ITER Fuel Cycle Paths To DT

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Simplified view of ITER Fuel Cycle

Note: \( Q = H, D \) or \( T \)
“Scenario 1” Impacts

• All ITER Fuel Cycle systems were to be fully ready at “first plasma” (2018). This schedule was revised to the “Scenario 1” sequence with “first plasma” in 2019, but full DT beginning in 2026
  • This results in four (rather than one) key endpoints for the ITER Fuel Cycle

• A Fuel Cycle Integrated Project Team (FC-IPT) Task Force was established in July 2009 to
  – Analyze the Fuel Cycle requirements in HH, DD, Trace T and DT
  – Consider technology solutions to meet requirements
  – Consider non-tritium and tritium compatible solutions
  – Consider staging/scheduling to meet requirements
  – Develop strategies for Fuel Cycle systems testing and commissioning

• Task Force led by Scott Willms (LANL (US), FC IPT deputy leader)
Fuel Cycle Outline (functional) Drawings

• Functional drawings for HH, DD, Trace T and DT have been drafted
  – Drawings include all Fuel Cycle packages
  – Highest-level process drivers identified
  – Highest-level process interfaces defined
  – Lines are labeled with
    • Major fluid composition (gases)
    • Hydrogen isotope content
    • Stream properties or uses
  – More detail given in Process Flow Diagrams
• Technology options (value engineering) for HH, DD, Trace T and DT have been identified
Drawing Features

- Green used for “additional scope” packages
- All Fuel Cycle packages shown
- Primary functions (greyed functions not needed at phase shown)
- Major interfaces
- Less used lines shown lighter

Legend:
- He [GDC]
- H2
- Ne, Ar, N2
- Storage & Delivery System
- Non-T gas receiving/supply
- H/D storage
- 1 storage
- Flow measurement
- He, CH4, Ar, etc. [Bed Headspace]
Drawing features - line descriptions

Explanatory note ( )

Mode associated with primary constituent [ ]

Line primary constituent

Primary hydrogenic species in primary component < >
• HVAC

• Some systems already in final configuration (e.g. cryopumps)

• Hydrogen recycle?
• Confinement, Radiological Monitoring & detritiation

• Tritium removal from D₂
Trace T

- External T supply
- T inventory measurements
DT

- Full tritium capability
- Major increase in tritium processing rate and inventory
Key considerations on pathways to DT

- Fuel Cycle systems available in time to meet ITER requirements
- Increasing nuclear function
- Consider non-tritium/tritium compatibility needs (value engineering)
- No tritium operation prior to “pre-nuclear shutdown”
- Staged installation facilitates testing, integration, commissioning, training and debugging
FC “Scenario 1” Outline Schedule Development

- Start with ITER-wide schedule elements (e.g. first plasma and pre-nuclear shutdown)
- Include a “finalization period” prior to each ITER phase
  - Period for integration, debugging, commissioning and training
- Estimate the time needed to define, design, construct and install each system
  - Durations in this presentation are very rough estimates
  - Assumed that tasks start as late as reasonably practical
- At present, this is very much a “work in progress”
Fuel Cycle Scenario 1 Outline Schedule – Overall ITER schedule
Fuel Cycle Scenario 1 Outline Schedule – Generic detail for each fuel cycle element
Fuel Cycle Scenario 1 Outline Schedule – Fuel cycle overview
Summary

- Scenario 1 has significant impacts on the overall ITER schedule.
- The impacts of this on the ITER Fuel Cycle are being evaluated.
  - Draft drawings, spreadsheet and schedules have established a high-level framework for evaluating impacts.
  - These documents will form the basis for upcoming meetings and discussions. Results will be used to revise these documents.
  - Ultimately this exercise will help guide revisions to current ITER documents.