ANAIS-112: updated results on annual modulation with three-year exposure and future prospects

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The "recipe" for our Universe



68% Dark Energy



27% Dark Matter



5% Ordinary Matter



Evidences of Dark Matter come from different experimental observations at various scales and times in the history of the Universe





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June



V_{Earth-Halo}



Maximum



Minimum

December



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 $\frac{dR}{dE}$ summer
winter
ENR



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Detection rate would have a cosine behaviour with a yearly period and maximum around June 2nd

Only at low energy

Single-hit events







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2-6 keV

DAMA/LIBRA experiment at LNGS uses ~250kg NaI(Tl) as target and it has been taking data for more than 20 years



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Dark Matter

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NEED TO TEST THE DAMA/LIBRA POSITIVE SIGNAL WITH THE SAME TARGET (NaI)







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ANAIS' goal (<u>Annual Modulation with NaI Scintillators</u>) is to **confirm or refute** in a model independent way the DAMA/LIBRA positive annual modulation result with the same target and technique, but different experimental approach and environmental conditions











At **Canfranc Underground Laboratory**, @ SPAIN (2450 m.w.e.)

- \rightarrow Energy threshold at 1 keV_{ee}
- → Background level below 10 keV_{ee} at a few cpd/kg/keV_{ee}
- → Very **stable** operation conditions
- → Large **exposure**



Experimental set-up

- → 9 ultrapure NaI(Tl) cylindrical crystals 12.5 kg (112.5 kg of active mass)
- → Coupled to 2 Hamamatsu PMTs with high QE (~40%)
- → Encapsulated in OFE copper
- → Mylar window allows external calibration
- → Outstanding light collection of ~15 phe/keV
- → 30 cm lead
- → Tight box preventing Radon entrance
- → 40 cm PE/water
- → 16 plastic scintillators acting as muon veto system









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3 years of analyzed data are compatible with absence of modulation and incompatible with DAMA/LIBRA with a sensitivity >2.5 σ in [1-6] & [2-6] keV





Annual modulation results



→ Thanks to the support of the Dark Matter Data Center, funded by the ORIGINS excellence cluster, ANAIS-112 three-year data are freely available for downloading

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



ANAIS-112 Three Year

Detector Module	ANAIS-112
Material	Nal(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	$\sigma = (-0.008 \pm 0.001) + (0.378 \pm 0.002) \times \sqrt{E(keV)}$

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 tar.gz: 🤟 GitLab

If you use this dataset, please cite: PhysRevD.103.102005 arXiv:2103.01175 [astro-ph.IM] Resources Visualize

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Comparing with MC background model... Strong discrepancy in [1-2] keV

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PMTs

600

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0.025









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Since 2018, a Blank module (similar to ANAIS–112 modules, but without NaI(Tl) crystal) is taking data with the same DAQ, but in an independent shielding close to ANAIS–112









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Neutron interactions are relevant for a DM experiment because they produce NR of the target nuclei as WIMPs do





Direct Detection















In collaboration with Yale (from COSINE collaboration) and Duke researchers @ TUNL







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OAMA/LIBRA QFs are **not compatible** with our data

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Fitting has **not** been **attempted** (yet)! Spectra normalized only w/ A_{source} and tmeas and bkg added



Rate (c/keV/kg/day) 10³ data simulation result using constant QF_{Na}=0.21, QF_I=0.06 simulation result using energy dependent $QF_{Na}(E)$, QF=0.06**0**² 10 10 20 30 50 60 70 80 90 100 40 energy (keV)

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Replacing the PMTs by **SiPMs** could allow a reduction in the energy threshold, giving a better sensitivity and reducing some systematic effects on the comparison with DAMA/LIBRA


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- A new cooling system will be incorporated, allowing to reduce temperature ≈100 K to explore the properties of NaI – NaI(Tl) + SiPMs down to this temperature
- Assembly of a new prototype, coupling four of the six faces of the NaI cube to SiPMs arrays. As part of a collaboration with the LNGS







Currently, many efforts trying to provide an **independent confirmation** of DAMA/LIBRA signal with the same target. ANAIS–112 and COSINE–100 in data-taking. ANAIS–112 is taking data in stable condition at LSC since 3rd August 2017 with excellent performances. Up to now it has accumulated more than **660 kg**×**y exposure**.



Sensitivity improved with machine-learning techniques. ANAIS–112 observes no modulation and discards DAMA/LIBRA DM interpretation with ~ 3σ sensitivity in [1-6] keV ([2-6] keV). For the first time, a direct test (i.e. model independent) of DAMA is at reach with > 3σ sensitivity. 5σ sensitivity in late 2025.



Neutron calibrations onsite have been performed using 252Cf sources at LSC, which are relevant for understanding the unnaccounted systematics behind the different QF values and energy dependences for NaI. More coordinated work from the community would be required.



Our approach has proben to be truly sensitive to the QF. **QFNa(E)** provides a robust agreement and seems to be favoured over constant QF. Plans to continue studying other energy dependences and to include the non-proportionality of detectors.



Thank you for your attention! ② ③ ③



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 $E_{ee} = QF \times E_{NR}$

Large ANAIS-112 crystals exposed to fast neutrons show rates at low energy dominated by multiple scattering

Nuclear recoils are dominant up to 50 keVee

Rate (c/keVee/kg/day)

10⁴

10³

10²

10

10-

0

energy (keVee)









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3-year annual modulation analysis in 1.3 - 4 keV



Preliminary

Supposing:

 $\rightarrow Q_{Na} = 0.30$ in DAMA/LIBRA

$$\rightarrow Q_{Na} = 0.20$$
 in ANAIS-112

DAMA
$$[2-6]$$
 keV \rightarrow ANAIS $[1.3-4]$ keV

Best fit modulation amplitude $S_m = (-0.0019 \pm 0.0050)$ counts/keV/kg/day **compatible with zero** at 1σ

Best fit incompatible with DAMA/LIBRA at 2.4σ

Sensitivity with 3 years data: 2σ

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$$\mu_{i,d} = \left[R_{0,d} \left(1 + f_d \phi_{bkg,d}^{MC}(t_i) \right) + \mathbf{S}_m \cos(\omega(t_i - t_0)) \right] M_d \Delta E \Delta t$$

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