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Development of the Advanced Multi-neutron Detection Array for the study of multi-neutron clusters

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Structure and correlations of nuclei at and beyond the neutron drip line have attracted lots of attention in the last decades. Strongly correlated neutrons may also form neutron clusters (e.g., $3n$, $4n$). Despite many experimental and theoretical efforts, the properties of these neutron clusters still remain elusive. To study the structure of the extremely neutron-rich nuclei and the correlations between the constituent neutrons, we are now developing a new neutron detector array, Advanced Multi-neutron Detection Array (AMDA), aiming for high-resolution and high-efficiency multi-neutron detection. A prototype array has been built, which is composed of four detector units each consisting of the BC408 plastic scintillator with a size of $2\text{cm} \times 2\text{cm} \times 100\text{cm}$ and SiPM. The time and position resolution, and the attenuation length have been determined from the cosmic ray test.

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