## **THEMATIC WORKSHOP**

## **Controls & integrated commissioning program**

System commissioning & Control command system architecture



### **David GRILLOT**

**ITER Controls & Integrated Commissioning Program Manager** 

Process engineer with more than 30 years of experience, David Grillot joined the ITER organization 10 years ago as Cryogenic Section Leader.

In his current role, together with the project leaders, he has the responsibility to execute and deliver the design and implementation of the entire ITER control, interlock and nuclear safety system.

He is also responsible to plan and pilot the commissioning and operation activities, toward the integrated commissioning of the ITER machine and plant systems.

Before 2016, he worked for Air Liquid advanced Technologies, from commissioning engineer, project engineering to Technical Director of the division in charge of low temperature cryogenic and cooling system.

He published many papers and own few patents in the field of large cryogenic system design and application.



#### **Chairperson:**

José Antao Head of Public Innovation Policy Management ILO Portugal

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## ITER - Control System & Commissioning progress

iter David GRILLOT

Head of Control & commissioning program

#### APRIL 24th,

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## ITER I&C Architecture

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#### **ITER CONTROLS BASICS**

#### ARCHITECTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Hierarchical with 21 subsystems and 170 local control system (in-kind)
- Vertical segregation of (1) conventional control and operation, (2) protection and (3) safety
- Dedicated networks for (1) control and monitoring, (2) time synchronization, (3) distributed real-time control, (4) high throughput data acquisition, (5) protection and (6) safety
- Redundant dual star network cable infrastructure
- Virtualized central servers for supervision, automation, configuration, plasma control and data handling
- Data streamed to HDF5 back-end storage accessible on the intranet



#### **ITER CONTROLS BASICS**

Mitigation actions to address challenge of integrating 205 local control system delivered in-kind established more than ten years ago

- Definition of standards (Plant Control Design Handbook)
- Distribution of software tool kit based on EPICS (CODAC Core System)
- o Distribution of hardware integration kit
- o Training and hands-on workshops
- o Active outreach

Continues evolution and updates to address obsolescence and return of experience

These actions have been effective

Without them there would have been total chaos now



#### **METRICS**

Number of integrated process variables easy to obtain from the software repository

Can be predicted for future systems based on design data and system complexity

Commissioning schedule gives timeline as racks must be energized and process variables integrated before commissioning can start

Curve to the right indicates about 25% of integration towards start of research operation (SRO) has been achieved today





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# **2** The Central interlock system



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## Central Interlock System (CIS

- The Interlock Control System (ICS) is formed by the central coordinating layer (Central Interlock System – CIS) and the detection/actuation local protection layer (Plant Interlock Systems – PIS).
- It protects the ITER investment by ensuring that no failure of a key system or component, or incorrect machine operation, can degrade machine integrity or its availability
- It automatically executes the Investment Protection Functions and monitors its status



## **Interlock Control System architectures**





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Many different technologies, with combination of:

- State of the art SCADA system powered by Siemens WinCC-OA
- COTS controllers (Siemens failsafe-redundant PLC, National Instrument cRIO, FPGA)
- Ad-hoc design (DLIB electronics to interface magnet and CPSS subsystems through hardwired loops)
- Customization of COTS (V&V and continuous improvement of fast architecture to ensure compliance with integrity levels required)
- High level IT services (servers & networks)





# **3** The Central Safety system

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## **Central Safety System**

#### 2 Safety I&C Control Systems

- Nuclear Safety
  - To protect the people and environment against nuclear hazards
  - Complying with nuclear safety I&C standards (IEC 61513)
  - 300 functions; 23 PBSs; > 40,000 signals
  - Subject to licensing by the French Nuclear Safety Authority (ASNR)



- Occupational Safety
  - In charge of the protection of people against non-radiological hazards
  - System designed according to functional safety standard (IEC 61511), able to implement high integrity functions



## Safety I&C Control System architectures

System made 100 % of COTS (commercial off the shelf)

- Hardwired and computerized Human Machine Interfaces
- Solid state controllers (HIMA Planar 4) and High availability Siemens PLC, depending of the system class
- Redundant architectures implemented in different trains
- Qualified components for the usage in nuclear safety application







# The Access control & Security System

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## Access Control & Security systems

- Participates in the safety of personnel by ensuring access to hazardous is possible only if certain protective conditions are satisfied, and by limiting such access to suitably qualified personnel
- Ensures the security and protection of the ITER plant from sabotage and from access by unqualified personnel.



## Access control system: Key for

- 11 sub systems, 6 being nuclear Safety classified (PIC), some SIIV, physical protection fence
- Access Control, Intrusion detection, Video Surveillance, Emergency phones, Public Address, Site sirens, Crisis management communication means, Site high security fence...
- All different technologies
- Around 5000 devices in all buildings and outdoors
- Some devices in galleries, exposed to strong magnetic field and radiations (including PIC)
- Interfaces with ITER site legacy systems





## **5** Systems Commissioning

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## **Positioning of the Systems commissioning**

- Systems commissioning aims at validating that the system meets its design and safety requirements and bringing it to an operating mode
- A key milestone will consist of achieving the readiness of systems required at the Integrated commissioning start (1)
- However, some systems are required at a later stage of the ITER Project. They will carry on their own execution plan.





## The ITER operational areas

The ITER construction schedule results in the simultaneous execution of commissioning and (in construction, system commissioning activities

The operational areas organization has been set-up to:

- Cope with the **additional** ٠ risks generated by commissioning & operation activities
- Assure the **timely** ٠ availability of "supporting" systems for both "client" systems & integrated commissioning activities



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future)

integrated

## The integrated systems commissioning

- The commissioning of systems requires both an integrated time schedule to make sure "suppliers" are ready on time to support their clients and a day-today coordination at execution time to manage co-activities and unexpected events:
- Illustration of the dependencies for the commissioning of the Reactive Power Compensation & Harmonics Filtering system:





#### Control system : INTEGRATION AND COMMISSIONING STATUS

First local control system delivered in 2018. Over the last 7 years systems have been integrated incrementally, followed by commissioning and (temporary) operation.

#### In-kind local control systems integrated

- Steady state electrical network
- Buildings and site services
- Cooling water
- Cryoplant
- Pulsed power electrical network
- Reactive power compensation and harmonic filtering

In progress or imminent

- Electron Cyclotron Heating
- Coil Power Supplies
- Magnet Cold Testbed
- First Diagnostics

**Central functions** 

- Supervision
- Data archiving and data access
- Orchestration and sequencing
- Configuration



Temporary Main Control Room in operation since 2021



Inauguration of Main Control Room in December 2024







## **Commissioning: Supporting Systems**

Heat Rejection and Cooling Water Systems



 Steady-state electrical distribution (c.a. 50% of the final asset), heat removal with cooling water, chilled water, demineralized water, compressed air are in operation to support commissioning of other systems

Chilled water systems (condensers & evaporators):



22kV steady state electrical distribution substation







Demineralized water production static











#### **COOLING WATER**

- Started integration and commissioning in 2021
- Provides heat rejection through cooling towers, component cooling, chilled water and blowdown
- Today heat rejection, chilled water and 2 component cooling loops are in commissioning or operation
- Top level HMI giving geographical overview over cooling water and distribution
- Equipment status and flows in pipes are animated using color coding



## **Commissioning: Reactive Power Compensation**

Pulsed Power Electrical Network 66/22 kV



Filtering channels and Thyristor Controlled Reactors

- The Pulsed Power Electrical network (PPEN) is in operation; supplied by two 400kV lines connected to the French grid (RTE)
- High voltage tests are completed, and system has entered its maintenance phase until tests with magnet converters take place





Water cooled Thyristor Banks

#### **ELECTRICAL NETWORK**

- Started integration and commissioning in 2018
- Four 400 kV/22 kV transformers feed medium and low voltage load centers distributed over the site
- Today more than 50 % of total system in 24/7 operation
- Top level CS Studio Human Machine Interface (HMI) gives geographical overview and instant power consumption
- Electrical components and high voltage cables animated using color coding







## **Commissioning: magnet power supply**



Power Converters in B33





PF Power Converter Low Voltage 1st Energization

The 1<sup>st</sup> low voltage energization of the PF Power
 Converter was started from 13<sup>th</sup> Sep. 2024



Power Converters and Busbars in B32



KODA PA Master Control System 1st Energization

#### PULSED POWER AND REACTIVE POWER COMPENSATION

- Started integration and commissioning in 2022
- Three 400 kV/66/22 kV transformers feed RPC, Coil Power Supplies and Additional Heating
- SAT completed on November 25, 2024 with three hours energization of all three RPC units
- CS Studio Human Machine Interface (HMI) gives view of the top-level state machine
- Fast data acquisition (DAN) and realtime control (SDN) at 6 kHz









## **Commissioning: Cryoplant**

#### He Plants - Warm Compressor Station (WCS):

- All 18 screw compressors individual performance tests completed [≈ 21 MW total]
- Compressor station overall acceptance tests completed



#### <u>He Plant – Cold Boxes:</u>

- Static POS average & dynamic operation for 1800s pulse profile acceptance tests completed for 1st Plant
- Max refrigeration capacity >25kW demonstrated for 1st
  Plant

#### N<sub>2</sub> Plants:

- 2 x 5 MW centrifugal compressors commissioning completed
- 1<sup>st</sup> Cool Down of LN<sub>2</sub> Plants completed, with performance testing campaign to start



#### 2025 MAIN OBJECTIVE:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cryoplant SAT completion
- $\rightarrow$  start of pre-operation to support MCTB
- LN<sub>2</sub> Plants acceptance tests completed
- He Plants acceptance tests completed
- Start-up of He centrifugal compressors [first of a kind]

## **Commissioning: Electron Cyclotron Heating**

#### Gyrotron

- Successful 1st energization of x4 Gyrotron Instrumentation and Control Cabinets in L2 with the support of JA-DA, these cabinets integrate the different auxiliary systems as a pre-requisite for the commissioning of the two first gyrotrons;
- Successful 1st energization of Ampegon Power Supply BPS#1 and BPS#2; the first pulses 35kVdc-few mA done • on dummy load, commissioning progressing well;
- Preparation for the 1<sup>st</sup> energization of the MHVPS05, Electrical non-conformities fixed (pending final inspection), • compliance dossier issued, next step is High Voltage Insulation Test;
- Modification of the APS/BPS#1 and #2 (JA-DA) to accommodate additional oil chiller and resolution of electrical • non-conformities (pending final inspection)
- All those activities will contribute to the commissioning start of the **first Gyrotron** (out of 24 needed for IC-I) from this summer





**BPS** Commissioning First Pulses on Dummy Load

APS/BPS preparation Preparation 1st Energization MHVPS05 **Oil Chiller Integration** 

Creation of an er

Modifications Step-Starter



**Gyrotron Instrumentation** Cubicles 1st energization







#### BUILDINGS AND SITE SERVICES

- Started integration and commissioning in 2019
- Provides environmental conditions, fire protection and distribution of liquid and gas services
- Today 50 % of auxiliary buildings and 20 % of distribution of services in 24/7 operation
- Example of top level HMI giving geographical overview over demineralized water production and distribution
- Clients status and flows in pipes are animated using color coding and a six hours trend shows pressures and flows at various points



## Commissioning preparation : Magnet Cold Test Bench

- The objective is to test a sub-set of superconducting magnets at 4K and with current before their installation on site
- The test bench is made up (or make use) of a representative array of systems used to operate magnets in a Tokamak
- It will be the first opportunity on ITER to commission those systems in an integrated manner and then operate the MCTB when testing the coils
- Lessons learnt will be key for the preparation of the Integrated commissioning I phase
- System commissioning activities are planned from this summer, and the first TF coil will
   IBF725 undergo its testing program by end of 2025





## System commissioning activities leading to ITER machine Integrated commissioning

To date Roughly 15% of the system commissioning done to IC-1 We have 8 years left to get to 100%!! Our mission will be done on time







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### **Business Opportunities** (Controls & integrated commissioning program)

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ITER Procurement Responsible Officer

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## Summary

- 1. Control, Data Access and Communication (CODAC) Core System User Support
- 2. Control, Data Access and Communication (CODAC) Core System Software Maintenance
- **3. ITER Data Handling**
- 4. Control, Data Access and Communication (CODAC) Operation Application Engineering Service
- 5. Maintenance of RedHat

Enterprise Linux (RHEL)

- 6. New support service contract for CIS
- 7. CSS engineering and commissioning support services
- 8. Central Safety System for Nuclear (CSS-N) supply contract for Start of Research Operation (SRO)





#### 1. Support Helpdesk for the users of our CCS (CODAC Core System) software distribution

- Scope:
  - provide email-based helpdesk service for users, including first-level support & problem analysis
  - provide occasional multi-day hands-on training courses at the ITER headquarters
  - provide software Quality Assurance services (run specific test plans as part of the release process)
  - (The scope will be for remote work except for the hands-on training)
- Solicitation: Open Tender
- **Contract Type**: Service Framwork Contract

- Indicative time to launch: Q4-2025
- Contract Value Range: A





- 2. Assistance in maintenance of IO CCS (CODAC Core System) software distribution
- Scope:
  - maintenance (fixes, improvements, tests) of configuration management applications (Java, Eclipse, PostgreSQL)
  - maintenance (fixes, improvements, tests) of kernel drivers and low-level software (C++, RedHat Linux)
  - maintenance (fixes, improvements) of the existing suite of automated software tests (Maven, C++, Python)
  - provide software QA services (run specific test plans as part of the release process)
  - (The scope will be for remote work)
- Solicitation: Open Tender
- **Contract Type**: Service Framework Contract

- Indicative time to launch: Q1-2027
- Contract Value Range: A



#### 3. ITER Data Handling

- Scope:
  - Maintenance of the data archivers, on the enhancement of the data access and inclusion of new components if necessary to cope with new needs in terms of data analytics.
  - Data visualization: it includes maintenance and enhancements of existing tools. Depending on the project needs it could also imply development of new utilities.
- Solicitation: Open Tender
- **Contract Type**: Service Framework Contract

- Indicative time to launch: Q2-2025
- Contract Value Range: A





4. Control, Data Access and Communication (CODAC) Operation Application Engineering Service

- Scope:
  - Maintain on the ITER Real Time Framework (RTF) software including debugging, enhancing existing functions and implementing of new functionality; release on demand of RTF new version; and provide technical support activity.
  - Maintain PCS (Plasma Control System) application under supervision of IO; elaborate PCS components software package and utilities; and technical support PCS operation and system integrated commissioning toward the ITER Start of Research Operation.
  - Required technical expertise : C/C++, Python, Linux system engineering, RTF, EPICS, Maven, Matlab/Simulink Coder, Electron, React Flow, XML-Json file handling.
- Solicitation: Open Tender
- **Contract Type**: One Service Framework Contract
- Indicative time to launch: Q4-2026
- Contract Value Range: A





#### 5. Maintenance of Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL)

#### Scope:

- This Framework Contract allows CODAC to purchase Red Hat licenses in order to support the Plant Systems I&C commissioning and to prepare the Plant Operation Zone infrastructure, providing RHEL (Operating System supporting the Control System) RHV (Virtualization Platform hosting the Control System), RHS (Storage Solution), CEPH (Domain Storage used by the Virtualization Platform) and Satellite server (System Deployment Engine). The Central Control System is a set of servers, storages, and applications, themselves gathering, processing, recording, and displaying the data collected from the slow and fast controllers to the operators.
- It additionally includes, the maintenance of operating system (RHEL) used by CODAC Operator Terminals to display ITER HMI (Human-Machine Interface) in the Main Control Room.
- Solicitation: Open Tender
- **Contract Type**: Service Framework Contract

- Indicative time to launch: Q3-2027
- Contract Value Range: A





6. New support service contract for Central Interlock System (CIS)

Scope:

- Engineering services covering the participation in the design, development, installation, commissioning, testing and V&V (validation and verification);
- Development and integration of software modules and functions for slow controllers and fast controllers;
- Support the development of the CIS SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) under WinCC-OA framework, and its integration with the different Plant Interlock systems.
- Solicitation: Open Tender
- **Contract Type**: Service Framework Contract

- Indicative time to launch: Q2-2025
- Contract Value Range: B





#### 7. Central Safety System (CSS) engineering and commissioning support services

#### Scope:

The purpose of the contract is to provide technical services to support the design and integration of ITER safety control systems. It will cover topics such as engineering services, interface and infrastructure, prototyping and software development activities and commissioning preparation and execution. The contract may be split in lots.

- **Solicitation**: Open Tender
- **Contract Type**: Service Framework Contract

- Indicative time to launch: Q4-2025
- Contract Value Range: B





#### 8. Central Safety System for Nuclear (CSS-N) supply contract for Start of Research Operation (SRO)

#### Scope:

A first version of the Nuclear Safety Control System is currently under manufacturing, including the backbone of the architecture and the implementation of safety controls of the first ITER systems to be commissioned. The purpose of the contract is to extend the nuclear safety control system to cover all ITER plant systems necessary for the Start of Research Operation.

The contract includes the design, qualification, procurement, manufacturing, testing and delivery of the corresponding systems. The supply may be split in batches. The contract may as well include the modification of systems already delivered.

- Solicitation: Open Tender
- **Contract Type**: Service and Supply Contract
- Indicative time to launch: Q4-2025
- Contract Value Range: D

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## ASSYSTEM perspective on Work with ITER



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## Agenda

- 1. General presentation
- 2. Assystem activities
- 3. Assystem know-how
- 4. Assystem delivery model
- 5. Assystem work localisation
- **6.** Perspectives





# General presentation.

#### Assystem expertise.

WORKING ON THE TASK OF THE CENTURY: SWITCHING TO LOW-CARBON ENERGY.

Assystem assists governments, owners, contractors and OEMs to develop, deliver, and operate critical and complex infrastructures in the low carbon energy, industries, transportation, and defence sectors.

#### **ENGINEERING EXPERTISE CENTERS**

- France, India and Saudi Arabia for complex infrastructure engineering
- Türkiye & Central Asia for environmental & geotechnical services
- France, UK & India for transportation engineering
- France & UK for safety, risk, human factors, operation, regulation and compliance
- Uzbekistan for grid engineering
- France for balance of plant

#### ENGINEERING PLATFORMS





#### **Assystem's positioning** in Industrial Information Systems.

Taking advantage of the digitalisation of industrial systems, we intervenes in Instrumentation & Control (I&C), Building Management Systems (BMS) and physical protection systems of complex infrastructures in highly regulated international multi-sector environments.



# Assystem activities.



#### ASSYSTEM'S JOURNEY

### THROUGH ITER



Nuclear Safety engineering for ITER Organization

For the past five years, I've contributed to the ITER project, now coordinating teams to design tritium production systems—essential for fusion, Without tritium, there's no fusion; without fusion, there's no ITER.

This unique project relies on innovation, collaboration, and dedicated people building the energy of tomorrow.

Benoit CARNUS

Project manager and technical coordinator

#### My role is to use advanced

simulations to ensure the robustness and reliability of the structural elements and components on the ITER site. Taking part in a project of this scale and contributing to the energy of the future is a source of motivation and pride every day.

Alice BERTHOLOT Mechanical and fluid calculations engineer

#### 2008

Support for the design of all equipment for ITER Organization





Preventive and corrective maintenance of Instrumentation & Control cubicles in operation for ITER Organization



Divertor Remote Handling System development for F4E

Central Safety Systems Support services to support the design and integration for ITER Organization safety control systems



Contra la



Construction Management Agent for ITER Organization with MOMENTUM joint venture (SNC) Working on ITER, at the heart of a major international project, gave me invaluable experience that opened the door to a rewarding career in the nuclear industry, from HPC in the UK to EPR projects in France.

Coline LARCHER PM technical manager



2019



Test Blanket Module design and analysis for ITER Organization

Design Office Framework Contract Mechanical & Plant services for ITER Organization

Integration and Commissioning of ITER Control System



Architect Engineer 1 for ITER Buildings and Civil Infrastructures for F4E with ENGAGE joint venture (SNC)



Contributing to ITER's Tritium Breeding Blanket Systems is a unique challenge, and I'm proud to develop solutions that enhance safety and support the future of fusion energy.

Jayant SOMVANSHI Expert in thermohydraulic simulations and tritium transport



System Engineering Framework Contract for F4E

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Configuration Management Data for ITER Organization Instrumentation & Control design lifecycle activities for the Diagnostic systems for ITER Organization

Working on ITER is a rewarding experience: we are contributing to an international collaboration

Realtime development Engineer

Jérémy LO FASO ANC Test & Commissioning Supervisor

whose impact can benefit the whole world. Maxime OCTAVE

regulations—a crucial responsibility for the success of the test and

My role is to ensure the conformity of instrumentation and automation systems for utilities while

guaranteeing compliance with ITER standards, safety

requirements, and French

commissioning phases.



2024

b.NEXT joint venture (SNC)



Proud to design key tools like the Unified Control Library and Code Generation Tool, simplifying automation and ensuring efficient management of ITER's control systems.

Technical Lead of software development.

2022 Design of the Charge eXchange Recombination Spectroscopy for F4E

Engineering for Design Development of the first confinement components of ITER Diagnostics Framework Contract for ITER Organization Commissioning Support Framework Contract for ITER Organization





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# Assystem Know-how.









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## **5** Assystem Work localisation.



# Perspectives.







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