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Understanding KamLAND's Detector Response: Instrumentation for KamLAND's Full-Volume Calibration System LINDLEY WINSLOW, Lawrence Berkeley National Lab , KAMLAND COLLABORATION — The KamLAND collaboration has developed a novel deployment system for the positioning of radioactive calibration sources throughout the entire fiducial volume of the detector. This calibration device uses a variety of systems including inclinometers, pressure sensors, and the imaging of infrared LEDs to monitor its position. The calibration system is also fitted with several low-activity $\text{Co}/^{60}$ sources that will allow us to reconstruct its position using photomultiplier tube information. The combination of these methods will provide an accuracy of $\sim 2\text{cm}$ in the calibration source position. Mapping the vertex reconstruction bias throughout the detector volume is essential for reducing the fiducial volume uncertainty and improving the absolute $\bar{\nu}_e$ flux measurement. Further studies of the detector's energy scale and response will help with the measurement of the observed spectral distortion and the associated oscillation parameter Δm_{12}^2 .

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