

LESSONS LEARNED AND PERSPECTIVES FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE EXPLOITATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL IN ACCELERATOR MAGNET PROJECTS

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INTRODUCTION

**Accelerator Magnets
@ Bilfinger Nuclear & Energy Transition**

Bilfinger Noell
+
Bilfinger Energy & Technology

Bilfinger Nuclear & Energy Transition

2 Bilfinger companies merged to operate under the same name

→ Offer more services from one source

- Relationships will be continued as usual by existing contacts under the umbrella of the new company:
 - Meet the same people
 - Contact us with same coordinates (email, phone)
 - Find us at the same site.

BILFINGER CORE COMPETENCES

Engineering

Multi-physics approach towards complex **engineering** tasks for custom design solutions

Vacuum technology

Extensive experience in the design and manufacture of complex **UHV components** and **vacuum vessels**

Cryogenics

Highly efficient design of both **helium** and **conduction-cooled** systems down to **2 K**

Series production

Optimization of complex manufacturing processes from small-scale to **series production**

Testing capabilities

Trained personnel and specialized equipment for **cryogenic and vacuum testing** in-house

Magnet technology

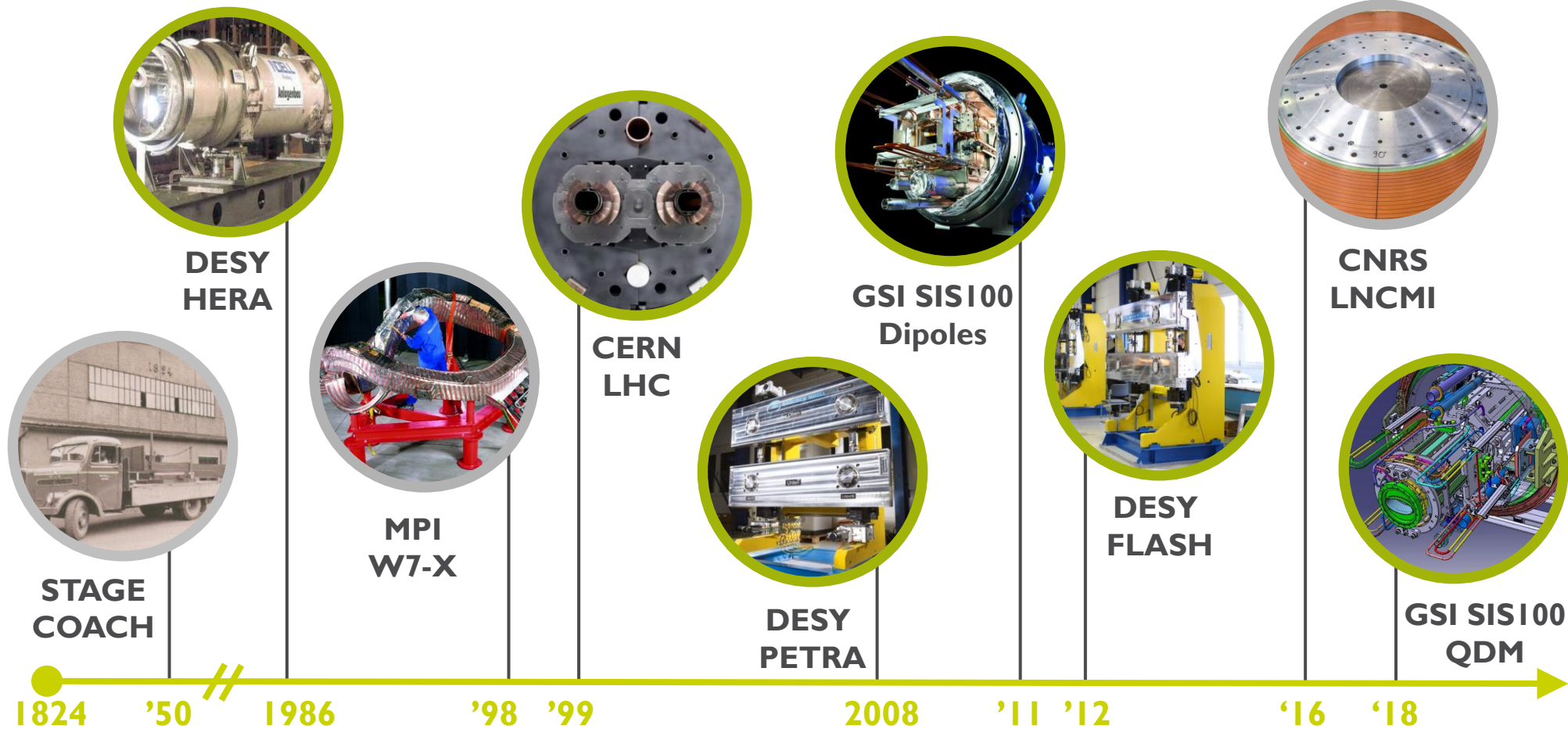
Wide range of experience in **superconducting** (LTS and HTS) as well as resistive and permanent magnets

Specialized hardware

Special tooling and equipment including **winding and cabling machines** and furnaces for **impregnation**

SERIES production at BILFINGER

A history of performance



Series Production Example: Main Dipole Magnets for the LHC

Development Phase (Paid learning)

- 1990: 10 m Prototype Cold Masses
- 1995: 10 m All Kapton Collared Coil
- 1999: Preparation for Series Production

Series Production

- 1999: 30 Cold Masses
- 2002 - 2006: 386 Cold Masses

16 years from first R&D contract until completion of series

Next Generation Nb₃Sn Dipoles

2014 - 2017: Onsite industrial development @ CERN



Series Production Example: FAIR SIS 100 Dipoles

2004 – 07: EU-FP6 Task:

GSI with partners from institutes and industries

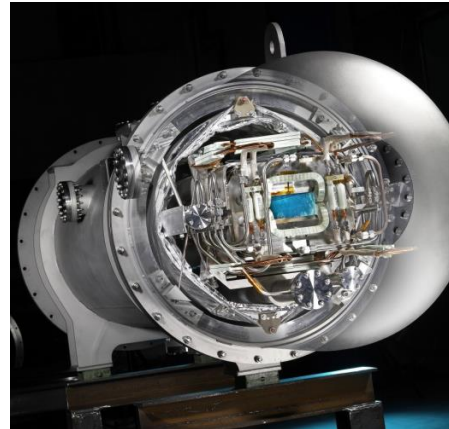
2007 – 08: First straight prototype

2012 – 13: First of series - FOS

- Industrial manufacturing of the SC cable
- Qualification for the industrial series production

2016 – 20: Series production

- Cable production & Manufacturing of 110 dipoles
- 16 years from first contract until completion of series**



Integration of QDM Modules:

- 2018:** Start of project
- 2019:** Delivery of First of series - FOS
- 2020:** Start of series production
13 QDM manufactured until Stop of Unit deliveries
- 2023:** Production on hold due to Ukraine crisis
- 2024:** Re-start of series production of remaining 70 QDM this summer, new units expected
- 2027:** Completion of series production planned





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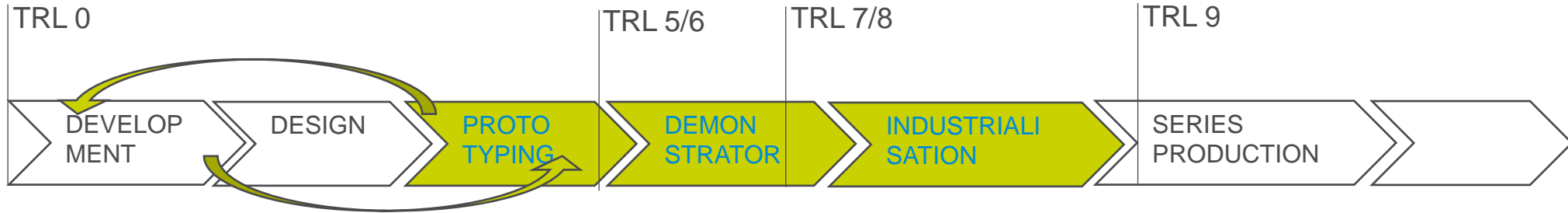
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MAGNETS FOR BIG SCIENCE PROJECTS

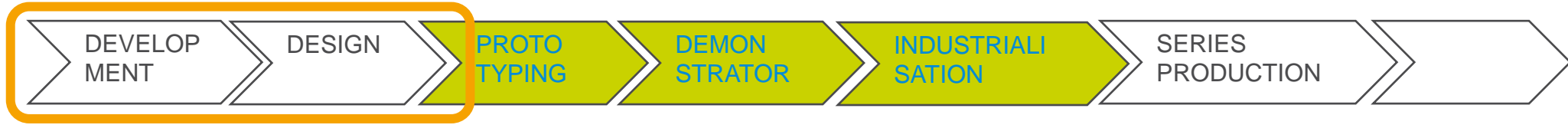
**Interaction: Labs – Industry in Stages
Requirements from Industry
Lessons Learned**

General setup of successful large scale magnet projects always similar:

e.g. LHC Dipoles, FAIR SIS100 Dipols + QDM but also e.g. W7-X coils ...



Collaboration between research labs and industry over many years and multiple contracts essential.



Main work-load at Labs

Industrial input valuable:

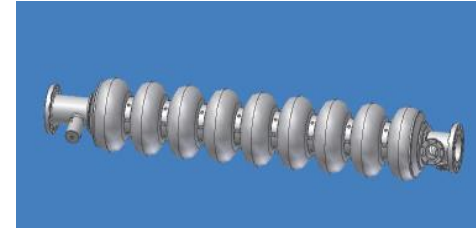
- Industrial feedback from previous projects
- Input to cost, risk, industrial feasibility
- Early industrial input to the design

Typical **industrial** contributions:

- Analysis of cost, production schedule, industrial feasibility
- **Participation in design process:**
 - validate manufacturing concept incl. tooling concept
 - Introduce proven and robust industrial solutions based on manufacturing experience

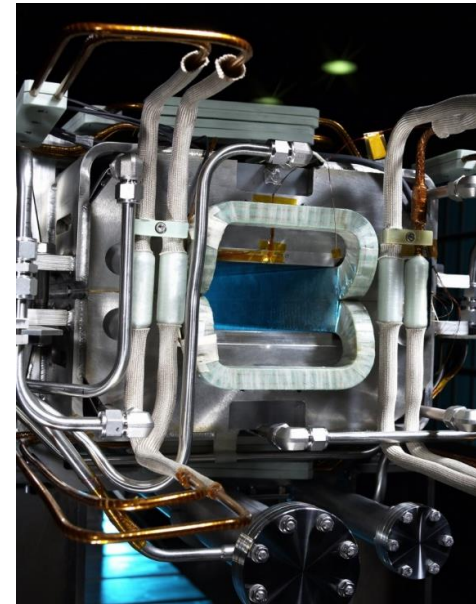
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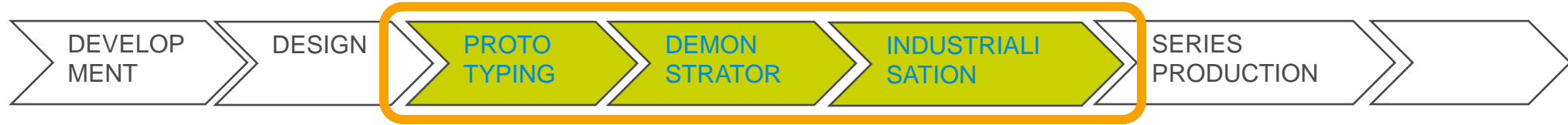
- Industrial analysis of production process
- Heat treatment of cavities identified as expensive bottleneck in the production
- Following DESY R&D work eliminated the bottleneck



FAIR SIS100:

- Collaboration of lab and industry on magnet design in FP6 project
- Industry identified Aluminumoxide structure as cost driver and manufacturing risk
- GSI eliminated the component from the design





Shared work between labs and industry

Prototyping → important **step towards** hardware!

Importance of industrial prototyping:

- Transfer of know-how and experience from labs to industry preferably at industry workshop
- Input from industry on robust manufacturing concepts and processes based on series experience
- Input from industry on tooling concepts for efficient series production with consistent quality
- Mutual design optimization to
 - Improve consistent magnet quality
 - Make production process robust and repeatable
- Develop quality criteria for series (specify only what's needed and not more, give margin to work with)

LHC Main Dipoles:

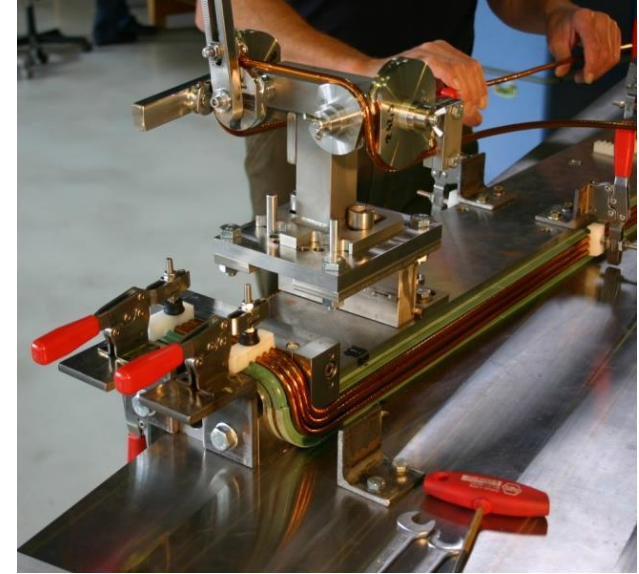
- Development of tooling & qualification with industrial prototypes (e.g winding machine)

XFEL Undulators:

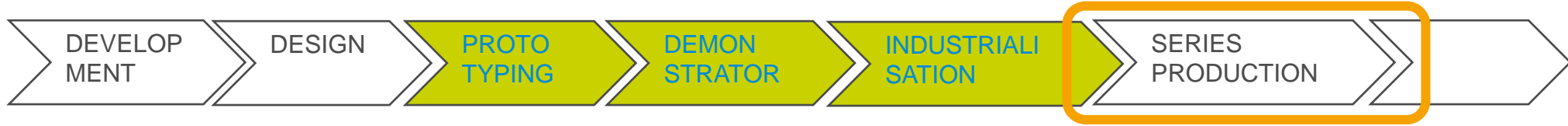
- Manufacturing of industrial prototypes with 316LN and Aluminum beams to qualify both technologies

FAIR SIS100:

- Industrial prototype to qualify e.g. Kapton as cable insulation (instead of Prepreg) and the use of machined G11 structures to position the windings
- Robust series production: store-able cable and consistent coil geometry



Series Production



Work load highest at industry.

Important factors for a successful series production

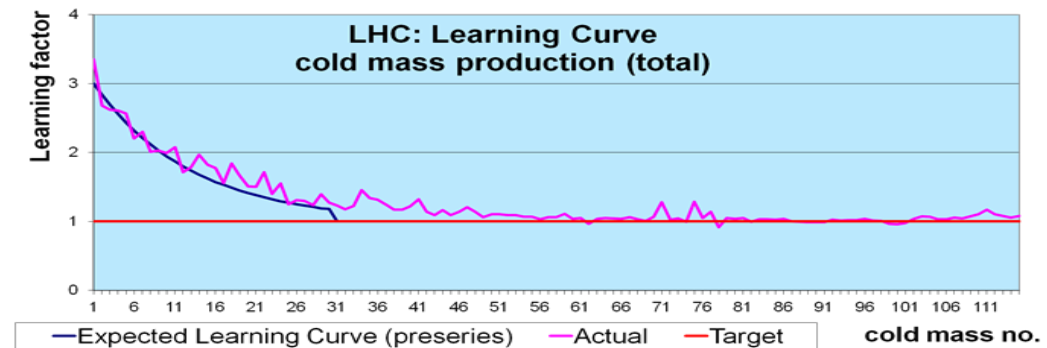
- Design freeze prior to series manufacturing
- Robust and realistic planning incl. risk mitigation measures by industry, labs and probably sub-contractors including contingencies (schedule, supplies)
- Problem solving mechanisms and awareness that small problems can have big effects in a series
- Open collaboration and trust

LHC:

- Largest series production of high field accelerator magnets
- Very good and consistent quality produced by industry
- Huge bubble project business managed by companies
- Industry had freedom to produce at their site with their tooling concepts
- Labs assured consistency with test procedures, equipment and monitoring test results.

For Industry:

- Spin-off for other industry products is limited
- Business itself is interesting project business
- Projects are important as experience and reference for other large scale research projects



- **2004-2007:** Development with Industry cable insulation, coil structure
← Early involvement of industry -> more robust design
- **2007-2008:** Prototype Dipole 2-layer straight magnet
← Industrial prototype -> verification in industry
← 4-years gap: people left, 1 company out of business...
- **2012-2013:** First of Series (FoS) Dipole 1-layer curved magnet
← Major design change at late stage
- **2013-2016:** Cold test and yoke modification
← Lead to additional development and qualification
- **11/2016:** Start of SIS100 Dipole series production
Successful series production in good collaboration between GSI and Bilfinger Noell results in high quality magnets
- **09/2017:** First series dipole has been delivered
- **12/2020:** Last series dipole delivered

Basic condition: industry must **earn money** and must **not go bankrupt** fulfilling its obligations.

→ **Fair sharing of risks and chances** is essential! Make risks manageable for companies:

- Limit contractual risks to acceptable values
- Split technical risks into foreseeable portions using appropriate contractual concepts:
 - Split contract into stages where only first stage is binding
 - Cost + fee concept makes sense when quantitative risk is high
- Talk and negotiate risks with industry. Use negotiated procedures not submission for calls for tender
- Utilize existing EU concepts for collaboration e.g. “innovation partnership”

EU: **industrial suppliers** can manage large scale high-tech magnet projects. Know-how, experience and infrastructure available at the companies.

→ This **asset** should be fostered by EU labs with:

Continuous basic **work load for industry** to keep and extend industrial know-how.

→ This requires a long term strategy and roadmap incl. **collaboration** of research and industry.

- Existing involvement of industry in planning and strategy for big science projects is very welcome by industry.
- Perspectives on the future projects (scope, timeline, in-kind situation) are necessary to promote projects in industrial landscape.

→ Continuous **information** of and collaboration with industry enables industry to be ready for the next big series production of superconducting magnets





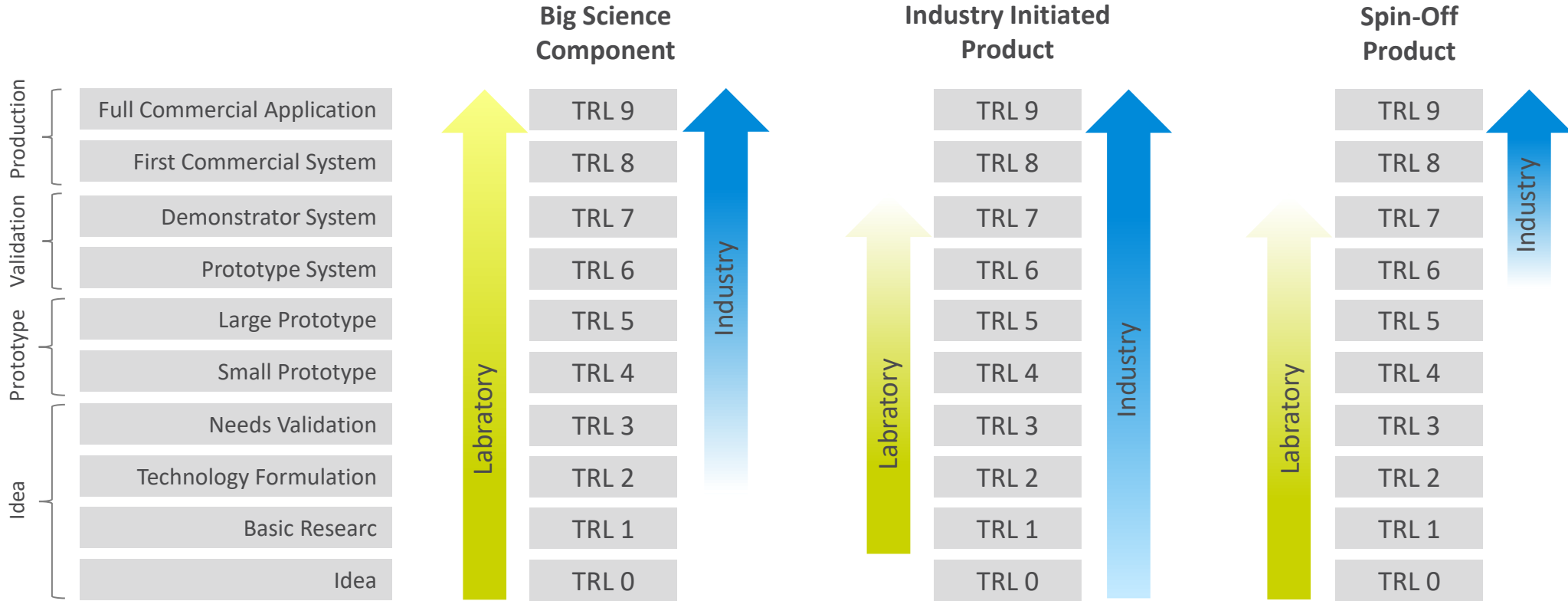
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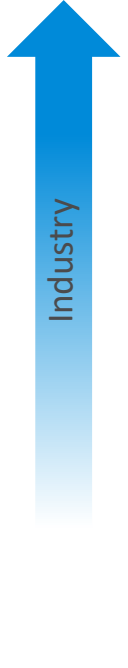
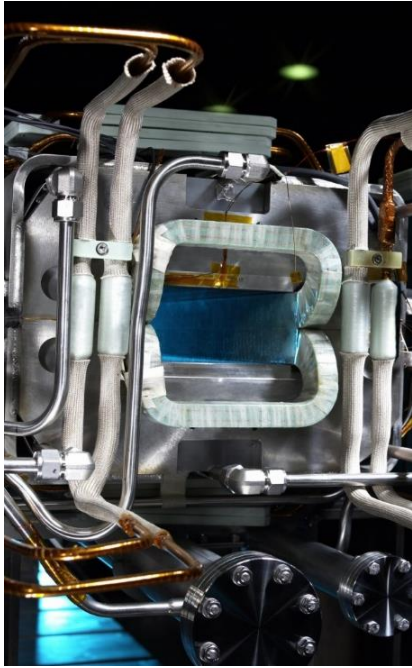
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**TR-Level: Labs & Industry
Requirements from Industry
Lessons Learned**

Types of Collaboration by TRL Level



Big Science Component



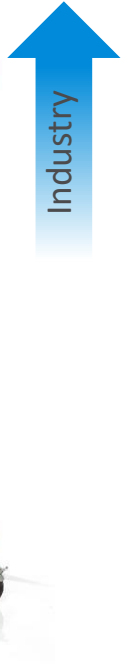
FAIR SIS100 Dipoles

Industry Initiated Product



Flywheel Storage

Spin-Off Product



PINE Cloud Chamber

- KIT's Institute of Meteorology and Climate Research Atmospheric Aerosol Research developed and validated a working prototype
- Bilfinger industrialized the design (thermal, etc.)
- KIT has active interest in wide spread use of PINE to do research
- Bilfinger is selling the device successfully
- Partners actively working on continuation and development of PINE

Lessons Learned:

- Win-win match between partners with clear interfaces (validated prototype), but match happened by coincidence
- Short time-to-market and calculable risks → attractive for industry
- World-wide spread of KIT technology standard and industrial third party funds → attractive for laboratory



UPS



Power Quality



- Development of 2 flywheels with superconducting bearing for
 - UPS (250 kVA, 2.5 kWh, high availability): in-house
 - Power Quality (500 kVA, 5 kWh, high cycle life): 2 BMWi projects with Uni and DLR Braunschweig and with KIT and NHF
- Feasibility demonstrated. Effort to bring novel product to market still high.
- Project stopped due to degraded market expectations.

Lessons Learned:

- Development of target market over years → high commercial risk
- Expertise & infrastructure of laboratories → help mitigate technological risk
- Continuous financial and technical project review important

- Kicked off as a supply contract for a SCU, developed into a cooperation agreement KIT with Bilfinger.
- KIT active on further development of insertion devices and equipment to measure and test the devices
- Bilfinger is selling superconducting insertion devices as product platform for undulators and wigglers worldwide

Lessons Learned:

- Win-win match between partners with clear interfaces, but project not identified as high risk multiple year product development by both partners from the start
- In retrospective: development program in steps with overseeable, shared risks more appropriate





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SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

High field accelerator magnets are a bubble project business with potentially high risk also for industry.

- Fair sharing of risks is important:
 - Be transparent on risks, negotiate: negotiated procedure
 - Limit contractual risks (liability $\leq 100\%$, total penalties $\leq 10\%$)
 - Split risks (staged contract, cost + fee)
- European industry is an asset that should be fostered:
 - Provide continuous workload by involving industry at all project stages
 - Industry provides special know-how and experience also at early stage and should be compensated for that
 - Reliable and clear project planning helps (schedule, basic technical solutions, in-kind situation)



Clear distinction between different cases is important:

- Science initiated development e.g. for Big Science Projects
- Spin-off product from Lab development
- Supply contract (no significant development character)
- Industry initiated product development

Each case has different boundary conditions and requires different tools for collaboration





Thank you for your attention.

