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Accelerator Reliability Workshop The ITER Interlock System: Project Status

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The ITER Project

the way to new energy





A huge global increase in energy use is inevitable





Attractions:

- unlimited fuel ٠
- no CO₂ or air pollution •
- intrinsic safety •
- no radioactive ash or long-lived nuclear waste, ٠
- cost will be reasonable *if* we can get it to work reliably



Disadvantages:

not yet available

- walls gets activated (but could recycle after 100 years)



China, Europe, India, Japan, Korea, Russian Federation and the United States of America signed the ITER Agreement on 21 November 2006 in the Elysee Palace, Paris

"For the benefit of mankind"

The idea for ITER originated from the Geneva Superpower Summit in 1985 where Presidents Gorbachev and Reagan proposed international effort to develop fusion energy...

... "as an inexhaustible source of energy for the benefit of mankind".











Main Sources of Risk at ITER





Superconducting Magnets



10 GJoule: the energy of an A380 at 700 km/hour corresponds to the energy stored in the CERN Large Hadron Collider magnet system.

Sufficient to heat up and melt 12 tons of Copper (*)



(*) Rudiger Schmidt (CERN)



Superconducting Magnets



Total Magnetic Energy around 100 GJ

Interaction of strong magnetic fields 5T and up to 17 MA plasma



Plasma Heating & FuellingSystems







The Plasma

- Energy, Temperature Internal Components
- Current Disruptions







Vacuum and Cryogenic Systems





Cooling (and Heating) Water System





Remote Handling







Tokamak
Cooling
Water SysVacuum
SystemsCryogenic
SystemsECHICHNeutral
Beam

ITER Interlocks: Particularities



Interlock Functions

Particularities of ITER interlock systems

1. An eclectic collection of actions





Slow Architecture

Safety PLC solution - Prototypes











Test Platform Evolution



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CIS Prototypes in India





Implementation of the Magnet Protection Functions





CIS Progress Meeting - 4 February 2014



CIS Final Construction in Korea





CIS V.0 arrival at Seoul





Fast Architecture

FPGA-based solution – customized COTS





Hardwired Interlocks

The Hardwired Loop (Discharge Loop and Bypass Loop) allows the coordination of the different elements involved in the protection function, via a common current loop in a 2003 (or 1002) configuration.

The Interface Boxes (DLIBs/BLIBs) are used to connect the different elements to the loop, providing a reliable interface so the user can either read the DL status or open the loop, to trigger the protection actions.

*The user is defined as the protection equipment: QDS, FDU, PMS, PC.



CERN-based User Interface Box: DLIB







HTS Current Lead Test Bench





Current Lead Control System













fier





Quench Protection System ASIPP





Particularities of ITER interlock systems

- 1. An eclectic collection of actions
- 2. The not-so-safe fail safe states
 - → Identification of safe states after a degradation of the interlock components is not always obvious and even impossible sometimes without implying long machine downtimes.
 - → Interlocks design shall allow early internal failure detection followed by a controlled sequence of actions
 - → Setting the interlock outputs in their fail-safe sates is the last option to be taken
 - → Intelligent redundancy + self-diagnostics



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- 2. The not-so-safe fail safe states
- 3. Expensive interlock actions (or when the cure is worse than the disease)
 - → Triggering interlocks not only reduces the ITER operation availability but also the tokamak lifetime
 - → Example: limited total number of coil fast discharges or unmitigated disruptions
 - → 'Soft' interlock actions performed in collaboration with conventional controls and always backed-up by 'hard' interlocks



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- 4. ITER complex procurement strategy



ITER Procurement Strategy

A unique feature of ITER is that almost all of the machine will be constructed through *in kind procurement* from the Members





In-fund and in-kind procurement



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Mitigation of risks related to integration of the interlocks

• Segregation Safety – Interlocks

ITER Defense-in-depth Approach





- Segregation Safety Interlocks
- Common strategy for interlock identification and classification





Negligible

	Machine/System Unavailability							Category	Criteria
Cost	< 1h	< 1 day	< 1 week	< 2 month	< 1 year	< 2 year	> 2 year	Catastrophis	Disastrous threat to
< 0.1 M€	Mi	Se	Se	Se	Ma	Ma	Ca	(Ca)	abandonment of the
<1 M€	Se	Se	Se	Se	Ma	Ma	Ca		project and goals
< 10 M€	Se	Se	Se	Ma	Ma	Ma	Ca	Major (Ma)	Loss of a full
< 50 M€	Ма	Ma	Ma	Ма	Ма	Ма	Ca		operational
<500 M€	Ма	Ма	Ma	Ма	Ма	Са	Ca		threat to ITER's
> 500 M€	Са	Са	Са	Са	Са	Са	Ca		mission
Category	Description			Yearly frequency level			Severe (Se)	Significant reduction of an operational campaign program	
Frequent	Event occurs very likely				> 5			No significant impact	
Probable	Event is likely to occur			0.5 – 5			Minor (Mi)	on the operational	
Occasional	Event possible and expected			0.05 – 0.5			campaign program		
Remote	Event possible but not expected				0.005 – 0.05				
Improbable	Event unlikely to occur			0.0005 - 0.005					

Event Likelihood	Consequence							
	Catastrophic	Major	Severe	Minor				
Frequent	3IL-4	3IL-3	3IL-3	3IL-1 (no interlock)				
Probable	3IL-4	3IL-3	3IL-3	3IL-1 (no interlock)				
Occasional	3IL-3	3IL-3	3IL-2	3IL-1 (no interlock)				
Remote	3IL-3	3IL-2	3IL-2	3IL-1 (no interlock)				
Improbable	3IL-3	3IL-2	3IL-1 (no interlock)	3IL-1 (no interlock)				
Negligible	3IL-2	3IL-1 (no interlock)	3IL-1 (no interlock)	3IL-1 (no interlock)				

Event extremely unlikely

< 0.0005



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- Team spirit and many flight hours

Domestic Agencies



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Preliminary Dependability Analysis



<u>Principle</u>

Future fusion power plants will be only possible if ITER proves that the reactor and associated systems can run long plasma discharges reliably.

<u>Consequences</u>

The ITER interlocks shall:

- 1. Protect the tokamak integrity
- 2. Maximise scientific operation time
- 3. Anticipate and test interlock solutions for future industrial fusion reactors



Interlock Dependability Analysis Strategy

<u>3 Steps</u>

- 1. What we can control: Central Interlock System
- 2. What we can coordinate: Plant Interlock Systems
 - 3. All together



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1. What we can control: Central Interlock System

CIS Integrity Requirements (from Project Baseline):

- I. Overall availability (99,9%)
- II. reliability (99,6% over two 8h shifts)
- III. probability of a dangerous failure of less than 10⁻⁷ per hour

Strategy

- 1. Standard architectures well defined in terms of dependability
 - IEC 61508 Certified equipment whenever possible
 - Non certified equipment with detailed reliability analysis and prototyping
- 2. Continuous long-term dependability monitoring/assessment



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Tools for the plant systems currently under design:

- i. RAMI
 - Functional Analysis FMECA
 - Reliability Block Diagrams
- ii. HAZOP
- iii. 3IL Assesments

Support Life Cycle Management



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- Machine Protection Panel Qualitative Analysis
- Models for Interlock functions 17 representative cases analyzed
- Progressive take over of the local plant system interlocks by the CIS team
- R&D: Systems Theoretic Process Analysis (STPA)



Conclusions

The unprecedented technical and managerial complexity of ITER requires an interlock design where the traditional simplicity of tokamak investment protection systems has been replaced by a **4-architecture solution** with different technological choices

The ITER Interlock System will most likely be the first machine protection system built with most of its components provided **in-kind from up to 36 different countries**

A strong effort is being put in place to ensure that all actors around the globe design, build and configure the parts of the puzzle to be properly integrated with the central system

While a detailed **dependability analysis** of the Central Interlock System has been already performed, a final strategy has still to be put in place to continuously monitor the progressive growth the overall interlock system.

The ITER interlock system will complete its final design in March 2016. Construction of CIS V.1 will be done in Korea during 2016 and 2017.

CIS V.1 will be tested in the Korean superconducting tokamak KSTAR before being shipped to Cadarache by 2019

Thank you



































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