

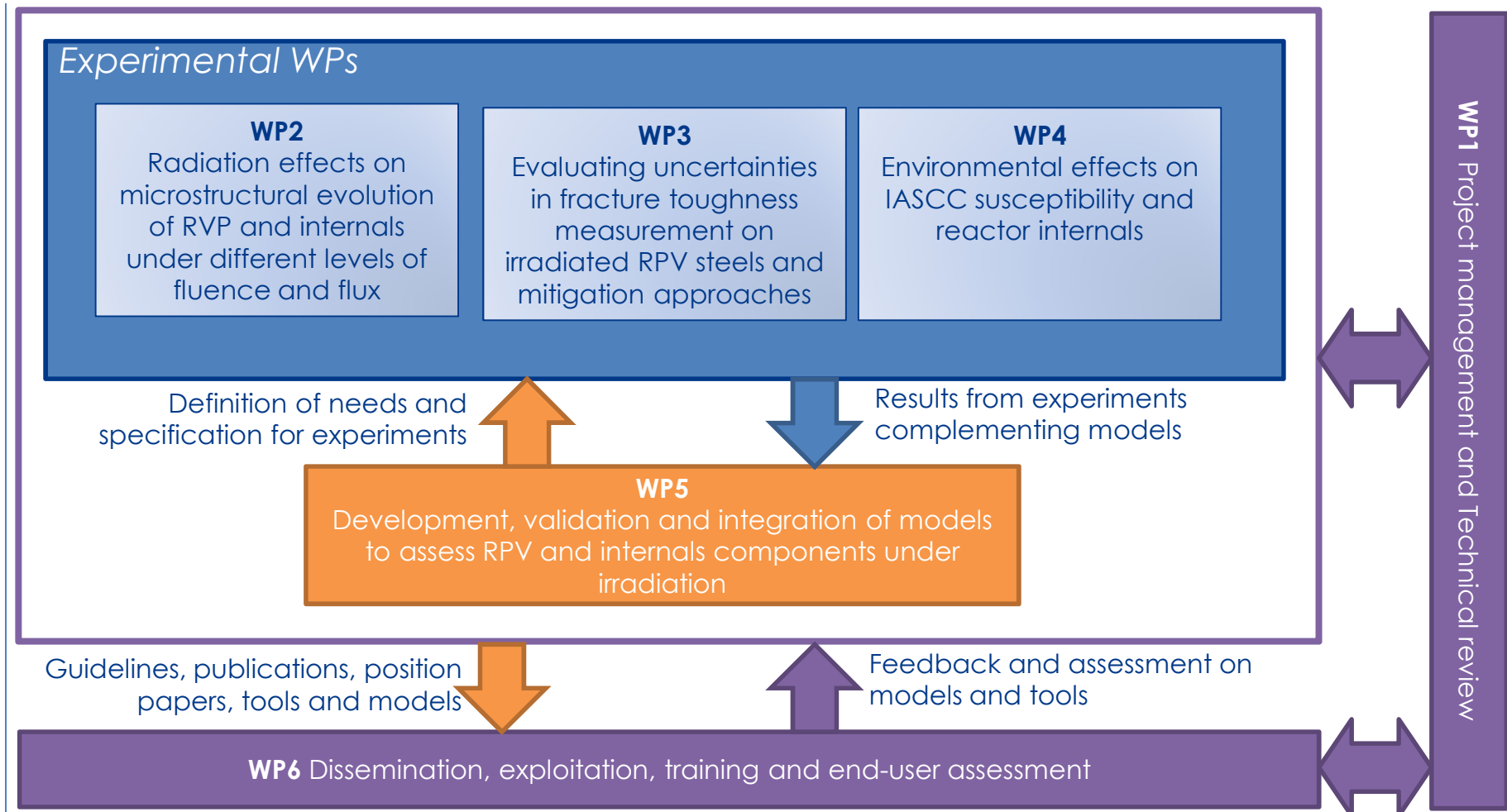
SOTERIA FINAL WORKSHOP

WRAP-UP

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SOTERIA Work Packages



WP2 – Highlights

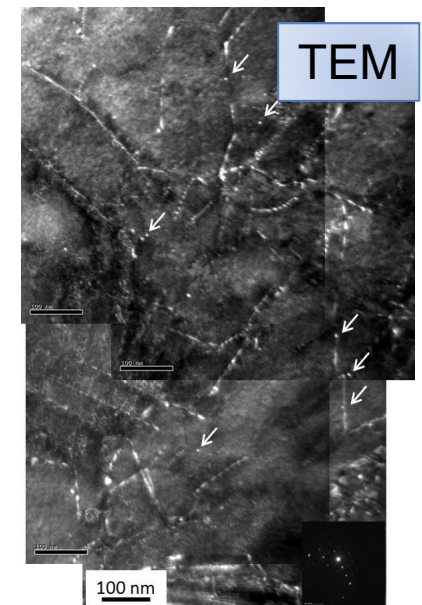
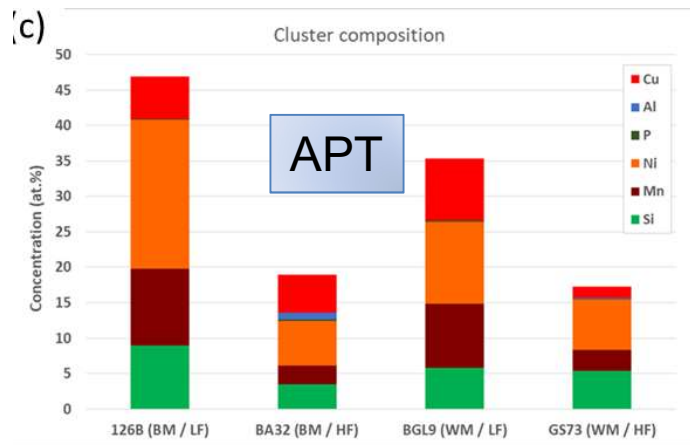
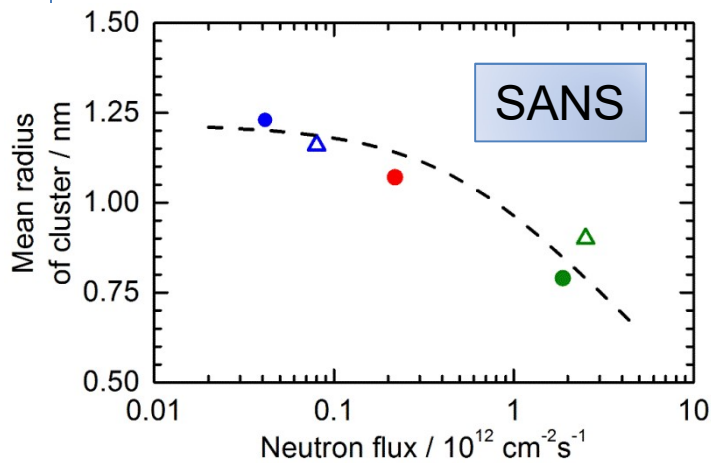


□ T2.1: Flux effects on RPV and internals

- T2.1.1: Flux effects on RPV materials,

- **Base mat ANP-3 and ANP-10** Fluence: about $3 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
Flux: 0.04 and $1.88 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
- **Welds ANP-6 and VFAB-1** Fluence: about $5.7 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-2}$
Flux: 0.08 and $2.51 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Deliverable 2.1



Effect of neutron flux on the radiation-induced damage of RPV materials

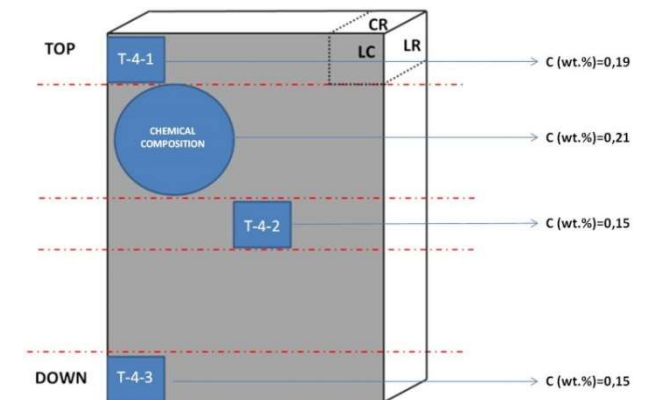
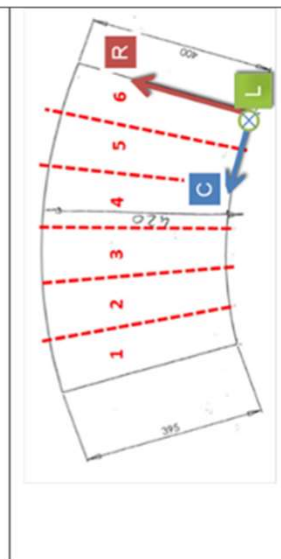
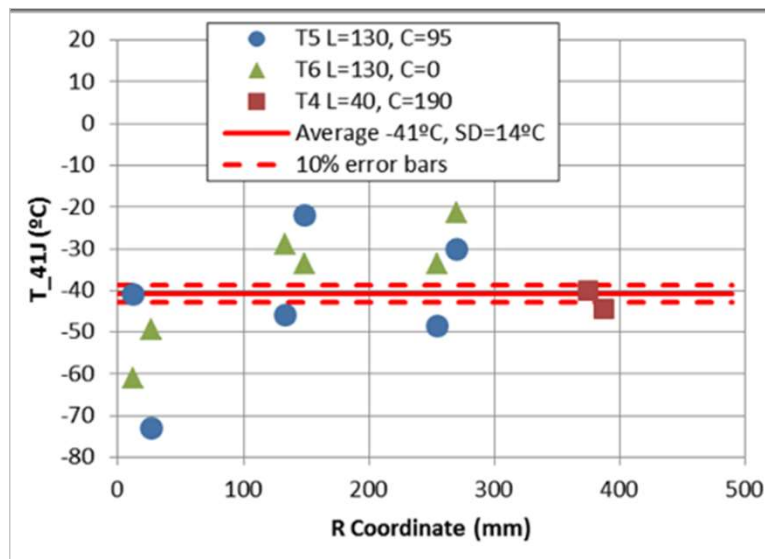
- ❑ The **weld** materials have a **higher susceptibilities** than the base materials in terms of volume fraction of the defect clusters ($\times 2$ fluence means $\times 5$ higher volume fraction).
- ❑ The vacancy concentrations and solute cluster sizes are higher for the high-flux than for the respective low-flux irradiation conditions. **The same conclusion applies to both base and weld materials.**
- ❑ The evolution of the clusters with the neutron flux can be described using a **unique** deterministic growth model.

WP3 – Highlights



□ Main technical highlights & related added value:

- The effect of materials heterogeneities on mechanical properties at initial and post-irradiated state has been shown
 - Clear effect of the removal position of the specimens in both BM and WM for various industrial alloys
 - Inhomogeneities in terms of composition, microstructure and mechanical properties are significant → data scattering that persist after irradiation, including in LTO conditions



□ Initial material heterogeneities... (for WP5 models)

- Material microstructure:
 - Chemical composition of the **solid solution** (which determines the friction stress) – APT
 - Average **dislocation density** (forest hardening) – TEM
 - **Grain size** distribution and hierarchy (Hall-Petch effect) – TEM, EBSD
- Second-phase inclusions:
 - **Carbides** (mechanical response, fracture models) – ATP, TEM
 - Approximation in the established **IASCC thresholds**
- Irradiation defect dispersions:
 - Size, number density, dose dependent, irradiation-temperature dependence (physical models) – APT, TEM, SANS

Effects of irradiation on SCC

Irradiation damage
(magnitude & type)
Environment (He, H₂ etc)

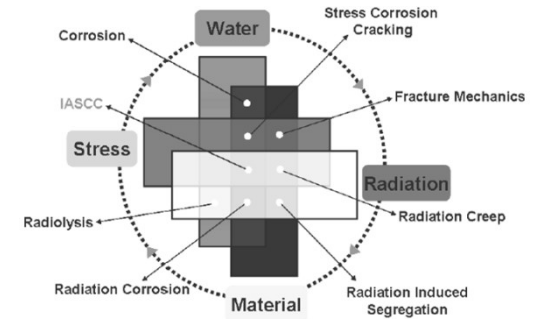
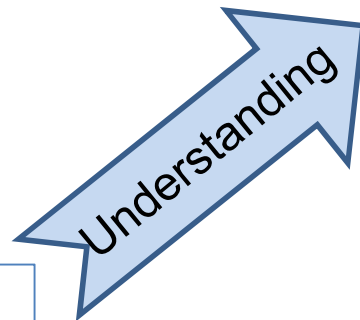
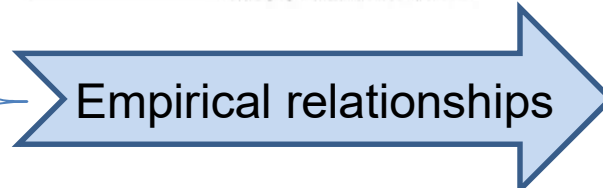
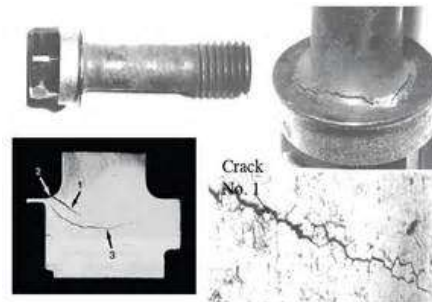


Surface finish
Cold work

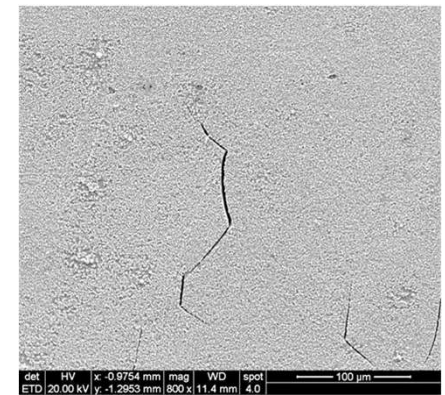


Loading (magnitude and
type, e.g. constant load
or SSRT)

Material characterisation
Transport properties
Oxide properties



IASCC (quantity,
type, magnitude)

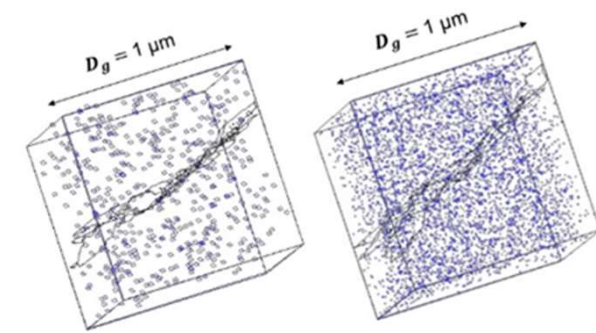
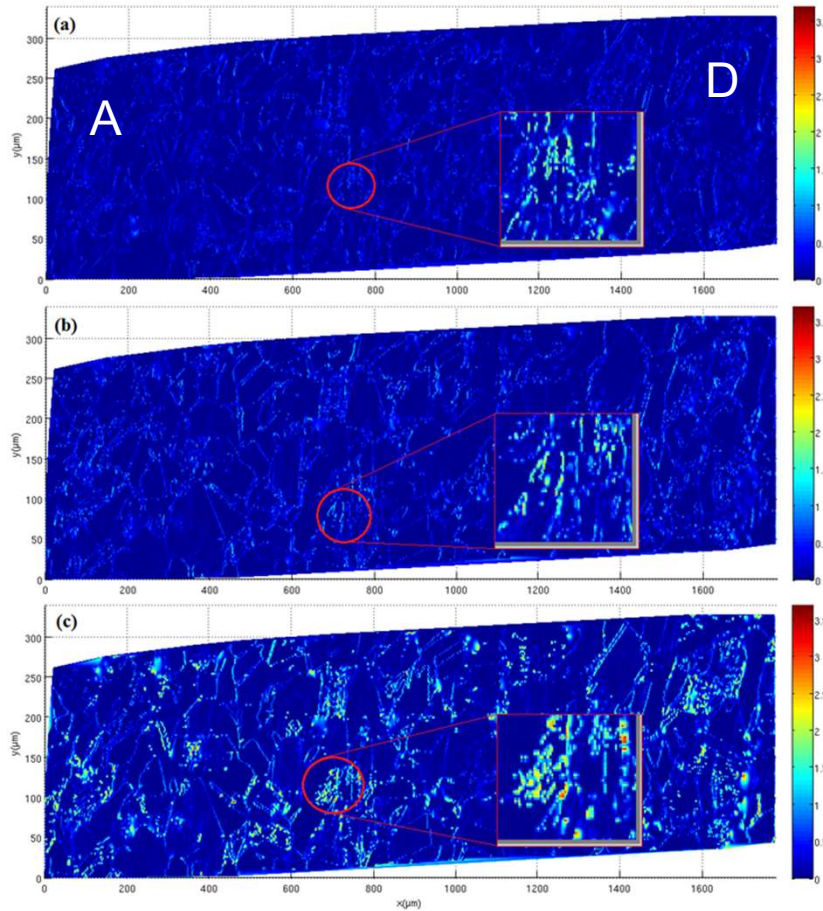


p+ 5 dpa, PWR/300°C, SSRT

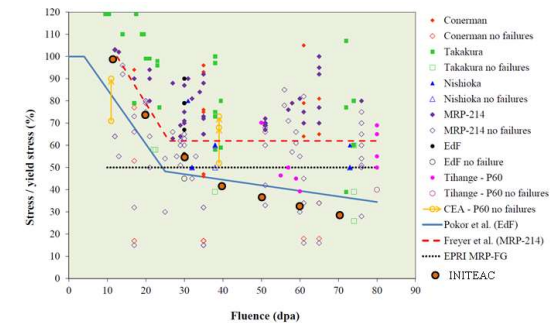


WP4 – Highlights (II/II)

Model : dose-dependent flow localization (high [He] at GB no intergranular crack initiation!)

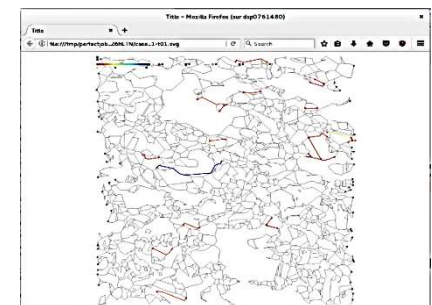
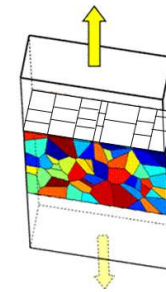


Effect of rising dose on GB loading

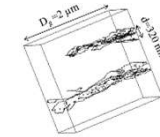
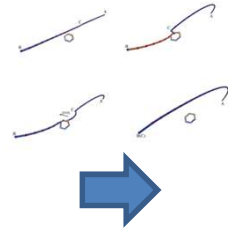
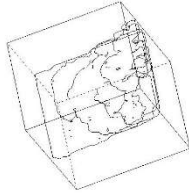
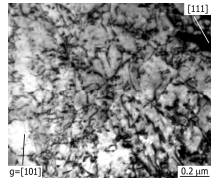


dose-dependent non-cracking stress level identification

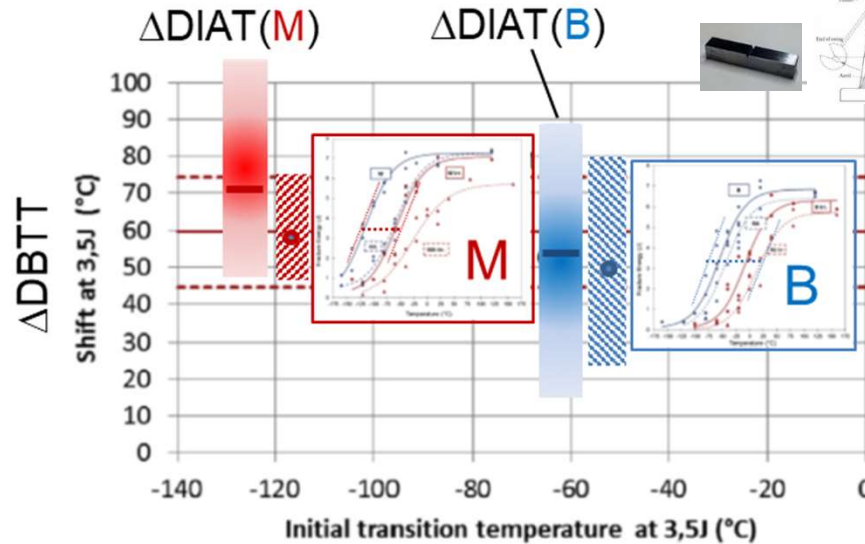
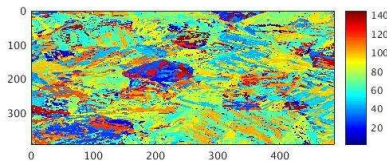
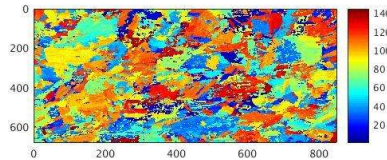
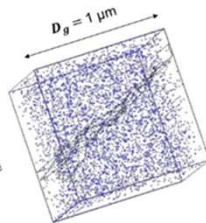
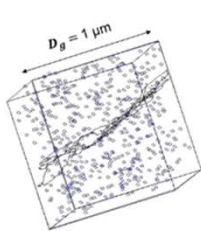
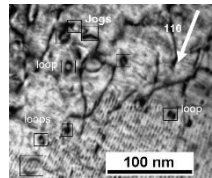
- Main technical highlights & related added value:
 - T5.1
 - OKMC model applied to industrially relevant steels up to RPV-relevant fluence.
 - T5.2
 - Crystal plasticity law identified for RPV and internals for unirradiated and irradiated materials.
 - T5.3
 - Contribution of intergranular fracture and heterogeneities of carbide distribution to cleavage for outlier justification.
 - T5.4
 - Integration of INITEAC into the platform.



WP5 – Highlights (II/II) – T5.3



$$\Delta DIAT = \Delta T_{max} \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{D}{\lambda}\right) \right) (1 - \exp(-d^2 DN))$$



☞ DIAT: estimation de la fragilisation induite par l'irradiation / mesures non-destructives

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