Conceptual study of Indian Fusion Power Plant

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Plan of the talk

- Energy scenario in India
- IFPP design objectives
- Physics model
- Application to ITER-FEAT
- IFPP base line design
- Various sub-systems requirement
- Required fusion technology development
- Optimization of IFPP
- Conclusions

Energy Scenario : INDIA

- By 2100 India needs about 900 GWe (9 times todays requirement)
- Most of them has to be produced with coal and the carbon emission increases by 5 times
- If fusion power reactor is available by 2050, by 2100 it can give 67 GWe

India should have Fusion Power Reactor by 2050

Electricity Generation Capacity



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INDIAN FUSION ROAD MAP

Power Plant 2050

Fusion Power Reactor

DEMO

2035

- Qualification of Technologies
- Qualification of reactor components & Process

SST-2 2020

Indigenous Fusion Experiment

ITER Participation 2005

scientific and technological feasibility of fusion energy

SST-1 2004

Steady State Physics and related technologies

1986

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IFPP Design :Objectives

- Production of more than 1 GW net electricity
- Power plant should operate atleast for 25 FPY
- Availability of the plant should be minimum 60 %(40 yrs@60 % ~ 25 FPY)
- Cost of the electricity should be either comparable or little higher than the available one
- Environmental safety should be safe guarded
- Base line design should be
 - Conservative (any improvement will be a boost)
 - Try to use the known technologies
 - Try to use the available materials
- Design should indicate the possible directions to improve the design further

IFPP : Physics design

- Fusion performance or fusion gain (Q) has to be maximized
- Q depends on plasma performance
 - Confinement time
 - Impurity level
 - n/n_{GW}
 - $-\beta_N$
 - Normalized power crossing the separatrix
- In-directly depends on the geometry of the system
 - Maximum toroidal field at the TF conductor
 - Area available for the neutron load (breeding and damage)
 - Area available for the heat removal



Model : ITER-FEAT

Plasma	ITER-FEAT	Model prediction	
parameters			
R ₀	6.2	6.13	
а	2.0	1.98	
B _t (T)	5.3	5.4	
l _p (MA)	15.0	15.1	
P_{loss}/P_{LH}	2.5	2.1	
P _{fusion} (MW)	500	500	
P _{aux} (MW)	50	50	
<n<sub>20></n<sub>	1.1	1.1	
<t> keV</t>	8.9	8.9	
β _N	2.0	1.9	

Model : IFPP

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Plasma parameters	IFPP-base		Plasma parameters	IFPP-base
R ₀	7.7		R ₀	7.7
а	2.6		а	2.6
А	3.0		А	3.0
B _t (T)	6.0		B _t (T)	6.0
I _p (MA)	21.4		I _p (MA)	17.8
f _{bs} (%)	25		f _{bs} (%)	50
P _{loss} (MW)	522		P _{loss} (MW)	720
P _{fusion} (MW)	2500		P _{fusion} (MW)	3300
P _{aux} (MW)	83		P _{aux} (MW)	110
Q	30		Q	30
n/n _{GW}	0.93		n/n _{GW}	0.93
<t> keV</t>	15.5		<t> keV</t>	21.5
β _N	2.3		β _N	3.3





MHD Equilibrium

Ideal MHD stability with PEST-2

IFPP: Sub-systems

For base line design

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TF system

- B_{tmax} is 12 T (Nb₃Sn)
- D-shaped (width of D-shape = 11.4 m, height = 12.4 m), Coil width is 0.6 m radial and 1.37 m toroidal, Current density is 25 Amp/mm²
- 16-18 TF modules, Electro-magnetic stress of 750 MPa
- Central solenoid with radial width of 1.4 m and radius 1.9 m, 12 m height can provide about 100 V-s
- Cooling requirement is around 20 kW @ 4.2° K

IFPP: Sub-systems

Divertor

- Expected heat load is 10 15 MW/m² (for single null)
- Double null case for 10 mm SOL, angle 20°, it is about 5 - 8 MW/m²
- In board div. area 30 m² and out board div. area 50 m²
- Number of modules has to be decided by the available port size





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IFPP : Sub-systems...

Auxiliary power

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- 80 MW –ve NBI will sustain the required plasma current
- Boot strap fraction is only 25 50% considered
- Additional RF power of 70 MW needed for controlling the plasma, CD and heating
- P_{ICRH}~30 MW (additional heating)
- P_{EC}~20 MW (Startup, ECCD to suppress MHD activity)
- P_{LH}~ 20 MW (for advanced scenario)

IFPP : Sub-systems...

Blanket system

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- LLCB (structural 30 %, Pb-Li 40 %, Ceramic breeder 30 %)
- Inboard blanket thickness ~ 0.85 m and outboard thickness ~1.14 m
- Port size →2.4 m tor., 5.12 m height, blanket module size ~2x2x1.2, available area for breeding is 75%
- Structure material is ferritic steel
- Neutron wall load ~1.69 MW/m²
- TBR ~ 1.1
- Gain ~ 1.2
- Thermal efficiency ~ 0.3

Materials for IFPP

• High heat flux materials

First Wall Diverter Tungsten on LAFMS Tungsten (W) H_2O / He cooled

- Structural Materials
 - LAFMS
- Blanket Materials
 - Tritium breeding materials ($Li_2 TiO_3$ and Pb-Li)
 - Neutron Multiplier (Pb)
 - Flow channel inserts (SiC_f/SiC composite)
- Coolant
 - He, Pb-Li
- Shielding Material
 - WC
- Coatings
 - Trtium Permeation barrier (Al₂O₃)

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Tritium breeding calculations



IFPP : Fusion Tech. Development

Magnet system

- High T_c superconducting magnet
- High magnetic field at low temperature (Nb₃Al)
- Reduced central solenoid
- Divertor system
 - Single or double null
 - Modify the magnetic topology near the divertor
 - Special materials for high heat flux
- Blanket system
 - Tritium breeding
 - Power gain
 - Operating temperature (for thermal efficiency)

Variation with aspect ratio

Physics optimization

$$Q = 30, P_f = 2.5 GW$$



Conclusions

- Approximate estimate of CoE is about Rs 5 to 10 per kW-h (9 to 16 Eurocents)
- Physics optimization may increase the fusion power output
- Hybrid and RS have different requirements in CD, heating and control systems
- Fusion technology development in next 25 years will decide the optimization in terms of technology
- Maximizing thermal efficiency is essential to bring down the CoE

Thank you