



Tokamak Fusion Nuclear Science Facility

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The Fusion Energy Systems Studies Team is Examining the Fusion Nuclear Science Facility

What does an FNSF have to accomplish?

How do we measure the FNSF progress for fusion development?

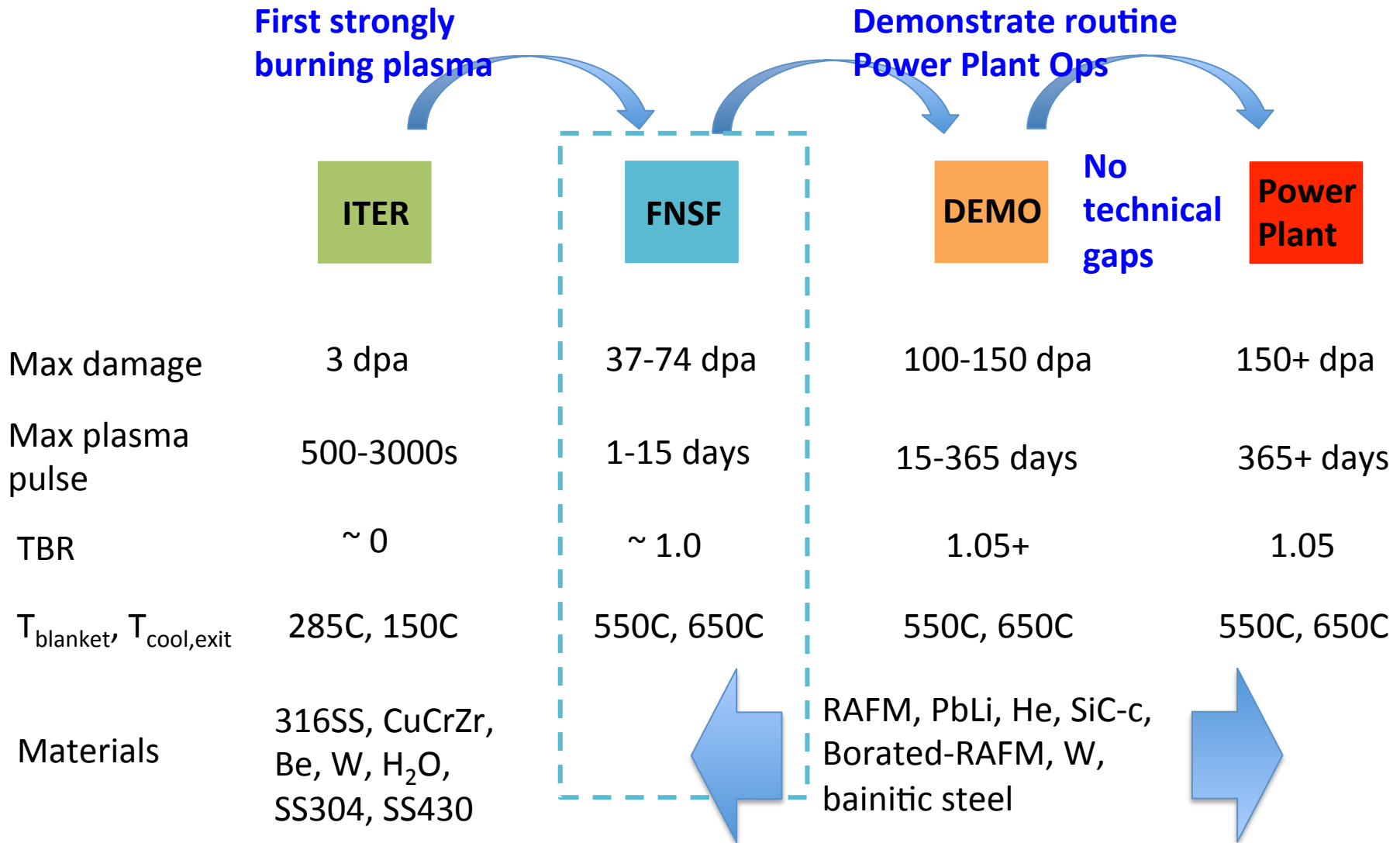
How does the FNSF accomplish its mission?

What is the pre-requisite R&D needed for an FNSF? What does the FNSF require from our program to succeed?

How does an FNSF fit in the larger fusion development program?

What critical insights about this facility can be uncovered, impacts of assumptions, technical choices and philosophies,...?

The FNSF must fill the tremendous gap between ITER and DEMO by providing the break-in to the fusion nuclear regime



What Does the FNSF Need to Accomplish?

Missions Identified: (shown as ITER – FNSF – DEMO – Power Plant)

- Fusion neutron exposure (fluence and dpa)
- Materials (structural, functional, coolants, breeders, shield...)
- Operating temperature/other environmental variables
- Tritium breeding
- Tritium behavior, control, inventories, accounting
- Long plasma durations at required performance
- Plasma enabling technologies
- Demonstration of safe and environmentally friendly plant operations
- Power plant relevant subsystems at high efficiency
- Availability, maintenance, inspectability, reliability advances toward DEMO and power plants

Each mission contains a table with quantifiable metrics

ARIES-ACT2 (DCLL blanket) as power plant example

The pre-FNSF Component Development and Phased Operation on the FNSF are Essential for Success

We will have some failures, but the presence of constant failures are incompatible with the plasma-vacuum systems and the need for radioactive materials remote handling

We will use a high level of [pre-qualification](#) of materials and components (*NO cook and look!*)

We will test all materials in the fusion core up to the anticipated dpa level before operating to that dpa level, [with fission and fusion relevant neutron exposures](#)

We will test the most integrated prototype possible of blanket and divertor components before installation, in a [non-nuclear fully integrated facility](#)

On the FNSF, the phases rampup the operating parameters slowly to provide monitoring

The plasma durations, duty cycles, dpa's, and operating temperatures are advanced through the 1 DD, and 5 DT program phases

[Inspections and autopsy of components](#) is used to monitor evolution of materials, requiring highly [efficient hot cell turn-around](#), during any given phase and at the end of a phase

[Test blanket modules](#) will be used for a “look forward”, engineering testing, and backup blanket concepts, and even material sample testing

The Program on the FNSF Defines It, Not Its Operating Point

	He/H	DD	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	Power Plant
Yrs	1.5	2-3	2.5	4.2	4.2	5.9	5.9	40 FPY
Neutron wall load, MW/m ²			1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	1.78	2.25
Plasma on-time, %/year	10-25	10-50	15	25	35	35	35	85
Plasma pulse length, days		Up to 10	1	2	5	10	10	310
Plasma duty cycle, %		33-95	33	67	91	95	95	100
Neutron damage, dpa			7	19	26	37	37 or 74	100-150
blanket	RAFM 400C	RAFM 400C	RAFM 400C	RAFM ODS 500C	RAFM ODS (NS) 600C	RAFM ODS (NS) 600C		

Plasma pulse extension
1 hr to 10 days

23 years of DT operations, 8.4 years of neutron exposure
Higher N_w , faster plasma pulse development, and efficient maintenance/plasma operation distribution can reduce years

The DEMO Program has been laid out to provide the rampup in dpa and demonstrate routine electricity production

R&D still required in early DEMO

	He/H		DD		DT		DT		DT		DT	PP
Yrs	1	1	2	1	6	1	6	1	8	1	8	40 FPY
Neutron wall load, MW/m ²					2.5		2.5		2.5		2.5	2.0-3.3
Plasma on-time, %/year			35-75		35		50		67		75	85
Plasma duty cycle, %			95		95		98		98		99	100
Neutron damage, dpa					52.5		75		134		150	100-150
blanket					RAFM nano 600C		RAFM nano 600C		RAFM nano 600C		RAFM nano 600C	

The FNSF will provide 37 or up to 74 dpa

What Types of FNSF's Can We Envision

Minimal mission:

- Largely ignore reactor relevance
- Provide a neutron source
- TBR < 1

Moderate mission:

- Significant advance toward DEMO in most aspects
- Possibly provide electricity
- TBR ~ 1

Maximal mission:

- Provide net electricity
- Reach most or all DEMO parameters
- TBR > 1

Long term relevance weighs heavily on technical decisions, since there are too few devices for developing and demonstrating

	minimal	moderate	maximal	power plant
Plant lifetime	~15 yr	~25 yr	~35 yr	47 yr (40 FPY)
$N_{W}^{OB,peak}$, MW/m ²	1.0	1.5	2.25	
Plasma on-time per year	10-35%	10-35%	10-45%	85%
Max dpa on OB FW (dpa to replace)	5-20	10-40	10-70	150-200*
Q_{engr}	<<1	< 1	> 1	4
TBR	< 1	~ 1	> 1	1.05
Plant life peak dpa at OB FW	32	88	202	840
Plant lifetime	~15 yr	~25 yr	~35 yr	47 yr (40 FPY)
TF/PF	Cu	LTSC or Cu	LTSC or HTSC	LTSC or HTSC
VV	SS	Bainitic	Bainitic	Bainitic



Blanket Testing, Each Sector Specified

Begin with lower performance DCLL blanket

$T_{\text{LiPb exit}} = 450 \text{ C}$, RAFM steel structure

Backup blankets are HCLL and HCCB

Full sector

Partial phase life (autopsy)
Full phase life

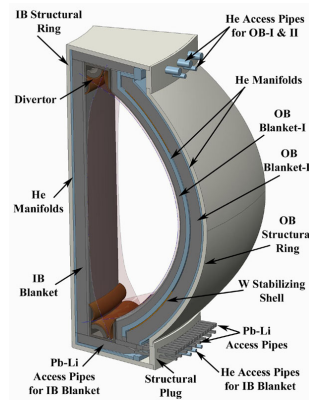
H/CD sector

Tailored for specific penetration

TBM sector

Examine next phase blanket
Can also be pulled for autopsy
Use for backup blankets (HCCB, HCLL)

(MTM) material test modules that expose samples in the blanket region



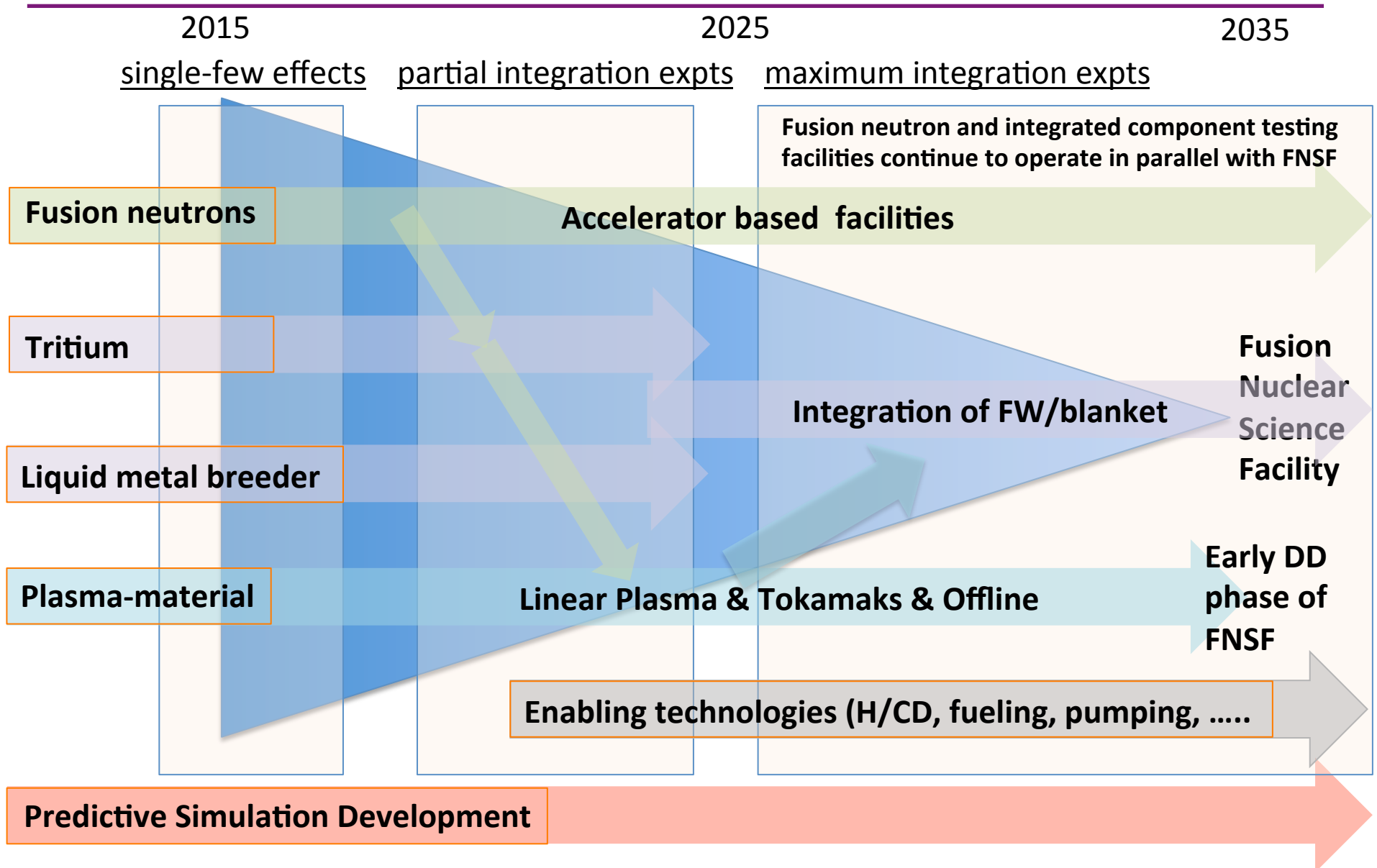
	Phase 3-A	Phase 3-B	Phase 3-C
S-1	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM – R1	DCLL 400C RAFM – R1
S-2	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM – R2
S-3	DCLL 400C RAFM - LH	DCLL 400C RAFM - LH	DCLL 400C RAFM – LH
S-4-TBM	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM
S-5	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM
S-6	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM – R2
S-7	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM
S-8	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM – R1	DCLL 400C RAFM – R1
S-9-TBM	DCLL 400C RAFM / ODS	DCLL 400C RAFM / ODS	DCLL 400C RAFM / ODS
S-10	DCLL 400C RAFM – IC	DCLL 400C RAFM – IC	DCLL 400C RAFM – IC
S-11	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM – R2
S-12	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM	DCLL 400C RAFM
S-13	DCLL 400C RAFM - NB	DCLL 400C RAFM - NB	DCLL 400C RAFM – NB
S-14-TBM	DCLL 400C RAFM / ODS	DCLL 400C RAFM / ODS	DCLL 400C RAFM / ODS
S-15-TBM/HCCB	DCLL 400C RAFM / HCCB	DCLL 400C RAFM / HCCB	DCLL 400C RAFM / HCCB
S-16-TBM/HCLL	DCLL 400C RAFM / HCLL	DCLL 400C RAFM / HCLL	HCLL 400C RAFM / HCLL

1st year

2nd year

3rd year

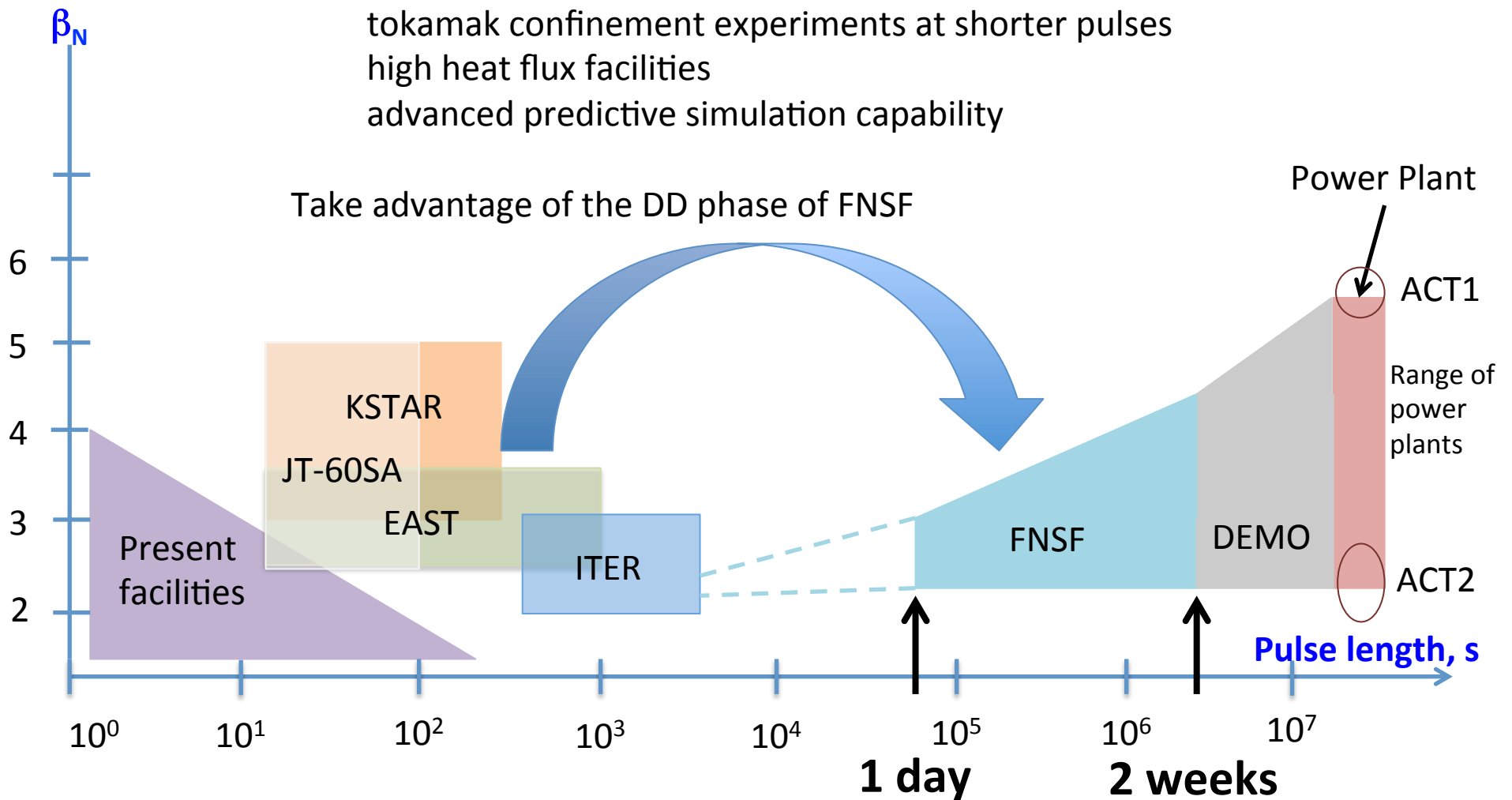
Pre-FNSF R&D Major Topics and Evolution Toward FNSF



The Plasma Durations Required in the FNSF is a Large Leap Compared to Present/Planned Tokamaks

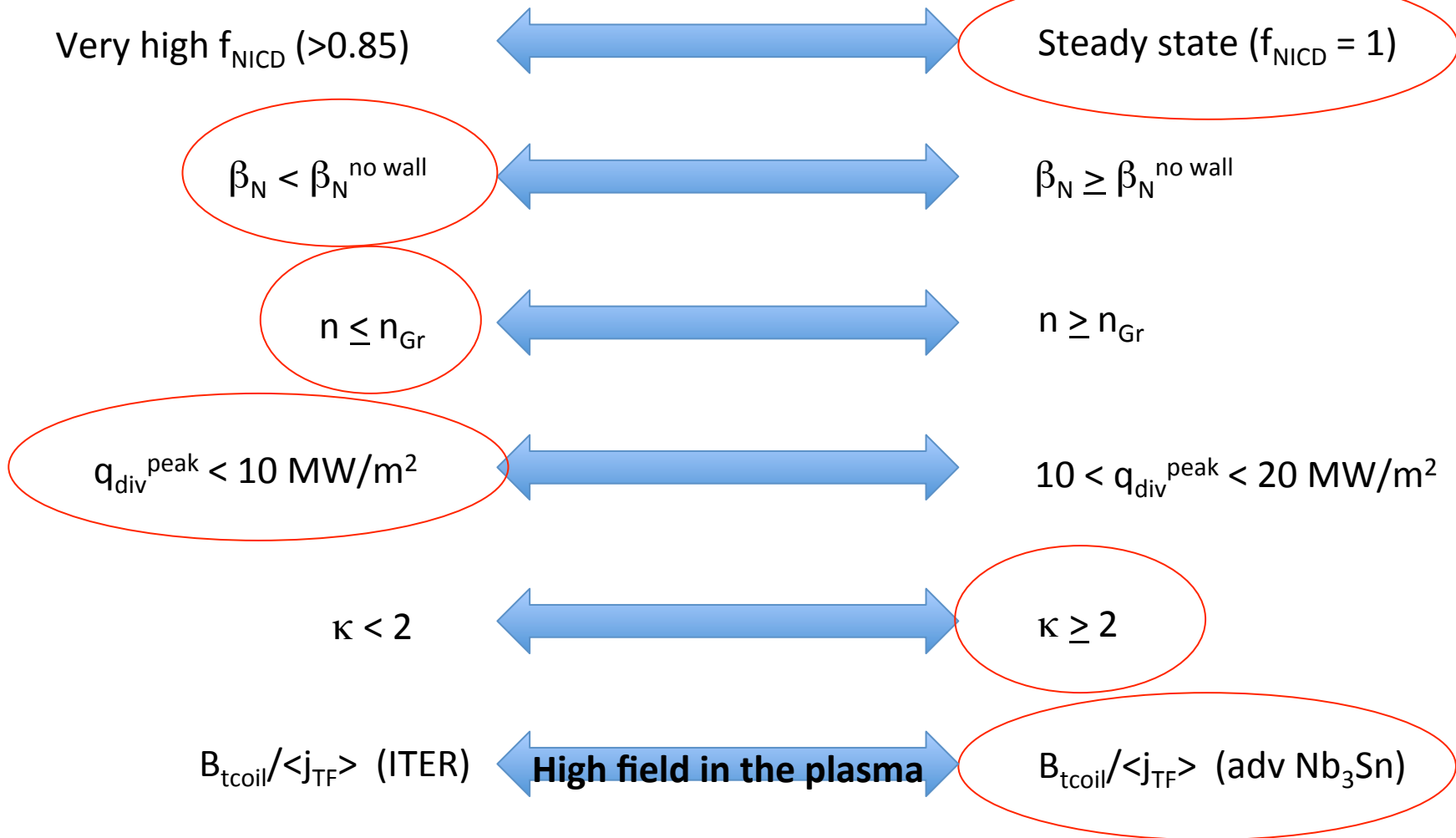
Before the FNSF, must combine
 ultra-long pulse linear plasma facilities
 tokamak confinement experiments at shorter pulses
 high heat flux facilities
 advanced predictive simulation capability

Take advantage of the DD phase of FNSF



Plasma Strategy – Finding Plasma Solutions That Can Provide a Robust Basis for the FNSF

Access very long plasma on-time, very high duty cycle → provide a given neutron wall loading



Plasma *Performance and Duration* in DIII-D and JT-60U Looking at Experiments for Guidance

	JT-60U	JT-60U	JT-60U	DIII-D	DIII-D	DIII-D
β_N	2.3	2.4	1.7	3.5*	2.0	3.1-3.4*
$\tau_{\text{flattop}}/\tau_{\text{CR}}$	13.1	2.8	2.7	2.0	> 2	~ 0.4-1.0
q_{95}	3.2	4.5	~ 8	6.7	4.7	5.0-5.5
f_{BS}	35-40%	45%	80%	40-50%		~60%
f_{NI}		90%	100%	75%		80-100%
H_{98}		1.0	1.7	1.0	1.3	$\geq 1.2-1.3$
q_{min}	~ 1	~ 1.5		1.5		1.4
	hybrid	~ steady state	steady state	→ steady state, off-axis NB	QH-mode, no ELMs	steady state
EAST and KSTAR will soon contribute						

*utilize active error field correction, plasma rotation, $\beta_N \sim 1.15 \times \beta_N^{\text{no wall}}$

Additional experiments on JT-60U and DIII-D have 1) approached and exceeded **density limit**, 2) **high radiated power** in the plasma and divertor, 3) avoiding or actively **suppressed NTMs**, 4) **low plasma rotation**, and 5) **PFC materials**

Why Pursue a Smaller First Step, like the FNSF?

Untested regime of fusion neutrons on **multi-materials** under **multi-factor environment**

Before FNSF we would have in hand:

- Fusion relevant neutron exposure of individual materials
- Fission exposure of small subassemblies (breeder and structural material)
- Non-nuclear fully integrated “as much as possible” FW/blanket, divertor, other PFC testing

Fission experience with materials (learned from PWR and breeder development programs)

- Extreme sensitivity of swelling with temperature
- Impacts of irradiation dose rate increased hardening and threshold for swelling
- Impacts of smaller constituents ~ 0.5 wt% can lead to positive and negative effects
- Surface conditions, welds, and metallurgic variability provided wide variations in irradiation behavior
- Incubation periods that delay the emergence of a phenomena
- Simultaneous multiple variable gradients (neutron fluence, temperature, stress) on crack behavior

→ Several critical materials behaviors led to major disturbances in the development program for the liquid metal fast breeder program (Bloom et al, JNM 2007 & Was, JNM 2007)

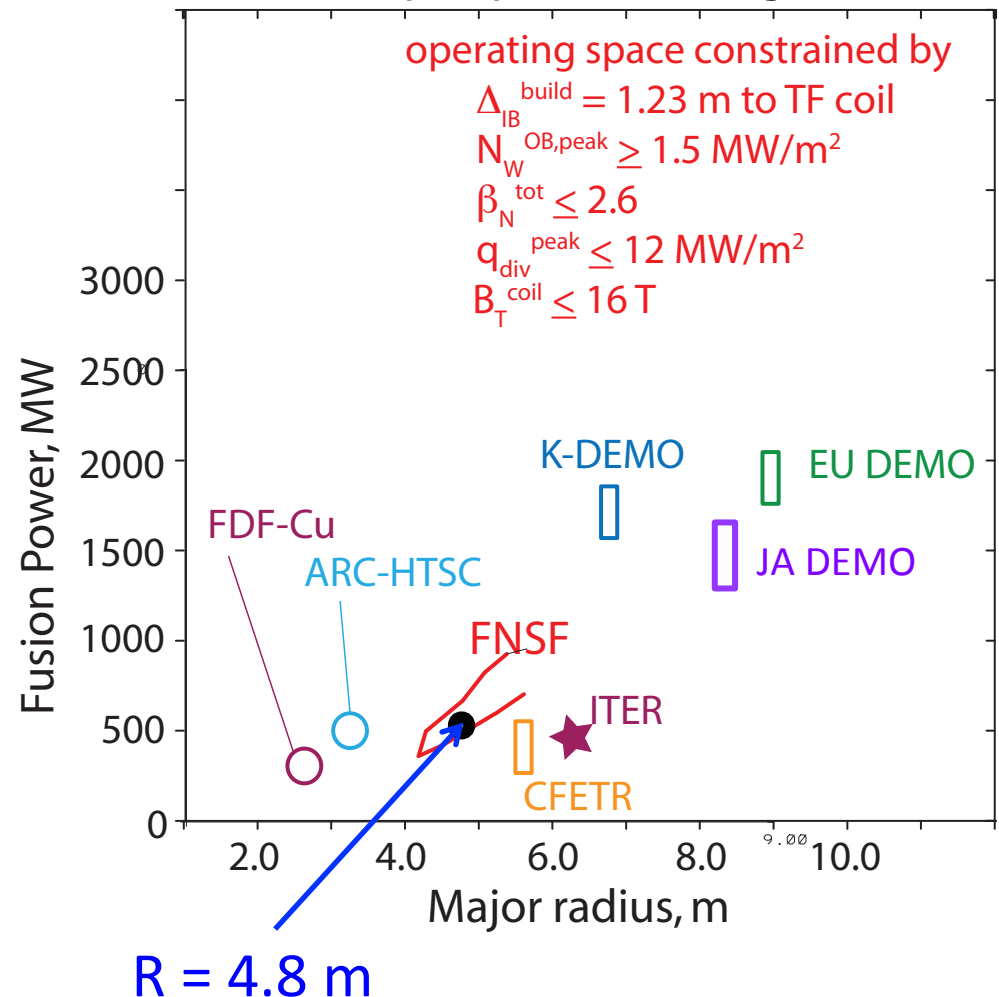
Goal is **to establish the database** on all components in the fusion neutron environment and in the overall environment **before moving to larger size and routine electricity production**

The FNSF Would Be Smaller Than a DEMO Plant, to Reduce Cost and Facilitate a Break-in Program

Configuration for the FNSF study:

- Conventional aspect ratio (= 4)
- Conservative tokamak physics basis with extensions to higher performance ($\beta_N < 2.6$)
- 100% non-inductive plasma current
- Low temperature superconducting coils, advanced Nb₃Sn
- Helium cooling in blanket, shield, divertor, and vacuum vessel
- Focus on DCLL blanket concept with backup concepts (HCLL, HCCB)
- Net electricity is NOT a facility target, but electricity generation can be demonstrated

These devices do not all use the same level of assumptions/goals as the FNSF
Low Temp Superconducting Tokamak



The FNSF is a One of Kind Facility that Must Bridge the Tremendous Gap from ITER to DEMO and Power Plants

The FNSF takes a [significant fusion nuclear and fusion plasma step](#) beyond ITER and present operating tokamaks

The [deliberate caution](#) in taking this step is driven by the complexity of the the [simultaneous fusion neutron](#) and [multi-factor non-nuclear environmental parameters](#) seen by the materials/components

Separate materials qualification with fusion neutrons and non-nuclear integrated testing should provide a sufficient basis for the FNSF, but ultimately the [FNSF will provide the basis to move to power production](#) with the DEMO and commercial PPs

This activity is trying to identify what the FNSF must demonstrate, identify the R&D program to prepare for the FNSF operation, and establish its connection to the demonstration and commercial power plants

Backup Slides

Systems Code Identification

Large scans over R , B_T , q_{95} , β_N , Q , Z_{eff} , n/n_{Gr}

$$\langle j_{\text{TF}} \rangle = 15 \text{ MA/m}^2$$

$$f_{\text{div,rad}} = 90\% (\lambda_{\text{pow}}^{\text{Fundamenski}})$$

Filters for solutions

$$\beta_N \leq 2.6^*$$

$$q_{\text{div}}^{\text{peak}} \leq 10 \text{ MW/m}^2$$

$$N_w^{\text{peak}} \geq 1.5 \text{ MW/m}^2$$

$$B_T^{\text{coil}} \leq 16 \text{ T (LTSC)}$$

IB Radial build from neutronics:

$$\Delta_{\text{FW/blkt}} = 50 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{SR}} = 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{VV}} = 10 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{LT shield}} = 23 \text{ cm}$$

$$\Delta_{\text{gaps}} = 20 \text{ cm}$$

*examining benefits of RWM

feedback to raise this toward 3.0-3.2

A = 4	
R, m	4.80
κ_X, δ_X	2.2, 0.63
I_p , MA	7.87
B_T, B_T^{coil} , T	7.5, 15.85
$\langle j_{\text{TF}} \rangle$, MA/m ²	15 MA/m ²
$\beta_N^{\text{th}}, \beta_N^{\text{fast}}$	2.2, 0.23
q_{95}	6.0
H_{98}	0.99
f_{BS}	0.52
Z_{eff}	2.43
n/n_{Gr}	0.90
$n(0)/\langle n \rangle, T(0)/\langle T \rangle$	1.4, 2.6
$P_{\text{fusion}}, P_{\text{rad,core}}, P_{\text{rad,div}}, P_{\text{aux}}$, MW	517, 60, 160, 130
Q, Q_{engr}	4.0, 0.86
$\eta_{\text{CD}}, A\text{-m}^2/\text{W}$	0.2 (assumed)
$\langle N_w \rangle, N_w^{\text{peak}}$, MW/m ²	1.18, 1.77
$q_{\text{div}}^{\text{peak}}$ (OB, IB), MW/m ²	10.7, 3.9

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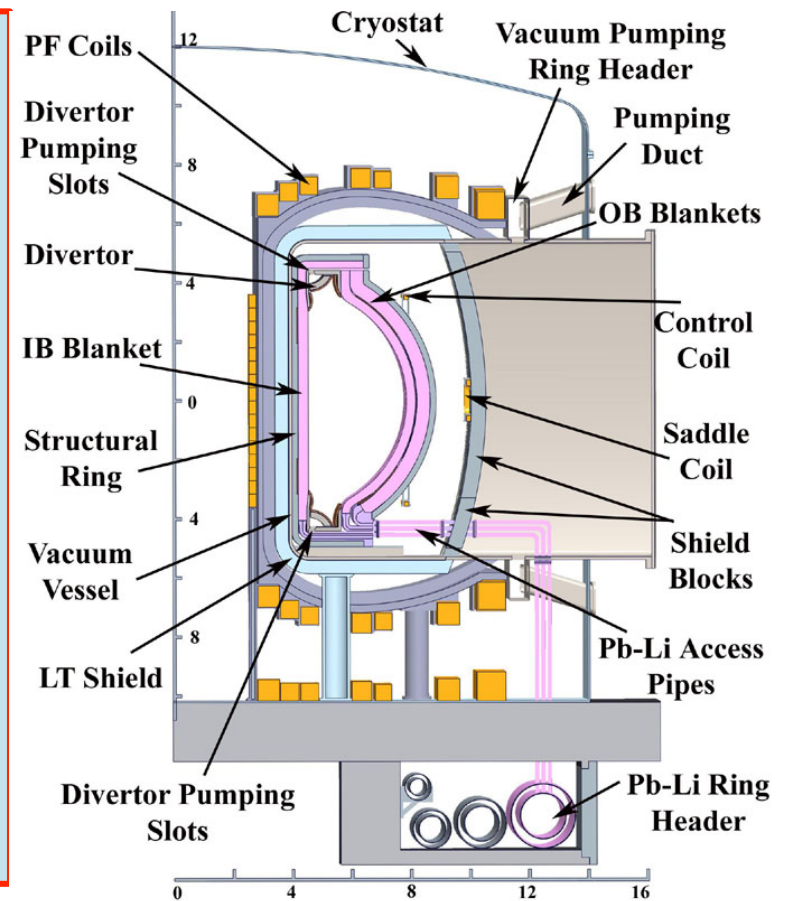
Before

Environmental variables in the fusion core

- B-field
- Temperature
- Pressure/stress
- Flow
- Hydrogen
- Dpa
- q'' , q'''
- chemical
- gradients in r, θ

→ Severe liquid metal

Fission



Goal is to establish the database on all components in the fusion neutron environment and in the overall environment before moving to larger size

How Do We Measure Progress in These Missions - **Metrics**

Tritium Breeding				
	ITER	FNSF	DEMO	Power Plant ARIES-ACT2
TBR - total		~ 1.0		1.05
Tritium produced/ year	4 g (TBMs)	4.3-10.0 kg		101-146 kg
Li-6 enrichment		90%		40%
OB FW hole/loss fraction		10%		4%
Tritium lost to decay, kg/year				0.3
Tritium lost to environment, kg/ year				0.004

How Do We Measure Progress in These Missions - **Metrics**

Long Plasma Durations at Required Performance				
	ITER	FNSF	DEMO	Power Plant ACT1/ACT2
Plasma on-time per year	5%	15-35%		85%
Plasma pulse duration, s	500-3000	0.09-1.2x10⁶		2.7x10⁷
Plasma duty cycle	25%	33-95%		100%
$\beta_N H_{98} / q_{95}$	0.6	0.4		0.4-2.1
Q	5-10	4		25-48
f_{BS}	0.25-0.5	0.5		0.77-0.91
$P_{core,rad} / (P_{alpha} + P_{aux})$	0.27	0.26		0.28-0.46
$P_{div,rad} / P_{SOL}$	0.7	0.9		0.9

Focus for 2015 is Detailed Analysis in Engineering and Physics of the FNSF – Access Critical R&D Issues

Engineering:

[Neutronics](#), 1D this year to develop builds and heating, 3D next year for more accuracy, streaming and other issues (El-guebaly, UW)

[Liquid metal MHD](#) analysis by Smolentsev (UCLA) on IB and OB LiPb flow

[Thermo-mechanics of blanket, FW and divertor](#) by Y. Huang/N. Ghoniem (UCLA), J. Blanchard at UW, S. Malang (retired), M. Tillack (UCSD)

[TF coil \(and PF\) coils](#) stress analysis and winding pack design by Y. Zhai, P. Titus (PPPL)

[Tritium inventory, extraction, implantation](#) analysis (and accident) by P. Humrickhouse (INL)

[Materials science development and assessments](#) by FusMat group at ORNL (A. Rowcliffe, L. Garrison, and Y. Katoh)

[CAD](#), establishing layouts for FNSF from systems code and design activities (E. Marriott)

Physics:

[Core plasma](#) equilibrium, ideal stability, time-dependent transport evolution, H/CD (Kessel, PPPL)

[SOL/divertor analysis](#) by Rognlien and Rensink (LLNL)

Other Critical Activities in 2015

Identification of accident scenarios and their categorization, rare to less-rare

- Identify design features that ameliorate or minimize accident consequences

More detailed examination of maintenance and inspections

- Hot cell requirements and turnaround (likely well beyond present capability)
- In-vessel inspections/no vacuum break, minor maintenance/no vacuum break, maintenance/with vacuum break (or gas), etc.
- Examination of the maintenance approach for TBMs and H/CD systems

Plasma and fusion core diagnostics

- Different sets in He/H, DD and DT

Plasma physics strategy and DIII-D experiments/interactions, extensions to EAST/KSTAR, and also interaction with broader community

- Plasma operating point candidates, projections with burning plasma

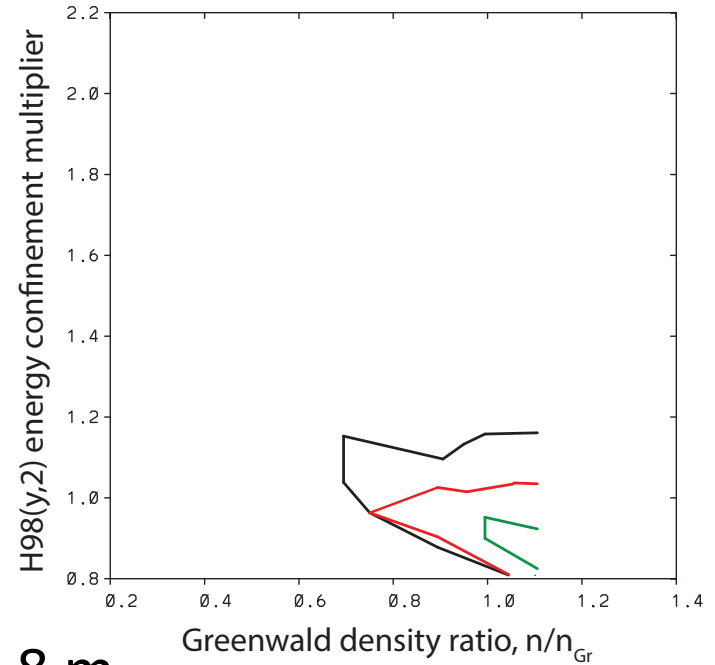
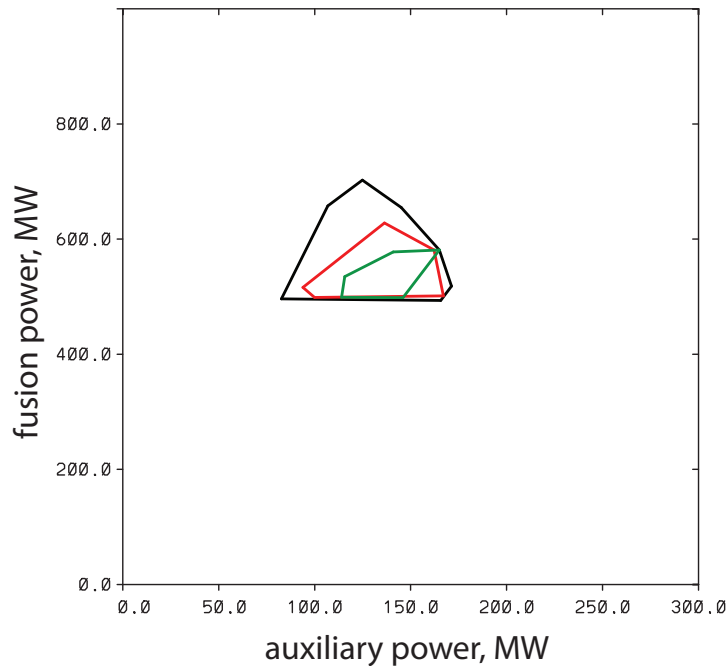
Challenging the program plan on the FNSF

- Accelerate the plasma pulse durations
- Re-organize the distribution of plasma ops and maintenance
- Identify more specifically hot plasma on, warm plasma off, and cold plasma off states

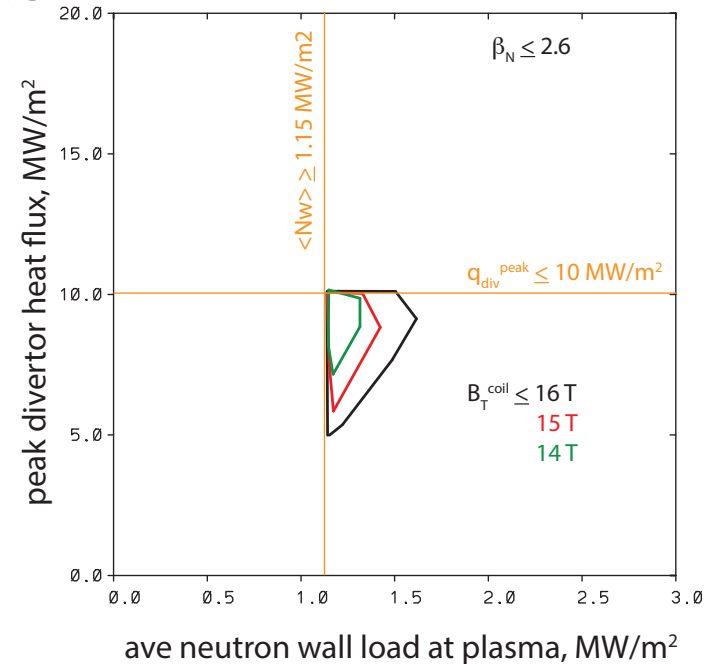
What if the maximum B-field at the TF coil does not reach 16 T?

We are assuming that the Nb₃Sn technology will improve with R&D, and exceed ITER performance (*based on K-DEMO and HEP targets*)

Improved SC, conduit and winding pack optimization, and structural approaches

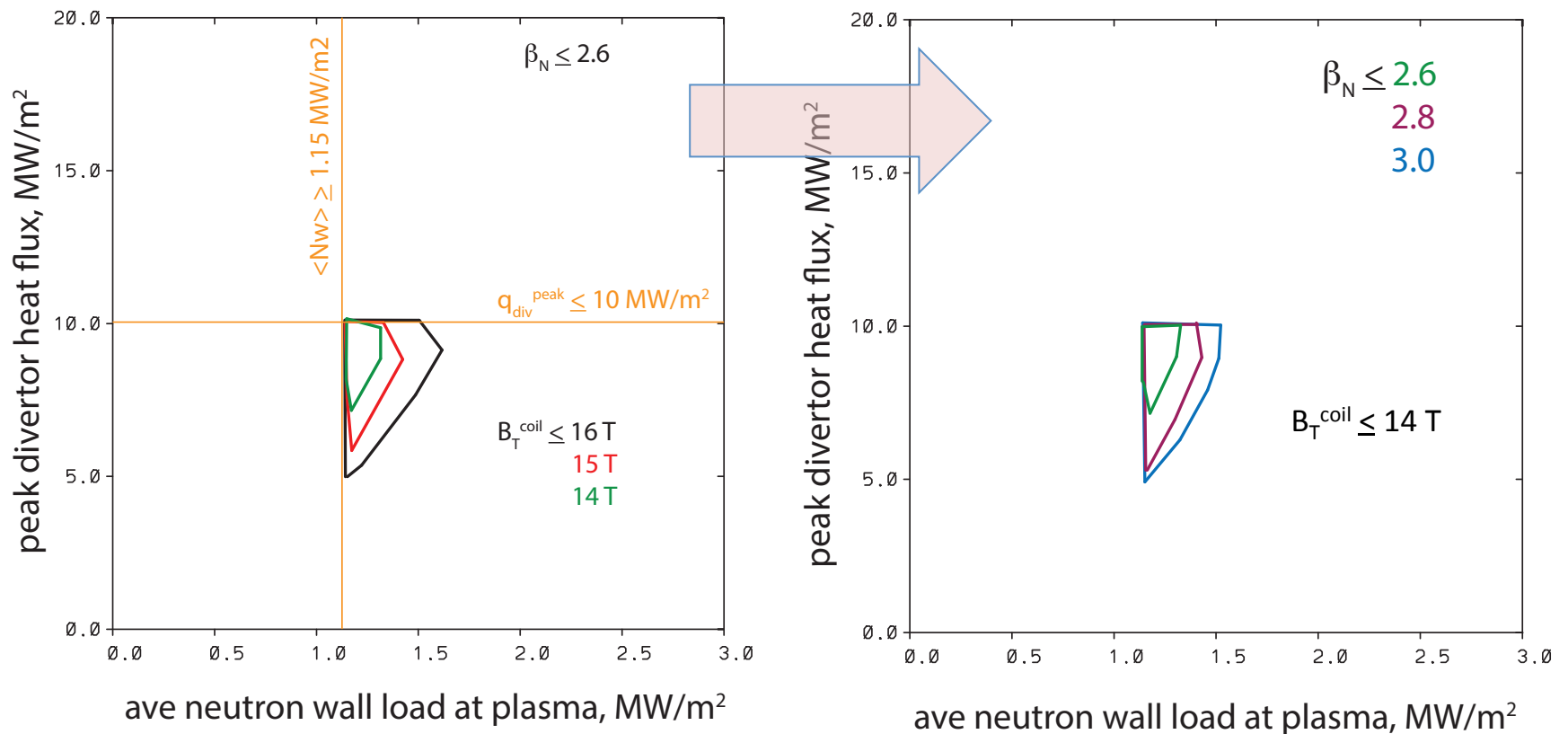


R = 4.8 m



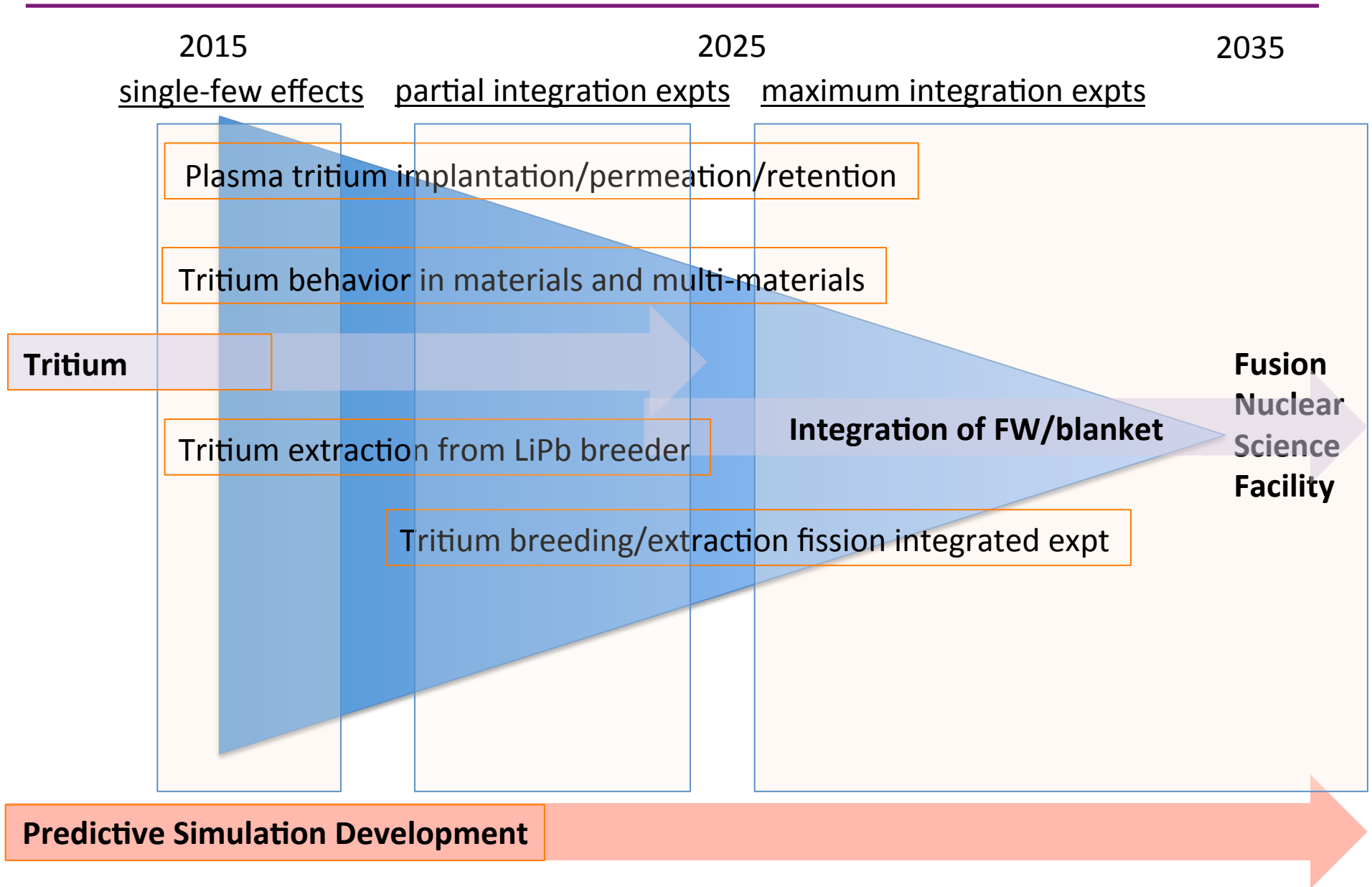
Raising the β_N can compensate the reduction in B_T , and still produce the N_w

The increase in β_N above the no-wall β limit requires 1) kinetic stabilization, 2) plasma rotation, and/or 3) feedback control

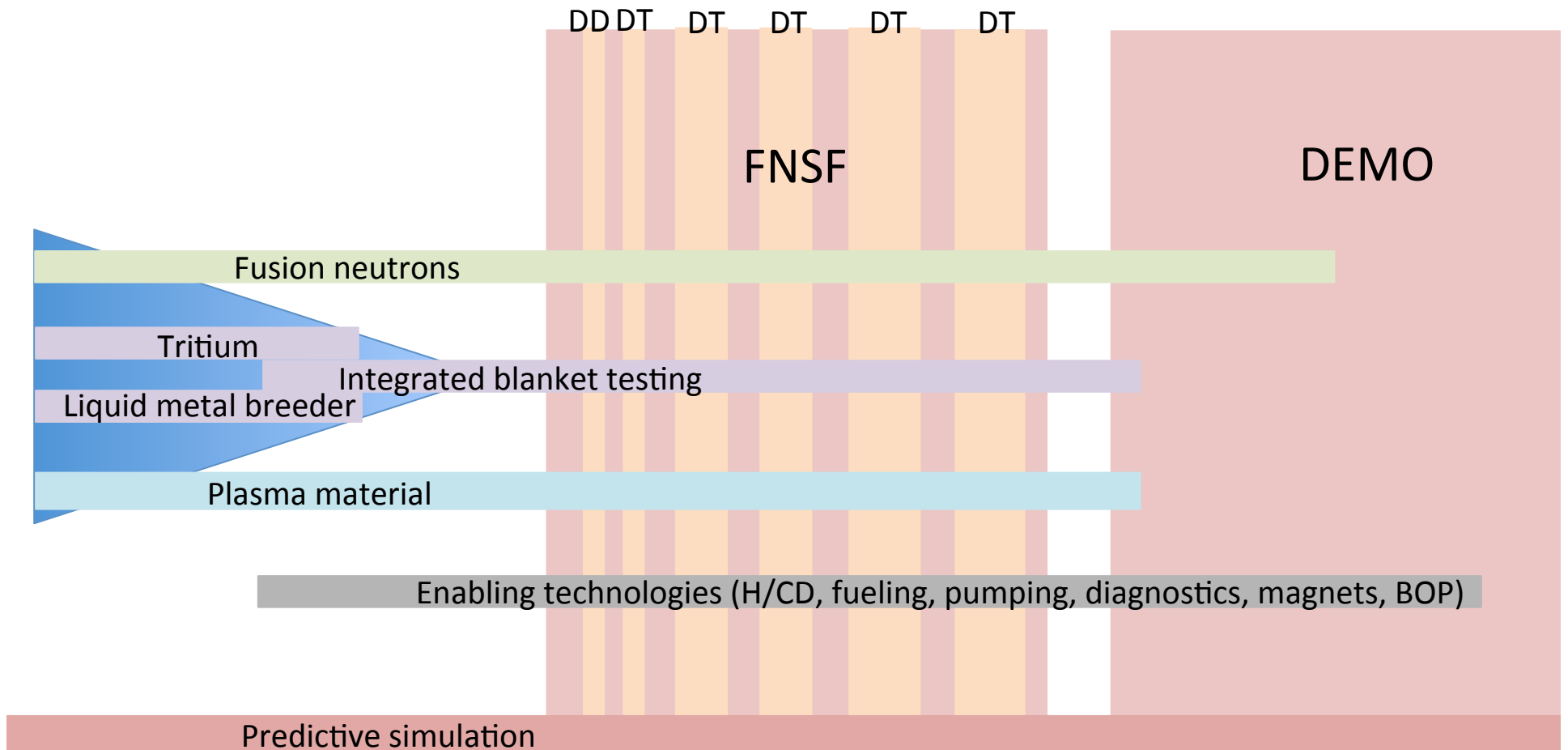


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Zoom-In: *Tritium Science* Breakdown



Zoom-Out: Examine the R&D Flow Over Pre-FNSF, FNSF, and into DEMO

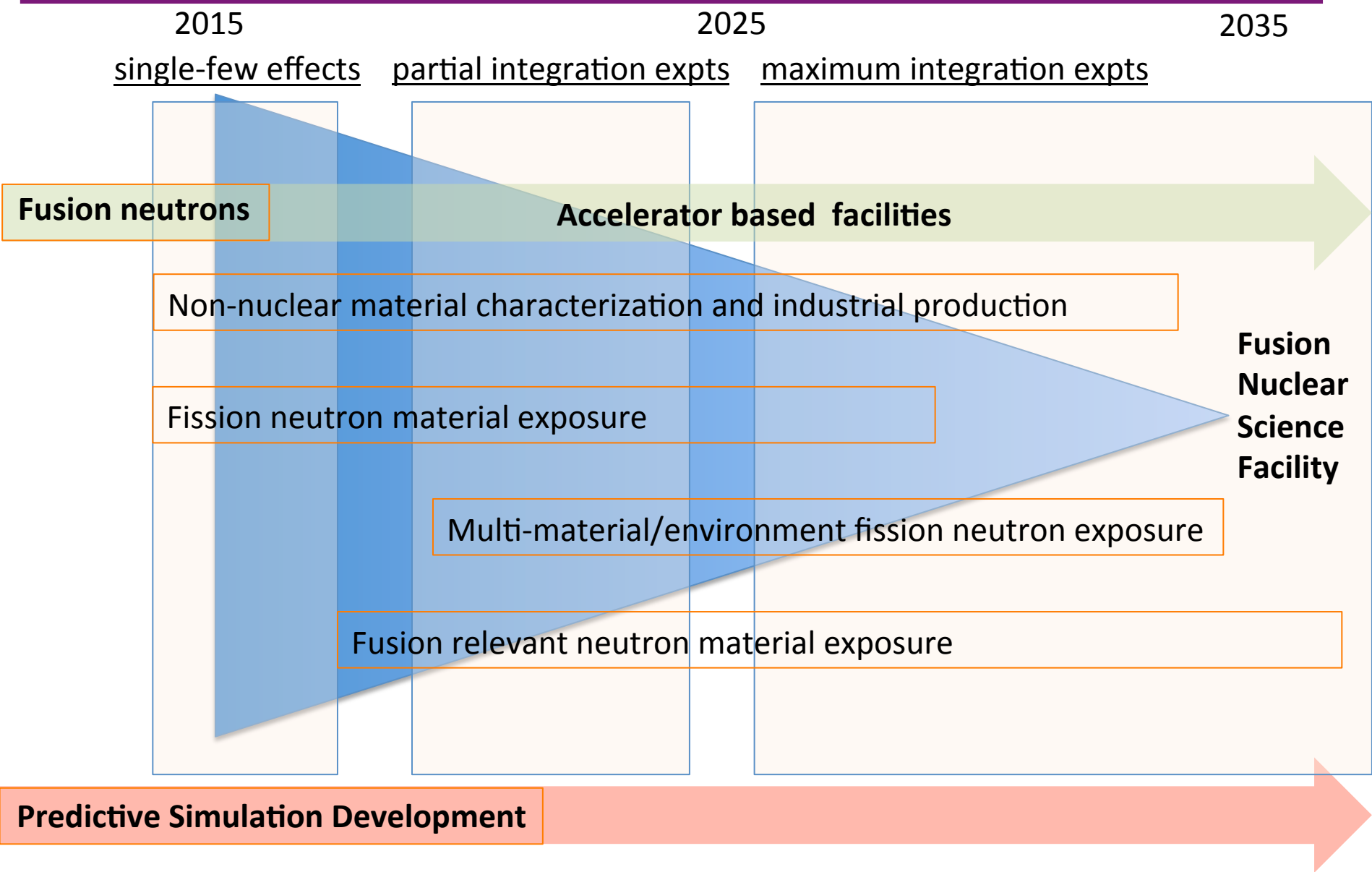


White Papers and Design/Strategy/Philosophy Decisions

- 1) Use of water in the fusion core → no water inside the vacuum vessel
- 2) Helium cooling in the fusion core → He cooling is a viable approach with a technical basis and significant advantages
- 3) Single null versus Double null → Undecided, we are pursuing DN
- 4) Tritium breeding in the FNSF → this will be challenging, TBR ~ 1, may need to purchase (fission plant generation or int'l)
- 5) DCLL blanket concept → provides significant power plant advantages
- 6) Fusion core maintenance approach → qualitatively horizontal maintenance is baseline
- 7) Maximum dpa before replacement → reduced max dpa from 200 to 100 dpa, economic impacts can be significant for lower dpa's
- 8) TF/PF magnet options → pursue advanced LTSC, watch HTSC, Cu is not power plant relevant

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Zoom-In: *Fusion Neutron Science* (preliminary)



Materials Assumptions for the FNSF, DCLL Blanket

Basing fusion structural components (blanket, structural ring, shield filler, manifolding) on the “family” of RAFM steel

Generation I (Eurofer, F82H, CLAM, etc.) up to 20 dpa

Generation II (ODS) up to 50 dpa

Nano-structured (ODS, NS) up to 60+ dpa?

→ activation, waste, accidents

LiPb breeder material for high breeding potential, lower reactivity with oxygen, controllability of tritium breeding in situ

→ MHD impacts on heat transfer, corrosion, pressure drop

SiC-c flow channel insert to provide high electrical/thermal resistance barrier for LiPb

→ Fission testing is successful, ASME code section being written for fission

→ Fusion behavior is still uncertain

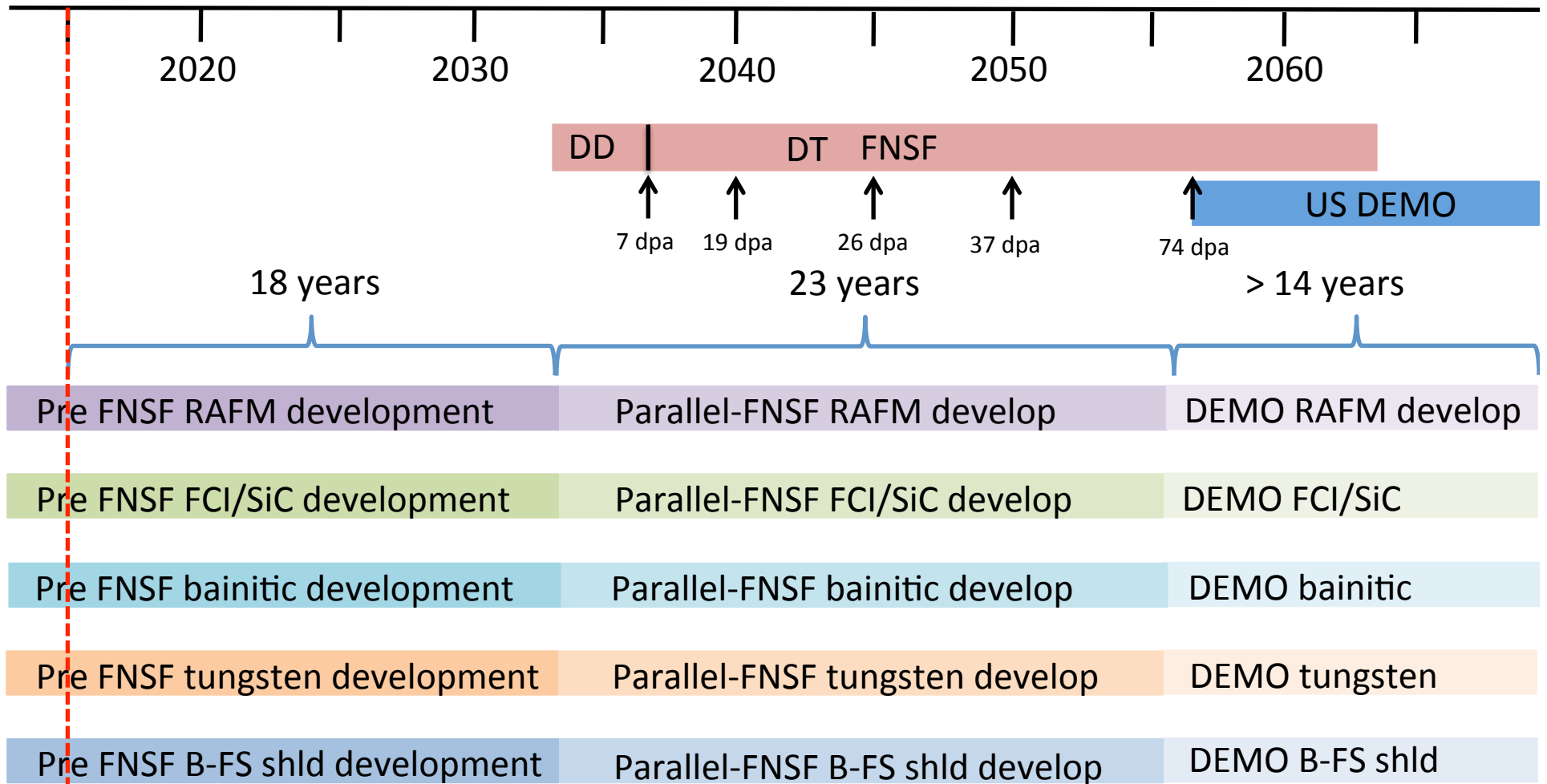
→ Interaction with flowing LiPb, high T and neutrons

Using bainitic steel for vacuum vessel due to weaker neutron environment and no need for PWHT (stable micro-structure)

Tungsten (alloy, composite, ODS, ??) in the divertor, and WC as shielding filler in some components

→ Significant uncertainty in tungsten materials as PFC armor and structure, decay heat

Fusion Materials Science **assumed** timeline

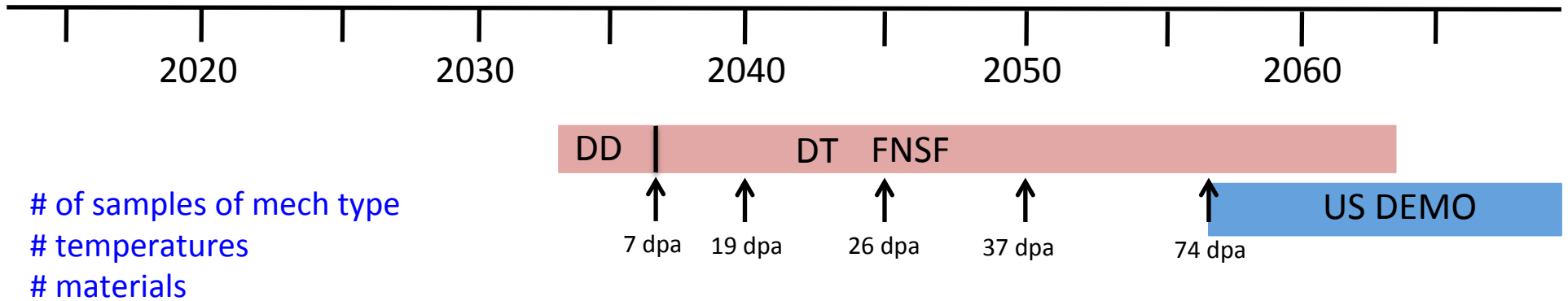


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Indicates the beginning of a phase on the FNSF where that dpa level will be reached

Characterizing what neutron irradiation facilities can deliver, how fast, and what volume of samples.....



of samples of mech type
 # temperatures
 # materials

→ What type of database is required? Scientific or engineering?

Table 1

Summary of ferritic/martensitic steel irradiation parameters including damage rate per full power year (fpy) for several current and proposed neutron irradiation facilities.

Facility	Displacement damage rate (dpa/fpy)	He (appm/dpa)	H (appm/dpa)	Ca (appm/dpa)	Cl (appm/dpa)	Capsule individual/total volume (l)
→ DEMO 1st wall, 3.5 MW/m ² [84,85]	30	11	41	<0.001	<0.001	
→ IFMIF high flux test module [84,85] IFMIF	20–55	10–12	35–54	<0.001	<0.001	~0.035/0.5 0.5 liter
HFR fission reactor, position F8 [84,86]	2.5	0.3	0.8			2.2/37
HFIR fission reactor, RB* [86,87]	9	0.2	–			0.75/3
HFIR fission reactor, target [86,88]	24	0.35	5			0.10/3.7
BOR60 fast reactor, position D23 [84,89]	20	0.29	0.7			0.4/5
ESS spallation source, reflector [84]	5–10	5–6	33–36			
ESS spallation source, target hull [83]	20–33	25–30	250–300			
US SNS spallation source FMITS, 5 cm [90]	5	20	100			0.02/0.04 0.04 liter
US SNS spallation source FMITS, 3 cm [90]	10	75	310			0.02/0.04 0.04 liter
SINQ spallation source, center rod 1 [91,92]	≤10	≤70	≤470			~0.006/3
US MTS spallation, fuel positions, 15 cm [44]	17.5	29	–			~0.001/0.04 0.04 liter
US MTS spallation, fuel positions, 5 cm [44,85]	32	16	–	1	0.1	~0.001/0.04 0.04 liter