Testing DAMA with New Results from COSINE-100

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Lowering Analysis Threshold to 1 keV





- Previous event selection effectively separated signal & noise down to 2 keV
- Developed new waveform template comparison-based discrimination method, enabling 1 keV threshold
 - Quantified by "likelihood parameter"

Time-Dependent Background Model

- New: Detailed study of short-lived cosmogenics
- Enables time-dependent modeling of each short-lived isotope
- Previous modulation search: flat + exponential background







Model-Dependent WIMP Search

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Annual Modulation Search

Three-Year Modulation Search – Results



$$R(t) = \sum_{i} \left[C^{i} + \sum_{j=1}^{8} A^{i}_{j} e^{-\lambda_{j} t} \right] + S_{m} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi(t-t_{0})}{T}\right)$$

- Five detectors fit with:
 - Constant from long-lived backgrounds
 - Exponential decays from short-lived cosmogenics
 - Modulation signal fixed period and phase





Three-Year Modulation Search – Results



- Best-fit modulation amplitude of 0.0067 ± 0.0042 cpd/kg/keV at 1-6 keV
- COSINE-100 consistent with both DAMA and no modulation with 3 years of data
- Lack of modulation in sidebands certifies analysis procedure

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Counts/keV/kg/day

Next Phase: COSINE-200

- COSINE-100 will continue data-taking until late 2022
- COSINE-200 will use same shielding structure and feature:
 - <1 cpd/kg/keV background with detectors developed in-house
 - 50% increase in light yield with new encapsulation design









- COSINE-100 strongly rules out DAMA result as originating from WIMPs in various interaction models
- Annual modulation search currently statistics limited; not able to distinguish DAMA- and no-modulation cases
- COSINE-100 will continue to take data until late 2022, when COSINE-200 begins commissioning



Thank You!

http://cosine.yale.edu/







COSINE-100 from 30,000 ft.

- Joint effort between KIMS and DM-Ice
- 8 Nal(Tl) detectors totaling 106 kg
- Located 700 m underground at Yangyang Underground Lab in Korea
- Physics run began Sept. 2016









COSINE-100 Detector Design





- 8 low-background Nal(Tl) detectors
- 2200 L liquid scintillator veto
- 3 cm-thick copper box and 20 cm-thick lead shielding
- 37 plastic scintillator panels for 4π muon detection





- Detector stability crucial for annual modulation search
 - Environmental conditions continually monitored
 - Energy scale stability verified by tracking measured energy of 3.2 keV decay from ⁴⁰K over time





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Modulation Search – Fitting Strategy & Bias Assessment





- Five detectors fit with:
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 - Modulation signal fixed period and phase
- Utilize Bayesian fitting approach
- Pseudo-experiment study shows new model significantly reduces bias

