Status of the DCBA experiment

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$\beta\beta$ experiments in the world

Scintillation/Calorimetry

ionization COBRA (¹³⁰Te, ¹¹⁶Cd, etc.) Majorana⁽⁷⁶Ge) GERDA(⁷⁶Ge)

scintillation CANDLES(⁴⁸Ca) MOON(¹⁰⁰Mo) KamLAND-Zen(¹³⁶Xe) SNO+(¹⁵⁰Nd)

bolometry CUORE(¹³⁰Te)

Ionization +scintillation EXO(¹³⁶Xe) NEXT(¹³⁶Xe)

DCBA (¹⁰⁰Mo,

¹⁵⁰Nd, etc.)

Tracking

Combination

(momentum reco.) NEMO3 (¹⁰⁰Mo, ⁸²Se, ¹⁵⁰Nd, etc.) Super NEMO (⁸²Se, ¹⁵⁰Nd, etc.)

Characteristics of Tracking method

Advantages:

- Insensitive to neutral background (e.g. γ -ray)
- More information than other methods:
 - Full 4-momentum and charges of two β -rays
 - Decay vertex position
- Good background rejection:
- More information (E-spectrum of single β, angular correlation) to constrain New Physics beyond the SM (if 0vββ observed)

Disadvantage:



DCBA: method

- have source plate(s) inside of the tracking volume
 Source plate: ¹⁰⁰Mo (¹⁵⁰Nd in future)
- emitted two electrons make helical trajectories inside of the tracking volume
- reconstruct momenta of two electrons



DCBA: track reconstruction method

Reconstruct position: X: drift time Y: hit position of the anode wire Z: hit position of the pickup wire





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- 5. position of the decay vertex



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DCBA experiment

DCBA experiment is performed at Fuji-experimental hall @ KEK



Fuji experimental hall is constructed for e⁺e⁻ collider experiment, and is *NOT* underground facility

History and Future Plan

2005 DCBA

2007 DCBA-T2

-R&D of the experimental Method - Measurement of 2vββ

2011 DCBA-T2.5

now- Prototyping towards MTD2017 DCTA-T3-Precise measurement of 2νββ

20XX MTD (tentative name)

-Search for $0\nu\beta\beta$





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DCBA T2 Chamber





Natural Mo source plate: •280mm x 130mm x 50µm •45mg/cm² •total 30g

• ¹⁰⁰Mo: 9.6% in the plate (0.03 mol)



DCBA-T3 Magnet: • Super-Conducting solenoid 24 hour operation • B~0.6-0.8kGauss for T2.5



DCBA-T2.5: Distributions of signal candidate



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-0.8

-0.6

-0.4

-0.2

8 10 ZWR - ZWL

VP YW

35

30

25

20

15

4 YWR - YWL

count

cos th

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DCBA-T2.5: Distributions of signal candidate



Duration: 8.38 x 10⁶ sec Reconstruction efficiency: 9.3% Amount of ¹⁰⁰Mo: 0.03mol

> NEMO3 (Nucl. Phys. A 765(2006), 483-494) $T_{\frac{1}{2}} = [7.41\pm0.02(stat.)\pm0.43(syst.)]x10^{18} yrs$

Expected number of signals: 52 events





DCBA-T2.5: Improvement of Simulation & Analysis



Development is in progress

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Status of DCBA-T3



Test of the drift chamber using cosmic ray muon \rightarrow To be started soon

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R&D towards MTD



Summary

DCBA experiment is a unique double beta decay experiment:

- reconstruct momenta of two β -rays and the decay vertex
 - \rightarrow full information of the decay is available

DCBA-T2.5 experiment

- ¹⁰⁰Mo (0.03mol) as source, non-stop operation using SC magnet
- Finished operation at July 2016 for DCBA-T3 upgrade
- Around 10% of data is analyzed
 - \rightarrow signal candidate is about 10 times as much as expected
 - \rightarrow understanding signal and background is in progress

DCBA-T3 experiment

- Assembling of drift chamber system is in progress
 - \rightarrow cosmic ray test will be started soon

R&D toward MTD

- R&D of large area drift chamber is in progress

backup

Energy resolution of DCBA-T2 (& T2.5)



Energy resolution: ~0.15 MeV (FWHM)

Estimation of energy resolution by MC



DCBA-T2.5: A 2vββ Signal Candidate





Vertex point E1 E2 Y 206.5mm 205.5mm Z 210.7mm 213.3mm

Another $2\nu\beta\beta$ signal candidate



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Yet another signal candidate



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Vertex point E1 E2 Y 127.4mm 131.8mm Z 91.3mm 97.6mm

A typical background event



Background event of Double Compton scattering

- 1. Energy is too large
- $(^{100}Mo \rightarrow ^{100}Ru: Q-value=3.0MeV)$
- 2. Vertex point is inconsistent between two tracks



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MTD: R&D status

Drawing of MTD drift chambers and Gas Container



Design study of the mechanical structure has been started

MTD: R&D status (cont'd)

