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Research on Nondestructive Examination of Jacket Sections for CFETR TF Coil

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The Chinese Fusion Engineering Testing Reactor (CFETR) is aiming to bridge the gap between the ITER and the first commercial fusion power plant, a necessary complement of the ITER. The requirement for sustaining long burn duration as specified in the duty time CFETR mission necessitates the use of superconducting magnets. Totally 16 TF D-shaped (six arcs and a straight leg) coils which are of cable-in-conduit conductor type are designed. All the subcomponents have very demanding requirement to withstand the severe environments. This paper gives the nondestructive test (NDT) method developed for the (TF) coil conductor jackets made of 316L stainless steel. Based on the linear elastic fracture mechanics, maximum acceptable defect sizes in the TF jacket material have been defined. PAUT method and ECT method were developed for the circular-in-square jacket inspection. For PAUT method, focus laws are calculated and optimized. For ECT method, specific ECT probe was designed and manufactured. Benchmark experiments were carried out to study the NDT reliability.

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