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# Unraveling the mystery of Dark Matter's annual modulation



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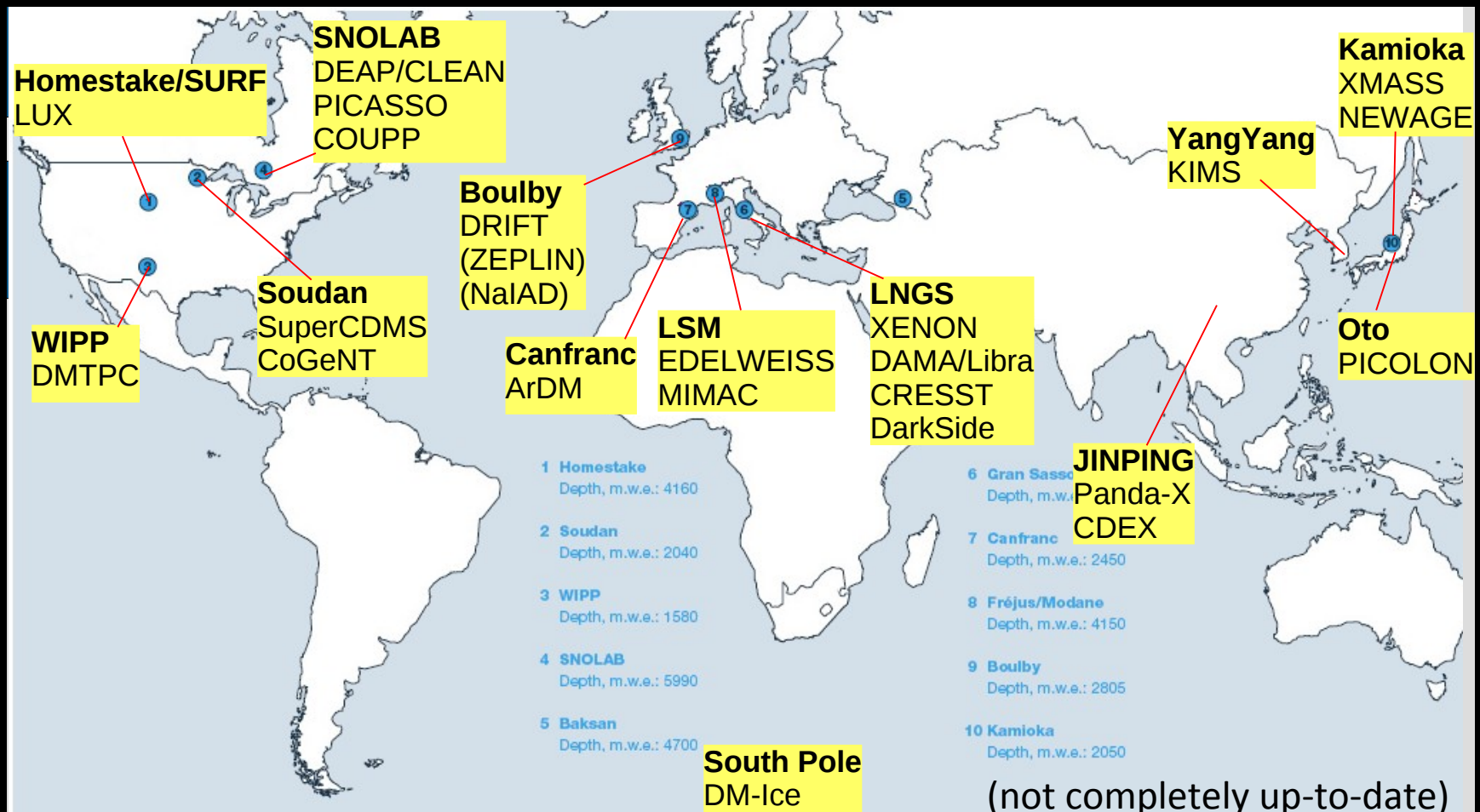


# Overview

- What I will NOT discuss:
  - Why we believe there is Dark Matter
  - What we believe Dark Matter could be
  - The 3 ways to look for Dark Matter
    - Indirect, Direct, Collisions
  - The Standard Halo Model
  - What are the techniques for direct search
    - solid states, scintillators, bolometers, noble gases, .... and many many more.
- What I will (try to) discuss:
  - Road map in direct search
  - Annual modulation signature
  - The DAMA claim
  - The new DAMA/LIBRA-Phase 2 results
  - Attempts to verify the claim
    - SABRE
    - DM-ICE
    - COSINE
    - ANAIS
  - Conclusions

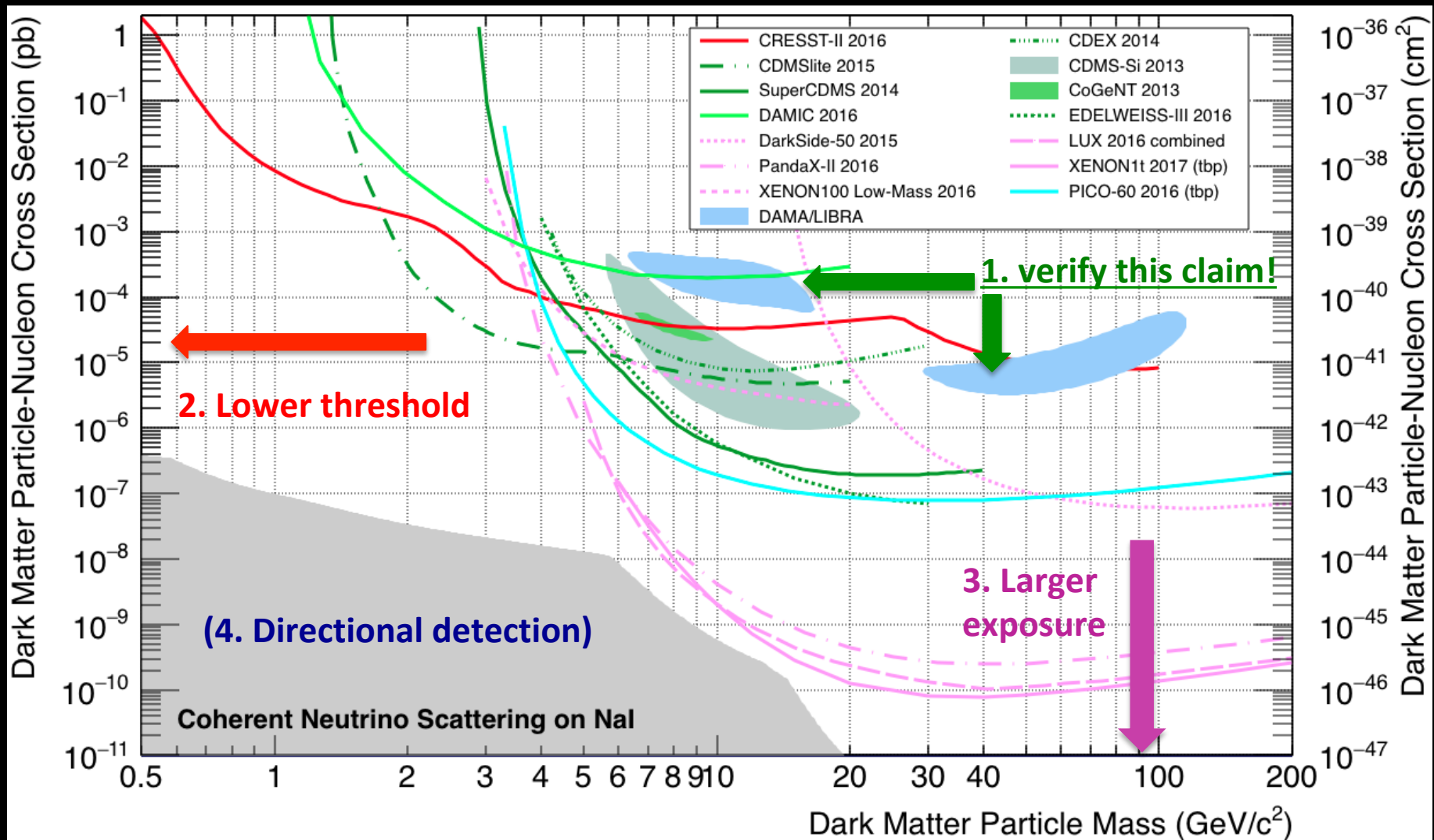


# Direct Dark Matter experiments



What are these guys trying to do?

# 3-steps direct search roadmap?



# The Modulation DM signature

## Motion of the Earth and the detection of weakly interacting massive particles

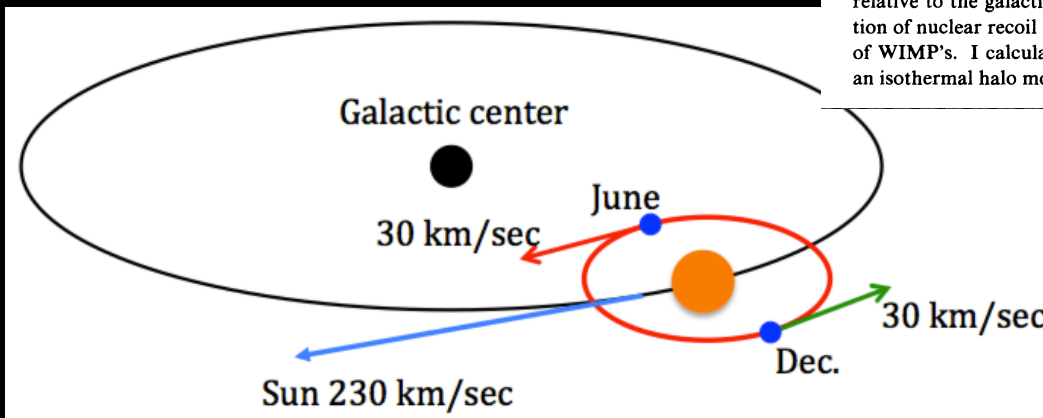
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(Received 21 September 1987)

If the galactic halo is composed of weakly interacting massive particles (WIMP's), then cryogenic experiments may be capable of detecting the recoil of nuclei struck by the WIMP's. Earth's motion relative to the galactic halo produces a seasonal modulation in the expected event rate. The direction of nuclear recoil has a strong angular dependence that also can be used to confirm the detection of WIMP's. I calculate the angular dependence and the amplitude of the seasonal modulation for an isothermal halo model.

Spergel 1987

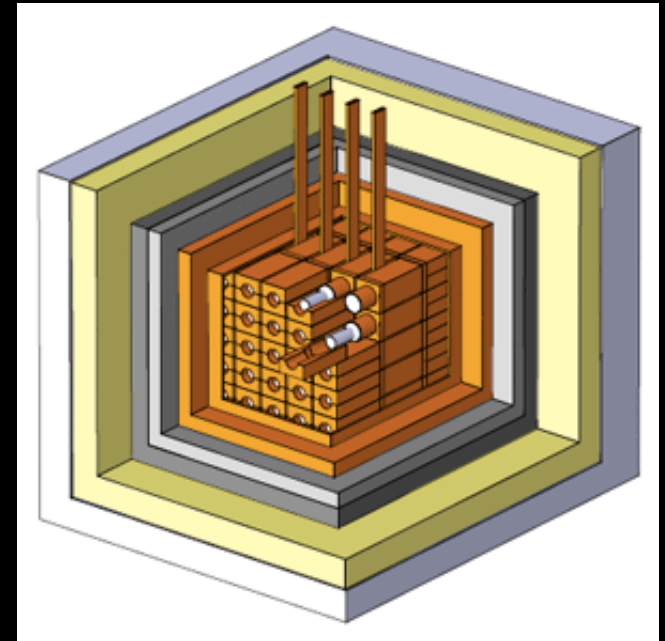


$$\frac{dR}{dE_R}(t) = S_0(E_R) + S_m(E_R) \cos \omega(t - t_0)$$

Annual modulation is a model independent signature  
of Dark Matter interaction

# DAMA/LIBRA

- Underground location: LNGS
- Technique: NaI(Tl) scintillating crystals
- Detector's module:  
10kg crystal  
paired with two 3" PMTs
  - Light guides are used to keep PMTs distant from crystals and reduce background
- Geometry: 5x5 crystal matrix
- Total mass: ~250kg
- Energy threshold: 2keV —————> **1keV (new!)**





# DAMA timeline

1. DAMA/NaI (100kg): 1996-2002
2. DAMA/LIBRA (250kg) Phase I : 2003-2010
  - Mass upgrade
3. DAMA/LIBRA (250kg) Phase II: 2011-2017
  - New PMTs (low radioactivity, low noise)
4. DAMA/LIBRA (250kg) Phase III: ???
  - No light guides?

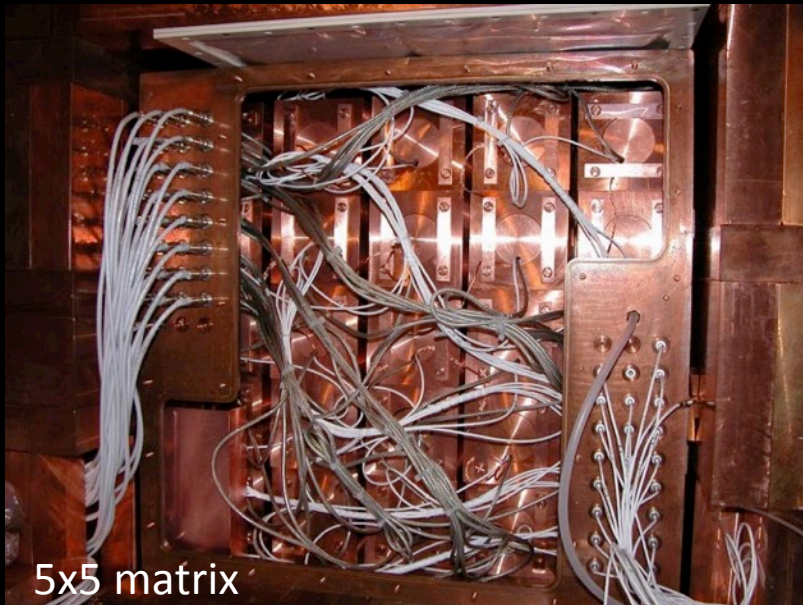


R. Bernabei et al. (DAMA coll.),  
EPJ C (2013) 73:2648.



Results released 1 month ago!

arXiv:1805.10486

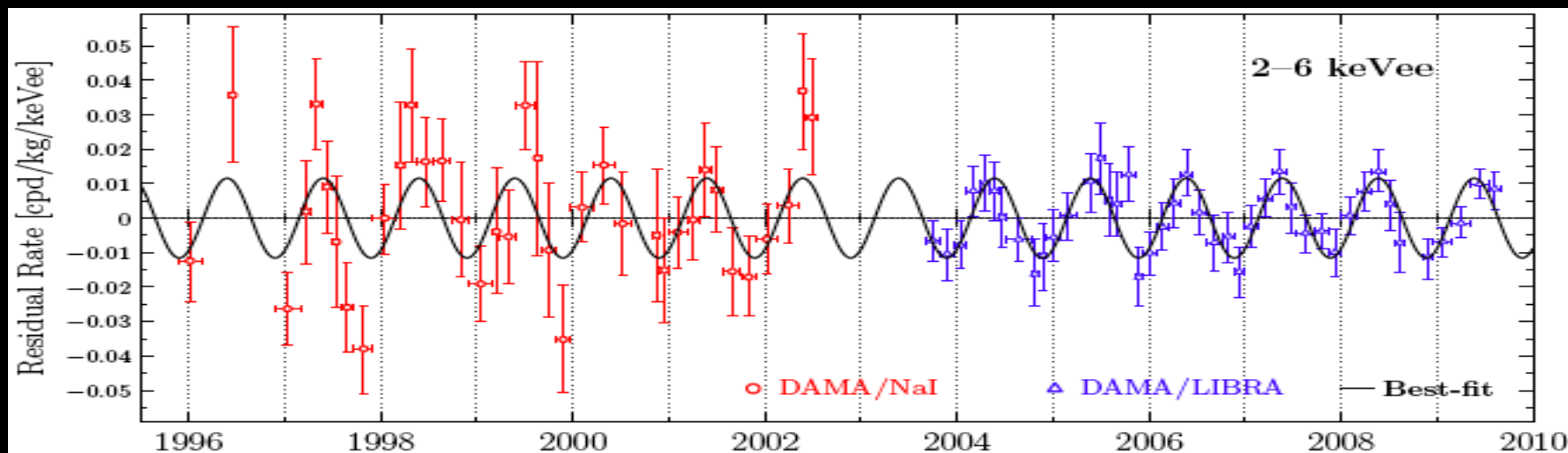


5x5 matrix



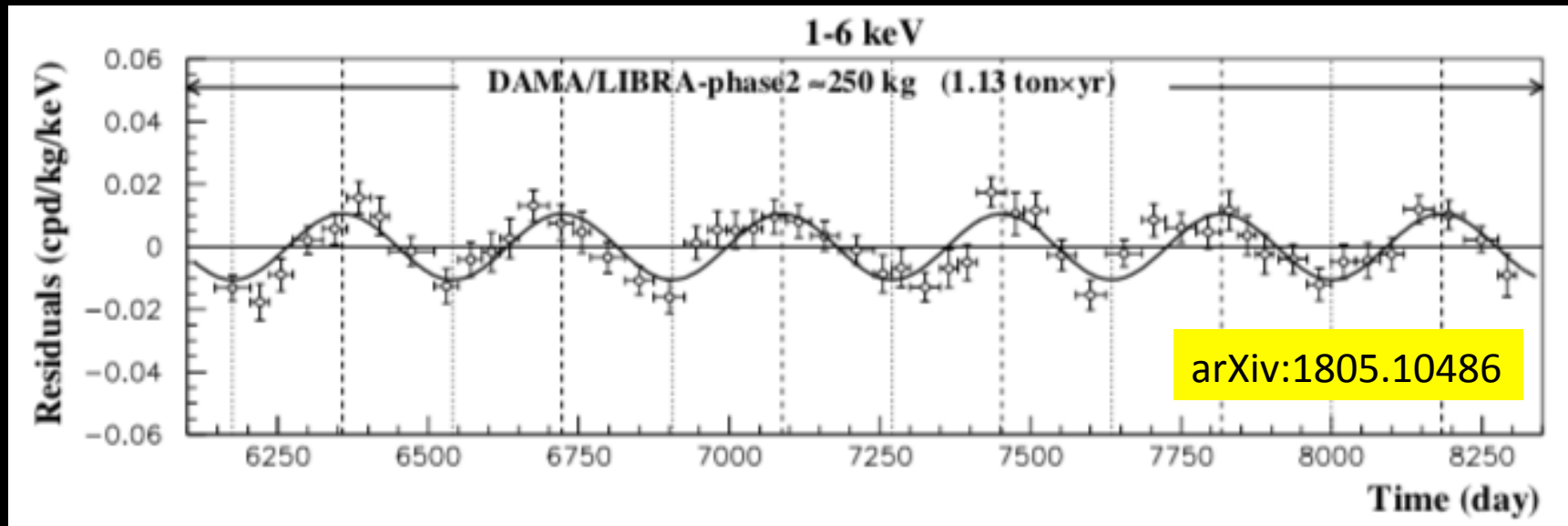
# The DAMA modulation

## DAMA/NaI + DAMA/LIBRA-Phase1



- 13 annual cycles (Dama/NaI + Dama/Libra)
- Exposure: 1.33 ton x yr
- $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 70.4/86$  (NaI+Ph1)
- $9.3\sigma$  significance
- $(0.998 \pm 0.002)$  year period
- Phase is  $(144 \pm 7)$  days vs. Exp. DM phase 152.5 days
- Amplitude  $(0.0112 \pm 0.0012)$  cdp/kg/keV , i.e.  $\sim 1\%$  of the experimental rate.

# ...and now including DAMA/LIBRA-Phase2



- 20 annual cycles (DAMA/NaI + DAMA/LIBRA-Phase1 + DAMA/LIBRA-Phase2)
- Exposure: 2.46 ton x yr
- $\chi^2/\text{ndf} = 150/52$  (Ph2-only 1-6keV); 199/102 (Ph1+Ph2 2-6keV)
- $12.9\sigma$  significance
- $(0.999 \pm 0.001)$  year period
- Phase is  $(145 \pm 5)$  days vs. Exp. DM phase 152.5 days
- Amplitude:  $(0.0103 \pm 0.0008)$  cdp/kg/keV, i.e.  $\sim 1\%$  of the experimental rate.

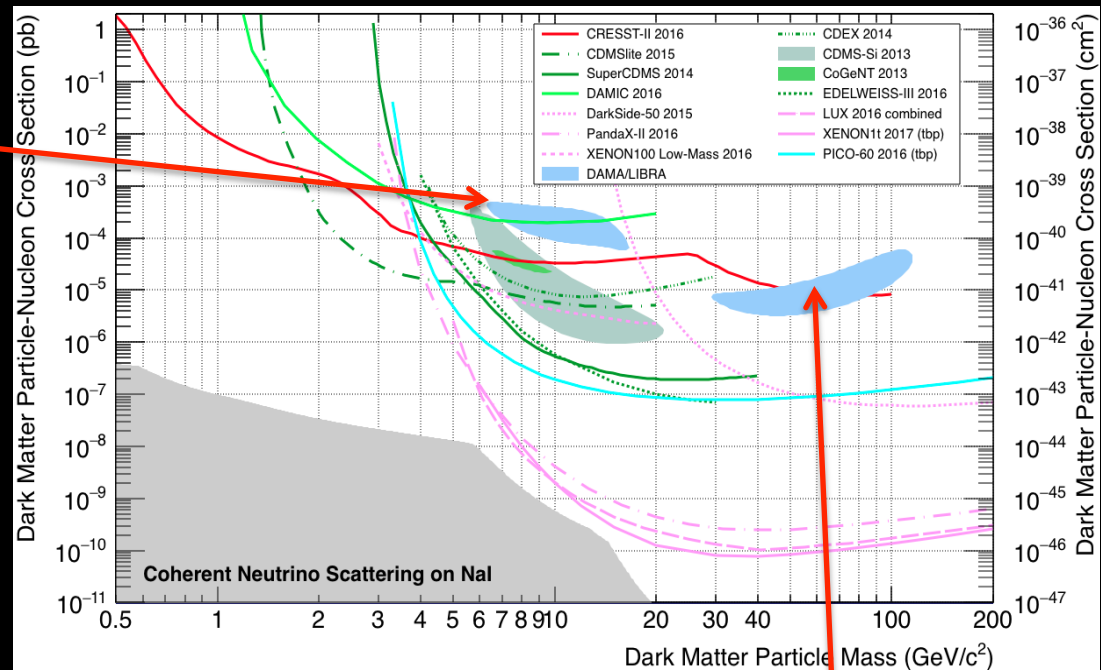
# Interpretation of DAMA/NaI + DAMA/LIBRA-Phase1 results

Interaction on Na nuclei

$$M_{\text{wimp}} \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma \sim 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2$$

In the simplest interpretation of SI WIMP-nucleus interaction there are two allowed regions with very similar  $\chi^2$



However there are several assumptions here:

- ✓ Astrophysics: DM halo
- ✓ Dark matter candidate: WIMP
- ✓ Nature of interaction: elastic and Spin Independent
- ✓ Target of Interaction: nuclei

Interaction on I nuclei

$$M_{\text{wimp}} \sim 80 \text{ GeV}$$

$$\sigma \sim 10^{-41} \text{ cm}^2$$



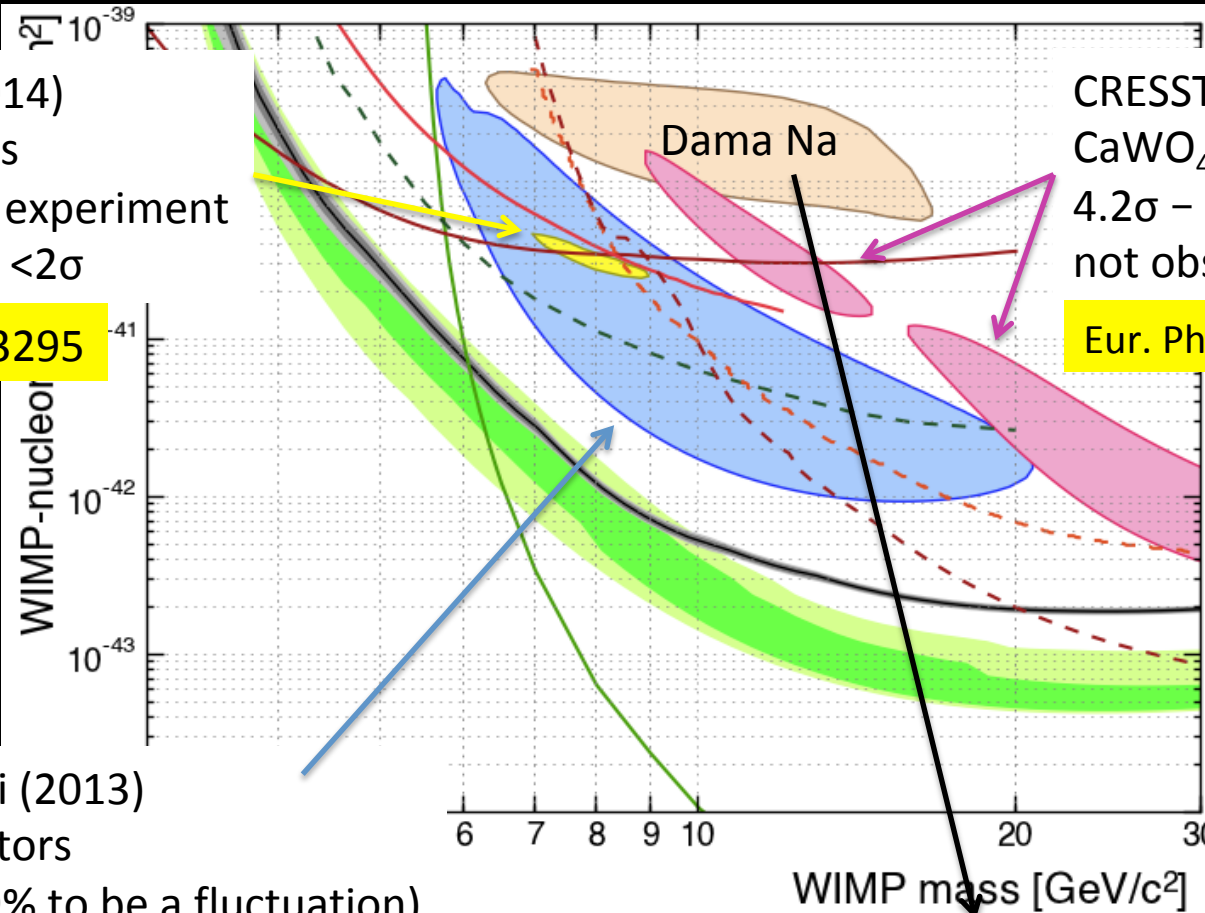
# What about other positive results?

CoGeNT (2014)  
Ge detectors  
modulation experiment  
latest result  $<2\sigma$

arXiv:1401.3295

CRESST-II (2011)  
CaWO<sub>4</sub> bolometers  
 $4.2\sigma - 4.7\sigma$   
not observed in new setup

Eur. Phys. J. C (2012) 72:1971



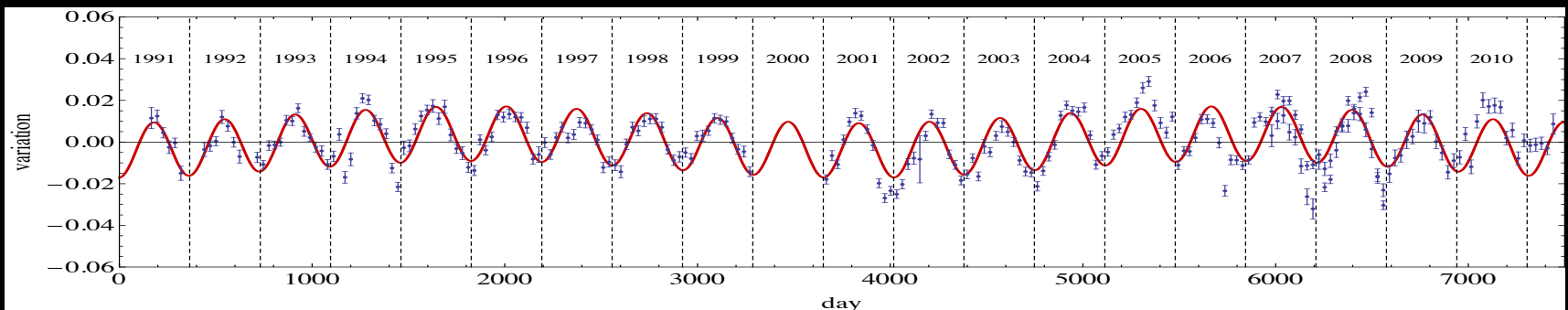
CDMS-Si (2013)  
Si detectors  
 $3\sigma$  (0.19% to be a fluctuation)  
not observed in Ge

PRL 111 (2013) 251301

**DAMA is the only truly significant**

# DAMA alternative explanations?

- The rate of cosmogenic muons is known to modulate due to seasonal expansion/contraction of the troposphere which changes the pion/kaon mean free path.
- Could muon-induced background such as neutrons explain D/L modulation?
- Could there be other explanations of terrestrial origin? (e.g. radon emanation)
- Long standing questions: tens of papers written on the subject.
- **No convincing alternative explanation so far**



Combined MACRO+LVD+Borexino muon flux modulation

# Why is DAMA/LIBRA robust?

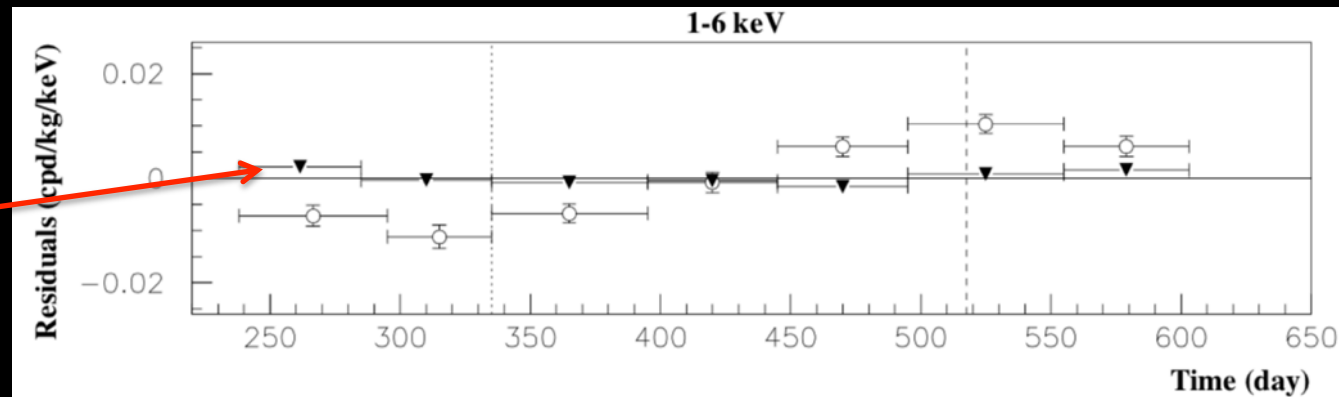
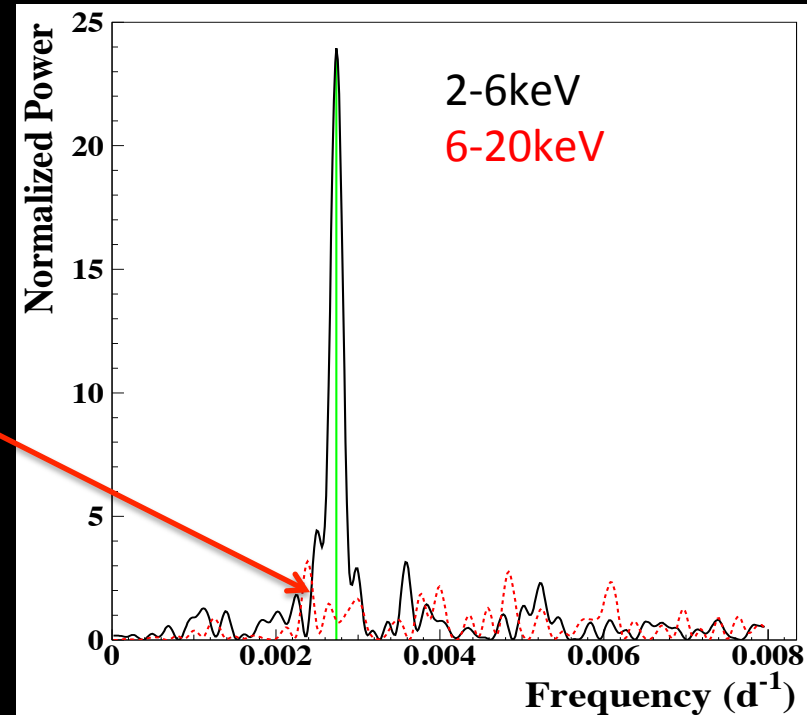
1) All instrumental sources of modulations have been investigated and excluded:

- ✓ radon
- ✓ temperature
- ✓ gas pressure
- ✓ noise
- ✓ energy scale
- ✓ efficiencies
- ✓ environmental neutrons

2) Phase:  $(145 \pm 5)d$   
cmp. muon:  $(182 \pm 6)d$

3) No modulation  
in multi-hit events

4) No modulation  
> 6keV



# A complex scenario

- DAMA results are “in tension” with several other experiments
  - but only assuming basic SI WIMP-nucleus interaction.
- Other experiments are counting experiments and use different target materials
  - comparison is model dependent
- DAMA has strong arguments to sustain the result
  - Several attempts to explain D/L in terms of background have been made -> **none convincing.**
- *A new measurement with the same target and technique is needed!*



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Low-mass compatibility and theoretical interpretations

H. Hooper, J. Collar, J. Hall, D. McKinsey, C. Kelso, PR D 82 (2010) 123509.

C. Savage et al., JCAP 04 (2009) 010.

P.W. Graham et al., PR D 82 (2010) 063512.

D. Hooper, Phys. Dark Univ. 1 (2012)

B.M. Roberts et al., PRL 116 (2016) 023201

R. Cerulli et al., EPJ C (2017) 77:83

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## Environmental backgrounds (Cosmic muons)

J. P. Ralston, (2010) arXiv:1006.5255

K. Blum, (2011) arXiv:1110.0857

E. Fernandez-Martinez and R. Mahbubani, JCAP 07 (2012) 029

S. Chang, J. Pradler and I. Yavin, PR D 85 063505 (2012)

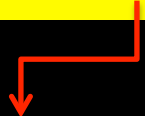
J. Pradler, (2012) arXiv:1205.3675

R. Bernabei et al. (DAMA coll.), IJMP A 28 (2013) 1330022

D. Nygren arXiv:1102.0815 (2012) <- delayed phosphor. by UV irradiation

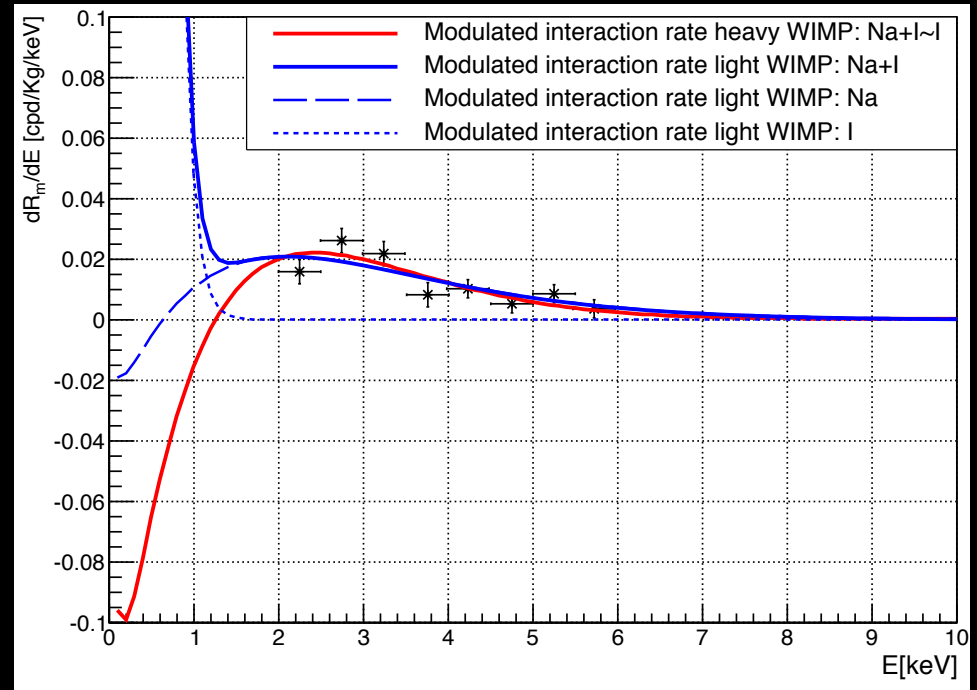
D.N. McKinsey, arXiv:1803.10110 (2018) <- Argon background (!?)

and many many more....

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# Why is it important to go to low energy?

- Fit to the DAMA (NaI+Ph1) modulation amplitude returns light and heavy WIMP solutions.
- They differ below 2keV

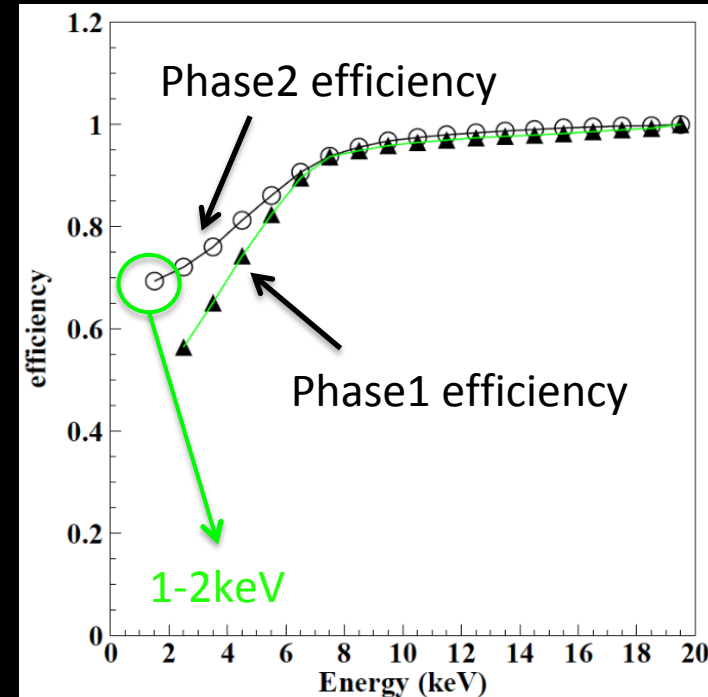


see also:

K. Freese, M. Lisanti, and C. Savage, Rev. Mod. Phys. 85 (2013) 1561

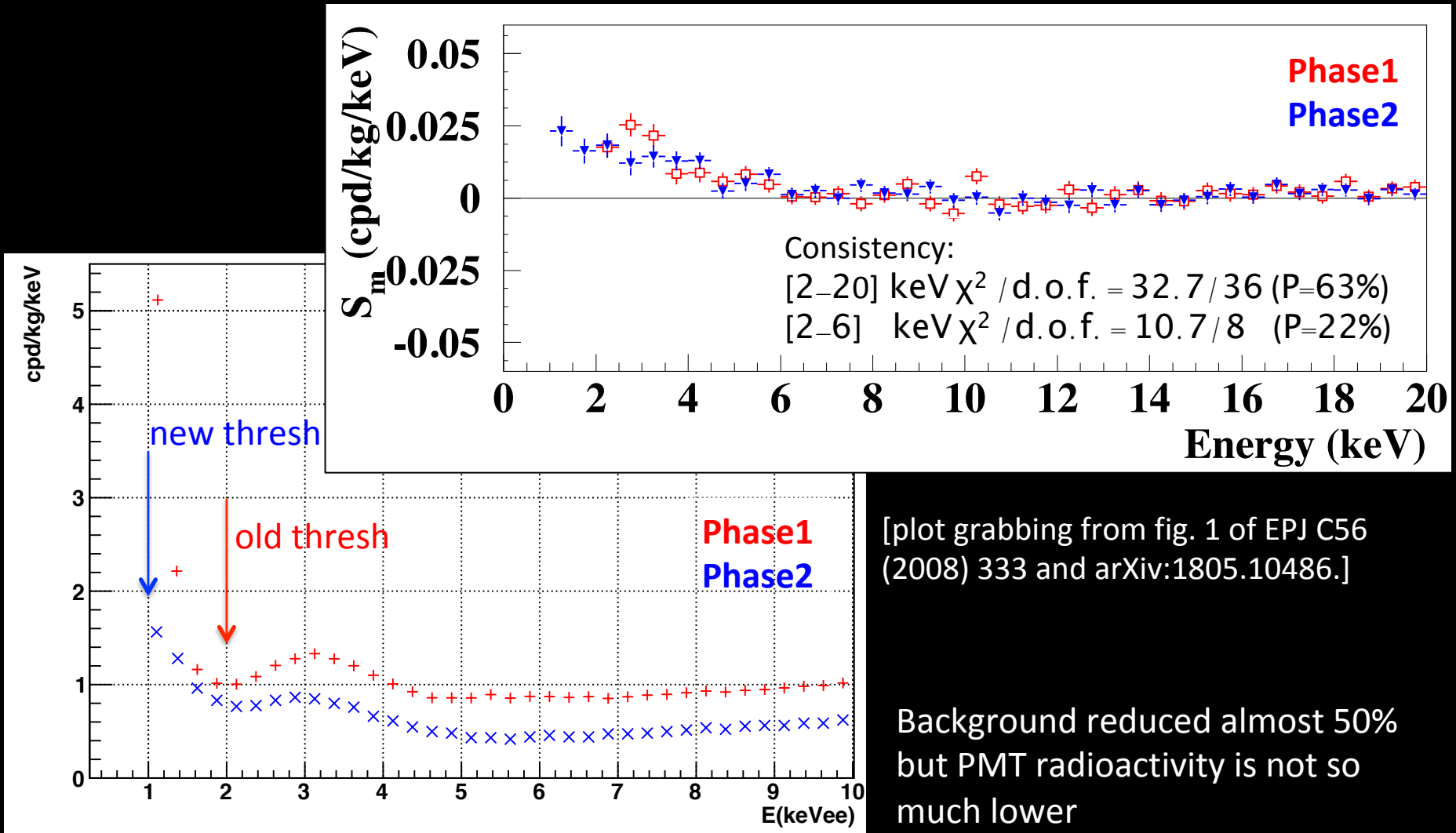
# DAMA/LIBRA new PMTs for Phase-2

- EMI 9265-B53/FL and 9302-A/FL -> Hamamatsu R6233MOD
- Quantum efficiency:  $\sim 30\%$  ->  $\sim 38\%$  at peak
- Lower dark counts:  $\sim 100$ - $500$ Hz
- Light collection:  $5.5$ - $7.5$  ph/keV ->  $6$ - $10$  ph/keV
- Analysis Threshold:  $2$ keV ->  $1$ keV





# DAMA/LIBRA Phase-1 vs. Phase-2



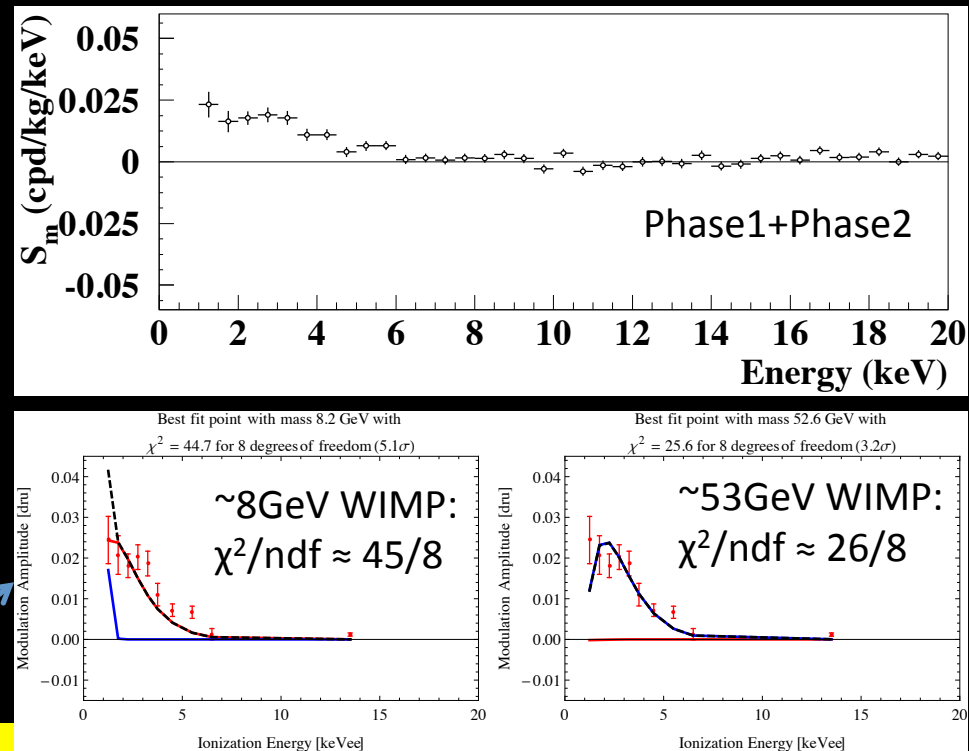
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Background reduced almost 50%  
but PMT radioactivity is not so  
much lower

# Interpretation including Phase2 ?

*preliminary* exercise seem to indicate:

- the SI WIMP nuclear scattering model is a worse fit to the data.
- “Heavy” WIMP region shifted from  $\sim 80\text{GeV}$  to  $\sim 45\text{GeV}$ .
- If penalty introduced for unmodulated rate
  - fit is very poor  $\rightarrow$  need for non standard halo parameters

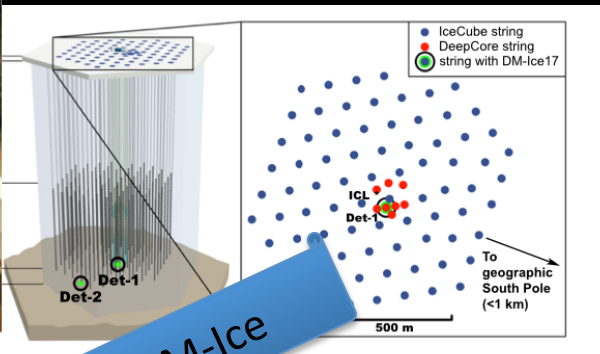
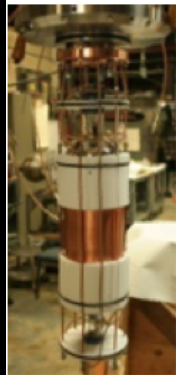


S. Baum, K. Freese, C. Kelso arXiv:1804.0123 <- Isospin-violating interactions  
J. Herrero-Garcia et al. arXiv:1804.08437 <- Introducing two DM components  
S. Kang et al. arXiv:1804.07528 <- Effective interaction models

DISCLAIMER: this interpretation is long “excluded” by several other experiments and DAMA collaboration does not support it  $\rightarrow$  announced a collaboration article on interpretation of the result.

To unravel the mystery we need:

A new independent measurement with NaI(Tl)  
and superior sensitivity!



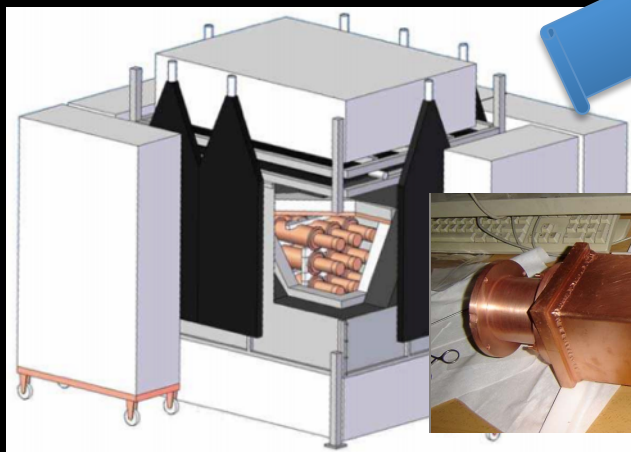
DM-Ice



Cosine



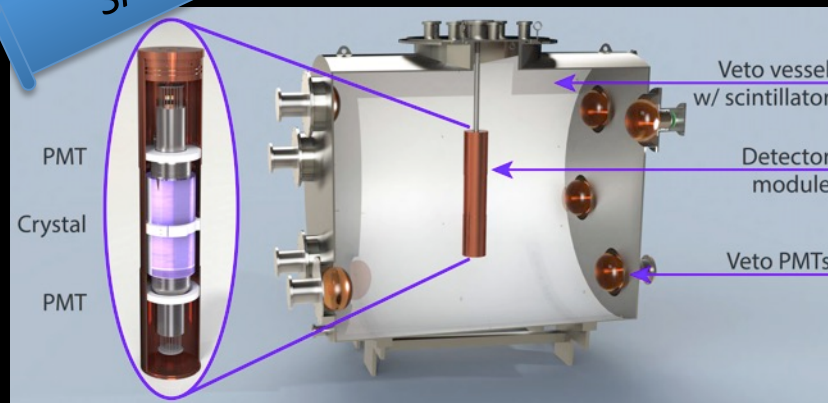
# A world wide effort



ANAIS



SABRE





# SABRE's four pillars

## Model Independent Test

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Higher  
purity  
crystals

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Active back-  
ground  
rejection

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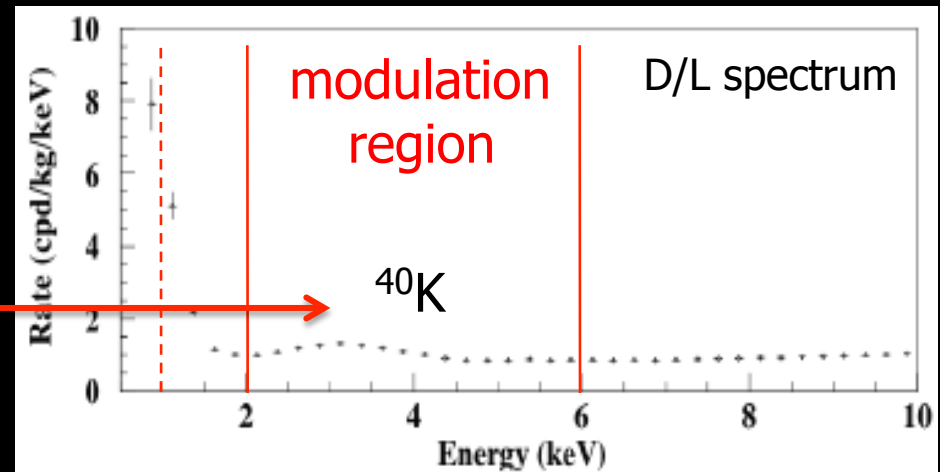
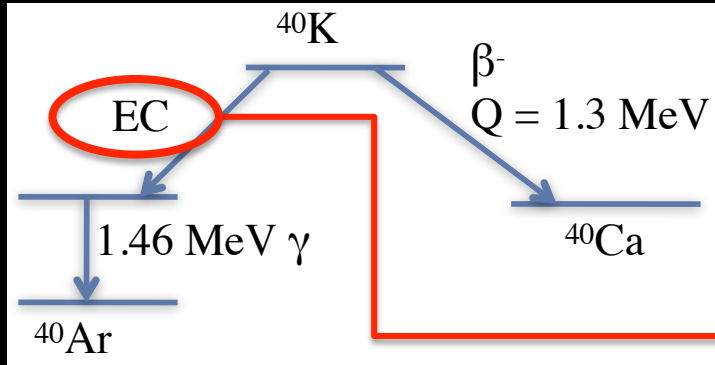
Better PMTs

4

Double  
location

Not just a test but a higher sensitivity stand-alone experiment

# Overcoming DAMA/LIBRA: background



$^{40}\text{K}$  3keV EC (10% BR) lies where the modulation amplitude is maximal

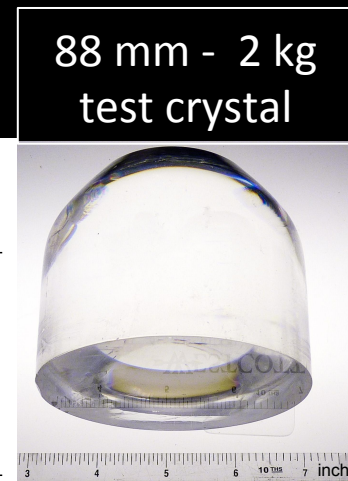


Reduce K content in NaI

# Pillar 1: High Purity NaI crystals

- Princeton University and industrial partners (now Sigma-Aldrich) have yielded Astro-Grade powder with higher purity than D/L crystals
  - 9ppb K and latest batch 4ppb K
- Test Crystal grown by RMD at the end of 2015

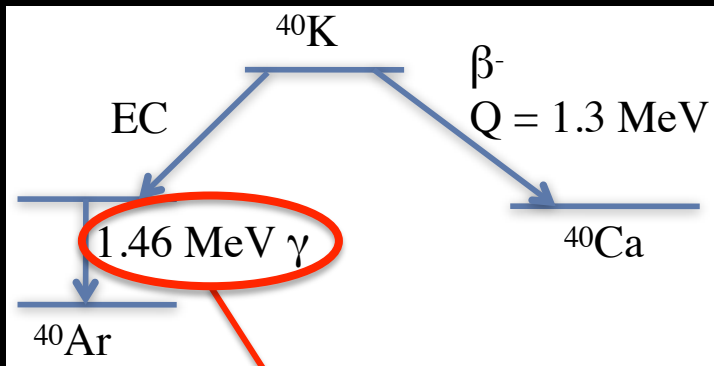
Element	DAMA powder [ppb]	DAMA crystals [ppb]	Astro-Grade [ppb]	SABRE crystal [ppb]
K	100	~13	9	9
Rb	n.a.	<0.35	<0.2	<0.1
U	~0.02	$0.5-7.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$<10^{-3}$	$<10^{-3}$
Th	~0.02	$0.7-10 \times 10^{-3}$	$<10^{-3}$	$<10^{-3}$



*Breakthrough!*

- First Full size 5.5 kg crystal now ready to be shipped to LNGS**

# Pillar 2: Active Background Rejection

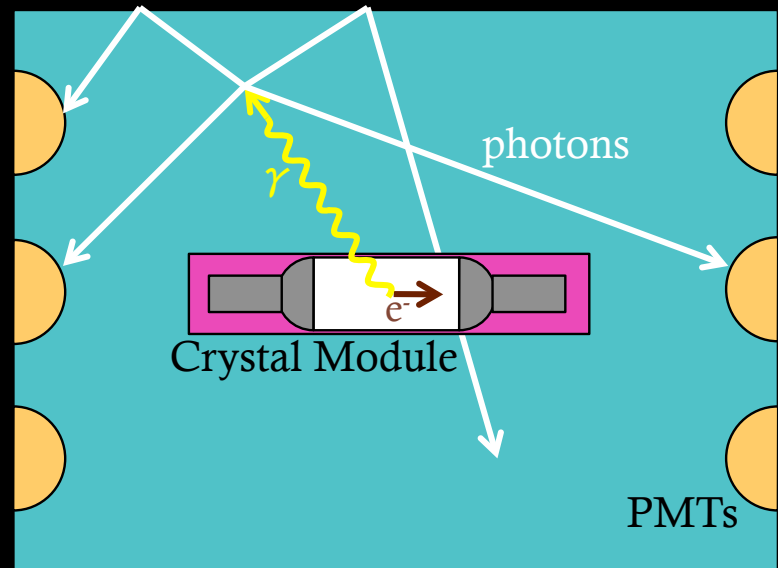


detect the gamma



Tag K

- Surround crystals with liquid scintillator
- $4\pi$  gamma detection
- high efficiency on  $^{40}\text{K}$  suppression:  $>80\%$





# Pillar 3: PhotoMultiplier Tubes (PMTs)



Baseline: R11065-20 3" PMTs

5.5mBq → Less background

– no light guides → More light

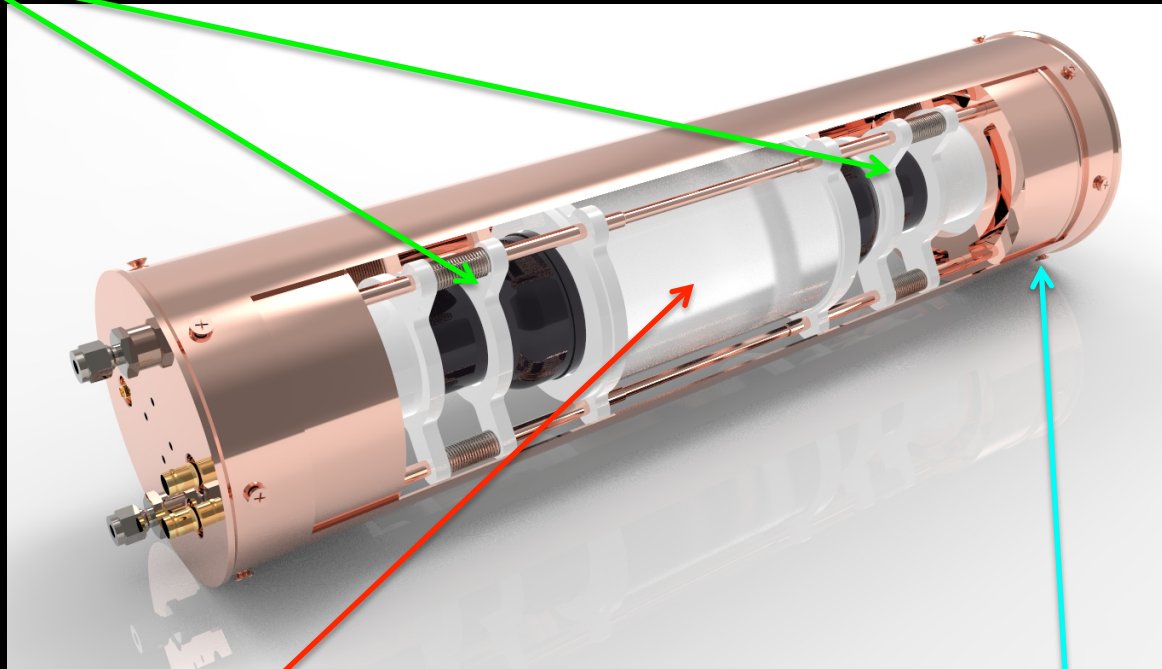
custom pre-amplifiers

– reduced after-glow → Less noise

**A >10pe/keV light collection is possible**

# High purity Cu enclosure

3" PMTs



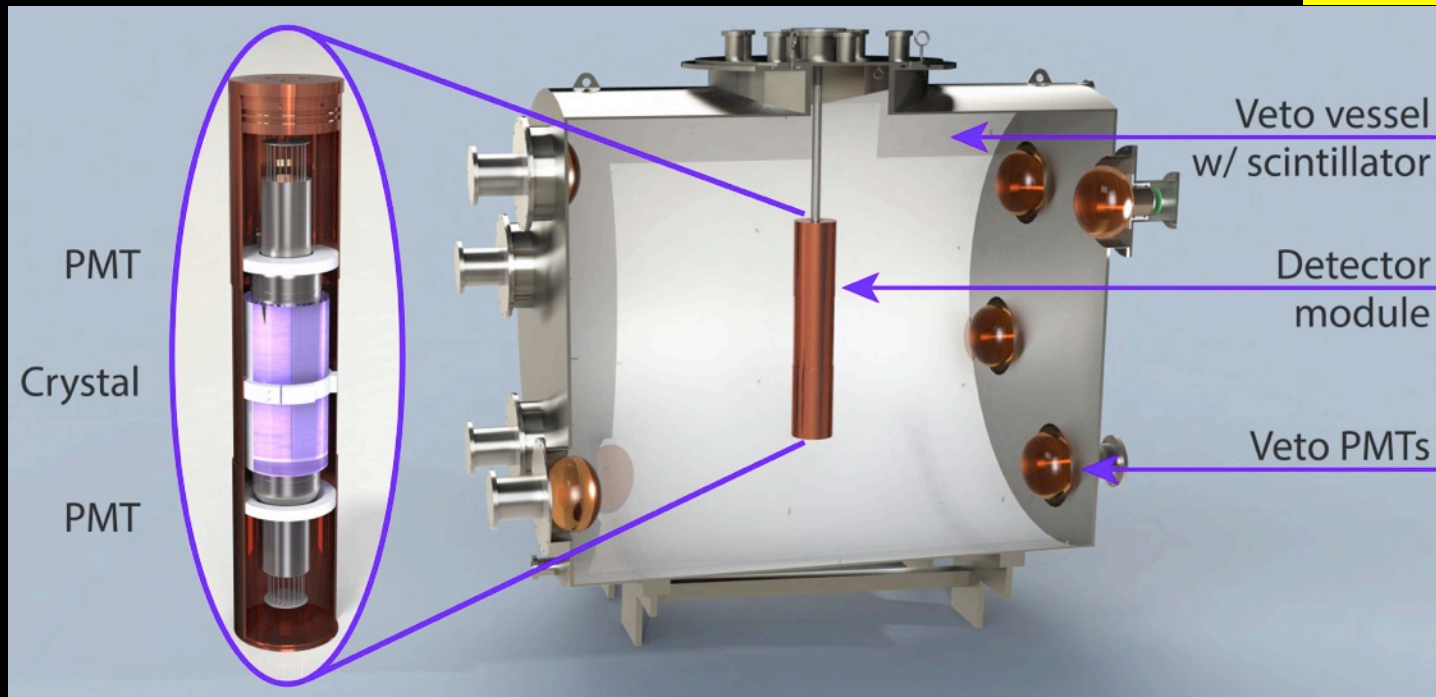
4" diameter x 8" length  
cylindrical NaI(Tl) crystal (~5.5kg)

OFHC copper housing

# SABRE Proof-of-Principle (PoP)

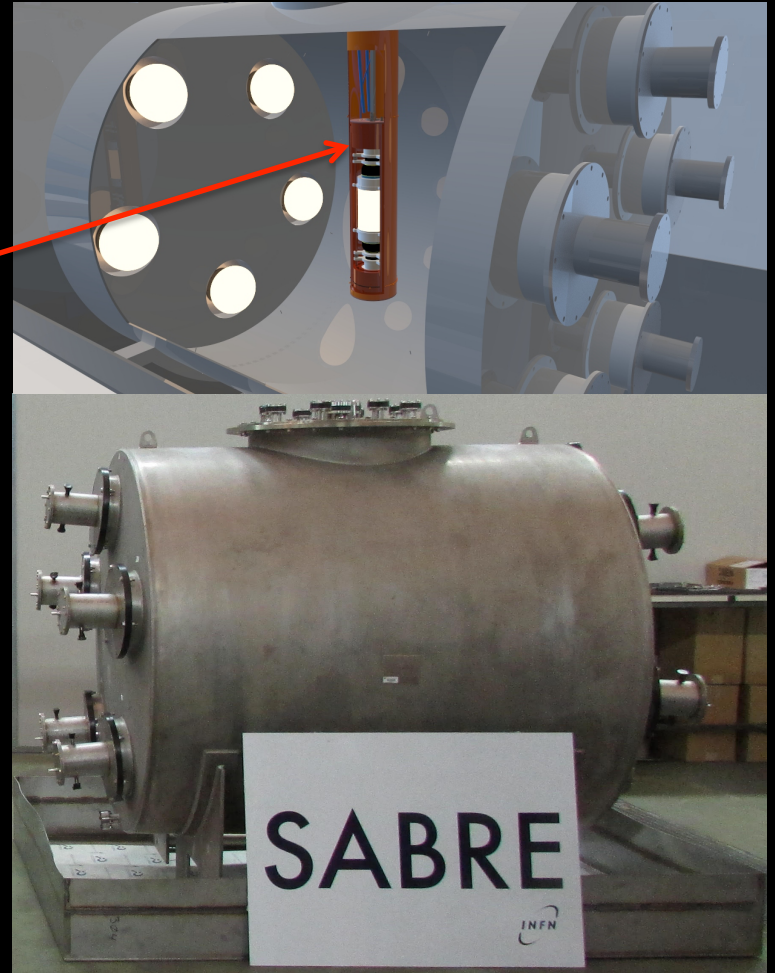
- Prototype phase @LNGS with single crystal
- Goal: fully characterize crystal background, detector design, and performance.

arXiv:1806.09340



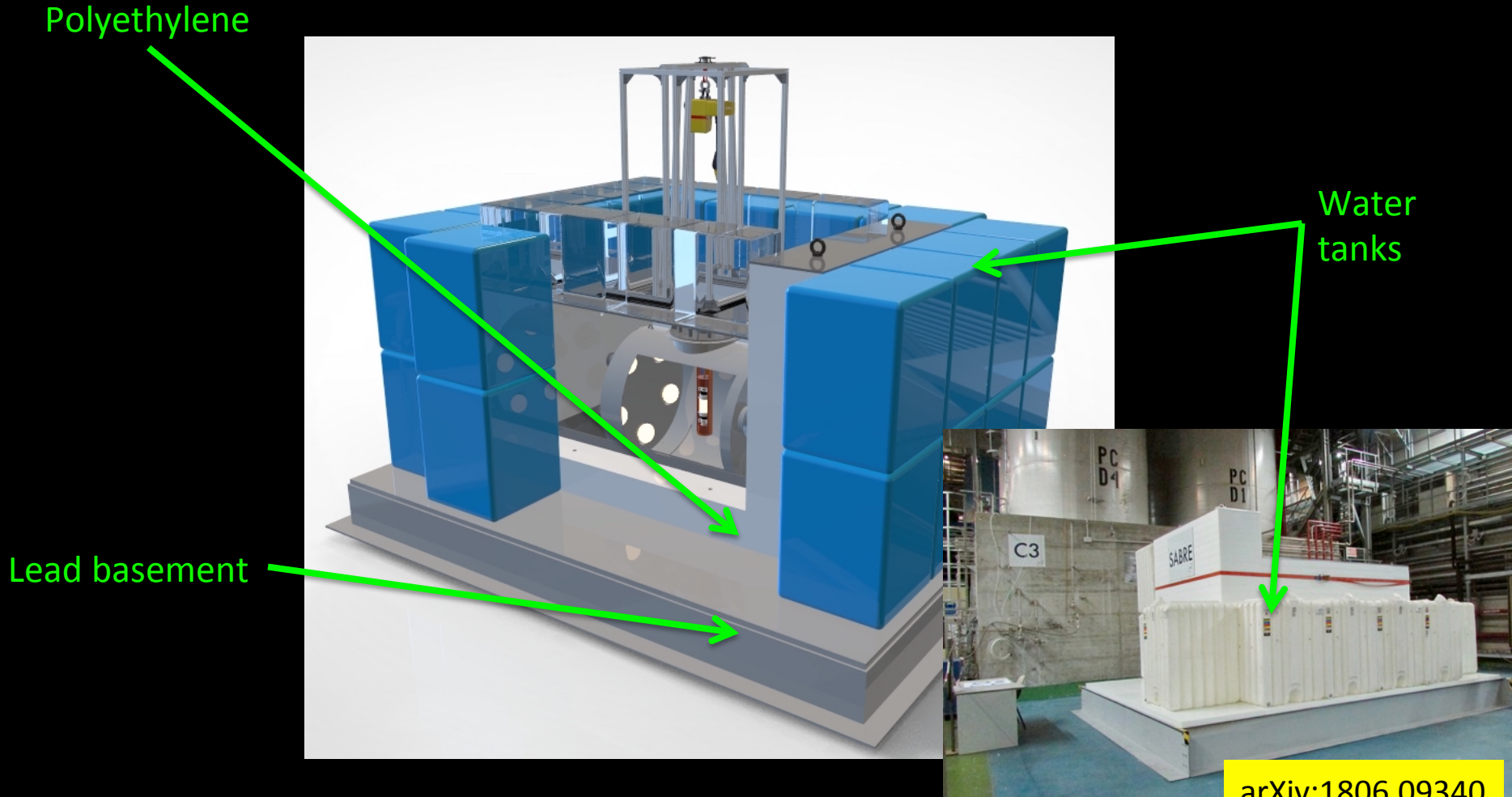
# SABRE-PoP vessel

- Crystal Insertion System (CIS)
- 1.3 m diameter x 1.5 m length stainless steel vessel
- ~2ton of liquid scintillator (PC+ppo from Borexino)
- 10 x 8" PMTs



arXiv:1806.09340

# SABRE-PoP shielding



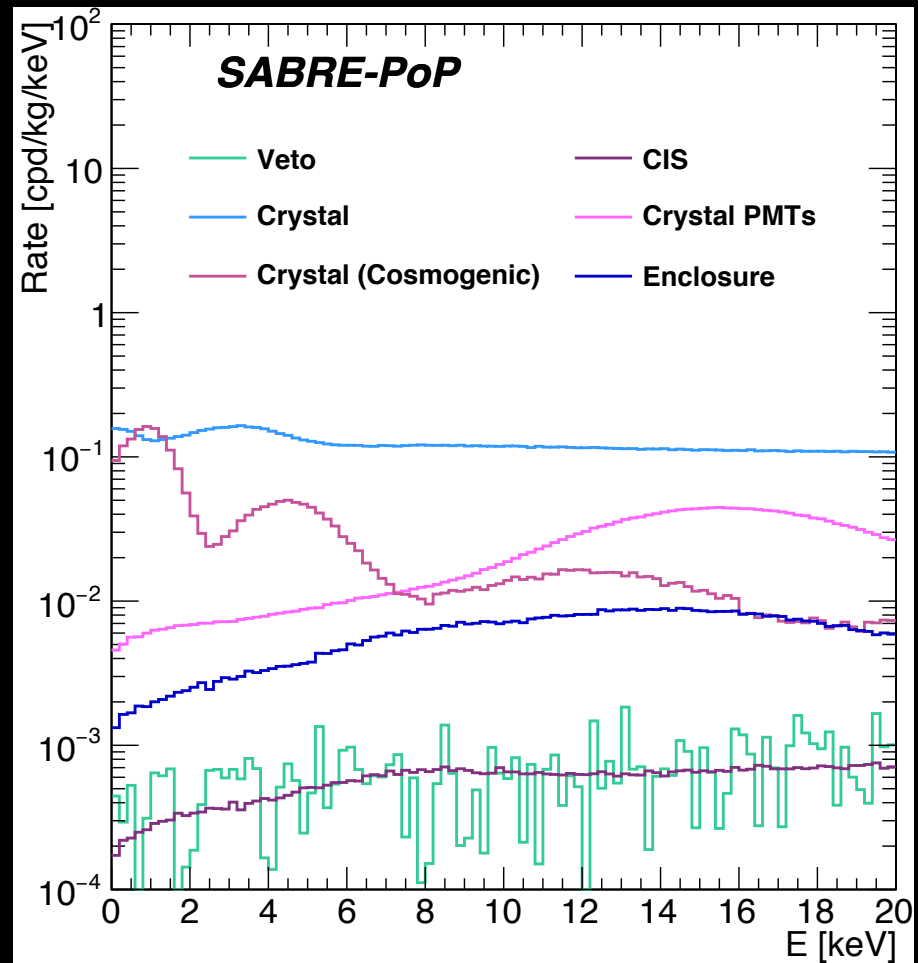
Construction completed June 2018



# Expected backgrounds (2-6 keV<sub>ee</sub>)

Monte Carlo simulations  
(background contrib. in cpd/kg/keV<sub>ee</sub>  
past the application of the veto)

1. Crystals:  $\sim 0.15$ 
  1.  $^{40}\text{K}$ : 0.04
  2.  $^{87}\text{Rb}$ :  $< 0.06$  (upper limit)
  3.  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ :  $\sim 0.02$
  4.  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ :  $\sim 0.02$
  5.  $^3\text{H}$ : to be determined
2. Cosmogenics:  $\sim 0.04$
3. PMTs:  $\sim 0.03$
4. Enclosure, CIS, Veto, Rocks: negligible

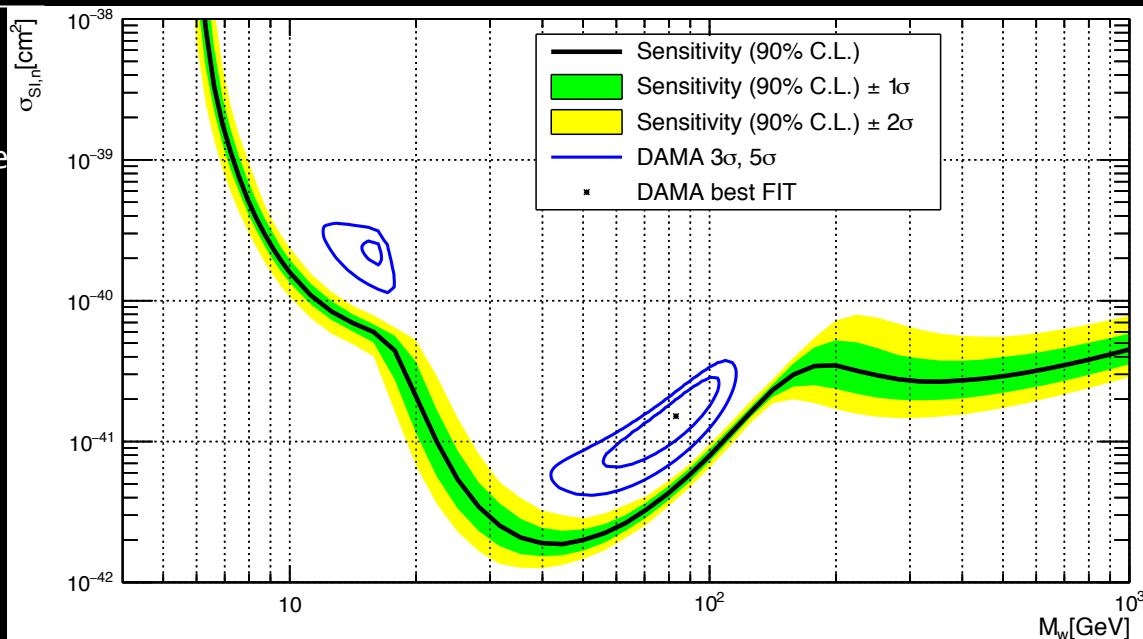


Total: 0.22 cpd/kg/keV<sub>ee</sub> – DAMA-Ph1:  $\sim 1$  cpd/kg/keV<sub>ee</sub>

# SABRE Sensitivity

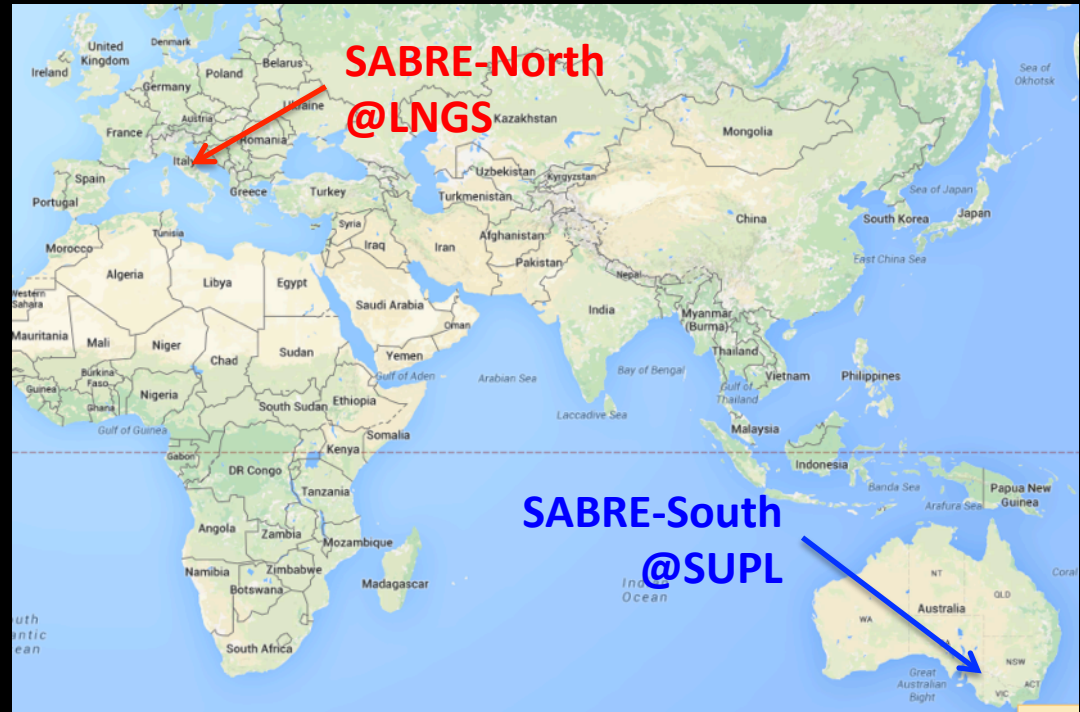
1. Model-independent approach: 50k toy-MC data sets with/without signal yield  $6\sigma/5\sigma$  power to verify/refute the claim at 90% C.L.
2. Classic sensitivity curve to SI WIMP-nucleon interaction

Exposure: 50 kg x 3 yr  
 Background: 0.22 cpd/kg/keV<sub>ee</sub>  
 Quenching: Xu et al. PR C92 (2015) 015807.  
 Systematics: quenching, resolution, efficiency, background  
 DAMA islands: Phase1 only



# Pillar 4: Double location

- SABRE Full scale experiment in two different laboratories
- on opposite hemispheres
- Twin detectors for reduced systematics

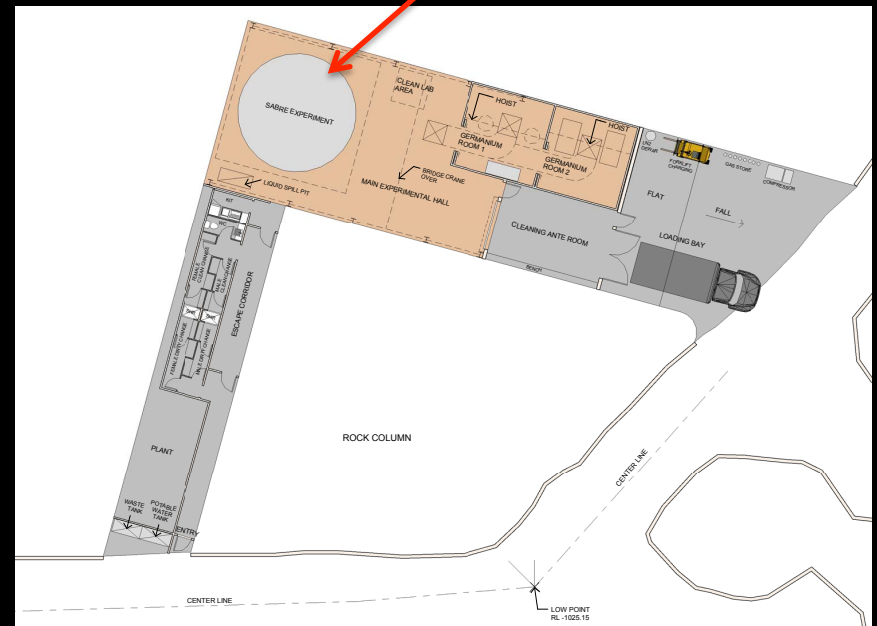


Any season-related contribution to the modulation would reverse phase



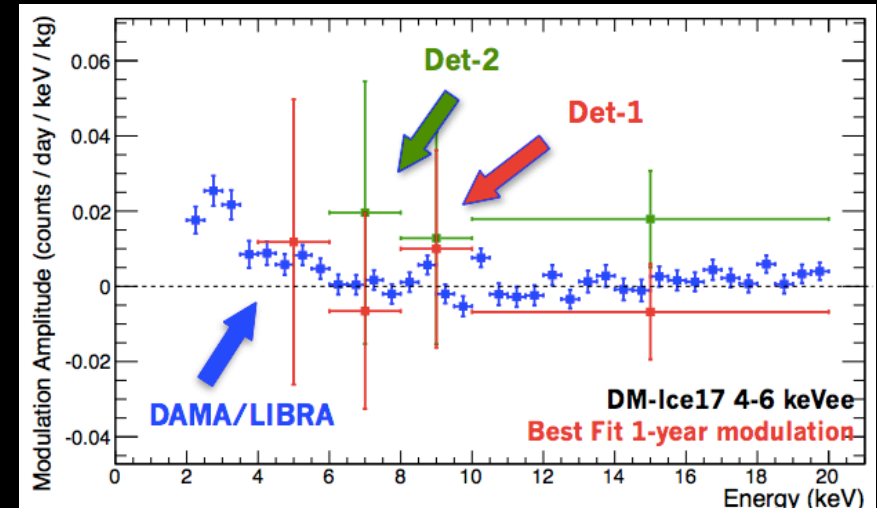
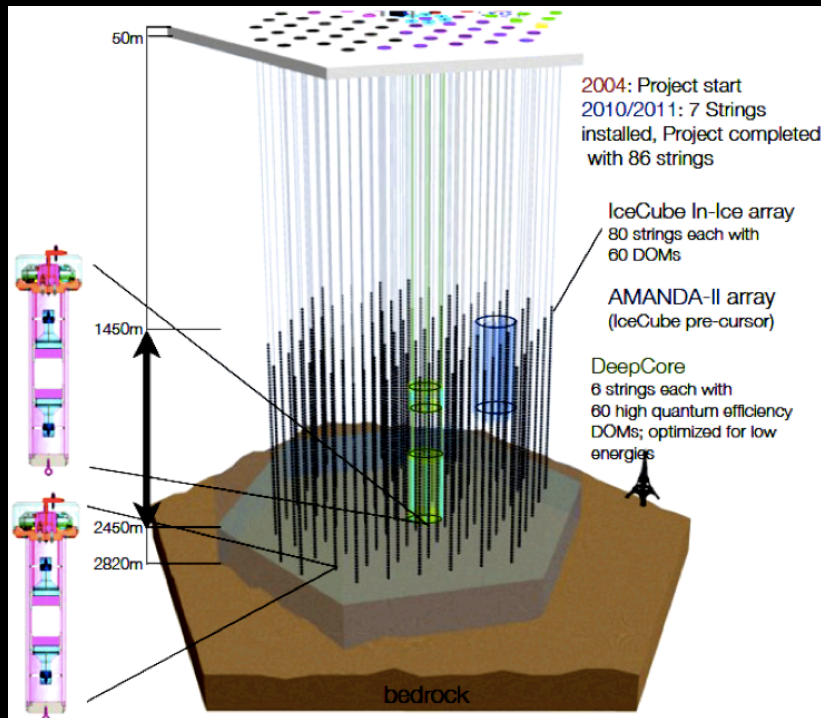
# Stawell Underground Physics Laboratory (SUPL)

- Only underground lab in southern hemisphere
- Rock coverage: ~3100 m w.e.
- ~ 240 km west of Melbourne
- Decline gold mine (road entrance)
- Background conditions measured (rocks, cosmogenics): similar to LNGS.
- Radon-free air from surface
- Construction started!
- Expected completion: 2019

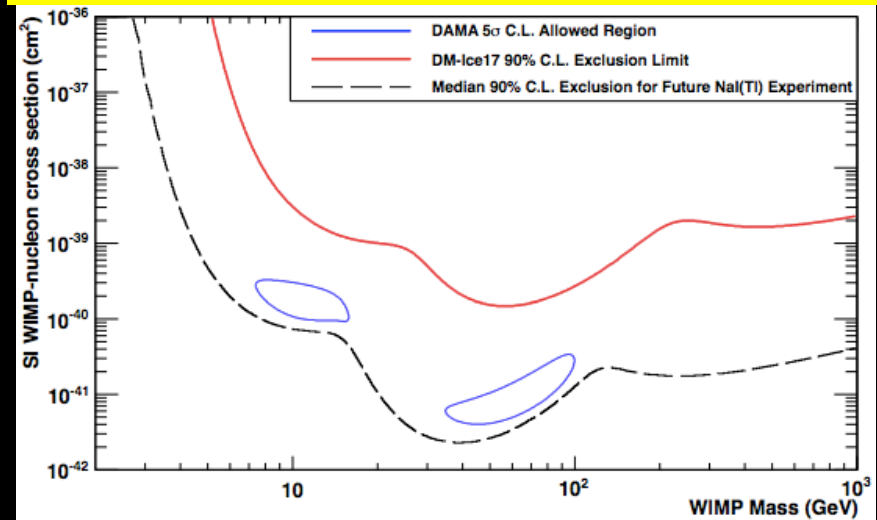


- 2 x 8.5 kg crystals from NAIAD in IceCube
  - 2450 m depth
  - used as muon veto
  - very stable ice conditions
- Southern hemisphere!
- High backgrounds ( $\sim 8$  dru)
  - Not competitive yet
- Very interesting future possibility

# DM-ICE

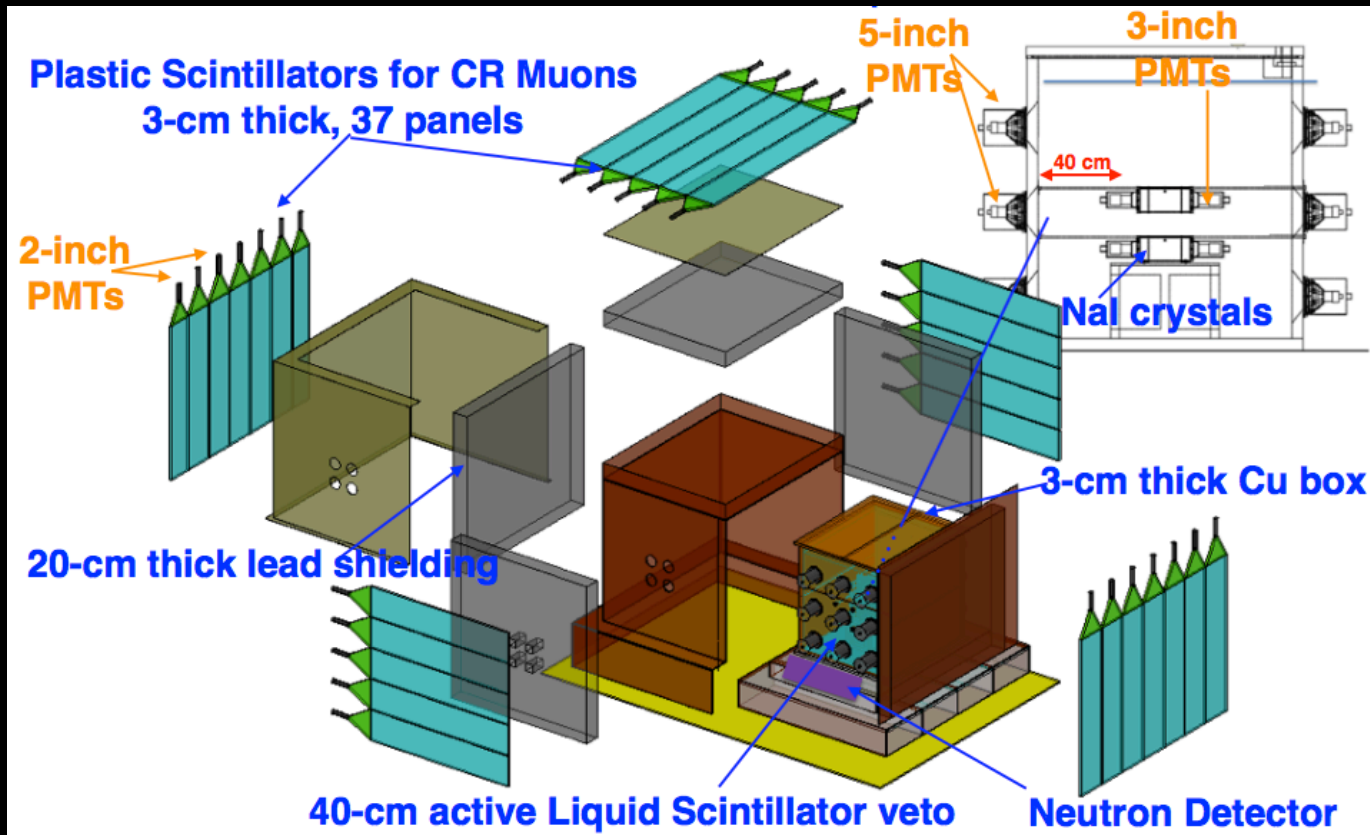


E. Barbosa de Souza et al. PR D95 (2017) 032006



# Cosine-100

- Merging of DM-ICE and KIMS collaborations.
- Started data taking in Sep 2016.
- Also implementing liquid scintillator veto
  - but only ~40 cm.
  - Background suppression on  $^{40}\text{K}$ : ~75%
- Location: Yang Yang (S. Korea)
  - Not deep -> need active muon tagging



# Cosine-100 backgrounds

Crystal	Mass (kg)	Size (inches diameter×length)	Powder	$\alpha$ Rate (mBq/kg)	$^{40}\text{K}$ (ppb)	$^{238}\text{U}$ (ppt)	$^{232}\text{Th}$ (ppt)	Light Yield (PEs/keV)
Crystal-1	8.3	5.0 × 7.0	AS-B	3.20 ± 0.08	43.4 ± 13.7	<0.02	1.3 ± 0.4	14.9 ± 1.5
Crystal-2	9.2	4.2 × 11.0	AS-C	2.06 ± 0.06	82.7 ± 12.7	<0.12	<0.6	14.6 ± 1.5
Crystal-3	9.2	4.2 × 11.0	AS-WSII	0.76 ± 0.02	41.1 ± 6.8	<0.04	0.4 ± 0.2	15.5 ± 1.6
Crystal-4	18.0	5.0 × 15.3	AS-WSII	0.74 ± 0.02	39.5 ± 8.3		<0.3	14.9 ± 1.5
Crystal-5	18.3	5.0 × 15.5	AS-C	2.06 ± 0.05	86.8 ± 10.8		2.4 ± 0.3	7.3 ± 0.7
Crystal-6	12.5	4.8 × 11.8	AS-WSIII	1.52 ± 0.04	12.2 ± 4.5	<0.02	0.6 ± 0.2	14.6 ± 1.5
Crystal-7	12.5	4.8 × 11.8	AS-WSIII	1.54 ± 0.04	18.8 ± 5.3		<0.6	14.0 ± 1.4
Crystal-8	18.3	5.0 × 15.5	AS-C	2.05 ± 0.05	56.2 ± 8.1		<1.4	3.5 ± 0.3
DAMA				< 0.5	<13>	0.7–10	0.5–7.5	5.5–7.5

“bad”

(almost) good



2 crystal  
optically  
degraded

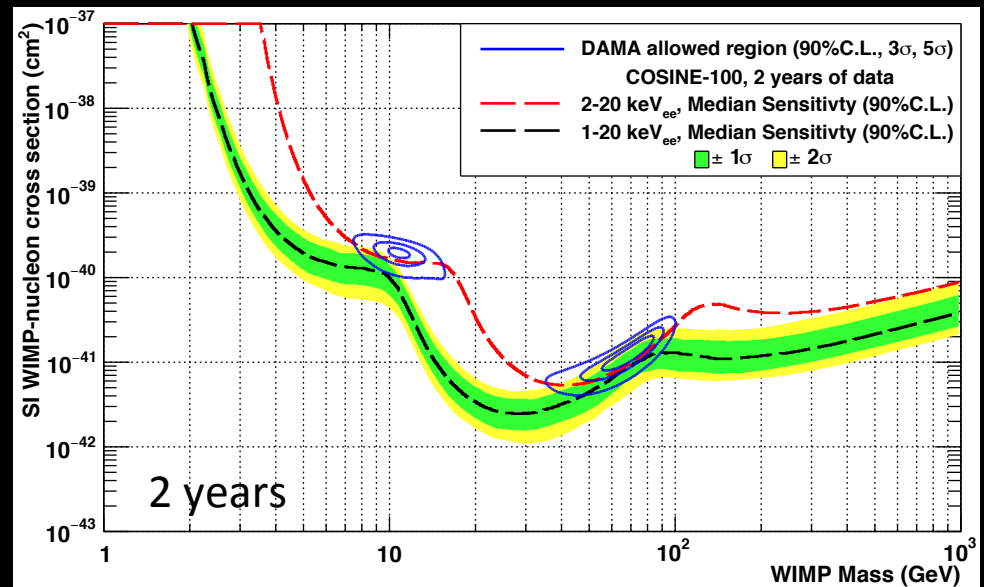
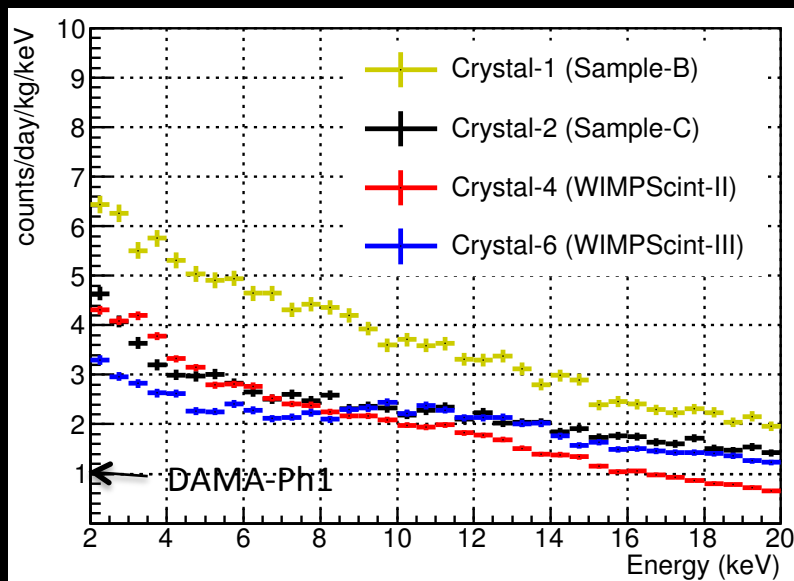
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- 8 crystal of different sizes and production batches from Alpha Spectra
- Total mass: ~106kg
- Background levels:  $^{40}\text{K}$  and  $^{210}\text{Pb}$  ( $\alpha$  rate) almost good, but not on the same crystals
- Surface contamination from exposure to Radon?

# Cosine-100 sensitivity

- Background level in the Region of Interest (2-6keV): 2-4 times DAMA-Ph1
- Very unlikely to reach Energy threshold <2keV: not included in spectra
- Possibly inconclusive test if negative?
- Ideas a new experiment with 250kg at new Laboratory (to be built)
- Two upcoming conferences in Korea, NDM and ICHEP
  - Will there be a release of the first results with  $\sim 1.5$ y data?

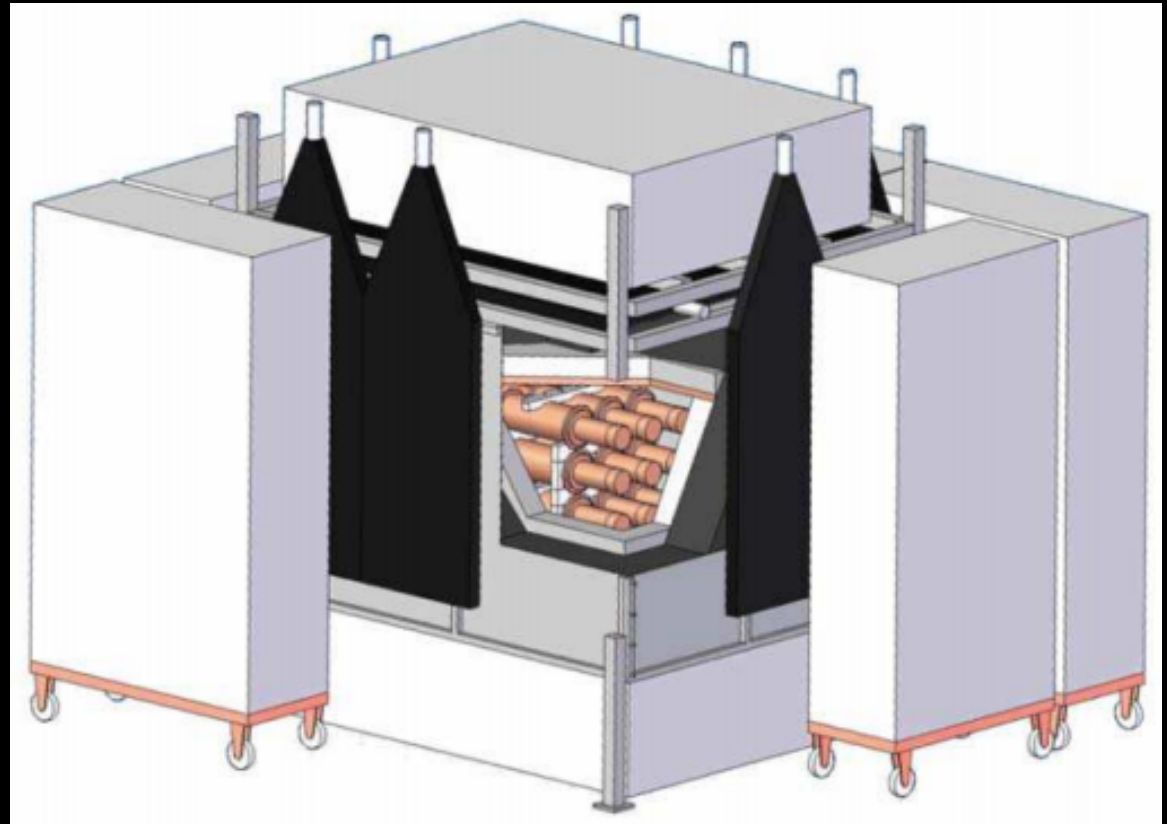
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# ANAIS-112

- Started physics run August 2017.
- Laboratorio Subterraneo de Canfranc (LSC) in Spain.
  - not deep -> need active muon veto.
- No liquid scintillator veto for gammas.

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# AN AIS-112 background

- 9 crystals, 12.5 kg each, produced by Alpha Spectra for 112 kg total mass
- Background levels very similar to COSINE:  
 $\sim 30$ ppb  $^{40}\text{K}$  and  $0.7\text{--}3.2\text{mBq/kg}$  in  $^{210}\text{Pb}$

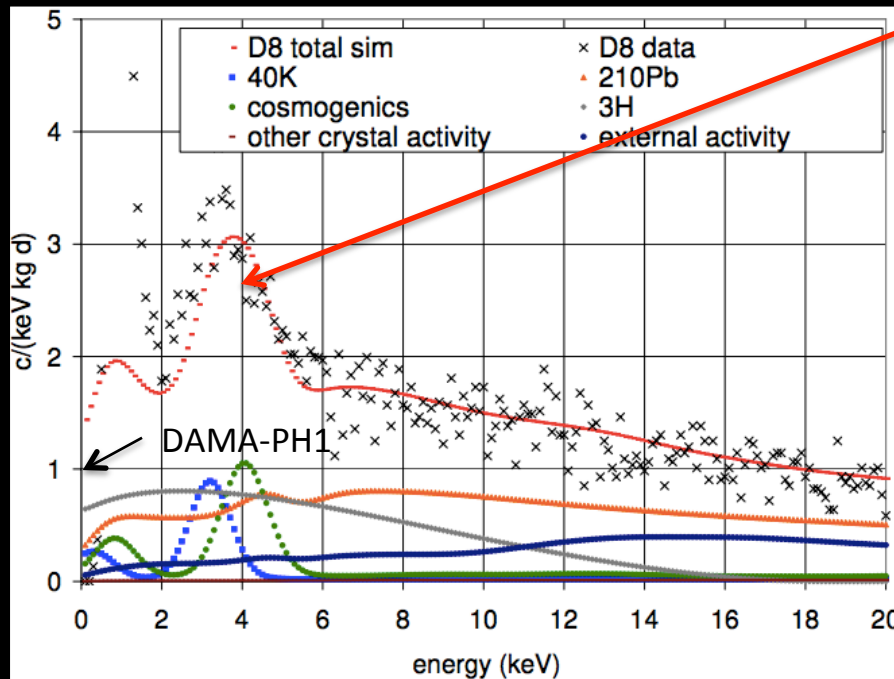
Detector	Quality powder	Arrival date	Light collection (phe/keV)	$^{40}\text{K}$ activity (mBq/kg)	$^{210}\text{Pb}$ activity (mBq/kg)
D0	<90 ppb K	December 2012	$15.3 \pm 1.1$	1.1	3.15
D1	<90 ppb K	December 2012	$14.8 \pm 0.5$ *	1.4	3.15
D2	WIMPScint-II	March 2015	$15.3 \pm 1.4$	0.9	0.70
D3	WIMPScint-III	March 2016	$14.6 \pm 0.8$	1.0	1.8
D4	WIMPScint-III	November 2016	$14.0 \pm 0.8$	1.0	1.8
D5	WIMPScint-III	November 2016	$14.0 \pm 0.8$	1.0	0.75
D6	WIMPScint-III	March 2017	$12.6 \pm 0.8$	1.1	0.76
D7	WIMPScint-III	March 2017	$17.0 \pm 2.0$	1.0	0.75
D8	WIMPScint-III	March 2017	$14.6 \pm 0.9$	0.6	0.72
average				1.0	1.5

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(1 mBq  $^{40}\text{K}$  / kg = 32.3 ppb)



# ANAIS-112 sensitivity

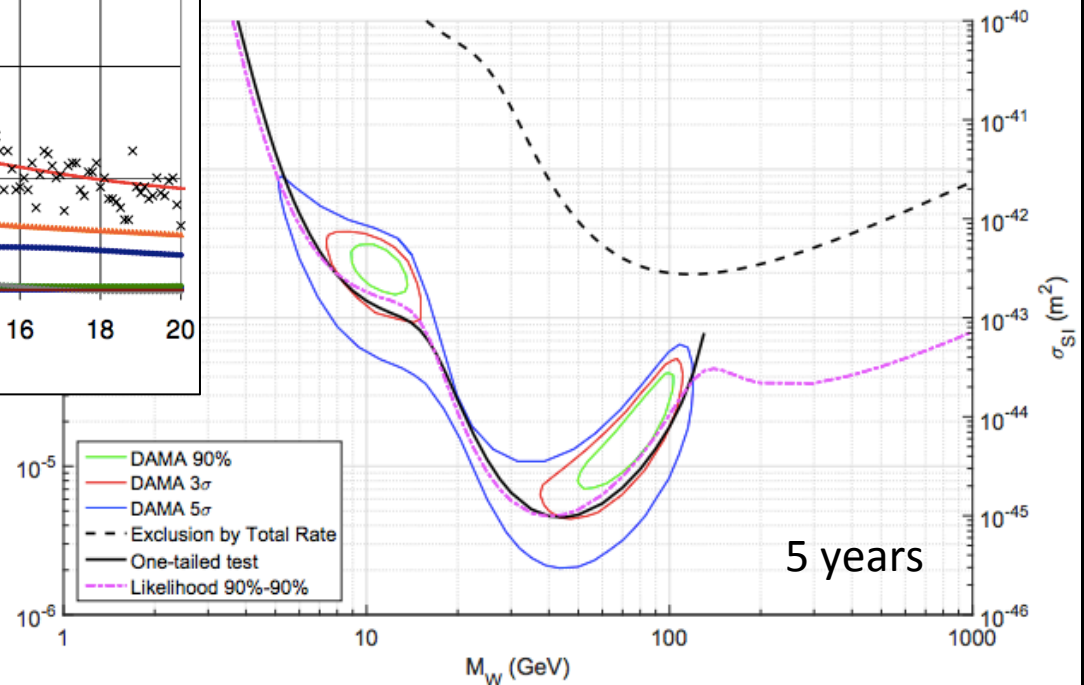


- Possibly inconclusive test if negative?
- Ideas to implement active veto

Best crystal D8 spectrum

- About 3x DAMA background in [2-6]keV
- Analysis threshold limited to  $>2\text{keV}$  ?

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# Conclusions

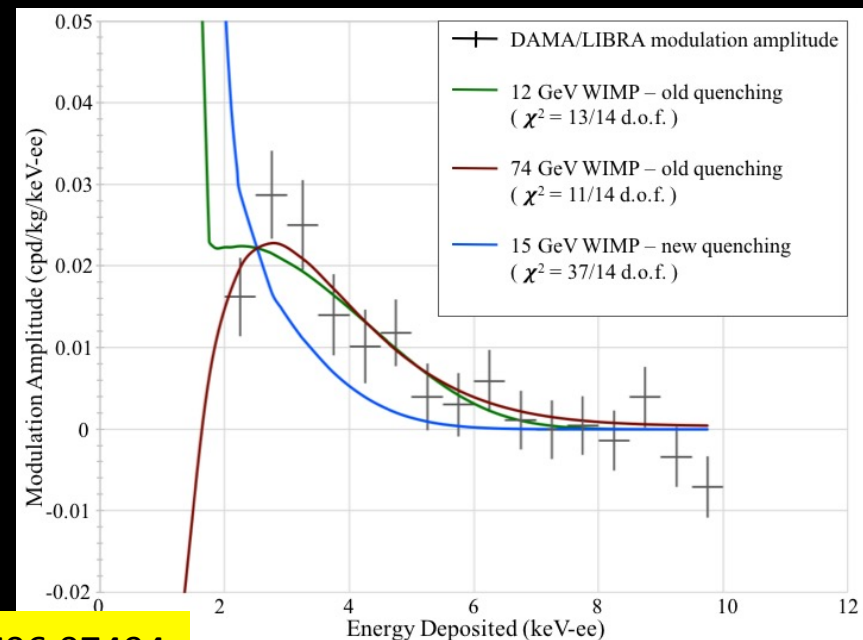
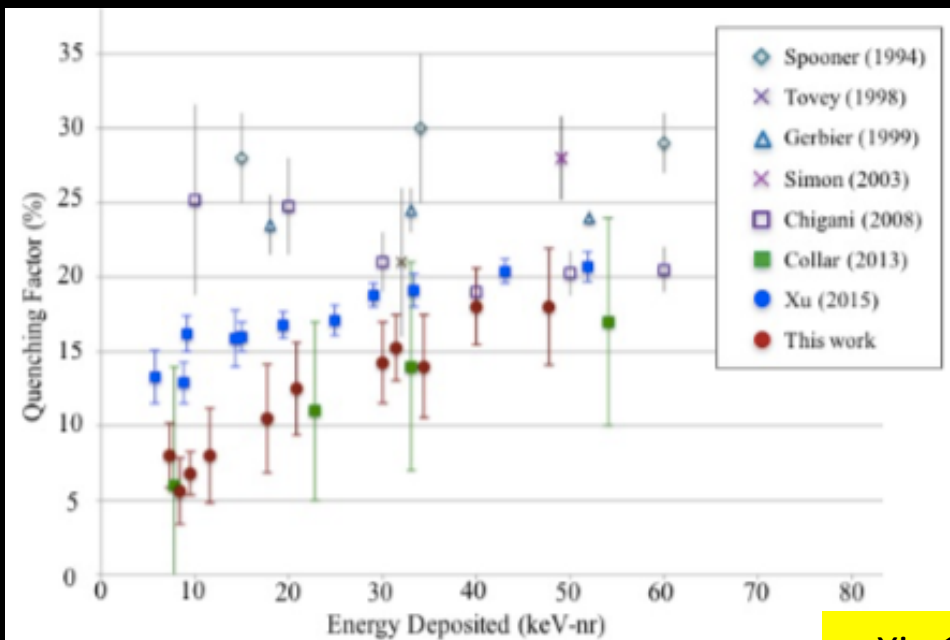
- DAMA/LIBRA-Phase2 confirms the observation of a modulation
  - in tension with other results only under certain assumptions
  - somewhat less easy to fit with a basic SI scenario
- A model independent verification requires a new NaI(Tl) experiment
- Several players around the world aim at this:
  - COSINE
  - ANAIS
  - SABRE
- Exciting times ahead!

*Thank you for your attention!*

# BACKUP SLIDES

# The effect of Na Quenching

- Quenching of nuclear recoils on Na has been measured several times:
- DAMA uses a flat 30%, confirmed by several measurements in the '90s
- 2 more recent measurements point to a lower and energy dependent quenching
- Fit of the DAMA modulation is heavily dependent on the quenching



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