

IFMIF-DONES OVERVIEW

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The problem of DEMO materials

Neutron damage to material:

- dpa, due to impact and cascades
- production of He and H, due to transmutation reactions, generates embrittlement and swelling

DEMO materials will need to be qualified at least at 20 dpa Ideally we should use 14 MeV neutrons, but how to get them?

Testing requires high neutron flux: 10¹⁷ n/s

Today's sources

Fission reactors: neutron energy too low, Ok for dpa but very few transmutation reactions (Eurofer case: Fe+n \rightarrow Mn+H, Fe+n \rightarrow Cr+He) B-doping can help but not conclusive

Spallation sources: neutron energy too high: He,H/dpa too high, other damaging effects



Molecular dynamics calculation of displacement damage due to neutron impact.



How to get 14MeV neutrons at high rates?

Fusion DT reaction

- Driven Burning plasma (low Q): tritum availability (or Breeding blanket), too long testing periods, technology, cost
- Accelerator driven DT source: low efficiency and neutron rate, technology

Lithium stripping reaction: $D+^{6}Li \rightarrow Be+n$, $D+^{7}Li$

→Be+2n

- Efficient, 5 MW D beam will generate the required 10¹⁷n/s flux
- Produces a narrow cone of high energy neutrons
- n-spectrum can be tailored to the needs
- Technology challenging but main elements validated: IFMIF (DONES)



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Fig. 5. Neutron spectra of the helium cooled pebble bed (HCPB) blanket of a fusionDEMO reactor, the IFMIF D–Li source high and medium flux test volumes, the spal-lation sources ESS and XADS as well as water-cooled mixed-spectrum (HFR) and Na-cooled fast-spectrum (BOR-60) fission reactors [42].



IFMIF: a Li stripping neutron source







RF- driven linear ACCELERATOR



ACCELERATOR layout



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RF System: 6MW@175MHz



TraceWin - CEA/DRF/Irfu/SACM

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- 0.01

Li Target



X(mm) - Y(mm) -100 -50 50 0 100 Xmax =66.899 mm Ymax =49.988 mm

TraceWin - CEA/DRF/Irfu/SACM

- 500 MW/m² Turbulence (thickness must remain 25±1 mm)
- Corrosion ۲
- Purification

Prototype tested in Oarai, Japan



• H traps design and operation

Management of Li impurities control

- Off-line N trap integrated in the Li Dump Tank
- Cold trap: O, Be...

Main technologies involved

- Liquid metals (fluids, monitoring and purification)
- Complex cooling loops

- Diagnostics
- Remote maintenance
- Control (hardware and software)



High Flux Test Module

Heating: Nuclear **2.3 W/g peak**, 17 kW tot., 1.5 kWe per capsule Cooled by **low pressure helium** gas (0.3MPa, 50°C), **Sodium** heat transfer filler

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Lifetime: 1year / 2.5 years (**53 dpa**). Body made from **316LN** (acc. RCC-MRx) Masses: Total 680 kg, 40 kg irradiation capsules with specimens

Specimens

Stainless steel

- 12–25 dpa/fpy in 306 cm³ (~ 850 specimens)
- 13 appm He / dpa, 53 appm H / dpa.
- 250 550 °C, sodium immersed specimens

Copper

- 5-30 dpa/fpy
- 6–8 appm He/dpa is (~DEMO), 48–50 appm(H)/dpa (~1.4x DEMO)
- >100°C, helium immersed specimens

Tungsten

- 1–3 dpa/fpy in W
- 9–10 appm He / dpa, (2x of DEMO), 20–29 appm H / fpy, (3x of DEMO)
- Up to 800°C, assisted by self-heating , 8x20 cm³ cylindrical HT capsules

Test cell

Main characteristics driven by the presence of neutrons and Li

- Internal components cooling by He
- Remote Maintenance required

Main technologies involved

- Mecatronics
- He and water cooling
- He, Ar and water systems
- Shielding materials and technologies
- Remote maintenance
- Vacuum
- Diagnostics
- Control (hardware and sofware)

Conventional systems: half budget will go to buildings and conventional systems

Transversal activities: maintenance, safety, security, control,... they will be continuos activities all along the life of the facility

Accelerator System

+ Waste management & decommissioning

Main technologies involved

- Buildings
- Cooling
- HVAC
- Control (hardware and software)

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Test System

- Gas management
- Electrical systems
- Electronics
- Maintenance
 - Safety and security...

Thanks for your attention

