

Report on Activities of US ITER Project

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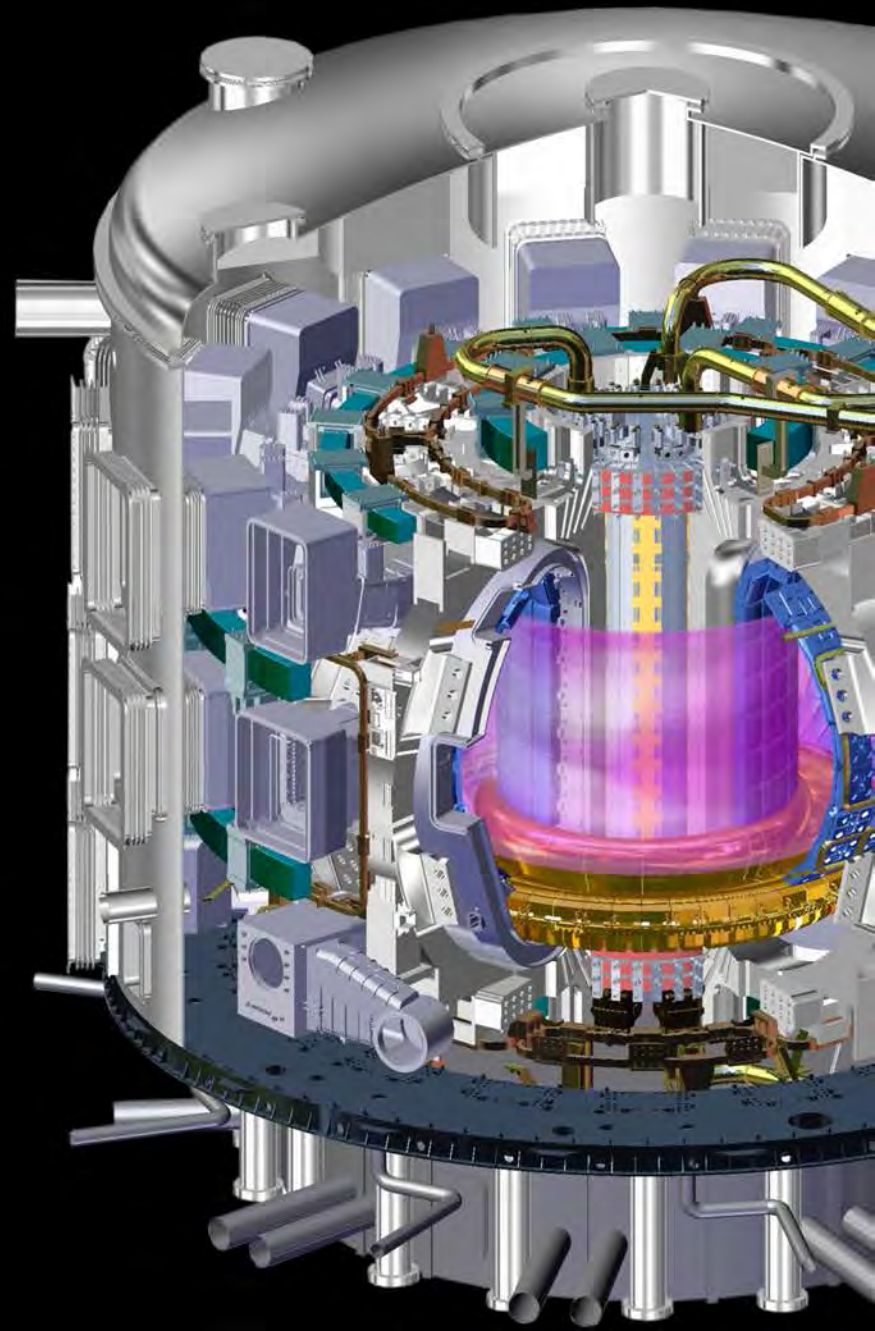
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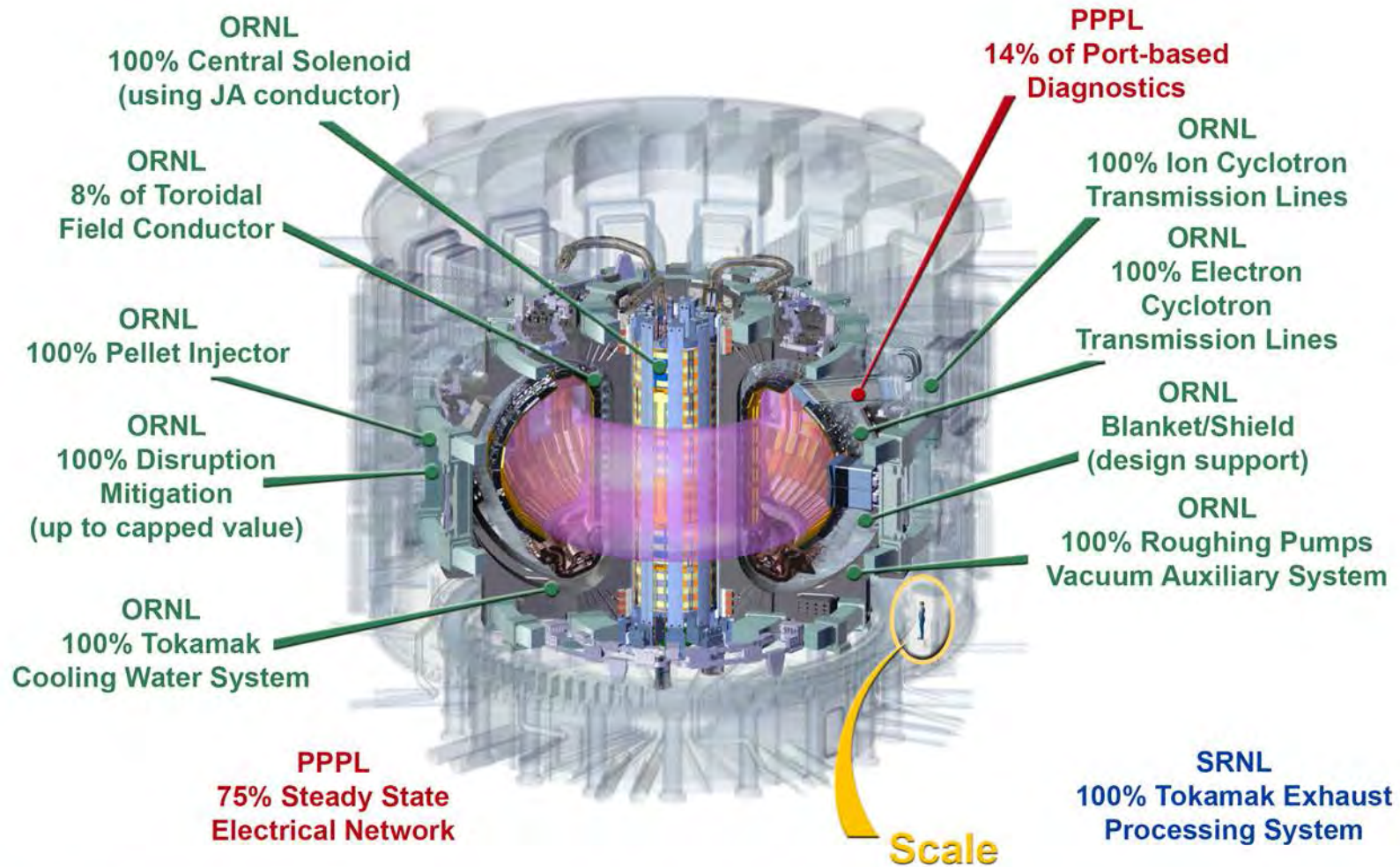
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Burning Plasma Organization

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US Scope

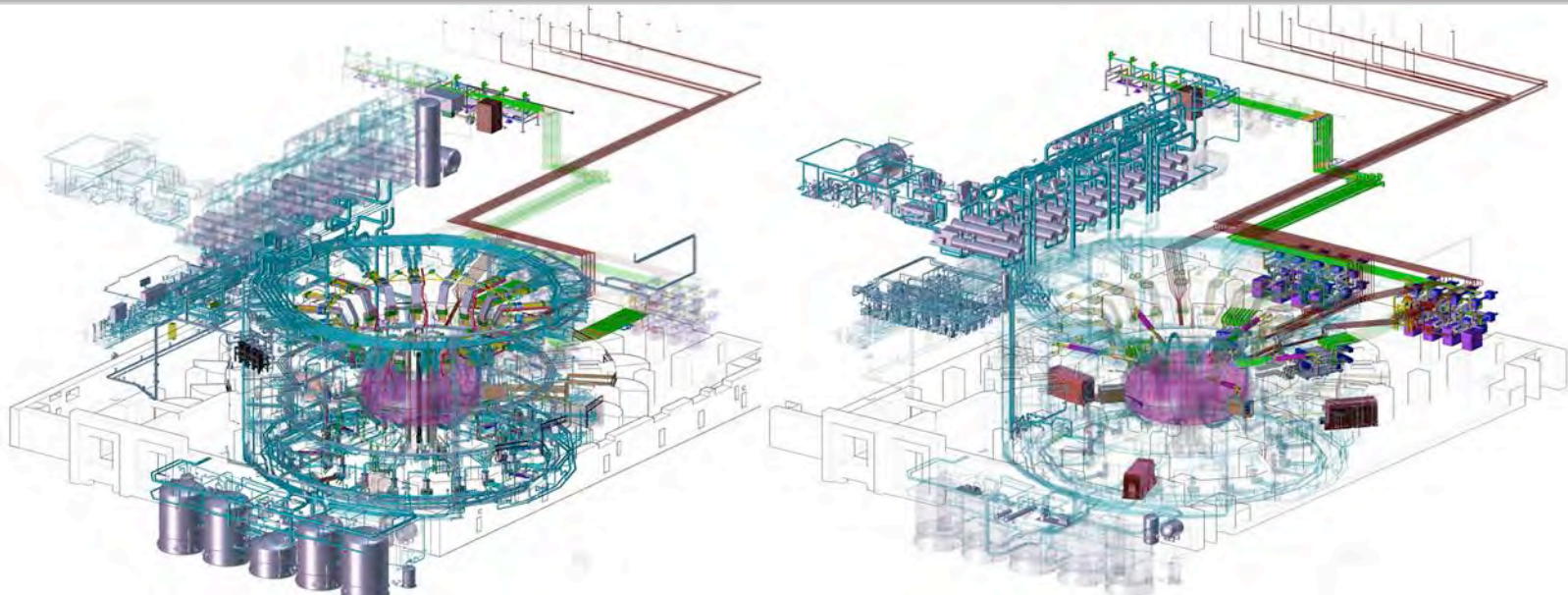


ORNL: Oak Ridge National Laboratory

PPPL: Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

SRNL: Savannah River National Laboratory

Scope Delivered in 2 Phases



← **1st Plasma** →

← **Post-1st Plasma** →

Full Production

- Central Solenoid
- Toroidal field conductor
- Steady-state electrical network

Partial Production

- Ion/electron cyclotron heating
- Diagnostics
- Roughing pumps
- Pellet injection
- Tokamak cooling water system
- Vacuum auxiliary system

Completion of Production

Full Production

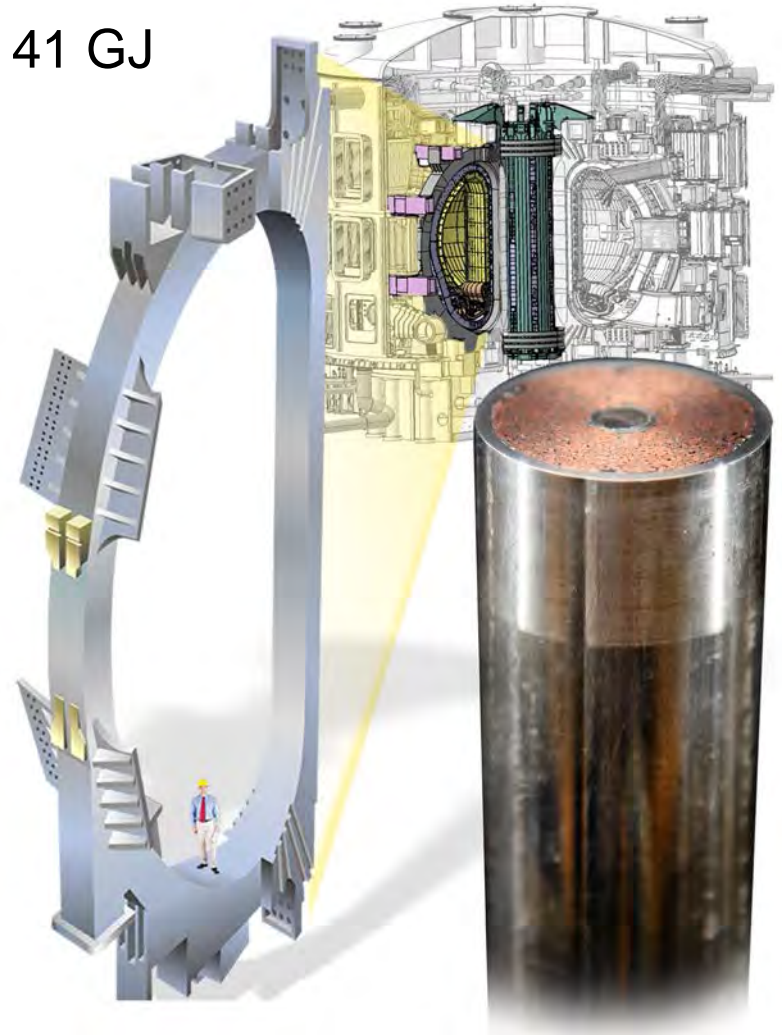
- Tokamak exhaust processing
- Disruption mitigation

A detailed 3D CAD model of an industrial plant. The top left shows a dense network of blue and purple pipes. The center features a large, semi-transparent purple cylindrical tank. To the right, there are green and blue structural elements, possibly part of a conveyor system or storage area. The bottom section shows more piping and structural details in various colors like red, yellow, and blue. The entire model is rendered with high transparency, allowing internal components to be visible.

US Progress to Date

Toroidal Field Coil

- Total Magnetic Energy of all TF Coils: 41 GJ
- Maximum Magnetic Field: 11.8 T
- Number of Coils: 18
- Total TF Coil Weight: 6540 t
- TF Coil Height: 16.5 m
- TF Coil Width: 9 m
- Operating Temperature: 5.7 K
- Current in 1 TF Coil: 9.11 MA
- Number of turns in 1 TF coil: 134



Toroidal Field Conductor

All strand completed in FY13

Production conductor strand
at Luvata Waterbury Inc. in
Waterbury, CT



Production conductor strand at Oxford
Superconducting Technology in Carteret, NJ

Toroidal Field Conductor *Cabling*



Production conductor cabled at
New England Wire Technologies
in Lisbon, NH



Toroidal Field Conductor *Jacketing and Integration*



High Performance Magnetics jacketing and integration facility in Tallahassee, Florida

Photo: US ITER

Toroidal Field Conductor

Initial Shipments to EU Winding Facility



US TF 800 meter Dummy Conductor

US TF 100 meter Active Conductor (Oxford)

US 8% contribution includes over 4 miles of conductor, which is constructed from 40 tons (over 400 miles) of niobium-tin superconducting strand



Truck arriving at ASG in Italy with US TF 800 meter dummy conductor



US TF 800 meter dummy conductor – delivery at ASG in Italy

Toroidal Field Conductor

2015 TF Shipments to EU Winding Facility



US TF 800 meter Active Conductor (Oxford)

US TF 100 meter Active Conductor (Luvata)

The 800 meter active conductor (Oxford) was loaded at the Port of Charleston on December 17, 2014 for shipment to ASG in Italy. Photo: US ITER



Toroidal Field Conductor

Technical Challenges



Resolved Challenges

- Resolved scraping of trivalent Chromium plating during cabling by revised cabling configuration
- Successful cabling of first production cable

Current Challenges

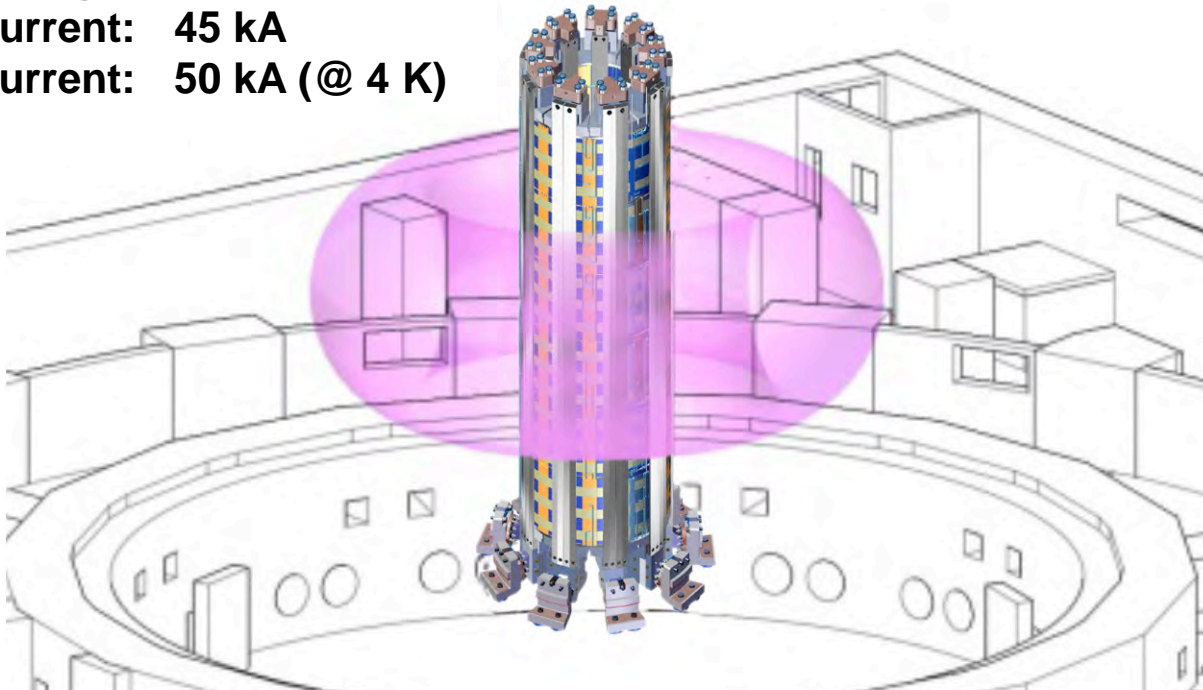
- Twist-pitch length modification during jacketing
- Successful demonstration of TF conductor performance (Tcs measurement on SULTAN Facility)
- Recent strand breaks on OST cable run (use of alcohol as a lubricant/cooling agent is expected to resolve issue)

Central Solenoid

The Heartbeat of ITER

Coil Packs: 6 + 1 spare
Field Strength: 13 T
Operating Voltage: 14 kV
Test Voltage: 30 kV
Operating Current: 45 kA
Test Current: 50 kA (@ 4 K)

1,000 metric ton magnet induces the majority of magnetic flux charge needed to initiate and maintain plasma current



**The most powerful pulsed superconducting electromagnet in history
(5.5 Gigajoule stored energy capacity)**

Central Solenoid Module *Fabrication Stations*



Central solenoid fabrication facility
ramping up at General Atomics in
Poway, California

- 5 of 11 tooling stations in place
- 2 of 11 tooling stations in operation
- Mock-up winding underway

Module Tooling Stations are Being Installed at General Atomics



1: Conductor receiving inspection



2: Winding (2)



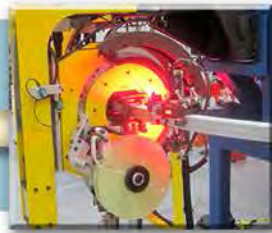
3: Joints & Terminals Preparation



4: Stack & Join/Helium Penetrations



5: Reaction Heat Treatment



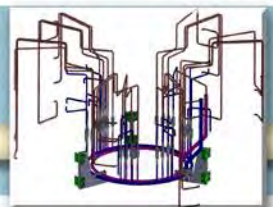
6: Turn Insulation



7: Ground Insulation



8: Vacuum Pressure Impregnation



9: Helium Piping & Measurement



10: Final Test at 50kA, full force



11: Shipping

Transfer Ownership

Central Solenoid

Japanese Conductor Ready for Winding



Dummy conductor shown loaded on winding machine – in prep for mock-up winding.



4 central solenoid active conductor spools and 1 dummy at General Atomics.

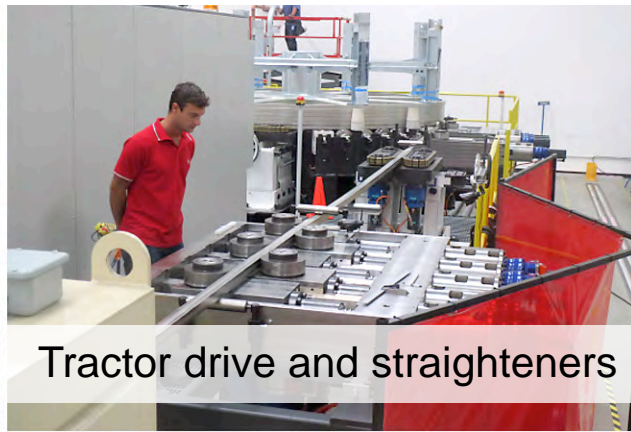
Central Solenoid Tooling Station: *1st Winding Station Installed*



MRR conducted in July 2014



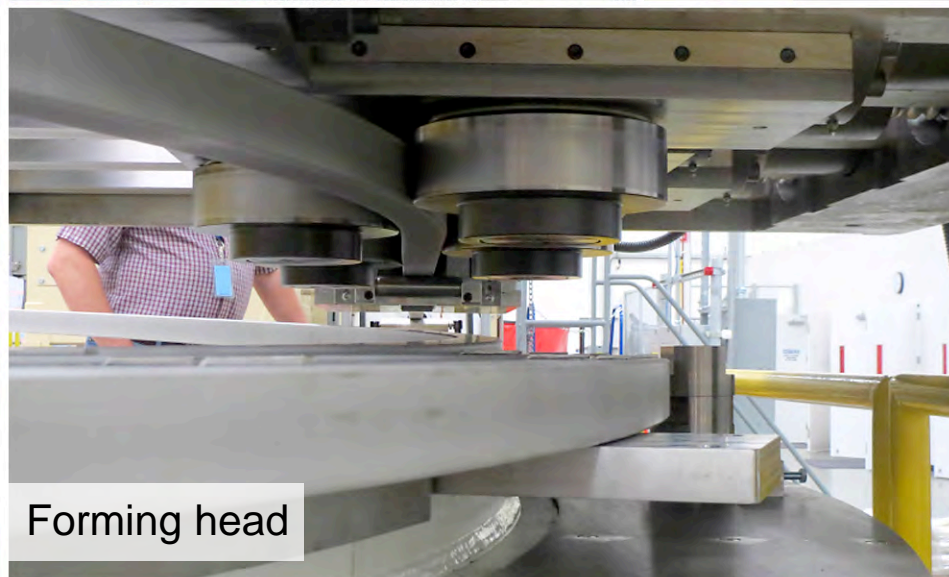
De-spooler



Tractor drive and straighteners



Grit blast and cleaning



Forming head



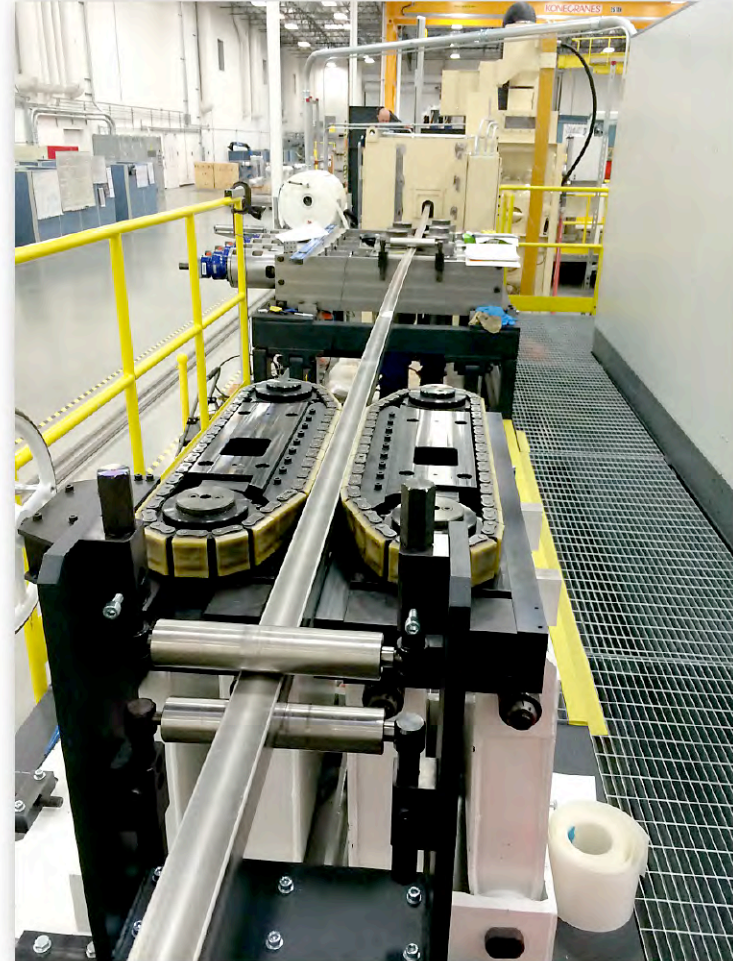
300 meter double pancake coil on winding table with cleaning grit blast and de-spooler stations behind

Central Solenoid

Winding Began in August



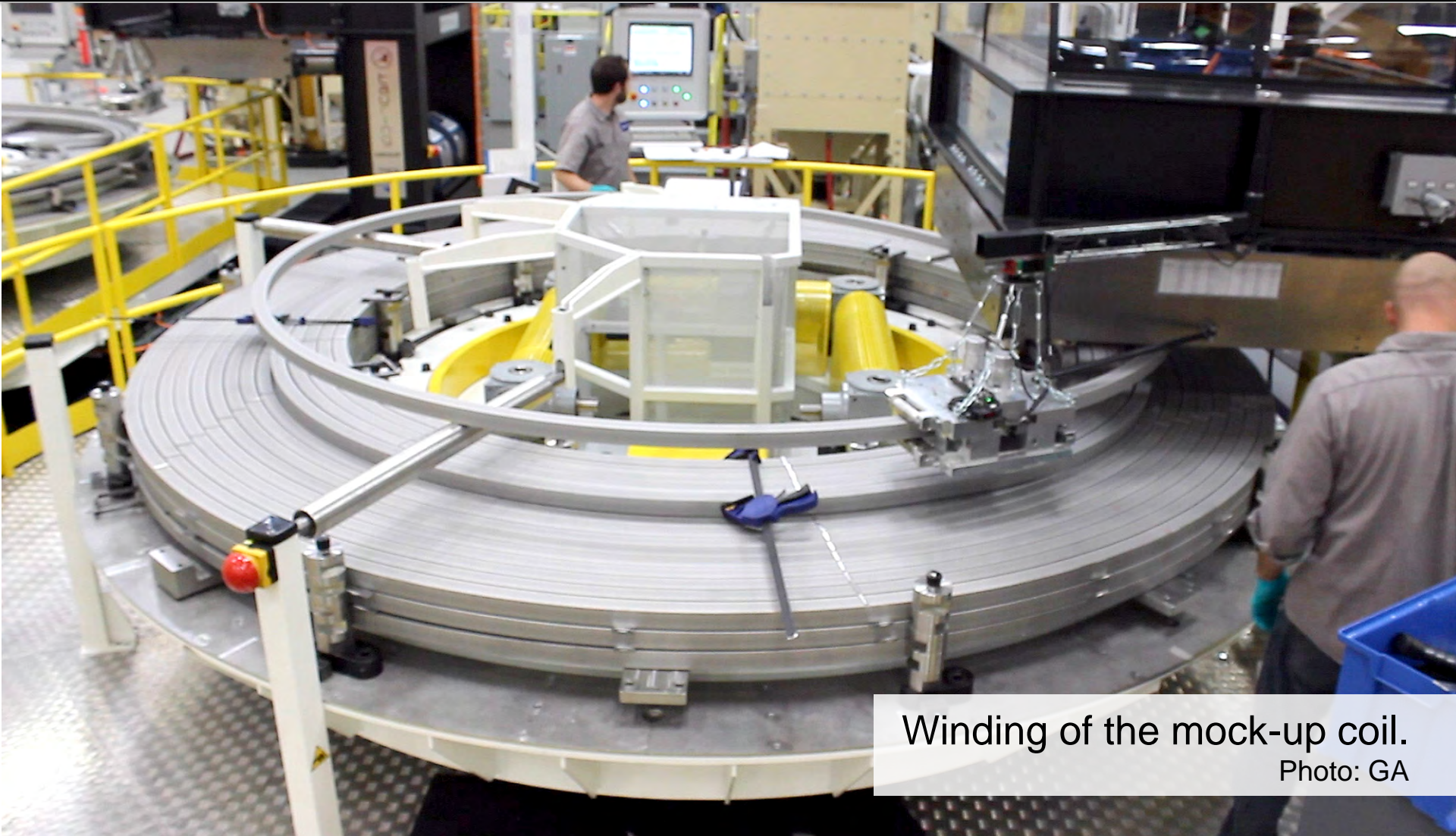
Conductor routed from the de-spooler of the winding.



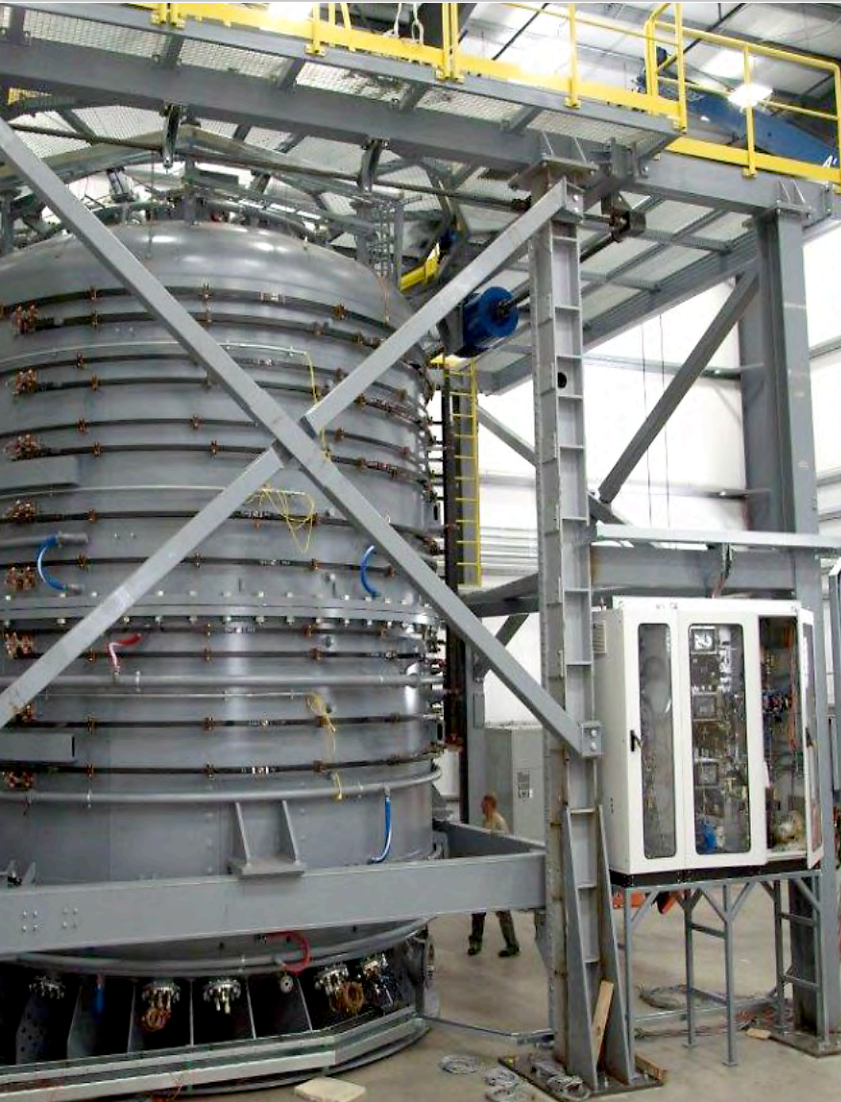
Conductor routed through the straightener.

Photos: General Atomics

Central Solenoid Tooling Station: *Winding*



Central Solenoid Tooling Station: Heat Treatment Furnace



Specifications for heat treatment furnace:

- Height – 7 m
- Diameter – 5.56 m
- Weight – 132 Tonnes (including Module)
- Power 800 kW
- Medium – Argon
- Pressure – 1×10^{-2} mbar



Heat treatment furnace and associated equipment has been installed at General Atomics and is undergoing testing.

Central Solenoid Tooling Station: *Turn Insulation*

- Factory acceptance testing completed at vendors
- Units will be re-assembled and commissioned using mock hexapancake



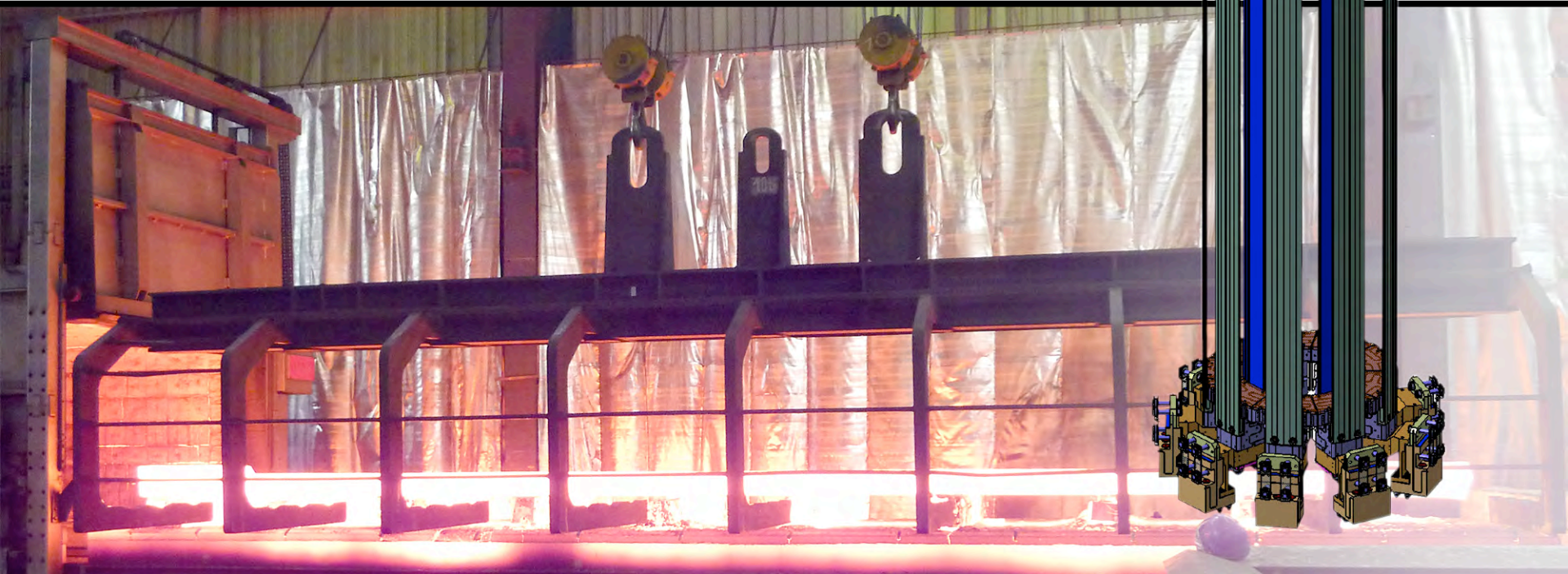
Automated insulation taping heads



Construction activities at the turn insulation station

Central Solenoid Structures Contracts

- Placed first production contract with Peterson (Ogden, UT) for lower key blocks and isolation plates
- Issued RFP for tie-plate procurement; proposals received and under evaluation



Central Solenoid

Technical Challenges



Resolved Challenges

- Met winding station tolerances, successful factory acceptance test of winding station
- Mock-up coil winding underway
- Resolved path to avoid corrosion-cracking in JK2LB
- Demonstrated fabrication of one-piece tie plates and tie plate procurement underway

Current Challenges

- Non-Destructive Evaluation techniques to detect flaws in helium inlet, R&D work to resolve issue is near completion
- Controlling grain size on one-piece tie plate (mitigated by further mechanical testing of forgings with relaxed grain size requirements)
- Successful demonstration of friction lifting device

Steady State Electrical Network

4 power feeds:

- 2 at 6.6 kV distribution
- 2 at 22 kV distribution

Standards: International Electrotechnical Commission standards for 50Hz operation



ITER Switchyard

Steady State Electrical Network

1st Plant Components Delivered to ITER Site



High voltage surge arresters, delivered by the US on September 4, 2014, are the first plant components delivered to the ITER site. Photo: ITER Organization

Steady State Electrical Network

1st Highly Exceptional Load



HV substation transformer unit
at Hyundai Heavy Industries.
Photo: HHI

Steady State Electrical Network

1st Highly Exceptional Load Delivered to ITER Site



The main body of a HV substation transformer shown during unloading at Fos-sur-Mer. This was the first highly exceptional load delivered to the ITER Site. Photo: ITER Organization

Steady State Electrical Network

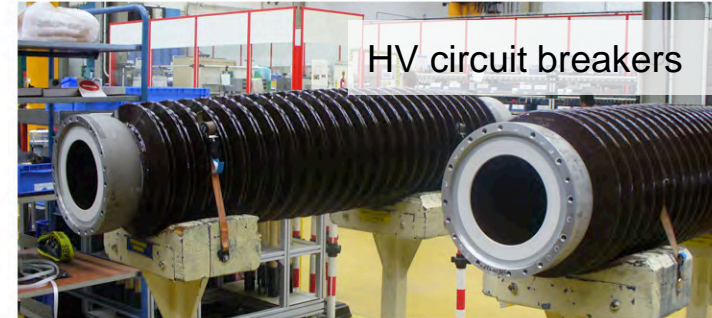
Completed FY14 and FY15 Deliveries



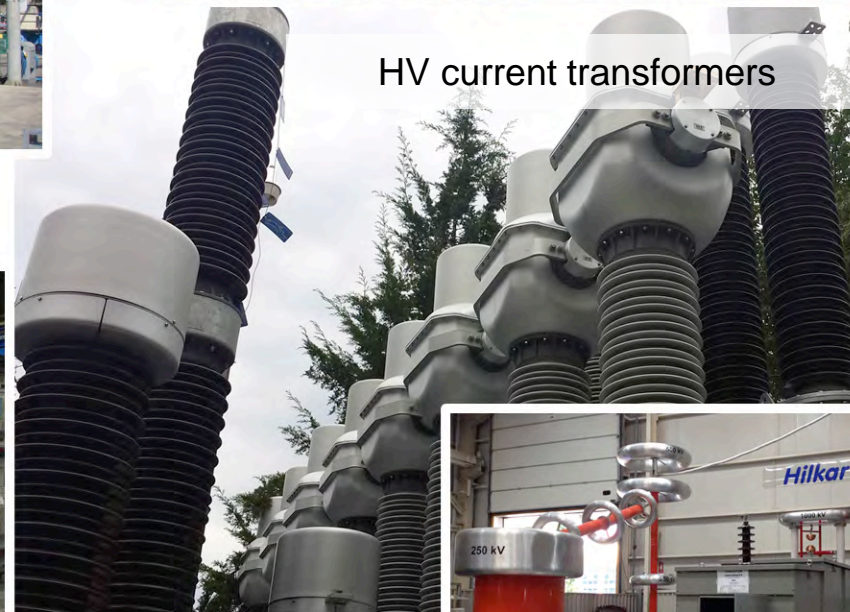
HV substation hardware



HV switches



HV circuit breakers



HV current transformers



UPS batteries

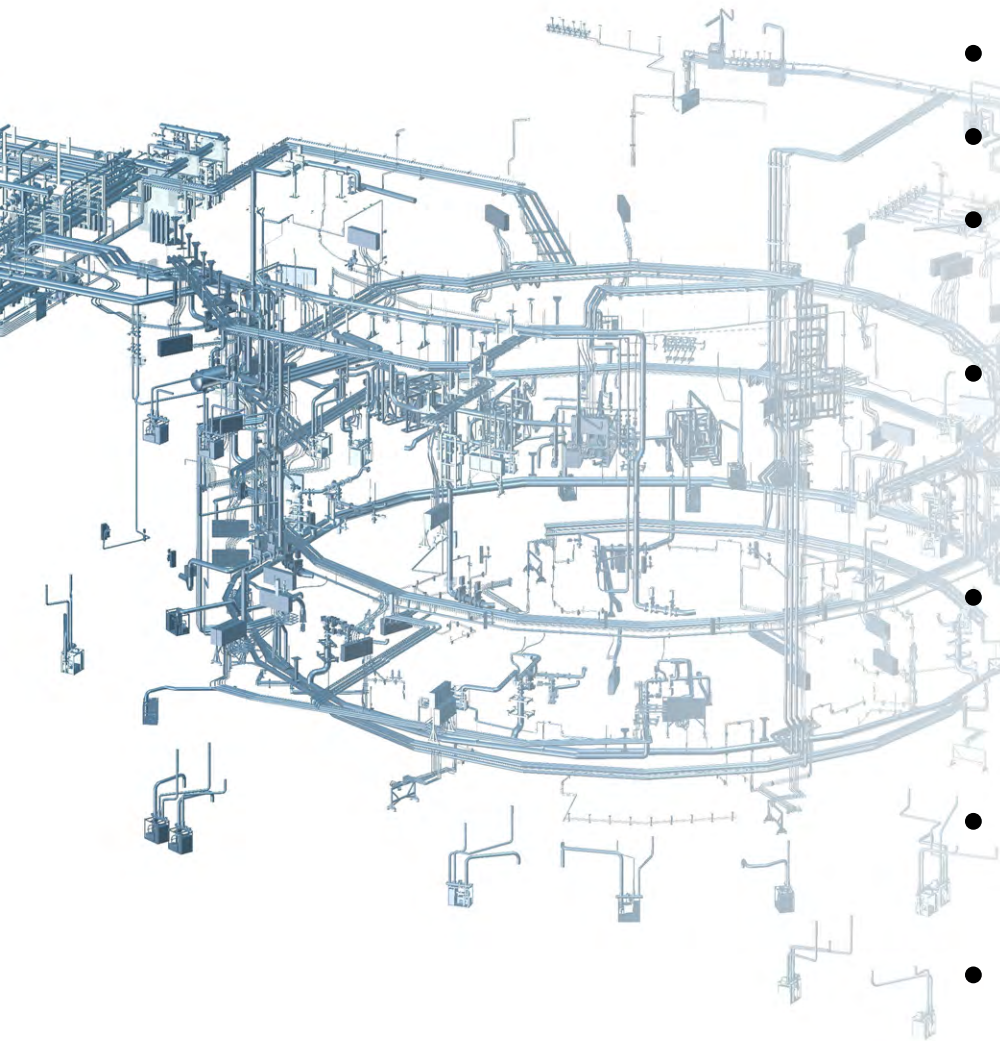


HV control and protection

Earthing resistors



Vacuum Auxiliary System and Roughing Pumps



- Tokamak vacuum volume: 1330 m³
- Cryostat vacuum volume: 8500 m³
- Neutral beam injectors' volume: 8600 m³
- Vacuum system performance: 105 Pa to 10 Pa in 24 hours, operating pressure 1×10^{-4} Pa
- Roughing pumps: 400+ vacuum pumps utilizing 10 different technologies
- Service vacuum system: >1500 clients
- Vacuum piping: 6 km

Vacuum Auxiliary System and Roughing Pumps



CVC assembly undergoing vacuum leak testing

Manufacture of the prototype tritium compatible Cryogenic Viscous Compressor (CVC) was completed and is now being prepared for performance testing at the Cryogenic Test Facility (CTF) at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory



Inner CVC core



Cryogenic thermal shield to cool CVC core

Vacuum Auxiliary System and Roughing Pumps *Technical Challenges*



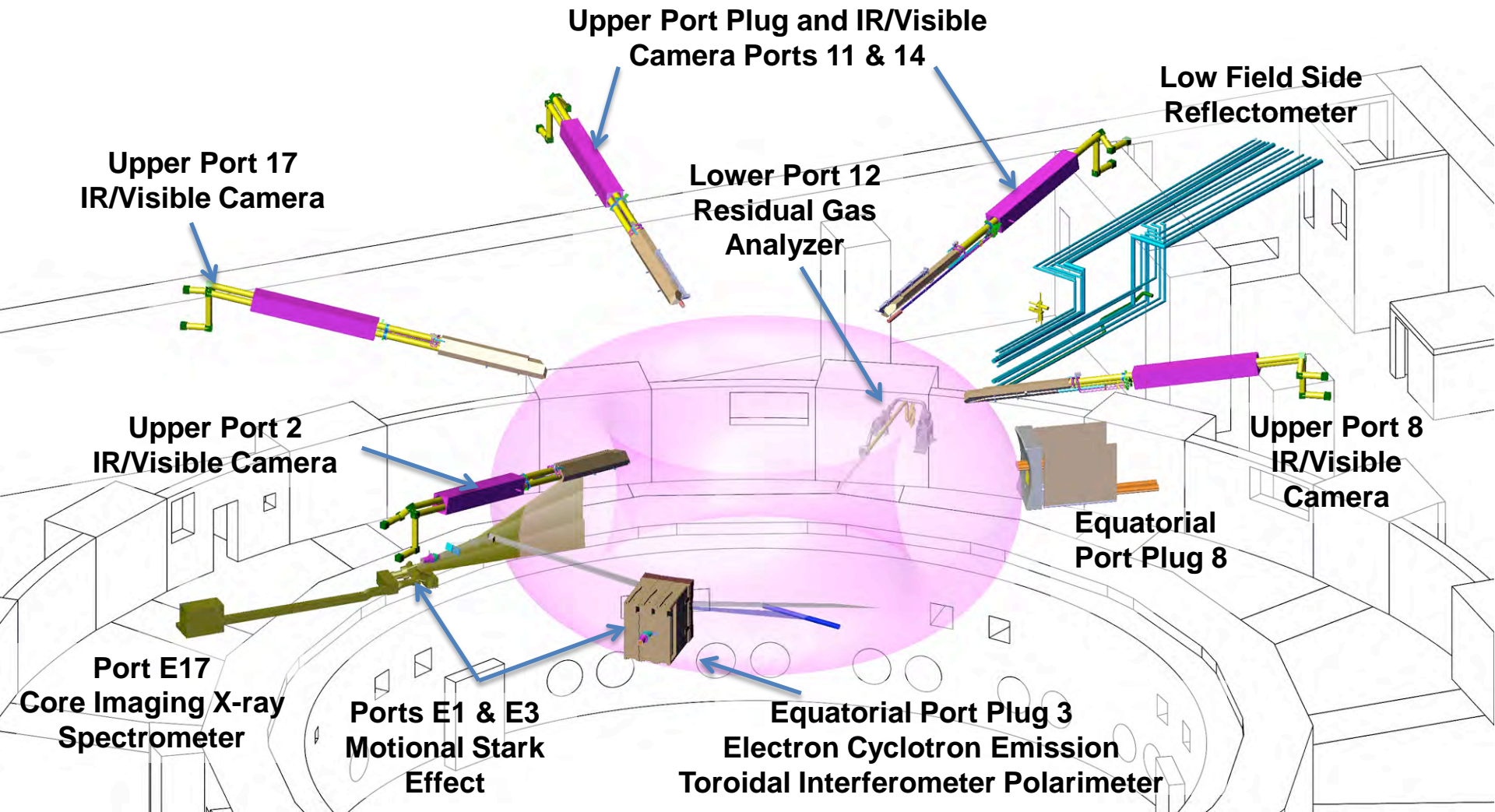
Resolved Challenges

- Simplified US role in complex piping by IO arrangement (now signed)

Current Challenges

- Performance of cryo-viscous compressor and screw pumps (testing is underway at ORNL)

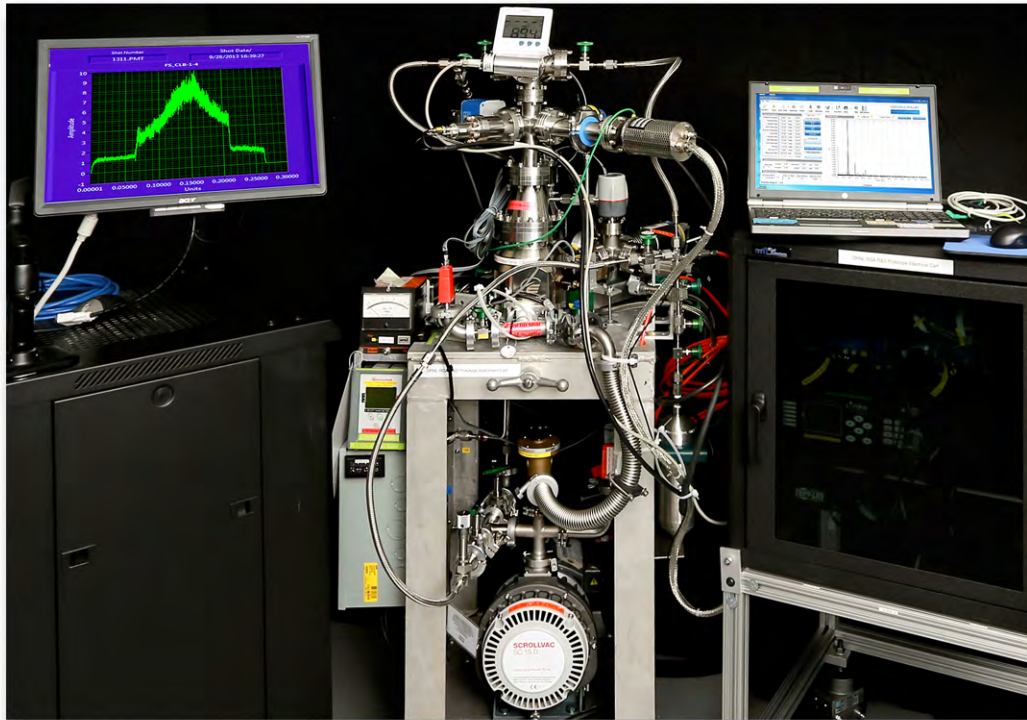
Diagnostics



FY 2014 US Achievements: *Diagnostics*

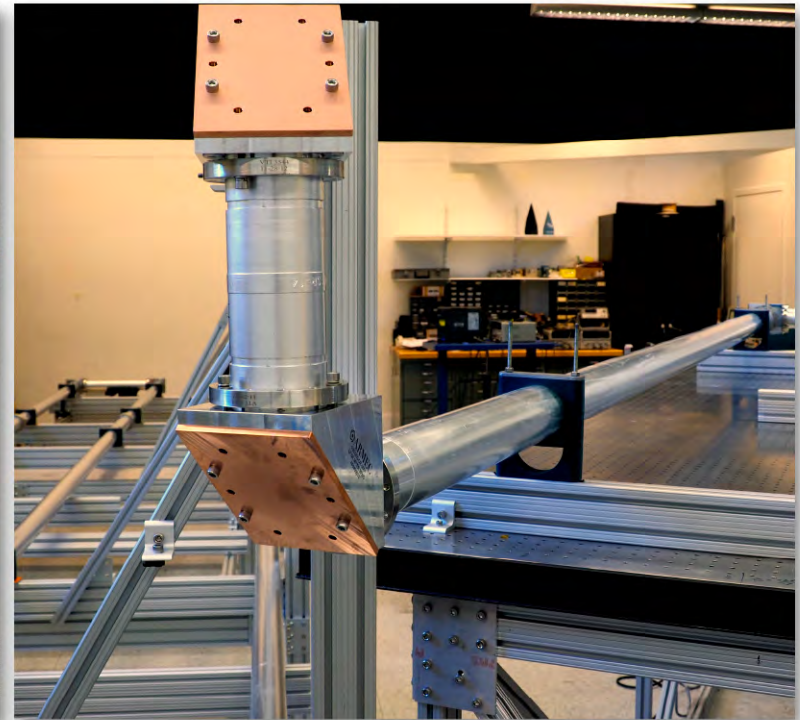


The residual gas analyzer and part of the low-field side reflectometer will be installed for 1st Plasma.



Diagnostic residual gas analyzer in development at ORNL.

Photo: US ITER/ORNL



A test stand for the low-field-side reflectometer at UCLA mimics an ITER-like waveguide route.

Photo: US ITER/ORNL

Diagnostics

Technical Challenges



Resolved Challenges

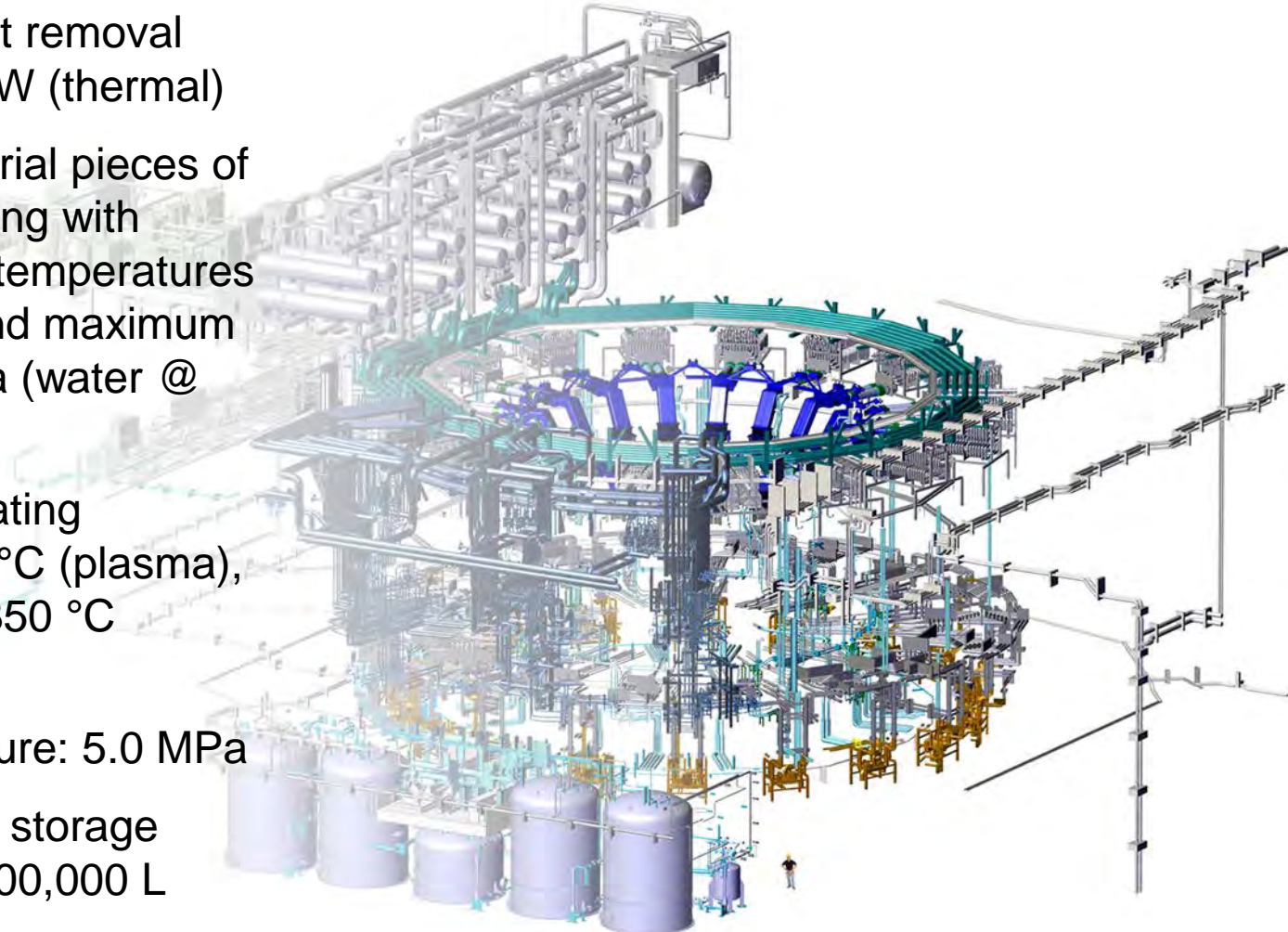
- Addressed overly complex interfaces between diagnostics from multiple DAs in each port plug by modularization and standardization

Current Challenges

- Meeting radiation shielding requirements in the port plugs while simultaneously satisfying diagnostic measurement requirements and weight limits
- Qualifying new technologies associated with in-situ calibration and mirror-cleaning capabilities

Tokamak Cooling Water System

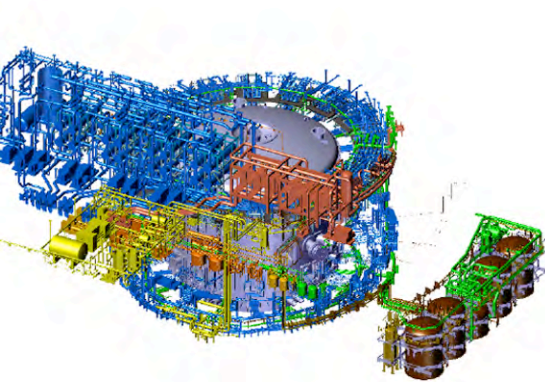
- Total installed heat removal capacity: 1,000 MW (thermal)
- 100+ major industrial pieces of equipment operating with maximum design temperatures of 400 °C (gas) and maximum pressure of 5 MPa (water @ 240 °C)
- Max coolant operating temperature: 126 °C (plasma), 240 °C (baking), 350 °C (gas baking)
- Max design pressure: 5.0 MPa
- Radioactive water storage capacity: over 1,000,000 L



TCWS Arrangements with IO Optimizes Roles and Responsibilities

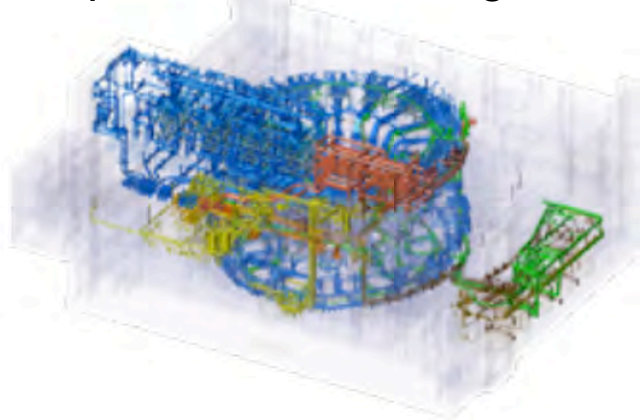


- US scope defined in Procurement Agreement (PA) and unchanged (design, fabrication, and delivery)
- Subsequent Arrangements optimize the assignment of roles
 - US retains responsibility per the PA and provides major assemblies
 - IO as “subcontractor” performs final design and piping procurement



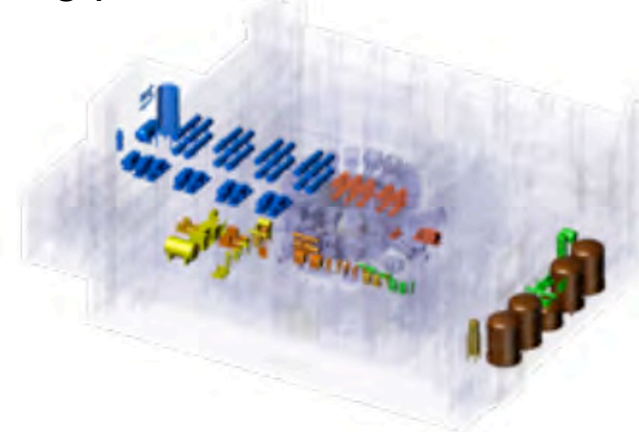
Full System

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Design & Piping

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Equipment

- Managed by USDA
- Design and procurement by USDA
- Installation by IO

- Multiple (16) Contracts
- Managed by ITER IO
- Reviewed by USDA

- Fabrication Contracts for 100+ assemblies managed by USDA

Tokamak Cooling Water System Deliveries in FY15



All drain tanks (four 61,000 gallon drain tanks and one ~30,000 gallon tank) will complete fabrication by February 2015. At left, a completed tank undergoes a lifting test. At right, tanks in earlier stages of fabrication.

Photo: US ITER

Tokamak Cooling Water Systems

Technical Challenges



Resolved Challenges

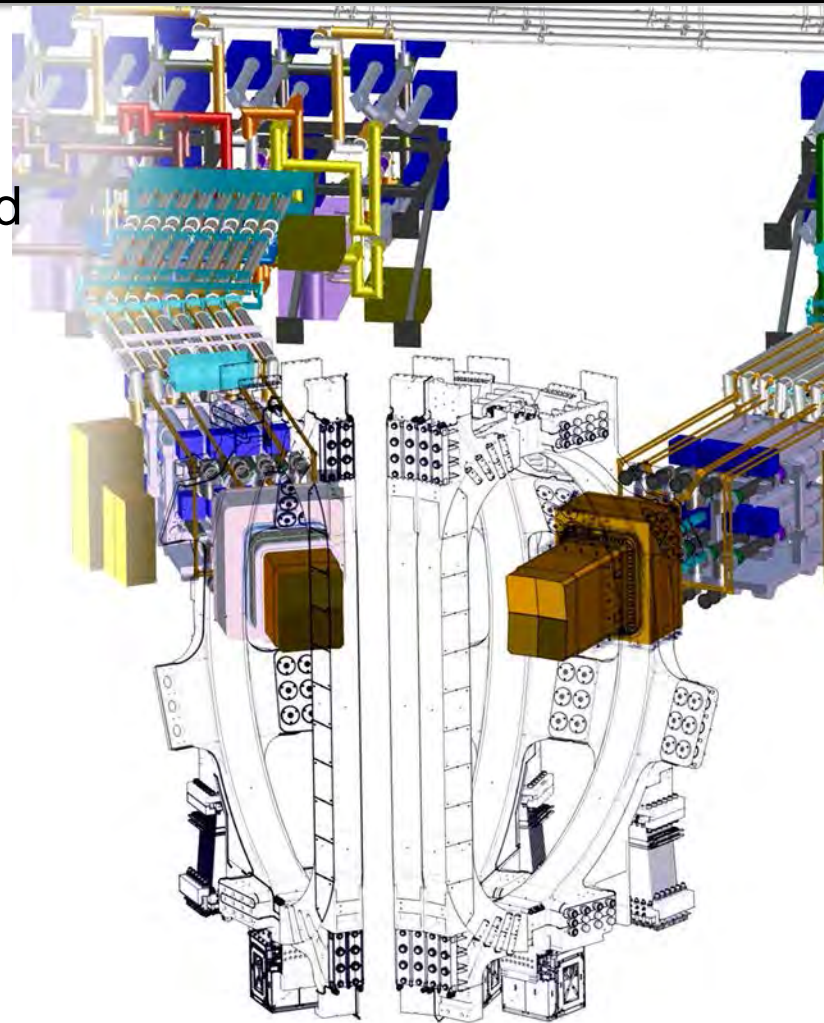
- Demonstrated successful processes for manufacture and ANB approval of nuclear-qualified components (specific EU requirements to vendor, involvement of ANB at factory)
- Established IO-TCWS team to complete design/procure piping

Current Challenges

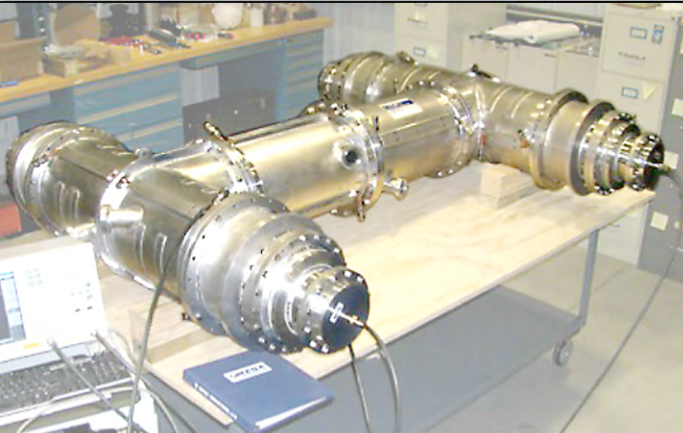
- Redesign TCWS to reduce the consequences of ^{16}N gamma dose rate and ^{17}N fast neutrons to personnel and electronics
- Finalize 1st Plasma scope and requirements
- Oversight of IO as TCWS designer and piping manufacturer

Ion Cyclotron Transmission Lines and Matching System

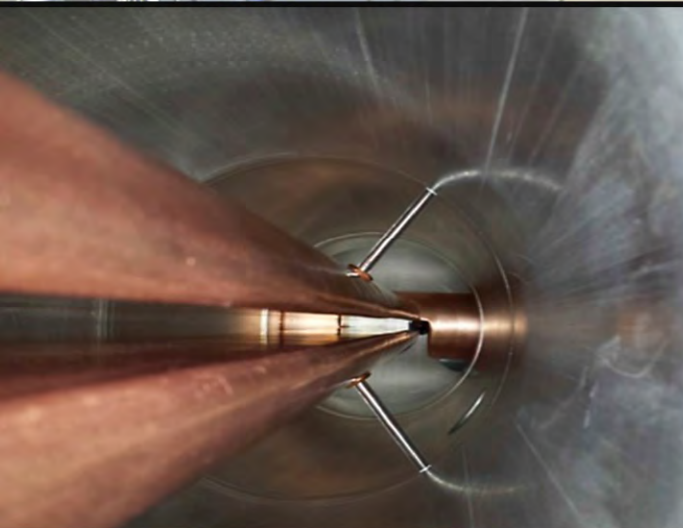
- Provide efficient transfer of 24 MW 40–55 MHz RF power from sources to plasma antennas using coaxial line and load tolerant matching/tuning
- Transmit up to 6 MW per line for up to 1 hour
- Total of 1.5 km of line connects 8 sources to 16 antenna feeds
- Two 8-channel matching networks weighing 27 t each
- Two 8-channel pre-matching networks weighing 14 t each
- Maximum losses: 2.5% of source power in the transmission line system, 10% in the matching system



Ion Cyclotron Achievements

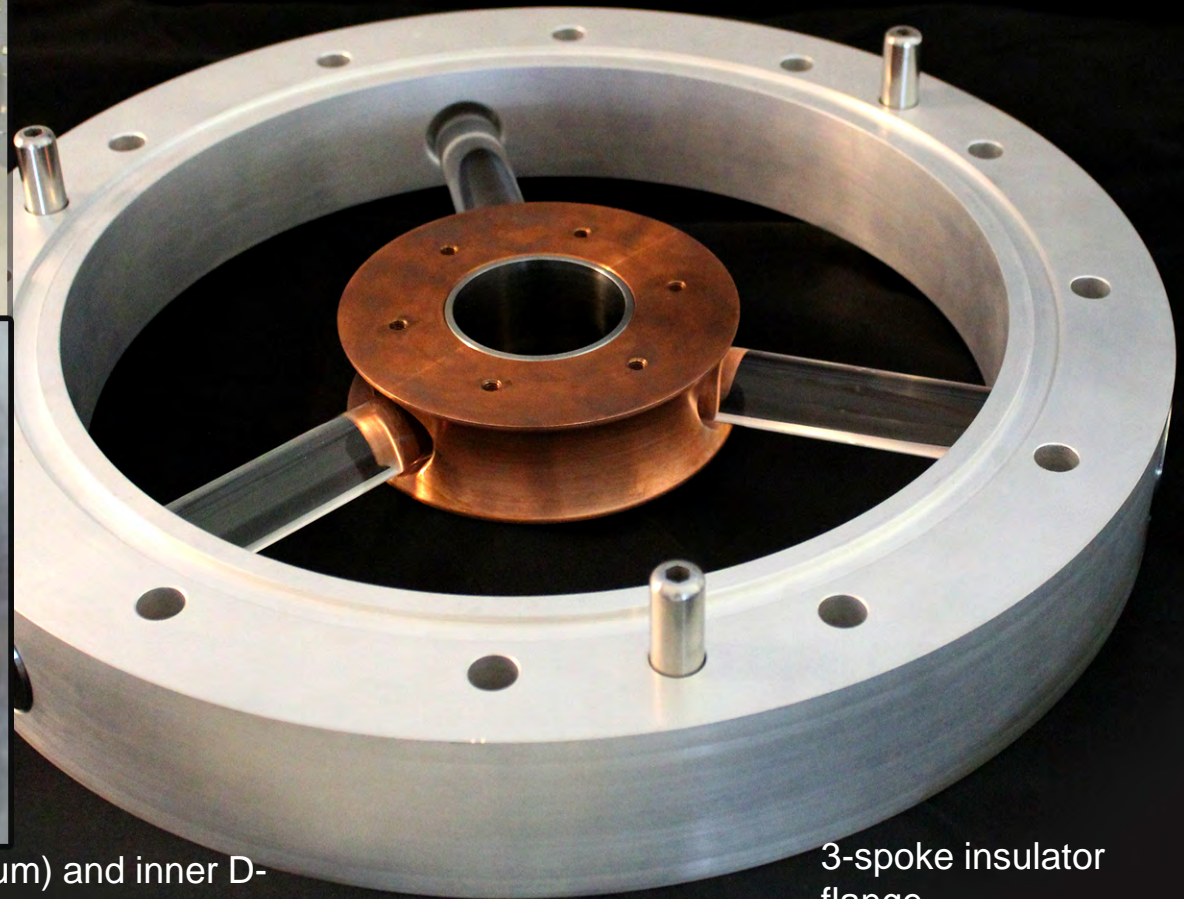


Four-port 50/50 power splitter on the test bench



Internal view of outer conductor (aluminum) and inner D-shaped conductors (copper) of the power splitter.

Photo: Mega Industries, Gorham, ME



3-spoke insulator flange

Ion Cyclotron Transmission Lines

Technical Challenges



Resolved Challenges

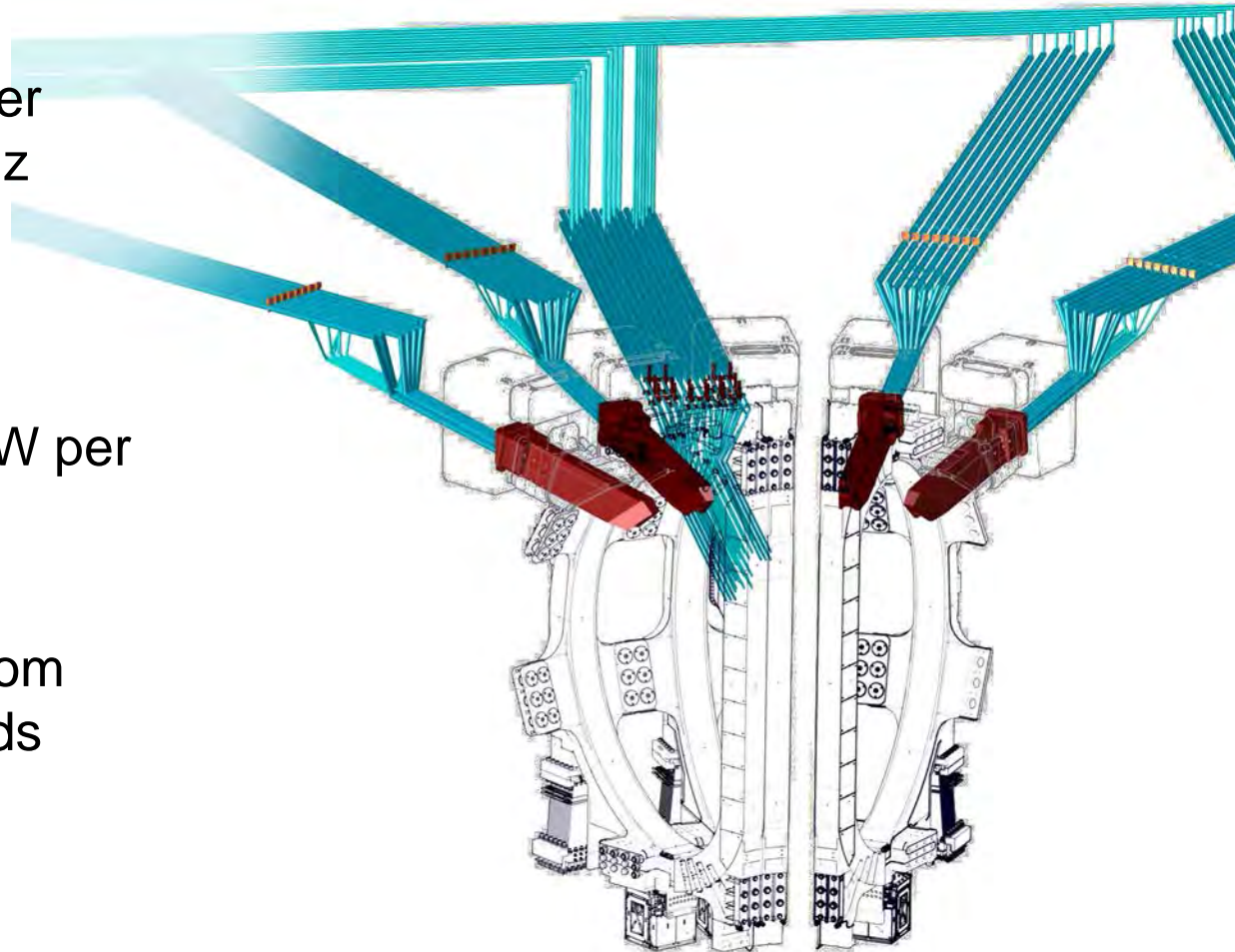
- Cooling of 50-Ohm components by pressurized air circulation
- Successful testing of hybrid splitter to accommodate plasma load changes

Current Challenges

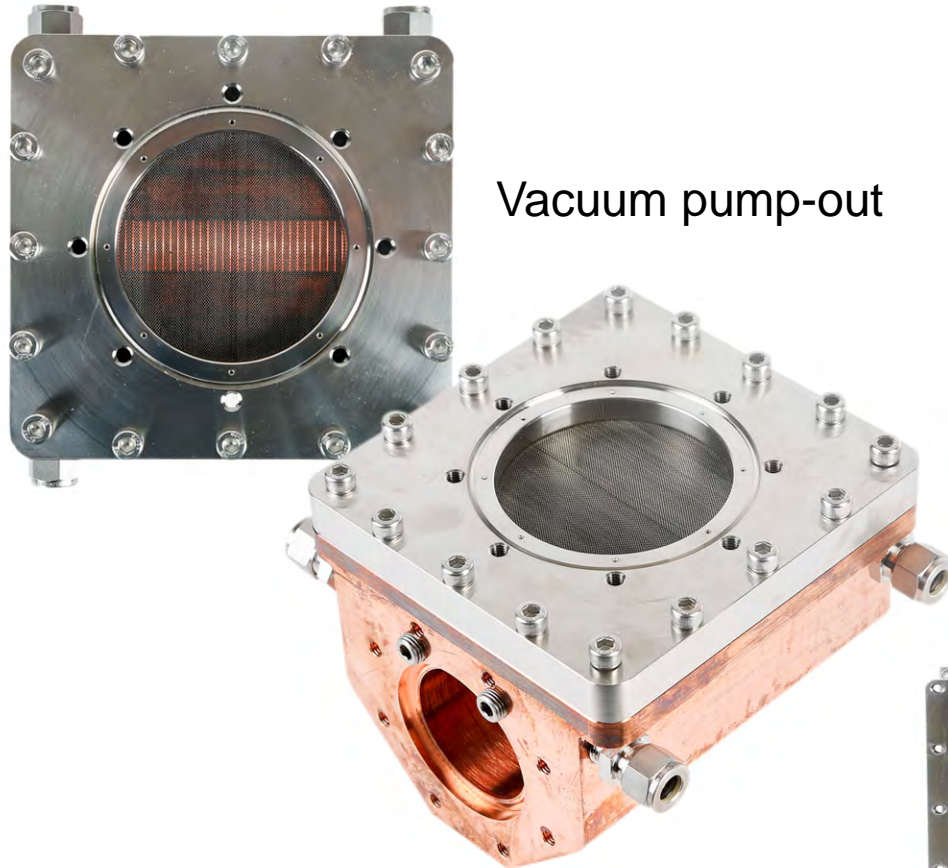
- Building interfaces for penetrations through Tokamak Building wall and Port Cell wall for transmission line, services and cabling (especially meeting fire requirements)
- Cooling of 20-Ohm components with water-cooling of inner conductor

Electron Cyclotron Transmission Lines

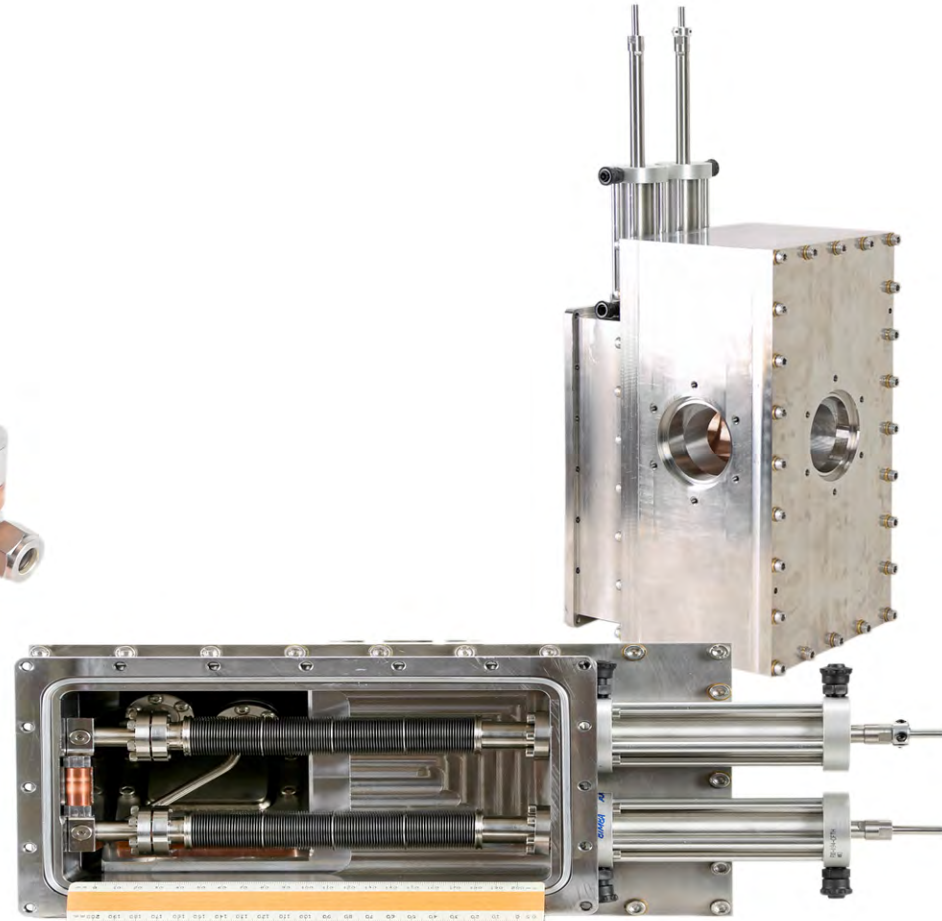
- Provide efficient power transfer from 170 GHz gyrotron sources to launchers
- Transmit up to 1.5 MW per line for 1 hour
- Transmission lines from 24 sources to 56 feeds



Electron Cyclotron Achievements



Vacuum pump-out



Microwave switch

Electron Cyclotron Transmission Lines

Technical Challenges



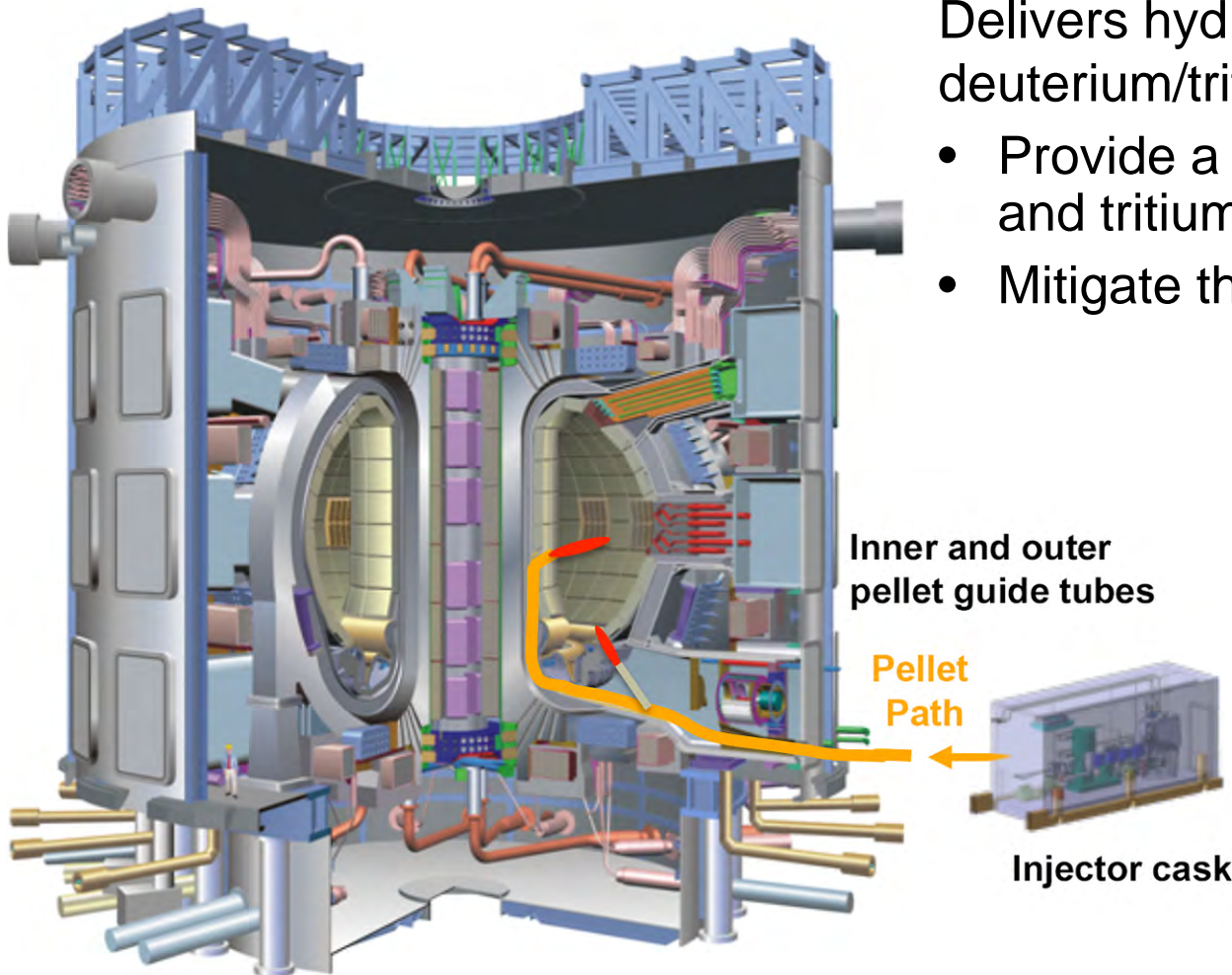
Resolved Challenges

- Resolved necessary alignment/manufacturing tolerances to minimize power loss through mode conversion

Current Challenges

- Building interfaces for penetrations through Tokamak Building wall and Port Cell wall for transmission line, services and cabling (especially meeting fire requirements)
- Precise alignment needed to avoid excessive mode conversion power losses

Pellet Fueling and Pellet Pacing



Delivers hydrogen, deuterium and deuterium/tritium pellets to:

- Provide a steady supply of deuterium and tritium fuel
- Mitigate the impact of ELMs

Configuration:

- Two pellet injection casks with dual injectors in each cask
- Guide tubes to inner and outer wall locations
- Guide tube selector to route pellets as needed

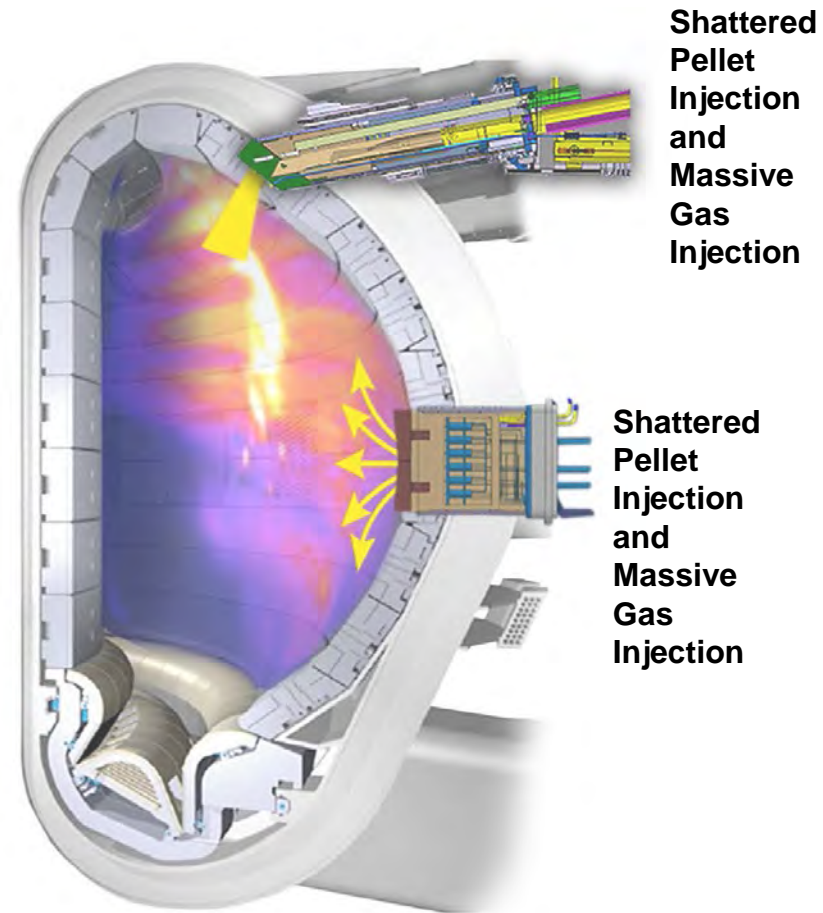
Disruption Mitigation System

Requirements:

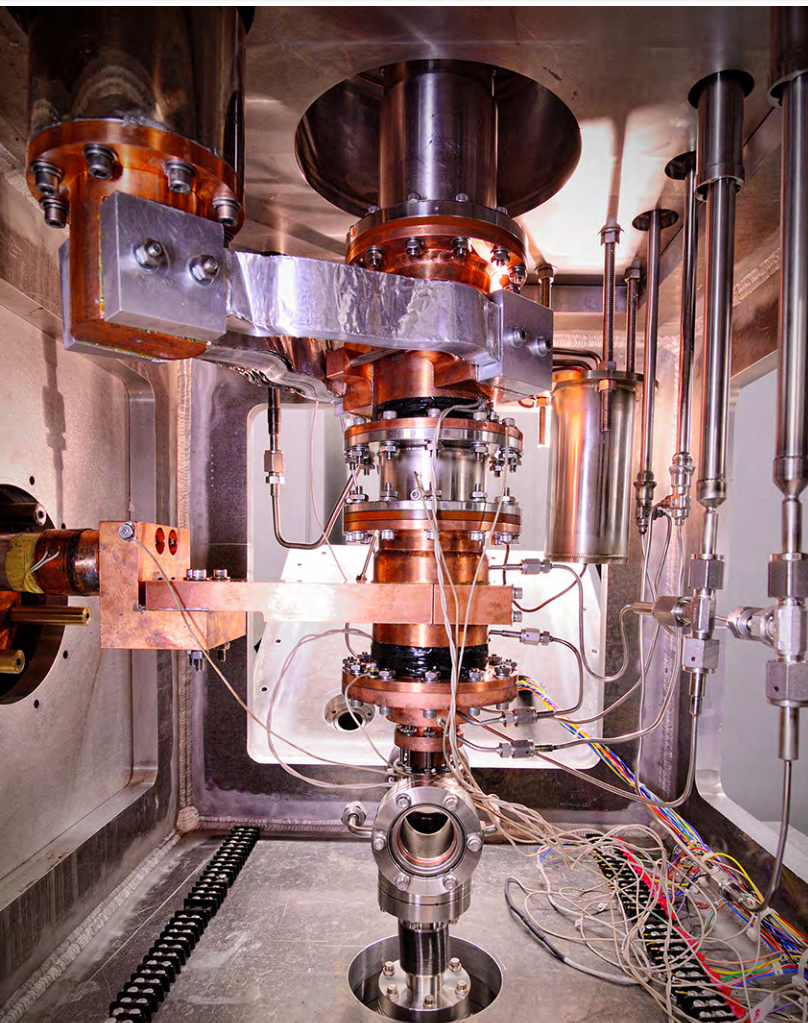
- Rapid plasma thermal quench to mitigate localized heat loads (response time ~ 10 ms)
- Plasma current quench to mitigate mechanical loads (response time ~ 200 ms)
- Suppress or dissipate runaway electron current (response time ~ 20 ms or ~ 500 ms, respectively)

Configuration:

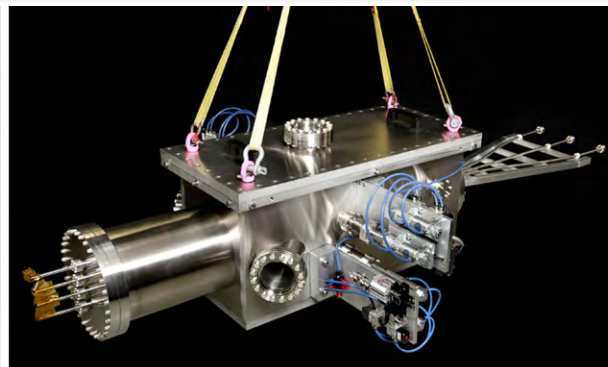
- Shattered pellet injectors (SPI) located outside three upper port cells with pellet shattered near plasma edge
- Multiple SPI located outside equatorial port cell with pellet shattered near plasma edge
- All SPI gas acceleration valve can be used for Massive gas injection (MGI) by not forming a pellet
- Guide and shatter tube are the only SPI/MGI components inside port plug



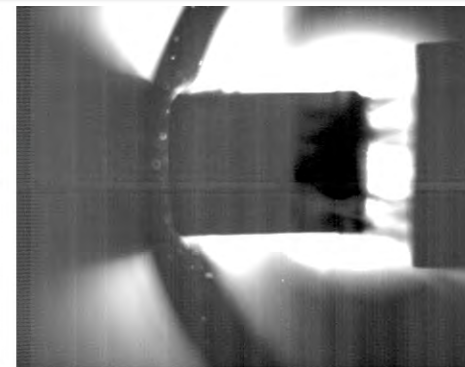
Pellet Injection and Disruption Mitigation Achievements



Twin-screw pellet extruder



Pellet guide tube selector test unit

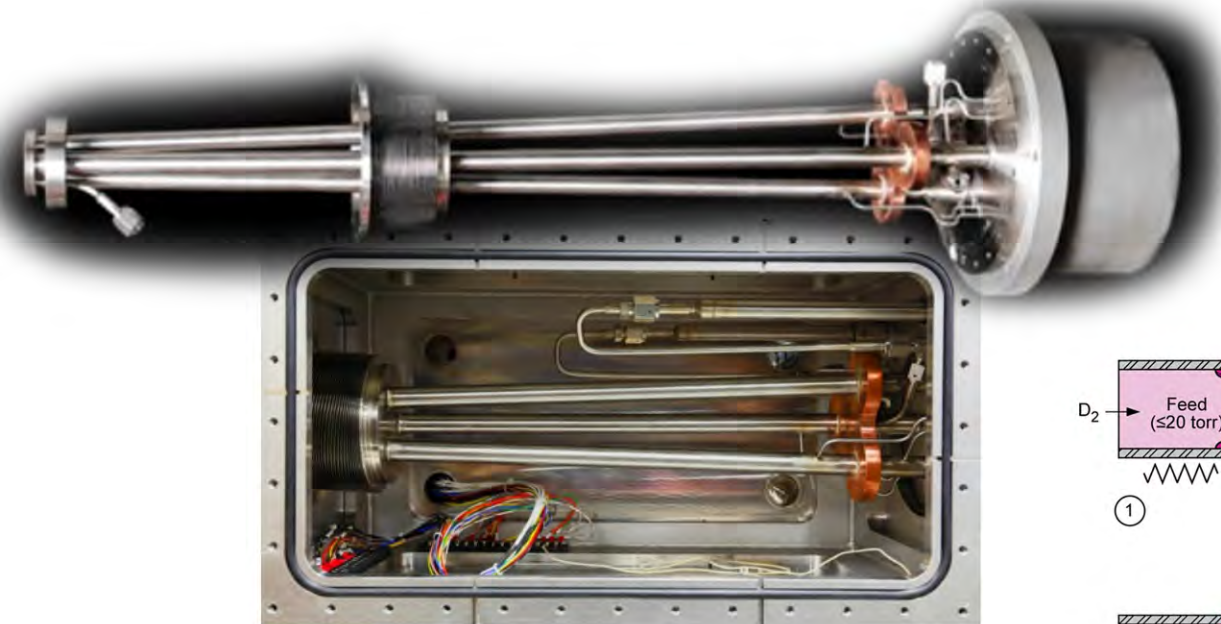


Deuterium-neon pellet formation testing

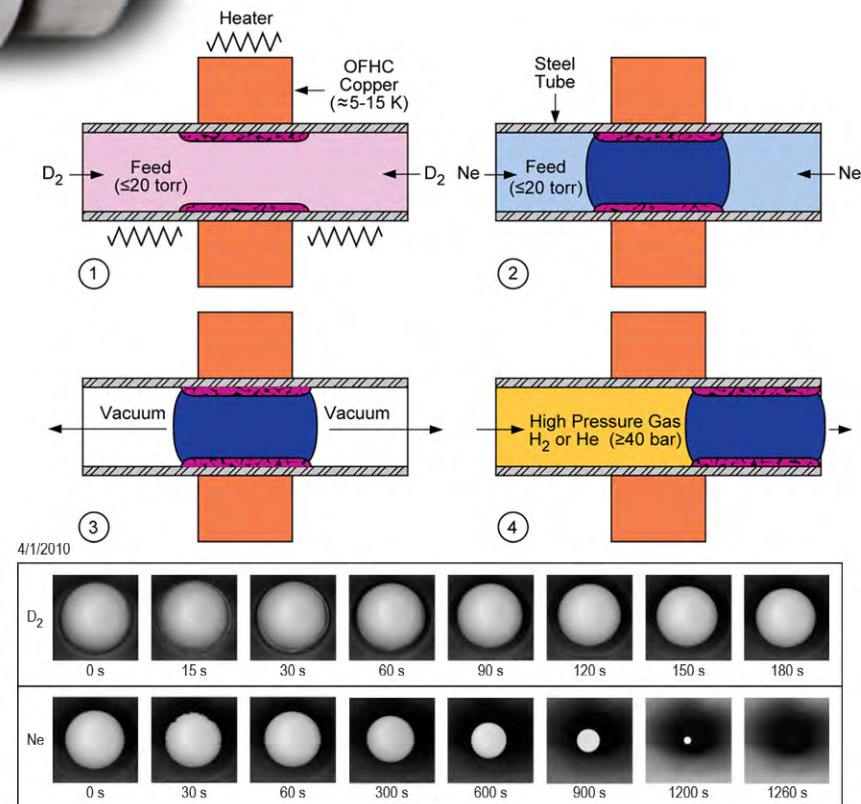


3-barrel unit prototype for disruption mitigation

Milestone Completed: *Shattered Pellet Injection 3-Barrel Testing*



- Barrel diameter increased to 34 mm in order to study scaling of freezing/forming
- Larger size will reduce the number of barrels needed for Disruption Mitigation System



Pellet Injection

Technical Challenges



Resolved Challenges

- Flexible barrel selector method to route the range of pellets for fueling or ELM pacing
- Stimulated frequent ELMs to mitigate large ELMs on DIII-D

Current Challenges

- Sustained high mass flow, long-pulse pellet forming extruder for long ITER pulse lengths

Disruption Mitigation

Technical Challenges



Resolved Challenges

- Successful testing of shattered pellet technology in DIII-D
- Successful forming and acceleration of large Deuterium/Neon pellets

Current Challenges

- Achievable system response time of gas and pellets at high reliability
- Reliable sealing of massive gas injection valve

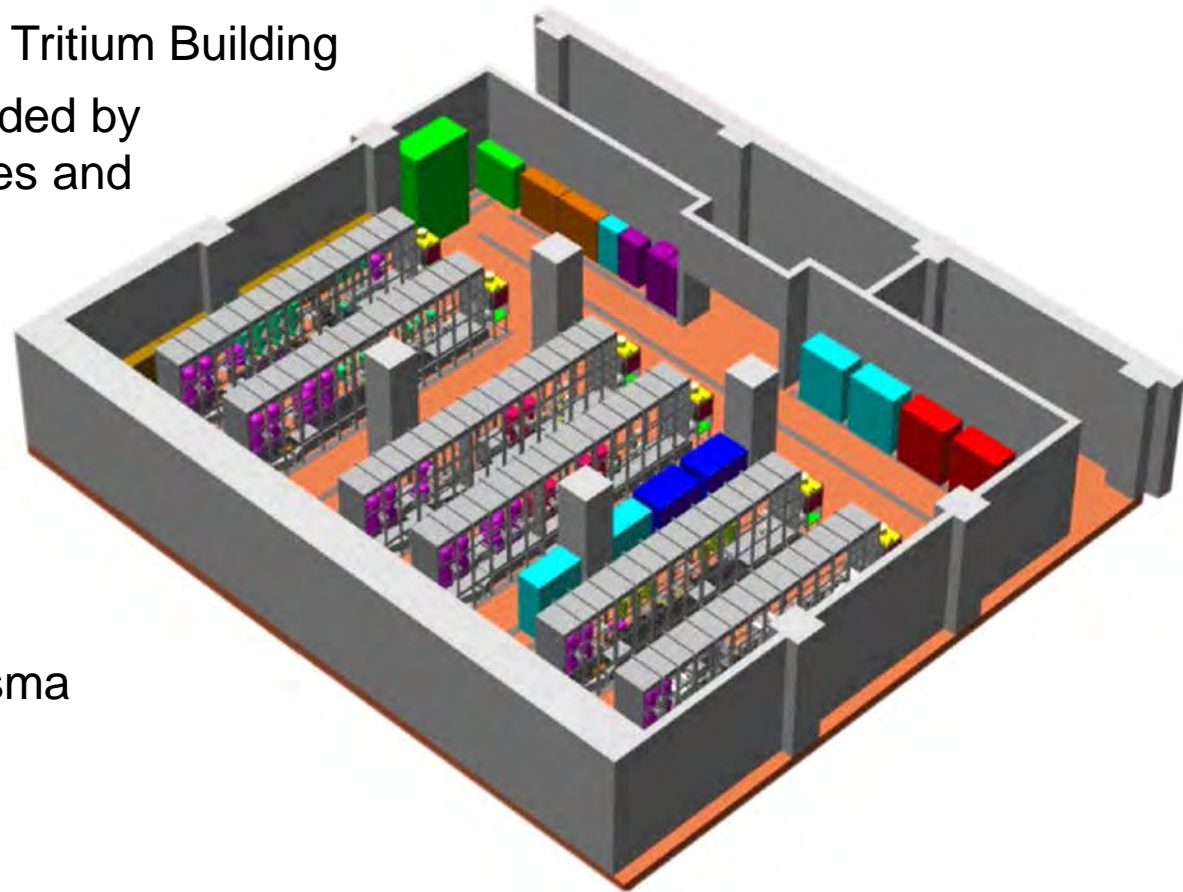
Tokamak Exhaust Processing System

Configuration:

- TEP equipment located in Tritium Building
- Tritium Confinement provided by nitrogen inerted gloveboxes and Tritium Building
- Gamma Decay Tanks located on separate floor

Status:

- In preliminary design
- TEP required for DT Plasma



Tokamak Exhaust Processing

Technical Challenges



Resolved Challenges

- Availability of manufacturer for specialty equipment (Permeator and Palladium Membrane Reactor) for 10x flow rate with unique ITER concentrations and requirements

Current Challenges

- Tritium inventory limit related to fire zones

A detailed 3D CAD model of the ITER tokamak reactor. The image shows the complex arrangement of the central solenoid, toroidal field coils, and poloidal field coils. The central solenoid is a large, purple, toroidal structure in the center. The toroidal field coils are arranged in a ring around it, with some shown in blue and others in green. The poloidal field coils are located further out, with some in red and others in blue. The model is rendered in a transparent style, showing the internal components and the overall structure of the reactor. The text "US ITER – State of the Project" is overlaid in the center of the image.

US ITER – State of the Project

Near-Term (FY 2014-16) Status Summary



FY14

- Fabrication underway for critical-pacing items
 - ~2/3 (by value) of US hardware systems in final design or beyond
- ~1/2 (by value and number) of planned contracts have been awarded
- Key hardware deliveries on-going

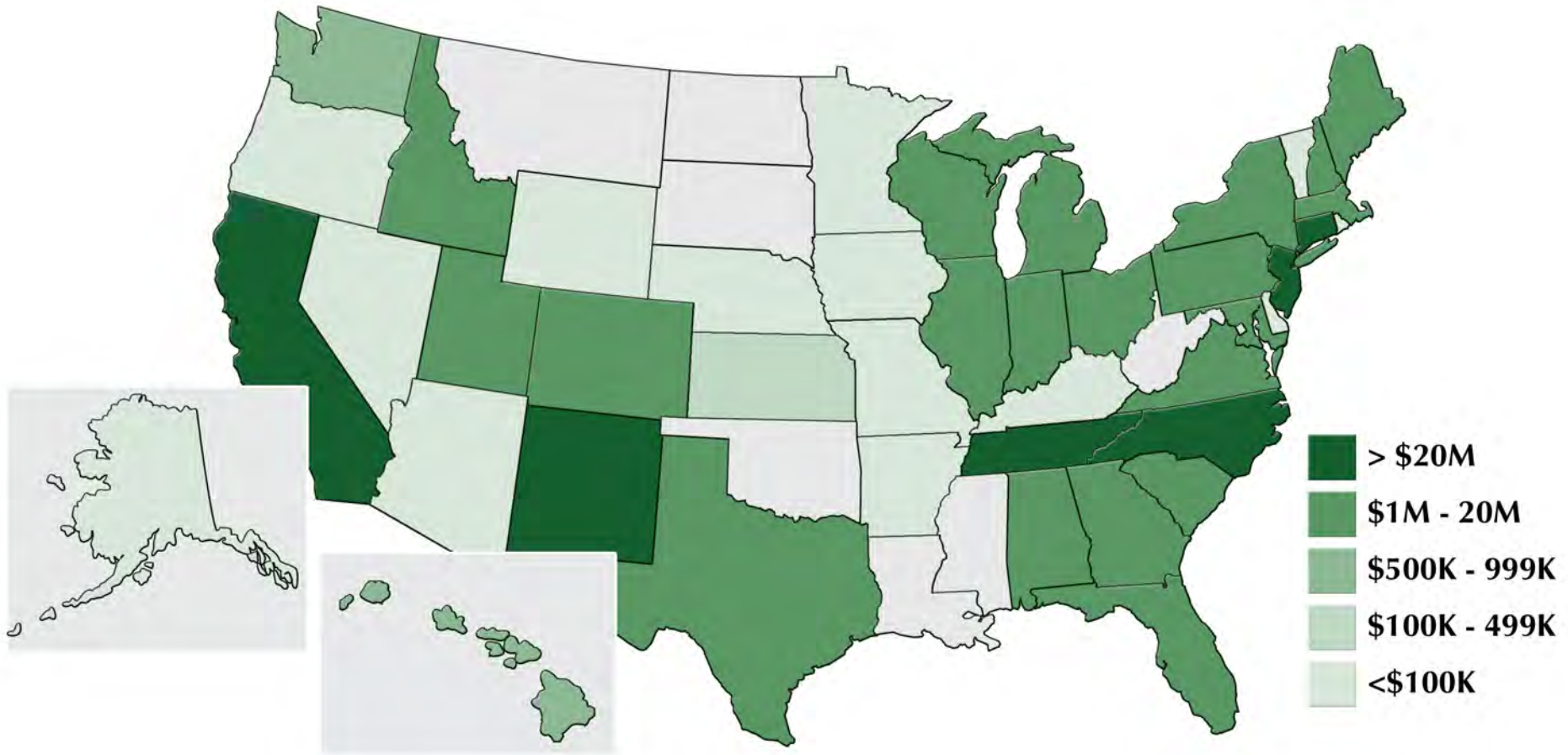
FY15-16

- At the end of FY16,
 - Only one procurement arrangement remaining to be signed
 - 28% of US hardware deliveries needed for 1st Plasma will be complete
 - One US hardware contribution will be complete in FY16 (toroidal field coil conductor)

Over \$682M in Awards and Obligations



US Industry and University Awards, and DOE Lab Funding: ~\$682M



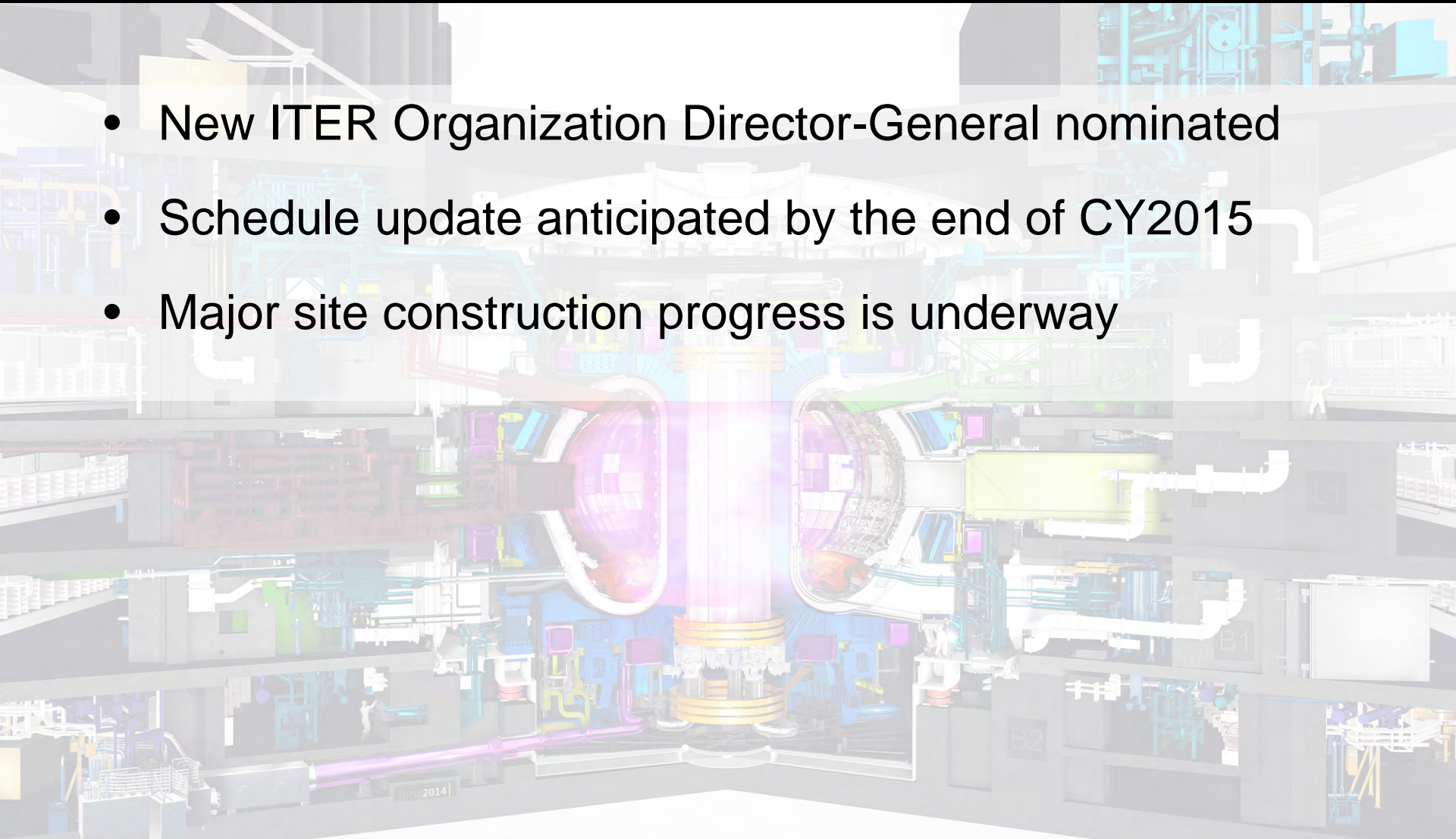
Data as of September 30, 2014

Note: Data above does not reflect contracts awarded to US Industry by the EU (>\$55M)

International Status



- New ITER Organization Director-General nominated
- Schedule update anticipated by the end of CY2015
- Major site construction progress is underway



ITER Site



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