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CUPID-0: a cryogenic calorimeter with particle identification for double beta decay search

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With their excellent energy resolution, efficiency, and intrinsic radio-purity, cryogenic calorimeters are primed for the search of neutrino-less double beta decay (0nDBD). The sensitivity of these devices could be further increased by discriminating the dominant alpha background from the expected beta like signal. The CUPID-0 collaboration aims at demonstrating that the measurement of the scintillation light produced by the absorber crystals allows for particle identification and, thus, for a complete rejection of the alpha background. The CUPID-0 detector, assembled in 2016 and now in commissioning, consists of 26 Zn82Se scintillating calorimeters for about 2x1025 0nDBD emitters. In this contribution we present the preliminary results obtained with the detector and the perspectives for a next generation project.

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