

Progress of JA-DEMO Divertor Conceptual Design: Coolant Distribution and Thermal Stress Analysis

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1. JA-DEMO power handling and divertor concept

Divertor performance was simulated by SONIC code: $f_{rad}^{*div} (=P_{rad}^{div}/P_{sep}) \sim 0.8$ is required.

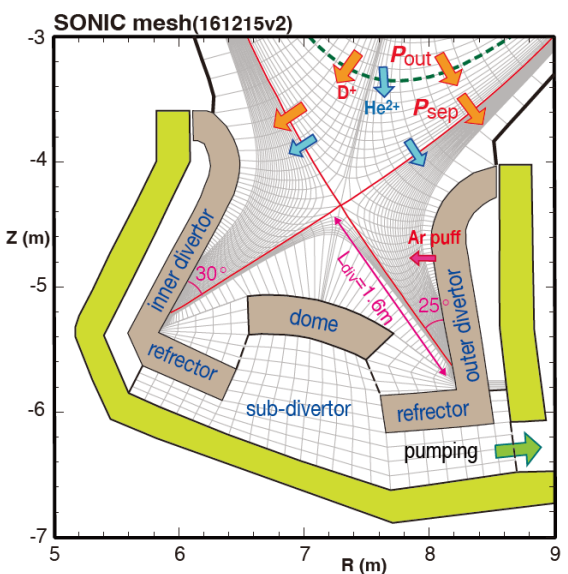
- **JA-DEMO (steady-state):** high plasma performance of $HH_{98y2} \sim 1.3$, $\beta_N \sim 3.4$ is required in Ar seeding for R_p/a_p (8.5/2.4m), B_t (6T), q_{eff} (4.1) $\Rightarrow f_{rad}^{main} = P_{rad}^{main}/P_{heat}$: 0.2-0.4 $\Rightarrow P_{sep} = 250-290$ MW

Conventional design concept based on ITER divertor is applied:

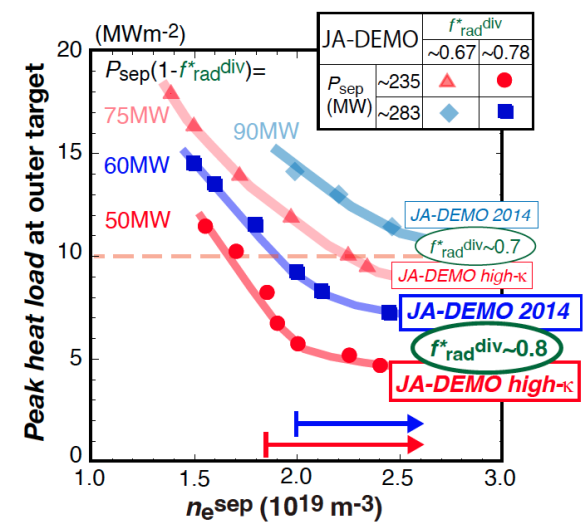
- Divertor encloses all divertor plasma volume for high P_{sep}/R design (30-35 MWm^{-1} : ~ 2 times larger)
- Leg length is extended: $L_{div} = 1.6$ m (1.6 times longer than ITER) \Rightarrow reducing peak $q_{target} = 5-7$ MWm^{-2}

Parameters	DEMO 2014	higher- κ
κ_{95}	1.65	1.75
I_p (MA)	12.3	13.5
$\langle n_e \rangle$ ($10^{19} m^{-3}$)	6.6	7.2
P_{fusion} (MW)	1462	1694
$P_{\alpha} + P_{aux}$ (P_{heat} , MW)	376	435
n_{imp}/n_e (Ar, %)	0.24	0.60
P_{rad}^{main}/P_{heat}	0.22	0.41
P_{sep} (MW)	294	258
P_{sep}/R_p (MWm^{-1})	35	30

Divertor geometry for SONIC simulation



$f_{rad}^{*div} \sim 0.8$ preferable to low n_e^{mid}



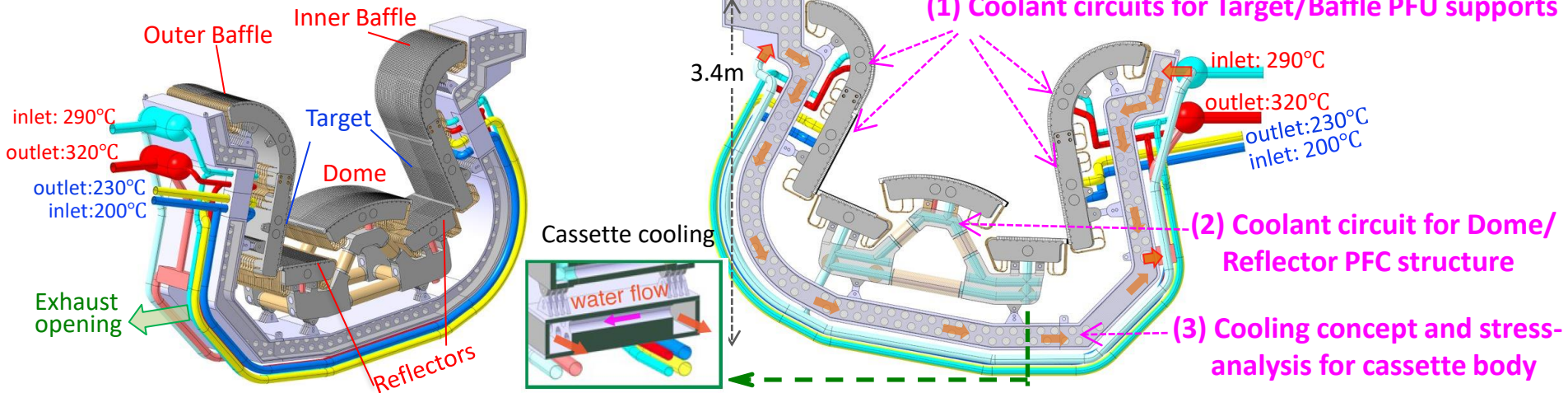
[1] Asakura, et al. Nucl. Fusion 57 (2017) 126050.

[2] Asakura, et al., Nucl. Mater. Energy 26 (2021) 100864

JA-DEMO divertor design has been developed to handle the larger heat load and larger neutron load (nuclear heating) & fluence (dose) than ITER

- W-MB & CuCrZr-pipe PFU and 200°C coolant are used to high heat load & low neutron flux (<2dpa/FPY) area (target) ⇒ replacement is required 1-2 year: degradation of CuCrZr mechanical property (softening).
- 290°C (15 MPa) coolant is used for baffles, reflectors, dome and cassette body (CB), where W-MB & F82H-pipe PFU is installed due to higher neutron flux and lower heat load condition.
- Coolant is distributed parallel to inner and outer targets (baffles) with comparable flow velocity.
- Remote maintenance (RM): one cassette covers 7.5° toroidal area and weight is ~22 ton. ⇒ 3 cassettes are replaced from 1 port (total 48 cassettes from 16 ports)
- Total nuclear heating (PFUs, coolant pipes, supports, cassette bodies): 113 MW (2.4 MW/cassette).

Divertor design in progress (2022)



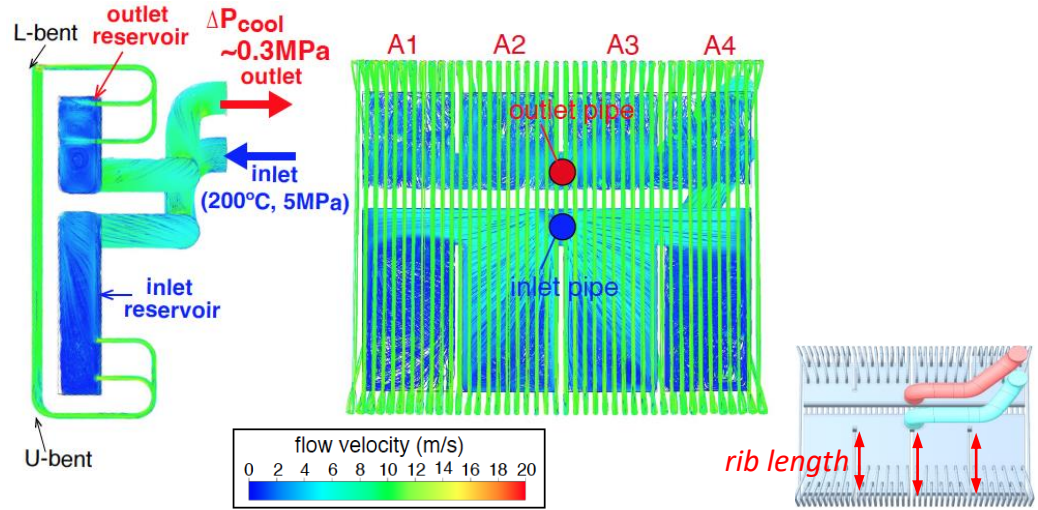


2. Coolant circuit design for PFUs in targets, baffles and dome

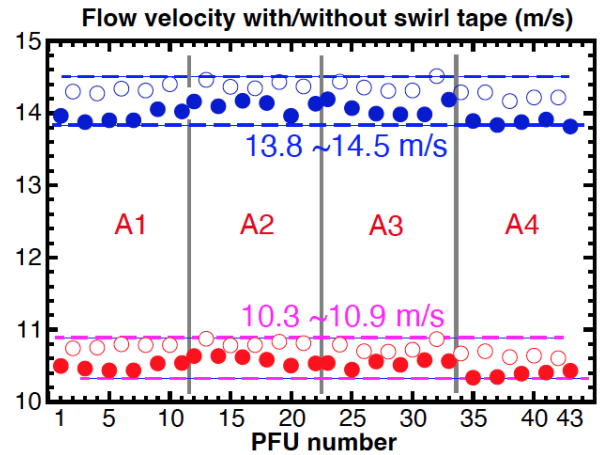
Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD) study for CAD-based design was carried out

- Coolant (200°C, 5MPa) is provided to inlet reservoir of outer target support (W-MB/CuCrZr-pipe PFU): divided into 4 rooms (A1-A4) by 3 support ribs, 43 PFU pipes are connected to the bottom.
- $V_{cool} \sim 10$ m/s and inserting swirl tape are required to exhaust 10 MWm⁻²-level heat load.
- Flow velocities (V_{cool}) in 43 pipes *without swirl tape* are adjusted by inlet mass flow and rib lengths: V_{cool} : 10.3-10.9 m/s, pressure drop(ΔP_{cool}): 0.3 MPa for total mass flow: 44 kg/s.
note: V_{cool} and ΔP_{cool} are increased *with inserting t1 swirl tape* to 13.8-14.5 m/s and 0.95 MPa, respectively.

Coolant distribution and Flow stream w/o swirl tape



Flow velocity in CuCrZr pipe (w/wo swirl tape): Variation of V_{cool} is smaller than 5%-6%



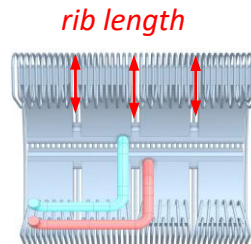
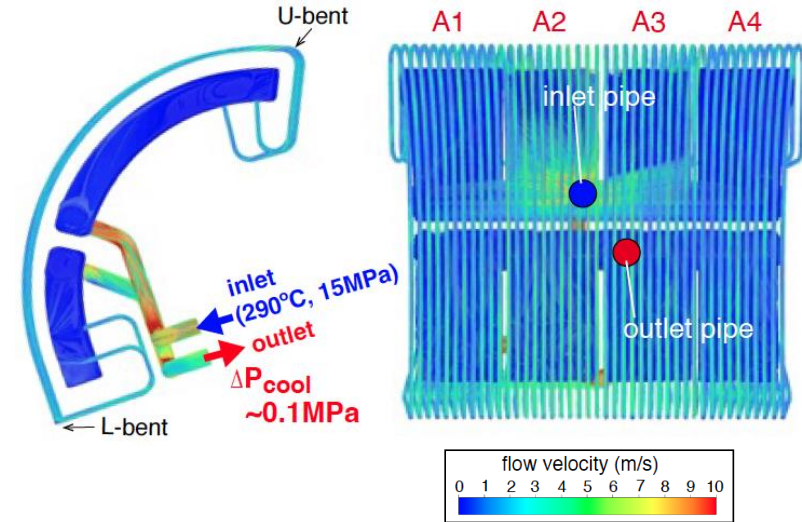


Coolant distribution to W-MB/F82H-pipe PFUs for *outer Baffle* -6-

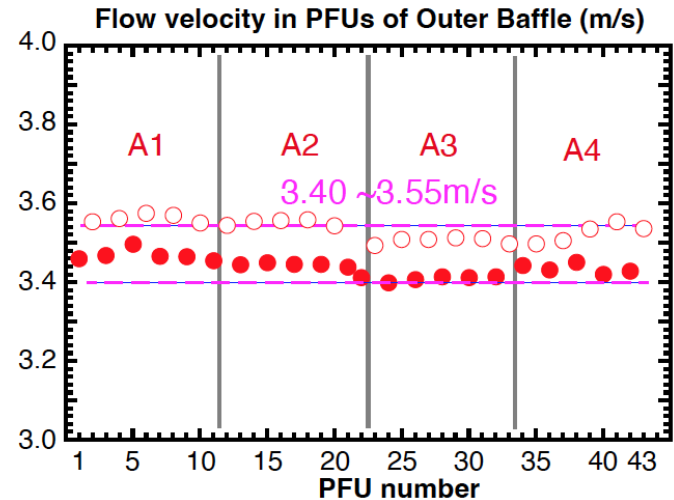
V_{cool} of high-T coolant is adjusted to reach T_{cool} from Breeding Blanket for elec.-generation

- **Coolant (290°C, 15MPa)** is provided to inlet reservoir of outer baffle support: similarly divided into 4 rooms (A1-A4) by 3 support ribs.
- Nuclear heat on W is larger (5-9MWm⁻³), but smaller plasma heat load: 1-2 MWm⁻²(assuming P_{rad}).
Note: outlet coolant ($T_{cool} \sim 320^\circ\text{C}$) will be used for electricity-generation (steam-turbine) via heat exchanger.
- V_{cool} values of 43 PFUs are adjusted between 3.4-3.55 m/s by *inlet mass flow and rib lengths*, and ΔP_{cool} is small (0.1MPa) for the total mass flow: 10.7 kg/s.

Coolant distribution and Flow stream



Flow velocity in F82H pipe: Variation of V_{cool} is **smaller than 4.3%**



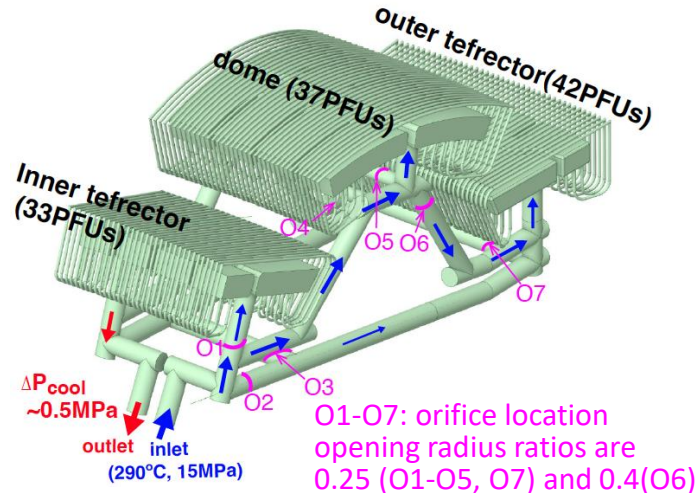


Coolant circuit design for Dome and Reflector structure

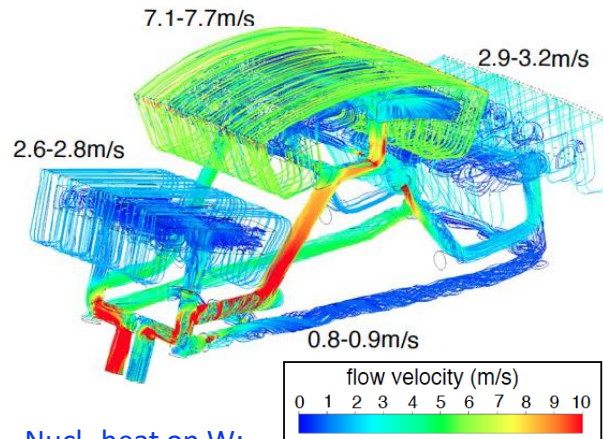
Parallel to inner ref. (33 PFUs), dome (37 PFUs), outer ref. (42 PFUs) and support structures

- **Main coolant (290°C, 15MPa) pipes** are provided under inner reflector to avoid gas exhaust route.
- **n-heat (W)** is large at Dome (7-10MWm⁻³), while **plasma heat load** is 1-2 MWm⁻² (P_{plasma} & P_{rad} from SONIC).
- **Mass flow in the main circuit** is adjusted by orifices (O1-O7): (IR) 5 kg/s, (D) 16 kg/s, (OR) 8 kg/s.
 V_{cool} : (IR) 2.74 m/s, (D) 7.28 m/s, (OR) 3.07 m/s [$\Delta V < 6\%$]: Inlet/outlet pipes are located at other sides, and relatively low $\Delta P_{\text{cool}} \sim 0.5$ MPa for the total mass flow: ~ 33 kg/s incl. dome support cooling.
 $\Rightarrow V_{\text{cool}}$, mass flow and ΔT_{cool} will be optimized after determining the dome support design.

Coolant circuit in Dome and Reflectors

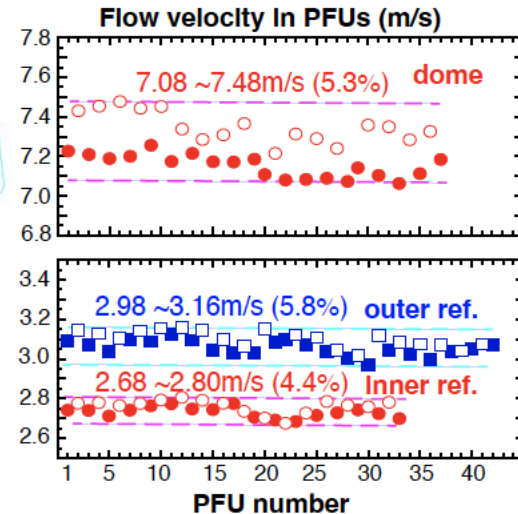


Velocity streamlines



Nucl.-heat on W:
 Dome (7-10MWm⁻³), Ref.(5-6MWm⁻³)

Flow velocities in FPU's



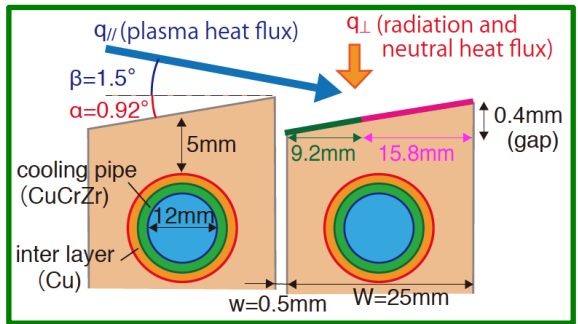


3. Heat & stress analysis of W-MB and CuCrZr-pipe target

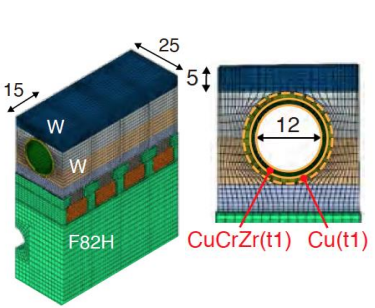
Temperature is increased at wet-area on fish-scale target: reducing margin to W-recrystallization

- Relatively high- T_{cool} (200°C) is provided to W&CuCrZr PFU for minimizing rad.-ind. hardening on Cu-alloy under high n-dose \Leftrightarrow Rad.-ind. softening is also anticipated at high- T_{CuCrZr} (>300°C).
 - Heat load profile (plasma+radiation/neutrals) is applied on ITER-like (fish-scale) target: increasing heat load on wet area ($q^{wet} = q_{||} + q_{\perp}$). Nuclear heat $\sim 4MWm^{-3}$ is also added $\sim 4MWm^{-3}$. \Rightarrow 3D FEM calculation of heat transport and thermal stress.
 - Steady-state heat load is restricted below $q_{target} = 9.4 MWm^{-2}$ on flat target ($q^{wet} = 13.5MWm^{-2}$) by W-recrystallization (>1200°C) \Rightarrow Irradiation-creep/softening of CuCrZr is also anticipated at 351°C.
- Note: SONIC simulation[2] expects peak- $q_{target} = 5-7 MWm^{-3}$ on flat target $\Rightarrow q^{wet} < 10 MWm^{-2}$

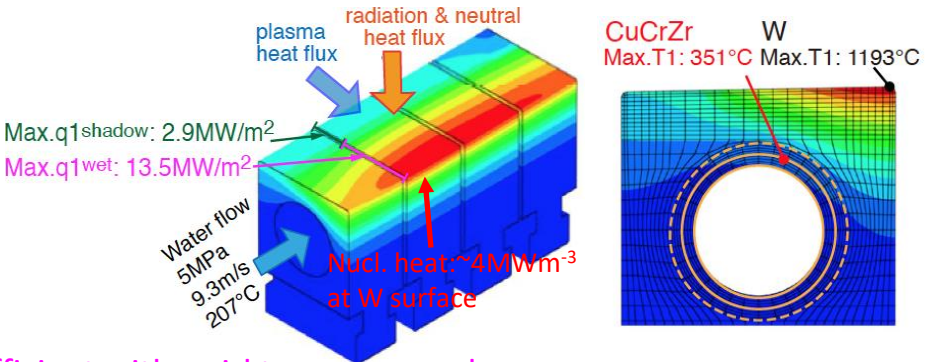
ITER-like W-monoblock /CuCrZr-pipe: smaller thickness (5mm) and width (25mm)



4-MB model & mesh for 3D FEM analysis



Temperature on MB-surface and cross-section



Note: heat transfer coefficient with swirl tape was used.

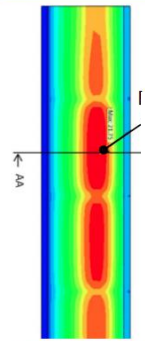
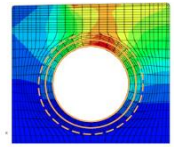
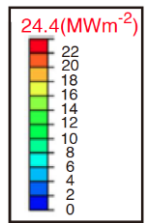


Elasto-plastic stress analysis on W-MB and CuCrZr-pipe

Repeating larger heat load cycles of $q_{target} = 11.2 \text{ MWm}^{-2}$ on flat target ($q^{wet} = 15.2 \text{ MWm}^{-2}$)

- Max. Temp. increased to **W:1400°C** (recrystallization) and to **CuCrZr:365°C** (creep/softening). **Heat flux to coolant is increased** from 18 MWm^{-2} (CHF ratio: 64%) to 22 MWm^{-2} (79%).
- Stress-strain was evaluated, considering residual stress-strain after braze process (950°C).
- Large stress of **W-MB** and **CuCrZr-pipe** appears **at inner surface under W-MBs**, and **at upper (inner surface) under W-MBs and side (outer surface) between W-MBs**.

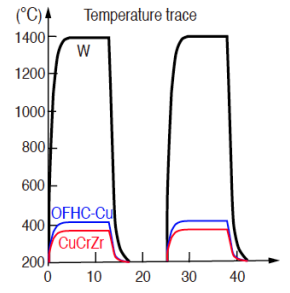
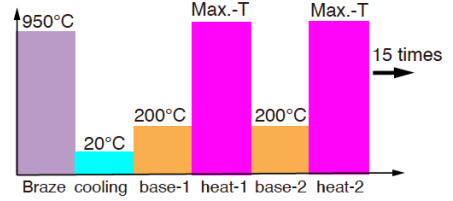
High heat flux in MB and at inner CuCrZr pipe



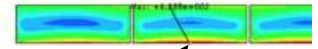
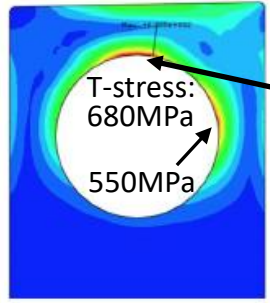
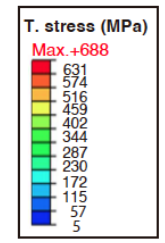
Max. q : 21.8 MWm^{-2}
CHF: 28 MWm^{-2}

inner surface (CuCrZr)

Temperature and heat load history for stress-analysis



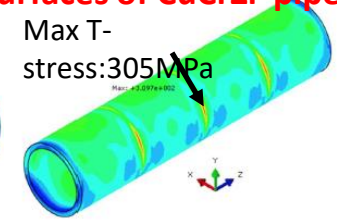
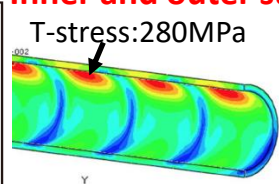
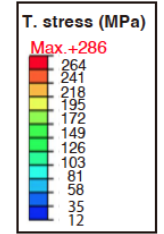
During heat loading: max. Tresca stress on W:680MPa



X(left): -50 ↔ +550MPa
Z(axis): -100 ↔ +400Pa



Inner and outer surfaces of CuCrZr-pipe

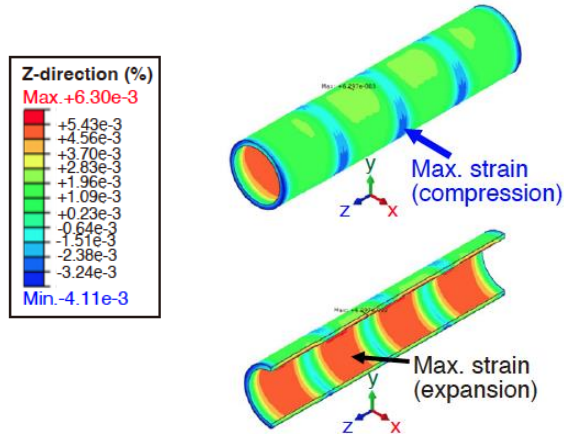


Stress-Strain cycle of heat sink for *small* transient heat load

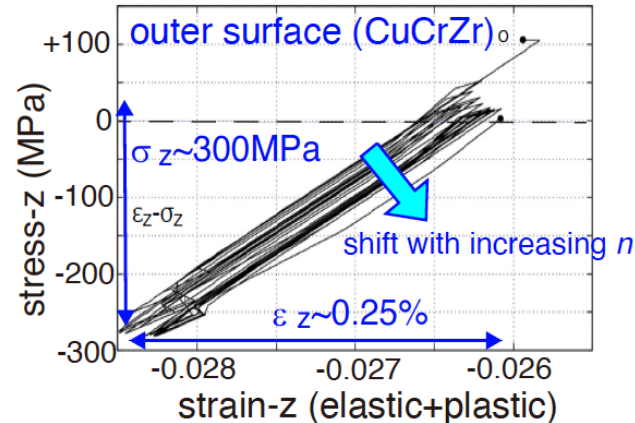


- Mechanical strain is increased at inner (expansion) and outer (compression) of CuCrZr pipe:
 - at maximum Tresca-stress, Stress (σ_z)-Strain (ϵ_z) trace in Z-direction repeats similar trajectory
 - \Rightarrow Stress-Strain cycle ($\Delta\sigma_z \sim 300\text{MPa}$, $\Delta\epsilon_z \sim 0.25\%$) by $q_{\text{target}} > 10\text{MWm}^{-2}$ on flat target ($q^{\text{wet}} = 15.2\text{MWm}^{-2}$) may not be a critical lifetime issue in early DEMO stage, while W-recrystallization is progressing.
 - \Rightarrow Reduction in T_{cool} is necessary to handle slow transients such as 20MWm^{-2} ($\sim 10\text{ s}$).

Strains (z-direct.) in CuCrZr pipe



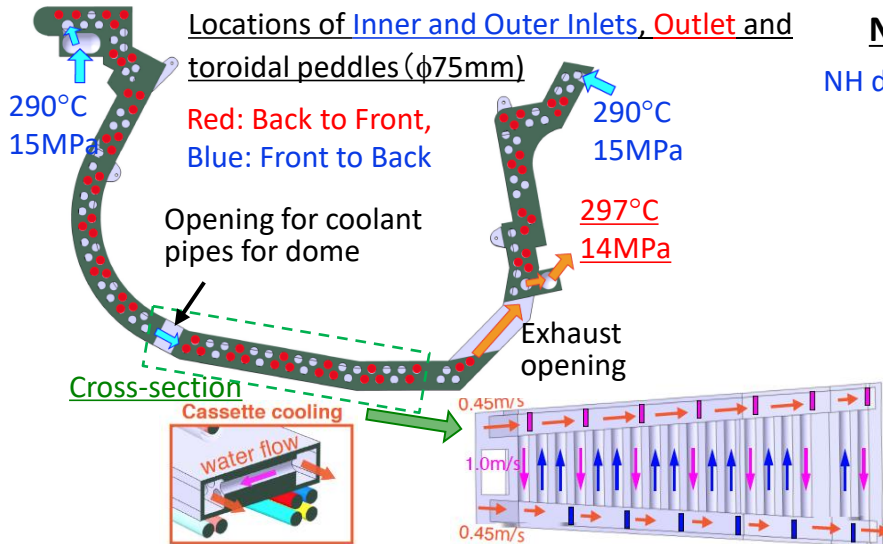
Stress-Strain trace (z-direction)



4. Cooling concept and stress analysis for divertor cassette

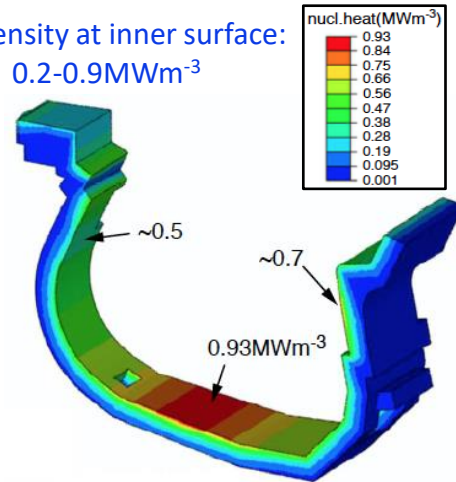
Design proposal of PWR coolant (290°C, 15MPa) from side routes to toroidal peddles

- RAFM steel (F82H) is used for cassette body (CB). PWR condition water (15 MPa, 290 °C) is supplied.
- ITER: lower temperature water (70-100°C, 4MPa) is supplied to reservoir separated by ribs (SS316L(N)-IG).
 ⇒ reinforcing rib & wall thickness and neutron shield as well as exhausting larger nuclear heat
- Requirement of heat exhaust: 0.58 MW/cassette (totally 28 MW for 48 cassettes)
- Assuming V_{cool} : 0.45m/s (in two side routes) and 1.0m/s (in peddles) ⇒ expecting $\Delta T_{cool} \sim 9^\circ\text{C}$
 ⇒ Sufficient heat exhaust from high nucl. heat area: inner surface below dome (305-330°C), and opening edge regions for coolant pipes and gas exhaust (ΔT is lower than 110°C).

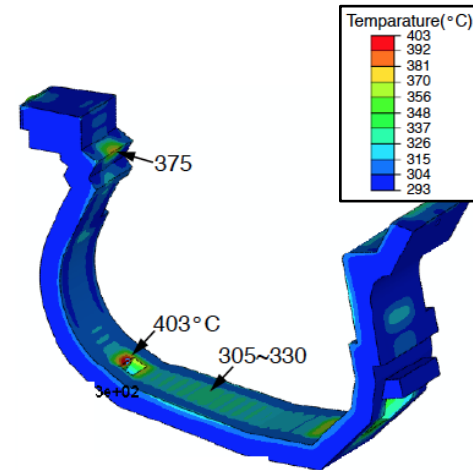


Nuclear heat distribution

NH density at inner surface:
0.2-0.9MWm⁻³



Surface temperature distribution





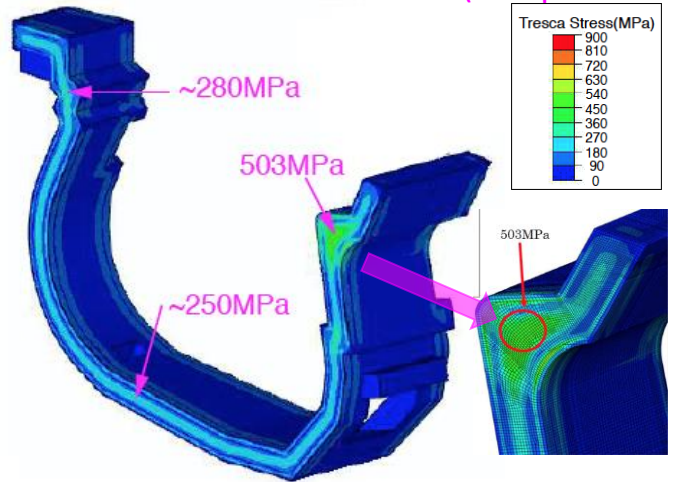
Analysis of heat transport (steady-state) and thermal stress

Total stress is below the critical value, while enforcing side-walls are required.

- Static stress on the side wall (t30mm) by 15 MPa coolant is widely increased to 250-280 MPa. Max. ~500MPa appears *locally at wide and bend region* ⇒ **require to increase the thickness.**
- Thermal stress analysis with 290°C (15MPa) coolant and n-heat (~0.9MW/cassette) showed: Thermal stress is increased *at the inner surface (60-155 MPa)*, and *at support foot locations of PFUs and exhaust opening (190-230 MPa)*.
⇒ Total stress: “gravity”+“pressurized water”+“thermal stress” less than 3Sm (423MPa)

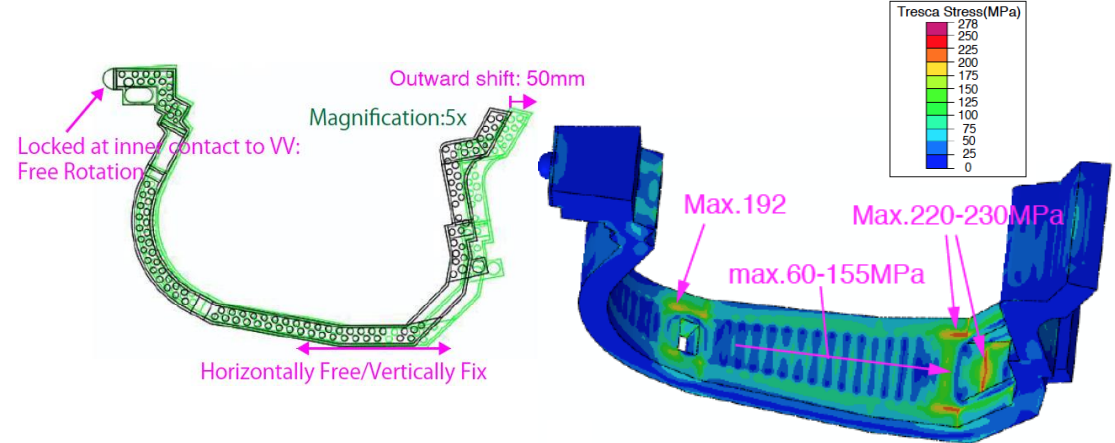
Static stress by 15MPa pressurized water (25°C)

Stress at side wall: 200-280MPa (except for wide region)



Thermal expansion and stress under NH and PWR water

Note: weight of PFCs on the support structures is considered.



Peddle concept is investigated with adjusting Fin size and location (grouping)

- Toroidal peddle concept was investigated by CFD analysis:

- Peddle grouping (3) and Slit locations (~20 for each side) were determined:

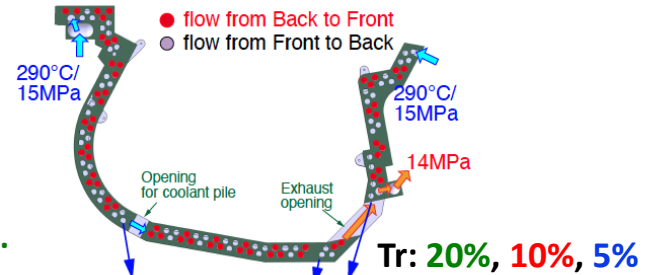
V_{cool} variation is decreased, but ΔP_{cool} is increased with decreasing grouping number such as 2.

- Fin transparency (Tr: 0-50%) was determined to ~10% for a given mass flow rate: 17kg/s (inboard route) and 13kg/s (outboard route):

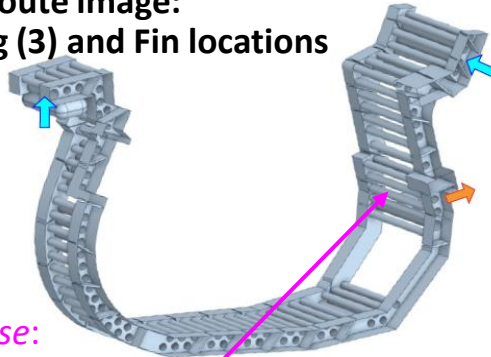
Ave. $V_{cool} \sim 0.9\text{m/s}$, $\Delta V/V_{cool} \sim 66\%$, total outlet $\Delta p_{cool} \sim 1\text{MPa}$.

- Optimizations such as reducing ΔV_{cool} , total mass flow rate, and series circuit (from 1-inlet to 1-outlet) are in progress.

- Heat transport and thermal stress analysis will be carried out.

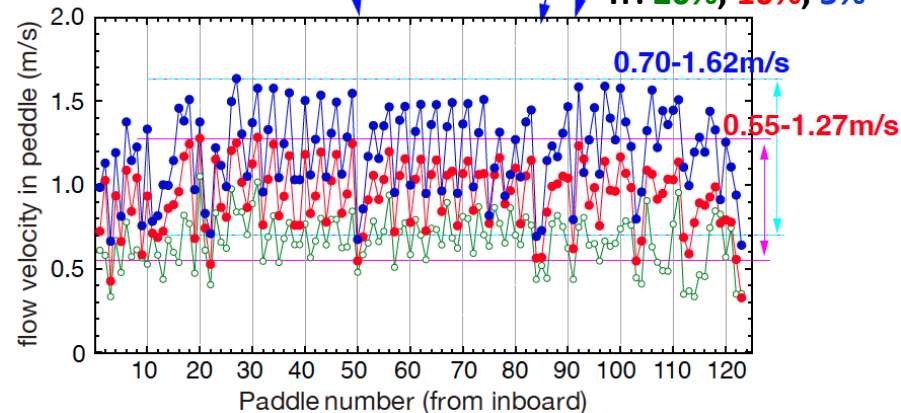


Coolant route image:
Peddle grouping (3) and Fin locations



2-inlets and 1-outlet case:

V_{cool} adjustment is easier near Exhausting opening.



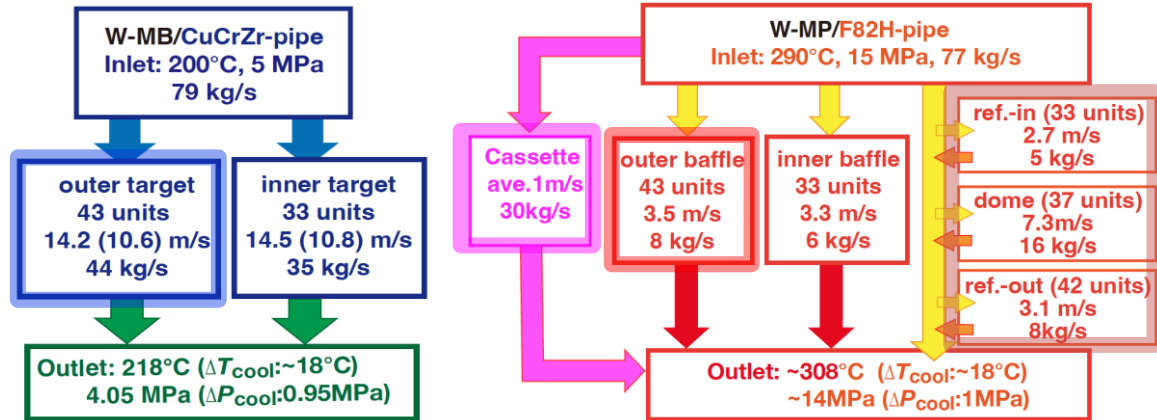
- Design concept of JA-DEMO divertor has been developed for **Total plasma power** ($P_{sep} - P_{rad}^{sol} = 270\text{MW}, 5.6\text{MW/cassette}$) and **Total nuclear heating of 113 MW (2.4 MW/cassette)**.
- Circuit design of **200°C coolant (5MPa)** for high heat load targets (W-MB & CuCrZr-pipe) and **290°C coolant (15MPa)** for high neutron-load PFUs (W-MB & F82H-pipe) and **Cassette Body** started.
- Parallel distributions for inner and outer targets/baffles, and Parallel circuit to dome, reflectors and support structure were investigated to avoid faster flow speed in the inboard PFUs.
- **Peddle and fin cooling concept for CB** was investigated to exhaust large n-heating and to reinforce rib&wall thickness and n-shield \Rightarrow **improvement is in progress**
 \Rightarrow **thermal and stress analysis on 3D modeling.**

Coolant circuits for JA-DEMO and tentative parameters

Note: Total mass flow of 290°C coolant will be reduced, providing enough margin to $T_{structure}$ (F82H) limit.

But, increasing to $T_{cool} \sim 320^\circ\text{C}$ (Bleeding Blanket-level) is a critical

\Rightarrow Divertor coolant will be used for pre-heat of the PWR coolant



- Heat removal of W-MB & CuCrZr-pipe PFU by 200°C coolant with adding nuclear heating: Heat transport analysis *for fish-scale geometry* showed that *steady-state heat load* is restricted (by *W-recrystallization*) below 9.4 MWm⁻² on flat target ($q^{\text{wet}} = 13.5 \text{ MWm}^{-2}$ on fish-scale). In addition, irradiation-creep/softening of CuCrZr-pipe is also anticipated at 351°C.
- Elasto-plastic stress analysis showed that Stress-Strain cycle by $q_{\text{target}} > 10 \text{ MWm}^{-2}$ on flat target (*small transient heat load*), $\Delta\varepsilon \sim 0.25\%$ may not be a critical lifetime issue, but **reduction in T_{cool} is necessary to handle ITER-like slow transients such as 20MWm⁻² (~10 s).**

Future work on baseline design and options:

- Thermal stress analysis of this baseline concept is established for further design improvement.
- **Divertor cooling for F82H-base design (baffle, dome, cassette) by lower T_{cool} and P_{cool} coolant (such as 200°C, 5MPa) will simplify pressure boundary, temp. margin and cooling pipe number.**
- **Reduction in T_{cool} (lower than 200°C) and improvement for W-MB&CuCrZr-pipe design will be necessary to handle ITER-like slow transients such as 20 MWm⁻² (~10 s).**



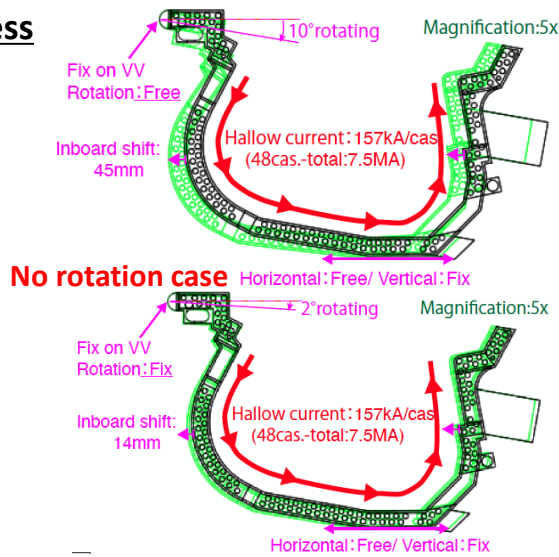
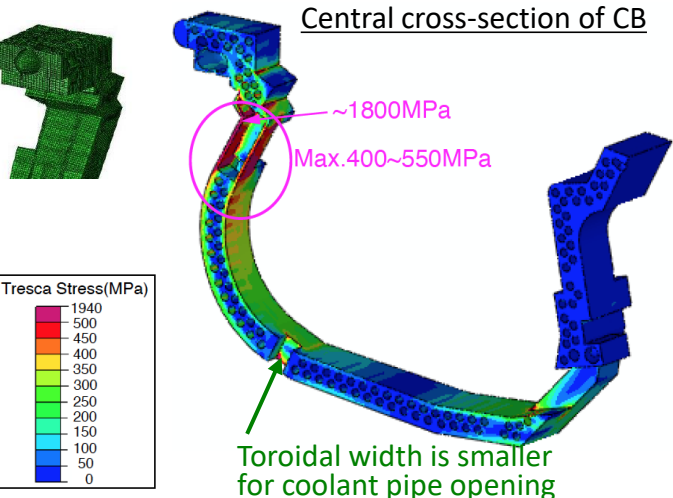
Stress analysis induced by halo currents during a VDE disruption

Induced EM force by halo current may cause large stress on **cutting structure of CB**

Assuming total hallow current (7.5MA) is driven from inboard to outboard in CB by VDE disruption, induced jxB electro-magnetic force and transient stress is evaluated:

- **“Spherical shape” design of inboard attachment: it is easy for precise adjustment in RM.**
Large inboard shift (max. 45mm) due to rotating motion by the jxB force \Rightarrow Local Trasca stress is increased to 400-550MPa, due to narrow cassette (toroidal) width at coolant pipe slits
- **“Key shape” (no rotation) will be preferable \Rightarrow Max. T-stress is reduced to 200-300MPa.**

Spherical attachment: displacement and Stress



Assuming Key attachment (no rotation): Stress is increased near attachment location

