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1	Title of reserch	希釈冷凍機用極低バックグラウンド遮蔽材サンプルの微量放射能分析 Research of radioactivity measurement of ultra-low background shielding sample for dilution refrigerator	
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3	Period of research	20日間 20 days with in FY2020	
4	Main location of collaboration implementation	神岡二重ベータ崩壊実験室 Kamioka underground laboratory for double beta decay study	
5	Publication list	Articles	
		Talks	・吉田齊,「極低温技術による 宇宙素粒子研究の高感度化; 吉田齊, 計画研究D02報告」,第七回極低放射能技術研究会, ONLINE, 2021年3月24-25日 ・(予定)石徹白晃治, 新学術領域「地下宇宙」2021年領域研究会, 神戸大学+ONLINE(ハイブリッド)開催, 2021年5月19-21日
		Theses	
6	Description of the results and outputs	The CANDLES group is studying the double beta decay of Ca-48. We have been developing a calcium fluoride (CaF ₂) scintillation detector. As a future plan, we are promoting research and development for the conversion of CaF ₂ scintillator into a scintillating bolometer. In addition to developing and evaluating the performance of scintillating bolometer detectors in the see level laboratory, preliminary measurement of radioactive background and noise evaluation of signals are indispensable in the underground environment. Therefore, we are planning to operate the dilution refrigerator(DR) in the Kamioka underground laboratory. The mechanical part of the DR contains a lot of radioactivity (mainly progenies of U238 and Th232 series), and it is essential to improve the passive shield between the mechanical part of the DR and the detector body in order to carry out highly sensitive development. Therefore, the additional shield will be installed between the mixing chamber of DR and the detector body. We measured radioactive impurities (mainly U238 series, Th232 series nuclides, natural radioactive elements such as K40) contained in material samples (oxygen-free high conductivity (OFHC) copper, and its welded lines) for use as the additional shield. The following results were obtained. OFHC Cu [mBq/kg]; <4.7 (Ra226), 5.2±pm3.2 (Th232), <38 (K40), <2.0 (Cs137), <1.7 (Co60) Cu welding line [mBq/sample]; <2.4 (Ra226), <3.5 (Th232), <24 (K40), <0.8 (Cs137), <0.9 (Co60)	