Fusion Nuclear Science Facility (FNSF) – Motivation and Required Capabilities

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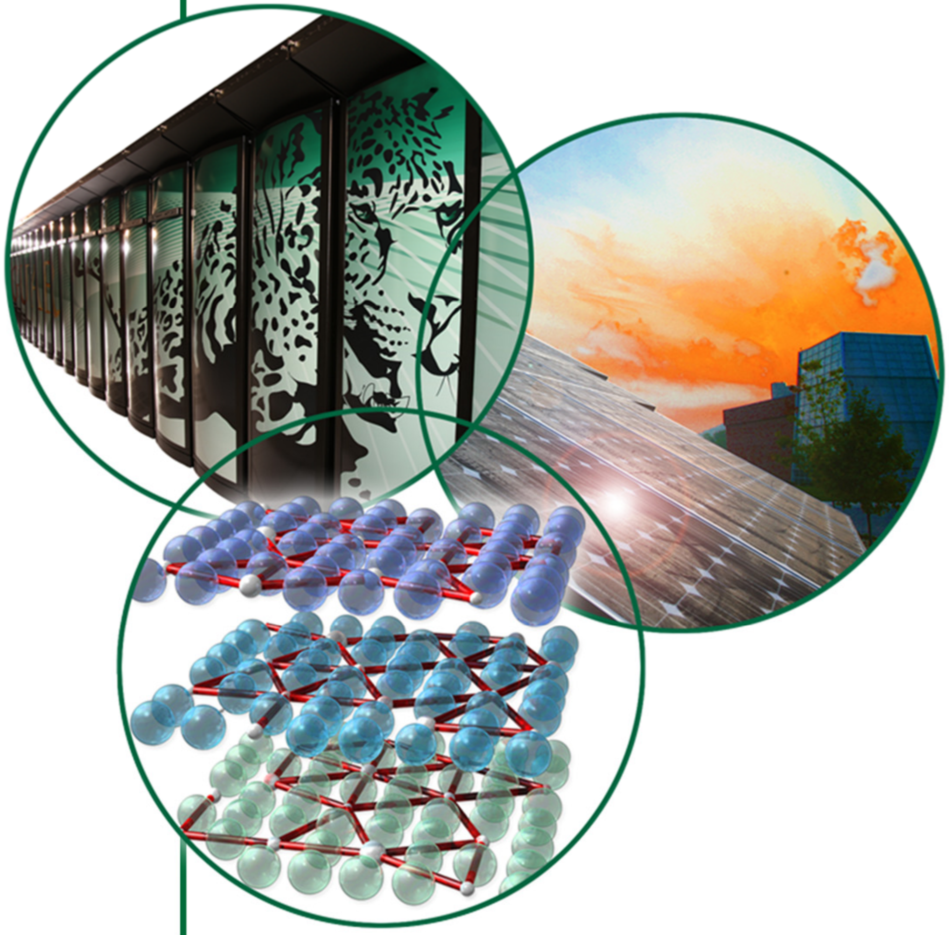

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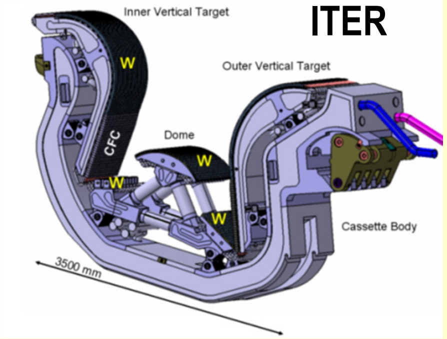
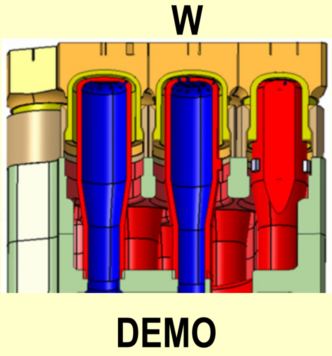
Example: fusion nuclear-nonnuclear coupling effects involving plasma facing material and tritium retention

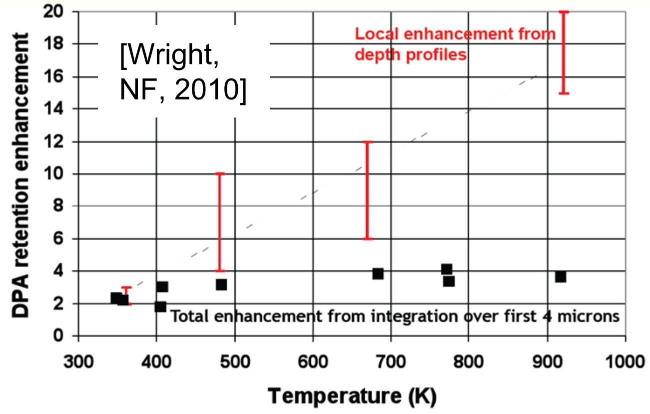
- W, a promising Plasma Facing Material
  - Low H permeation / retention
  - Low plasma erosion
  - DEMO-relevant temperatures

- Worldwide R&D: Nano-composites; Nano-structure alloy; PFC designs, etc.

- Nuclear-nonnuclear coupling in PFC:
  - Plasma ion flux induces T retention
  - Up 10x @ 2 dpa (W^{4+} beam) @ high temp
  - Up 40% @ 0.025 dpa (HFIR neutrons)
    - $\Rightarrow$ additional T trapping sites near surface
  - He induced “fuzz” with He bubbles can trap T
    - $\Rightarrow$ retention in W dust created by ELMs?







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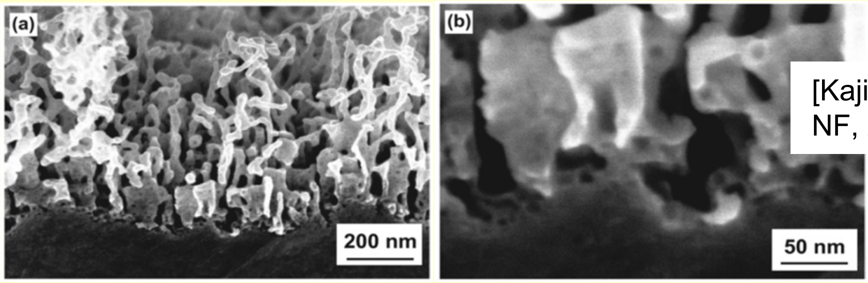
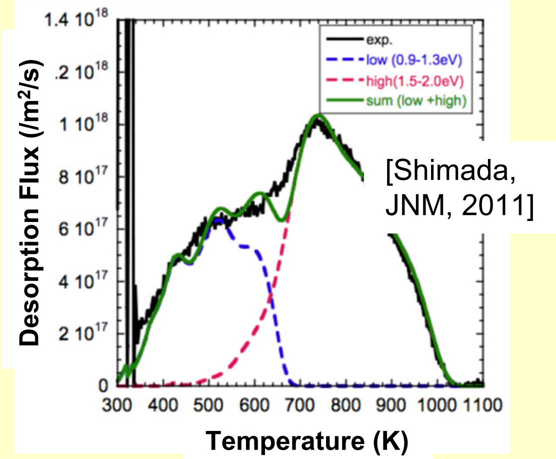


[Kajita, NF, 2009]

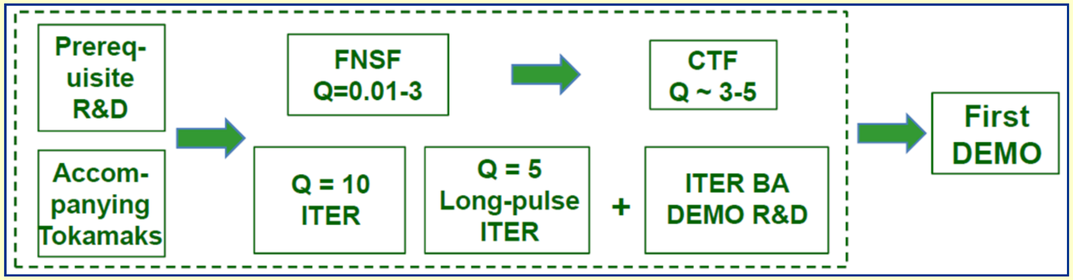


[Shimada, JNM, 2011]

Test in fusion environment for solutions.

Fusion Nuclear Science Facility (FNSF) is to address this need of experimental database

- **FNSF mission**: ***Provide a continuous fusion nuclear environment of copious neutrons, to develop experimental database on nuclear-nonnuclear coupling phenomena in materials in components for plasma-material interactions, tritium fuel cycle, and power extraction.***
- **Span wide scales of synergistic phenomena**: *ps to year, nm to meter, involving all phases of matter.*
- **Enable R&D cycle**: *Test, discover, understand, improve / innovate solutions, and retest, until experimental database for DEMO-capable components are developed.*
- **Complement ITER, prepare for CTF**:
  - *Low Q (≤ 3): 0.3 x ITER*
  - *Neutron flux ≤ 2 MW/m^2: 3 x*
  - *Fluence = 1 MW-yr/m^2: 5 x*
  - *t_{pulse} ≤ 2 wks: 1000 x*
  - *Duty factor =10%: 3 x*



Prerequisite R&D

Accompanying Tokamaks

FNSF Q=0.01-3

CTF Q ~ 3-5

Q = 10 ITER

Q = 5 Long-pulse ITER

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ITER BA DEMO R&D

First DEMO

Capabilities required to fulfill this mission

Accompanying R&D: *to increase Mean Time Between Failure (MTBF) of test components*

- *Development of qualified internal component options, including material choices, e.g., RAFM steel used in Water-Cooled Solid Breeder (WCSB, JN) blanket.*
- *Instrumentation for test divertors, blankets, T breeders, FW, NBI, RF launchers, diagnostic systems, TF center post (for ST)*
- *Components to control plasma dynamics, H&CD, fueling, I&C*

FNSF Capabilities: *to increase duty factor and fluence, reduce Mean Time to Replace or Repair (MTTR)*

- *Reliable plasma with limited disruption and small ELM operation*
- *Remote handling (RH) for modularized test components.*
- *Hot cell facilities and laboratories, pre- and post-test analysis systems and tools.*
- *Device support structure and systems behind test modules and shielding – long facility life and upgradability to CTF mission.*

FNSF-ST, assessed to have good potential to provide the facility capability required in progressive stages

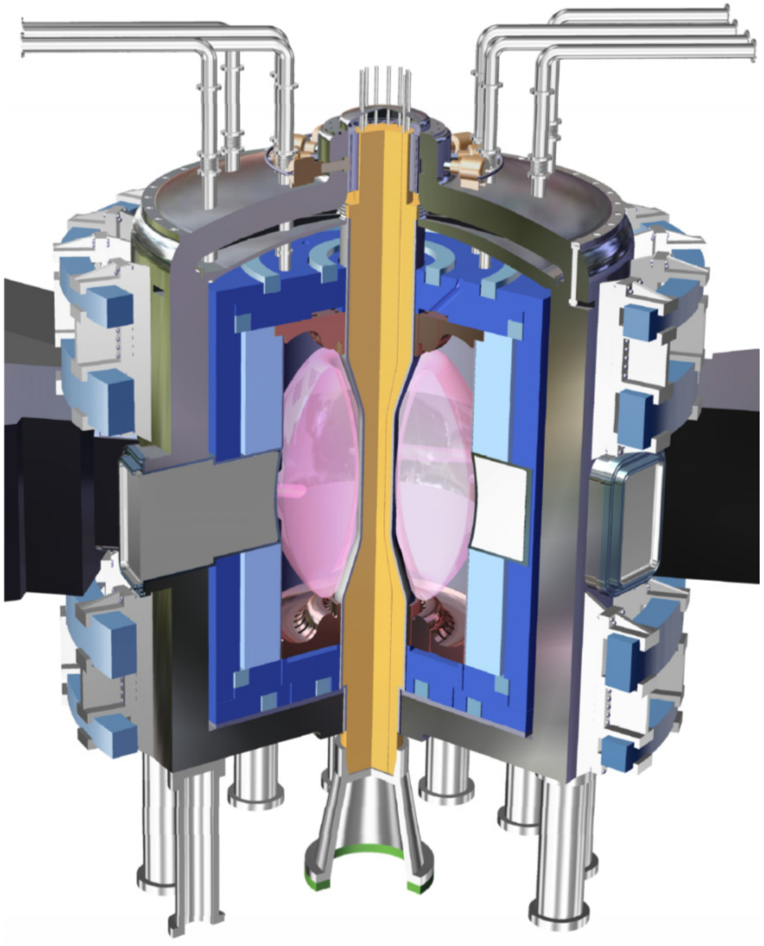
- R_0 = 1.3m, A = 1.6
- $H_H \leq 1.25$, $\beta/\beta_N \leq 0.75$, $q_{cyl} \geq 4$
- $J_{TF\text{-}avg} \leq 4\text{kA/cm}^2$
- Mid-plane test area ≥ 10m^2
- Outboard T breeder ~ 50m^2

I-DD: 1xJET, verify plasma operation, PMI/PFC, neutronics, shielding, safety, RH system

II-DT: 1xJET, verify FNS research capability: PMI/PFC, tritium cycle, power extraction

III-DT: 2xJET, full FNS research, basis for CTF

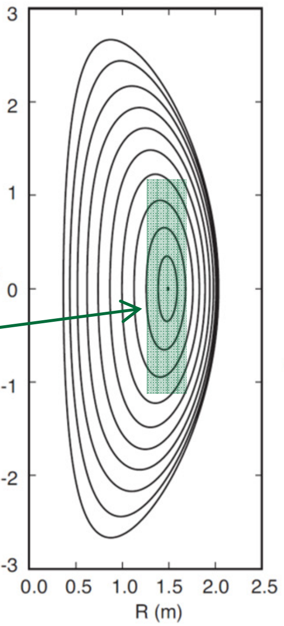
IV-DT: 3xJET, “stretch” FNS & CTF research



Stage-Fuel	I-DD	II-DT	III-DT	IV-DT
Current, I_p (MA)	4.2	4.2	6.7	8.4
Plasma pressure (MPa)	0.16	0.16	0.43	0.70
W_L (MW/m^2)	0.005	0.25	1.0	2.0
Fusion gain Q	0.01	0.86	1.7	2.5
Fusion power (MW)	0.2	19	76	152
Tritium burn rate (g/yr)	0	≤105	≤420	≤840
Field, B_T (T)	2.7	2.7	2.9	3.6
Safety factor, q_{cyl}	6.0	6.0	4.1	4.1
Toroidal beta, β_T (%)	4.4	4.4	10.1	10.8
Normal beta, β_N	2.1	2.1	3.3	3.5
Avg density, n_e ($10^{20}/\text{m}^3$)	0.54	0.54	1.1	1.5
Avg ion T_i (keV)	7.7	7.6	10.2	11.8
Avg electron T_e (keV)	4.2	4.3	5.7	7.2
BS current fraction	0.45	0.47	0.50	0.53
NBI H&CD power (MW)	26	22	44	61
NBI energy to core (kV)	120	120	235	330

Steady state plasma operation at JET DT level is simulated using benchmarked TGLF (GA), awaiting ST-upgrade data

	Unit	JET level
I_p	MA	4.2
B_T	T	1.0
W_L	MW/m^2	0.33
β_T	%	23.7
β_N		4.74
q_{95}		11.5
l_i		0.68
$\langle n_e \rangle$	10^{20}/m^3	0.6
T_{i0}	keV	14.4
T_{e0}	keV	8.7
$\langle T_i \rangle$	keV	5.5
$\langle T_e \rangle$	keV	3.4
f_{NI}		1.005
f_{BS}		0.564
f_{NB}		0.341
f_{EB}		0.1
P_{NB}	MW	20
E_{NB}	kV	120



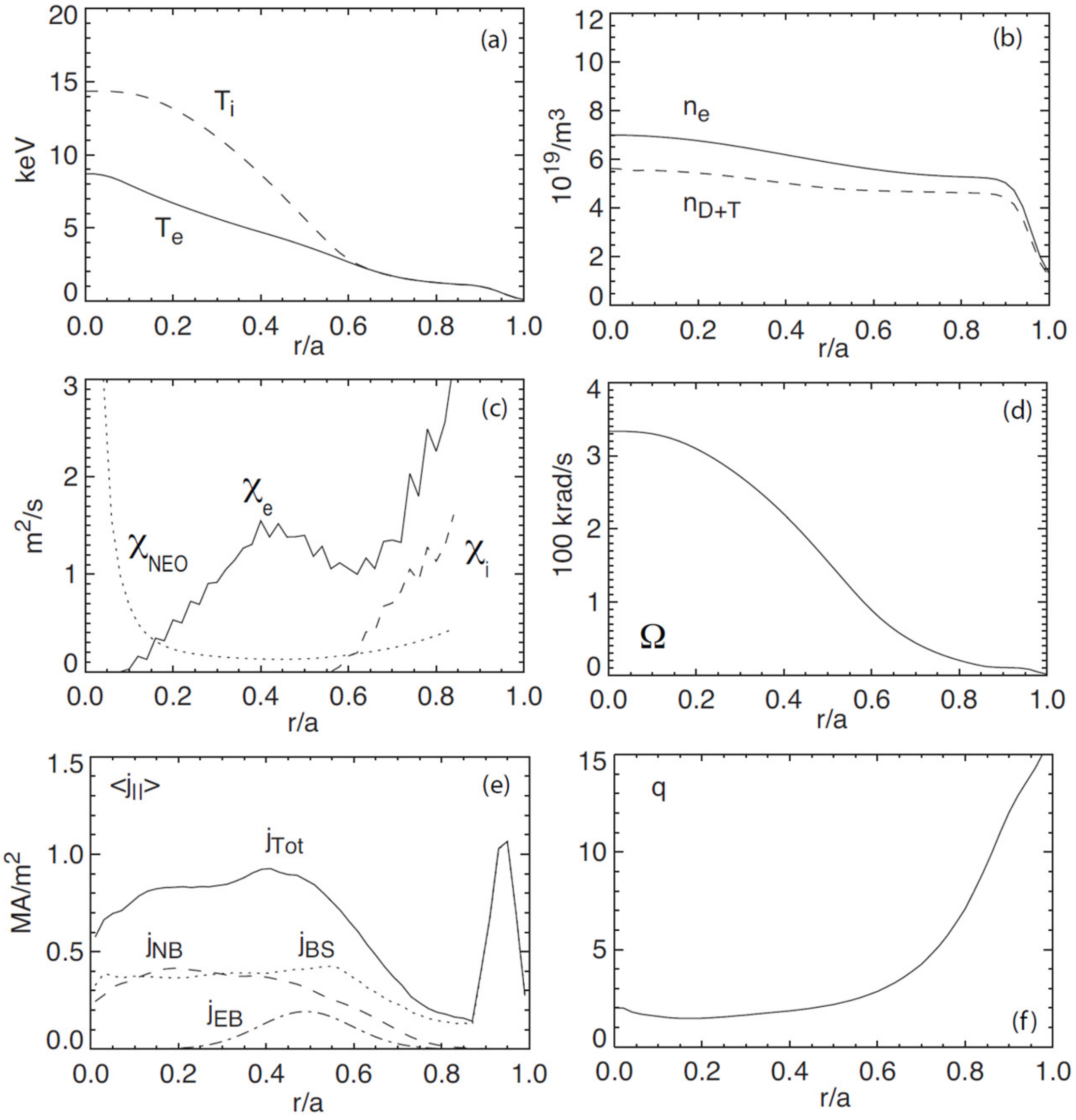
Tangential NBI

$\chi_{\text{fast-ion}}$ = 5m^2/s

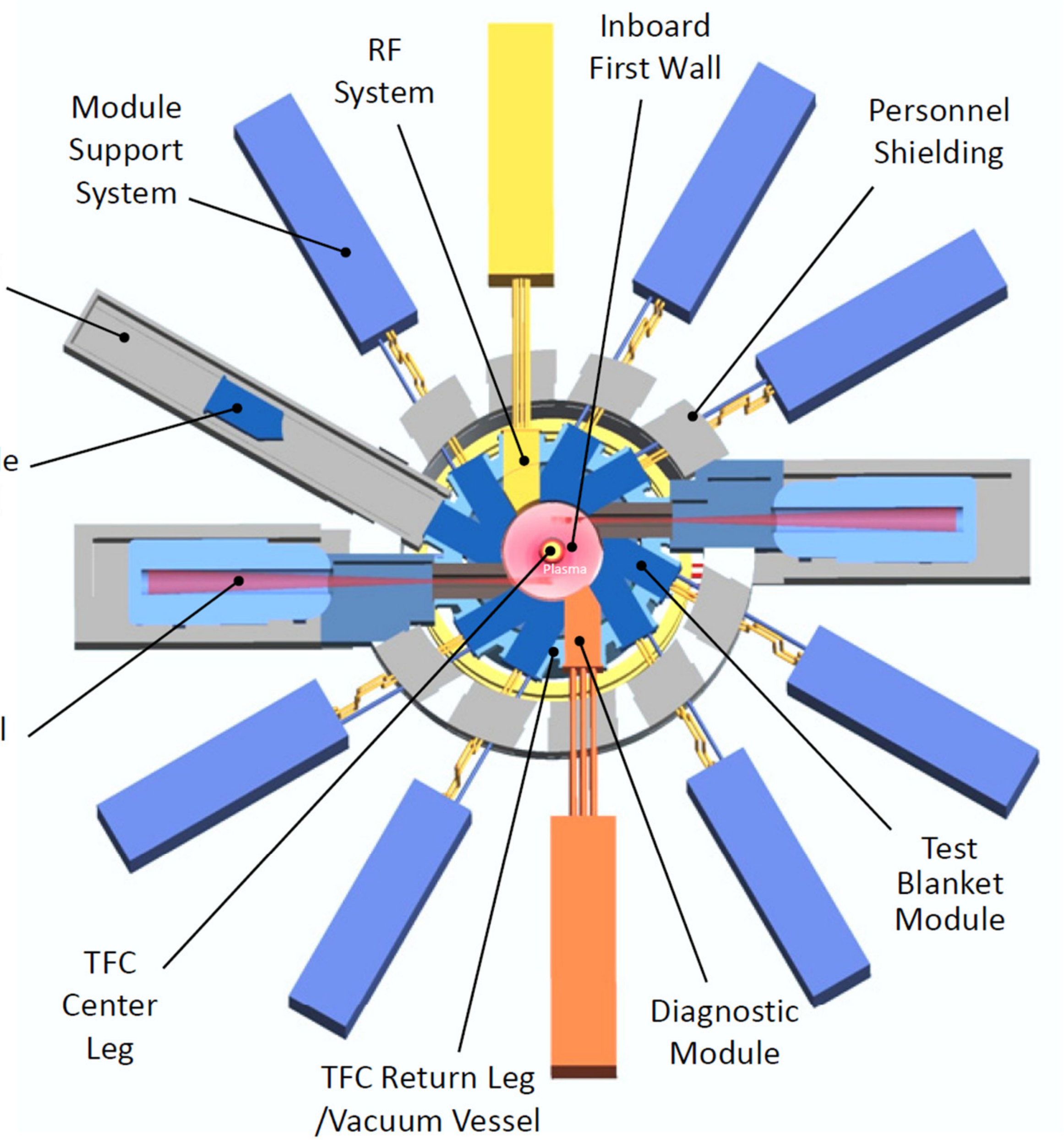
Hot-Ion H-Mode with Internal Transport Barrier

1T, 4.2 MA, β_T = 24%, q_{cyl} = 4, Q = 0.9

P_{NB} = 20 MW, P_{EBW} = 4 MW, W_L = 0.3 MW/m^2



Mid-plane test modules, NBI systems, RF launchers, diagnostics are arranged for ready RH replacement



Mid-plane ports

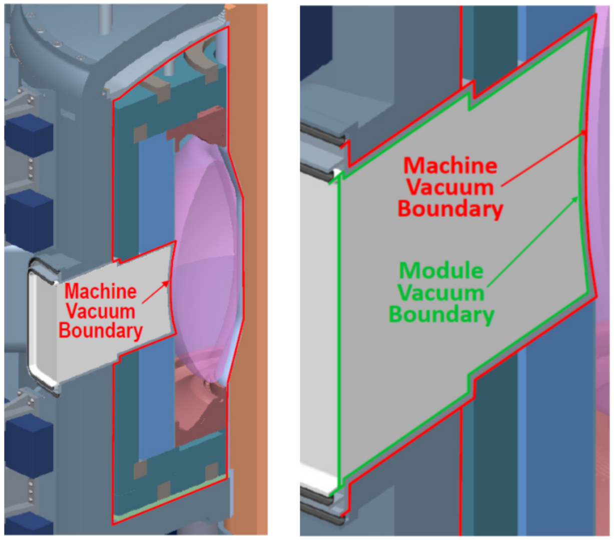
- Minimize interference during remote handling (RH) operation
- Minimize MTTR for test modules
- Allow parallel operation among test modules and with vertical RH
- Allow flexible use & number of mid-plane ports for test blankets, NBI, RF and diagnostics

FNSF internal components assembly/disassembly concept
support structure lifetime dose < 0.1 dpa enables staging

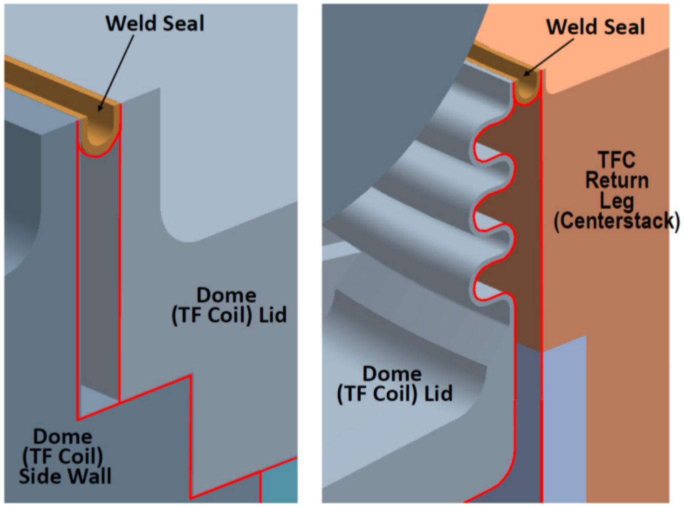
To enable ready replacements, shielded vacuum weld seals and bi-directional sliding joint are proposed

To reduce Mean Time to Replace (MTTR) and achieve 10% Duty Cycle

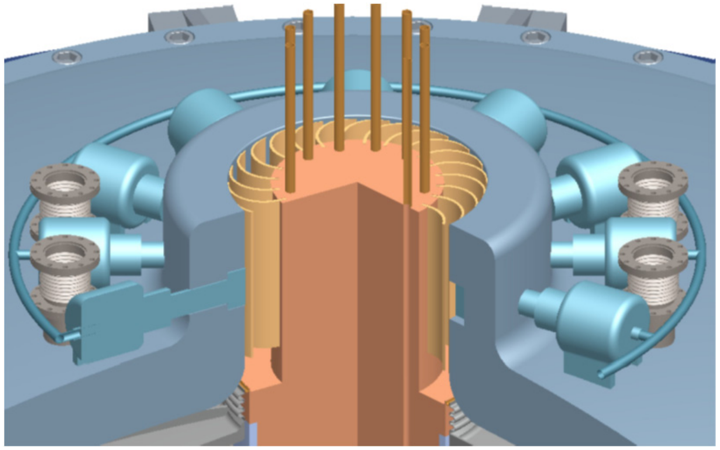
Mid-Plane Test Module Access

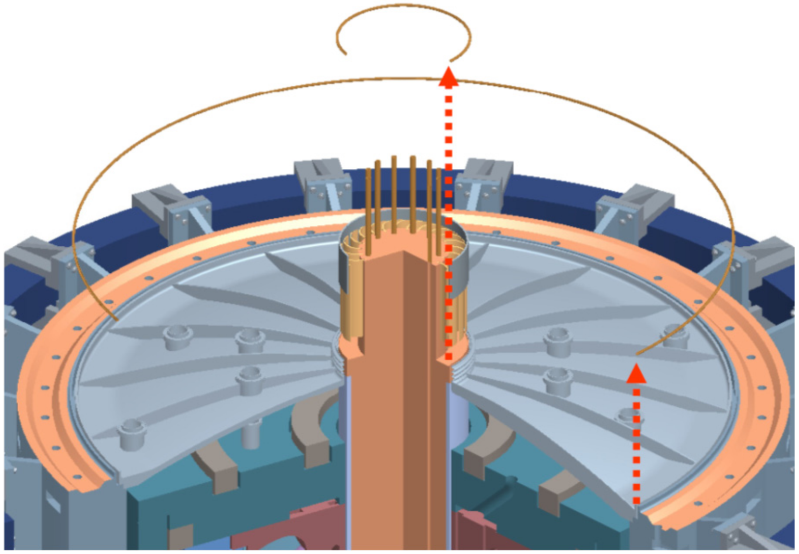


Top TF Conductor Lid



Bi-Directional Sliding Joint





Structural analysis of optimally designed centerpost (Arnie Lumsdaine, SP1-17)

Objective: minimize peak Von Mises stress by varying radius and positions of cooling channels

Assumptions:

- *Nuclear and Joule heating*
- *Constant water flow*
- *Constant Copper thermal & electrical conductivities*
- *≥5 mm between channels and to surface*

Optimization approaches:

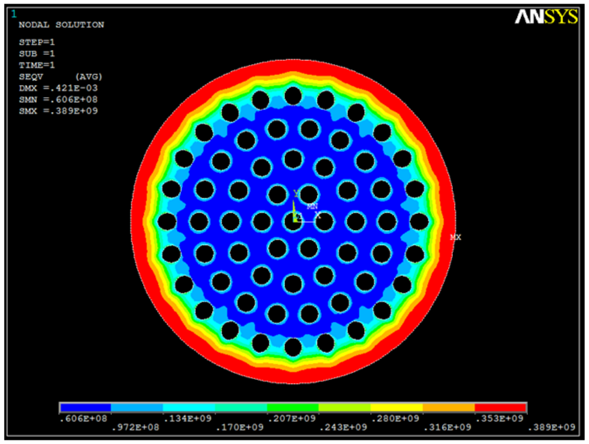
- *Sequential quadratic*
- *Particle swarm*
- *Broyden, Fletcher, Goldfarb, Shanno algarithm*
- *VisualDOC linked to ANSYS*

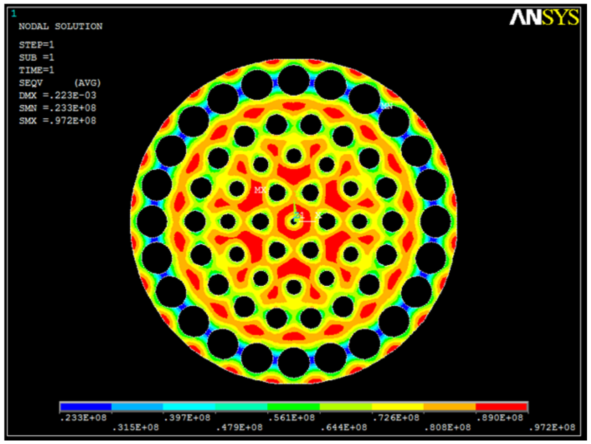
Better with 8 roles of channels: For W_L=2MW/m^2

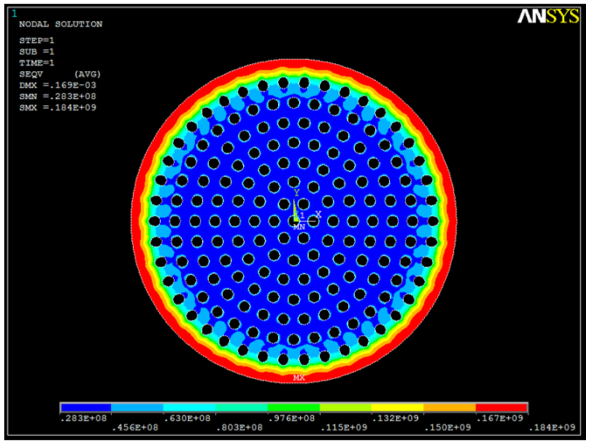
- *Peak stress reduced to 1/3 to ~100 MPa*
- *Peak Δ temp reduced to 60C*

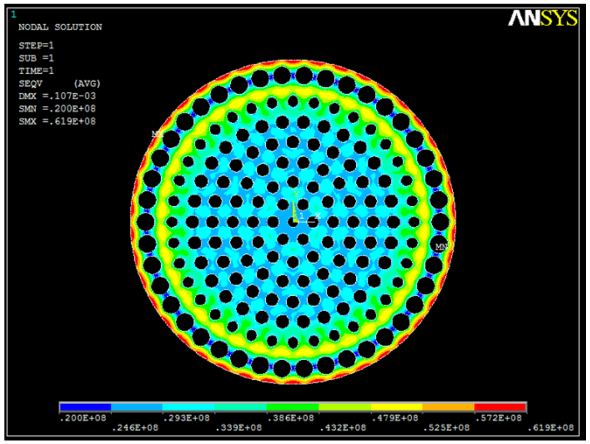
Initial

Optimized



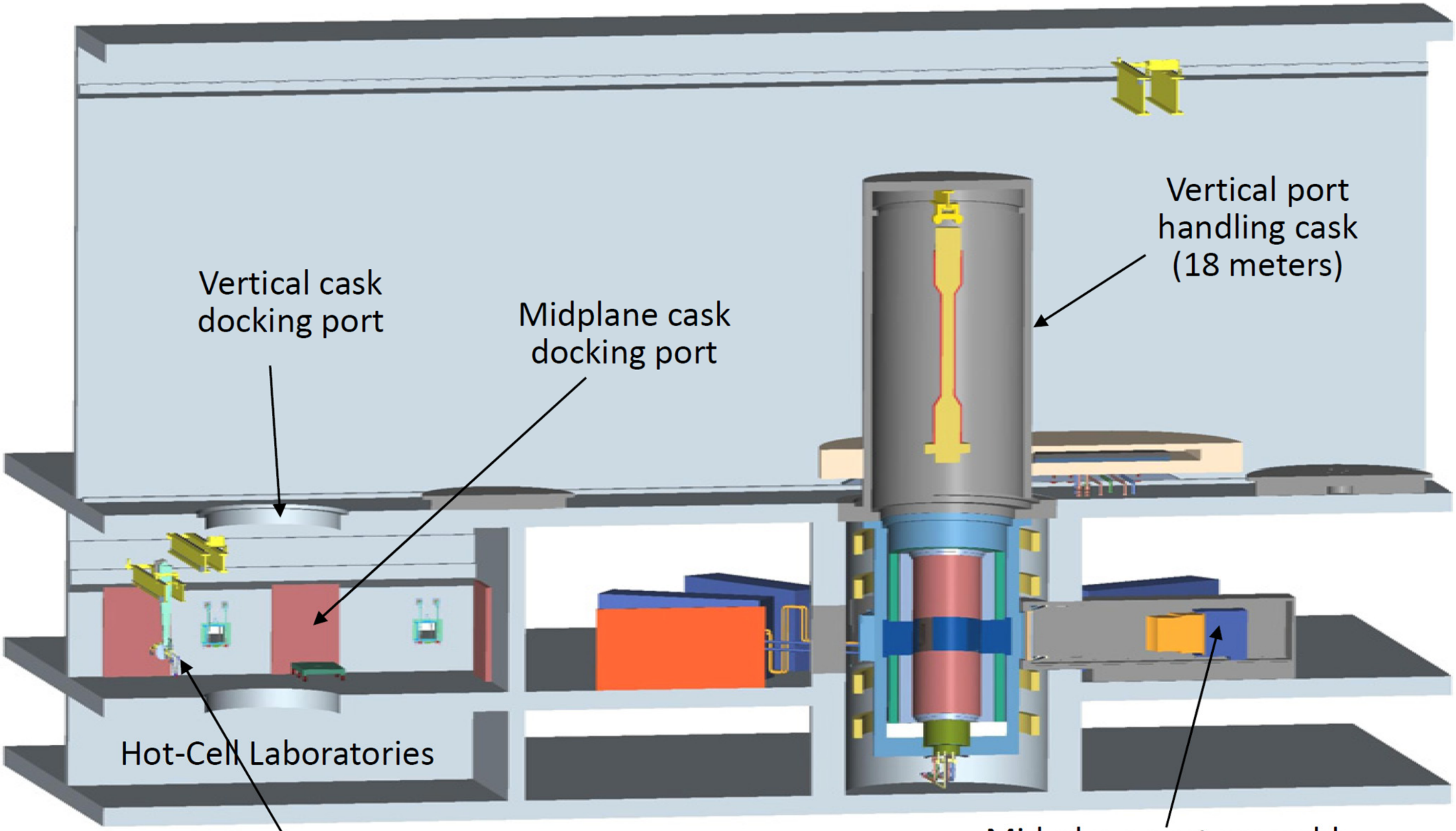






Extensive remote handling systems, including hot-cell laboratories, will be required

Remote handling equipment for hot cell laboratories to enable fusion nuclear sciences R&D

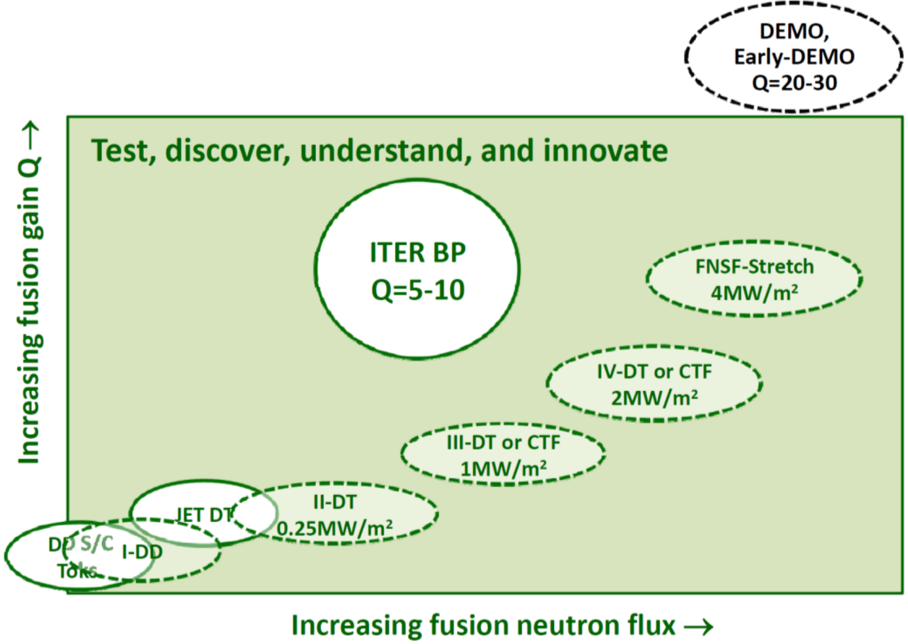


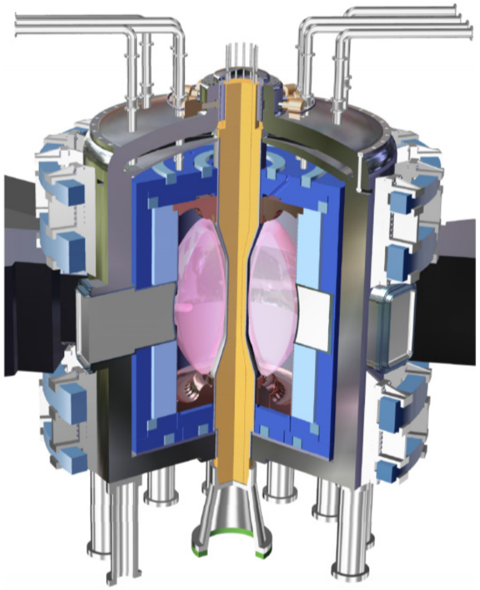
To manage the risks, requisite R&D can be defined addressing the FNSF design features

- Solenoid-free plasma start up, using ECW/EBW, Helicity Injection (FNSF-ST).
- Hot-Ion H-Mode operational scenarios with strong tokamak database.
- SOL-Divertor with improved configurations to limit heat fluxes ≤10 MW/m^2, and control fuel and impurities.
- Continuous, disruption-minimized, non-inductive plasma operation in regimes removed from stability boundaries.
- Single-turn TF coil center post engineering and fabrication (FNSF-ST).
- Remote handling (RH) systems and modular internal components, to minimize MTTR to achieve a duty factor of 10%.
- RH-enabled maintenance and research hot-cells.
- Low dissipation, low voltage, high current, dc power supply with stiff control of current.

Accompanying FNS R&D Program to develop, design and instrument all internal test component & options, in concert with FNSF.

FNSF aims to carry out fusion nuclear science R&D in cost and time effective manner





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- R&D cycle: test, discover, understand, improve / innovate solutions, and retest.
- Complements & parallels ITER, and accelerates DEMO R&D in concert with accompanying R&D to increase MTBF.
- Saves time & cost: compact, low P_{fusion}, moderate Q, high W_L, low tritium usage.
- Starts with conservative plasma physics (JET-level Q<1 plasma and moderate W_L~0.3MW/m^2) & enabling technologies.
- Uses remote handling, hot cells, shielded vacuum seals, bi-directional sliding joint, etc. to reduce MTTR.
- Advances Q and W_L in stages , from DD to DT & from FNS to CTF, ending with possible electricity generation.