

# Status of Accelerator Mass Spectrometry & HI-13 accelerator at CIAE

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# Outline

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- **1. Status of AMS at CIAE**

- 1.1 HI-13 AMS system

- 1.2 Single stage AMS system

- 1.3 Small tandem AMS for heavy nuclides

- **2. Status of HI-13 tandem Accelerator**

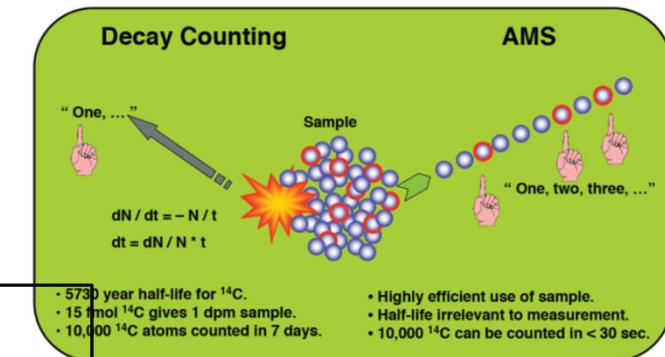
- 2.1 HI-13 tandem accelerator

- 2.2 Experimental terminals

- 2.3 Beijing rare ion beam facility (BRIF)

## Accelerator mass spectrometry(AMS)

Ultra sensitivity:  $10^{-15}$  (isotopic ratio)  
Long-lived isotopes ( $10^2$ - $10^7$  years)



**Negative ion source**: decreasing background

**Accelerator**: high ion energy

**Stripper**: molecule destruction , charge change

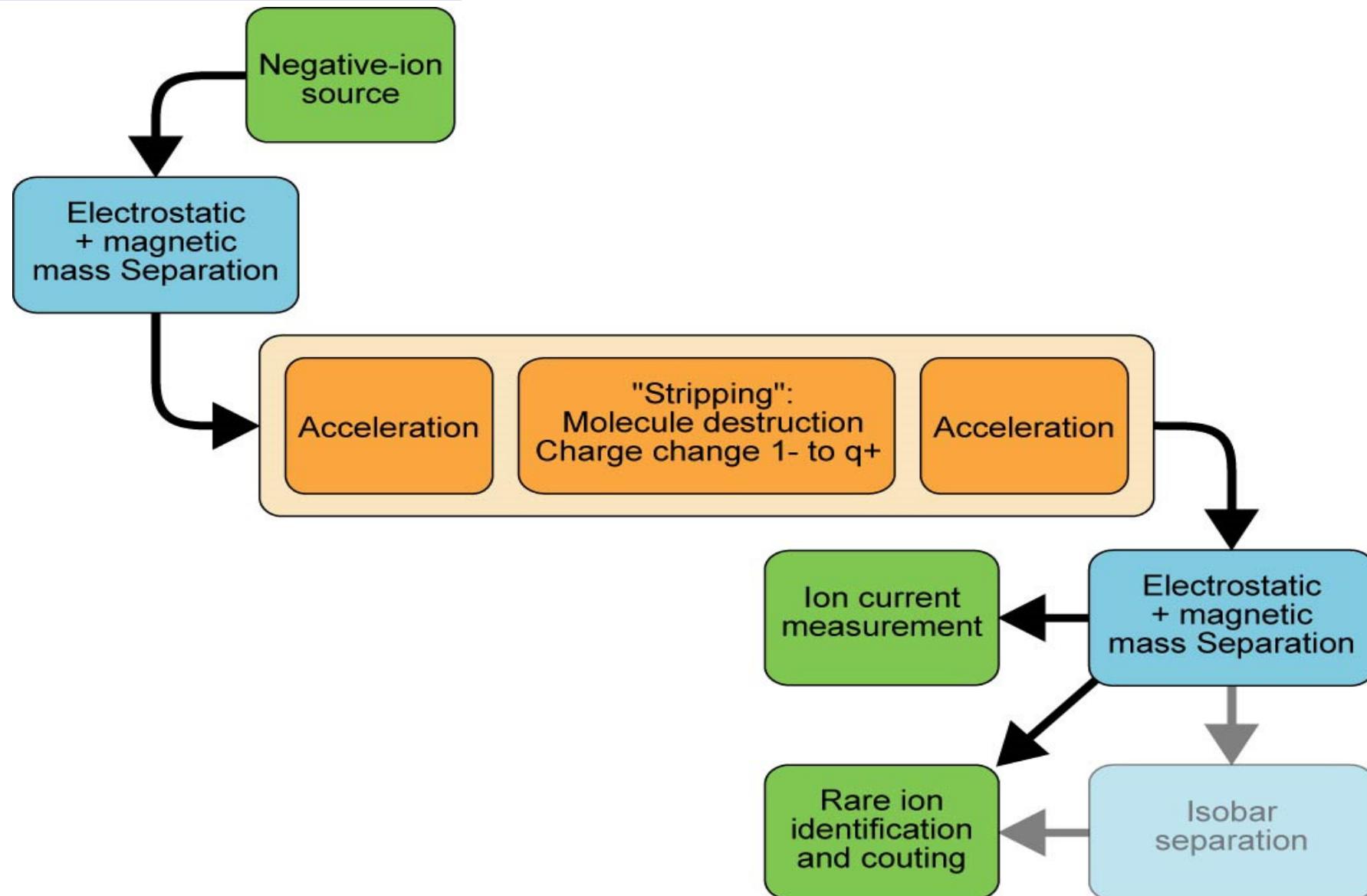
**Analyzing system**: remove background

**Detector**: ion identification

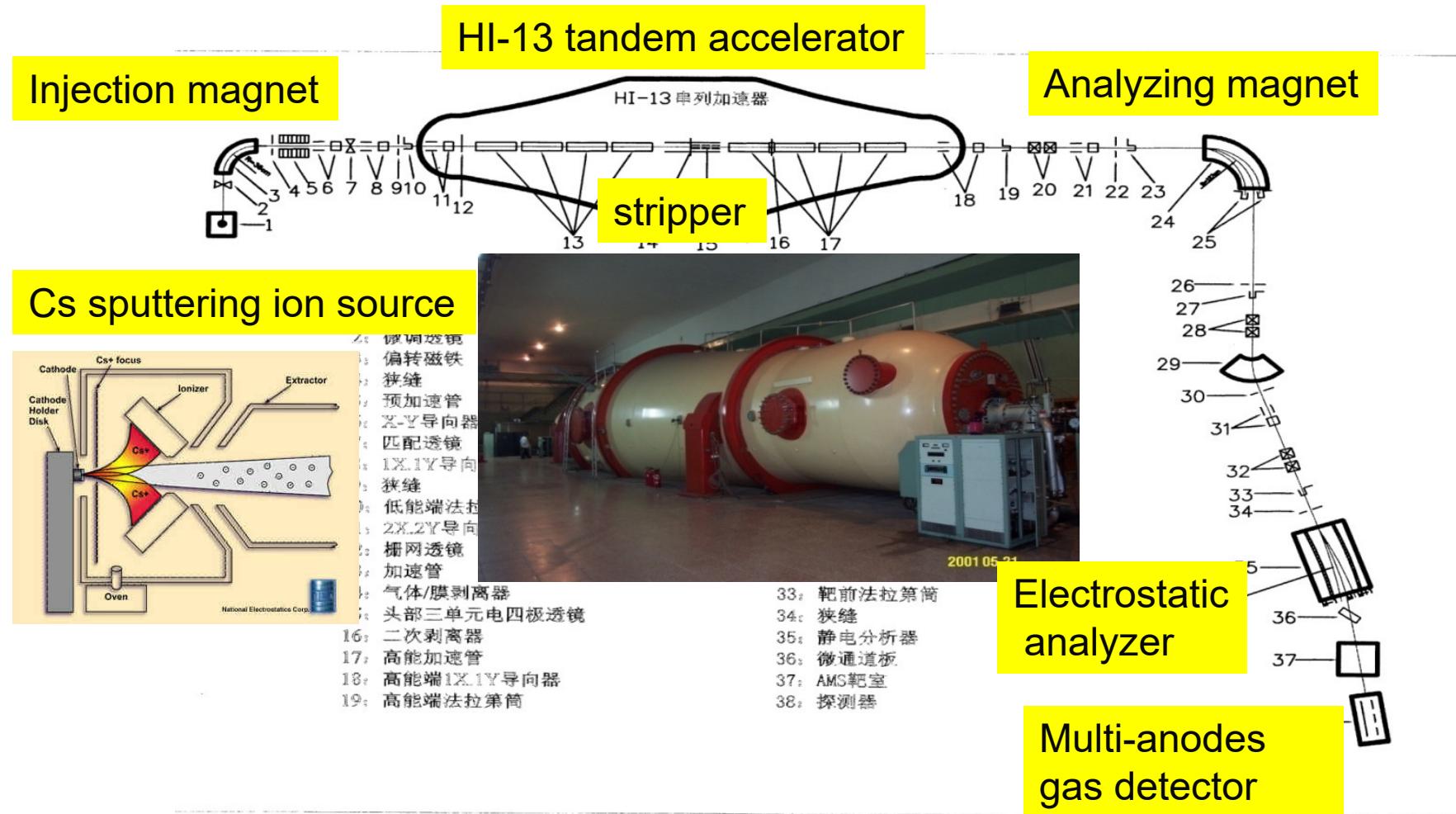
**Beam transport system**: transport efficiency

**Applications**

Environment  
Geoscience  
Archeology  
Physics ...



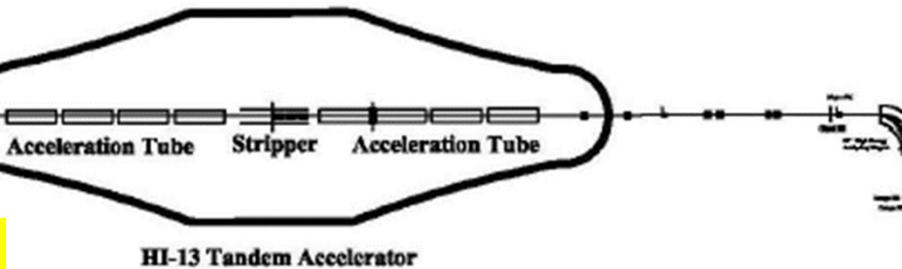
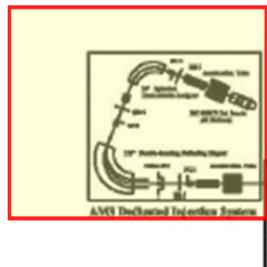
# 1.1 HI-13 AMS System



The first AMS system in China established in 1989

$^{10}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{129}\text{I}$

# Updated HI-13 AMS system



A new injection system with high mass resolution

- Slit
- ☒ Singlet
- ☒☒ Doublet
- ☒☒☒ Triplet
- ☒ Trim Lens
- 二☐ Steerer

Three Dipole magnets  
 $65^\circ, 65^\circ, 25^\circ$   
Radius: 100mm

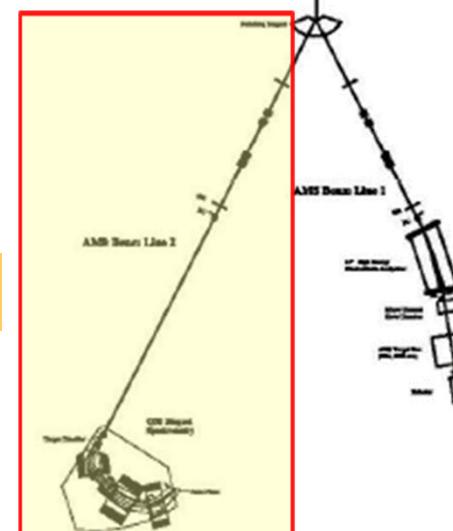
High momentum resolution

$\Delta E$ -Q3D

Isobar separation

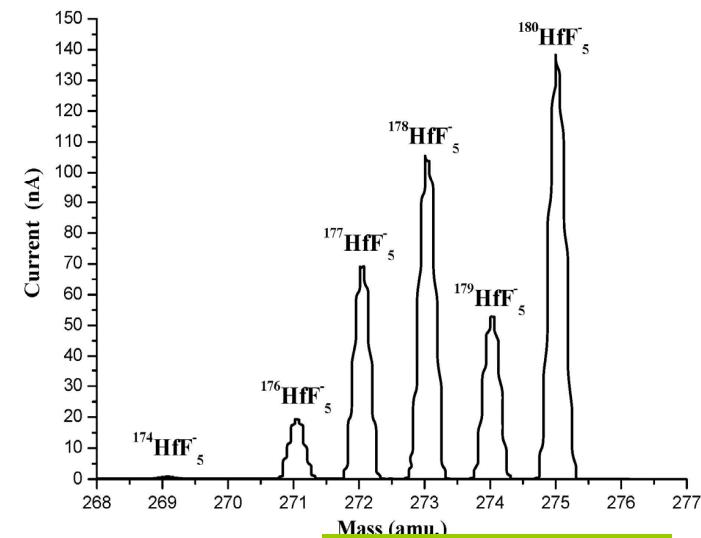
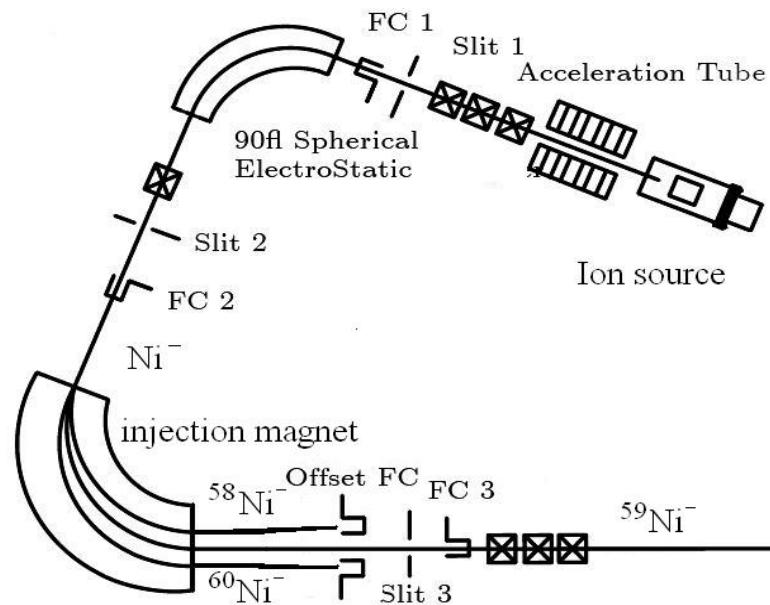
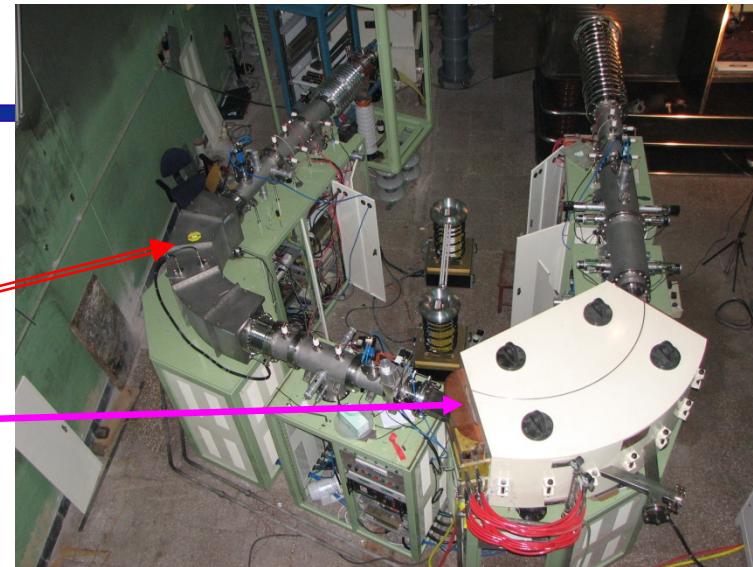
Q3D magnetic spectrometry

A Q3D beam lines



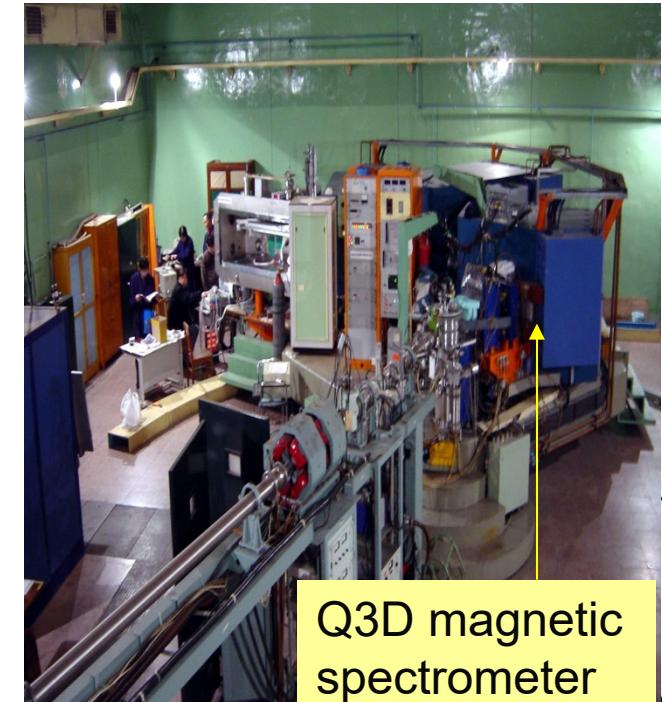
## Injection system

- 90° Spherical electrostatic deflector ( $\rho=75\text{cm}$ )
- 112° double focusing magnet ( $\rho=80\text{cm}$ )

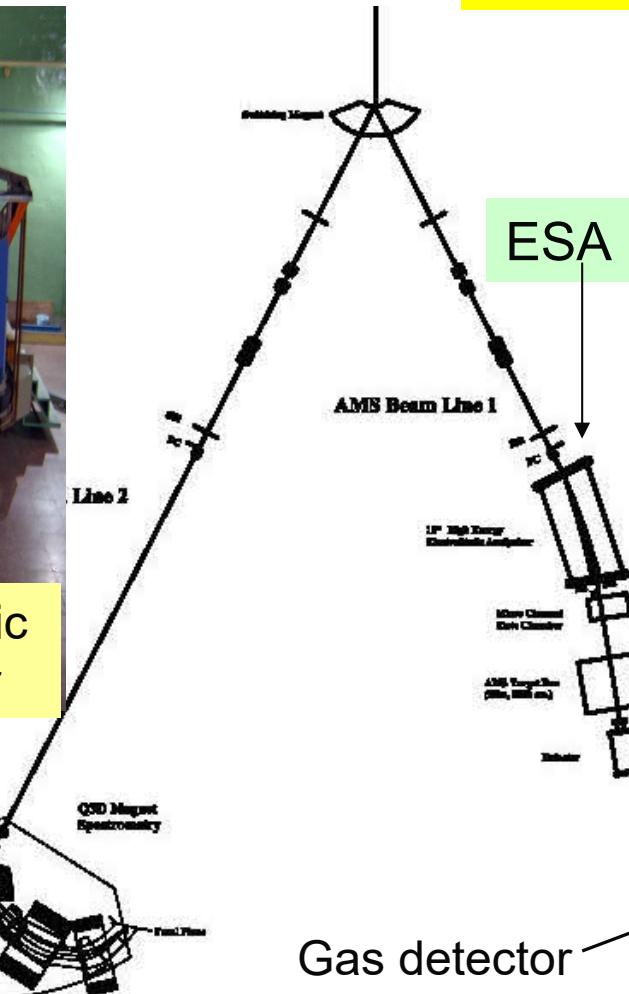


$M/\Delta M = 450$

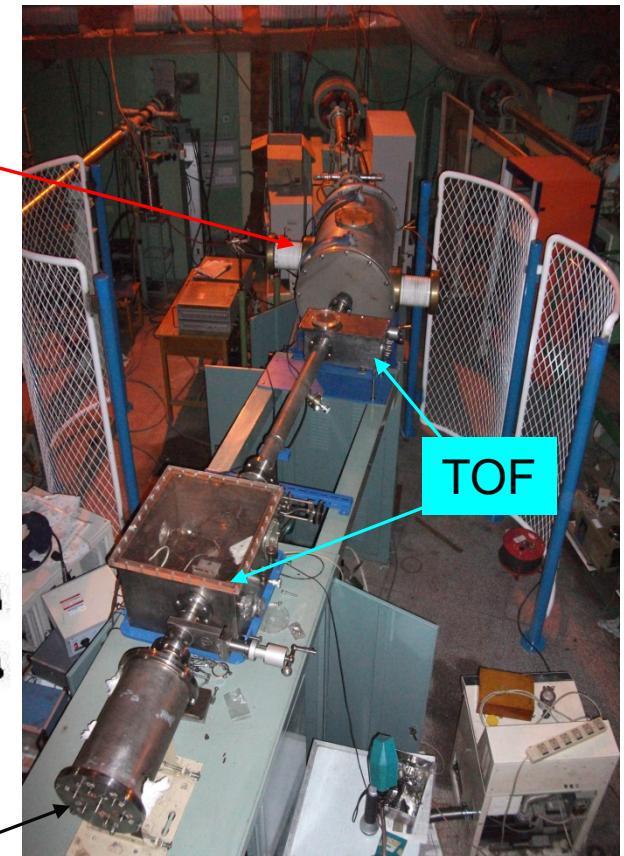
- Two beam lines are used for AMS measurement



$^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{32}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{53}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{59}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Fe}$



20% beam time for AMS



# HI-13 AMS performance

nuclide	Target	Injection ion	Terminal voltage	Detection method	sensitivity
<sup>10</sup> Be	BeO+Nb	BeO <sup>-</sup>	7.5MV	Absorb+ΔE-E	<sup>10</sup> Be/ <sup>9</sup> Be~1×10 <sup>-14</sup>
<sup>26</sup> Al	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> +Ag	AlO <sup>-</sup>	9.0MV	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>26</sup> Al/ <sup>27</sup> Al=2×10 <sup>-15</sup>
<sup>32</sup> Si	SiO <sub>2</sub> +Fe	Si <sup>-</sup>	10.5MV	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>32</sup> Si/Si<5×10 <sup>-15</sup>
<sup>36</sup> Cl	AgCl+Ag	Cl <sup>-</sup>	10.5MV	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>36</sup> Cl/Cl<1×10 <sup>-15</sup>
<sup>41</sup> Ca	CaF <sub>2</sub> +Ag	CaF <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	8.0MV	ΔE-E	<sup>41</sup> Ca/Ca=2×10 <sup>-14</sup>
<sup>53</sup> Mn	MnF <sub>2</sub> +Ag	MnF <sup>-</sup>	11.5MV	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>53</sup> Mn/Mn=1×10 <sup>-13</sup>
<sup>59</sup> Ni	NiO+Ag	Ni <sup>-</sup>	11.5MV	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>59</sup> Ni/Ni=8×10 <sup>-14</sup>
<sup>60</sup> Fe	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> +Ag	FeO <sup>-</sup>	11MV	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>60</sup> Fe/Fe~1×10 <sup>-15</sup>
<sup>129</sup> I	AgI+Ag	I <sup>-</sup>	7.8MV	E	<sup>129</sup> I/ <sup>127</sup> I=2×10 <sup>-13</sup>
<sup>236</sup> U	UO <sub>2</sub> +Nb	UO <sup>-</sup>	7.8MV	E	<sup>236</sup> U/U=1×10 <sup>-11</sup>

## ■ (1) Nuclear physics

nuclear reaction cross section and half life of radioisotopes measurement

Stable isotope

$^{238}\text{U}(\text{n},3\text{n})^{236}\text{U}$ ; (**PRC87(2013)**)

$^{60}\text{Ni}(\text{n},2\text{n})^{59}\text{Ni}$ ; (**NIMB294(2015)**)

$^{14}\text{N}({}^{16}\text{O},{}^4\text{He})^{26}\text{Al}$  (**NIMB240(2005)**)

Short lived radioisotope

$^{128}\text{I}(\text{n},\gamma)^{129}\text{I}$  ( $^{129}\text{I}/^{127}\text{I}$ );

$^{59}\text{Fe}(\text{n},\gamma)^{60}\text{Fe}$  ( $^{60}\text{Fe}/^{58}\text{Fe}$ )

$^{127}\text{I}(\text{n},\gamma)^{128}\text{I}$  ( $^{128}\text{I}/^{127}\text{I}$ );

$^{58}\text{Fe}(\text{n},\gamma)^{59}\text{Fe}$  ( $^{59}\text{Fe}/^{58}\text{Fe}$ )

$$\sigma_2 = \left[ \frac{N_{129}}{N_{127}} \right] \frac{\lambda^2}{\phi^2 \sigma_1 (\lambda t - 1 + e^{-\lambda t})} \cong \left[ \frac{N_{129}}{N_{127}} \right] \frac{2}{\sigma_1 \Phi^2}$$

## half life measurement with AMS

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = N \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}}$$

dN/dt: liquid scintillation detector

N: AMS

$^{79}\text{Se}$  [NIMB194(2002)]

$^{151}\text{Sm}$  [PRC84(2011)]

$^{32}\text{Si}$  [NIMB294(2013)]

## ■ (2) Geology

geological exposing age and erosion rate ( $^{36}\text{Cl}$ )  
 the age of underground water ( $^{36}\text{Cl}$ )  
 The growth rate of ocean sediment( $^{10}\text{Be}$ )

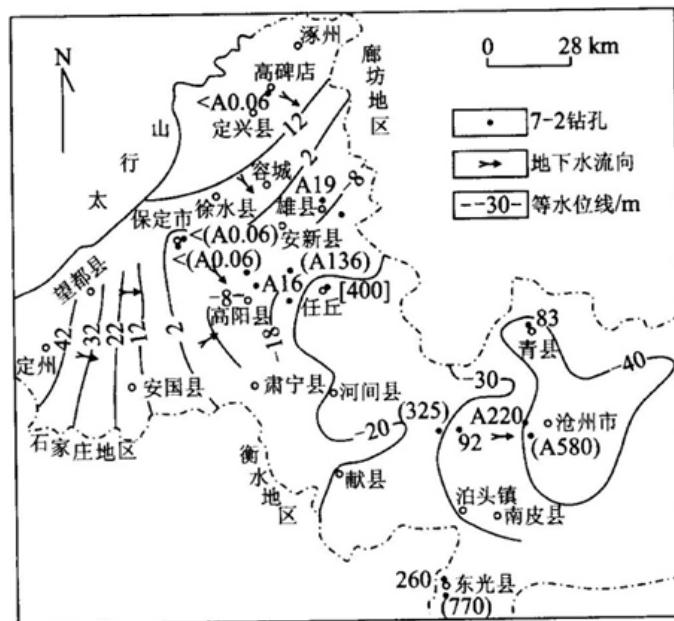


图3 河北平原第四系深层地下水 $^{36}\text{Cl}$ 同位素年龄和地下水动力学年龄对比

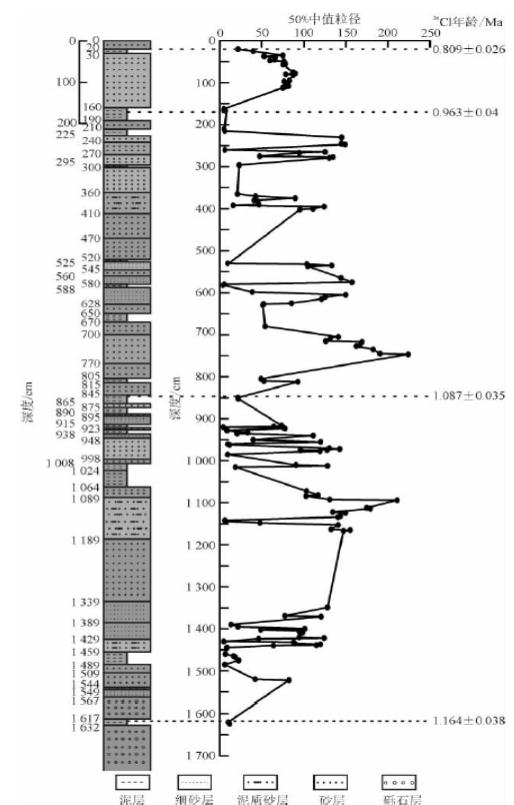
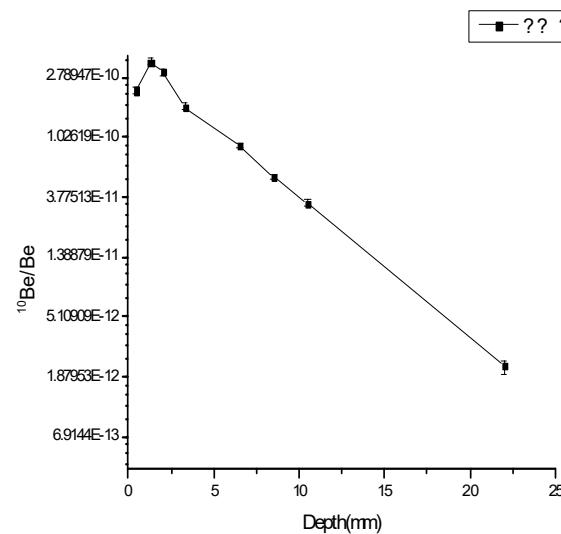


图4 敦煌盆地早更新世地层、粒度分析和 $^{36}\text{Cl}$ 年龄剖面

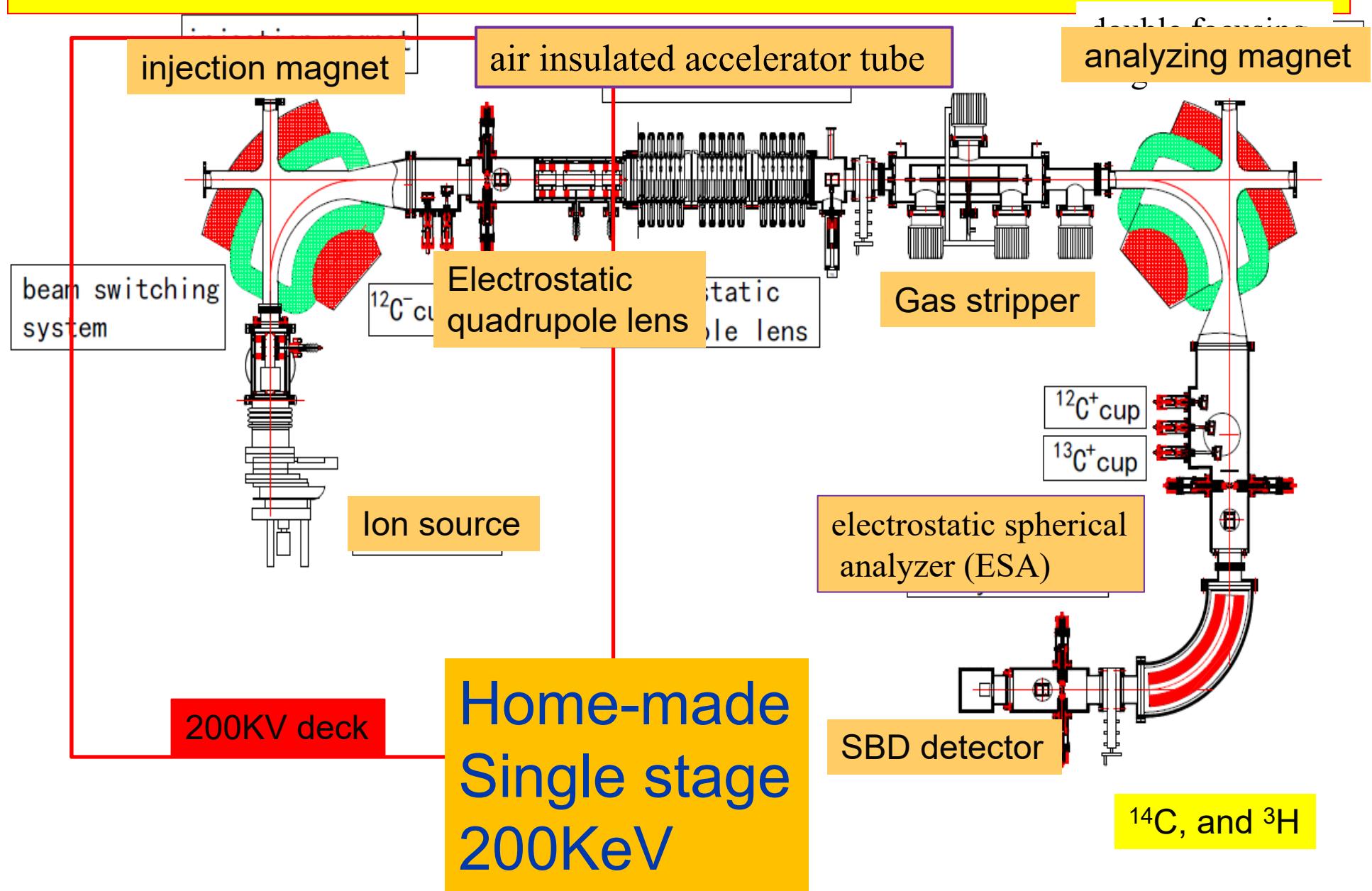
- **(3) Environment**

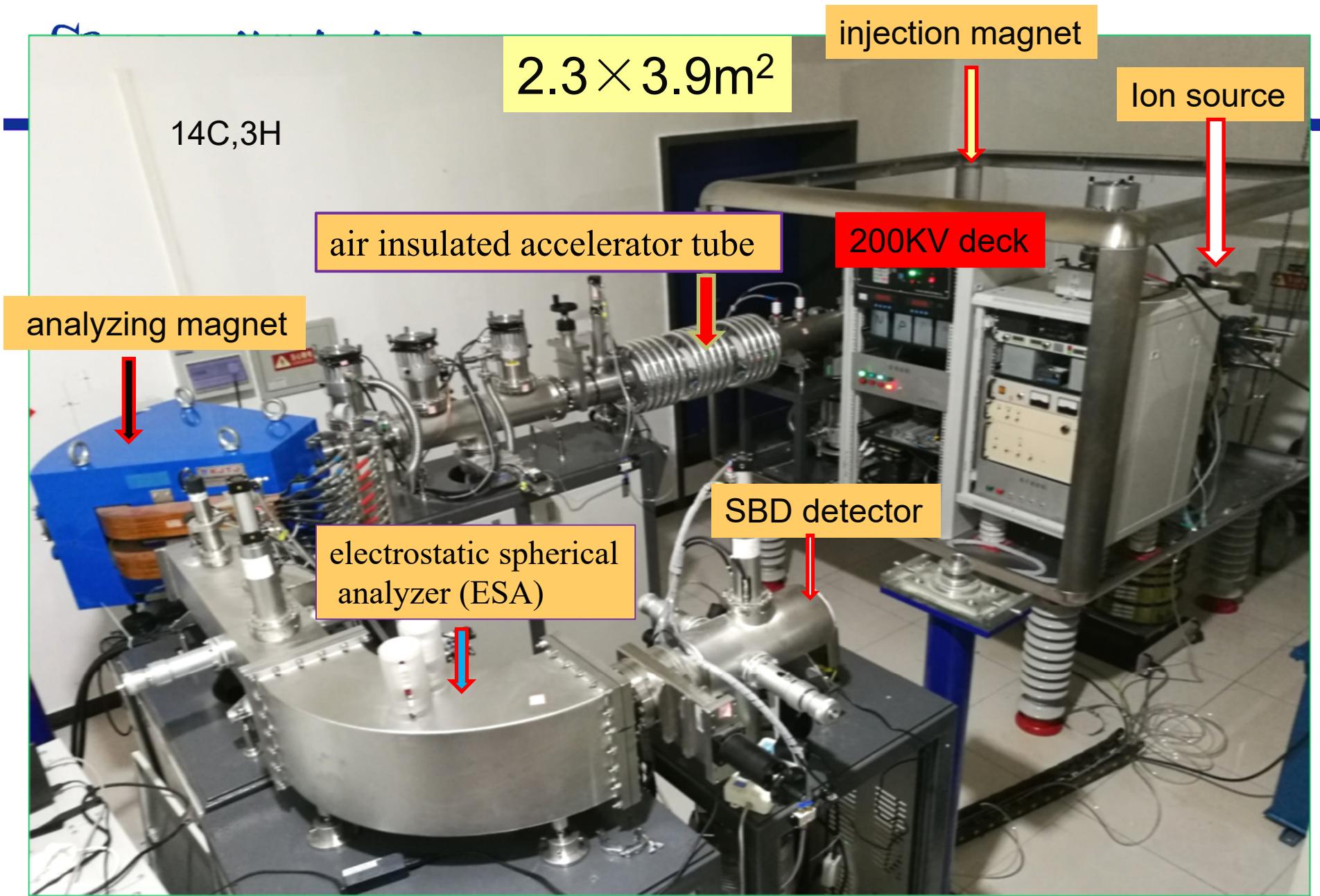
$^{129}\text{I}$  and  $^{36}\text{Cl}$  distribution (soil, tree, river, aerosole ) near nuclear facility

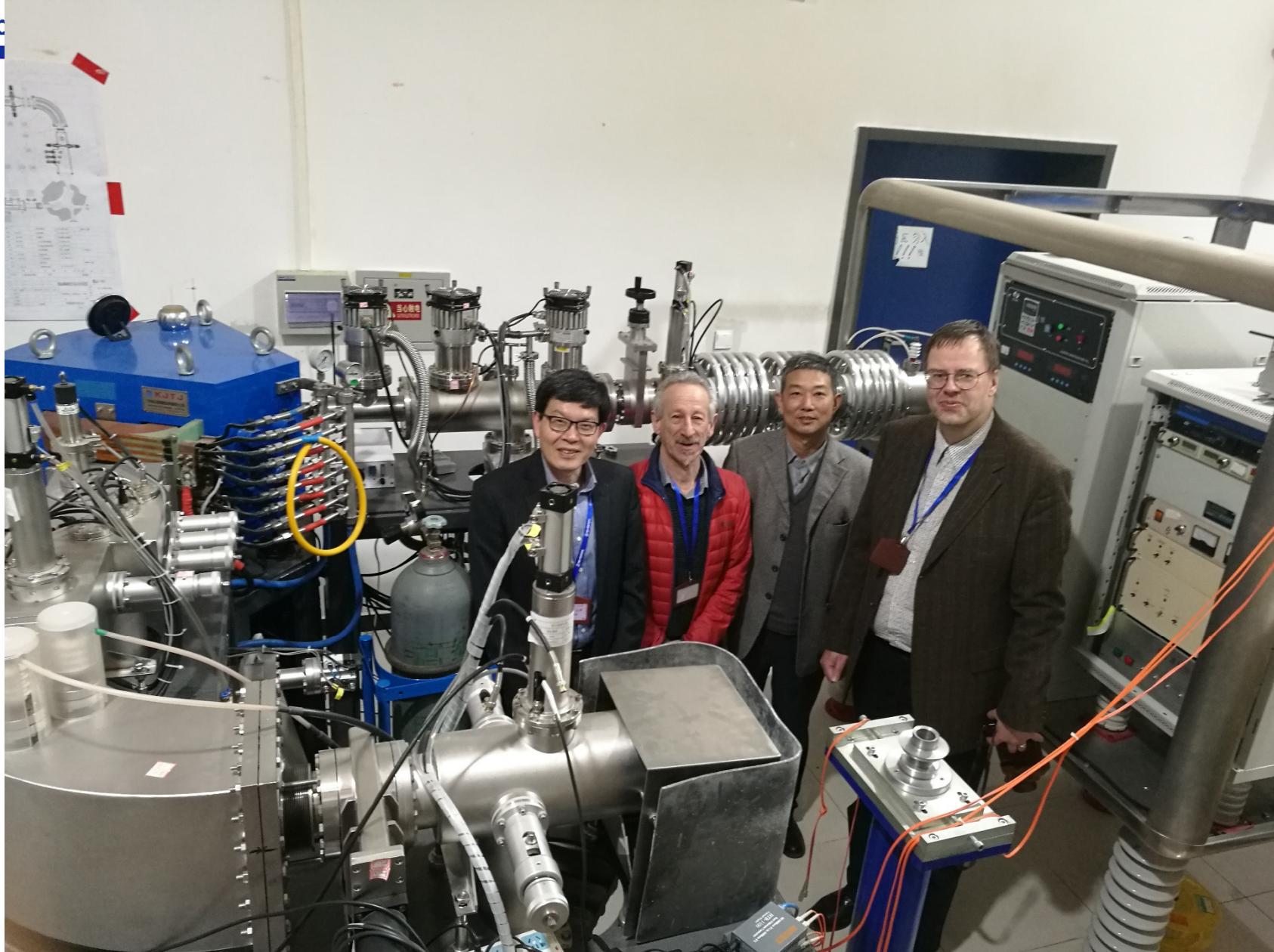
- **(4) Biology**

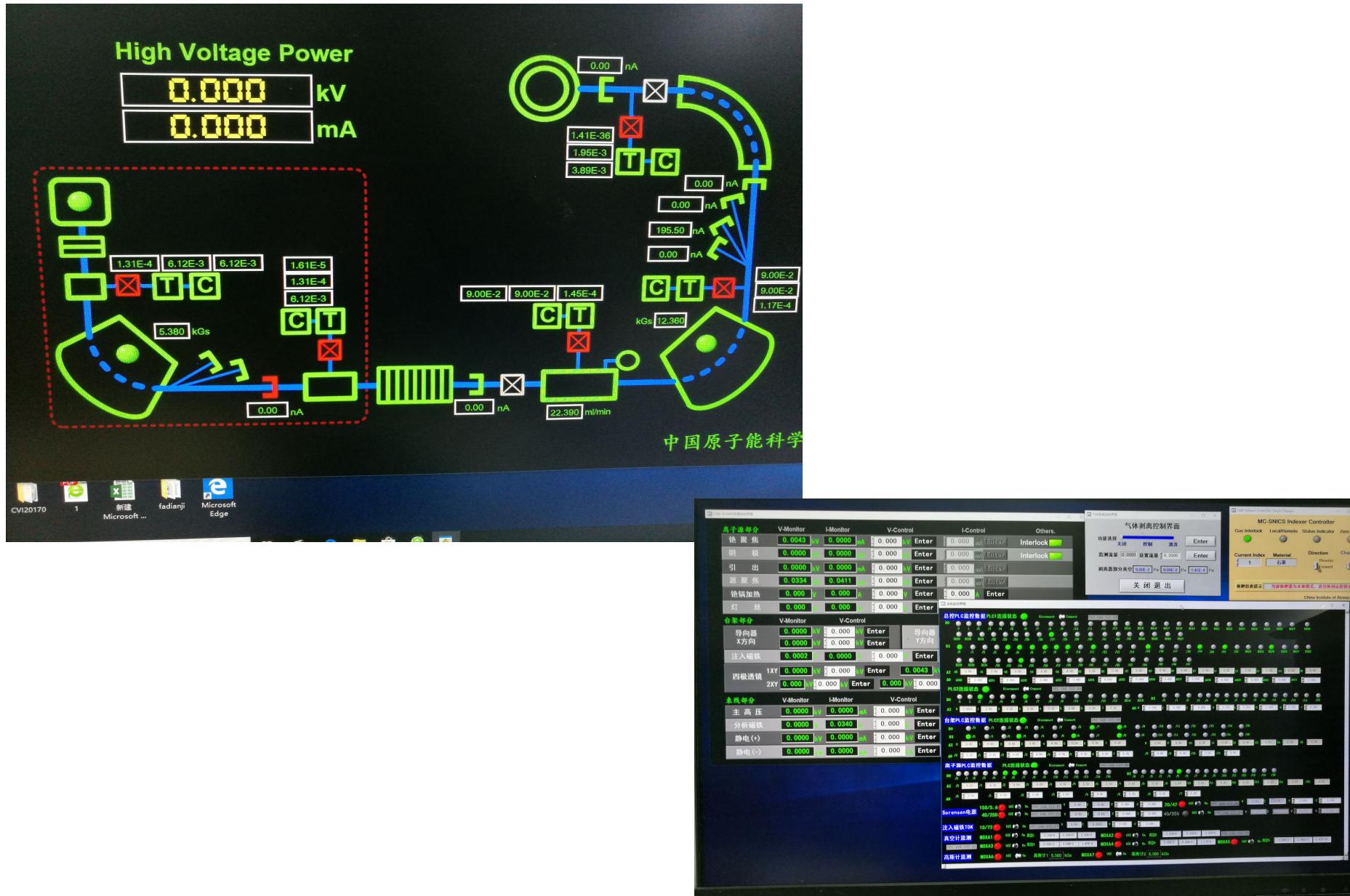
Calcium absorptivity ,bone resorption behavior and calcium kinematics using  $^{41}\text{Ca}$  tracer

## 1.2 Single stage AMS







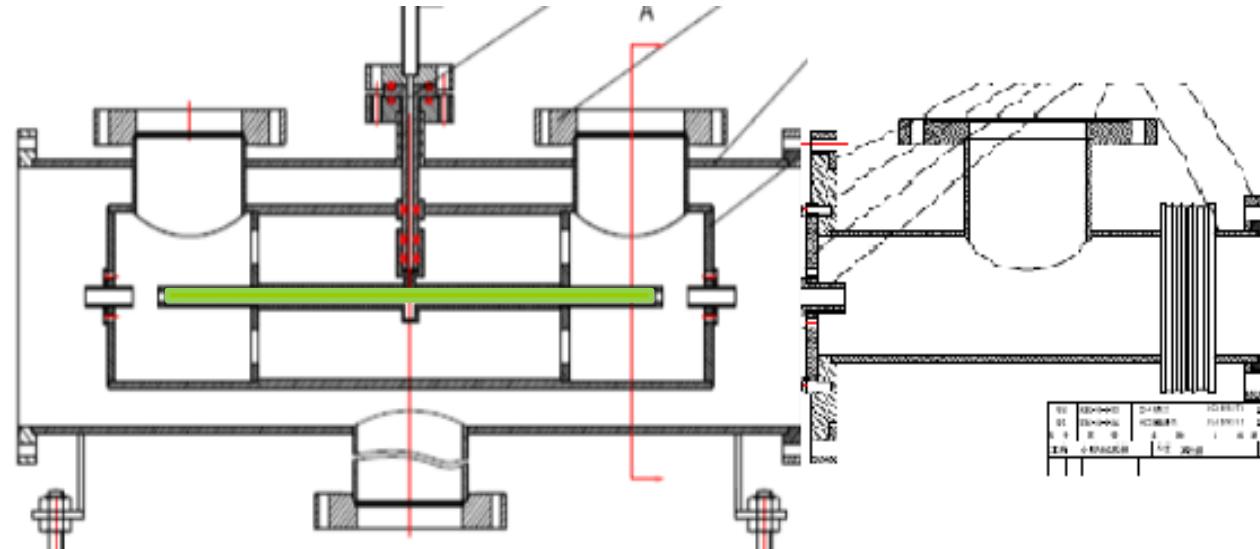


## Transmission efficiency and background are the key points for AMS measurement

- The structure of gas stripper, the type of stripped gas, the thickness of stripped gas are strongly related to the transmission efficiency and background , **especially in low-energy AMS systems**

Stripper gas	Transmission efficiency	
	$^{12}\text{C}^+$	$^{12}\text{C}^{2+}$
Ar	15%	2.5%
$\text{N}_2$	20%	3.2%
He	42%	6.8%

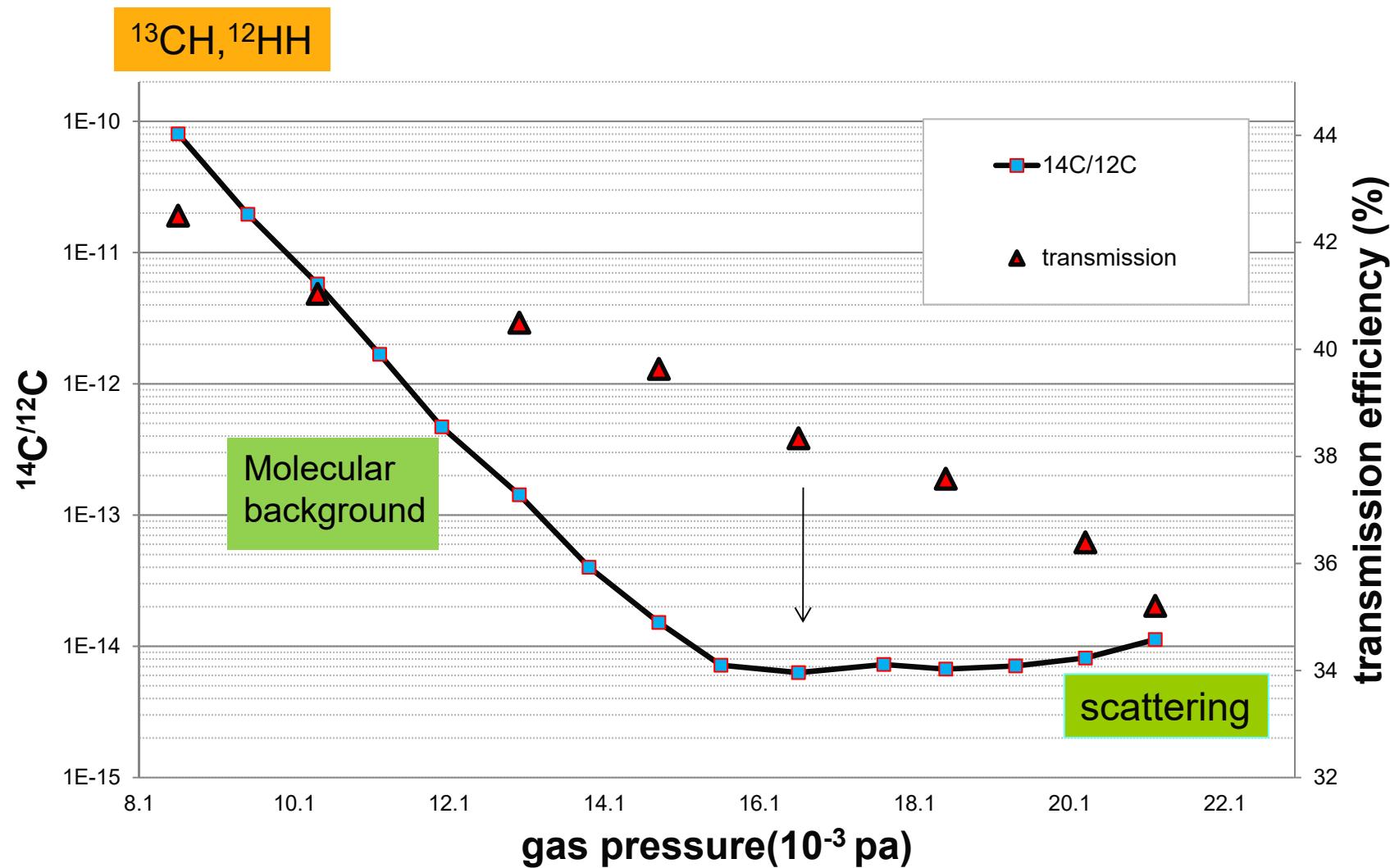
## The structure of gas stripper



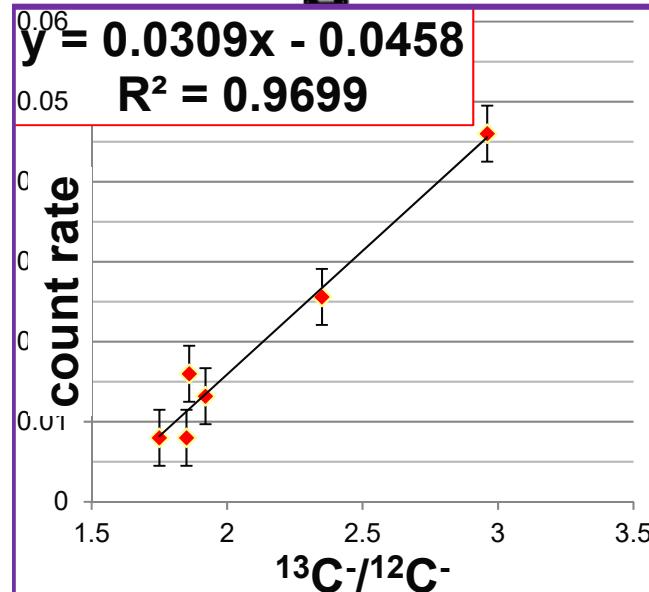
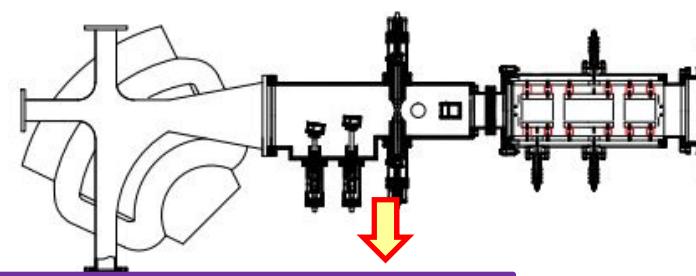
For improving the **stability of the stripper gas pressure (improving accuracy)** and the **vacuum of outside the stripper** (decreasing scattering background),

- (1) Stripper gas canal is located inside a differentially pumped housing.
- (2) Another pump is mounted between the cannel and analyzing magnet

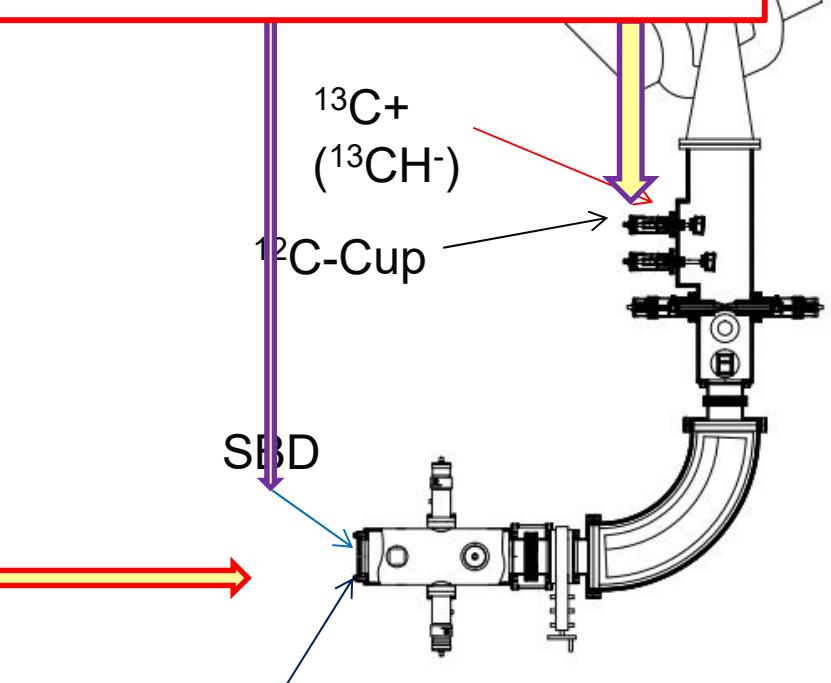
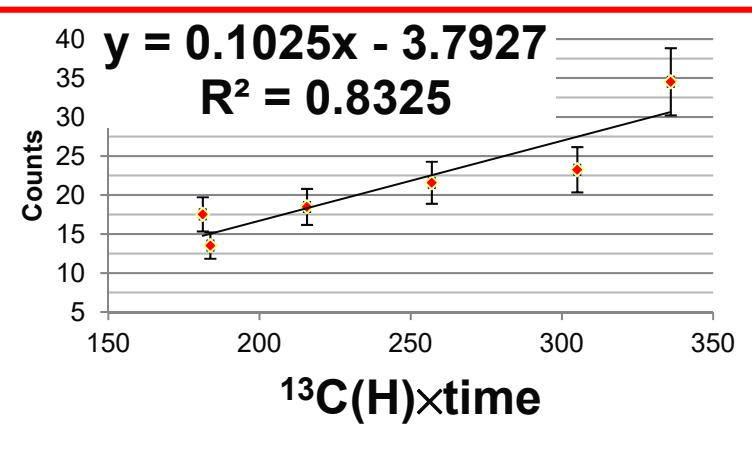
# Transmission and background



Relationship of Background with  $^{13}\text{C}(\text{H})$

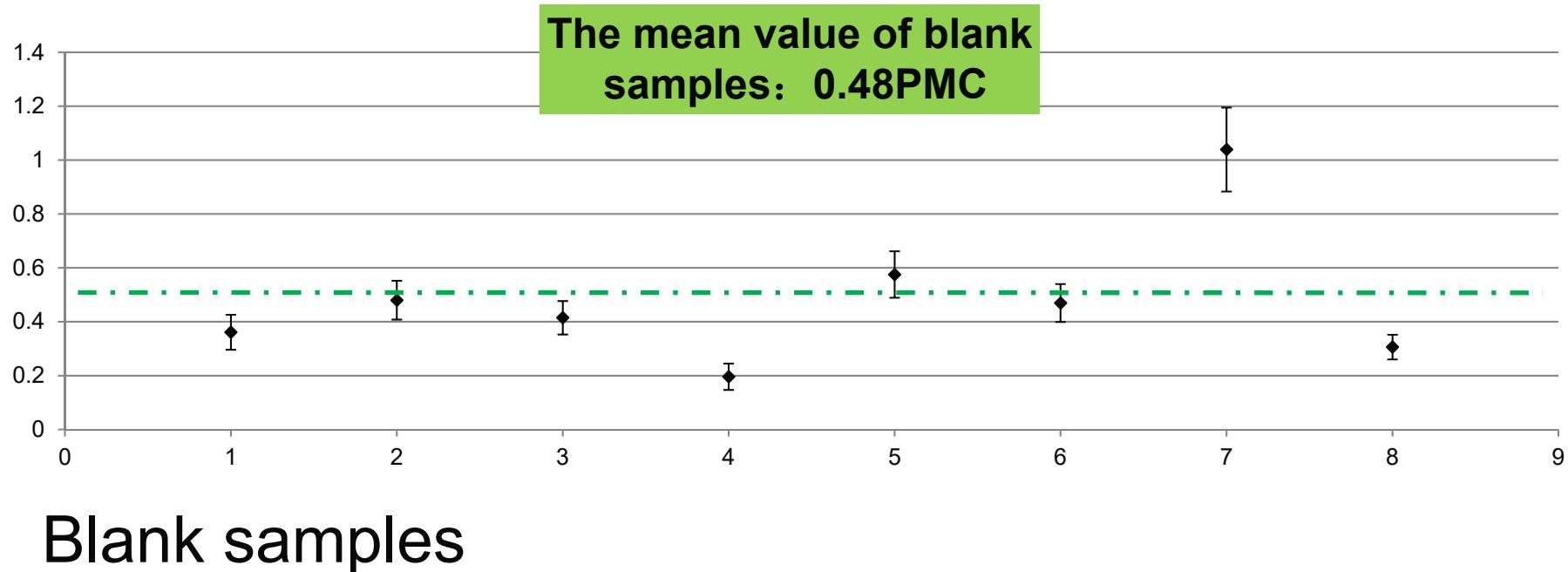


Relationship of background with  $^{13}\text{C}-\text{}/^{12}\text{C}$



Background count rate

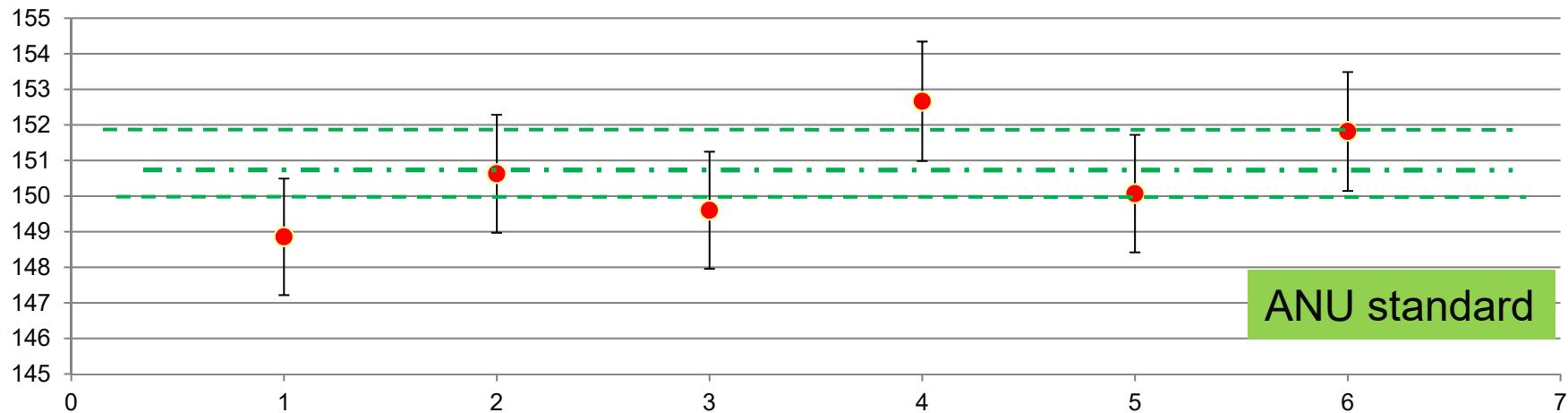
# Sensitivity



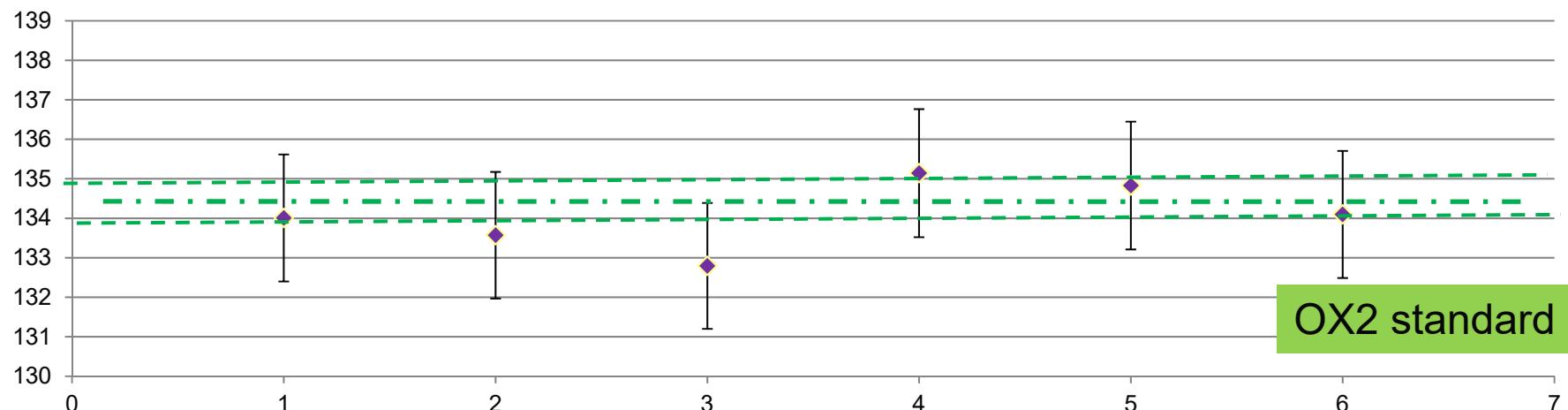
sensitivity:  $^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C} = 5.8 \times 10^{-15}$

# Precision

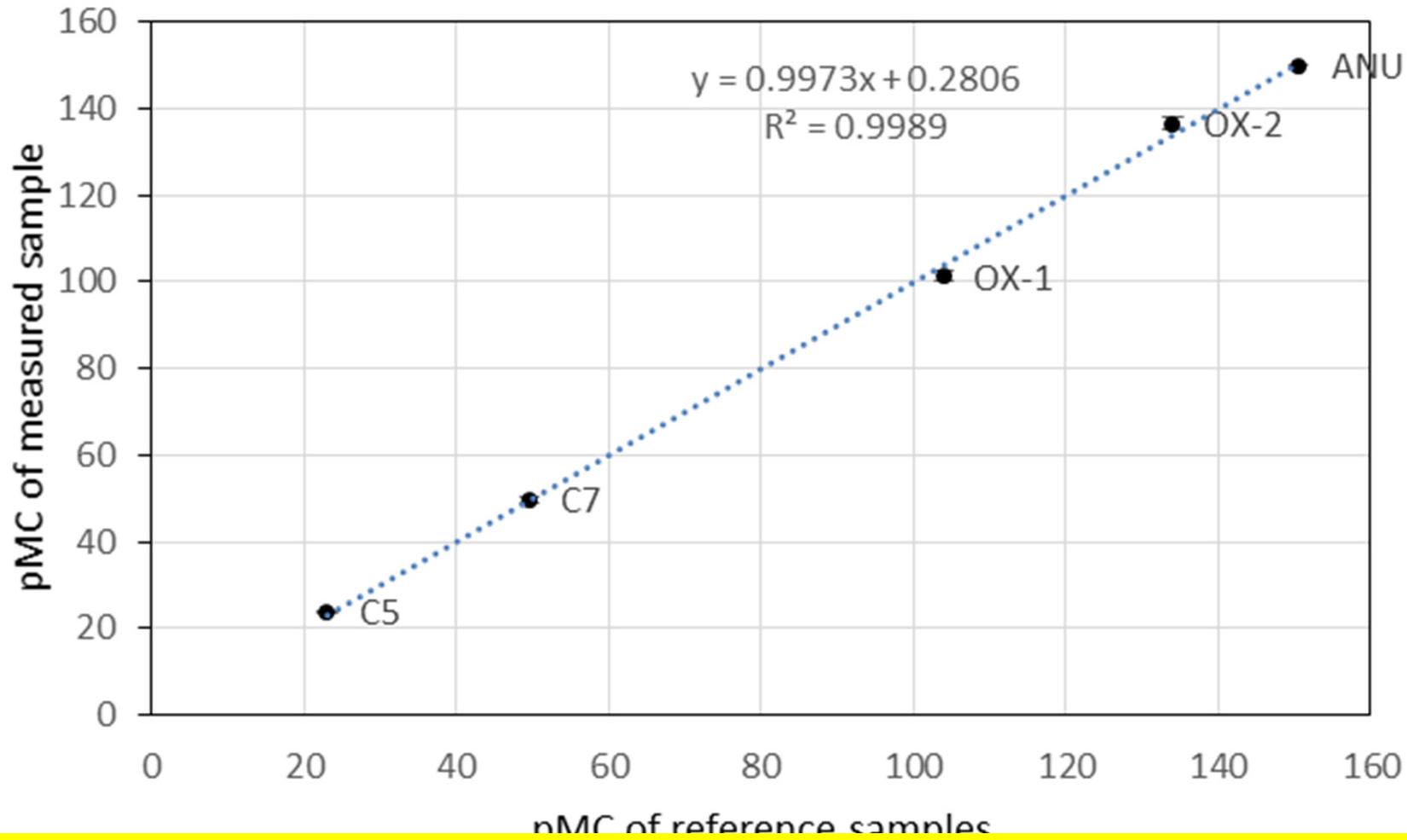
External uncertainty 0.38%, internal uncertainty: 0.4%



External uncertainty: 0.33%, internal uncertainty: 0.4%



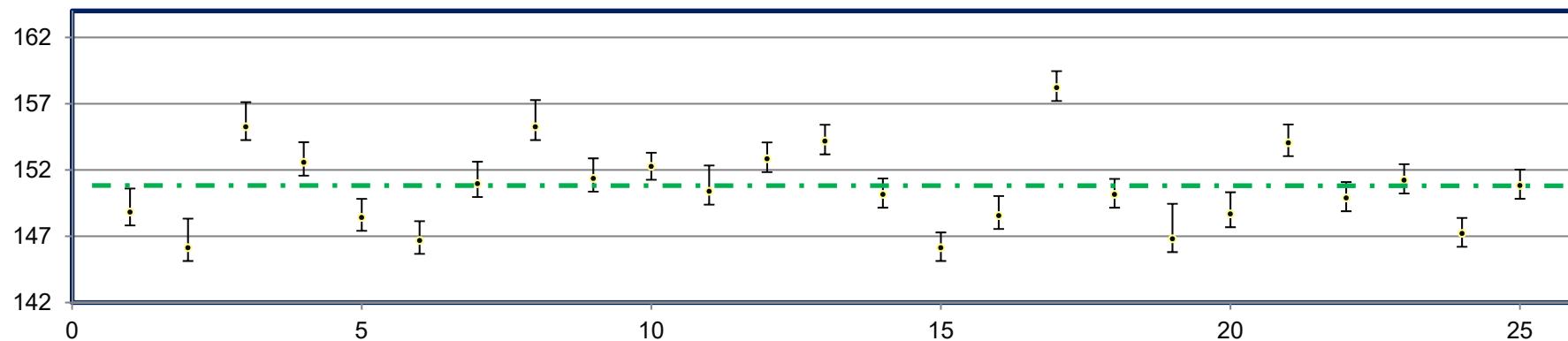
# Accuracy



the measured values are consistent with their nominal values and they have nice linearity among the standard samples

## One month measurement values

**ANU mean value:  $150.78 \pm 0.76$**



**ANU normal value:  $150.61$  pMC**

## Experimental conditions and performance of $^{14}\text{C}$ measurement

Ion energy: 200keV

(extracting:20KV, main accelerator:180KV)

Extracting ions: C<sup>-</sup>

Charge state after stripper: 1+

Gas stripper: Helium

Gas pressure: $1.66 \times 10^{-2}$  Pa

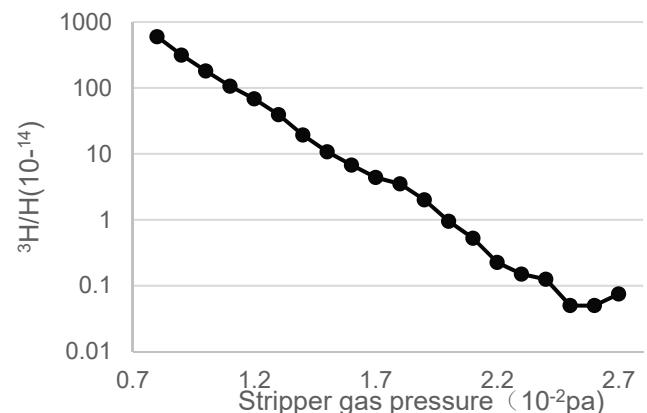
Transmission efficiency:36%

Precision : 0.3--0.5% (modern carbon)

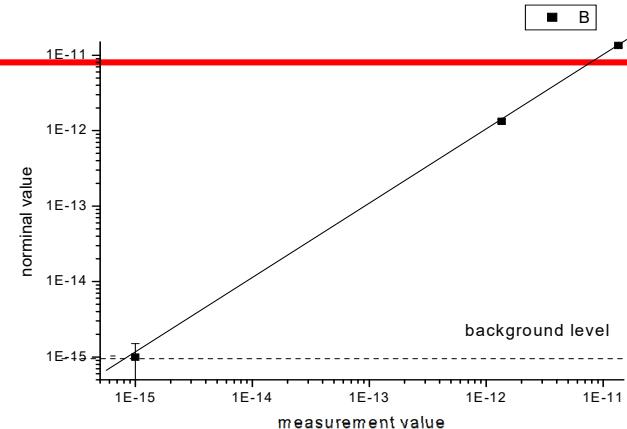
Background level :  $5.8 \times 10^{-15} (^{14}\text{C}/^{12}\text{C})$

# Performance of ${}^3\text{H}$ measurement

- Ion energy: 200keV
- Extracting ion: $\text{H}^-$
- Charge state after stripper: 1+
- Gas stripper: Helium
- Gas pressure:  $2.6 \times 10^{-2}\text{pa}$  ( outside the stripper)
- Transmission efficiency:65%
- Background:  ${}^3\text{H}/\text{H} < 1 \times 10^{-15}$



Background as a function of gas pressure

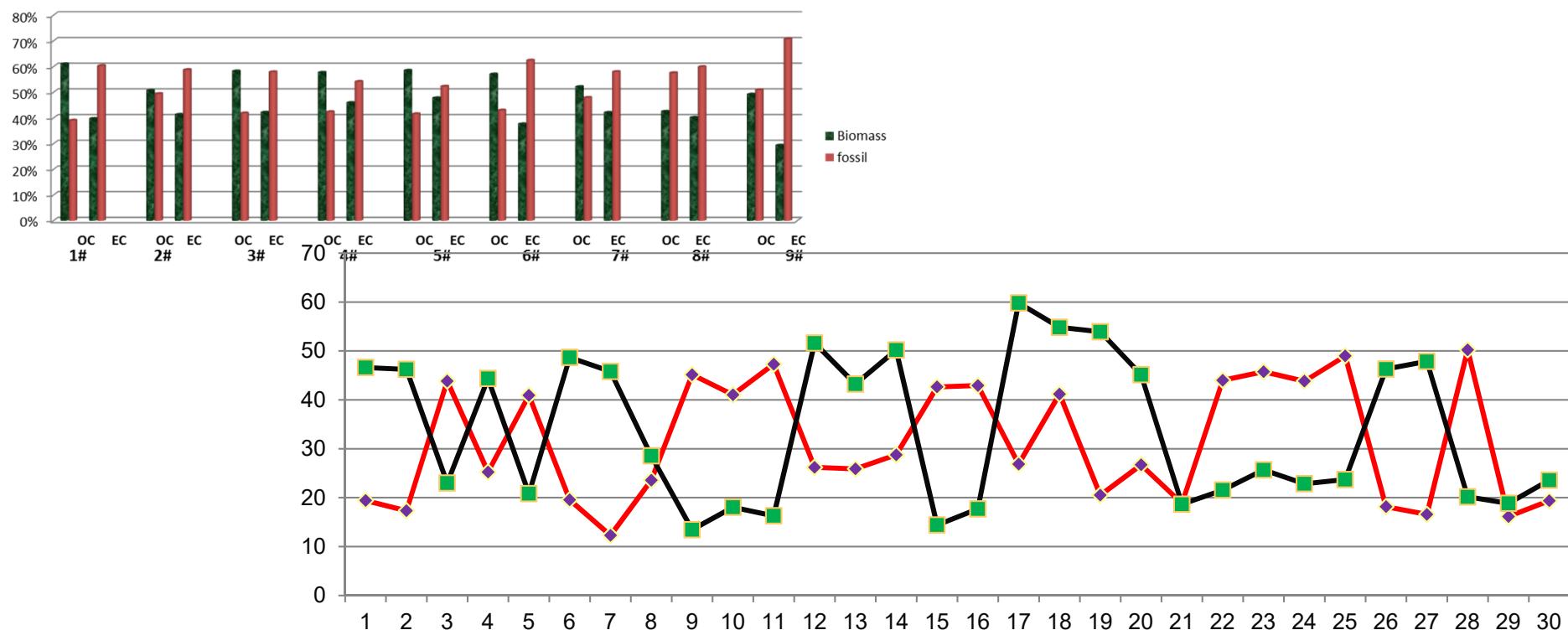


The relationship of nominal values of measurement values

## Environment

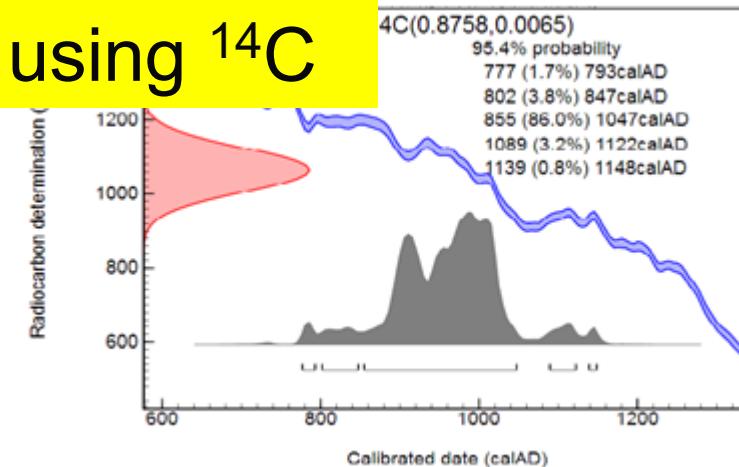
Determination the source of the aerosol using  $^{14}\text{C}$ .

Information on the environmental effect from nuclear facilities( $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ )



## ■ Archaeology

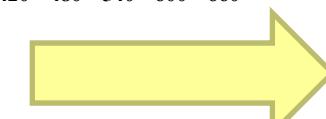
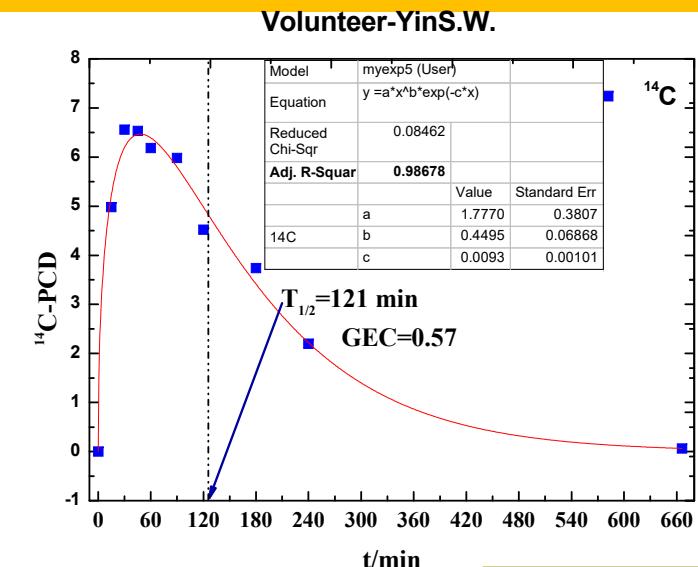
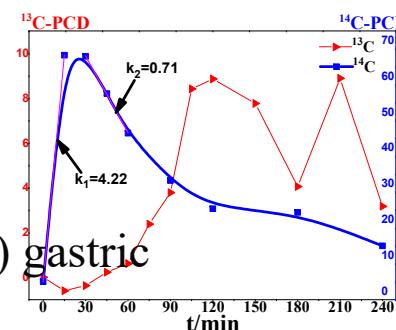
### Buddhist scripture from Tibet using $^{14}\text{C}$



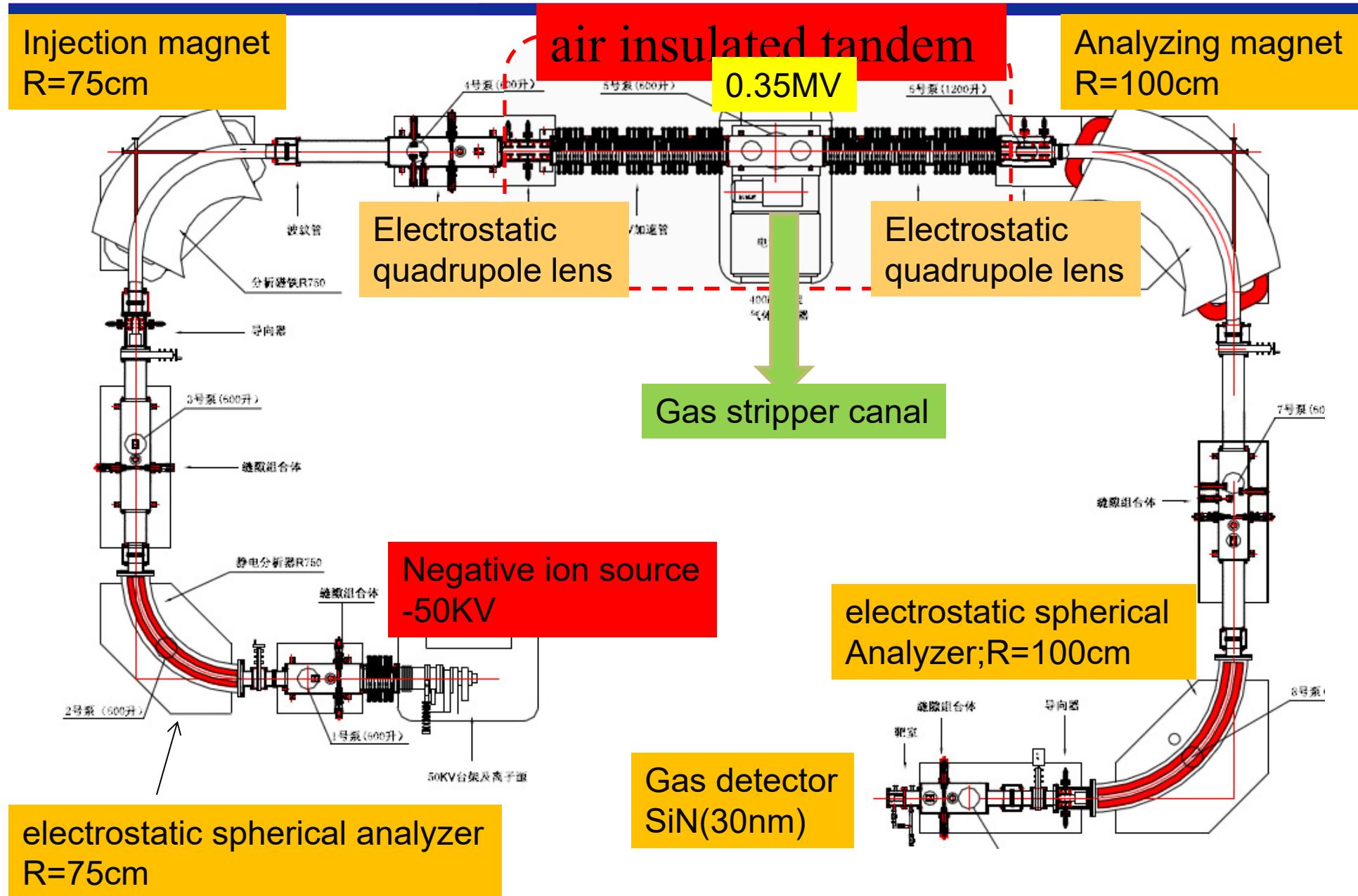
## • Biomedical

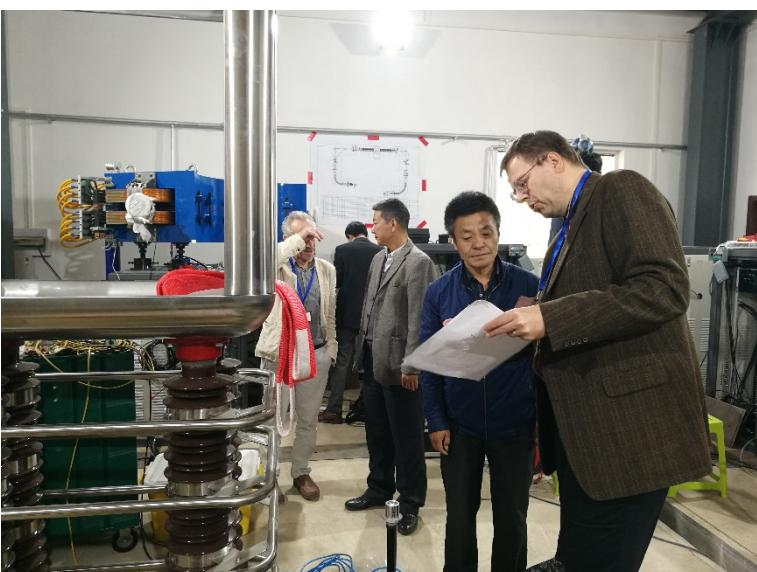
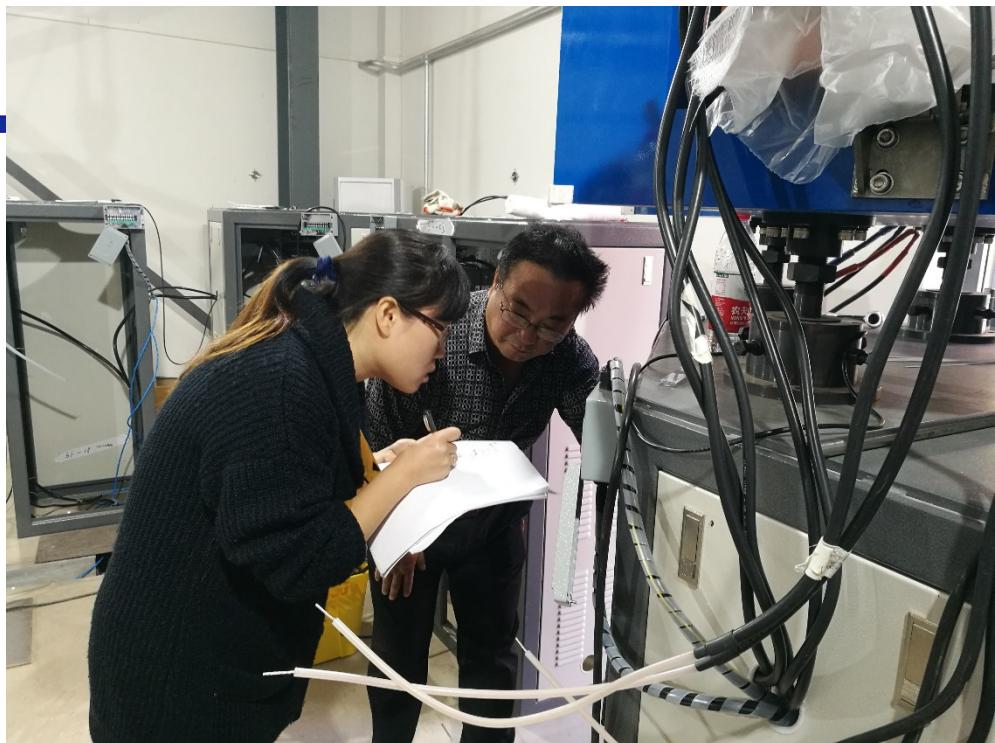
Diagnosis diseases of digestive using  $^{14}\text{C}$  tracer  
Pharmacokinetic study using  $^{14}\text{C}$  tracer

$^{14}\text{C}$ -octanoic breath test ( $^{14}\text{C}$ -OBT) gastric emptying test



# 1.3 Small tandem AMS for heavy nuclides





Home-made

Accelerator :Air insulated tandem

Terminal voltage :0.35MV

Interesting nuclei:  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{129}\text{I}$ ,  $^{236}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$

Charge states: $^{129}\text{I}$  :2+;Actinide: 3+

Detector: gas detector, **30nm SiN window**

Applications:

environment, nuclear safeguard,...

■ HI13-AMS system(12MV)

$^{32}\text{Si}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{41}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{53}\text{Mn}$ ,  $^{59}\text{Ni}$ ,  $^{60}\text{Fe}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Sr}$

■ 0.2MV-SSAMS(0.2MV)

$^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$

■ 0.35MV tandem-AMS

$^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{129}\text{I}$ ,  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{236}\text{U}$ ,  $^{239}\text{Pu}$ ,

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## ■ 2. Status of HI-13 tandem Accelerator

2.1 HI-13 tandem accelerator

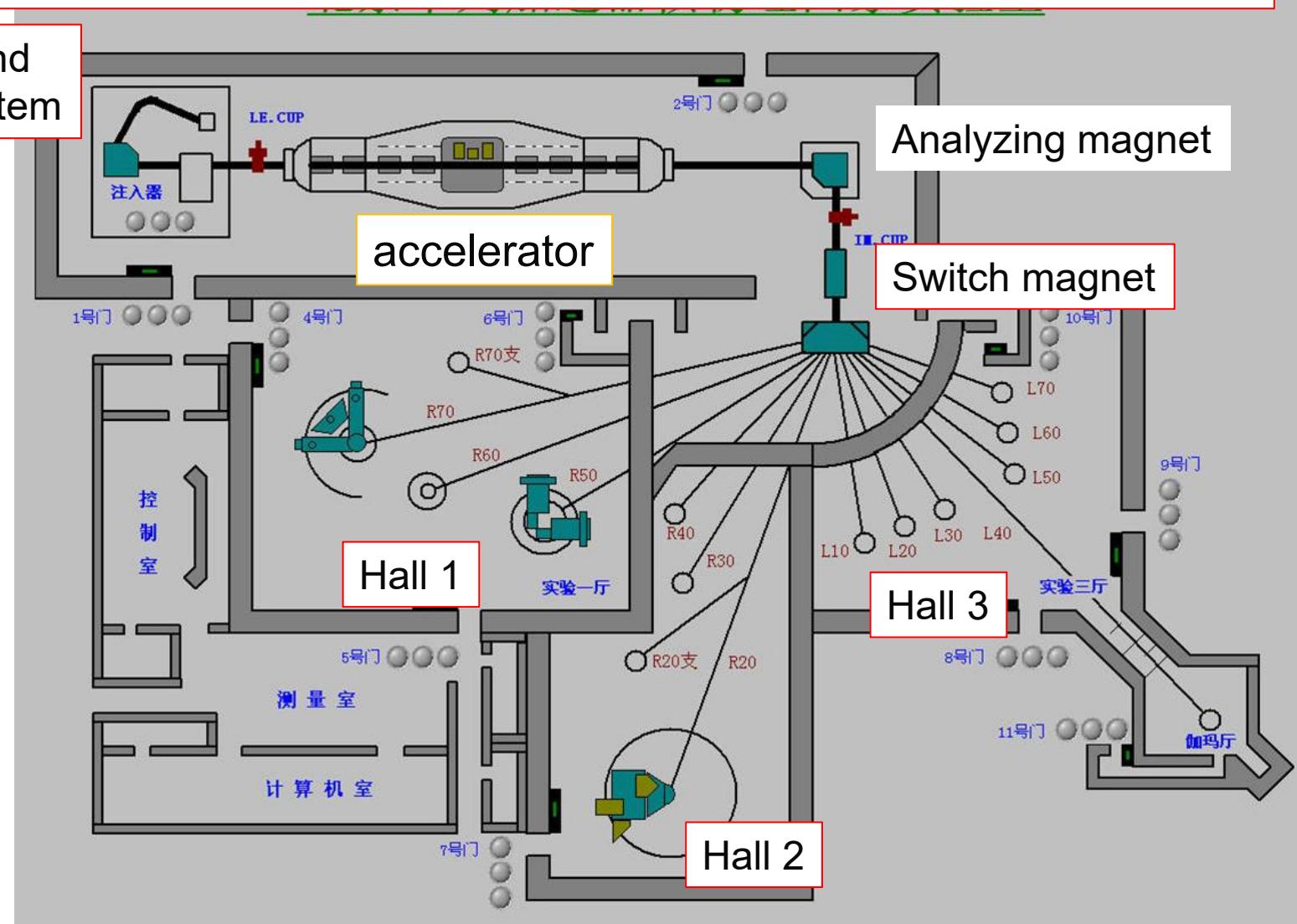
2.2 Experimental terminals

2.3 Beijing rare ion beam facility (BRIF)

# 2.1 HI-13 tandem accelerator

## Lay out the HI-13 tandem accelerator Lab

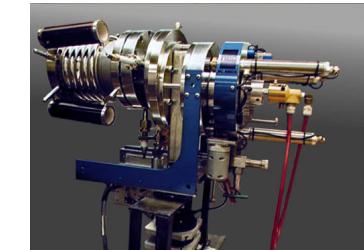
Ion source and injection system



## Three kinds of ion source

**Cs sputtering negative ion source  
(MC-SNICS)**

(Most of the nuclides in the periodic table of elements)



**Duoplasmatron ion source**

(H,D) pulse beam

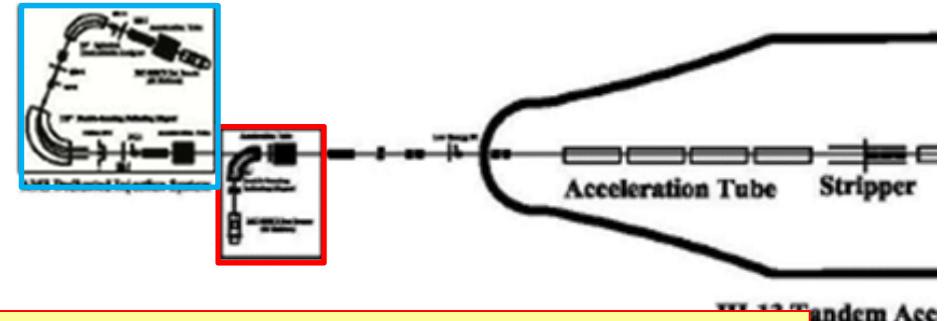


**RF Charge Exchange Ion Source**

(He<sup>-</sup>)



# Injection system



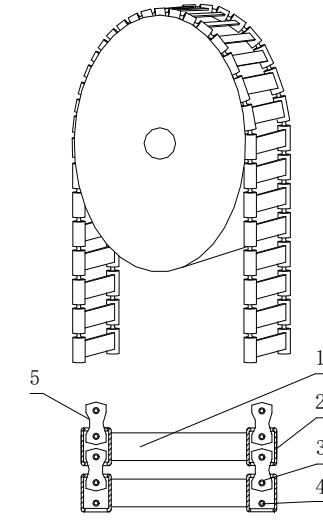
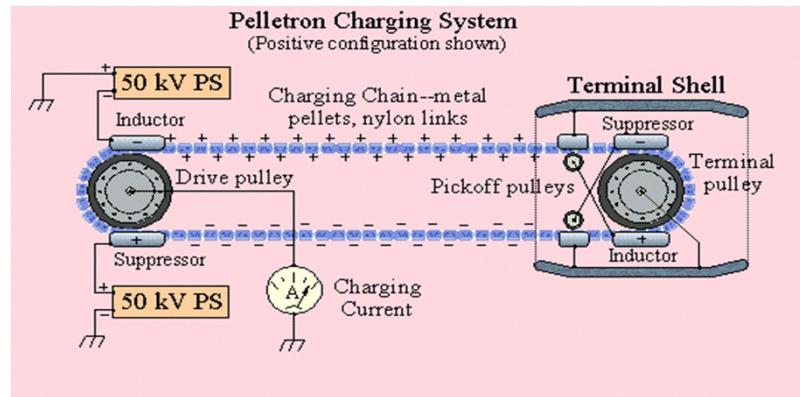
- Two injection system
  - (a) Common used injection system  
(Double focusing magnet  $R=50\text{cm}$ )
  - (b) AMS injection system  
(Electrostatic spherical analyzer  $90^\circ$ ,  $R=75\text{cm}$   
(Double focusing magnet  $112^\circ$ ,  $R=80\text{cm}$ )



- Tandem accelerator
- Working terminal voltage: 12MV
- Tank length: 25m ; Maximum diameter:5.5m
- Insulating gas: SF<sub>6</sub>( $6.4 \times 10^5$ Pa)



## ■ Charging system: Ladderton chain



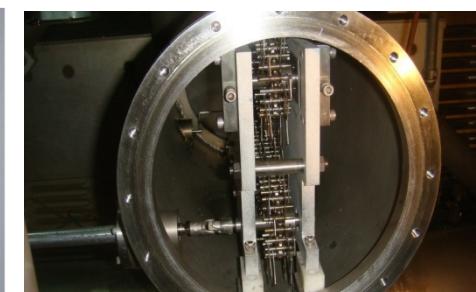
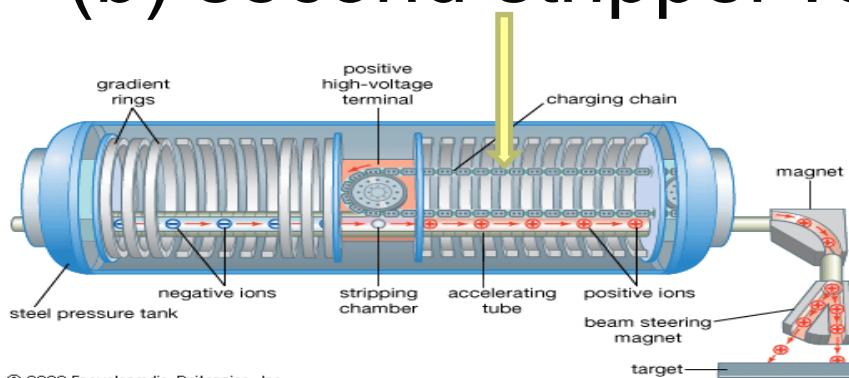
1. 联接钢板 2. 不锈钢圆筒  
3. 无油轴承 4. 芯轴 5. 绝缘子

输电梯结构及工作原理示意图

## ■ Two Strippers:

(a) terminal stripper :Carbon foil and gas

(b) second stripper :Carbon foil(1/3 length of accelerator tube)

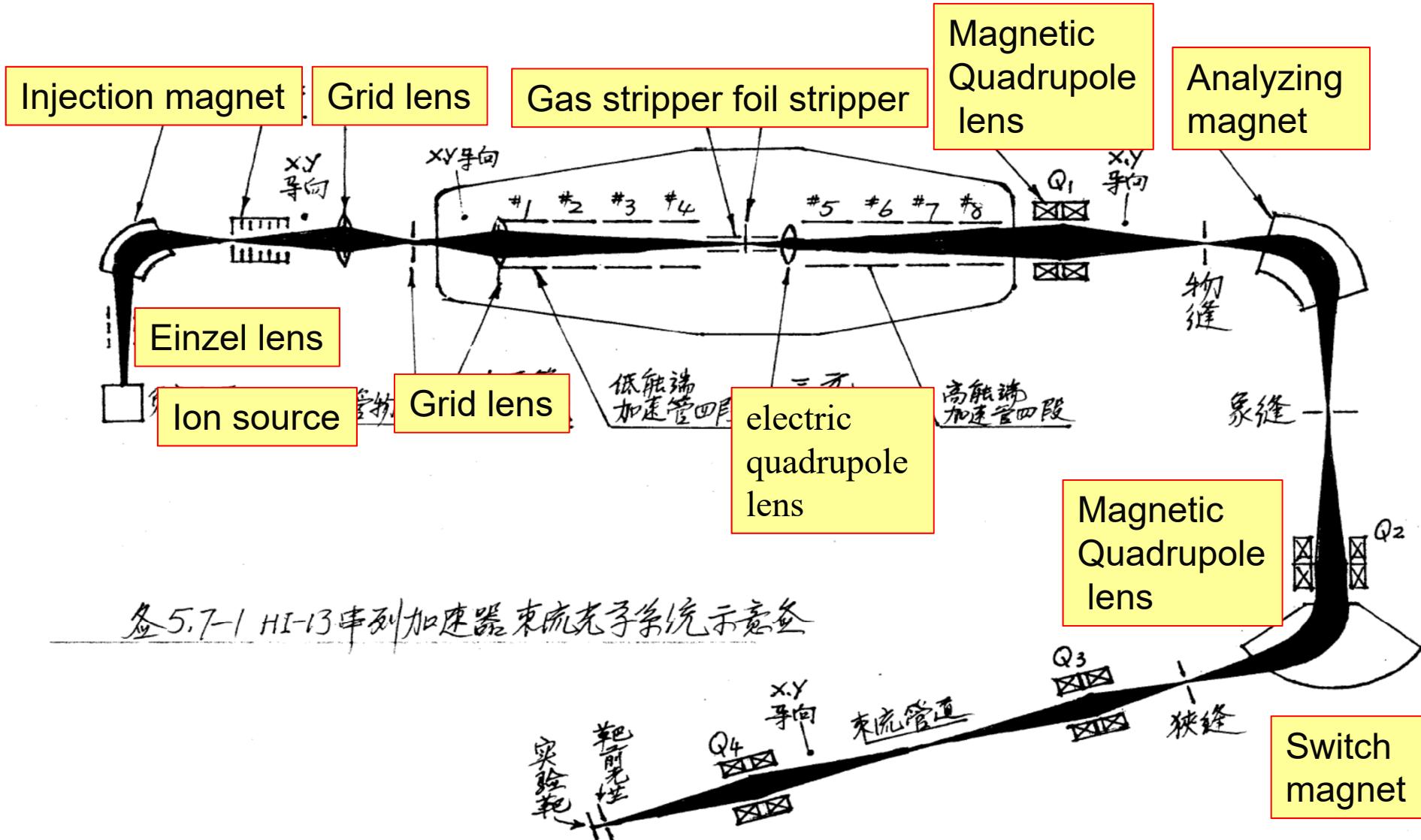


## Analyzing magnet and switch magnet

- Double focus analyzing magnet:  
 $(R=127\text{cm} \quad ME/q^2=200; \alpha=90^\circ)$
- Switch magnet: ( $\pm 70^\circ$ ; 14 beam lines)

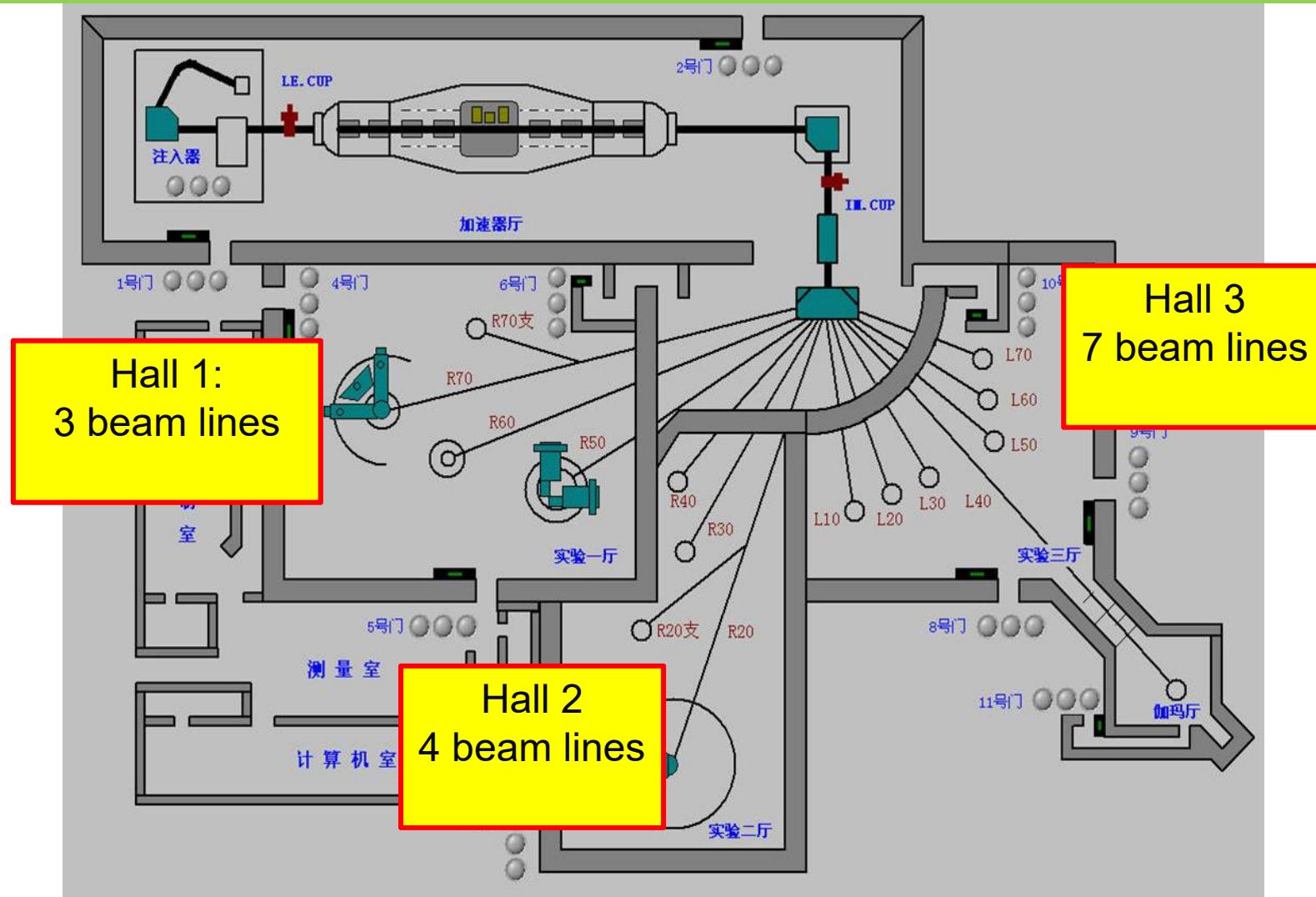


# Beam optical system

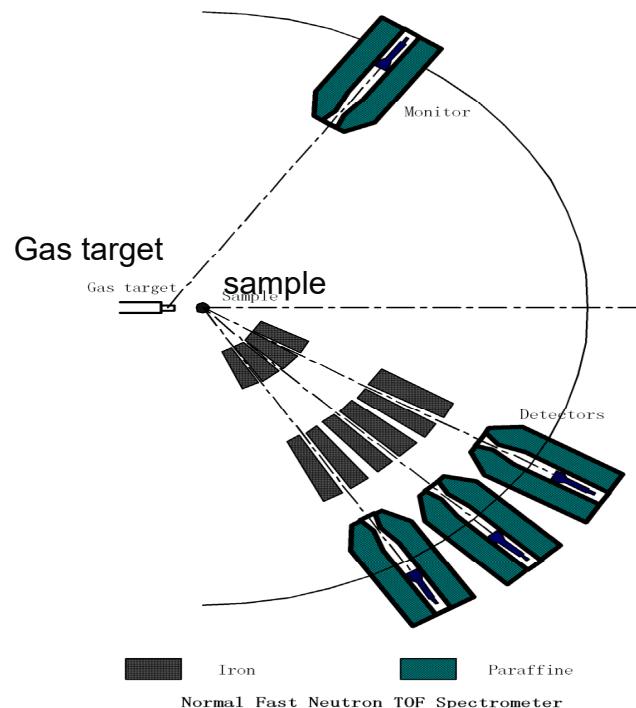


## 2.2 Experimental terminals

- Three experimental halls ,14 beam lines



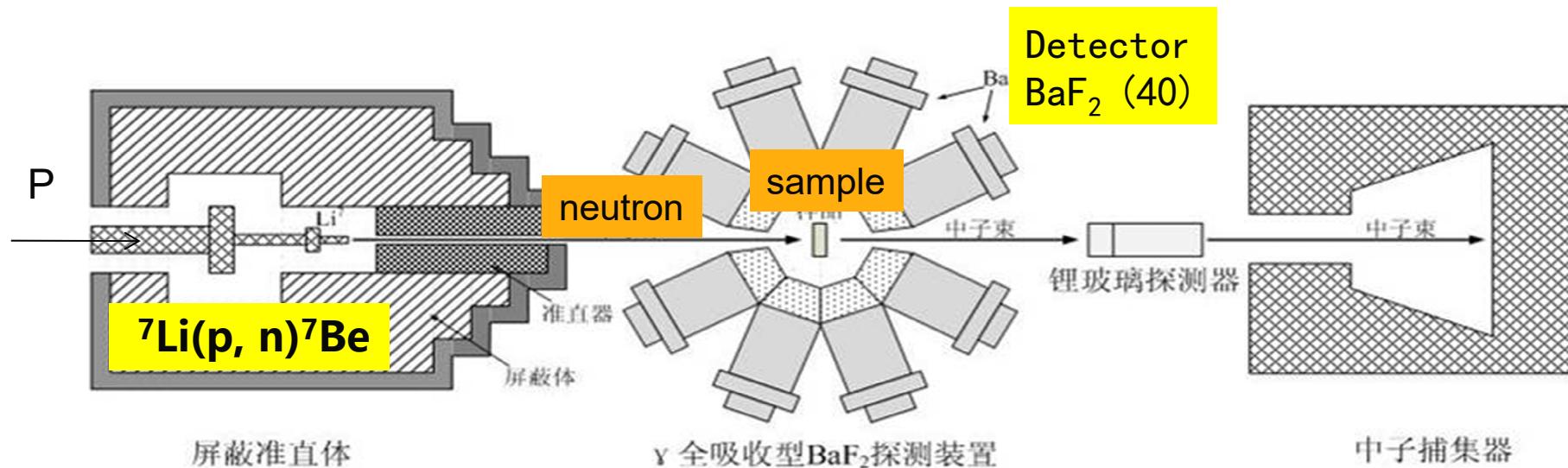
## (1) Fast neutron time of flight spectrometer



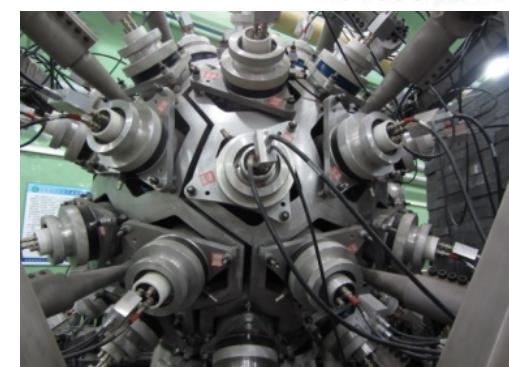
Flight length:	~6m
Measurement angle:	-30°--155°
pulse beam(FWHM)	~2.5ns
pulse frequency	fundamental frequency 6 MHz, (fractionable)
Neutron energy:	5-40 MeV
Detector size:	φ180×100 mm φ130×50 mm
Detector angle interval:	10°

Neutron double differential cross sections

## (2) Gamma ray total absorption facility (GTAF)

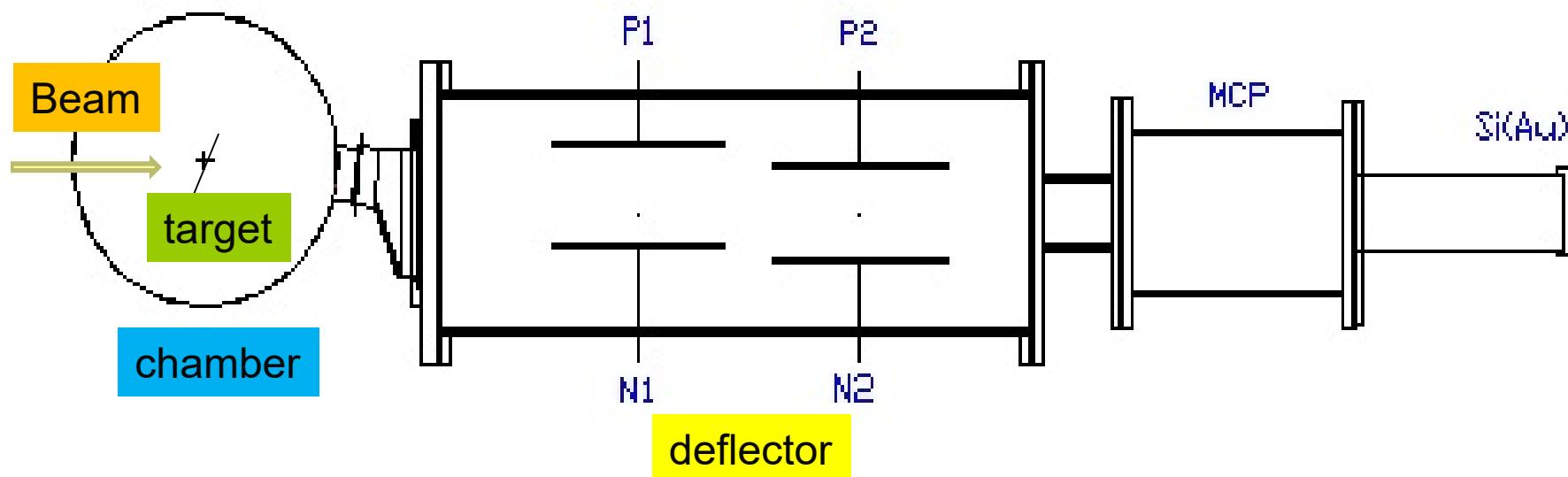


Online  $(\text{n}, \text{r})$  prompt-gamma



### (3) Heavy ion nuclear reaction

Near-barrier Fusion, elastic scattering etc.



## (4) Radioactive Ion Beam Line

次级束	产生反应	能量±半宽 (MeV)	纯度 (%)	强度 (pps) †
$^6\text{He}$	$^2\text{H}(^7\text{Li}, ^6\text{He})^3\text{He}$	$35.7 \pm 0.5$	92	500
$^7\text{Be}$	$^1\text{H}(^7\text{Li}, ^7\text{Be})n$	$30.8 \pm 1.3$	99	900
$^8\text{Li}$	$^2\text{H}(^7\text{Li}, ^8\text{Li})^1\text{H}$	$40.0 \pm 0.5$	88	500
$^{10}\text{C}$	$^1\text{H}(^{10}\text{B}, ^{10}\text{C})n$			Dipole magnet
$^{11}\text{C}$	$^1\text{H}(^{11}\text{B}, ^{11}\text{C})n$			Gas target
$^{13}\text{N}$	$^2\text{H}(^{12}\text{C}, ^{13}\text{N})n$			
$^{15}\text{O}$	$^2\text{H}(^{14}\text{N}, ^{15}\text{O})n$			
$^{17}\text{F}$	$^2\text{H}(^{16}\text{O}, ^{17}\text{F})n$			
$^{18}\text{F}$	$^3\text{He}(^{16}\text{O}, ^{18}\text{F})^1\text{H}$			
$^{19}\text{Ne}$	$^4\text{He}(^{16}\text{O}, ^{19}\text{Ne})n$			
	$^3\text{He}(^{19}\text{F}, ^{19}\text{Ne})^3\text{H}$			
$^{22}\text{Na}$	$^4\text{He}(^{19}\text{F}, ^{22}\text{Na})n$			

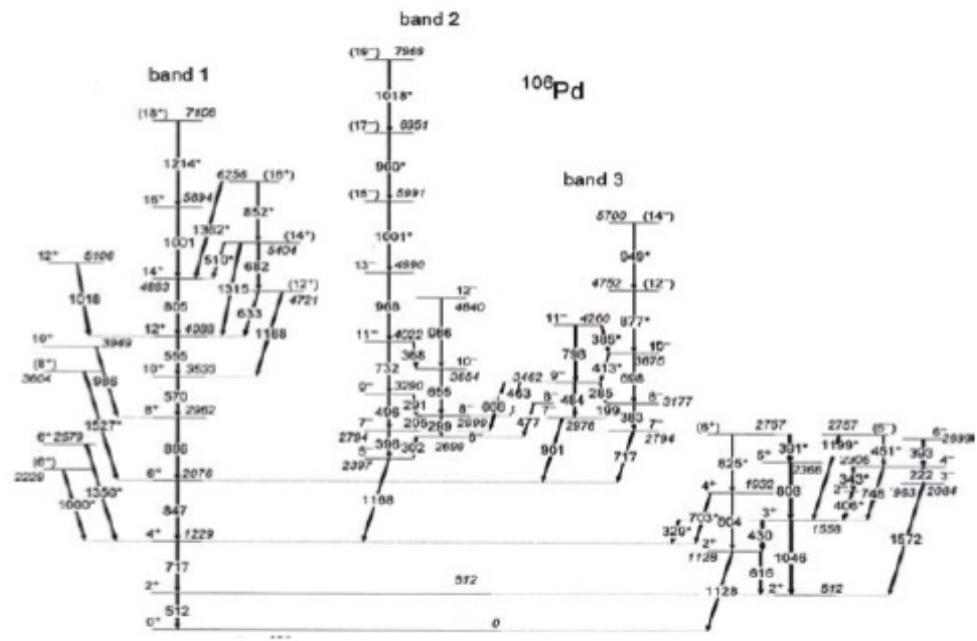
The diagram illustrates the experimental setup for the radioactive ion beam line. It shows a gas target (red cylinder) at the bottom right, connected to a reaction chamber (grey box) on the left. The reaction chamber has a blue cylindrical component labeled 'T1' attached to its side. Above the reaction chamber is a velocity selector, which consists of a blue dipole magnet on top and a green quadrupole lens below. The beam path is indicated by a dashed line passing through the center of the velocity selector. The entire apparatus is mounted on a wooden-like base.

## (5) In-beam Gamma Spectroscopy

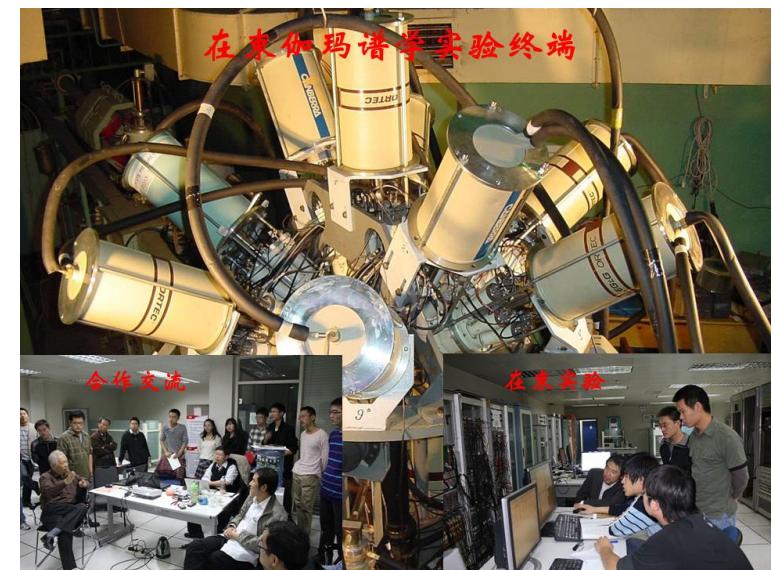
# Nuclear Structure

## high spin structure

## Lifetime of excited States



**Fig.2** The level scheme of  $^{106}\text{Pd}$  from the present experiment (\* stand for new  $\gamma$  transitions)

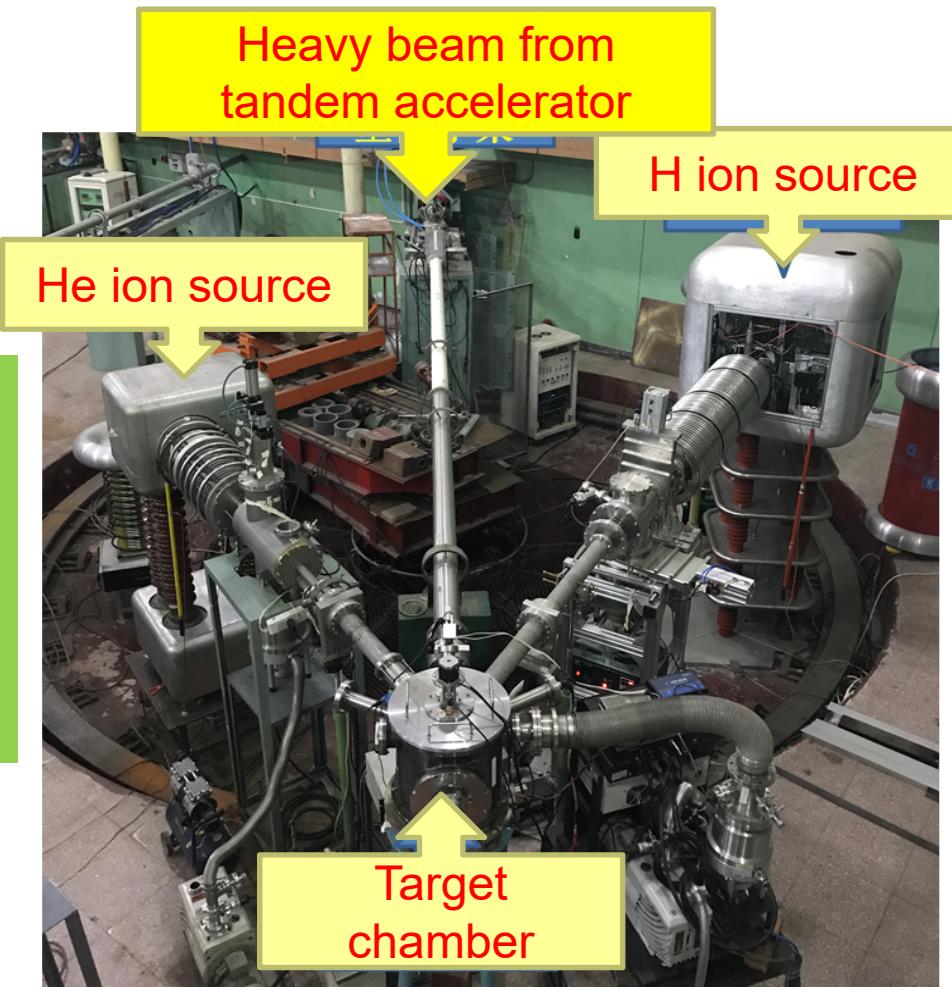


# Irradiation Effects

## (6) Triple Beam Irradiation platform

- Irradiation Effects of Materials

Simulating radiation properties of structural materials irradiated by high dose neutron irradiation in nuclear power plant



# Irradiation Effects

## (7) Single event effects platform

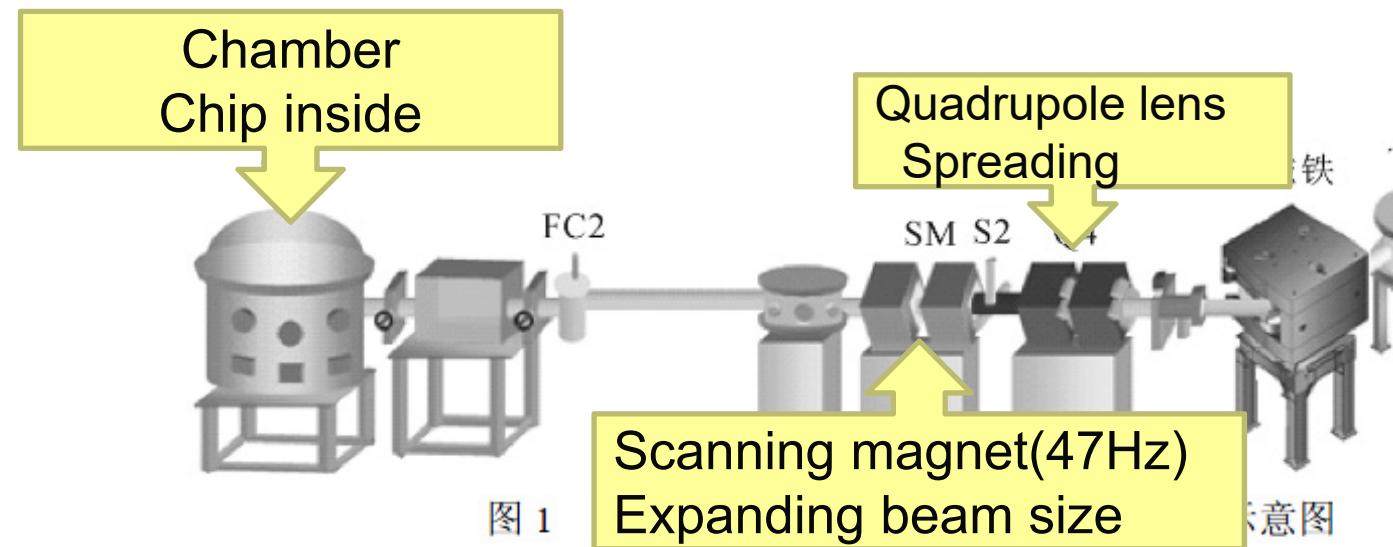


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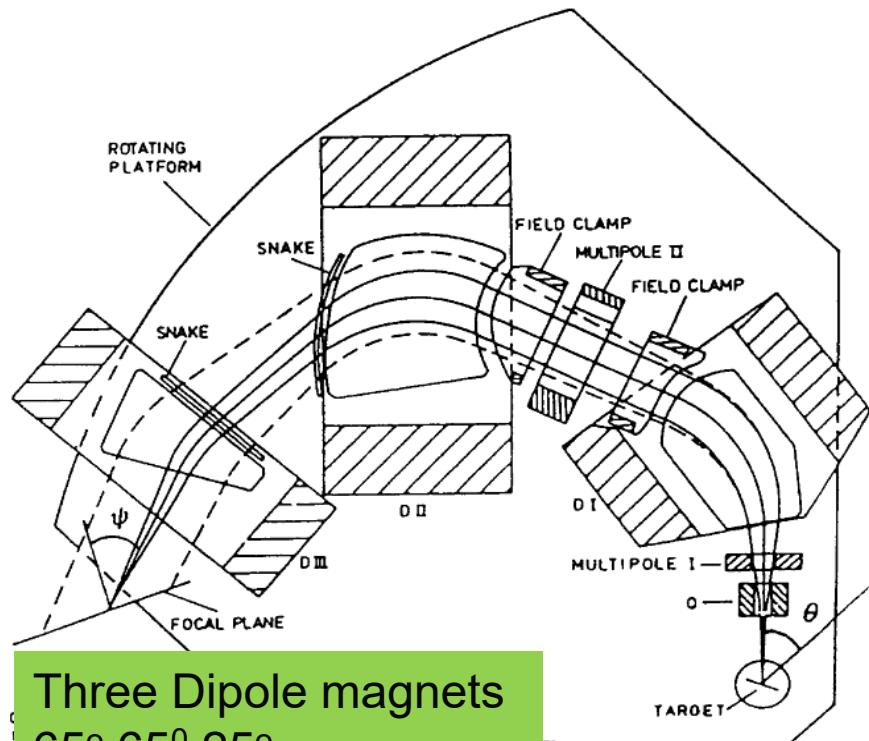
Ion flux density : $1 \times 10^2 /cm^2\cdot s$

Beam Size:100 mm×100mm

avoiding the anomalies and malfunctions of some spacecrafts induced by single event effects in the chip or circuit systems.



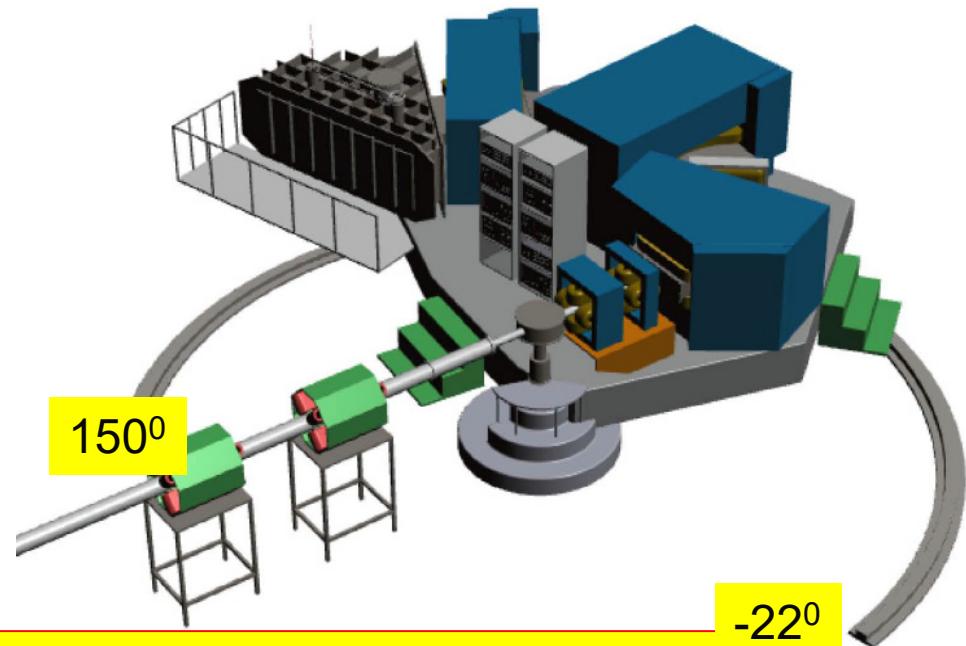
## (8) Q3D magnetic spectrometry



Three Dipole magnets  
65°, 65°, 25°  
Radius: 100mm

High momentum resolution

Dispersion(along focal plane )  
 $\Delta X/(\Delta P/P)$ : 11.36cm/%



Nuclear reaction  
Accelerator Mass Spectrometry  
Biologic Irradiation Effects

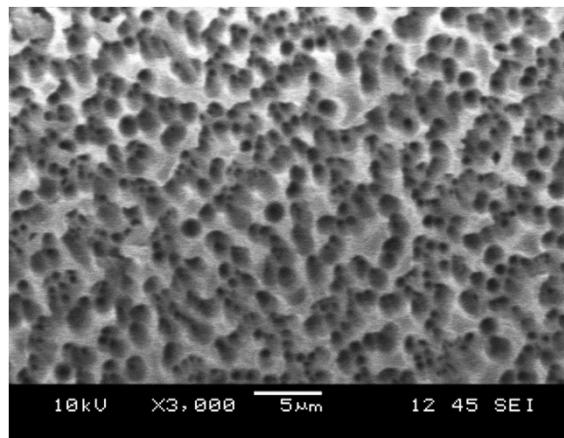
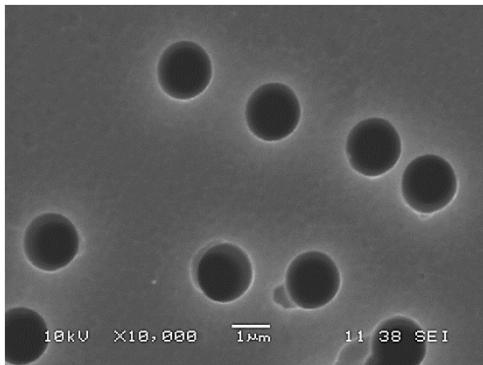
## (9) accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS)

nuclid e	Injectio n ion	Detection method	background
<sup>10</sup> Be	BeO <sup>-</sup>	Absorb+ΔE-E	<sup>10</sup> Be/ <sup>9</sup> Be~ $1\times10^{-14}$
<sup>26</sup> Al	AlO <sup>-</sup>	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>26</sup> Al/ <sup>27</sup> Al= $2\times10^{-15}$
<sup>32</sup> Si	Si <sup>-</sup>	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>32</sup> Si/Si< $5\times10^{-15}$
<sup>36</sup> Cl	Cl <sup>-</sup>	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>36</sup> Cl/Cl< $1\times10^{-15}$
<sup>41</sup> Ca	CaF <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	ΔE-E	<sup>41</sup> Ca/Ca= $2\times10^{-14}$
<sup>53</sup> Mn	MnF <sup>-</sup>	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>53</sup> Mn/Mn= $1\times10^{-13}$
<sup>59</sup> Ni	Ni <sup>-</sup>	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>59</sup> Ni/Ni= $8\times10^{-14}$
<sup>60</sup> Fe	FeO <sup>-</sup>	ΔE-Q3D+ΔE-E	<sup>60</sup> Fe/Fe~ $1\times10^{-15}$
<sup>129</sup> I	I <sup>-</sup>	E	<sup>129</sup> I/ <sup>127</sup> I= $2\times10^{-13}$
<sup>236</sup> U	UO <sup>-</sup>	E	<sup>236</sup> U/U= $1\times10^{-11}$



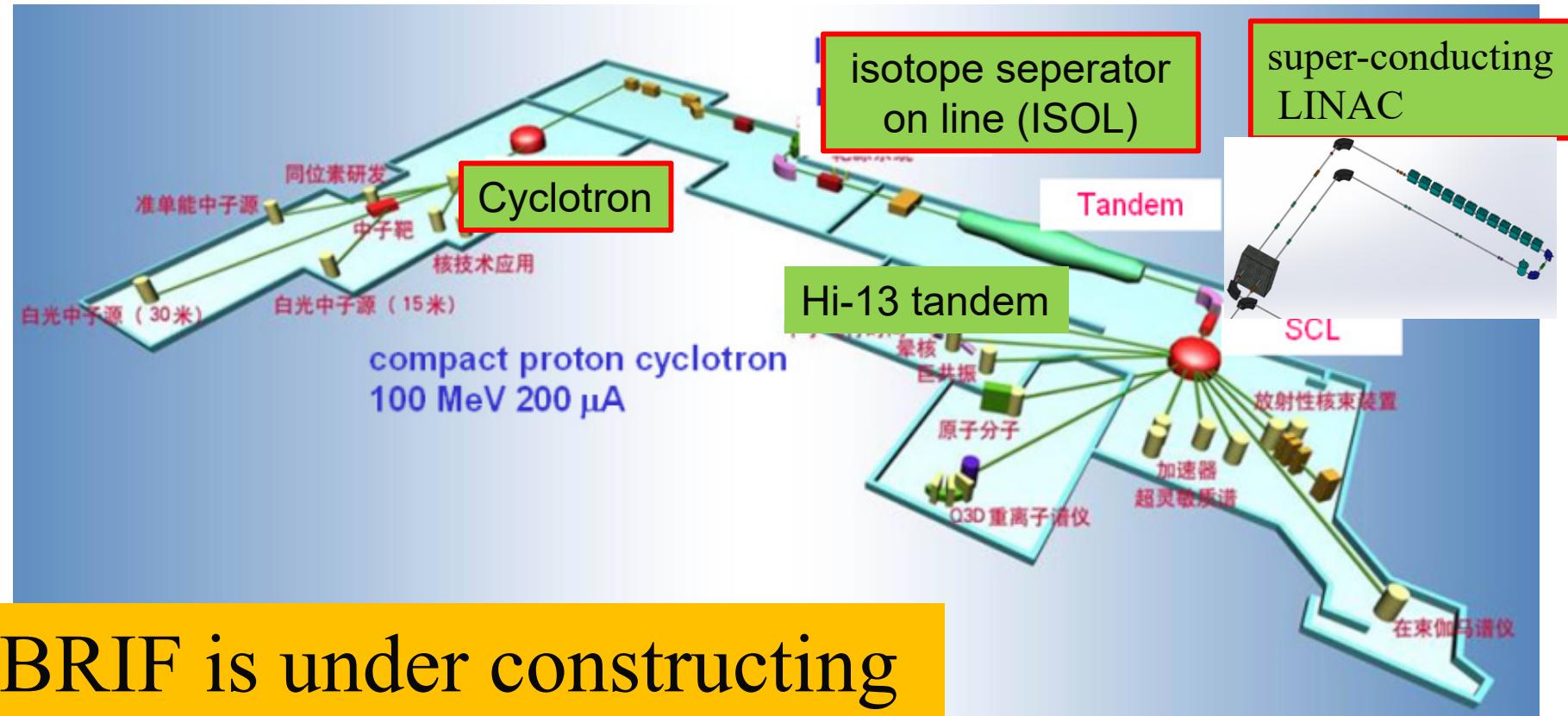
## (10) Nuclear Track Membrane Irradiation platform

- Nuclear pore membrane  
filtration membrane (gas ,liquid)  
Anti-counterfeit marking images

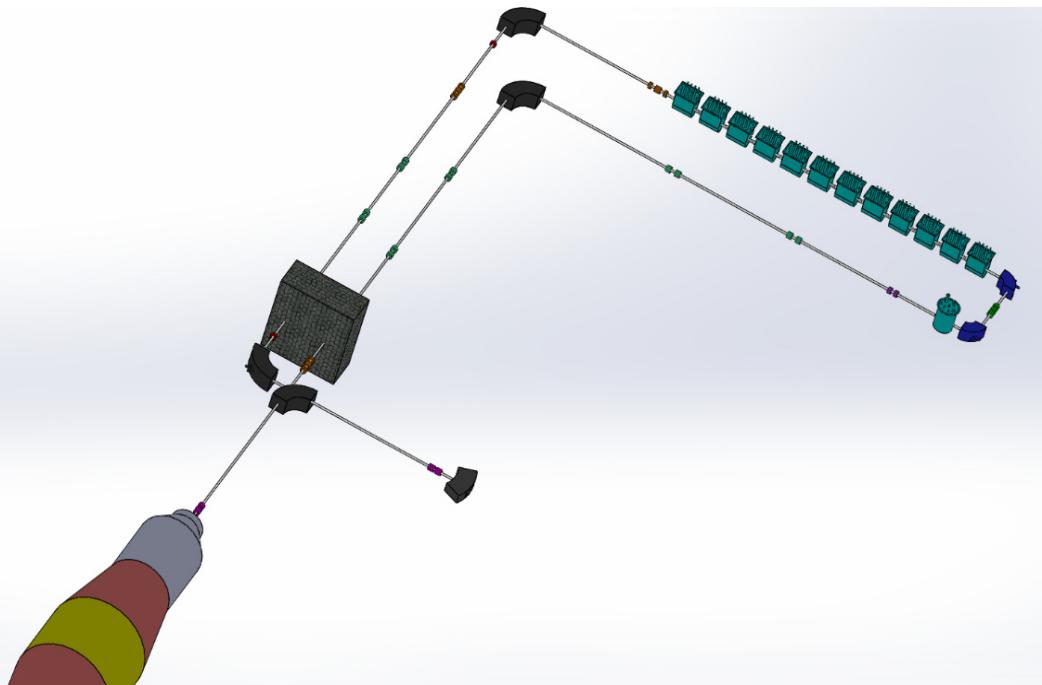




## 2.3 Beijing rare ion beam facility (BRIF)



The BRIF is composed of a 100 MeV proton cyclotron, an isotope separator on line (ISOL) with mass resolution of 20000, and a super-conducting LINAC of  $2 \text{ MeV}/q$



super-conducting LINAC

100 MeV proton cyclotron

# Thank you!

