Test Facilities for Germanium Detectors

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Things to consider

- Is this research ?
 - on a particular detector ?
 - on a particular subject ?
- Is this a serial test?
 - which parameters ?
 - how many detectors/ per unit time ?
 - what is the unit time ?
 - how many people do I have ?

Research Facility



Special detectors are to reveal fundamental facts about germanium technology. Long tests [order of months]

It has to be possible to mount different detectors, but it is okay to take three weeks. Lots of information about using a few detectors. You need dedicated personal, probably phd students writing their thesis. It is okay, if the operation is involved.



Production Facility



Serially produced detectors are to reveal whether they functions within predefined parameters. Short tests [order of one day]

It has to be possible to mount quickly [one hour]. Few parameters about many detectors have to be recorded. A technician has to be able to do it. Operation has to be easy.

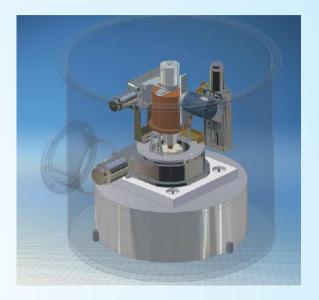
The packaging will be essential. The manufacturer delivers something easy to qualify.



[In]Famous Last Words

Do not mix tasks!

- A flexible research test stand is by definition quite complicated.
- A production line test stand is not allowed to be complicated.





We need to learn how to build quick and easy test facilities. It has to be part of the detector design.