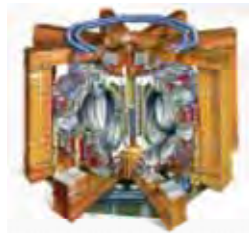


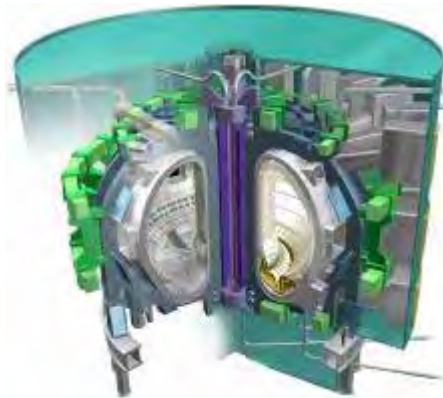
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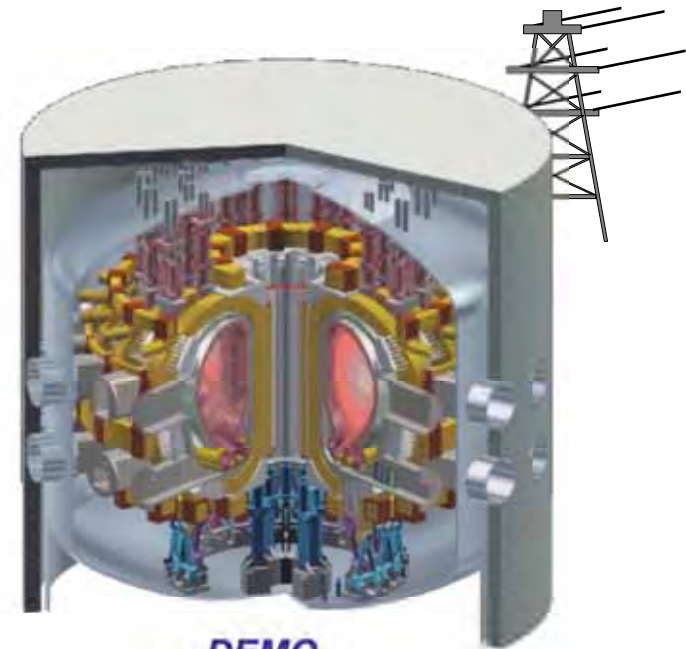
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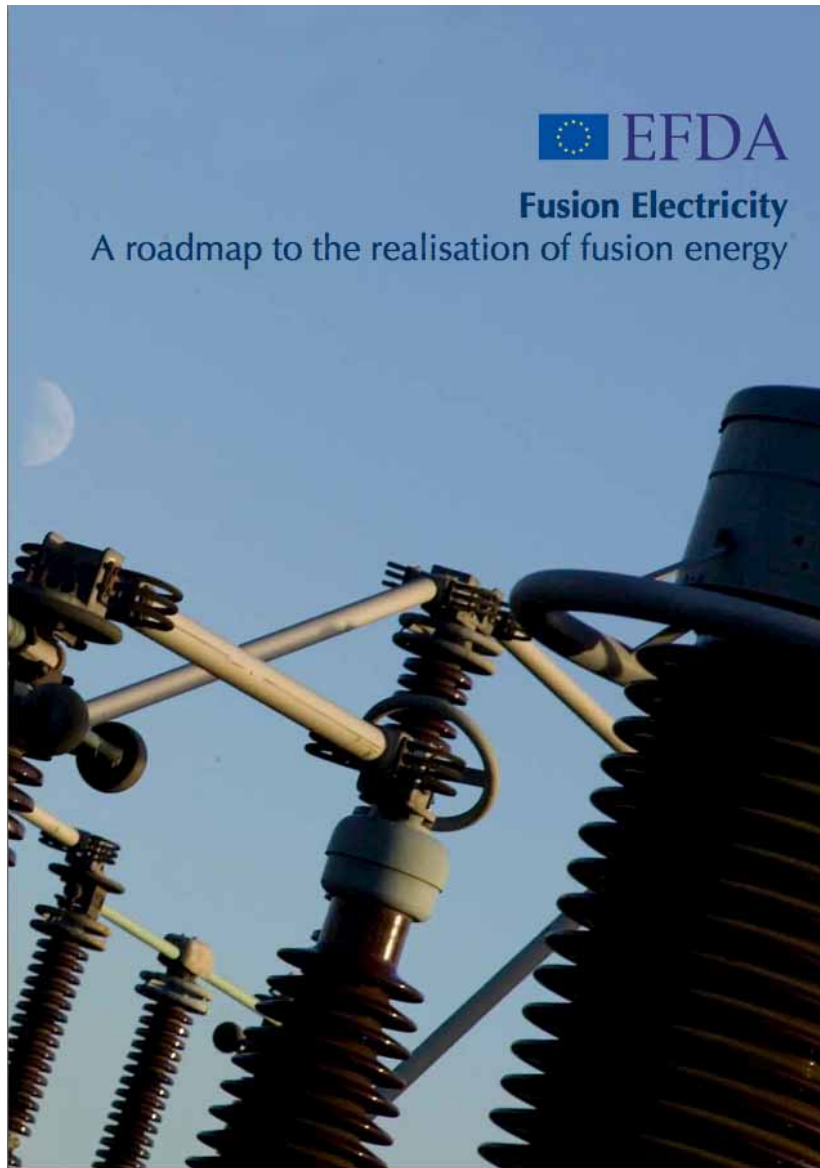
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Outline

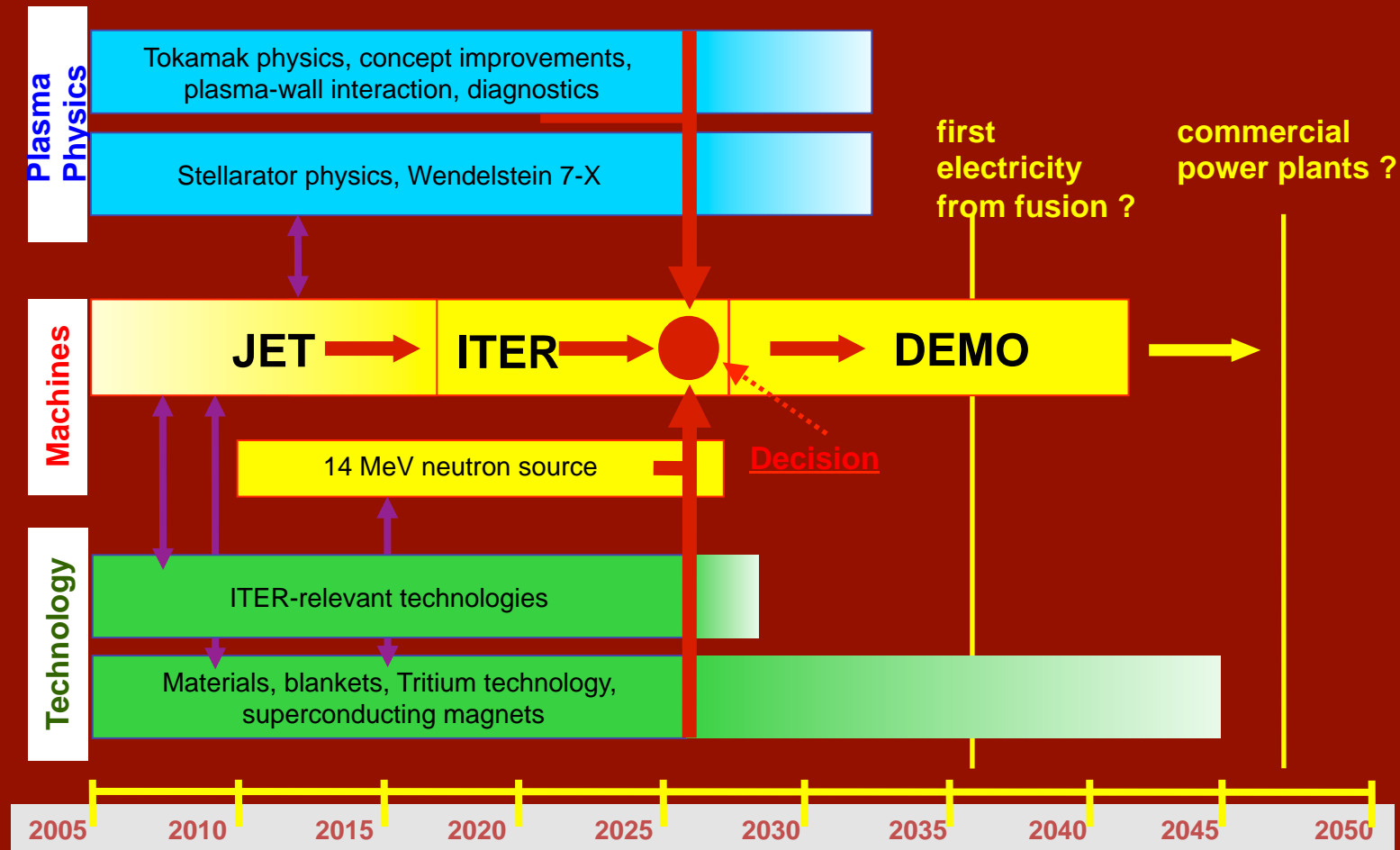
- Roadmap for the realization of fusion energy
- Largest tokamak in the world
 - Joint European Torus (JET)
 - Status of magnetic fusion research at JET
 - Comparison with inertial fusion at NIF
- Largest tokamak in construction :
 - International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)
- Plans for the future
 - Demonstrator Reactor (DEMO)
- Physics and Engineering developments needed
 - for the construction of DEMO

Roadmap for the realization of fusion energy – June 2013



- ITER is the key facility
- DEMO – single step between ITER and commercial fusion power plant
- Need for IFMIF highlighted (14 MeV neutron source)
→ material qualification

'Roadmap' for Magnetic Fusion Research



Joint European Torus (JET)

Largest tokamak in the world

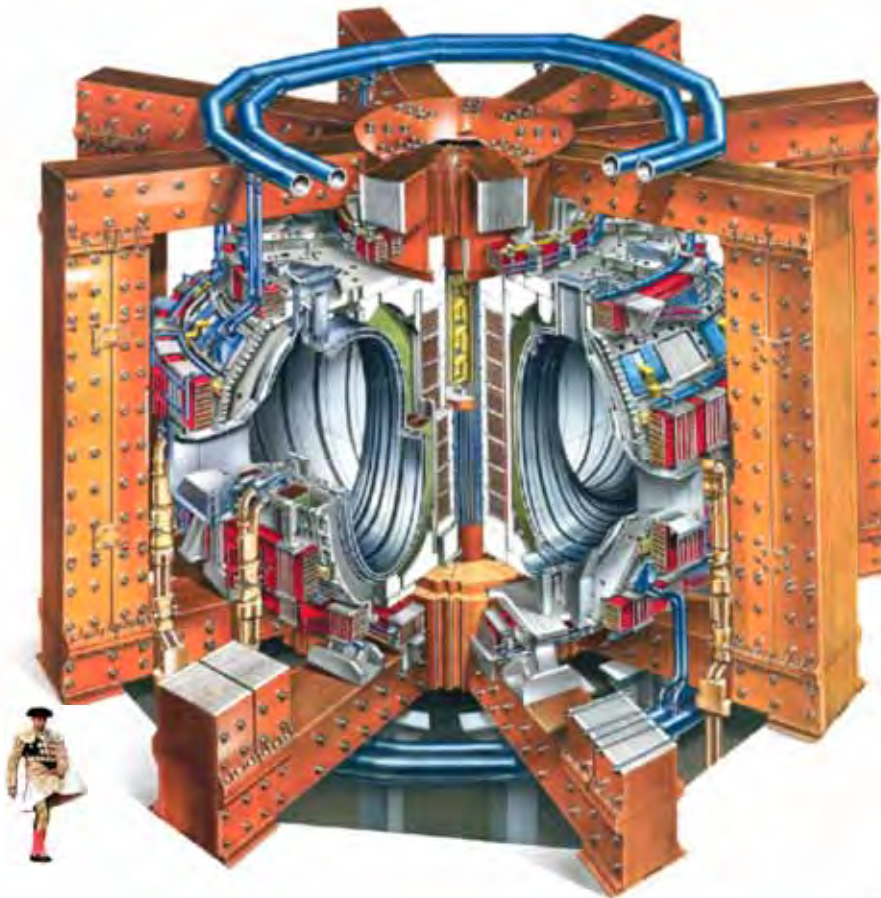
(in Culham, at 10km from Oxford)



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Joint European Torus (JET)

Common European Facility (Oxfordshire, UK)
Largest tokamak worldwide

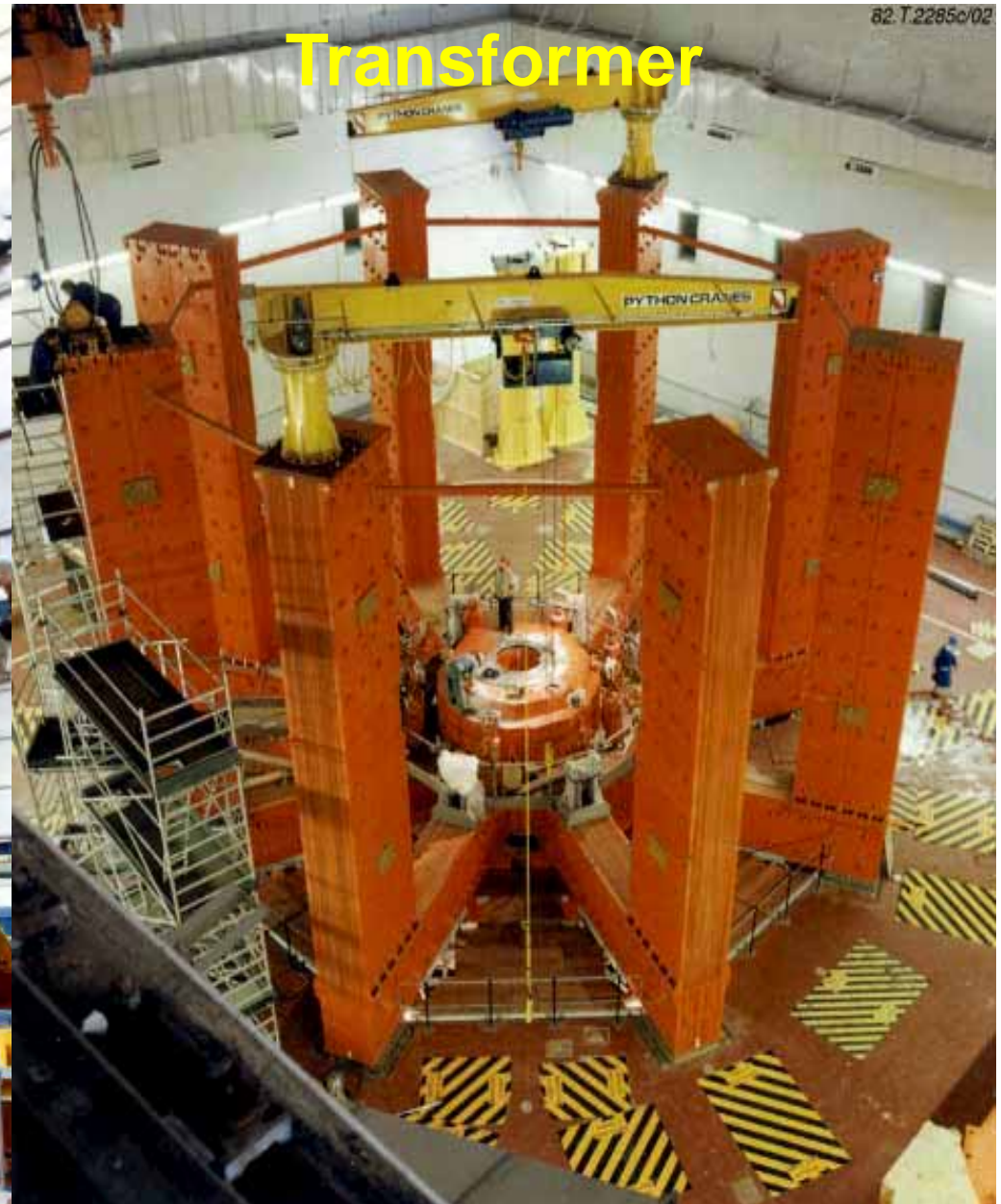


Vacuum vessel	3.96m high x 2.4m wide
Plasma volume	80 m³ - 100 m³
Plasma current	up to 5 MA in present (divertor) configurations
Toroidal magnetic field	up to 4 Tesla

Construction of JET (1983)

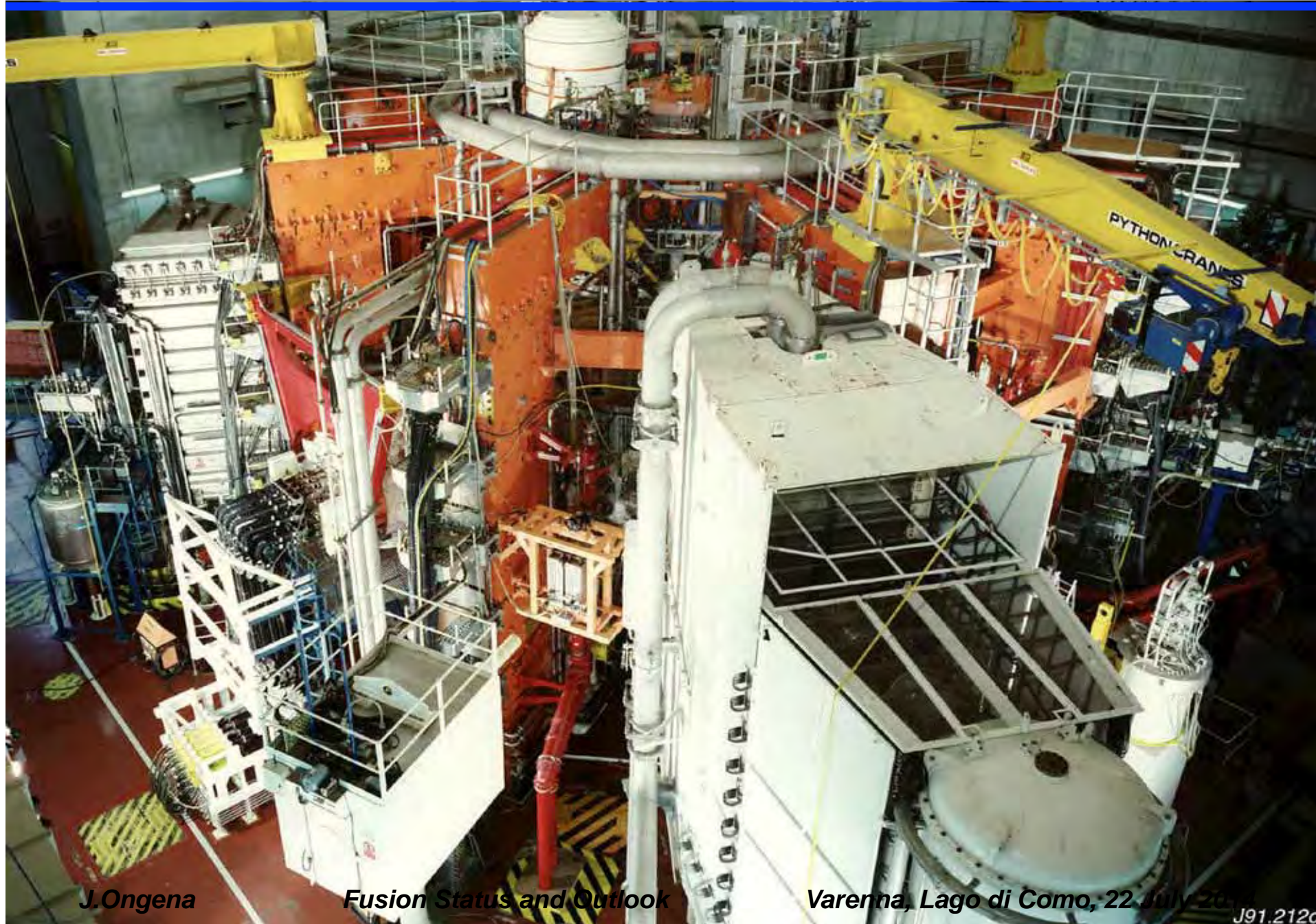


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Joint European Torus (JET)



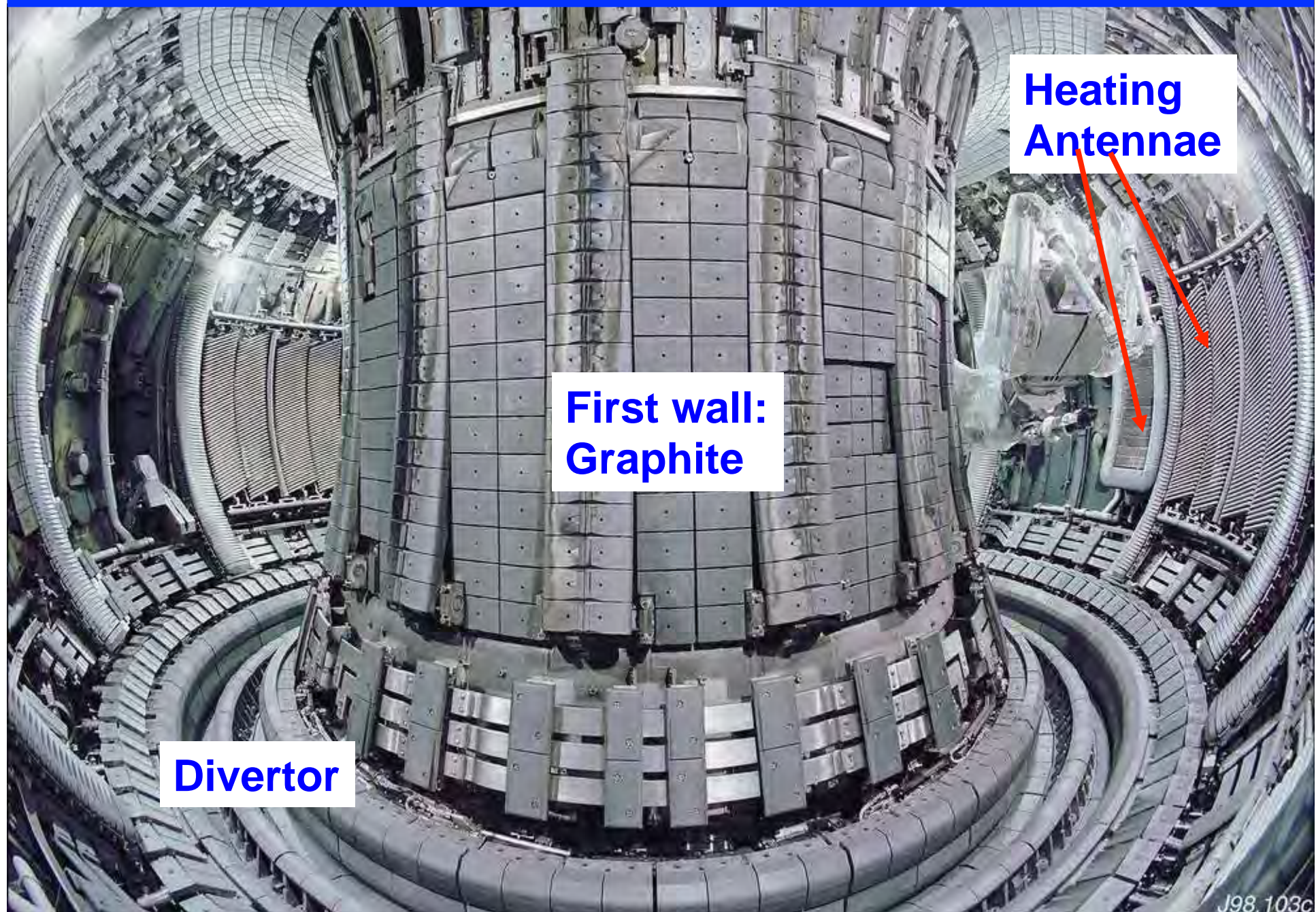
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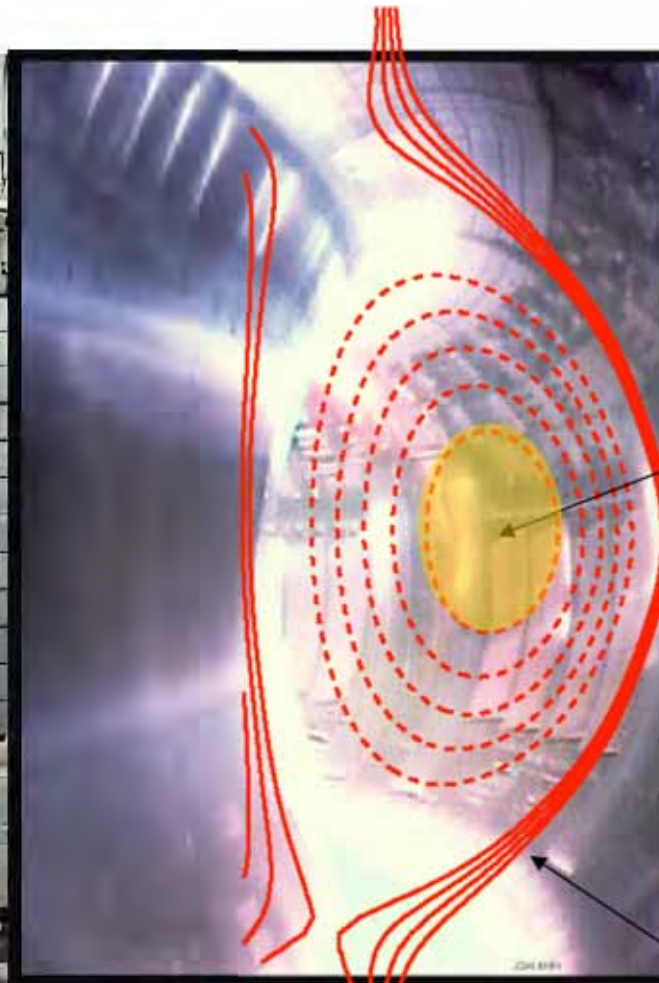
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Inside view of JET with Carbon first wall (up to 2010)



Inside of JET with and without plasma



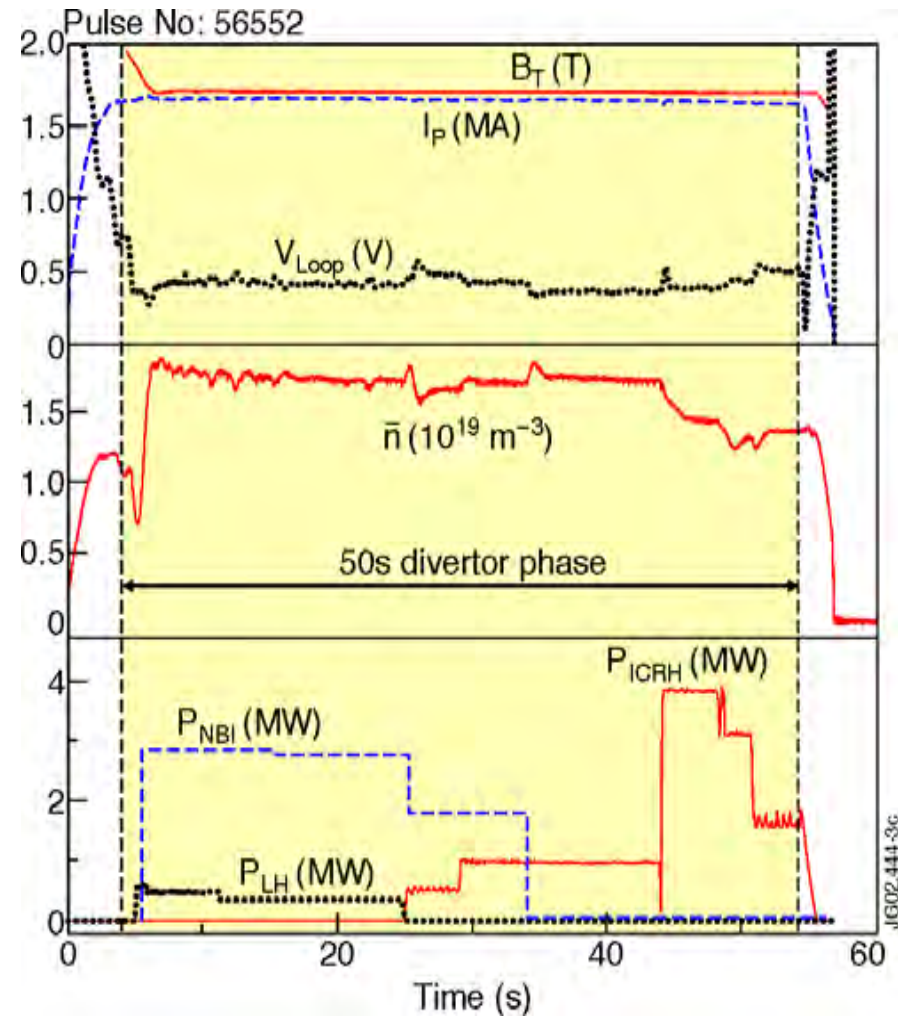
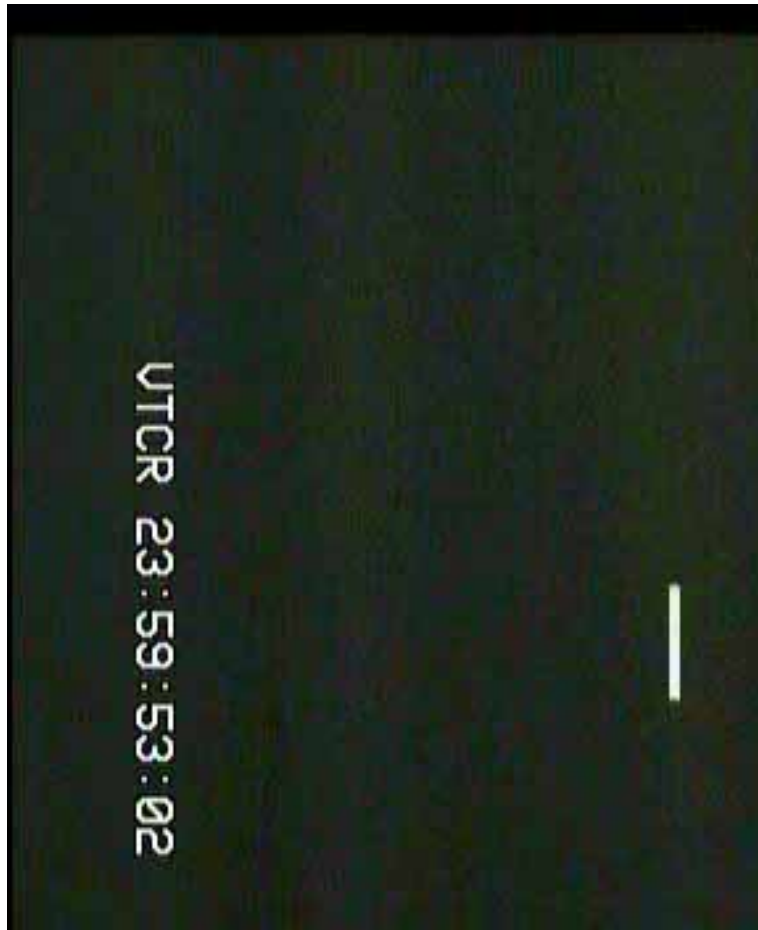
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Magnetic surfaces

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Example of long pulse in JET

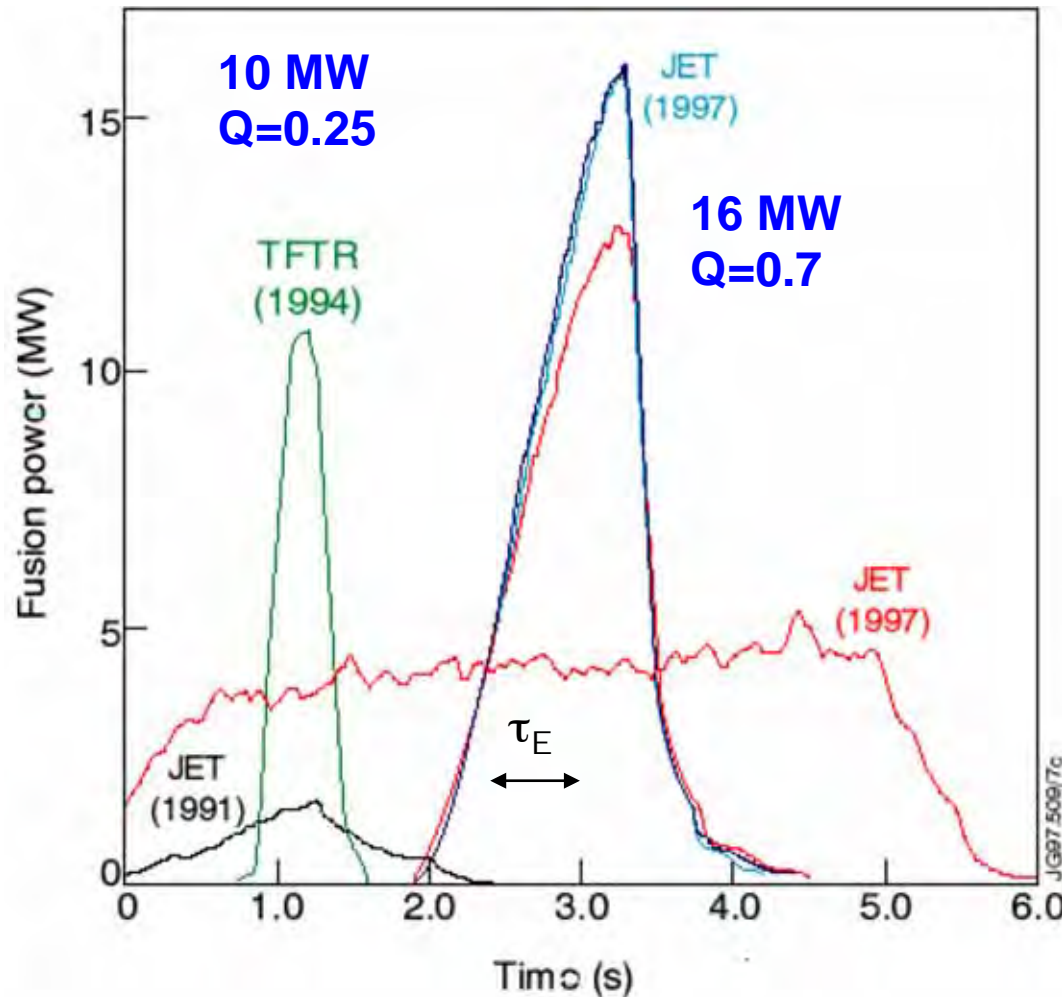
Long (1 min) JET Plasmas in ITER configuration



Also : Tore Supra (France): 6min30s, LHD (Japan): 30min

Status of Fusion Research

Record fusion energy production in JET
16MW (1997), $Q \sim 0.7$, very close to break-even



TFTR : Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor
Princeton University (1983-1997)

JET : Joint European Torus
Culham Labs (1983 – now)

Latest results in Inertial Fusion Research

Nature, 20 february 2014, Vol 506, pp 343-348

Fuel gain exceeding unity in an inertially confined fusion implosion

O. A. Hurricane¹, D. A. Callahan¹, D. T. Casey¹, P. M. Celliers¹, C. Cerjan¹, E. L. Dewald¹, T. R. Dittrich¹, T. Döppner¹, D. E. Hinkel¹, L. F. Berzak Hopkins¹, J. L. Kline², S. Le Pape¹, T. Ma¹, A. G. MacPhee¹, J. L. Milovich¹, A. Pak¹, H.-S. Park¹, P. K. Patel¹, B. A. Remington¹, J. D. Salmonson¹, P. T. Springer¹ & R. Tommasini¹

Table 1 | Measured and derived implosion performance metrics

Quantity	N131119 ^{425 TW} 1.9 MJ	N130927 ^{390 TW} 1.8 MJ	N130927 ²⁵	N130927 ²⁶	N130927 (sim.)
Y_{13-15} (neutron)	$(5.2 \pm 0.097) \times 10^{15}$	$(4.4 \pm 0.11) \times 10^{15}$	—	—	7.6×10^{15}
T_{ion} (keV) D-T	5.0 ± 0.2	4.63 ± 0.31	—	—	4.2
T_{ion} (keV) D-D	4.3 ± 0.2	3.77 ± 0.2	—	—	3.9
DSR (%)	4.0 ± 0.4	3.85 ± 0.41	—	—	4.1
τ_x (ps)	152.0 ± 33.0	161.0 ± 33.0	—	—	137
PO_x, PO_n (μm)	$35.8 \pm 1.0, 34 \pm 4$	$35.3 \pm 1.1, 32 \pm 4$	—	—	32
$P2/PO_x$	-0.34 ± 0.039	-0.143 ± 0.044	—	—	—
$P3/PO_x$	0.015 ± 0.027	-0.004 ± 0.023	—	—	—
$P4/PO_x$	-0.009 ± 0.039	-0.05 ± 0.023	—	—	—
Y_{total} (neutron)	6.1×10^{15}	5.1×10^{15}	—	—	8.9×10^{15}
E_{fusion} (kJ)	17.3	14.4	—	—	25.1
r_{hs} (μm)	36.6	35.5	34.4–42.3	35.7–36.0	32.2
$(\rho r)_{\text{hs}}$ (g cm^{-2})	0.12–0.15	0.12–0.18	0.13–0.19	0.1–0.14	0.15
E_{hs} (kJ)	3.9–4.4	3.5–4.2	3.7–5.5	3.71–4.56	4.1
E_x (kJ)	2.2–2.6	2.0–2.4	2.0–2.4	2.0–2.5	2.8
$E_{\text{DT, total}}$ (kJ)	8.5–9.4	10.2–12.0	10.0–13.9	10.92–11.19	13.4
G_{fuel}	1.8–2.0	1.2–1.4	1.04–1.44	1.28–1.31	1.9

Lines 1–9 for columns 2 and 3 are directly measured quantities; others are derived from the data. Columns 4–6 show results from two data-driven models and simulation, respectively.

JET – a testbed for ITER

Research topics in preparation of ITER

- Plasma facing materials: ITER like Wall
- Development of operational scenarios for ITER
- Heating systems
- Mitigation of Edge Localised Modes & avoidance of disruptions
- Preparation of diagnostics in a high neutron flux environment
- ...

Which first wall for ITER/DEMO ?

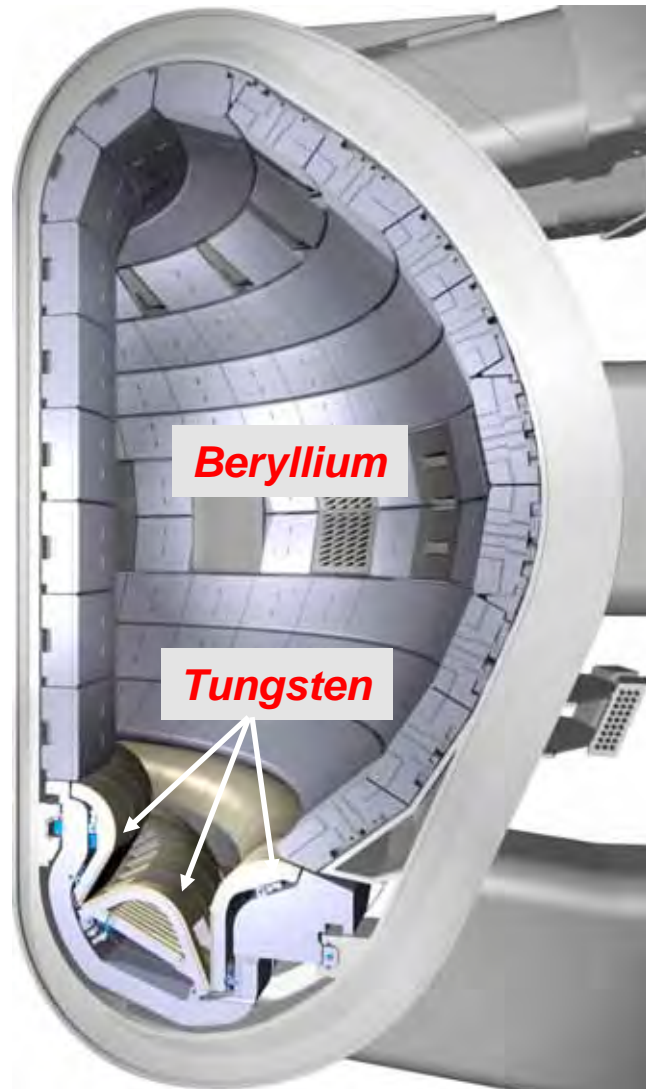
Graphite has been used in last 20 years to optimise plasma requirements

- High temperature : no melting, only sublimation at $T \sim 3000\text{C}$
- Easy plasma operation/performance
- Resistance against power transients and operational failures

Not suitable for power reactor because of additional requirements

- Lifetime (low erosion) (DEMO)
- Low T uptake (ITER)
- Neutron compatibility (DEMO)

Which first wall for ITER/DEMO ?



- **Beryllium (Be) ?**

- + Reduced T retention in vacuum chamber
- + Low Z
- But rather low melting point : 1287 C

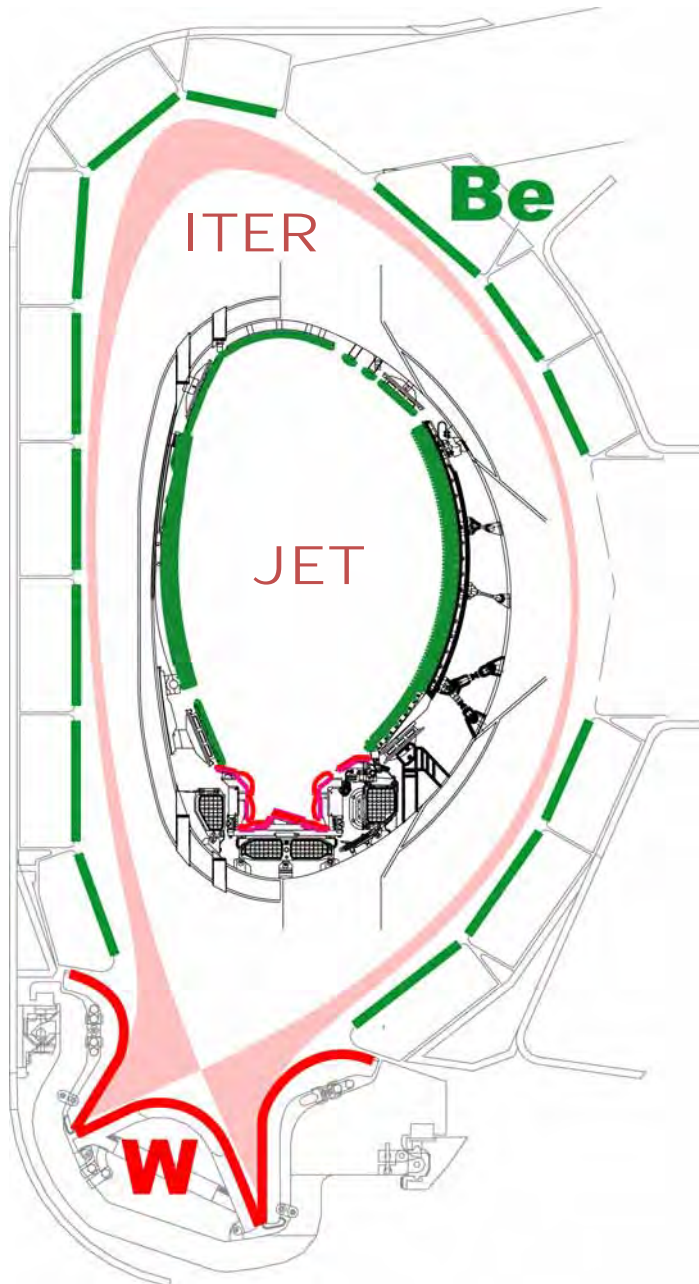
- **Tungsten (W) ?**

- + Strongly reduced retention
- + High melting point : 3422 C
- But high Z : very low concentration tolerable

- **Possible solution : combination Be + W ?**

- Minimise use of W
- Only there where it cannot be avoided : divertor

ITER-Like Wall (ILW) at JET (since 2011)



The combination of Beryllium (**Be**) and tungsten (**W**) is the first wall for ITER:

- “Carbon-free” environment
 - Reduced tritium retention
 - Loss of carbon as main radiator
 - Very low content of low Z impurities (O and C)
- Change in way of operating a tokamak
 - Need for better plasma control
 - Need for melt protection schemes of first wall elements

Main goals of the ILW experiment in JET

- I. Demonstrate low fuel retention, migration and possible fuel recovery*
- II. Demonstrate plasma compatibility with metallic walls*

The ITER-like Wall in JET – 8 May 2011



ITER-like Wall Project Metrics

Number of installed items: 2,880

Number of individual tiles: 5,384 Be tiles (~2 tons Be / ~ 1m³)
1,288 W-coated CFC tiles
9,216 W-lamellas (~2 tons W / ~ 0.1m³)
15,828

Total number of parts: 82,273 counting bulk W modules as one part

Bulk W total parts: 191,664 including 100,080 shims

Duration of manned access: < 7% of in-vessel time
(Mostly infrastructure and welding/repairs)

First results in JET from 2 years operation with the ILW

A wealth of new and very relevant results for ITER

- Cleaner plasmas: much less impurities (mainly C and O)
- Much easier plasma startup
- Different plasma conditions : lower edge densities (pumping of the wall much stronger); influence on confinement
- Disruption force stronger (lower natural radiation): need for mitigating the disruption by blowing high Z gases (Ar) in plasma
- Need to be careful with W accumulation
- Building up experience with IR observation/protection system for the Be wall
-

From JET to ITER



***ITER = International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor**

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Fusion Status and Outlook

Varennna, Lago di Como, 22 July 2014

ITER – a unique project

- More than half of world population is represented
- Dominant position of new economies (India, China)



- Projected Fusion Power: 500MW for ≥ 10 minutes
- Construction ongoing in Cadarache (Provence, France)

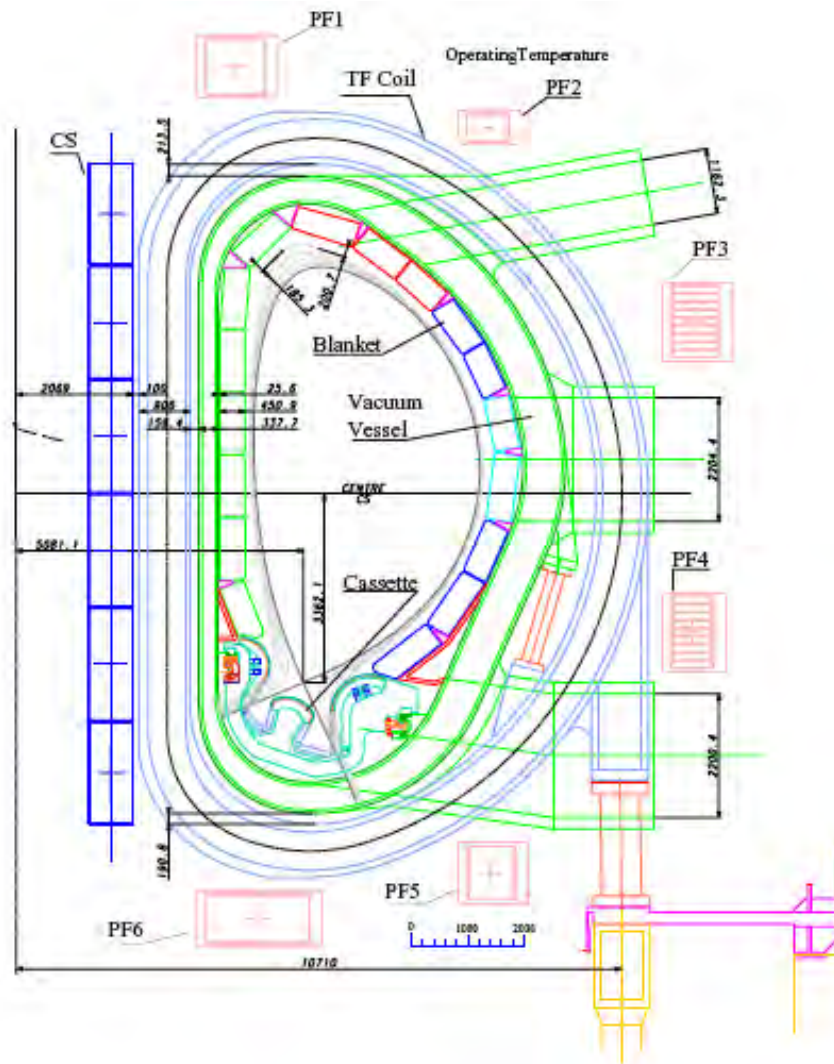
What is ITER?

- ITER's overall programmatic objective:
 - to demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of fusion energy for peaceful purposes
 - to design, construct and operate a tokamak experiment at a scale which satisfies this objective

- ITER is a tokamak designed to confine a DT plasma in which α -particle heating dominates all other forms of plasma heating
⇒ an experimental nuclear fusion reactor
 - ✓ Designed to achieve $P_{\text{fusion}} = 500 \text{ MW}$ with gain $Q \geq 10$ for 300-500 s
 - ✓ Aims to achieve $P_{\text{fusion}} \geq 350 \text{ MW}$ with $Q \geq 5$ for 1000-3000 s
 - ✓ Aims at exploring “controlled ignition” ($Q \geq 30$)

- ITER is a **unique worldwide collaboration** in research involving the EU (plus Switzerland), China, India, Japan, Russian Federation, South Korea and United States

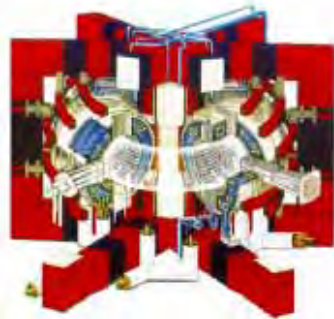
ITER Design Parameters



	ITER
Major radius	6.2 m
Minor radius	2.0 m
Plasma current	15 MA
Toroidal magnetic field	5.3T
Elongation / triangularity	1.85 / 0.49
Fusion power amplification	≥ 10
Fusion power	~ 500 MW
Plasma burn duration	300-500 s

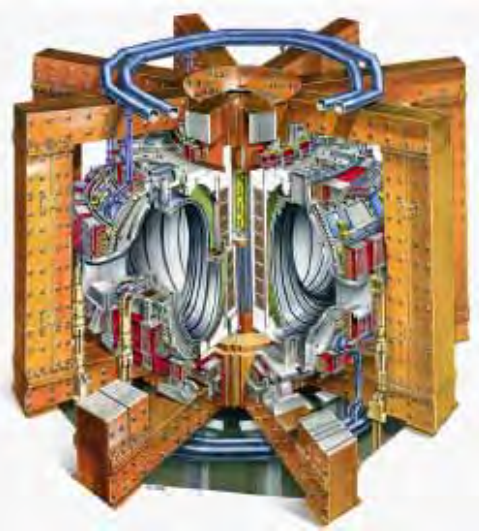
A detailed engineering design for ITER was delivered in July 2001

ITER : ~ 2x larger than JET



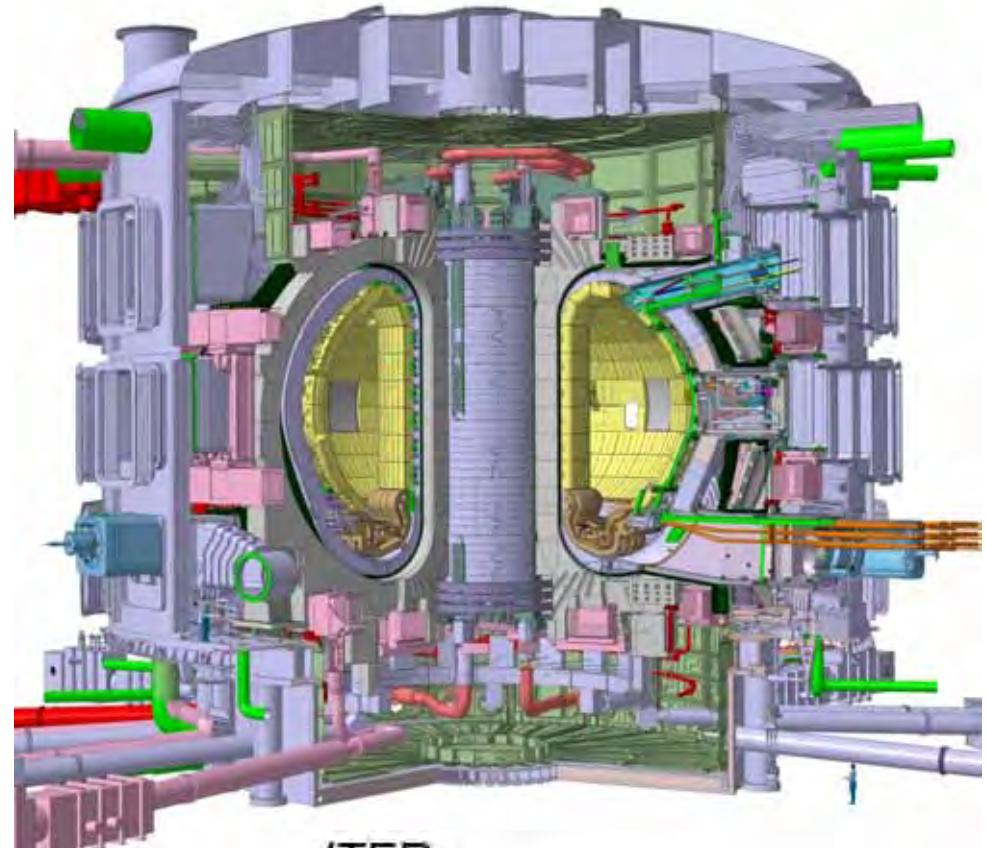
Tore Supra

V_{plasma} 25 m³
 P_{fusion} ~0
 t_{plasma} ~400 s



JET

V_{plasma} 80 m³
 P_{fusion} ~16 MW 2s
 t_{plasma} ~30 s



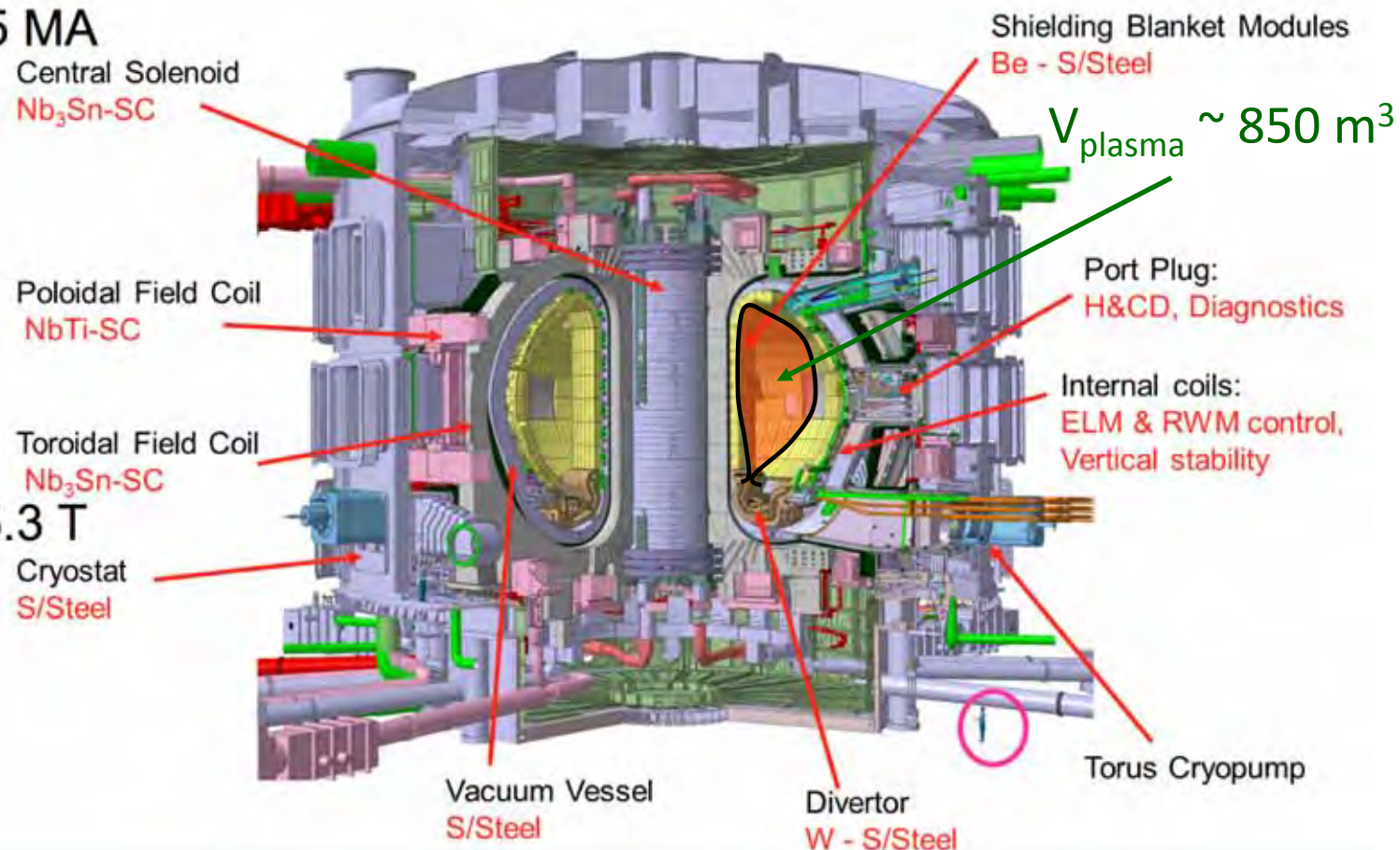
ITER

V_{plasma} 830 m³
 P_{fusion} ~500 MW 500s
 t_{plasma} ~400 s

ITER - Main Features

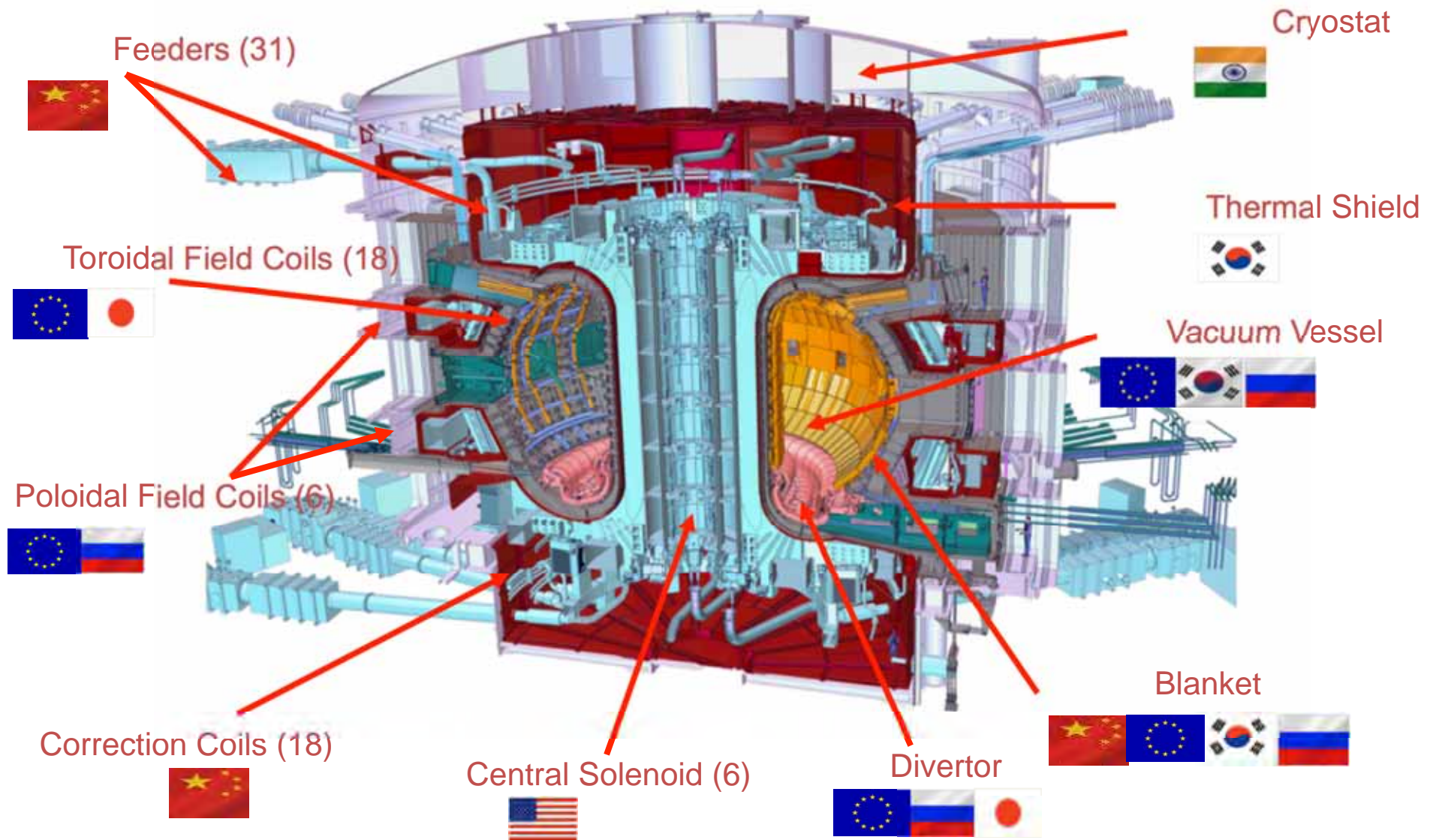
$$I_p = 15 \text{ MA}$$

$$B_t = 5.3 \text{ T}$$



NBI (1 MeV)	ECH (170 GHz)	ICH (40-55 MHz)	LH (5 GHz)	Total
33 MW (+16.5 MW)	20 MW (20 MW)	20 MW (20 MW)	0 MW (20 MW)	73 MW (130 MW-110 MW simultaneous)

Construction of ITER – Who manufactures what?



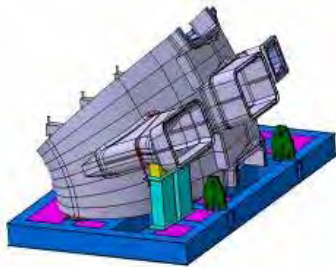
Delivering Components to ITER

Local Communities Provided Road Upgrades

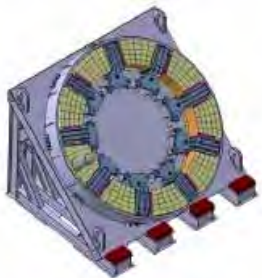
FRANCE



TF Coil ~360 t
16 m Tall x 9 m Wide



VV Sector ~400 t
12 m Tall x 9 m Wide



PF1 Coil ~200 t
9.4 m Diameter



Test Convoy for delivery of heavy components
(TF Coils, VV Sectors, and PF1 Coil)
successful (16th – 20th September)

Progress on ITER Construction - Buildings

- Construction of key buildings finalized (PF coil and Cryostat Assembly) or making good progress (Tokamak building)



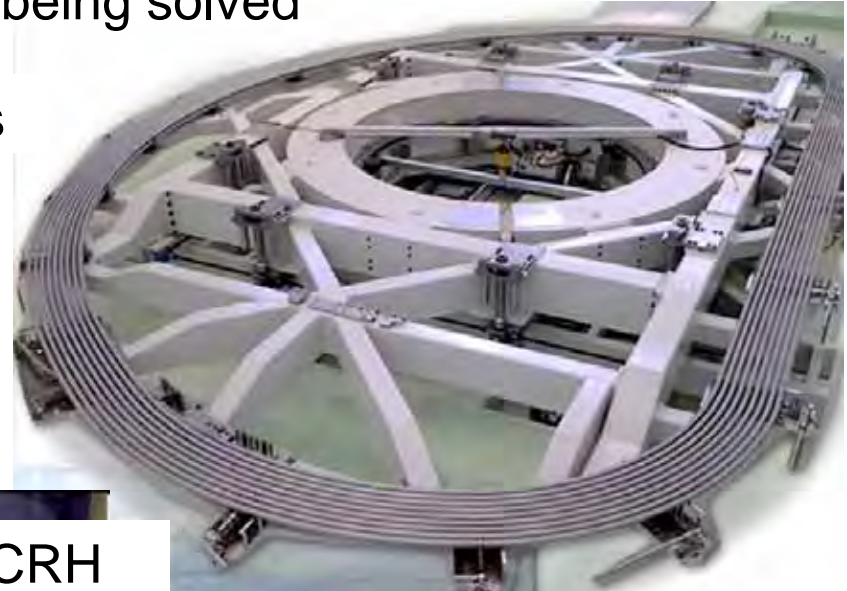
39 buildings in total (3 in seismic pit – Tokamak-Diagnostic + T-plant) ~ 16 buildings in construction in 2015

Progress on ITER Construction-Components

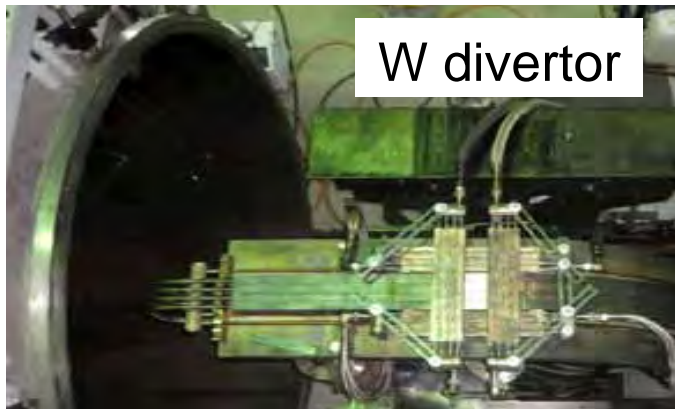
Tokamak & ancillary prototypes and final components under construction → technical problems being solved



TF Coils

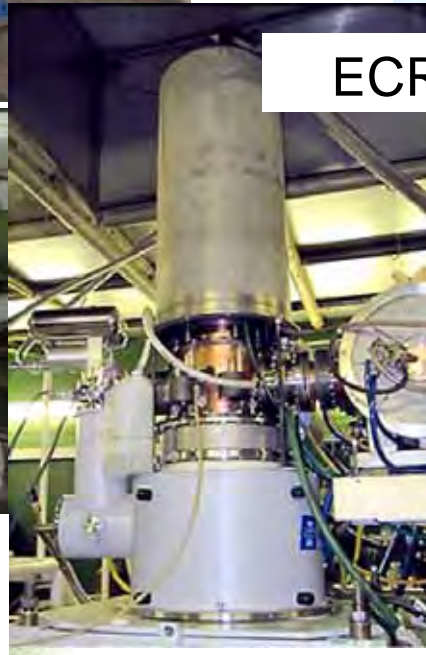


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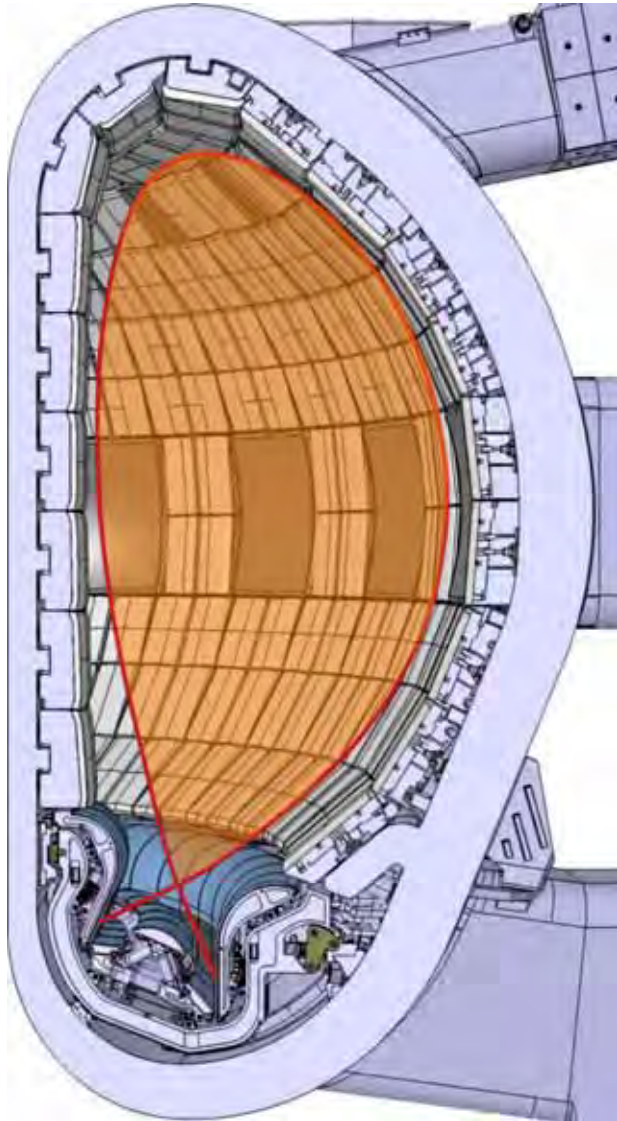
W divertor

Qualified (10 MWm^{-2}) with excursions to 20 MWm^{-2}



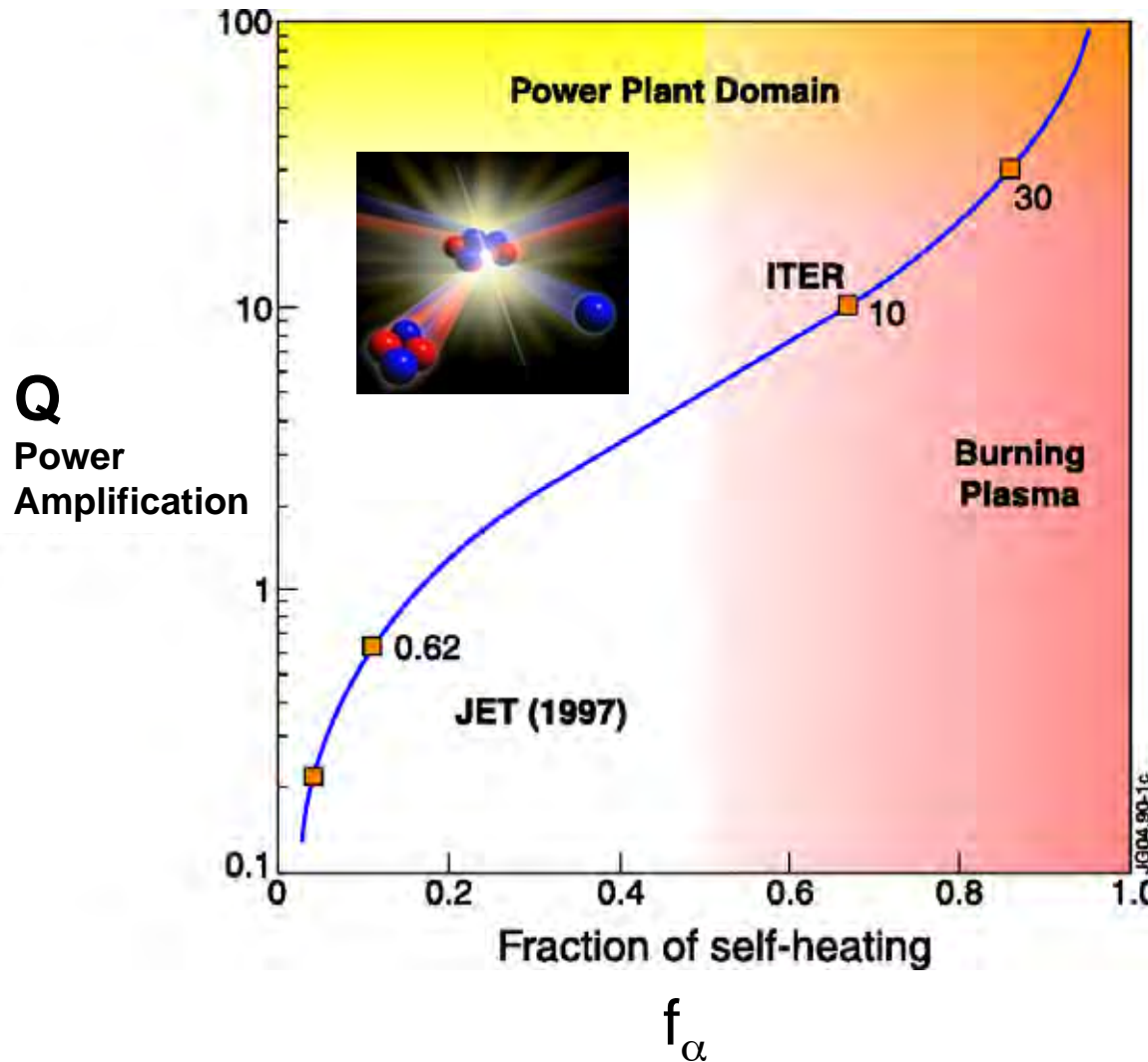
Vacuum Vessel

Comparison ITER / JET components



- dimensions: $R=6.2$ m, $a=2$ m
2 x JET
 - plasma heating 150 MW
5 x JET
 - discharge duration: 500s
50 x JET
 - plasma energy content: 300 MJ
30 x JET
 - fluency / discharge: $\sim 10^{27}/\text{m}^2$
 ~ 2000 x JET
- ⇒ **plasma surface interaction /
plasma facing materials
are central issues**

ITER is important for further progress in fusion



Power amplification
(engineering parameter,
related to plant efficiency)

$$Q = P_{\text{fusion}} / P_{\text{ext}}$$

Fraction of plasma self-heating by fusion born α -particles

$$f_\alpha = Q / (Q + 5)$$

with $Q > 10$, ITER will provide

****for the first time ****

access to plasmas with
adequate self heating
($f_\alpha > 2/3$)

ITER needed to prepare the definition of DEMO

Data needed for the definition of a fusion reactor (DEMO)

Test on ITER all necessary ingredients and integrate them in one scenario

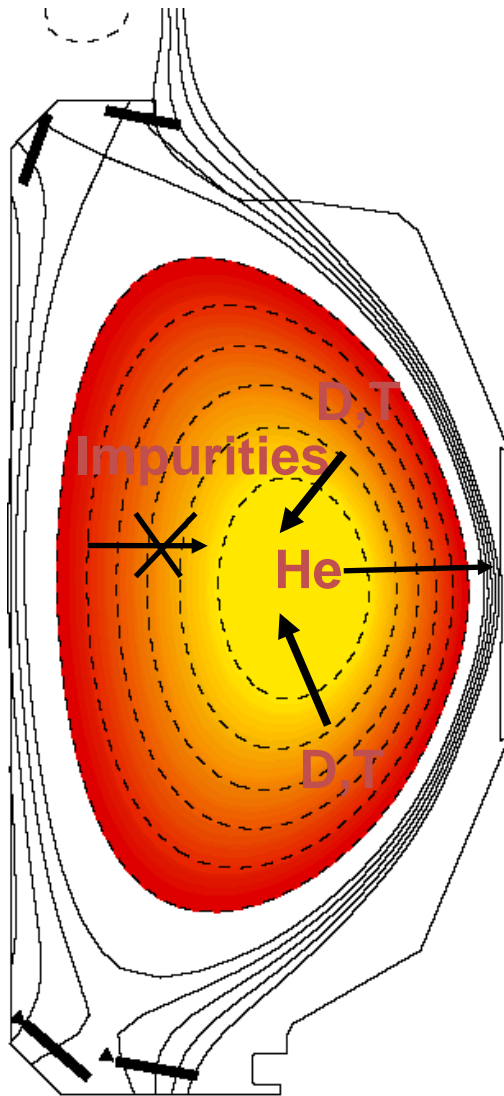
- Stable and stationary operating scenario
- Getting the necessary heat into (large) plasmas
- Controlling heat load to first wall
- Controlling disruptions
- Run a tokamak with an all metallic wall
- Prepare Tritium Breeding techniques
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We have learned up to now ‘how to start the fusion fire’

What do we need to learn ? ‘how to maintain the fusion fire’

How to maintain the fusion 'fire' ?

(Some) of the questions waiting for an answer



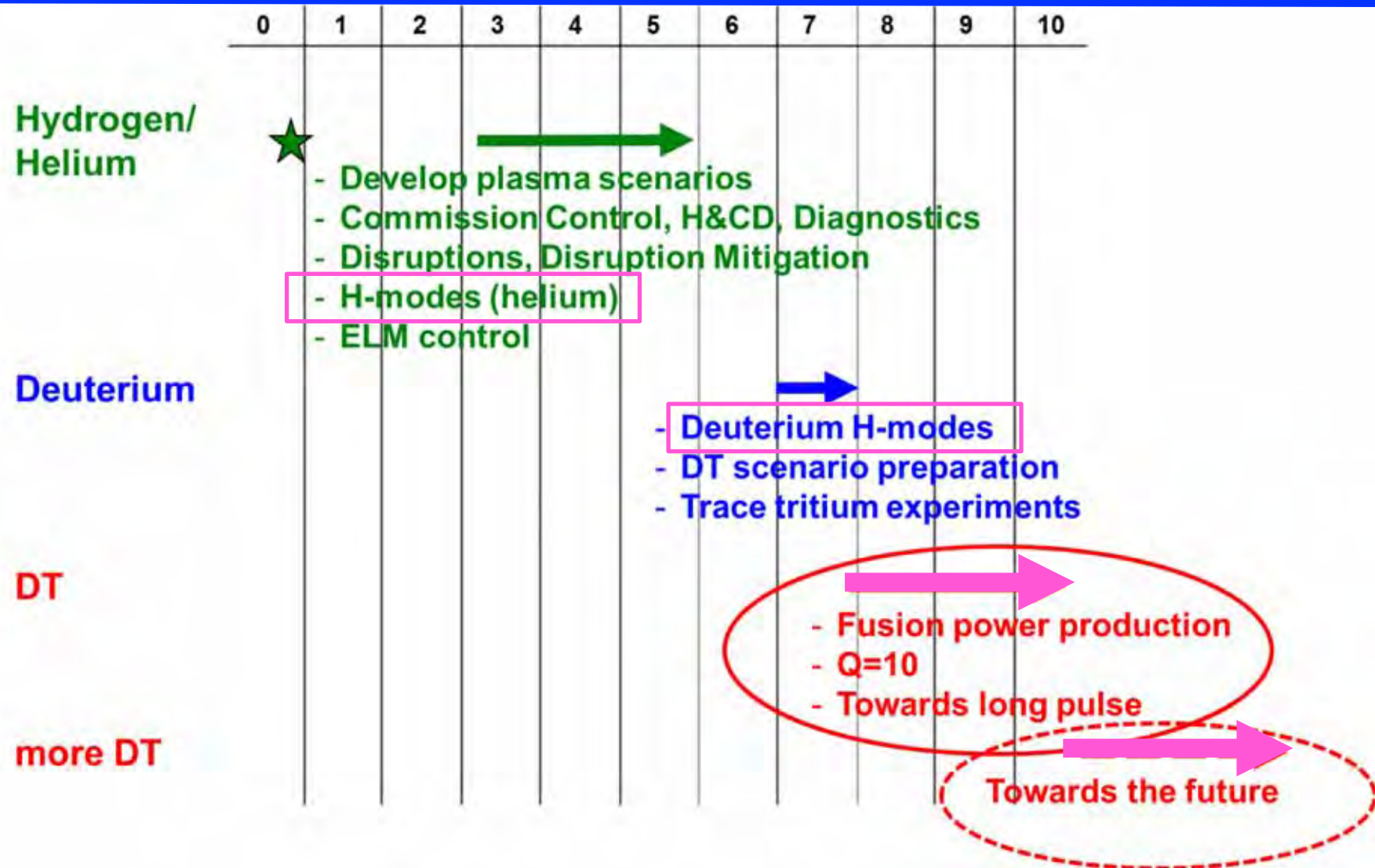
Physics

- Clean plasma centre needed
 - He must disappear quickly (...but not too quick...)
 - Low level of other impurities
- High fusion reactivity :
 - Ensure a good flow of D and T to the plasma center
- Stable plasma:
 - Suppress instabilities

Technological

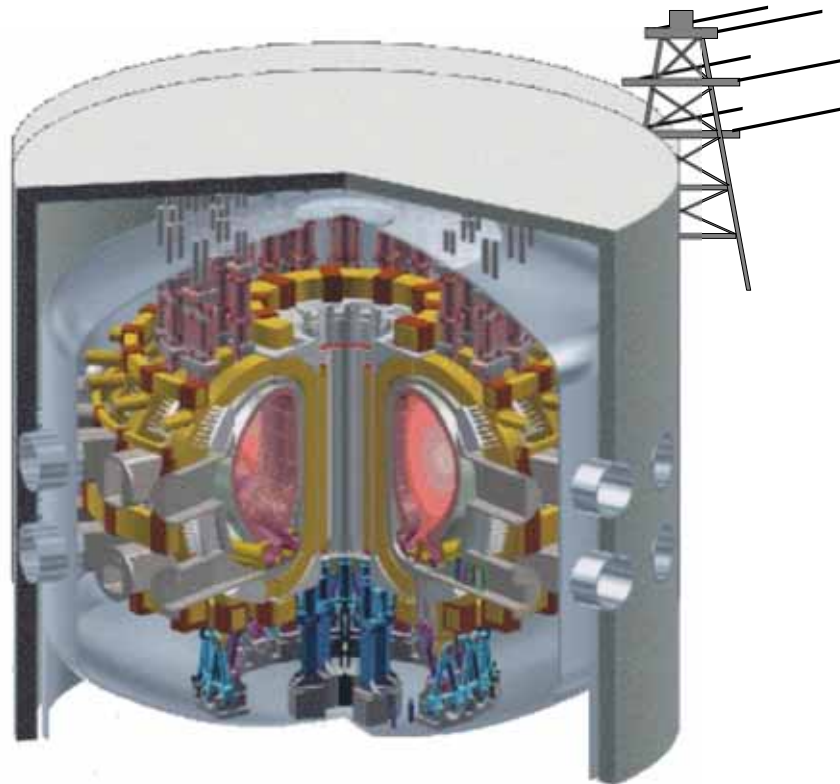
- Check first wall properties
- Check T breeding techniques

ITER Research Plan



- In reference schedule First Plasma corresponds to 2020-2021
- Schedule under review → new schedule to be submitted to ITER Council in June 2015

Development needs for ITER / DEMO



Main Differences between ITER and DEMO

ITER	DEMO
Experimental device	Close to commercial plant
400s pulses / long interpulse time	Long pulses / if possible steady state
Many diagnostics	Diagnostics only for operations
Many H&CD systems	Optimized H&CD system
No T breeding required	Self sufficient T breeding
316 SS structure	Reduced activation material
Modest n-fluence, low dpa Low material damage	High n-fluence, high dpa Significant material damage
Nuclear Lab license	Nuclear plant license

Still a big step from ITER to DEMO !

DEMO concepts

- DEMO is currently based on the **tokamak concept**
- The stellarator line requires at least one intermediate step following the W7-X class of device
- Nevertheless, reactor concepts are being developed based on helical devices : e.g. LHD

Two DEMO versions currently analysed

Conservative or “Early” DEMO Construction in “20 years” from now ?

	DEMO 1	ITER / ITER-98
Operation Mode	Pulsed	Pulsed
P_{th} (MW)	2200	500 / 1500
P_{net} (MW)	500	-
P_{rec} (MW)	385	-
R_0 (m)	9.0	6.2 / 8.14
a (m)	2.5	2.0 / 2.8
B_t (T)	6.5	5.3 / 5.68
I_p (MA)	16.8	15 / 21
f_{BS}	36%	-
P_{aux} (MW)	50	70 / >100
H_{98}	1.0	1
β_N ($\beta_{N,th}$)	2.5 (2.2)	2

Two DEMO versions currently analysed

Advanced (Optimistic) Design — Construction on a longer term

	DEMO 2	ARIES AT (1998)
Operation Mode	Steady State	Steady State
P_{th} (MW)	2700	1900
P_{net} (MW)	500	-
P_{rec} (MW)	594	1
R_0 (m)	8.15	5.2
A (m)	3.02	1.3
B_t (T)	5.0	5.9
I_p (MA)	19.8	12.8
f_{BS}	56%	91%
P_{aux} (MW)	135	35
H_{98}	1.1	1
β_N ($\beta_{N,th}$)	3.4 (2.8)	5.4

Ongoing DEMO / ITER Research - 1
Heating Systems
Example of Neutral Beam Injection

Physics of neutral beam injection

- Ion Source produces D , D^+ , D_2^+ , D_3^+
- Neutralisation efficiency for positive ions is very low at high
- Presently in operation: sources of 1-2 MW, up to 150keV (JET) (penetration depth ~ 1 m at high density)

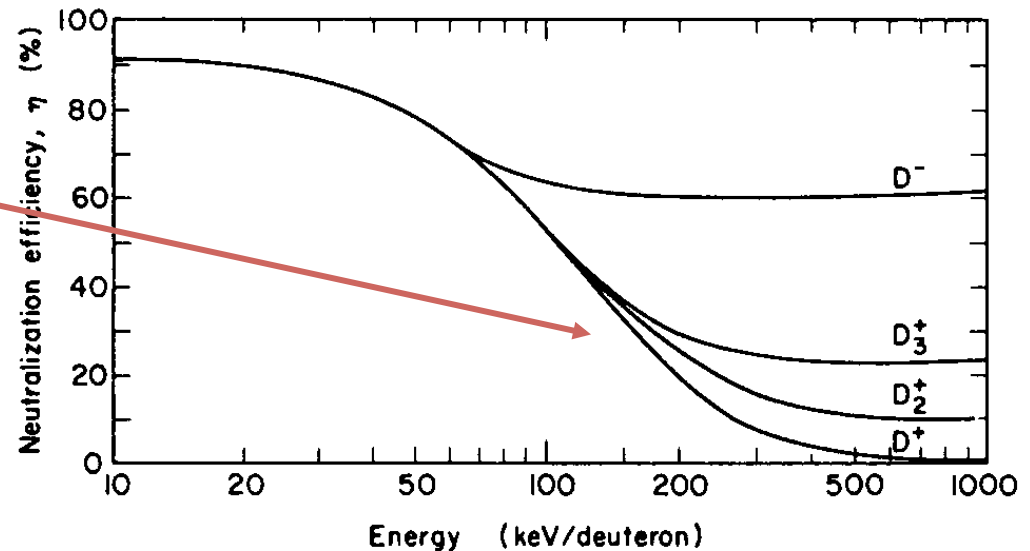


FIG.2. Maximum neutralization efficiency in D_2 vs beam energy, for each of the four beams, D^+ , D_2^+ , D_3^+ , and D^- .

[Berkner K.H., et al., Nuc. Fus. 15(1975)249-154.]

Voltage required for sufficiently deep deposition in ITER

- To heat the plasma: 0.5 MeV
- For current drive: 1. – 2. MeV
- For an efficient neutral beam system: need to neutralize NEGATIVE ions.

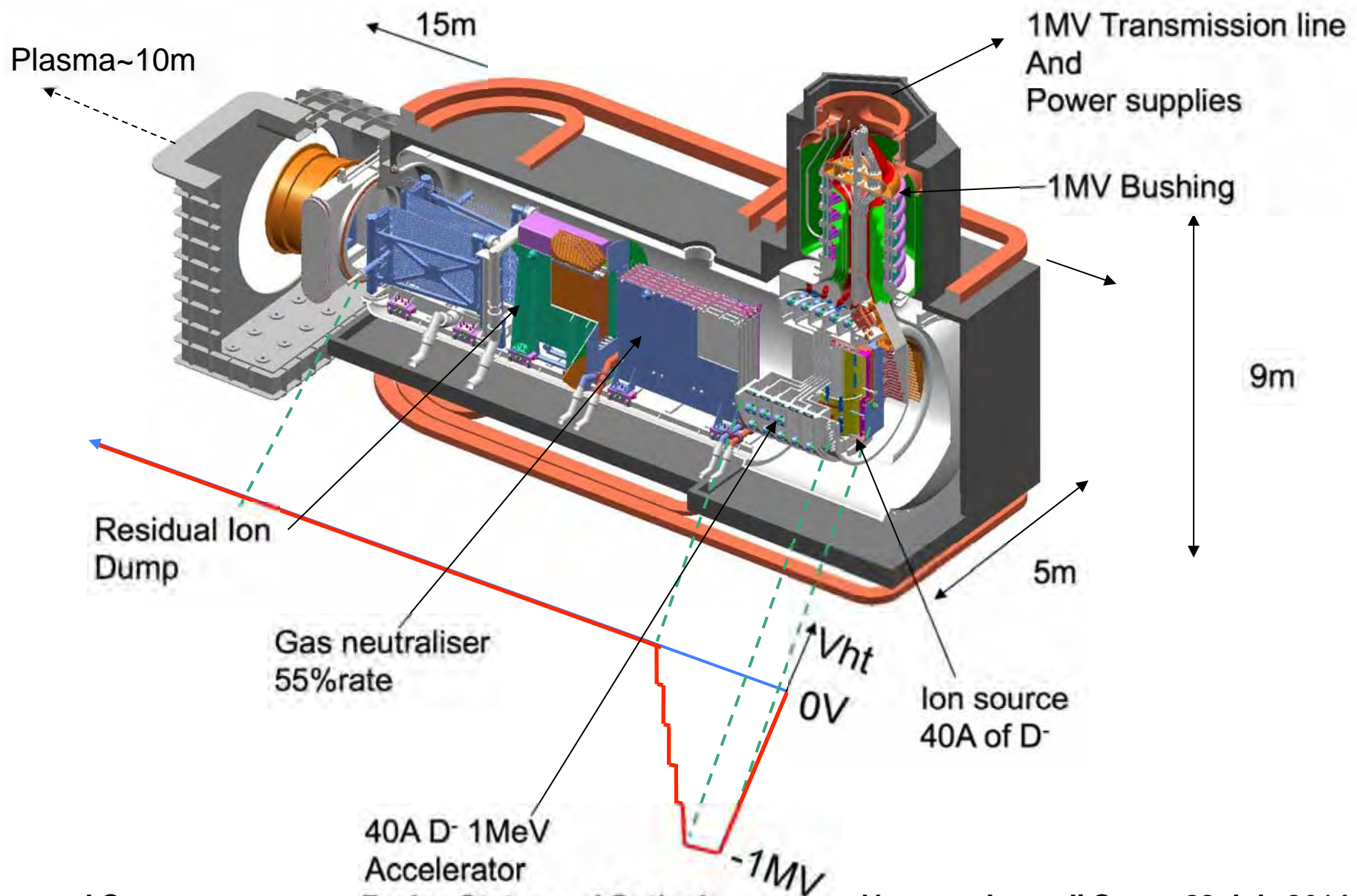
THIS IS A TECHNOLOGY THAT NEEDS A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT

N-NBI Characteristics : planned and achieved

		ITER (rf)	LHD (arc)	JAEA JT60U (arc)		JAEA MV TF (arc)	IPP (rf source)	
Species		D ⁻	H ⁻	D ⁻	H ⁻	H ⁻	H ⁻	D ⁻
Energy	keV	1000	180	400		937		
Voltage holding	kV	1000	190	500		1000		
Accelerated current	A	40	30	17		0.33	1.4	
Extracted current density	A/m ²	285	250			144		280
Pulse length	s	3600	2	2		2	3600	4

NBI developments for ITER (and DEMO)

ITER Neutral Beam Injection line: 17MW of D⁰ at 1MeV



Negative NBI : New lab in construction in Padova

PRIMA Padova Research on ITER Megavolt Accelerator



- Mission of PRIMA SPIDER MITICA:
 - Achieve the ***nominal parameters***
 - ***Optimise*** the NBI operation
 - Maximize the ***reliability*** of the injectors
 - ***Develop technologies*** for the injectors



SPIDER Source for Production of Ion of Deuterium Extracted from Rf plasma



MITICA Megavolt ITER Injector & Concept Advancement

PRIMA lab (SPIDER and MITICA) in Padua (August 2013)



Ongoing DEMO Research - 2

First wall material research

IFMIF – International Fusion Materials Irradiation Facility

Understanding material degradation due to 14.1 MeV n flux

IFMIF

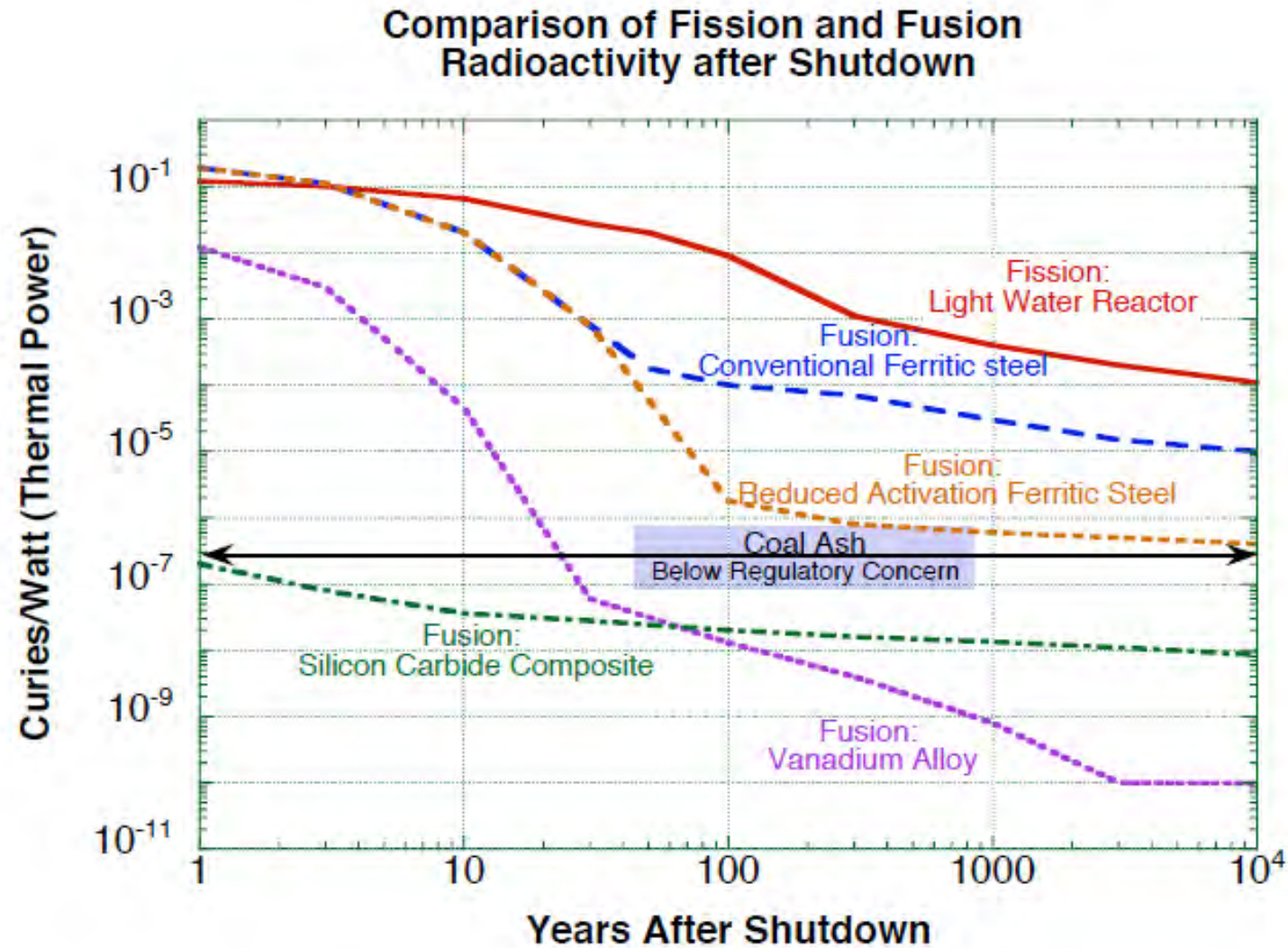
- Neutron source with adequate flux and suitable energy
 - ✓ to simulate the neutronic conditions in a fusion power plant
- 40 MeV D⁺ on 25mm liquid Li sheet (5MW, 125 mA accelerator)

MISSION OF IFMIF

- Qualification of candidate materials
- Engineering data for design, licensing and safe operation of DEMO
- Completion, calibration and validation of databases
- Enlarge fundamental understanding of response of materials interacting with high energy neutrons

DEMO Reduced Activation : Hands on after ~ 100y?

DEMO : Vanadium Alloys or SiC ?



Material research for future Fusion Power Plants

- ITER: < 2 dpa (at the end of its operational life)
- Fusion power plant ~150 dpa (within 5 years)
- Transmutation of Fe → creation of p and α-particles in the material matrix:

$^{56}\text{Fe}(n, \alpha)^{53}\text{Cr}$ (incident n threshold at 2.9 MeV)

$^{56}\text{Fe}(n, p)^{56}\text{Mn}$ (incident n threshold at 0.9 MeV)

→ **Swelling and embrittlement of materials in fusion reactor**

Which Irradiation Facilities to use for Fusion Materials R&D?

Existing neutron sources cannot provide the answers

1. Fission reactors

- average neutron energy ~ 2 MeV
- *No efficient p^+ or α -particle generation*

2. Spallation sources

- wide spectrum with tails \sim hundreds of MeV
- *Neutron energy much too high*

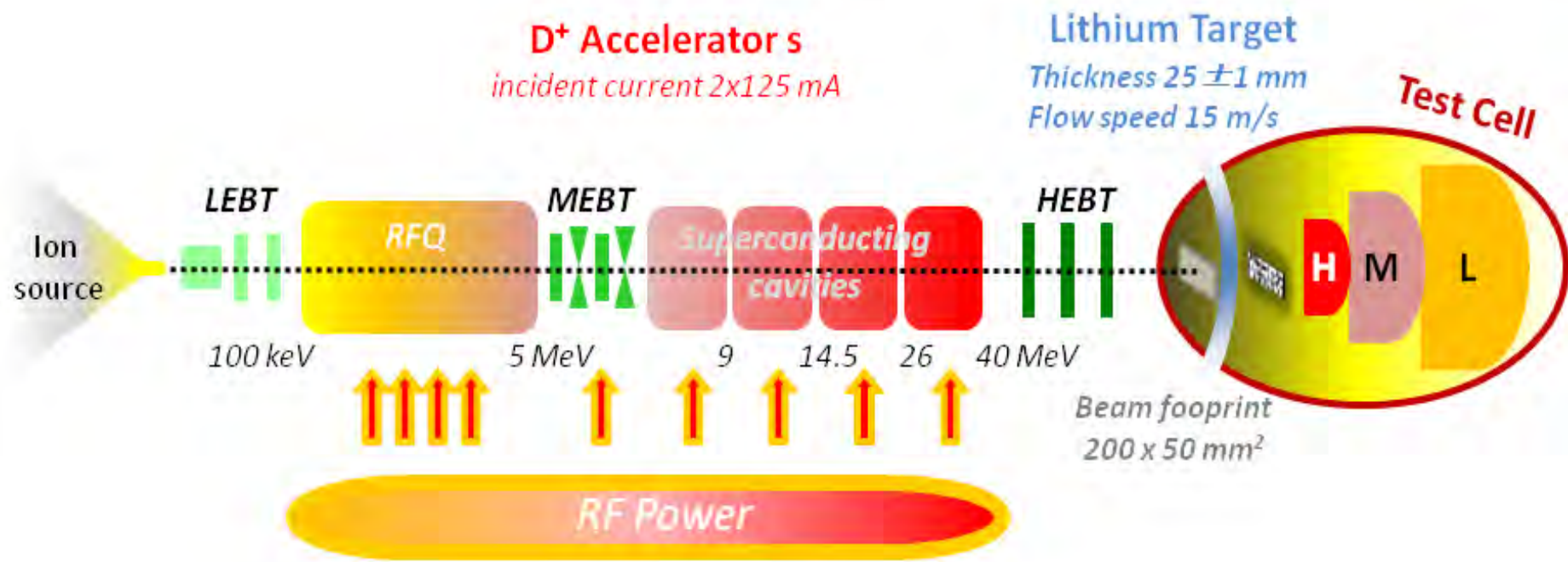
3. Ion implantation facilities

- *Insufficient volume and insufficient displacements per atom (dpa)*

A dedicated facility is needed:

International Fusion Materials Irradiation Facility (IFMIF)

IFMIF: Principle



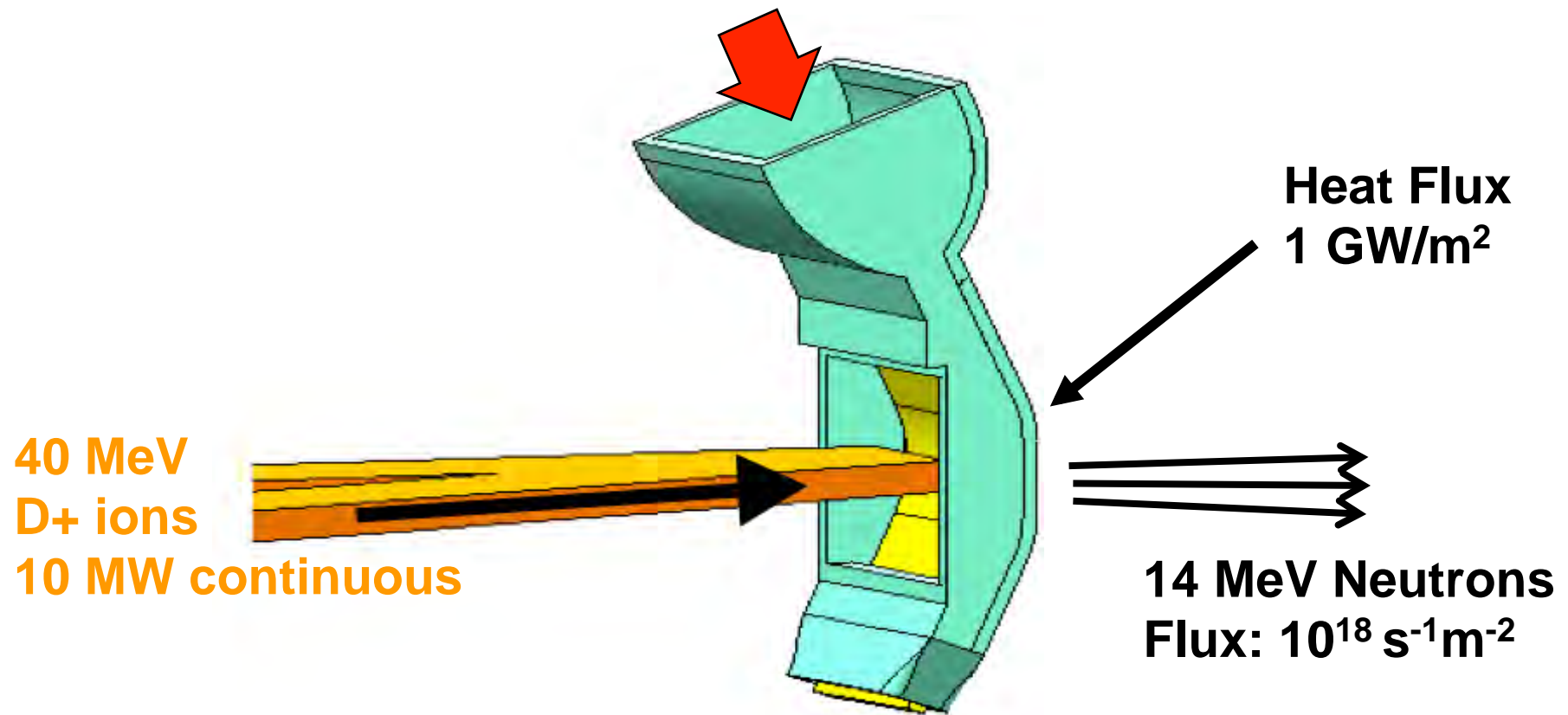
Part 1
Prototype accelerator in construction
In Rokkasho, Japan (LIPAc)

Part 2
Lithium target tests in
Italy
Japan

Part 3
Test cell tests
In Japan
Germany
Belgium

IFMIF: Principle

Liquid Lithium
(15m/s, 25mm thickness, 250 °C)



IFMIF: a huge challenge

- Accelerator driven source of neutrons
- Neutrons from $^{\text{nat}}\text{Li}(\text{d},\text{xn})$ reactions
 - \searrow $^7\text{Li}(\text{d},\text{n})^8\text{Be}$, $^6\text{Li}(\text{d},\text{n})^7\text{Be}$, $^7\text{Li}(\text{d},\text{n}\alpha\alpha)$,
 $^7\text{Li}(\text{d},\text{np})^7\text{Li}$, $^7\text{Li}(\text{d},\text{nn})^7\text{Be}$, $^7\text{Li}(\text{d},\text{nd})^6\text{Li}$,...
- 2 accelerators 40MeV, 125mA, D^+ ions \rightarrow 2 x 5MW
- 10^{18} neutrons/m²/s with peak at 14 MeV
- Target heat load: 1GW/m² \rightarrow liquid target needed
15m/s, 250 °C, total 10m³ of liquid Li
- Function of liquid Li target:
 - \rightarrow generate sufficiently high neutron flux
 - \rightarrow dissipate 10 MW beam power

Testing the prototype for the Accelerator for IFMIF

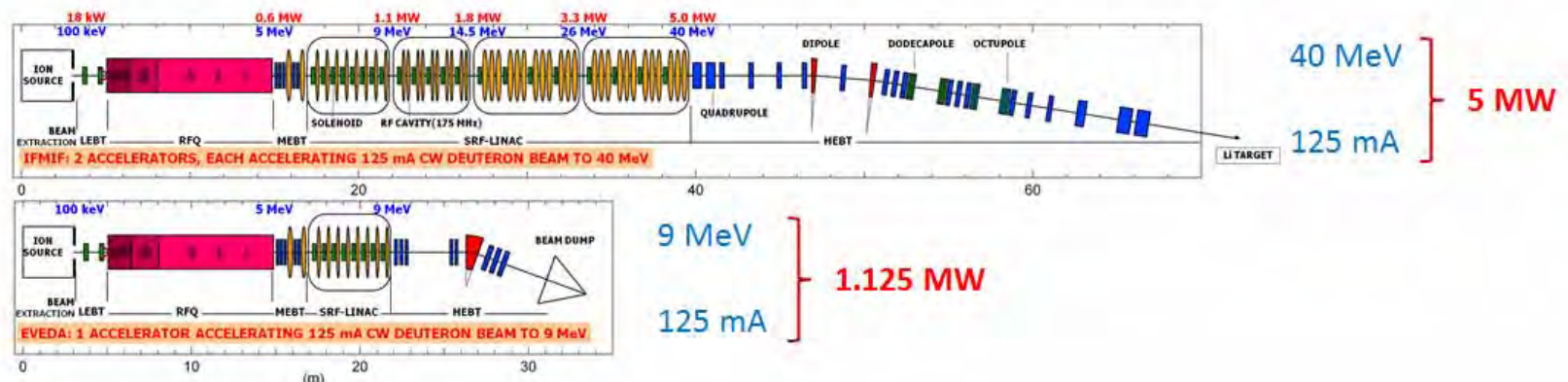
Linear IFMIF Prototype Accelerator : LIPAc

Scaled down version of IFMIF accelerator,
in construction in Rokkasho (Japan)

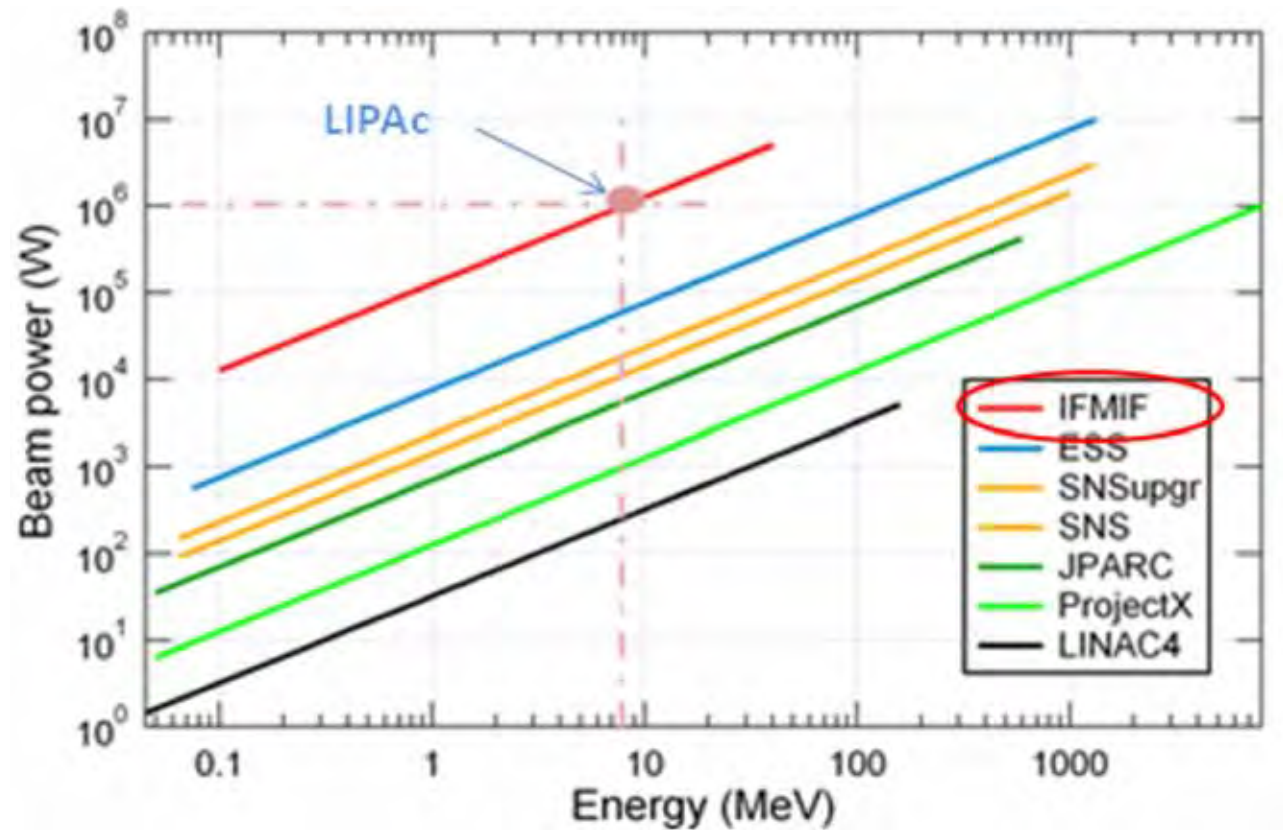
	IFMIF	EVEDA (LIPAc)
Beam Current	125 mA	125mA
Beam Power	5MW	1.125MW
Beam Energy	40 MeV	9 MeV

IFMIF

LIPAc

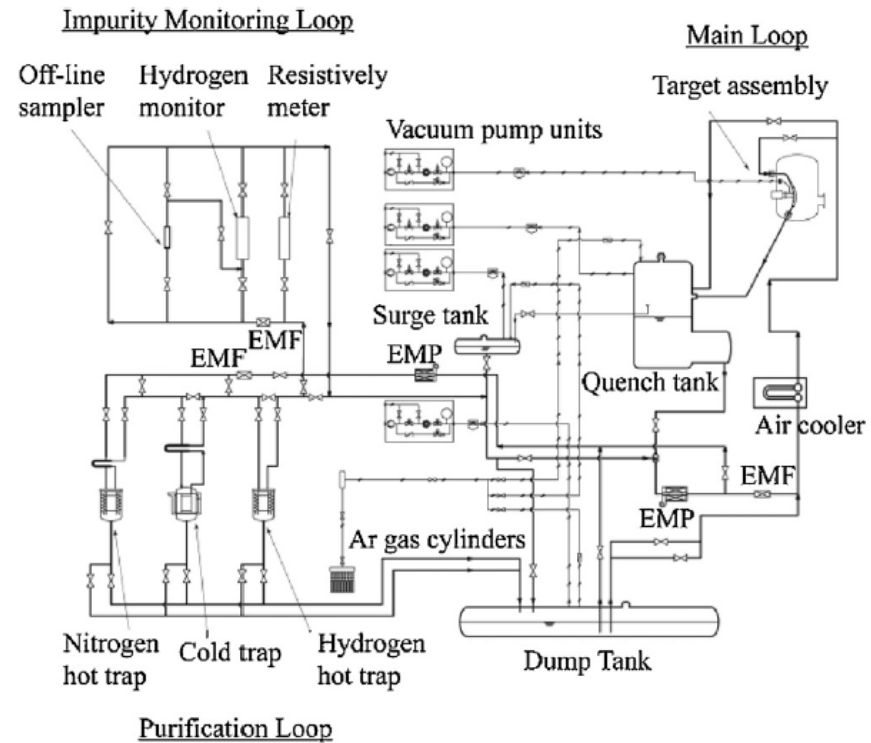


LIPAC (and IFMIF) : powerful accelerators



2. Testing the liquid Lithium loop in Oarai (Japan)

Largest Li loop in the world (2250 liter Li / min)
Successful production of stable 15m/s Li screen (25mm thick)



2. Lithium test loops in Brasimone (Italy) and Osaka (Japan)

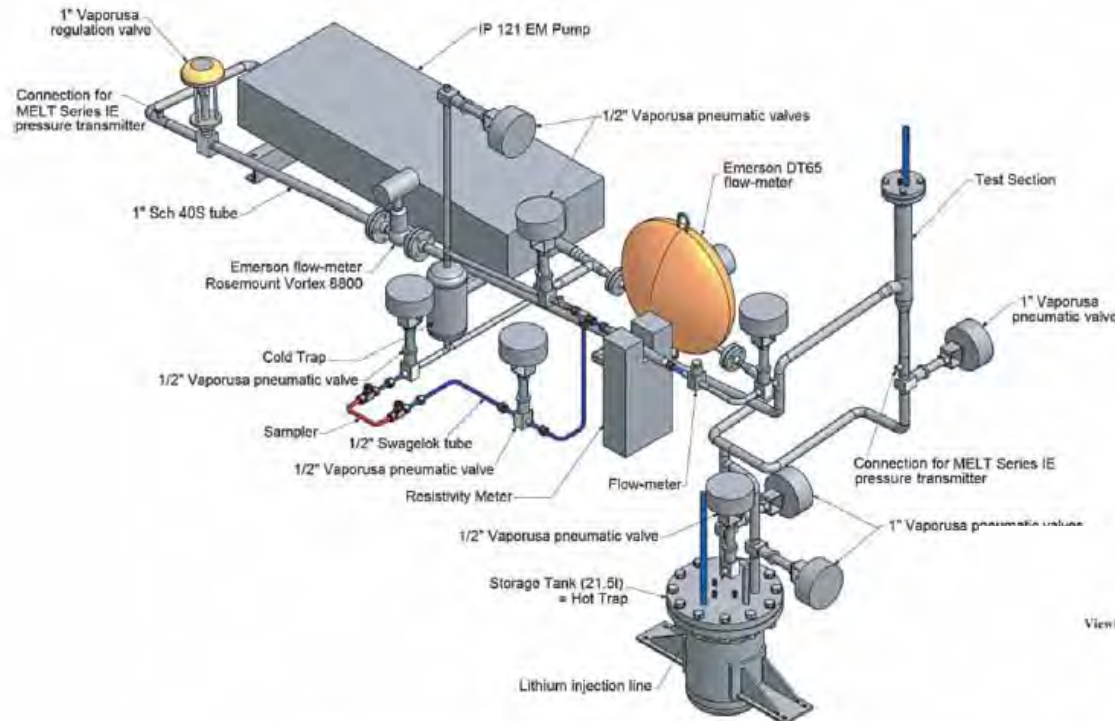


Figure 23. Layout of the LIFUS6 loop in Brasimone (ENEA).

Lifus6 Loop in Brasimone

Addressing erosion/
corrosion phenomena

Surface stability in Osaka loop

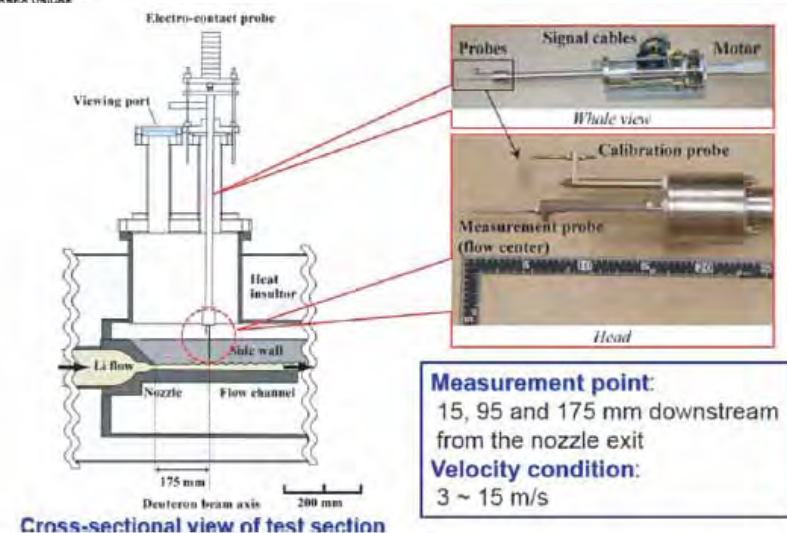
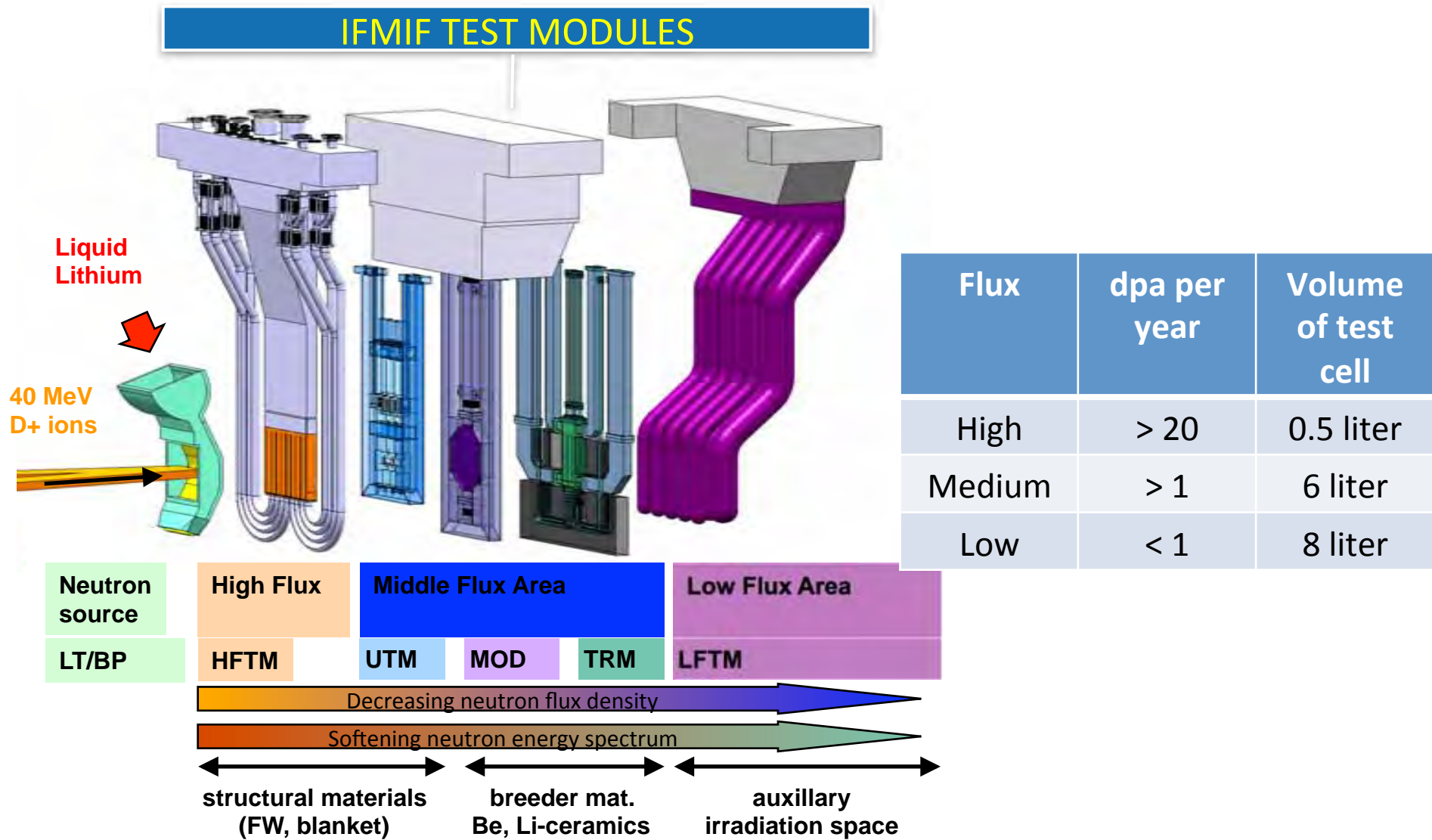
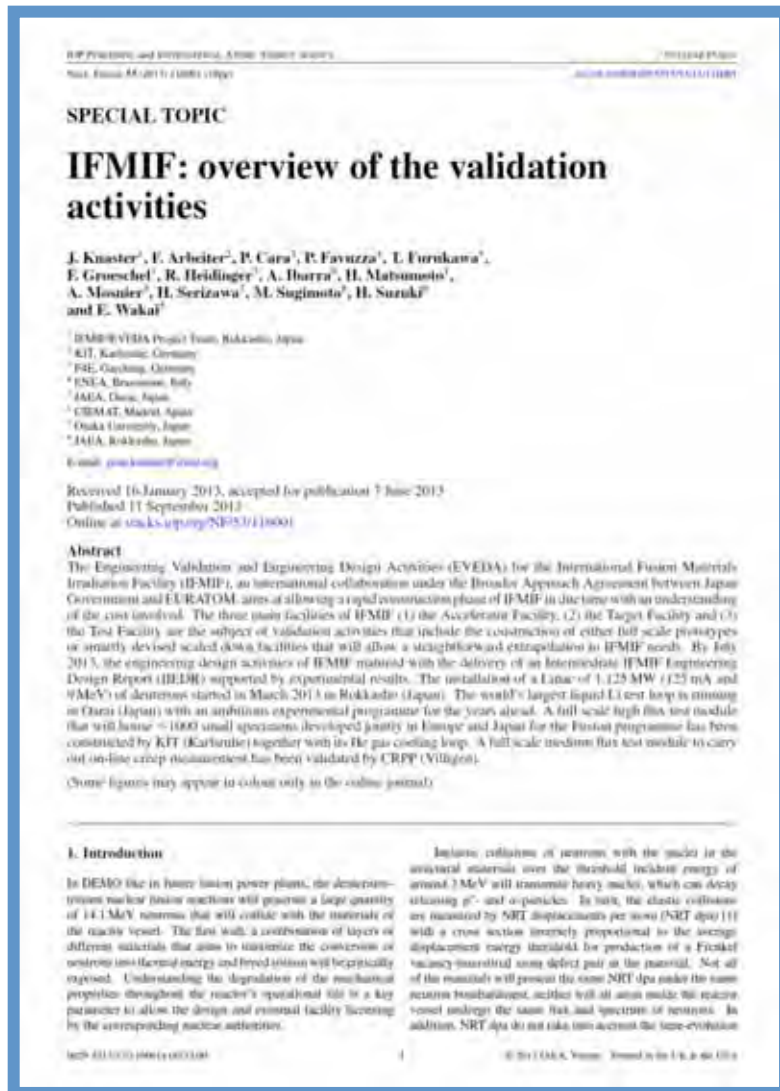


Figure 21. Set up of the contact probe measurement in the Osaka Li loop.

3. Validation of Specimen Test Facility in Karlsruhe (Germany)



All details on IFMIF



“IFMIF: Overview of the validation Activities”

Juan Knaster et al.,
Nuclear Fusion 53 (2013) 116001

Ongoing DEMO Research - 3 Tritium Blankets

(Acknowledgement : Nicolas Bekris)

Tritium CONSUMPTION of a
2700 MW Fusion, ~1000 MW electrical Power Plant :

1.) Energy per fused tritium atom (17.6 MeV in Joule):
 $17.6 \times 10^6 \times 1.602 \times 10^{-19} = 2.82 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Joule}$

3.) Tritium mass flow = 3 * mass of proton (neutron) * frequency =
 $3 * 1.67 * 10^{-27} \text{ kg} * 9.57 * 10^{20} * 24 * 60 * 60 * 1/\text{day} = 0.41 \text{ kg/day}$

Current world production of Tritium: 1 kg/year (!)

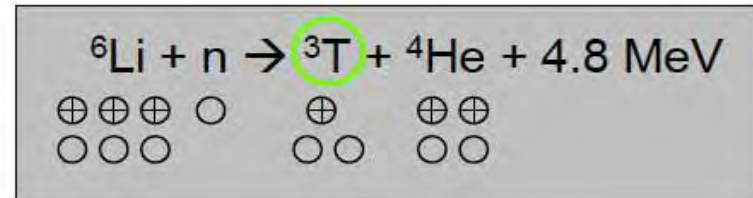
Tritium Consumption in a future fusion reactor

Needed resources for a D-T-Fusion Power Plant,
~1000 MW electrical :

Deuterium D ~ 100 kg/a → in $5 \cdot 10^{16}$ kg Oceans
Sufficient for 30 billion years !!

Tritium T: 55 kg/y

breeding with Lithium reaction →
Only 300 kg Li6 needed per year



About 10^{11} kg Lithium in landmass
Sufficient for 30'000 years

About 10^{14} kg Lithium in oceans
Sufficient for 30 million years !!

ITER will consume most of the world T supply

Consumption:
55.6 kg per 1000 MW fusion/yr

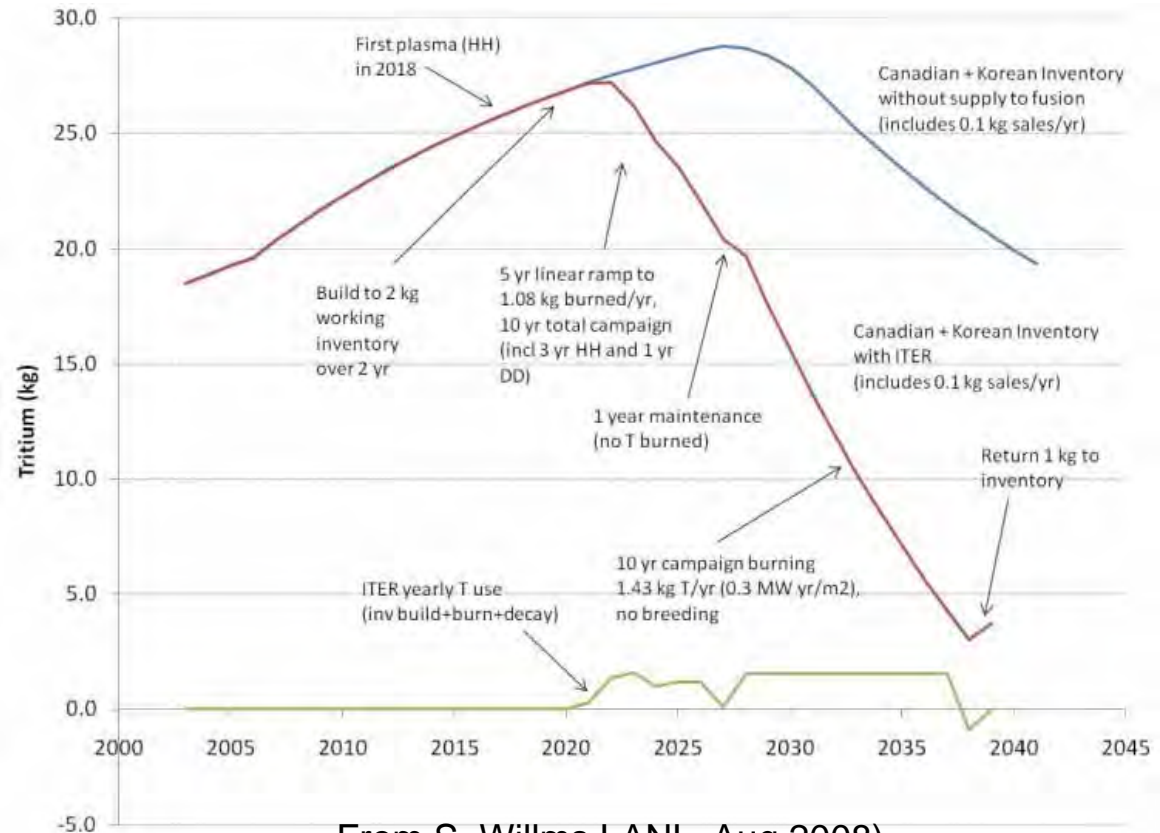
Production from fission:
2-3 kg/yr @\$84-130M/kg
CANDU reactor: 27 kg from over 40 years @\$30M/kg (current)

Tritium decays @ 5.4% per yr.

A successful ITER will exhaust most of the world supply of tritium

FDF has to breed all of its own tritium consumption and with the goal of providing start up tritium for DEMO

(From M. Abdou, UCLA, August 2008)

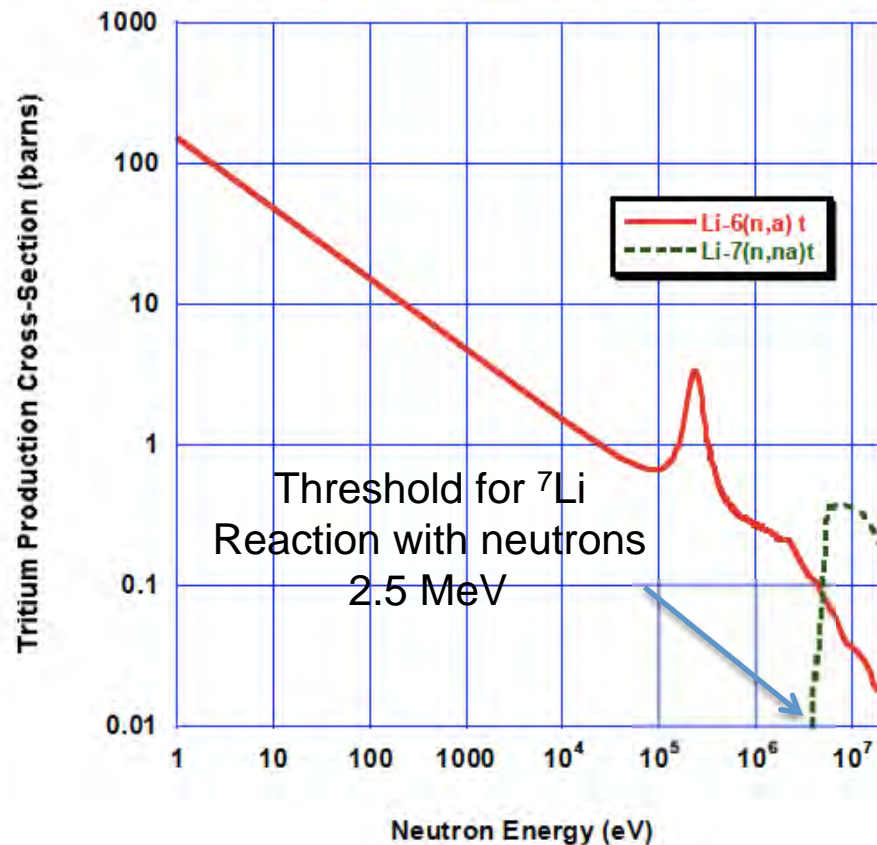


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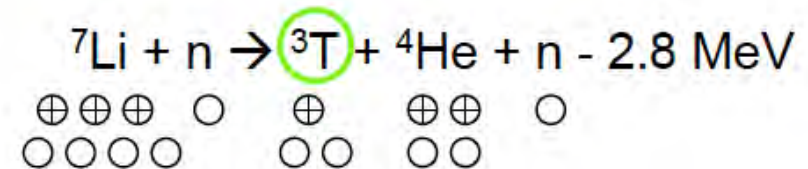
Fusion Facility must have a Tritium Breeding Ratio > 1

Physics of breeding T from Li

Li-6(n,alpha)t and Li-7(n,n,alpha)t Cross-Section

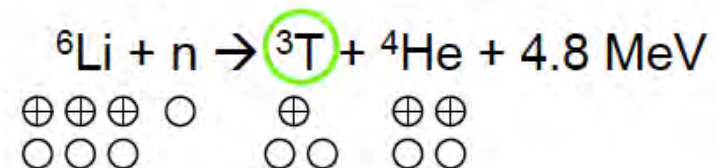


The ⁷Li reaction works with the high energy neutrons



The decelerated neutron can still make a Tritium atom by the ⁶Li reaction.

“Two Tritium atoms with one neutron”



Natural mixture:
92.5 % ⁷Li, only 7.5 % ⁶Li

⊕ Proton
○ Neutron

Because ⁶Li has no threshold, to increase the tritium production we need to enrich the Li compounds with ⁶Li.

Breeding Blanket Materials

Why don't we just use liquid Lithium?

(would allow for sufficient breeding)

- 1) Lithium is dangerous, it burns and ignites at air, strong reaction with water.
- 2) High solubility of Tritium → hard to extract

How else could we design Lithium blankets?

- A) Increase the number of neutrons
(using neutron multipliers)
- B) Use Lithium 6 enrichment in combination with high number
of slower neutrons

Breeding Blanket Materials

How can we use Lithium in blankets?

A) Ceramic materials (Oxides, used in solid state)
e.g. LiO_2 , LiAlO_2 , Li_2SiO_3 , Li_4SiO_4 , Li_8ZrO_6 , Li_2TiO_3

→ Tritium is collected by a Helium purge gas

B) Eutectic alloy (liquid state use) $\text{Li}_{17}\text{Pb}_{83}$ (17 atom% Lithium)

→ Tritium is extracted from the liquid metal outside the vacuum vessel

Ceramic Breeding Blanket Design

Blanket has to optimized: That neutrons from the plasma

- 1.) are causing neutron multiplication with Be and
- 2.) are absorbed in ^6Li

- Avoid inelastic scattering with and absorption in iron
- Small amount of steel structure, especially thin first wall
- Enrichment with ^6Li (e.g. 30%), especially where slow neutrons are present

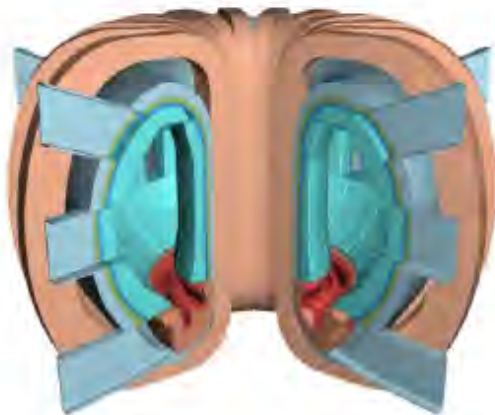


But safety and from this strength of the blanket has to be optimized, too

Breeding Blanket Modules for test in ITER

- ▶ **Helium-Cooled Ceramic Breeder (HCCB)** concepts using Ferritic/Martensitic Steel (FMS) structures, Be-multiplier, and Li_2TiO_3 or Li_4SiO_4 or Li_2O ceramic breeder: *China, EU, Japan, RF, Korea, USA*
- ▶ **Water-Cooled Ceramic Breeder (WCCB)** concept using FMS structures, Be-multiplier, and Li_2TiO_3 or other ceramic breeder: *Japan*

**SOLID
Breiders**



**LIQUID
Breiders**

- ▶ **Helium-Cooled Lithium-Lead (HCLL)** concepts using liquid eutectic Pb-17Li, FMS structures: *EU, China*
- ▶ **Dual Coolant "He/Pb17Li" (DCLL)** concepts using liquid eutectic Pb-17Li, FMS structures: *US, China*
- ▶ **Dual Coolant "He/Molten Salt" (DCMS)** concepts using liquid FLiBe or FLiNaBe, FMS structures: *USA, Japan*
- ▶ **Self-Cooled liquid Lithium (SCL)** concept using Be-multiplier & Vanadium Alloy structures: *RF, Japan*
- ▶ **Helium-Cooled liquid Lithium (HCLi)** concept using FMS structures: *Korea*

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