



# Updated results on annual modulation with three years of data from ANAIS-112, present status and prospects

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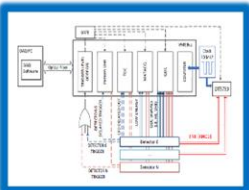
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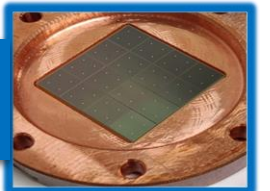
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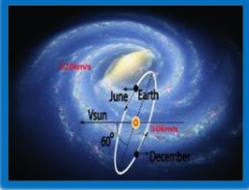
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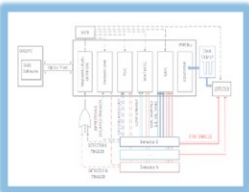
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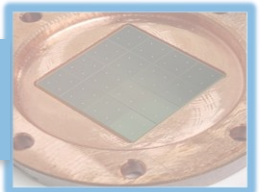
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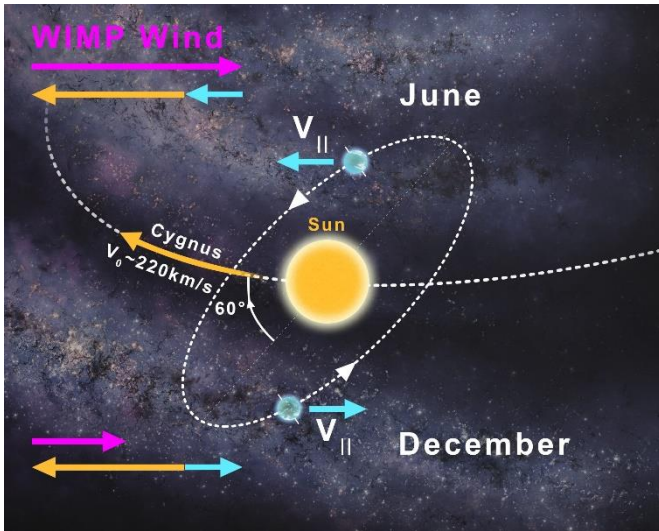
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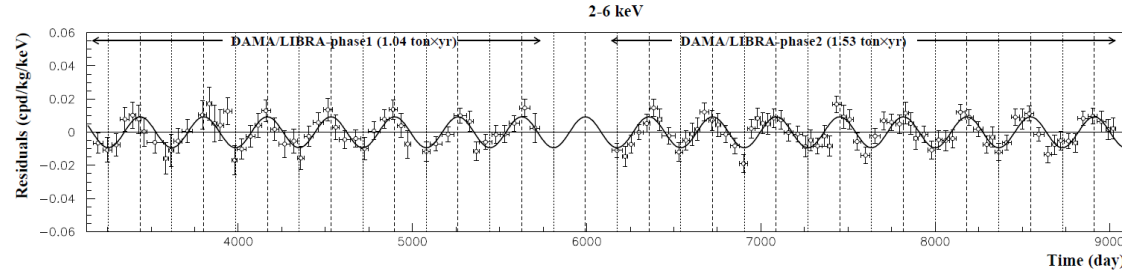
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# Dark matter annual modulation & DAMA/LIBRA positive signal



## DAMA/Nal and DAMA/LIBRA @LNGS (since 1995)



Cosine behaviour:  
 $T = 1 \text{ y}$ ,  $\phi = 02/\text{Jun}$

Only at low energy

Single-hit events

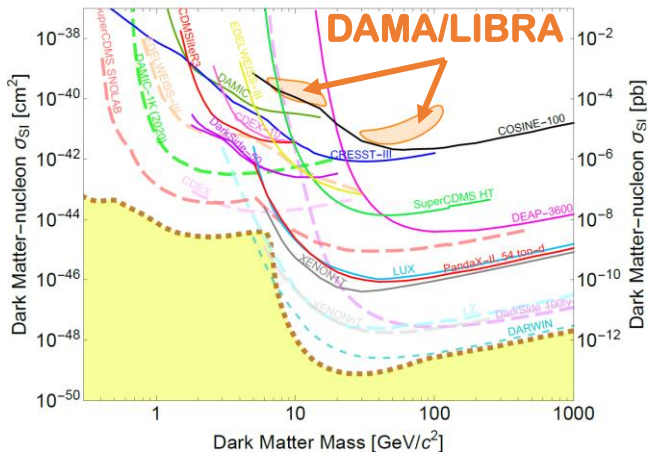
$S_m/S_0 \lesssim 7\%$

*R. Bernabei et al., Nucl. Phys. At. Energy 22 (2021) 329-342*

DAMA/Nal: 100 kg NaI(Tl) [1995-2002]  
DAMA/LIBRA: 250 kg NaI(Tl) [2003-today]

**DAMA clearly observes an annual modulation compatible with DM at more than  $13\sigma$**

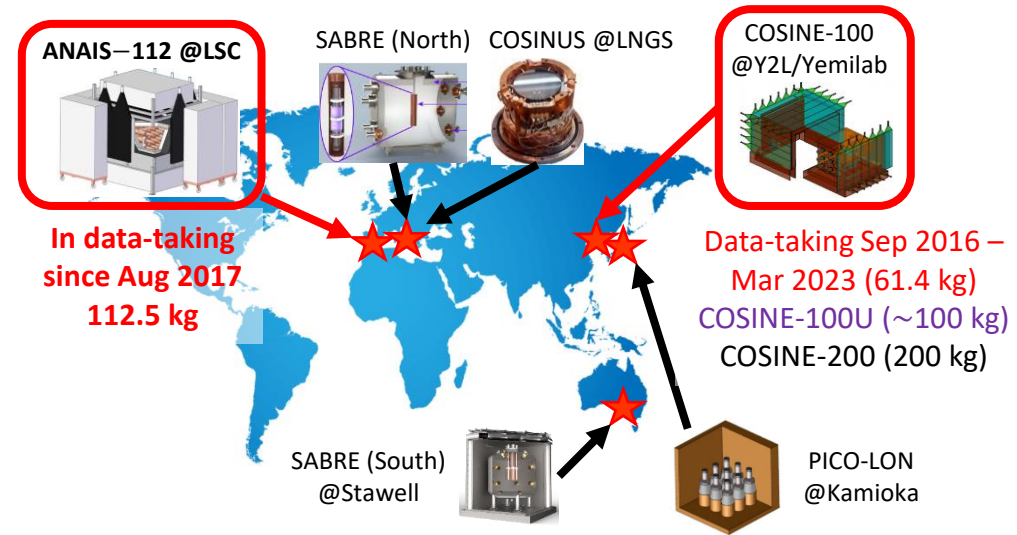
## STRONG TENSION



Other very sensitive experiments do not see the signal, but the comparison is **model dependent**

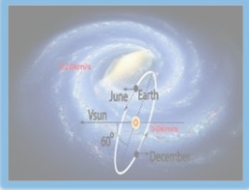
**A model independent test is needed using the same target**

## Other Nal experiments around the world





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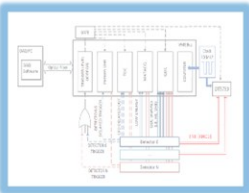
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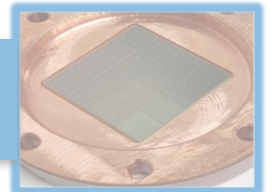
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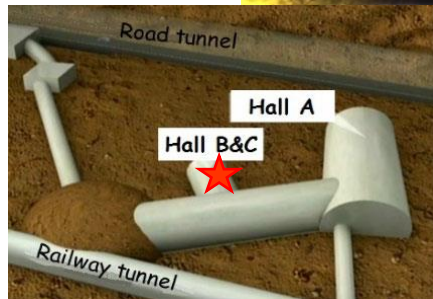
# The ANAIS experiment

## Goal

**ANAIS** (*Annual modulation with NaI(Tl) scintillators*) intends to provide a **model independent** test of the signal reported by DAMA/LIBRA, using the **same target and technique** at the **Canfranc Underground Laboratory** (Spain)



Projected sensitivity:  $3\sigma$  in 5 years data-taking

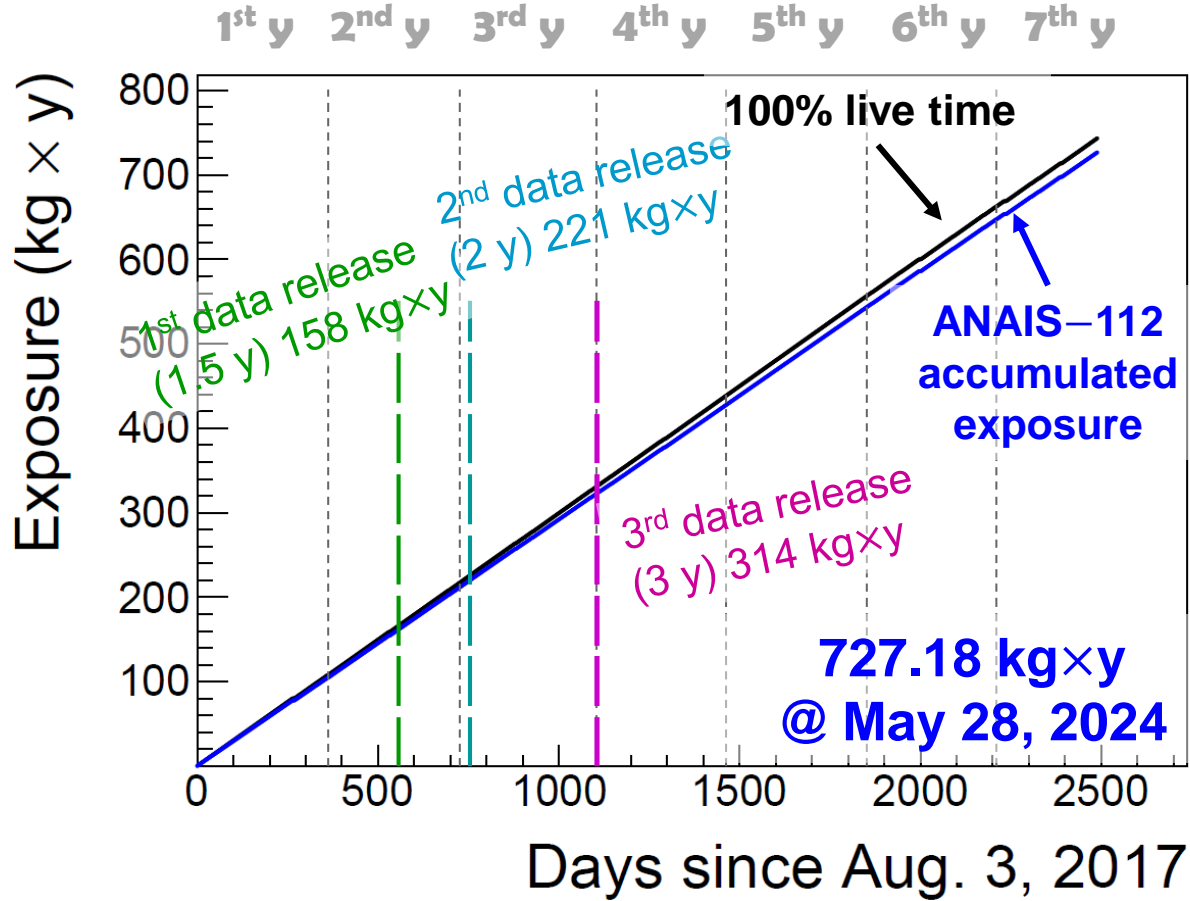


## ANAIS-112 experimental set-up

- 9 ultrapure NaI(Tl) crystals 12.5 kg (**112.5 kg**) in  $3 \times 3$
- Cylindrical modules coupled to 2 high QE PMTs ( $\sim 40\%$ )
- Mylar window allows external calibration
- Outstanding light collection of  $\sim 15$  phe/keV
- **On 3 August 2017, data collection starts**
- First 3-year data results published

**6-year data analysis ONGOING. Results soon**

# Annual modulation results



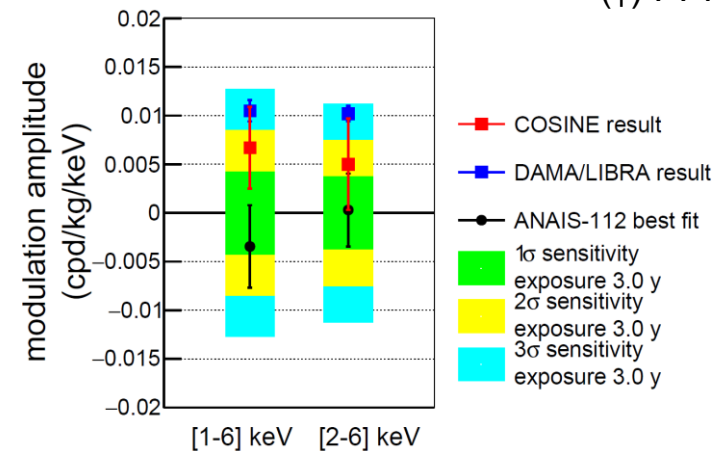
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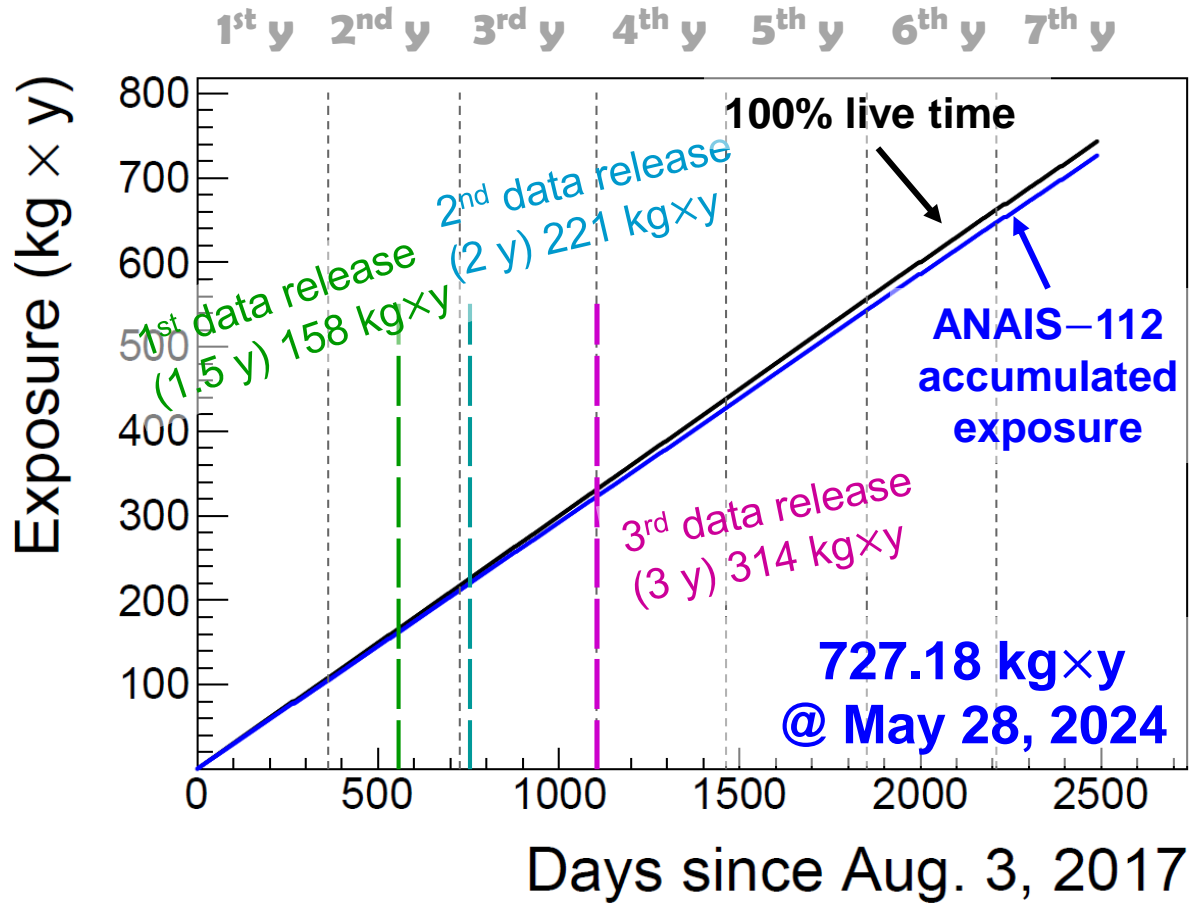
E (keV)	$S_m$ (counts/keV/kg/day)		
	ANAIS-112	COSINE-100 (*)	DAMA/LIBRA (†)
[1-6]	$-0.0034 \pm 0.0042$	$0.0067 \pm 0.0042$	$0.0105 \pm 0.0011$
[2-6]	$0.0003 \pm 0.0037$	$0.0050 \pm 0.0047$	$0.0102 \pm 0.0008$

(\*) PRD 106, 052005 (2022)  
(†) PPNP 114, 103810 (2020)



**ANAIS:**  
~ 2.5 $\sigma$   
sensitivity

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NEW DATA RELEASE: 3y + ML(\*)  
arxiv 2404.17348  
(submitted to Comm. Phys.)

(\*) Based on JCAP11(2022)048



# Improved filtering protocol with ML techniques

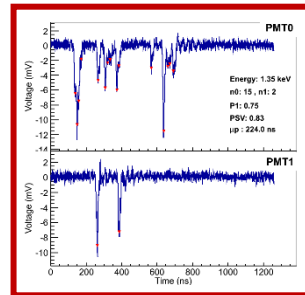
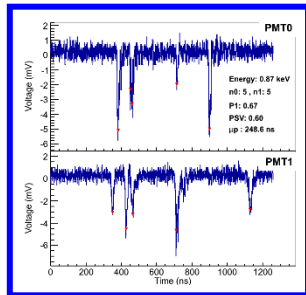
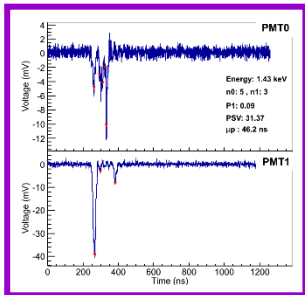
The region of interest (1-6 keV) is dominated by **non-bulk scintillation events**

Improve the “bulk scintillation” event selection with ML techniques based on BDT

## Training populations

**Signal events:** dedicated on-site neutron calibrations with  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  source

**Noise events:** blank module similar to ANAIS–112 modules, but without NaI(Tl) crystal



**BDT**

## Training parameters (15)

### Standard analysis (4)

$$P_1 = \frac{\sum_{100 \text{ ns}}^{600 \text{ ns}} A(t)}{\sum_{0 \text{ ns}}^{600 \text{ ns}} A(t)} \quad \mu_p = \frac{\sum_i A_i t_i}{\sum_i A_i} \quad n_0, n_1$$

$$P_2 = \frac{\sum_{0 \text{ ns}}^{50 \text{ ns}} A(t)}{\sum_{0 \text{ ns}}^{600 \text{ ns}} A(t)} \quad \text{Asynphe} = \frac{nphe_0 - nphe_1}{nphe_0 + nphe_1}$$

$$CAP_x = \frac{\sum_{0 \text{ ns}}^x A(t)}{\sum_{0 \text{ ns}}^{t_{max}} A(t)}$$

$$x = 50, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800 \text{ ns}$$

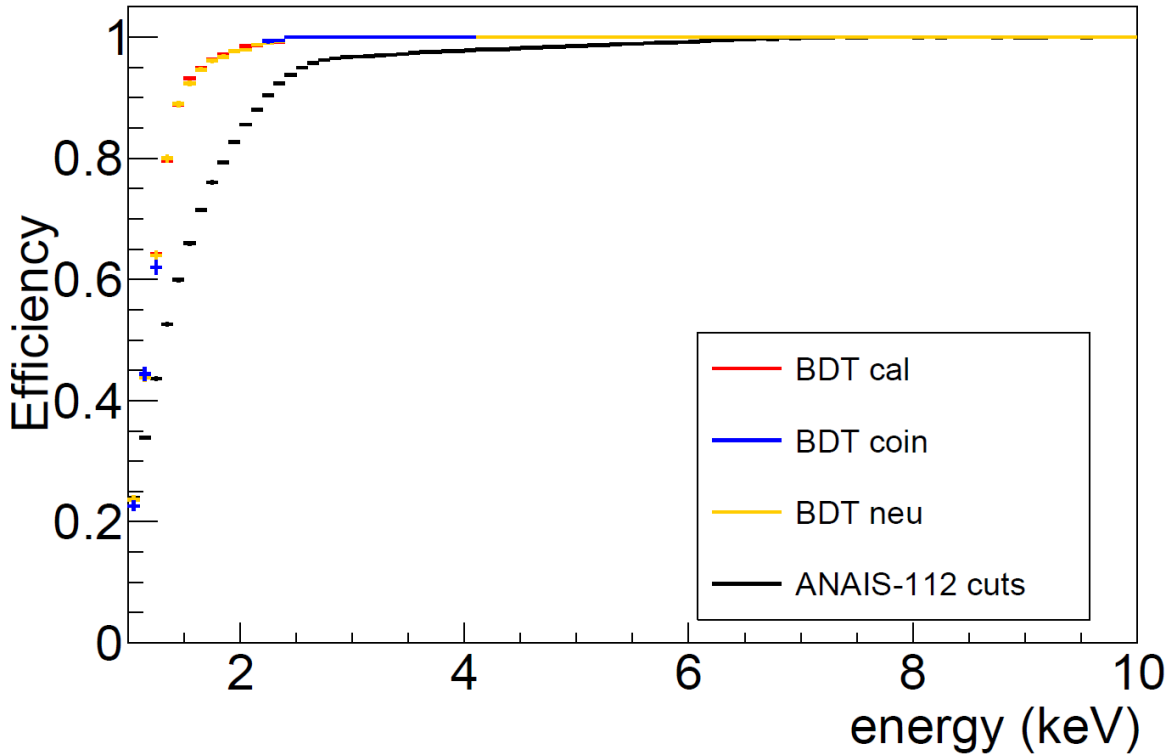
Performance of using ML for event selection in: [JCAP11\(2022\)048](#) and [JCAP06\(2023\)E01](#)

Reanalysis of 3 years data in: [arXiv:2404.17348 \(Apr. 2024\)](#), Submitted to *Comm. Phys.*

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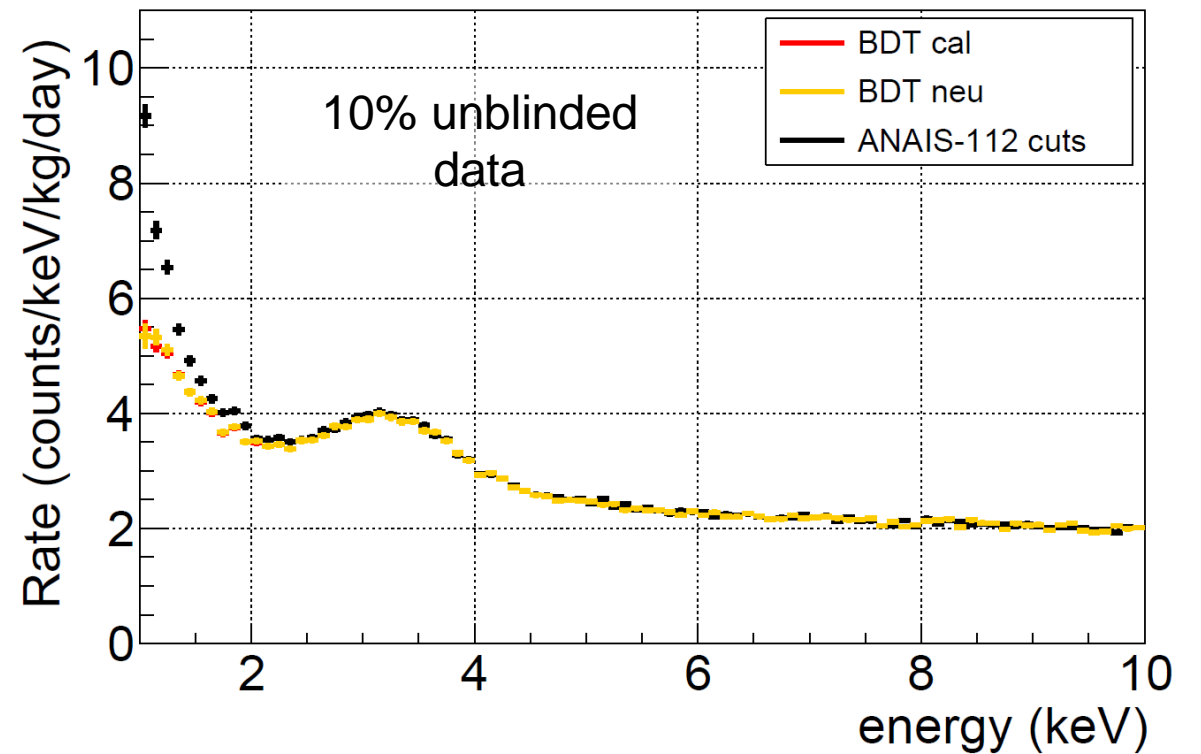
Following  
JCAP11(2022)048

### Acceptance efficiency



**~30% improvement  
in efficiency in [1-2] keV**

### Efficiency-corrected background



**~18% background  
reduction in [1-2] keV**

# Improved 3-year results [1-6] keV

PRD103(2021)102005

arXiv:2404.17348

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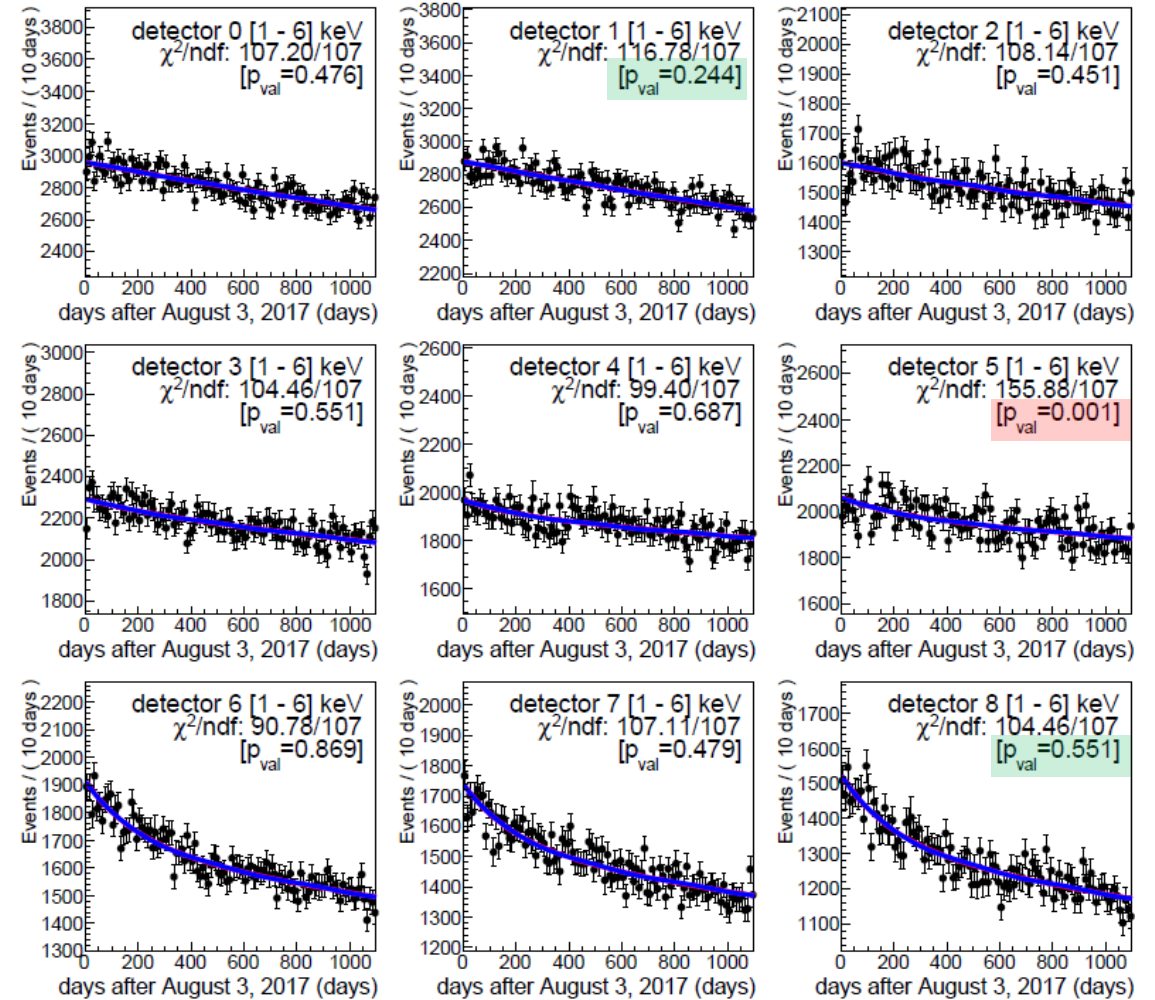
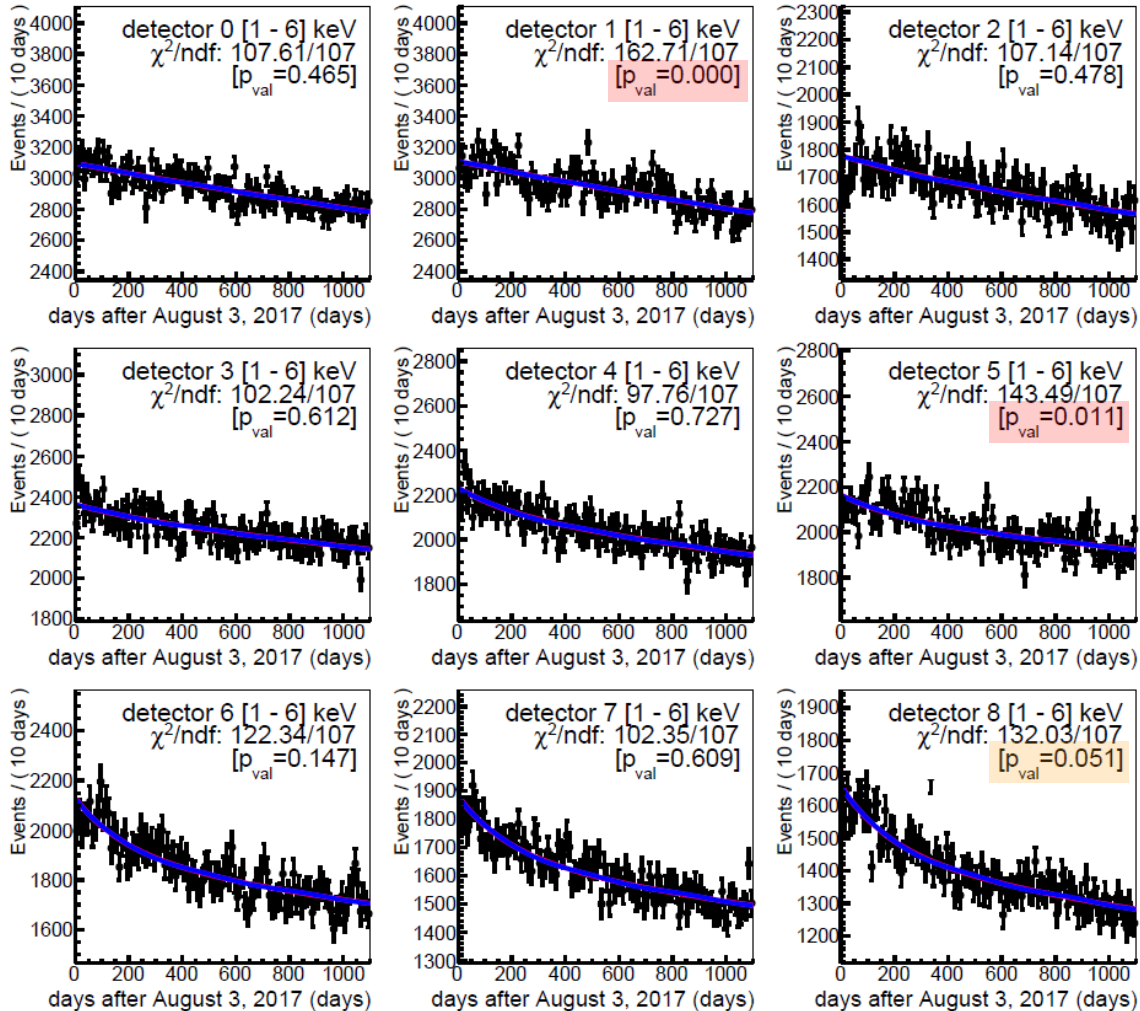
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$2.5\sigma \rightarrow 2.8\sigma$

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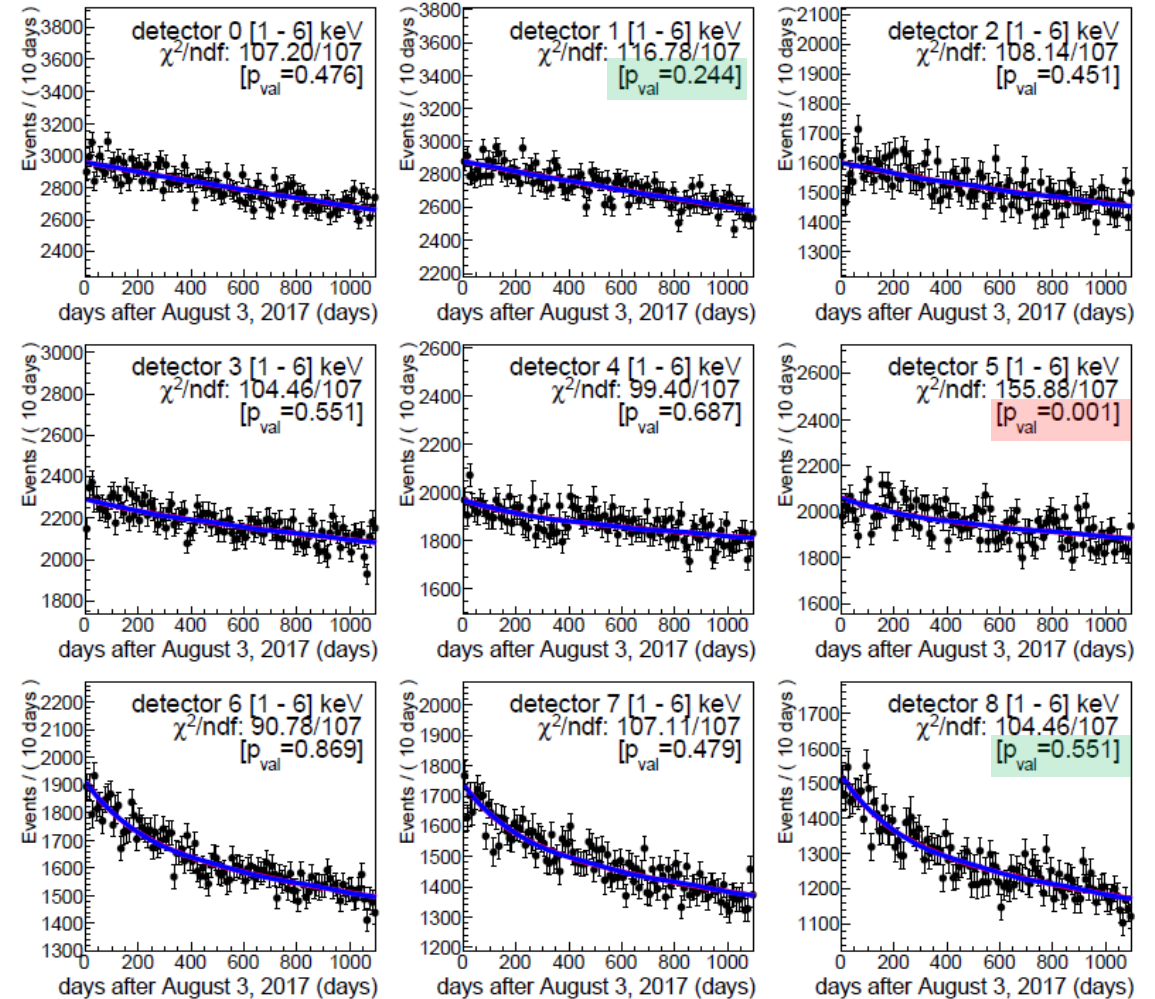
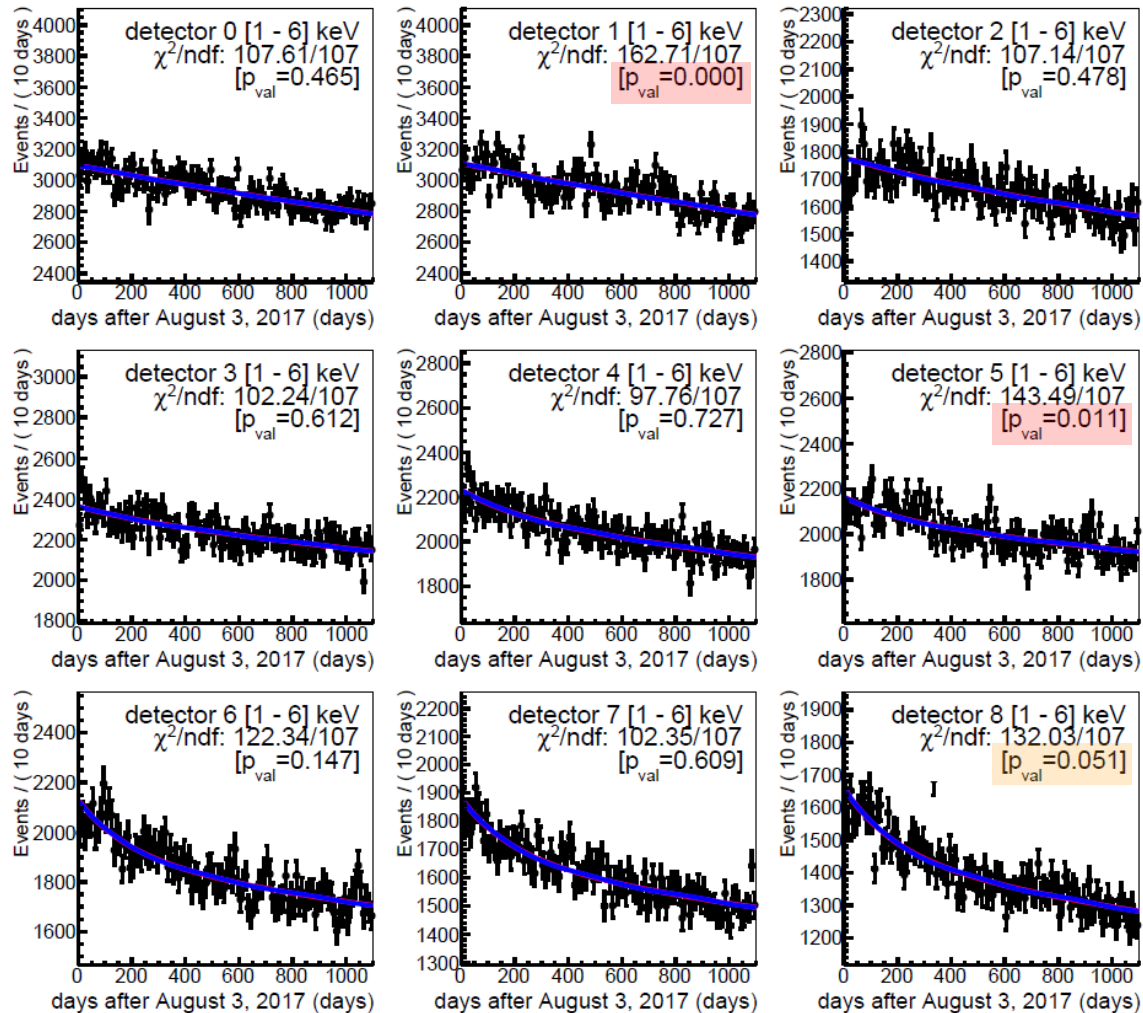
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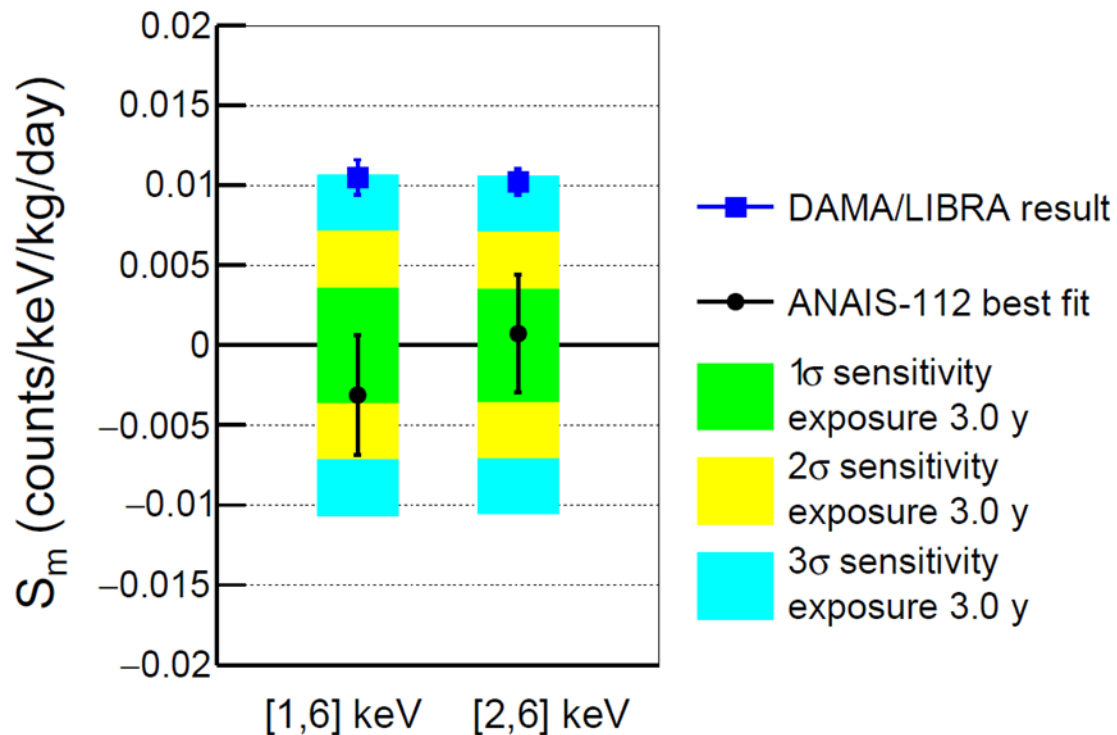
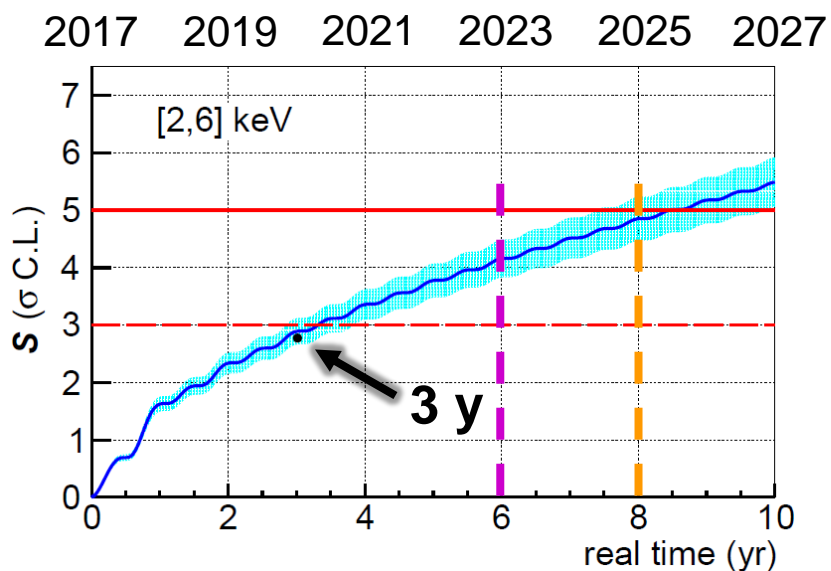
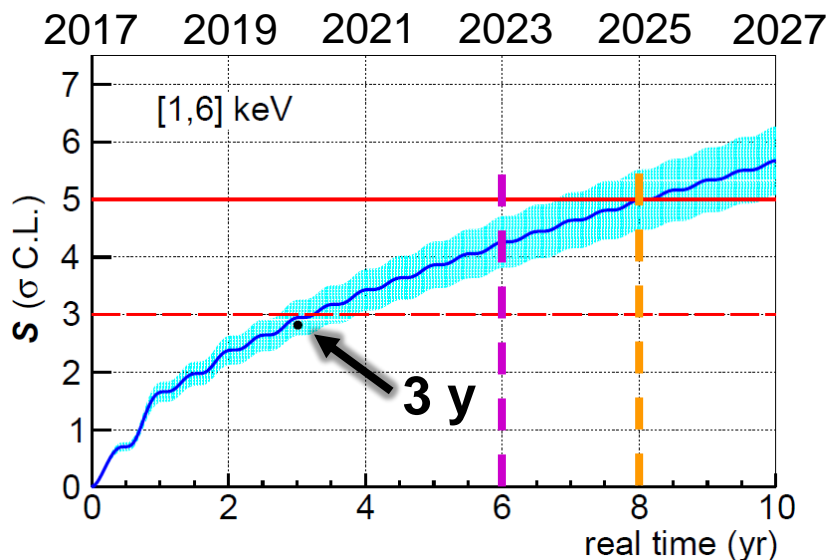
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# 3-year annual modulation with BDT cut



Best fit modulation amplitudes **compatible with zero** at  $\sim 1\sigma$

Best fit **incompatible with DAMA/LIBRA** at 3.7 (2.6)  $\sigma$  for [1-6] ([2-6]) keV

**Sensitivity with 3 years data:  $2.8\sigma$  for [1-6] and [2-6] keV**

**> $4\sigma$  sensitivity with 6 y (NEXT RELEASE)**

**$5\sigma$  sensitivity in late 2025**



# ANAIS–112 3-year data public

→ Thanks to the support of the **Dark Matter Data Center**, funded by the ORIGINS excellence cluster, ANAIS–112 3-year annual modulation analysis and the reanalysis can be downloaded at

<https://www.origins-cluster.de/odsl/dark-matter-data-center/available-datasets/anais>

- Background model
- Efficiency
- Live time
- Event data at ROI
- Fitting routines

ANAIS-112 Three Year

Detector Module	ANAIS-112
Material	NaI(Tl)
Technology	3 × 3 Array of NaI(Tl) scintillating crystals D0-D8 using two Photo Multiplier Tubes (PMTs) each to detect scintillation light signal.
Fiducial Mass	12.5 Kg each. Total 112.5 Kg
Total Live Time	1013.83 days **Sec III of PhysRevD.103.102005 misquotes this as 1018.6 days. The last bin, bin 111, live time: 4.74 days, was not considered for the analysis in this publication.)
Threshold	1 keV (Electron equivalent energy. All energies are in keVee, aliased by keV)
Acceptance Region	1-6 keV and 2-6 keV
Average Resolution	$\sigma = (-0.008 \pm 0.001) + (0.378 \pm 0.002) \times \sqrt{E(\text{keV})}$

ANAIS provides a Jupyter Notebook with examples of how to plot the data in these datasets and to run the RooFit macro for fitting the data.

Launch a Binder session with the notebook preloaded: [launch binder](#)

Download full repository as targz: [GitLab](#)

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[PhysRevD.103.102005](#)  
[arXiv:2103.01175 \[astro-ph.IM\]](#)

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ANAIS-112 Three Year Reanalysis with event selection using ML

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Threshold	1 keV (Electron equivalent energy. All energies are in keVee, aliased by keV)
Exposure	Total: 323.35 kg-yr Effective: 312.12 kg-yr after muon and rate cuts
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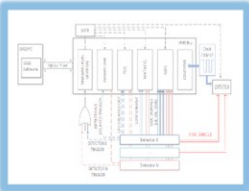


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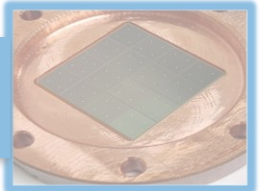
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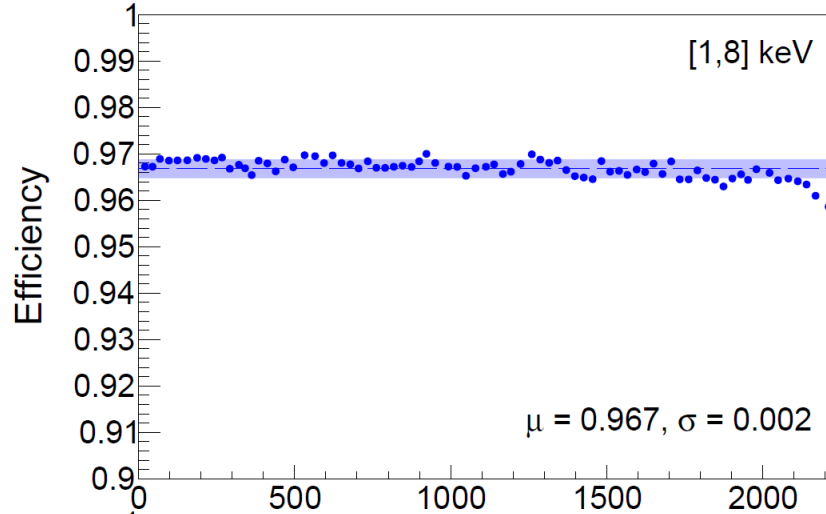
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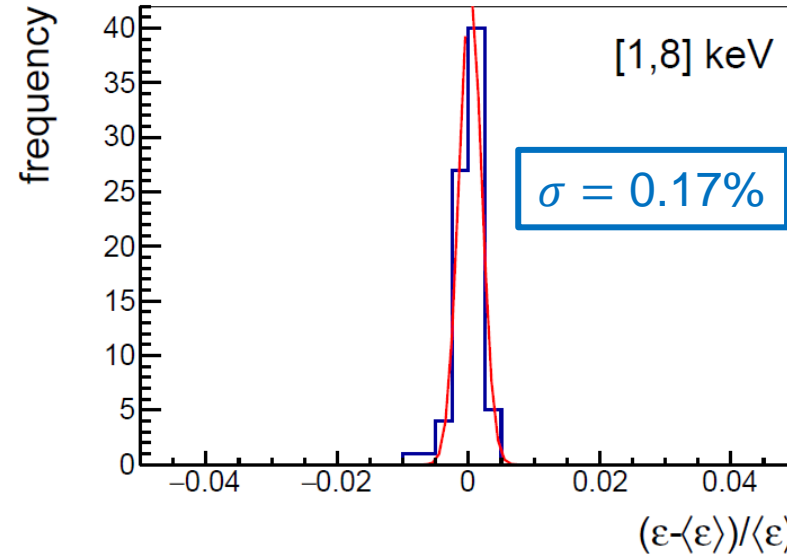
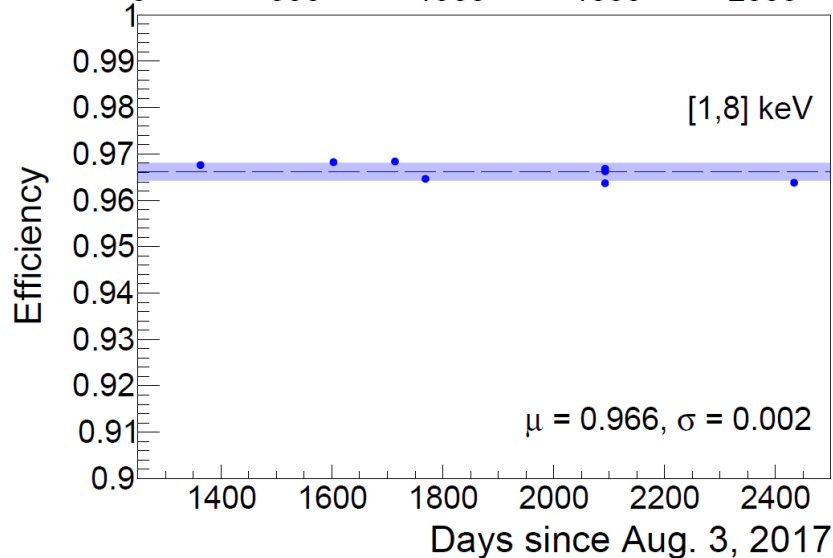
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## Event selection efficiency stability

Efficiency calculated from  $^{109}\text{Cd}$  calibrations

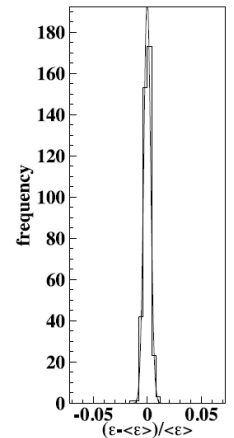


Efficiency calculated from neutron calibrations



DAMA/LIBRA-phase2 reports  $\sigma = 0.30\%$  in [1-8] keV

**We are more stable than DAMA/LIBRA**

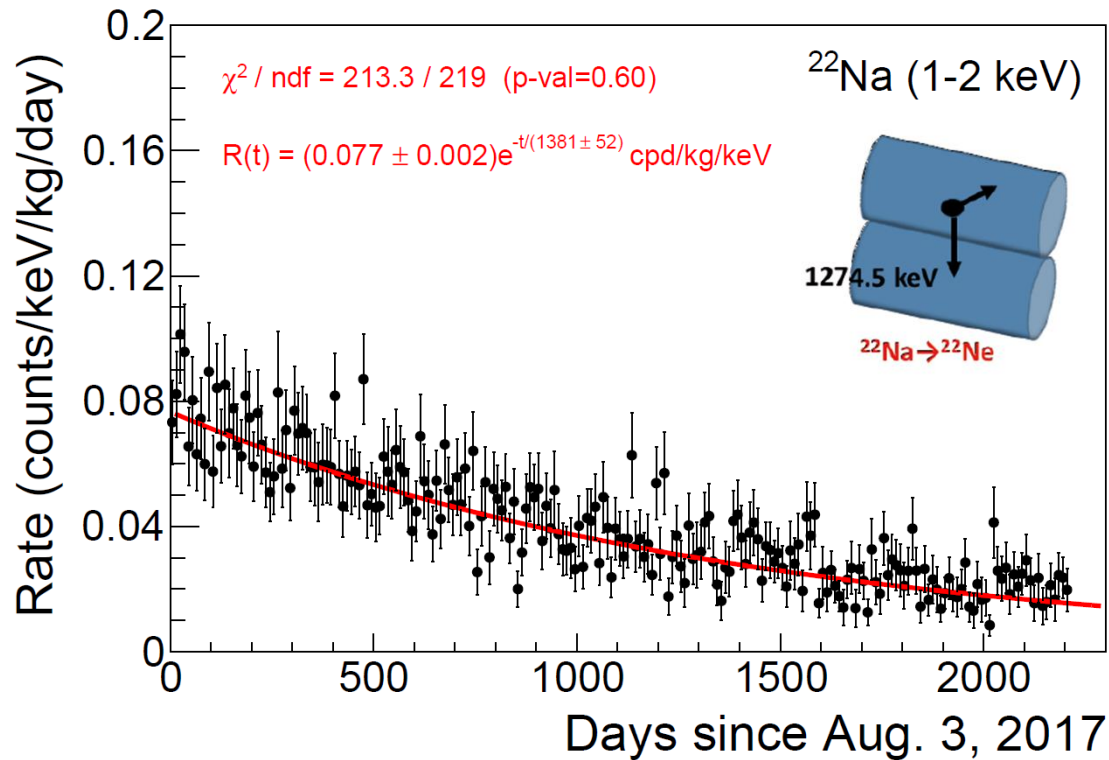


*R. Bernabei et al., Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 114 (2020) 103810*

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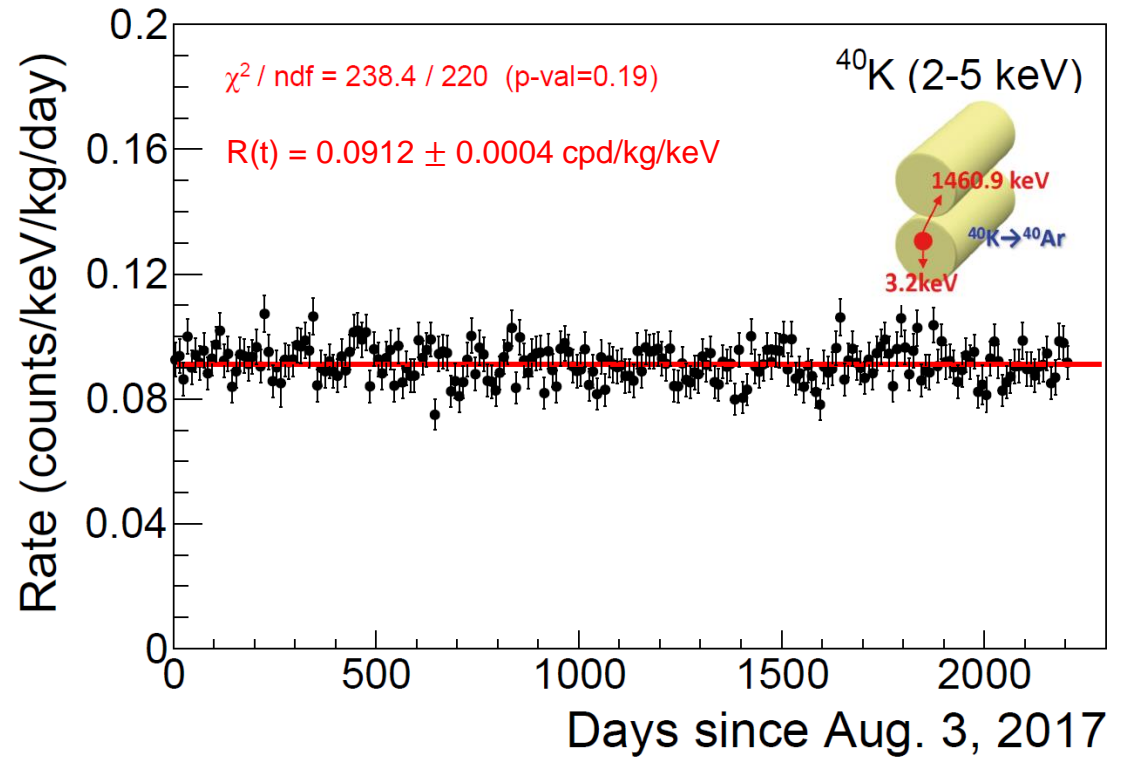
## Evolution of control populations

0.9 keV ( $^{22}\text{Na}$ ) and 3.2 keV ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ) selected by coincidence. BDT Cut and efficiency corrected (trigger+BDT)



$$\tau_{\text{fit}} = 1381 \pm 52 \text{ days}$$

$$\tau_{^{22}\text{Na}} = 1369 \text{ days}$$



# Preparing the 6-year unblinding

## Improving the background model

Understanding the background evolution is essential for the modulation fit

- Using the full non-blinded information [9 detectors, >6 years] to improve our background model
- Adding full PMT description + surface components
- **Multiparametric fit** to the different components present in the background model

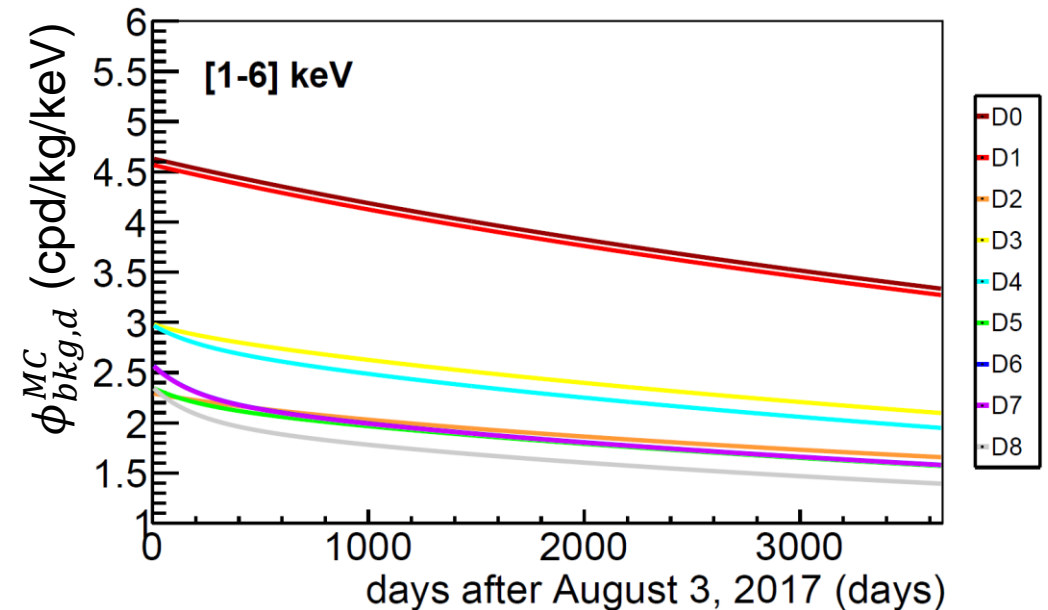
**9 crystals** ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{22}\text{Na}$ ,  $^{109}\text{Cd}$ ,  $^{113}\text{Sn}$ , I's, Te's)

**18 PMTs** ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{226}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{235}\text{U}$ )

**Others:** 9 Cu housing, 18 SiPads, 18 Quartz windows ( $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^{226}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$ )

**+ Air inside the shielding** ( $^{222}\text{Rn}$ )

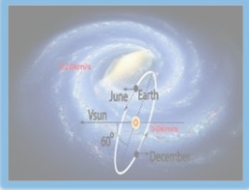
**+ Roman lead** ( $^{210}\text{Pb}$ )



**6 years analysis with ML techniques and new background model is almost finished**



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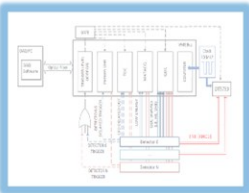
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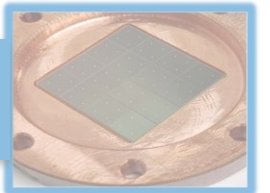
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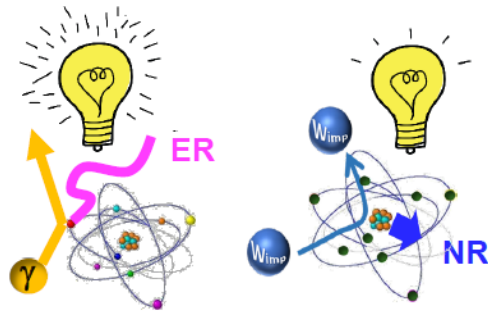


# NR Quenching factor measurements

Is this really a model independent test of the DAMA/LIBRA result?

Direct comparison in **electron recoil energy**, but the **nuclear recoil energy** is **quenched** and the quenching factor ( $Q$ ) could depend on crystal properties

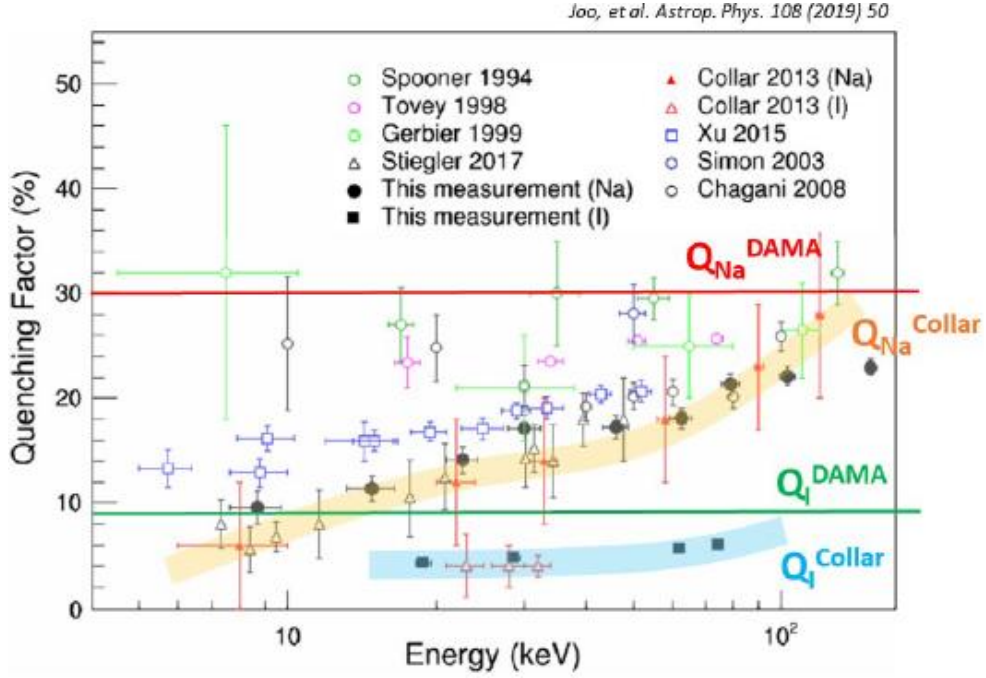
- A large number of measurements for the  $Q$  of NaI detectors
- Still too many uncertainties in the  $Q$  values and energy dependences



In a scintillator, an ER produces much more light than a NR of the same energy!

$$Q = \frac{L_{NR}}{L_{ER}}$$

$Q_{Na}^{DAMA} = 30\%$   
 $Q_I^{DAMA} = 9\%$



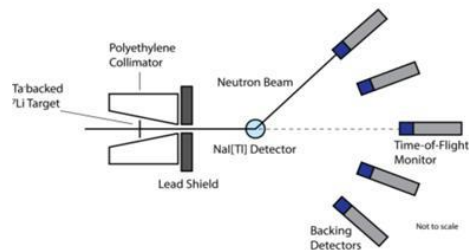
The response of different detectors to DM particles could differ if  $Q$  is different

# NR Quenching factor measurements

$Q$  determination for ANAIS–112 crystals is ongoing: two approaches are followed in parallel

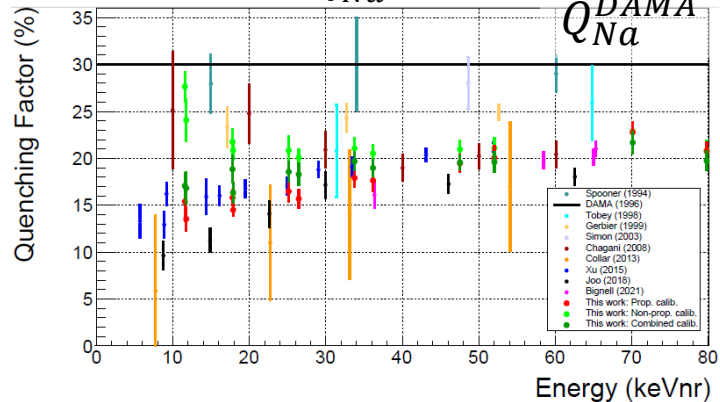
## Monochromatic neutron source at TUNL (Duke Univ.)

Five small NaI(Tl) crystals from AS (different powder qualities) measured in same set-up @ TUNL

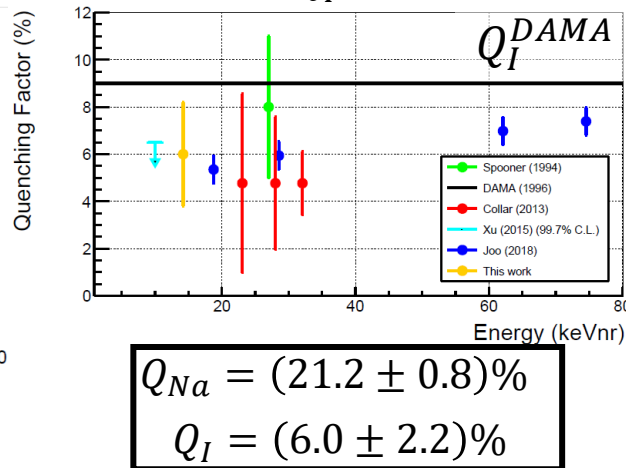


- ➔ **Compatible** values for the 5 crystals
- ➔ Noticeable differences for different energy calibrations (**NaI non-linearity**)
- ➔ **Lower QF** than **DAMA/LIBRA** measurement

### Results for $Q_{Na}$



### Results for $Q_I$



*D. Cintas et al., arXiv:2402.12480 (Feb. 2024), Submitted to Phys. Rev. C*

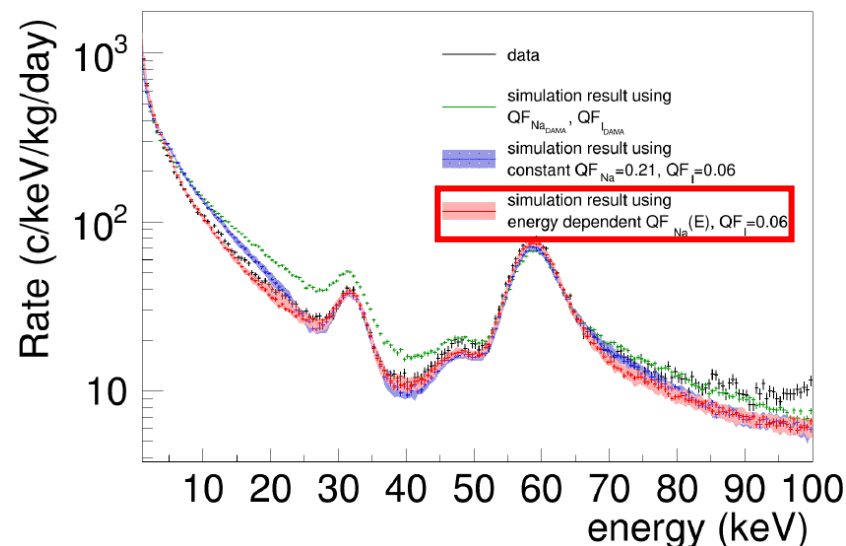
*I. Coarasa, SUSY 2024 – Parallel session, Madrid, 11/06/2024*

## On-site neutron calibrations with $^{252}\text{Cf}$ source

Method: Compare calibration data with MC simulation, assuming a certain QF (energy dependent)

**Eight** calibration runs since April 2021 using a  $^{252}\text{Cf}$  **neutron source** at different positions in the ANAIS–112 set-up

- ➔ **Very sensitive** to the QF
- ➔ **DAMA/LIBRA QF not compatible** with ANAIS data
- ➔ Robust agreement with TUNL measurements (QF(E) favored)



[Analysis almost finished Paper soon]

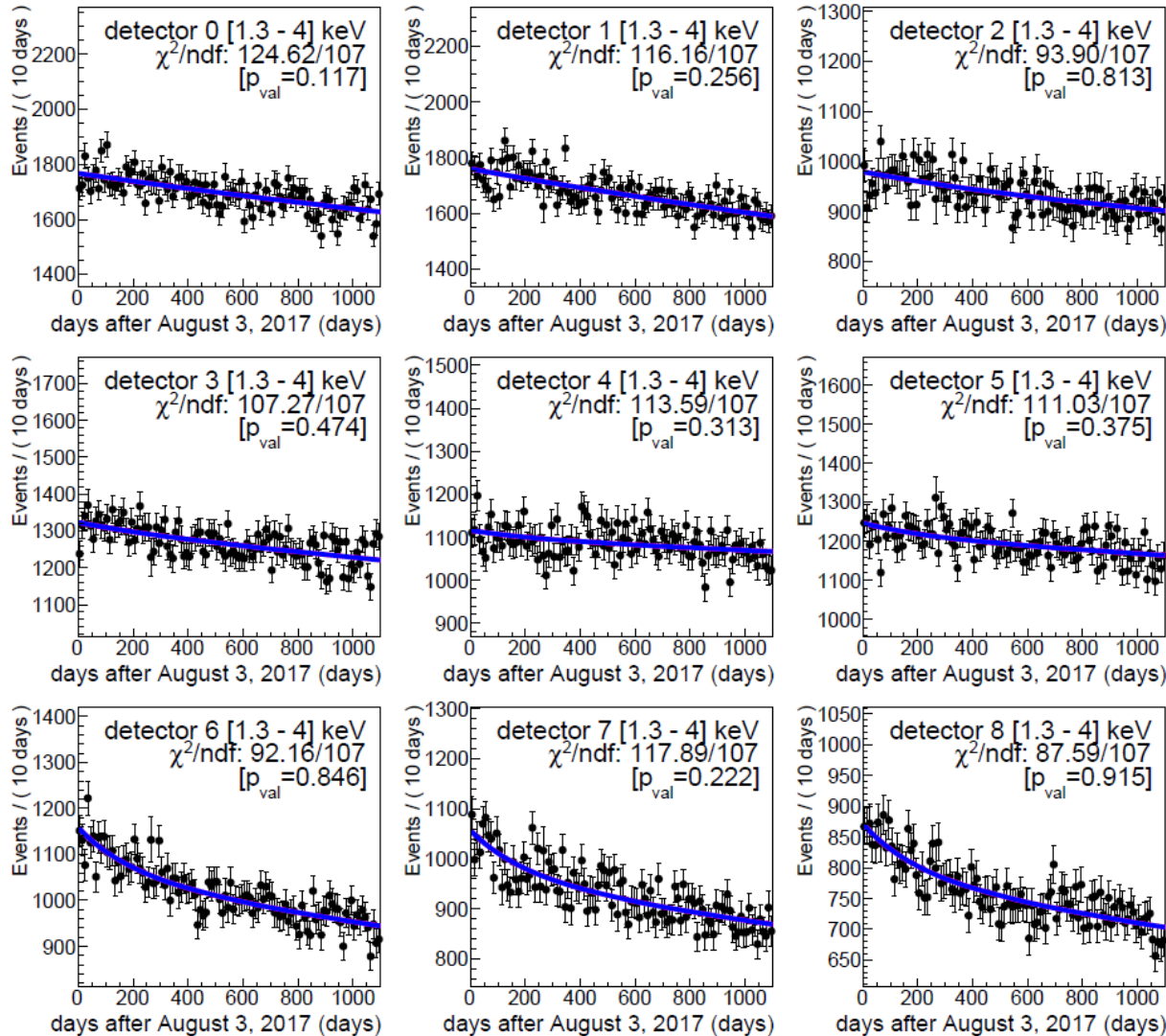
*T. Pardo et al., PoS(TAUP2023)078*

# 3-year annual modulation analysis in 1.3 – 4 keV

Null hyp  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$ : 963.18/972 [ $p_{\text{val}}=0.574$ ]

Mod hyp  $\chi^2/\text{ndf}$ : 963.16/971 [ $p_{\text{val}}=0.565$ ]

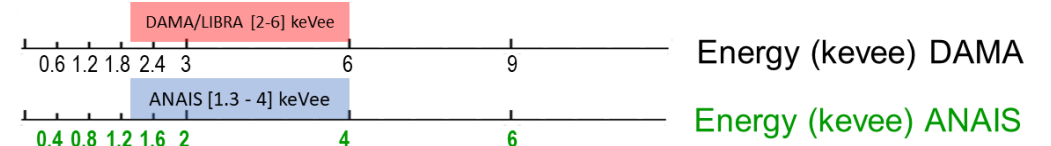
$S_m = (-0.0006 \pm 0.0050)$  (cpd/kg/keV)



Supposing:

→  $Q_{Na} = 0.30, Q_I = 0.09$  in DAMA/LIBRA

→  $Q_{Na} = 0.20, Q_I = 0.06$  in ANAIS-112



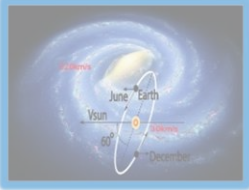
DAMA [2 – 6] keV → ANAIS [1.3 – 4] keV

Best fit modulation amplitude  $S_m = (-0.0006 \pm 0.0050)$  counts/keV/kg/day **compatible with zero at  $1\sigma$**

Best fit **incompatible with DAMA/LIBRA at  $2.2\sigma$**

**Sensitivity with 3 years data:  $2\sigma$**

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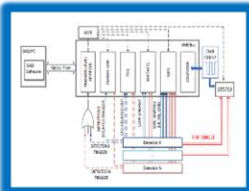
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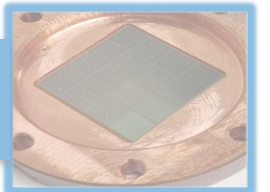
Na & I quenching factors



New DAQ system in ANAIS–112



Beyond ANAIS–112: ANAIS+



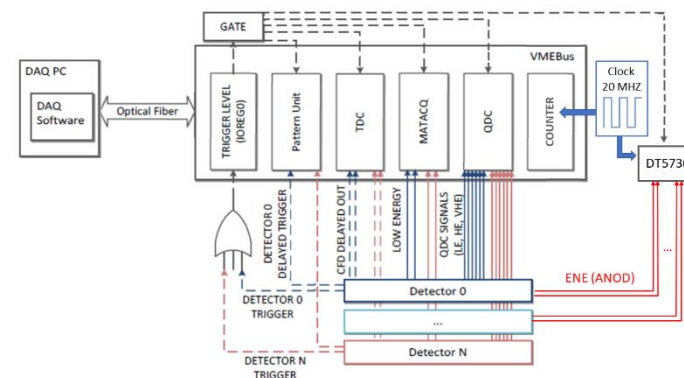
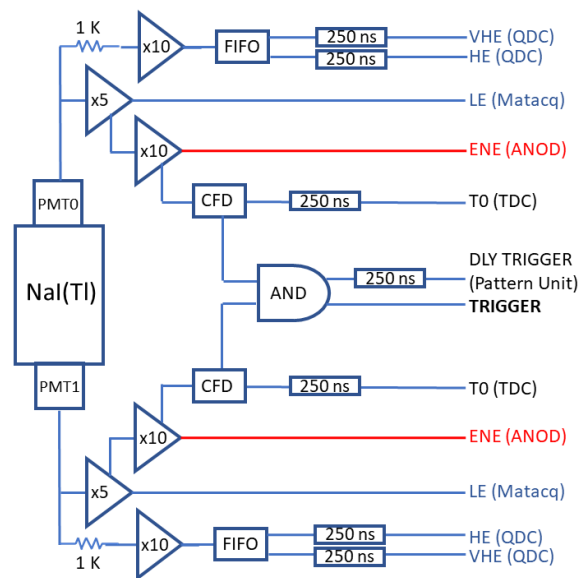


# New DAQ system in ANAIS–112

To better understand (and eventually remove) the asymmetric events of still unknown origin

## ANAIS–112 DAQ system

- Individual PMT signals digitized and fully processed
- Trigger at the level for each PMT signal
- AND coincidence in 200 ns window
- Redundant energy conversion by QDC
- Trigger in OR mode among modules
- Electronics at air-conditioned-room to decouple from temperature fluctuations
- Muon detection system: tag every muon event to offline processing



ANAIS-112 digitization performed by  
CAEN V1729A (MATAcq chip)  
**14 bits, 2 GS/s, 1.25  $\mu$ s window**  
**3–4 ms dead time per event**

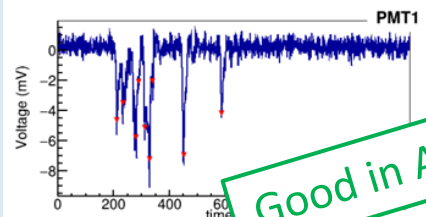
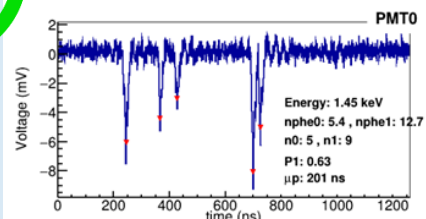


**New DAQ system in parallel**  
**(ANOD, Anais NO Dead time)**

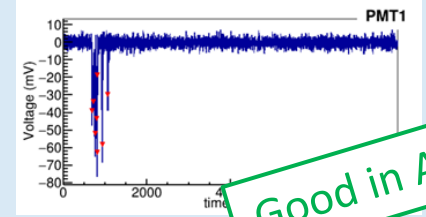
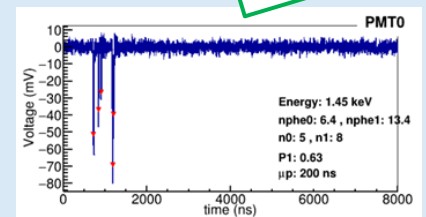
**CAEN DT5730 (8 channels) → 4 modules**  
**14 bits, 500 MS/s → 8  $\mu$ s window**  
**Internal buffer: 640 kS/ch**  
**No dead time for rates <100 Hz**

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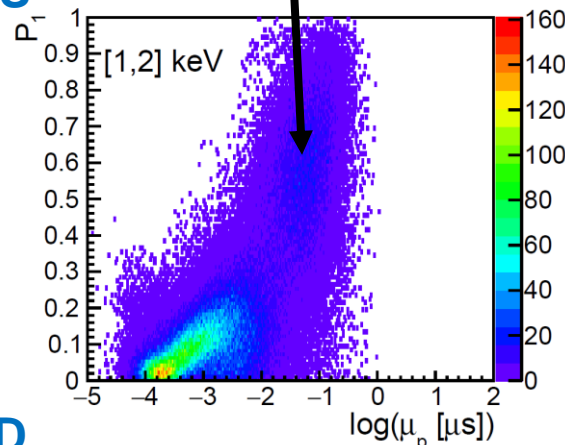
Good in ANAIS



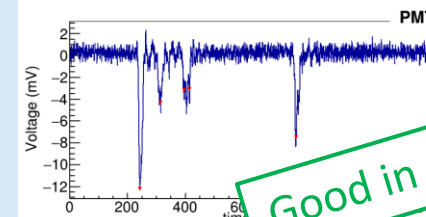
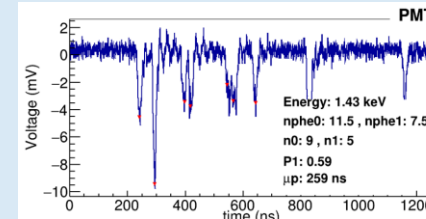
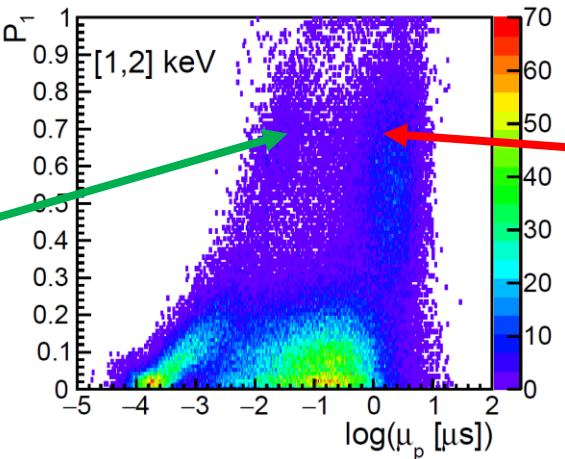
Good in ANOD

ANAIS

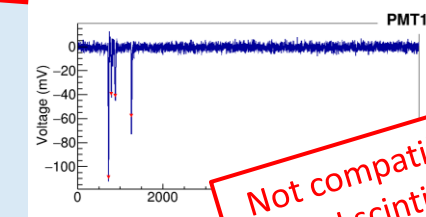
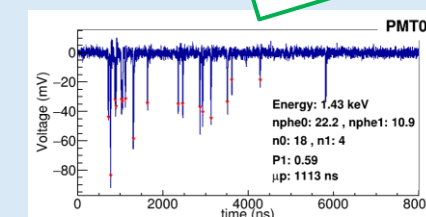
Scintillation +  
asym. events <2 keV



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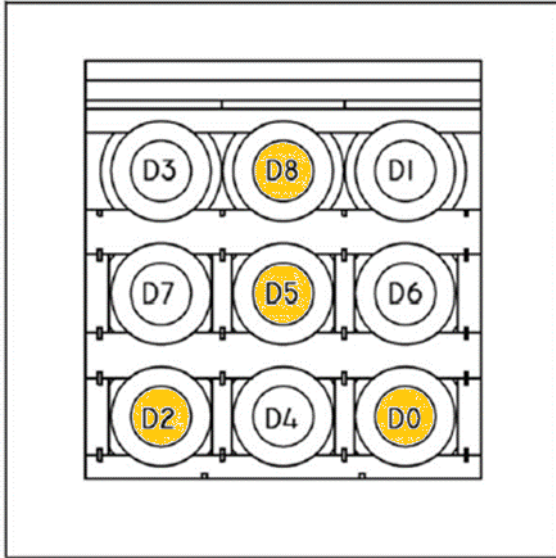
Good in ANAIS



Not compatible with  
NaI scintillation

# New DAQ system in ANAIS–112

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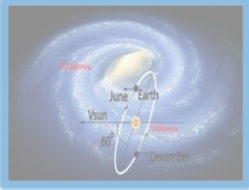
ANOD is working smoothly since winter 2023

By now, only 4 crystals (8 PMTs) are readout, but **very promising results!**

We have acquired a VX2730 CAEN card (32 channels, 14 bit, 500MS/s, memory 83 MS/ch) that will allow to digitize the 9 detectors + blank module (delivery expected in June 2024)

Our plan is to start taking data with 9 crystals + blank at the beginning of summer 2024

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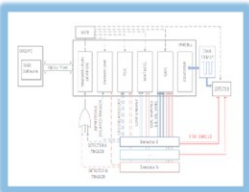
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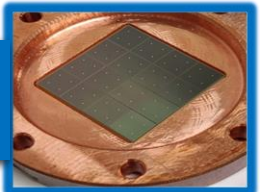
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Beyond ANAIS–112: ANAIS+





# Beyond ANAIS–112: ANAIS+

## Motivation

- PMTs limit our energy threshold. Replacing the PMTs by **SiPMs (at low T)** could allow a **reduction in the energy threshold**, giving a better sensitivity and reducing some systematic effects on the comparison with DAMA/LIBRA
- Very sensitive to light WIMPs (SI, SD) and even neutrino coherent scattering

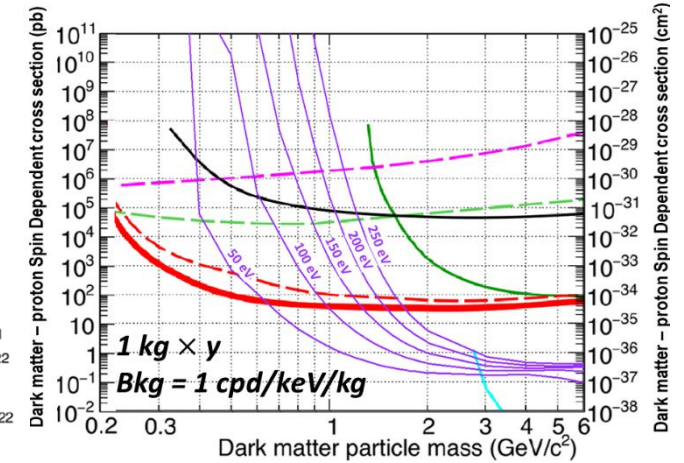
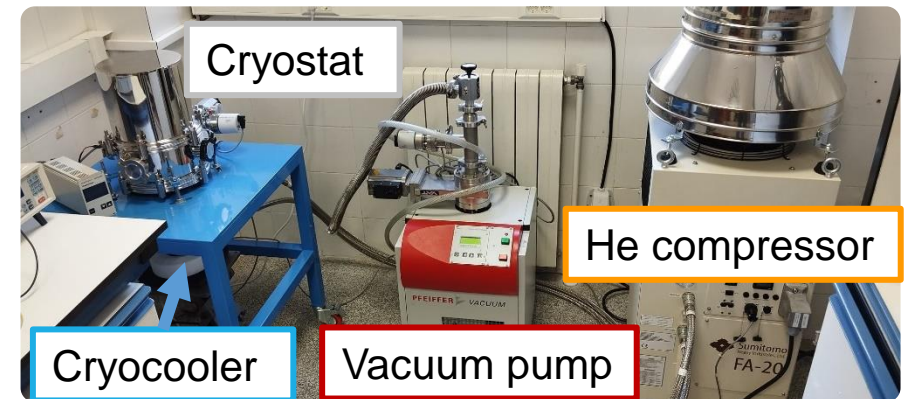
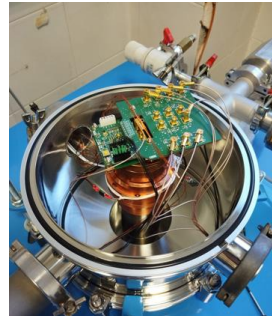
## ANAIS+ test setup

- A **prototype** has been built (NaI(Tl) 1" cube + Hamamatsu SiPMs array + MUSIC readout + optical fiber) and first measurements show the expected behaviour of the SiPMs and NaI(Tl) scintillator with T



## Cryogenic installation at U. Zaragoza

- Capability to reach  $T < 40\text{ K}$
- Already installed and tested



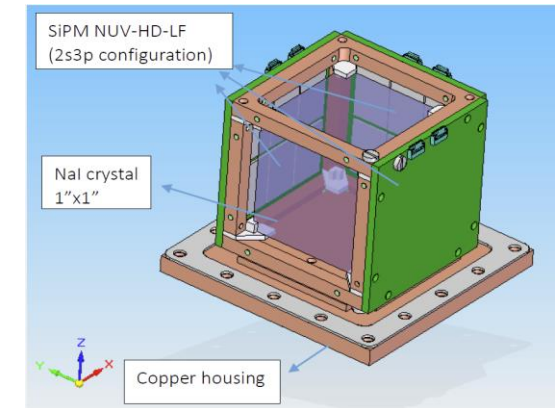
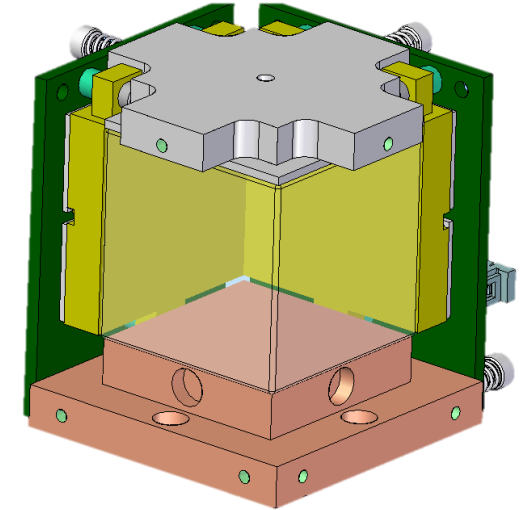
Low exposure, reasonable bkg feasible if combined with radiopure crystals built at the new LSC facility and using a LAr bath as active veto

# Beyond ANAIS–112: ANAIS+

## First ANAIS+ prototype

Designed in collaboration with A. Razeto (LNGS)

- Four faces covered by SiPMs arrays (6 SiPM/side summed up)
- SiPMs have been designed and are being produced at LNGS
- Testing of the prototype (without NaI crystal, maybe other crystal) is foreseen for mid-June at LNGS
- The prototype will be sent to Zaragoza for integrating the NaI crystals and further testing at the Zaragoza facility
- Medium/long term: test in LAr at LSC



# Summary and outlook

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- Many efforts trying to provide an **independent test** of the DAMA/LIBRA signal with the same target
- ANAIS–112 is leading the international efforts of this test, working properly after 7 years of data-taking
- Sensitivity improved with machine-learning techniques. ANAIS–112 observes no modulation and discards DAMA/LIBRA DM interpretation with  $\sim 3\sigma$  **sensitivity** in [1-6] keV ([2-6] keV)
- ANAIS – 112 3-year annual modulation analysis and the reanalysis can be downloaded at <https://www.origins-cluster.de/odsl/dark-matter-data-center/available-datasets/anais>
- **6-year modulation results** to be released soon.  $5\sigma$  **sensitivity in late 2025**
- ANAIS has carried out **QF measurements**. Understanding the response of NaI(Tl) crystals to nuclear recoils is crucial in the comparison with DAMA/LIBRA
- **New parallel DAQ** in ANAIS working since winter 2023 for 4 crystals. Promising results for improving PSD event selection. 9 crystals + blank this summer
- **ANAIS+ first prototype** this summer. Assessment of performance and achievable backgrounds testing a prototype in underground in the medium term

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