

# **Preliminary considerations on the basis of engineering and technology of divertor design for CFETR**

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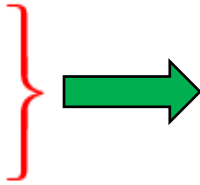
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# Introduction

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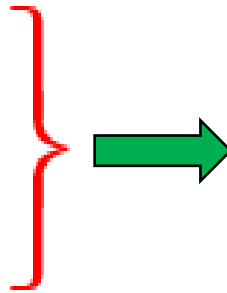
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**Whichever case, need  
Divertor Configuration**

D-T burning  
plasmas

Steady state  
operation

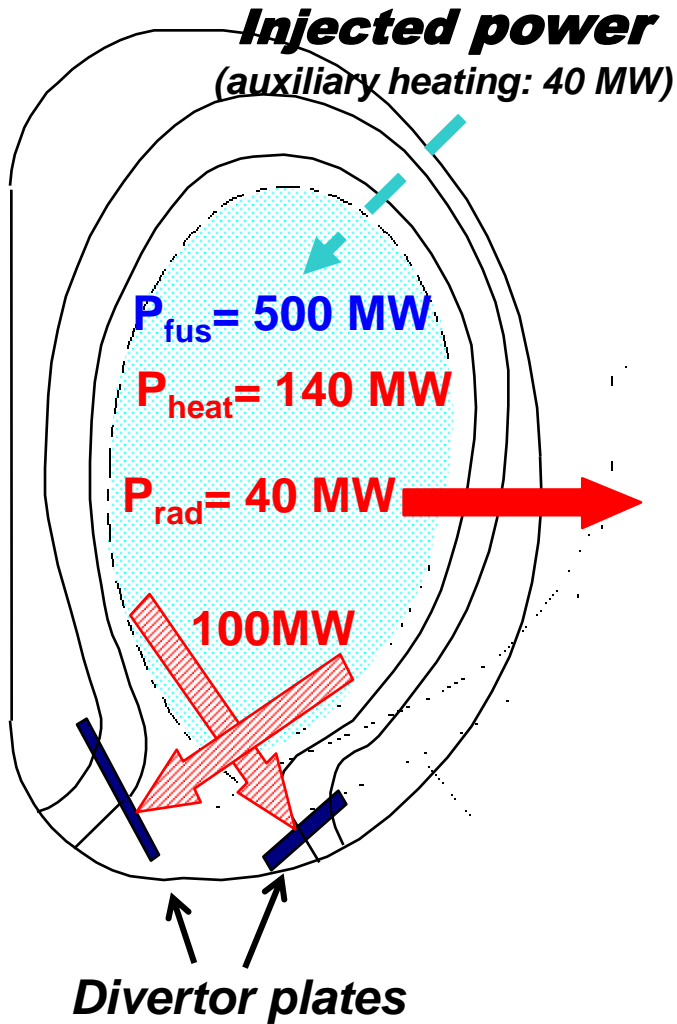


**Challenges for Divertor design**

## **Main Functions of Divertor:**

- Exhaust the major part of the plasma thermal power
- Minimize the influx of impurities to the plasma
- Remove the fusion reaction helium ash and unburnt fuel.

# The power exhaust (ITER as example)



Fusion power	500 MW
$\alpha$ -heating + auxiliary heating	140MW
Loss: Bremstrahlung+ Synchrotron Radiation	40MW
Power load without additional radiation:	100MW
Wetted area: $2*U*$ width of strike zone ( $2 * 40 * 0.05$ )	$\sim 4.0 \text{ m}^2$
Power load	$\sim 25\text{MW}/\text{m}^2$
<b>above technical limit (<math>10 \text{ MW}/\text{m}^2</math>)</b>	

**Require divertor detachment to reduce heat load to  $< 10 \text{ MW}/\text{m}^2$**



# Divertor : Design criteria and design requirements

## General objectives and criteria are:

- (a) withstanding a peak heat flux of at least  $10\text{-}15\text{ MW/m}^2$ ,
- (b) A modular design instead of large plate structures is required to reduce the thermal stresses,
- (c) keeping the divertor operating temperature window at the lower boundary higher than the ductile–brittle transition temperature (DBTT) limit and at the upper boundary lower than the re-crystallization temperature (RCT) limit of the structural components made of refractory alloys under irradiation,
- (d) the divertor has to survive a certain number of thermal cycles (100–1000) between operating temperature and RT during operation.

## Design features have to be accounted for:

- (a) materials choices
- (b) transport of the cooling agent as closely as possible to the target plates in order to maintain the max. structure temperature as low as possible,
- (c) short heat conduction paths from the plasma-facing side to the cooled surface to maintain the maximum structure temperature below the RCT limit,
- (d) achieving high heat transfer coefficients while keeping the coolant mass flow rate,
- (e) joint constructions between the divertor components withstanding the thermocyclic loadings



# Divertor Design Basis

## ❑ The existing ITER divertor design and technology :

The ITER divertor is ready for procurement but it is an experimental component and the operational regimes that will allow its use without risk have to be demonstrated. But, Full W divertor design is not ready!

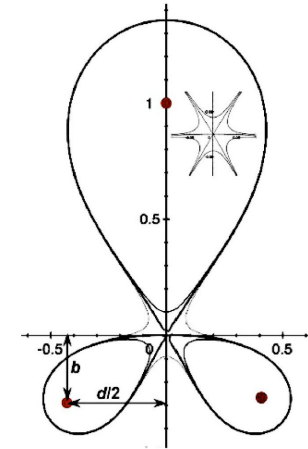
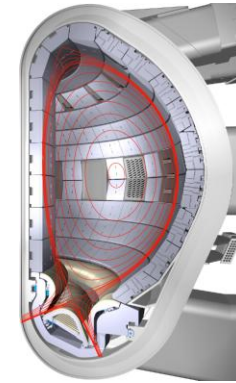
## ❑ Experiences and achievements from current as well as projected tokamaks:

**EAST, KSTAR, TORE-SUPRA, JT-60SA, JET, ASDEX-U, DIII-D and HL-2A.....**

## ❑ Development of new divertor concept for reactor:

- Snow-flake divertor to reduce peak heat load
- negative triangularity operation for divertor concept  
(recommendation from Prof. M. Kikuchi)

## ❑ Development of materials for PFM, structure



Snow-flake divertor

*D. D. Ryutov, PoP 14, 064502 2007*



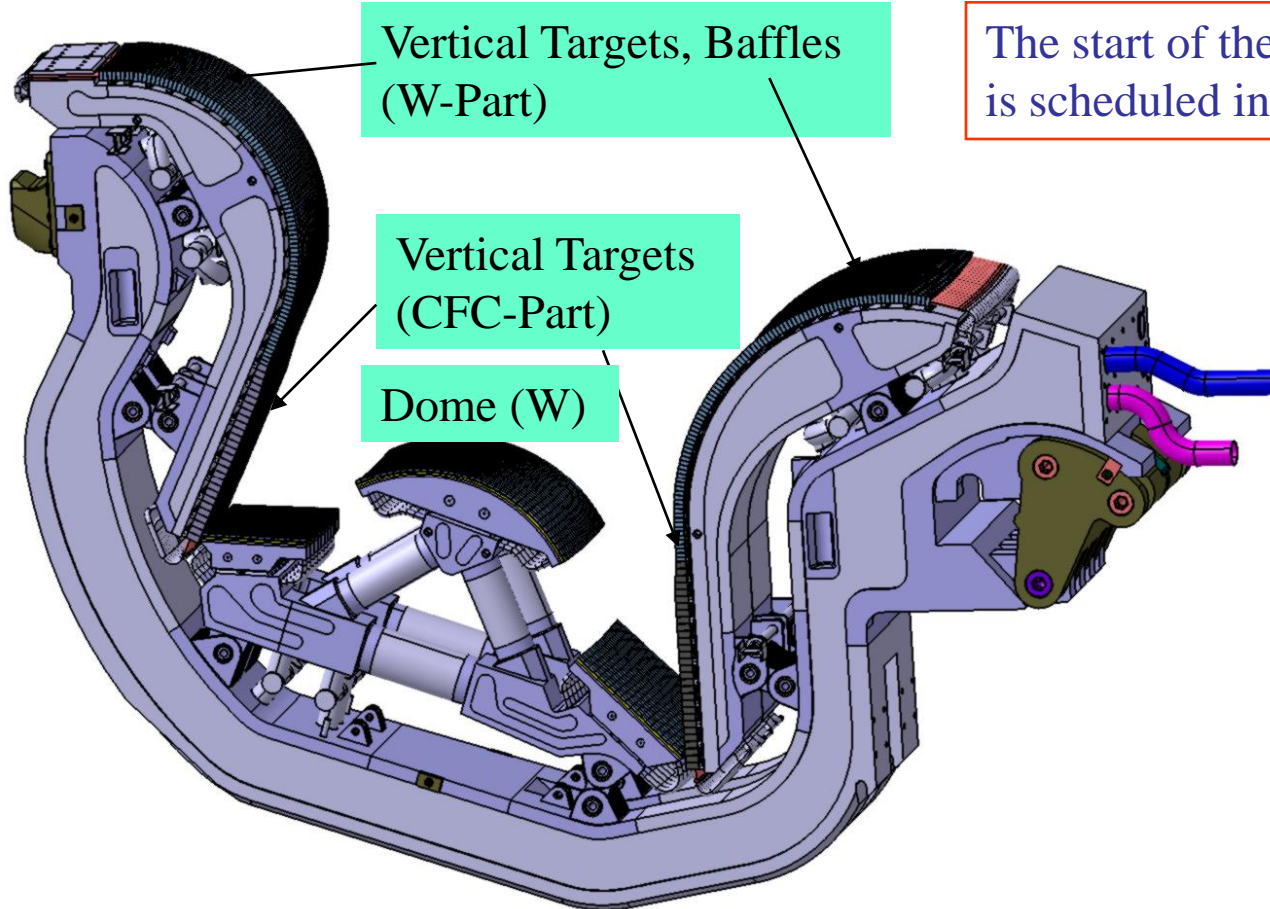
# Divertor System (ITER as example)

## Subsystems to Integrate in lower part of vacuum vessel:

- divertor cassettes with plasma facing components
- cooling system to exhaust plasma and neutronic heat deposition
- cryopumps to exhaust neutralized gas
- diagnostics to monitor plasma re-attachment
- Fuelling system to promote plasma detachment / mitigate re-attachment
- RH equipment to maintain components and maintenance operations

**System integration** : bring together all the component subsystems into one system ensuring that the subsystems function together as a system

# ITER Divertor



The start of the full W divertor is scheduled in June 2025

## Design parameters

**Total power 150 MW**

**Surface heat flux (MW/m<sup>2</sup>)**

**Steady state (400s, 3000 cycles, CFC/W: 10/ 5**

**Transient (10 s, 300 cycles) : 20**



# CFETR Divertor Design considerations

Based on the ITER divertor design and technology and EAST divertor update:

- **Optimize divertor configuration**
- **Adopt ITER-like vertical target structure**
- **Reduce peak heat load by partial detachment near the strike points**
- **DT requires a full W divertor** ( ITER Full W divertor design is not ready!)

## Technological Developments of Tungsten:

- Tungsten Coatings (low particle fluencies)
- Massive Tungsten (High particle fluencies , e.g. ITER,)

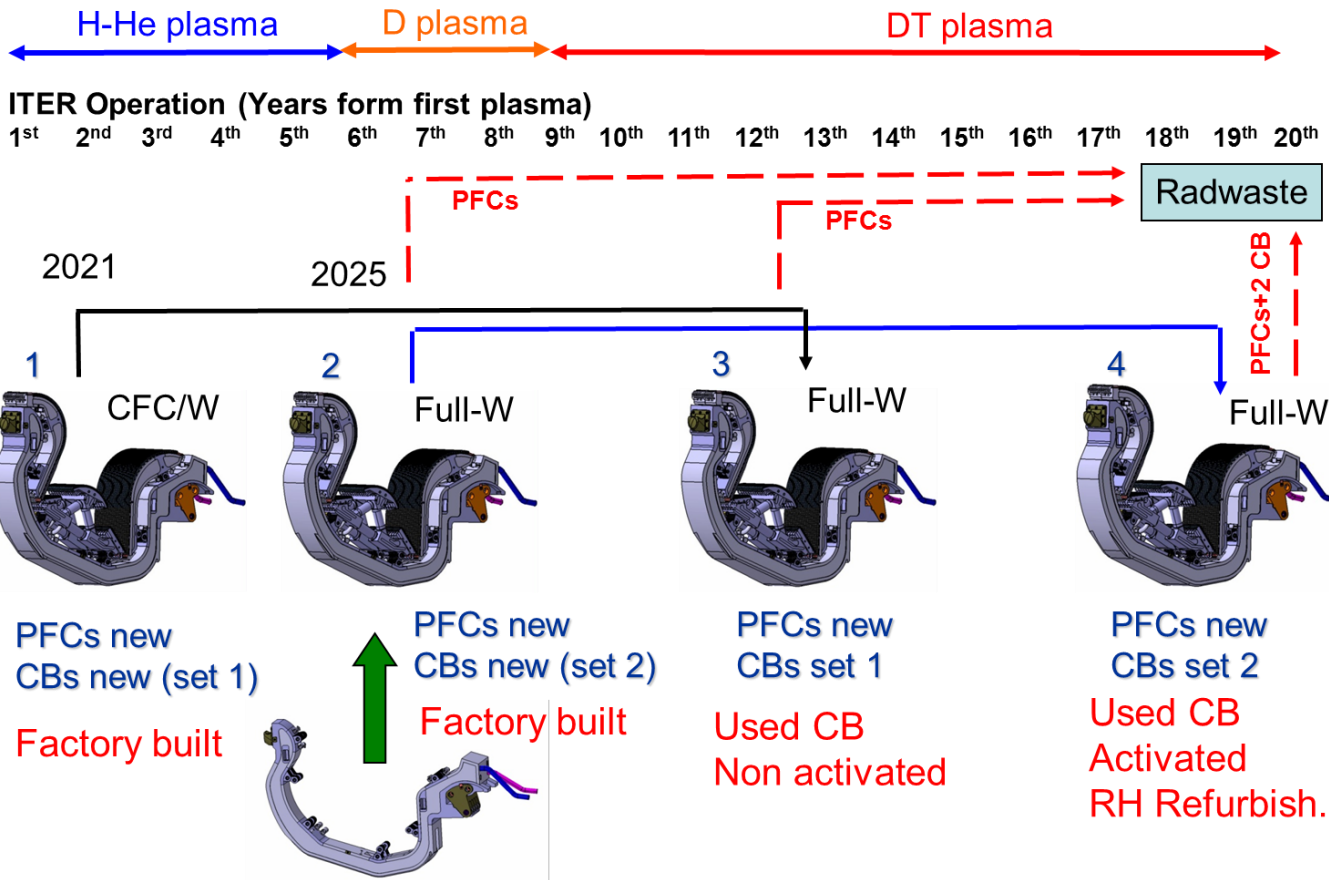


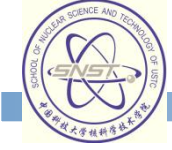


# ITER Set of the W divertor: Tentative Roadmap

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- **Physics R&D** → **Continuous process**
- **Technology R&D small-scale m/ups** → **end-2014**
- **Technology R&D semi-proto** → **2015 – 2016**
- **Irradiation** → **2016 – 2019**
  
- **Design decisions on the basis of the pre-Design phase** → **end-2014**
- **Development of 3D CAD models** → **mid-2015**
- **Design supporting analysis** → **early-2017**
- **Conceptual Design Review** → **mid-2017**
  
- **Final Design Review** → **July 2019**
- **Start procurement** → **November 2019**





# Set of the W divertor: Physics R&D

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There are a number aspects that are or could be potential issues for use of W in ITER

- Low density start-up/ramp-down and operation at low density and high power
- Achievement and control of divertor detachment with extrinsic seeding
- Level of core W concentration compatible with good confinement
- Compatibility of controlled ELM scenarios with W
- Damage due to unmitigated transients (ELMs and disruptions)
- Plasma operation on damaged surfaces
- Surface cracking following melting or repetitive, sub-threshold ELM loads
- Material property changes due to alloying with Be
- Surface morphology changes under exposure to mixed D/T/He fluxes
- Evaluation of W water-cooled PFC component performance under combined ITER-like ELM/disruption-like and steady-state loads
- Dust production (due to melt splashing, crack formation)



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The technology R&D required for the qualification of divertor VTs with a full-W armour, includes the following main sequential phases:

- **Technology R&D**
  - R&D and Manufacturing of small scale mock ups
  - High heat flux performance tests
  - R&D and Manufacturing of semi-prototypes
  - High heat flux performance tests
  
- **Performance assessment under neutron-irradiation conditions**
  - Manufacturing of small-scale mock-ups
  - Neutron irradiation of the mock-ups
  - Post-irradiation high heat flux performance tests



## Summary

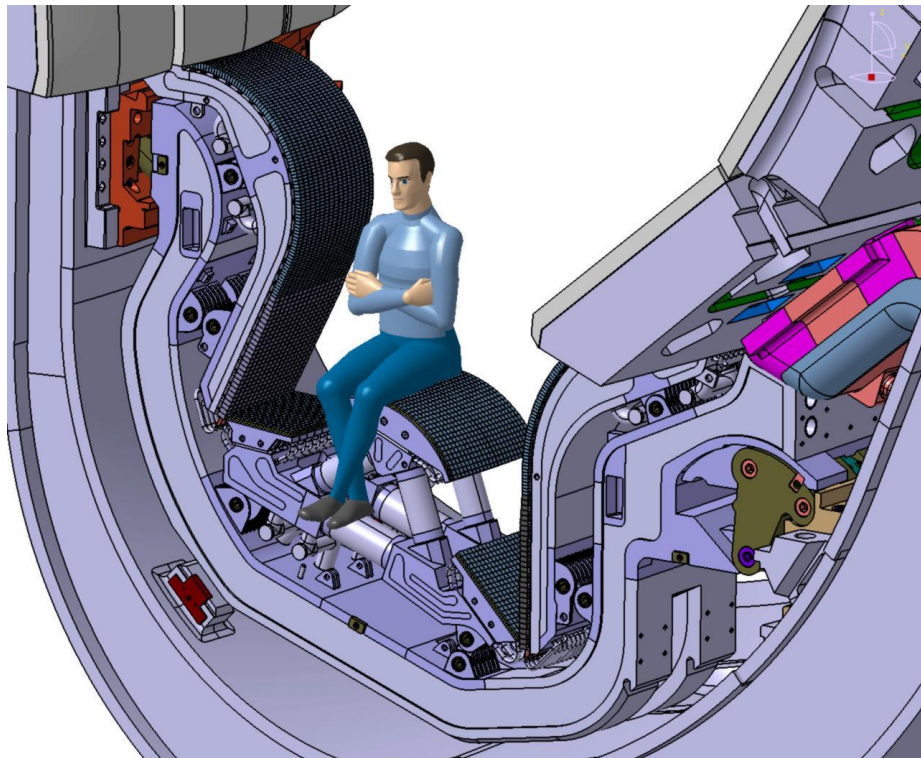
--- The concept design of the divertor system could be finished in three years by using of ITER design basis except for RH

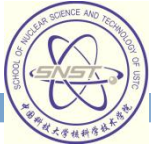
--- A very significant programme of RH will be needed for reactor, but can be defined only once reactor conceptual design is available

--- Technology R&D needs time, **more study for full W divertor,**

--- The development and optimization of the divertor concept require a close link between the main issues: design, analyses, materials and fabrication technology, and experiments.

**Thank you for your attention !**



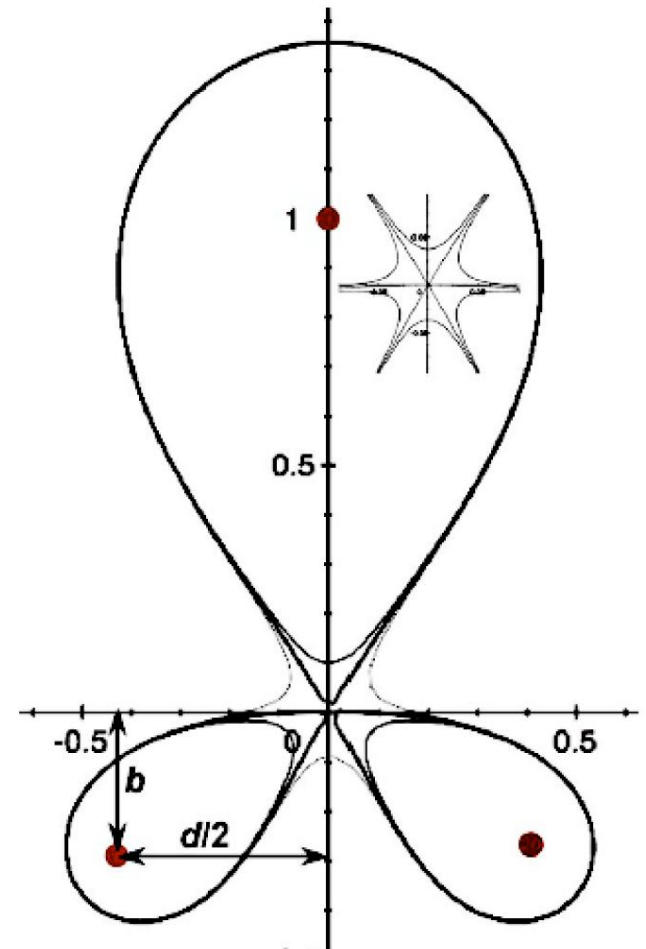


# Snow-flake divertor to reduce peak heat load

“SNOWFALKE”: USING SECOND-ORDER NULL OF POLOIDAL FIELD TO IMPROVE DIVERTOR PERFORMANCE

## Features of snowflake divertors

- Larger flux-expansion near the PF null
- Increased connection length
- Increased magnetic shear in the pedestal region (ELM suppression)
- Modified blob transport (stronger flux-tube squeezing near the null-point)
- Possibility to create this configuration with existing set of PF coils on the existing devices (TCV, NSTX, DIII-D....)
- Possibility to create “snowflake” in ITER-scale machines with PF coils situated outside TF coils



Armour	CFC / Tungsten
Compliant layer	Copper
Heat Sink	CuCrZr
Steel Structure	316L(N)-IG / XM-19
Links and bolts	A660
Pins	AlBr

→ See talk of V. Barabash