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# IFMIF-DONES

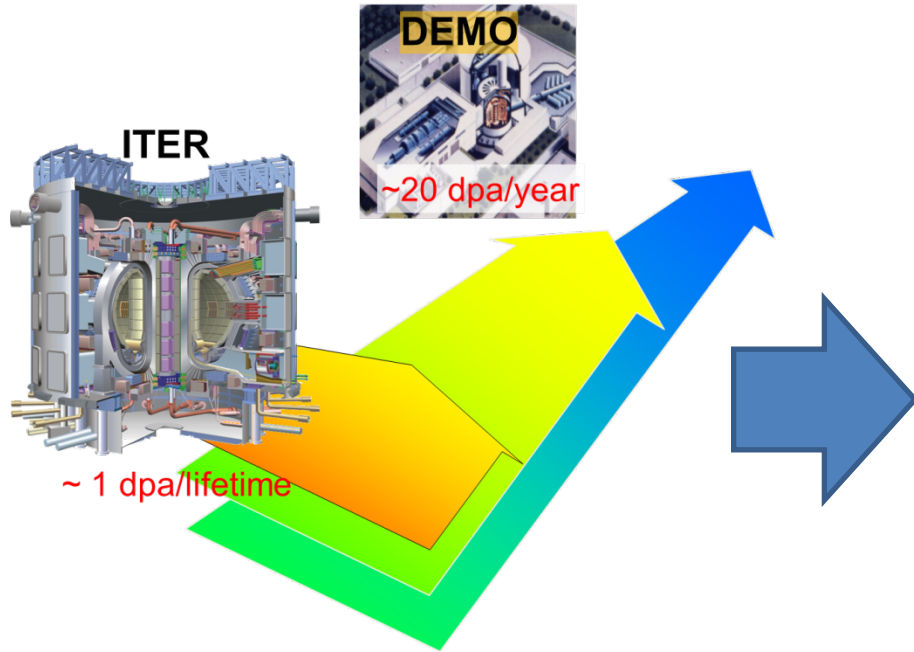
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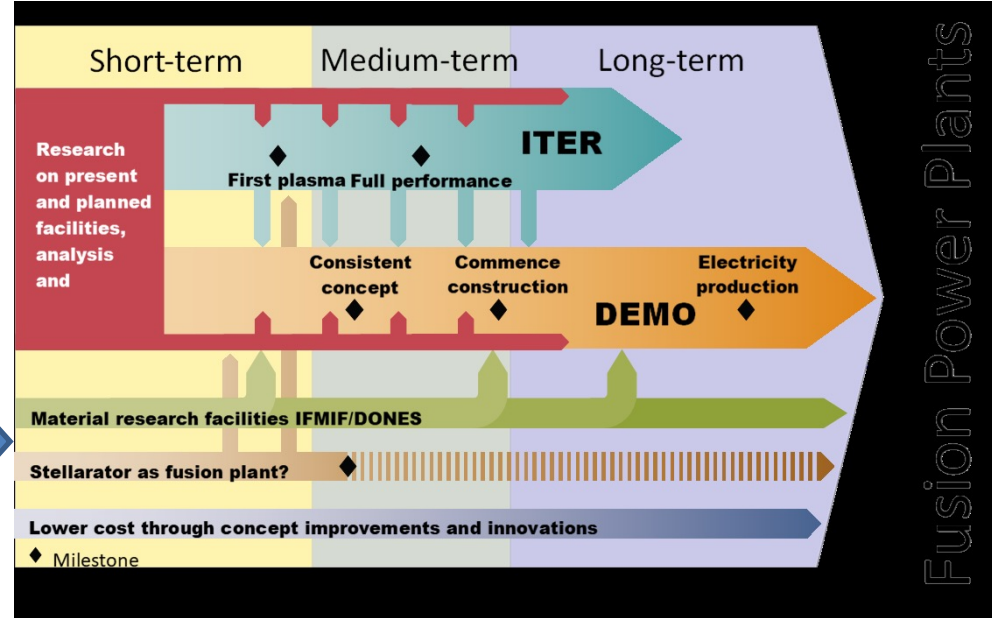


# Why DONES?

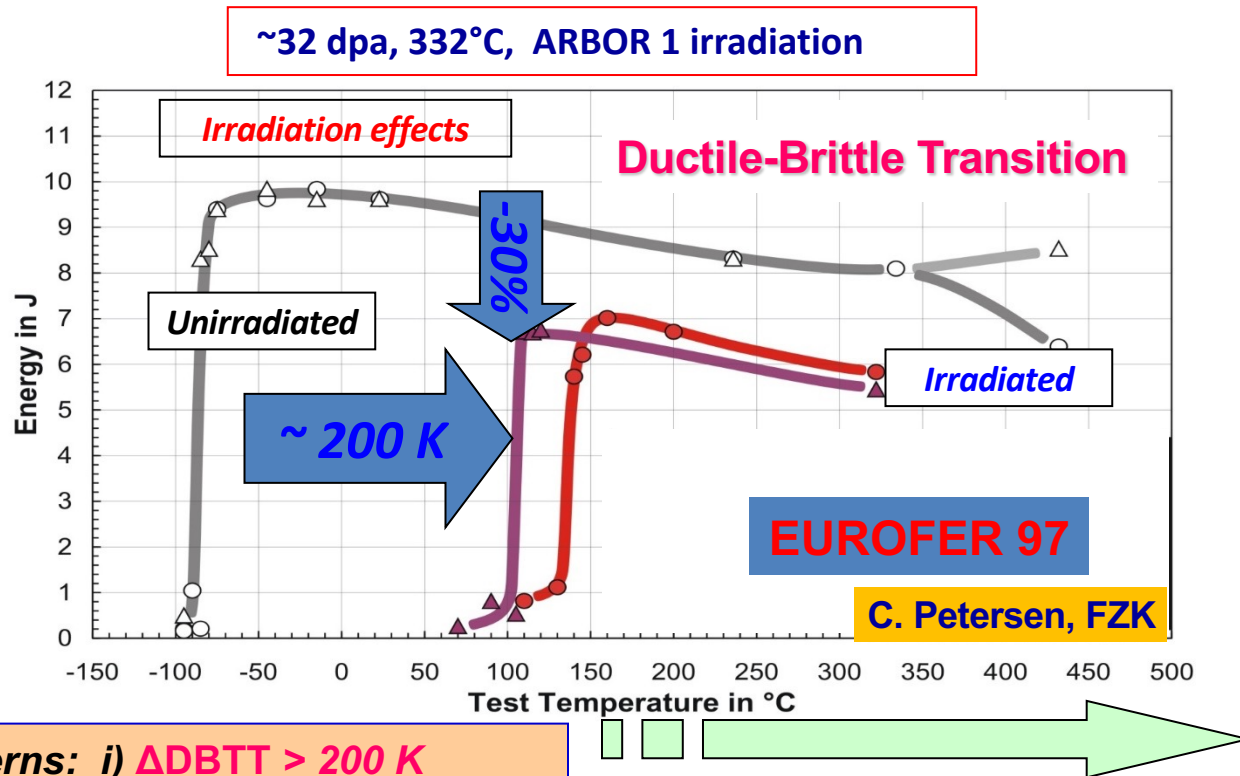
One of the main differences between ITER and DEMO is the radiation dose: at DEMO more that two orders of magnitude higher



## EU Fusion Roadmap




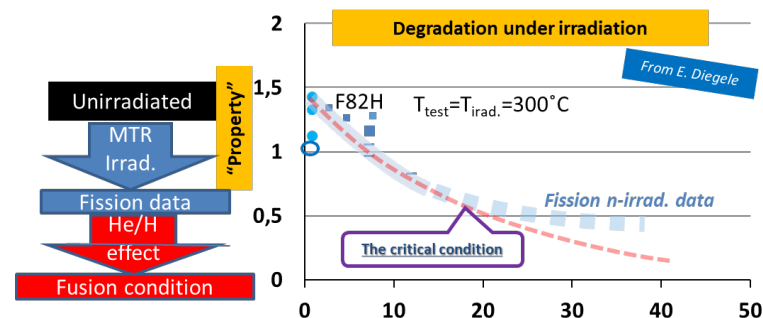
# Impact properties degradation



## Fission irradiations

- Intensive and broad use of MTR (Material Test Reactors) fission irradiation: EU plans for 50M€ in the next decade
- Complementary irradiation modelling and verification (multi-ion beams)

 To establish 1<sup>st</sup> step “best estimate” to perform engineering design



## Fusion-like irradiations

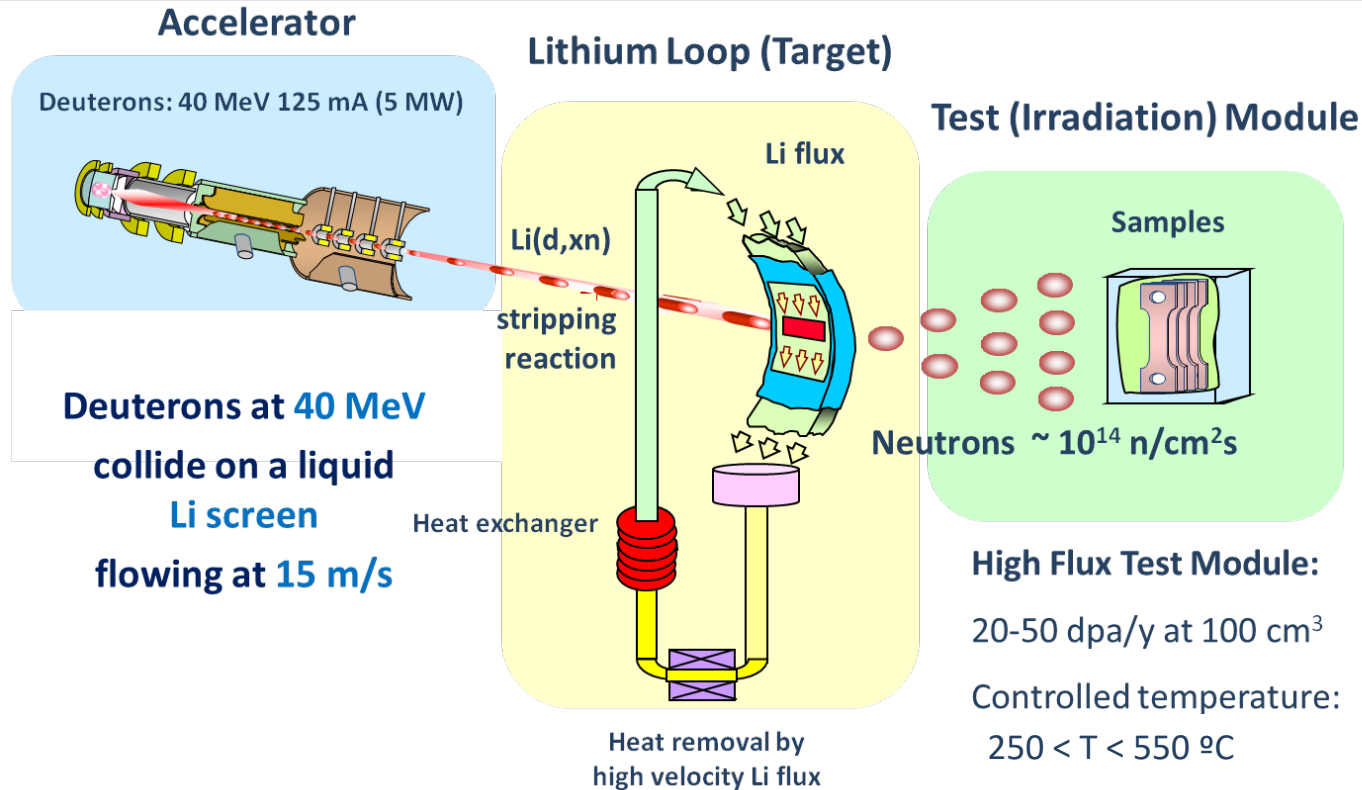
- Mandatory: a dedicated facility for material qualification that best mimics 14MeV neutrons with reasonable irradiation volume, fluence, and optimized homogeneity in T with the objective to (finally) validate in-vessel materials

Based on the assumption that fusion-related effects will appear only at high dose (>10-20 dpa)



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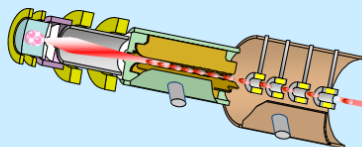
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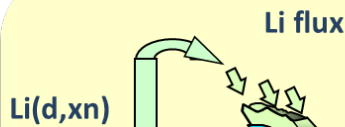
Deuterons: 40 MeV 125 mA (5 MW)



One of the more powerful accelerators in the world

**Challenges:** high power, high space charge, cw wave operation, high reability, longest RFQ,...

## Lithium Loop (Target)



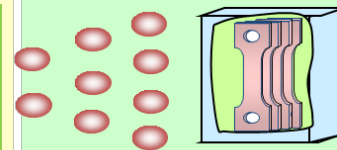
Biggest Li loop in the world

**Challenges:** Biggest Li loop in the world, power management, impurities management –corrosion risks-, reability, lifetime,...

Heat removal by high velocity Li flux

## Test (Irradiation) Module

Samples



neutrons  $\sim 10^{14}$  n/cm<sup>2</sup>s

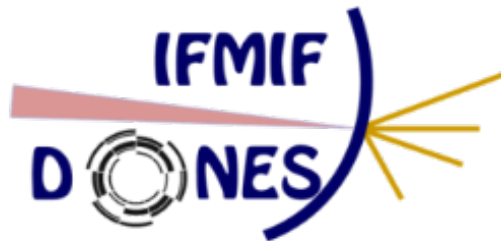
**Challenges:** RH, reability and long term control,...

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# DONES overall framework

The need for a facility of this type was identified long time ago and work has been carried out by using different frameworks

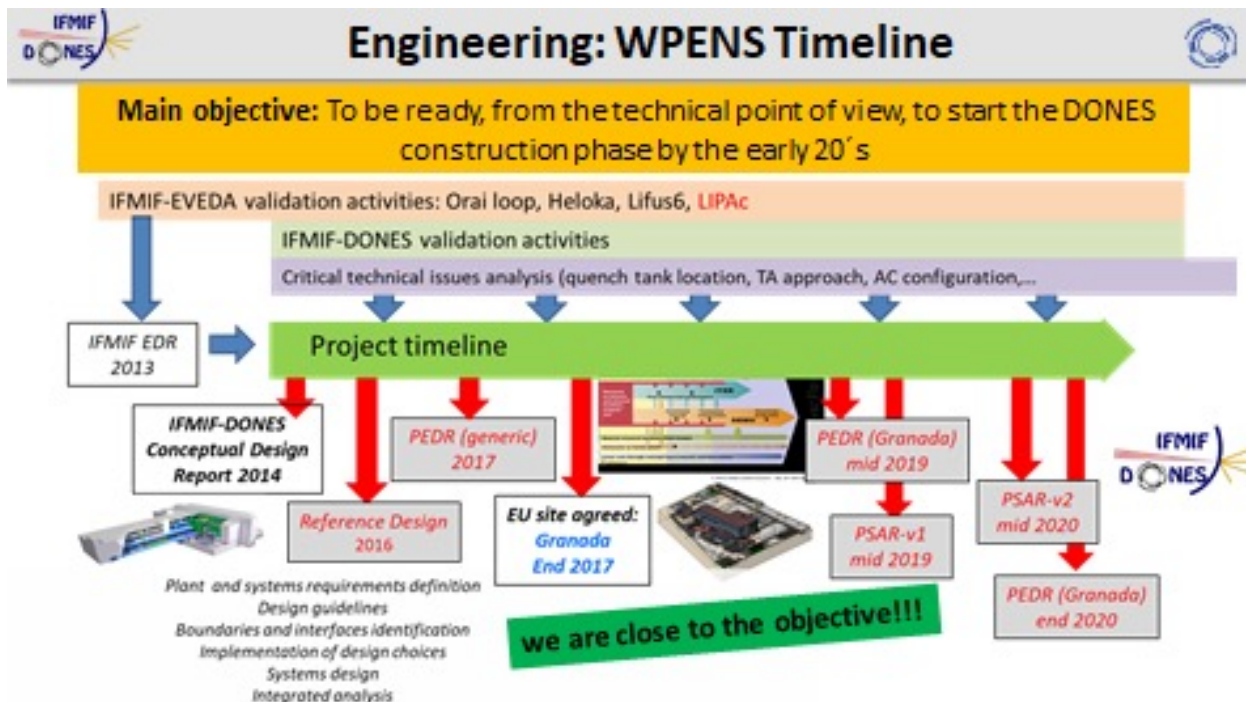
In the last 15 years, key projects are: IFMIF/EVEDA (included in the BA), WPENS –including specific Industry contract- (EUROfusion WP), DONES-PreP (EURATOM CSA), DONES-PRIME and DONES-UGR (Spanish funded projects), ....



**DONES-PRIME**  
**DONES-UGR**

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**Accelerator Validation: LIPAc**

**Prototype accelerator: D, 9 MeV, 125 mA**

Mainly designed and manufactured in Europe, installed and commissioned in Rokkasho

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**Target Facility Validation**

**Objective:** To demonstrate the feasibility of operational conditions:

- Lithium temperature at 250 °C
- Flow speed at 15 m/s
- Stable flow with +/- 1 mm amplitude
- $10^{-3}$  Pa on free surface
- Long term operation stability
- Free surface interferometry diagnostics
- Impurities in lithium < 10 ppm (cold and hot trapping)

Beam shape 200 x 50 mm<sup>2</sup>

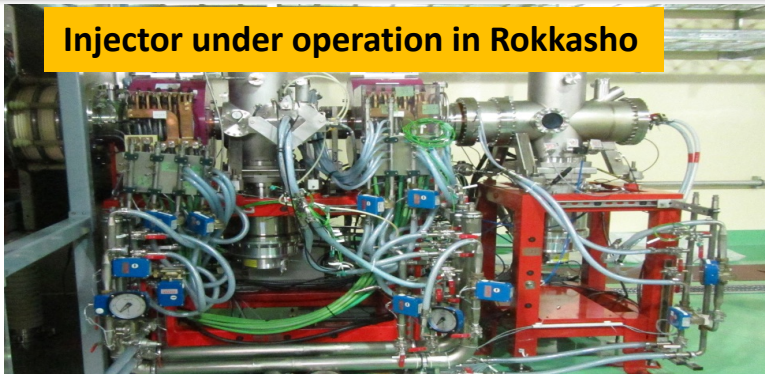
Day 1 (t = 1 h)

Day 25 (t = 570 h)

**+ many other additional validation activities in many different aspects**



Injector under operation in Rokkasho



MEBT at Rokkasho site



**Recent important milestone: 125 mA of D+ in pulsed mode transmitted by the RFQ with very high efficiency**

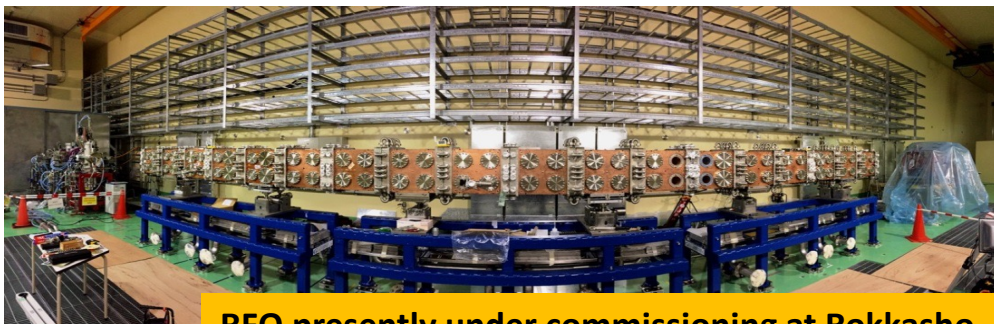


Diagnostics Plate at Rokkasho site



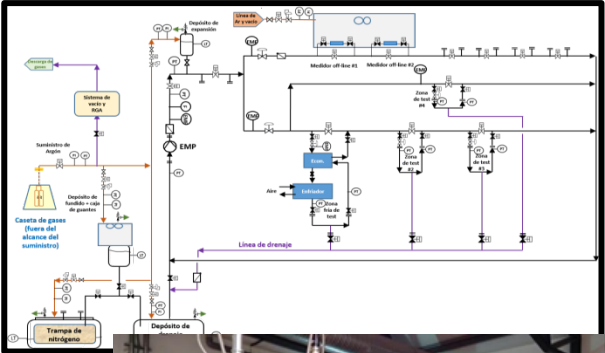
Part of the RF system under operation at Rokkasho

RFQ presently under commissioning at Rokkasho

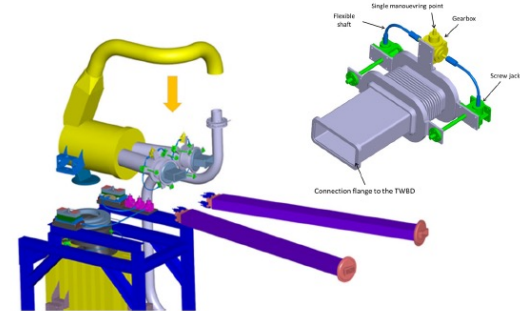
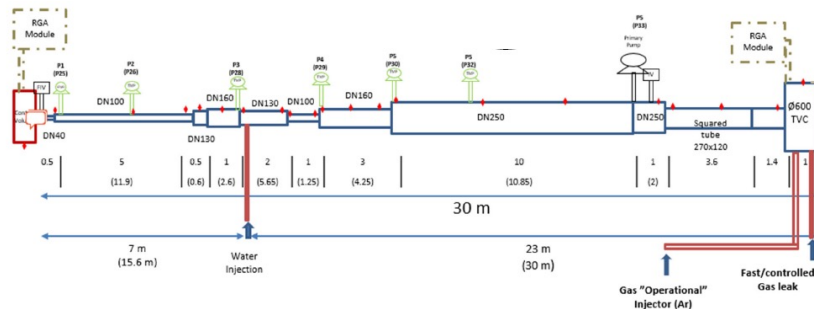
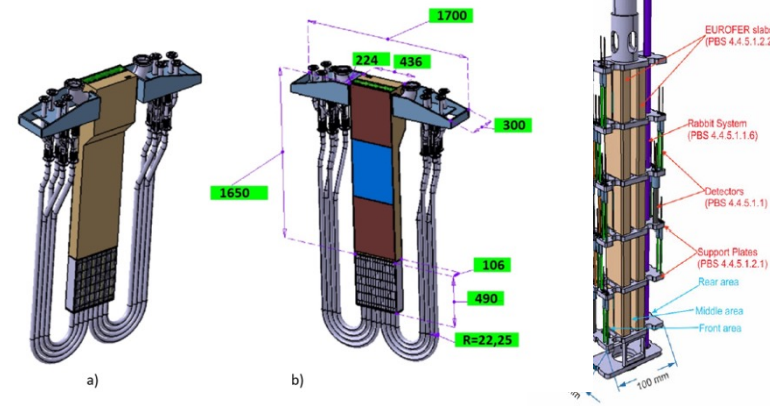




- ❑ **Virtual Reality lab** for Remote Handling simulation
- ❑ **Control Systems Lab** with the target to develop a digital mockup of the facility
- ❑ **High-power RF Lab** to test SSPA technology and components
- ❑ **Li purification prototipe loop (LITEC)** to test impurities control technology
- ❑ **LIFIRE** facility to study Lithium fire risks



- ❑ **Start-Up Monitoring Module (STUMM).** Irradiation module to be used during the commissioning phase in order to fully characterize radiation map
- ❑ **Quick Disconnecting System (QDS).** To validate RH connection system
- ❑ **Multipurpose VaCuum accidental scenarios (MuVaCas).** To analyze different possible accidental scenarios
- ❑ **Electromagnetic Pump prototype.** To characterize pump performance



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- Being developed in the framework of the ENS vvp of EUROfusion
- Development of additional national projects
- Other additional national projects

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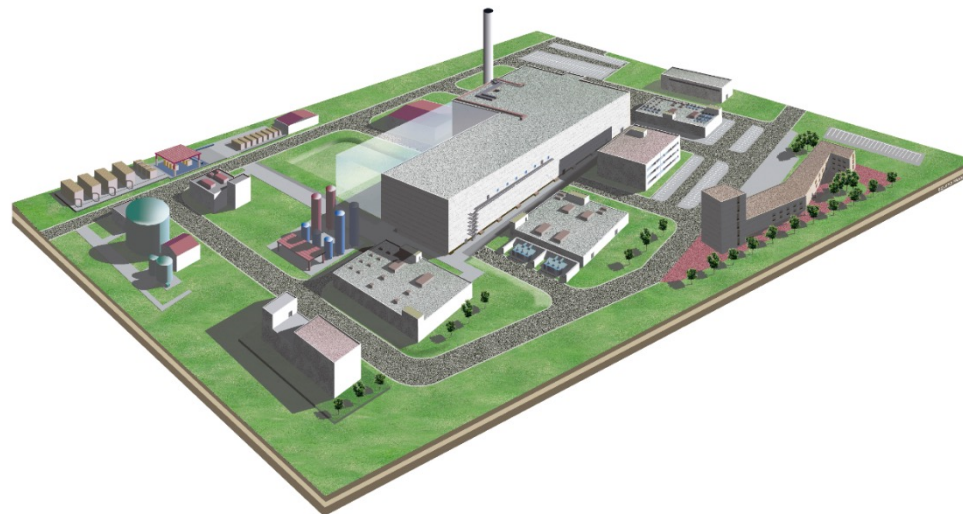
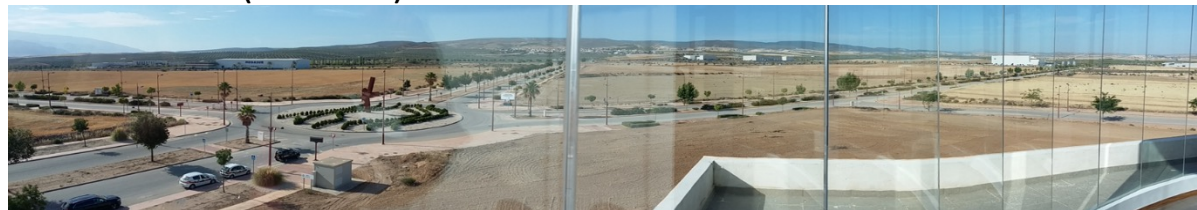
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# The Site

It has been agreed that if it is built in EU, it will be located in the Granada province (Andalusia region – southern Spain), 18 km southwest from Granada city in the Granada Metropolitan park (Escúzar ).



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- **Implementation**

- In order to prepare for the project implementation, a complete planning of the project has been prepared (Project Plan, Time Schedule, Cost Estimate, Risk Analysis, Quality, Project Lifecycle,...)
- At this moment, high level discussions are going on in order to define the international implementation of the project (up to 15 countries and international organizations involved)



10-11 years up to full operation

### Critical path milestones

- Project “start” 2022
- Initial team build up 2022
- Site preparation contract 2024
- Buildings and Plant Systems contract 2024
- Building ready 2028
- Injector contract 2025
- Injector installation 2028
- RFQ contract 2025
- RFQ installation and commissioning 2029
- SRF linac contract 2025
- Start of SRF commissioning 2030
- DONES commissioning 2031
- Start of DONES operation 2032

← Hold point linked to LIPAc results

**Technical manageable & Schedule achievable !!!**

**First materials PIE data around 2035-37**  
**Likely three campaigns until end of DEMO EDA**



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In July 2021 it has been signed the agreement between Spanish Government and regional Government (Junta de Andalucia) to create a new institution that will be in charge of the project development



## Expected role of the Spanish Consortium

- In charge of the Spanish contribution (50% of the construction costs)
- A significant fraction of the international Program Team
- Legal representative of the facility
- In charge of the operation of the facility

### Applications of medical interest

- Radiopharmaceuticals for therapy (e.g.  $^{99}\text{Tc}$ )
- Accelerator-based boron-neutron-capture therapy (BNCT)
- ....

### Basic physics studies

- Half-life measurements on long-lived isotopes
- Neutron and neutrino oscillations
- Solid state physics studies



### Nuclear physics and radioactive ion beam facility

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- Mechanism of nuclear fission
- Cross-section measurements for applied physics ( $(n,\gamma)$ ,  $(n,\alpha)$ ,  $(n,\text{fission})$ )
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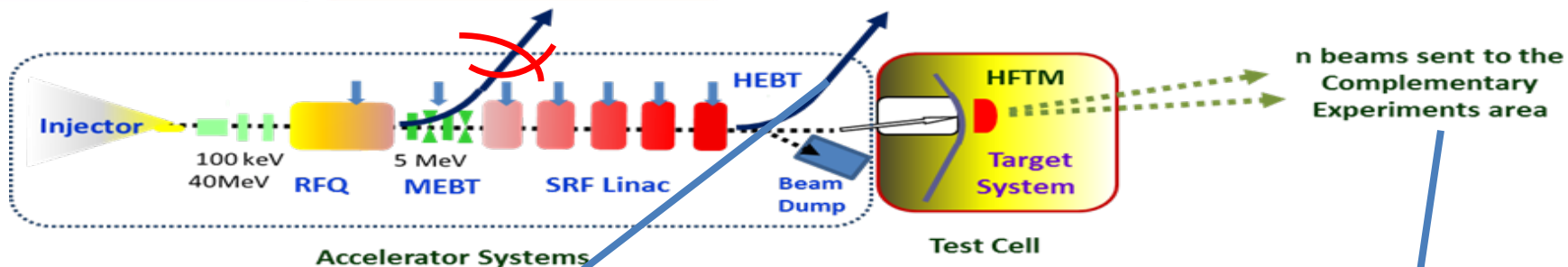
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- Mechanical properties of irradiated materials from small samples
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❖ **Deuterons** extracted from the accelerator beam but only a small fraction (a few percent)

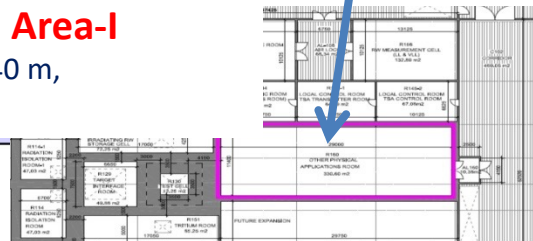
❖ **Neutrons** available behind the Irradiation Module either inside or outside the Test Cell

Fraction of D beam deflected at 40 MeV



**Complementary Exp Area-II**  
Additional floor below the accelerator

**Complementary Exp Area-I**  
Dimensions: 29.00 m x 11.40 m,  
Height 8.00 m, 330.60 m<sup>2</sup>



# Summary

- IFMIF-DONES is the EU proposed fusion-like neutron source to be implemented in the near future at Granada
- IFMIF-DONES is based on a high current D accelerator hitting on a liquid Li moving at high velocity. It will allow irradiation of around 1000 engineering-relevant samples at a dose rate higher than 10 dpa/fpy. The engineering design of the facility has been developed during the last 5 years
- Facility design is flexible enough to accommodate different irradiation needs that will evolve along the time
- Facility design is flexible enough to accommodate simultaneously other type of experiments of interest in other scientific areas
- The Project is progressing properly gaining momentum, international consensus and technical readiness. Significant decisions are expected in the short term



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# Impacto socioeconómico



Impacto muy relevante, pero además es importante resaltar el tipo de impacto: esencialmente tecnológico (que normalmente tiene un gran poder multiplicador en otras áreas de la sociedad)

- ❖ There is interest in science communities outside of the fusion research program to take advantage of the unique features of IFMIF-DONES
- ❖ **Complementary experimental program** must be implemented **in parasitic mode**, thus not affecting the main mission of IFMIF-DONES

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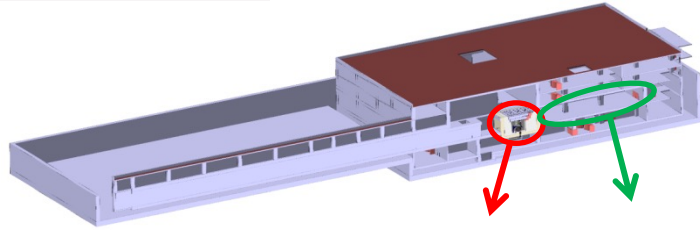
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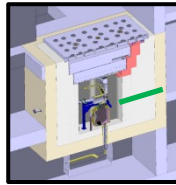
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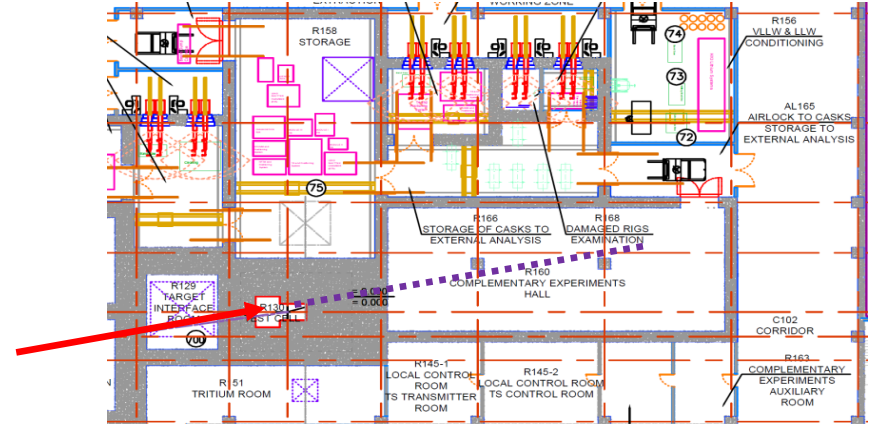
# Complementary experiments with neutrons



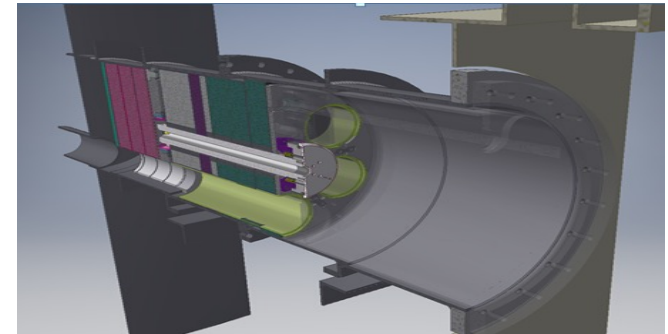
DONES  
Test Cell



Collimated neutron  
beam facility –  
behind the HFTM!

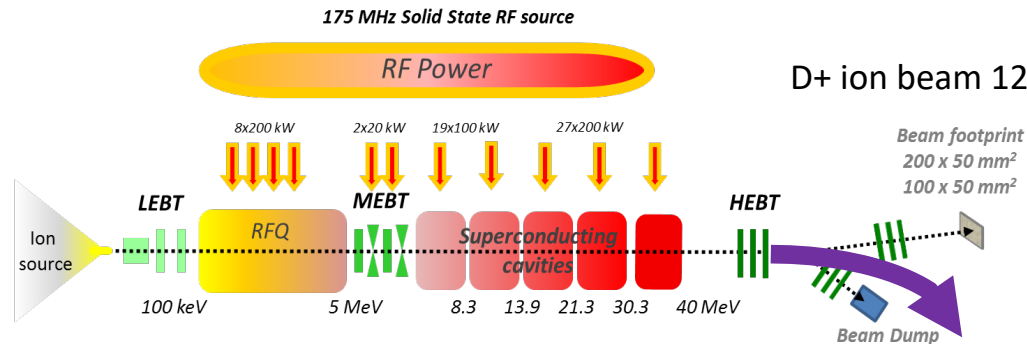


- ✓ A neutron transport line is placed from the Test Cell to a collimated neutron beam facility
- ✓ A neutron shutter is being designed to operate the complementary experiments facility independently of the Test Cell irradiation
- ✓ Possible moderation of the neutron flux is considered

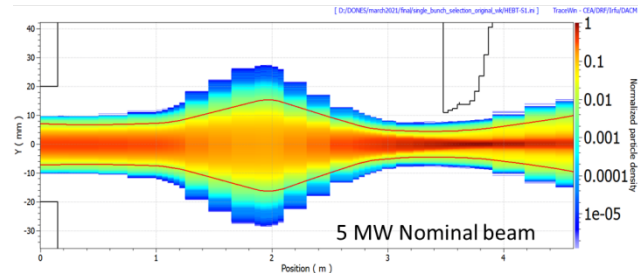
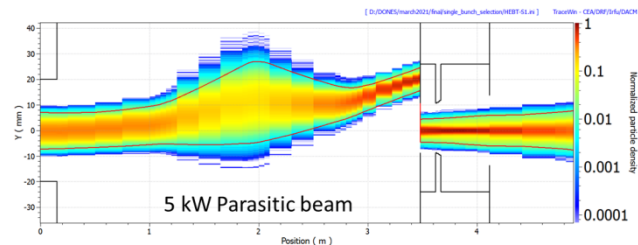


**THIS IS IMPLEMENTED in IFMIF-DONES design!**



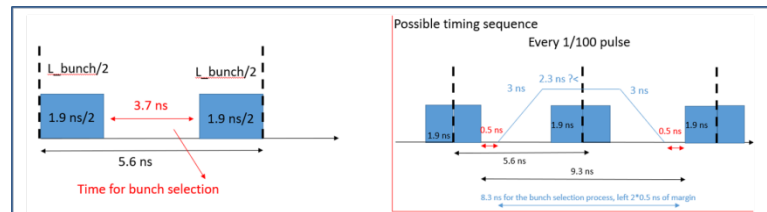


D+ ion beam 125 mA / 40 MeV (5 MW)



Possible extraction of a fraction (1-0.1%) of the beam at 40 MeV:

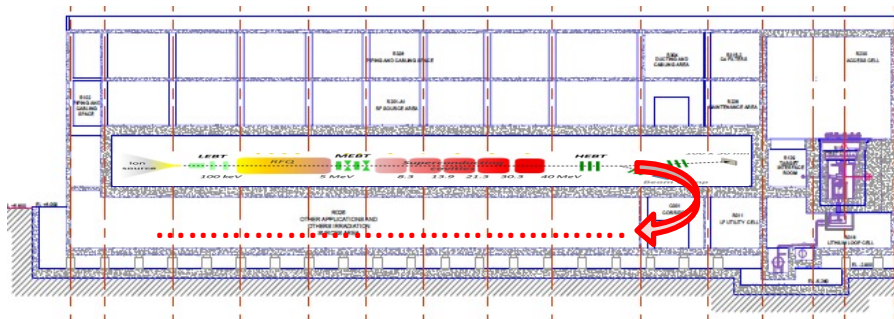
- ✓ Extraction in the high-energy beam transport line
- ✓ A configuration of a meander line of 3.5 m + electrostatic septum + septum magnet is proposed
- ✓ Timing conditions: a beam bunch length of 1.9 ns, separation between bunches of 3.7 ns
- ✓ Other option a slow extraction, more flexible



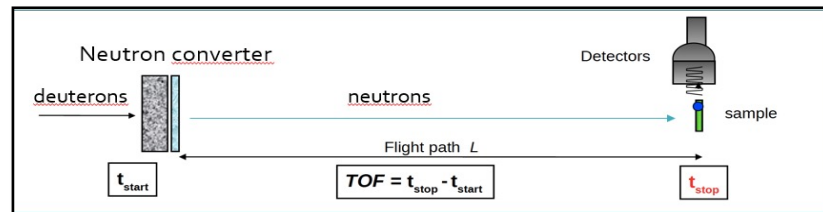
- ✓ A pulsed beam of 40 MeV deuterons could be used directly for (nuclear) physics experiments
- ✓ It could also be used on another production target (e.g. Li, Be, graphite) **to produce neutrons**,  
→ in that way a **pulsed source** of neutrons would be obtained

(similar to NFS facility at GANIL, n\_TOF at CERN)

DONES building, section view  
Accelerator at level 1, FCE at ground level



**NO DECISION ON IMPLEMENTATION YET!**



Neutron time-of-flight facility (n\_TOF)

This option under study:

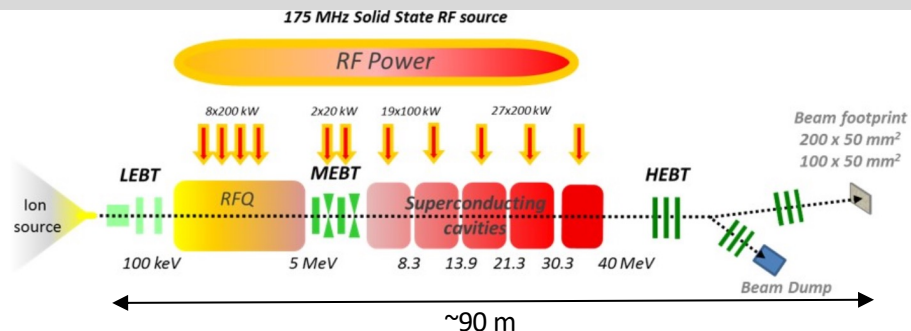
- Possible characteristics of parasitic D beam
- Integration with the optics of the nominal beam
- Feasibility of n\_TOF facility (or experiments with D)
- Catalogue of possible experiments

# Possible experiments with pulsed deuteron or secondary neutron beams

Proposal	Neutron converter	Beam requirements	Target characteristics	Detection system	Uniqueness @ DONES	Foreseen outcome
Gamma spectroscopy of the nuclei produced in fast-neutron-induced fission reaction	Yes	pulsed deuterons; repetition time: few hundreds ns; pulse width: 1-2 ns	radioactive fissile actinide targets; milligram samples; Zr or Be backing	HPGe detectors; GFM spectrometer; TOF measurement	pulsed intense beam; long duration of measurement; combining with GFM spectrometer;	gamma-ray spectroscopic studies of hitherto inaccessible exotic nuclei near the doubly-magic $^{78}\text{Ni}$
Production of radionuclides with high intense deuteron beam	No	continuous or pulsed deuterons;	powder targets; backing	HPGe detectors; pneumatic transfer system	high beam intensity; long irradiation time	production of Cu-64, Re-186g, and <i>in vivo</i> Sc-44m/Sc-44g generator
Investigation of pygmy dipole resonance (PDR) in stable nuclei via (n, n') and (d, d') reactions	Yes/No	pulsed deuterons; repetition time: few hundreds ns; pulse width: 1-2 ns	stable targets; about 3 cm thick	PARIS detectors; neutron detectors; TOF measurement	pulsed intense beam; two probes (n and d); complementary to the studies in other labs	studies of the fine structures of pygmy dipole resonances in various nuclei e.g. $^{90}\text{Zr}$ , $^{124}\text{Sn}$ , $^{208}\text{Pb}$ ... with neutron and deuteron probes
Half-life measurements of long-lived isotopes	Yes	continuous	stable targets; > 1 gram samples	HPGe detectors; pneumatic transfer system	high beam intensity; long irradiation time	precise half-lives measurement of long-lived $^{79}\text{Se}$ , $^{93}\text{Zr}$ , $^{107}\text{Pd}$ , $^{129}\text{I}$ , $^{129}\text{Xe}$ , $^{135}\text{Cs}$ , ... isotopes
Deuteron-induced reactions	No	pulsed deuterons; repetition time: few hundreds ns; pulse width: 1-2 ns	stable	neutron detectors; HPGe detectors; TOF measurement; GFM spectrometer	pulsed intense beam	spectroscopic factor and excitation energy determination for the low-spin states in nuclei in close proximity of the path of stability
Neutron Time Of Flight (n-TOF) facility	Yes	pulsed deuterons; repetition time: few hundreds ns; pulse width: 1-2 ns	stable and fissile targets	neutron detectors; HPGe detectors; fission chamber	pulsed intense beam; long duration of measurement; long base for n-TOF	cross sections studies of various neutron-induced reactions

# Accelerator systems summary

**175 MHz, 5MW, 125 mA, CW, high availability: One of the more powerful accelerators in the world**

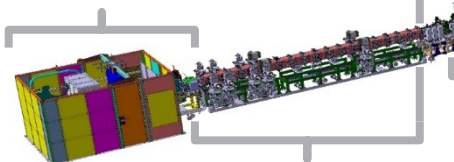


**Injector (ECR) + Low Energy Beam Transport (LEBT)**

Output energy 100 KeV

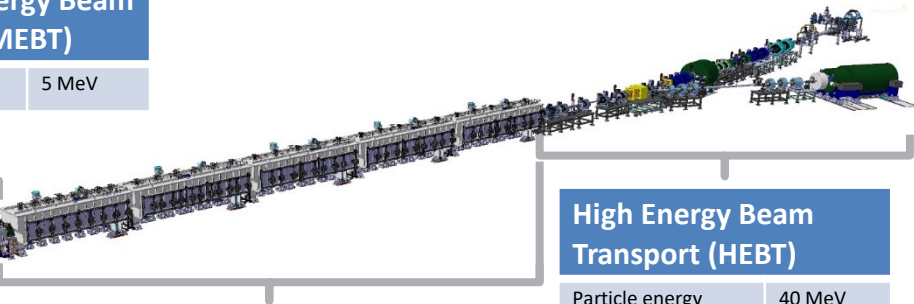
**Medium Energy Beam Transport (MEBT)**

Particle energy 5 MeV



**Radio Frequency Quadrupole (RFQ)**

Output energy 5 MeV



**Superconducting Radio Frequency Linear Accelerator (SRF-Linac)**

Output energy 40 MeV

**High Energy Beam Transport (HEBT)**

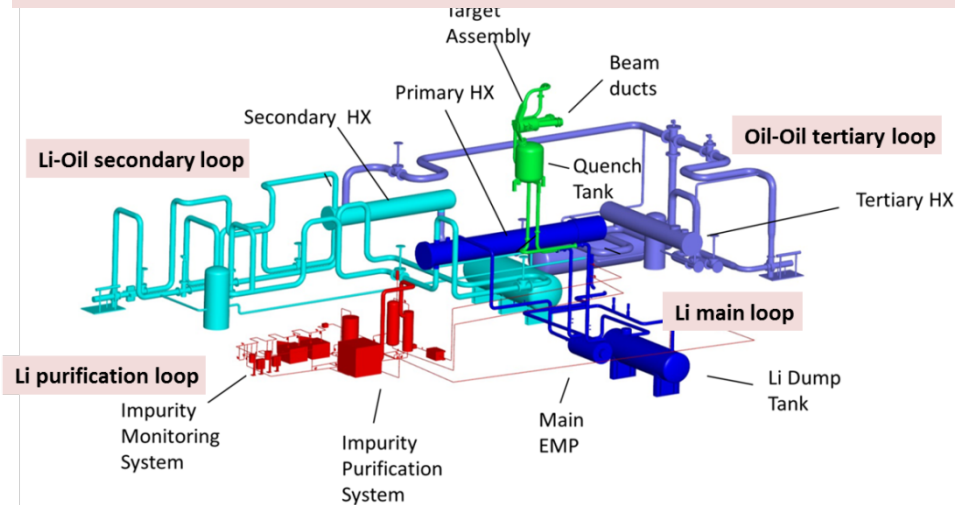
Particle energy 40 MeV

**Challenging!!!!**

(high power, high space charge, cw wave operation, high reliability, longest RFQ,...)

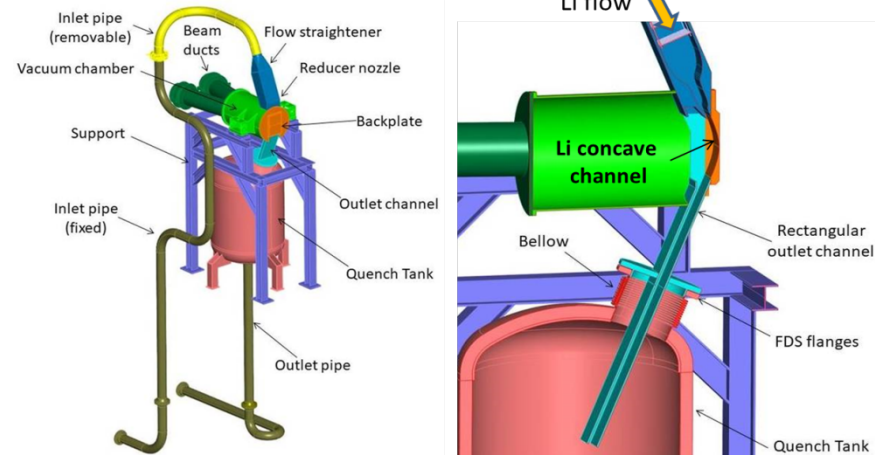
# Li systems summary

5 MW power handling, 15 m/s Li velocity, remote handling  
Main requirements: Li flow stability and Li impurities control



Li volume  $\sim 8 \text{ m}^3$  Li flow rate  $\sim 100 \text{ l/s}$   
Temperature (cold side)  $\sim 300 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

## Lithium target



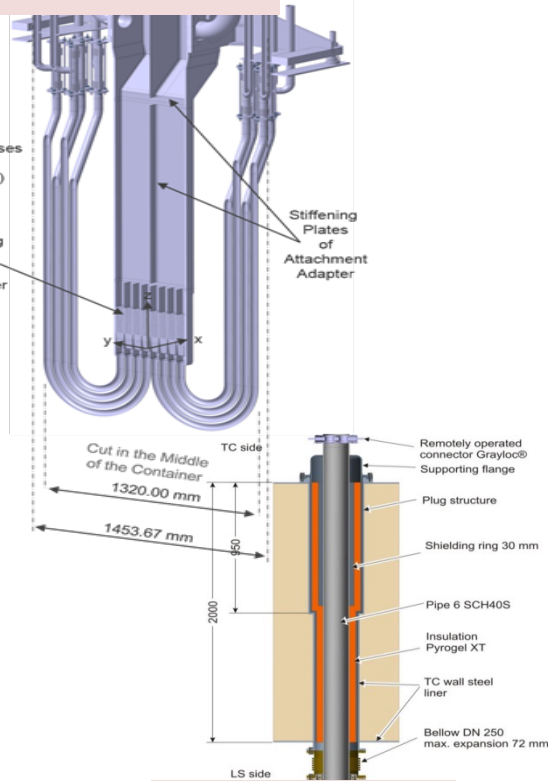
Jet thickness:  $25 \pm 1 \text{ mm}$  Li flow velocity:  $15 \text{ m/s}$   
Chamber pressure:  $10^{-3} \text{ Pa}$  Heat flux:  $500 \text{ MW/m}^2$

Challenging!!!!

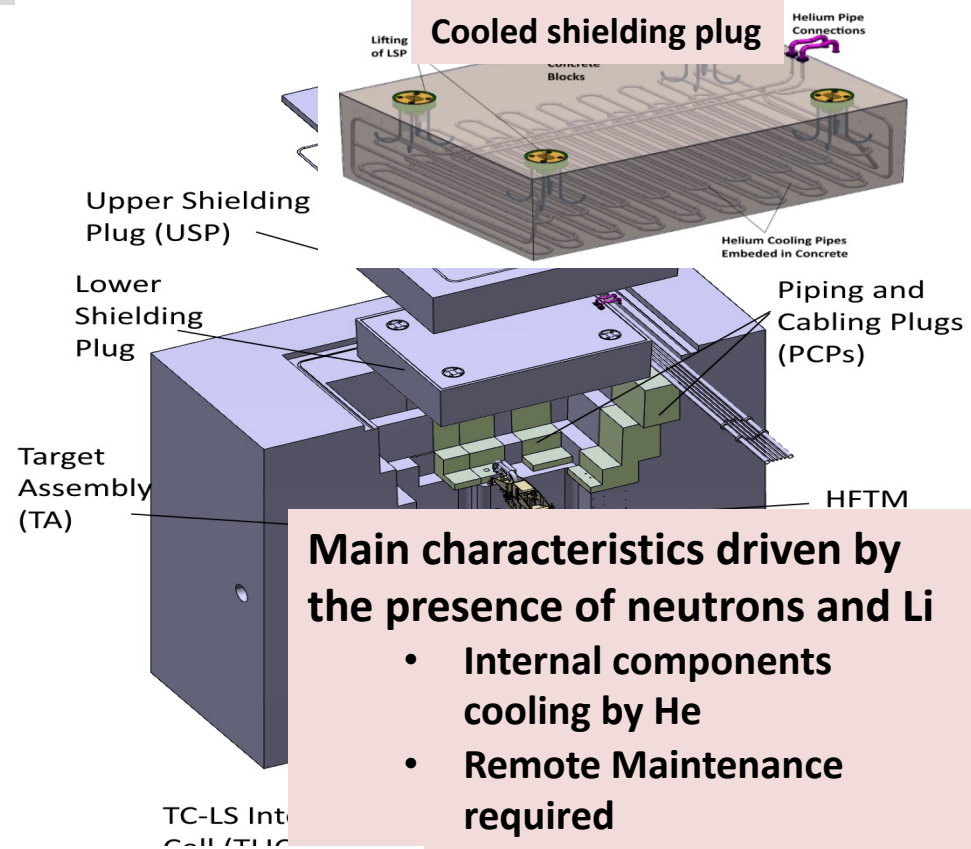
(Biggest Li loop in the world, power management, impurities management –corrosion risks-, reability, lifetime,...)

# Test Systems summary

## Irradiation module



Dust penetration



Challenging!!!!:(RH, reability and long term control,...)