

Atomic & Molecular Data Needs for ITER

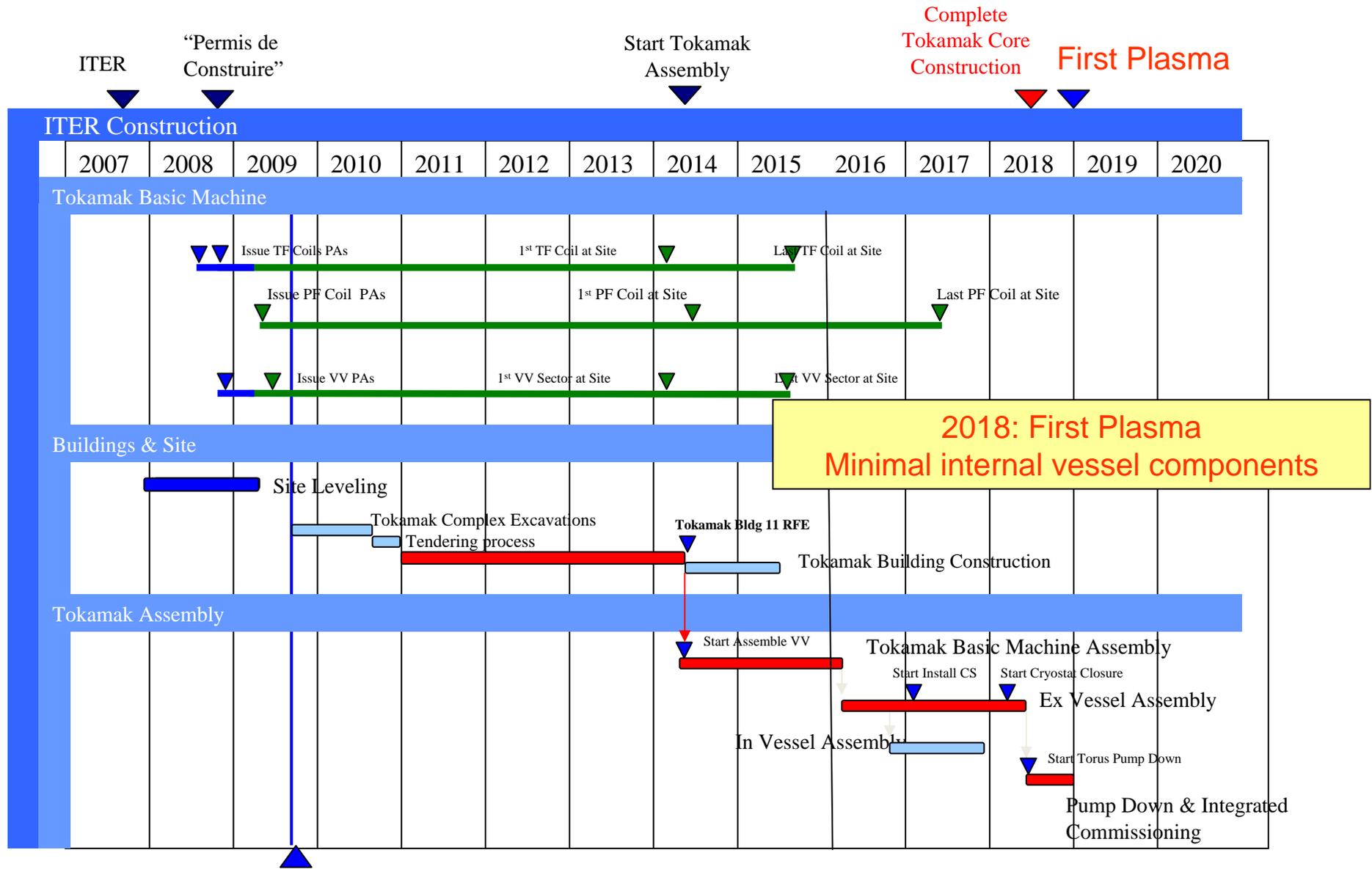
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Present ITER Construction Site



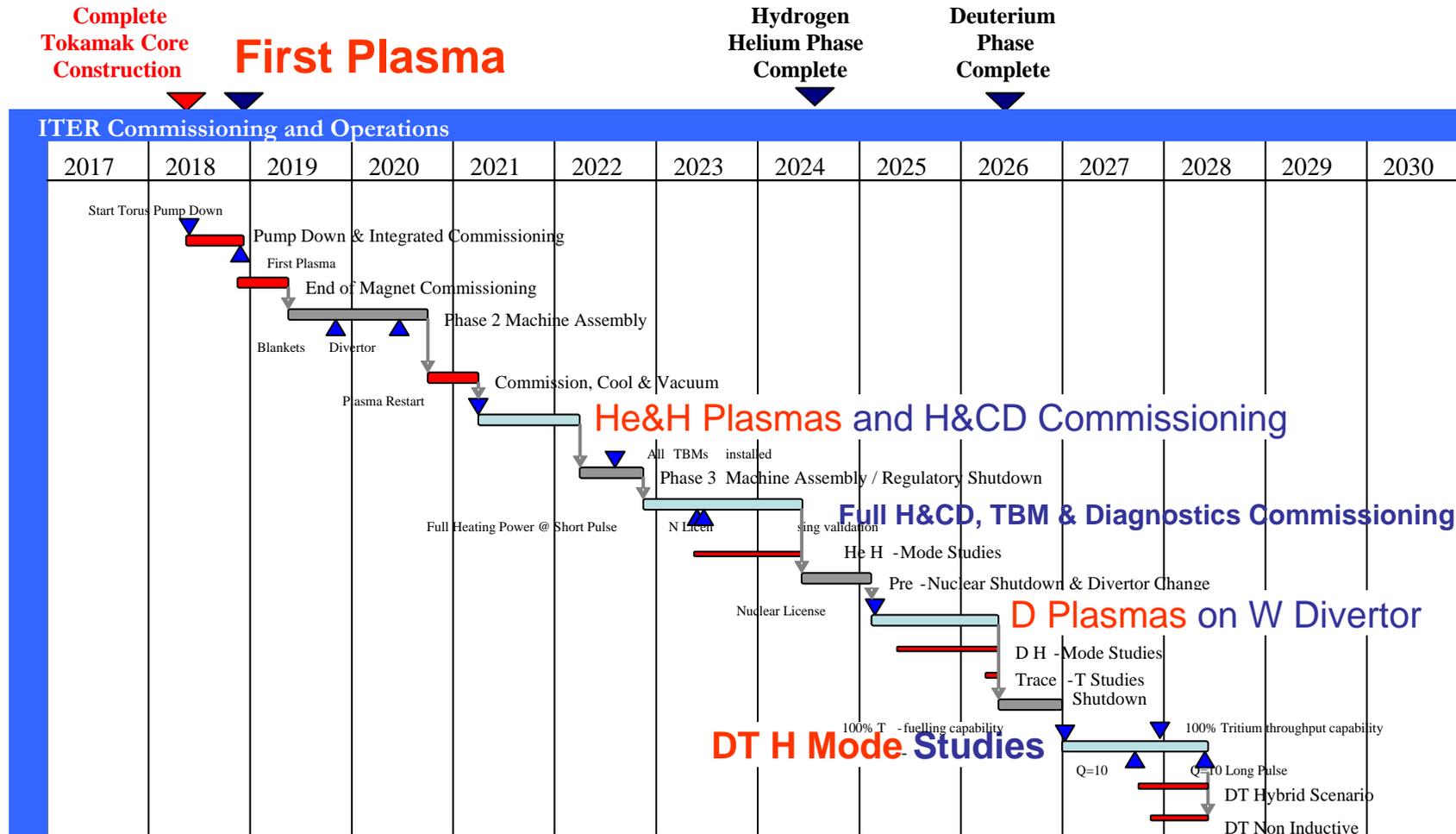
Updated Schedule



Current Date

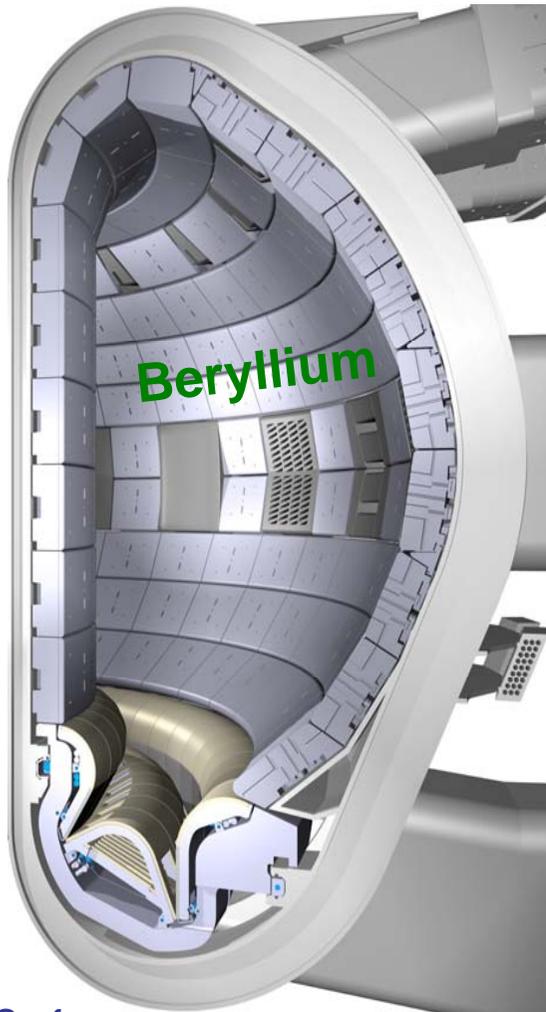
Approach to DT Operation

- First D-T Plasma foreseen at the end of 2026 or beginning of 2027



→ The timescale for modeling development

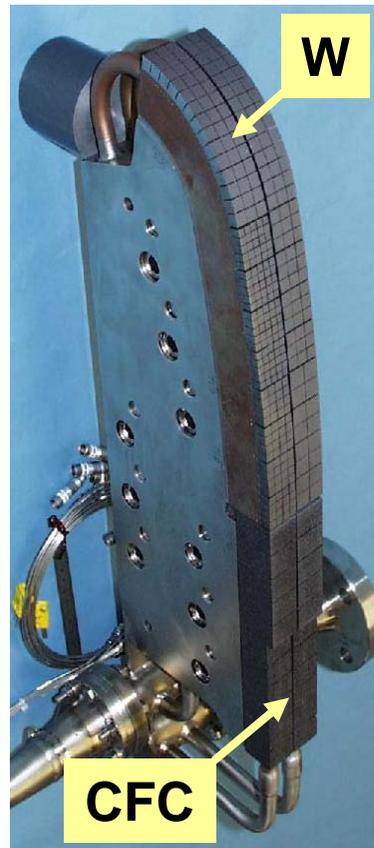
ITER materials choices



Beryllium

Surface areas:
Be: 700 m², W: 100 m²
CFC: 50m²

- Be for the first wall
 - Low T-retention
 - Low Z
 - Good oxygen getter



W

CFC

- For H and part of D phase: C for the targets
 - Low Z
 - Does not melt
 - Excellent radiator
- W for the dome/baffles
 - High Y_{phys} threshold

Driven by the need for operational flexibility

- For D and DT phases:
 - Be wall, **all-W divertor***

To avoid problem of T-retention

*The possibility of CFC target during the initial DT phase is not precluded

Main species in ITER: H, D, T, He, Be, C, W, O, N, Ne, Ar, Kr

ITER Modeling

Core plasma inside the separatrix (ASTRA):

1D transport, averaged over the flux surfaces

mostly coronal approximation for impurity radiation

Edge plasma outside the separatrix (SOLPS):

“dirty” plasma (neutrals, impurities, wall interactions); essentially 2D

multi-fluid model for ions & electrons

→ a separate fluid for each charge state

Monte-Carlo model for neutrals

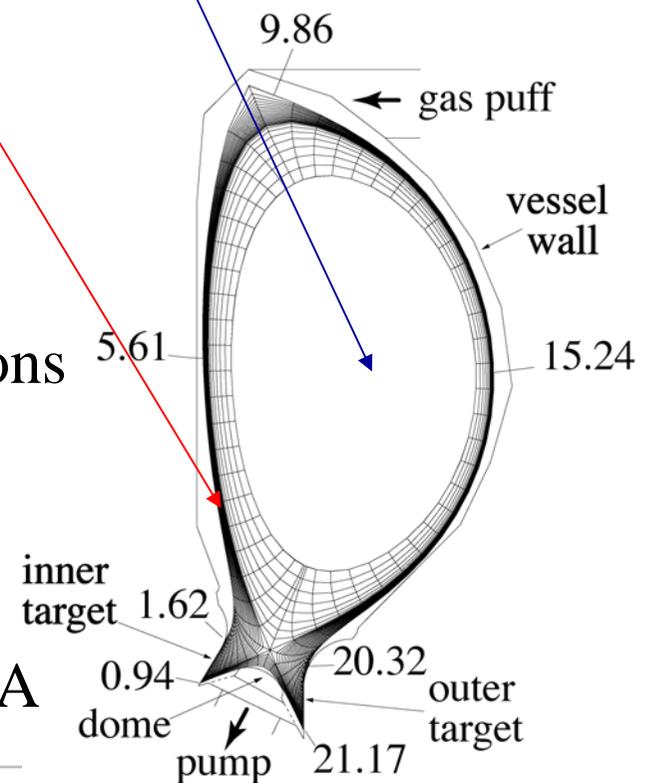
→ geometry detail (3D), full set of reactions

→ neutral-neutral collisions included

→ radiation transport can be included

Integration: parameterisation of SOLPS results

→ boundary conditions for ASTRA



Current Modeling

- Most of effort on modeling the energy and particle transport
 - Analysis of divertor design
 - Data on ionisation, recombination, and total emissivity
- Burning plasma conditions with C targets (the decision on W targets for D-T phase was made rather recently)
 - Data for H isotopes, He, Be, and C;
 $T_e \in [0.01 \div 1000] \text{ eV}$, $n_e \in [10^{18} \div 10^{21}] \text{ m}^{-3}$
 - generally, existing; refinement desirable
 - Vibrational excitations for D_2 molecules important for neutral transport
 - Data for DT? For T_2 ?
- Turning to the pre-DT phase (especially, He plasmas) with C targets
 - He data more important, in particular, 3-body recombination and radiation emissivity – refinement desirable

Next step

- Turning to the DT phase with W targets
 - Rather urgent: the second set of divertor cassettes to be designed before start of ITER operation
 - Impurity seeding
 - W, Ne, Ar, N, (Kr, Xe) data;
 - $T_e \in [10^2 \div 10^4] \text{ eV}, n_e \in [10^{19} \div 10^{20}] \text{ m}^{-3}$ core
 - $T_e \in [10^{-2} \div 10^3] \text{ eV}, n_e \in [10^{18} \div 10^{21}] \text{ m}^{-3}$ edge
 - High-Z → **bundling** the charge states desirable
 - Transport-dependent → convenient **tools** needed
 - N₂ molecules: vibrational excitations?

Further plans

- Diagnostics assessment: test bench for diagnostics developers
 - Emissivity of separate lines
 - for spectroscopy
 - disturbing e.g. Thomson scattering measurements
 - identification of proper lines
- Abnormal event detection (water leak, loss of tiles, ...)
 - H₂O, O, O₂, Fe, Cu data
- Parasitic plasma under the dome
 - Photo-ionisation & photo-dissociation data
- Wall interaction data
 - Excitation of reflected/desorbed particles?

Summary

- Usual non-specific request: more data, better evaluated
- W data seem to be critical for near future
 - Continued validation of tungsten atomic data important
 - Tools for bundling charge states are needed
- Importance of line radiation data
 - Selection of proper lines: input from diagnostics community needed
- Molecule excitations
 - Isotope effect?
 - Gaseous impurities?