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Study of the global distribution of the long-lived radionuclide Tc-99 with AMS

The long-lived fission product Technetium-99 ($t_{1/2} = 2.1 \cdot 10^5$ a) has been released into the environment by reprocessing plants and as global fallout by nuclear weapons tests (around 140 TBq). The meta-stable ^{99m}Tc is increasingly used as medical tracer leading to an additional accumulation of its decay product ^{99}Tc as waste. Due to the expected mobility and its long half-life, ^{99}Tc is not only a radionuclide of primary concern for nuclear waste storage, but is also considered a potential oceanographic tracer. Whereas the liquid ^{99}Tc emissions from the reprocessing plants are rather well studied, there is hardly any data on the global distribution of ^{99}Tc in environmental reservoirs affected by nuclear weapons fallout.

We recently started a FWF funded project to improve this situation by pursuing two different approaches for the detection of ^{99}Tc : A large accelerator system in combination with a gas-filled magnet system, available at the Technical University of Munich, and the Ion-Laser-InterAction-Mass-Spectrometry (ILIAMS) setup at VERA. The AMS setup in Munich, which has already shown sufficient suppression of the stable isobar ^{99}Ru , is currently being applied to analyse environmental ^{99}Tc concentrations e.g. in Pacific Ocean water and a peat bog. First results on the detected ^{99}Tc concentrations and suitable chemical procedures for the extraction of Tc will be presented after an overview of previous studies on the Tc distribution in the environment and the general research questions of the present project.

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