

# BEGe project: chronology/crystal pulling/plans

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# Goal of <sup>depl</sup>Ge BEGe projects

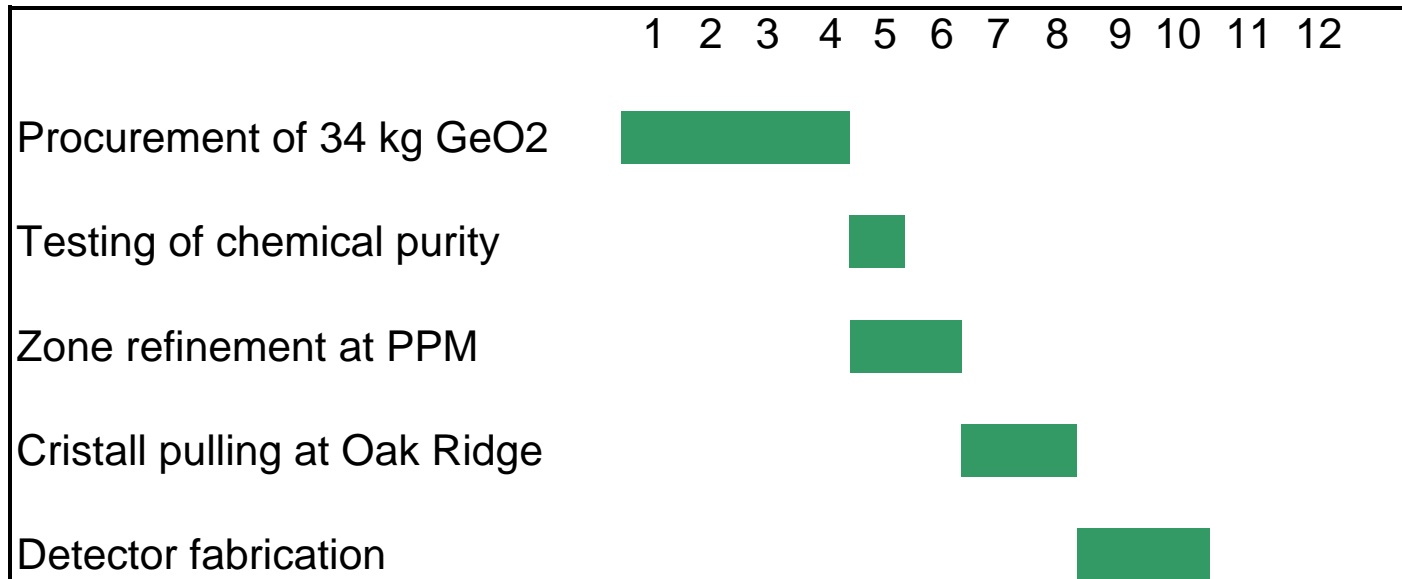
- Show that **working BEGe** detectors can be produced based on material supply chain (<sup>dep/enr</sup>Ge from ECP; reduction and purification to 6N at PPM; crystal pulling at Oak Ridge; diode fabrication at Olen)
- Test production scheme **to maximize detector yield from 37.5 kg <sup>enr</sup>Ge** using 20 kg of <sup>dep</sup>Ge

# project distribution

	prototype	depl. Ge	purification	crystal pulling	detector fabr.	testing
<b>Tuebingen</b>		x		x	(x)	x
<b>Dresden</b>			x			x
<b>Zuerich</b>				x	x	x
<b>INFN</b>	x			x	x	x
<b>IRMM</b>	x				x	x
<b>MPIK</b>	x			(x)		x

- procurement support by INR
- zone refinement support by MPI Munich

# Schedule as of early 2009



# Chronology

- Jan 28 09:** order of 34 kg dep-Ge-oxide by Tuebingen
- Apr 6/7 09:** Oak Ridge/Meriden – C.Cattadori, A. Garfagnini, St.S.
- Apr 30 09:** arrival of dep-Ge in Tuebingen
- May 5 09:** ICPMS results from LNGS
- May 12 09:** start of reduction and purification at PPM ←
- Jun 22 09:** zone refined bars arrived at MPIK (21.4 kg / 91% yield)
- Jul 8 09:** 21.4 kg material arrived at Oak Ridge as 'temporary imported goods' ←
- Jul 17 09:** zone refinement completed; cutting each bar in 4 slices
- Aug 4 09:** 1<sup>st</sup> crystal pulled (#4 piece)
- Aug 27 09:** 2<sup>nd</sup> crystal pulled (#3 piece)
- Sep 30 09:** re-growth of #3 ←

## Plan:

- Until 30. Oct.: #2,#1, re-growth of #4 (tbd)
- Nov: meeting at Oak Ridge to discuss selection of slices  
shipment of dep-Ge to MPIK => Olen
- Dec: start of detector production
- Jan/Feb '10: first BEGe from depl-Ge available

1 month contamin. 2 months by economical crisis!

# Results from crystal growth

## # 4 piece (tail end) – Aug 4:

- top 20% of the ingot is p-type with and net impurity level  $<1E10$ , which however is too pure for BEGe's
- residual 80% is n-type
- acceptor impurity is probable Al; donor impurity probable Phosphor;
- ingot was pulled with In-doping for compensation;
- amount of In doping was chosen based on a precursor experiment done by Canberra using their regular material and cutting the zone refined bars in 4 slices (instead of their usual 3 slices).
- crystal can be regrown with and increased In doping with a good chance to achieve BEGe detector quality;
- **Milestone: PPM material (after zone refinement at Oak Ridge) suitable for BEGe detector production**

## #3 piece – Aug 27:

- Net impurity (p-type) level  $4E10$  – too high for BEGe's
- Al contamination in process identified and removed
- Regrowing Sep 30 - results: Oct. 2

# Preparing the acceptance testing of depleted BEGe's

- 4-5 detectors, above ground at LNGS, Struck FADC from HD
- HV curve, energy resolution, peak tails, active volume and dead layer measurements ( $^{241}\text{Am}$  and  $^{60}\text{Co}$ ), full PSD performance test with  $^{228}\text{Th}$
- stability measurement? near electrode sensitivity loss test?
- establish common PSD analysis procedure

People: Dusan, Assunta, Matteo, Alberto, Enrico, .....

# Operation in LAr

N.B: Detector technology same as p-type semi-coax detector

- dismount BEGe crystal from cryostat (80 mm, 70 mm ?)
- test in GDL test stands/LArGe
- Optimized FE electronics for BEGe: CSA77 with separate JFET, PZ0, commercial CMOS, other?
- Time slot: Nov/Dec ?



