

# **Current Status of CADs:**

**New kind of the coolant for subcritical core and the target research**

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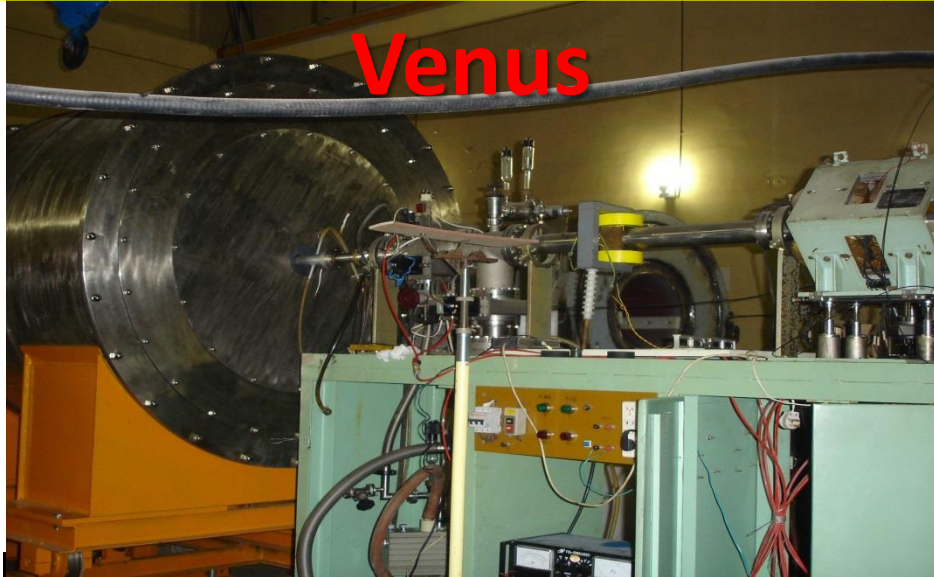
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**RFQ: pulsed beam**

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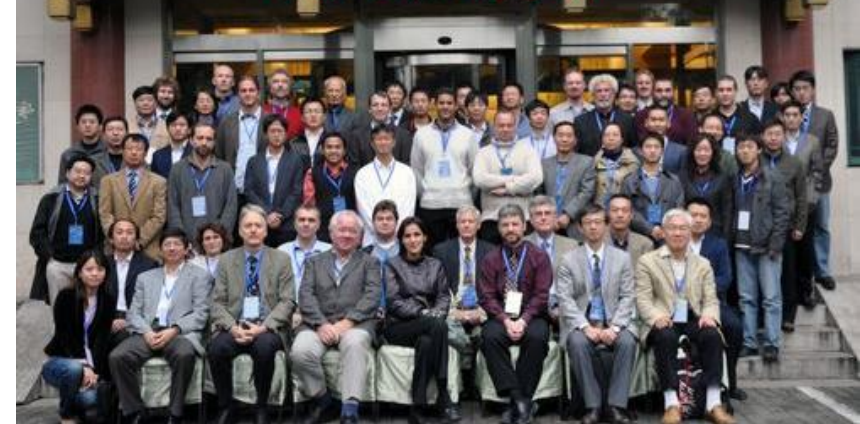


**Venus**

**2 R&D projects of 973  
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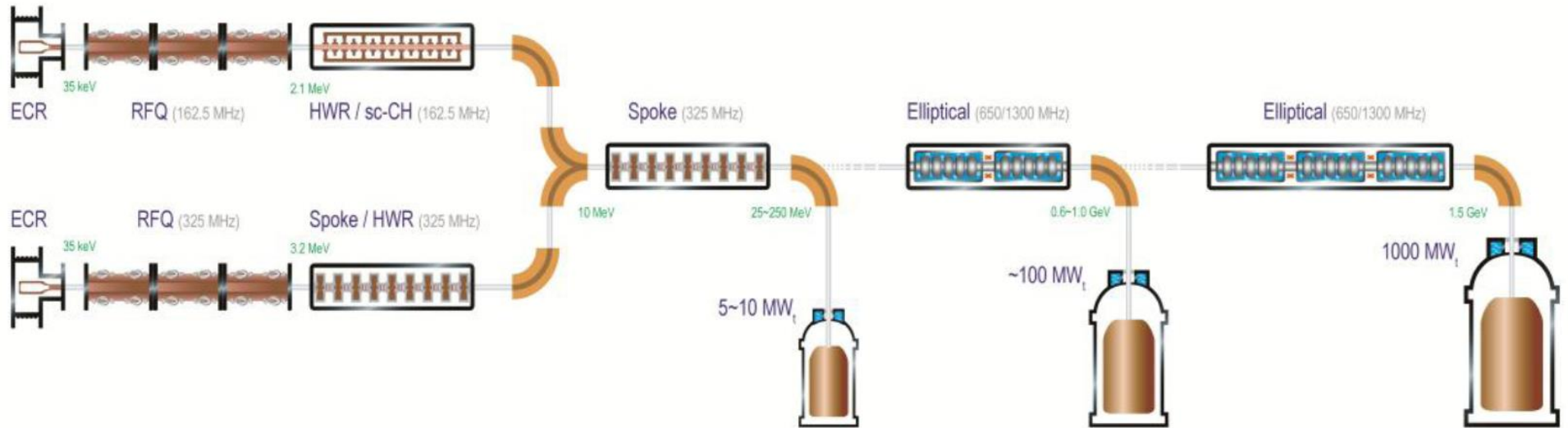
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# Chinese ADS roadmap



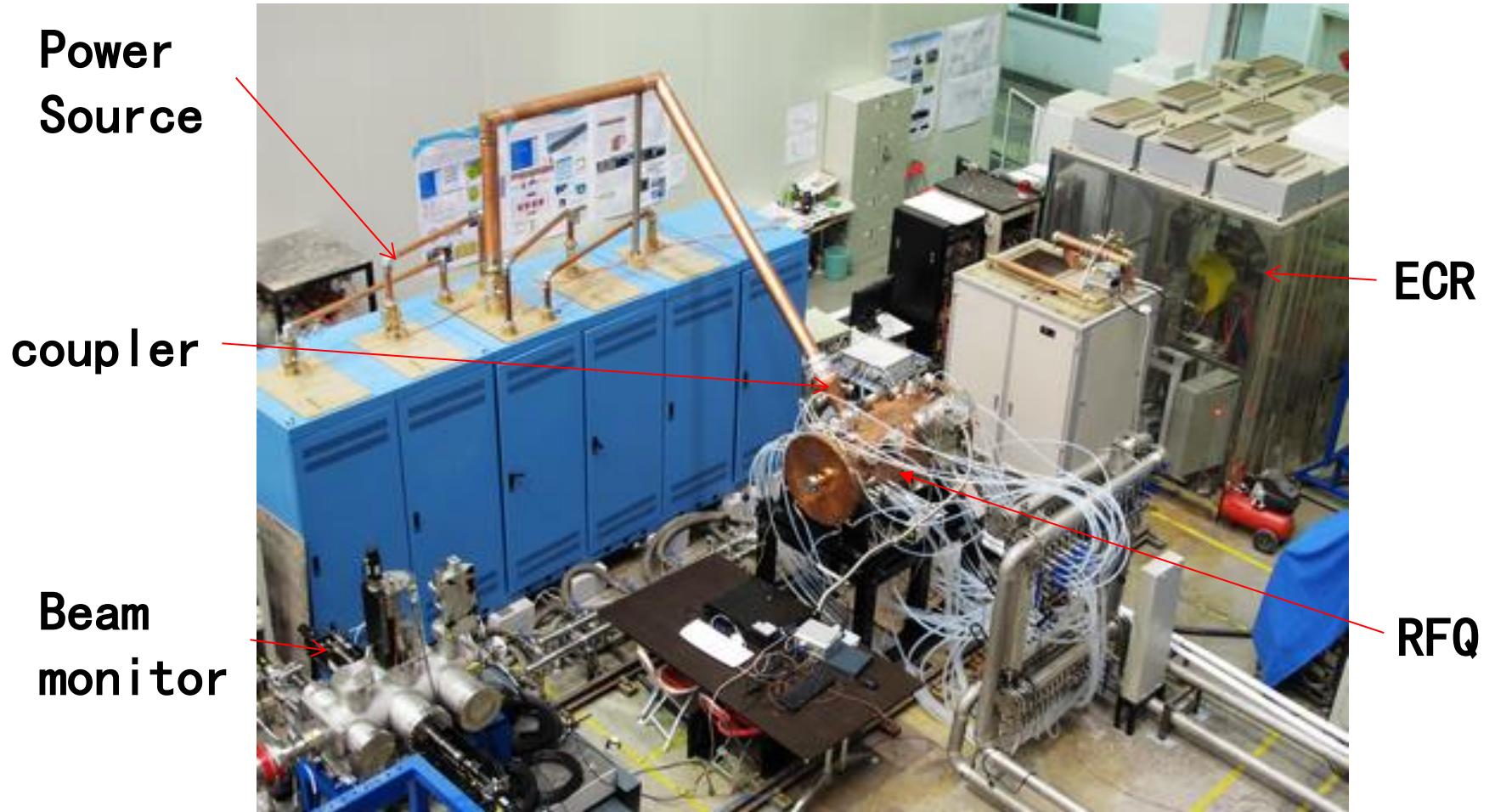
**CIADS: INITIAL FACILITY**

**250MeV@10mA**  
**5-10MW**

**RESEARCH FACILITY**

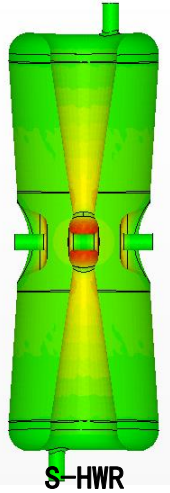
**DEMO FACILITY**

# Example: Injector II

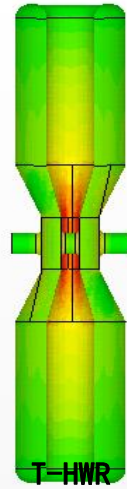


Prototype of proton accelerator test (ECR+LEBT+RFQ) for CADS

# Example: HWR Superconducting cavity



S-HWR



T-HWR

Electromagnetic field contours

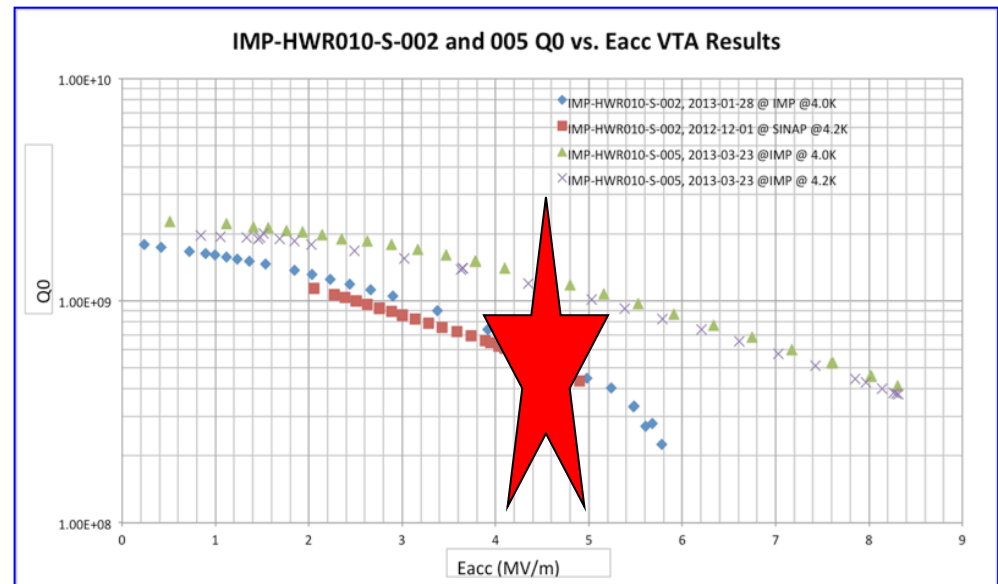
Electromagnetic field contours

Superconducting cavity parameters

f(MHz)	162.5	162.5
$\beta$	0.09	0.15
Epk/Eacc	5.96	4.8
Bpk/Eacc	12.18	6.1
$G=R_s \times Q_0(\Omega)$	32.31	51.7
R/Q0	134.99	286.67
Q0(4.4K, $R_s=71.4n\Omega$ )	4.52E8	7.25E8
Uacc(MV)	0.75	1.83
Epeak(MV/m)	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>
Bpeak(mT)	<b>55</b>	<b>40.5</b>
Pdiss(W) (4.4K, $R_s=71.4n\Omega$ )	9.2	16.2

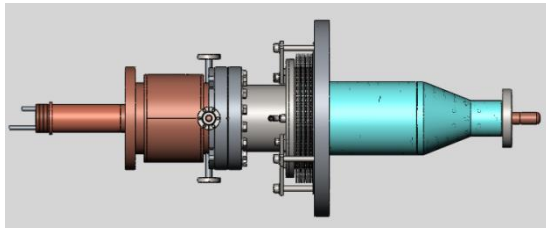


Freq./MHz	Uacc. Max /MV	E <sub>max</sub> /MV/m	B <sub>max</sub> /mT	R/Q / $\Omega$
162.5	0.78	25	50	148

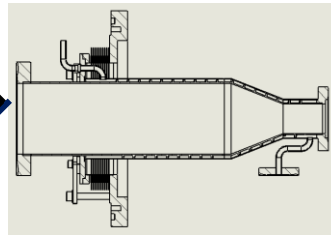


Vertical measurement results

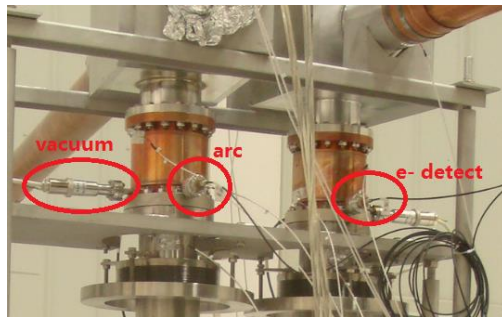
# Example: HWR Coupler and high power testing



details



The outer conductor was designed to be cooled by helium gas through the spiral grooves around the outer surface while the inner conductor was cooled by water.



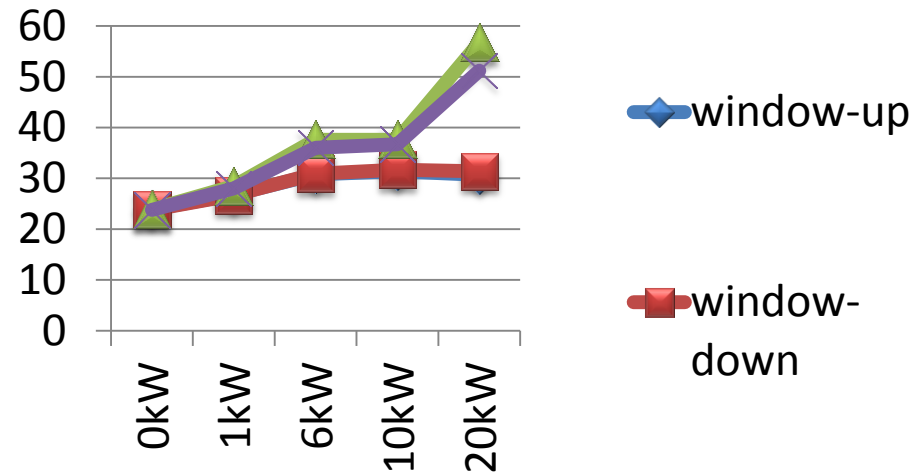
The coupler has passed a RF power of 20kW in continuous travelling wave mode limited by the RF source available.



Spiral grooves

Date	Start time	Stop time	Pf1 max	Elapsed time/hrs
2013-6-1	13:50	20:00	~212W	5.3 hrs
2013-6-2	9:25	16:30	~738W	7 hrs
2013-6-3	9:10	17:17	~Peak 1.3kW	6 hrs
2013-6-4	9:55	23:47	~2.90kW	12.3hrs
2013-6-5	9:10	22:32	~5kW	12 hrs
2013-6-6	9:13	21:56	~9.42kW	8 hrs
2013-6-7	9:07	20:50	~10.6kW	10hrs
2013-6-8	9:13	18:00	~20.0kW	8.6 hrs

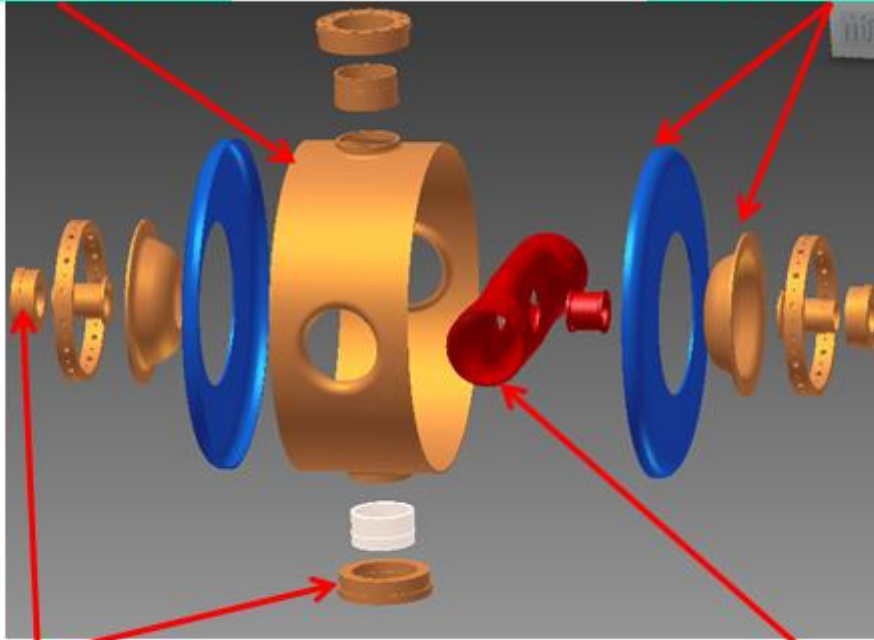
**Total conditioning time : 63~69 hrs**



# Example: Fabrication of Spoke Cavity

Rolling the cylinder  
Pulling the port blend

Forming the end plate  
& nose-cone



Nb SST brazed joint

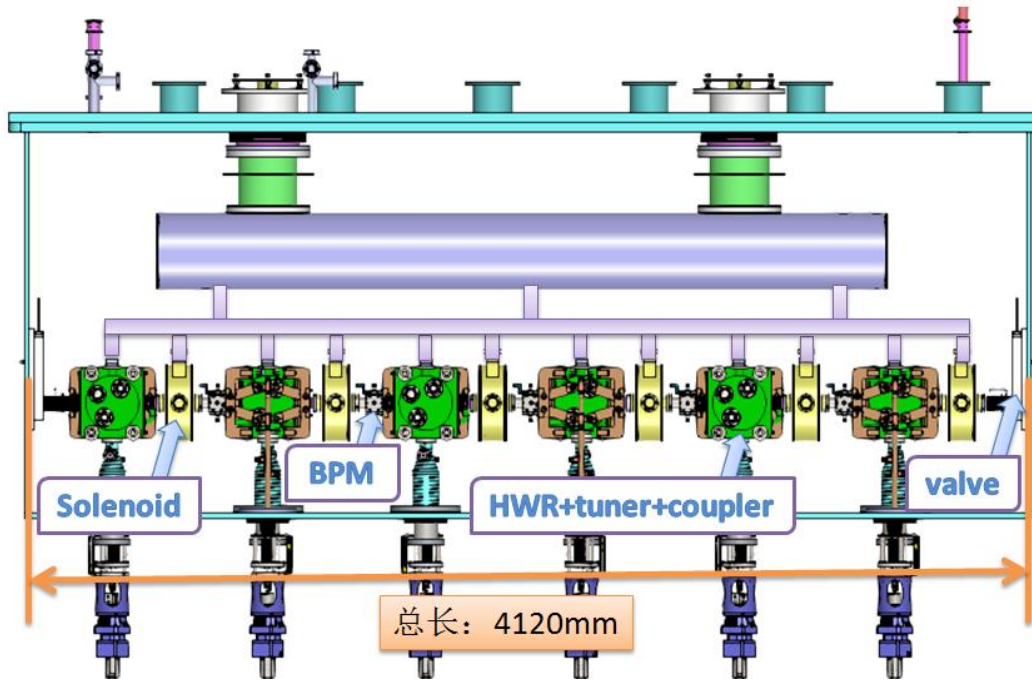
Squeezing the spoke pole



Ready for VT.



# Example: Cryomodules design and test

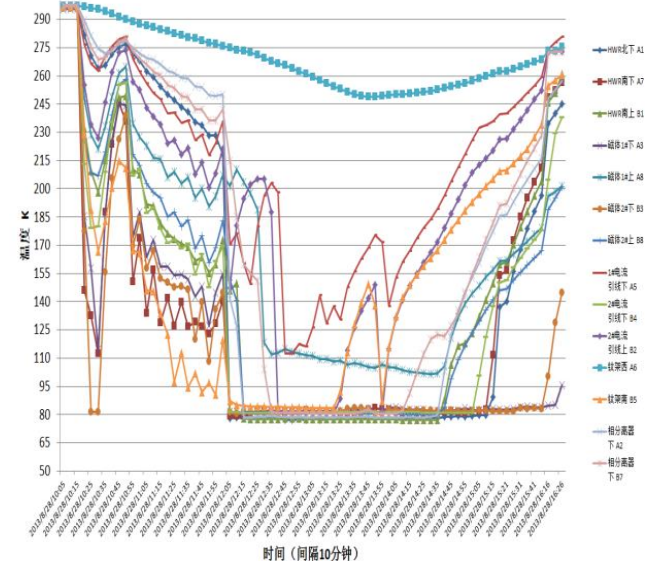


## Design parameters

frequency (MHz)	162.5
intensity (mA)	10
Input energy (MeV)	3
Output energy (MeV)	6
S-HWR number	6
HWR Heat Leakage (W)	10
Coupler cooled load (g/s)	0.024

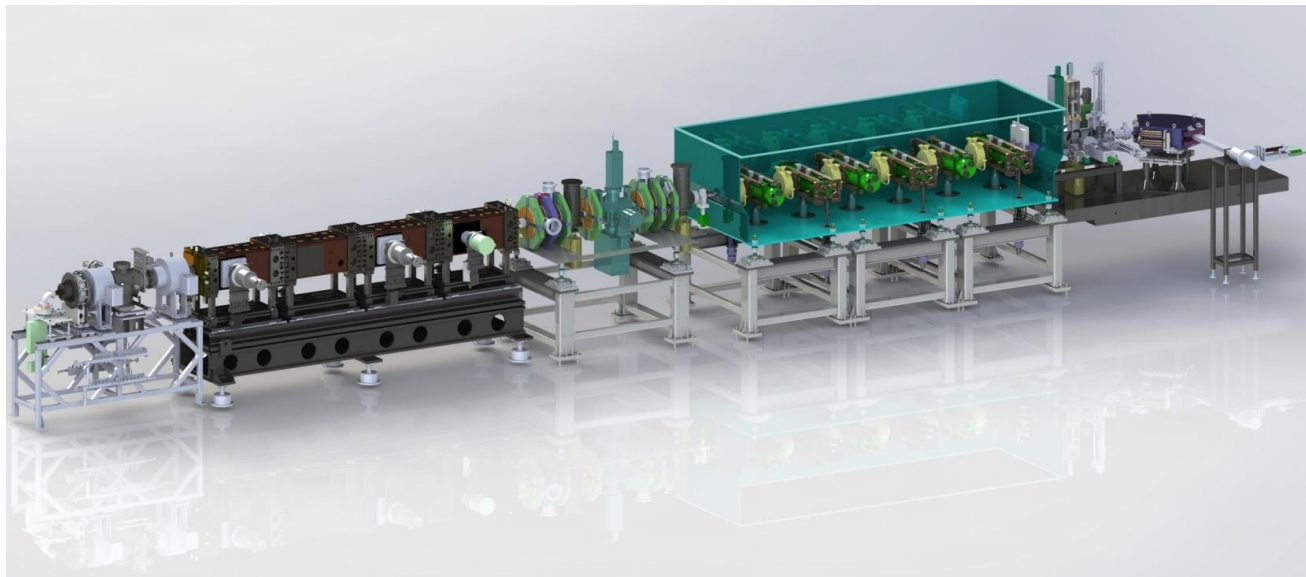
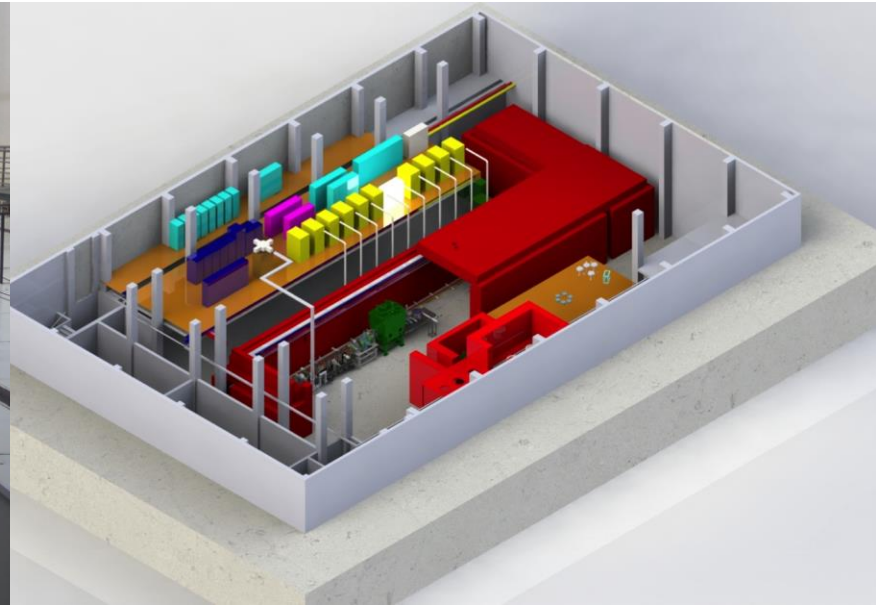


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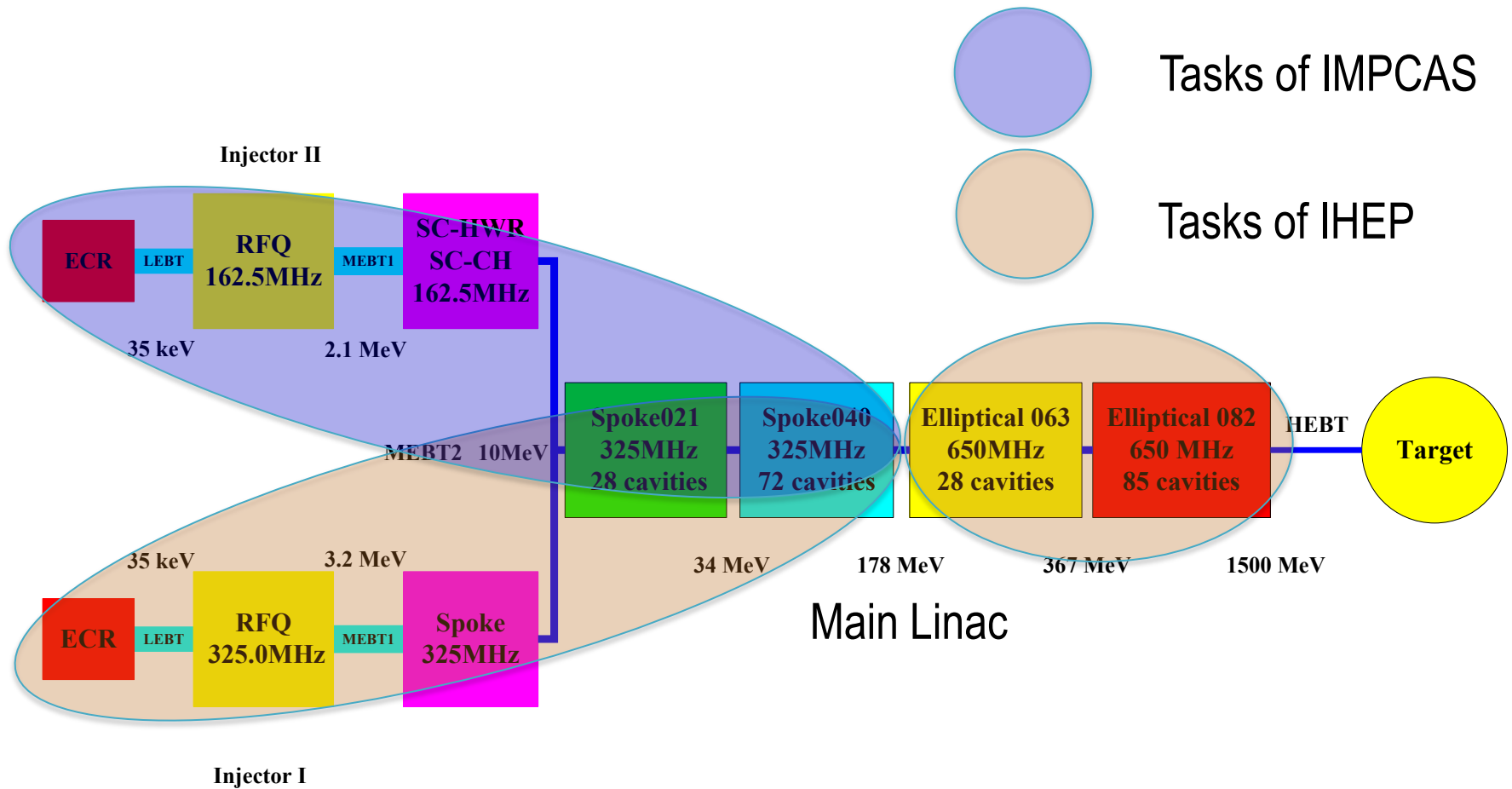


# Example: Commissioning of injector II



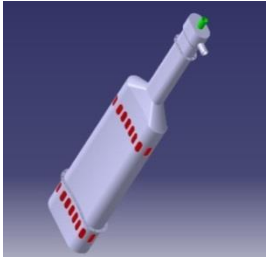
2014-2015: ECRIS+LEBT+RFQ+MEBT+CM6

# Layout of Accelerator for CADS

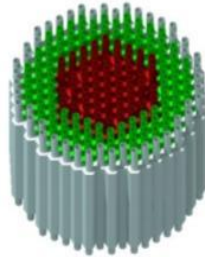


IHEP and IMPCAS co-work on the accelerator. Final project has two identical injectors. Two designs of injector is due to technical uncertainty at very low energy segment.

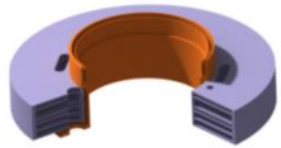
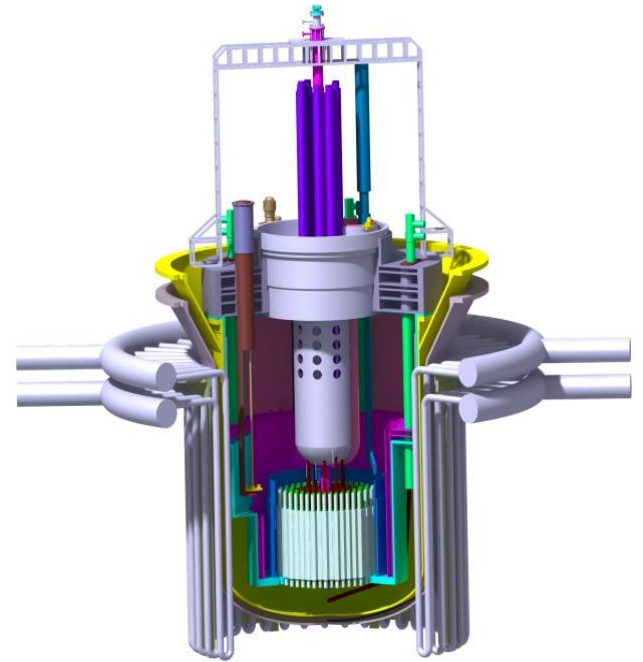
# LBE reactor design



heat exchanger



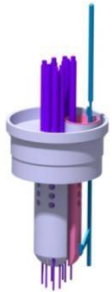
core arrangement



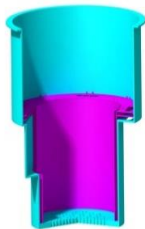
reactor roof



pressure vessel

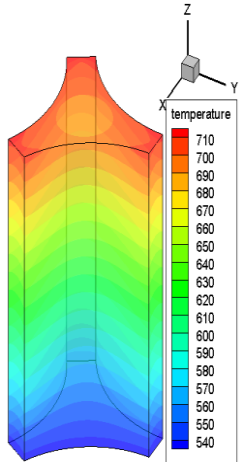


refueling system reactor components

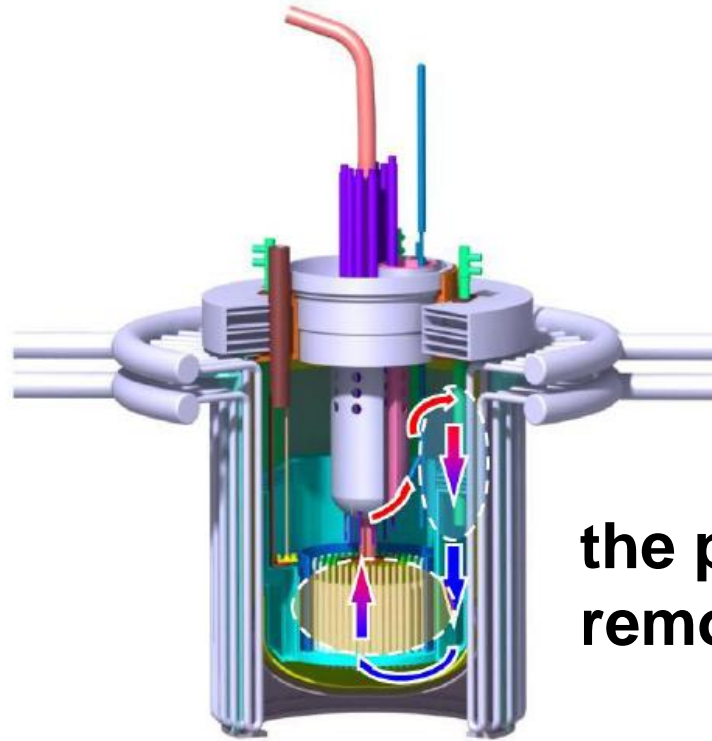


parameters		
core barrel		
diameter	m	4.38
height	m	6.4
reactor vessel		
diameter	m	4.72
height	m	7.22
reactor roof		
outer diameter	m	4.4
Inter diameter	m	2.88

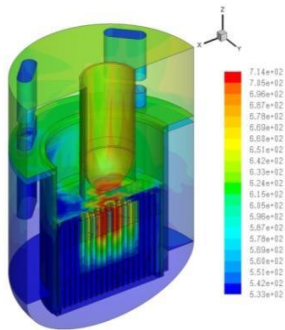
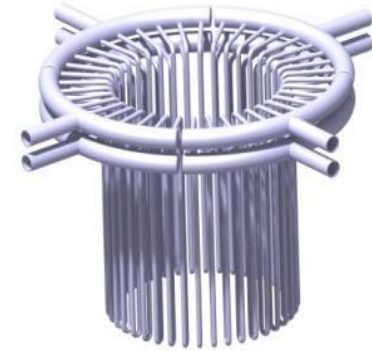
# Thermal-hydraulic: heat removal



CFD simulation results coolant channel

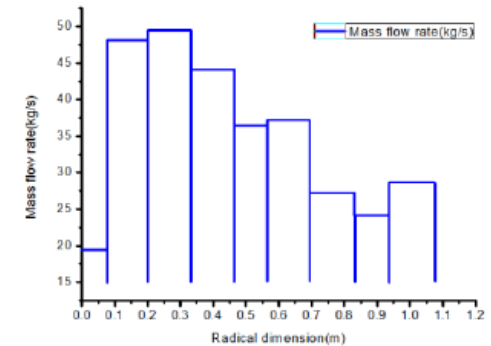


the passive residual heat removal (PRHR) system

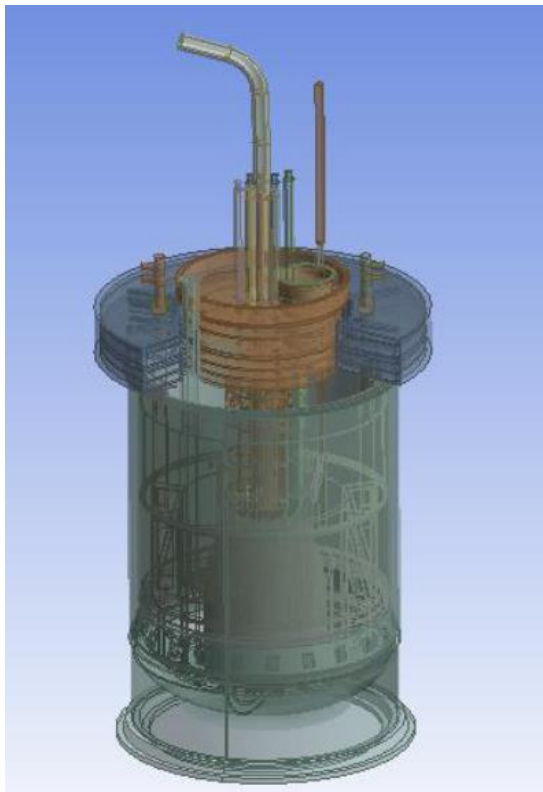


CFD Simulation of a natural circulation loop

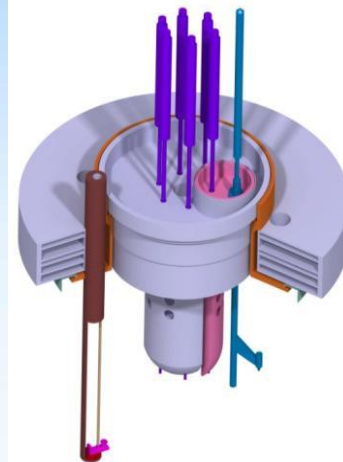
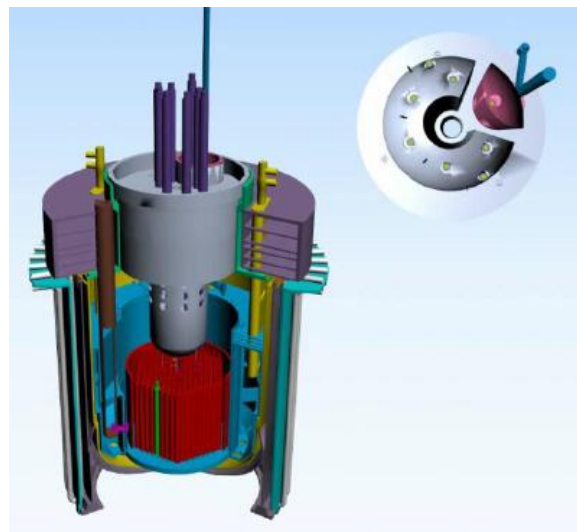
parameters	
Power (MW)	10
Average linear power density (kW/m)	3.9
Coolant inlet/outlet temperature (°C)	260/390
Height of cycle (m)	2
Average velocity of coolant (m/s)	0.17
Flow rate (kg/s)	529.5
fuel rod clad tube temperature(°C)	462
Fuel rod temperature (°C)	660



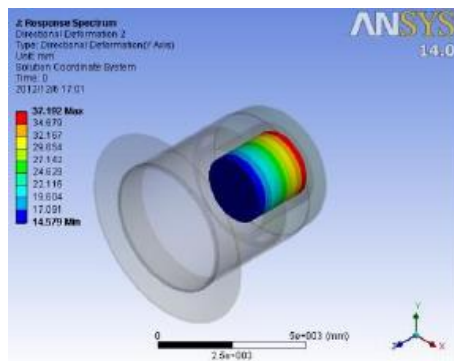
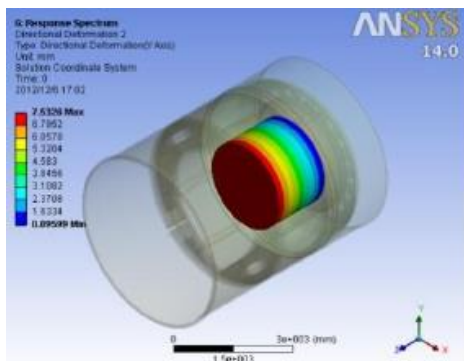
core flow distribution



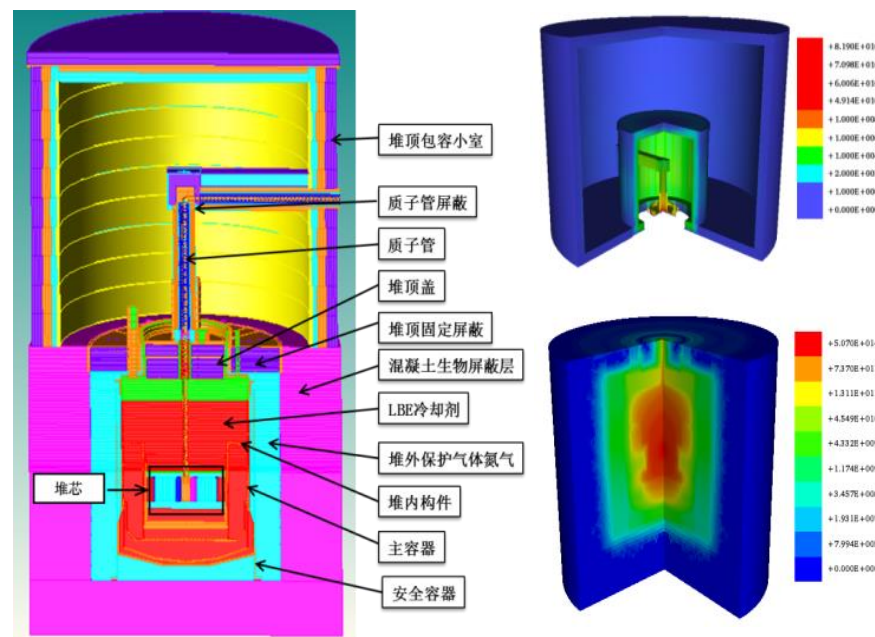
**3D model**



**refueling system**

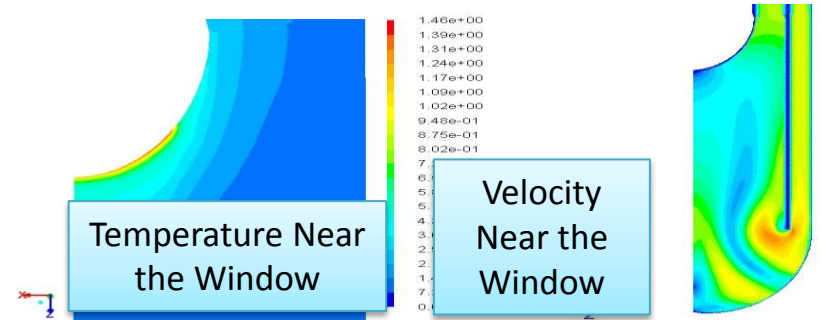
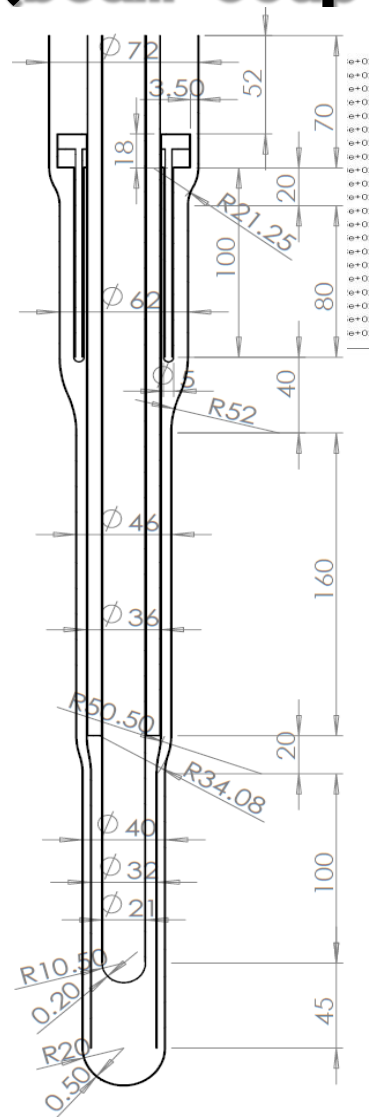
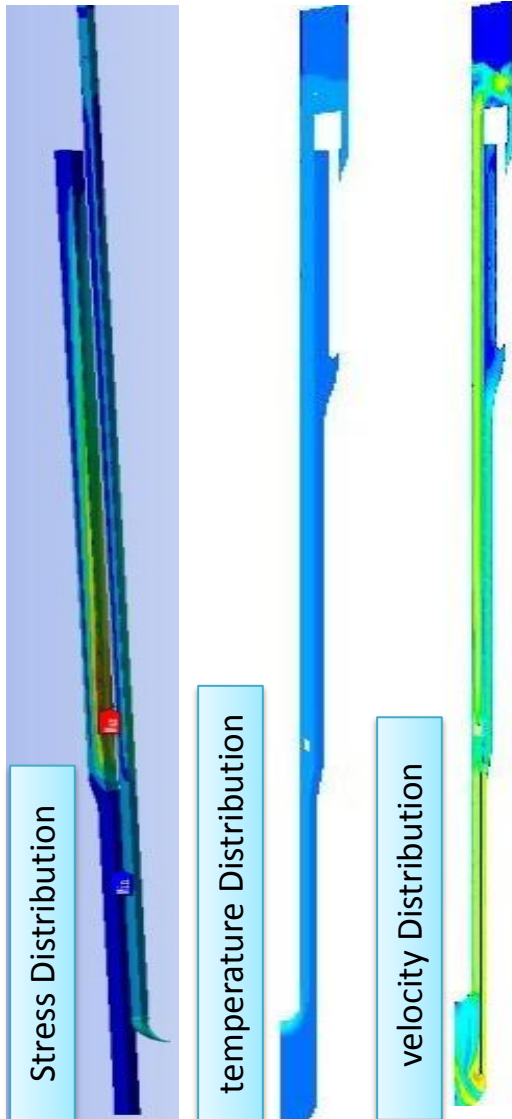


**engineering structure analysis**



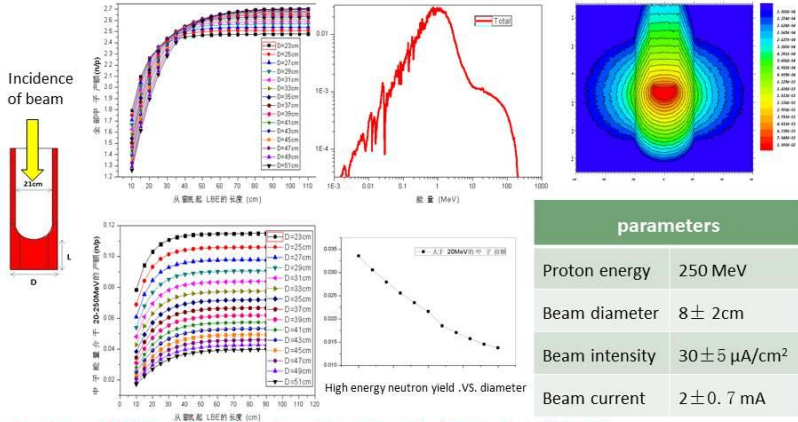
**shielding design**

# 3D coupled analysis: temperature, hydrodynamics and structure (beam coupled)



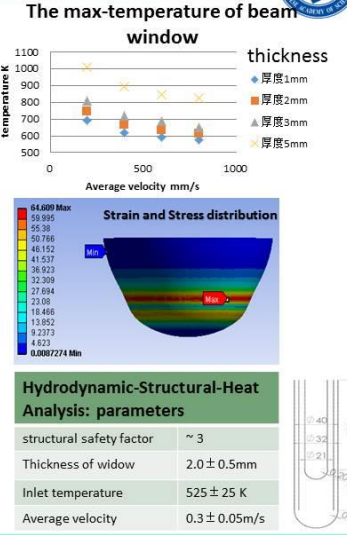
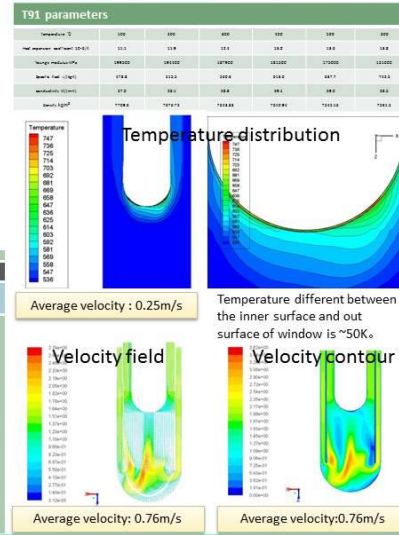
Physical Design Parameters	
Neutron Yield	3.2 n/p
Diameter of Beam	8cm
<b>Beam Energy</b>	<b>250MeV</b>
<b>Beam Current</b>	<b>2mA</b>
LBE average velocity	0.21~0.49m/s
LBE max velocity	1.29m/s
Window Thickness	2mm
Temp. Difference of Heat Exchanger	90K
Max velocity of cold fluid	1.52m/s
Wall Thickness of Heat Exchanger	1.75cm
Flux of Gas inject	5L/s
Width of Lacuna	7cm

# Neutronics



**Neutron yield increase by size of target and diameter of Beam.**  
**High energy Neutron yield decrease by size of target and diameter of Beam.**  
**For ATW high energy neutron is important.**

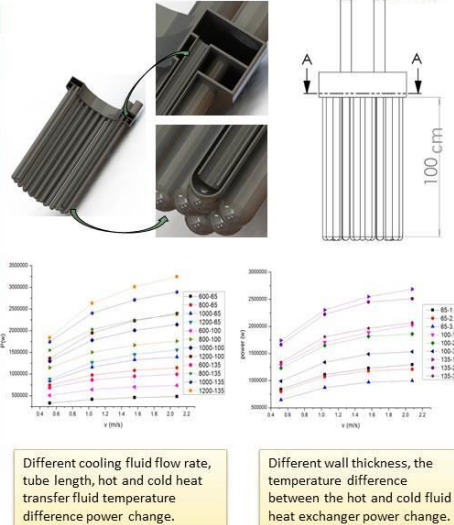
# Beam Windows and Beam-target interaction component



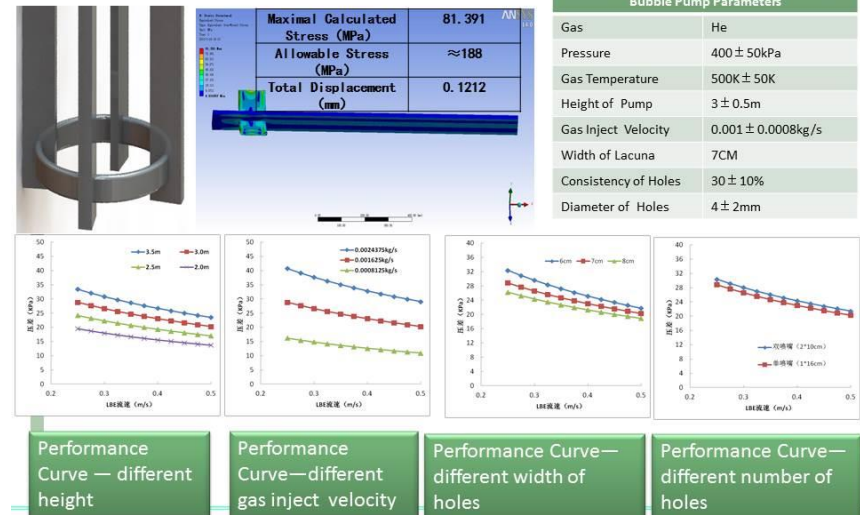
# Heat exchanger



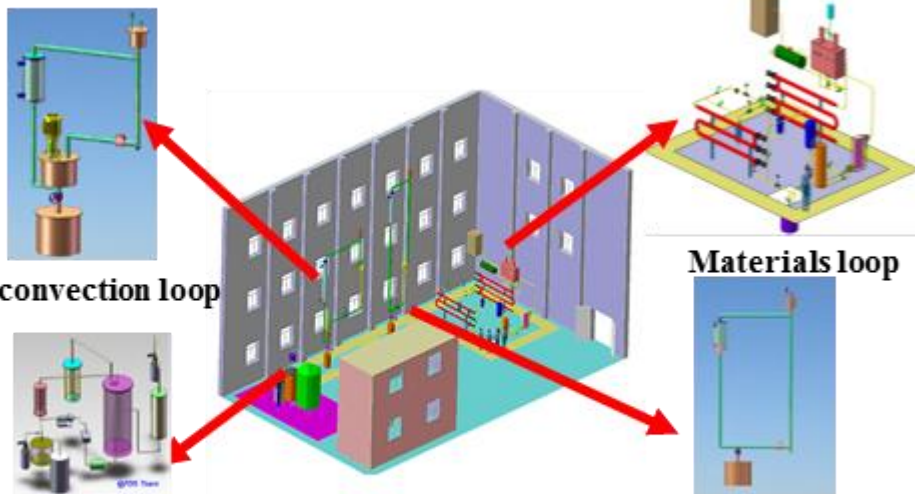
parameters	
Length of heat exchange tube	$100 \pm 10$ cm
Rate of flow Cold working fluid	$110 \pm 30$ kg/s
Temperature difference between the hot and cold working fluid	$100 \pm 20$ K
the inlet temperature of cold working fluid	$450 \pm 25$ K
the wall thickness of Heat exchange tube	$1.7 \pm 0.3$ mm
Power of heat exchanging	$620 \pm 200$ kW
The outlet temperature of hot working fluid	$520 \pm 35$ K
The average velocity of hot working fluid	$0.36 \pm 0.1$ m/s
The max velocity of hot working fluid	$< 2$ m/s
Structure material	T91



# Bubble Pump



# Test Loops for LBE



Forced convection loop

Materials loop

Safety experimental facility

KYLIN-II

Thermal convection loop

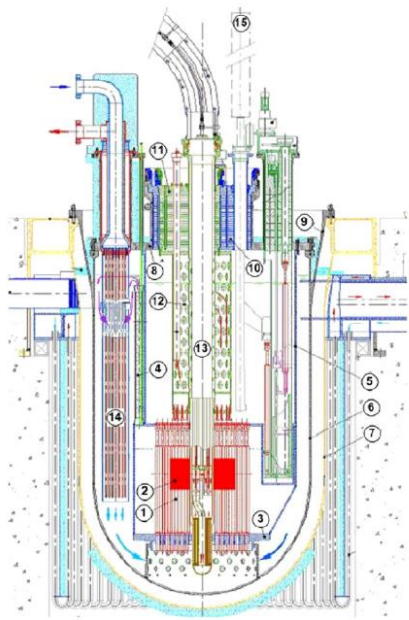


MAX Temperature: 800 °C  
MAX Velocity: 10m/s

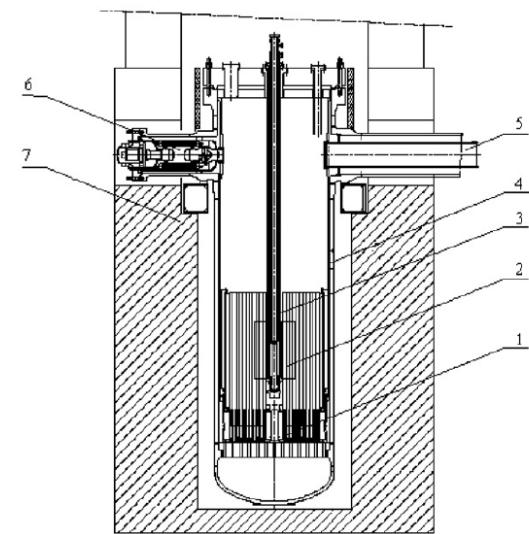


	<b>Advantages of accelerator-driven systems</b>	<b>Disadvantages of accelerator-driven systems</b>
<b>Design and operation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The possibility to operate a reactor core at a <i>neutron multiplication factor below 1</i> opens opportunities for new reactor concepts, including concepts which are otherwise ruled out by an insufficient neutron economy</li> <li>◆ In particular, this allows transmuters to be designed as <u>pure TRU or MA burners</u> and hence the fraction of specialised transmuters in the reactor park to be minimised</li> <li>◆ The proportionality of the reactor power to the accelerator current simplifies the reactor control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <i>Accelerator</i>: Very high reliability required to protect structures from thermal shocks</li> <li>◆ <i>Beam window and target</i> subjected to unusual stress, corrosion and irradiation conditions</li> <li>◆ <i>Sub-critical core</i>: Increased power peaking effects due to external neutron source</li> <li>◆ Compromises between neutron multiplication factor and accelerator power required</li> <li>◆ Increased overall complexity of the plant</li> <li>◆ Reduction in net plant electrical efficiency due to power consumption of accelerator</li> </ul>
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The reactivity margin to prompt criticality can be increased by an extra margin which does <i>not depend on the delayed neutrons</i></li> <li>◆ This enables the <u>safe operation of cores with degraded characteristics</u> as they are typical e.g. for pure MA burners</li> <li>◆ <i>Excess reactivity can be eliminated</i>, allowing the design of cores with a reduced potential for reactivity-induced accidents</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <u>New types of reactivity and source transients</u> have to be dealt with (external neutron source can vary rapidly and reactivity feedbacks in TRU- and MA-dominated cores are weak)</li> </ul>

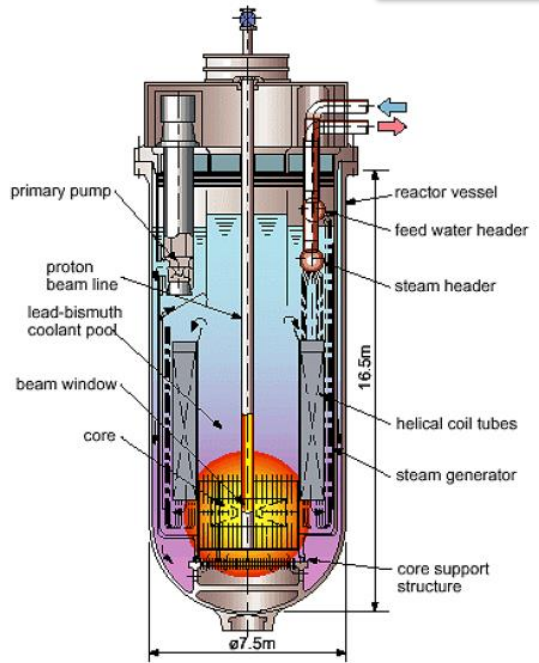
Note: Issues of particular relevance for the transmutation of TRU and minor actinides (MA) are underlined.



Parameter	LBE	He
Nominal thermal power, MWt	80	80
Multiplication factor $k_{eff}$ at BOC	0.973	0.969
Number of fuel sub-assemblies (FSAs)	120	90
Number of pins per FSA	90	37
FSA flat-to-flat distance (mm)	138	120
Fuel type/fuel mass (t)	MOX/3.24	MOX/4.37
Plutonium content (%)	23	35
Core inner/outer diameter (m)	0.58/1.7	0.48/1.4
Fuel height (mm)	900	1500
Fuel pellet inner diameter (mm)	1.8	3.2
Fuel pellet outer diameter (mm)	7.14	11.5
Clad outer diameter (mm)	8.5	13
Pitch to diameter ratio	1.58	1.29
Average power rating (W/cm)	82	160
Peak power rating (W/cm)	130	256
Primary coolant/pressure (MPa)	PbBi/1	He/6
Inlet coolant temperature (°C)	300	200
Outlet coolant temperature (°C)	400	450
Peak fuel temperature (°C)*	1047	1648
Peak clad temperature (°C)*	494	541
Core mass flowrate (kg/s)	5460	61.6
Core pressure drop (kPa)	25	100



## Coolant: Liquid Heavy Metal and Gas



Main design parameter:

Parameter	Material/Value
Coolant	He/ CO <sub>2</sub>
Max. thermal power	100 MW
Power of the accelerator	3 MW
Energy of the Protons	600 MeV
Current	5 mA
Accelerator Mode	Constant wave (CW)
Spallation target form	Conical resp. segmented plates
Spallation material	Tungsten
Nuclear fuel	MOX
Plutonium content	=< 20 %
Multiplication factor - $k_{eff}$	0.95 – 0.97
Cladding	T91, HT-9, SiC
Gas pressure	6 MPa
Fuel assembly length	1200 mm
Pitch	10 mm



# Thermal Properties, Chemical Properties and etc.

	Lead / LBE	He
Density ( $\text{kg}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ )	11340 / 11096	0.1786
Volume Specific heat ( $\text{J}\cdot\text{ml}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ )	1.41 / 1.65	0.03 (4MPa)
Thermal conductivity ( $\text{W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ )	35.3 / 6.9	0.1513
Corrosion	Large / Large	Small
Erosion	Large / Large	Middle (high velocity)
Radioactivity & toxicity	Large / Huge	Small

# Lead/LBE Cooling Fast Reactor

## Strong points

- Unpressurized reactor vessel
- High boiling temperature
- High thermal inertia
- Good passive safety (natural convection)
- Transmutation
- Compatible with water
- Some experience (Russia)

## Weak points

- High melting temperature (lead)
- Corrosive and toxic

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- Problematic cleaning and decontamination
- Activation of Pb and Bi  $\rightarrow$   $^{210}\text{Po}$

# Gas Cooling Fast Reactor

## Strong points

- Resistant fuel barrier (ceramic fuel)
- Thermal negative feedback
- Inert coolant (He)
- Transmutation capability

## Weak points

- High power density (100 MW/m<sup>3</sup>)

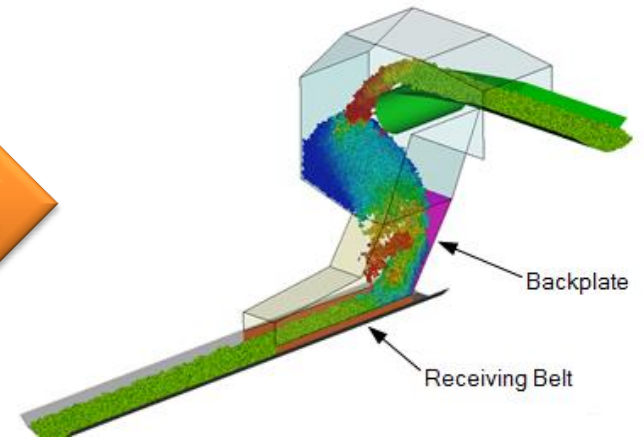
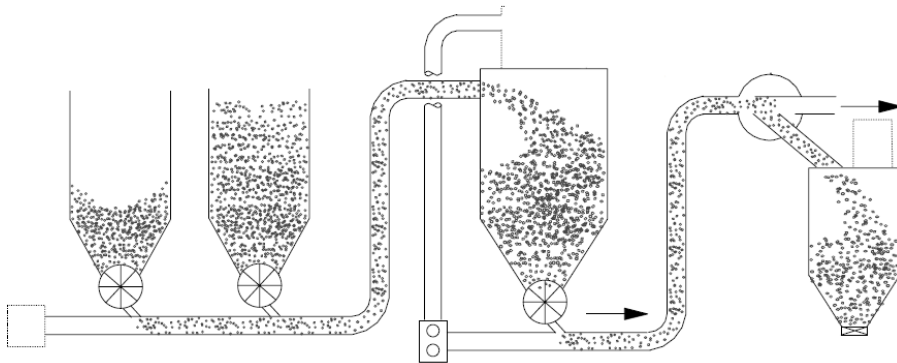
- High power density (100 MW/m<sup>3</sup>)
- Low thermal inertia (gas)

- No operating experience

- High coolant flow  $\rightarrow$  vibrations
- Decay heat removal and depressurisation  $\rightarrow$  high pump power

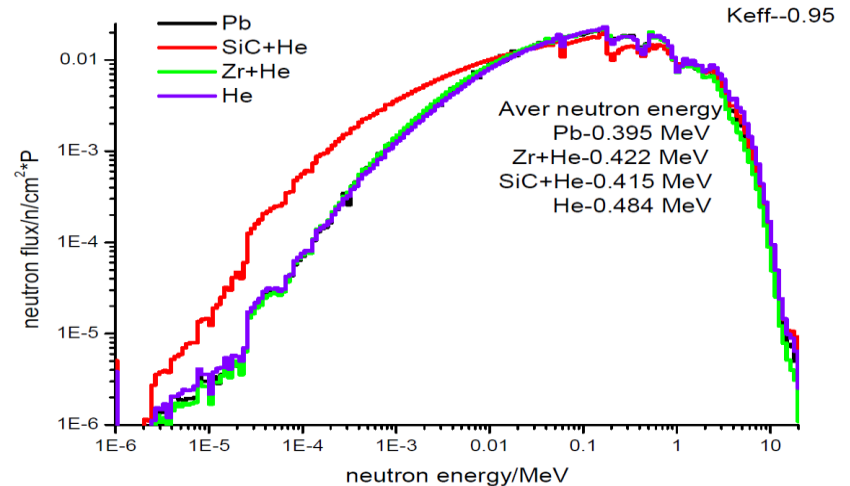
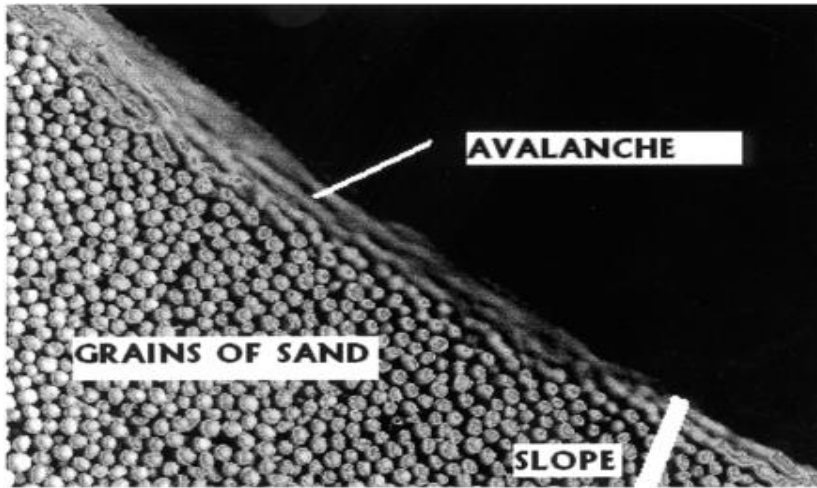
**Q: How to avoid the weak points of Gas Cooling Fast Reactor and keep the strong points.**

**A: Granular + Helium (Low pressure) for the coolant?**



can increase the specific heat; High pressure

**From the fluidized bed to the dense granular flow**



**The kinds of the solid grains can be considered**

# Granular coolant

Coolant	Volume specific heat (J/ml·K)
Water	~4
Na	~1
LBE	~1.6
Molten Salt	~4
Helium	~0.03(4Mpa)
SiC Granular	~1.4

Coolant	K (W/m·K)	d (mm)	$K_{eff}(20^{\circ}C)$ (W/m·K)
SiC granular	~120	~0.16	~1
LiZrO <sub>3</sub> granular	3.2	1	0.9
Steel granular	60	20	2
Helium	0.15		

Solid	K(W/m·K)	Gas	d(mm)	Time(s)	h(W/m <sup>2</sup> ·K)
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.7	Air	1	10	~100-~200
Ceramic	0.5	H <sub>2</sub> (1000°C, 10bar)	0.1	1	659
Al	217	He	0.043	short	1500
Glass	0.93	Air	1	60 & 1	60 & 290
		Helium			~100

Convective heat transfer coefficient

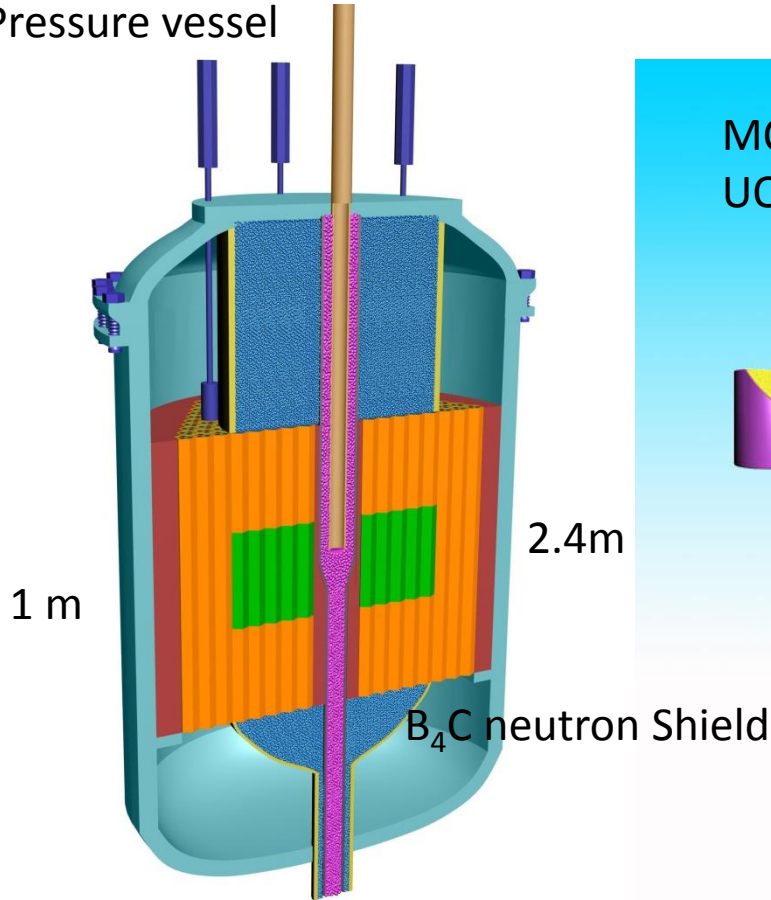
# Granular coolant

- Low pressure inter-fluid (He)
- High thermal inertia
- The grains can be optimized for
  - Fast spectrum
  - Low radio-toxicity
  - Small erosion and chemical toxicity...

**For example: SiC grains and SiC Hexagonal prism**

# Concept of the granular coolant reactor

Pressure vessel



2.4m

1 m

B<sub>4</sub>C neutron Shield

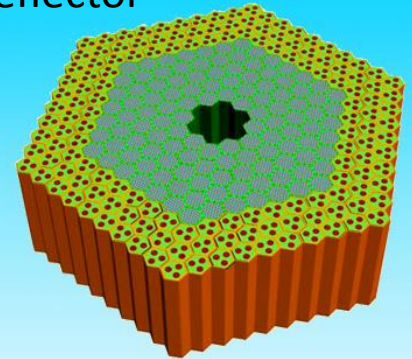
MOX  
UO<sub>2</sub>/ThO<sub>2</sub>



Fuel rod



Graphite reflector

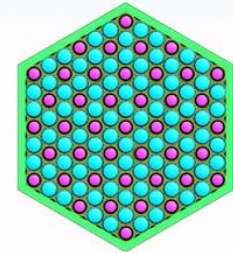


reactor core



Fuel assembly

19.6 cm

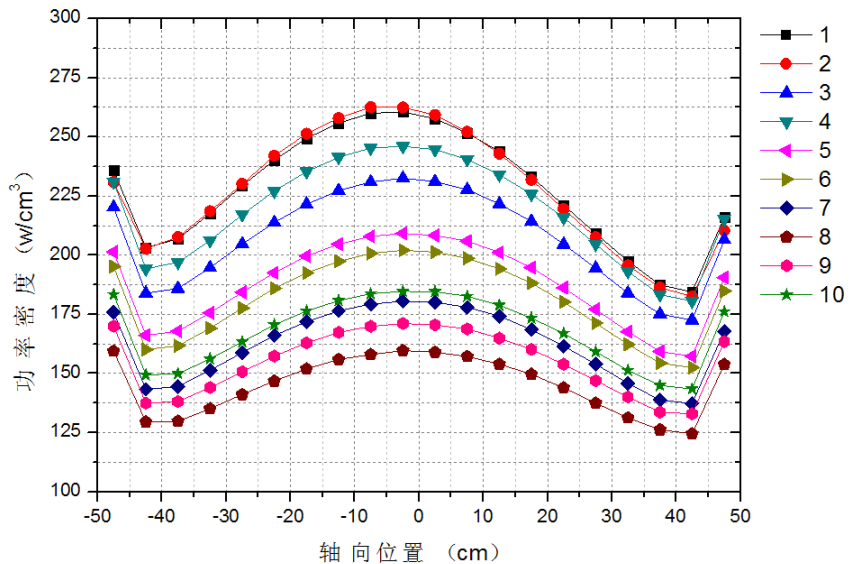


Coolant channel

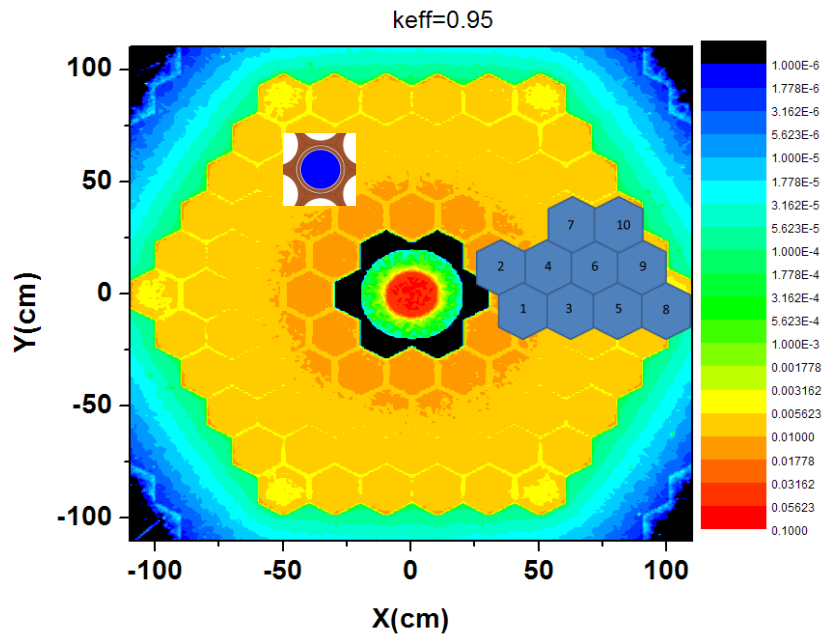
1.5cm

**Diameter of SiC granular: ~0.5 mm**  
**Helium pressure: 0.1 MPa**

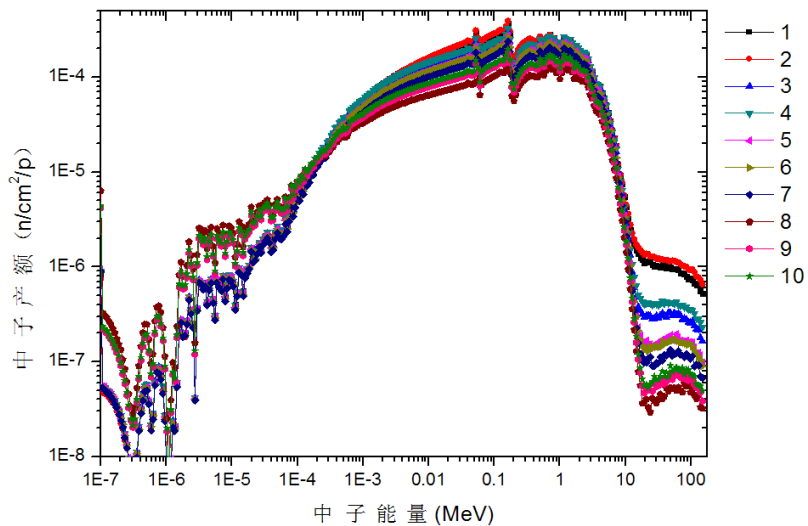




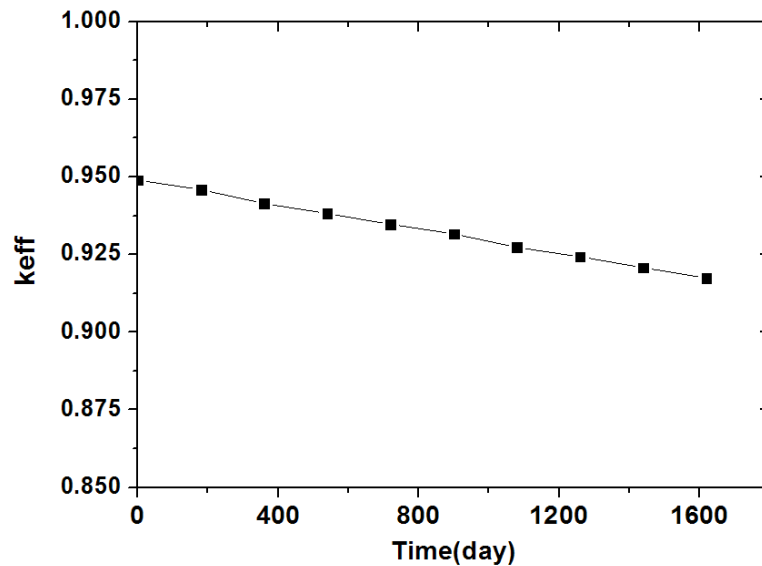
**Density of Power in vertical distribution**



**Density of Power distribution**

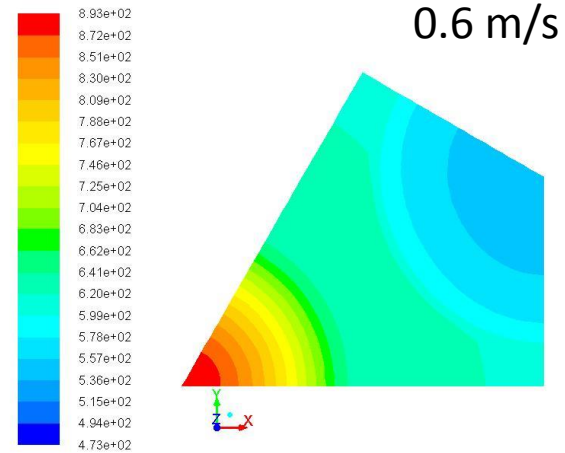
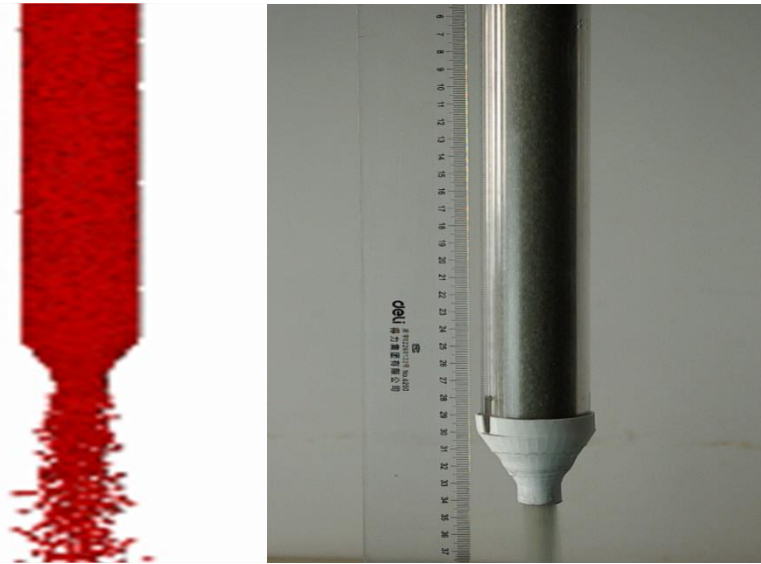


**The neutron spectrum**

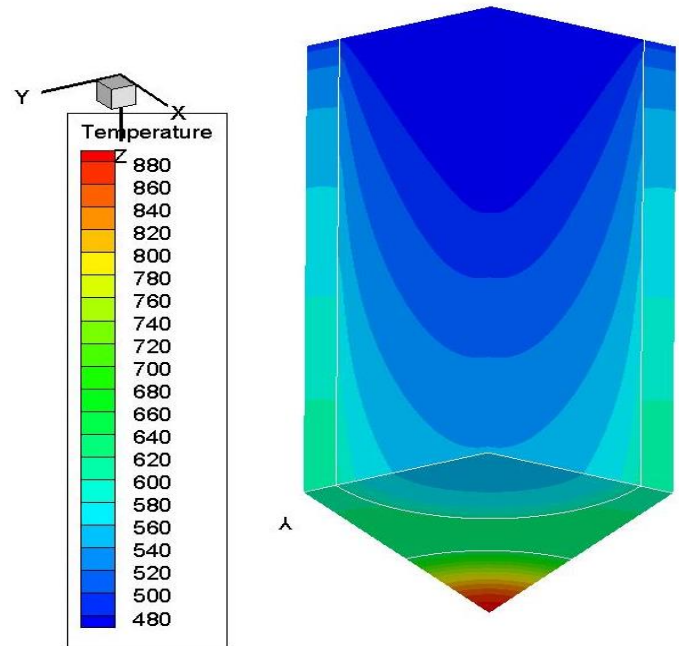
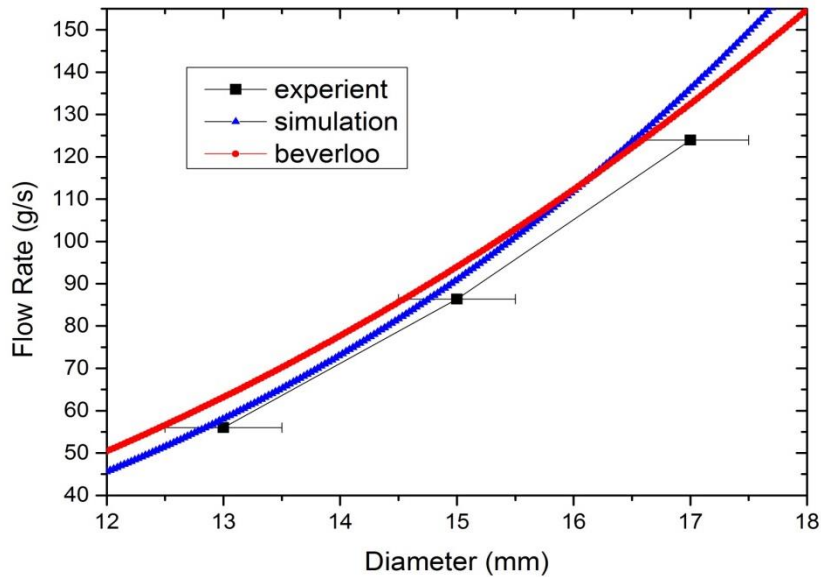


**Burning calculation**

# Granular flow in the coolant channel



## Dense granular flow by gravity driven

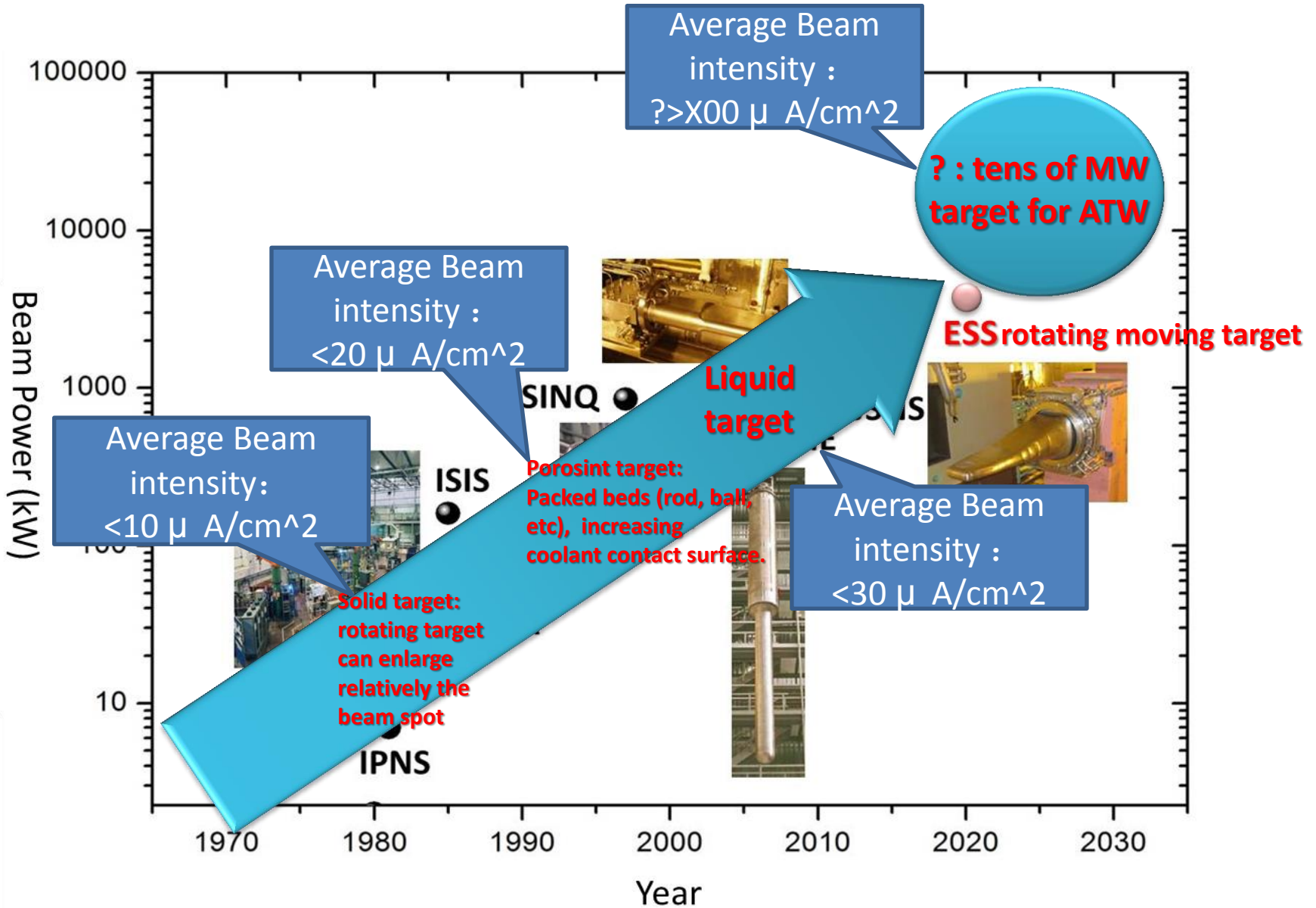


Heat transfer by granular flow

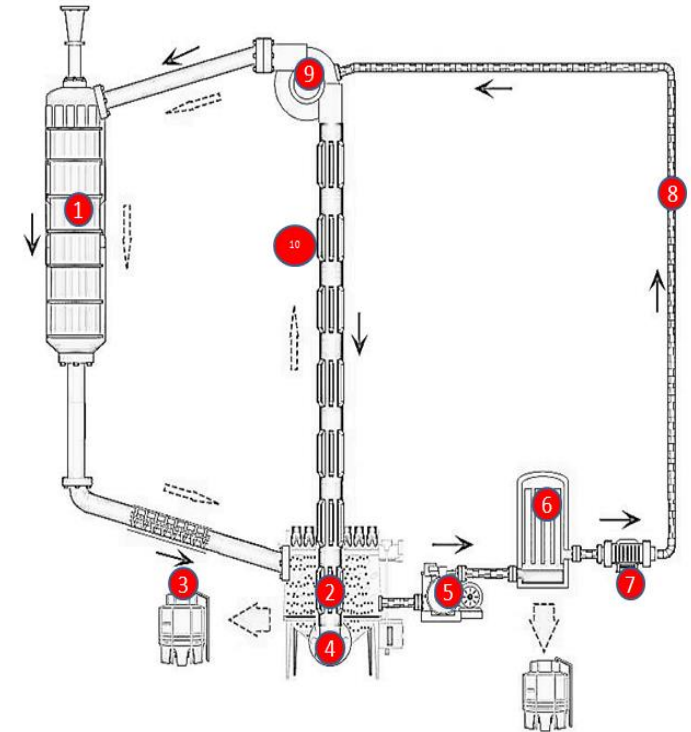
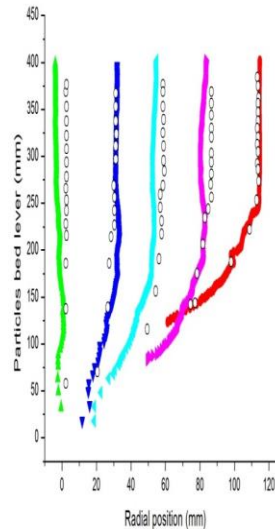
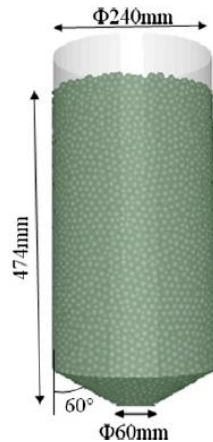
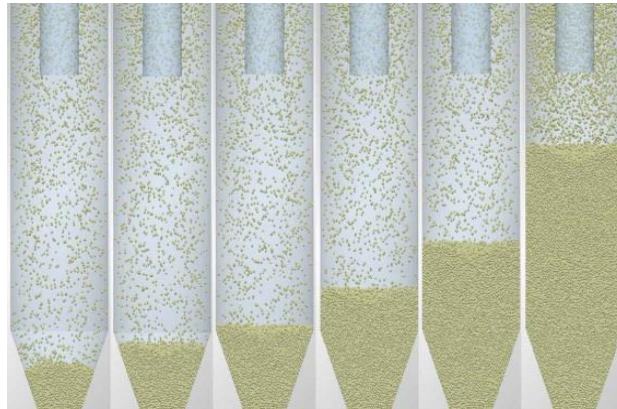
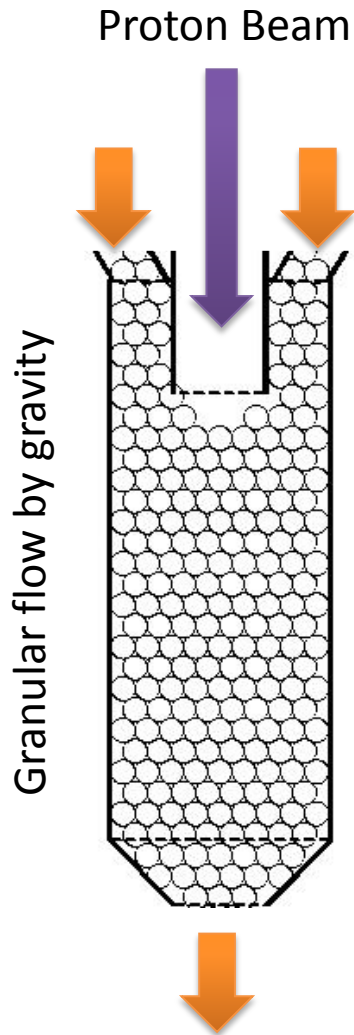
## parameters

- High of the fuel rod: 100 cm
- High of the : 70 cm
- Thermal Power: 100 MW
- Fuel:  $(\text{Pu}_x\text{Am}_{1-x}) \text{O}_{1.88}$
- Theoretical density of fuel:  $10.346 \text{ g/cm}^3$
- Density of power:  $34 \text{ W/cm}^3$
- $K_{\text{eff}}=0.95$  (BOL)
- Proton beam: 1GeV@4.3mA (BOL)
- Diameter of SiC granular:  $\sim 0.5 \text{ mm}$
- Helium pressure: 0.1 MPa

# High Power Spallation target

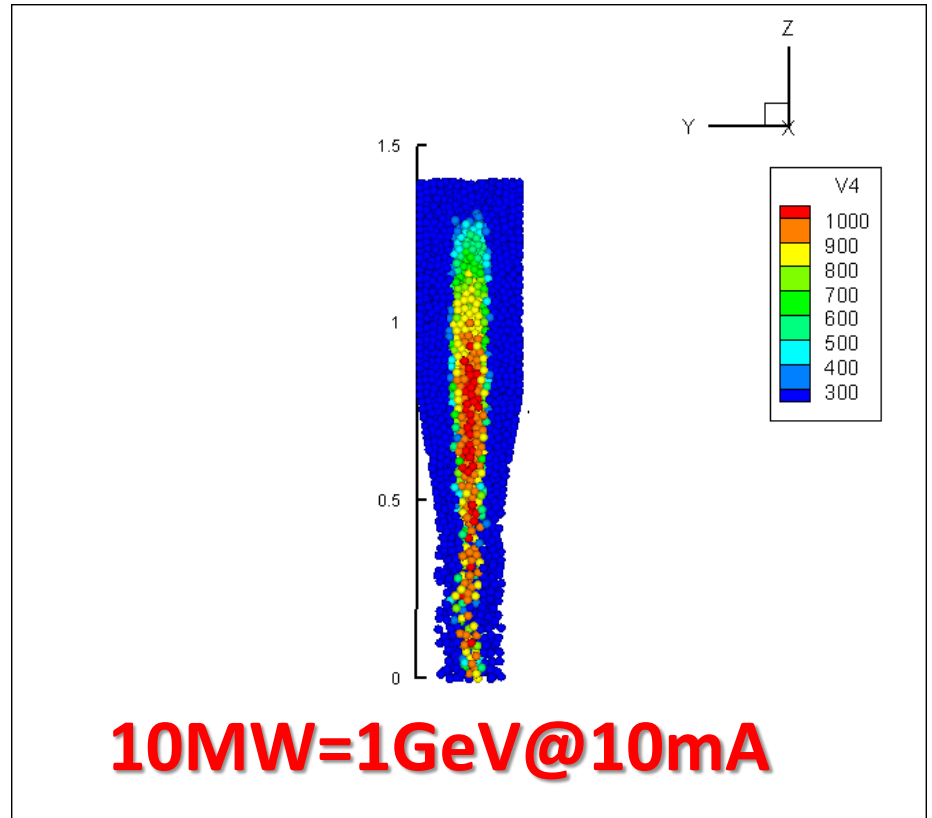
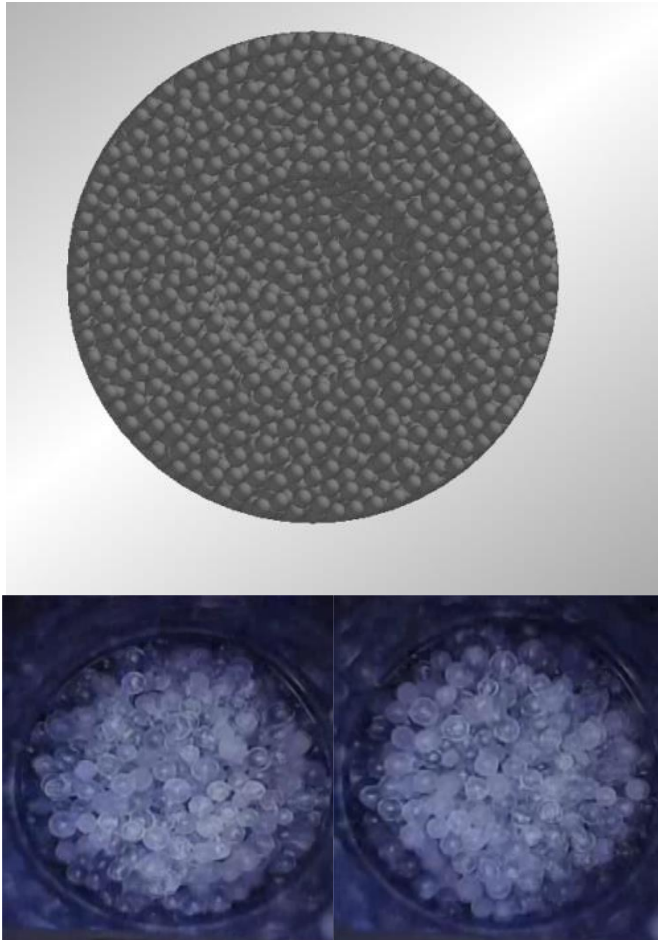


# Granular target system concept



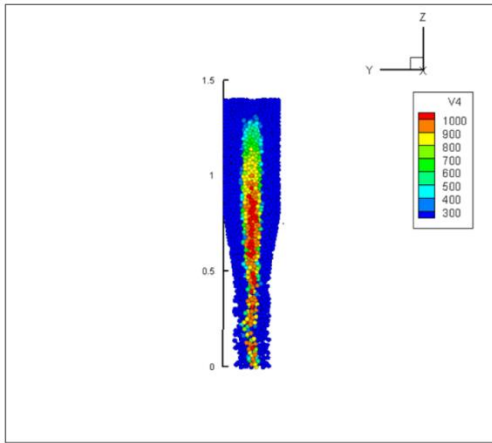
1. Target Body
2. Heat Exchanger
3. Solid horizontal Transport & Dreg Filter
4. Gas-Solid Separator
5. Gas Dust Filter
6. Gas Heat Exchanger
7. Gas Blower
8. Gas Pipes
9. Gas-Solid Mixer
10. Solid Lifter

# Beam target coupled segment

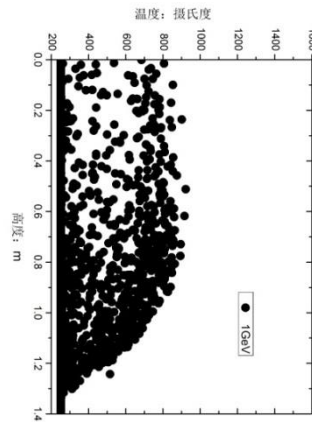


Mass parallel Simulation:  
Contact mechanism + MD + MC transport  
K20GPU 2500ALU  
Number of particles: 0.5 M

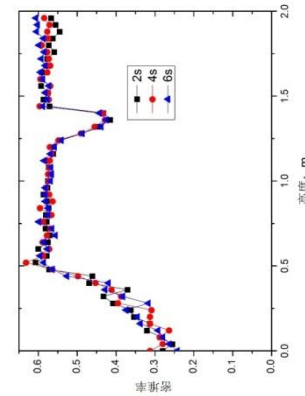
# Beam target coupled



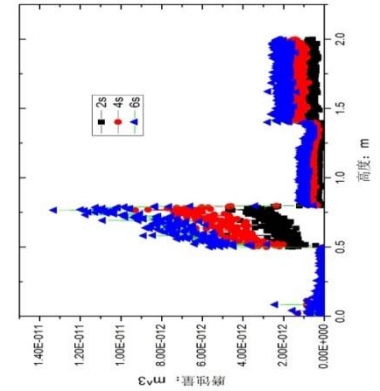
Temperature distribution  
(10MW=1GeV@10mA)



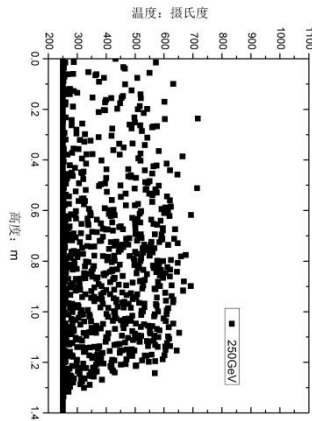
Fraction of volume  
distribution



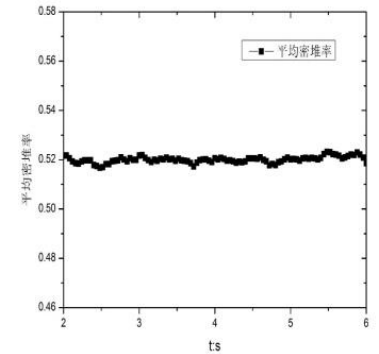
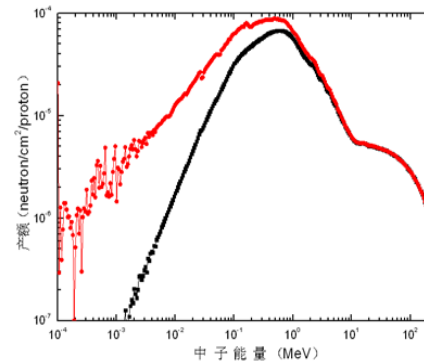
Maximum erosion  
estimation distribution



Temperature distribution  
(2.5MW=250MeV@10mA)



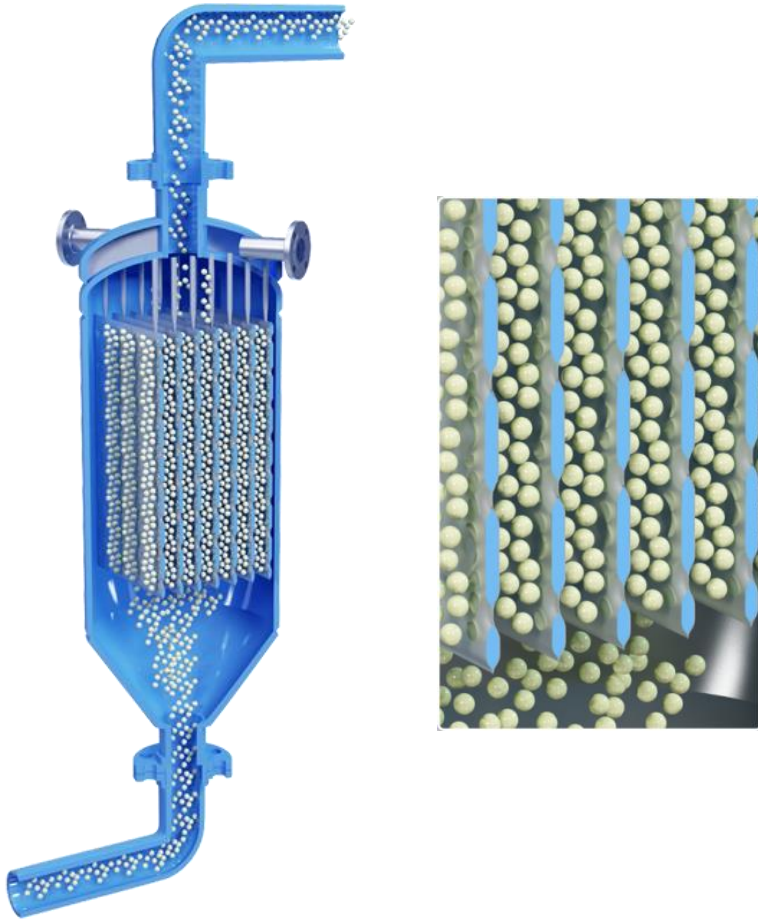
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Fraction of volume  
vs. time

# Granular heat exchanger

Countercurrent water corrugated plate heat exchanger to be cooled beryllium alloy particles since the force of gravity under the direction of flow, and the corrugated plate upward flow of the cooling water absorbs the heat carrying particles derived.



Heat exchanger principle and main structure

parameters		
Heat exchanger	2.5	kW
Flow rate	200	kg/s
Granular outlet temperature	~200	°C
Granular	<1000	°C
The cooling water inlet temperature	20	°C
Cooling water outlet temperature	80	°C

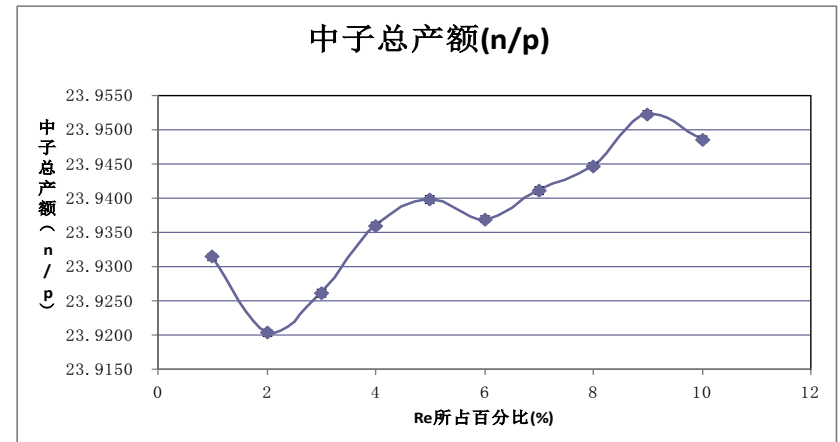


# Grains elevator



**NE series** hoist suitable for conveying the powder, granular and small block of non-abrasive and abrasive materials small, because the traction hoist is a ring chain, thus allowing delivery of high temperature materials (material temperature does not exceed 250 °C). General transport height up to 40 meters, TG type up to 80 meters.

# The erosion test of Tungsten/SiC grains



W

	RT	300°C	500°C	800°C	1000°C
min	30	30	20	20	20
Specific wear rate mm <sup>3</sup> /Nm	-4.92E-5	-7.08E-5	-4.62E-6	-9.24E-6	+1.29E-4

SiC

	RT	300°C	500°C	800°C	1000°C
min	30	20	20	20	20
Specific wear rate mm <sup>3</sup> /Nm	-3.56E-7	-2.41E-6	-1.56E-6	-9.63E-7	



**In the RT-1000 °C temperature range, W granular, polycrystalline sintered SiC is excellent in wear resistance, wear amount of <1mm.**

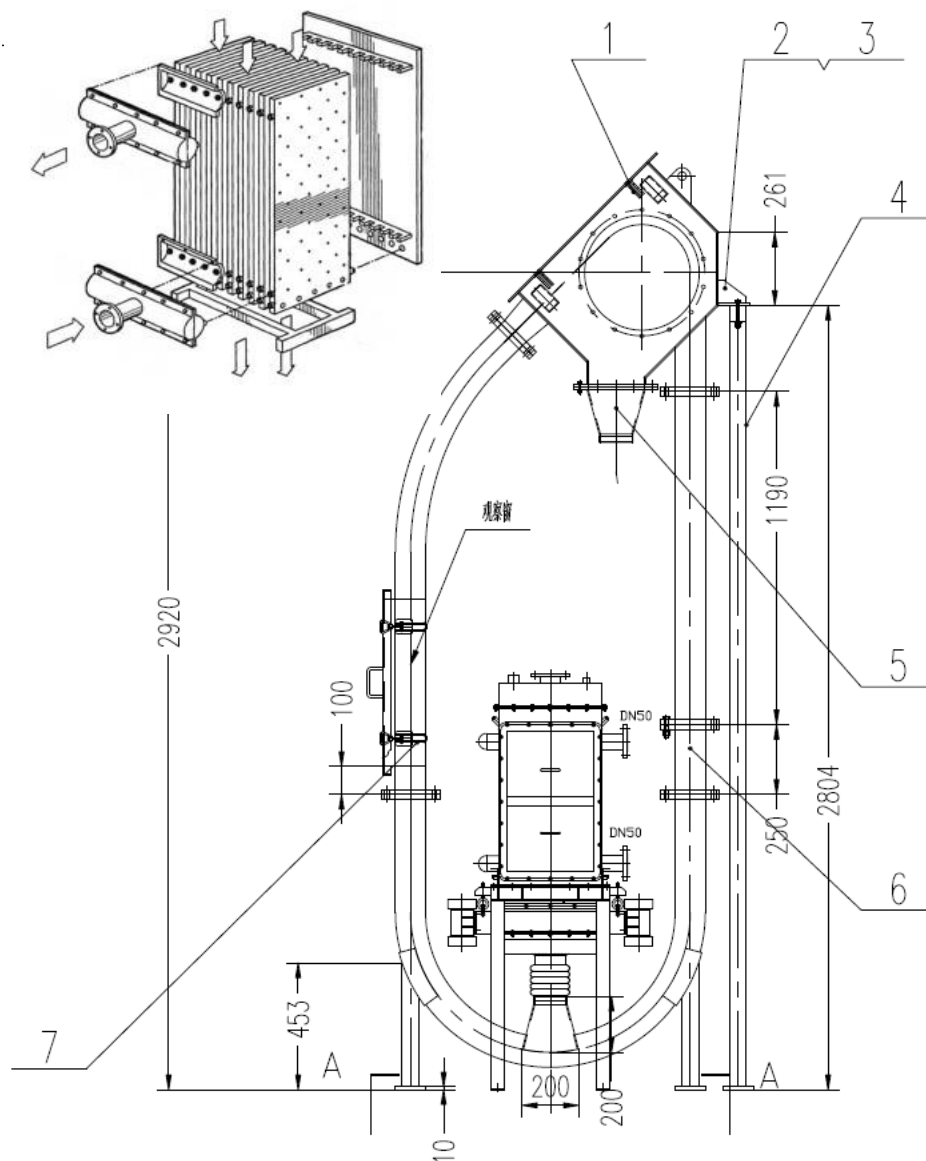
# Granular target design and test loop

## Solid target:

Thermal stress  
Radiation damage  
Shock waves  
Cooling  
Lubrication

## Liquid target:

Corrosion  
Cavitation  
Shock waves  
splashing  
Radiochemistry

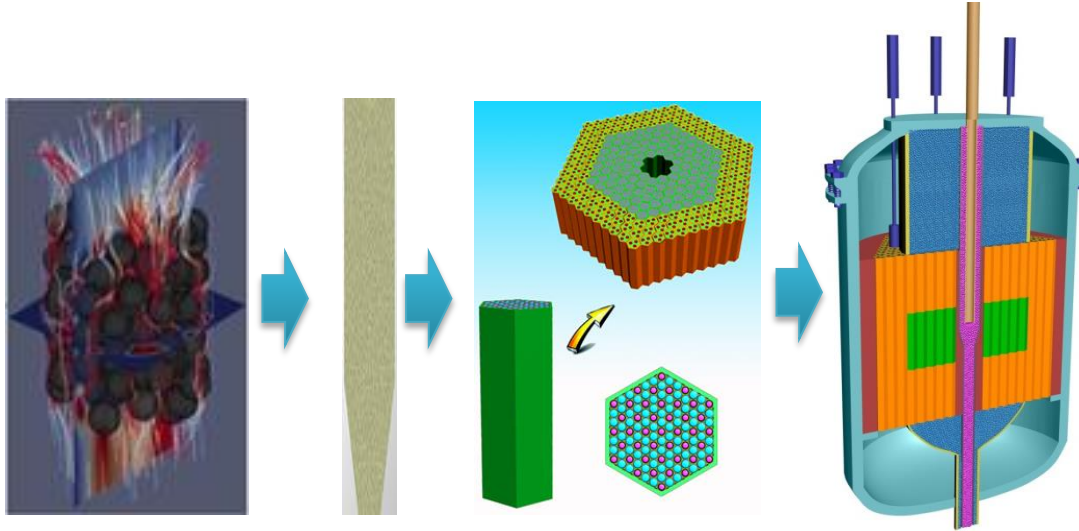


## parameters

Granular material	Tungsten/Tungsten alloy
Structure material	TZM/SiC
Granular size	$10 \pm 5\text{mm}$
Inlet temperature of granular	250 C
Outlet temperature of granular	550 C
Proton beam	1GeV@10mA=10MW
Intensity of beam	$>100 \mu \text{ A/cm}^2$
Diameter of beam spot	10cm
Average velocity of granular flow	$\sim 0.9\text{m/s}$

**Dense granular flow target have chance to increase power and using for ATW**

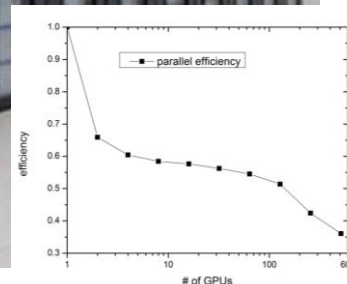
# Mass parallel simulation method (GPU) for granular



- Radiation transport computation in stochastic granular and neutronic analysis, etc.
- Granular flow and fluid flow simulations and thermal-hydraulic analysis.

## Large scale test (GPU)

2010/11: rank 1 in TOP500; Now rank 8.



- Grains: ~250 M; MD + Contact mechanic.
- 512GPU,  
 $512 * 448 = 229376$  ALU;  
parallel efficiency:  
~38%.

**Thank you !**