

ENGINEERING DESIGN AND TRANSIENT FLUID DYNAMIC SIMULATIONS OF THE SECOND GENERATION OF LOW DIMENSION COLD MODERATOR FOR THE EUROPEAN SPALLATION SOURCE ESS

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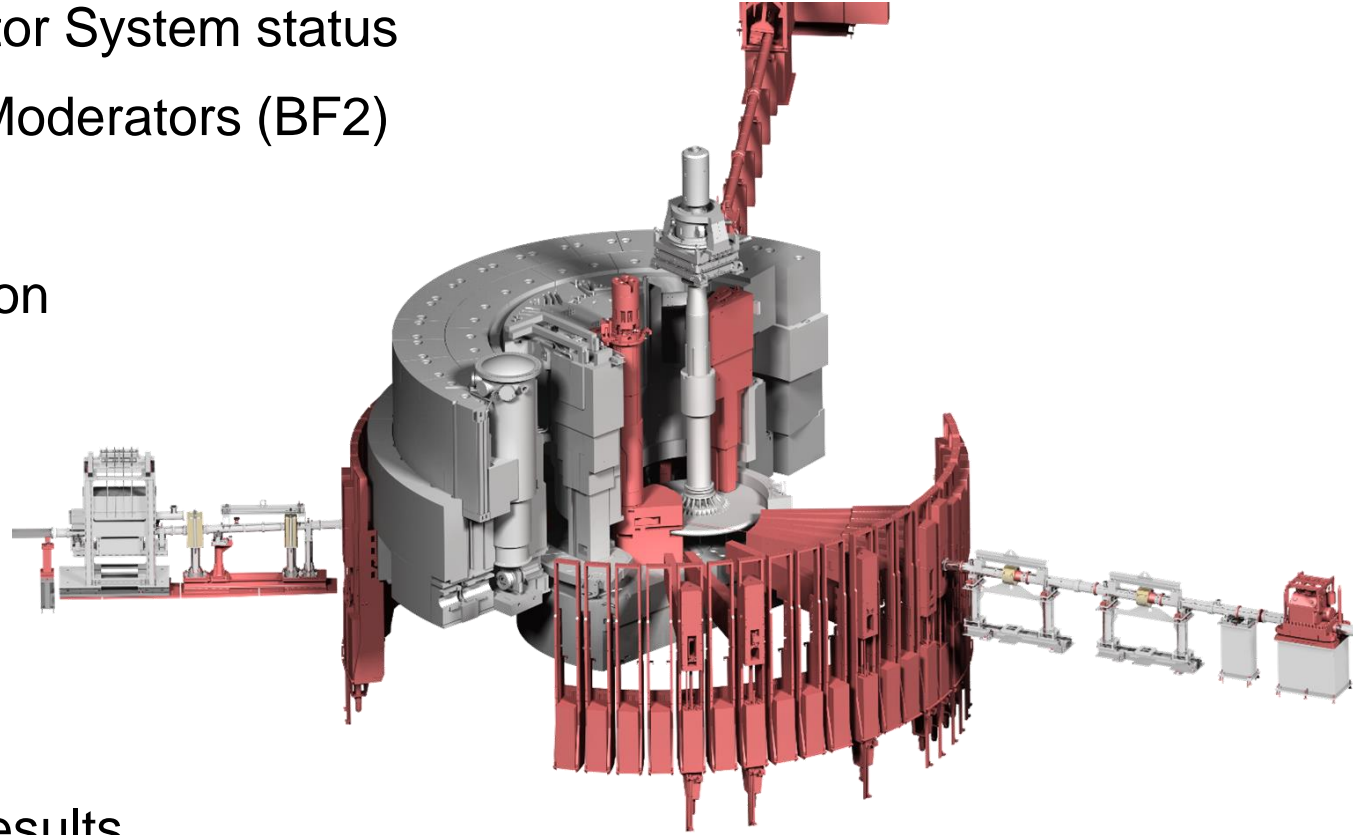
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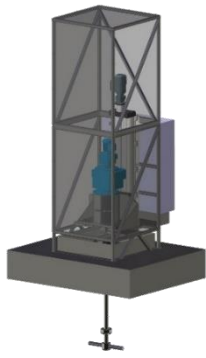


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11. Outlook



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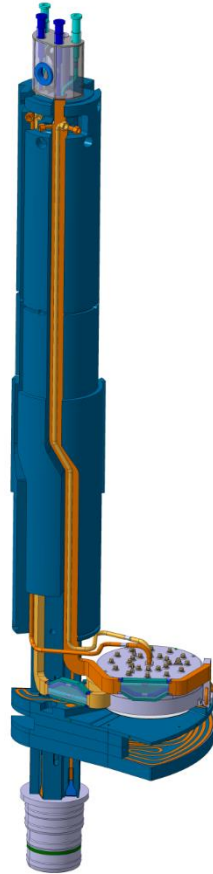


ESS MODERATOR & REFLECTOR SYSTEM

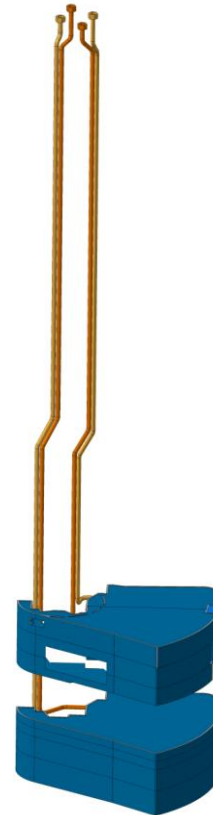
PROJECT OVERVIEW



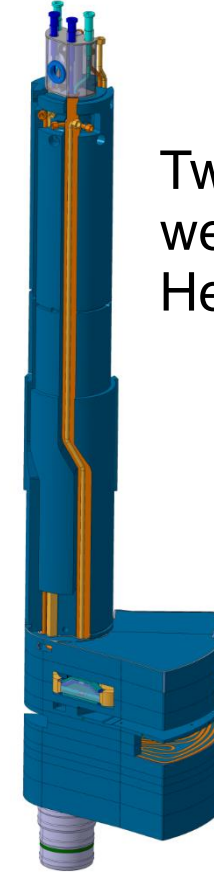
**Moderator &
Reflector Unit**



**Shaft & mounting
Socket & MRP**



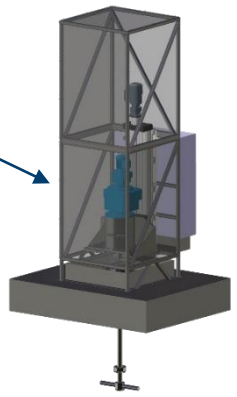
Frames (shielding)



**Final twister
assembly**

Twister
weight: 13 t
Height: 6,5 m

Rotation Unit



Crown



Shaft



Frame



Axial bearing

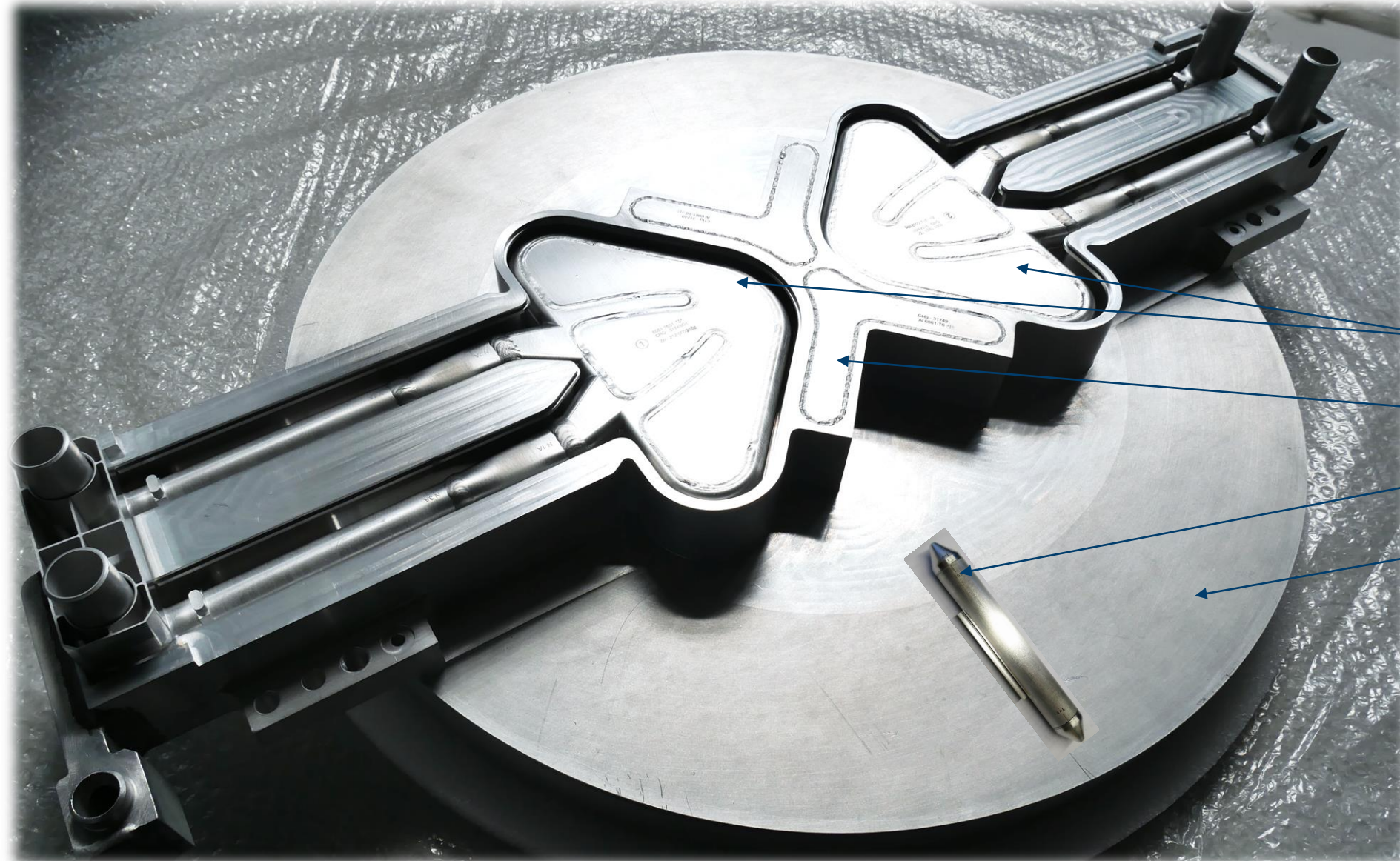


Bucket



FIRST GENERATION OF ESS MODERATORS (BF2)

DESIGN SOLUTION & STATUS OF MANUFACTURING



Cold Moderators

Thermal Moderator

Irradiation module

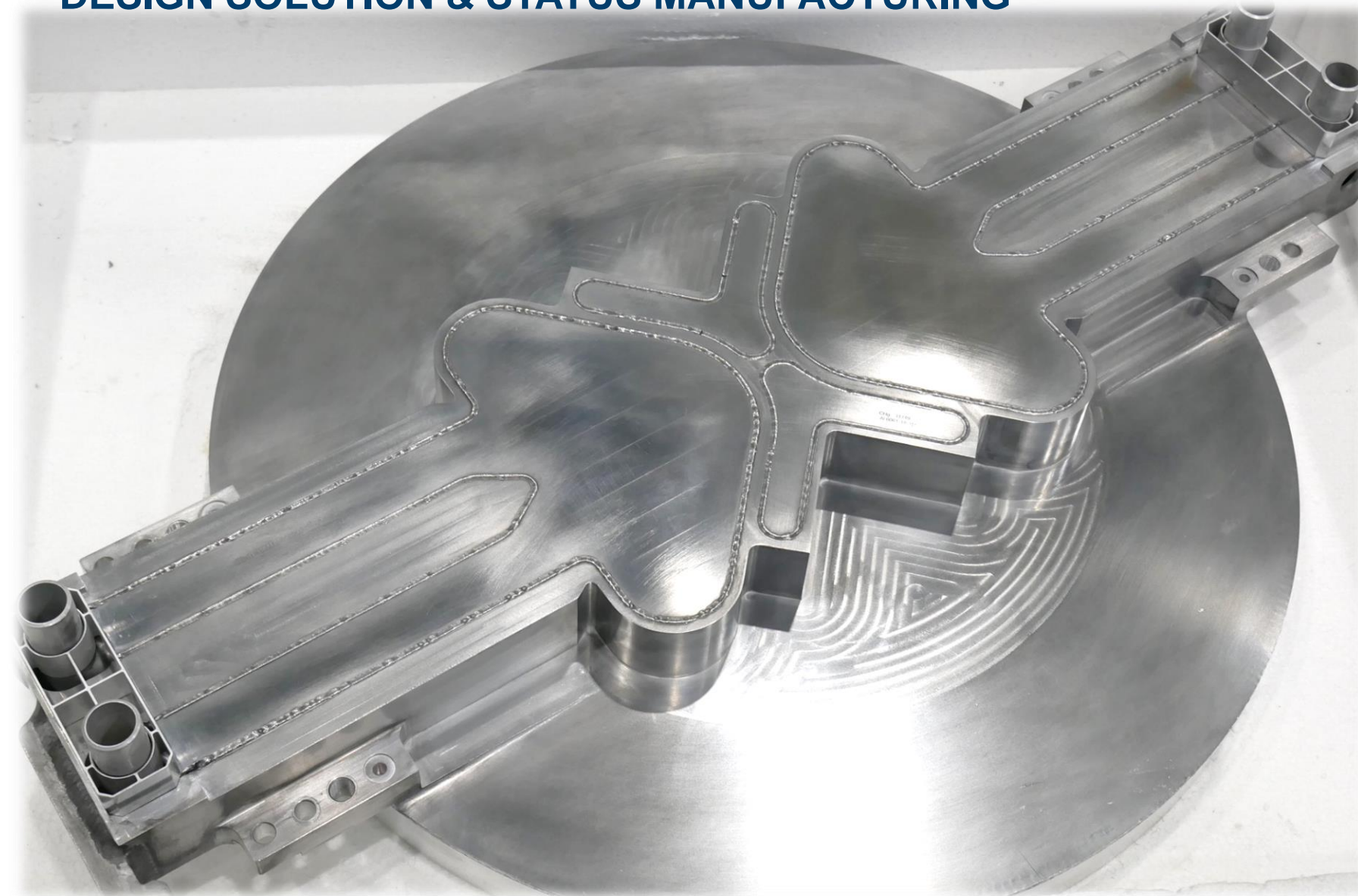
Pre Moderator

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FIRST GENERATION OF ESS MODERATORS (BF2)

DESIGN SOLUTION & STATUS MANUFACTURING



- ✓ Final assembly
- ✓ NDT's
- ✓ Ready for delivery!

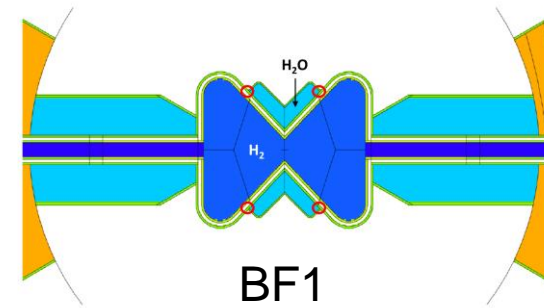
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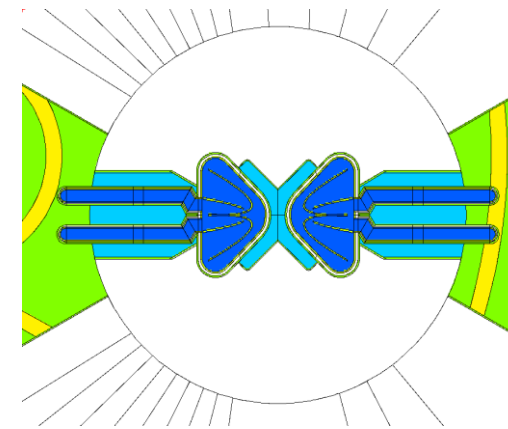
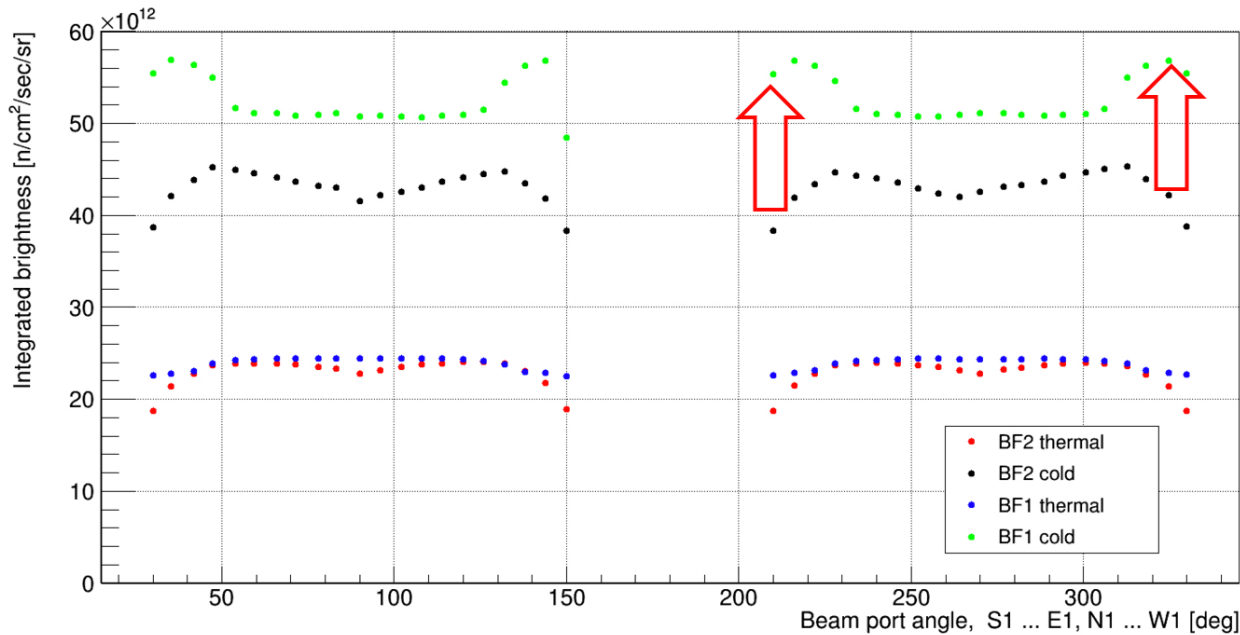
BF1 MODERATOR VS. BF2 MODERATOR, [1]

WHY NEW DESIGN BEFORE THE OLD ONE IS IN USE?

Up to 30% brightness gain for some beam lines
(e.g. NMX, BEER)



BF1



BF2

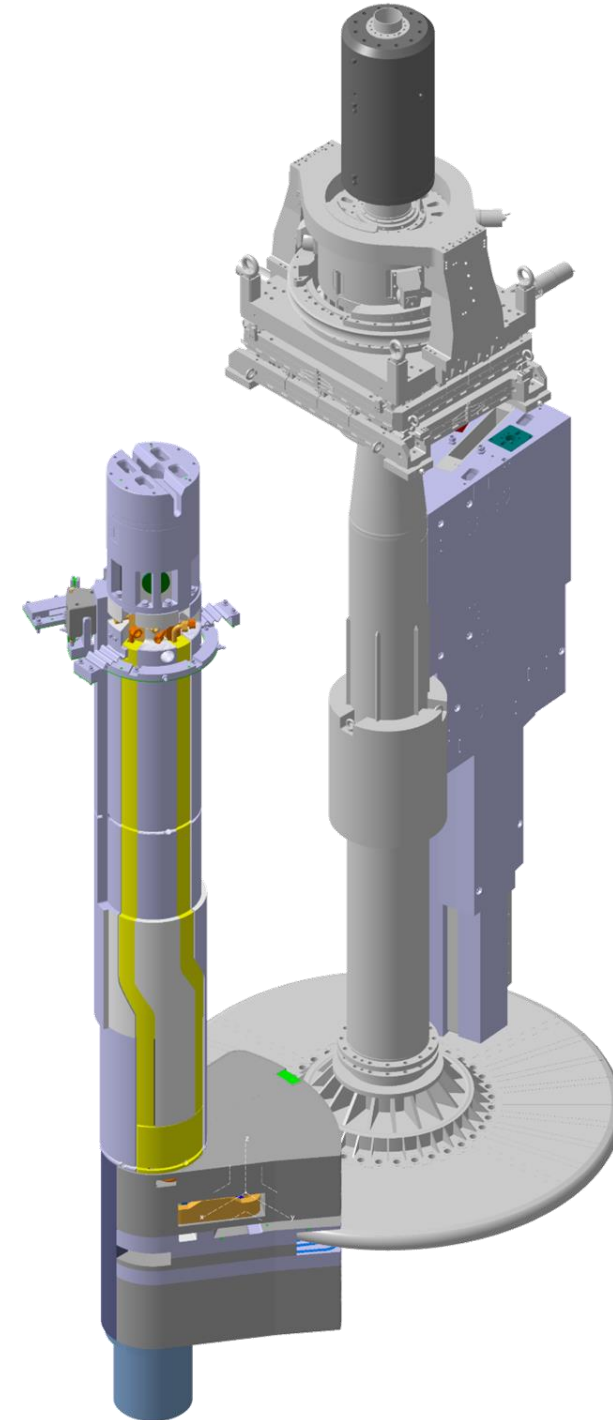
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BF1 MODERATOR STUDY

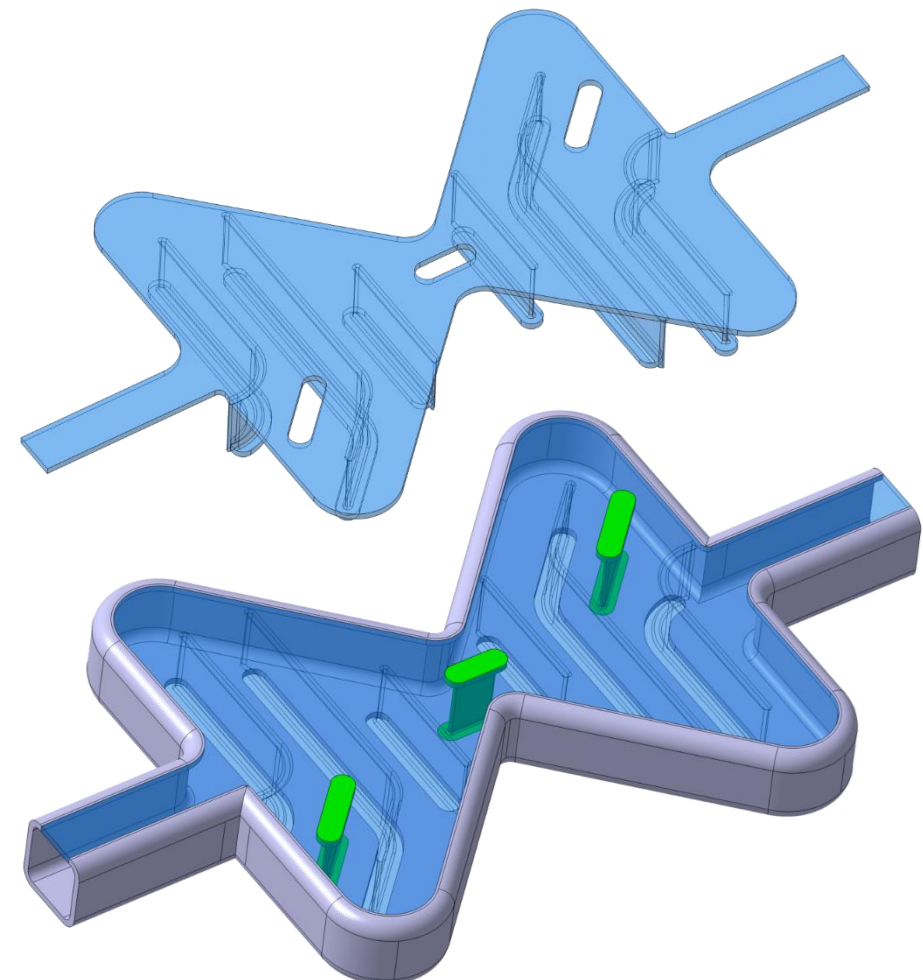
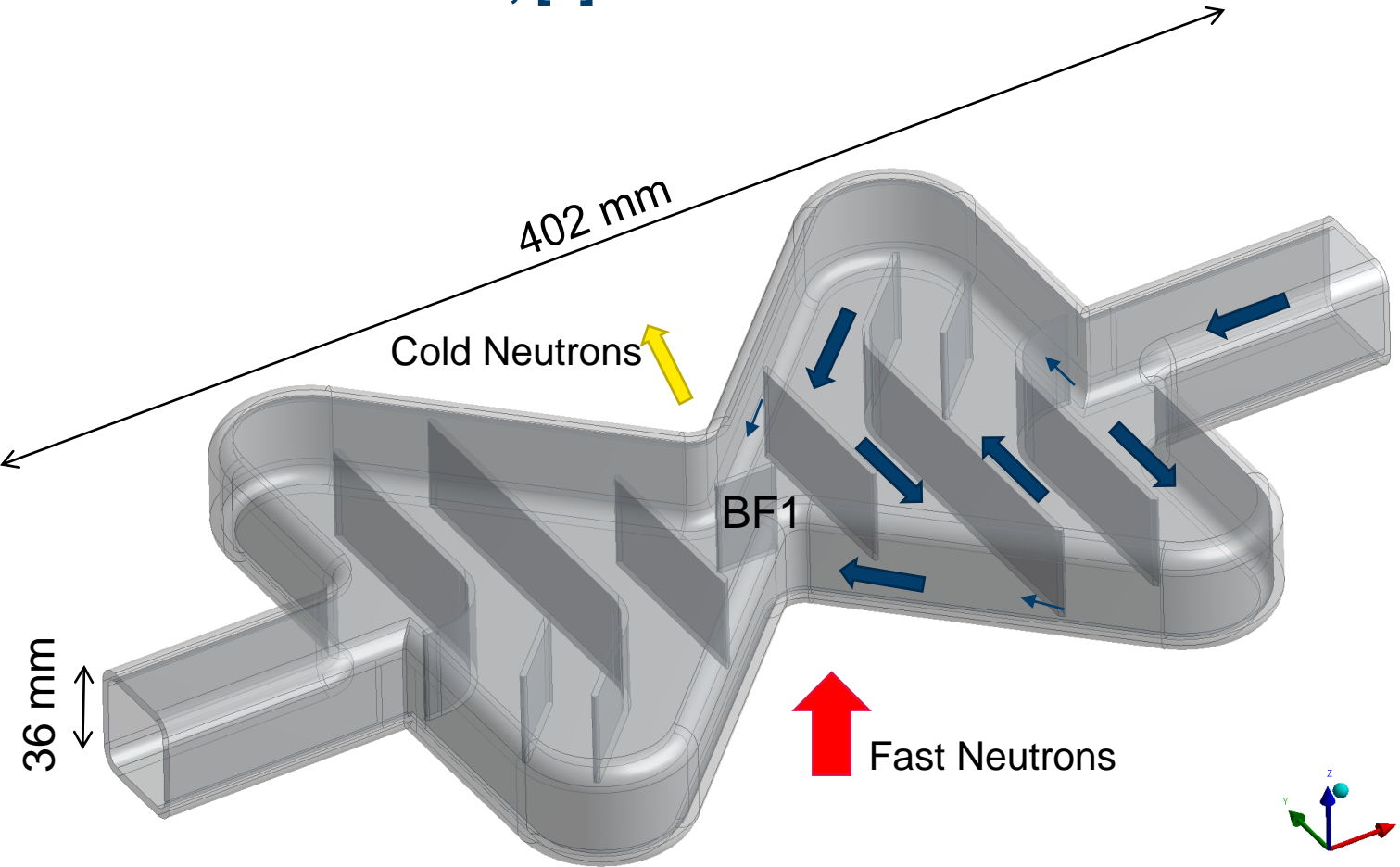
DESIGN CRITERIA

- Minimal structure material content (neutronic)
- Material, location and time-dependent neutronic heat
- Pressure $p_m \approx 10$ bar ($p_d = 17$ bar)
- Temperature $T_m \approx 18,5$ K ($dT \leq 3$ K)
- $>99,5\%$ para hydrogen
- Consideration of irradiation
- Compressibility of LH_2
- Avoid (local) boiling
- RCC-MRx calculation
- Manufacturability
- Weldability
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BF1 MODERATOR

DESIGN SOLUTION, [2]



Second generation of ESS cold Moderators.....

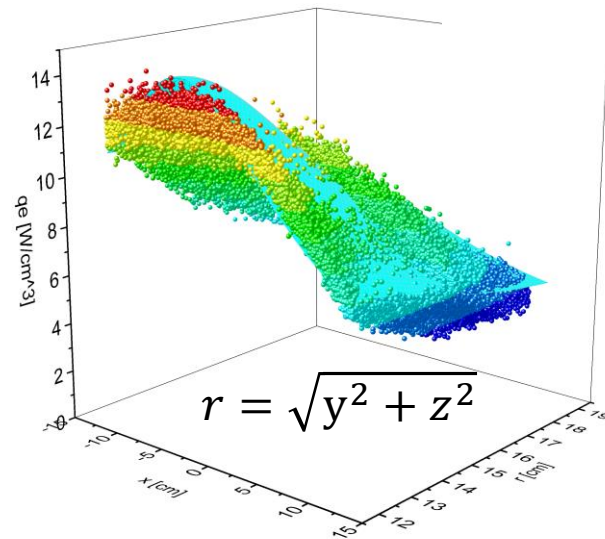
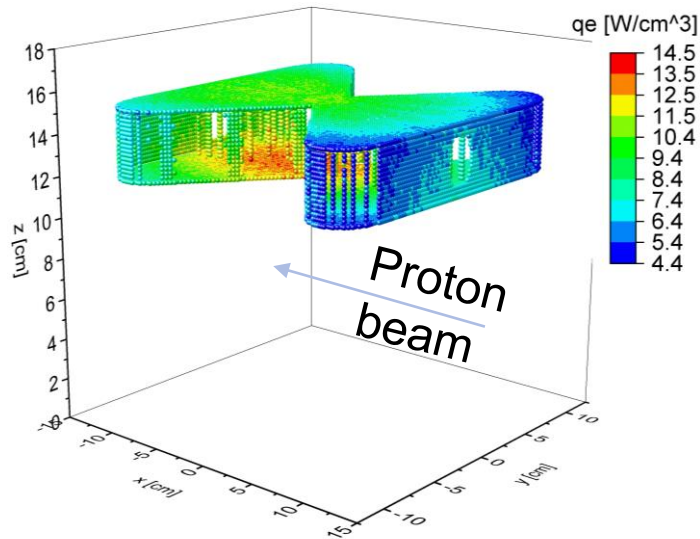
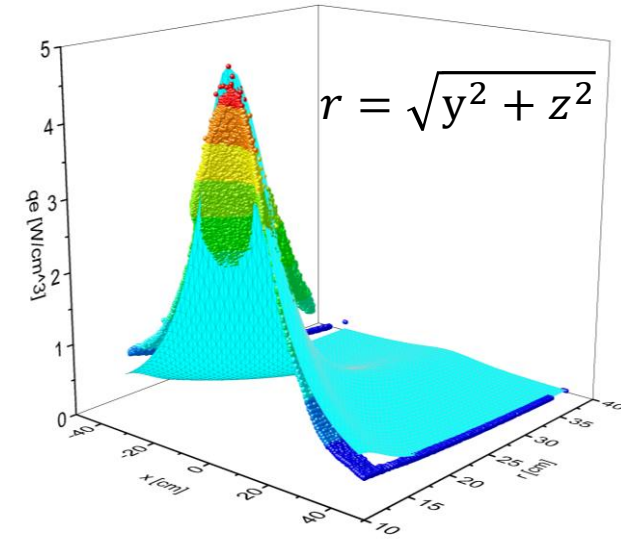
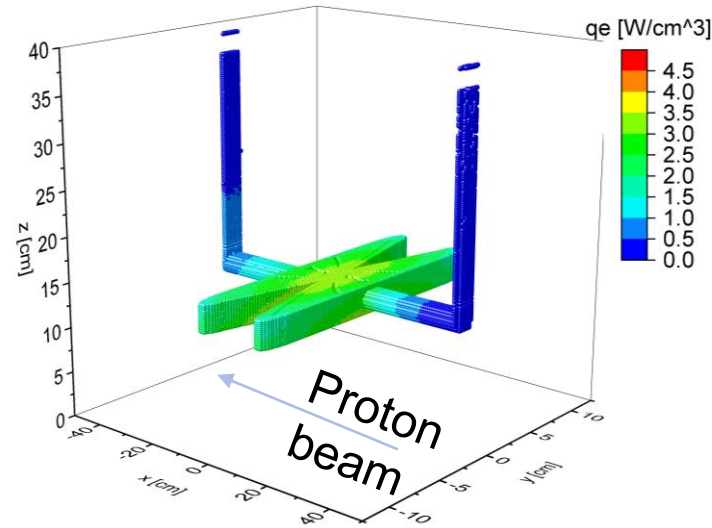
≈1l para LH₂ volume
Dimensions: 250 x 200 x 36
Structural material Al6061-T6

Manufacturing concept

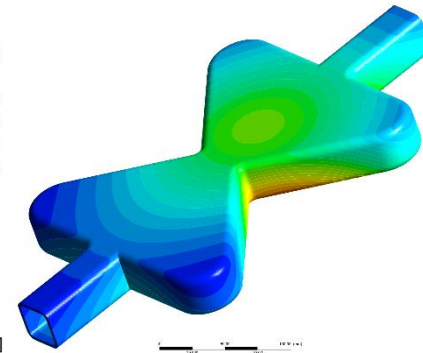
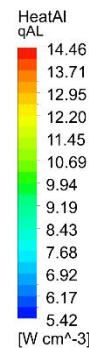
BF1 MODERATOR

HEAT DEPOSITION = F(MATERIAL, X, Y, Z), [2]

$$q_{VAI}(x, r) = q_{VAImin} + \frac{q_{VAImax} - q_{VAImin}}{\left(1 + \left[\frac{x - x_C}{W_{AIx}}\right]^2\right) \cdot \left(1 + \left[\frac{r - r_C}{W_{AIr}}\right]^2\right)}$$



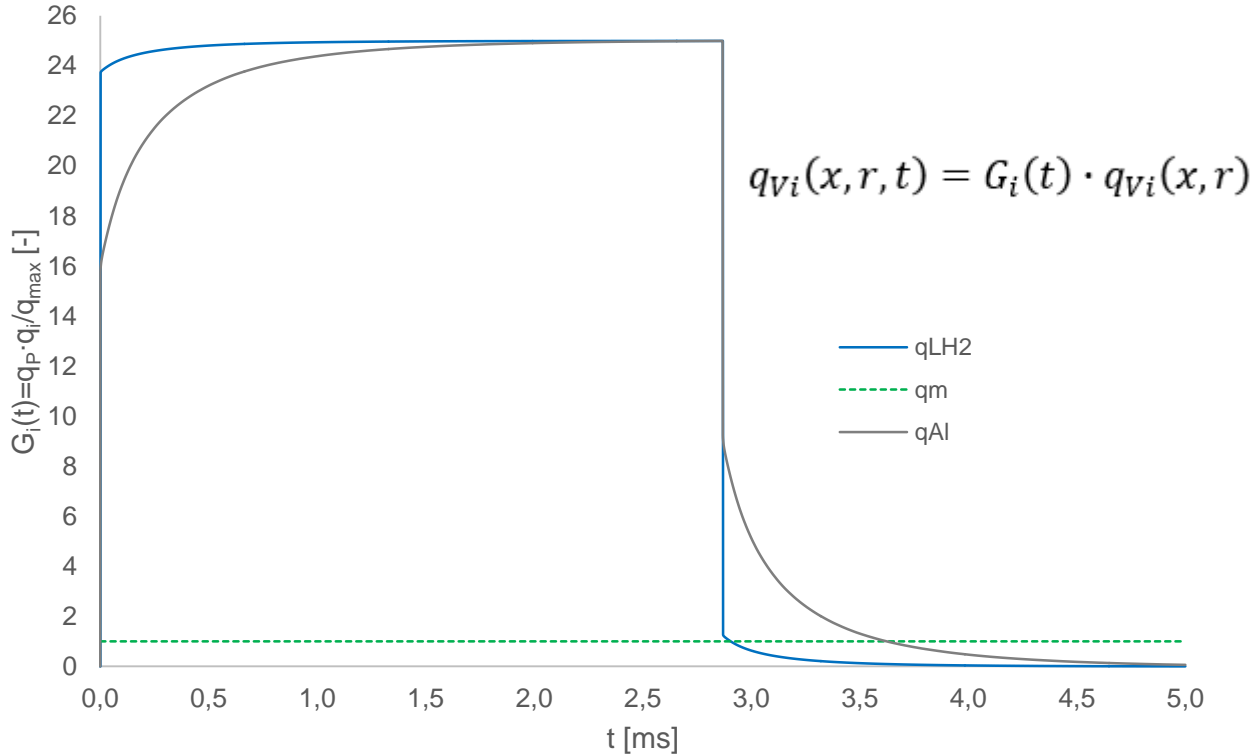
$$q_{VLH2}(x, r) = q_{VLH2min} + \frac{q_{VLH2max} - q_{VLH2min}}{\left(1 + \left[\frac{x - x_C}{W_{LH2x}}\right]^2\right) \cdot \left(1 + \left[\frac{r - r_C}{W_{LH2r}}\right]^2\right)}$$



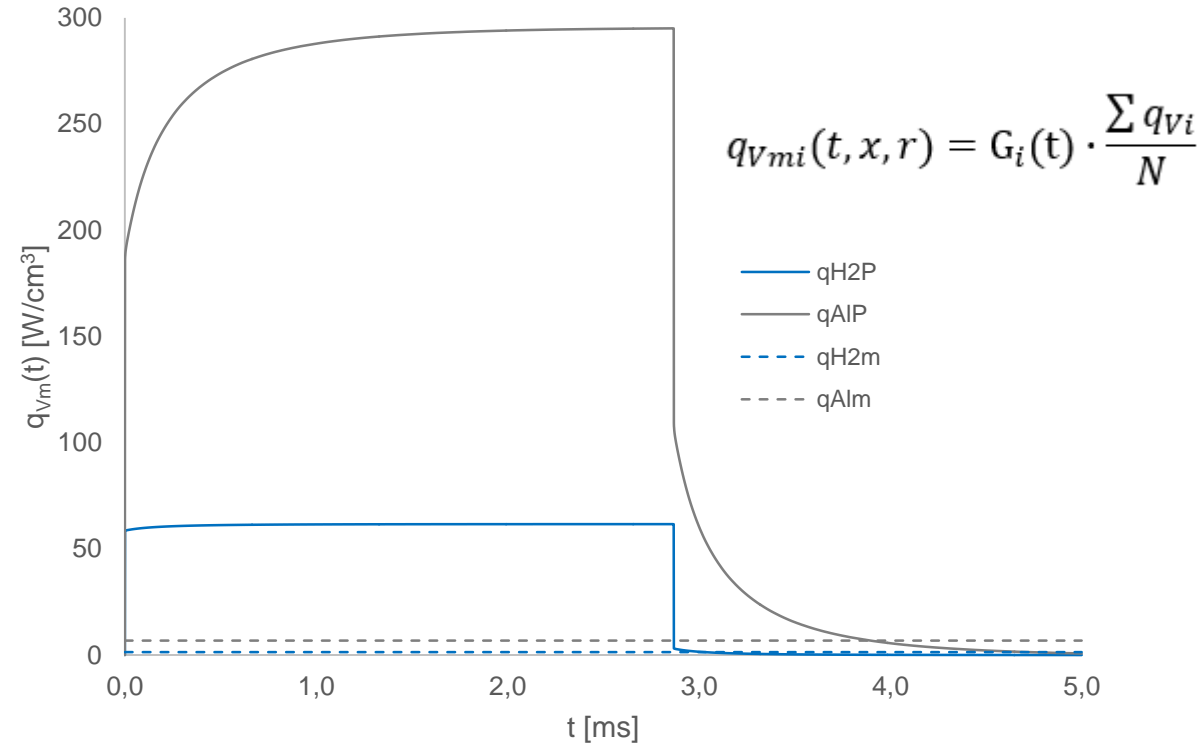
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HEAT DEPOSITION = F(MATERIAL, X, Y, Z, I), [2]

Weighting factor for the time-dependent heat



Average volumetric heat in the pulse



$$q_P = \frac{1 \text{ s}}{f_{Puls} \cdot t_{Puls}} \cdot q_m = 24,975 \cdot q_m$$

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START CONDITIONS OF CFX, [2]

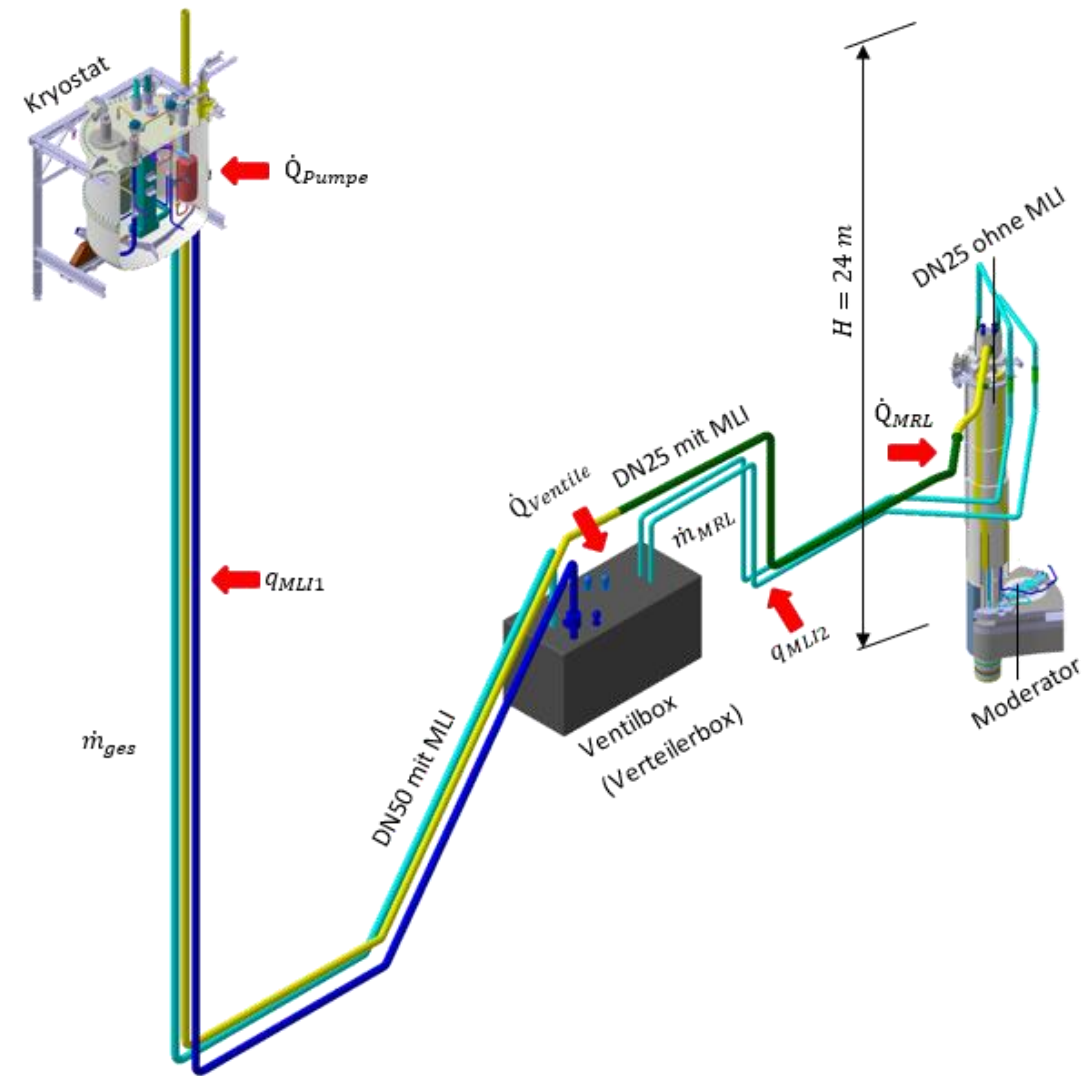
$$\dot{Q}_{Total} = \sum q_{VAli}(x, r) \cdot V_{Ali} + \sum q_{VLH2i}(x, r) \cdot V_{LH2i} = 7,1 \text{ kW} (\Delta T \leq 3 \text{ K})$$

$$\rightarrow \dot{m} = \frac{\dot{Q}_{Total}}{c_{pm}(T, p) \cdot \Delta T} \approx 400 \text{ g/s}$$

$$\rightarrow T_{inMo} = T_{minKL} + \frac{\dot{Q}_{Pump} + q_{MLI} \cdot (L_{MLI1} + L_{MLI2}) + \dot{Q}_{Ventile}}{c_{pm}(T, p) \cdot \dot{m}_{ges}}$$

$$+ \frac{\dot{Q}_{MRL}}{c_{pm}(T, p) \cdot \dot{m}_{MRL}} \leq 17.4 \text{ K}$$

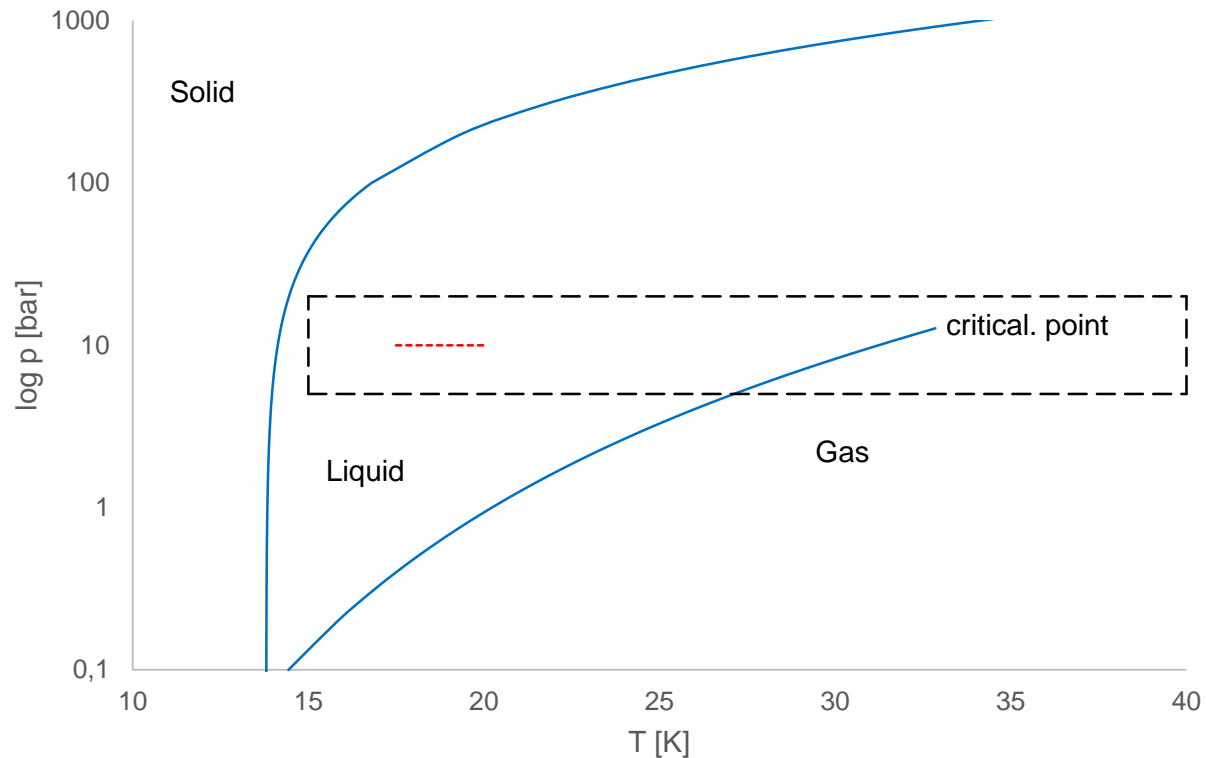
$$p_{ausM} = p_{ausP2} + \rho_m(T, p) \cdot g \cdot H - \Delta p_M - \Delta p_{VL} \leq 10.4 \text{ bar}$$



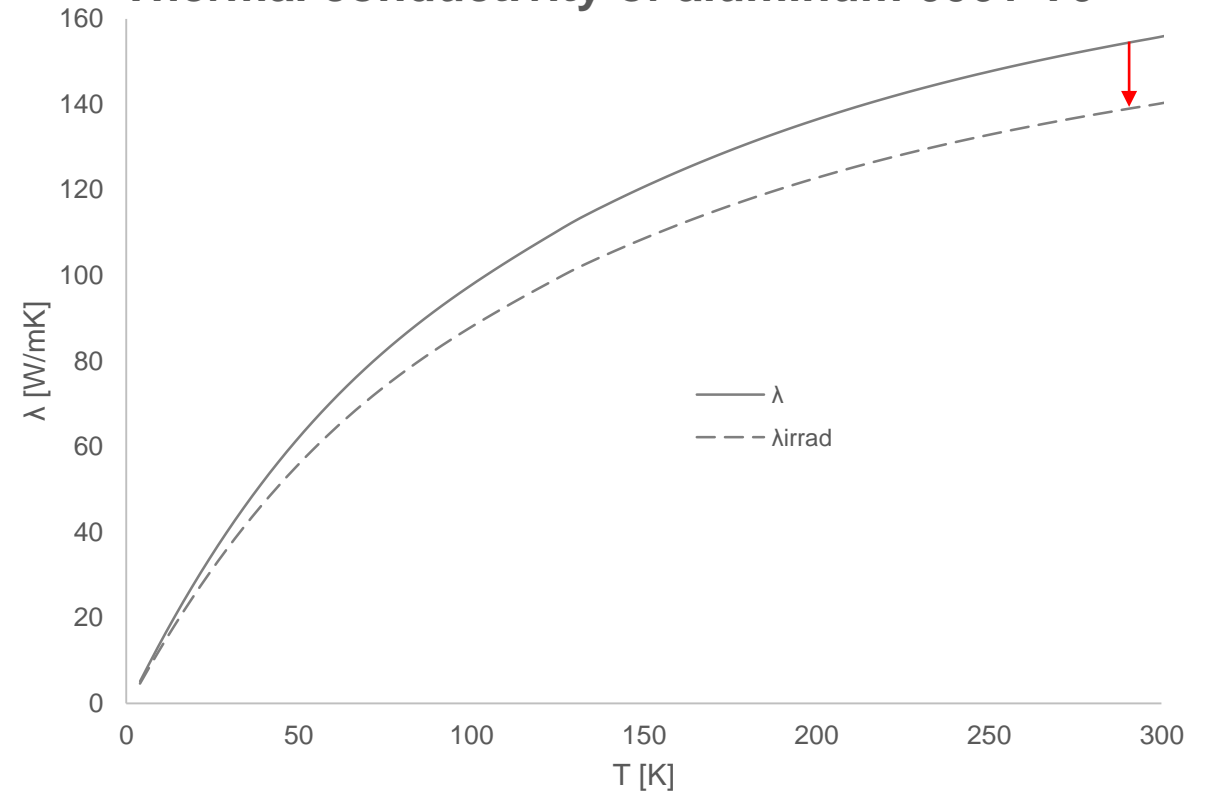
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MATERIAL PROPERTIES, [2]

Phase diagram of para H2



Thermal conductivity of aluminum 6061-T6



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UNCERTAINTIES OF HEAT DEPOSITION, [2]

1. Static error of the MCNPX simulation <1% (AVE)
2. MCNPX model error ±15%
3. Error of the approximation function

	$\sum \dot{Q}_{MCNPX\ i} \text{ [W]}$	$\sum q_{VFit\ i} \cdot V_i \text{ [W]}$	$\Delta \text{ [%]}$
AI	2343,031	2379,518	-1,56
LH2	2788,063	2846,508	-2,05

4. Up-normal proton beam parameter

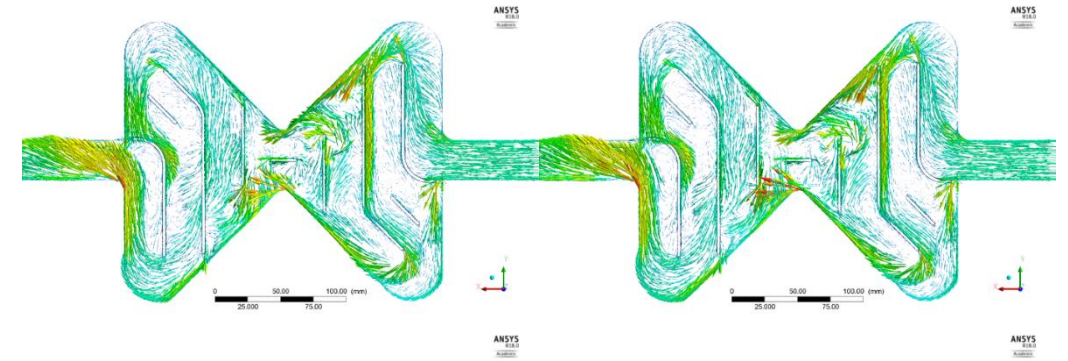
$$P_{f1} = 5 \text{ MW} + 0,2 \text{ MW}, (\underline{+4\%})$$

$$z_p = \pm 3 \text{ mm} (\underline{+5,6\%})$$

$$\rightarrow P_{f2} = 1,056 \cdot P_{f1} = 5 \text{ MW} + 0,49 \text{ MW}$$

$$P_{fm} = P_m \cdot (1 + 0,15 - 0,01805 + 0,138) = 1,26995 \cdot P_m$$

$$\rightarrow P_{fm}(\text{max}) = \mathbf{6,35 \text{ MW}}$$



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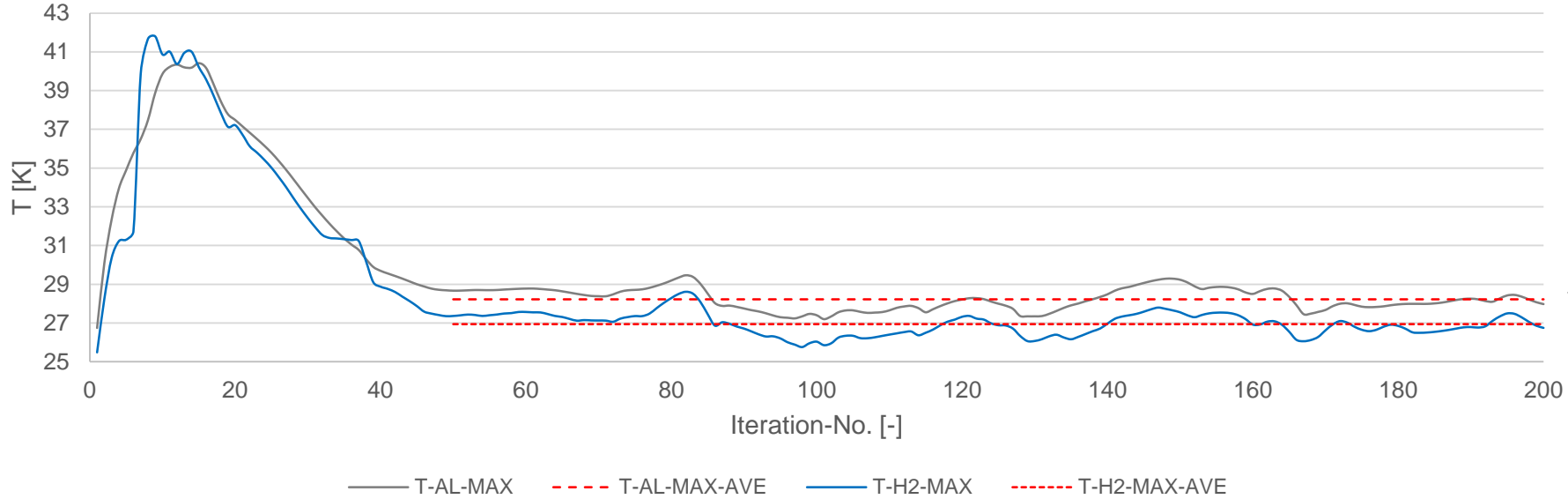
ADDITIONAL UNCERTAINTIES, [2]

1. Mass flow → control valves! ($\sum e_i \approx \pm 1\%$)
2. Outlet pressure → control of PCB and pressure sensor! ($\sum e_i \approx \pm 3,5\%$)
3. Inlet Temperature → control of HX and temperature sensor ($\sum e_i \approx \pm 2,5\%$)
4. Manufacturing Tolerance → using for CFX the max wall thickness!
5. Material properties → comparison with other libraries ($\sum e_i \approx \pm 1\%$)
6. **CFX???** → **experiment (PIV)**

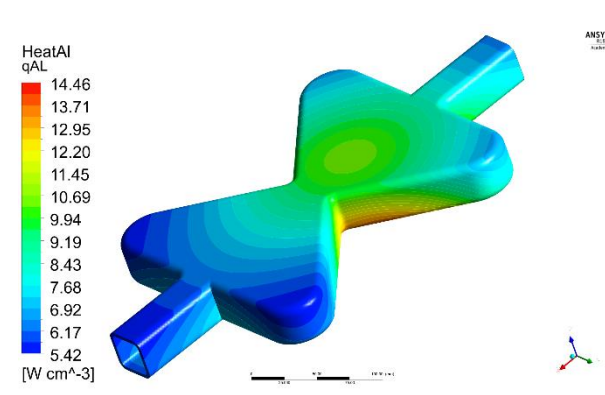
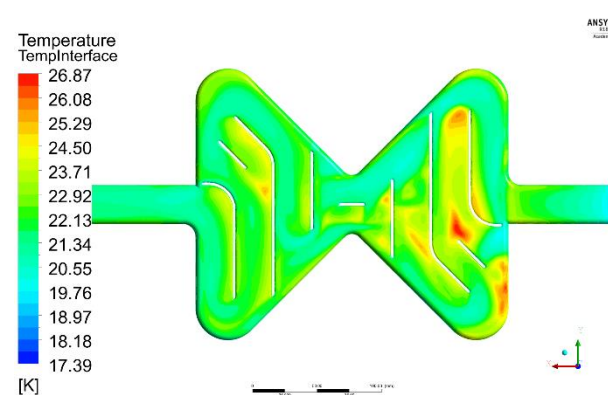
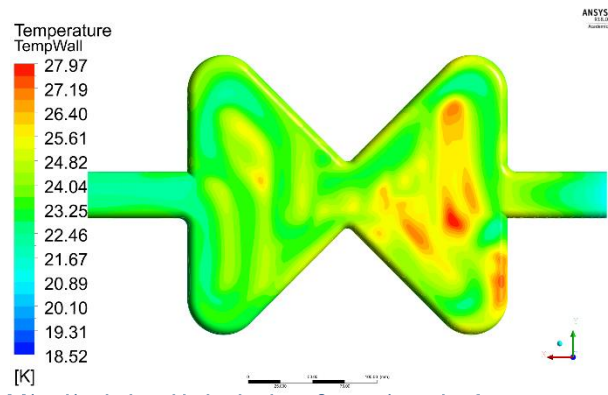
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SS RESULTS (TEMPERATURE), [2]

Temperature



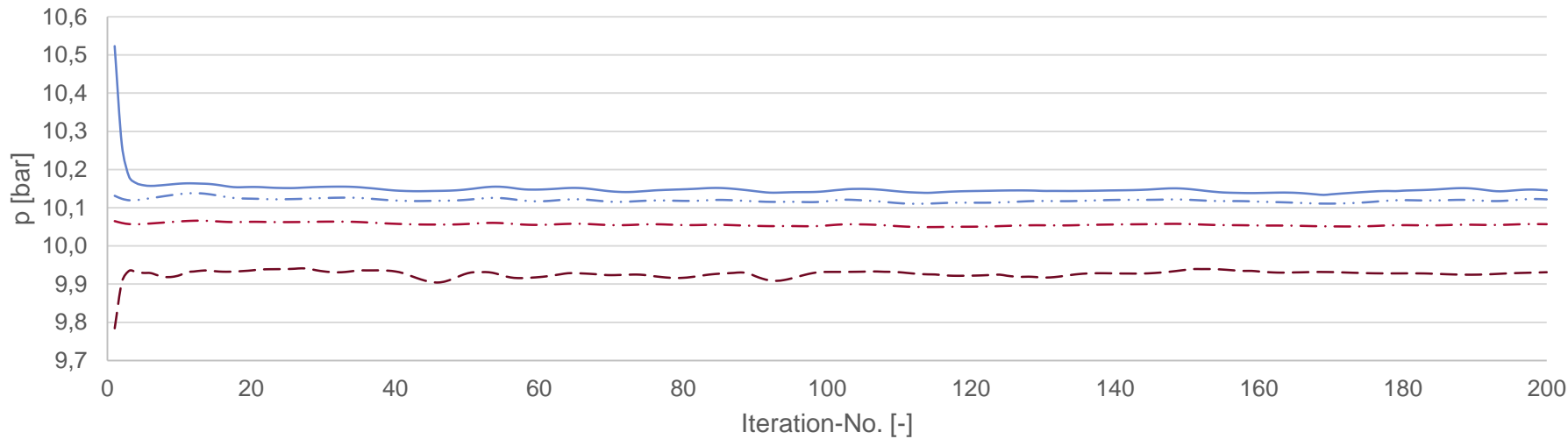
Heat averaged over time!
(results used as start
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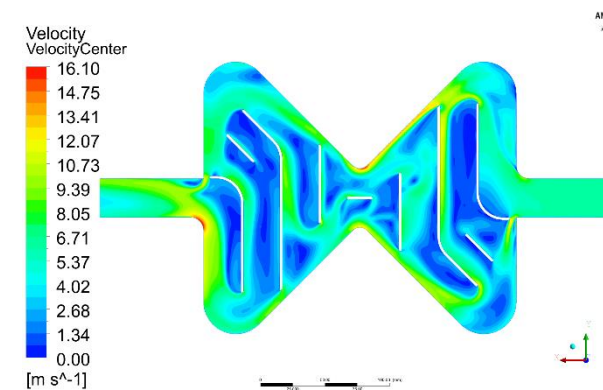
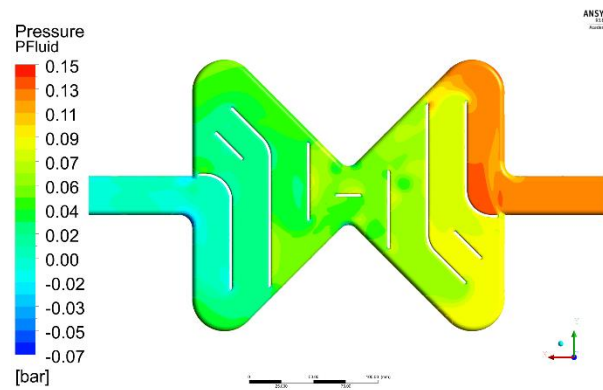
SS PRE RESULTS (PRESSURE), [2]

Pressure



Heat averaged over time!
(results used as start condition for pulsed simulation)

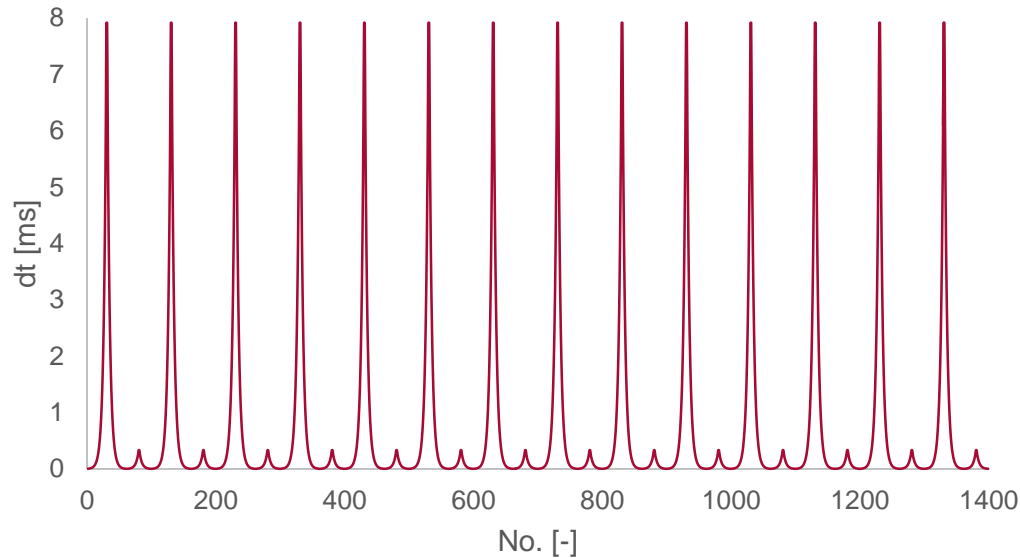
--- p-MIN - · - p-AVE — p-MAX ··· p-IN



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TIME DISCRETIZATION (TIME STEPPING), [2]

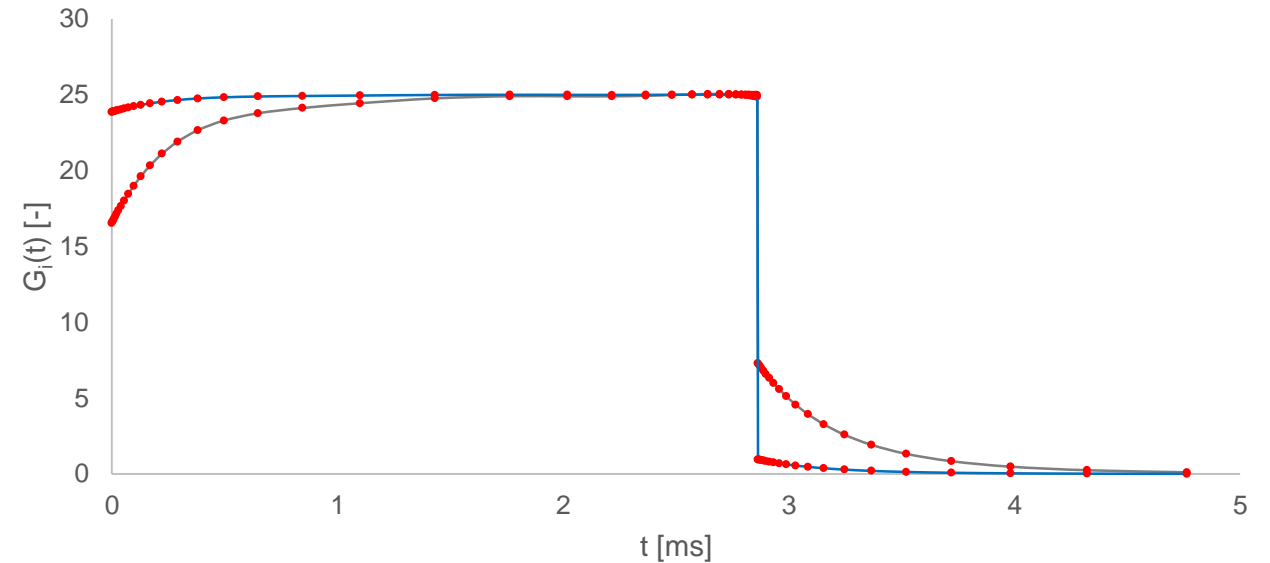
Time stepping



$$G_{i,H2}(t) = \begin{cases} -0.599t^6 + 5.924t^5 - 23.26t^4 + 46.48t^3 - 50.473t^2 + 29.71t + 16.54 \\ 43107t^{-8.256} \end{cases}$$

$$G_{iAl}(t) = \begin{cases} -0.102t^6 + 1.000t^5 - 3.89t^4 + 7.656t^3 - 8.073t^2 + 4.478t + 23.87 \\ 22653t^{-9.58} \end{cases}$$

Time steps

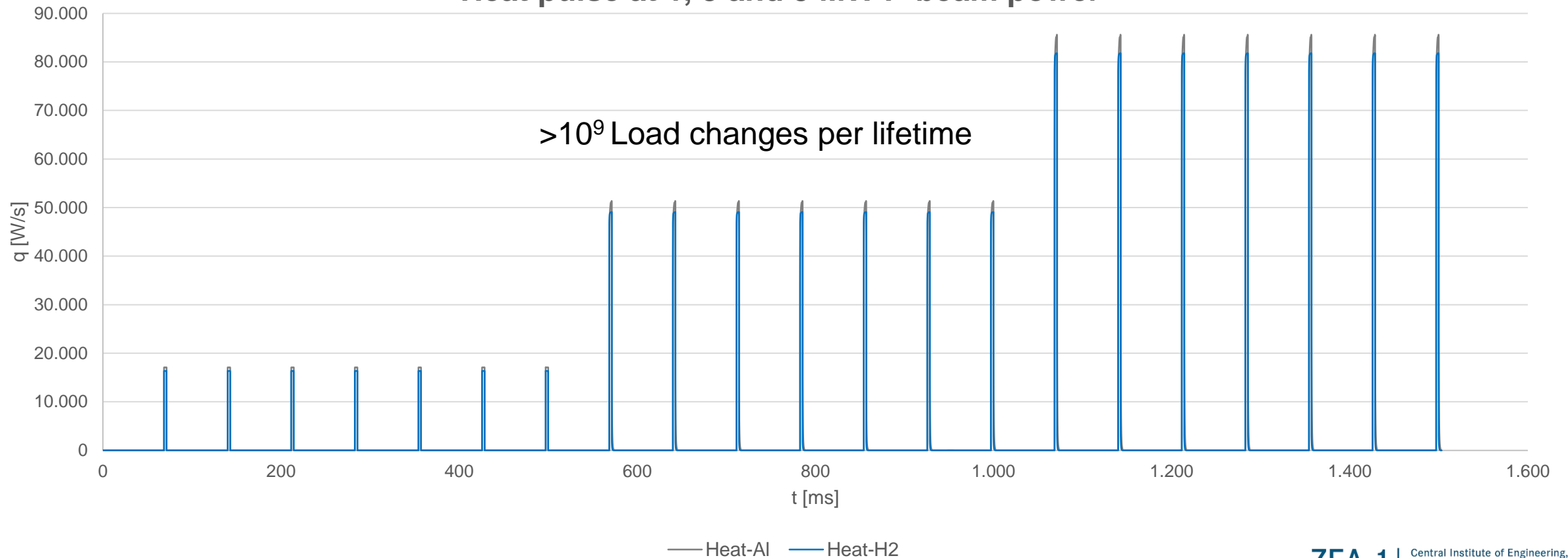


$$\Delta t_i = \begin{cases} 1,3 \cdot (t_i - t_{i-1}) & \text{für } 0 < t \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot (t_{\text{Cycle}} - t_{\text{Pulse}}) \\ 1,3^{-1} \cdot (t_i - t_{i-1}) & \text{für } \frac{1}{2} \cdot (t_{\text{Cycle}} - t_{\text{Pulse}}) < t \leq (t_{\text{Cycle}} - t_{\text{Pulse}}) \\ 1,3 \cdot (t_i - t_{i-1}) & \text{für } (t_{\text{Cycle}} - t_{\text{Pulse}}) < t \leq (t_{\text{Cycle}} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot t_{\text{Pulse}}) \\ 1,3^{-1} \cdot (t_i - t_{i-1}) & \text{für } (t_{\text{Cycle}} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot t_{\text{Pulse}}) < t \leq t_{\text{Cycle}} \end{cases}$$

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HEAT INTEGRAL VALUES, [2]

Heat pulse at 1, 3 and 5 MW P-beam power



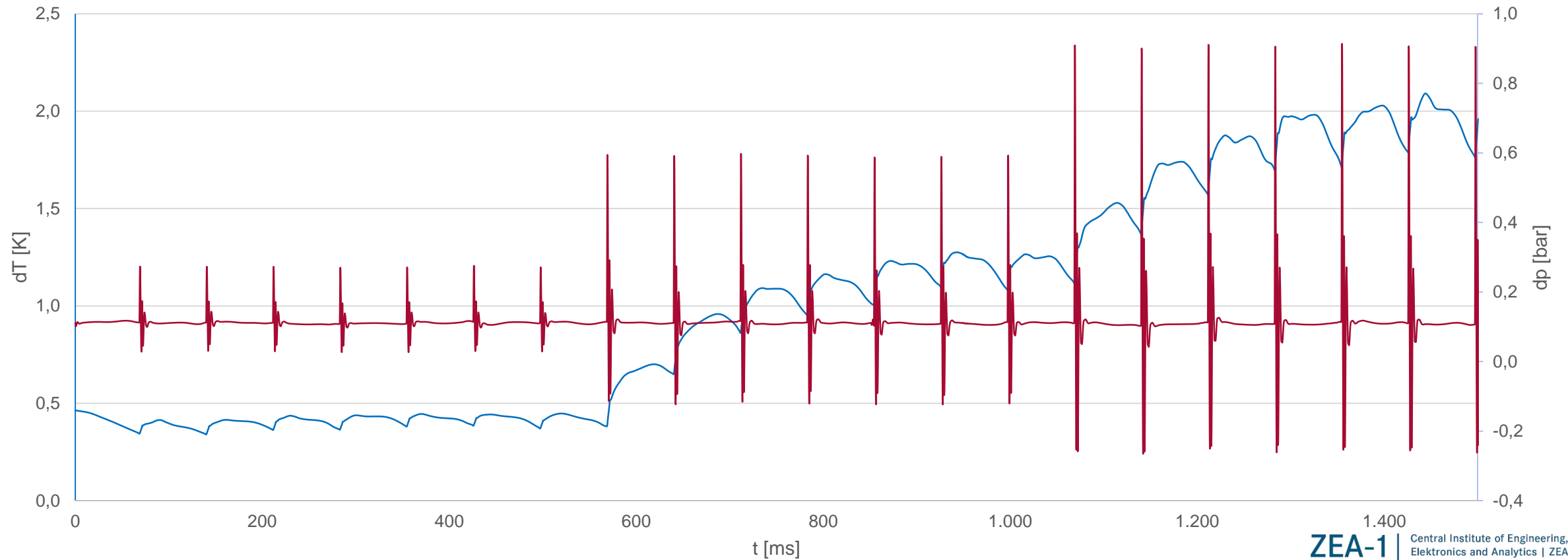
1600 Time steps, 20-50 iterations each

128 CPU's, Simulation time ≈70 h

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DT, DP, [2]

dT and dp at 1, 3 and 5 MW P-beam power

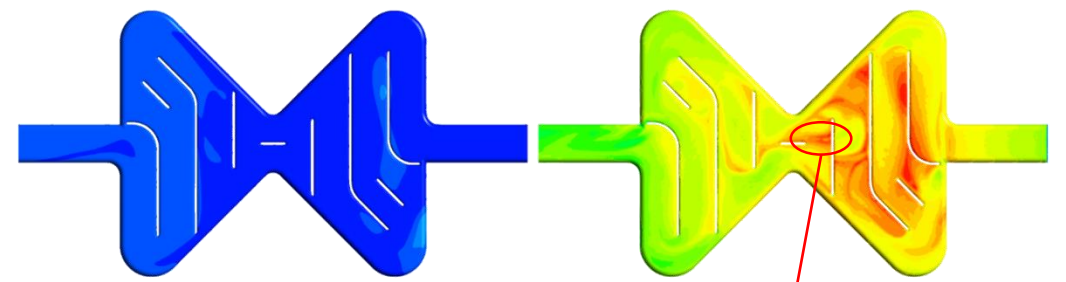


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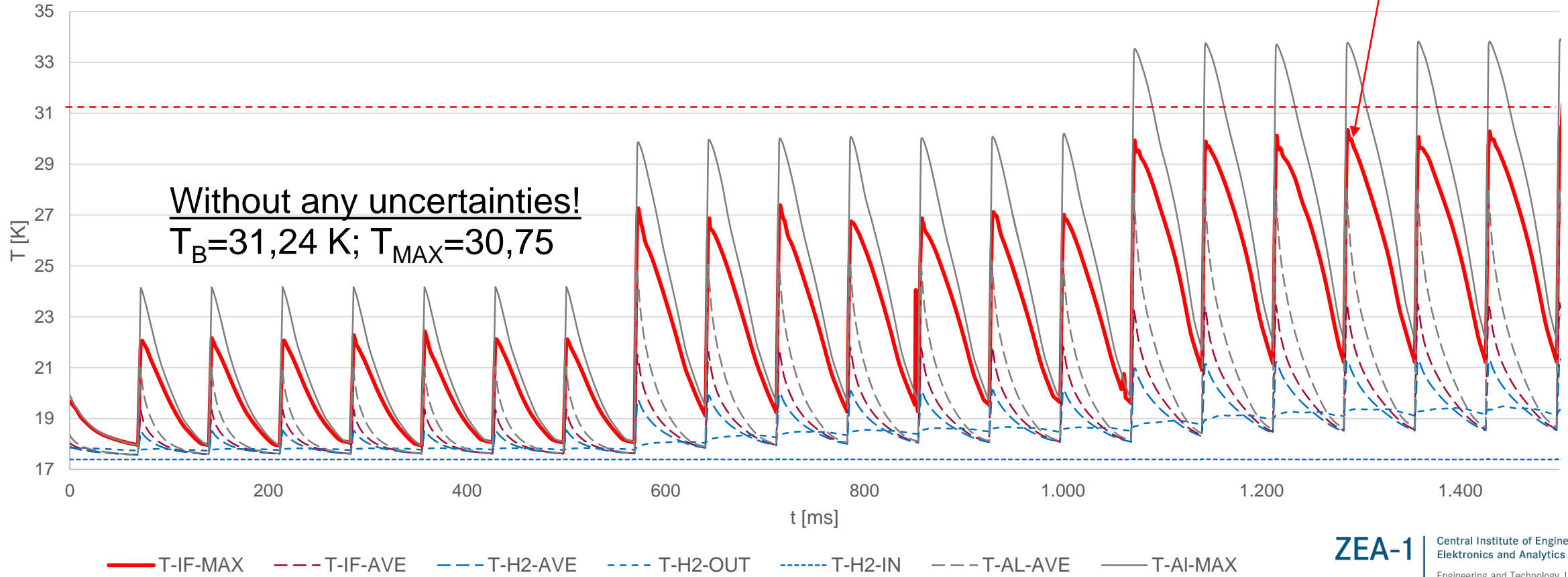


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TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION, [2]

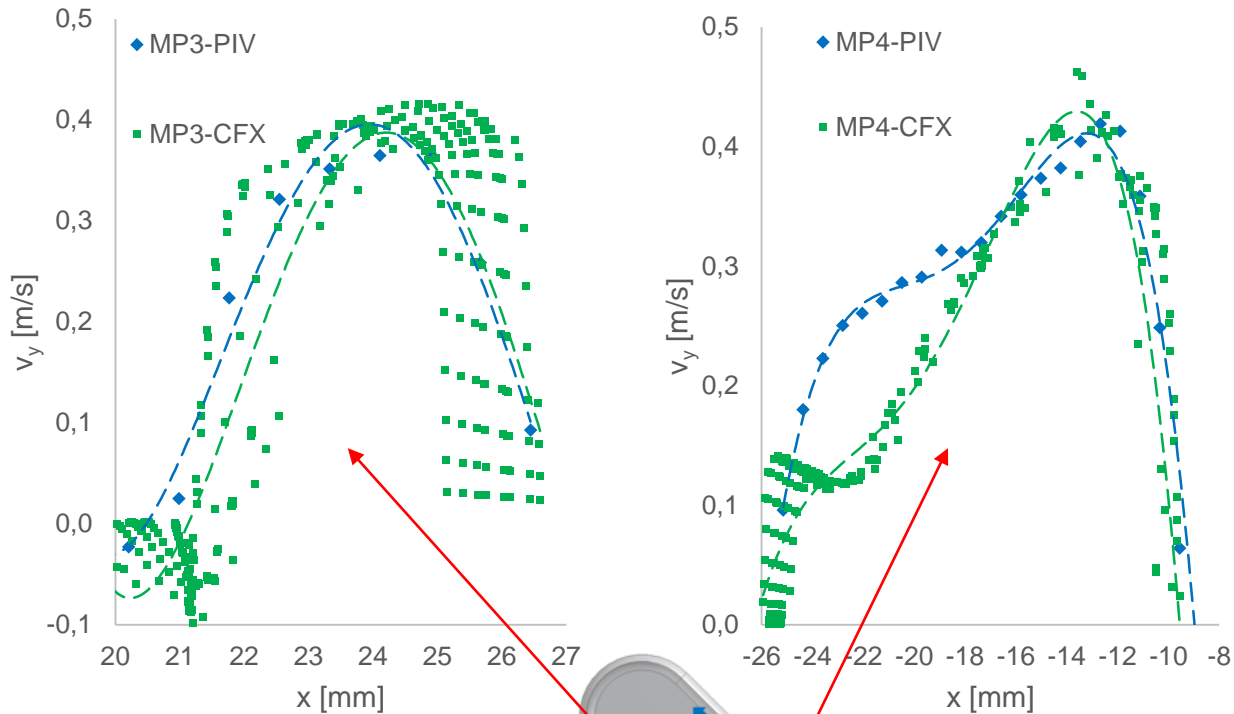


Temperature at 1, 3 and 5 MW P-beam power

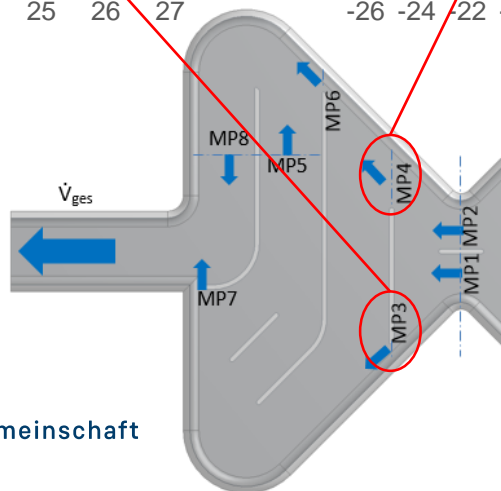
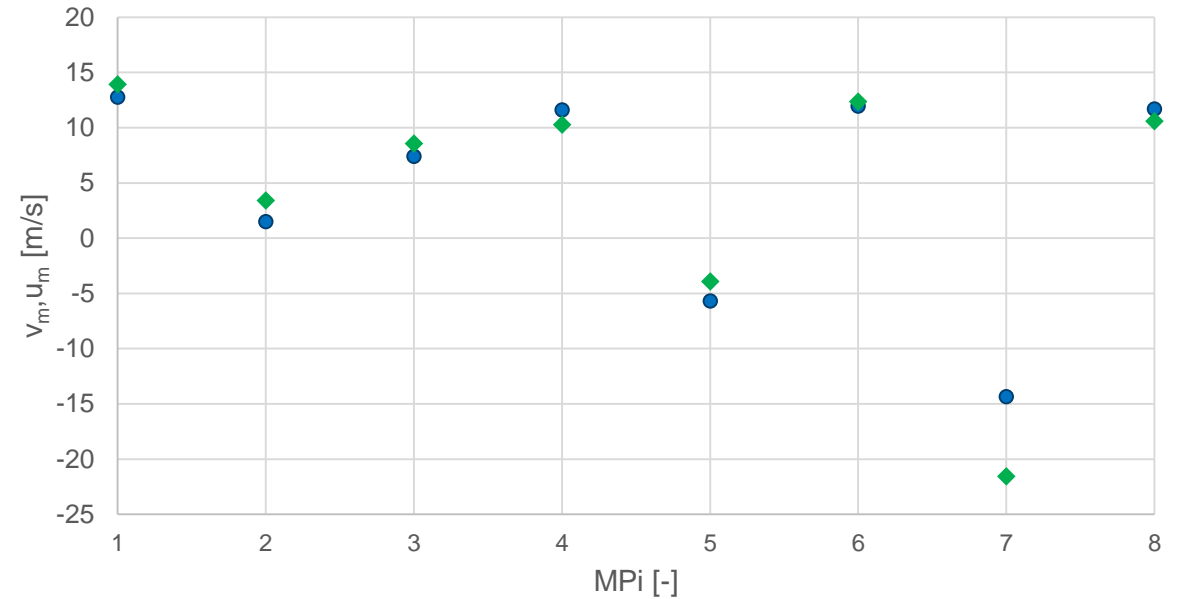


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PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF PARTICLE IMAGE VELOCIMETRY MEASUREMENT (PIV), [2]



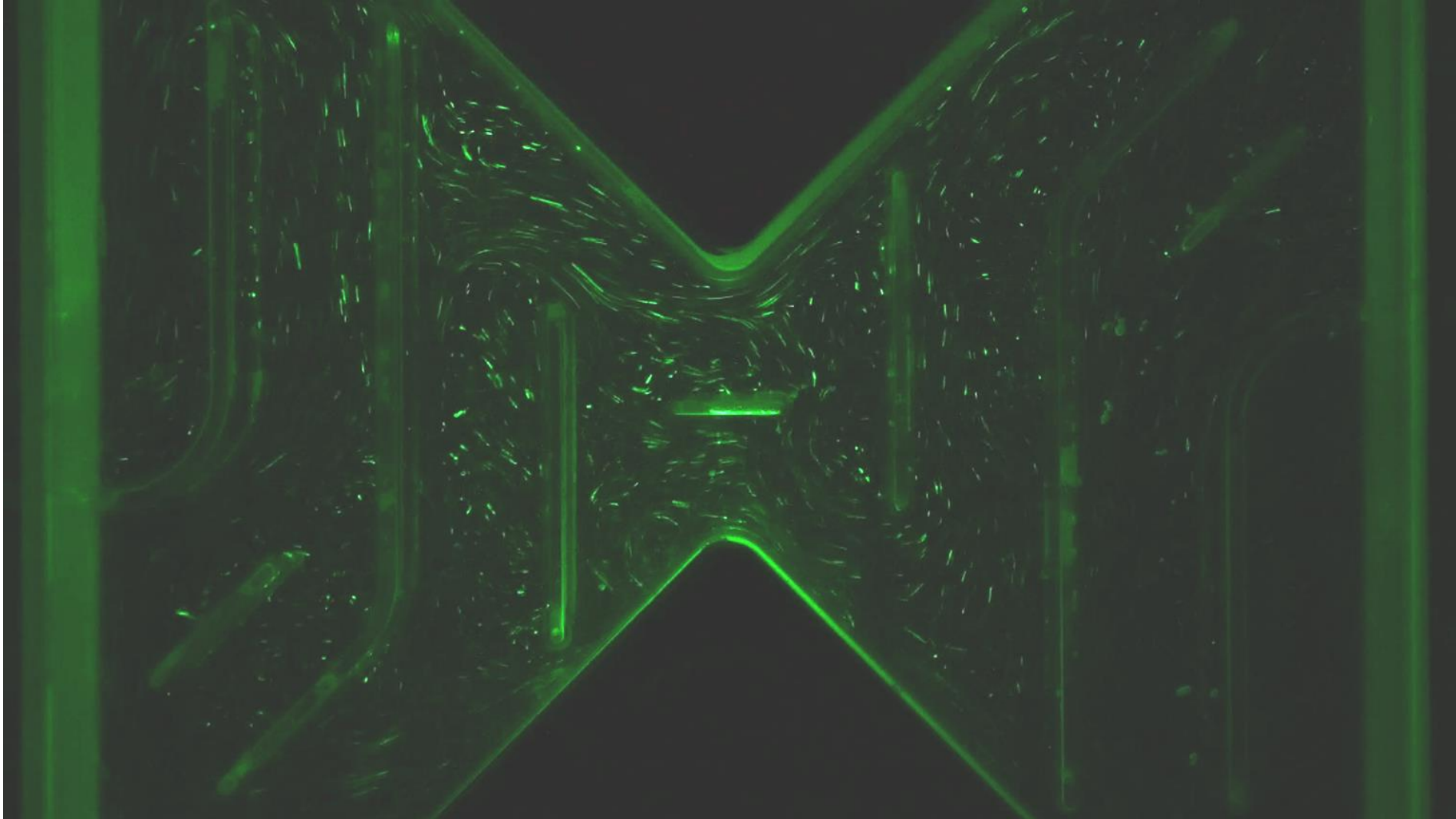
Measured and simulated mean velocities as a function of MPI at $Re=8,4 \cdot 10^5$ (=ESS Moderator)



Comparison of the velocity profiles (left) and mean velocities (right) in the measuring Points [PIV (blue) and CFX (green)]

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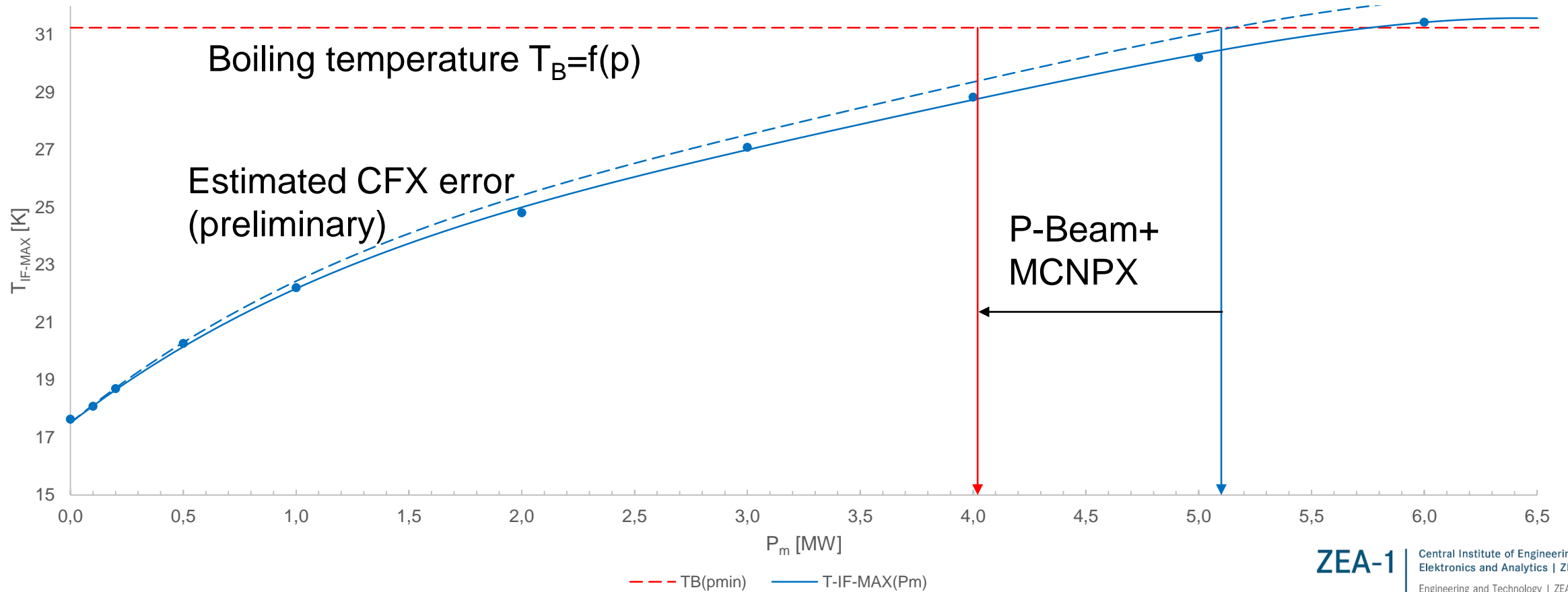
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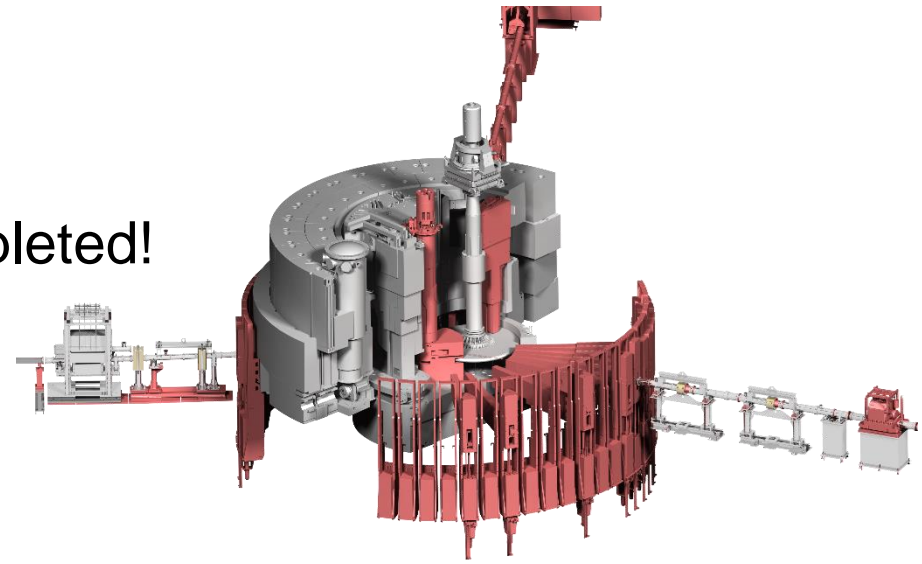
MAX “THEORETICAL” BEAM POWER (PRELIMINARY RESULTS), [2]

Interface temperature as a function of the proton beam power



OUTLOOK

- Design and CFX simulation of BF1 Moderator are completed!
- Comparison with PIV measurement is still in progress
 - Max Proton beam power will be around $\approx 4\text{MW}$ (based on current requirements)
 - For 5 MW local boiling can occur (possible cavitation needs to be analyzed)
- Prototyping will be completed in January
- PhD thesis will also be published in January

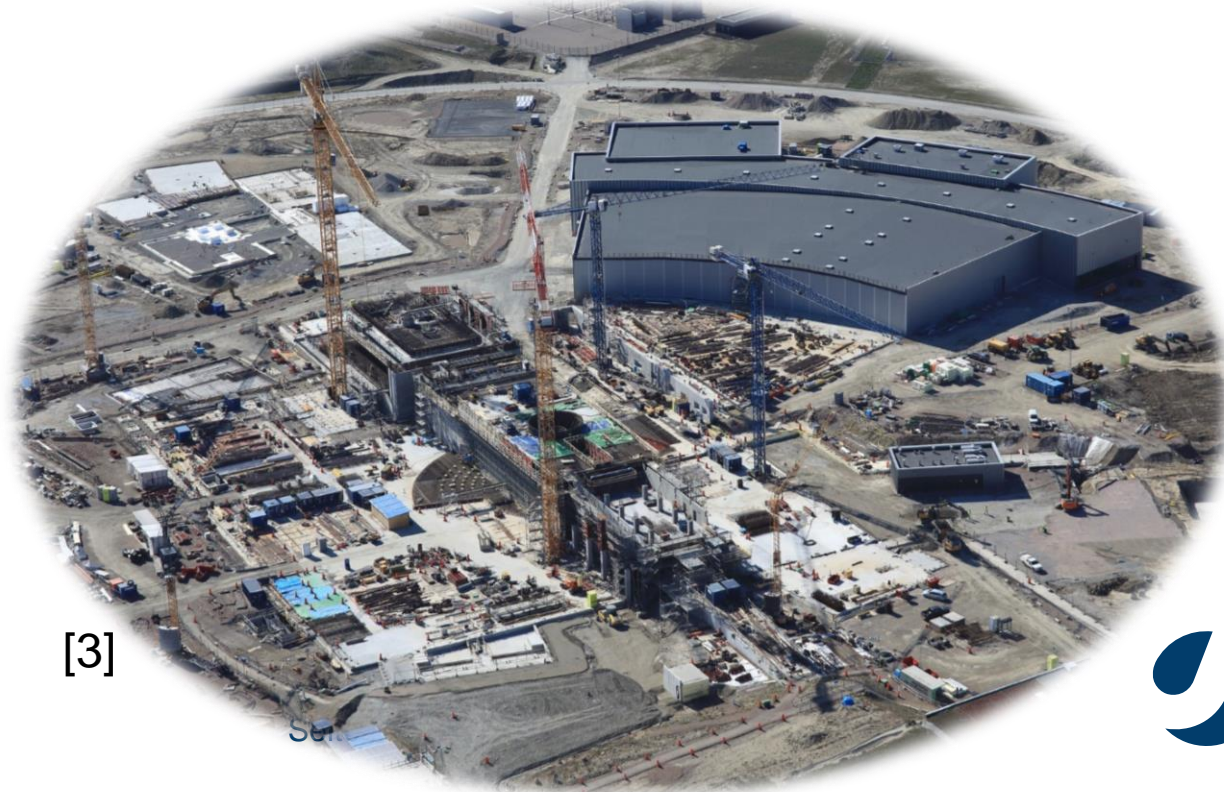


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