# **GERDA Phase-II Prototype Detectors**





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First 18-fold segmented prototype: operated in vacuum (reported at Colla. Meeting Nov 2006)

Second 18-fold prototype: operated in liquid N2.



19-fold segmented detector: operated in vacuum

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## First 18-fold segmented Phase-II prototype detector





Operated in vacuum.

- Exposed to Co60, Eu152, Th282 and AmBe sources.
- Studied segment anti-coincidence, pulse and neutron interactions.
- → confirmed segmentation technique & MC simulation
   (Publications: see EB webpage or *wwwgerda.mppmu.mpg.de*)

### second 18-fold segmented prototype detector



Outer  $\Phi$  75mm, inner  $\Phi$  10mm, H 70mm, W 1.58kg.

Operating voltage: +2000V

Operate in liquid Nitrogen.

# Test stand for operating in liquid N2





Used non-segmented detector for cooling & operating tests.

# Mounting









## Mounting and lowering



Inserted into liquid Nitrogen on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. Detector and contacts work in liquid Nitrogen since then! Will operate in liquid Argon afterwards.

# What we learned again and again

### PCB replaced by Cu board.



All preamps must be properly grounded.

## Event display











100

150 200 250 300



Eseg0= 447.1		
Eseg1=	0.0	
Eseg2= 4	450.3	
Eseg3=	0.0	
Eseg4=	0.0	

segment3

460

450

440

480

0 50

segmentő

50

segment9

80

0 50



0.0

100 150 200 250 300

0

100 150 200 250 300

40050

100 150 200 250 300



Eseg5= 0.0

Eseg6= 0.0

Eseg7= 0.0 Eseg8= 0.0

Eseg9= 0.0



Eseg15=	0.0
Eseg16=	0.0
Eseg17=	0.0
Eseg18=	0.0





<sup>41 5</sup>Eseg15= 0.0 0 50 100 150 200 250.300



## Leakage current and resolution



Leakage current at 2kV: 30pA FWHM at 1332keV: core 4.7 keV segments 3.6-5.7 keV Improvement expected (preamp settings etc.)



## Physics program

✓ γ sources: detector performance in liquid N2.
✓ Cf252: neutron interaction.
✓ Cd109: measure hole drift velocity.



### Cf252 n-spectrum



 ✓ Search for cosmogenically produced Ge68: Ge68→Ga68 (EC Q=106keV)
 Ga68→Zn68 (e+ decay, Q=2921.1keV)
 signal: 3 segments registered, 2 have 511keV.
 (first 18-fold detector sees no bg, statistics limited)

### 19-fold segmented detector



Same size: Outer Φ 75mm, inner Φ 10mm, H 70mm

19<sup>th</sup> segment: 5mm thick

Operating voltage: 3kV

Operate in vacuum in conventional cryostat.

### 19-fold segmented detector



Same cryotank setup as used for the first 18-fold segmented.

# Event display





Eseg5= 0.0

Eseg6= 0.0

Eseg7= 0.0

Eseg8= 0.0

Eseg10=	2.0
Eseg11=	0.7
Eseg12=	0.0
Eseg13=	0.0
Eseg14=	0.0

Eseg15=	0.0
Eseg16=	0.0
Eseg17=	0.0
Eseg18=	0.0
Eseg19=	474.0







segment12













segment17





## Leakage current and resolution





### Physics program for 19-fold segmented detector

Characterization of the detector:

resolution, crystal axis, segment anti-coincidence etc.

The 19<sup>th</sup> segment:

understand resolution.

study dead layer with low energy gamma sources. uniformity of segment thickness.

E field distribution.

 $\rightarrow$  Pulse rise time for the 19<sup>th</sup> segment.

(expect longer rise time due to weaker E field)

 $\alpha$ -veto with the 19<sup>th</sup> segment.

 $\rightarrow$ more detailed study with the new test stand Galatea.

#### One more new test stand under construction

3D scan with  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$  and laser.



#### New test stand under test



One Phase-II prototype detector operated in LN2! leakage current: 30pA FWHM at 1332keV: core 4.7keV segments 3.6-5.7keV expect improvement (on preamp settings etc.)

One 19-fold segmented detectors works in vacuum. leakage current: <20pA FWHM at 1332keV: core 2.7keV, segments 2.4-2.9keV 19<sup>th</sup> segment 7.9 keV

Rich physics program for both detectors: characterization neutron interaction hole drifting velocity search for Ge68

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