

Nuclear data validation and verifications for IFMIF-DONES

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- DPA and gas production uncertainties
- Deuteron cross sections
- Summary and discussion



Introduction of IFMIF-DONES facility



- IFMIF-DONES: International Fusion Material Irradiation Facility - DEmo Oriented Neutron Source
- Provide irradiation data for the construction of DEMO
 - Deuteron accelerator (125 mA, 40 MeV), generating fusionrelevant neutrons through Li(d,xn) reactions
- Currently under construction at Granada, Spain
 - Handover phase between EUROfusion and IFMIF-DONES consortium on-going.
 - Estimation of first irradiation in early 30s





Source: fusionforenergy.europa.eu







- Neutrons in different energies at DONES target region
 - Large amount of neutrons with energy consistent with fusion 0.1-14 MeV
 - **12%-14%** of neutrons with energy higher than 14 MeV.
- We observe the lack of high-energy validation benchmarks, including simulation and experiments.



Neutron		High Flux Test
energy[MeV]	Target back-plate	Module
<0.1	2.6%	3.1%
0.1-1	28%	31%
1-14	58%	52%
14-20	6.0%	7.3%
>20	6.1%	6.6%
Total flux [n/cm ² /s]	1.35E+15	9.89E+13





Neutron flux spectra at different location of test cell



High-energy leakage sphere simulation benchmark



Report: B. Kos, et.al. EUROfusion IDM **2RMEHN**

- Leakage sphere: computation benchmark used in JADE. point source with target neutron spectrum calculated using McDeLicious code.
- Elements: all 192 nuclides in FENDL3.2b is tested, key elements for DONES (Li, Be, B, O, Si, Ca, Cr, Fe, Ni, Cr, Cu, Zr, W, Pb) are analysed
- Libraries: FENDL-3.1d (T1), FENDL-3.2b(T2) and JEFF-3.3 (reference, R).
- **Analysis Tools**: JADE code is mainly used for automatic MCNP input, execution, output and plotting.
- **C/C**: providing deviations between the libraries.



Model and neutron spectrumd





- No Significant Differences (Within Statistical Fluctuations)
 - Isotopes: ¹⁶O, ¹⁷O, ¹⁸O, ²⁹Si, ³⁰Si, ⁴⁰Ca, ⁴²Ca, ⁴³Ca, ⁵⁸Fe, ⁶¹Ni, ⁶⁴Ni, ⁹⁰Zr, ⁹¹Zr, ⁹²Zr, ⁹⁴Zr, ⁹⁶Zr, ²⁰⁴Pb
- Slight Differences (Factor ≤ 1.5, Specific Energy Ranges)
 - ²³Na, ⁴⁴Ca, ⁴⁶Ca, ⁵⁰Cr, ⁵²Cr, ⁵³Cr, ⁵⁴Cr
- Notable differences Primarily Below 20 MeV
 - ⁶³Cu, ⁶⁵Cu, ¹⁸²W
- Notable differences Above 20 MeV
 - ¹⁸⁶W, ²⁰⁶Pb, ²⁰⁷Pb, ²⁰⁸Pb
- Significant Differences Above 20 MeV (Factor > 2, Further Investigation Needed)
 - ⁶Li, ⁷Li, ⁹Be, ¹⁰B, ¹¹B, ²⁸Si, ⁵⁸Ni, ⁶⁰Ni, ¹⁸³W, ¹⁸⁴W



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Slight Differences: ⁷Li, ²³Na, ⁴⁴Ca, ⁴⁶Ca, ⁵⁰Cr, ⁵²Cr, ⁵³Cr, ⁵⁴Cr







• Differences Primarily Below 20 MeV: ⁶³Cu, ⁶⁵Cu, ¹⁸²W



• Differences above 20 MeV: ¹⁸⁶W, ²⁰⁶Pb, ²⁰⁷Pb, ²⁰⁸Pb





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Elux [#/cm²]

Neutron 10⁻¹⁰

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Energy [MeV]

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High-energy leakage sphere simulation benchmark

Leakage Neutron Flux (VITAMIN-J+)

⁹Be

30 35 Energy [MeV]

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- Significant Differences Above 20 MeV (Factor > 2): ⁶Li, ⁹Be, ¹⁰B, ¹¹B, ²⁸Si, ⁵⁸Ni, ⁶⁰Ni, ⁶²Ni, ¹⁸⁰W, ¹⁸³W, ¹⁸⁴W
- The difference of ¹⁰B and ¹¹B between FENDL3.1d and ٠ FENDL3.2b are also quite significant.

3006 (JEFF-3.3)

T1: 3006 (FENDL 3.1d)

[2: 3006 (FENDL 3.2b)

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Neutron Flux [#/cm²] 10⁻⁶ [#/cm²] 10⁻⁹ 10⁻¹⁰

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lσ [%]

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Leakage Neutron Flux (VITAMIN-J+)

⁶Li





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- In the case of ¹⁸⁰W, JEFF-3.3 is about 2-3 order of magnitude higher, and has a peak at 30 MeV which does not visible in FENDL3.1d and FENDL3.2b.







- Fe data are overall in good consistency
 - FENDL-3.1d shows significantly higher results in ⁵⁶Fe data in the energy range between 15 MeV and 20 MeV





IFMIF-DONES computational benchmark









- Target backplate and HFTM
 - Deviation of around 5 % between 10-55 MeV.s
 - Between 15 MeV and 20 MeV the FENDL-3.1d results differ from the FENDL-3.2b results.
 - Differences in the ⁵⁶Fe nuclear data could be the cause







- Concrete downstream and lateral
 - Statistics are poor, which can count for some deviations.
 - 15-20 MeV range for the FENDL-3.1d is deviate from JEFF-3.3 for 20%-40%.



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- Steel liner downstream and lateral
 - Similar finding for FENDL3-1d between 15-20 MeV
 - It has visible impact on the shielding calculation
 - We have recommended the DONES guideline to use FENDL3.2b Fe data.





IFMIF-DONES computational benchmark



• Neutron and gamma flux, heating, DPA computed with FENDL3.1d and FENDL3.2b

DPA difference are small in HFTM, but high at concrete downstream (negligible impact).

Neutron heating in FENDL-3.2b increase 7%, which brings uncertainties for the HFTM design.

Together with the gamma heating, the total heating is expect to have ${\sim}5\%$ of deviation.

• Additional safety margins need to be considered in HFTM heat removal design.

Typical nuclear responses, FENDL-3.1d/FENDL-3.2b

Neutron _ flux	1.0030 ± 0.0003	1.0068 ±0.0002	1.0067 ± 0.0003	$1.0369 \\ \pm 0.0020$	1.0204 ±0.0022	1.0293 ±0.0003	1.0247 ±0.0004	
EUROFER Neutron _ damage	1.0090 ±0.0003	1.0165 ±0.0002	1.0160 ±0.0003	1.0744 ±0.0031	1.0503 ±0.0037	1.0471 ±0.0004	1.0396 ±0.0006	
Neutron heating	0.9314 ± 0.0004	0.9263 ± 0.0003	0.9247 ± 0.0004	0.9944 ± 0.0049	1.0236 ±0.0052	0.9654 ± 0.0007	1.0136 ± 0.0011	
Gamma _ flux	0.9492 ±0.0004	$0.9364 \\ \pm 0.0002$	0.9436 ±0.0003	1.0381 ±0.0023	1.0338 ±0.0029	0.9972 ±0.0004	0.9986 ±0.0007	
Gamma . heating	0.9737 ±0.0006	0.9782 ±0.0004	0.9788 ± 0.0004	1.0429 ±0.0028	1.0314 ±0.0034	1.0012 ±0.0006	0.9911 ±0.0010	
Backplate HETM capsiles Concrete Lateral Backplate HETM Capsiles Concrete Lateral Stainless Steelines Stee								





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- Damage dose rate (NRT) in the High Flux Test Module (HFTM)
 - Center 5-20 dpa/fpy, and side 1-5 dpa/fpy.
- He production
 - Production rate at the center-front capsules : 120-190 appm/fpy,
 - Synergistic effect of DPA and Helium production:
 - DEMO value: 11-14 He-appm/DPA
 - DONES: ~14-15 He-appm/DPA.



Damage doses rate in DONES HFTM



He-DPA ratio in DONES HFTM



Estimation of DPA uncertainties



Report: G. Zerovnik, et.al. EUROfusion IDM 2PLVP6

- Objective: Uncertainty on the DPA values calculated in DONES and DEMO
- Libraries: reference EUROFER DPA library(MT=900 arc-dpa and MT=901 NRT-dpa) from KIT (A.Yu.
 Konobeyev, et.al), up to 150 MeV, including covariance data.
- Neutron flux: DONES detailed model (IFMIF), DONES simplified model (ENS) and DEMO (upper limiter spectra from HCPB and WCLL concept)
- Simulation tools: MCNP, ADVANTG, NJOY. SANDY for random sampling and RR_UNC for deterministic estimation.



Simplified DONES HFTM model (label: ENS)

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Correlation matrix, MT=901





- DPA uncertainty along the neutron energy
 - ~23% for dpa-NRT at fast neutron energy.
 - The estimation from SANDY and RR_UNC confirms this value.
 - A good piece of information for understanding the DONES irradiation performance.



Incident neutron energy / eV

EUROFER DPA uncertainty based (base lib JEFF-3.3)

Overall average uncertainty within 23%

Irradiation facility	Nominal value	Mean value	Relative standard		Relative standard] _
	(unperturbed)	(SANDY)	deviation (SAN	IDY)	deviation (RR_UNC)	
ENS "cell 10"	729.7 b	727.3(9.1) b	0.217		0.234] (
ENS "cell 16"	665.8 b	663.4(8.3) b	0.217		0.234	
ENS "cell 17"	855.4 b	863(11) b	0.217		0.236	
ENS "cell 29"	681.3 b	679.0(8.5) b	0.217		0.234	
НСРВ	391.7 b	385.9(4.8) b	0.216		0.233	
WCLL	185.7 b	196.3(2.5) b	0.221		0.232	
IFMIF "cell 33726"	704.4 b	704.0(8.8) b	0.217		0.234	

Flux averaged DPA cross section and uncertainties



Estimation of Fe-56 gas production uncertainties



- Objective: obtain a clear picture on uncertainties of gas (He+H) productions estimated for DONES and DEMO
- Fe-56 gas production Libraries :
 - JEFF-3.3: uncertainty data up to 20 MeV.
 - **FENDL-3.1d**: <20 MeV identical with JEFF3.3, unphysical jump above 20 MeV.
 - TENDL-2021: uncertainty data **up to 30 MeV**.
 - JENDL-4.0/HE: no uncertainty data
 - ENDF/B-VII.0: no uncertainty data
- Uncertainty for Fe-56 :
 - JEFF-3.3: high at threshold energy, 3% from 6-12 MeV, and increases to 20% at 20 MeV.
 - TENDL-2021: overall 10% from 5-30MeV.

Relative uncertainty of the gas production in Fe-56



Cross sections for gas (MT=203-207) production in ⁵⁶Fe







ENDF/B-VIII.0 is the main outliner

- Estimated uncertainty based on the fluxaveraged gas production cross section
 - Gas production(MT=203-207) : +- 15% for DONES and +- 10% for DEMO around mean values
 - He productions (MT=206-207): +- 25%-30% for DONES around mean values, and 15%-20% for DEMO.
- Key takeaway
 - Gas production uncertainty data are mostly missing for cross section above 20 MeV.
 - The calculated values among the libraries give ~15-30% for DONES.
 - New release of FENDL and other libraries needs to be assessed in the next step.

Spec. \ ND library	JEFF-3.3	JENDL-4.0/HE	ENDF/B-VIII.0	FENDL-3.1d	TENDL-2021*
ENS "cell 10"	0.121 b	0.129 b	0.146 b	0.130 b	0.110 b
ENS "cell 16"	0.128 b	0.136 b	0.154 b	0.137 b	0.116 b
ENS "cell 17"	0.123 b	0.131 b	0.148 b	0.131 b	0.112 b
ENS "cell 29"	0.127 b	0.135 b	0.152 b	0.135 b	0.115 b
НСРВ	0.167 b	0.178 b	0.154 b	0.167 b	0.141 b
WCLL	0.156 b	0.165	0.144 b	0.156 b	0.132 b
IFMIF "cell 33726"	0.173 b	0.184 b	0.212 b	0.187 b	0.156 b

Gas production cross sections average over spectra

Spec. \ ND library	JEFF-3.3	JENDL-4.0/HE	ENDF/B-VIII.0	FENDL-3.1d	TENDL-2021*
ENS "cell 10"	0.0248 b	0.0265 b	0.0330 b	0.0256 b	0.0183 b
ENS "cell 16"	0.0261 b	0.0278 b	0.0345 b	0.0269 b	0.0193 b
ENS "cell 17"	0.0252 b	0.0270 b	0.0335 b	0.0260 b	0.0186 b
ENS "cell 29"	0.0259 b	0.0276 b	0.0343 b	0.0267 b	0.0191 b
НСРВ	0.0328 b	0.0331 b	0.0376 b	0.0328 b	0.0248 b
WCLL	0.0307 b	0.0310 b	0.0354 b	0.0307 b	0.0230 b
IFMIF "cell 33726"	0.0346 b	0.0370 b	0.0451 b	0.0364 b	0.0265 b

He production cross sections average over spectra



Estimation of EUROFER gas production



- Comparison between FENDL3.1d and FENDL3.2b
 - Average over the HFTM capsules
 - Helium production: overall estimated deviation **15%**
 - Hydrogen production overall estimated deviation 5%
- Large impact on the He/DPA feature of DONES
 - Need to further validate the data and calculations

a) +	5.0	He ratio [appm He NRT_dpa ⁻¹ fpy ⁻¹]	
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		Helium	Helium	Ratio-He	Hydrogen	Hydrogen	Ratio-H
	damage dose	appm/dpa	appm/dpa	FENDL3.2b/FE	appm/dpa	appm/dpa	FENDL3.2b/F
	(dpa/fpy)	(FENDL3.1d)	(FENDL3.2b)	NDL3.1d	(FENDL3.1d)	(FENDL3.2b)	ENDL3.1d
Row1-1	9.30	12.44	14.32	1.15	53.64	56.60	1.055
Row1-2	14.90	12.91	14.88	1.15	55.61	58.74	1.056
Row1-3	15.36	12.98	14.95	1.15	55.88	59.01	1.056
Row1-4	11.75	13.28	15.31	1.15	57.09	60.29	1.056
Row2-1	5.61	12.29	14.04	1.14	52.92	55.38	1.046
Row2-2	9.30	13.14	15.04	1.14	56.45	59.14	1.048
Row2-3	9.70	13.24	15.16	1.14	56.88	59.59	1.048
Row2-4	7.50	13.48	15.44	1.15	57.82	60.57	1.048





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- Current **deuteron data** used for DONES neutronics
 - Transport: TENDL-2021, JENDL-5
 - Activation: TENDL-2021
 - Li library: FZK-2005 (KIT d-Li evaluation)
- Important elements for accelerators: Cu, Al, Fe, W, Nb, Mn, Zr, Cr

systems	Beam facing materials
Injector/LEBT	SS304L, Copper
RFQ	Copper
MEBT	SS316L, Copper
SRF	NbTi,
HPBD	Copper,
HEBT	CuCrZr, SS316L, Alumiumum
Target	Li, EUROFER

Comparison of two deuteron libraries

	TENDL-2021 +	JENDL-5		
Isotopes	++ Huge list (2850)	 9 isotopes Li-6,7, Be-9, C-12,13, Al- 27, Cu-63,65, and Nb-93 		
Neutron yield data	Overall underestimated.	+ Close to the experiment data		
Activation data	 complete set of activation data Many of them are away from the experimental data 	Lack of activation data		
d-Li data	- From ENDF/B-VIII.0	+ good evaluation with experiments (Hagiwara.et.al.)		

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Deuteron neutron yield data





d-^{nat}Cu neutron yield at 0-deg





d-²⁷Al neutron yield at 0-deg

d-natC neutron yield at 0/30-deg

- TENDL tend to underestimate the neutron yield, except C-nat.
- JENDL-5 data is used in DONES as long as available
- Systematic reviews of the data are urgently needed



Deuteron activation data





- New nuclear models have been updated by M. Avrigeanu et.al. [1] in the new version of the TALYS code.
- TENDL cannot be produced with this update, since this TALYS version has to be combined with the FRESCO code in the workflow.
- JENDL activation data
 - reconstructed from secondary particle yield data
 - Not suitable for activation calculations.
- Ongoing activities
 - Collaboration with QST/JAEA on the JENDL-5 deuteron data V&V under the EU-JA bilateral agreement. Aiming at a systematic review and improvement.
 - 40 MeV d-Li activation (Be-7 and Tritium) and d-Cu activation measurement at GANIL/NFS in 2025.











- These isotopes need to be further reviewed: ⁶Li, ⁹Be, ¹⁰B, ¹¹B, ²⁸Si, ⁵⁸Ni, ⁶⁰Ni, ⁶²Ni, ¹⁸⁰W, ¹⁸³W, ¹⁸⁴W.
- ¹⁰B, ¹¹B data are deviating significantly between FENDL3.1d and FENDL3.2b, and ¹⁸⁰W which significant different of several order of magnitude between FENDL3.2b and JEFF-3.3.
- Impacts of changing Fendl3.1d to FENDL3.2b: neutron flux at 15-20 MeV decreases for ~5% at target and HFTM, and 20-40% at Concrete and steel liner. The nuclear heating increases instead by 5-7%.
- Gas production uncertainty data is missing for energy above 30 MeV, cross section data are spread in +- 15%-30% for IFMIF-DONES HFTM.
- Impact of using FENDL3.2b increases the He production by **15%**, which needs to be further investigated.
- TENDL deuteron data overall underestimate the neutron yield, and the activation data can benefit from M. Avrigeanu's work on deuteron break-up enhancement. JENDL-5 provides good estimations on neutron yield, but the drawback is a short list of isotopes and the absence of activation libraries.
- Discussion
 - Other nuclear responses besides of neutron flux in the JADE leakage sphere benchmark.
 - Gas production uncertainty: key impact on the DONES irradiation performance.





Thank you!

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Back-up slides



Stack, Row-Column	Neutron flux (/cm²/s)	DPA (dpa/fpy)	Nuclear heating (W/g)	H production (appm/fpy)	He production (appm/fpy)	H-ratio (appm/dp a)	He-ratio (appm/dp a)
1-3	2.57E+14	9.30	8.92E-01	4.71E+02	1.16E+02	50.6	12.4
1-4	3.91E+14	14.90	1.43E+00	7.82E+02	1.92E+02	52.5	12.9
1-5	4.01E+14	15.36	1.48E+00	8.10E+02	1.99E+02	52.7	13.0
1-6	3.04E+14	11.75	1.13E+00	6.33E+02	1.56E+02	53.8	13.3
2-3	1.68E+14	5.61	6.22E-01	2.80E+02	6.90E+01	49.9	12.3
2-4	2.56E+14	9.30	1.02E+00	4.95E+02	1.22E+02	53.2	13.1
2-5	2.65E+14	9.70	1.07E+00	5.20E+02	1.29E+02	53.6	13.2
2-6	2.04E+14	7.50	8.24E-01	4.09E+02	1.01E+02	54.5	13.5