Direct detection of Dark Matter particles

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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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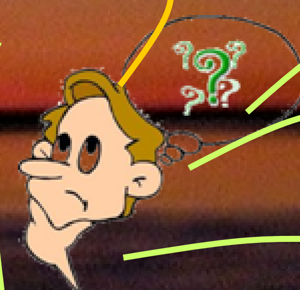
Right halo model and parameters?

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

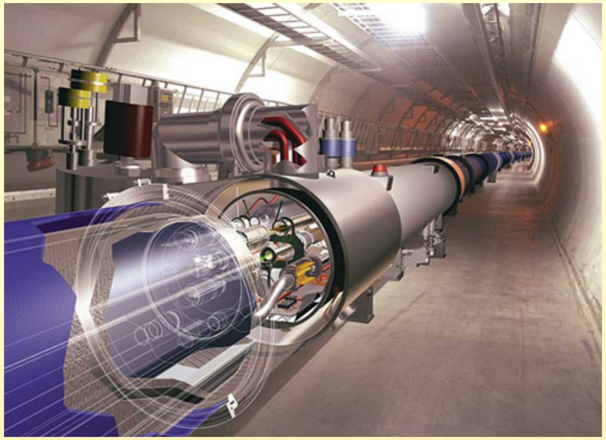


Non thermalized components?

Caustics?

clumpiness?

etc… etc…



What accelerators can do:

to demostrate the existence of some of the possible DM candidates

What accelerators cannot do:

to credit that a certain particle is the Dark Matter solution or the “single” Dark Matter particle solution…

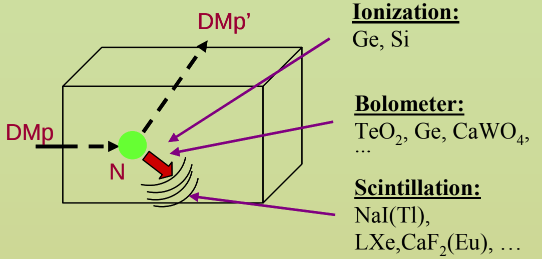
+ DM candidates and scenarios exist (even for neutralino candidate) on which accelerators cannot give any information

DM direct detection method using 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 $\chi+$, $\chi-$ with δ mass splitting

  → Kinematical constraint for the inelastic scattering of $\chi-$ on a nucleus

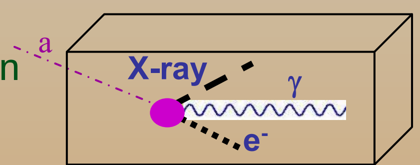
$$\frac{1}{2}\mu v^2 \ge \delta \Leftrightarrow v \ge v_{thr} = \sqrt{\frac{2\delta}{\mu}}$$

- Excitation of bound electrons in scatterings on nuclei

  → detection of recoil nuclei + e.m. radiation

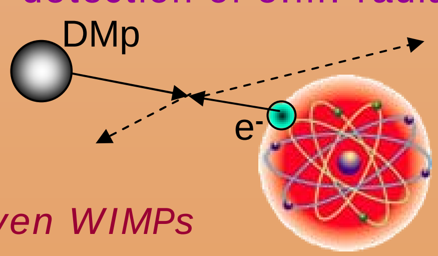
- Conversion of particle into e.m. radiation

  → detection of γ, X-rays, e^-



- Interaction only on atomic electrons

  → detection of e.m. radiation

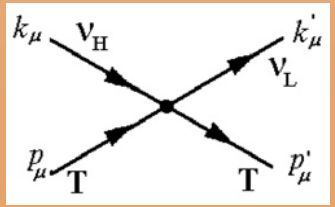


… even WIMPs

- 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

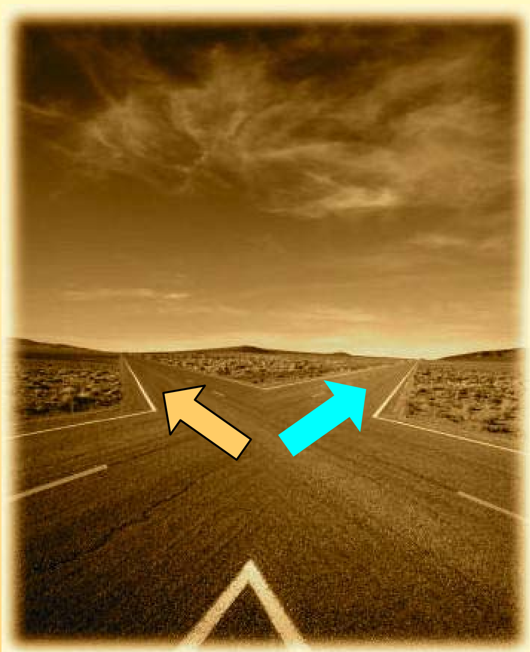


e.g. signals from these candidates are completely lost in experiments based on "rejection procedures" of the e.m. component of their rate

… also other ideas …

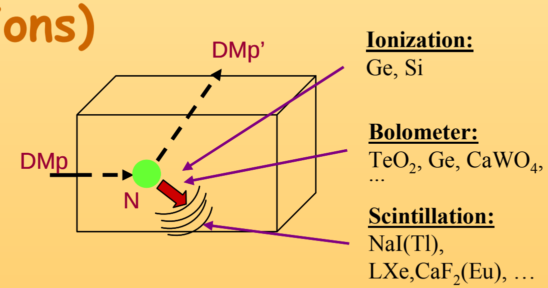
- **… and more**

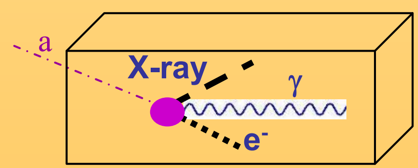
The direct detection experiments can be classified in two classes, depending on what they are based:



1. on the recognition of the signals due to Dark Matter particles with respect to the background by using a "model-independent" signature

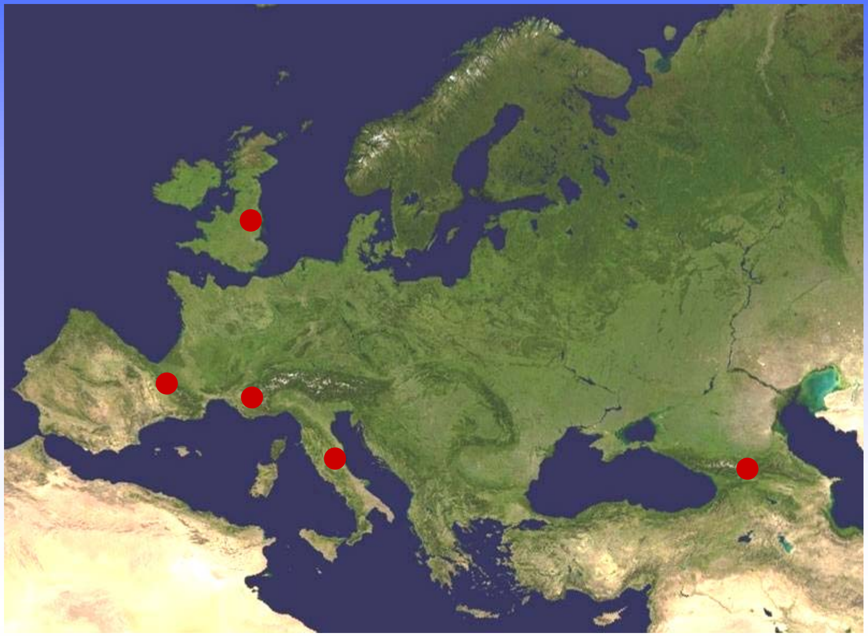
2. on the use of uncertain techniques of rejection of electromagnetic background (adding systematical effects and lost of candidates with pure electromagnetic productions)





Dark Matter direct detection activities in underground labs

- ✓ Various approaches and techniques (many still at R&D stage)
- ✓ Various different target materials
- ✓ Various different experimental site depths
- ✓ Different radiopurity levels, etc.



- Gran Sasso (depth ~ 3600 m.w.e.): DAMA/NaI, DAMA/LIBRA, DAMA/LXe, HDMS, WARP, CRESST, Xenon10
- Boulby (depth ~ 3000 m.w.e.): Drift, Zeplin, NAIAD
- Modane (depth ~ 4800 m.w.e.): Edelweiss
- Canfranc (depth ~ 2500 m.w.e.): ANAIS, Rosebud, ArDM

- Snolab (depth ~ 6000 m.w.e.): Picasso, DEAP, CLEAN
- Stanford (depth ~10 m): CDMS I
- Soudan (depth ~ 2000 m.w.e.): CDMS II
- FNAL: COUPP

- Y2L (depth ~ 700 m): KIMS
- Oto (depth ~ 1400 m.w.e.): PICO-LON
- Kamioka (depth ~2700 m.w.e.): XMASS

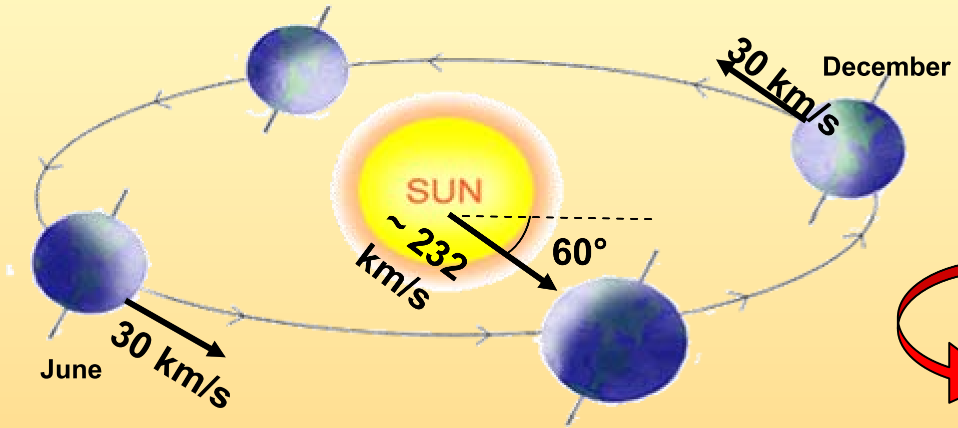
EXAMPLES OF R&D AND ACTIVITIES

Experiment	Target	Type	Status	Site
ANAIS	NaI	annual modulation	construction	Canfranc
DAMA/NaI	**NaI**	**annual modulation**	**concluded**	**LNGS**
DAMA/LIBRA	**NaI**	**annual modulation**	**running**	**LNGS**
DAMA/1 ton	NaI	annual modulation	R&D	LNGS
NAIAD	NaI	PSD	concluded	Boulby
HDMS	Ge	ionization	concluded	LNGS
KIMS	CsI	PSD	running	Y2L(Korea)
CaF_2-kamioka	CaF_2	PSD	running	Kamioka
DAMA/LXe	LXe	PSD	running	LNGS
WARP2.3l	LAr	2 phase	concluded	LNGS
WARP100	LAr	2 phase	assembling	LNGS
XENON 10	LXe	2 phase	concluded	LNGS
XENON100	LXe	2 phase	commissioning	LNGS
Zeplin II	LXe	2 phase	concluded	Boulby
Zeplin III	LXe	2 phase	running	Boulby
ArDM	LAr	2 phase	R&D	Canfranc
LUX	LXe	2 phase	R&D	Dusel
CLEAN	LNe	PSD	R&D	SNOLAB
DEAP	LAr	PSD	R&D	SNOLAB
XMASS	LXe	PSD	assembling	Kamioka
CDMS	Ge	bolom/ion	running	Soudan
CRESST	$CaWO_4$	bolom/scint	running	LNGS
EDELWEISS	Ge	bolom/ion	running	Frejus
ROSEBUD	Ge,Al_2O_3,$CaWO_4$	bolom/scint	R&D	Canfranc
COUPP	F	SH droplet	R&D	Fermilab
PICASSO	F	SH droplet	running + R&D	SNOLAB
SIMPLE	F	SH droplet	running + R&D	Bas Bruit
Drift	CS_2 gas	TPC	R&D	Boulby
MIMAC	^{3}He gas	TPC	R&D	LPSC Grenoble

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

With the present technology, the annual modulation is the main model independent signature for the DM signal. Although the modulation effect is expected to be relatively small **a suitable large-mass, low-radioactive set-up with an efficient control of the running conditions would point out its presence.**

Drukier, Freese, Spergel PRD86
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 the annual motion of the Earth around the Sun moving in the Galaxy

Requirements of the annual modulation

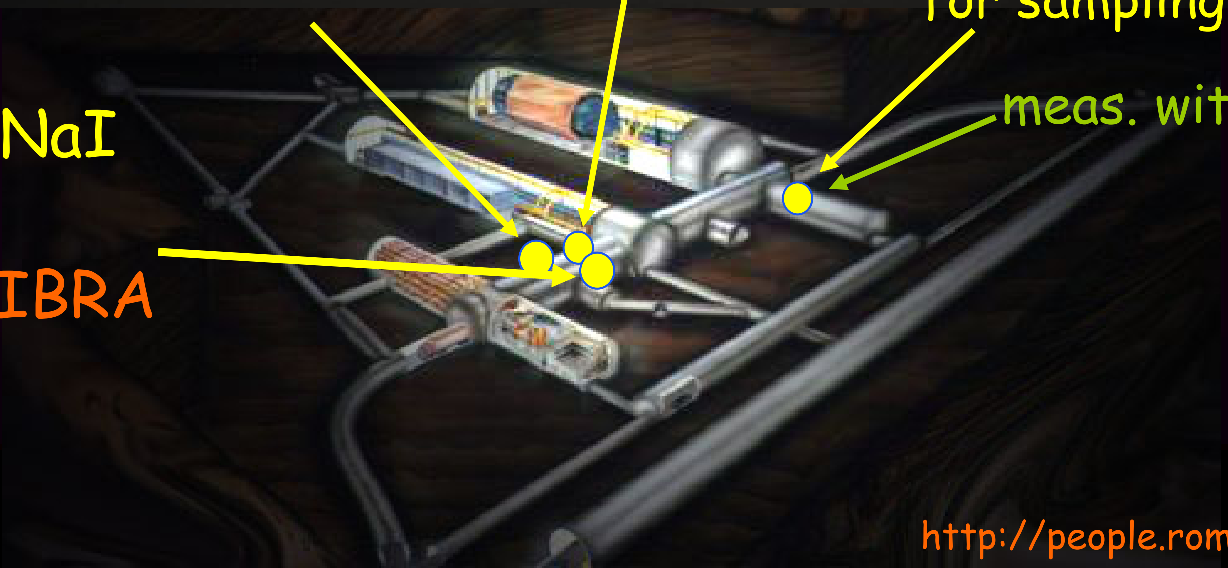
1) **Modulated rate according cosine**
2) **In a definite low energy range**
3) **With a proper period (1 year)**
4) **With proper phase (about 2 June)**
5) **For single hit events in a multi-detector set-up**
6) **With modulation amplitude in the region of maximal sensitivity must be <7% for usually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

To mimic this signature, spurious effects and side reactions must not only - obviously - be able to account for the whole observed modulation amplitude, but also to satisfy contemporaneously all the requirements

Roma2,Roma1,LNGS,IHEP/Beijing

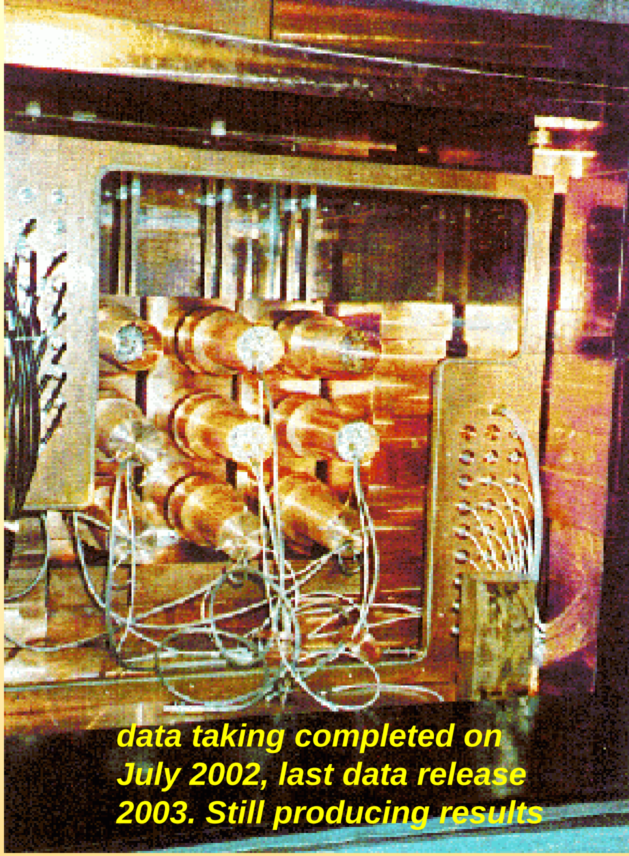
+ by-products and small scale expts.: INR-Kiev
+ neutron meas.: ENEA-Frascati
+ in some studies on ββ decays (DST-MAE project): IIT Kharagpur, India

DAMA: an observatory for rare processes @LNGS



http://people.roma2.infn.it/dama

DAMA/NaI : ≈100 kg 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

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

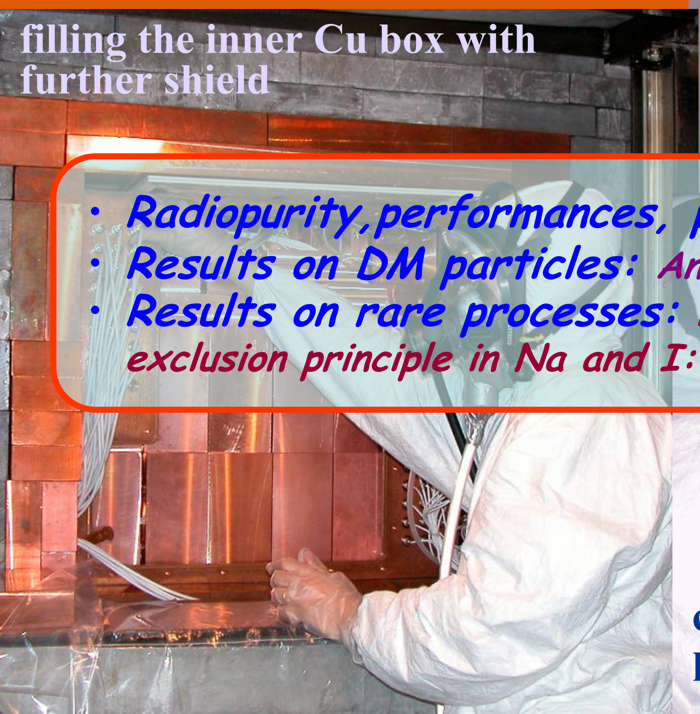
The new DAMA/LIBRA set-up ~250 kg NaI(Tl)
(Large sodium Iodide Bulk for RAre processes)

As a result of a second generation R&D for more radiopure NaI(Tl)
by exploiting new chemical/physical radiopurification techniques
(all operations involving crystals and PMTs - including photos - in HP Nitrogen atmosphere)

installing DAMA/LIBRA detectors

assembling a DAMA/ LIBRA detector

detectors during installation; in the central and right up detectors the new shaped Cu shield surrounding light guides (acting also as optical windows) and PMTs was not yet applied



filling the inner Cu box with further shield

- *Radiopurity,performances, procedures, etc.:* NIMA592(2008)297
- *Results on DM particles: Annual Modulation Signature:* EPJC56(2008)333
- *Results on rare processes: Possible processes violating the Pauli exclusion principle in Na and I:* EPJC62(2009)327

closing the Cu box housing the detectors

view at end of detectors' installation in the Cu box

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improving installation
and environment

Cu etching with super- and ultra-pure HCl solutions, dried and sealed in HP N_2

The DAMA/LIBRA set-up

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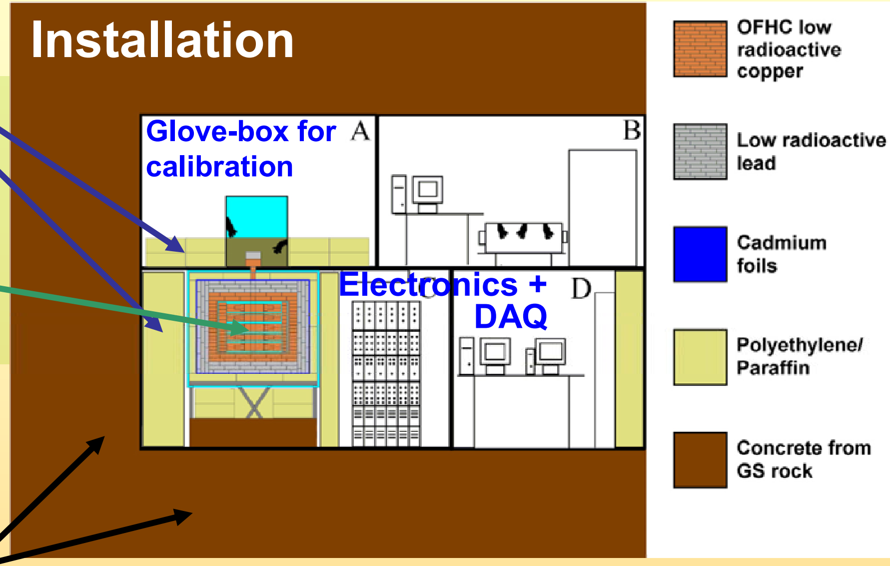
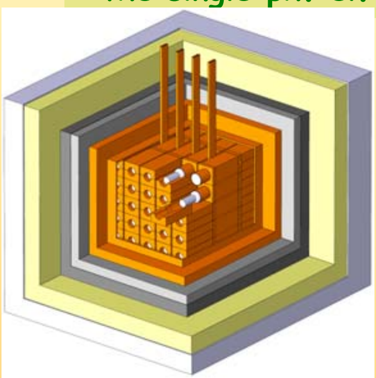
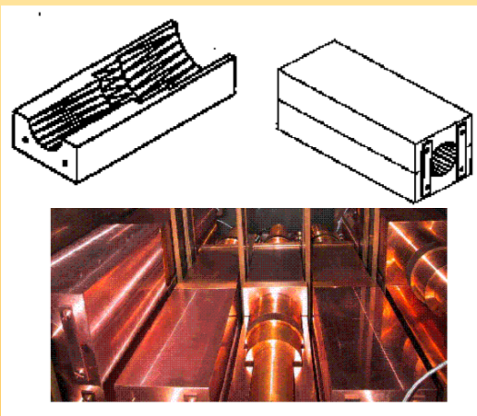
Polyethylene/
paraffin

- 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



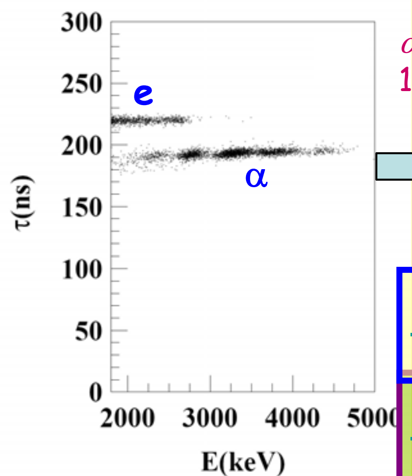




~ 1m concrete from GS rock

- 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 *TVS641A* (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 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

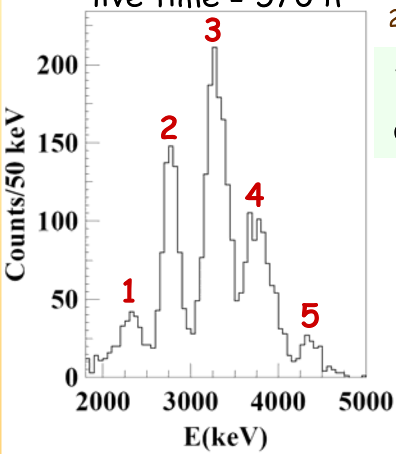
^{232}Th residual contamination

From time-amplitude method. If ^{232}Th chain at equilibrium: it ranges from 0.5 ppt to 7.5 ppt

^{238}U residual contamination

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



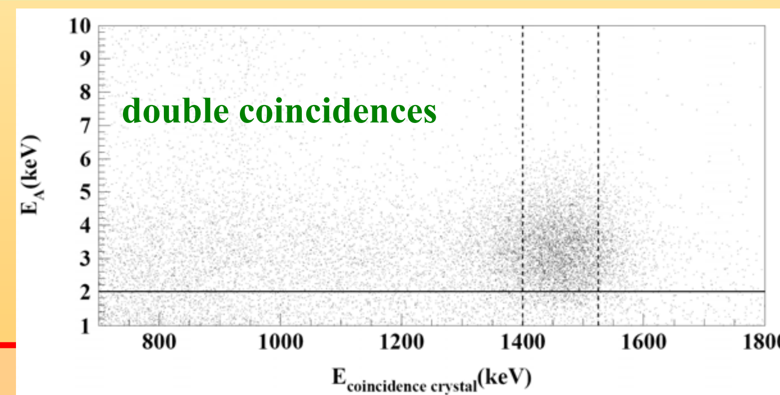
^{238}U chain splitted into 5 subchains: $^{238}U \rightarrow {}^{234}U \rightarrow {}^{230}Th \rightarrow {}^{226}Ra \rightarrow {}^{210}Pb \rightarrow {}^{206}Pb$

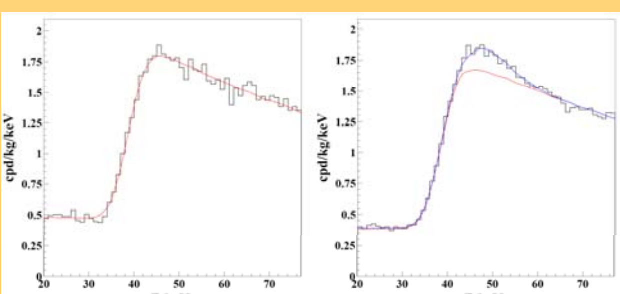
Thus, in this case: (2.1±0.1) ppt of ^{232}Th; (0.35 ±0.06) ppt for ^{238}U

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.

^{nat}K residual contamination

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





^{129}I and ^{210}Pb

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

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

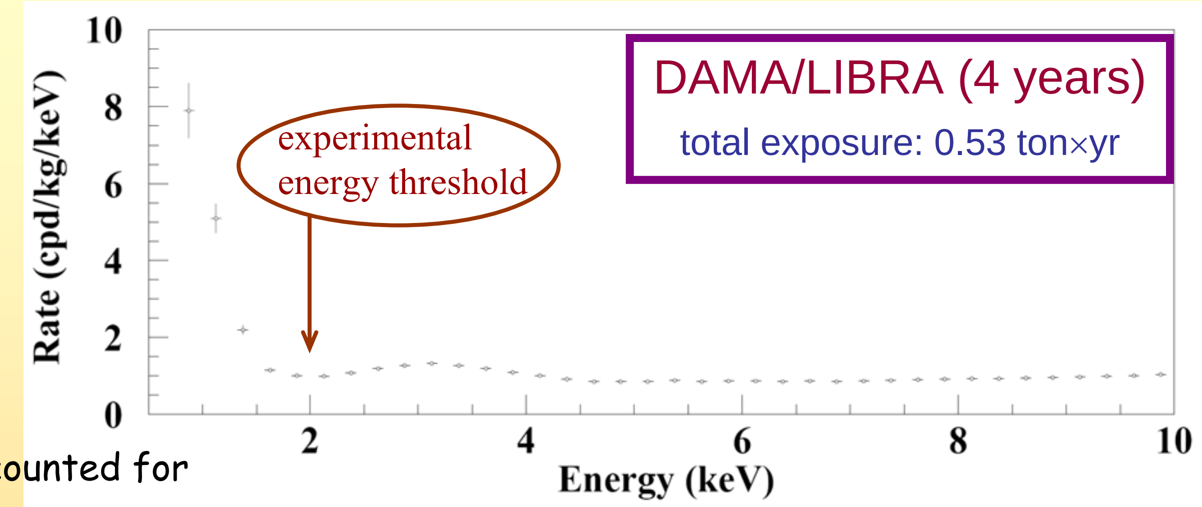
No sizeable surface pollution by Radon daugthers, thanks to the new handling protocols

... more on NIMA592(2008)297

Cumulative low-energy distribution of the *single-hit* scintillation events

Single-hit events = each detector has all the others as anticoincidence

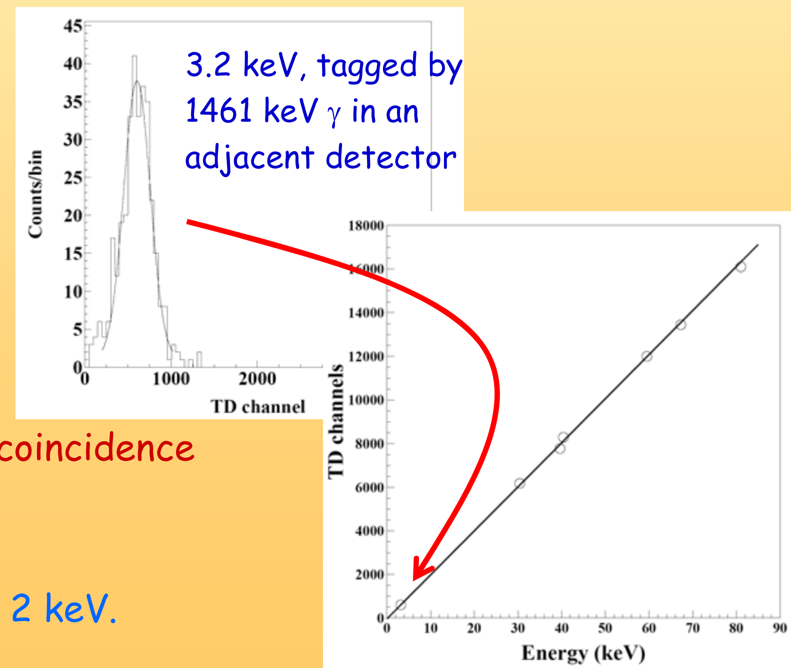
(Obviously differences among detectors are present depending e.g. on each specific level and location of residual contaminants, on the detector's location in the 5x5 matrix, etc.)



Efficiencies already accounted for

About the energy threshold:

- The DAMA/LIBRA detectors have been calibrated down to the keV region. This assures a clear knowledge of the "physical" energy threshold of the experiment.
- It obviously profits of the relatively high number of available photoelectrons/keV (from 5.5 to 7.5).
- The two PMTs of each detector in DAMA/LIBRA work in coincidence with hardware threshold at single photoelectron level.
- Effective near-threshold-noise full rejection.
- The software energy threshold used by the experiment is 2 keV.



Model Independent Annual Modulation Result

DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (4 years)   Total exposure: 300555 kg×day = 0.82 ton×yr

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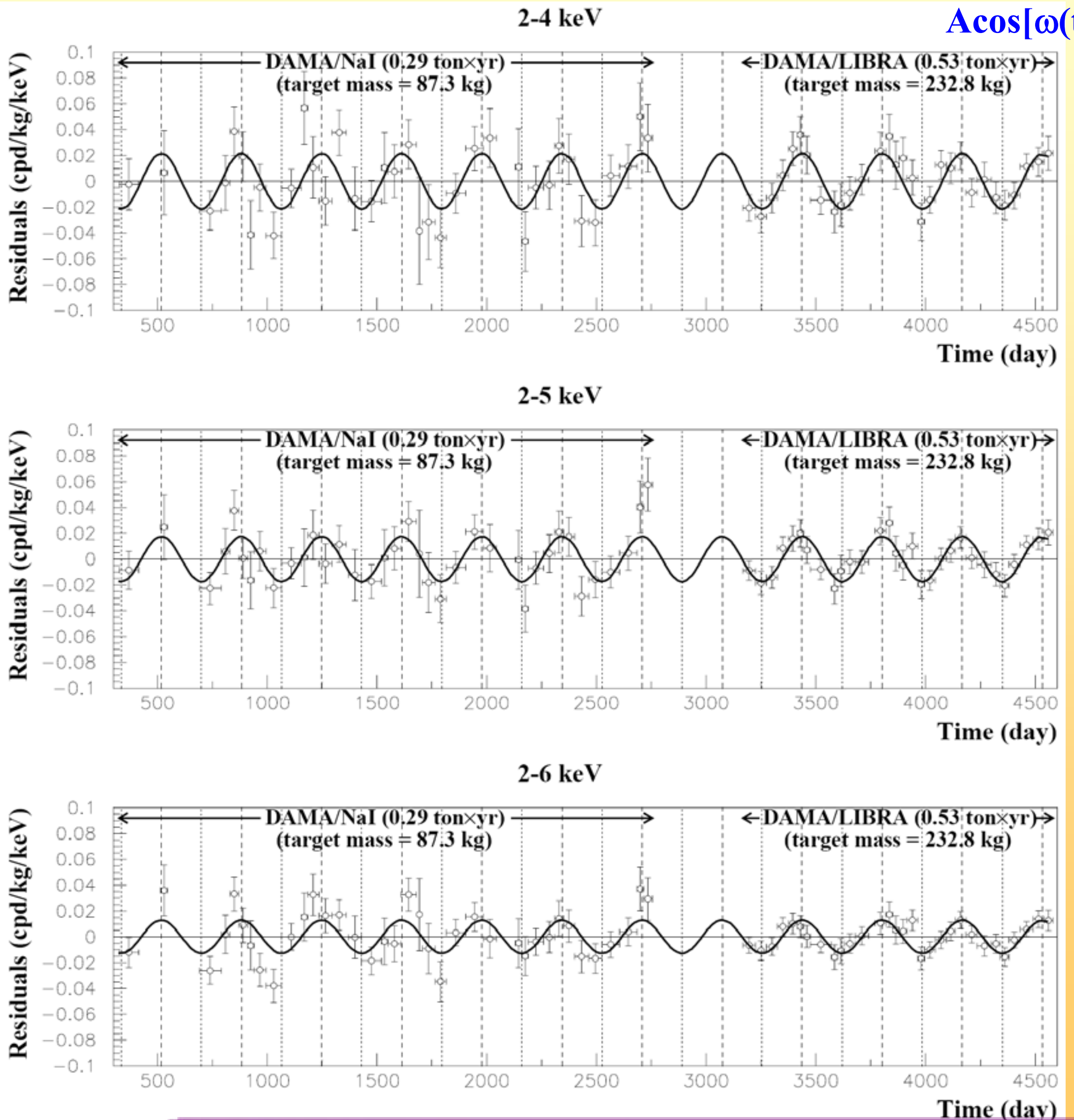
experimental single-hit residuals rate vs time and energy



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

2-4 keV

A=(0.0215±0.0026) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 51.9/66   **8.3 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=117.7/67 ⇒ P(A=0) = 1.3×10^{-4}

2-5 keV

A=(0.0176±0.0020) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 39.6/66   **8.8 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=116.1/67 ⇒ P(A=0) = 1.9×10^{-4}

2-6 keV

A=(0.0129±0.0016) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 54.3/66 **8.2 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=116.4/67 ⇒ P(A=0) = 1.8×10^{-4}

The data favor the presence of a modulated behavior with proper features at 8.2σ C.L.

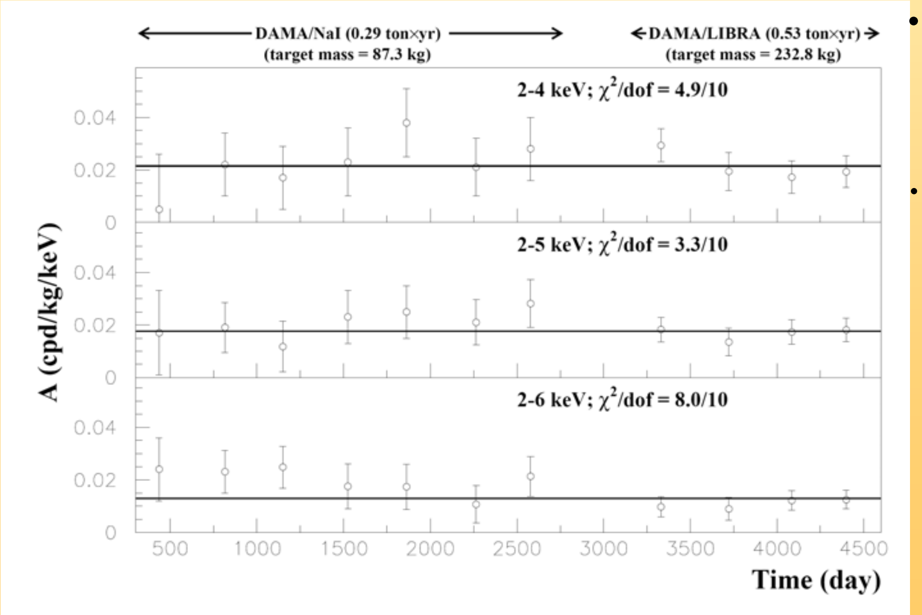
Model-independent residual rate for single-hit events

DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (4 years) total exposure: 300555 kg×day = 0.82 ton×yr

Results of the fits keeping the parameters free:

	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 (4 years)				
(2÷4) keV	0.0213 ± 0.0032	0.997 ± 0.002	139 ± 10	6.7σ
(2÷5) keV	0.0165 ± 0.0024	0.998 ± 0.002	143 ± 9	6.9σ
(2÷6) keV	0.0107 ± 0.0019	0.998 ± 0.003	144 ± 11	5.6σ
DAMA/NaI + DAMA/LIBRA				
(2÷4) keV	0.0223 ± 0.0027	0.996 ± 0.002	138 ± 7	8.3σ
(2÷5) keV	0.0178 ± 0.0020	0.998 ± 0.002	145 ± 7	8.9σ
(2÷6) keV	0.0131 ± 0.0016	0.998 ± 0.003	144 ± 8	8.2σ

Modulation amplitudes, *A*, of single year measured in the 11 one-year experiments of DAMA (NaI + LIBRA)



- The modulation amplitudes for the (2 – 6) keV energy interval, obtained when fixing exactly the period at 1 yr and the phase at 152.5 days, are: (0.019 ± 0.003) cpd/kg/keV for DAMA/NaI and (0.011 ± 0.002) cpd/kg/keV for DAMA/LIBRA.
- Thus, their difference: (0.008 ± 0.004) cpd/kg/keV is ≈ *2σ* which corresponds to a modest, but non negligible probability.

χ^2 test (χ^2/dof = 4.9/10, 3.3/10 and 8.0/10) and *run test* (lower tail probabilities of 74%, 61% and 11%) accept at 90% C.L. the hypothesis that the modulation amplitudes are normally fluctuating around their best fit values.

Compatibility among the annual cycles

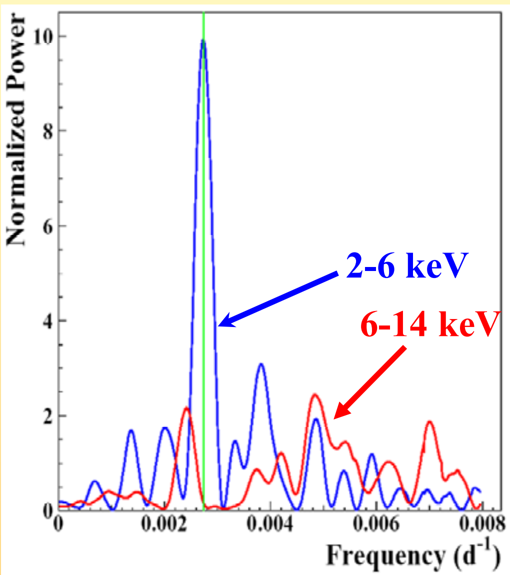
Power spectrum of single-hit residuals

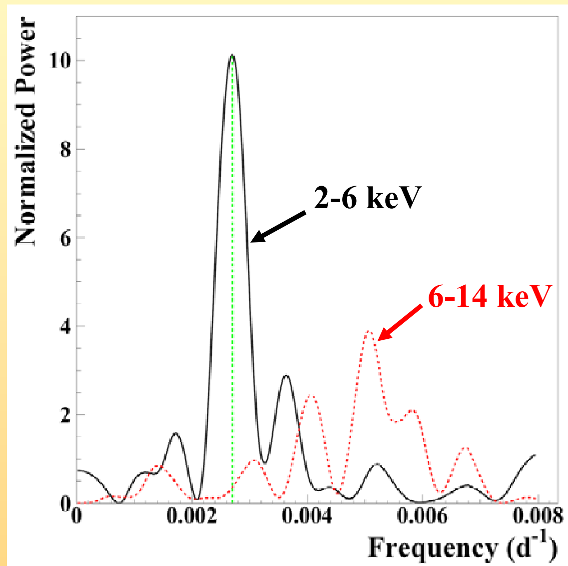
(according to Ap.J.263(1982)835; Ap.J.338(1989)277)

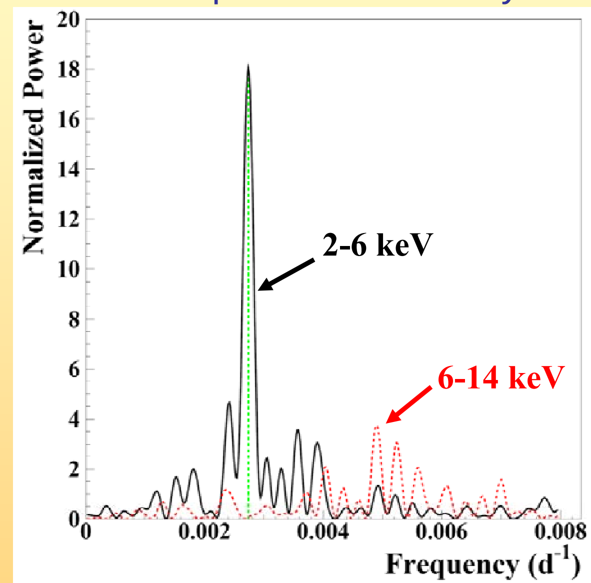
Treatment of the experimental errors and time binning included here

2-6 keV vs 6-14 keV

DAMA/NaI (7 years)	DAMA/LIBRA (4 years)	DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (4 years)
total exposure: 0.29 ton×yr	total exposure: 0.53 ton×yr	total exposure: 0.82 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}	2.705×10^{-3} $d^{-1} \approx 1$ yr^{-1}	2.737×10^{-3} $d^{-1} \approx 1$ yr^{-1}

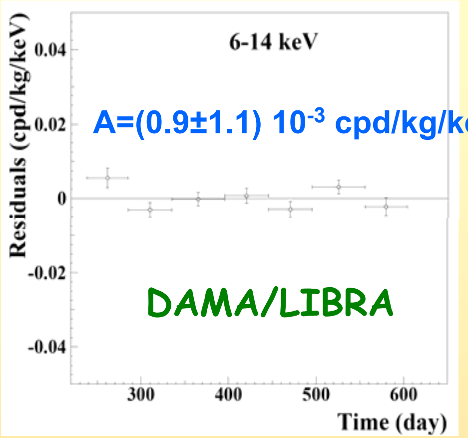
+

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

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

Can a hypothetical background modulation account for the observed effect?

- **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
→ statistically consistent with zero

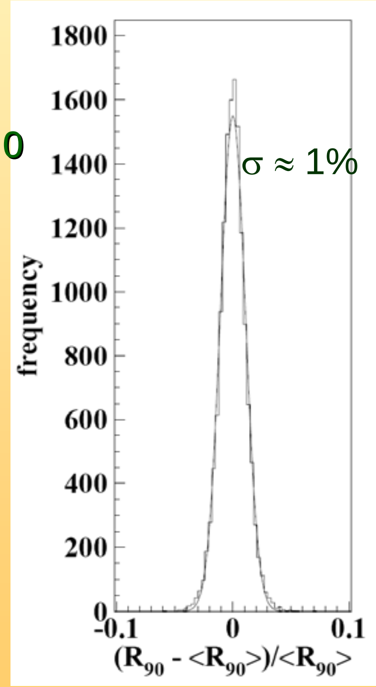
In the same energy region where the effect is observed: no modulation of the multiple-hits events (see next slide)

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

studying integral rate at higher energy, R90

- R_{90} percentage variations with respect to their mean values for single crystal in the DAMA/LIBRA-1,2,3,4 running periods

→ cumulative gaussian behaviour with $\sigma \approx 1\%$, fully accounted by statistical considerations



- Fitting the behaviour with time, adding a term modulated according period and phase expected for Dark Matter particles:

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

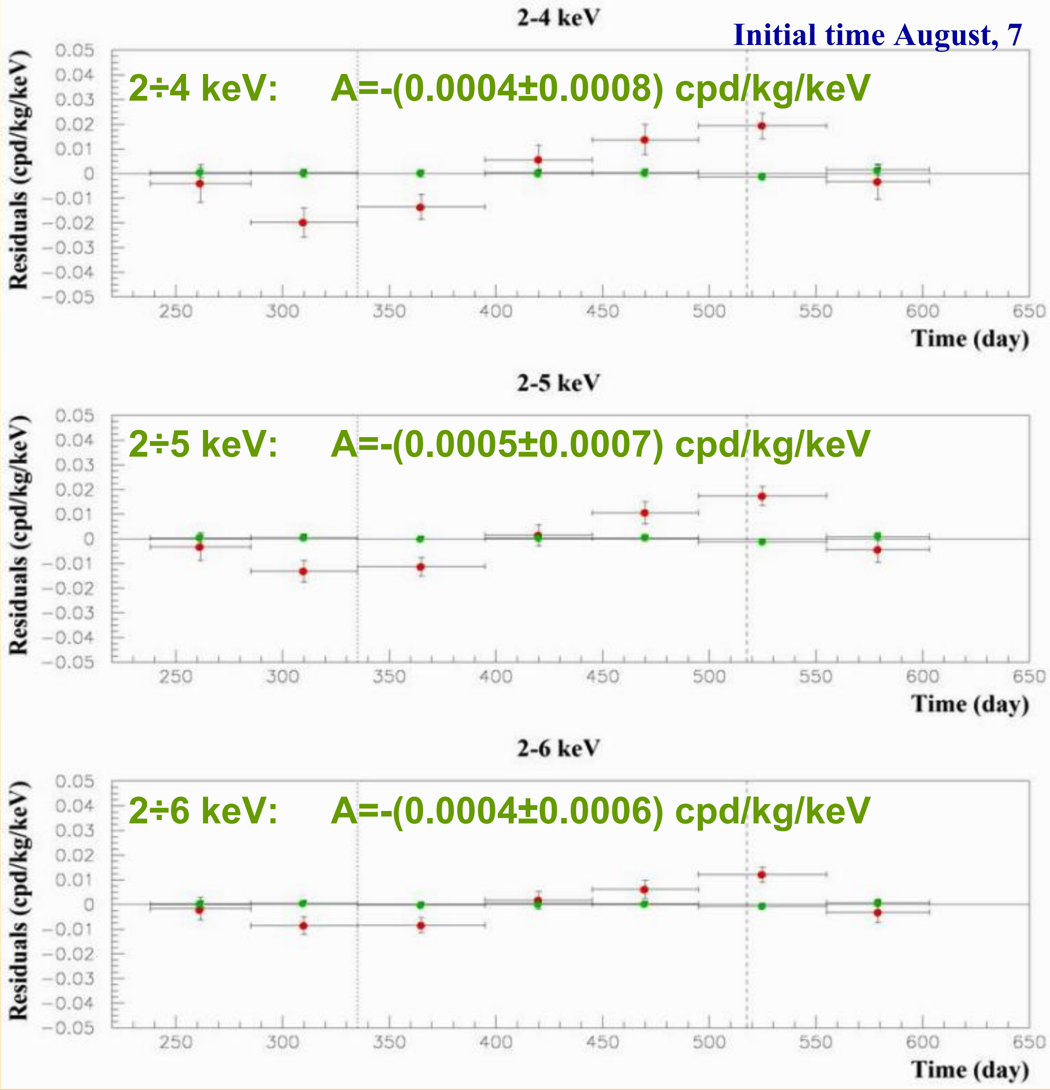
consistent with zero

+ 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 background:
these results account for all sources of bckg (+ see later)

Multiple-hits events in the region of the signal - DAMA/LIBRA 1-4

- **Each detector has its own TDs read-out → pulse profiles of multiple-hits events (multiplicity > 1) acquired (exposure: 0.53 ton×yr).**
- **The same hardware and software procedures as the ones 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 is present in the *single-hit* residuals, while it is absent in the *multiple-hits* residual rate.

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

Modulation amplitudes, $S_{m,k}$, as function of the energy

The likelihood function of the *single-hit* experimental data in the *k-th* energy bin is defined as:

$$L_k = \prod_{ij} e^{-\mu_{ijk}} \frac{\mu_{ijk}^{N_{ijk}}}{N_{ijk}!}$$

N_{ijk} is the number of events collected in the *i-th* time interval (hereafter 1 day), by the *j-th* detector and in the *k-th* energy bin.

N_{ijk} follows a Poissonian distribution with expectation value:

$$\mu_{ijk} = \left[b_{jk} + R_k(t)\right] M_j \Delta t_i \Delta E \varepsilon_{jk} = \left[b_{jk} + S_{0,k} + S_{m,k} \cos\omega(t_i - t_0)\right] M_j \Delta t_i \Delta E \varepsilon_{jk}$$

The b_{jk} are the background contributions, M_j is the mass of the *j-th* detector, Δt_i is the detector running time during the *i-th* time interval, ΔE is the chosen energy bin, ε_{jk} is the overall efficiency.

The usual procedure is to minimize the function $y_k = -2\ln(L_k) - const$ for each energy bin; the free parameters of the fit are the $(b_{jk} + S_{0,k})$ contributions and the $S_{m,k}$ parameter.

The $S_{m,k}$ is the modulation amplitude of the modulated part of the signal obtained by maximum likelihood method over the data considering $T = 2\pi/\omega = 1$ yr and $t_0 = 152.5$ day.

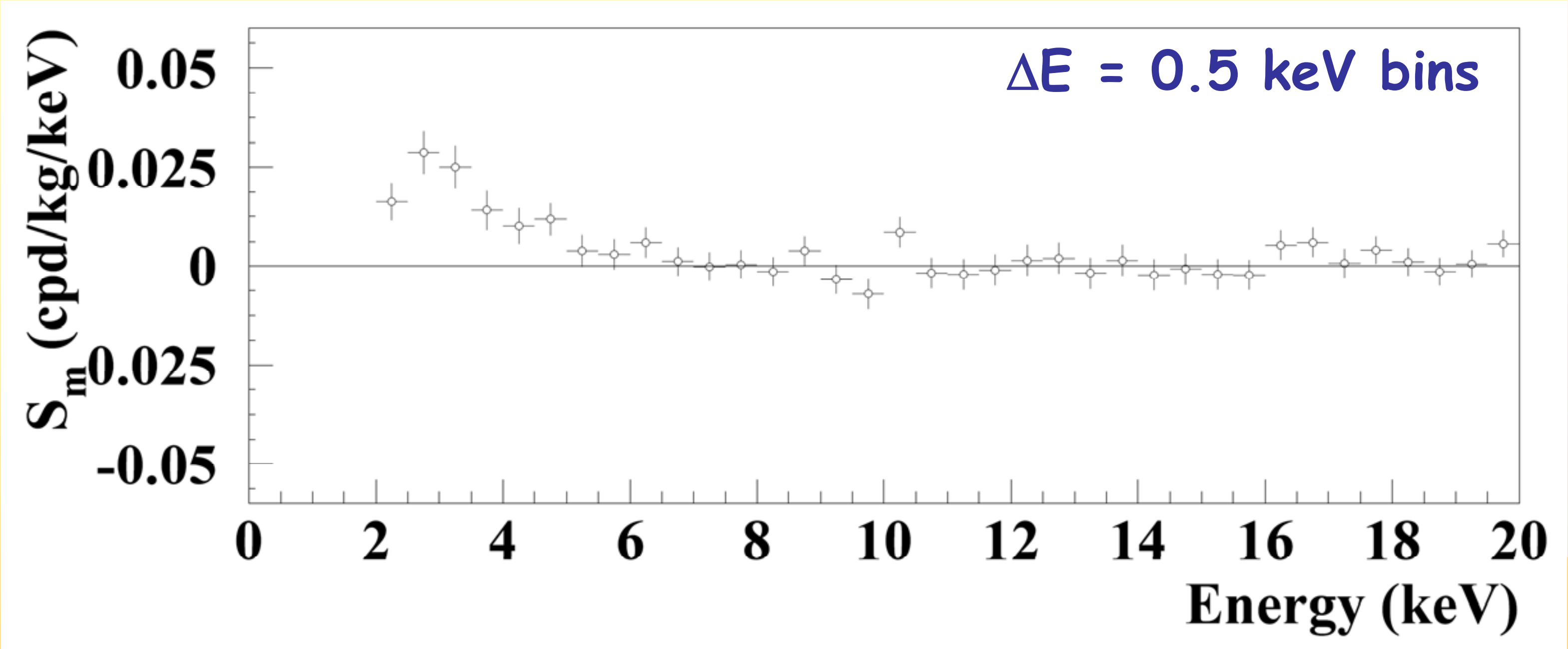
Energy distribution of the modulation amplitudes, S_m, for the total exposure

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

DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA (4 years)

total exposure: 300555 kg×day = 0.82 ton×yr

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



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

In fact, the S_m values in the (6–20) keV energy interval have random fluctuations around zero with χ^2 equal to 24.4 for 28 degrees of freedom

Statistical distributions of the modulation amplitudes (S_m)

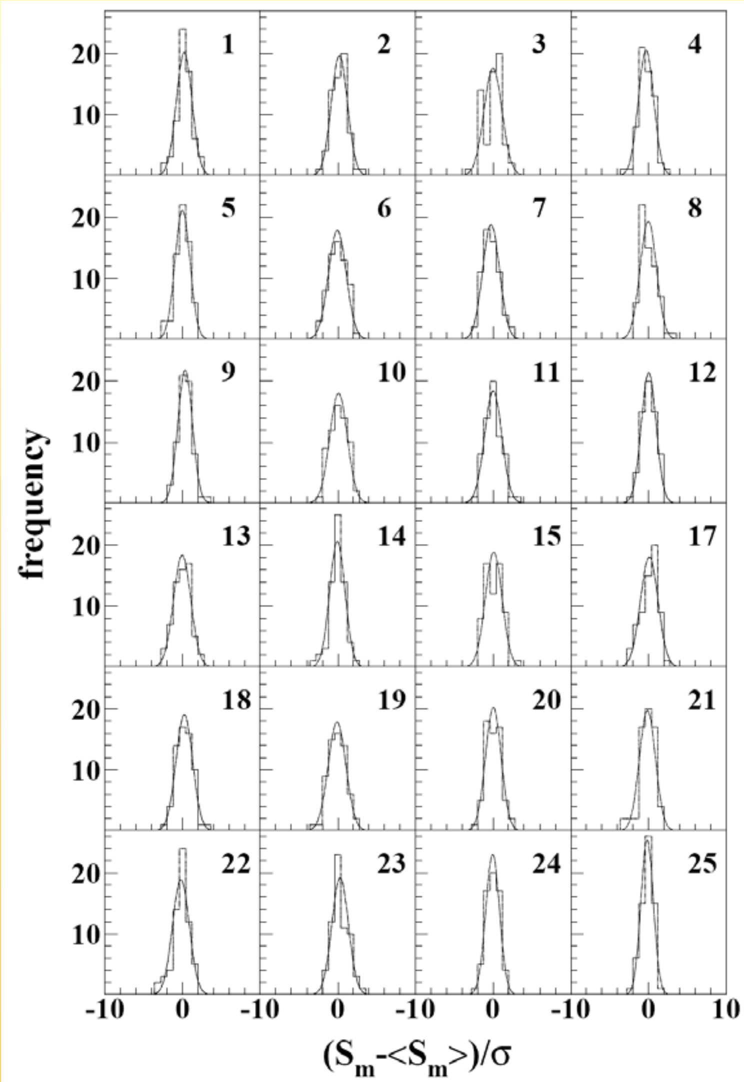
a) S_m values for each detector, each annual cycle and each considered energy bin (here 0.25 keV)

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

DAMA/LIBRA (4 years)

total exposure: 0.53 ton×yr

Each panel refers to each detector separately; 64 entries = 16 energy bins in 2-6 keV energy interval × 4 DAMA/LIBRA annual cycles

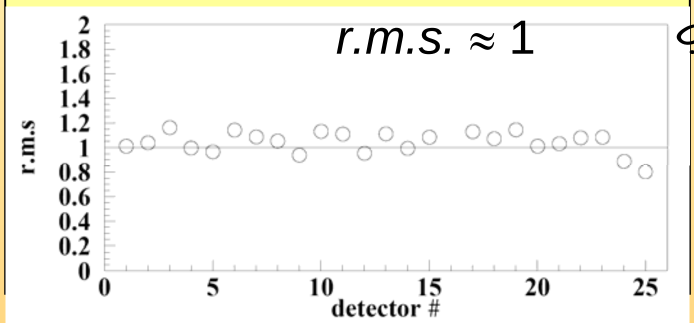


2-6 keV

Standard deviations of the variable

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

for the DAMA/LIBRA detectors



0.80 < r.m.s. < 1.16

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)

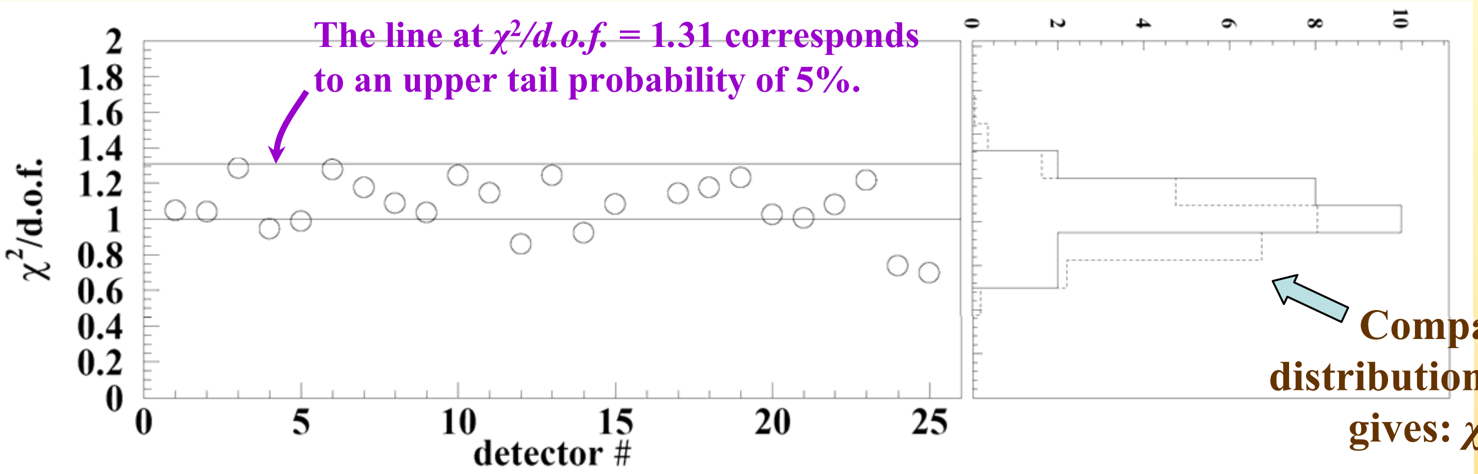
$x=(S_m-\langle S_m\rangle)/\sigma$,

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

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

DAMA/LIBRA (4 years)

total exposure: 0.53 ton×yr



The $\chi^2/d.o.f.$ values range from 0.7 to 1.28 (64 *d.o.f.* = 16 energy bins × 4 annual cycles)

⇒ at 95% C.L. the observed annual modulation effect is well distributed in all the detectors.

- The mean value of the twenty-four points is 1.072, 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 $\leq 5 \times 10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV, if quadratically combined, or $\leq 7\times10^{-5}$ cpd/kg/keV, if linearly combined, to the modulation amplitude measured in the (2 – 6) keV energy interval.
- This possible additional error (**≤ 4.7%** or **≤ 0.7%**, respectively, of the DAMA/LIBRA modulation amplitude) can be considered as an upper limit of possible systematic effects

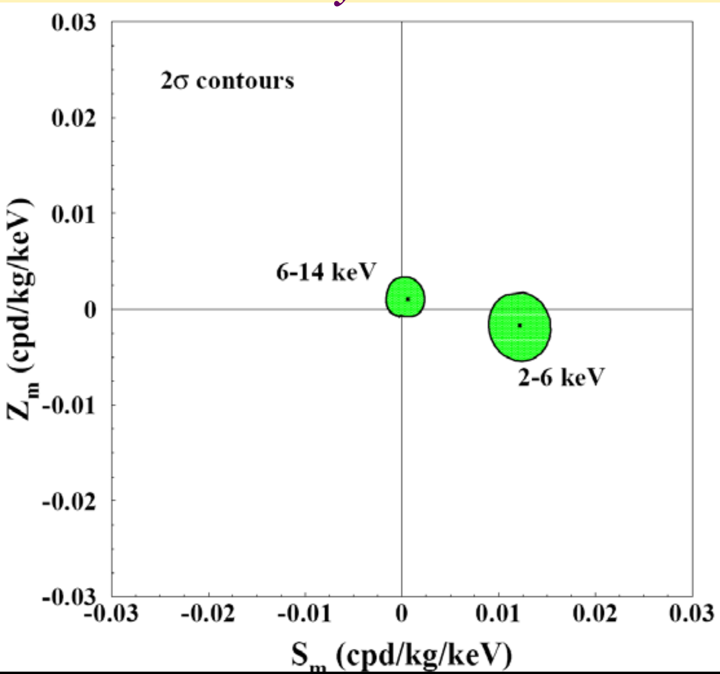
Is there a sinusoidal contribution in the signal? Phase ≠ 152.5 day?

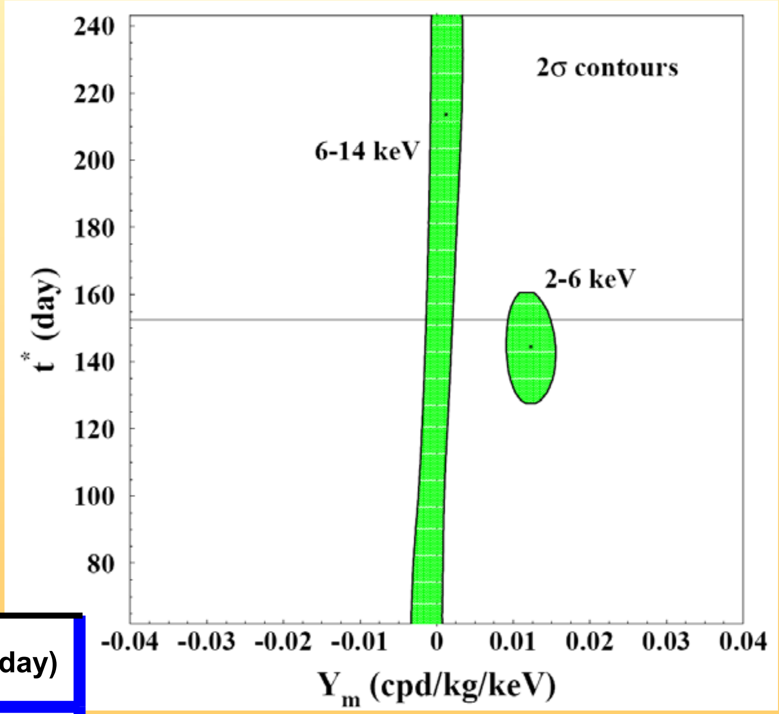
$$R(t) = S_0 + S_m \cos[\omega(t - t_0)] + Z_m \sin[\omega(t - t_0)] = S_0 + Y_m \cos[\omega(t - t^*)]$$

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	0.0122 ± 0.0016	-0.0019 ± 0.0017	0.0123 ± 0.0016	144.0 ± 7.5
6-14	0.0005 ± 0.0010	0.0011 ± 0.0012	0.0012 ± 0.0011	--

The analysis at energies above 6 keV, the analysis of the multiple-hits events and the statistical considerations about S_m already exclude any sizeable 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%

	DAMA/LIBRA-1	DAMA/LIBRA-2	DAMA/LIBRA-3	DAMA/LIBRA-4
Temperature	-(0.0001 ± 0.0061) °C	(0.0026 ± 0.0086) °C	(0.001 ± 0.015) °C	(0.0004 ± 0.0047) °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
Pressure	(0.015 ± 0.030) mbar	-(0.013 ± 0.025) mbar	(0.022 ± 0.027) mbar	(0.0018 ± 0.0074) 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
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

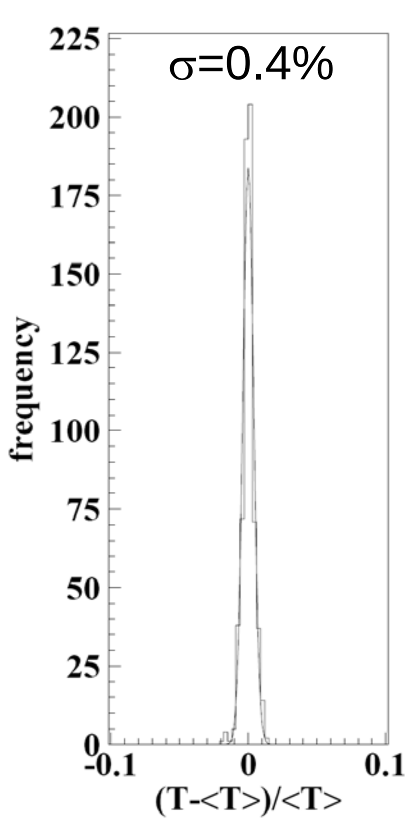
All the measured amplitudes well compatible with zero

+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)

Temperature

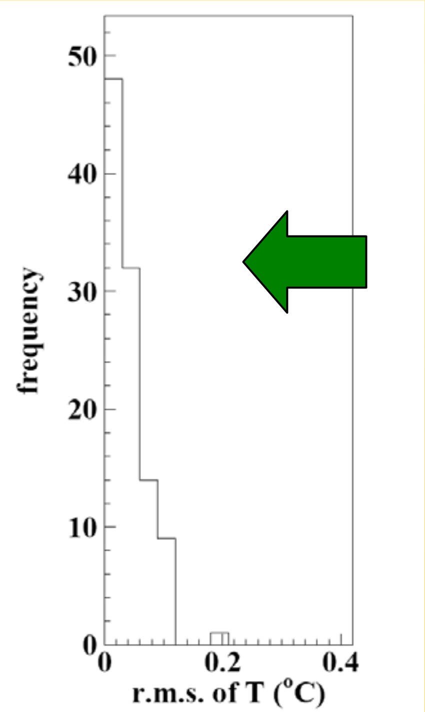
- **Detectors in Cu housings directly in contact with multi-ton shield →huge heat capacity (≈10^6 cal/^{0}C)**
- **Experimental installation continuosly air conditioned (2 independent systems for redundancy)**
- **Operating T of the detectors continuously controlled**



Distribution of the relative variations of the operating T of the detectors

Amplitudes for annual modulation in the operating T of the detectors **well compatible with zero**

	DAMA/LIBRA-1	DAMA/LIBRA-2	DAMA/LIBRA-3	DAMA/LIBRA-4
T (°C)	-(0.0001 ± 0.0061)	(0.0026 ± 0.0086)	(0.001 ± 0.015)	(0.0004 ± 0.0047)



Distribution of the root mean square values of the operating T within periods with the same calibration factors (typically ≈7days):

mean value ≈ 0.04°C

Considering the slope of the light output ≈ -0.2%/ °C: relative light output variation < 10^{-4} :

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

An effect from temperature can be excluded

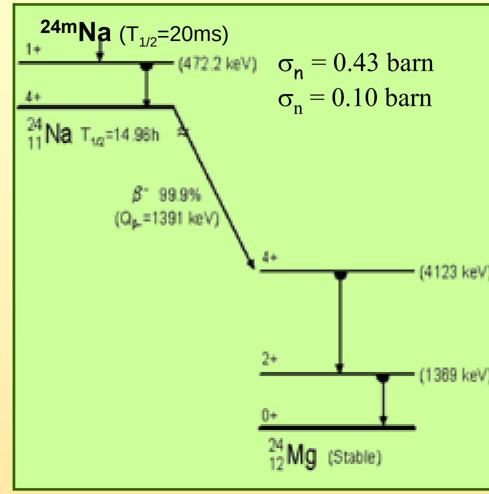
+ Any possible modulation due to temperature would always fail some of the peculiarities of the signature

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)



- 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:

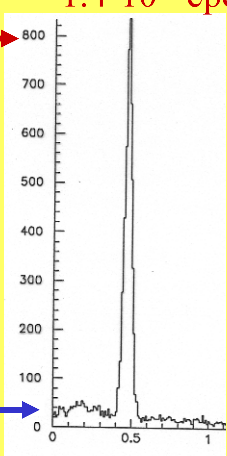
⇒ $S_m^{(thermal\ n)} < 0.8 \times 10^{-6}$ cpd/kg/keV (< 0.01% $S_m^{observed}$)

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:
Φ_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

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

(DAMA/LIBRA – NIMA592(2008)297, EPJC56(2008)333)

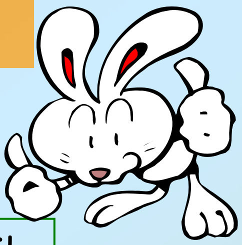
Source	*Main comment*	*Cautious upper limit (90%C.L.)*
RADON	Sealed Cu box in HP Nitrogen atmosphere, 3-level of sealing, etc.	**<2.5×10^{-6} cpd/kg/keV**
TEMPERATURE	Installation is air conditioned+ detectors in Cu housings directly in contact with multi-ton shield→ huge heat capacity + T continuously recorded	**<10^{-4} cpd/kg/keV**
NOISE	Effective full noise rejection near threshold	**<10^{-4} cpd/kg/keV**
ENERGY SCALE	Routine + instrinsic calibrations	**<1-2 ×10^{-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 by MACRO	**<3×10^{-5} cpd/kg/keV**

+ even if larger they cannot satisfy all the requirements of annual modulation signature

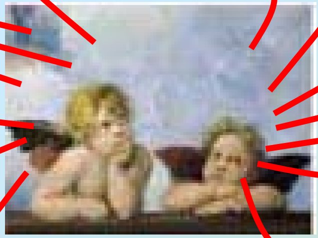
Thus, they can not mimic the observed annual modulation effect

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

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



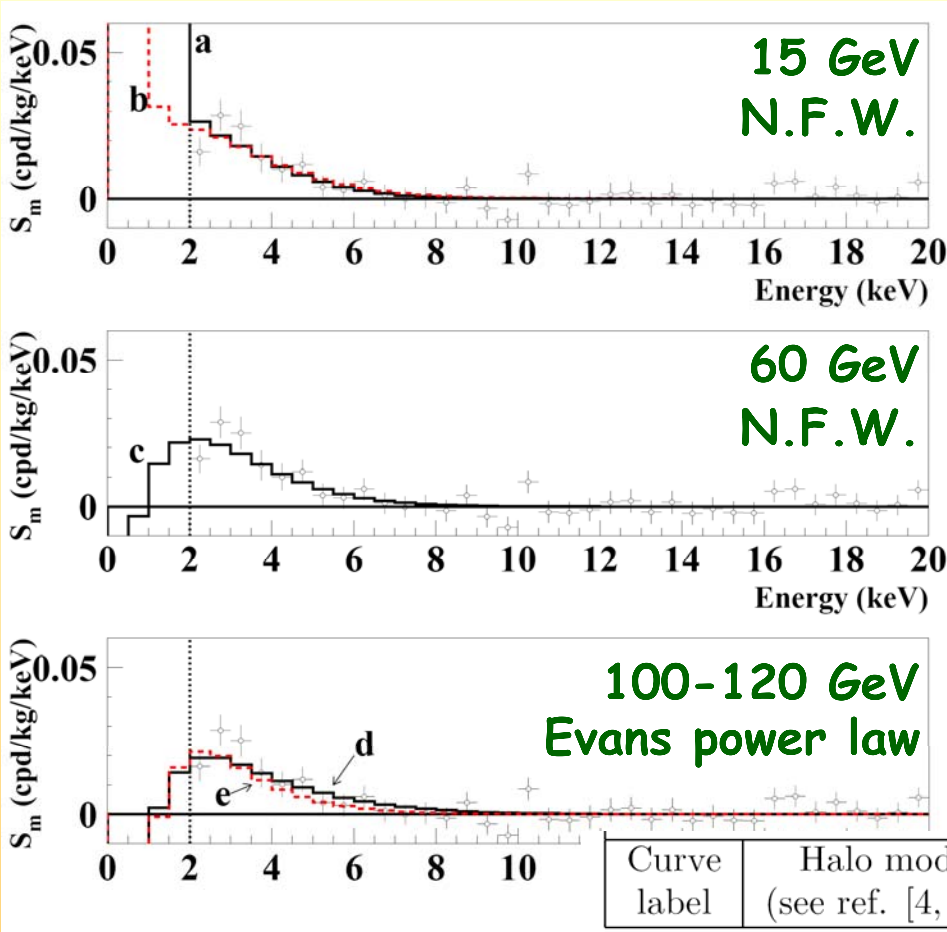
- Neutralino as LSP in SUSY theories
- Various kinds of WIMP candidates with several different kind of interactions Pure SI, pure SD, mixed + Migdal effect +channeling,… (from low to high mass)
- a heavy ν of the 4-th family
- Pseudoscalar, scalar or mixed light bosons with axion-like interactions
- 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



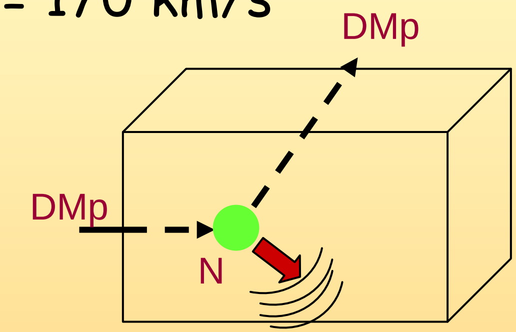
Possible model dependent positive hints from indirect searches not in conflict with DAMA results
(but interpretation, evidence itself, derived mass and cross sections depend e.g. on bckg modeling, on DM spatial velocity distribution in the galactic halo, etc.)

Available results from direct searches using different target materials and approaches do not give any robust conflict

Examples for few of the many possible scenarios superimposed to the measured modulation amplitues $S_{m,k}$



WIMP DM candidate (as in [4])
considering elastic scattering on nuclei
SI dominant coupling
v_0 = 170 km/s



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

...scaling from NaI

channeling contribution as in EPJC53(2008)205 considered for curve *b*

Curve label	Halo model (see ref. [4, 34])	Local density (GeV/cm^3)	Set as in [4]	DM particle mass	$\xi\sigma_{SI}$ (pb)
a	A5 (NFW)	0.2	A	15 GeV	3.1×10^{-4}
b	A5 (NFW)	0.2	A	15 GeV	1.3×10^{-5}
c	A5 (NFW)	0.2	B	60 GeV	5.5×10^{-6}
d	B3 (Evans power law)	0.17	B	100 GeV	6.5×10^{-6}
e	B3 (Evans power law)	0.17	A	120 GeV	1.3×10^{-5}

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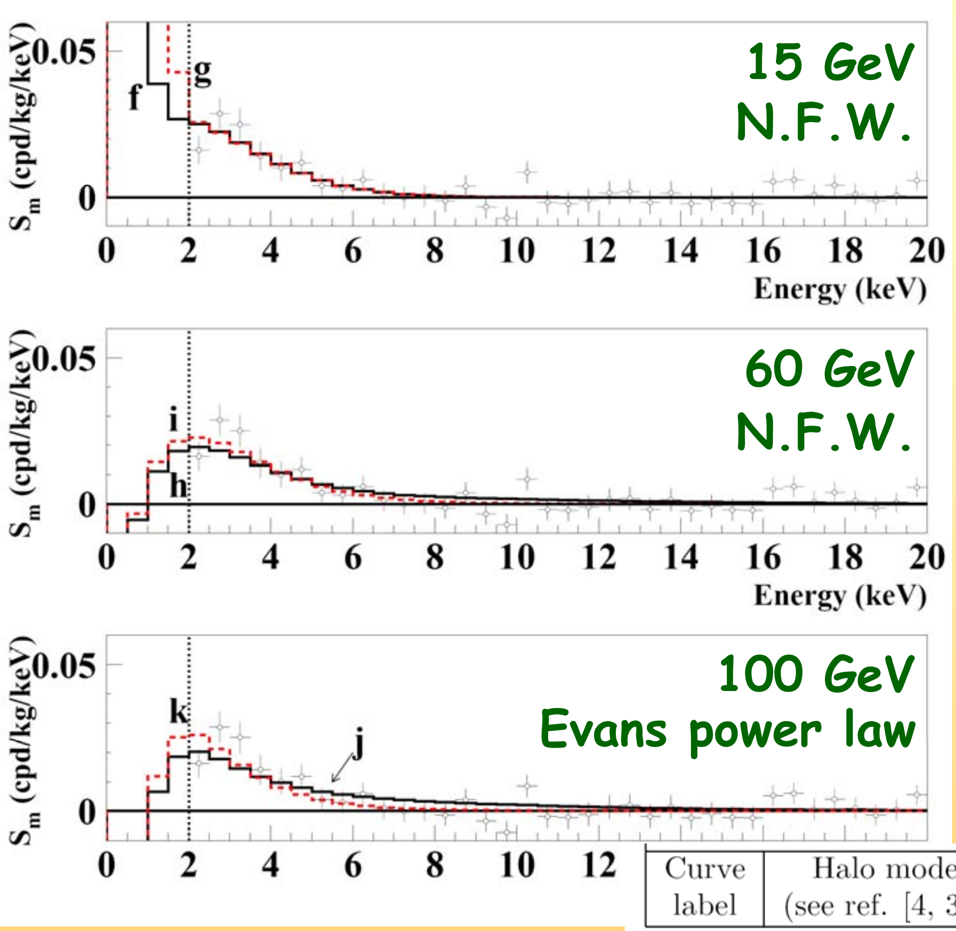
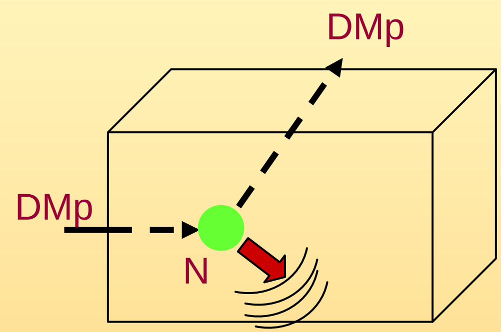


WIMP DM candidate (as in [4])
Elastic scattering on nuclei
SI & SD mixed coupling
v_0 = 170 km/s



- Not best fit
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...scaling from NaI

$\theta = 2.435$

Curve label	Halo model (see ref. [4, 34])	Local density (GeV/cm^3)	Set as in [4]	DM particle mass	$\xi\sigma_{SI}$ (pb)	$\xi\sigma_{SD}$ (pb)
f	A5 (NFW)	0.2	A	15 GeV	10^{-7}	2.6
g	A5 (NFW)	0.2	A	15 GeV	1.4×10^{-4}	1.4
h	A5 (NFW)	0.2	B	60 GeV	10^{-7}	1.4
i	A5 (NFW)	0.2	B	60 GeV	8.7×10^{-6}	8.7×10^{-2}
j	B3 (Evans power law)	0.17	A	100 GeV	10^{-7}	1.7
k	B3 (Evans power law)	0.17	A	100 GeV	1.1×10^{-5}	0.11

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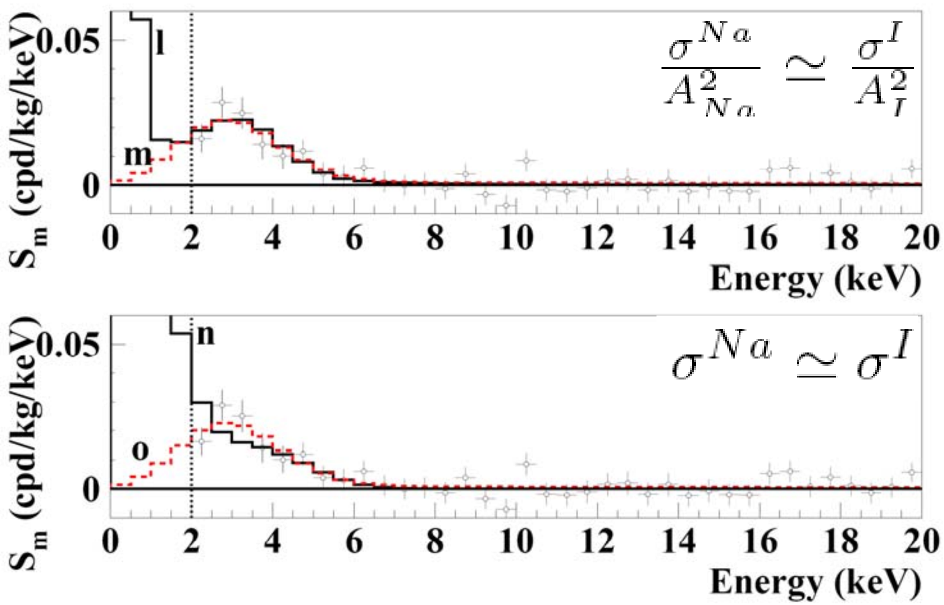
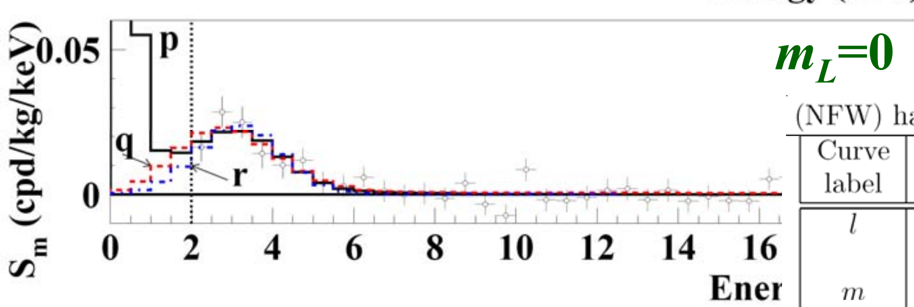
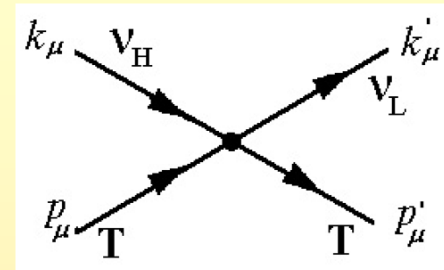
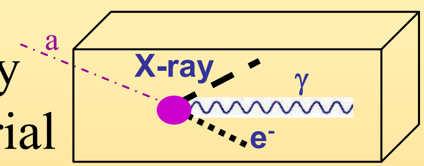




LDM candidate
(as in MPLA23(2008)2125):
inelastic interaction with electron or nucleus targets



Light bosonic candidate
(as in IJMPA21(2006)1445):
axion-like particles totally absorbed by target material



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

(NFW) halo model as in [4, 34], local density = 0.17 GeV/cm^3, local velocity = 170 km/s

Curve label	DM particle	Interaction	Set as in [4]	m_H	Δ	Cross section (pb)
l	LDM	coherent on nuclei	A	30 MeV	18 MeV	$\xi\sigma_m^{coh} = 1.8 \times 10^{-6}$
m	LDM	coherent on nuclei	A	100 MeV	55 MeV	$\xi\sigma_m^{coh} = 2.8 \times 10^{-6}$
n	LDM	incoherent on nuclei	A	30 MeV	3 MeV	$\xi\sigma_m^{inc} = 2.2 \times 10^{-2}$
o	LDM	incoherent on nuclei	A	100 MeV	55 MeV	$\xi\sigma_m^{inc} = 4.6 \times 10^{-2}$
p	LDM	coherent on nuclei	A	28 MeV	28 MeV	$\xi\sigma_m^{coh} = 1.6 \times 10^{-6}$
q	LDM	incoherent on nuclei	A	88 MeV	88 MeV	$\xi\sigma_m^{inc} = 4.1 \times 10^{-2}$
r	LDM	on electrons	–	60 keV	60 keV	$\xi\sigma_m^{e} = 0.3 \times 10^{-6}$

curve *r*: also pseudoscalar axion-like candidates (e.g. majoron) m_a=3.2 keV g_{aee}= 3.9 10^{-11}

[4] RNC 26 (2003) 1; [34] PRD66 (2002) 043503

where DAMA is and is going to

• DAMA/LIBRA over 4 annual cycles (0.53 ton×yr) confirms the results of DAMA/NaI (0.29 ton×yr)

• The cumulative confidence level for the model independent evidence for presence of DM particle in the galactic halo is 8.2 σ (total exposure 0.82 ton × yr)

• *First **upgrading** of the experimental set-up in Sept. 2008* →

- Mounting of the "clean room" in order to operate in HP N_2 atmosphere
- Opening of the shield of DAMA/LIBRA set-up in HP N_2 atmosphere
- Replacement of some PMTs in HP N_2 atmosphere
- Dismounting of the Tektronix TDs (Digitizers + Crates)
- Mounting of the new Acqiris TD (Digitizers + Crate) and of the new DAQ system with optical read-out

• *Since Oct. 2008 again in data taking*

• Continuing the data taking

• Update corollary analyses in some possible scenarios for DM candidates, interactions, halo models, nuclear/atomic properties, etc..

• ***Next upgrading***: replacement of all the PMTs with higher Q.E. ones.

• Production of new high Q.E. PMTs in progress

• Goal: lowering the energy thresholds of the detectors

• Analyses/data taking to investigate also other rare processes in progress/foreseen

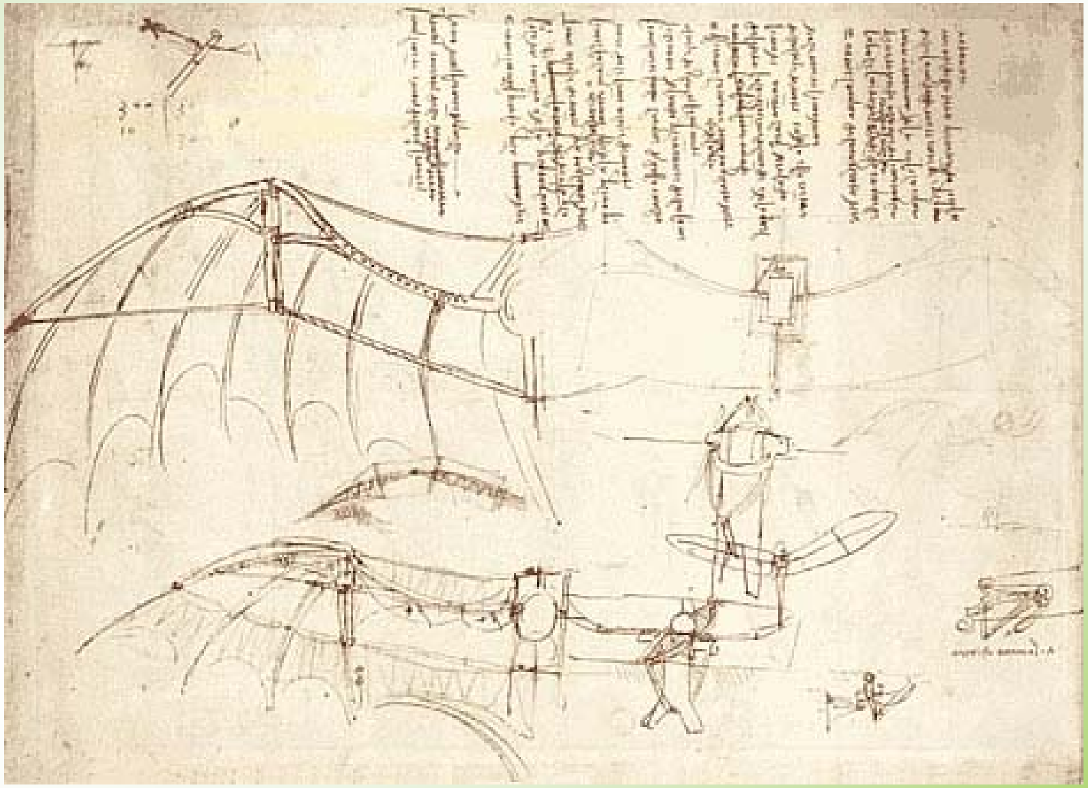
• Long term data taking to improve the investigation, to disentangle at least some of the many possibilities, to investigate other features of DM particle component(s) and second order effects, etc..

A possible highly radiopure NaI(Tl) multi-purpose set-up DAMA/1 ton (proposed by DAMA in 1996) at R&D phase

→ to deep investigate Dark Matter phenomenology at galactic scale

Conclusions

- Different techniques can give complementary results
- Further efforts to demonstrate the solidity of some techniques are desirable
- The model independent signature is the definite strategy to investigate the Dark Matter particles
- Solid experimental results obtained by considering different detectors, target materials, techniques, etc., can – at least at some extent – constrain the dark matter particle nature and disentangle among the different astrophysical scenarios, nuclear and particle physics models



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