

Development Status of ITER HCCB TBS and CFETR HCCB TBB

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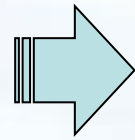
Outline

- **China MCF Roadmap & TBB Development Strategy**
- **CN HCCB TBS Design for ITER**
- **CFETR HCCB TBB System Design**
- **TBB R&D activities**
- **Summary**



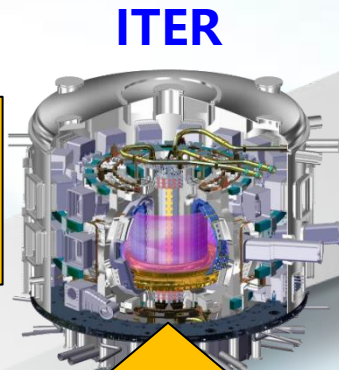
China MCF Development Roadmap

China Magnetic Confinement Fusion Development Roadmap



TBB Development Strategy

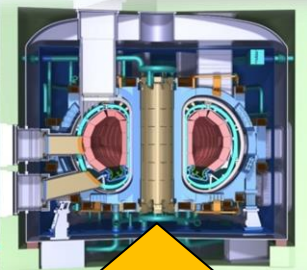
TBB Technology
Design, material, fabrication process, safety, etc.



ITER

ITER TBM
Validate technology feasibility of T production and heat removal

CFETR TBB
Verify engineering feasibility of T breeding and electricity generation



CFETR



PFPP

PFPP TBB
T self-sufficiency and electricity generation

Experimental Facility

HL-2M EAST J-TEXT



TBB Concepts and Application

● HCCB TBB Concept (Helium Cooled Ceramic Breeder)

- ITER TBM
- CFETR HCCB TBB

● WCCB TBB Concept (Water Cooled Ceramic Breeder)

- CFETR WCCB TBB

● HCLL TBB Concept (Helium Cooled Lithium Lead)

- Advanced concept for future



CN HCCB TBS Design (For ITER TBM)

CN TBM program: Helium Cooled Ceramic Breeder Test Blanket System (HCCB TBS)

Leaded by CN DA

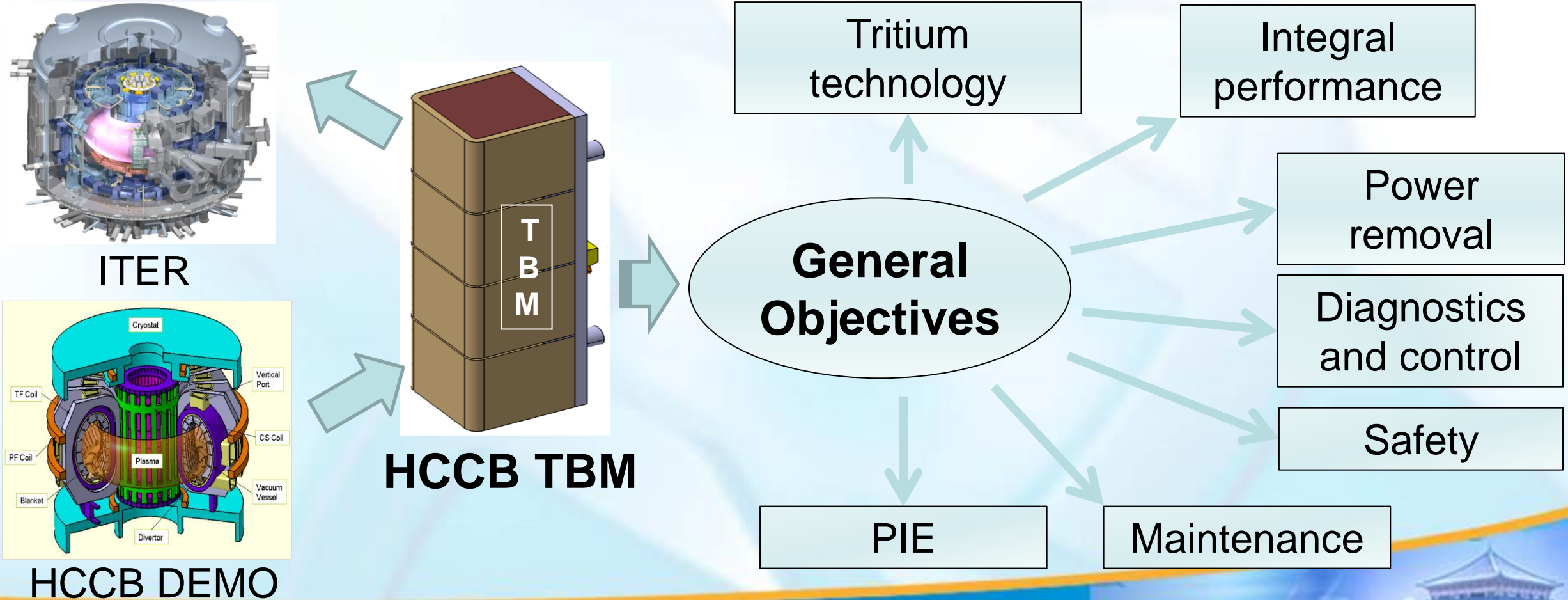
Supporting Institutes:

- 1). Southwestern Institute of Physics (SWIP)
- 2). China Academy of Engineering Physics (CAEP)
- 3). Institute of Nuclear Energy Safety Technology (INEST)

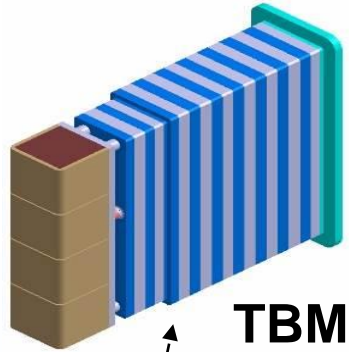


CN HCCB TBS for ITER

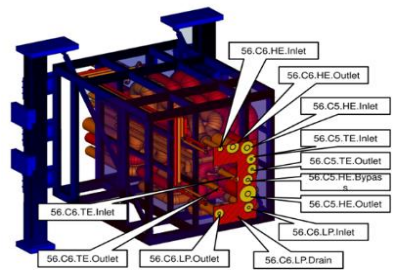
The objectives of CN HCCB TBS is to test the feasibility of tritium breeding blanket technology in the tokamak operation conditions provided by ITER.



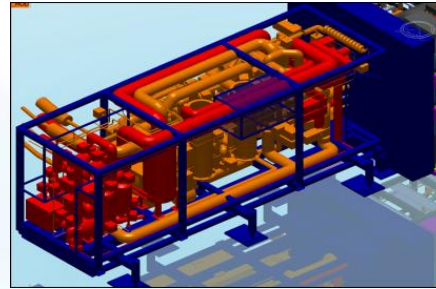
CN HCCB TBS schematic layout



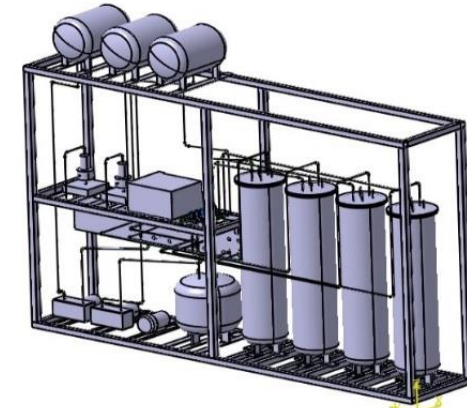
TBM set



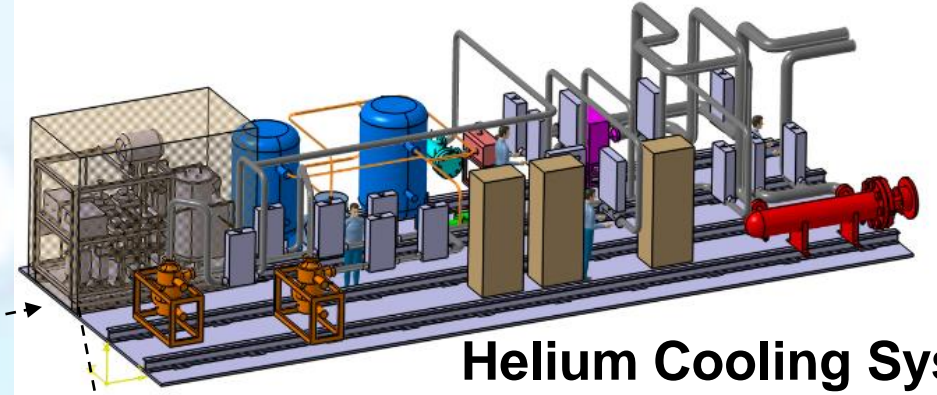
Pipe Forest (PF)



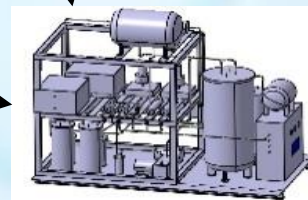
Ancillary Equipment Unit



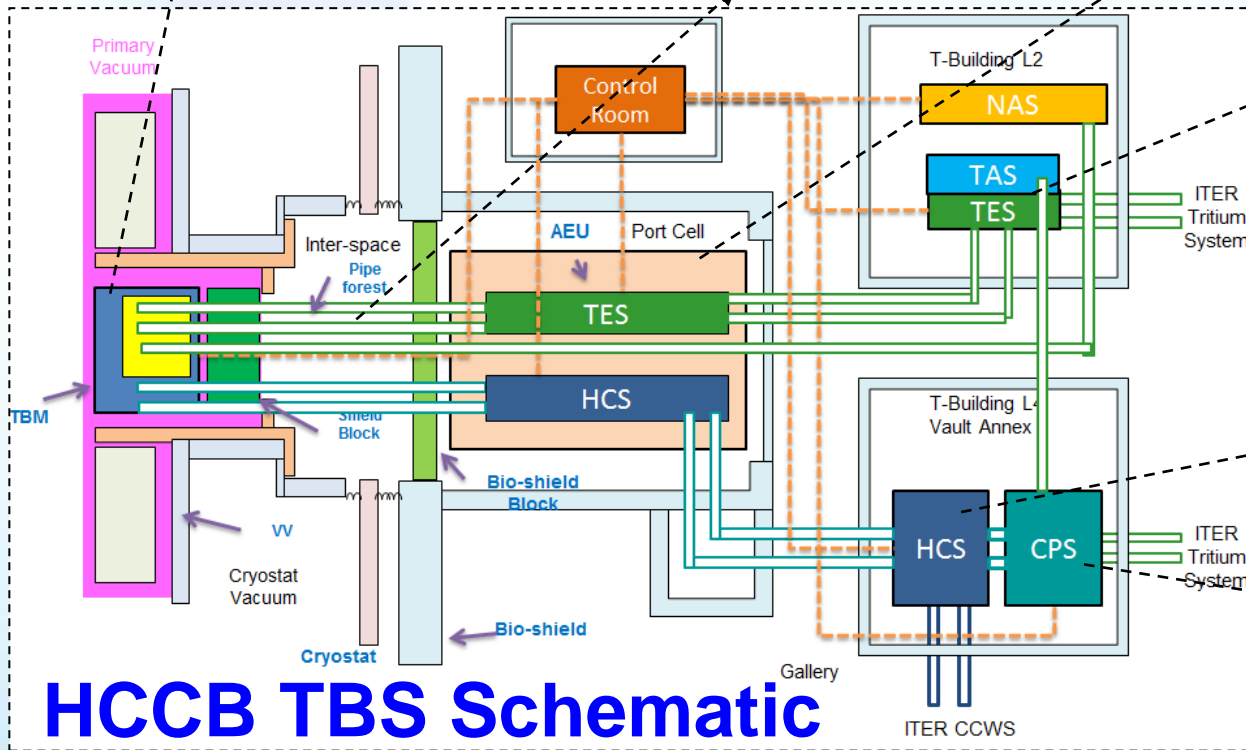
Tritium Extraction System (TES)



Helium Cooling System (HCS)



Coolant Purification System (CPS)

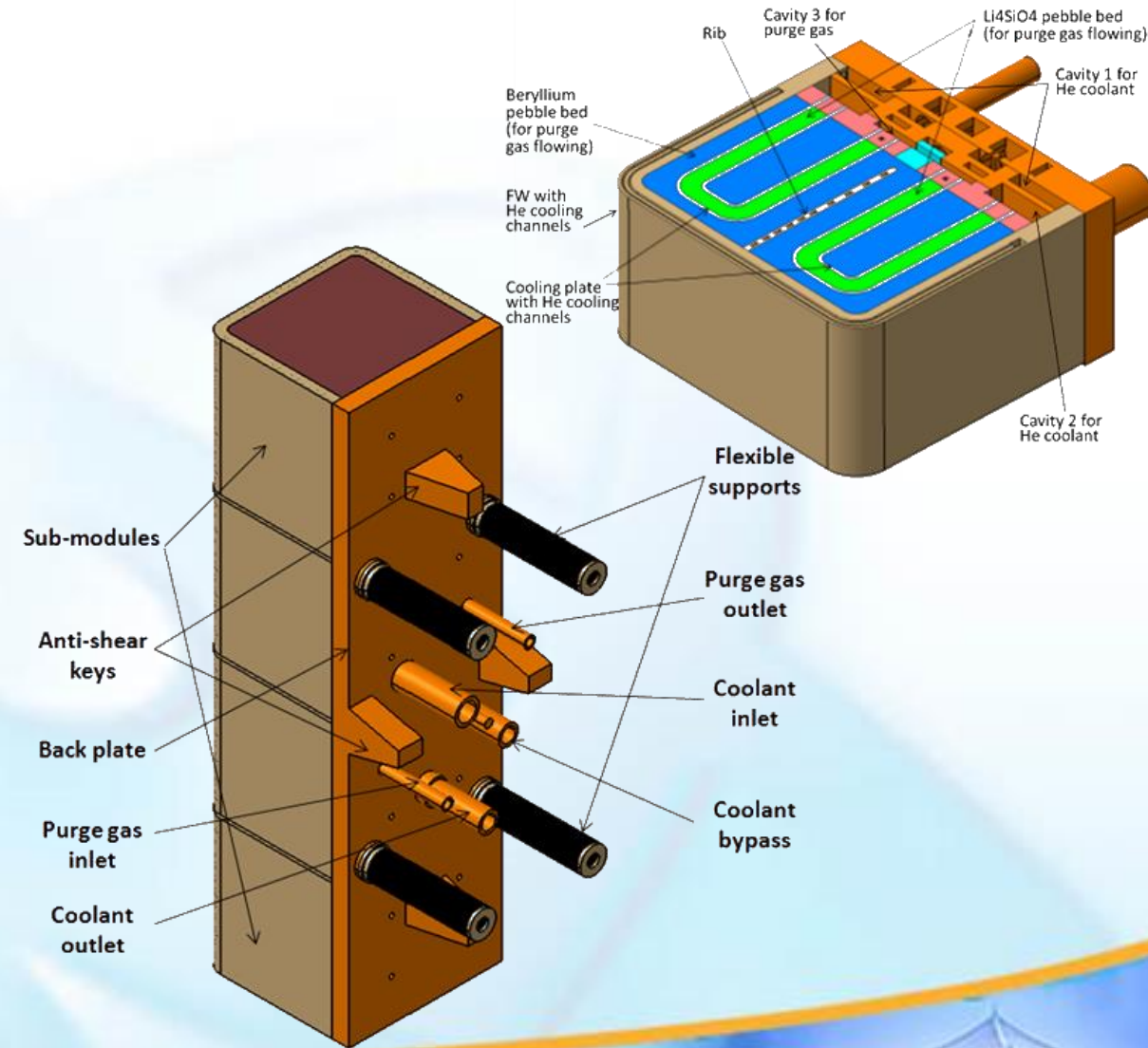


HCCB TBS Schematic

CN HCCB TBS for ITER – TBM module

Main design parameters

Parameters	Values
Neutron wall load	0.78 MW/m ²
Surface heat flux	0.3 MW/m ²
Structural material	CLAM/CLF-1 ~1.2ton (<550°C)
Tritium Breeder	Li ₄ SiO ₄ pebble bed (<900°C)
Neutron Multiplier	Beryllium pebble bed (<650°C)
Coolant	Helium (8MPa) 1.04 kg/s (300°C/500°C)
Purge gas	Helium (0.3MPa) with 0.1% H ₂
TPR	61mg/FPD



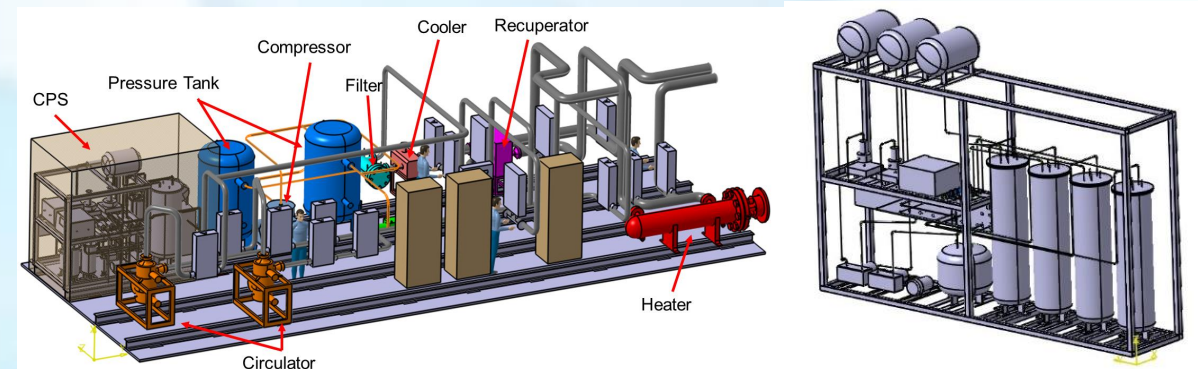
CN HCCB TBS for ITER - Ancillary Systems

Main design parameters

Parameters	Values (HCS)
Main structural material	SS316L
Supporting structure material	SS304
Primary coolant circuit	Helium
- Pressure	8 MPa
- Total flow rate	1.04 kg/s
- Pressure drop	~0.5 MPa
- Inlet/outlet temperature	500°C/300°C
Interface with CCWS	Water
- Pressure	0.8 MPa
- Total low rate	21.3 kg/s
- Inlet/outlet temperature	31°C/43°C
Tritium related system	Values (TES, CPS)
- Purge gas	He with 0.1% H ₂
- T purification efficiency	≥ 95%
- Impurity removal efficiency	≥ 90%
- T extraction efficiency	≥ 90%

The design of all ancillary systems have been optimized considering the system performance, safety and interface requirements:

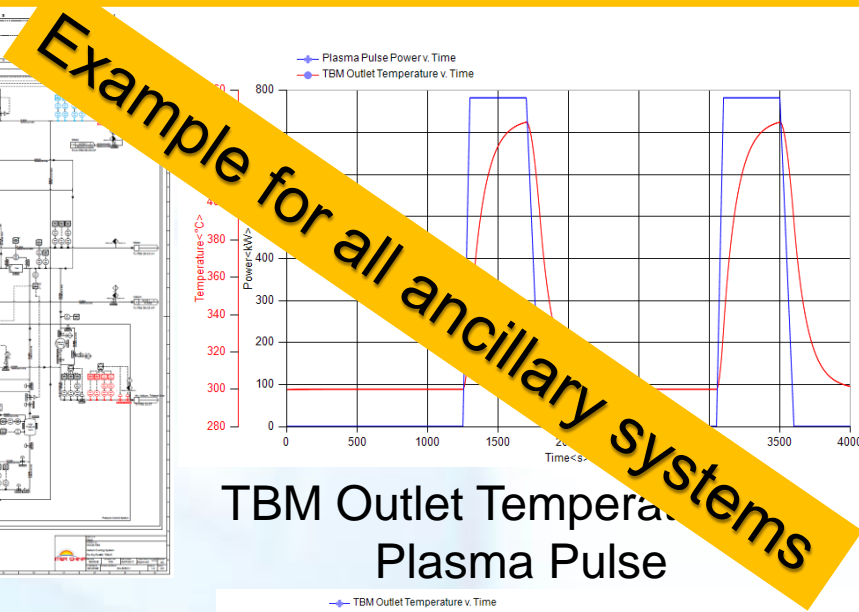
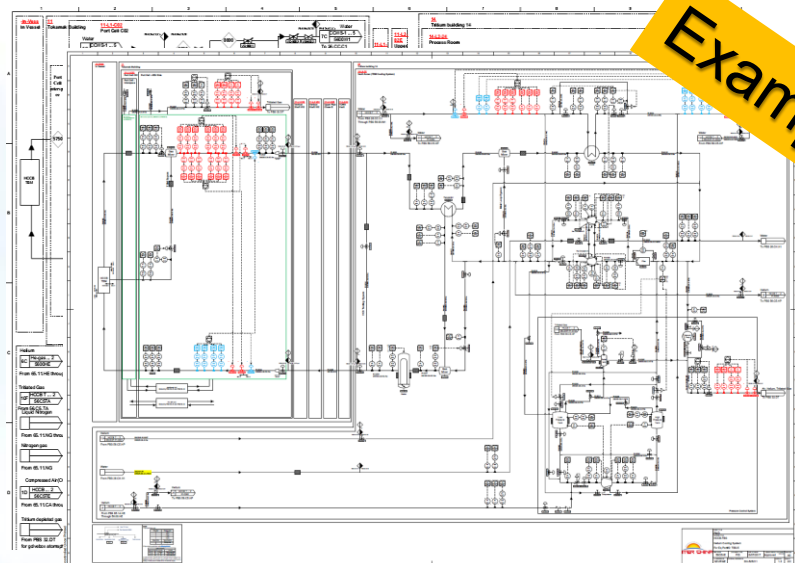
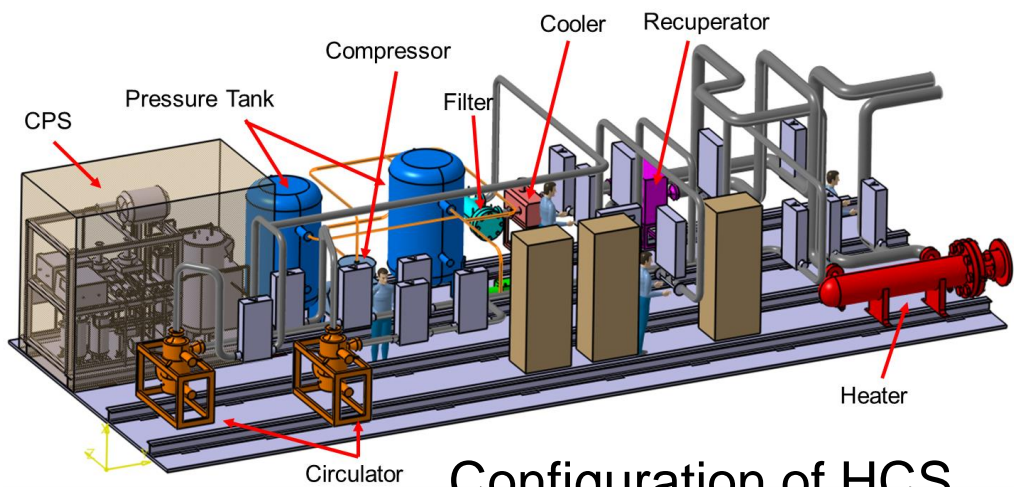
- Configuration update based on equipment investigation, PFD and PID diagrams
- System performance assessment, structural analysis, accident analysis



HCS Design

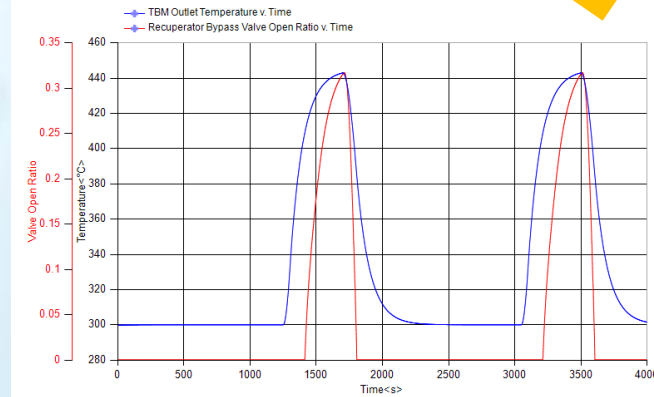
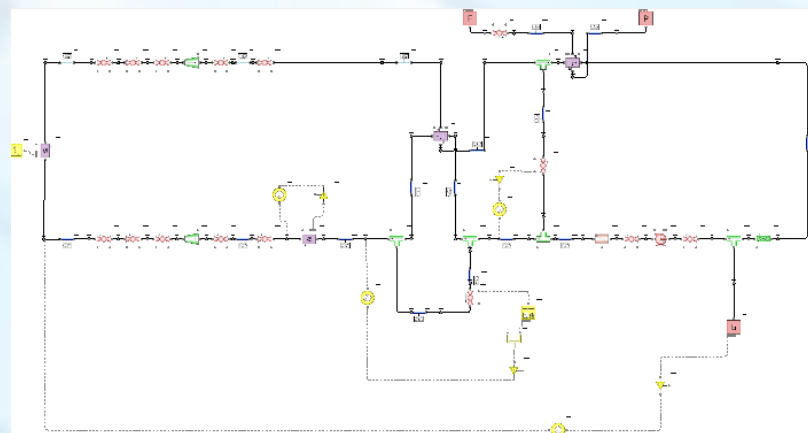
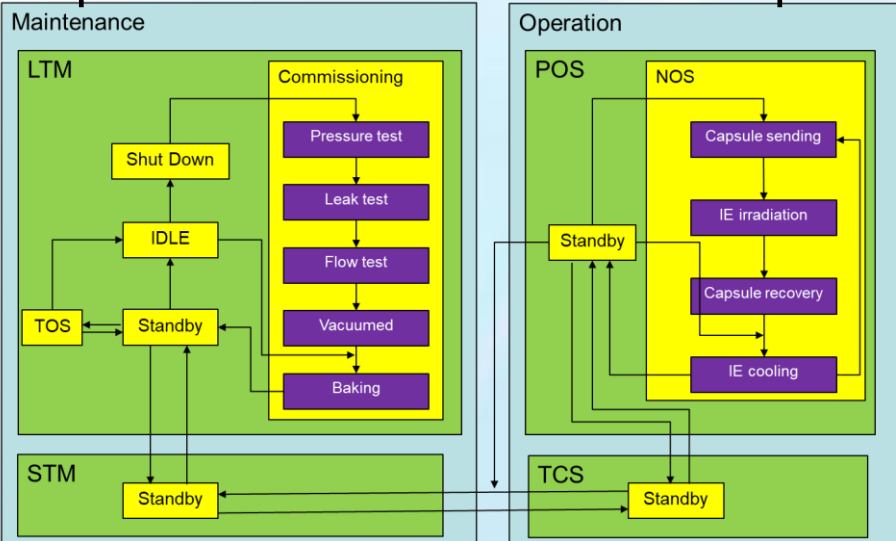
TES Design

CN HCCB TBS for ITER - Ancillary Systems



TBM Outlet Temperature vs. Plasma Pulse

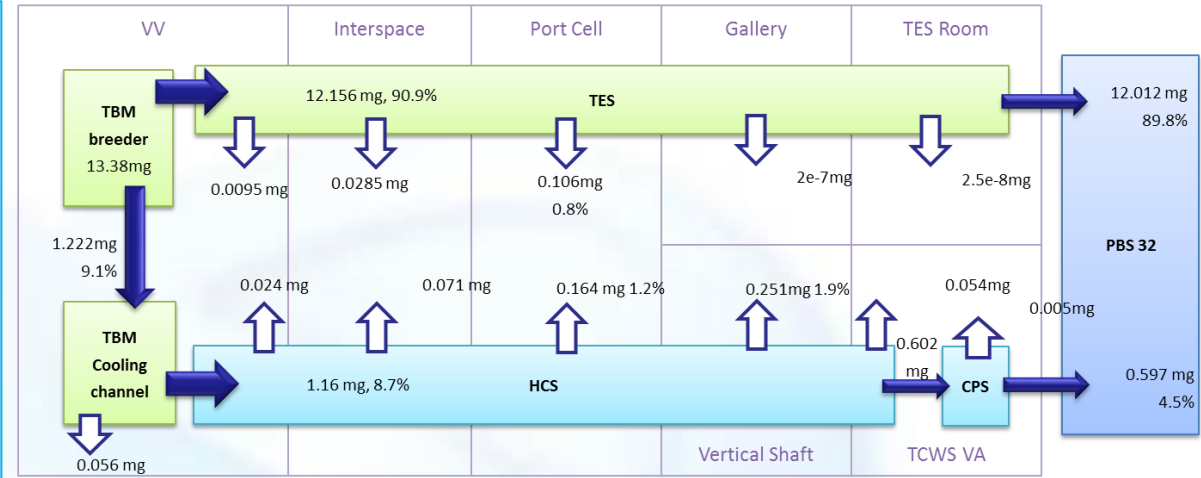
Operation states and transition path



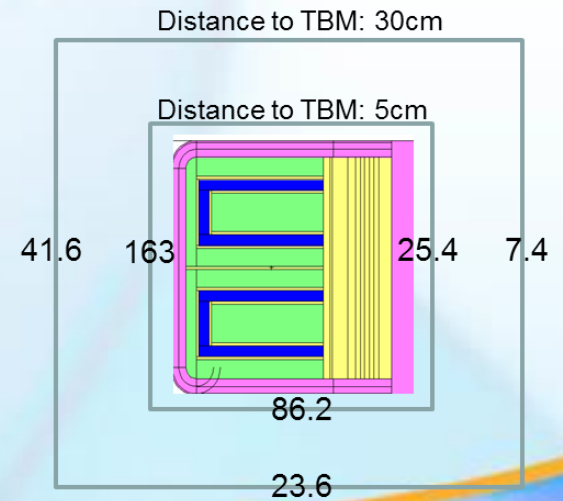
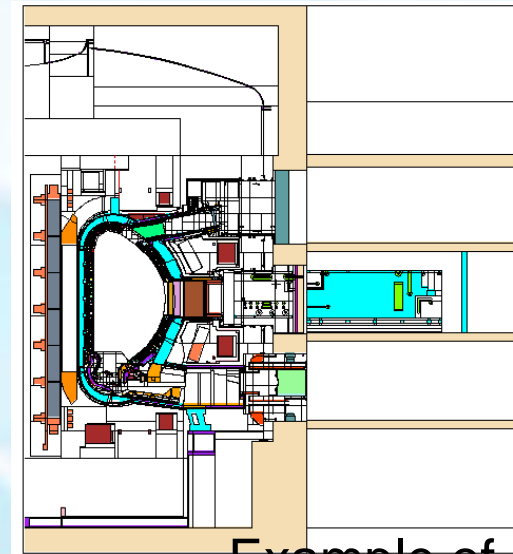
CN HCCB TBS for ITER - Safety

The safety work covers the whole design activities of all subsystems.

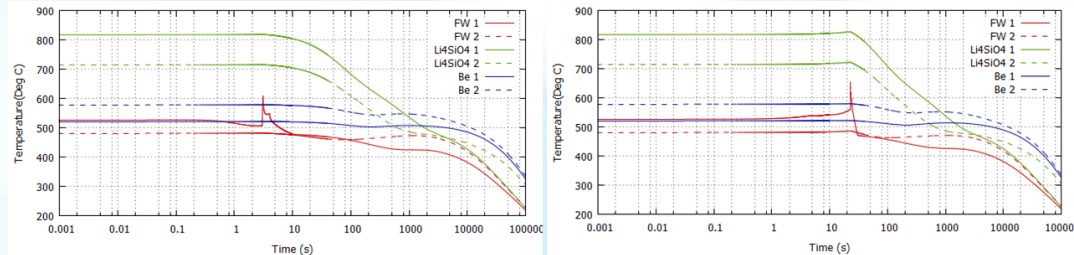
- Design description and safety function
- Nuclear analysis
- Tritium analysis
- Accident analysis
- Other analysis



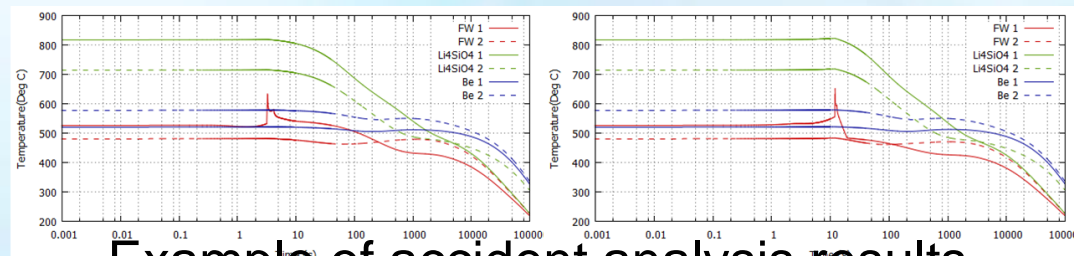
Example of tritium release results



Example of dose rate results



Temperature of CN HCCB TBM during large break area (LOCA in Port Cell) Temperature of CN HCCB TBM during small break area (LOCA in Port Cell)



Temperature of CN HCCB TBM during large break area (LOCA in TCWS Vault) Temperature of CN HCCB TBM during small break area (LOCA in TCWS Vault)

Example of accident analysis results

In collaboration with **Dr. Brad Merrill, Idaho National Laboratory (INL), USA.**

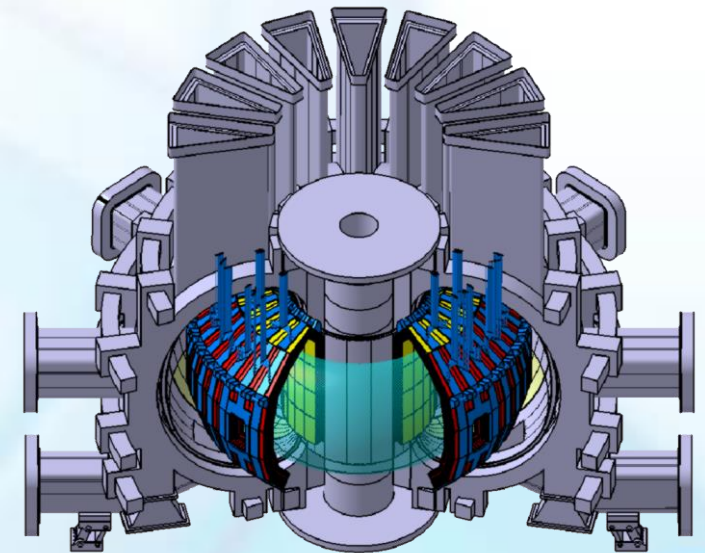
CFETR HCCB TBB System Design (For CFETR)

CFETR program: Chinese Fusion Engineering Testing Reactor (CFETR)

Supported by MOST of China

Main Supporting Institutions :

- 1). University of Science and Technology of China (USTC)
- 2). Southwestern Institute of Physics (SWIP)
- 3). Institute of Plasma Physics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (ASIPP)
- 4). China Academy of Engineering Physics (CAEP)
- 5). China Nuclear Power Engineering Co.,LTD. (CNPE)



CFETR Mission

Obtained
Burning Plasma
for fusion power

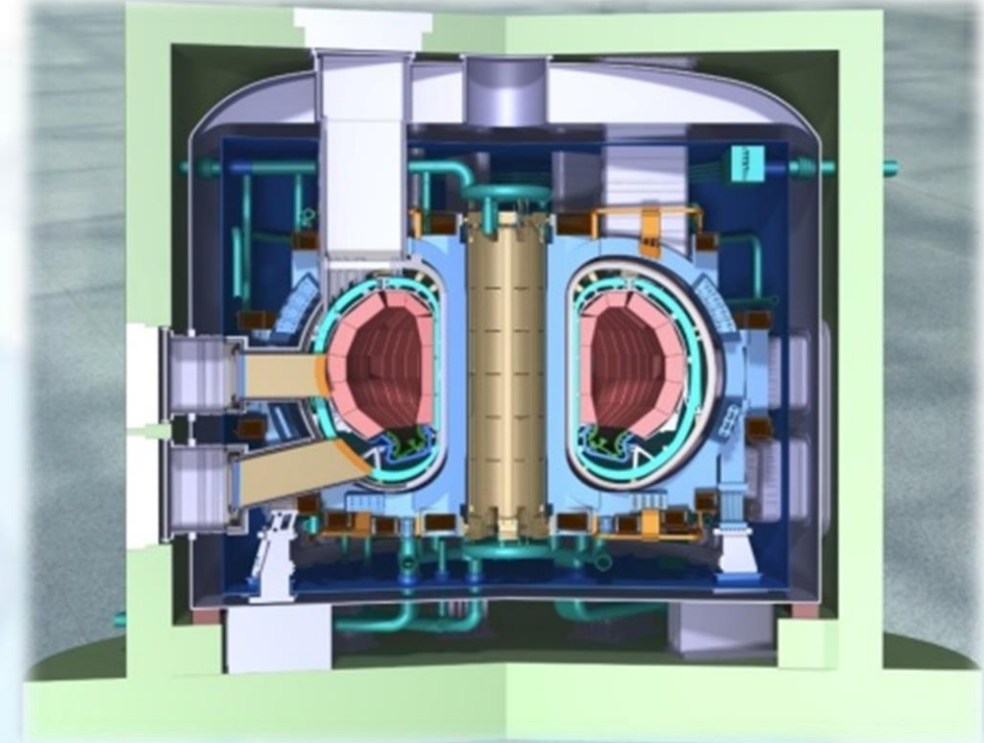
1. $P=200-2000\text{MW}$
2. $Q=1-10$, SSO, hours
3. $Q=20-30$ hours-SSO
4. High energetic α heating

Steady-state
operation
for fusion energy

1. Hybrid (OH+BS+CD)
2. SSO (Ext H&CD + Higher f_b)
3. PSI on the first wall
4. Heat & particle exhaust on Div.

Breeding Tritium
for T self-sufficiency

1. **T-breeding by blanket**
2. T-plant: extract & reprocessing
3. Materials & components
4. Reliable and quick RH
5. Licensing & safety



CFETR



Design Objectives of CFETR HCCB TBBS

Neutron shielding

- Together with other CCSs to provide radiation protection

Heating removal

- High T, High P, Helium Cooling Loop
- Heat exchange with secondary Loop

Structural integrity, compatibility and reliability

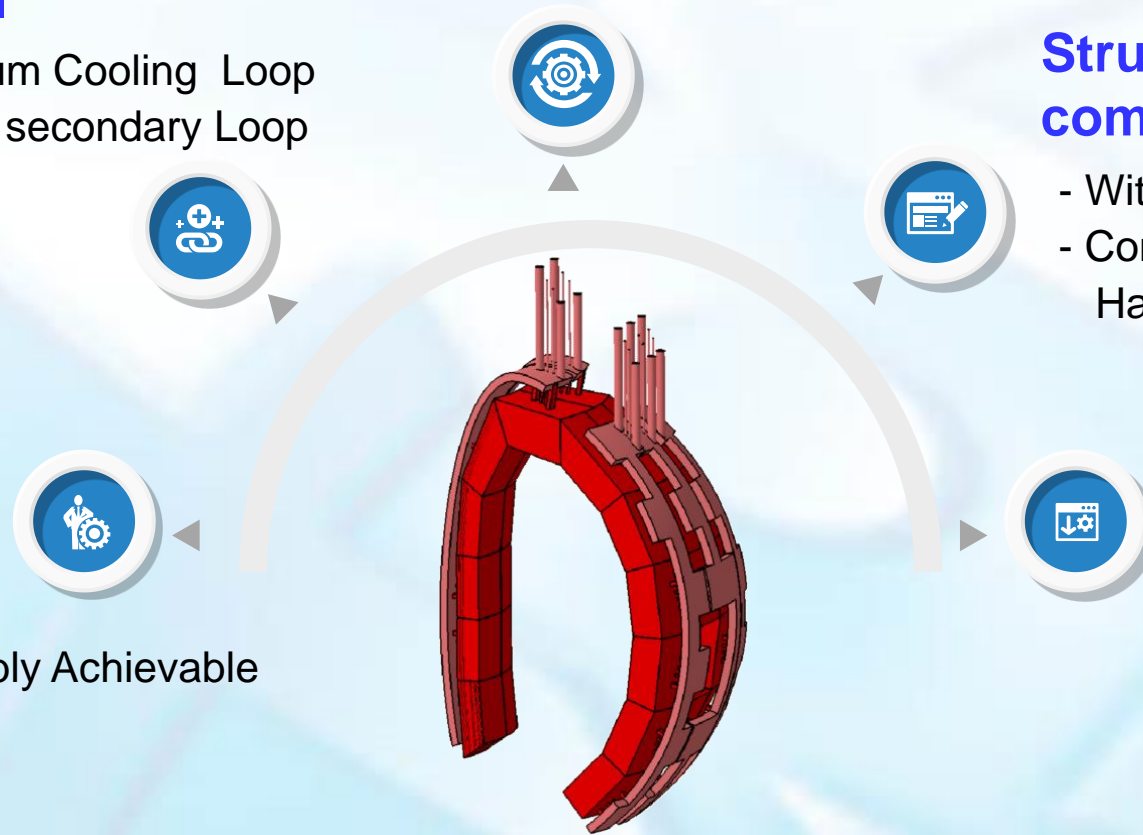
- Withstand Load of Fusion environment
- Compatible with TOKAMAK and Remote Handling

Tritium breeding

- $TBR \geq 1.1$
- As Large As Reasonably Achievable

Safety

- For normal and accidental condition
 - Confinement radioactive inventory;
 - Protect operator and equipment



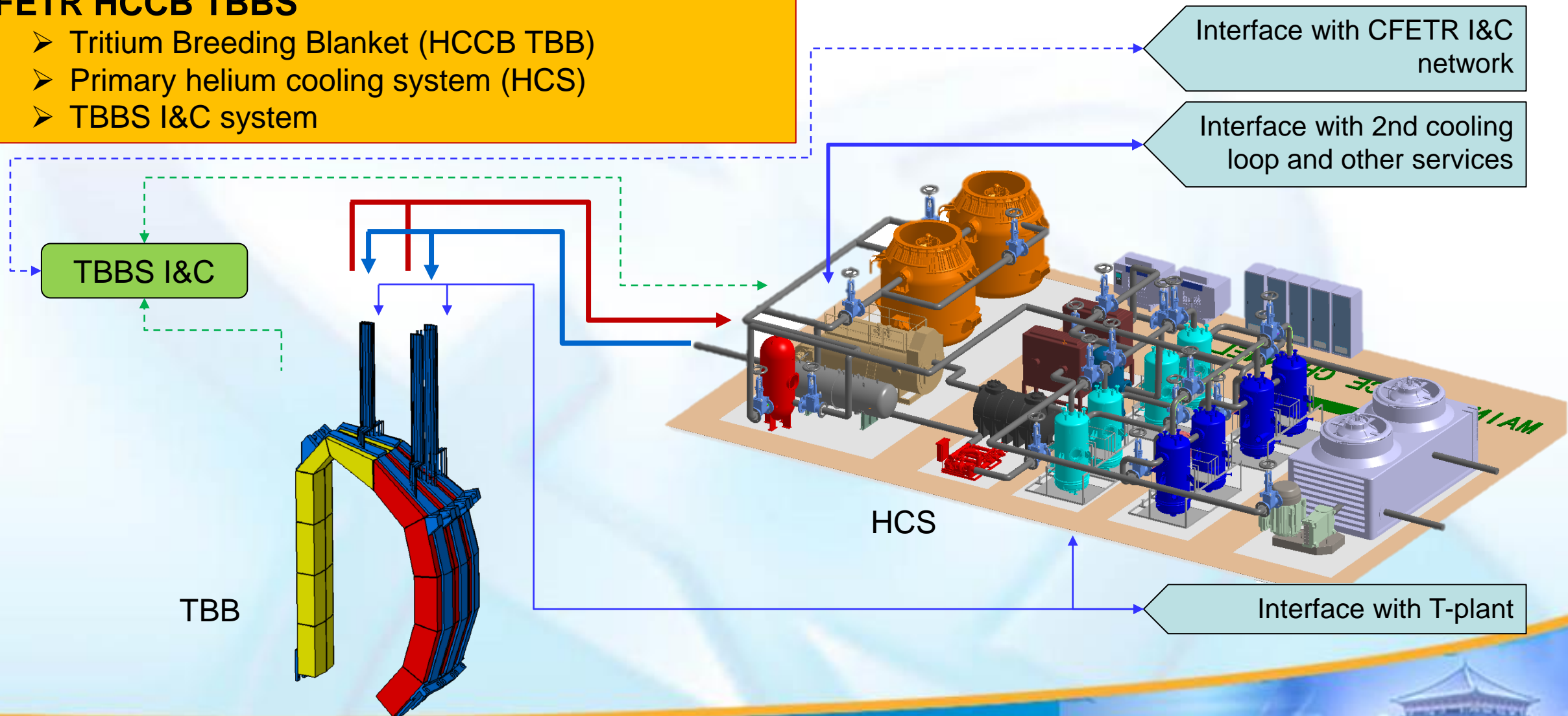
CFETR HCCB TBBS



CFETR HCCB TBB system

CFETR HCCB TBBS

- Tritium Breeding Blanket (HCCB TBB)
- Primary helium cooling system (HCS)
- TBBS I&C system



CFETR HCCB TBB design features

Basic design features

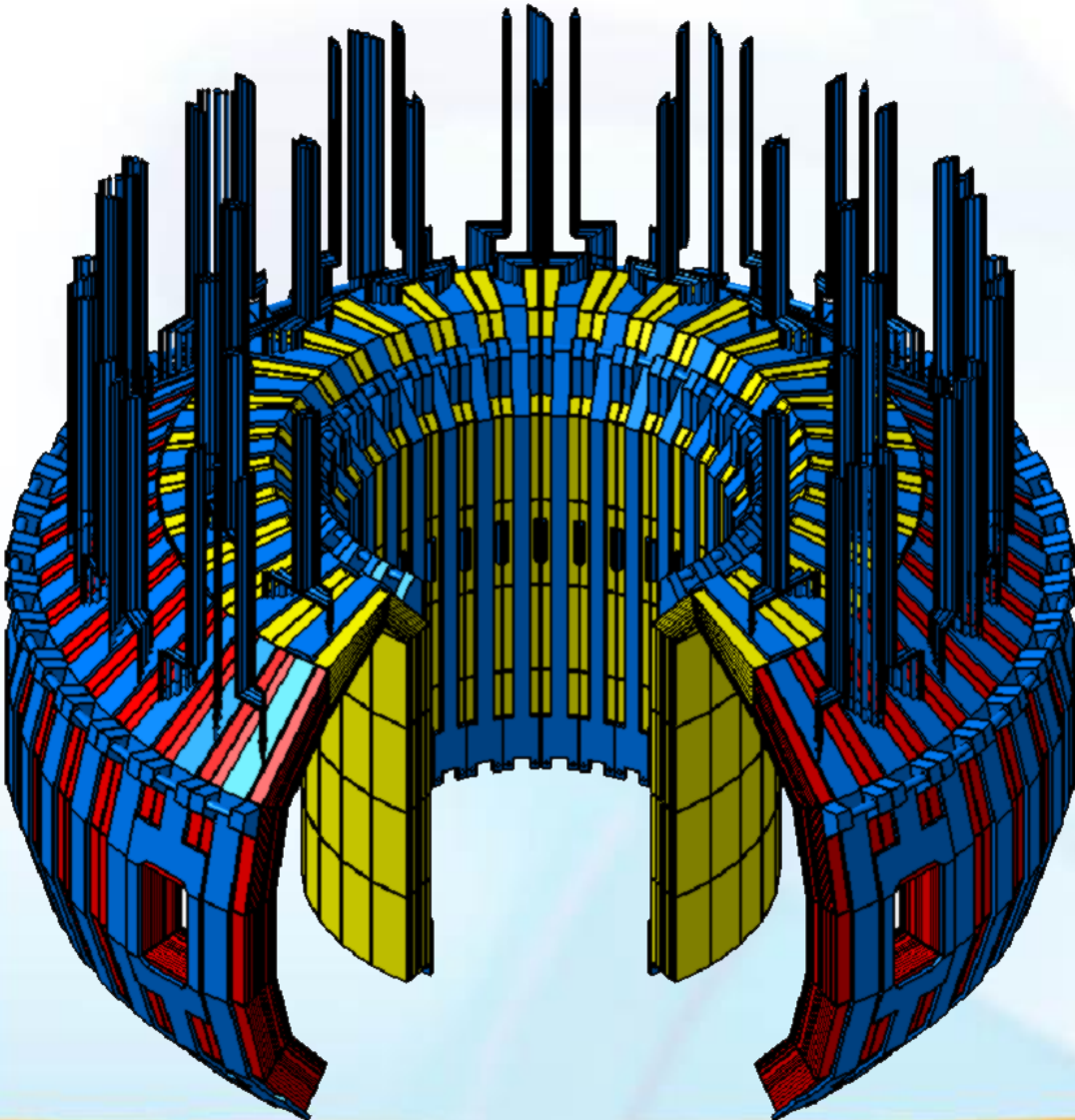
- “Banana” segment design compatible with RH
- Several blanket modules in each segment
- Total
 - 16 sectors
 - 80 segments
 - 432 blanket modules
 - ~5000 tons

Material selection

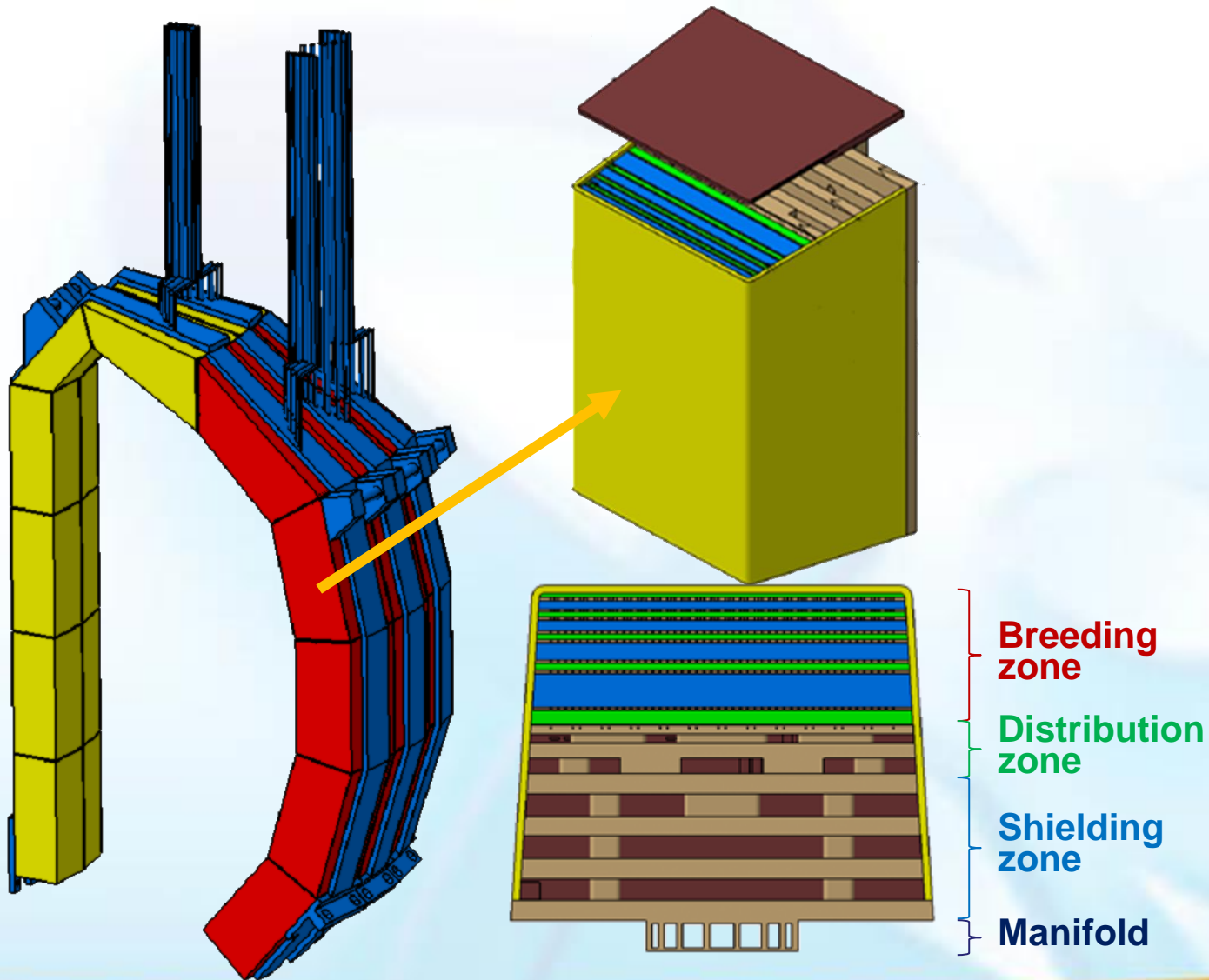
- FW armor: W / W alloy
- Structural: ODS + RAFM steel
- Breeder: Li_4SiO_4 / Li_2TiO_3
- Multiplier: Beryllium / Beryllium alloy

Design parameters

- Coolant: Helium@12MPa
- Purge gas: Helium(0.1% H_2)@0.3MPa



CFETR HCCB TBB blanket module



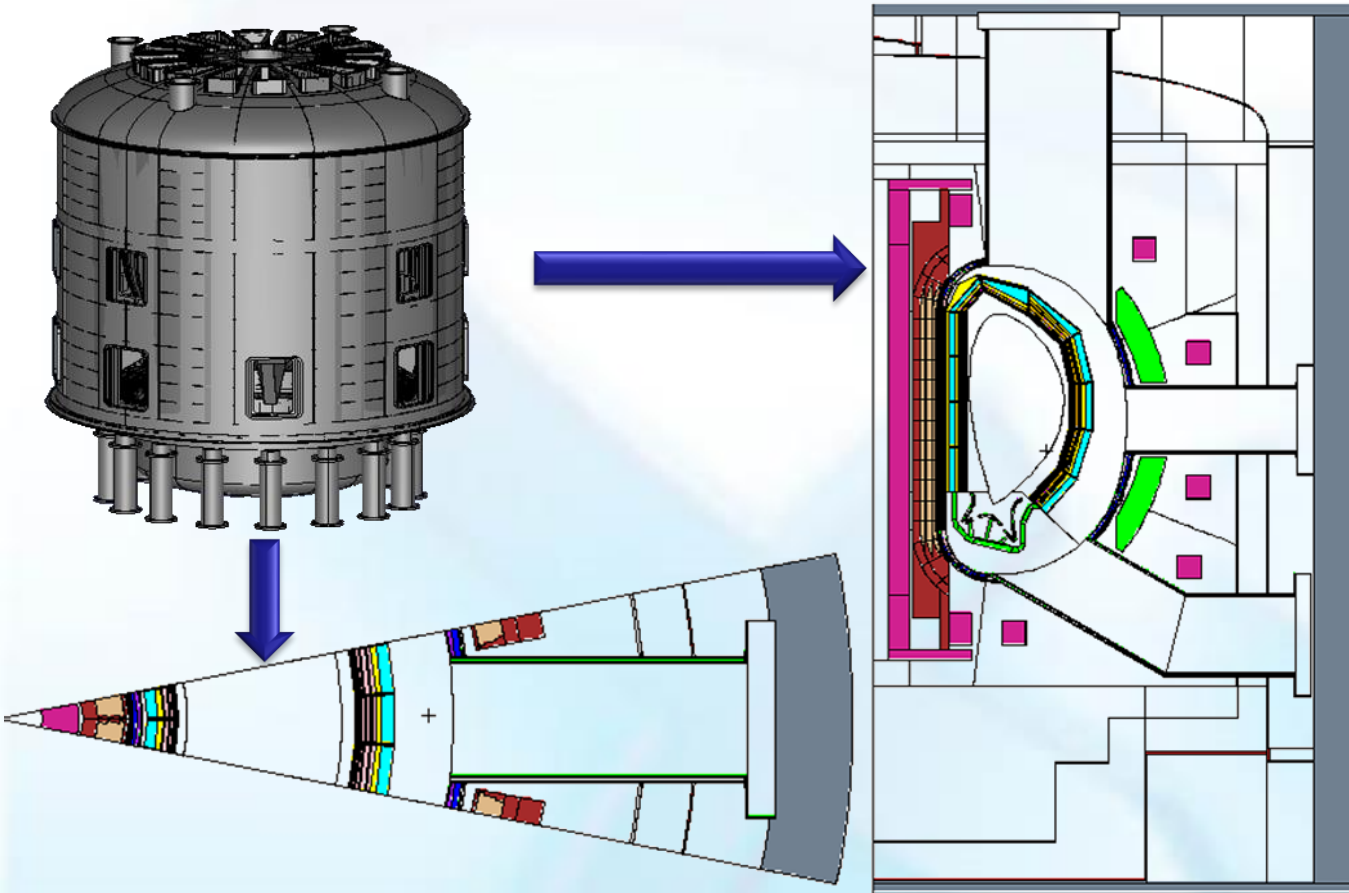
Blanket module

- Integrated design for breeding and shielding functions
- Four zones
 - Breeding zone
 - Breeder pebble bed / porosint
 - Multiplier pebble bed / porosint
 - Distribution zone
 - Shielding zone
 - Manifold
- Cooling channel for breeding zone
- Cooling channel for shielding zone
- Purge channel for breeding zone

Design code: RCC-MR



Neutronics model and nuclear performance



Nuclear analysis model

Nuclear heating (1.5GW Fusion power)

	Nuclear heating (MW)
Inboard BLK	460
Outboard BLK	960
Total	1420

NBI ports impact to TBR

Number of NBI port (3m × 2m)	TBR
No NBI port	1.16
Two NBI ports	1.13
Three NBI ports	1.11



CFETR HCCB TBBS - Safety

LOFA accident analysis :

➤ Event sequence :

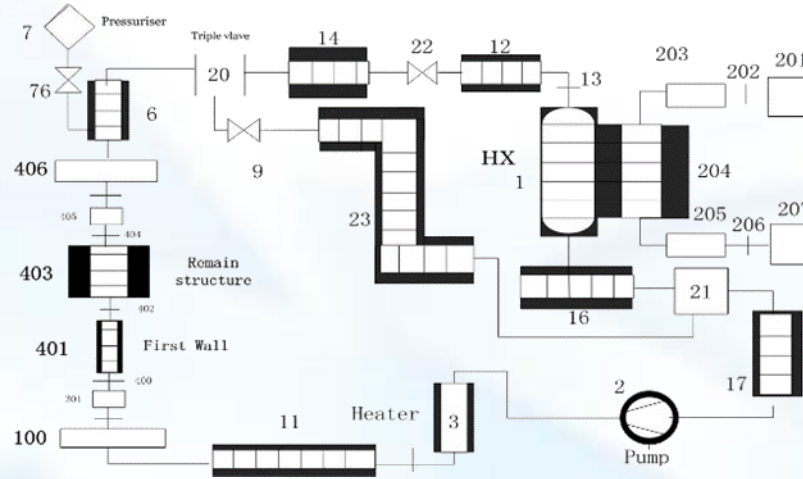
$t=1800s$, pump trip in HCS

$t=1802s$, terminate the plasma burn

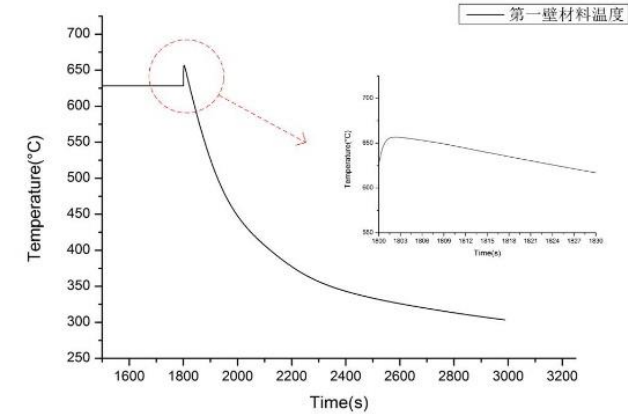
➤ Results :

Max. temperature FW: $656^{\circ}C$.

Natural circulation flow rate: 8kg/s.



LOFA modeling



LOFA analysis result

In-vessel LOCA accident analysis :

➤ Event sequence :

$t=0s$, break in FW, plasma breaks down

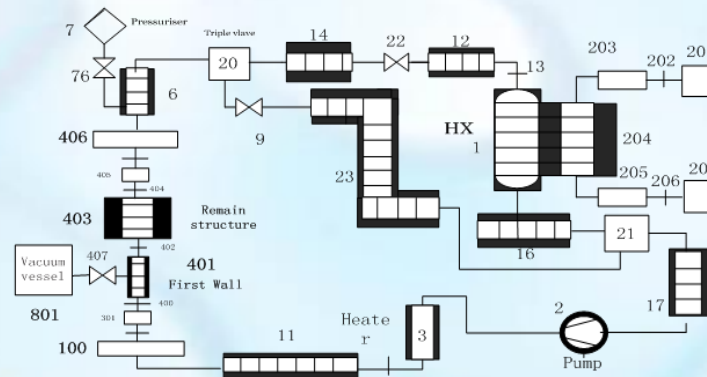
$t=6s$, HCS is isolated

➤ Results :

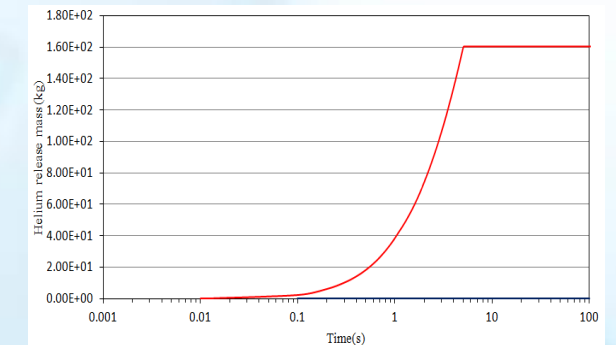
Max. temperature FW: $648^{\circ}C$.

Max. pressure VV: 88KPa.

Max. helium leakage VV: 160kg.



In-vessel LOCA modeling



In-vessel LOCA analysis result



TBB R&D activities

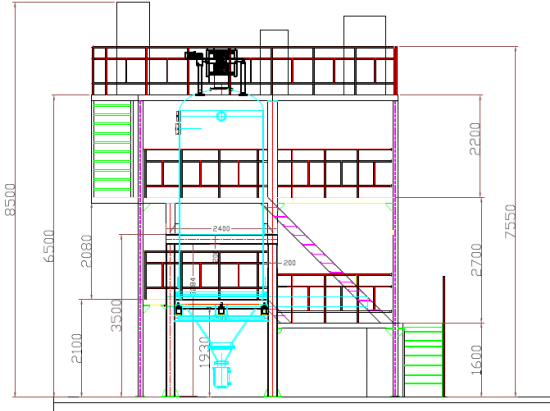


Functional materials and pebble bed technology

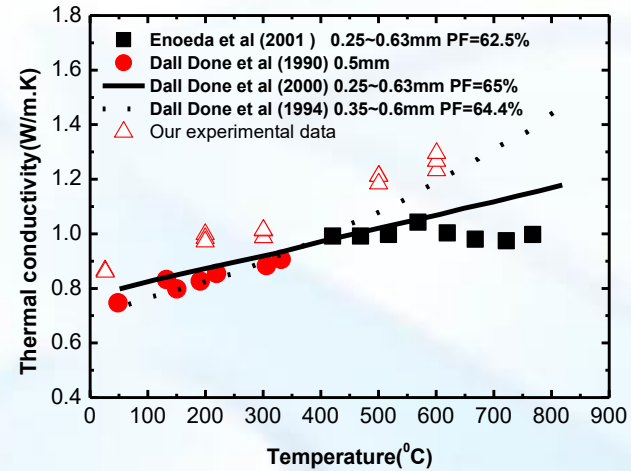
Based on the CN HCCB TBM program, the fabrication technology of Li_4SiO_4 and beryllium pebble have been developed, the database is under establishment.



Li_4SiO_4 pebbles

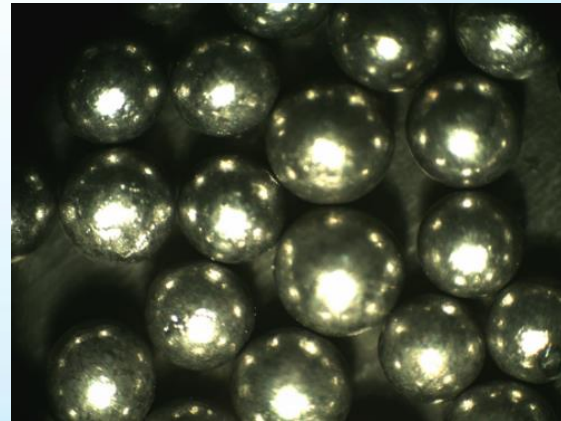


Li_4SiO_4 fabrication facility (under construction)



Compositions of Be Pebbles

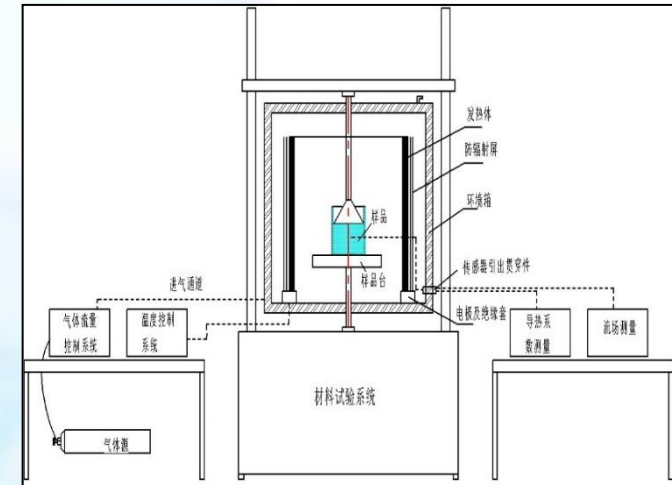
Be	98.7
BeO	0.9
Fe	0.070
Al	0.0252
Si	0.0097
Mg	0.0139
Cr	0.0099
Cu	0.0018
Mn	0.0124
Ni	0.0092
Pb	0.00017



Beryllium pebbles



Beryllium fabrication facility



Multi-physics field pebble bed testing facility (under design)

In collaboration with **Dr. Alice Ying, UCLA, USA.**

Structural material development

China Low-activation Ferrite steel (CLF-1) Scale-up



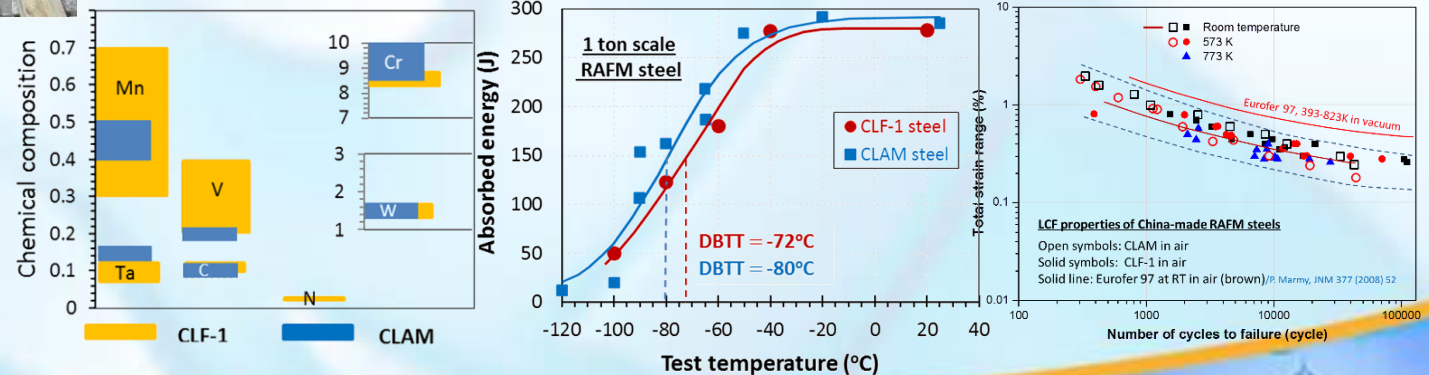
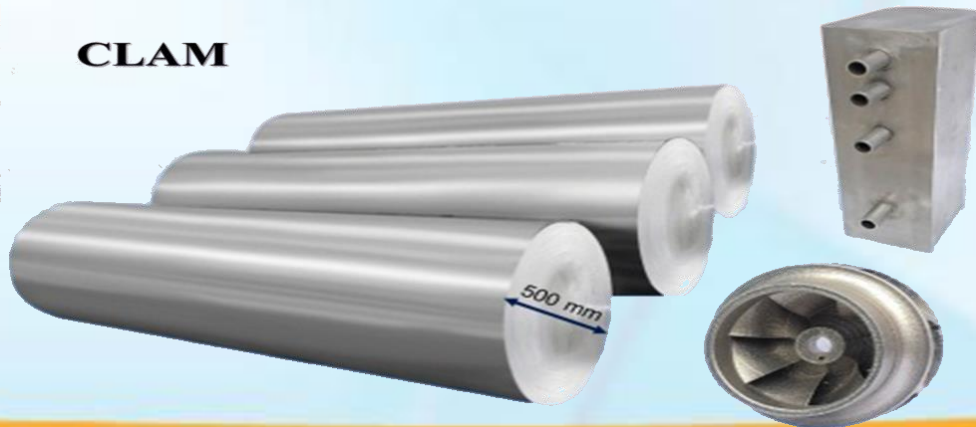
• RAFM steel

- Two kinds of RAFM steel: CLF-1&CLAM
- Fabrication procedure for >5 tons ingot
- 3.2 certificate based on RCC-MR
- Material database
- Irradiation experiment
- Environment compatibility experiment

• ODS steel

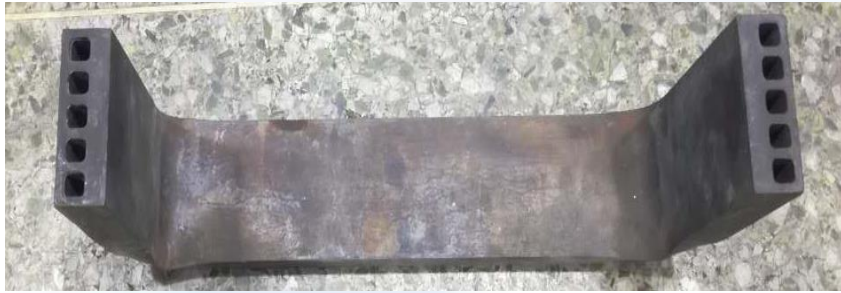
- Ton-scale casting
- High performance:

CLAM



Fabrication processes

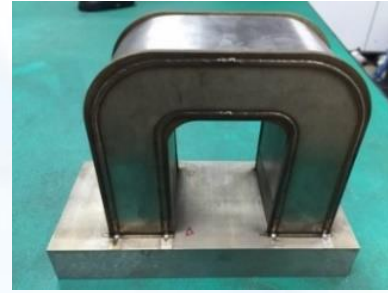
Fabrication processes development for HCCB TBM, whose experience can be used for CFETR TBM



FW sample



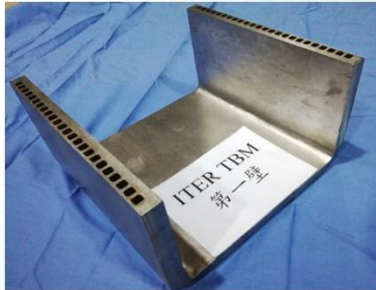
CP sample



Breeding unit sample



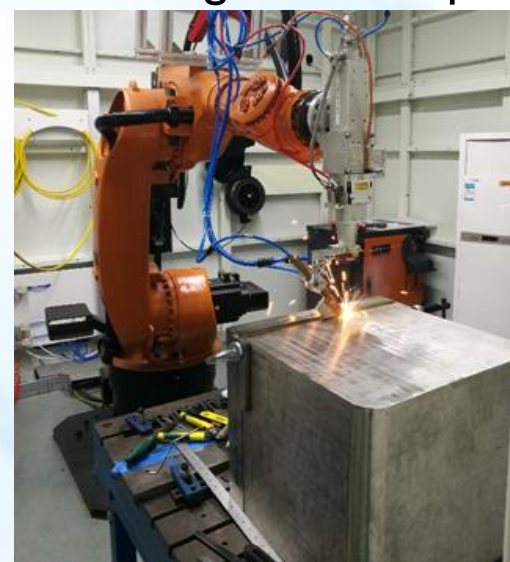
Prototype mockup of double-layer pipe for shield



FW mockup



Cooling plate (CP) mockup



Submodule mockup welding



Back plate mockup



Cover plate mockup



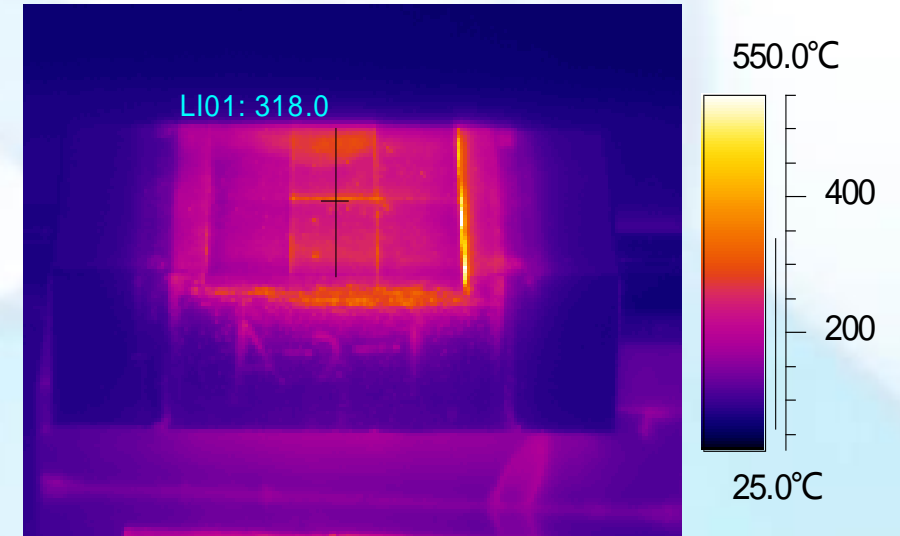
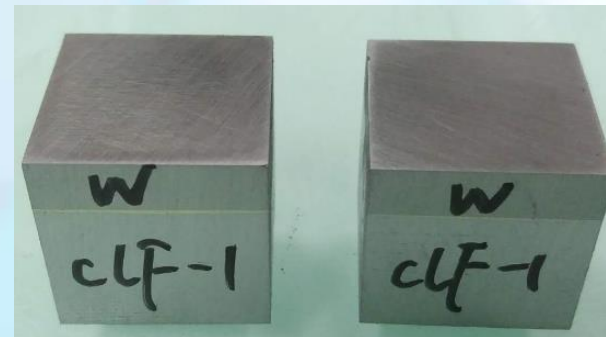
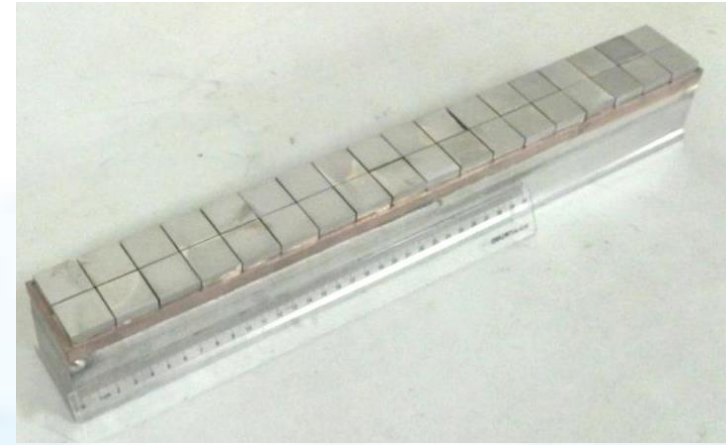
Fabrication processes – CFETR TBB



Deep drilling hole



W armor



Helium cooling technology

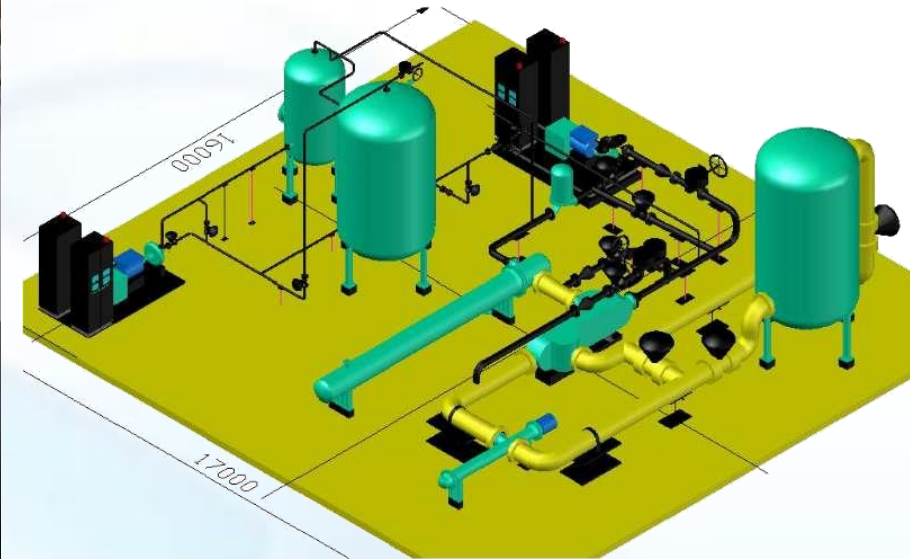
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facility
EMS-60



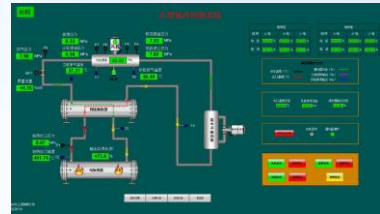
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HeCEL-1 (0.1kg/s, 8MPa, 400°C)

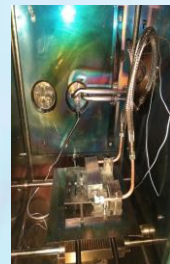


HeCEL-3 (under design)
(>2kg/s, 12MPa, >500°C)



Control system and
ITER Mini-CODAC

Hydraulic
testing

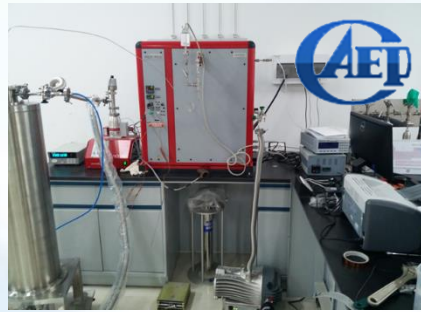


High heat
flux
testing



Tritium related technology

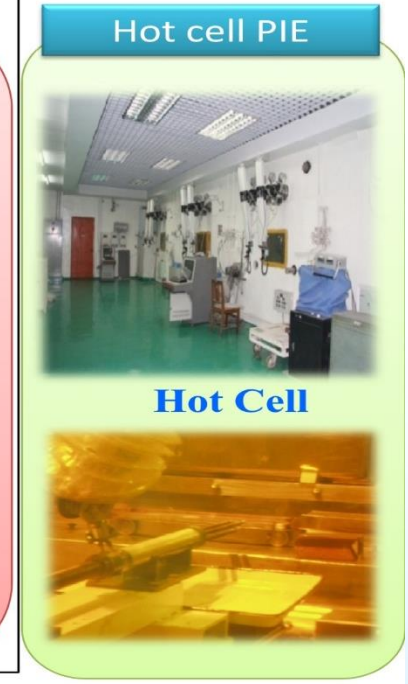
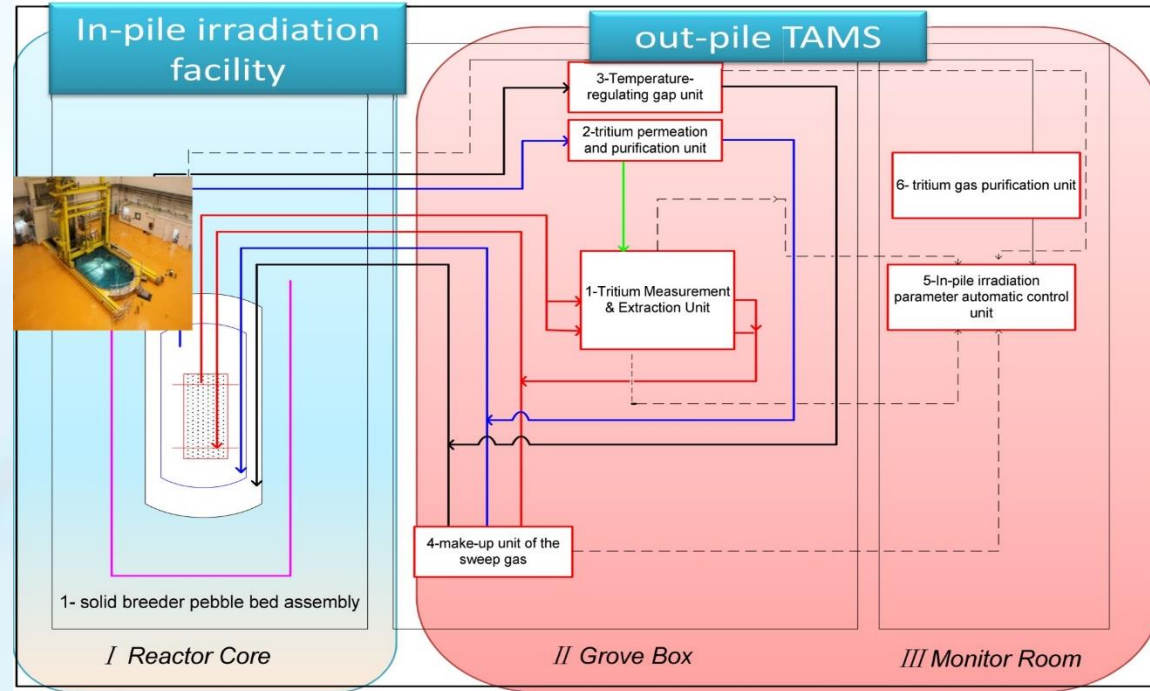
- ◆ Several testing facilities/loops have been constructed by CAEP to verify the tritium technology.
- ◆ In-pile irradiation of lithium ceramic and tritium extraction experiment in both CIAE and CAEP.



CPS testing facility Material testing facility



TES testing facility



In-pile irradiation of lithium silicate and tritium extraction experiment in CIAE

Summary

- The development of HCCB TBB is **one of the most important part** of China fusion development roadmap toward DEMO.
- In order to support the design validation, a lot of **design and R&D activities** have been implemented. It will be an key step for the technology development of HCCB TBB and also it is providing the indispensable experience.
- The development of CFETR HCCB TBB is one of the most important activities of CFETR, which is learning from the CN HCCB TBS and ITER. Its preliminary design has been started based on the latest CFETR design. But some technology challenges have been identified and will be developed in the future.



Collaboration

Institutes



Universities



Industries



**Thank you very much for
your attention!**

