







POWER PLANT DIVERTOR DESIGN OPTIONS & MATERIALS

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OVERVIEW





DEMO – THE STEP IN BETWEEN







Blanket: ≤150 dpa/5 years, 2.5 MW/m²

Reduced activation ferriticmartensitic steels

EUROFER (9Cr-WVTa)EUROFER-ODS

350-550 °C 350-650 °C

He cooled structure, liquid lithium or lithiumceramics for tritium breeding \rightarrow ~85 % power

DEMO 2011



Divertor: ~30 dpa/2 years, ≥10 MW/m²

Materials unknown Operating temperature 350-1300 °C?

Cooled tungsten shield to remove He and other particles from plasma \rightarrow ~15 % power

DEMO "LIGHT" – A FASTER APPROACH





DEMO 2012 Farly DEMO

Early DEMO, DEMO-1, etc.



- Thermal power ~2 GW_{th}
- Size: R~9 m, a~2.25 m
- Divertor (unshielded) power loading peak ~13 MW/m²
 - \rightarrow conservative estimate 20 MW/m²
- Pulse length ~2.5 hours
- Neutron dose (strike zone structure):
 - <3 dpa/fpy (Cu), <1 dpa/fpy (W)
- Divertor life time ~2 full power years
- Medium activating materials allowed



dpa/fpy ranges from 0.9 to
5.9 dpa/fpy

800

(cm)

600

700

Plasma

M. Gilbert, CCFE, 2012

900

1000

DESIGNS





ITER DESIGN, WATER COOLING





Coolant

- Pressure: 4 Mpa
- Temp.: 100-150 °C
- Flow: 9-11 m/s

Performance

- Aver. heat flux: 3-5 MW/m²
- Max. heat flux: 10-20 MW/m²
- Max. heat load: 10 MJ/m²
- Lifetime: 3 years
- n-damage: 0.2 dpa
- Full load cycles: 3000

B. Riccardi *et al.*, F4E, 2008

ITER DESIGN, WATER COOLING





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B. Riccardi et al., F4E, 2008

ITER DESIGN, WATER COOLING





Water cooled divertor concepts – EFDA strategy



From ITER to DEMO

- Neutron damage has to be taken into account:
 - \rightarrow loss of thermal conductivity
 - \rightarrow embrittlement
 - \rightarrow swelling
- Effect of n-irradiation on CuCrZr is unknown at relevant dose levels (5-10 dpa, 200-350 °C)
- Safety issues are much more important → design rules have to be more conservative

Due to many open questions, the EFDA approach for the DEMO divertor might fail.

→ Backup solutions are needed !



Water: 100 °C, 4 MPa 150 °C, 4 MPa

CuCrZr pipes: <0.2 dpa/y Max. heat: 10-20 MW/m² DEMO ?

200 °C, >4 MPa 250 °C, >4 MPa 300 °C, >9 MPa 350 °C, >17 MPa

5 dpa/fpy 10-20 MW/m²



Water cooled divertor concepts – new approach



Risk mitigation strategy

- Fail-safe design (e.g. double walled structures) → Cu-Steel composite
- Separation of armour and structural application **→** armour parts must not be loaded mechanically







HHF tests, GLADIS, IPP:

- \rightarrow water: RT, 10 m/s, 1.13 l/s
- \rightarrow beam: 20 s on / 40 s off
- → heat flux: 6 MW/m²
- result after 100 cycles: no residual damage

Greuner (IPP), Böswirth (IPP), Reiser (KIT)

He-cooled modular divertor with jet cooling (HEMJ) – "finger concept"





Manufacturing and assembly of modules





W-WL10 joint brazed with PdNi

WL10-steel joint brazed with CuPd

TIG seal welding (steel-steel joint)

1-finger modu



Standard fabrication and assembly routes are demonstrated.

> (w) for high heat flux (HHF) tests in Efremov



9-finger module (brass) for nondestructive examination (NDE) with SATIR at CEA

P. Norajitra et al.

Individual

parts

PLATE DESIGN (ARIES), JET COOLING





X.R. Wang, S. Malang, M.S. Tillack & ARIES Team, 2008-2011

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PLATE DESIGN, FOAM PROMOTER





Lessons learned



- Efficient He cooling operation requires W as a structural material to allow for sufficiently high operating temperatures.
- A small-size multi-component approach is needed to reach acceptable low thermal stress levels.
- Mastering heat fluxes in the order of 10 MW/m² for extended periods is only possible by jet impingement cooling.
- Tungsten based materials will suffer from additional embrittlement under neutron irradiation. To what extend and under which conditions (irradiation temperature, dose, neutron spectrum) is not exactly known yet.
- There is (still) no structural W alloy available which meets all design requirements.
 - \rightarrow Thin tungsten sheets seem to be the best choice so far
 - → Tungsten composite materials might be the key for alternative designs?



For T < 750 °C partial embrittlement has to be tolerated in tungsten materials !

- Development of design rules for brittle materials
- Risk/failure assessment of the multi-component design
- Design studies to reduce risk of leaks and their consequences (e.g. possible use of double walled parts)



He-cooled concepts – based on pipes



Boundary conditions

- Available materials
- Joining technology
- Mockup performance
- Known operating limits (T, p, dpa, ...)
- Cost efficiency

Future issues

- Thermo-hydraulic calculations
- Unknown material limits (fatigue, dpa)
- HHF testing







DESIGN CRITERIA FOR STRUCTURAL MATERIALS



- During the last decade far too many and mutually exclusive design criteria have led to the following situation:
 - NONE of the divertor studies/candidates/concepts would be feasible
 - Even worse: there is NO hope for a DEMO divertor at all
 - Examples for He cooling:



Why Tungsten? → Element Selection





HHFC Base Material







"STANDARD" STRUCTURAL MATERIALS



Water cooling: PWR conditions T=275-315 °C (at lower T ineffective energy conv.)

- T<200 °C: loss of ductility, T>300-350 °C: loss of strength
- Unknown irradiation limits (for >5 dpa)
- Medium to high activation
- 200°C<T<400°C: loss of ductility, T>600 °C loss of strength, etc.
 - Irradiation limit: ~15 dpa
 - High activation \rightarrow reduced activation alloys could be developed

CuCrZ

- T<350°C: loss of ductility, T>550 °C loss of strength
- Conservative irradiation limit: ~20 dpa

He cooling: T adjustable (T higher than about 650 °C is a technological challenge)

- T<800-1000°C: loss of ductility very likely
- Unknown irradiation limits



- T<350°C: loss of ductility, T>650-750 °C loss of strength
- Irradiation limits: >20 dpa

TUNGSTEN (AS A STRUCTURAL MATERIAL)





F. Lee, J. Matolich, J. Moteff, JNM 62 (1976) 115-117

NFRI/KIT Cooperation Meeting

M. Rieth, KIT, IAM-AWP

IRRADIATION EFFECTS \rightarrow EMBRITTLEMENT





TUNGSTEN MATERIALS





PRODUCTION ROUTES





COMMERCIAL SEMI-FINISHED W PRODUCTS





Forging Round Blanks



Rolling/Swaging Rods

Microstructure: Simplification

Stack of "Pancakes"

Bundle of "Fibres"

Rods: Fracture Mode Transitions

Plates/Blanks: Fracture Behavior

Pure W - Overview

Effect of ODS particles in W

Effect of ODS particles in W

"REASONABLE" ALLOYING ELEMENTS FOR W

Insoluble

Intermetallic Phases

Line Compounds

Solid Solution

Effect of Alloying Elements in W

MICROSTRUCTURE AND RELATED PROPERTIES

STRUCTURAL TUNGSTEN MATERIALS - SUMMARY

So far, the best suitable tungsten materials for structural applications (divertor or other large scale components) are

Thin Plates, Thickness < 4 mm

Produced by Sintering (Hydrogen Atmosphere) and Cross-Rolling

Pure Tungsten (maybe small amounts of grain stabilizers, like La/Y₂O₃)

TUNGSTEN COMPOSITES (LAMINATES)

2500

assumption: optimum ductility at 0.2 mm thickness

TENSILE TEST PROPERTIES: W

TENSILE PROPERTIES: W 0.1 MM

W foil, 0.1 mm, RT

W foil, 0.1 mm, 600°C

PATH FORWARD \rightarrow TUNGSTEN LAMINATES

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PIPE FABRICATION

- Pipe fabrication with W laminates
 - Wrapping under investigation
 - Possible alternatives identified
- Pipe characterization
 - Impact tests
 - Pressurized tests (static, cyclic) in preparation
- Irradiation performance \rightarrow first results in 2013 (ORNL)

J. Reiser et al., KIT

W LAMINATE PIPE TESTING

non-destructive testing, PLANSEE SE GLADIS, IPP, Garching

POWDER INJECTION MOULDING (PIM)

W-Powder + Binder

Feedstock development

S. Antusch, KIT

Green parts (dark) Finished parts (bright)

W-Feedstock

Injection molding of green parts

pre-sintering debinding + heat-treatment process

PIM PROCESS FOR TUNGSTEN PARTS

 \rightarrow near net-shape mass fabrication of tungsten parts

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

green parts

finished parts

S. Antusch, KIT

Outlook – KIT divertor R&D programme

