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# Design considerations for the BDF/SHiP production target

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# BDF/SHiP Target

- **Beam Dump Target / SHiP Target**

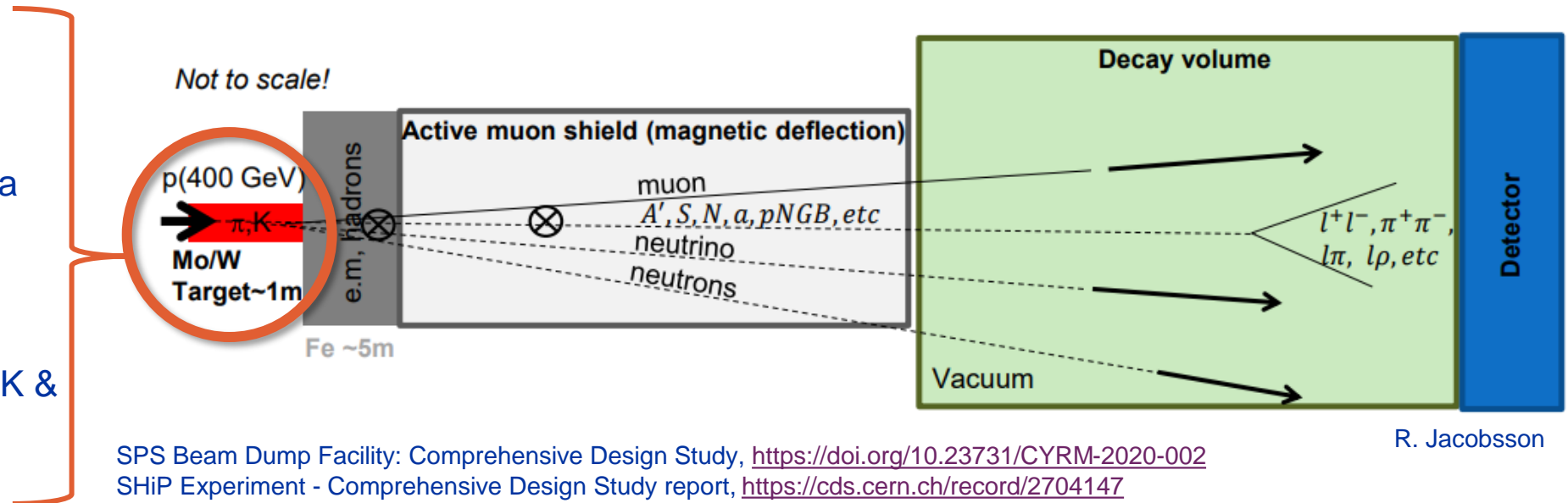
- Fully absorb all  $p^+$ , maximize production of charm and beauty hadrons & re-absorption of pions, muons and kaons

**High energy** → production of charmed and beauty mesons

**High ppp & POT** → overcome small prod cross-section of extra rare events of hidden particles

**High  $\rho$ , Z & A** → Maximize  $p^+$  interaction

**Short  $\lambda$**  → Force absorption of K &  $\pi$  to reduce muon & neutrino background



# BDF Target

## Target requirements

- **Physics:**
  - high-Z material & with short interaction length
  - Fully absorb SPS p+ beam
- **Engineering:**
  - 305kW power → cooling needs
  - 305kW power → temperature & thermal-induced stresses
  - High nr of spills & POT → mechanical fatigue & radiation damage
- **Safety:**
  - High activation → Remote handling, waste disposal considerations, spallation/contamination products...

Baseline beam parameters of the BDF Target operation. <https://doi.org/10.23731/CYRM-2020-002>

Proton momentum (GeV/c)	400
Beam intensity (p <sup>+</sup> /cycle)	4 × 10 <sup>13</sup>
Cycle length (s)	7.2
Spill duration (s)	1.0
Beam dilution pattern	Circular
Beam sweep frequency (turns/s)	4
Dilution circle radius (mm)	50
Beam sigma (H, V) (mm)	(8, 8)
Average beam power (kW)	356
Average beam power deposited in target (kW)	305
Average beam power during spill (MW)	2.3

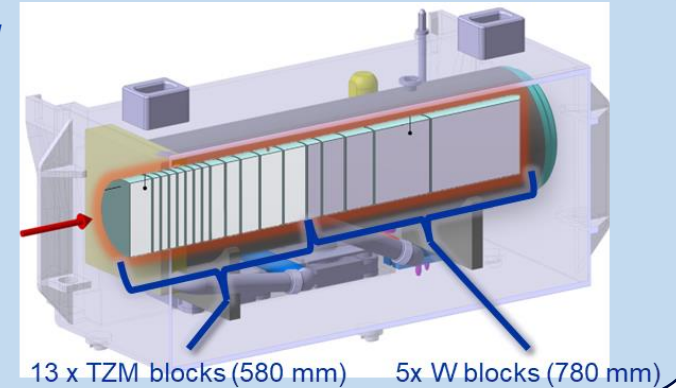
**Very similar requirements to a neutron spallation target & other targetry applications**

**Synergies with other labs are being pursued**

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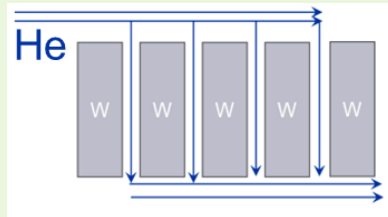


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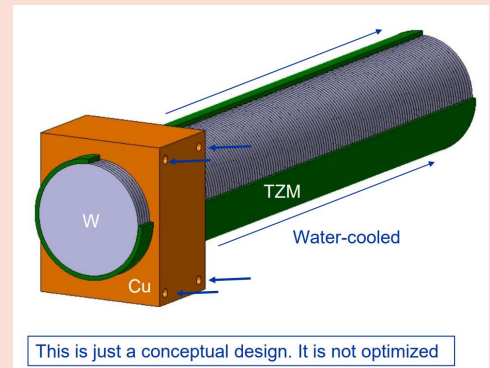
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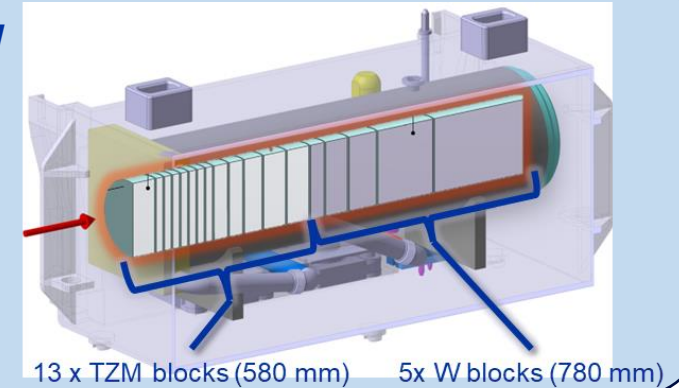
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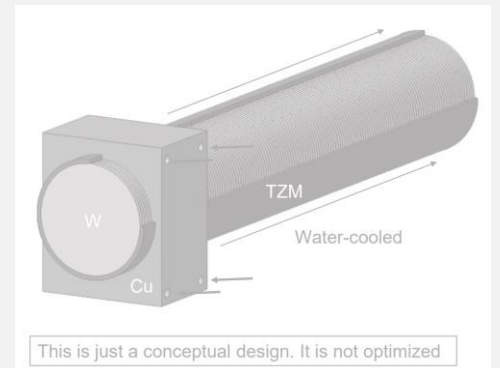
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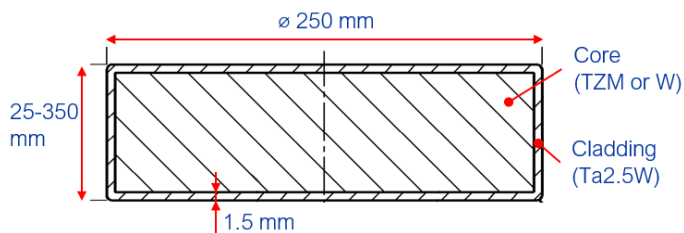
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## Water-cooled, Ta-cladded TZM + W Core

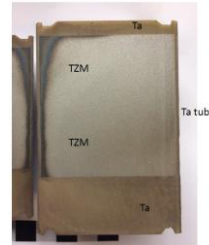
- **TZM:** Absorbs most of the power. Higher strength, better creep resistance, higher recrystallisation temp wrt Mo.
- **W:** Good radiation damage resistance. Best for physics.
- **Ta2.5W:** To avoid corrosion-erosion of the core materials
- **Cooling:** 22 bar, 5 m/s, ~660l/min, ~305kW of heat.

## Manufacturing

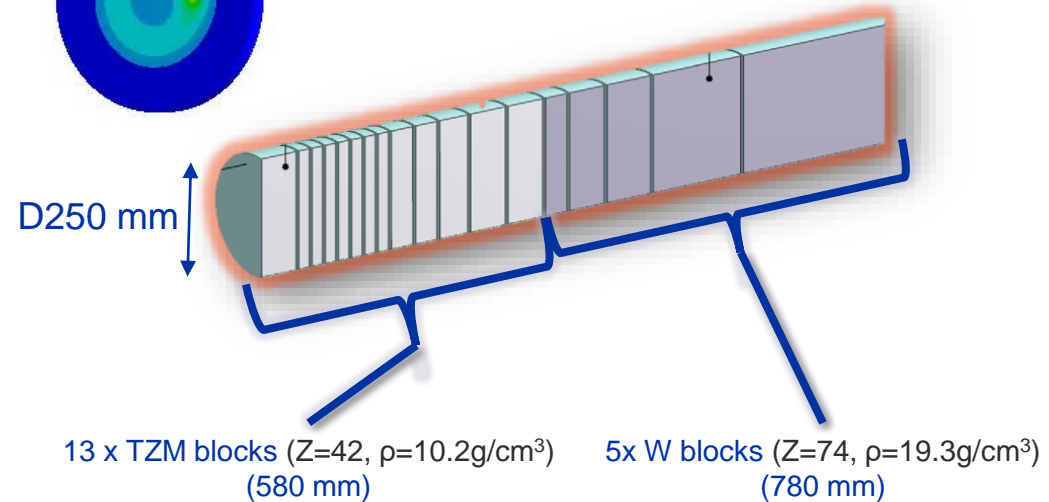
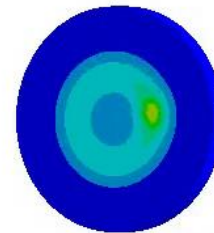
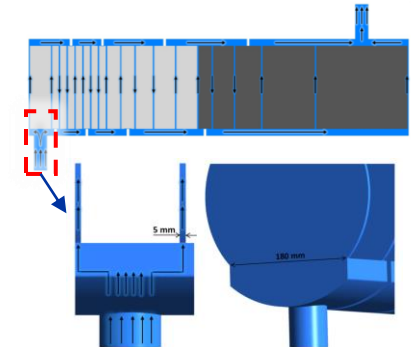
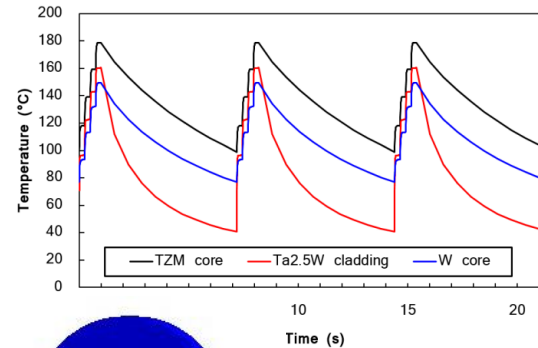
- Forged TZM and sintered W (single blocks)
- Diffusion bonding with cladding via Hot Isostatic Pressing



TZM containing capsule (electro eroded)



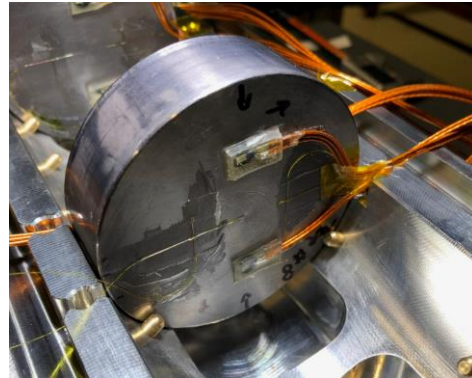
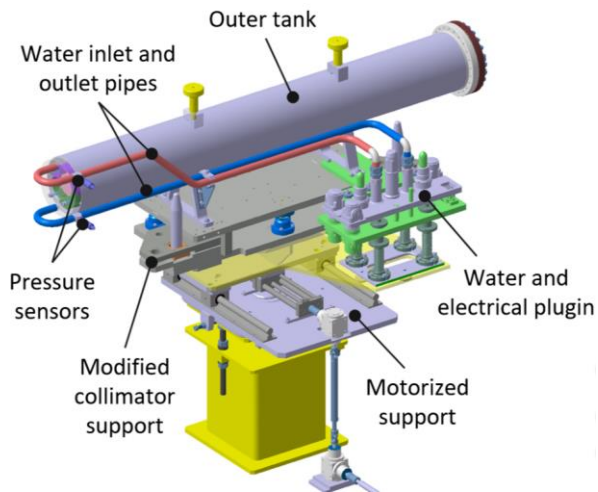
Target Core with reasonable physics performance & that allows diluting (longitudinally) the energy deposition



# BDF Baseline Target Prototype + PIE

## Prototype Beam tests

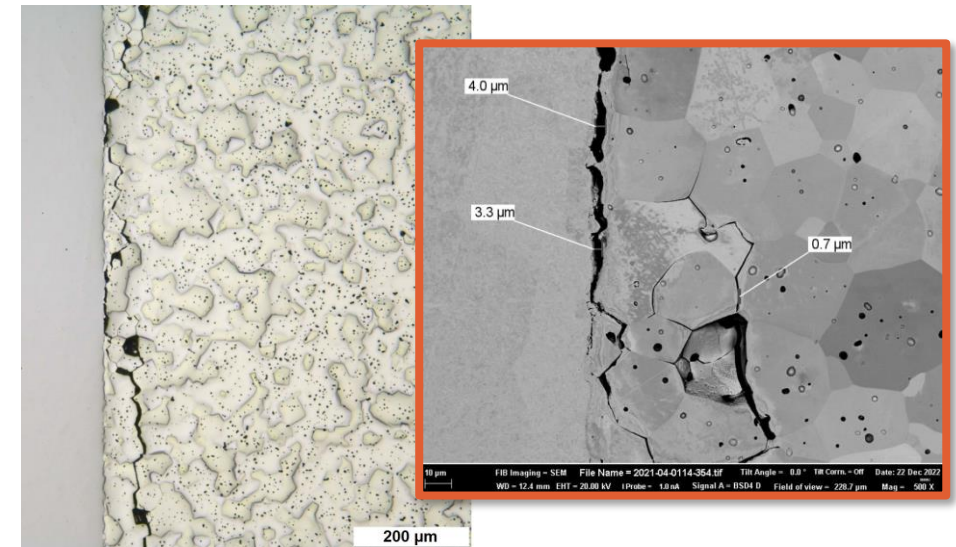
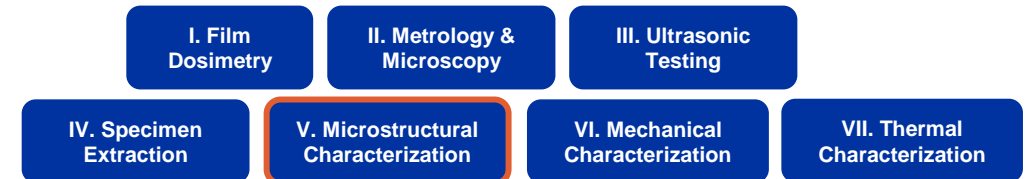
- Validate manufacturing and test operation at identical temperatures & mechanical stresses.
- Reduced diameter (80 mm) prototype.
- Tested in 2018 on a **dedicated slow extraction (SX) testbench** in the T6 primary beam line in TCC2 at CERN. Total of  $2.4 \times 10^{16}$  p<sup>+</sup>



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## Post Irradiation Examination

- Design mostly validated but with few caveats



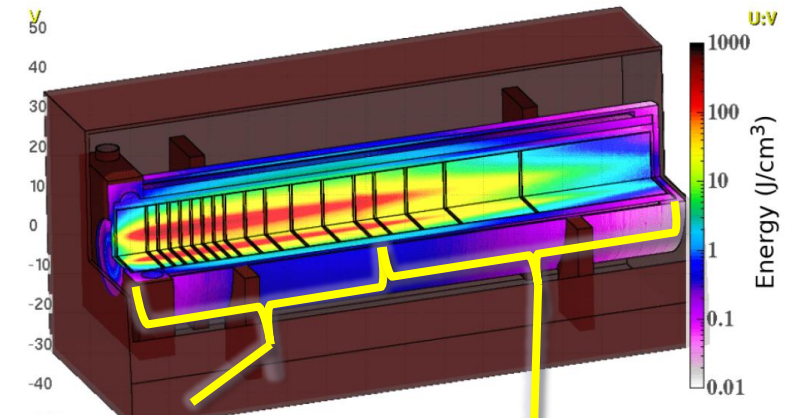
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# In search of an alternative design

## Main motivations

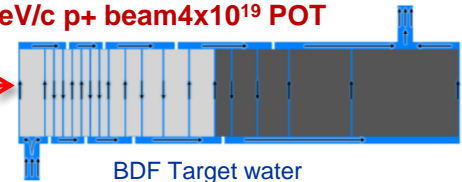
- Most of the shower develops on TZM and not on W → core could be further optimized for physics
- Water in-beam promotes formation of radicals → safety concerns to be addressed or water removed
- Decay heat on baseline target is considerable & driven by cladding. Possibility of LOCA (Loss Of Coolant Accident) poses a critical safety risk → Reduce Ta cladding
- PIE revealed W quality to be poor → Look into more robust W supply



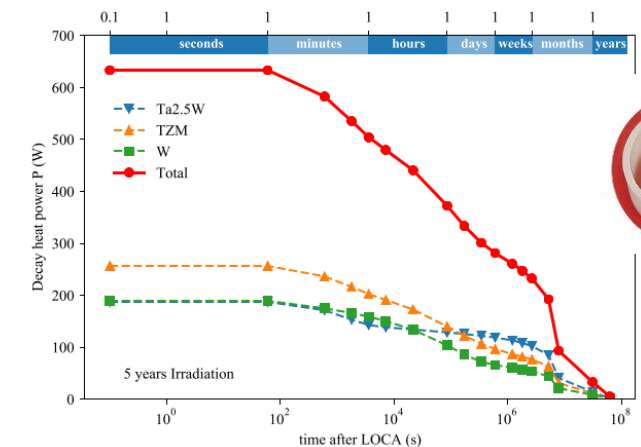
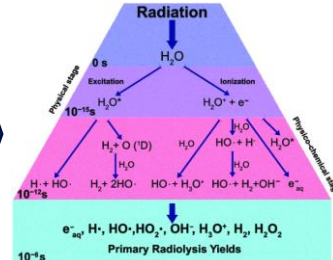
13 x TZM blocks (580 mm)

5x W blocks (780 mm)

400GeV/c p+ beam  $4 \times 10^{19}$  POT



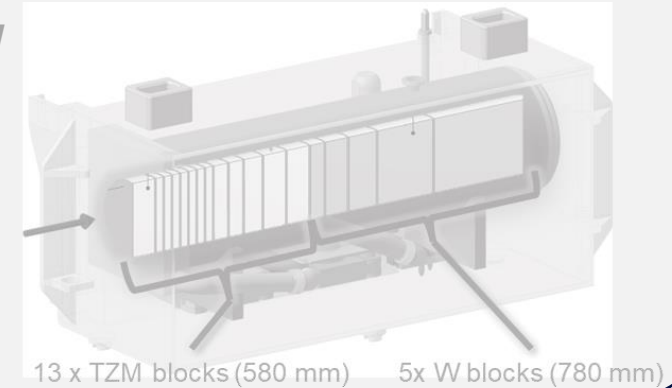
BDF Target water cooling layout (20bar, 5m/s)



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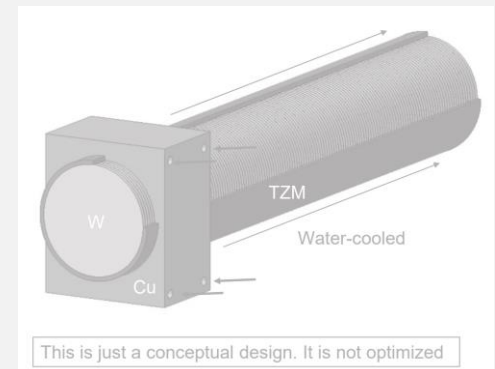
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I. EBW of Capsules

II. Helium Penetrant Test

III. 1<sup>st</sup> HIPing Cycle (1200 °C)

IV. 2<sup>nd</sup> HIPing Cycle (1400 °C)

V. Ultrasonic Testing

VI. Cutting & OM at interface

VII. Thermal Characterization

VIII. Mechanical Characterization

## Thermal diffusivity specimens

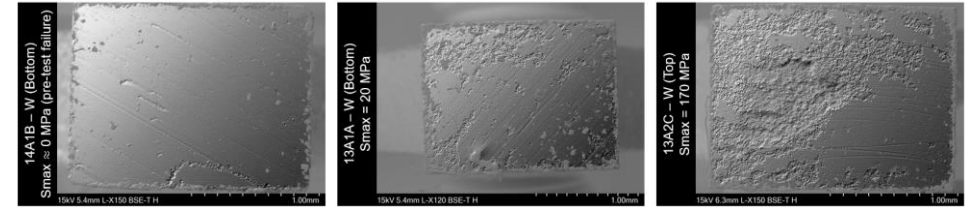
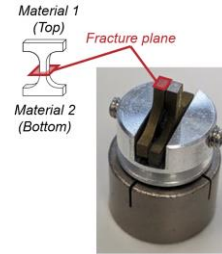
- Excellent thermal contact has been confirmed for all Niobium alloys (Nb, Nb1Zr, C103)



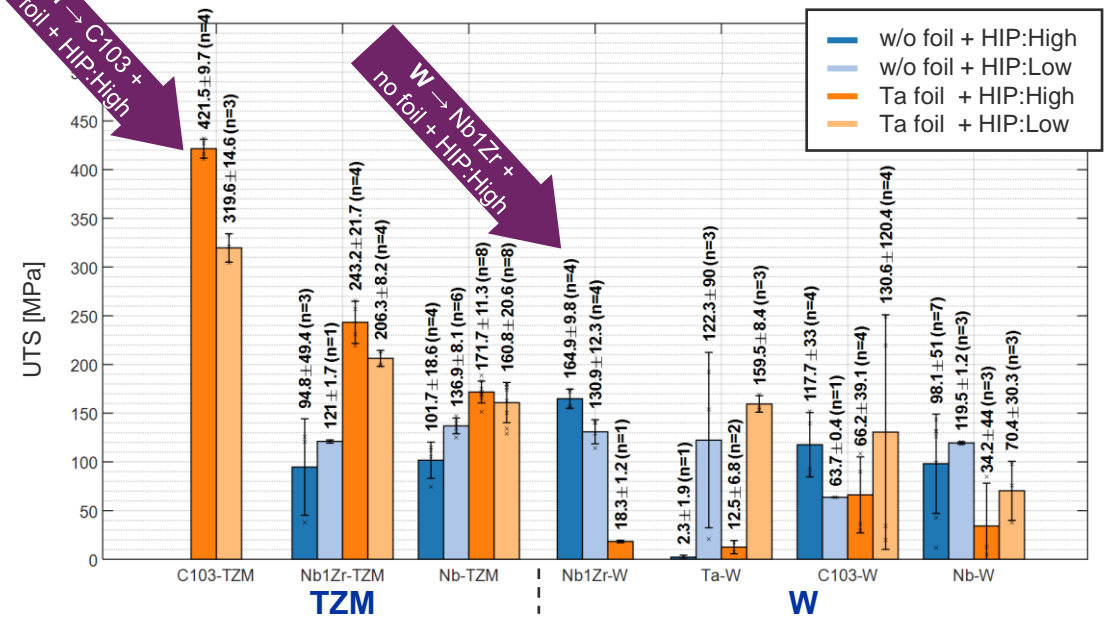
## Tensile specimens

- Interface strength for Nb alloys higher for TZM than W
- TZM core :
  - Ta foil + HIP: High increased the strength
  - C103 did not bond without the foil
- W core
  - Higher variation, but it seems no foil increases interface strength

**However, long-lived Nb isotopes pose challenges for waste disposal**



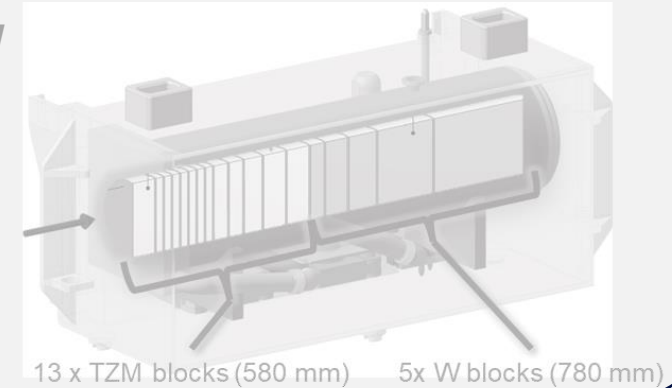
SEM: Increase of successful diffusion bonding / maximum stresses



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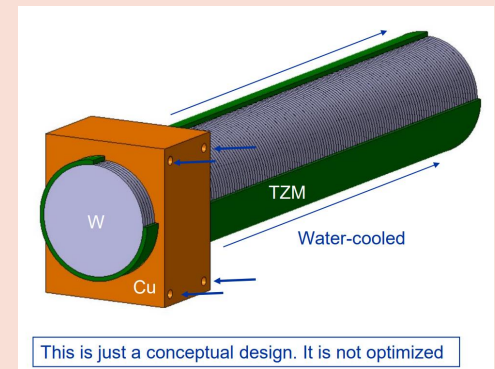
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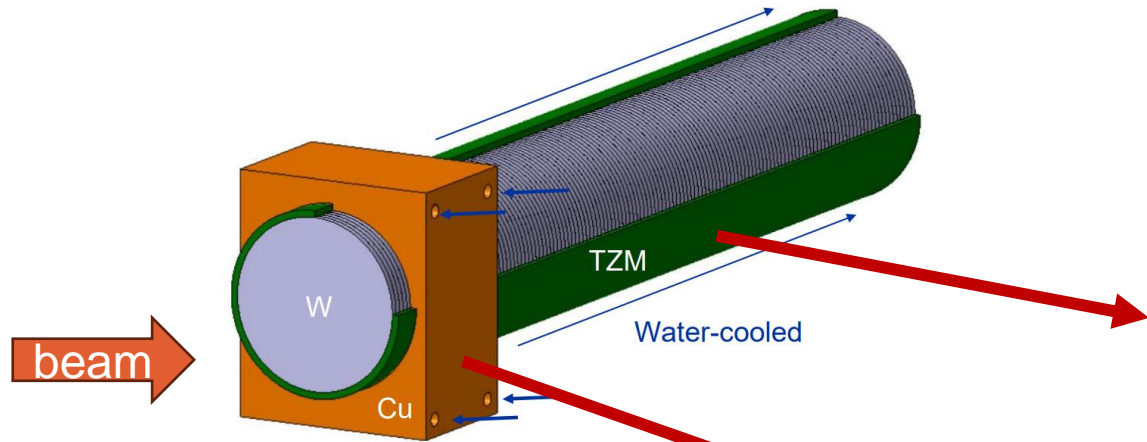


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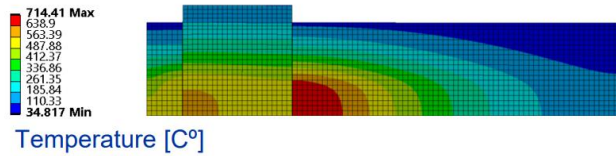
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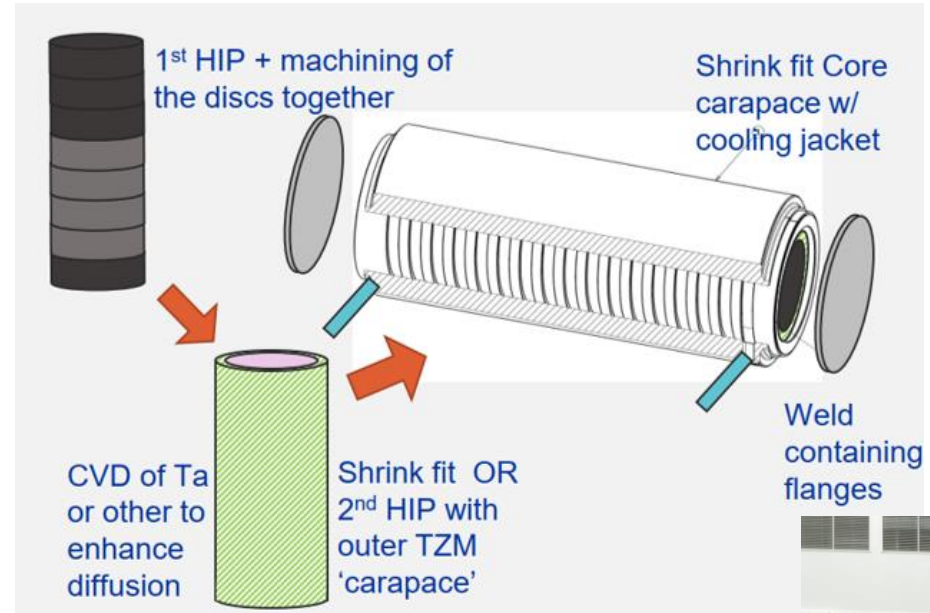


This is just a conceptual design. It is not optimized



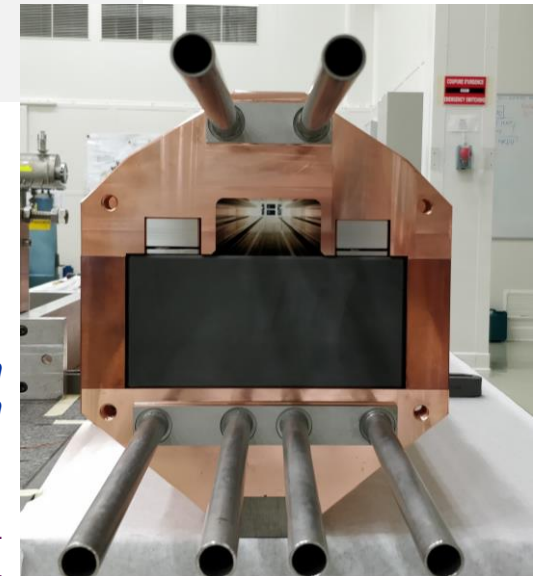
## Cu+W target :

- Removes water from beam path (radiolysis)
- Keeps physics performance
- Reduces decay heat
- **Increases T and stress**



Cu-SS HIP bonding for the SPS internal dump (TIDVG5)

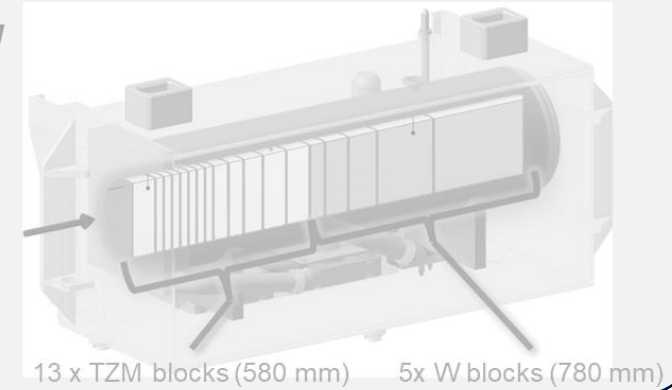
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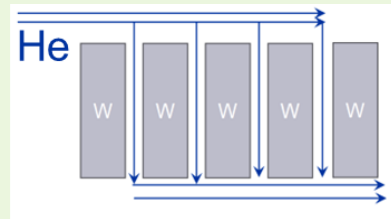
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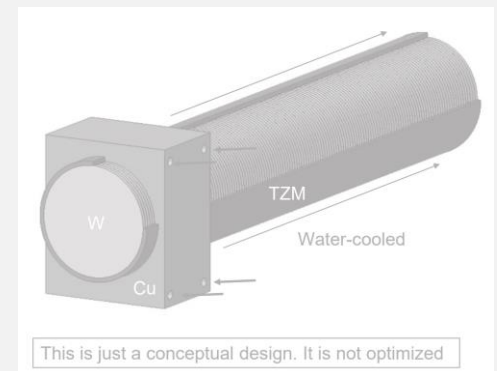
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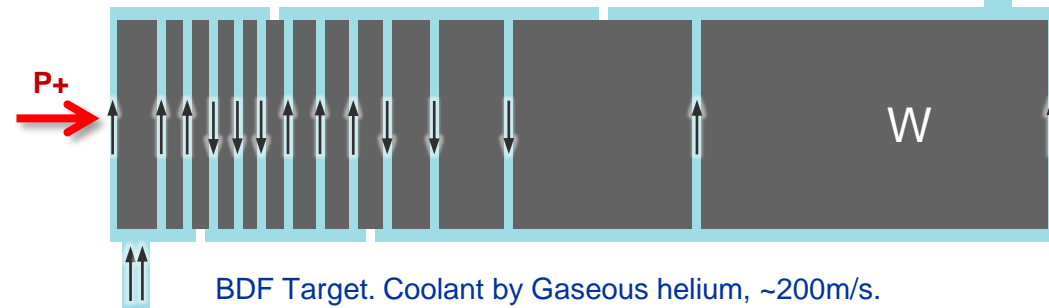
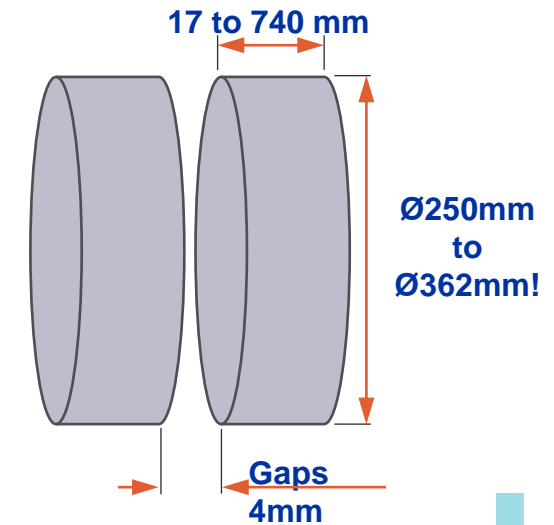
Other concepts: Baseline with W rolled material, Nb-cladded Target,...

# BDF W Helium cooled Target

## Helium cooled blocks (without cladding)

- Removes the high stress regions of the baseline design (Ta cladding)
- Allows higher surface block temperatures (no risk of boiling)
- Removes radiological concerns with the water
- All core material is W (good for physics)
- But HTC is lower
- New cooling system complexity and cost

BDF He system parameters	
Thermal Power	305 kW
Inlet Pressure	16 bara
Pressure Drop	<2 bar (high estimate)
Mass flow	345 – 400 g/s
Volume flow	0.13 -0.15 m <sup>3</sup> /s
Inlet temperature	30 °C
Outlet temperature	200-170 °C
Heat transfer coefficient	1000-2000 W/m <sup>2</sup> /K

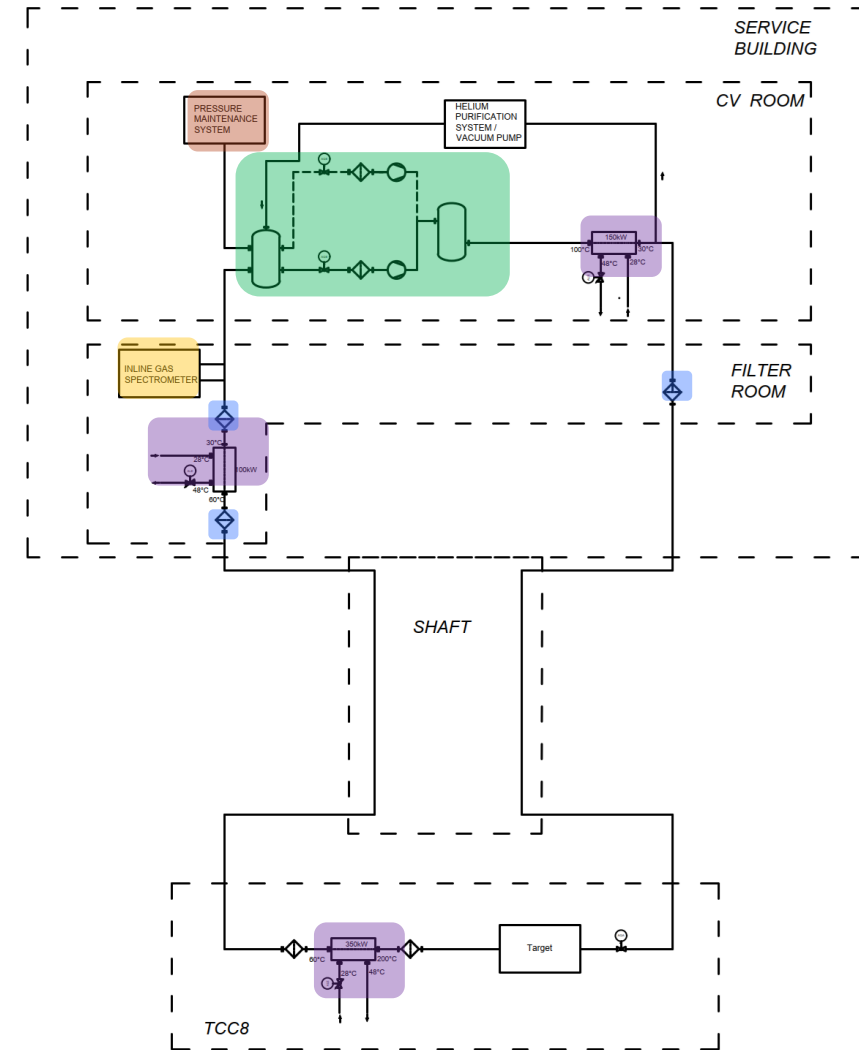
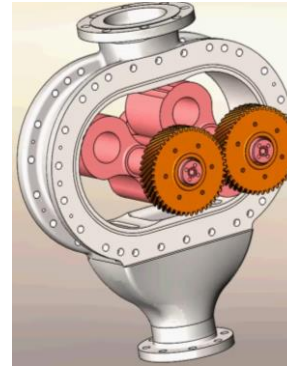


	ESS 2024	<b>BDF</b>	LBNF 2023
Inlet Pressure	11 bar	<b>16 bara</b>	4.5 bar
Swept vol. flow rate	1.6m <sup>3</sup> /s	<b>0.13-0.15m<sup>3</sup>/s</b>	0.076m <sup>3</sup> /s
Target deposited heat	3MW	<b>305kW</b>	35kW



# BDF W Helium cooled Target

- Compressor skids - 12/15 bar(g)
  - Rotary lobe compressor.
  - Oil free, magnetic coupling.
- 3 heat exchangers (Water/He<sub>(g)</sub>)
  - Shell and tube construction.
  - Demineralised water on primary side
- Filtration
  - HEPA/Active carbon filter
- Filling and pressure maintenance system
  - Vacuum with turbomolecular pumps + bottle racks w/ pressure reducers
- Inline gas spectrometer
- Purification system: Cryogenic Low Temperature Absorption (LTA)
- Flanges (w/ metallic gaskets), Globe valves, 304L piping, etc



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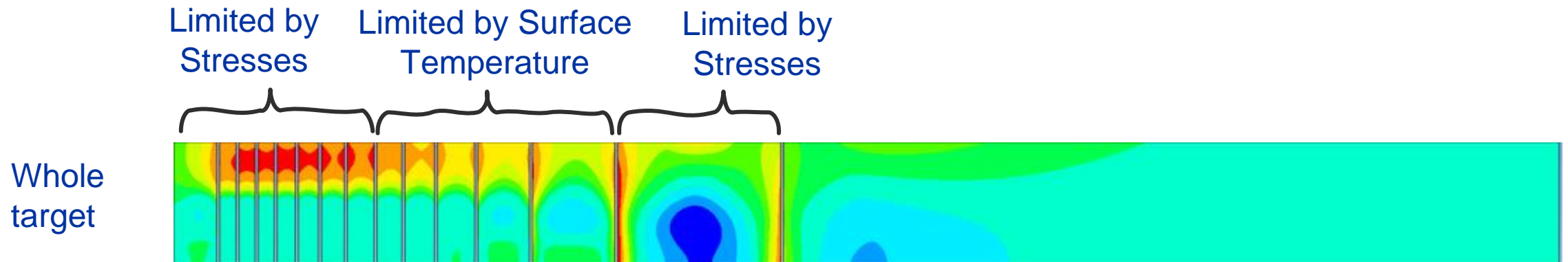
## Design approach

- Cooling station & target have been considered together for system temperatures and pressures
- Design approach has included Defining Design limits

- Stress**
- Fatigue**
- Block Temperature**
- Surface temperature (e.g. limited oxidation)**
- Irradiated properties**

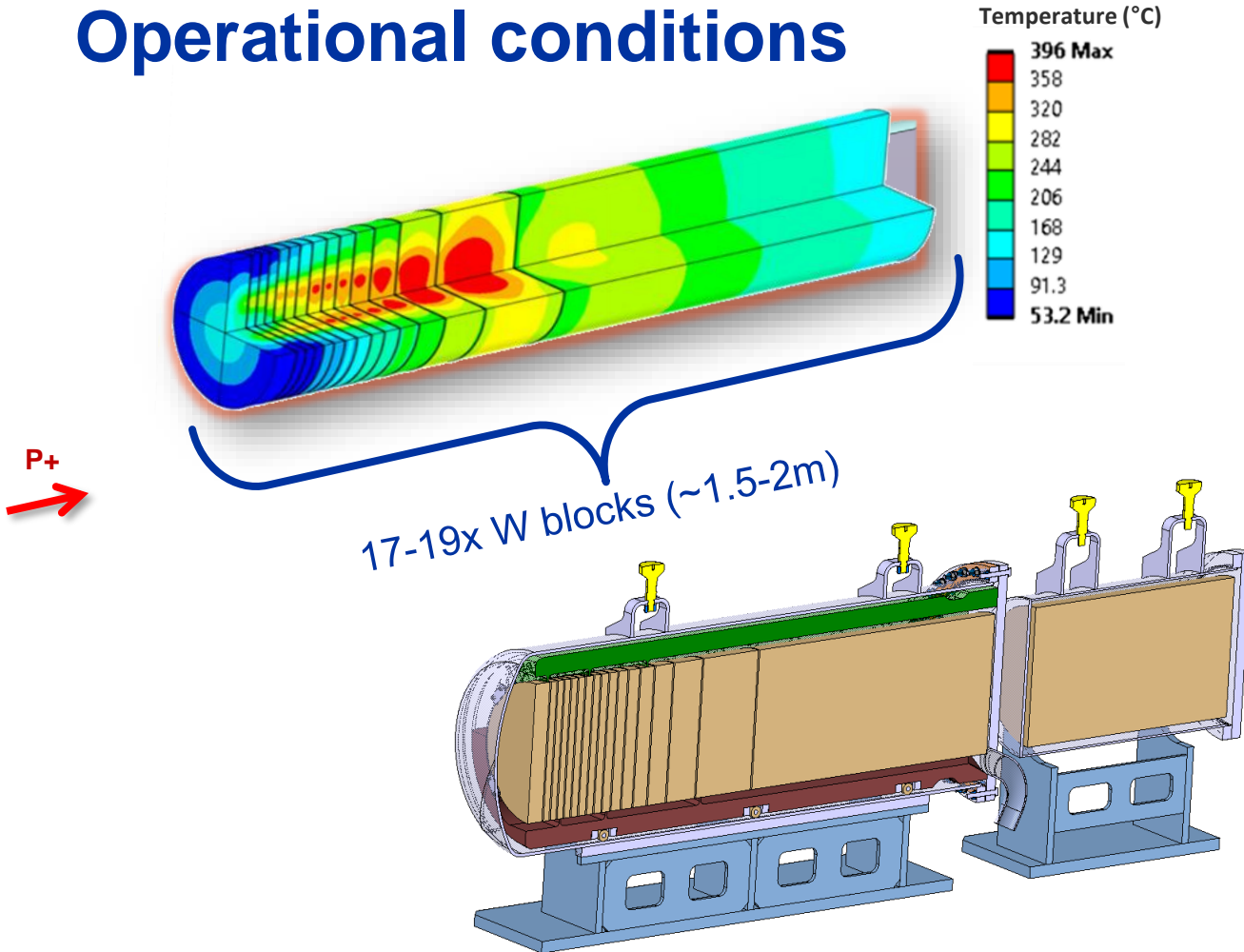
- Applied these limits to target block position optimisation

- Used safety margins  $>2$  on irradiated (degraded) material properties at 2dpa.  $<2$ dpa expected)
- Extrapolation and rule-of-thumb factor used to obtain irradiated fatigue limits due to lack of data



# BDF W Helium cooled Target

## Operational conditions



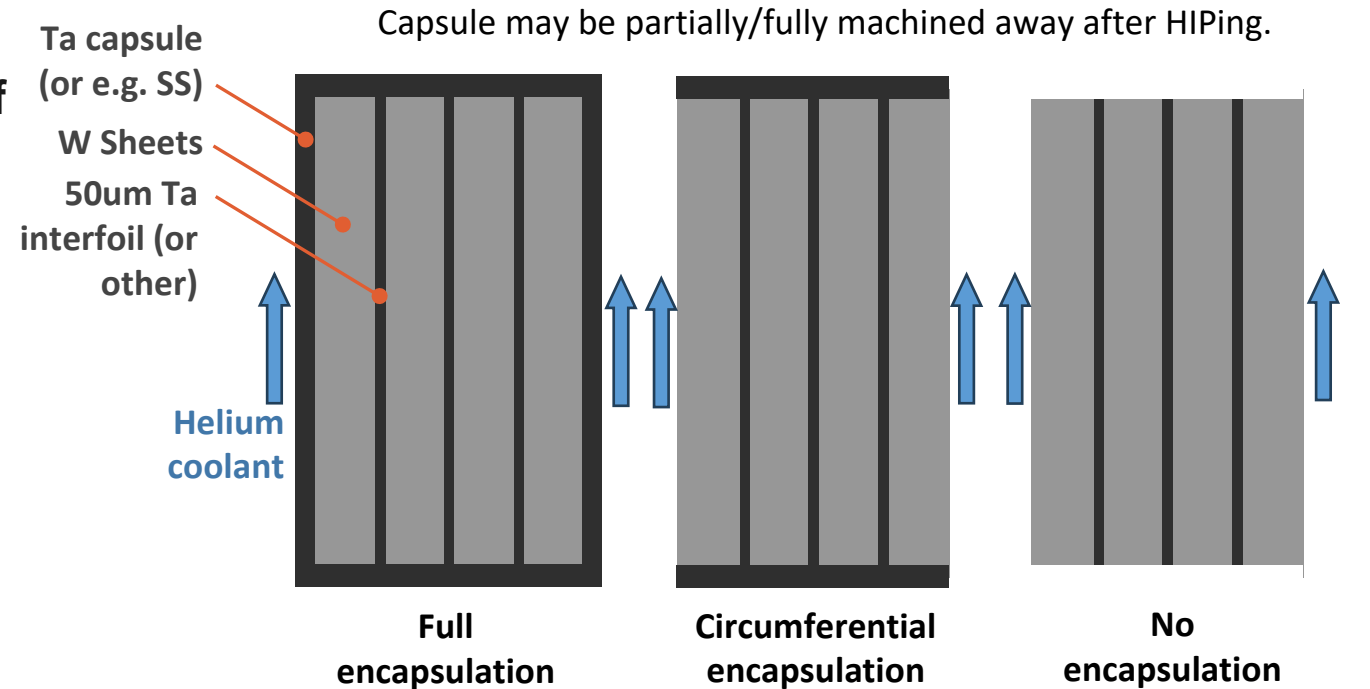
### BDF operational conditions

Target design lifetime	5 years
Max dpa	1.6 to 1.2
Max He implantation	220 to 143 appm
Max stresses	150MPa
Max bulk temperature	400°C
Max W-to-He surface Temperature	350°C
Beam parameters	Same as for Baseline, except beam size

# BDF W Helium cooled Target

## The Core blocks

- **W sheets, HIPed together with interlayers of ~50um Ta foil (or other – to be explored)**
  - → Improved mechanical properties compared to Sintered blocks used for CDR.
- **Using W sheets thickness 10mm ±5mm**
  - → As thick as reasonably possible with the best mechanical properties.
- **Ta interlayer foil**
  - → builds on previous HIPing experience\*
- **Options of joining being investigated:**
  - Hot Isostatic Pressing
  - Vacuum Hot Press (used at SNS)
  - Spark Plasma Sintering (used at SY)
  - Tungsten Powder Injection Molding.
  - Electron Beam Tungsten Rapid Prototyping



### Drivers:

- ❖ Must be clad for HIPing joining process
- ❖ **Don't want cladding:** high stresses at the cladding
- ❖ **Don't want cladding:** Ta produces lots of decay heat
- ❖ **Do want cladding at circumference:** Compressive stresses beneficial to W sheets
- ❖ **Do want cladding :** Protective layer against oxidation / corrosion-erosion

# BDF Prototype Target(s)

- To be constructed and tested in NA T6 on the existing SX test-stand
- **Staged approach with tests in 2025 and then 2026:**



## 2025 – Static He, W Target

- Few O(50) shots → pulse temperature & stress conditions. Low activation.
- W-W integrity
- Thermocouples performance
- FEM benchmark
- (possibly) outgassing measurement
- Light PIE in YETS25/26

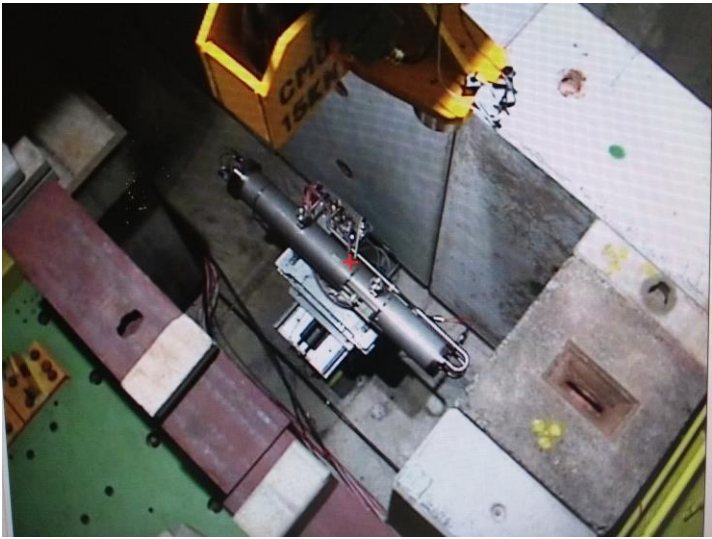
## 2026 – Actively He-cooled, W Target

- O(2000-3000) shots → SS + pulse temperature & stress conditions. More data.
- W-W integrity (complementary, building up on 2025 tests & material R&D). Low cycle fatigue.
- He skid operational experience.
- High speed He + Temperature effects on W
- FEM/CFD benchmark
- Comprehensive PIE >2026

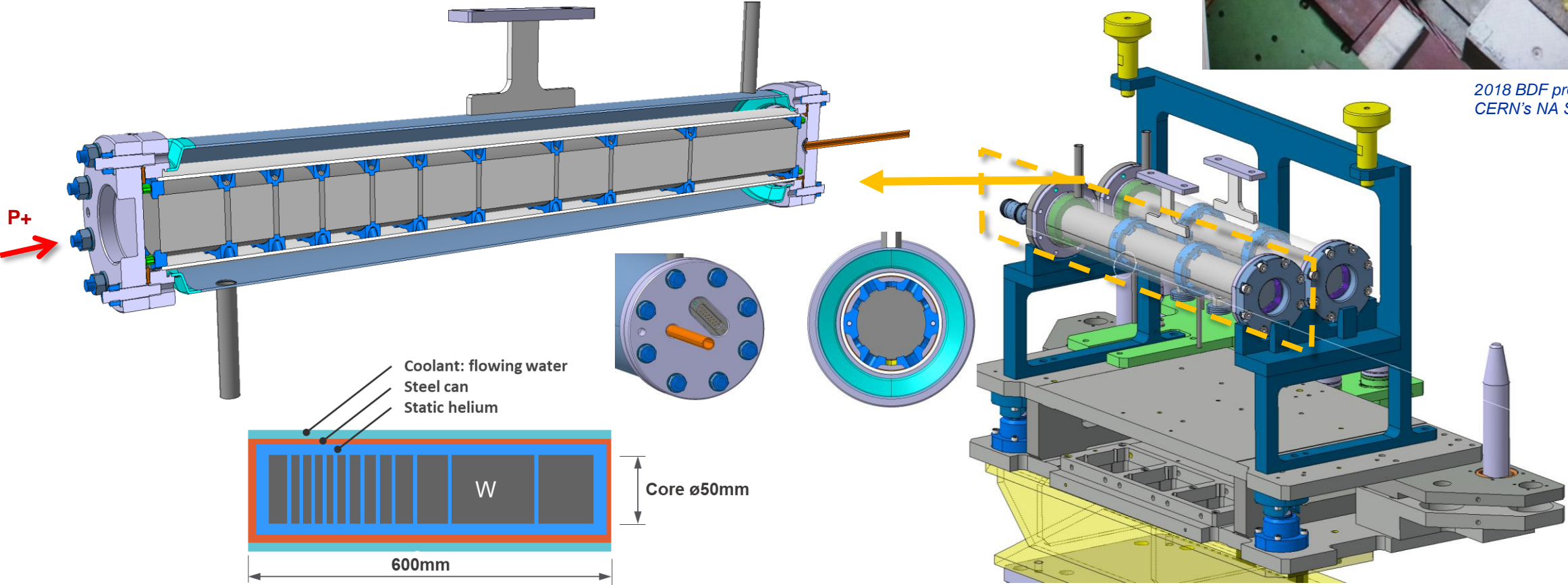
- 2025 provides pre-validation and earlier inputs for technical specification & ensures at least some level of testing is done (2026 is a short run!)
- 2026 builds on top of 2025 material R&D and beam tests. Provides a comprehensive testing/validation of the target core & cooling system

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## Prototype target 2025 - Static Helium concept



2018 BDF prototype at CERN's NA SX test-bench



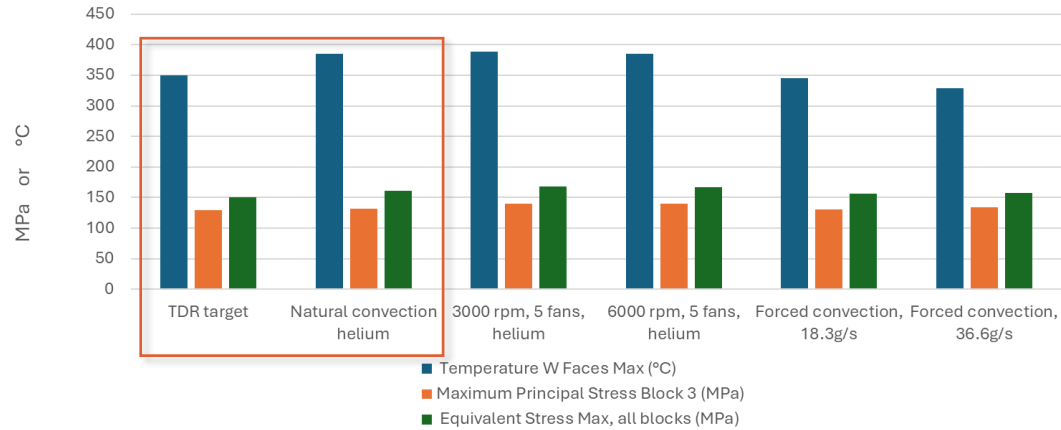
Coolant: flowing water  
Steel can  
Static helium

Core  $\varnothing$ 50mm

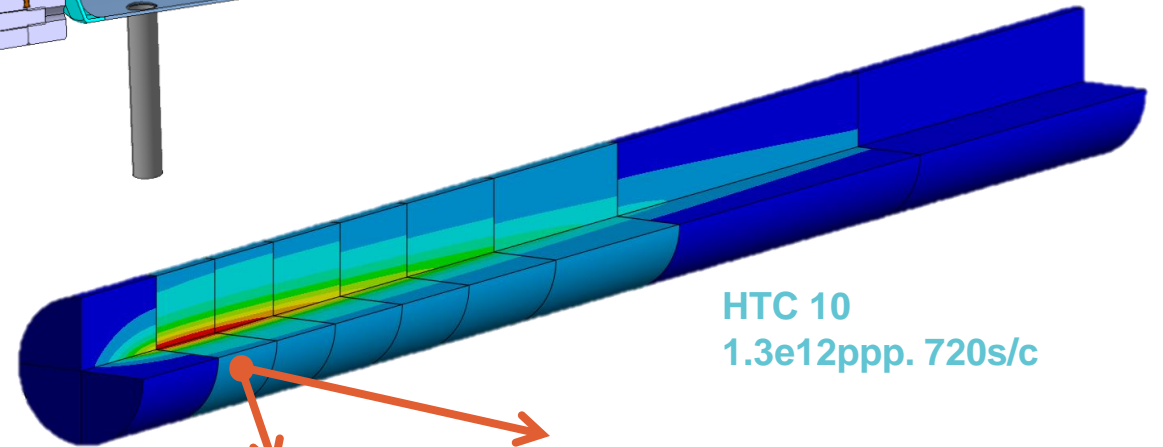
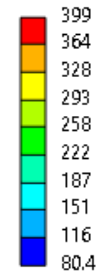
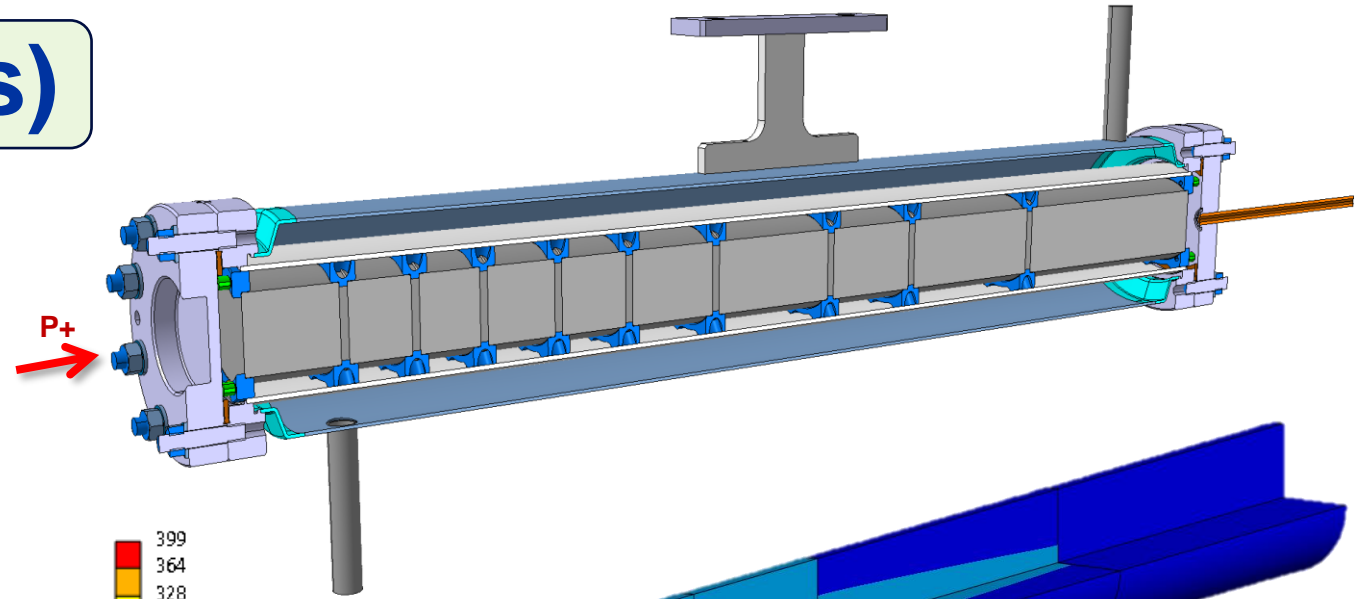
600mm

# BDF Prototype Target(s)

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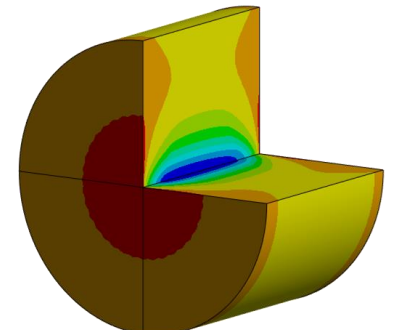
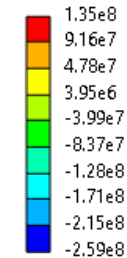
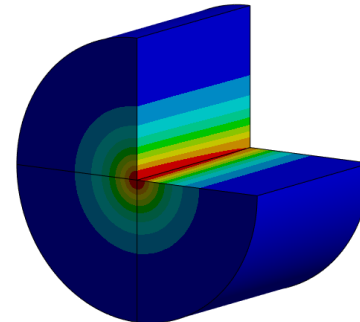
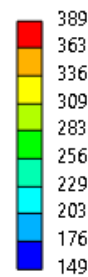


	Cycle length (385°C max Temperature at pulse)	Number of 7.2 s periods
natural convection	432 seconds (7.2 mins)	60
5 fans at 3000 rpm	350 seconds (5.8 mins)	48.6
5 fans at 6000 rpm	200 seconds (3.3mins)	27.8
Mass flow 18.3g/s	43.2 seconds (0.72 mins)	6
Mass flow 36.6g/s	21.6 seconds (0.36 mins)	3



Temperature (°C)

Max P stress (MPa)



# Conclusions & outlook

- A water-cooled baseline design exists with a core of TZM and W.
- Sound design, yet with potential for physics optimization and with some radiation protection caveats
- W material quality used in the 2018 prototype was not good

## Following HI-ECN3 project approval and start of TDR phase

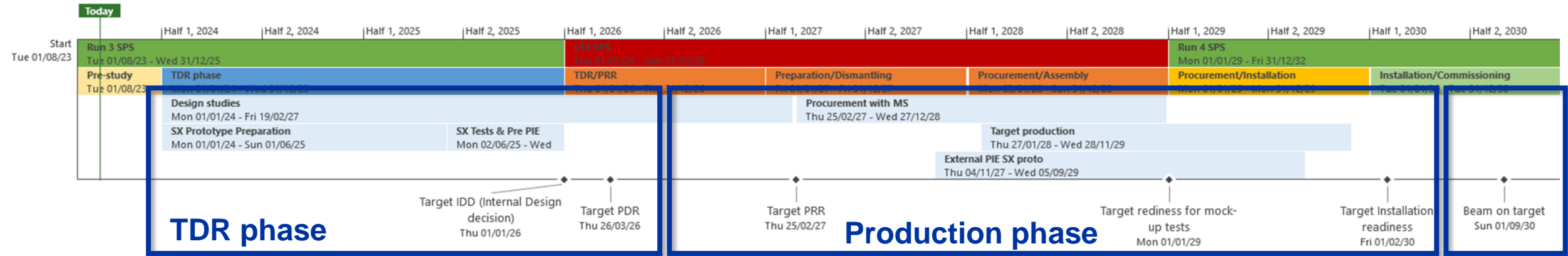
- Multiple alternative designs explored in view of mitigating water radiolysis, decay heat and improve physics performance.
- He-cooled target most promising option. Being explored in detail.
- Presently tackling
  - Definition of core segmentation taking key metrics and safety margins
  - Overall Target design
  - Material R&D for the W base material and bonding of the assembly
  - Detail design of a prototype to be tested with beam in 2025 & 2026
  - Design of the cooling station
  - Addressing Radiation Protection aspects





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# WP3 – Target & BIDs: Planning (key dates)



## TDR phase (main activities) – (2024-mid 2026)

- 1) Target (& BIDs) conceptual design followed by detailed design
- 2) Prototype(s) Target Design, construction and beam tests
- 3) Material studies, R&D and Procurement

## Production phase – (2026 – 2030)

- 1) Detailed Design phase
- 2) Procurement & production of components and systems
- 3) Tests/dry-run, installation activities
- 4) Material tests/PIEs

## Commissioning & operation

# BDF W Helium cooled Target

## Target Options being Considered

### Beam Sigma & sweep radius

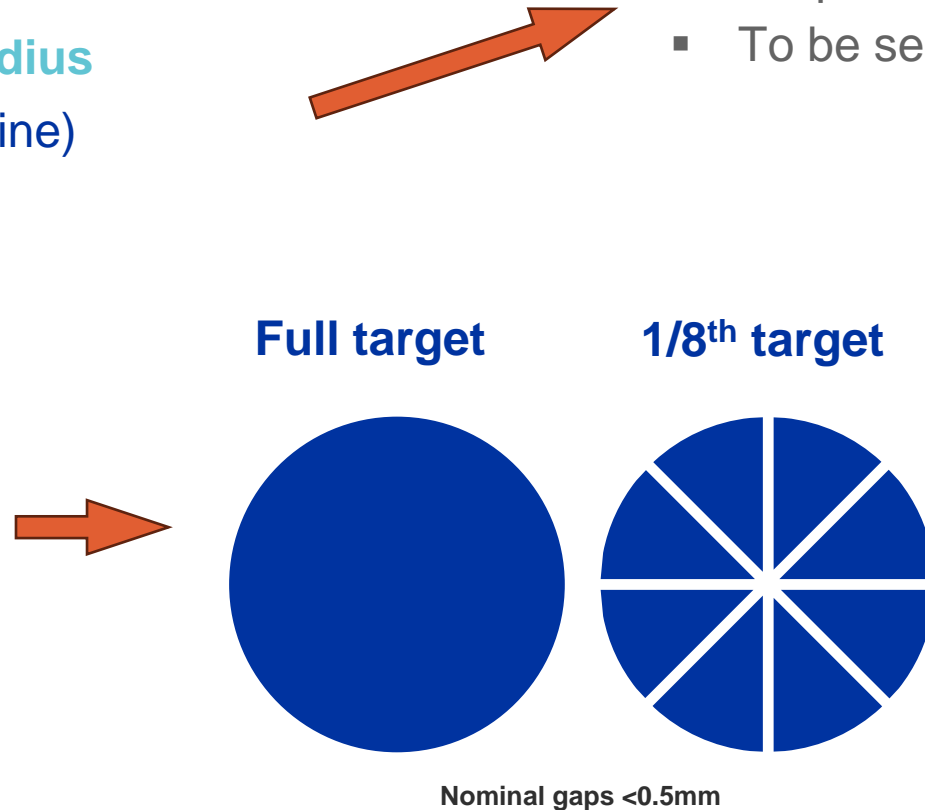
- 16 mm vs 8 mm (baseline)
- 50 mm sweep radius

### Core geometry

- Full 360° disks
- 45° 1/8<sup>th</sup> target slices

### Core Size

- Benefits for stress and fatigue
- Requires slightly larger diameter core for physics
- To be seen if compatible with beam dilution system



- 1/8<sup>th</sup> target requires diagonal cuts to prevent shine path (effective but adds complexity)
- Or offset cuts (less effective)



# BDF W Helium cooled Target

## Ongoing Material Studies

- Exact tests and number of tests currently being defined
- **Testing will be performed on**
  - The raw W sheets
  - The joined blocks (*similar to the baseline prototype after HIPing tests*)
  - The joined blocks post-beam (*similar to the baseline prototype tests*)
  - In depth testing from 1 supplier & basic characterization from 2 more suppliers

Summary of tests				- Raw W sheets
Priority	Test n#	Type	Property to be reported	Additional information
1	1	Mechanical testing	Yield and Tensile strength, elongation at break	Determine tensile properties of W at different temperature conditions
1	2	Microstructure analysis	Density, purity of W, Hardness, Grain size, etc	OM, SEM, EDS, Hydrostatic weight measurements, VickersHardness, etc...
1	3	Fatigue test	Endurance limit	Series of fatigue tests to determine endurance limit in W and W-W interface, for different temperature conditions
2	4	Erosion test	Microbalance weight measurement, Volumetric estimation	Series of erosion tests following ASTM : G76 – 13 standard (adapted to BDF conditions) aiming to determine the erosion in W at different He stream angle
3	5	Thermal testing	Thermal conductivity	LFA at different temperature conditions
2	6	Oxidation test	Mass change ( $\mu\text{g}$ ), Presence of $\text{WO}_2$ and $\text{WO}_3$	TGA testing at peak operation conditions and helium, complement prior oxidation study
1	7	Machining	Machinability (surface condition)	Machinability, e.g. via EDM, grinding, polishing/etching/surface preparation, etc
1	8	NDT	Impurities (pores, etc.)	Quality control, UT, PT?, etc.
1	9	Metrology	surface roughness, planar/waviness, etc.	e.g. classic metrology, quality control of raw product

# BDF W Helium cooled Target

## Prototype target

- To be constructed and tested in North Area T6 on the existing test stand base

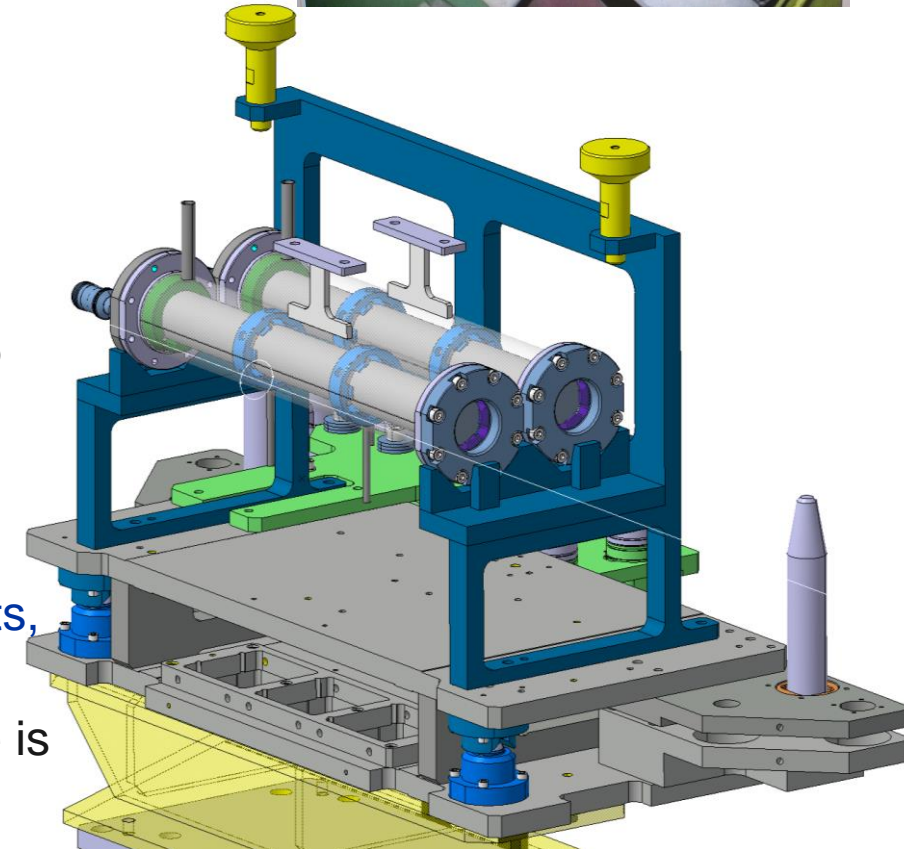
## Reproduce temperatures and magnitude & type of thermal-induced stresses

1. Post-beam testing of mechanical properties and interfaces will be performed
2. Potential to cross-check simulations
3. Coolant efficiency could be tested on a separate non-beam mock-up

## If time allows, two targets will be tested:

- **Static Helium concept\*\* & actively cooled He concept**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> option: Water cooled concept (niobium cladding, copper sheets, copper external... TBD)

\*\*In the event of no delay to the North Area long shutdown, the timescale is not possible to have a flowing helium circuit installed and commissioned before the prototype tests...



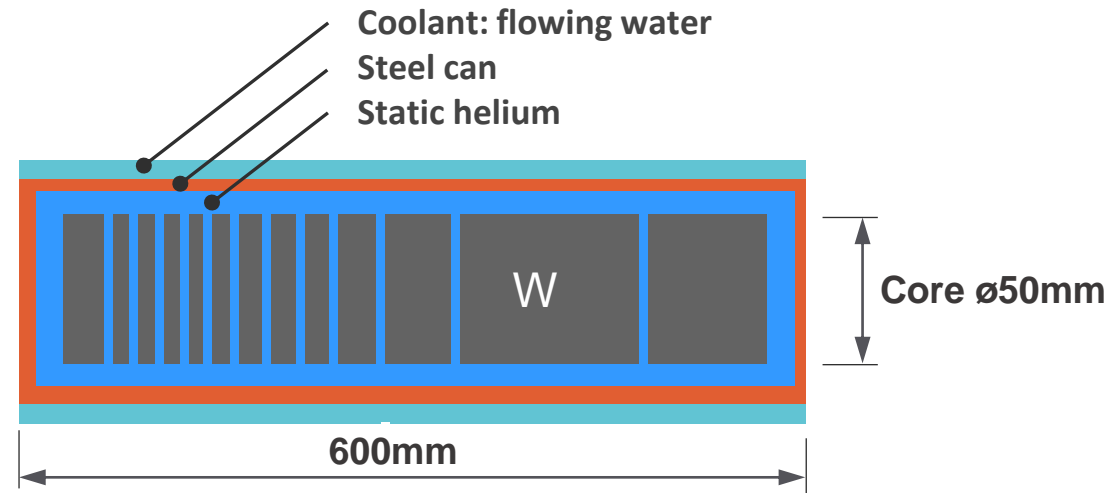
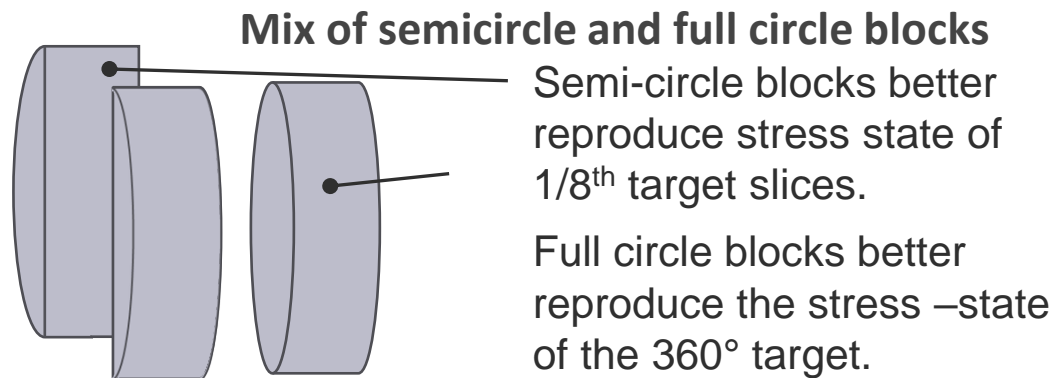
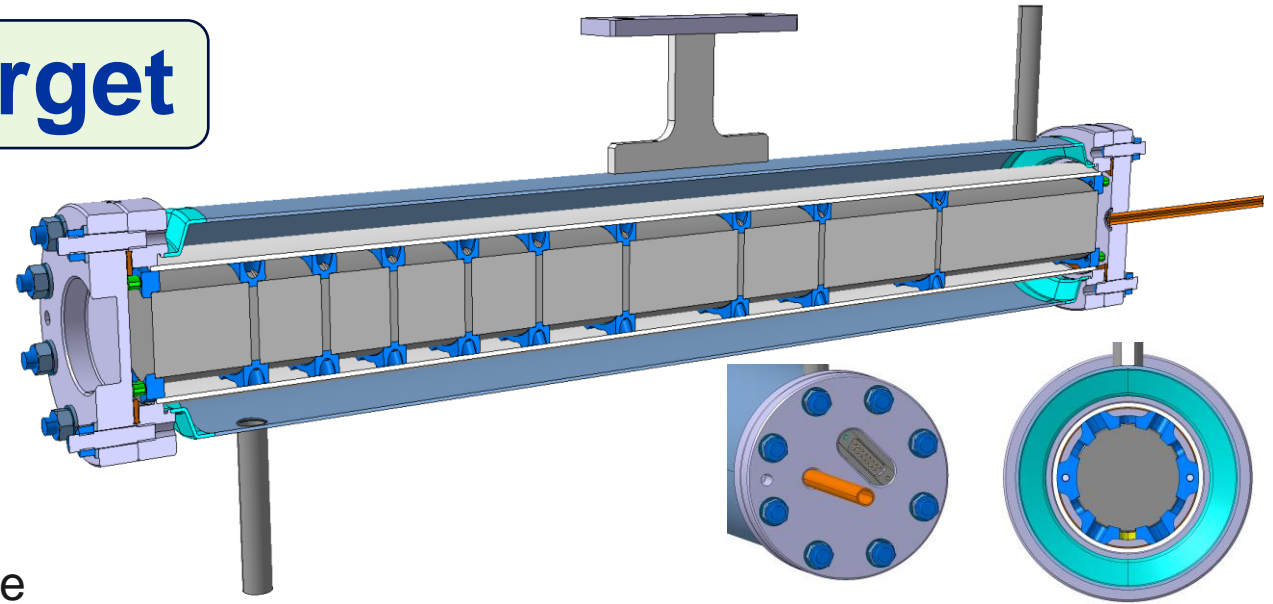
# BDF W Helium cooled Target

## Prototype target

### Static Helium concept (baseline for now)

- W in static Helium. Cooled with a water jacket
- Block spacing defined to match maximum stresses and temperatures and stress type.
  - Challenge with static gas. Requires a LONG cycle time = 7.2 minutes, with intensity  $1.5e12$  ppp.

**Beam parameters considered:** Beam  $\sigma$  1mm to 3mm, Intensity  $5e11$  to  $2e13$  ppp

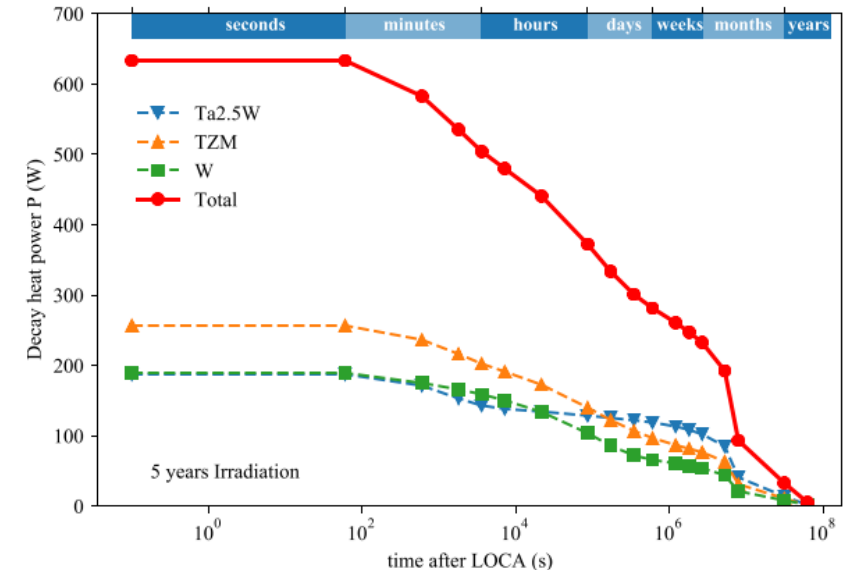
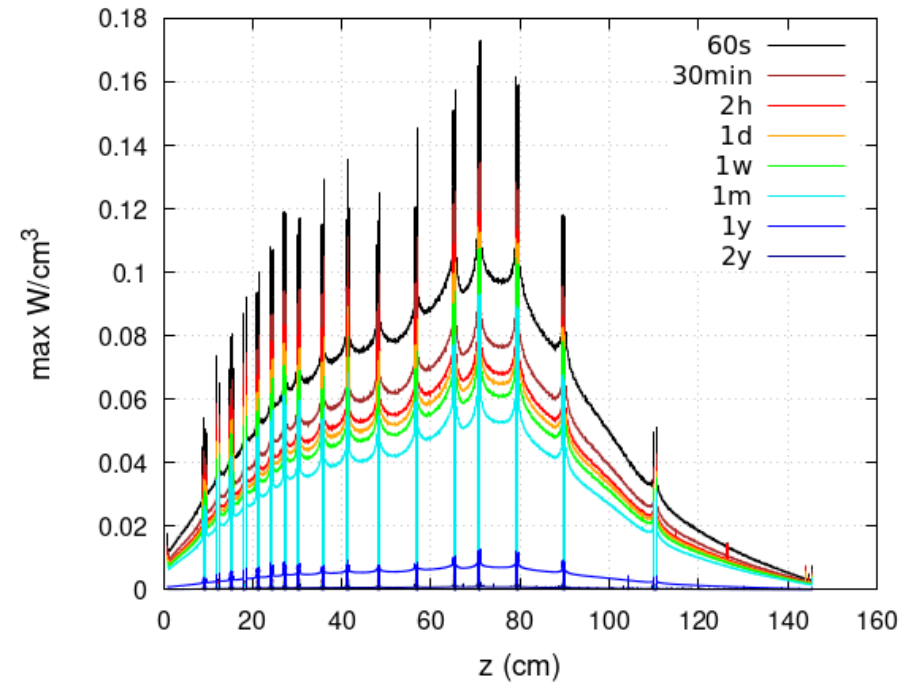


# Ta2.5W cladding – LOCA

- (Loss-of-Coolant Accident scenario) LOCA hypothetical scenario used as a criterion for assessing the safety of a nuclear installation during its design phase.
- **Strong implications on the classification of the facility.**
- Thermo-mechanical simulations to determine the temperature evolution of the target in a 2 years scenario after the accident.
- Depending on the assumptions,  $T > 300\text{ C}$  may be reached for prolonged periods ((O)weeks)

*Mena R., Ximenes R.F. and Calviani M. (2022), Loss-of-Coolant-Accident study for the Beam Dump Facility at CERN, NURETH-19 Conference*

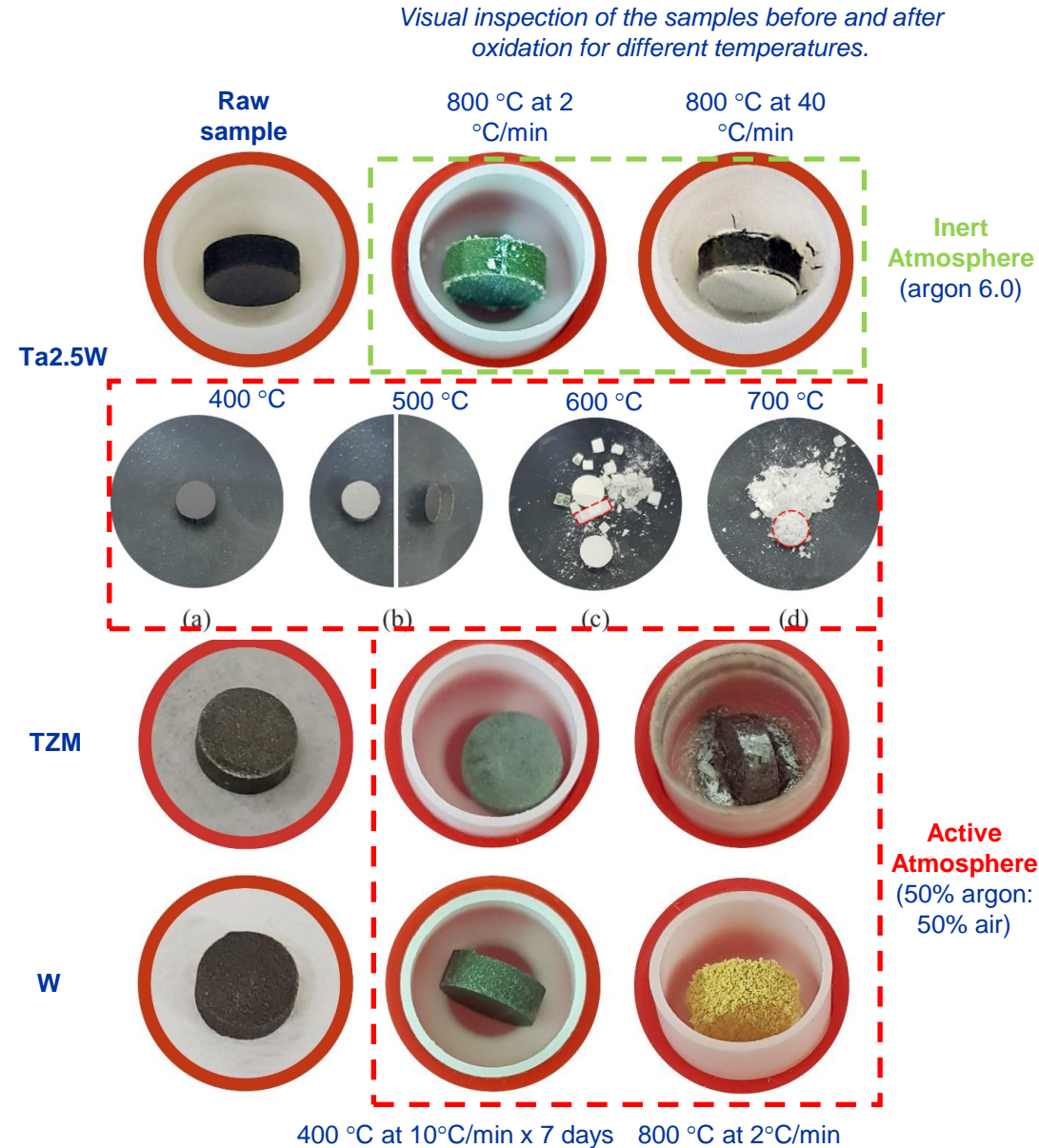
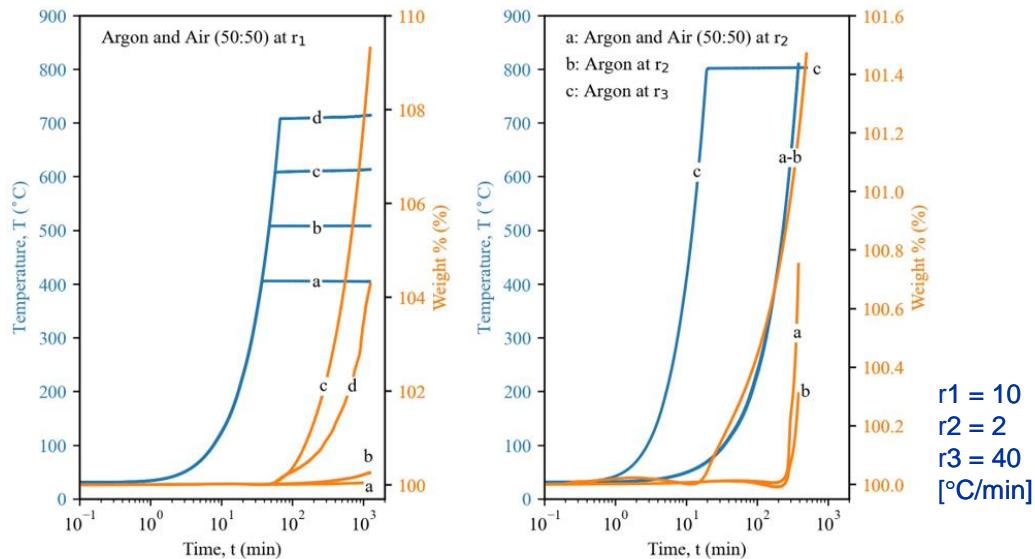
Ta2.5W cladding - Max power density per decay time



# Ta2.5W cladding – LOCA



- Potentially degradation of the material through oxidation with LOCA.
- Campaign to assess the onset for extensive oxidation and formation of volatile oxides
- Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) performed for Ta2.5W, TZM and W in the range of 400-800 C under active and inert atmospheres.



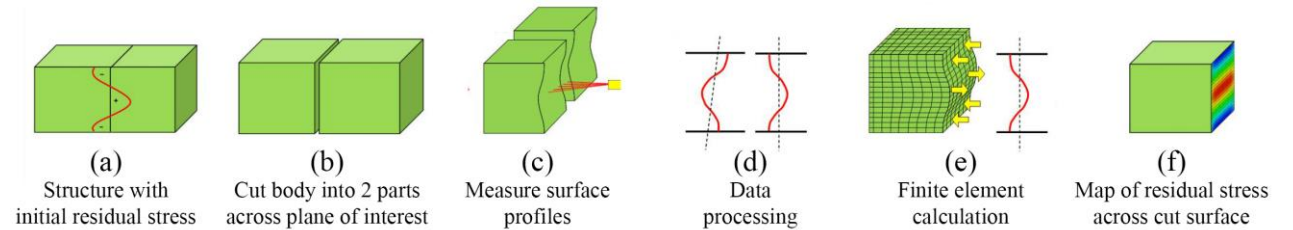


# Nb-alloys cladding R&D

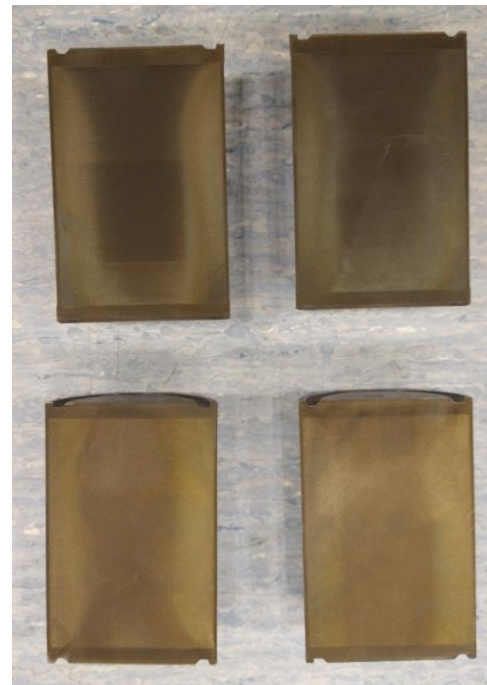
- Presence of residual stresses (RS) during the manufacturing of the target blocks via Hot Isostatic Pressing (HIPing).
- RS defines the onset for plastic deformation and eventually material failure
- **Purpose:** quantify the RS in the BDF target blocks
- Contour method\* employed to measure the RS in the BDF target blocks. Ongoing FE model calibration.

\* Prime, M. B., 2001, Cross-sectional Mapping of Residual Stresses by Measuring the Surface Contour After a Cut, *Journal of Engineering Materials and Technology* 123(2):162–168

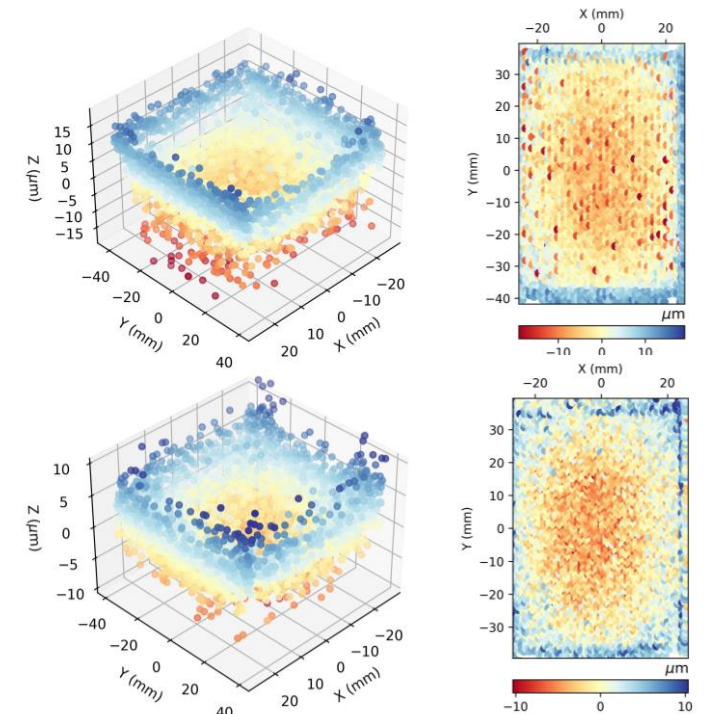
## Residual stress



The contour method and its different steps to obtain the residual stresses. Adapted from [StressMap 2018]



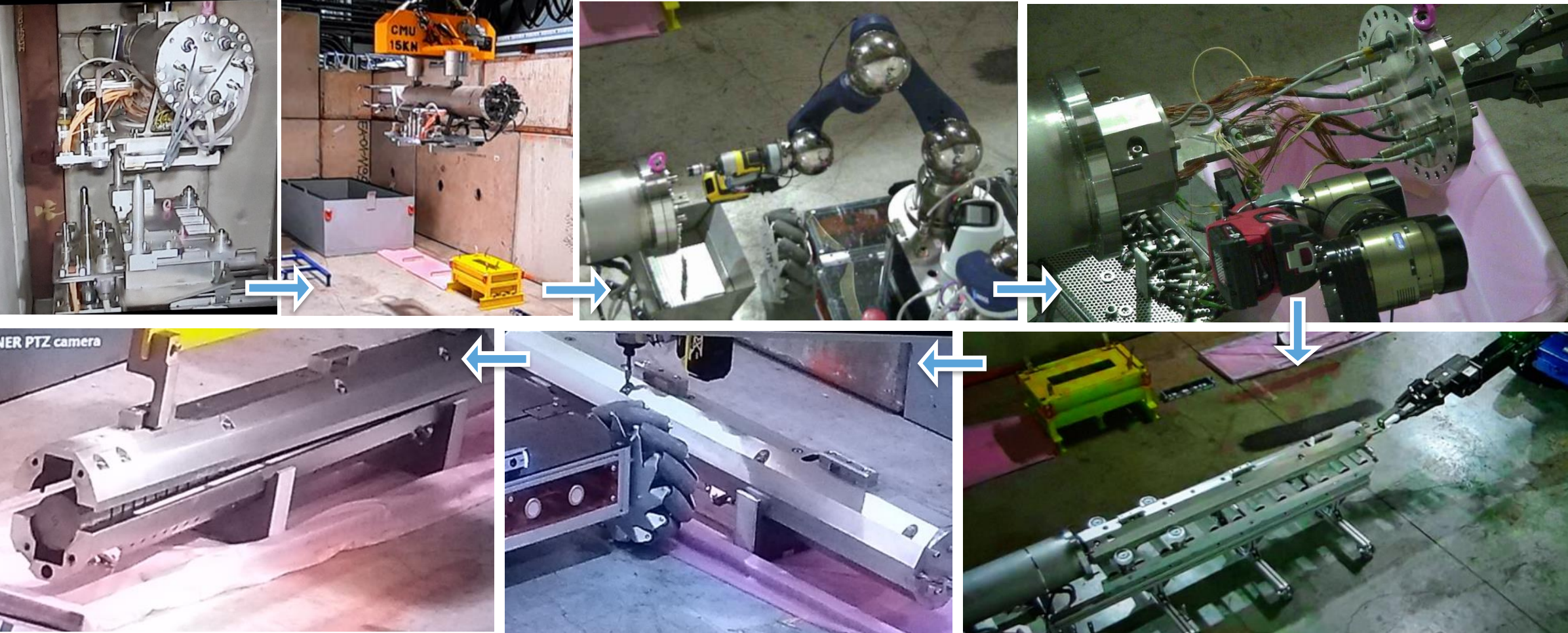
Resulting left and right parts after EDM cutting (Top) Block 3 and (Bottom) Block 4



Average flatness measurements of the resulting surfaces (Top) Block 3 and (Bottom) Block 4

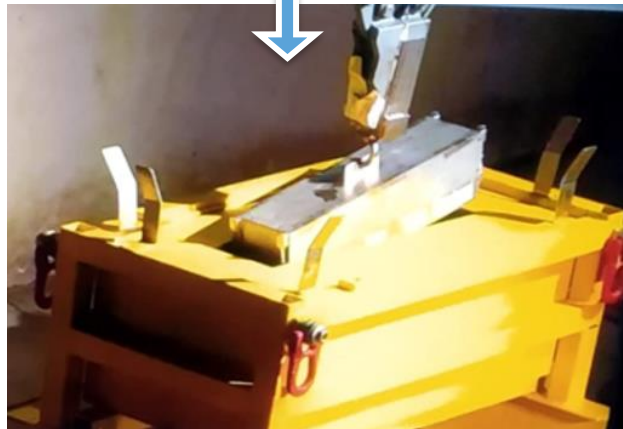
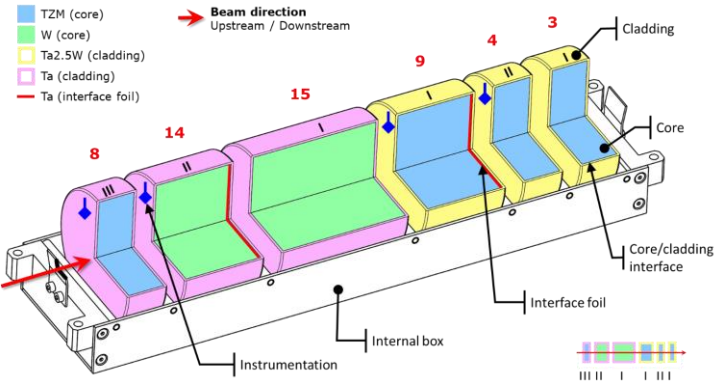
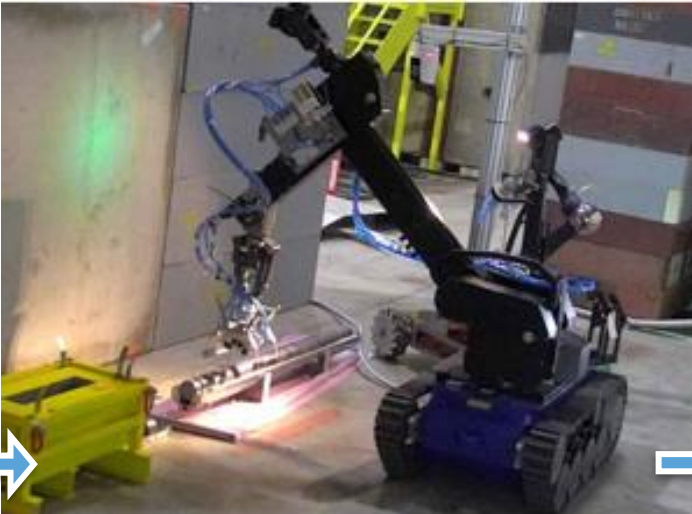
# BDF Target Prototype removal (2020)

Unplug-in ▶ Transport to the bunker ▶ Unscrew downstream flange ▶ Instrumentation wire cut & flange removal ▶ Extraction half-shells core assembly ▶ Unscrew half-shells ▶ Removal top half-shell & first glimpse of the target blocks



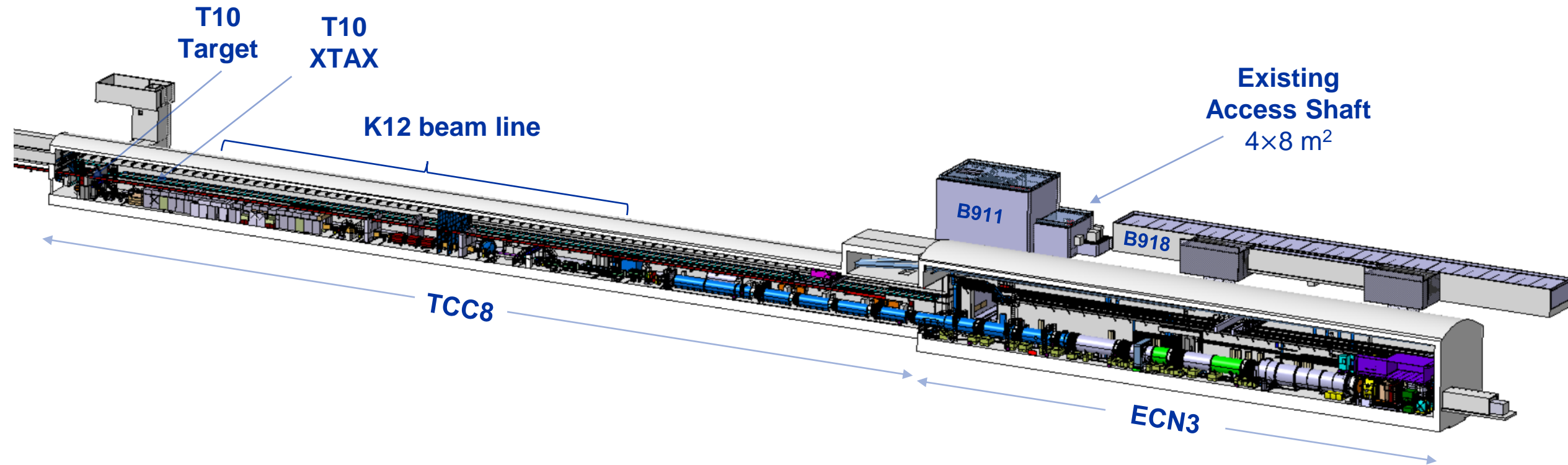
# BDF Target Prototype removal (2020)

Identification of the blocks and angular orientation with respect to the beam with a marker ▶ Removal of the target blocks for the post irradiation examination (PIE) campaign ▶ Storage of the extracted blocks in a shielded container



# NA62 in ECN3 (Today)

- T10 target, K12 beamline and NA62 experiment to be dismantled in LS3



# BDF/SHiP Target & Complex (Future ~ 2030)

Baseline Design → To be improved during TDR

