



Shielding Options for FP Maintenance Approach with External VV

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Liquid Breeder Blanket Concepts

Breeder

Structure

FW/Blanket
Coolant

HT Shield
Coolant

LT Shield
Coolant

VV
Coolant

ARIES-CS:

Internal VV:

LiPb (reference)	FS	He/LiPb	He	---	H ₂ O
LiPb (back-up)	SiC	LiPb	LiPb	---	H ₂ O

External VV:

LiPb	FS	He/LiPb	He	He or H ₂ O	He
LiPb	SiC	LiPb	LiPb	He or H ₂ O	He

SPPS:

External VV:

Li	V	Li	Li	Li	He
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Shielding Considerations

- Shield **protects magnet** for plant life (40 FPY).
- **Divide shield** into two components: HT shield and LT shield.
- **HT shield** sized to allow $\leq 1\%$ of total nuclear heating in LT shield.
- LT shield contains low grade heat and **could be cooled with He or water**.
- **Robustness of LT shield** is highly desirable to prevent water leak.
- External **VV** is subject to very low radiation level
 - **reweldable at anytime**.
- **Manifolds are discrete** □ ignore impact on radial build

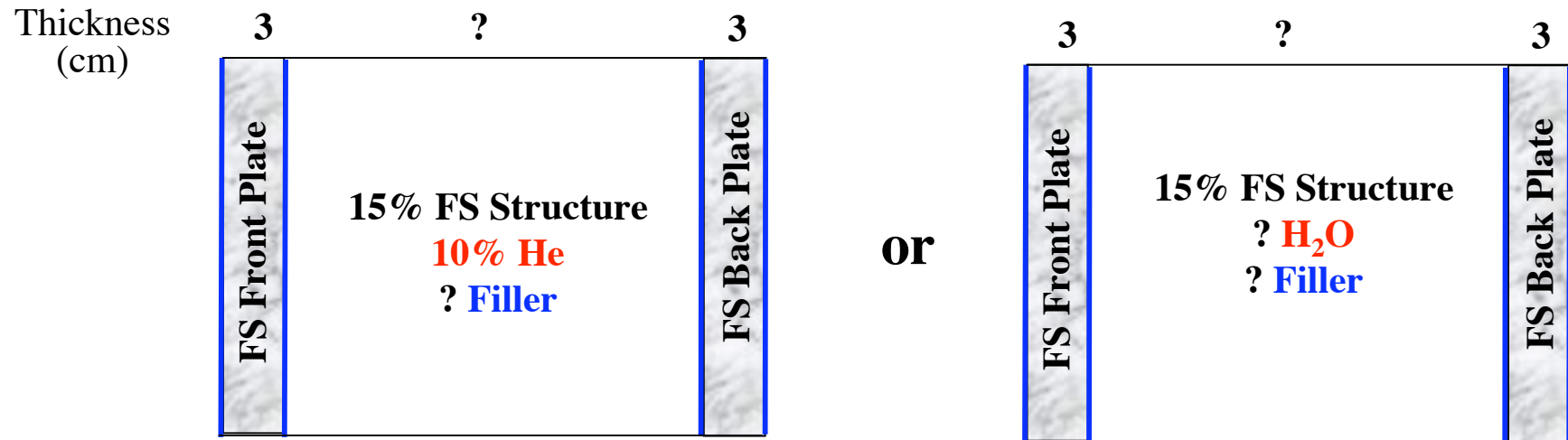


LT Shield Design

Candidate Coolants: He and H₂O

Concerns: Water leak

Potential Solution: Robust design with strong front/back plates



LT Shield Design (Cont.)

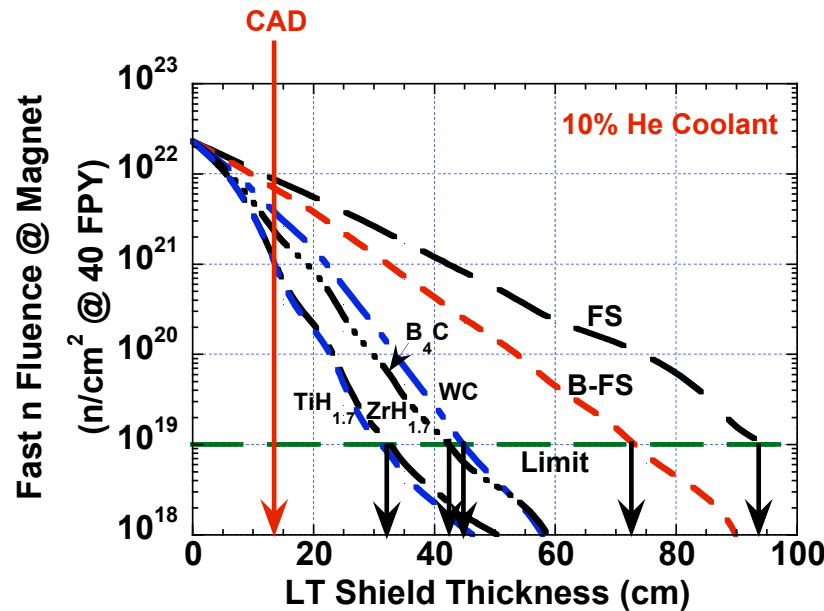
Candidate Fillers:

	Density (g/cm ³)	Unit Cost* (\$/kg)	Comments
FS	7.8	31	
B-FS	7.8	31	
WC	15.5	30	Heavy
B ₄ C	2.5	502	Expensive
ZrH _{1.7}	5.67	42	Decomposes at 600°C
TiH _{1.7}	3.9	?	Decomposes at 600°C

* 2005 \$, per L. Waganer

He-Cooled LT Shield Optimization

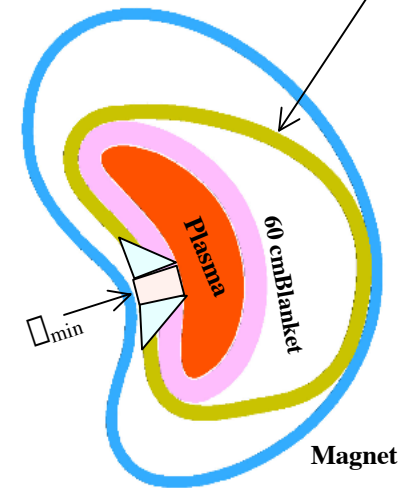
(3 MW/m² peak □)



Options:

- 31 cm TiH_{1.7}/He shield
- 32 cm ZrH_{1.7}/He shield
- 42 cm B₄C/He shield
- 44 cm WC/He shield
- 72 cm B-FS/He shield (same as HT shield)
- 94 cm FS/He shield

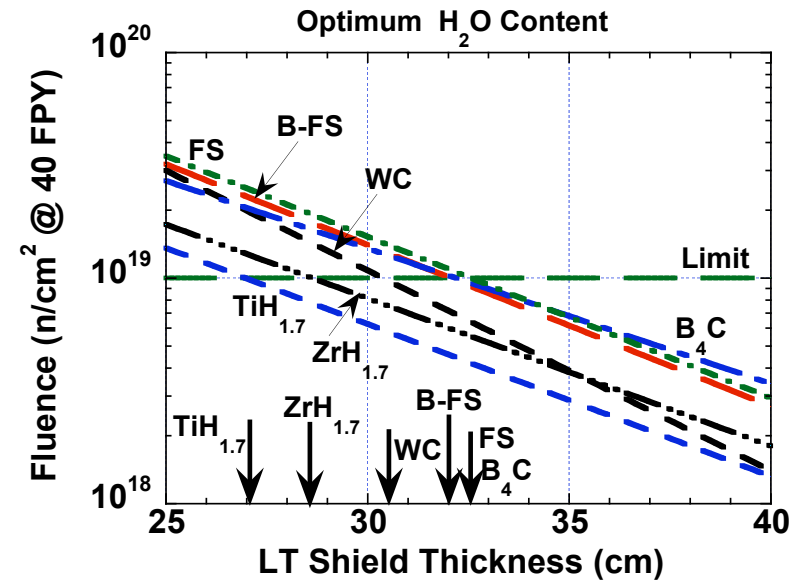
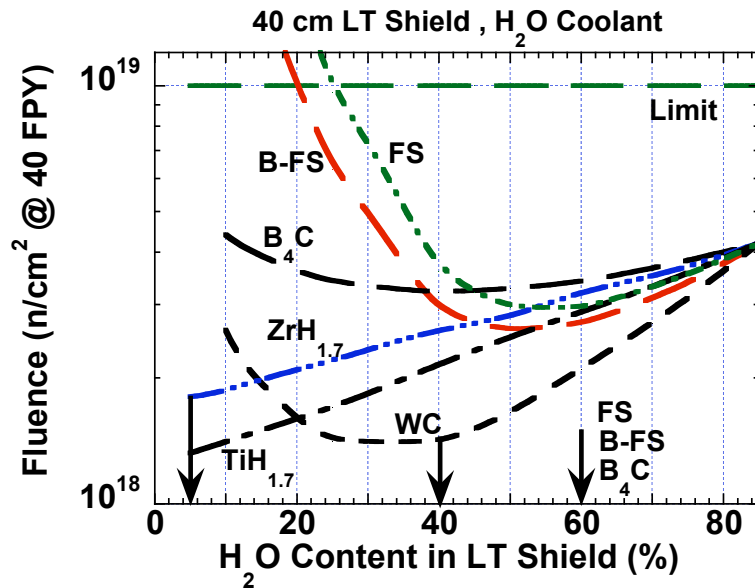
CAD drawings
indicate only
40 cm space for:
25 cm HT Shield
+ 2 cm gap
+ **13 cm LT Shield** ?!



□ **All shields > 13 cm.
Modify CAD drawings
to include more shield**

H₂O-Cooled LT Shield Optimization

(3 MW/m² peak □)

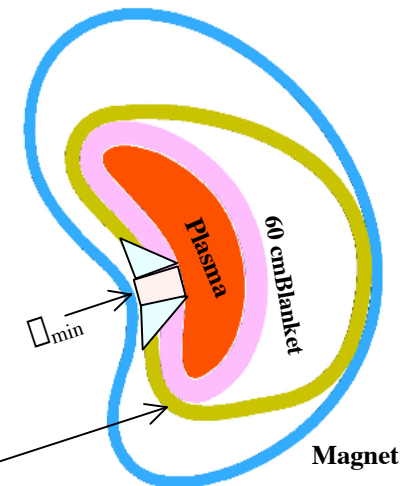


Options:

- 27 cm TiH_{1.7}/H₂O shield (80/5)
- 29 cm ZrH_{1.7}/H₂O shield (80/5)
- 31 cm WC/H₂O shield (45/40)
- 32 cm B-FS/H₂O shield (25/60)
- 33 cm B₄C/H₂O shield (25/60)
- 33 cm FS/H₂O shield (25/60)

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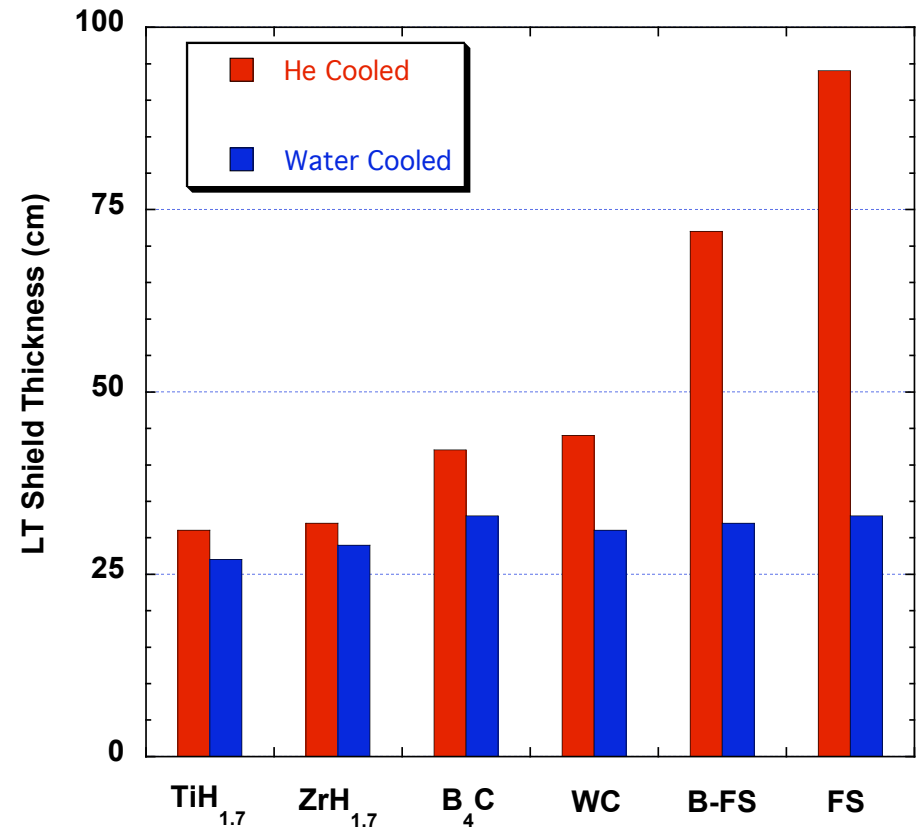
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+ 13 cm LT Shield ?!



LT Shield Comparison

Thick.* (cm)	He-cooled LT Shield	H ₂ O-Cooled LT Shield
TiH _{1.7}	31	27 min
ZrH _{1.7}	32	29
B ₄ C	42	33
WC	44	31
B-FS	72	32
FS	94 max	33

* Shield conforms to blanket.



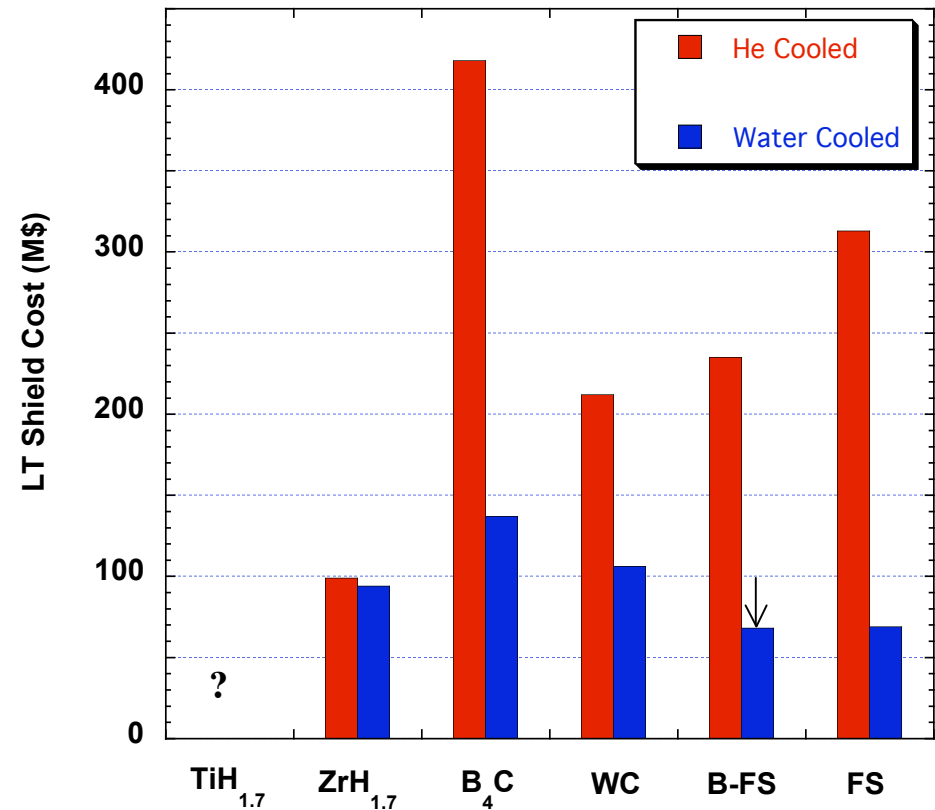
For non-hydride fillers, water reduces LT shield size significantly

Water-cooled LT shield thicknesses vary within 6 cm. Cost?

LT Shield Cost* (M\$)

Filler	He-cooled LT Shield	H ₂ O-Cooled LT Shield
TiH _{1.7}	?	?
ZrH _{1.7}	99	94
B ₄ C	418 max	137
WC	212	106
B-FS	235	68 min
FS	313	69

* Shield conforms to blanket.



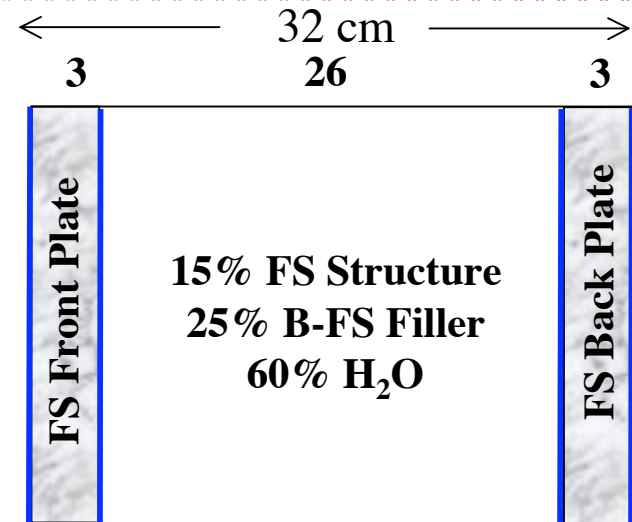
Combination of **B-FS filler** and **water coolant**
offers lowest shield cost

Recommendations

- **Recommend water-cooled LT shield**

that offers:

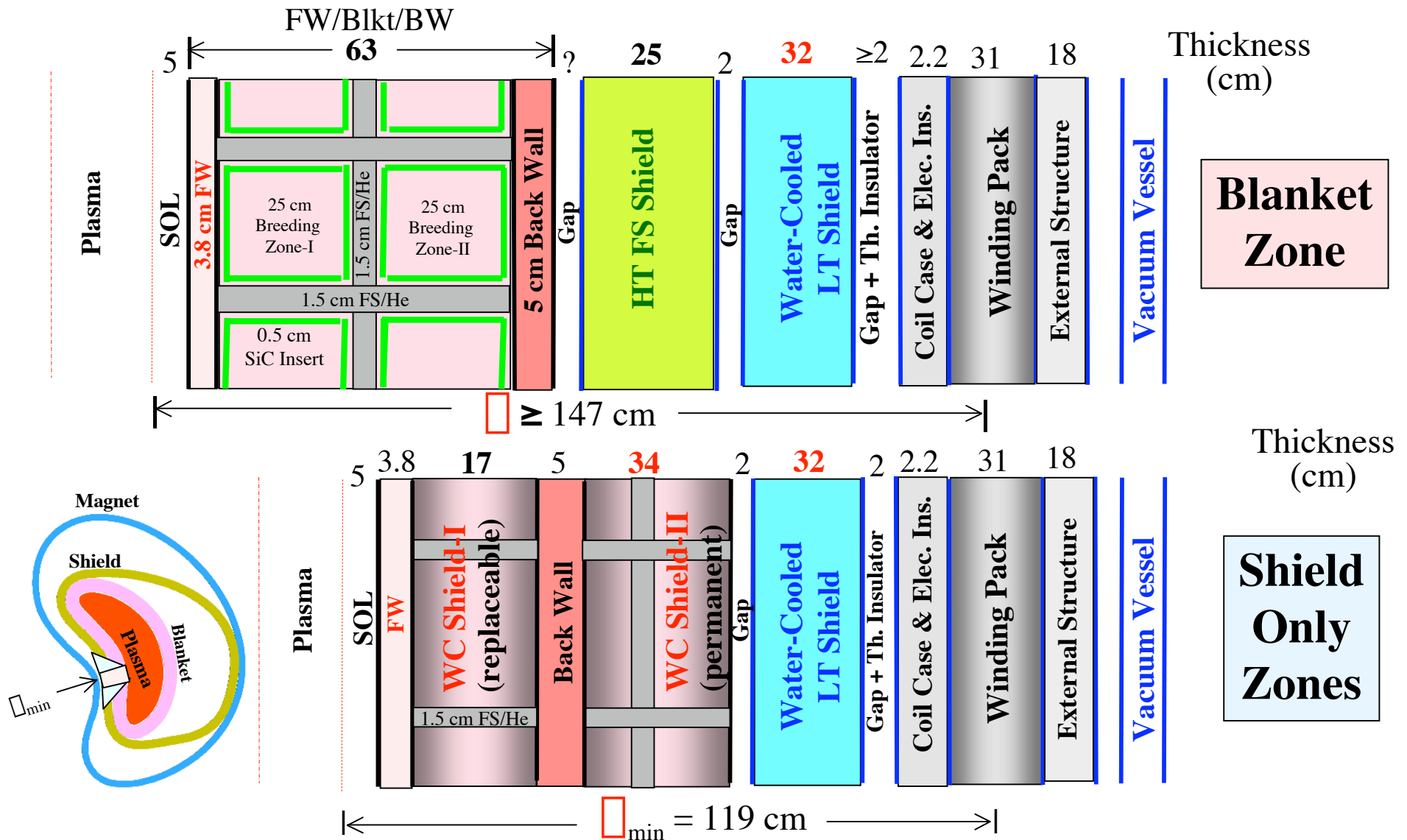
- Lowest cost
- Reasonable size
- Low magnet heating.



- Use more expensive **TiH_{1.7}/ZrH_{1.7} shield locally** at interference points to free 4-6 cm of shielding space.
- **Hydrides decompose** at $T > 600\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ □ keep temp below 600 °C during LOCA/LOFA events.

Recommended Radial Build

(External VV, Water-cooled LT-shield, 3 MW/m² peak □)



Concluding Remarks

- Recommend water-cooled LT shield with B-FS filler to reduce shield size and cost.
- Design **leak-free, robust LT shield** with 30% FS structure.
- **CAD drawings must be modified** to reflect 60 cm (not 40 cm) space for HT shield, gap, and LT shield.
- $\text{TiH}_{1.7}/\text{ZrH}_{1.7}$ could be used **locally** at interference points to free 4-6 cm of shielding space.
- If major interference problem exists for LiPb/FS/He blanket replacement, **consider LiPb/SiC option** that offers much thinner replaceable blanket (25 cm thick).
- **Identical $\square_{\min}$** (119 cm) for both internal and external VV options
 $\square \sim$ same major radius.
- If **manifolds** needed for shield-only zones, $\square_{\min} > 119$ cm.



Future Plan

- If needed, **include He manifolds** in radial build of shield-only zones and readjust $\square_{\min}$.

- **Post reference radial build** and composition on UW web site:

<http://fti.neep.wisc.edu/aries-cs/builds/build.html>