

RIKEN Accelerator-driven compact neutron systems , **RANS** project and their capabilities

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RANS-RIKEN Accelerator-driven compact Neutron Sources-

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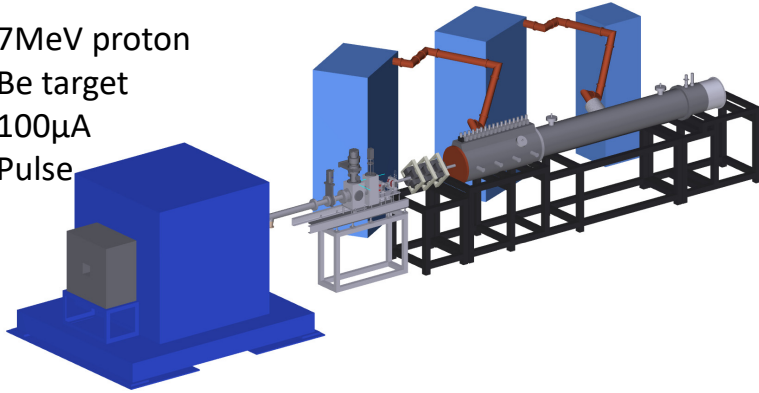
Technology Research Association for Neutron Next Generation System

RANS project

- In operation, RANS and RANS-II

RANS

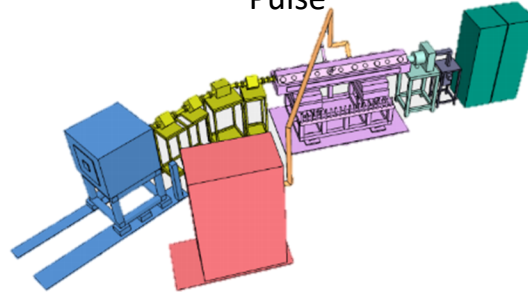
7MeV proton
Be target
100 μ A
Pulse



Up-grade of moderator-reflector system 2020-2021

RANS-II

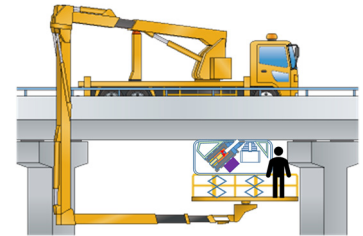
2.49MeV proton
Li target
100 μ A
Pulse



Under development



RANS-III



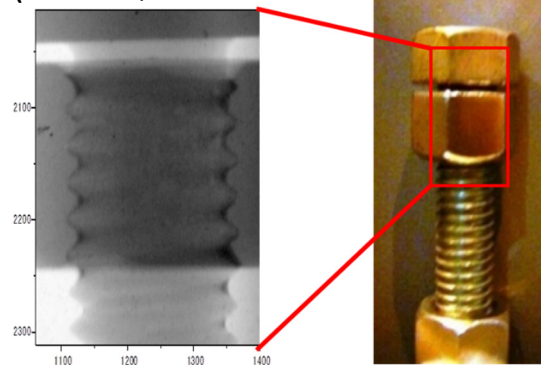
RANS-μ

Neutron : Making the invisible visible nondestructively

- High penetration power
- High sensitivities for light elements, H, Li, B,
- Elemental analysis

Non-destructive
imaging

Neutron imaging
(25meV)

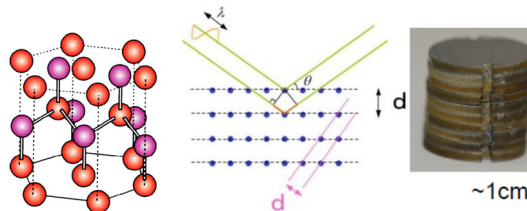


X-ray imaging
(450kV)



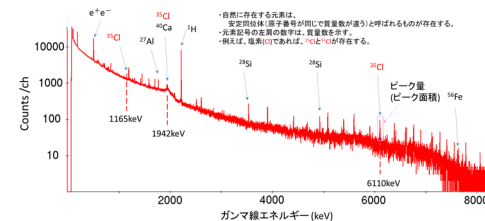
Structural Analysis
Lattice, iron, metal, concrete

neutron diffraction, small
angle scattering



Elemental analysis

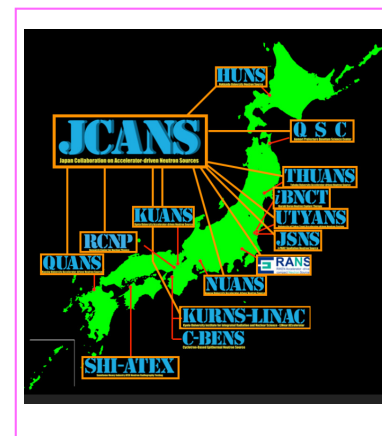
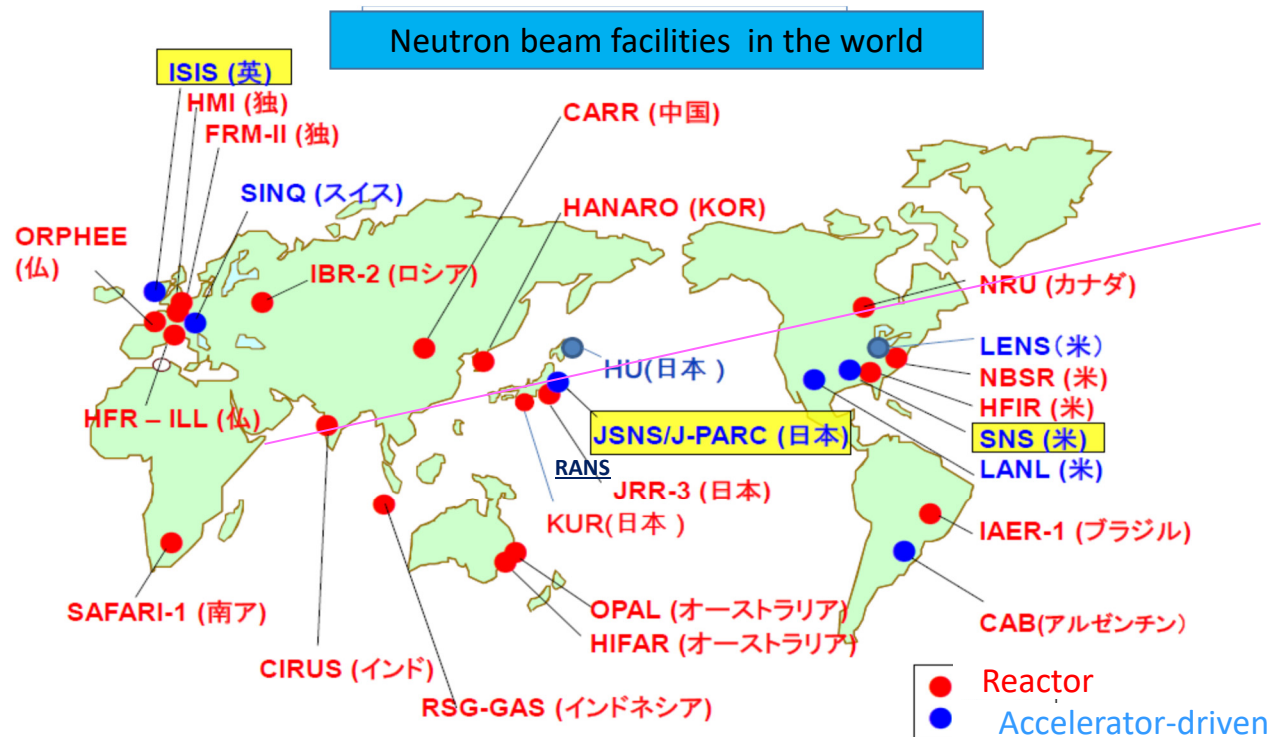
PGAA, NAA



Evaluate inside the bulk samples with neutrons

Neutron facilities in the world

A few chances for non-destructive test users,
and for new requests



RIKEN RANS Development

Compact neutron **systems** for practical use !
neutrons, anytime, anywhere

Source and instrumentation are **inextricably associated**

The development purpose

in order to respond to the needs! New needs

→ Standard Model of non-destructive test as evaluation analyzer

Source
development



Instruments design,
analytical methods
should be
based on **strong demand**
from the society

Infrastructure: non-destructive test

To meet needs : preventive maintenance

Salt damage->bridges collapse

USA I-70 Concrete bridge collapse



Dec. 2005 , 45 years after the construction Pennsylvania. Rebar corrosion because of **ant** freezing agent

From : Pittsburg Post-Gazette

Initial construction failure

Canada Collapse of a Portion of de la Concorde Overpass



Sept, 2006, 35 years after construction, Montreal

Initial construction failure

出典：落橋に関する委員会報告書

Message from Dr. Banthia to Japanese researchers:

The novel non-destructive test methods such as x-ray, electromagnetic induction method, elastic wave method. 出典：六郷ら、カナダのデラコンコルド跨道橋の崩落事故に学ぶ、コンクリート工学, 2008.12

From Mr. R.Ooishi (Institute Public Work)

Italy · Moradi bridge collapse (14 Aug. **2018.**) Salt damage



Vigili del Fuoco/AFP

Taiwan bridge collapse **1 Oct. 2019)**



写真: <https://udn.com/news/story/7321/4078135>

NEED: **Daily use** of neutron non-destructive test

RANS: Neutron system at anytime, anywhere!

On-site compact instruments

Non-destructive observation, on-site: company site

New request : Preventive maintenance in, test: Manufacturing infrastructure, such as bridges (in Japan, more than 720,000)

Neutron

On-site usage : Evaluation analysis

**Floor-standing
type
RANS-II Model**

**Transportable
Under
development
RANS-III
Model**

Transportable



OAK RIDGE NL HP



J-PARC インター HP

cooperation

Synchrotron radiation, X-ray



ESRF HP



理研 HP



Ibaraki
center
HP

相補利用

X-ray CT
XRD, microstructure
analysis
Compact, on-site

Large facilities

Nondestructive test on site use, floor standing, and transportable compact system

On-site non-destructive test Floor-standing type

X-ray, Electron,
SEM, TEM,EBSD



Neutron

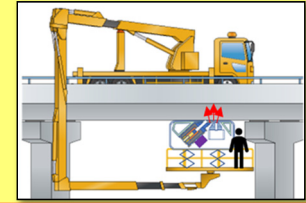
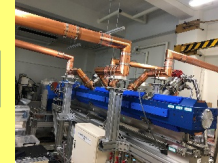


RANS-II MODEL
RANS-II

On-site non-destructive test Transportable type



RANS-III MODEL
RANS-III



RANS-μ Neutron Salt-meter

RANS-μ

1. Lower radiation level during operation
2. Easy to operate, and easy and safe for maintenance
3. Good S/N measurements for quantitative analysis (No powerful source, but proper technology for compact source including shielding design, pulse structure, etc.)
4. As few as possible of activation products

Why accelerator-driven neutron sources are needed?

- -Neutron intensity above about 10^{12} n/s = quantitative analysis evaluation.
- Radiation safety: neutron generation can be stopped by switching off.

- Quantitative analysis
- RANS, RANS-II, RANS-III are accelerator-driven neutron systems

RANS development has started since 2011, and started operational since 2013.



- The development of advanced measurement technology has been carried out using a RANS, and the results have enabled quantitative analysis to be carried out on an even smaller instrument with limited resolution, the RANS-μ.

1.Proton 7MeV 100 μ A (max. av.) **Daily use**

Be (p,n)reaction: Be (Dr. Y.Yamagata)

2012 7MeV proton linac was installed (Accsys co.)

2013 Operation starts with fast and thermal neutron

- Neutron max total flux $\sim$ **$10^{12}/\text{sec}$**

- 7MeV 100 μ A **700W**

- Pulse condition

- 10-180 μ s **pulse width**

- 20-180Hz **repetition rate**



Choose them under the
condition 1.3 %duty, 100 μ A

2.compact and low cost

proton linac: in our case less than <2億円=2*10⁸ yen=2 million US\$

shielding design Multilayer shielding of target station

7 MeV、100 μ A、 Rf power supply.: 350kW(peak) duty 1.3%, Electric power peak 40kVA, Cooling water : 75L/min , **pulse width** (30 $\sim$ 200 μ s) repetition frequency $\sim$ **20 $\sim$ 180Hz** RF power 425MHz, Injection energy 0.030-3.5MeV

RANS-II: two function

RANS-II

- Proto-type of transportable compact neutron systems
- Standard Model of floor standing compact neutron system: can be easily introduced into public inspection stations, companies and universities.



Power	Neutron Yield @target	Target ST shielding	Beamline	Neutron @ sample position	Acce. Duty
RANS 7MeV 700W	10^{12} n s^{-1}	Volume : $\sim 8\text{m}^3$ weight $\sim 23\text{ton}$	1.5m	$*10^5 \text{ n cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	RANS 1.3% (RF Duty cycle)
			5m	$*10^4 \text{ n cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	
RANS-II 2.49MeV 250W	$*10^{11} \text{ n s}^{-1}$	V $\sim 1\text{m}^3$ W $\sim 3.5\text{ton}$	0.5m	$*10^4 \sim 10^5 \text{ n cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	RANS-II 3% (RF Duty cycle)
			1.5m	$*10^4 \text{ n cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$	

RANS Comparison table : Compact Accelerator-driven Neutron Systems: CASNS

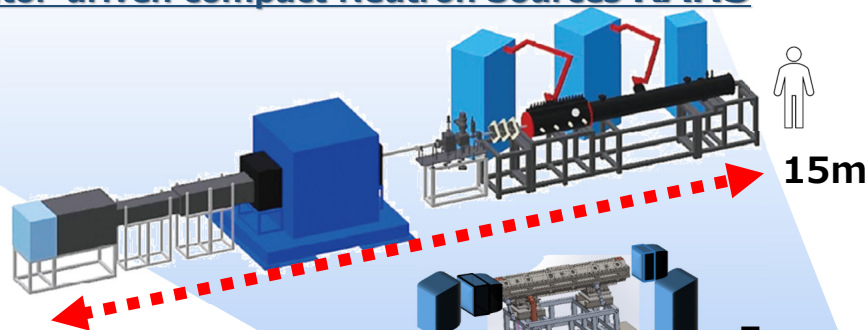
	<u>RANS</u>	RANS-II: Floor standing type, proto-type of transportable	RANS-III (under construction) (transportable)
Pulse	10-180 μ s 15-1800Hz	5 μ s-3ms 0.1-500Hz	
Particle	proton	proton	proton
Energy	7 MeV	2.49 MeV	2.49 MeV
Current	100 μ A	100 μ A	100 μ A
Reaction	$^9\text{Be}(p, n)^9\text{B}$	$^7\text{Li}(p, n)^7\text{Be}$	$^7\text{Li}(p, n)^7\text{Be}$
frequency	425MHz	200MHz	500MHz
Accelerator	RFQ + DTL	RFQ	RFQ
RF amplifier	vacuum tubes	Solid state 200kW	Solid state 250kW
Weight (Accelerator)	5 t	2 t	700kg
Weight (Target Shield)	20 t	2 t	1.5t
Length	15 m	5 m	< 3 m
Neutron Yield	$\sim 10^{12} \text{ sec}^{-1}$	$\sim 10^{11} \text{ sec}^{-1}$	$\sim 10^{11} \text{ sec}^{-1}$
Ion source	Duo-plasma	<u>ECR plasma</u>	<u>ECR plasma</u> (Permanent magnet)
Drive mode	Pulse	Pulse	Pulse

RANS challenge

to meet the needs for such non-destructive test with neutrons!

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RANS: Research with neutron scattering at the institutes, universities, etc.



RANS-II: MODEL of non-destructive test instrument with neutrons on-site.

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Stress measurement instrument
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RANS-II

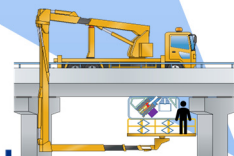
RANS-III



4m



RANS-III: Transportable neutron system out-side



RANS-μ



70cm

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Needs-based measurement results
based on the characteristics of
compact neutron sources.

RANS and RANS-II neutron instruments



RANS

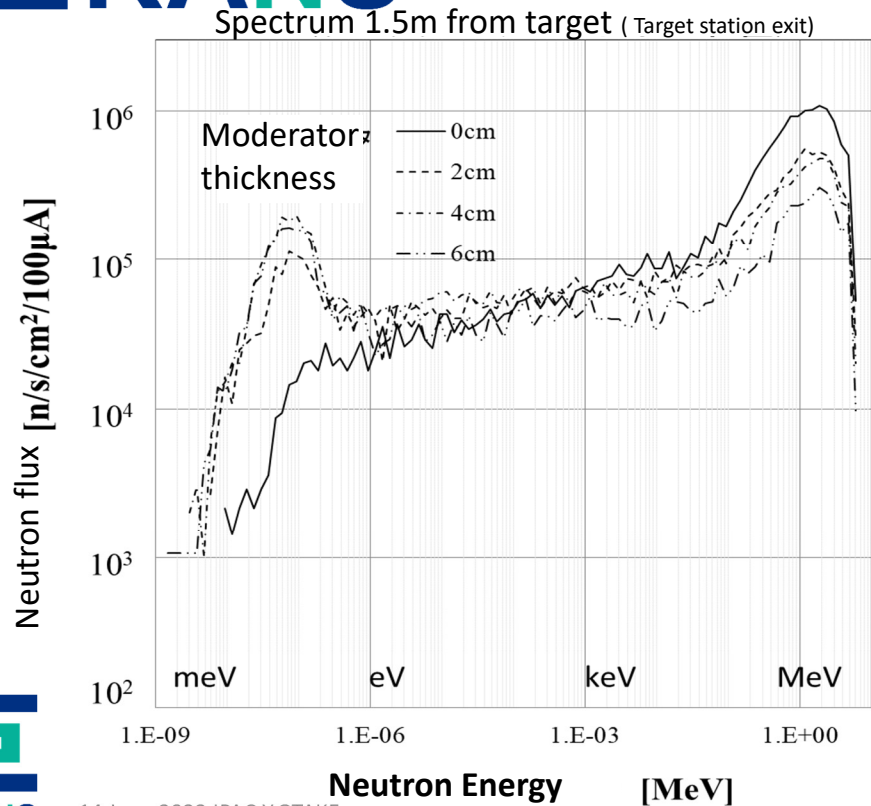


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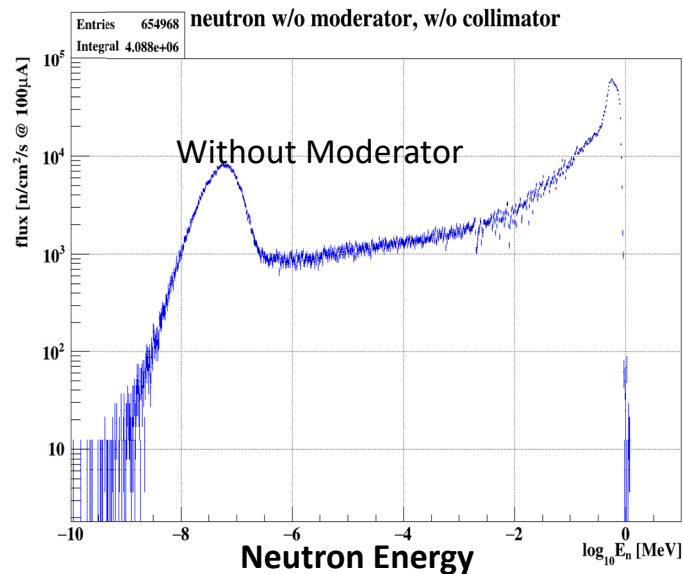
1. Imaging experiments special resolution, 0.5mm, 0.2mm, Non-destructive test
2. Diffraction, iron steel samples, residual austenite phase fraction
3. Prompt gamma-ray Neutron Activation Analysis, PGNAA, elemental analysis
4. SANS with Ibaraki Univ. (Small Angle Neutron Scattering) nano, sub-mic.
5. Fast neutron transmission imaging for thick samples
6. Fast neutron **scattered imaging** from the surface layer with 6~20cm
7. Phase contrast imaging with Tohoku Univ. Prof. A. Momose
8. Polarized neutron experiment for fundamental physics, with Nishina-center, Tohoku Univ. Kyushu- Univ.

RANS, RANS-II Neutron Spectrum

RANS



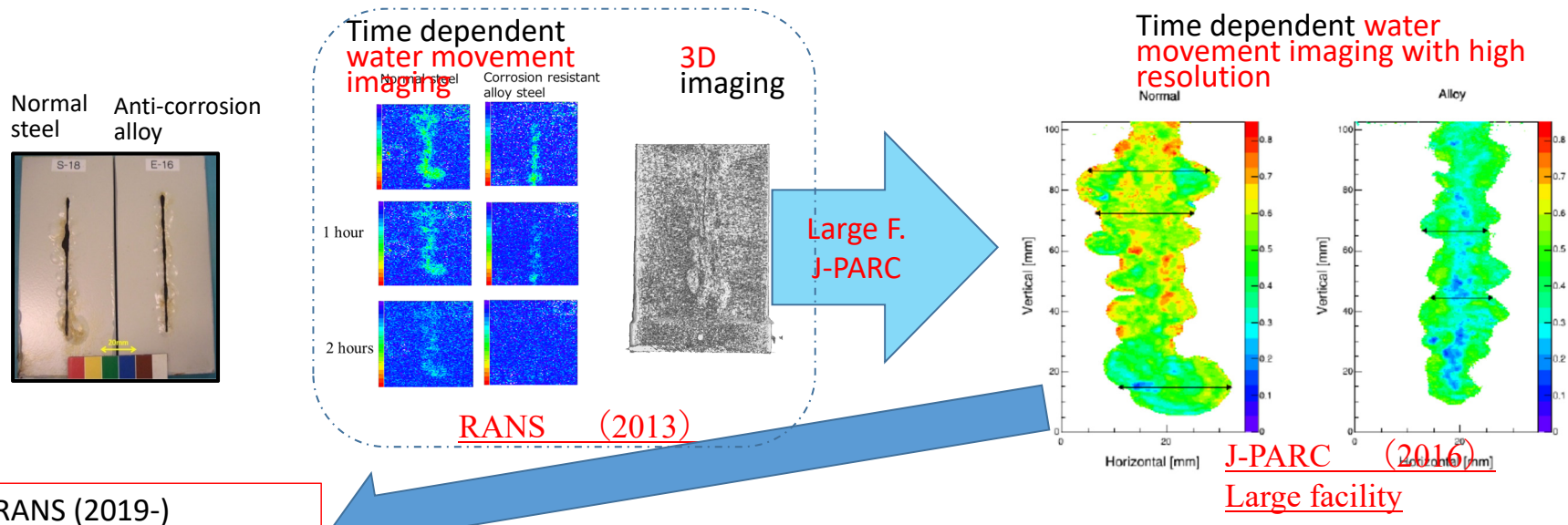
RANS-II



Corrosion imaging: Non-destructive test: industrial use:

- Painted steel corrosion imaging Collaboration with Kobe Steel
- Cooperation together with large facility and compact neutron sources.

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Cooperation of compact and large facility, imaging analytical technology development:

RANS-> J-PARC -> RANS : ~20 μ m thin water detection

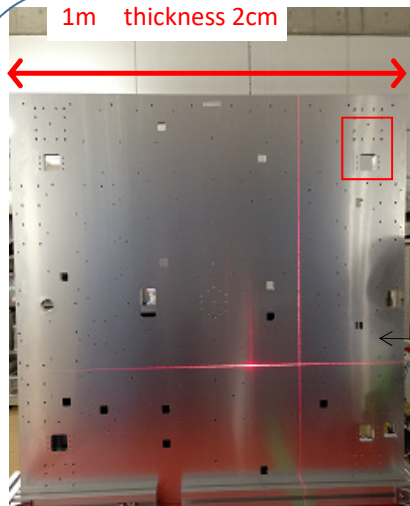
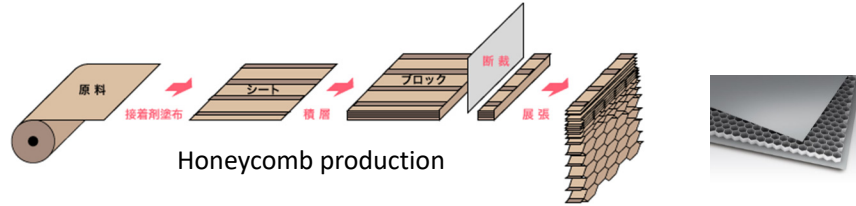
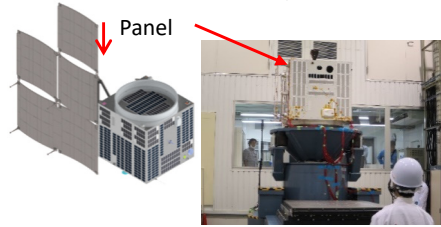
Glue visualization: Non-destructive test Aluminum panel, honeycomb and glue: Space application JAXA, Satellite 1

RANS

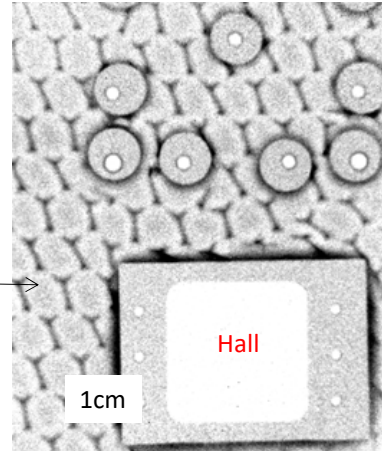


小型実証衛星 1 号機 (RAPIS-1 : RAPid Innovative payload demonstration Satellite 1)

JAXA
Dr. Kagawa

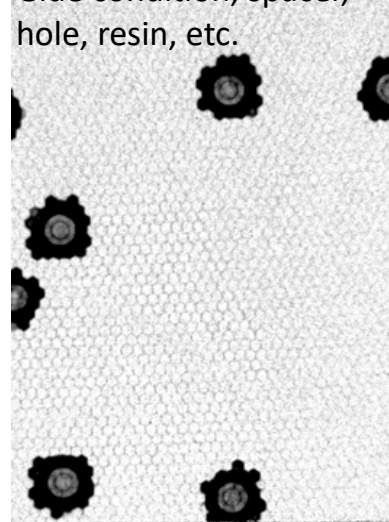


RANS non-destructive test



Inside the panel observation,

Glue condition, spacer, screw hole, resin, etc.



Success of launch 18 Jan.2019

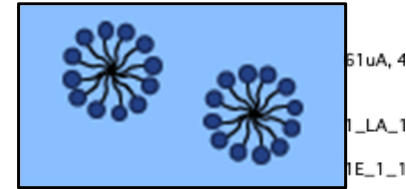
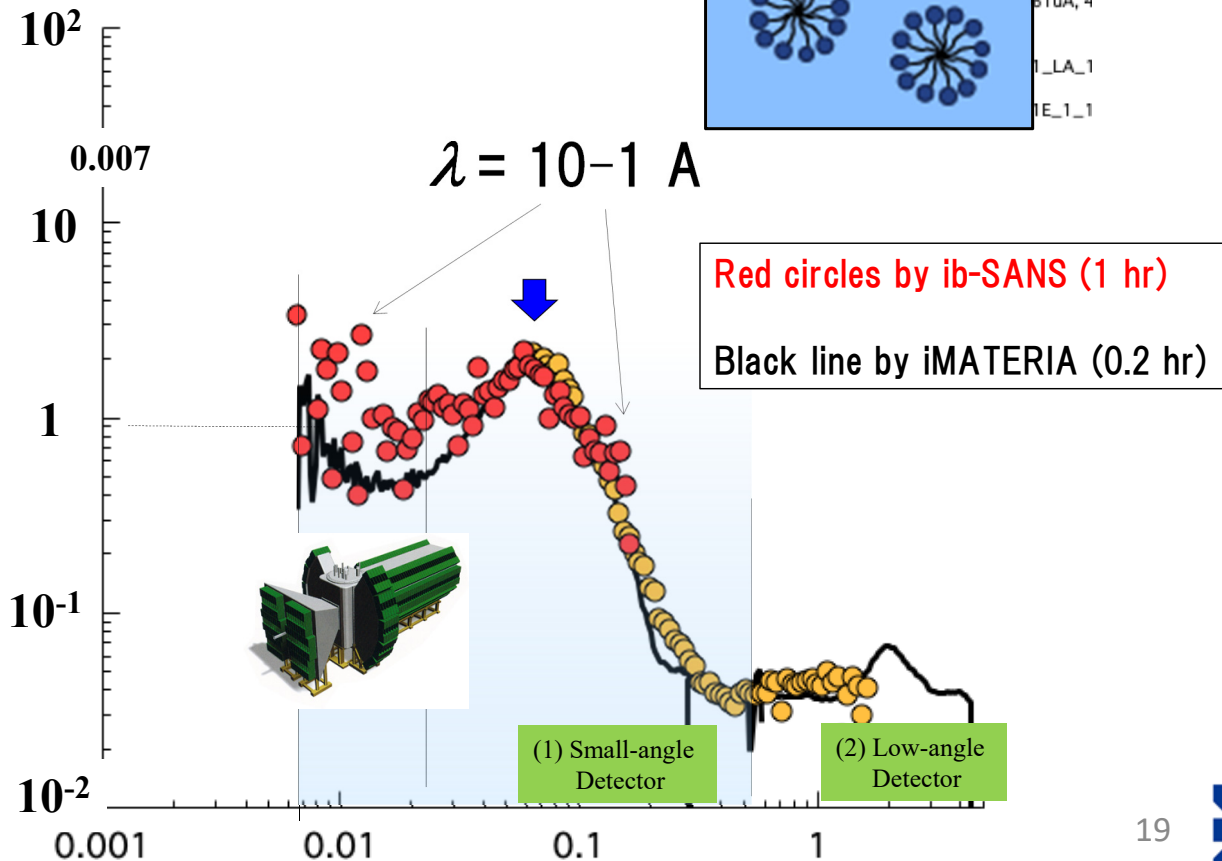
Ib-SANS on SDS micelle solution with a cold source (before up-grade)

Developed by Prof.S.Koizumi, Ibaraki University



RANS

Differential Scattering Cross Section
Intensity (cm^{-1})



retained austenite evaluation

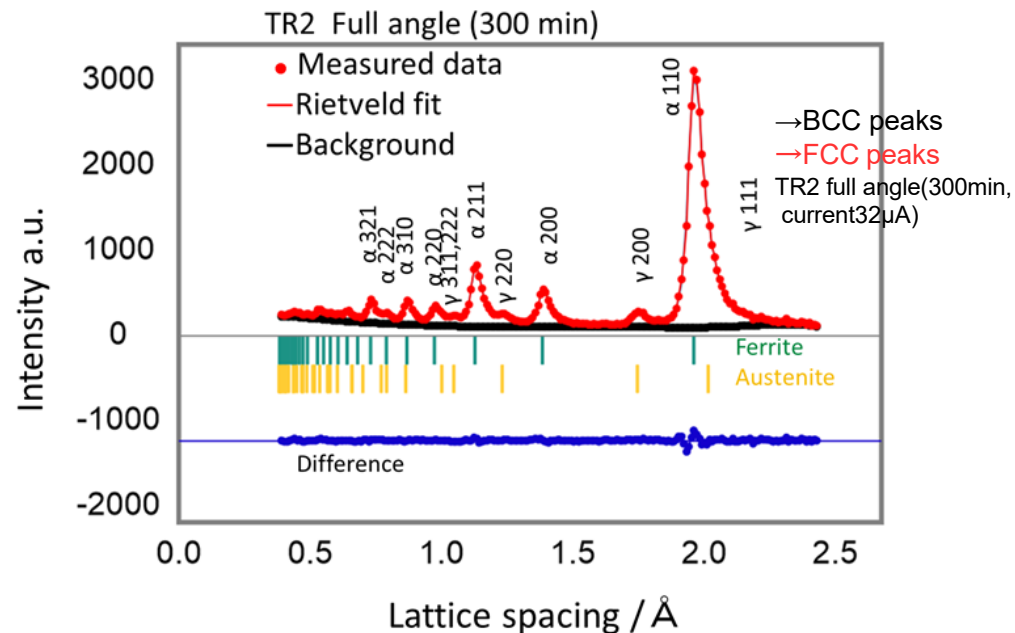
Controlled samples produced

9mm×10mm×9.5mm



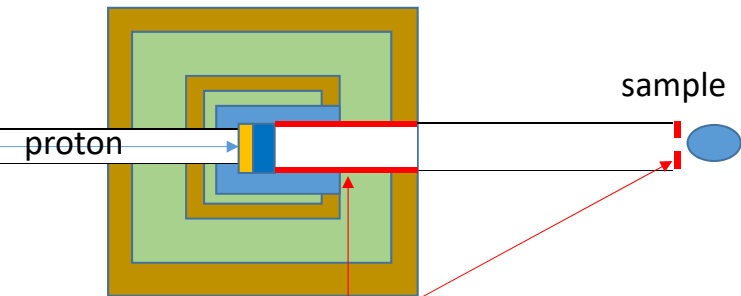
Austenite : 13.1%

J-PARC Takumi: 13.9%

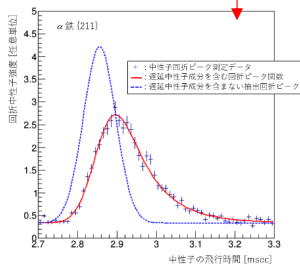


The result of measurement during uniaxial rotation (30 min) for round robin sample is consistent with J-PARC measurement **within 1%**
-> Compact source has high potential to use on-site

Towards stress measurement: decoupled collimator + deconvolution method-> higher resolution and intensity



Decoupled collimator system + deconvolution method



$$F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(t')g(t-t')dt'$$

$$= A \exp(-\beta t) \operatorname{erfc}\left(\frac{-(t - (t_c + \sigma^2\beta))}{\sqrt{2}\sigma}\right) + C \quad (5.1)^{c1}$$

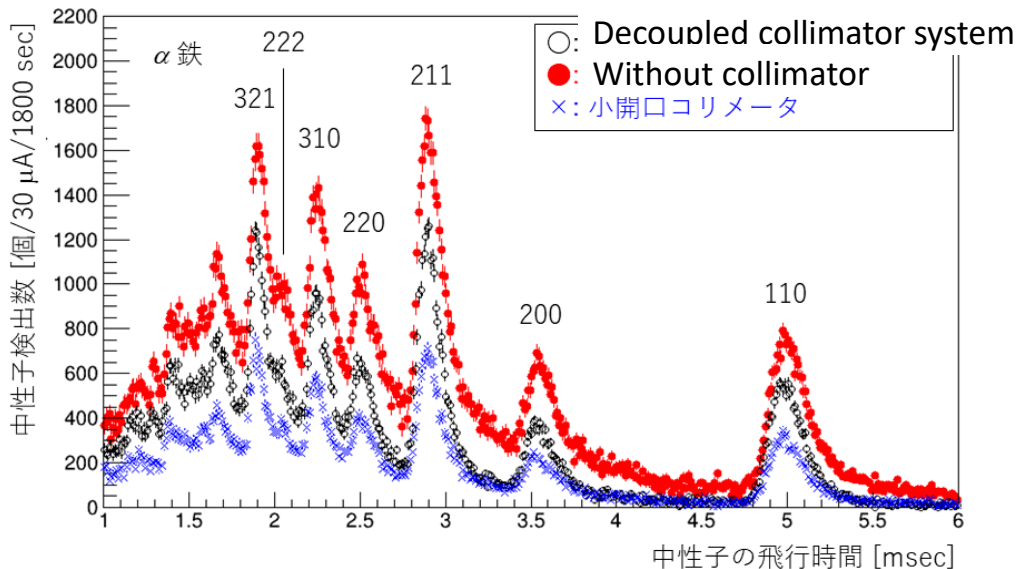
$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & : t < 0 \\ \beta \exp(-\beta t) & : t \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (5.2)^{c1}$$

$$g(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(t - t_c)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad (5.3)^{c1}$$

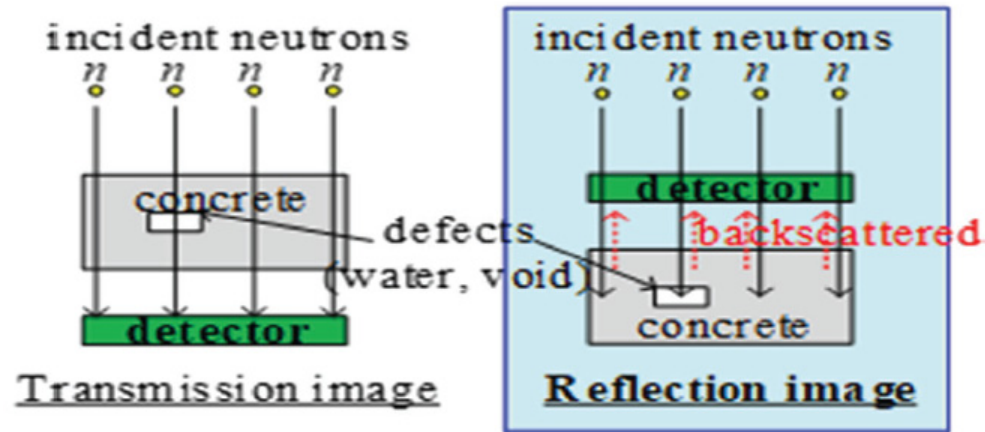
$$A = \frac{I\beta}{2} \exp\left(\frac{\sigma^2\beta^2}{2} + \beta t_c\right) \quad (5.4)^{c1}$$

$$h(t) = \frac{I}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(t - t'_c)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \quad (6.1)^{c1}$$

$$t'_c = t_c + \sigma^2\beta \quad (6.2)^{c1}$$



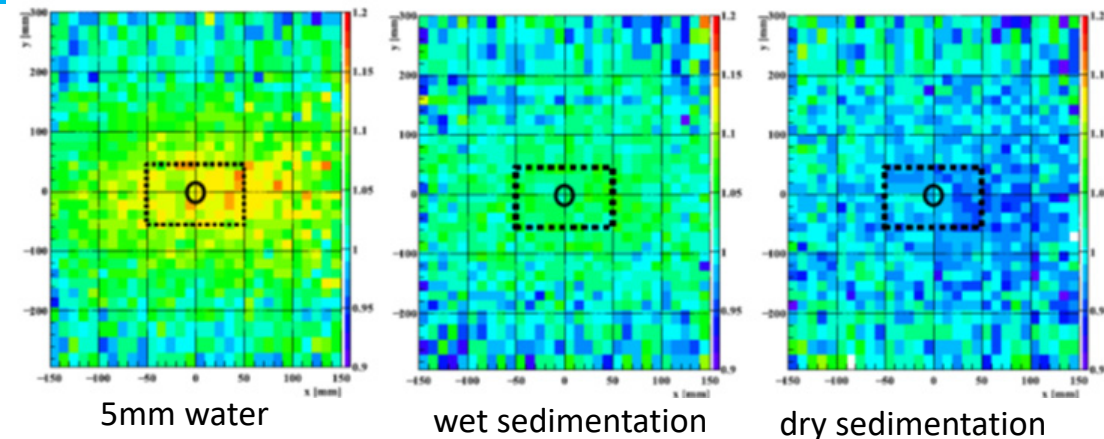
Back-scattering (reflection imaging) fast neutron time of flight imaging method



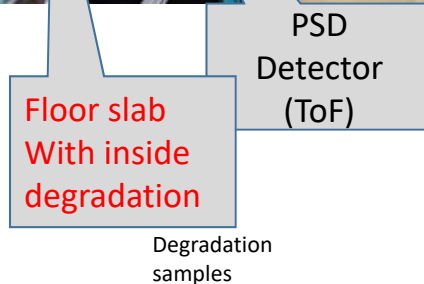
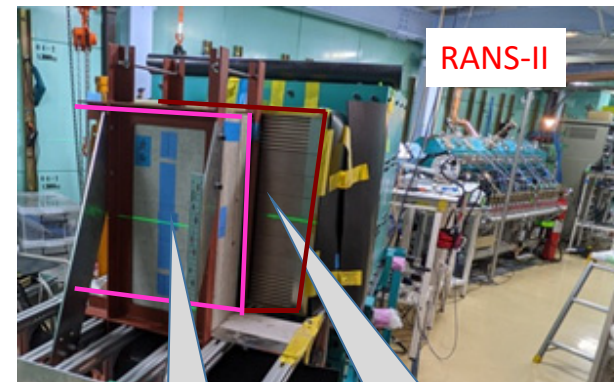
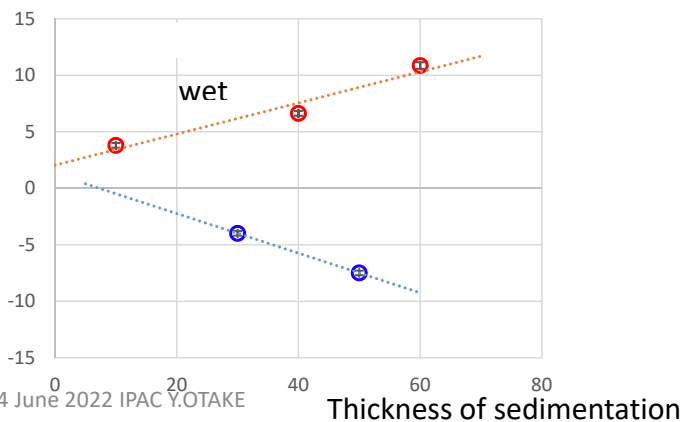
Comparison with normal transmission imaging set-up and the reflection (back-scattered neutron) image method for infrastructure (left), and the vision of future on-site use with a compact neutron source (right).

RANS-II Visualization of degradation,

RANS-II



- quantitative identification in terms of thickness of sedimentation

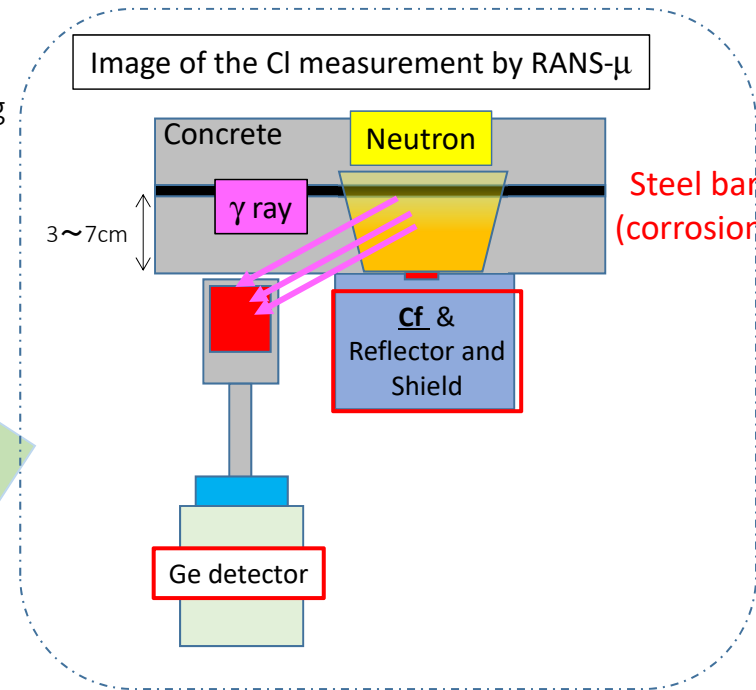
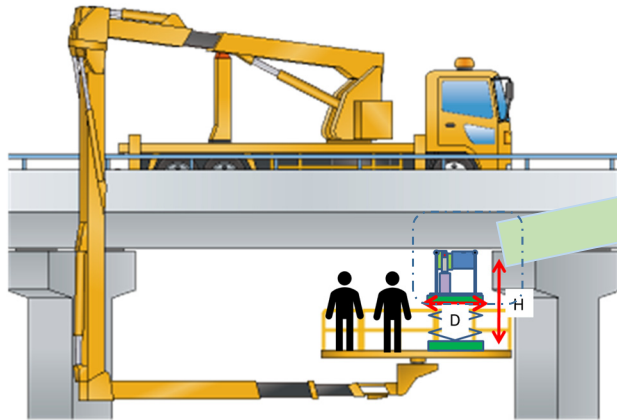


RANS- μ salt meter: Development in response to urgent requests

Non-destructive testing of salinity behind slabs and girders.

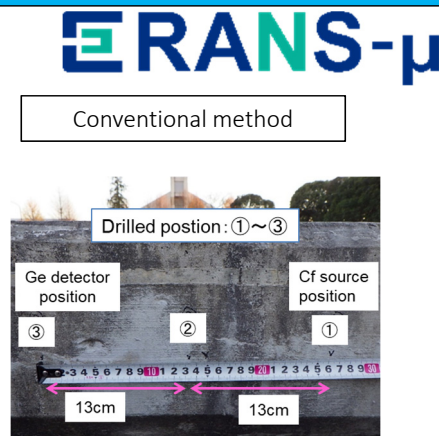
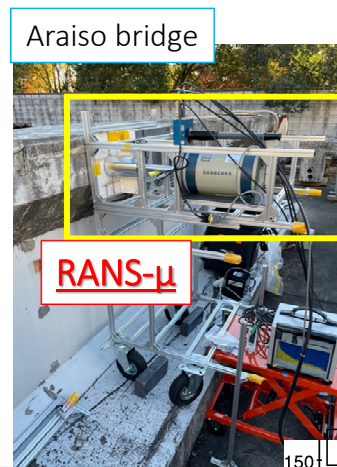
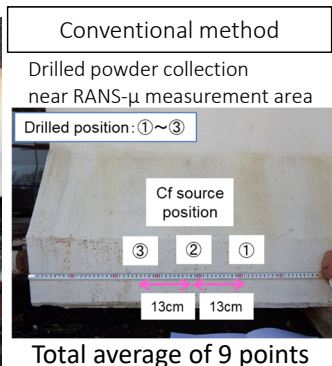
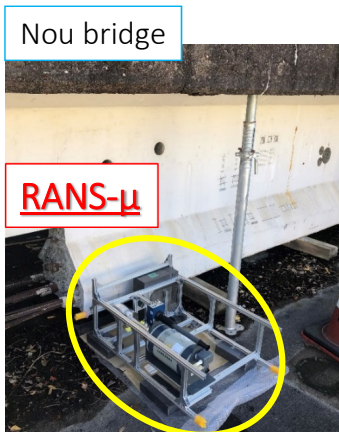
Setting of goals for RANS- μ salt meter;

- Total size & weight : $W < 700 \times D < 700 \times H \sim 1800$ (adjustable) weight : $< 100\text{kg}$
- Operator : 2 persons (1 for Salt meter + 1 for Bucket or Corridor)
- Cl detection : $1.0 \pm 0.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ at 7cm depth from concrete surface
- Non-destructive measurement

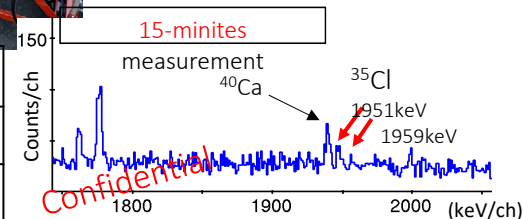


RANS- μ salt meter on-site measurement using removal damaged bridge at Public Work Research Institute

- Verification of average salinity using two demolished bridges: successful quantitative assessment.



	Cl density (kg/m ³) ← Average	
	Nou Bridge (Niigata)	Araiso Bridge
RANS-μ (non-destructive)	<u>$3.1 \pm 1.1 \text{ kg/m}^3$</u>	<u>$5.7 \pm 1.5 \text{ kg/m}^3$</u>
<u>Conventional method (destructive)</u>	<u>3.27 kg/m^3 (drill)</u>	<u>5.72 kg/m^3 (drill)</u>



The method to deduce the depth profile will be verified.

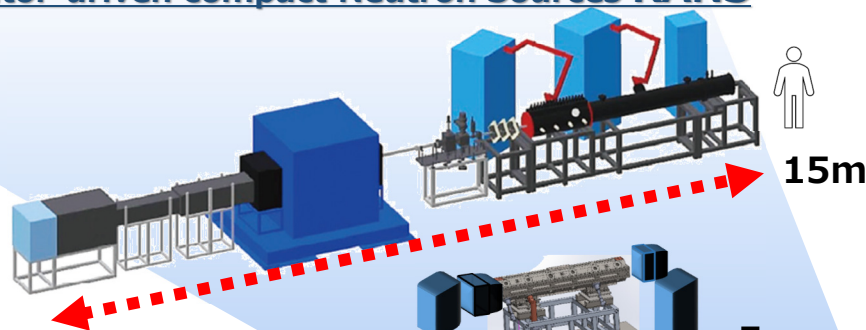
First success for **non-destructive** Cl measurement at **on-site** use by PGNAa with Cf source.

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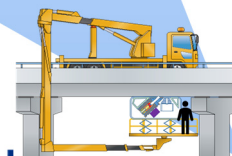


RANS-II

RANS-III



RANS-III: Transportable neutron system out-side



RANS-μ



RANS-μ: Neutron salt meter with bridge inspection vehicle

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Japanese radiation regulation

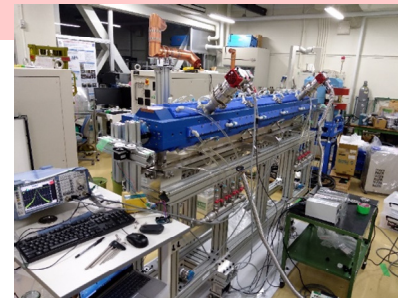
Transportable compact neutron system for bridge inspection with accelerator

The Japanese radiation regulations set the law on changing the location where accelerators are used only for bridge inspections. (Excluding deuterium)

- Linear accelerators only.
- Accelerated particle energy: less than 4 MeV.



- 放射性同位元素等規制法第11条 および 関連規定（平成17年7月改定） Japanese regulation 4MeV>linac
 - 橋梁等の非破壊検査に用いる 直線加速器で4メガ電子ボルト以上のエネルギーを有する放射線が発生しないものは、放射線発生装置の使用の場所の変更を都度許可を得る必要がなく届出で足りることとする。（ただし、設備については、事前に原子力規制委員会原子力規制庁の届け出許可が必要。）



T-RANS: Towards Standardization of non-destructive test method with neutrons

- Periodic inspections of infrastructure are regulated by inspection guidelines, which specify the methods and values to be measured.

R&D, proof of concept → On-site demonstrations

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- MLIT Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism
- PWRI Institute of Public work, Center for Advanced Engineering Structural Assessment and Research
- TITECH Tokyo Institute of Technology

• Proof → On-site demonstrations

Technology Research Association for Neutron
Next Generation System (Licensed by MLIT)

Standardization

- ★ Performance Catalogue of Inspection Support Technologies (publication in it un
- ★ Specific Inspection Guidelines for Salt Damage to Concrete Bridges (Draft)

Neutron measurements at regular inspections every 5 years

T-RANS members
9 (7companies) : June, 2021

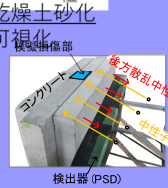
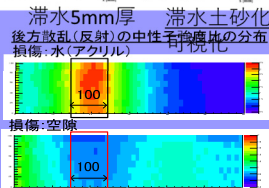
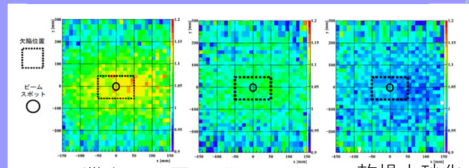
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Non-destructive inspection; infrastructure



In the pavement : back-scattered imaging



**Compact Neutron
Anytime.**



RANS : 15m, 25ton MeV~

**RANS-II :
~5m**

Floor-standing

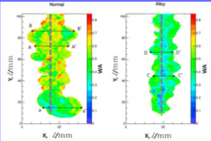
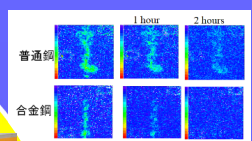


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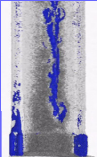
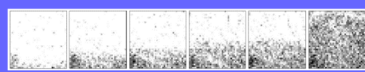


Non-destructive visualization

Visualization of the corrosion and its related water movement of the painted steel



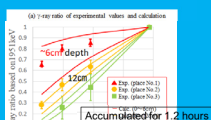
Visualization of water movement of the concrete



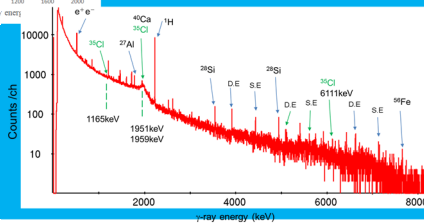
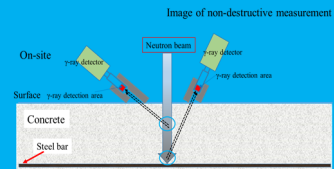
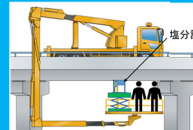
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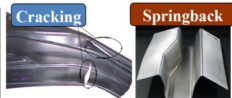
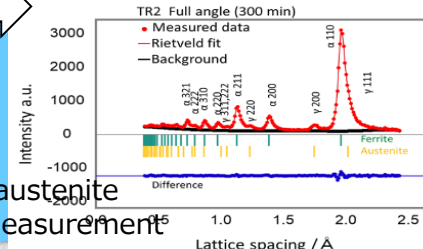
Element analysis on site



**Salt
distribution**

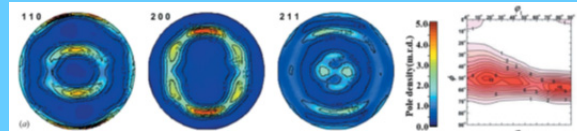


Diffractionmeter volume fraction, texture evaluation



Retained austenite
fraction measurement

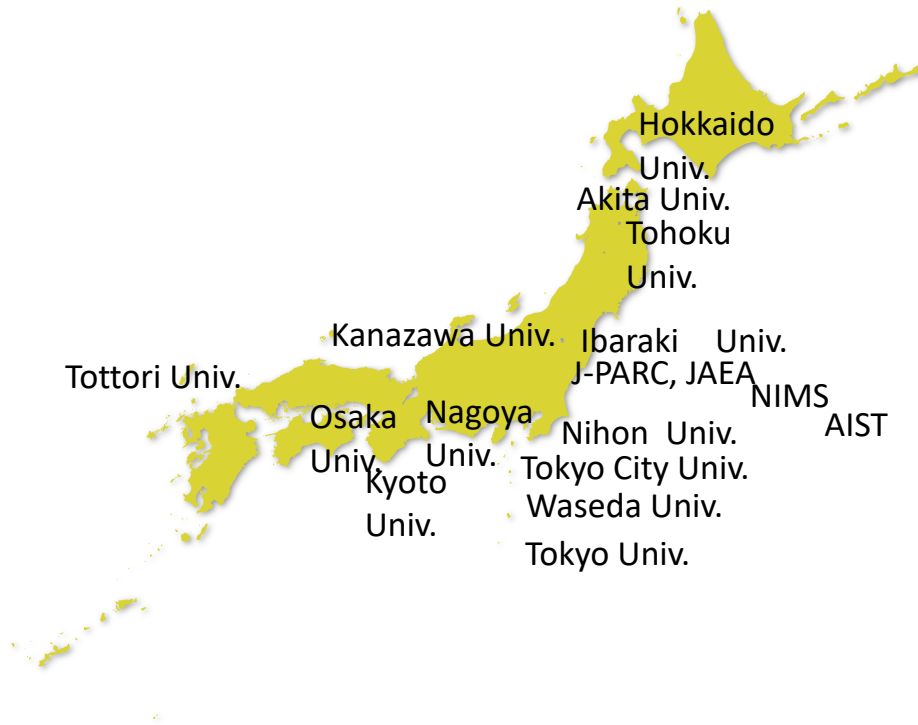
Texture evolution



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