

THEMATIC WORKSHOP

Machine assembly program

Progress of ITER In-Vessel Assembly & Industry's Role



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ITER In-Vessel Components Project Leader, acting

Anna Encheva is an experienced engineer and project leader with 25 years of experience in engineering and industry. She has played a key role in design, R&D, procurement, manufacturing, integration, and assembly of various components, as well as in contract strategy development and large-scale installation oversight.



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Advancing ITER: Progress in In-Vessel Assembly and the Vital Role of Industry

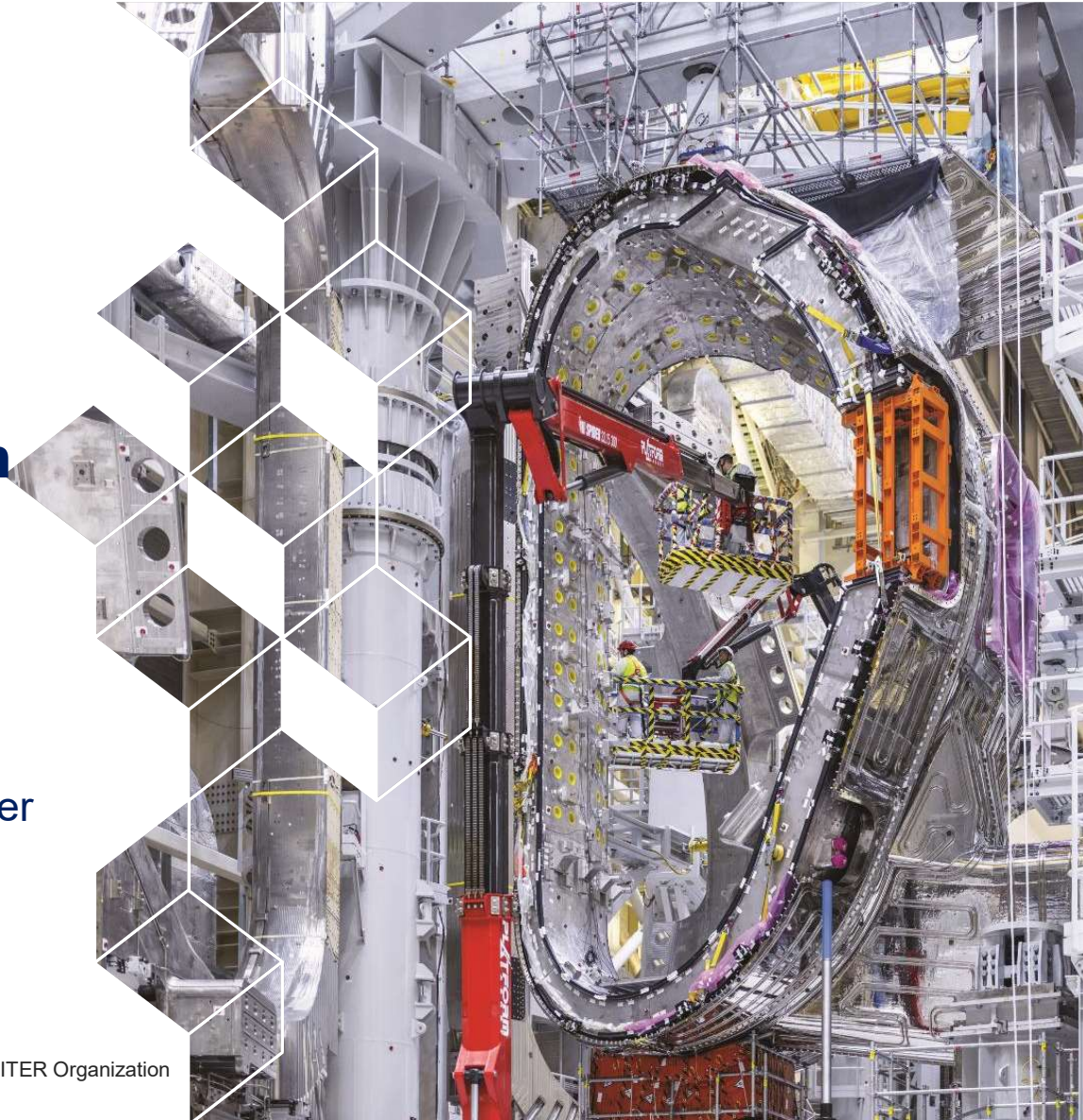


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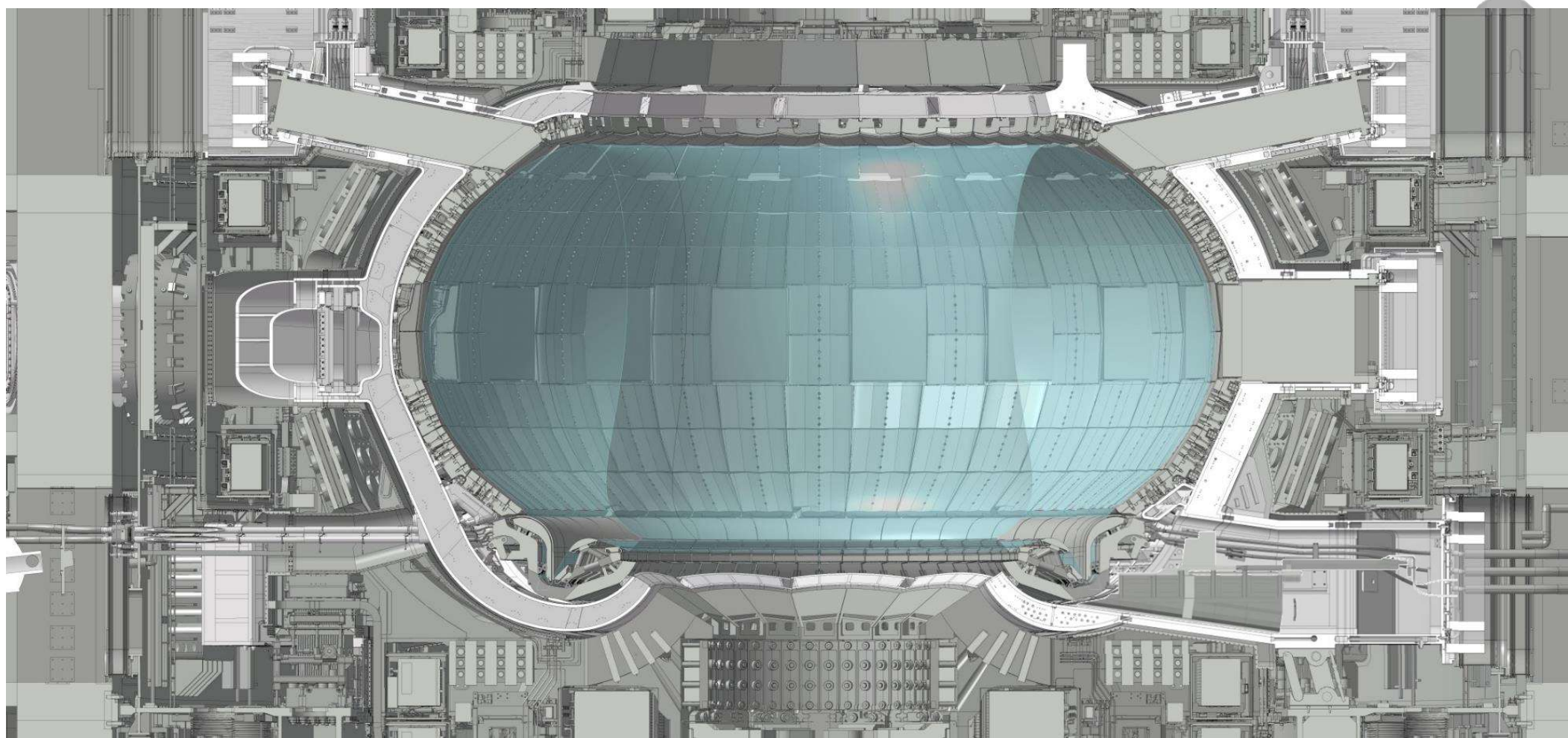
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ITER In-Vessel Assembly scope



Together with industry

Engage Upstream

Early design and manufacturing of assembly tooling and process development

We Award

Progressively in stages based on maturity and performance

Develop in partnership

Qualify new technologies, techniques, processes. Key: Process qualification and personnel training

Execute in confidence

Reduced uncertainty, risk and cost control. Return of experience

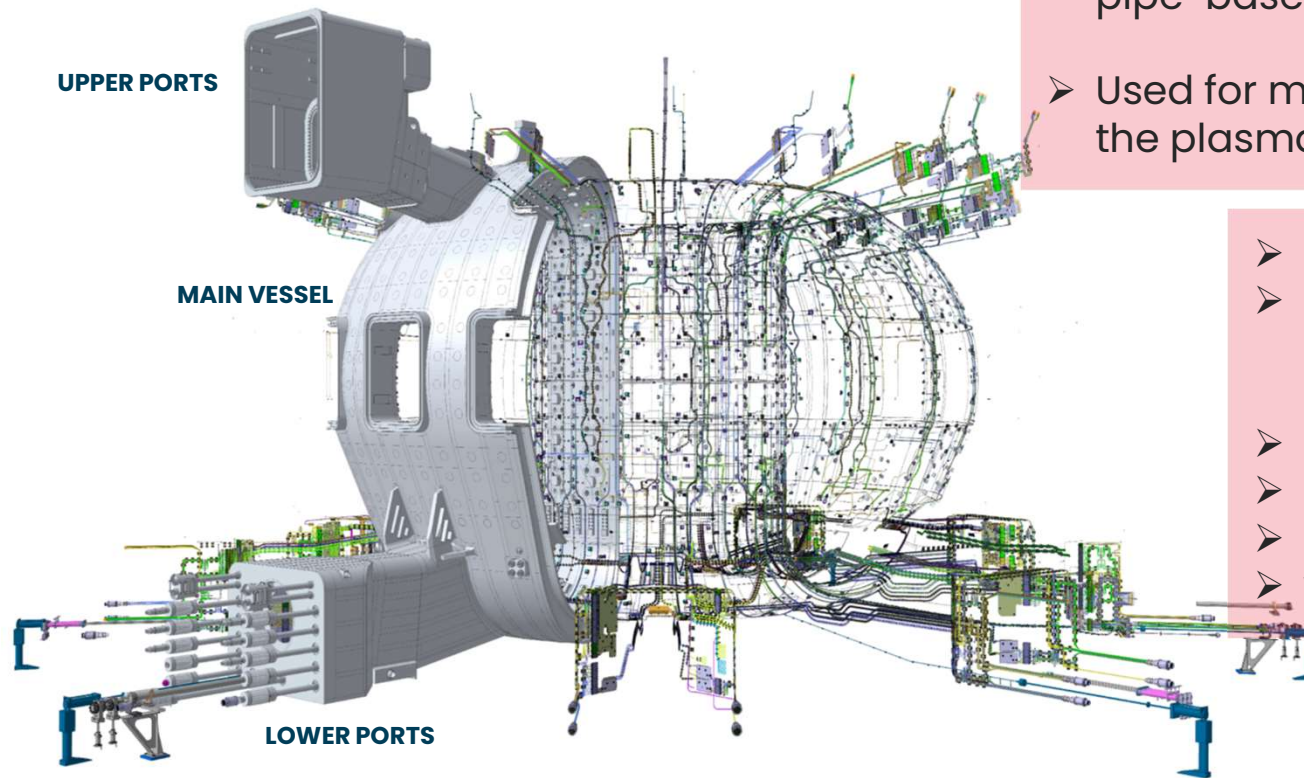
Driving Fusion Forward – Together with Industry

Partnering with industry to build on experience, speed up innovation, and share knowledge—paving the way for the next phase of fusion industrialization.

Main principles:

- Schedule driven, following installation sequence logic
- Splitting scope according to a set of skills and competences
- Minimizing co-activities across scopes and locations
- Complex custom tooling for the installation of large components
 - Main purpose-built installation tools should be supplied by the installation contractor;
 - It is preferable to involve the installation contractor and tool manufacturer(s), as early as possible, at the development phase

Instrumentation, Diagnostic and Fueling Systems



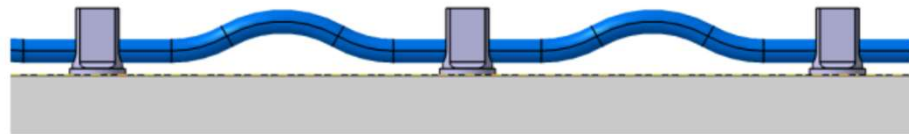
- Cables, sensors, instrumentation, pipe-based systems
- Used for monitoring and control of the plasma parameters

- 18 km of cables
- hand welded:
 - 100,000 clips
 - 21,000 bosses
- 9,000 cable clamps
- 1,000 sensors
- 500+ connector boxes
- waveguides

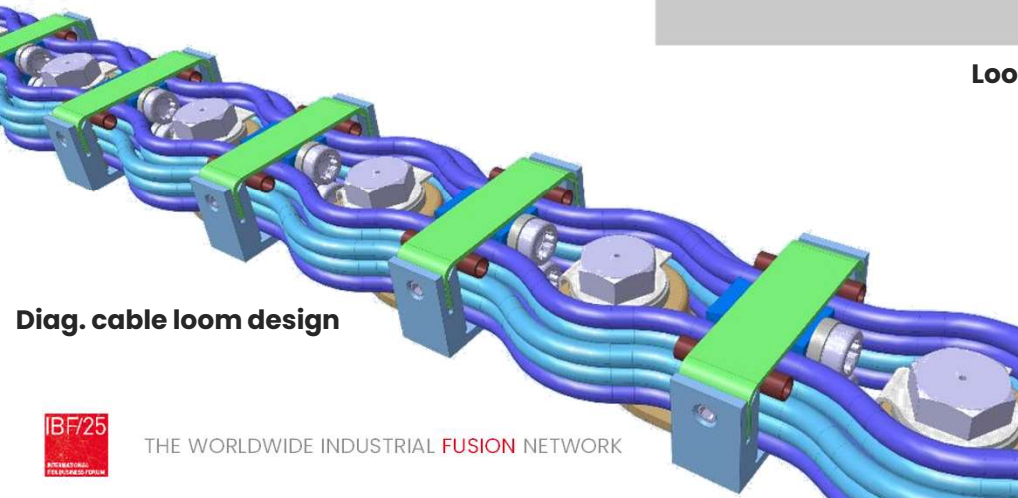
Instrumentation, Diagnostic and Fueling Systems

Qualification work → Cable Looms and clips welding

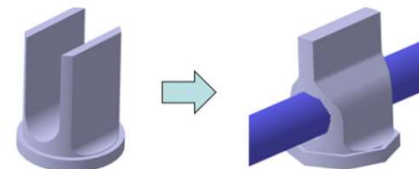
- **Awarded:** ASIPP, China and ASG, Italy.
- **Complex tasks:** cable clips stud-welding, repeated cable 'wobbling' following strict tolerances, large quantity of cables positioning and clamps assembly within narrow clearances
- **Objective:** develop reliable and repeatable processes, optimized installation duration, qualification and training of personnel



Loops cable with clips

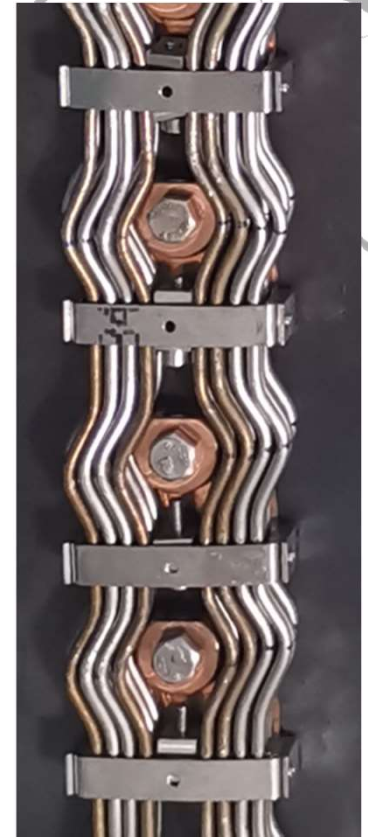


Diag. cable loom design

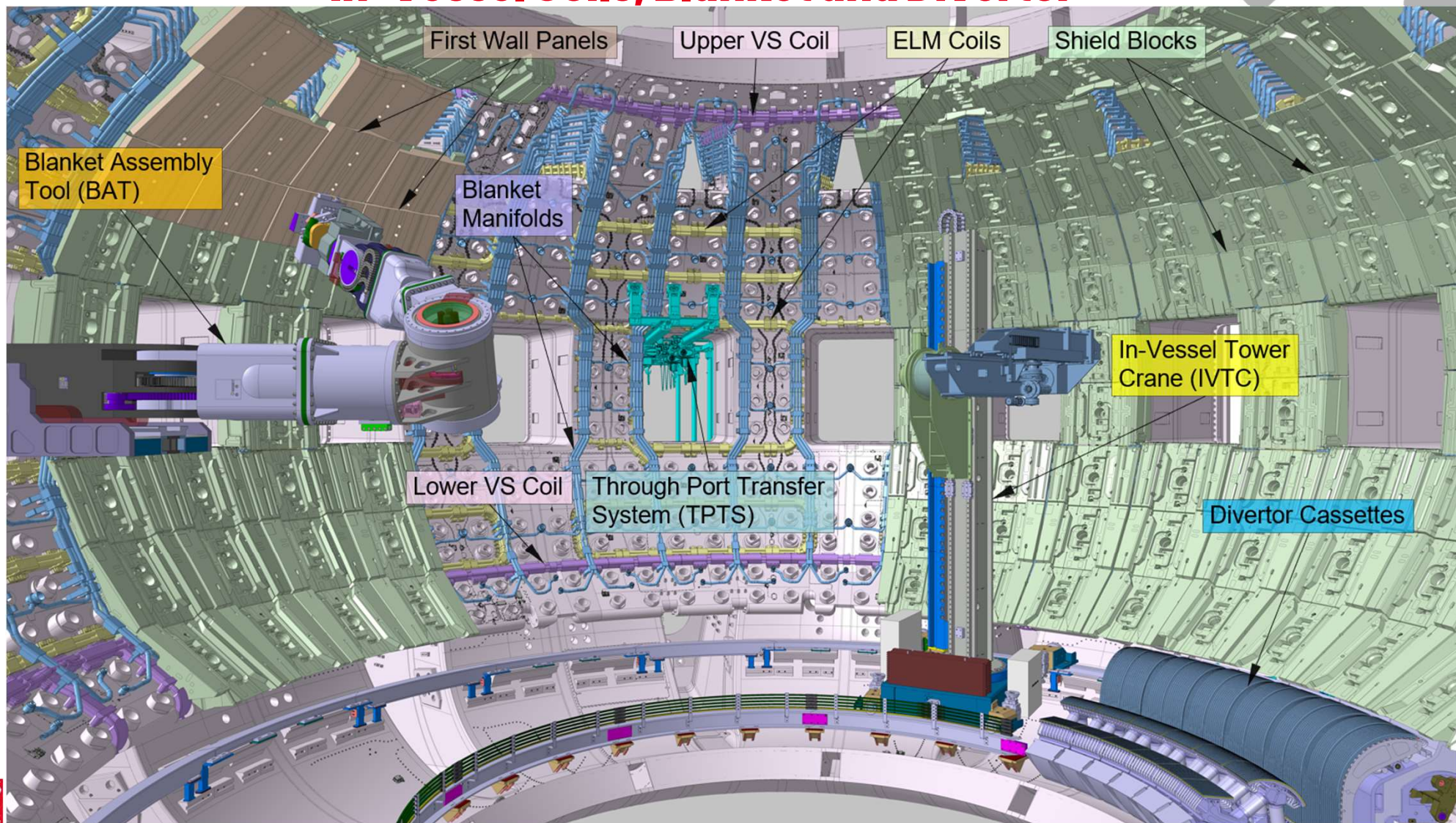


Cable clips assembly concept

Diag. cable loom mock-up

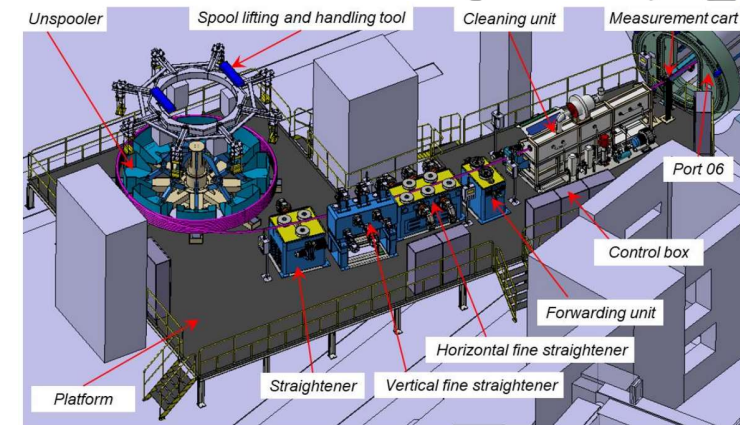
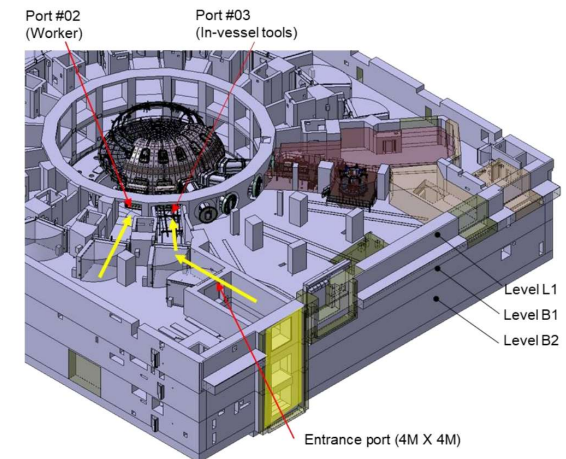
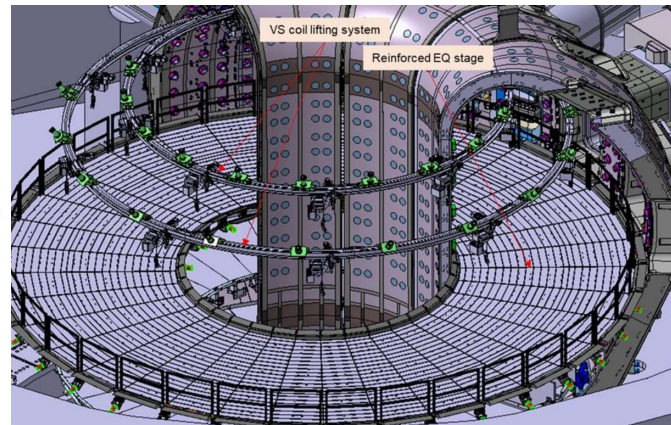
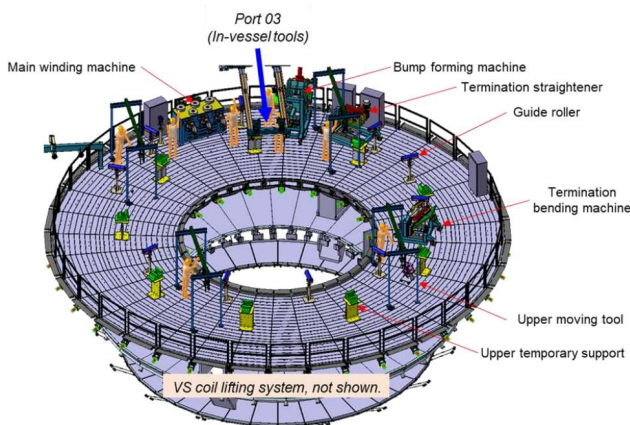


In-Vessel Coils, Blanket and Divertor



Vertical Stability Coils Installation

- 1) Work Space preparation in Tokamak Building
- 2) Installation of winding tools and control system;
- 3) Installation of supporting equipment (Reinforced Staging, Lifting System);
- 4) Installation of winding tooling on Reinforced Staging, position according to metrology and final coils shape.

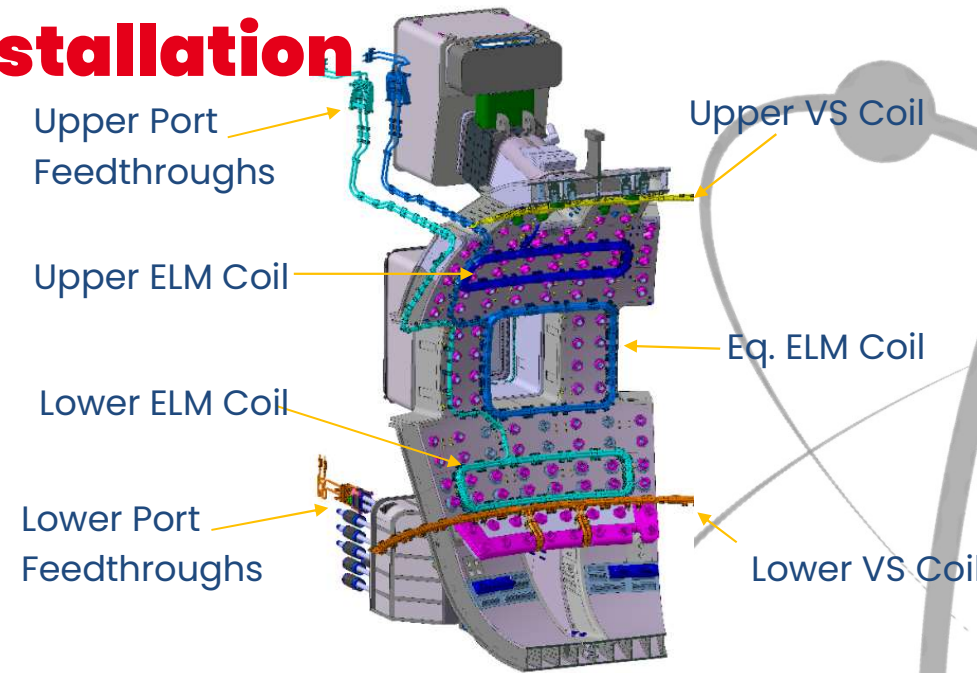
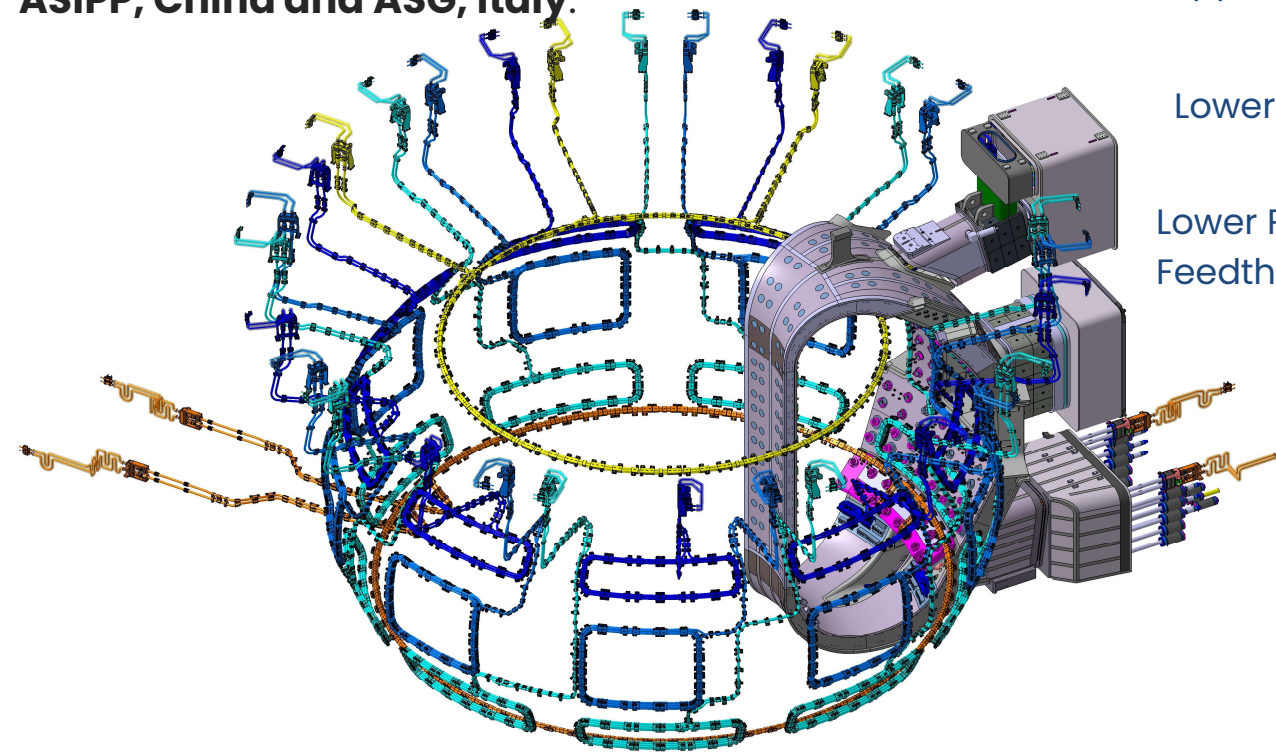


ELM Coils, feeders and joints Installation

ELM coils manufacturing:

Prototyping and tooling Manufacturing Phase

ASIPP, China and ASG, Italy.



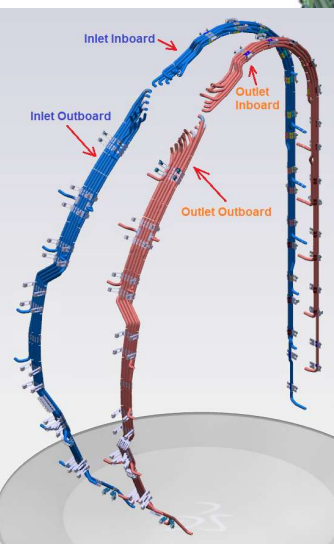
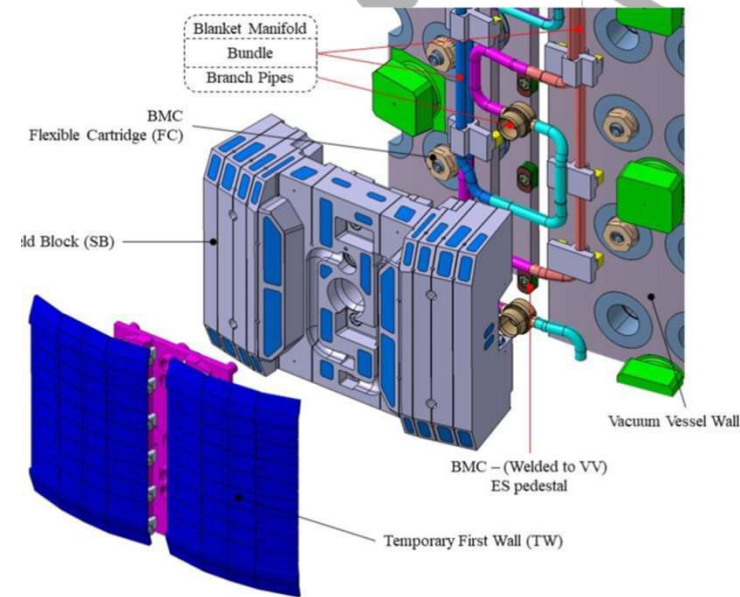
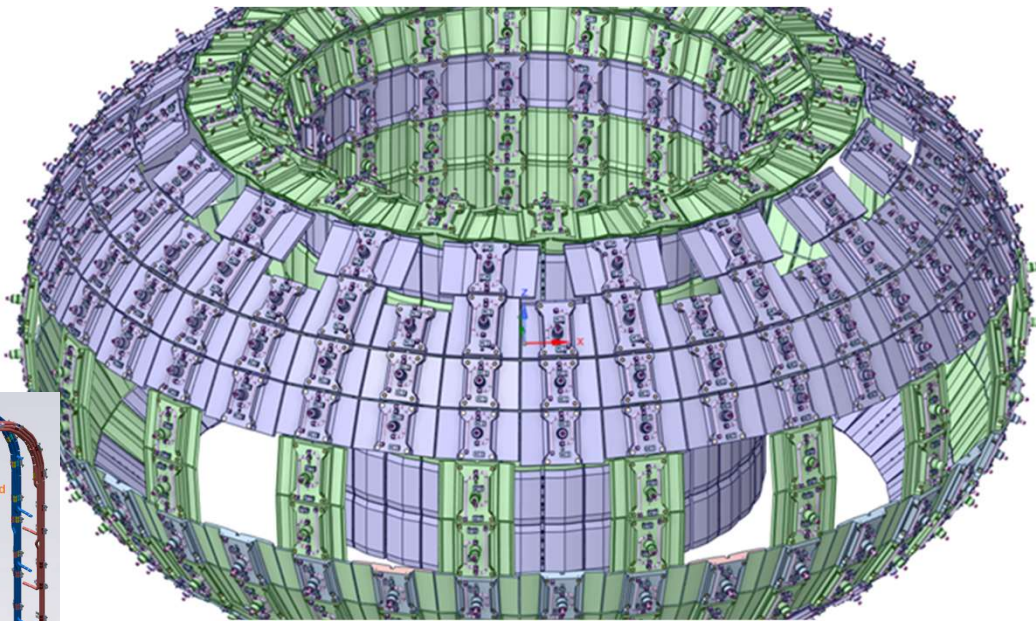
Installation scope:

27 coils in total

35 Feeder lines

176 in-situ joints

Blanket, First Wall and Blanket manifold installation



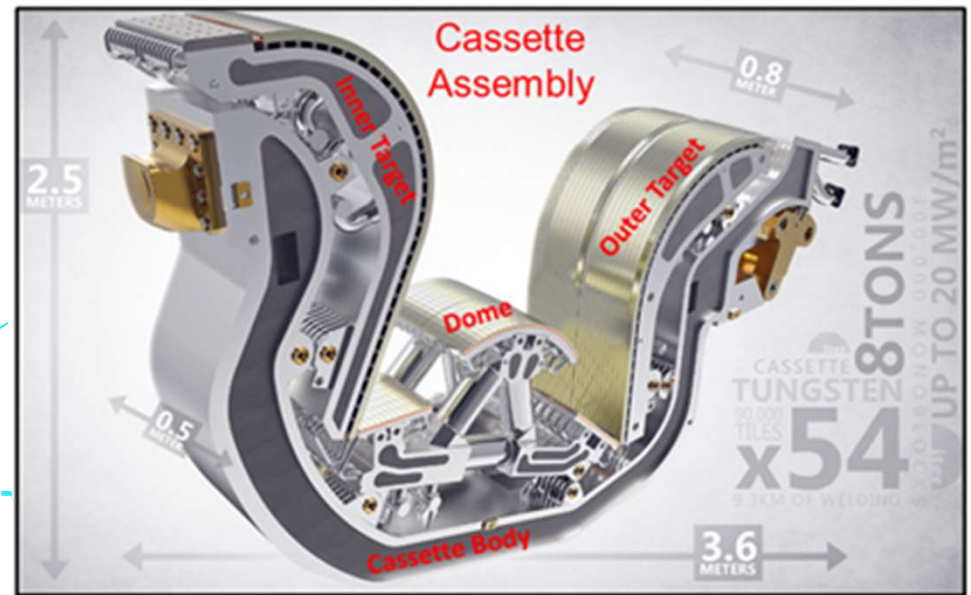
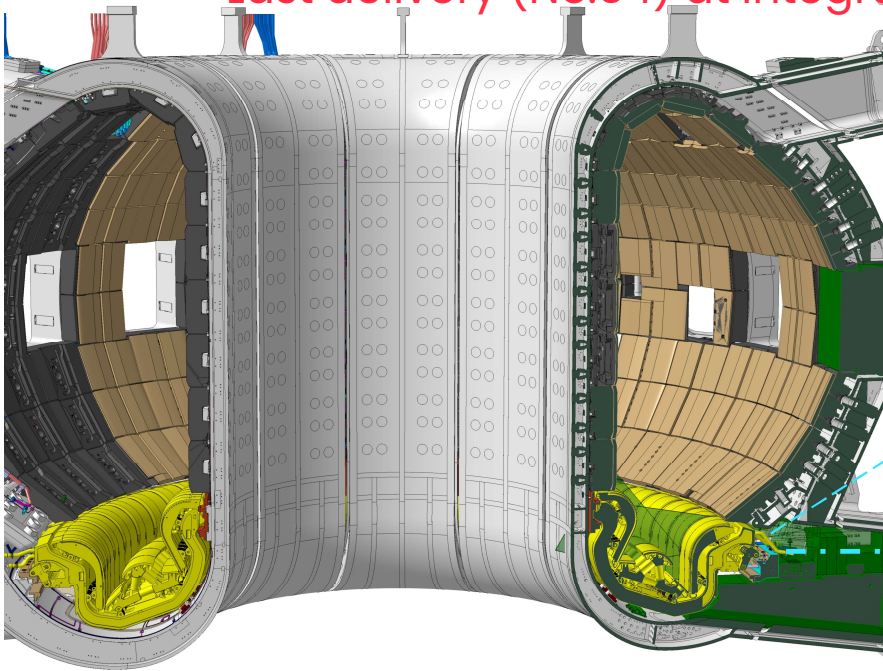
Total number of SB	Total number of variants	Dimensions (mm)			Individual Mass (Kg)
		Toroidal	Poloidal	Radial	
440	125	1238 - 2053	872 - 1270	321 - 933	1983 to 4000

Divertor Cassettes Installation

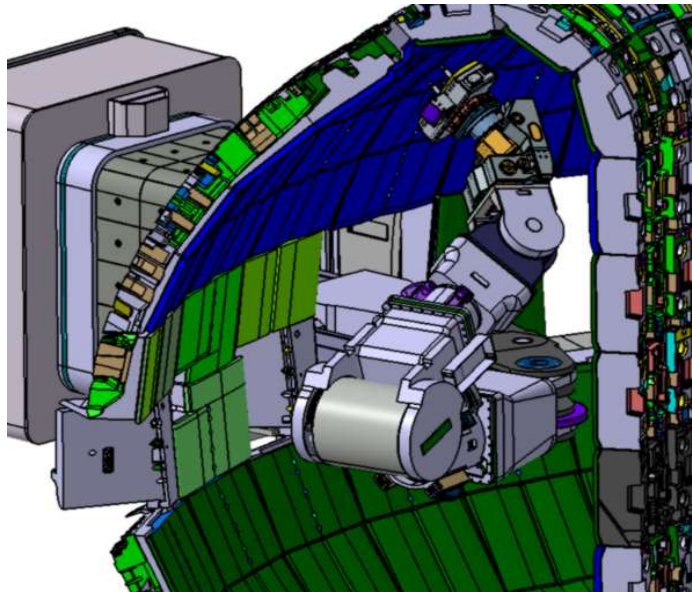
Divertor will be settled in the bottom part of the Vacuum Vessel, consisting of 54 cassette assemblies, inserted through 3 lower ports

First delivery (No.1) at Integration Site: November 2026

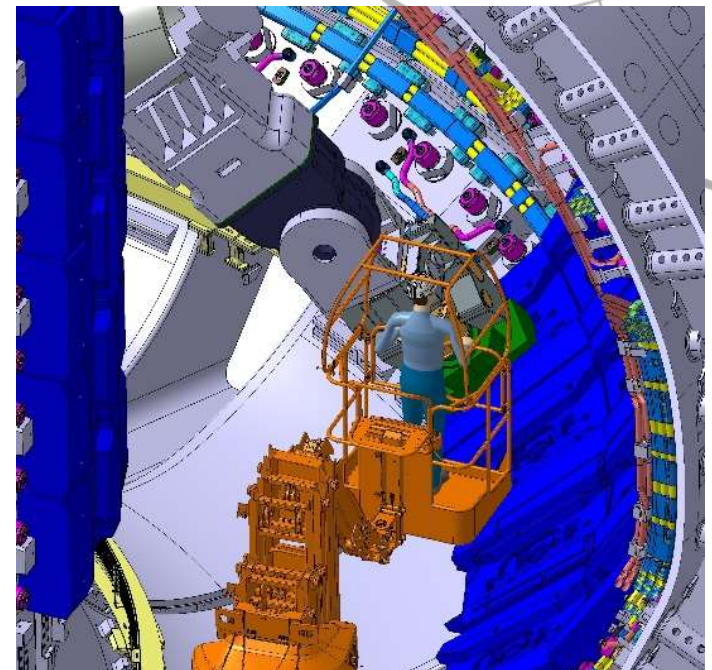
Last delivery (No.54) at Integration Site: December 2031



Blanket Assembly Transporter



*Blanket Assembly Transporters **BATs** are long-reach, serial robotic devices deployed in a cantilevered fashion from equatorial ports*



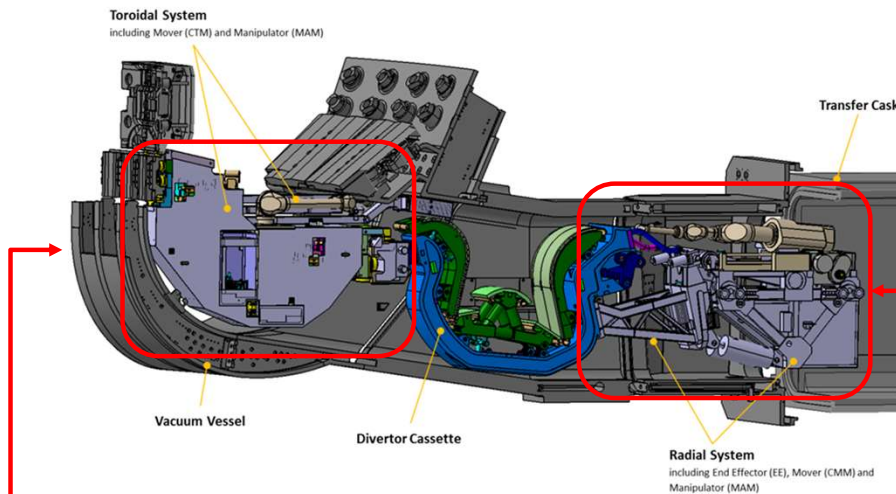
Contract for tool design and manufacturing awarded to Larsen & Toubro, India in April 2025.

For more details, see the presentation by Vikram Sehgal (L&T).

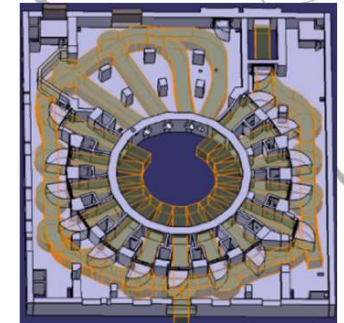
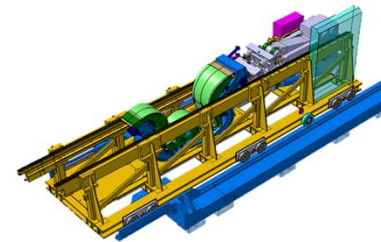
Divertor Assembly Transporter

- Running procurement with European Domestic Agency: F4E

CPD: **C**ask **P**latform for **D**ivertor : Transfer components (CMM, cassette, CTM) from Assembly Hall to Port Cells



- DAT-CTM (**C**assette **T**oroidal **M**over) transfer cassettes into VV



- DAT-CMM (**C**assette **M**ultifunctional **M**over) : Transfer cassettes or CTM from Port Cell to VV

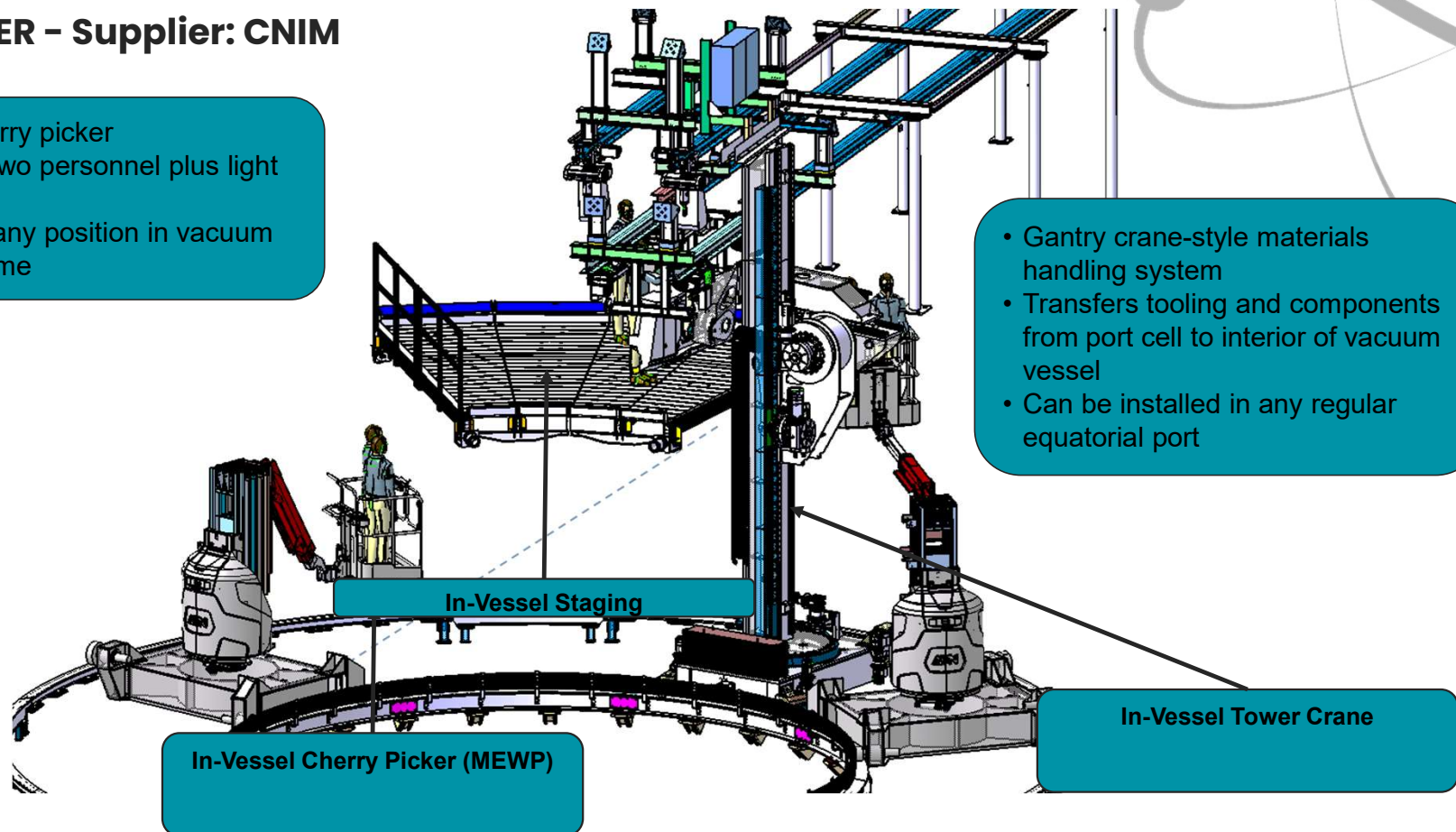
For more details, see the presentation by Emilio Ruiz Morales (F4E)

In-Vessel Tower crane

- Delivered at ITER – Supplier: CNIM

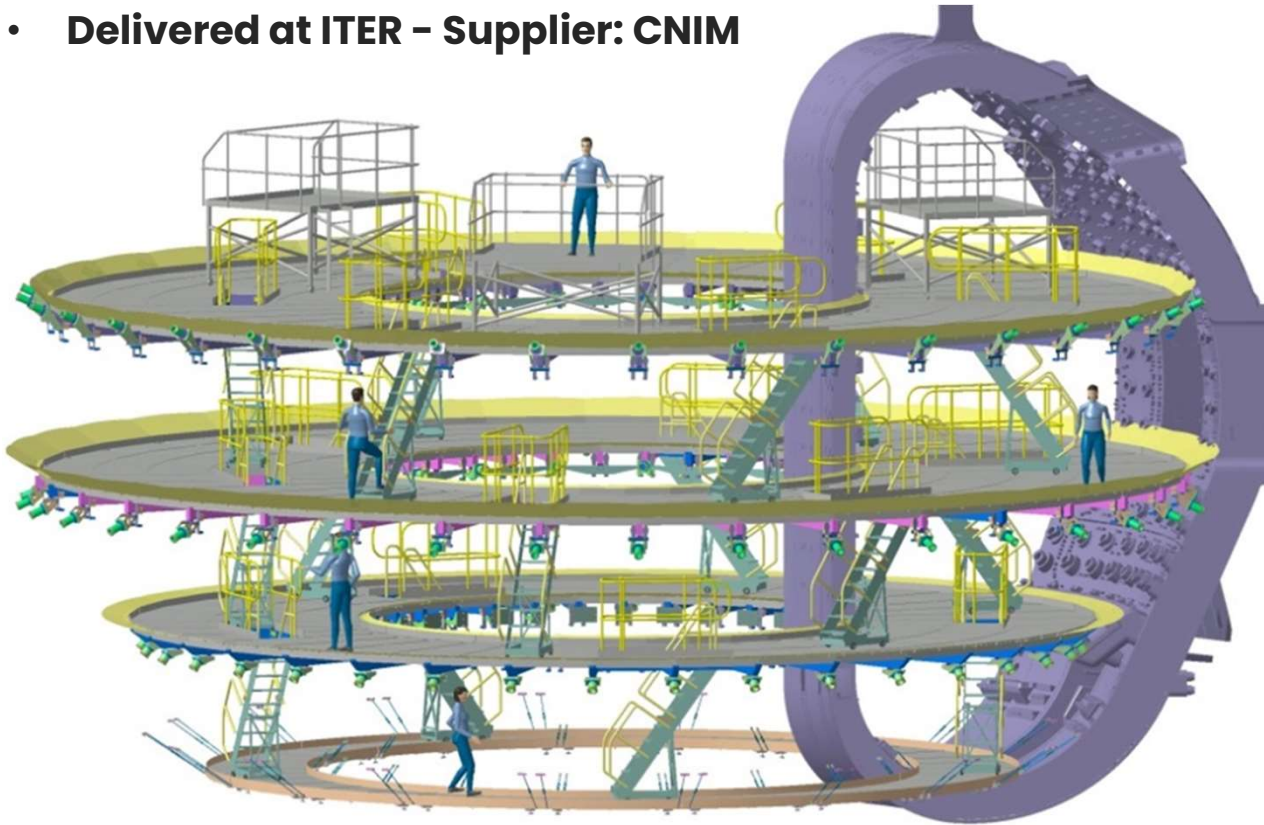
- Electric cherry picker
- Basket for two personnel plus light tools
- Can reach any position in vacuum vessel volume

- Gantry crane-style materials handling system
- Transfers tooling and components from port cell to interior of vacuum vessel
- Can be installed in any regular equatorial port



In-Vessel Staging

- **Delivered at ITER – Supplier: CNIM**

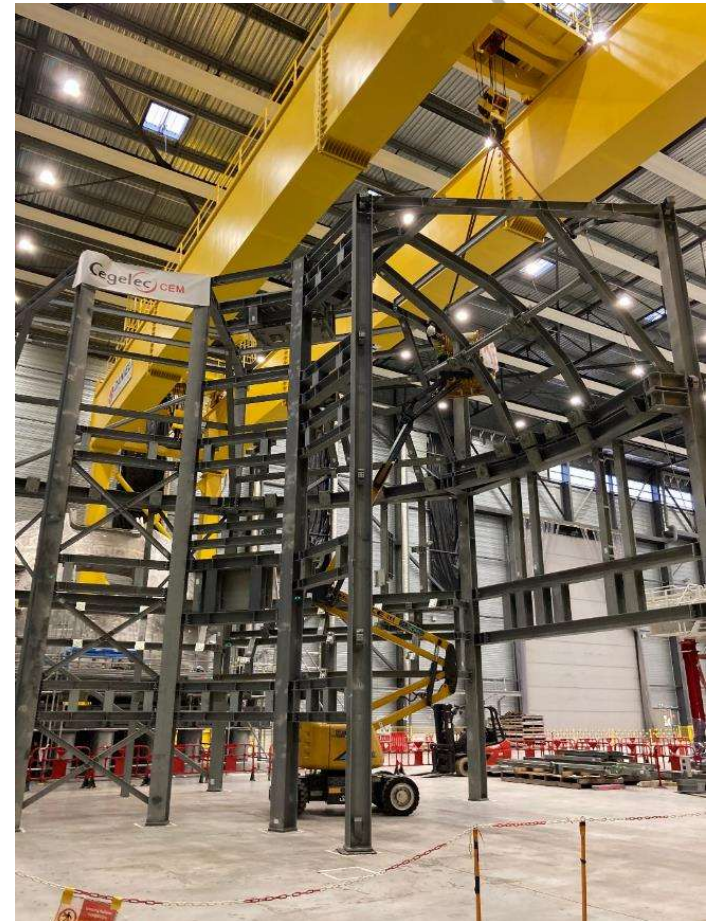
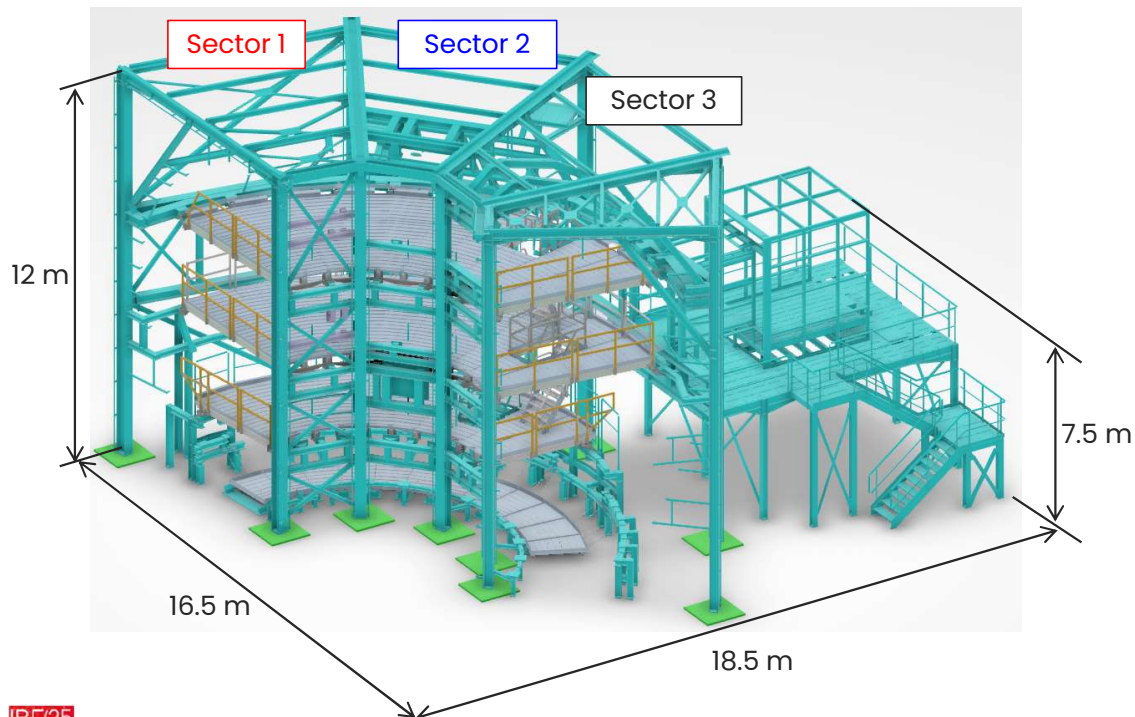


The staging is designed so manual access is possible to all areas of the VV inner wall.

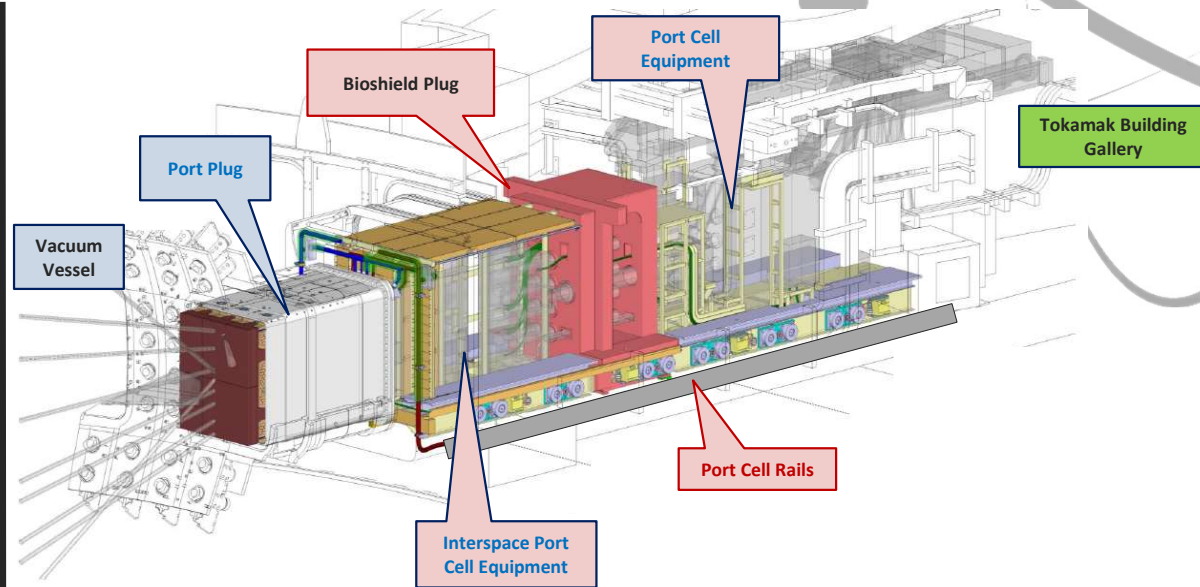
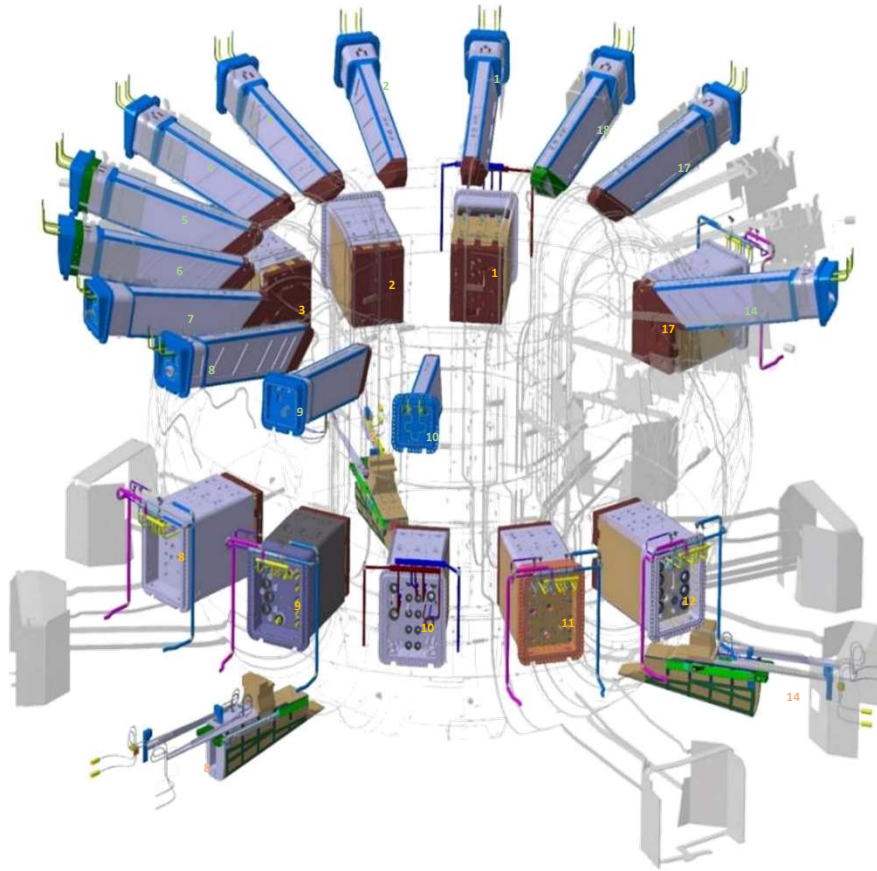
This staging is lightweight and modular, so it can be manually assembled and disassembled.

Trial, Test and Training Facility

- The purpose of the Trial, Test and Training Facility (TTTF) is to qualify and test the tools dedicated to the assembly of components inside the Vacuum Vessel (VV) of the ITER plant.
- **Delivered at ITER – Supplier: CNIM**



Port Plugs, Interspace and Port Cell Installation



- 36 Port plugs (Diagnostics and Heating):
Top, mid and lower level
- Integration of core Technologies with a first representative batch of tooling.
- Partnership with Industrial partner sought to collaborate early.

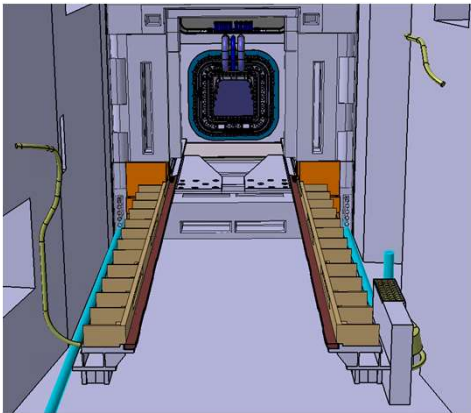
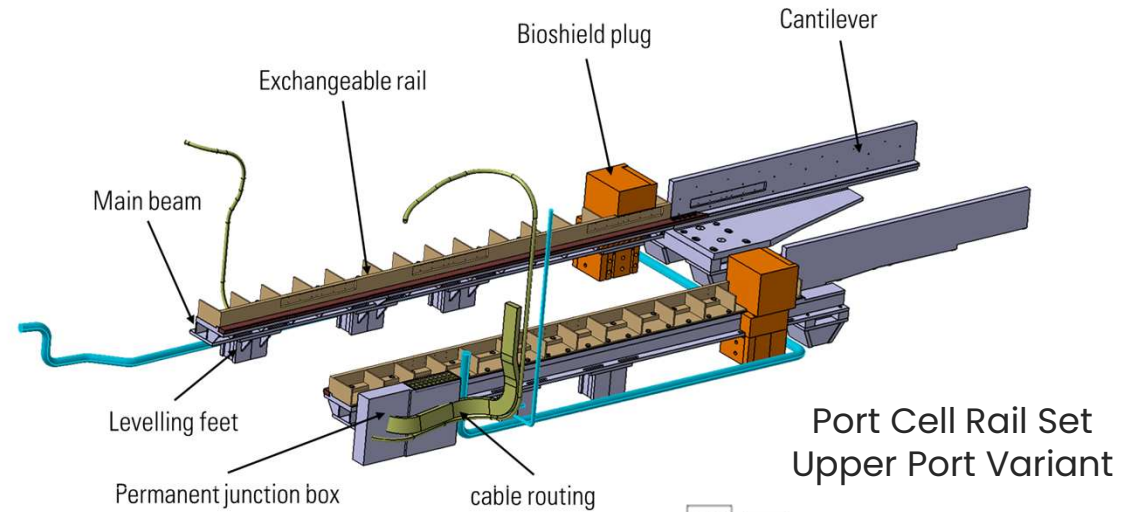
PORT CELL RAILS

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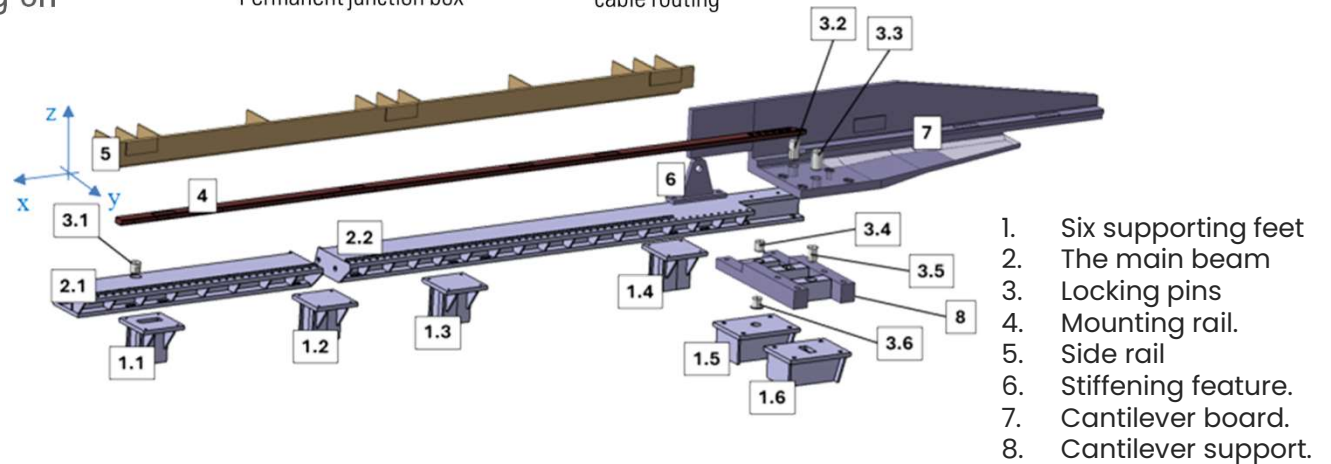
- Detailed design and manufacture of up to 37 sets of Port cell Rails (11 variants)

Characteristics:

- Fabricated Carbon steel structures
- Anti-corrosion coating suitable also for decontamination
- 10 – 20 tonnes per rail pair (depending on port cell)



Port Cell Rails in context



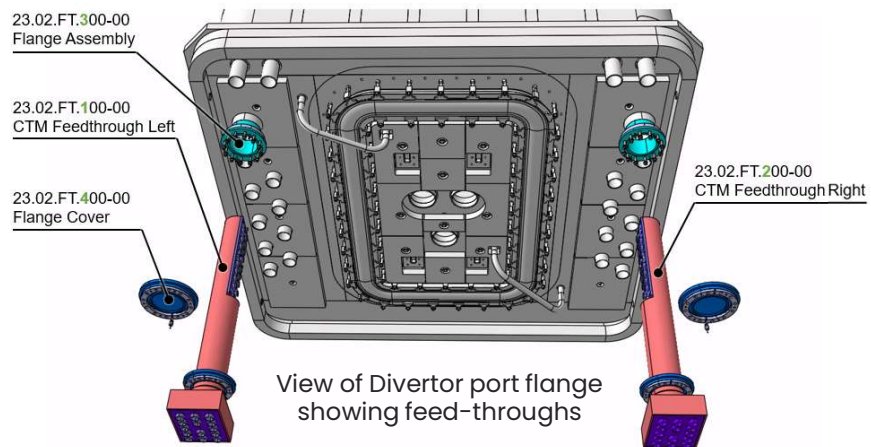
Divertor RH Feed-throughs

Scope:

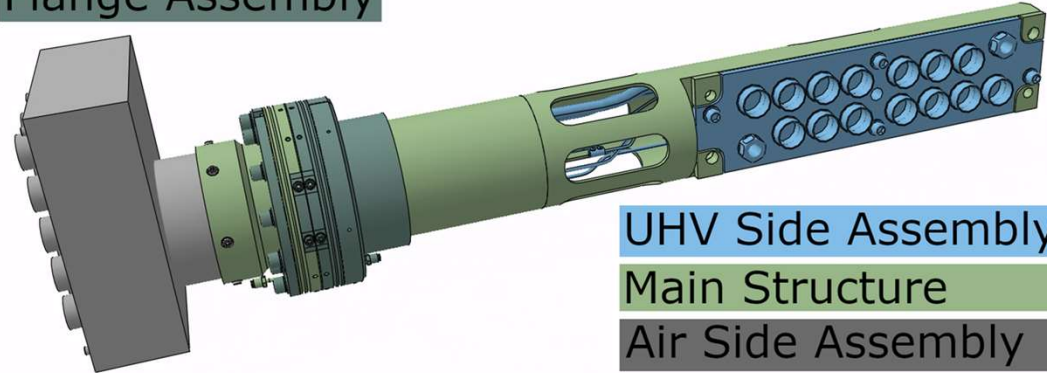
- Detailed design and manufacture of 6 electrical feed-through units (2 per port)

Characteristics:

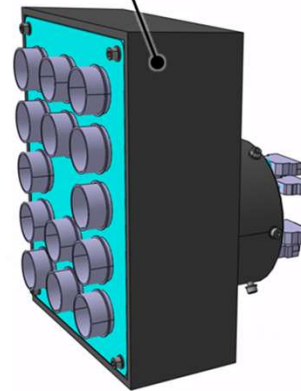
- Vacuum feed-through from port cell to in-vessel environment
- Stainless materials
- Protection Important Component



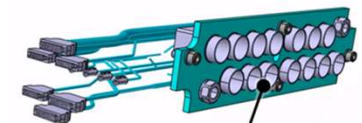
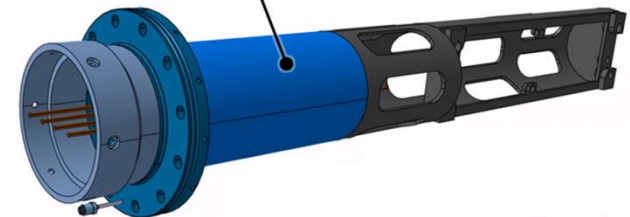
Flange Assembly



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Air Side Assembly



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Main Structure



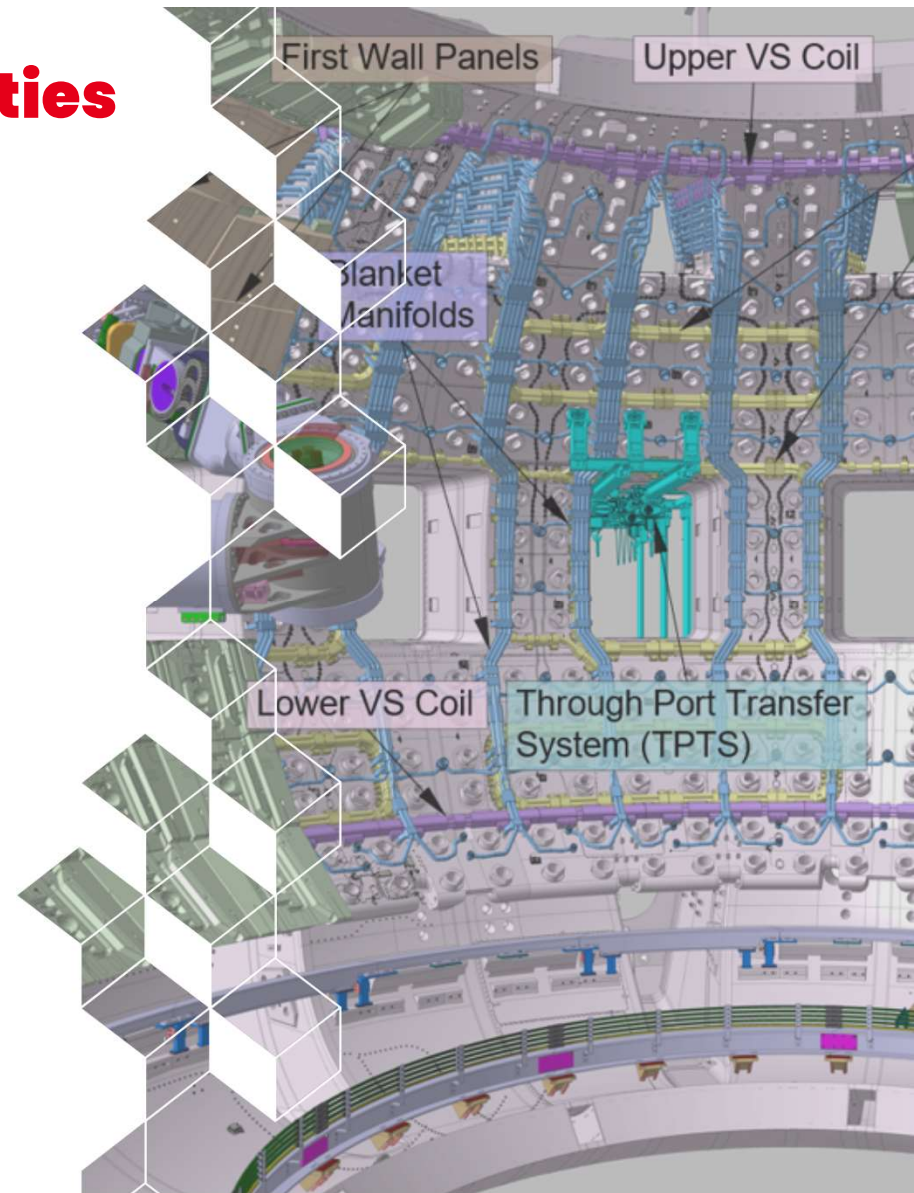
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UHV Side Assembly

Near-future Industrial Opportunities

- **In-Vessel Tower Crane upgrade** → S2 2025
- **Blanket Manifolds customization** → S2 2025
- **Non-destructive testing** → S2 2025
- **He Leak testing development** → S2 2025/2026
- **Welding of primary vacuum boundary components, subject to RCC-MR** → 2028
- **Port plug tilting tools, lifting frames, installation tools** → Q1 2026 – Q3 2027
- **Port Plug lifting and installation** → 2028/2029
- **Port Cell equipment installation** → 2028/2029
- **Port sealing** → 2028/2029

Assembly and Installation opportunities for further phases of **the In-Vessel Assembly**.

Timeline: from now until 2030





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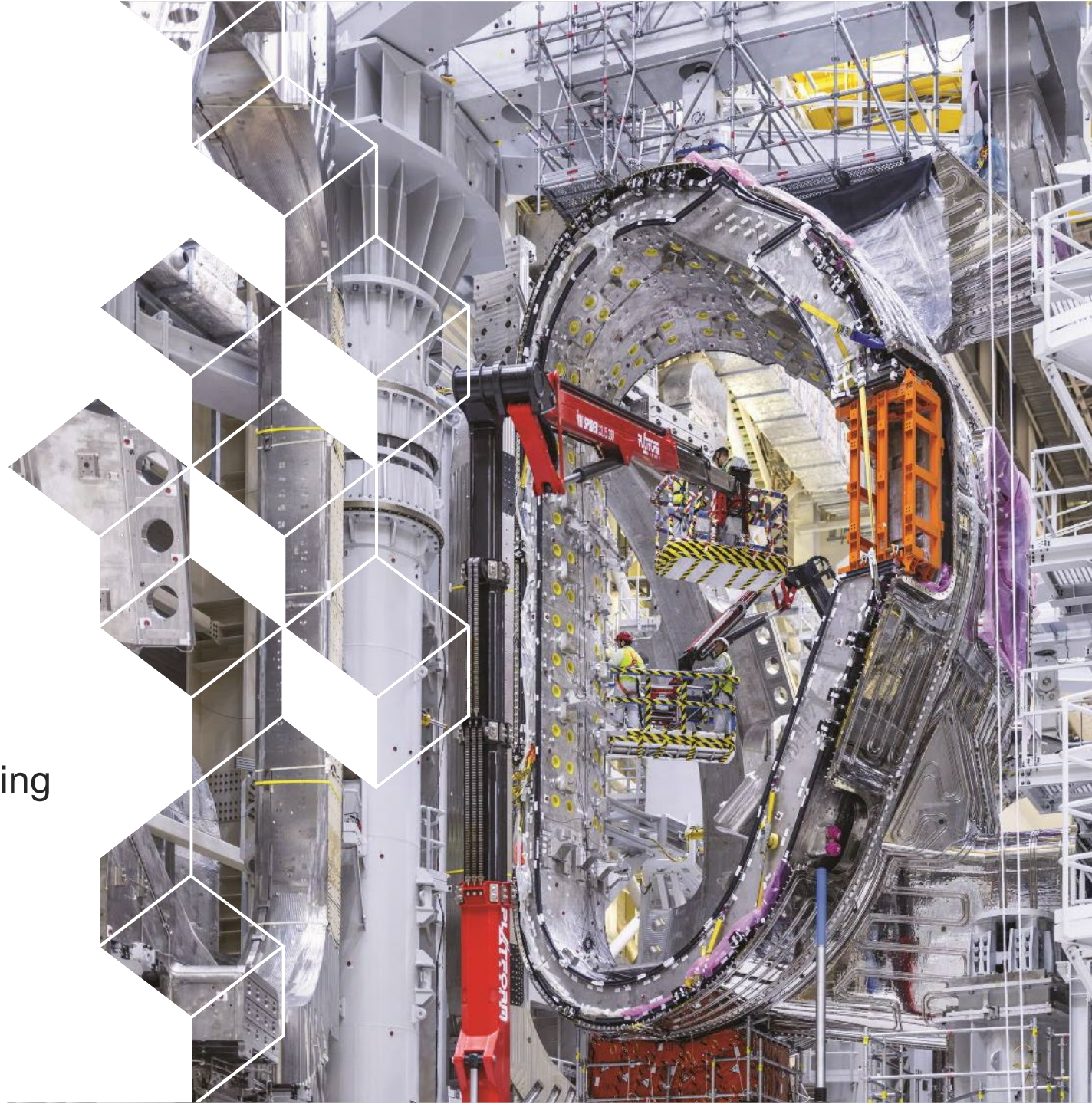
F4E Remote Handling Procurements during the ITER assembly time-frame



Emilio Ruiz Morales

Fusion For Energy – Remote Handling
Programme Manager

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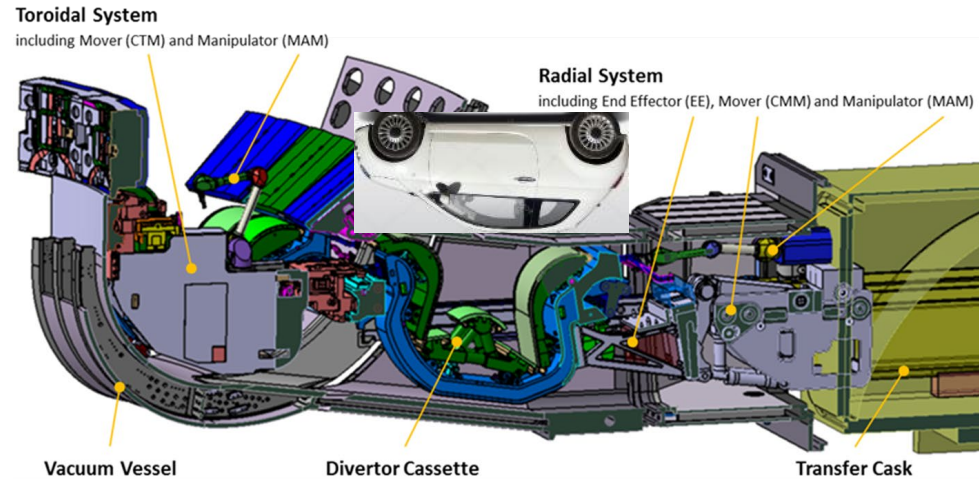


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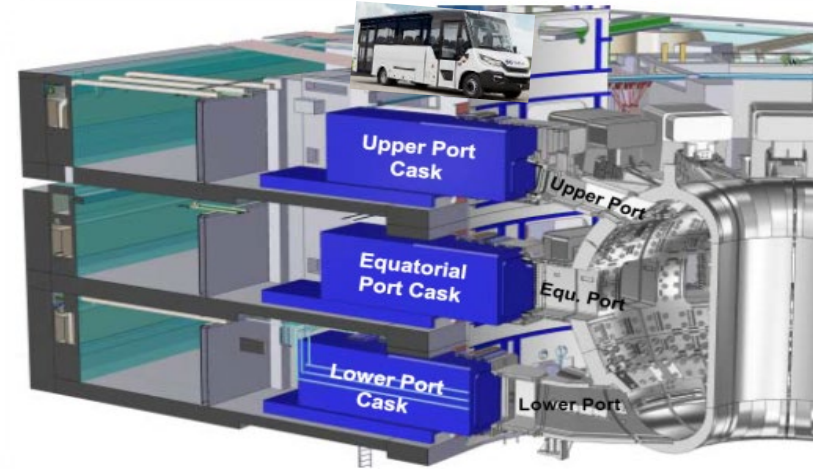
- 1. Overview on the F4E Remote Handling scope for the Nuclear Phase (DT-1/2)**
- 2. F4E Remote Handling scope for ITER Assembly Phase**
- 3. Current main contractual tool for Assembly Systems**
- 4. Business opportunity left on F4E RH Scope for ITER Assembly**
- 5. DRHS, CPRHS and NBRHS Business Opportunities in the ITER Assembly Time-Frame**
- 6. Technology Development Program opportunities on Remote Handling**
- 7. Conclusions**

1. Overview on the F4E Remote Handling Scope

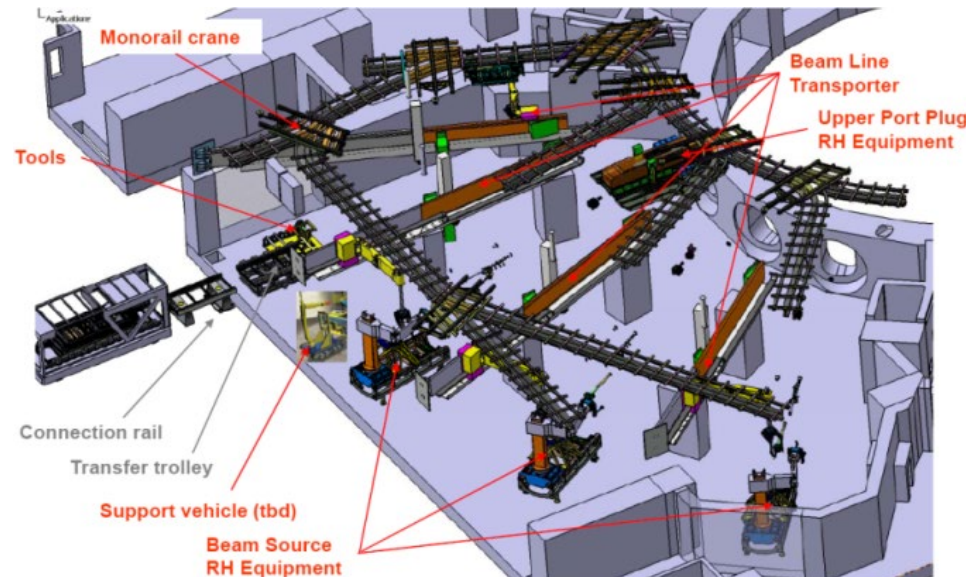
Divertor Remote Handling System (DRHS)



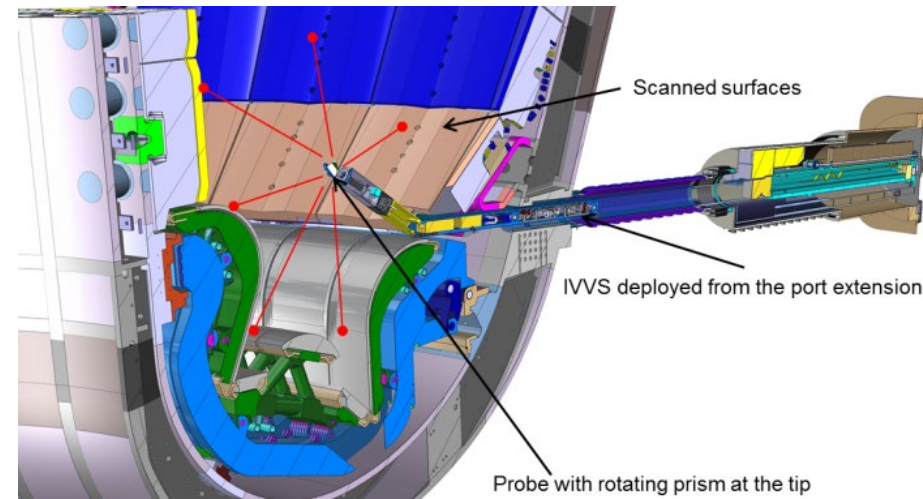
Cask & Plug Remote Handling Systems (CPRHS)



Neutral Beam Remote Handling System (NBRHS)



In-Vessel Viewing System (IVVS)



F4E in charge of the procurement in-kind of 4 packages

1. General F4E Remote Handling Scope

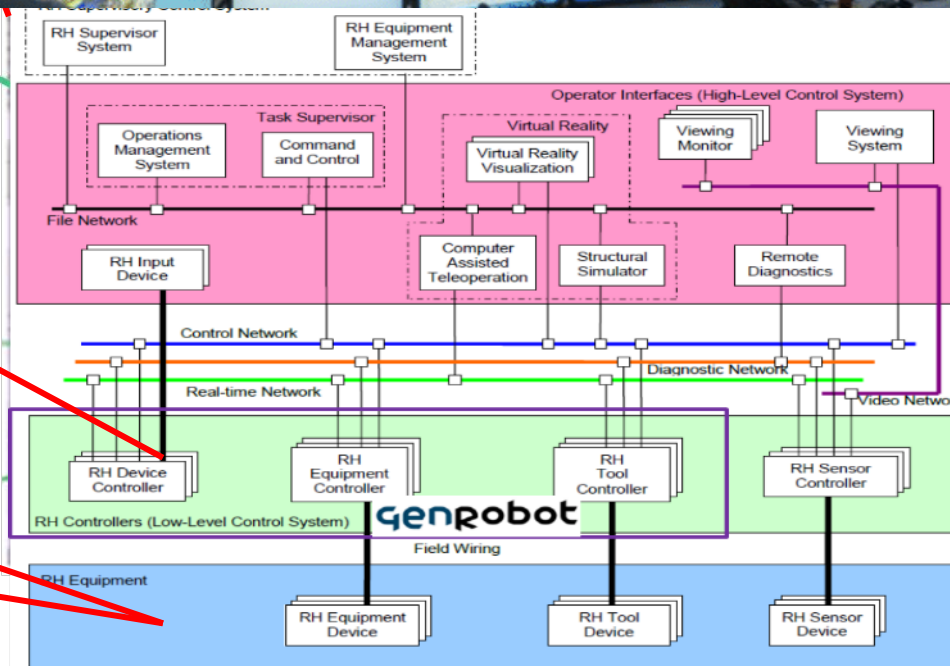
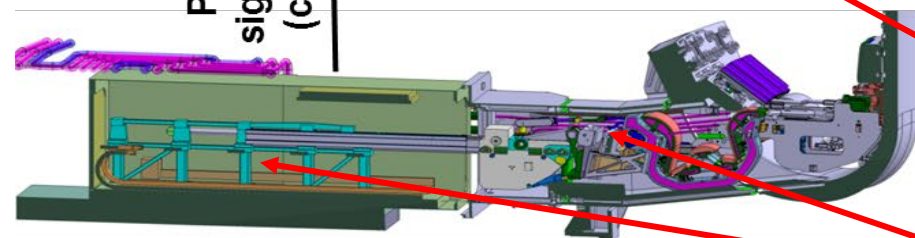


RH cubicle room RH networks



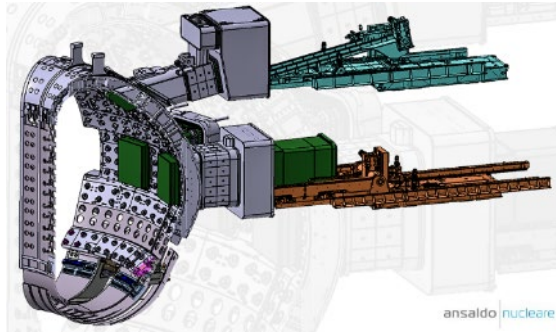
Power and signal cabling (cable trays)

~150 m



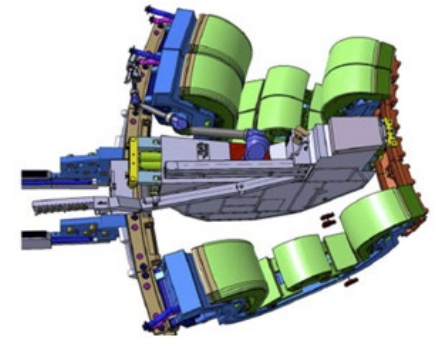
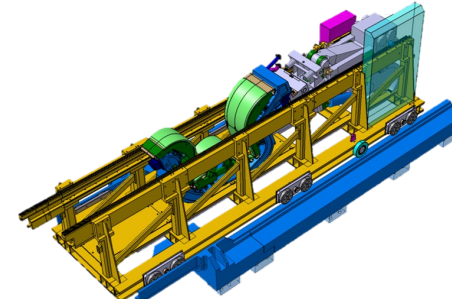
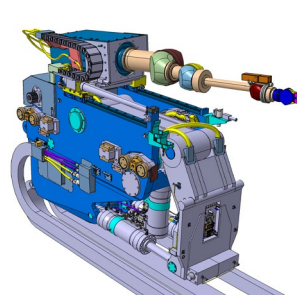
ITER remote maintenance is a complex, integrated and diffused system embedded in the nuclear plant (it includes many subsystems) and spread across various buildings

2. F4E RH Scope for ITER Assembly



1st Assembly Cask platform for Equatorial and Upper Port Plugs installation

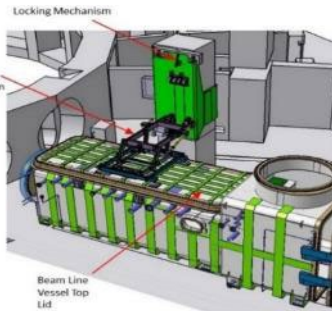
Ongoing F4E contract OMF-1034-01-06
(end date: mid 2026)



Divertor Assembly Radial and Toroidal Transporters and Cask Platform

Under OMF-1609 in 2026 (need date: mid 2030)

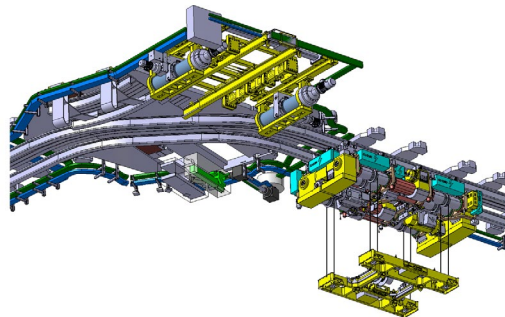
Assembly Tools for In-Vessel Assembly



Neutral Beam Top Lid Opening Mechanism – no nuclear safety function, limited radiation resistance

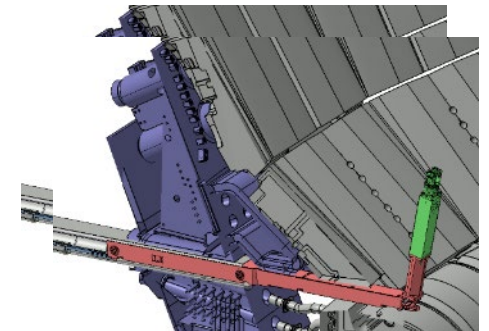
Under OMF-1609 (need date: mid 2031)

Nuclear-grade systems to be installed during ITER Assembly



Neutral Beam Maintenance Crane – PIC feed-through, limited radiation resistance

Under OMF-1609 (need date: mid 2031)



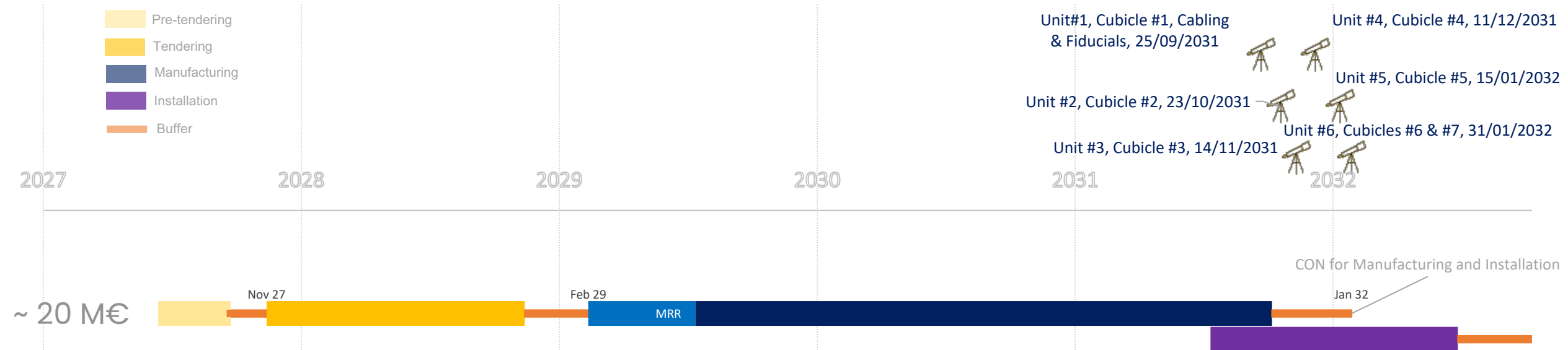
In-Vessel Viewing System (6 units) – optical probe, machine, PIC feed-through, radiation resistant components already selected

Procurement to be launched in 2027 by F4E (need date: end 2031)

3. Current main contractual tool for Assembly Systems: the OMF-1609 Framework Contract

- Multiple Framework Contract with reopening of competition at each task order
- Scope: final design and manufacturing of Divertor Assembly Transporters, Cask Platforms, NBRHS Crane System and TLOM, and other tools, components, mock-ups and installation platforms
- Framework duration: 5 years + 4 renewals of 1 year
- Task orders for of key Sub-Systems. Request for task Offers expected to be launched every 3~6months from early 2026.
- Minimum 4 task orders in 2026, selection of max. 5 suppliers
- Overall budget up to 2027: ~18M€ in 2026; ~11M€ in 2027
- Status: call for tender with business case launched in October 2024, under evaluation, contract signature expected in Q4 2025 → unfortunately there is no any longer business opportunities for main companies other than those that are participating in this call.
- However, still opportunities for niche SMEs related to mech. analysis, operations simulations, detail engineering etc.

4. Business opportunity left on F4E RH Scope for ITER Assembly: 6 IVV Units



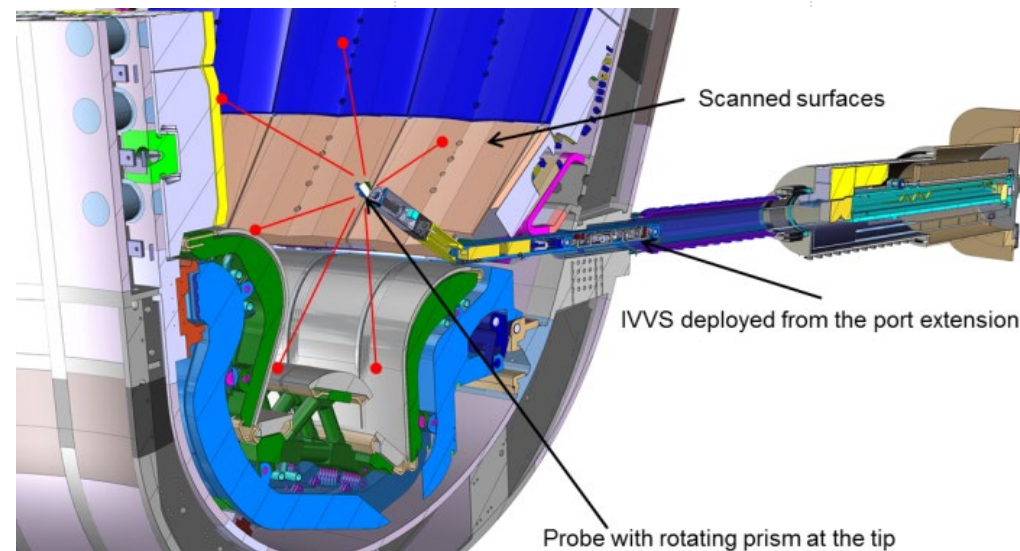
In-Vessel Viewing System (6 units) - optical probe, machine, PIC feed-through, radiation resistant components already selected.

Current project status:

- under Final Design to be completed in early 2027
- Main IVVS components have been prototyped and tested

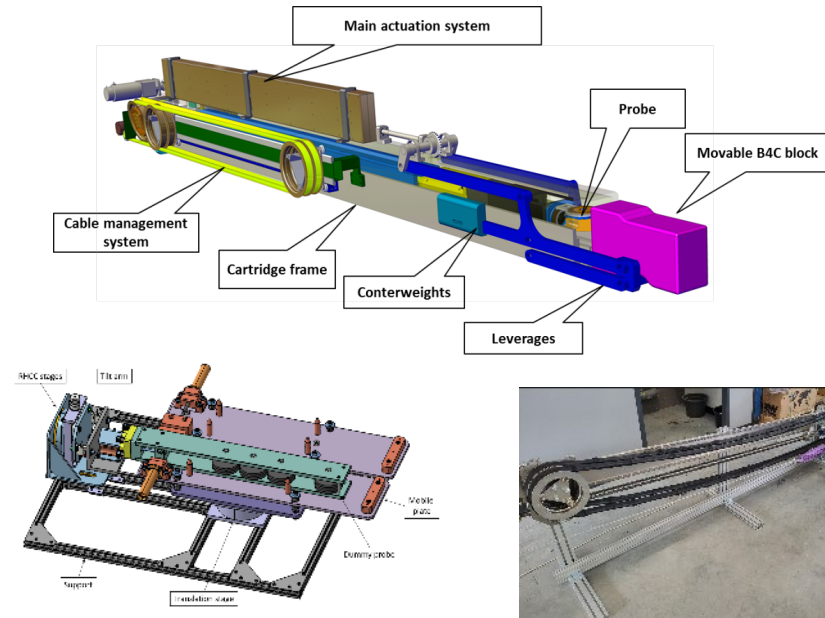
Manufacturing Procurement to be launched in 2027 by F4E

(need dates: end 2031-32)



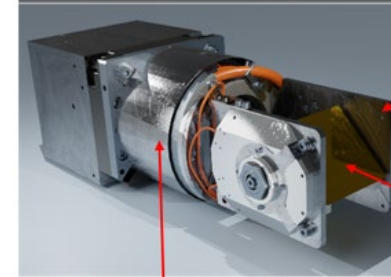
- **IVVS consists of 6 remotely actuated endoscopes able to perform in-vessel viewing and metrology (~0.1mm) between plasma pulses**
- Near infrared, amplitude modulated, laser scan
- It must be compatible with B, T, UHV, neutrons and gammas

4. IVVS – Prototyping and design status

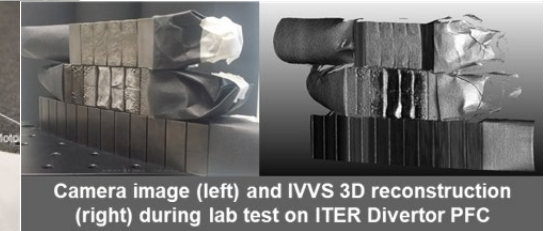
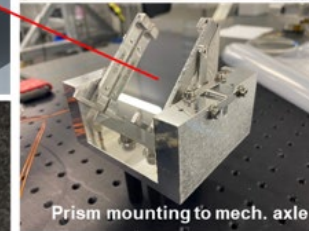
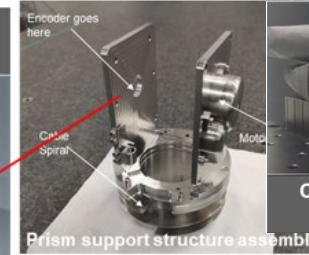
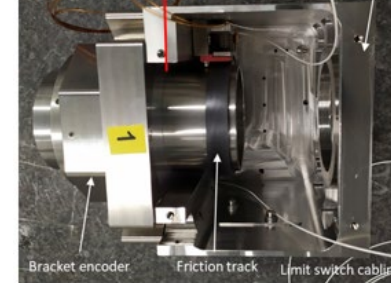


Probe replacement tool design and cable management system prototyped and successfully tested

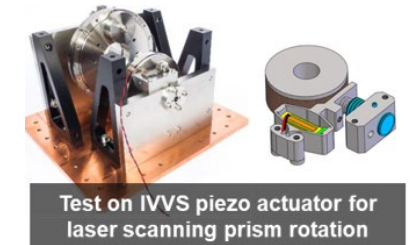
IVVS scanning head prototype (render) and components (real)



Bracket encoder and actuator assy



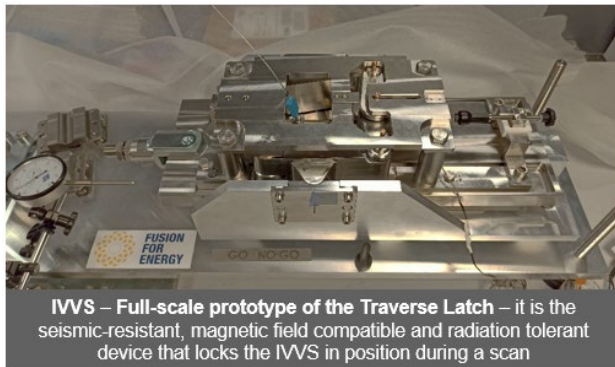
Camera image (left) and IVVS 3D reconstruction (right) during lab test on ITER Divertor PFC



Test on IVVS piezo actuator for laser scanning prism rotation



Special encoder for IVVS scanning head developed



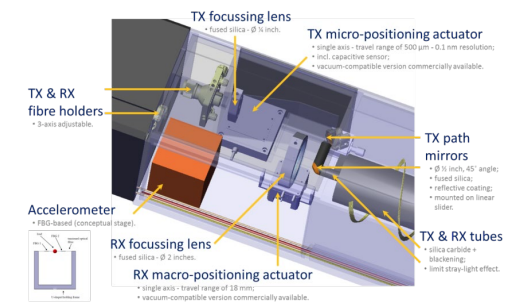
IVVS – Full-scale prototype of the Traverse Latch – it is the seismic-resistant, magnetic field compatible and radiation tolerant device that locks the IVVS in position during a scan



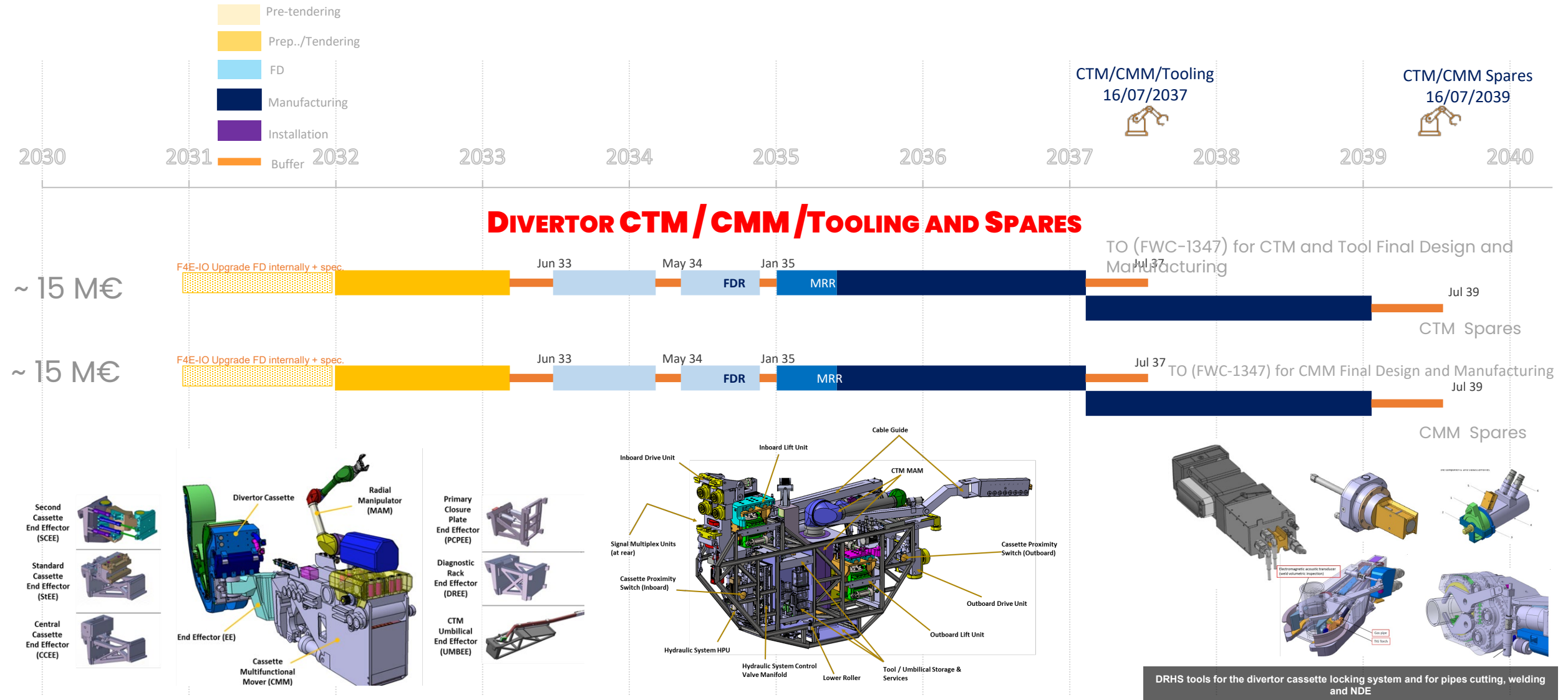
IVVS Thermal Outgassing Rig (TOR) procured to validate the compatibility of IVVS components with the ITER vacuum



IVVS – Full-scale prototype of the Remote-handling Compatible Connector – it is the high-density electrical/optical connector assembly that services the IVVS Cartridge when installed; it must be connected/disconnected via remote tooling located in the CPRHS

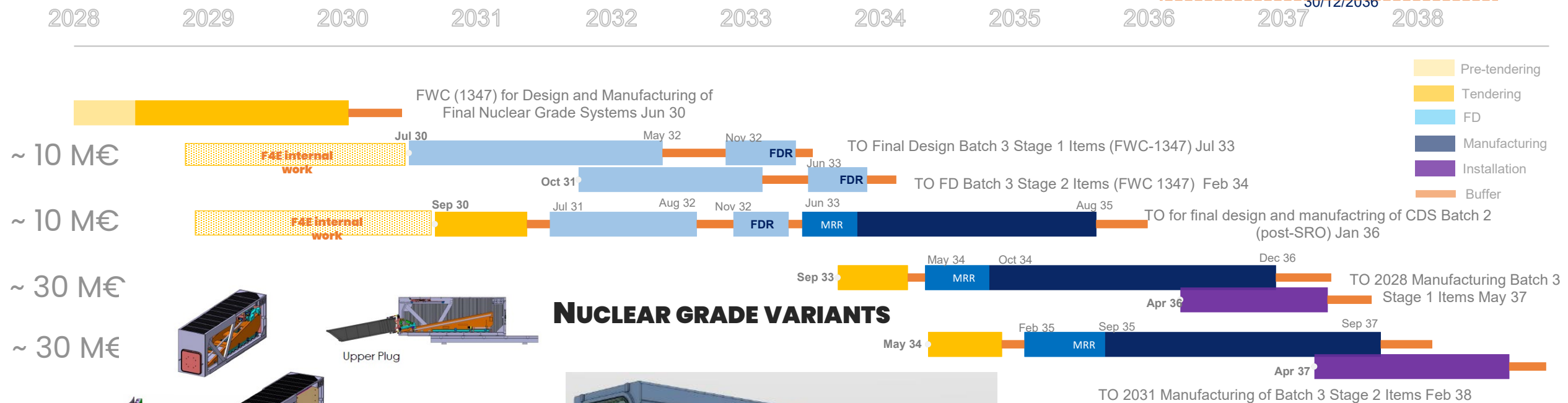
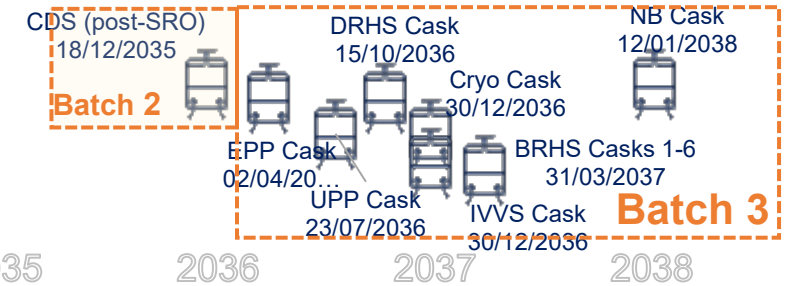


5.1 DRHS Business Opportunities in the ITER Assembly Time-Frame

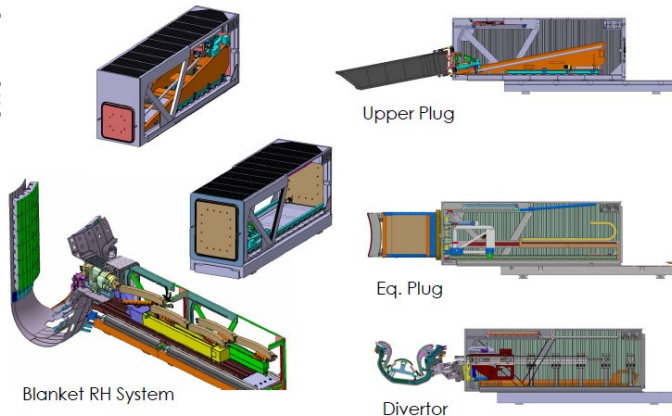


5.2 CPRHS Business Opportunities in the ITER Assembly Time-Frame

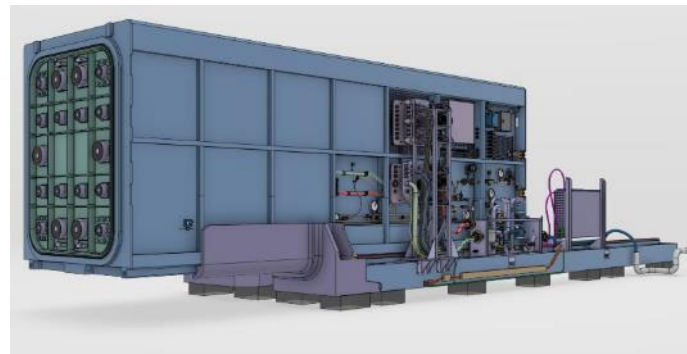
CPRHS consists of a fleet of 15 casks, of different typologies, travelling across TKM and HC buildings for confined transportation of activated/contaminated components and other RH systems



NUCLEAR GRADE VARIANTS

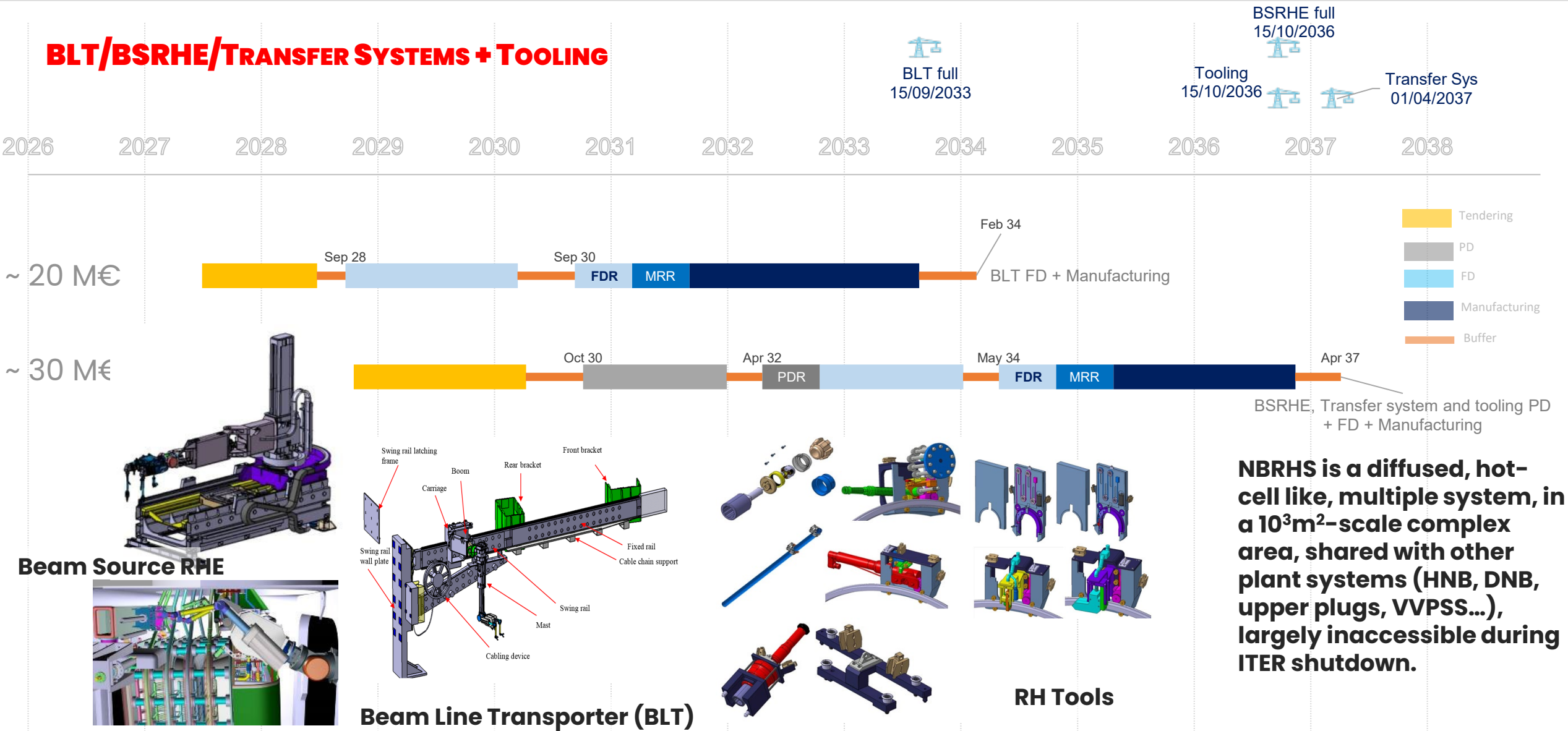


Blanket RH System



5.3 NBRHS Business Opportunities in the ITER Assembly Time-Frame

BLT/BSRHE/TRANSFER SYSTEMS + TOOLING



6. F4E's Technology Development Program opportunities on Remote Handling

- Candidate Remote Handling technologies currently under assessment
- Examples of potential Topics: Development, qualification and integration in real/demonstrators of
 - in-bore and orbital tools for pipes cutting, welding and Non-Destructive Essays
 - gamma and neutron radiation-hard sensors, actuators (e.g. piezo motors), and BiSS remote I/O modules
 - FM LIDAR
 - Robotics joints
 - Etc.
- Projects to be defined in the course of 2025, calls from 2026 onwards

7. Conclusions on Business Opportunities

- Previous slides shows a significant number of tenders: typically $> 10\text{M€} < 30\text{M€}$, for final design and/or manufacturing, to be launched between 2027–2031, during the ITER assembly time frame
- Opportunities will come through the Technology Development Program
- We definitively need, and privilege, an open and dynamic approach to our collaboration with industries
- Stay tuned on our call for tenders and updates in next IBFs





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Experience of an SME with validating maintenance procedures

ITER Business Forum 2025 - Thematic workshop: Machine Assembly Program n°2
dr. C.J.M. Heemskerk www.heemskerk-innovative.nl

Agenda

1. Company
2. Using Virtual Reality in Remote Handling Maintenance – Virtual Mockups
3. Virtual reality in Hands-on Maintenance
4. Application in Big Science

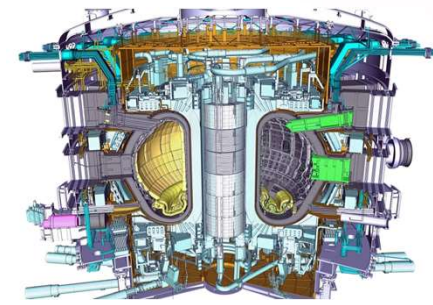
HIT

- Full name: Heemskerk Innovative Technology BV
- SME, established 2007
- 12 employees (2 PhD, 5 MSc, 5 BSc), 9 FTE, >60 years experience
- Plus 5-10 graduate & undergraduate students

Location: Delft, The Netherlands



Core business: consultancy in remote handling



Partners & Clients



25/04/2025

IBF 2025

VR techniques in Remote Handling - Virtual Mock-ups

- **Prepare for shutdown maintenance**
 - New machine, new plant, high investments, pressure on MTTR
 - While the machine or plant is still in operation
 - When shutdown conditions are unique
- **Develop and validate procedures**
 - Avoid expensive 1:1 scale hardware mock-ups
 - Validate complex procedures
 - Get early feedback on practical maintainability
- **Train and support the operators**
 - Large teams to be prepared for the shutdown
 - Nominal procedure training: multiple views
 - Non-nominal procedures, safety training



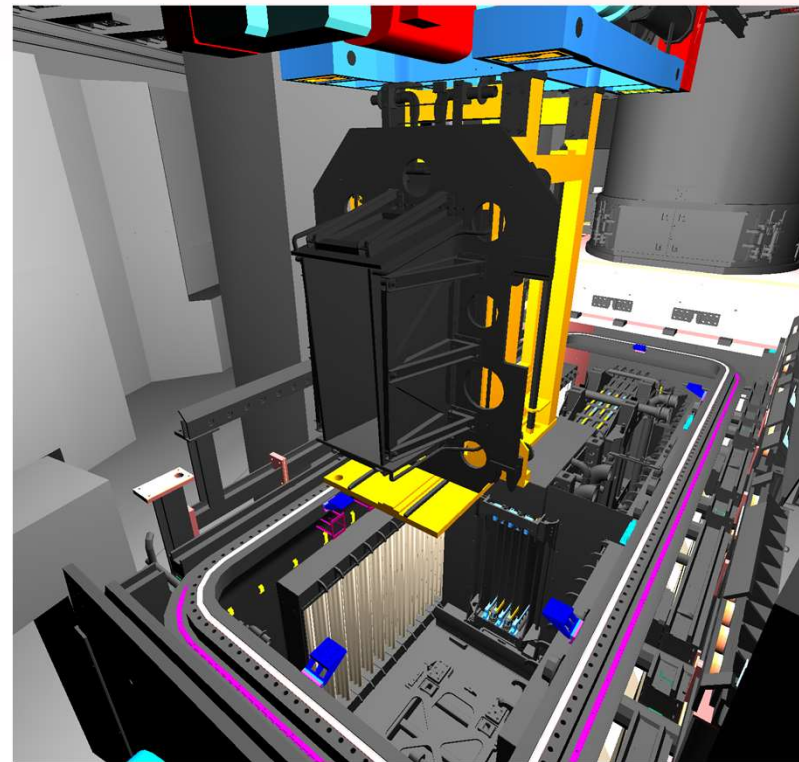
Example: Neutral Beam Exit Scraper

Customer: F4E \ AMEC (ABC)

Task: Analyse concepts for NB exit scraper replacement

Results:

- Analysis using a Virtual Mock-up
- Realistic behaviour in the interaction
- Several design recommendations to avoid/ correct misalignment
- Need for Augmented Reality during operations



VR techniques for Manual Maintenance

- Comply with the ALARA principle: Limit dose rates and exposure times by design, long before the actual exposure of these human workers
- Developments in quality of head mounted displays now also allow for first-person hands-on assessment. Key contributions:
 - VR provides new means to **judge feasibility** of maintenance operations
 - VR helps to make more **realistic estimates of maintenance times**
 - VR helps to **verify component designs** and develop tooling
 - VR helps to **verify maintenance procedures**
 - VR helps to **train operators** and make actual operations more efficient

Example: EC Equatorial Port Cell Maintenance



Customer: ITER IO

Task:

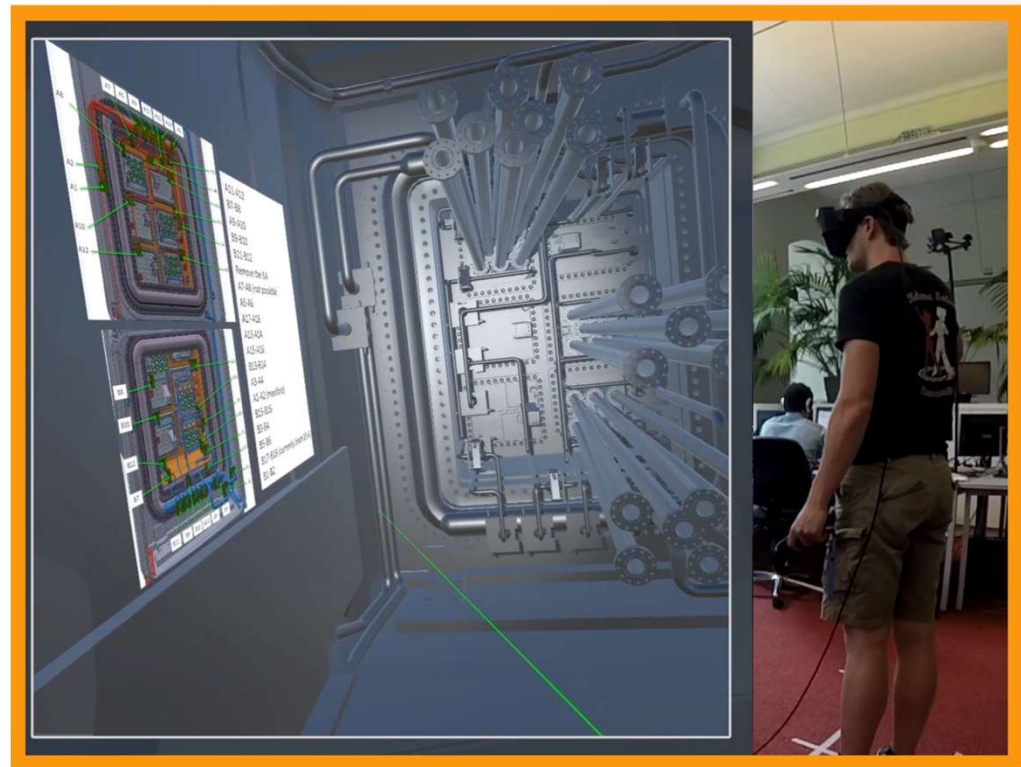
- Analyse port cell maintenance procedures

Tool:

- Virtual Mock-up of EC port Cell
- VR headset

Results:

- Check on procedure feasibility
- Port Cell Access Constraints
- Working at heights
- Dose rate prediction

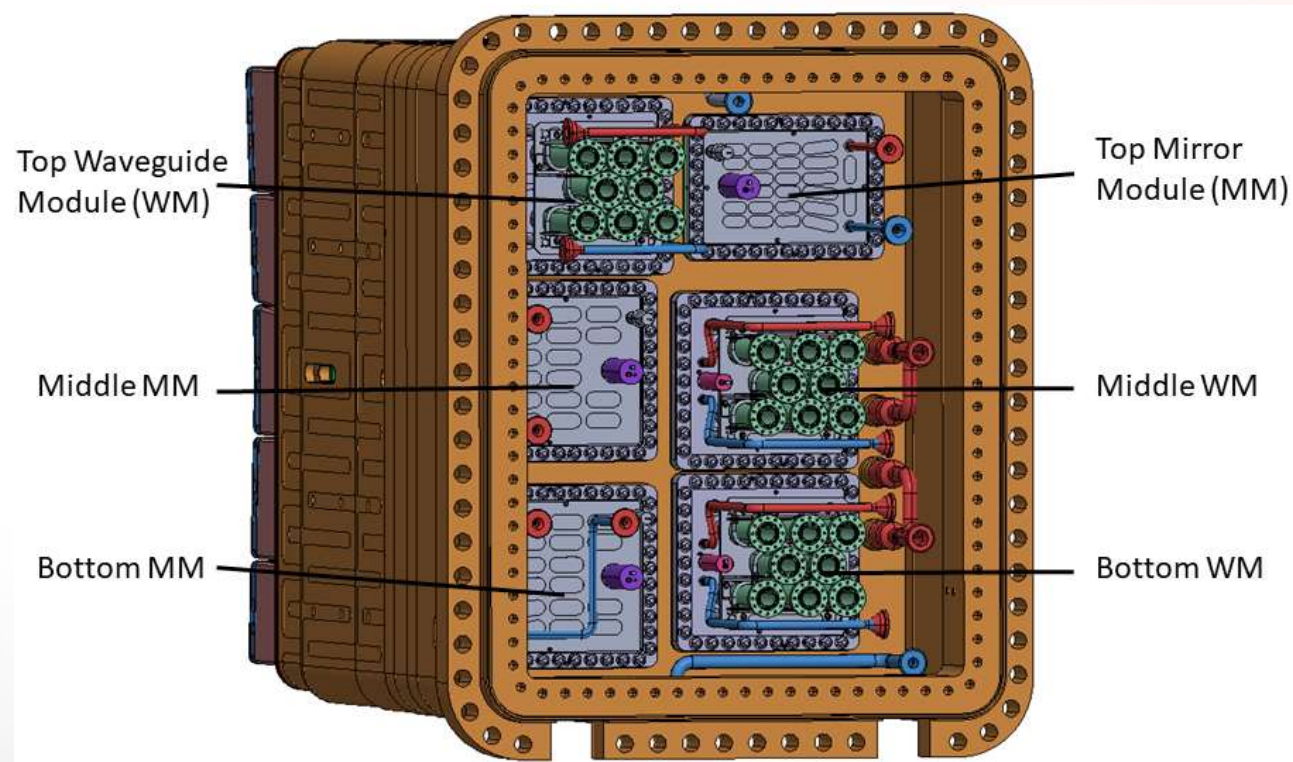


VR Setup

- HTC Vive pro kit
- CPU: Intel core i7-8700 CPU at 3.20Ghz
- RAM: 32 GB
- GPU: Nvidia GeForce GTX1660 Ti graphics card
- Unity
- CAD models prepared for VR use.

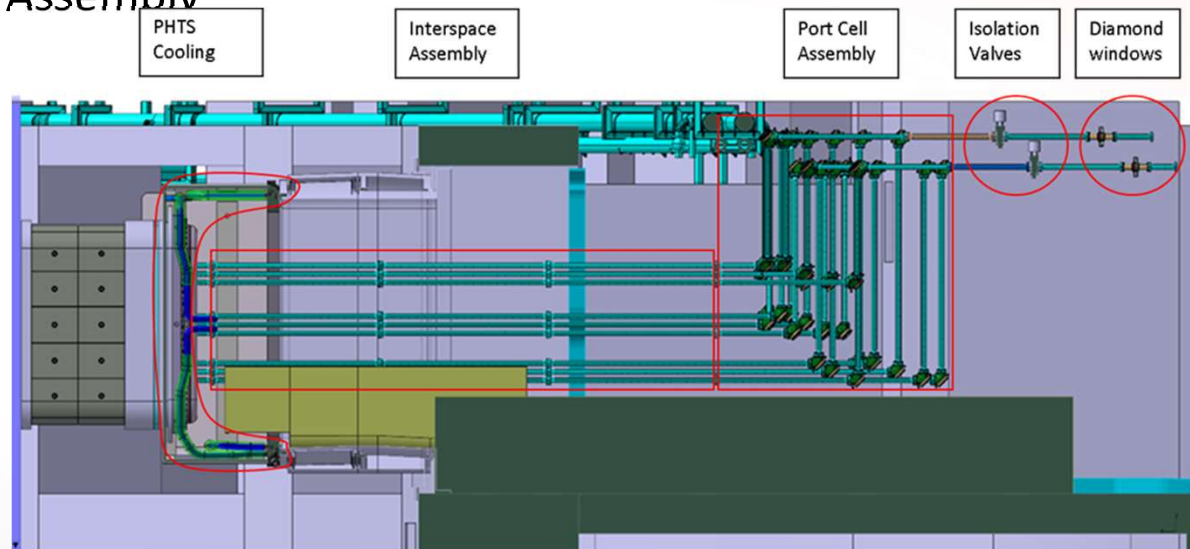


Back end of the EC EL port plug



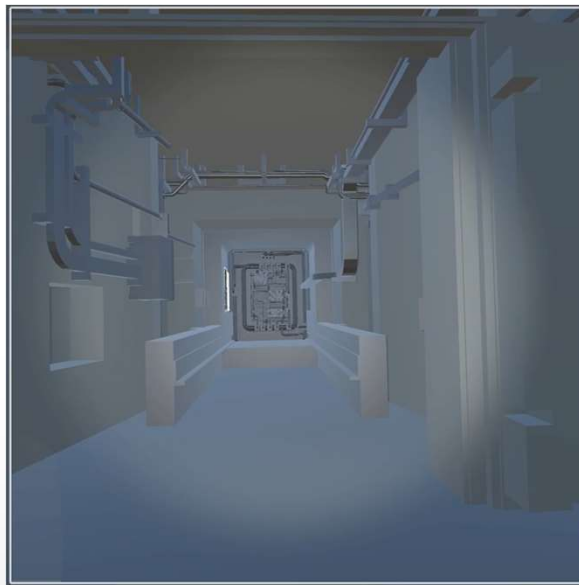
RH and HO/MA Maintenance tasks

- Removal of the Port Plug
- Replace an Isolation Valve
- Replace a Diamond Window
- Remove the Port Cell Assembly
- Remove the Interspace Assembly
- Remove the water connections
- Remove all the ancillaries



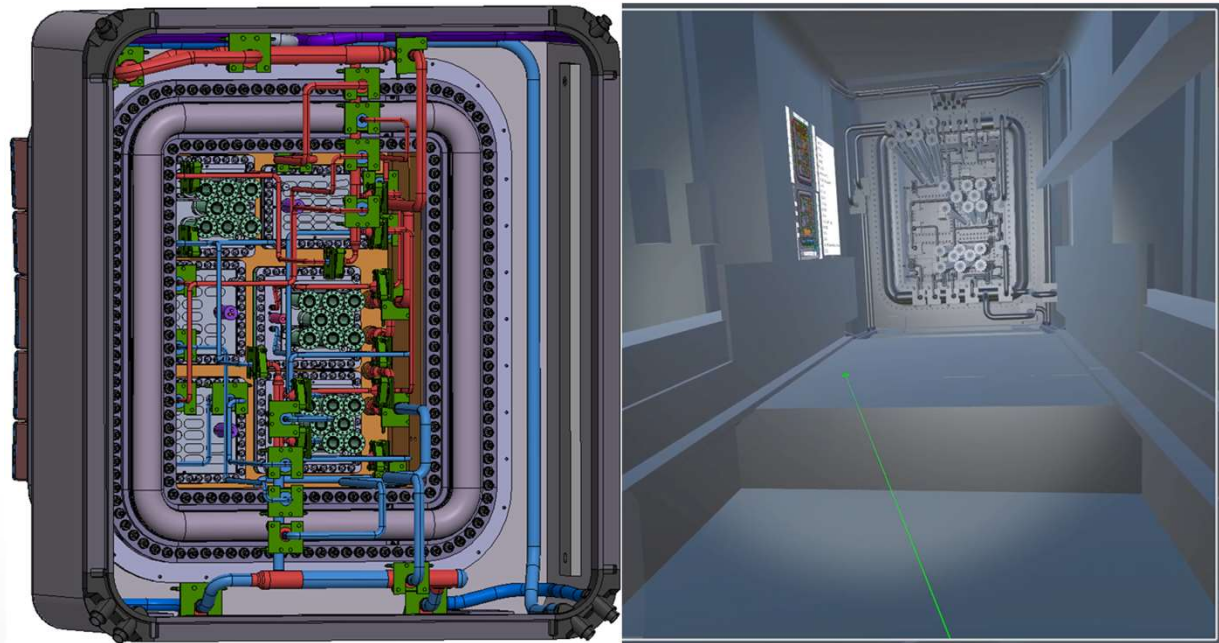
Immersion in the scene

- Intuitive perception of object size and size of the surroundings (5meter high ceiling).
- Better feeling and understanding for reach of the operator, given the different objects.
- Easy and intuitive to move around objects around different axis in 6DOF.



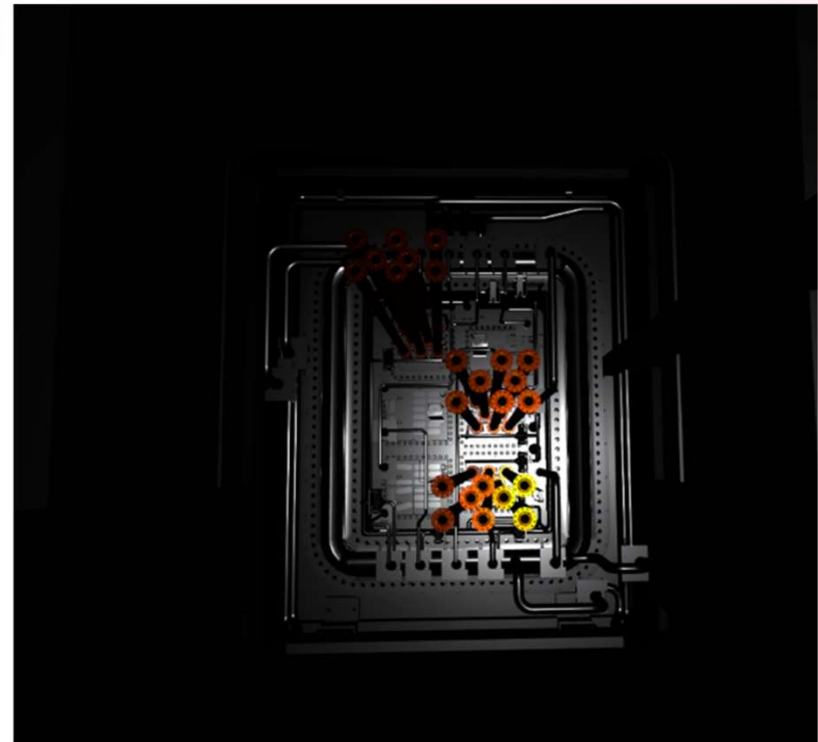
Differences with CAD model

- CAD models typically use artificial colours. In (virtual) reality we see steel on steel, making it much harder to recognize and distinguish parts.



Realistic light conditions

- Visual realism
directly highlights the need for
proper lighting
- Either installed on the spot
or carried by the operator



Intuitive respect for physical constraints

- Users tend to respect real-life physical constraints, even without actual physical limitations to go there.
- Users intuitively crouch and bend along obstacles.
- Similar behaviour when working at height.

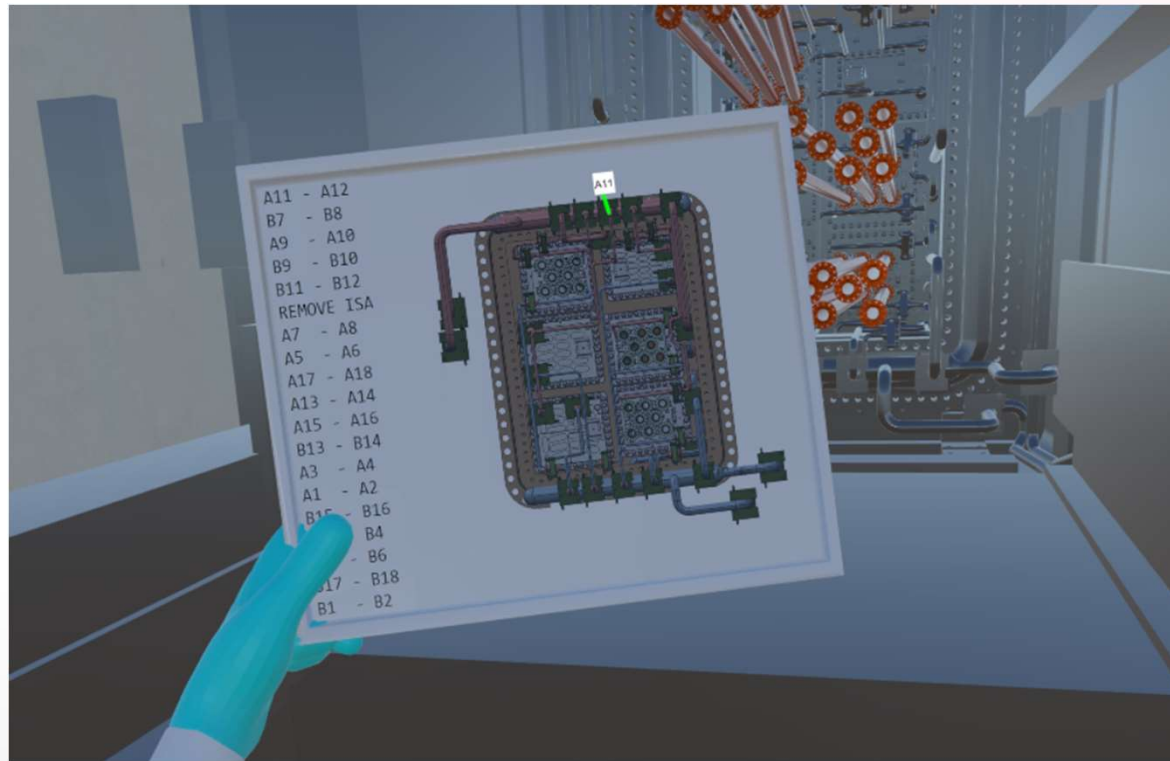


Need for storage and support tools

- Embedded VR simulation forces users to think about logistics, as objects and tools should not appear out of or disappear into nowhere as they might do in a simple CAD software sequence.



Train and verify complex procedures



Conclusion

- Modern VR techniques can help to drive out feasibility issues on the sequence, access and sequence constraints, ergonomics and missing tools.
- Recent improvements in immersion helps to gain relative spatial awareness and provides an idea on the overhead of logistics and an actual representation of the scene.
- Added value of using VR techniques to analyse maintenance scenarios:
 - Very little training required to experience the process first-hand
 - Based on the actual CAD models
 - Assess geometrically complex maintenance sequencing
 - Less need for expensive hardware mock-ups
 - Considerations for details such as lighting, storage, tools logistics, etc.

Questions

1. How can IO/F4E keep SMEs involved?

This is where the real innovations takes place. Not only at the start but also during the ride.

In recent industry sessions, F4E seems to pay more explicit attention to this. How does that translate concretely to the RH domain?

HIT is good at making (VR) simulations – for design feedback, procedure validation, but also to prepare for installation, support during installation and operator training.

But most of these activities go right across into the large Procurements and is never a separate procurement.

2. Adequate procurement strategy with regard to the large RH contracts?

In Divertor, CPRHS, and NBRHS, previously selected RH consortia have caused problems.

Is there any introspection (especially at IO/F4E) about where and why it did not go well?

How are they going to tackle it now? Can SME's help?

How are they going to deal with the loss of UK?

3. What is the IO/F4E policy regarding standardization of procedures and tooling?

Is there a policy? Would they like some help with this?



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OVERVIEW OF CURRENT NIKIET ACTIVITY FOR ITER PROJECT

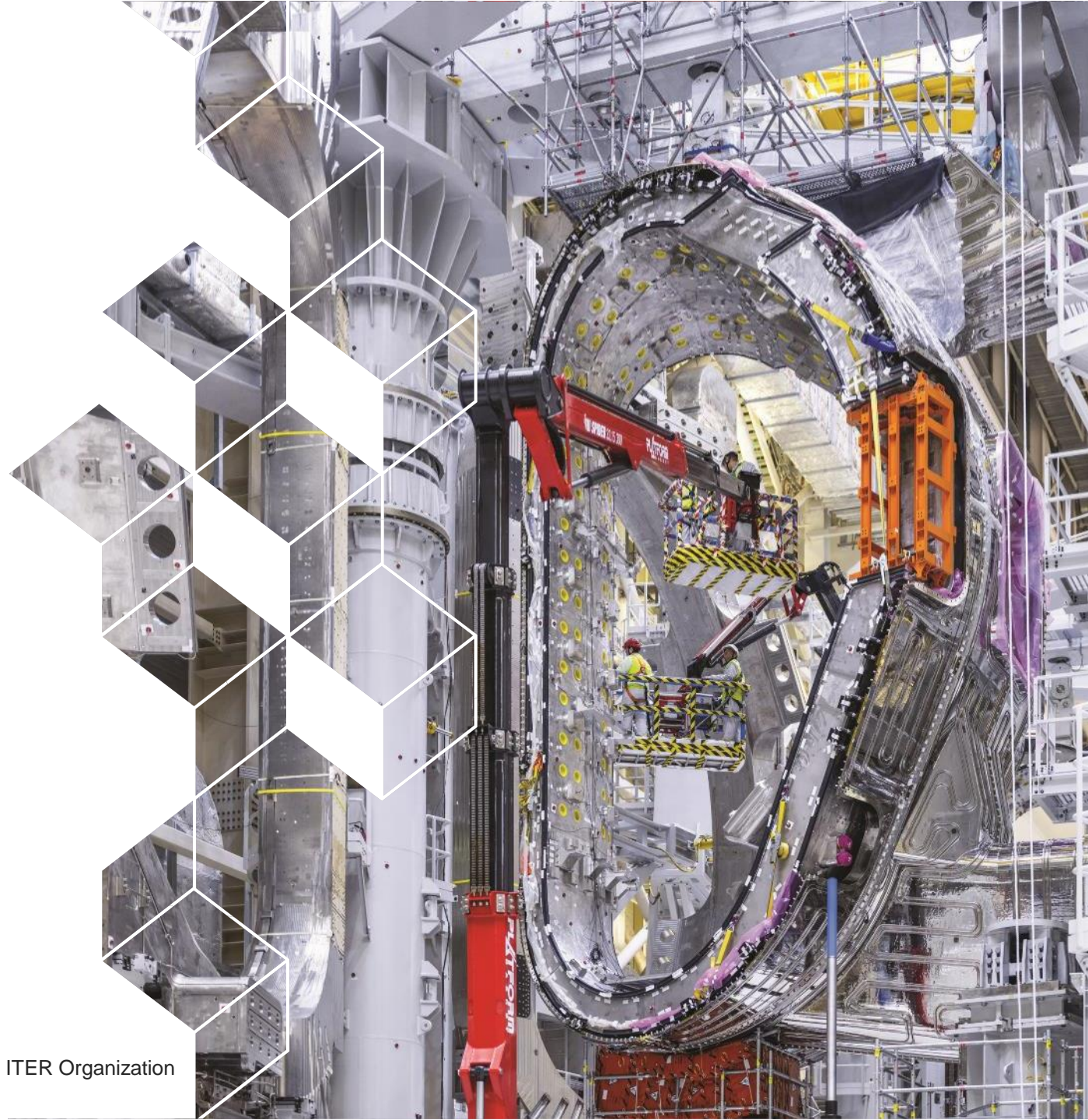
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Deputy head of department/ head of group

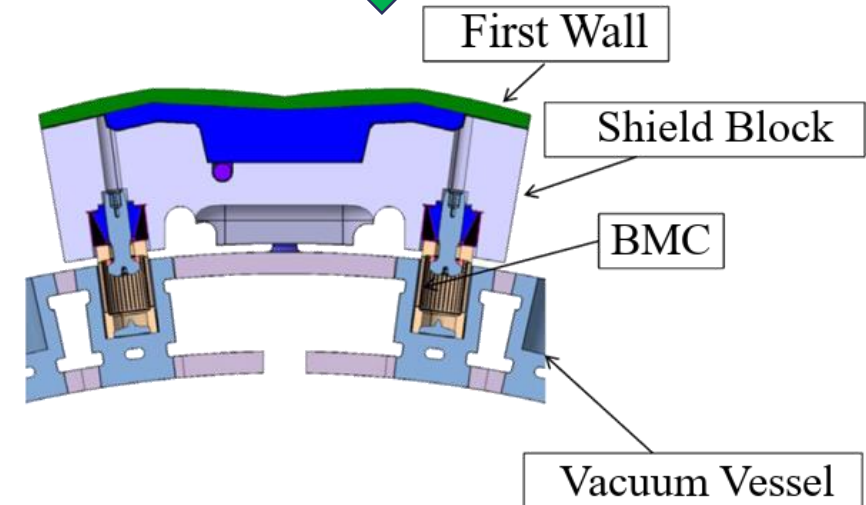
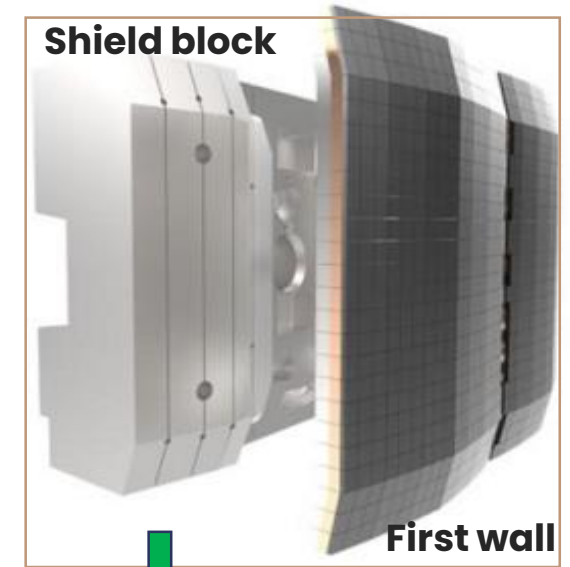
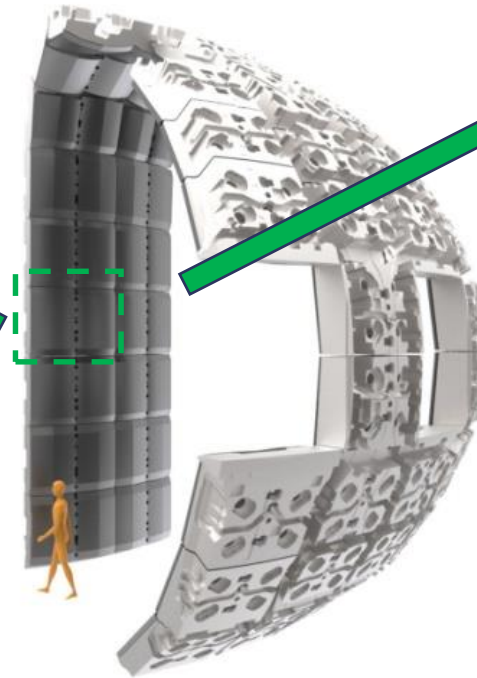
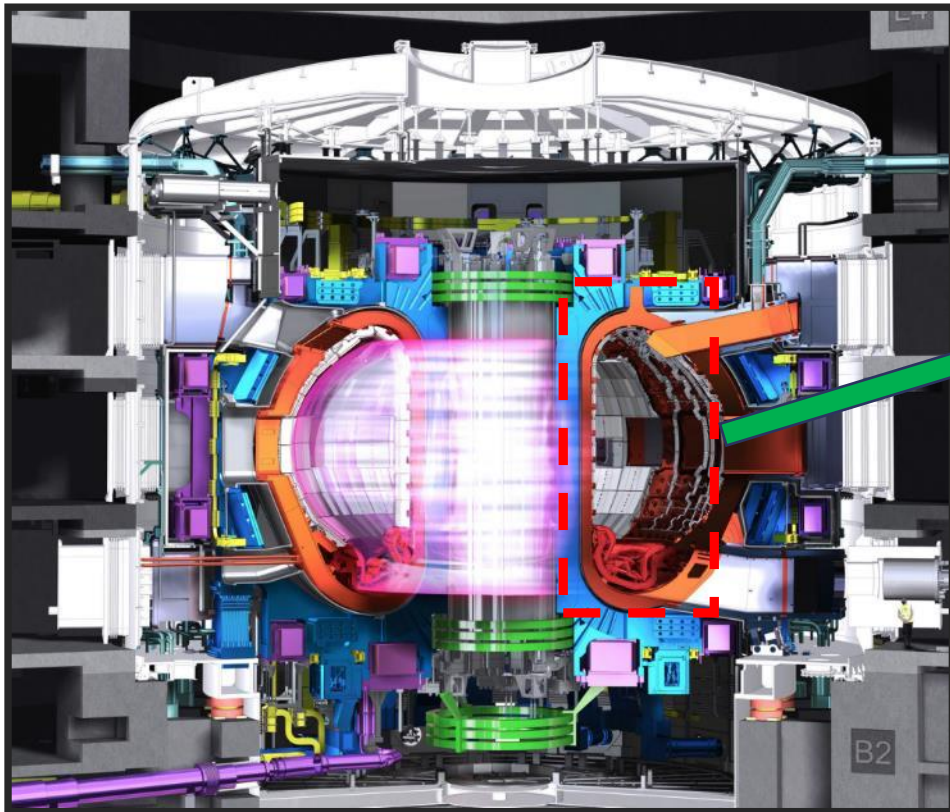
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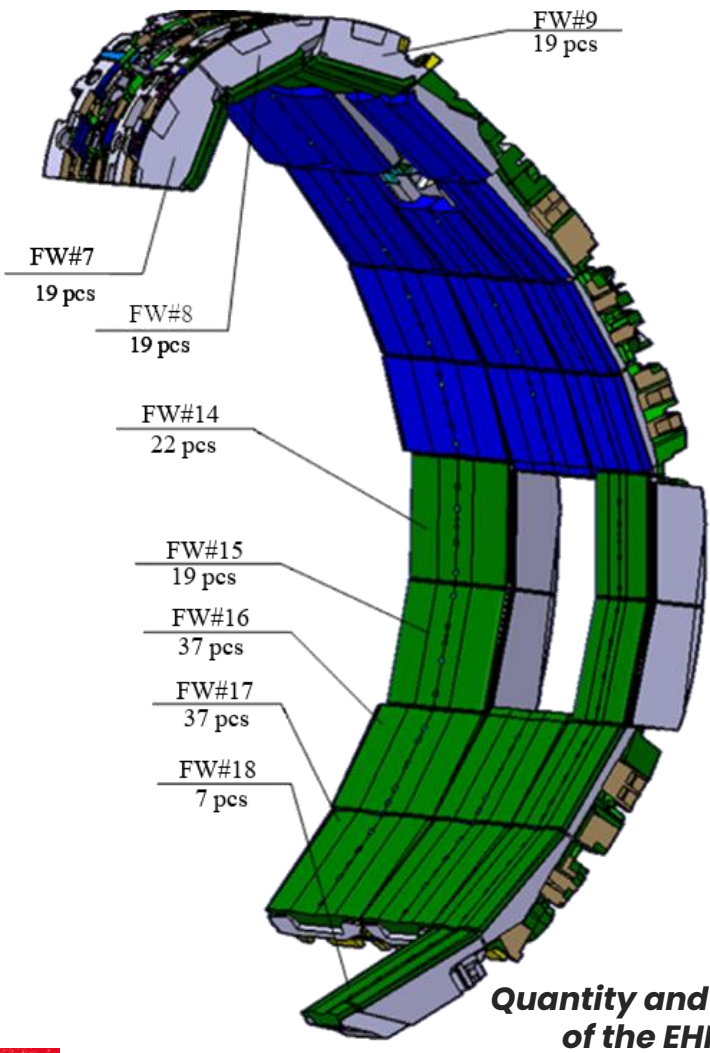


Procurement arrangement in NIKIET

- Procurement arrangement for supplier the First Wall Panels with Enhanced Heat Flux – 1.6.P1A.RF.01 from 13.02.2014
Start of serial production – 2021 y.;
- Procurement arrangement for supplier the Blanket Module Connections (BMC) – PA 1.6.P3.RF.01 from 19.12.2014
- Start of serial production – 2019 y.;



The NIKIET activity within the framework of the Agreement on the supply of First Wall. #1

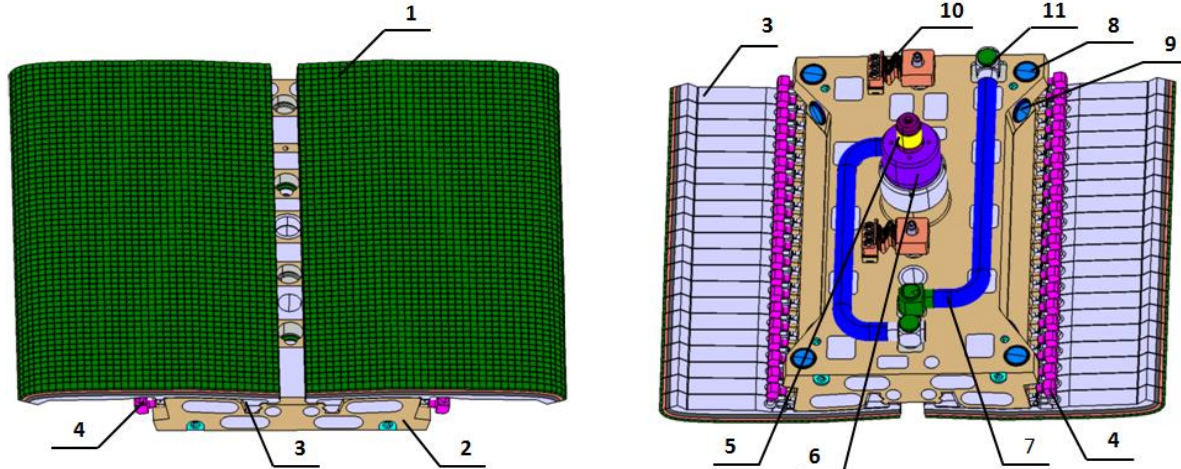


The First Wall are a thermally stressed component of the blanket system facing the plasma and mechanically fixed to the shield block (SB) using a fastening system. A thermally stressed FW is capable of receiving a heat flux of up to 4.7 MW/m² acting from the plasma.

- Total number – 179 pcs
- Deferent design of the FW depending from the location
- Main supplier: NIKIET and NIIIEFA

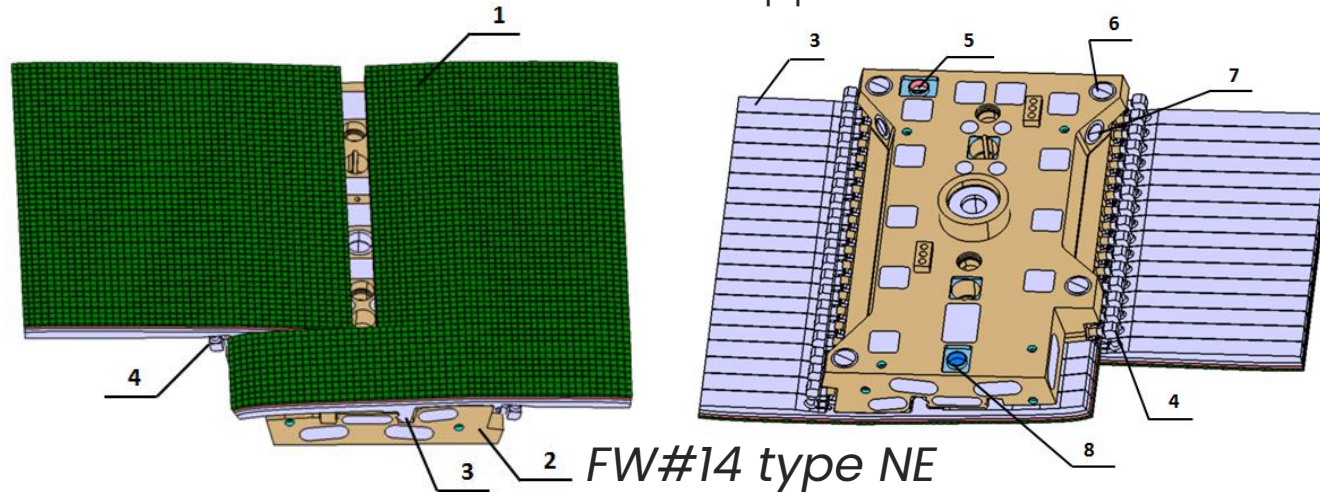
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8	Type A (15 pcs)	Type B (4 pcs)	19
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The NIKIET activity within the framework of the Agreement on the supply of First Wall. #2

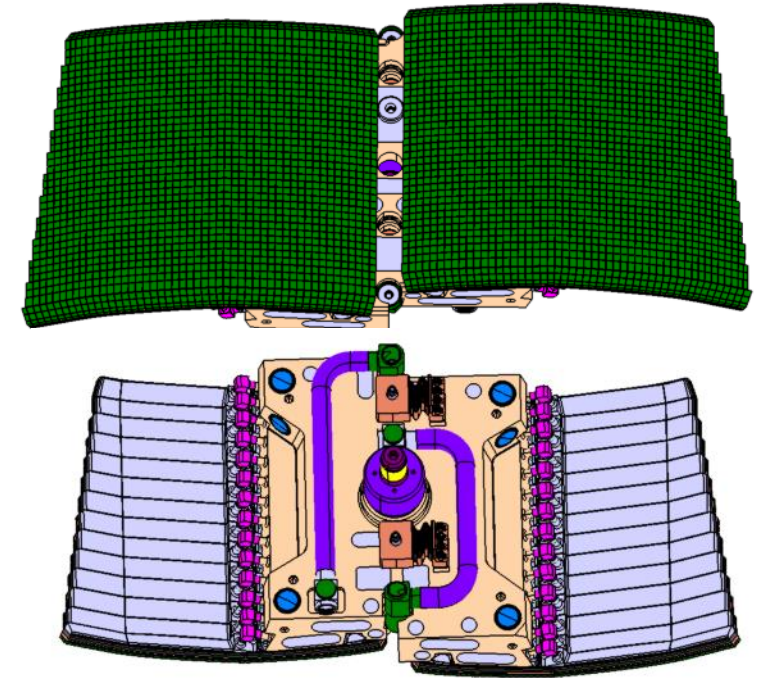


FW#14 type A

1 – Be (W); 2 – FW beam; 3 – FW fingers; 4 – pipe; 5 – bolt; 6 – threaded barrel;
7 – coolant supply pipe; 8 – radial Pad; 9 – poloidal Pad; 10 – Electrical strap;
11 – coolant outlet pipe

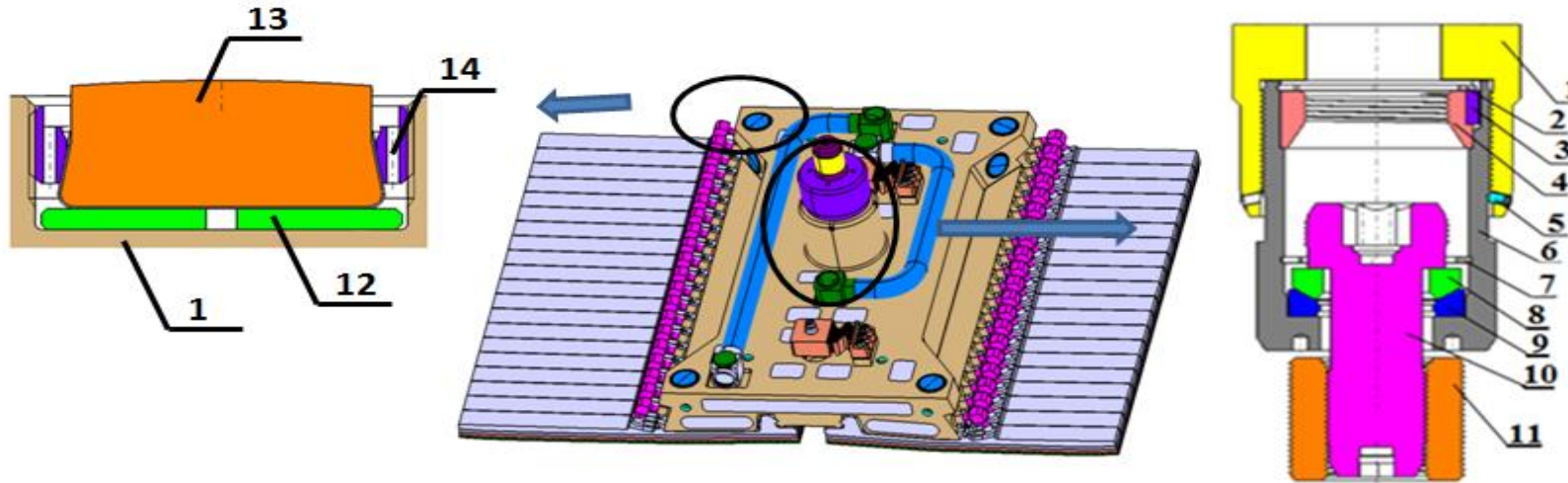


FW#14 type NE

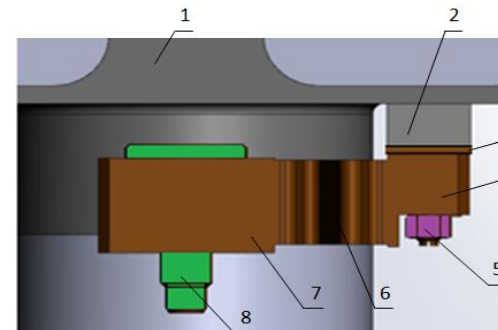
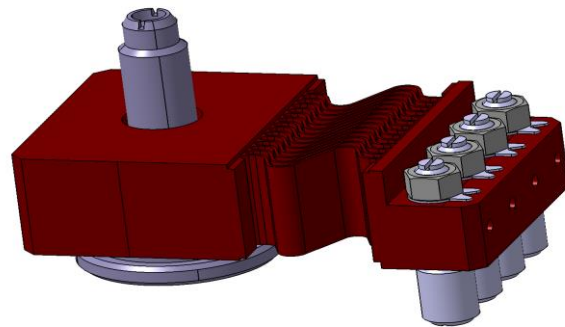


FW#8 type A

The NIKIET activity within the framework of the Agreement on the supply of First Wall. #3



1-FW beam; 2- locking ring; 3-key; 4-sleeve; 5-locking bolt; 6- barrel; 7- locking ring; 8-spherical washer; 9-conical washer with electrical insulation coating; 10-strength bolt, 11- threaded washer; 13- Pad; 14 - nut;



1- FW beam; 2- bimetallic pedestal; 3- bronze layer; 4- side flange of electrical strap; 5- nut and stud; 6 - current -carrying lamellas; 7- central flange of ES; 8 - strength bolt

The NIKIET activity within the framework of the Agreement on the supply of Blanket Module connections (1.6.P3.RF.01)

Blanket Module Connections are part of the ITER blanket system and perform the following functions:

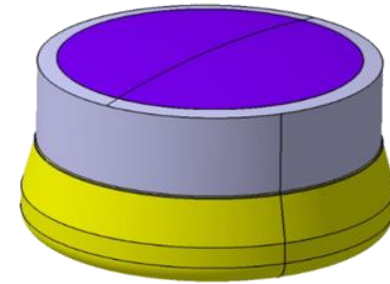
- Mounting of the blanket modules on the inner wall of the Vacuum Vessel;
- Electrical isolation of blanket modules from Vacuum Vessel in places of possible contact;
- Grounding of volumetric and surface currents induced in blanket modules on Vacuum Vessel

BMC delivery set consist of:

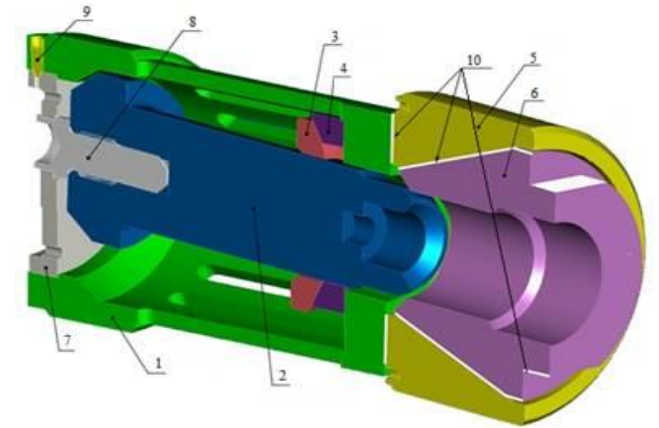
- Flexible cartridge assembly – 2109 pcs;
- Inter modular and Stub Key Pads – 866 and 1075 pcs;
- Electrical Strap Assemblies – 1052 pcs.
- Bimetallic Pedestals – 1052 pcs.

Critical manufacturing processes:

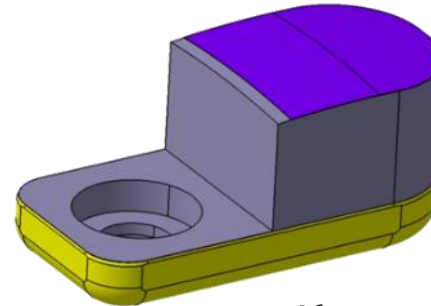
- Electrical coating deposition (Al_2O_3)
- Low-friction coating deposition (MoS_2)
- Hot Isostatic Pressuring



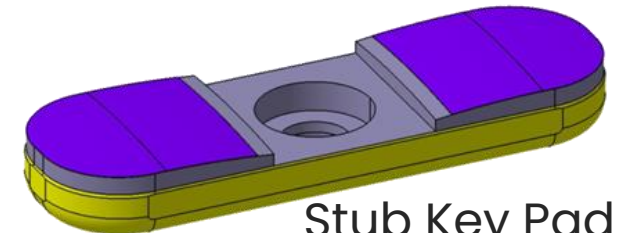
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Flexible Cartridge Assembly



Half-pad



Stub Key Pad

Main subsuppliers

Customer



INSTITUTION PROJECT
CENTER ITER
ROSATOM



Main supplier



NIKIET
ROSATOM



NIIEFA
ROSATOM



Subsupplier



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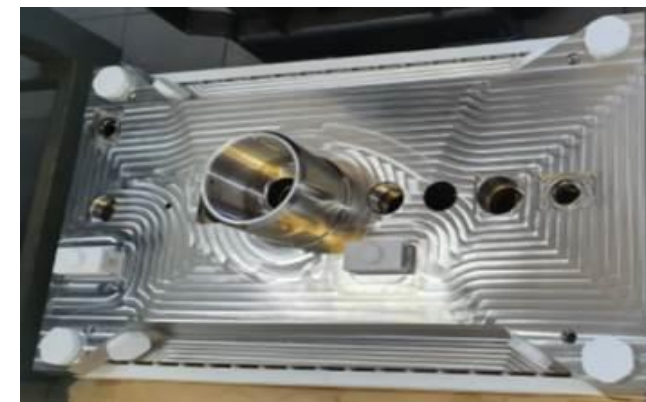
Manufacturing of Full Scale Prototypes



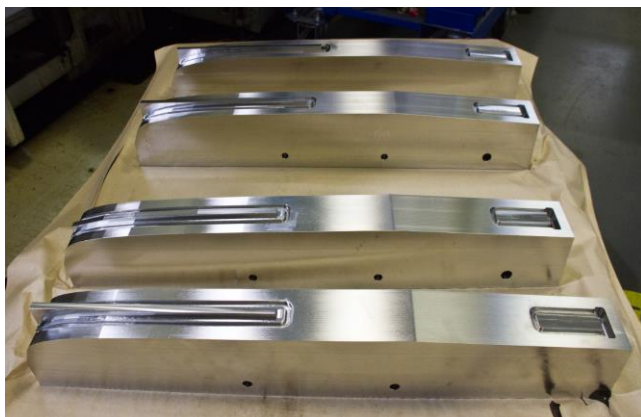
Bimetallic Pedestals



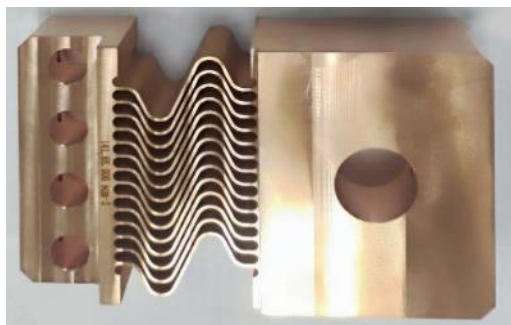
FW beam after laser welding of covers



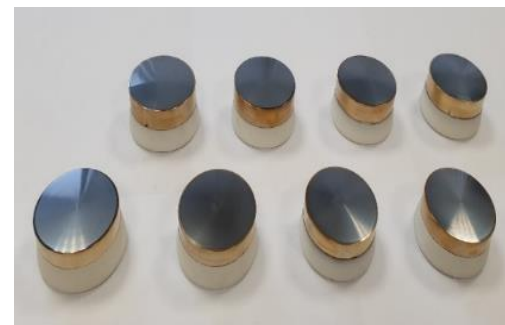
FW beam after laser welding of cover final machining



Finger cases after covers welding



Electrical Strap

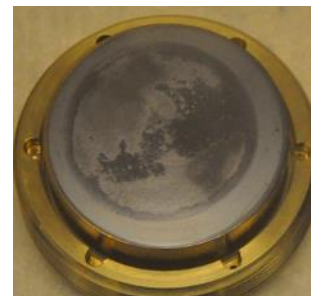


FW Pads

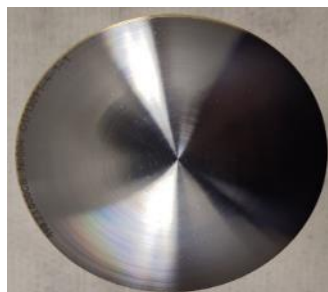


Fasteners

Qualification of Pad Assembly manufacturing process



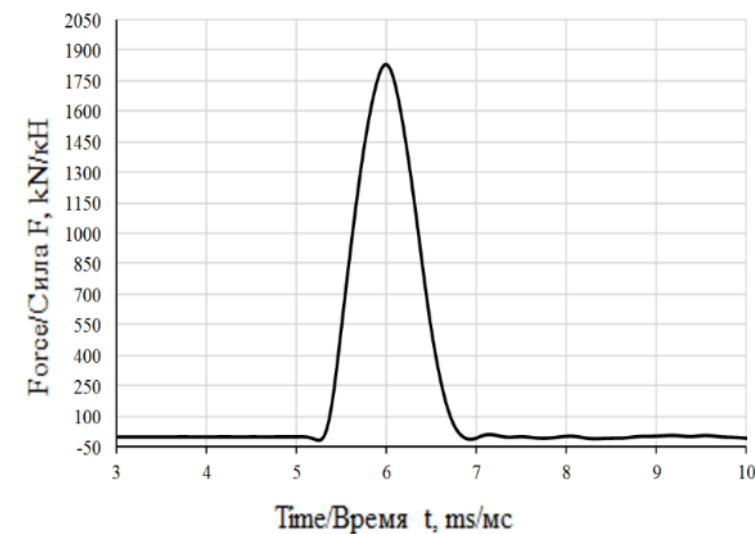
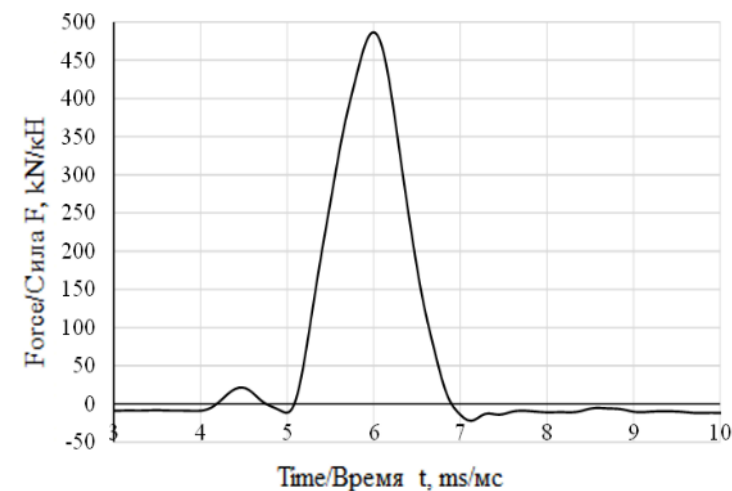
FW Pad



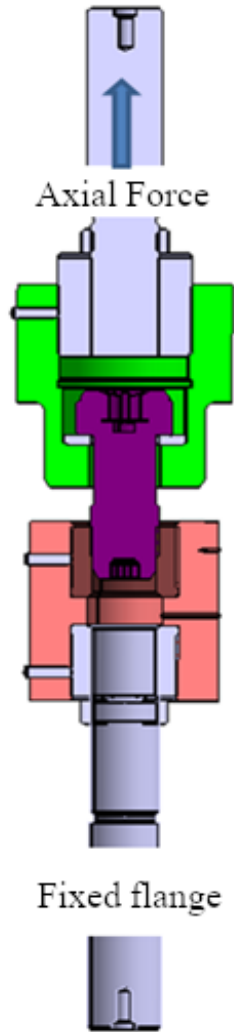
IMK Pad

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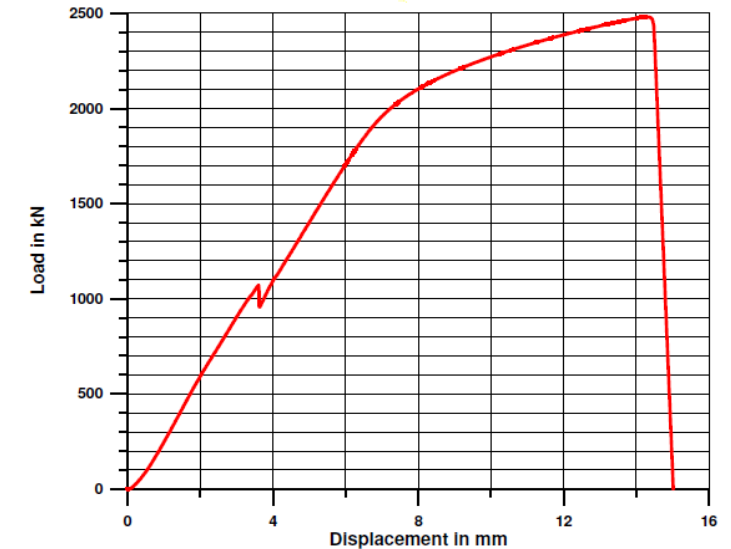
- Full scale prototypes (50 sets) were manufacturing with fully agreement with ITER requirements;
- No electrical breakdown;
- Integrity of electrical insulation coating were confirmed under Impact and Static loads.



Qualification of Strength Bolt Design



M64x4 FW



According to the test results, the strength of the bolts was confirmed in accordance with the ITER criteria, at the same time the bolt manufacturing process was certified, which will be used in the manufacture of fastening elements of the supplied sets of FW and BMC.



M64x4 FW

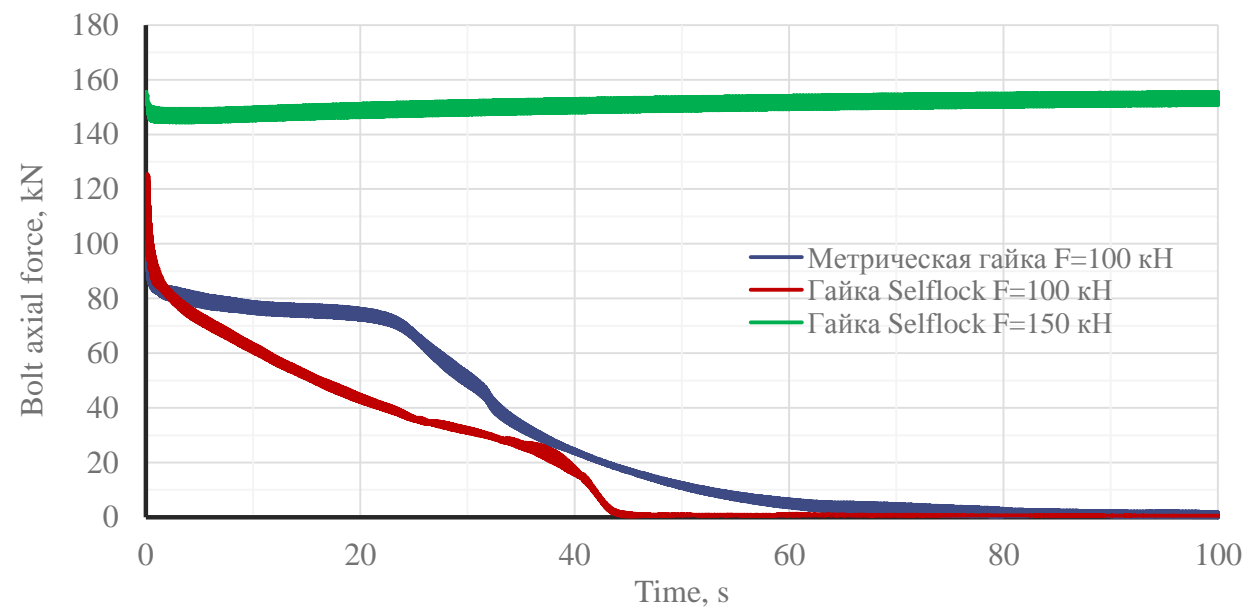
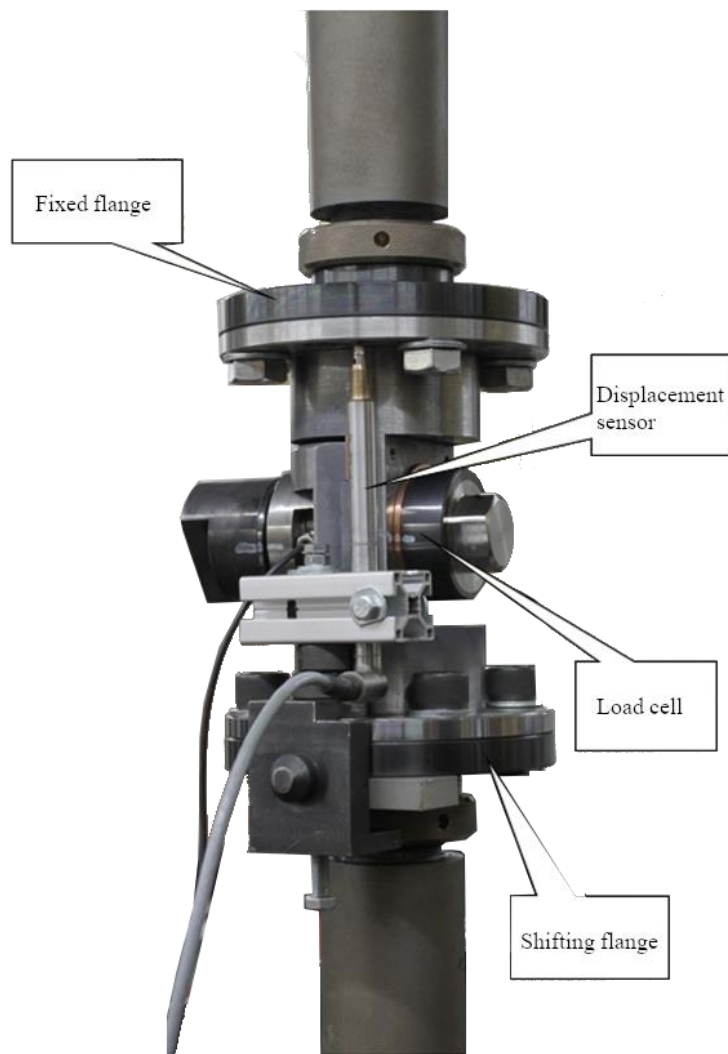


M64x4 BMC



M52x4 BMC

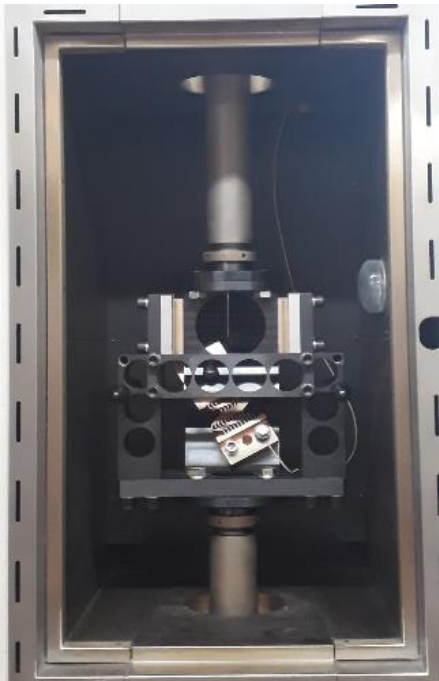
Qualification of Selflocking properties of Selflock Threads



Based on the test results, the following conclusions and recommendations can be made:

1. the Selflock thread with an low-friction coating has satisfactory self-locking properties.
2. it is necessary to increase the bolt tightening force to (140 ± 10) kN in threaded pairs with Selflock thread and low-friction coating in order to avoid unwinding during operation in ITER.

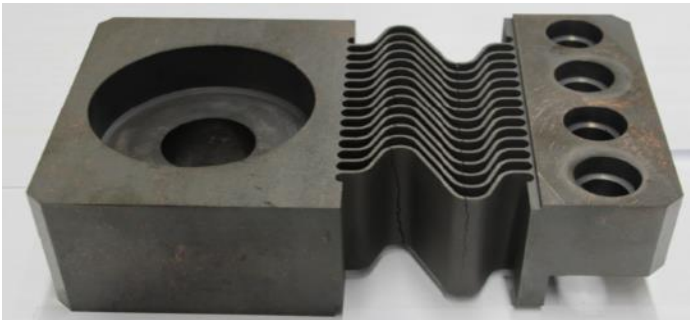
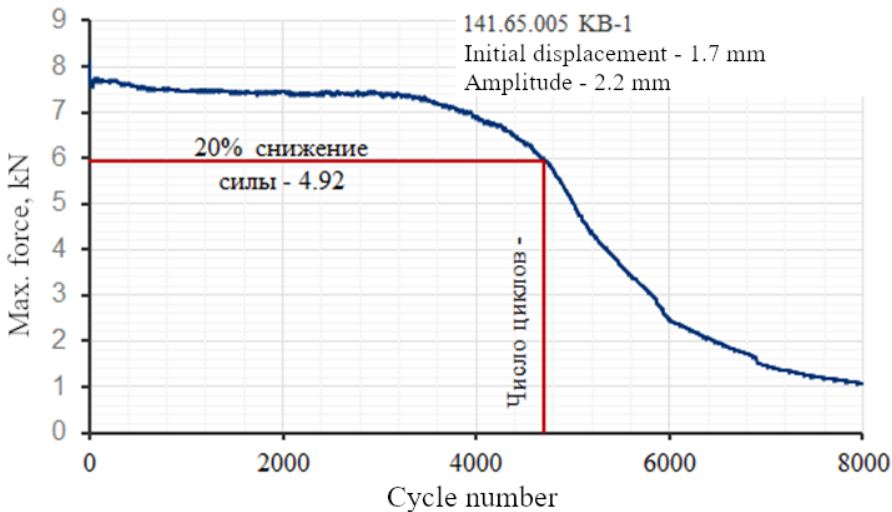
Qualification of Electrical Strap Design



Test jig

Stage of the test	Displacement, mm	Number of cycles
Stage I	± 0.8	22000
Stage II	± 1.1	8000
Stage III	± 2.2	8000

Test was performed at 290 °C



Electrical strap after test

According to the test results, the cyclic strength of the ES was confirmed at stages 1 and 2.

The minimum margin relative to the required 400 cycles are in the ranges from 2 to a maximum of 19.

Main results

1. The delivery of 1052 sets of bimetallic pedestals to the ITER site has been completed.
2. The qualification of the manufacturing process of high-strength FW and BMC bolts has been completed.
3. The technology of manufacturing the main components of the FW and BMC has been tested.
4. Experimental models of the main nodes of the FW and BMC were made.
5. An experimental study of threaded pairs made using EMUGE Self-lock technology has been performed, which confirmed the self-locking properties for M24 threaded pairs used for the ES Assembly.
6. Manufacturing and testing have been completed, which confirmed the efficiency of the ES under ITER loading conditions.
7. Pilot production of FW and BMC components has begun.



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Employees



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Annual Revenue



\$ 60 Bn
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Covered Area (m²): 600,000

Annual Cap. (MT) : 70,000

No Size & Weight limitation



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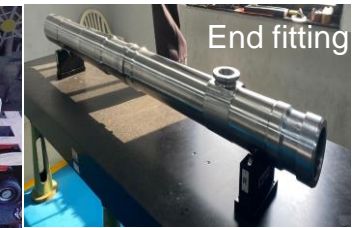
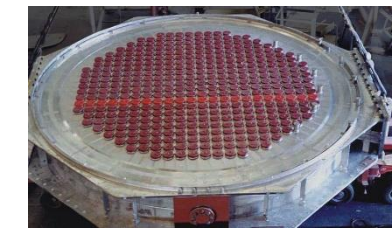
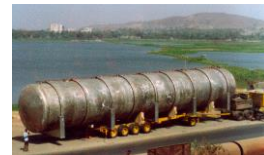
AHWR

ITER

220
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540
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700
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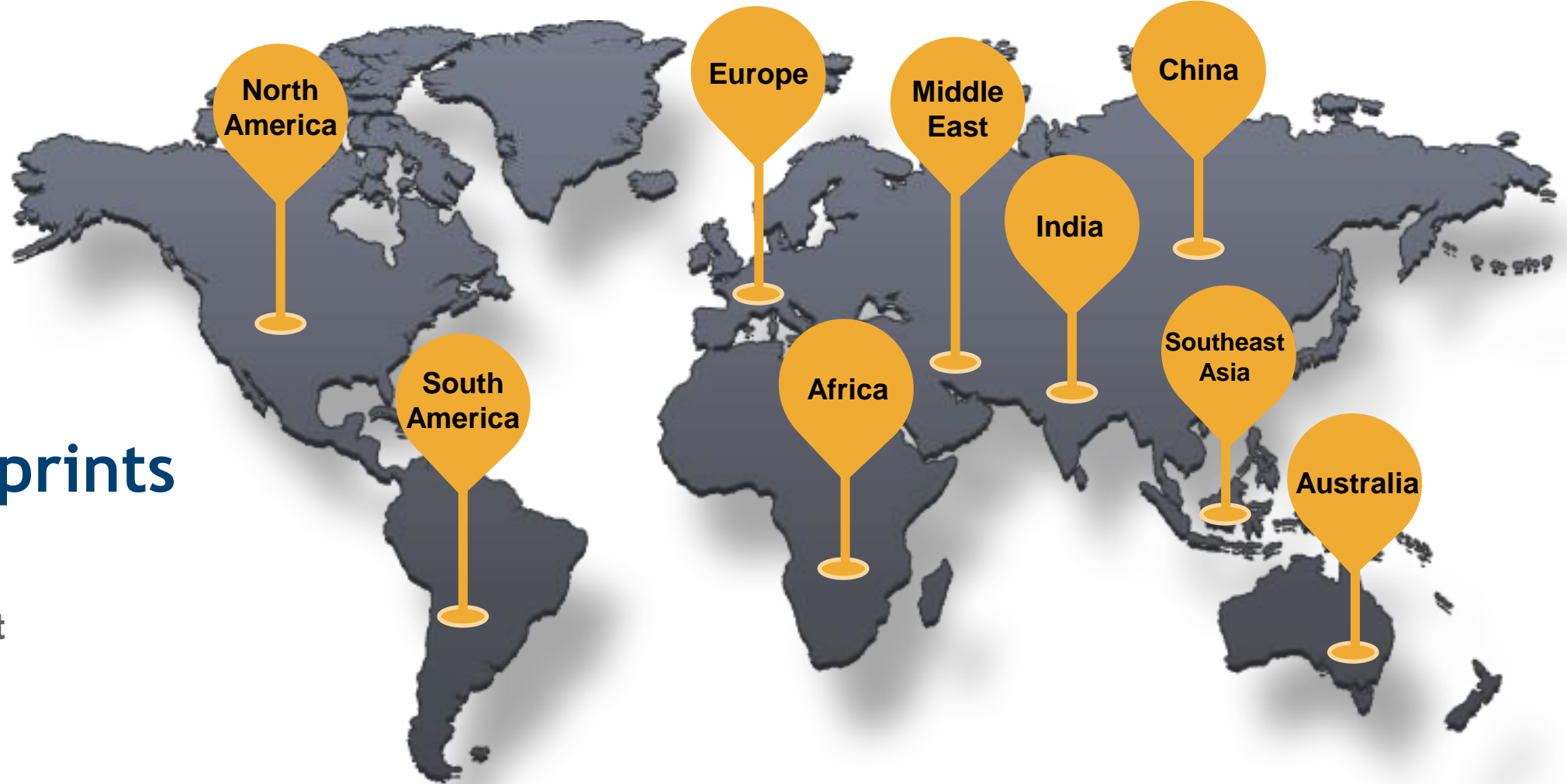
1980

2000

2020

Global Footprints

- 50+ Countries
- 4000+ Equipment



Sasol, USA



Valero, USA



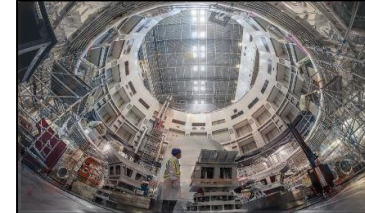
MEGlobal, USA



Pemex, Mexico



ITER, France



Worley, NL



PKN,



International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER)



Installation @ Tokamak Pit - Cadarache, France

- ❑ Factory scope in India completed and components delivered to France
- ❑ Integration in pit is in progress, ahead of IO schedule.
- ❑ Manufactured as per European codes

- ❑ Inwall Shielding blocks for 03 Vacuum Vessels Sectors and Field joints
(Precision machining of ~ 33,000nos SS plates & 01 lac fasteners)

The Cryostat

World's largest Vacuum application SS vessel

Fully welded cylindrical vacuum/pressure chamber

30m diameter, 30m height

Finished Wt. > 3500 MT

Thk. 80-900 mm



IWS Blocks



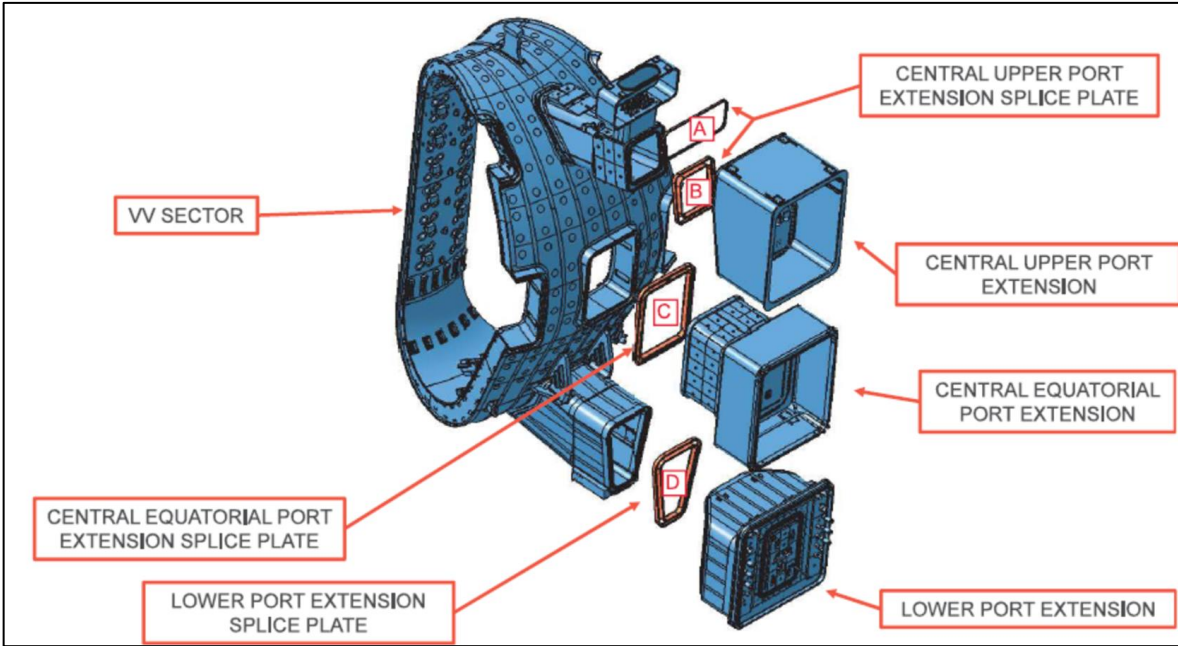
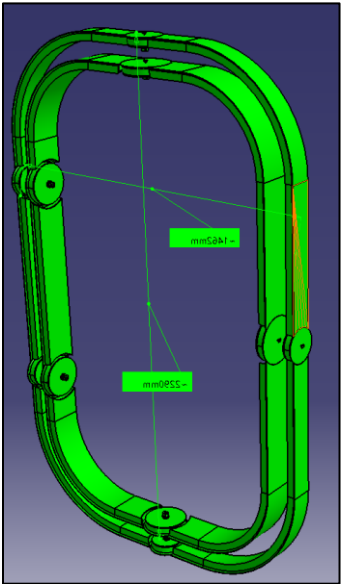
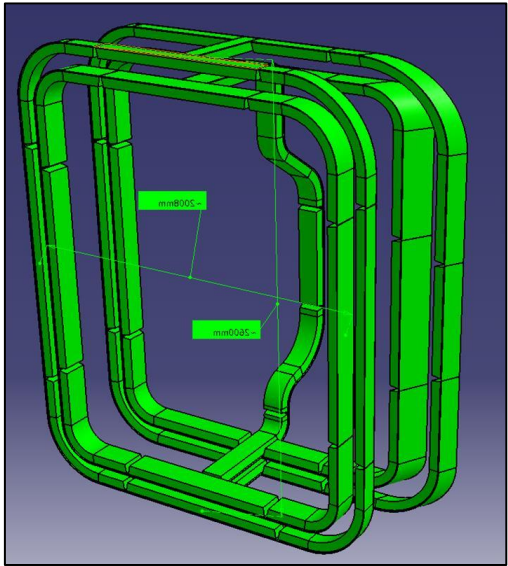
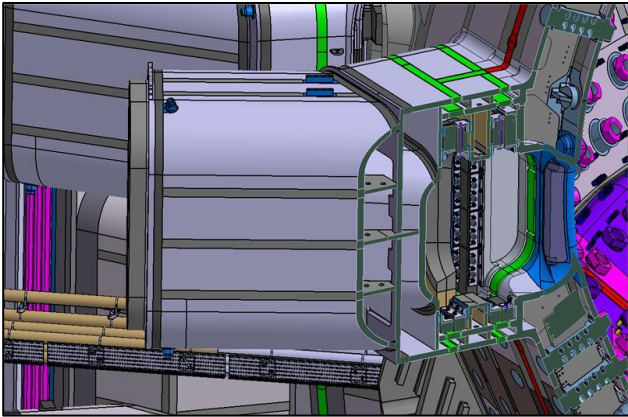
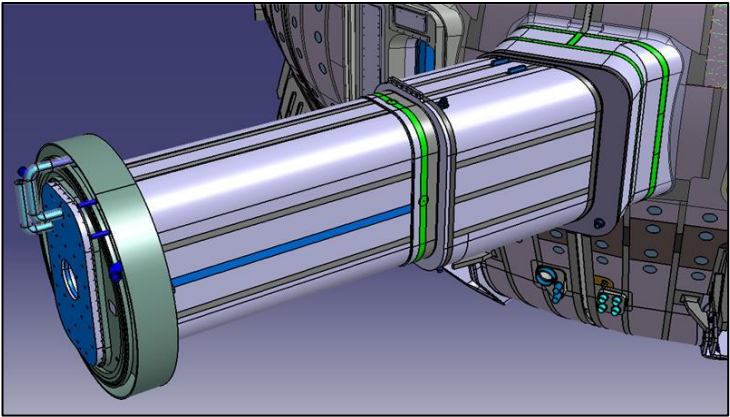
Cryostat Assembly
3D Model

ITER - Execution Highlights & International Expertise

- Implementation of "First Article" (Mock-up) for critical sub-assemblies before the actual job
 - Extensive state of the art metrology and virtual assemblies to prevent assembly surprises.
 - Custom-designed fixtures & Tools for seamless handling & assembly.
 - Construction of Dedicated Workshops @ L&T, Surat & ITER Site(B56)
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- Mobilization of Skilled Manpower
 - Strong PMG and Project Monitoring
 - Adaptability to international standards and culture

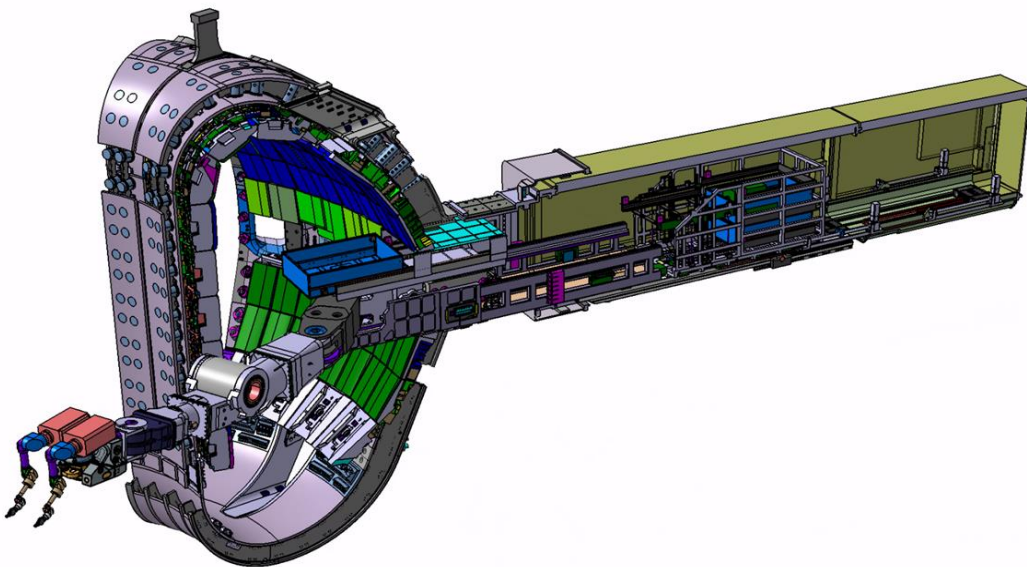


Port Positioning, Alignment and Welding (PPAW)



Parameters	Vacuum Vessel Port Welding (Current scope)
Welding Length at Site	7.5 km
Weld Deposition (incl. site)	40 Ton
No. of Ports & Bellows	148 nos

Blanket Assembly Transporter to assemble SB & TFW onto VV



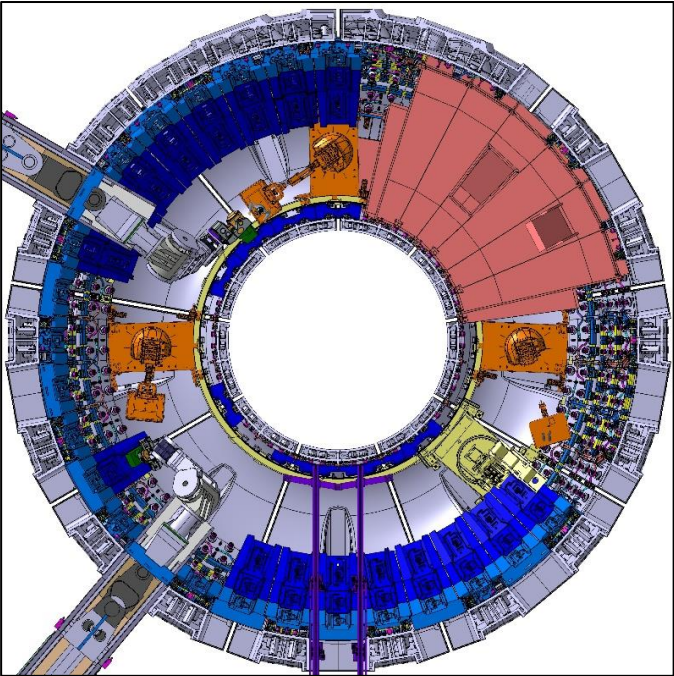
Articulated Transporter (10 DOF)

Scope of Work
1. Detail Design
2. Manufacturing Design
3. Manufacturing and Assembly
4. FAT & SAT

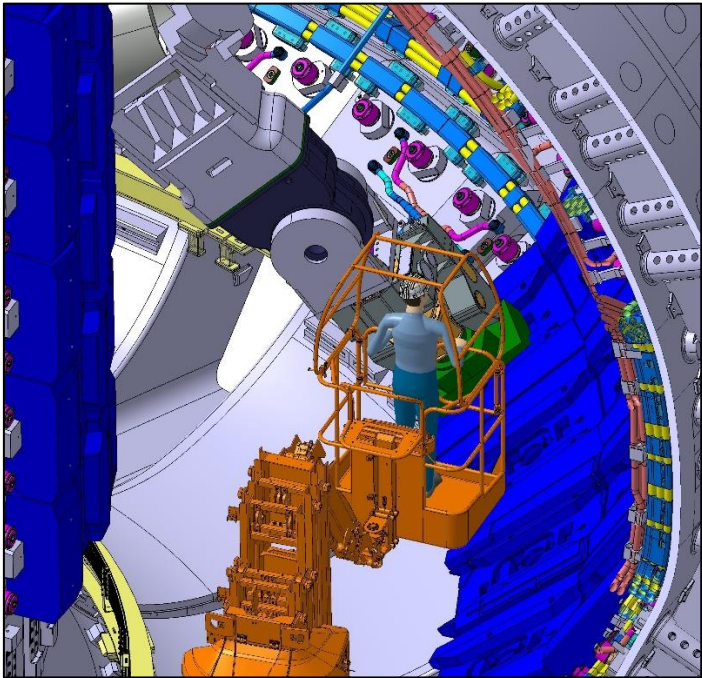
- Kinematic motion**
- Translation (J1)
 - Horizontal Rotation (J2 & J3)
 - Rolling (J4 & J6)
 - Pitching (J5 & J7)

MOC
Duplex SS / Al 6061-T6
AISI 630 H900

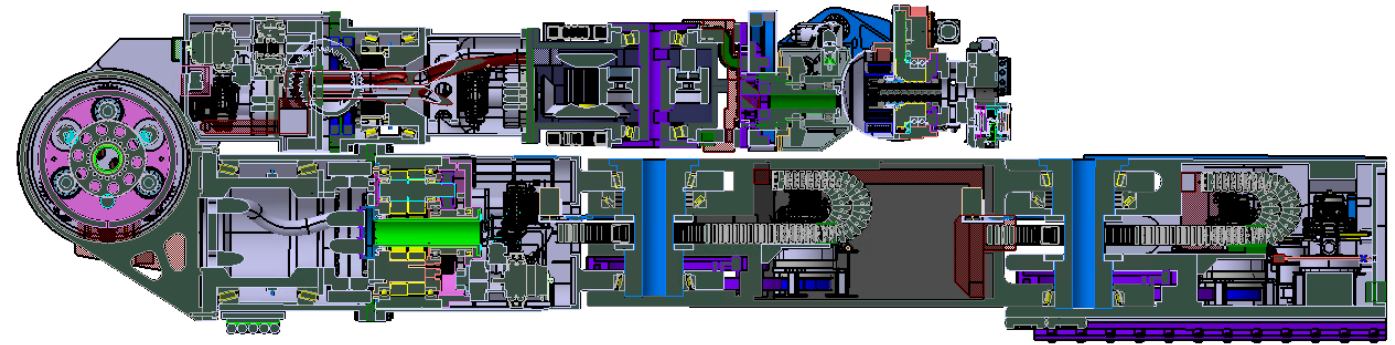
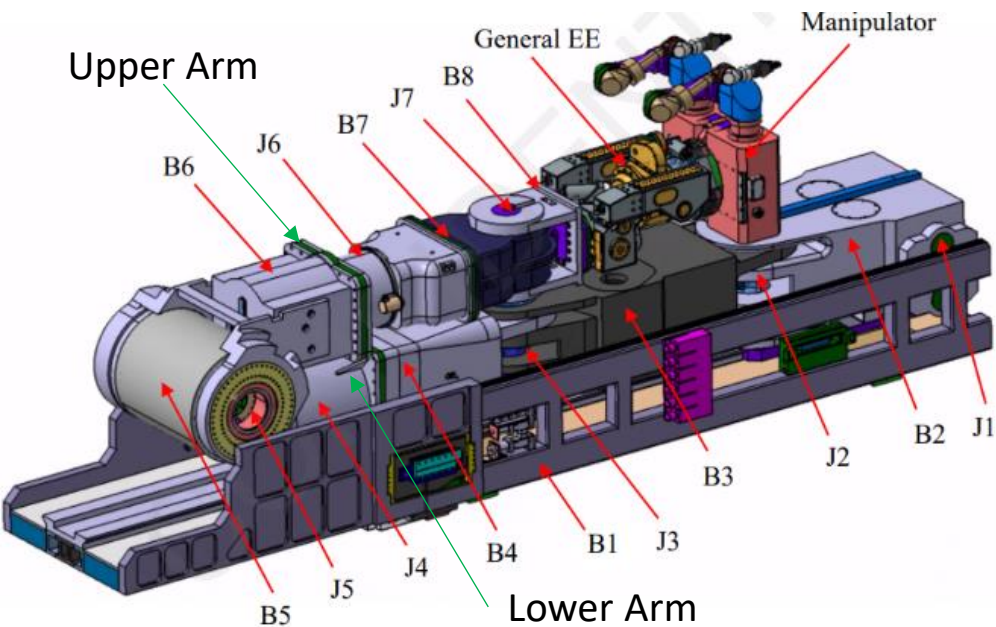
Approx. Weight
AT with long – 42t
AT – 23.8 t
LME – 18 t
SME – 15 t



Two BATs and the IVTC installing Shield Blocks during assembly

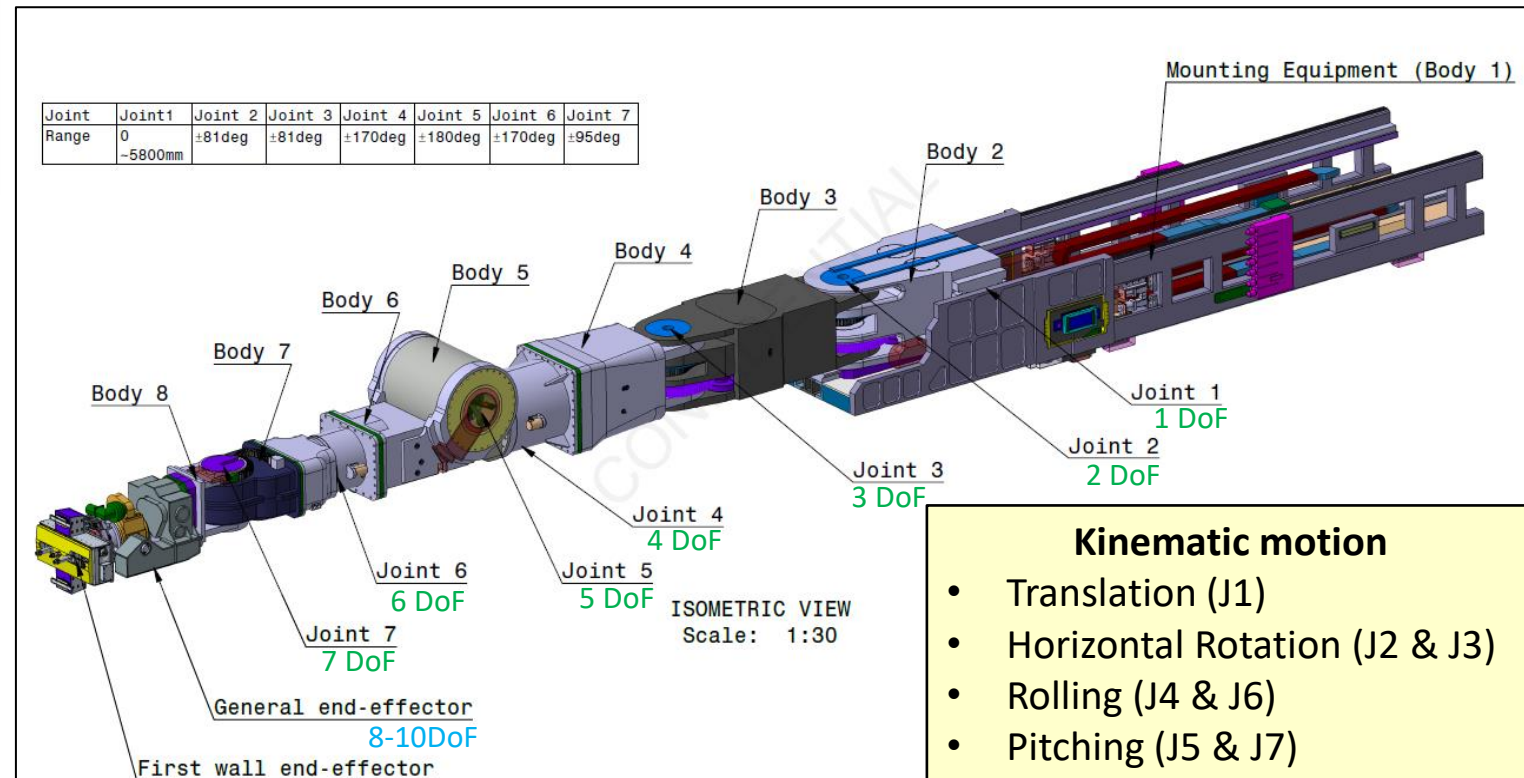


BAT installing a Shield Block with Hands-on assistance

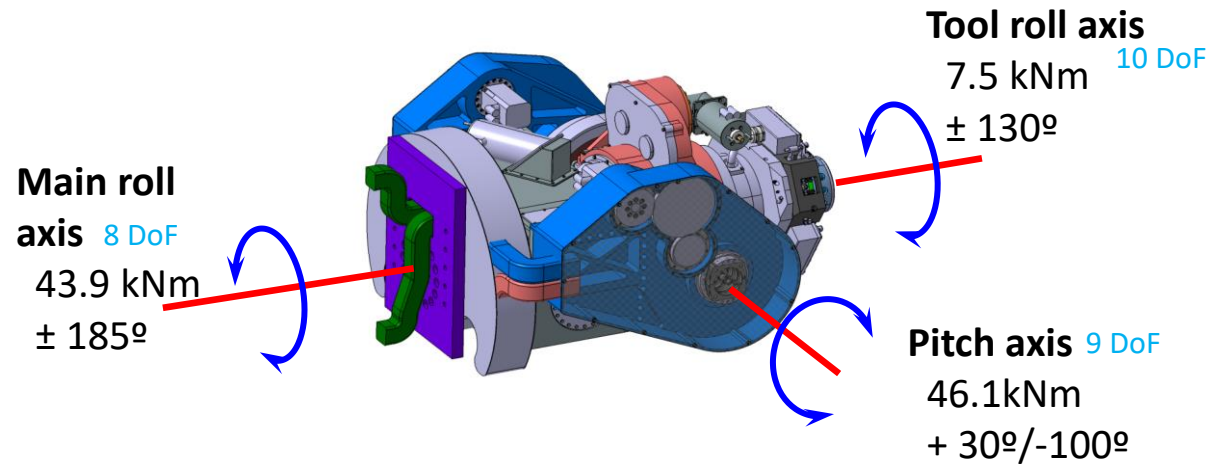


Blanket Assembly Transporter (BAT) (7 DoF)

- Blanket Assembly Transporter (BAT) is **7 DoF Articulated Robotic arm** with **General End Effector (3DoF)** - **10 DoF**.
- It performs *assembly operations* inside Vacuum Vessel during *non-nuclear phase*.



General End Effector (GEE) (3DoF)



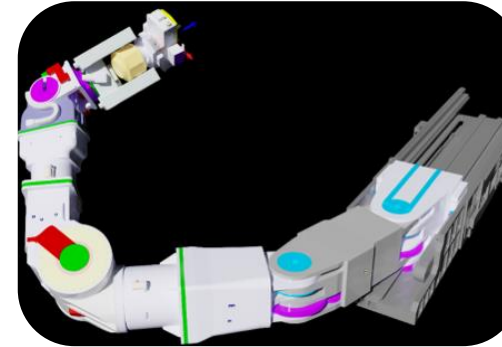
- GEE is a intricate articulated arm acts as wrist of BAT with 3 DoF
- Compact electrical mechanical drive system.



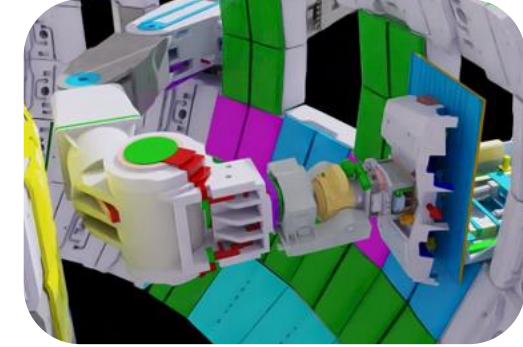
Robot Controller

- Robot control by ITER special developed control system software along with F4E.
- Robot can simultaneously operate 17 nos. motor in synchronous manner.

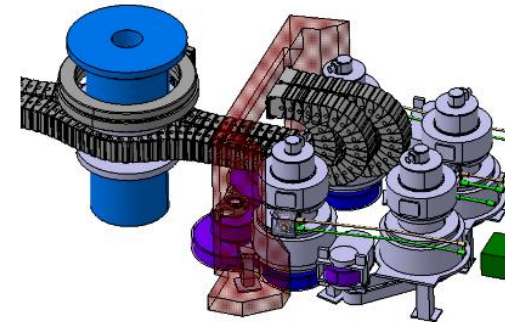
Salient Feature of BAT



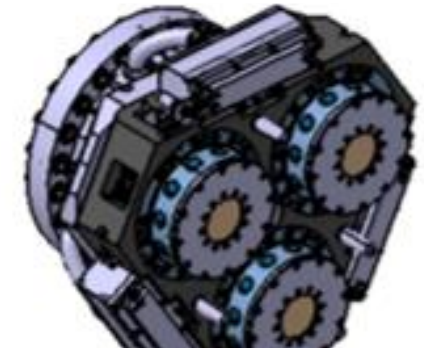
First of a Kind largest Articulated Industrial scale Robot



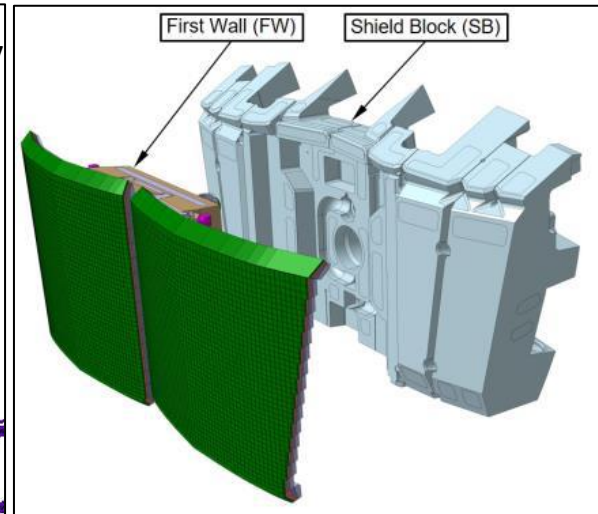
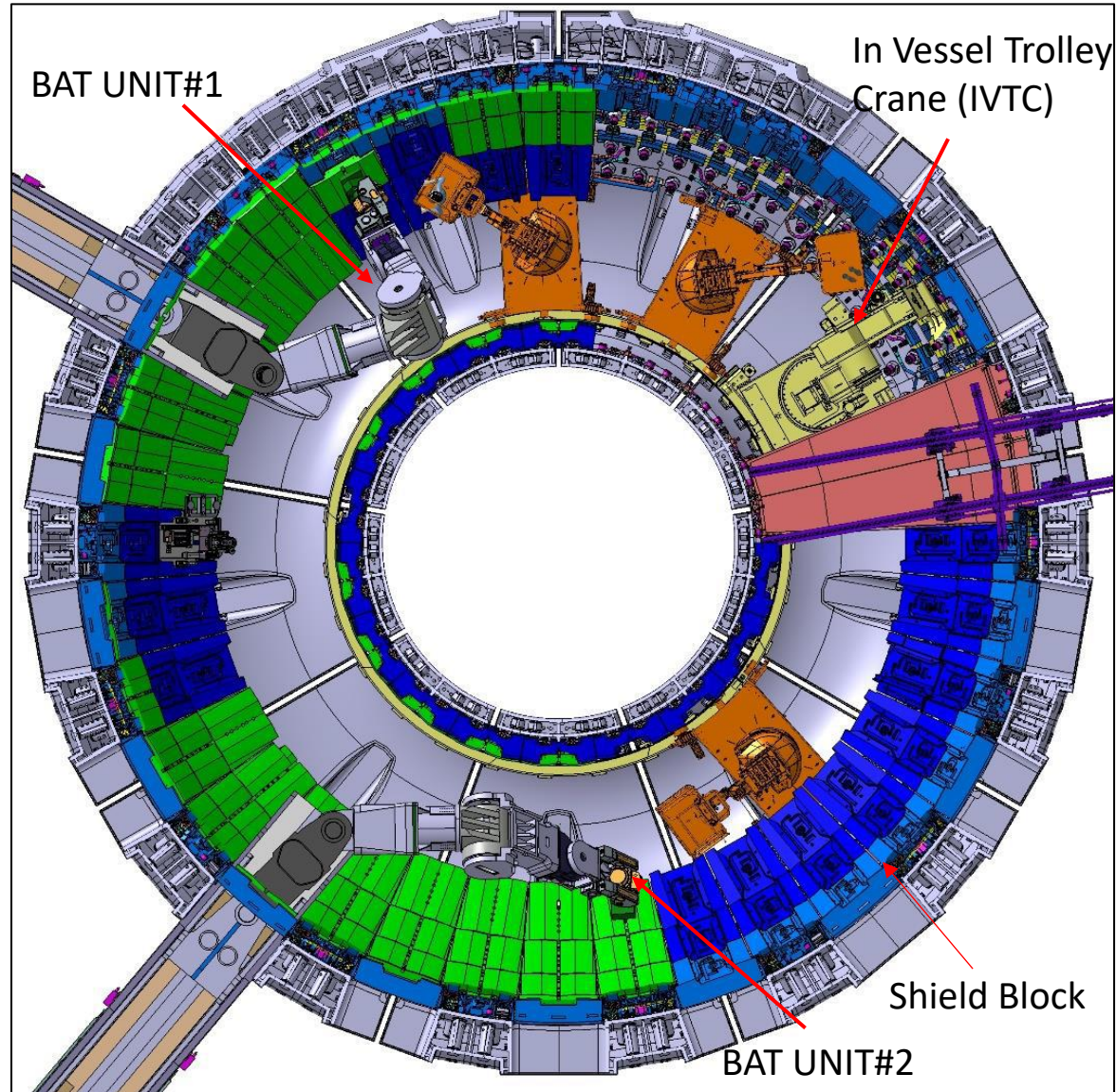
Maximum Pay load capacity to handle is 4 tonnes



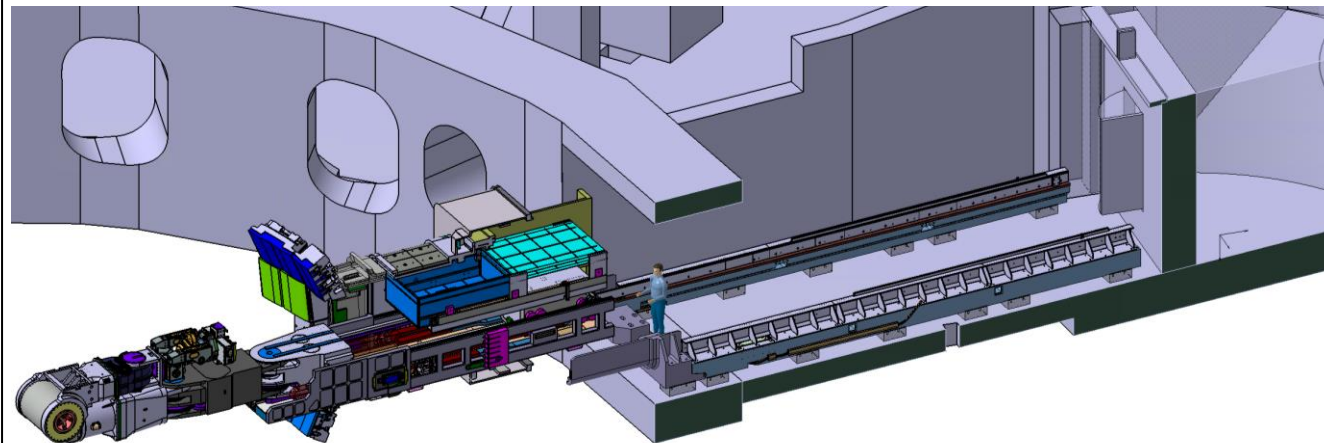
Completely electro – mechanical driven system



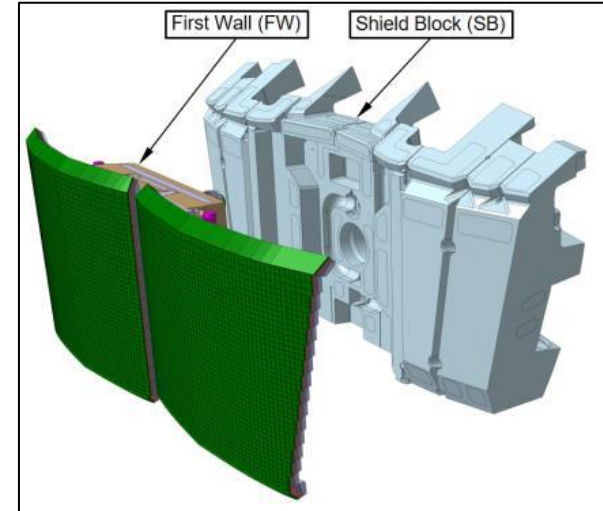
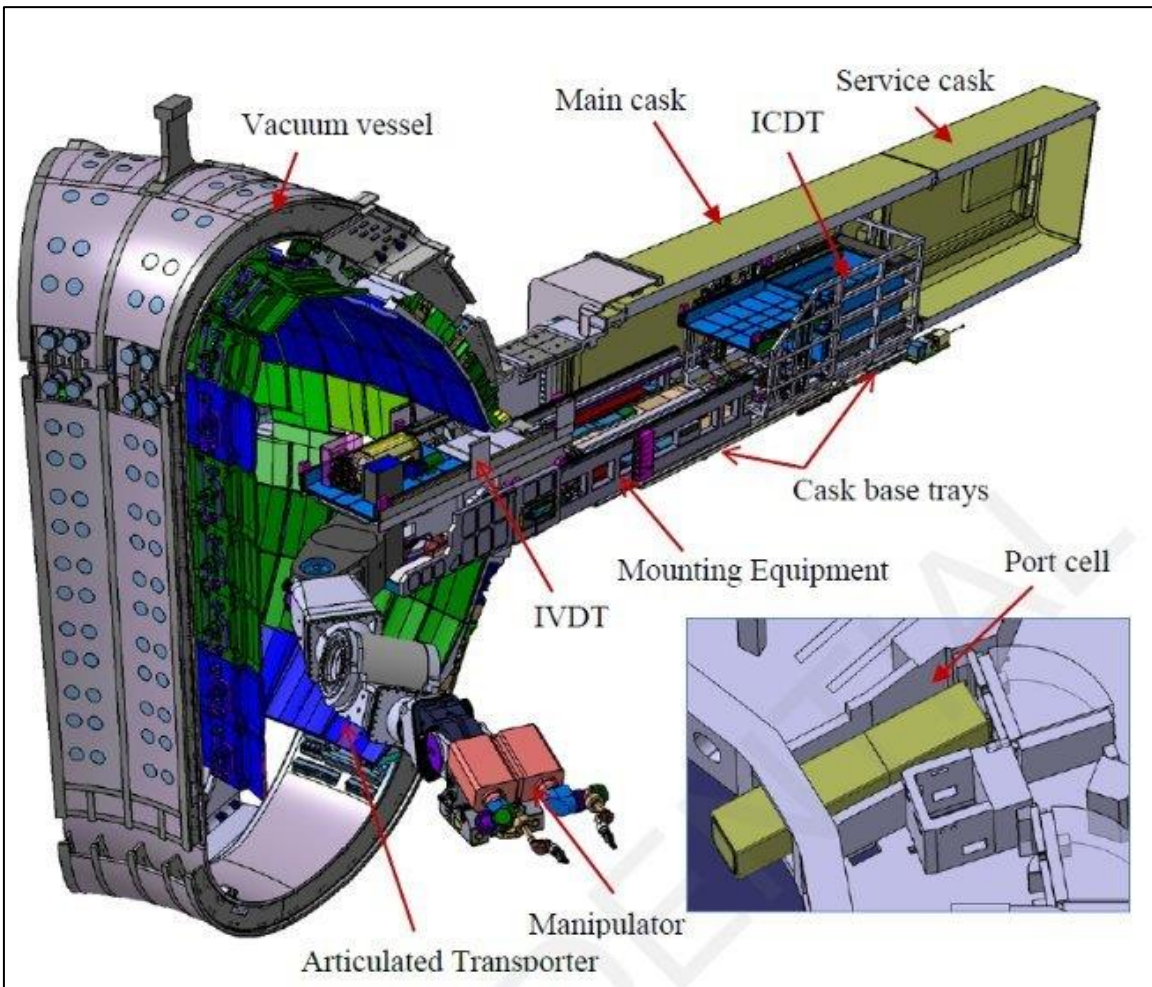
Hypersensitive to detect the even 10 gms of force at end connection



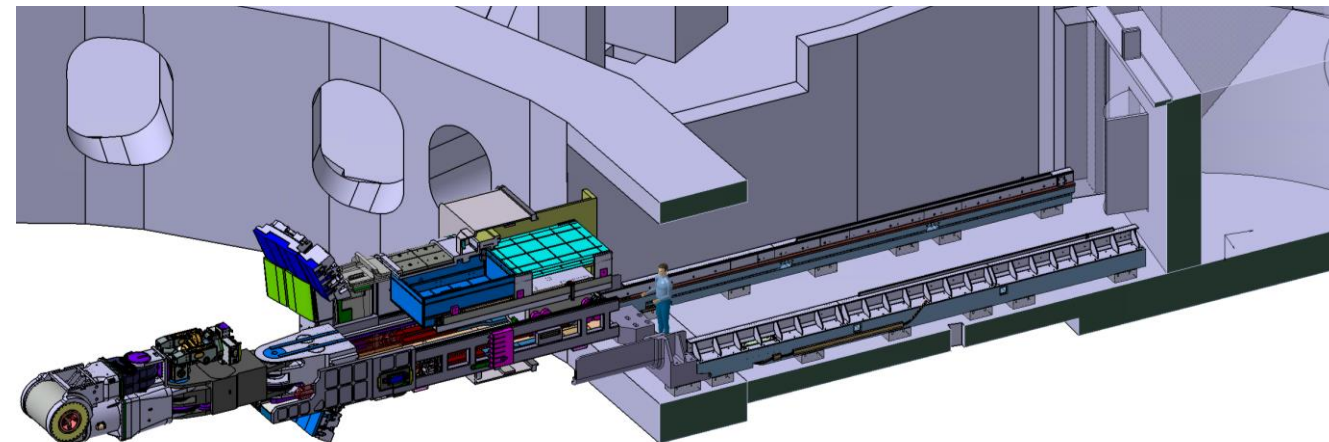
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L&T Special Steels and Heavy Forgings (LTSSHF)

L&T partnered with NPCIL for Facility
100% Technology Developed Indigenously
State of the Art Melting & Forging Facility



9000 MT Open Die Press
120 MT Electric Arc Furnace



Value Proposition



Dominant Nuclear Player in India



World Class Expertise and International Presence



Digitally Enabled State-of-the-Art Infrastructure



Skilled Nuclear Talent Pool and Technical Prowess



Financially Stable Company

Differentiating Capabilities

Culture of Complex fabrication



First Time Right Approach
Early Delivery



Best in class talent Pool



Industry Trendsetter



State of art Facility



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