

CONTINUOUS EB-WELDING OF THE REINFORCEMENTS OF THE CMS SUPER CONDUCTOR

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OUR EB SOLUTIONS MEET ALL YOUR CHALLENGES

TECHMETA
ELECTRON BEAM EXPERT
Engineering

COMPANY INFORMATION

I. CMS SUPERCONDUCTING SOLENOID COIL

II. EB-WELDING PRODUCTION LINE SET-UP

1. Component handling
2. Electron beam welding
3. High speed machining
4. Final spooling

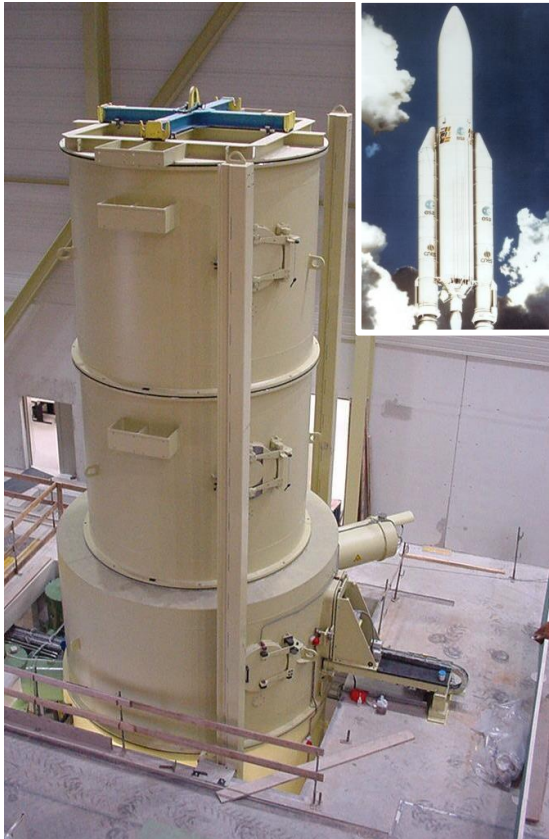
III. PROCESS CONTROL

1. Quality control
2. Ultra-Sonic control
3. Dimension check

IV. EXPERIENCE

CONCLUSION

INTERNATIONAL PROJECT EXPERIENCE



AEROSPACE – ARIANE V
Booster Welding



CERN - CMS
Superconductor Welding



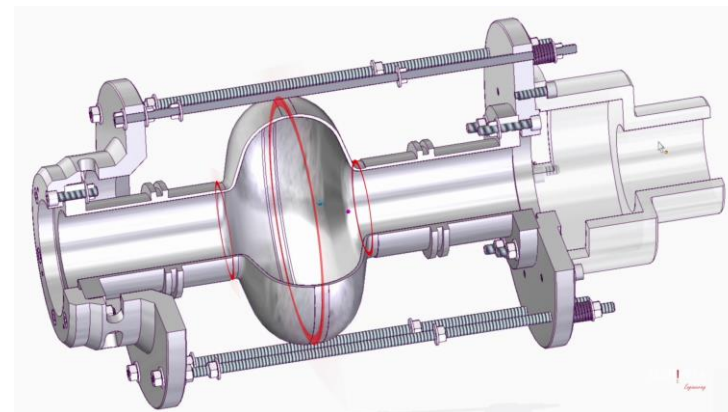
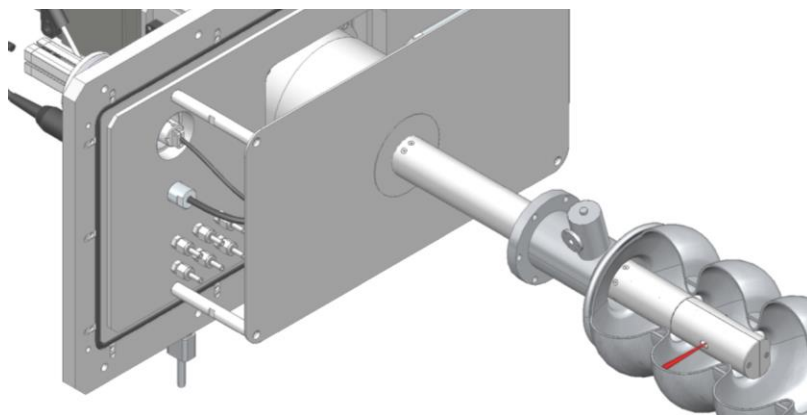
AEROSPACE
Rocket Reservoirs



FRENCH NAVY
Submarine Parts

2021 - DEVELOPMENT – INSIDE CAVITY WELDING

- Equator & Iris Electron Beam welds from the inside



- EB inside welded 1.3GHz Single Cell Tesla Type Cavity
Cryo temperature tested

Quality factor 1.7×10^{10} at 35.0MV/M

Maximal Field Gradient 37.3 MV/m at 1.57×10^{10}

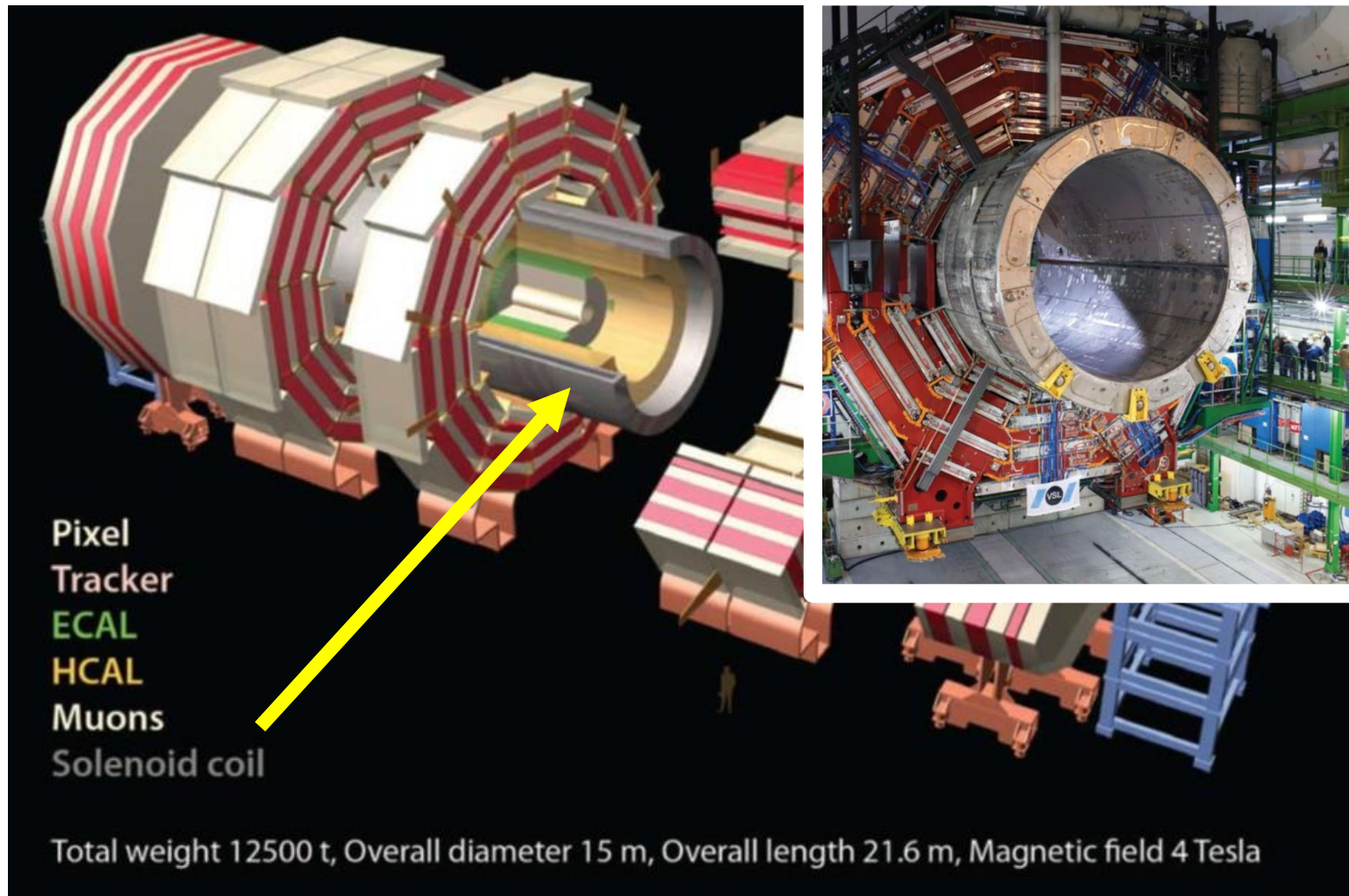


2022 - 2023 – CONTINUOUS STRIP WELDING

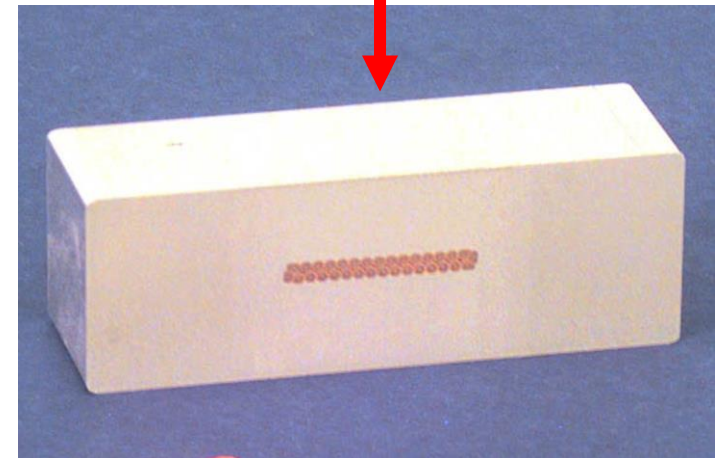
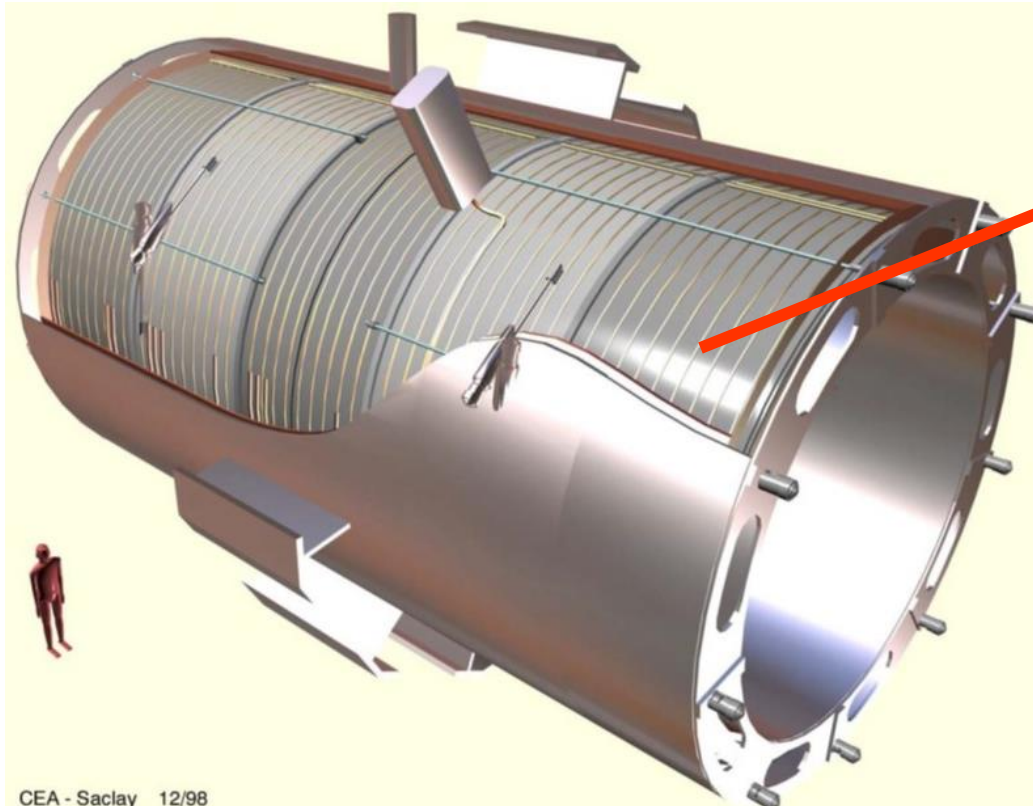
- TECHMETA Strips
- **New jobshop** entity on separate production site
- Dedicated to continuous strip welding > **2 Production Units**
- Operational > Begin **2023**
- Market > Automobile industry / Electrical cars



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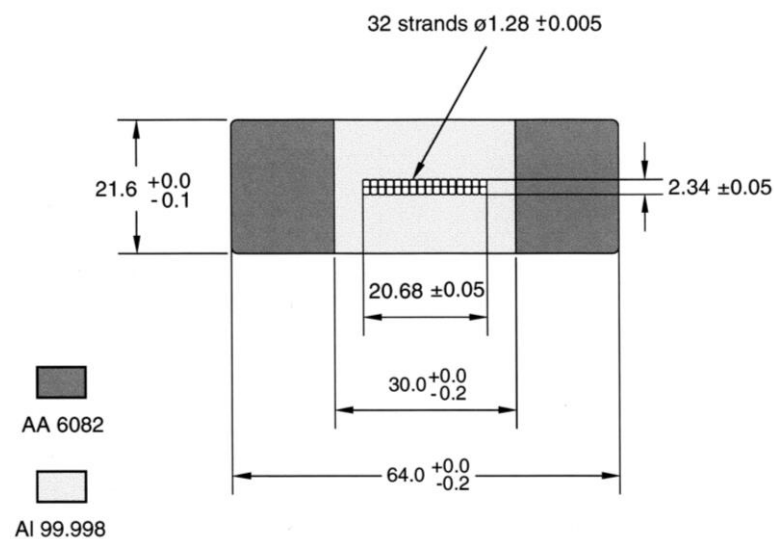
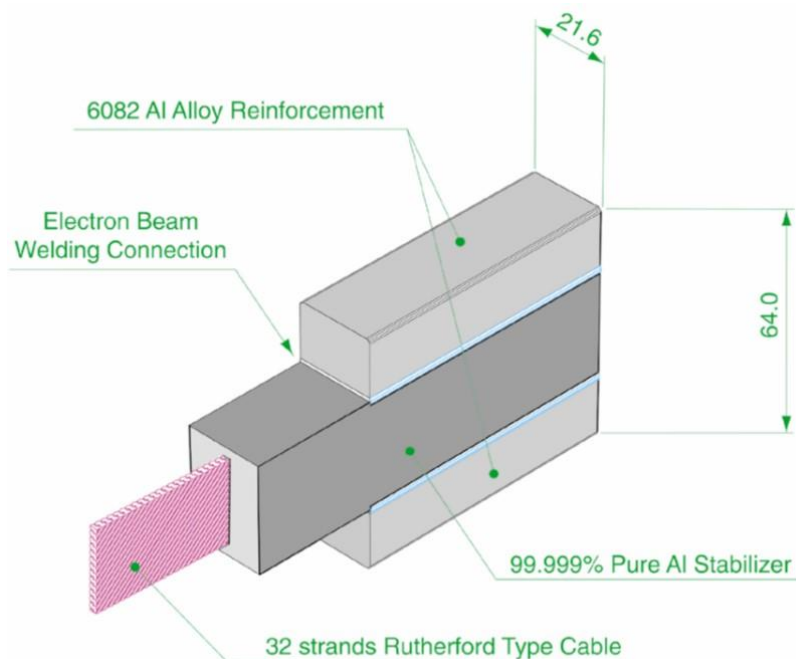


I SUPERCONDUCTOR INSERT & REINFORCEMENT



I PURE AL INSERT & AL ALLOY REINFORCEMENT

- Simultaneous double Electron Beam weld of 2.55km length > OK
- Soft soldering back-up solution
- Alloy co-extrusion > Temperature Critical for Superconductor > NOK
- Simultaneous machining > +/- 50µm thickness tolerance



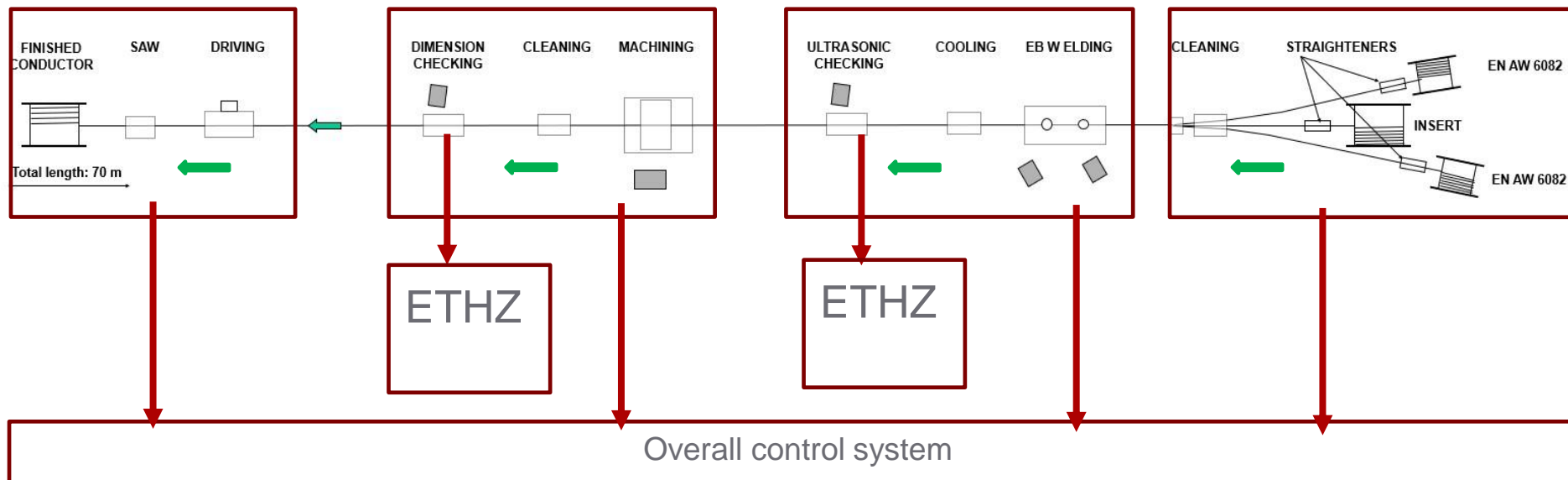
II EB-WELDING PRODUCTION LINE SET-UP

Driving
Cutting Saw
Final coil

Machining
Cleaning
Dimension Checking

EB-Welding
Cooling
US Checking

Initial 3 coils
Straighteners
Cleaners



II-1 COMPONENT HANDLING & PREPARATION



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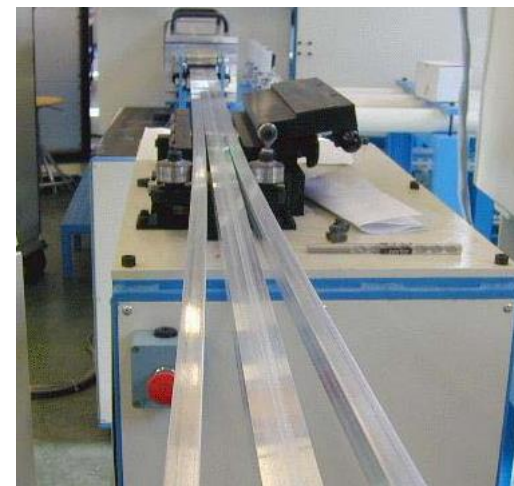
Pre-straightening
Straightening



Cleaning



Joining one batch to the other



II-2 ELECTRON BEAM WELDING



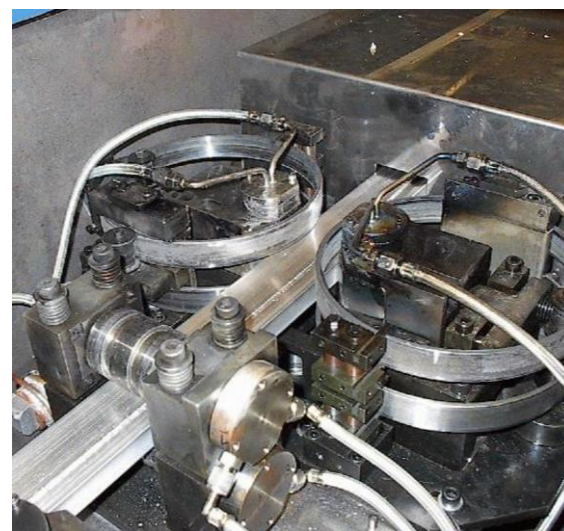
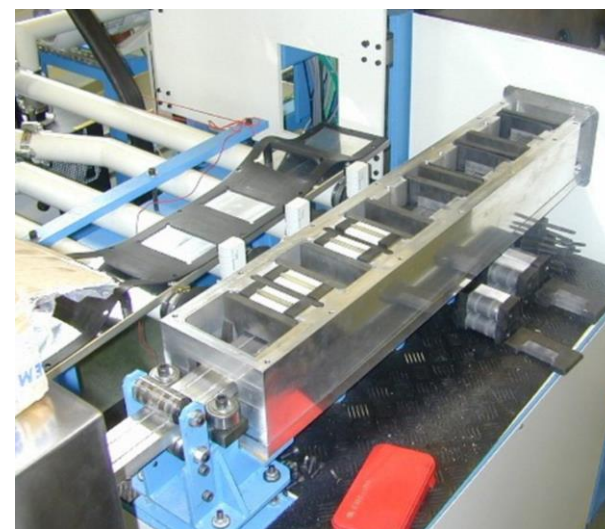
Double gun > Different parameter set

II-2 ELECTRON BEAM WELDING

Entrance Air-Vacuum lock



Exit Air-Vacuum lock



Metal projection management

Strip lamination for exit lock

II-3 DIAMOND TOOL HIGH SPEED MACHINING

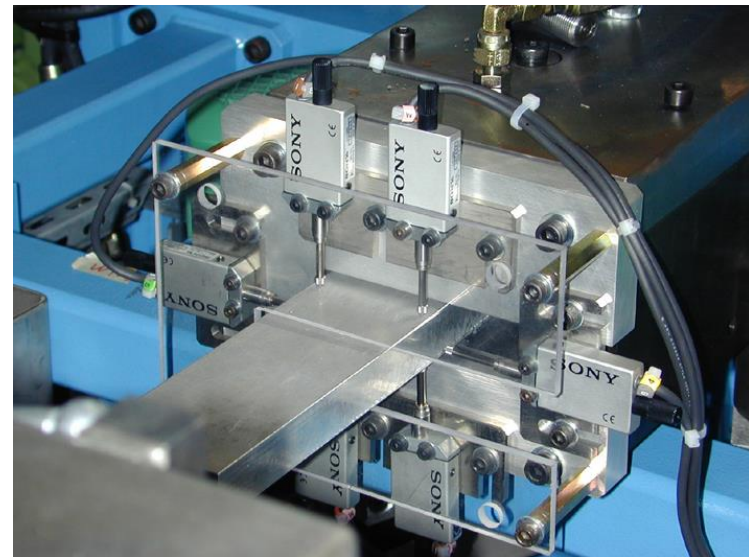


4 side + 4 corner continuous machining

II-3 DIAMOND TOOL HIGH SPEED MACHINING



Machining temperature control



Machining dimensional control

II-4 SPOOLING FINAL REINFORCED STRIP



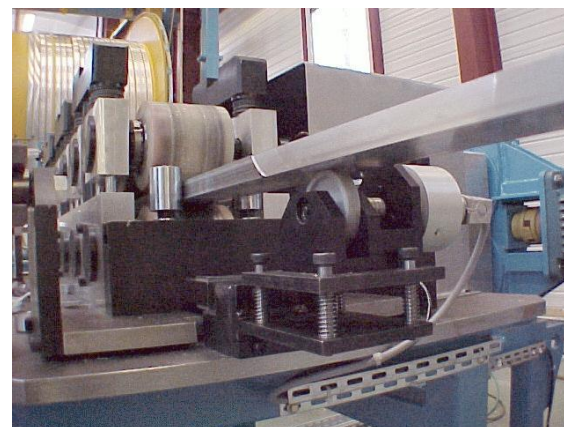
2.55km uninterrupted superconductor reinforced strip

II-4 SPOOLING FINAL REINFORCED STRIP

Caterpillar traction



Coiling control



Speed control

III PROCESS CONTROL & MANAGEMENT

- Control system integrates all synchronised consoles:
 - Commands
 - Signals
 - Alarms
- Man interventions:
 - level 1 Operator attention & Operator OK
 - level 2 Line stop without operator intervention or judgement
- Automatic parameter recording every 500ms
- Samples Begin/End of batch
- Provided by ETH Zurich:
 - EBweld bonding control by US
 - Final dimensional control by laser scanning

III-2 ULTRA SONIC CONTROL

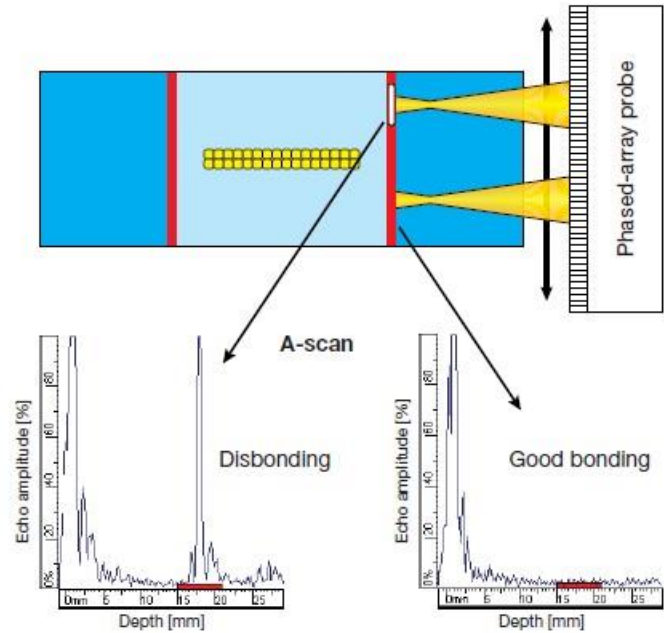
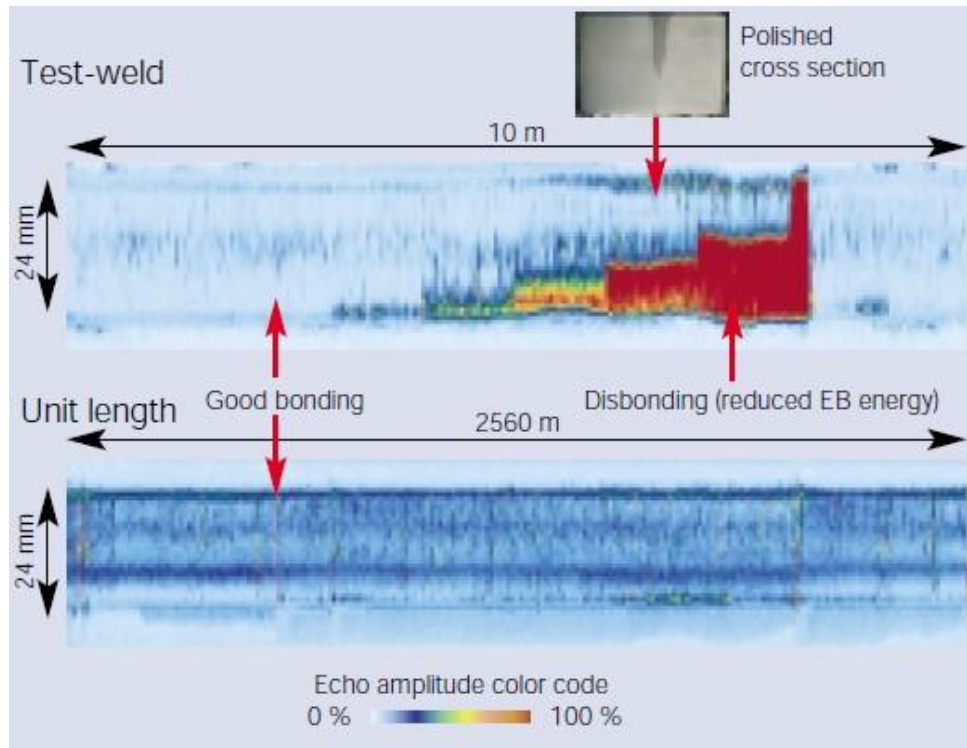








Equipment and operator by ETH Zurich

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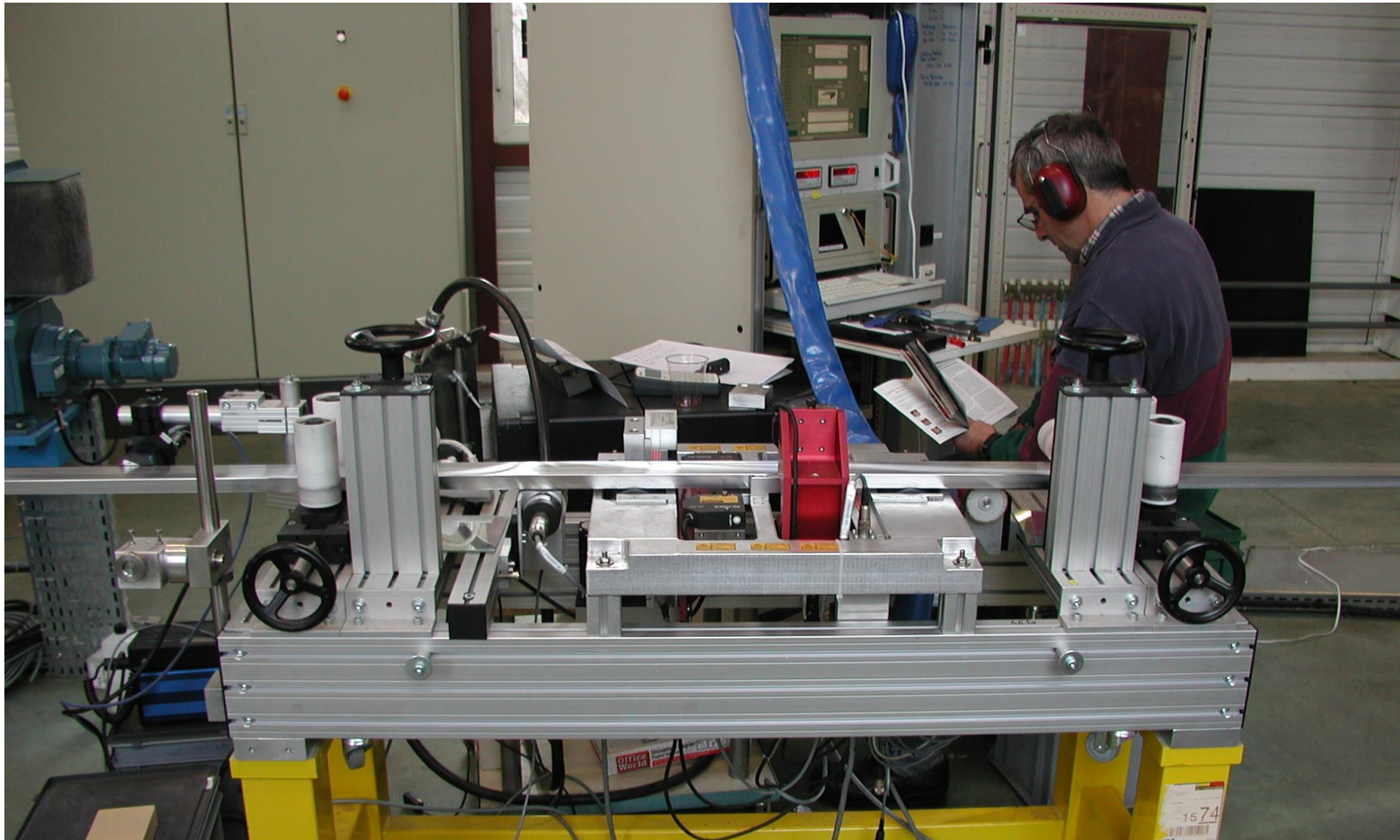
Phased array Ultra Sonic system

Same control set-up as Co-extrusion control



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|  | Electrical discharge in EB gun (flash): interrupt of EB of order 0.1 s (flaw length 1-5 mm) |  |
|  | Overload of electric power system: interrupt of EB of order 1 s (flaw length up to 4 cm) |  |
|  | In prototype unit: «bath explosion» due to superficial pollution (flaw length 12 cm) |  |

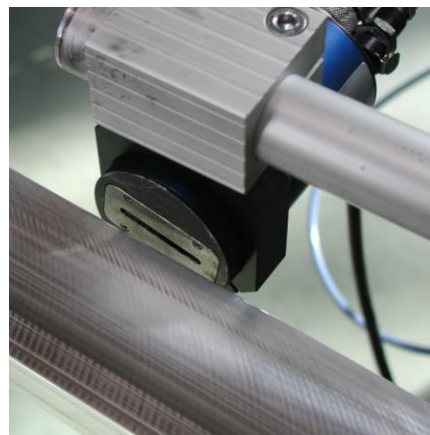
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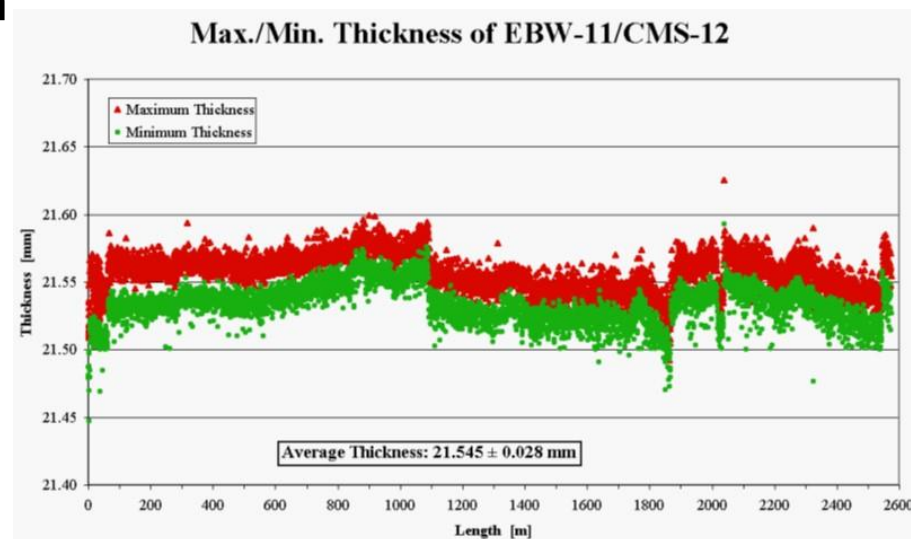
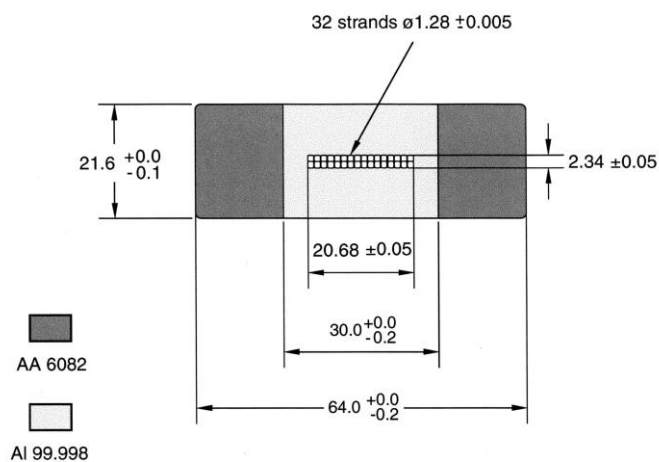
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III-3 DIMENSION CHECK

- 4 inclined laser scanners



- Thickness tolerance 100µm



IV EXPERIENCE

- Processing of stiff bars before and after welding
- Micrometer machining of profile in movement
- Managing the risk of overheating of Rutherford cable
- High quality electron beam welding within specifications
- Managing of large number of operations at synchronised work stations
- Production process management & quality assessment

Greatest challenge → **Simultaneous control of work stations**

Electronbeam welding → **No special issues**

Specification adjustment: → **30mm non bonded allowed stop & restart after 12h welding**

TIME LINE

- **1999** > **Order** May 3th
- **1999-2000** > **Realisation** of equipment
- **2001-03** > **Production period – Successful cooperation** with ETHZ
20 coils of 2.55km + 1 test coil
No retreatment of complete coil
No major incident
- **2003..** > **TECHMETA: Cristal Globe Award** 2003 from CERN/CM
> **CMS - Successful assembly** of High field coil
- **2003.. 2022** > **TECHMETA's developments and skills:**
Improved Flash management
Improved Beam generation & guidance
High speed seam tracking
Ultra sonic testing
> **CMS - Successful use** of high field coil

Reinforcement EB-welding

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Proven process

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2023 and further on...

TE > Ready for new challenges

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'Simplicity is complexity resolved' – C. Brancusi

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