Manufacturing the Largest Magnet in the World

The Newest Advanced Technology and Nurturing Young Engineers and Experts

Magnet Session in MIIFED

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• F4E contribution to ITER magnets
• F4E strategy for TF coils
• F4E strategy for PF coils
• Technology development in F4E procurement
• Nurturing young engineers and experts: experience in F4E magnet team
### F4E contribution to ITER Magnets

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**Diagram:**
- TF (Toroidal Field) Coils:
  - 10 coils
- Pre-compression Rings:
  - 9 rings
- PF (Poloidal Field) Coils:
  - 5 coils

**Floating flanges**

**Pre-compression rings**
Weight: 300tons/coil
Peak field 11.8T
Constant Current 68KA
Completion of 10 TF coils (in tendering phase)

Manufacture of 10 Winding Packs (on-going)

- High accuracy required to reduce error fields
- Reduce machining of huge components
- Fitting gaps carry stress penalty

Insertion of Winding into Case

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TF coils procurement split in 3 contracts

Conductor from EU, RF, CN & US

Coil Case from JAEA

Manufacture of 70 Radial Plates (on-going)
Status of the T coils procurement

• Full Size Double Pancake Prototype wound and heat treated (by ASG / Iberdrola / Elytt)
• Series production started
Poloidal Field (PF) Coils

- **6 PF coils**
- **RF**: PF1
- **EU**: PF2~PF6

**Main Features:**
- Circular coils
- Supported on TF
- Made of DPs
### PF2-PF6 Manufacture Configuration

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Within the large cluster of F4E industrial contracts, many technologies are being utilized and pushed to their limit:

- **Material production**
  - ITER Grade stainless steel Forging for TF radial plate sectors
  - Cold Drawing for TF cover plates with accuracy on shape of 0.1mm

- **Welding and bonding**
  - Local Vacuum Electron Beam (to weld RP sectors)
  - Standard & Narrow gap GTAW (to weld RP sectors and piping)
  - Laser for welding of TF cover plates to radial plates
  - Explosion bonding (to bond copper to steel in electrical terminations)

- **Dimensional check**
  - Laser tracker, Laser T-scan, to measure the TF conductor trajectory with tens of ppm accuracy
  - 0-1mm Gap measurement with camera

- **Machining**
  - Machining with large Portal Machines (12x9m) with precisions of fractions of mm

- **Conductor bending**
  - Bending of TF conductor on spiral D shaped trajectory with accuracy of tens of ppm
  - Bending of PF conductor over diameter of 24 m with accuracy of 1mm.
One example: The manufacture of the RPs

Forging of 6 sectors

Machining leaving >5mm over-metal

Welding sectors by EB or GTAW

Final machining with portal machine based on DP trajectory

Measurement DP trajectory
REGULAR RADIAL PLATE PROTOTYPE
FULLY MACHINED IN AUGUST 2011

Planarity of 1mm on the whole surface!
Accuracy of 1mm on profile
Accuracy of 30ppm on grooves trajectory
CNIM SIDE RADIAL PLATE PROTOTYPE
Machining completed in September 2011
FUSION is a long term project, requiring a high level of expertise for many years. It requires a good balance between:

- Very senior engineers (*present*)
- Relatively senior engineers (*middle term*)
- Young engineers (*long term*)

Their main functions are:

- **Very senior engineers**
  - To focus on the most strategic PRESENT issues
  - To coach rest of the team
  - To progressively give more responsibilities to “senior” engineers

- **Relatively senior engineers** (future “very senior”)
  - To manage the day-to-day activities, allowing the “very senior” to focus on most strategic issues
  - To develop expertise, taking over more and more responsibilities
  - To coach the young engineers,
  - progressively moving to the “very senior” roles

- **Young engineers** (Future “relatively senior”)
  - To progressively take over more and more tasks.
• In the long term, the balance between “very senior”, “relatively senior” and young engineers is essential to:
  • Progressively nurture and bring young engineers to the right level of expertise in order to tackle effectively their tasks
  • Allow young team member to work on tasks adequate to own level of expertise, avoiding them to dealing with excessively difficult tasks that could bring to failure with consequent lack of self confidence.
  • Get each category to progressively move to the upper level of seniority.

• In F4E magnet team we have:

  • 7 over 45 years old engineers (very senior)
  • 8 between 35 and 45 years old engineers (senior)
  • 7 between 29 and 35 years old engineers (young)

• A good balance between the 3 categories, which should guarantee short and long term expertise, as long as steady flow of young engineers is assured to the team.
Thank you for your attention