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# Fusion Technology R & D in Japan

- Goes into the 21st Century under the Unified Structure -

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# Fusion Program in Japan

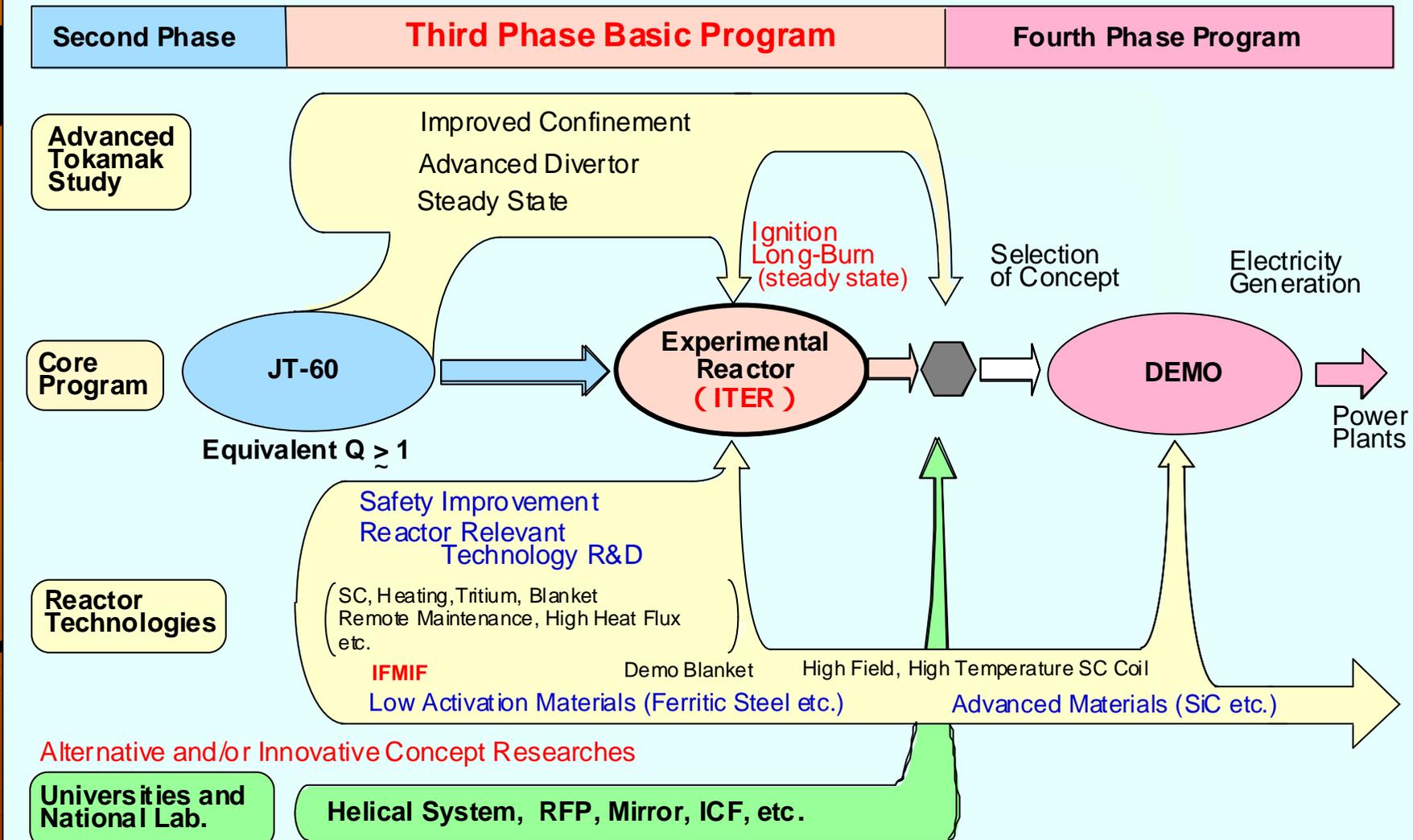
by N. Inoue (Chair of Fusion Council, Japan)

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- Japan intends to develop fusion as a viable energy option for the future
- Construction of experimental reactor has the highest priority
- Serious discussions have been and are being made to make a confident decision on ITER construction
- In parallel, Japan studies various concept improvements in plasma confinement, as well as materials development and reactor technology

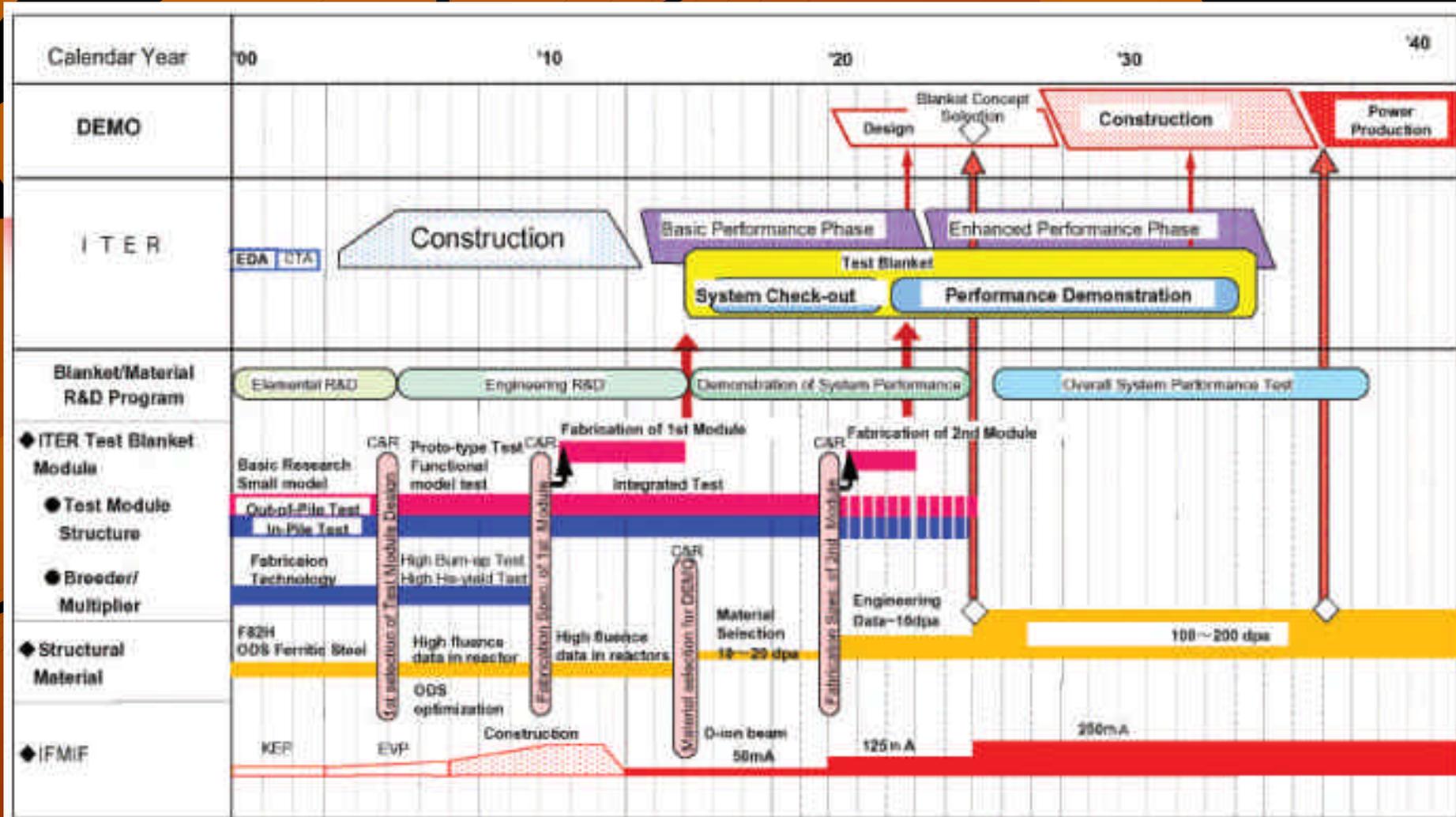
# Fusion Development Strategy in Japan



# Material/Blanket R & D Strategy

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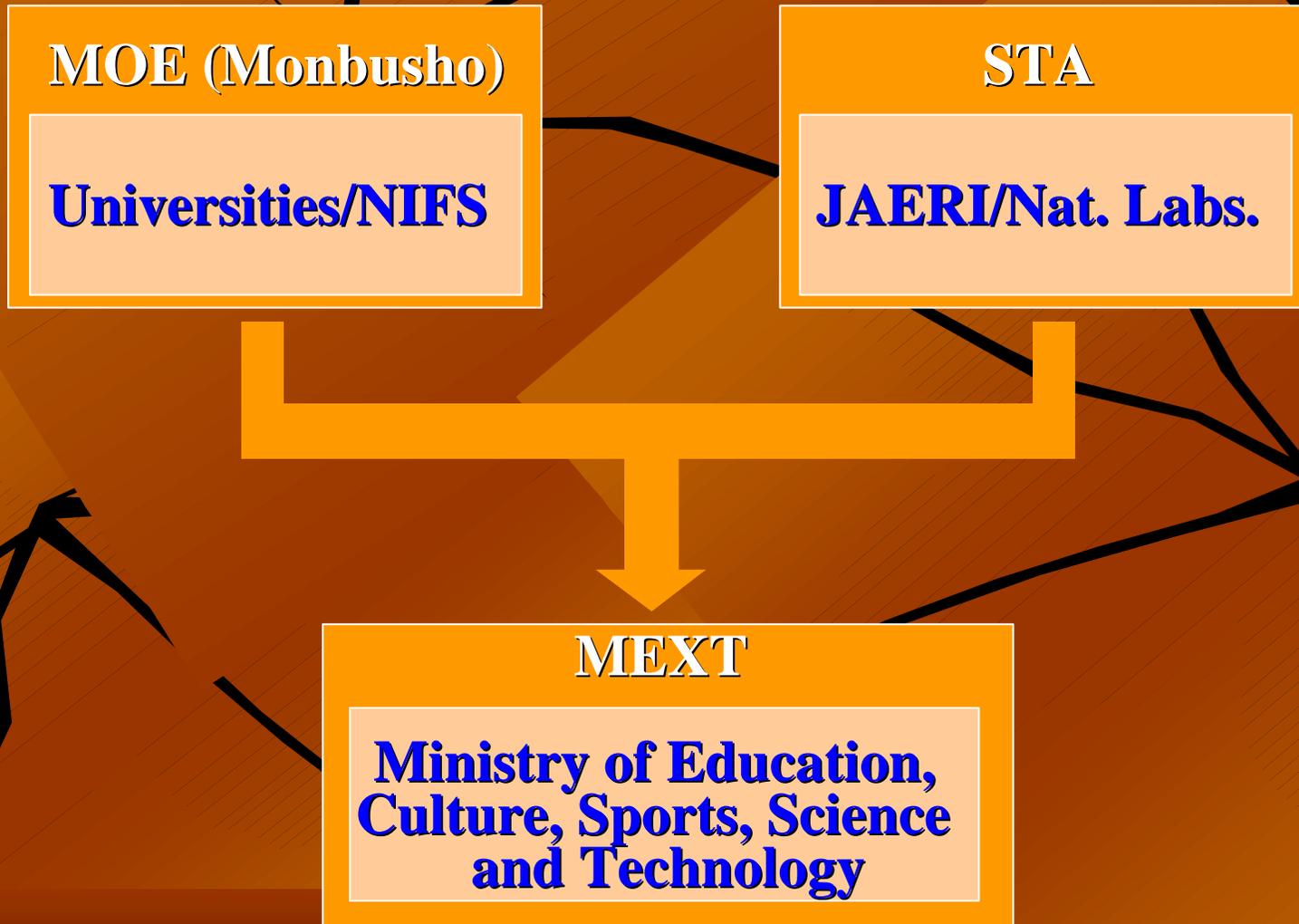
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From April, 1, 2001:



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**There have been *Many* efforts for  
Interaction/Collaboration**

# Fusion Engineering Network Activity

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Materials/Fuel

*Structural Materials*

*In-reactor Component (PWI)*

*Blanket Technology*

*Tritium Science/Engineering*

Magneto-  
electric/Magnet

System/Safety

Tritium Bio-chemical effects

*Thermo-mechanics*

Reactor Design

System/Safety Design

ICF

Neutronics

# A Good Example can be seen in Materials R & D

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**MOE (Monbusho)**

**DOE/Monbusho  
Collaboration**



*RTNS-II (14MeV effect)*

*FFTF/MOTA (High dpa effects)*

*JUPITER (Dynamic/Varying/  
Cumulative effects)*

*JUPITER-2 (Integration for  
Advanced Blanket)*

**STA**

**JAERI/ORNL  
Collaboration**



*Austenitic Stainless Steel (Fundamental)*

*Austenitic S. S. (Weldment/Component)*

*Reduced Activation Ferritic Steels  
(Fundamental)*

*Reduced Activation Ferritic Steels  
(weldment/He effects,,)*

# Another Good Example can be seen in ITER EDA - ITER/Japan Team with University participations.

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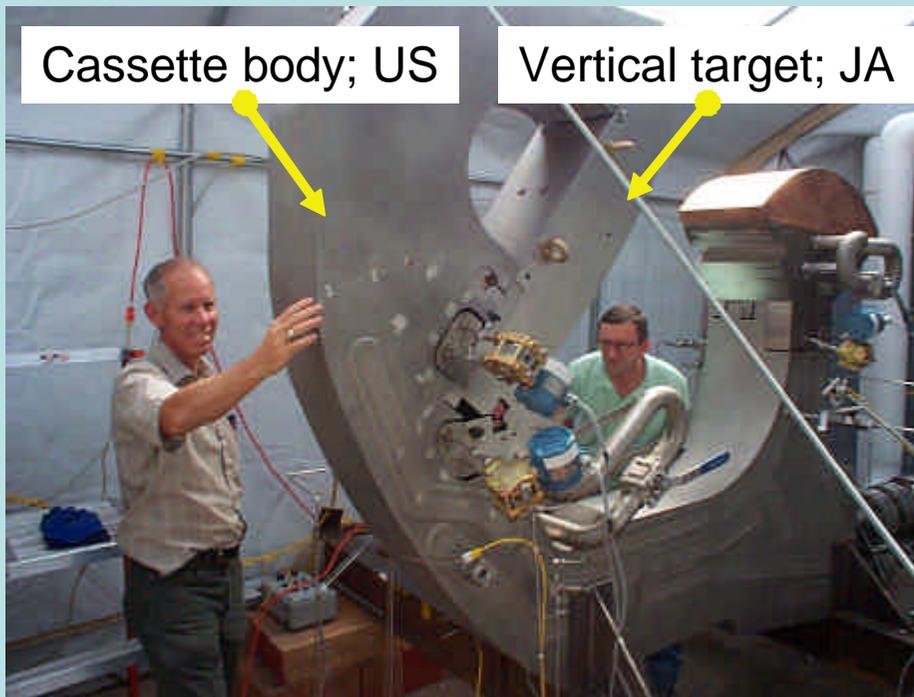
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There are many extinguished accomplishments  
In Fusion Engineering R & D  
( well known 7 accomplishments)

Many supporting activities by Japanese Universities  
Should be acknowledged.

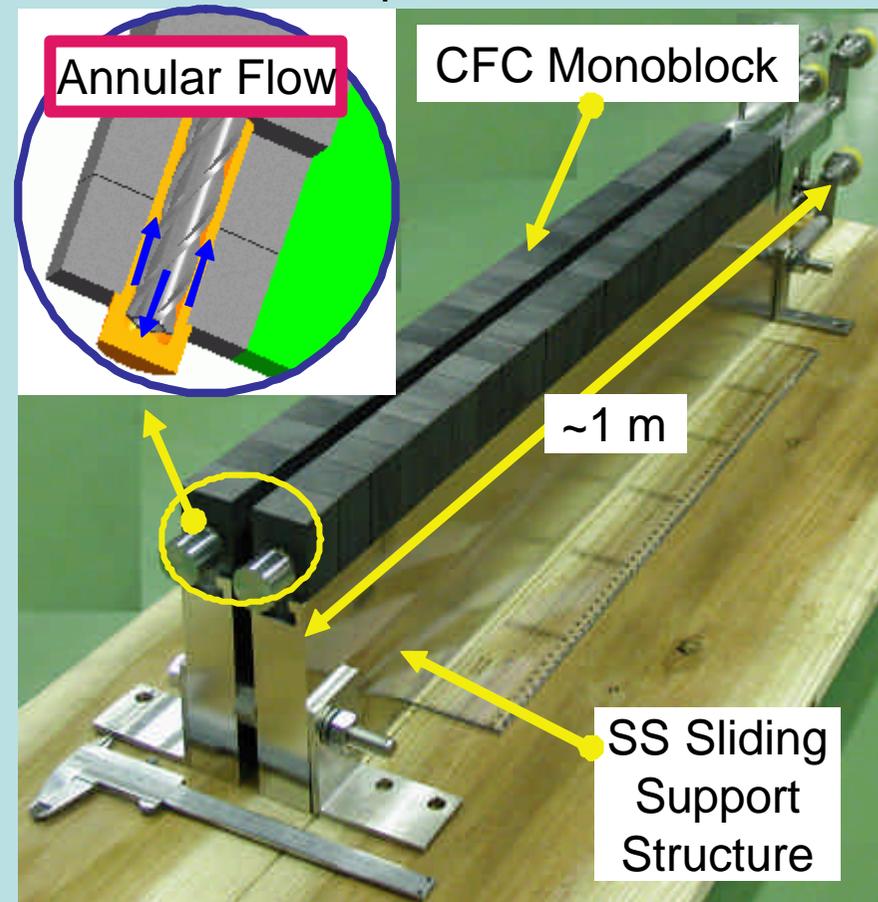
# Development of ITER Divertor

## L5 Divertor Project



Integration Tests of JA and US components were successfully completed.

## Development of New Cooling Structure - Save space and cost -

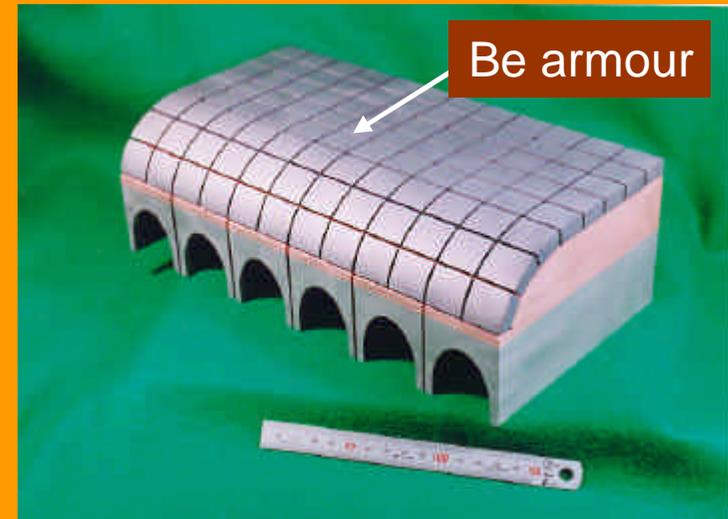


The vertical target mock-up with annular flow has successfully withstood a heat load of  $20 \text{ MW/m}^2$ , 10s for 1000 cycles.

# Blanket Technology

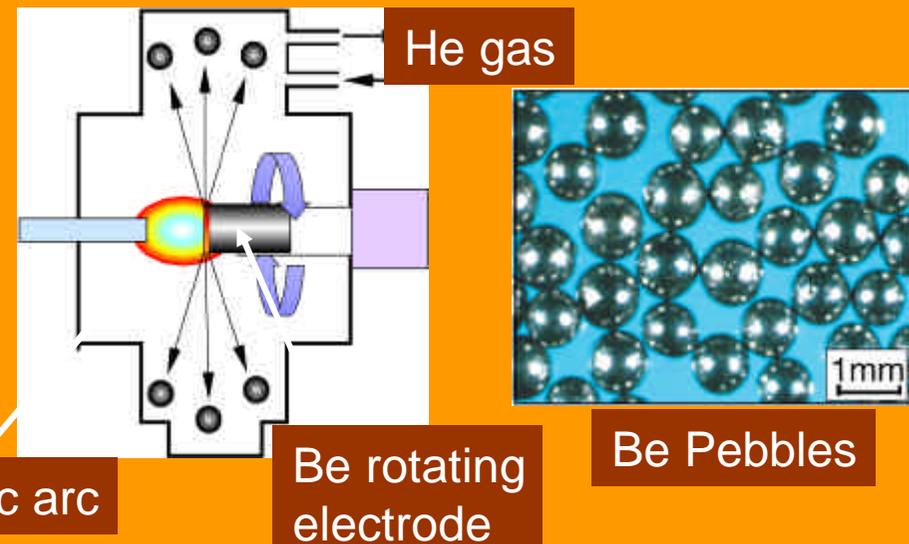
## (1) Development of ITER Shielding Blanket

Beryllium-armored full-width First Wall panel (DSCu/SS) has successfully fabricated by HIP technique first time.



## (2) Development of Breeding Blanket

- Effects of thermal cycles on the pebble bed structure has been investigated.
- World's first mass production technology of Beryllium neutron multiplier pebbles has successfully been developed by the Rotating Electrode Method.



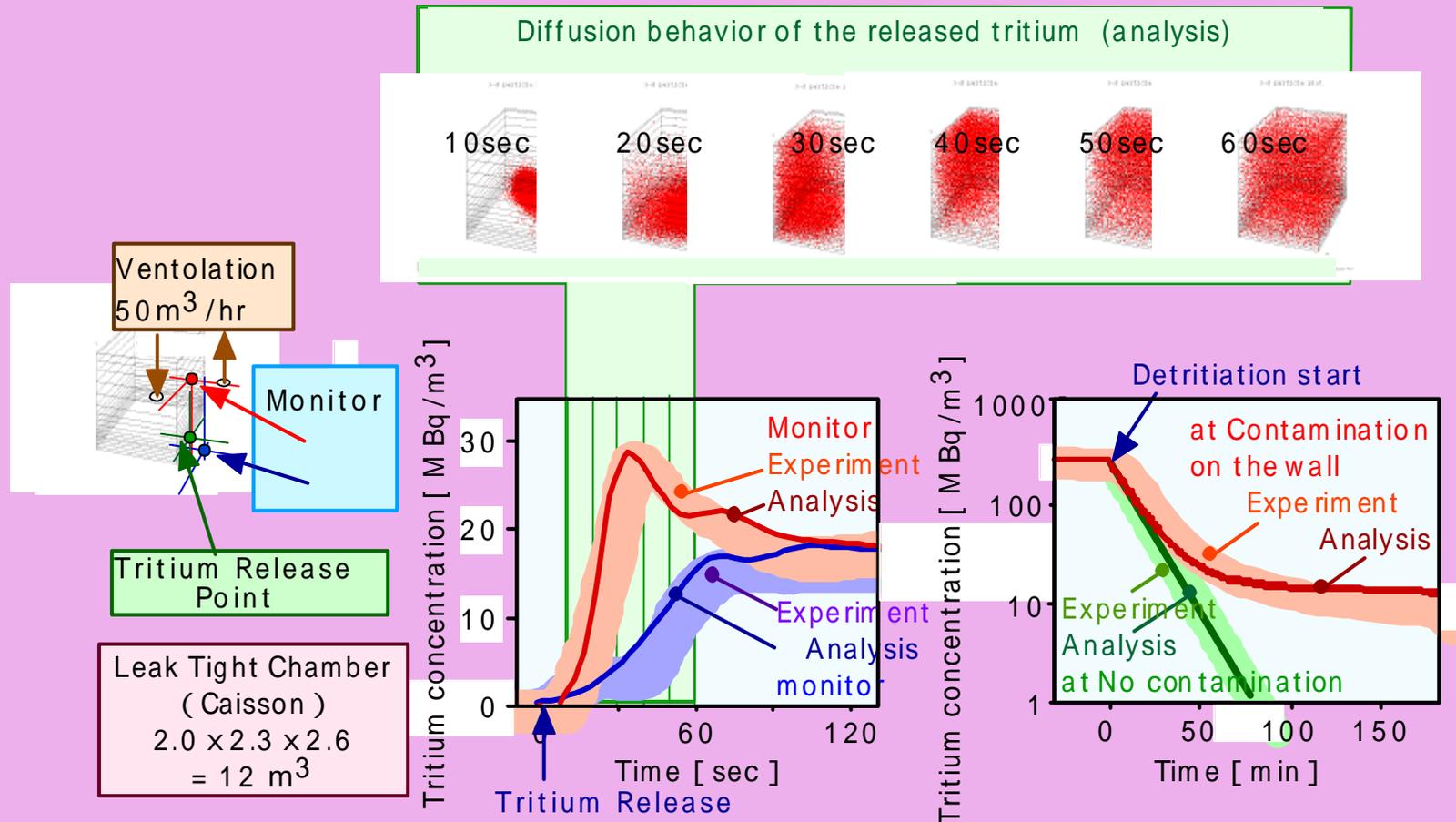
# Tritium Safe-Handling Technology

Accumulate the Behavior Data of Tritium in Large Space

- Improve the Behavior Analysis Code

Good tritium behavior simulation could be obtained by considering the experimental data, material property data, optimum analysis model and effect of tritium absorption & desorption on the wall.

It was confirmed that heavy wall contamination was resulted in case that tritium vapor (HTO) was released in the dry atmosphere.



# Development of Blanket Remote Handling Equipment with High Positioning Accuracy

## Installation Condition for Blanket Module Handling

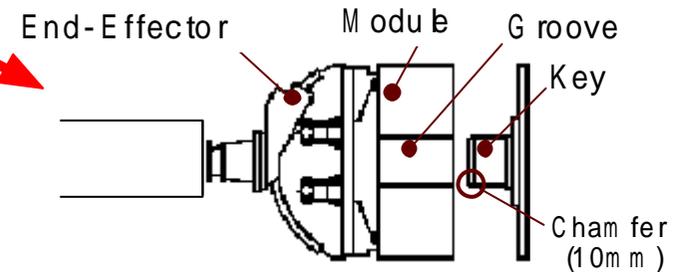
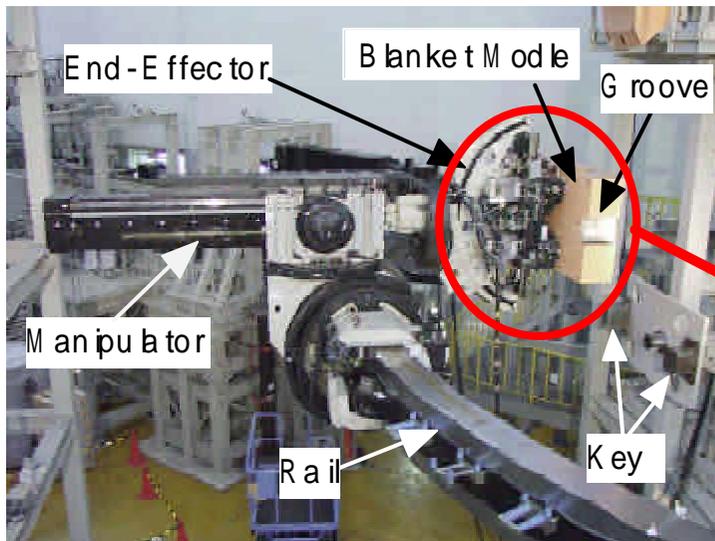
Installation of 4-ton Module under Clearance of  $\pm 0.25$  mm between Key and G groove

## Test Result for Blanket Installation

Blanket module has been successfully installed under the required ITER condition by the passive compliance due to the flexibility of the manipulator and the assistance of the chamfer configuration of the key.

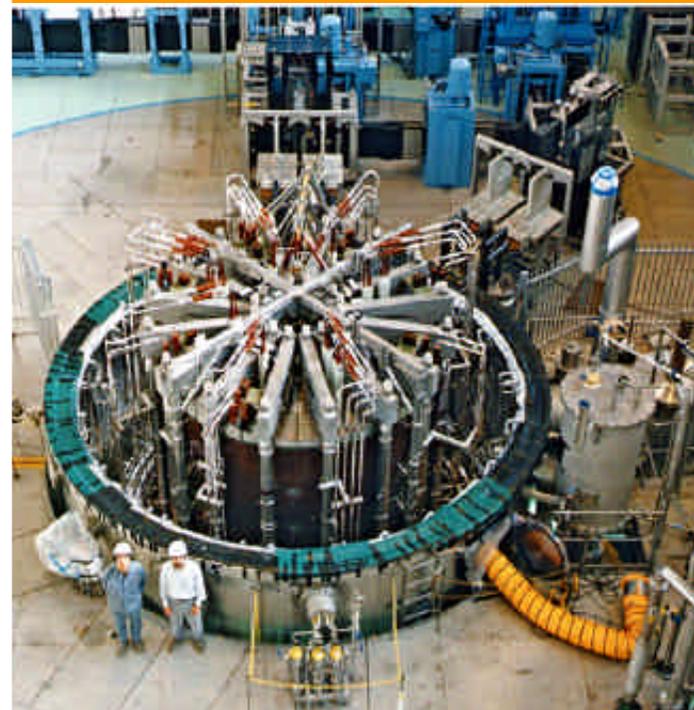
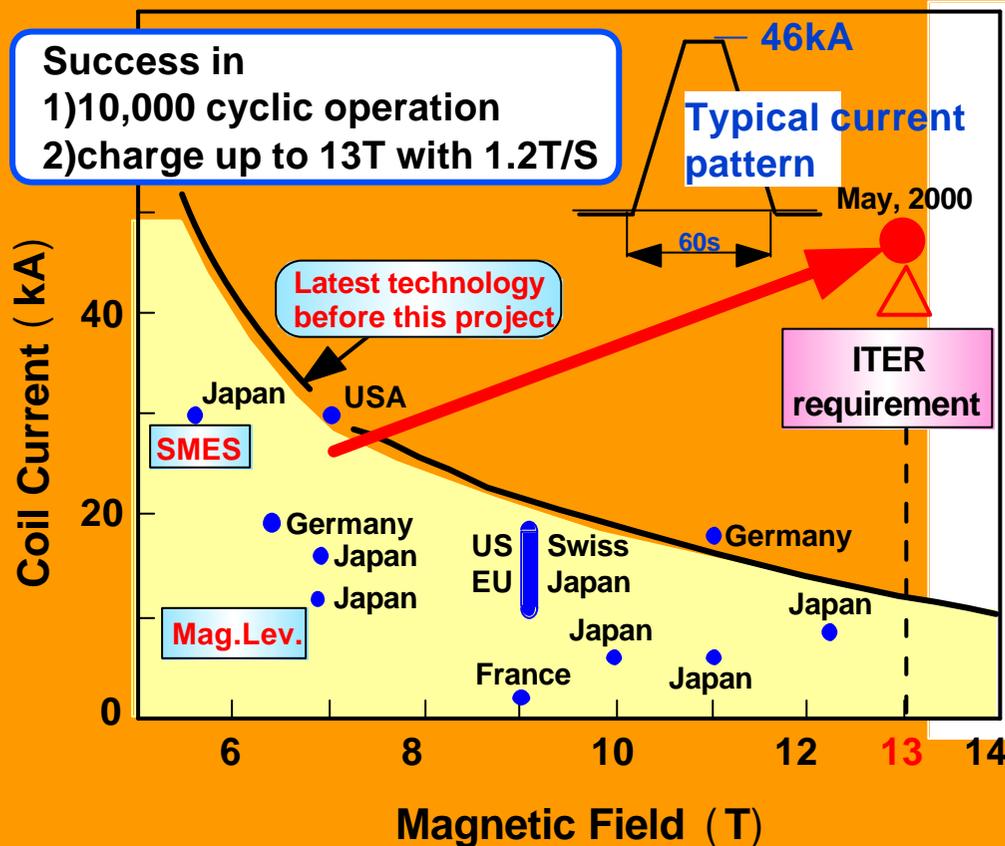
## Performances of Manipulator

Module Weight : 4 ton  
Key/Groove Clearance :  $\pm 0.18$  mm (measured)  
Positioning Accuracy :  $\pm 2$  mm  
Max. Allowable Misalignment :  $\pm 10$  mm (axis)  
 $\pm 0.5$  degree (angle)



# Success of the ITER CS Model Coil Experiment

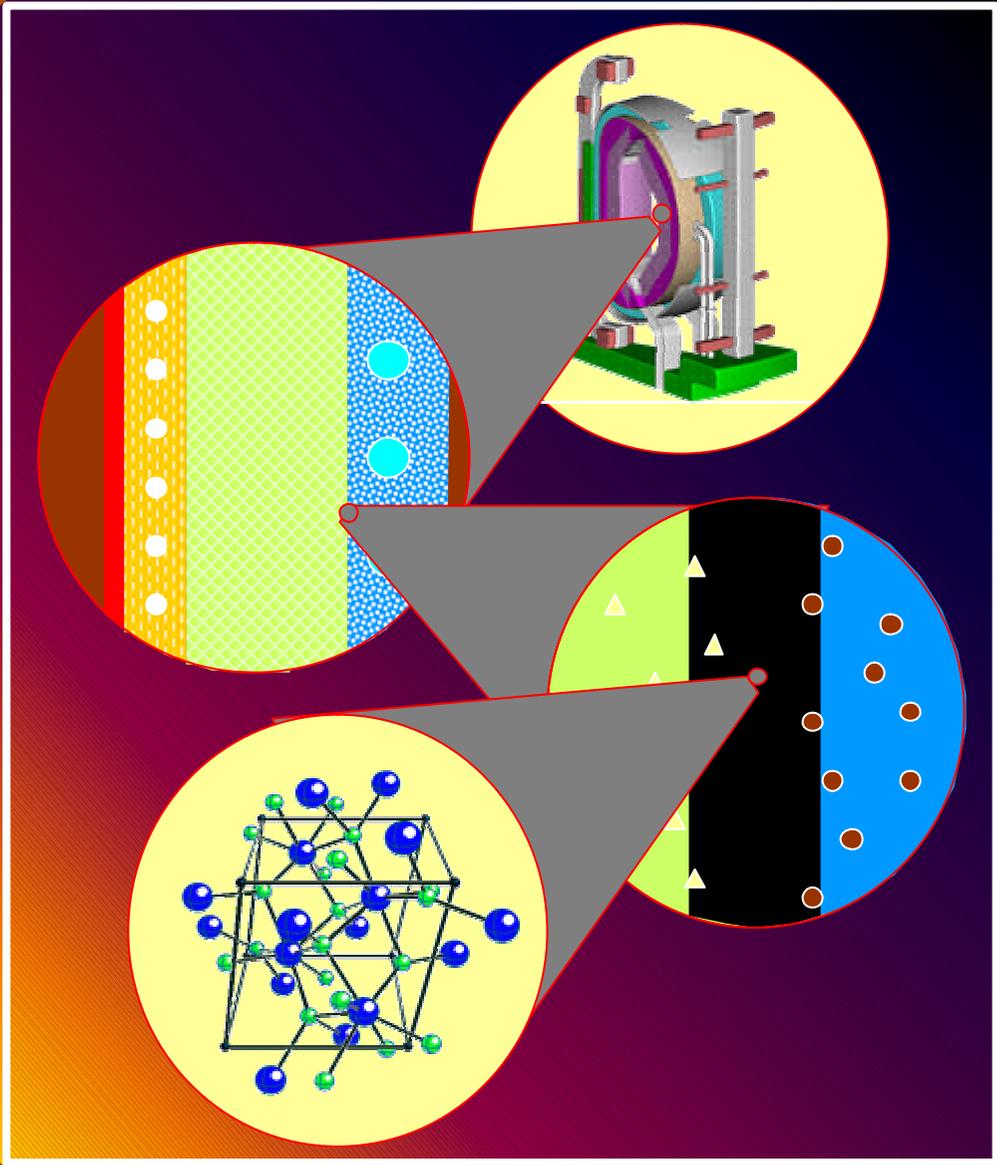
**Results :** 1) ITER coil design was validated.  
2) Coil fabrication under the international task shearing was successfully demonstrated.



Experiment was performed from March to the end of August, 2000.

# New Project JUPITER-II (2000-2005)

Materials integration  
utilizing reactor  
irradiation  
related  
research for  
advanced bla

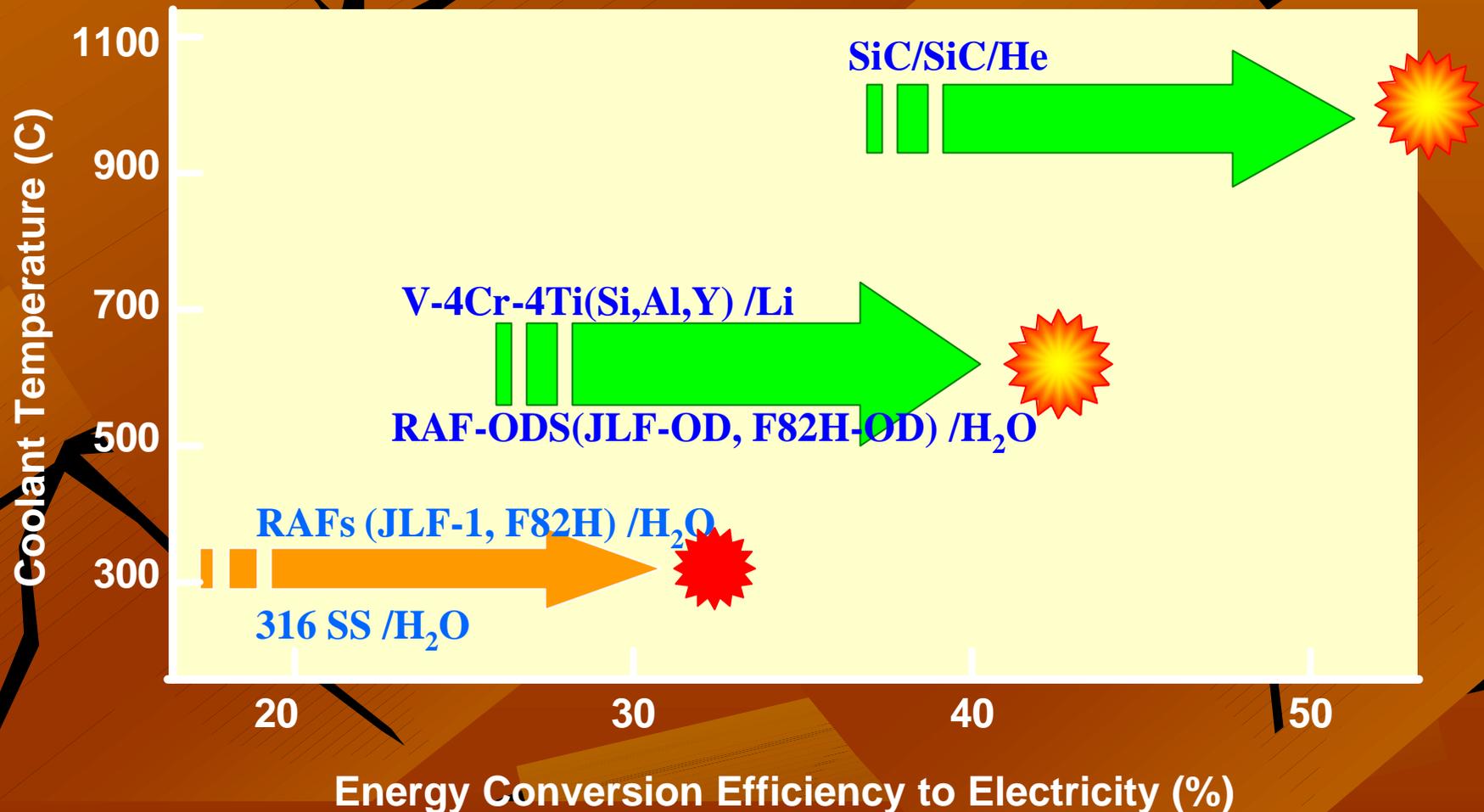


# Targets of Fusion Power Reactors

- Attractive Options -

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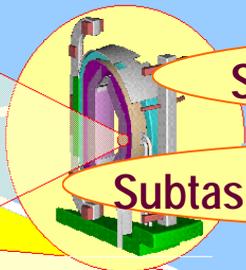
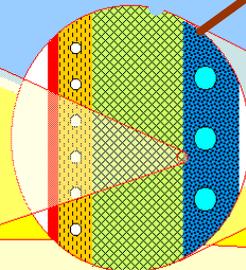
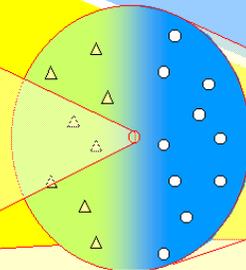
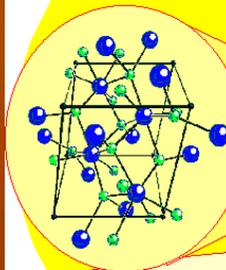


# JUPITER-II Tasks

## Task 1: Self-cooling Liquid Blanket

Subtask 1: Key Tech. R&D

Subtask 2: System Performance.\*



Subtask 1: System Design and modeling

Subtask 2: Multi-scale modeling

## Task 3: Modeling for System Integration

## Task 2: High Temperature Gas-cooling Blanket

Subtask 1: Key Tech. R&D

Subtask 2: System Performance.\*



\*:System Performance evaluation under neutron irradiation.

# Blanket R&D in Japan

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## “Medium-term research plan for power generating breeding blanket”

August 2000, by Fusion Council

- R&D for DEMO blanket. Blanket module test in ITER: important milestone.
- Three C&Rs and selections scheduled

- JAERI: core institute for solid blanket development

Universities (NIFS): fundamental studies to obtain perspective on liquid blanket, material development, various fundamental studies on solid and liquid blankets

**Reference blanket** JAERI: lithium ceramics cooled by supercritical water  
NIFS: FFHR, flibe as breeder and coolant

**Advanced blanket concepts** with high coolant temperature, advanced safety, high resistance for large neutron fluence

**Flibe Blanket, Liquid Lithium with Vanadium Alloy, Solid Breeder and SiC/SiC**

**JUPITER-II**: Japan-MEXT US-DOE collaborative project on advanced blankets  
2001-2006, mainly using facilities at INEEL, UCLA, ORNL, ANL

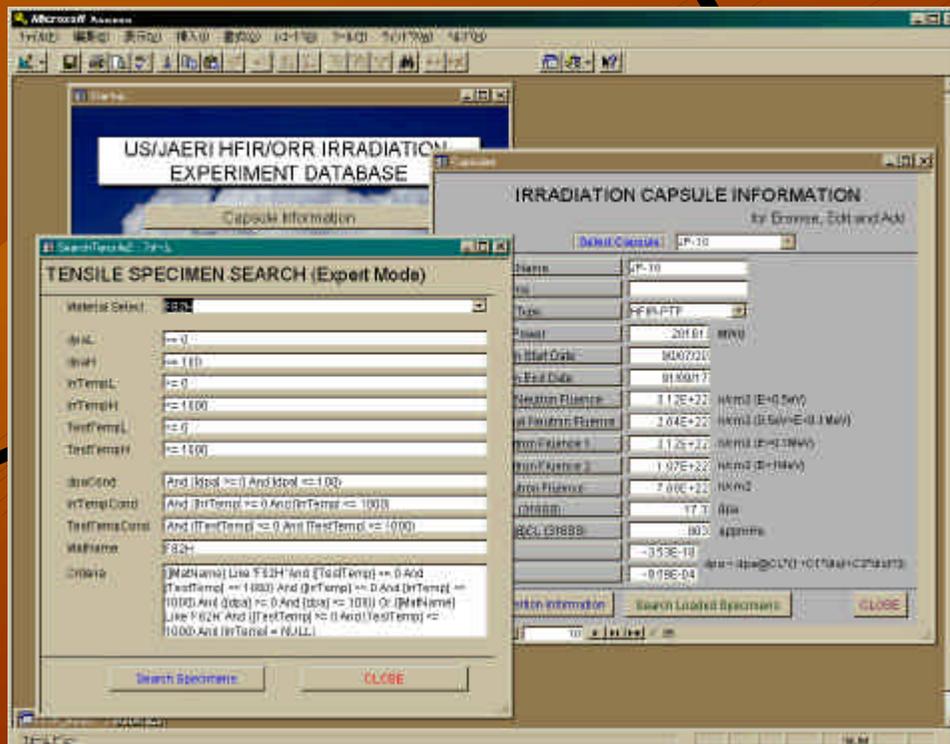
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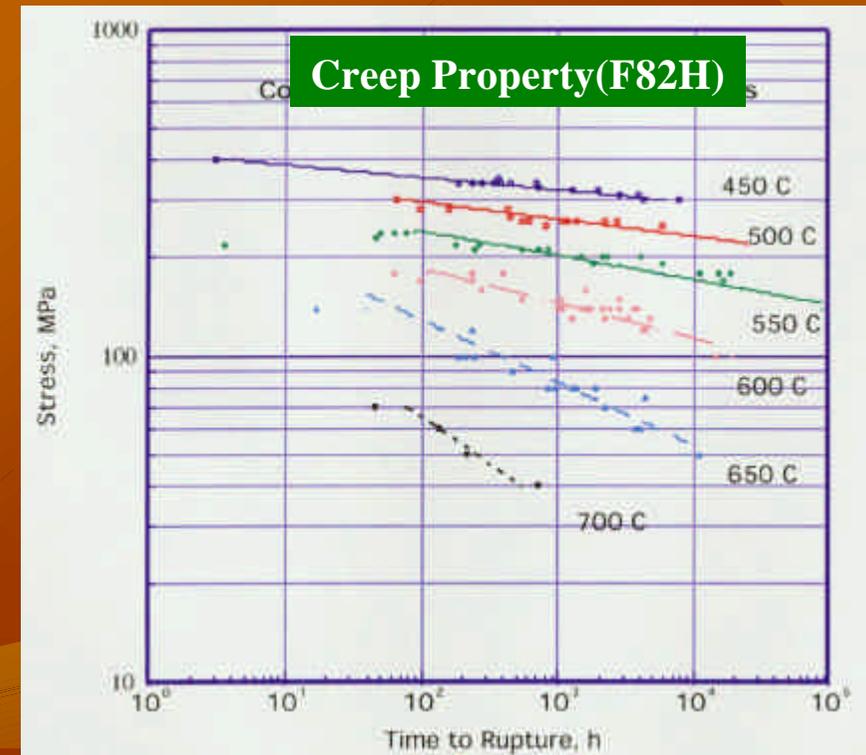
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## RAF Database (F82H/JLF-1)

Since '92 for a decade, Under the Japanese initiative, RAF database has been constructed ( IEA RAF WG)



Display Modes (Example)



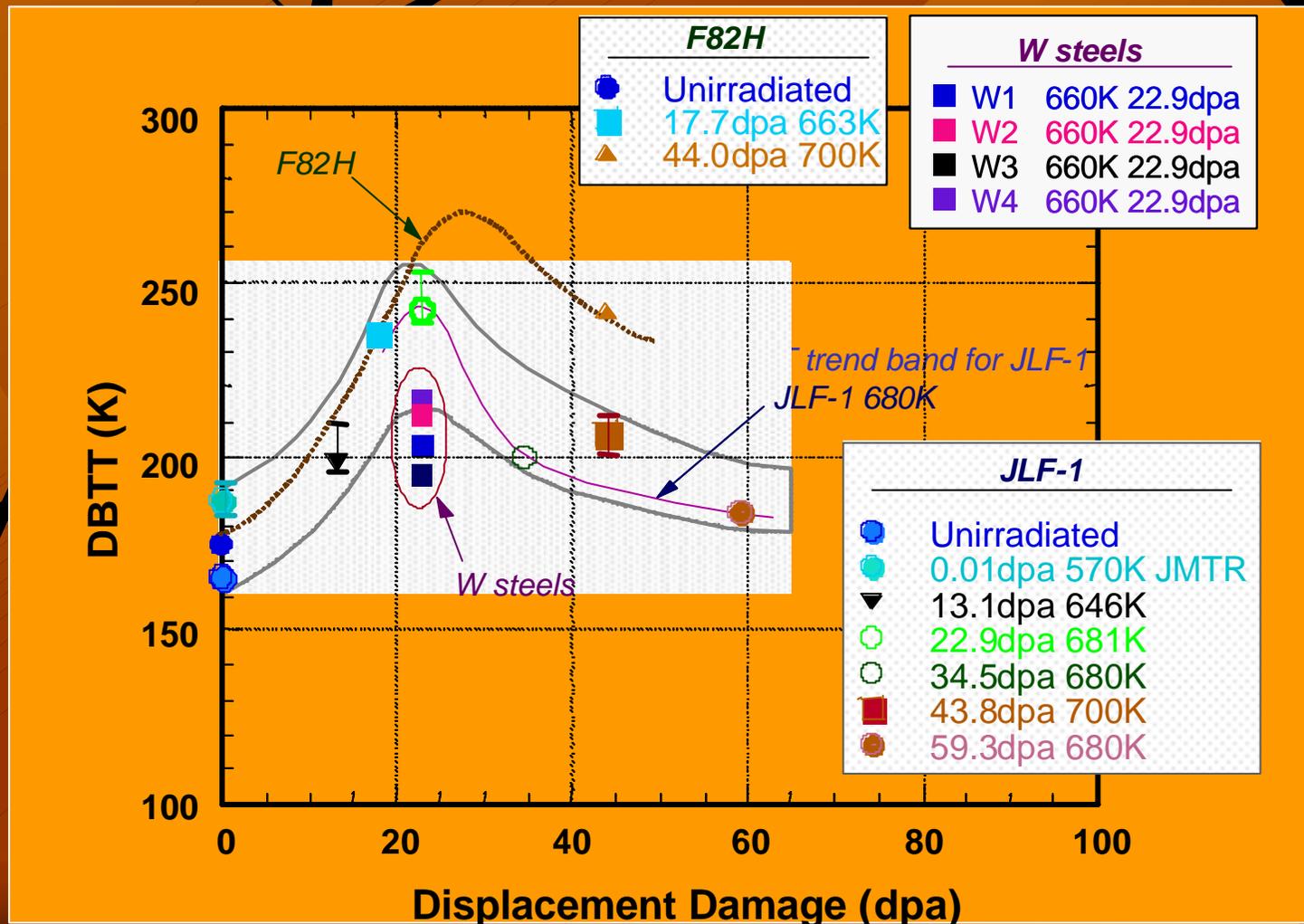
Data Plot (Example)

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## Improvement in DBTT

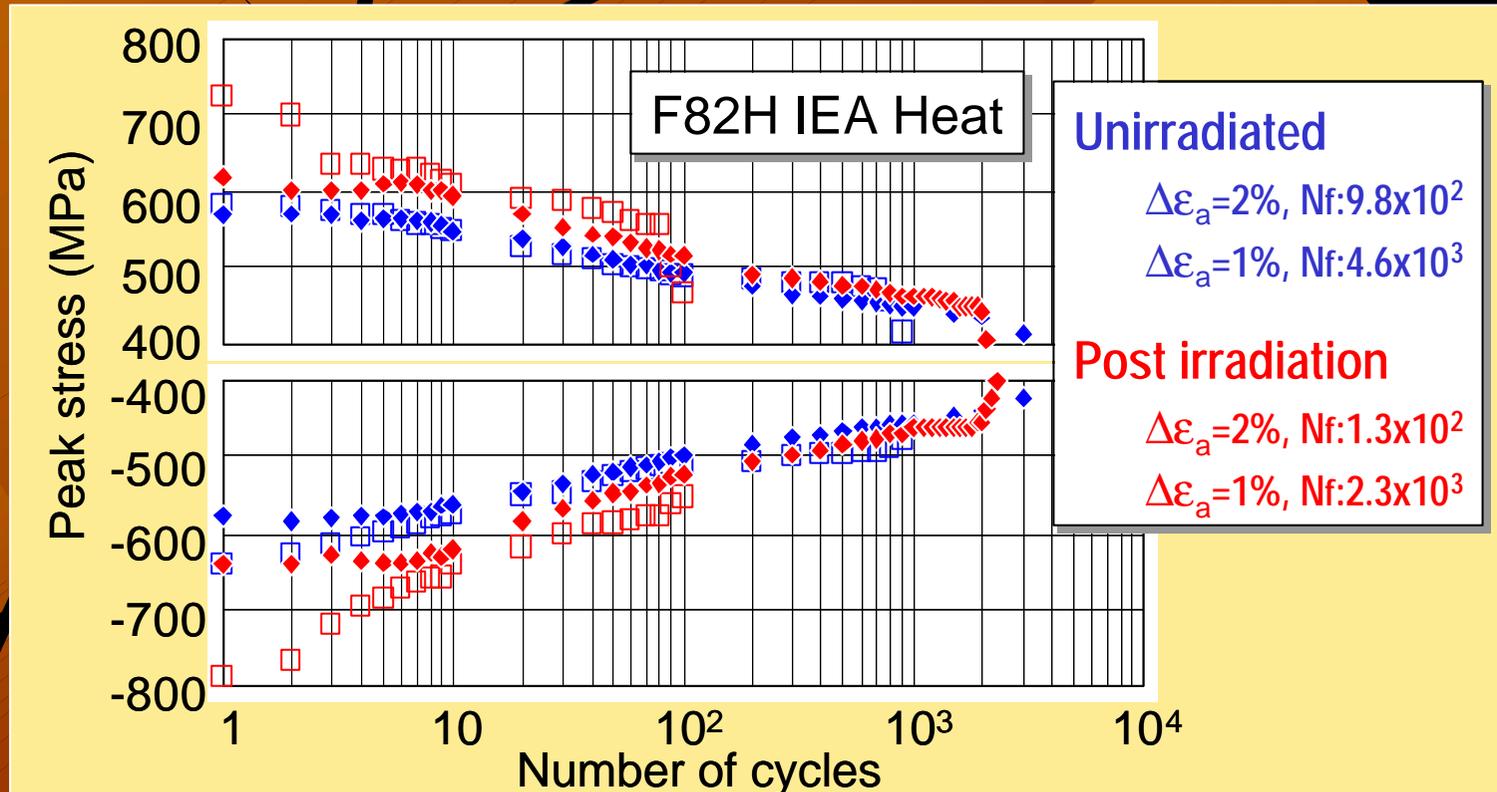


# Radiation Effect on Stress Amplitude

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JMTR  $\sim 0.005$ dpa ( $3.1 \times 10^{19} \text{cm}^{-2}$  / Irr. Temp.  $\sim 90\text{C}$ )



- The increase of initial stress amplitude was 292MPa at  $\Delta\varepsilon_a = 2\%$ , and 116MPa at  $\Delta\varepsilon_a = 1\%$ .
- Number of cycles to failure of  $\Delta\varepsilon_a = 2\%$  case was reduced to 13% of unirradiated case.

# R & D of Ferritic Steels for Fusion

- from Fundamental Materials R & D to *Technology/Engineering Integration* -

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**Data base development toward DEMO.**

**Ferromagnetic effects.**

**Development of high heat-resistant super steels and ODS steels.**

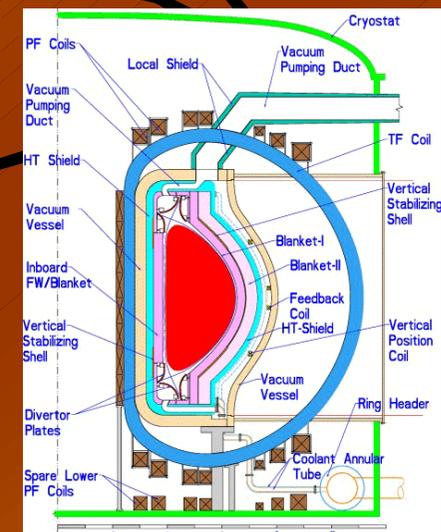
**Development of welding/joining technology and ODS-clad processing.**

**Compatibility with pressurized water and super critical water.**

**Performance Evaluation and Improvement under**

**Neutron Environment  
Blanket Environment**

**Technology/Engineering Integration for  
Blanket/Reactor Components Fabrication**



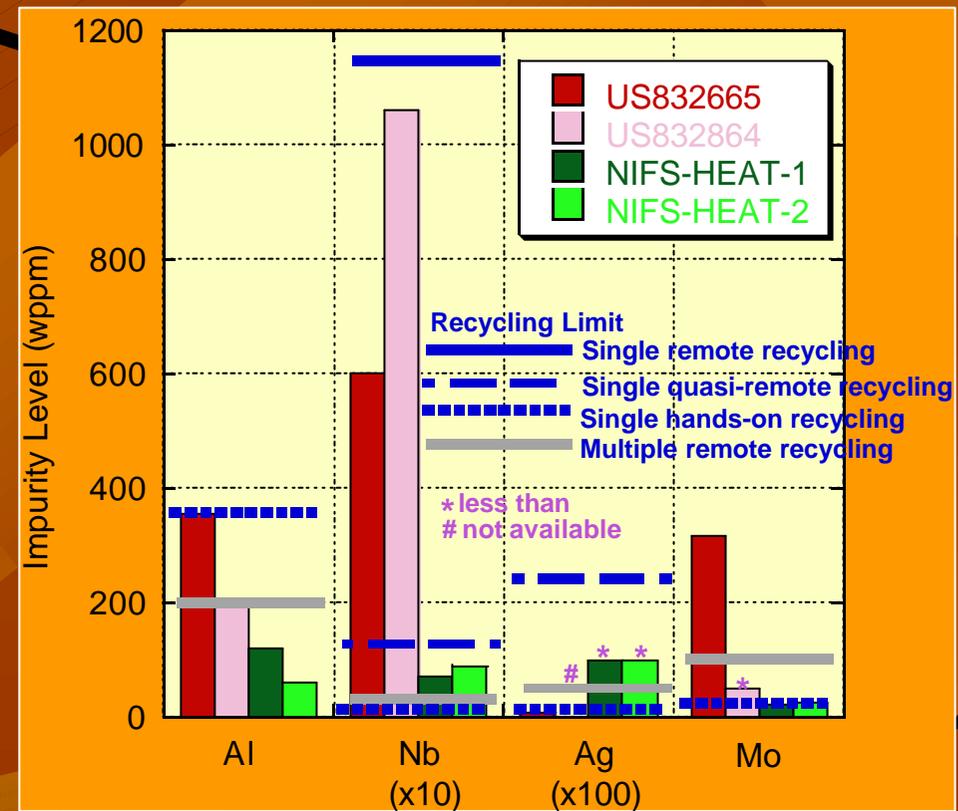
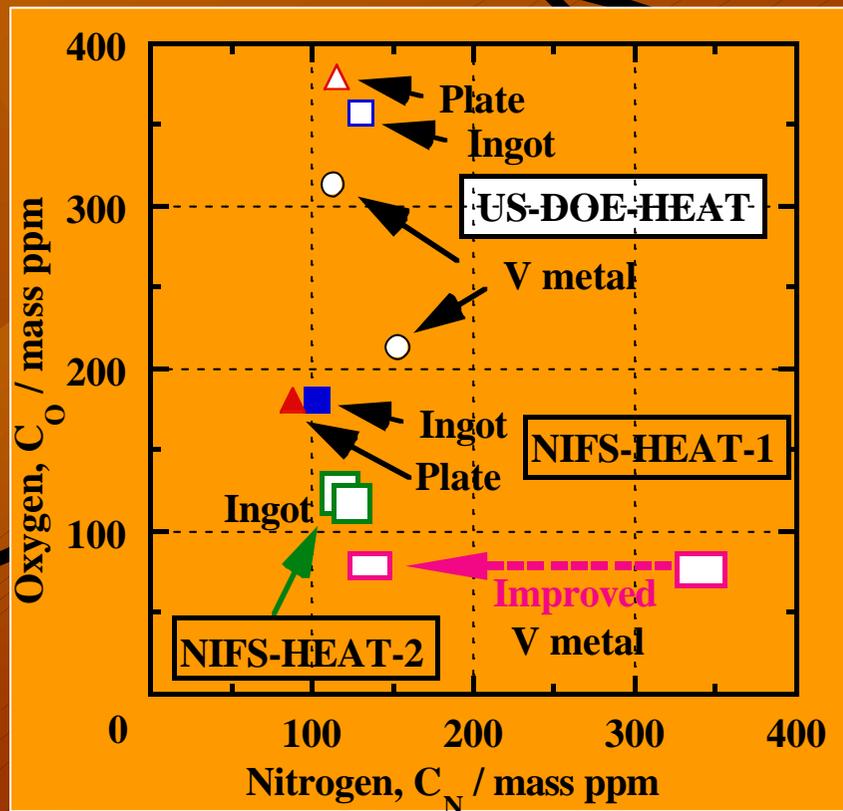
**SSTR or ASSTR**

# Fabrication of High Purity Large Products of V-4Cr-4Ti (NIFS-HEATs)

Large V-4Cr-4Ti ingots with reduced impurity levels were produced in NIFS

Feasibility of recycling by quasi-remote (simply shielded) processing was verified

The resulting products were used for Round-robin test by international collaboration



Impurity level of NIFS- and US- HEATs

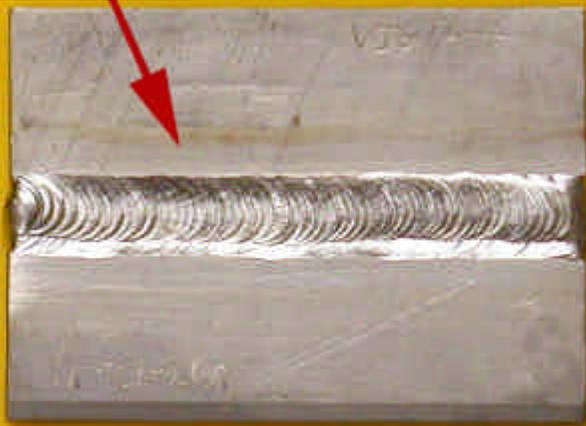
Impurity level and recycling criteria

(Muroga, Nagasaka, Heo, NIFS)

# Improvement of Welding Property

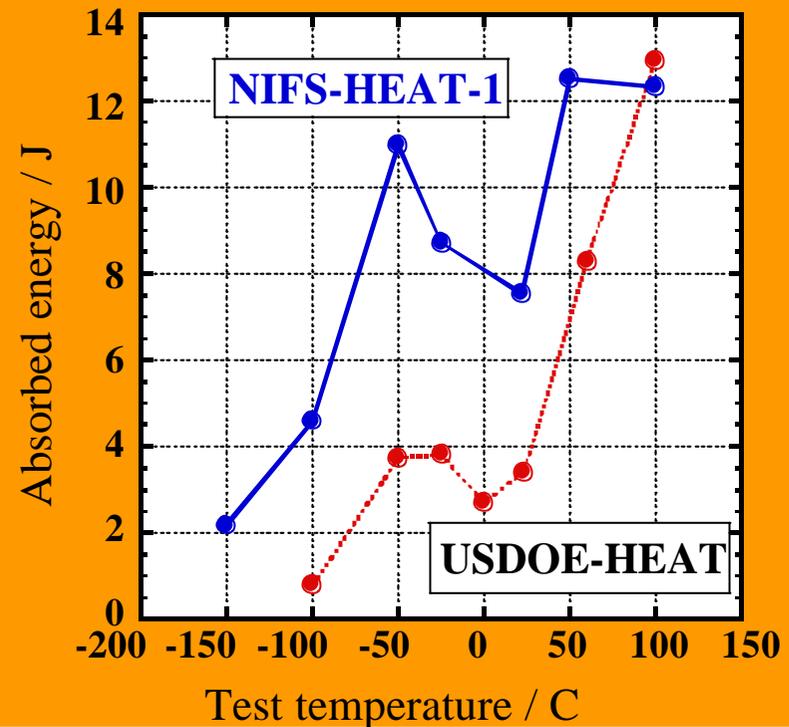
*Reduction of oxygen level in NIFS-HEAT resulted in significant enhancement of the mechanical property of the weld joint*

Weld joint



10mm

TIG weld joint of NIFS-HEAT-1



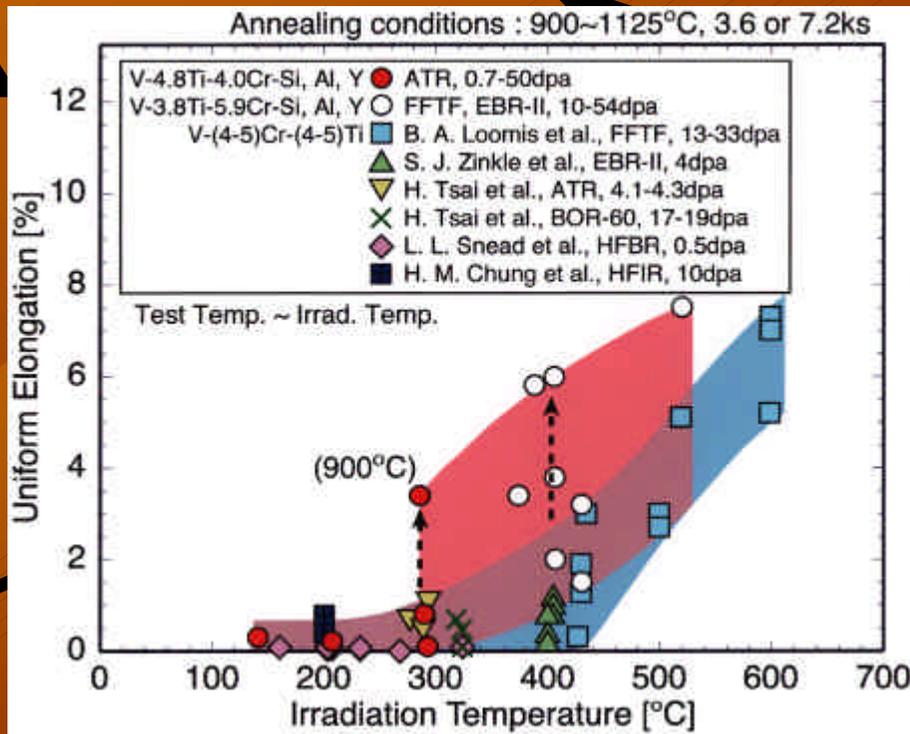
Impact property of the TIG weld joint

(Muroga, Nagasaka, Heo, NIFS)

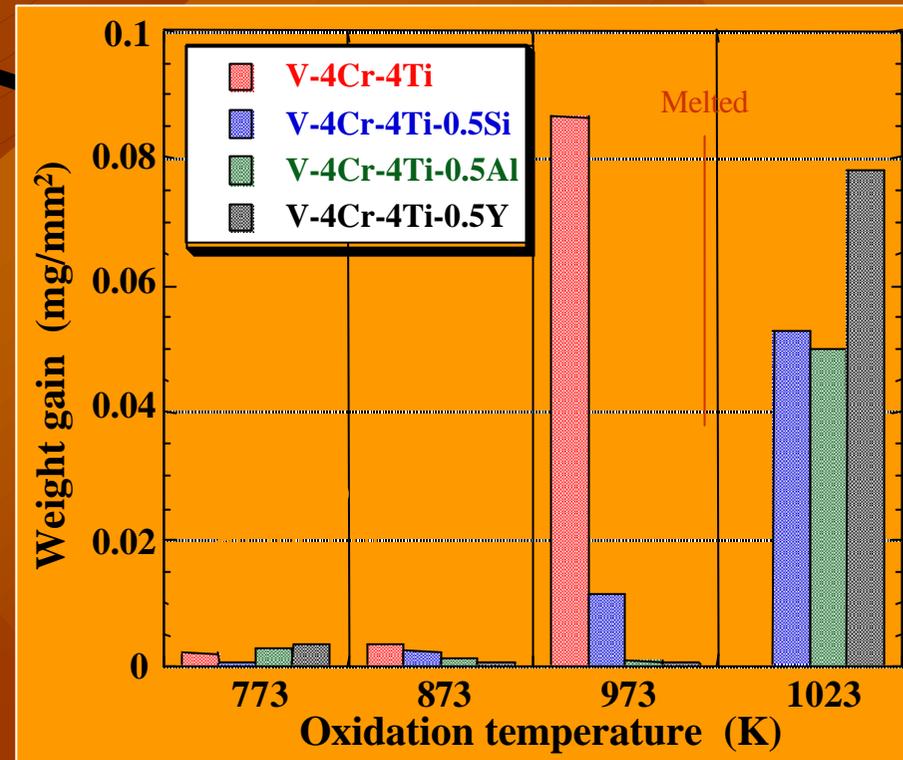
# Improvement of Resistance to Radiation and Oxidation by Addition of Si, Al and Y

Ductility after irradiation at 300~400C was significantly enhanced

Oxidation during exposure to air was strongly suppressed to 973K



Uniform elongation of irradiated alloys

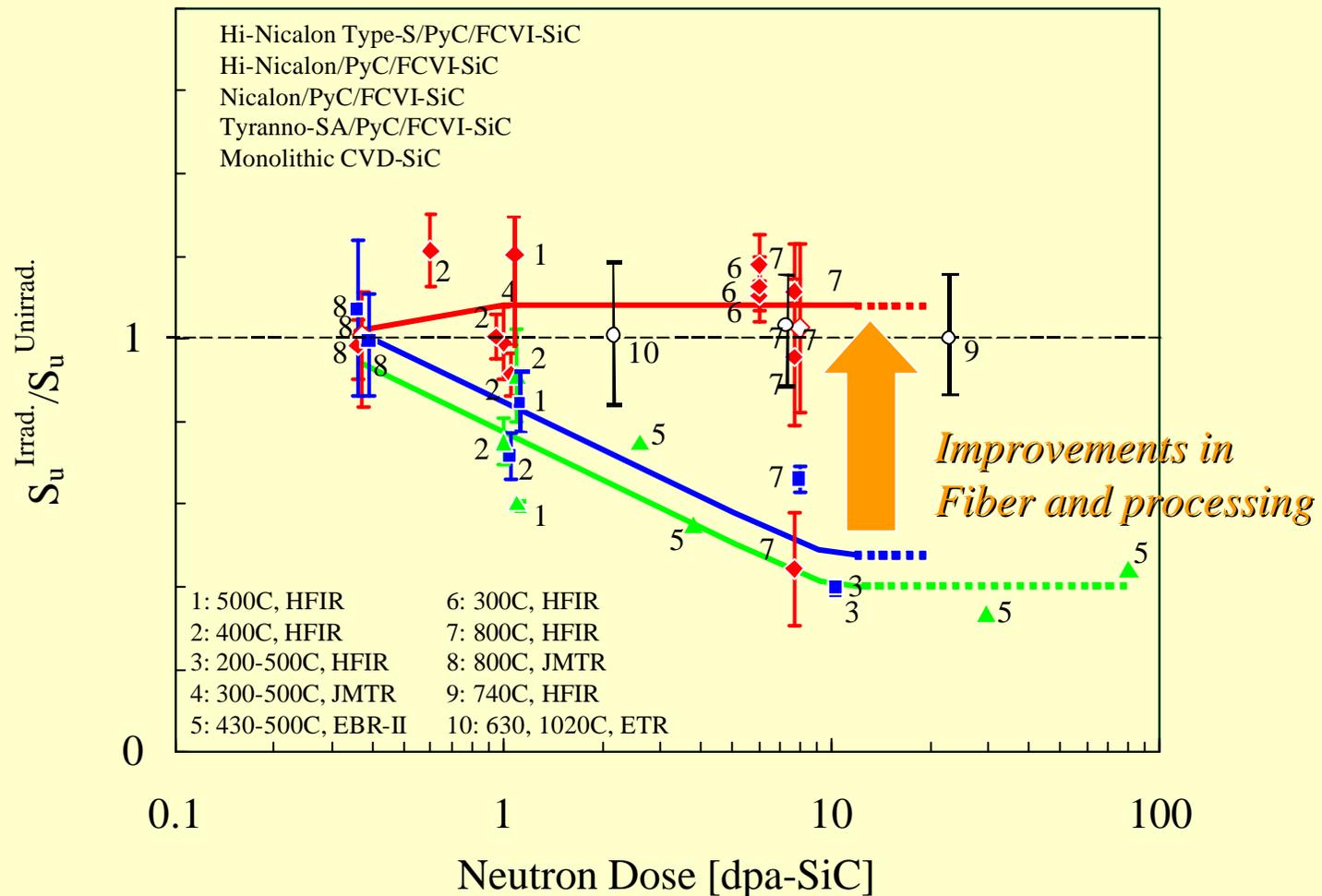


Weight gain by exposure to air

# Irradiation Effects on Mechanical Properties of SiC/SiC

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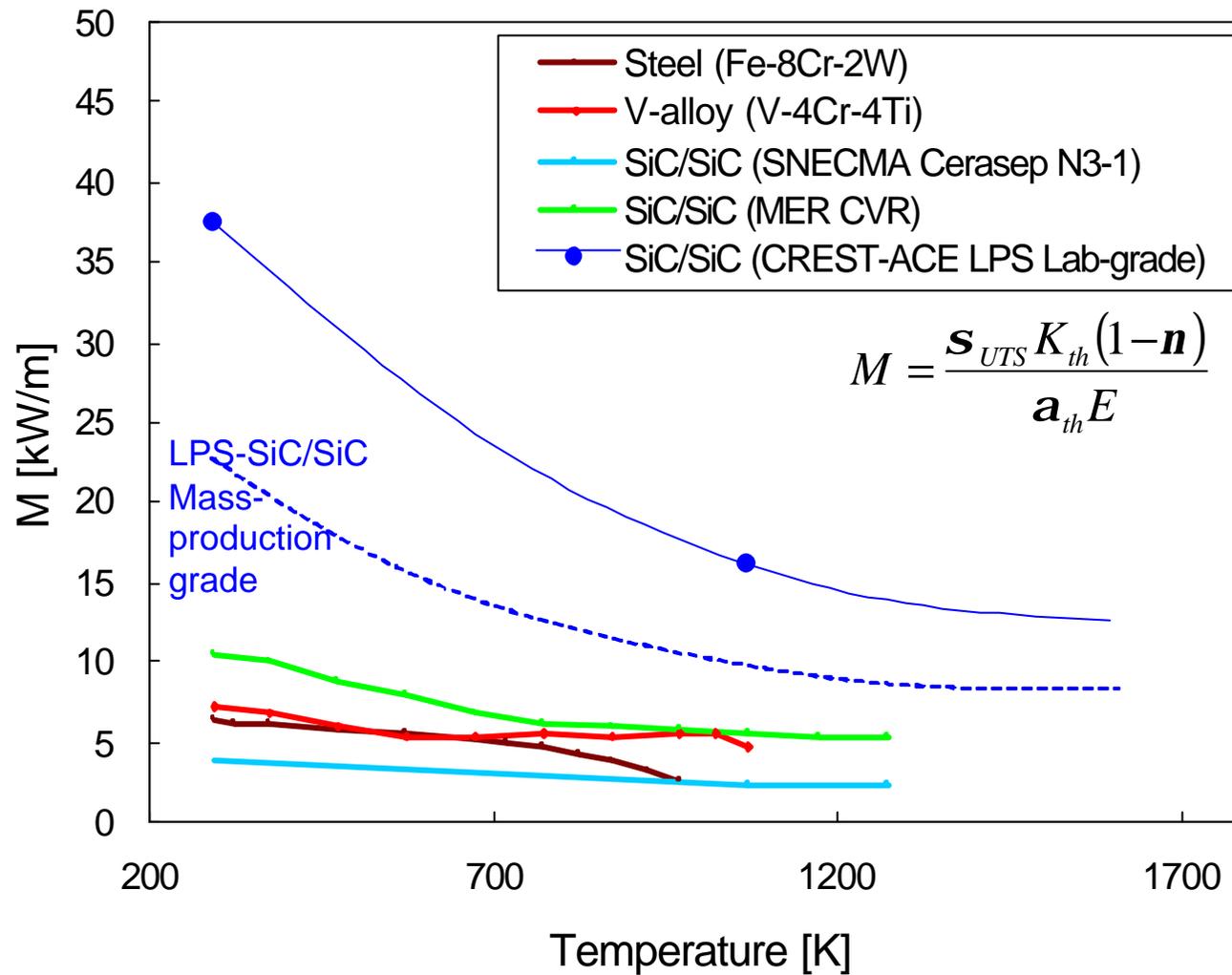
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# Improvement in Thermal Stress Figure of Merit - by LPS-SiC/SiC -

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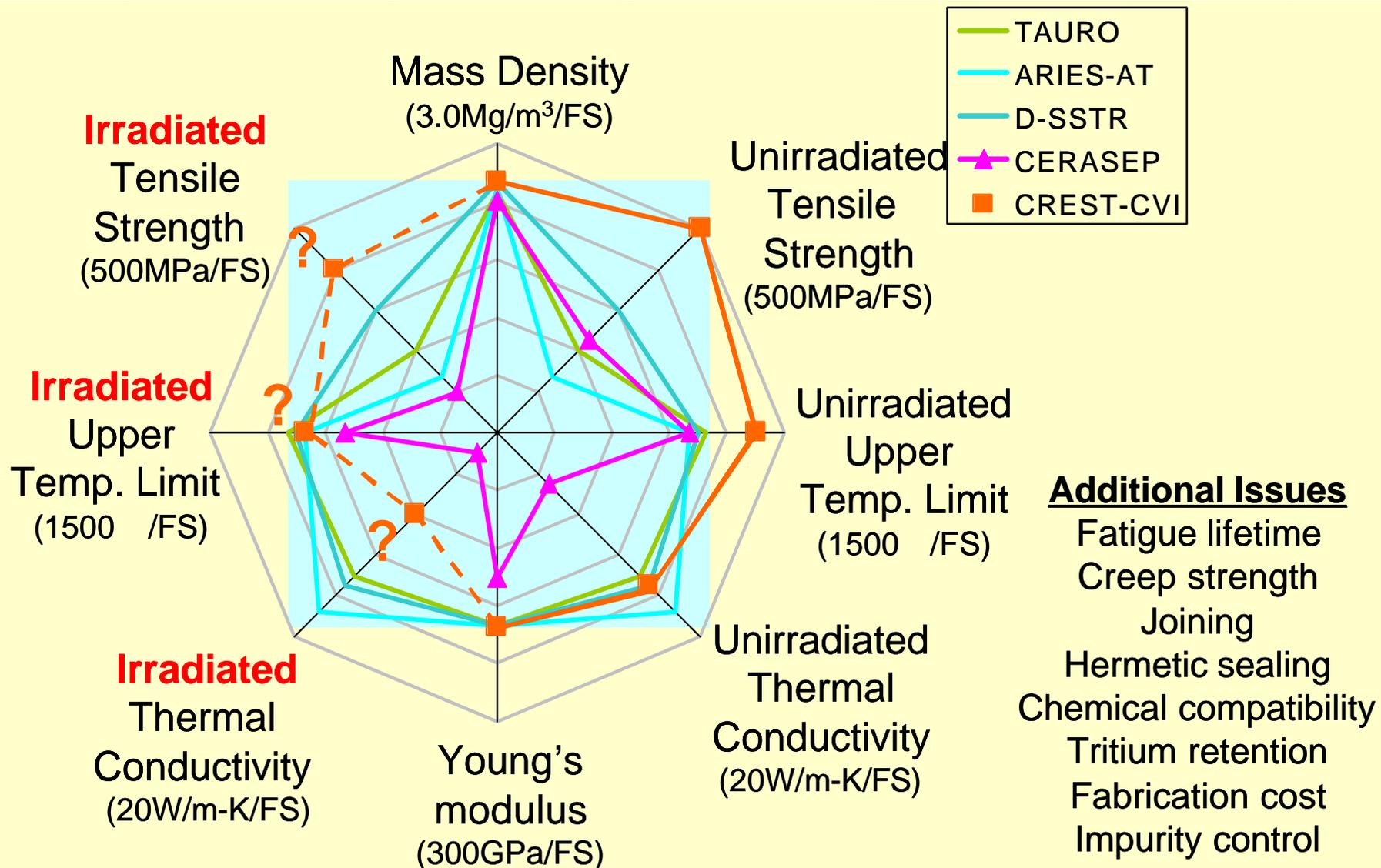


# SiC/SiC R & D Goals and Status

- 2000 -

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# PWI and Plasma Facing Materials

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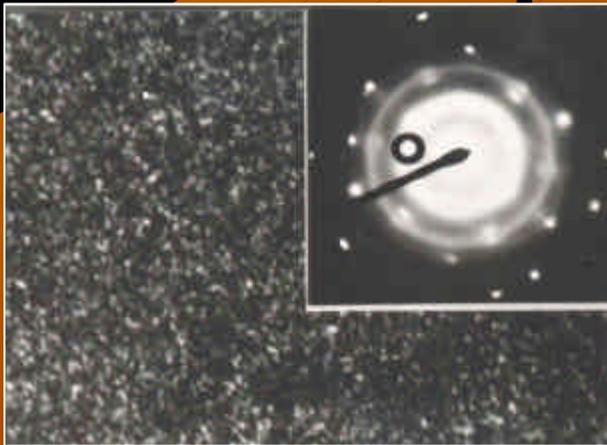
## Major Subjects

- (1) High Z plasma facing materials and interaction with plasma**  
*Nagoya Univ., Doshisha Univ., Fukuoka Univ. of Education, Kyoto Univ., NIFS, etc. (EA-TEXTOR Collaboration)*
- (2) Measurement of tritium in the plasma facing materials of fusion experimental devices**  
*Toyama Univ., Nagoya Univ., NIFS (IEA - TEXTOR Collaboration)*
- (3) Developments and evaluation of high-Z plasma facing materials**  
*Tohoku Univ., Kyushu Univ., NIFS, Kagoshima Univ., etc. (LHD Joint Projects)*
- (4) H and He irradiation experiments of W-coated materials with plasma simulators**  
*Kyushu Univ., NIFS (J-US Collaboration)*
- (5) Analysis of the first wall of TRIAM-1M and LHD**  
*Hokkaido Univ., NIFS (LHD Joint Projects, NIFS Joint Projects)*

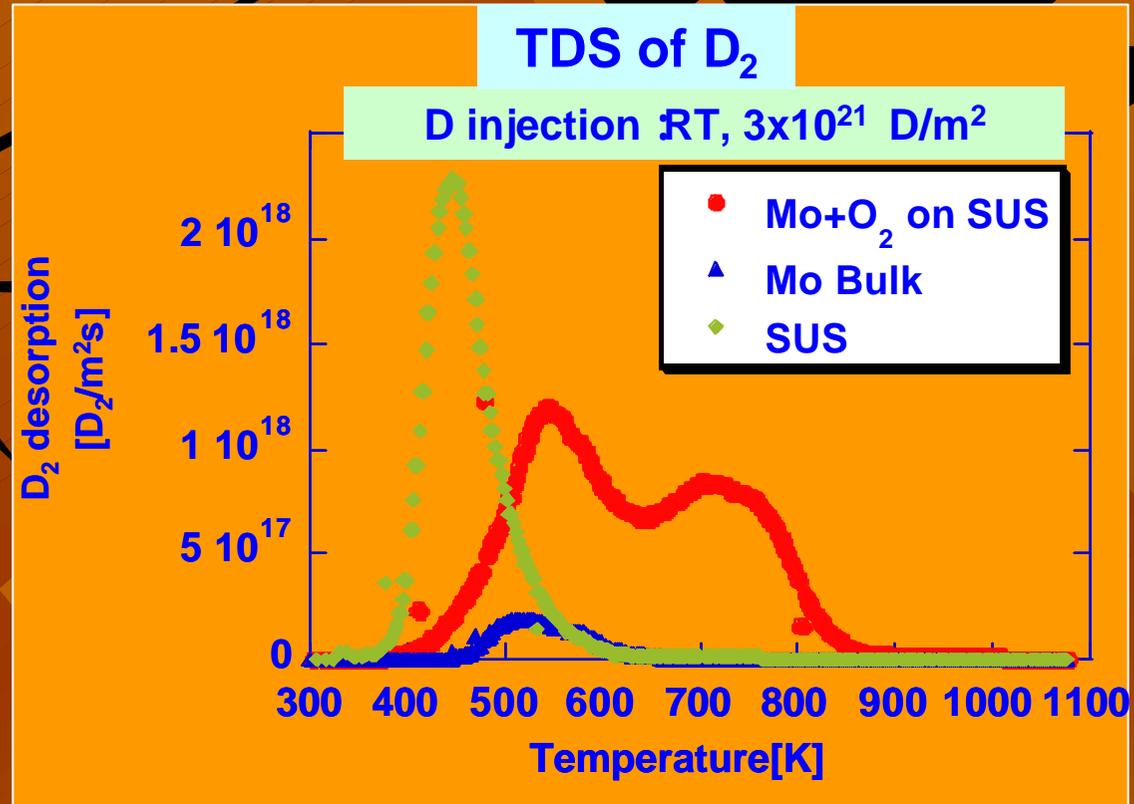
# Deposit of TRIAM-1M Tokamak

Fusion Group RIAM Kyushu University

TRIAM-1M deposit



Fine fcc crystals, 1nm



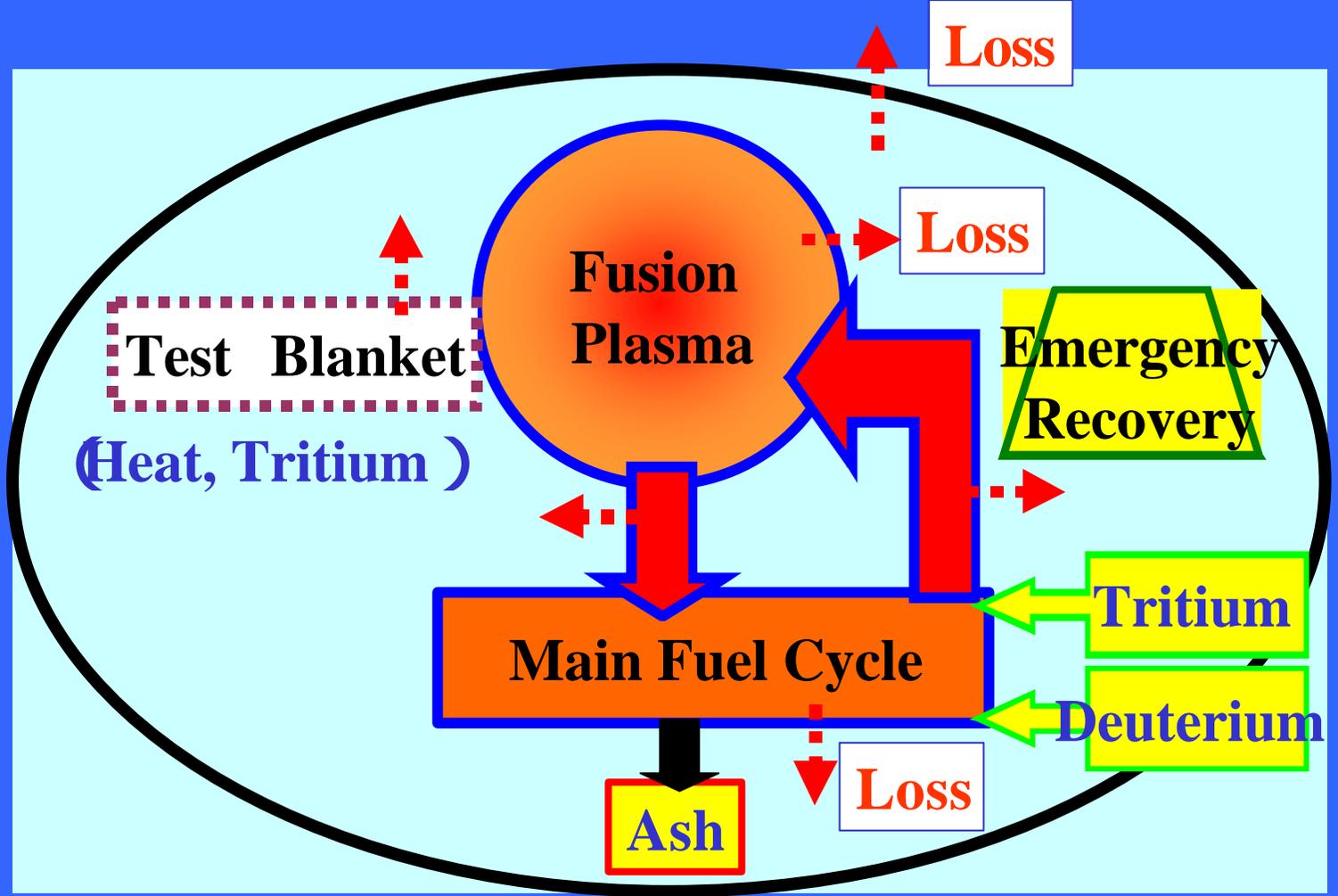
Due to the co-deposition of Mo with residual Oxygen, structure and properties of the wall surface change completely. High D retention change hydrogen recycling.



**Critical issue for the control of steady state plasma**

# FUEL CYCLE!, SAFETY!

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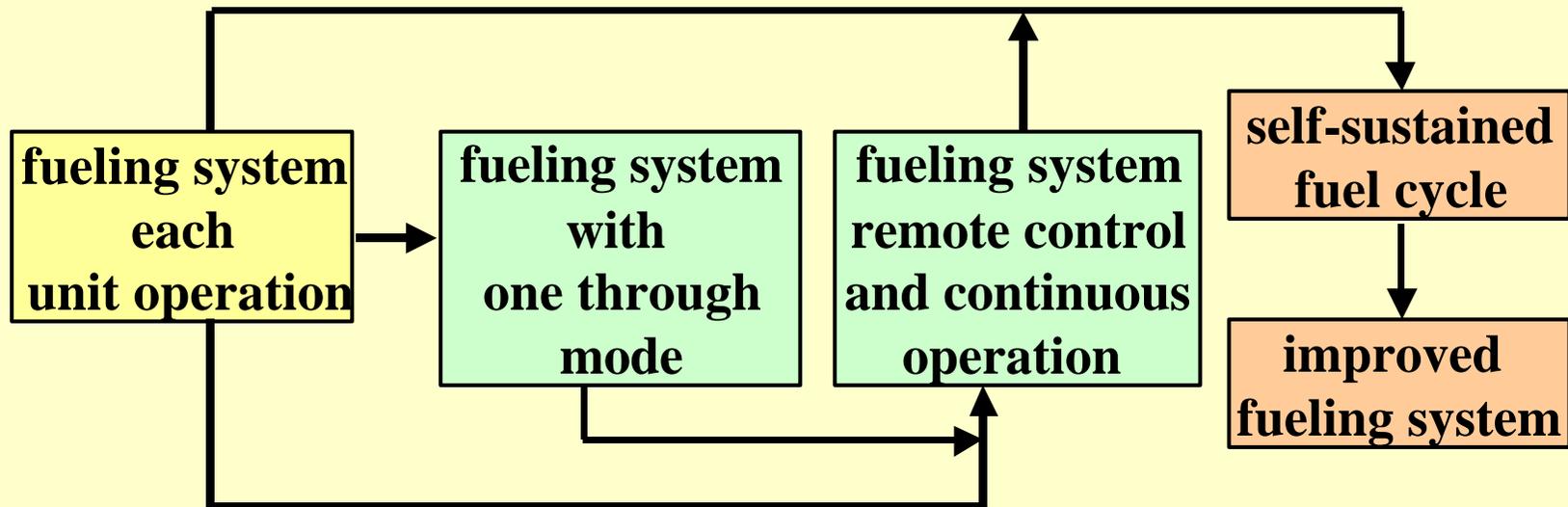


**【Tritium Flow in Fusion Reactor】**

( I )	( II )	( III )
<b>Preparatory Plasma Experiment</b>	<b>D-T Burning Plasma Experiment</b>	<b>Controlled Plasma Operation</b>

preparatory tritium study      safety confinement      safety confinement (remote control)  
biological assessment      environmental assessment

**(preparation, settlement, measurement, control, regulation, waste treatment)**

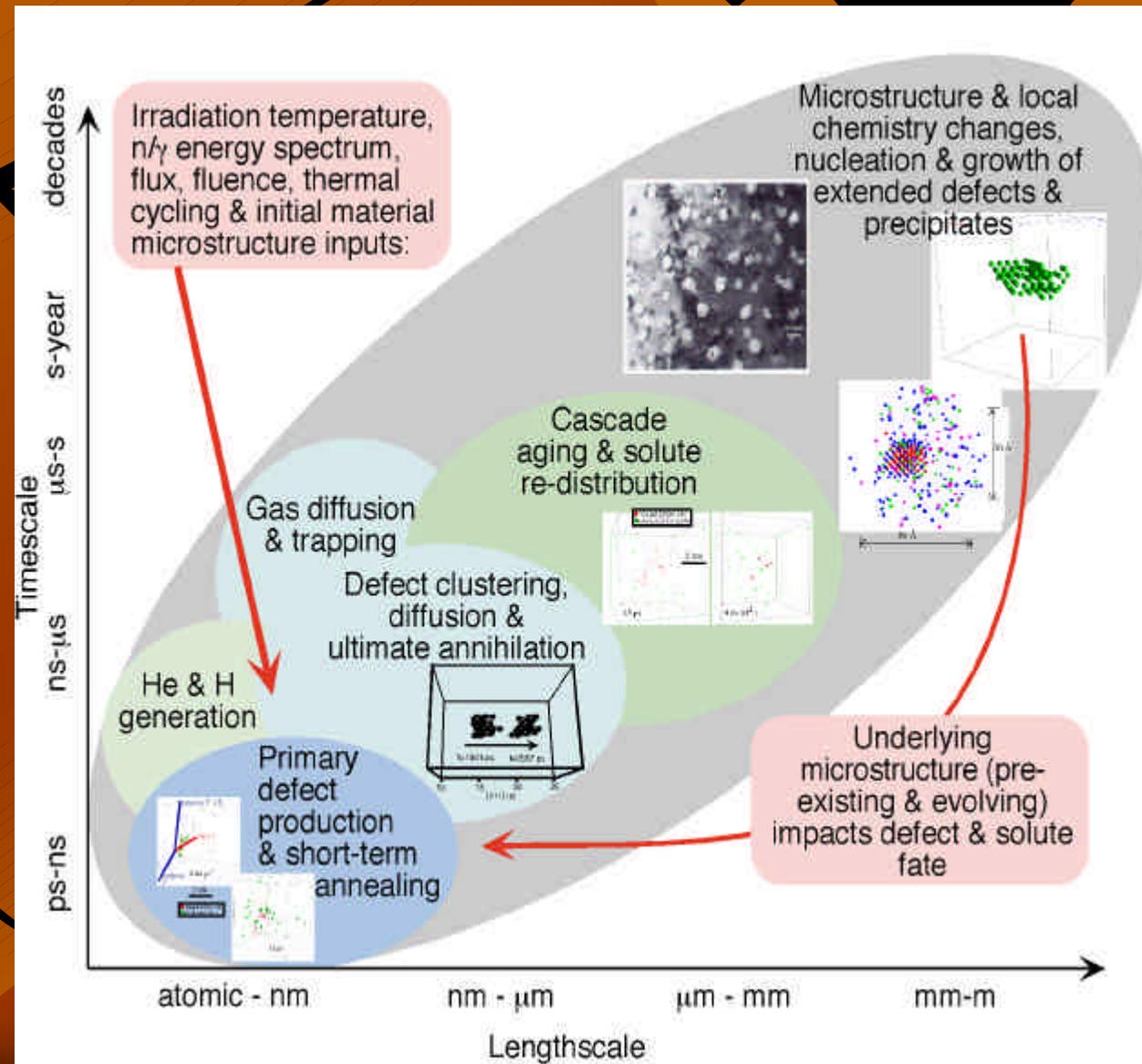
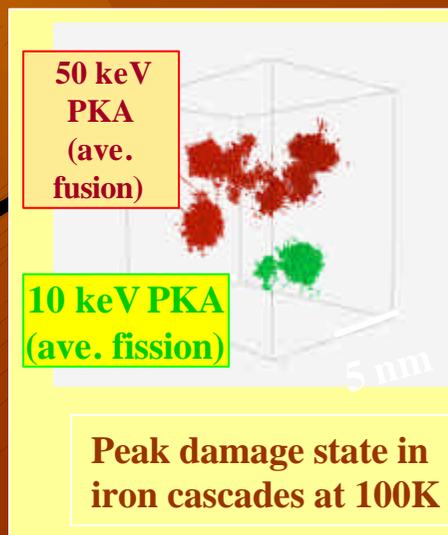
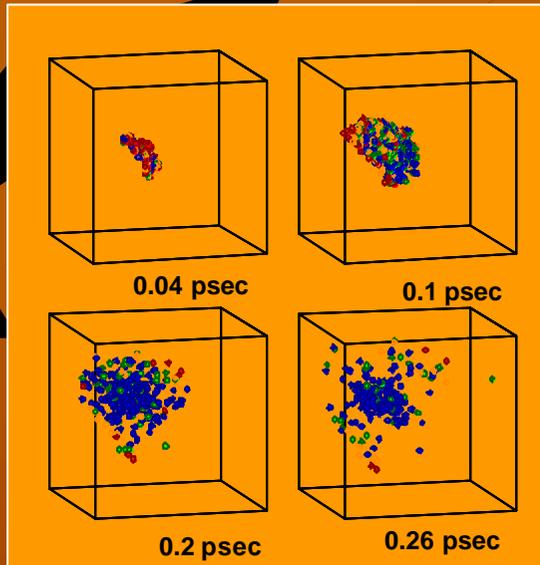


# Where are we struggling ?

## -Radiation Effects-

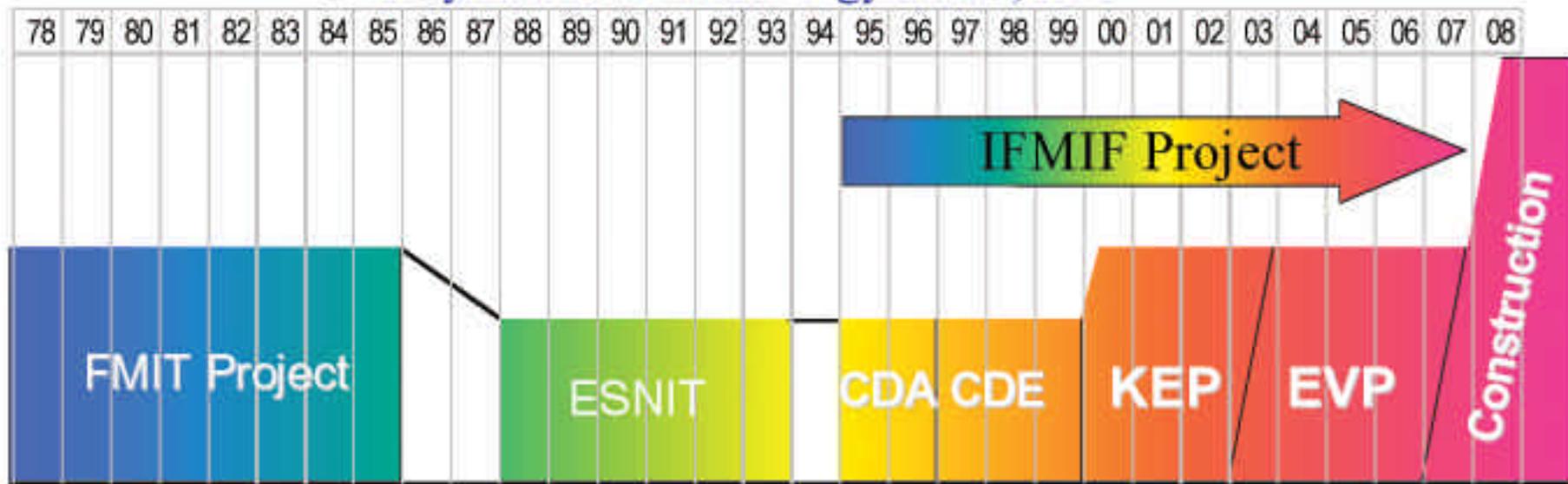
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# History of Intense Neutron Source

- R&D over more than 20 years
- Current activity on neutron source
  - *IFMIF* Project under auspices of IEA
  - Key Element Technology Phase, KEP



FMIT: Fusion Material Irradiation Test Facility

ESNIT: Energy Selective Neutron Irradiation Test Facility

CDA: Conceptual Design Activity

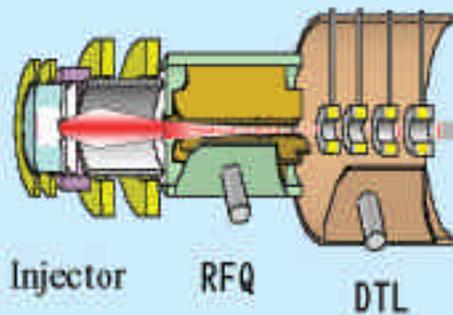
CDE: Conceptual Design Evaluation

EVP: Engineering Validation Phase

# Three Major Components of *IFMIF*

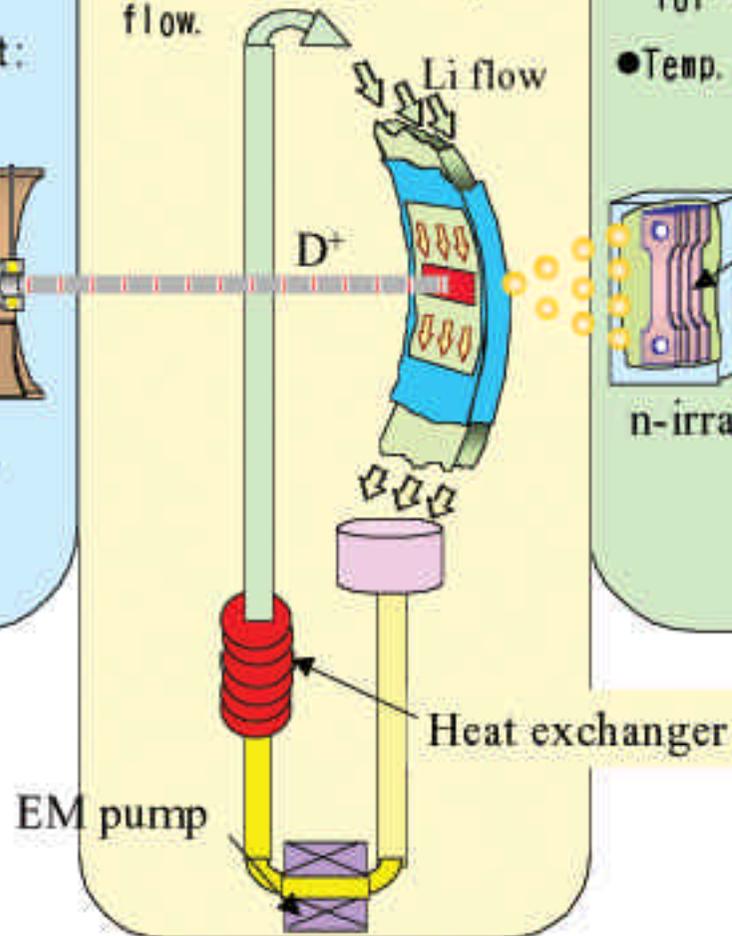
## Accelerator

- Deuteron accelerator: 40MeV, 250mA
- Beam footprint on Li target: 20cm wide x 5cm high



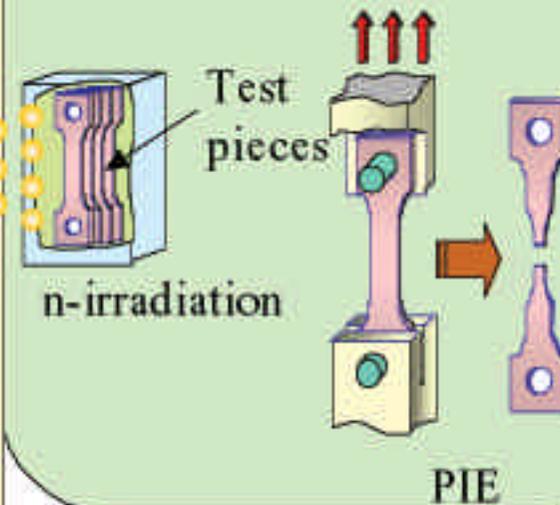
## Target

- 10MW beam Heat removal with high speed liq. Li flow.



## Test Cell

- Irrad. Volume > 0.5L for  $10^{14}$ n/s·cm<sup>2</sup> (20dpa/year)
- Temp. :  $250 < T < 1000^\circ\text{C}$



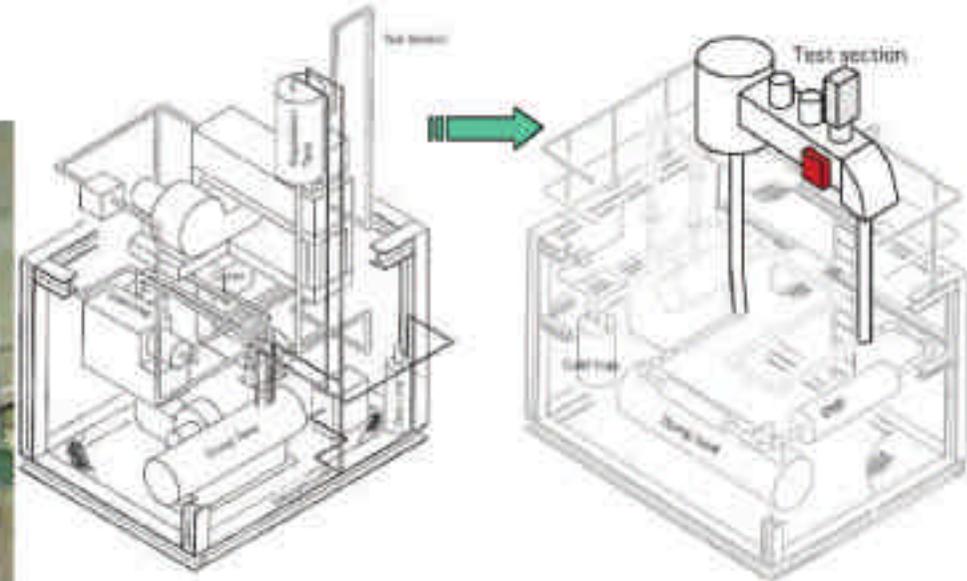
# Li-loop Experiment

Modification of existing Osaka Univ. Loop

IFMIF



Osaka University Lithium Circulation Loop



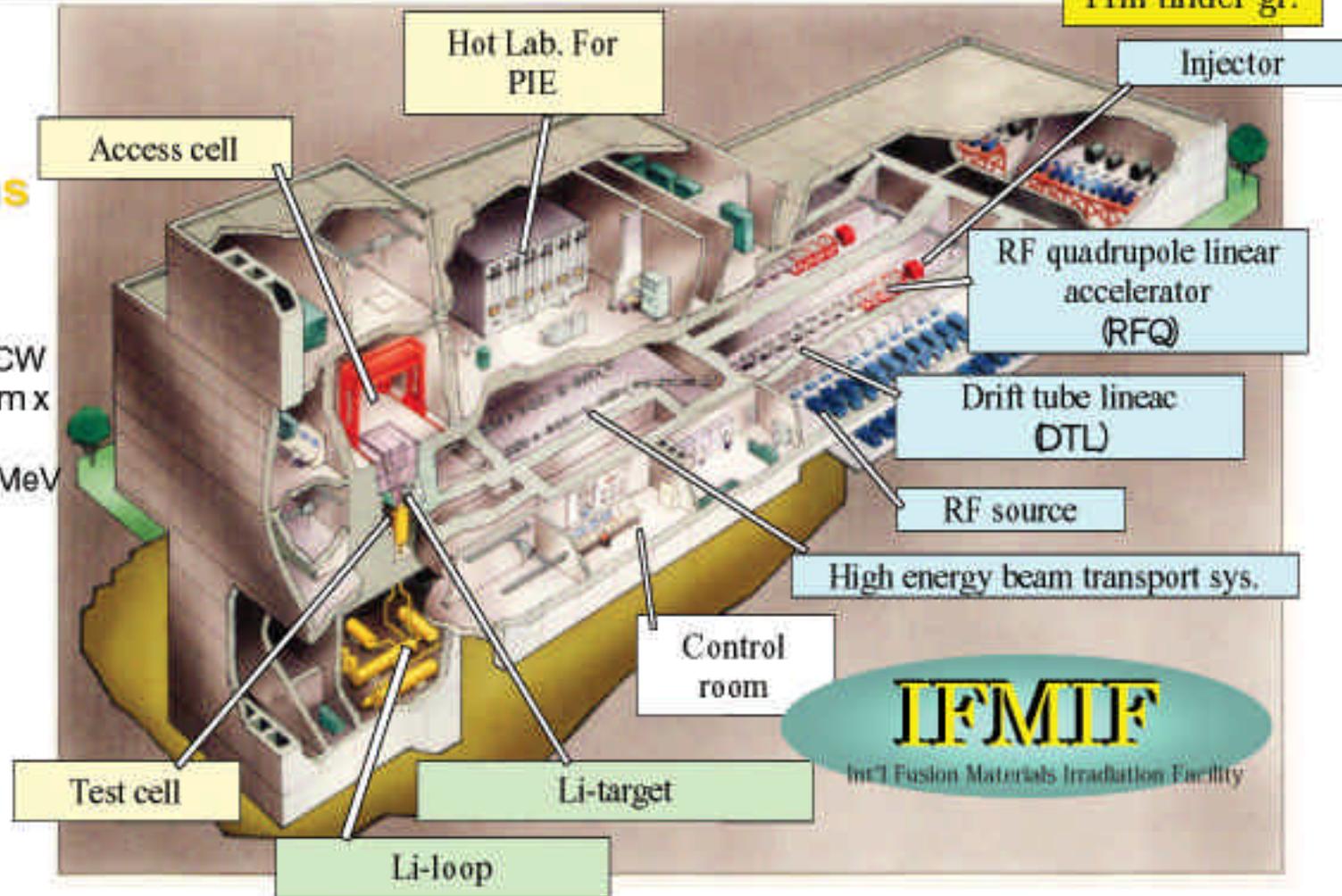
Li inventory: 230Litter  
Temperature: 300-550C  
Max velocity: 15m/s

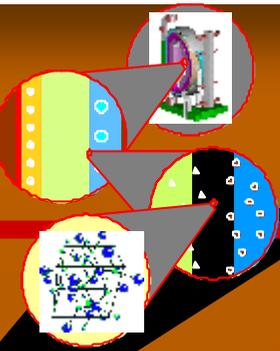
# Outline of *IFMIF*

170m x 60m  
26m above gr.  
11m under gr.

## ● Specifications

- Type : D-Li
- # of accelerators:2
- Current:  
250mA(125mA $\times$ 2); CW
- Beam footprint: 20cm x  
5cm
- Energy : 32, 36, 40MeV
- Availability : >88%
- Facility Lifetime :  
40years





## Conclusion

**Fusion Engineering Activities in Japan are quite active and efficient under the newly unified structure, MEXT.**

**Near term issues, for ITER, and long term issues, for DEMO and Power reactor are simultaneously carried out, well balanced and well managed condition.**

**Fusion Engineering Activities in Japan will be strengthened and accelerated with the decision of the ITER invitation to Japan, in the near future.**