

$0\nu\beta\beta$  experiment based on  $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$  with  
simultaneous phonon and photon detection  
using TES

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# Beijing Normal University

## □ Features

### ◆ The first national university in China

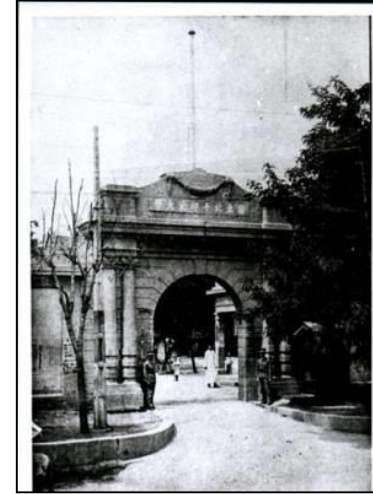
- Founded in 1902
- Research-intensive, Comprehensive

### ◆ Top 1 normal university in China

- Education, Chinese History, etc.

### ◆ Outstanding Alumni

- Winner of Nobel Prize in Literature
- Mr. Yan Mo



## □ Academic Units

### ◆ 24 Colleges and Schools

### ◆ 36 Research Institutes

### ◆ 168 Research Centers



北京师范大学核科学与技术学院  
College of Nuclear Science and Technology, Beijing Normal University

# Beijing Normal University

## □ Academic Faculty

◆ Faculties: **1840**

- Professors: 692
- Associate Professors: 698
- Member of the National Academy of Sciences and Engineering: 19



## □ Students

◆ Full-time: **21964**

- Undergraduate: 8854
- Graduate: 11261
- International Students: 1849

◆ Part-time: **40178**



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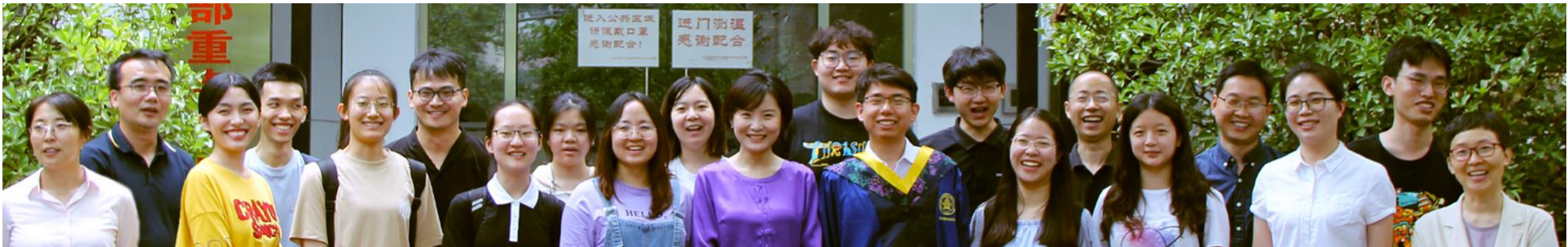
## □ College of Nuclear Science and Technology

- ◆ Founded in 1958
- ◆ Faculties: 59

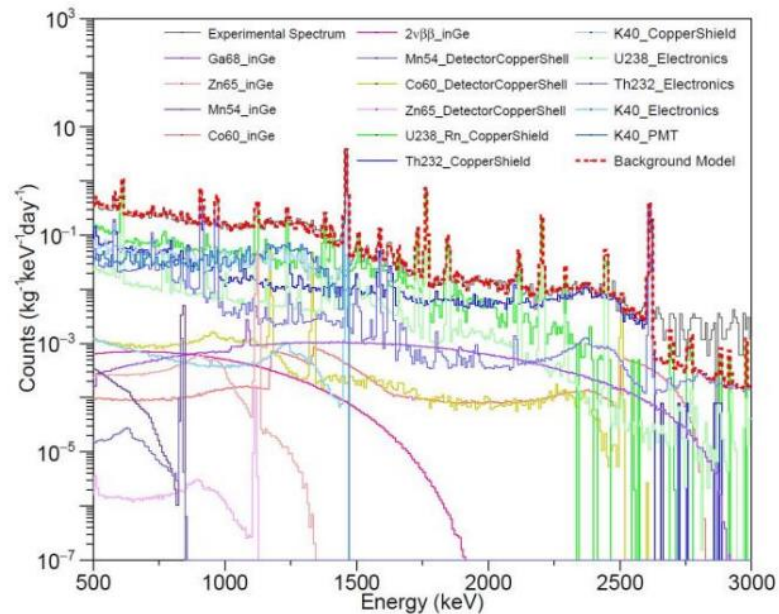


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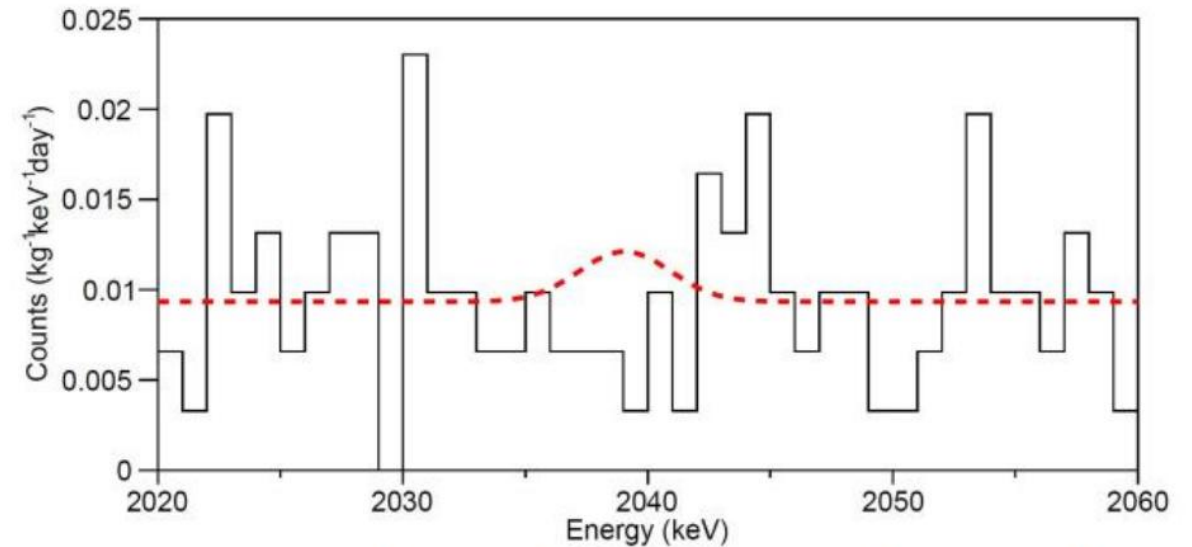
- ◆ Founded in 2018
- ◆ Faculties: 8
- ◆ Graduate & Undergraduate: 26
- ◆ Radiation Physics and Detection Technology
  - Background radiation measurement techniques and methods



# $^{76}\text{Ge}$ -based $0\nu\beta\beta$ from CDEX-1 experiment



**Figure 6** (Color online) The decomposition of the background spectrum of CDEX-1 detector in the high energy of 500 keV to 3 MeV.



**Figure 7** Spectrum without efficiency correction in the region of interest for the  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay, the red dash line corresponds to 90% C.L. upper limit derived in this work superimposed the fitted background.

- Average event rate at the 2.039 MeV energy range is about **0.012 count per keV per kg per day**.
- The half-life of  $^{76}\text{Ge}$   $0\nu\beta\beta$  has been derived as:  **$T_{0\nu} 1/2 > 6.4 \times 10^{22}$  yr** (90% C.L.).
- An upper limit on the effective **Majorana-neutrino mass of 5.0 eV** has been achieved

# Scintillator based $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay experiment

## Cryogenic scintillating bolometers are promising detectors for $0\nu2\beta$ experiments:

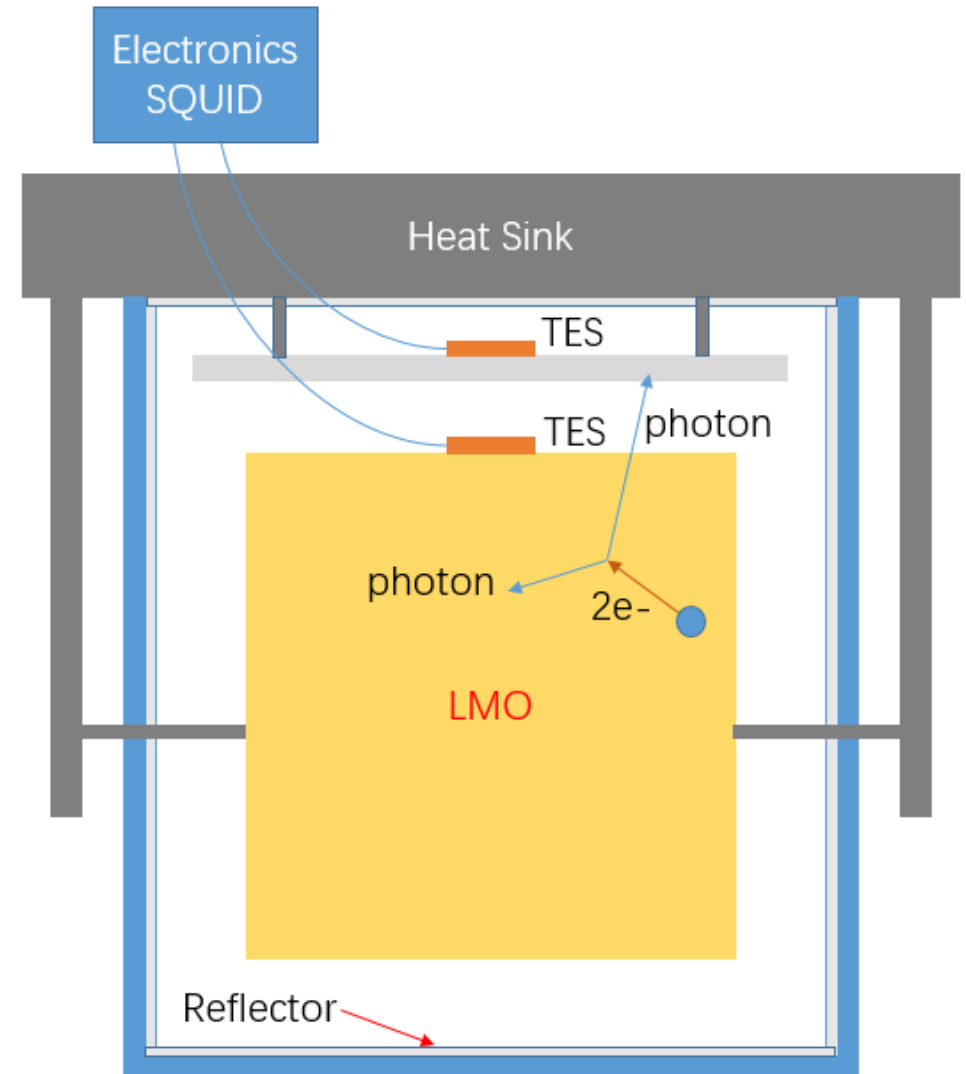
- high energy resolution (a few keV)
- high detection efficiency
- low price

## The isotope $^{100}\text{Mo}$ is one of the most promising $2\beta$ nuclei:

- high energy of the decay ( $Q_{2\beta} = 3034.40$  keV )
- comparatively high natural isotopic abundance ( $\delta = 9.744(65)\%$  )
- possibility of isotopical separation by centrifugation in a large amount

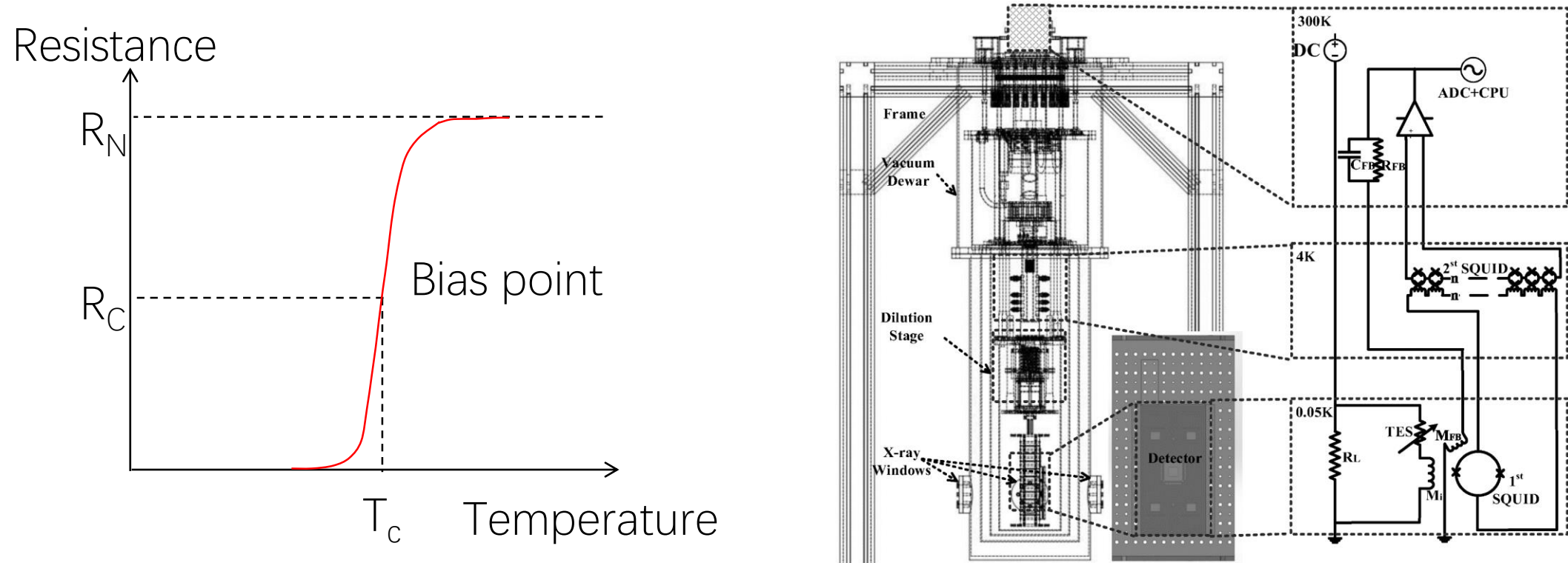
# $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4 + \text{TES } 0\nu\beta\beta$ detector

- Use Mo containing Scintillating Bolometer :  $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4 + \text{TES}$
- For Each crystal, phonon sensors made of TES, which is with **fast timing resolution and energy resolution**, to discriminate pileup events of  $2\nu\beta\beta$ .
- For Each crystal, **phonon and photon** sensors made of TES+SQUIDs to separate alphas (background) and betas (signal).





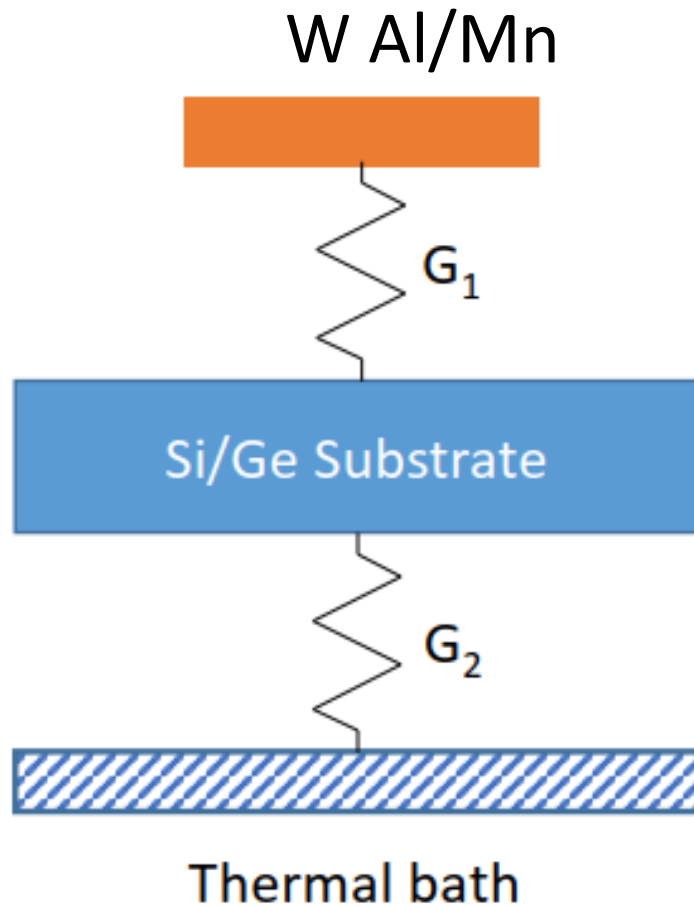
# Transition Edge Superconducting detectors



## Transition Edge Sensors (TES) LDs are an excellent choice

- High energy resolution  $\rightarrow$  Low  $T_c$
- Fast response time  $\rightarrow$  Negative electrothermal feedback
- Large scale multiplexing

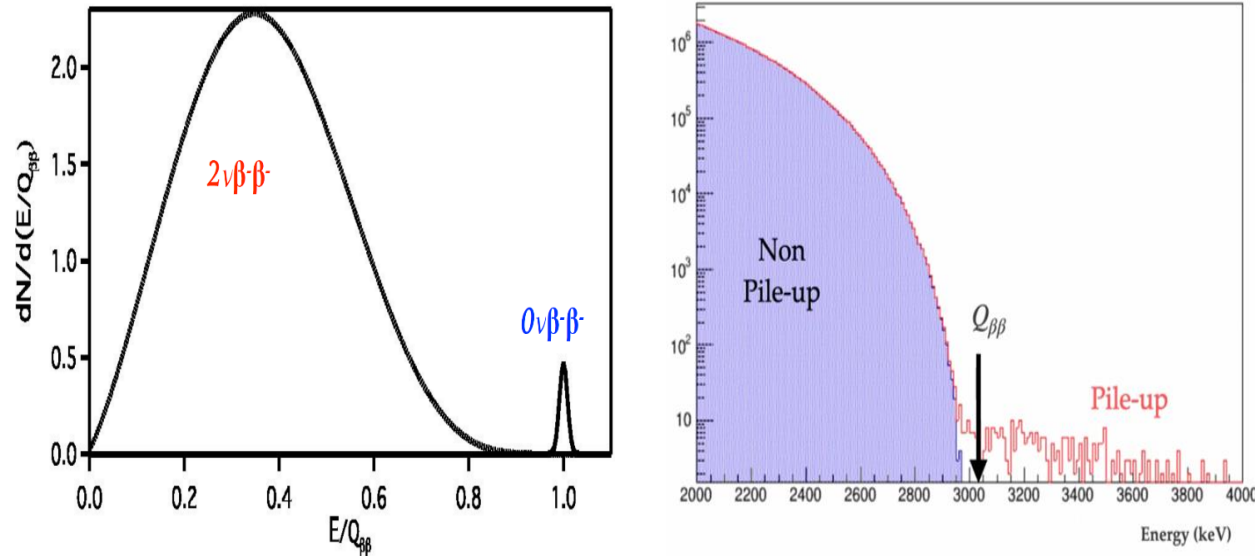
# Path to a Low $T_c$ TES Detector



- Low  $T_c$  Superconducting films: **W or Al/Mn** bilayers,  $T_c$  tunable between **10-20 mK**.
- Light absorber: 2" Si/Ge wafer
- Detector dynamics modeled with TES physics
- Fabrication at IHEP, characterization at IHEP and ShanghaiTech

# Background Rejection

- Random Coincidence of  $2\nu\beta\beta$  decay events



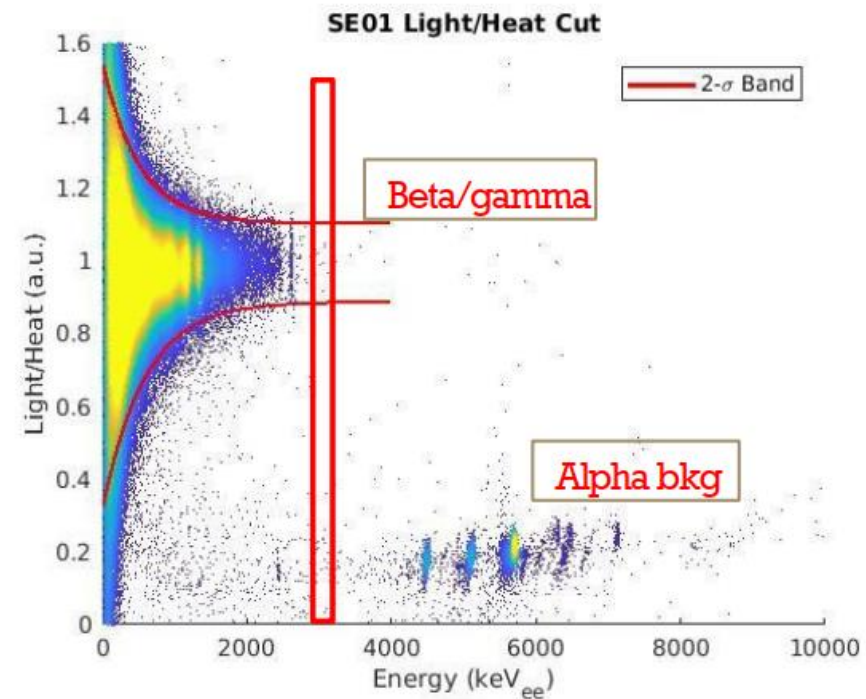
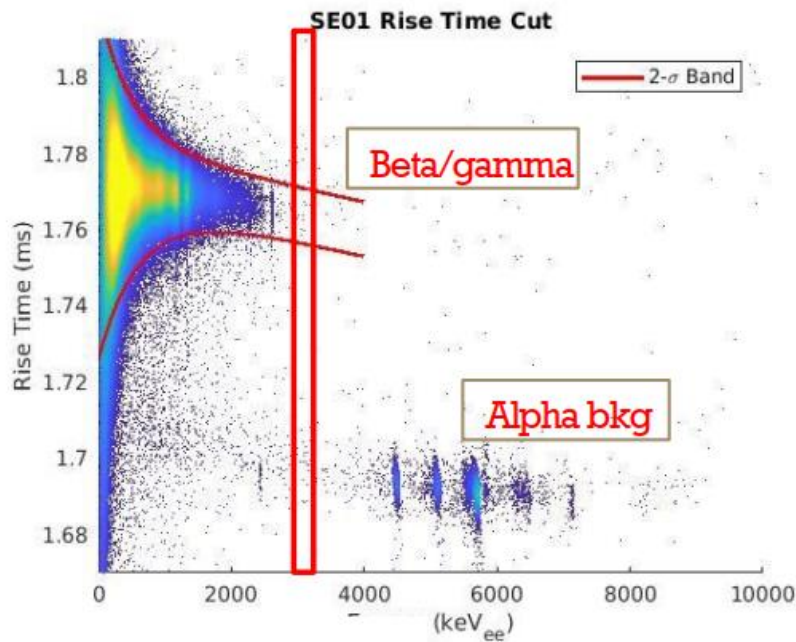
CUPID Group, 2021

Two-neutrino double  $\beta$  decay can create an irremovable background even in high energy resolution detectors searching for neutrinoless double  $\beta$  decay due to random coincidence of  $2\nu 2\beta$  events in the case of poor time resolution.

# Background Rejection

- Alphas

Alpha Backgrounds are effectively rejected with pulse shape discriminator and light-to-heat ratio



# Summary

- Mo containing Scintillating Bolometer ( $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4 + \text{TES}$ ) to look for  $0\nu\beta\beta$  is under development.
- Simultaneous phonon and photon readout are proposed to reject alpha and random  $2\nu\beta\beta$  coincidence events
- TES aiming tunable  $T_c$  between 10-20 mK