# Qualified Analysis of Unmitigated Quench Integrated ANSYS modelling

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# **Topic Introduction**

### Safety concerns

- Magnetic energy stored in coils: ~40GJ (TFC) and ~10GJ (CS/PFC)
- Localisation of stored energy in fault coil.
- Consequences of damage to magnets or adjacent components

### Integrated ANSYS model provides qualified analyses

- Python and APDL scripts
  - Build geometry
  - Implement quench and construct arc element network
  - Post-process results
- Quench in superconductor
- Time evolution of electrical circuit
- Non-linear arc models and melt short-circuits
- Thermal damage assessment



# **Model Introduction**

- Methodology
- Geometry and finite element mesh
- Quench
- Thermal Model
- Electrical Model
  - External driving circuit
  - Electrical connections
  - Electrical arcs (inline and turn-turn / pancake)
- Material Properties
- Reference Simulations
- Conclusions
- Meetings
  - Benchmark with MagArc code
  - Integrated model Results for qualified analysis of ITER unmitigated quench



# Methodology

- Thermal and Electrical physics environments created
- Physics environments coupled at each load-step
- Model launched from workbench but written in APDL



### Geometry





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# Geometry

Fault coils resolved using 3D Finite Elements

- models typically comprise ~1.5M elements
- same mesh used for electrical and thermal models
- TF and PF geometries both modelled as circular



D-shape TF coil

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#### PF coil cross-section

#### TF coil cross-section



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- 1D model sets quench propagation speed
- speed a function of initiating length and duration
- additional quench sites triggered by 3 mechanisms:
   3D heat conduction, electrical arcing and pancake heating



## **Thermal model**





- Power deposited from electrical model
- Conductor Ohmic heating and electrical arcs
- Enthalpy steps capture latent heats of melt /vaporisation
- 3D thermal conduction model diffuses heat through coil (triggering additional quench)
- Radiation boundary on coil case exterior transports heat away from magnet





#### Lumped inductance matrix (18x18)

[[ 0.345	0.132	0.066	0.038	0.023,	0.016	0.023	0.038	0.066	0.132]
[ 0.132	0.345	0.132	0.066	0.038,	0.011	0.016	0.023	0.038	0.066]
[ 0.066	0.132	0.345	0.132	0.066,	0.009	0.011	0.016	0.023	0.038]
[ 0.038	0.066	0.132	0.345	0.132,	0.007	0.009	0.011	0.016	0.023]
[ 0.023	0.038	0.066	0.132	0.345,	0.007	0.007	0.009	0.011	0.016]
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[ 0.016	0.011	0.009	0.007	0.007,	0.345	0.132	0.066	0.038	0.023]
[ 0.023	0.016	0.011	0.009	0.007,	0.132	0.345	0.132	0.066	0.038]
[ 0.038	0.023	0.016	0.011	0.009,	0.066	0.132	0.345	0.132	0.066]
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### **Electrical - external driving circuit**



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### **Electrical - external driving circuit**



### **Electrical - distributed inductance**

- Electrical shorts / arcs modify current path
- New current path alters the fault coil's inductance





Fault coil inductance distributed 'per-turn'



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#### Check 18 loop calculation against DDD Total inductance 17.2H (DDD 17.7H)

134 turn fault coil

	calculated	DDD
Coil 1-1	0.345	0.349
Coil 1-2	0.132	0.133
Coil 1-3	0.066	0.066
Coil 1-4	0.038	0.038
Coil 1-5	0.023	0.023
Coil 1-6	0.016	0.016
Coil 1-7	0.011	0.011
Coil 1-8	0.009	0.009
Coil 1-9	0.007	0.007
Coil 1-10	0.007	0.007

# Calculate inductance using Neumann integral

Distributed inductance matrix (151x151)

]]	3.453e-01	1.320e-01	6.598e-02	3.756e-02	2.327e-02,	2.250e-03	2.153e-03	2.066e-03	2.148e-03	2.223e-03]
[	1.320e-01	3.453e-01	1.320e-01	6.598e-02	3.756e-02,	1.083e-03	1.056e-03	1.086e-03	1.115e-03	1.143e-03]
[	6.598e-02	1.320e-01	3.453e-01	1.320e-01	6.598e-02,	5.159e-04	5.037e-04	5.147e-04	5.273e-04	5.397e-04]
[	3.756e-02	6.598e-02	1.320e-01	3.453e-01	1.320e-01,	2.839e-04	2.760e-04	2.812e-04	2.893e-04	2.973e-04]
[	2.327e-02	3.756e-02	6.598e-02	1.320e-01	3.453e-01,	1.701e-04	1.644e-04	1.671e-04	1.729e-04	1.788e-04]
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[	2.153e-03	1.056e-03	5.037e-04	2.760e-04	1.644e-04,	3.510e-05	7.363e-05	3.508e-05	2.994e-05	2.519e-05]
[	2.066e-03	1.086e-03	5.147e-04	2.812e-04	1.671e-04,	2.954e-05	3.508e-05	7.363e-05	3.551e-05	2.630e-05]
[	2.148e-03	1.115e-03	5.273e-04	2.893e-04	1.729e-04,	3.568e-05	2.994e-05	3.551e-05	7.405e-05	3.612e-05]
[	2.223e-03	1.143e-03	5.397e-04	2.973e-04	1.788e-04,	3.042e-05	2.519e-05	2.630e-05	3.612e-05	7.447e-05]]

 $M_{ij} = rac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \oint_{C_i} \oint_{C_i} rac{\mathbf{ds}_i \cdot \mathbf{ds}_j}{|\mathbf{R}_{ij}|}$ 

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# Electrical - TF driving circuit

Effect of TF driving circuit type (stranded vs inline) on coil current



- Discharge of un-faulted coils couples energy into stranded circuit
- Further increase in turn currents due to distributed inductance



# Electrical - TF driving circuit

Influence of driving circuit type (inline vs stranded) on total energy deposited



- Much greater stored energy in inline circuit (41GJ vs 8GJ)
- However, similar total power deposition (short-circuits exclude inline coil)
- ~ 4 times higher peak power for stranded coil (higher terminal currents)



### **Electrical - distributed inductance**

Current development for stranded TF simulation showing currents in all turns



Distributed inductance ensures conservation of energy

Discharge of single turns (arcs, short-circuits) couple energy back into circuit High peak currents attained

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### Electrical - arcs and short-circuits

Time evolving electrical network implemented with a network of resistors linking elements Resistance adjusted during simulation to capture effects of arcing and electrical shorts



Panel of potential electrical connections repeated around coil (3300 connections for TF)

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### **Electrical - inline arcs**



#### Experiments performed at KIT



#### a) RB0303, 45kW for 30s

#### b) RB0508, 102kW for 20s





- large bursting forces stabilise molten conductor sections
- In-line gaps/arcs self-extinguish in high magnetic fields
- molten sections modelled as continuous conductors

Red: Copper Blue: Helium



- Non-linear voltage-current characteristic
- VI characteristic determines current sharing between arc and structure
- Resistive circuit elements linking turns
- Conditions to initiate arcs
  - $T > 600^{\circ}C$
  - $-\Delta V > 40V$
- Conditions to initiate melt
  - T Jacket > 1400°C
  - melt resistor 'latching'



- 1. Arcs placed at the edges of all viable zones at the start of each time-step
- 2. Electrical model iterates to find converged solution
- 3. Arcs with a driving voltage that falls below 40V removed
- 4. Arc volumetric heating split between to elements contacting each arc node



- Kronhart arc model data fit from experiment (constricted arcs)
- Holmes arc model theoretical model permitting free arcs

Arc Column E fn (current density)



Solution Implemented using relaxed Newton-Rapson method Holmes VI characteristic tabulated and passed to ANSYS

ANSYS model can accept any VI curve to represent different arc characteristics



Early versions of code struggled with arc convergence:



Convergence issue fixed with improved iteration scheme:

 $f(I_{arc}) = \Delta V_{arc} - \Delta V_{coil}$  Arc dV balances Coil dV

 $I_{arc}$ :  $f(I_{arc}) = 0$  Solve for arc current (VI)

$$R_{arc} = \frac{\Delta V_{arc}}{I_{arc}}$$

Update arc resistance, iterate...



Influence of arc model on coil damage (ITER TF reference)



Kronhardt model produces:

- the highest total arc power (36MW)
- largest total melt volume (0.65m3)



# Material Properties



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#	Coil	Initiating length	Quench model	Initiating location	Arc model	Driving circuit	Melt short- circuits
1	TF	34cm	5ms <sup>-1</sup>	Outer turn	Kronhardt	Inline	No
2	TF	34cm	5ms⁻¹	Outer turn	Kronhardt	Inline	Yes



- Comparison of preliminary calculations (INL collaboration)
- Differences with MAGARC
  - Model geometry and numerical solution (minor impact)
  - quench propagation modelling (minor impact)
  - Heat conduction and thermal material properties (minor impact)
  - Arc modelling and assumptions (significant impact)





Integrated ANSYS model benchmarked with MagArc code developed by Brad Merrill at Idaho National Labs

	ANSYS	MagArc
Quench speed	Variable: based on MIT model	Fixed: 5 m/s
Molten conductor	Treat as conducting: Inline breaks 'self repair'	Treat as break: Inline arc carries current across break in conductor
Molten jacket	Treat as mobile: molten material short-circuits turns in radial direction	Treat as static:

Adjustments in input to ANSYS code to facilitate comparison:

- quench speed set to a constant (5m/s)
- No special treatment for molten conductor (behaviour already similar)
- impact of melt short-circuits investigated with two simulations (disabled/enabled)

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MagArc predicts electrical short across terminals











# Selected Results of Qualified Analysis

Simulations run on the Freia compute cluster at CCFE, total CPU time = 2.5 years

#	Coil	<i>l<sub>o</sub></i> kA	I <sub>max</sub> kA	<i>Tex<sub>max</sub></i> K	$m_{cond}$ m <sup>3</sup>	$m_{steel}$ m <sup>3</sup>	$m_{total}$ m <sup>3</sup>	V <sub>max</sub> kV	E <sub>arc</sub> GJ	E <sub>total</sub> GJ
3	TF	68	121.9	722	0.421	0.277	0.647	2.08	0.39	6.19
4	TF	68	122.0	167	0.359	0.051	0.0405	3.06	0.15	7.27
5	TF	68	122.2	1088	0.317	0.223	0.524	1.34	0.46	6.87
6	TF	68	68	90	0.081	0.043	0.117	2.10	0.47	7.64
7	PF3	44.0	52.3	1720	0.019	0.005	0.022	0.69	0.08	3.19
8	PF3	44.0	51.5	1602	0.012	0.002	0.014	0.83	0.00	3.01
9	PF2	3.4	30.0	441	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.10	0.00	0.30
10	CSU2	35.5	49.7	3074	0.015	0.006	0.022	0.43	0.22	1.51

- Simulations 1 and 2 used in benchmark exercise with MagArc code
- Reference simulations for TF, PF and CS shown in bold
- Maximum melt volume: TF (0.65 m3)
- Maximum average coil current: TF (121KA)
- Maximum external temperature: CS (3074K) low melt volume



### **Reference TF simulation 3**



### **Reference TF simulation 3**



### **Reference PF simulation 7**



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# Reference CS simulation 10





Temperature

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# ITER reference simulations - quench fraction



Double pancake quench mechanism for TF ensures faster quench than CS/PF



# ITER reference simulations - average current



- Stranded TF circuit and high stored energy result in large maximum current
- Maximum current for CS / PF similar
- Smaller stored energy in CS results in faster discharge compared to PF



# ITER reference simulations - total melt volume



- TF generates much larger melt volume than CS / PF
- CS / PF melt volumes similar



# ITER reference simulations - external temperature



- Steel case surrounding TF winding pack keeps external temperature low
- Highest external temperature for CS simulation
- Both CS and PF temperature exceed melt however volume is small (0.022m3)
- Maximum PF temperature lower than CS due to 'two in hand' winding



# ITER reference simulations - arc power



- Largest maximum arc power in TF simulation
- TF jacket thin fast jacket melting and the extinguishing of arcs (spikes in arc power)
- Thicker square section jacket of CS and PF ensure that arcs remain 'on' for longer

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# ITER reference simulations - total power



- Total power deposited sum of Joule heating and arc power
- TF coil only discharges twice as much energy than PF (stored energy much higher)
- PF discharges twice as much energy as CS but similar melt volumes (PF two in hand)



# Summary

- Integrated ANSYS model developed for TFC & PFC
  - Model couples: quench / electrical / evolving arc network / thermal
  - Model produces a thermal damage assessment
  - Arc models would benefit from verification/improvement, e.g. conditions dependency; movement in a magnetic field

# Simulation results

- the driving circuit type, thermal model and the location of the initiating quench are all shown to have a significant impact on the accident's evolution
- The **length of the initiating quench** and the **arc model type** are considered to exert a smaller influence
- Melt short circuits bypass zones with high energy deposition spreading fault energy across larger volume
- Comparison with MagArc
  - MagArc compared to inline discharge with outer turn fault initiation
  - Ability of melt pool to short circuit magnet found to have significant effect
  - Similar trends between codes captured with melt short circuits disabled



# **Detailed Results**

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# **Detailed Results**

Ten simulation test matrix for full TF, PF and CS models

#	Coil	Initiating length	Quench model	Initiating location	Arc model	Driving circuit	Melt short- circuits
1	TF	34cm	5ms <sup>-1</sup>	Outer turn	Kronhardt	Inline	No
2	TF	34cm	5ms⁻¹	Outer turn	Kronhardt	Inline	Yes
3	TF	5cm	MIT	Inner turn	Kronhardt	Stranded	Yes
4	TF	5cm	MIT	Inner turn	Holmes	Stranded	Yes
5	TF	5cm	MIT	Outer turn	Kronhardt	Stranded	Yes
6	TF	5cm	MIT	Inner turn	Kronhardt	Inline	Yes
7	PF3	5cm	MIT	Inner turn	Kronhardt	No FDU 3	Yes
8	PF3	5cm	MIT	Inner turn	Kronhardt	No FDU 3,6	Yes
9	PF2	5cm	MIT	Inner turn	Kronhardt	No FDU 2	Yes
10	CSU2	5cm	MIT	Inner turn	Kronhardt	No FDU 5	Yes

- Matrix allows comparisons to be made between:
- Benchmark against MagArc code (1 and 2)
- Influence of **arc model**, Kronhardt vs Holmes (3 and 4)
- Influence of **initiating quench location**, inboard vs outboard (3 and 5)
- Influence of **TF driving circuit**, inline vs stranded (3 and 6)
- Additional failure of FDU6 (7 and 8)













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# Simulation 6 - TF reference (+ inline discharge)





#### <u>Simulation 6 - TF reference (+ inline discharge)</u>





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#### Simulation 7 - PF reference





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## Simulation 7 - PF reference









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# No Arcs







### Temperature

**Current Density** 

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# Sensitivity studies

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# Sensitivity study – grid convergence



Dependance of time-step on total power on swept FE grid resolution

Simulation data produced using 100 divisions (TF reference)



# Sensitivity study – time step convergence

 $\Delta t \equiv load$ -step update (single sub-step)



Dependance of time-step on total power and maximum temperature

Simulation data produced using  $\Delta t=1s$ 



# Electrical - arcs (model development)



# Electrical - arcs (model development)



- R(t) applied as load resistor
- Arc enabled when dV>100V
- Kronhart arc verified with SPICE model
- Holmes arc implemented, V fn (current, pressure, diameter, temperature)





# Electrical - arcs (model development)








## Holmes arc model







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## Holmes arc model









## Holmes arc model









## Holmes arc ANSYS test-bench





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