

# Upgrade of the KamLAND-Zen Mini-balloon and Future Prospects

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The observation of a neutrino-less double-beta ( $0\nu\beta\beta$ ) decay would be evidence of neutrino's Majorana nature, and it might be a clue to explain the baryon asymmetry and the extremely light neutrino masses. The half-life of  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay is more than  $10^{26}$  year in case of  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ , thus it is important to make radiopure detector to find the very rare decay.

KamLAND-Zen is a  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay search experiment with Xe loaded liquid scintillator (XeLS) containing 90.77% enriched  $^{136}\text{Xe}$ .

The mini-balloon is a container for holding XeLS at the center of the KamLAND detector without impairing the extremely low radiation environment.

We have installed a new mini-balloon with a thickness of  $25\ \mu\text{m}$  and a radius of 1.92 m, which was made in a class 1 clean room and is almost twice as large as the last one. The mini-balloon is going to hold about 750 kg of Xe gas in the XeLS and  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay search will start soon.

After the KamLAND-Zen experiment, it is planned to do a  $0\nu\beta\beta$  decay search experiment with a remodeled KamLAND detector to improve the energy resolution (KamLAND2-Zen).

I will also talk about novel hardware improvements to collect data without loss just after a large light yield event such as a cosmic ray muon spallation at KamLAND2-Zen.

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