



Overview of Research and Development Activities on Fusion Nuclear Technologies in Japan Satoru Tanaka The University of Tokyo



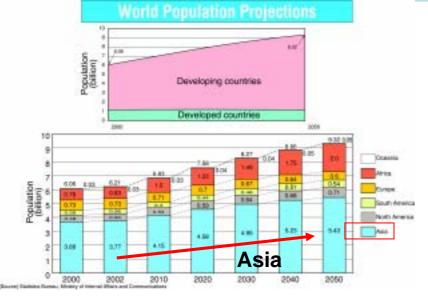




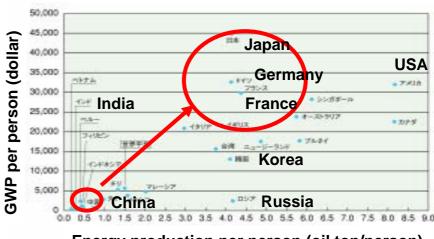
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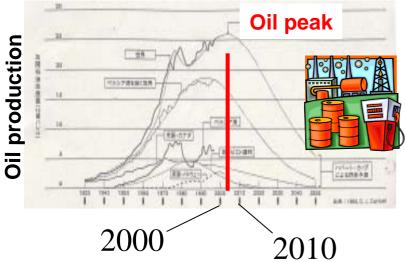
Energy resources problem and role of fusion (1)



GWP and energy consumption (2000)



Energy production per person (oil ton/person)



-Increasing energy demand in 21st century, especially in Asia with larger population and economic growth.

-Shortage of resources: oil and natural gas

-Environmental problem.







Introduction (2) Energy resources problem and role of fusion (2)



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⁺ 1000MWe by solar Limitation by new energy

- Nuclear energy and new energy are required
- -Energy also for Hydrogen Production
- -Limitation in New Energy



Energy resources transportation problem

-In the latter half of the 21st century, fast breeding reactor is an important choice

-Potential hazards of high level waste and plutonium in FBR

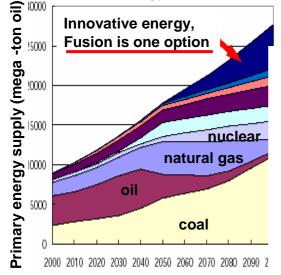
Fusion reactor should be a powerful competitor.



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Energy resources problem and role of fusion (3)

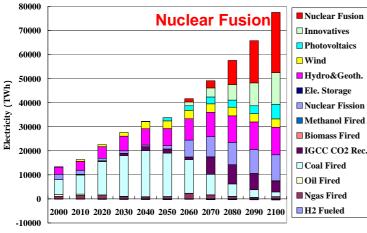
Future Energy in the world



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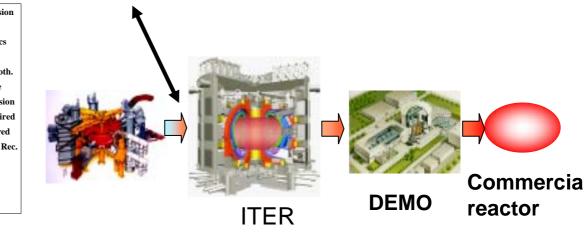
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Fusion energy should be one of the candidates in the latter half of the 21st century.

For this, DEMO reactor should be realized well in advance of the middle of the 21st century.

Timely ITER construction and operation are vitally important.



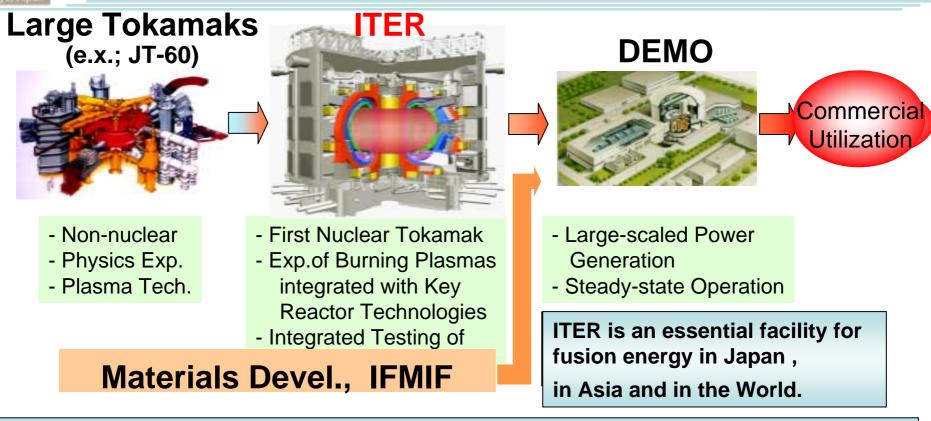
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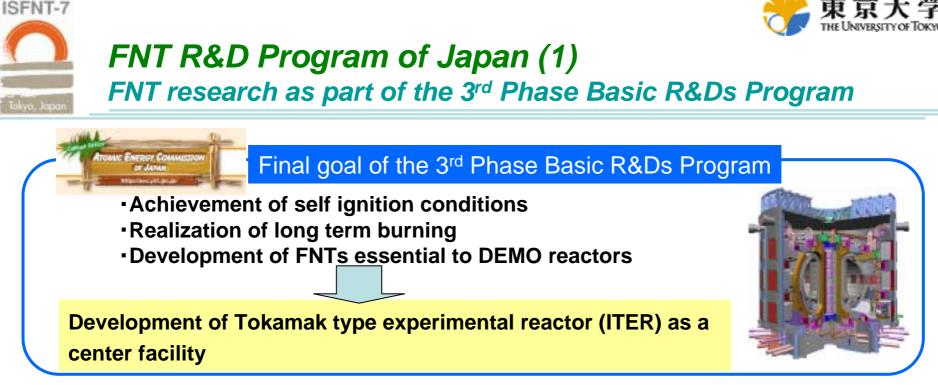


Introduction (4) Roadmap towards Fusion Energy Utilization

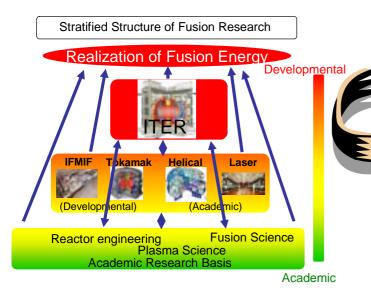
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 The world Fusion program is now opening a new era for operation and utilization of ITER.
 FNT is essential in "nuclear machine ITER" and for DEMO.
 FNT is essential for realizing fusion energy in the world.



Ad hoc working group of MEXT discussed future direction (10-20 years) of national fusion program.





MEXT : Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology



Report issued in January 2003

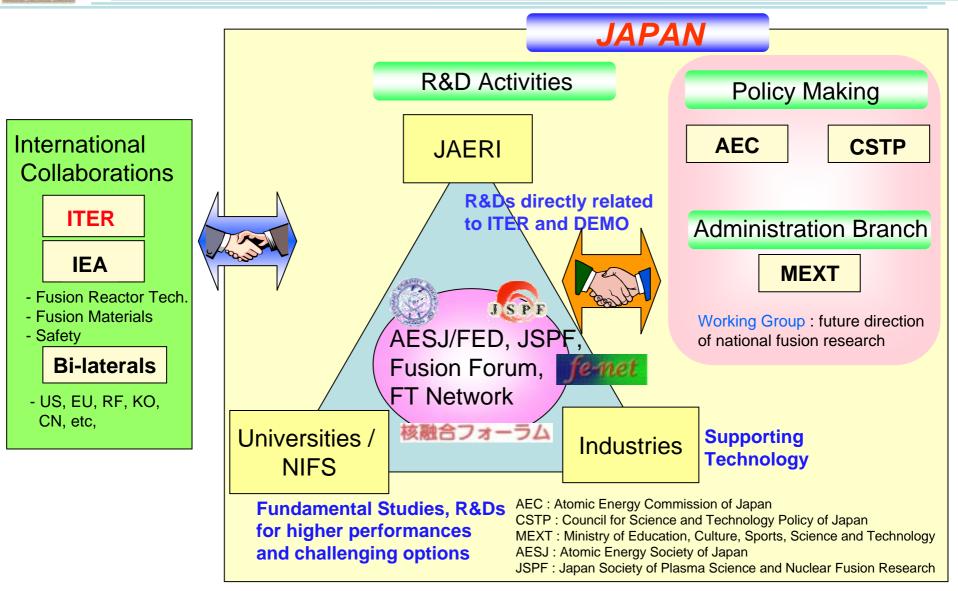
In addition to ITER, focus on domestic fusion researches on highest priority areas:

Tokamak : JT-60 Helical : LHD Laser : GEKKO-XII FNT Research, including IFMIF-EVEDA Strengthen domestic and international collaborations Foster young and talented researchers



FNT R&D program of Japan (2) Implementation Scheme of FNT R&D in Japan

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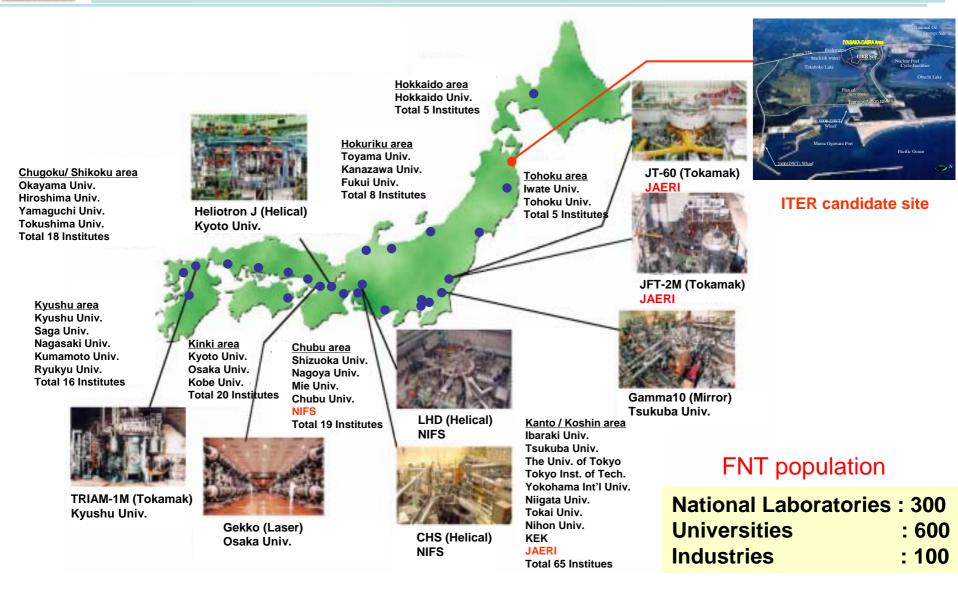




FNT R&D program of Japan (3) FNT R&D sites in Japan

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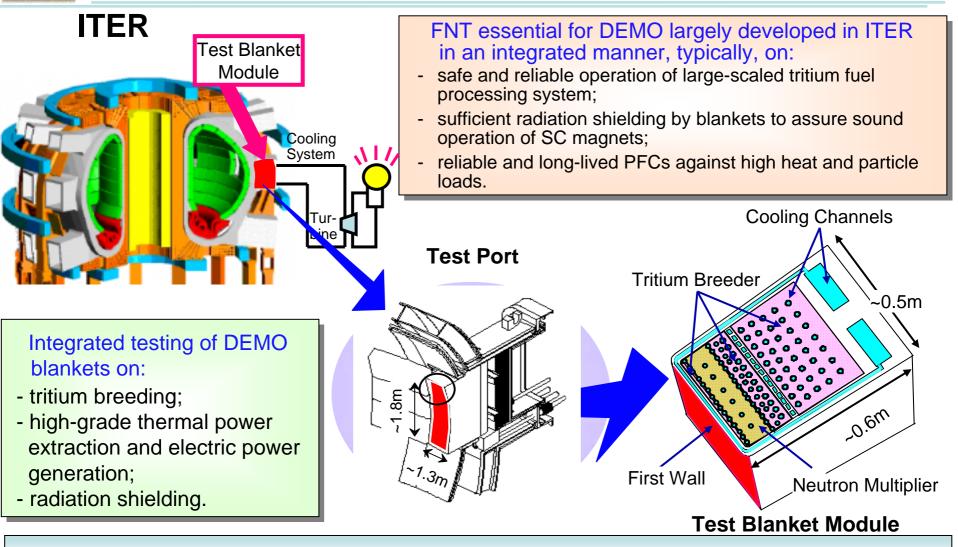
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FNT R&D program of Japan (4) Fusion Nuclear Technologies in ITER

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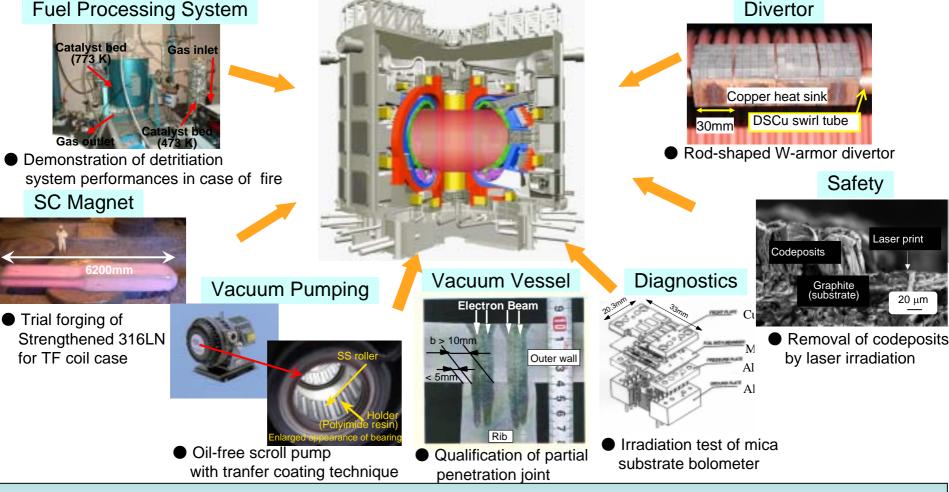


ITER is an important milestone for FNT in Japan



FNT R&D program of Japan (5) Japanese Contributions to ITER after EDA

- Highlights mainly on FNT Components and Systems -



JAERI, in collaboration with universities and industries, has been contributing to design refinement and preparations for procurement and operation.



FNT R&D program of Japan (6) Licensing Preparation for ITER

2002 November Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) summarized a report "Basic Policy of ITER Safety Regulation".

Outline of "Basic Policy of ITER Safety Regulation"

<u>1. Procedure and Items to be confirmed</u>

- Items before start of construction.
- Items before start of use.
- Regulation at operation phase
- Submission of document for confirmation of safety measures related to dismantling, disassembly, waste processing, etc.

2. Technical requirements

- Requirements for safety functions and methods of safety assessment
- Requirements for basic safety performance of assembly
- Requirements and codes & standards for main design specification

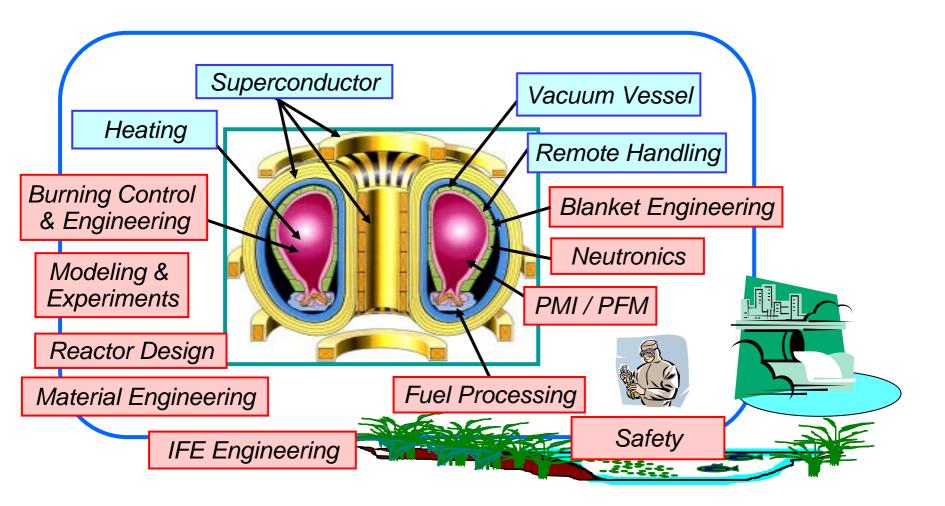
3. Areas and items to be confirmed in detailed design and those of inspections

- Items of regulatory confirmation on design and construction of the ITER facility (Table)

MEXT can conduct site-specific licensing process immediately.





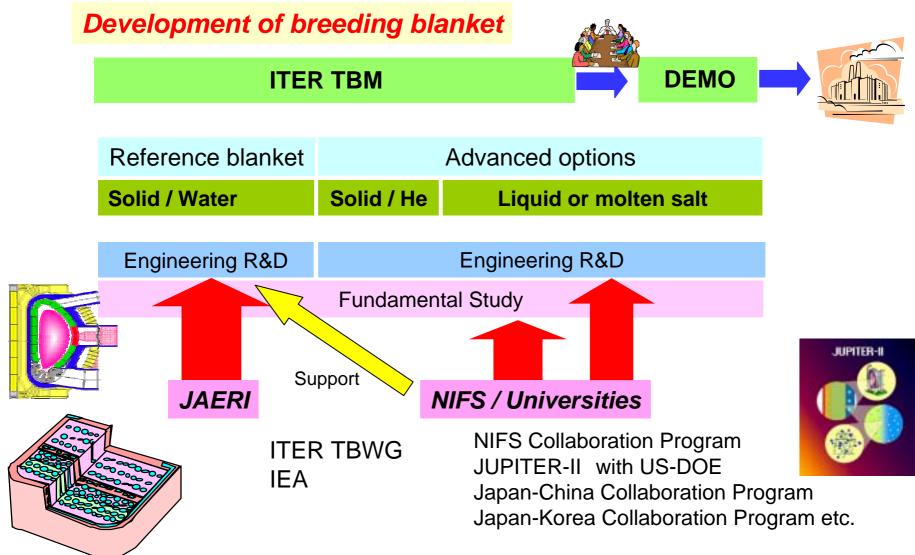


Japan is investigating all fields of FNT for ITER and DEMO.





Development of Breeding Blanket R&D configuration for breeding blanket development





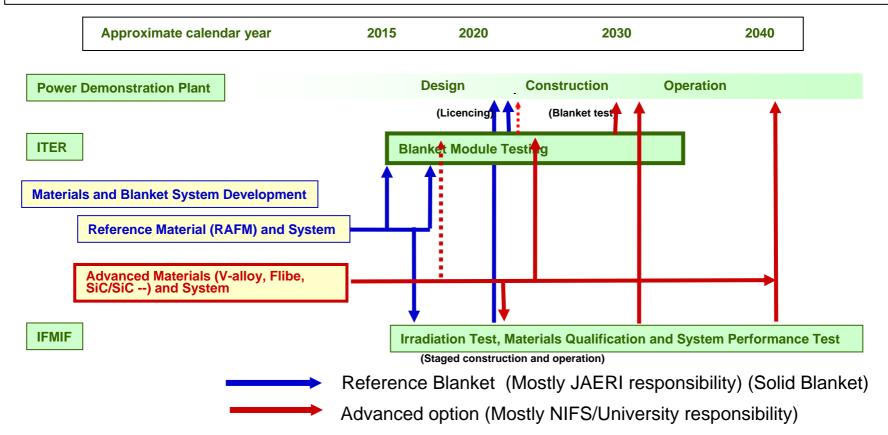


Development of Breeding Blankets (1)

Roadmap of Breeding Blankets and Materials Development

Milestones to the fusion power demonstration plant

- (1) By ITER TBM testing, demonstrative data of blanket functions will be obtained in fusion environment.
- (2) Together with the material irradiation data by IFMIF, the construction of the blanket of fusion power demonstration plant will be decided.

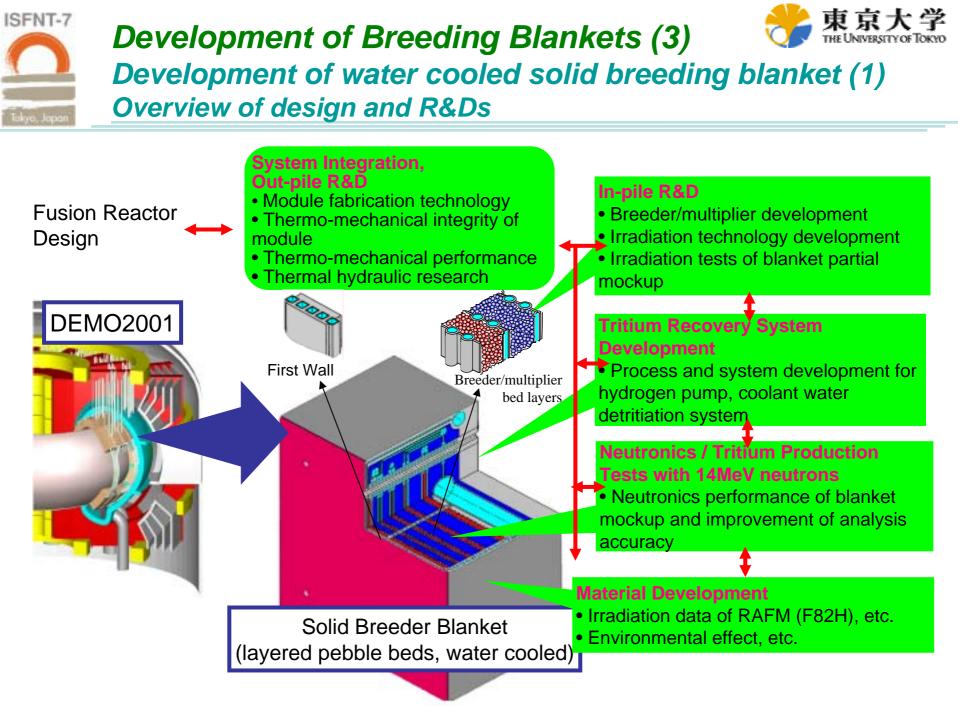






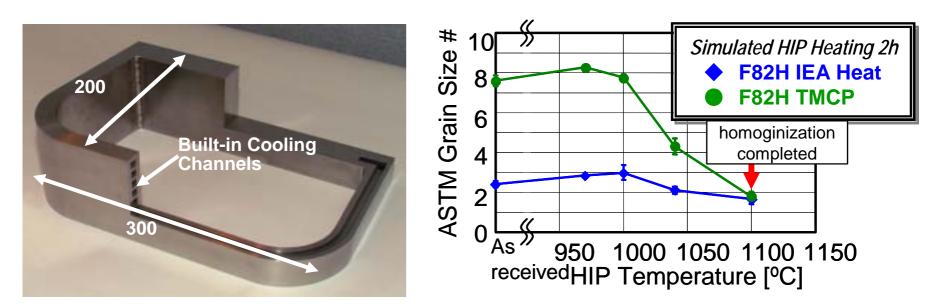
Development of Breeding Blankets (2) Development Schedule of Solid Breeding Blanket for ITER TBM

2020 2005 2010 2015 FY 2000 **Fusion Power** Design Demonstration Decision of Plant construction **ITER** CTA/ITA Operation EDA Construction Project **TBM** Tests Engineering Demonstration **Blanket** Elemental Development Tests for Basic -R&D echnology Phase Option Module #1 Module #2 **Test Blanket** Start Fabrication Start Fabrication Fabrication Blanket R&D Out-pile Overall Elemental R&Ds on **Engineering R&Ds with** Out-pile overall **Demonstration Tests** •Out-pile R&Ds Fabrication Tech. large scale mock-ups **Demonstration Tests** of Advanced Module Engineering R&Ds on Irradiation Tech., Irradiation Tests on Elemental R&Ds on Irradiation Tests on In-pile R&Ds Module #2 Pebble Fabrication Irradiation Tech. Advanced Module Tech. Neutronics / TPR Evaluation with a **TPR Evaluation with** TPR evaluation with Tritium Production Basic Research on Full Structure of Tests with 14MeV simulated blanket a full module **Blanket Neutronics** structure neutrons Advanced Module structure Basic Research on Overall Tritium Recoverv Prototype Elemental **Overall system Tests Blanket Tritium** System system Develop R&Ds for Advanced Module Development **Recovery Process** Tests -ment Structural IFMIF Material R&D Qualification/Improvement Optimization Verification (RAF/M)



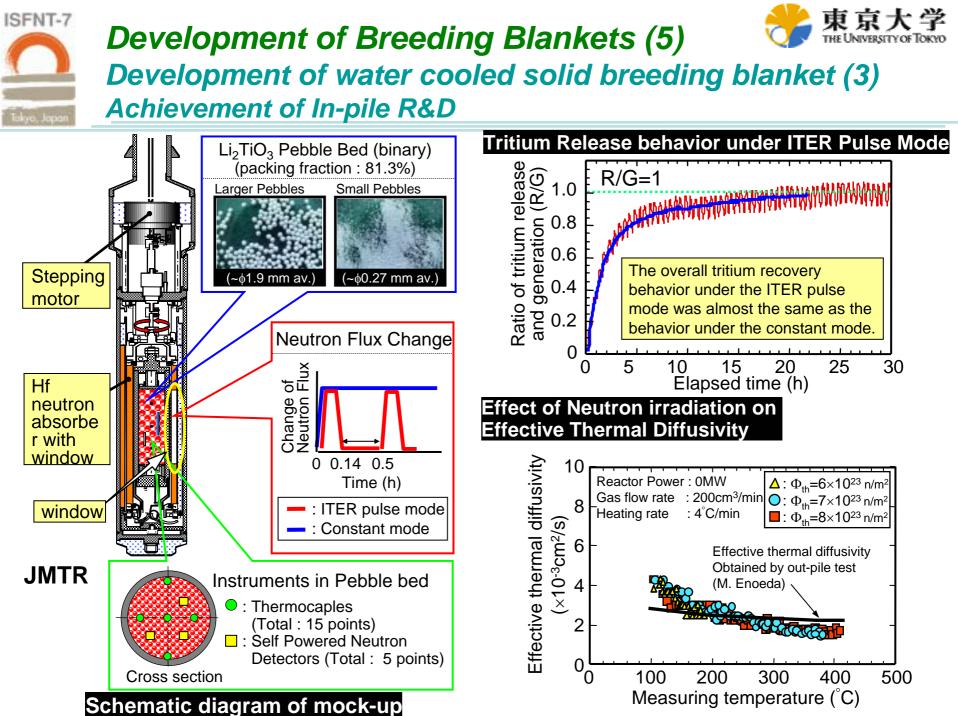


Development of Breeding Blankets (4) Development of water cooled solid breeding blanket (2) Achievement of Out-pile R&D



As a key fabrication technology for blanket structure, hot isostatic pressing (HIP) bonding method was proposed and its optimum condition was preliminarily investigated.

> HIP and post HIP heat treatment conditions have been optimized. → HIP at 1150 °C + PHHT at 930 °C + Tempering



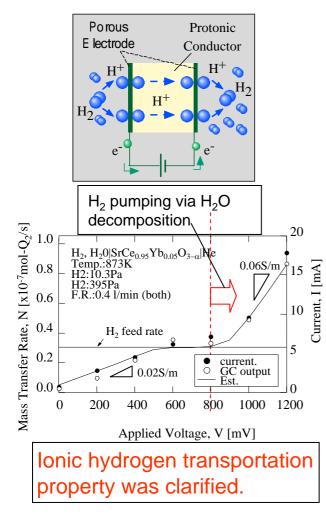


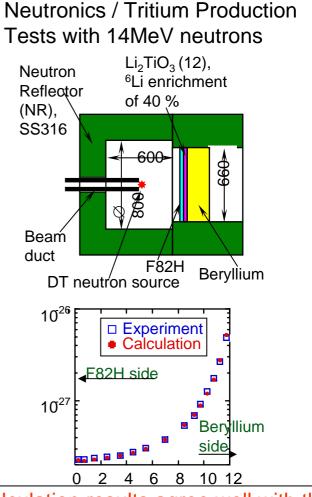
Development of Breeding Blankets (6)



Development of water cooled solid breeding blanket (4) R&Ds on Tritium Recovery System and Blanket Neutronics

Tritium Recovery System Development (Electrochemical Hydrogen Pump)





The calculation results agree well with the experimental data within 2 and 11 % for the campaigns without and with the reflector.



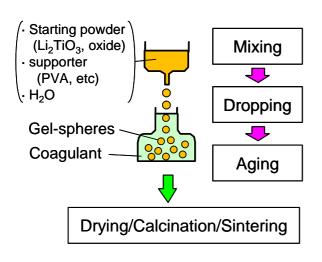
Development of Breeding Blankets (7)

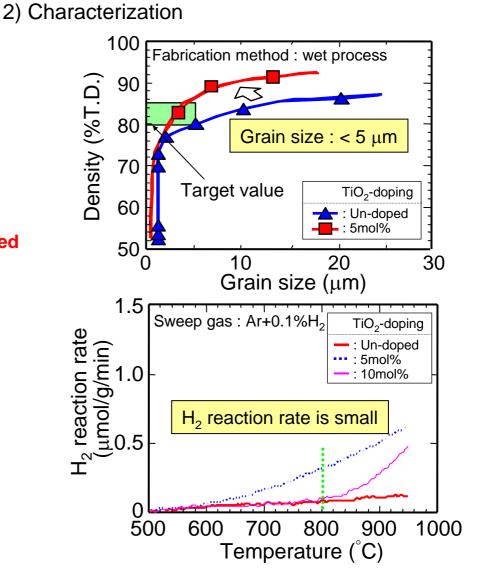


Development of water cooled solid breeding blanket (5) R&Ds on functional materials for blanket

Tritium Breeder Material

- Elemental fabrication technology of Li₂TiO₃ was established.
- Oxide-doped Li_2TiO_3 is to be selected as an advanced material.
- Control of grain size Chemical stability
- 1) Pebble Fabrication Development
 - Success in fabrication of ⁶Li-enriched (30 and 95at%) Li₂TiO₃ pebbles and TiO₂-doped Li₂TiO₃ pebbles by indirect wet process.



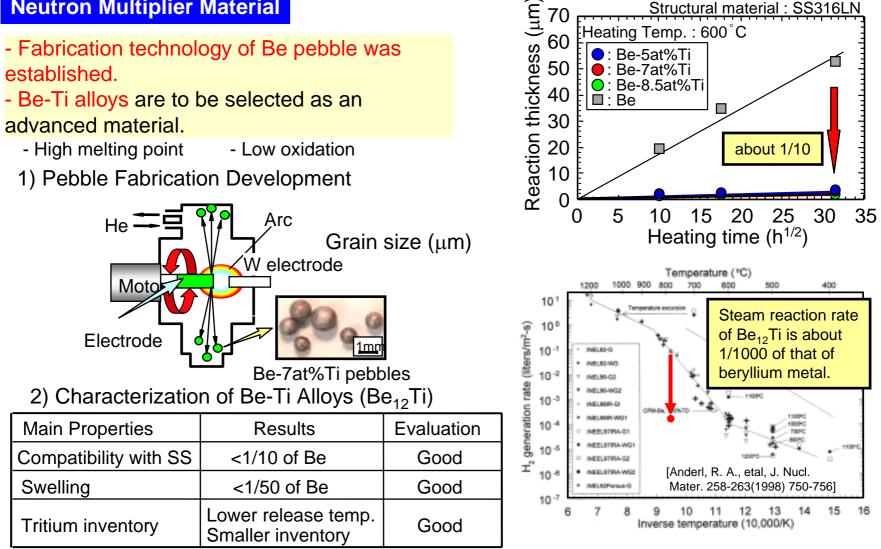




Development of Breeding Blankets (8) Development of water cooled solid breeding blanket (6) R&Ds on functional materials for blanket

Structural material : SS316LN

Neutron Multiplier Material



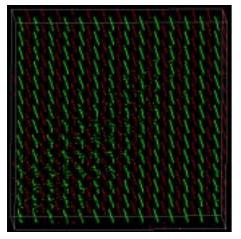


Development of Breeding Blankets (9)



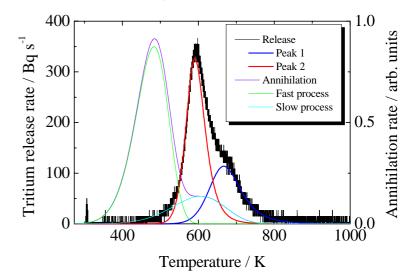
Development of water cooled solid breeding blanket (7) Fundamental studies for hydrogen isotope behavior at Universities

Atomic-scale modeling of tritium behavior at The University of Tokyo

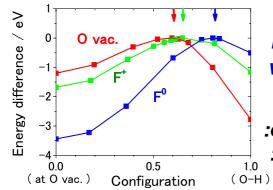


Radiation damage in Li₂O by MD

:displacement energy :favorable direction :Li/O defect ratio :recovery process Hot atom chemical behavior of tritium in Li₂TiO₃ at Shizuoka Univ. and Kyushu Univ.



Cascade by 100 eV-Li⁺ on <111>



Interaction of tritium with charged-defects in Li₂O by DFT

effect of "the charged" :barrier for detrapping Comparison between tritium release and annihilation of radiation defects in Li₂TiO₃



Stability of H near the F centers



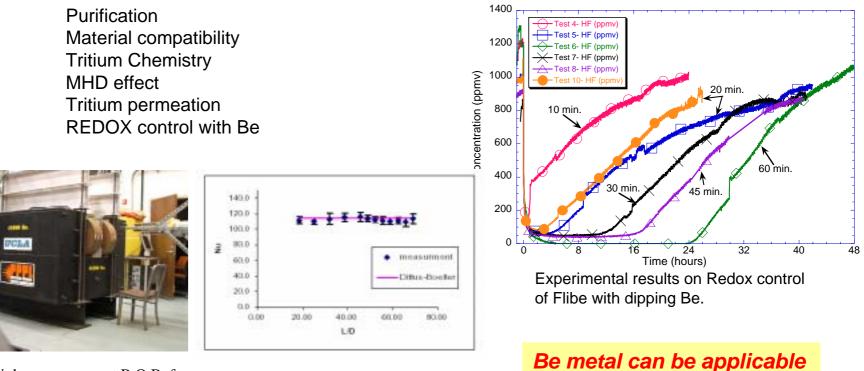
Development of Breeding Blankets (10) Development of liquid breeding blanket (1) Flibe blanket related study



Liquid blankets : Flibe, liquid Li and LiPb C Universities and NIFS

Advanced Options in Japan

Flibe blanket related study under JUPITER-II project at INL and UCLA



for the REDOX agent.

Updated high power magnet B.O.B. for heat transfer and flow filed measurement of Flibe simulant

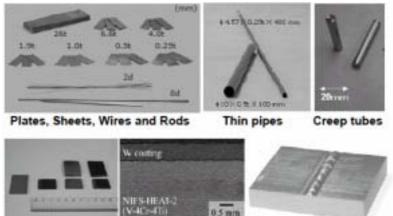
Measured heat transfer coefficient by using Fli-Hy loop



Development of Breeding Blankets (11) Development of liquid breeding blanket (2) Li/ V blanket study



Material development V-4Cr-4Ti : structural materials Er_2O_3 and oxide ceramics : MHD insulator coating Tritium recovery from lithium



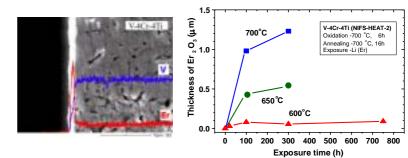
W coating by plasma spraying



Products from high purity V-4Cr-Ti ingot (NIFS-HEAT-2)



fine fine fine fine fine Fine PVD coatings of Er_2O_3 on V-4Cr-4Ti were stable in liquid Li at 500-700C for 1000 hrs



In-situ Er_2O_3 coating on V-4Cr-4Ti were shown to be a viable method for MHD coating for Li/V blanket





Development of Breeding Blankets (12) Development of liquid breeding blanket (3) LiPb related study



: LiPb breeder, dual coolant concept (He coolant+LiPb heat transfer) with SiC insert for electrical and heat insulation to flow at higher temp.

Recent Progress : fabrication technique, high mechanical strength/toughness, high temperature performance and radiation effect under JUPITER-II activities

LiPb loop was installed and started operation under a collaboration with JAERI.

Major parameters:

LiPb inventory : 6 liter flow rate : 0 – 5 liter /min temperature : 250 – 400 degree C

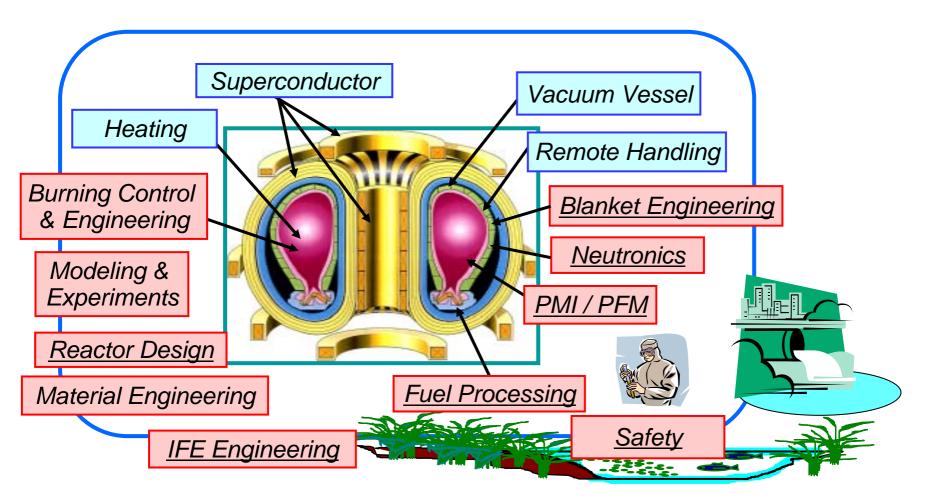
MHD and compatibility studies being performed.

LiPb loop in Kyoto University

The compatibility of SiC with LiPb is one of the remained feasibility concern. to be tested after modification for high temperature section.







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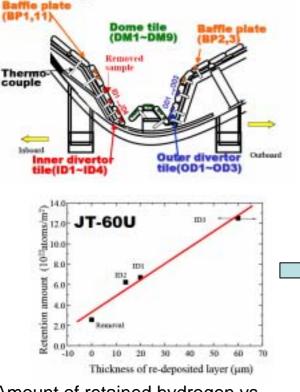


R&Ds on other FNT Issues (1)

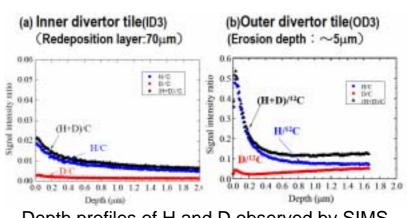
PMI study under collaboration with Universities and JAERI

PMI and PFM studies have started under the joint research between Japanese universities and JAERI

Hydrogen isotopes (H/D/T) retention and erosion/deposition profiles were analyzed by various unique techniques (SIMS, TDS, IP, SEM).



Amount of retained hydrogen vs. thickness of re-deposition layer by TDS.



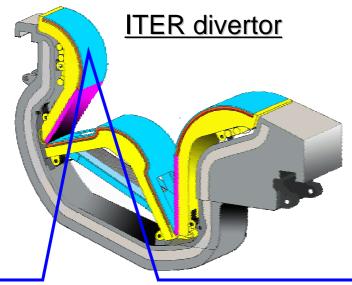
Depth profiles of H and D observed by SIMS

H and D retention profiles in the divertor region well correlated with the carbon deposition profiles

The retained amount in the deposited layers, however, was very small (**below 0.03 in (H+D)/C**) compared to JET and other low temperature operational device.



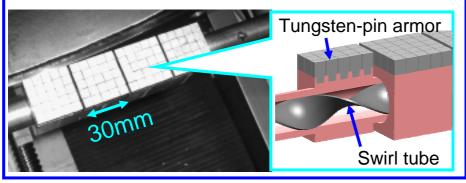
R&Ds on other FNT Issues (2) Development of the divertor for ITER and DEMO

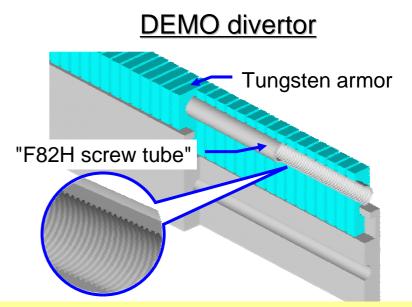


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Advanced bonding technology for the ITER divertor has successfully been developed. Divertor mockups with "tungsten-pin" armor were developed by hot-pressing method.



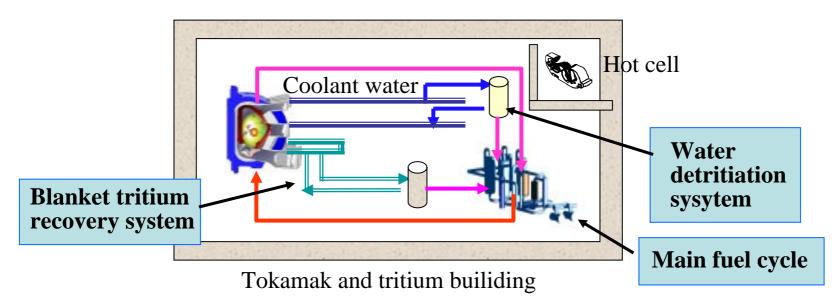


Basic R&D's for the DEMO divertor have widely been performed in JAERI under collaboration with Japanese Universities.

- Critical heat flux (CHF) test of a high performance cooling tube, "screw tube"
- Thermal fatigue test of a divertor mockup with F82H screw tube
- Direct bonding test of tungsten armor and F82H heat sink by diffusion bonding
- Ion irradiation test of various tungsten armor







R&D for fuel processing system

- Demonstration of a simulated integration system of main fuel cycle and blanket tritium recovery system
- •R&D for ceramic proton conductor as an advanced blanket tritium recovery system
- •Confirmation of durability of electrolysis cell in water detritiation system by γ ray irradiation (530 kGy, ITER design value) and tensile tests





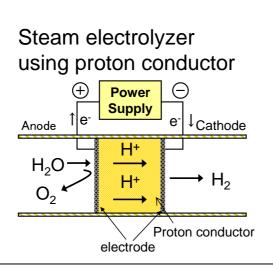
R&Ds on other FNT Issues (4) Tritium Processing under developing at NIFS

Purpose

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Methods

Recovery of tritium from exhaust gas as pure hydrogen gas



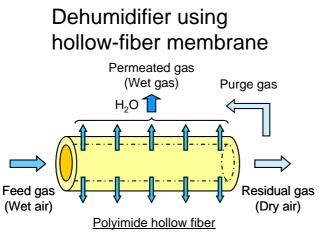


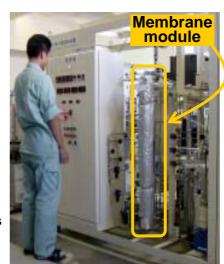
Test Apparatus and Performance

 Conductor: CaZr_{0.9}In_{0.1}O_{3-α} one end closed tube (15Φx500Lmm ;TYK)
 Hydrogen pumping rate: 1ml/min in air at 800°C

 Collaboration: with TYK Co.Ltd.

Recovery of tritium from exhaust gas as tritiated water





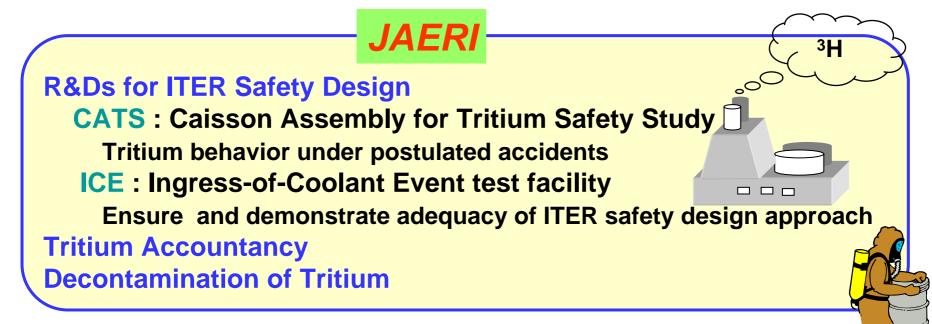
Membrane:
commercially available ones
(UM-C10,et al. ;UBE)
Feed air flow rate:
100 NI/min
Achieved dew point:

keep less than -70°C

Collaboration:
 with Shizuoka Univ.







Universities, NIRS and JAERI

Fundamental and System Simulation Studies

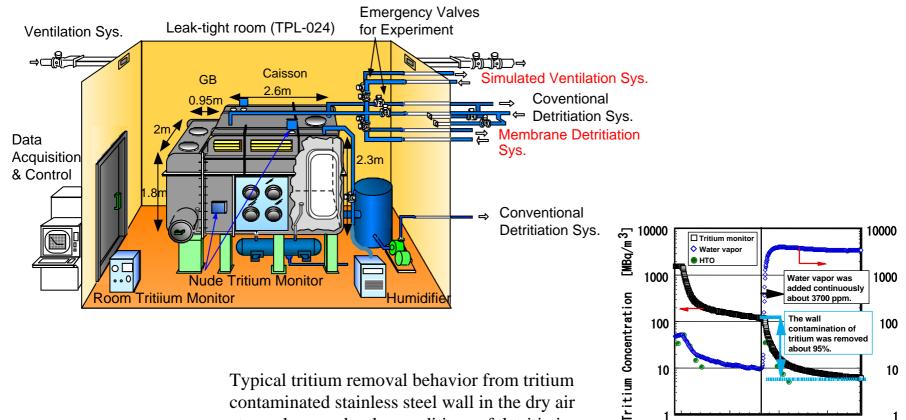
Tritium confinement Tritium-material interaction Environmental behavior Biological effect







To obtain data required for assurance of the ITER safety, a new caisson (12 m³) has been built in the Tritium Process Laboratory and tritium release experiments have been carried out since December 1998.



Typical tritium removal behavior from tritium contaminated stainless steel wall in the dry air atmosphere under the conditions of detritiation flow rate of $36m^3/h$.



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about 95%.

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Elapsed time [min]

750

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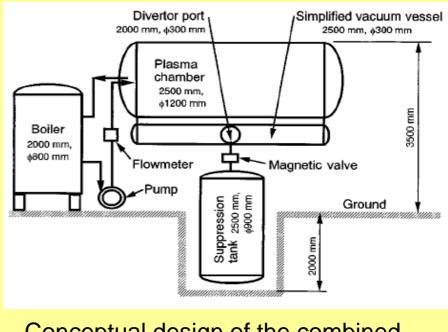
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R&D on other FNT Issues (7) Safety (3) - Integrated ICE Test Facility

To demonstrate that the ITER safety design approach and design parameters for the ICE (Ingress-of-Coolant Event) are adequate, an integrated ICE test facility was constructed in December, 1999.

The system simulating ITER pressure suppression system → Scaling factor: ~1/1600 (the facility / ITER-FEAT) Plasma chamber, Vacuum vessel, Simulated divertor, Relief pipe and Suppression tank



Conceptual design of the combined ICE/LOVA test facility.

From the experimental results it was found quantitatively that the ITER pressure suppression system is very effective to reduce the pressurization due to the ICE event. Furthermore, it was confirmed that the analytical results of the TRAC-PF1 code can simulate the experimental results with high accuracy.



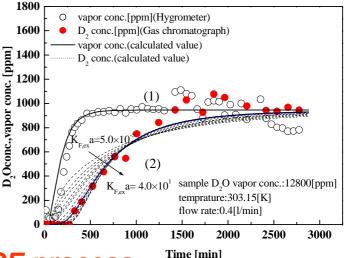


Permeation of heavy water vapor through cement paste

M. Nishikawa, et. al (Kyushu Univ.)

The diffusivity of water through the cement paste can be quantified from the curve using the adsorption isotherm. Then, the isotope exchange capacity and the rate of isotope exchange reaction are quantified.

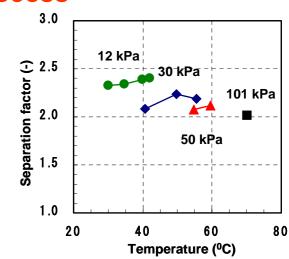
It is also confirmed that the estimated values using adsorption isotherm, diffusivity, isotope exchange capacity and rate of isotope exchange reaction obtained in this study give good agreement with results in the tritium penetration experiment into the column of cement paste.



Volume reduction of waste water by CECE process

T. Sugiyama, et. al (NIFS)

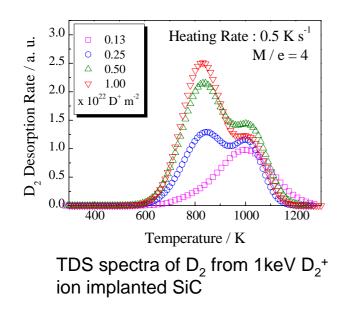
A pressure-reducing method was applied to the water-hydrogen chemical exchange in order to enhance the equilibrium separation factor. Hydrogen-deuterium isotope separation was performed using a trickle-bed chemical exchange column. The Kogel catalyst consists of 0.8 w-% Pt deposited on styrene-divinylbenzene copolymer. It confirmed that the separation factors under reduced pressure are larger than under atmospheric pressure. The HETP (Height Equivalent to a Theoretical Plate) values were distributed in the range of 6 to 15 cm.



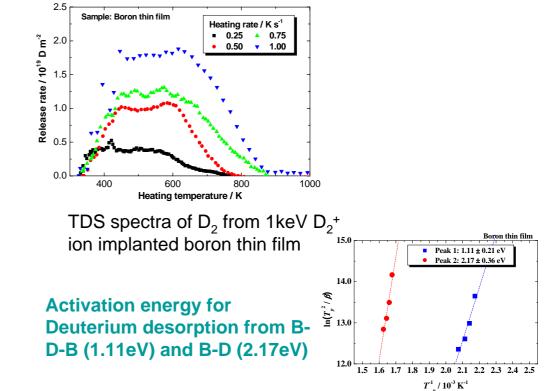




The hydrogen isotope behavior in typical plasma facing materials have been studied at The University of Tokyo and Shizuoka University. The correlation between chemical state of materials and hydrogen isotope desorption process was discussed.



Deuterium desorption stages consists of two processes: Si-D and C-D bonds





R&D on other FNT Issues (10)

Safety (6) - Biology, Health and Radiation

Effect of exposure of pregnant mouse to tritiated water or 137Cs- γ -Rays on androgen receptor mRNA expression in male offspring epididymis

Pregnant mice were orally administered HTO(10.9 kBq/g BW) or exposed to 137Cs- γ - rays(0.3Gy/h). Effects of radiation exposure on their male offspring were determined and the results indicated that no significant effects were observed on both items.

Translocation kinetics of atmospheric and soil D₂O (substitute for HTO) in tangerine

Uptake and loss kinetic parameters of D_2O in fruit of tangerine and translocation indexes at harvest were obtained in daytime and nighttime D_2O release experiments. The average translocation indexes (TLIa and TLIp) of deuterium as organically bound deuterium (OBD) in edible part of tangerine were 0.08% and 0.15% in daytime releases and 0.07% and 0.35% in nighttime ones. It was found that TLIs and TLIp in edible part of tangerine were 0.10-0.13% and 0.41-0.52%, respectively.

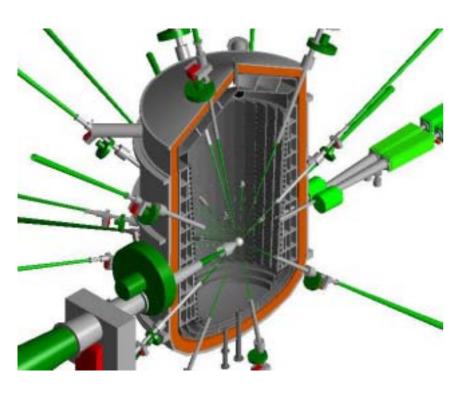
Availability of tritium gas oxidizing bacteria for tritium elimination system

In order to eliminate atmospheric tritium gas (HT) released from tritium handling apparatus, we intended to use HT oxidizing ability (enzyme hydrogenase) of the isolated bacterial strains from surface soils as a bioreactor. The bioreactors were made of bacterial cells grown on agar medium on cartridge filter and stored in a refrigerator until use. When HT contaminating air from the CATS in TPL/JAERI was introduced into the biological detritiation system, in which three bioreactors, each surface area of 216 cm² covered with strongly grown cells, 86% of HT in air was removed as tritiated water in these bioreactors at a flow rate of 100ml/min for 2 hours.





Conceptual design of KOYO-Fast based on the fast ignition concept has been developed at ILE, Osaka University with collaboration of IFE forum.



Net Electric power with 4 modules	1200 MWe (300 MWe x 4)
Target gain	170
Fusion yield	200MJ/pulse
Lasers	1.1 MJ from 32 beams for compression and 100kJ for ignition operated at 16Hz
Laser material	Yb:YAG ceramic cooled to 150- 220K
Laser efficiency	9.5% for compression laser and 35% for ignition laser
Thermal output	800 MWth
Blanket gain	1.13
Total thermal output of plant	3616 MWth (904 MWth x 4)
Electricity to thermal efficiency	42 % LiPb Temperature 500 C)



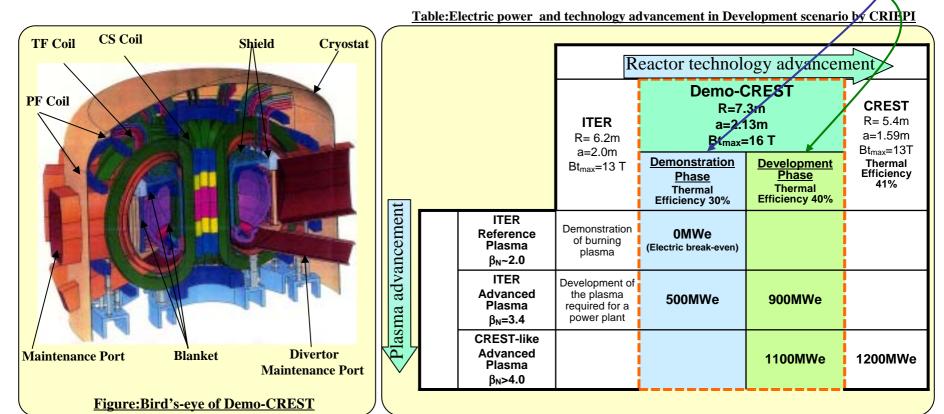


R&Ds on other FNT Issues (12)

Demonstration Tokamak Power Plant Concept : Demo-CREST

Two step strategy for the Demo-CREST Design studied by CRIEPI

- 1. to demonstrate electric power generation as soon as possible in a plant scale, with moderate plasma performance which will be achieved in the early stage of the ITER operation, and with foreseeable technologies and materials (**Demonstration Phase**)
- 2. to show a possibility of an economical competitiveness with advanced plasma performance and high performance blanket systems, by means of replacing breeding blanket from the basic one to the advanced one (**Development Phase**)

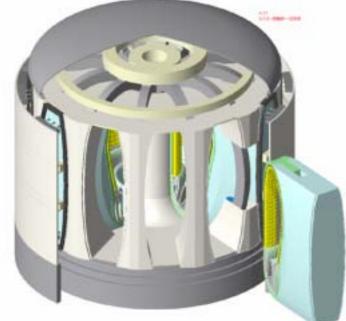




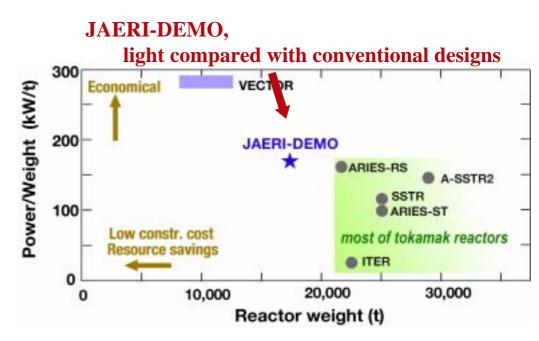
R&Ds on other FNT Issues (13) Compact DEMO Reactor Concept at JAERI

JAERI conceives a compact DEMO reactor featuring

- 1. Down-sized center solenoid,
- 2. Slender TF coil system with a reduced stored energy (25 GJ),
- 3. Low aspect ratio (A ~ 2.6), and
- 4. Light. compared with conventional tokamak reactor designs



 $R_p = 5.5 \text{ m}, a_p = 2.1 \text{m}$ $B_T = 6 \text{ T}, I_p = 16.7 \text{ MA}, P_{\text{fus}} = 3 \text{ GW}$



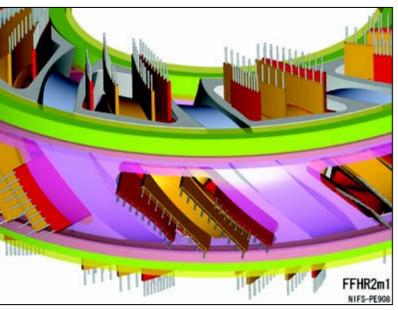




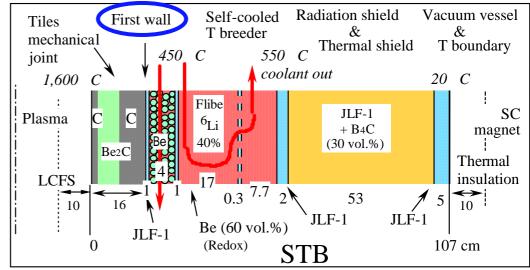
R&Ds on other FNT Issues (14)

LHD-type Helical Power Reactor FFHR

- **Based on the main advantage of current-less plasma,** two sets of optimization have been studied at NIFS
- 1. to expand the blanket space by adjustment of the coil pitch parameter γ of the continuous helical winding, while reducing the magnetic hoop force to open wide maintenance ports,
- 2. to solve the replacement difficulty by proposing a long-life blanket concept STB (Spectral-shifter and Tritium breeder Blanket) using carbon tiles to soften the neutron energy spectrum on the self-cooled Flibe-RAF blanket.



Replacement-free blanket (first wall < 100dpa / 30y)







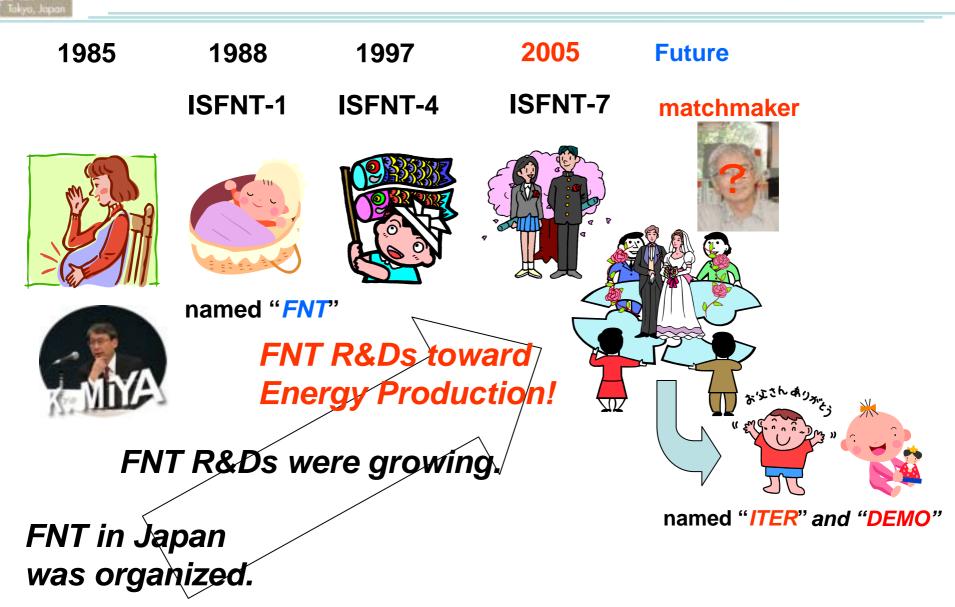


- Japanese fusion program clearly encompass the energy development through ITER and beyond.
- Construction and operation of ITER in a timely manner is essential with a view to participating into energy supply system in the middle of 21st century.
- Japan has a strong intention to contribute in FNT to the world fusion research program led by the construction of ITER, as well as IFMIF and other projects.
- R&Ds on Fusion Nuclear Technology have been conducted on all fields of FNT in Japan by JAERI, universities and research institutes, and in collaboration with international partners.
- Further involvement of domestic industries in the R&Ds on FNT is also deemed important in Japan.
- Continuous effort to maintain and increase the number of talented researchers for academia and industries is identified as an important issue and we are strongly making an effort to maintain human resource for fusion community.



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