# Measurement of Quenching factor and PSD power of NaI crystal

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 In scintillation crystals, the light yields from electron and nuclear recoils of the same energy are different.

 $Quenching Factor = \frac{Light yield from nuclear recoil}{Light yield from electron recoil}$ 

Measured energy from scintillation

Nuclear recoil energy (Initial energy of scattered ion)

- Calibration : use gamma source -> electron recoil
- Interaction with dark matter : Nuclear recoil

# **Experimental Setup**



#### **Neutron Generator**

• The fusion process of making neutrons  $(1\times10^8 / s)$ D + D  $\rightarrow$  n + <sup>3</sup>He (Q = 3.27 MeV)

$$E_n^{1/2} = \frac{1}{M_{He} + M_n} \left[ \sqrt{M_d * M_n * E_d} * \cos \theta + \sqrt{M_d * M_n * E_d} * \cos^2 \theta + (M_{He} + M_n) \left[ (M_{He} - M_d) E_d + M_{He} * Q \right] \right]$$



## **Trigger logic**



#### Threshold voltage

- PMT : 10 mV
- Neutron Detectors : 50 mV

#### Pulse width trigger for neutron detector

• Neutron detectors : 10 ns

#### Pulse count trigger for NaI crystal

Two or more pulses in each PMT
& Sum of pulse count of PMTs is larger than four within 400 ns

#### 1. Timing cut for PMTs

- Time difference between two PMTs < 0.2 ( $\mu$ s)
- Start position of signal > 2.0 ( $\mu$ s) (Trigger Position : 3  $\mu$ s)
- 2. Charge Asymmetry cut for PMTs (-0.6 < charge asymmetry < 0.6)



#### 3. Neutron Detector PSD





4. Time of flight



X axis : Time difference between NaI signal and ND signal



#### Na recoil event

Gaussian fit (3 ~ 20 keV)

Mean = 11.26 Sigma = 3.67

#### I recoil event

Poisson fit (0.2 ~ 1.5 keV)

Mean = 0.76 Sigma = 0.87

#### Simulation with Geant4



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**Upper View** 



**Front View** 

Side View

Blue : PMT (R12669) Red : PMT Holder (with Al Plate x2 & Al Stick x4)

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#### Na recoil event

Gaussian fit (45 ~ 80 keV)

Mean = 63.05 Sigma = 5.93

#### I recoil event

Poisson fit (8 ~ 15 keV)

Mean = 11.42 Sigma = 1.09

#### **Preliminary Result**



#### **Trigger efficiency**



Energy (keV)

Some events with low energies can be thrown away by trigger condition

-> Estimated quenching factor is large than real value.



- Quenching factor for NaI crystal was measured for recoiled sodium from 10 to 100 keVnr (14~20%) and for recoiled iodide from 10 to 75 keVnr (5~7%)
- Additional analysis
  - Trigger efficiency for NaI signals at low energy region
- Additional measurement with other crystals
  - With different dopant, size, etc...

#### Setup to measure Quality factor of NaI crystal



#### Setup to measure Quality factor of NaI crystal (set2)



# For clusters with time0x[n] < det0.t0 + 1.5

$$MT = \frac{1}{2} * \left(\frac{\sum \text{clust00[n]}*(\text{time00[n]}-\text{det0.t0})}{\sum \text{clust00[n]}} + \frac{\sum \text{clust01[n]}*(\text{time01[n]}-\text{det0.t0})}{\sum \text{clust01[n]}}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} * \left(\frac{\sum \text{clust00[n]}*\text{time00[n]}}{\sum \text{clust00[n]}} + \frac{\sum \text{clust01[n]}*\text{time01[n]}}{\sum \text{clust01[n]}}\right) - \text{det0.t0}$$

clust0x[n]	: charge sum of n th cluster of PMT x
time0x[n]	: mean time of n th cluster of PMT x
det0.t0	: mean time of $1^{st}$ cluster of NaI signal

#### In(MT) – Neutron generator - KRISS

#### (Fit with Bi-Gaussian)

5~6 keV



6~7 keV



7~8 keV



8~9 keV



#### In(MT) summary (temp)



\*For neutron generator data, generator was operated about 45 hours. ->  $\sim$  1,000 events/keV in 1~9 keV region

#### NaI deposit energy vs. ToF (NaI~ND / SNU Am/Be)







Compton : ~5% of Photoelectric

& assuming scattered gamma is uniformly distributed in 0~40 keV

-> There are only 11 gamma events per 1 keV (~1 %) (9,000 \* 0.05 \* 0.025)

Not sufficient to explain difference in SNU and KRISS result



Calculated visible energy of I recoil events < 10 keV

(energy of neutron < 8 MeV)



X axis : Neutron scattering angle Y axis : Cross section (data from ENDF)

#### Deposit energy on NaI



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ND3



#### In(MT)



- Measured PSD power of NaI crystal
- Different result with SNU result (same crystal)
- Found problem in DAQ trigger condition
  - -> DAQ is ongoing with fixed trigger condition (Still different with SNU data)

# **Backup Slides**

## Measured neutron beam energy with 50cm (5cm diameter) He3 detector





**Thermal neutrons** (191 keV proton escape edge / 763 keV full energy peak)



Neutrons from generator (<sup>3</sup>He recoils / <sup>3</sup>He (n,p) <sup>3</sup>H)





Energy differe nce (MeV)	Proton escape		Thermal n full energy peak		3He recoil		p+t full energy peak		Const.	Slope	χ²/ndf
	Data	Sim	Data	Sim	Data	Sim	Data	Sim			
- 0.1	93.4 ± 2.79	191 ± 5.73	393 ± 8.92	763 ± 22.89	952.8 ± 28.56	1785 ± 53.6	1713 ± 41	3,136 ± 94.1	17.46	1.86	0.38
- 0.05						1823 ± 54.7		3,186 ± 95.6	14.54	1.89	0.09
± 0			.,			1860 ± 55.8		3,236 ± 97.1	11.67	1.92	0.20
+ 0.05	.,	.,	,,	.,	.,	1898 ± 56.9	.,	3,286 ± 98.6	8.78	1.94	0.74
+ 0.1						1936 ± 58.1		3,333 ± 100.0	5.99	1.97	1.57



Neutron Beam energy = 2.43 ± 0.03 (MeV)

X axis : Neutron energy difference Y axis : chi-sqr / ndf