

Activity of the Department of Engineering and Technical Services



Outline

- **1. Overview of the DETS**
- 2. Evaluation Perspectives on "DETS
- **3. Activities of "DETS**
- 4. Summary



NIFS Organization



- As for the research activities in NIFS, there are three research projects, that is, LHD project, numerical simulation reactor project and fusion engineering research project.
- DETS is allocated directly under the leadership of director-general.
- DETS supports the 3 research projects with 5 divisions and 20 sections, with 58 staff members.
- DETS also supports the health and safety management division and information and communication systems division, but main contribution is to the LHD project.

Fabrication Technology Division

- Parts and Material Section
- Electronic Engineering Section
- Mechanical Engineering Section
- Machinery Maintenance Engineering Section

Device Technology Division

- Device System Engineering Section
- Power supply Engineering Section
- Vacuum Engineering Section
- Experimental Application Engineering Section

Plasma Heating Technology Division

- Heating System Engineering Section
- Particle Heating Engineering Section
- Electron Heating Engineering Section
- Ion Heating Engineering Section

Diagnostics Technology Division

- Radiation Measurement Engineering Section
- Experimental Radiation Measurement Engineering Section
- Environmental Radiation Measurement Engineering Section
- Radiation Measurement Instrumentation Control Engineering section

Control Technology Division

- Integrated Control Engineering Section
- Control Information Engineering Section
- Cryogenic Control Engineering Section
- Information Infrastructure Engineering Section

DETS Organization

5 Divisions (Manage)
20 sections(chief)
Technical Staff :total 58 members

1) Has the DETS contributed to the preparation and implementation of the deuterium experiment (plasma performance improvement) in the LHD?

2). Has the DETS contributed to the maintenance and utilization of the research platform in NIFS?

3). Are safety and health initiatives sufficient?

4). As an Inter-University Research Institution, has the DETS conducted technical collaboration, exchange, and cooperation with universities and research institutes?

5). Has the DETS utilized its technical experience and knowledge accumulated so far, for industry-academia collaboration activities?

6). Is there an environment that supports the autonomy of individual technical staff members, together with a systematic effort to improve and to pass on techniques?

(1) Has the DETS contributed to the preparation and implementation of the deuterium experiment (plasma performance improvement) in the LHD?



From gas fuelling to exhaust, and from the plasma production, heating, diagnostics to data acquisition and storage. Another important task is the environmental and experimental radiation control. We also operate the detritiation system.



Preparation and implementation of the deuterium experiment in the LHD



- > Deuterium experiments aiming for higher plasma performance started in March 2017 (19th Campaign).
- Preparation for deuterium experiments started in 2012.
- We prepared Legal licenses, Modification of Building and Facilities, Update Diagnostics, Installation of Safety Equipment and Preparation of Safety Operation manuals and Training.



Preparation for the deuterium experiment(1)

1. Integrated Radiation Monitoring System



3,Access Gates with Security QR Code authentication

SQRC seal are affixed on personal dosimeters. Then, no one can enter the controlled area without personal dosimeter.



4, Access control of vacuum Vessel (VV)



2. Installation of Safety control Equipment



³H sampler for stack gas





Hand-foot-clothing monitors



Outdoor

detector





Air monitors for torus hall

Drainage monitor

Drainage tanks

- 1. Integrated radiation monitoring system. This system monitors all devices related to radiation control.
- > 2. Safety control equipment diagnostics.
- 3. Access gates toward the radiation controlled area.
- 4. Access control to the vacuum.



Neutron Shielding: We filled the holes in the walls with polyethylene blocks and pellets, and shielded the electronics
 In-situ Neutron yield monitor calibration: We assisted in situ neutron yield monitor calibration, installing rails for mockup train to carry neutron source along the torus in the vacuum vessel. The train could be kept moving for 72 hours.

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Preparation for the deuterium experiment(3)

Exhaust system of LHD



> Exhaust detritiation system is installed to reduce the tritium concentration in the exhaust gas.

> Tritium is liquefied as T_2O , and disposed of by the Japan radioisotope association.



Tritium handling training



Lecture

Practice





Practice



Practice



Completion certificate award

Training at the Hydrogen Isotope Research Center in Toyama University

In the tritium handling training in the radiation controlled area, DETS staff played the role of the instructor
 17 training sessions were held until February 2020, and 92 staff members completed the training



(2) Has the DETS contributed to the maintenance and utilization of the research platform in NIFS?



Research platforms in NIFS

Approx. 34 platforms



- NIFS has three research platforms, which are LHD, engineering research facilities, and the Supercomputer
- In addition, DETS also provides technical support to these research platforms, which are workshop, parts shop, NIFS-LAN, web development, and control system development.

Contribution to the LHD project

Research Platform : LHD

Deuterium experiment (since 2017):92.1%

Operation rate

Since 1998: 86.4%



- > 58 DETS staff and 61 operators from private sectors are involved in the LHD operation.
- The experimental campaign starts in mid-August and ends in February.
- The averaged operation rate of LHD is 86.4 %, and 92.1 %, especially in deuterium experiment.

Total shots



Fuelling, evacuation and in-vessel components

Research Platform : LHD



- > DETS manages vacuum performance, maintaining fuelling system, pumping system, in-vessel components.
- We also develop in-vessel components and control system.
- Few (almost zero) air leakage has been detected in recent 10 years, which is due to full inspection for each flange after closure.
- Holds high vacuum conditions for six months.



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Research Platform : LHD

Central Control System









DETS are responsible for operation and maintenance of the Central Control System and coil power supply control system



Cryogenic system

Research Platform : LHD

Reliable long-term operation

- Annual inspection as required by law
- Management of Automated operation procedure
- Daily inspections on about 400 items, especially for mechanical components
- Redundant system for safe and reliable operation, e.g., CPU, LAN, and I/O

300 -Helical Coil - Poloidal Coil 250 250 Supporting Structure -▼--80K Radiation Shield £ 20r 200 Helium Refrigerator រឺរ 150 150 100 L Helical Goil 100 -Poloidal Coil Supporting Structur 5.0 5.0 -Helium Refrigerator 21/9/7 21/9/14 21/9/21 21/9/28 21/10/5 22/2/16 22/2/22 22/2/28 22/3/6 22/3/12 Date & Time Date & Time Purification 622 hr 482 hr operation 4.6 Months Cool-down Warm-up 335 hr operation 3,311 hr operation Total 26 days 20 days Steady state operation 4,750 hr 8/25/2021 9/8 10/4 2/18/2022 3/11



- This system cools 820 tons of superconducting coils and supporting structures down to 4.4K in about 1 month, and keeps the cryogenic condition stable for about 4.6 months. It takes three weeks for warming-up.
- The LHD cryogenic system has a high operating rate of 99.2%.

23 Experimental Campaign

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Plasma Heating Devices

Research Platform : LHD

Development

Plasma heating Devices



Operation



NBI





Maintenance



ECH Injection Interlock System

DETS operates, maintains, and manages ECH, ICRF, and NBI including ion source.

Power Supply

- In addition, we maintain the cooling water system and high voltage power supply system.
- Interlock systems are also developed

Parameter Input Screen



Plasma diagnostics

Research Platform : LHD



DETS operates, maintains and develops most of diagnostics in LHD.

- > We have contributed to the improvement of the diagnostics for accurate signals.
- > To ensure the safety in the laser room, we installed an access control.



Engineering Research Facilities



Electron beam heat load test device (超高熱負荷試験装置)



lon Beam accelerator for Analysis (イオンビーム解析装置)

Engineering Research Facilities

- Liquid blanket experiment collaboration platform
- Creep Testing Machine
- Hot Isostatic Pressing(HIP)
- Active Cooling Test-stand 2 (Electron beam heat load test device)
- Ion Bram accelerator

etc.

- Field Emission Scanning Electron Microscopy(FE-SEM)
- Transmission Electron Microscope(TEM)
- Focused Ion Beam/ Scanning Electron Microscope (FIB-SEM)
- Development of large-current HTS conductors for fusion device
- Test Plasma by Direct current discharge(TPD-2)
- Neutral Beam Injection Test-stand





Development of large-current HTS conductors for fusion device (核融合用大電流高温超伝導導体開発)

DETS operates and maintains engineering research facilities, which are utilized to develop high heat flux components, materials, superconducting coils for future fusion devices



Supercomputer and data facilities



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Workshop (Mechanical fabrication/Electronic fabrication)



Workshop

Machining parts Electronic circuit module and equipment 35ch PN-Photo Diode Microwave power Ele Miter bend for Notch Filter Array Amplifier amplifier microwave controller transmission **Focusing Mirror DC Offset Canceller**

- Ordered by NIFS staff and university collaborators
- inexpensive, quick delivery, special request available
- Accept 100 requests per year.

		F.Y 2	2020 F.Y 2021		2021
		Request	Number of parts	Request	Number of parts
	LHD	74	279	43	121
achining	Universities	27	182	26	77
acmining	etc.	15	21	7	7
	Total	116	482	76	205
ectronics	LHD	13	23	14	23
	Universities	4	23	0	0
	etc.	0	0	1	1
	Total	17	46	15	24
	Total	133	528	91	229

Production parts total number (FY.2020 FY.2021)



Central Parts Shop



Central Parts Shop

年度 F.Y	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
出庫点数	23620	19928	21314	12711	19888	12321	13660	10541	13526	8813

Number of deliveries by year

- Central Parts Shop can promptly provide about 1400 kinds of parts.
- > All Inventory control, accounting, specification data book is electronic.



Development of control system

DETS has developed control systems for each device on each platform.







Liquid blanket experiment collaboration platform 熱・物質流動ループ装置 IPD (Impurity powder Dropper) 不純物ダストドロッパー PELLET(ICE pellet injector) 固体水素ペレット入射装置

Controllers: PLC, FPGA, Card Readers, etc.

Language: Visual Basic, C/C++, HDL, Ladder diagram

NIFS-LAN



DETS operates and maintains the network infrastructure, responds to security incidents, and provides user support to the NIFS staff and collaborators.



Web system development



System Development: Role and Skills

System Name	Role	Environment
S Collaboration Database tem (<u>Nicollas</u>)	Design, Implementation, Development Team management, Technical Support	OS: Linux Framework: Play Framework Language: Scala, HTML, CSS, <u>Javascript</u> , Perl Database: PostgreSQL Project Management: Redmine
orkshop" hosting support vice (Workshop)	Design, Implementation, Technical Support	OS: Linux Web Server: Apache Language: PHP、HTML, CSS, jQuery Database: My SQL
ereabouts Management tem	General Development task using IC Card Reader	OS: Windows Language: PHP, HTML, CSS, jQuery Database: SQL Server
nt operation and nitoring systems	General Development task using controllers, such as, PLC, FPGA, Card Readers, etc.	OS: Windows, Linux Language: Visual Basic, C/C++, HDL, Ladder diagram Protocol: FINS/TCP, MC protocol, etc.

- DETS has developed many web systems by utilizing our advanced technical capabilities in information processing and web development technologies.
- NAIS (NIFS Article Information System) and NOUS (NINS Open Use System) are highly regarded.

National Institutes of Natural Sciences (NINS)

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(3) Safety and health care initiatives sufficient?



Contributions to Safety

Involvement in Division of Health and Safety Management 57 DETS members belong to Division of health and Safety Promotion, and 3 heads of 10 offices are from DETS.

- Machinery and Equipment Management Office
- Hazardous Substances Control Office
- Radiation Safety Control Room

Technical staff of DTES : Total 57



Green : Office chief = Technical staff of DTES

Safety Management at LHD

- LHD fire extinguishing drills are conducted twice before the start of the experiment.
- DETS members act effectively in an emergency with designated roles, especially some of them contributing to the activity as the group leader.



LHD fire extinguishing drills



Information Exchange on Occupational Safety and Health meeting

- ➤ institute are reported
 - · Activities at universities and institutes,
 - firefighting team
 - safety and health patrol
 - working environment management
 - chemical substance management





Meeting number	DATE	Number of	Number of
weeting number	DATE	Participants	Presenteres
1	2005/1/27-28	50	10
2	2006/2/2-3	62	13
3	2007/2/8-9	64	11
4	2008/3/12	61	14
5	2010/2/4-5	44	11
6	2011/2/9-10	47	10
7	2012/2/9-10	57	13
8	2013/2/7-8	51	14
9	2014/2/6-7	57	12
10	2015/2/5-6	48	11
11	2016/2/4-5	59	13
12	2017/1/12-13	42	13
13	2018/2/1-2	50	13
14	2019/1/31-2/1	60	12
15	2020/2/6-2/7	51	12
16	2021/2/4	70	8
17	2022/2/3	79	9

Meeting history

- > DETS annually holds "Information Exchange on Occupational Safety and Health Meeting".
- Initiatives, activities and issues in occupational health and safety in each institute are reported.
- Participated from universities and research institutes, e.g., technical staff, administration staff, research staff, health consultant, etc.
- > A forum to exchange opinions is extremely valuable.



(4) As an Inter-University Research Institution, has the DETS conducted technical collaboration, exchange, and cooperation with universities and research institutes?



Technical Exchange Program

DETS hosts and manages Technical Exchange program

- purpose of this exchange is to share and improve techniques each other, through design, products and computer programs developed by engineers from universities and research institutes.
- They come to NIFS for training, equipment development, technical consultation, and technical presentations.

10 Technical Exchange Items.

- 1, NC machining technology
- 2, Electronic circuit technology
- 3, Numerical simulation technology by finite element analysis software "ANSYS
- 4, Vacuum technology
- 5, Mechatronics technology
- 6, Radiation measurement and environmental radiation monitoring technology
- 7, Cryogenic technology
- 8, Computer-aided measurement and control technology
- 9, Safety and Health Management
- 10, Organization of technical staff



Organization of technical staff



NC machining technology

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NIF

		Number of
FΥ	Number of	participants
1.1	exchanges	(Outside the
		Institute)
2012	2	61
2013	1	34
2014	4	30
2015	4	39
2016	2	51
2017	4	40
2018	2	51
2019	3	43
2020	2	69
2021	2	84





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Technical Exchange Program

Numerical simulation technique with finite element analysis software "ANSYS

Further improving numerical analysis technique

F.Y	Number of Oral presentations	Number of participants
2017	5	170(Technical Workshop)
2018	7	33
2019	8	28
2020	7	40
2021	7	45

Magnetic shielding analysis



(a) T_{NEG}=400 [°C] 温度[°C] 91.1 82.2

First wall thermal analysis

(Vacuum vessel of LHD)

73.3 64.4 55.6 46.7 37.8



Wide range of technical fields

- Environmental Air conditioning Electrical Electronic equipment **Energy plants** Nanotechnology Semiconductors Fuel cells **Chemical processes**
- Through discussion, they improve their analysis techniques.
- This program is not limited to the field of fusion, but to wide range of technical fields
- Wide range of the field: structural, thermal, fluid, electromagnetic, and modal analyses.



Symposium on Technology in Laboratory

- This is a symposium where technical staff from universities, research institutes, and technical colleges in Japan make presentations on development, maintenance, improvement, and upgrading of experimental facilities and equipment, as well as a wide range of technical activities.
- > As an Inter-University Research Institution, NIFS hosts it every few years.
- DETS presents about 10 papers every year





Symposium held in NIFS

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Technical Cooperation to Universities and Research Institutes



Contribution to plasma experimental devices at universities by utilizing numerical analysis technique in NIFS M2+1 M2+2







FUKUI University Mirror fabrication KYOTO INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY Machining of coils for RELAX



TSUKUBA University Circuit Fabrication

Year	Number of technical cooperation
2013	6
2014	7
2015	9
2016	10
2017	5
2018	1
2019	11
2020	9
2021	10
2022	9

Number of technical cooperation

- DETS has provided its accumulated technical experience and knowledge so far, to universities and research institutes as technical cooperation (joint research).
- DETS contributed to the development of plasma experimental devices in universities by utilizing numerical analysis techniques, mechanical machining, and circuit machining.

Technical Cooperation to Universities and Research Institutes

Educational activities

- DETS provides a wide range of technical support to researchers, engineers, and students in universities and research institutes, including fabrication techniques, vacuum techniques, and techniques related to cryogenic technology.
- > DETS has also provided accumulated technical experience and knowledge for education.



Numerical Analysis Technology to universities



International Technical Cooperation



Dynamic simulation of superconducting magnet system of ITER tokamak



- NIFS and Southwest Jiao tong University of China started design studies in 2017 on the CFQS, which will be the world's first quasi-axisymmetric helical experimental device. The DETS has provided technical cooperation in device design, power system design, etc. The project has improved the technical skills of young staff in both sides.
- DTES has been developing a simulation model of the superconducting magnet cooling system under a technical agreement with ITER Organization in 2011, based on the experience of LHD cryogenic system operation and its dynamic simulation.
- > DETS had provided a TESPEL injector for Wendelstein 7-X device in Germany.



TESPEL injector German magnetic fusion experiment device, Wendelstein 7-X





(5) Has the DETS utilized its technical experience and knowledge accumulated so far, for industryacademia collaboration activities?

Industry-Academia Collaboration

Dissimilar Metal Bonding Technique



DETS has utilized knowledges, accumulated in fusion research, for social implementation, through industry-academia collaboration



Commissioned research with private sector

Shielding performance analysis of magnetic shields

Seismic performance analysis of cooling system and control panels





Year/Month	Title of commissioned research
2018_4	Shielding performance analysis of magnetic shields
2018_11	Shielding performance analysis of magnetic shield
2019_11	Seismic performance analysis of cooling system
2020_3	Seismic performance analysis of power supply panel
2021_3	Seismic performance analysis of power supply panel
2021_9	Seismic performance analysis of control panels

- DETS has responded to requests for technical assistance from the private sector with our accumulated know-how.
- These numerical simulations are technologies that the DETS has been analyzing since the construction of the LHD.
- We obtained external funding and used it to improve the technical skills of technical staff, introduce the latest hardware, and provide training for application software.



(6) Is there an environment that supports the autonomy of individual technical staff members, together with a systematic effort to improve and to pass on techniques?



Human Resource Development and Technology pass and Improvement

Human resources are needed to design and develop next-generation reactor.
 Need personnel who can work in a wide range of technical fields

Specific Activities

- 1 .Conduct technical (software and hardware) training in NIFS.
- 2 .Participate in technical training outside NIFS to introduce new techniques.
- 3. Encourage the acquisition of qualifications
- 4 .Actively participate in joint research and international conferences to present activities







Environment that supports the autonomy of individual technical staff

The Project by NINS "Mission Realization Strategy Project"





Unutilized biomass

Biomass activated carbon

We aim to create biomass activated carbon and implement it in society by generalizing the advanced technologies developed from fusion science research.

To ITER from NIFS



ECH: Microwave Technician



JST:科学技術振興機構 Program Managers (PM)

Training personnel who can conceive of advanced technological development. One employee was selected for the "PM Development and Promotion Program"

- DETS staff conducted research on the development of activated carbon.
- One of staff member of DETS is selected for the "PM Development and Promotion Program".
- ECH operation technician transferred to the ITER Organization with the skills he developed at NIFS.
- > DETS is supporting the autonomy of the technical staff.



- DETS has contributed to the progress of LHD research and the realization of the high availability of LHD. This is the result of the performance of the DETS as a technical professionals working on a single goal.
- For the preparation and implementation of the deuterium experiment, personnel for radiation-related work were properly reallocated with a long-term vision.
- Deuterium experiment started as scheduled and subsequent experiments were also conducted smoothly, which produced significant research results.
- The framework of technical exchange and technical cooperation was utilized to participate in interactive joint research with universities and research institutes, contributing to the activation of fusion research.
- The LHD project will end in FY2022; DETS will continue to support the platform to develop research activities.
- Transferring accumulated techniques have successfully been performed by internal education and trainings



24th LHD experiment campaign 180,000th shot

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