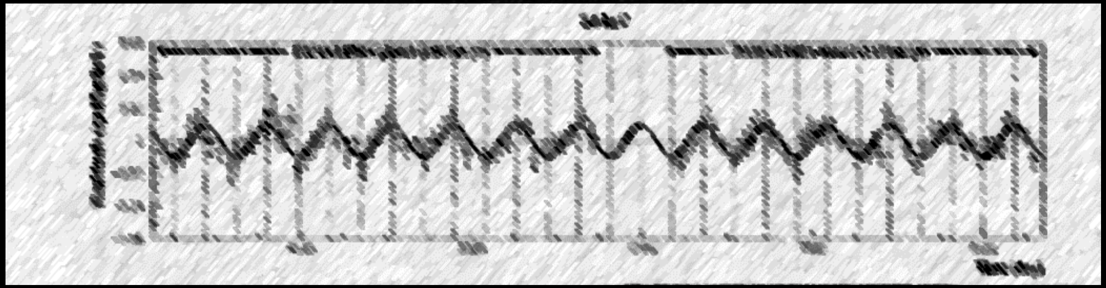
Testing DAMA/LIBRA at three-sigma with ANAIS-112 experiment



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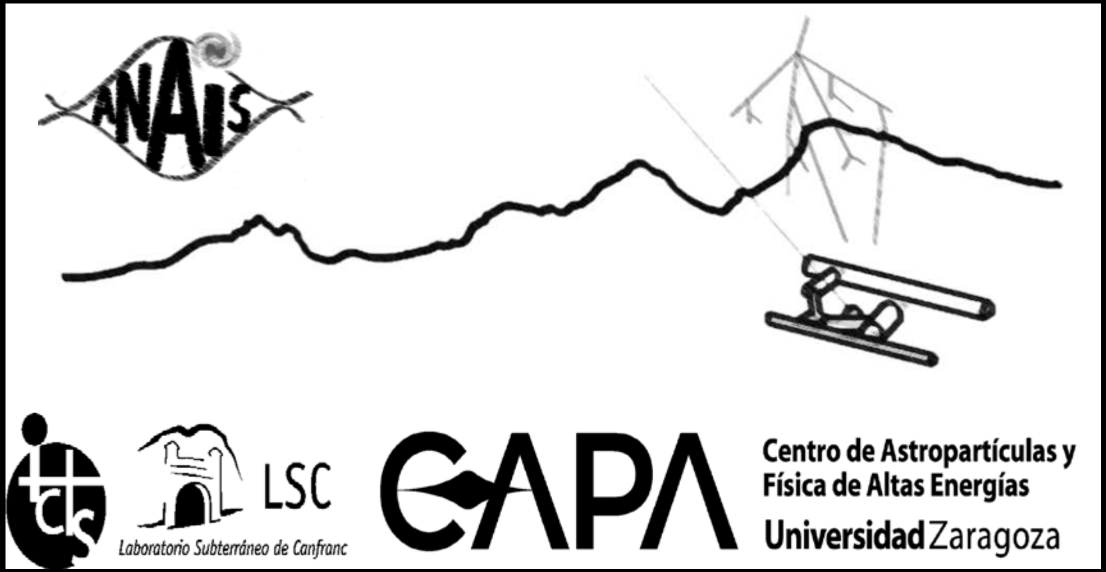

OUTLINE

-ANNUAL MODULATION in direct dark matter searches & DAMA/LIBRA result

-ANAIS-112 EXPERIMENT

-RELEVANT EXPERIMENTAL FEATURES AND PERFORMANCE

-ANNUAL MODULATION RESULTS FOR THREE YEARS

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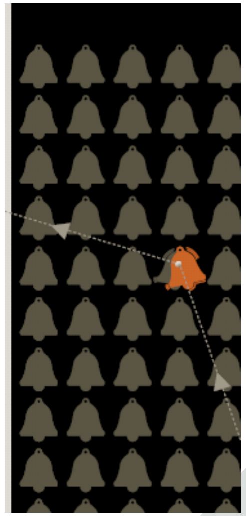
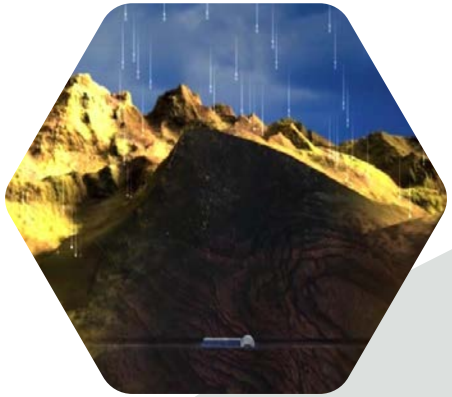
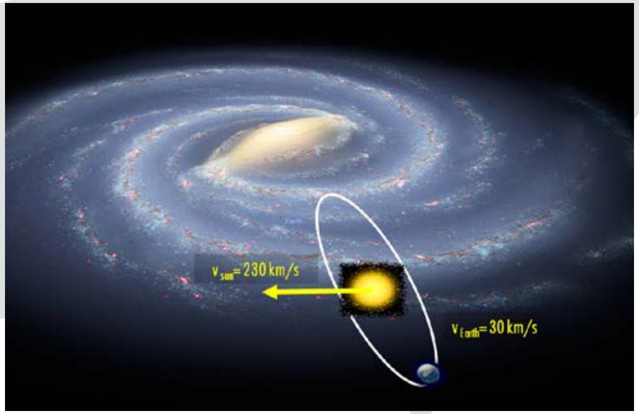
-PRESENT STATUS AND PROSPECTS

DM Direct Detection Approach

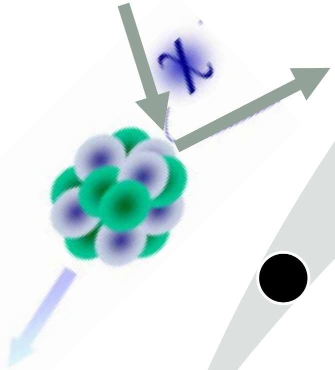
Analysis of signatures of DM particle interactions are key for a positive result







Experiments have to be shielded against all possible backgrounds and profit from passive/active bckg rejection techniques

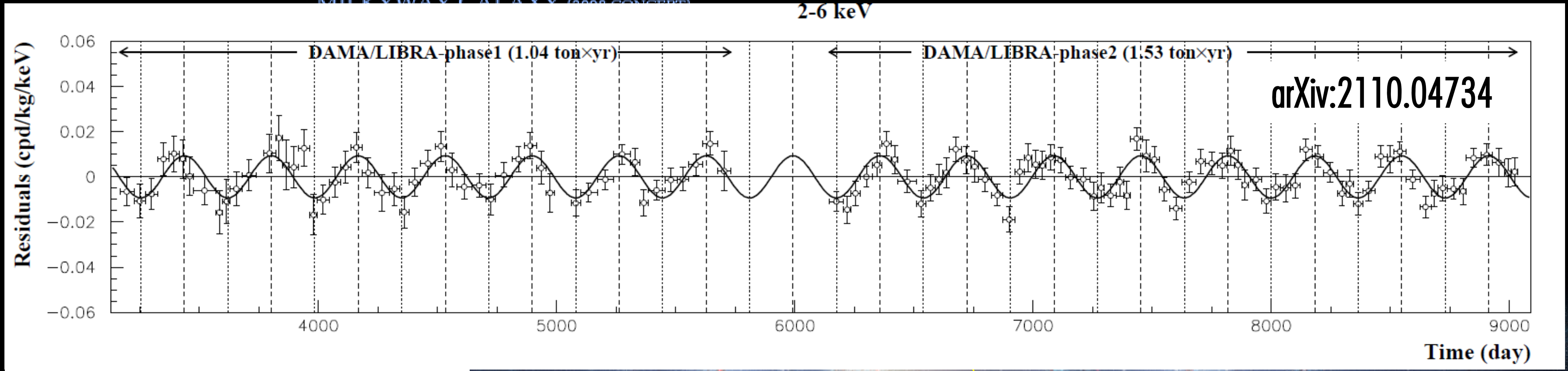


Requirement of very sensitive & radiopure particle detectors

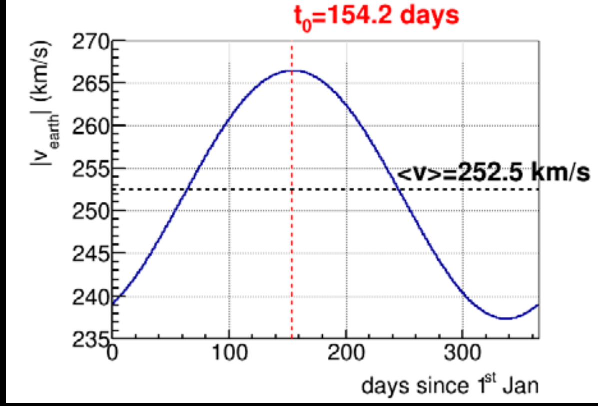
DM particles interact (although weakly) with ordinary matter with unknown coupling

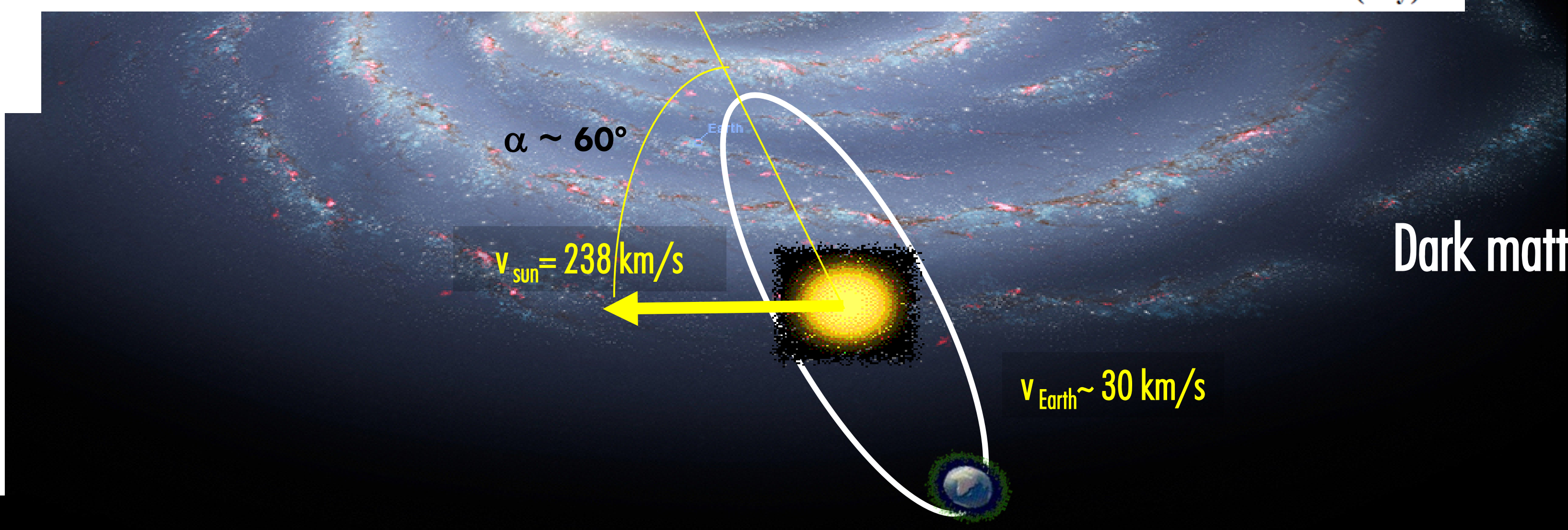
$$S(E_R,t) = \frac{dR}{dE_R} = \frac{\rho\, M_{det}}{2m_W m_{WN}^2} \int_{v_{min}}^{v_{max}} \frac{f(v)}{v}\, \sigma_{WN}\, dv^3$$

Annual modulation in dark matter interaction rate



$$S_k(t) = S_{0,k} + S_{m,k} cos\omega(t - t_0)$$





Dark matter halo

Relative velocity Earth –halo changes along the year

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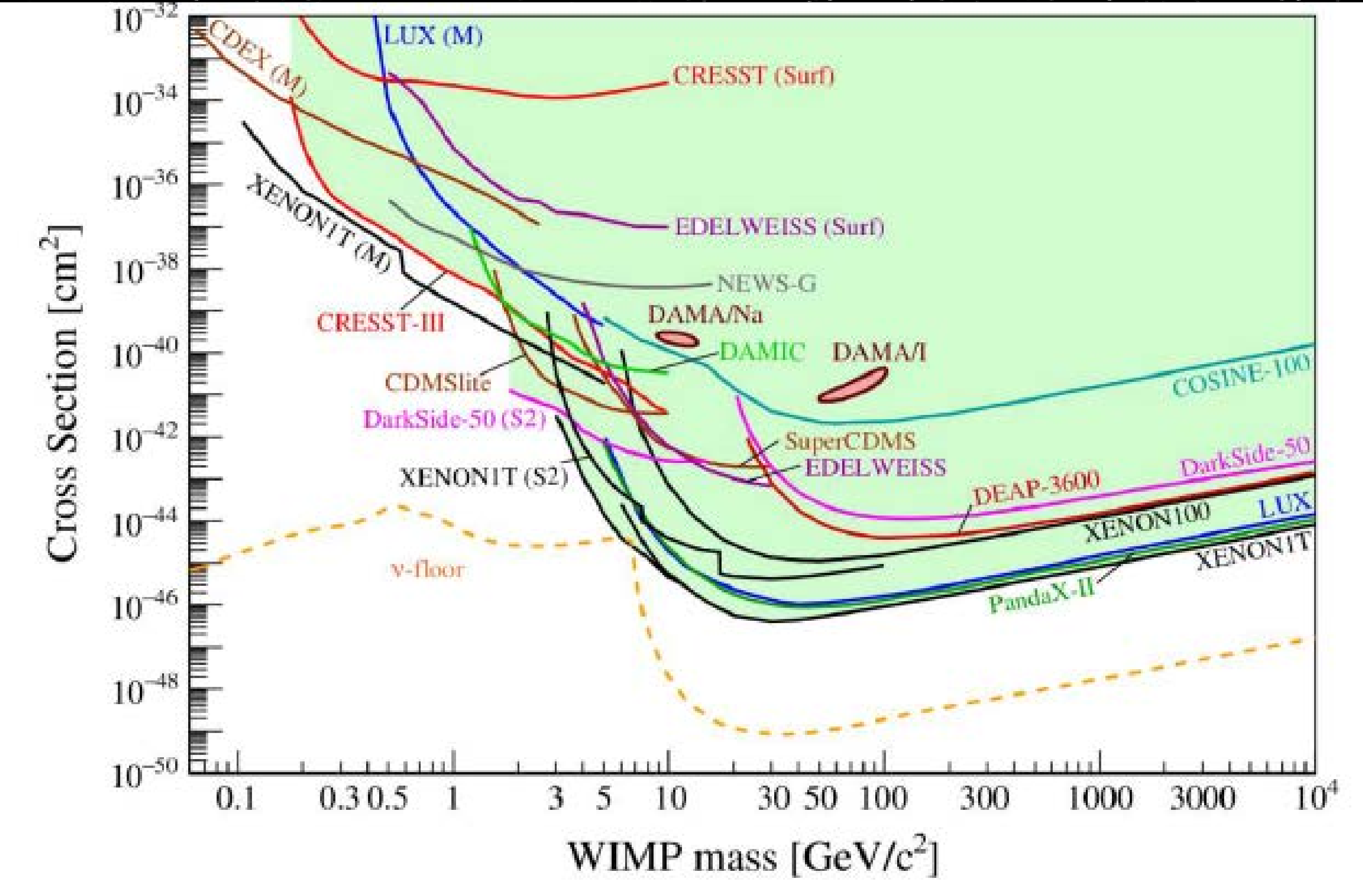
ANNUAL MODULATION RESULT PUZZLE

Other very sensitive experiments do not have any hint on DM interactions -> Strong tension even assuming more general halo/interaction models, BUT MODEL – DEPENDENT



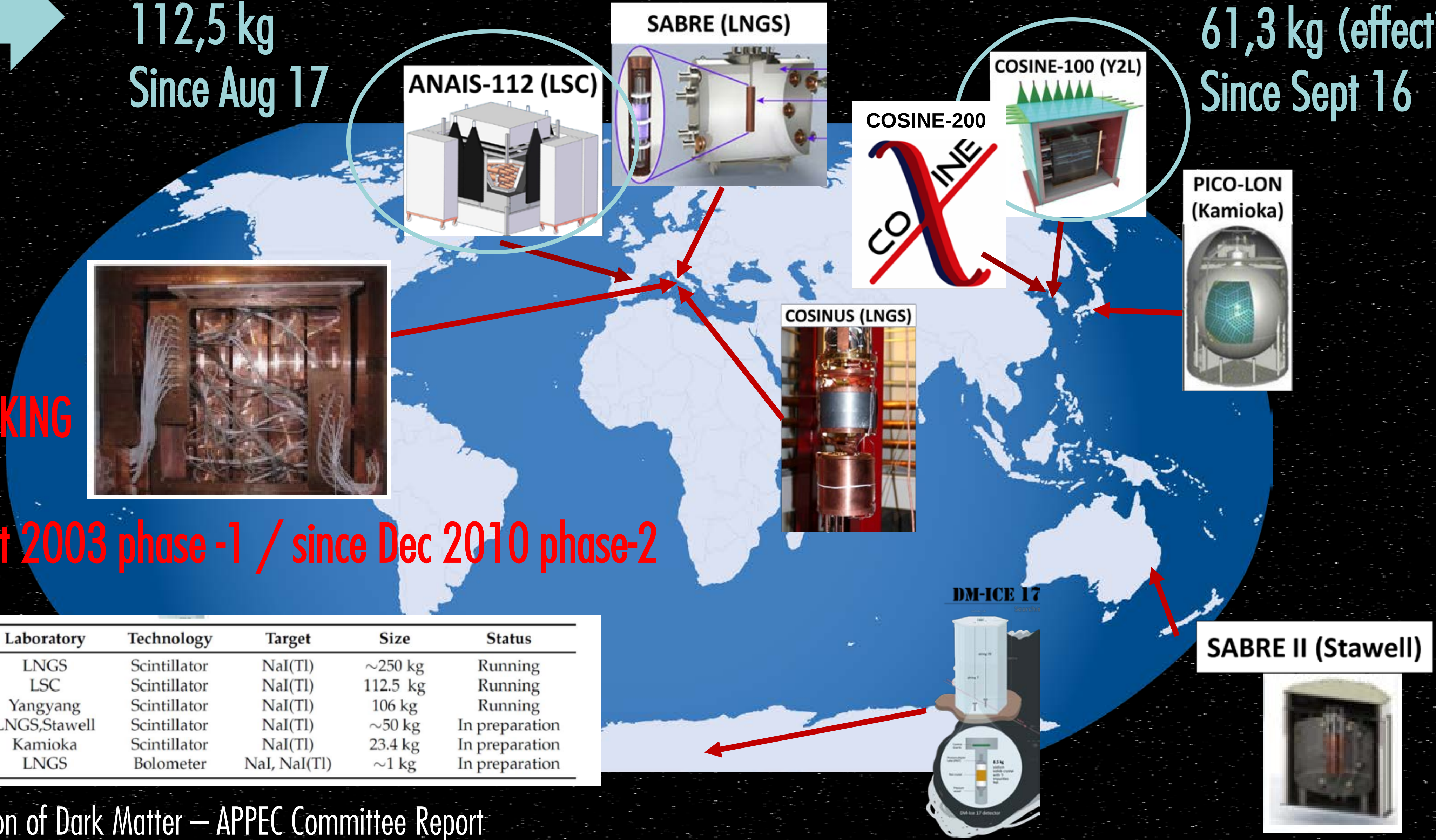
Same target and same signal would reduce most of the uncertainties and model dependencies

Direct Detection of Dark Matter – APPEC Committee Report
arXiv:2104.07634

IN DATA-TAKING
112,5 kg
Since Aug 17

Next talk by R. Maruyama

IN DATA-TAKING
61,3 kg (effective mass)
Since Sept 16



IN DATA-TAKING
~250 kg
Since Sept 2003 phase -1 / since Dec 2010 phase-2

Experiment	Laboratory	Technology	Target	Size	Status
DAMA/LIBRA	LNGS	Scintillator	NaI(Tl)	~250 kg	Running
ANAIS-112	LSC	Scintillator	NaI(Tl)	112.5 kg	Running
COSINE-100	Yangyang	Scintillator	NaI(Tl)	106 kg	Running
SABRE	LNGS,Stawell	Scintillator	NaI(Tl)	~50 kg	In preparation
PICOLON	Kamioka	Scintillator	NaI(Tl)	23.4 kg	In preparation
COSINUS	LNGS	Bolometer	NaI, NaI(Tl)	~1 kg	In preparation

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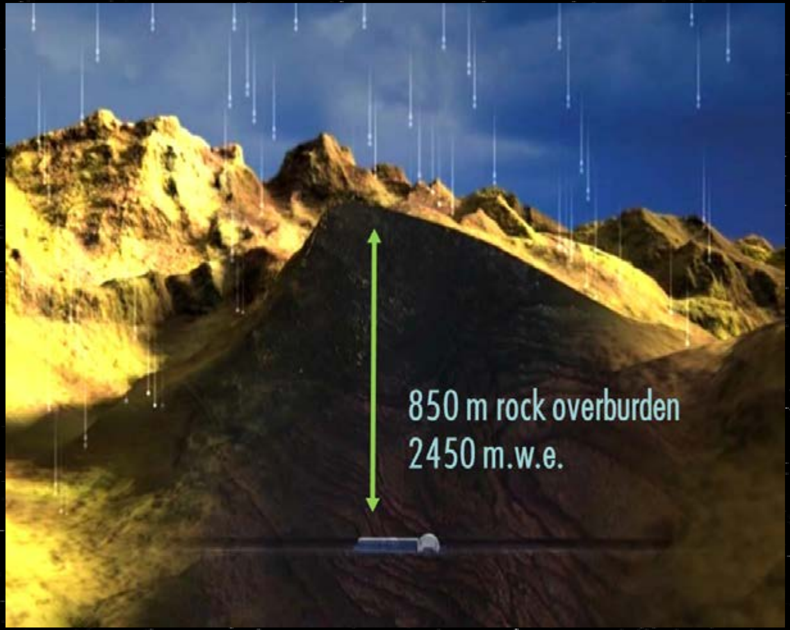
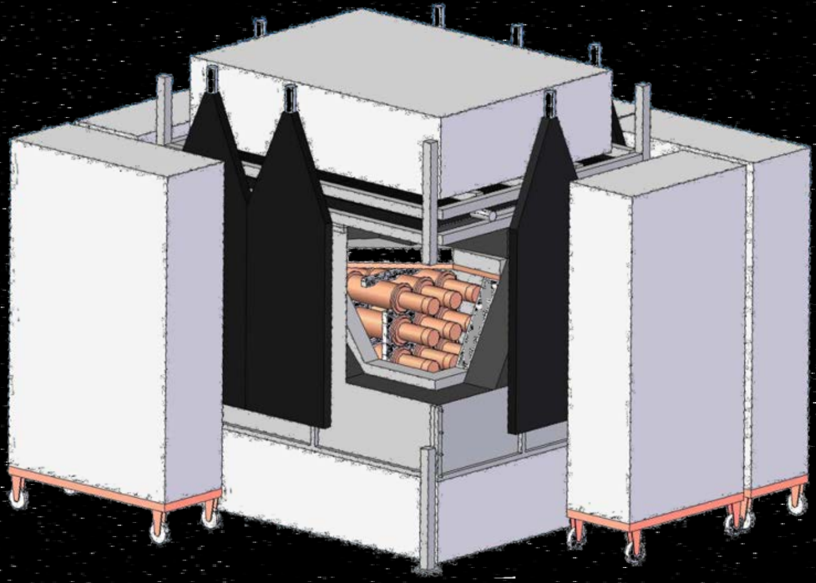
Annual modulation with NaI Scintillators



- Confirmation of DAMA-LIBRA modulation signal -> **same target and technique** / **different** experimental approach / **different** environmental conditions affecting **systematics**
- At Canfranc Underground Laboratory, @ SPAIN (under 2450 m.w.e.) taking data since August 2017
- 3x3 matrix of 12.5 kg cylindrical modules = 112.5 kg of active mass grown @ Alpha Spectra, Inc.
- HE PMTs coupled at LSC clean room
- DATA ANALYSIS: ROI BLINDED



Relevant experimental features

- Mylar windows **built-in, allowing for low energy calibration**
- ^{109}Cd **sources on flexibles wires** in Radon-free calibration system for simultaneous calibration of the nine modules

- Excellent light collection in all the nine modules ~ 15 p.e./keV
  (12.7-15.8 p.e./keV) → 7/9 modules between 14.0 and 15.0 p.e./keV

  Larger and more homogeneous than that of DAMA/LIBRA modules

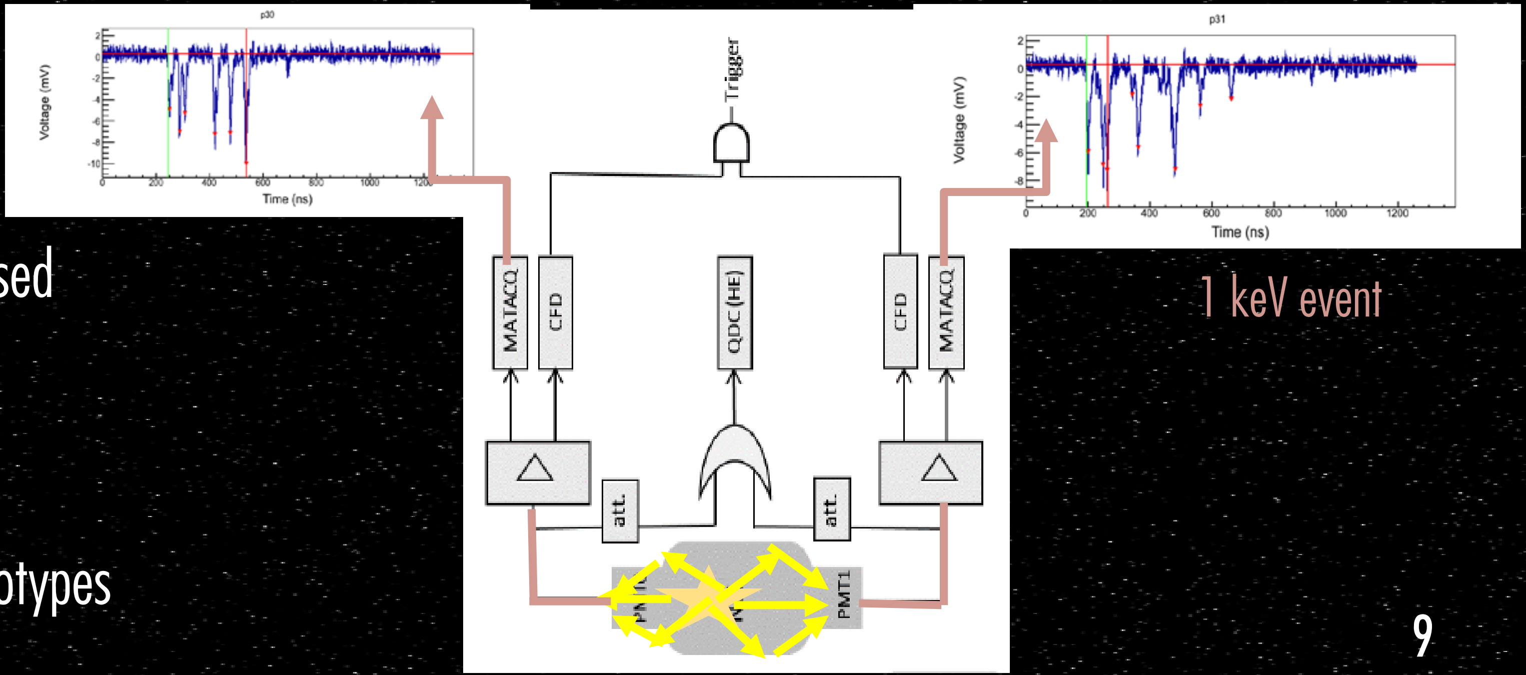
Relevant experimental features

ANAIS-112 set-up

- 10 cm archaeological lead
- 20 cm low activity lead
- Tight box preventing Radon entrance
- 16 plastic scintillators acting as muon veto system
- 40 cm polyethylene / water

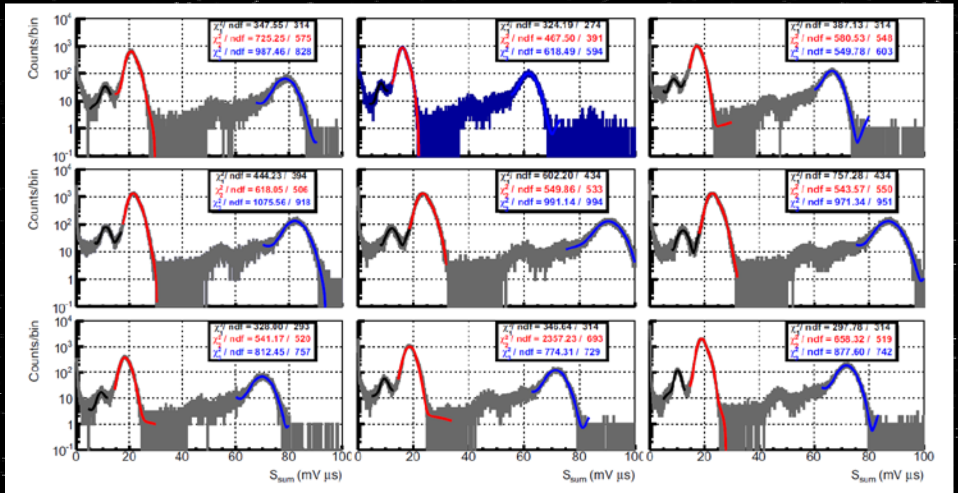
ANAIS-112 DAQ

- Individual PMT signals digitized and fully processed (14 bits / 2 GS/s)
- Trigger at p.e. level for each PMT + Logical AND coincidence in 200ns window
- Robust / Low noise / tested with previous prototypes

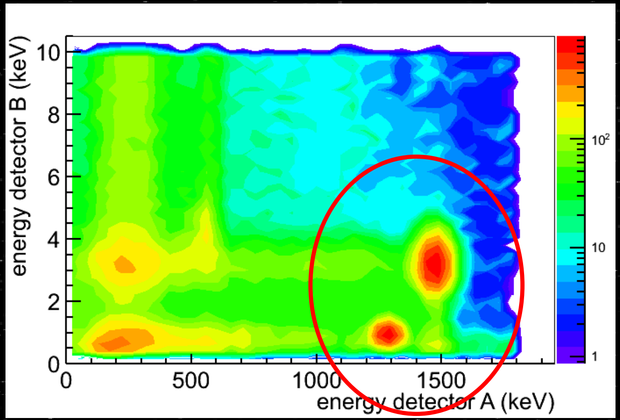


1 keV event

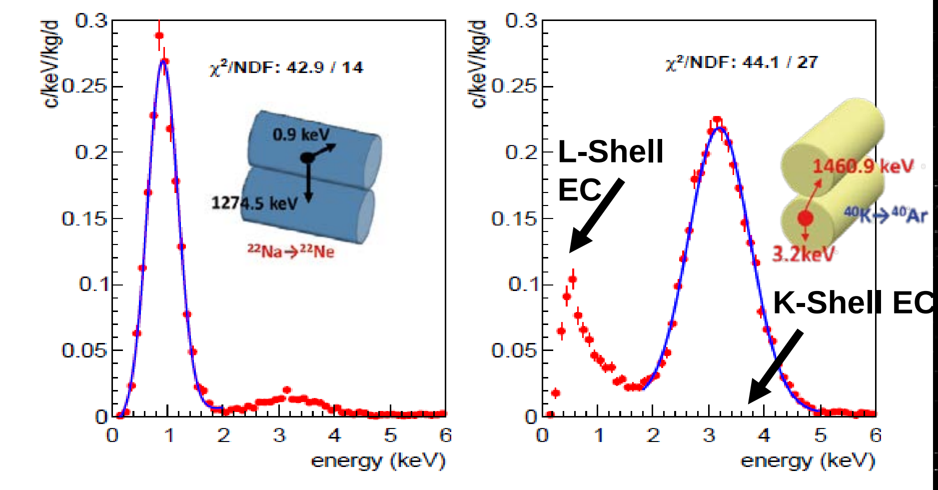
Calibrating the ROI with high accuracy



- Combination of periodical external calibration using ^{109}Cd (88.0, 22.6 and 11.9 keV) every two weeks and ^{40}K and ^{22}Na internal contamination background lines (3.2 and 0.9 keV) every 1.5 months
- ROI calibrated with 22.6, 11.9, 3.2 and 0.9 keV



Events @ROI from ^{40}K and ^{22}Na selected by the coincidence with a HE gamma in a second module



Demonstration of triggering below 1 keV

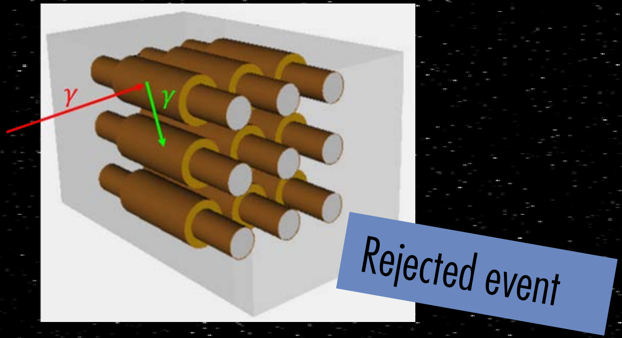
Blind analysis strategy

- M1 (single hit) events in the ROI (1-6 keV) kept BLINDED from beginning
- M2 in the ROI and Cd - calibration events used for fine-tuning analysis and determination of efficiencies along the first year
- Unblinding 10% (30 days randomly chosen) of the first year for background assessment

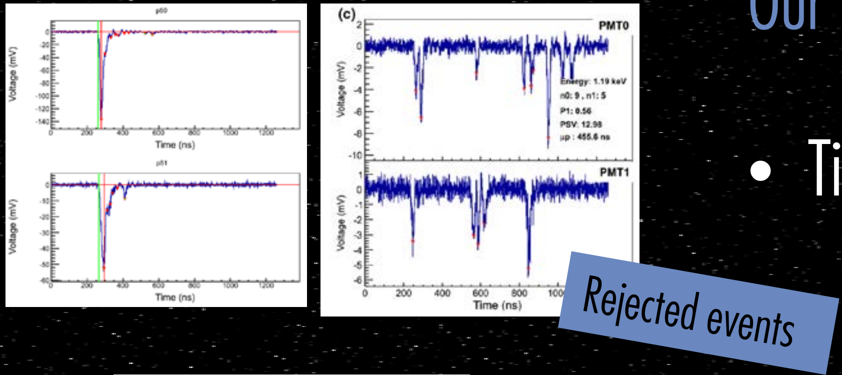
ANAIS general performance:
J. Amaré et al., EPJC79 (2019) 228

EVENTS SELECTION CRITERIA from the first year analysis are kept for subsequent analysis UPDATING EFFICIENCIES

Events selection procedure developed before unblinding



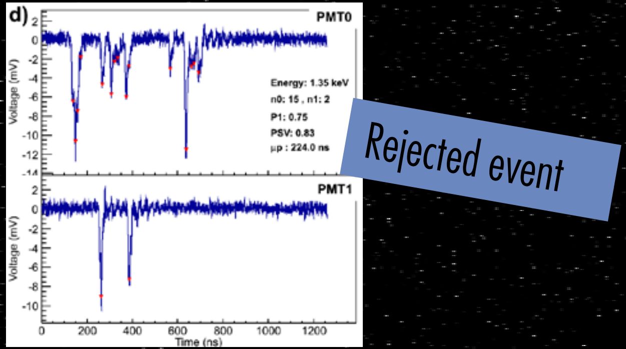
- Single hit events
- Events arriving more than 1 second after a muon interacting in the veto system



Our trigger rate is dominated by events non-compatible with bulk scintillation

- Time behavior compatible with NaI scintillation constant: biparametric cut

$$P_1 = \frac{\int_{100\,ns}^{600\,ns} A(t)dt}{\int_{0}^{600\,ns} A(t)dt} \qquad \mu_p = \frac{\sum A_p t_p}{\sum A_p}$$



- Light sharing between the 2 PMTs compatible with bulk scintillation, number of peaks >4 at each PMT

Events selection procedure developed before unblinding

General performance:
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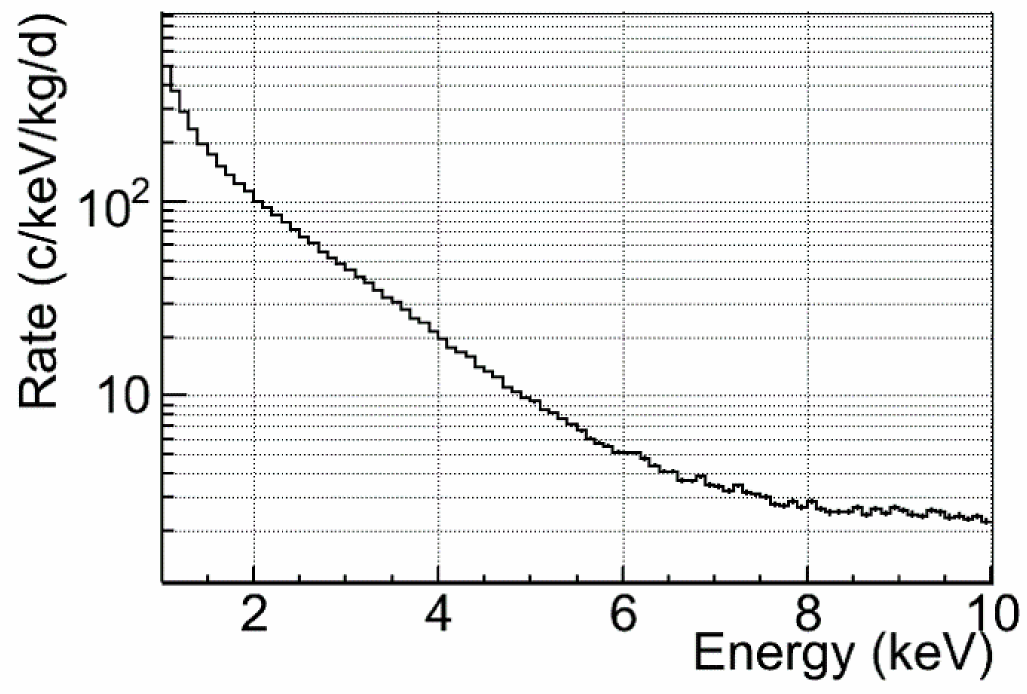
- Robust estimate of the efficiencies using ^{109}Cd / ^{22}Na and ^{40}K events BEFORE UNBLINDING / updated for the three years analysis



Raw data
NaI scintillation time behaviour/biparametric cut
Npeaks >4 at both PMTs
More than 1 s after a muon
Single Hits

Events selection procedure developed before unblinding

General performance:
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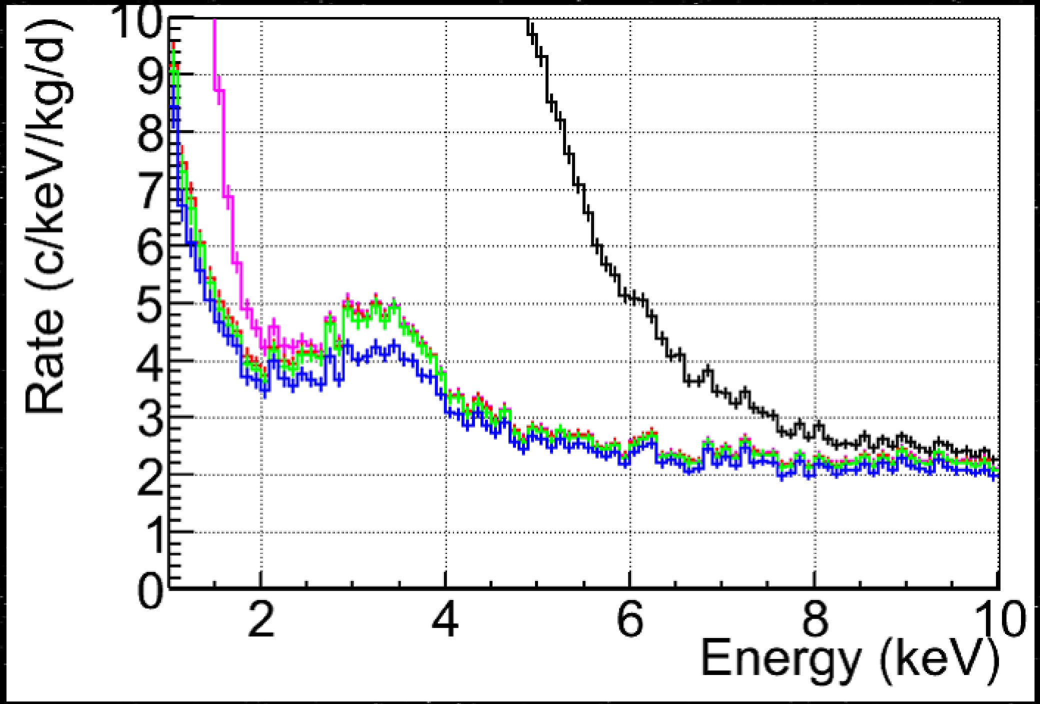
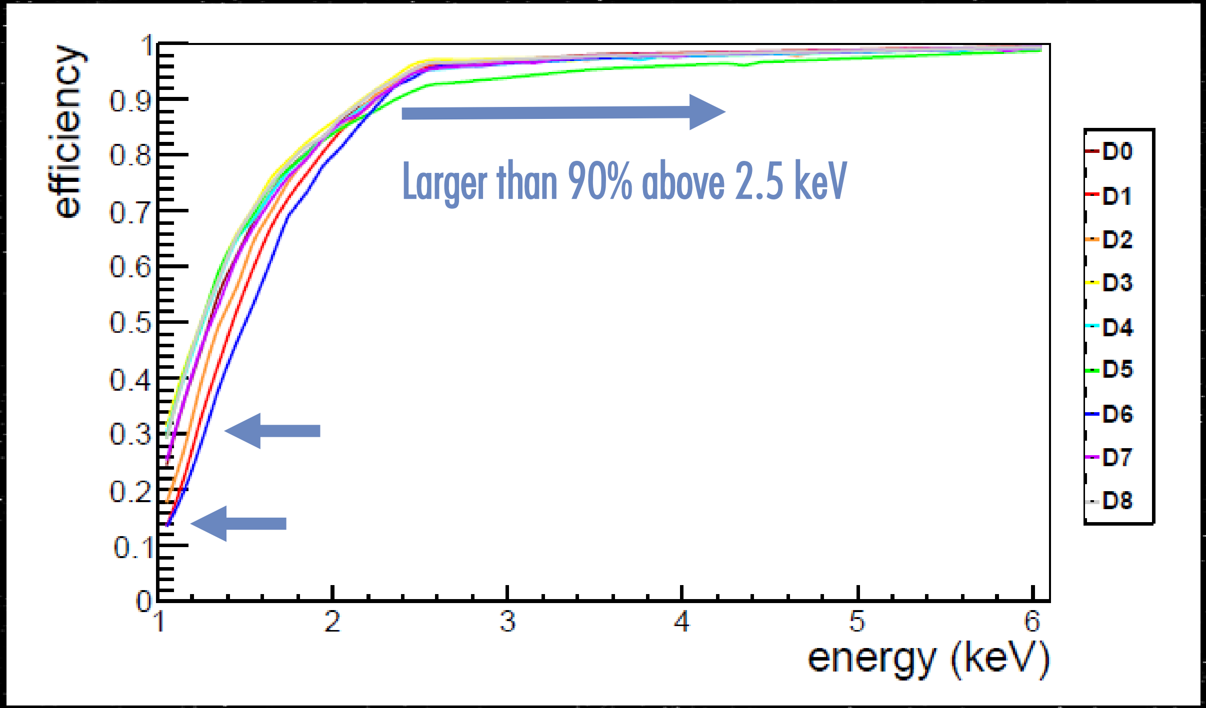
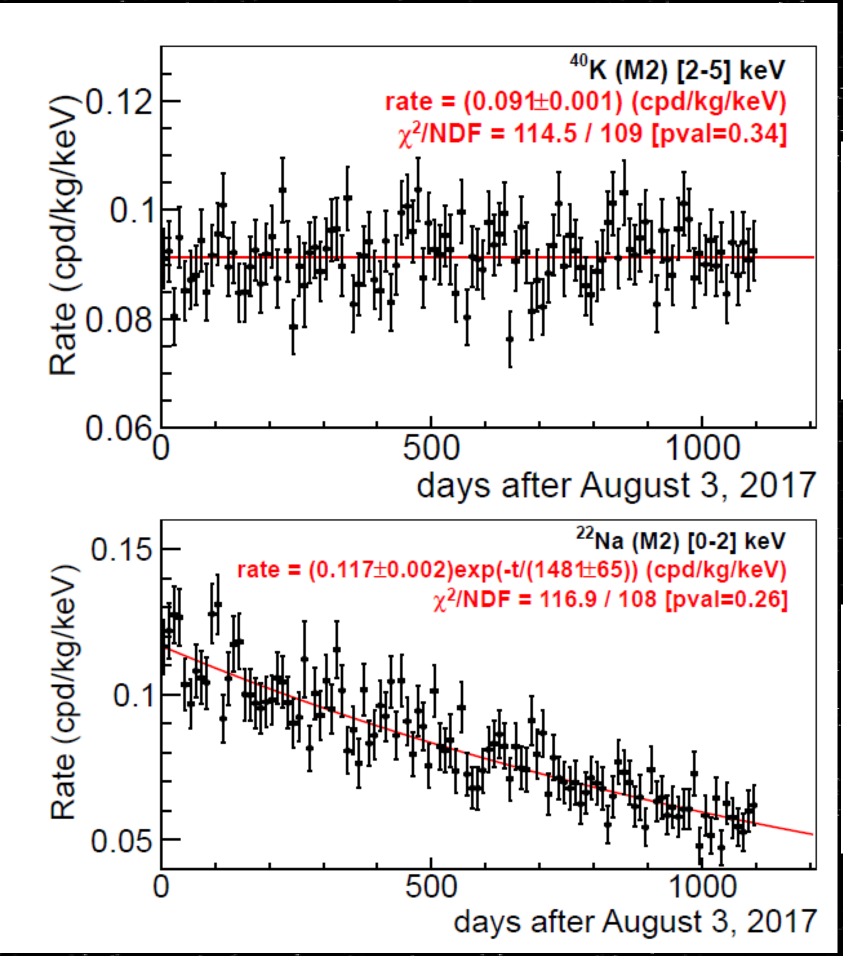
- Robust estimate of the efficiencies using ^{109}Cd / ^{22}Na and ^{40}K events BEFORE UNBLINDING / updated for the three years analysis
- Choice of analysis threshold → 1 keV
- Working on machine learning techniques to improve rejection

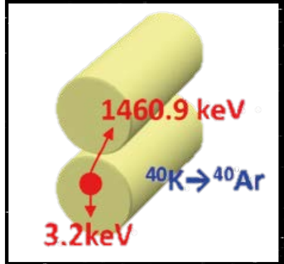


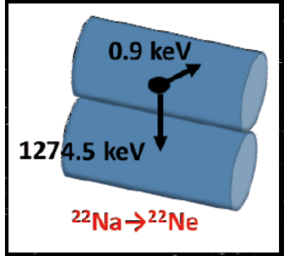


Events selection procedure developed before unblinding

Efficiency and calibration stability checks using ^{40}K and ^{22}Na populations







- Constant for ^{40}K
- Exponential decay for ^{22}Na -> $\tau = 1481 \pm 65$ d (vs 1370 d)

Robust background model

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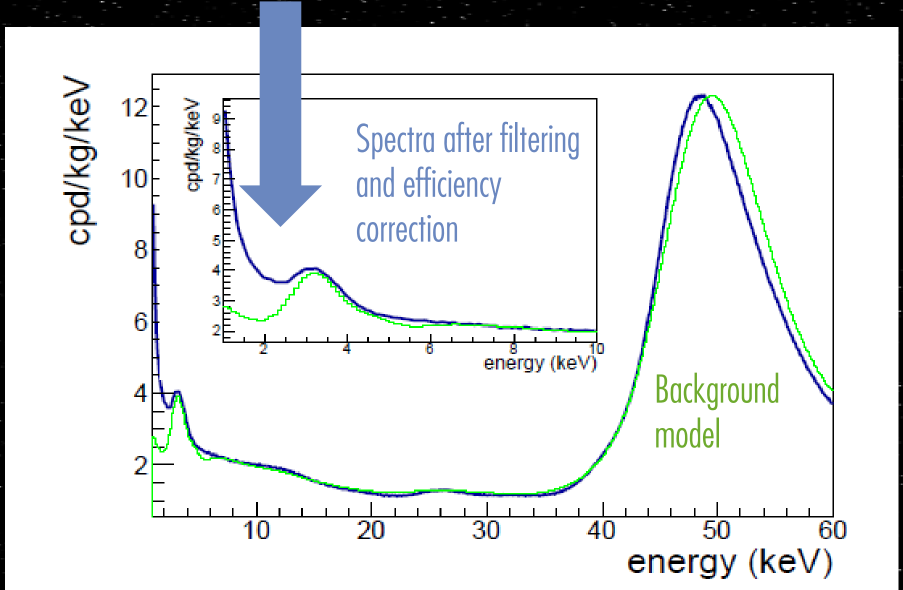
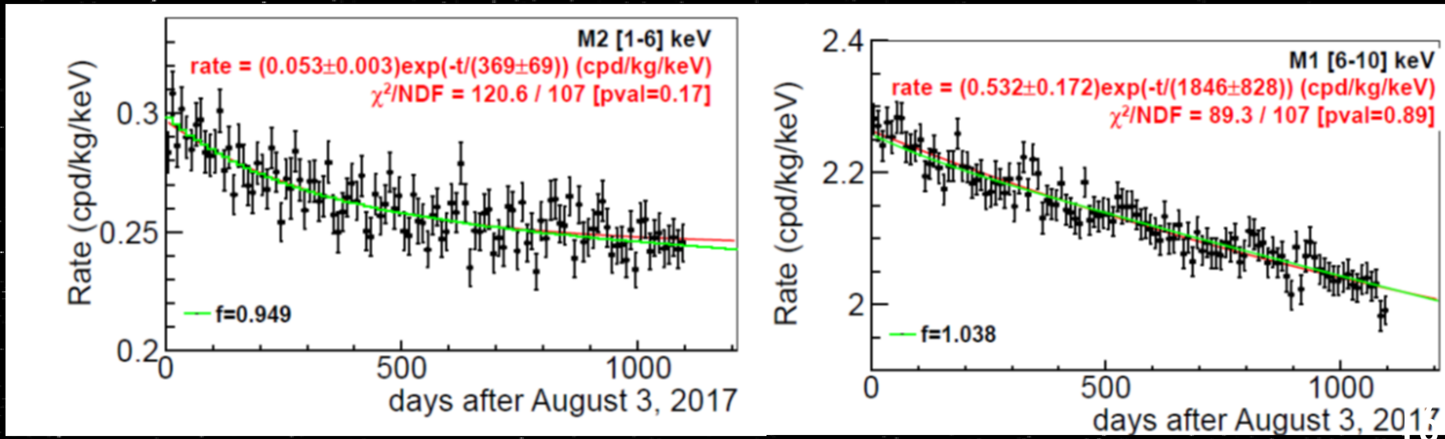


Comparison after unblinding three years data
Background model was established before unblinding

- ROI background dominated by ^{210}Pb, ^{40}K and cosmogenic isotopes, as ^{3}H -> higher than DAMA/LIBRA
- Good agreement in all energy regions, but underestimated in 1-2 keV energy region / Work in progress

- Our model predicts time evolution of the background detector by detector and reproduce satisfactorily the time evolution outside the ROI



ANAIS-112 three years results – annual modulation analysis

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Annual modulation results from three-year exposure of ANAIS-112

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313.95 kg x y (95% live time for the first three years operation)

- Improved background modelling
- Checking of systematics and consistency of the results
    - Simulation of MC pseudo-experiments to analyze bias and checking sensitivity

MODEL INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS

Minimizing:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(n_i - \mu_i)^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

$$\mu_i = [R_0 \phi_{bkg}(t_i) + S_m cos(\omega(t_i - t_0))] M \Delta E \Delta t$$

n_i, σ_i are number of events (and Poisson uncertainty) in 10d bins corrected by live time and efficiency

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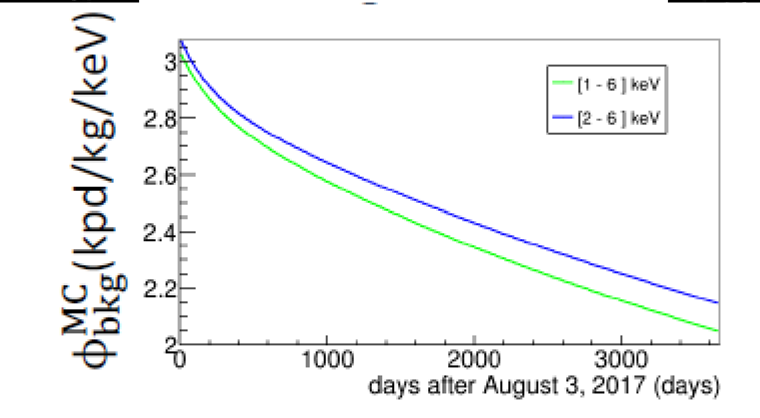
Three independent background modelling procedures

1. Exponentially decaying background -> τ, f, R_0 free param.

$$\phi_{bkg}(t_i) = 1 + f e^{-t_i/\tau}$$

2. Probability distribution function derived from background model corrected by a factor f and a constant term, R_0, both free

$$\phi_{bkg}(t_i) = 1 + f \phi_{bkg}^{MC}(t_i)$$



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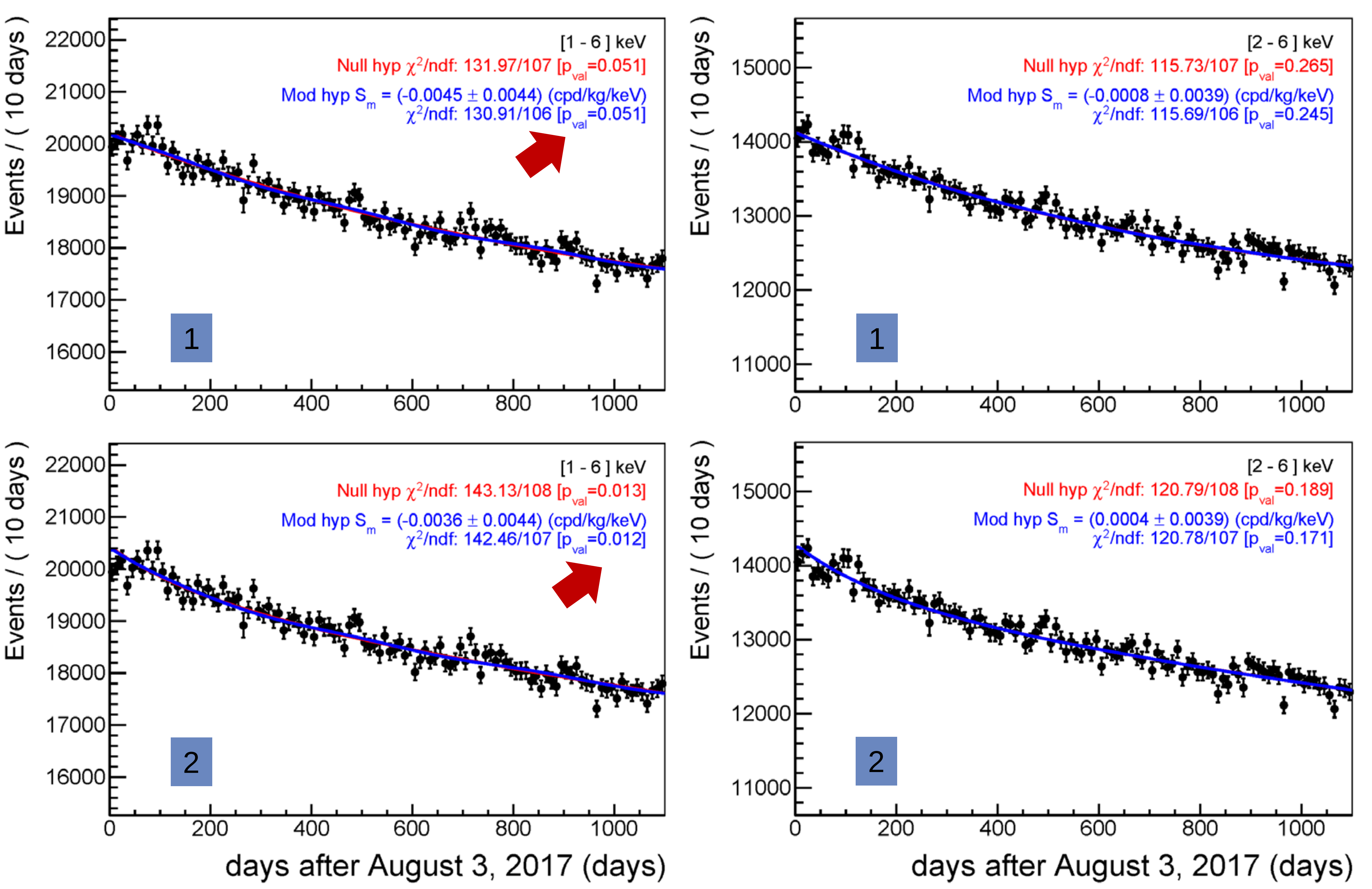

[1 - 6] keV
Null hyp χ2/ndf: 131.97/107 [pval=0.051]
Mod hyp Sm = (-0.0045 ± 0.0044) (cpd/kg/keV)
χ2/ndf: 130.91/106 [pval=0.051]
1
[2 - 6] keV
Null hyp χ2/ndf: 115.73/107 [pval=0.265]
Mod hyp Sm = (-0.0008 ± 0.0039) (cpd/kg/keV)
χ2/ndf: 115.69/106 [pval=0.245]
1
[1 - 6] keV
Null hyp χ2/ndf: 143.13/108 [pval=0.013]
Mod hyp Sm = (-0.0036 ± 0.0044) (cpd/kg/keV)
χ2/ndf: 142.46/107 [pval=0.012]
2
[2 - 6] keV
Null hyp χ2/ndf: 120.79/108 [pval=0.189]
Mod hyp Sm = (0.0004 ± 0.0039) (cpd/kg/keV)
χ2/ndf: 120.78/107 [pval=0.171]
2
Events / (10 days)
days after August 3, 2017 (days)

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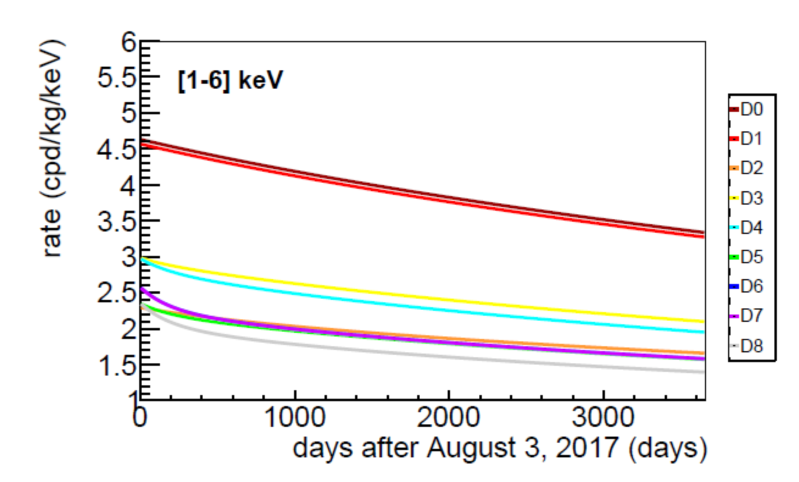
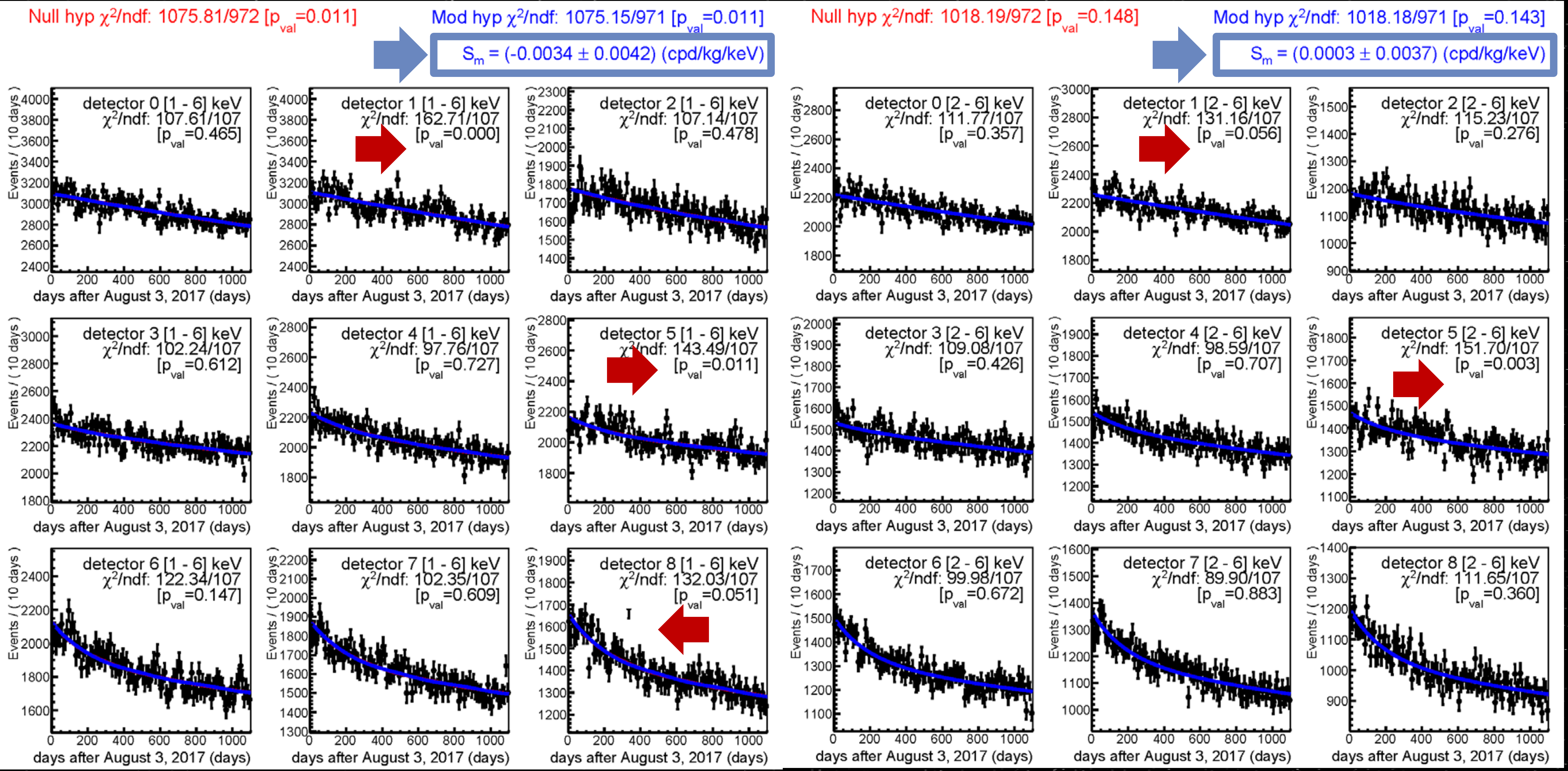
$$\phi_{bkg}(t_i) = 1 + f\phi^{MC}_{bkg}(t_i)$$

$$\mu_i = [R_0\phi_{bkg}(t_i) + S_m cos(\omega(t_i - t_0))]M\Delta E\Delta t$$

3. Probability distribution function for every detector to account for possible systematic effects related with the different backgrounds and efficiencies of the different modules

$$\mu_{i,d} = [R_{0,d}(1 + f_d\phi^{MC}_{bkg,d}(t_i)) + S_m cos(\omega(t_i - t_0))]M_d\Delta E\Delta t,$$





Null hyp χ2/ndf: 1075.81/972 [pval=0.011]
Mod hyp χ2/ndf: 1075.15/971 [pval=0.011]
Sm = (-0.0034 ± 0.0042) (cpd/kg/keV)
Null hyp χ2/ndf: 1018.19/972 [pval=0.148]
Mod hyp χ2/ndf: 1018.18/971 [pval=0.143]
Sm = (0.0003 ± 0.0037) (cpd/kg/keV)
detector 0 [1 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 107.61/107 [pval=0.465]
detector 1 [1 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 162.71/107 [pval=0.000]
detector 2 [1 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 107.14/107 [pval=0.478]
detector 3 [1 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 102.24/107 [pval=0.612]
detector 4 [1 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 97.76/107 [pval=0.727]
detector 5 [1 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 143.49/107 [pval=0.011]
detector 6 [1 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 122.34/107 [pval=0.147]
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detector 8 [1 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 132.03/107 [pval=0.051]
detector 0 [2 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 111.77/107 [pval=0.357]
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detector 3 [2 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 109.08/107 [pval=0.426]
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detector 5 [2 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 151.70/107 [pval=0.003]
detector 6 [2 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 99.98/107 [pval=0.672]
detector 7 [2 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 89.90/107 [pval=0.883]
detector 8 [2 - 6] keV χ2/ndf: 111.65/107 [pval=0.360]
Events / (10 days)
days after August 3, 2017 (days)

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- Data support the absence of modulation in both energy regions and three background models / All of them provide compatible results

Energy region	Model	χ^2/NDF null hyp	nuisance params	S_m cpd/kg/keV	p-value mod	p-value null
[1-6] keV	1	132 / 107	3	-0.0045±0.0044	0.051	0.051
	2	143.1 / 108	2	-0.0036±0.0044	0.012	0.013
	3	1076 / 972	18	-0.0034±0.0042	0.011	0.011
[2-6] keV	1	115.7 / 107	3	-0.0008±0.0039	0.25	0.27
	2	120.8 / 108	2	0.0004±0.0039	0.17	0.19
	3	1018 / 972	18	0.0003±0.0037	0.14	0.15

- Results of the third approach for bckg modelling show slightly lower σ(Sm), as expected, is taken for the comparison with DAMA/LIBRA

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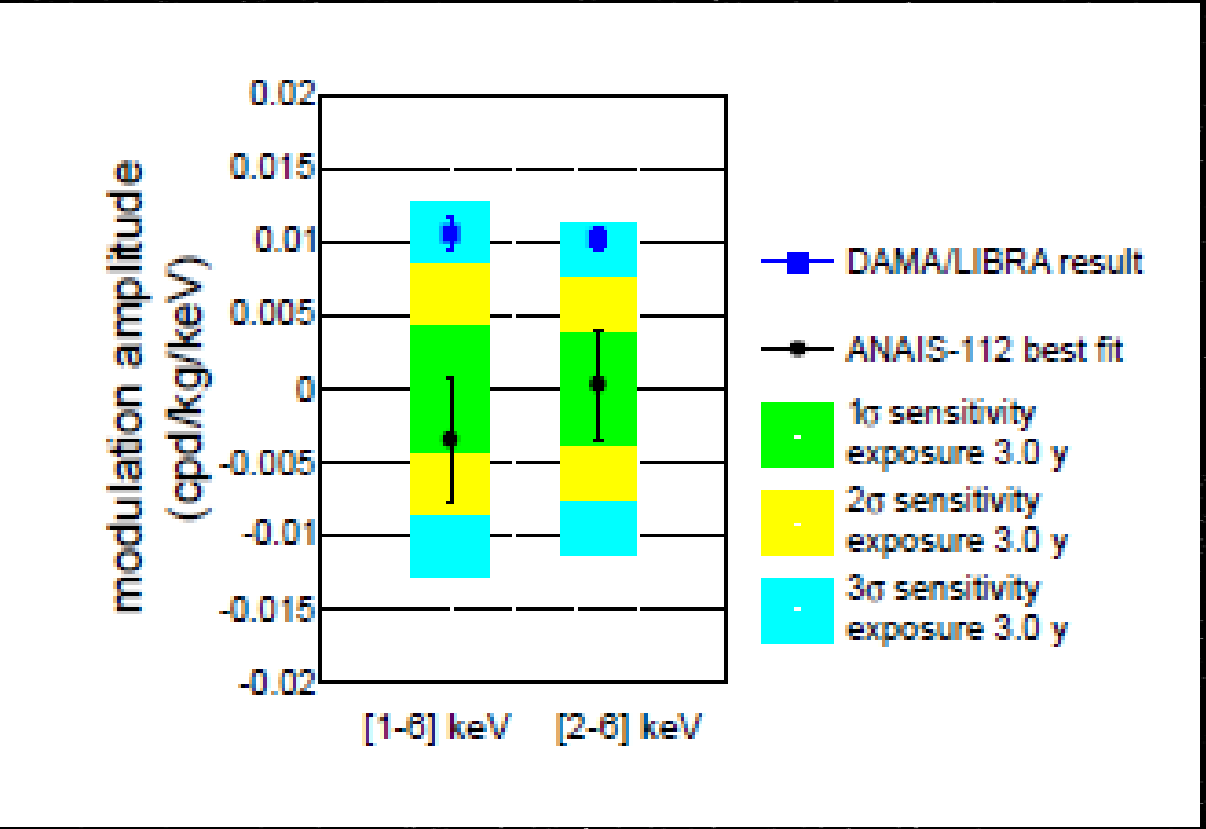

- Best fits are incompatible with DAMA/LIBRA result at 3.3 and 2.6 σ in [1-6] and [2-6] keV energy regions
- Sensitivity is at 2.5 and 2.7 σ in [1-6] and [2-6] keV energy regions

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Sensitivity prospects:
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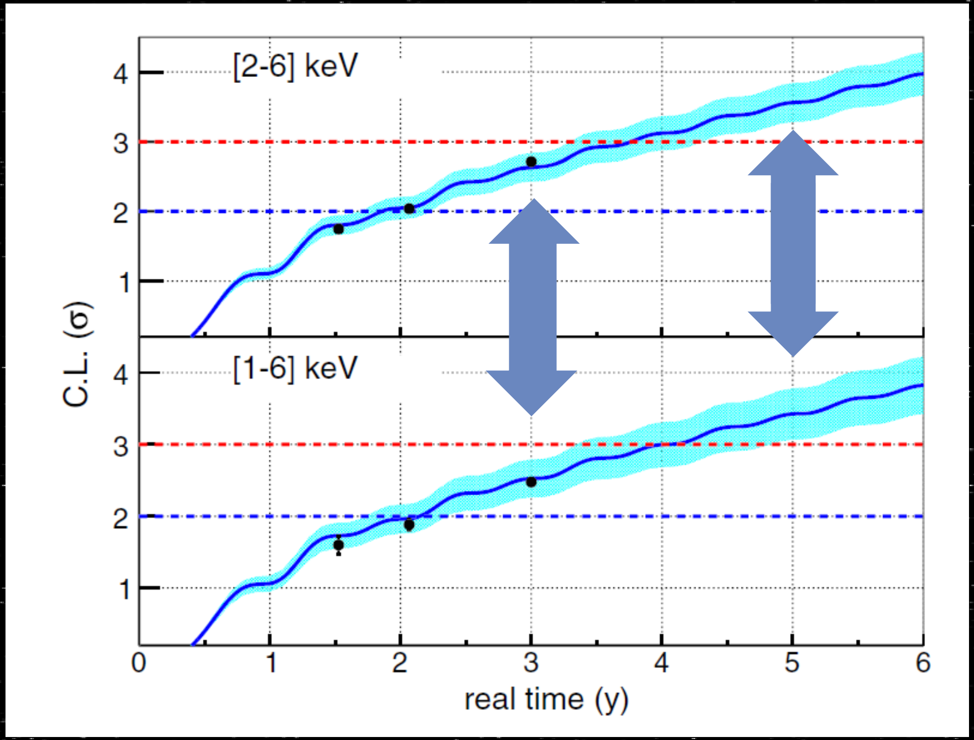


- Full agreement with our "a priori" sensitivity estimates
- We should be well at 3σ from DAMA/LIBRA result within the scheduled 5 years of data taking (due in August 2022) without any upgrade or analysis improvement

Statistical significance of our result is determined by the standard deviation of the modulation amplitude distribution, σ(Sm)

We quote our sensitivity to DAMA/LIBRA result as the ratio $S_m^{DAMA} / \sigma(Sm)$

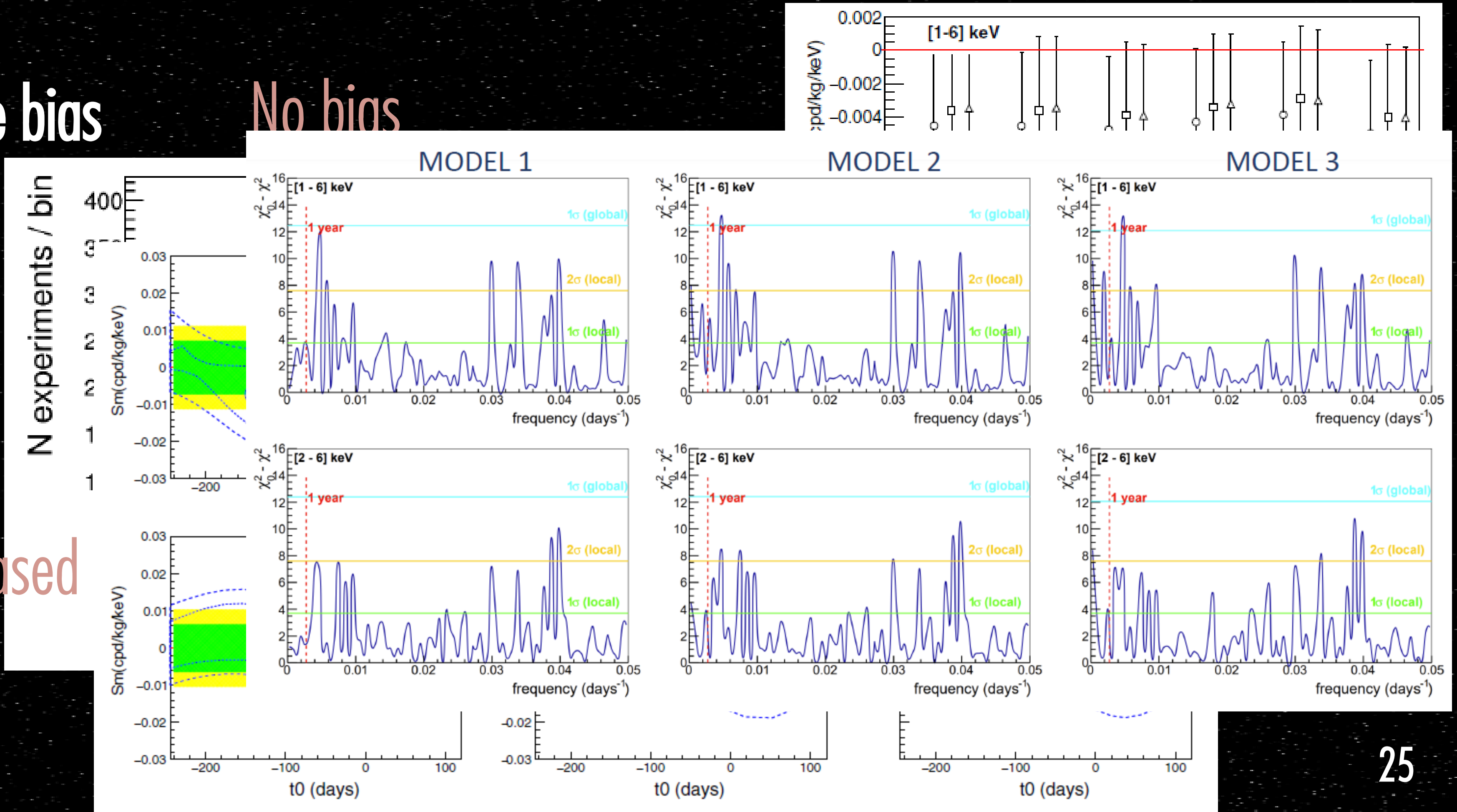
We project our sensitivity with our updated background, efficiency estimates and its errors and live time distribution

ANAIS-112 three years results – annual modulation analysis
Consistency Checks

- Time binning -> checked bin sizes from 5 to 30 days — Negligible effect
- Toy MC to check possible bias — No bias
- 1-2 years / 2-3 years

  Compatible results

Phase-free analysis — Biased
Frequency analysis

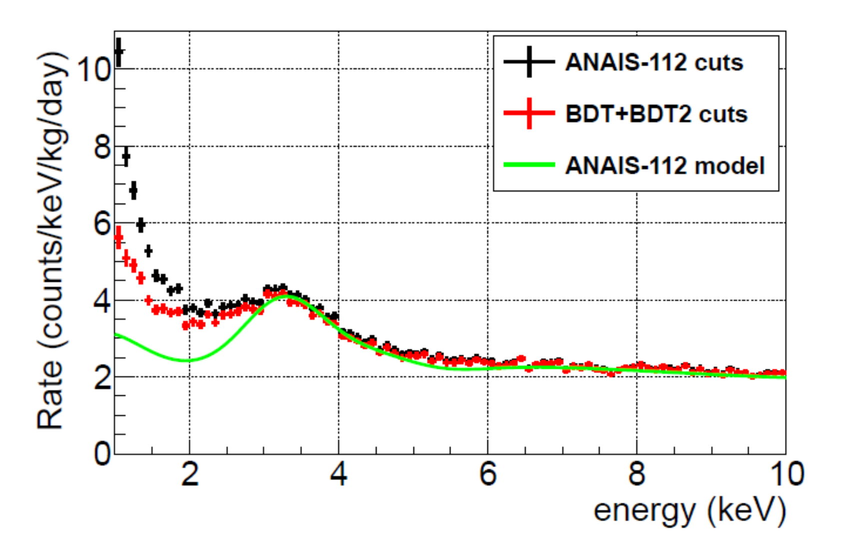


ANAIS-112 Present Experimental Status

- Data taking is progressing smoothly with more than 95% live time -> five years will be completed by August 2022

- We are developing machine-learning techniques (based on BDT) to improve our sensitivity -> Preliminary results are very promising -> reanalysis of 3 years to be published soon

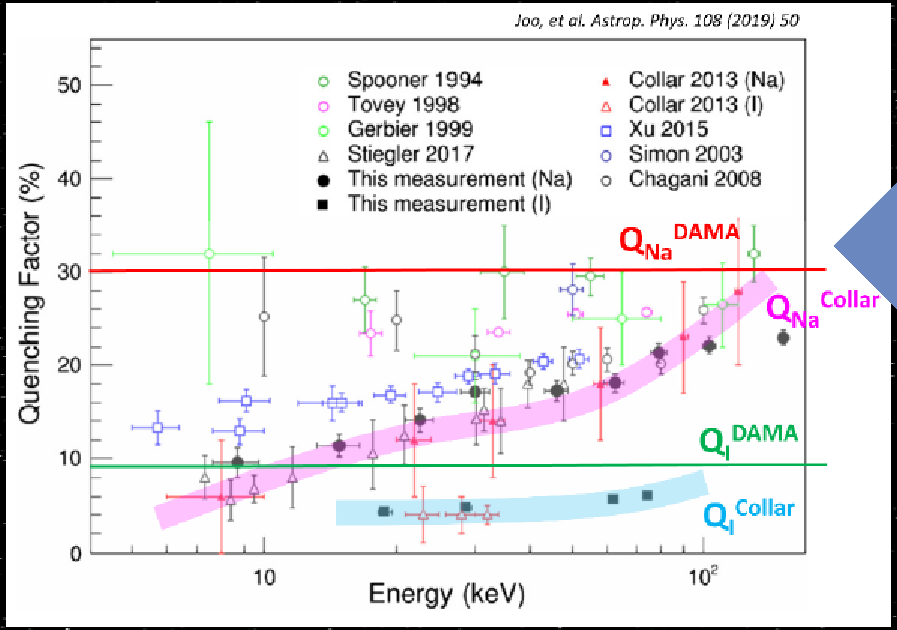
- We plan to measure at least one more year in order to reach 4σ sensitivity (at reach with the improved analysis)



Corollary

Is this a "MODEL INDEPENDENT" testing of DAMA/LIBRA result?

Response of both detectors to the energy depositions from dark matter particles could be different
-> we should improve knowledge on RESPONSE FUNCTION for nuclear recoils



Scintillation produced by nuclear recoils is quenched with respect to electron recoils (used for calibration)

Today still too many uncertainties in the QF values and dependences for NaI

We have measured QF for different crystals in similar conditions, work is in progress, but results will appear soon

Effects of non-proportionality in light yield under study

We are also working in direct NR calibrations with neutrons "onsite"

Summary and Outlook

- **ANAIS-112 is** taking data using **112.5 kg of sodium iodide at LSC** and is running smoothly
  - Careful **low energy calibration** (from external gamma sources and bulk emissions)
  - Excellent **light collection** of **~15 phe/keV** and **triggering** below **1 keV_{ee}** in all modules
  - **1 keV_{ee} analysis threshold**
  - Good **background understanding (but in 1-2 keV energy region)**, ROI bkg dominated by crystal activity (^{210}Pb, ^{40}K, ^{22}Na, ^{3}H)
- **3 years of data** blind - analysed **for model independent annual modulation**
  - We confirm our sensitivity projections to DAMA/LIBRA result -> 3σ at reach in 2022
  - Null hypothesis is well supported and best fits are incompatible at 3.3σ (1-6 keV energy region) and 2.7σ (2-6 keV energy region) with DAMA/LIBRA results → sensitivity: 2.5 – 2.7σ
- **We aim at testing DAMA/LIBRA at 4σ CL in two years from now**
- We are measuring **quenching factors on NaI crystals and developing neutron calibration "onsite" protocols in order** to discard possible systematic uncertainties in the comparison with DAMA/LIBRA