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Double Beta Decay Excited State Transitions in ^{76}Ge with GERDA Phase I

The GERmanium Detector Array, GERDA, is located in the Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso in Italy and investigates double beta decays of ^{76}Ge . GERDA finished its first phase of data taking last year and obtained an improved half-life limit for neutrinoless double beta decay with an unprecedented low background environment.

Apart from decays into the ground state of ^{76}Se , also double beta transitions into excited states are of interest and provide valuable input for nuclear matrix element calculations. The detector array of GERDA allows for a coincidence analysis, when triggering on the de-excitation gammas of the excited states and thus further suppressing the background. In this poster a coincidence analysis technique searching for excited state transitions of ^{76}Ge with GERDA Phase I data is presented.

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