

# Mechanical Monitoring Issues in Preparation to Next Step of W7-X Operation

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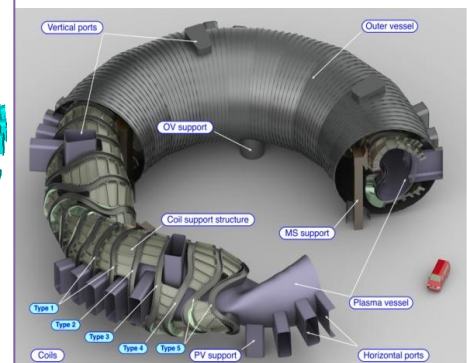
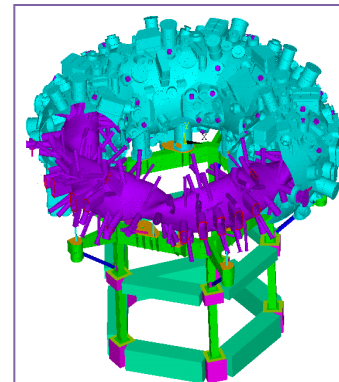
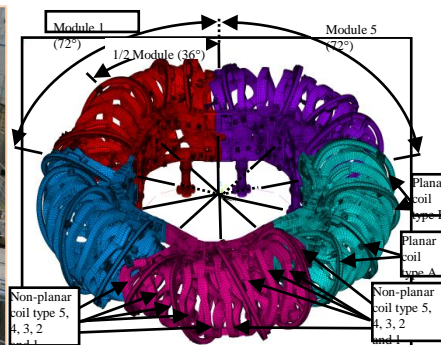
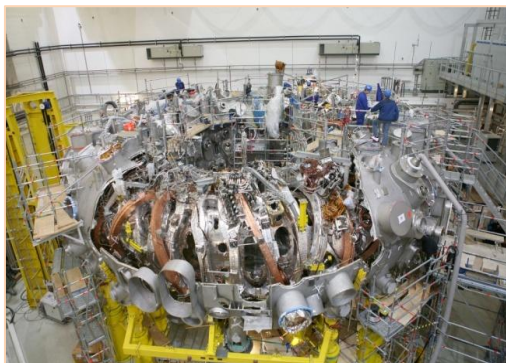
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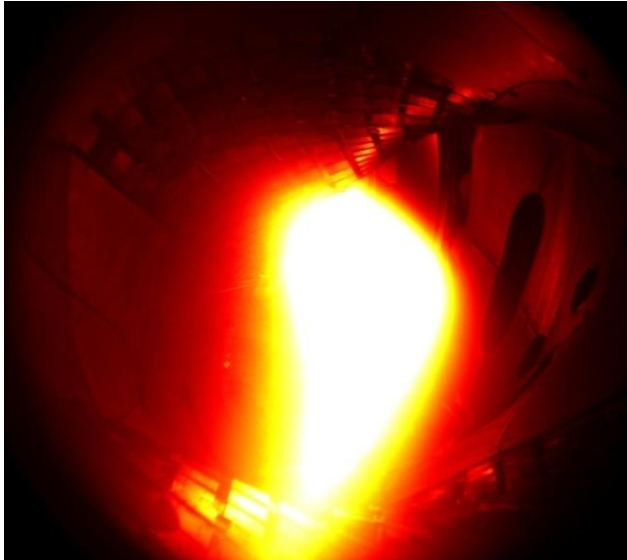
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- **Introduction**
- **Challenges of next step operation**
- **Filtering of new regimes**
- **Improvements of FE modeling and monitoring**
- **Agreement for next step operation**
- **Conclusions**

### First helium plasma:

Dec. 10, 2015



(beam cross-section)

### OP1.1

(limiter configuration plasma): Dec. 2015 – March 2016

~ 940 discharge programs;

pulse length up to 6 s; with up to 4 MJ

*Prof. H-S. Bosch, Plenary talk, Thursday 08<sup>th</sup>.*

**Engineering:** all systems are functioning properly,  
More than 130 coil energizing.

95% of mechanical sensors are fine,

Two "main" 2.5 T load configurations are checked  
(MN loads, up to 70% of maximum design values).

***Many cycles with similar loadings***



### Next step of operation (OP1.2a):

with an inertially cooled divertor:  
up to 80 MJ, up to 60 s pulse

August – December 2017

Commissioning is on-going:

evacuation of cryostat and plasma vessel  
trim coils with full current  
magnet system cooldown



Magnet system (FEM 1)

Strain gauges on  
central support structure

FEM: Finite Element global Model

Cryostat (FEM 2)  
Outer vessel

3D displacement  
measurement  
pyramids

Tie rods  
Cryolegs  
Central support structure

Strain gauges on  
plasma vessel

254 ports

Machine base (FEM 2)

Plasma Vessel (FEM 2)

major radius	5.5 m
minor radius	0.53 m
machine height	4.5 m
machine diameter	16 m
machine mass	725 t

induction on axis	2.5 - 3 T
non-planar coils*	50
planar coils*	20
cold mass	425 t

\*superconducting coils

~800 mechanical  
instrumentation sensors [1]  
(among > 3000 in total):

Strain gauges

Distance

Contact

Inter-coil  
distance  
sensors

Strain gauges on  
lateral coil supports

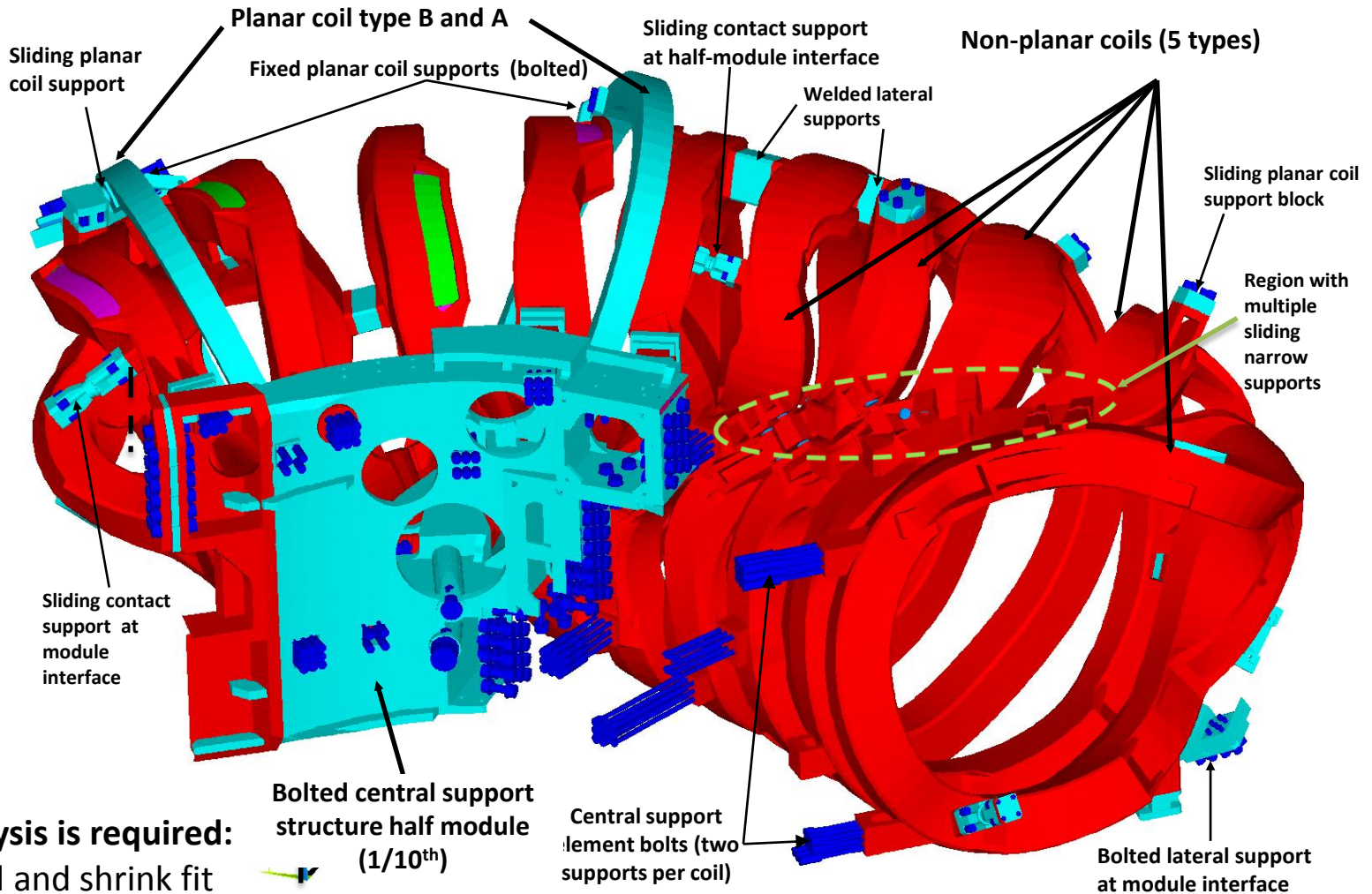
Strain gauges on  
non planar coil

Strain gauges on planar coil  
support

Strain gauges on planar coils



Fragment of  
magnet  
system  
72° ANSYS  
Global  
Model

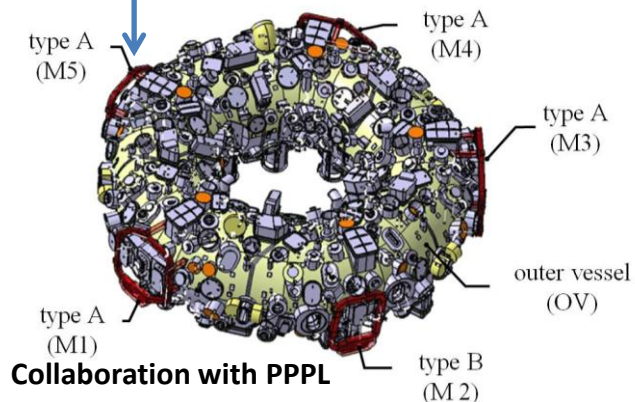


**Five step analysis is required:**

- 1) bolt preload and shrink fit
- 2) dead weight
- 3) cooldown
- 4) EM load application
- 5) EM unloading

- Multiple bolted connections with expected opening;
- Multiple contact elements with initial gap and gradual gap closing;
- Elements with different order of stiffness;
- Non-linear geometry option is to be activated to get reliable results.

Coil type	Coil current, kA						
	<i>OP1.1 / OP 1.2a</i> ✓		<i>Planned (demanding) new 2.5T regimes during OP1.2a</i>				
	<i>"J regime" Limiter (0)</i>	<i>"A regime" Standard (2)</i>	High Iota (1)	High mirror (2)	Low mirror (2)	Inward shifted (3)	Low Iota (4)
Non-planar coils							
Type 1	12.8	13.5	14.9	14.5	12.6	13.1	12.2
Type 2	12.8	13.5	14.9	14.1	13.2	13.0	12.2
Type 3	12.8	13.5	14.9	13.4	13.2	13.2	12.2
Type 4	12.8	13.5	14.9	12.8	14.2	14.6	12.2
Type 5	12.8	13.5	14.9	12.4	14.2	14.7	12.2
Planar coils							
Type A	0 ÷ 5	0	-10.3	0	0	4.1	9.2
Type B	0 ÷ 5	0	-10.3	0	0	-8.2	9.2
Outer warm Trim coils	1.1		1.8/1.95	1.8/1.95	1.8/1.95	1.8/1.95	1.8/1.95



**Next phase operation:**

**25% increasing of EM forces in non-planar coils**

**2-3 times increasing of EM forces in planar coils**

**2-3 times increasing of EM forces in trim coils**

**And many other proposals from physicists....**

# OP1.2: New regimes and regime variations

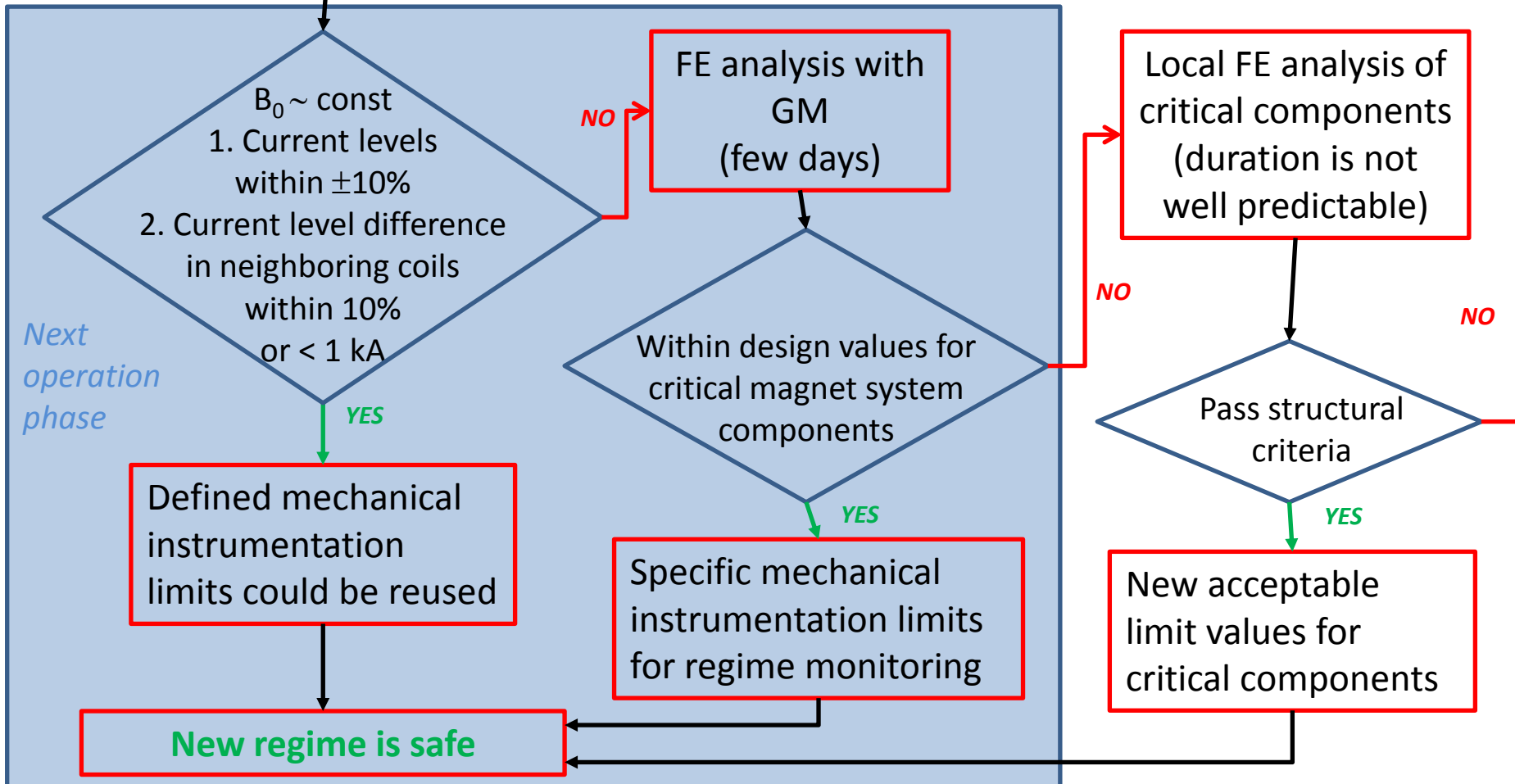
	coil currents	$I_1$ [kA]	$I_2$ [kA]	$I_3$ [kA]	$I_4$ [kA]	$I_5$ [kA]	$I_A$ [kA]	$I_B$ [kA]
J	Limiter OP1.1	12.78	12.78	12.78	12.78	12.78	4.98	4.98
B	Low iota	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20	12.20	9.15	9.15
A	Standard case	13.47	13.47	13.47	13.47	13.47	0.00	0.00
D	Low mirror	12.63	13.17	13.17	14.24	14.24	0.00	0.00
E	High mirror	14.51	14.10	13.43	12.76	12.36	0.00	0.00
G	Inward shift	13.07	12.94	13.21	14.57	14.71	4.09	-8.17
C	High iota	14.88	14.88	14.88	14.88	14.88	-10.26	-10.26
I	Limiter case	14.15	14.55	13.49	12.17	11.77	-3.97	7.94
H	Outward shift	14.03	14.03	13.63	12.95	12.95	-5.67	5.67
F	Low shear	15.32	15.04	14.23	11.52	11.38	-9.76	10.16
EEM		12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	4.8	4.8
GGP		12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	12.3	4.8	0.0
IJM		13.0	12.8	12.4	12.0	11.8	0.0	0.0
MKM		13.2	12.7	11.9	11.1	10.6	0.0	0.0
KJN		13.0	12.7	12.2	11.7	11.4	1.1	-1.1
KKL		13.3	12.9	12.1	11.4	11.0	-1.1	1.1
KJM		12.9	12.6	14.0	11.3	11.0	0.0	0.0
KKM		13.3	12.9	10.1	11.8	11.4	0.0	0.0
ETM		13.9	14.6	13.3	14.6	14.4	-9.6	-9.6
UEM		12.6	10.8	8.8	6.8	6.4	9.5	9.5
PKM		13.3	12.7	11.5	10.4	9.8	0.0	0.0
AAM		11.8	11.4	12.7	12.9	12.8	8.8	8.8
ATM		13.6	15.5	13.5	16.0	15.9	-10.5	-10.5
-IM		12.5	13.3	13.4	14.7	15.0	0.0	0.0
-HM		12.3	13.5	13.7	15.9	16.5	0.0	0.0
TEH		14.1	9.7	9.7	9.4	5.3	3.3	13.2
EET		11.9	11.7	12.0	13.2	13.3	8.8	-2.8
EES		11.9	11.8	12.0	13.3	13.4	8.2	-3.0
EFS		12.0	11.9	12.2	13.4	13.5	7.3	-3.9
EGS		12.1	12.0	12.3	13.5	13.7	6.4	-4.9
EGS		12.3	12.1	12.4	13.7	13.8	5.6	-5.9
FHS		12.4	12.3	12.5	13.8	13.9	4.6	-7.0
QIT		12.4	12.0	11.5	10.9	10.5	6.9	-6.9
HFW		12.9	12.7	13.0	14.3	14.4	9.6	-9.6

Coil current for  
reference cases  
( $B_0 = 2.5T$ ), kA  
(Maximum structural  
Design Values at  
 $B_0 = 3T$ )

**Many new regimes  
and/or coil current  
variations  
(just an example)**

Input parameters for the required regime  
(induction on axis  $B_0$ , coil currents  $I_1 \dots I_7$ )

**Regime is not  
allowed for W7-X**



To be corrected after further monitoring and FE analyses...




## Results of fast acceptance with 10% -rule for neighboring coils i&j:

$$I_i^{new} \text{ within } I_i^{reference} \pm 10\%; \quad I_j^{new} \text{ within } I_j^{reference} \pm 10\%;$$

$$(I_i - I_j)^{new} \text{ within } (I_i - I_j)^{reference} \pm (10\% \text{ or } 1kA)$$

Short	I2-I1	I3-I2	I4-I3	I5-I4	I2-IA	I3-IA	I4-IB	I5-IB
id	regime	regime	regime	regime	regime	regime	regime	regime



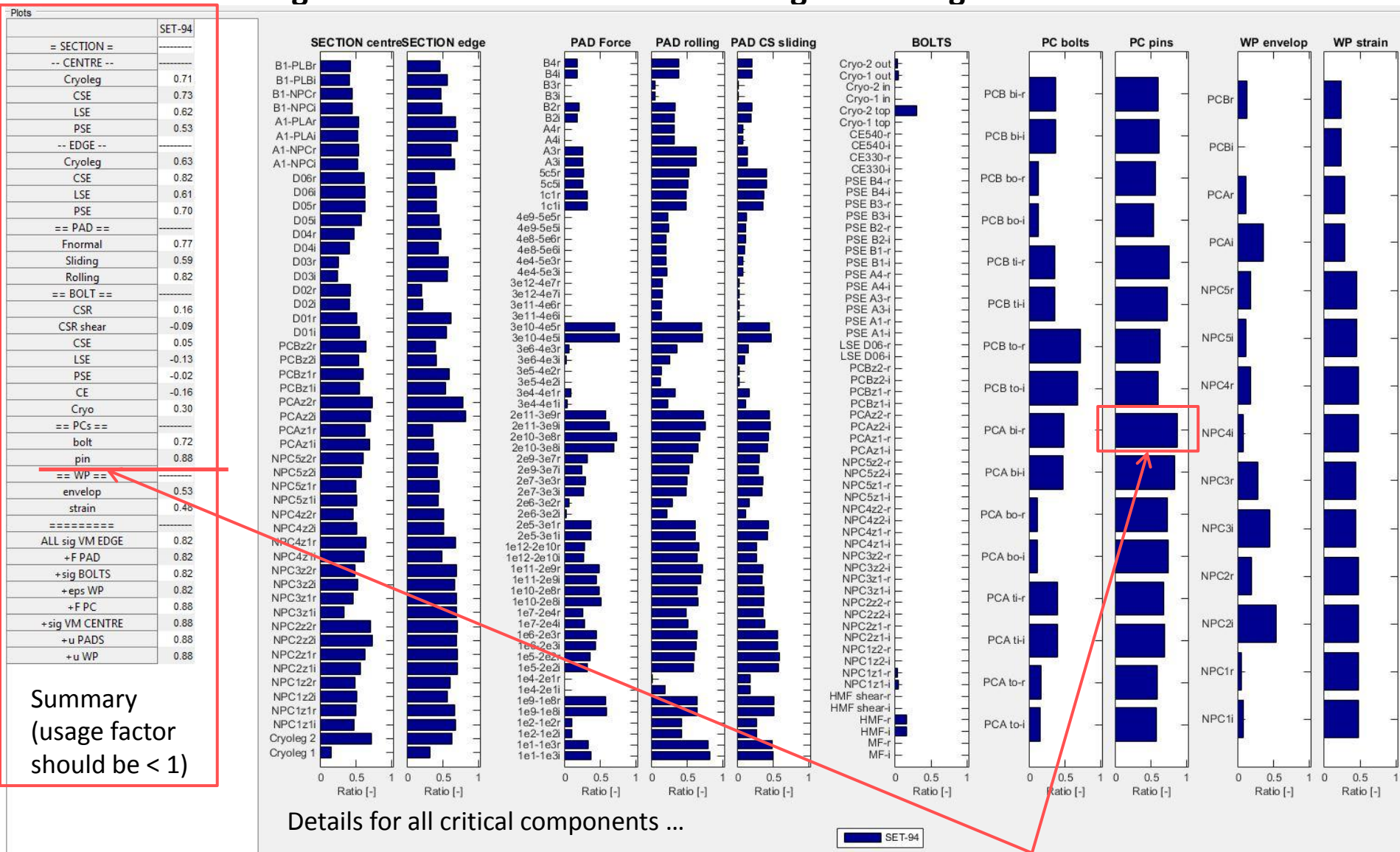
IJM	J	J	J	J	A	A	A	A
MKM	J	J	J	J	A	A	A	A
KJN	J	J	J	J	A	A	A	A
KKL	J	J	J	J	A	A	A	A
KJM	J	NaN	F	J	A	A	A	A
KKM	J	NaN	D	J	A	A	A	A
ETM	A	E	D	A	C	C	G	G
UEM	NaN	I	I	J	B	NaN	NaN	NaN
PKM	J	E	E	J	A	A	A	A
AAM	J	NaN	J	J	B	B	I	B
ATM	NaN	I	NaN	G	C	C	NaN	NaN
-IM	J	J	D	D	A	A	A	D
-HM	D	J	G	C	A	A	NaN	NaN
TEH	NaN	J	J	NaN	J	J	NaN	NaN
EET	J	J	D	J	B	B	NaN	NaN
EES	J	J	D	J	B	B	NaN	NaN
EFS	J	J	D	J	J	J	NaN	NaN
EGS	J	J	D	J	J	J	NaN	NaN
EGS	J	J	D	J	J	J	NaN	NaN
FHS	J	J	D	J	J	J	G	G
OIT	J	J	J	J	J	J	G	G
HFW	J	J	D	A	B	B	G	G

Reference configuration  
(k) covering new regime  
with mentioned margin

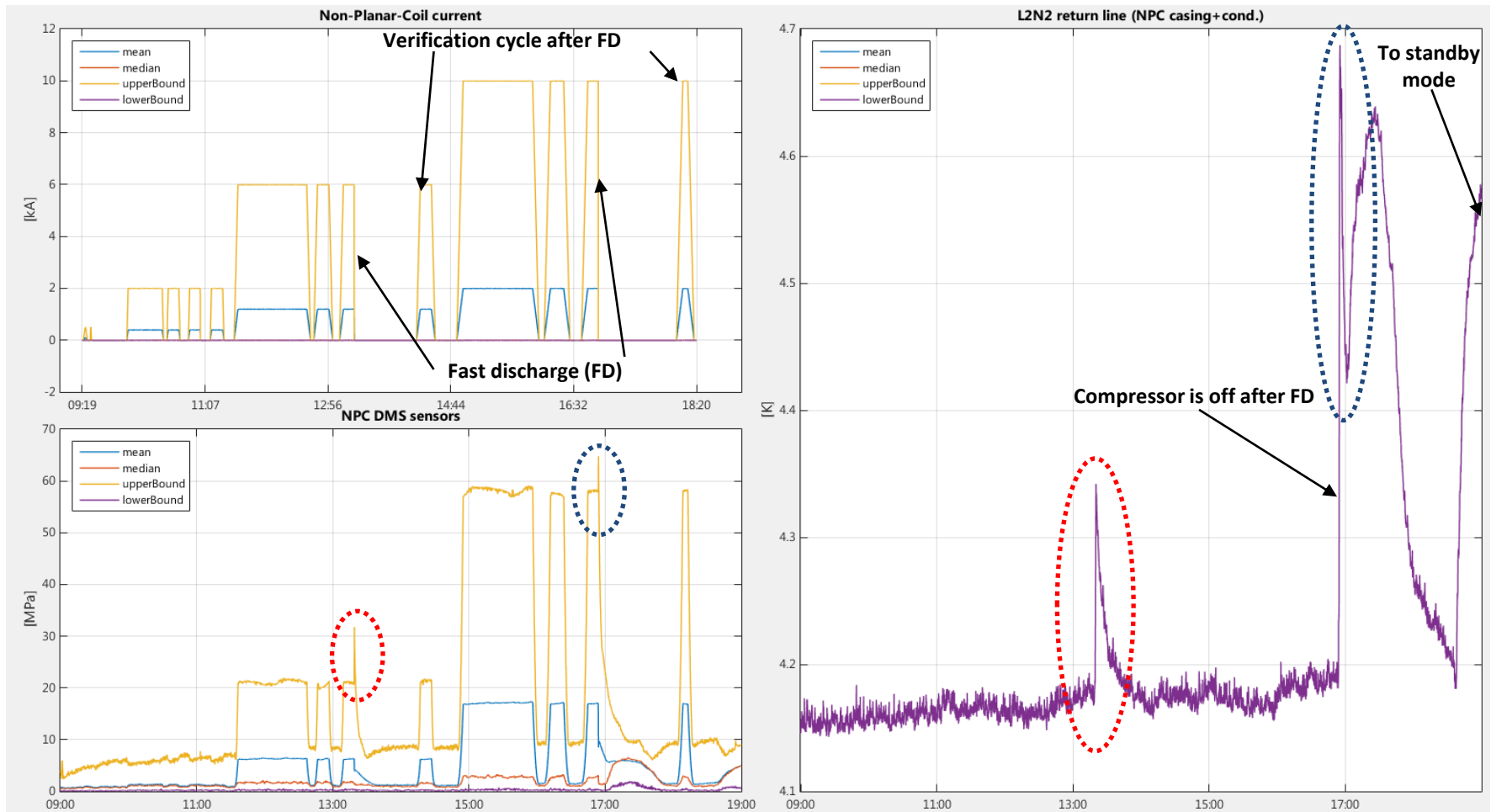
“NaN” – no reference  
regime to cover proposed  
new one with 10% (& 1.0  
kA for delta) margin;  
additional consideration is  
necessary.

**HFW regime is checked by  
FE global model analysis...**

## Check of critical generalized forces and moments against Design Values at 3T



**HFW regime above 2.5T design values (coefficient 1.13), but below 3T design values**

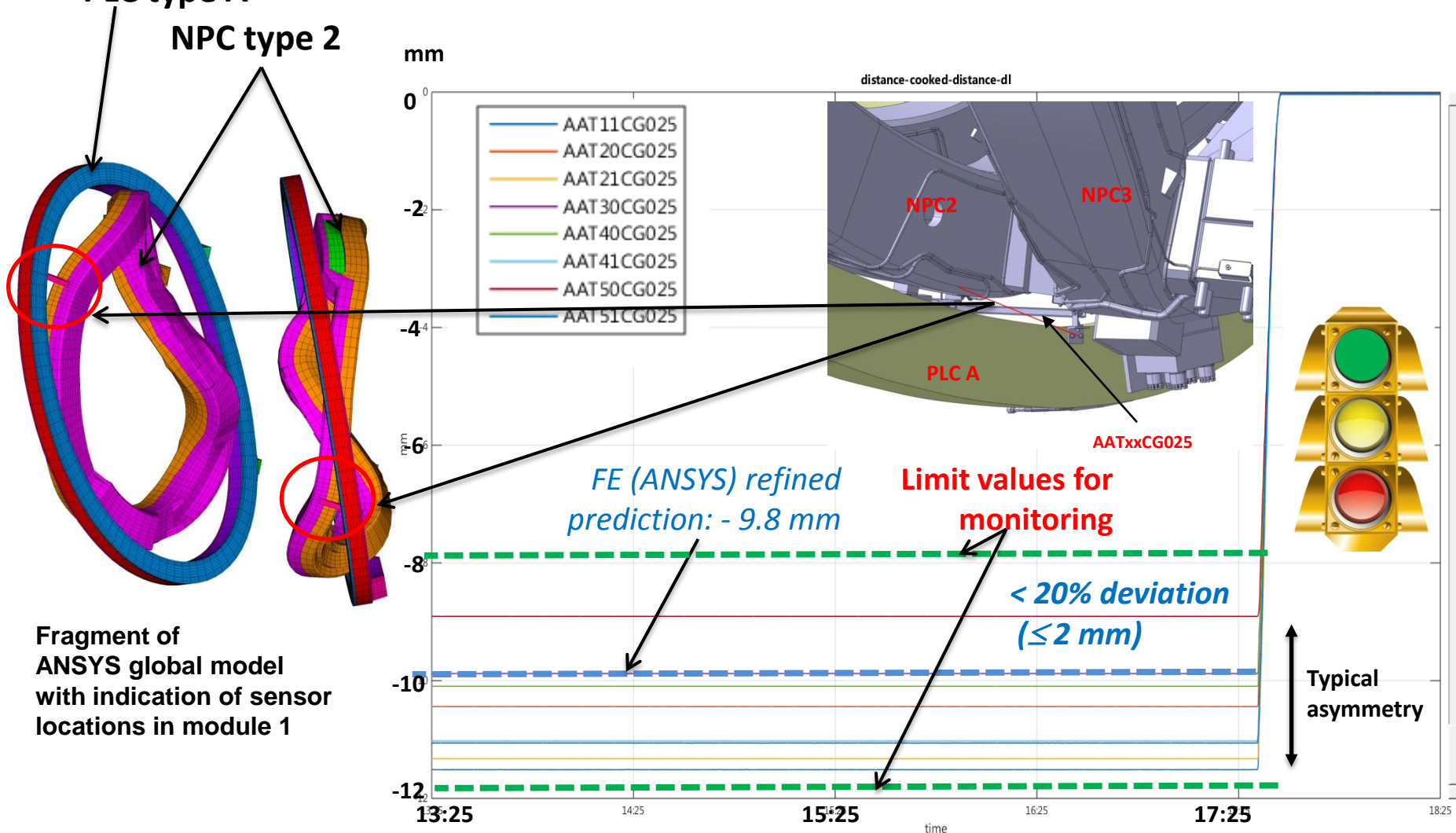


Commissioning of non-planar coil group 5 on 19 May 2015

Overview graph from developed software MIViewer [3]  
for mechanical instrumentation monitoring (in MATLAB).

## Maximum measured relative displacements between PLC type A

### NPC type 2

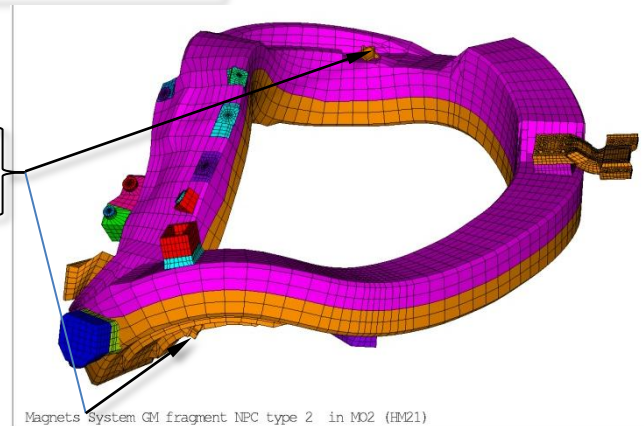




## Check of measurement cycle repetition and deviations from FE predictions.

Non planar coil type 2 case von-Mises equivalent stress levels, MPa. Comparison of FE prediction (GM 6.01) with measurements for cycles of Case A: Reliable, Questionable, NotReliable

Name	FE results	14-Jul-2015 09:07-09:39			14-Jul-2015 10:36-13:40			Status		
		pure	Diff	%	pure	Diff	%			
KKS	pure	pure			pure			R	Q	NotR
AAB32CY001	110	120	10	9	120	10	9	X	.	.
AAB32CY002	127	152	24	19	152	25	19	X	.	.
AAB39CY001	109	84	-25	-23	84	-25	-23	.	X	.
AAB49CY001	110	176	66	60	177	67	61	.	.	X
AAB12CY001	109	102	-7	-6	103	-7	-6	X	.	.
AAB12CY002	129	226	97	75	226	97	75	.	.	X
AAB59CY001	110	738	628	571	738	628	571	.	.	X

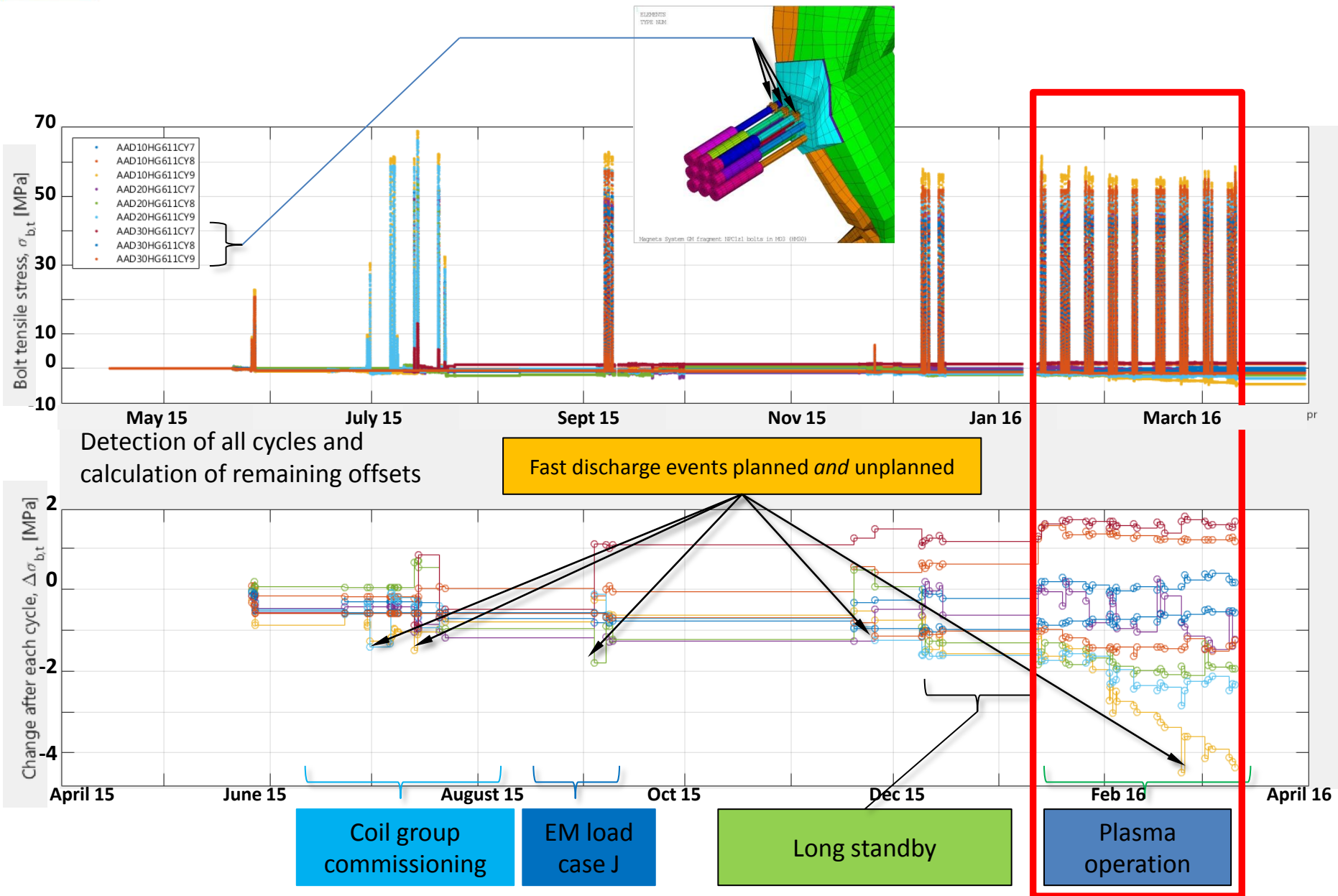


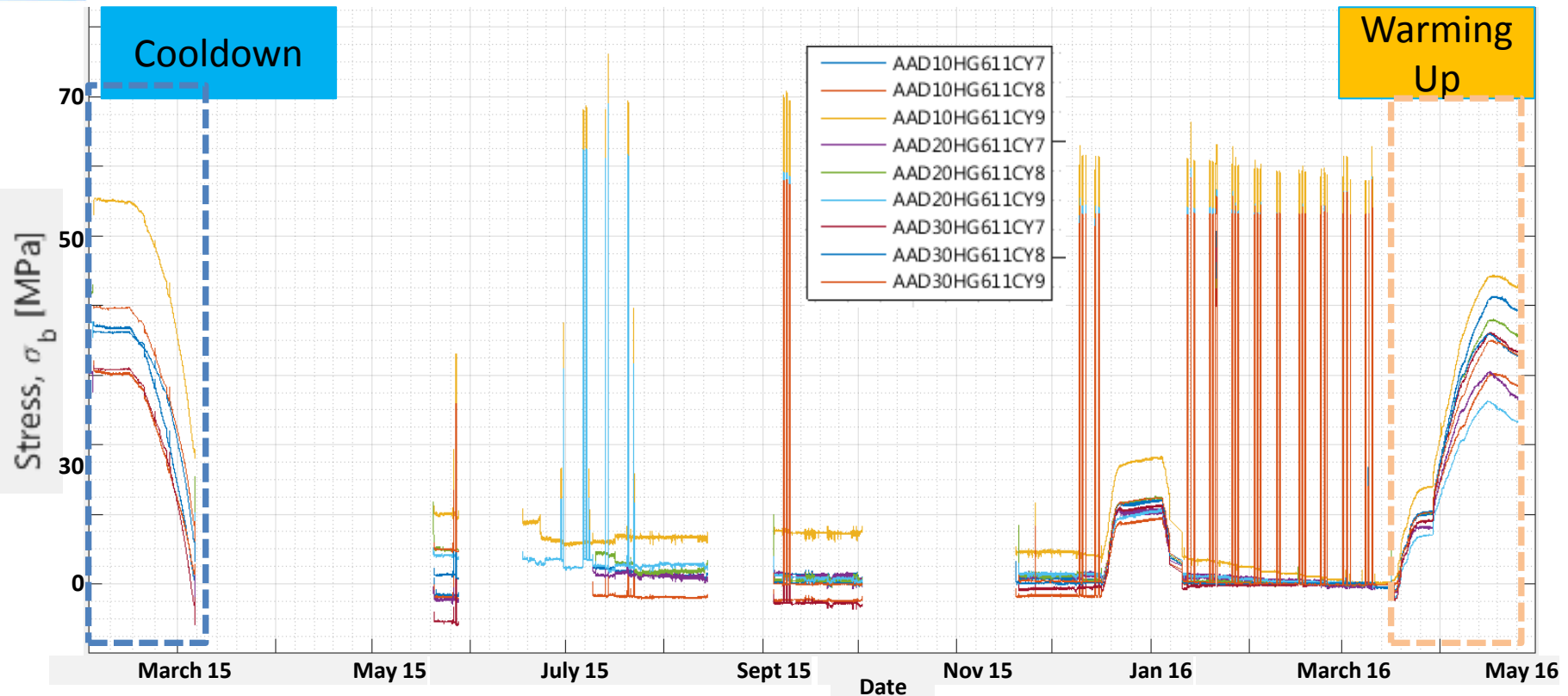
Magnets System GM fragment NPC type 2 in MD2 (HM21)

Non planar coil type 2 case von-Mises equivalent stress levels, MPa.

Comparison of FE prediction (GM 6.01) with measurements for cycles of Case J: Reliable, Questionable, NotReliable

Name	FE results	06-Jul-2015 11:13-11:50			07-Sep-2015 09:55-16:29			13-Jan-2016 12:45-18:22			10-Mar-2016 12:10-17:40			Status		
		pure	Diff	%	pure	Diff	%	pure	Diff	%	pure	Diff	%			
KKS	pure	pure			pure			pure			pure			R	Q	NotR
AAB32CY001	98	108	10	11	108	10.3	11	104	6	6	103	5	5	X	.	.
AAB32CY002	133	161	28	21	157	23.8	18	153	20	15	153	20	15	.	X	.
AAB39CY001	98	75	-23	-24	75	-22.8	-23	72	-27	-27	71	-27	-28	.	X	.
AAB49CY001	98	158	59	61	157	58.9	60	151	53	54	150	52	53	.	.	X
AAB12CY001	98	92	-6	-6	91	-7.15	-7	88	-10	-10	86	-12	-12	X	.	.
AAB12CY002	135	242	107	80	233	98.1	73	229	94	69	228	93	69	.	.	X
AAB59CY001	98	118	20	21	727	629.0	642	722	625	637	723	625	638	.	.	X





Bolt	Avg. loss over all cycles		Avg. loss over last 10 cycles	
	DPL, MPa		DPL <sub>10</sub> , MPa	
AAD10HG611CY7	0.0019		0.0197	
AAD10HG611CY8	0.0205		-0.0058	
AAD10HG611CY9	-0.0713		<b>-0.1097</b>	
AAD20HG611CY7	-0.0109		<b>-0.1192</b>	
AAD20HG611CY8	-0.0312		0.0155	
AAD20HG611CY9	-0.0455		0.0068	
AAD30HG611CY7	0.0247		<b>0.0321</b>	
AAD30HG611CY8	-0.0085		0.0077	
AAD30HG611CY9	-0.0208		0.0234	

**Expected max.  
loss for OP1.2a  
~ 13 Mpa  
+  
Cooldown/  
Warming up**

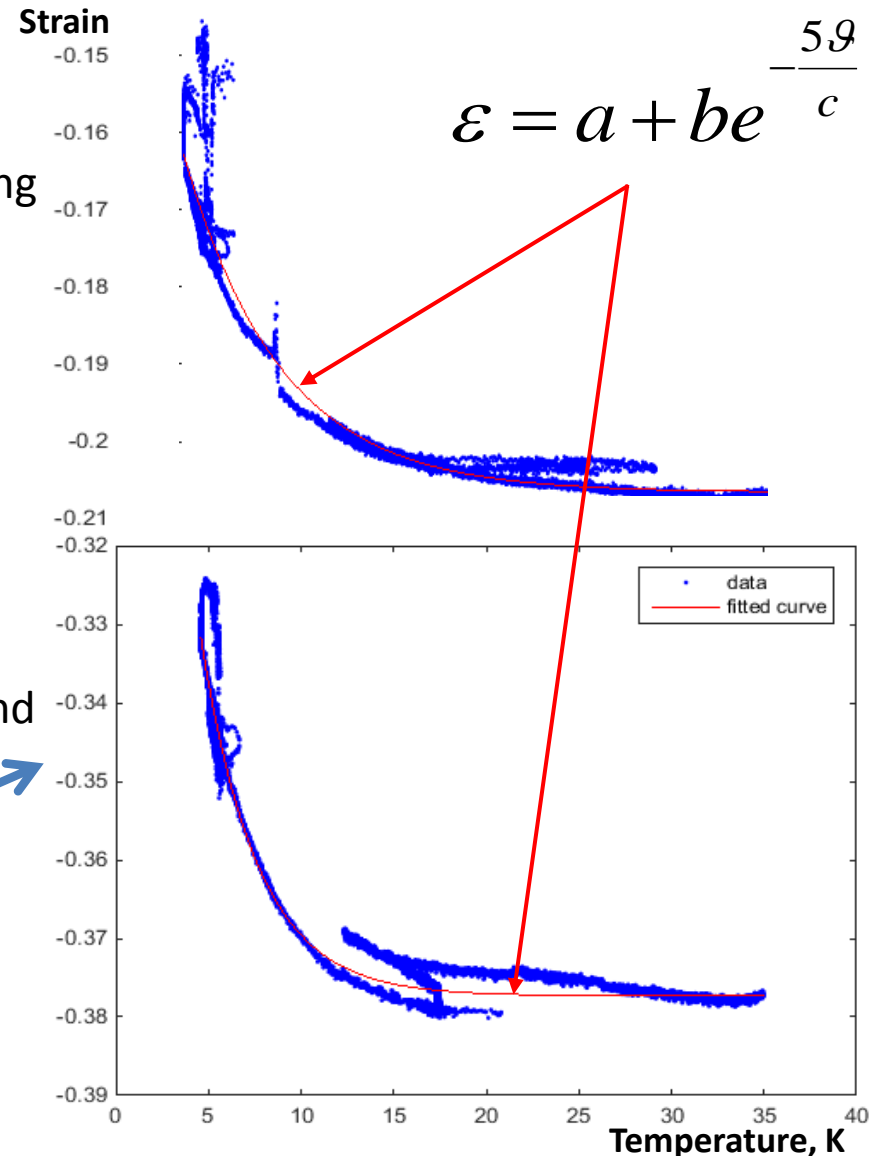
Bolt	D <sub>Pl Temp</sub> , Mpa
AAD10HG611CY7	1.66
AAD10HG611CY8	-3.65
<b>AAD10HG611CY9</b>	<b>-9.97</b>
AAD20HG611CY7	-3.89
AAD20HG611CY8	-6.04
<b>AAD20HG611CY9</b>	<b>-14.19</b>
AAD30HG611CY7	1.99
AAD30HG611CY8	-3.41
AAD30HG611CY9	-6.96

## To be faster and user-friendly...

- Change of strategy for storage; post-processing of raw data on request;
- Zeroing stream  
with possibility to have required offset;
- Easy review on selected sensor locations;
- Additional sensors to monitor in parallel (mainly temperature: in-vessel components, thermal insulations, etc);
- Ramping up with simultaneous monitoring and structural assessment;
- Temperature compensation  
with Kalman filter prediction.

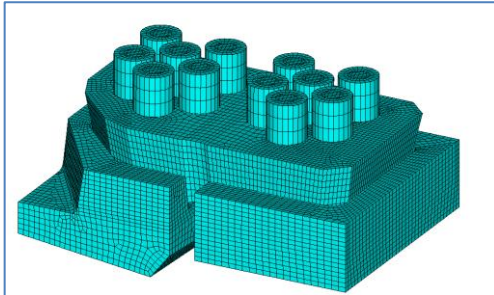
Data collected during first operation phase, coefficients (a,b,c) defined for all strain gauges.

Introduction of the compensation in monitoring software is being implemented.

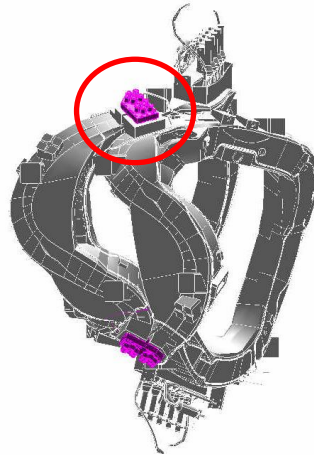




## Bolted lateral support element at module separation between each coil pair NPC5 / NPC5

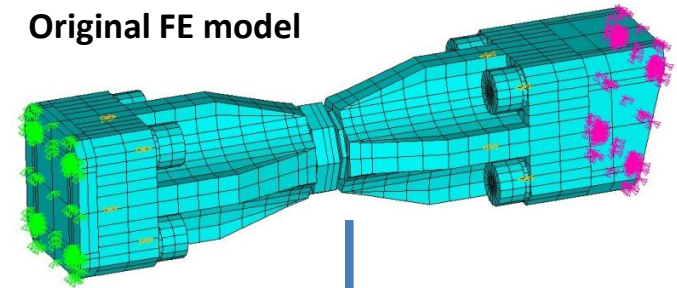


Refined support model incorporated  
now in Global Model

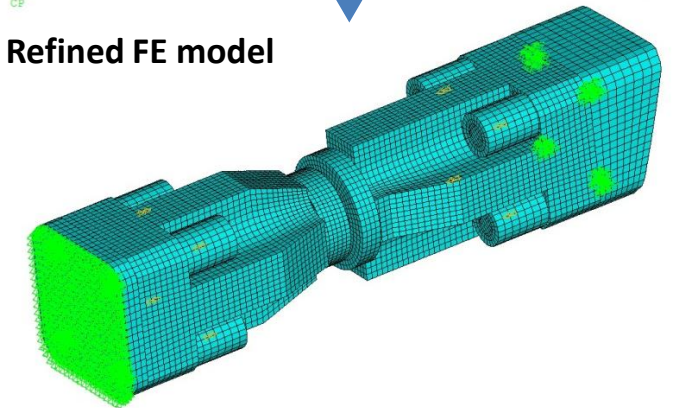


## Contact support at module interface

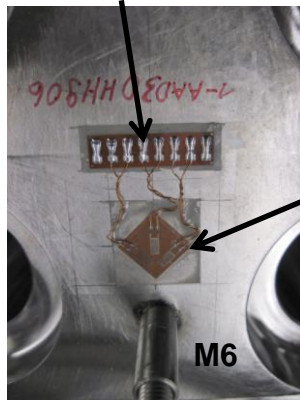
Original FE model



Refined FE model

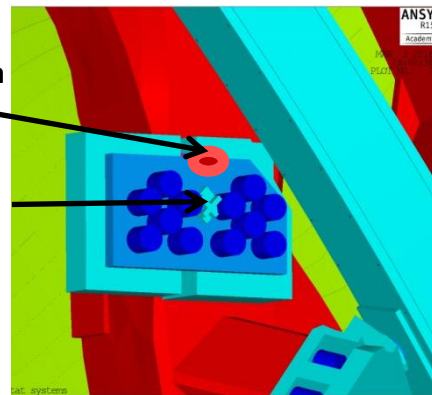


Solder terminals



Wrong  
assumption

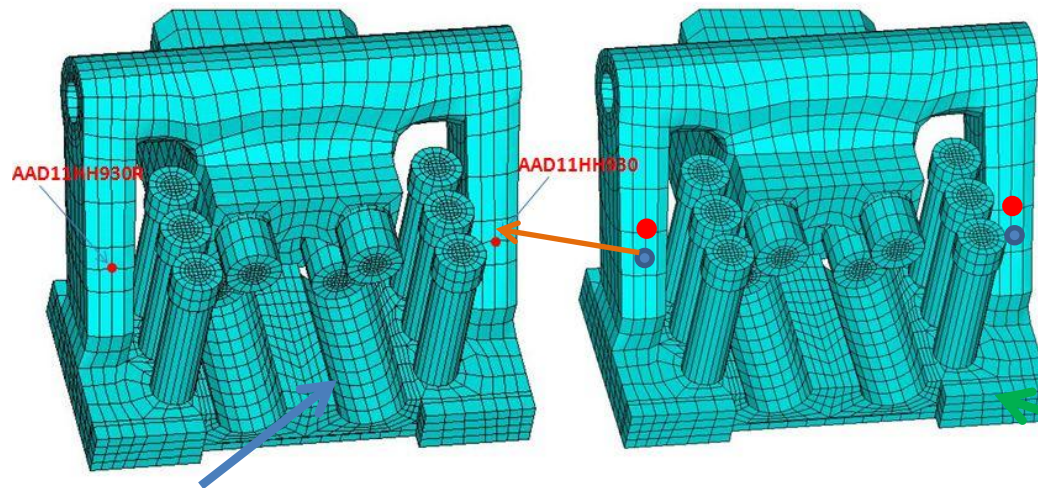
Active grid  
as glued



Fragment of global model

## Step 2: refinement of ANSYS global model at sensor locations

### FE representation of bolted planar coil support B1

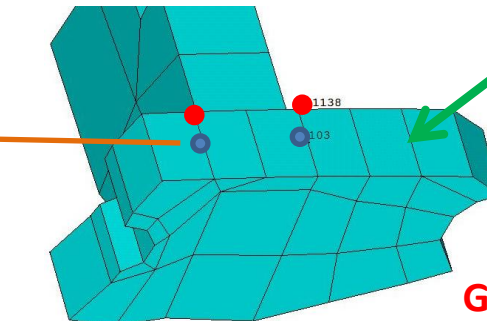


Sensors	Case J (2.5T), MPa		
	Original GM 6.01	Measurements	Refined GM 6.02
AAC52CY002	18.0	22 - 24;	20.0
AAD30HH930R	12.0	24.2	30.0
Case A (2.5T), MPa			
AAD10HH930	20.0	62.0	40.0
AAD11HH930	24.0	46.6	35.0
AAD31HH930	24.0	51.8	35.0

Refined FE model

FE representation of central support ring  
(fragment)

Original FE mesh



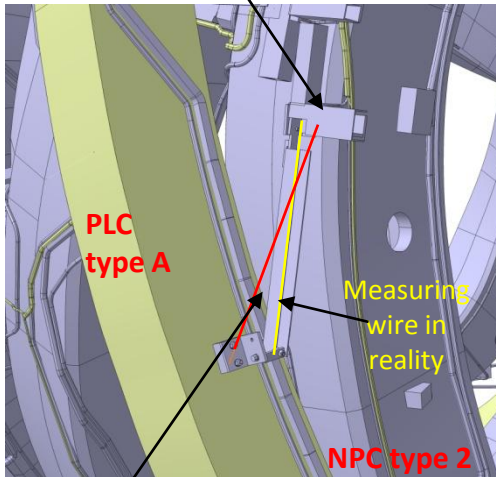
- Extraction node
- Strain gauge position

AAD21CY002 & CY002R

**Global model for  
OP1.2a monitoring:  
distance < 20 mm for all sensors**

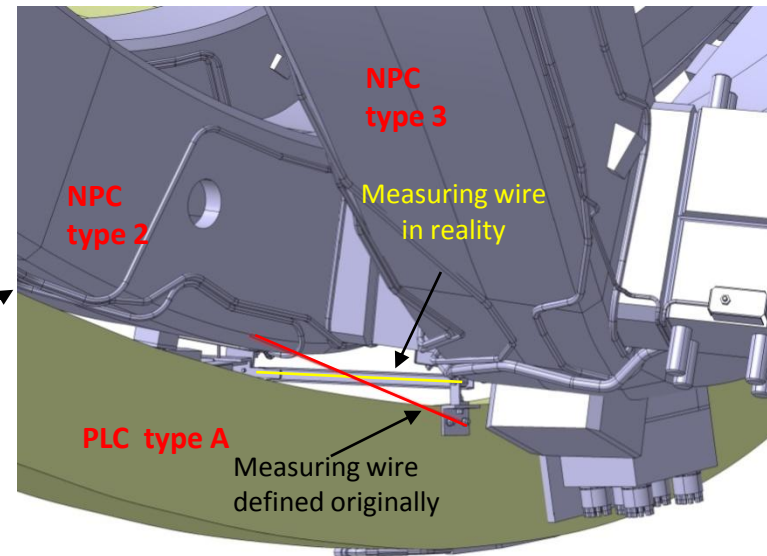
## Correction of inclination and extraction for mutual displacement prediction

AATxxCG025r (significant influence)

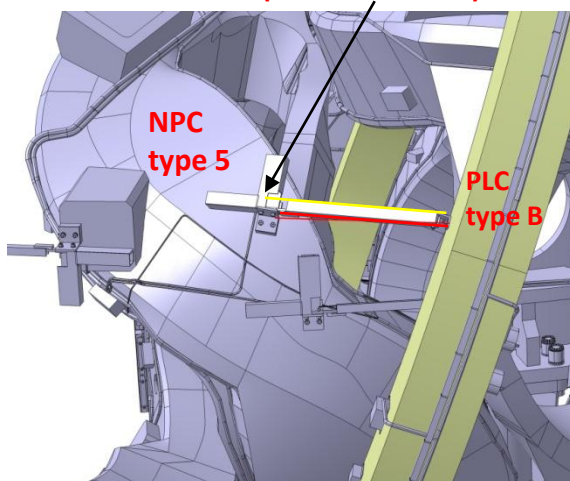


Measuring wire defined originally

AATxxCG025 (moderate influence)



AATxxCG026 (small influence)



Mutual coil displacements, Case J (2.5T), mm

Name	FE results GM 6.01	Measurement				FE results GM 6.02
		1	2	3	4	
AAT10CG021	-1,67	-2,48	-1,62	-2,16	-2,64	-1,59
AAT10CG022	8,14	8,42	7,94	8,14	8,06	8,1
AAT10CG023	-1,6	-1,63	-1,76	-1,62	-1,39	-1,88
AAT10CG024	-3,41	-2,42	-2,57	-2,61	-2,52	-2,57
AAT20CG025	-10,81	-11,12	-10,33	-10,55	-10,59	-9,77
AAT10CG025r	-6	-3,96	-3,73	-3,86	-3,88	-4,04
AAT10CG026	-0,57	-1,27	-1,61	-1,24	-1,26	-0,52

> 2 mm (30%) difference

< 1.1 mm difference



1. Slow current ramping up to test monitoring procedure with simultaneous assessment.
2. Only EM regimes satisfying criteria without FE local analysis.
3. Temperature compensation for strain gauges is to be introduced and checked.
4. Level of current and number of fast discharges for test purposes are to be reduced.
5. Regular assessment of the bolt preload degradation.



- **Results of comparison between numerical modeling and mechanical instrumentation measurements show good agreement after introduced modification;**
- **Areas of most attention are defined;**
- **Temperature compensation procedure is developed and is to be tested in order to be fully functioning during most demanding operation phases;**
- **Approach for fast approval of an extension of physics program is developed.**

**Further technical challenges are ahead, BUT we are confident to face them and resolve.**

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**Thank you for you attention!**

**W7-X torus hall**

ECRH



NBI, cryogenics

diagnostics

assembly, ICRH

# Q&A



***Additional slides***

## Prioritization, simplification [2]...

Experience gained during intensive parametric analyses of critical components...

*Monitoring of mechanical instrumentation during commissioning and first operation...*

Benchmarking with  
mechanical instrumentation  
measurement results ✓

Reliable sensors ✓  
Areas for modeling improvements

Software tools [4] for  
•easy signal  
monitoring  
•new regime approval  
•automatic report  
generation ✓...

Identification of features  
to be neglected/ omitted ...

Fast analysis of new  
effects/issues ...

**Confidence:**

modeling is **mostly** reliable

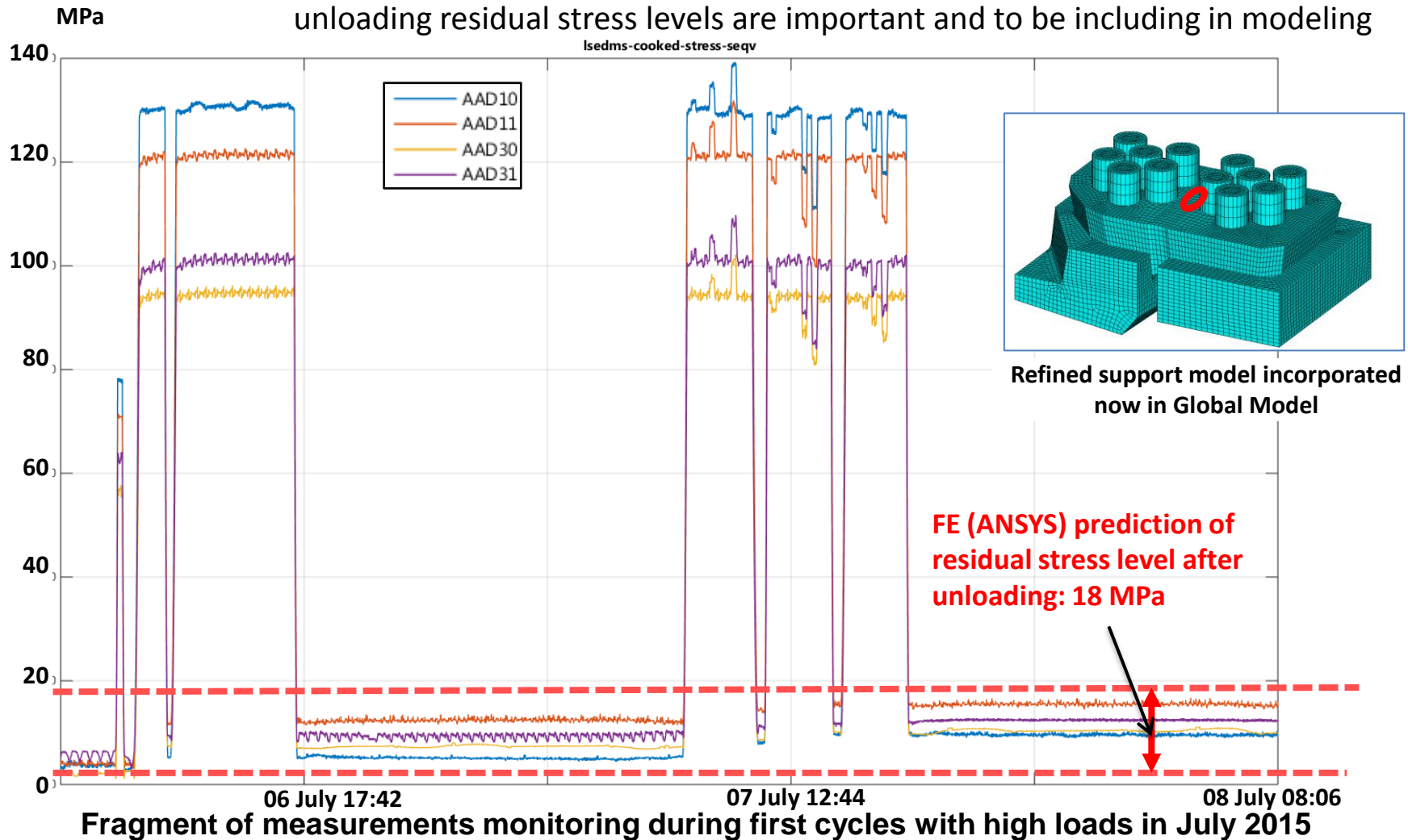
next more demanding step of **OP1.2** is safe

**Mostly implemented...**

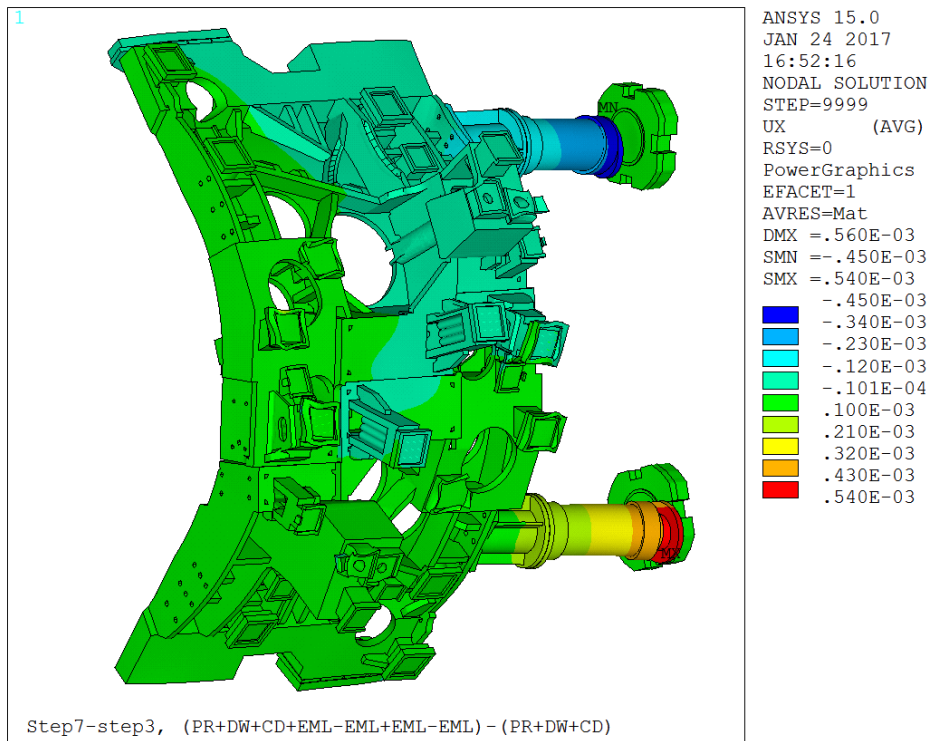
Bolted lateral support element at module separation between each coil pair NPC5 / NPC5

Few months of intensive analysis work:

unloading residual stress levels are important and to be including in modeling



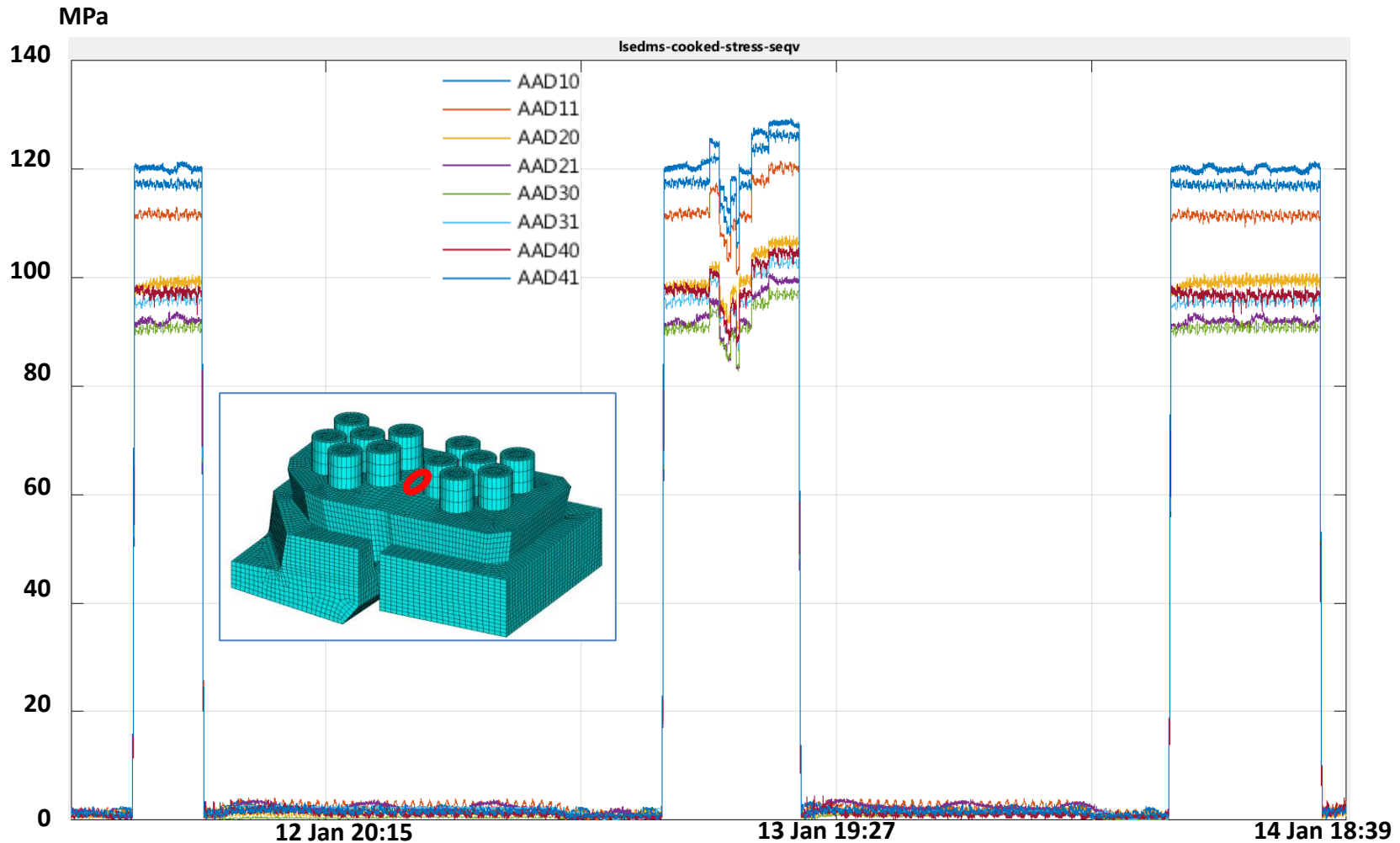
**EM unloading is added in standard operation FE model analysis**



Outwards movements of cryolegs after second unloading, m.

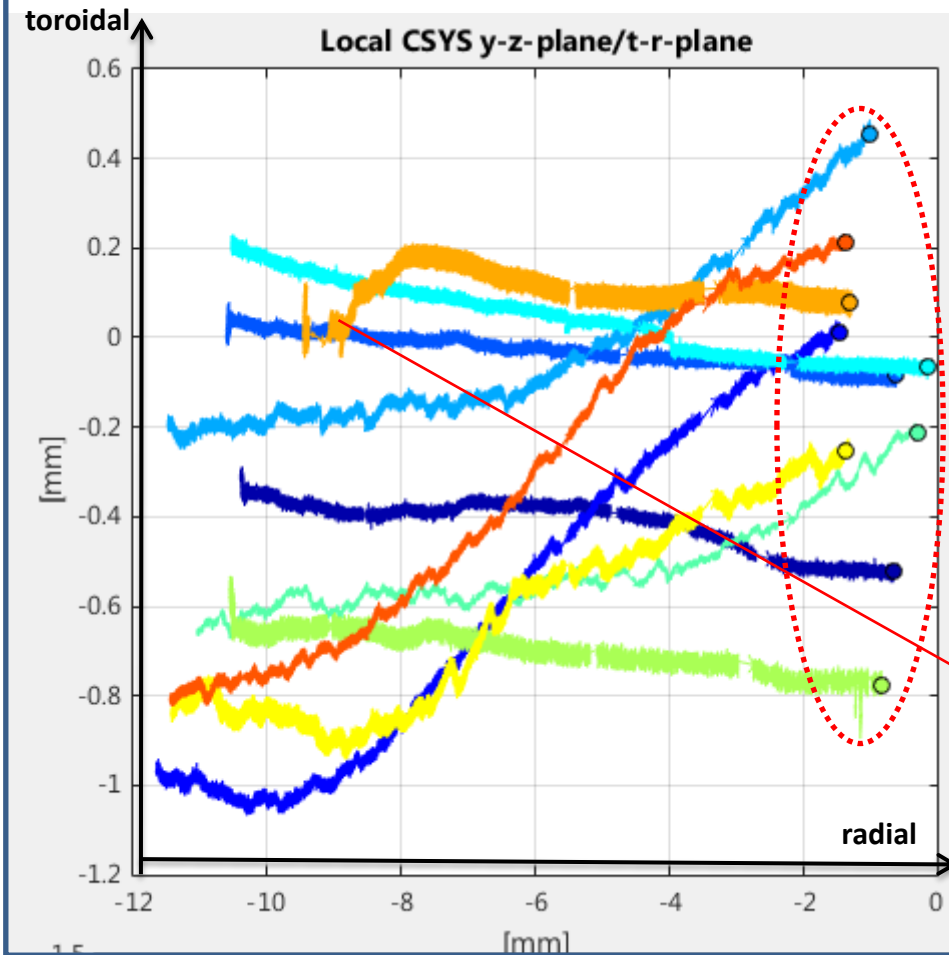


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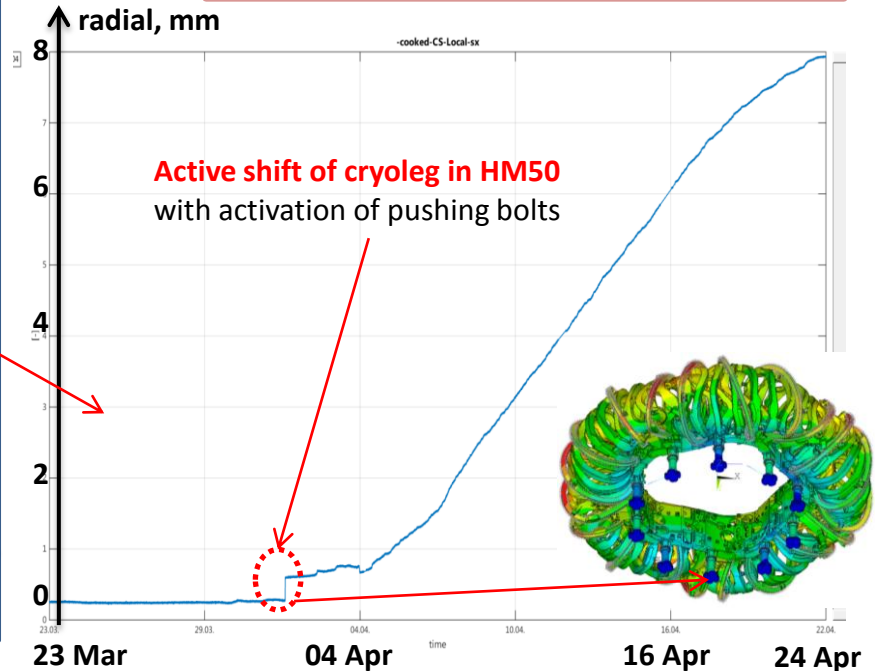
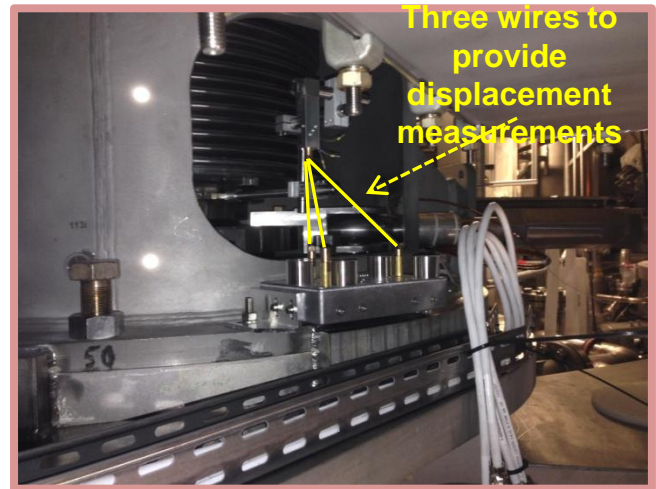


Fragment of measurements monitoring during plasma campaign in January 2016

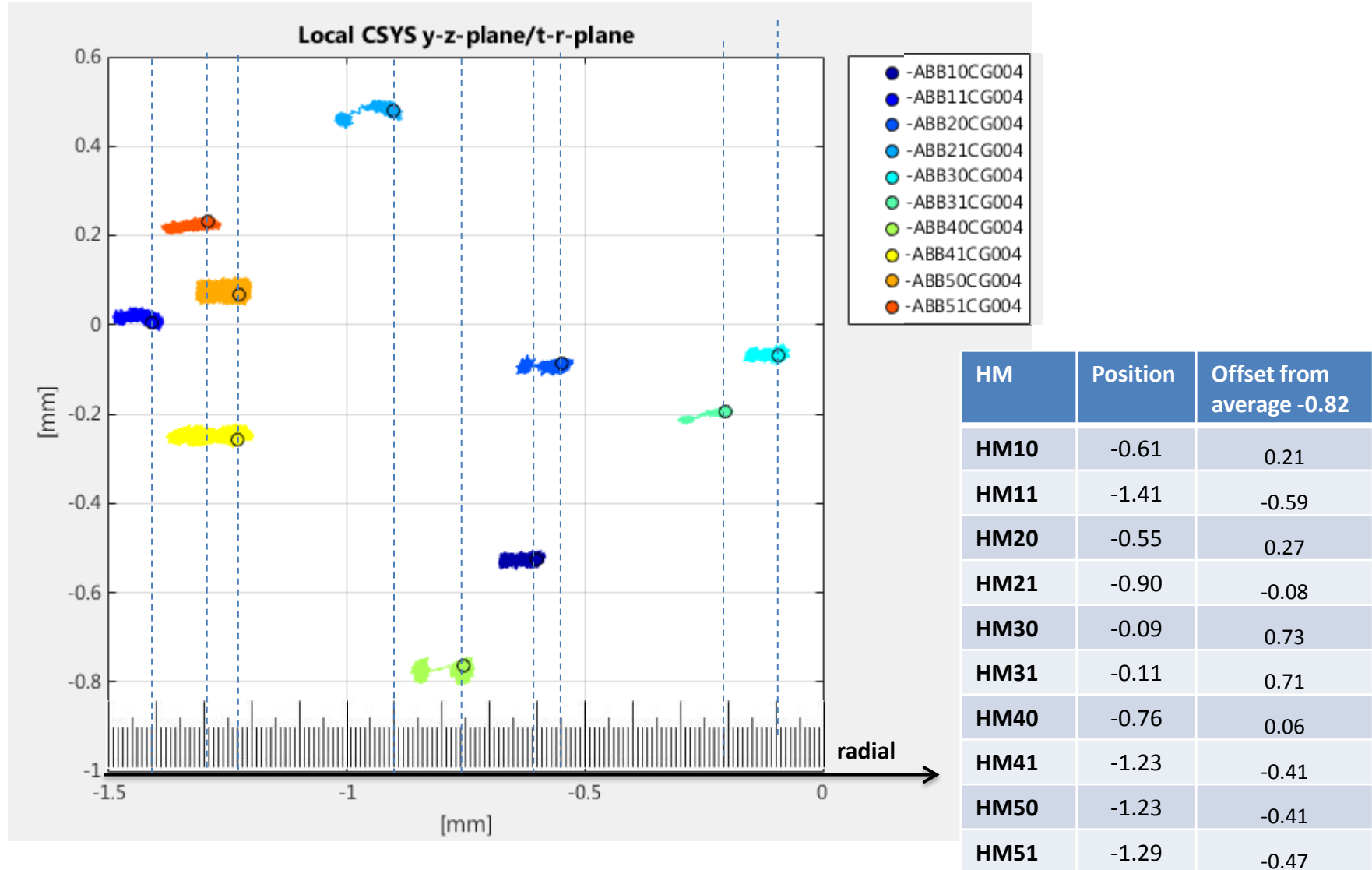
## Warming up: March – April 2016 (calibration file - before cooldown in Feb 2015)



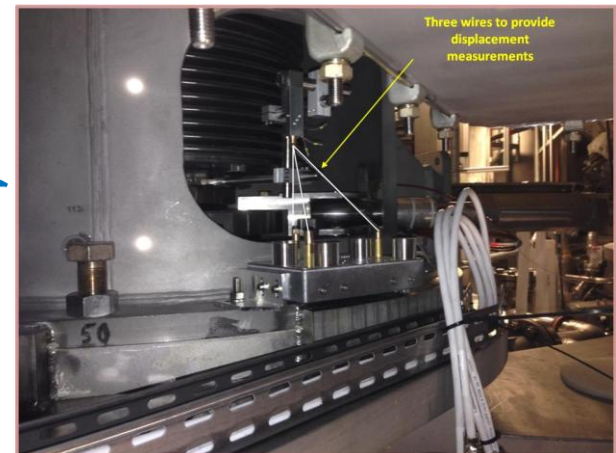
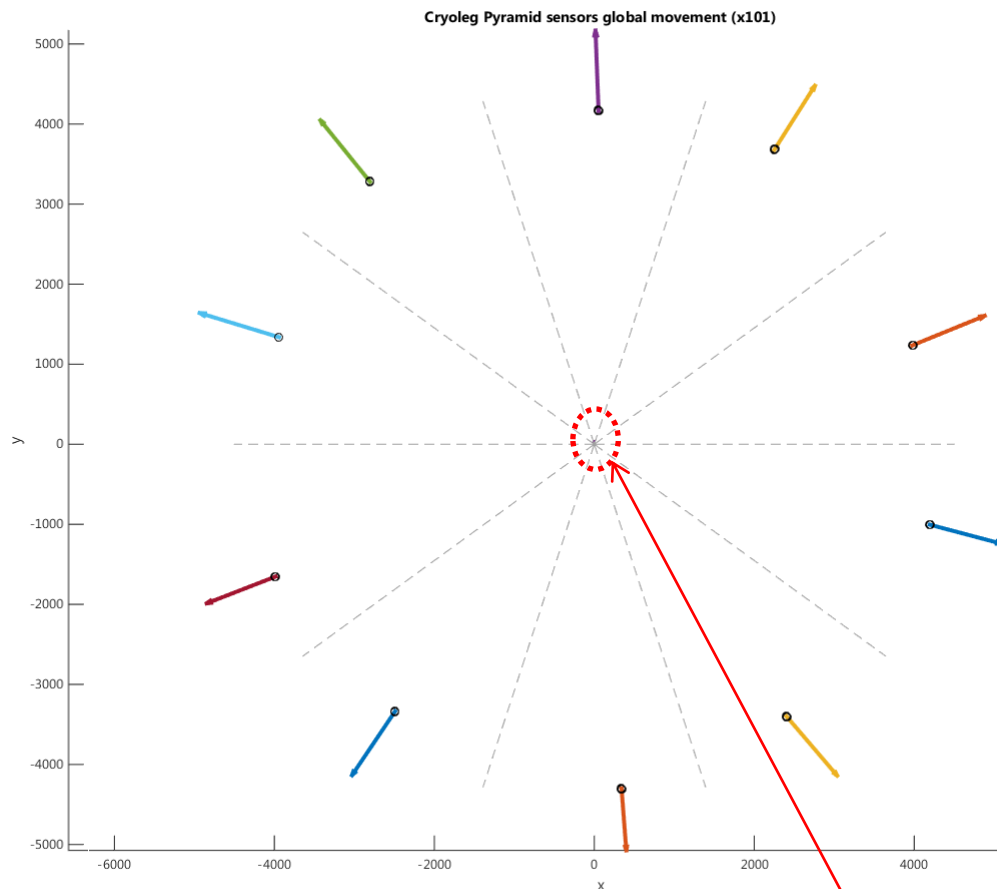
- HM10
- HM11
- HM20
- HM21
- HM30
- HM31
- HM40
- HM41
- HM50
- HM51



Positions of cryolegs were not uniform before start of warming up. Final position is with some inclination.

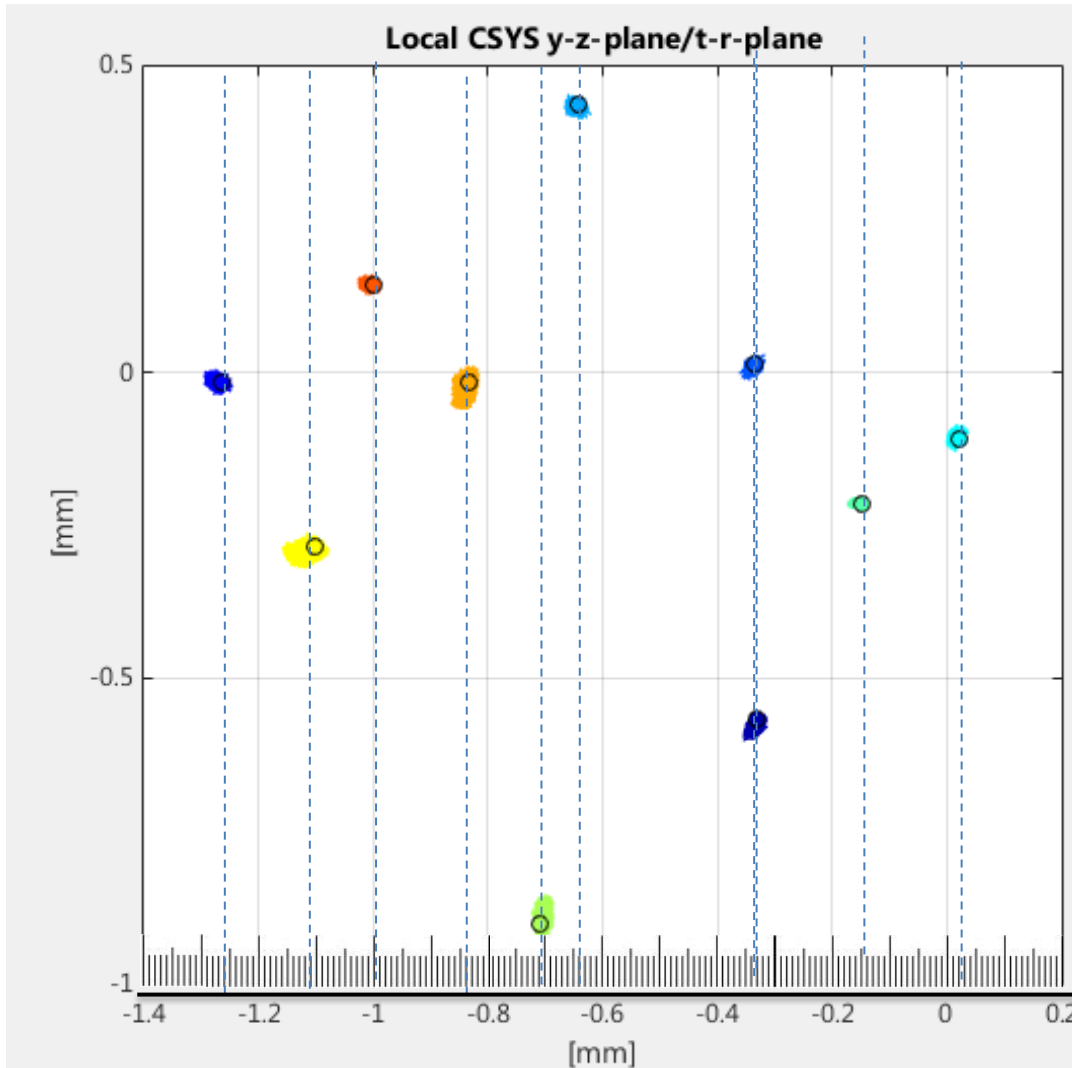


Position of cryolegs after warming up, mm.



**Magnet system is back with < 0.5 mm accuracy**



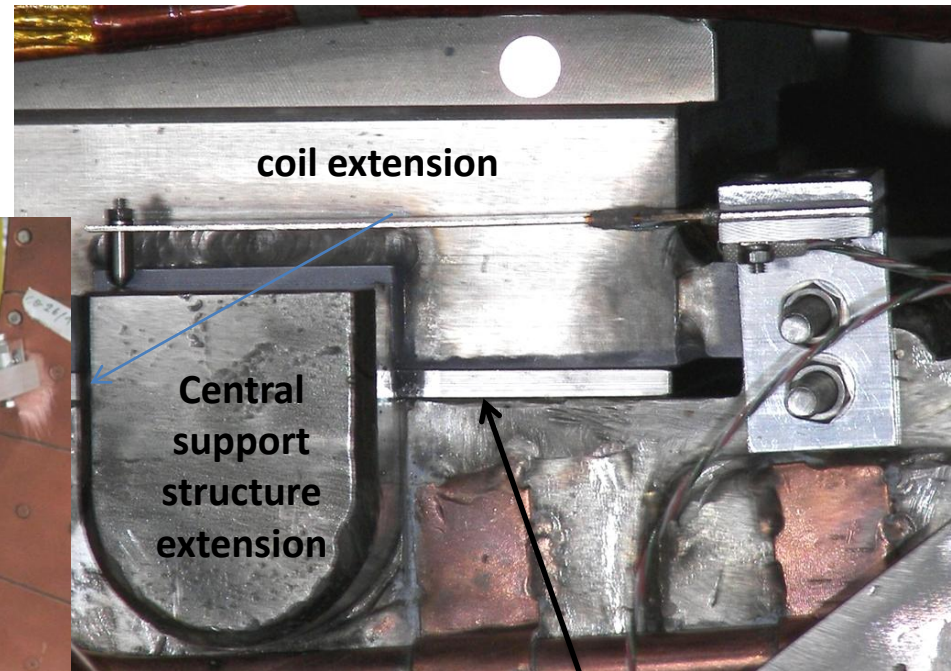
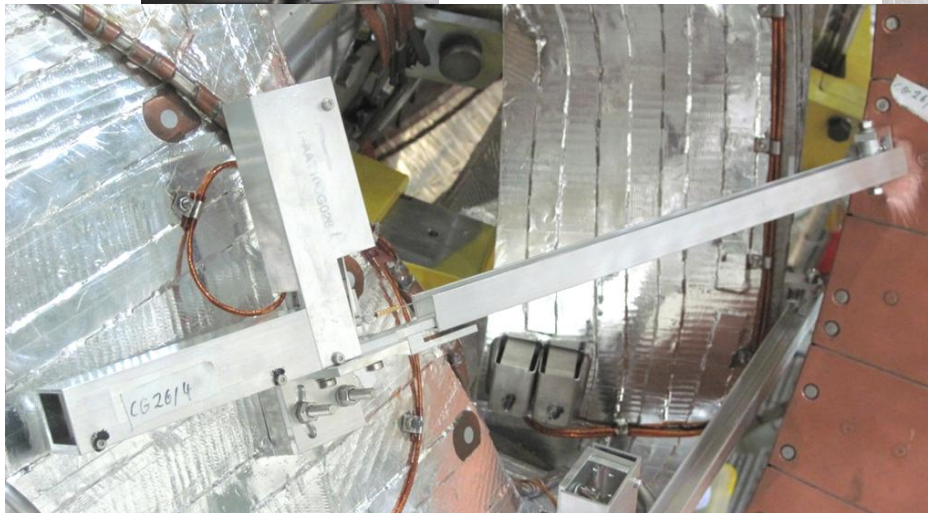
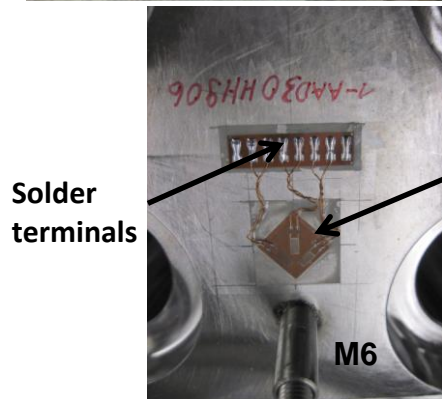
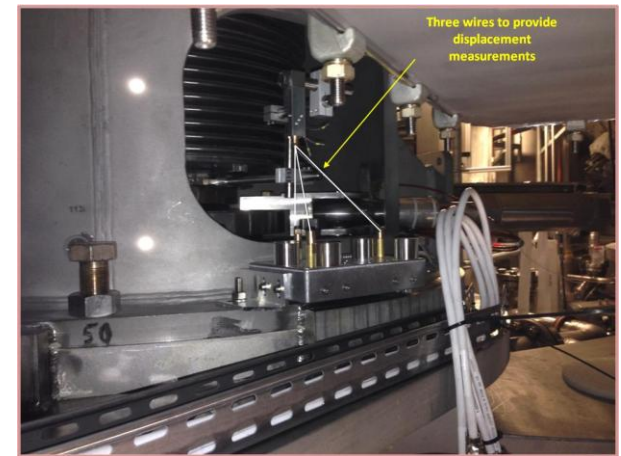
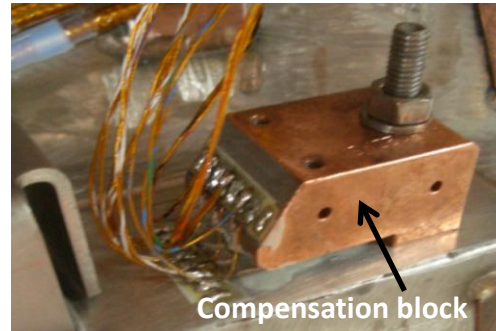


- -ABB10CG004
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HM	Position After Warming Up	Position After CP 1.2a
HM10	-0.61	-0.34
HM11	-1.41	-1.26
HM20	-0.55	-0.33
HM21**	-0.90	-0.64
HM30	-0.09	+0.03
HM31	-0.11	-0.14
HM40	-0.76	-0.71
HM41	-1.23	-1.11
HM50	-1.23	-0.84
HM51	-1.29	-1.00

\*\* re-adjusted on 20 February 2007

Position of cryolegs after CP1.2 at the beginning of cooldown up, mm.

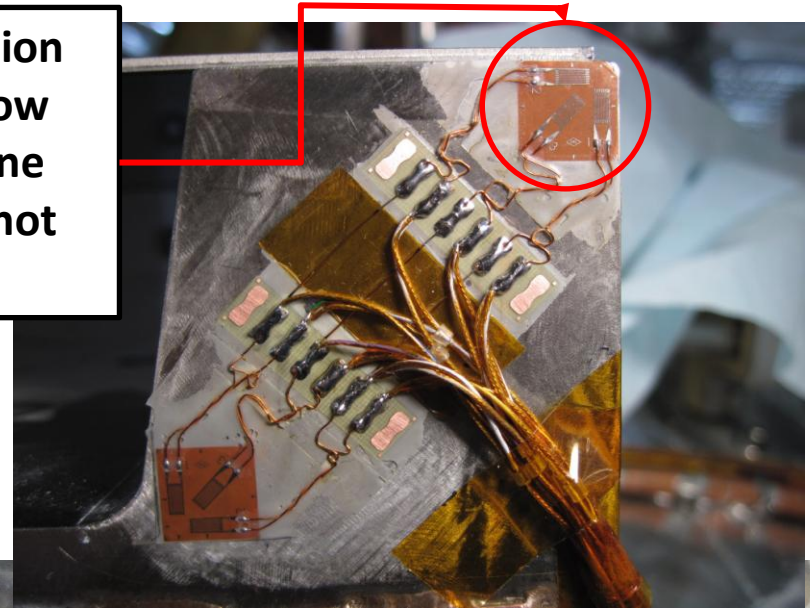


flange with opening

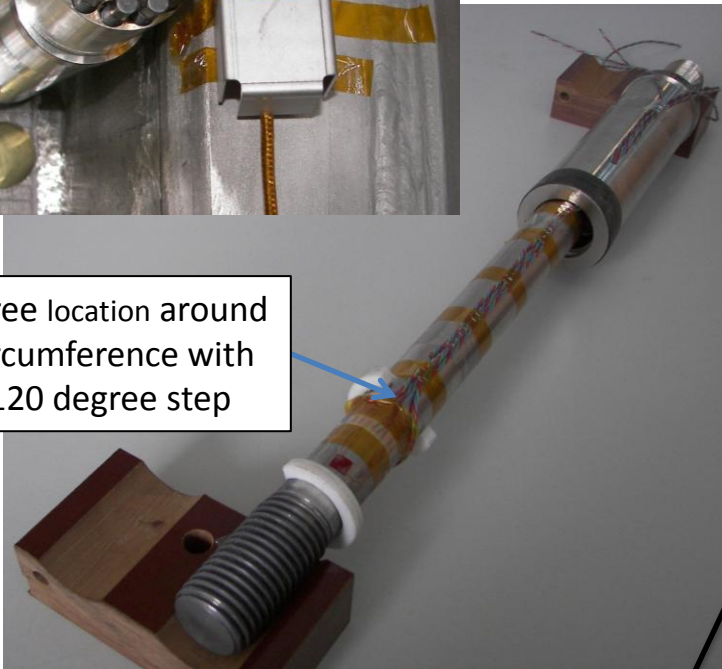




Compensation  
rosette in low  
stressed zone  
Housing is not  
possible



Three location around  
circumference with  
120 degree step



wire

