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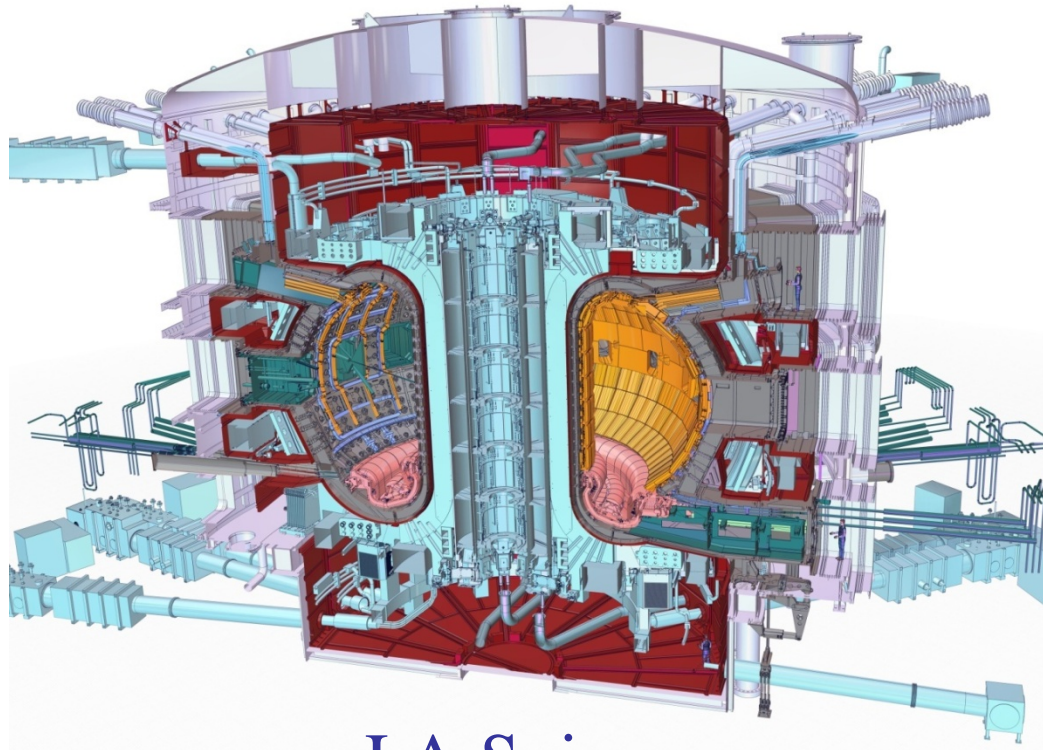
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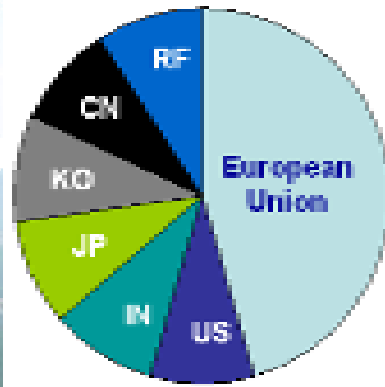
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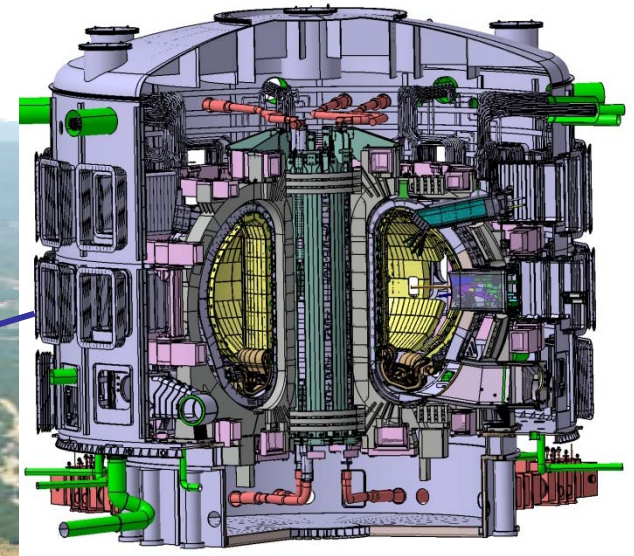
Outline

- ITER Project Overview
 - What is ITER?
 - ITER Management Structure
- Progress in Design and Construction
 - ITER schedule
 - Design nearing completion
 - Major components under construction
 - Building status
- Conclusions

ITER - A Unique Scientific, Technological and Industrial Project



Seven Party Sharing



- **Objective** - Demonstrate the scientific and technological feasibility of controlled fusion energy
- **Goal** - produce significant fusion power amplification (10x the power input): **output 500 MW**



ITER Scope - Mission Goals

Physics:

- ITER is designed to produce a **plasma dominated by α -particle heating**
- produce a **significant fusion power amplification factor** ($Q \geq 10$) in long-pulse operation
- aim to achieve **steady-state operation** of a tokamak ($Q = 5$)
- retain the possibility of exploring '**controlled ignition**' ($Q \geq 30$)

Technology:

- demonstrate **integrated operation of technologies** for a fusion power plant
- **test components** required for a fusion power plant
- test concepts for a **tritium breeding module**

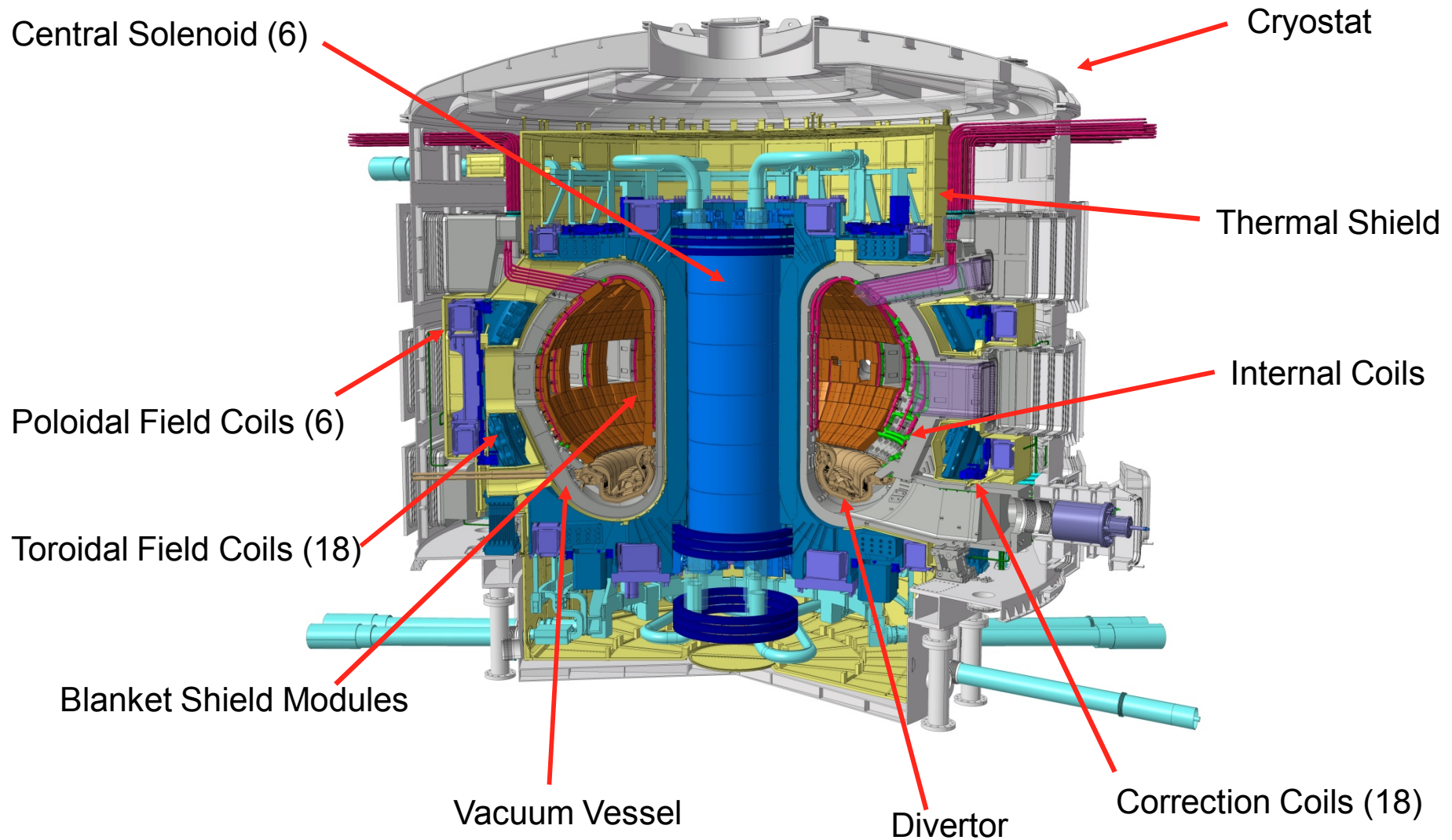
ITER Overall Project Cost (OPC)

- The cap on the total cost for the Construction Phase approved in July 2010 is 4700 kIUA
- Table shows the total cost over the lifetime of the project:

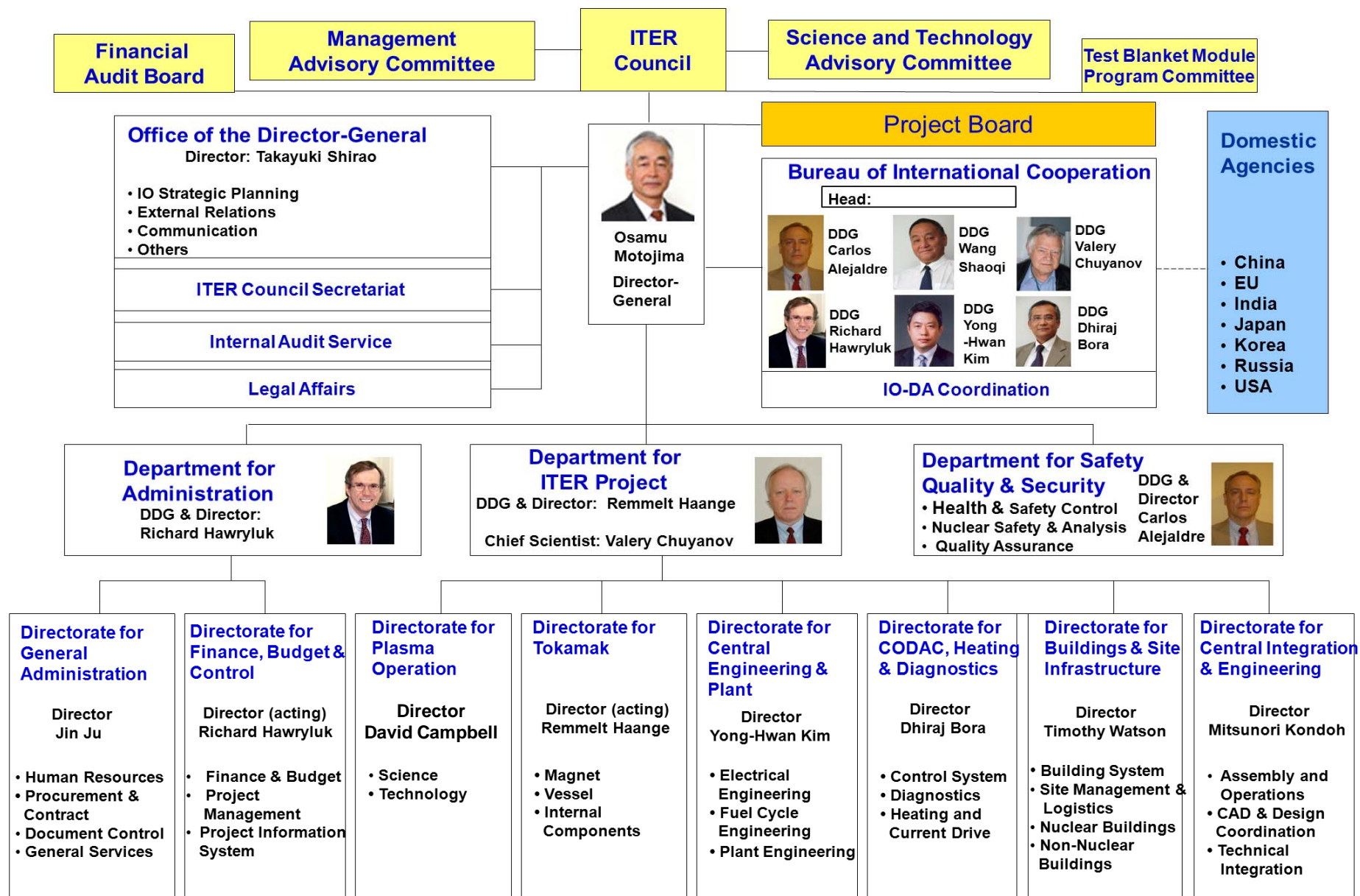
Construction Phase	4584.7 kIUA
Additional Resources	115.3 kIUA
Operation Phase	188 kIUA per year
Deactivation Phase	EUR 281 Million
Decommissioning Phase	EUR 530 Million

NB: 1 kIUA = 1M \$US (1989) = 1.58M Euro (2011)

ITER Tokamak - Major Components

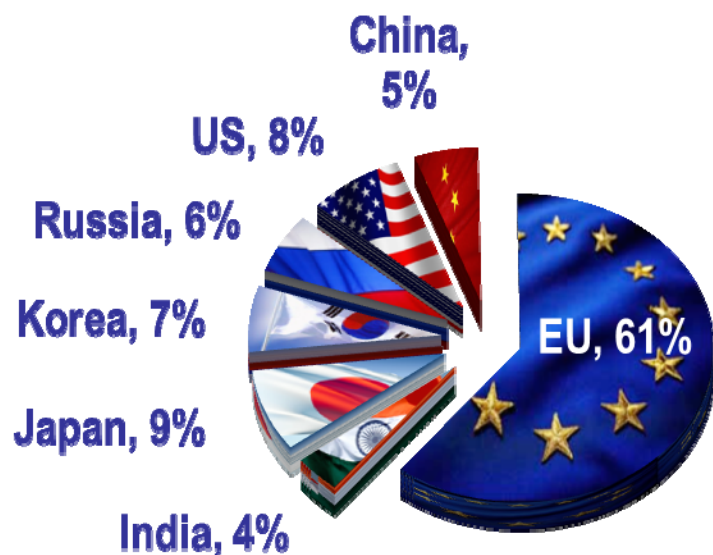


ITER Organization Structure



Human Resources

- As of end May 2011, the IO has a total of 475 staff members with 305 professional and 170 technical support staff members;
- Since January, the IO has posted 20 positions, and 220 applications have been received. 11 staff members' employment contracts started (9 Professional staff, 2 technical support staff) while 10 persons left the IO. With the foreseen recruitments and departures, the total staff number will be 494 by the end of 2011.



P Staff Distribution by Members

	Professional staff	Support staff	Total
CN	16	4	20
EU	185	125	310
IN	12	16	28
JA	26	7	33
KO	21	5	26
RU	19	3	22
US	26	10	36
Total	305	170	475

The ITER Project Team - Domestic Agencies

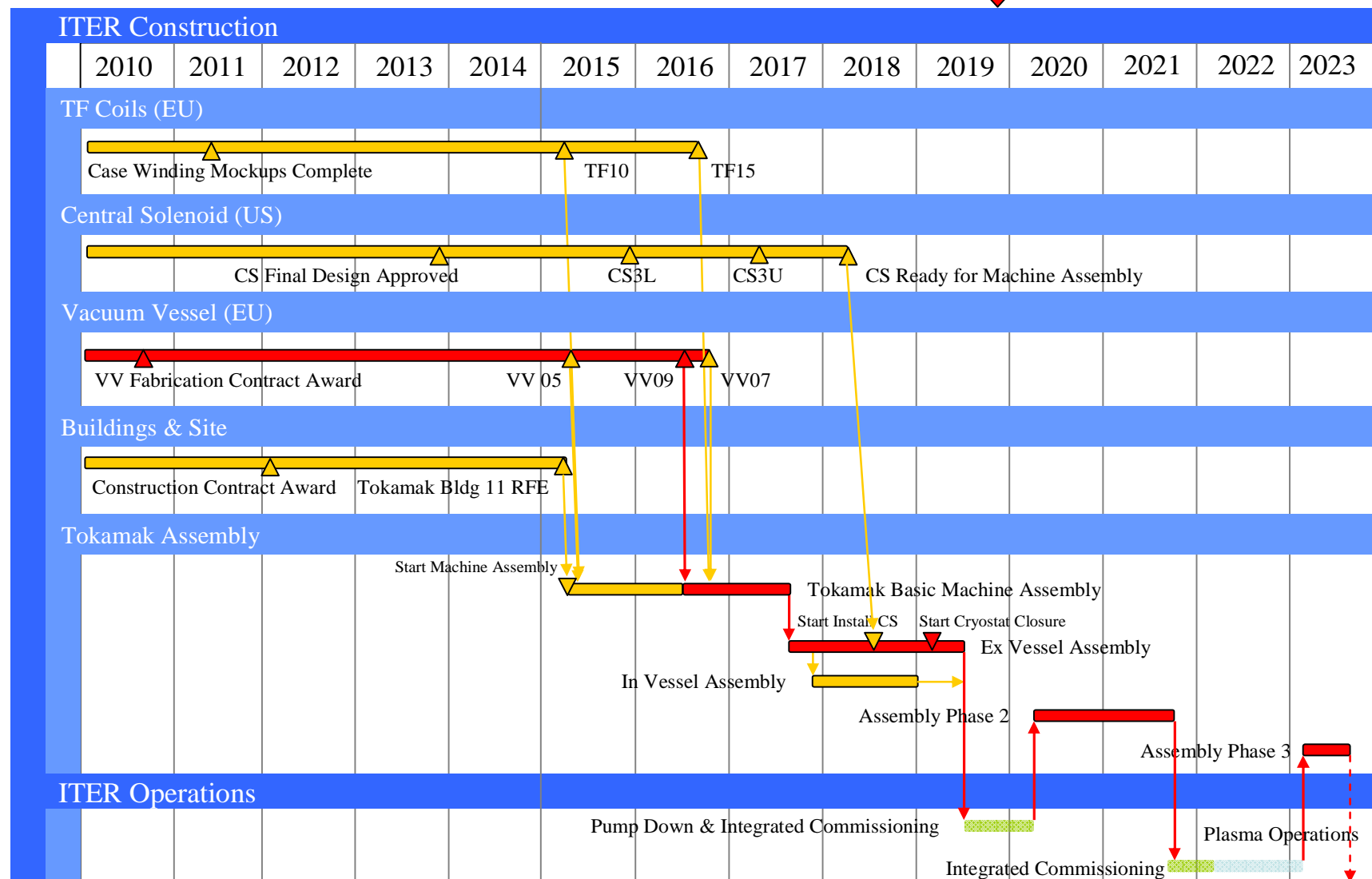


- 90% of ITER components will be supplied “in-kind” by the Members through their Domestic Agencies

Progress on ITER Design and Construction

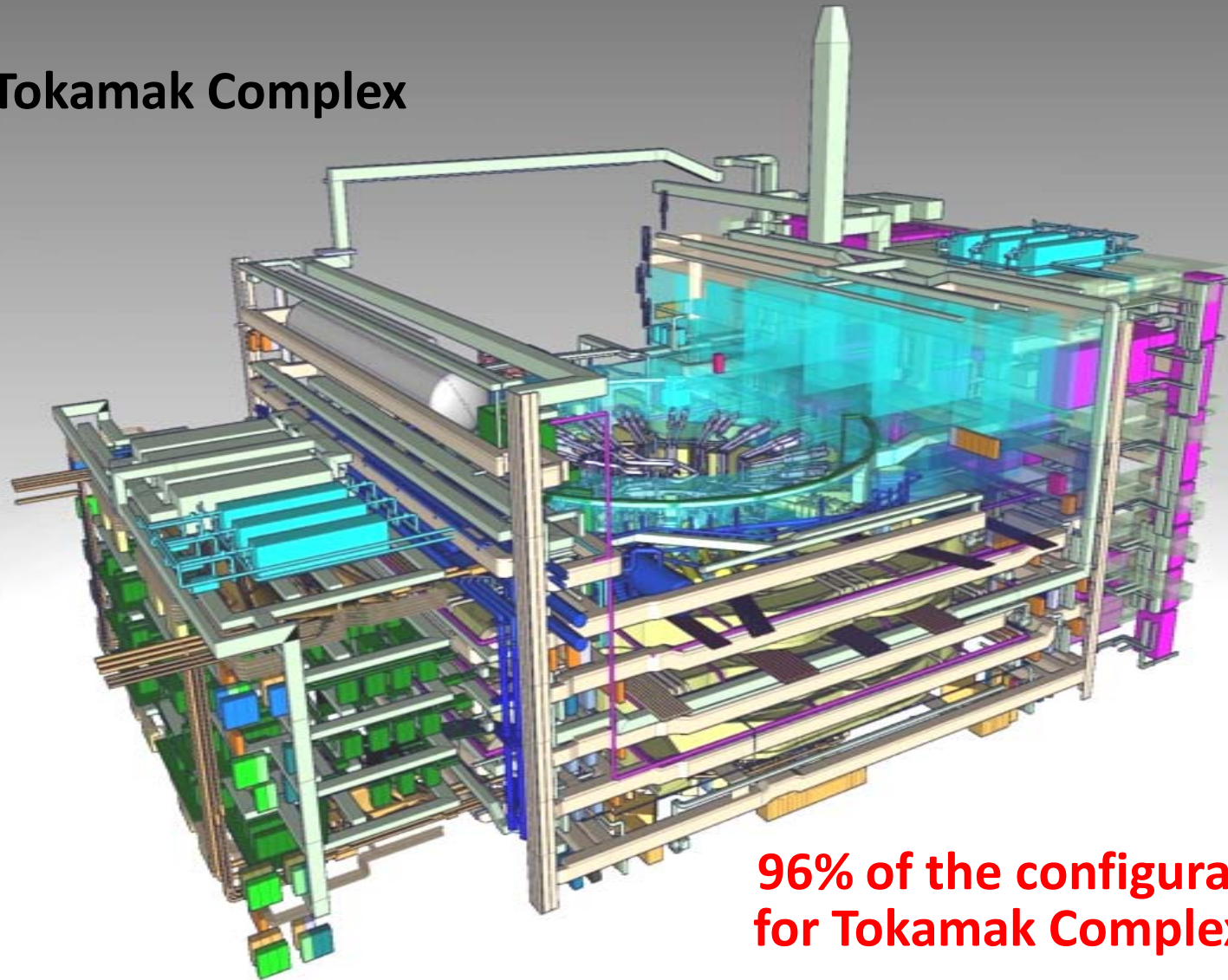
Present ITER Construction Schedule

First Plasma



Plant Systems Configuration Models

Tokamak Complex

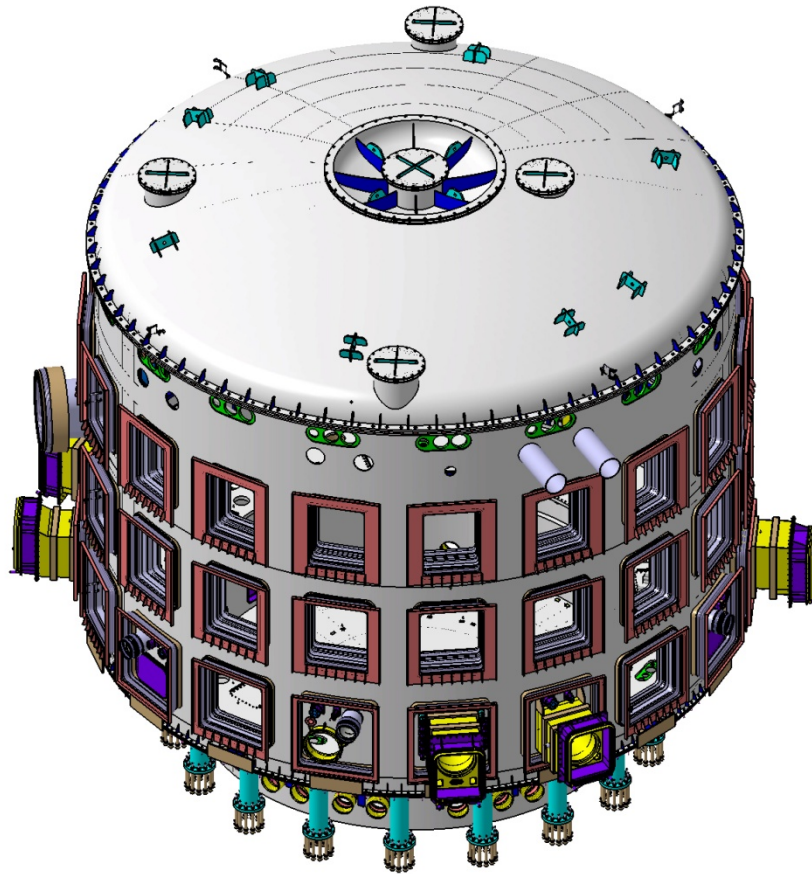


**96% of the configuration models
for Tokamak Complex completed**

Status of Procurement Arrangements (PAs)

- The IO and relevant Domestic Agencies have signed 55 PAs, amounting to a total of over €3000M, representing 70% of the total procurement value for the construction of ITER;
- PAs are prioritized according to the Integrated Project Schedule (IPS); approximately 20 more PAs are scheduled to be signed by the end of 2011;
- Additional Direct Investment (ADI) for project changes that have been accepted into the Baseline total €16M
- These were added to the Overall Project Cost (OPC) as approved at the Extraordinary Meeting of the ITER Council (IC-Ex) in July 2010

Cryostat Status

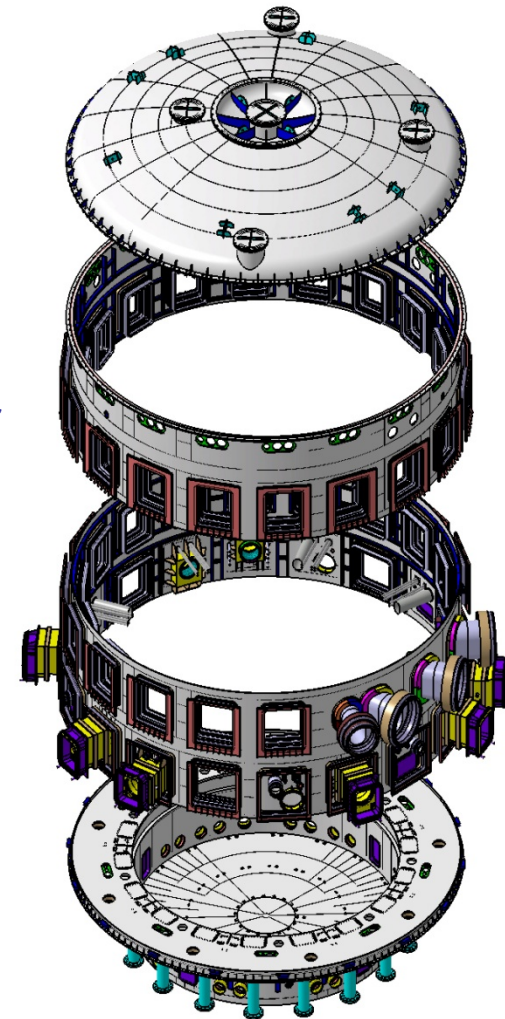


Top Lid

Upper Cylinder

Lower Cylinder

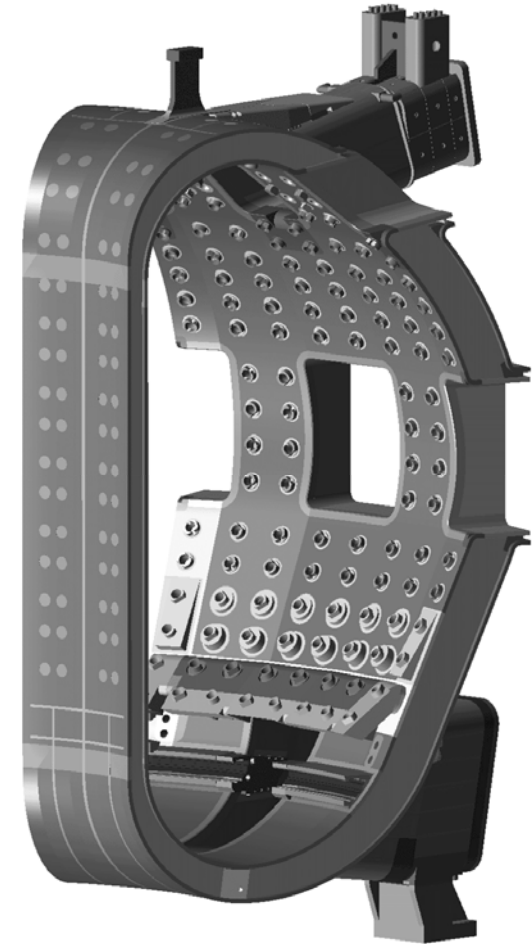
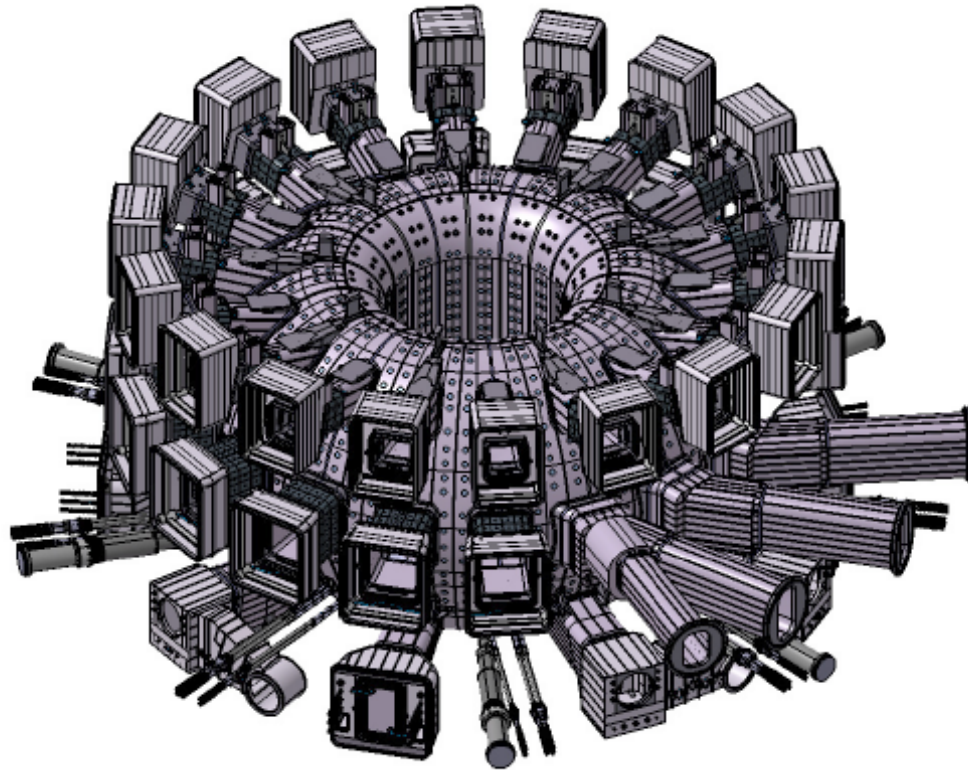
Base Section



- Provides the vacuum insulation for operating the superconducting magnets and thermal shield system
- 304L Stainless steel 40 – 180 mm thick
- Weight ~3500 tonnes

- IN-DA signed PA September 2011

Vacuum Vessel Status

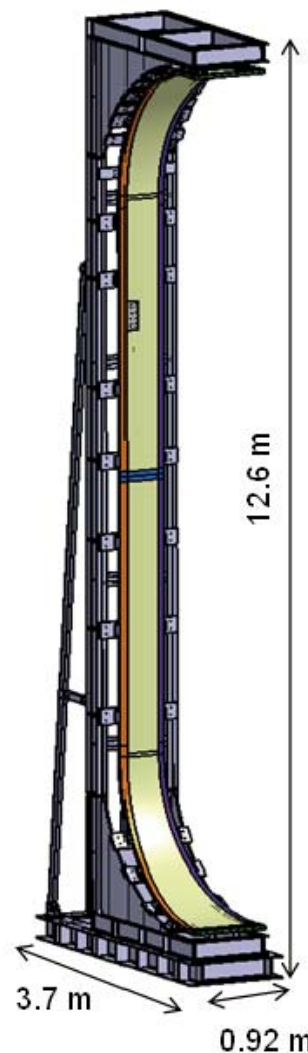


- Vacuum Vessel is double-walled stainless steel
 - 19.4m outer diameter, 11.3m height, 5300 tonnes
 - provides primary tritium confinement barrier
- VV sector and port PAs signed (EU, KO, IN, & RF)
- KO - VV & port contract awarded to Hyundai Heavy Industries
- Manufacturing schedule is on the critical path!!

Large Scale Mock-Ups of Vacuum Vessel and Thermal Shield



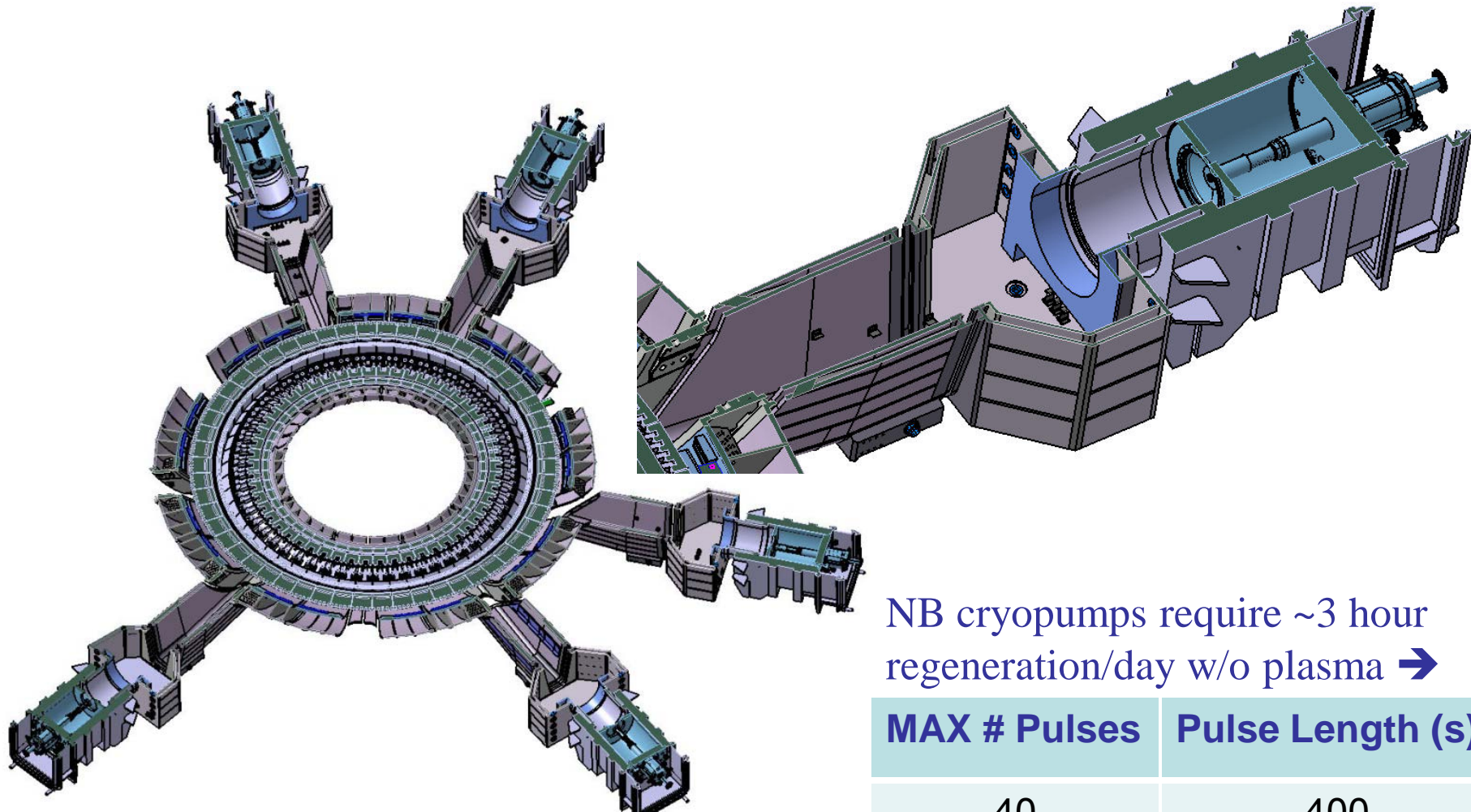
Inboard segment of a VV sector



- **Korean Domestic Agency is verifying the manufacturing design and fabrication methods**

Photos: KO DA

Torus Vacuum Controlled by 5 Lower Port Cryopumps

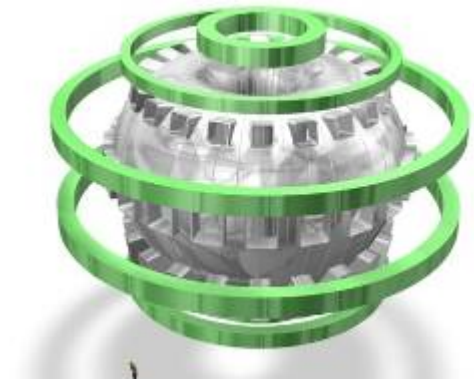
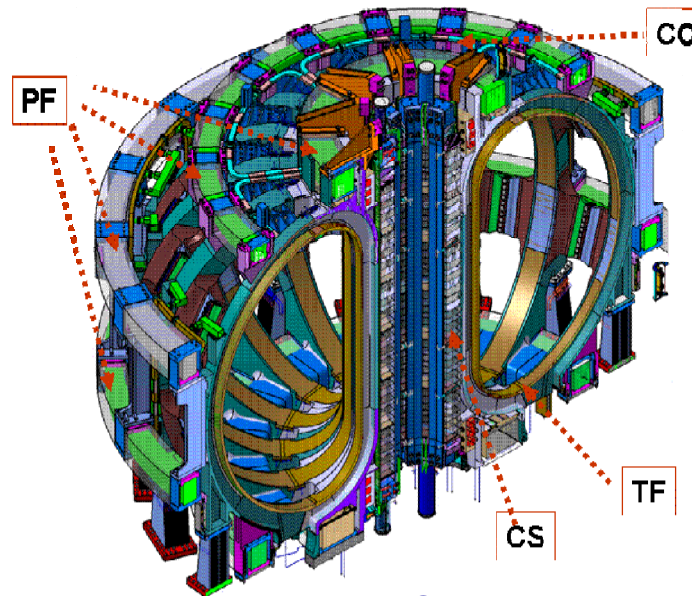
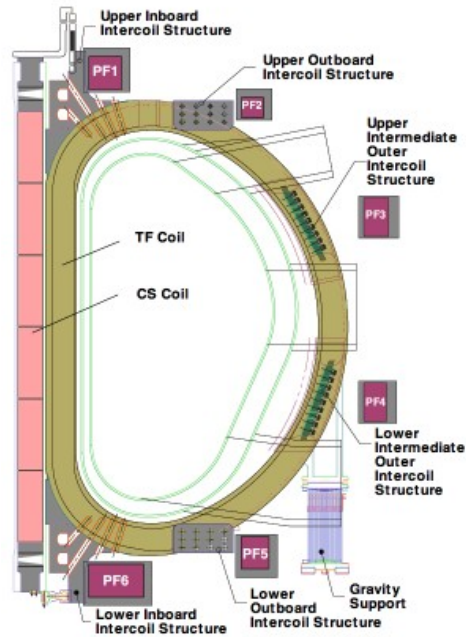


~10 s required to change
pumping speed from 0 – 100%

NB cryopumps require ~3 hour
regeneration/day w/o plasma →

MAX # Pulses	Pulse Length (s)
40	400
18	1000
7	3000

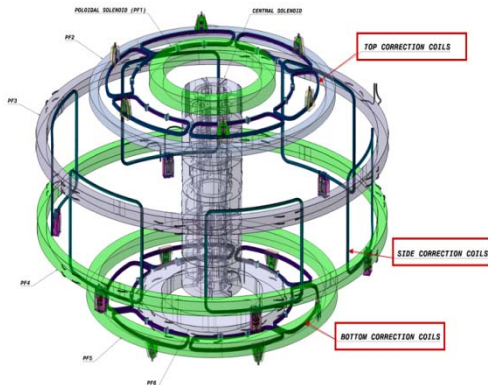
Magnet System



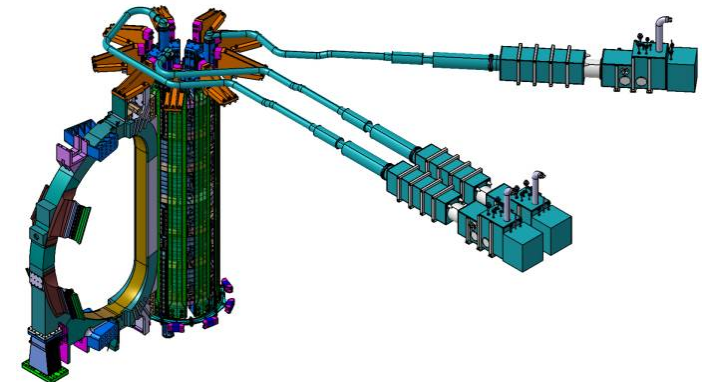
6 PF Coils (EU & RF)

18 TF Coils (EU & JP)

48 superconducting coils
 ~9800 tons
 ~187 km of conductor
 11.8 T (peak TF field)
 68 kA (peak current)
 Stored energy: 51 GJ



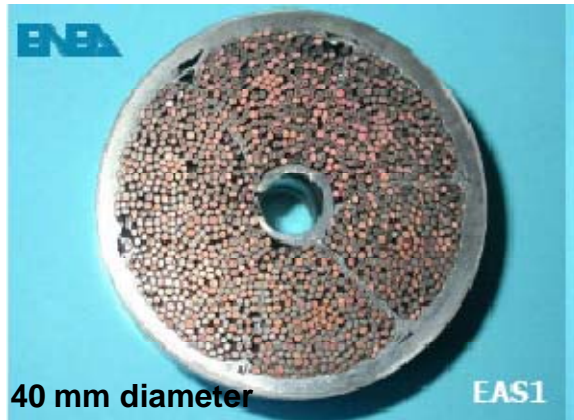
9 Correction Coil Pairs (CN)



31 Feeders (CN)

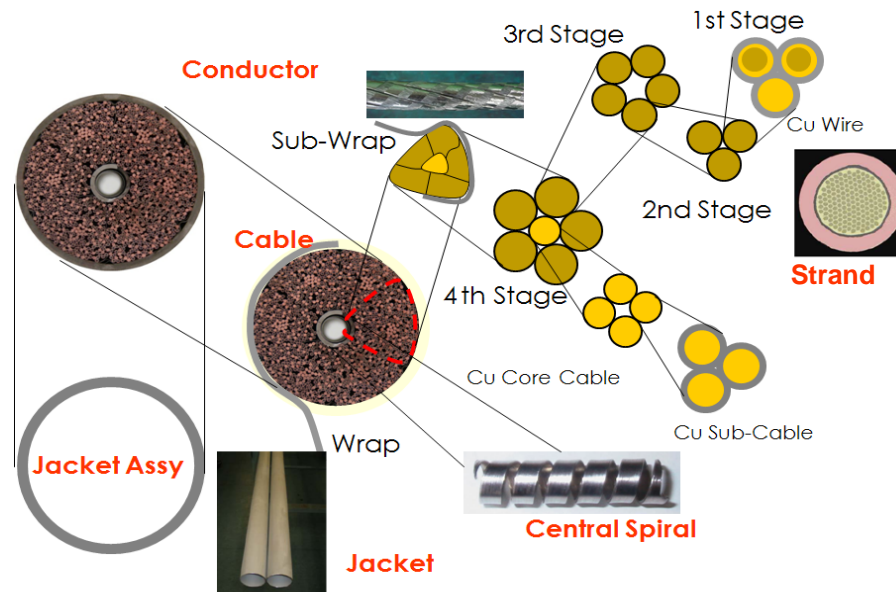
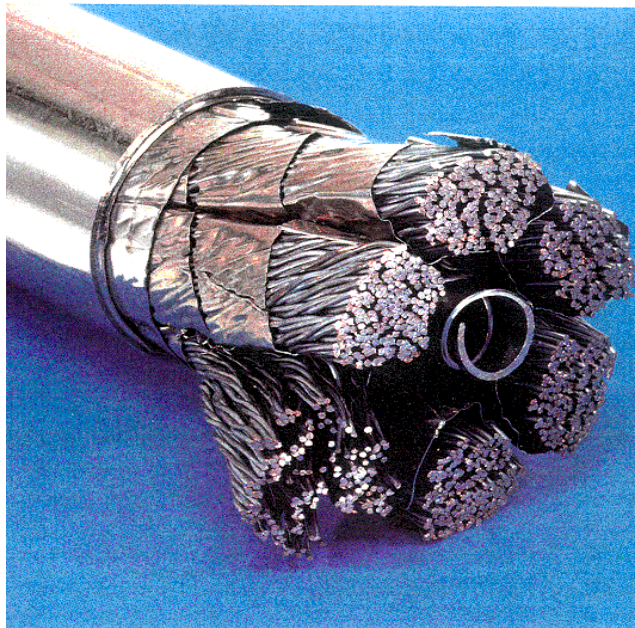
CS Coils – Stack of 6 (US)

TF Conductor Procurement

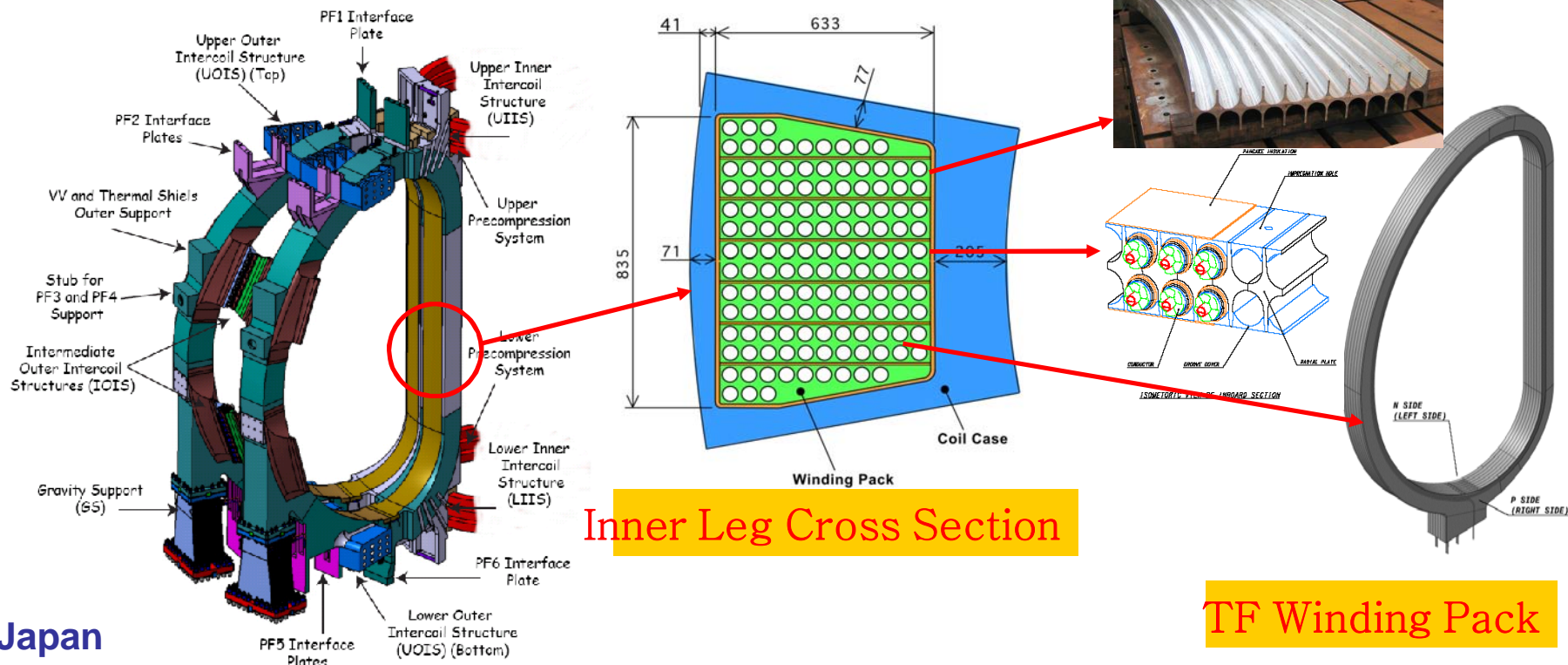


ITER TF Conductor

- ~90 km / 400 t of Nb₃Sn conductor
(The biggest Nb₃Sn conductor procurement in history!)
~150000 km of strand (15 x around Earth)
Operates at ~5 K
11.8 T (peak TF field)
68 kA (peak TF current)
- Manufactured by EU, JA, RF, CN, KO, & US



TF Coil Status



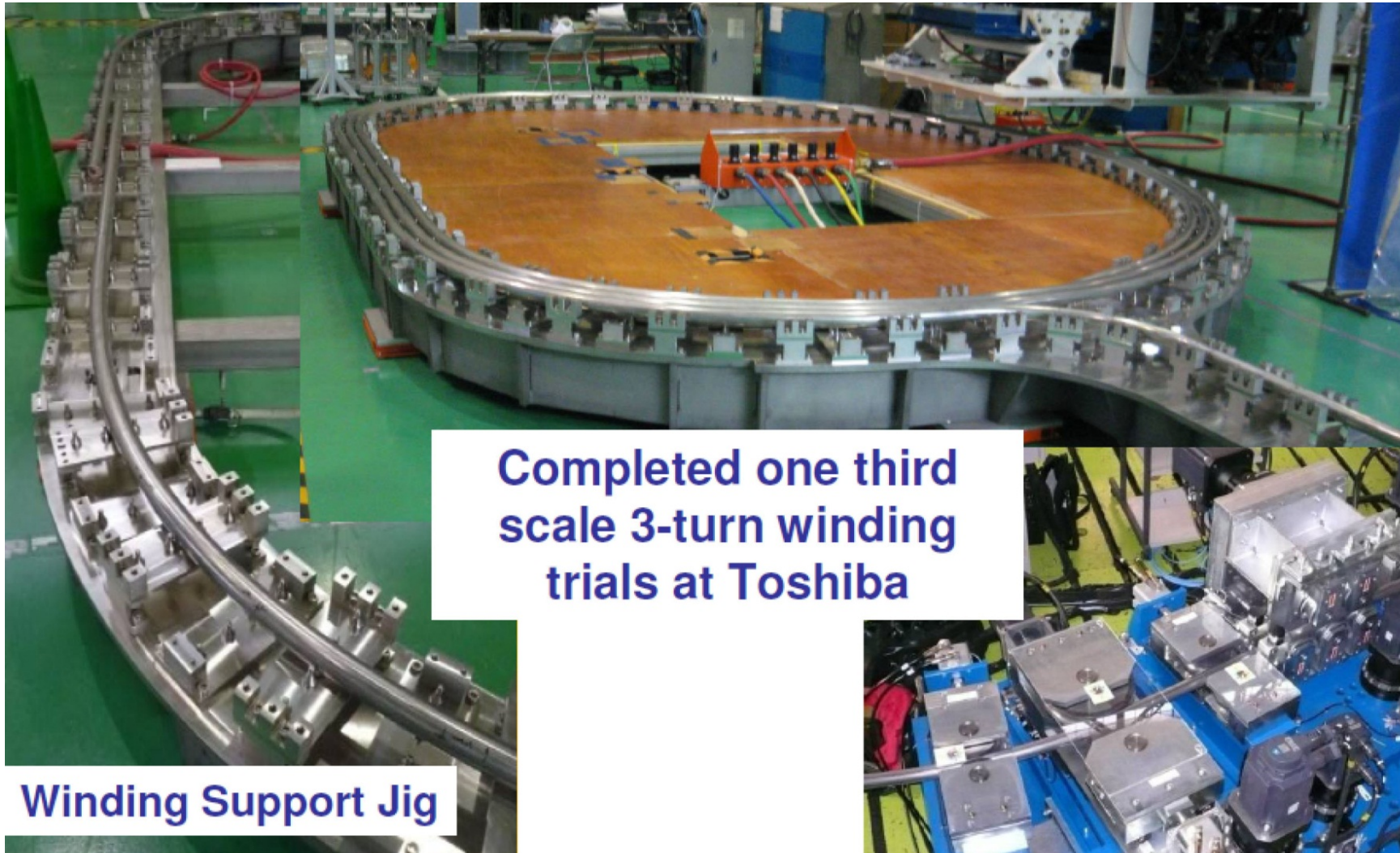
Japan

- **Signed procurement contract for TFC PA's** (Toshiba is main contractor)
- Commissioning of winding machine @ Toshiba in progress
- Welding trials in progress for TFCs and TFC Case

Europe

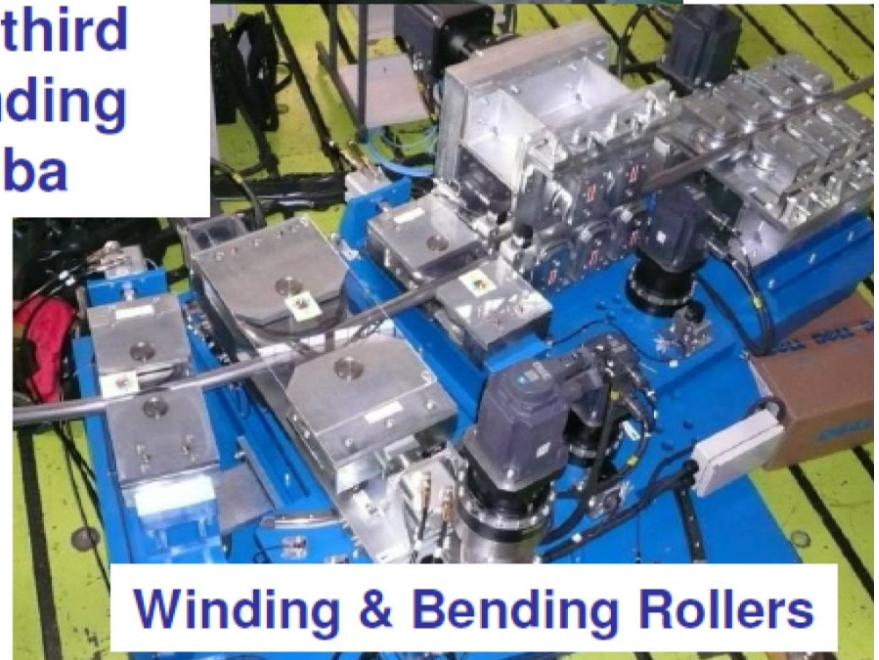
- **Signed a procurement contract for prototype radial plates**
- Winding Package call-for-tender underway
- Contract signed to qualify the TFC Case welds

Progress on TF Coils - Japan



Completed one third
scale 3-turn winding
trials at Toshiba

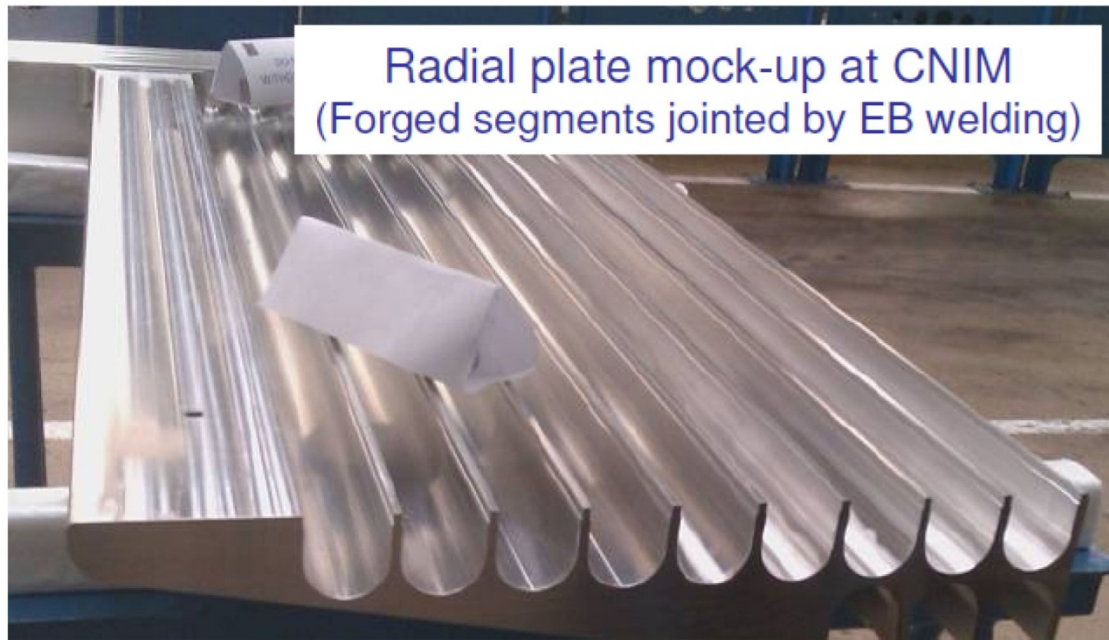
Winding Support Jig



Winding & Bending Rollers

Photos: JAEA and Contractor Toshiba

Progress on TF Coils - EU



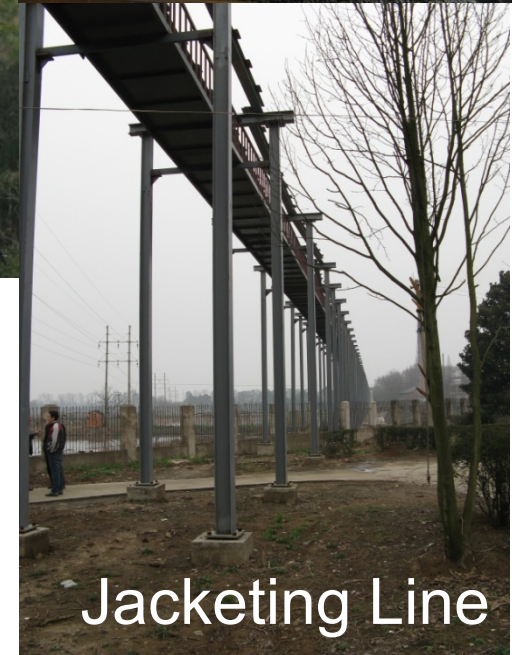
Radial plate mock-up at CNIM
(Forged segments jointed by EB welding)



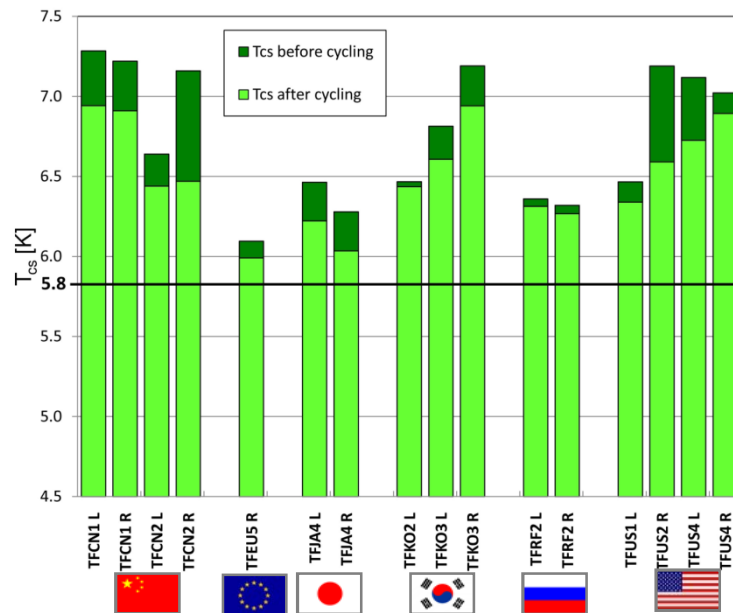
Radial plate welding mock-up at SIMIC
(Powder hipped segments joined by narrow gap
TIG welding)

**Photos: F4E & Contractors SIMIC,
CNIM and Le Creneau**

TF & PF conductor activity underway in Heifei, China

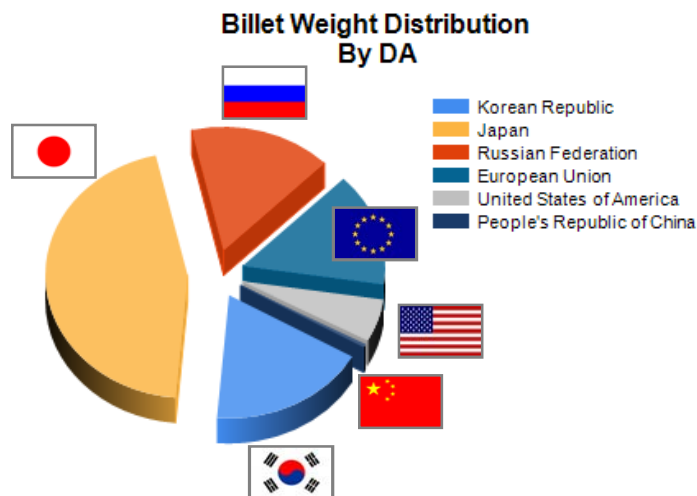


TF Conductor Production

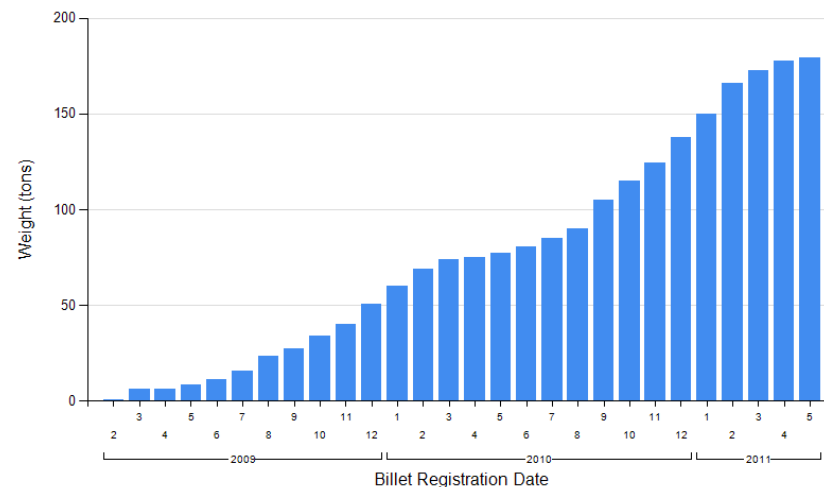


- All TF conductor qualification samples **were manufactured at CRPP** and enabled **supplier qualification** in all **6 DAs** involved in TF conductor production
- As of today, over **40%** of required **450t of Nb₃Sn strand** has been produced around the world

TF Qualification Sample Summary



TF Strand Production Dashboard



TF Strand Production Summary

High Temperature Superconductor Lead Design

10 kA – 68 kA
capability for
TF, PF, and CC
coil leads

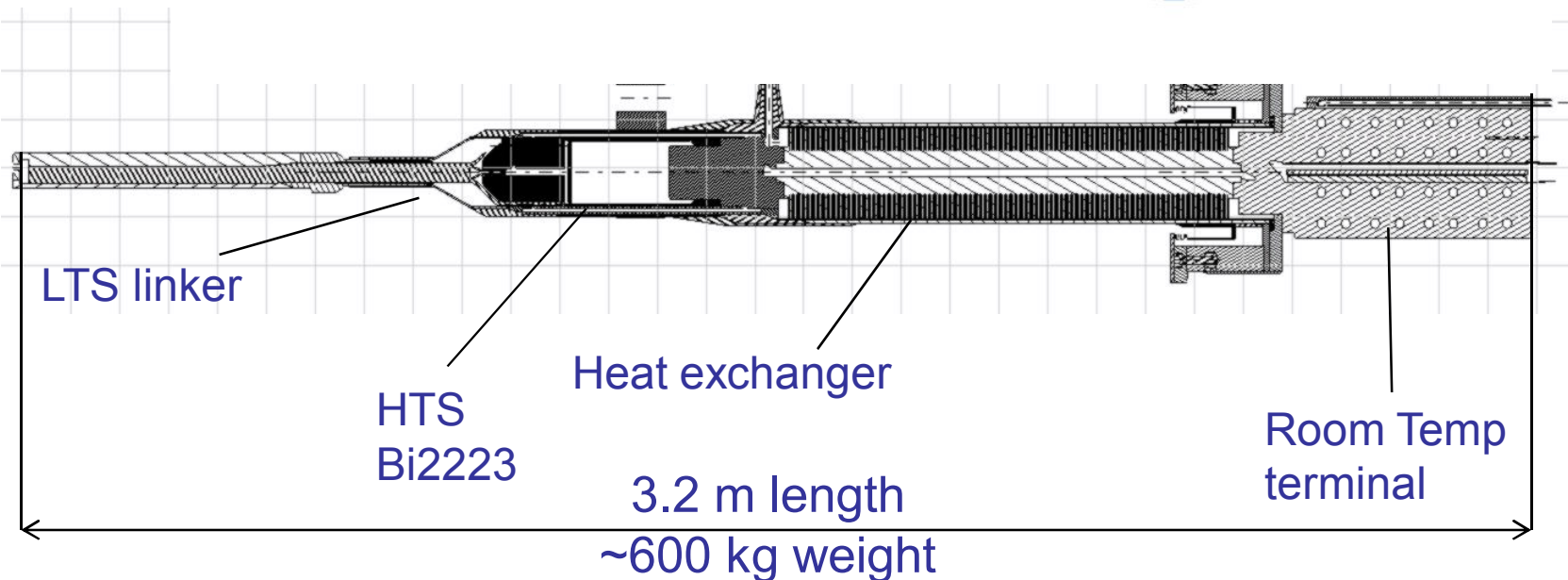
Insulating breaks
and 50°K, 5°K He
piping

RT
terminal

LTS linker

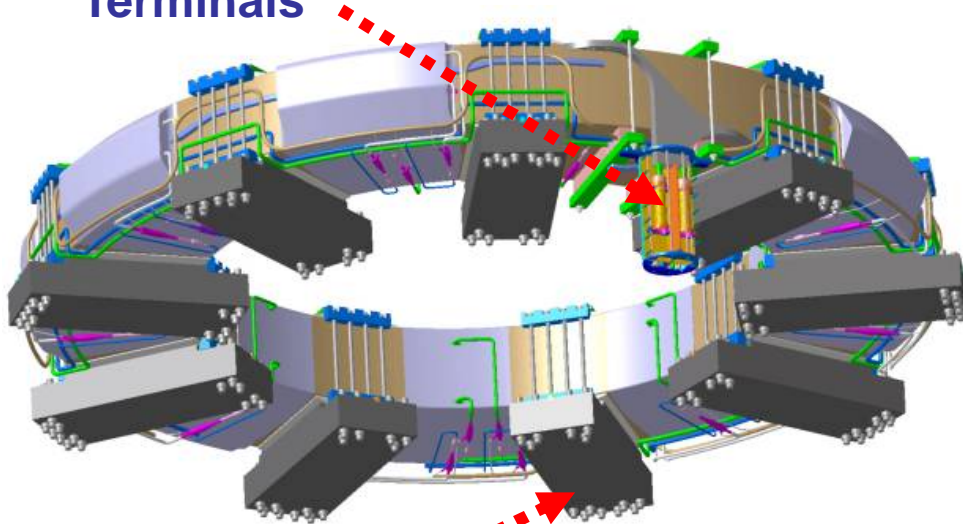
Reduces heat load @ 4.5°K
from ~2.5 kW to 0.6 kW

Heat exchanger

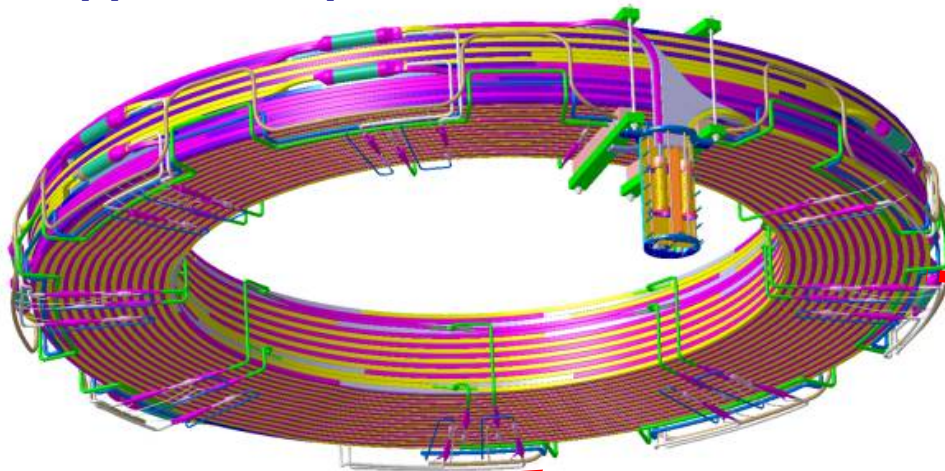


Poloidal Field Coil Status

Terminals



Support clamps

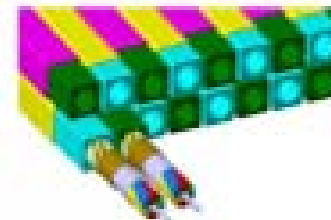


He inlets

- PF Coil 2,3,4,5,&6 PA signed with EU
- PF Coil 1 PA signed with RF

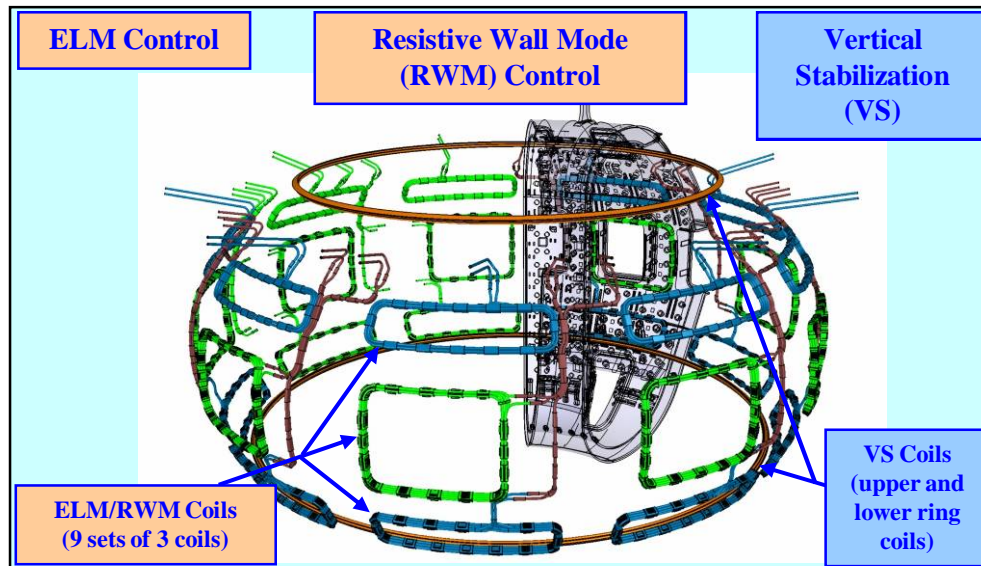
- So big must be manufactured on site! PF3: 24.5 m dia. & 386 ton

- PF coil winding building is 250 m long x 45 m wide and is nearing completion at ITER!

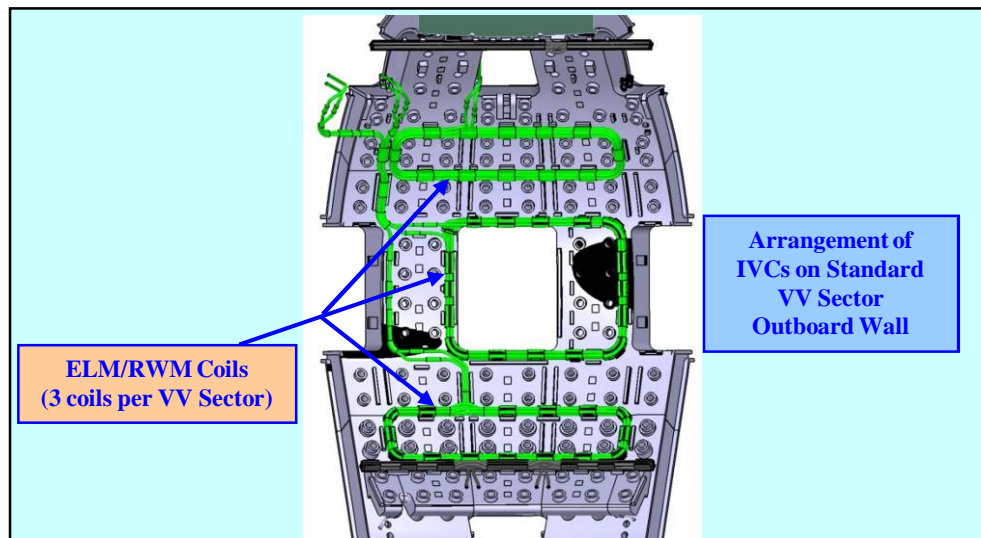


Conductor Winding

In-Vessel Coils



ITER In-Vessel Coils (IVCs) : 27 ELM & 2 VS Coils



Background

- Vertical Stability (VS) coils provide fast response for plasma vertical position control
- Uncontrolled Edge Localized Modes (ELMs) can lead to unacceptably rapid erosion of the divertor target
- ELM coils provide resonant magnetic perturbations (RMP) at plasma edge to stabilize ELMs

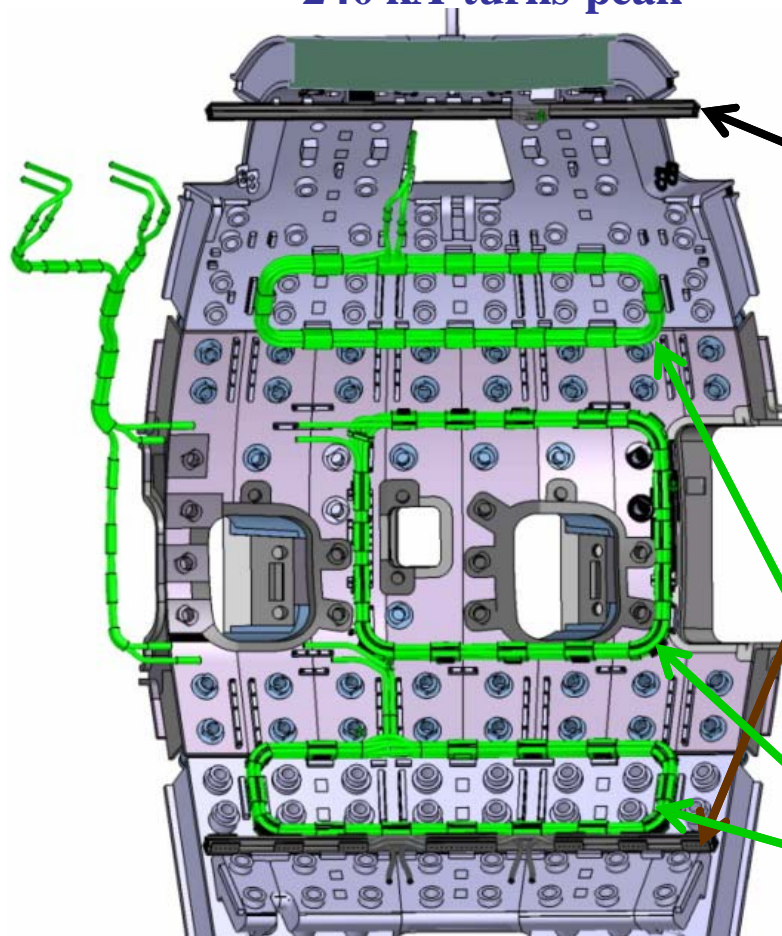
Status

- Preliminary Design Review completed
- R&D activities on conductor and joints are in progress
- Interfaces have been fully implemented into VV design
- Decision whether to implement ELM coils must be made in 2012 in time for blanket PA

Latest In-Vessel Coil Design

2 Fast Vertical Stability (VS) Coils

240 kA-turns peak

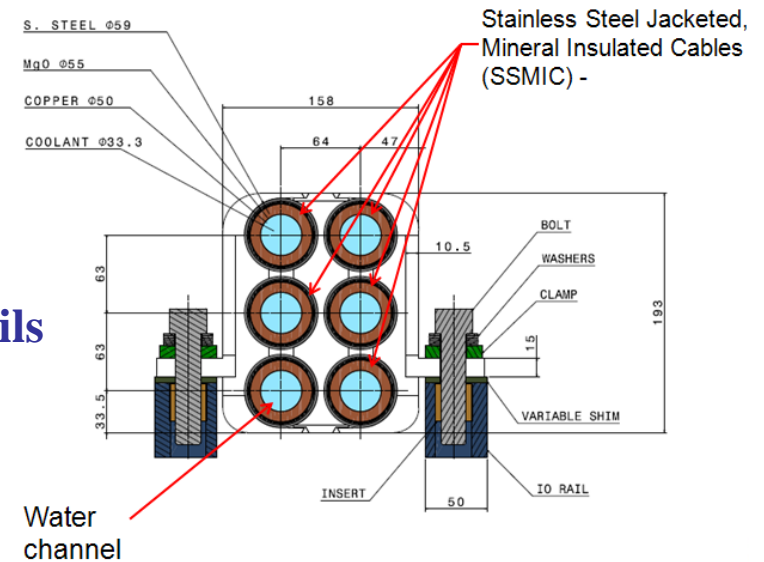
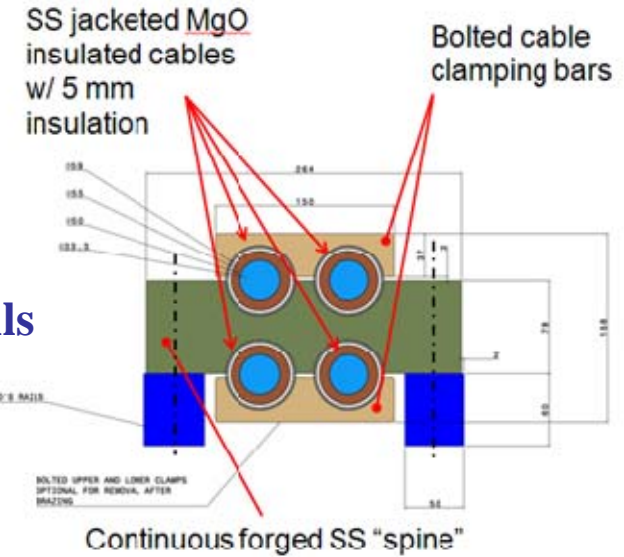


VS Coils

ELM Coils

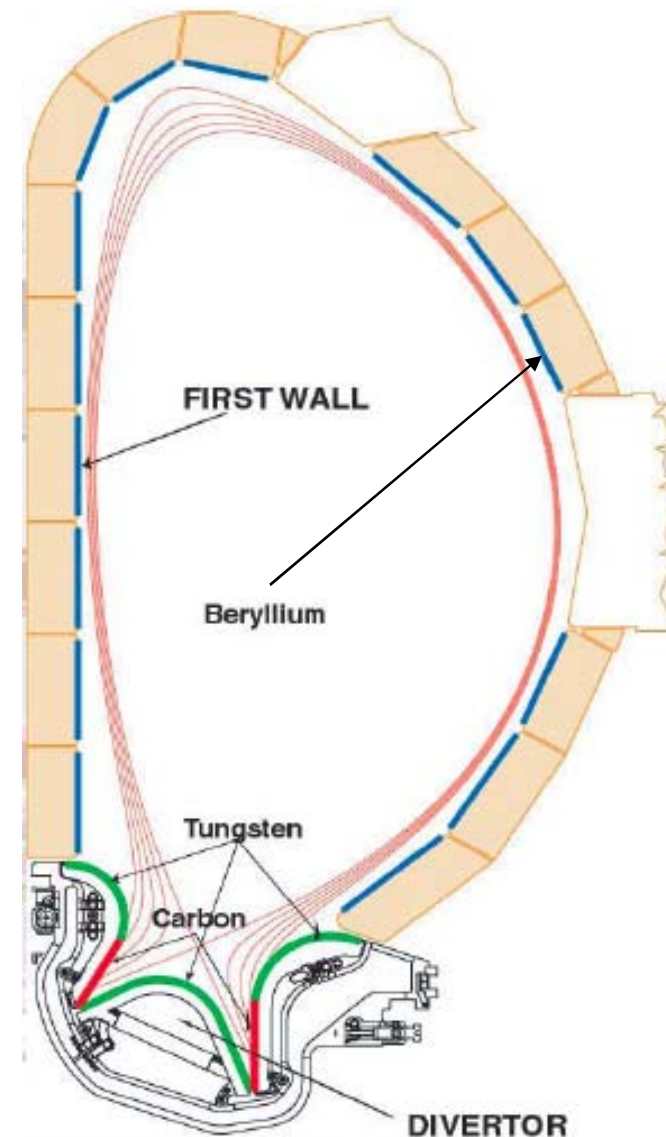
3 ELM Suppression Coils in each of 9 sectors

90 kA-turns peak



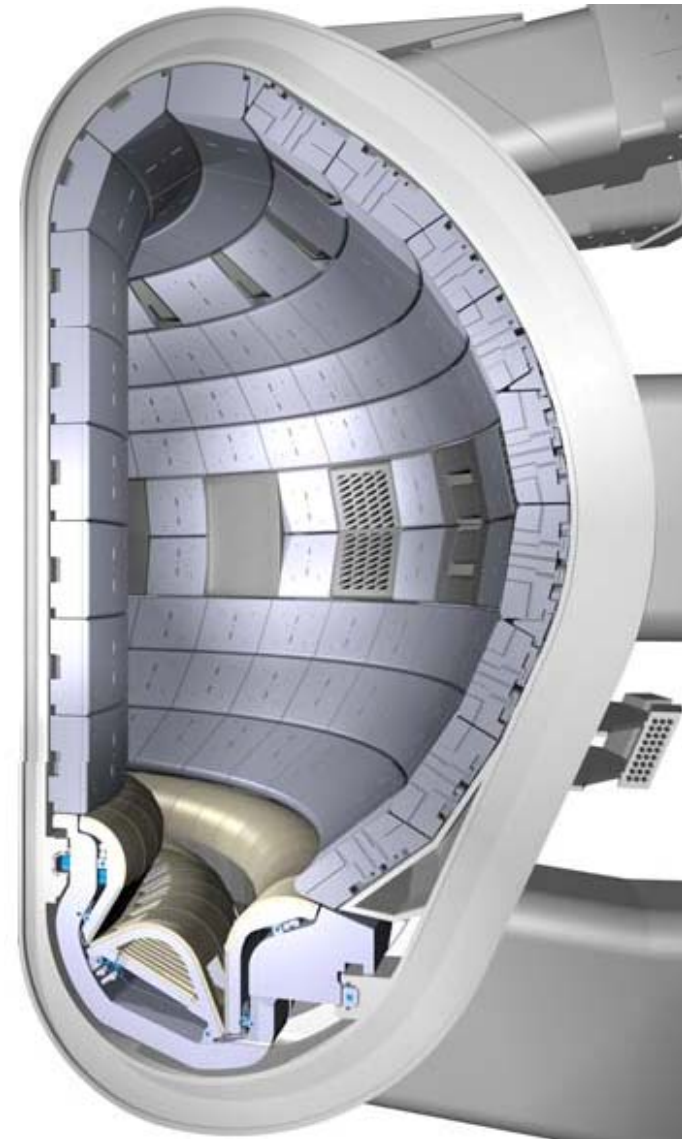
In-Vessel Components - Materials

- **CFC divertor targets ($\sim 50\text{m}^2$):**
 - erosion lifetime (ELMs!) and tritium codeposition
 - dust production
- **Be first wall ($\sim 700\text{m}^2$):**
 - dust production and hydrogen production in off-normal events
 - melting during VDEs
- **W-clad divertor elements ($\sim 100\text{m}^2$):**
 - melt layer loss at ELMs and disruptions
 - W dust production - radiological hazard in by-pass event

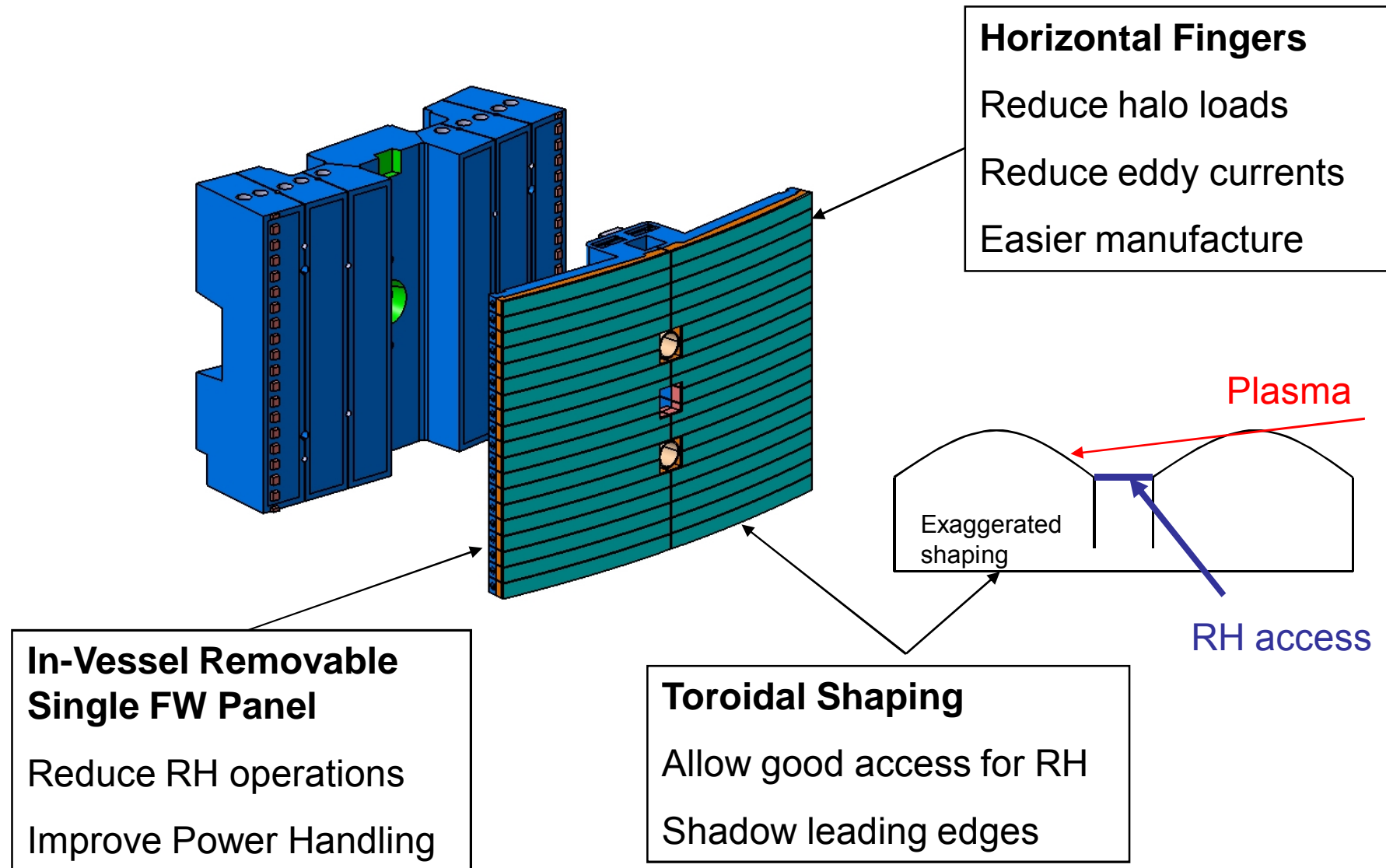


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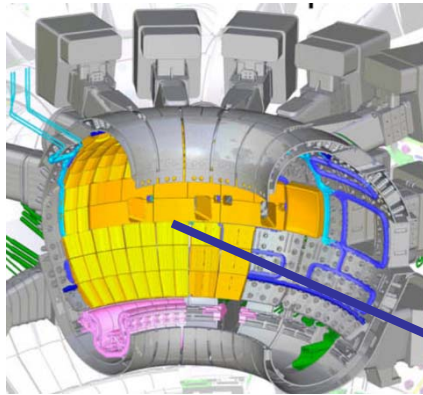
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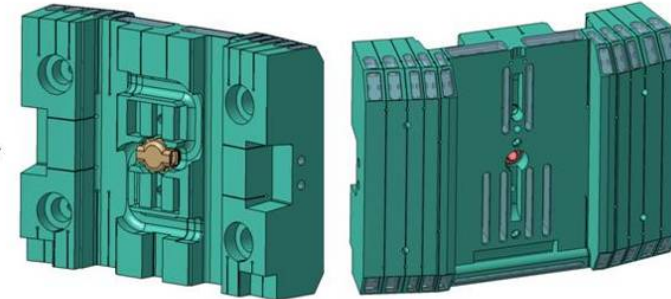
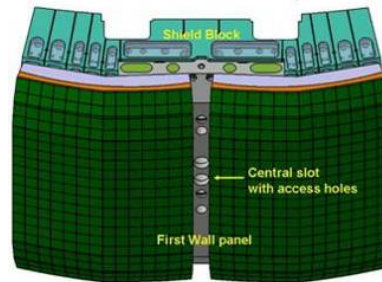
In-Vessel Components - Blanket/ First Wall



Blanket Shield Module Status

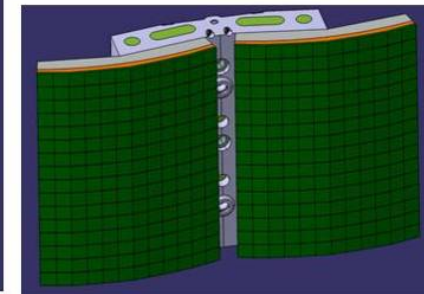
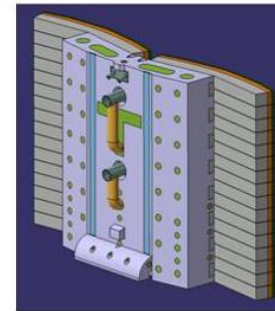


- 440 blanket modules
- 18 poloidally
- 18 or 36 toroidally
- Mass: 1530 tons

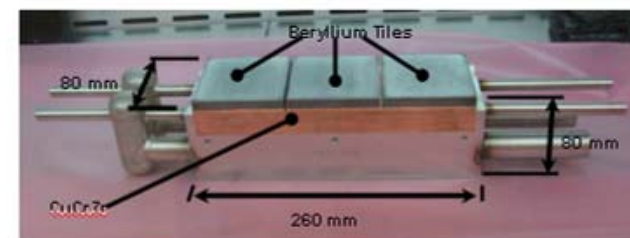


Shield Module

- Conceptual design complete for several standard modules
- Mock ups provided by US, EU, RF, KO, CN and JP
- Nearing completion of the formal test program - 12,000 normal cycles at 0.875MW/m² and 1000 MARFE cycles at 1.4MW/m²



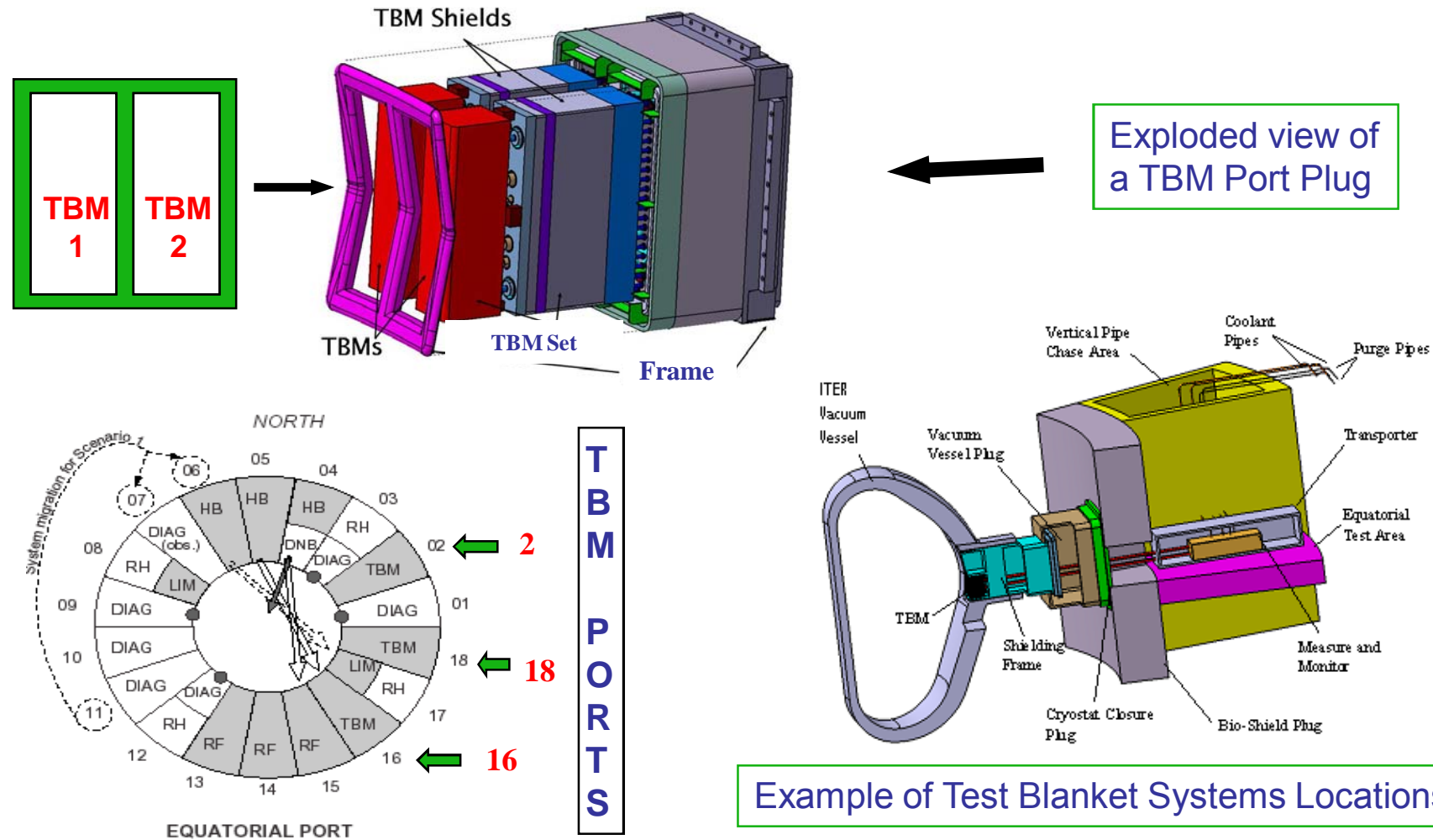
First Wall Panel



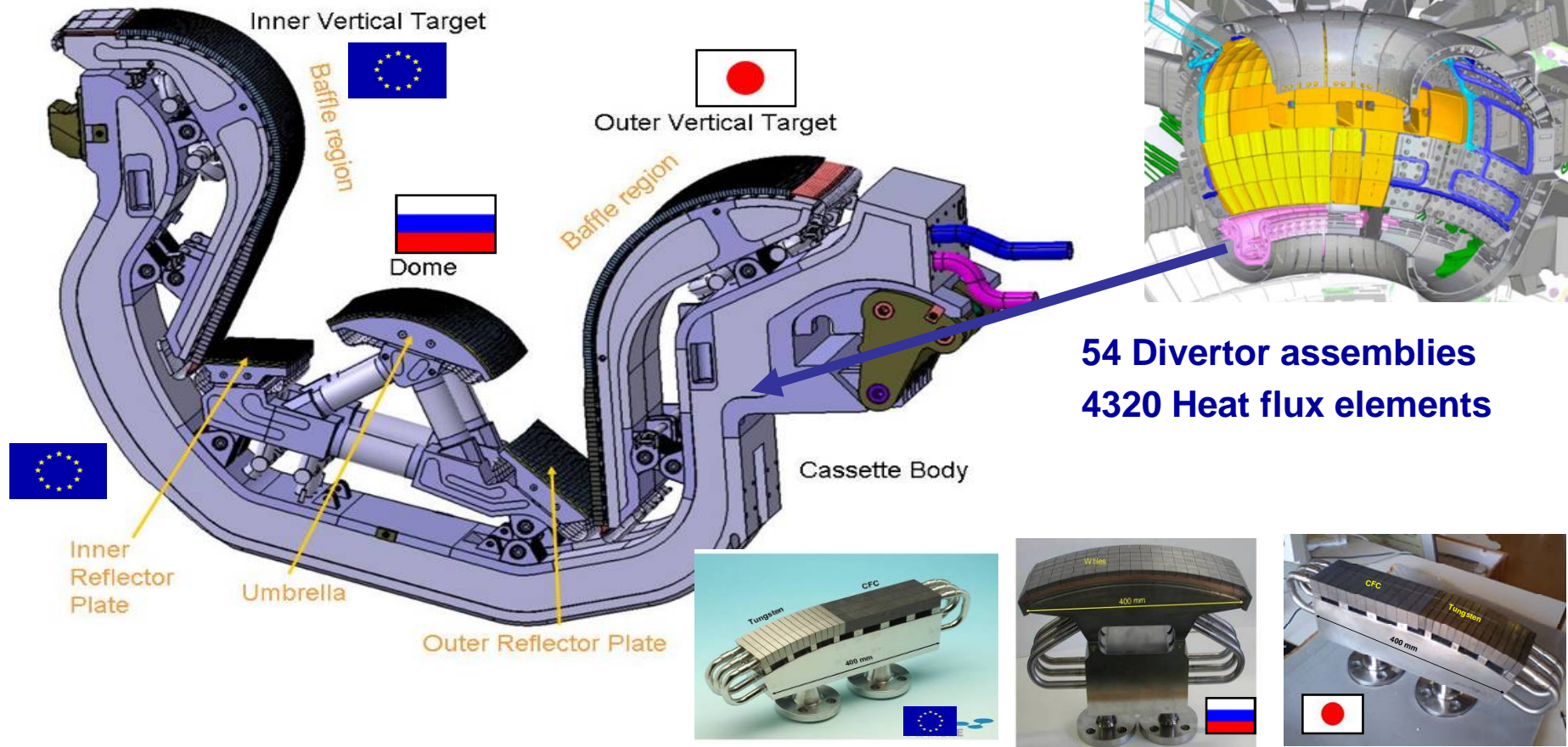
Mock-ups

Test Blanket Systems in ITER

- ♦ 3 ITER equatorial ports devoted to tritium breeding test blanket modules (TBMs)
- ♦ Each TBM is half-port size → 6 TBMs to test different tritium breeding technologies



Divertor Status



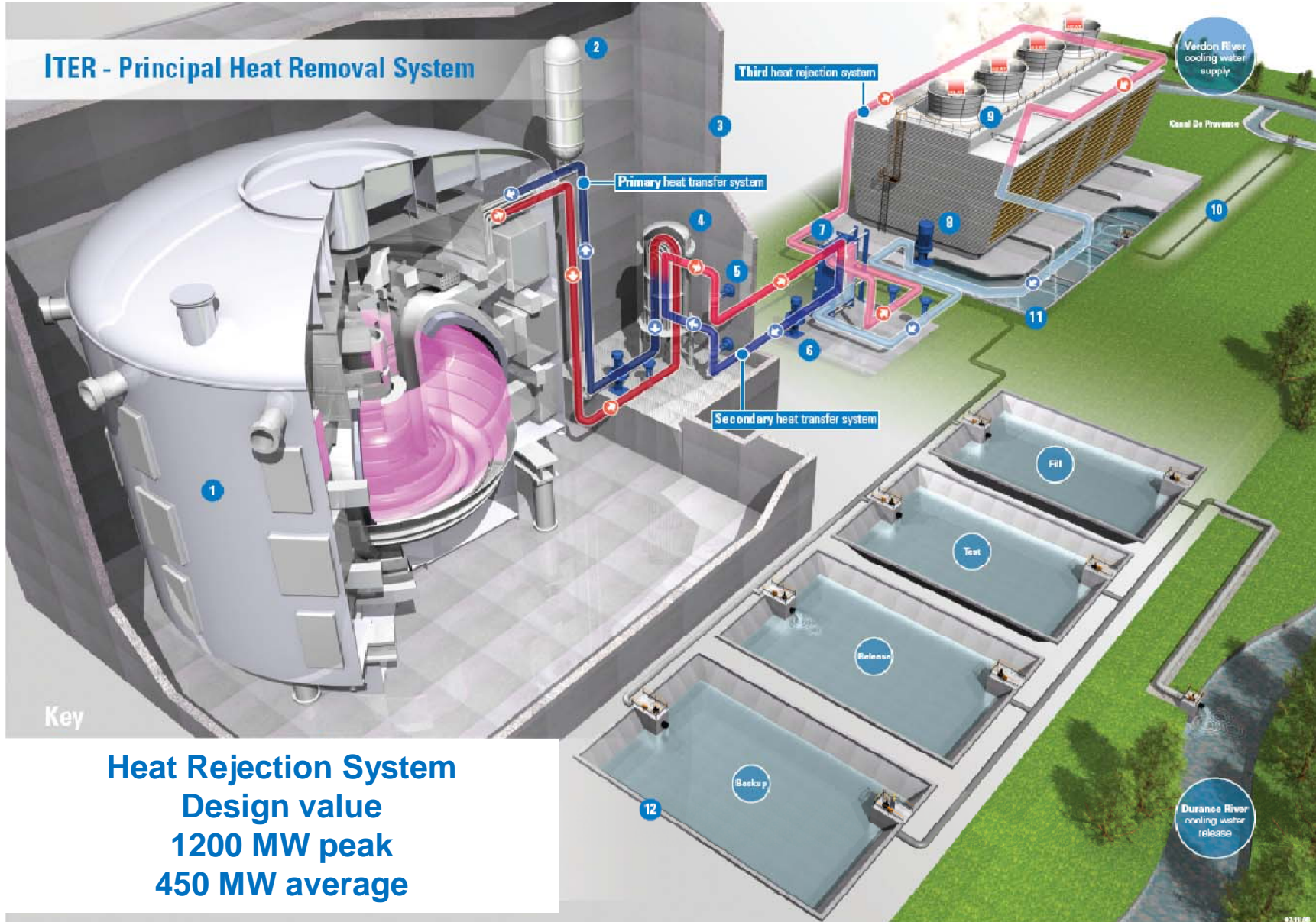
- CFC/W design complete
- Four of five PA's Signed
- Initiating all-tungsten design

Qualification Prototypes

- All the 3 Domestic Agencies have qualified
- Pre-PA Qualification process successfully completed in all the concerned

DAs.

ITER Cooling Water Systems (CWS)



Cooling Water System: *Removes heat from components and rejects heat to the environment*

Cryogenic System

LHe cryoplant: avg. 65 kW equivalent @ 4.5 K

- Cooling of the superconducting magnet system, HTS current leads
- Helium inventory 24 t

LN2 cryoplant: 1300 kW @ 80 K

- Thermal shielding, LHe cryoplant pre-cooling

Cools down the superconducting magnets, cryopumps, and thermal shield

Tritium Handling

- **Handling of D and T involves techniques typical in gas processing**
 - Hydrogen isotopes are gaseous under normal conditions
 - H_2 , D_2 and T_2 are colourless, odourless and tasteless
 - ITER Pellet Injection works with solid deuterium and tritium ice
 - Melting points of D_2 , T_2 are 18.7K (-254.4°C) and 20.6K (-252.5°C), respectively
 - Tritium Plant Isotope Separation Systems distills liquid hydrogen
- **Pumps, pipe work, valves, instruments must be “tritium compatible”**
 - Leak tight to highest standards (individual leak rates $< 10^{-10} \text{ Pam}^3\text{s}^{-1}$)
 - Deuterium and Tritium should neither be trapped nor should they leak out
 - Economical and ecological incentives
 - Only metals or ceramics in direct contact with tritium
 - Organic materials (polymers, etc.) degrade due to beta radiation
- **4kg of tritium will be held on ITER site**

Tritium Plant

Tritium plant processes tritium for the tokamak and plant systems

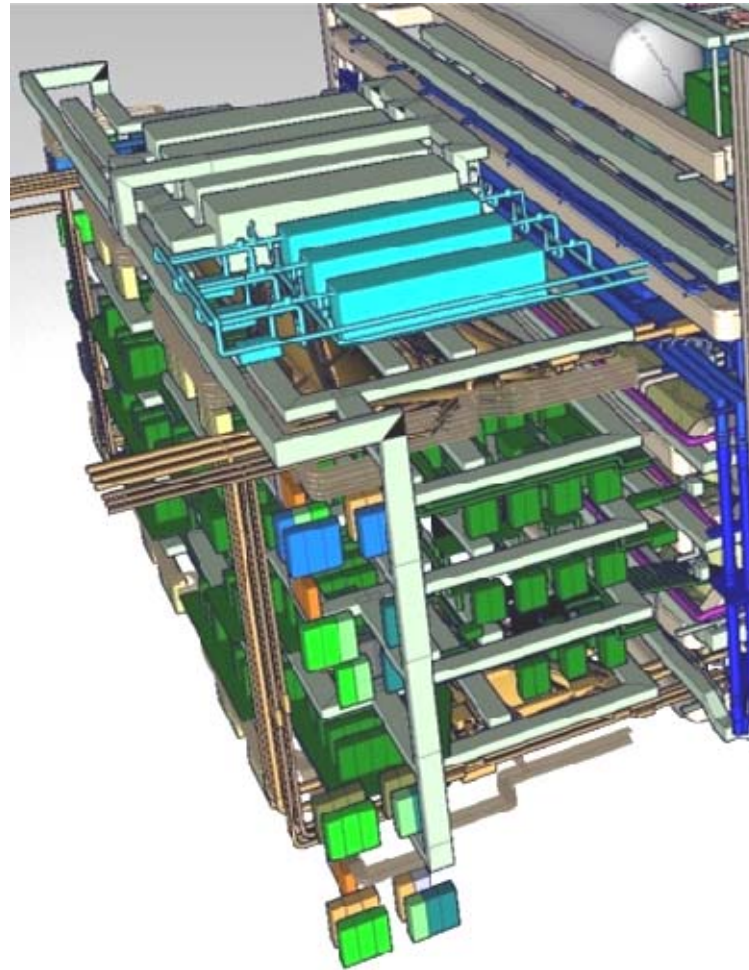
- **7 Stories**
 - 2 below grade
- **L = 80 m**
- **W = 25 m**
- **H = 35 m**

T site inventory: < 4 kg

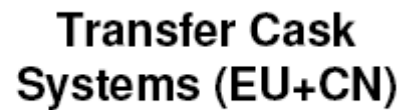
Plasma T throughput: ~ 1 kg/h

Plasma T inventory: ~ 0.2 g

T release limit < 0.6 g/year

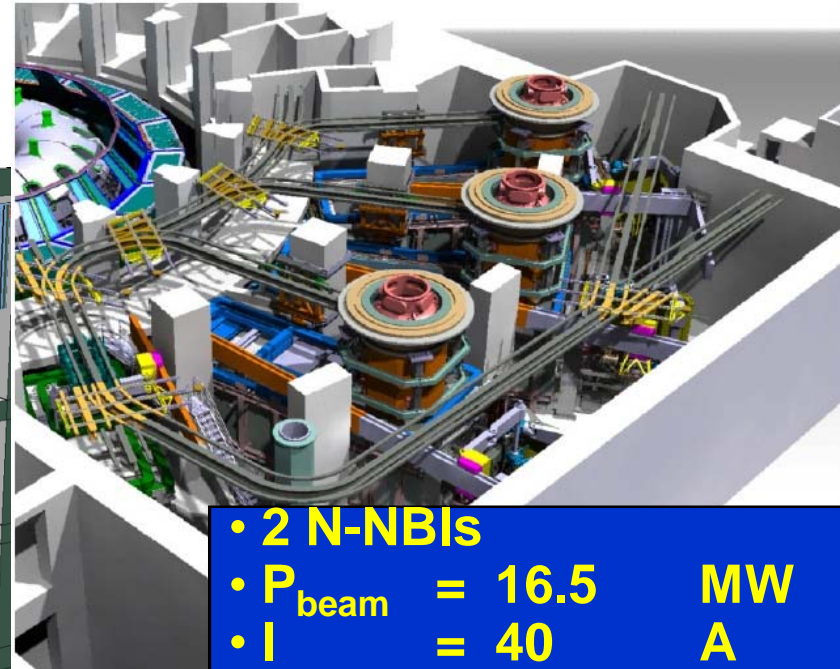
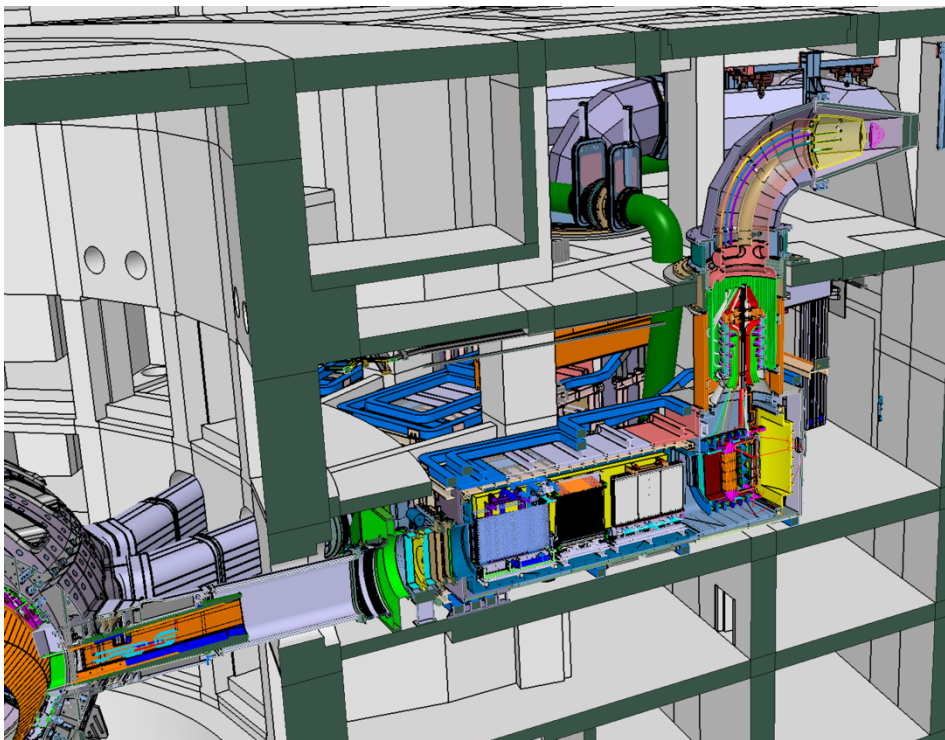


Must handle 4.5 ton blanket modules and 9 ton divertor cassettes



Development of Negative-Neutral Beam Injection Systems Is Ongoing

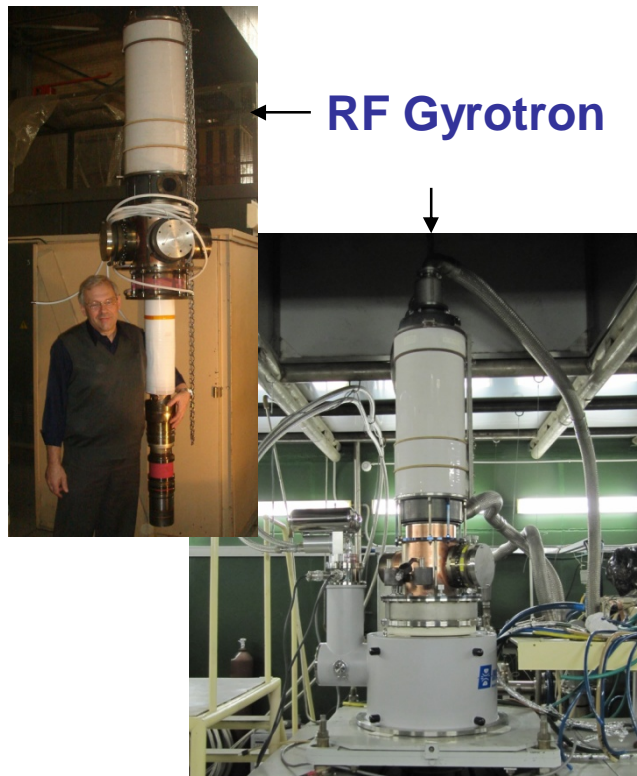
- 100kV ion source test bed (begin 2014)
- full size HNB injector test bed (end 2016)



- 2 N-NBIs
 - $P_{\text{beam}} = 16.5$ MW
 - $I = 40$ A
 - $V = 1$ MV
 - $T_{\text{pulse}} = 3600$ s
- 60 GJ to be delivered to the plasma by each beam

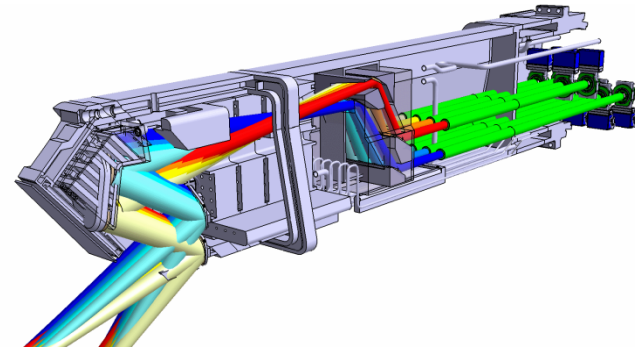
Neutral beam test facility being built in Padova, Italy to perform full-scale tests of 1 MeV negative ion neutral beam technology

Good Progress in Gyrotron Development for Electron Cyclotron Heating & CD System

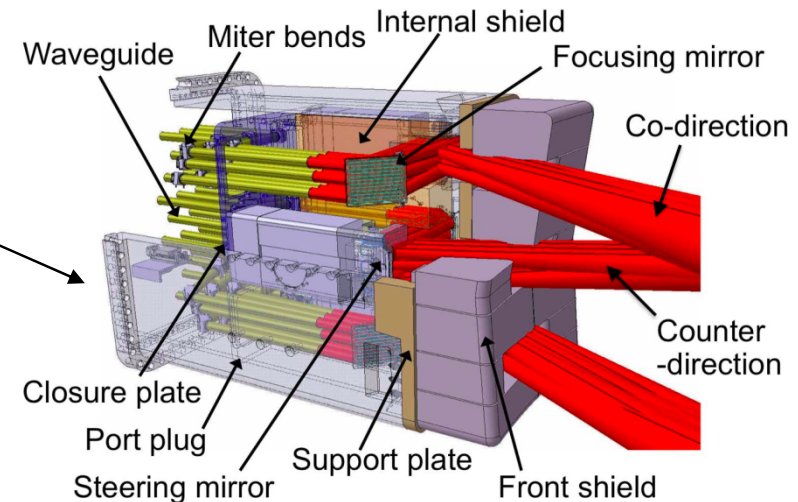


RF Gyrotron

Upper Launcher



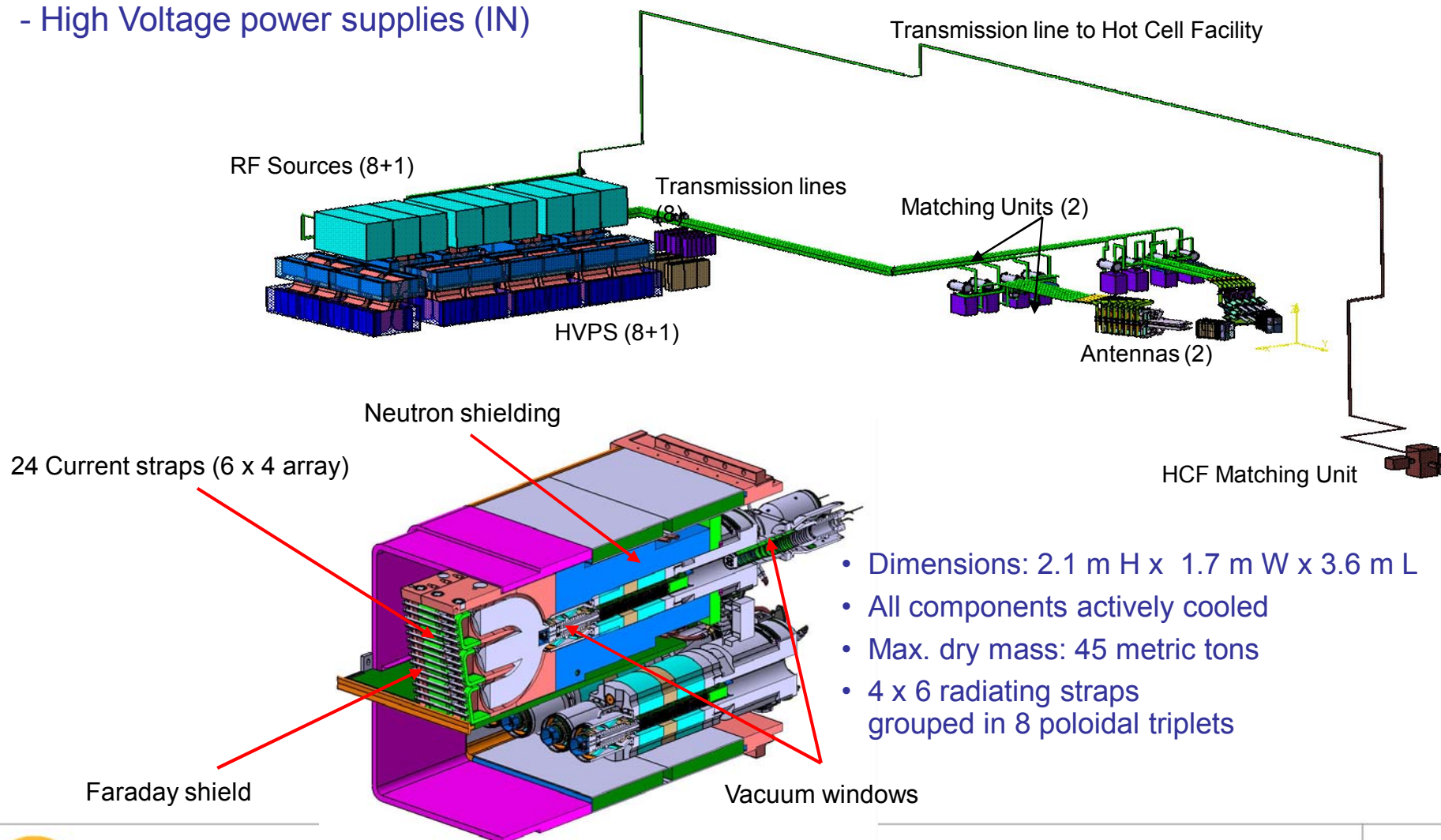
Equatorial Launcher



- 170 GHz EC system
- Transmit up to 20 MW from 1 equatorial and 4 upper launchers
- Total of 24 gyrotrons rated to 1 MW can be steered to any of the 5 launchers

Ion Cyclotron Heating & CD System

- Two antennae (equatorial port plugs) (EU)
- Transmission and matching systems (US)
- RF sources (8x3MW + 1 spare, 40-55MHz, for 20MW in plasma) (IN)
- High Voltage power supplies (IN)



Itinerary of ITER Components



ITER Site

— = Itinerary of ITER Components



Site Construction Progress

- Construction of the Tokamak Complex is underway
- The Hot Cell building and Assembly Hall excavation and the concrete seismic basemat are complete
- The construction of the ITER Headquarters main office building is progressing well with completion scheduled for late summer 2012
- The PF coil building is nearly complete. The building is expected to be finished by the end of 2011
- Réseau de Transport d'Electricité installation of the 400 kV substation to power ITER is underway

The ITER site in 2005



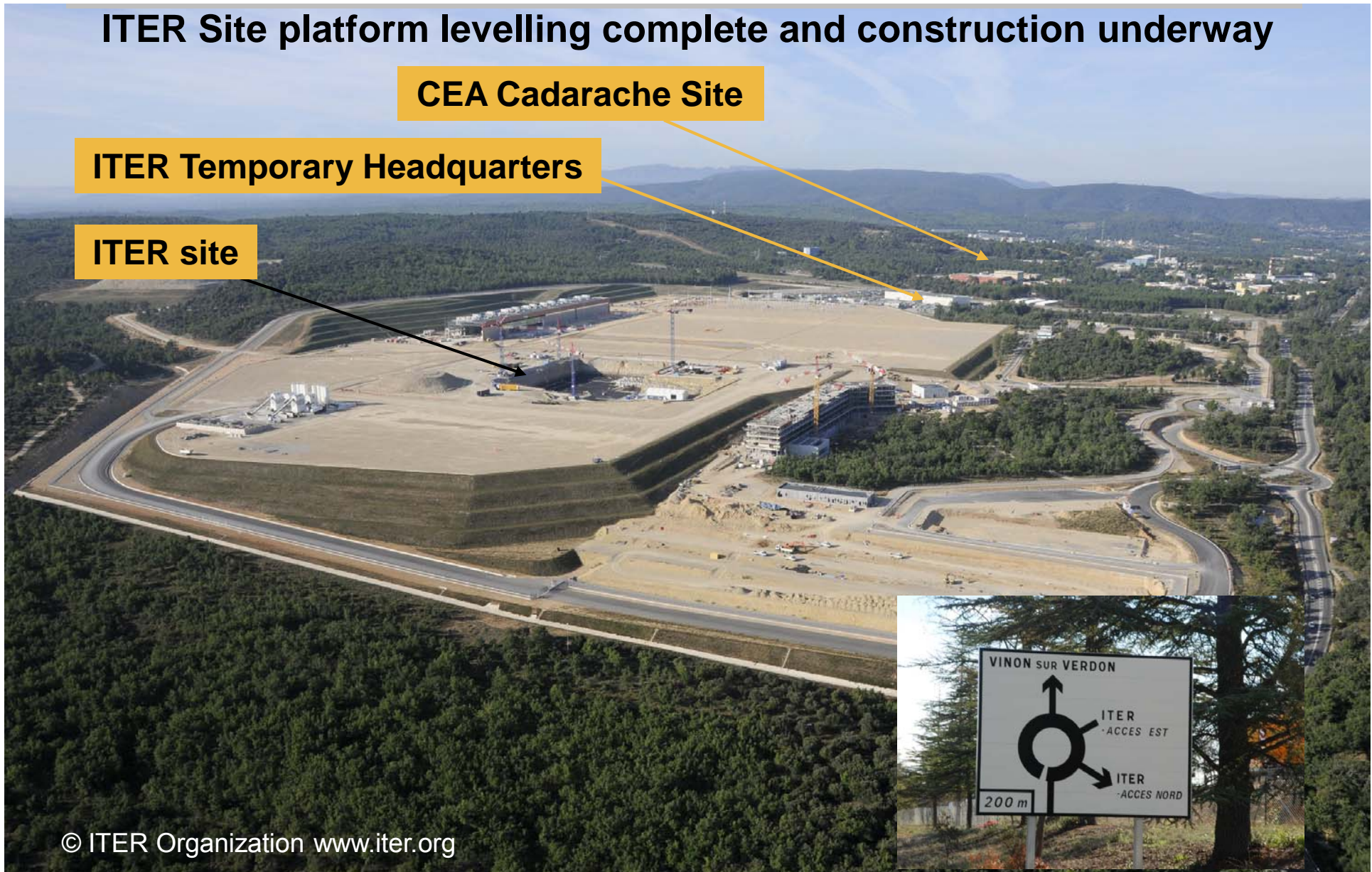
ITER Site in September 2011

ITER Site platform levelling complete and construction underway

CEA Cadarache Site

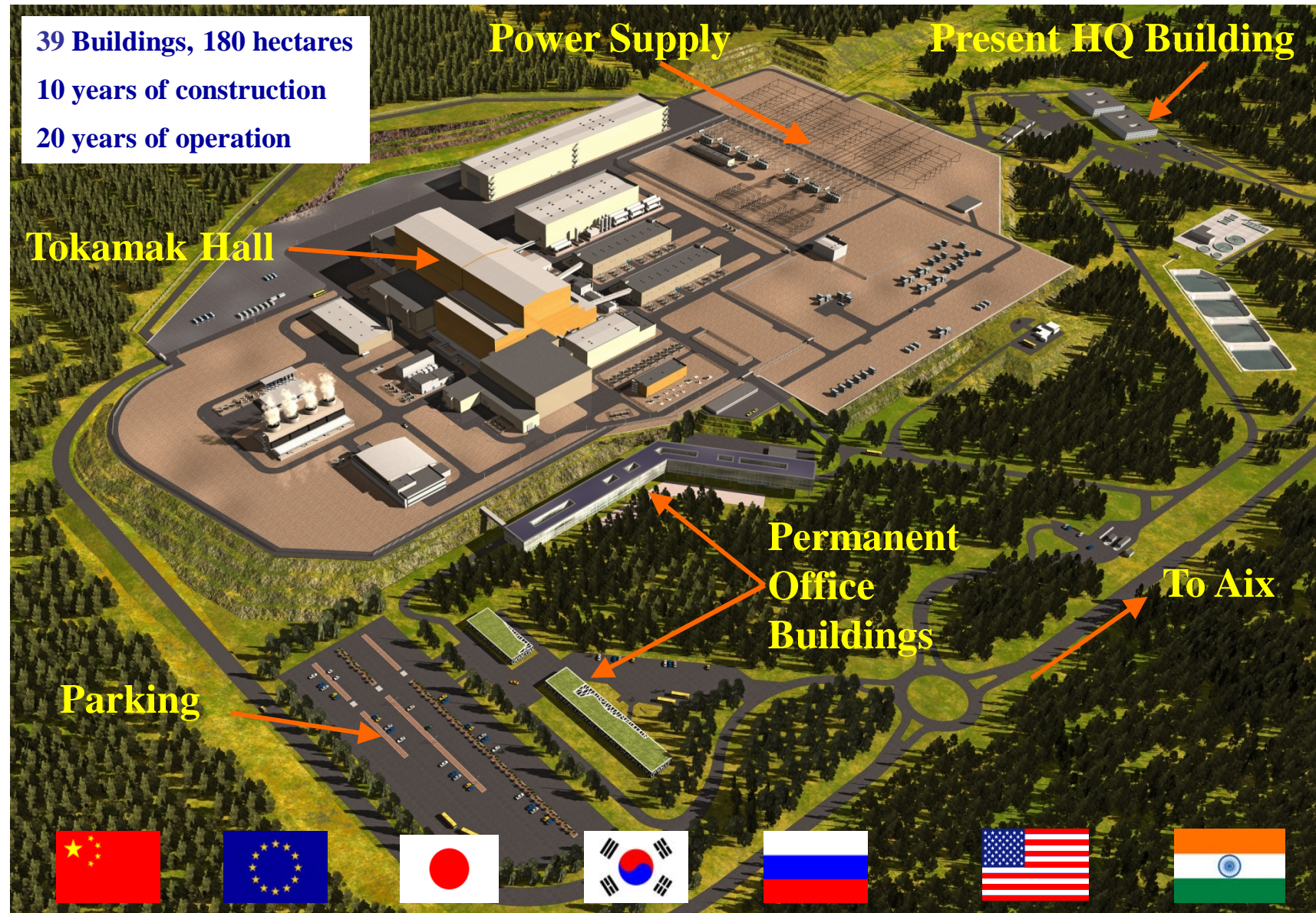
ITER Temporary Headquarters

ITER site

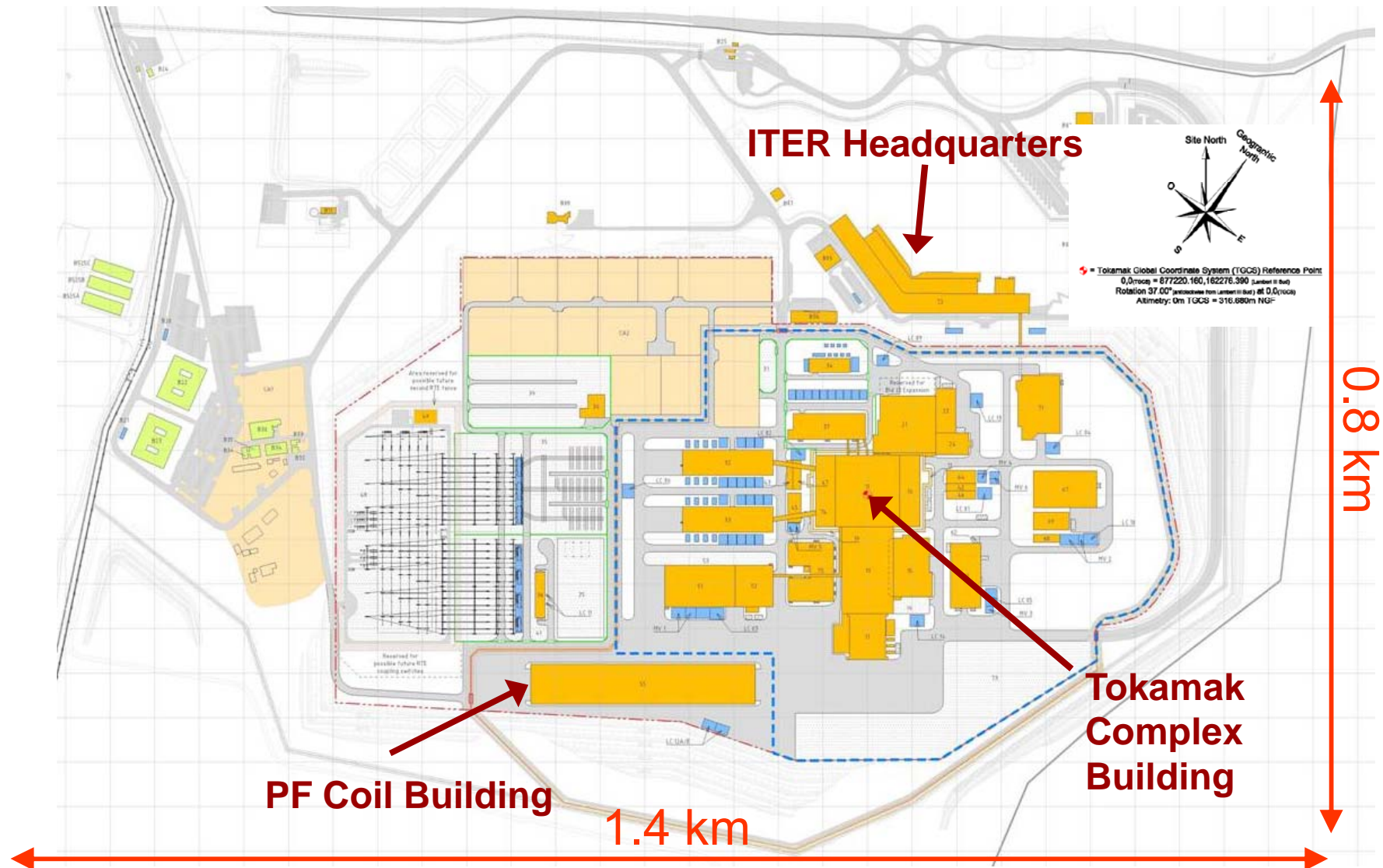


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ITER Site after Construction



Plan View of ITER Site



Construction of the Tokamak Complex



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Construction of the ITER Head Quarters



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Construction of the Poloidal Field Winding Building

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PF coil winding building is
250 m long × 45 m wide
Completion date: Dec. 2011



Construction of the 400 kV Substation

7 transformers will supply 500 MW pulsed power + 120 MW Steady-state



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Conclusions

➤ The ITER Project is rapidly evolving

- 7 International Parties → 475 staff working together as a Team
- Building a 500 MW long pulse burning plasma experiment
- Contracts already signed for 70% of construction procurement value
- Vacuum vessel construction is underway in Korea
- TF superconductor production underway in EU, JA, RF, CN, KO, US

➤ Designs progressing on

- In-vessel coils
- Blanket shield modules
- Tungsten divertor

➤ Building construction on site progressing for

- PF coil building – to be complete at the end of this year
- Main office building – to be complete fall 2012
- Tokamak complex finishing seismic basemat