

Recent EFDA work on pulsed DEMO

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Literature review - Minimum size

F.P. Orsitto, ENEA Frascati

- Minimum size depends on choice of steady state or pulsed operation.
- Steady state (recirculating power fraction F_R up to 30%) ~3 GW_{th}
- Pulsed ~1 GW_{th}, permits low F_R but pulse is short, < 3hours.



- Good experimental demonstrations of simultaneous HH, β_N etc...
- But is ITB OK in DEMO (sustainable)?
- Alpha confinement in ITB plasmas (hollow j(r))?
- Self-organising effects at high Q?
- Burn control issues (diagnostics, actuators) at high Q?





Analysis of DEMO scenarios (J Garcia)

For realistic Current Drive efficiencies $(\gamma_{CD} \approx 0.3-0.4 \ 10^{20} \text{ A W}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2})$, a high bootstrap fraction is required, $f_{BS} \ge 0.7-0.8$, to suit the ~110MW power available.

In the PPCS papers a more optimistic $\gamma_{CD} \approx 0.7 \ 10^{20} \text{ A W}^{-1} \ 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-2}$, is assumed.

We also need to consider the "wall-plug efficiency" of Watts delivered to the plasma per Watt taken from the mains connection , perhaps ~45% for negative ion neutral beams.







The critical issues for SS DEMO were analyzed by Y Sakamoto et al 2010.

It is noted that the ITER steady-state scenario assumes parameters $(HH_{ipby2}=1.61, \beta_N=2.93, f_{BS}=0.46, n/n_G=0.78)$ not yet demonstrated simultaneously in present devices.

SLIM CS, an R=5.5m SS DEMO, is even more demanding:









First wall heating and erosion

<u>Y. Igitkhanov, KIT</u>

Power and Particle loads

Steady state normal operation:

Blanket armour (FW)

- Power flux ~ 0.5 MW/m2
- Particles flux ~ 2 10E21 m-2
- Temperature ~ 100-500 eV

Divertor plates

- Power flux ~ 10-20MW/m2
- Particles flux ~ 5 10E21 m-2
- Temperature ~ 500-1000eV

Operation with off-normal events

Blanket armour (FW)

- Hot VDE ~ 50/100 MW/m2 ~ 1sec
- Cold VDE ~30-50 MW/m2 ~ 0.3-1sec
- RE ~100 MW/m2 ~ 0.05-0.3sec



Sandwich type FW blanket module; heat flux into coolant (H2O) remains (as in ITER) under the CHF, ~ 9MW/m², T_{wall} ~280°C, T_{water} ~150°C, P~3.6MPa, v ~ 3.4m/s

Disruptions must be very rare but nevertheless must be accommodated in DEMO-1. All these off-normal events are "difficult"! Must try to keep the Eurofer below 550°C.

REs: we can stop the Eurofer from softening by thickening the W to 14mm, but then the W melts.







Effect of Off-Normal Events on DEMO

First Wall

Event	Energy density, MJm ⁻² /deposition time, sec	Deposited area, m ²	Max. Eurofer temperature, K	Molten Layer Thickness (mm) W	Evaporated Thickness(mm) W	Max. W armou temperature, K
Hot VDE	~50-100/1	24	~1610	~0.85	0.011*	$T \le Tm$ for $\Delta w \le 1cm$
Cold VDE	~30-50/0.3-1	24	~1260	~0.740	0.009*	< T _m
RE	-50~100/0.05-0.3	0.8	~1500	~1.8	~0.035	>> Tm





(as indicated by vertical arrows for 30 and 50MJ/m2, τ =0.1s); the case of RE and hot VDE

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Impurities greatly aggravate erosion

- Impurities exacerbate sputtering due to their high mass
- If ionised, as in the divertor, they fall through the sheath drop of several kT_e/e with a multiple charge state and gain considerable energy
- However, if that is not a large perpendicular acceleration...









Yuri Igitkhanov, KIT

Angular dependence of sputtering yield

H+ impacting W, E=4keV: 25 20 15 Y0 (0) $Y\theta$ (0) 10 5 0 80 100 0 2060 180 Α.____

Yamamura Y., Itikava Y., N. Itoh: IPPJ-AM-26, Nagoya (1983)



Assuming normal incidence will underestimate the rate of erosion, especially near grazing incidence as in the divertor.

Total sputtering erosion of W armour by charge-exchange neutrals is ~1mm in one year of steady-state operation.

Dust implications...

But if the W is made many mm thick, more neutrons are scattered into the divertor region, reducing the tritium breeding ratio.





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Parameter selection for HELIOS -based systems code studies

- Only 1 GW of fusion power
- Only 4.8 T central toroidal field
- 1.9m of efficient neutron shielding
- Very conservative superconductor loads:
 - only 50W/m³ nuclear heating, 2K margin, <12T max
- No plasma current drive at all.
- No suitable plasma current drive technology or magnet cable design is available at present to build a "standard" 3 GW, 7.45 T machine
- \Rightarrow This is a reasonable near-term (pulsed) demonstration machine.







Systems code studies

- Burn duration explored for various R and A.
- T_{burn} only ~3 hours for major radius of ~9 m (as in DJ Ward reference case for these 2011 pulsed DEMO studies).
- Recirculating power is small because there is no current drive.
- Need heating during start-up to reduce the resistance and therefore the flux consumption during ramp-up.



Fatigue in the Central Solenoid and TF Coil



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midplane from distance

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Fatigue in the Central Solenoid and TF Coil

- Fatigue data was`gathered for a wide range of high performance alloys, but they only offer a ~20% gain in allowable stress at 40,000 cycles, compared to EUROFER.
- In any case, we need much more data on creep fatigue and the effect of fast neutron irradiation for structures near the First Wall.
- Since PROCESS assumptions are not specific about engineering design, two cases were developed assuming that the usual PROCESS radial build would suit ~40k pulses.
- Iteration permitted a close match of net P_e etc, with the solenoid enlarged to increase pulse length.
- And the predicted cost of electricity was the same!

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Parameter	Referenc e	Enlarged solenoid	
Available flux swing (Wb)	873	1058	
Pulse length (s)	12890	19040	
Major Radius (m)	9.58	9.88	
Minor Radius (m)	2.395	2.41	
Aspect Ratio	4.0	4.1	
TF on axis (T)	7.45	7.45	
Plasma Current (MA)	18.0	17.6	
Average Temperature (keV)	19	19	
Average Density (10 ²⁰ m- ³)	1.0	1.0	
Confinement time (s)	3.94	3.90	
Net heating power MW)	412	434	
Fusion Power (GW)	2.70	2.82	
Thermal Power (GW)	3.25	3.39	
Net Electric Power (GW)	1.03	1.08	
COE (m\$/kWh)	151	149	

Comparison of reference and enlarged-solenoid reactor designs explored by PROCESS





Start-up power requirements, energy storage strategy

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PROCESS runs determined the PF coil power supply demands & the required P-aux, checked by a POPCON code.



"H-mode everywhere" test case







Energy Storage

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- Energy storage three options:
 - To make up for some or all of the missing electric power output during the dwell time, and to supply power for pulse start-up. Could be off-site;
 - To supply power for start-up only;
 - To stretch out the ramp-up and ramp-down periods at the beginning and end of each pulse (to meet national grid rules). <u>Must</u> be on-site!
 - NB whichever of these is chosen, it will be idle >90% of the time, so the function could be sold in real-time (at some risk of unintended fusion breaks).
- The last two options might be met by adding thermal inertia to the fusion plant steam drum, avoiding duplication of generators.
- UK National Grid "rules" in 2010:
 - Max Infrequent Infeed Loss 1320 MW very large, but...
 - Max Capacity change rate (routine) 50 MW/minute (120MW/min in Europe).
- However the grid rules will be different in 2080 (renewables, super-grid links, storage facilities, electric vehicles, embedded generation...).







Energy Storage

Potential Storage Technologies

 Reference CIEMAT Report Energy Storage Systems for a Pulse DEMO (EFDA ref TW5-TRP-007), updated:

Туре	Description	Efficiency, speed	Comment
Pumped storage	Mountain, \$1k/kW	75%, 15s, GWs	Benchmark, grid
Thermal - cycle	HPump \$35/MWh	75%, ?s, MWs	Distributed, grid
Compressed air	Mine, comp/xpandr	35%, fast, MWs	Grid
Cryogenic	Dewar, cx, \$1k/kW	50-70%, ?s, MWs	Grid or <u>site</u> w heat
Flywheel	Disc-in-vac, ?cost	85%, 15min, 2MW	UPS w no battery
SMES	ScMag,	95%, fast, 100MW	HiTc promising
Steam drum	V.dP	See DLR work	Couple w melting
Salt storage	Molten, \$50/kWh	50%, 15min, 1GW	<u>Onsite</u> , size, plug
Hydrogen	FC tech, expensive	30%, fast, small	Small scale/wind
U-capacitors	Dbl layer, falling	95%, fast, MW+	Cost, size falling







Pumped hydro-electric storage

More than 100 GW of generation capacity worldwide, for example...



Seneca Pumped Hydro Station near Warren Pennsylvania, USA; 435MW, 4GWh

Żarnowiec pumped storage system, Poland; 720MW, 4GWh



Dinorwig pumped storage system (1984), Wales; 1.7GW, 8GWh





Secret Alternative "COTS" energy storage schemes

Compressed air energy storage

Norton (Ohio) project, eventually 2.7GW, 43 GWh



Molten salt storage

Andasol-1, Spain; 50MW, 0.35GWh

Valle 1 and Valle 2 plants soon in Spain: Similar to Andasol x 2

Capital costs \$50 to \$100 per kWh (??) Storage for 0.5 GWe start-up power: \$(12.5-25)M









Molten salt (nitrates) energy storage

• Driven by needs of Solar Energy...



Sun \rightarrow Collector \rightarrow Heat 'Therminol' max 370°C Oil \rightarrow Steam $\eta_{RANKINE} \sim 37\%$



• How to use Solar Energy at night?

Demand and supply are separated by hours Seek better employment of capital, better $\eta_{RANKINE}$

K/Na nitrate/nitrite eutectic ("HTS") heat store

- 142°C (m.p.) to 550°C (instability)
- 1750 kg/m³ and 1550 J/kg°C

Need to keep it molten, and clean







Heating requirements for plasma startup

W. Han and P. Knight, CCFE









- Start-up P-aux is chosen at 150MW from POPCON analyses.
- Then effective "gamma" was varied and pulse length calculated assuming that only the start-up P-aux was used for burn-phase CD.
- Hence a reduced number of stress cycles to be accommodated.
- E.g. 48k cycles drops to 14.9k (if Paux was NBH/CD: much less reduction if RF).

Parameters determining the level of current-drive and reduction in the number of lifetime pulses achievable with a 150 MW NBI system. These results are obtained by scaling the value of γ .

		RUN 66	A	Additional CD				RUN 50	P	Additional CD	
	Ip (A)	1.8000E+07	1.8000E+07	1.8000E+07	1.8000E+07		Ip (A)	1.7999E+07	1.7999E+07	1.7999E+07	1.7999E+07
nt	Vs-burn	4.0610E+02	4.0610E+02	4.0610E+02	4.0610E+02	t	Vs-burn	4.2090E+02	4.2090E+02	4.2090E+02	4.2090E+02
sta	$n(10^{20}m^{-3})$	1.0000E+00	1.0000E+00	1.0000E+00	1.0000E+00	sta	$n(10^{20}m^{-3})$	1.0000E+00	1.0000E+00	1.0000E+00	1.0000E+00
Cons	R (m)	9.5800E+00	9.5800E+00	9.5800E+00	9.5800E+00	ü	R (m)	9.5800E+00	9.5800E+00	9.5800E+00	9.5800E+00
	rplas (ohm)	2.8520E-09	2.8520E-09	2.8520E-09	2.8520E-09	U	rplas (ohm)	2.6410E-09	2.6410E-09	2.6410E-09	2.6410E-09
	bootipf	3.8300E-01	3.8300E-01	3.8300E-01	3.8300E-01		bootipf	4.0000E-01	4.0000E-01	4.0000E-01	4.0000E-01
	$P_{CD}(W)$	9.3820E+07	1.5000E+08	1.5000E+08	1.5000E+08		$P_{CD}(W)$	1.5740E+08	1.5000E+08	1.5000E+08	1.5000E+08
	gamma	4.5500E-01	2.0000E-01	3.0000E-01	4.5500E-01	iable	gamma	4.7550E-01	2.0000E-01	3.0000E-01	4.7550E-01
	I_{CD} -available	4.4560E+06	3.1315E+06	4.6973E+06	7.1242E+06		I_{CD} -available	7.8125E+06	3.1315E+06	4.6973E+06	7.4452E+06
le	$I_{CD}(A)$	0.0000E+00	3.1315E+06	4.6973E+06	7.1242E+06		$I_{CD}(A)$	0.0000E+00	3.1315E+06	4.6973E+06	7.4452E+06
iab	facoh	6.1700E-01	4.4303E-01	3.5604E-01	2.2121E-01		facoh	6.0000E-01	4.2602E-01	3.3903E-01	1.8635E-01
/ar	faced	0.0000E+00	1.7397E-01	2.6096E-01	3.9579E-01	/ar	faccd	0.0000E+00	1.7398E-01	2.6097E-01	4.1365E-01
	fvsbrnni	3.8300E-01	5.5697E-01	6.4396E-01	7.7879E-01		fvsbrnni	4.0000E-01	5.7398E-01	6.6097E-01	8.1365E-01
	V-loop (V)	3.1674E-02	2.2743E-02	1.8278E-02	1.1356E-02		V-loop (V)	2.8521E-02	2.0251E-02	1.6116E-02	8.8584E-03
	tburn (s)	1.2821E+04	1.7856E+04	2.2218E+04	3.5761E+04		tburn (s)	1.4757E+04	2.0784E+04	2.6117E+04	4.7514E+04
	No. pulses	5.5343E+04	3.9738E+04	3.1936E+04	1.9842E+04		No. pulses	4.8082E+04	3.4139E+04	2.7168E+04	1.4934E+04







Fatigue and creep-fatigue in blanket (TBM)

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Distribution of "damage" due to fatigue and creep-fatigue in helium-cooled pebble bed test blanket module after 1st pulse with 400 sec dwell time.







Fatigue and creep-fatigue in blanket (TBM)



With 8 hours dwell time, position of maximum damage is different.







Fatigue and creep-fatigue in blanket (TBM)



Estimated numbers of cycles to failure for Position 1 and Pos. 2 and different dwell times: <u>behaviour is different for different positions</u>.





Fatigue and creep-fatigue in first wall

Generic first wall model developed from the literature:



Fig. 3. The 3D model of HCML TBM.



P. Chaudhuri, Fusion Engineering and Design 84 (2009) 573-577.



The ZV model had 5 pairs of cooling channels, the coolant flowing in the opposite direction in a pair.



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Fatigue and creep-fatigue in first wall



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Fatigue and creep-fatigue in first wall







Improved Nb₃Sn conductor designs

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Typical construction of Cable in Conduit Conductor







Improved Nb₃Sn conductor designs





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Improved Nb₃Sn conductor designs

- Nb₃Sn exhibits strong sensitivity to strain;
- Filament cracking \rightarrow irreversibility.

Nb₃Sn-based CICC:

Nb₃Sn inside CICC is subject to **various strain components** due to the mismatch of heat expansion coefficient with respect to the structural steel material, between 650 °C (reaction heat treatment) and 4.2K (operating Temp.) ($\varepsilon_{axial} \sim -0.7\% \div -0.4\%$).



→ only about 50% ÷ 80% of the current carrying capability of the material is actually available – *before any degradation*







Improved Nb₃Sn conductor designs

Typical TF conductor test results

The degradation of the T_{cs} performance is observed upon *cyclic load* (current up and down in constant background field) and *thermal cycle* (warm-up / cool-down). The degradation always shows up as *broadening of the transition* (lower n-index).

The degradation rate decreases from the start of the test, but is >0 at 1000 cycles.





Cyclic loading tests have revealed problems...

- <u>Some</u> laboratories are able to apply and cycle the full magnetic field
- <u>Most</u> testing to date only to 1000 cycles.
- Tests of the ITER CS conductor in 2010-2011:
 - Performance degradation does <u>not</u> stop after few hundred cycles
 - Degradation continues without saturation to over 15000 cycles.
 - The lifetime of the 2011 ITER CICC is found to be only ~ few thousand load cycles ... N/A for pulsed DEMO...
- Need better cable
- A few suggestions:
 - improve strand support with much lower conductor void fraction,
 - longer cable twist pitches (despite higher AC losses)
 - rectangular cross-section (thin direction bent in winding)
 - layer (grade) the coil windings





Forensic evidence of irreversible damage



Longitudinal section of a bent <u>strand</u>, highlighting cracks in the tensile region. Scanning microscope image of etched <u>filaments</u> with crack propagation







Improved Nb₃Sn conductor designs



T15 (single stage, flat cable assembled by electro-plating to two copper pipes)



SULTAN 9T (2-stage flat cable, soldered to copper stabilizer, pipes and steel strips)



SULTAN 12T (2-stage flat cable, soldered to a brazed copper/steel stabilizer and pipe)



DPC-EX (2-stage flat cable, encased into a welded steel conduit and pipes)

The strands are usually *soldered* in place – unlike in ITER







- Literature review R>9m required for pulsed DEMO; physics issues e.g. control of P_{rad} and of burn, especially at very high Q; CD efficiency.
- First Wall heating and erosion: severe problems; melting W and creeping Eurofer!
- Systems code studies P_{fusion} ~1GW is OK in pulsed machine, but T_{Pulse}<3h
- Fatigue in the central solenoid and TF coil swapping large solenoid with "thin" structure for small solenoid with "thick" structure does not alter CoE
- Start-up power requirements many x 100MW but solenoid and P_{Aux} can be separated in time; energy storage strategy – choice of type; choice of on-site or off-site; consider use between site reactor needs.
- Energy storage systems available and in development: off-site = pumped hydro or air; on-site = molten salt or SMES
- TBM and First Wall fatigue assessments: "work in progress"; non-linear creepfatigue damage model shows points of concern shifting; need more irradiated material creep-fatigue data!
- Improved NB₃Sn conductor designs: 2011 ITER conductor not suitable for pulsed DEMO, several Nb₃Sn alternatives emerging (and "watch" HTSC development). Next few years = paper studies, or prototype trials?
- Future work plan: 2012 "DAS-PLS" work is more focussed and distributed amongst SS DEMO studies.







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CFE Fatigue and creep-fatigue in blanket & first wall

Future work on first wall and blanket fatigue should include:

- The effect of irradiation
- Creep and creep fatigue
- Non-zero mean stress
- Consistency with DEMO requirements for flow rate, pressure drop, inlet temperature etc.
- Derive simple parametric formulae, suitable for system codes, for estimating the lifetime of the blanket.







In the 2012 PPPT DAS work, there are no tasks specifically for pulsed DEMO, but several issues from the "2011" work will be addressed in the context of the Steady State DAS tasks to be launched in 2012. Some key points are as follows:

Energy storage (choice of maintaining1GW net output, only avoiding grid loading during start-up, or merely softening rates of change – new package)

Wall erosion (impurity effects, angles of incidence, realistic particle fluxes - PEX)

Systems code development and benchmarking (including burn control and design options with ultra-low nuclear heating of the superconductors - SYS)

Generically applicable wall and divertor fatigue criteria (if possible! - IVC)

Superconducting conductor development, possibly considering "high temperature" superconductors (new package)

Conductor R&D – experts seem very relaxed regarding time-scales cf others' thoughts! Need to understand degradation effects better, hence need prototype trials asap.







Extract from "Proposals for Initial PPPT H&CD Assessments", D J Ward May 2011

Inductive DEMO

•	Parameter	Value
•	R, a (m)	9.6, 2.4
•	Plasma Current (MA)	18
•	Elongation (95)	1.66
•	Triangularity (95)	0.33
•	Toroidal field (T)	7.45
•	Safety factor	3.0
•	BetaN (thermal)	2.6
•	<n> (10²⁰m⁻³)</n>	1.0
•	<t> (keV)</t>	19
•	Zeff	1.95
•	Fusion Power (MW)	2700
•	Bootstrap fraction	0.38
•	H factor	1.2
•	Peak divertor heat flux (MW/m ²)	<10
•	Pulse Time (hours)	6
•	n peaking factor	0.1
•	T peaking factor	1.5

T peaking factor ٠







Comparison of CEA device with parameters from D. Ward

	David Ward	CEA study
R, B _t	9.6 m, 7.45 T	9.6 m, 7.45 T
β _N , κ ₉₅	2.6, 1.7	2.6, 1.7
Α	4	4
n _e /n _G	1.	1.
q ₉₅	3	3
T _i /T _e	1.	1
Pfus	2700 MW	2705 MW
I _p	18 MA	18.1 MA
T _e	19. keV	19.17 keV
n _e	10 10 ¹⁹ /m ³	9.68 10 ¹⁹ /m ³
Q		1000
н	1.2	1.2
Z _{eff}	1.95	1.95



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		EUROPE (Power Plant		USA	JAPAN	RUSSIA	NOTE :
	ITER (SS)	Mod - A	Mod - B	ARIES-AT	DEMO - slim CS	DEMO-S	EU PPCS is NO DEMO study is o
P _{thermal} =1.18∙ P _{fus} (GW)	0.36	5.9	4.2	1.9	3.6	2.9	a guideline. Aggressive scena
P _{el,net} (GW)	0	1.	5	1	1	0.7	exist also for EU
η _{th} (%)	==	25	36	53	28	24	PPCS, but not give
R ₀ (m)	6.2	9.5	8.6	5.2	5.5	7.8	here
A	3.1	3	3	4	2.6	5.2	
b/a	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.2	2	1.85	
B _⊤ (T)	5.3	7	6.9	5.3	6	7.7	
I _p (MA)	9	30	28	12.8	16.6	11.2	Linklinkted ex
f _{GW}	0.75	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.98	0.98	Highlighted are
H _H	1.5 (ITB)	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3	1	the strong
$\beta_{N.th}$	2.9	2.8	2.7	5.4	>3.5	4.7	extrapolations
l _{bs} /l _p	0.5	0.45	0.43	0.91	0.77	0.59	compared to E
$\mathbf{q}_{\text{div,ref}} \mathbf{q}_{\text{ITER}}$ (at	1 (eq. to 4.8						
P _{rad} =80%)	MW/m²)	4.6	4.3	3.3	5.7	3.1	
P _{heat} /R ₀ (MW/m)	22.5	130	115	68	121	78	
P _{aux} (MW)	33+40	246	270	35	60	117	

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V. Pericoli Ridolfini – DEMO R&D Challenges



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Costs of energy storage systems



