpretation of the annual modulation in terms of candidate particles in <u>some scenarios</u>

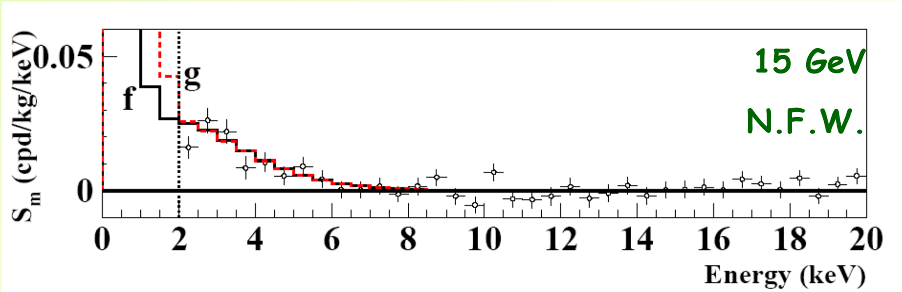
- Not best fit
- About the same C.L.

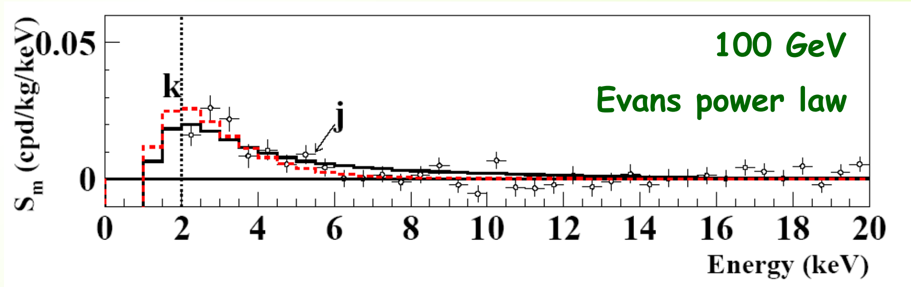
WIMP: SI





WIMP: SI & SD $\theta = 2.435$





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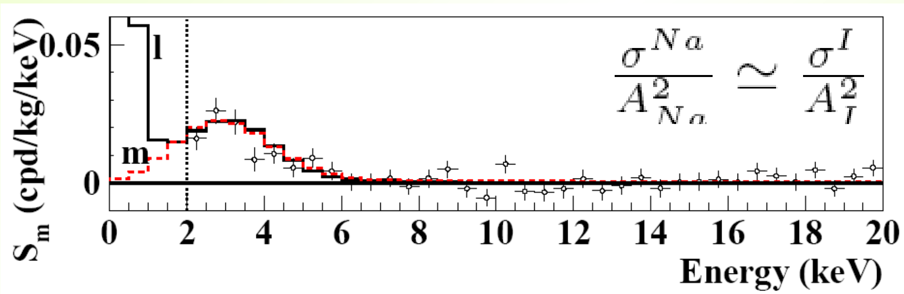

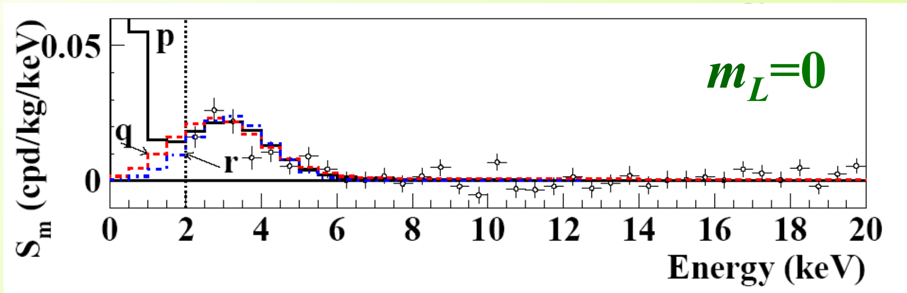

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Compatibility with several candidates; other ones are open

Regarding model dependent aspects

- ✓ Not a unique reference model for Dark Matter particles + existing uncertainties on experimental and theoretical parameters add uncertainty in each considered "general" framework
- ✓ Not a single set of assumptions for parameters in the astrophysical, nuclear and particle physics related arguments
- ✓ Often comparisons are made in inconsistent way

About model dependent exclusion plots

Selecting just one simplified model framework, making lots of assumptions, fixing large numbers of parameters … but…

- *which particle?*
- *which couplings? which model for the coupling?*
- *which form factors for each target material and related parameters?*
- *which nuclear model framework for each target material?*
- *Which spin factor for each case?*
- *which scaling laws?*
- *which halo profile?*
- *which halo parameters?*
- *which velocity distribution?*
- *which parameters for velocity distribution?*
- *which v_0?*
- *which v_{esc}?*
- *…etc. etc.*

road sign or labyrinth?

and experimental aspects ...

- *marginal and "selected" exposures*
- *Threshold, energy scale and energy resolution when calibration in other energy region (& few phe/keV)? Stability? Too few calibration procedures and often not in the same running conditions*
- *Selections of detectors and of data*
- *handling of (many) "subtraction" procedures and stability in time of all the cuts windows and related quantities, etc.? Efficiencies?*
- *fiducial volume vs disuniformity of detector response in liquids?*
- *Used values in the calculation (q.f., etc)*
- *Used approximations*

etc., etc.? (see e.g. arXiv:1005.3723v1, 1005.0838v3,0806.0011v2, PLB637(2006)156 …)

+ no uncertainties accounted for

no sensitivity to DM annual modulation signature

Different target materials

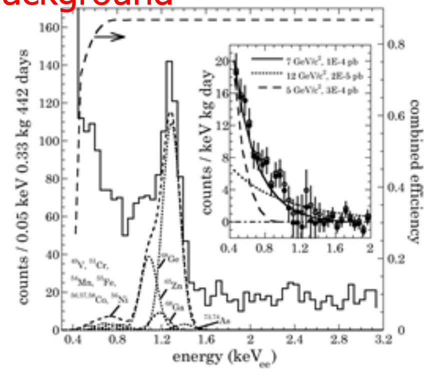
DAMA implications often presented in incorrect/incomplete/non-updated way

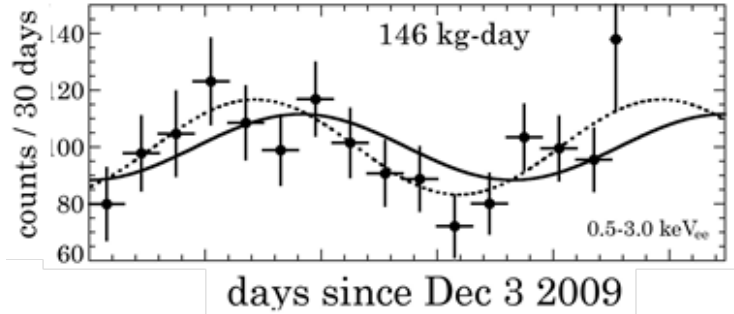
Exclusion plots have no "universal validity" and cannot disproof a model independent result in any given general model framework (they depend not only on the general assumptions largely unknown at present stage of knowledge, but on the details of their cooking) + **generally overestimated** + methodological robustness (see R. Hudson, Found. Phys. 39 (2009) 174)

On the other hand, possible positive hints should be interpreted. Large space for compatibility.

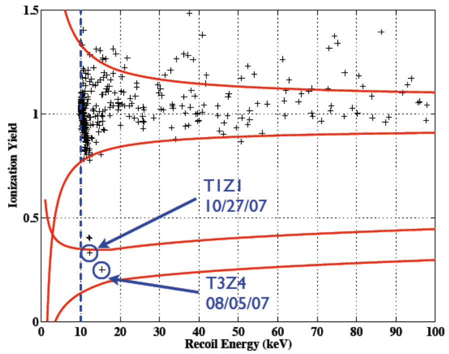
DAMA/NaI & DAMA/LIBRA vs
recent possible positive hints on 2010/11

- **CoGeNT**: low-energy rise in the spectrum (irriducible by the applied background reduction procedures)
- + annual modulation in 146 kg x d

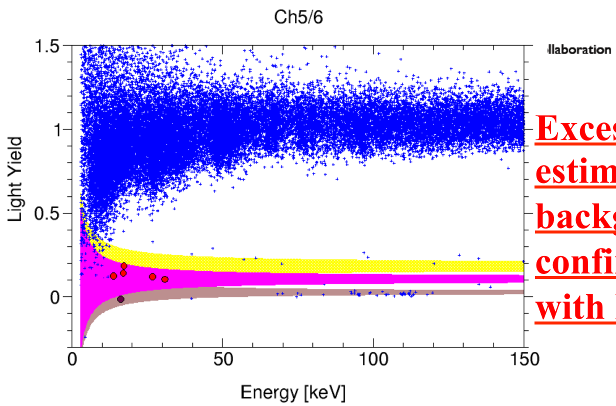




- **CDMS**: after many data selections and cuts, 2 recoil-like events survive in an exposure of 194.1 kg x day (0.8 estimated as expected from residual background)



- **CRESST**: after many data selections and cuts, 32 O candidate recoils survive in an exposure of ≈ 400 kg x day (8.7±1.2 estimated as expected from residual background)



Excess above estimated background confirmed this week with larger exposure

All those recoil-like excesses as well as the CoGeNT result, are also compatible with the DAMA 8.9 σ C.L. annual modulation result in various scenarios

Some recent literature discussing compatibiliy in various frameworks e.g.:

- Low mass neutralino (PRD81(2010)107302, PRD83(2011)015001, arXiv:1003.0014,arXiv:1007.1005v2, arXiv:1009.0549, arXiv:1106.4667 in press on PRD)
- Next-to-minimal models (JCAP0908(2009)032, PRD79(2009)023510, JCAP0706(2007)008, arXiv: 1009.2555,1009.0549)
- Sneutrino DM (JHEP0711(2007)029,arXiv:1105.4878)
- Inelastic DM (PRD79(2009)043513, arXiv:1007.2688)
- Mirror DM in various scenarios **(arXiv:1001.0096,1106.2688,PRD82(2010)095001,JCAP1107(2011)009,JCAP1009(2010)022),**
- Resonant DM (arXiv:0909.2900)
- DM from exotic 4th generation quarks (arXiv:1002.3366)
- Cogent results **(arXiv:1002.4703,1106.0650),**
- Composite DM (arXiv:1003.1144)
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- Composite DM **(IJMPD19(2010)1385),**
- Light scalar WIMP through Higgs portal **(PRD82(2010)043522, JCAP0810(2010)034)**
- Specific two higgs doublet models **(arXiv:1106.3368)**
- exothermic DM **(arXiv:1004.0937),**
- Secluded WIMPs **(PRD79(2009)115019),**
- Asymmetric DM **(arXiv:1105.5431),**
- Light scalar WIMP through Higgs portal (arXiv:1003.2595)
- SD Inelastic DM (arXiv:0912.4264)
- Complex Scalar Dark Matter (arXiv:1005.3328)
- Isospin-Violating Dark Matter (**JCAP1008(2010)018, arXiv:1102.4331,1105.3734**)
- Singlet DM **(JHEP0905 (2009) 036, arXiv:1011.6377)**
- Specific GU **(arXiv:1106.3583),**

and more **(arXiv:1105.5121,1105.3734,1011.1499,JCAP1008(2010)018, PRD82(2010)115019, …..**

…. and much more considering theoretical and experimental uncertainties

See also previous DAMA and others literature

... an example in literature...

Supersymmetric expectations in MSSM

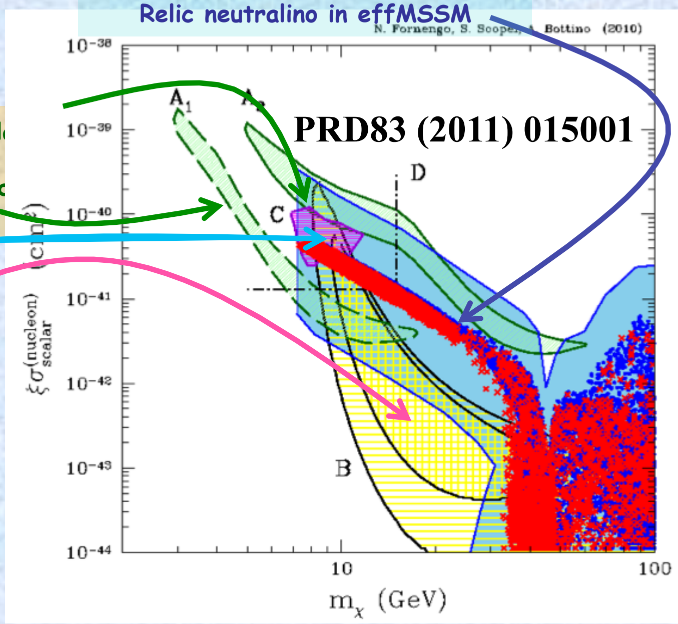
- Assuming for the neutralino a dominant purely SI coupling
- when releasing the gaugino mass unification at GUT scale: $M_1/M_2 \neq 0.5$ (<);

(where M_1 and M_2 U(1) and SU(2) gaugino masses)

DAMA allowed regions for a particular set of astrophysical, nuclear and particle Physics assumptions with and without channeling

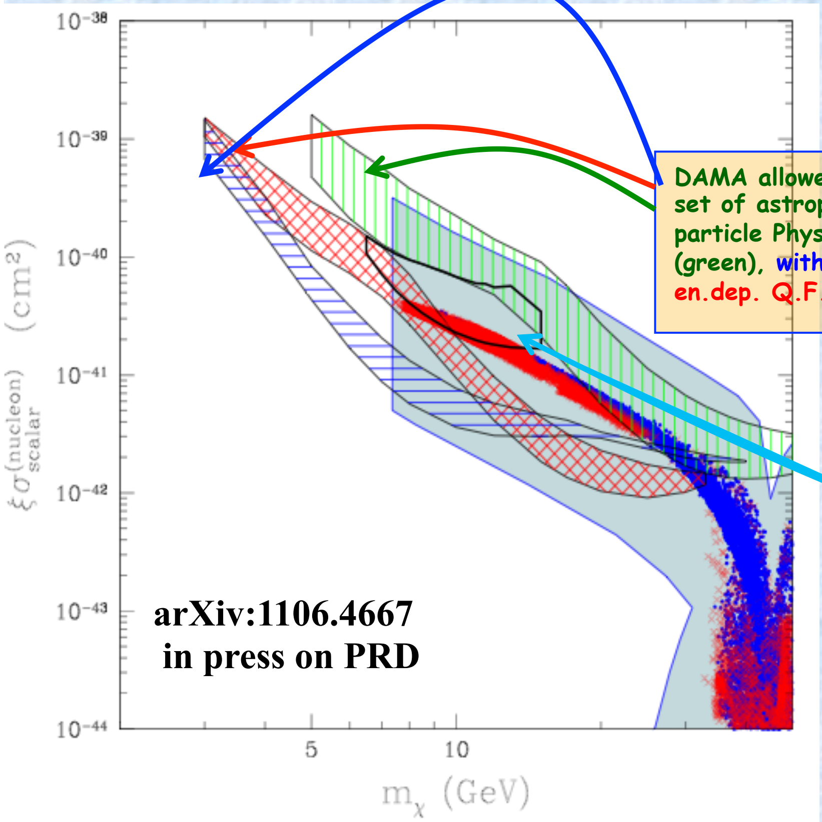
CoGeNT and CRESST

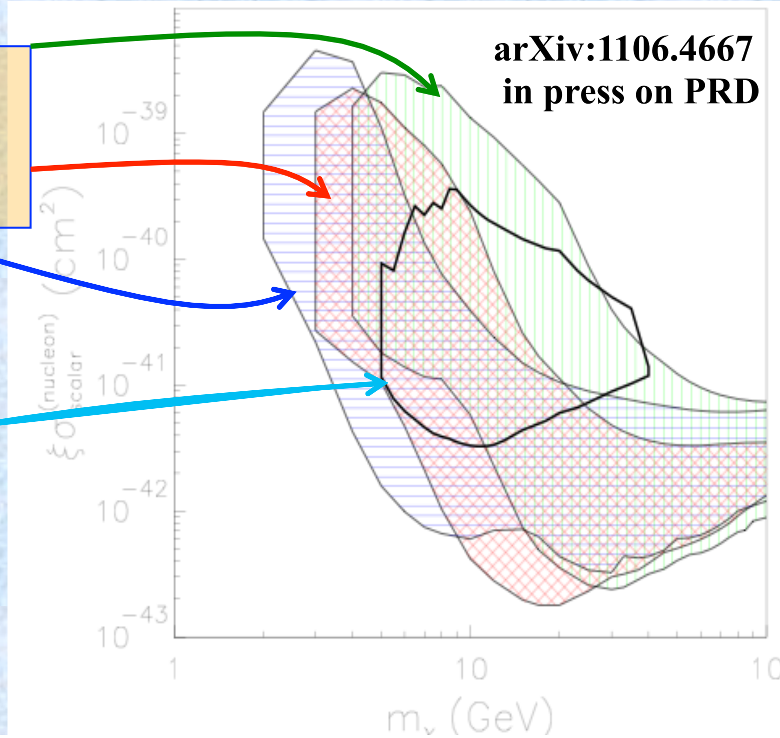
If the two CDMS events are interpreted as relic neutralino interactions



DAMA allowed regions for a particular set of astrophysical, nuclear and particle Physics assumptions without (green), with (blue) channeling, with en.dep. Q.F.(red)

CoGeNT





WHAT NEXT?

- Upgrade in fall 2010 concluded: all PMTs replaced with new ones of higher Q.E. to lower the software energy threshold and improve general features.
- Collection of very large exposure in the new running conditions to deeper study the nature of the particles and features of related astrophysical, nuclear and particle physics aspect by achieving:
  - Extremely high C.L. for the model independent signal
  - Highly precise determination of all the modulation parameters (possible dependence of the phase on energy, ...)
  - Model independent investigation on other peculiarities of the signal
  - Very large exposure: investigation & test of different astrophysical, nuclear, particle physics models

- ✓ Further investigation on Dark Matter candidates
- ✓ Very large exposure can better disentangle among the different astrophysical, nuclear and particle physics models (nature of the candidate, couplings, inelastic interaction, particle conversion processes, …, form factors, spin-factors and more on new scenarios)
- ✓ scaling laws and cross sections
- ✓ multi-component DM particles halo?
- ✓ ….

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- ✓ Further investigation on astrophysical model: velocity and position distribution of DM particles in the galactic halo
- ✓ effects due to:
  - i. satellite galaxies (as Sagittarius and Canis Major Dwarves) tidal "streams";
  - ii. caustics in the halo;
  - iii. gravitational focusing effect of the Sun enhancing the DM flow ("spike" and "skirt");
  - iv. possible structures as small scale size clumpiness;
  - v. ….

Etc.

Also very high sensitivities in the investigation on other rare processes

Conclusions on DAMA/LIBRA

- Positive evidence for the presence of DM particles in the galactic halo now supported at 8.9 σ C.L. (cumulative exposure 1.17 ton $\times$ yr – 13 annual cycles DAMA/NaI and DAMA/LIBRA)
- The modulation parameters determined with better precision
- Full sensitivity to many kinds of DM candidates and interactions both inducing recoils and/or e.m. radiation. That is not restricted to DM candidate inducing only nuclear recoils
- No experiment exists whose result can be directly compared in a model independent way with those by DAMA/NaI & DAMA/LIBRA
- Possible positive hints in direct searches compatible with DAMA in many scenarios; null searches not in robust conflict. Consider also the experimental and theoretical uncertainties.
- Possible model dependent positive hints from indirect searches not in conflict with DAMA results; null results not in conflict as well
- Investigations other than Dark Matter

Last upgrade fall 2010

Continuously running

DAMA/LIBRA still the highest radiopure set-up in the field with the largest sensitive mass, full control of running conditions, the largest duty-cycle, exposure orders of magnitude larger than any other activity in the field, etc., and the only one which effectively exploits a model independent DM signature in ULB NaI(Tl)