



EC Stray Detection system Status and Planning

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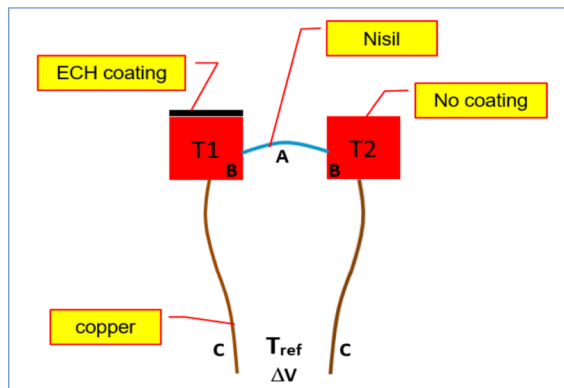


- Task status
 - ECH sensor type proposal and integration outcomes from ITER detector FDR
 - ceramic coatings characterization @ CNR
- Planning for 2023
 - additional design efforts for JT-60SA adaptability
 - tests on adapted bolometer

Task Status: ECH sensor for ITER

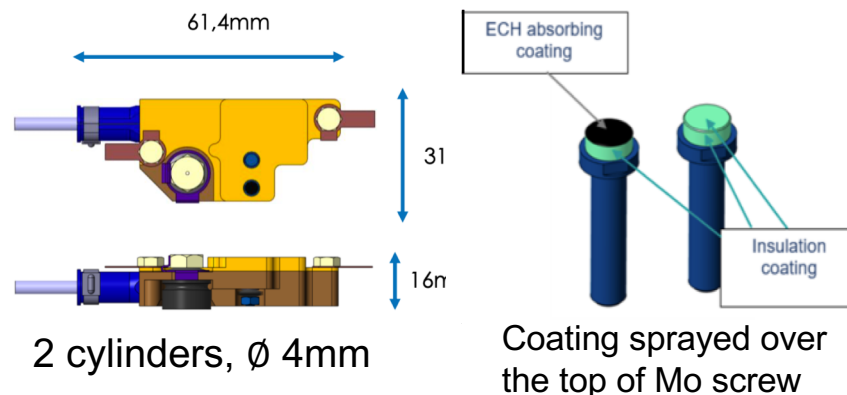


Differential thermocouple bolometer had its FDR in July, participation* in the frame of IO-F4E-EUROfusion-QST collaboration



- ΔV between bolometers
- $\Delta V \Rightarrow \Delta T \Rightarrow$ ECH power
- Thermal model (i nodes)
- Algorithm for $T_i(t)$

* Courtesy of A. Sirinelli



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The goal of the detector is **to measure EC stray radiation inside the vessel to optimize the ECH operations and to minimize the heat loads on in-vessel components.**

The system is a passive component, not used for machine protection.

| Main Specification | Value |
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| Overall Sensor volume | $V=61.4 \times 31 \times 16 \text{ mm}^3$ |
| Sensor weight | $m=170 \text{ g}$ |
| Temperature range | $\Delta T=[100-816 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}]$ |
| Thermal response | 1 K/s |
| Response time | $\sim 10 \text{ s}$ considering thermal equilibrium (optimized to 0.3s-1.0s using $\Delta T/\Delta t$, T_{abs} at relatively low temperature and shorter time scales) |
| Accuracy | 100 kW/m ² considering thermal equilibrium (optimized to $\sim 30 \text{ kW/m}^2$ using $\Delta T/\Delta t$, T_{abs} at relatively low temperature and shorter time scales) |
| Power resolution | 100 kW |
| Signal amplitude | $\sim \text{few mV [0-10 mV]}$ |

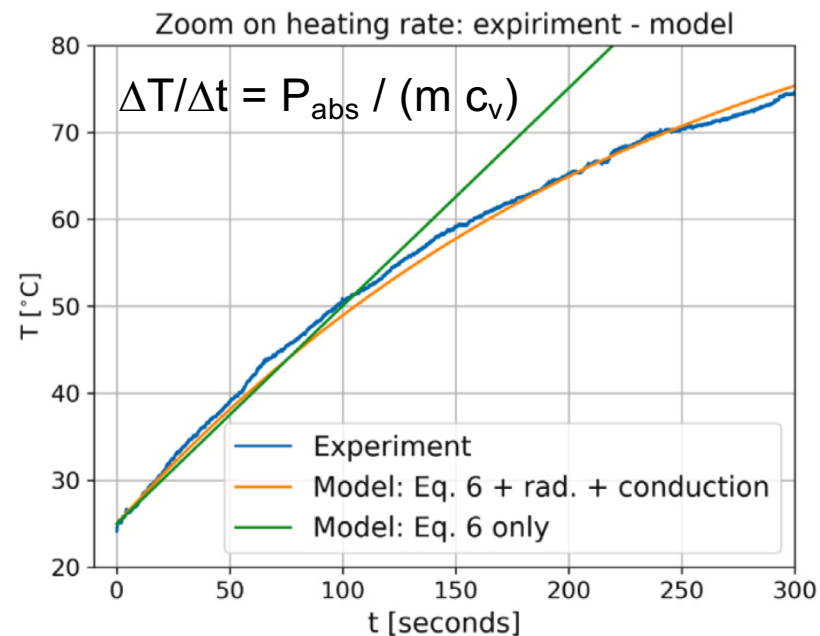


JT-60SA related open issues (not exhaustive)

- In the sensor analysis the EC stray radiation level is computed **considering thermal equilibrium**, resulting in **too low temporal resolution**. The potential of the sensor can be fully exploited at relatively lower temperature and shorter time scales (~ seconds, bolometer response 0.3 s) neglecting radiation and conduction:

$$\Delta T / \Delta t = P_{\text{abs}} / (m c_v)$$

- **Offline analysis** and additional tests using both **steady state temperature and heating rate** in the sensor could the temporal resolution.
- **Long-term calibration** requires reproducible ECH scenarios (ECWC possibility).
- **Ex-vessel calibration:** dedicated RF power source or heater device (electric hot air gun) to heat up the bolometers with a given energy flux.



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Task Status: Feasibility study and design integration

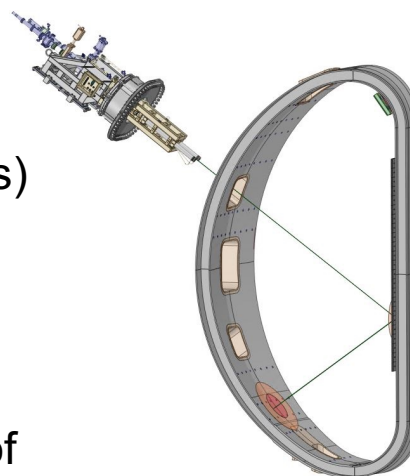


Preferred option:

- 2* sensors close to ECH ports (LFS, P8, P11)
- no direct illumination (shadowed by tiles)
- 2nd reflection (with support of beam tracing analysis for expected P_{den})
- in proximity of thermocouples

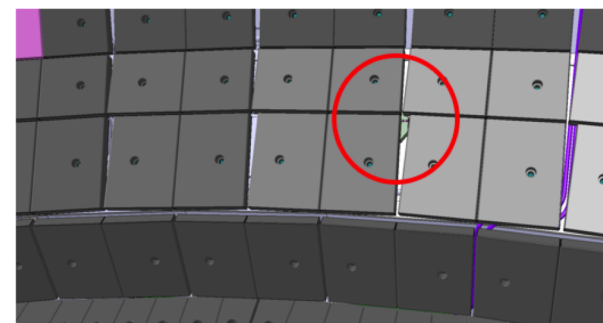
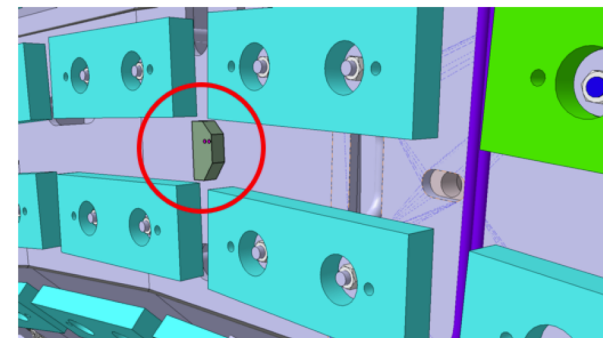
Backup option:

- 2* sensors inside ports (LFS) for a proof of principle (P1, P4)
- in proximity of thermocouples



w beam radius: 0.8647 frac. power
 2w beam radius: 0.9997 frac. power

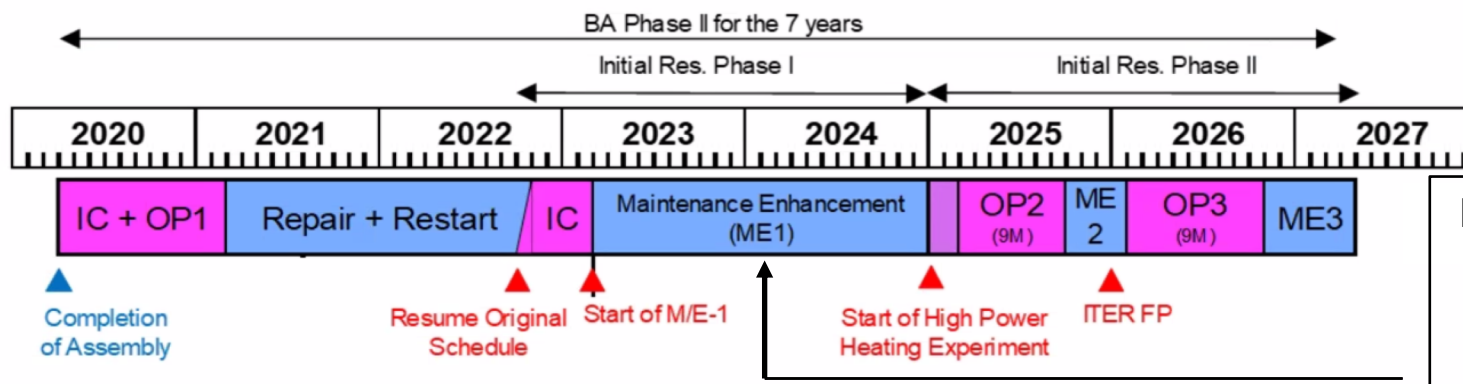
*2 ITER sensor prototypes available for JT-60SA



Possible locations according to the preferred option.

Initial Research:

EC P_{den} as low as 7.5 kW/m² up to 2 MW/m² in steady state and transients up to 4 MW/m² for 5 s
 3 kW/m² total radiation from plasma @ back of first wall (PID [3])



Maintenance Enhancement phase as target for feasibility study and sensor installation proposal
 Timeline to be updated!

Task status: coatings characterization



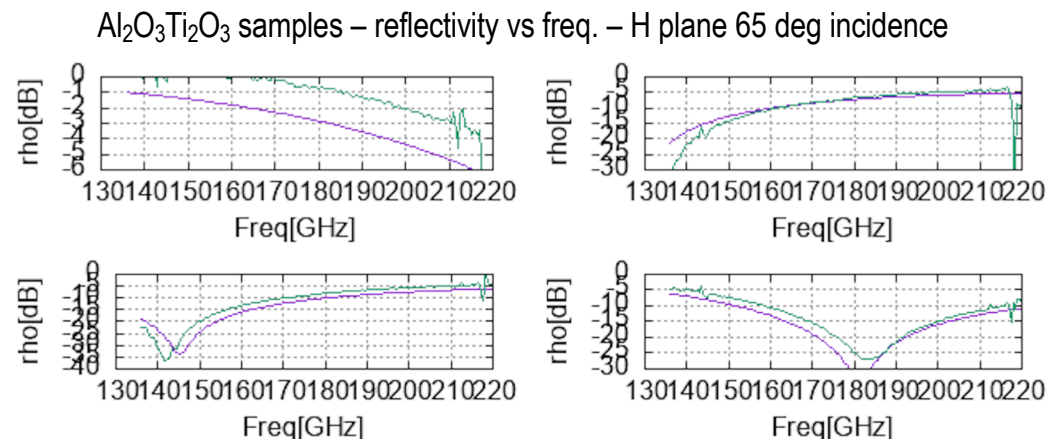
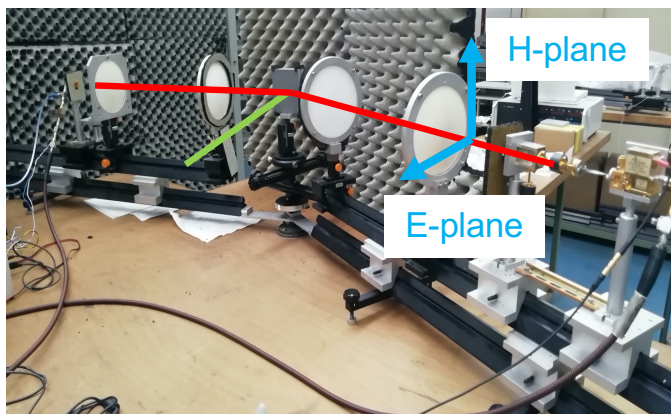
ECH coating is the most critical parameter for the performance of the sensor

- The absorption in the 82-138 GHz range has to be 80%
- The development of absorbing coating for JT-60SA consists in defining its composition, the substrate preparation and the deposition process and measure absorption performances.

20 ceramic coating samples with different coating thickness characterized at ISTP-CNR

| Coating Sample | Thickness ranges (μm) | ⇒ | determine material properties ($\epsilon_r = \epsilon_r' - j\epsilon_r''$, $n = \sqrt{\epsilon_r'}$, $\tan \delta = \epsilon_r'' / \epsilon_r'$) and mm-wave absorption coefficient |
|---|-----------------------|---|---|
| Ti ₂ O ₃ | [50-250] | ⇒ | provide adapted coated cylinder specifications |
| Cr ₂ O ₃ | [40-250] | ⇒ | (material & thickness) for integration into the ITER prototype |
| Al ₂ O ₃ Ti ₂ O ₃ | [30, 120] | ⇒ | |

- W-band and G-band measurements to cover the 70-220 GHz range
- 2 launched polarizations (E-plane, H-plane), incidence angle scan (25-70 deg)
- Raw data available, analysis on-going (SOFT2022)





- Prototyping, basic sensor testing, calibration and commissioning plan **to provide a diagnostic qualification proposal attractive for QST and ITER**
 - confirmed commitment by IO (2 prototypes for JT-60SA)
 - confirmed QST interest supporting IO diagnostic development (with caveats concerning sensor location and hw)
- Additional required tests have been identified to characterize the adapted sensor (heating rate as a function of T_{abs} for example)
- Absolute calibration methodology
- Need of resources to extend the working group (to cope with C. Piccinni leave)
 - engineer profile is strongly needed (diagnostic integration)
 - survey with W7-X colleagues started