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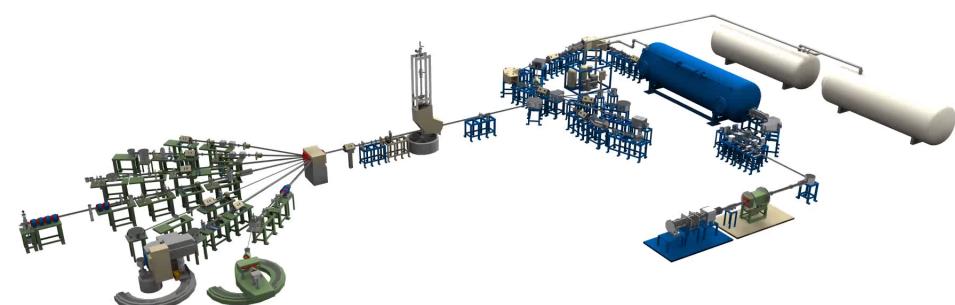
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# University of Tsukuba

## Tsukuba science city



## University of Tsukuba, Tandem Accelerator Center (UTTAC)



Major center of ion beam research in Japan

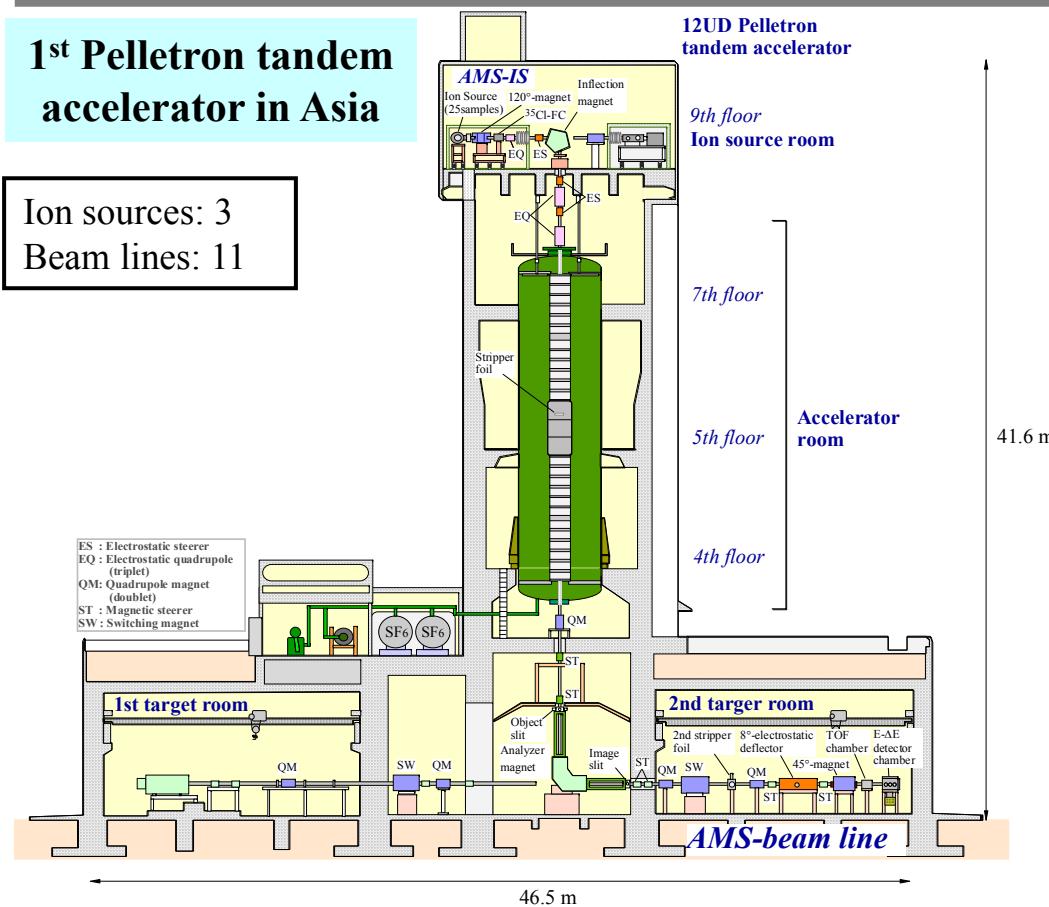
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- 1 MV Tandetron (1987)
- Positron accelerator (2012)
- 1 MV HR-RBS (2012)
- 6 MVTandem (2015)



# 12UD Pelletron tandem accelerator

1<sup>st</sup> Pelletron tandem accelerator in Asia

Ion sources: 3  
Beam lines: 11



University of Tsukuba, Japan (1975-2011)

MODEL : Vertical Tandem Van de Graaff

Terminal voltage range: 2.0 - 12.0 MV

Insulation Gas : SF<sub>6</sub> pressure: 0.6 MPa

Accelerator Tank : Height: 17.9 m

Diameter: 4.8 m

Volume: 350 m<sup>3</sup>

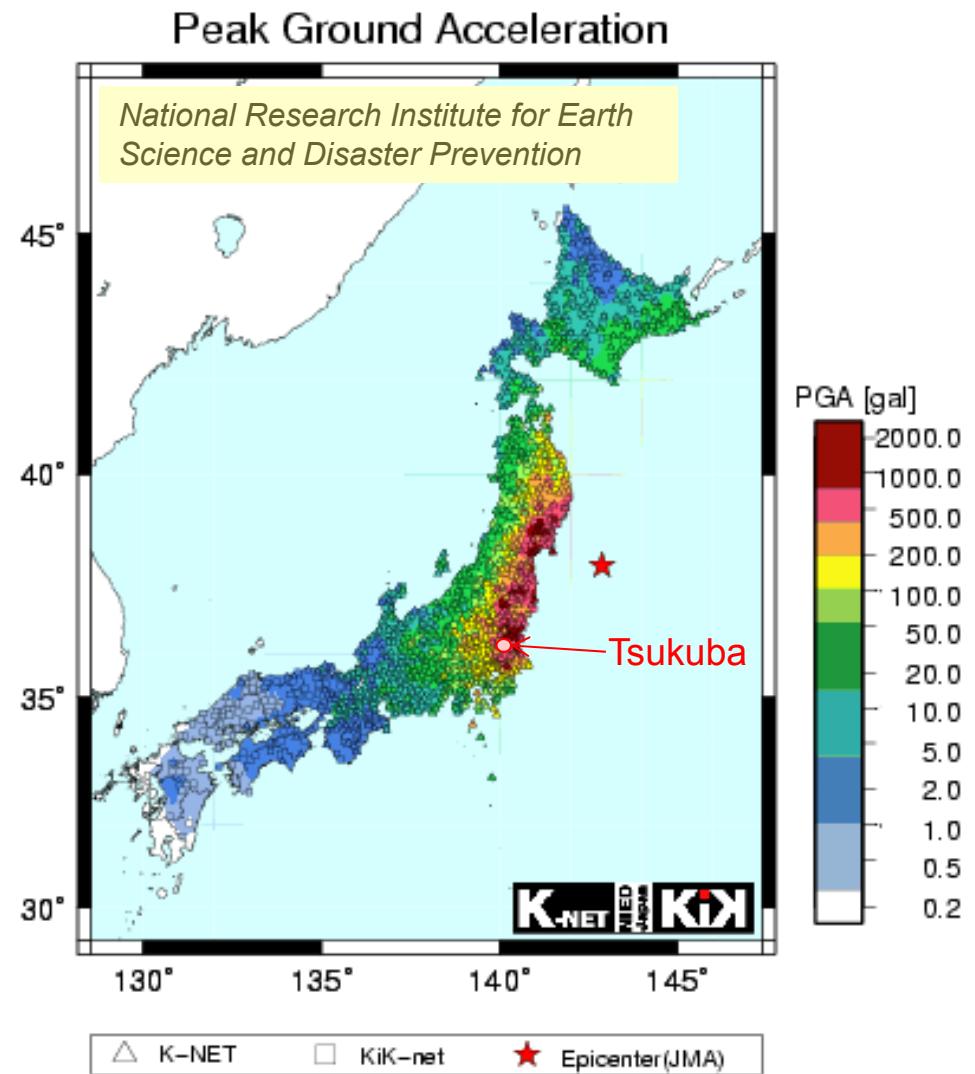
Total weight: 120 ton



Acceleration column  
NEC, USA in 1975

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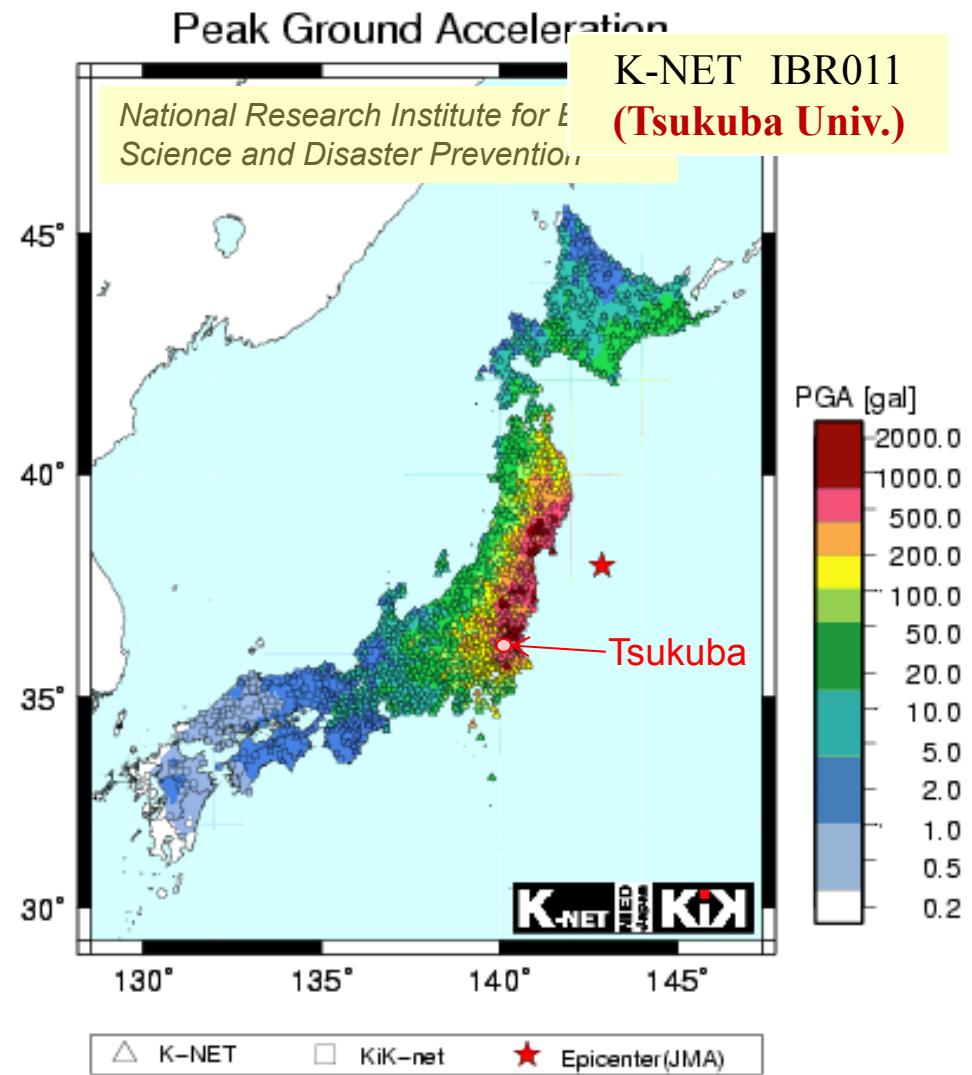
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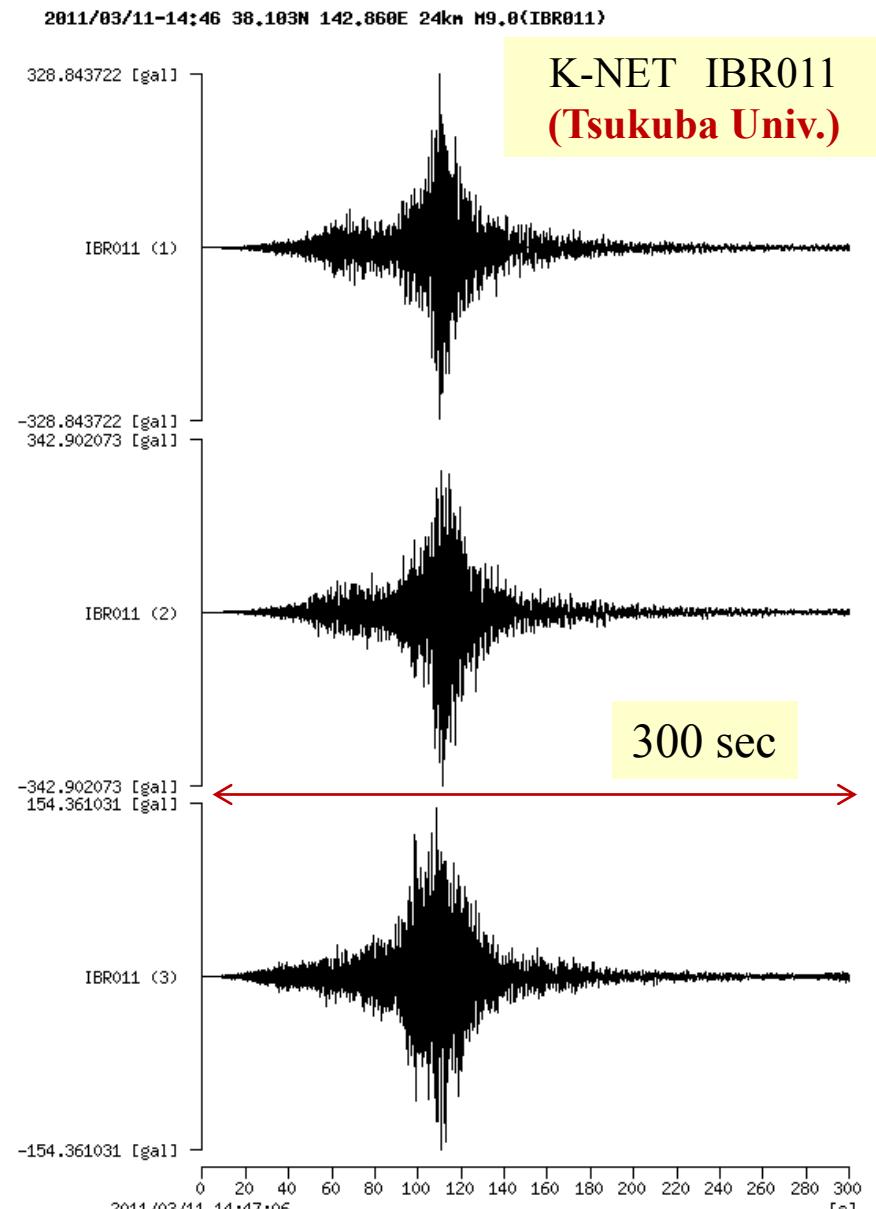


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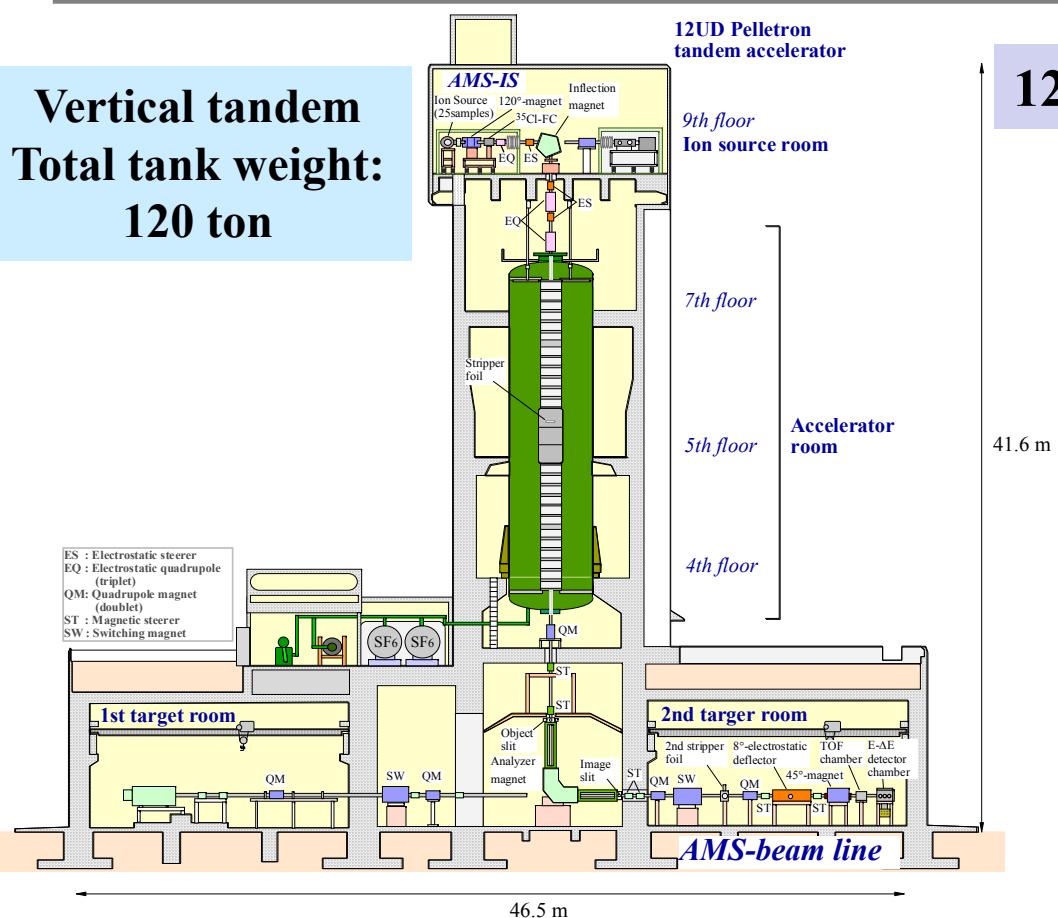
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Maximum acceleration:  
**371.7 cm/s<sup>2</sup> (gal)**  
at Univ. Tsukuba  
Duration time: 300 sec.



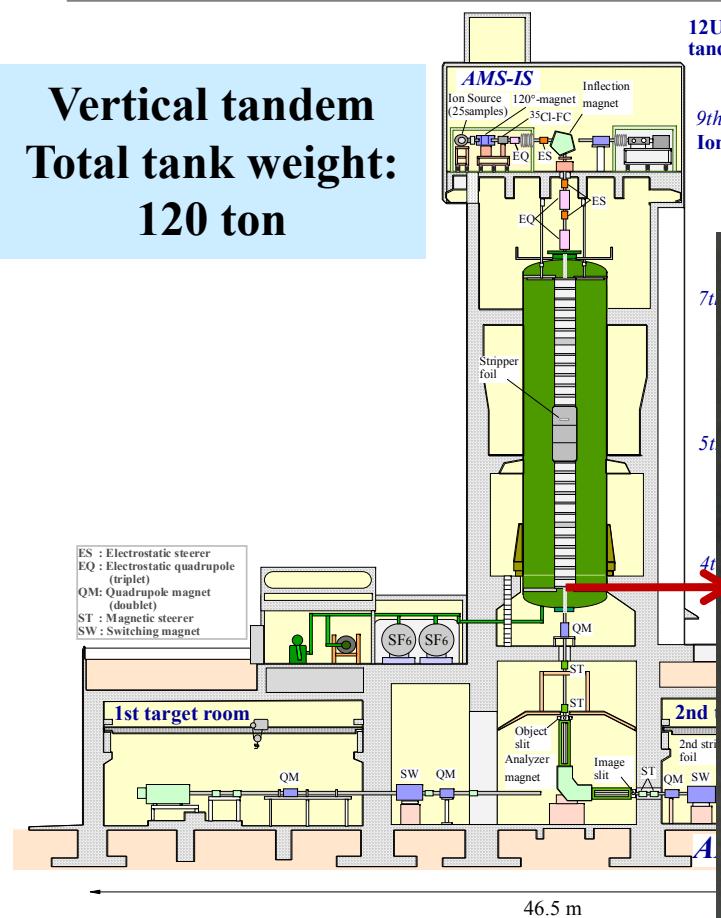
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9th floor  
Ion source

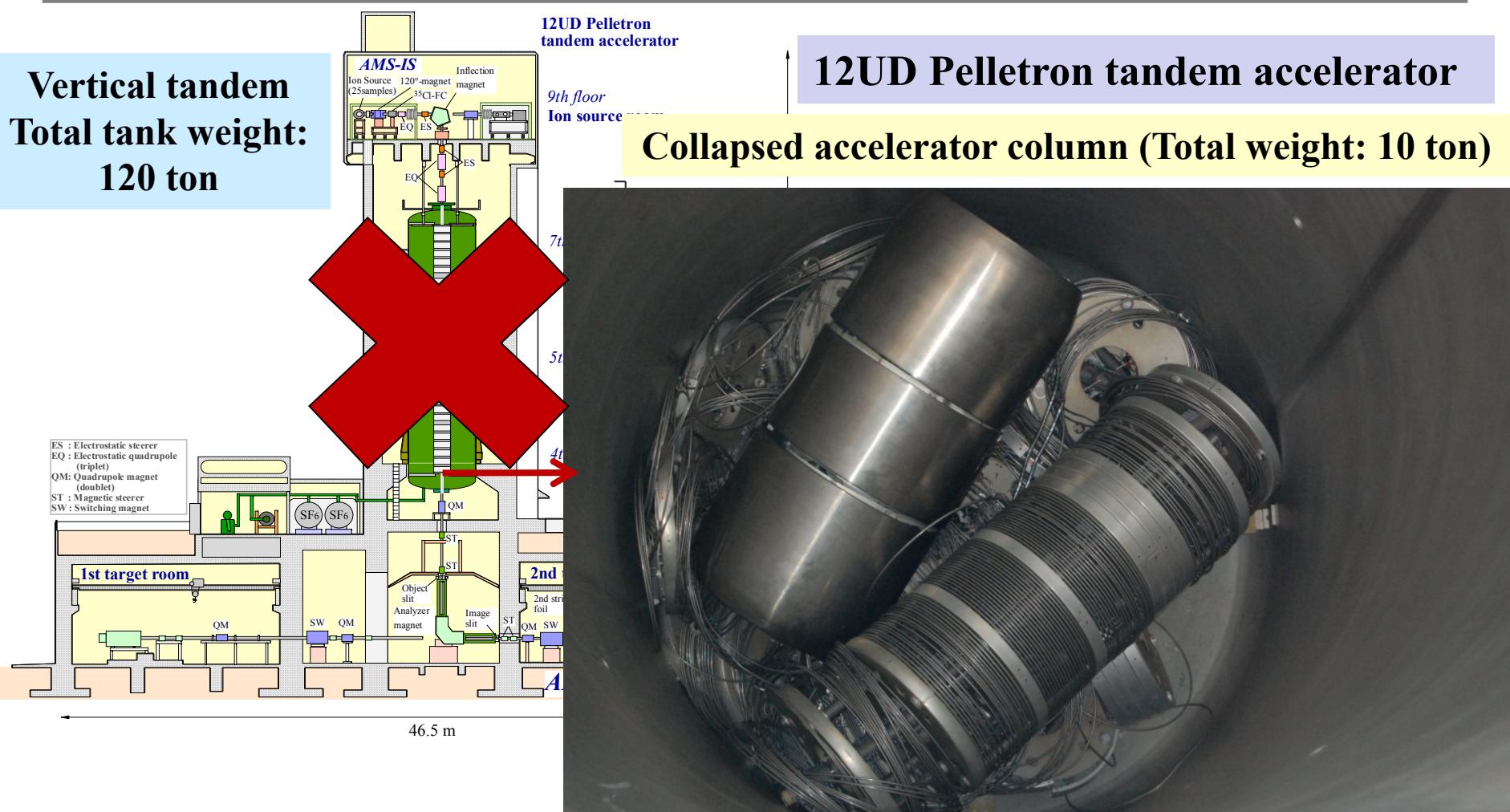
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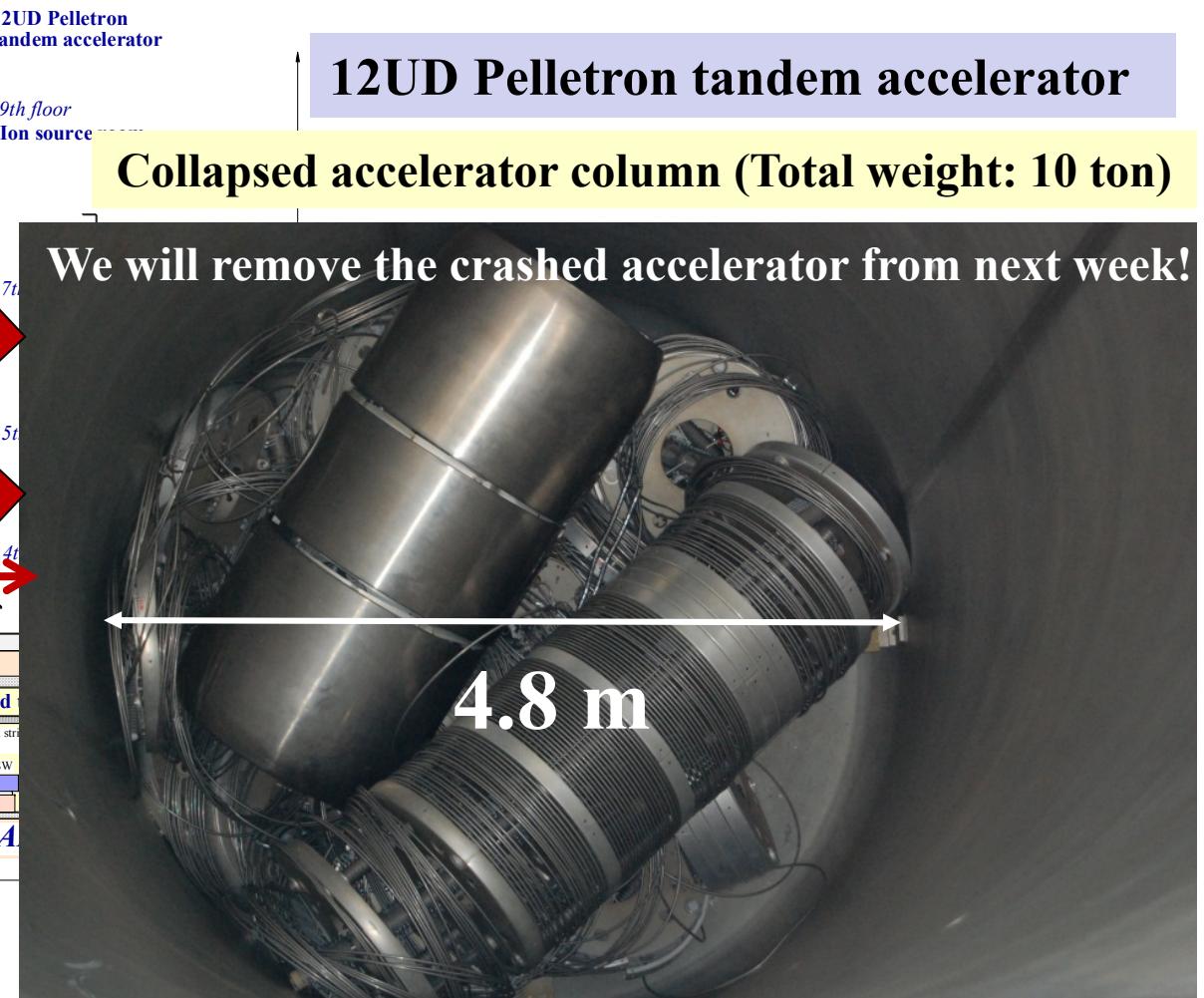
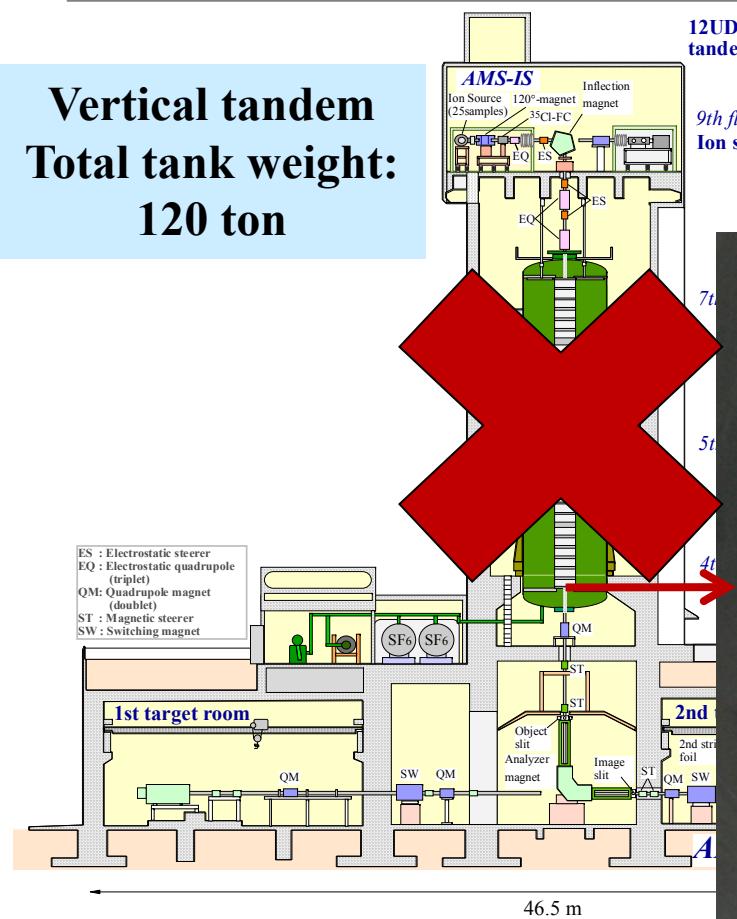
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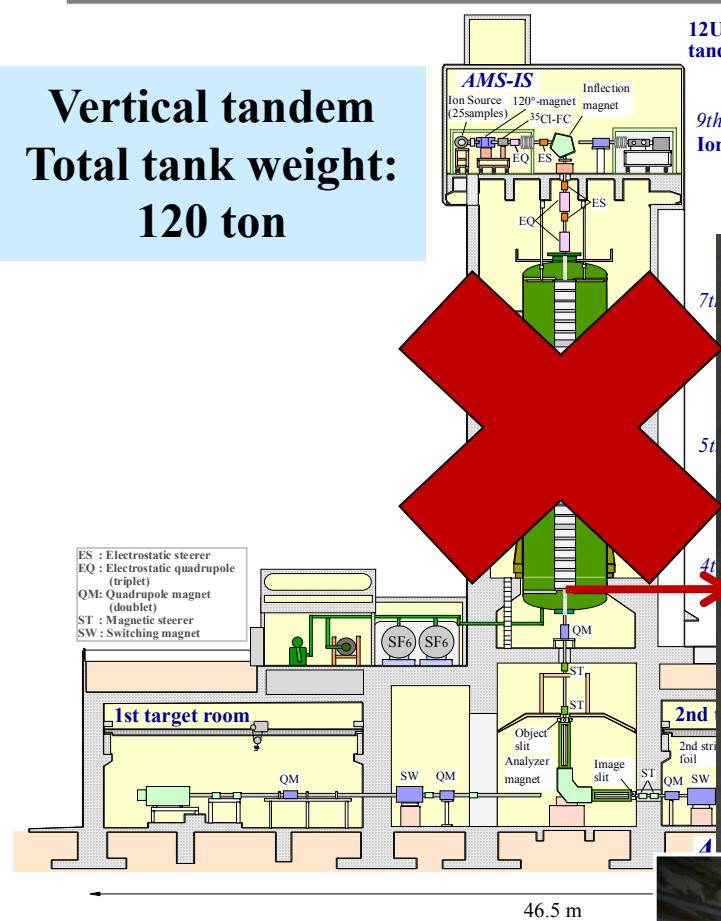
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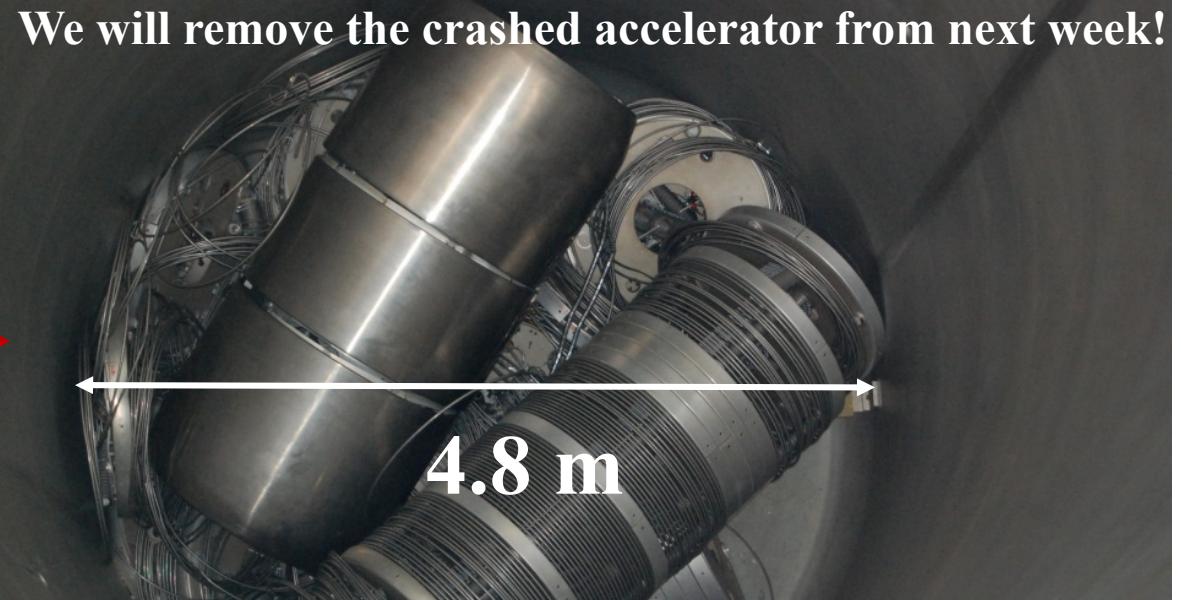
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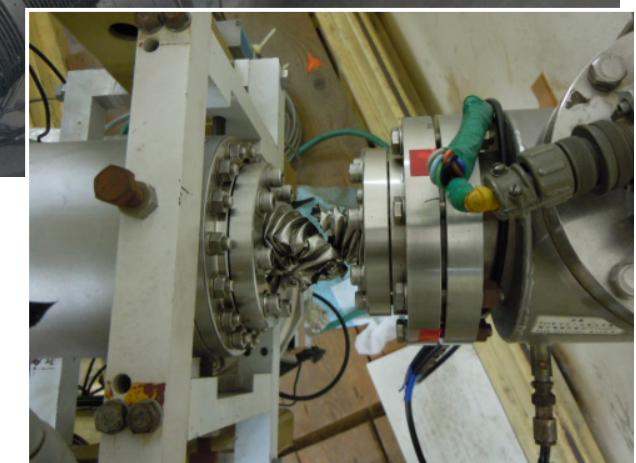
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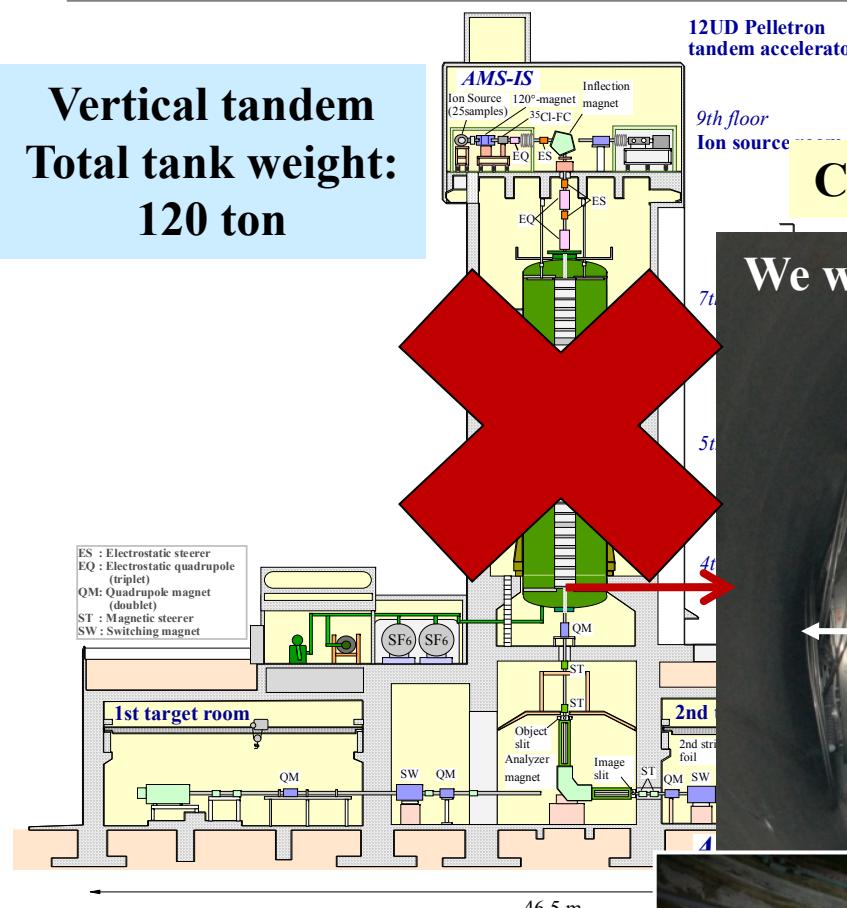


**4.8 m**



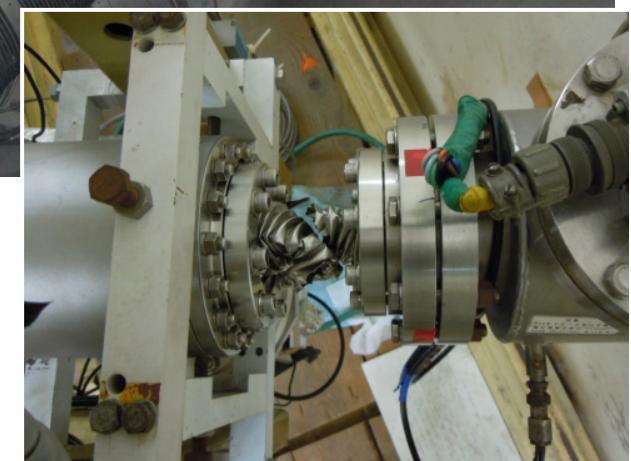
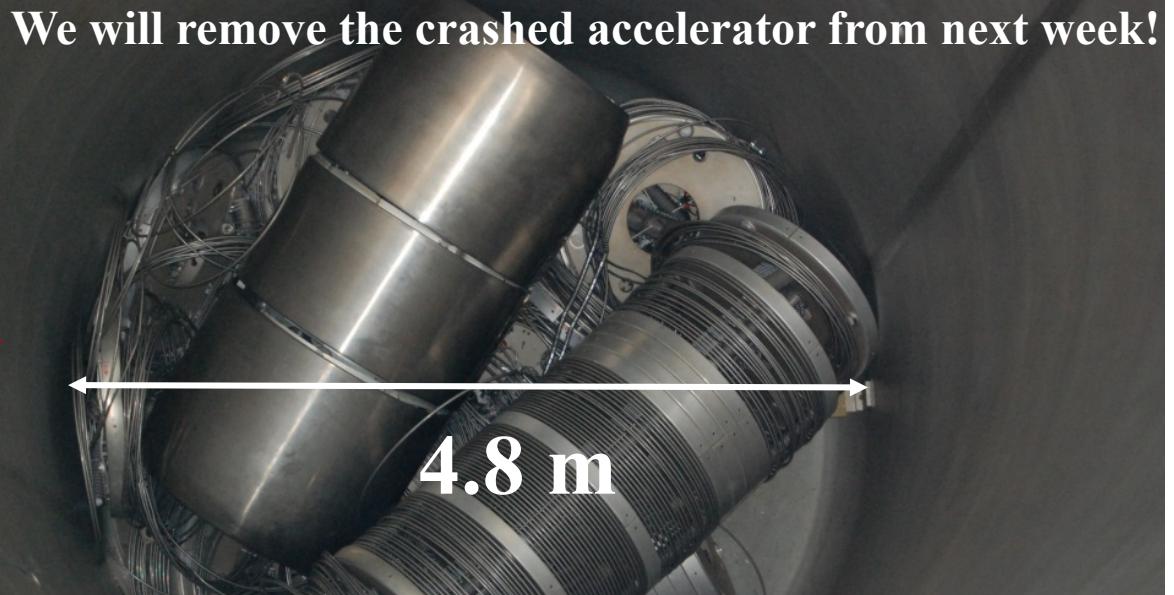
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- Total financial damage at Univ. Tsukuba:  
**7 billion JPY (\$ 58.5 million)**  
including accelerator damage:  
**1.2 billion JPY (\$ 10 million)**

# **Reconstruction project at UTTAC since 2011**

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## **System design concept of the new accelerator**

- Multi-purpose tandem accelerator**

Nuclear physics: Low energy nuclear reaction, nuclear astrophysics etc.

Ion beam applications: AMS, IBA, Ion irradiation, etc.

- Horizontal middle-sized tandem accelerator**

- Reusing of existing infrastructures, beam lines  
and Polarized ion source**

- New dedicated AMS system**

Radionuclide-AMS:  $^{10}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{41}\text{Ca}$ ,  $^{129}\text{I}$  etc.

Especially for  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ .



**6 MV Pelletron tandem accelerator**

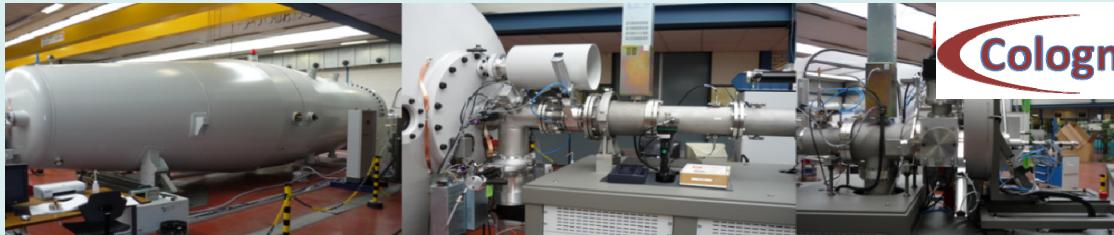


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# Advanced large electrostatic accelerators in the world

## 6 MV tandem accelerator for AMS & ion beam analysis (IBA) from the 2010s onward

A new HVEE 6 MV AMS system at the University of Cologne, Germany



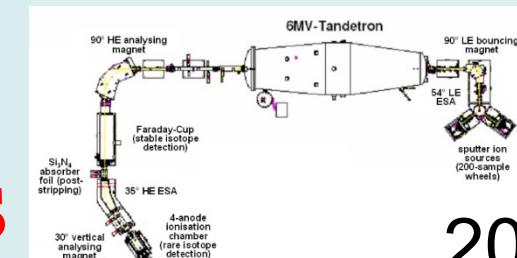
University of Cologne - Centre for  
Accelerator Mass Spectrometry

AMS 2011

The 6 MV DREsden AMS facility: DREAMS HZDR-AMS, Germany



AMS



2012

6-MV KIST Tandem Ion Accelerator  
Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST), Korea

2012

AMS & IBA



ANSTO :  
Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation  
The 6MV SIRIUS Tandem Accelerator

2015 AMS & IBA



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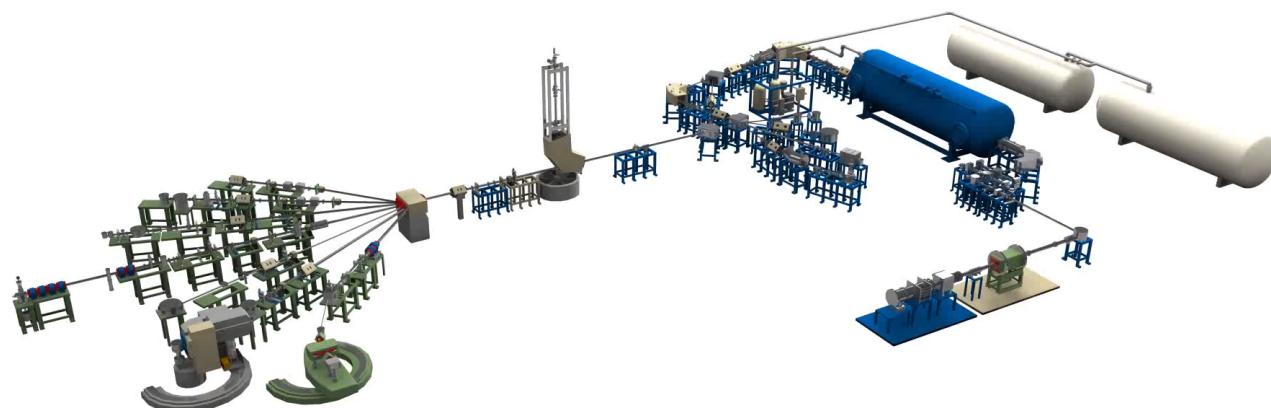
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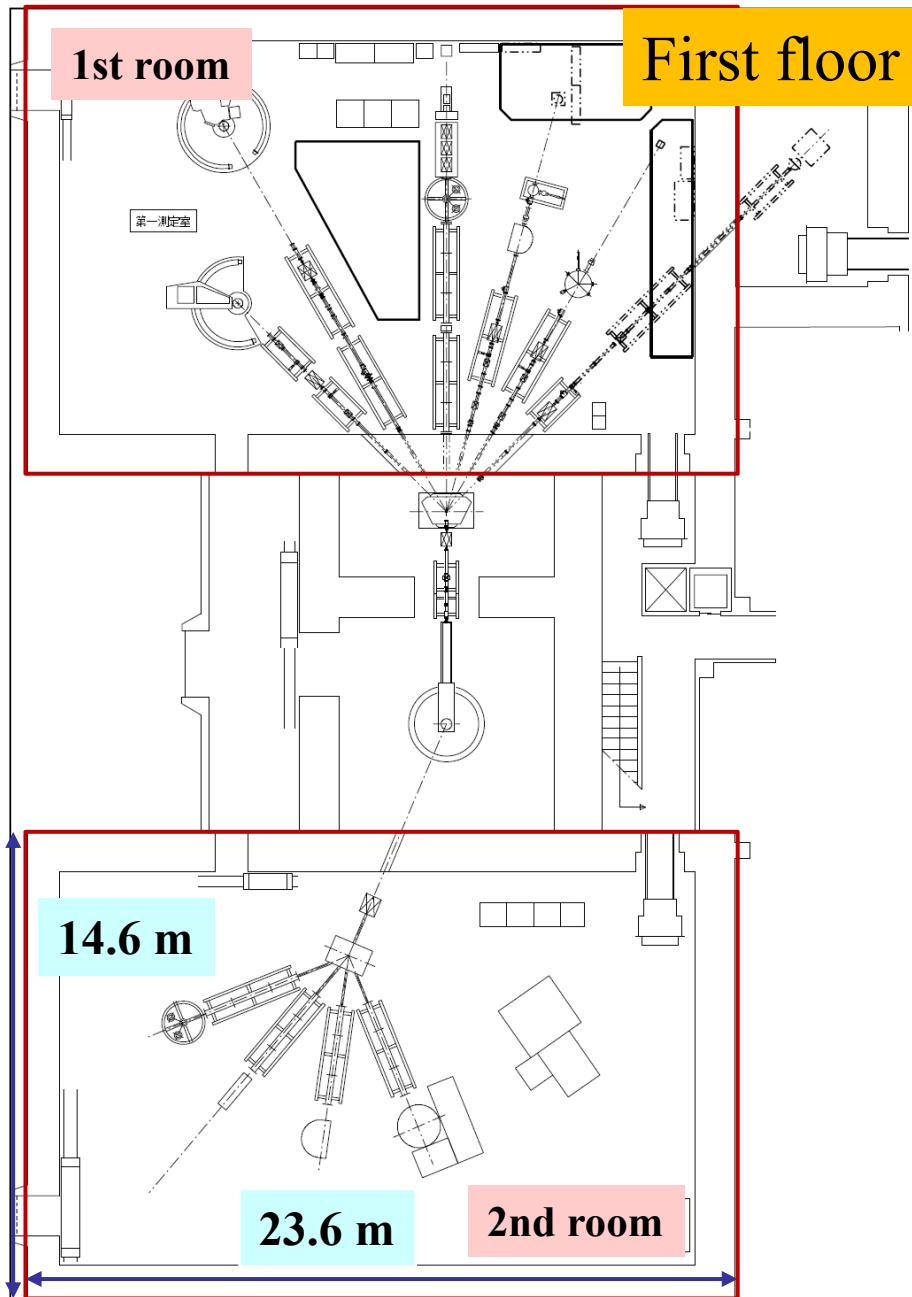
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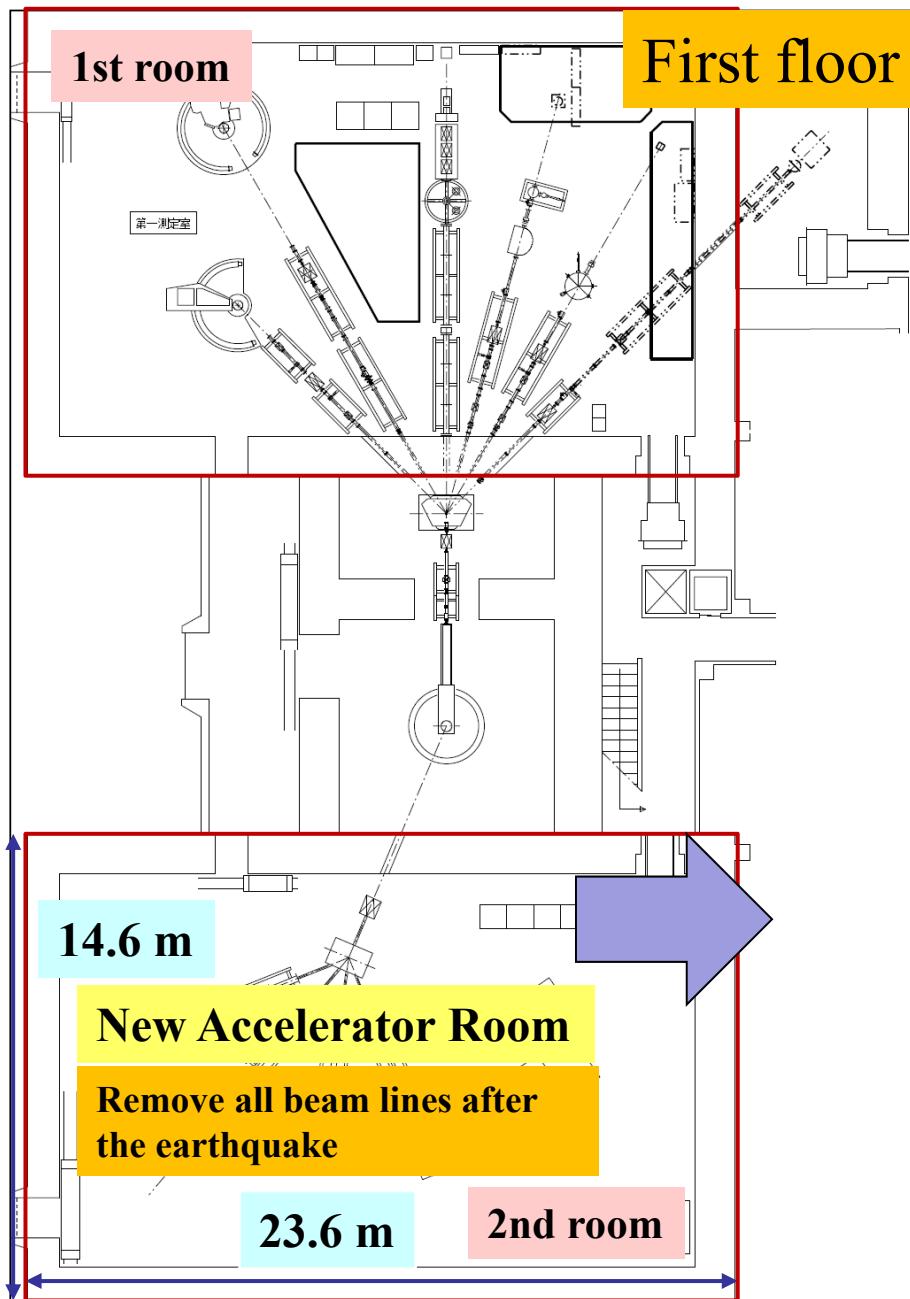
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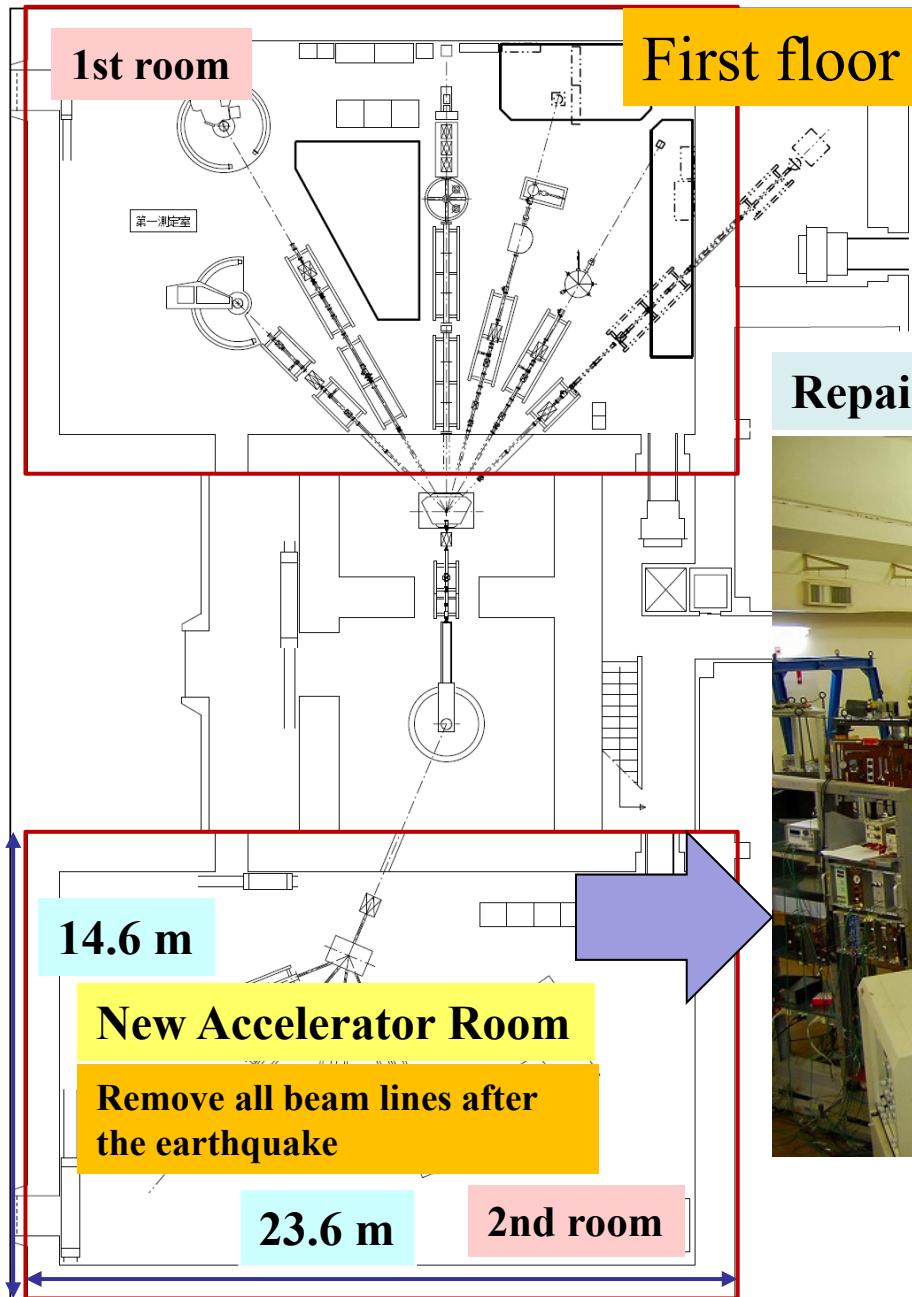
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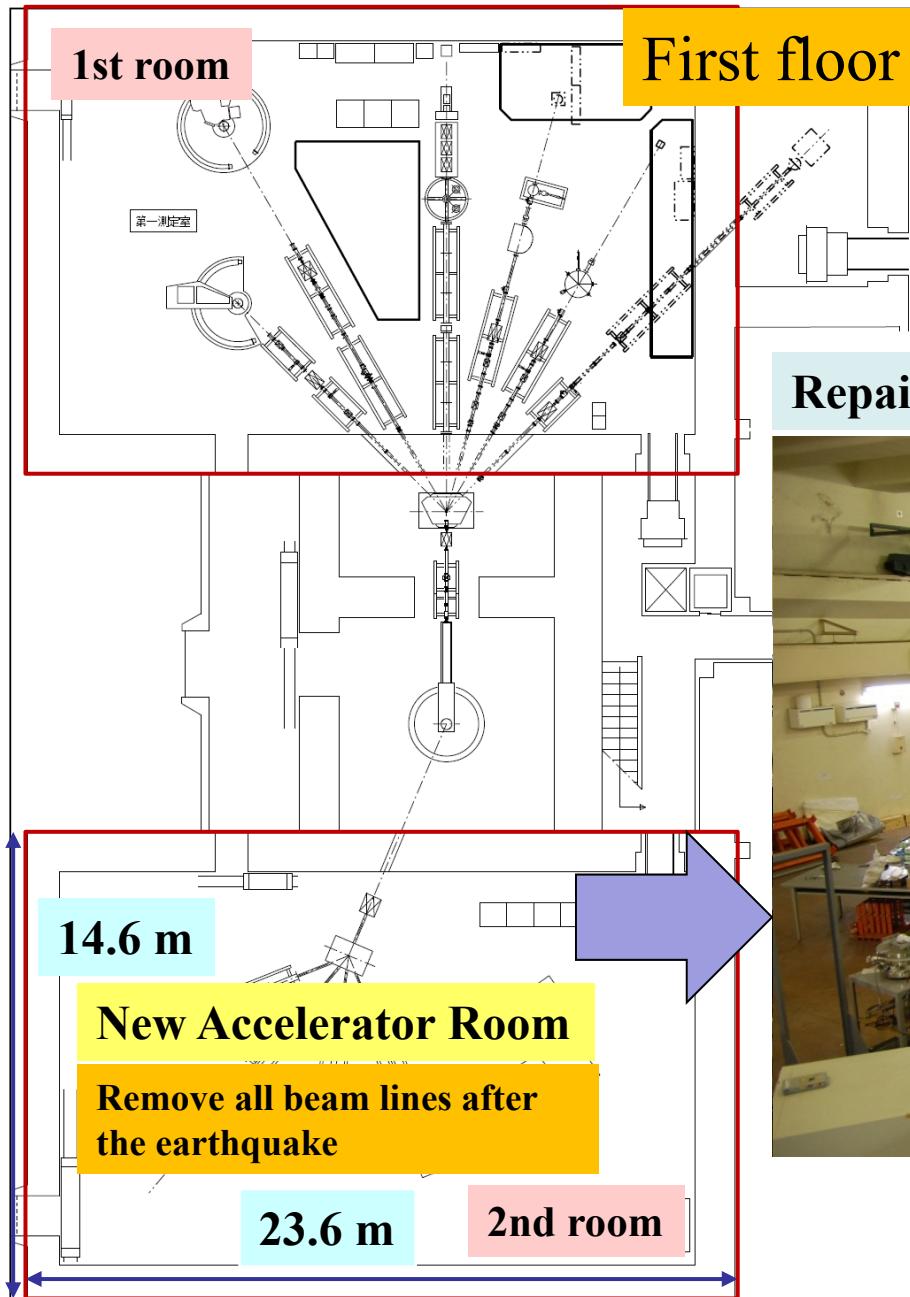
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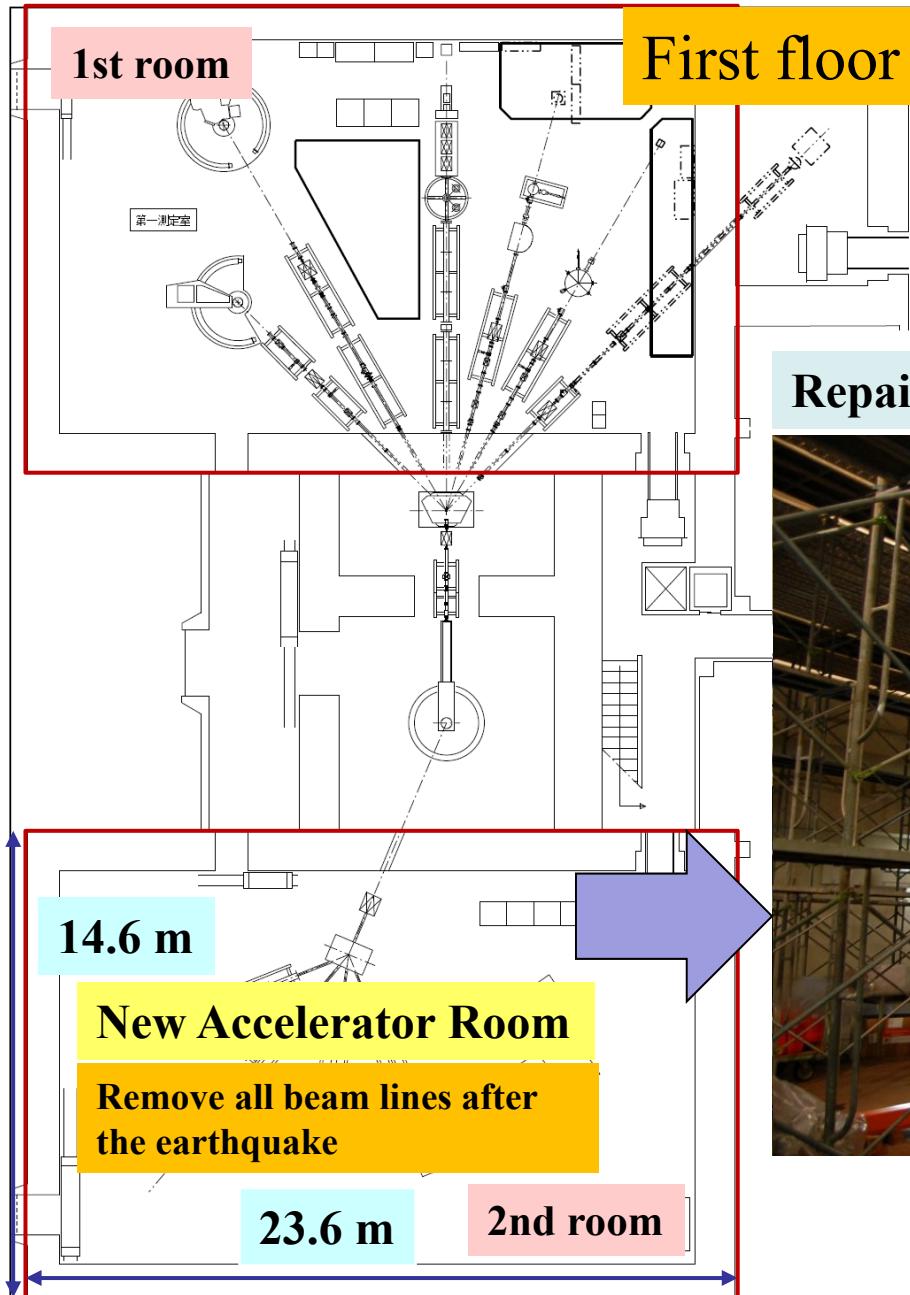
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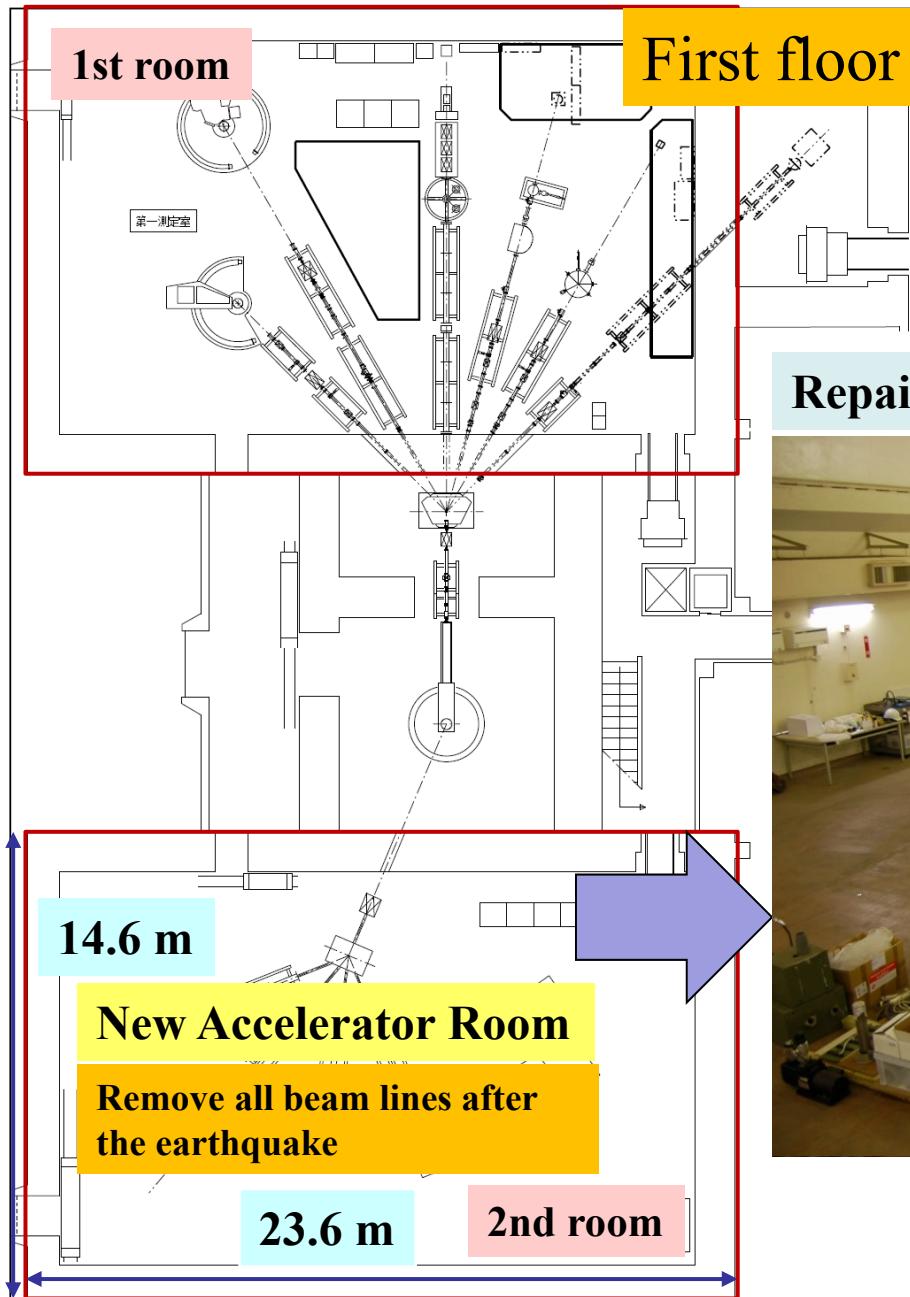
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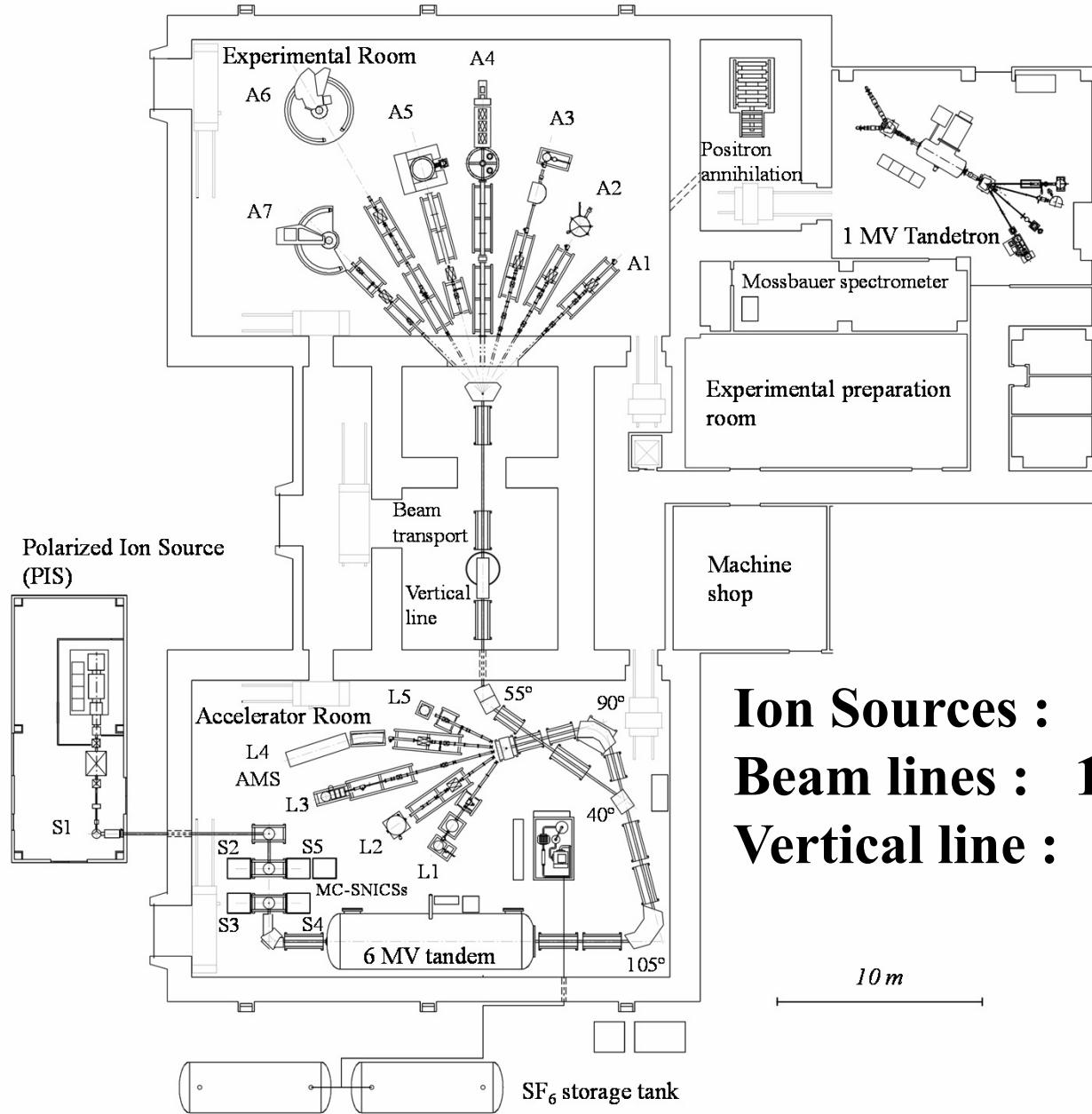
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# Accelerator room

Mar. 2013

# Design of the 6 MV tandem accelerator system

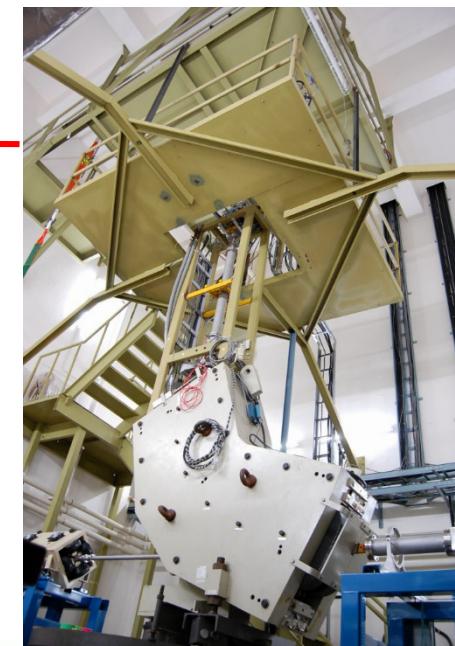
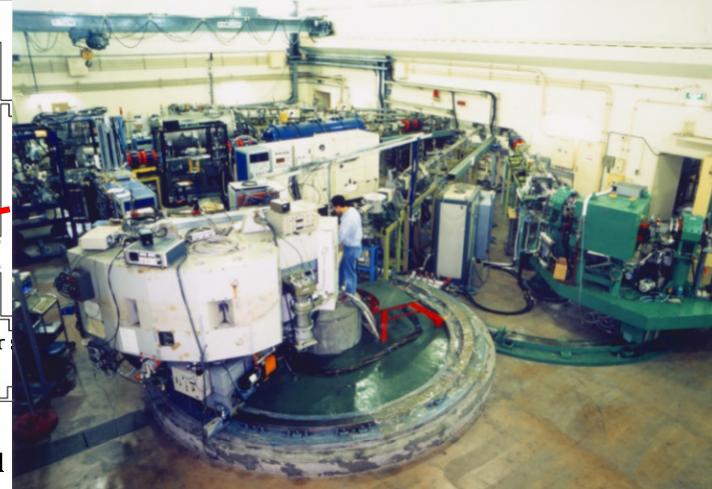
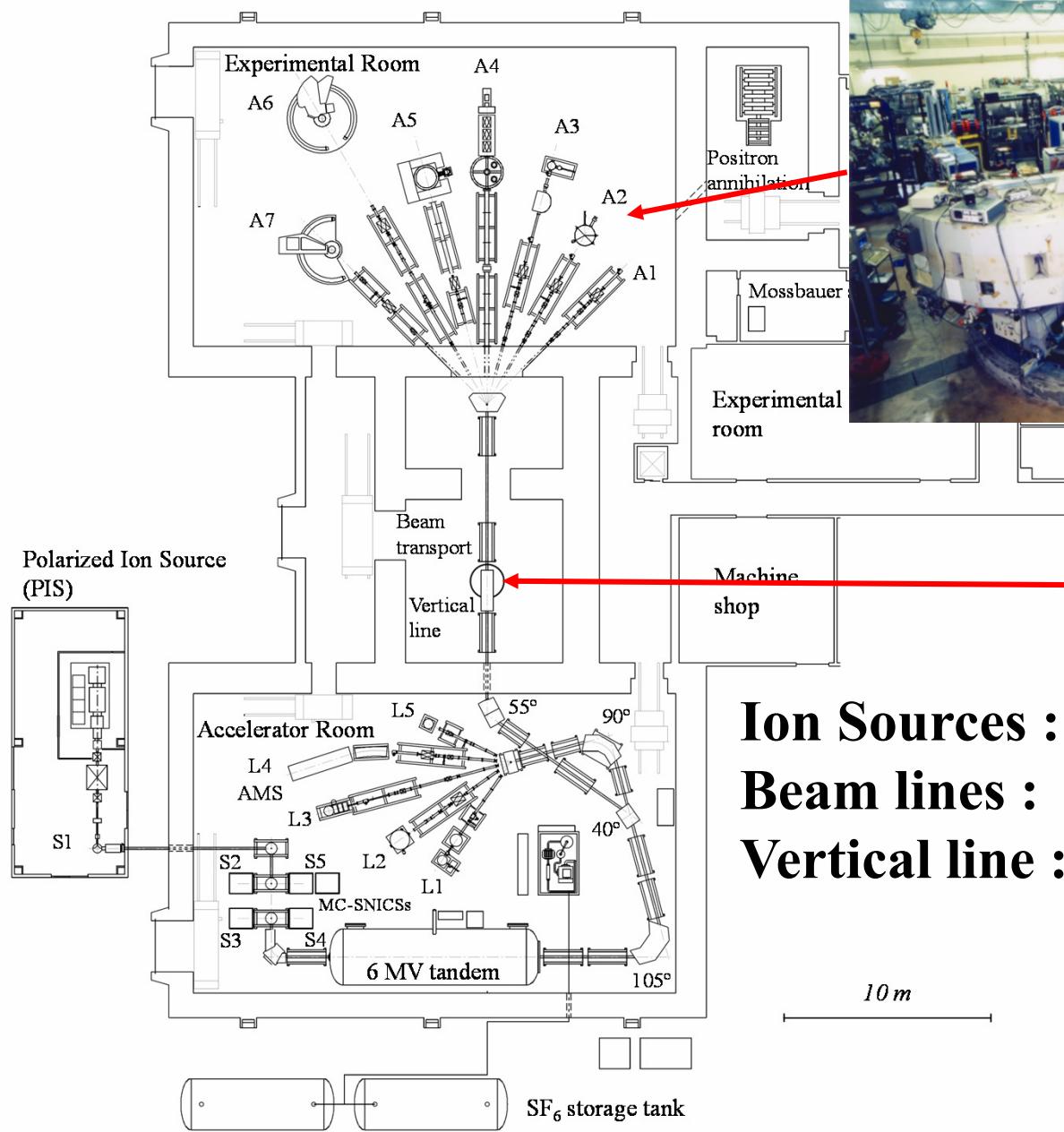


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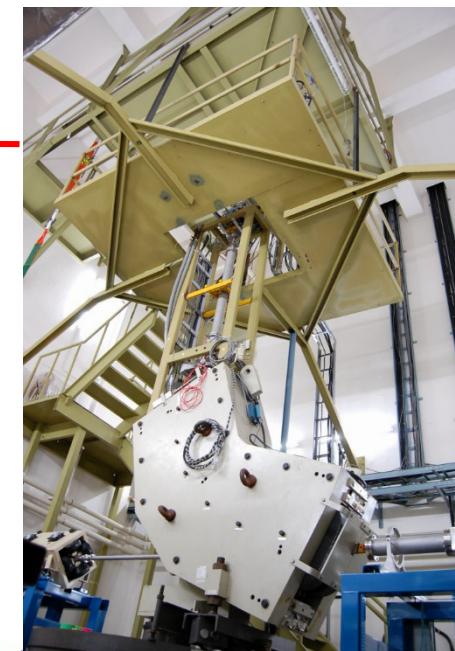
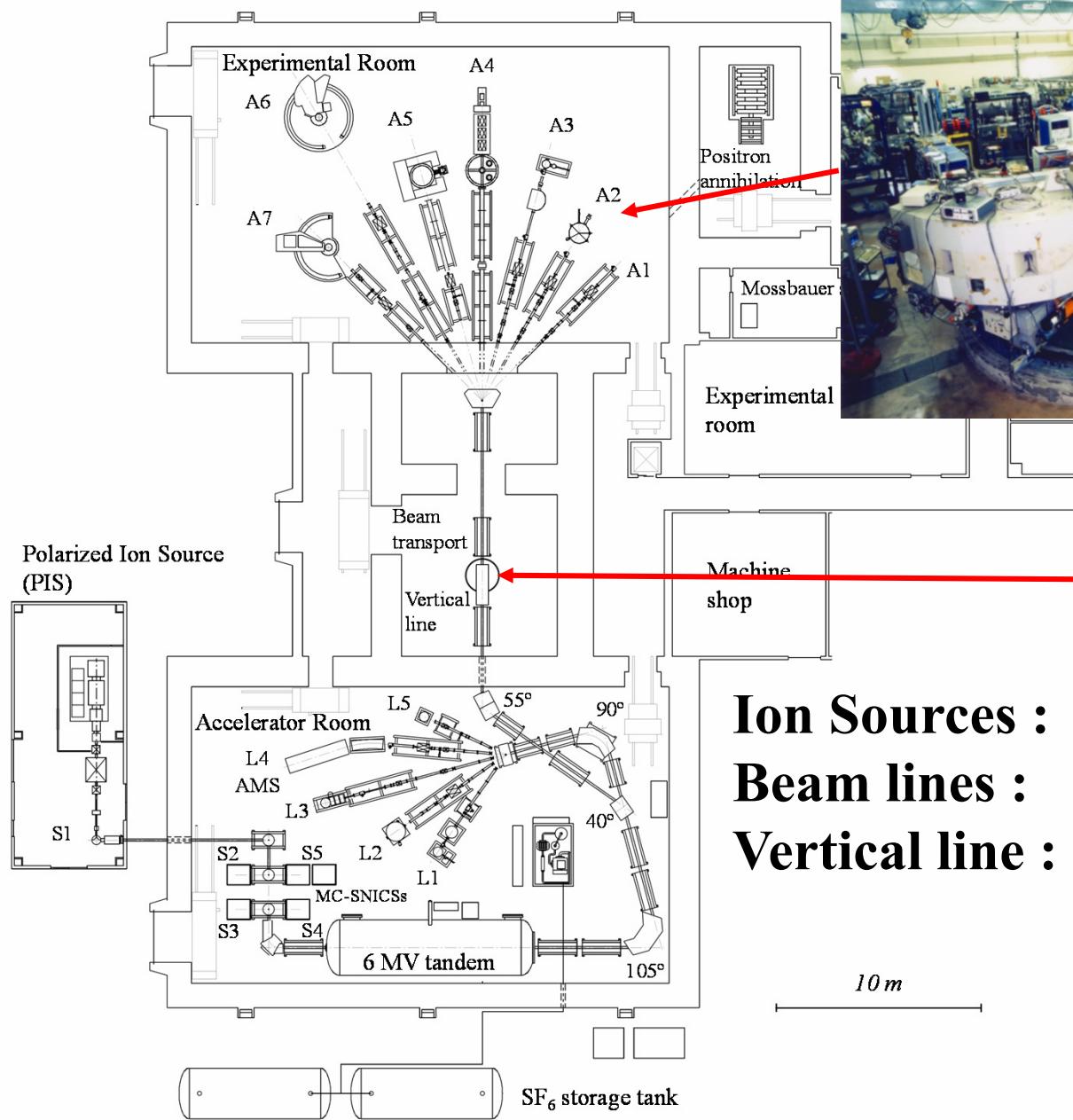


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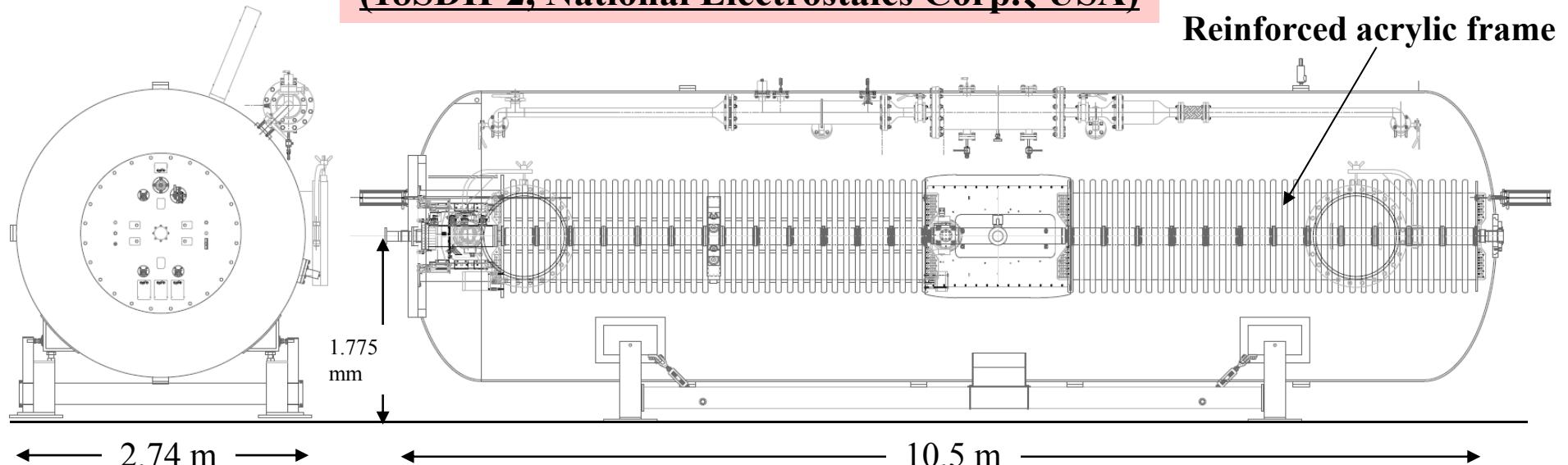


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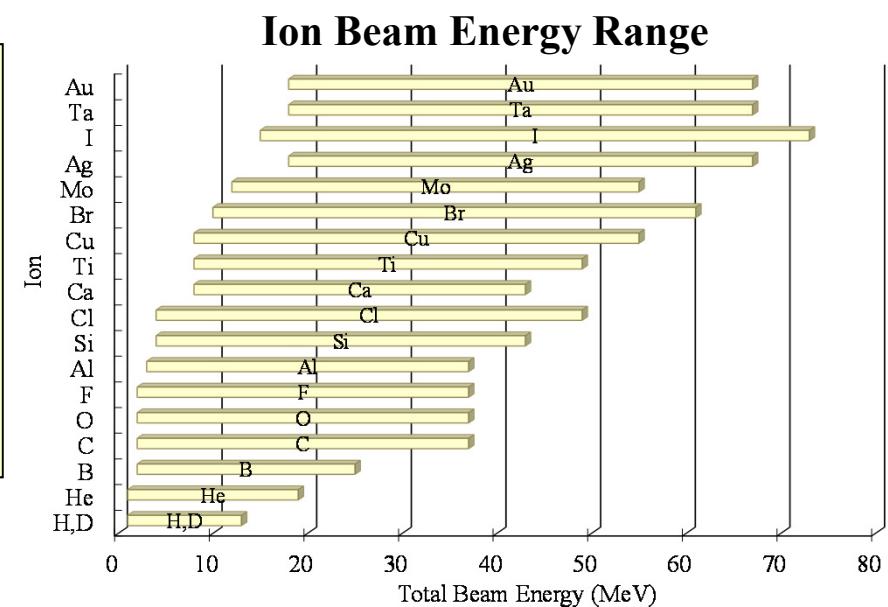
Vertical beam line for life science

# Main accelerator design

**6 MV Pelletron tandem  
(18SDH-2, National Electrostatics Corp., USA)**

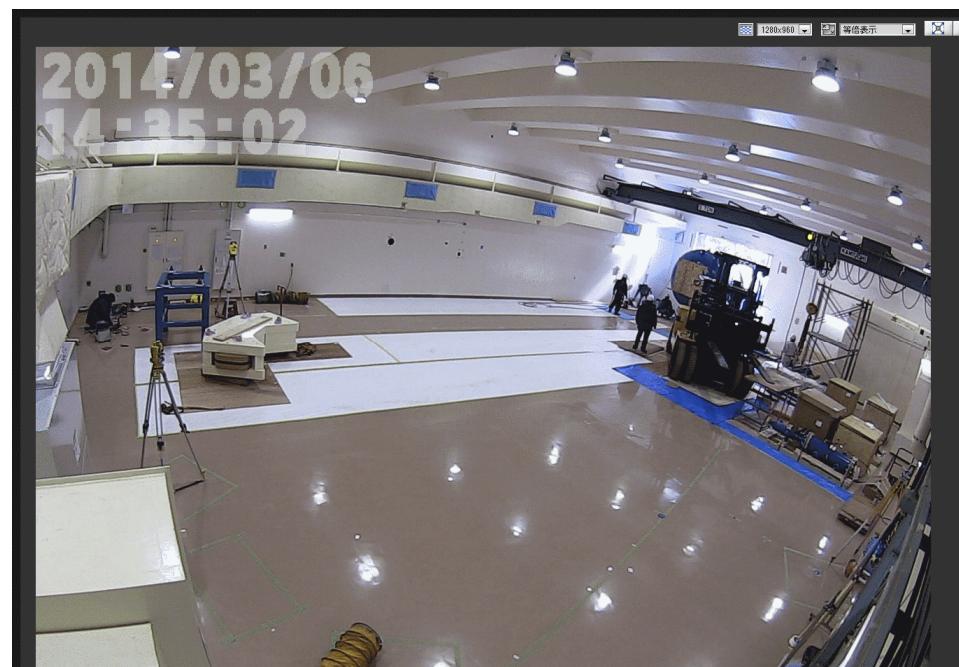


- Accelerator tank size: Length: 10.5 m  
Diameter: 2.74 m  
Beam line height: 1,775 mm
- GVM and Slit current feedback system
- Terminal Voltage: 0.5 - 6.3 MV
- Voltage stability: < 1 kV V<sub>p-p</sub> at 6.0 MV
- Maximum beam current: H : 3  $\mu$ A  
(DC)                                  Heavy ions: ~50  $\mu$ A

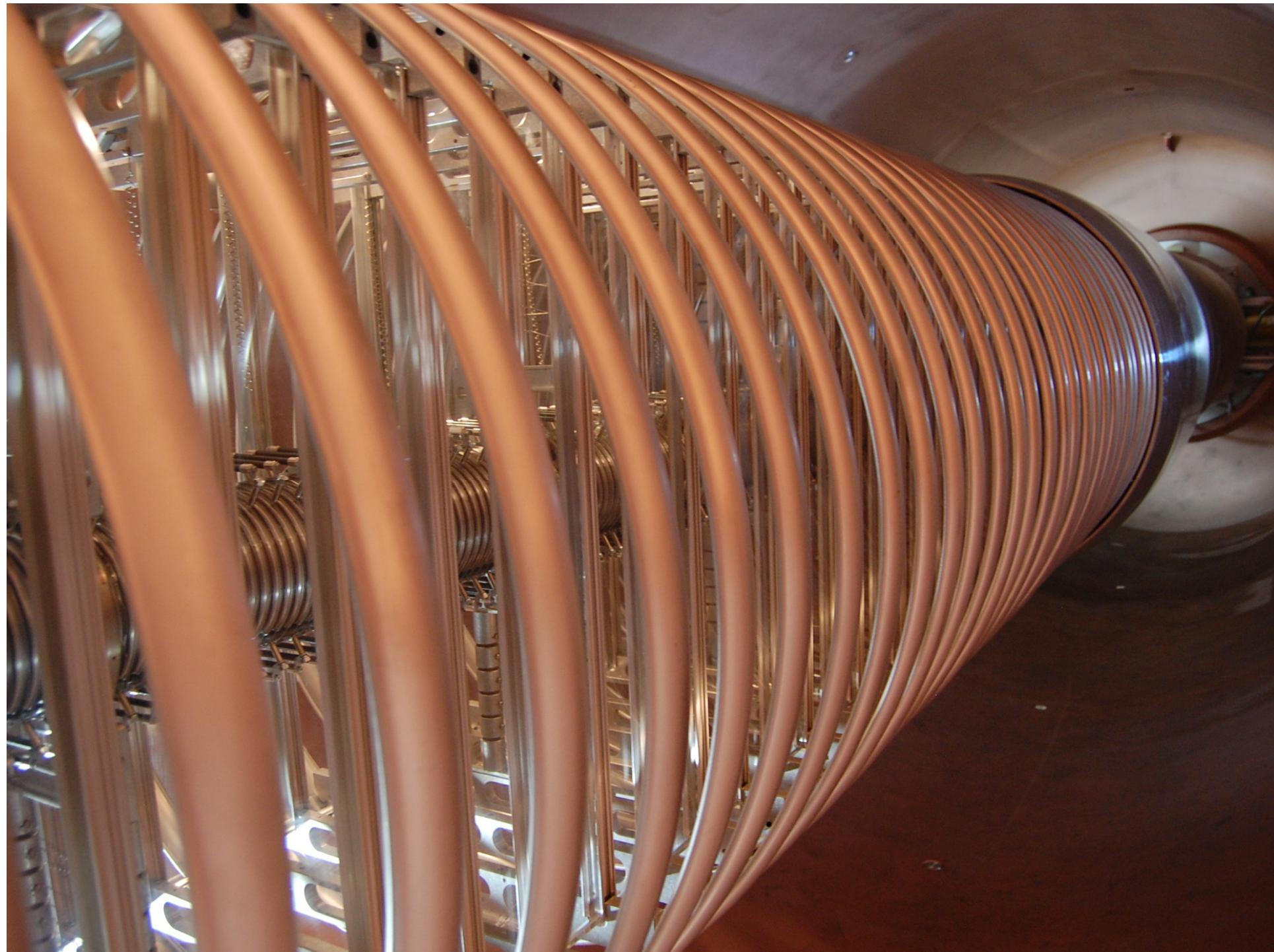


# Install of the 6 MV accelerator tank (6 Mar, 2014)

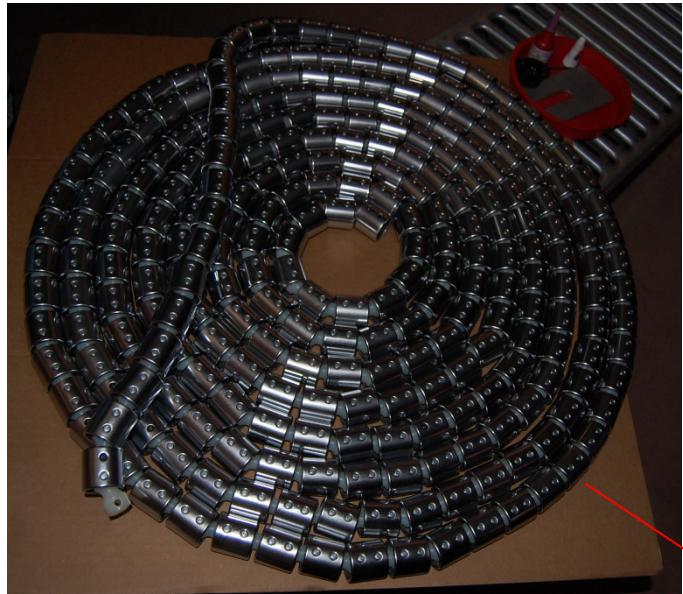
8.7 m × 2.7m, 20 ton





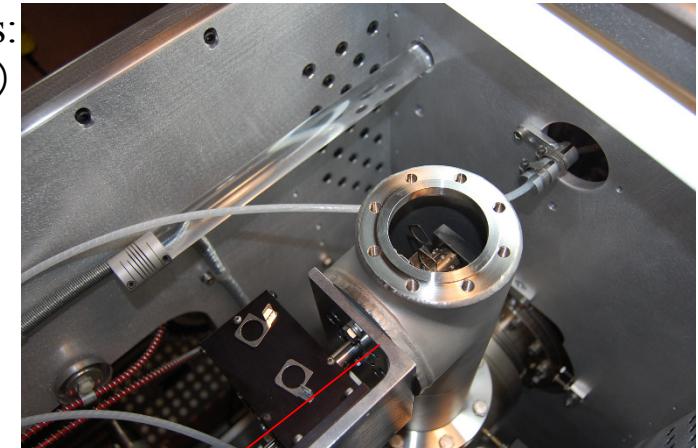


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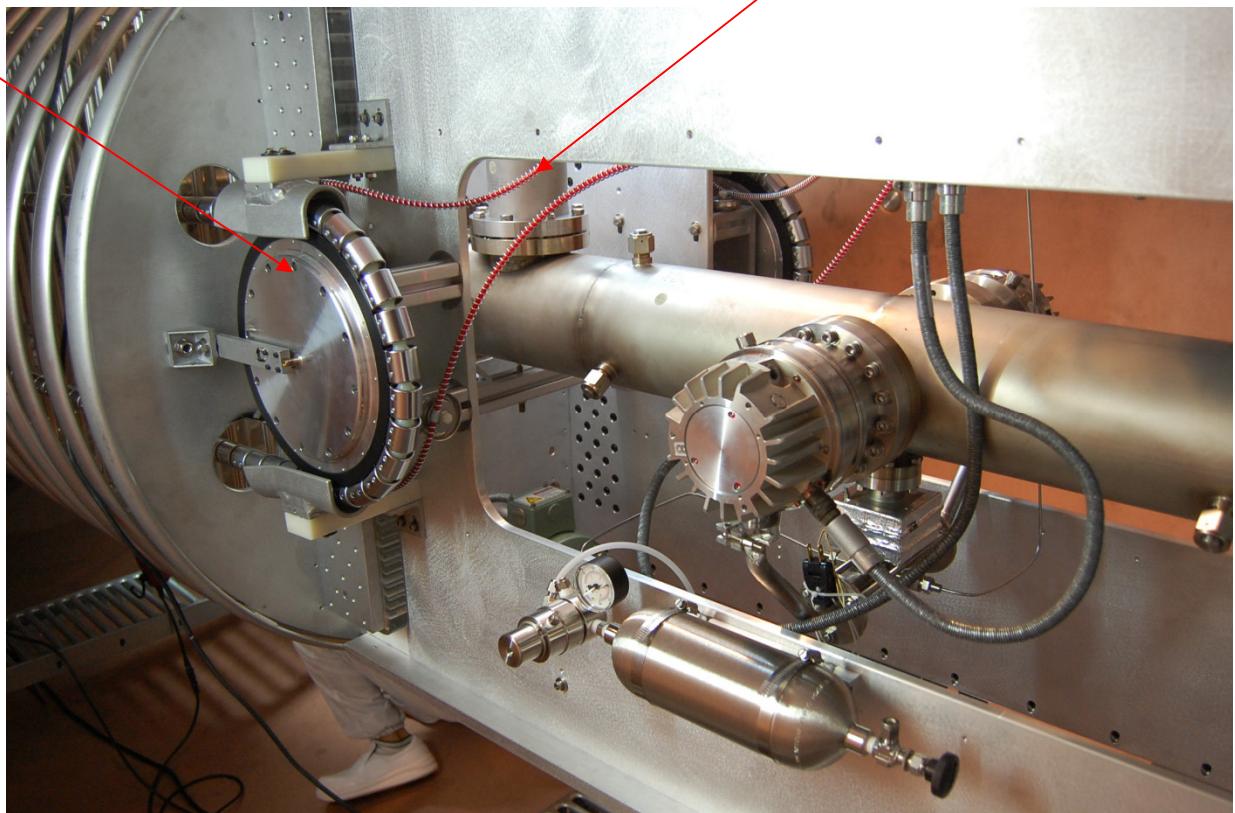


Double- Pelletron charging chain :  
Up to 250  $\mu\text{A}$

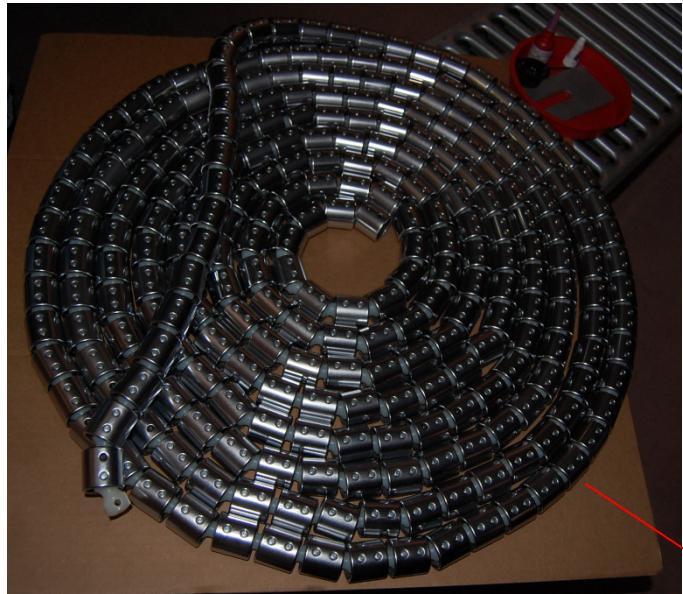
80 stripper foils:  
(3 ~ 10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$ )



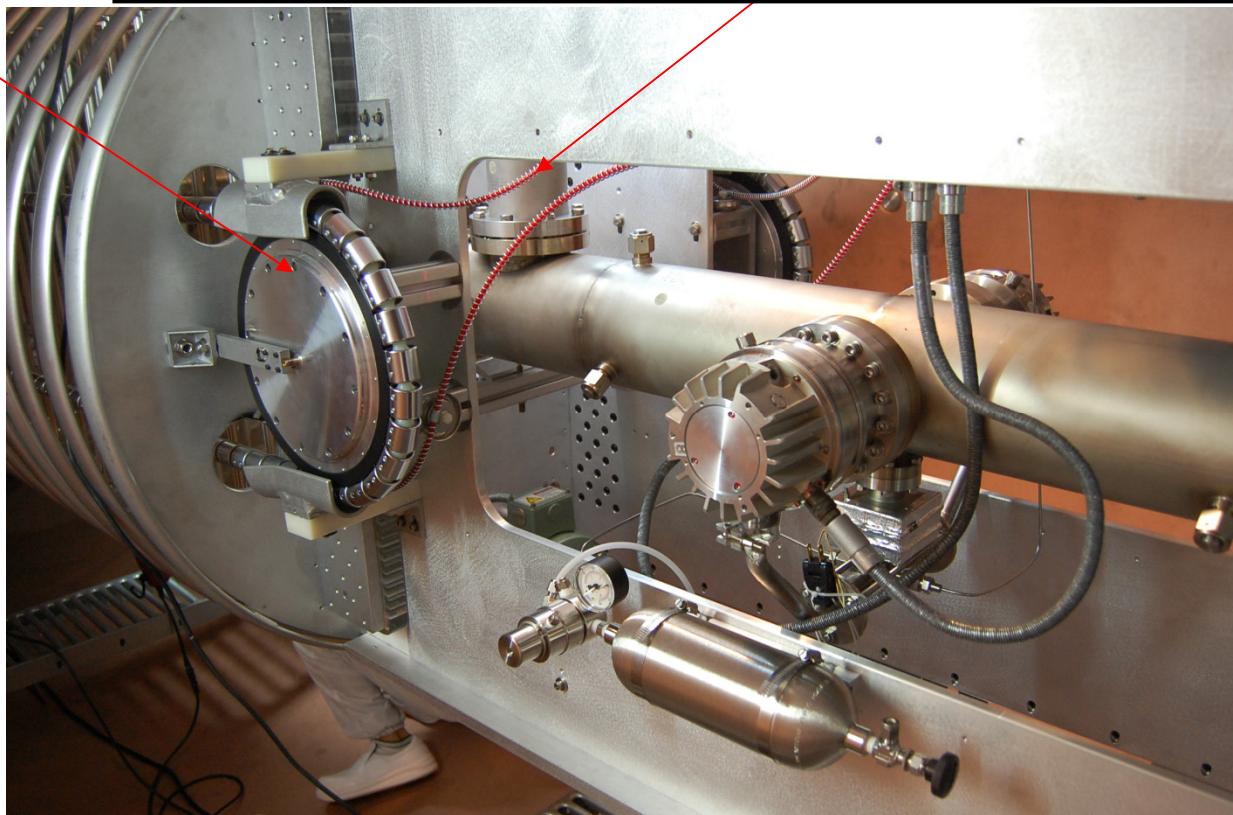
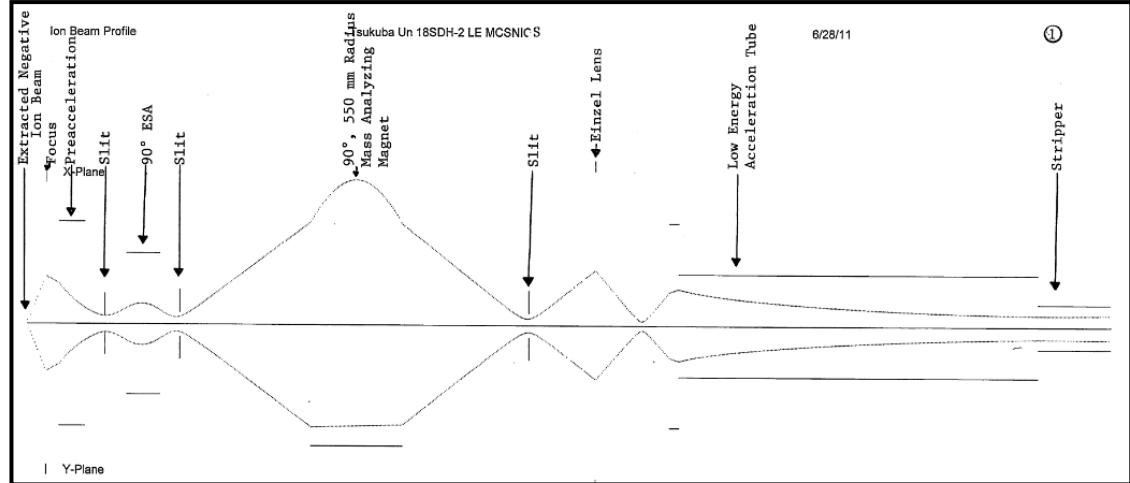
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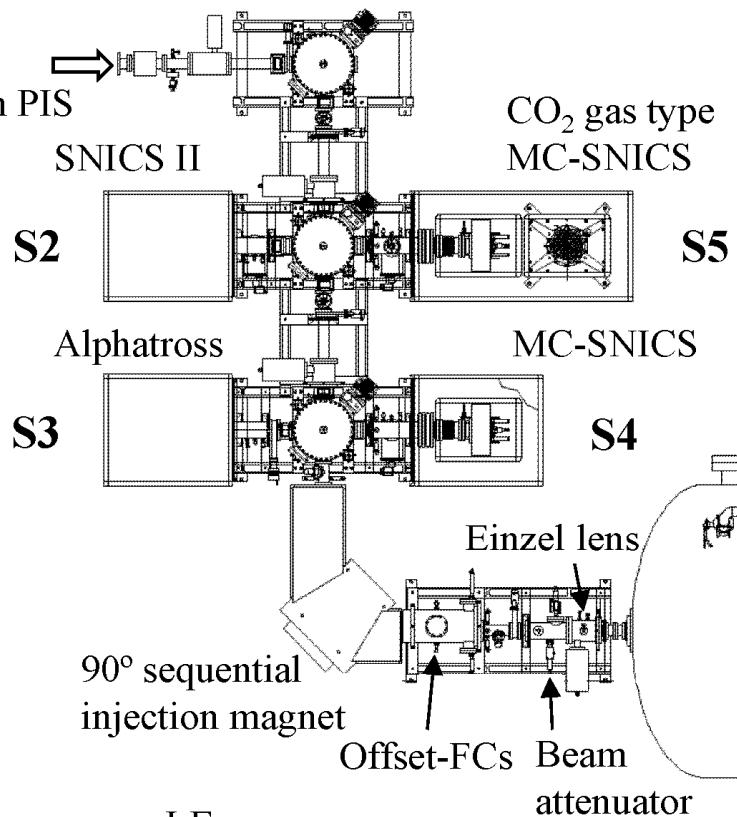


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## Injection system

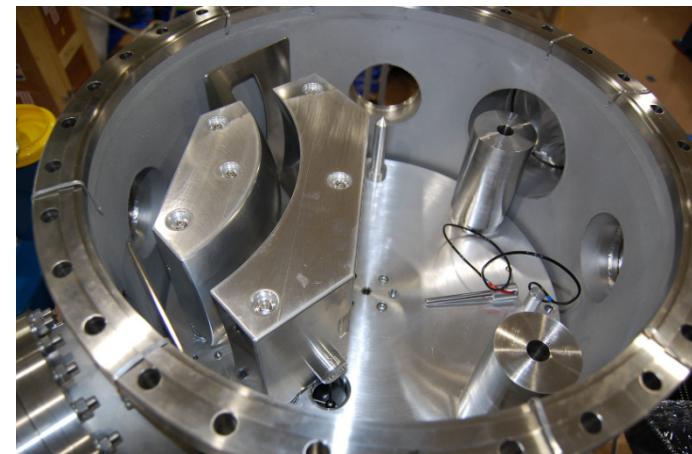
Polarized DC  
H<sup>+</sup> & D<sup>+</sup> ion  
~ 500 nA from PIS



LE:  
ME/q<sup>2</sup> = 15 amu-MeV

Three 90° rotational  
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Analyzers (ESAs)

**Ion sources: 5**



**Rotational 90° ESA**  
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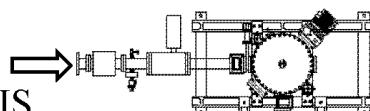


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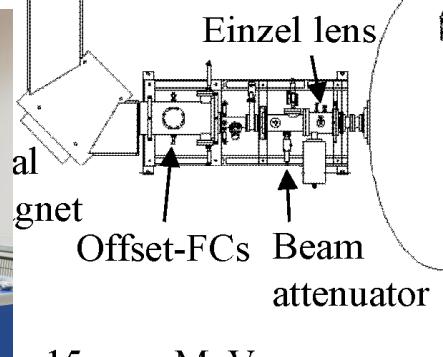
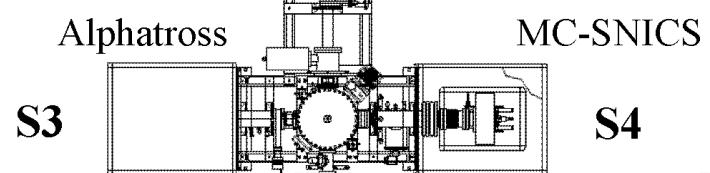
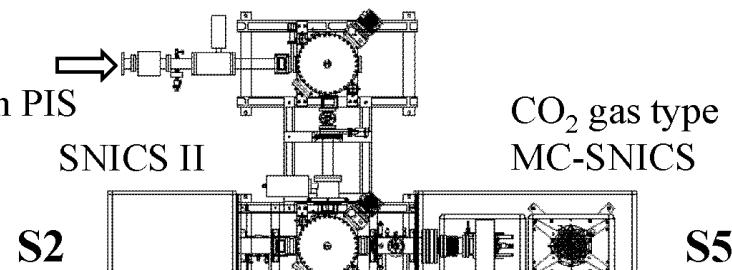
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Three 90° rotational  
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Lamb-shift PIS

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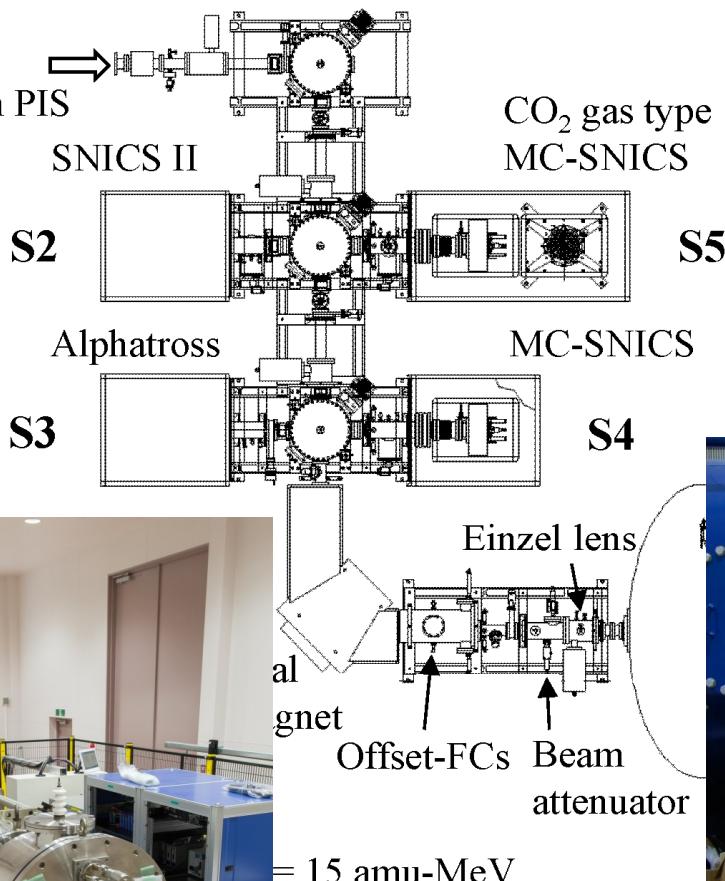


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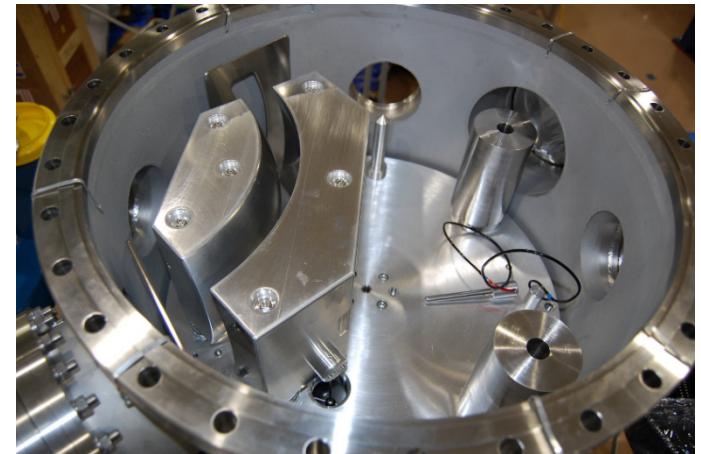
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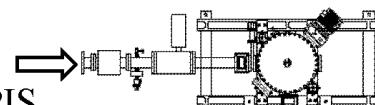


**CO<sub>2</sub> gas sputtering negative ion source for C-14**

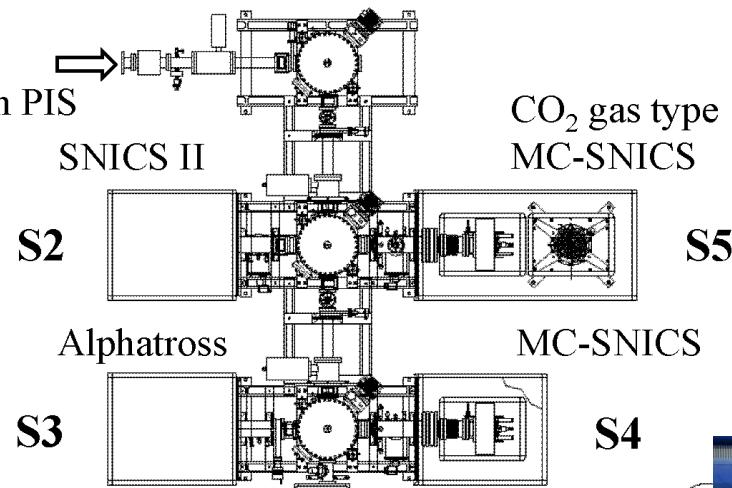
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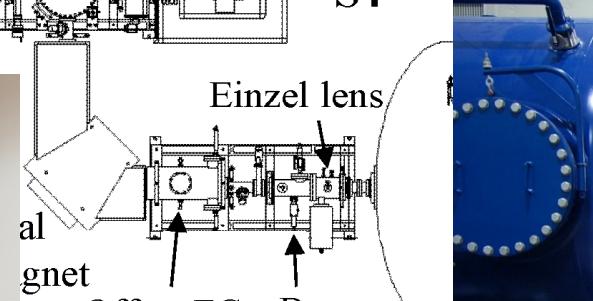
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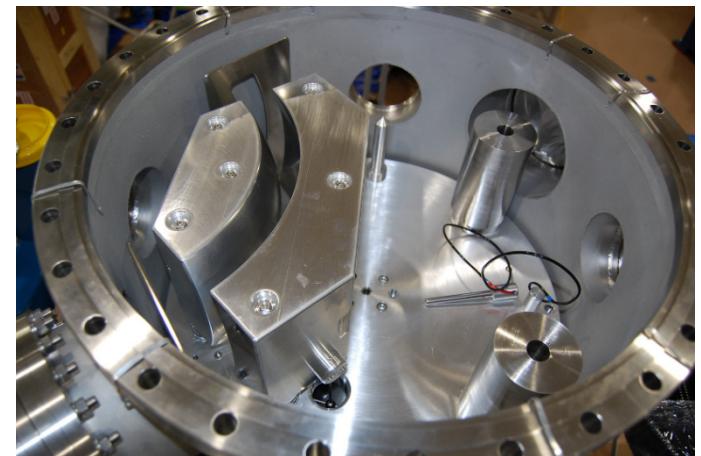


### CO<sub>2</sub> gas handling system

- CO<sub>2</sub> gas lines: 10
- CO<sub>2</sub> gas flux: 1-2 µl/min
- He gas flux: < 130 µl/min

**0.5% for samples >200 µg  
1% for samples 10-200 µg**

## **Ion sources: 5**



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# Construction of the 6 MV tandem accelerator in 2014

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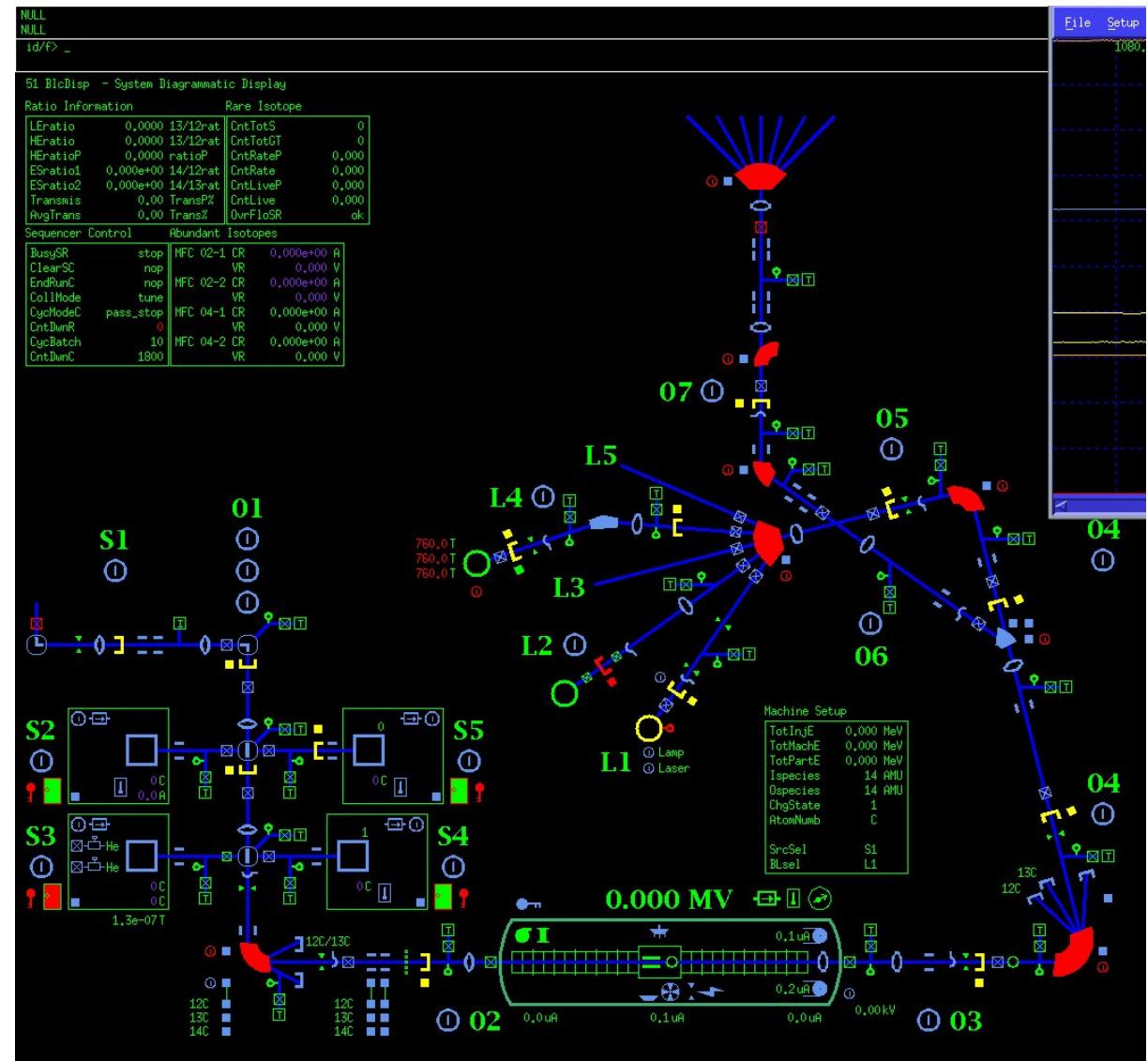
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# Control of the 6 MV tandem accelerator system



Control room



Control console on BSD



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### **3. Research projects of 6 MV tandem accelerator**

- Beam lines**
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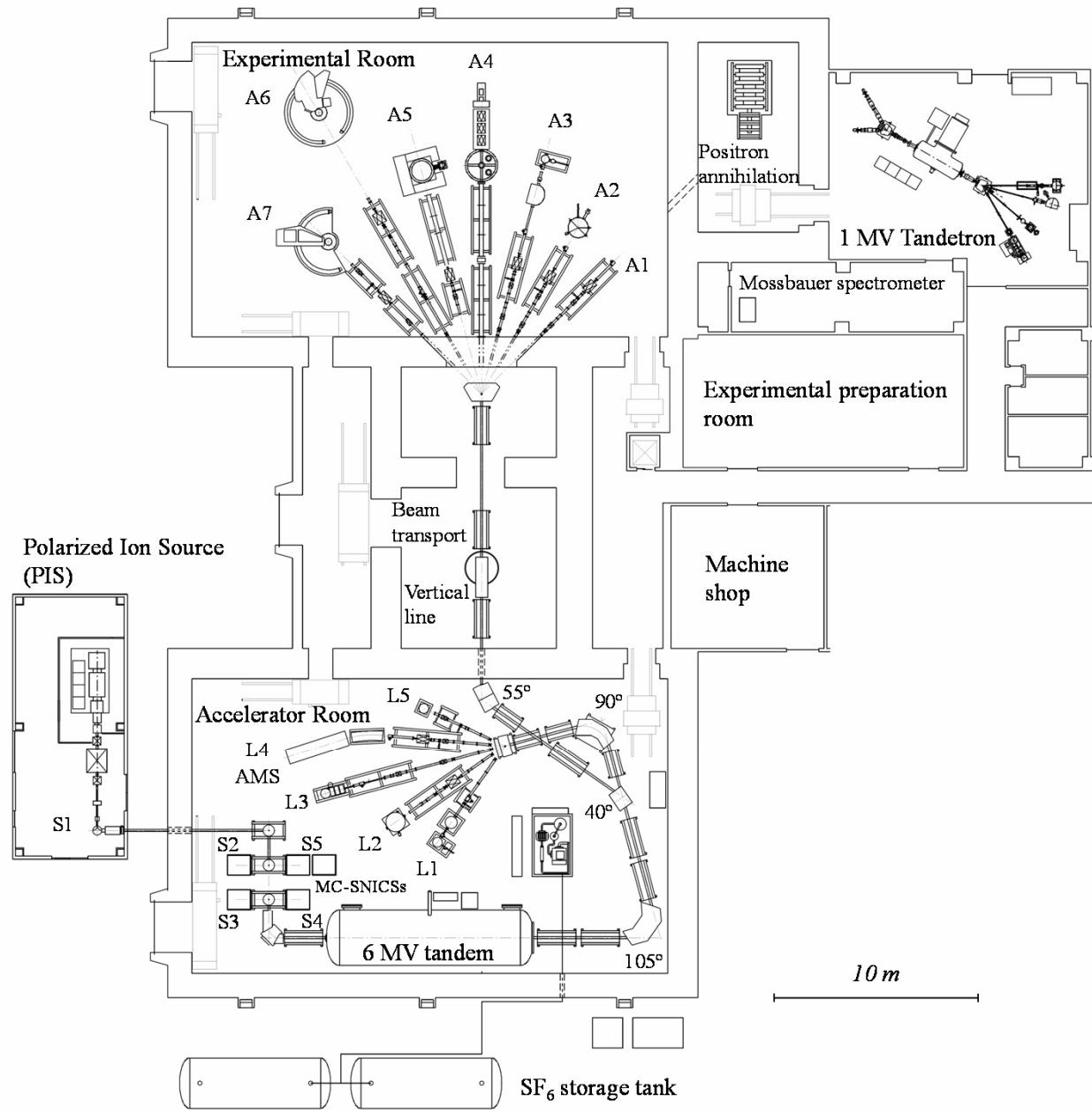
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- Beam lines**
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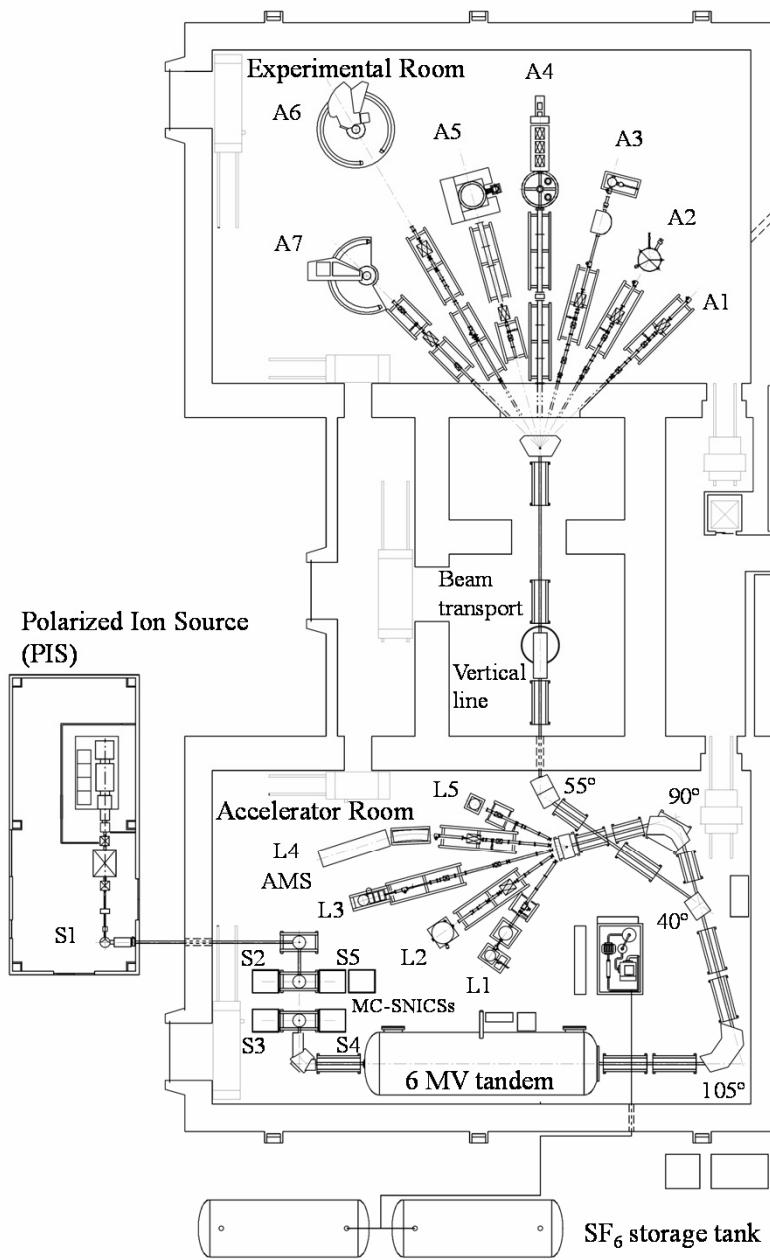
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L4: Accelerator Mass Spectrometry



L3: Microbeam



L1: Ion Beam Analysis for Materials



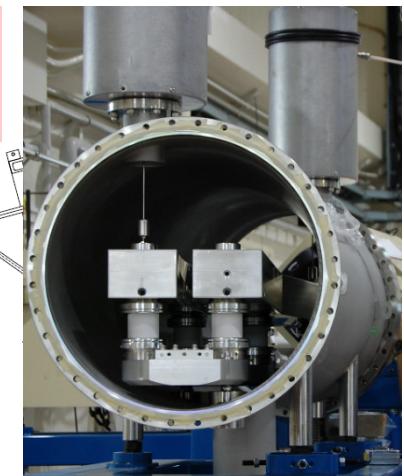
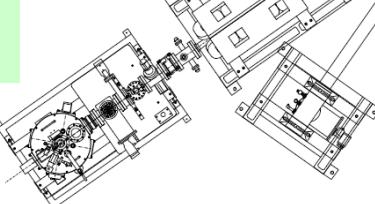
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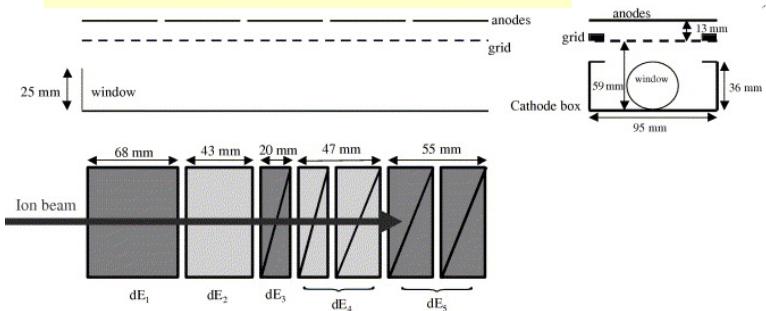
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5 anodes gas detector



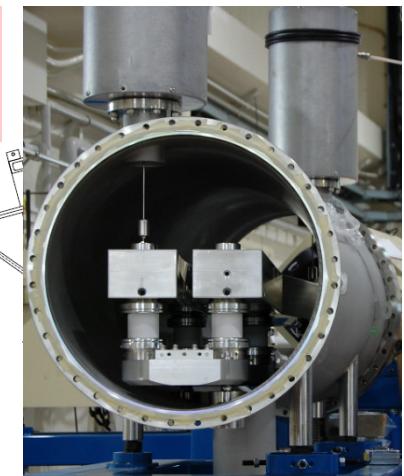
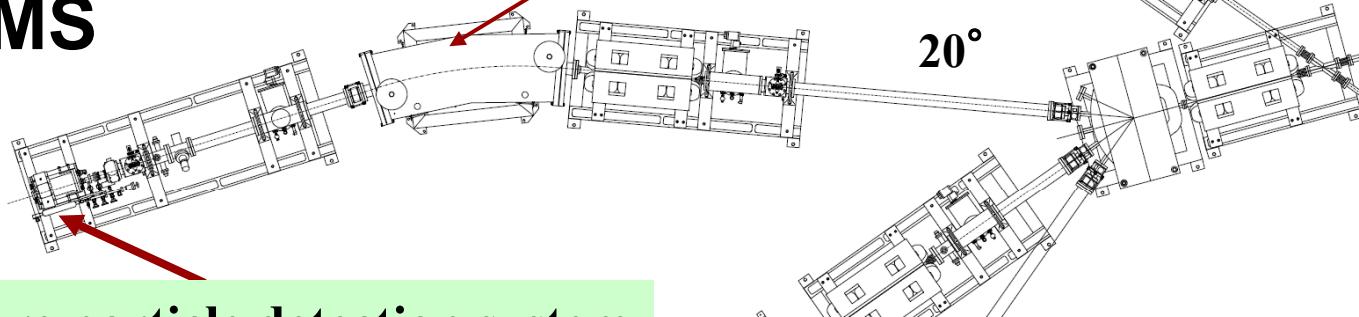
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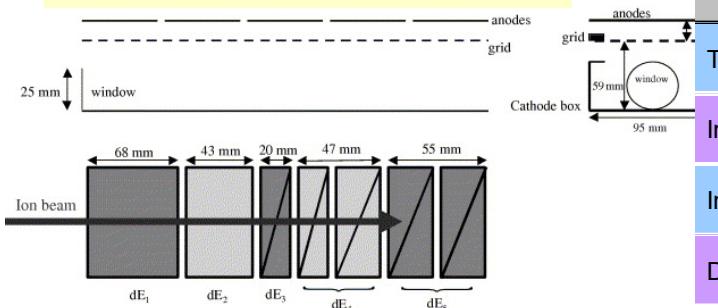
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Radionuclides-AMS performance

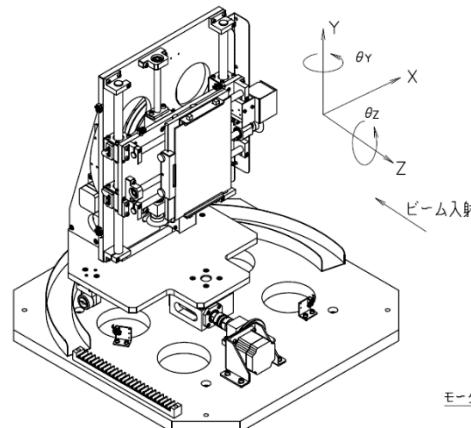
Isotopes	$^{10}\text{Be}$	$^{14}\text{C}$	$^{26}\text{Al}$	$^{36}\text{Cl}$	$^{41}\text{Ca}$	$^{129}\text{I}$
Target	BeO	Graphite	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$	AgCl	$\text{CaF}_2$	AgI
Injected Ion	$\text{BeO}^-$	$\text{C}^-$	$\text{Al}^-$	$\text{Cl}^-$	$\text{CaF}_3^-$	$\text{I}^-$
Injectable Ion Current	4 $\mu\text{A}$	50 $\mu\text{A}$	1 $\mu\text{A}$	30 $\mu\text{A}$	0.3 $\mu\text{A}$	20 $\mu\text{A}$
Detected ion / Stripper	$^{10}\text{Be}^{3+}$ (Gas)	$^{14}\text{C}^{4+}$ (Gas)	$^{26}\text{Al}^{3+}$ (Gas)	$^{36}\text{Cl}^{7+}$ (Foil)	$^{41}\text{Ca}^{5+}$ (Gas)	$^{129}\text{I}^{4+}$ (Gas)
Terminal Voltage	4.5 MV	4.5 MV	4.3 MV	6 MV	5 MV	3.5 MV
Transmission	20%	55%	20%	20%	5%	8%
Background	$2 \times 10^{-15}$	$5 \times 10^{-16}$	$5 \times 10^{-15}$	$1 \times 10^{-15}$	$3 \times 10^{-14}$	$1 \times 10^{-13}$
Precision	3%	0.3%	3%	3%	3%	3%

Radio isotope detection limit  $\sim 10^{-15}$

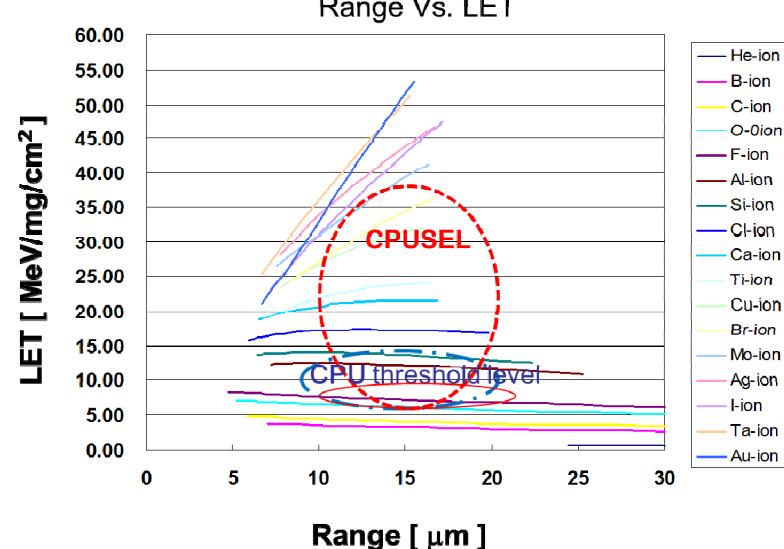
# Semiconductor radiation resistance test



1. Radiation effect for semiconductor
2. Heavy ion irradiation
3. Detector calibration
4. Cosmic ray effect for climate change



**4-axis target holder**  
**148 × 210 mm**  
• X : ± 74mm  
• Y : ± 105mm  
• θy : +30-90°  
• θz : ± 30°

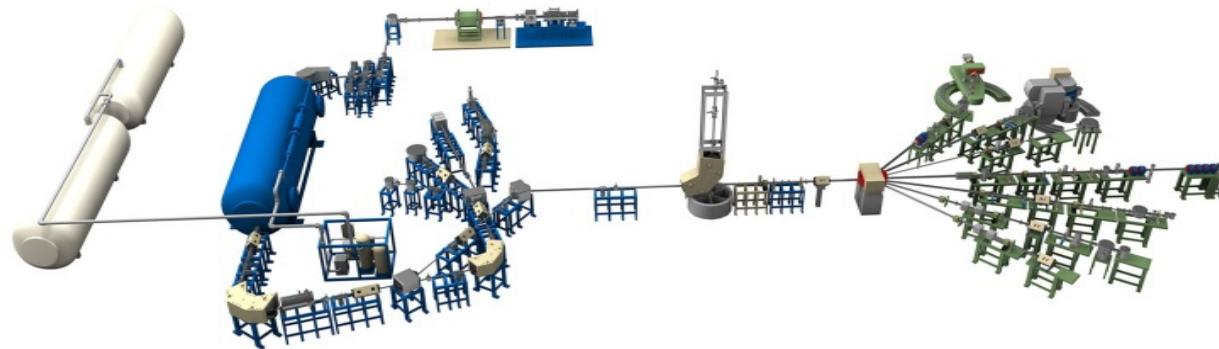


# **Summary**

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- 1. The 12UD Pelletron tandem accelerator was shut down due to the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011.**
- 2. The 6 MV tandem accelerator was installed at the University of Tsukuba in 2014.**
- 3. Multi-purpose tandem accelerator will be used for AMS, IBA, Ion irradiation, Nuclear physics and so on.**
- 4. Radionuclides of  $^{10}\text{Be}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $^{26}\text{Al}$ ,  $^{36}\text{Cl}$ ,  $^{41}\text{Ca}$  and  $^{129}\text{I}$  will be routinely analyzed by the new Tsukuba AMS system.**
- 5. The new system will start routine experiments on ion beam applications in 2015.**

# Thank you for your kind attention !



**6 MV tandem accelerator at UTTAC since 2015**

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