

Cost assessment guidelines

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Introduction

Cost estimate:

- ❑ Cost drivers
- ❑ Basics for a cost estimate
- ❑ Contributions of a GWT
- ❑ Optimization
- ❑ Sensitivity analysis
- ❑ Summary

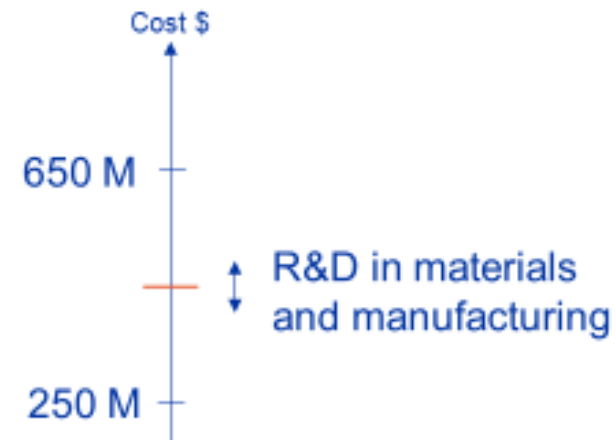
The ET beampipe baseline: cost estimation

Scaling of the:

- VIRGO vacuum costs to ET leads to 550 M€, 1/3 of the total proposed budget.
- LIGO vacuum costs to CE leads to 650 M\$, more that 50% of the total proposed budget.

Cost of gas pipelines of equal length (lowest envisaged cost):

- 250 M\$ (estimation by Rainer Weiss)



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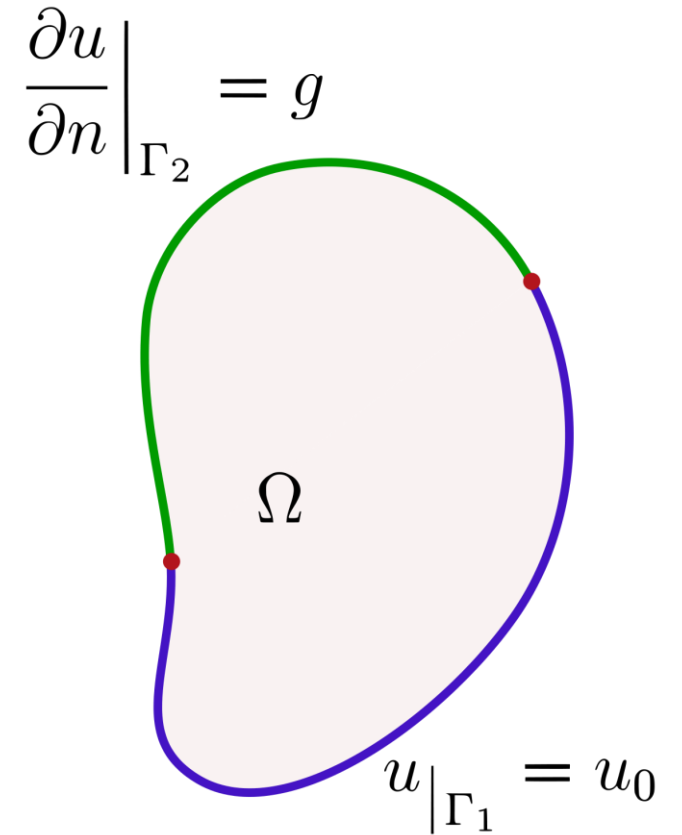
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Cost drivers

- ❑ To evaluate the cost ==> treat several interlinked problems (Define WBS)
- ❑ First cost estimate ==> identify cost drivers
- ❑ For each unit we have to identify:
 - ❑ Boundary conditions (i.e. tunnel or surface, time)
 - ❑ Variables that set different scenarios (i.e. material choice, thickness)
 - ❑ Parameters for optimization (i.e. insulation thickness, bakeout temperature, etc.)



One variable in a WBS can become a boundary condition of another one ==> Keep an updated global view

Comprehensive

- All life costs (evaluate operation costs during lifetime of the facility)
- WBS product oriented
- Document all assumptions

Well Documented

- Documents all sources, and methodology
- Technical baseline is consistent with the cost estimate

Reliable cost estimate

Accurate

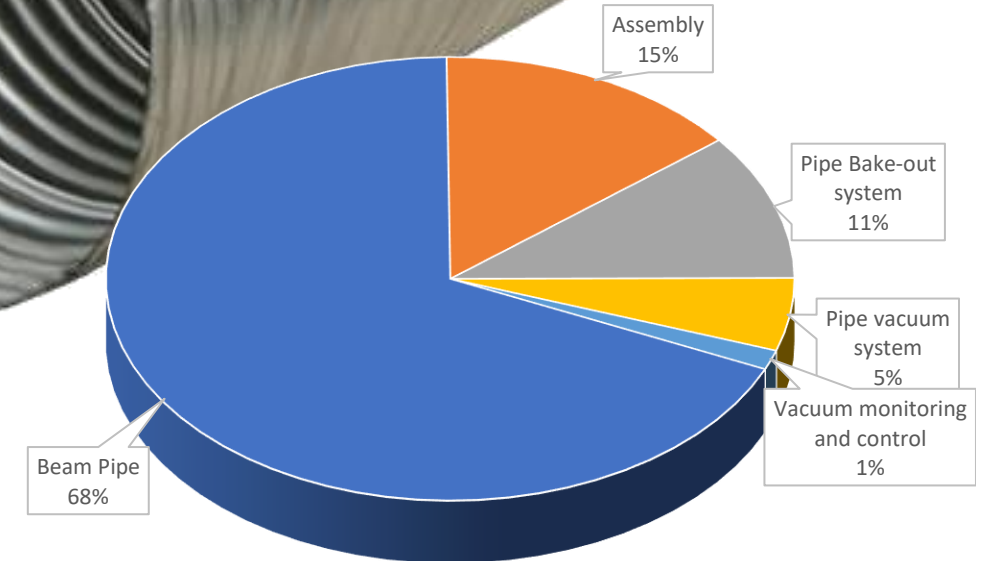
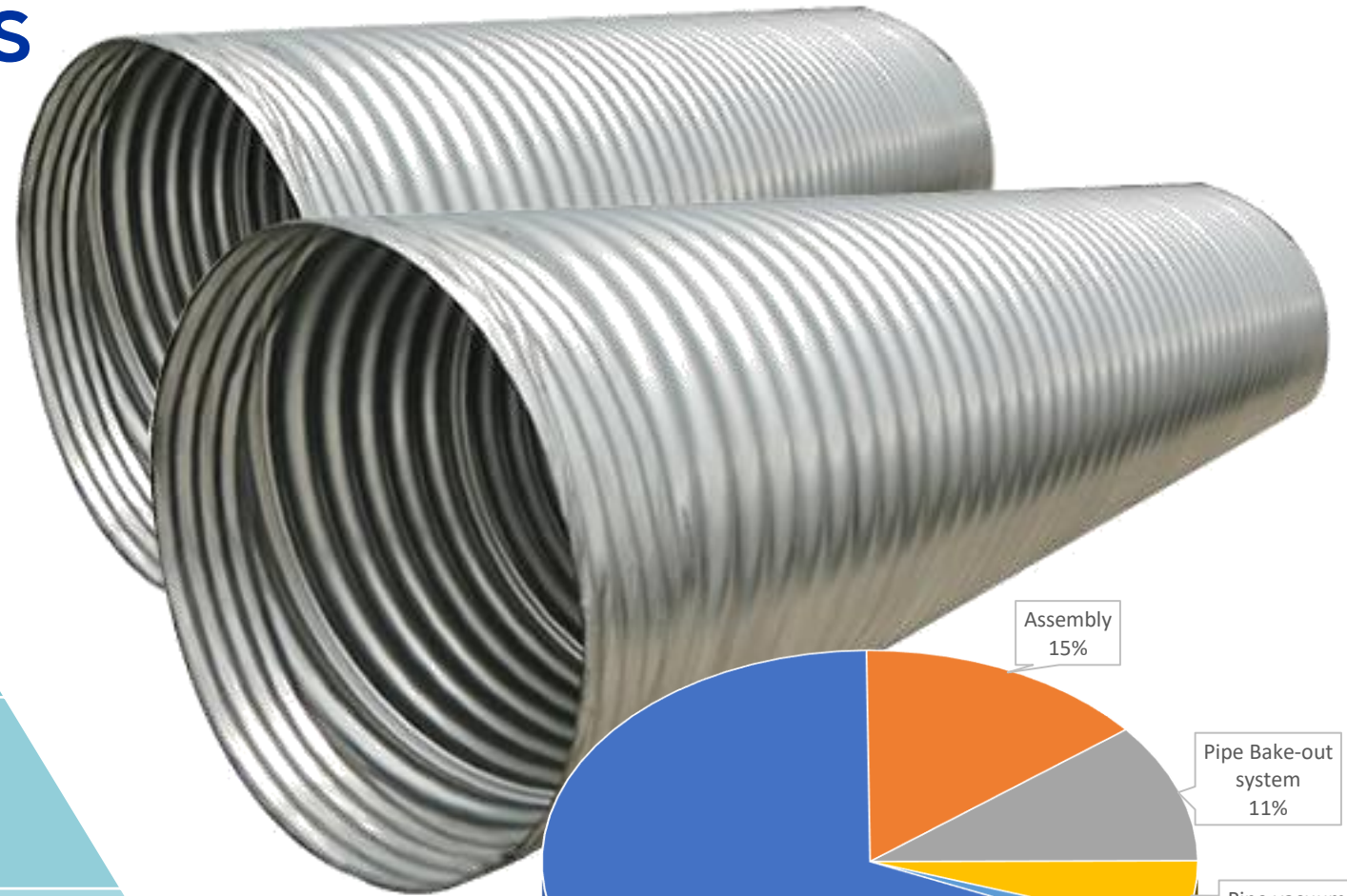
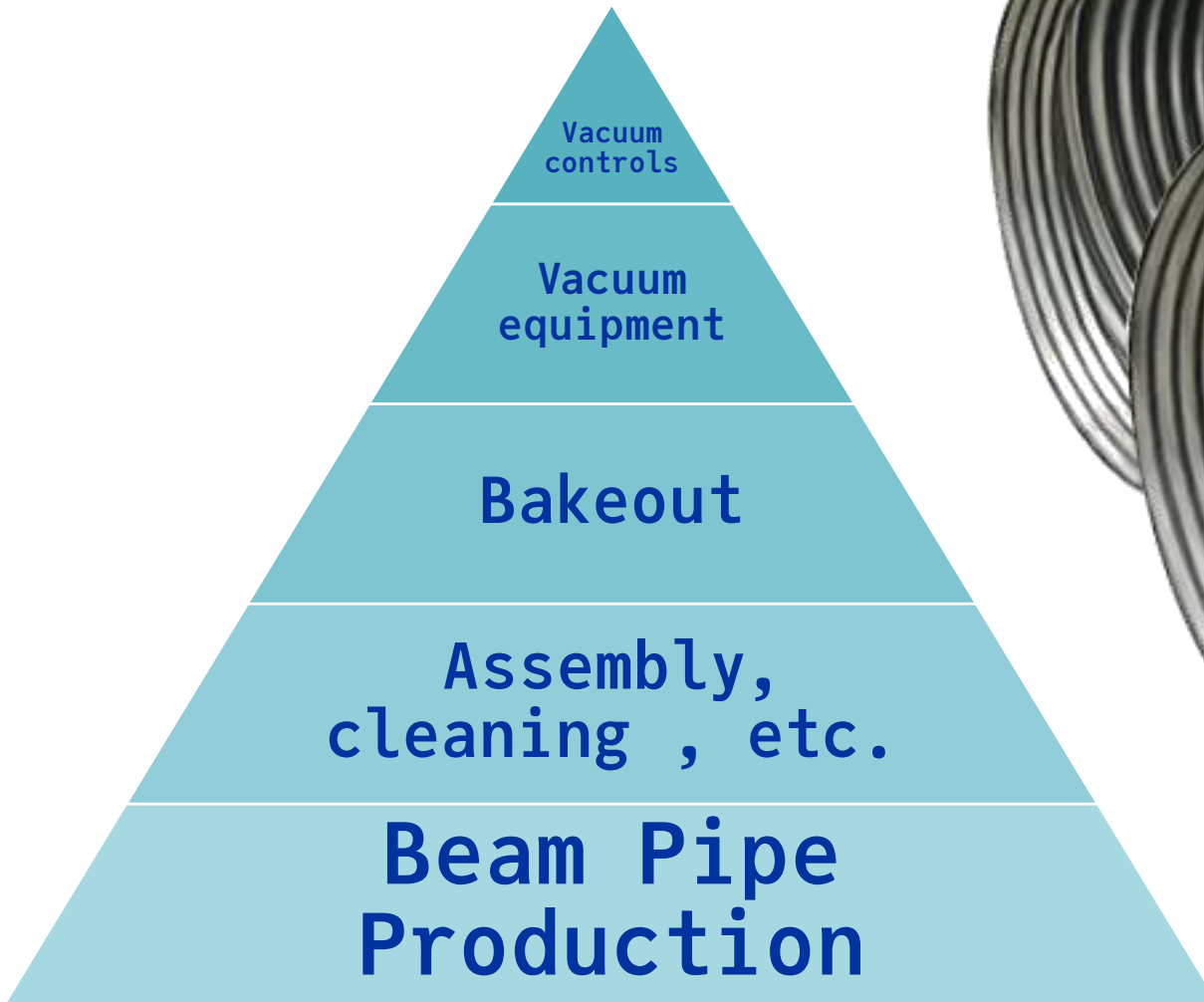
- Based on models estimating each WBS element
- Adjusted to inflation
- Regularly updated
- Based on past cost estimates

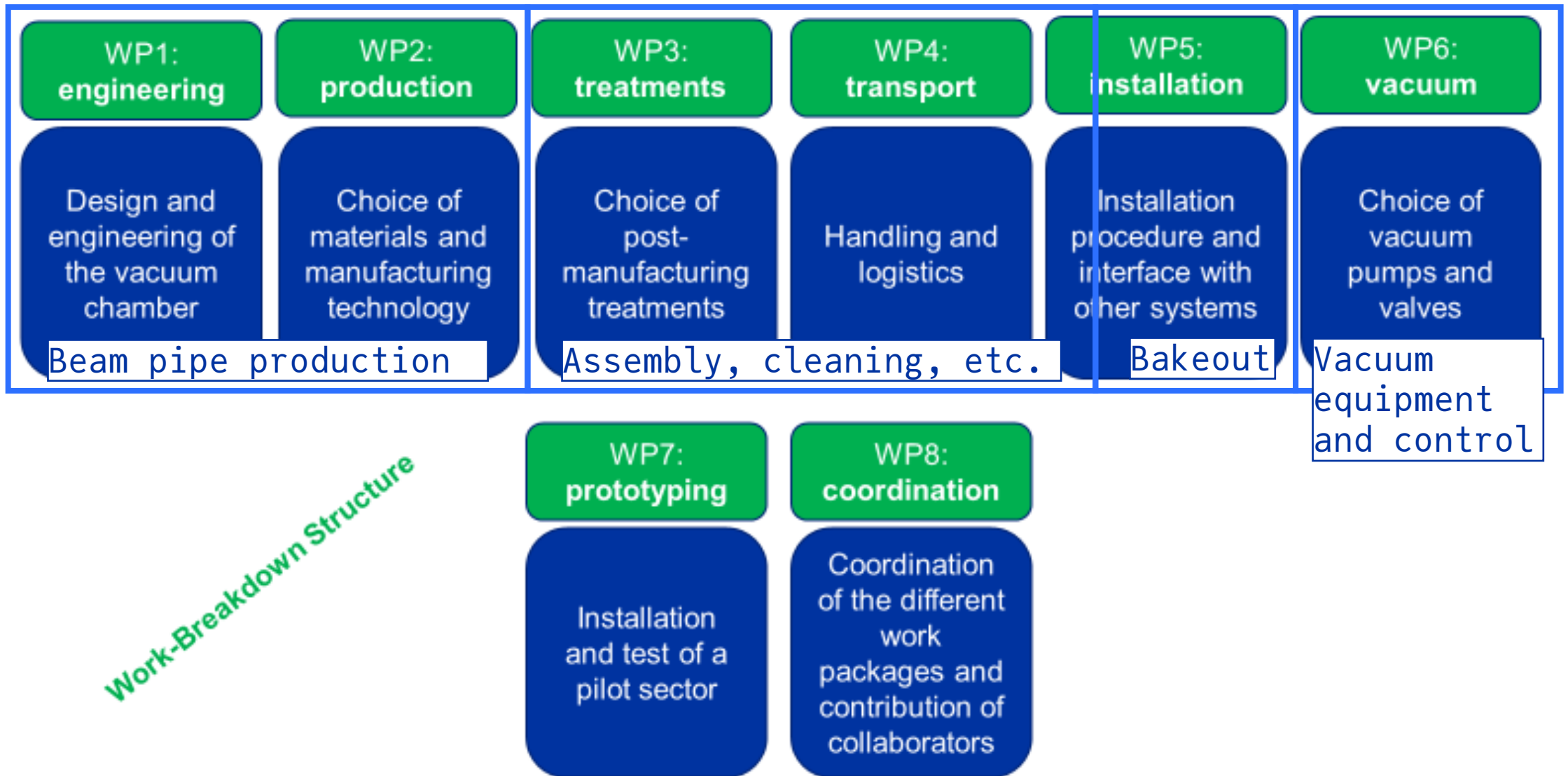
Credible

- Includes sensitivity analysis
- Includes risk analysis (and mitigations)
- Includes cross checks (other methodologies)

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Beam pipe production

Boundary conditions:

- Tunnel or surface? ==> Logistics!
- In situ or remote production ==> Logistics!
- Tube dimensions

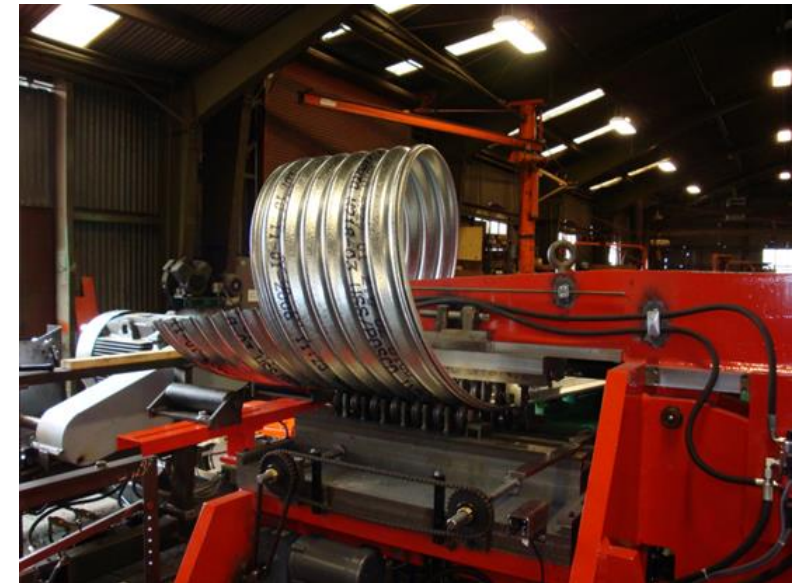
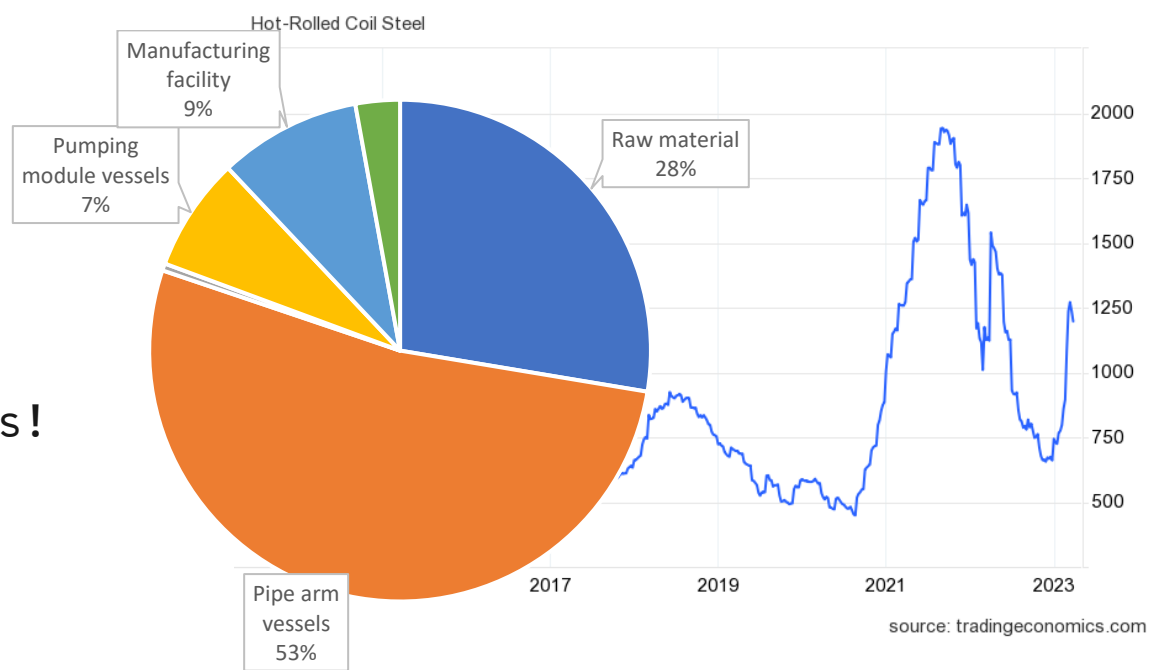
Constrains to logistic, transport and installation

Variables:

- Material (Stainless steel, mild steel, etc.)
- Thermal treatment of raw material?
- Production method (spiral welding, longitudinal welding, etc.)

Parameters:

- Thickness and shape (thin corrugated, thick with reinforcement, thick straight)



Assembly, cleaning and leak detection

Boundary conditions:

- Tunnel or surface?
- In situ or remote production
- Pipe dimensions, material and thickness
- Production method

Variables:

- Transport and handling in final position
- Support structure and alignment
- Cleaning method
- Helium leak detection method

Parameters:

- Separation between supports
- Cleaning conditions, time for cleaning
- Leak detection strategy

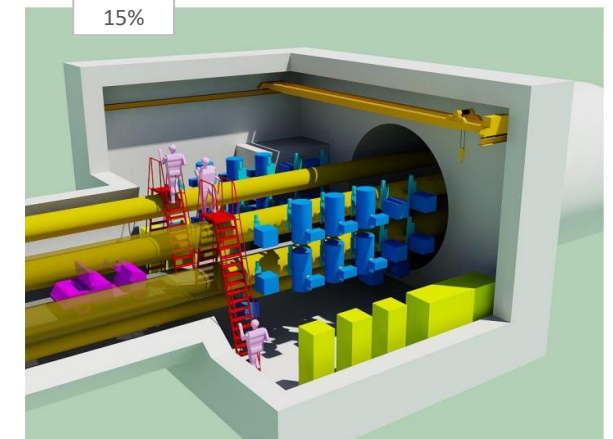
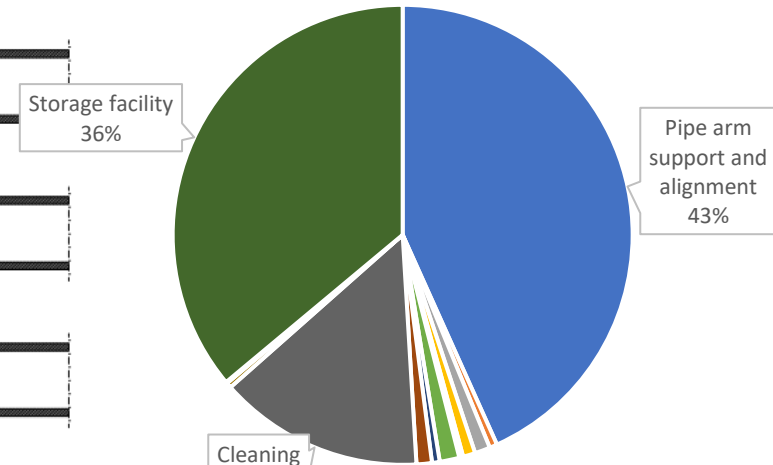
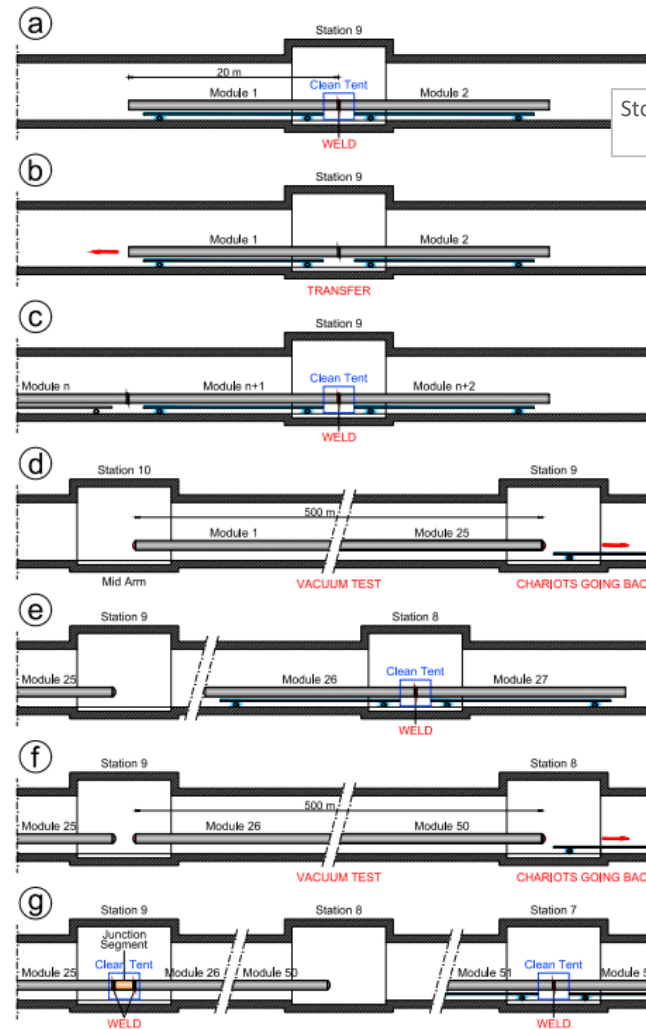


Figure 6.22: 3D view of a pumping station: the blue objects represent the pumps and sensors, the yellow ones the cabinets for pumps control and baking power supply (1 cabinet for all). A separate small room is reserved for the high voltage electrical transformer.

Figure 6.23: The assembly sequence of one vacuum pipe.

Bakeout

Boundary conditions:

- Tunnel or surface?
- Pipe dimensions, material and thickness
- Maximum available heating power

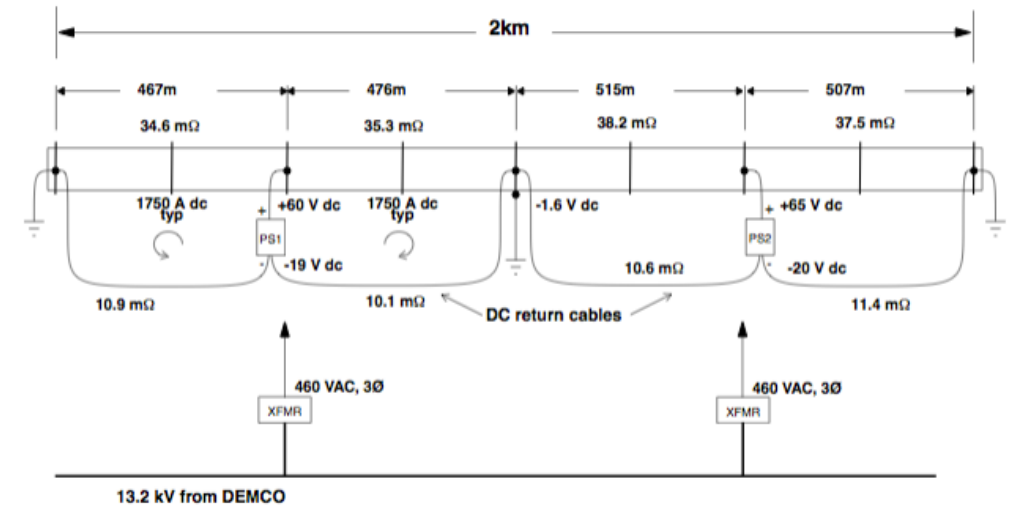
Variables:

- Type of pumping
- Type of insulator
- Heating power distribution

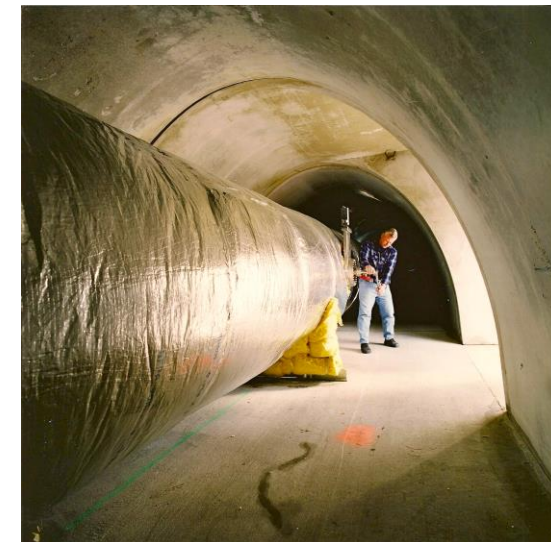
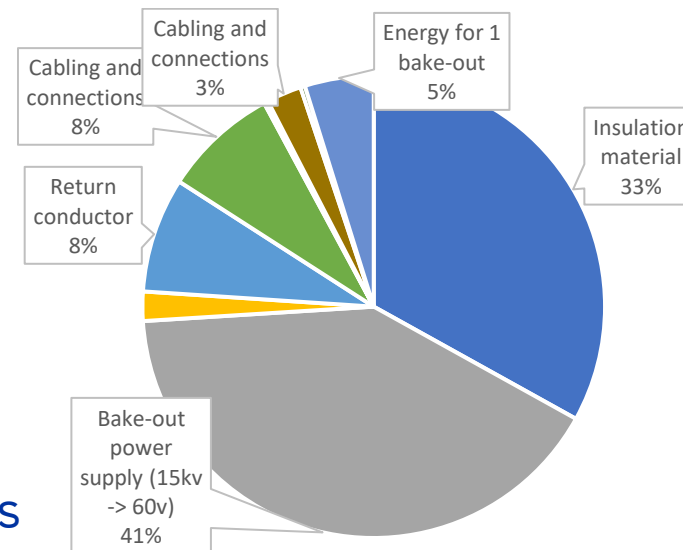
Parameters:

- Bakeout time
- Bakeout temperature
- Water Pumping speed and distribution
- Insulator thickness

Cost driven by insulator and power supplies



Legend: XFMR Power Transformer PS Low voltage, high current DC power supply



Vacuum equipment and control

Boundary conditions:

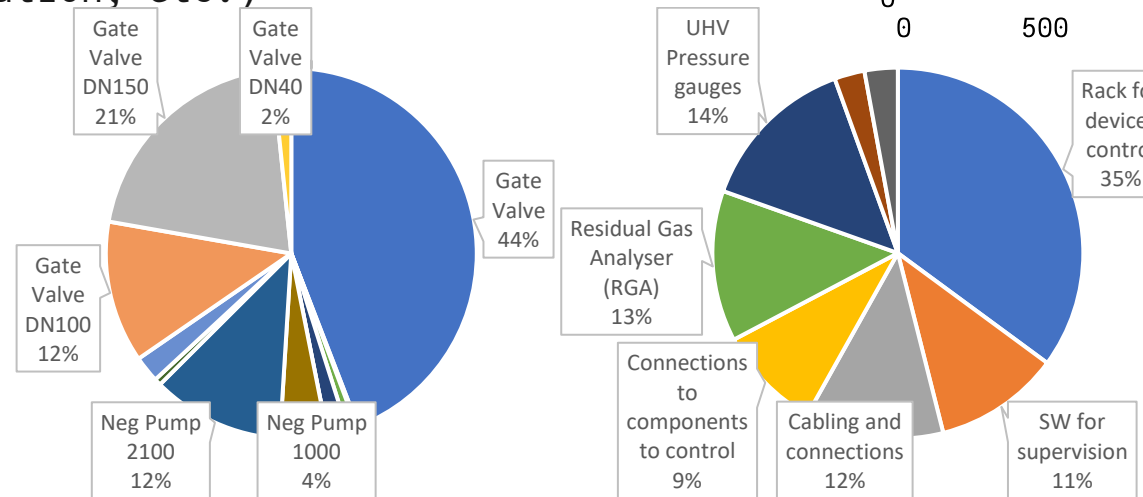
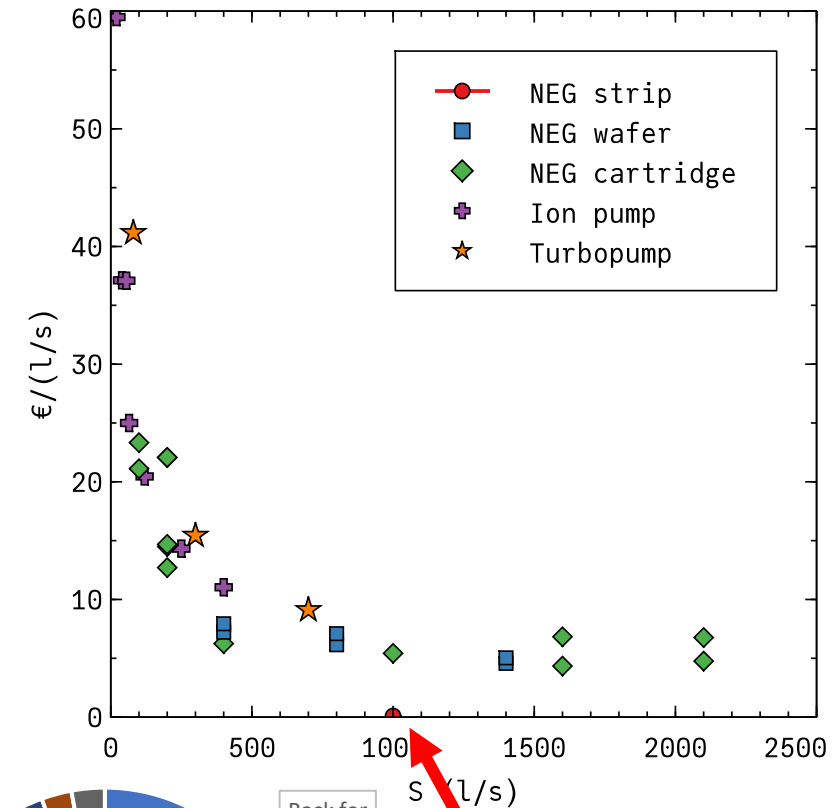
- ❑ Defined by the previous units
- ❑ Pumping layout and control are defined together

Variables:

- ❑ Bakeout parameters
- ❑ Type of pumping and distribution (H_2 , CH_4 , CO , etc.)
- ❑ Valve sectorization
- ❑ Instrumentation (type, distribution, etc.)

Parameters:

- ❑ Pumping speed
- ❑ Pump distribution



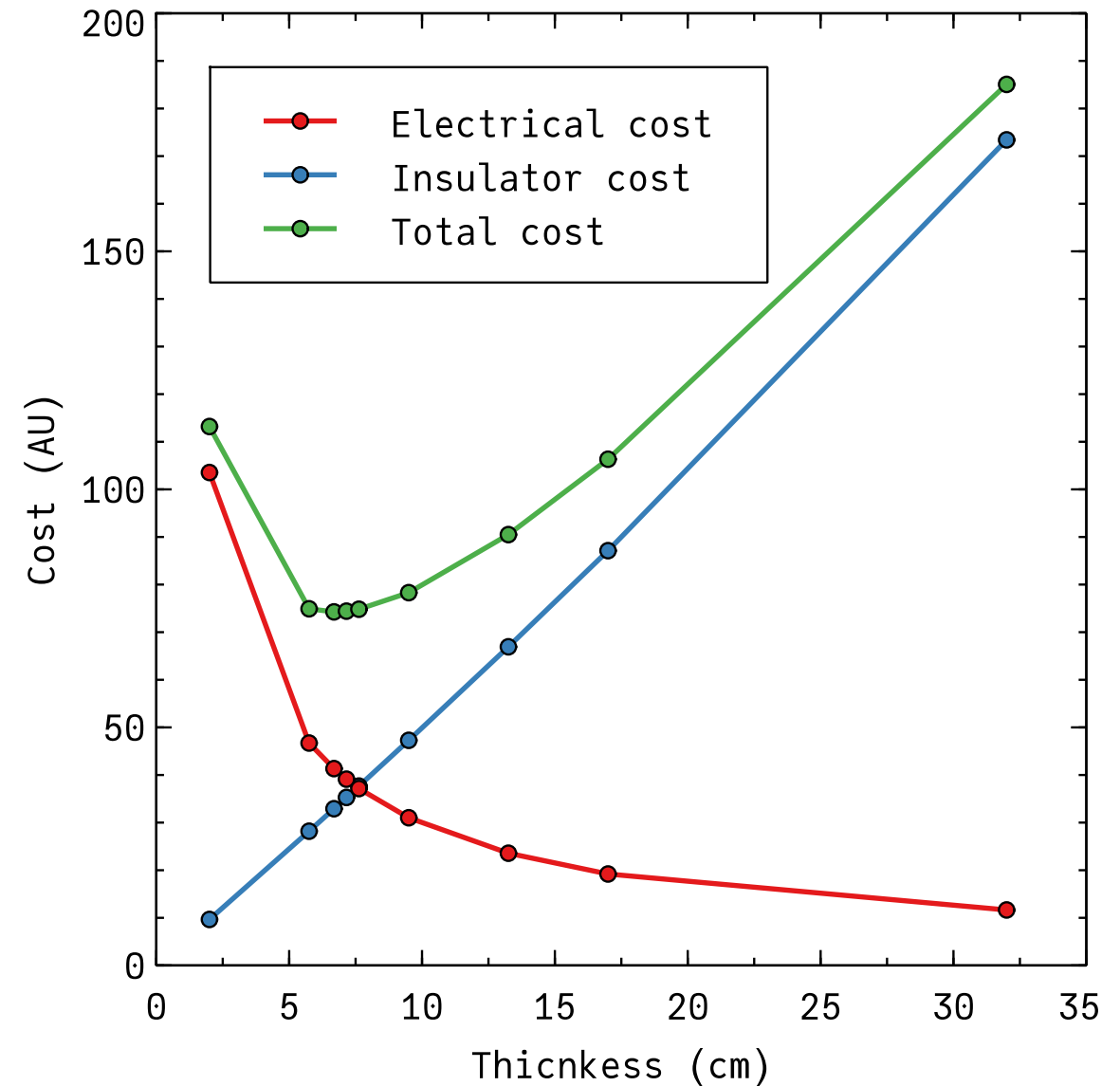
NEG strips

Optimization

Problem: Optimization with multiple parameters

The same physical models used for the design, can be integrated for cost optimization

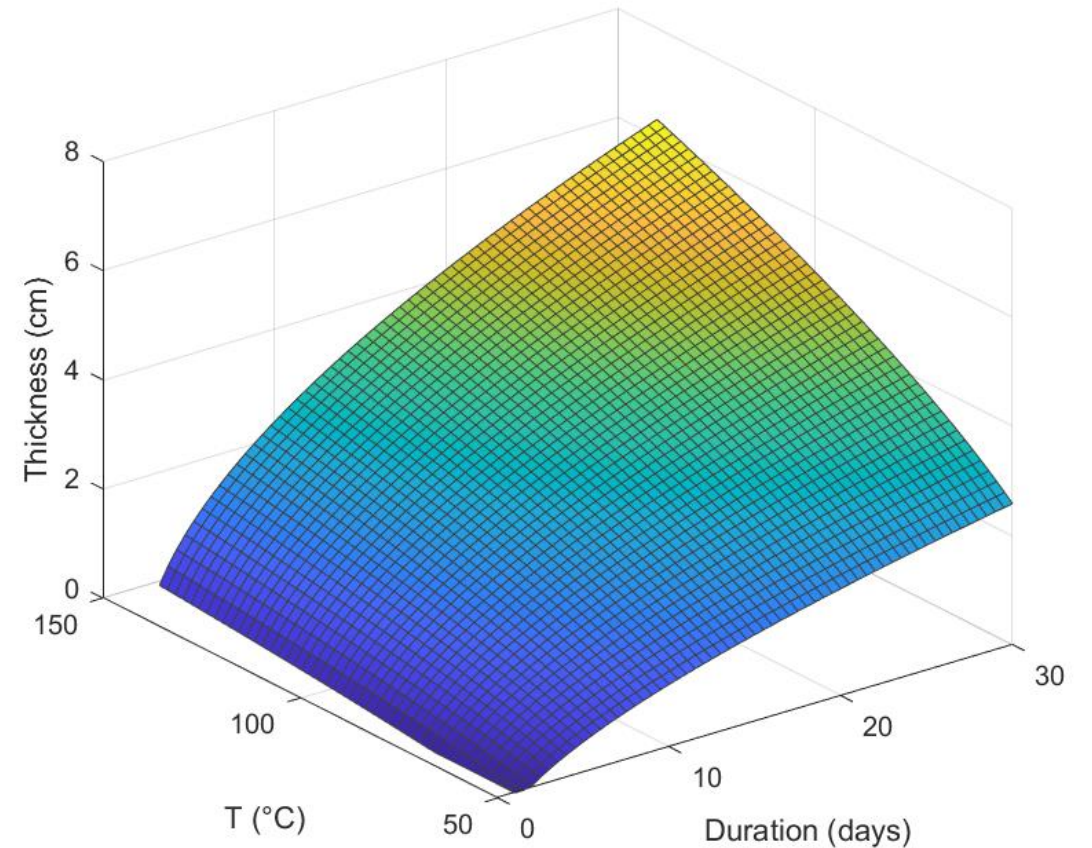
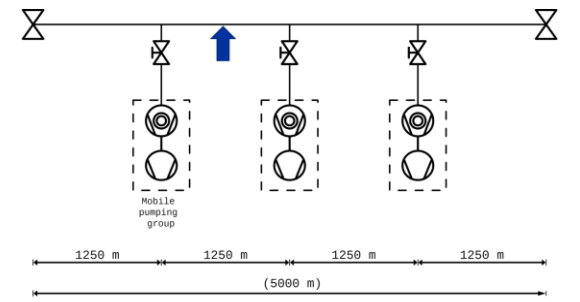
Example ==> multiparametric bakeout optimization



Example: Bakeout optimization

- ❑ Thermal conductivity 35 mW/m/K
- ❑ Tube 4 mm wall
- ❑ For each temperature and bake-out duration ==> Optimum thickness to minimize the cost

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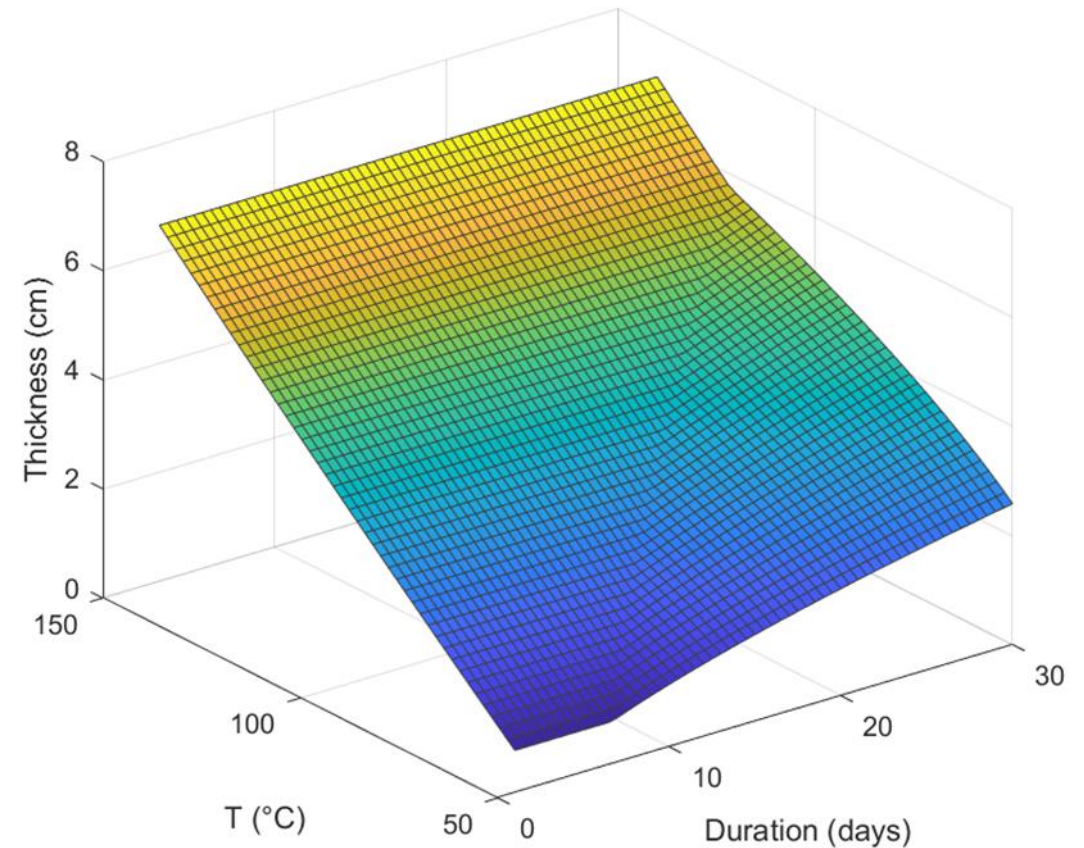
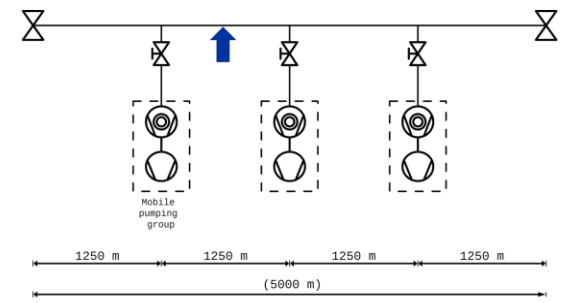


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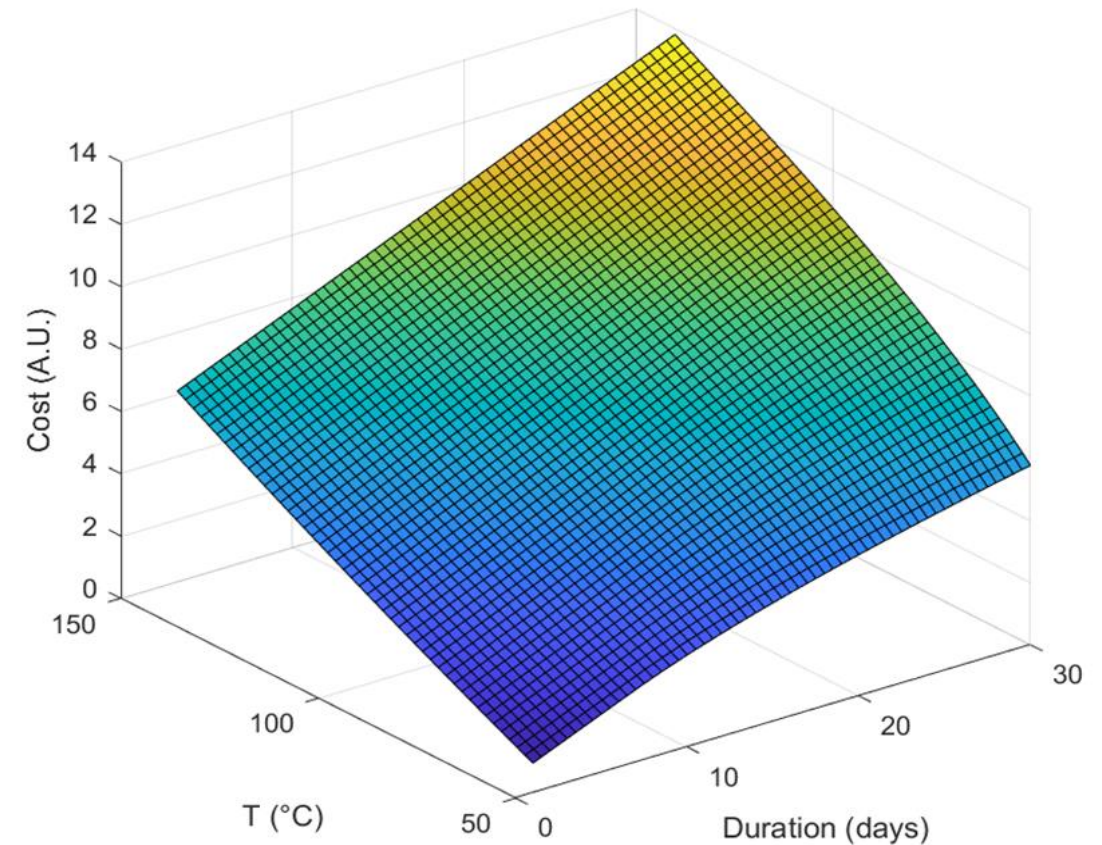
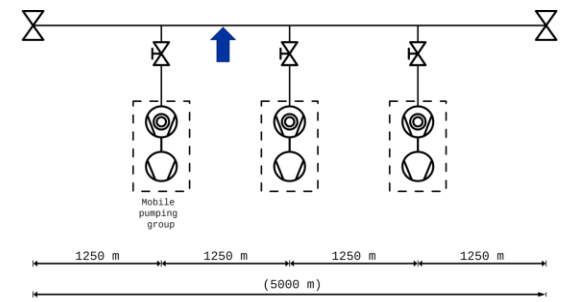


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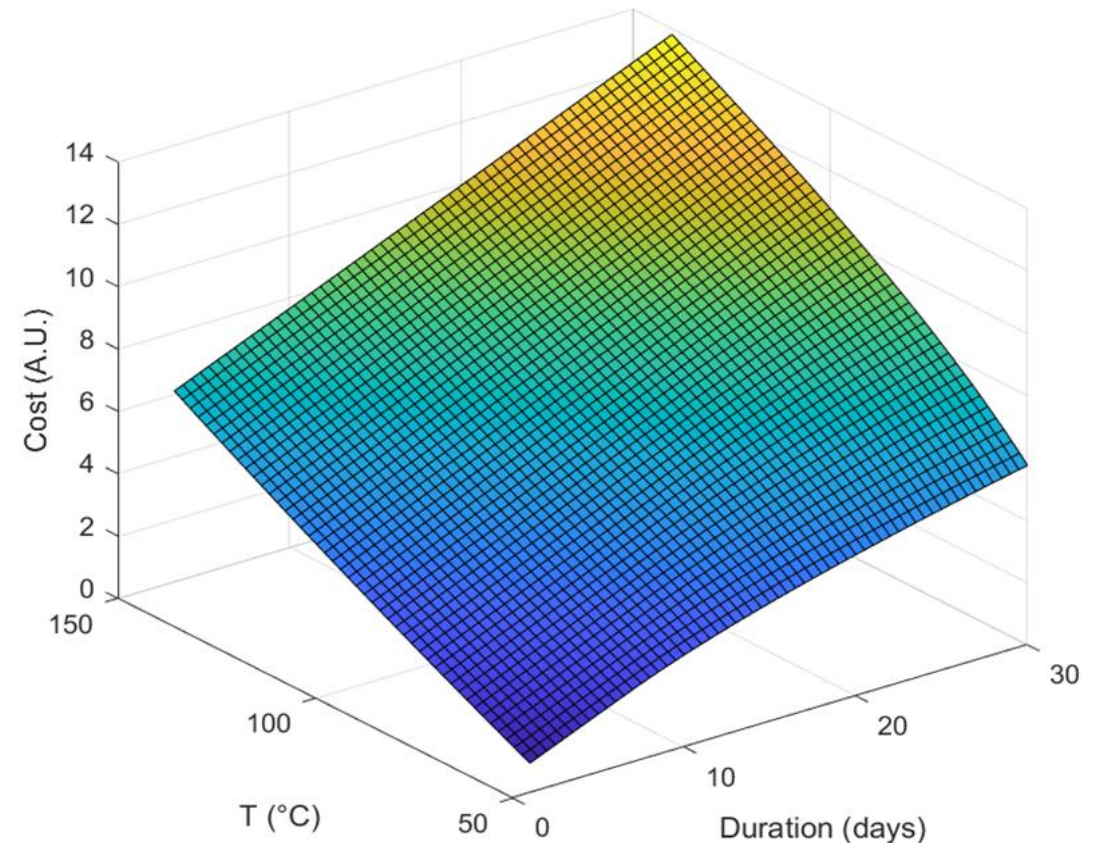
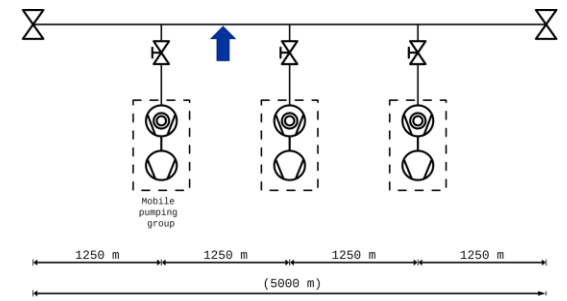


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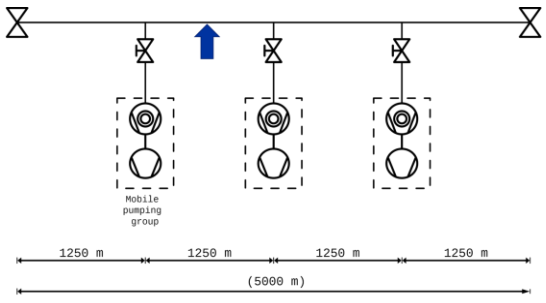
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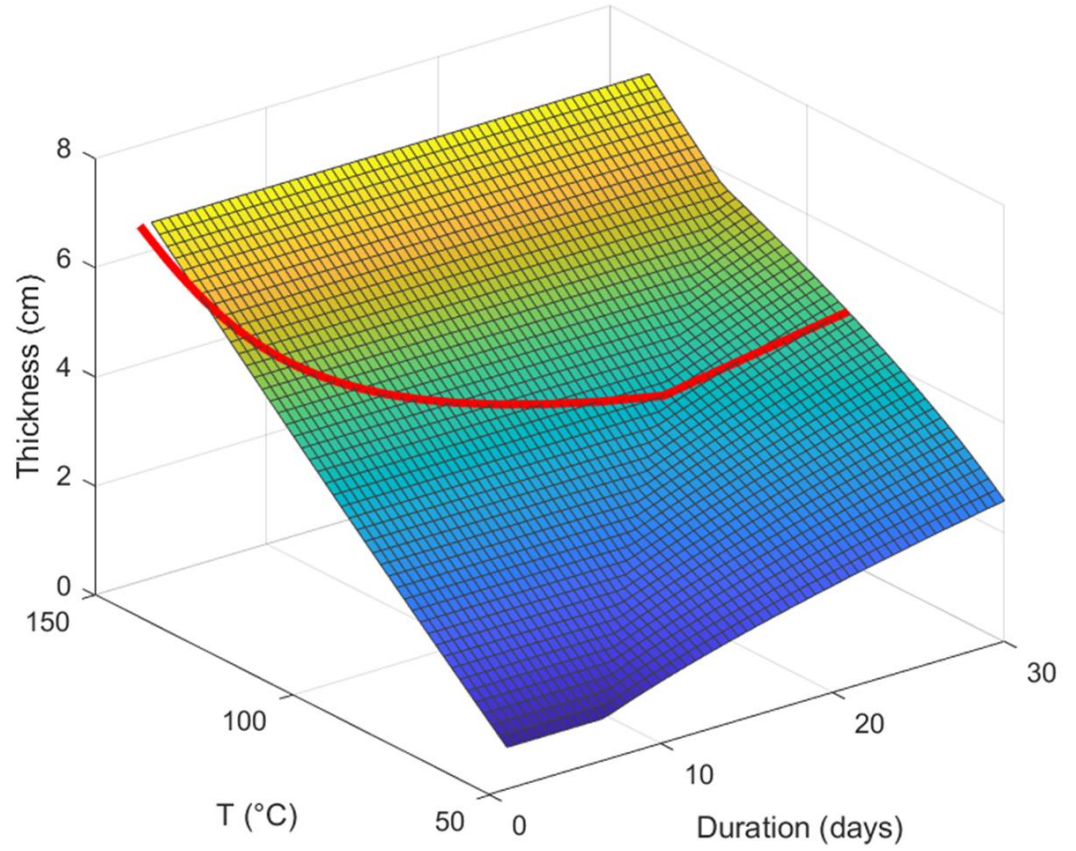
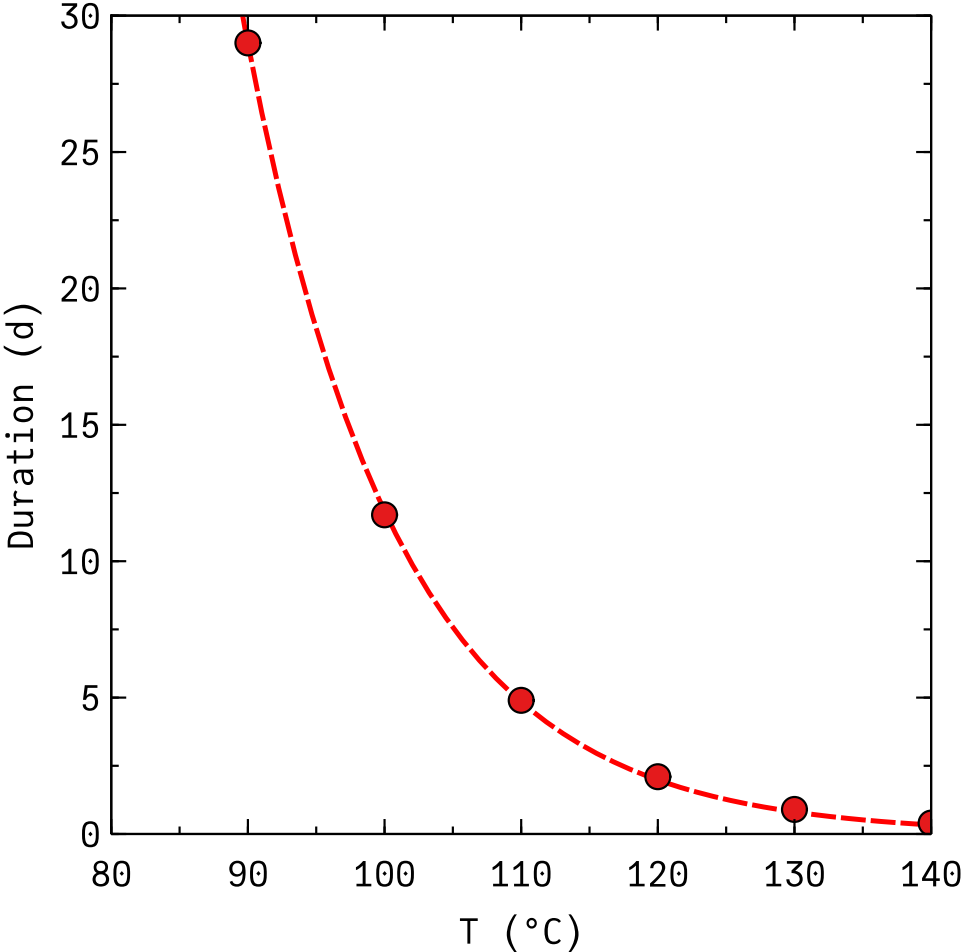
- ❑ No limit to the power consumption ==> Limited to <200 W/m
- ❑ But not all combinations are good ==> Limited to $\max(P) < 2 \times 10^{-11}$ mbar
- ❑ Configuration NEG cartridges 1500 l/s every 625 m and turbos every 1250 m
- ❑ 1D model using Temkin isotherm



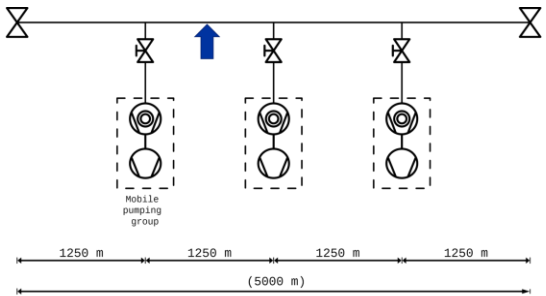
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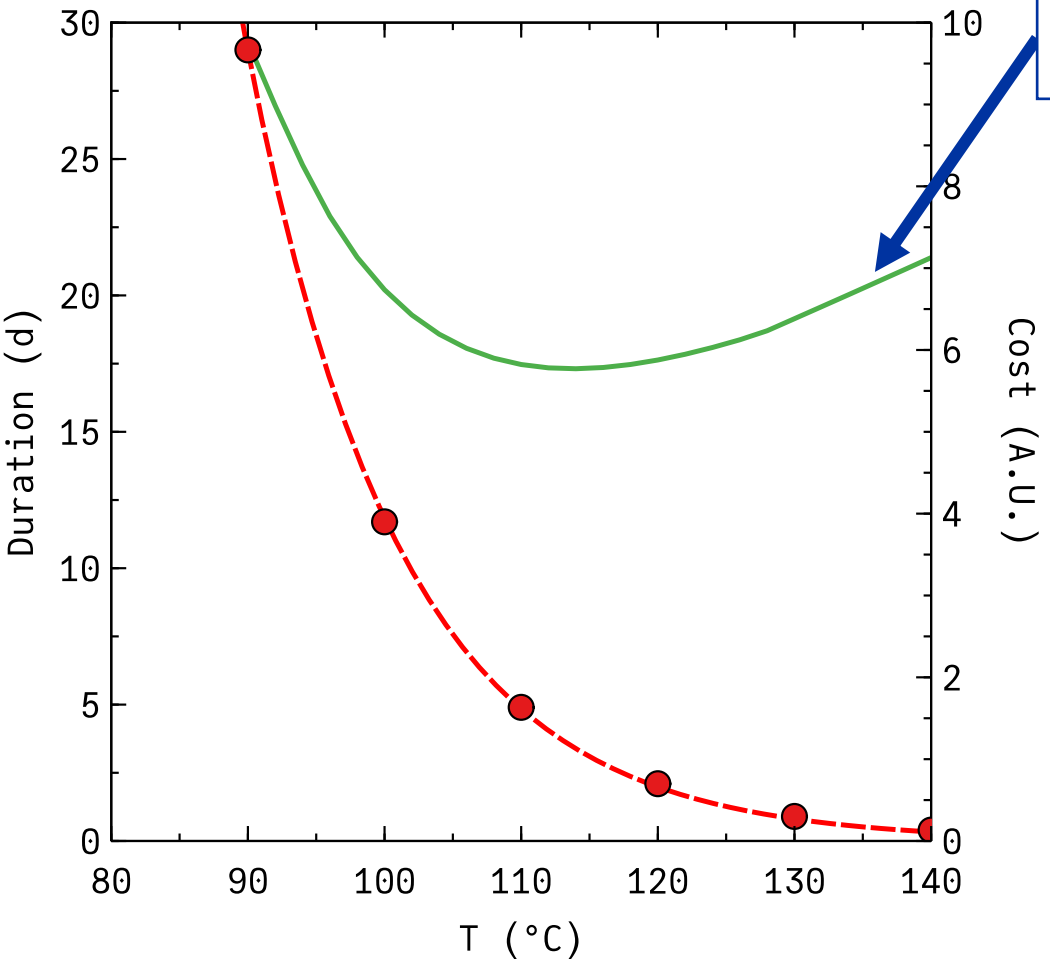
Bakeout duration to reach 2×10^{-11} mbar



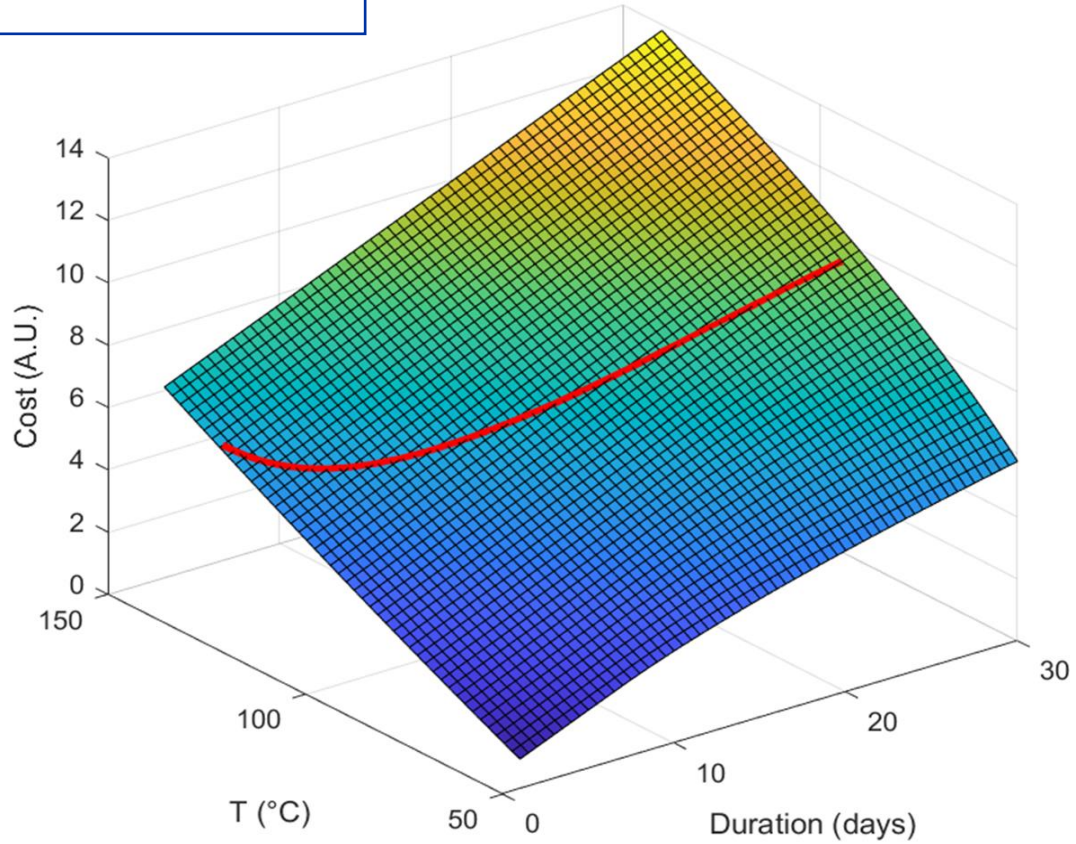
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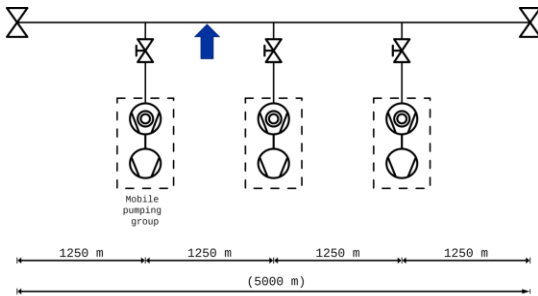
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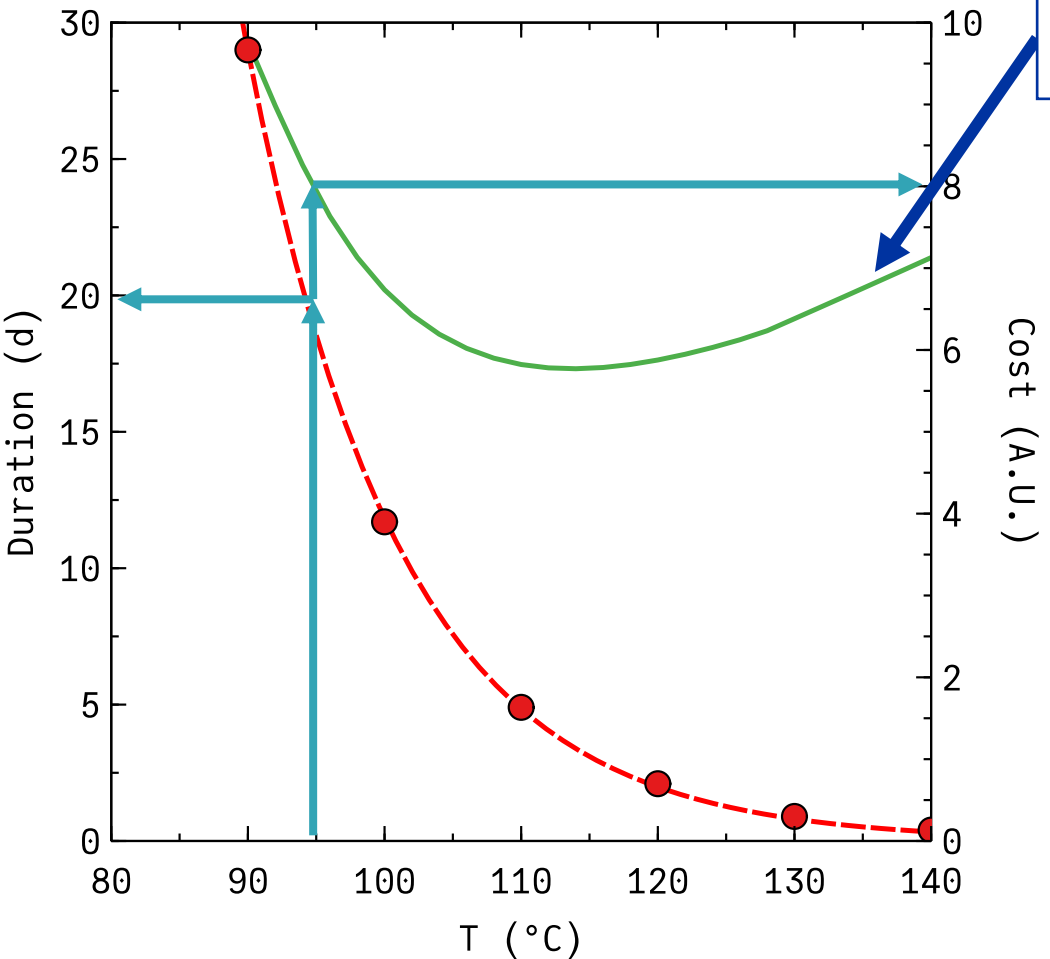
Minimum duration = 1 day



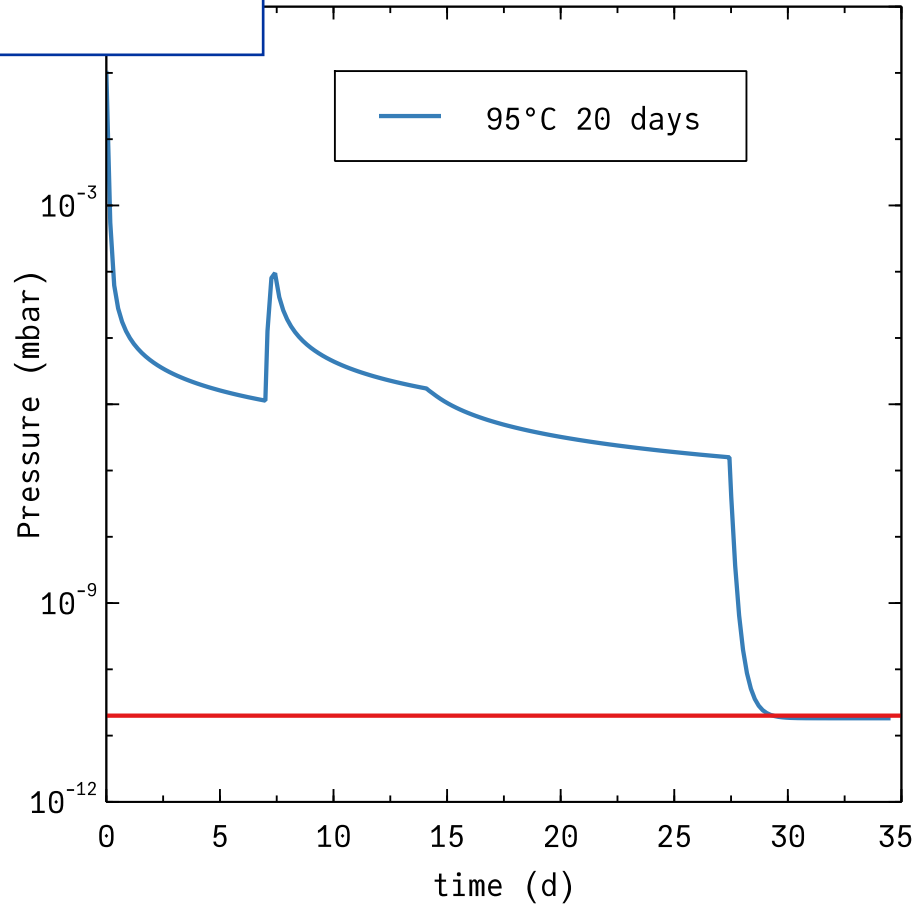
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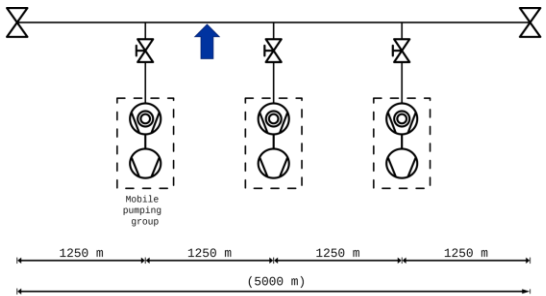
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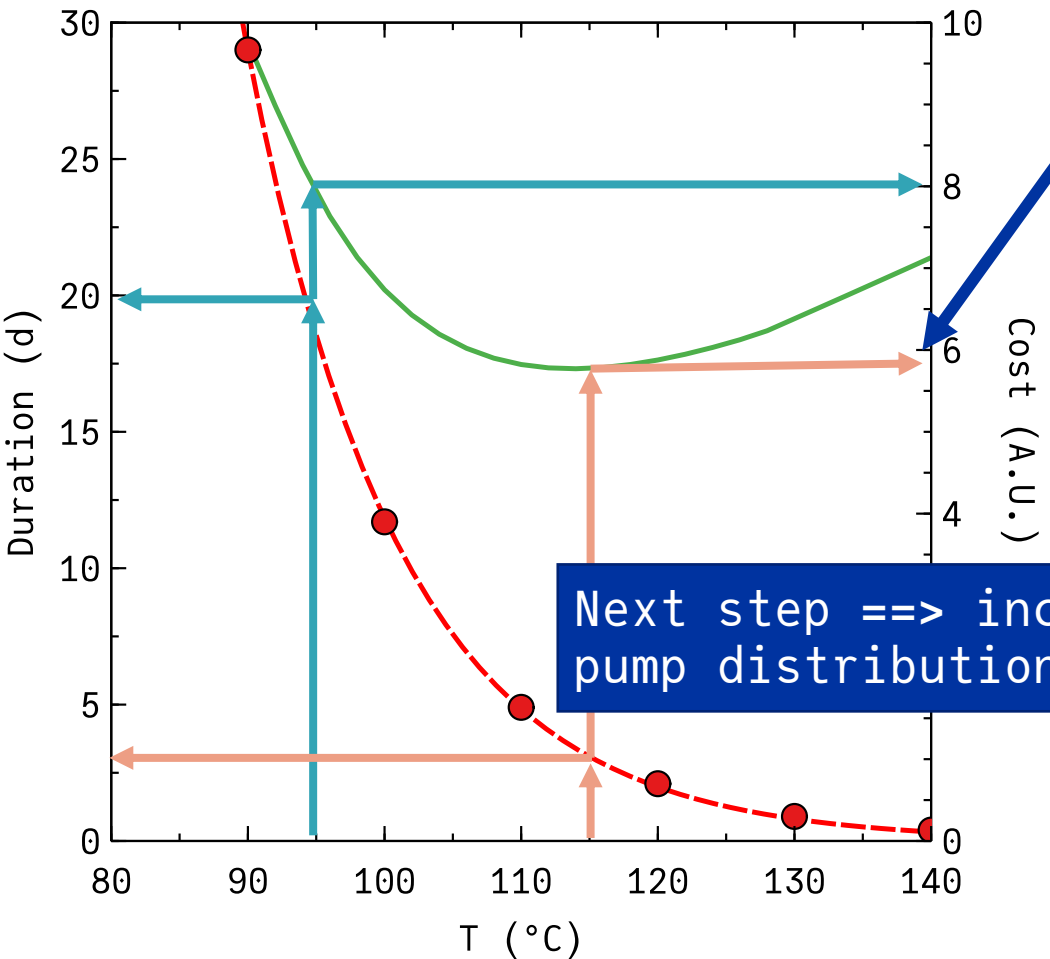
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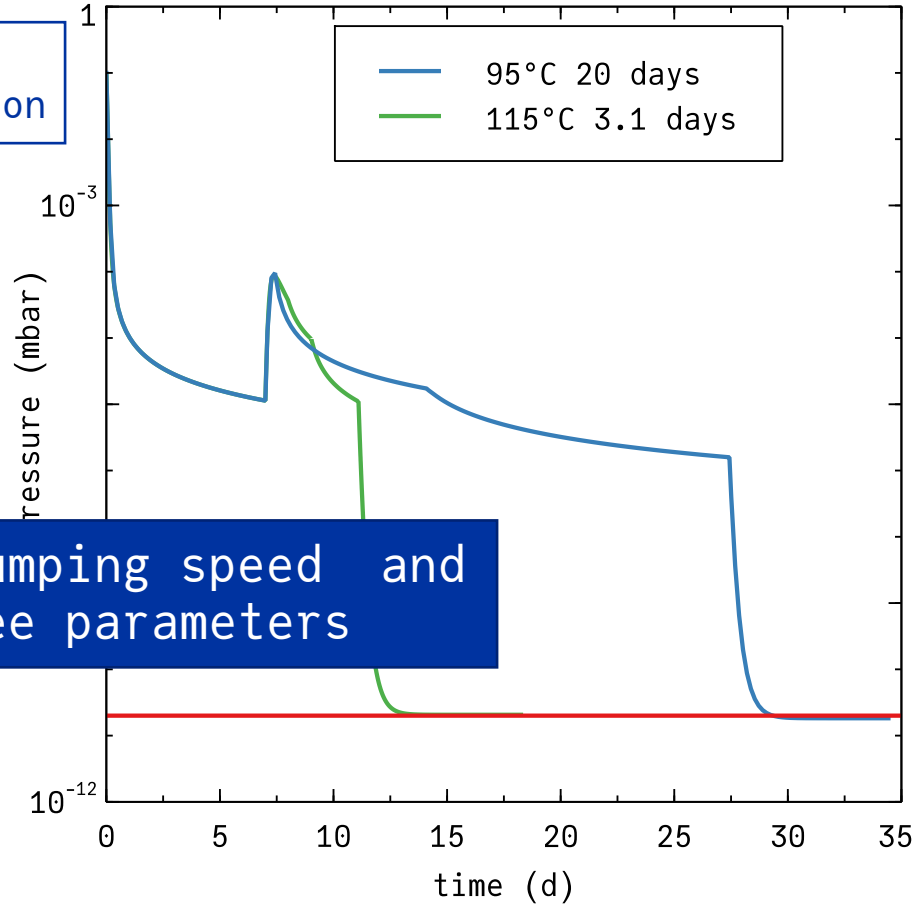


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25 % reduction

Next step ==> include pumping speed and pump distribution as free parameters



Sensitivity analysis

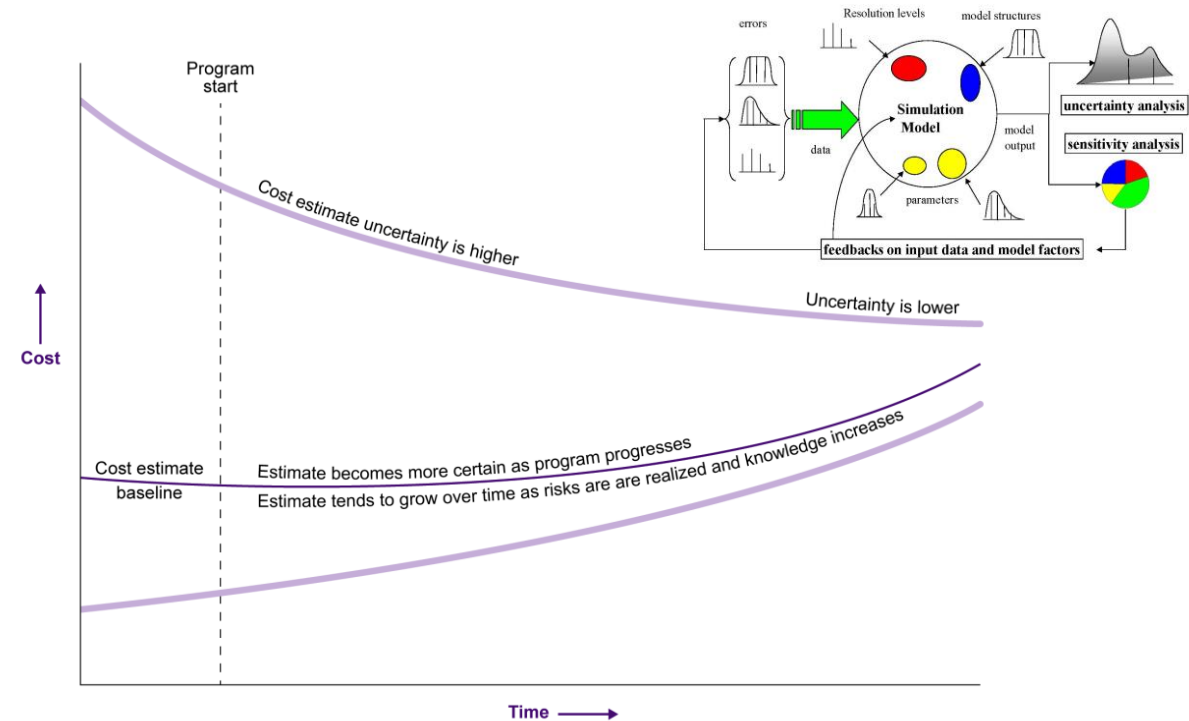
❑ The same models used for cost optimization can be used for risk and uncertainty analysis

❑ Main objectives:

- ❑ Identify main risks
- ❑ Identify variables with high uncertainty
- ❑ Quantify the effect of input changes in the final cost
- ❑ Quantify the cost uncertainty
- ❑ Some decisions can be neutral in cost but not their risk



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Summary

- ❑ In the coming months we will populate the different cost units
- ❑ Identification and set priorities according to cost drivers
- ❑ Define a methodology for the cost assessment ==> Systematic justification of design decisions ==> Periodic cost evaluations and release updated information
- ❑ Cost model of the different cost units. Optimisation of some design decisions.
- ❑ Include sensitivity and risk analysis (build budget with error bars)

Thank you!



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