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Development of Scintillating Bolometer with Large Undoped and Eu-doped CaF2 Crystals for Neutrinoless Double Beta Decay of 48Ca

We are developing CaF_2 scintillating bolometers to search for for neutrinoless double beta decay of ⁴⁸Ca.

We realized large scintillating bolometers using 312g(50mm $\phi \times$ 50mm cylinder) of undoped and Europiumdoped CaF₂ crystals with a readout technology of metallic magnetic calorimeters. We used CaF₂ crystals with a large amount of internal ²³⁸U-series impurities to evaluate detector performance such as energy resolution and particle identification.

We found that the thermal signal amplitudes are strongly position-dependent in both CaF_2 crystals. By analyzing the sequential alpha-decays (222Rn-218Po-214Pb), the energy resolution without position dependence was evaluated, and obtained to be 0.2% at 5MeV, in the case of undoped CaF_2 crystal. In the poster presentation, we will present the results obtained with this R&D measurements.

Mini-abstract

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