## **GERDA TG4 - Cryogenic Vessel**

## **Status Report**

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## Outline



Electron Beam Welding Certification EB Welding Plan for Cryostat Construction Fabrication Plan Open Issues Next Steps Conclusions

## pro-beam Facility

630 m<sup>3</sup> vacuum chamber of pro-beam AG & Co KGaA at 39288 Burg



#### EB welding robot

## Sample Preparation



## EB Control Room



# Rupture Tests



all tests performed by TÜV Nord

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EB welded 20 mm OFE copper sheets

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Results

- under preparation by pro-beam project engineer
- used to investigate
  - how available cryostat design can be adapted to constraints of EB welding (remember only head-head, "I-Stoβ", EB welds are straightforward!)
  - orientations of cryostat parts for optimum welding
  - ▶ jigs needed for fixation of the various cryostat parts for EB welding
- February 1&2, 2006
  - Two days meeting at Burg with all involved parties including representatives of a company with expertise in the construction of vessels and jigs.

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## Examples

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## Fabrication Plan – vry shrt vrsn

- order OFRP copper material ► done (70t)
- roll copper sheets
- cut / mill copper sheets
- EB weld plates for cylinders & vessel heads
- roll cylinder shells and press vessel heads
- cut / mill shells and heads
- clean all pieces
- assemble / pressure test / clean inner container
- mount superinsulation onto inner container
- assemble skirt & lower part of outer container, 'eggcup'
- assemble upper part of outer container
- test / clean outer container parts
- introduce (vertically) inner container into 'eggcup'
- close assembly by upper part of outer container
- rotate assembly into horizontal orientation
- do final weld ► fall 2006 envisaged in Feb 01/02-meeting
- vacuum & cryogenic tests,....., ship to LNGS

### so far, time schedule determined by design and construction of jigs

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- tender being published

Funds

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## **Open Issues**

## Technical

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# Next Steps

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### Open issues, e.g.:

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- layout of clean infrastructure at e-beam welding facility <a href="https://www.elding.com">welding.com</a> <a href="https://www.elding.com"/weight">weight</a> <a href="https://www.elding.com"/weight">weight</a> <a href="https://www.elding.com"/weight">weight</a> <a href="https://www.elding.com"/weight">weight</a> <a href="https://www.elding.com"/weight">weight</a> <a href="https://www.elding.com"/weight">weight</a> <a href="https://www.elding.com"/weight</a> <a href="https://www.eld
- time schedule for cryostat production, installation
- procedure for installation, implications of 3<sup>rd</sup> wall < see talk on 3<sup>rd</sup> wall

◀ in progress

### Superinsulation

teflon sample w/o spacer tested at HD

► Th-228 / Ra-226 activity < 6.3 / 4.2 mBq/kg, (better limits needed).

Alternative: 10 layer laser-cut 'blanket' samples from AA being screened with GeMPI – first results to be available during this meeting -

► IF activity < 2 / 10 mBq(Th-228 / Ra-226)/ kg THEN OK! for our needs.

## Cleaning of Copper Cryostat – present conclusions / opinions / plans

- 1) electro-polishing very expensive (>200k) would be reasonable only after pressing & rolling and/or after welding.
- 2) Since pressing & rolling will be rather dirty operations first thorough cleaning after these procedures;
  - ▶ pickling with  $H_2SO_4$ , rinsing with (de-ionized ?) water.
- 3) Large part of surfaces to be covered during EB welding.
- 4) After EB welding careful cleaning with (hot? high pressurized?) detergent followed by rinsing with de-ionized water.
- 5) Measure then Rn emanation and conclude on next steps if needed.

## Conclusions

#### Progress

- ► EB welding certification by TÜV Nord done.
  - major milestone passed
- Review of cryogenic cryostat design done.
- Detailed welding plan by pro-beam developed.
- ► 70t of OFE high purity copper ordered.
- Details of rolling procedures clarified, tendering in progress.
- ► Tendering will NOT limit progress in cryostat production.
- ► Good candidate for superinsulation being screened.
- Progress in understanding surface contaminations
  - (► M.Wojcik, G.Zuzel) has led to first plans for cryostat cleaning.
- Critical items

- next slide
- Time Schedule

## Conclusions

### Progress

### Critical items

- ► Timely finalisation of cryostat design.
- Timely cost estimate for design & construction of welding jigs.
- Timely start of design & construction of welding jigs.
- Funds (roaring copper price, additional cost by 3<sup>rd</sup> wall) top priority to all items needed for cryostat (and 3<sup>rd</sup> wall) fabrication.

### Time Schedule

Present infos from companies indicate that cryostat could be delivered by fall this year > 50% CL from past experience. More reliable estimates promised for last week, now announced for this week.

# pro-beam Facility

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