

The FMIT Liquid Lithium Target

- FMIT = Fusion Materials Irradiation Test
- Planned for the Hanford Reactor Site \approx 1980.
- Project abruptly cancelled \approx 1983 with little surviving documentation.
- Idea: Deuterium beam (35 MeV, 0.1 A, 80 MHz, 3.5 MW) + liquid Li \rightarrow He + n \Rightarrow 3×10^{16} n/s.
[Also about 10^{14} ${}^6\text{He}$ /s.]
- Range of 35 MeV deuterium in lithium is 1.4 cm.
- Spot size $\approx 1 \times 3$ cm².
- 3.5 MW beam power would melt solid lithium.
- \Rightarrow Flow lithium at 17 m/s with free surface towards beam.
- Then $T_{\text{max}} \approx 740$ C.
- Because rep rate is 80 MHz, claim no splatter of lithium.
- Peak energy deposition ≈ 1000 J/gm, but spread out over 1 ms.
- \Rightarrow About 1 J/gm during one sound wave transit time.
- FMIT idea still alive as IFMIF in Japan, JAERI/Tokai (where the JHF will be built).
- Water mockup has been built; beam tests some day??