

# High-fidelity tritium transport modeling of retention and permeation experiment

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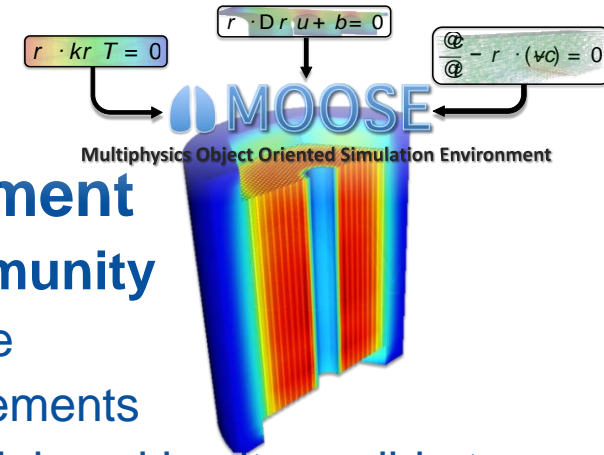
# Tritium Migration Analysis Program (TMAP) is now MOOSE-based:

- Open-source
- Free of charge
- Dimension agnostic
- Fully coupled, fully implicit multiphysics solver
- With massively parallel computation (>100,000 CPU cores)

# Motivation: TMAP

- **TMAP - Tritium Migration Analysis Program was developed by INL**
  - Widely used for tritium transport analysis in plasma-facing components & blanket design
  - **Current capabilities in TMAP4 and TMAP7 are:**
    - TMAP4 (released in 1992) incorporates one-dimensional (1D) thermal- and mass-diffusive transport
      - Trapping calculations (with a single trap) through structures and
      - Zero-dimensional fluid transport between enclosures and across the interface between enclosures & structures.
    - TMAP7 (released in 2006) improved:
      - Trapping model with up to three separate traps,
      - Model for heteronuclear and homonuclear molecule formation, and
      - Surface kinetics calculation with a surface binding energy and an adsorption barrier energy
  - **Challenges in TMAP**
    - Limited to one-dimensional (1D) thermal- and mass-diffusive transport, no 2D/3D modeling capabilities
      - Require significant efforts/funding to add 2D and 3D modeling capabilities in TMAP4/7 (written in Fortran 77)
    - Trapping model capability with up to three separate traps
    - Limited the user support for TMAP4/TMAP7 with man-power (in INL's Fusion Safety Program)
    - No coupling capabilities with other code, and tritium transport in fusion systems requires multi-physics
    - Limited to single machine, and no parallel computation capability
  - **New version of TMAP8 is MOOSE based** (development started in FY2019 with INL's PD fund)
    - Several verification & validation problems are available in INL GitHub site.

# Motivation: TMAP8 - MOOSE based TMAP



- **MOOSE - Multiphysics Object-Oriented Simulation Environment**

- Is developed in INL in 2008 and widely used in nuclear fission community

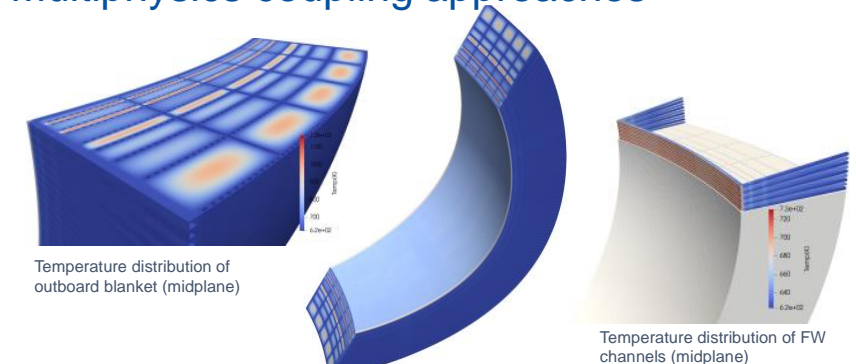
- Open-source framework for development of Multiphysics simulation software
- Allows rapid development of new simulation tools, and meets NQA-1 requirements
- Fully coupled and fully implicit multiphysics solver that is automatically parallel, making it possible to run large simulations and tackle complicated models.

- **“Fission” and “fusion” are very different, but the commonalities are:**

- Computational material, 1-D thermal-hydraulics, CFD (both finite element and finite volume), Heat transfer, Mechanical/structural, Multiphysics coupling approaches, Native & external applications

- **Advantage with MOOSE**

- Massively parallel computations (largest runs >100,000 CPU cores)
- Coupling capabilities with other MOOSE tools developed for fission:
  - Thermal-hydraulics, CFD, Heat transfer, Mechanical/structural, Multiphysics coupling approaches
- Dimension agnostics
  - Easy to create 2D/3D modeling with MOOSE
- Available in GitHub with extensive user support
  - <https://mooseframework.inl.gov/>
  - <https://github.com/idaholab/moose/discussions>

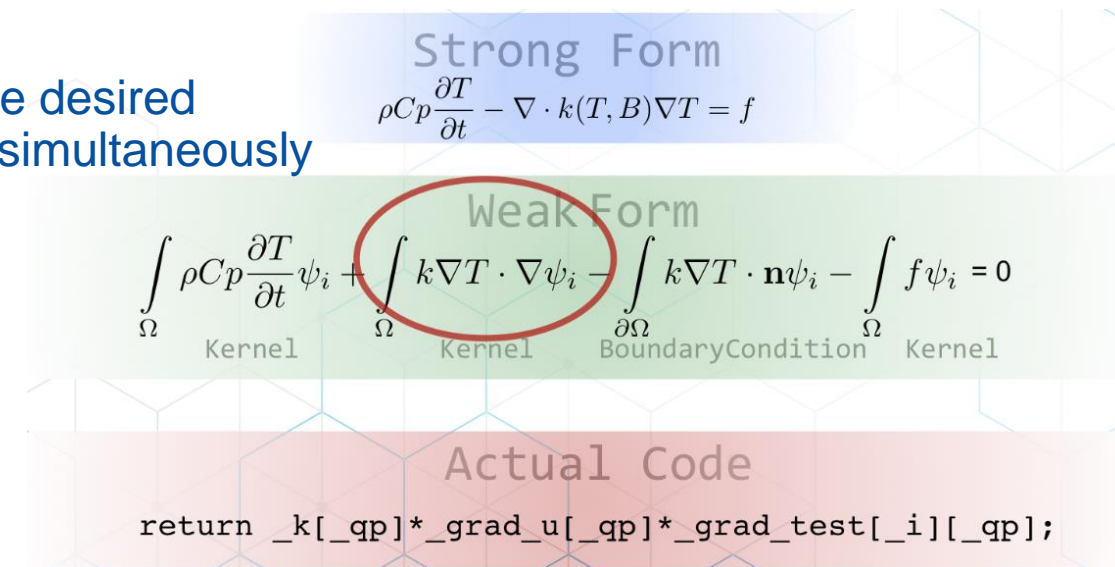
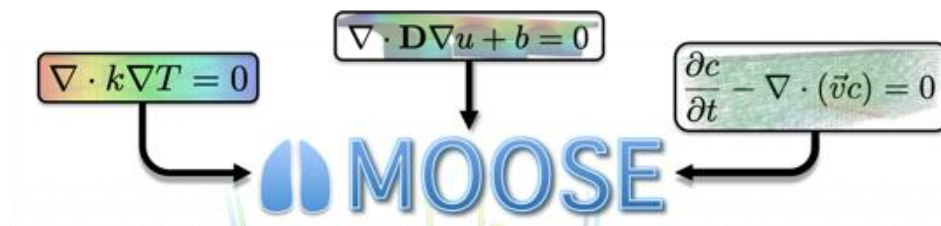


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# MOOSE input file

- **TMAP8 (MOOSE-based TMAP) requires:**
  - Totally different input structure from TMAP4/TMAP7
  - Input structures are based on equations (e.g. ODEs, PDEs) to be solved
  - **MOOSE uses finite element methods (FEM) and requires weak form of PDEs**
    - The weak form provides flexibility, both mathematically and numerically to solve a problem in MOOSE
  - **General steps to create a weak form from a strong form of PDEs.**
    - 1) Write down strong form of PDE
    - 2) Rearrange terms so that zero is on the right of the equal sign
    - 3) Multiply the whole equation by a “test” function,  $\psi$
    - 4) Integrate the whole equation over the domain,  $\Omega$
    - 5) Integrate by parts and use the divergence to get the desired derivative order on your functions (i.e. kernel) and simultaneously generate boundary integrals (i.e. BC)



# 3D example to model in TMAP8

- Tritium transport in monoblock

- 2D tritium & thermal transport by FESTIM code

- Remi Delaporte-Mathurin *et al.* 2021 Nuclear Fusion
    - 1D (8.5mm W/Cu/CuCrZr) and 2D (28mm x 28mm monoblock)
    - No ion implantation with volumetric source term in first few nm
    - Boundary condition (Dirichlet BC):
      - $300 < T_{\text{surface}} [\text{K}] < 1200$ ,
      - $10^{20} < c_{\text{surface}} [\text{m}^{-3}] < 6 \times 10^{22} \rightarrow 10^{-9} < c_{\text{surface}} [\text{T/W}] < 10^{-6}$

## Influence of interface conditions on hydrogen transport studies

Rémi Delaporte-Mathurin<sup>1,2,\*</sup>, Etienne A. Hodille<sup>1</sup>, Jonathan Mougnot<sup>2</sup>, Yann Charles<sup>2</sup>, Gregory De Temmerman<sup>3</sup>, Floriane Leblond<sup>1</sup> and Christian Grisolia<sup>1</sup>

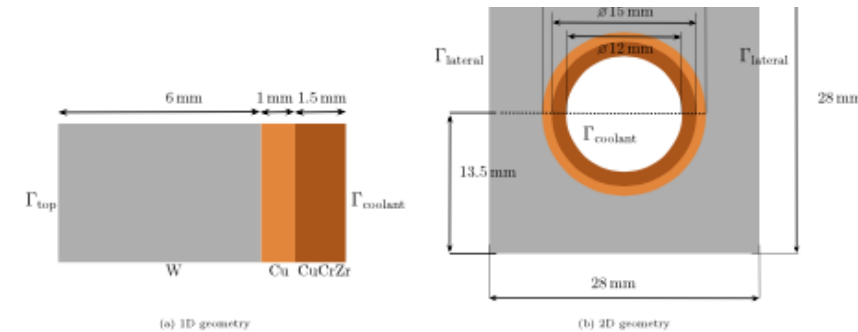


Figure 5. Monoblock geometry showing W armour d1, Cu interlayer d2, CuCrZr alloy cooling pipe d3.

- The scope of this work:

- Perform tritium and heat transport modeling in 3D geometry with TMAP8

- Tritium and heat transport in a single material with W (instead of W/Cu/CuCrZr)
    - Simplified boundary condition used for plasma implantation

- Simulate plasma on/off scenario (600 sec plasma on, 1000 sec plasma off) up to 100 shots

- Demonstrate ITER-like on/off scenario

- NOTE:

- This is still qualitative analysis, not quantitative yet. Further V&V of TMAP8 is necessary.
  - The purpose is to show the potential of TMAP8 for high-fidelity tritium transport modeling
  - This work is done with TMAP8 with a single machine.

# Simplified monoblock geometry in TMAP8

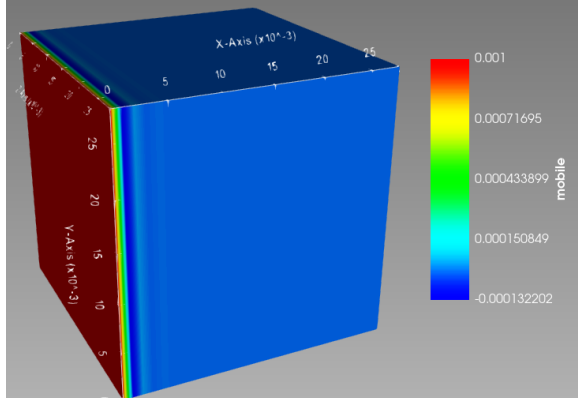
- 3D geometry (28x28x28mm<sup>3</sup>)

- 56 nodes per sides
- Requires parallel computing or HPC
- TMAP input file

- [3d\_mesh]

- type = GeneratedMeshGenerator
- dim = 3
- nx = 56
- ny = 56
- nz = 56
- xmin = 0
- xmax = 28.0e-3
- ymin = 0
- ymax = 28.0e-3
- zmin = 0
- zmax = 28.0e-3

3D, mobile T



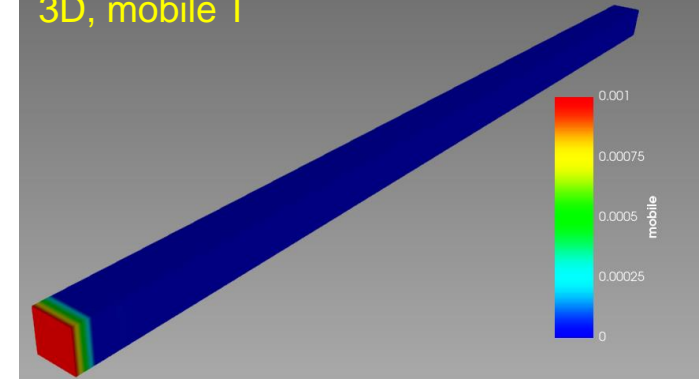
- Simplified 3D geometry (28x1x1mm<sup>3</sup>)

- This can be performed by a single machine
- TMAP input file

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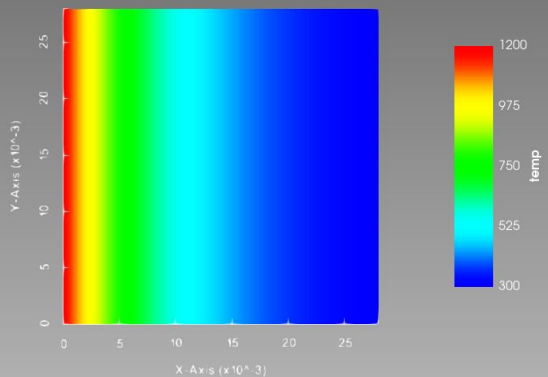
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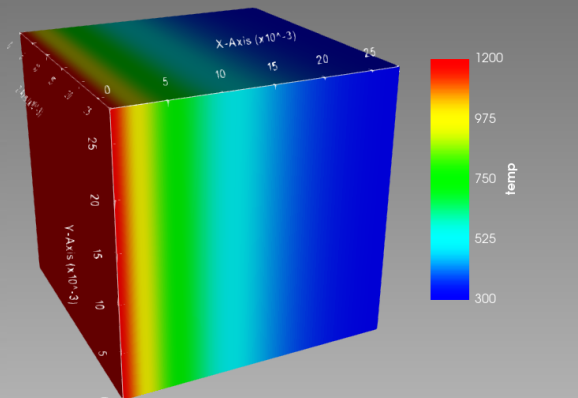
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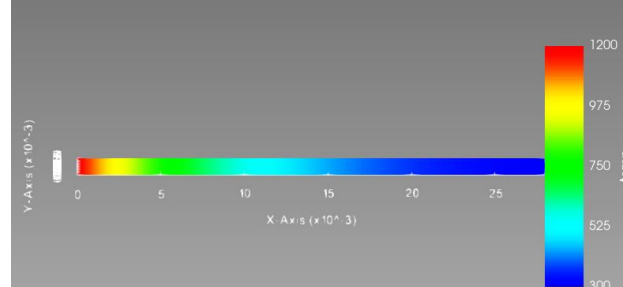
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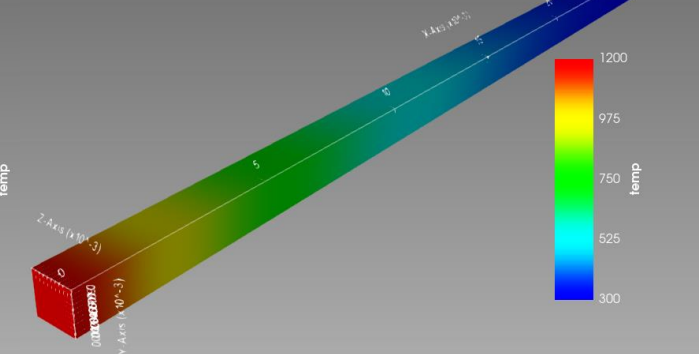
3D, temperature



2D, temperature



3D, temperature



# Equations to solve for tritium transport in metal

- Conservation of mass for solute gas atom ( $s = \text{H, D, T}$ )

$$\frac{\partial C_s}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot J_s = S_s - \frac{\partial C_s^t}{\partial t}$$

Strong form

Step (2)

$$\frac{\partial C_s}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot J_s + \frac{\partial C_s^t}{\partial t} - S_s = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial C_s}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (-D_s \nabla C_s) + \frac{\alpha_{t_s} C_t^e}{N} C_s - \alpha_{r_s} C_s^t = 0$$

Step (3)

$$\psi \frac{\partial C_s}{\partial t} - \psi (\nabla \cdot D_s \nabla C_s) + \psi \frac{\alpha_{t_s} C_t^e}{N} C_s - \psi \alpha_{r_s} C_s^t = 0$$

Step (4)

$$\int_{\Omega} \psi \frac{\partial C_s}{\partial t} - \int_{\Omega} \psi (\nabla \cdot D_s \nabla C_s) + \int_{\Omega} \psi \frac{\alpha_{t_s} C_t^e}{N} C_s - \int_{\Omega} \psi \alpha_{r_s} C_s^t = 0$$

Insert the following assumptions

$$S_s = 0$$

$$J_s = -D_s \left[ \nabla C_s + \frac{Q_s^* C_s}{RT^2} \nabla T \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= -D_s \nabla C_s \\ \frac{\partial C_s^t}{\partial t} &= \frac{\alpha_{t_s} C_t^e}{N} C_s - \alpha_{r_s} C_s^t \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_t^e = C_t^0 - C_s^t$$

$$\alpha_{t_s} = \frac{D_s}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\alpha_{r_s} = \nu_0 \exp \left[ -\frac{E_t}{RT} \right]$$



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← Step (5)

$$\int_{\Omega} \psi \frac{\partial C_s}{\partial t} - \int_{\partial\Omega} \psi D_s \nabla C_s \cdot \hat{n} + \int_{\Omega} \nabla \psi \cdot D_s \nabla C_s + \int_{\Omega} \psi \frac{\alpha_{t_s} C_t^e}{N} C_s - \int_{\Omega} \psi \alpha_{r_s} C_s^t = 0 \quad \text{Weak form}$$

$$\underbrace{\left( \psi, \frac{\partial C_s}{\partial t} \right)}_{\text{Kernel}} - \underbrace{(\psi, D_s \nabla C_s \cdot \hat{n})}_{\text{Boundary Condition (BC)}} + \underbrace{(\nabla \psi, D_s \nabla C_s)}_{\text{Kernel}} + \underbrace{\left( \psi, \frac{\alpha_{t_s} C_t^e}{N} C_s \right)}_{\text{Kernel}} - \underbrace{(\psi, \alpha_{r_s} C_s^t)}_{\text{Kernel}} = 0 \quad \text{Inner product notation}$$

Examples of MOOSE Input File Syntax

ADTimeDerivative

ADMatDiffusion

TrappingNodalKernel

ReleasingNodalKernel

FunctionNeumannBC

# Equations to solve for heat transport by conduction

Complete TMAP8 Input File Syntax, <https://mooseframework.inl.gov/TMAP8/syntax/>

- Conservation of energy

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = -\nabla \cdot q + \dot{q}_v$$

Strong form

Step (2)

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot q - \dot{q}_v = 0$$

Insert the following assumptions

$$\dot{q}_v = 0$$

$$q = -k_T \nabla T$$

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (k_T \nabla T) = 0$$

Step (3)

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Inner product notation

*Kernel*

*Boundary Condition (BC)*

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Examples of MOOSE Input File Syntax

SpecificHeatConductionTimeDerivative

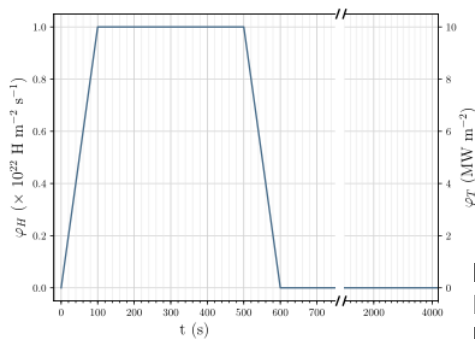
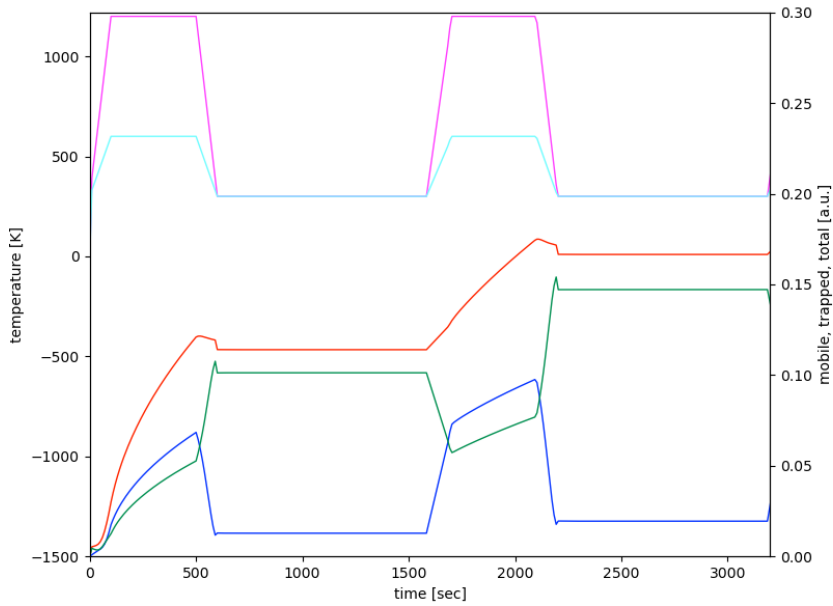
HeatConduction

FunctionDirichletBC

# Preliminary results in TMAP8 (qualitative results)

- Tritium inventory modeling in 2, 10, and 100 plasma on/off scenario
  - Total inventory of tritium (in red), mobile tritium (in blue) and trapped tritium (in green)

First 2 shots, temperature (top)  
total tritium, mobile and trapped (bottom)



Temperature profile  
ITER 1 shot

References:  
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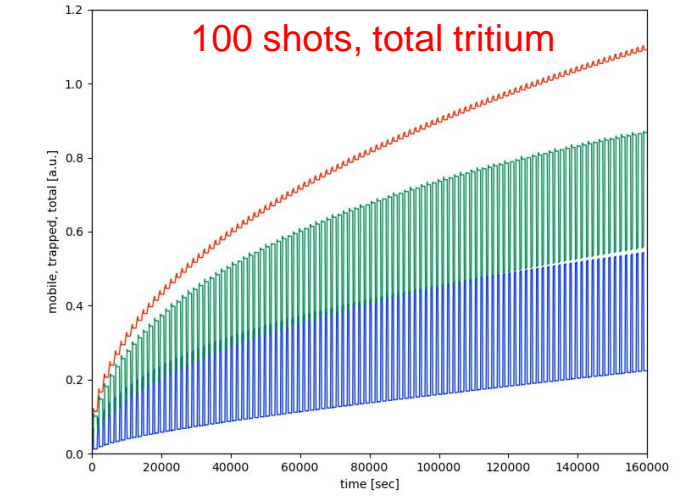
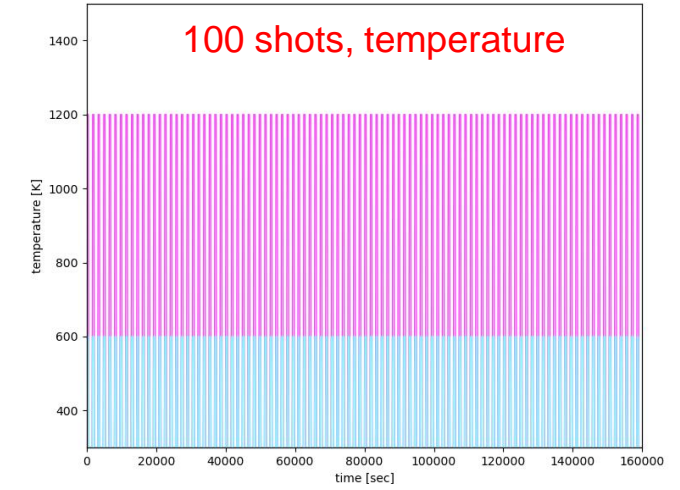
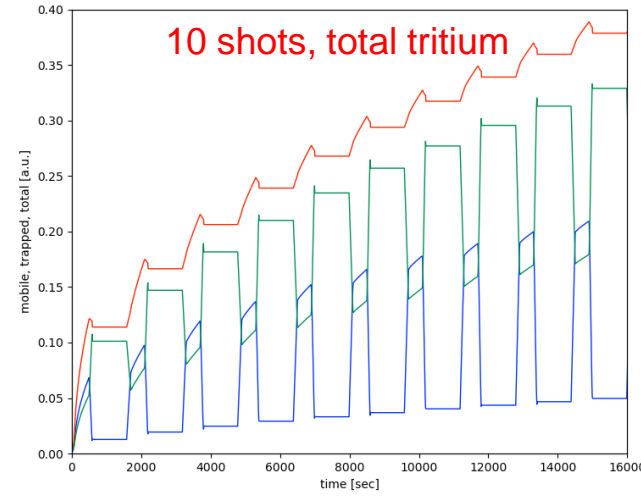
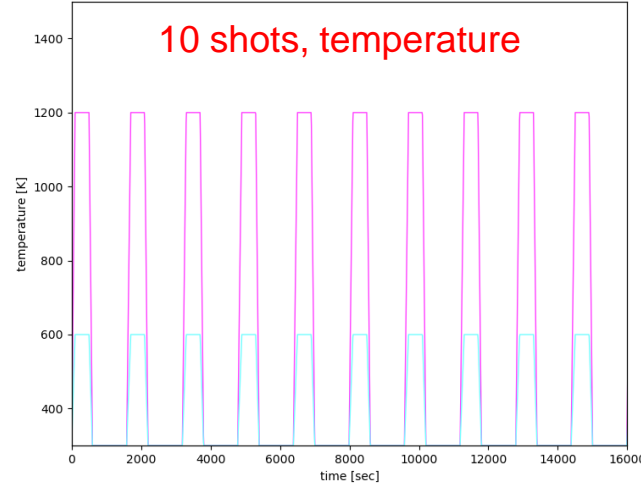
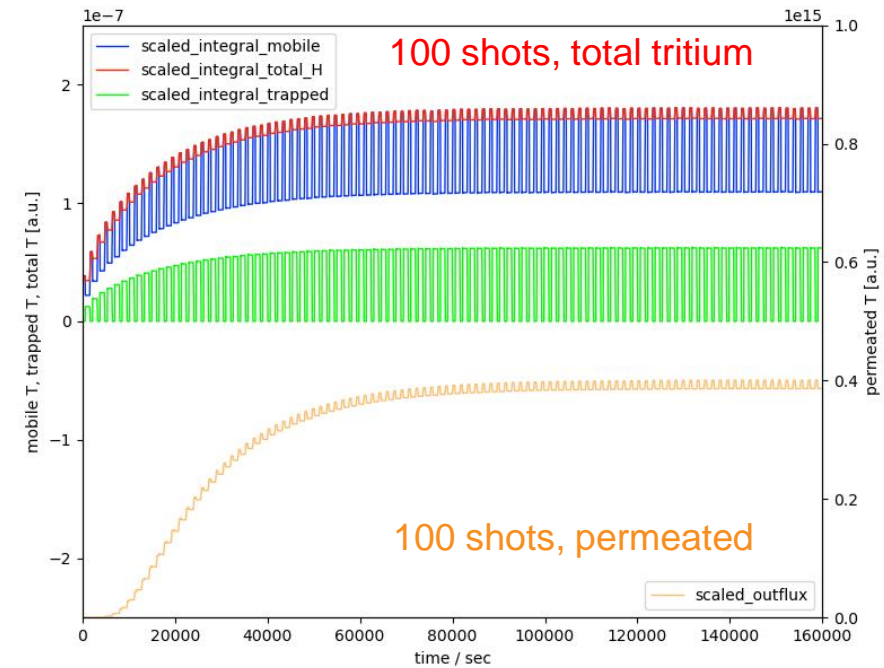
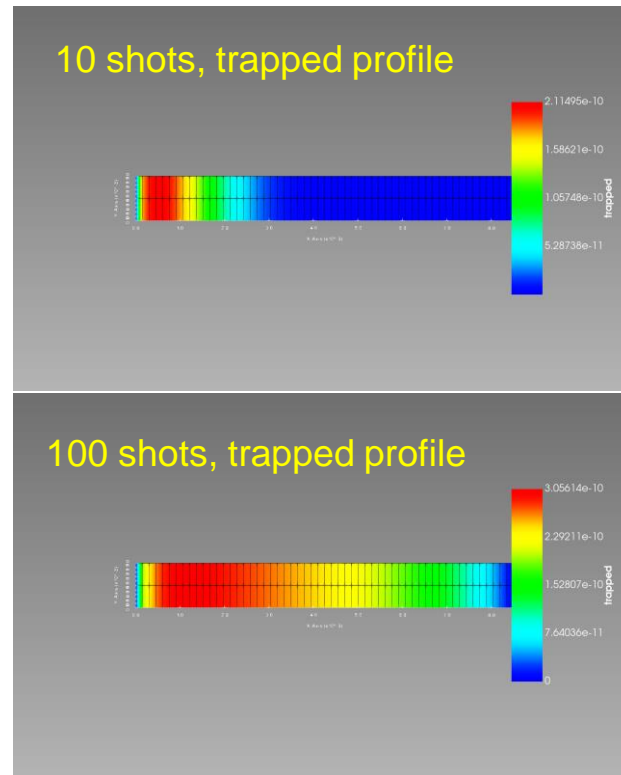
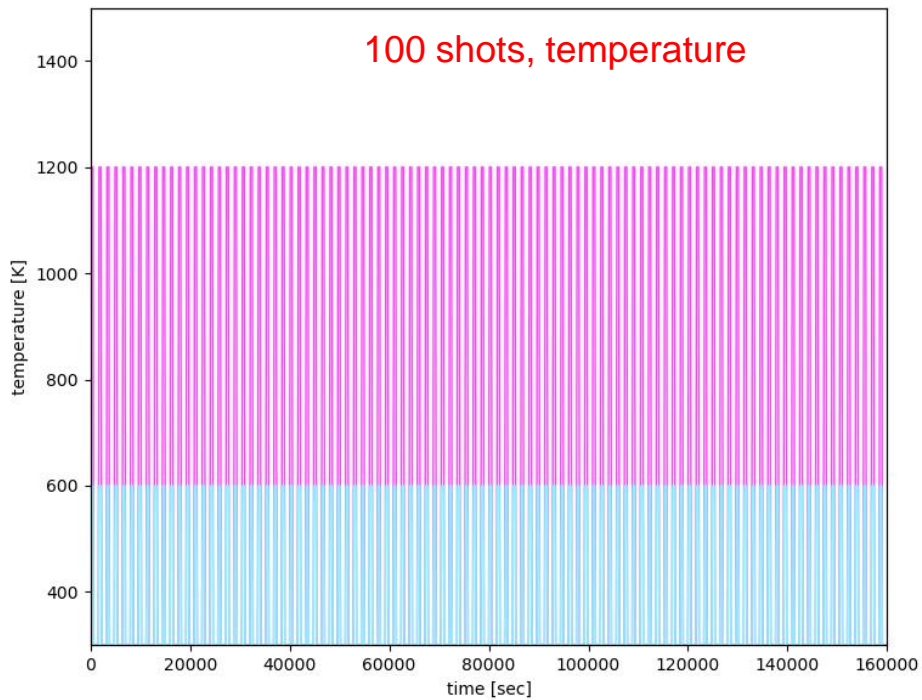


Fig. 5. Evolution of  $\phi_T$  and  $\phi_H$  during one plasma cycle.

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- Tritium inventory modeling in 100 plasma on/off scenario
  - Total inventory of tritium (in red), mobile tritium (in blue) and trapped tritium (in green)
  - Trapped T profile at 10 and 100 shots
- Tritium permeation modeling in 100 plasma on/off scenario
  - Tritium permeation flux to the coolant shows typical transient and steady state permeation profile



# Summary and future work

- **MOOSE-based TMAP8 shows:**

- **Promising modeling capabilities for high-fidelity tritium transport in 3D geometry**

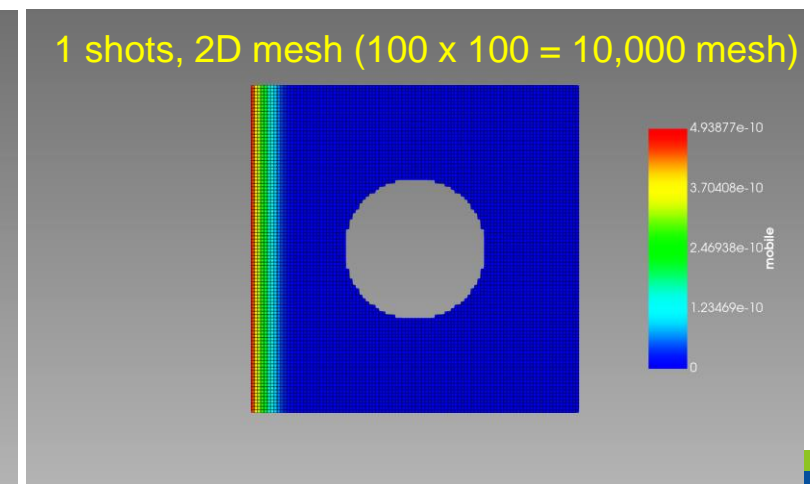
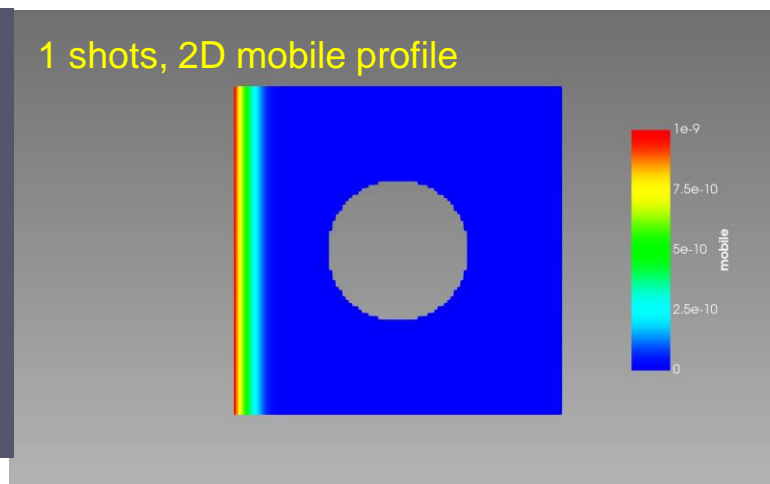
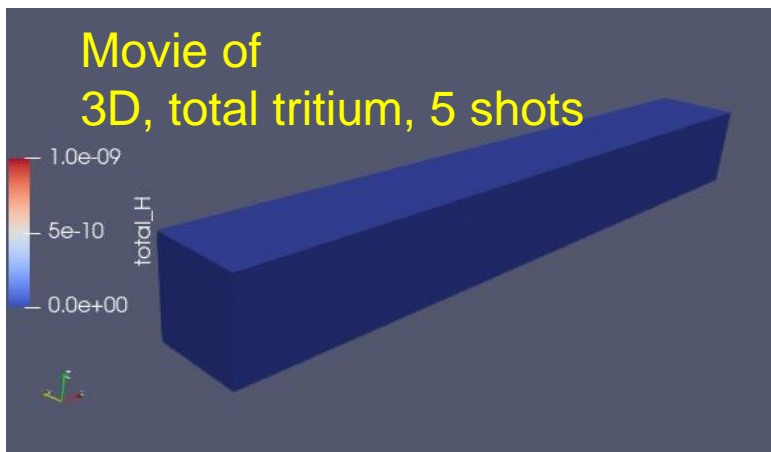
- Leverage MOOSE framework and MOOSE tools developed for nuclear fission application
- Extremely easy to allow 2D and 3D modeling with simple change in TMAP input file
- Extensive users support for TMAP8

- **Status of TMAP8**

- Verification & Validation (V&V) is underway at <https://mooseframework.inl.gov/TMAP8/>
- 7 verification cases were completed and 1 validation case was completed from TMAP4 V&V examples

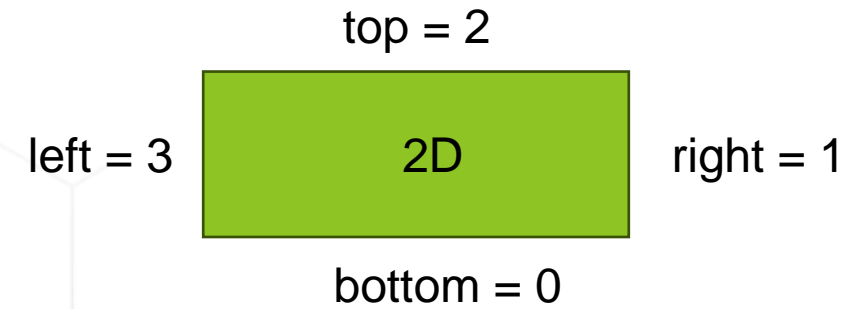
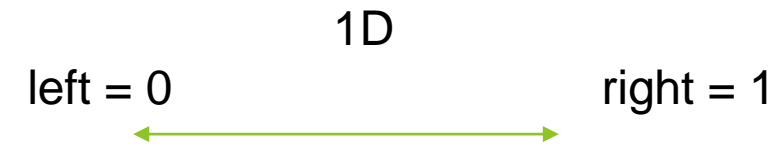
- **Future work**

- Further development and V&Vs are necessary to perform quantitative analysis of tritium transport
- Couple TMAP8 with other MOOSE tools and apps and perform modeling with parallel computation



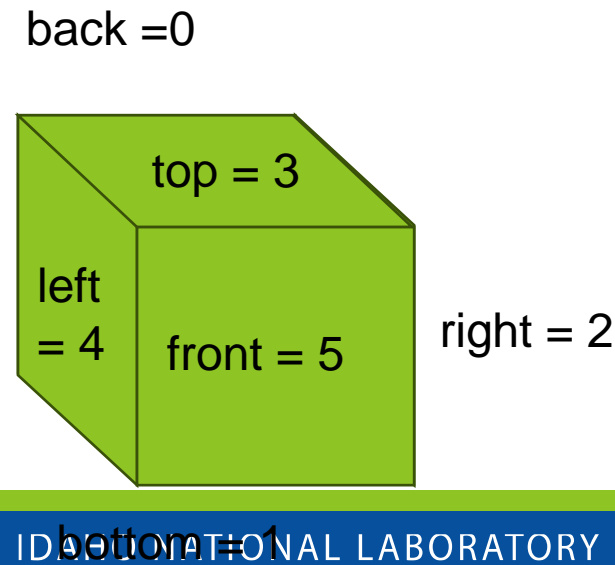
# Extra slides

# 1D, 2D, and 3D boundaries



The sides are named in a logical way and are numbered:

- 1D: left = 0, right = 1
- 2D: bottom = 0, right = 1, top = 2, left = 3
- 3D: back = 0, bottom = 1, right = 2, top = 3, left = 4, front = 5





# TMAP8: FY2018-2023 accomplishments: verification

- Verification example: Ver-1d, “Permeation Problem with Trapping”

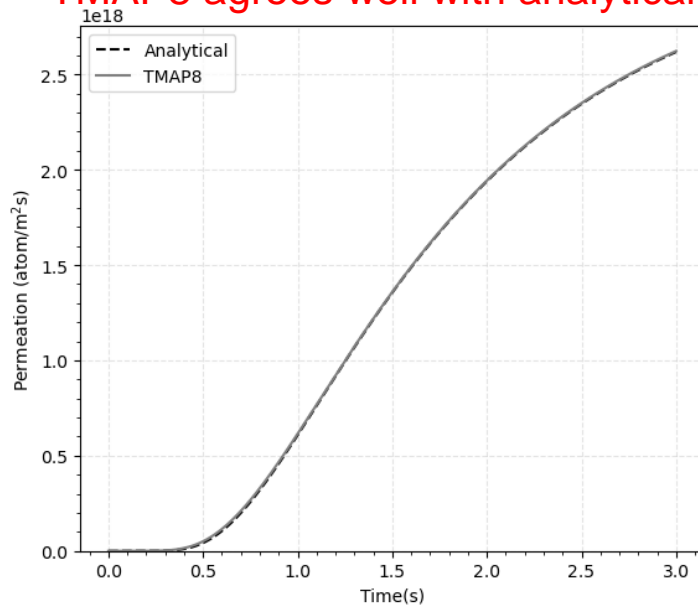
- It models permeation through a membrane with a constant source in which traps are operative.
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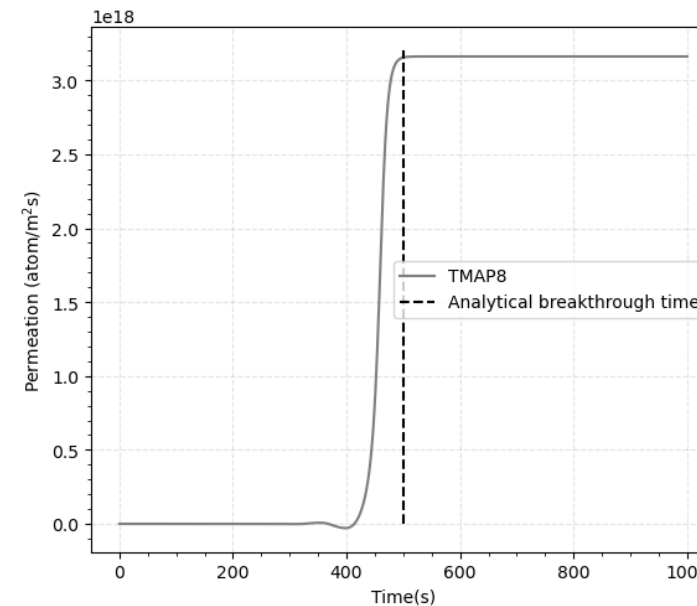
$\lambda$ = lattice parameter	$\epsilon$ = trap energy
$\nu$ = Debye frequency ( $\approx 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )	$k$ = Boltzmann's constant
$\rho$ = trapping site fraction	$T$ = temperature
$D_0$ = diffusivity pre-exponential	$c$ = dissolved gas atom fraction
$E_d$ = diffusion activation energy	

TMAP8 agrees well with analytical



$$\zeta = 91.47 c/\rho$$

1D



$$\zeta = 1.0045 c/\rho$$

1D

Diffusion-limited in effective diffusivity regime,  $\zeta \gg c/\rho$ ,

Trap-limited in deep-trapping regime,  $\zeta \approx c/\rho$ ,

Reference:

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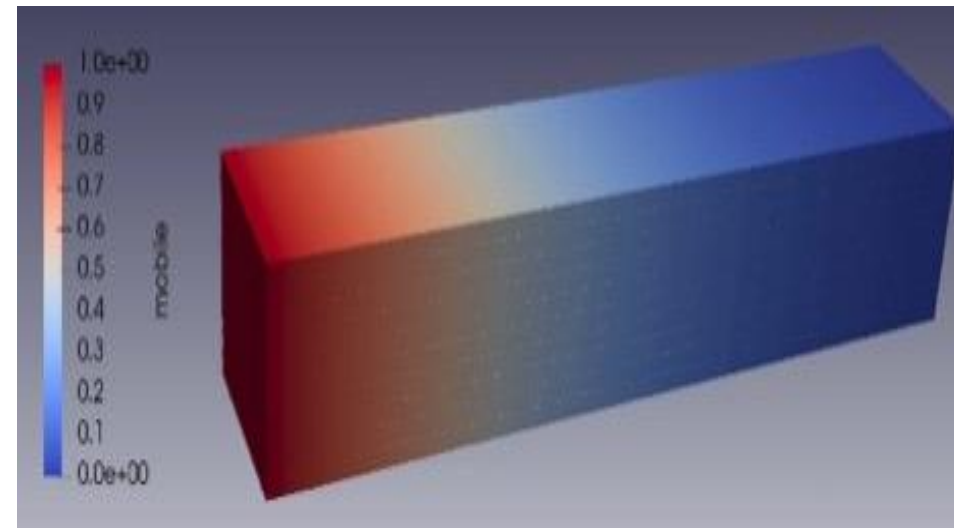
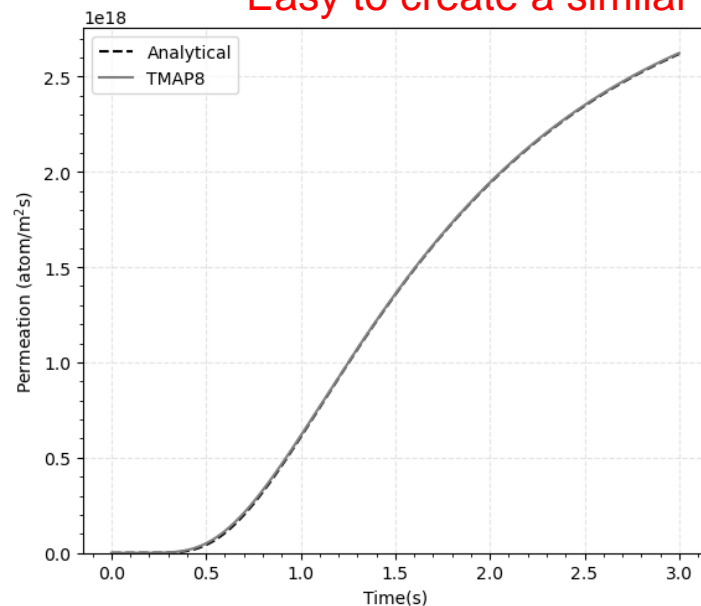
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Easy to create a similar 3D model from 1D model in MOOSE

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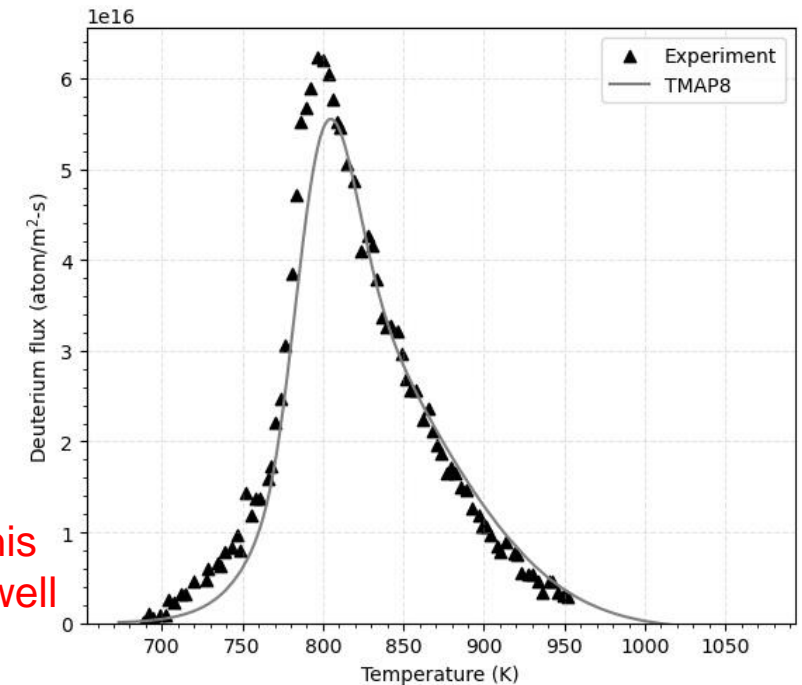
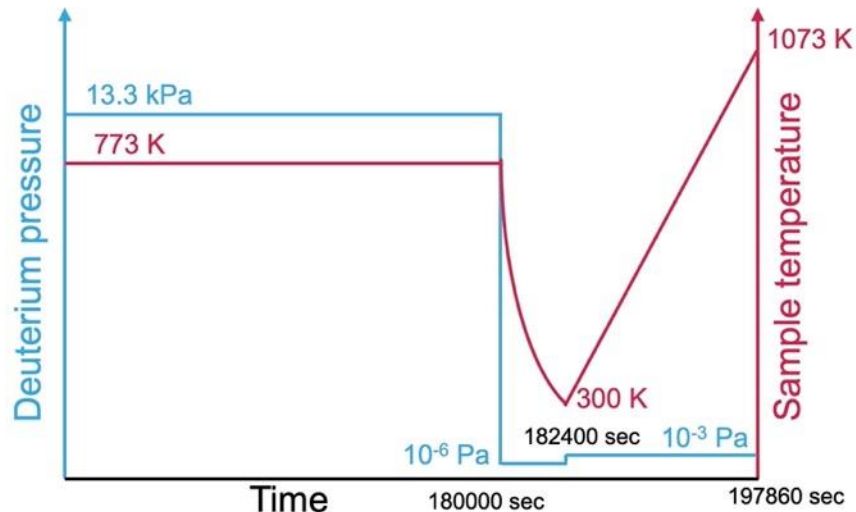
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# TMAP8: FY2018-2023 accomplishments: validation

- Validation example: Val-2b “Diffusion Experiment in Beryllium”

- It models thermal absorption and desorption experiments, as well as implantation experiments, on wafers of polished beryllium.
- D<sub>2</sub> absorption experiment:
  - 0.4 mm thick beryllium sample (surface area: 104 mm<sup>2</sup>)
  - Exposed to 13.3 kPa of deuterium at 773 K for 50 hours, and
  - Quickly cooled at 10<sup>-6</sup> Pa with a time constant of 45 minutes
- Thermal desorption experiment:
  - From ambient (300 K) to 1073 K at the rate of 3 K/min.



TMAP8 reproduces this diffusion experiment well

## Reference:

R.G. Macaulay-Newcombe, et al., “Thermal adsorption and desorption of deuterium in beryllium and beryllium oxide”, J. Nucl. Mater. 191-194 (1992) 263.

TMAP8 V&V val-2b, <https://mooseframework.inl.gov/TMAP8/verification/val-2b.html>