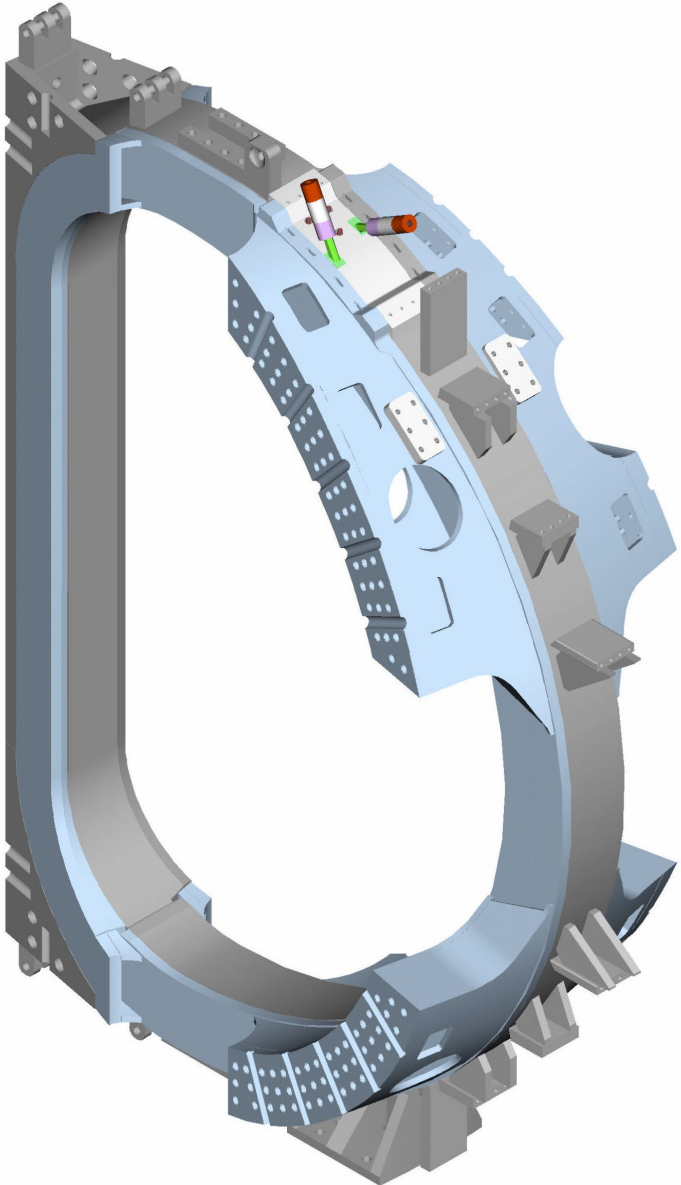


Nb₃Sn Superconducting Magnet Fabrication & Test Program

based on KSTAR and
ITER experience
& lessons-learned

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Well-known Controversial Question :

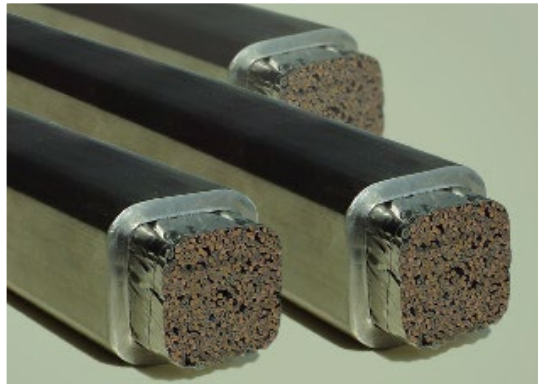
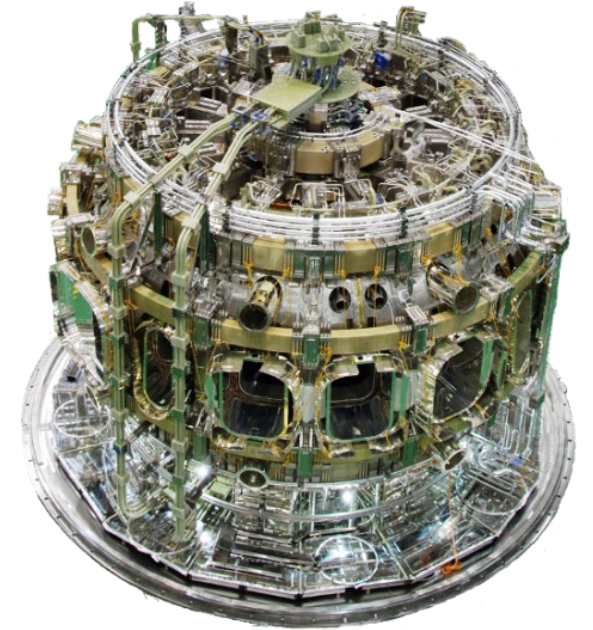
How to qualify Nb₃Sn SC magnet system performance without “full power (?) cold test” of all TF Coils?

For commercial Fusion Plant using SC Magnet (LTS or HTS), the success of QA/QC process without full cold testing for qualification is detrimental to achieve goal!

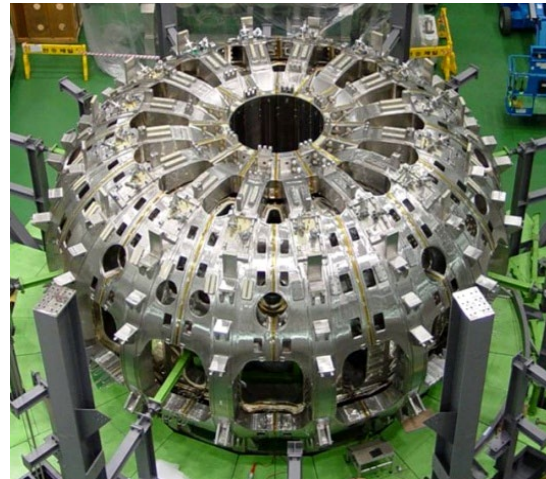
KSTAR Nb₃Sn SC Magnet System



- Superconducting Magnet System adopting Nb₃Sn both in 16 TF coils and in 8 CS / 2 PF(Divertor) coils. (4 PF Ring coils: NbTi)
- Each TF coils was encased in SS316LN structure and was assembled with accurate tolerance control. (Minimum possible Low-n Field Error)
- Central Solenoid was assembled in pre-loading structure by CS Shell Plate heating and Wedge adjusting.
- Electric insulation of coils are using pre-impregnated glass-fiber overwrapping and electric breakers on Helium lines. (Risk Management: Robust Electrical Insulation (Paschen) and Helium Leak Prevention)



Nb₃Sn Conductor & Incoloy908 Jacket



TF Magnet Assembly



CS under Installation

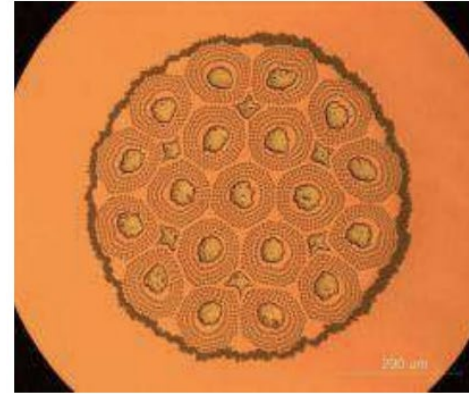


SC buslines with GFRP insulation



Electric breaker

Nb₃Sn SC Strand & CIC-Cable Quality Management



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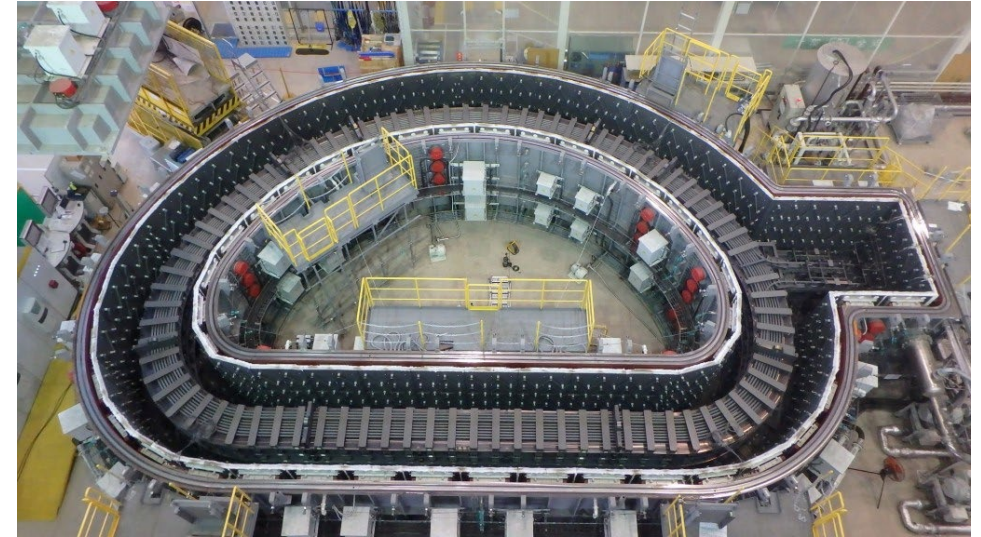
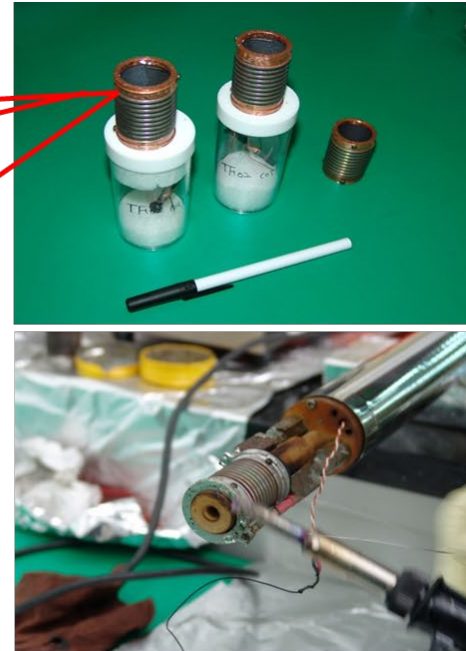
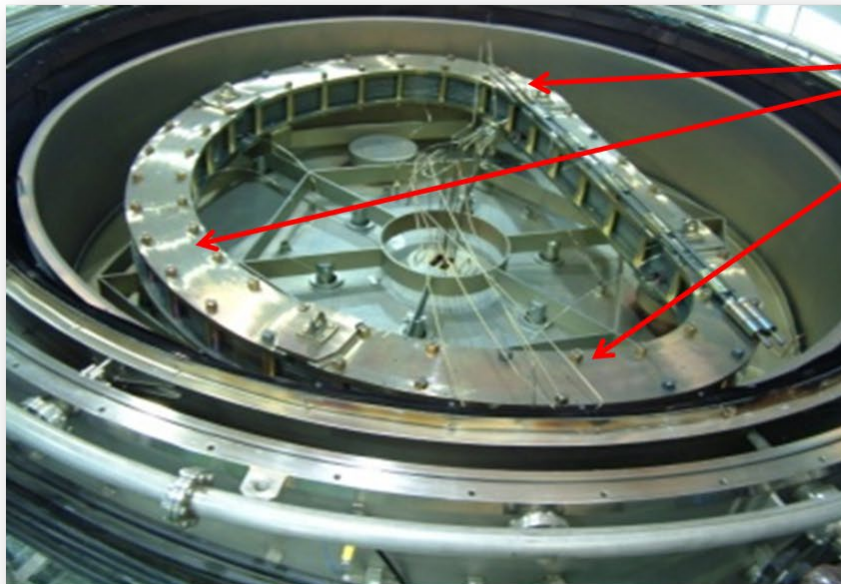
CICC : Sultan Test

Nb₃Sn SC Coil Heat-Treatment Quality Management

- Locate position-representation samples of **Nb₃Sn strands around the coil during heat treatment**
- **Performance test of the stand samples** according to standard procedure (Jc at 4.2 K, 12 T & AC loss)
- In-direct but highly accurate measurement to assess the effect of **heat treatment “history”**



Specific Issue on “Wind & React” Process of Nb₃Sn Coils



ITER TF Inert-Gas Environment Furnace

Strand samples (from specific TF coil) placed around TF coil during heat treatment (**KSTAR Vacuum Furnace**)



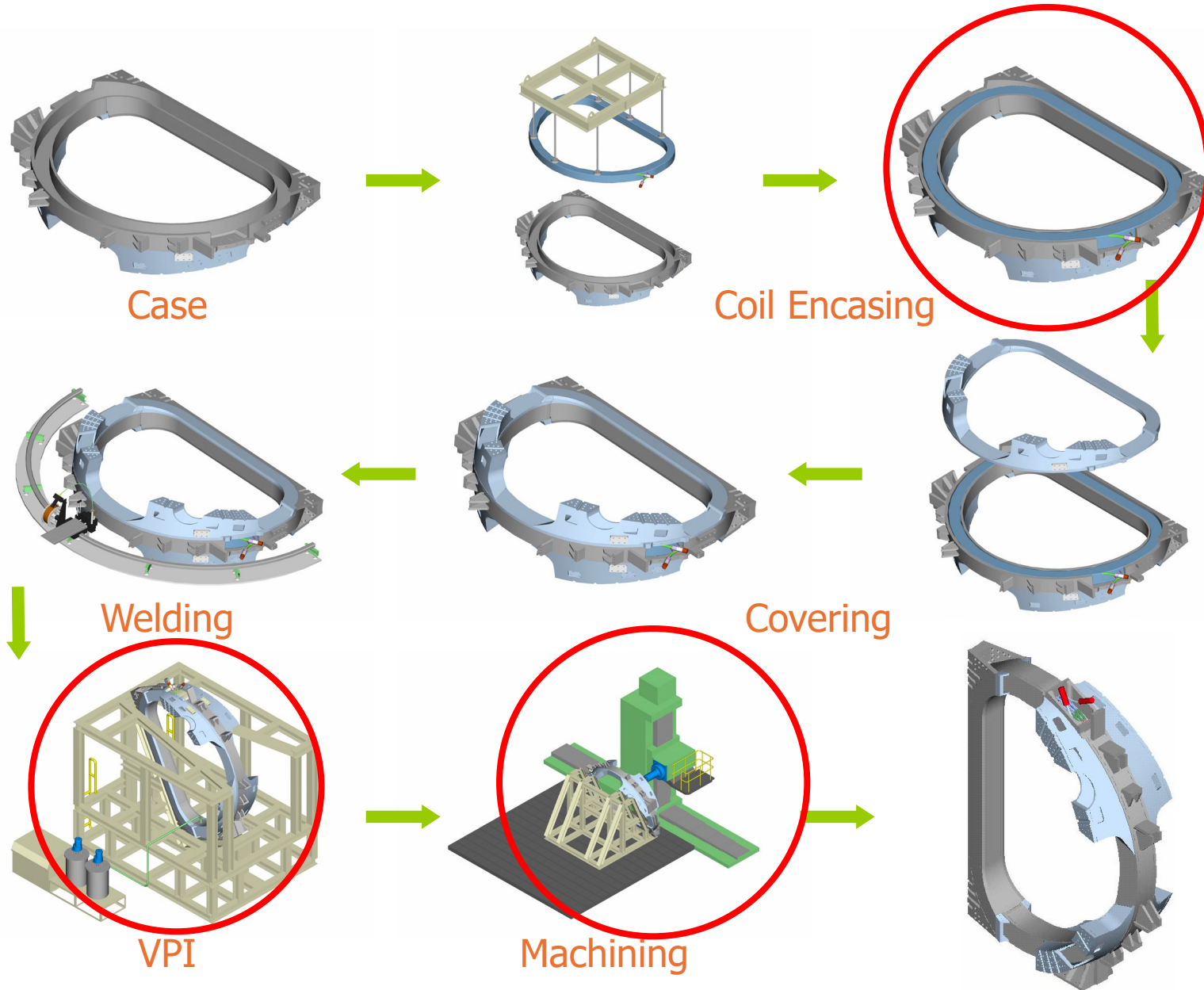
KSTAR Nb₃Sn TF Coil and Structure (TF00 Proto-type for Test)



Real CICC Cable
(Risk Management)



KSTAR TF Coil encasing to Structure (Low-n Field Error Control)



Field Perturbations

Ripple

- Physics goal: beam ion loss <5% due to stochastic ripple diffusion and ripple trapping.
- 16 Toroidal Field coils with D-shape, edge ripple 0.13%

Field Errors

The definition of $\delta B_{r,m,n}$ is:

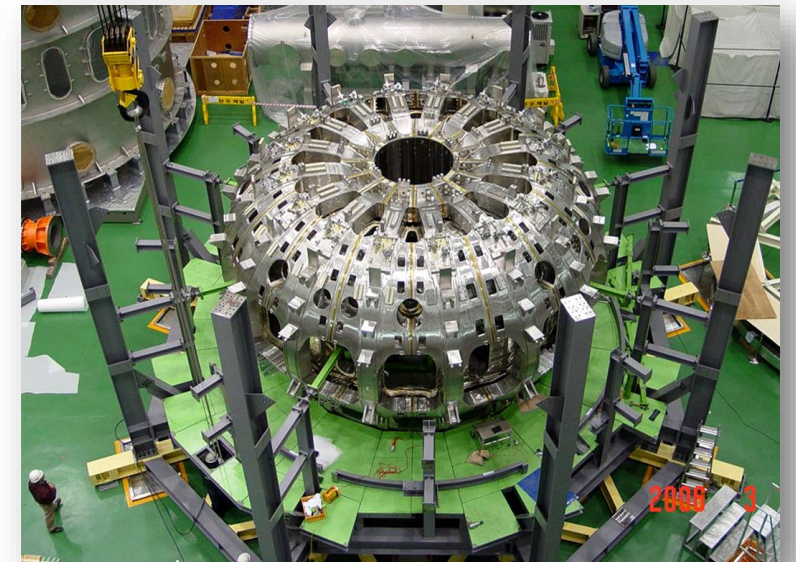
$$\delta B_{r,m,n} = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \hat{r} \cdot \vec{B}_e^{i(n\phi - m\theta)} d\theta d\phi$$

$$\left| \frac{\delta B_{r,2,1}}{B_0} \right| < 1 \times 10^{-4}$$

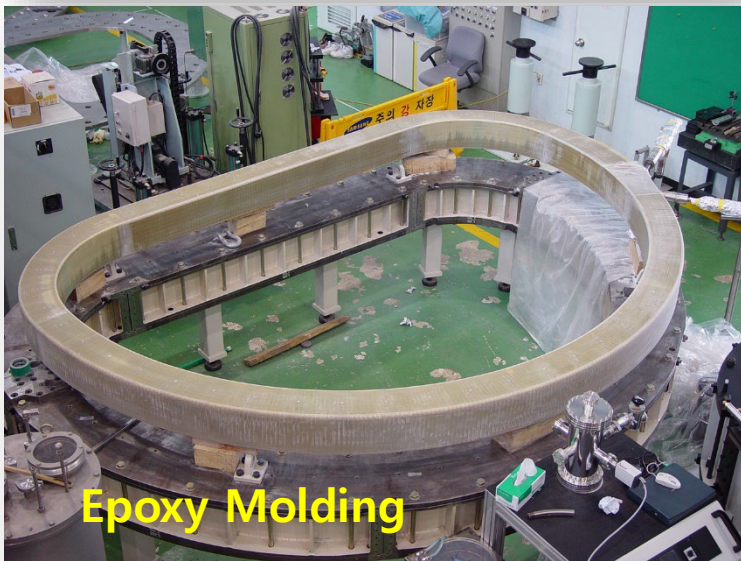
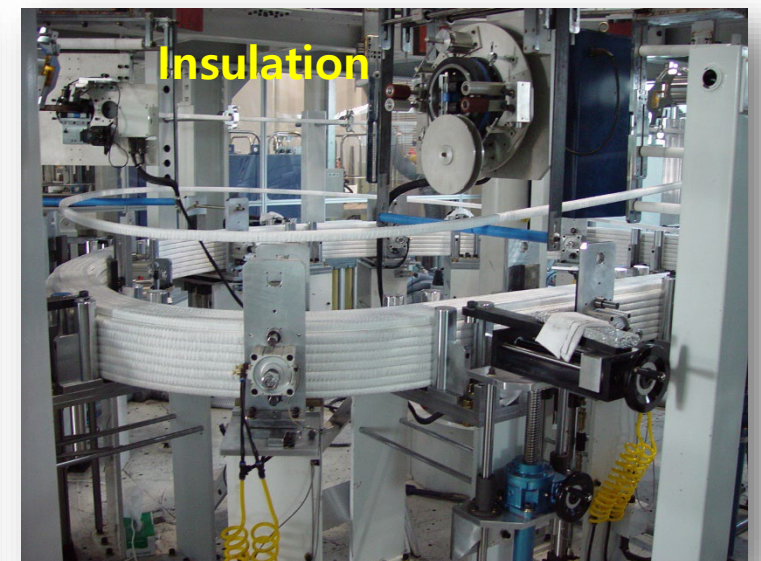
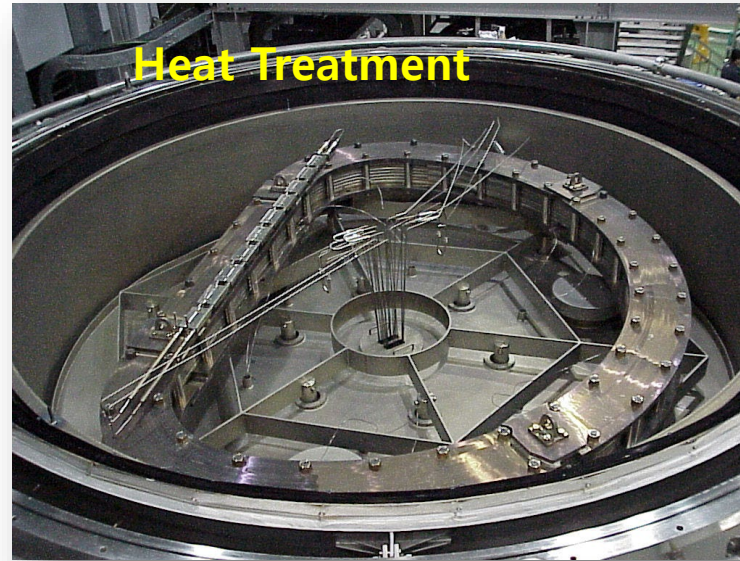
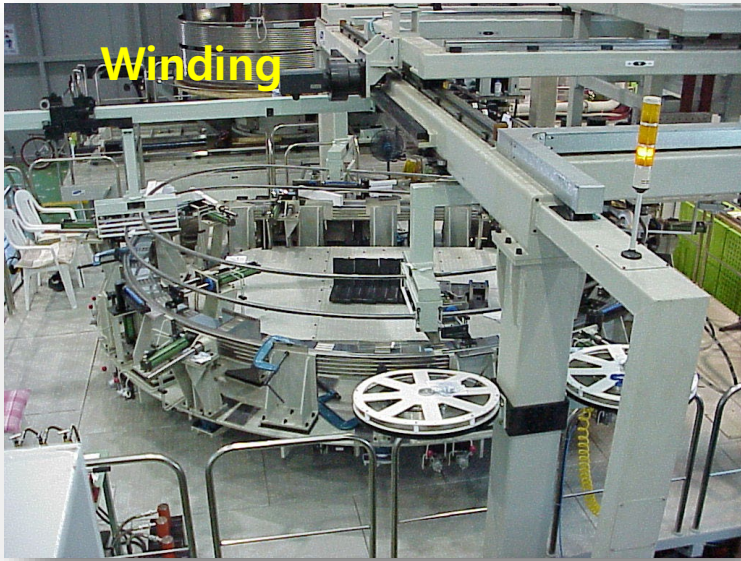
$$\left| \frac{\delta B_{r,4,2}}{B_0} \right| < 2 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\left| \frac{\delta B_{r,m,1}}{B_0} \right| < 2 \times 10^{-4}; \quad m = 1, 3, 4$$

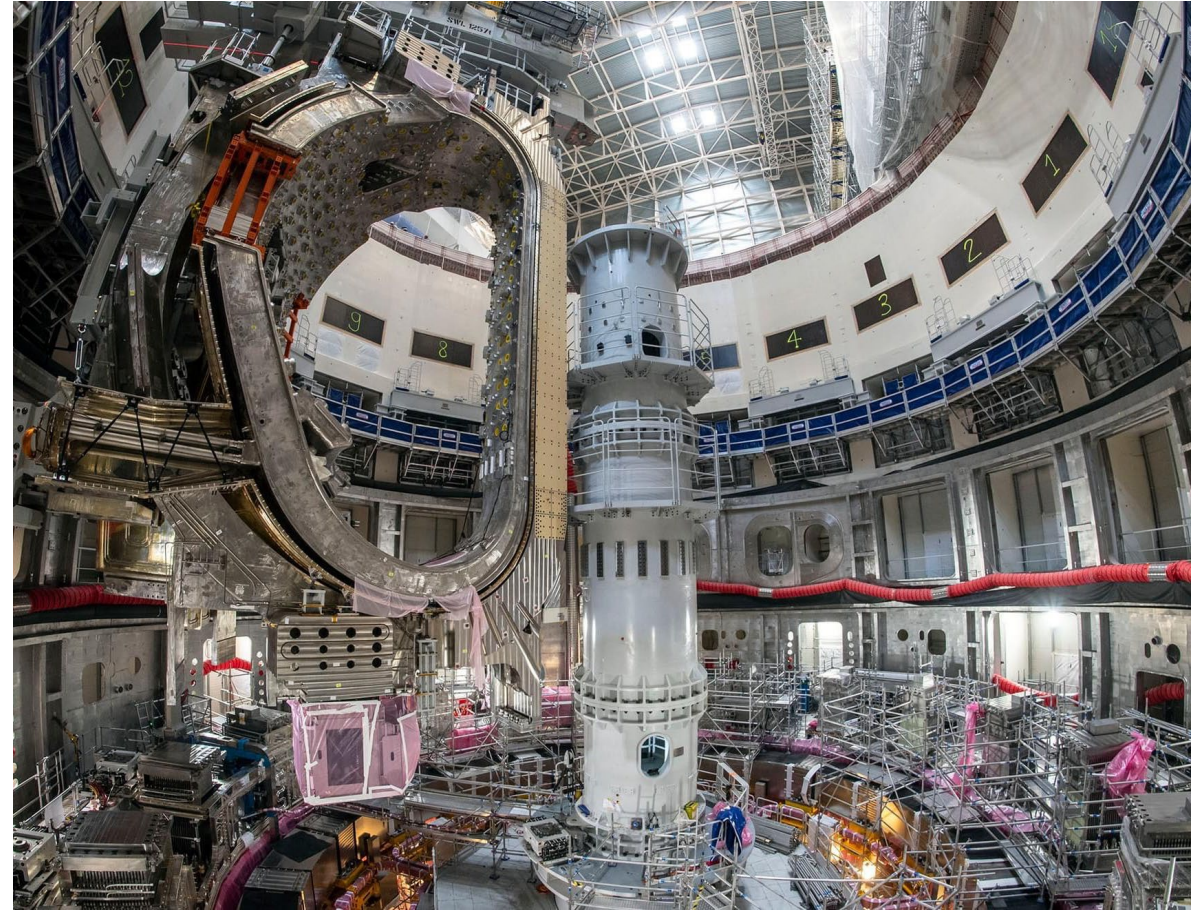
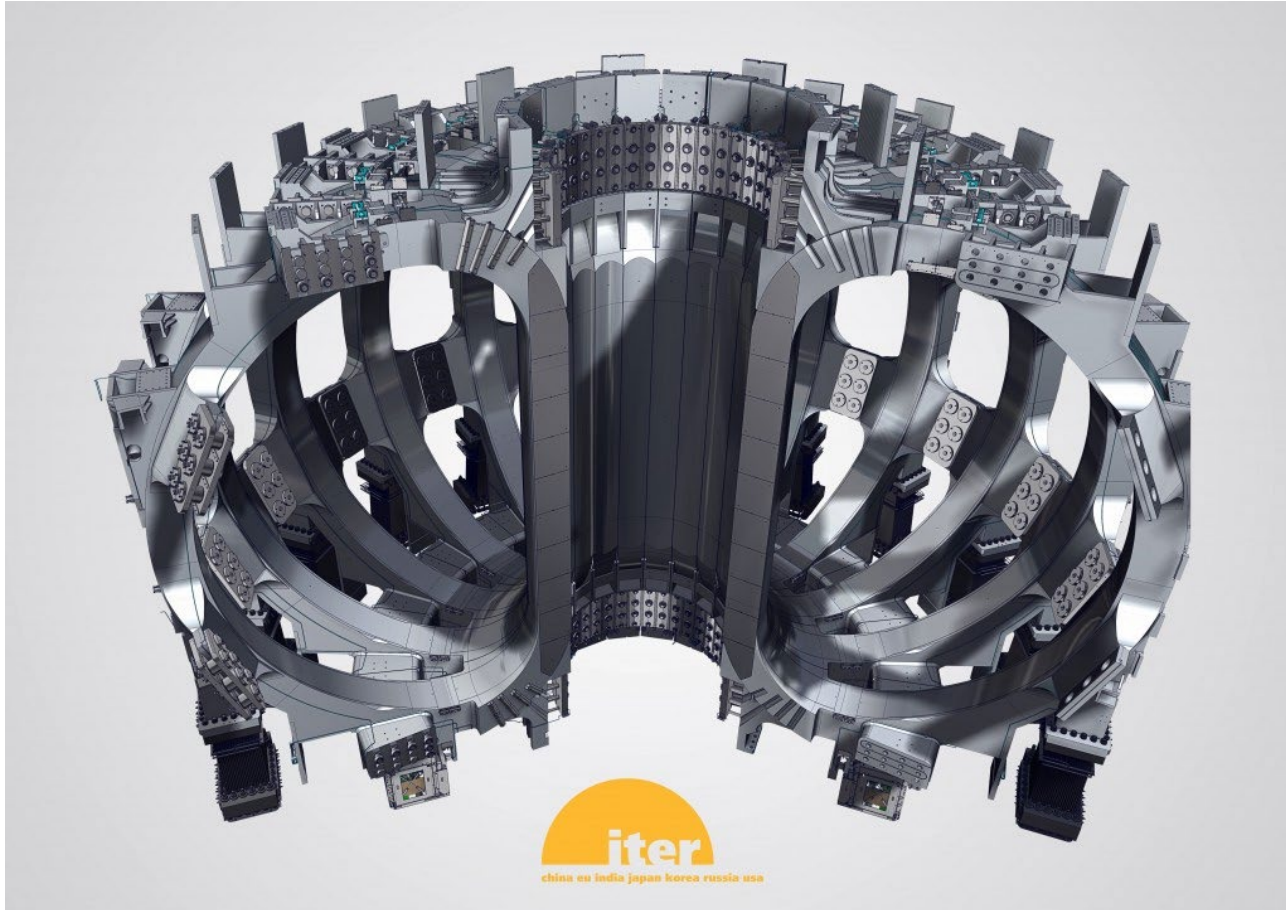
$$\left| \frac{\delta B_{r,m,2}}{B_0} \right| < 4 \times 10^{-4}; \quad m = 3, 5$$



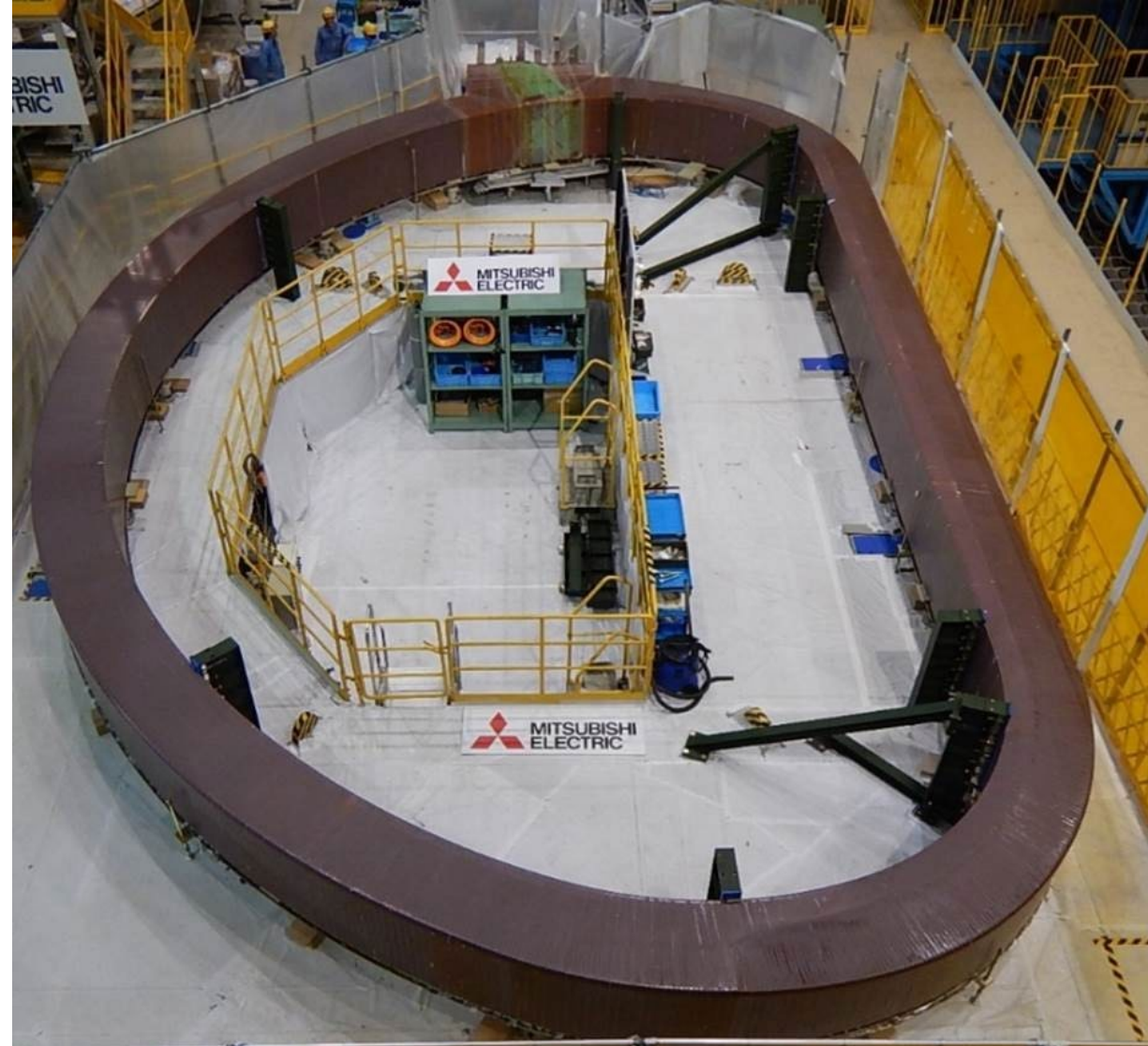
KSTAR Nb₃Sn TF Magnet (Samsung, Kiswire, Doosan, SFA ...)



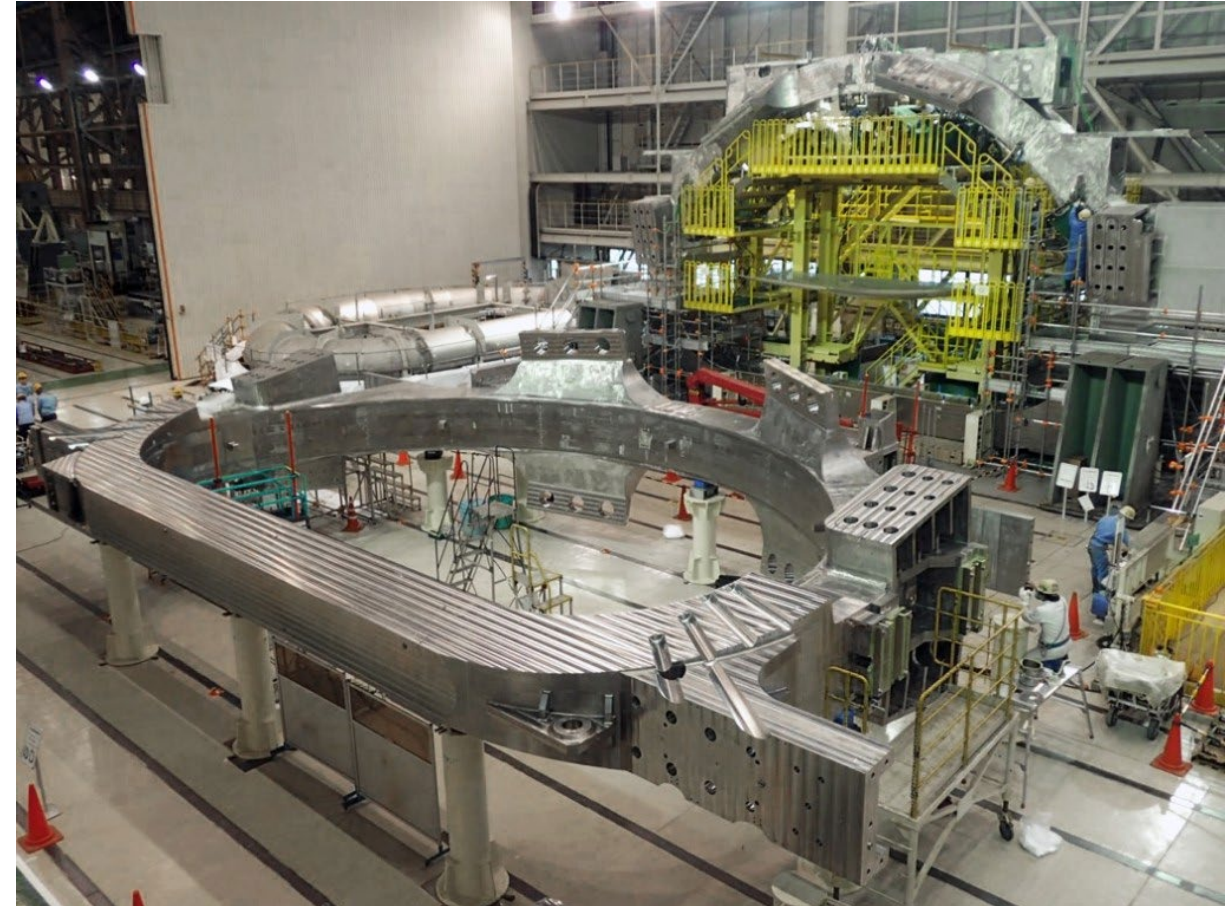
ITER Nb₃Sn Magnet Fabrication



ITER Nb₃Sn TF Winding Pack (JA : Mitsubishi & Toshiba)

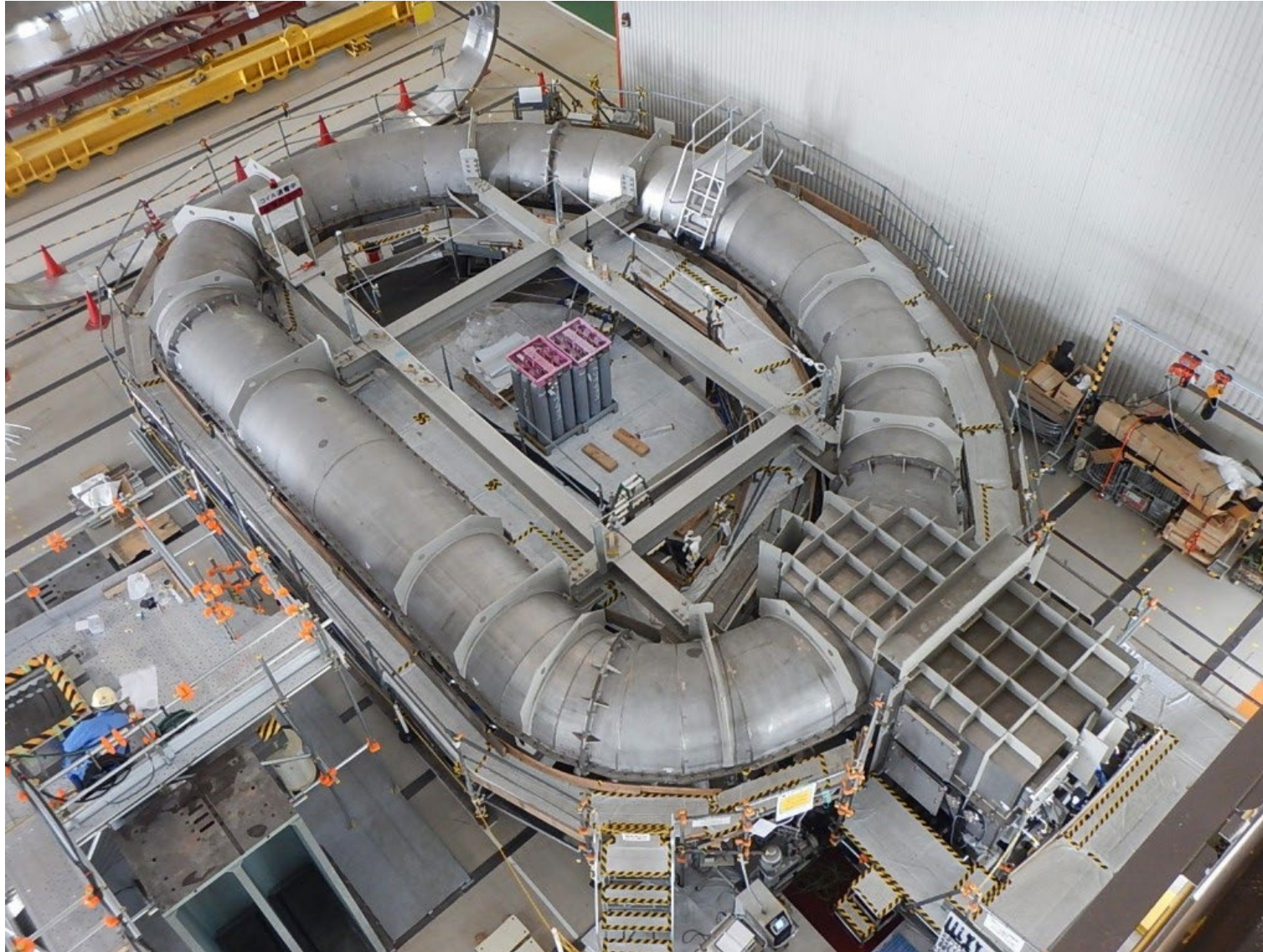


ITER Nb₃Sn TF Vertical Insertion (JA: Mitsubishi & Toshiba)



How to “harmonize” with EU Horizontally Inserted TF? Low-n Error?

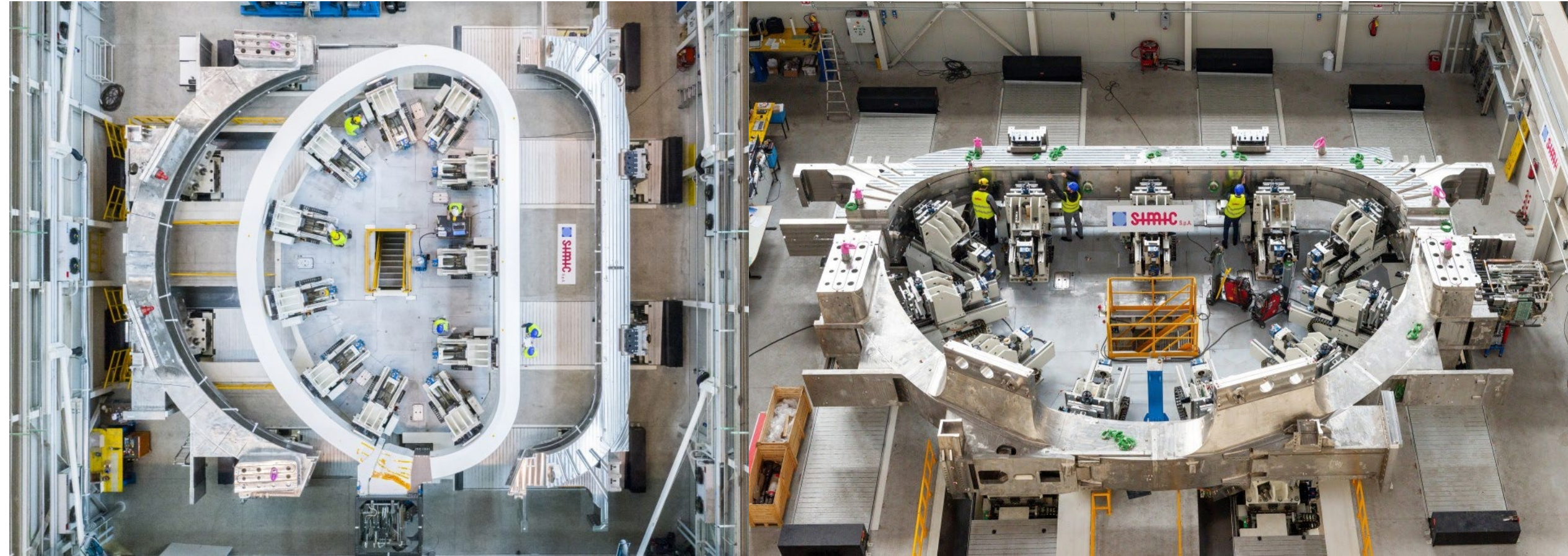
ITER Nb₃Sn TF Cold Integrity Testing (JA : Mitsubishi & Toshiba)



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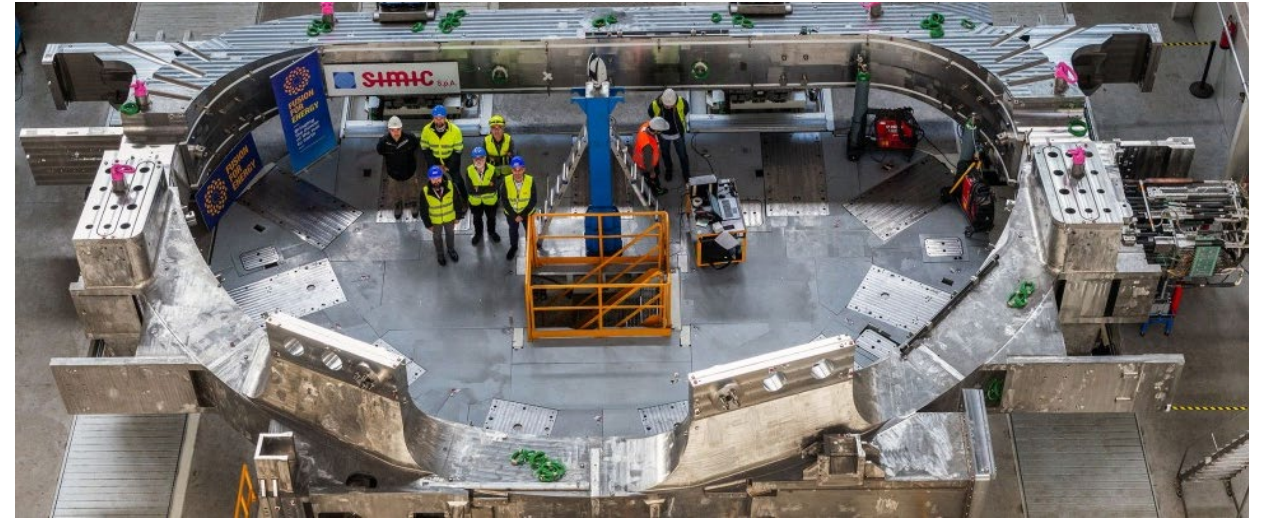


ITER Nb₃Sn TF Horizontal Insertion (EU : SIMIC)



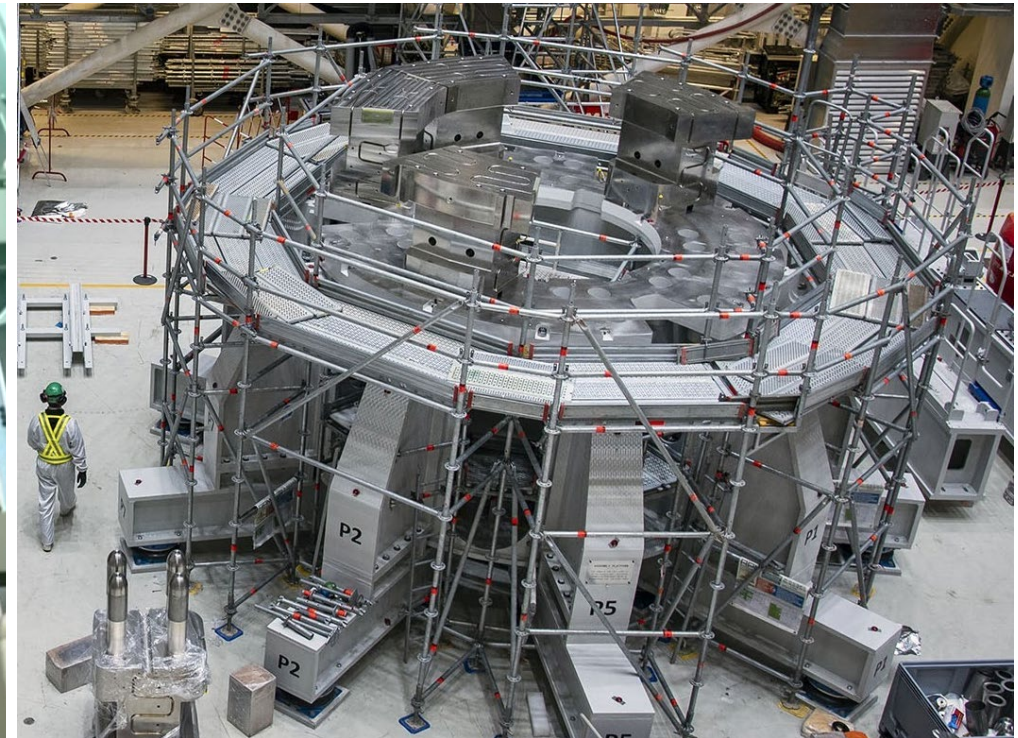
How to “harmonize” with JA Vertically Inserted TF? Low-n Error Field?

ITER Nb₃Sn TF Magnet Completion (EU : SIMIC)



TF Cold Integrity Testing

ITER SC Solenoid Manufacturing (AC Nb₃Sn Magnet)

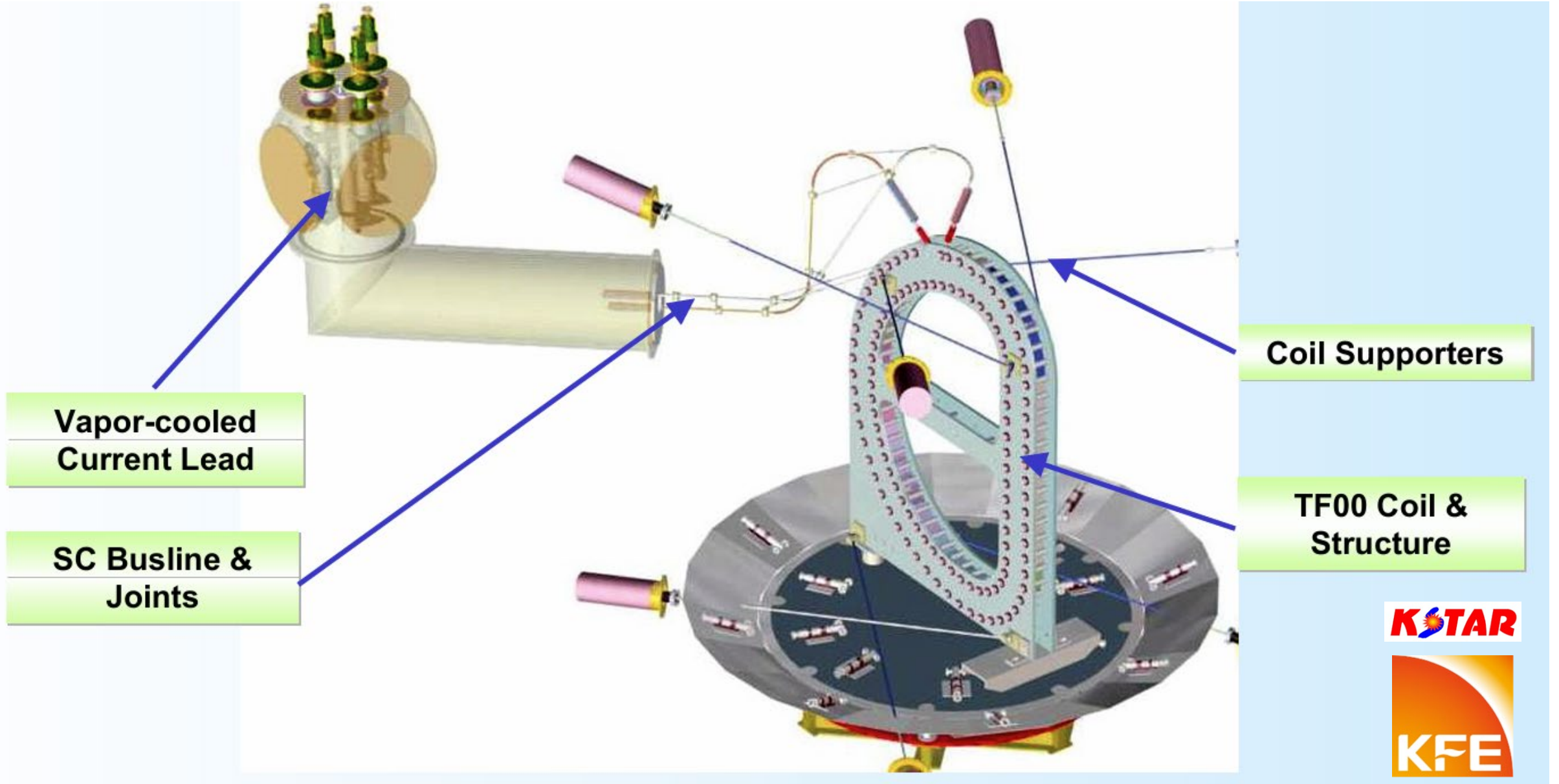


Central Solenoid Superconducting Magnets (US)

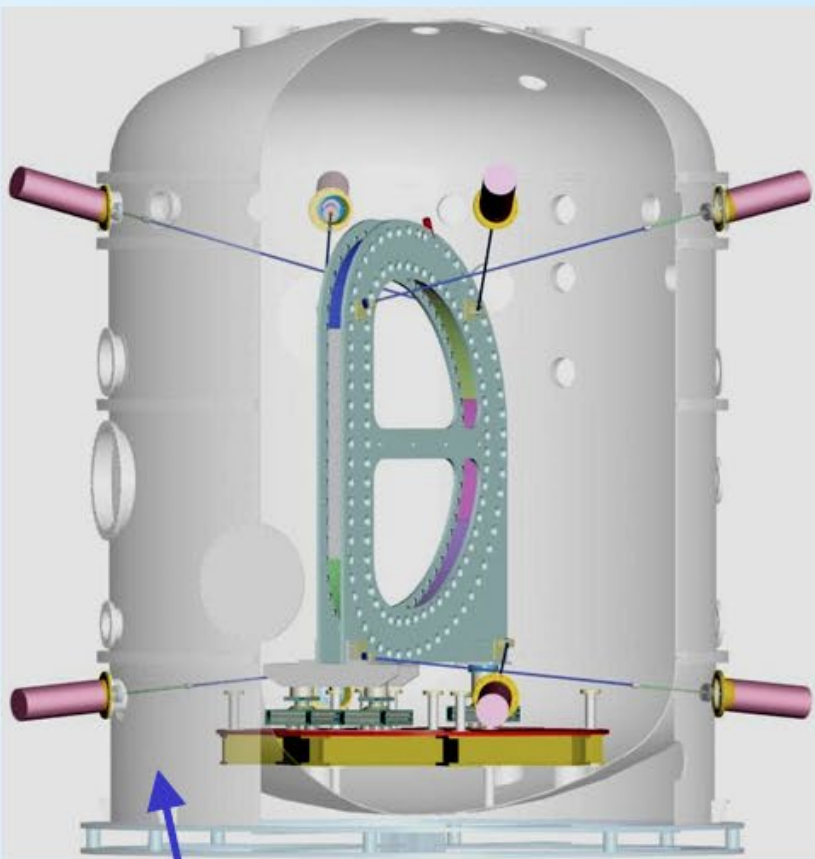
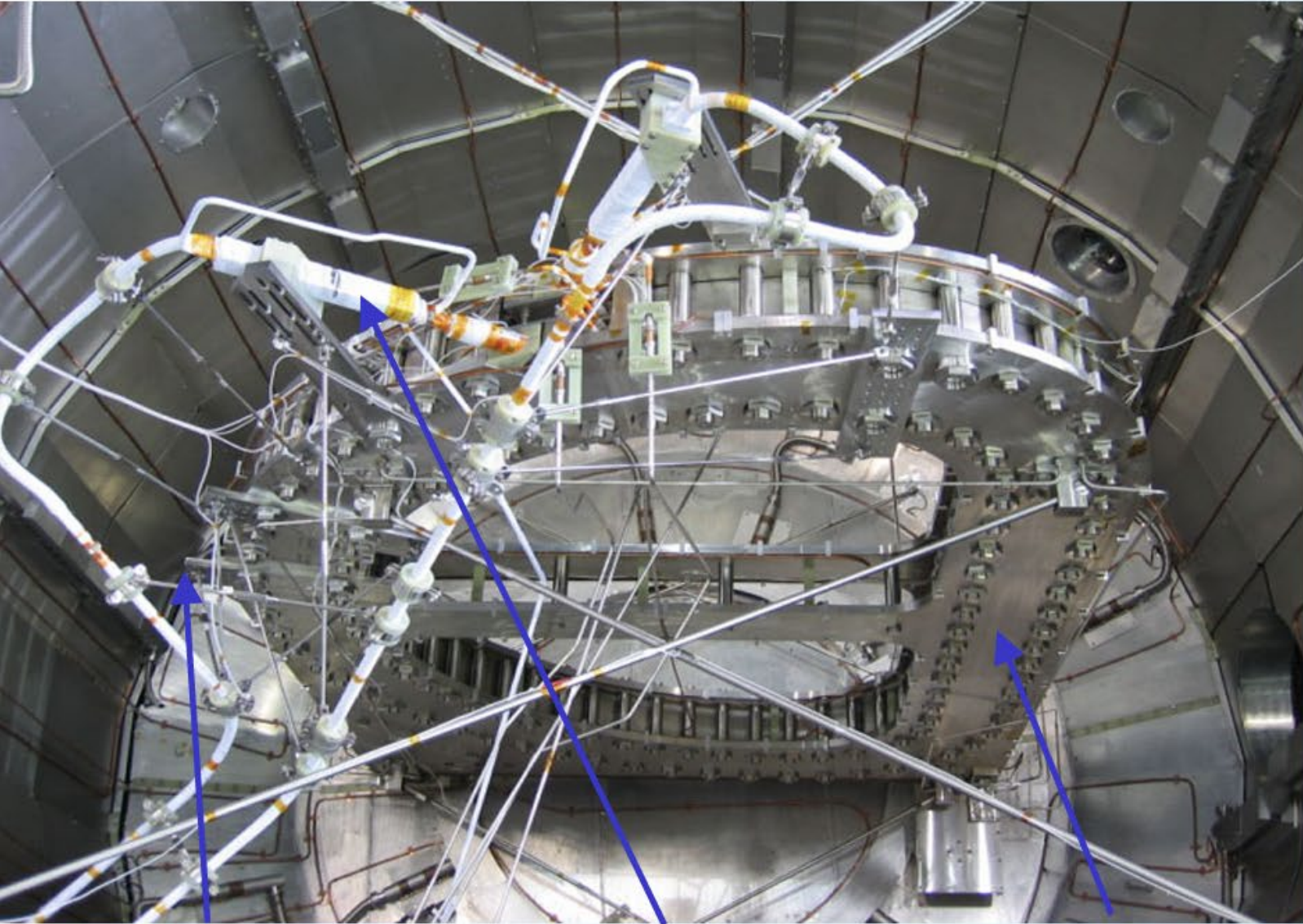
Nb₃Sn SC Magnet Cold Test

Why to do? & How to do?

KSTAR Nb₃Sn TF Coil Cold Test Program (using TF00 Proto-type)



KSTAR Nb₃Sn TF Coil Cold Test Configuration



SC Busline

Joints

Coil & Structure

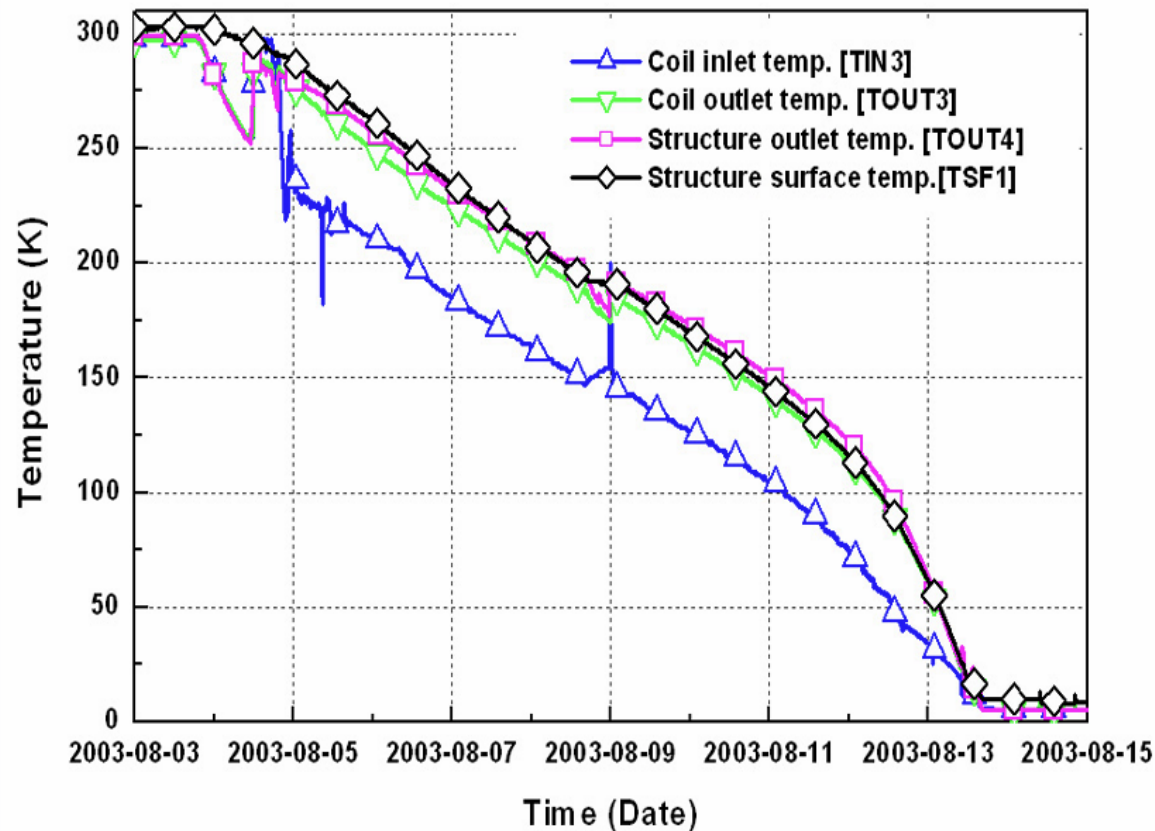
Vacuum Cryostat



KSTAR Nb₃Sn TF Coil Cold Test (Cool-down & Thermal Load)

- Cool-down in 9 days
- RRR > 200 (requirement > 100)
- SC Phase transition @ 18 K
- No helium leak @ 5 K, 6 bar

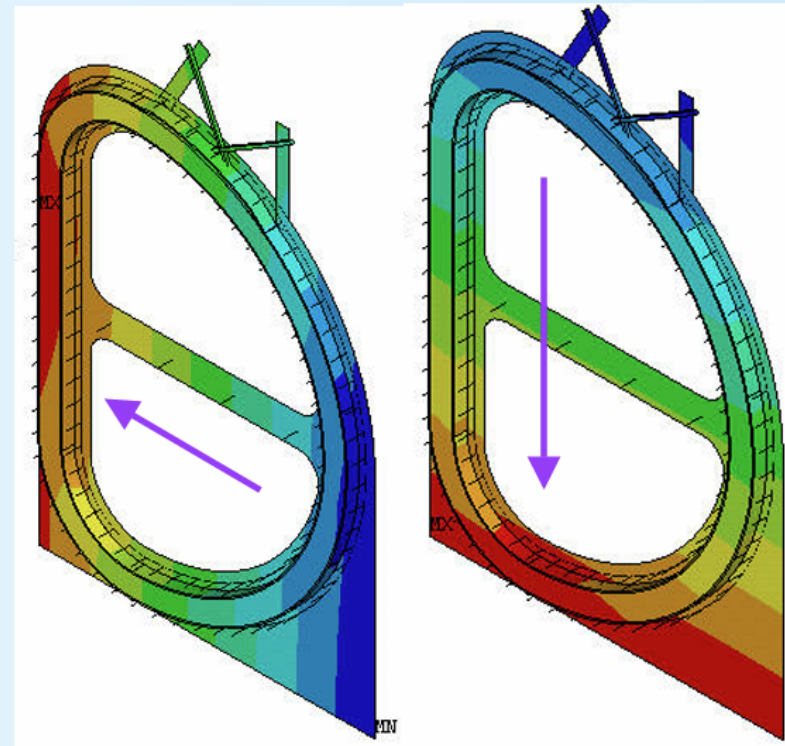
Temperature History during Cool-down



Thermal Contraction by Cool-down

Horizontal
(- 9.3 mm)

Vertical
(- 13.3 mm)



KSTAR Nb₃Sn TF Coil Cold Test (Current Excitation Test)

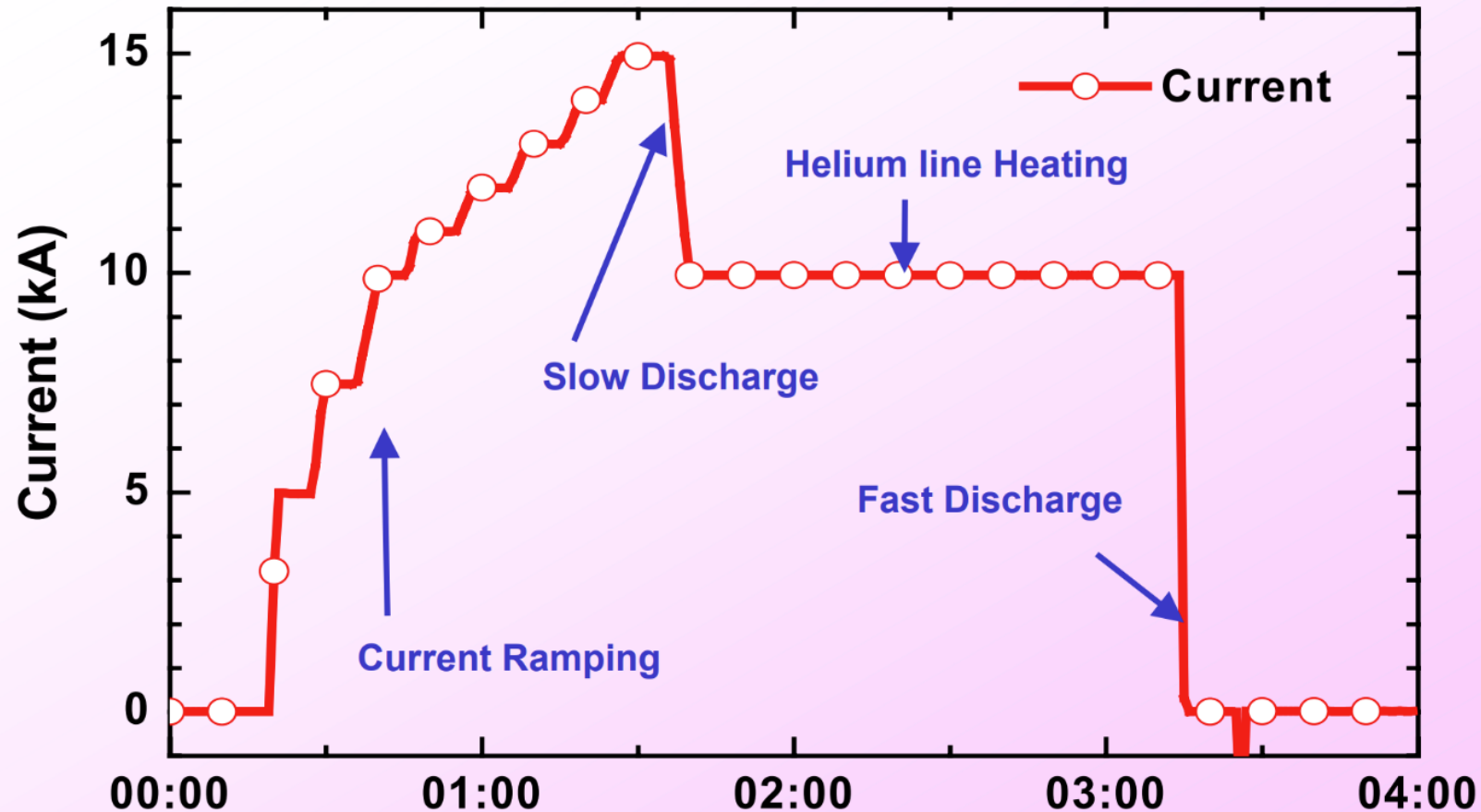
- Current Charge in step up to 15 kA
- Slow discharge to 10 kA
- Heating on helium inlet at 10 kA
- Fast discharge, $\tau_{\text{dump}} \sim 3$ sec

Full Current or What Current Range Test (?)

Single Coil Self Field + Additional Background Field (?)

TF Magnet System vs. Single TF Coil : Different EM Load!

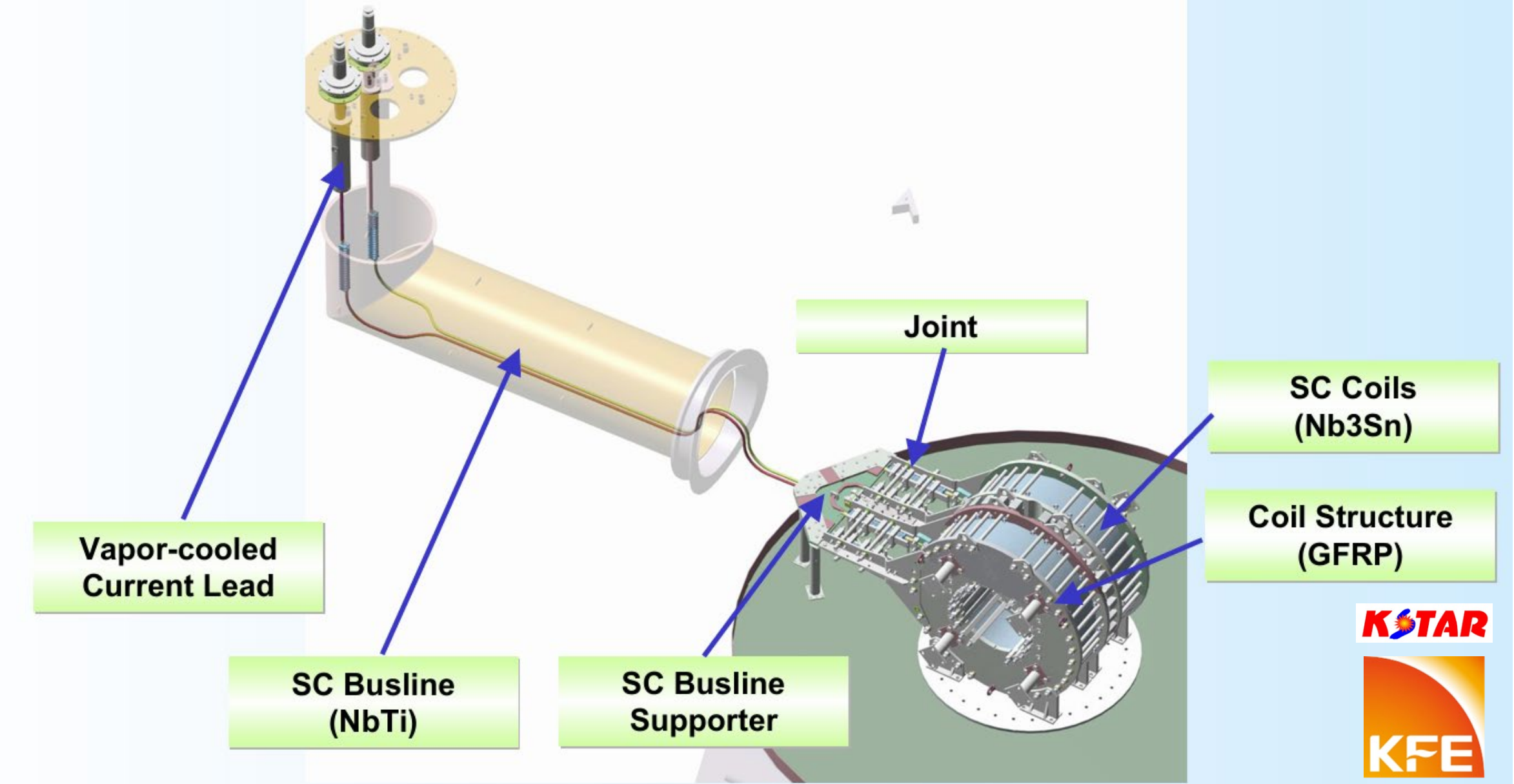
Joint Resistance Measurement (KSTAR Single-wind Coil)



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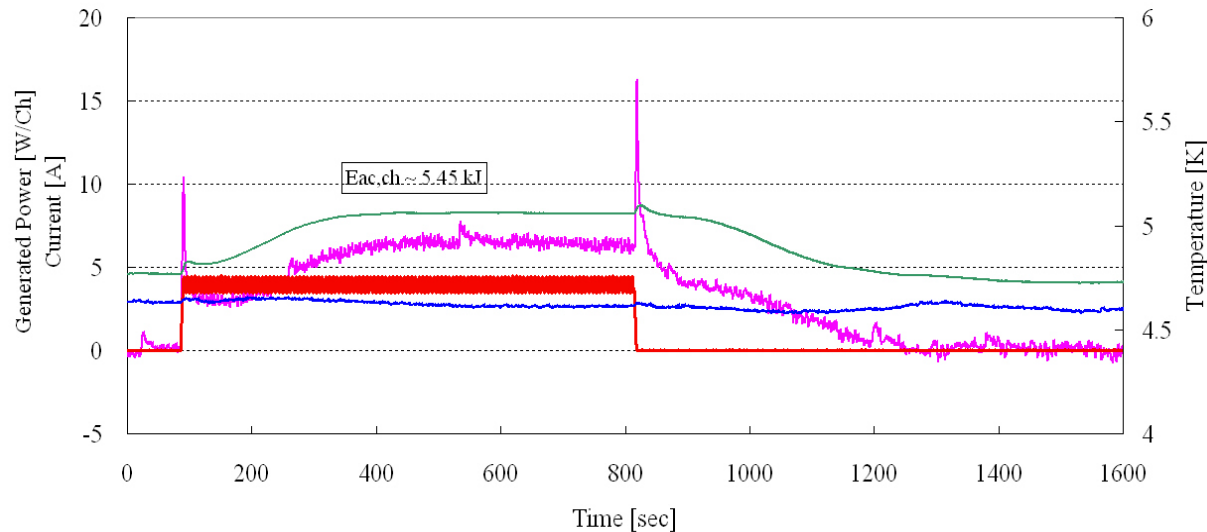
KSTAR Nb₃Sn CS Model Coil Cold Test Program (Split Coil)



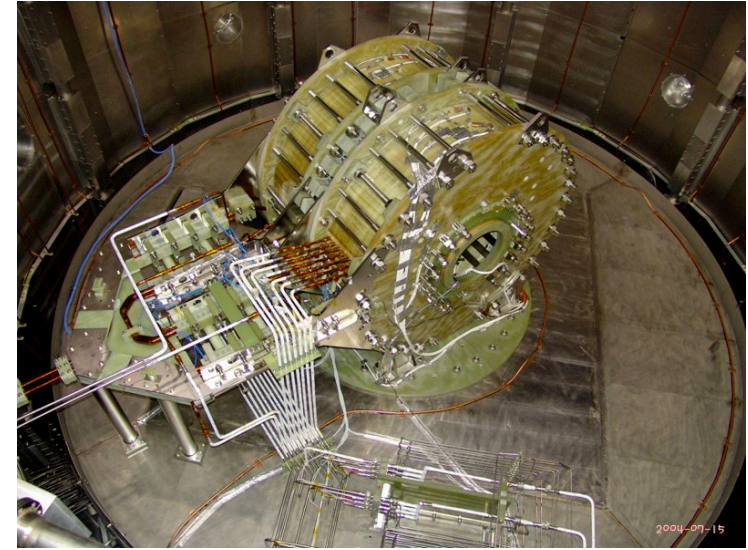
KSTAR Nb₃Sn CS Model Coil Cold Test Configuration

Originally conceived as “Background Field” Split-Magnet

- CS Model Coils with Nb₃Sn conductor was tested at cryogenic temperature to measure the AC loss as well as the dc performance.
 - DC charging: 25 kA, 10.6 T
 - AC charging: 10 kA (di/dt=2 kA/s)
 - AC loss measurement under various waveform
 - (coupling loss coefficient : $n\tau$ measured)



Sinusoidal waveform to measure AC loss



Pair of CS Model Coils in Testing



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Personal View on THE Issue :

Test should be based on **Risk Management and Quality Assurance Program** of the Project.

NOT by Worries!

(Need to study origin of W7-X and JT-60SA Magnet Issues)

- **Why and what to measure at what current range?**
(Field and Load conditions are different! Joints(?))

- **How many TF Coils to test with what logic?**

(What Temperature? How long years to test? What to gain?)

Key is Magnet Fabrication Quality Management Process!

(Strands, CICC, Winding Pack, Single Coil, Encasing, Final Machining)