Candles

CANDLES for the study of ^{48}Ca double beta decay and low radioactivity CaF_2 crystals

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Why ^{48}Ca

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- Highest Q value (4.27 MeV)
  - next largest ^{150}Nd (3.3 MeV)
  - Large phase space factor
  - Little BG（natural radioactivity γ: 2.6 MeV, β: 3.3 MeV）
- Natural abundance: 0.187%
  - Isotope separation: expensive (no Gas)
  - Early studies (recent studies use separated isotope)
- Next generation
  - $M_\nu \sim T^{-1/2} \sim M^{-2}$ (no BG)

    $\sim M^{-4}$ （BG limited）
  - ^{48}Ca (no BG)

$$\langle m_\nu \rangle < 7.2 \sim 44.7\ \mathrm{eV}\ (90\%\ \mathrm{C.L.})$$

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How to sense $m_\nu = 10^{-(1\sim2)}$eV

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- Big detector
  - Huge amount of materials
- Low radioactive background
  - Active shield
  - Passive shield
  - Low background material
  - BG rejection by signal processing
- High resolution
  - Backgrounds from $2\nu\beta\beta$ decay

- **CANDLES** is our solution

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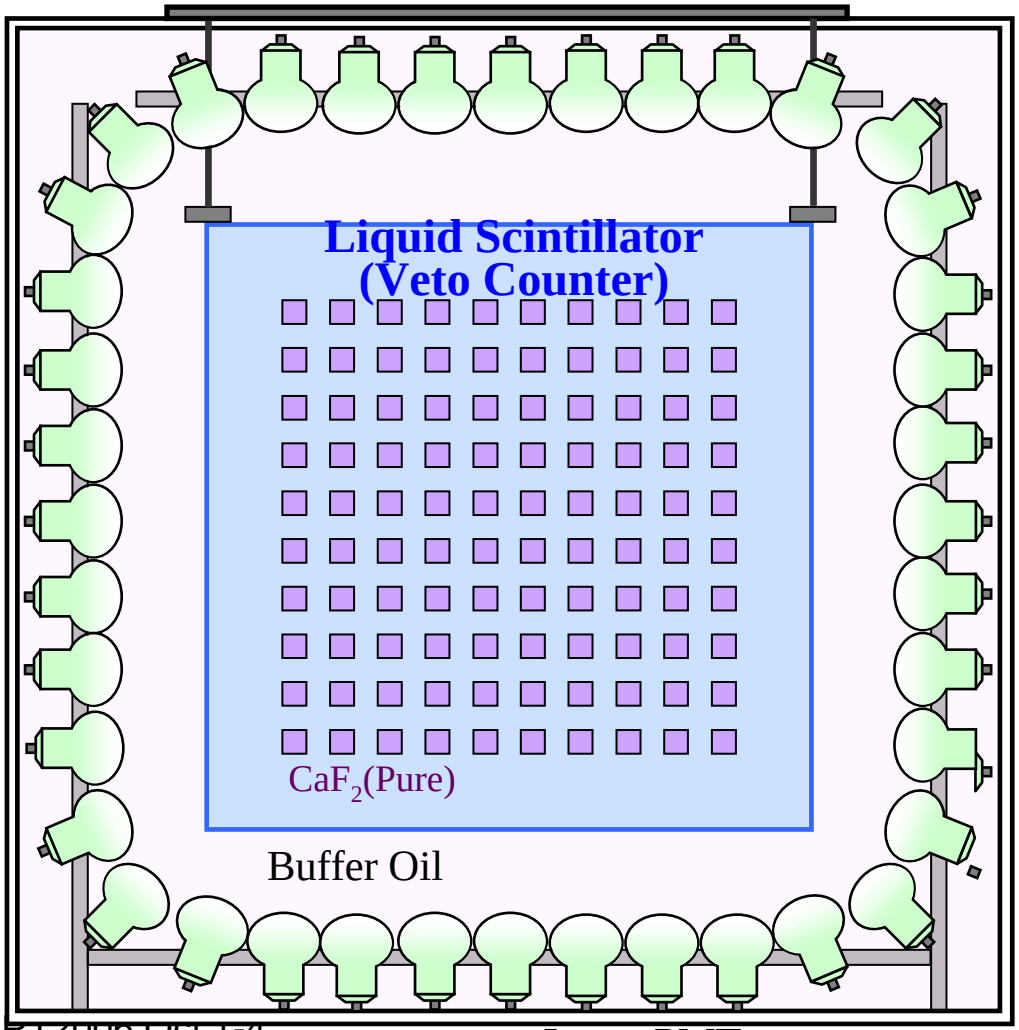
CAlcium fluoride for studies of Neutrino and Dark matrters by Low Energy Spectrometer



- **CaF_2(Pure)**
  - **200kg, 300kg, 6t,100t**
  - ^{48}Ca (200g, 300g, 6kg, 100kg)
- **Liquid Scintillator**
  - Wave Length Shifter
  - 4 π Active Shield
  - Passive shield
- **Photomultiplier**
  - energy resolution

CaF_2 crystal

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- Big detector
  - Best optical lens
  - Long attenuation length
    - 10m (catalog value for visible light)
    - >1m (our measurement for scintillation light)
- CANDLES IV
  - 15x15x15 cm^3 x 600 (6t)
  - Increase the number of nuclei (^{48}Ca)

6.4 g (ELE VI) ~6(kg)

8.1×10^{22} atoms → `10^{26} atoms

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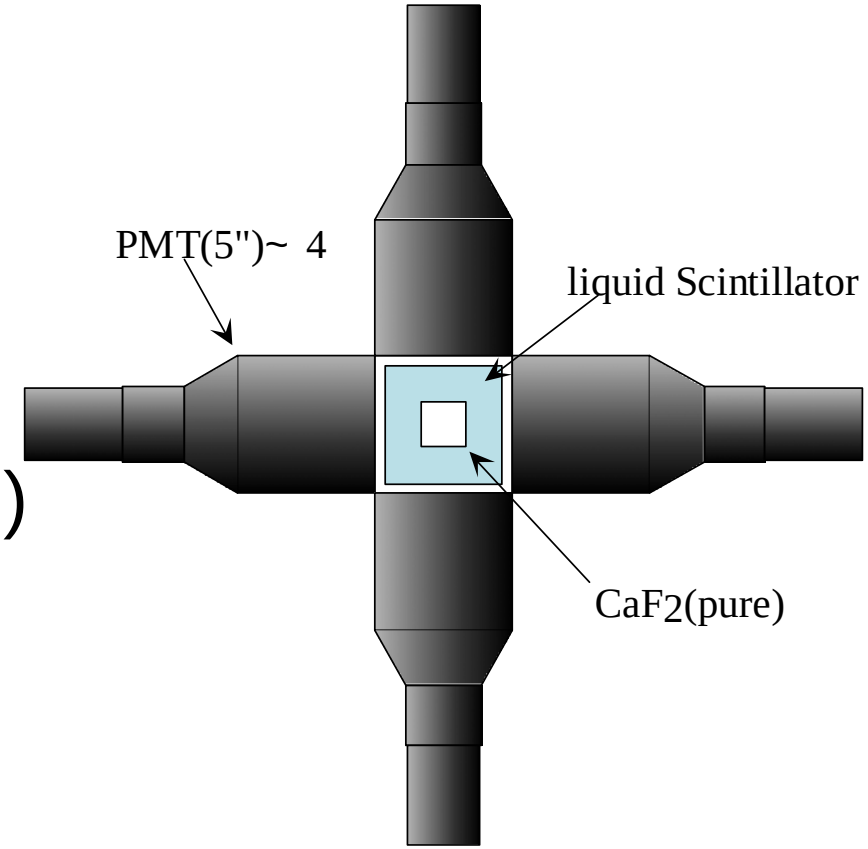
POP (Proof of Principle) Detector

CaF_2(pure) crystal

in liquid scintillator

(with w.l. shifter)

viewed by 4 PMTs (5 inch)

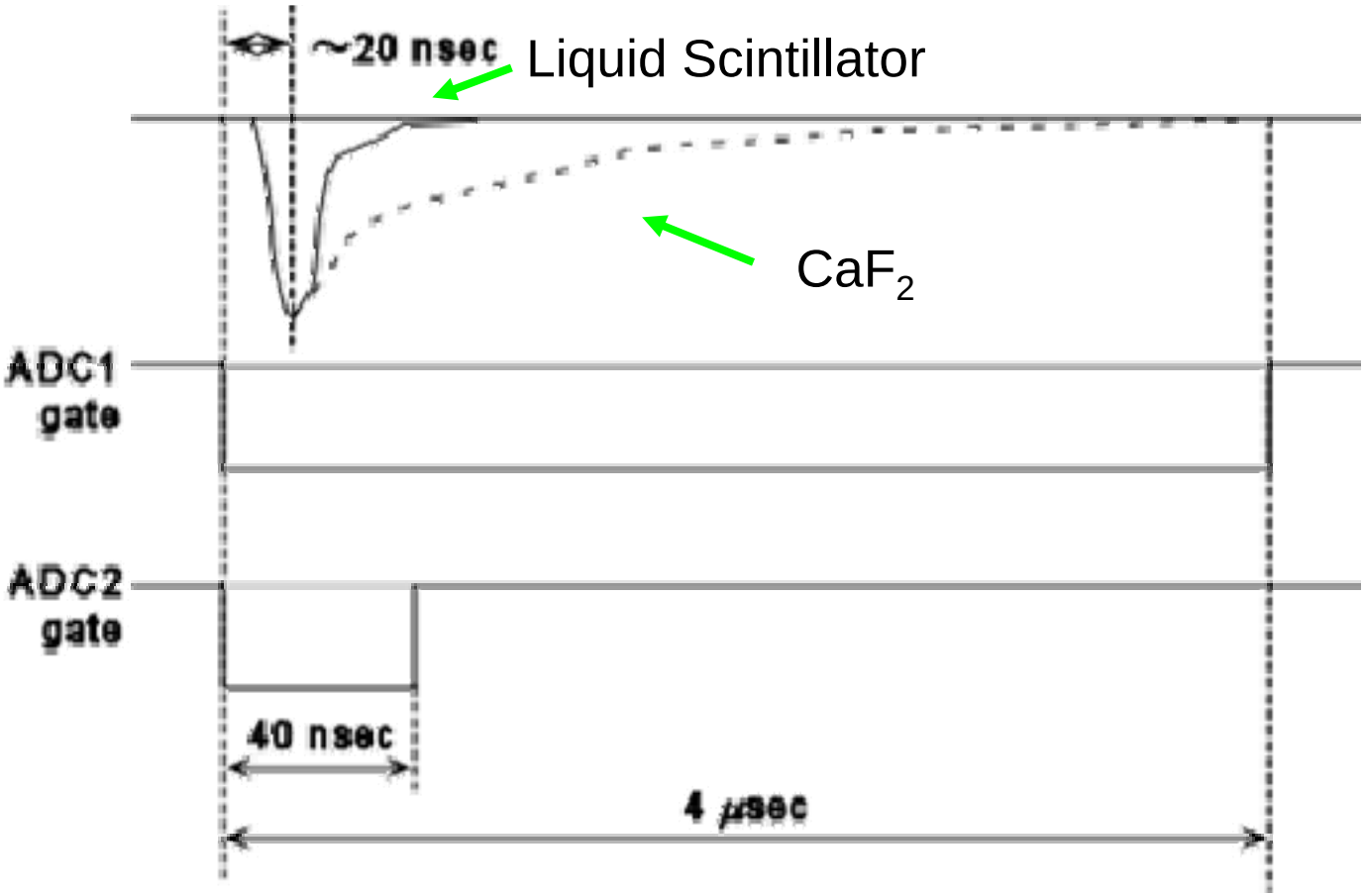


liq. scint. : mineral oil

+ DPO (3 g/l)

+ Bis-MSB (0.3 g/l)

Signal discrimination



Decay time

Liq. Scinti

~10 nsec

CaF_2

~1 μsec

ADC(fast)/ADC(total)

~1 liquid scintillator

~0.04 CaF_2

Signal discrimination

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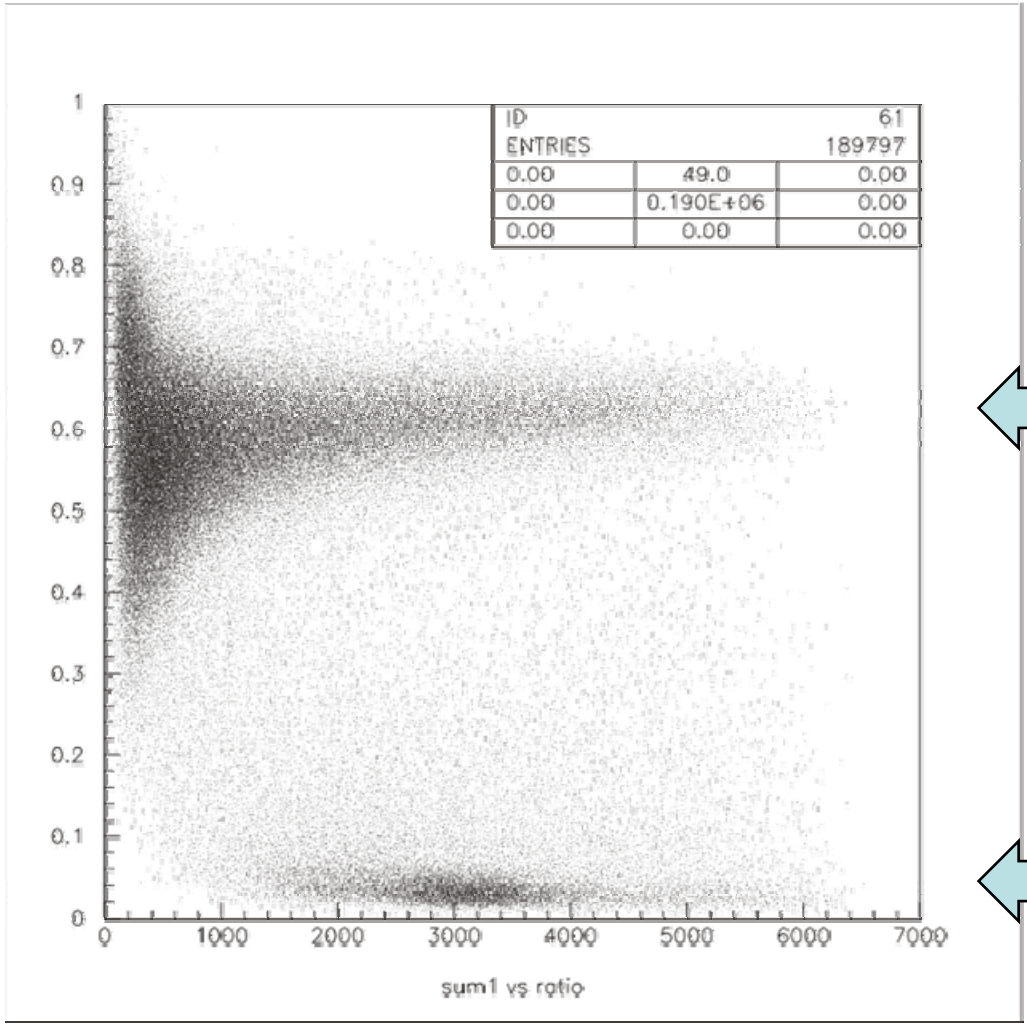

^{57}Co source

Signal from Liquid scintillator

CaF_2

Background @ Q value region

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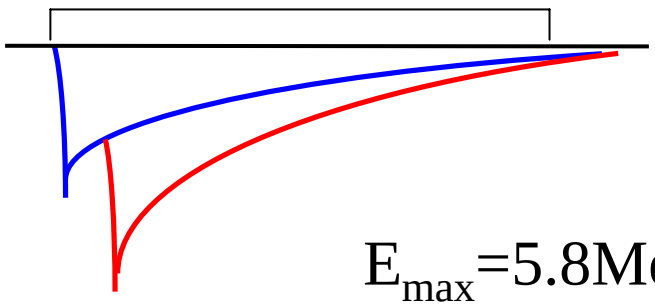
- No natural BG @ ~4 MeV
  - Maximum energy
    - γ~ 2.6 MeV, β~3.3 MeV, α~2.5 MeV(quench~0.3)
  - Successive decay of α β γ
    - ~1μsec decay time

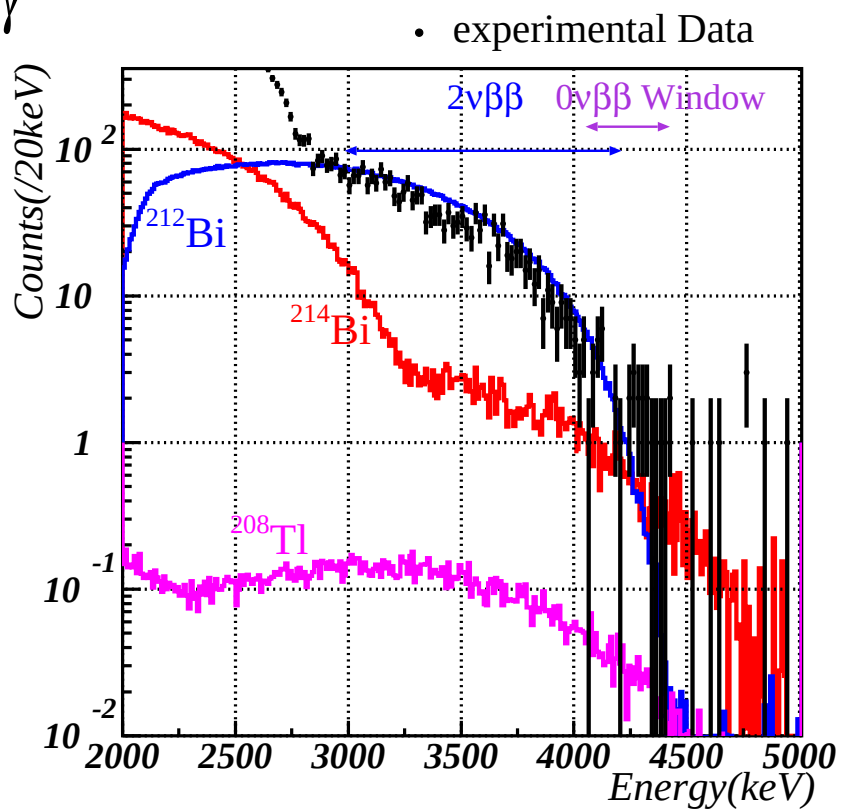
Pulse shape

Gate width(4μsec)

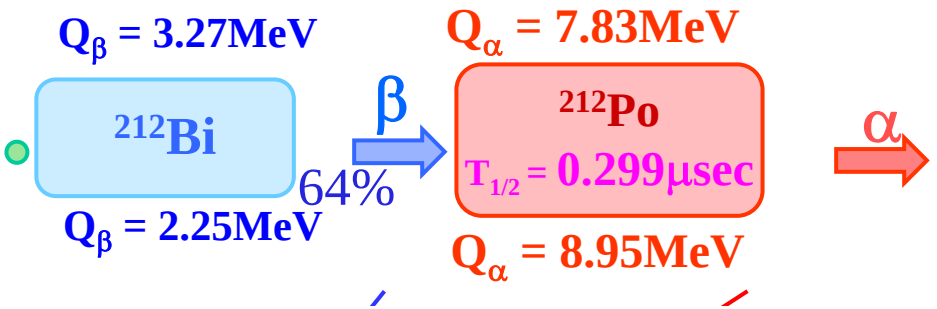


β+α

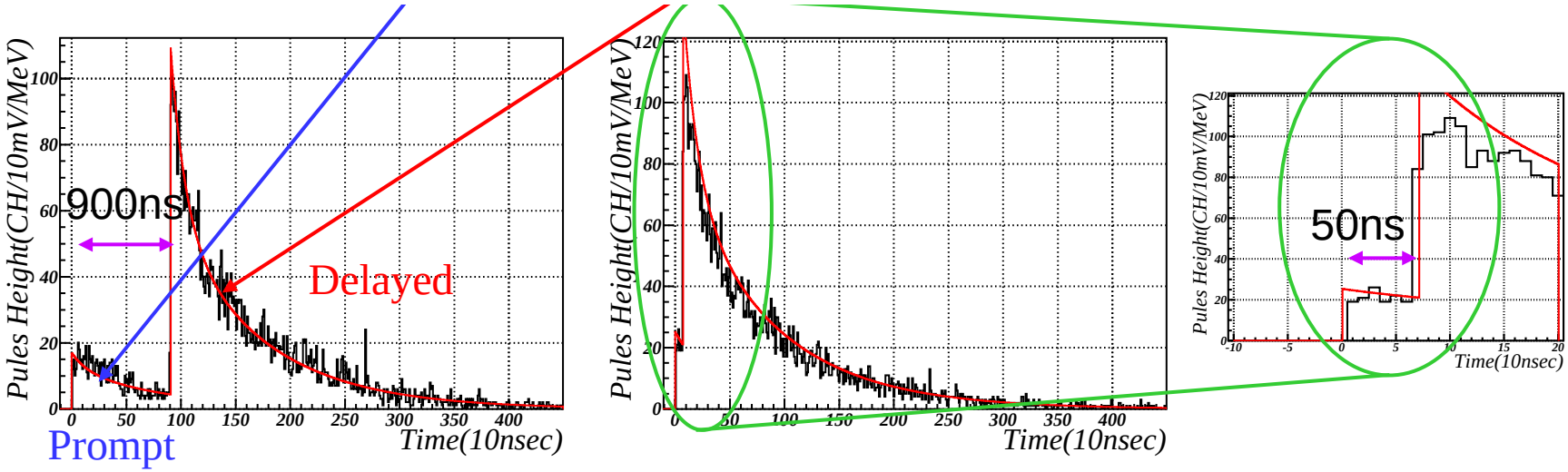
E_{max}=5.8MeV(U)
5.3MeV(Th)



Rejection of Double Pulse



Typical Pulse Shape(100MHz FADC)



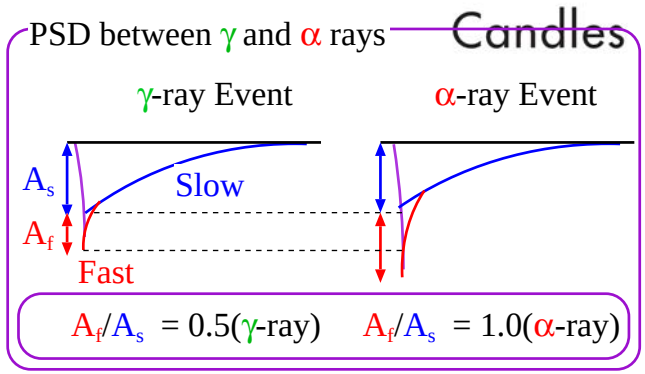
Reduction

100MHz FADC $\Delta T >$ **30ns(3ch) ; ~5%**

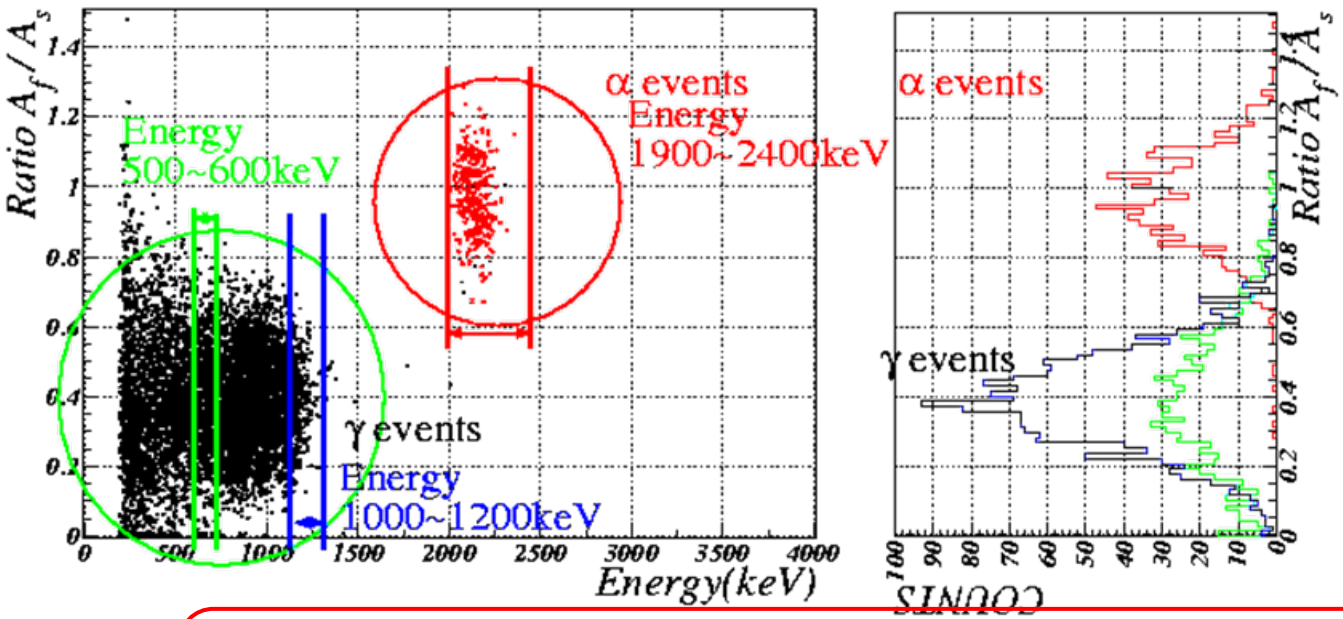
500MHz FADC (under preparation) . . . $\Delta T >$ **5ns ; ~1%**

Pulse Shape Discrimination

Difference in decay time between α and γ rays



- **PSD (Event by Event)**
  - **FADC (100MHz)**
  - ***A*$_{fast}$*/A*$_{slow}$ (Fast and slow component)**



Discrimination between α and γ(β) Events

Background Reduction ~ 0.3%

Development of High Purity CaF_2 Crystals

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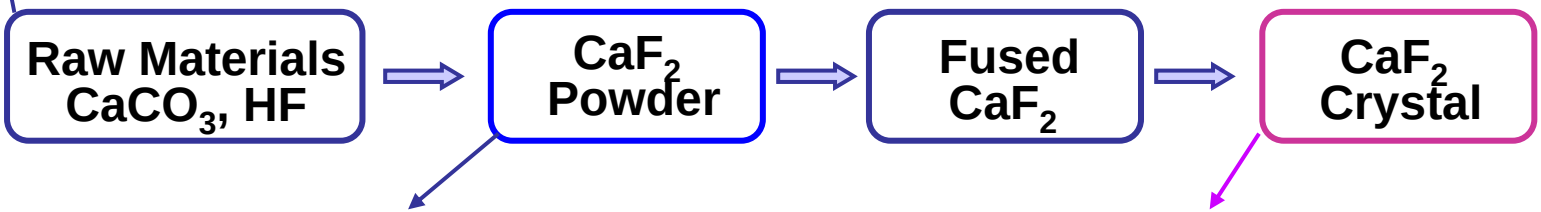
CaF_2(Eu) in ELEGANT VI
U-chain(^{214}Bi) :1100 μBq/kg
Th-chain(^{220}Rn) : 98 μBq/kg

U and Th (ICP-MS)



Radioactivities in CaF_2 Powder (HPGe measurement) ⟷ Radioactivities in CaF_2(pure) Crystal (β–α delayed coincidence)

Powder selection
Crystal growing

96 crystals

U-chain(^{214}Bi) ~36 μBq/kg …1/30 of Previous Crystals
Th-chain(^{220}Rn) ~28 μBq/kg …1/3 of Previous Crystals

Radioactivities in CaF_2

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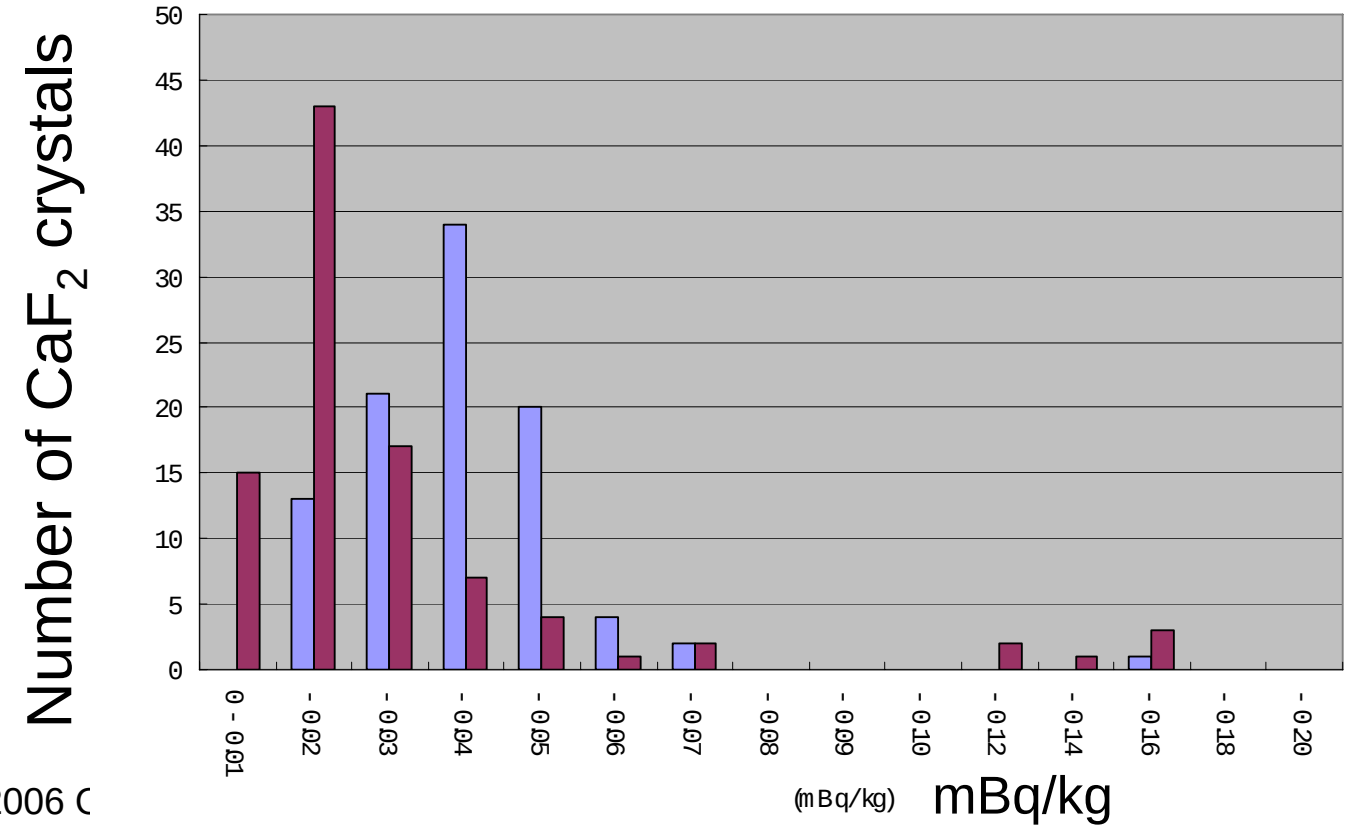
- β–α, α–α delayed coincidence
- @ Oto Cosmo observatory



95 crystals

U~36μBq/kg
14 (best)

Th~20μBq/kg
6 (best)

Energy resolution of CaF_2

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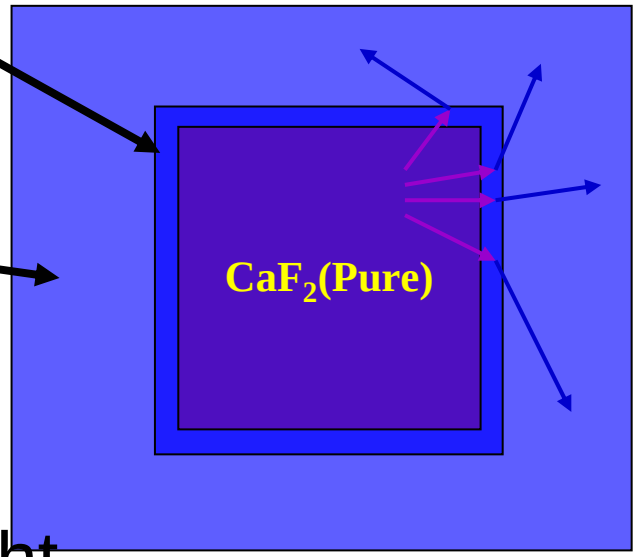
- Energy Resolution $\Delta E \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N_p}}$
- Scintillation light
  - ~0.5 of CaF_2(Eu) (quart window PMT)
  - peak emission U.V. (285 nm)

- Increase # of photons
  - Wavelength shifter
  - UV ⟹ visible light

Two Phase System

Concept of Method

- Conversion Phase
  - Large conversion eff.
  - good transparency for UV
- Veto Phase
  - Large light output with aromatic solvent



CaF_2 Emission (~285nm) — UV light

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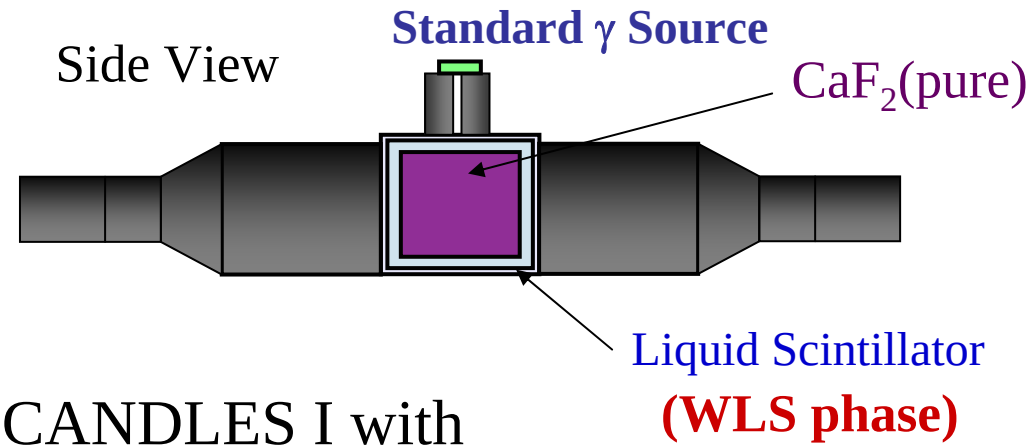
Conversion by WLS(350~400nm) — Visible light

⇩ propagate

PMT

High resolution and
High veto efficiency

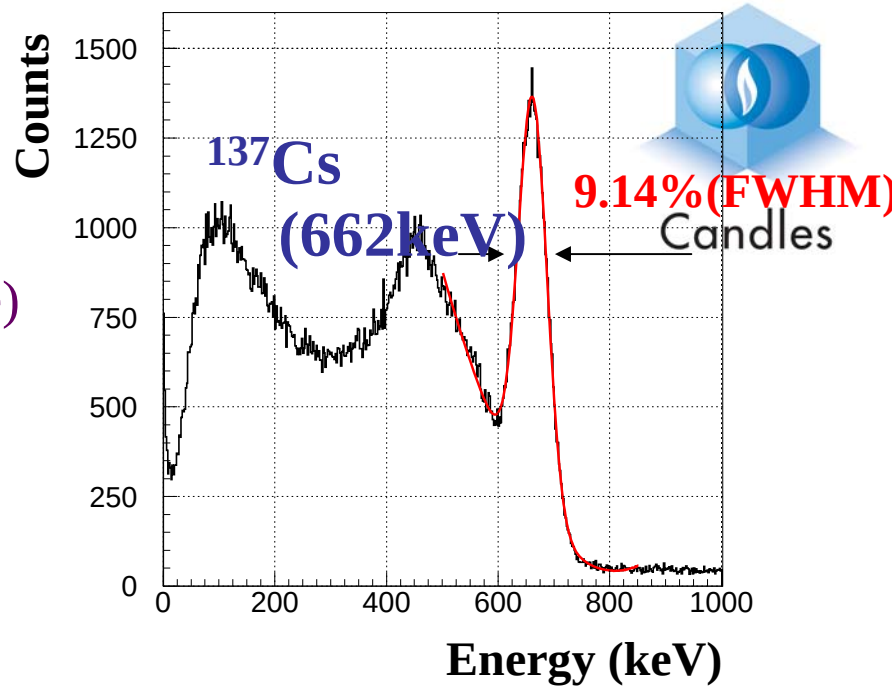
Energy resolution

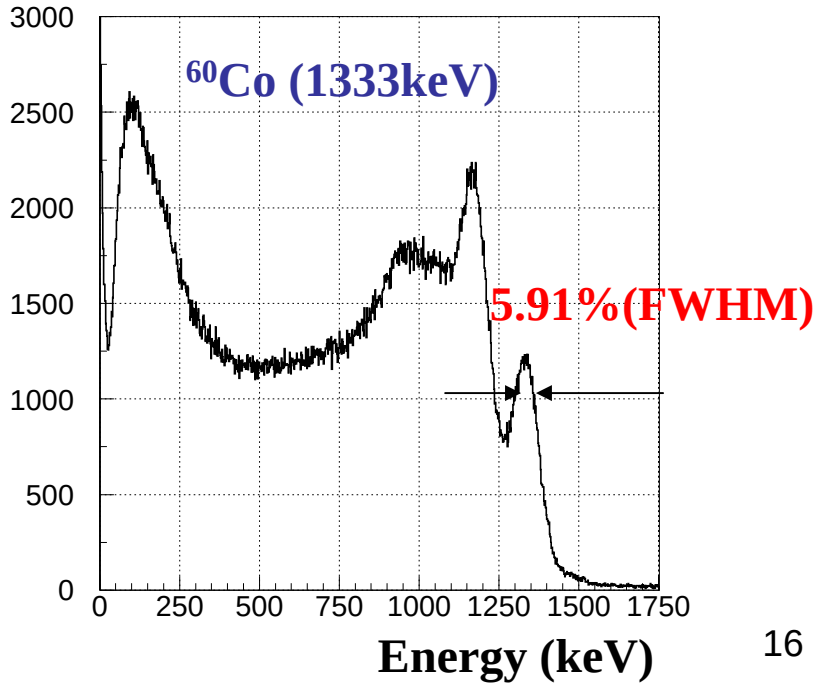


CANDLES I with
10 cm^3 CaF_2(pure)

~1 ph/keV

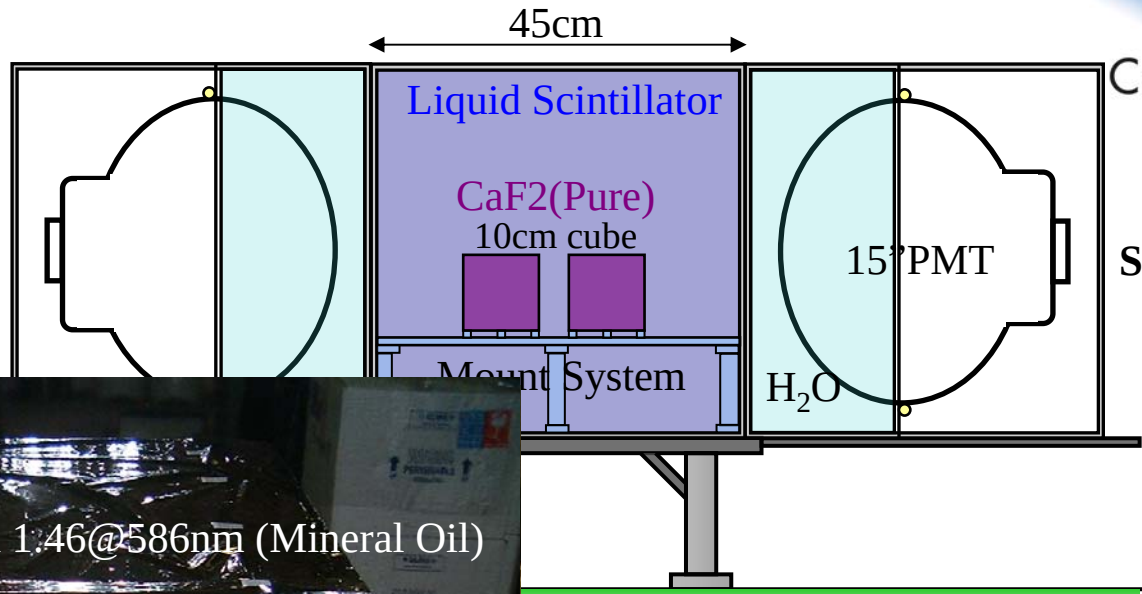
Energy Resolution:
9.1%(FWHM) at 662keV
=3.4% (FWHM) at 4.27MeV
Req. for CANDLES III ; 4.0%





CANDLES-II

- Prototype



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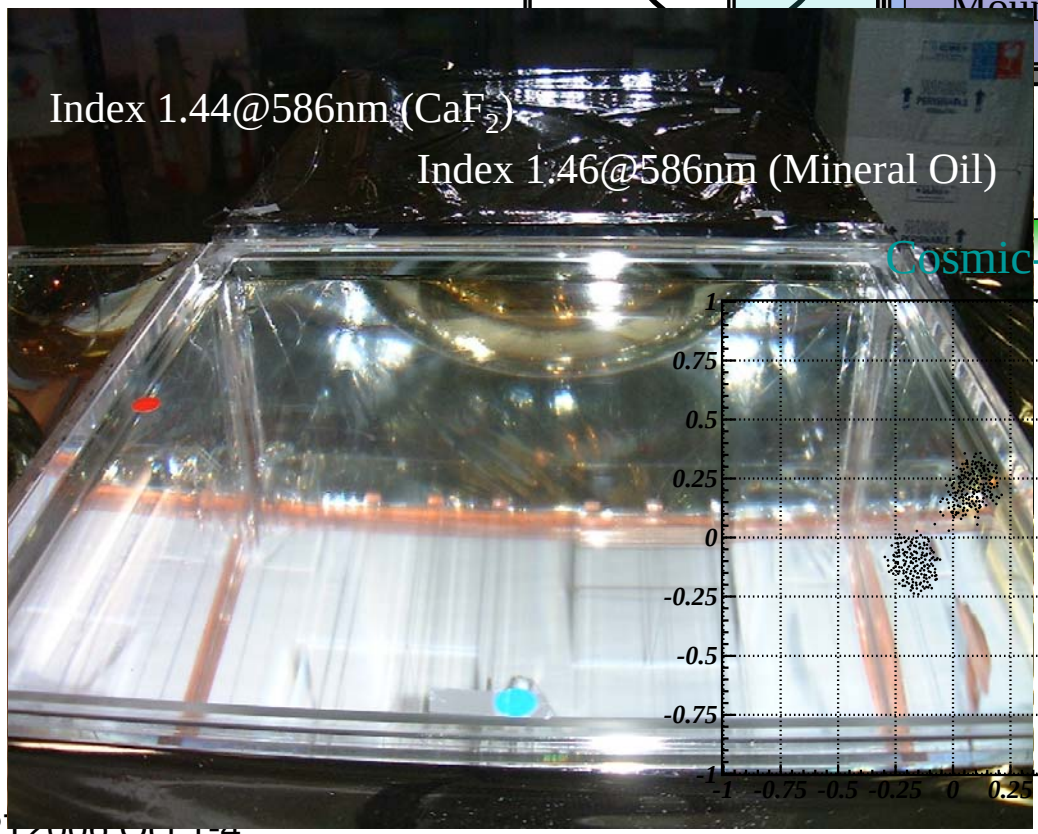
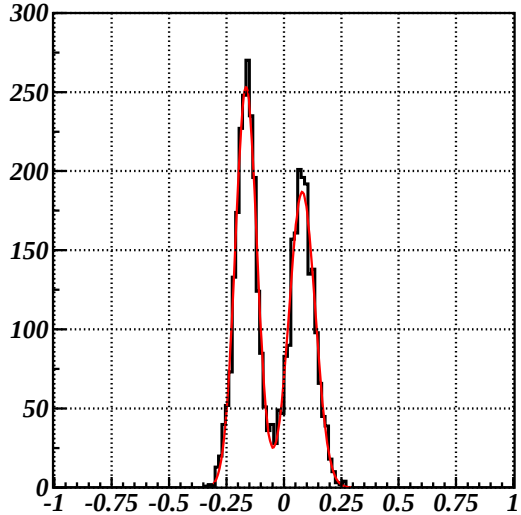
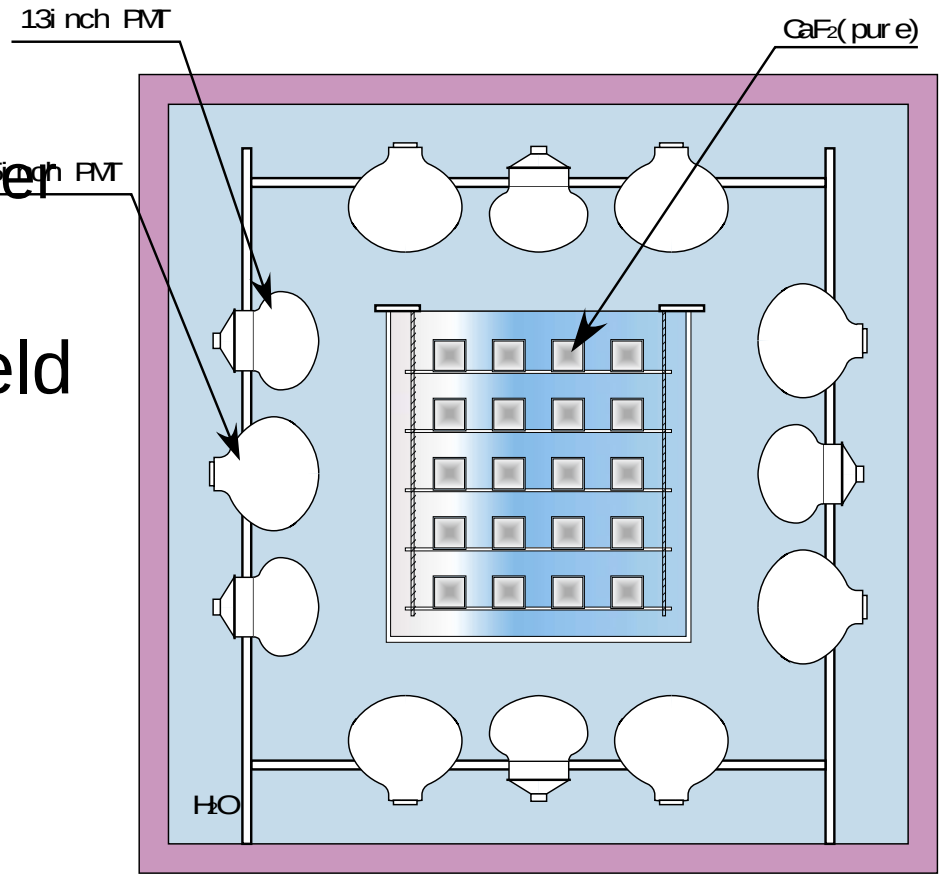


Cosmic-ray Events (High Energy)



CANDLES III

- Construction almost completed @ Osaka Univ.
- CaF_2(pure)
  - 60×10^3 cm^3 ; 191 kg
- Liquid scintillator
  - ϕ1m$\times h$1m acrylic container
- Purification system
- H_2O Buffer: passive shield
  - ϕ2800$\times h$2600
  - safety regulation
- PMTs
  - 15” PMT ($\times$8) : R2018
  - 13” PMT ($\times$32) : R8055



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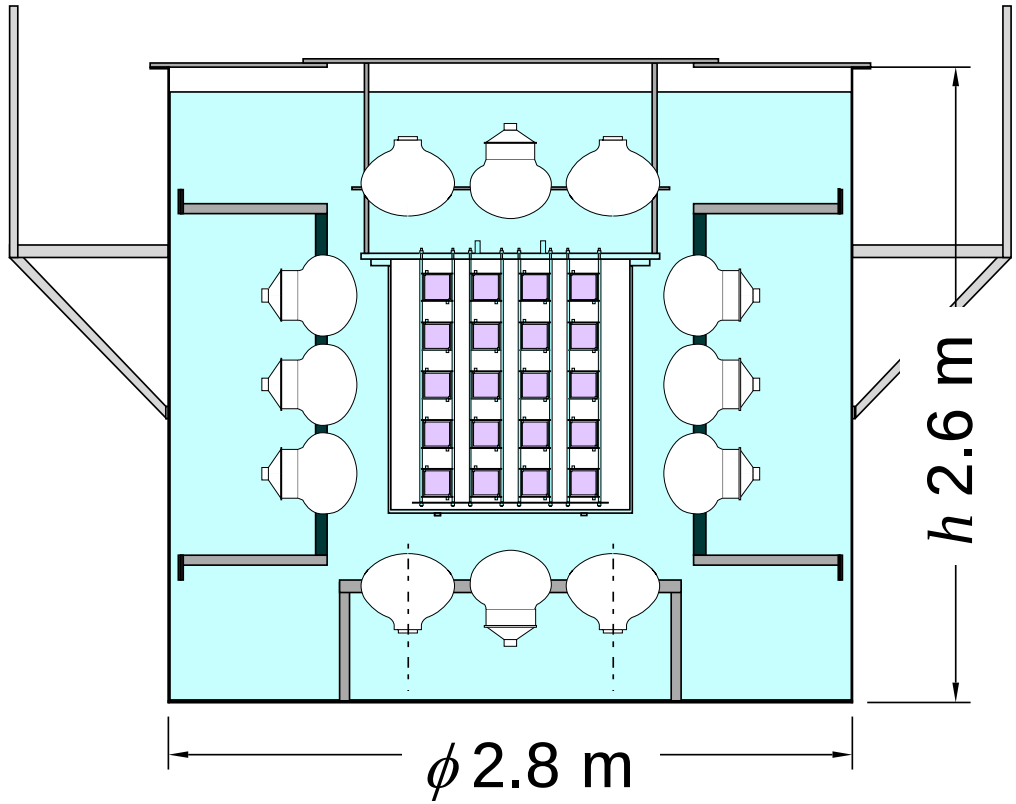

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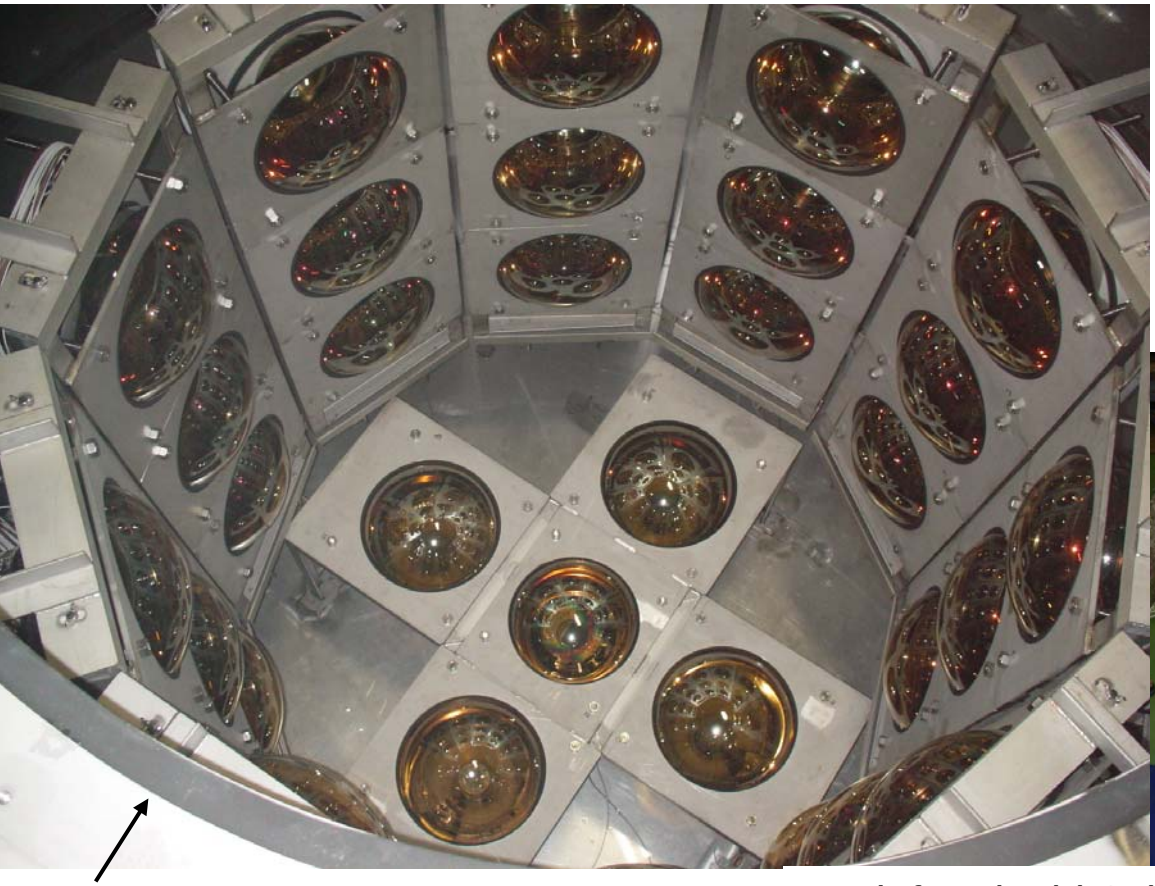
Inside View



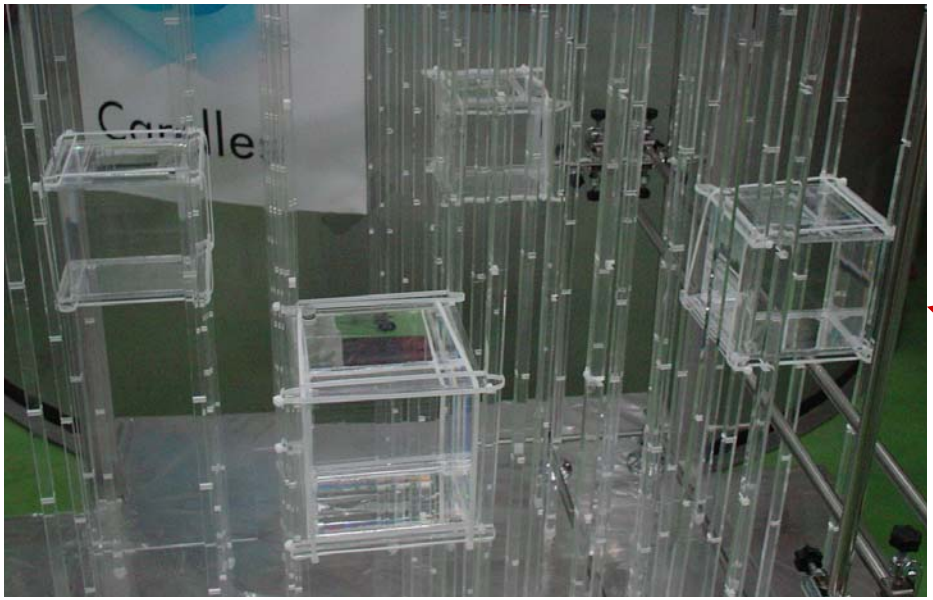
40 PMTs Version
And 60 PMTs Version . . . Funded

Photomultiplier Tube(13inch)

Tank for Liquid Scintillator
(Acrylic Case)

LS tank

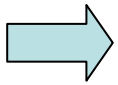
- 4 CaF_2 modules installed



Access port for calibration

CaF_2 module

- CaF_2 + conversion phase + acrylic case



half filled

filled

Index 1.44@586nm (CaF_2)

Index 1.46@586nm (Mineral Oil)

CANDLES III(U.G.)

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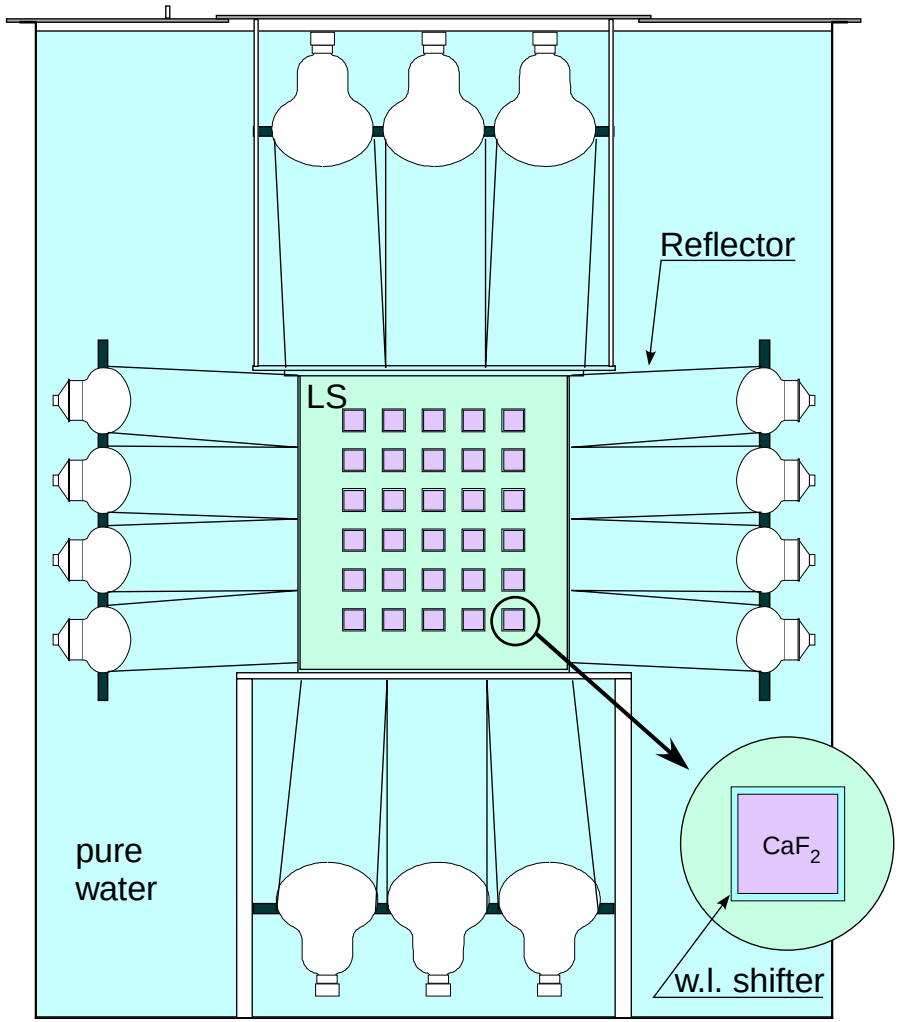
- CaF_2(pure)
  - 10^3 cm^3 × 96 crystals; 305 kg
- Liquid scintillator
  - two phase system
  - Purification system
- H_2O Buffer
  - passive shield
- PMTs
  - 17” PMT (×14) : R7250
  - 13” PMT (×56) : R8055
  - mirror type reflector
- photon trans. simulation

  ⇨ energy res. ~3.5 % @ $Q_{\beta\beta}$

- Kamioka underground lab.



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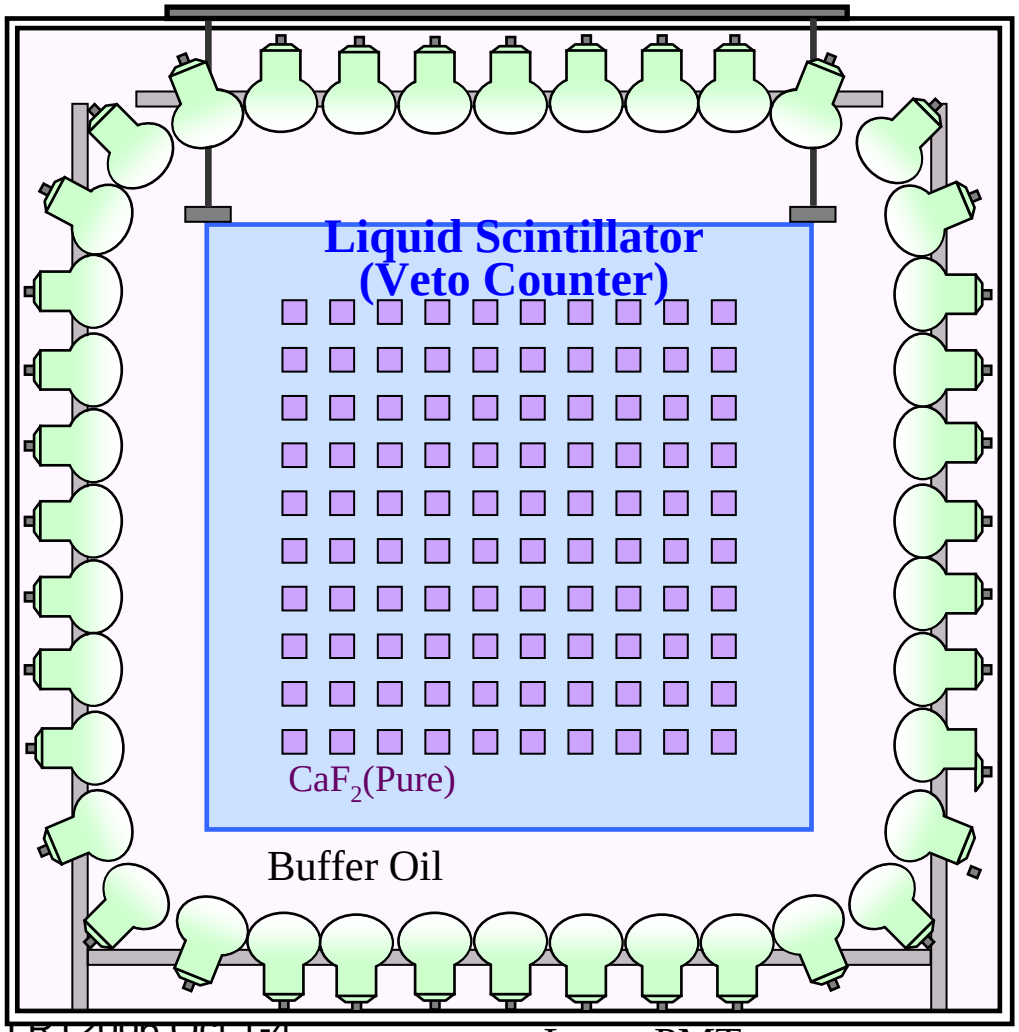

$15 \times 15 \times 15$ cm^3 CaF_2 (600 cubes) 6.4 t liquid scintillator Vessel (^{48}Ca) 6.4 kg

1. BG (~3μBq/kg Th)
    1. Needs R&D
    2. Current best ~6μBq/kg
2. Energy resolution
    1. Photo coverage

Mile stone

Candles

- ELEGANTS VI
  - running with new BG rejection (2ν)
- CANDLES I, II
- CANDLES III
  - $10cm^3$ cube (100 crystals) ~0.5 eV
  - BG of CaF_2 ~30 μBq/kg

Achieved

Kamioka

- CANDLES III(UG)
- CANDLES IV
  - $15cm^3$ cube (600 crystals) 6t
  - BG of CaF_2 ~3 μBq/kg for 0.1 eV
  - Kamioka

Future

- CANDLES V to sense 30 meV region
  - ~100 ton CaF2
  - Can be installed in
    - Kamland
    - SNO

    } Vessel and PMT's
- Isotope separation
  - Available: ^{76}Ge, ^{100}Mo, ^{128}Te
  - exception: ^{48}Ca, ^{150}Nd (feasible?)
    - R&D
      - Crown ether, centrifuge, others
    - If 2%: 10 meV region