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Development of Low-pressure Gas TPC for Stellar Nucleosynthesis Reactions

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We develop an active-target Time Projection Chamber (aTPC) operated in a low-pressure, strong magnetic field. The aTPC comprises a cathode plane, four field-cage planes, a gating GEM (Gas Electron Multipliers) plane, a triple GEM structure, and a pad plane. The pad plane covers $10 \times 10 \text{ cm}2$ with $1000 \times 3 \times 3 \text{ mm}2$ square pads. The construction of the detector is in progress, and the expected performance is verified using Geant4 and Garfield++ simulation. We will primarily focus on the cross-section measurement for oxygen production from the $12C(\alpha,\gamma)16O$ reaction and potassium destruction through the reverse $37Cl(\alpha,n)40K$ and 40Ar(p,n)40K reactions. This talk will present the current R&D status.

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