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**An update on the Majorana-Gerda simulation package (MaGe)<sup>1</sup>**

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<sup>2</sup>Gerda Collaboration, Proposal to LNGS, available (12 Jan 2006) [http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/ge76/proposal\\_21sept.pdf](http://www.mpi-hd.mpg.de/ge76/proposal_21sept.pdf)

<sup>3</sup>Geant4 - A Simulation Toolkit, Nuclear Instruments and Methods A 506 (2003) 250-303

<sup>4</sup>ROOT - An Object Oriented Data Analysis Framework, Nuclear Instruments and Methods A 389 (1997) 81-86

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