DAMA investigations on Dark Matter at Gran Sasso: results and perspectives

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The Dark Side of the Universe
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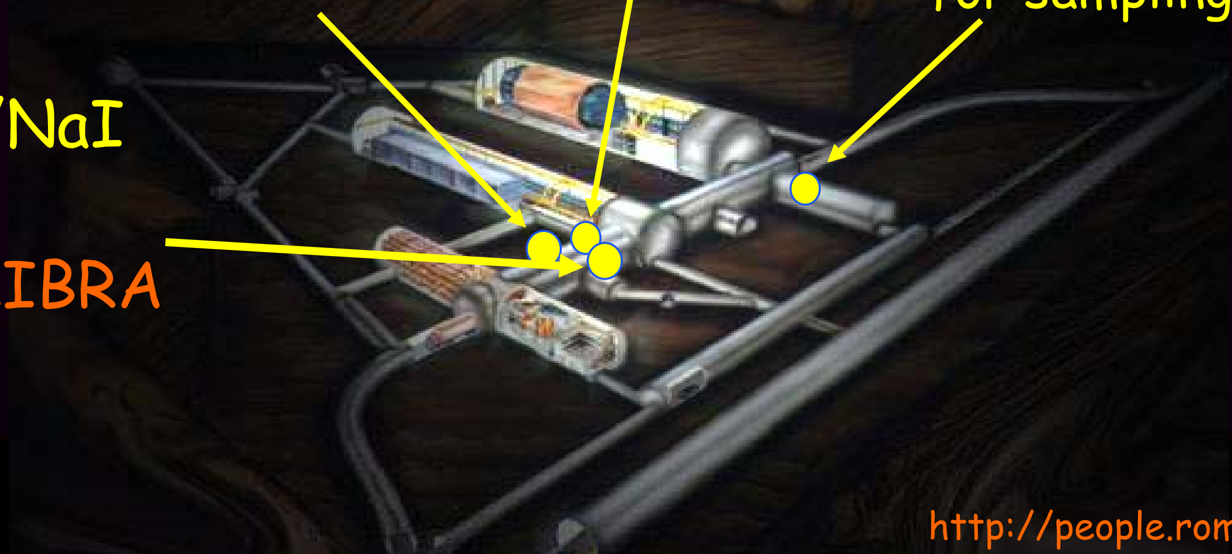
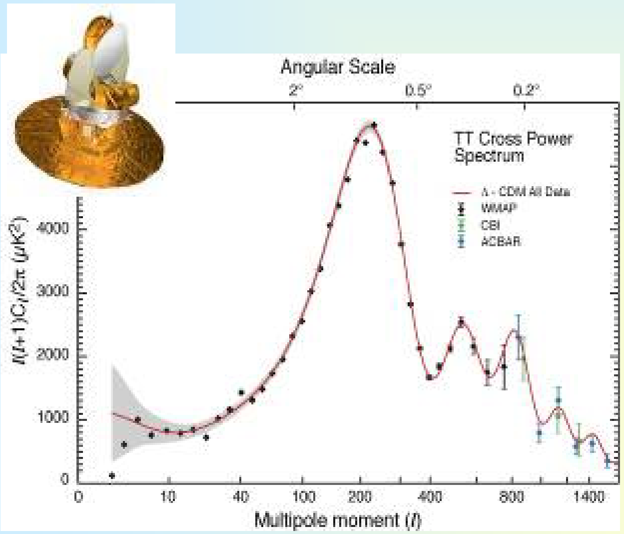
DAMA: an observatory for rare processes @LNGS



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

The Dark Side of the Universe: experimental evidences ...

From larger scale ...



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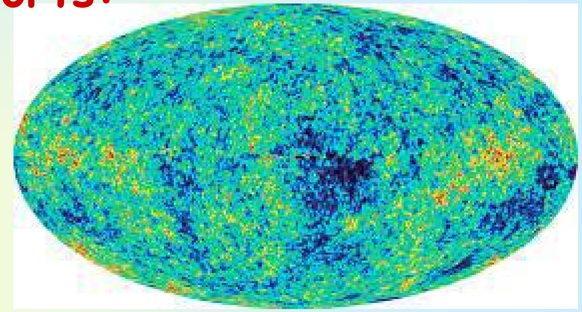


Flat Universe:

$\Omega = 1.02 \pm 0.02$

"Concordance" model:

$\Omega_\Lambda \sim 73\%$ from SN1A

$\Omega_{CDM} \sim 23\%$

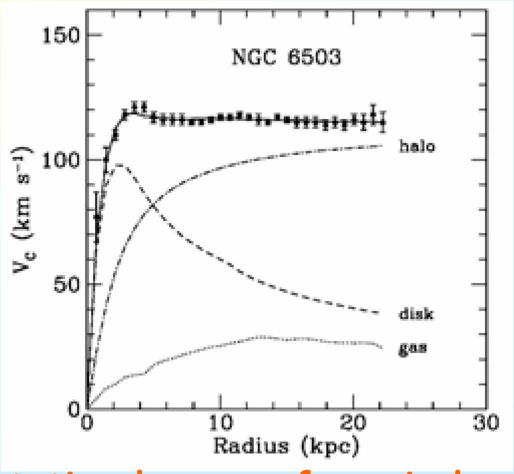
$\Omega_b \sim 4\%$

$\Omega_\nu < 1\ \%$

Evidence for dark matter at large and small scales since 70 years (luminous matter less than 1%)

... to galaxy scale

- Composition?
- Right halo model and parameters?
- Multicomponent also in the particle part?
- Related nuclear and particle physics
- Non thermalized components?
- Caustics and clumpiness?
- ....



Rotational curve of a spiral galaxy

Relic CDM particles from primordial Universe

Light candidates: axion, axion-like produced at rest

(no positive results from direct searches for relic axions with resonant cavity)

Heavy candidates:

- In thermal equilibrium in the early stage of Universe
- Non relativistic at decoupling time $<\sigma_{ann} \cdot v> \sim 10^{-26}/\Omega_{WIMP} h^2\ cm^3 s^{-1} \rightarrow \sigma_{ordinary\ matter} \sim \sigma_{weak}$
- Expected flux: $\Phi \sim 10^7 \cdot (GeV/m_W)\ cm^{-2}\ s^{-1}$ $(0.2 < \rho_{halo} < 1.7\ GeV\ cm^{-3})$
- Form a dissipationless gas trapped in the gravitational field of the Galaxy ($v \sim 10^{-3} c$)
- neutral
- stable (or with half life ~ age of Universe)
- massive
- weakly interacting

the sneutrino in the Smith and Weiner scenario

SUSY (R-parity conserved → LSP is stable) neutralino or sneutrino

a heavy ν of the 4-th family

even a suitable particle not yet foreseen by theories

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self-interacting dark matter

mirror dark matter

Kaluza-Klein particles (LKK)

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

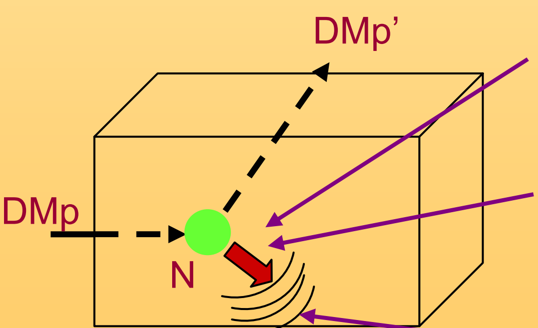
axion-like (light pseudoscalar and scalar candidate)

Direct detection of Dark Matter particles in the galactic halo

- Various approaches and techniques (many still at R&D stage)
- Various different target nuclei
- Various different experimental site depths

Direct detection processes:

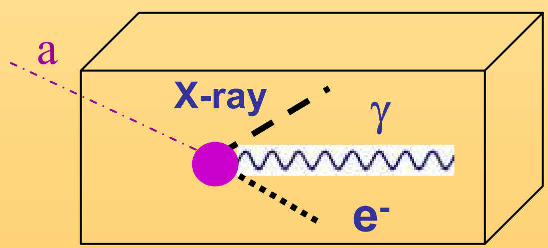
- scatterings on nuclei
  → detection of nuclear recoil energy
- conversion of particle into electromagnetic radiation
  → detection of γ, X-rays, e^-



Ionization:
Ge, Si

Bolometer:
TeO_2, Ge, $CaWO_4$, …

Scintillation:
NaI(Tl), LXe, CaF_2(Eu), …



- excitation of bound electrons in scatterings on nuclei
  → detection of recoil nuclei + e.m. radiation

NOTE: signals from these candidates are lost in experiments based on rejection procedures of the electromagnetic events

A model independent signature is needed

Directionality Correlation of nuclear recoil track with Earth's galactic motion due to the distribution of Dark Matter particles velocities
very hard to realize

Nuclear-inelastic scattering
Detection of γ's emitted by excited nucleus after a nuclear-inelastic scattering.
very large exposure and very low counting rates hard to realize

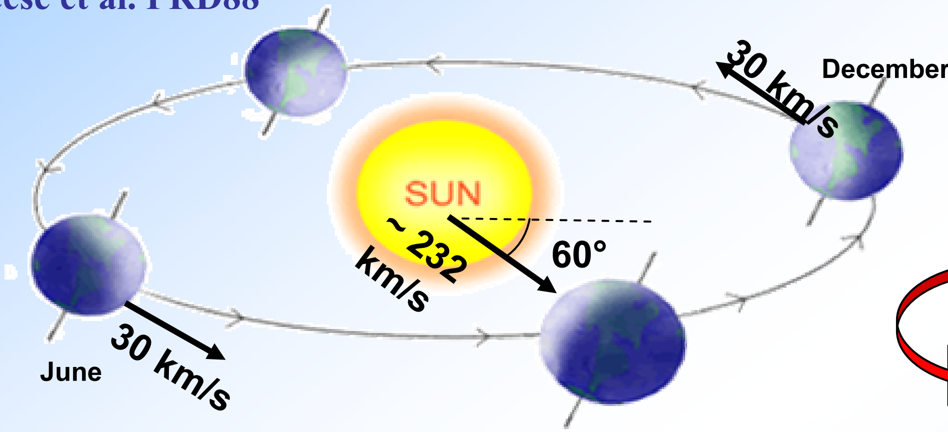
Diurnal modulation Daily variation of the interaction rate due to different Earth depth crossed by the Dark Matter particles
only for high σ

Annual modulation Annual variation of the interaction rate due to Earth motion around the Sun.
at present the only feasible one

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

Competitiveness of NaI(Tl) set-up

- High duty cycle
- Well known technology
- 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
- Routine calibrations feasible down to keV range in the same conditions as the production runs
- Neither re-purification procedures nor cooling down/warming up (reproducibility, stability, ...)
- Absence of microphonic noise + effective noise rejection at threshold (τ of NaI(Tl) pulses hundreds ns, while τ of noise pulses tens ns)
- High light response (5.5 -7.5 ph.e./keV)
- Sensitive to SI, SD, SI&SD couplings and to other existing scenarios, on the contrary of many other proposed target-nuclei
- Sensitive to both high (by Iodine target) and low mass (by Na target) candidates
- Effective investigation of the annual modulation signature feasible in all the needed aspects
- PSD feasible at reasonable level
- etc.

A low background NaI(Tl) also allows the study of several other rare processes such as: 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 model independent result

Riv. N. Cim. 26 n.1. (2003) 1-73
IJMPD13(2004)2127

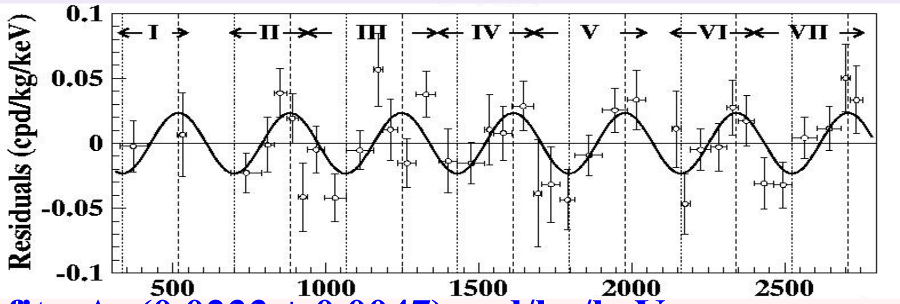
Annual modulation of the rate: DAMA/NaI 7 annual cycles

experimental single-hit residuals rate vs time and energy

107731 kg · d

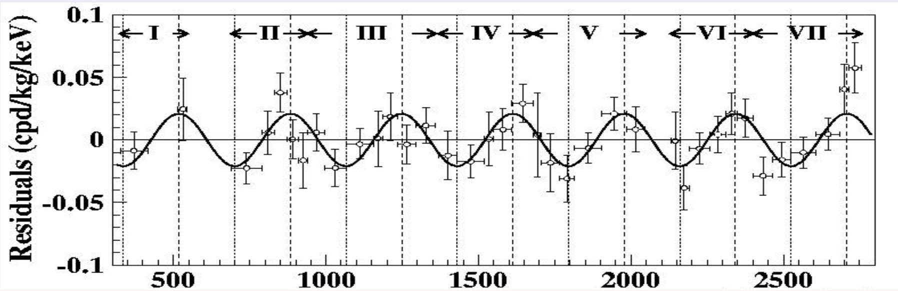
$A\cos[\omega(t-t_0)]$; continuous lines: t_0 = 152.5 d, T = 1.00 y

2-4 keV



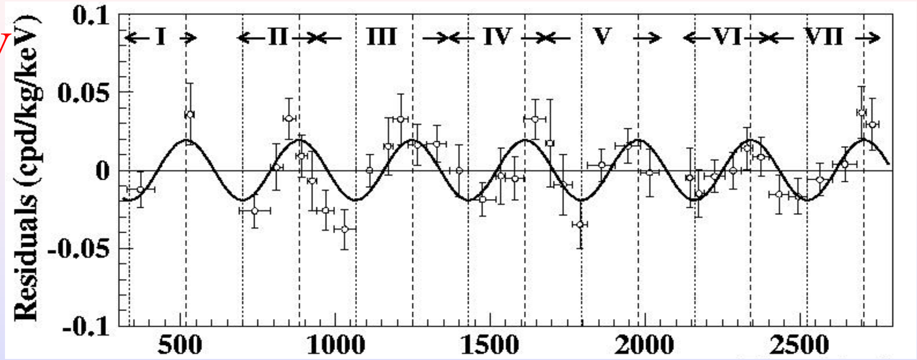
fit: A=(0.0233 ± 0.0047) cpd/kg/keV Time (day)

2-5 keV



fit: A = (0.0210 ± 0.0038) cpd/kg/keV Time (day)

2-6 keV



Time (day)

Absence of modulation? No

χ^2/dof=71/37 → P(A=0)=$7\cdot10^{-4}$

fit: A = (0.0192 ± 0.0031) cpd/kg/keV

fit (all parameters free):

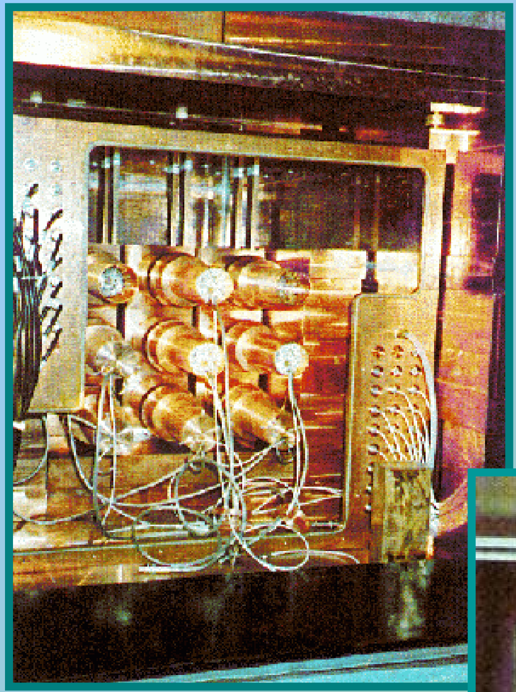
A = (0.0200 ± 0.0032) cpd/kg/keV;

t_0 = (140 ± 22) d ; T = (1.00 ± 0.01) y

The data favor the presence of a modulated behavior with proper features at 6.3σ C.L.

DAMA/NaI(Tl)~100 kg

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,EPJ C18(2000)283, PLB509(2001)197, EPJ C23 (2002)61, PRD66(2002)043503, Riv.N.Cim.26 n.1 (2003)1-73, IJMPD13(2004)2127, IJMPA21(2006)1445), EPJC in press (astro-ph/0604303)

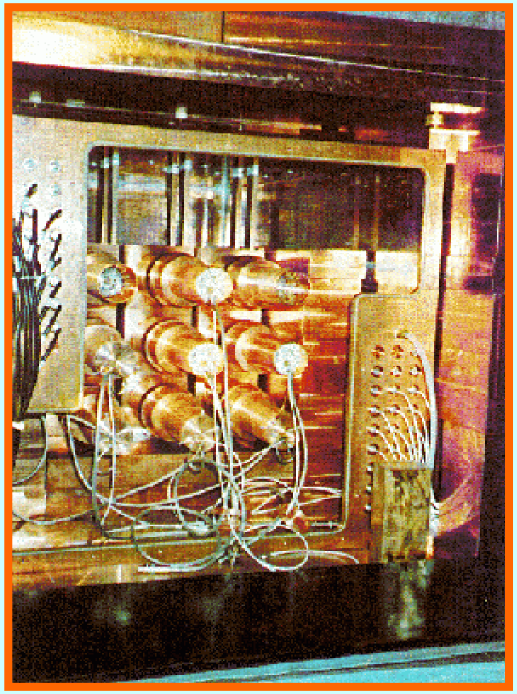
data taking completed on July 2002

total exposure collected in 7 annual cycles **107731 kg×d**

Main Features of DAMA/NaI

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

- Reduced standard contaminants (e.g. U/Th of order of ppt) by material selection and growth/handling protocols.
- PMTs: Each crystal coupled - through 10cm long tetrasil-B light guides acting as optical windows - to 2 low background EMI9265B53/FL (special development) 3” diameter PMTs working in coincidence.
- Detectors inside a sealed Cu box maintained in HP Nitrogen atmosphere in slight overpressure
- Very low radioactive shields: 10 cm of Cu, 15 cm of Pb + shield from neutrons: Cd foils + polyethylene/paraffin+ ~ 1 m concrete moderator largely surrounding the set-up
- Installation sealed: A plexiglas box encloses the whole shield and is also maintained in HP Nitrogen atmosphere in slight overpressure. Walls, floor, etc. of inner installation sealed by Supronyl (2×10^{-11} cm^2/s permeability).Three levels of sealing.
- Installation in air conditioning + huge heat capacity of shield
- Calibration using the upper glove-box (equipped with compensation chamber) in HP Nitrogen atmosphere in slight overpressure calibration $\rightarrow$ in the same running conditions as the production runs.
- Energy and threshold: Each PMT works at single photoelectron level. Energy threshold: 2 keV (from X-ray and Compton electron calibrations in the keV range and from the features of the noise rejection and efficiencies). Data collected from low energy up to MeV region, despite the hardware optimization was done for the low energy
- Pulse shape recorded over 3250 ns by Transient Digitizers.
- Monitoring and alarm system continuously operating by self-controlled computer processes.



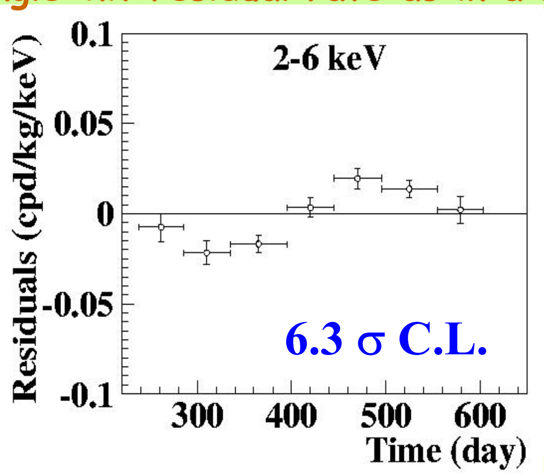
+ electronics and DAQ fully renewed in summer 2000

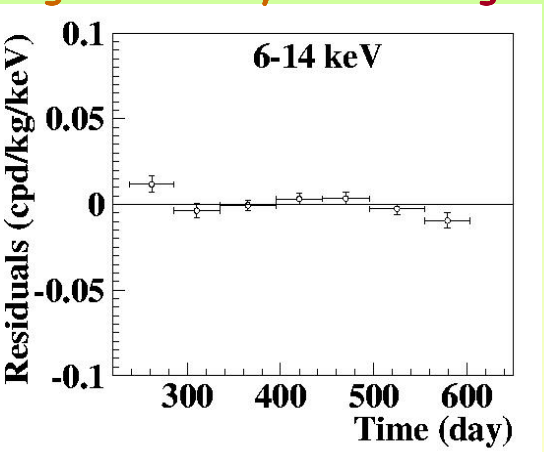
Main procedures of the DAMA data taking for the DMp annual modulation signature

- data taking of each annual cycle starts from autumn/winter (when $\cos\omega(t-t_0)\approx0$) toward summer (maximum expected).
- routine calibrations for energy scale determination, for acceptance windows efficiencies by means of radioactive sources each ~ 10 days collecting typically $\sim10^5$ evts/keV/detector + intrinsic calibration from ^{210}Pb (~ 7 days periods) + periodical Compton calibrations, etc.
- continuous on-line monitoring of all the running parameters with automatic alarm to operator if any out of allowed range.

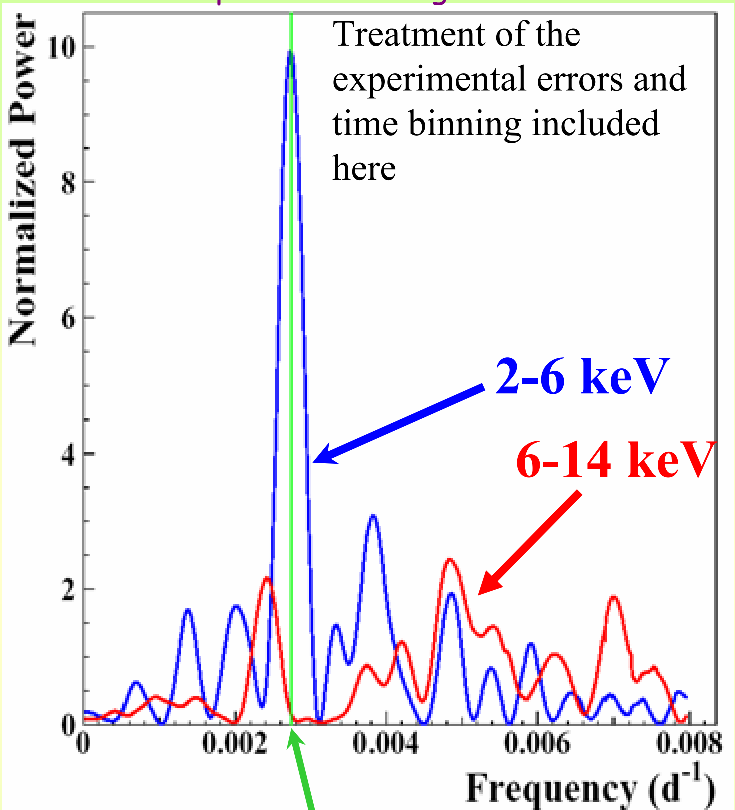
Low energy vs higher energy

Single-hit residual rate as in a single annual cycle ≈ 10^5 kg × day





Power spectrum of single-hit residuals



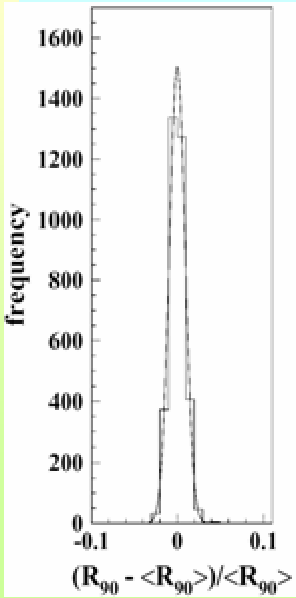
fixing t_0 = 152.5 day and T = 1.00 y, the modulation amplitude:

A=(0.0195 ± 0.0031) cpd/kg/keV   A= -(0.0009 ± 0.0019) cpd/kg/keV

Principal mode in the 2-6 keV region → $2.737 \cdot 10^{-3}$ d^{-1} ≈ 1 y^{-1}

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

- Clear modulation present in the lowest energy region: from the energy threshold, 2 keV, to 6 keV.



No modulation found:

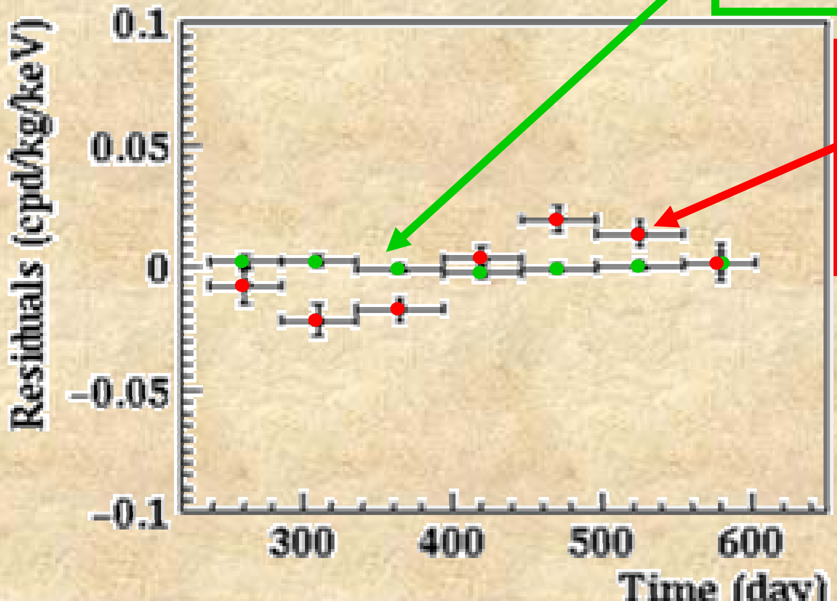
- in the 6-14 keV energy regions
- in other energy regions closer to that where the effect is observed e.g.: mod. ampl. (6-10 keV): -(0.0076 ±0.0065), (0.0012±0.0059) and (0.0035±0.0058) cpd/kg/keV for DAMA/NaI-5, DAMA/NaI-6 and DAMA/NaI-7; statistically consistent with zero
- in the integral rate above 90 keV, e.g.: mod. ampl.: (0.09±0.32), (0.06±0.33) and -(0.03±0.32) cpd/kg for DAMA/NaI-5, DAMA/NaI-6 and DAMA/NaI-7; statistically 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

Multiple-hits events in the region of the signal

- In DAMA/NaI-6 and 7 each detector has its own TD (multiplexer system removed) → pulse profiles of multiple-hits events (multiplicity > 1) also acquired (total exposure: 33834 kg d).
- The same hardware and software procedures as the ones followed for single-hit events

→ just one difference: events induced by Dark Matter particles do not belong to this class of events, that is: multiple-hits events = Dark Matter particles events "switched off"

- **2-6 keV residuals**



Residuals for multiple-hits events (DAMA/NaI-6 and 7)

Mod ampl. = $-(3.9 \pm 7.9) \cdot 10^{-4}$ cpd/kg/keV

Residuals for single-hit events (DAMA/NaI 7 annual cycles)

Mod ampl. = (0.0195 ± 0.0031) cpd/kg/keV

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

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

(see Riv. N. Cim. 26 n. 1 (2003) 1-73, IJMPD13(2004)2127 and references therein)

Source	*Main comment*	*Cautious upper limit (90%C.L.)*
RADON	Sealed Cu box in HP Nitrogen atmosphere,etc	$<0.2\%\ S_m^{obs}$
TEMPERATURE	Installation is air conditioned+ detectors in Cu housings directly in contact with multi-ton shield→ huge heat capacity + T continuously recorded	$<0.5\%\ S_m^{obs}$
NOISE	Effective noise rejection	$<1\%\ S_m^{obs}$
ENERGY SCALE	Periodical calibrations + continuous monitoring of ^{210}Pb peak	$<1\%\ S_m^{obs}$
EFFICIENCIES	Regularly measured by dedicated calibrations	$<1\%\ S_m^{obs}$
BACKGROUND	No modulation observed above 6 keV + this limit includes possible effect of thermal and fast neutrons + no modulation observed in the multiple-hits events in 2-6 keV region	$<0.5\%\ S_m^{obs}$
SIDE REACTIONS	Muon flux variation measured by MACRO	$<0.3\%\ S_m^{obs}$

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

Thus, they can not mimic the observed annual modulation effect

Summary of the DAMA/NaI Model Independent result

Presence of modulation for 7 annual cycles at ~6.3σ C.L. with the proper distinctive features of the signature; all the features satisfied by the data over 7 independent experiments of 1 year each one

Absence of known sources of possible systematics and side processes able to quantitatively account for the observed effect and to contemporaneously satisfy the many peculiarities of the signature

No other experiment whose result can be directly compared in model independent way is available so far

To investigate the nature and coupling with ordinary matter of the possible DM candidate(s), effective energy and time correlation analysis of the events has to be performed within given model frameworks

Corollary quests for candidate(s)

astrophysical models: ρ_{DM}, velocity distribution and its parameters

nuclear and particle Physics models

\+ experimental parameters

e.g. for WIMP class particles: SI, SD, mixed SI&SD, preferred inelastic, scaling laws on cross sections, form factors and related parameters, spin factors, halo models, etc.

\+ different scenarios

\+ multicomponent?

THUS
uncertainties on models and comparisons

<u>First</u> <u>case</u>: the case of DM particle scatterings on target-nuclei. The recoil energy is the detected quantity

DM particle-nucleus elastic scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}(v,E_R) = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}\right)_{SI} + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_R}\right)_{SD} =$$

$$\frac{2G_F^2 m_N}{\pi v^2}\left\{\left[Z g_p + (A-Z) g_n\right]^2 F_{SI}^2(E_R) + 8\frac{J+1}{J}\left[a_p\langle S_p\rangle + a_n\langle S_n\rangle\right]^2 F_{SD}^2(E_R)\right\}$$

SI+SD differential cross sections:

- $g_{p,n}(a_{p,n})$ effective DM particle-nucleon couplings
- $\langle S_{p,n}\rangle$ nucleon spin in the nucleus
- $F^2(E_R)$ nuclear form factors
- m_{Wp} reduced DM particle-nucleon mass

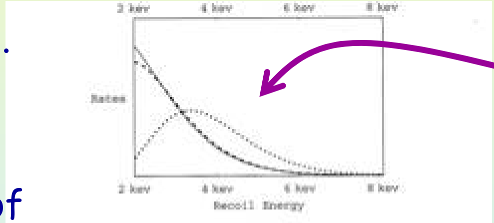
Note: not universal description. Scaling laws assumed to define point-like cross sections from nuclear ones. Four free parameters: m_W, σ_{SI}, σ_{SD}, $tg\theta = \frac{a_n}{a_p}$

Preferred inelastic DM particle-nucleus scattering: $\chi_- + N \rightarrow \chi_+ + N$

- DM particle candidate suggested by D. Smith and N. Weiner (PRD64(2001)043502)
- Two mass states χ_+ , χ_- with δ mass splitting
- Kinematical constraint for the inelastic scattering of χ_- on a nucleus with mass m_N becomes increasingly severe for low m_N

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

Three free parameters: m_W, σ_p, δ

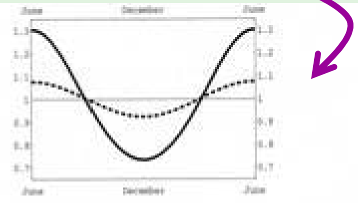


Normalized modulation (S_m) as a function of energy for ordinary WIMP scenario (solid), inelastic WIMP scenario with δ = 100keV (dashed), and inelastic WIMP scenario with δ = 150keV (dotted), all with m_χ = 60GeV.

Ex. m_W =100 GeV

m_N	μ
70	41
130	57

S_m/S_0 enhanced with respect to the elastic scattering case



Annual modulation of event rate with average normalized to one in the inelastic WIMP scenario (solid line) and standard WIMP scenario (dashed), with δ = 100keV and m_χ = 50GeV.

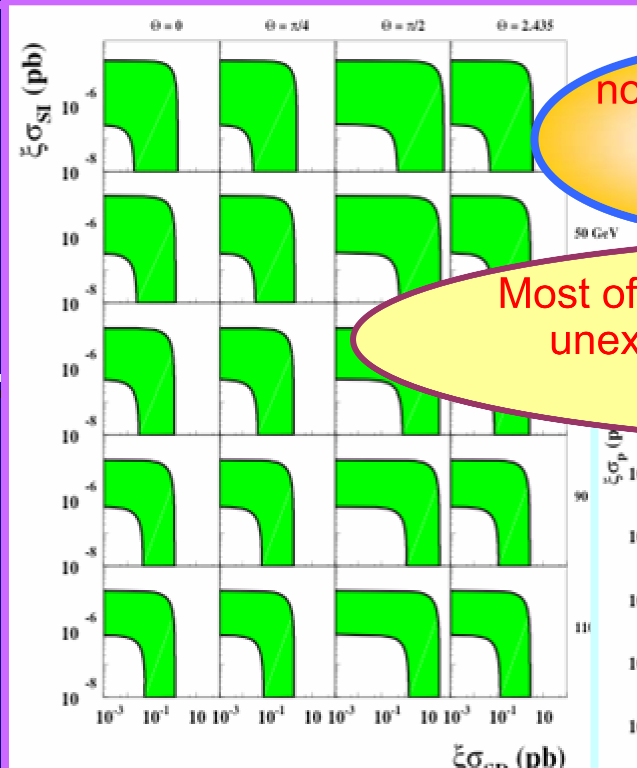
Differential energy distribution depends on the assumed scaling laws, nuclear form factors, spin factors, free parameters (→ kind of coupling, mixed SI&SD, pure SI, pure SD, pure SD through Z_0 exchange, pure SD with dominant coupling on proton, pure SD with dominant coupling on neutron, preferred inelastic, ...), on the assumed astrophysical model (halo model, presence of non-thermalized components, particle velocity distribution, particle density in the halo, ...) and on instrumental quantities (quenching factors, energy resolution, efficiency, ...)

Few examples of corollary quests for the WIMP class

(Riv. N.Cim. vol.26 n.1. (2003) 1-73, IJMPD13(2004)2127)

DM particle with elastic SI&SD interactions

(Na and I are fully sensitive to SD interaction, on the contrary of e.g. Ge and Si) Examples of slices of the allowed volume in the space ($\xi\sigma_{SI}$, $\xi\sigma_{SD}$, m_W, θ) for some of the possible θ ($tg\theta = a_n/a_p$ with $0 \le \theta < \pi$) and m_W

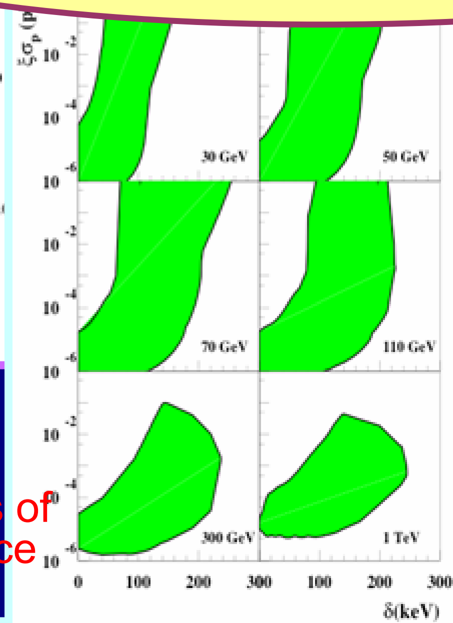


not exhaustive + different scenarios?

Most of these allowed volumes/regions are unexplorable e.g. by Ge, Si, TeO_2, Ar, Xe, $CaWO_4$ targets

DM particle with preferred inelastic interaction:

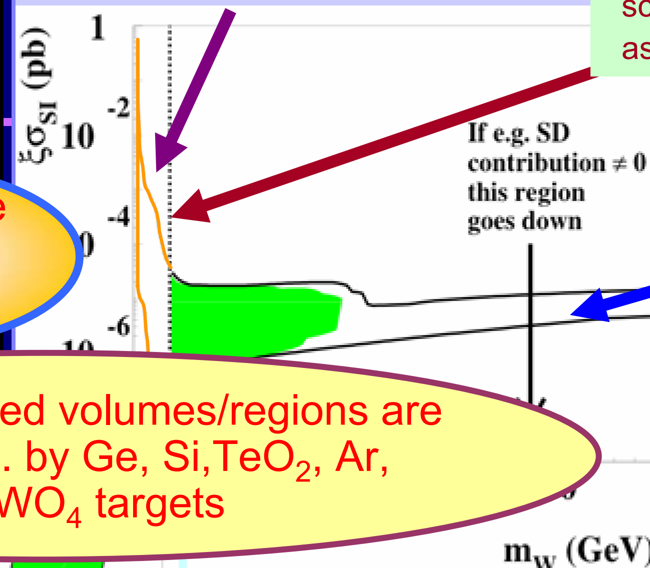
$W + N \rightarrow W^* + N$ (S_m/S_0 enhanced): examples of slices of the allowed volume in the space ($\xi\sigma_p$, m_W, δ) [e.g. Ge disfavoured]



DM particle with dominant SI coupling

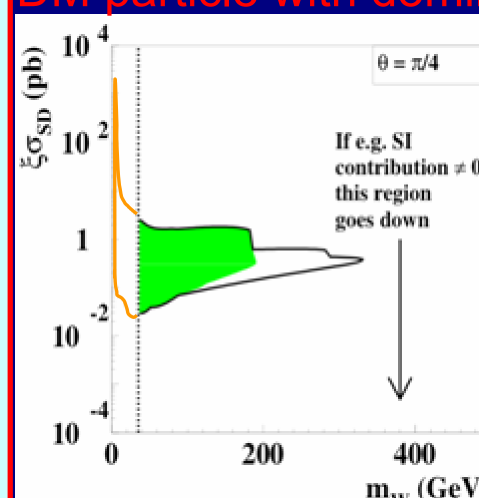
Region of interest for a neutralino in supersymmetric schemes where assumption on gaugino-mass unification at GUT is released and for "generic" DM particle

Model dependent lower bound on neutralino mass as derived from LEP data in supersymmetric schemes based on GUT assumptions (DPP2003)



higher mass region allowed for low v_0, every set of parameters' values and the halo models: Evans' logarithmic C1 and C2 co-rotating, triaxial D2 and D4 non-rotating, Evans power-law B3 in setA

DM particle with dominant SD coupling

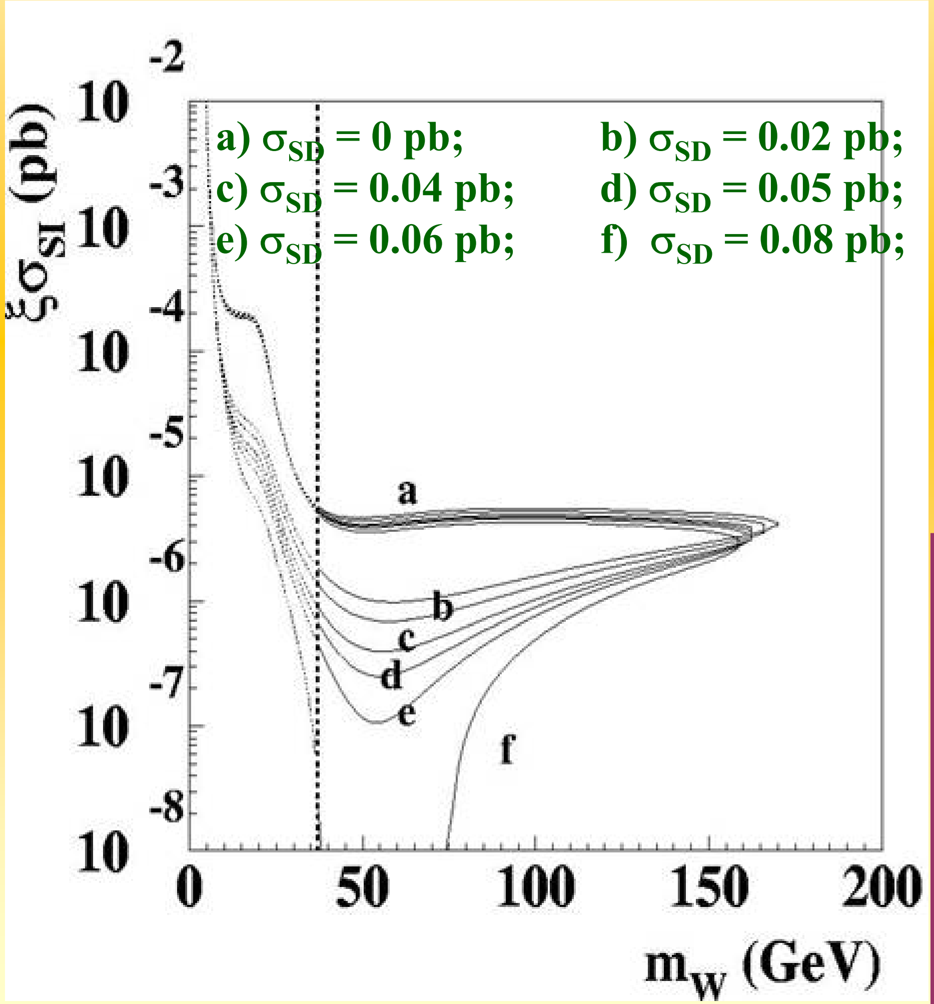


volume allowed in the space (m_W, $\xi\sigma_{SD}$, θ); here example of a slice for $\theta = \pi/4$ ($0 \le \theta < \pi$)

Regions above 200 GeV allowed for low v_0, for every set of parameters' values and for Evans' logarithmic C2 co-rotating halo models

An example of the effect induced by a non-zero SD component on the allowed SI regions

- Example obtained considering Evans' logarithmic axisymmetric C2 halo model with v_0 = 170 km/s, ρ_0 max at a given set of parameters
- The different regions refer to different SD contributions with θ=0



A small SD contribution ⇒ drastically moves the allowed region in the plane (m_W, $\xi\sigma_{SI}$) towards lower SI cross sections ($\xi\sigma_{SI} < 10^{-6}$ pb)

Similar effect for whatever considered model framework

- There is no meaning in bare comparison between regions allowed in experiments sensitive to SD coupling and exclusion plots achieved by experiments that are not.
- The same is when comparing regions allowed by experiments whose target-nuclei have unpaired proton with exclusion plots quoted by experiments using target-nuclei with unpaired neutron where $\theta \approx 0$ or $\theta \approx \pi$.

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)

low mass configurations are obtained

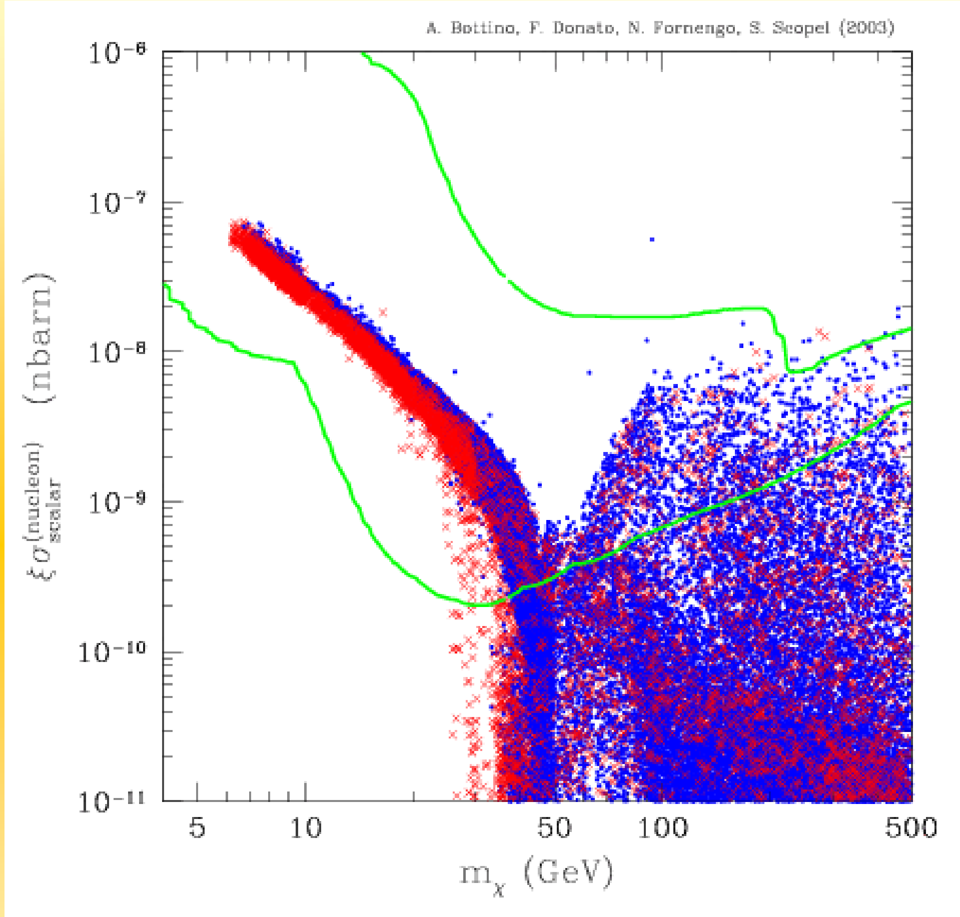


figure taken from PRD69(2004)037302

scatter plot of theoretical configurations vs DAMA/NaI allowed region in the given model frameworks for the total DAMA/NaI exposure (area inside the green line);

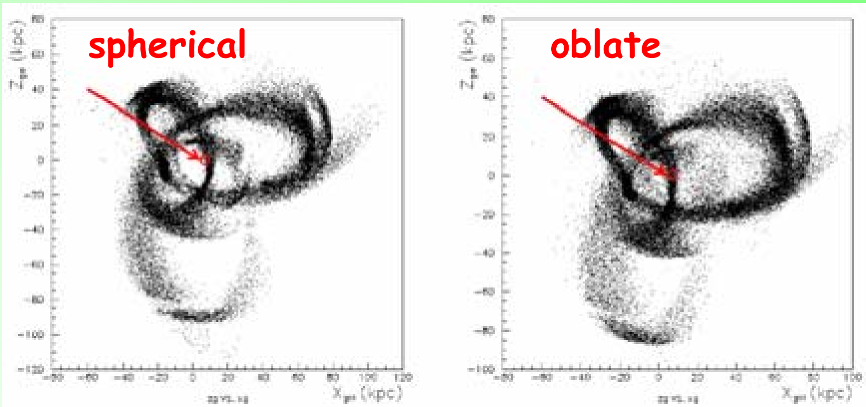
(for previous DAMA/NaI partial exposure see PRD68(2003)043506)

... investigating halo substructures by underground expt

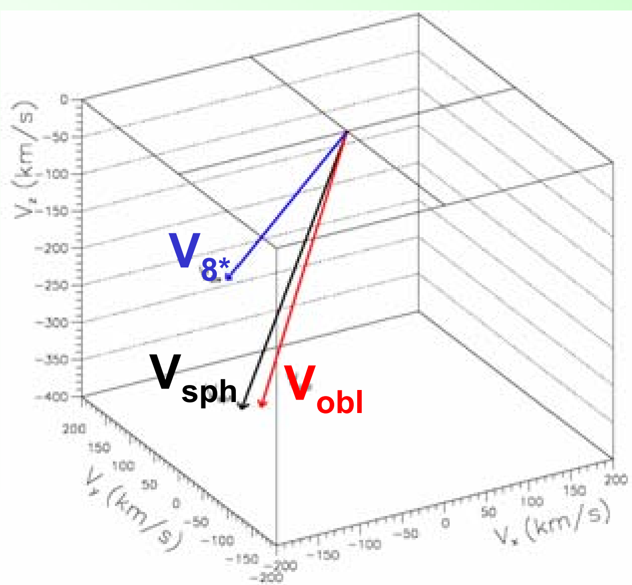
through annual modulation

Possible contributions due to the tidal stream of Sagittarius Dwarf satellite (SagDEG) galaxy of Milky Way

EPJC in press, astro-ph/0604303



simulations from Ap.J.619(2005)807



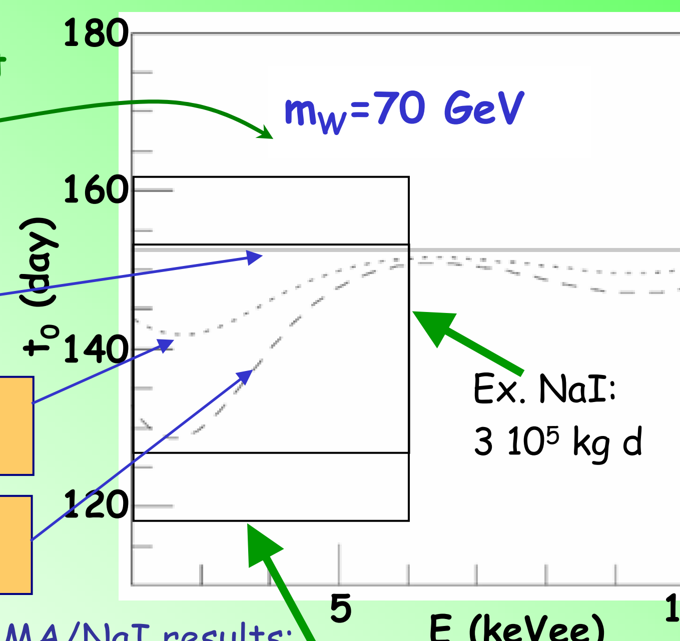
V_{8*} from 8 local stars: PRD71(2005)043516

Examples of the effect of SagDEG tail on the phase of the signal annual modulation

Expected phase in the absence of streams t_0 = 152.5 d (June 2[nd])

NFW spherical isotropic non-rotating, v_0 = 220km/s, ρ_{0max} + 4% SagDEG

NFW spherical isotropic non-rotating, v_0 = 220km/s, ρ_{0min} + 4% SagDEG



DAMA/NaI results:
(2-6) keV t_0 = (140±22) d

Investigating the effect of SagDEG contribution for WIMPs

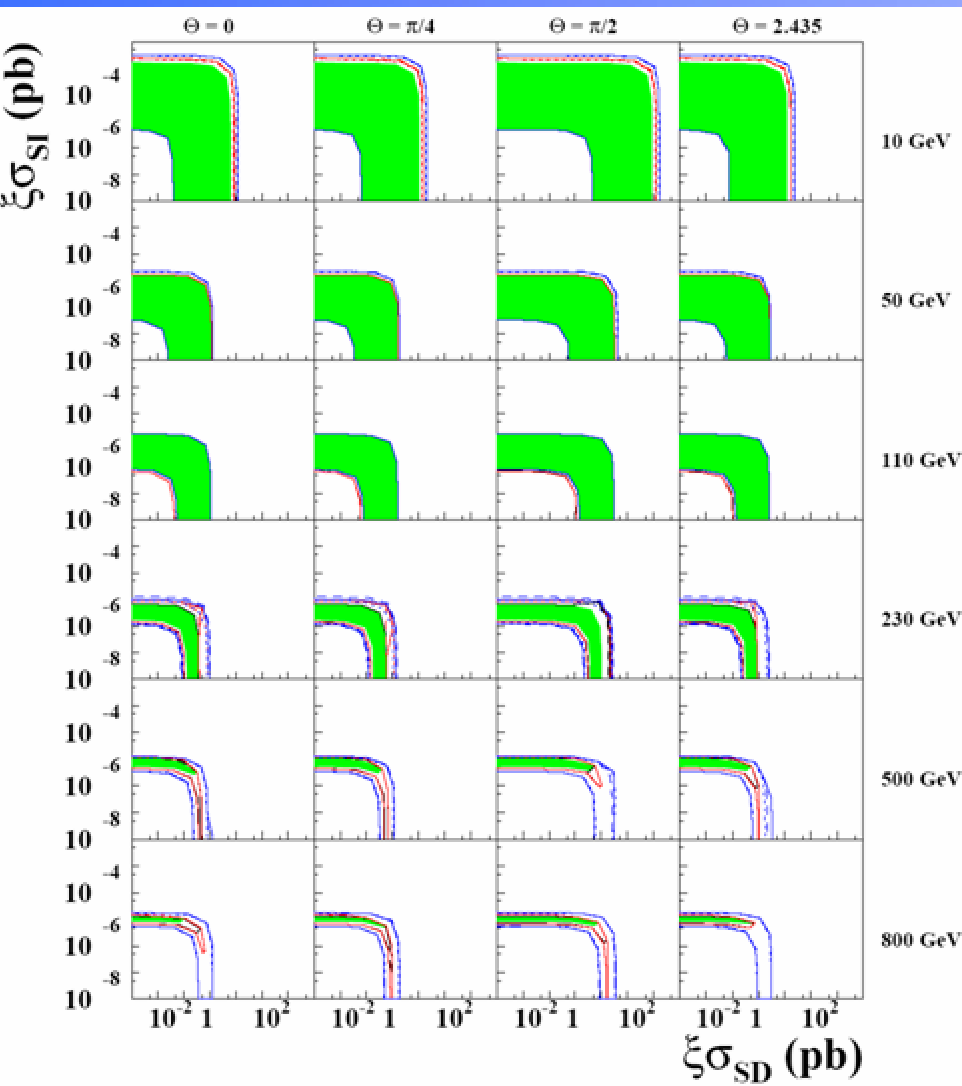
EPJC in press, astro-ph/0604303

DAMA/NaI: seven annual cycles 107731 kg d

for different SagDEG velocity dispersions (20-40-60 km/s)

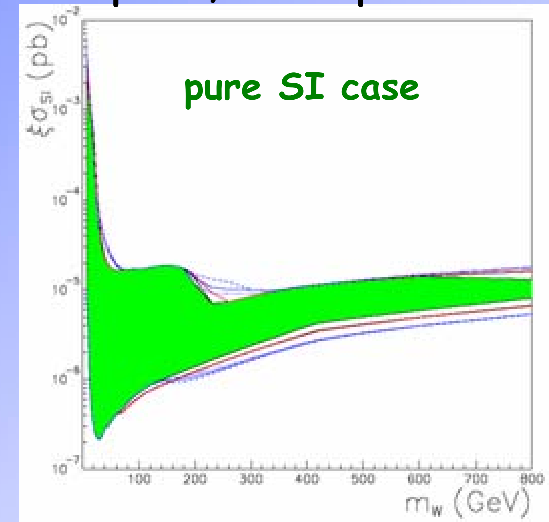
ρ_{SagDEG} < 0.1 GeV cm^{-3} (bound by M/L ratio considerations)

mixed SI&SD case

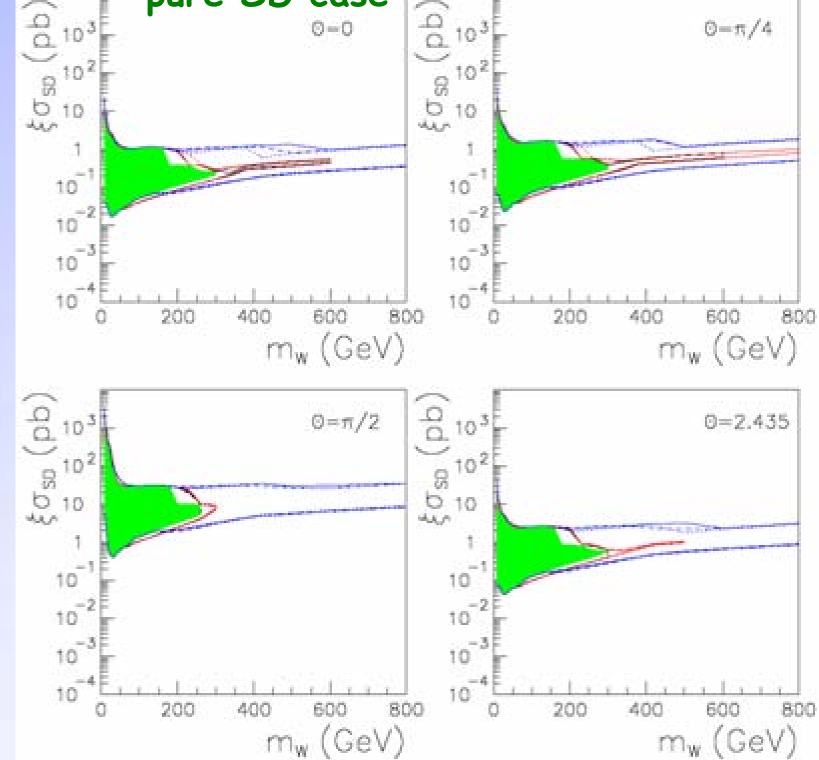


green area: no SagDEG

pure SI case



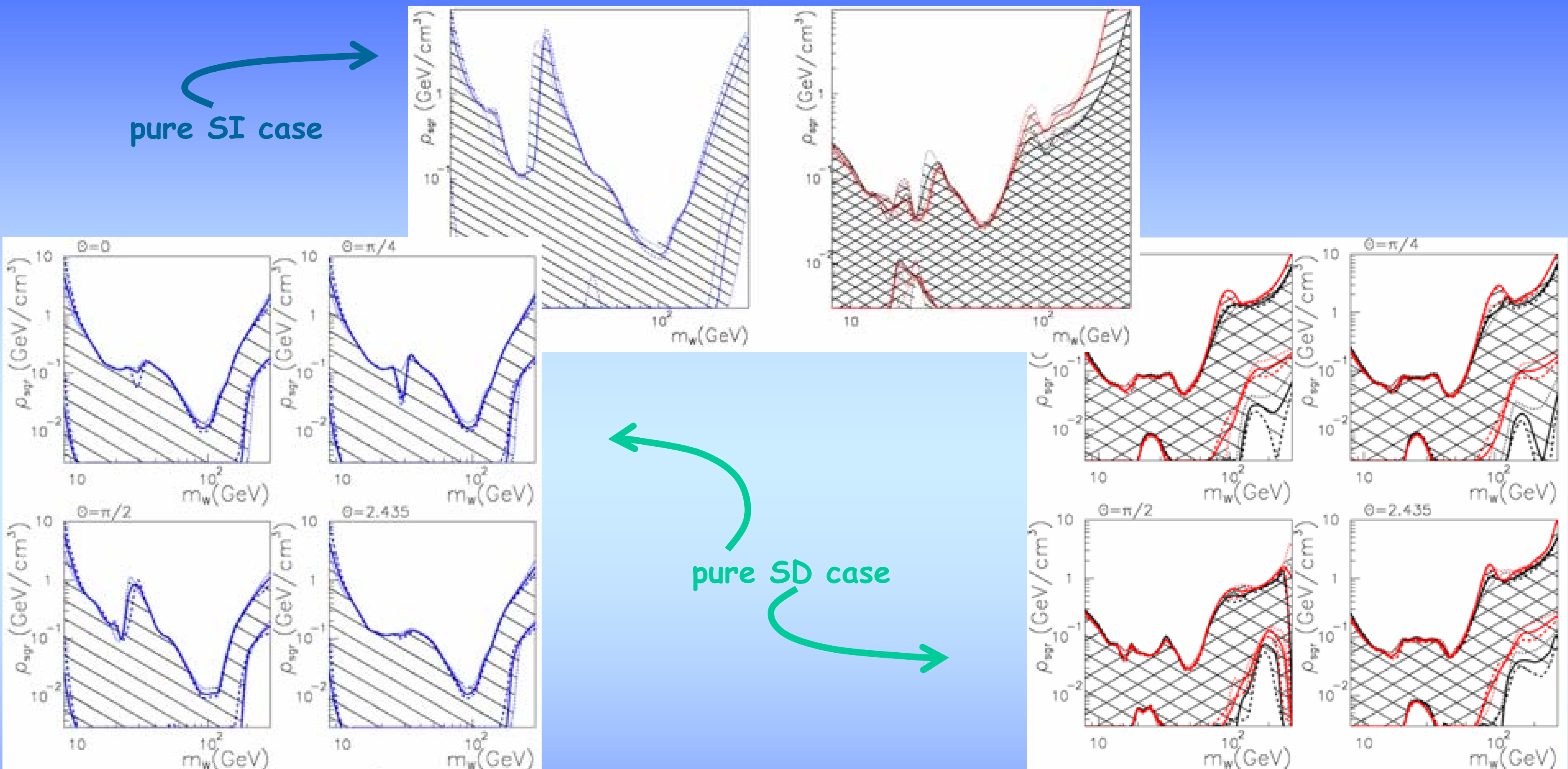
pure SD case



Constraining the SagDEG stream by DAMA/NaI

EPJC in press, astro-ph/0604303

for different SagDEG velocity dispersions (20-40-60 km/s)



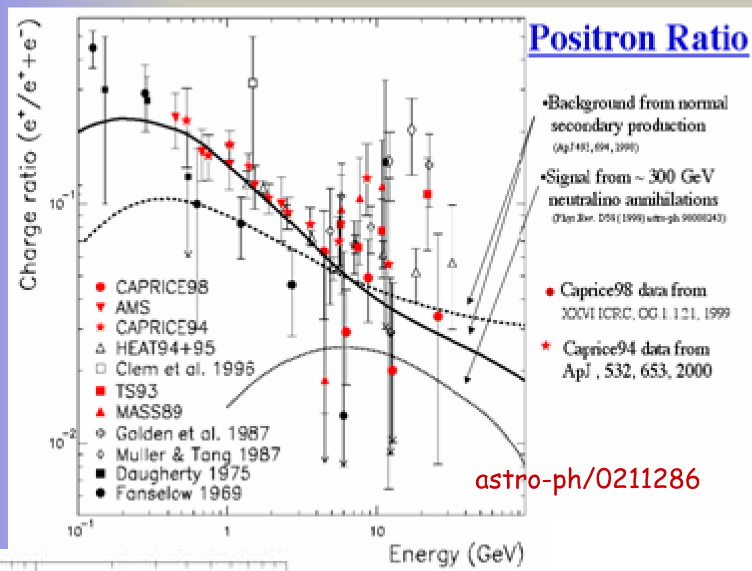
This analysis shows the possibility to investigate local halo features by **annual modulation signature** already at the level of sensitivity provided by DAMA/NaI, allowing to reach sensitivity to SagDEG density comparable with M/L evaluations.

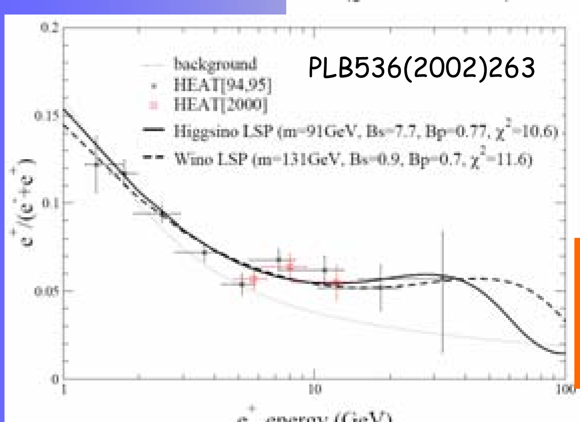
The higher **sensitivity** of **DAMA/LIBRA** will allow to more effectively investigate the presence and the contributions of streams in the galactic halo

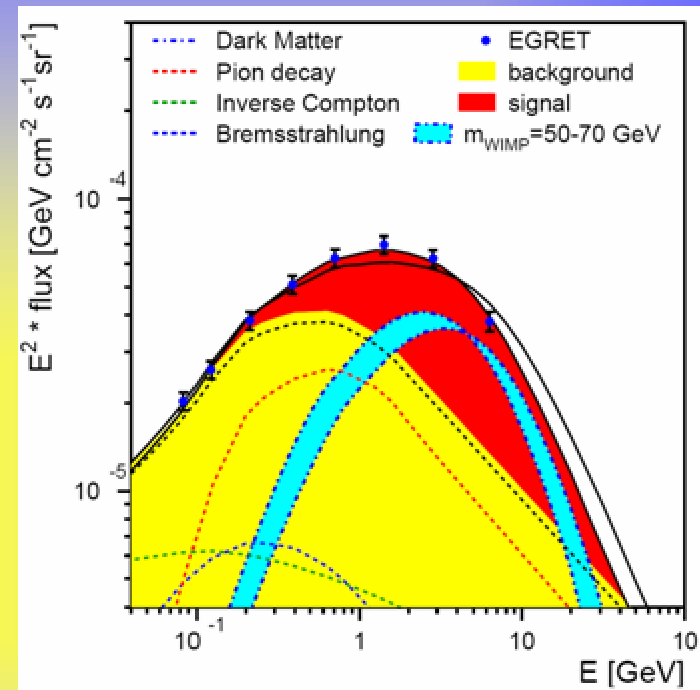
What about the indirect searches of DM particles in the space?

It was already noticed in 1997 that the EGRET data showed an excess of gamma ray fluxes for energies above 1 GeV in the galactic disk and for all sky directions.

The EGRET Excess of Diffuse Galactic Gamma Rays







EGRET data, W.de Boer, hep-ph/0508108

interpretation, evidence itself, derived m_W and cross sections depend e.g. on bckg modeling, on DM spatial velocity distribution in the galactic halo, etc.

Hints from indirect searches are not in conflict with DAMA/NaI for the WIMP class candidate

In next years new data from DAMA/LIBRA (direct detection) and from Agile, Glast, Ams2, Pamela, ... (indirect detections)

... not only neutralino, but also e.g. ...

... sneutrino, ...

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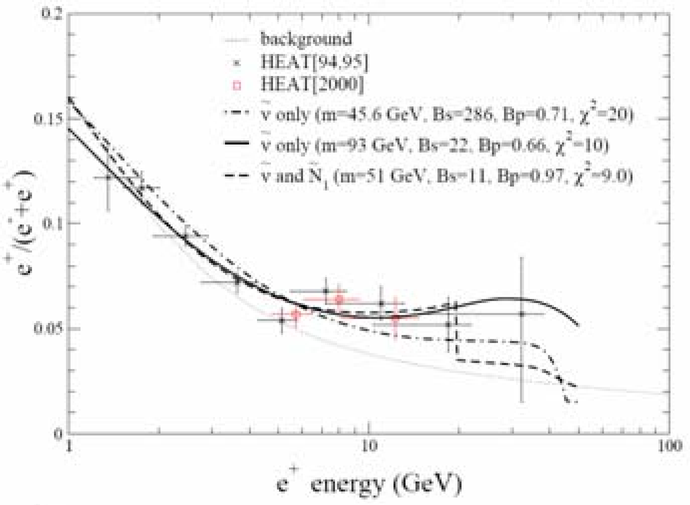

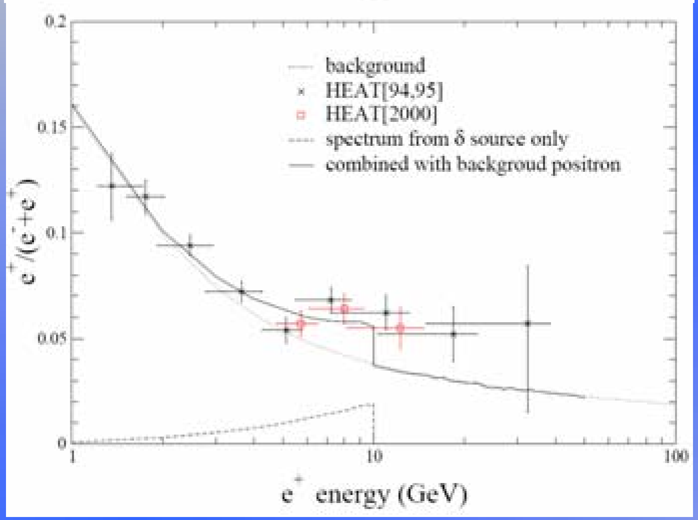

... or Kaluza-Klein DM

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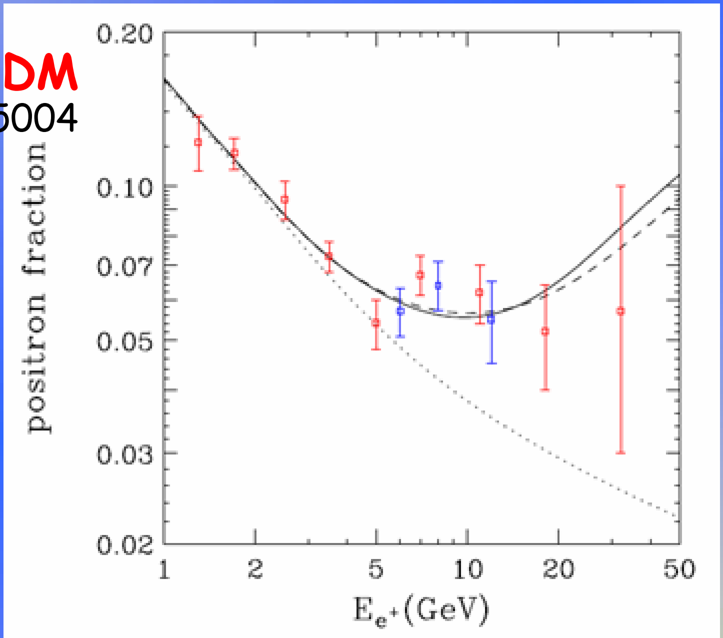
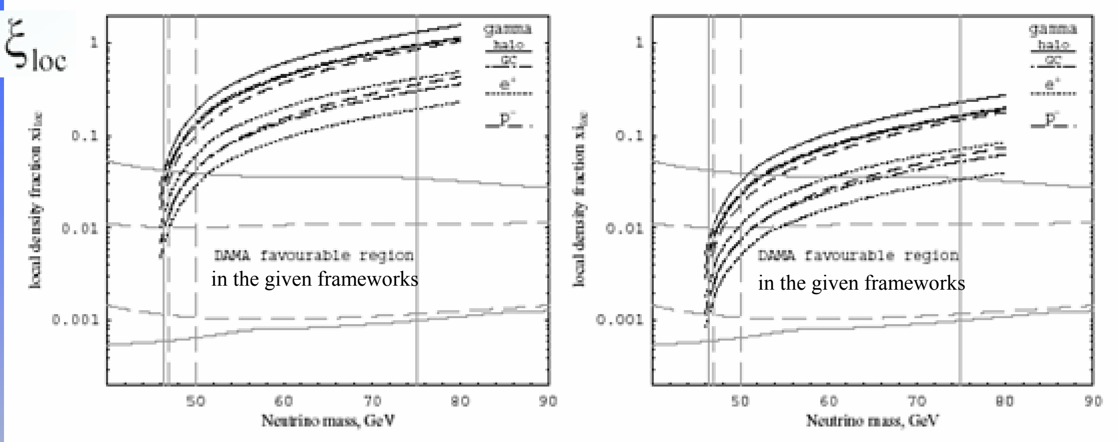


... or neutrino of 4th family

hep-ph/0411093

Example of joint analysis of DAMA/NaI and positron/gamma's excess in the space in the light of two DM particle components in the halo



Another class of DM candidates: light bosonic particle

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Axion-like particles: similar phenomenology with ordinary matter as the axion, but significantly different values for mass and coupling constants are allowed.

A wide literature is available and various candidate particles have been and can be considered.

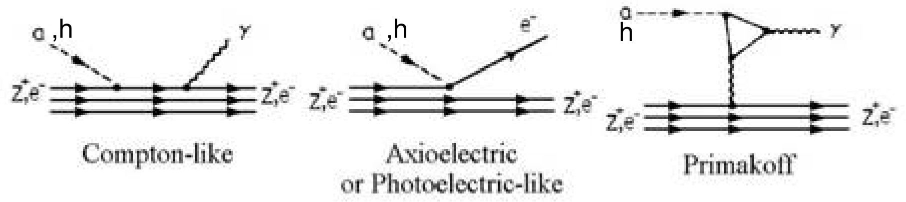
The detection is based on the total conversion of the absorbed bosonic mass into electromagnetic radiation.

In these processes the target nuclear recoil is negligible and not involved in the detection process (i.e. signals from these candidates are lost in experiments applying rejection procedures of the electromagnetic contribution)

A complete data analysis of the total 107731 kgxday exposure from DAMA/NaI has been performed for pseudoscalar (a) and scalar (h) candidates in some of the possible scenarios.

They can account for the DAMA/NaI observed effect as well as candidates belonging to the WIMPs class

Main processes involved in the detection:



	Compton-like	Axioelectric or Photoelectric-like	Primakoff
a	S_0	S_0,S_m	S_0,S_m
h	S_0,S_m	S_0	S_0,S_m

The pseudoscalar case

Analysis of 107731 kg day exposure from DAMA/NaI.

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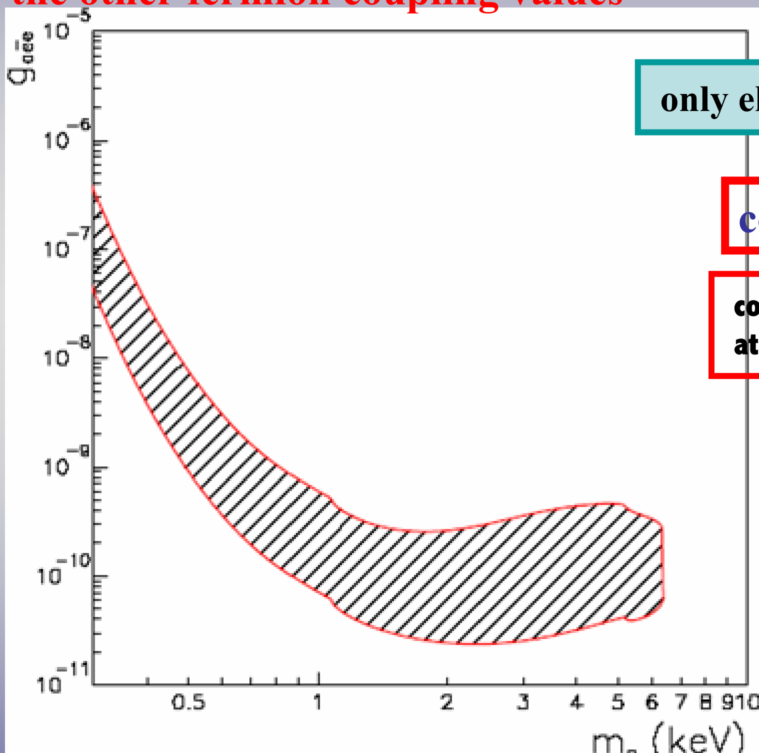
Allowed multi-dimensional volume in the space defined by m_a and all coupling constants to charged fermions (3σ C.L.) in the given frameworks

Axioelectric contribution dominant in all "natural" cases → allowed region **almost independent on the other fermion coupling values**



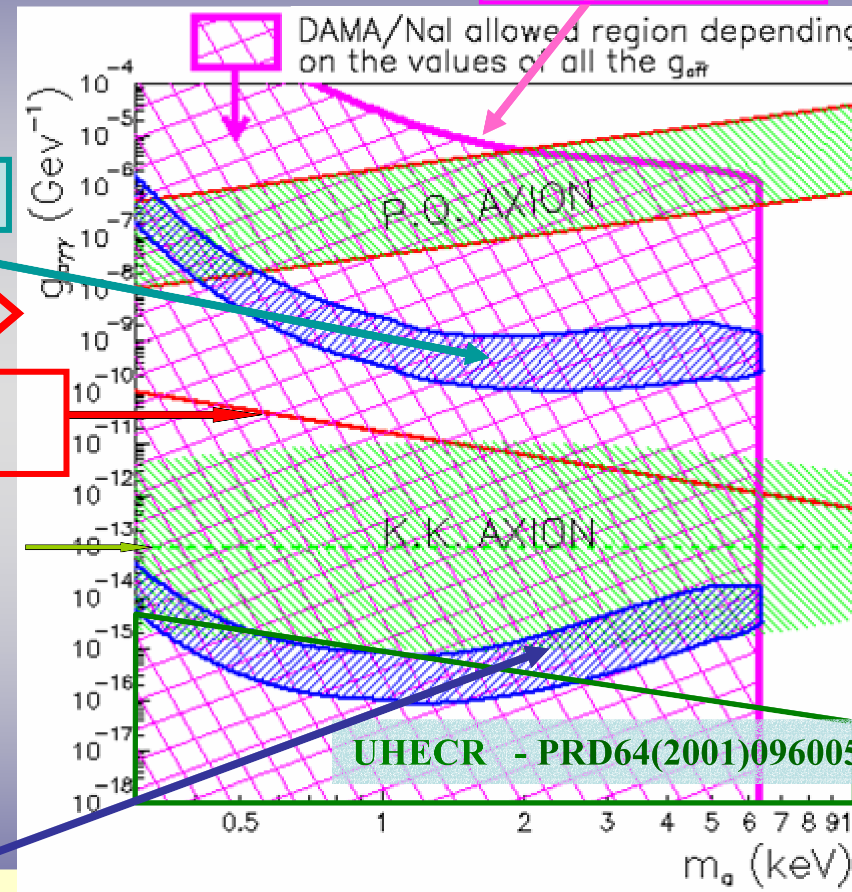
only electron coupling

coupling model

cosmological interest: at least below

Di Lella, Zioutas AP19(2003)145

Maximum allowed photon coupling



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Majoron as in PLB99(1981)411; coupling to photons vanish at first order:

$$g_{a\gamma\gamma} \approx \frac{\alpha}{\pi}\left[\frac{g_{a\bar{e}e}}{m_e} + 3\frac{\frac{1}{9}\,g_{a\bar{d}d}}{m_d} + 3\frac{\frac{4}{9}\,g_{a\bar{u}u}}{m_u}\right] \approx 0 \quad \left(\frac{g_{a\bar{e}e}}{m_e} = \frac{g_{a\bar{d}d}}{m_d} = -\frac{g_{a\bar{u}u}}{m_u}\right)$$

Also this can account for the DAMA/NaI observed effect

The scalar case

Allowed multi-dimensional volume in the space defined by m_h and all the coupling constants to charged fermions (3σ C.L.) in the given frameworks

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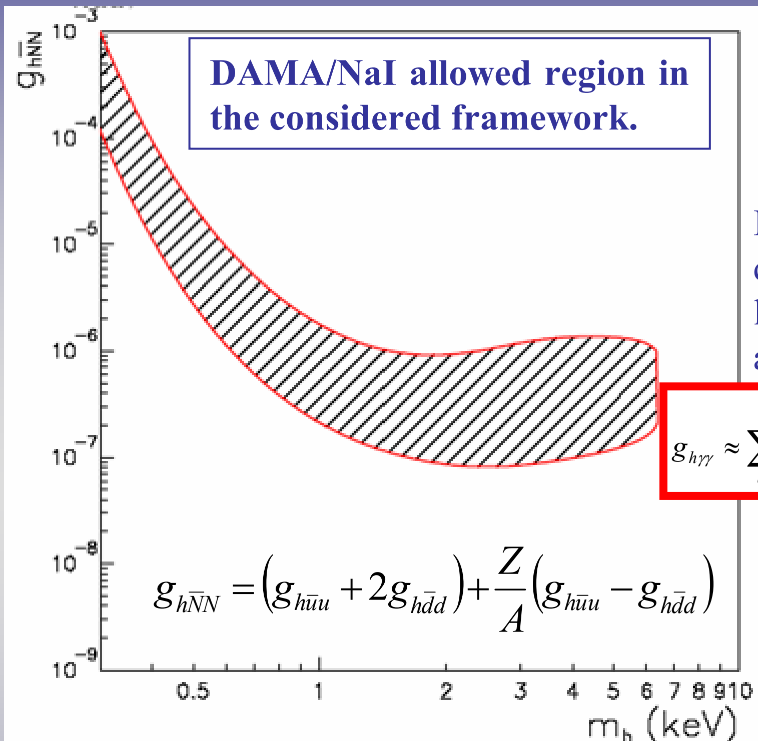
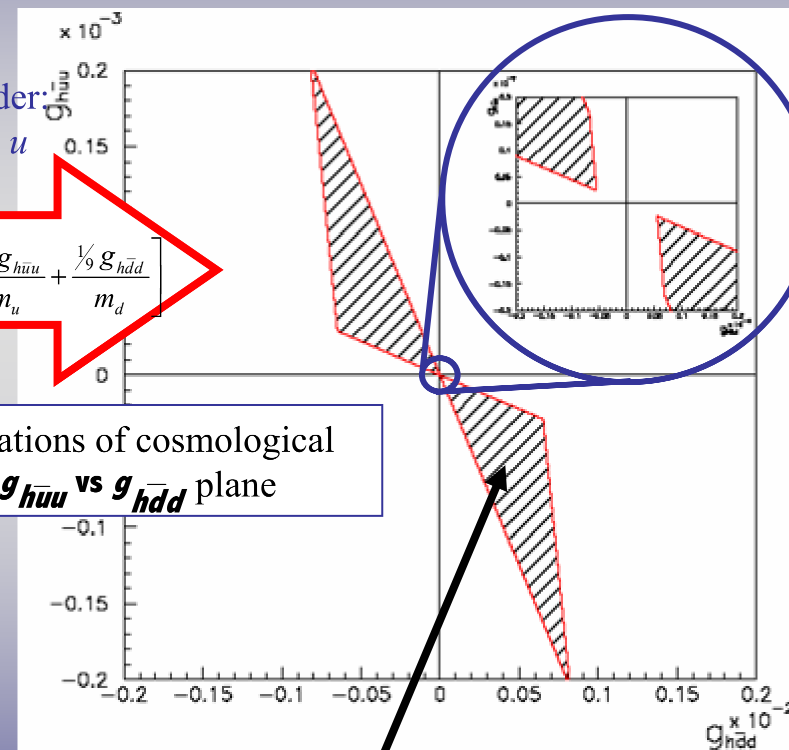
1) electron coupling does not provide modulation
2) from measured rate: $g_{hee} < 3\ 10^{-16}$ to 10^{-14} for $m_h \approx 0.5$ to 10 keV
3) coupling only to hadronic matter: allowed region in $g_{h\bar{N}N}$ vs. m_h (3σ C.L.)



$$g_{h\bar{N}N} = \left(g_{h\bar{u}u} + 2g_{h\bar{d}d}\right) + \frac{Z}{A}\left(g_{h\bar{u}u} - g_{h\bar{d}d}\right)$$

If all the couplings to quarks of the same order: lifetime dominated by *u* and *d* loops:

$$g_{h\gamma\gamma} \approx \sum_q -\frac{2}{3}\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\frac{Q_q^2 g_{h\bar{q}q}}{m_q} \approx -2\frac{\alpha}{\pi}\left[\frac{\tfrac{4}{9} g_{h\bar{u}u}}{m_u} + \frac{\tfrac{1}{9} g_{h\bar{d}d}}{m_d}\right]$$



- Allowed by DAMA/NaI (for $m_h > 0.3$ keV)
- $\tau_h > 15$ Gy (lifetime of cosmological interest)
- $m_u = 3.0 \pm 1.5$ MeV $m_d = 6.0 \pm 2.0$ MeV

Many other configurations of cosmological interest are possible depending on the values of the couplings to other quarks and to gluons….

- Annual modulation signature present for a scalar particle with pure coupling to hadronic matter (possible gluon coupling at tree level?).
- Compton-like to nucleus conversion is the dominant process for particle with cosmological lifetime.

Also this can account for the DAMA/NaI observed effect

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)

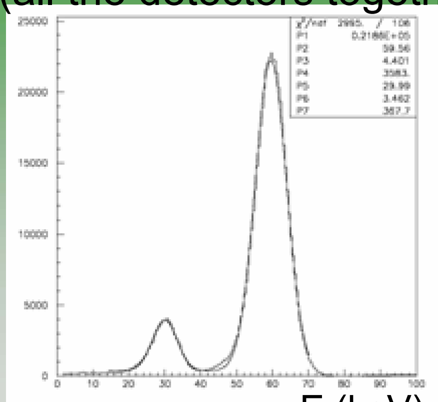
improving installation and environment

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


(all operations involving crystals and PMTs -including photos- in HP N_2 atmosphere)
installing DAMA/LIBR
assembling a DAMA/ LI
filling the inner Cu box with further shield
DAMA/LIBRA in data taking since March 2003, waiting for a larger exposure than DAMA/NaI
detectors during installation; in the central and right up
tors the new shaped Cu
unding light guides
s optical windows)
was not yet applied
closing the Cu box housing the detectors
view at end of detectors' installation in the Cu box

DAMA/LIBRA performance: energy scale and calibrations

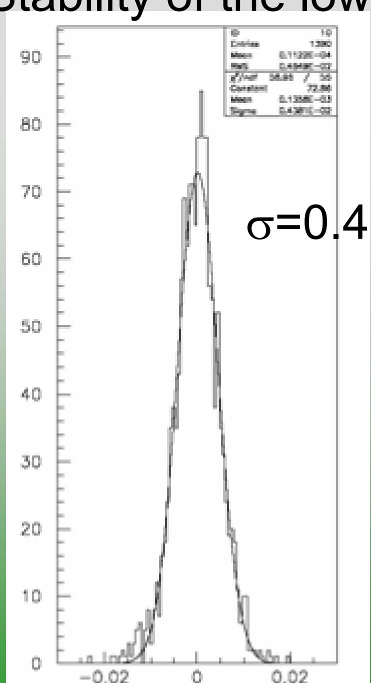
^{241}Am routine calibrations
(all the detectors together)



E (keV)

$$\frac{\sigma}{E}(60keV) = 7.4\%$$

Stability of the low energy calibration factors (TDs)



frequency

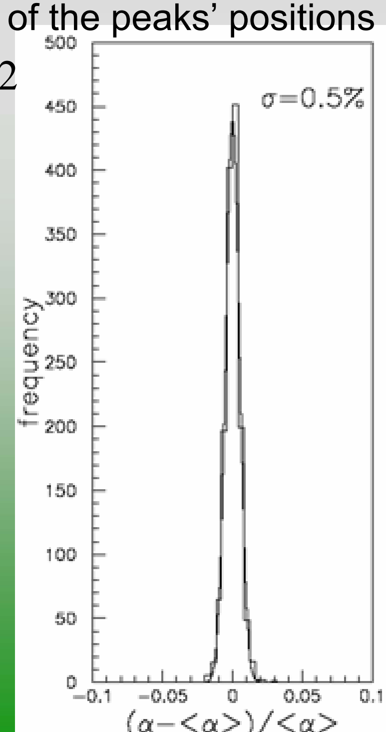
σ=0.4%

$$\frac{tdcal - \langle tdcal \rangle}{\langle tdcal \rangle}$$

Period:
March 2003 –
August 2005

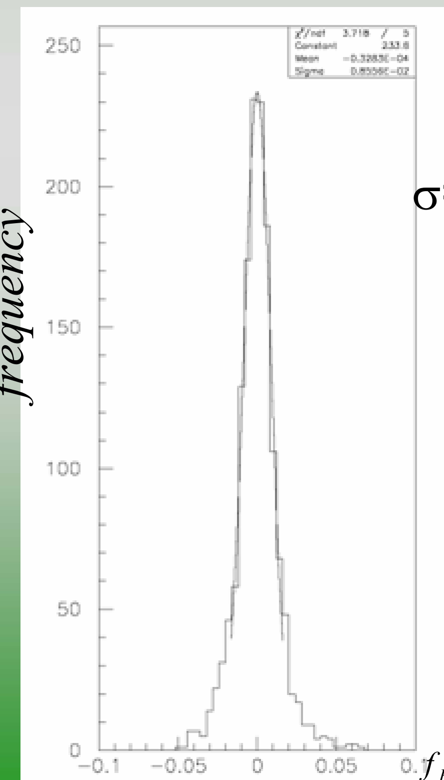
ratio of the peaks' positions

$\langle \alpha \rangle \approx 2$



Stability of the high energy calibration factors

March 2003 – April 2005



frequency

σ=0.9%

$$\frac{f_{HE} - \langle f_{HE} \rangle}{\langle f_{HE} \rangle}$$

Summary

DAMA/NaI data show a 6.3σ C.L. model independent evidence for the presence of a Dark Matter particle component in the galactic halo

Corollary model dependent quest for the candidate particle:

- WIMP particles with m_W~ (few GeV to TeV) with coupling pure SI or pure SD or mixed SI/SD as well as particles with preferred inelastic scattering
  (Riv.N.Cim. 26 n.1. (2003) 1-73, IJMPD 13 (2004) 2127)
- several other particles suggested in literature by various authors
  (see literature)
- bosonic particles with m_a~ keV having pseudoscalar, scalar coupling
  (IJMPA21(2006)1445)
- halo substructures (SagDEG) effects (astro-ph/0604303, EPJC in press)
- and more in progress...

The presently running DAMA/LIBRA will allow to further increase the C.L. of the model independent result, to restrict the nature of the candidate and to investigate the phase space structure of the dark halo

\+ a new R&D towards a possible ton set-up we proposed in 1996 in progress

... wait for more in the near future