

Development of an R-value-Based Trigger Algorithm for Energy Threshold Reduction

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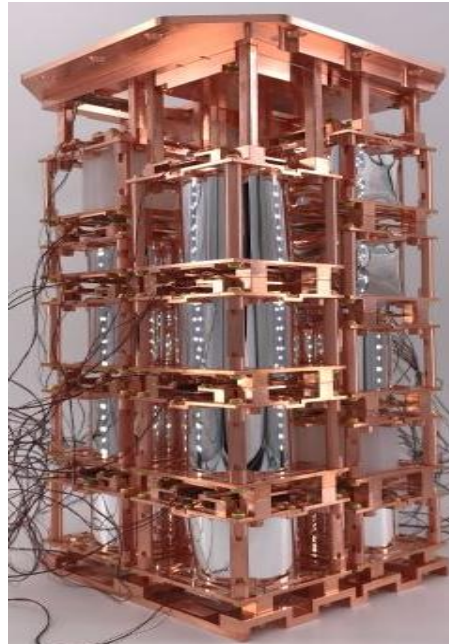
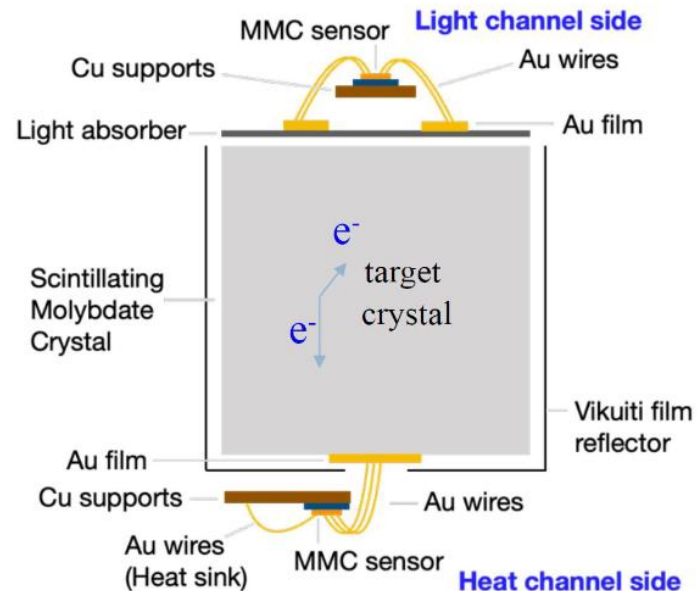
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Talk: AMoRE-II construction by SeungCheon Kim on Aug. 25th
Poster: Background Modeling of AMoRE-I by B. Bhandari, etc..

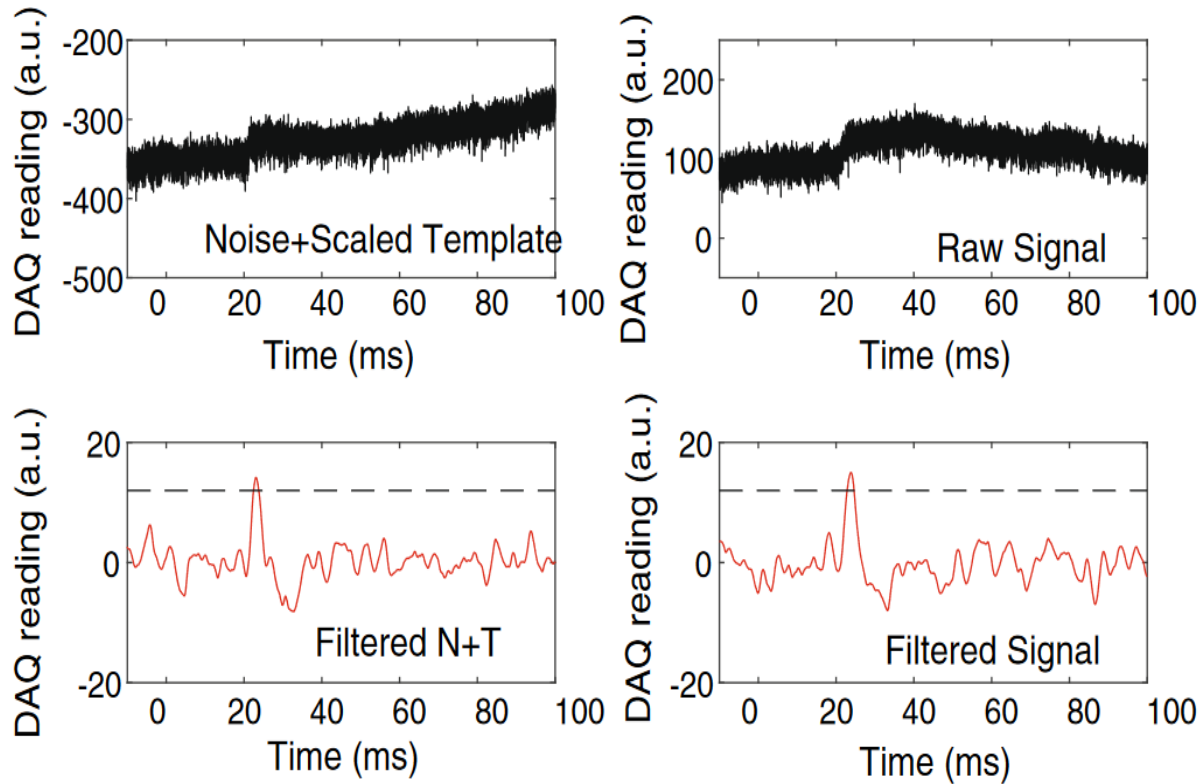
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- To achieve the lowest possible energy threshold:
 - Improves background understanding
 - Expands the physics reach of the experiment
 - Possibly to study double electron capture of ^{40}Ca of CaMoO_4 crystal by AMoRE I&II
 - $2\nu 2K$ (6.4keV), $0\nu 2EC$ (193.51keV)
 - Dark matter search, etc...

A study of neutrinoless double electron capture of Ca-40 with the AMoRE-I experiment by Bijaya on Aug.26th

Conventional trigger (height trigger)



- Leading edge trigger: the trigger occurs at the first crossing of a set height threshold
- Determined threshold from noise RMS
- Apply to filtering before trigger for noise reduction
 - Butterworth bandpass filter
 - Optimal filter

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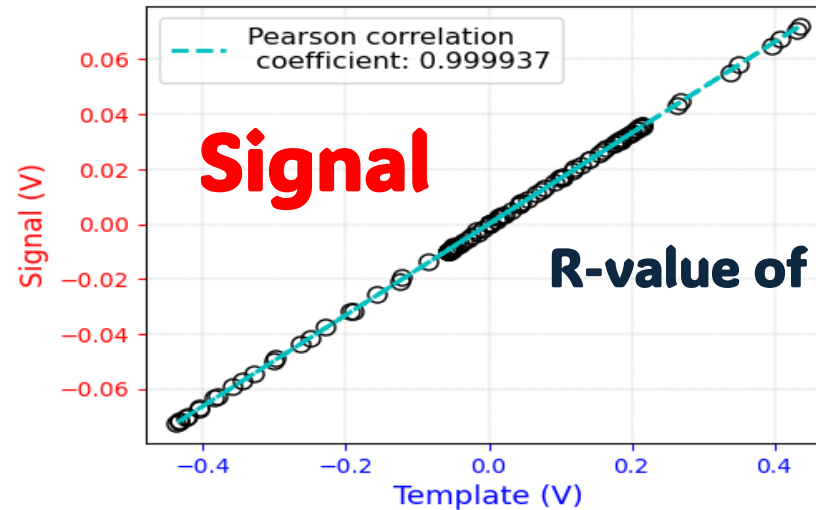
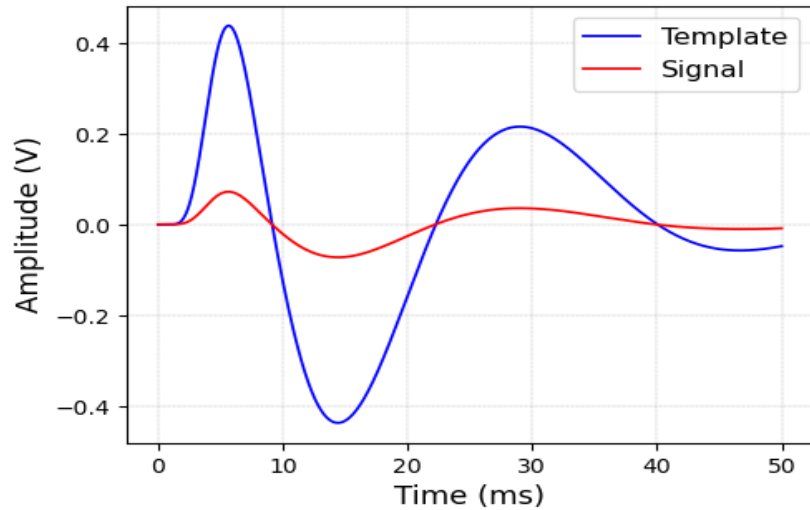
$$r_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N \delta x_i \cdot \delta y_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \delta x_i^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \delta y_i^2}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x}) \cdot (y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

Where; x : a slice of data, y : a signal template

- Measure of Linear Correlation Between Two Variables (x , y)
- Defined as the cosine of the angle between two variance vectors,
 - $-1 < r_{xy} < 1$

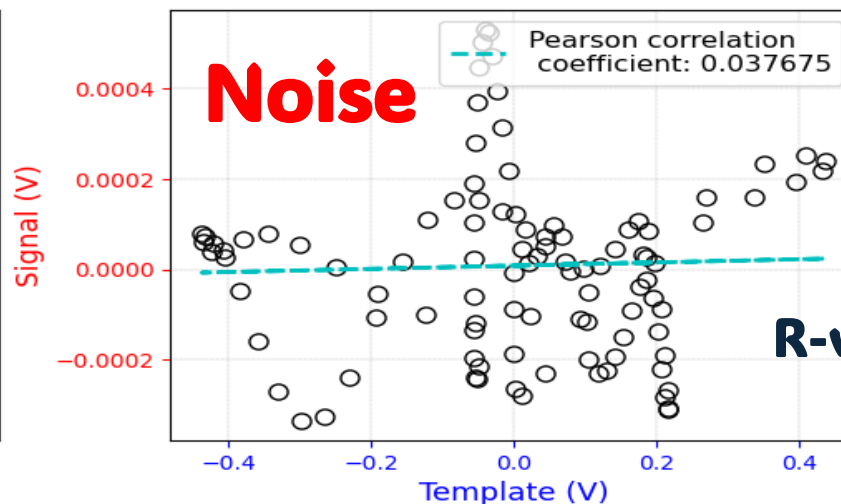
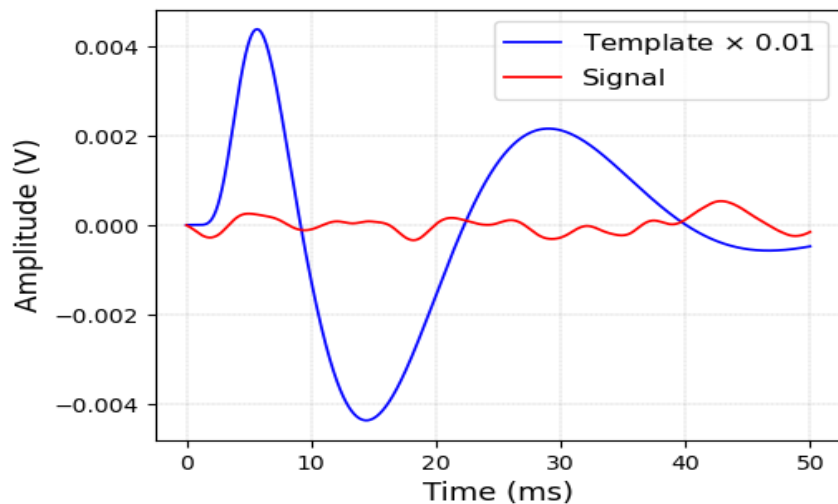
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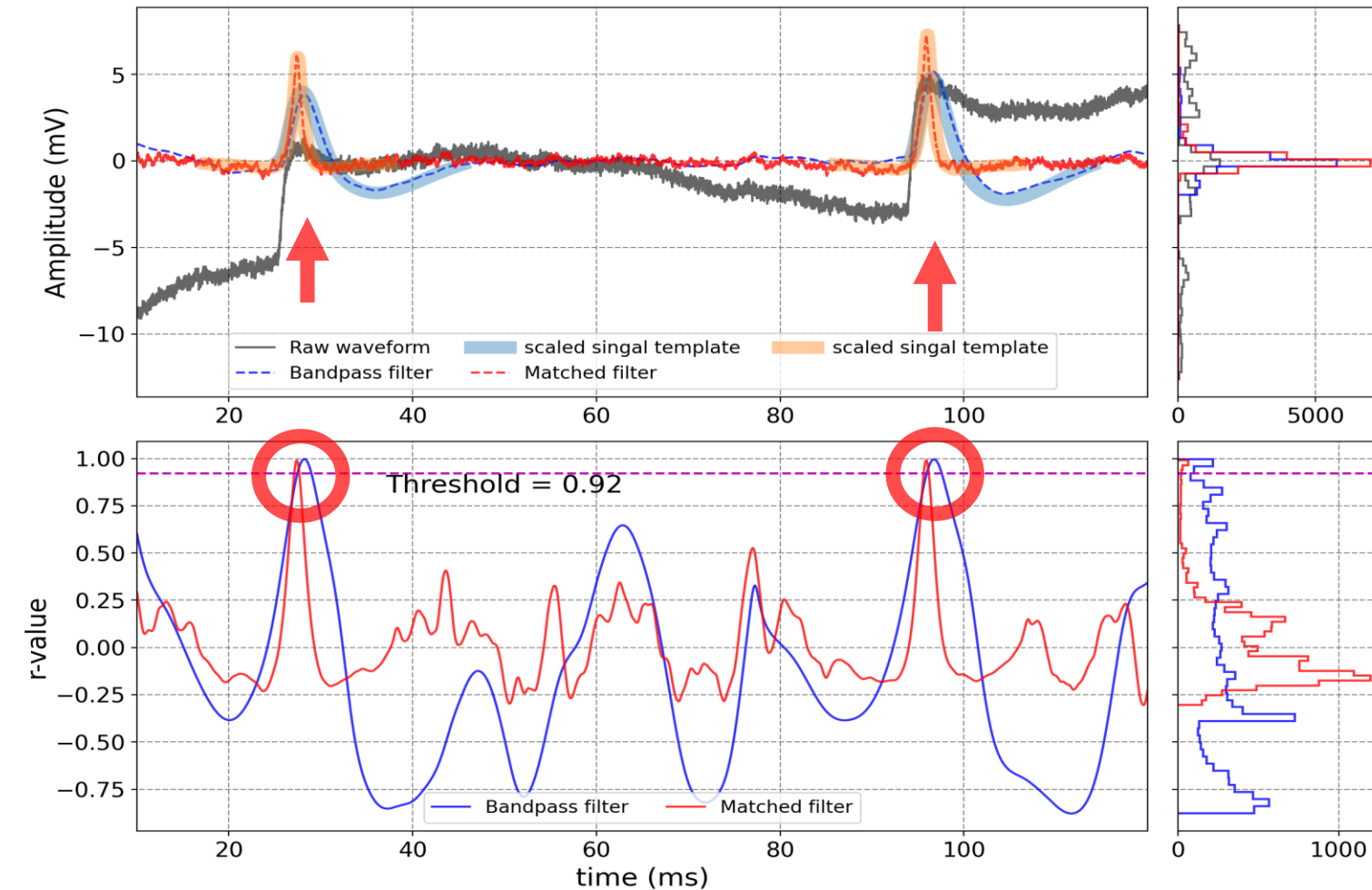
$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

- Butterworth bandpass filter



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Example of r-value trigger process

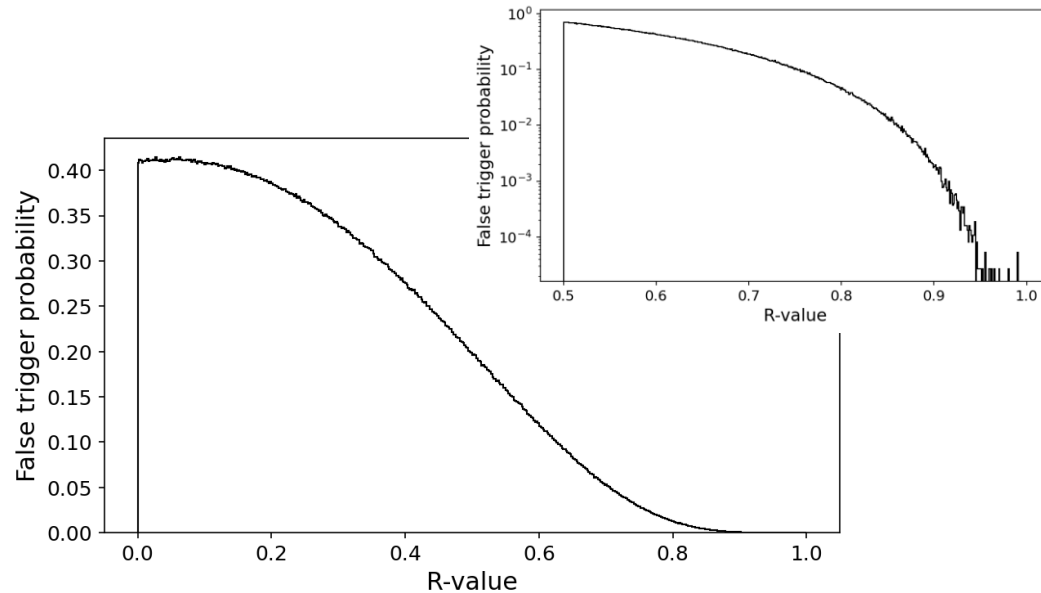


- Use N data points with a single template to calculate the r-value
- Continuously calculate r-value; trigger and save signal at r-value local maximum
- Transfer function of 'Matched filter (optimal filter)'

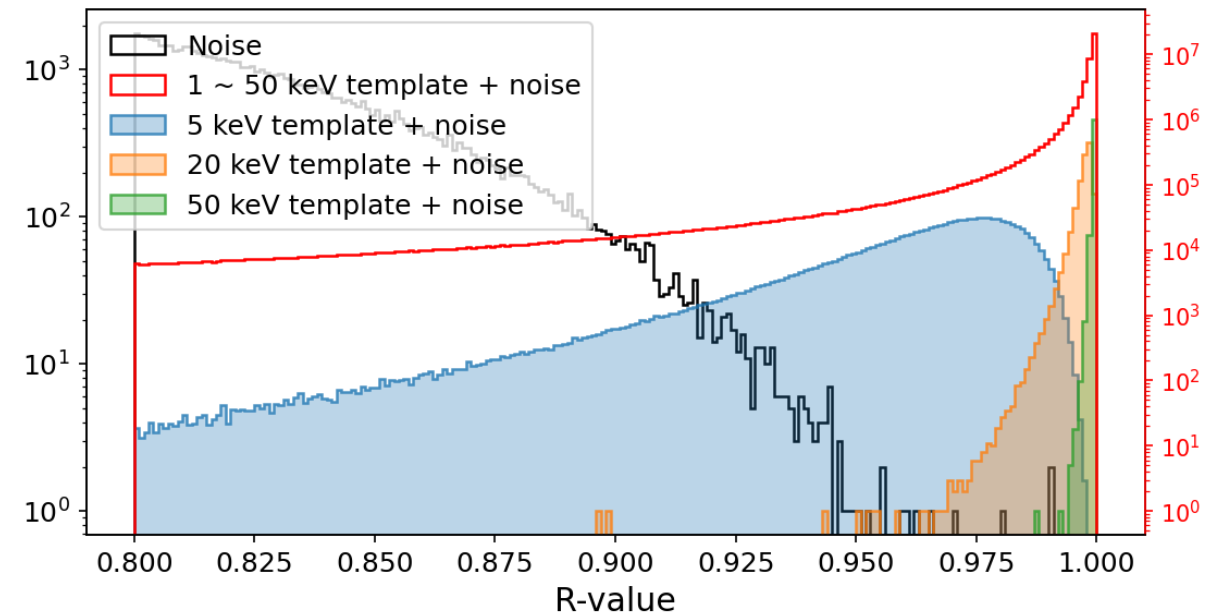
$$H(\omega_k) = h \frac{s^*(\omega_k)}{N(\omega_k)} e^{-j\omega_k i_M}$$

- $N(\omega_k)$: noise power spectrum of detector
- $s(\omega_k)$: the Discrete Fourier Transform of signal shape
- i_M : the maximum position of signal in the acquisition window

Threshold determination & noise contribution

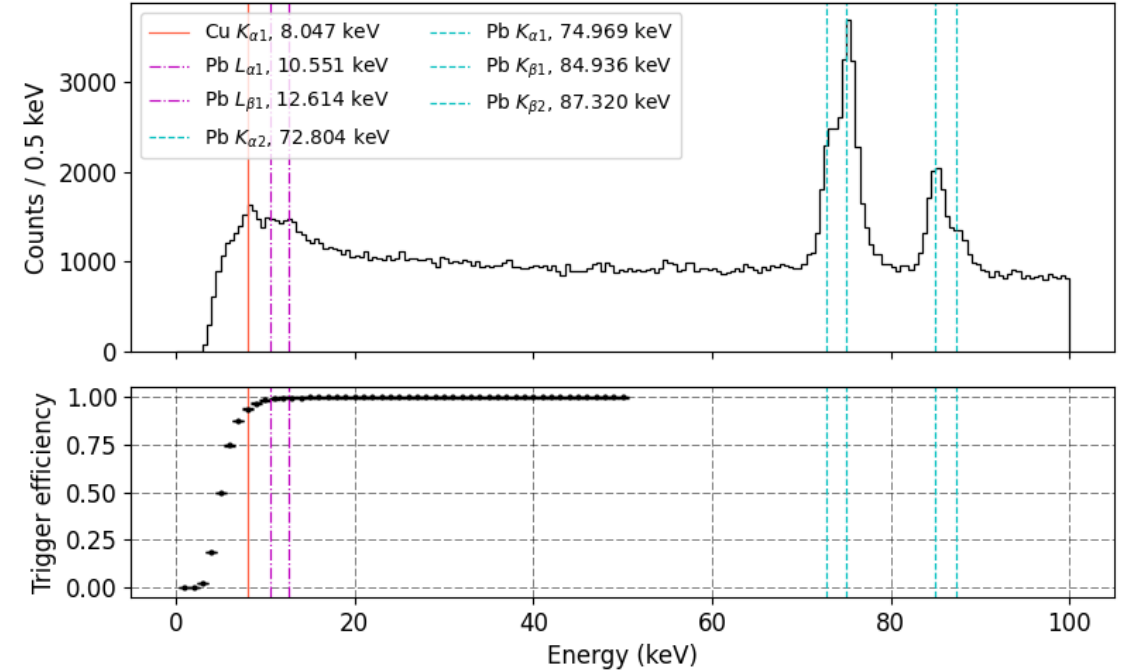
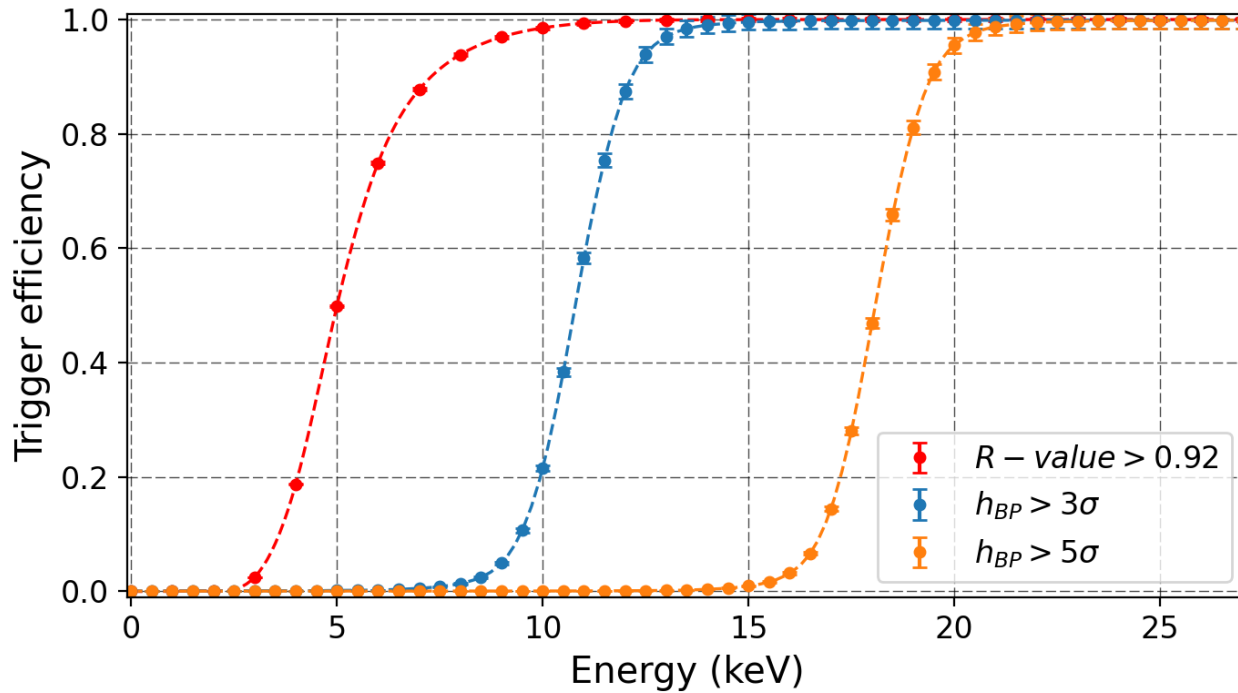


- Evaluation of trigger threshold, efficiency, and noise contribution
 - $\sim 2.5 \times 10^7$ raw data samples (1-50 keV) analyzed
 - R-value calculated for :
 1. Noise data: random noise samples
 2. Simulated data: noise + signal template



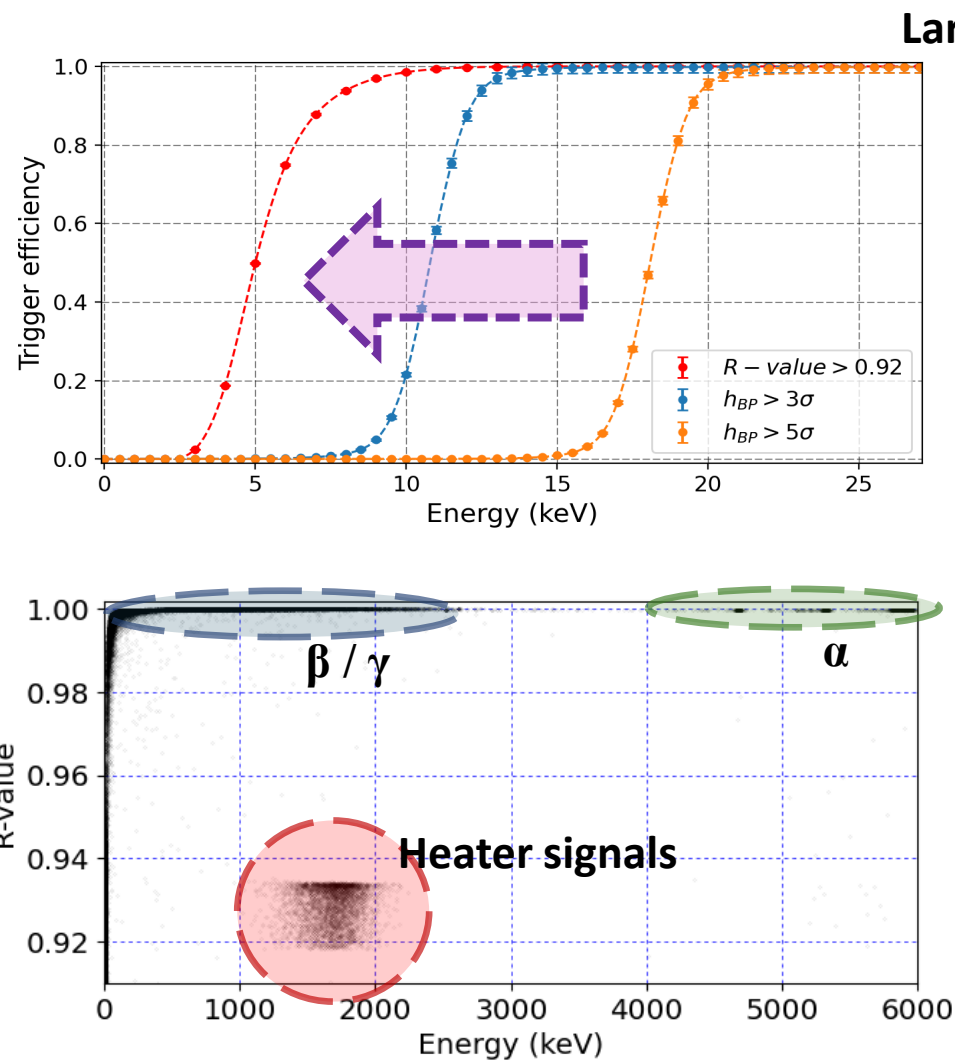
- Consider noise contribution ($\text{Thr} > R_{\text{noise}}$)
- Inefficiency of signal R-value.

Performance

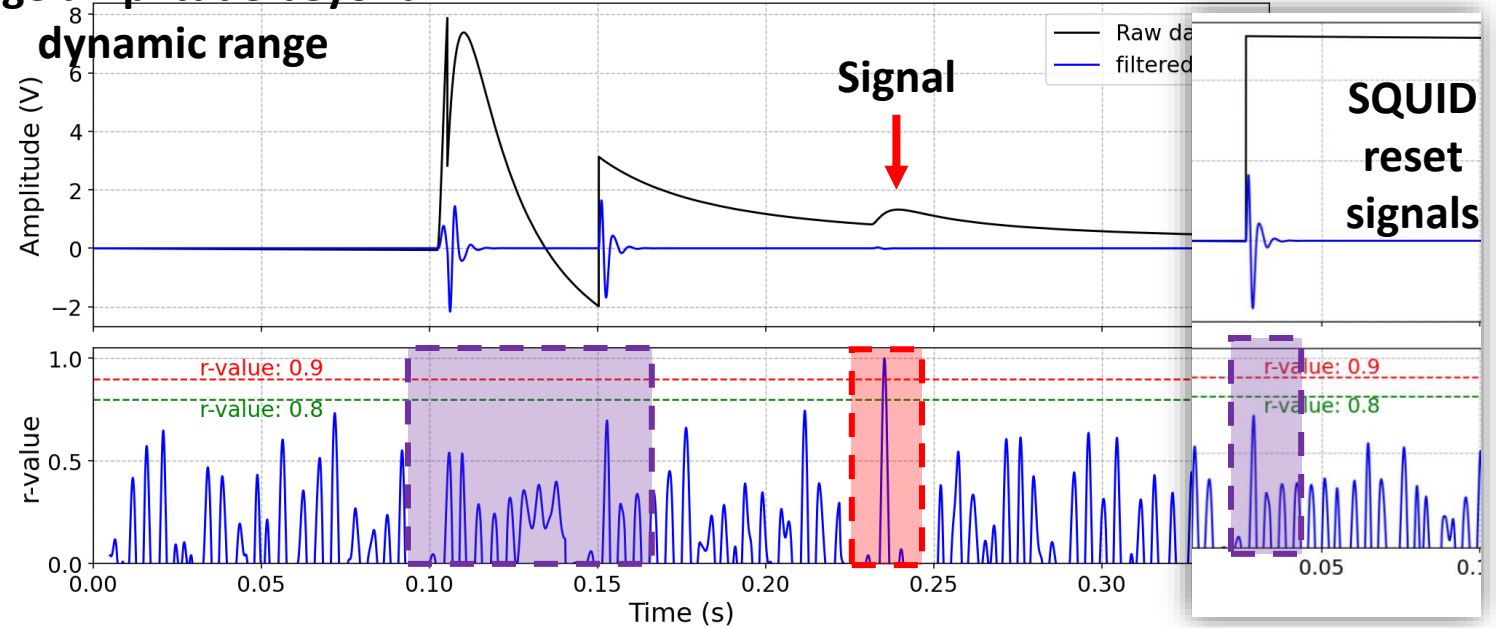


- Test of r-value trigger (bandpass filter) performance using the aboveground R&D experiment with Li_2MoO_4 crystal (mass: $\sim 300\text{g}$).
- The threshold of a conventional trigger was typically set to the noise RMS, corresponding to 3 or 5 σ .

Advantages

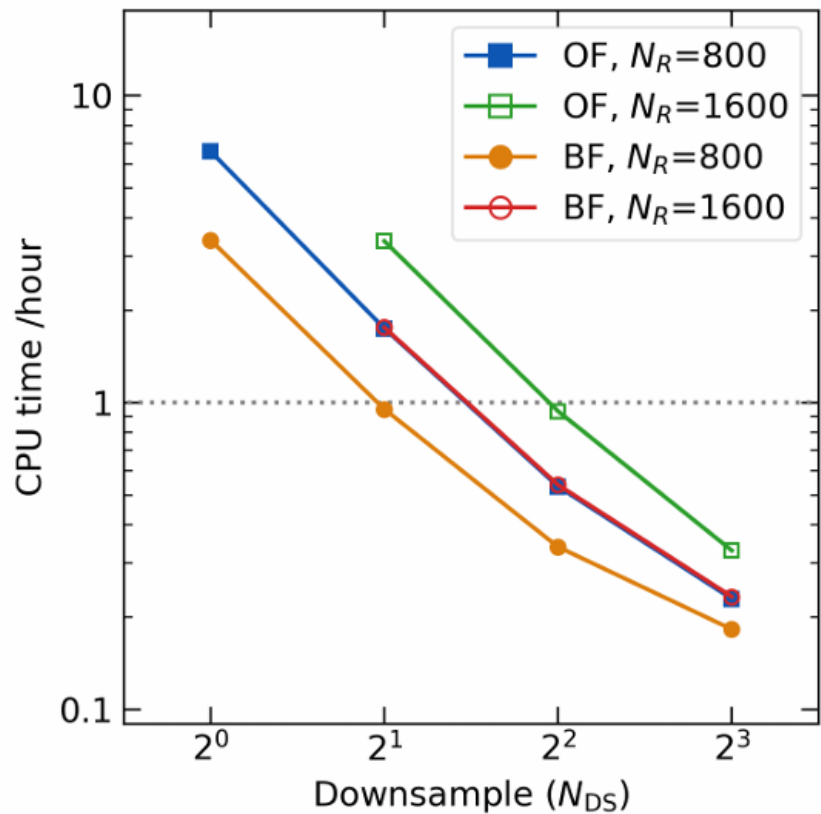


Large amplitude beyond
dynamic range



- Lower energy threshold than previous trigger.
- Can ignore unphysical events (SQUID reset signal, square wave, noise, etc.)

Consideration for practical use



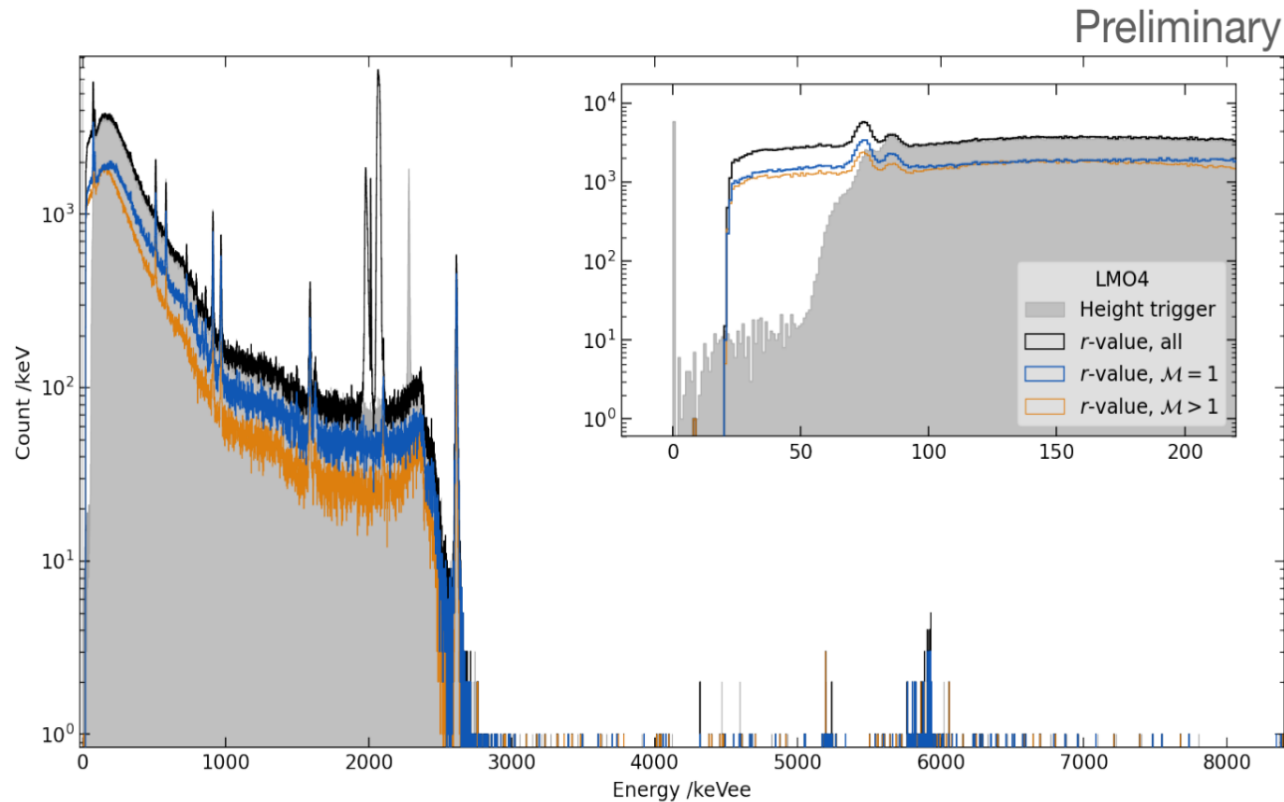
CPU time for processing two hours'
AMoRE-I continuous data for 8 heat channels
from 1 AMOREADC module

- Real-time software trigger must be ensured for AMoRE-II.
- Each new data point requires:
 - Summation of N products, additional calculations, I/O, and filtering
- Optimal filter requires more computation than Butterworth bandpass filter.
- With sampling rate (100 kHz) and $N \sim 1000$ (10ms) \rightarrow Real-time trigger is impossible.
- Solution \rightarrow Apply Down-sampling
- A single-thread ROOT/C++ process can handle continuous data without delay at $NDS \geq 4$ (25kHz)

Apply to AMoRE experiment

- **r-value trigger**
 - signal template: 2.615 MeV γ signal obtained from calibration source data
 - Strongly dependent on the pulse shape, which changes with energy and event type (α , β/γ , heater signals, etc.).
- Reducing computing resource during the trigger process:
 - Down-sampling to reduce the number of data points.
- Suppress noise using simple filters such as Butterworth bandpass or optimal filters.

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- Energy spectrum of Source calibration data by $\text{Li}_2^{100}\text{MoO}_4$ crystal detector. (Crystal mass: $\sim 300\text{g}$)
- X-ray peaks from lead are clearly observed at 72.8, 74.9, and 84.9 keV. These peaks can be used for energy calibration in the low-energy range.
- Most of AMoRE-I detectors reach energy thresholds below $50 \text{ keV}_{\text{ee}}$.
 - the lowest energy threshold: $< 10\text{keV}$

Summary

- A new trigger logic based on the r -value is being developed.
 - Consider the optimized filtering:
optimal filter, low-, high-, bandpass filter, ...
- It achieves a lower energy threshold than the conventional pulse-height-based trigger.
- The new trigger has been tested with both R&D experimental data and AMoRE-I data.
- It will be applied to real-time data taking with down-sampling in the AMoRE-II experiment.