

# ACCELERATING SCIENCE TO MARKET

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# SR MANAGEMENT'S VIEW ON BIG SCIENCE

Industry perspective of technology driven companies having science not as their mainstream

A large scale, slow, complex, multi-national project where scientists do their thing

Aaaargh....tendering

Oh so slow

Technology rich, moving boundaries while building this “thing”

Interesting marketing

...technology rich.....wait a minute....

# ACCELERATING SCIENCE TO MARKET

Why?

Example – Competence partnership with PSI

Example – Competence development with IFAST

Example – Design for Manufacturing for ADAM AVO

Example – Roadmap based investments in Ultra Precision Manufacturing

Take away

# VDL ETG: high-end contract manufacturing

Facts and figures

**10 COMPANIES**



SPREAD ACROSS  
**3 CONTINENTS**



REVENUE  
**>€2 BILLION**



**6000 EMPLOYEES**



**50% EXPORT**



COMPANY ACTIVITIES  
DIVIDED AMONG **>4 MARKETS**



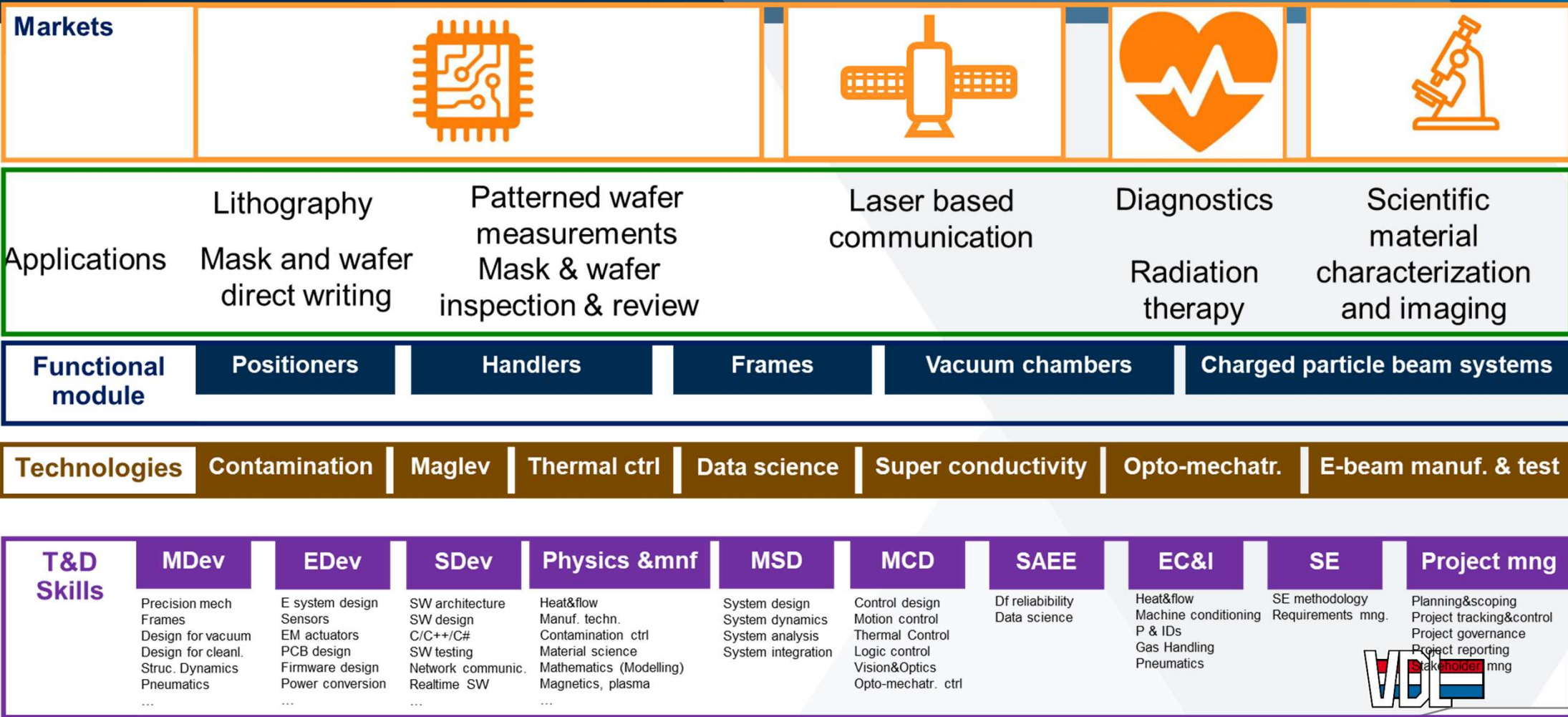
**STRONG** BALANCE SHEET POSITION  
SOLVENCY **54%**



**300,000 M<sup>2</sup>**  
PRODUCTION SURFACE AREA



# We manage via the technology axis



Manufacturing technologies to be included (welding, ultra high precision technology,...)



# Our key technologies



# Science drives our long-term innovation power



# Why do we need each other?

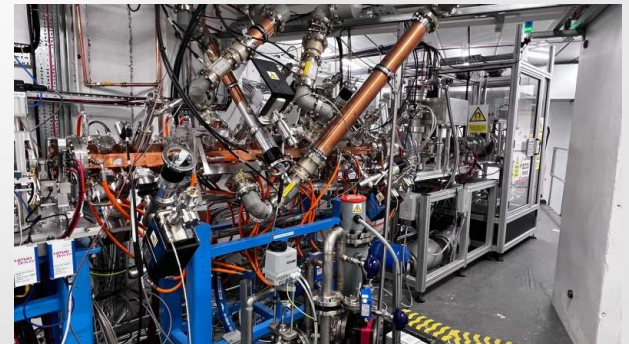
## Rationalizing a natural fit...

- **Development cycles are shortening – need shorter time from new technologies to application**
- Equipment complexity is increasing – increased demand for new technologies to help address
- Process complexity is increasing – demand for improved technologies
- Requirements overlap
- Big science gets big – high-tech equipment does as well
- More fundamental understanding of materials and material science
- Where else does industry find the time to look into the fundamentals?



# Right now..technology hitting the market takes too long

- ICS (CLIC based) 5 years, no light
- Proton therapy (ADAM based) 7 years, almost there
- Radio therapy technology from the 1960s



- The process from fundamental science to concept to product takes much too long, delaying innovation
  - No win-win
- Industrial innovation power is Europe's strength!

# Shortening science to market

Let's take a suggestion from ChatGPT: how can industry benefit from big science research

In summary, the high-tech industry can benefit from big science through

- Collaborations focused at WIN-WIN
- access to data and knowledge,
- technology transfer,
- commercialization opportunities, and
- talent development.

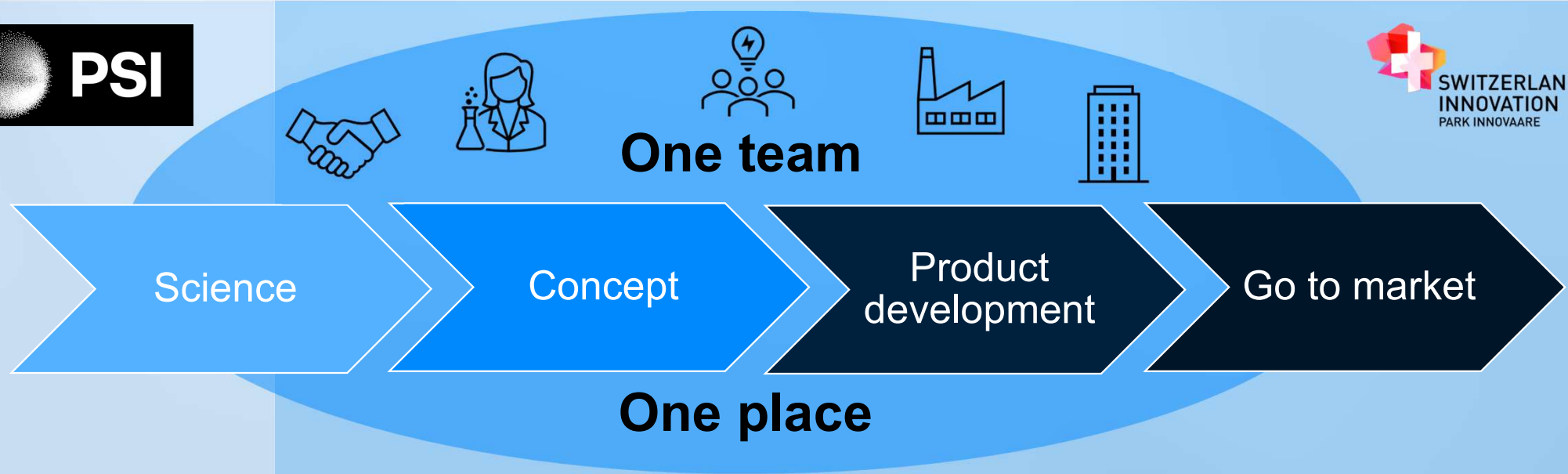
The partnership between big science and the high-tech industry can drive innovation, create new business opportunities, and contribute to technological advancements with wide-ranging societal and economic impacts.

# Introducing PSI



# Introducing Innovaare

# Vision: Cut science to market time in half



From invention to innovation in half the time



# We are looking for leverage

## Not from ChatGPT

- We build semiconductor equipment, medical and analytical equipment
- Big Science, large scale projects, are not in the core of our sales plans
- So..no opportunistic behavior
- We focus on partnerships with relevant science; eg accelerator technology, astronomy, fusion
  - Positioning, magnets, engineering, cryo technology, joining, coatings, high(est) vacuum,..
- We focus at building international networks of partners to address science challenges, which in the long term benefit our current of future mainstream business
- Large scale projects / big science cooperation is at the core of our strategy

# COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT - IFAST

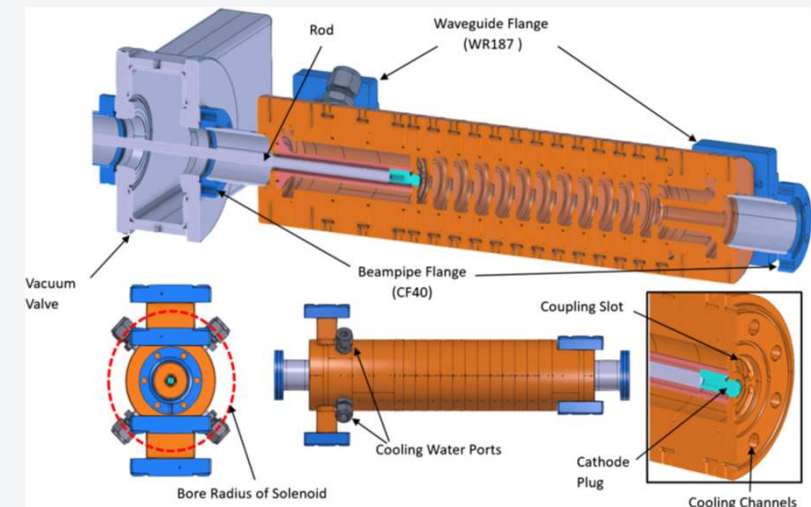
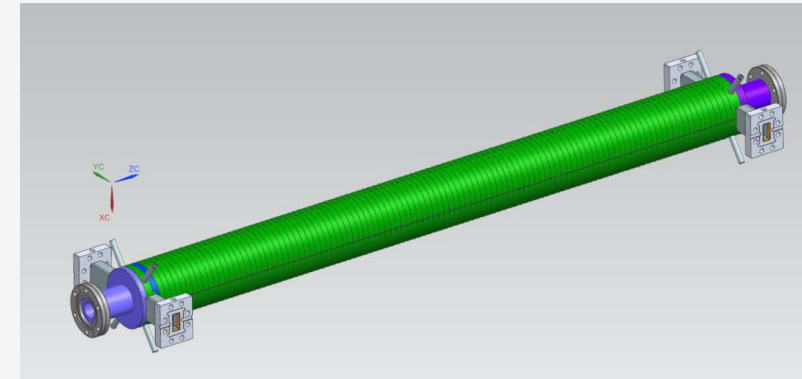
› We aim on scientific areas that need to transfer to industry in the next 5 years

- › Permanent magnets
- › Cryogenics
- › Vacuum & contamination control
- › Machining & brazing



› DO projects with science to develop competence (IFAST highlight)

- › IFAST brazed accelerator structure  
First structure parts delivered (2023), 2nd in production (2024)
- › IFAST Travelling Wave RF Photogun  
Parts delivered, ready for brazing (2024)



# IFAST TW GUN MANUFACTURING @ VDL ETG PRECISION

Parts shipped to PSI for brazing (March 2024)



Preturning



Premilling



Flycutting



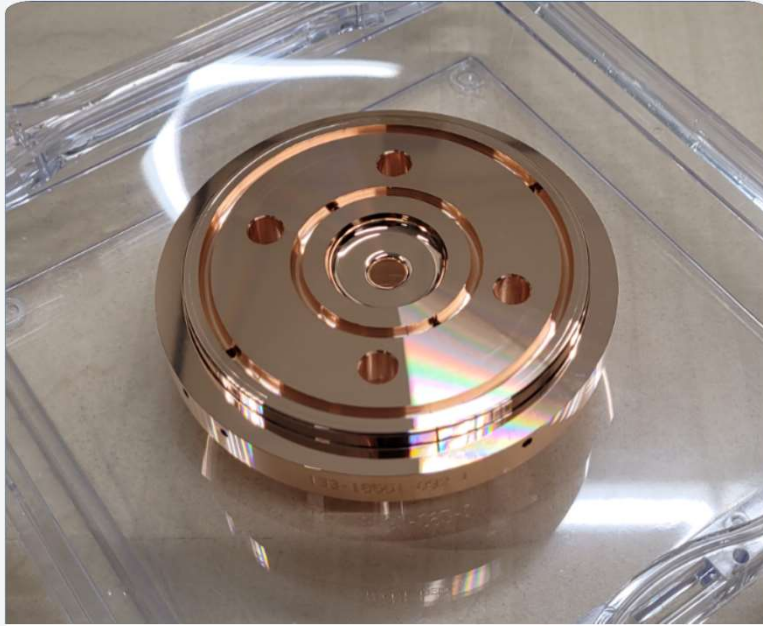
Precision turning



Ultra precision Milling

# SHIPPED PARTS

Parts shipped out for brazing



IFAST Structure parts (108 cells + couplers)

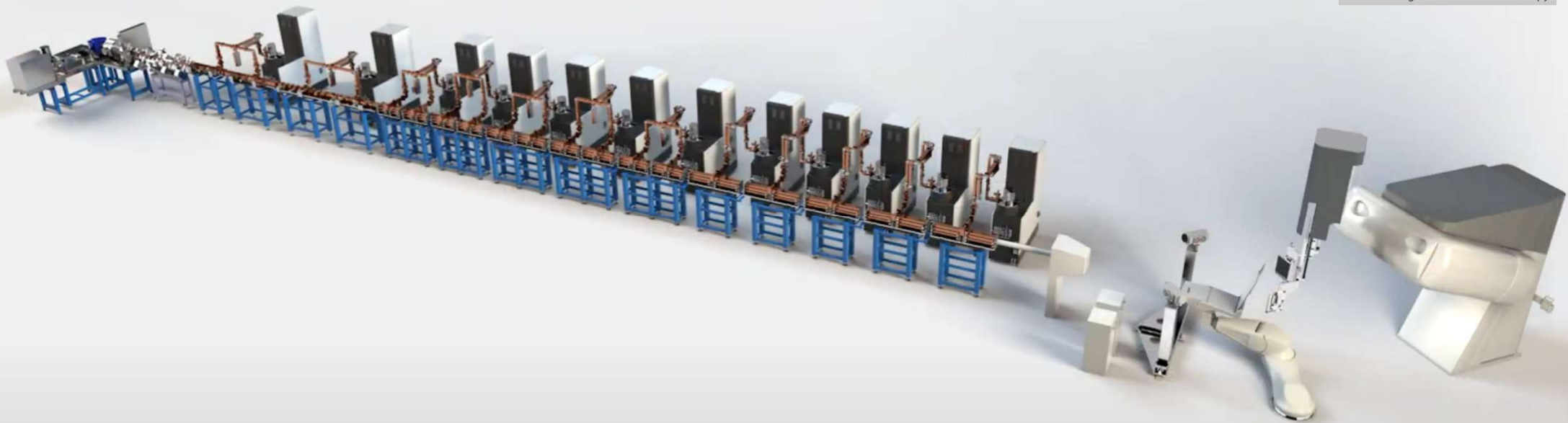


IFAST TW GUN Parts



# EARLY SUPPLIER INVOLVEMENT

- During design phase, involvement of manufacturing partner is vital for shortening time to market
  - Reach system specification as easy as possible
  - Improve production yield and throughput time by Design for Manufacturing
  - Reduce cost
  
- Critical precondition: Speak 'language' of system designer (competence development!)

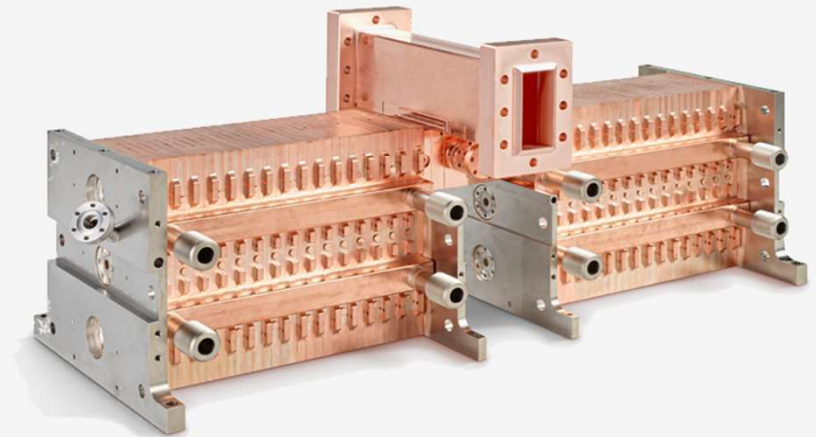


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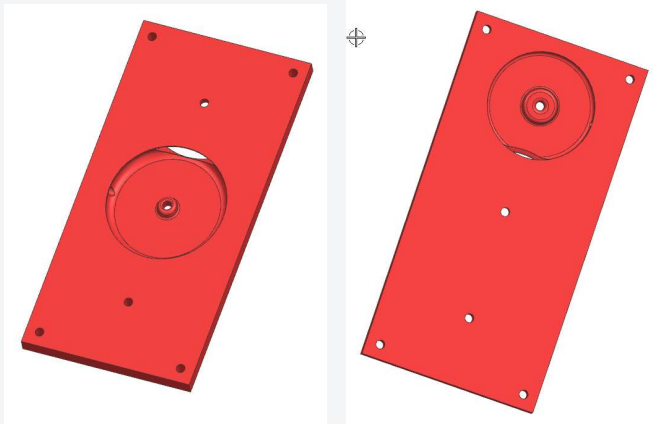
- Manufacturing redesign
- Parts manufacturing
- Assembly and joining (brazing)



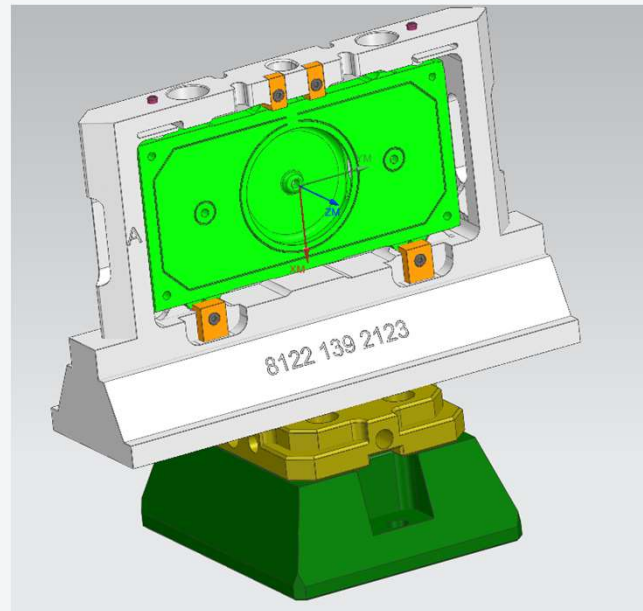
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ADAM AVO – proton therapy

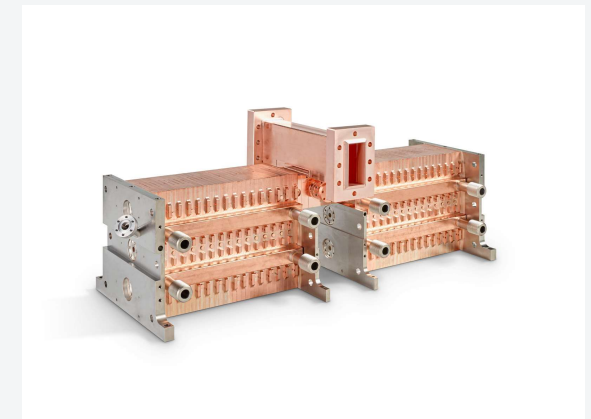
- Make it quicker, easier, cheaper
- Reduce time to market!



Customer input



Design for Manufacturability



Output



# ROADMAP BASED INVESTMENTS

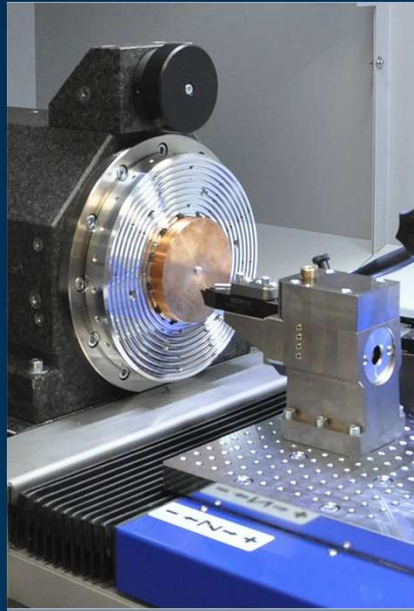
- Prepare for market demand of the future
- Science partners help us understand industry needs 5-10 years from now

# ROADMAP BASED INVESTMENTS

~ 2M € IN ULTRAPRECISION MANUFACTURING



Flycutting



Single Point Diamond  
Turning



Cleaning



Optical measurement

# TAKEAWAY

- Shorter science to market is vital factor of innovation power
- Focus on win – win collaborations with strategical partners to develop competences
  - IFAST (and similar projects) drive these collaborations
- Science: Involve suppliers (industry) early to make use of manufacturing know-how
- Industry: Invest strategically to enable manufacturing demand of the future, as defined by scientific development



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