# FUSION BLANKET DESIGN ISSUES AND EXPERIMENT PLANNING

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#### Emphasis of Presentation

Blanket Design Issues

Blanket Experimental Research Needs

#### Bases for Information

- BCSS

  Blanket Design Study
- FINESSE

  Technology Research & Development Study

# Objectives of BCSS

- Define a small number (3 or 4) of blanket design concepts that should provide the focus of the blanket R&D program.
- Identify and prioritize the critical issues for the leading concepts.
- Provide the technical input necessary to develop a blanket R&D program.

# Approach

- Develop reference design guidelines.
  - Tokamak = STARFIRE
  - TMR = MARS
  - 5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>
- Develop evaluation methodology and criteria.
- Compile materials data base and develop uniform systems analysis.
- Develop conceptual designs for evaluation.
- Evaluate blanket concepts.
- Identify critical feasibility issues and R&D requirements for leading concepts.

# Design Guidelines

	TOKAMAK	TMR	
Reactor Design Basis	STARFIRE	MARS	
Peak Magnetic Field, T	10	5	
Neutron Wall Load, MW/m <sup>2</sup>	5	5	
First Wall Heat Flux, W/cm <sup>2</sup>	100	5	
First Wall Erosion, mm/y	1	0.1	

# Candidate First-Wall/Blanket Materials

Breeding Materials	Coolants	Structure	Neutron Multiplier
Liquid Metals	H <sub>2</sub> O	Austenitic Steel	Be
Li	Li	PCA	Pb
17Li-83Pb	17Li—83Pb He Salt <sup>C</sup>	Mn Steel <sup>A</sup>	
Ceramics		Ferritic Steel	
Li <sub>2</sub> 0		HT-9	
Li <sub>8</sub> ZrO <sub>6</sub> LiAlO <sub>2</sub> B		Mod. Ferr. St. <sup>A</sup>	
Salt FLIBE <sup>D</sup>		Vanadium Alloy	
rLIDE		V15Cr5Ti	

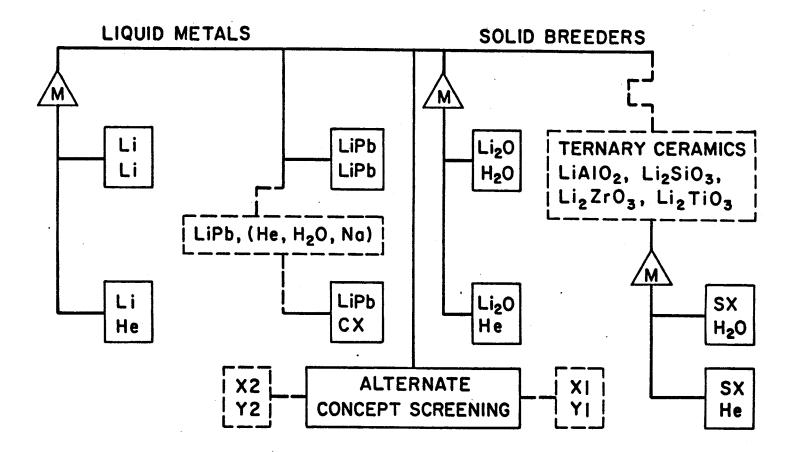
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>A</sup>Low—activation structural alloys. V15Cr5Ti is inherently low activation.

 $<sup>^{8}</sup>$ LiAlO<sub>2</sub> is representative of ceramics that include Li<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>, Li<sub>2</sub>ZrO<sub>3</sub>, etc.

CNitrate salt.

DFluoride salt.

#### **BLANKET OPTIONS**



#### STRUCTURAL MATERIAL

- BIG DIFFERENCE IN R&D
  - (1) PCA
  - (2) FERRITIC
  - (3) VANADIUM ALLOY

#### M = NEUTRON MULTIPIIER

- ALL BREEDERS (EXCEPT LIPb)
  MAY REQUIRE MULTIPLIER.
- IS BERYLLIUM THE ONLY CHOICE ?
- BERYLLIUM ASSESSMENT.

# Leading Blanket Concepts Evaluated in BCSS (Breeder, Coolant, Structure, Neutron Multiplier)

Li/Li/V Li/Li/FS\* LiPb/LiPb/V\* Li/He/FS Li<sub>2</sub>O/He/FS LiAIO2/He/FS/Be LiAIO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O/FS/Be LiAIO2/NS/FS/Be Flibe/He/FS/Be

<sup>\*</sup> Evaluated for TMR only.

- Developed evaluation methodology and criteria for comparison of blanket concepts.
- Areas of evaluation
  - Engineering feasibility
  - Economics
  - Safety
  - R&D

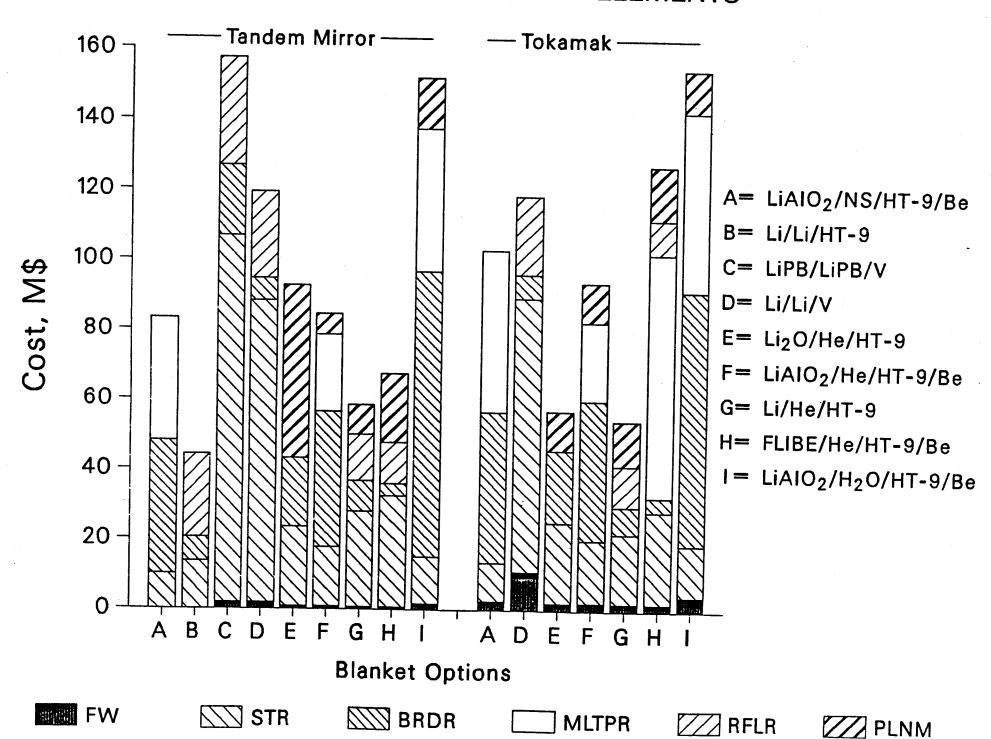
# **Engineering Evaluation Indices**

Index Name		Weighting Value (W <sub>i</sub> )	
1. Tritium Breeding and	I Inventory		25
2. Engineering Complex	kity and Fabrication		25
3. Maintenance and Re	pair		15
4. Resources			5 <sup>A</sup>
5. Power Swings			10
6. Increased Capability			10
6.1 Increased Neutr	on Wall Loading	5	
	Heat Flux, Higher Erosion	5	
7. Startup/Shutdown R	•		10

<sup>^</sup>Assumes go/no-go materials shortage does not exist.

#### **BLANKET COST ELEMENTS**

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# Safety Evaluation Indices

Index Number	Index Name		
1	Structure Source Term Characterization	10	
2	Breeder/Multiplier Source Term Characterization	10	
3	Coolant Source Term Characterization	10	
4	Fault Tolerance to Breeder—Coolant Mixing	6	
5	Fault Tolerance to Cooling Transients	6	
6	Fault Tolerance to External Forces	6	
7	Fault Tolerance to Near-Blanket Systems Interactions	6	
8	Fault Tolerance of the Reactor Building to Blanket Transients	6	
9	Normal Radioactive Effluents	20	
10	Occupational Exposure	10	
11	Waste Management	10	

# **R&D** Evaluation

- Provide a comparative assessment of the R&D.
  - Requirements
  - Risks
- R&D Figure of Merit (RDFM)
  - Risk Factor (RDR)
    - Probability of unsatisfactory performance.
    - Consequences of unsatisfactory performance.
  - Investment Factor (RDI)
    - Time scale for developement.
    - Annual operating costs.
    - Facility requirements.

Tokamak Blanket Ranking

	Engineering	Economics	Safety	R&D	Overall <sup>c</sup>
Li/Li/V Li/Li/FS LiPb/LiPb/V	1.000 (1)	.85 <sup>a</sup> (3)	.998 <sup>b</sup> (2)	.886 (2)	1.000 (1)
Li/He/FS Li <sub>2</sub> O/He/FS Li <sub>2</sub> O/He/FS/Be LiAIO <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> O/FS/Be LiAIO <sub>2</sub> /NS/FS/Be FLIBE/He/FS/Be	.750 (3) .719 (4) .611 (7) .682 (5) .849 (2) .658 (6)	.73 (7) .79 (5) .79 (5) 1.00 (1) .98 (2) .84 (4)	.925 (3) 1.000 (1) .904 (4) .597 (6) .515 (7) .807 (5)	` '	.842 (3) .878 (2) .806 (6) .805 (7) .831 (4) .809 (5)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>Assumes switching from vanadium to steel outside blanket is feasible

bAssumes no water cooled components close to the blanket

CBased on equal weighting for engineering, economic, and safety
evaluation results.

- A total of 29 issues were evaluated.
- Each is documented in terms of:
  - Issue description
  - Required data
  - Status of data base
  - Required resources
- The most important <u>structural material</u> R&D issues are <u>welding/fabrication</u> and <u>radiation induced embrittlement</u> concerns for both ferritic steels and vandium alloys. Chemical reactivity of vanadium is also an important issue.

- Major issues for liquid metal blankets include MHD effects and corrosion concerns. MHD research should include the testing of insulators, particularly for tokamak applications. Lithium (and to some extent LiPb) chemical reactivity is a key issue. Development of non-water cooled near-plasma components will be necessary, particularly for tokamak blankets that contain lithium.
- Tritium recovery/control is a major issue for all designs except those using liquid lithium as a breeder and coolant. The form of the released tritium (T<sub>2</sub>/HT or T<sub>2</sub>O/HTO) and the chemical form of tritium in various fluid streams are important issues for tritium control for solid breeders.

- Achieving adequate <u>tritium breeding</u> is a <u>key</u> issue for many designs but particularly for Li<sub>2</sub>O without neutron multipliers. In general, it is more severe for tokamaks than tandem mirrors and more severe for solid breeders compared to liquid breeders. Tritium breeding is not an issue for LiPb blankets.
- The key issues for solid breeders (in addition to those discussed above) include the temperature limits for tritium release, heat transfer control between the lithium ceramic and coolant, difficulty of handling power variations and the radiation induced swelling of the ceramic (particularly Li<sub>2</sub>0). Initial fabrication of sphere—pac breeder and beryllium and refabrication of all forms by remote handling techniques are also areas of concern. The BCSS has emphasized Li<sub>2</sub>0 and LiAlO<sub>2</sub>.

- The most important concern related to <u>first wall issues</u> is the verification of the capability of a <u>stress relief structure</u> (orthogonally grooved first wall) for tokamaks to handle simultaneously heat and particle fluxes.
- Additional items include the thermal, chemical and radiation stability of molten salts; Be reprocessing efficiency; Be chemical interaction with molten salts; activation of LiPb and molten salts; and electromagnetic effects in tokamaks such as large pressures and torques due to plasma disruptions.

# What Have We Learned From Blanket Design Studies?

- Present Uncertainties Are Too Large To Permit Selection Of Only One Option
- Substantial Experimental Data Needed Before Selection

#### Problem of R&D Cost

- R&D Cost Is Greatly Affected By Number Of Options
  Pursued
- Similar Problems For Many Fusion Nuclear Components
- Need Carefully Planned Experiments

How Do We Plan
An Effective Experimental Program?

#### **FINESSE**

# A STUDY OF THE ISSUES, PHENOMENA AND EXPERIMENTAL FACILITES FOR FUSION NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

#### **Objectives**

- Understand Issues
- Develop Scientific Basis for Engineering Scaling and Experimental Planning
- Identify Characteristics, Role and Timing of Major Facilities Required



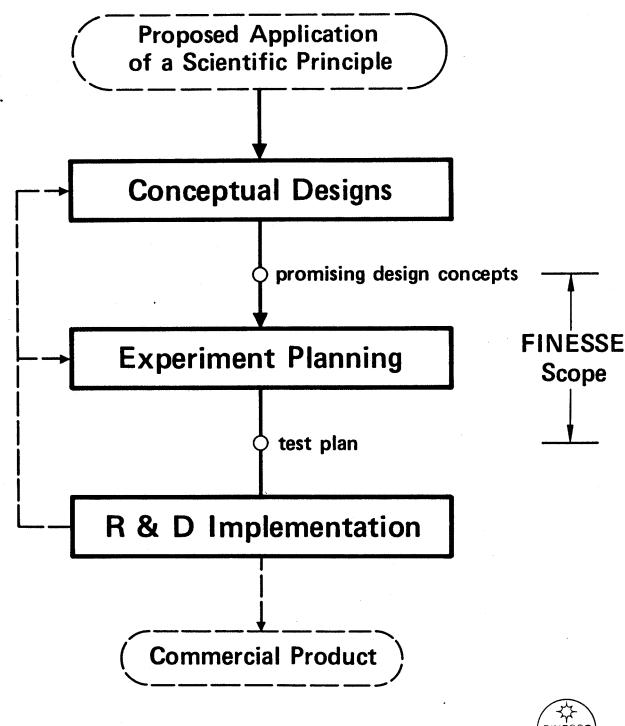
# **FINESSE ORGANIZATION**

- Major Participation by Key U. S. Organizations:
  - UCLA, ANL, EG&G, HEDL, MDAC, TRW, GAC
  - LLNL, PPPL, LANL, SNL, ORNL
- Significant International Participation:
  - Canada, Europe, Japan
- Broad Participation by <u>Fusion Community</u>:
  - Advisory Committee
  - Domestic, International Workshops



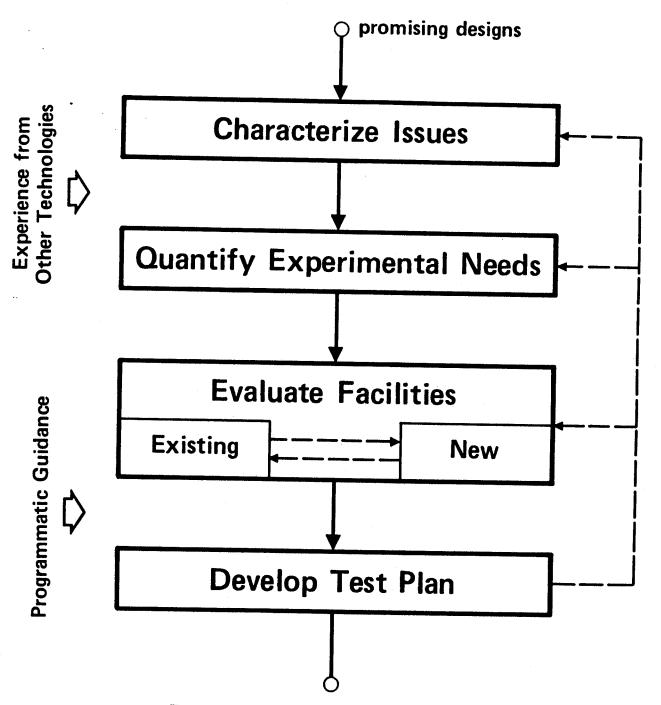
# EXPERIMENT PLANNING

Is a Key Element of Technology Development





# FINESSE PROCESS For Experiment Planning







# FUSION NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY ISSUES HAVE BEEN:

- Identified
- Characterized
- Prioritized



# POTENTIAL IMPACT

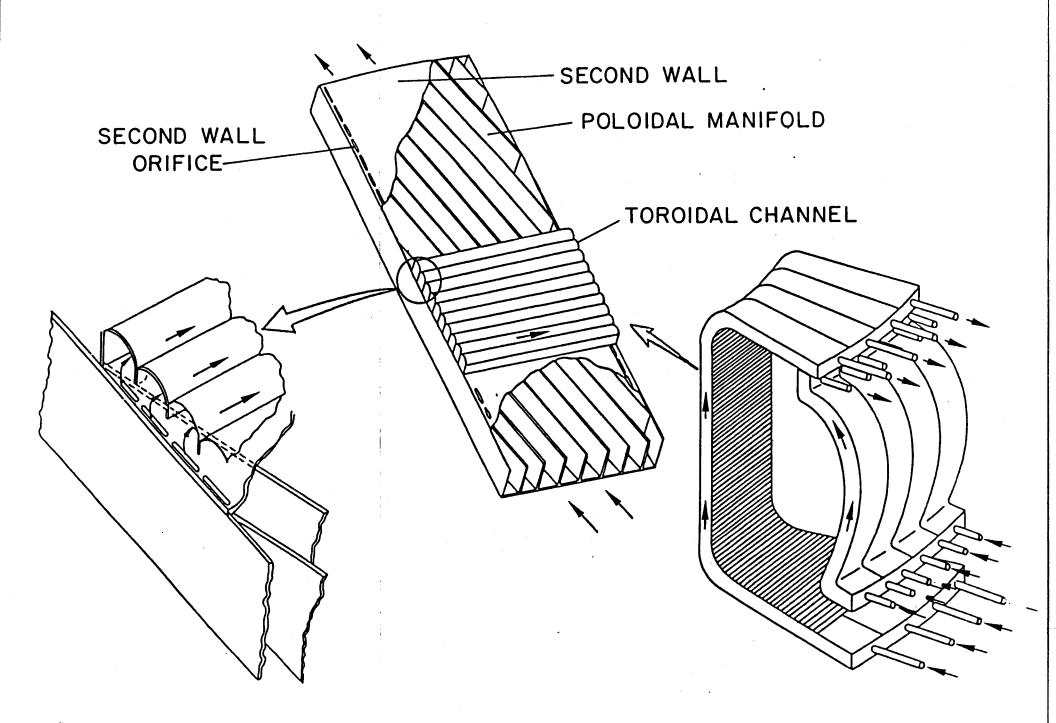
#### Feasibility Issues

- May Close the Design Window
- May Result in Unacceptable Safety Risk
- May Result in Unacceptable Reliability, Availability or Lifetime

#### Attractiveness Issues

- Reduced System Performance
- Reduced Component Lifetime
- Increased System Cost
- Less Desirable Safety or Environmental Impact





# MAJOR ISSUES FOR LIQUID METAL BLANKETS

- DT Fuel Self Sufficiency
- MHD Effects
  - Pressure Drop
  - Fluid Flow
  - Heat Transfer
- Compatibility, Corrosion
- Structural Response under Irradiation
- Tritium Extraction and Control
- Failure Modes



#### MHD PRESSURE DROP

● The MHD Pressure Drop Depends on the Device Parameters and the Blanket Wall Thicknesses

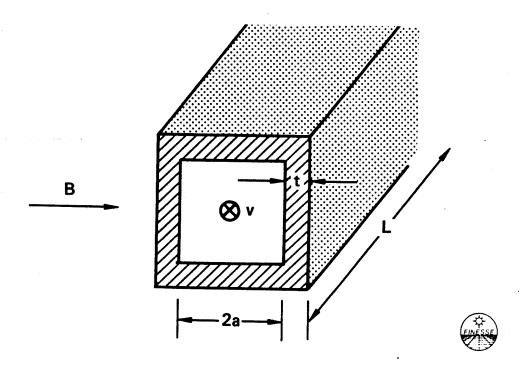
$$\Delta p \simeq \sigma_{f} v B^{2} L \phi$$

$$\phi = \frac{\sigma_{w} t}{\sigma_{f} a}$$

 But the Pressure Stress is Relatively Insensitive to the Wall Thickness

$$\sigma = \frac{pa}{t} \sim \sigma_w v B^2 L$$

 The Maximum Allowable Pressure Stress Limits the Flow Velocity. This Conflicts with Heat Transfer Requirements.



# UNCERTAINTIES IN MHD PRESSURE DROP

MHD Flow in Conducting Structures Requires the Simultaneous Solution of Electromagnetic and Fluid Flow Equations in Complex Geometrical Configurations

#### **Uncertainties Arise From:**

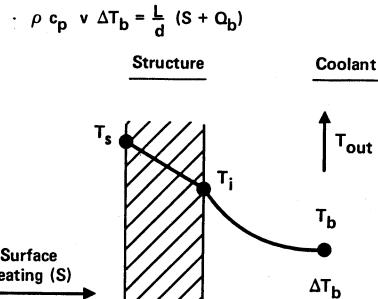
- Complex Three-Dimensional Flow Effects (Internal Channel Geometry)
   Bends, Contractions, Manifolding, etc.
- Complex Magnetic Field Effects
   Sensitivity to Direction of Field
   Field Gradients
- Complex Structure Geometry Effects (External Channel Geometry)
   Multiple Channel Effects
   Leakage Currents

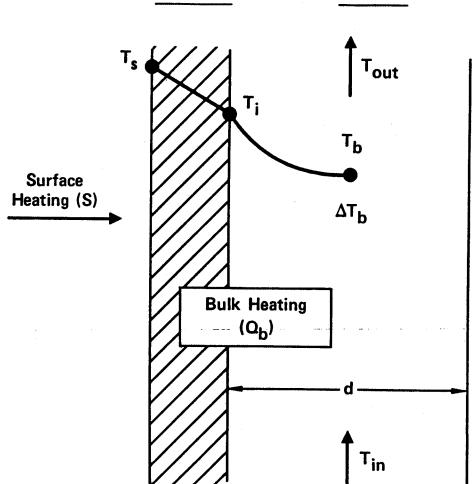


#### **HEAT TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS**

The Minimum Inlet Temperature and Maximum Structure and Interface Temperatures Place Upper Limits on  $\Delta T_b = T_{out} - T_{in}$ 

This Translates to a Lower Limit on Flow Velocity.





$$T_s = T_{in} + \Delta T_b + \Delta T_{film} + \Delta T_s \leq T_s^{max}$$



### MHD FLUID FLOW PHENOMENA

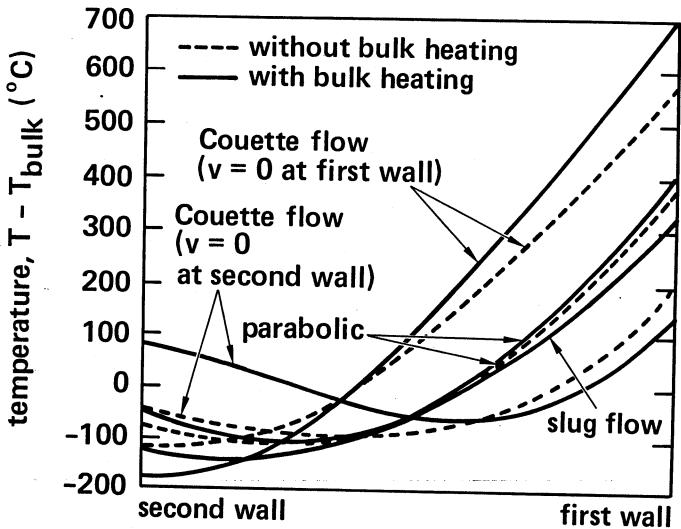
The Magnetic Field Dominates the Velocity Profiles in a Liquid Metal Blanket, Resulting in

- Turbulence Supression
   Long Entry Lengths for Heat and Mass Transfer
   Reduced Heat and Mass Transfer in the Coolant
- Very Thin Boundary Layers
   Enhanced Corrosion
- High Velocity Fluid Jets

The Uncertainties in MHD Fluid Flow Are Similar to Those for MHD Pressure Drop i.e., Geometric Complexities in Flow, Magnetic Field, and Structure Geometry



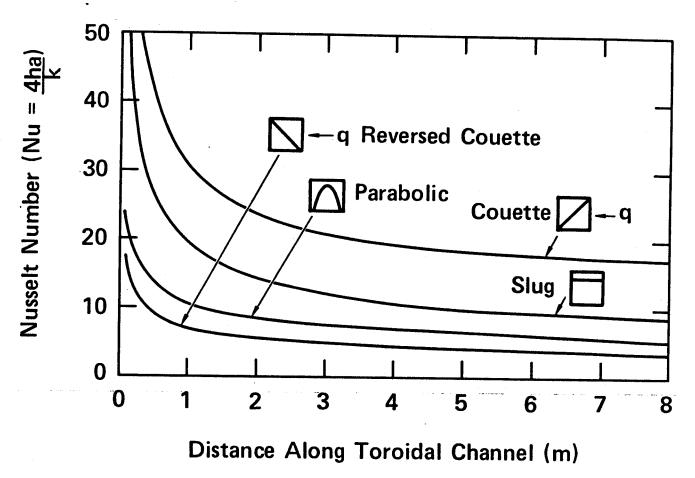
# Temperature Profiles Depend Strongly on the Velocity Profile



normalized distance across first wall cooling channel



In Laminar Flow, the Heat Transfer Coefficient Depends on the Velocity Profile and Varies Throughout the Entire Blanket





# LIQUID METAL CORROSION PHENOMENA

- Mass Transport in the Primary Coolant System Plugging
   Activated Material Transport
- Localized Wall Thinning
- Selective Dissolution (e.g. Ferrite Layer Formation in Stainless Steel)
- Embrittlement

Due to Liquid Metal (Especially LiPb)

Due to Impurities (Especially Vanadium)



Temperature, °C 650600 550 500 450 400 350 10<sup>2</sup>  $20 \mu m/y$ Mass Transfer 10<sup>1</sup> Limit Dissolution Rate, mg/m²h  $5 \mu m/y$ Radioactive 10° Mass Transport Limit Velocity,  $0.5 \mu m/y$ m/s 1.5 **316SS** 0.5  $10^{-1}$ Sodium Static 0.05 V = 0.5 m/sSystem 1.5 <u>PCA</u> 0.5 HT-9 0.05 10<sup>-2</sup> 1.0 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.7 1.6 1.1 1.5 1000/T, K

# UNCERTAINTIES IN LIQUID METAL CORROSION

New Materials

The Basic Materials Interactions are Poorly Understood and Poorly Quantified

Unique Environment

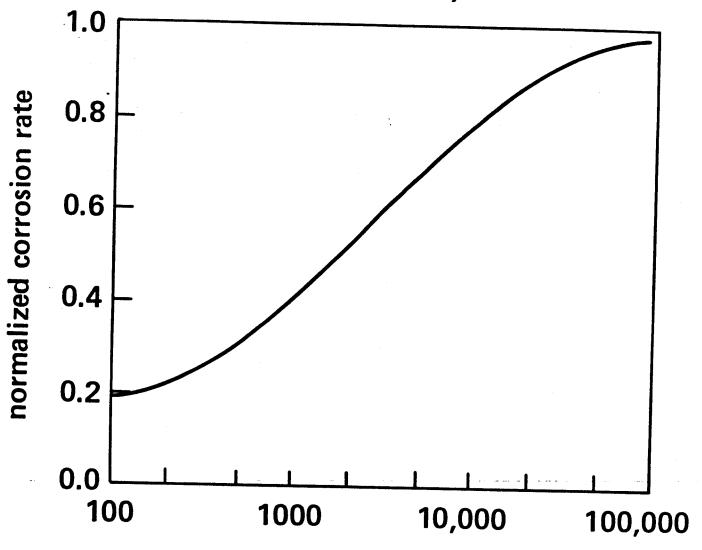
MHD Effects (Coupled Heat, Mass, and Momentum Transport)

Loop Effects

Irradiation Effects



# The Corrosion Rate is Strongly Influenced by MHD Velocity Profiles



Hartmann number, Ha = aB $\sqrt{\sigma/\mu}$ 



## **DESIGN WINDOW ISSUES**

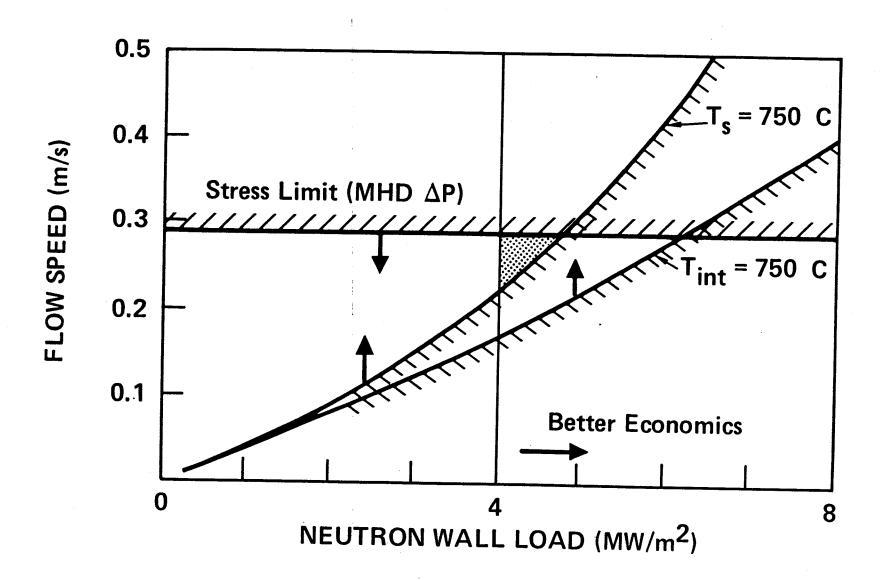
#### Issue

An Effect That Imposes a <u>Limit</u> on Design Window Represents an Issue

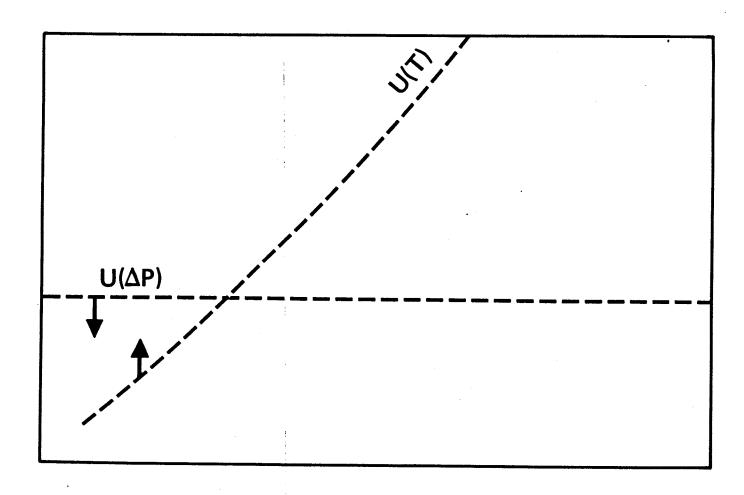
#### **Important**

If <u>Uncertainty</u> in Defining the Limit is Wider Than Design Window, the Issue is <u>Important</u>





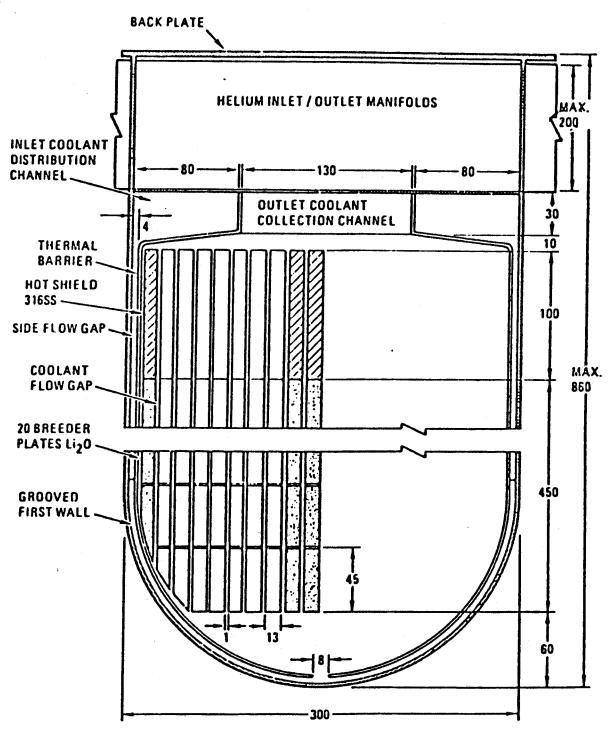




U(T): Any of: T<sub>s</sub> = 650 C T<sub>int</sub> = 550 C h<sub>m</sub> = 0.7h

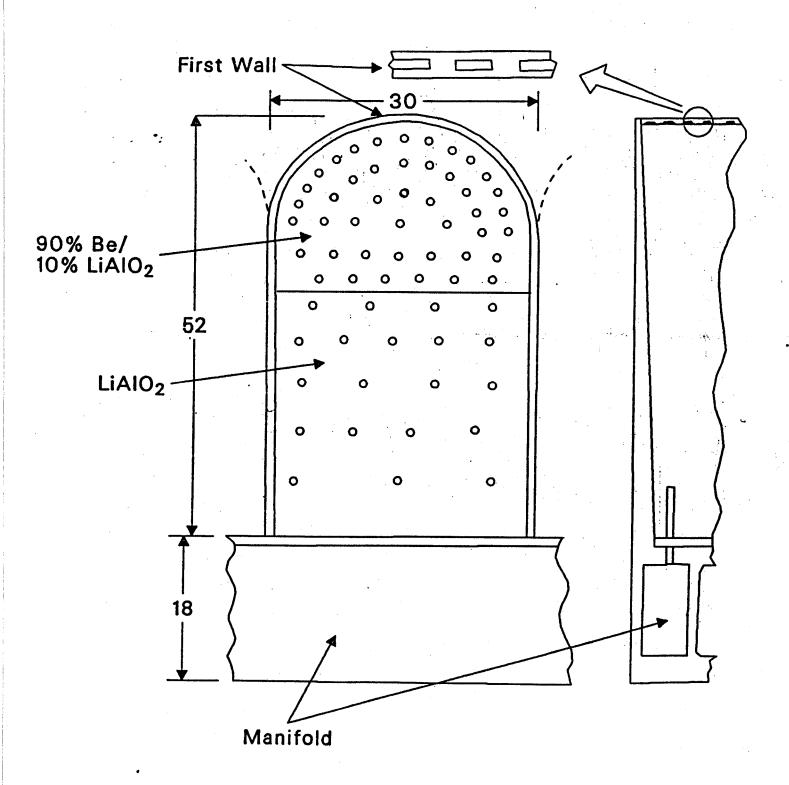
Uncertainties in MHD, Corrosion, Heat Transfer, Radiation Effects Represent Major Issues

# BLANKET MODULE CROSS SECTION (AN EXAMPLE)



ALL DIMENSIONS IN mm

# REFERENCE DESIGN CONFIGURATION FOR LiAIO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O/FS/Be CONCEPT - TOKAMAK





## MAJOR ISSUES FOR SOLID BREEDER BLANKETS

- DT Fuel Self Sufficiency
- Tritium Recovery, Inventory
- Breeder Temperature Window and Control
- Irradiation Effects: Structure, Breeder, Multiplier
- Thermal/Mechanical Interaction:
   Breeder/Structure/Multiplier/Coolant
- Tritium Permeation (T<sub>2</sub>, T<sub>2</sub>0)
- Failure Modes

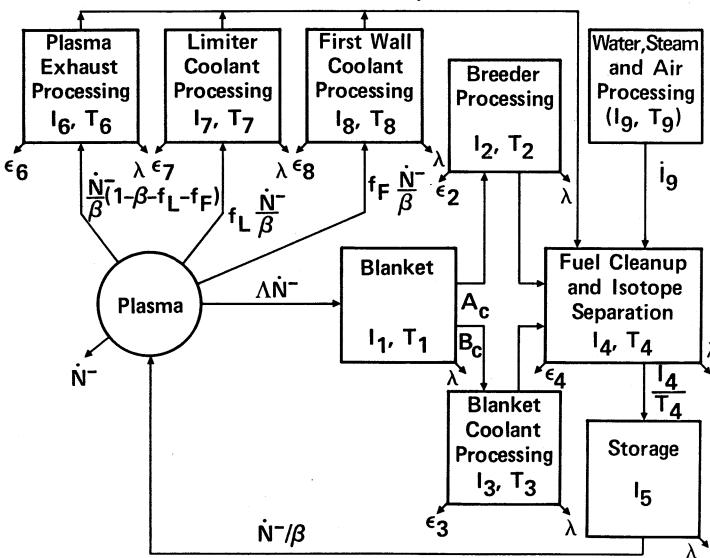


# DT FUEL SELF SUFFICIENCY

- Critical Requirement for Renewable Energy Source
- Self-Sufficiency Condition:
   Achievable TBR > Required TBR
- Achievable TBR Analysis Shows:
  - TBR Strong Function of Reactor System, Blanket Concept
  - Best Blanket Concepts: TBR  $\sim 1.05$  1.2 Present Uncertainties:  $\sim 20\%$
- Required TBR Analysis Shows:
  - Strong Function of Several Physics, Engineering Parameters



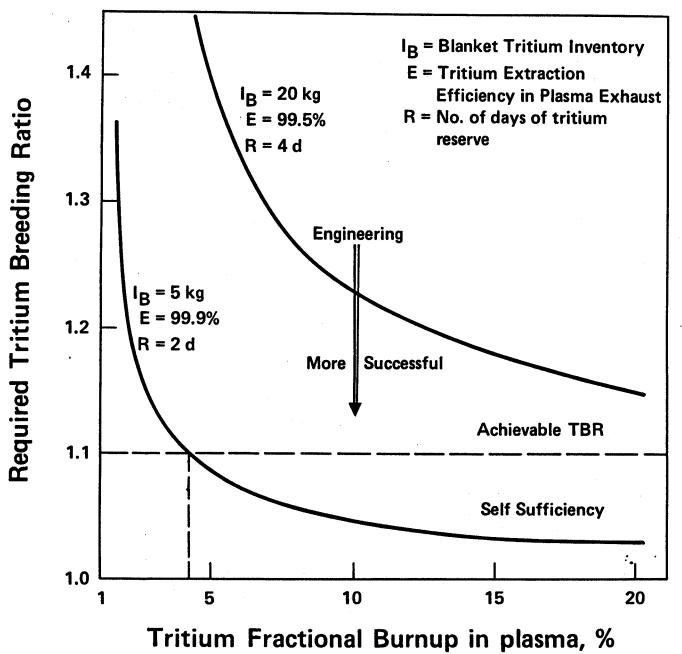
# Schematic model of the fuel cycle for a DT fusion reactor used in the present work



## ACHIEVABLE AND REQUIRED TRITIUM BREEDING RATIOS AND UNCERTAINTIES FOR LEADING BLANKETS IN TOKAMAKS

	Achievable Aa		Required A <sub>r</sub>		
Concept	Λ <sub>C</sub>	Δ <sub>a</sub>	1 + G <sub>o</sub>	Δg	$\varepsilon = \Lambda_a - \Lambda_r$
LiAlO <sub>2</sub> /DS/HT9/Be	1.24	0.22	1.077	0.143	-0.20
LiPb/LiPb/V	1.30	0.24	1.072	0.142	-0.15
Li/Li/V	1.28	0.24	1.072	0.142	-0.17
Li <sub>2</sub> O/He/HT9	1.11	0.21	1.077	0.143	-0.32
LiAlO <sub>2</sub> /He/HT9/Be	1.04	0.19	1.077	0.143	-0.37
Li/He/HT9	1.16	0.22	1.072	0.142	-0.27
LiAlO <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> O/HT9/Be	1.16	0.21	1.077	0.143	-0.27

#### Attaining DT Fuel Self Sufficiency Requires Success in Physics and Engineering

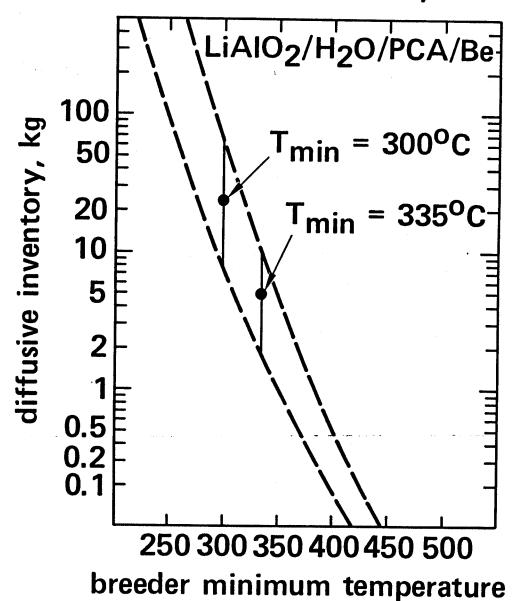




#### KEY CONCLUSIONS ON TRITIUM BREEDING

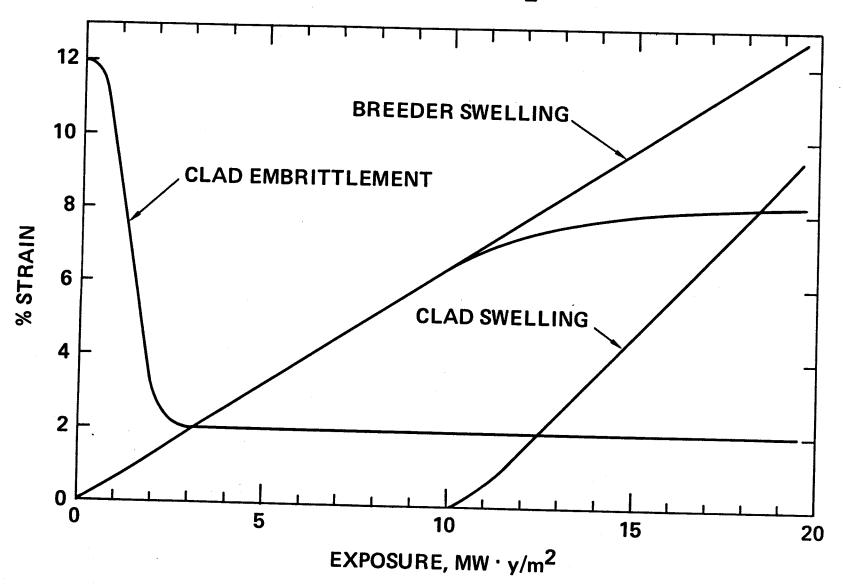
- Major uncertainties in attaining DT fuel self sufficiency include:
  - Plasma burnup fraction.
  - Required doubling time.
  - Tritium processing efficiency.
- Beryllium is the only reasonable neutron multiplier option.
  - Resources are probably adequate if reprocessing is acceptable.
  - Believe swelling can be accommodated.

Uncertainties in tritium diffusion rate and breeder temperature affect blanket inventory.





# CLAD/BREEDER MECHANICAL INTERACTION (ESTIMATES FOR Li<sub>2</sub>O/HT-9/He)





# MAJOR ISSUES FOR PLASMA INTERACTIVE COMPONENTS (First Wall, Limiter, Divertor, etc.)

- Erosion and Redeposition Mechanisms and Rates under Various Plasma Edge Conditions
- Thermomechanical Loading and Response
- Electromagnetic Loading and Response



# MAJOR ISSUES FOR TRITIUM PROCESSING SYSTEM

- Plasma Exhaust Processing: Impurity Removal from Fuel
  - Extraction Efficiency
  - Reliability
- Coolant: Tritium Permeation and Processing
- Cryopumps Performance, Lifetime
- Reactor Room Air Detritiation Efficiency, Reliability
- Tritium Monitoring, Accountablility



## MAJOR ISSUES FOR RADIATION SHIELDING:

- Accuracy of Prediction
- Data on Radiation Protection Requirements

# MAJOR ISSUES FOR INSTRUMENTATION AND CONTROL

- Accuracy, Decalibration in Fusion Environment
- Lifetime under Irradiation



### TYPES OF EXPERIMENTS (TESTS)

BASIC Tests

**Basic Property Measurements** 

SEPARATE EFFECT Tests
 Explore Simple Phenomena

MULTIPLE EFFECT/INTERACTION Tests

Explore Complex Phenomena

**Multiple Environmental Conditions** 

Multiple Interactions among Physical Elements

INTEGRATED Tests

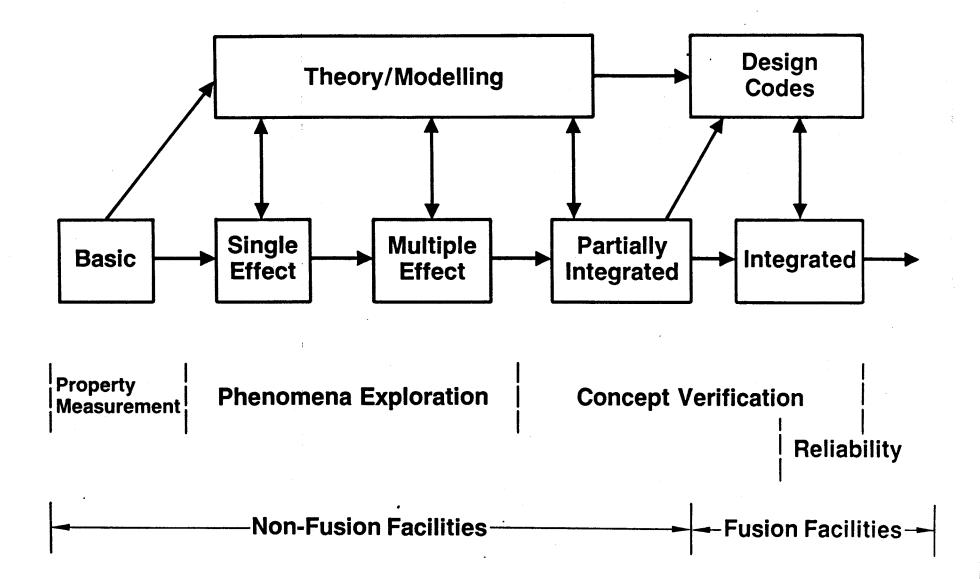
Concept Verification, Engineering Data

All Environmental Conditions, Physical Elements

COMPONENT Tests

Full-Size Component under Prototypical Conditions





# FACILITIES FOR NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS

- Non-Neutron Test Stands
- Neutron-Producing Facilities:
  - Point Neutron Sources
  - Fission Reactors
  - Fusion Devices



## NON-NEUTRON TEST STANDS

- Can Play an Important Role:
  - Particularly for Fluid Flow/ Electromagnetic Issues
  - When Radiation Effects and Extensive Bulk Heating are Not Dominant Issues
- More Useful for Liquid Metal Blankets;
   Limited Value for Solid Breeder Blankets
- New Facilities are Required



# POINT NEUTRON SOURCES CAPABILITIES

Facility	Status	Peak Flux* n/cm <sup>2</sup> · s	Testing Volume cm <sup>3</sup>
RTNS-II	In Use	5 x 10 <sup>12</sup>	0.1
LAMPF A-6	Operational	1 x 10 <sup>13</sup>	20000
FMIT	Design Completed Project Deferred	1 x 10 <sup>15</sup>	10

\*Fusion First Wall Flux at 5 MW/m<sup>2</sup>:  $2 \times 10^{15} \text{ n/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}$ 



# POINT NEUTRON SOURCES CONCLUSIONS

- Existing Sources Very Limited in Flux and Volume
  - Best Suited for:

**Neutronics Studies** 

Limited Miniature Specimen Irradiation

- FMIT Can Provide High Fluence
  - Fission Reactor Testing Still Required
  - Fusion Reactor Testing Still Required



#### FISSION REACTOR UTILIZATION

#### Incentive for Use

Only Source Available Now to Provide:

- "Bulk Heating" in Significant Volume (Unit Cell) Experiments
- Significant Fluence

#### Limitations

- Different Spectrum
- Limitations on Simulating Fusion Environment (Electromagnetics, Surface Heat Flux, etc.)
- Limits on Temperature
- Small Test Size (<15 cm)



# FISSION REACTOR UTILIZATION

- Fission Reactors Can, Should Be Used to Address Many Important FNT Issues
- Suitable, Necessary for Solid Breeders
- Not as Useful for Liquid Metals
- Characteristics and Timing of Major Solid Breeder Experiments in Fission Reactors Are Being Developed



#### Role of Facilities For Fusion Nuclear Technology

Type of Test	Basic Tests	Single, Multiple Interaction	Intėgrated	Component
Purpose of Test	Property Measurement	Phenomena Exploration	Concept Verification	Reliability
Non-Neutron Test Stands	<b>├</b>	PITF Φ→		
Point Neutron Sources	<b>├</b>	<b>⊢-→</b>		
Fission Reactors	<b>├</b> ─ <b>&gt;</b>	MSB ├		·
Fusion Test Device (FERF)		<b>+</b>		
ETR/DEMO			<b></b>	



### **Liquid Metal Blanket Experiments, Facilities**

	Basic	Single ———→ Multiple Ef	fects	Part
Tritium Breeding		Blanket Neutronics Facility		
Tritium Recovery		T Extraction Tech. T Permeation Loop	TSTA TTLT	
Thermomechanic	p r o p e r t i e s	MHD Momentum Transfer  MHD Heat Transfer  Corrosion Loop, no B  Irrad. Capsules  Corrosion with B  Electromagnetic, Structure		P I T F

## Solid Breeder Blanket Experiments, Facilities

	Basic	Single    Multiple Effects	Part. Int.
Tritium Breeding		Blanket Neutronics Facility	
Tritium Recovery	Propert.	In-Situ T Recovery  Advanced In-Situ T Recovery  T Recovery	
Thermomechanic	es	Breeder, Multiplier, Structure Mechanical, Compatibility Experiments TMIF  Electromagnetics, Structure	

<b>Experiment in Fission Reactors</b>	Test Stand

### SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS

- Fusion Nuclear Technology Poses Critical Issues:
   Feasibility
   Attractiveness (Safety, Economics)
- Resolving These Issues Requires:
   New Knowledge
   Experiments, Theory
- Will Involve High Cost, Long Lead Time
- A Technical Process of Studying Issues, Quantifying Testing Needs and Evaluating Experimental Facilities is Very Useful in Providing Decision Makers with Technical Input for Effective R & D Planning



#### SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS (CONTINUED)

 From Now to 1990's (or until a DT Fusion Device Becomes Available), Testing is Possible Only in Non-Fusion Facilities:

Non-Neutron Test Stands
Fission Reactors
Point Neutron Sources

- Non-Fusion Facilities <u>Can</u> Address Many of Fusion Nuclear Technology Issues
- A Number of Non-Neutron Test Stands Can Be Constructed at a Reasonable Cost to Address Many FNT Issues, e.g., Liquid Metal Blanket Issues
- Many Important Experiments Can Be Performed in Fission Reactors, e.g., Unit Cell for Solid Breeders



## SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS (CONTINUED)

- First Generation DT Fusion Devices, When They Become Available, Will Provide the Earliest Opportunity for FNT Integrated Tests
  - Critical for Concept Verification
- Effective FNT Integrated Tests Impose Quantifiable Requirements on Fusion Device Parameters (e.g., Wall Load, Plasma Burn Time)
- ◆ FNT Testing Needs Can Be Satisfied with Relatively Low Fusion Power ( < 50 MW), But Requires Relatively Long Testing Time (Several Years)



## SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS (CONTINUED)

Number of Blanket Options (Breeder/Coolant/ Structure/Multiplier) Greatly Affects R & D Cost

- However, Present Uncertainties with All Options Appear Too Large to Permit Selection of Only One Option
- More Experimental Data Will Permit Reducing Number of Options
- The Degree of Risk in Selecting One Option Prior to Testing in Fusion Devices Will Become Clearer after Obtaining More Data from Testing in Non-Fusion Facilities



#### **In Summary**

- Fusion Nuclear Technology Is Very Important
- Much Work Needs To Be Done
- International Cooperation Can Play a Key Role
- FINESSE Welcomes Working with ALL to:
  - Define FNT R&D Needs
  - Define Technical Areas of Common Interest