

An Overview on Development of Codes and Standards for Tokamak Fusion Power Plant in Japan

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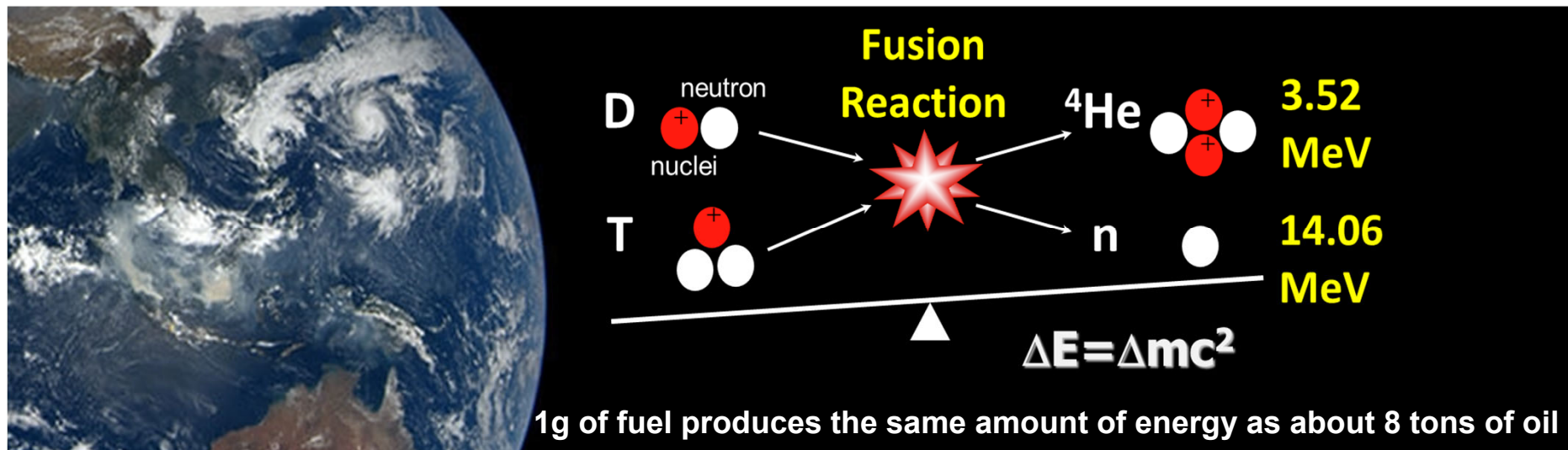
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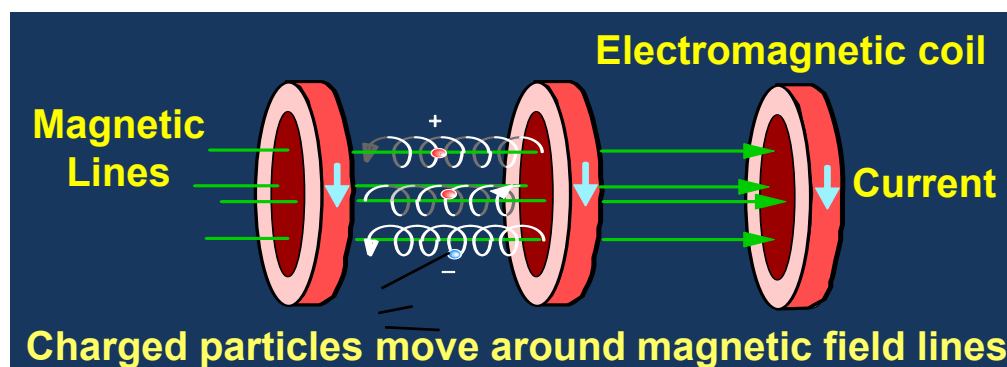
Introduction: Unique Safety Nature in Fusion Reaction

- Heat Deuterium (D) & Tritium (T) to several thousand degrees $\Rightarrow$ Plasma
- Heat DT Plasma over 100 million degrees, and then nuclei fuse together
- 1g of fuel produces the same amount of energy as about 8 tons of oil
- Single reaction only under limited conditions, no melt-down possible
- Inherent safety : self-shutdown by very small amounts of impurities (LBB utilized) and by temperature and density fluctuations outside operating range
- Low hazard potential: several tenths lower than that of a 1MW fission reactor, safety requirement almost the same as ASME Sec. III ND or Sec. VIII-Div.1.
- Unlimited and non-localized fuel in seawater for millions of years

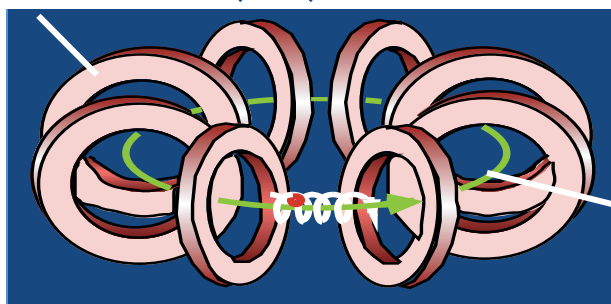


Introduction: Tokamak Fusion Facility

High Temperature Plasma confined by magnetic cage generated by **superconducting (SC)** coils

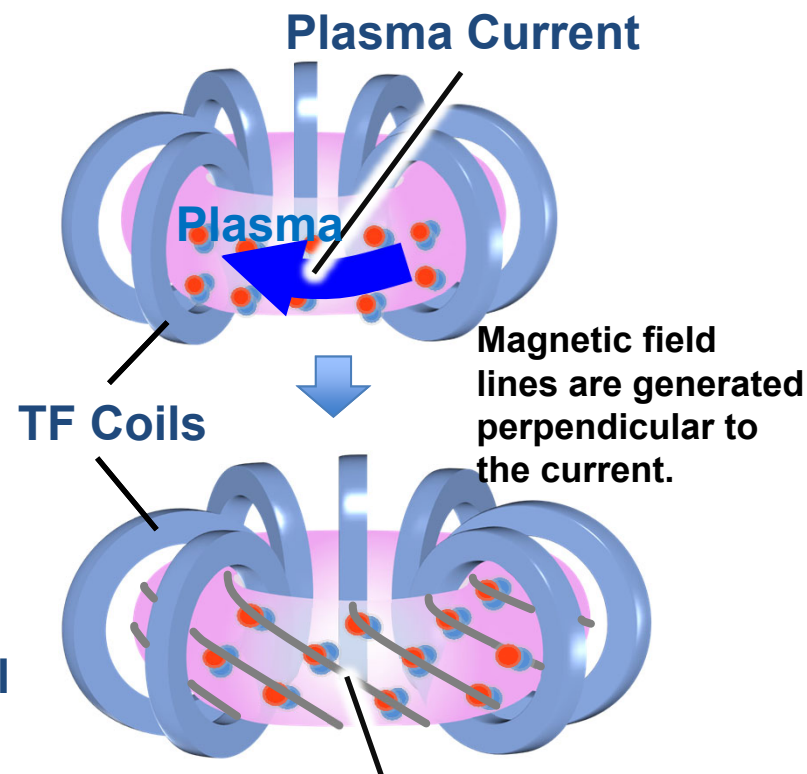


Toroidal Field (TF) Coils



Toroidal Fields

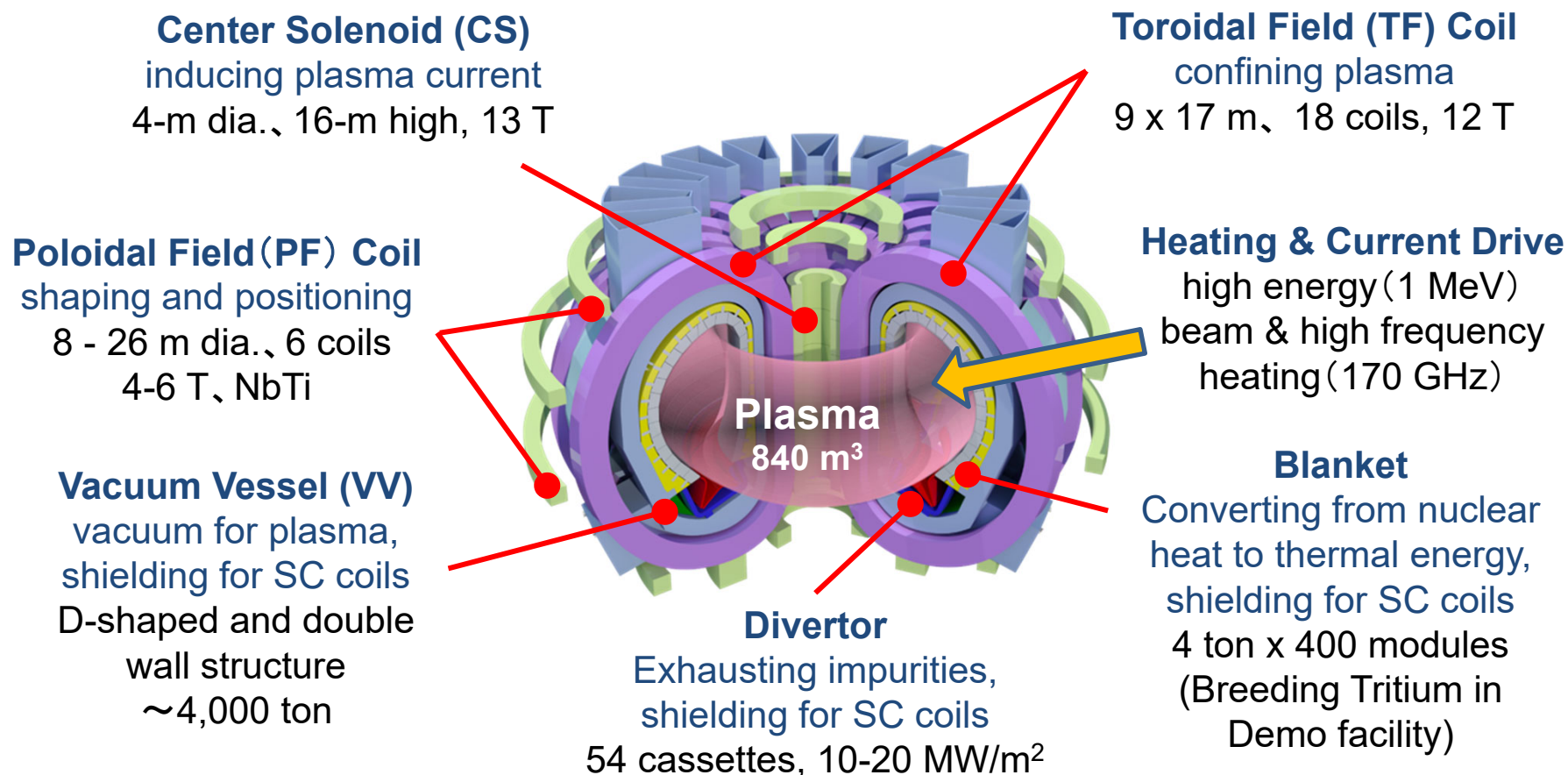
*“Tokamak”: Russian acronym for
“Toroidal Chamber, Magnetic Coils”*



**Strong magnetic cage with
twisted magnetic field lines**

ITER: Tokamak Configuration

Fusion Specific Components and Design Parameters



SC coils: non-safety, magnetic confinement, electromagnetic (EM) force
VV: safety enclosure (tritium & radioactive materials), shielding, EM force
In-vessel components: non-safety, operational functions, shielding, EM force

Formulation by JSME Code Committee

Superconducting Magnet (SC Coil) Structure Standards

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| 1998 | Activity of code development for fusion facilities was started in consideration of siting the ITER in Japan. |
| 2001 | A collaboration work between Thermal and Nuclear Power Engineering Society (TENPES), ASME and the Advisory Group (AG), chaired by Mr. R. W. Barnes, was started. |
| 2002.7 | Subcommittee on Fusion Power was established in JSME to start code activity for fusion facility. All activities and rights were conferred to JSME from TENPES. |
| 2005 | ITER site was determined in France and activities in JSME were suspended. |
| 2006 | Activity of code development was resumed with concentrating to the ITER TF coil structures as JA procurement. |
| 2008 Mar | Final version approval at Main committee on Power Generation Facility Codes |
| Jun - Aug | Public comments |
| Oct | JSME S KA1-2008 Codes for Fusion Facilities – Rules on Superconducting Magnet Structure – (Japanese) |
| 2010 Sep | JSME S KA1-2008 Codes for Fusion Facilities – Rules on Superconducting Magnet Structure – (English translation) |
| 2014 Jan | JSME S KA1-2013 Codes for Fusion Facilities – Rules on Superconducting Magnet Structure – (Japanese + English translation) |
| 2019 Aug | JSME S KA1-2017 Codes for Fusion Facilities – Rules on Superconducting Magnet Structure – (Japanese + English translation) |

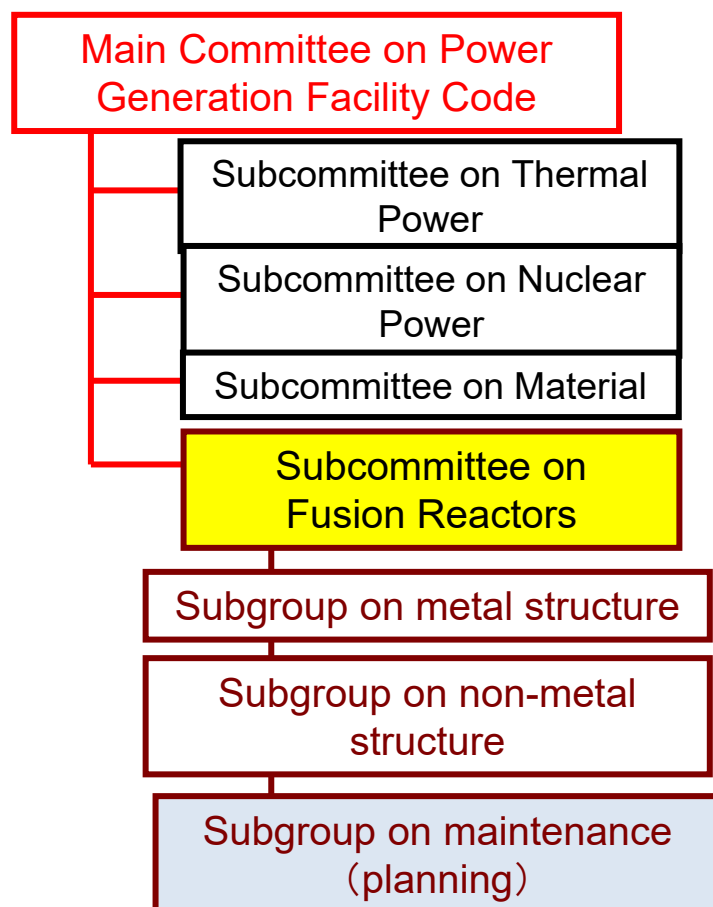
Material and Fabrication parts were applied to fabrication of ITER TF Coils procured in Japan

Basic concepts of the JSME code

- (1) A safety requirement is almost the same as ASME Sec.III ND or Sec.VIII-div.1 because the hazard potential of fusion machine is similar to a general structure or general pressure vessel.
- (2) Design by analysis, which is used in ASME Sec.III NC or Sec.VIII-div.2 , is adopted to ensure mechanical integrity of the structure having a complex geometry operated under complicated distributions of static and cyclic loadings.
- (3) The code is developed from the existing ones taking into account of features of technical consistency between the existing codes, the features of the superconducting coils, manufacture experiences, and a lot of studies performed in these over 30 years on cryogenic structural materials.
- (4) Postulation of very rare hypothetical events and evaluation of their consequences are regarded as non-mandatory because they do not have a significant meaning in operation of the fusion magnets.
- (5) Over-conservative requirements are avoided as much as possible because the TF coil structured is not a radiological safety component.
- (6) Rules of conformity assessment and quality assurance are included as a part of the code.

Standardization and Globalization for Tokamak Fusion Demo Reactor

JSME Code Committee Organization



As the initial work plan, focus on fusion specific components such as SC coil, VV, In-vessel components, Tritium facility, and prioritize technical investigation based on ITER experience, latest knowledge and ITER and Demo design.

ITER experience for rationalization

- Review of System Based Standards
 - Experience in design, fabrication, etc.
- Practice in nuclear power/existing plants
- Investigation on the latest knowledge
 - Advanced structural design, maintenance, etc.

ITER to Demo design

- Progressive development of standardization
- Risk based maintenance plan (JSM)

Demo Codes & Standards (JSME)

- System Based Standards update
- Entire lifecycle: design ~ operation

Formulation by JSME Code Committee

Structure of SC Coil Structure Standards

- MAIN TEXT

- FM-1000 Scope, roles and responsibilities
- FM-2000 Material
- FM-3000 Design
- FM-4000 Fabrication (HIP)
- FM-5000 Non-destructive examination
- FM-6000 Pressure and leak testing
- FM-7000 Glossary

Red : JSME specific
Blue : partially JSME specific
Black : collaboration with ASME

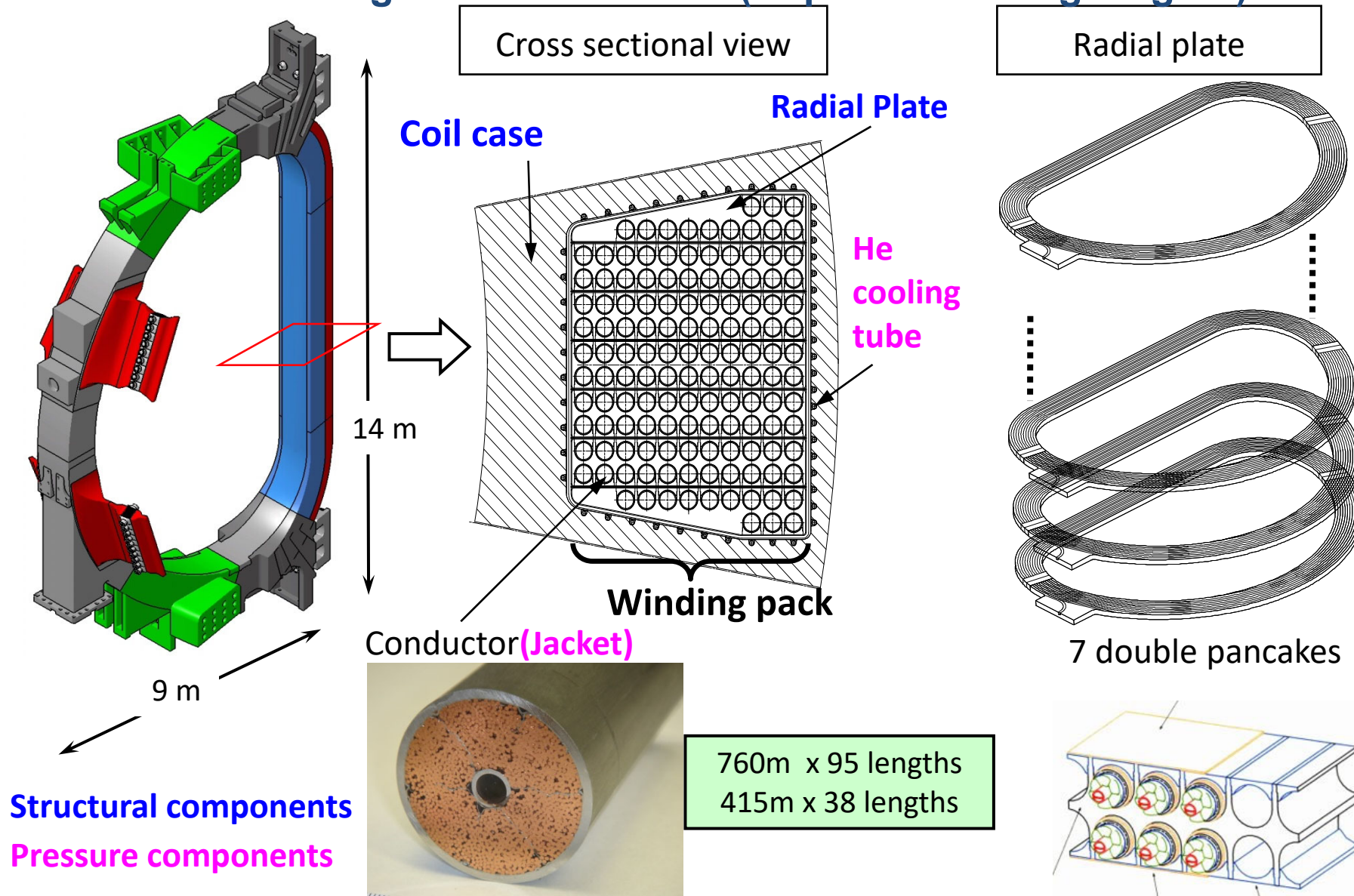
- APPENDICES (Mandatory)

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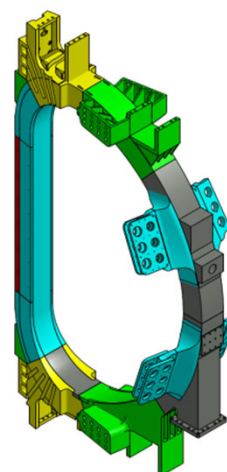
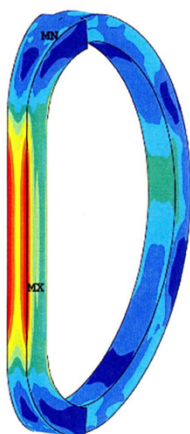
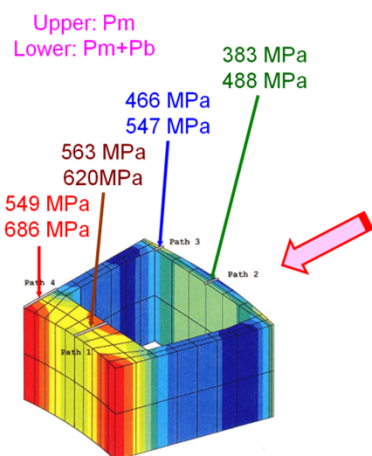
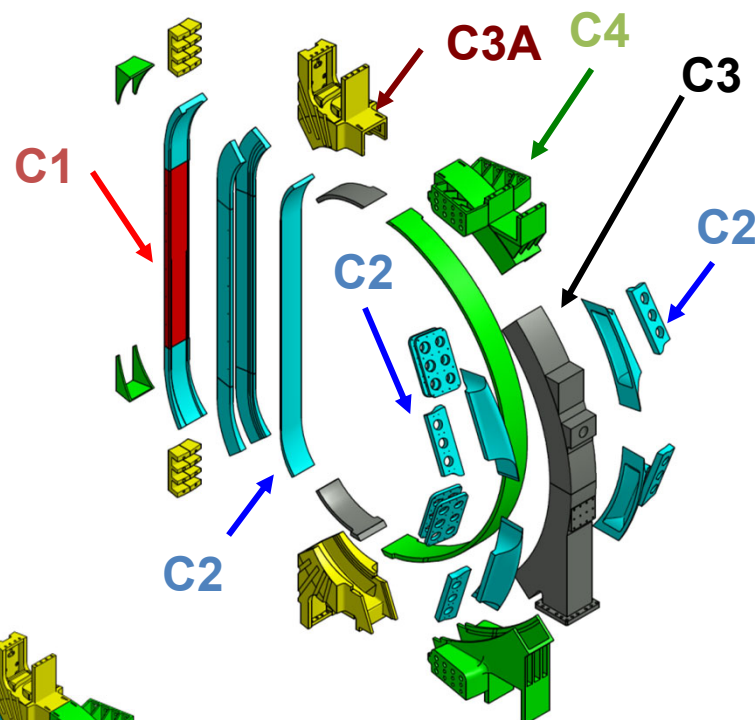
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Configuration of TF Coil (Superconducting Magnet)



Materials used in the TF coil cases

ITER Class	ITER 4K YS Requirements	Material to be used
C1	>1000MPa	JJ1
C2	>900MPa	316LN (C+N$\geq$0.20%)
C3	>700MPa	316LN (C+N$\geq$0.15%)
C3A	and at RT >260MPa	
C4	>500MPa	316LN (C+N$\geq$0.08%)



Features of the JSME code: Material (3)

FM-2700 Design Yield Stress & Tensile strength

- Design yield stress and tensile strength of the material of which **cryogenic design strength is not specified** are those specified in Materials Standard, **Table FM-2110-1**, except for Y316L, YCu and YNiCr-3.
- Design yield stress and tensile strength of the material of which **cryogenic design strength is specified** such as FMJJ1, FM316LNL are given by the following equations except for FMYJJ1.

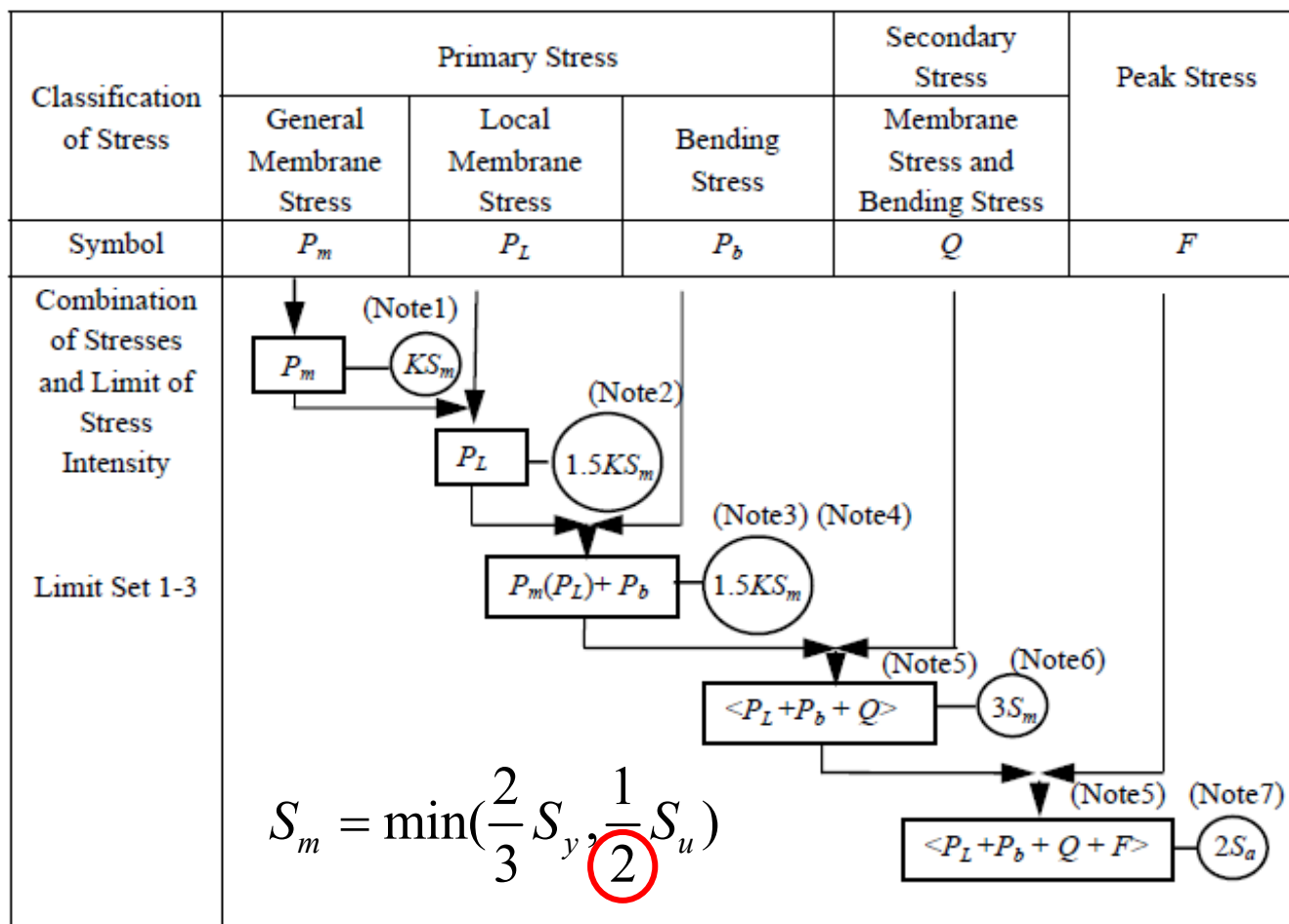
$$S_y = A_1 T^2 + A_2 T + A_3 \quad (2-1)$$

$$S_u = B_1 T^2 + B_2 T + B_3 \quad (2-2)$$

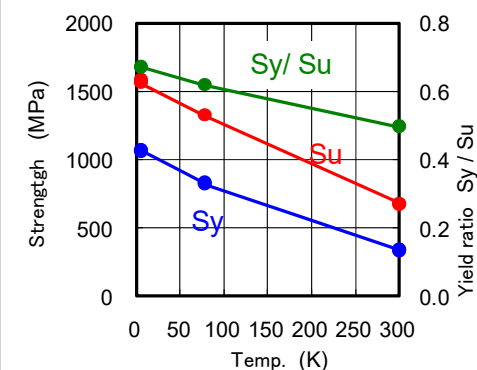
where, coefficients of A_1 - A_3 and B_1 - B_3 are given in Table FM-2710-1 and unit of T is Kelvin.

- Design yield stress and design tensile strength in increment of 50 K by obtained from equations (2-1) and (2-2) are shown in **Table FM-2710-2 and Table FM-2710-3**.

Flow of assessment for primary and secondary stress



Limit set	K
I	1.0
II	1.1
III	1.2

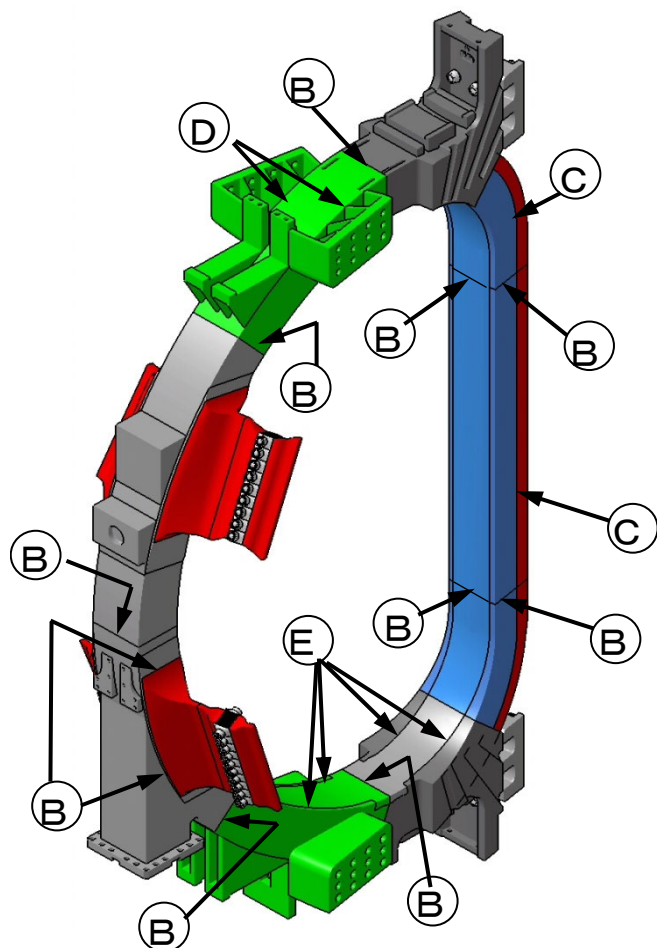


Tensile property of FMJJ1

Allowable stress for determination of wall thickness of jackets and helium piping

$$\sigma_a = \min\left(\frac{2}{3}S_y, \frac{1}{3.5}S_u\right)$$

Joint Categorization



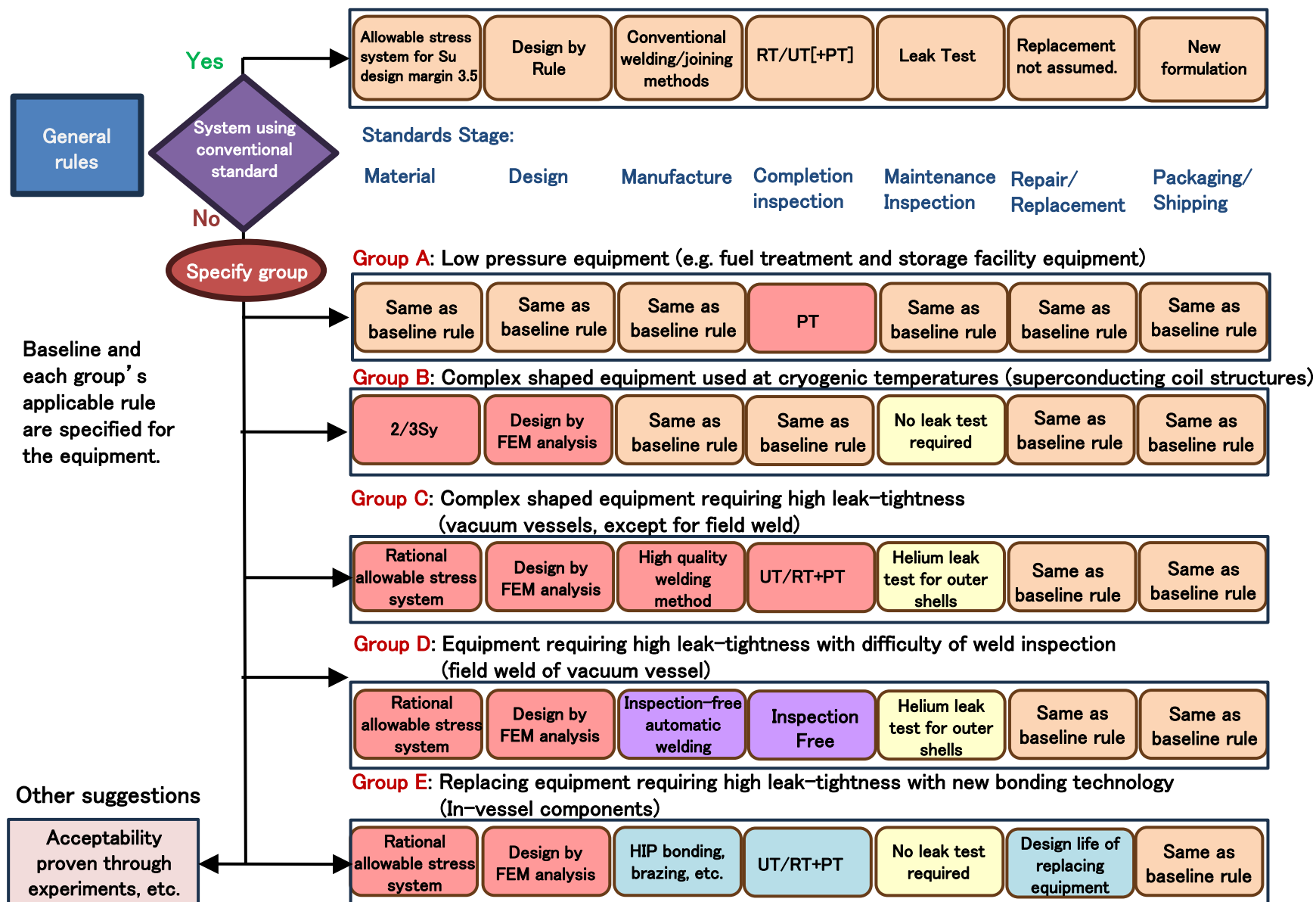
Category		NDE, testing requirements	
A	Welded joint requiring high leak tightness	Volume + Surface	RT or UT
			+ (PT or ECT) + VT
			+ Pressure test + Leak test
B	Welded joint not requiring leak tightness and retaining expanding EM loads induced by self-magnetic field	Volume + Surface	RT or UT or PPT
			+ PT + VT

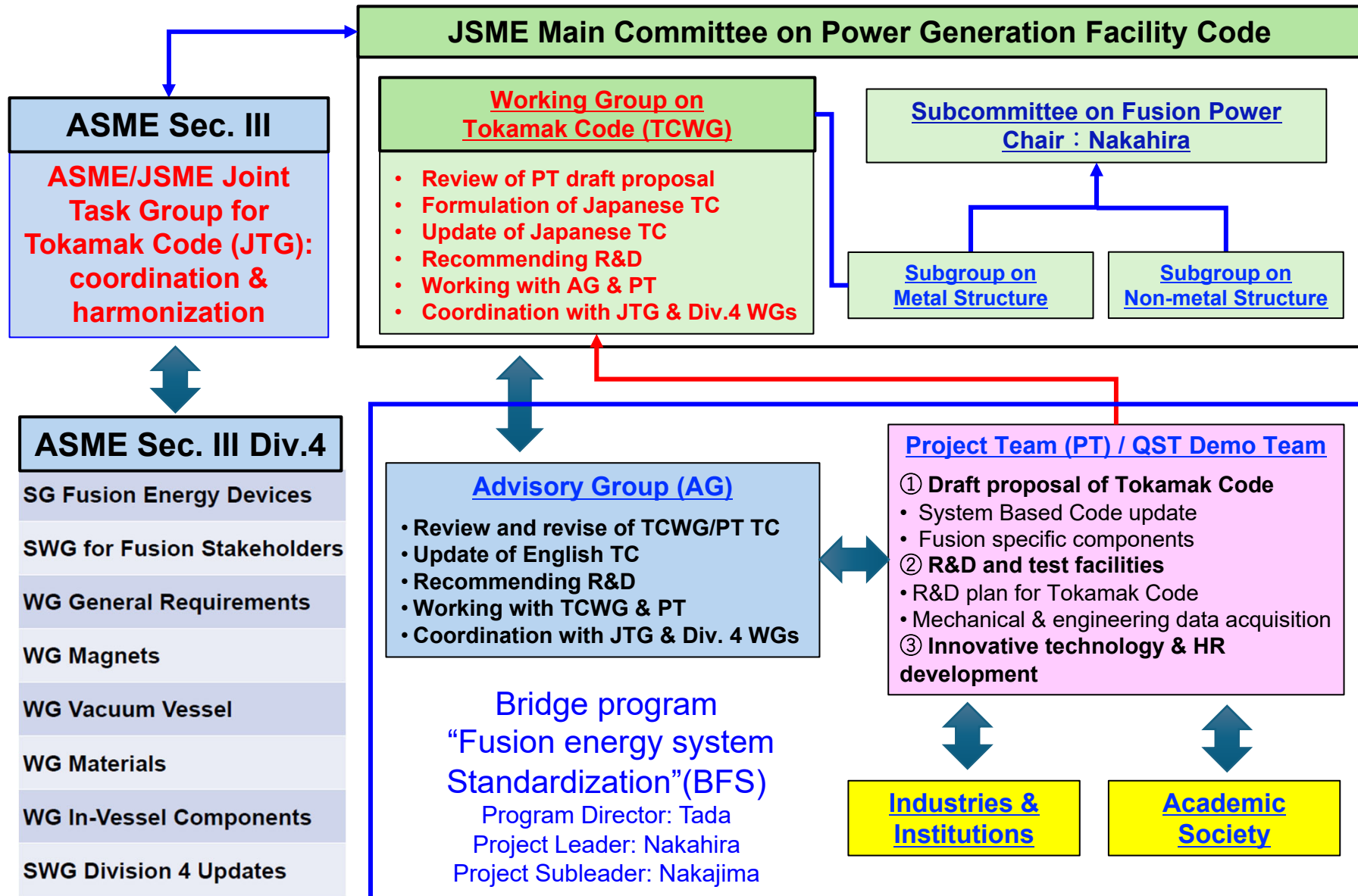
Joint categorization(1)
(APPENDIX 41)

RT: Radiography, UT: Ultrasonic, ECT: Eddy Current
PT: Liquid Penetrant, VT: Visual, PPT: Progressive PT

System Based Standard Overall Structure

Baseline: Equipment other than those covered by the group rules. Reference standards are SC-III ND or SC-VIII





Conclusion

- JSME SC Magnet Structure Standard prescribes general and technical requirements for construction of superconducting magnet for fusion facility.
- The standard contains rules for structural materials including cryogenic materials, structural design considering magnetic forces, manufacture including welding and installation, nondestructive testing, pressure proof tests and leak tests of TF coil structures.
- The standard covers requirements for structural integrity, deformation control, and leak tightness of all the components of the superconducting magnets and their supports, considering unique safety nature and structural features to avoid over-conservatism.
- JSME and ASME started collaborative work to develop a Tokamak Code.

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