



PhD Retreat @ LNGS (17-21 February 2025)

MECHANICAL SERVICES at INFN

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DIAM – *Development and Innovation on Additive Manufacturing*

OUTLINE.

- The INFN Technologist along the years.
- INFN Laboratories and Divisions.
- Tooling and instrumentations.
- Some relevant experiences.
- **Special application: DIAM** (Development and Innovation on Additive Manufacturing for metals@INFN PD).

The Technologist along the years.

- Need to design experimental detector apparatuses and parts of accelerator machines necessitated specific skills of Mechanics, Electronics and Computing and Networking Services (Laboratories and Divisions);
- Over the years there has been a shift from the figure of the Team Technician to the CTP, up to the figure of the Technologist (due to the increasing complexity of commitments);
- Specific design services were instituted with some differences between Laboratories and Divisions units;
- Mechanical Design Services and Workshops are more involved with projects promoted by GR I to GR III and with residual proposals with GR V and Outreach;
- Applied Physics and Outreach became relevant in the last 20 years (Energy, Health, etc.) and INFN R&T earn relevant funds that helps on financing cutting-edge equipment for the Technical Services.
- The PhD TECH-FPA is a natural consequence and will offer an opportunity for young engineers and science graduates to participate in frontier technological developments in an international and interdisciplinary scientific environment

The Technologist along the years.

- INFN is always proposing frontier projects in multiple fields. Its structure, network, personnel are almost unique and therefore easily attracts the interest of young graduates
- The work of the Technologist within INFN structures often consists of developing non-standard solutions for original and challenging projects adopting less developed technologies to meet untested requirements;
- Training is fundamental as teamwork and collaboration with industry.
- The international environment offers a great opportunity to enhance the skills and the shared competences
- We are often called upon to find exotic solutions with unverified experience and the prototyping and commissioning steps performed in our laboratories represent an outstanding peculiarity

INFN (Padova) Mechanical Design Service tools & know-how

- Mechanical design: Siemens NX CAD
- Finite Element Analysis: Ansys Workbench, Ansys Fluent (COMSOL, Mechanica, Nastran)
- Thermography : Flir IR camera
- Metrology: Zeiss Accura CMM measuring machine. Optical Microscope, SEM, Portable Optical roughness meter
- Metrology: Hexagon measuring arm

Personnel past and periodic training:

- NX and Ansys periodic training on different subjects
- Geometrical dimensioning and tolerancing GD&T courses
- Zeiss Aukom level II metrology training and certification
- Phase array ultrasound scanning of structural discontinuities (weldings, gluing, composites)
- Experiences in design of metallic and composite structures for detectors, structural glueing, detectors cooling, high vacuum applications , brazing and welding applications, ...(Composite Lab: processing oven, post processing, clean room for assembly)

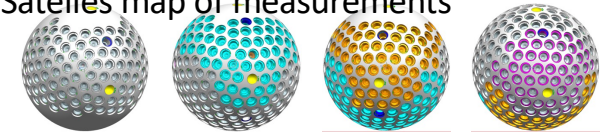
Measuring machine



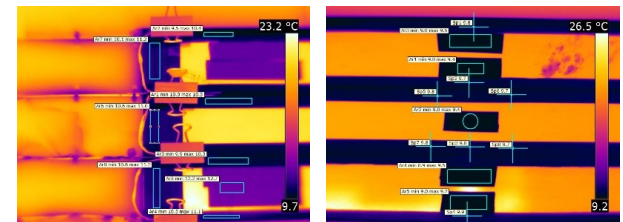
Measuring arm



Satelles map of measurements



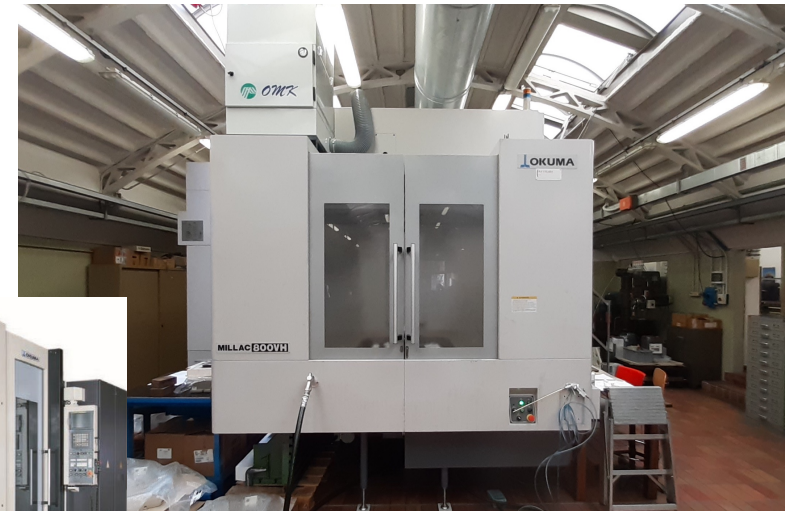
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10	37.343		26.927		205.203	5.975	0.025	0.153	0.053
11	37.328		26.954		205.150	6.028	0.078	0.161	0.061



CMS timing layer prototype IR imaging

Mechanical workshop (OM PD)

- 10 staff technicians, ~ 350 m² workshop
- Involved in producing samples, prototypes, parts and small productions for various experiments and projects..
- Opticam CAM software
- 3 and 5 axis CNC milling machines, up to 800 x 800x 1000 mm
- 2x wire EDM (wire electrical erosion)
- Various single and double spindle lathes
- 2x Wire and 1x SLA polymers “3d printers”
- 1 x laser welding
- And many other ancillary machines and tools



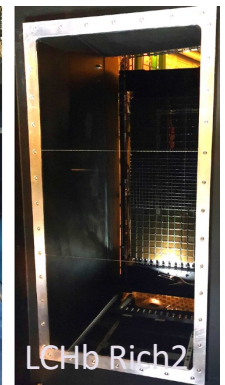
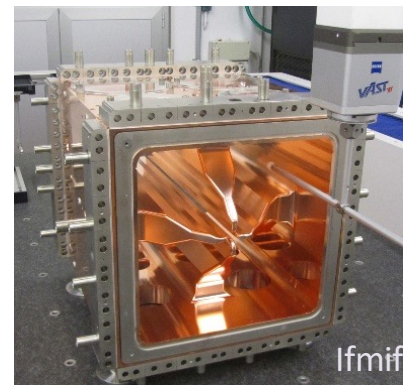
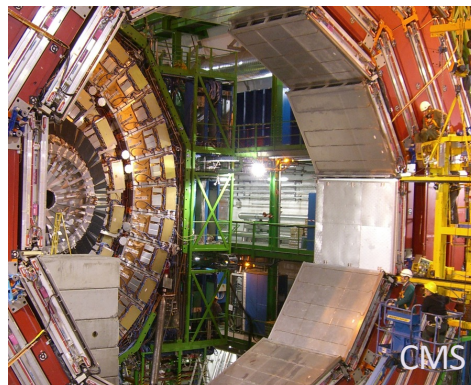
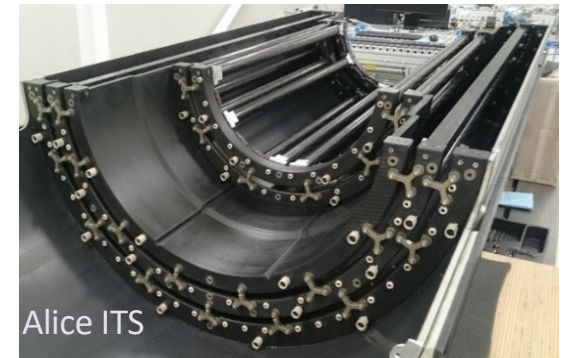
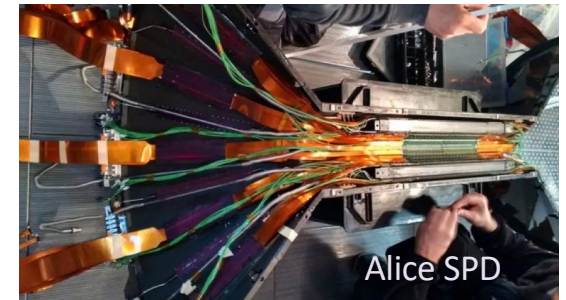
INFN Padova Mechanical Design Service: overview

Composed by 9 staff: 4 bachelor engineers, 5 graduate mechanical designers

Involved in R&D, design, prototyping, qualification, production ... up to delivery, installation and commissioning of detectors and accelerators components ..

In the far and recent past we have contributed to many projects, e.g.:

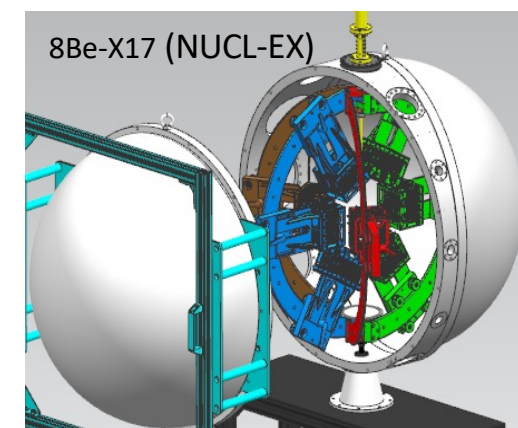
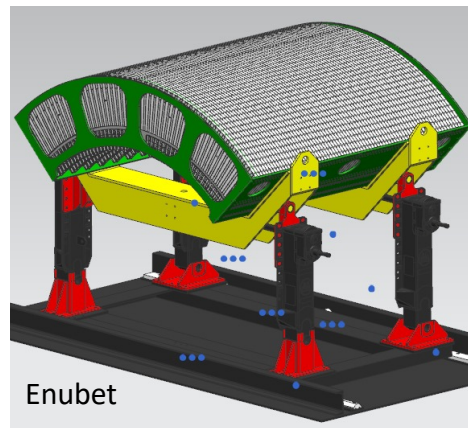
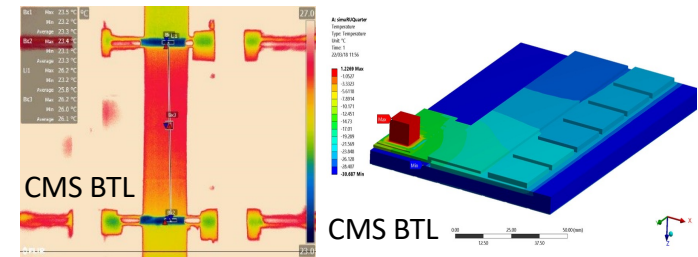
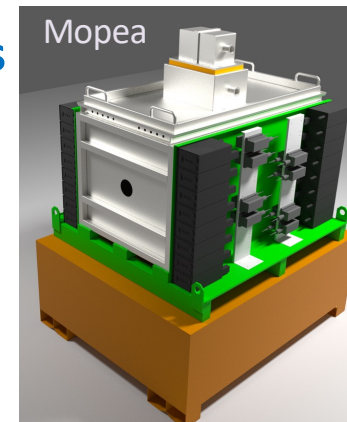
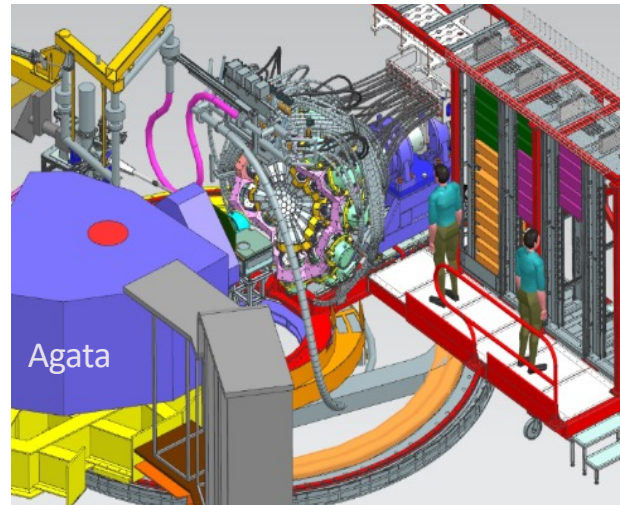
- Alice tracker (Cern)
- Belle II Dirc (KEK, Japan)
- CMS muon chambers (Cern)
- CTA mirrors (Canary islands)
- Icarus (LNGS and Fermilab)
- Ifmif RFQ (Rokkasho, Japan)
- LHCb RICH (Cern)
- Galileo (LNL, Italy)
- Zeus muon chambers (DESY)



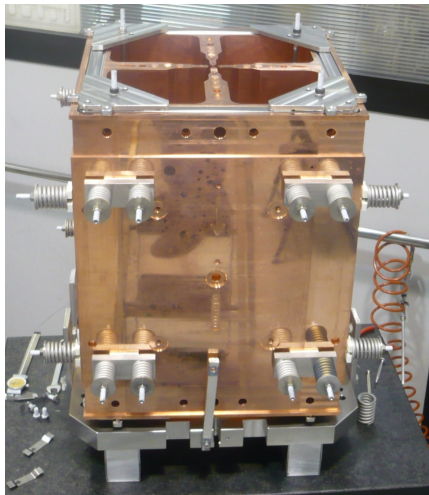
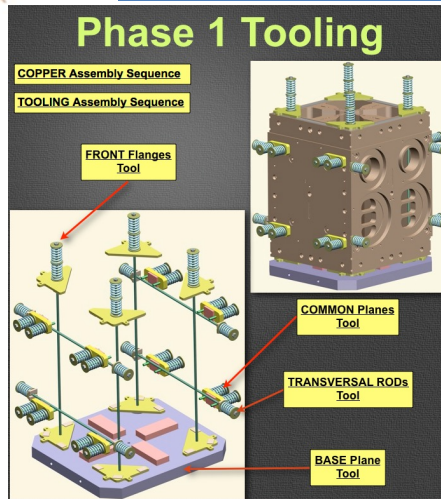
INFN Padova Mechanical Design Service: current activities

Currently involved in > 15 project of detectors, experiments, accelerators:

- ALADDIN (CERN)
- AGATA (LNL, Italy)
- CMS BTL (CERN)
- CTA (Canary Islands, Spain)
- DTT-NBI (Italy)
- ENUBET (CERN)
- GERDA Legend (GSSI, Italy)
- HEAT (LNL, Italy)
- I.FAST (EU project)
- MOPEA (LNL, Italy)
- MUON-E (CERN)
- MUTOMCA (KKK Germany)
- NUCL-EX (LNL, Italy)
- QUAX (LNL, Italy)
- SATELLES (...space)
- SPES (LNL, Italy)
- VIRGO (Pisa, Italy)
- and others ..



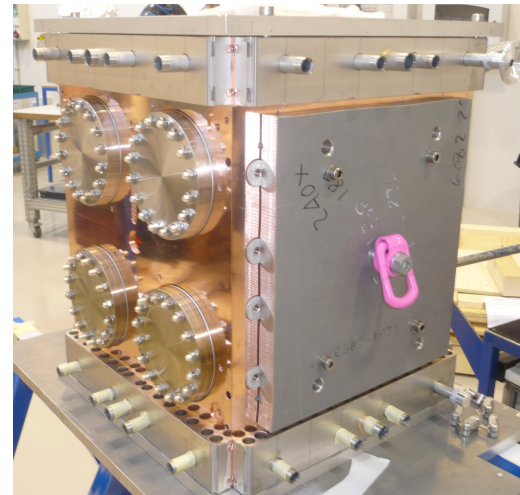
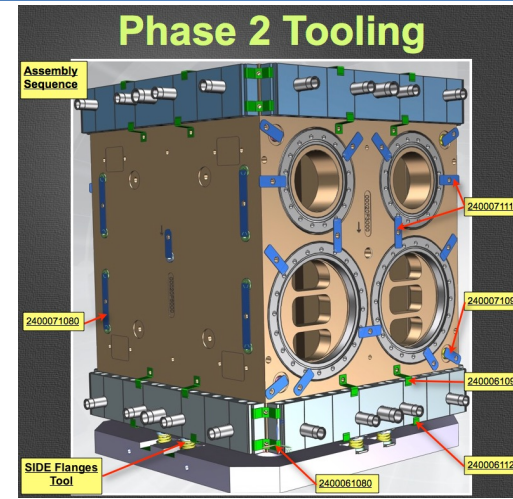
Modules produced with 2SB (M_16 and M_17).



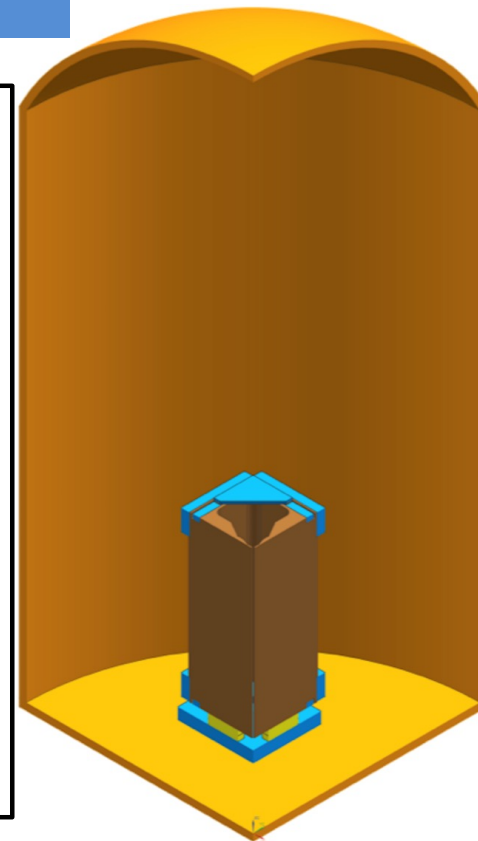
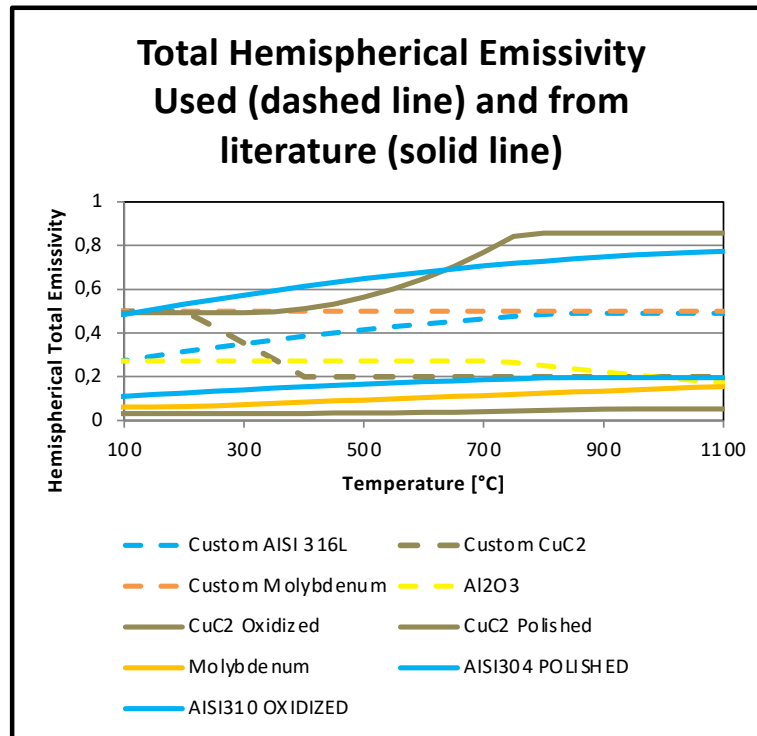
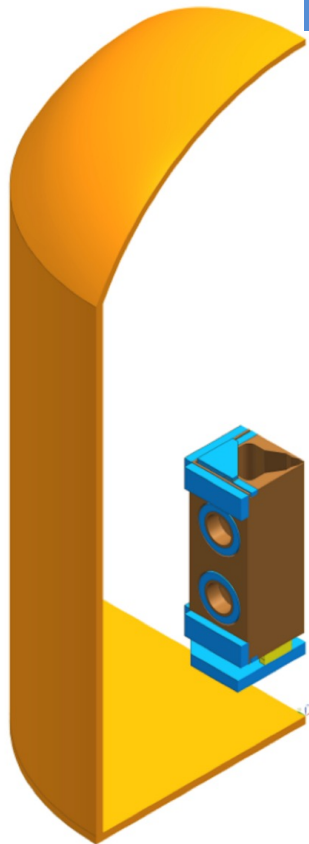
The first Module of the RFQ cavity line was brazed with 2SB due to the need to confirm the large amount of design changes introduced.

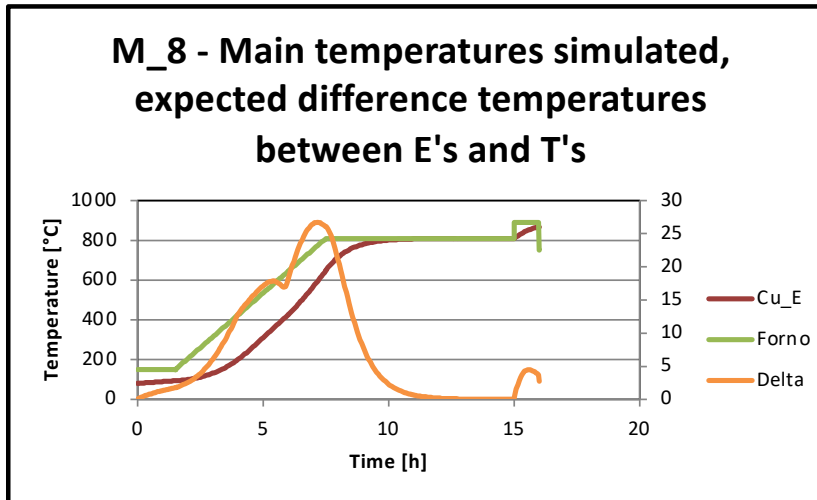
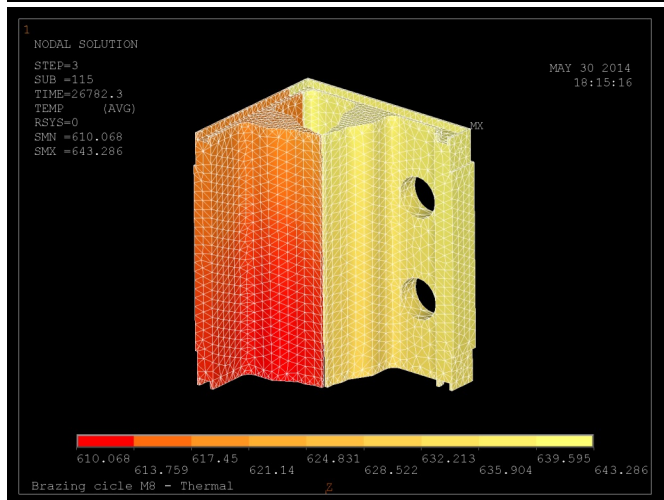
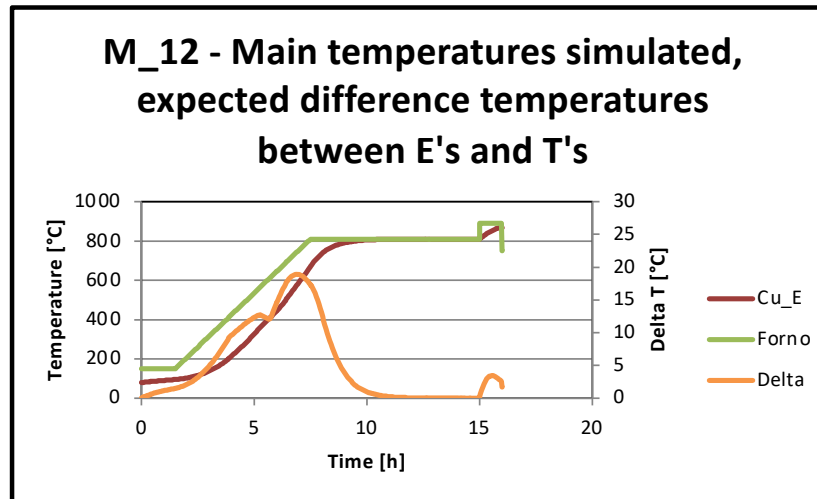
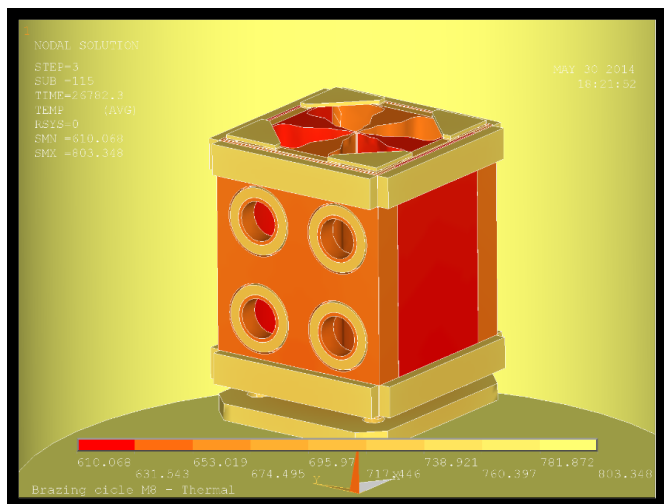
We had unpredictable problems on the 2° step brazing (thermal differential behaviour of AISI & Cu2) that induced us to a careful characterization (data from technical literature not confirmed). The report of this activity was done @5thIFMIF Workshop.

We updated the design on M_17 while maintaining the 2SB. The results in terms of geometrical aspect and tolerances were excellent (well below the very stringent overall specification: ref. TABLE 2).



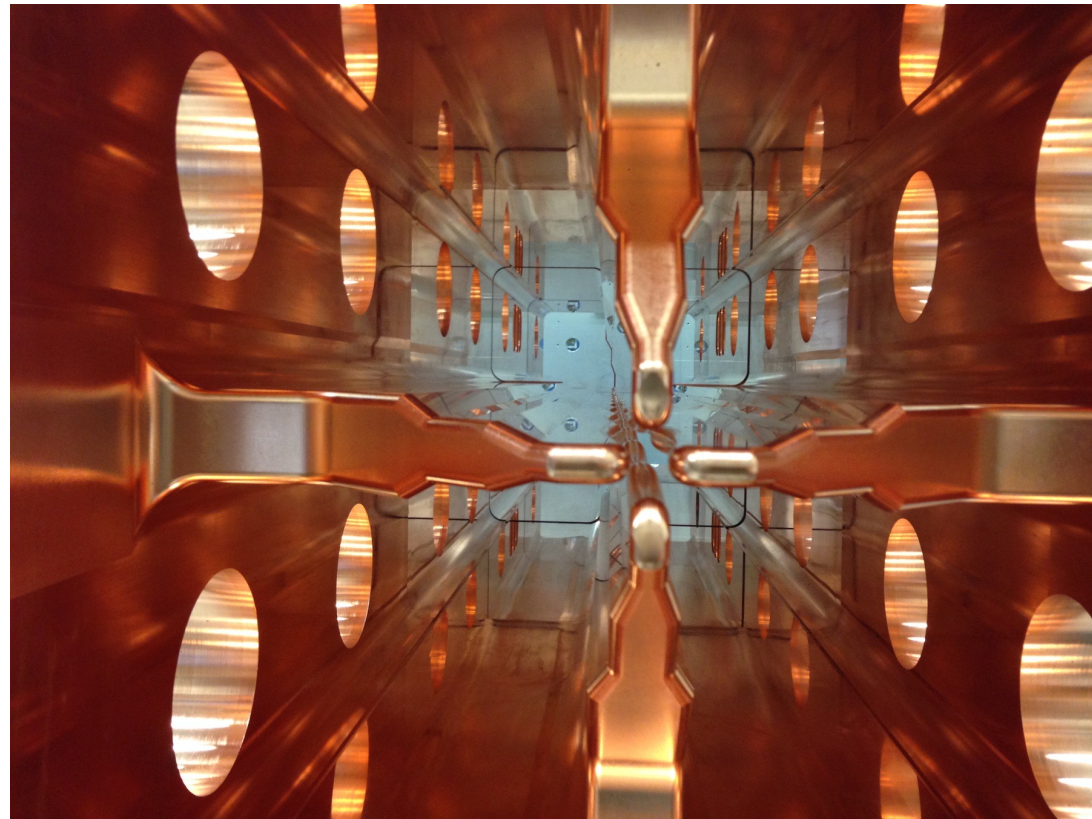
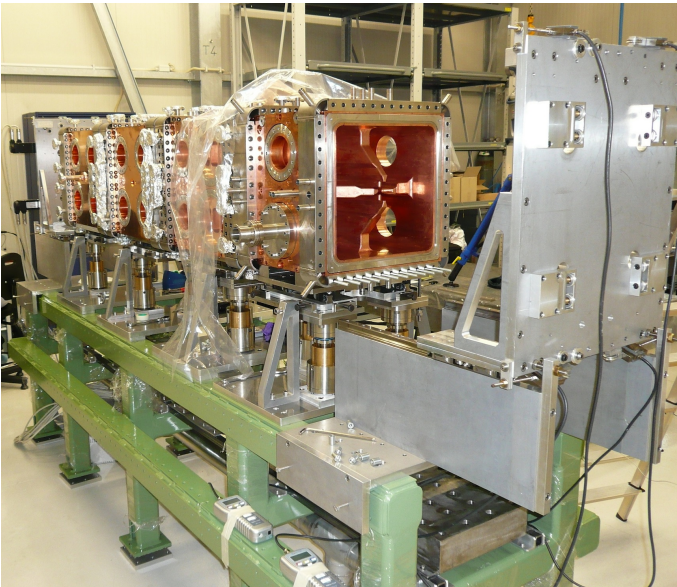
Since only difference between M_12 and M_8 is the vane thickness, we decided to develop FEM simulations of the thermal cycle to cope with the experimental data and provide a proper cycle and gauge positioning.



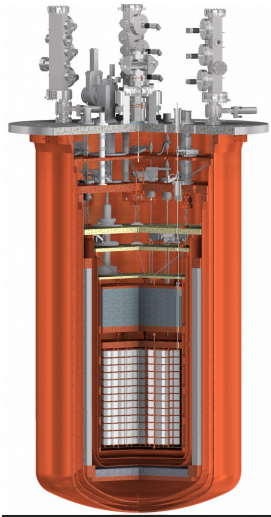
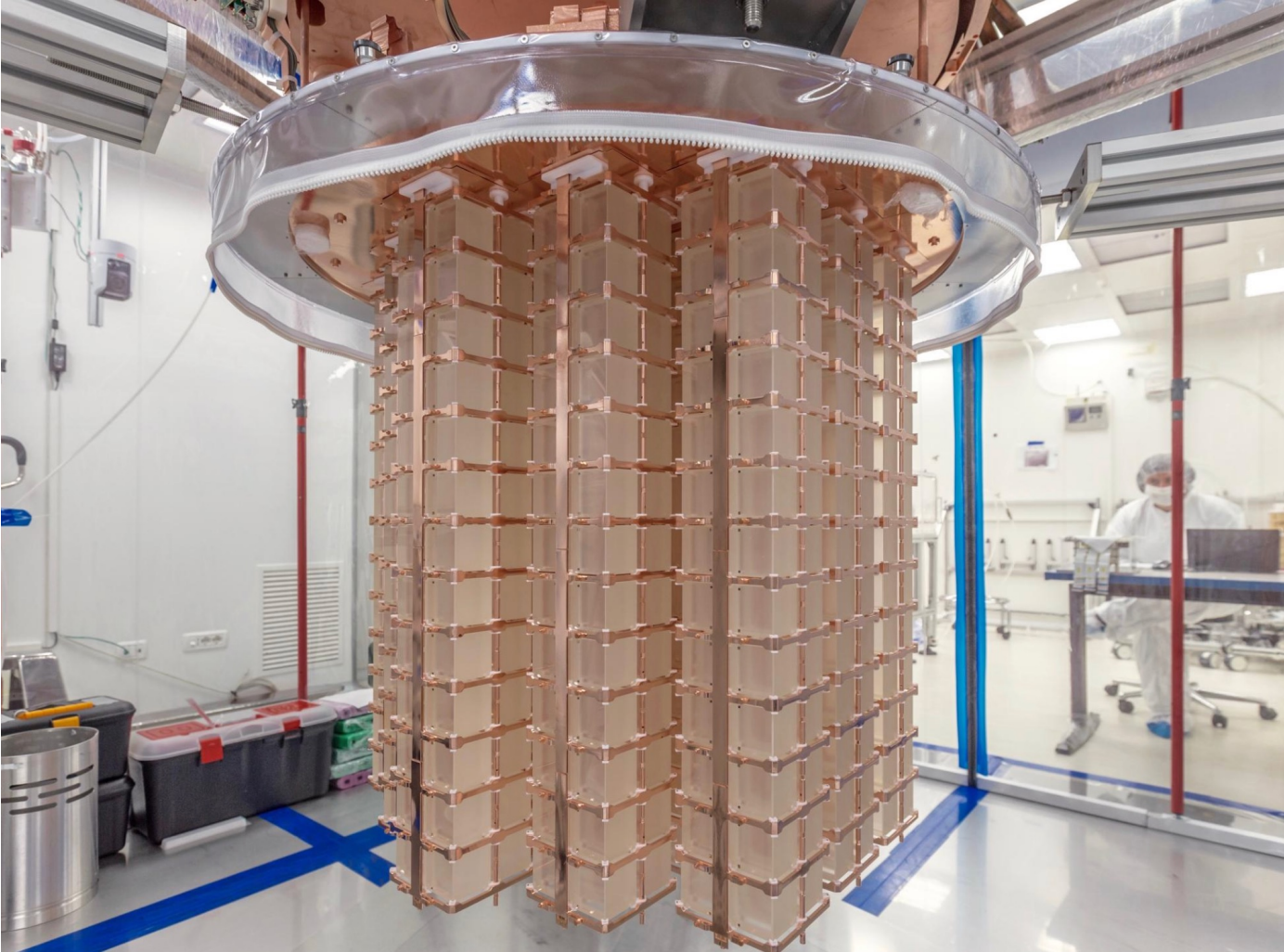


Power Test Line assembly:
October 2013.

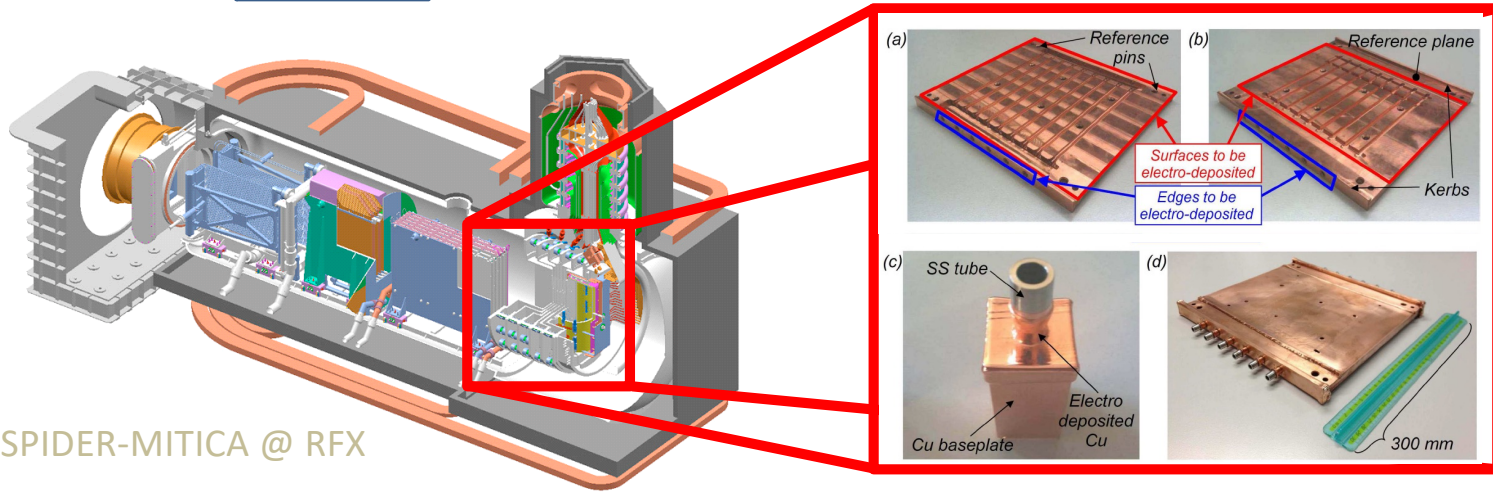
Power Test Line assembly:
view from HE side.



The 'CUORE' Experiment @ LNGS

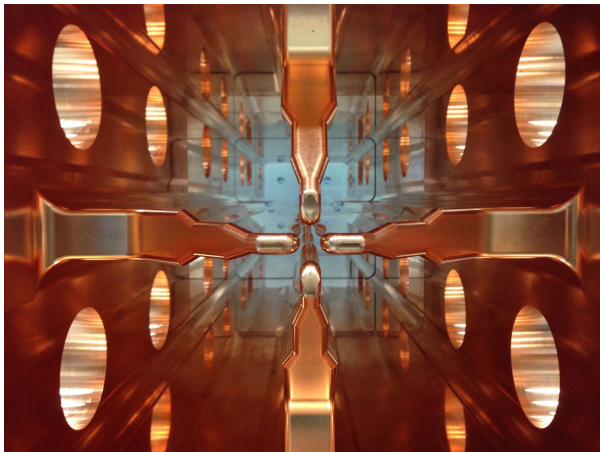
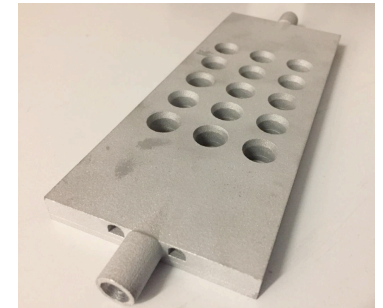
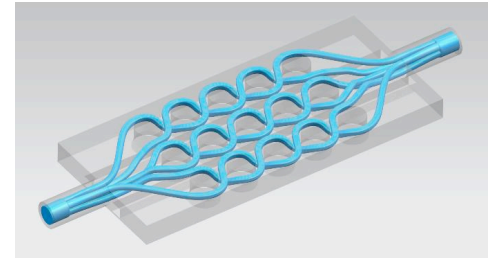


Origin of DIAM



SPIDER-MITICA @ RFX

P. Agostinetti, G. Chitarin, N. Marconato, D. Marcuzzi and A. Rizzolo, "Manufacturing and Testing of Grid Prototypes for the ITER Neutral Beam Injectors," in *IEEE Transactions on Plasma Science*, vol. 42, no. 3, pp. 628-632, March 2014.



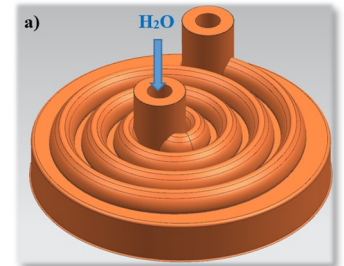
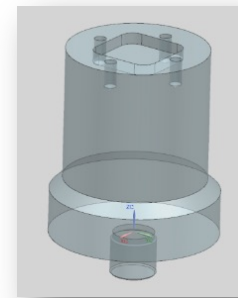
Cavità RFQ di IFMIF-EVEDA



Singer, F., et al. (2017). Additively manufactured copper components and composite structures for thermal management applications.

POLIDORO
for excellence in combustion

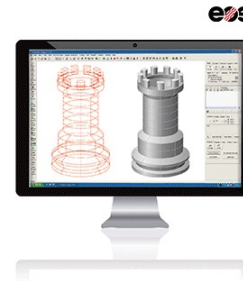
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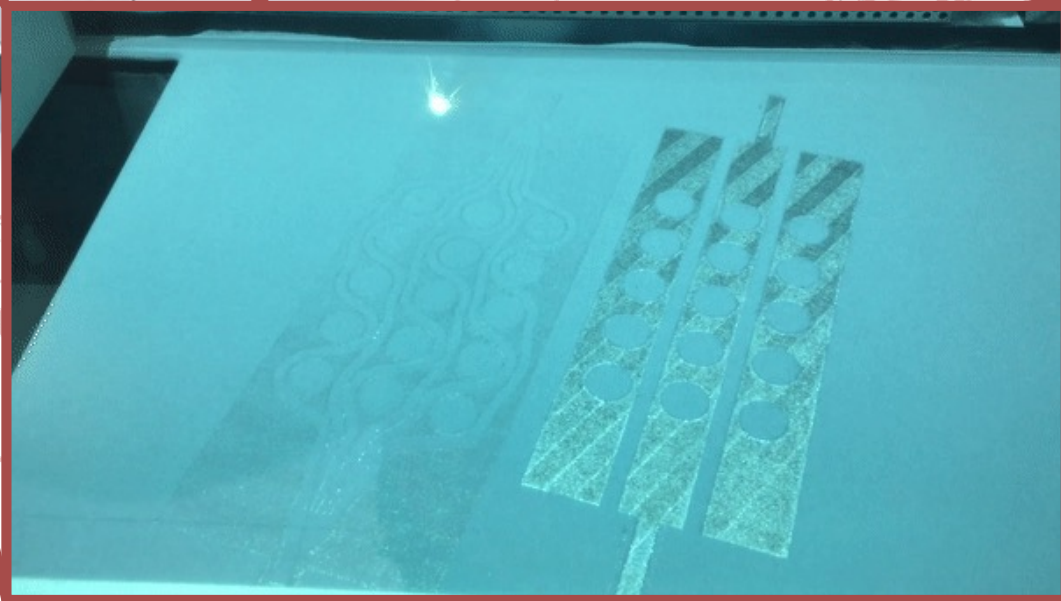
DIAM 1.0: POR-FSE 2016

Laser Powder Bed Fusion Process

EOSint M280
Copper & Copper Alloys



EOS M100
Refractory Metals



DIAM Research Core

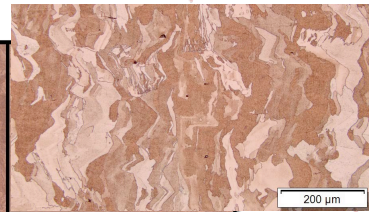
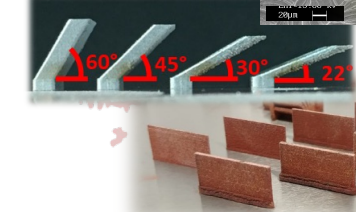
from MATERIAL to PRODUCT characterization

Production & Process parameters tuning

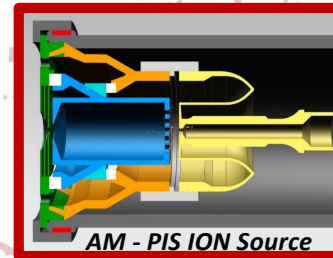
Microstructural & Geometrical Characterization

SA

- Bigger grains
- Recrystallized equiaxed grains
- Melt pools not observable



50 µm

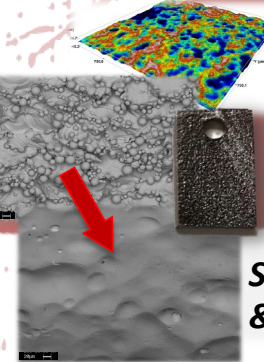
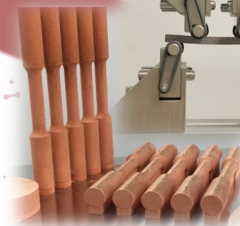


Design for Additive & Prototype Characterization



Mechanical Characterization

RT & HT Thermal Characterization



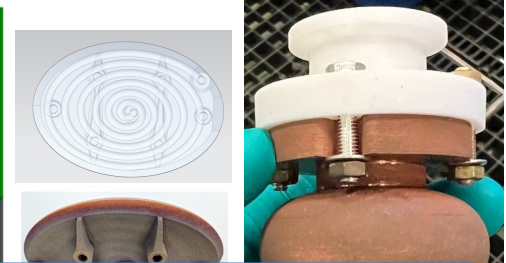
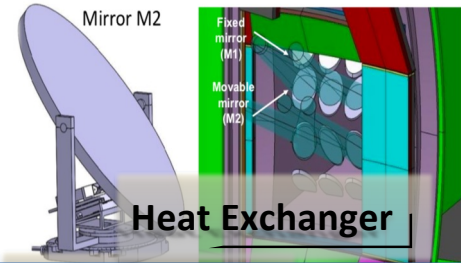
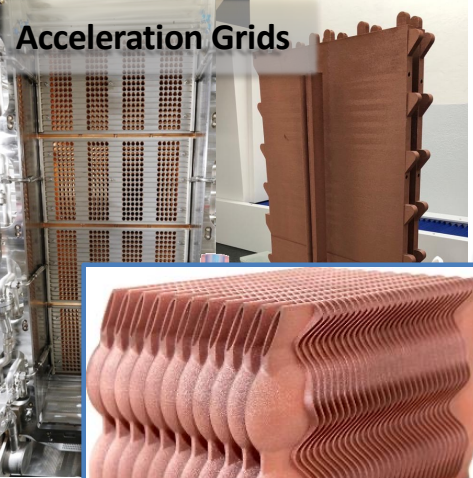
Surface analysis & finishing

COPPER & COPPER ALLOYS

Nuclear Fusion

@ DIAM lab:

- ✓ Pure Copper
- ✓ CuCrZr
- ✓ GRCop-42



Physical and Chemical properties:

- Excellent thermal conductivity;
- Excellent electrical properties;
- Good mechanical properties (alloy);
- Good corrosion resistance;
- Anti bacterial performances.



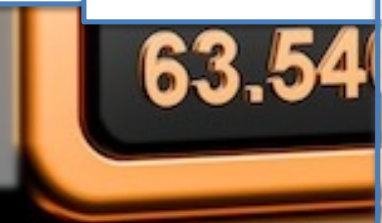
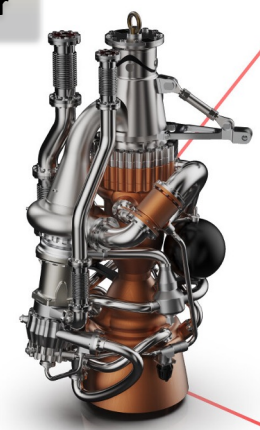
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LAUNCHER CuCrZr
 launcherspace.com

LAUNCHER E-2

THE WORLD'S **LARGEST 3D PRINTED** COMBUSTION CHAMBER ARRIVED AT LAUNCHER IN NOVEMBER 2019 FOR FULL-SCALE TESTING IN 2020.

Our partner



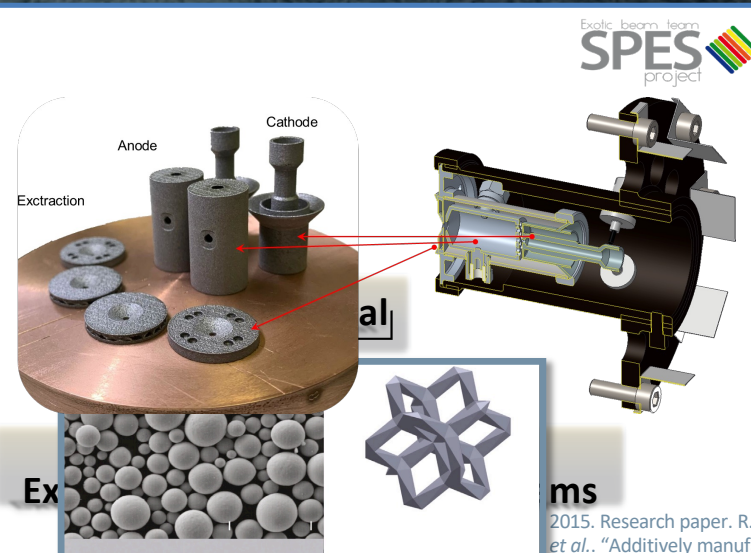
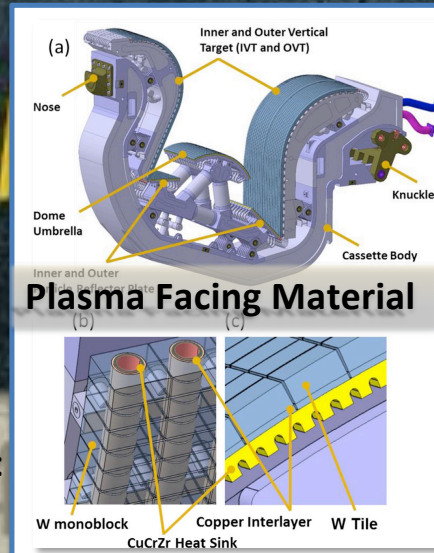
Nuclear Fusion & Nuclear Physics

@ DIAM lab:

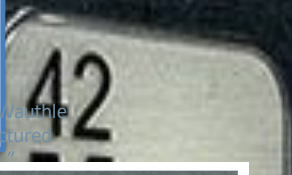
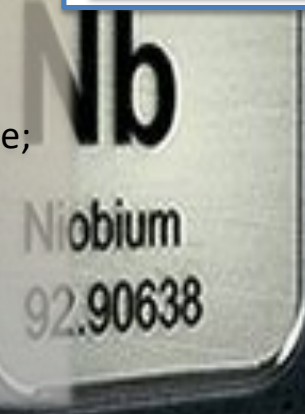
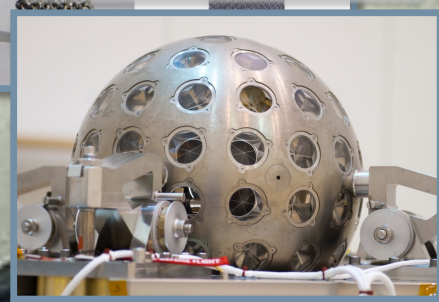
- ✓ Tungsten
- ✓ Molybdenum
- ✓ Tantalum
- ✓ Niobium

Physical and Chemical properties:

- Ultra-high melting point
- High density;
- Excellent corrosion resistance;
- Good thermal conductivity;
- Low thermal expansion;
- High strength and hardness.



Space and Aerospace

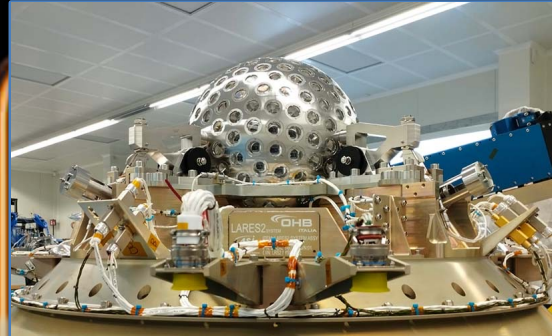


NICKEL SUPERALLOYS

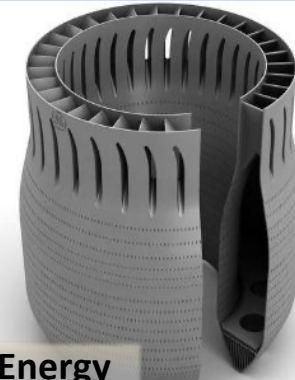
Aerospace

@ DIAM lab:

✓ Inconel 718



Satellite



Energy



Turbine Blades

Physical and Chemical properties:

- Exceptional strength;
- High heat resistance;
- Excellent corrosion protection;
- Good oxidation resistance;
- Excellent creep resistance;



Molten salt steam g

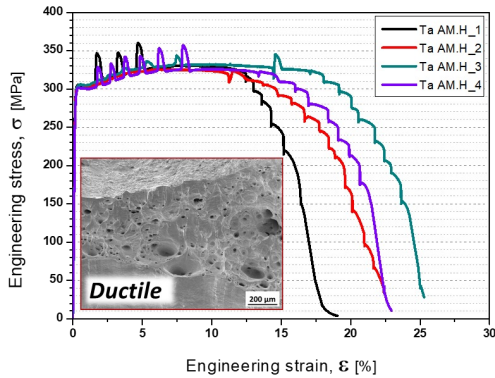
Oil and Gas



1b. AM Material Properties



- High Density (> 99.8%)
- Mechanical properties higher than STD tantalum



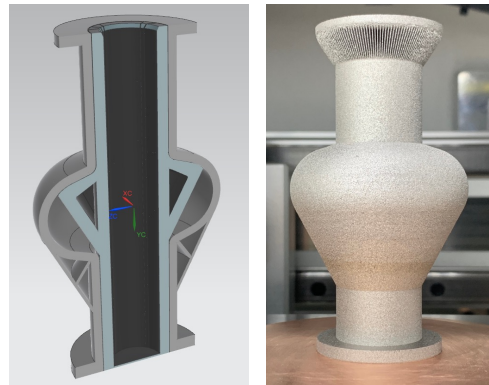
Sample	E [GPa]	σ_y [MPa]	UTS [MPa]	A [%]
Ta STD	173	155	210	> 50%
Ta AM	177	300	330	~22%

- Suitable for **STRUCTURAL** components (ex. Cathode)

AM Cathode - Ta



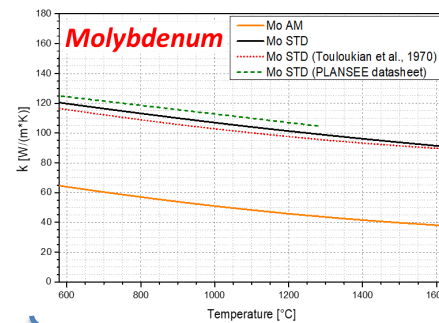
- High Density (> 99.8%)
- Extreme geometrical integrity during the production process



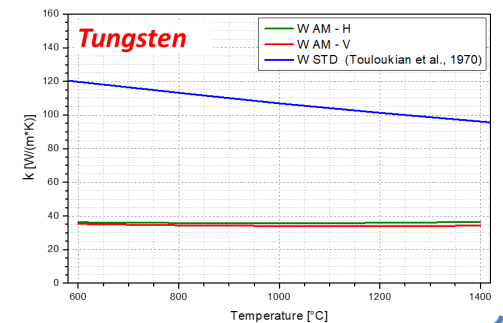
AM SRF 6GHz cavity - Nb



- High Density (> 99.9%)
- Thermal and mechanical properties lower than STD



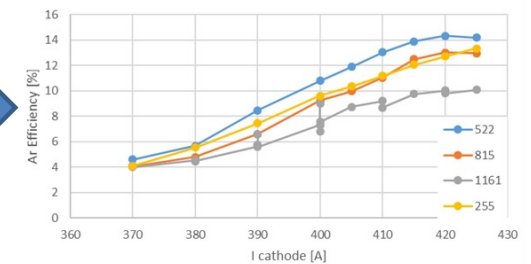
- High Density (> 99.6%)
- Thermal and mechanical properties lower than STD



- Suitable for **NON-STRUCTURAL** components (i.e. Anode)

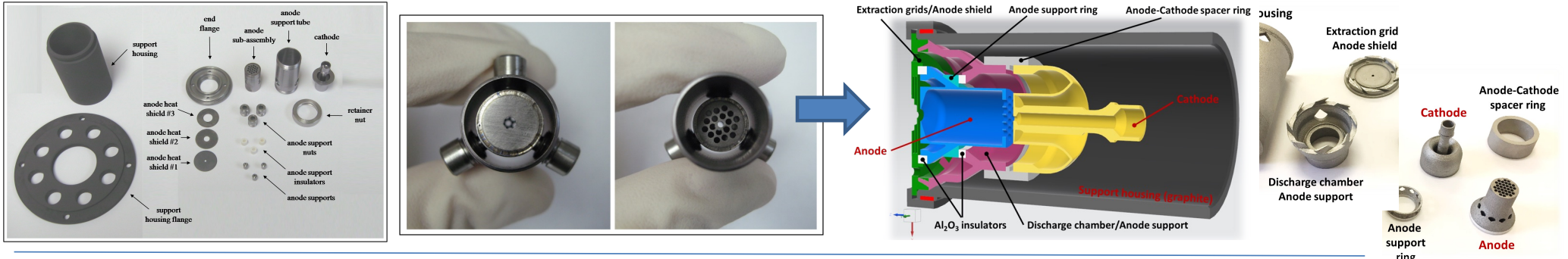
Ionization efficiency using AM Mo Anode comparable to STD Ta Anode

AM Anode - Mo



2. Project Objectives

2. Development and Off-line/On-line test of a New ION source designed for Additive Manufacturing production in order to:
 → Improve the Assembly phase: components n° reduction (from n° components > 20 → to max 8 components)

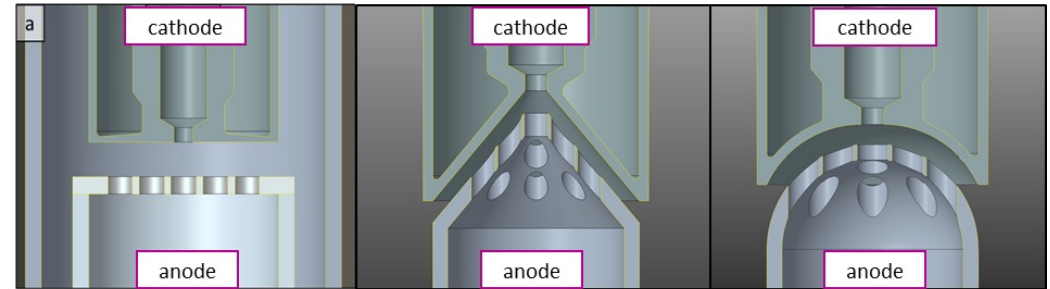
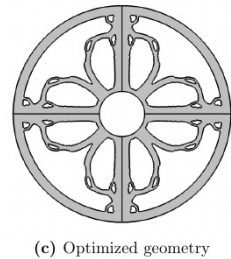
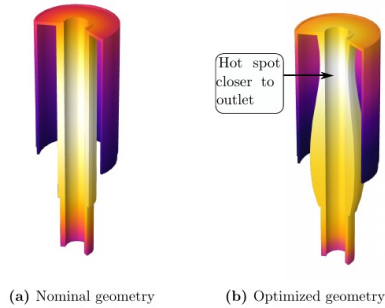


→ Develop a topological optimized design for the ION source physical performance improvement

→ Optimized Cathode shape

→ Anode Grid generative design

→ Optimized Cathode-Anode interface



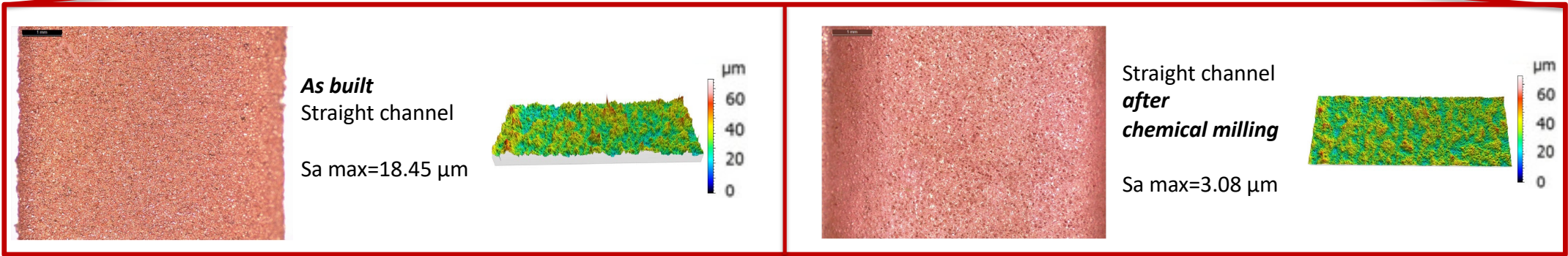
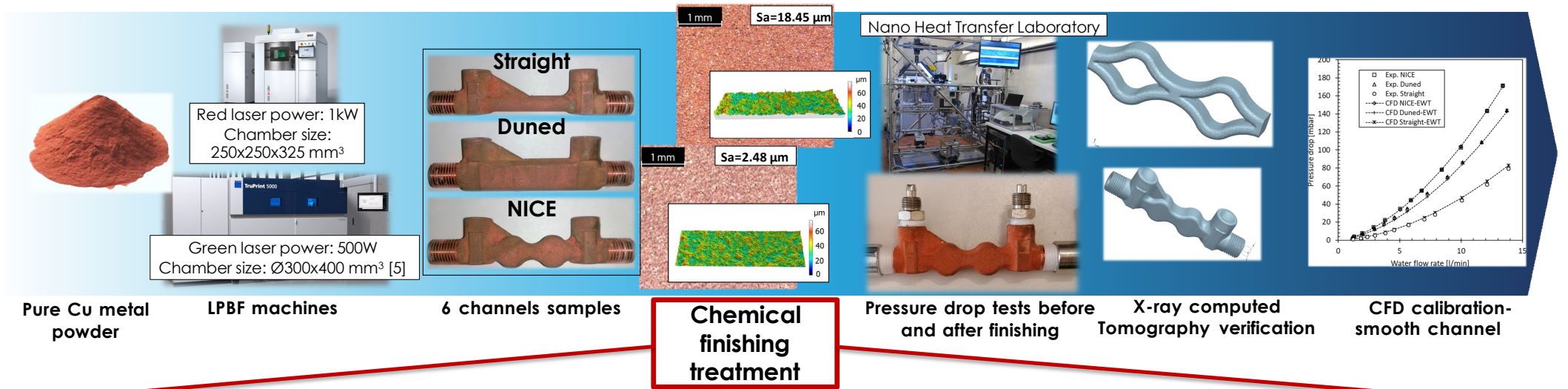
State of the Art: Old traditional design of the FEBIAD Ion Source

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Quantitative and verifiable output:

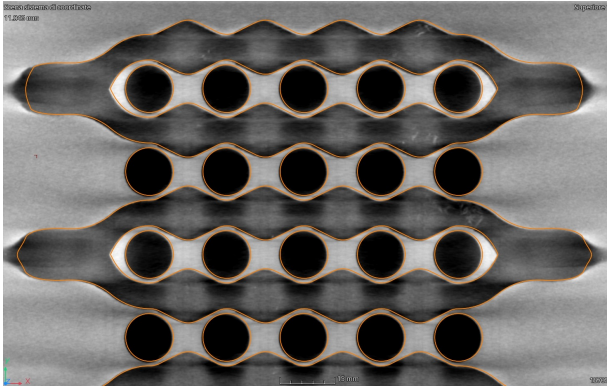
AM ION Source → New DfAM Ionization efficiency estimation

The integrated cooling system: performance optimization and pressure drop minimization



DTT AM applications for the NBI: Acceleration Grids

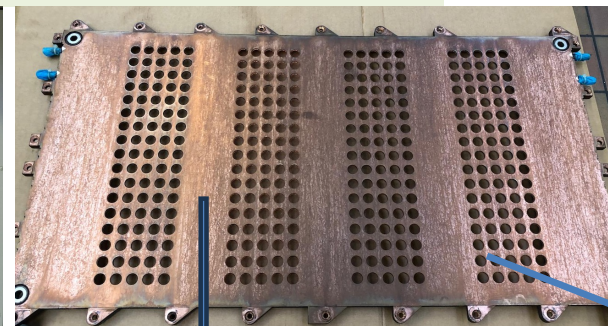
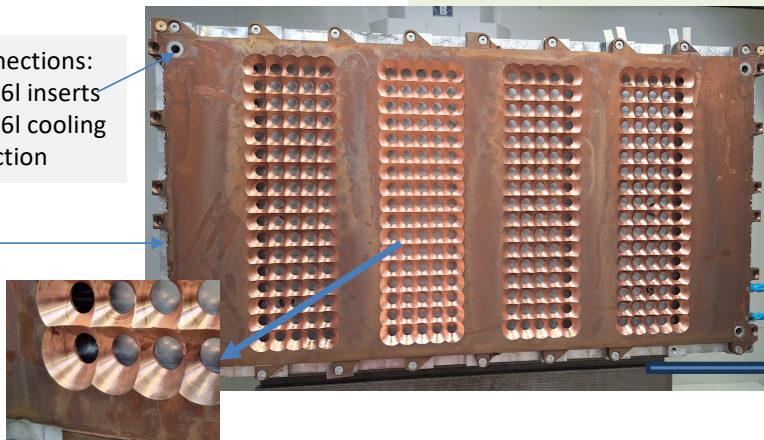
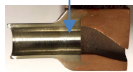
- First full-size prototypes
- Manufactured with AMCM M4K (Gmbh, EOS)
- Height 880mm; Width 450 mm
- Material CuCrZr
- Conformal cooling channels
- Spherical shape
- Heat treated with TAV S.p.A. furnace
- Quenched with GAr (argon gas)



Tomographic scan of an EG portion



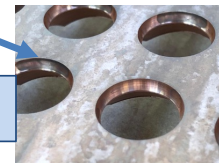
EBW connections:
- AISI 316l inserts
- AISI 316l cooling connection



Plasma Grid finished and tested

Full-size printed Raw blanks:

- Plasma Grid
- Extraction Grid
- Samples for fatigue lifetime study



Process optimization of copper alloys

PhD stage at EOS Electro Optical System Finland Oy

Machine: M290 1kW red-laser

Materials: CuCrZr and pure copper



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Activity:

- Printing parameters optimization
- Heat treatments
- Geometrical precision assessment
- Surface finishing optimization of as-built parts

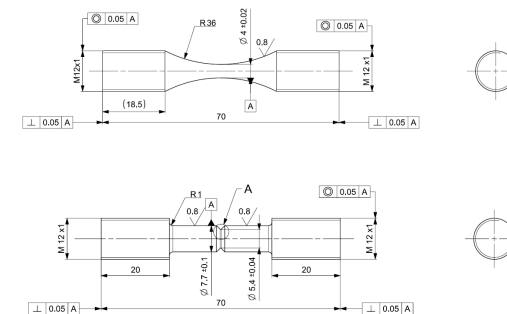
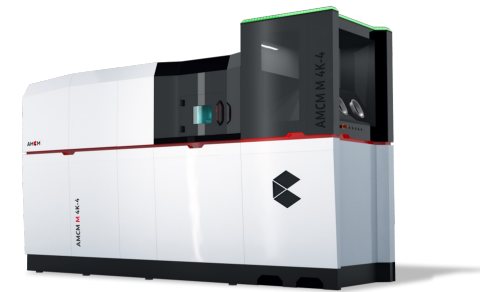


Characterization of AMCM 4K CuCrZr 80 um

- Relative density
- Microstructural characterization
- Tensile tests
- **Fatigue life (hourglass and notched)**

Low and high cycle fatigue life at RT and 300 °C of the following materials:

- EOS CuCP EOS M290 1KW
- EOS CUCRZR 60 um EOS M290 1KW
- EOS CUCRZR 80 um AMCM 4K (optimized parameters)
- CuCrZr EOS M280





PhD project - Corrosion of components made by additive manufacturing for extreme applications

Corrosion/erosion performance with the same water chemistry condition found in ITER NBTF systems and at same high velocity required (up to 12 m/s) and temperature (150 °C)

- CuCrZr
- Inconel 718

Corrosion behavior in molten salts at the high temperature (550 °C)

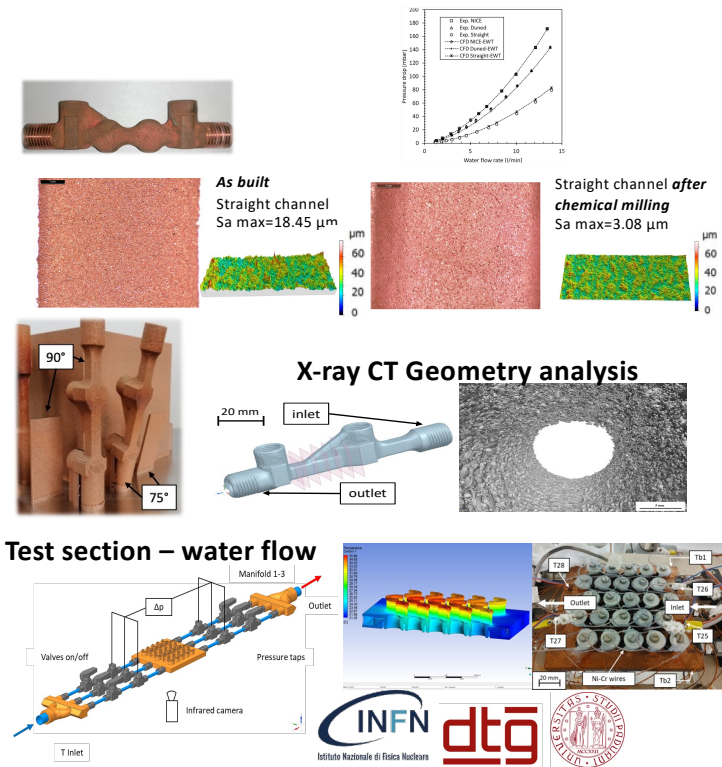


AM for thermal management application: numerical modelling and experimental tests.

Fluid flow inside additively manufactured and smoothed cooling channels.

Influence of the building orientation on the hydraulic performance of additively manufactured cooling channels.

Experimental tests and CFD simulations of additively manufactured extraction grid prototypes for the DTT neutral beam injector.



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