

An aerial photograph of the ITER site in France, overlaid with a 3D architectural rendering of the facility. The rendering features various colored sections: blue for the main building complex, green for surrounding vegetation, and yellow for specific areas. The text is centered over this image.

ITER Cryoplant Status Economics of the LHe Plants

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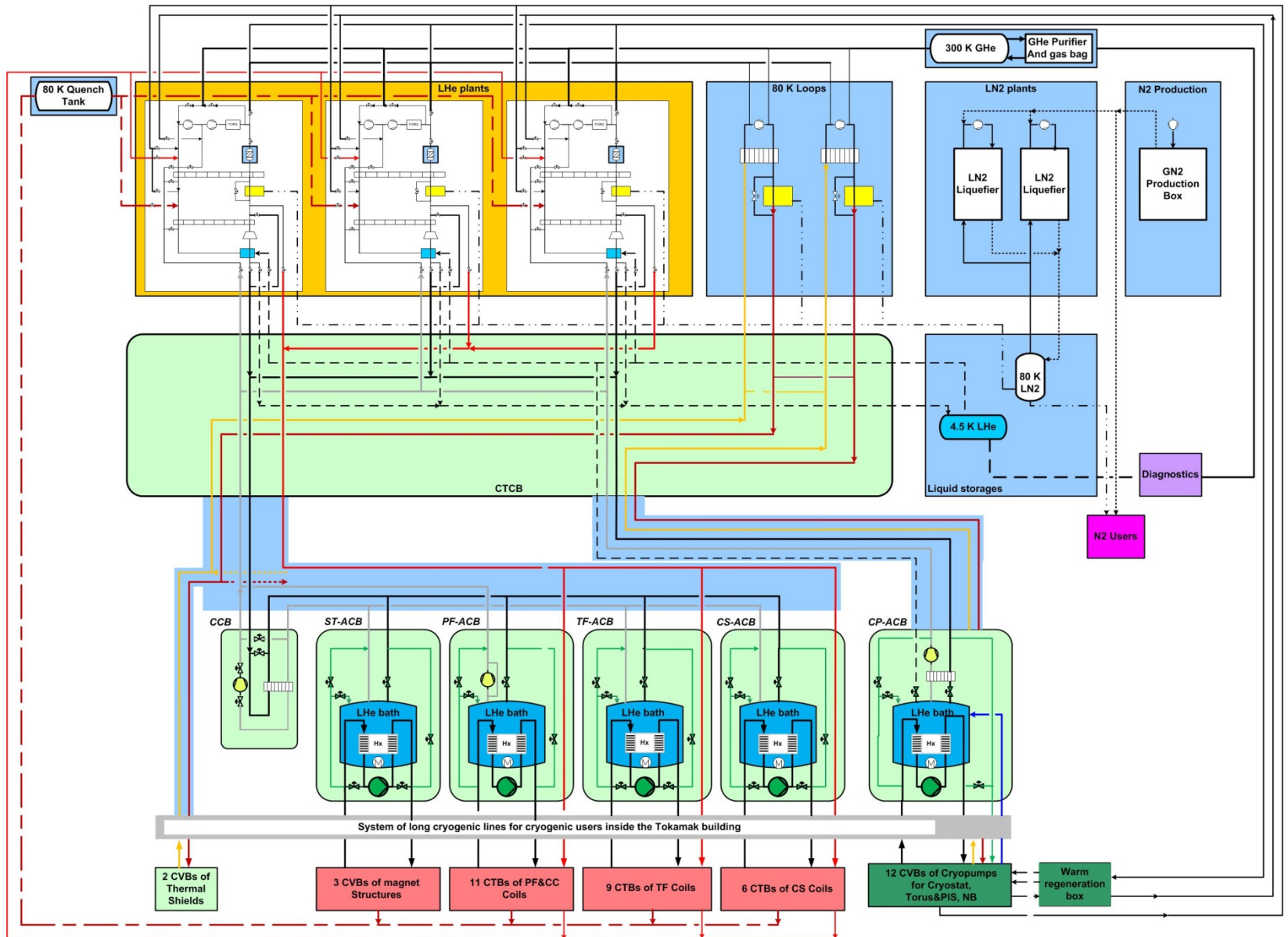
Purpose of Cryogenics

- High fields magnets
- HTS current leads
- Cryogenic pumping
- Reducing of specific project cost
- Saving energy

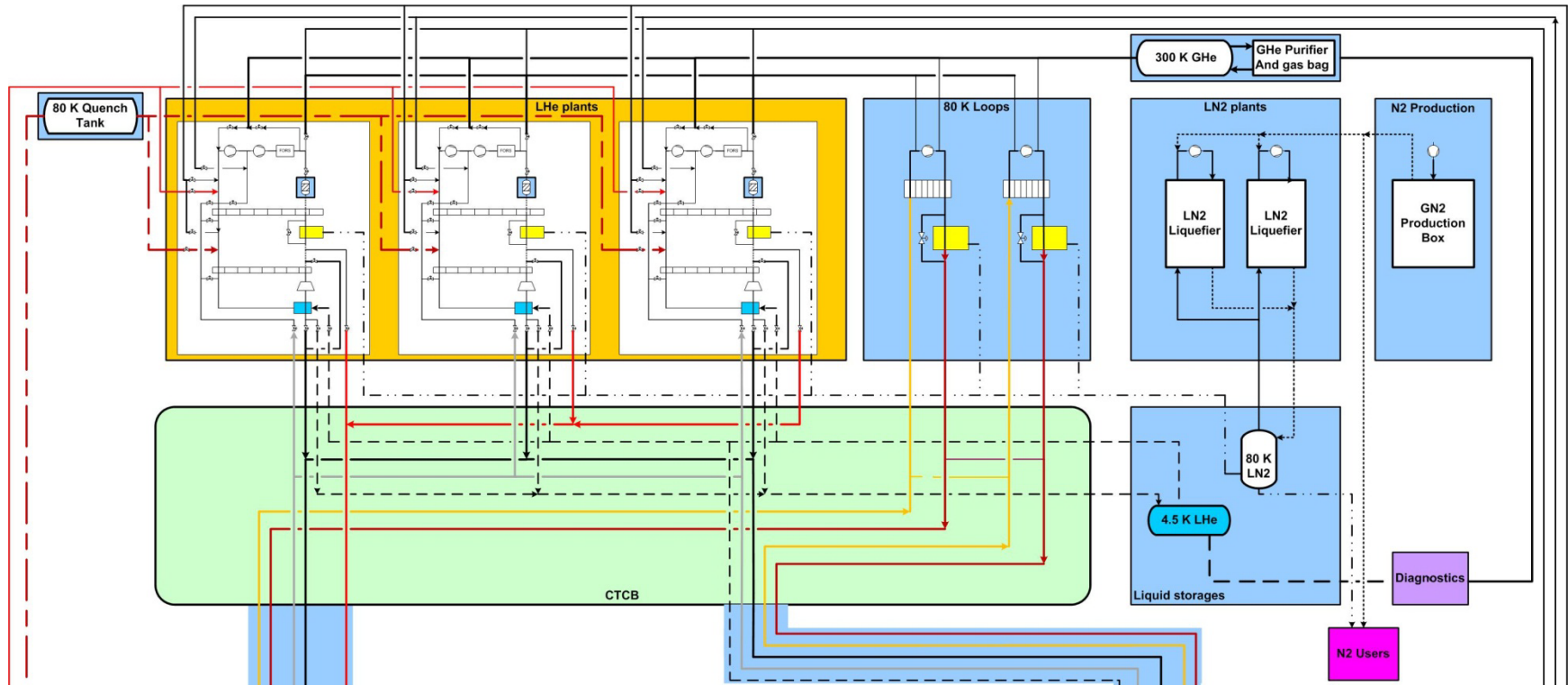
Cryoplant Main Duties

- Basic
 - Gradual cool-down and warm-up in about one month
 - Provide and Recover Helium to Cryodistribution / Magnets / Cryopumps / Thermal Shields
 - Maintain magnets and cryopumps at nominal temperatures over a wide range of operating modes with pulsed heat loads due to nuclear heating and magnetic field variations
 - Accommodate periodic regeneration of cryopumps
 - Accommodate resistive transitions and fast discharges of the magnets and recover from them in few days
 - Enhanced mode to cool magnets at 3.7 K with an extended dwell time
- Additional
 - Ensure high flexibility and reliability
 - Low maintenance

Cryogenic System Architecture



Cryoplant System Architecture



- Main Components in the Cryoplant

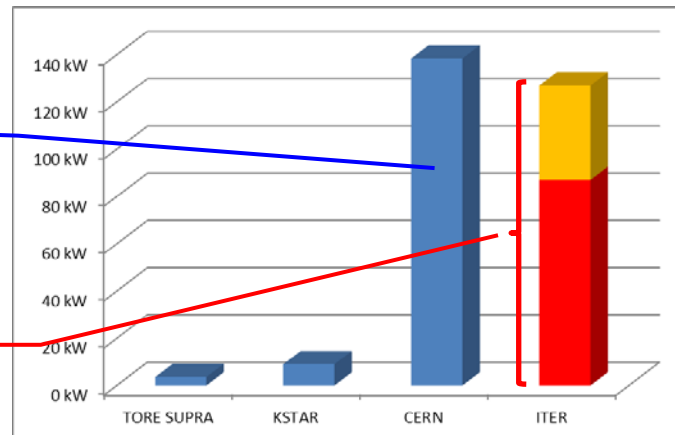
- LHe Plants – 3 x Plants //
- 80 K helium loops - 2 x Plants in //
- LN₂ Plants – 2 x Plants in // and GN₂ Generator and Storage
- Recovery & Purification systems and Heaters
- Storages – Full helium inventory in warm and cold (4.5 K and 80 K) helium tanks

Cryoplant He and N₂ Cooling Capacities

- LHe Plants: avg. 75 kW equiv. @4.5K in POS avg. mode
87 kW in refrigeration
 - Superconducting magnet system, HTS current leads
 - Cryo-pumps with high regeneration frequency and small users
- 80K He Loops: avg. 40 kW equivalent @ 4.5 K
 - Thermal Shields (2 x 4000 g/s in between 80K to 100K)
- LN₂ Plants: ~1300 kW @ 80 K
 - 80K He Loop, LHe Plants pre-cooling
- GN₂ Generator: ~1550 Nm³/h
 - Tokamak users, Leaks, Purifier/Dryers, Air Instrument redundancy

CERN LHC: ~140 kW

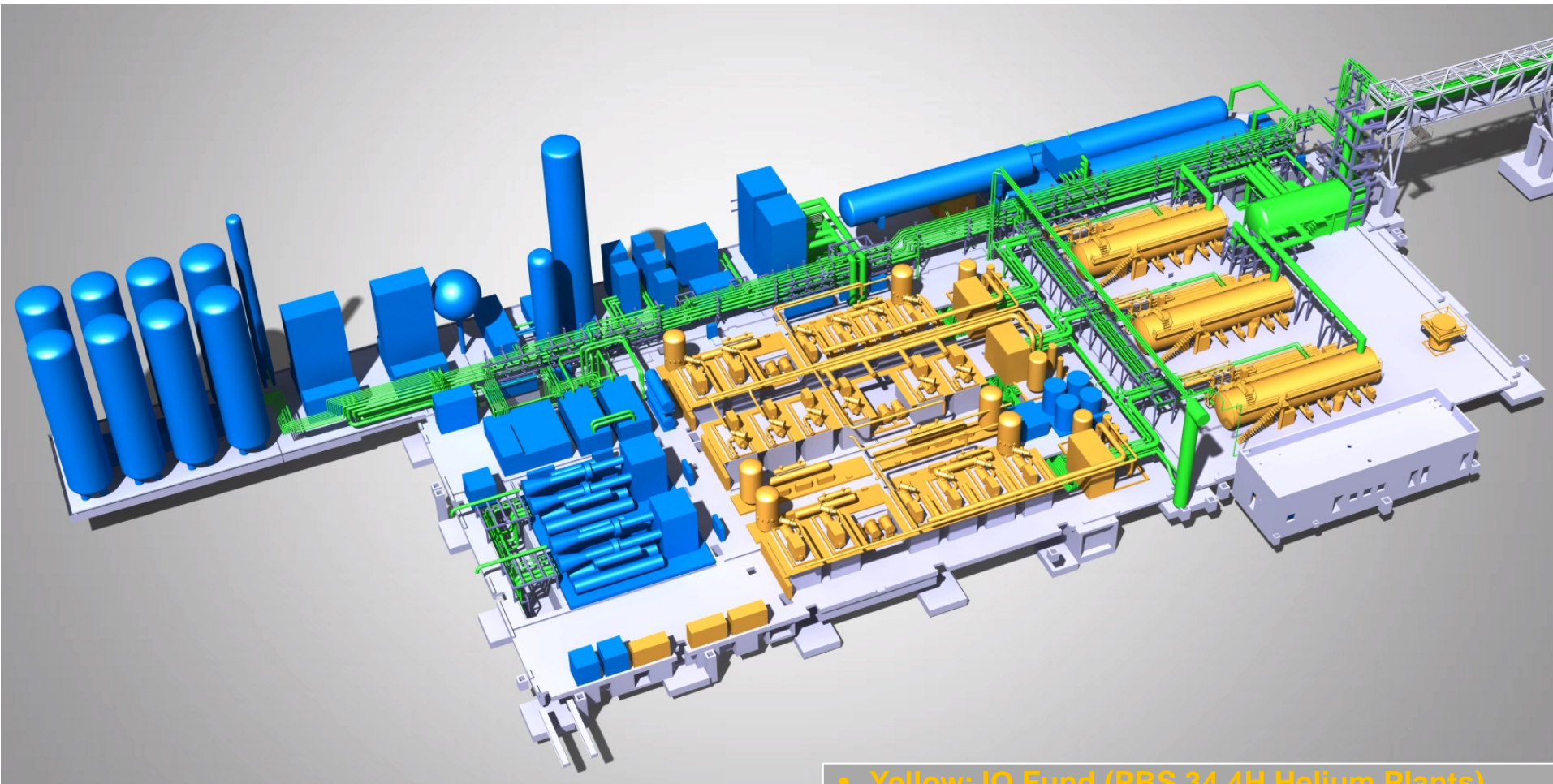
ITER Cryoplant: up to 127 kW



Cryoplant Helium & Nitrogen Inventory

- Helium Storage & Inventory Management
 - Helium inventory: 27 t
 - Helium Storage
 - 5 x 400 m³ of pure GHe tanks @ 300K
 - 1 x 175 m³ of LHe tank
 - 2 x 360 m³ of Quench Tanks (storage temperature ~80K)
 - 1 x 400 m³ of impure GHe tank @ 300K
 - 7 x 120 m³ of GasBags
- Nitrogen Storage & Inventory Management
 - LN₂ inventory: 250 t
 - GN₂ inventory: 4.5 t
 - Nitrogen Storage
 - 1 x 300 m³ of LN₂ tank
 - 1 x ~100 m³ of GN₂ tank

Cryoplant Layout – Buildings 51 and 52, Area 53



- **Yellow: IO Fund (PBS 34.4H Helium Plants)**
- **Blue: Europe PA (3.4.P1.EU.01 – LN2 Plant and Auxiliary Systems)**
- **Green: India PA (3.4.P2.IN.02 – Cryolines and Warm lines & 3.4.P3.IN.01 - Cryodistribution)**

CRYOPLANT PROJECT SCHEDULE

PBS #	Name	Resp. Procure	Contractor	1 st Delivery
34.10	LN ₂ Plants and Auxiliary Systems	F4E – Europe	Air Liquide Engineering (Champigny - FR)	April 2016
34.2S	Cryolines group Y (“simple” cryolines)	IN-DA - India	Inox India (IN)	Feb. 2016
34.2C	Cryolines Group X (“complex” cryolines)	IN-DA - India	Under Bid phase	March. 2017
34.2W	Warm lines	IN-DA - India	Under Bid phase	Feb. 2016
34.3Y	CTCB (Interconnection box)	IN-DA - India	Under Bid phase	Jan 2017
34.4H	LHe Plants	IO - Cadarache	ALAT (Sassenage-FR)	Dec. 2015

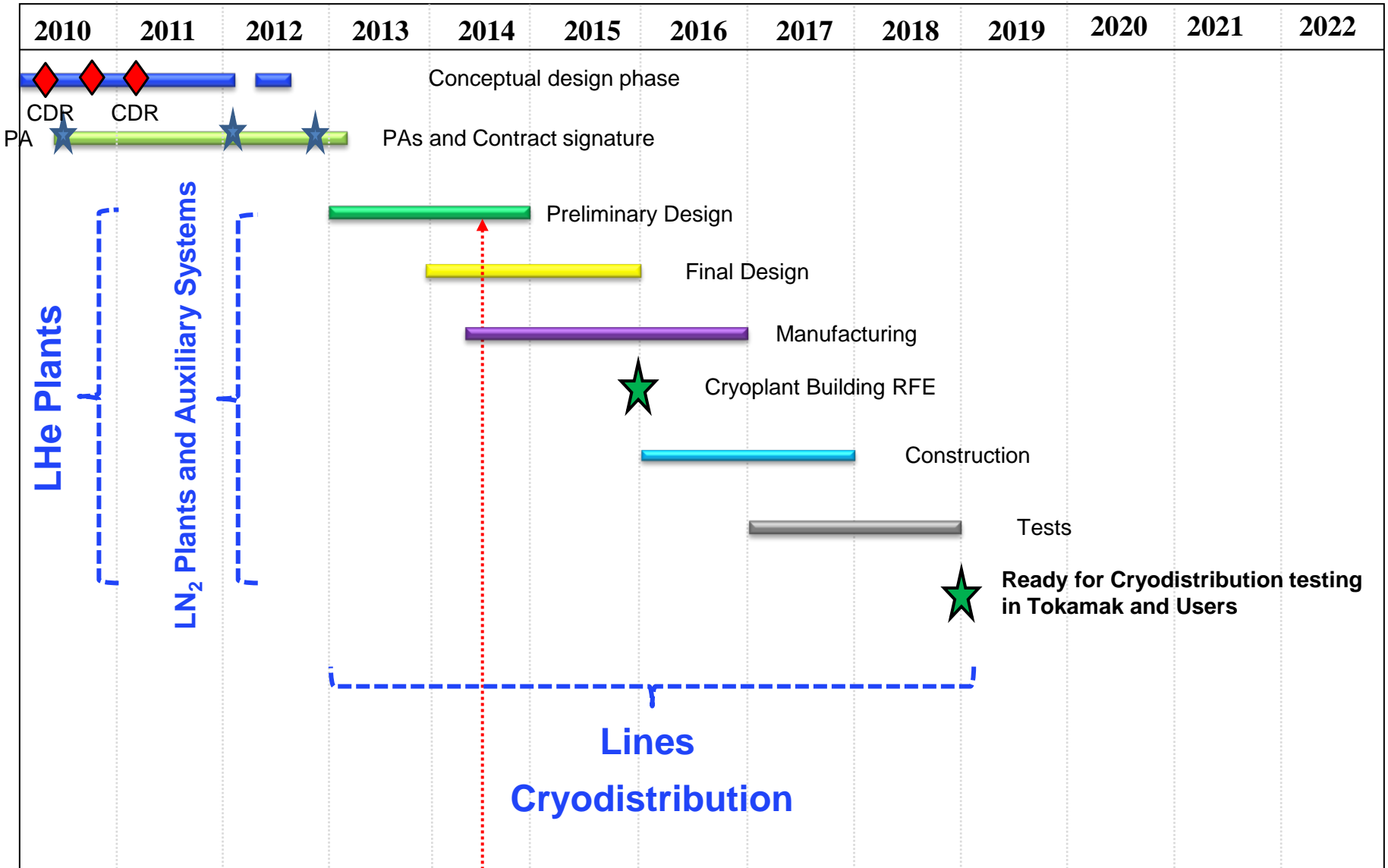
- 6 Cryogenic Contracts to manage + Interfaces (Civil work and Utilities)
- For all procurements IO is responsible for Integration and Operator

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PBS #	Interfaces	Ready For Equipment
63	Civil work	2016
63	Building finishing	2017
43	Electricity	2 nd semester 2016
26	Cooling water	End 2016
65	Compressed Air	End 2016
45 / 46	I&C Networks	Mid 2016
64 / 69	Security, Environment monitoring	2017

- Interfaces Management and Schedule
 - Intense collaboration with interfaces

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Cryoplant Specifications and Constraints

- State-of-the-art technology adapted to large dynamic loads and parallel refrigerators operation
- High availability and reliability
 - RAMI
- Investment and personal protection
 - HAZOP
 - SIL Study
- Operation costs optimization
 - Overall process cycle and components efficiency
 - Compressors heat recovery for hot water distribution
 - Gas Nitrogen generator on site to produce and distribute GN₂
 - Liquid nitrogen pumps to regulate liquid nitrogen distribution

Cryoplant Specifications and Constraints

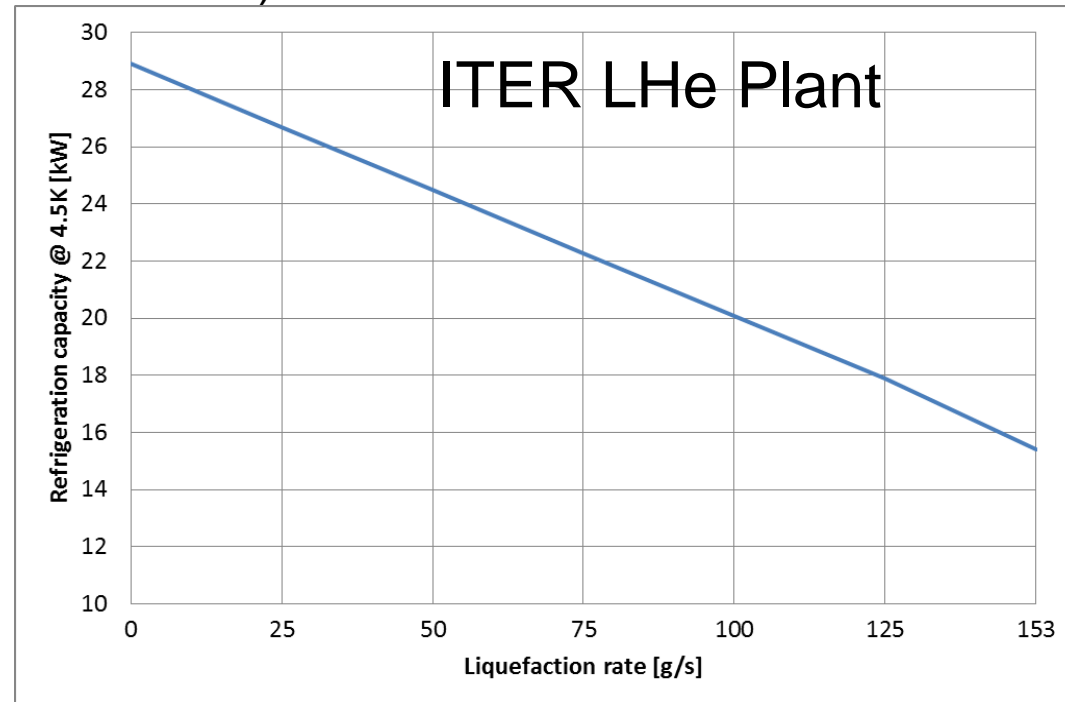
- Regulatory requirements
 - French Decree No. 99-1046 – Pressure Vessels
 - French Quality Order - Nuclear environment
- Codes
 - Mainly pressures vessels according to PED
 - Issues: periodic inspection and requalification, use CTP and BSEI in order to proper implement counter measures
- Standards
 - Reliability
 - E.g. Screw Compressor (ISO EN 10440-1, equivalent to API 619)
 - All rotating machineries (centrifugal compressor, pumps, etc.)
 - Heat Exchanger (TEMA and ALPEMA)
 - Standardization
 - International project
 - Minimize costly operation, maintenance and spares management

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Economics of the LHe Plants

- Economics of the ITER LHe Plants based on:
 - Contract for 3 identical LHe Plants pre-cooled with LN₂
 - Lump Sum Turn Key Contract [LSTK] ~EPCI + Commissioning
 - Excluded
 - Civil work, buildings utilities and security
 - Electricity (Main distribution board)
 - Cooling Water
 - Compressed Air
- Economics studies based on refrigeration power



Economics of the LHe Plants

- Green Formula [1997]

$$COST[M\$] = 2.6 * (Capacity[kW@4.5K])^{0.7}$$

- CERN-LHC Formula [1999]

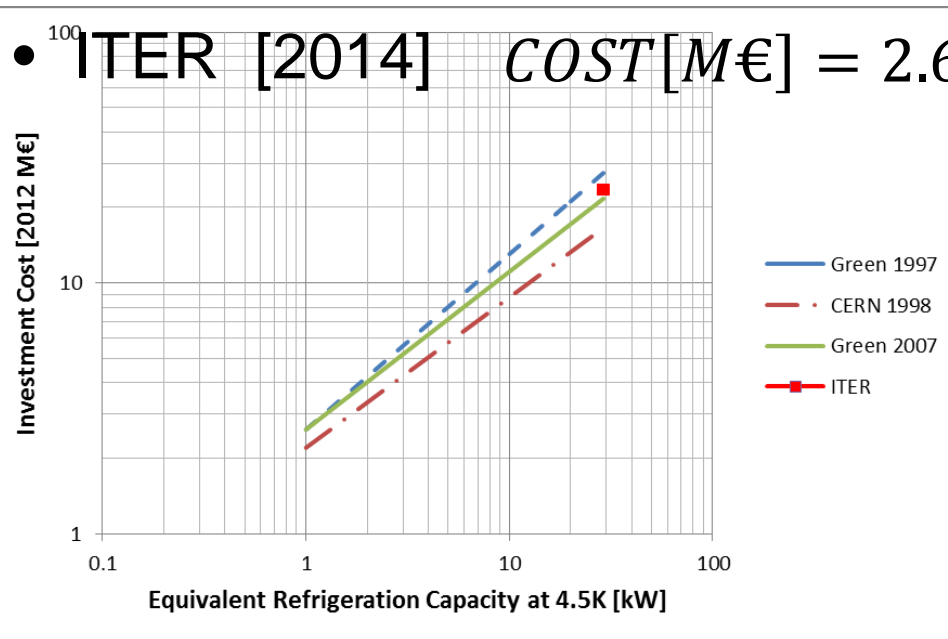
$$COST[1998MCHF] = 2.2 * (Capacity[kW@4.5K])^{0.6}$$

- Green Formula [2007]

$$COST[M\$] = 2.6 * (Capacity[kW@4.5K])^{0.63}$$

- ITER [2014] $COST[M€] = 2.6 * (Capacity[kW@4.5K])^{0.65}$

Coef. [2.6] not enough data to be assessed



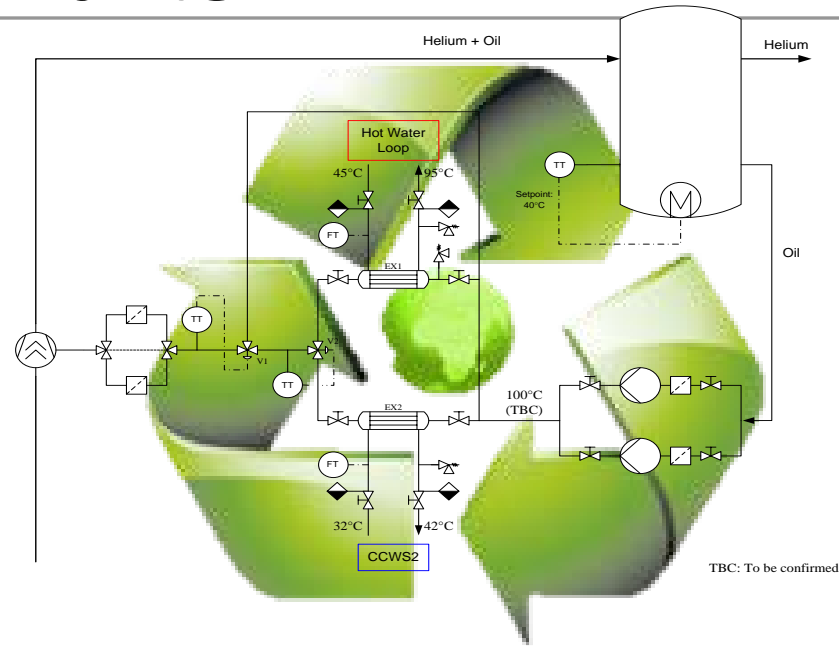
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	Eq. Ref. capacity @4.5K [kW]	Investment cost
ITER LHe Plant (one Plant)	29	23.5 M€
Control Syst. (PLC & PIS)		+5.0%
Machine Monitoring System (Rotating Machinery vibration, measurement and analysis)		+1.5%
Heat Recovery System – HRS		+6.5%
Test Tools (fixed for 1 or 3 plants)		+9.0%
Capital Spares – Compressors/Turbines/Oil pumps (fixed for 1 or 3 plants)		+2.0%

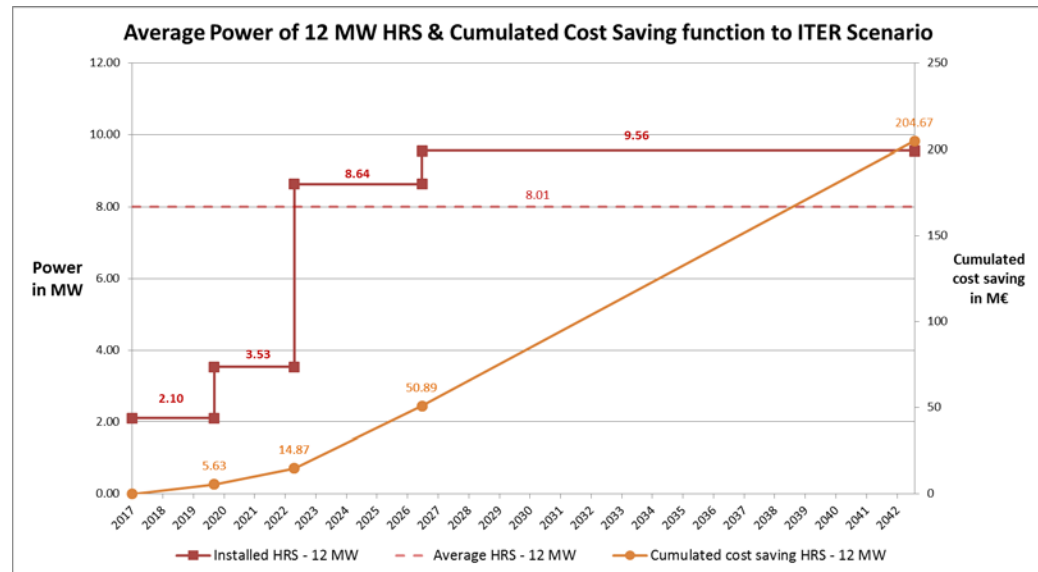
- Confirmation of Green and CERN economics up to 29kW
- Proper tool for pricing at conceptual design phase

Economics of the LHe Plants

- Heat Recovery System [HRS]
 - Heat recovered from compressor oil
 - Heat transferred to “Hot Water” for ITER buildings heating syst. (electrical boiler as back-up)
 - Studies and Design based on ITER scenario
 - 16 months operation (+2 for CD and WU)
 - Heaters “ON” 6 months/year



- Average estimated power recovered ~8 MW for 12MW installed
- Payback after Tokamak commissioning phase
- Highly recommended to study power recovering on large refrigeration plant



Thanks for Your Attention

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