New results from DAMA/LIBRA: final model independent results of DAMA/LIBRA-phase1

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

DAMA: an observatory for rare processes @LNGS

DAMA/CRYS

DAMA/R&D

DAMA/LXe

DAMA/Ge

DAMA/NaI

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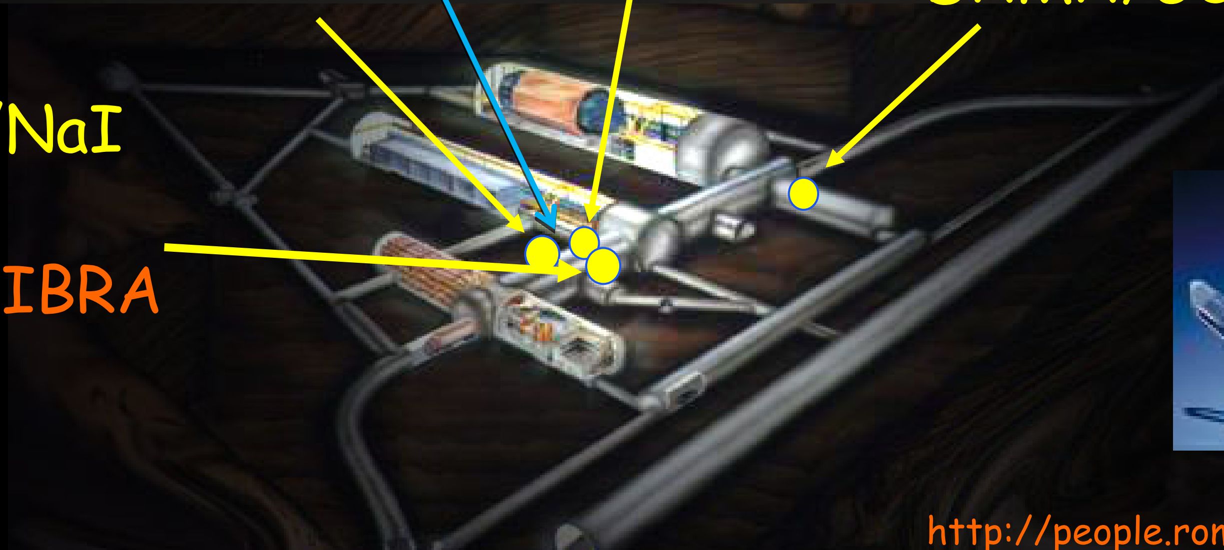
DAMA/LIBRA



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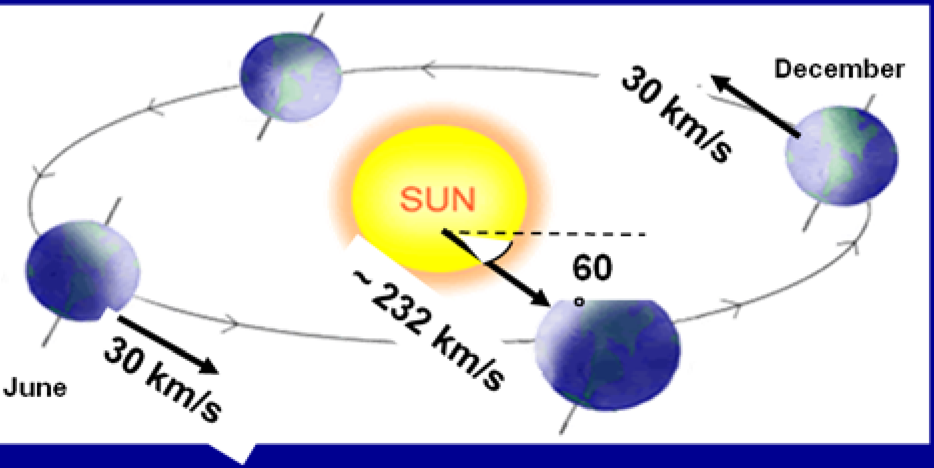
The annual modulation: a model independent signature for the investigation of Dark Matter particles component in the galactic halo

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 can 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 revolution motion of the Earth around the Sun, which is moving in the Galaxy

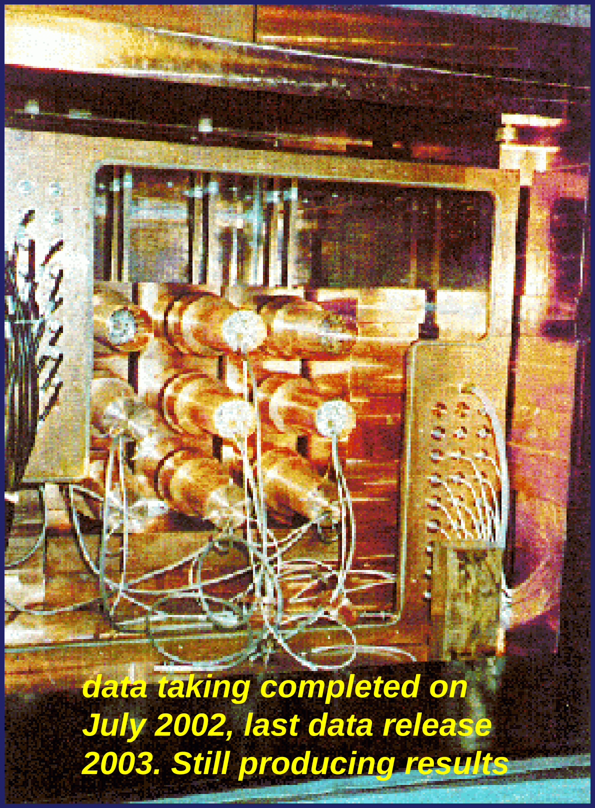
Requirements of the annual modulation

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

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

The DM annual modulation signature has a different origin and peculiarities (e.g. the phase) than those effects correlated with seasons

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

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 6.3 σ C.L.

total exposure (7 annual cycles) 0.29 ton × yr

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

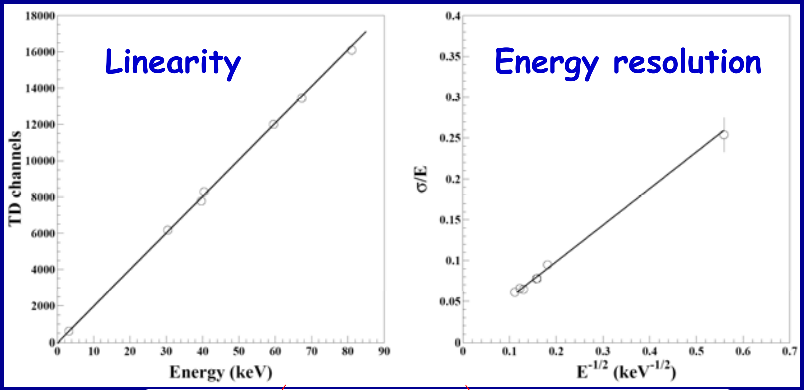
As a result of a second generation R&D for more radiopure NaI(Tl)
by exploiting new chemical/physical radiopurification techniques
(all operations involving crystals and PMTs - including photos - in HP Nitrogen atmosphere)

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

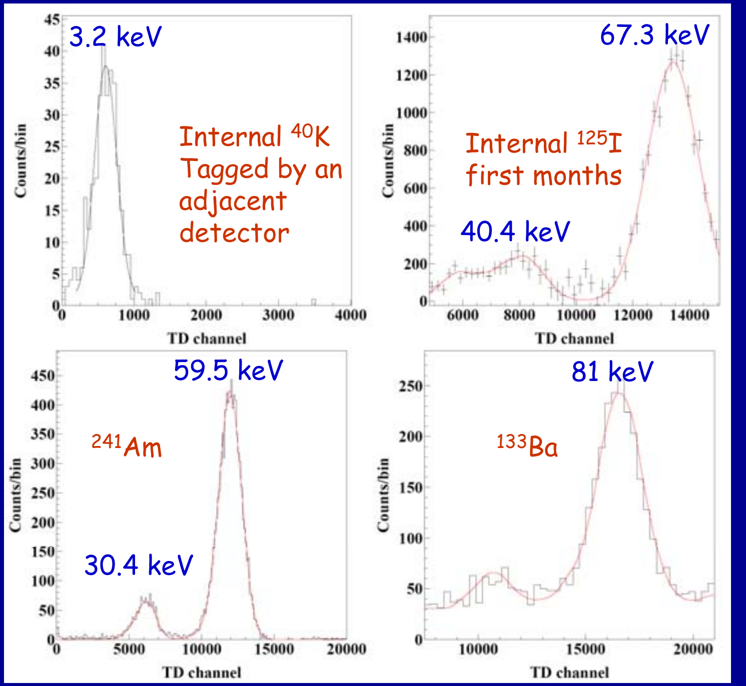
- *Radiopurity,performances, procedures, etc.:* NIMA592(2008)297, JINST 7 (2012) 03009
- *Results on DM particles: Annual Modulation Signature:* EPJC56(2008)333, EPJC67(2010)39
  related results: PRD84(2011)055014, EPJC72(2012)2064, IJMPA28(2013)1330022
- *Results on rare processes: PEP violation in Na, I:* EPJC62(2009)327, *CNC in I:* EPJC72(2012)1920
  IPP in ^{241}Am: EPJA49(2013)64

DAMA/LIBRA calibrations

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

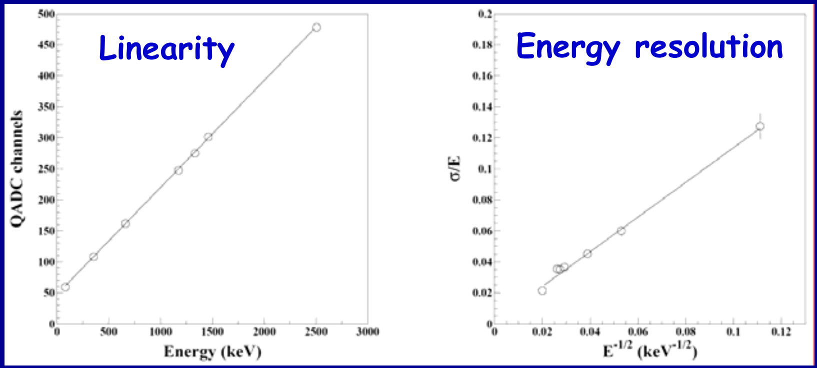


$$\frac{\sigma_{LE}}{E} = \frac{(0.448 \pm 0.035)}{\sqrt{E(keV)}} + (9.1 \pm 5.1) \cdot 10^{-3}$$



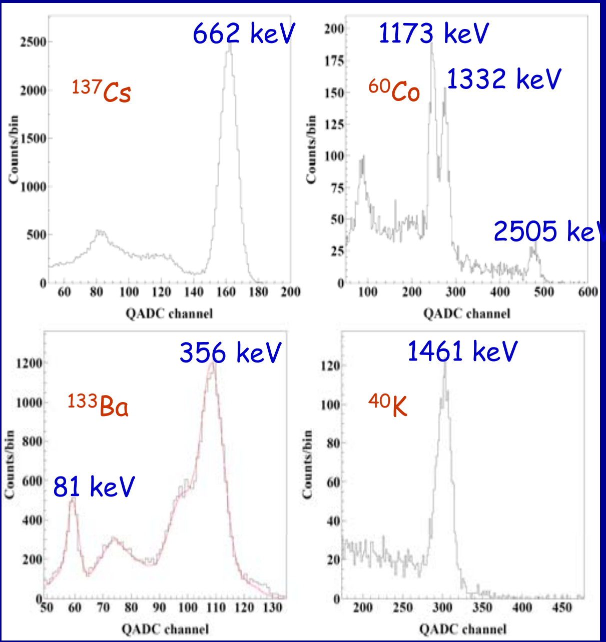
The curves superimposed to the experimental data have been obtained by simulations

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



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

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



Thus, here and hereafter keV means keV electron equivalent

Complete DAMA/LIBRA-phase1: a ton x yr experiment? done

EPJC56(2008)333, EPJC67(2010)39, ROM2F/2013/13

	Period	Mass (kg)	Exposure (kg×day)	$(\alpha - \beta^2)$
DAMA/LIBRA-1	Sept. 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 - Sept. 1, 2009	242.5	58768	0.519

- **calibrations: ≈ 9.6 x 10^7 events from sources**
- **acceptance window eff**:

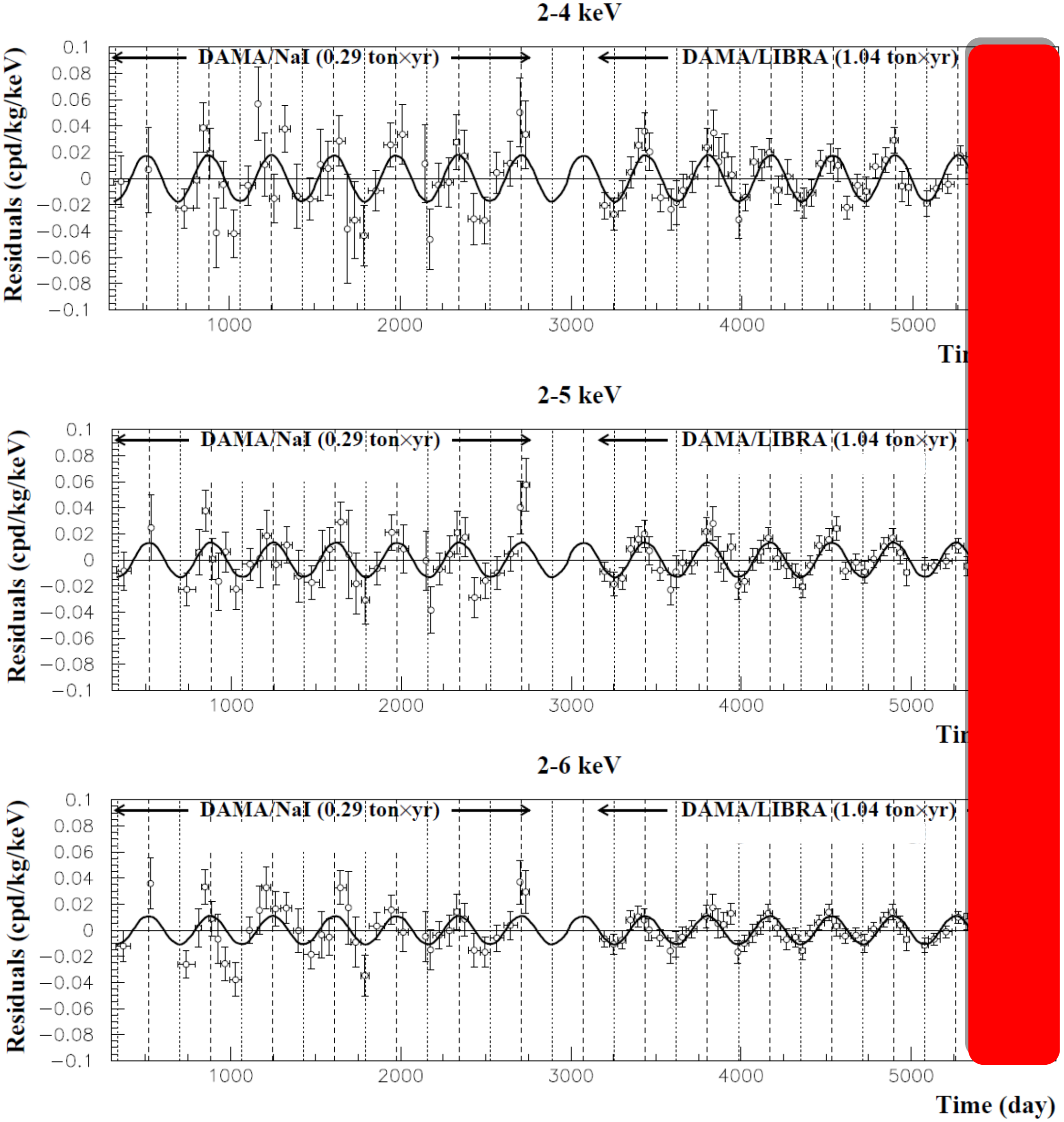
95 M events (≈3.5M events/keV)

Model Independent DM Annual Modulation Result

DAMA/NaI + DAMA/LIBRA-phase1

Total exposure: 487526 kg×day = 1.33 ton×yr

experimental residuals of the single-hit scintillation events rate vs time and energy



Acos[ω(t-t_0)] ;

continuous lines: t_0 = 152.5 d, T = 1.00 y

2-4 keV

A=(0.0179±0.0020) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 87.1/86 **9.0 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=169/87 ⇒ P(A=0) = 3.7×10^{-7}

2-5 keV

A=(0.0135±0.0015) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 68.2/86 **9.0 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=152/87 ⇒ P(A=0) = 2.2×10^{-5}

2-6 keV

A=(0.0110±0.0012) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 70.4/86 **9.2 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

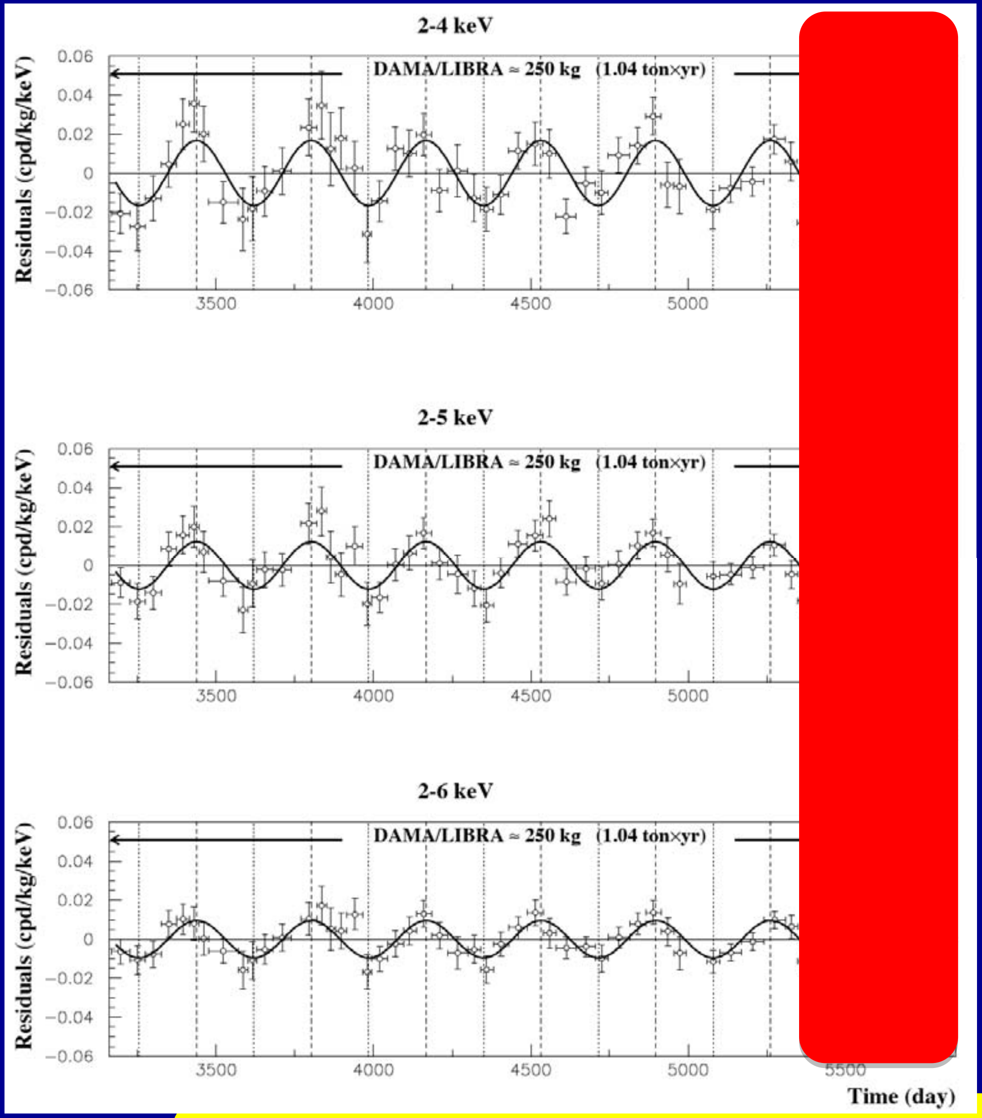
χ^2/dof=154/87 ⇒ P(A=0) = 1.3×10^{-5}

The data favor the presence of a modulated behavior with proper features at 9.2σ C.L.

Model Independent DM Annual Modulation Result

experimental residuals of the single-hit scintillation events rate vs time and energy

DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 (1.04 ton × yr)



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

2-4 keV

A=(0.0167±0.0022) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 52.3/49 **7.6 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=111.2/50 ⇒ P(A=0) = 1.5×10^{-6}

2-5 keV

A=(0.0122±0.0016) cpd/kg/keV

χ^2/dof = 41.4/49 **7.6 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=98.5/49 ⇒ P(A=0) = 5.2×10^{-5}

2-6 keV

A=(0.0096±0.0013) cpd/kg/keV

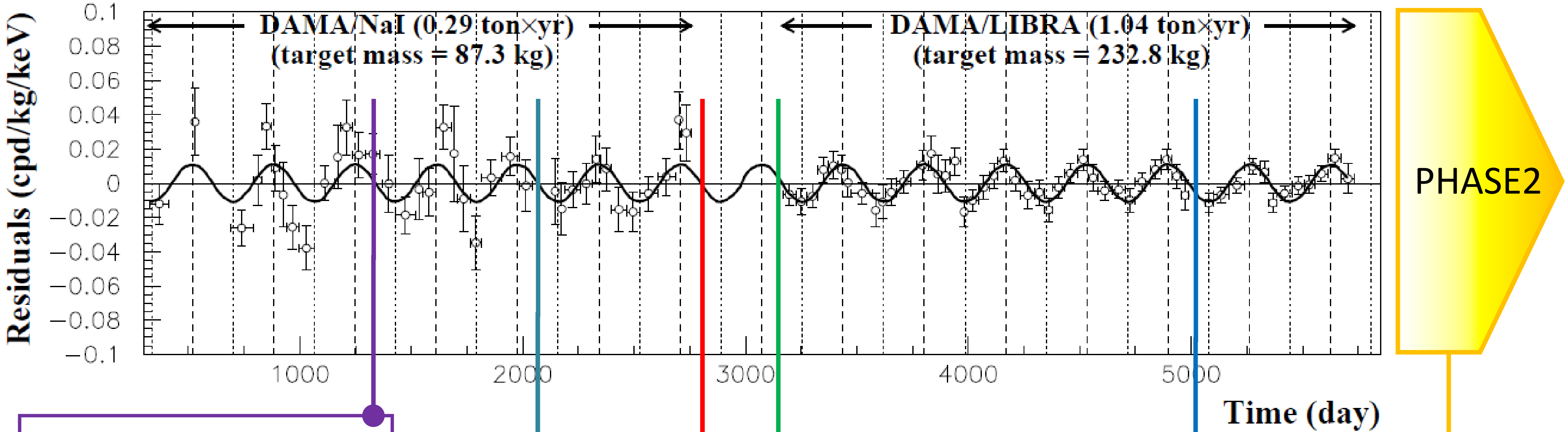
χ^2/dof = 29.3/49 **7.4 σ C.L.**

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=83.1/50 ⇒ P(A=0) = 2.2×10^{-3}

The data of DAMA/NaI + DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 favor the presence of a modulated behavior with proper features at 9.2σ C.L.

DAMA/NaI & DAMA/LIBRA experiments main upgrades and improvements



Minimal upgrade in Fall

July 2000 new DAQ and new electronic chain installed (MULTIPLEXER removed, now one TD channel for each detector): (i) TD VXI Tektronix; (ii) Digital Unix DAQ system; (iii) GPIB-CAMAC.

July 2002 DAMA/NaI data taking completed

March 2003 DAMA/LIBRA has begun first operations

Sept.-Oct. 2008 – DAMA/LIBRA upgrade:
(i) one detector has been recovered by replacing a broken PMT
(ii) a new optimization of some PMTs and HVs has been performed
(iii) all the TD have been replaced with new ones
(iv) a new DAQ with optical read-out has been installed.

The second DAMA/LIBRA upgrade in Fall 2010: replacement of all the PMTs with higher Q.E. ones
(+ new preamplifiers in fall 2012 & other developments in progress)

DAMA/LIBRA-phase2 *in data taking*

Modulation amplitudes (A), period (T) and phase (t_0) measured in DAMA/NaI and DAMA/LIBRA-phase1

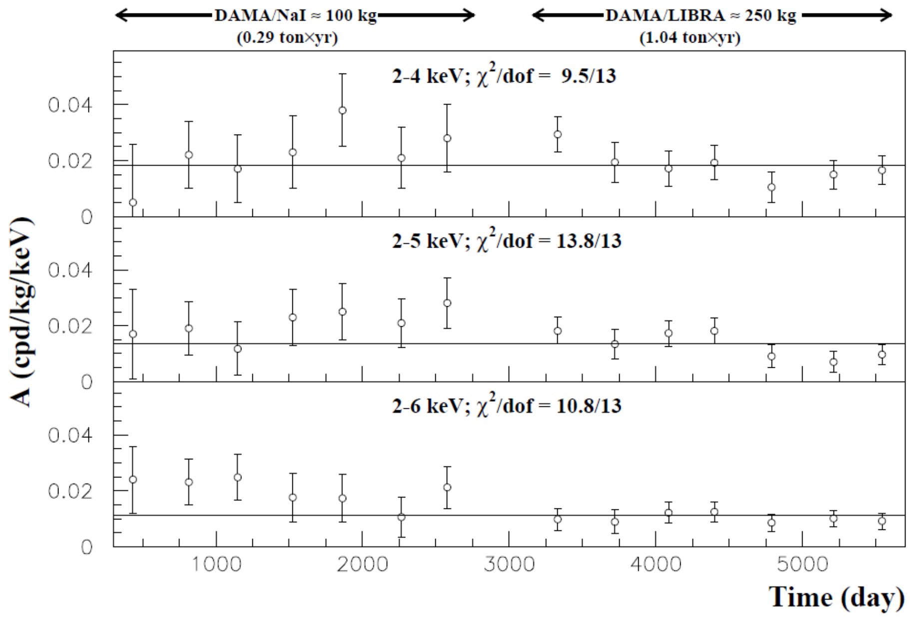
	A(cpd/kg/keV)	T=2π/ω (yr)	t_0 (day)	C.L.
DAMA/NaI				
(2-4) keV	0.0252 ±0.0050	1.01 ±0.02	125 ±30	5.0σ
(2-5) keV	0.0215 ±0.0039	1.01 ±0.02	140 ±30	5.5σ
(2-6) keV	0.0200 ±0.0032	1.00 ±0.01	140 ±22	6.3σ
DAMA/LIBRA-phase1				
(2-4) keV	0.0178 ±0.0022	0.996 ±0.02	134 ± 7	8.1σ
(2-5) keV	0.0127 ±0.0016	0.996 ±0.02	137 ± 8	7.9σ
(2-6) keV	0.0097 ±0.0013	0.998 ±0.02	144 ± 8	7.5σ
DAMA/NaI+DAMA/LIBRA-phase1				
(2-4) keV	0.0190 ±0.0020	0.996 ±0.0002	134 ± 6	9.5σ
(2-5) keV	0.0140 ±0.0015	0.996 ±0.0002	140 ± 6	9.3σ
(2-6) keV	0.0112 ±0.0012	0.998 ±0.0002	144 ± 7	9.3σ

$\cos[\omega(t-t_0)]$

DAMA/NaI (0.29 ton x yr) + DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 (1.04 ton x yr)

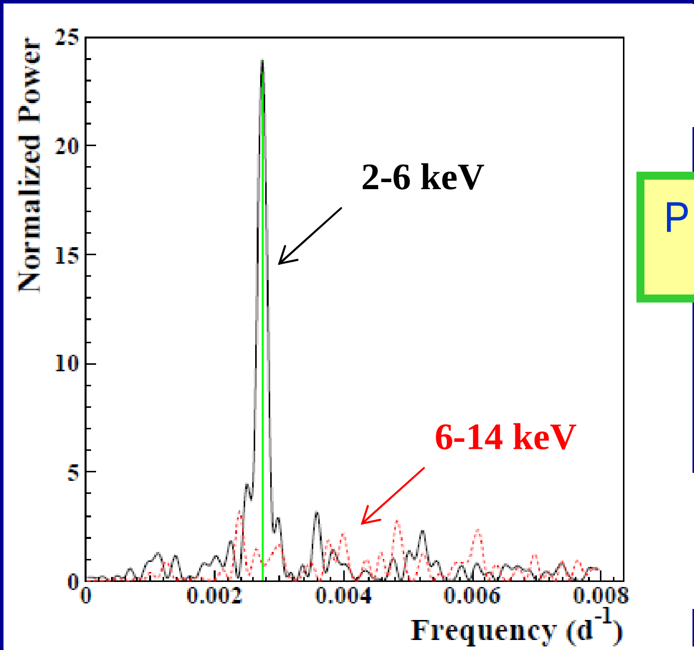
total exposure:
487526 kg×day = 1.33 ton×yr

χ^2 test (χ^2 = 9.5, 13.8 and 10.8 over 13 *d.o.f.* for the three energy intervals, respectively; upper tail probability 73%, 39%, 63%) and *run test* (lower tail probabilities of 41%, 29% and 23% 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



DAMA/NaI (7 years) + DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 (7 years)
total exposure: 1.33 ton×yr

Principal mode in the 2-6 keV region:
2.737×10^{-3} d^{-1} ≈ 1 yr^{-1}

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

The Lomb-Scargle periodogram, as reported in DAMA papers, always according to Ap.J. 263 (1982) 835, Ap.J. 338 (1989) 277; with the treatment of the experimental errors and of the time binning:

Given a set of data values r_i, $i = 1, \ldots N$ at respective observation times t_i, the Lomb-Scargle periodogram is:

$$P_N(\omega) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\left\{ \frac{\left[\sum_i (r_i - \bar{r})\cos\omega(t_i - \tau)\right]^2}{\sum_i \cos^2\omega(t_i - \tau)} + \frac{\left[\sum_i (r_i - \bar{r})\sin\omega(t_i - \tau)\right]^2}{\sum_i \sin^2\omega(t_i - \tau)} \right\}$$

where: $\bar{r} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_1^N r_i$ $\qquad \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N-1}\sum_1^N (r_i - \bar{r})^2$

and, for each angular frequency $\omega = 2\pi f > 0$ of interest, the time-offset τ is:

$$\tan(2\omega\tau) = \frac{\sum_i \sin(2\omega t_i)}{\sum_i \cos(2\omega t_i)}$$

In order to take into account the different time binning and the residuals' errors we have to rewrite the previous formulae replacing:

$$\sum_i \;\rightarrow\; \sum_i \frac{\frac{N}{\Delta r_i^2}}{\sum_j \frac{1}{\Delta r_j^2}} = \frac{N}{\sum_j \frac{1}{\Delta r_j^2}} \cdot \sum_i \frac{1}{\Delta r_i^2}$$

$$\sin\omega t_i \;\rightarrow\; \frac{1}{2\Delta t_i}\int_{t_i - \Delta t_i}^{t_i + \Delta t_i} \sin\omega t \, dt$$

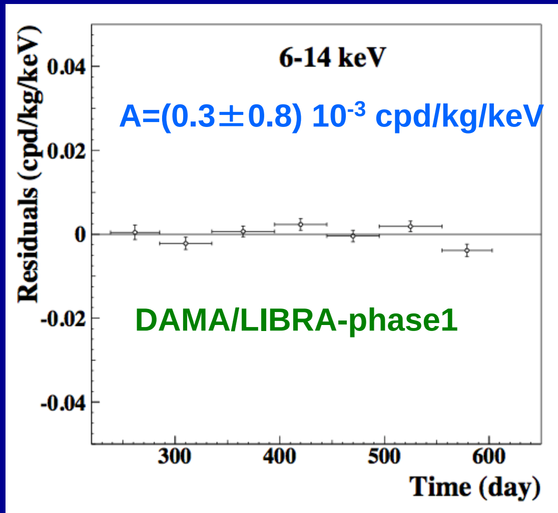
$$\cos\omega t_i \;\rightarrow\; \frac{1}{2\Delta t_i}\int_{t_i - \Delta t_i}^{t_i + \Delta t_i} \cos\omega t \, dt$$

The Nyquist frequency is ≈3 y^{-1} (≈0.008 d^{-1}); meaningless higher frequencies, washed off by the integration over the time binning.

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**

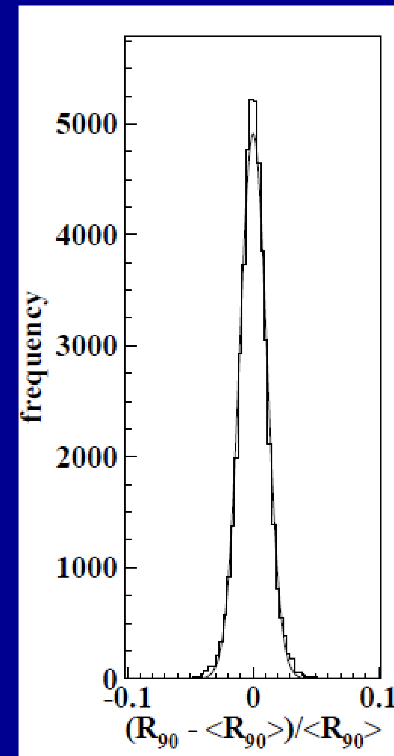


Mod. Ampl. (6-10 keV): cpd/kg/keV

(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

DAMA/LIBRA-phase1



- **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

σ ≈ 1%, fully accounted by statistical considerations

+ 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 the studies on the various components

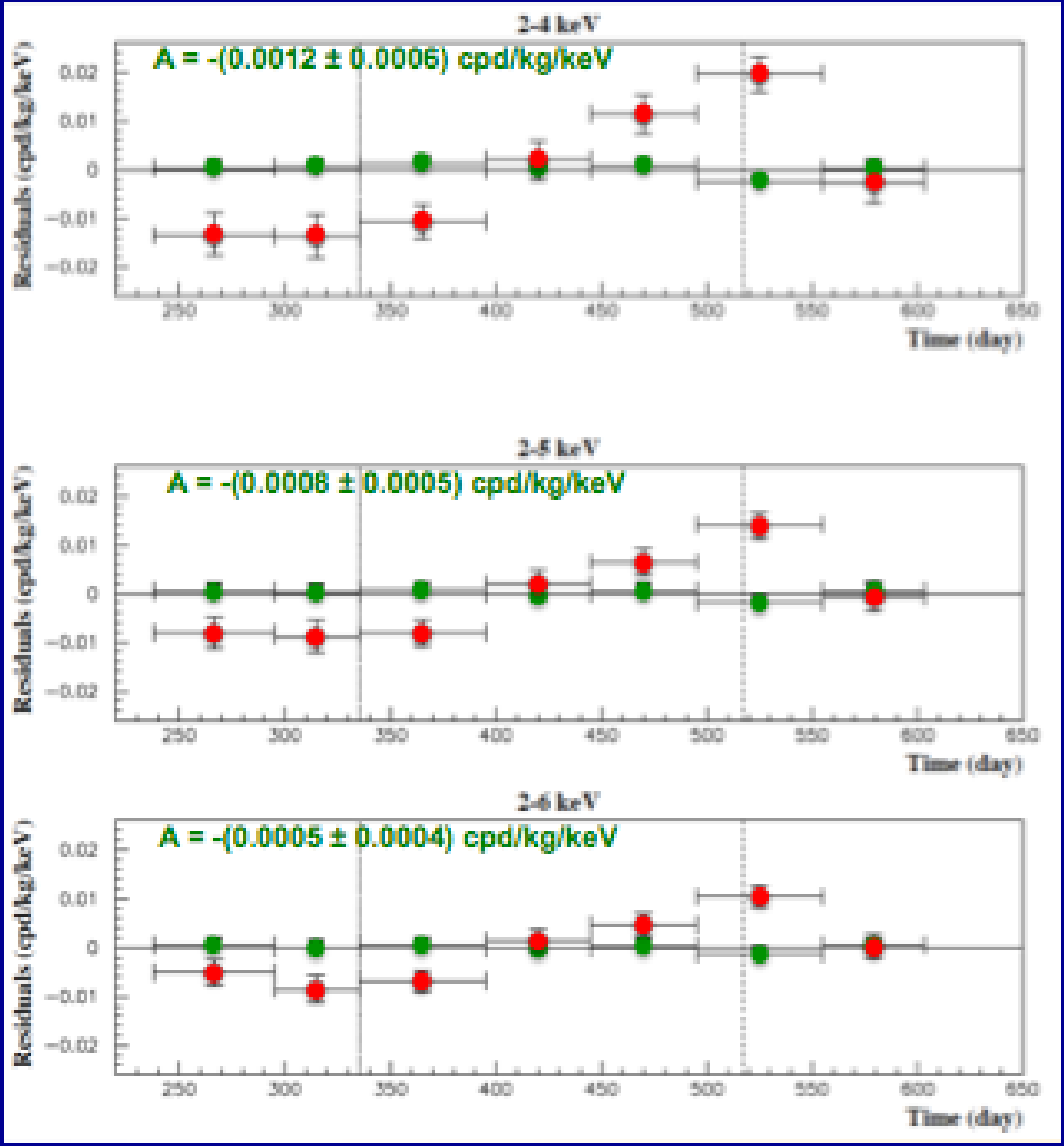
Multiple-hits events in the region of the signal

DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 (7 annual cycles)

- Each detector has its own TDs read-out → pulse profiles of *multiple-hits* events (multiplicity > 1) acquired (exposure: 1.04 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

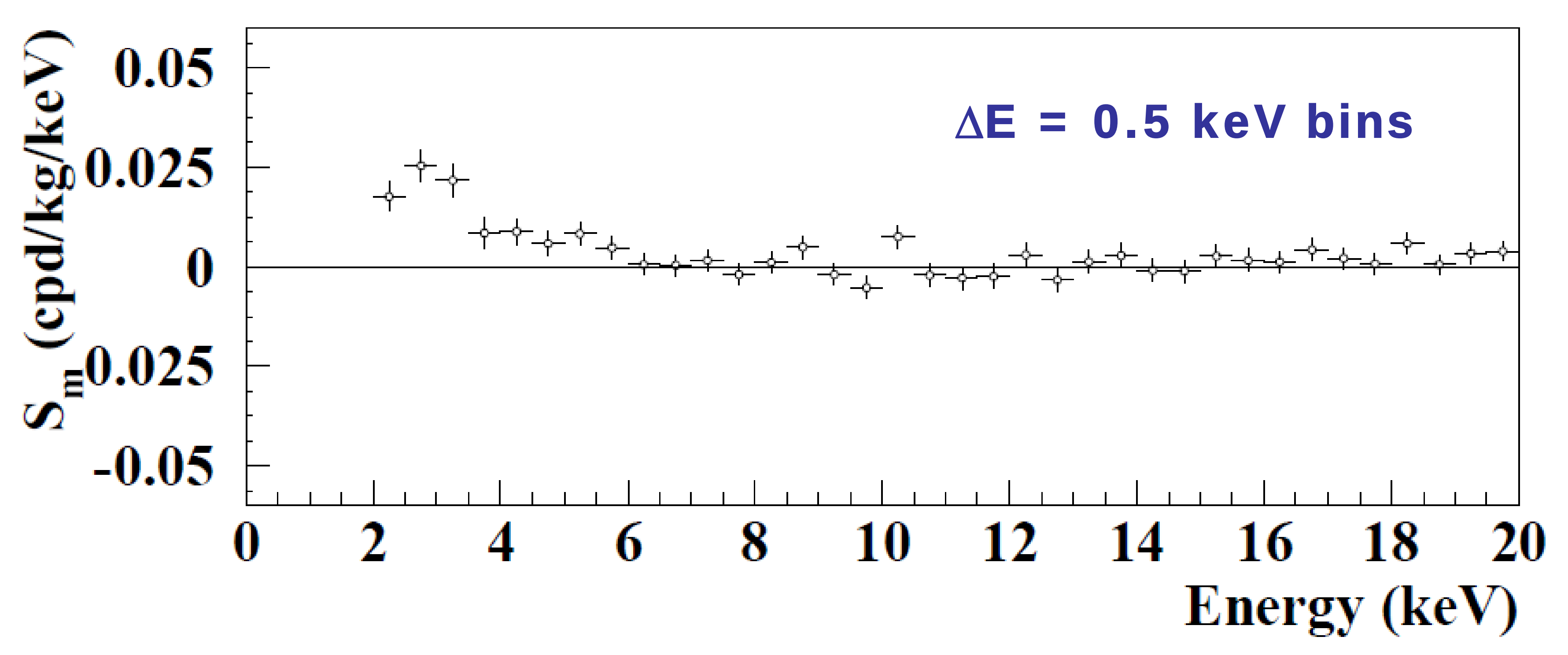
Energy distribution of the modulation amplitudes

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

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

DAMA/NaI **+ DAMA/LIBRA-phase1**

total exposure: 487526 kg×day ≈**1.33 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 35.8 for 28 degrees of freedom (upper tail probability 15%)

Statistical distributions of the modulation amplitudes (S_m)

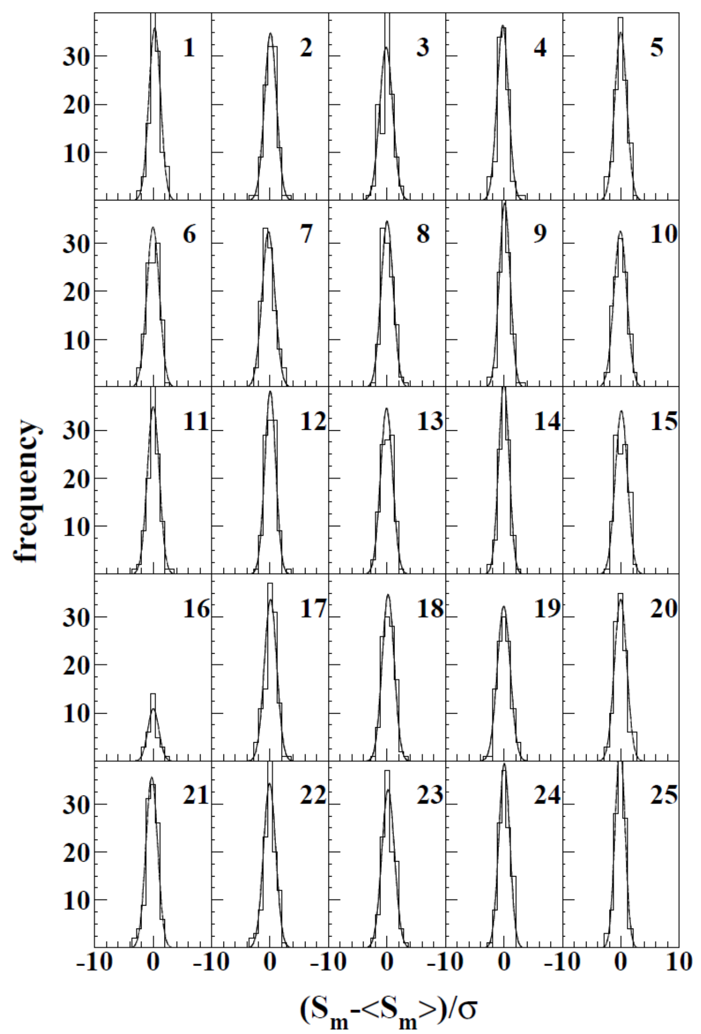
a) S_m for each detector, each annual cycle and each considered energy bin (here 0.25 keV)

b) $<S_m>$ = mean values over the detectors and the annual cycles for each energy bin; σ = error on S_m

DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 (7 years)

total exposure: 1.04 ton×yr

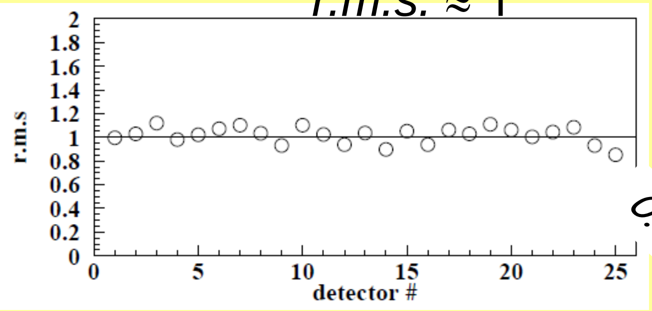
Each panel refers to each detector separately; 112 entries = 16 energy bins in 2-6 keV energy interval × 7 DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 annual cycles (for crys 16, 2 annual cycle, 32 entries)



2-6 keV

Standard deviations of **$(S_m - \langle S_m \rangle)/\sigma$** for each detectors

r.m.s. ≈ 1



0.85 < r.m.s. < 1.12

$x = (S_m - <S_m>)/\sigma$,

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

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

→ **S_m** statistically well distributed in all the detectors, energy bin and annual cycles

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

DAMA/NaI (7 years) + **DAMA/LIBRA-phase1 (7 years)**

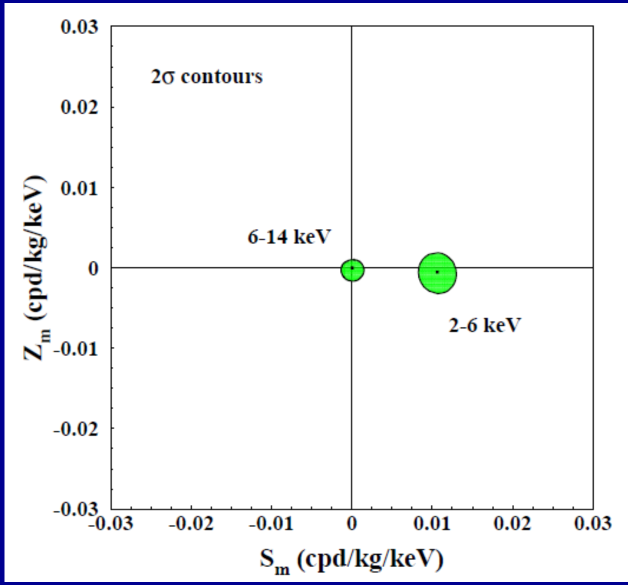
total exposure: 487526 kg×day **= 1.33 ton × yr**

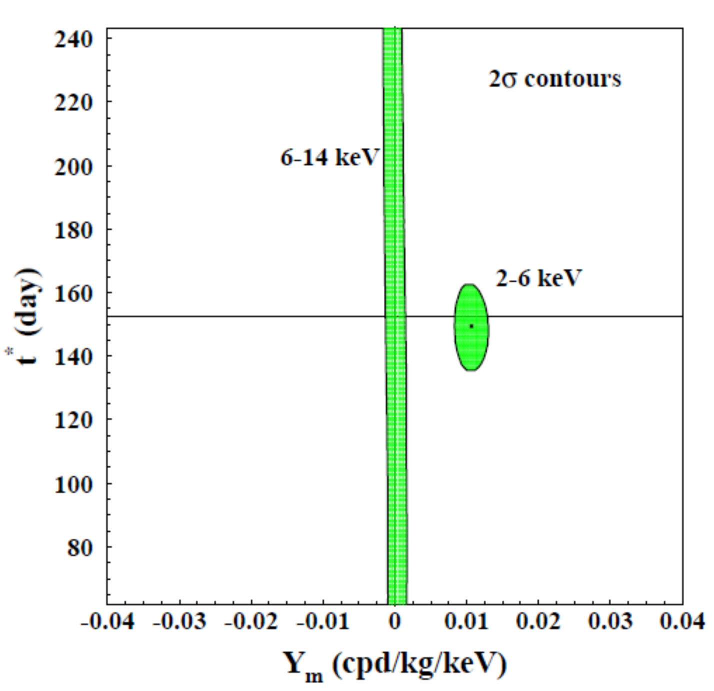
$$R(t) = S_0 + S_m \cos[\omega(t - t_0)] + Z_m \sin[\omega(t - t_0)] = S_0 + Y_m \cos[\omega(t - t^*)]$$

For Dark Matter signals:

- $|Z_m| \ll |S_m| \approx |Y_m|$
- $t^* \approx t_0 = 152.5d$
- $\omega = 2\pi/T$
- $T = 1$ 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	0.0106 ± 0.0012	-0.0006 ± 0.0012	0.0107 ± 0.0012	149.5 ± 7.0
6-14	0.0001 ± 0.0007	0.0000 ± 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 last running period

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

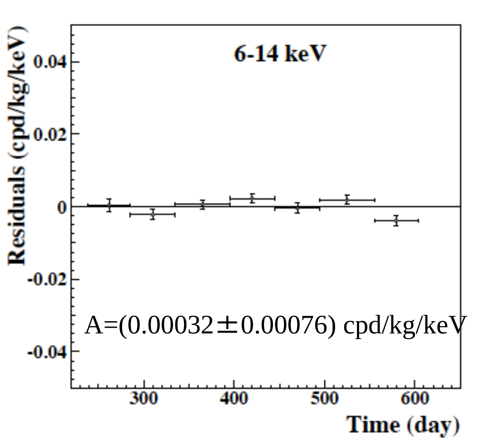
All the measured amplitudes well compatible with zero

+ 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-phase1

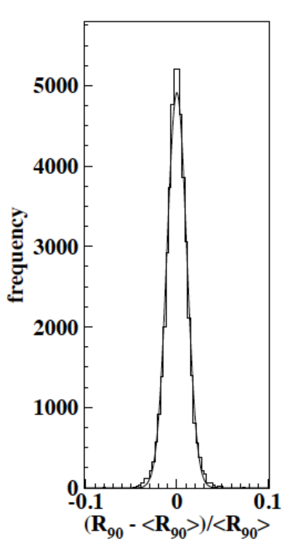
- **No Modulation above 6 keV**



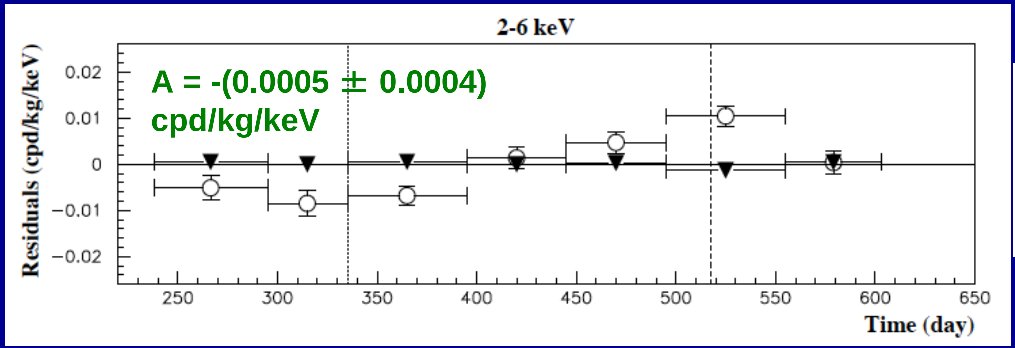
- **No modulation in the whole energy spectrum**

+ 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

σ ≈ 1%



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



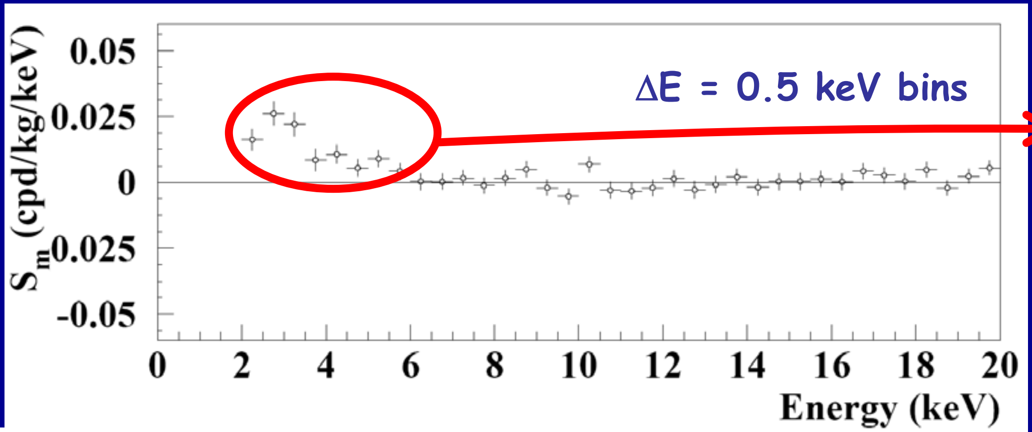
multiple-hits residual rate (filled triangles) vs *single-hit* residual rate (open circles)

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

Nevertheless, additional investigations performed ... **See DAMA literature**

e.g.

No role for ^{40}K in the experimental S_m



The experimental S_m cannot be due to ^{40}K for many reasons

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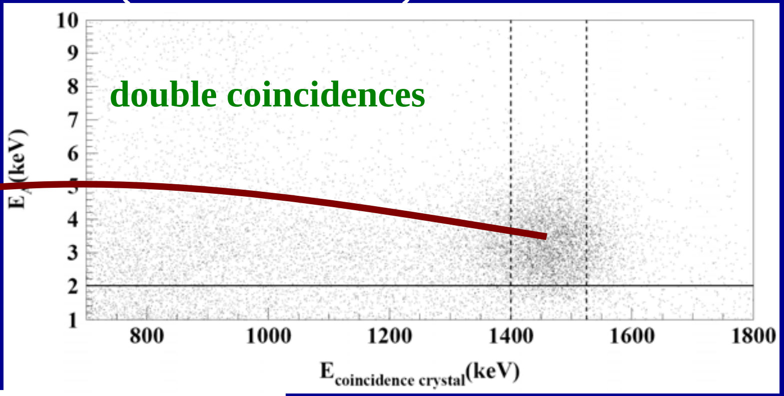
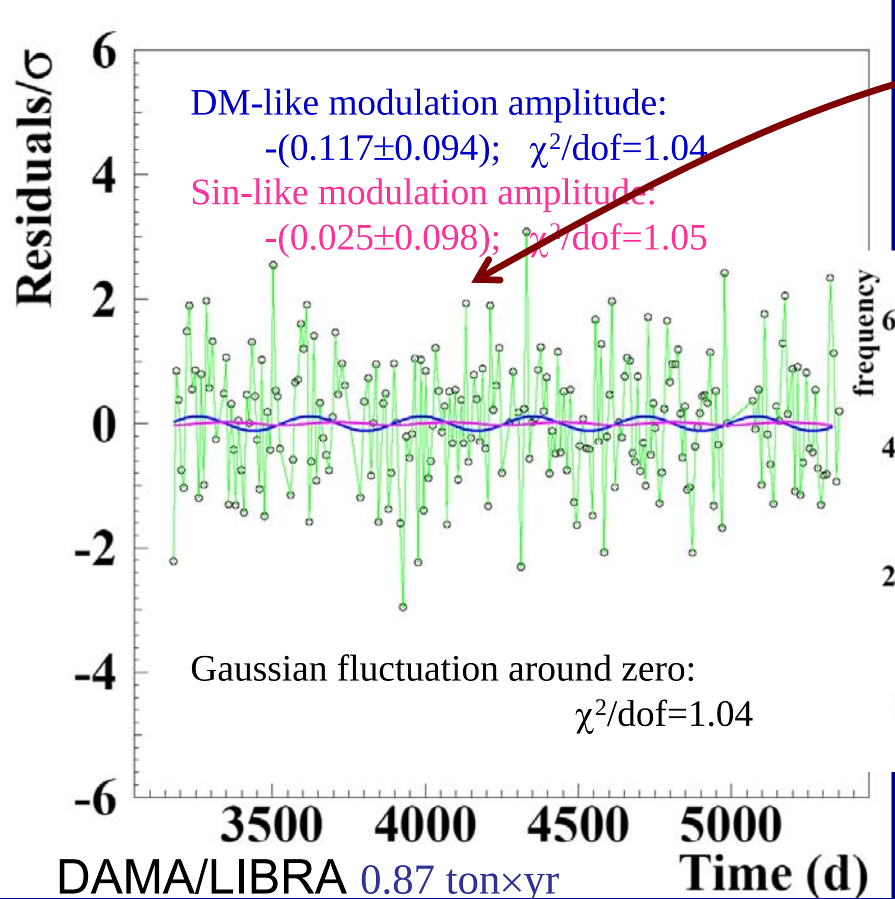
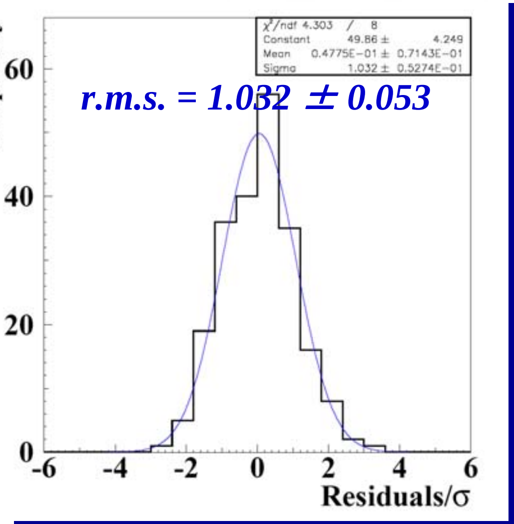
No modulation of the double coincidence events (1461 keV-3 keV).







The ^{40}K double coincidence events are not modulated

Any modulation contribution around 3 keV in the single-hit events from the hypothetical cases of: i) ^{40}K "exotic" modulated decay; ii) spill-out effects from double to single events and viceversa, is ruled out at more than 10 σ

No role for μ in DAMA annual modulation result

✓ **Direct μ interaction in DAMA/LIBRA set-up:**

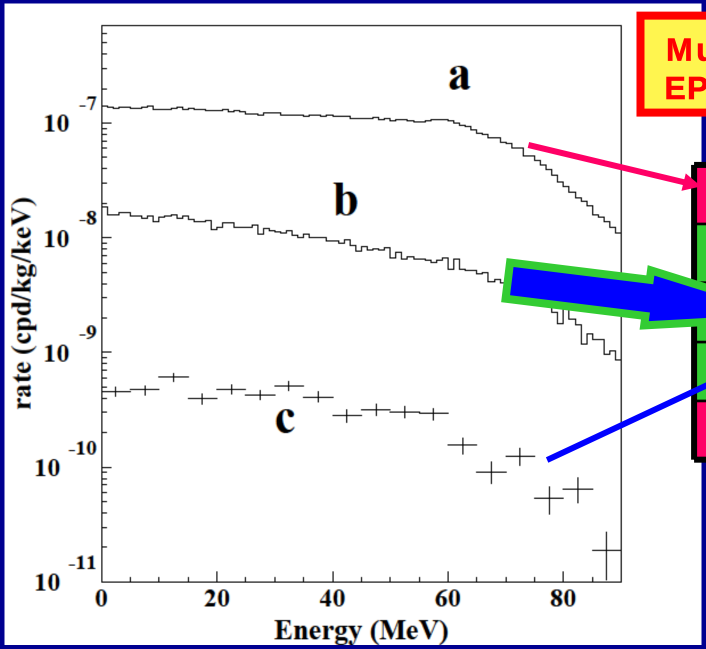
DAMA/LIBRA surface ≈0.13 m^2

μ flux @ DAMA/LIBRA ≈2.5 μ/day

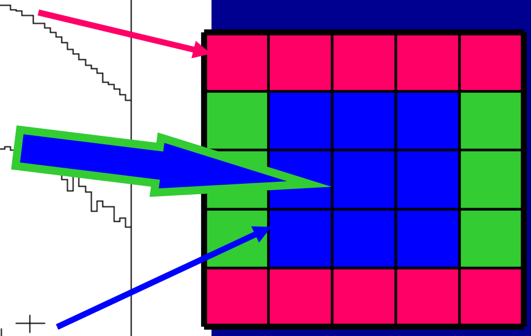
MonteCarlo simulation:

- muon intensity distribution
- Gran Sasso rock overburden map
- Single hit events

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



Much more in EPJC72(2012)2064



Detector's matrix

✓ **Rate, R_n, of fast neutrons produced by μ:**

R_n **= (fast n by μ)/(time unit) =** $\Phi_\mu Y M_{eff}$

- Φ_μ @ LNGS ≈ 20 μ $m^{-2}d^{-1}$ (±1.5% modulated)
- Measured neutron Yield @ LNGS:

$$Y = 1 \div 7\ 10^{-4}\ n/\mu/(g/cm^2)$$

Annual modulation amplitude at low energy due to μ **modulation**:

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

g	= geometrical factor;
ε	= detection eff. by elastic scattering
f_{DE}	= 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)

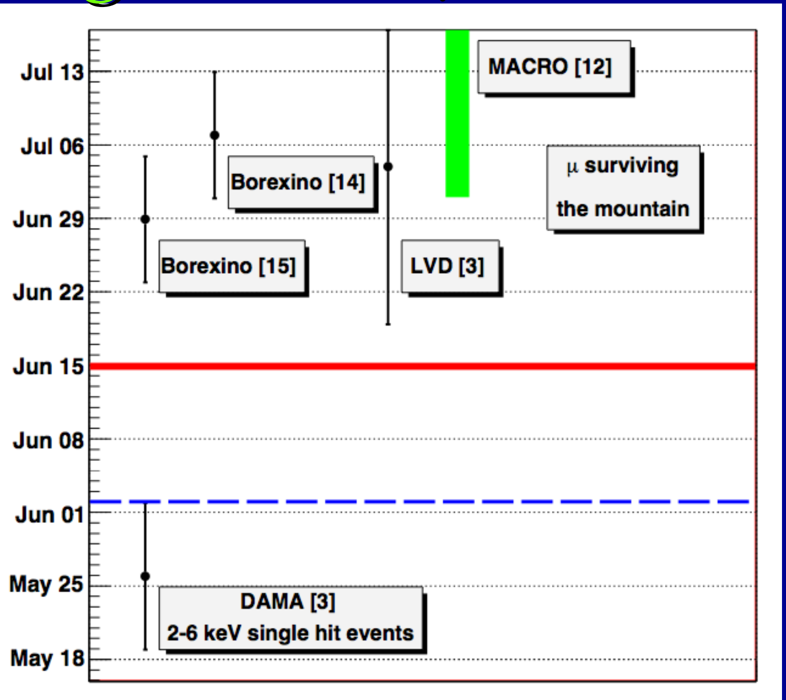
Knowing that: M_{setup} ≈ 250 kg and ΔE=4keV

$$S_m^{(m)} < (0.3\text{-}2.4) \times 10^{-5}\ \text{cpd/kg/keV}$$

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 by R_{90}, by *multi-hits* analysis + different phase, etc.

Inconsistency of the phase between DAMA signal and μ modulation



μ flux @ LNGS (MACRO, LVD, BOREXINO) ≈$3\cdot10^{-4}$ $m^{-2}s^{-1}$; modulation amplitude 1.5%; phase: July 7 ± 6 d, June 29 ± 6 d (Borexino)

but

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

considering the seasonal weather al LNGS, quite impossible that the max. temperature of the outer atmosphere (on which μ flux variation is dependent) is observed e.g. in June 15 which is 3 σ from DAMA

The DAMA phase is 5.7σ far from the LVD/BOREXINO phases of muons (7.1 σ far from MACRO measured phase)

Similar for the whole DAMA/LIBRA-phase1

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

Also this cannot mimic the signature: different phase

… and for many others arguments and details EPJC72(2012)2064

Summary of the results obtained in the additional investigations of possible systematics or side reactions – DAMA/LIBRA-phase1

(NIMA592(2008)297, EPJC56(2008)333, J. Phys. Conf. ser. 203(2010)012040, S.I.F.Atti Conf.103(211), Can. J. Phys. 89 (2011) 11, Phys.Proc.37(2012)1095, EPJC72(2012)2064, arxiv:1210.6199 & 1211.6346, , IJMPA28(2013)1330022)

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

DAMA/LIBRA-phase1

+ they cannot satisfy all the requirements of annual modulation signature

Thus, they cannot mimic the observed annual modulation effect

Final model independent result DAMA/NaI+DAMA/LIBRA-phase1

Presence of modulation over 14 annual cycles at 9.3σ C.L. with the proper distinctive features of the DM signature; all the features satisfied by the data over 14 independent experiments of 1 year each one

The total exposure by former DAMA/NaI and present DAMA/LIBRA is 1.33 ton $\times$ yr (14 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 (0.998$\pm$0.002) yr, well compatible with the 1 yr period, as expected for the DM signal

3) Measured phase (144$\pm$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: (0.0112 $\pm$ 0.0012) cpd/kg/keV (9.3σ 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

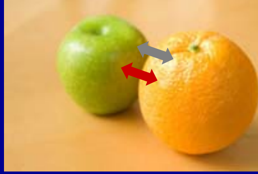
(in many possible astrophysical, nuclear and particle physics scenarios)

- 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.) **as well null results not in conflict with DAMA results;**

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

About model dependent exclusion plots



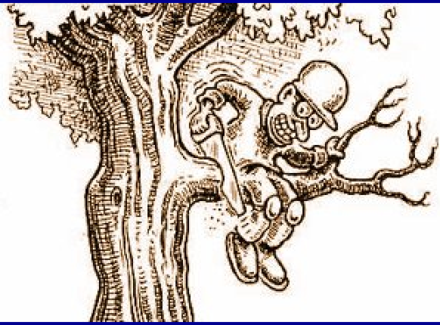
Selecting just one simplified model framework, making lots of assumptions, fixing large numbers of parameters … but…

- *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.*

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*
- *Used approximations*

etc., etc.



+ no uncertainties accounted for

No sensitivity to DM annual modulation signature,

Different target materials

+ generally implications of DAMA model-independent results presented in incorrect/incomplete/non-updated way

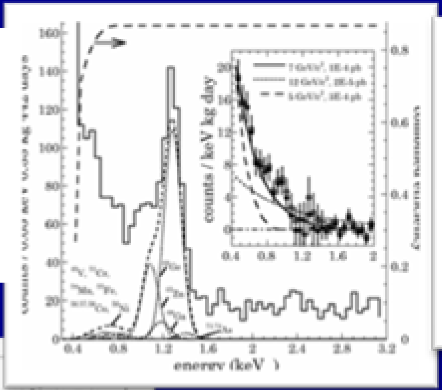
road sign or labyrinth?

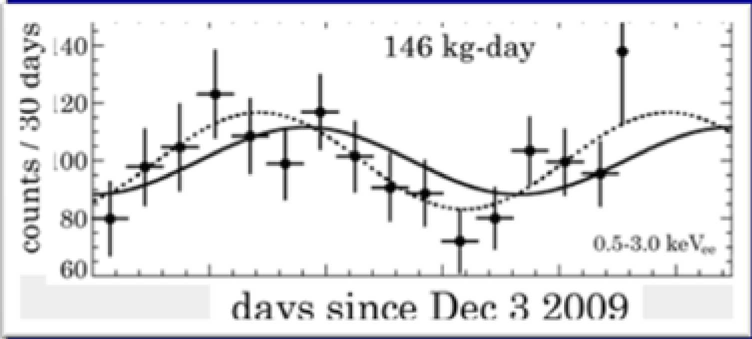
Exclusion plots have no "universal validity" and cannot disproof a model independent result in any given general model framework (they depend not only on the general assumptions largely unknown at present stage of knowledge, but on the details of their cooking) + **generally overestimated** + methodological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

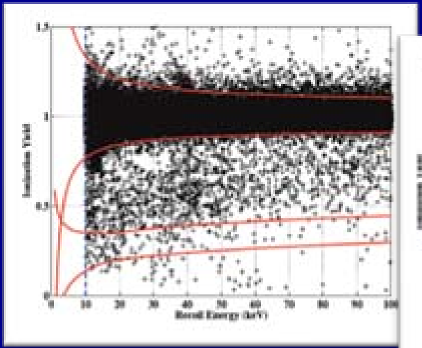
On the other hand, possible positive hints should be interpreted. Large space for compatibility.

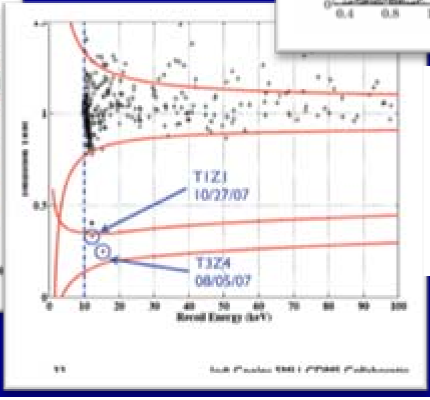
DAMA vs possible positive hints 2010 - 2013

CoGeNT:
low-energy rise in the spectrum ("irreducible" by the applied background reduction procedures) + annual modulation

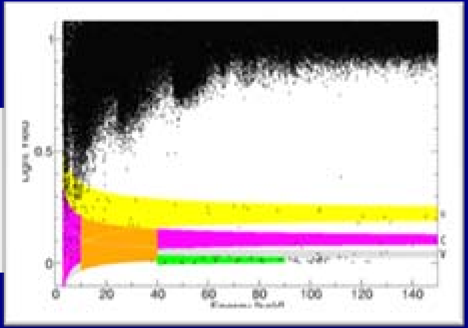




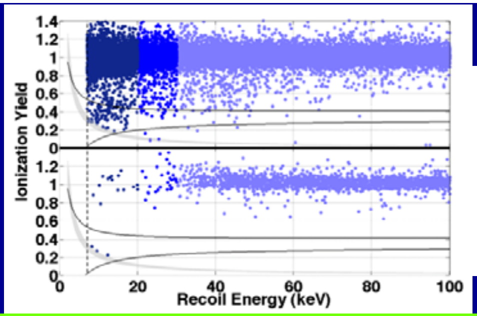




CDMS-Ge:
after many data selections and cuts, 2 Ge candidate recoil-like survive in an exposure of 194.1 kg x day (0.8 estimated as expected from residual background)



CRESST: after many data selections and cuts, 67 candidate recoil-like in the O/Ca bands survive in an exposure of 730 kg x day (estimated as expected residual background: 40-45 events, depending on minimization)

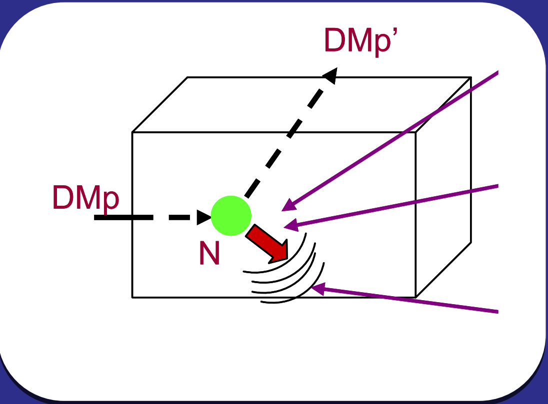


CDMS-Si:
after many data selections and cuts, 3 Si candidate recoil-like survive in an exposure of 140.2 kg x day. estimated as expected residual background 0.41

All those possible recoil-like excesses with respect to an estimated bckg surviving cuts as well as the CoGeNT hint are compatible with the DAMA 9.3 σ C.L. annual modulation result in various scenarios

... an example ...

DM particles inducing elastic scatterings on target-nuclei, SI case



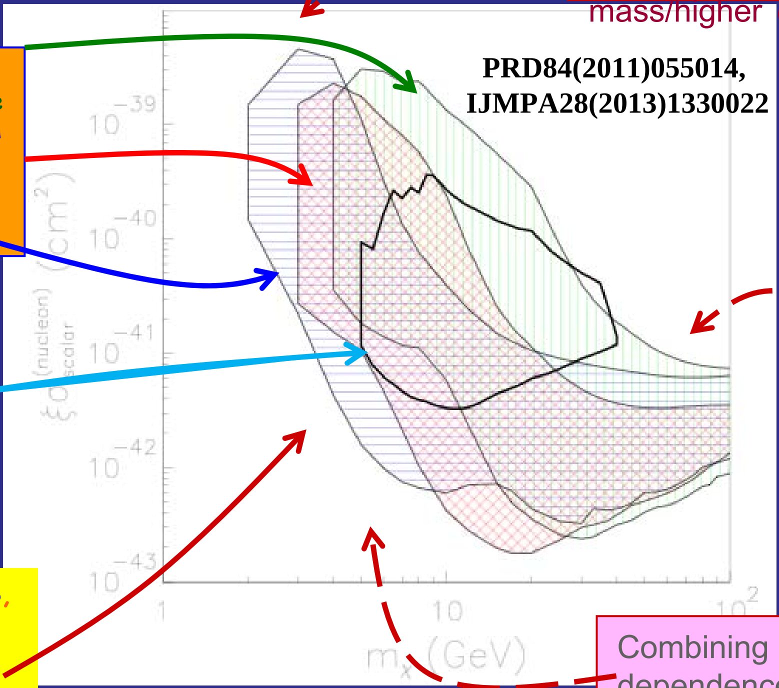
Regions in the nucleon cross section vs DM particle mass plane

- Some velocity distributions and uncertainties considered.
- The DAMA regions represent the domain where the likelihood-function values differ more than 7.5 σ from the null hypothesis (absence of modulation).
- For CoGeNT a fixed value for the Ge quenching factor and a Helm form factor with fixed parameters are assumed.
- The CoGeNT region includes configurations whose likelihood-function values differ more than 1.64 σ from the null hypothesis (absence of modulation). This corresponds roughly to 90% C.L. far from zero signal.

Including the Migdal effect
→Towards lower mass/higher σ

DAMA allowed regions for a particular set of astrophysical, nuclear and particle Physics assumptions without (green), with (blue) channeling, with energy-dependent Quenching Factors (red)

7.5σ C.L.



CoGeNT

1.64σ C.L.

q.f. at a fixed assumed value

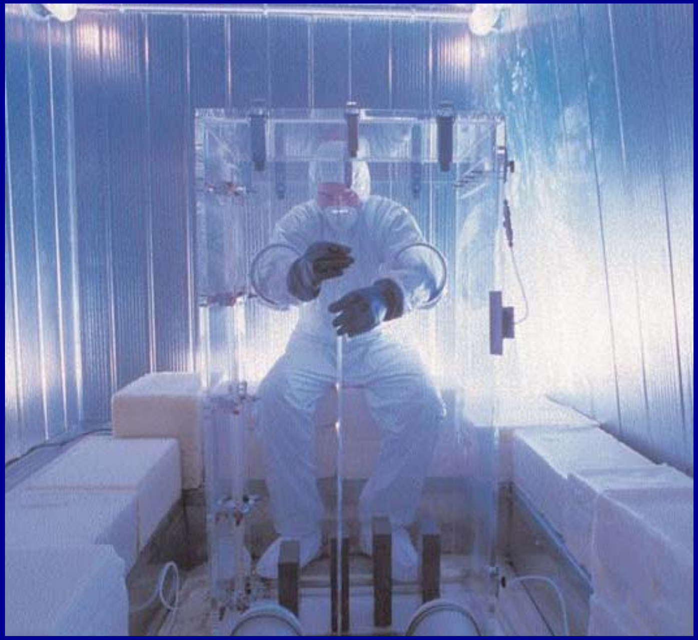
Co-rotating halo,
Non thermalized component
→ Enlarge allowed region towards larger mass

Compatibility also with CRESST and CDMS, if the two CDMS-Ge recoil-like events, the three CDMS-Si and the CRESST ones are assumed as nuclear recoils induced by DM interactions

Combining channeling and energy dependence of q.f. (AstrPhys33 (2010) 40)
→Towards lower σ

Conclusion # 1

- Positive evidence for the presence of DM particles in the galactic halo now supported at 9.3σ C.L. (cumulative exposure 1.33 ton $\times$ yr – 14 annual cycles DAMA/NaI and DAMA/LIBRA-phase1)
- The modulation parameters determined with increased precision
- Full sensitivity to many kinds of DM candidates and interactions types (both inducing recoils and/or e.m. radiation), full sensitivity to low and high mass candidates.
- No experiment exists whose result can be directly compared in a model independent way with those by DAMA/NaI and DAMA/LIBRA (in general: no direct model independent comparison is possible in the field among activities using different target-materials and/or approaches)



- Possible positive hints in direct searches compatible with DAMA in various scenarios; null searches not in robust conflict. Consider also the experimental and theoretical uncertainties.
- Indirect model dependent searches not in conflict.
- New/updated corollary analyses in progress; other effects under investigation
- Investigations of rare processes other than DM

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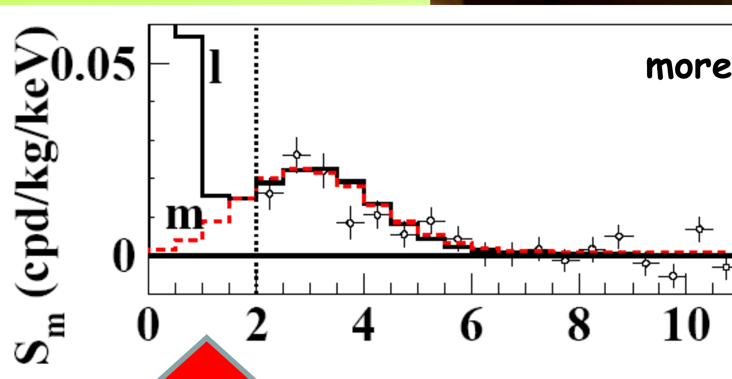

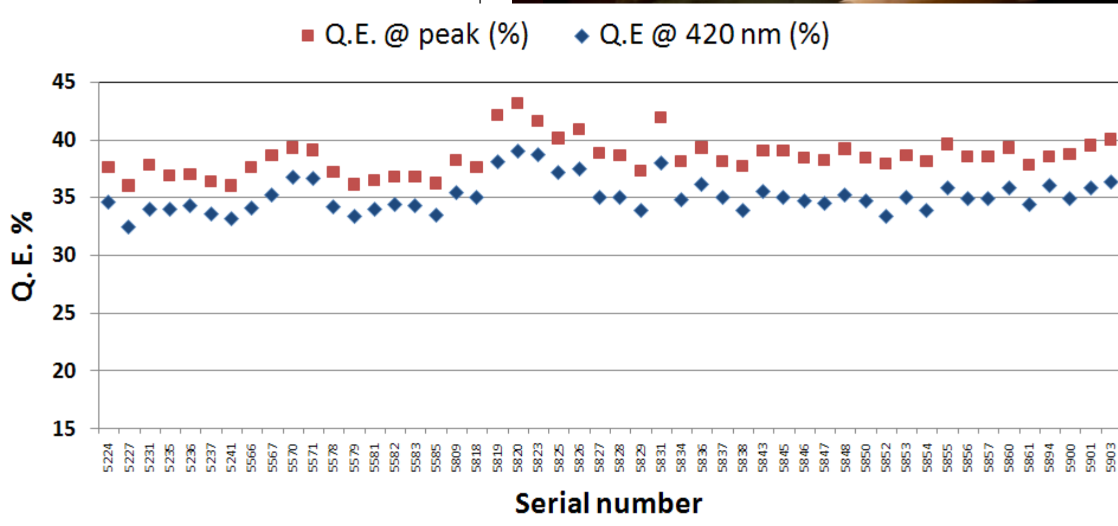

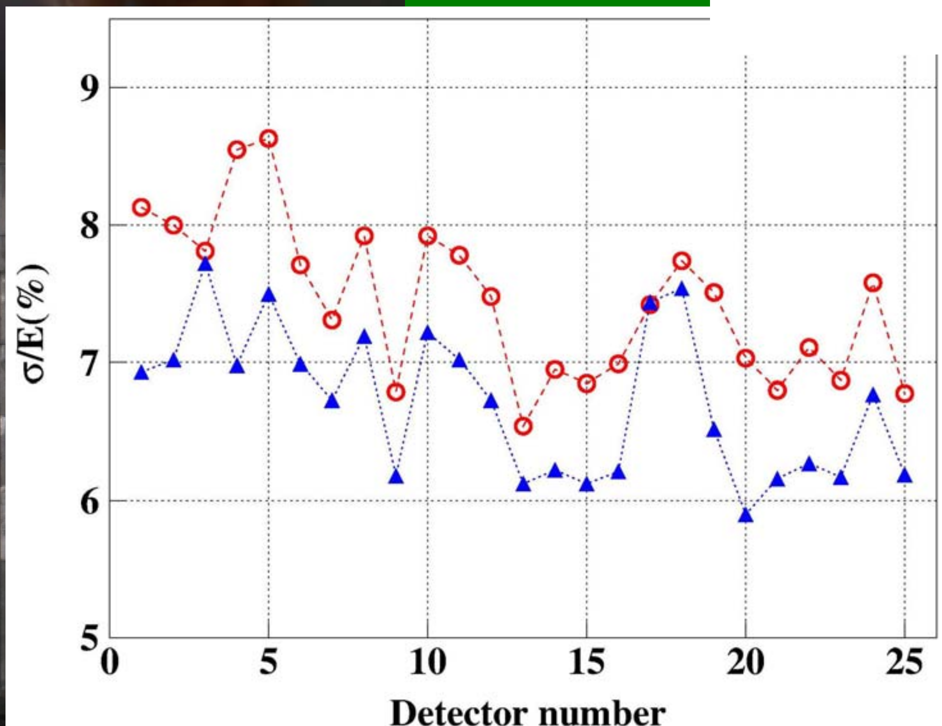

ed with new

^{235}U (mBq/kg)	^{228}Ra (Bq/kg)	^{228}Th (mBq/kg)	^{40}K (Bq/kg)	^{137}Cs (mBq/kg)	^{60}Co (mBq/kg)
47	0.12	83	0.54	-	-
10	0,02	17	0.16	-	-

typically
DAMA/LIBRA-phase: 5.5-7.5 ph.e./keV
→ DAMA/LIBRA-phase2: 6-10 ph.e./keV

Since Dec 2010 data taking and optimizations in this new configuration started

DM annual modulation signature

The sensitivity of the DM annual modulation signature depends – apart from the counting rate - on the product

$$\varepsilon \times \Delta E \times M \times T \times (\alpha-\beta^2)$$

increased
in DAMA/LIBRA-phase2

increased
in DAMA/LIBRA-phase2

increased
with DAMA/LIBRA-phase2

→ Upgrade at fall 2010 & running time
also equivalent to have enlarged the exposed mass

&: DM annual modulation signature acts itself as a strong bckg reduction strategy as already pointed out in the original paper by Freese et al.

&: 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

DAMA/LIBRA-phase 2

- **Replacement of all the PMTs with new higher Q.E. ones at fall 2010**

- **1 keV software energy threshold at hand (JINST 7(2012)03009)**

- ***In data taking*** **in the new configuration with lower software energy threshold**
- **New preamplifiers and trigger modules realized to further implement low energy studies**
- **Suitable exposure planned in the new configuration to deeper study the nature of the particles and features of related astrophysical, nuclear and particle physics aspects**
- **New investigation on dark matter peculiarities and second order effects**
- **Special data taking for other rare processes**

…and more

DAMA/LIBRA still the highest radiopure set-up in the field with the largest full sensitive mass, full control of running conditions, the largest duty-cycle, exposure orders of magnitude larger than any other activity in the field, sensitive to many kinds of candidates and interaction types, etc.

Thanks for attention