DARK MATTER SEARCH

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DAMA: an observatory for rare processes @LNGS

DAMA/LXe

DAMA/low bckg Ge for sampling meas.

DAMA/R&D

DAMA/ NaI(Tl) ->> DAMA/LIBRA



Relic CDM particles from primordial Universe

<u>Light candidates</u>: axion, axion-like produced at rest <u>Heavy candidates</u>:

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



For the DM direct search



selected materials (Ge, NaI, AAS, MS, ...) Shielding

Passive shield: Lead (Boliden [< 30 Bq/kg from ²¹⁰Pb], LC2 [<0.3 Bq/kg from ²¹⁰Pb], lead from old roman galena), OFHC Copper, Neutron shield (low A materials, n-absorber foils) **Active shield:** Low activity NaI(Tl) surrounding the detectors



- Uncertainties in the exclusion plots and in their comparison
- Warning: limitations in the recoil/background discrimination (always not event by event): PSD (τ of the pulse depends on the particle) in scintillators (NaI(Tl), LXe), Heat/Ionization (Ge), Heat/Scintillation (CaF₂(Eu), CaWO₄).

To have a potentiality of discovery a *model independent signature* is needed !

Direct search: A DM model independent signature is needed

Directionality Correlation of nuclear recoil track with Earth's galactic motion due to the distribution of DM particle 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

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

Diurnal modulation Daily variation of the interaction rate due to different Earth depth crossed by the DM particle

only for high σ

Investigating the presence of a DM particle component in the galactic halo by the model independent annual modulation signature



Requirements of the annual modulation

1) Modulated rate according cosine 5) For single hit in a multi-detector set-up

- **2)** In a definite low energy range
- **3)** With a proper period (1 year)
- 4) With proper phase (about 2 June)
- 6) With modulated amplitude in the region of maximal sensitivity < 7% (larger for DM particles with preferred inelastic interaction, PRD64
 (2001)043502, or if contributions from Sagittarius, astro-ph/0309279)

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 these 6 requirements

First STEP

Second STEP

corollary quest for a candidate

The investigation on the annual modulation signature is model independent
If all the signature's features are satisfied by the data this point out the presence of DM particles in the galactic halo at a certain C.L..

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

uncertainties on models and comparisons The

DM particle's velocity distribution and its parameters coupling: SI, SD, mixed SI&SD, preferred inelastic, ... new contributions to DM particle-nucleus scattering? (see e.g. astro-ph/0309115) scaling laws on cross sections form factors and related parameters spin factors etc. They can affect not only the corollary estimated regions following a positive effect from the DM annual modulation signature, but also results given as exclusion plots

experimental parameters (typical of each experiment) comparison within particle models



Glove-box for calibration

~100 kg NaI(Tl) DAMA set-up: data taking completed on July 2002 Performances: N.Cim.A112(1999)545,EPJC18(2000)283 Riv. N. Cim. 26 n. 1 (2003) 1-73

Results on rare processes:

- Possible Pauli exclusion principle violation
- Nuclear level excitation of ¹²⁷I and ²³Na during CNC processes
- Electron stability and non-paulian transitions in Iodine atoms (by L-shell)PLB460(1999)235
- Exotic Dark Matter search
- Search for solar axions by Primakoff effect in NaI(Tl) crystals
- Exotic Matter search
- Search for superdense nuclear matter
- Search for heavy clusters decays

PRC60(1999)065501 PRL83(1999)4918 PLB515(2001)6 EPJdirect C14(2002)1 EPJA23(2005)7 EPJA24(2005)51

PLB408(1997)439

Results on WIMPS:

PSD: PLB389(1996)757 Investigation on diurnal effect: N.Cim.A112(1999)1541

 Annual Modulation Signature PLB424(1998)195. (up to 57986 kg ·d - 4 cycles): PLB450(1999)448, PRD61(1999)023512, PLB480(2000)23, PLB509(2001)197, EPJ C18(2000)283, EPJ C23 (2002)61, PRD66(2002)043503. Riv. N. Cim. 26 n.1 (2003)1-73,IJMPD13(2004)2127 (astro-ph/0501412



during installation

total exposure collected during 7 annual cycles

107731 kg·d

Riv. N. Cim. 26 n. 1 (2003) 1-73 (astro-ph/0307403)

NaI(TI) well suitable to investigate the annual modulation signature of DM particle

- Well known technology
- Large mass possible
- 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)(e.g. Xe has 1 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
- High duty cycle
- etc.

<u>A low background NaI(Tl) also allows</u> the study of several other rare processes such as: possible processes violating the Pauli exclusion principle, CNC processes in ²³Na and ¹²⁷I, electron stability, nucleon and di-nucleon decay into invisible channels, neutral SIMP and nuclearites search, solar axion search, ...

High benefits/cost



These residual rates are calculated from the measured rate after subtracting the constant part (the weighted mean of the residuals must obviously be zero over each period):

$$\left\langle r_{ijk} - flat_{jk} \right\rangle_{jk}$$

There the r_{ijk} is the rate in the considered i-th time interval for the j-th detector in the k-th considered energy bin, while flat_{jk} is the rate of the j-th detector in the k-th energy bin averaged over the cycles. The average is made on all the detectors (j index) and on all the energy bins in the considered energy interval.

Model-independent residual rate for single hit events

Results of the fits keeping all parameters free:

(2-4) keV $A = (0.0252 \pm 0.0050) \text{ cpd/kg/keV}$ $t_0 = (125 \pm 30) \text{ d}$ $T = (1.01 \pm 0.02) \text{ y}$

(2-5) keV $A = (0.0215 \pm 0.0039) \text{ cpd/kg/keV}$ $t_0 = (140 \pm 30) \text{ d}$ $T = (1.01 \pm 0.02) \text{ y}$

(2-6) keV $A = (0.0200 \pm 0.0032) \text{ cpd/kg/keV}$ $t_0 = (140 \pm 22) \text{ d}$ $T = (1.00 \pm 0.01) \text{ y}$



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: recoils induced by WIMPs do not belong to this class of events, that is: multiple-hits events = DM particle events "switched off"



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

N. Cim. 26 n.1. (2003) 1-73 [astro ph/0307403], IJMPD13(2004)2127 and ref. therein

Source	Main comment Cautious upper li	mit (90%C.L.)			
RADON	Sealed Cu box in HP Nitrogen atmosphere	<0.2% S _m ^{obs}			
TEMPERATURE	The 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 ^{obs}			
ENERGY SCALE	Periodical calibrations+ continuous monitoring of ²¹⁰ Pb peak	<1% S ^{obs}			
EFFICIENCIES	Regularly measured by dedicated calibrations	<1% S ^{obs}			
BACKGROUND	No modulation observed above 6 keV + this limit <0.5% S _m ^{obs} includes possible effect of thermal and fast neutrons + no modulation observed in the multiple-hits events in 2-6 keV region				
SIDE REACTIONS	Muon flux variation measured by MACRO	<0.3% S _m ^{obs}			
+ even if larger they can not satisfy all the 6 requirements of annual modulation signature					

Summary of the DAMA/NaI Model Independent result

- Presence of modulation for 7 annual cycles at ~6.3σ CL with the proper distinctive features for a DM particle induced effect
- The deep investigation has shown absence of known sources of possible systematics and side processes able to account for the observed effect
- All the signature features satisfied by the data over 7 independent experiments of 1 year each one
- No other experiment whose result can be directly compared in model independent way with this one is available so far

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Summary

Particle Dark Matter investigation can offer complementary information on Cosmology and Particle Physics beyond the standard model. Dama LIBRA

Annual modulation signature very effective method successfully exploited by DAMA/NaI over 7 annual cycles (~ 1.1×10^5 kg day) obtaining a 6.3σ C.L. model independent evidence for the presence of a Dark Matter particle component in the galactic halo

The complexity of model dependent results (either exclusion plots or allowed regions) and of model dependent comparisons have been pointed out not exhaustive at all - many other possibilities under investigations

- + different scaling laws?
- + different scenarios?
- + different Dark Matter distributions? non-thermal contributions? existence of streams? either caustics or clumpiness?... and more

DAMA/LIBRA (~250 kg NaI(Tl)) now running since march 2003
 wait for an exposure larger than that of DAMA/NaI
 ...and beyond?
 multi-purpose NaI(Tl) ton set-up (R. Bernabei, IDM96)

new ideas to fully exploit signal peculiarities and halo features Some different kinds of approaches can offer complementary results

Supersymmetric expectations in MSSM



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); figure taken from PRD69(2004)037302 (for previous DAMA/NaI partial exposure see PRD68(2003)043506)



The switching off of the ~100kg NaI(Tl) set-up at end of July 2002

DAMA/Nal out of operation



Opening the shield

Dismounting the ~100kg NaI(Tl) set-up in August 2002 in HP N₂ atmosphere

DM particle-nucleus elastic scattering

SI+SD differential cross sections:

 $\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{P}}(v,E_{R}) = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{P}}\right) + \left(\frac{d\sigma}{dE_{P}}\right) = \frac{2G_{F}^{2}m_{N}}{\pi v^{2}} \left\{ \left[Zg_{p} + (A-Z)g_{n}\right]^{2}F_{SI}^{2}(E_{R}) + 8\frac{J+1}{J}\left[a_{p}\left\langle S_{p}\right\rangle + a_{n}\left\langle S_{n}\right\rangle\right]^{2}F_{SD}^{2}(E_{R})\right\}$ $F^2(E_p)$ nuclear form factors $g_{p,n}(a_{p,n})$ effective DM particle-nucleon couplings $\langle S_{p,n} \rangle$ nucleon spin in the nucleus m_{Wp} reduced DM particle-nucleon mass **Generalized SI/SD DM particle-nucleon** $\sigma_{SI} = \frac{4}{\pi} G_F^2 m_{Wp}^2 g^2 \qquad \sigma_{SD} = \frac{32}{\pi} \frac{3}{4} G_F^2 m_{Wp}^2 \overline{a}^2$ cross sections: where: $g = \frac{g_p + g_n}{2} \cdot \left[1 - \frac{g_p - g_n}{g_p + g_n} \left(1 - \frac{2Z}{A} \right) \right] \qquad \overline{a} = \sqrt{a_p^2 + a_n^2} \qquad tg\theta = \frac{a_n}{a_n}$ g: independent on the used target nucleus since Z/A nearly constant for the nuclei typically used in WIMP direct searches **Differential energy distribution:** $\frac{dR}{dE_p} = N_T \frac{\rho_W}{m_W} \int_{v_{\min}(E_R)}^{v_{\max}} \frac{d\sigma}{dE_p} (v, E_R) v f(v) dv = N_T \frac{\rho_W m_N}{2m_W m_W^2} \cdot \Sigma(E_R) \cdot I(E_R)$ where: $\Sigma(E_R) = \left\{ A^2 \sigma_{SI} F_{SI}^2(E_R) + \frac{4}{3} \frac{J+1}{L} \sigma_{SD} \left[\langle S_p \rangle \cos\theta + \langle S_n \rangle \sin\theta \right]^2 F_{SD}^2(E_R) \right\} \qquad I(E_R) = \int_{v_{\min}(E_R)}^{v_{\max}} \frac{f(v)}{v} dv$ v_{max}: maximal DM particle velocity in the N_{T} : number of target nuclei Earth frame f(v): DM particle velocity distribution in the $v_{\min} = \sqrt{\frac{m_N E_R}{2m_{WN}^2}}$ minimal velocity providing E_R recoil energy

Earth frame (it depends on v_{a})

 $v_e = v_{sup} + v_{orb} \cos \omega t$



• Isothermal spher Gonsistent Halos Models del; generally not considered

• Several approaches different from the isothermal sphere model: Vergados PR83(1998)3597, PRD62(2000)023519; Belli et al. PRD61(2000)023512; PRD66(2002)043503; Ullio & Kamionkowski JHEP03(2001)049; Green PRD63(2001) 043005, Vergados & Owen astroph/0203293, etc.

Models accounted in the		Class A: spherical ρ_{DM} , isotropic velocity dispersion			
following	A0	Isothermal Sphere			
Ionowing		Evans' logarithmic [101]	$R_c = 5 \text{ kpc}$		
(Riv. N. Cim. 26 n.1 (2003)1-73 and previously in PRD66(2002)043503)		Evans' power-law [102]	$R_c = 16 \text{ kpc}, \ \beta = 0.7$		
		Evans' power-law [102]	$R_c = 2 \text{ kpc}, \ \beta = -0.1$		
		Jaffe [103]	$\alpha = 1, \beta = 4, \gamma = 2, a = 160 \text{ kpc}$		
	A5	NFW [104]	$\alpha = 1, \beta = 3, \gamma = 1, a = 20 \text{ kpc}$		
	A6	Moore et al. $[105]$	$\alpha = 1.5, \beta = 3, \gamma = 1.5, a = 28 \text{ kpc}$		
Needed quantities		Kravtsov et al. [106]	$\alpha=2,\beta=3,\gamma=0.4,a=10~{\rm kpc}$		
\sim DM local density $\rho = \rho$ (P = 9		Class B: spherical ρ_{DM} , non–isotropic velocity dispersion			
\rightarrow DW local density $\rho_0 - \rho_{DM} (\kappa_0 - 8)$	O (O)	$(\mathrm{Osipkov-Merrit},\ eta_0=0.4)$			
\rightarrow local velocity $v_0 = v_{rat} (R_0 = 8.4)$	5kpc) B1	Evans' logarithmic	$R_c = 5 \text{ kpc}$		
		Evans' power-law	$R_c = 16 \text{ kpc}, \ \beta = 0.7$		
\rightarrow velocity distribution	B3	Evans' power-law	$R_c = 2 \text{ kpc}, \ \beta = -0.1$		
		Jaffe	$\alpha = 1, \beta = 4, \gamma = 2, a = 160 \text{ kpc}$		
• Allowed ranges of ρ_0 (GeV/cm ³) have been		NFW	$\alpha = 1, \beta = 3, \gamma = 1, a = 20 \text{ kpc}$		
evaluated for v ₀ =170,220,270 km/s, for each		Moore et al.	$\alpha=1.5,\beta=3,\gamma=1.5,a=28~{\rm kpc}$		
considered halo density profile and taking into account the astrophysical constraints:		Kravtsov et al.	$\alpha = 2, \beta = 3, \gamma = 0.4, a = 10 \text{kpc}$		
		Class C: Axisymmetric ρ_{DM}			
		Evans' logarithmic	$R_c = 0, \ q = 1/\sqrt{2}$		
$v_0 = (220 \pm 50) km \cdot s^{-1}$		Evans' logarithmic	$R_c = 5 \text{ kpc}, \ q = 1/\sqrt{2}$		
		Evans' power-law	$R_c = 16 \text{ kpc}, q = 0.95, \beta = 0.9$		
$1 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\oplus} \le M_{vis} \le 6 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\oplus}$	C4	Evans' power-law	$R_c = 2 \text{ kpc}, \ q = 1/\sqrt{2}, \ \beta = -0.1$		
$0.8 \cdot v_0 \le v_{rot} (r = 100 kpc) \le 1.2 \cdot v_0$		Class D: Triaxial $\rho_{\rm DM}$ [107] (q = 0.8, p = 0.9)			
		Earth on maj. axis, rad. anis.	$\delta = -1.78$		
	D2	Earth on maj. axis, tang. anis.	$\delta = 16$		
NOT YET EXHAUSTIVE AT ALL		Earth on interm. axis, rad. anis.	$\delta = -1.78$		
		Earth on interm. axis, tang. anis.	$\delta = 16$		

The allowed local density values

• Allowed intervals of ρ_0 (GeV/cm³) for v_0 =170,220,270 km/s, for the halo models considered in the model-dependent analyses given in the following

	$v_0 = 170 \text{ km s}^{-1}$		$v_0 = 220 \text{ km s}^{-1}$		$v_0 = 270 \text{ km s}^{-1}$	
Model	$ ho_0^{min}$	$ ho_0^{max}$	$ ho_0^{min}$	$ ho_0^{max}$	$ ho_0^{min}$	$ ho_0^{max}$
A0	0.18	0.28	0.30	0.47	0.45	0.71
A1, $B1$	0.20	0.42	0.34	0.71	0.62	1.07
A2, $B2$	0.24	0.53	0.41	0.89	0.97	1.33
A3, $B3$	0.17	0.35	0.29	0.59	0.52	0.88
A4, $B4$	0.26	0.27	0.44	0.45	0.66	0.67
A5, $B5$	0.20	0.44	0.33	0.74	0.66	1.11
A6 , B6 $$	0.22	0.39	0.37	0.65	0.57	0.98
A7, $B7$	0.32	0.54	0.54	0.91	0.82	1.37
C1	0.36	0.56	0.60	0.94	0.91	1.42
C2	0.34	0.67	0.56	1.11	0.98	1.68
C3	0.30	0.66	0.50	1.10	0.97	1.66
C4	0.32	0.65	0.54	1.09	0.96	1.64
D1, $D2$	0.32	0.50	0.54	0.84	0.81	1.27
D3, $D4$	0.19	0.30	0.32	0.51	0.49	0.76

$$\begin{aligned} v_0 &= (220 \pm 50) km \cdot s^{-1} \\ 1 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\oplus} &\leq M_{vis} \leq 6 \cdot 10^{10} M_{\oplus} \\ 0.8 \cdot v_0 &\leq v_{rot} (r = 100 kpc) \leq 1.2 \cdot v_0 \end{aligned}$$

Intervals evaluated considering the density profile and the astrophysical constraints

PRD66(2002)043503