

MOON (Mo Observatory Of Neutrinos)

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for the MOON Collaboration

- Objectives/Features of MOON
 - Several Detector Options
 - R&D, Expected Sensitivity

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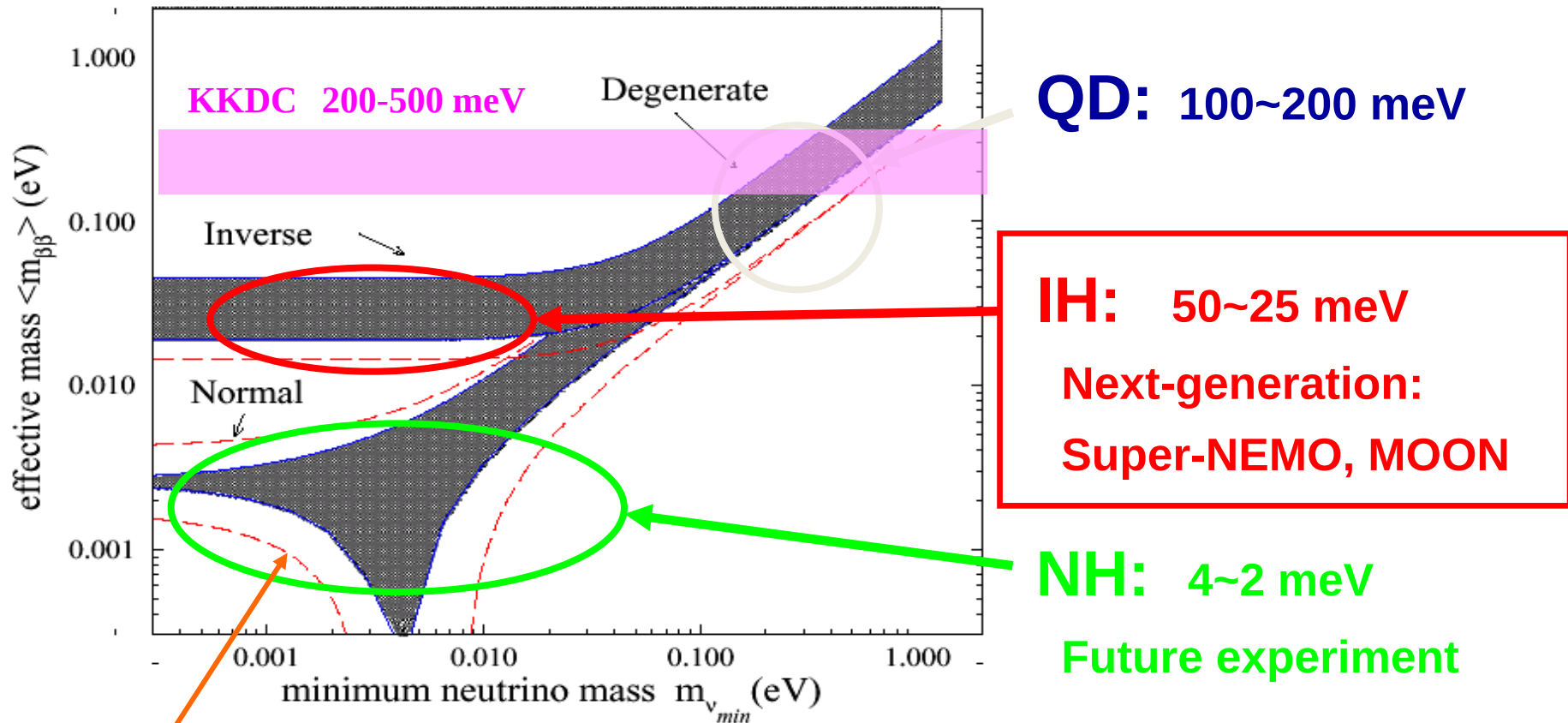
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MOON Objective

~Goal of next-generation DBD experiments~



θ_{13}^2

- Challenge to 30 meV : $T_{1/2} \sim 10^{27}$ years (several decays/ton/year)
- Require a few tons of ^{100}Mo
- 1 ton in 40 mg/cm² foil 2500 m² or 50m x 50m

Experimental techniques

With background:

$$T_{1/2}^{0\nu}(\text{y}) > \frac{\ln 2 \cdot \mathcal{N}}{k_{\text{C.L.}}} \frac{\varepsilon}{\dot{A}} \sqrt{\frac{\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{t}}{\mathbf{N}_{\text{BG}} \cdot \Delta \mathbf{E}}}$$

M: masse (g)

ε : efficiency

K_{C.L.}: Confidence level

ℳ: Avogadro number

t: time (y)

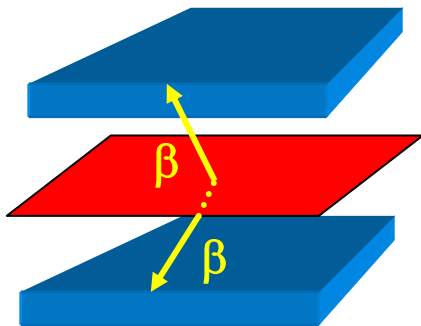
N_{BG}: Background events (keV⁻¹.g⁻¹.y⁻¹)

ΔE: energy resolution (keV)

Today, no technique able to optimize all the parameters

Track-calo

Source ≠ detector

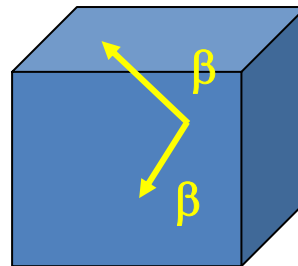


N_{BG}, isotope choice

Calorimeter

(Loaded) Scintillator

Source = detector

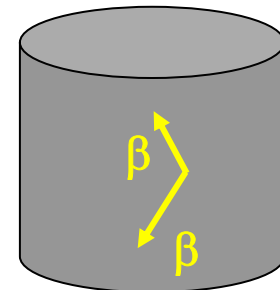


ε, M

Calorimeter

Semi-conductors

Source = detector



ε, ΔE

Spectroscopic detectors

ELEGANT- MOON,
DCBA

NEMOIII - Super NEMO

1. $E_{12} - \Theta_{12}$ identify m_ν term

2. Detector $\neq$ source
Select $\beta\beta$ nuclide by
 $Q_{\beta\beta}$, Z , Enrichment, $2\nu\beta\beta$

3. Small RI-BG : $E(\text{RI}) < Q_{\beta\beta}$
 $\beta/\alpha, \gamma$ separation

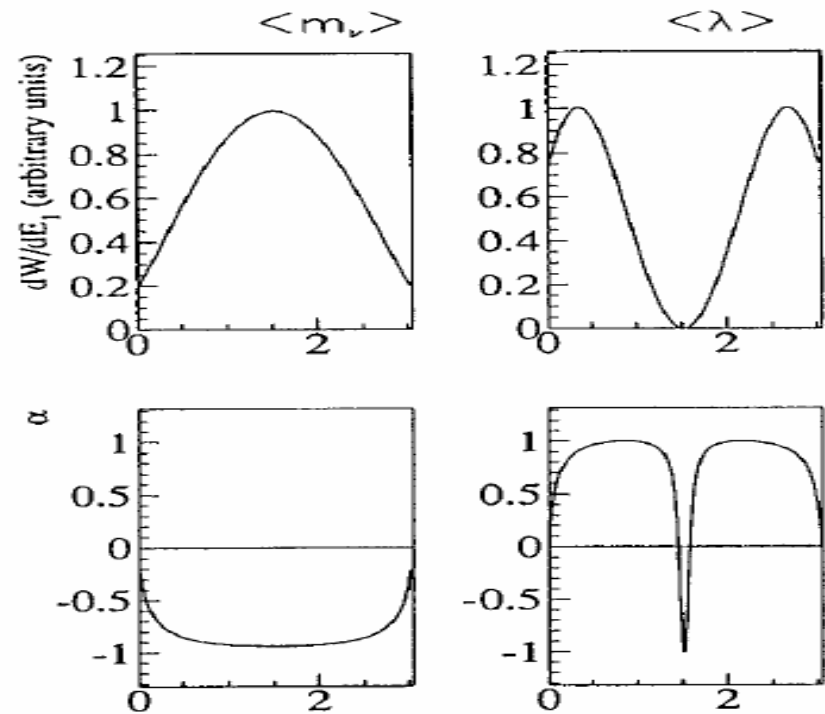


Fig. 4. Energy and angular correlations for the caused by the mass and right-handed current term
Top: Calculated single- β spectra. Bottom: $\beta_1 - \beta_2$ coefficients α defined by $W(\theta_{12}) = 1 + \alpha \cos \theta_{12}$.⁴⁾

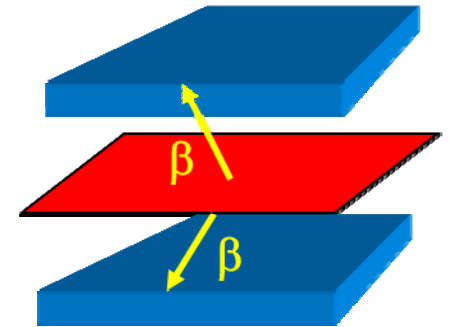
Major BG : $2\nu\beta\beta$ tail in $0\nu\beta\beta$ window. **E-resolution !**

Estimated background rates ; summary

Background source	Rate [/ton/yr]
^{208}Tl β - γ - γ in source	<~0.6
^{214}Bi β - γ in source	~0.1
^{214}Bi β ($1^- \rightarrow 0^+$)	<0.01
Two external 2614keV γ s acc. coin. (for 0.1Bq/kg ^{232}Th)	~0.03
Neutron-induced γ	0.2~1
^{100}Mo $2\nu\beta\beta$ (FWHM=5%)	4.1
Total	~6

MOON-1 detector

Track-calo
Source $\neq$ detector



- **Multi layers module**

- ^{100}Mo foil & Plastic scintillator

Mo foil is interleaved with
PLs.

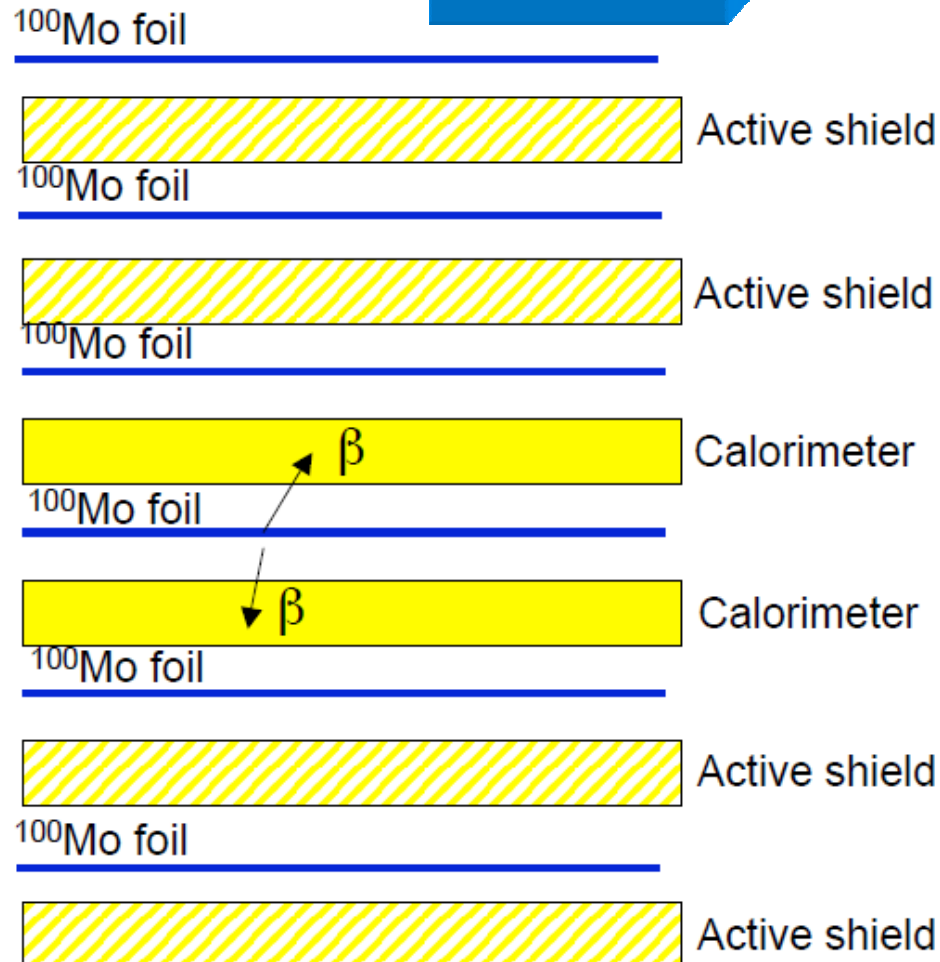
- **Compact**

PL works both as calorimeter
and as active shield

- **No TOF**

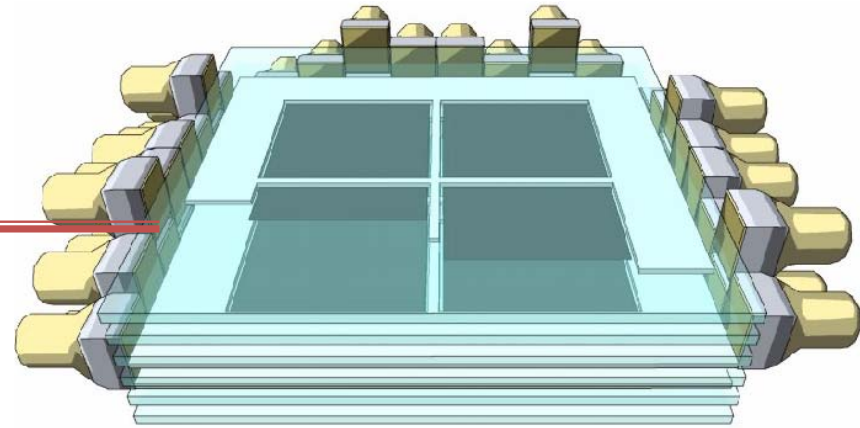
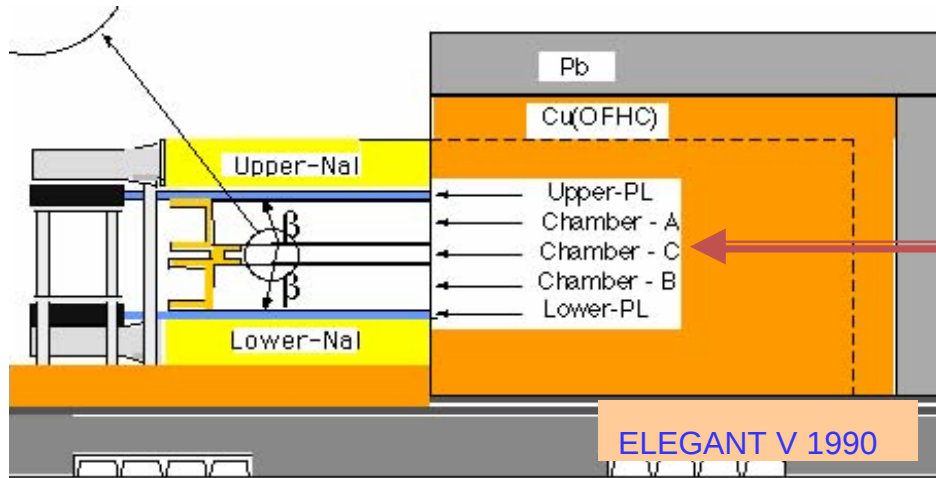
- **Particle ID may be necessary.**

- Not in MOON-1 prototype detector
- No tracking detector
- $\Delta E / E$ telescope
- No magnetic field

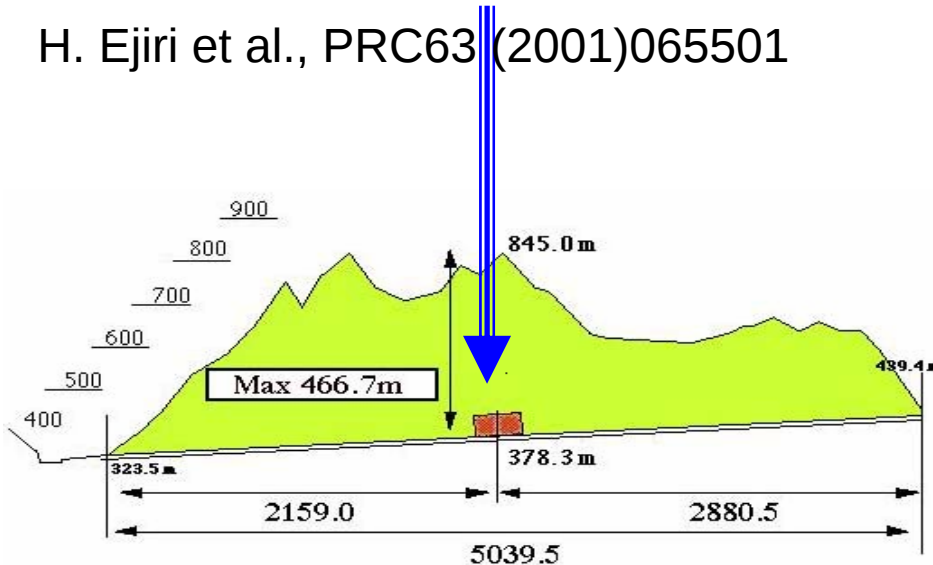


MOON 1 prototype detector

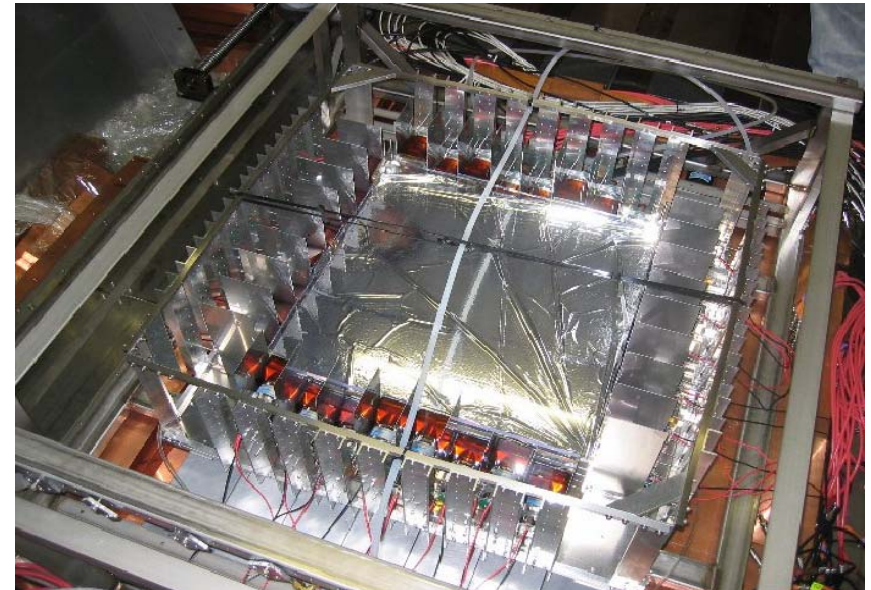
PL 6 layers: 53x53x1cc (BC408.equ.) ^{100}Mo : 142g 40mg, 3 layers



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1400 m.w.e.

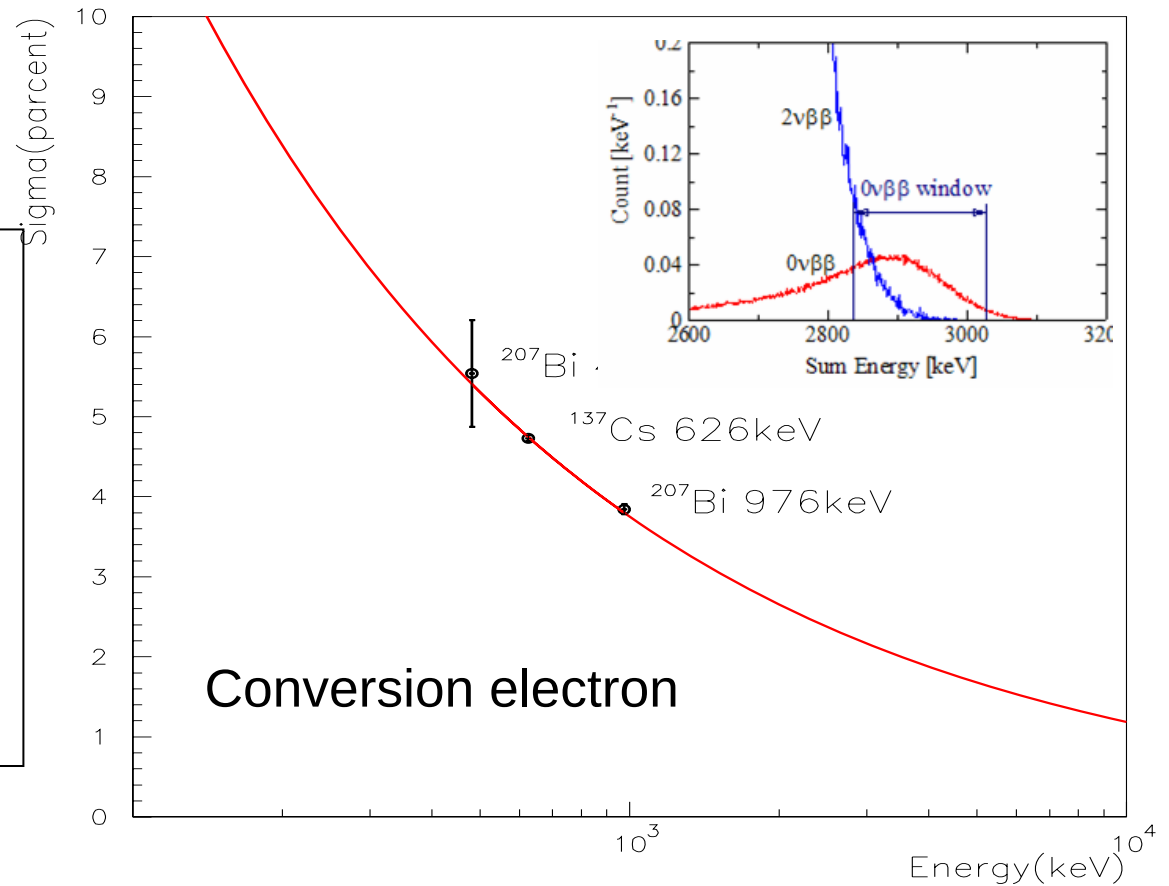


Energy resolution

Cs 625 $\sigma = 4.73 \pm 0.04 \%$
 Bi 976 $\sigma = 3.84 \pm 0.06 \%$

$\beta\beta$ 3.0MeV $\sigma =$
 $2.1 \pm 0.1 \%$

Ensure search for
 IH (25-50 meV) mass with
 large scale PL plates.



Conversion electron

	MOON	ELEGANT V	NEMO III
σ 3 MeV ^{100}Mo , ^{82}Se	2.1 %	3 %	~4.3%
BG(2ν) ratio $\sim \sigma^5$	1	5	40
m_ν meV for 1 ton $\cdot$ yr	50 meV	(~1eV)	300 meV

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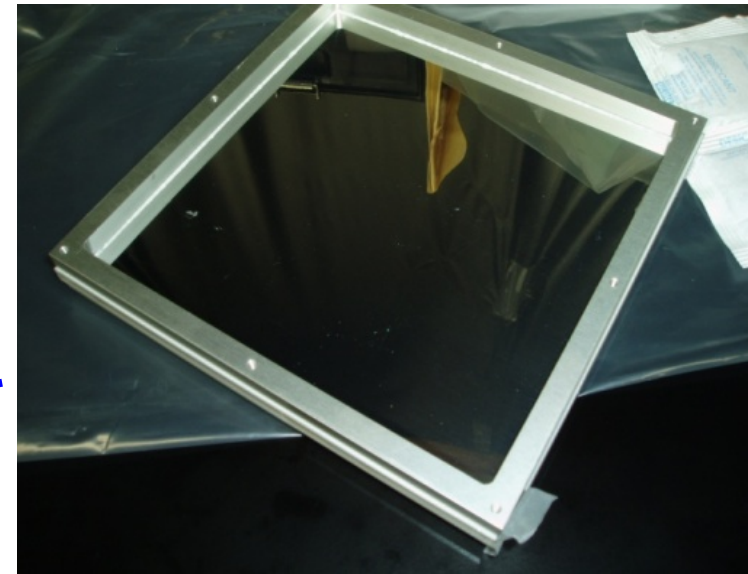
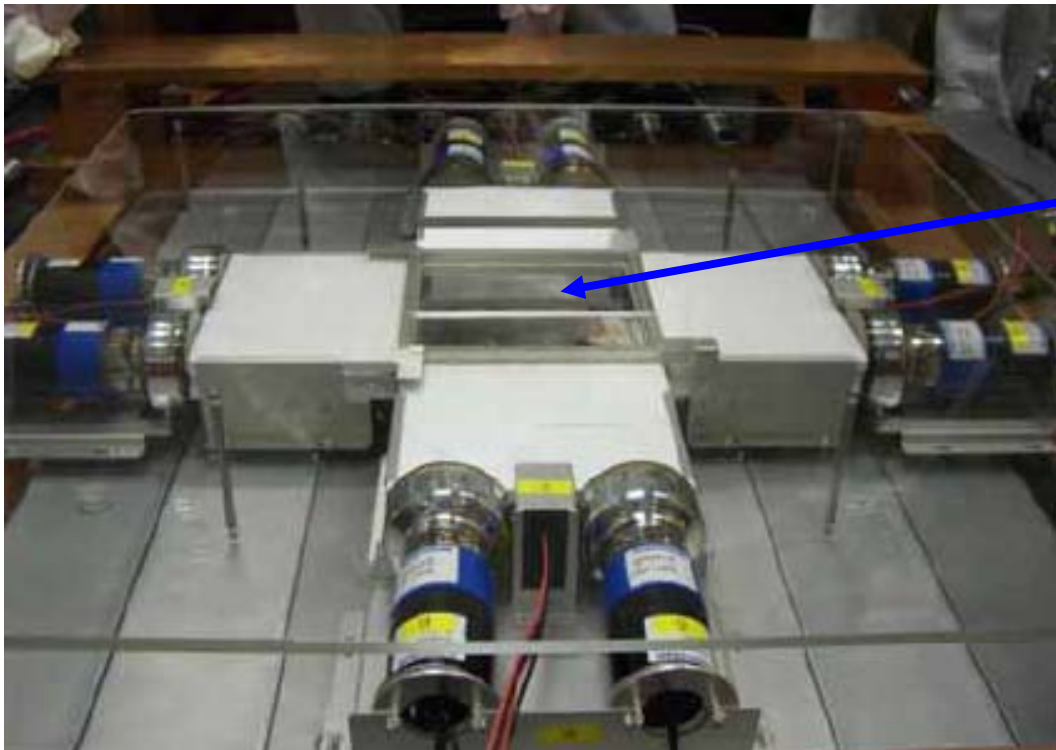
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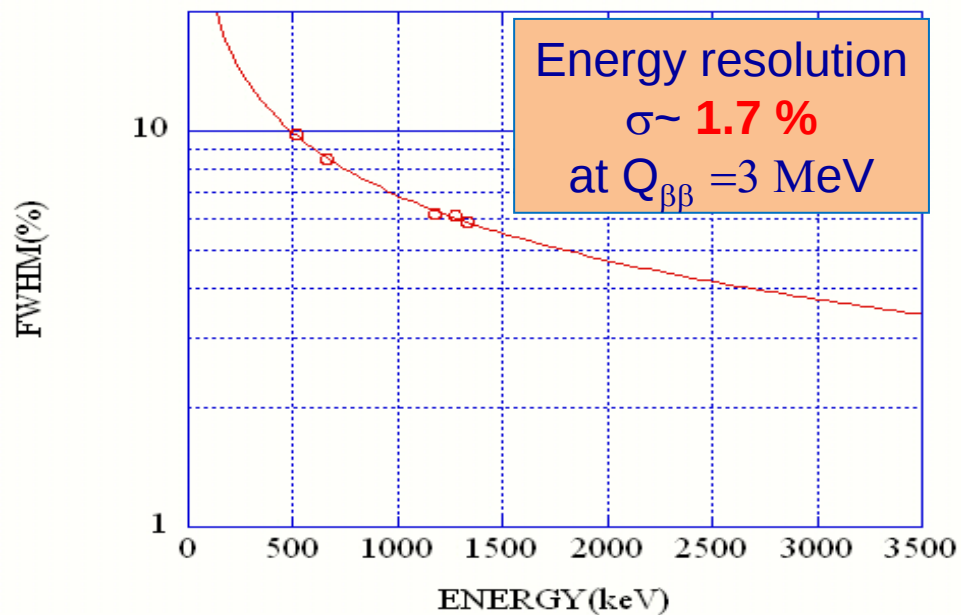
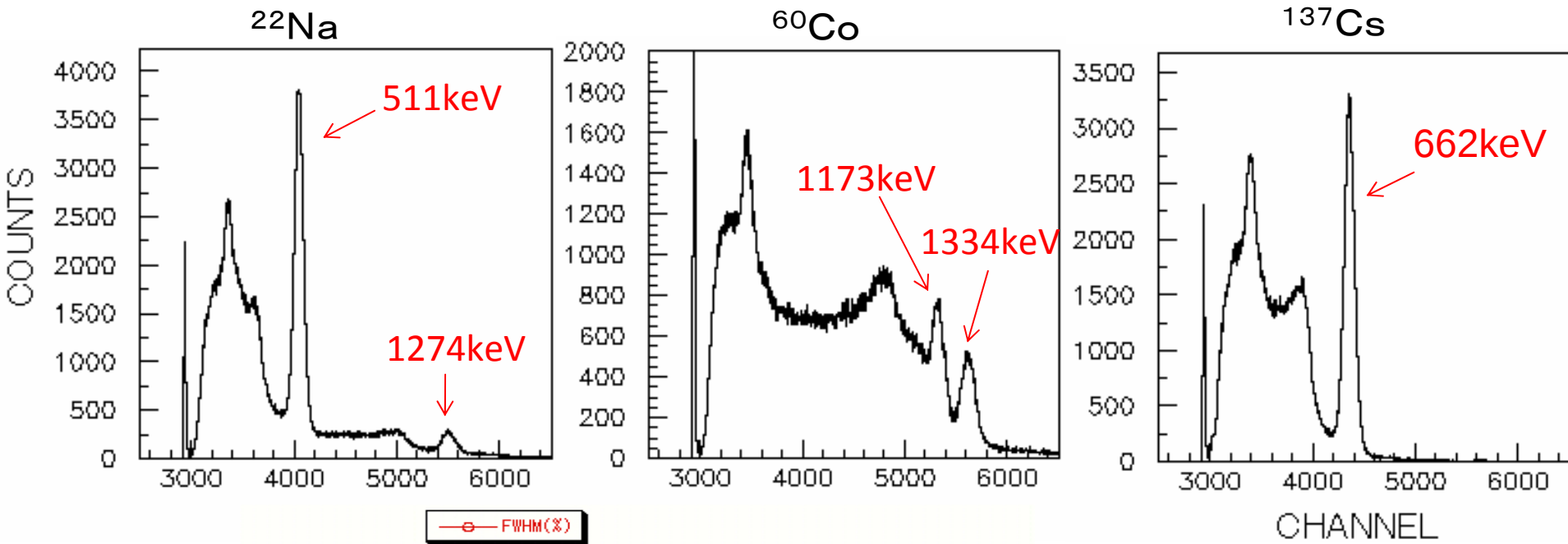
Thin and Large area NaI(Tl) scintillator

- provided by Horiba, Ltd.
- better energy resolution for β β and BG γ s
- sensitivity for β β to excited states

2 layers : 18cm X 18cm X 0.5cm

2 modules of 3 inch PMT &
4 x 1 module of 0.75 inch square PMT



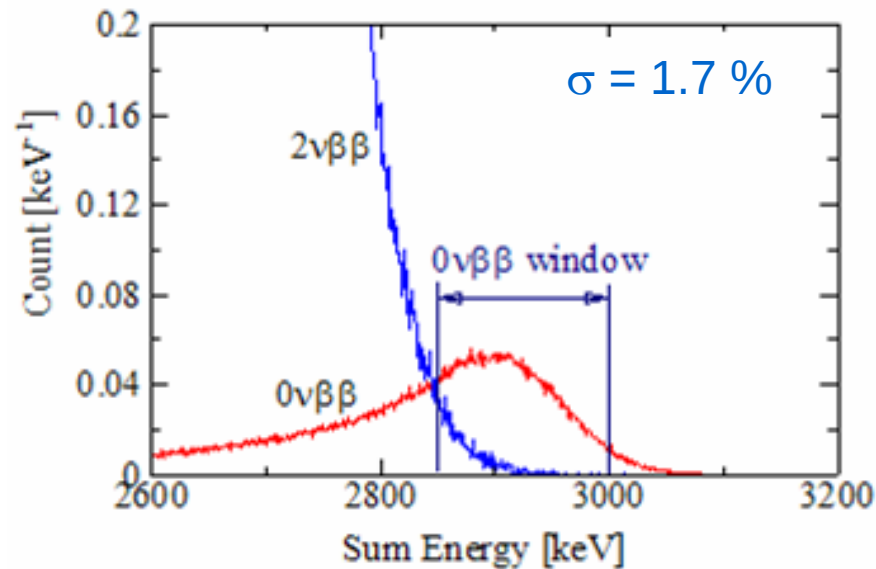
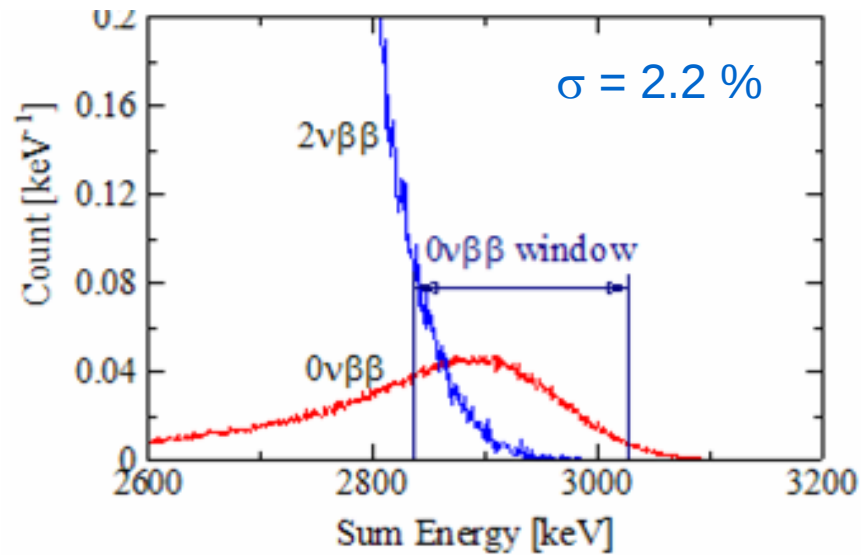


Sum energy spectra of $0\nu\beta\beta$ and $2\nu\beta\beta$ rays in the $0\nu\beta\beta$ peak

0.6 ton year run
with
50mg/cm² $\beta\beta$
source

$^{82}\text{Se}, \langle m_\nu \rangle = 75 \text{ meV}$

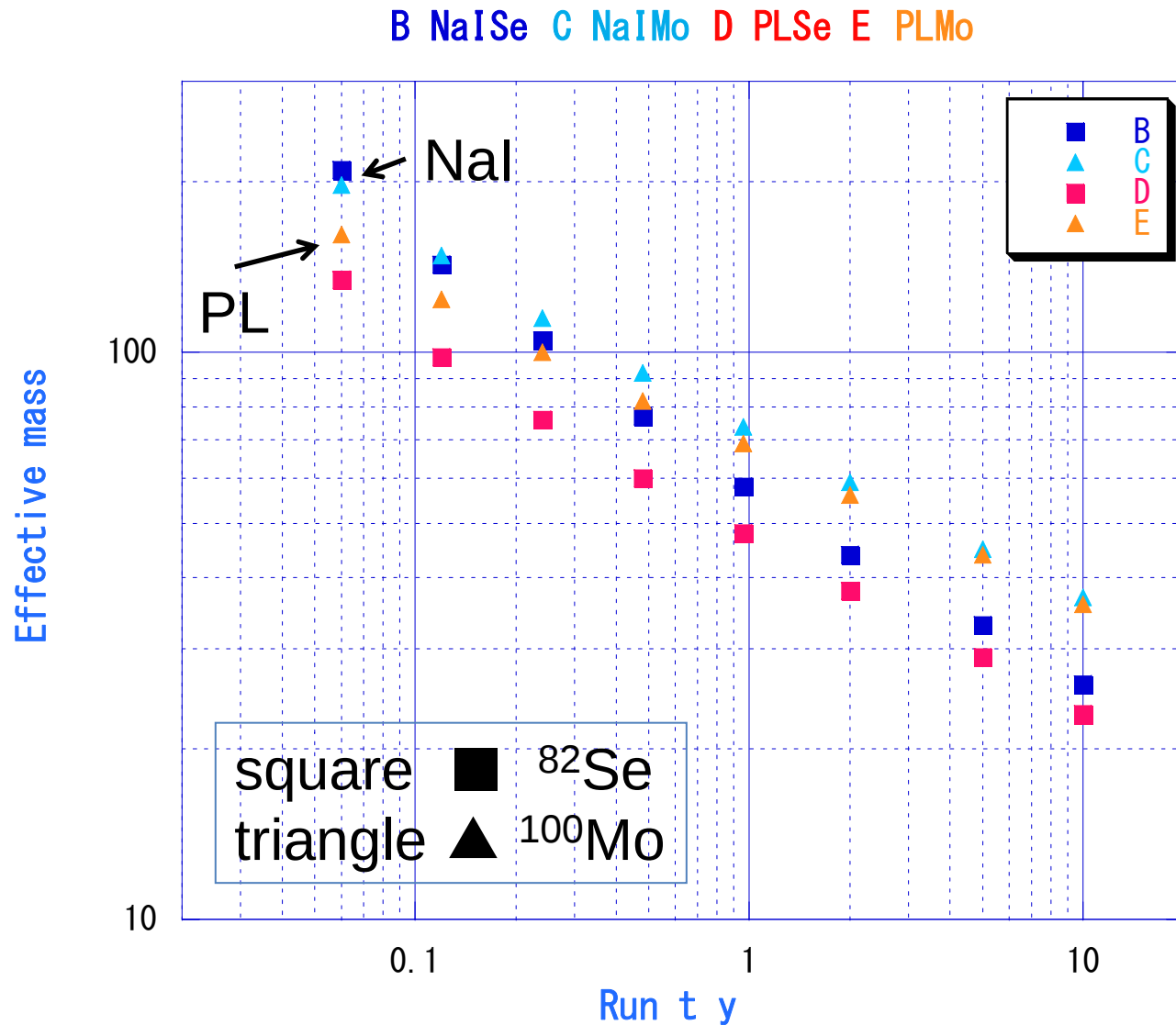
$Y^{0\nu} \sim 20/2 \text{ ton year}$



$$^{82}\text{Se} : \text{BG} = \text{B(RI)} + \text{B(n)} + \text{B}(2\nu\beta\beta)$$

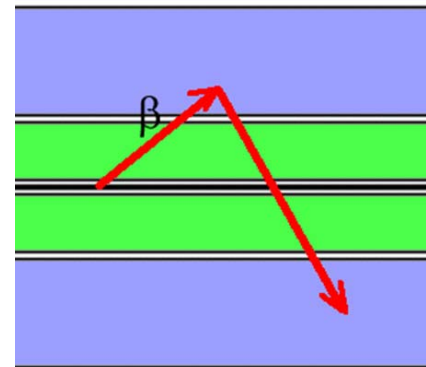
BG origin	Case A	BG(A)/t y	Case B	BG(B)/t y
$2\nu\beta\beta$	$\sigma=2.2 \%$	4.1	$\sigma=1.7 \%$	1.5
^{208}Tl	60 mBq/t	0.3	20 mBq	0.1
^{214}Bi	300mBq/t	0.01	100mBq	0.003
Cosmic n	2000 m w.e	0.01	2450 m w.e	0.007

Effective ν -mass sensitivity with E-resolutions of $\sigma=2.2$ (PL) and 1.7%(NaI)



BG due to electron back scattering in NaI

20mBq/ton ^{214}Bi
($Q=3.27\text{MeV}$): single β in ^{100}Mo



**Plastic Scintillator (15mm)
+ MWPC (10mm)**

Gate condition	Counts in 2.9-3.2 MeV [/ton/yr]
$E_1 + E_2 > 0\text{keV}$	990
$E_1, E_2 > 500\text{keV}$	8.3
Veto by other PL	8.1
Coincidence of MWPCs on both sides	0.0005
Track consistency	0

<1%

~0 events

**NaI(Tl) Scintillator (5mm)
+ Si (100 μm)**

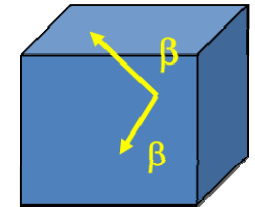
Gate condition	Counts in 2.9-3.2 MeV [/ton/yr]
$E_1 + E_2 > 0\text{keV}$	726
$E_1, E_2 > 500\text{keV}$	77
Veto by other NaI	75
Coincidence of Si's on both sides	69
Track consistency	59

>10%

~60 events

Molybdenum-loaded Liquid Scinti.

Calorimeter
(Loaded) Scintillator
Source = detector

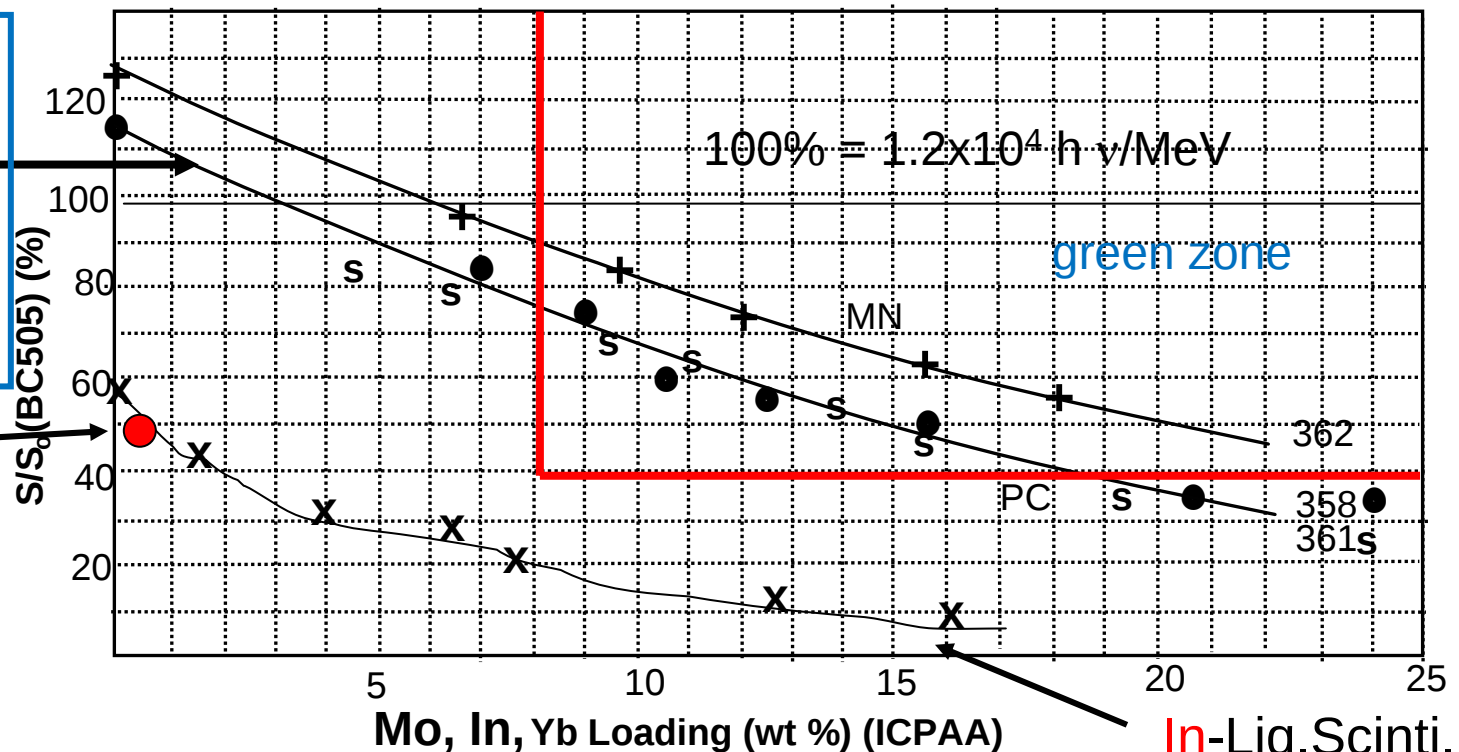


ϵ, M

- Mo carbonyl is slightly soluble in pseudocumene/toluene, etc
- Mo-loaded TL to be roughly half the light output of BC505
- $\sigma = 4.3 \sim 4.9\% @ 3\text{MeV}$ is quite encouraging, given that no effort was made to optimize the fluor concentration or light collection efficiency (cf. same order as the NEMO3)

Bell labs Yb Liq.
Scint. in methyl-
naphthalene (MN)
& pseudocumene
(PC) [Raghavan
April 2001]

$\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_6$
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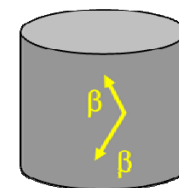


Suzuki & Inoue(1990), Pfeiffer et al(1979)

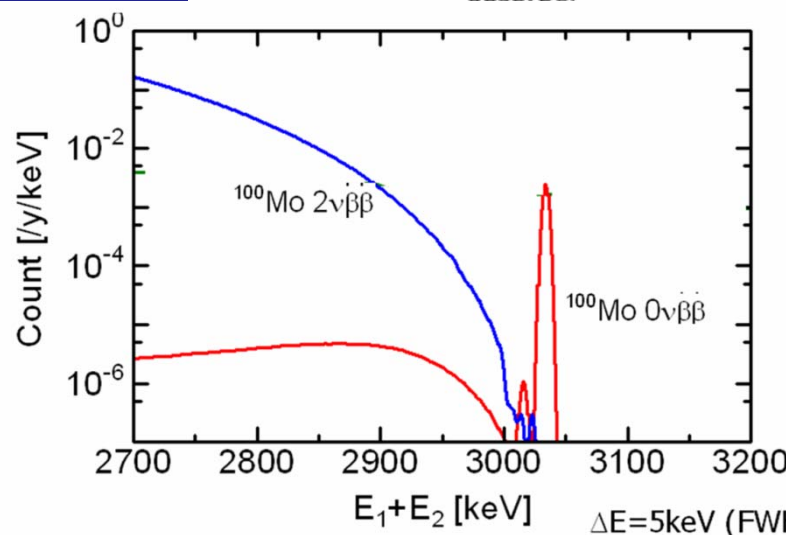
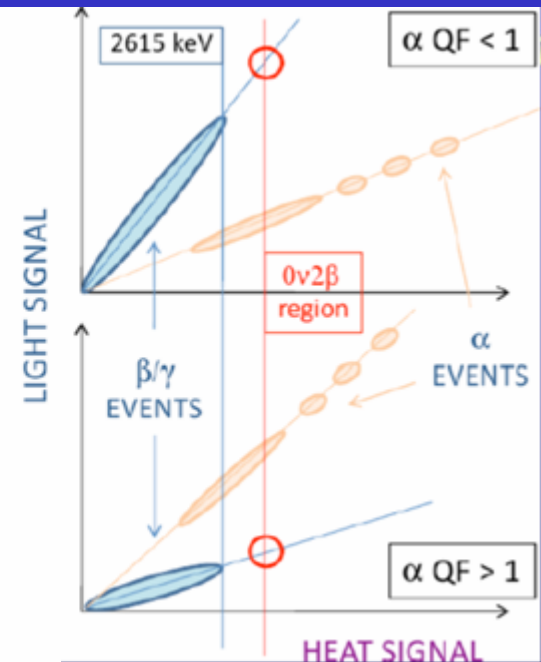
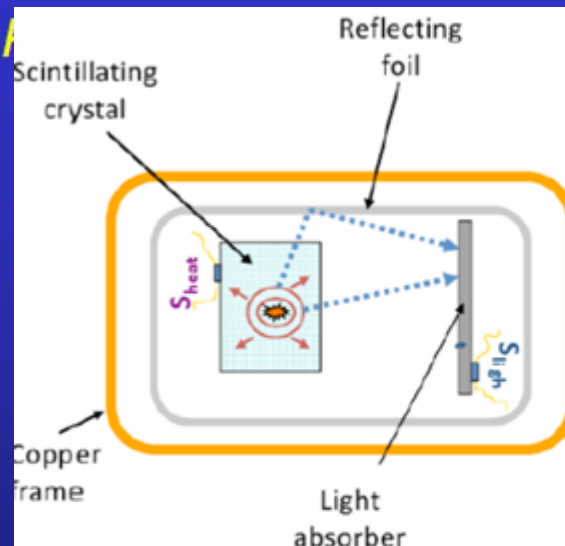
Molybdate Scintillating bolometer

in collaboration with Mirano/Rome group

Calorimeter
Semi-conductors
Source = detector



Good Scintillation light



P. Gorla et al.,
J. Low Temp. Phys.
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Summary

- MOON is one of the feasible solutions for next-generation $0\nu\beta\beta$ experiment, in terms of good energy resolutions , compactness, scalarbility, etc.
- NaI scintillator is attractive because of its better energy resolution, large stopping power for β -rays, and high sensitivity to γ -rays. However, it will require better resolution for track multiplicity, in order to suppress BG due to electron back scattering in NaI.

	MOON-PL	MOON-NaI	MOON -LS
σ @3 MeV	2.1 %	1.7 %	~4.3%

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