

# Life-cycle and operability of Particle Accelerators - Part 1/2

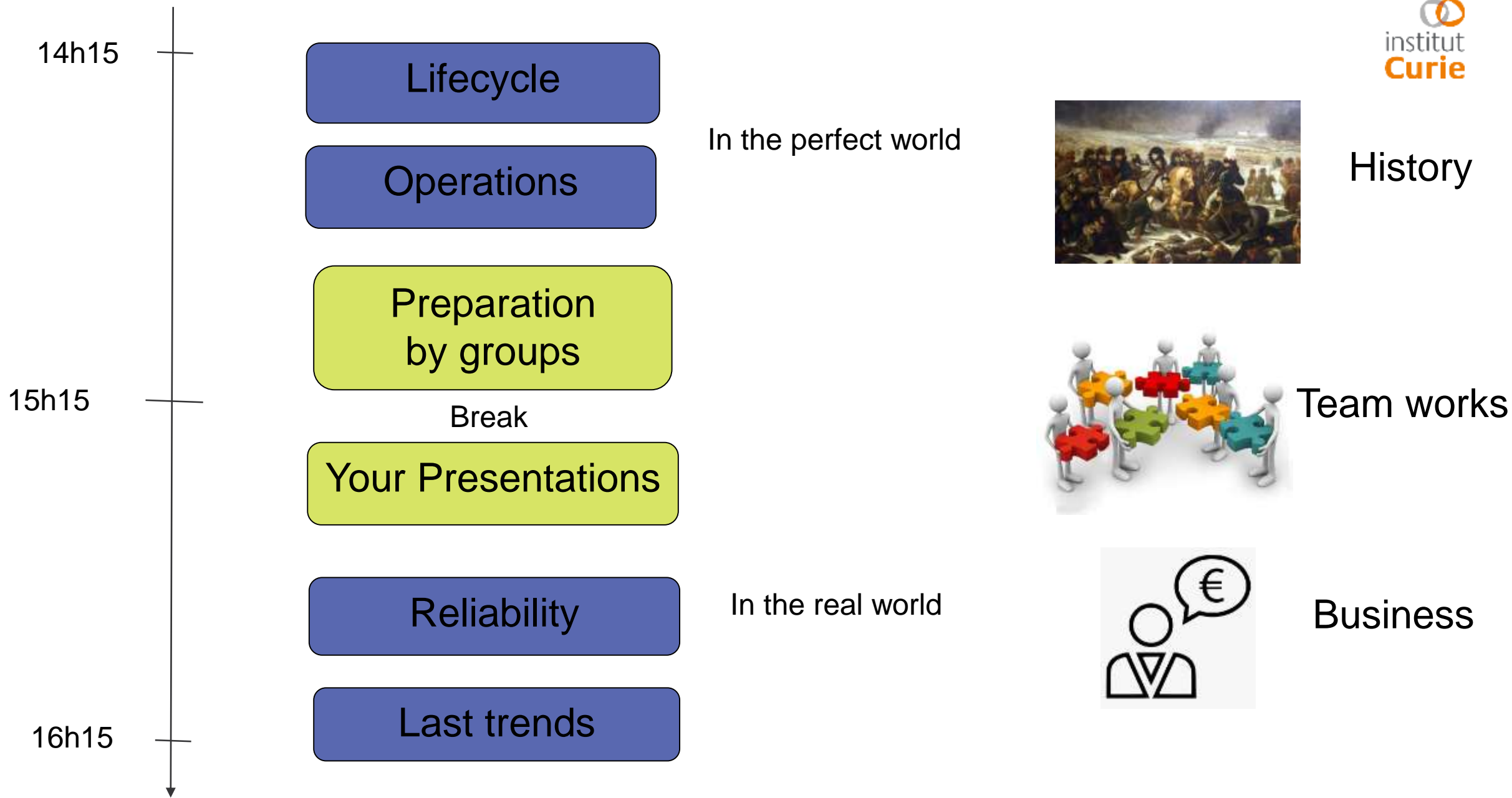
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Accelerator Reliability Workshop

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Academic groups: accelerator, particle therapy, reliability, organizations

# INSTITUT CURIE, THE FRENCH LEADING CANCER CENTER



Created for Marie Curie in **1909**

A non-profit foundation authorized to receive donations and bequests



## 3 missions



Research



Care



Teaching

## 3 entities

- An internationally-renowned **Research Center**
- A state-of-the-art **Hospital Group**
- **A Head Office**

**3,736** employees\* spread over **3 sites**:

- 📍 Paris
- 📍 Saint-Cloud
- 📍 Orsay

# INSTITUT CURIE TODAY

## Leading

European center for breast cancer treatment

French cancer center in terms of number of patients treated

French cancer research center  
**Certified Comprehensive Cancer Center** since 2018 by the OCEI



### 3,736

Employees

**1,225** at the Research Center

**2,219** at the Hospital Group



### 476

PhD students, residents, nursing students



### €436.6 M

in resources

(excluding provisions and dedicated funds)



### 242,000

active donors



### 740

Patents



### 28 start-ups

since 2002,  
**95%** of which are in business 5 years later.

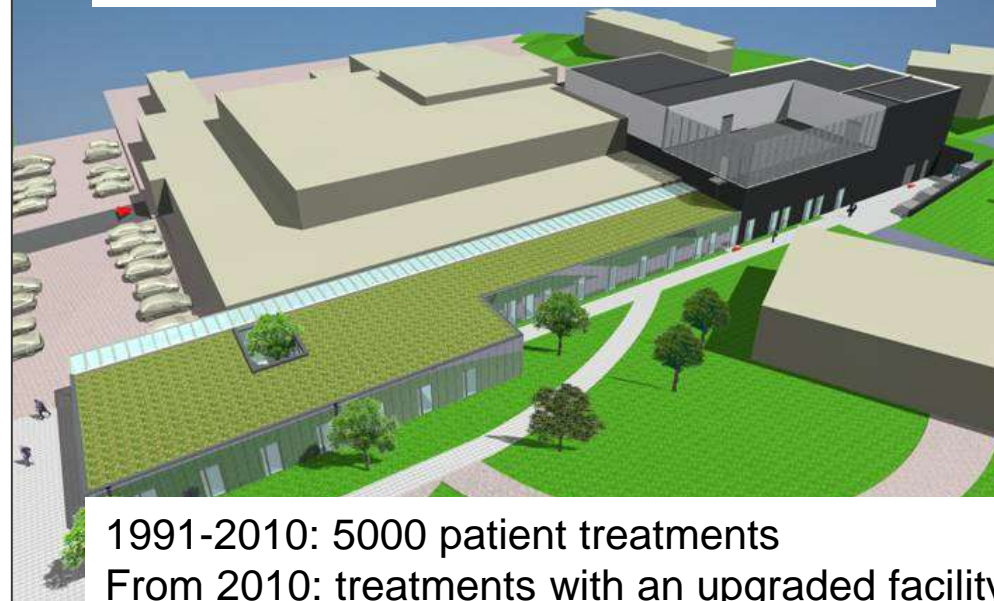


### 89

### contracts

For R&D collaboration with companies signed in 2021 (**x3** compared with 2015)

# Centre de Protonthérapie d'Orsay



1991-2010: 5000 patient treatments  
From 2010: treatments with an upgraded facility  
2025: 50 patients treated per day

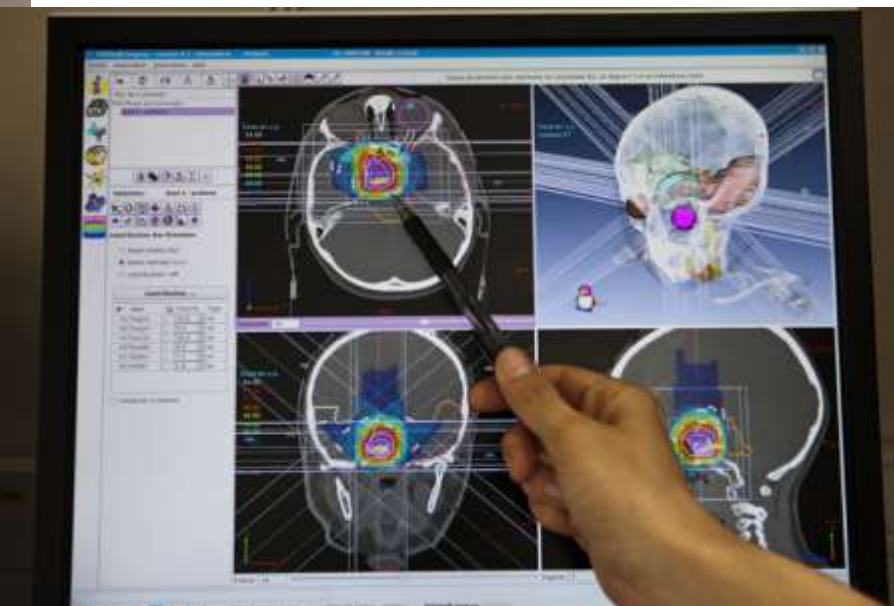


Gantry room





**Cyclotron&Beamlines**



**Robotic & Imaging**



**R&D physics  
&Technology**



**Control room**

YOU ?

# Lifecycle of Particle Accelerators



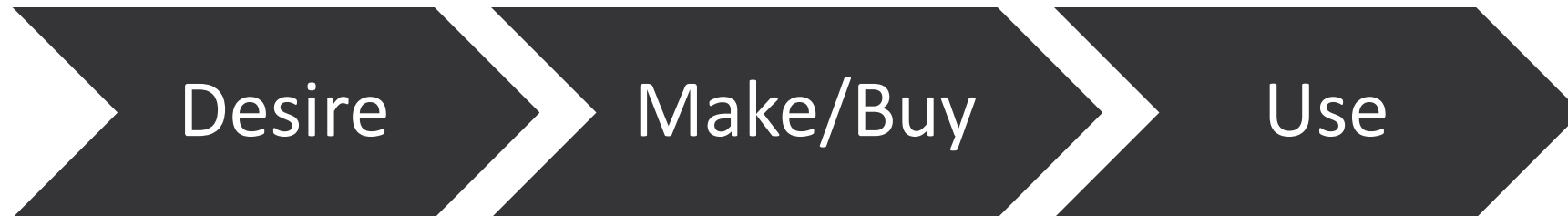
# The typical steps of lifecycle of Accelerators

(one of the possible namings)

- Desire- Need
- Preliminary design
- Detailed design
- Construction-installation
- Tests & Commissioning
- Operations- Maintenances
- Stop



# The typical duration of the stages ?



Desire-need

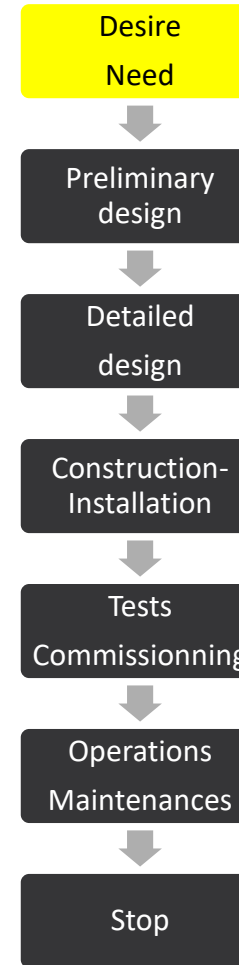


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# Step « desire-need »

Formulate the desires  
Idea-concept-feasibility-willingness

Formulate the needs  
Request, requirement, specifies  
Description of the need



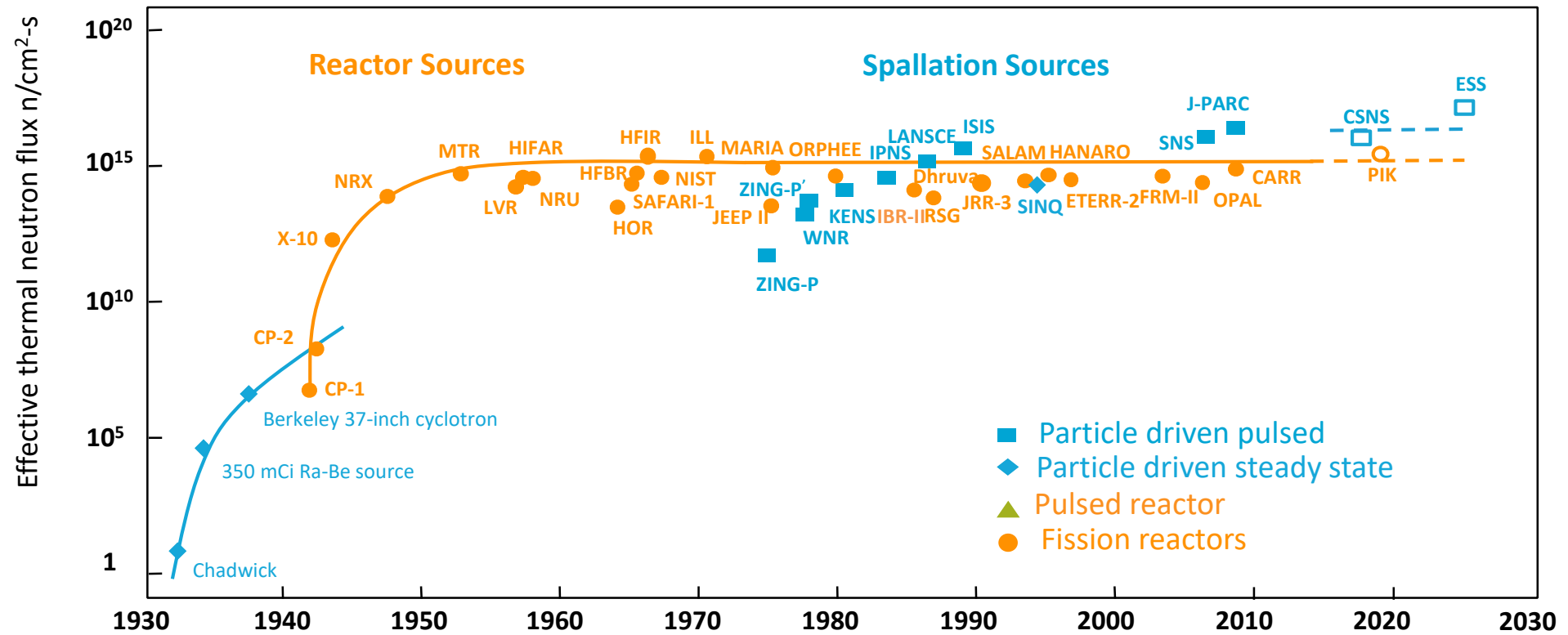
# Desire-Need

Need of an accelerator of - Electrons - 5 MeV - 500 mA (stable +/- 2%)



# ESS- Future Neutrons Source

## Increase flux of neutrons



(Updated from *Neutron Scattering*, K. Skold and D. L. Price, eds., Academic Press, 1986)

Preliminary Design

Detailed Design



# Difference between Preliminary design/ Detailed design

## Preliminary design

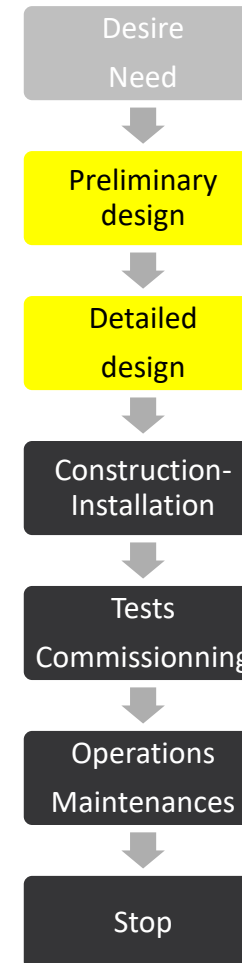
*(CDR: Conceptual Design Report)*

Obtaining the dimensioning data and 1st rough budget

## Detailed design

*(TDR: Technical Design Report)*

All the data required for the construction



# Preliminary design

What we want

What we can

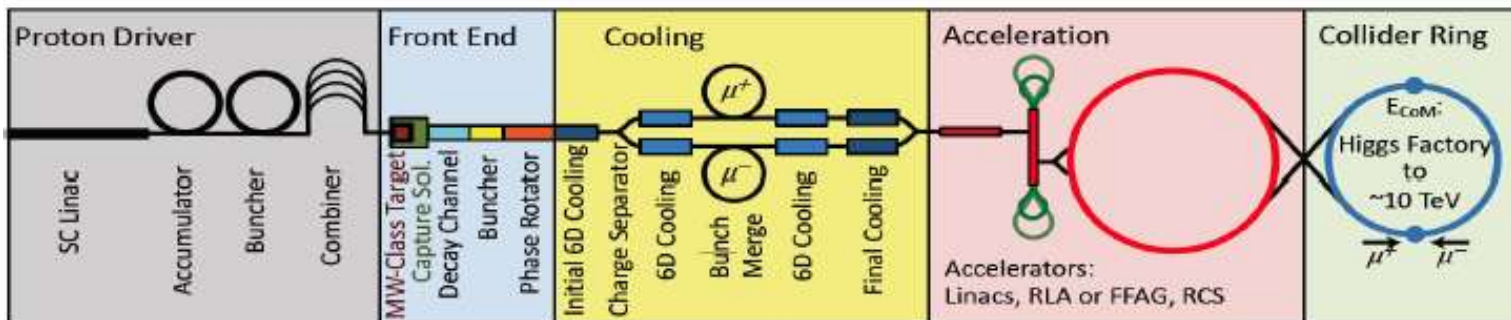
What we know

# On the Muon collider (feasibility studies in process)

## Collider Concept



Fully driven by muon lifetime, otherwise would be easy



Short, intense proton bunch

Ionisation cooling of muon in matter

Acceleration to collision energy

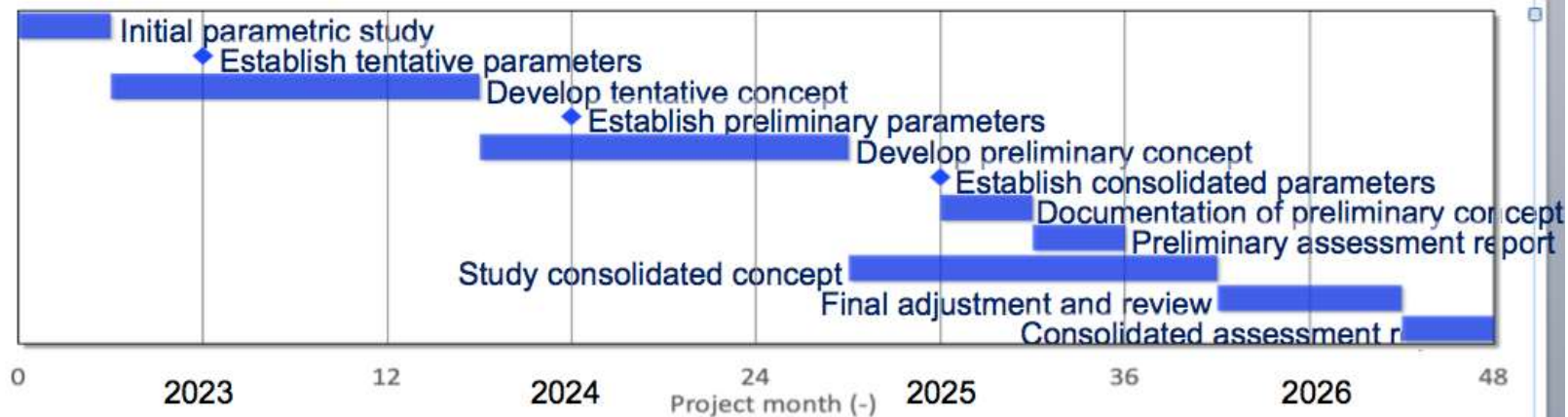
Collision

Protons produce pions which decay into muons  
muons are captured



D. Schulte

Muon Collider, IM



# Example on some challenges to consider

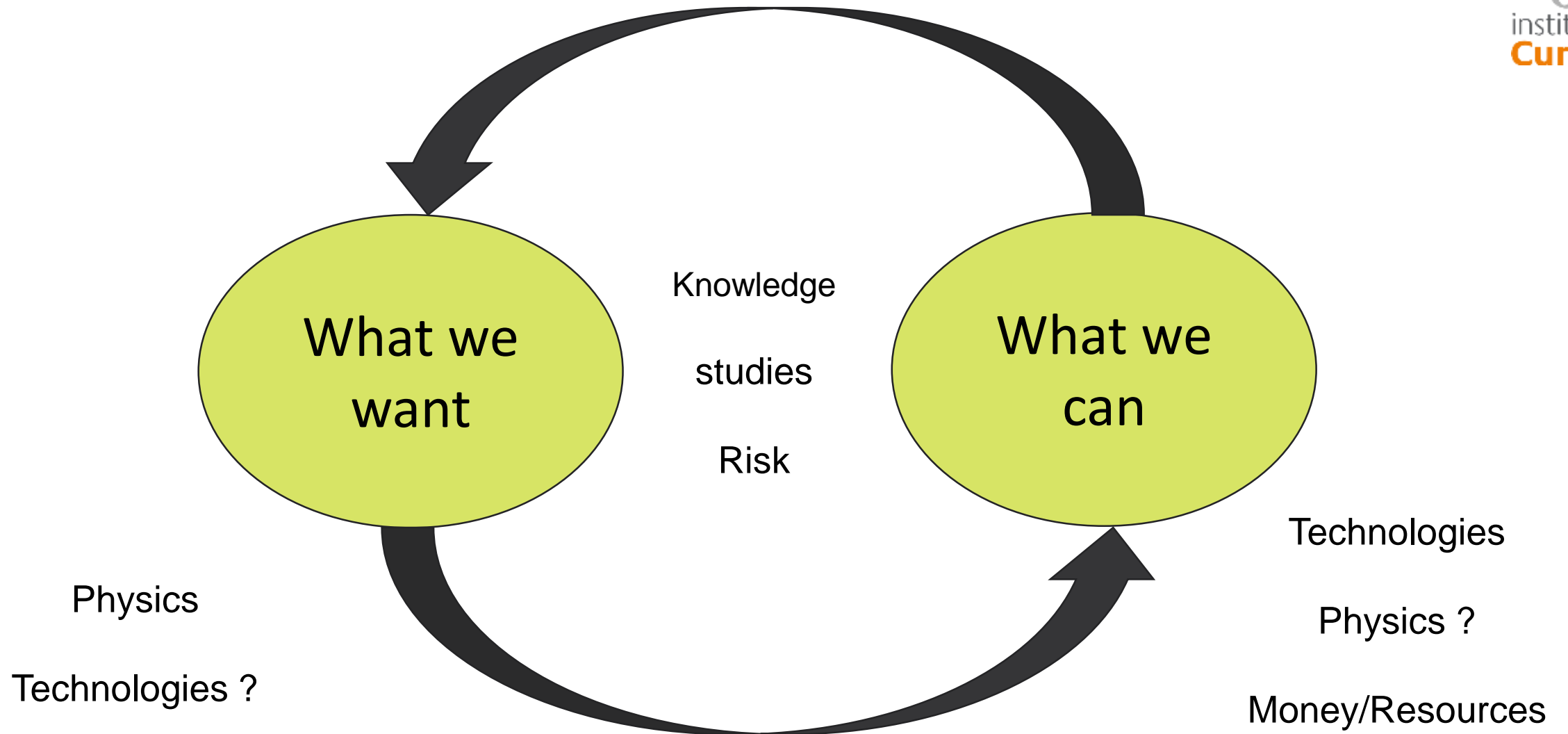


## Different regime compared to conventional RCS

	RCS1	FNAL	J-PARC
Circumference, $2\pi R$ [m]	5990	468	348
Energy factor, $E_{ej}/E_{inj}$	5	20	7.5
Repetition rate, $f_{rep}$ [Hz]	5 (asym.)	15	25
Magnetic ramp	Linearized	Sinus	Sinus
Number of turns	17	42 k	17 k
Max. RF voltage, $V_{RF}$ [MV]	21000	0.86	0.44
Energy gain per turn, $\Delta E$ [MeV]	14800	~0.4	~0.2

→ Significantly **more RF voltage** than any other RCS

→ **Much fewer turns**



## What we know-what we can (internal, external)

Internal: experience, skills (people, teams), methods, ...

External: we can ask to do

(partnership, collaborations, contract with industrials, ...)

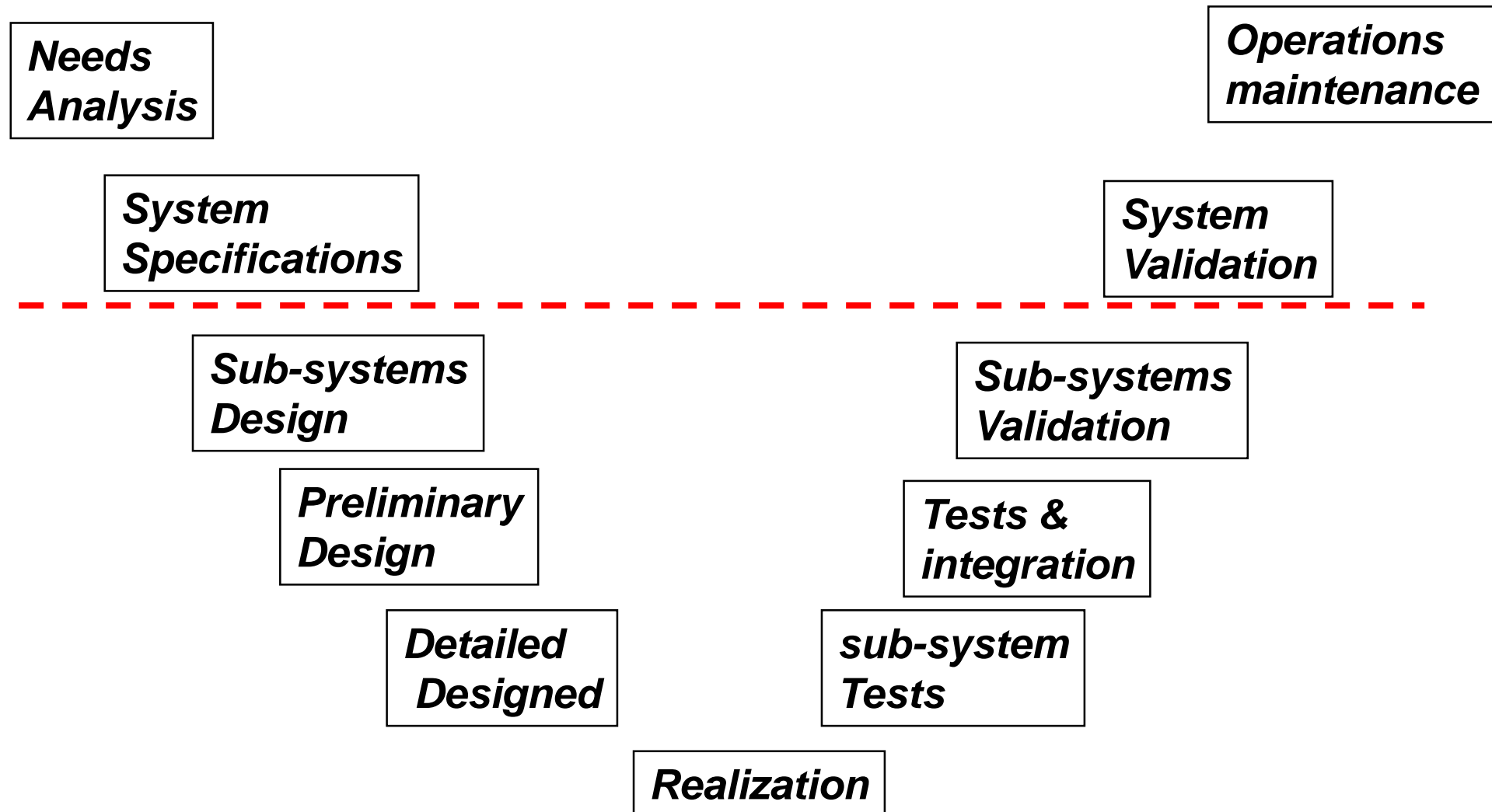


Preliminary Design  
Detailed Design



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# Development – the V cycle



# Construction-installation

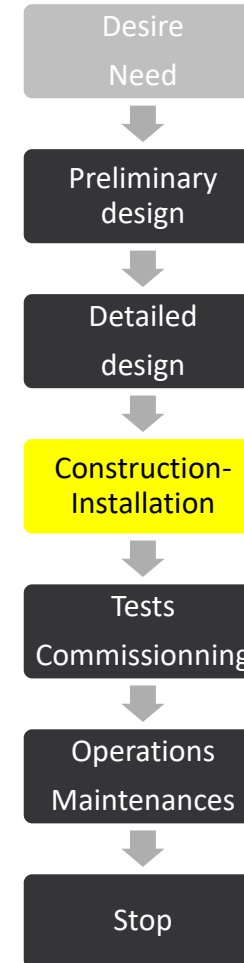


# Construction-Installation

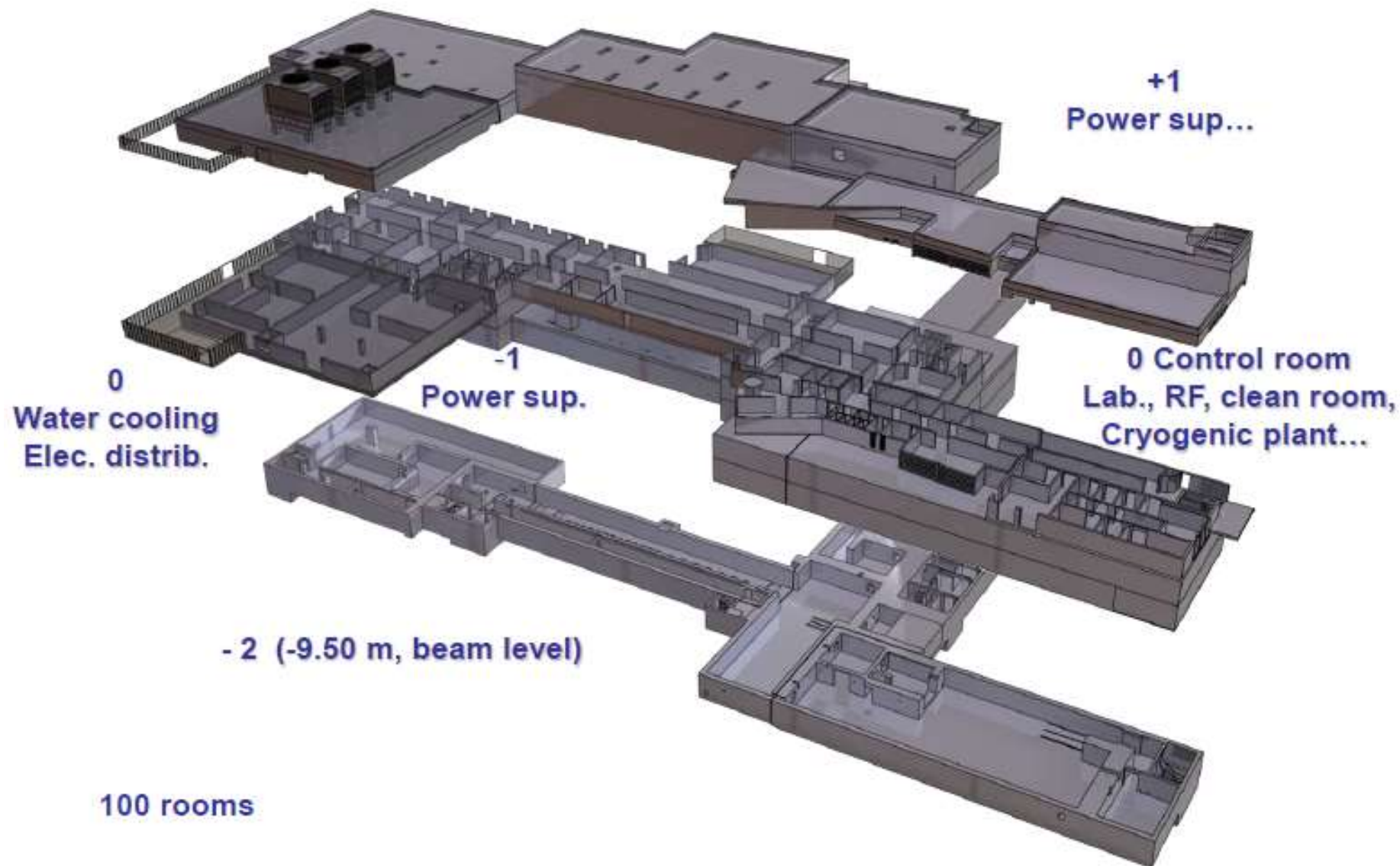
The Building

The Equipment

(the overall: the « facility »)



## Building SPIRAL2 : 4 floors, 100 rooms !



## Building SPIRAL2 ...

Production building / -13.10 m



## Building and infrastructures

Excavation

Génie civil

Ventilation nucléaire

Ventilation conventionnelle

Système de refroidissement (eau)

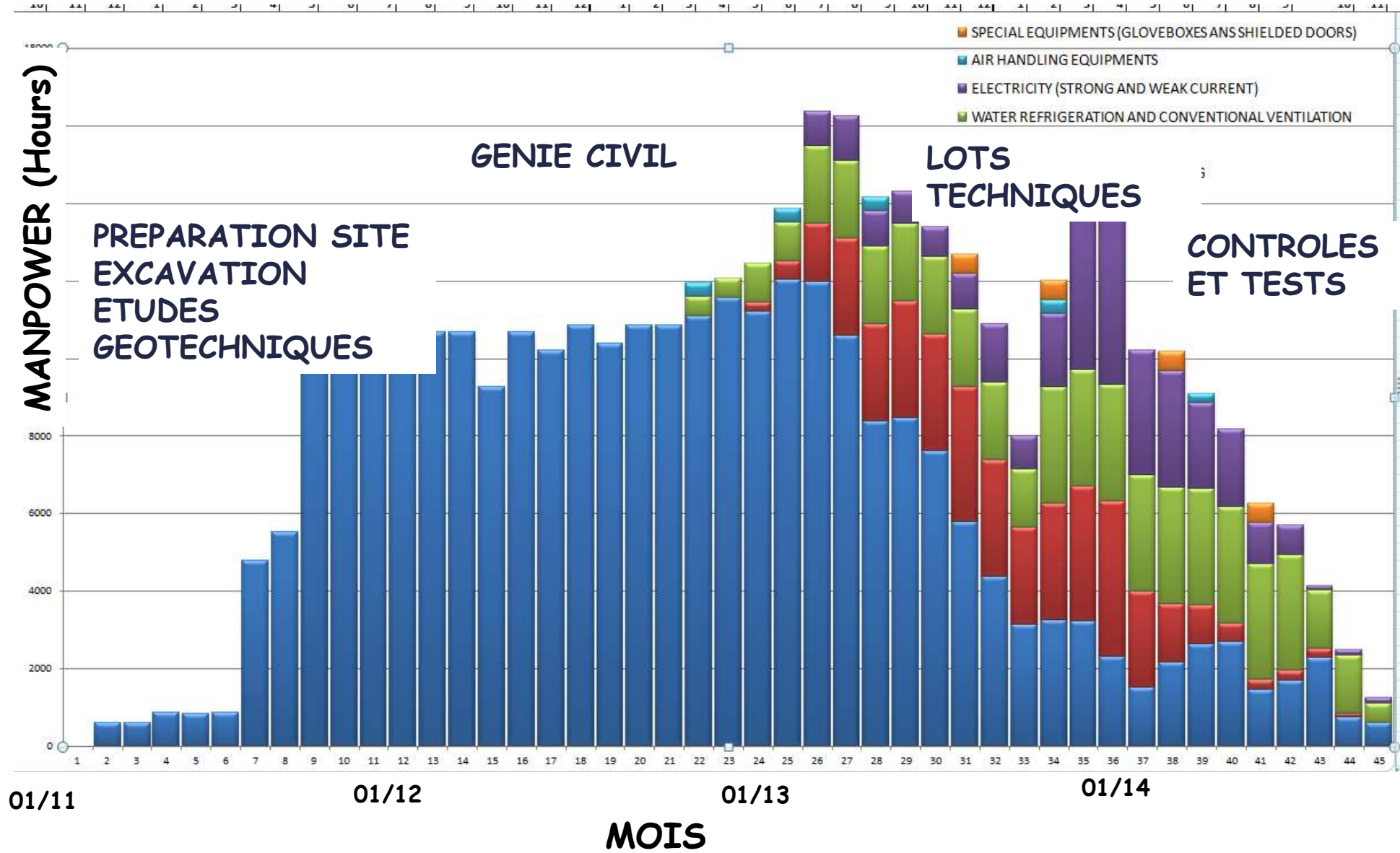
Electricité

Equipements de manutention

Equipements spéciaux

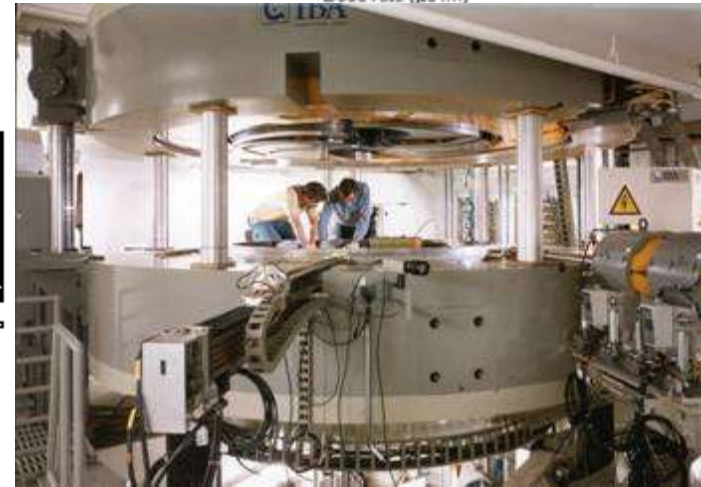
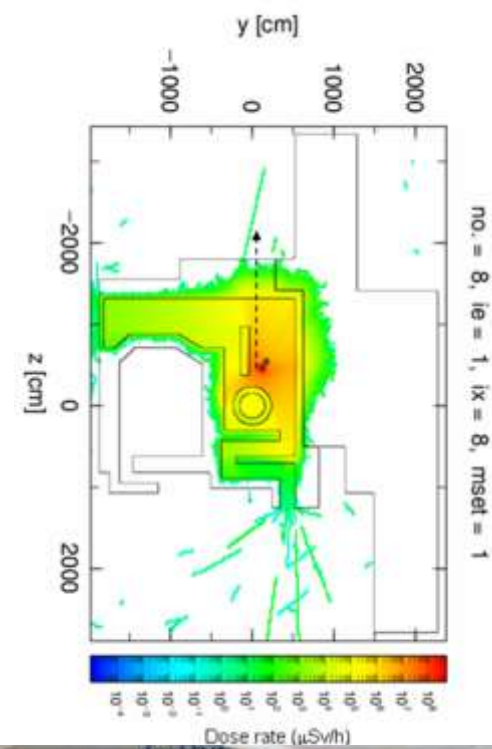
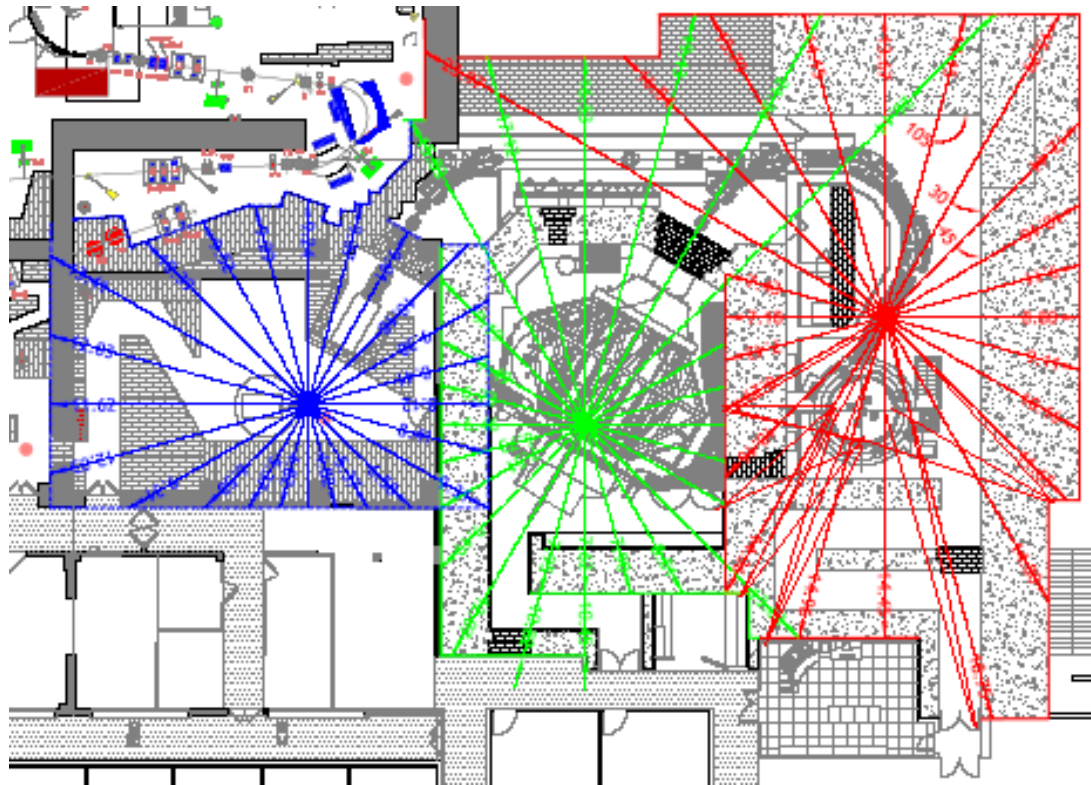


# About building issues for SPIRAL2



## Radiation – protection

- calculation of shieldings
- source points (to provide)
- proof of concept to dismantle





# The building-the infrastructure

- The instrument is the « overall »
- Building first: 1st milestone “Building Occupancy Date”
- Building and ancillaries are specific and complex
- Interfaces, large numbers of areas
- To be designed for users, maintenance, upgrades, ... (for long-term)
- Cost = 30%to 50% of the total cost

# Construction-Installation

## The Equipment

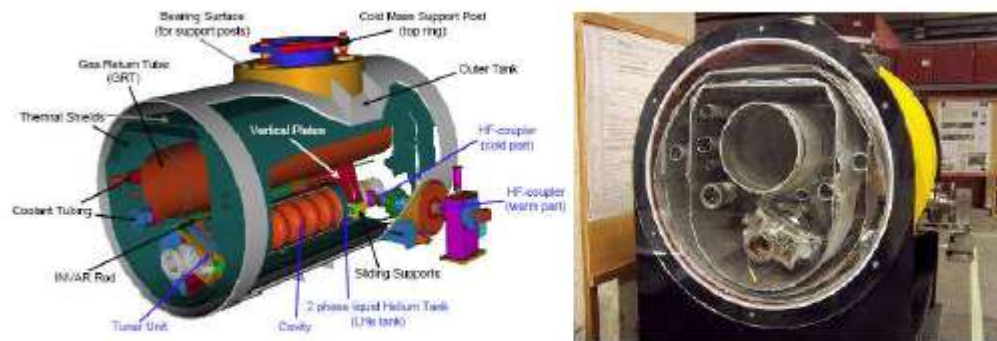
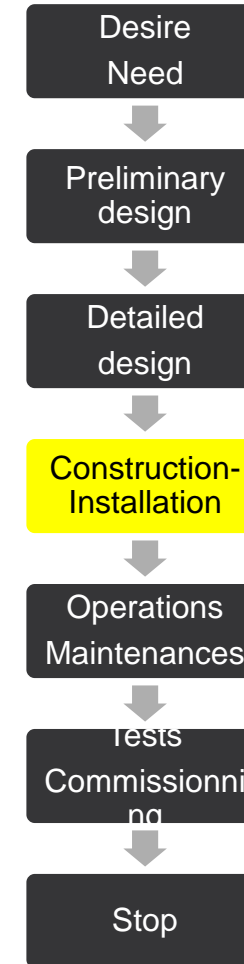






Figure 6-1: Cut-away diagram of an XFEL vacuum vessel.

Example of the cryo-modules X-Fel





   	<b>Technical Specification for XFEL Cryomodule Assembly</b>	REFERENCE : CEA-XFEL-TS-00001-01
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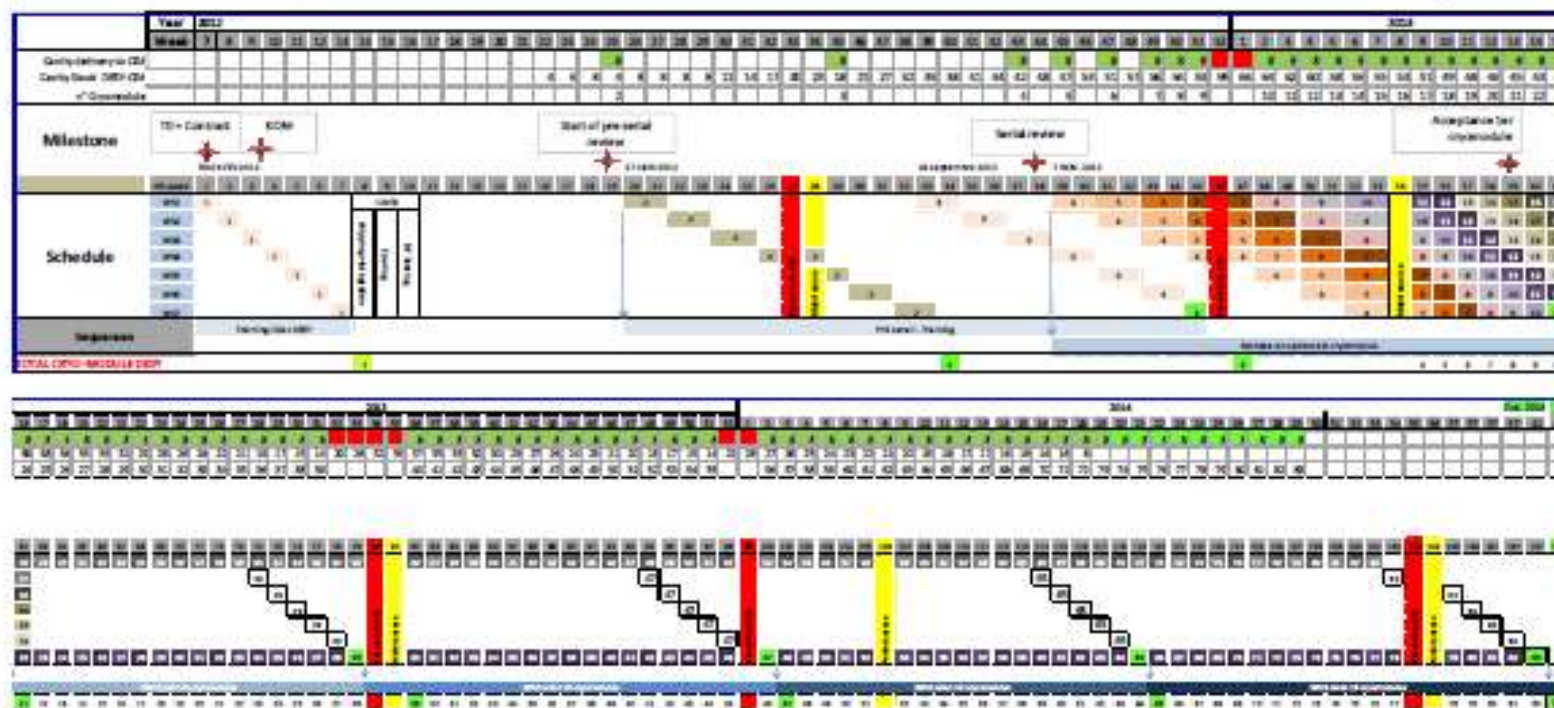
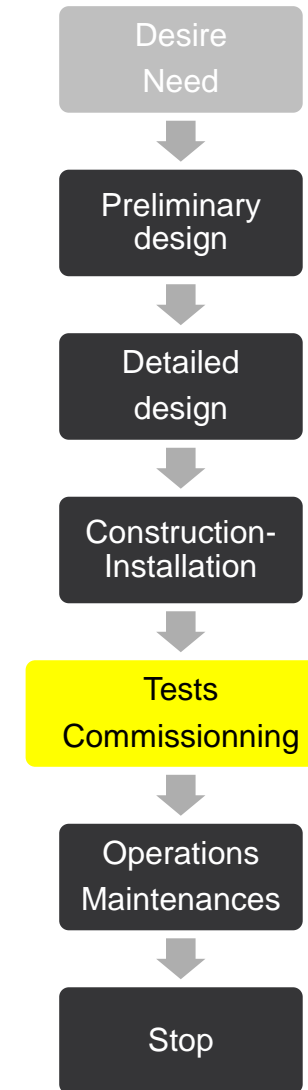


Figure 12-1 : schedule of the assembly according with the availability of cavity.

# Tests and Commissioning

Tests, Tests, Tests, ...

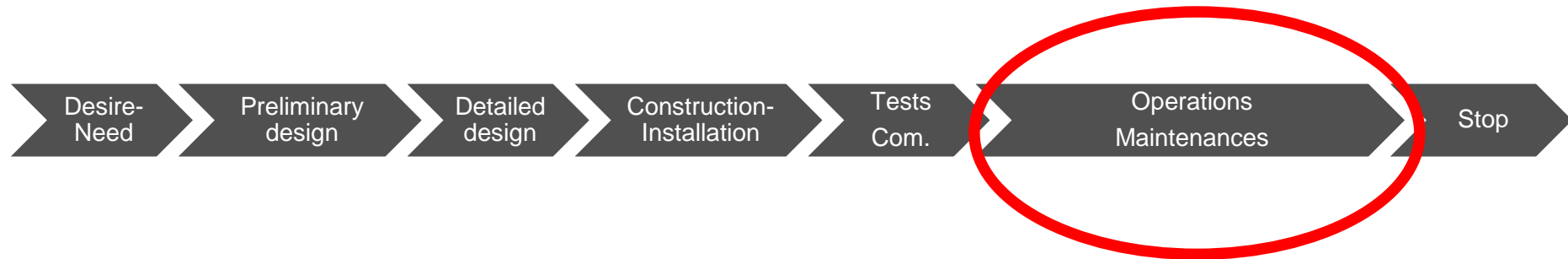
The commissioning: « The process during which components and systems, after construction, are made operational and verified to be in accordance with design assumptions and performance criteria”.



# Commissioning paper of JPARC Annex 1: titles + summary

5 minutes of (fast) reading

# Then you are in « operations »



Operations



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# Operations ?

Operations management is an area of management concerned with **designing and controlling** the process of **production and redesigning** business operations in the production of **goods or services**



Production



Military operations

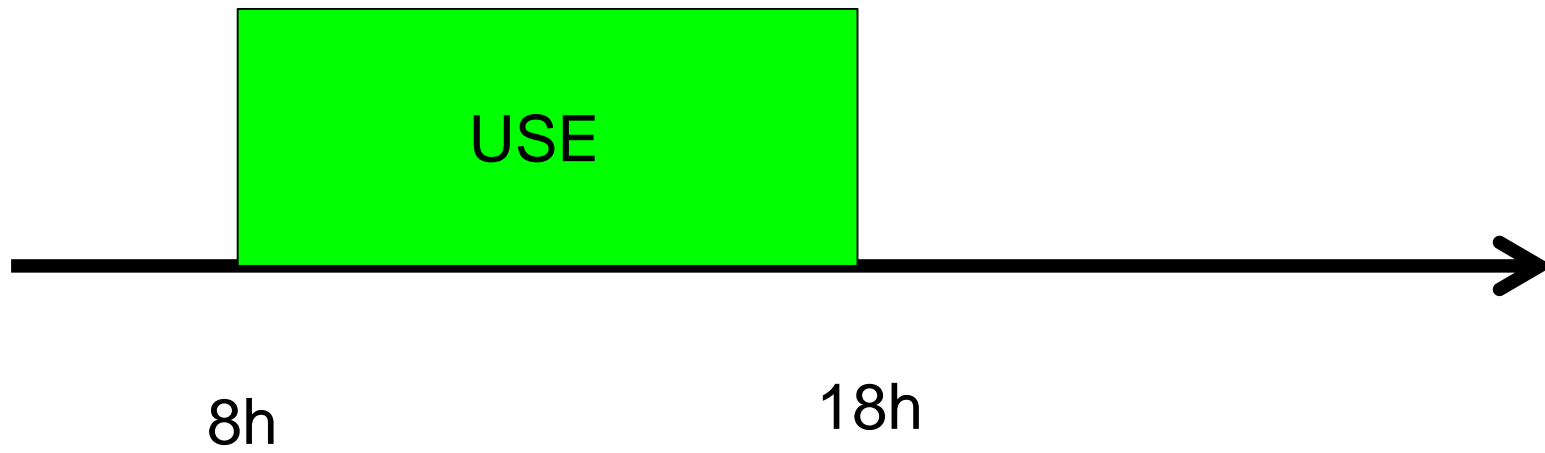


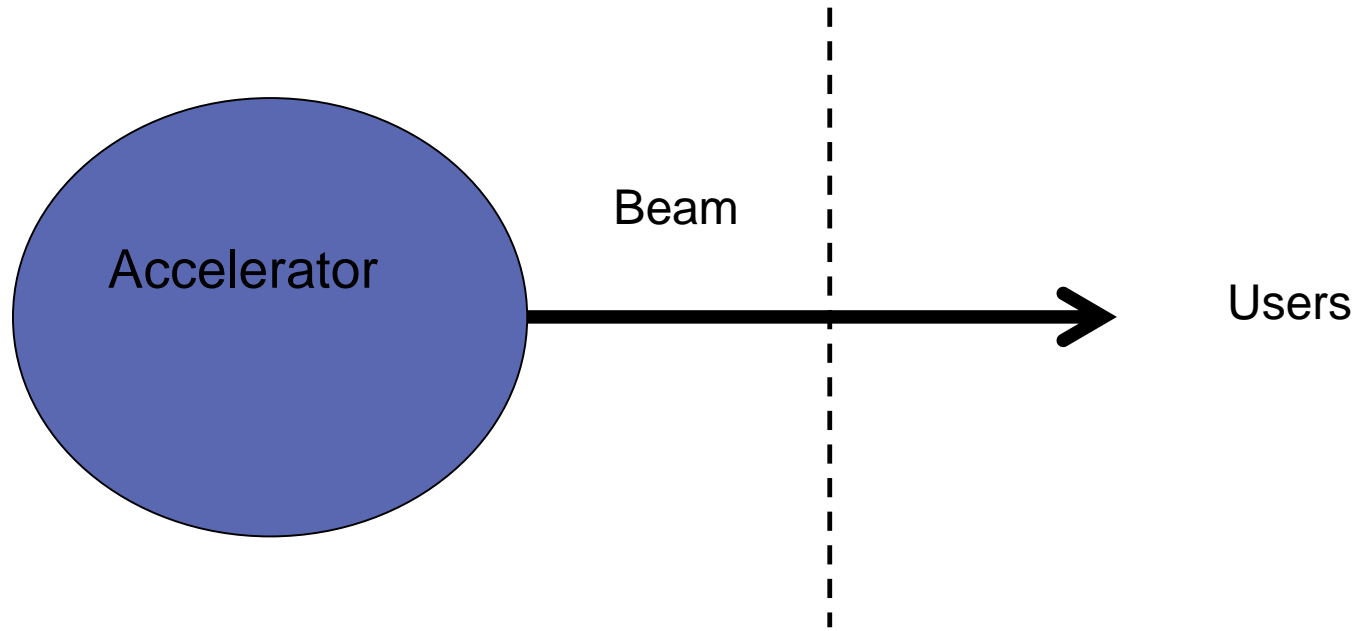
Amazon robots



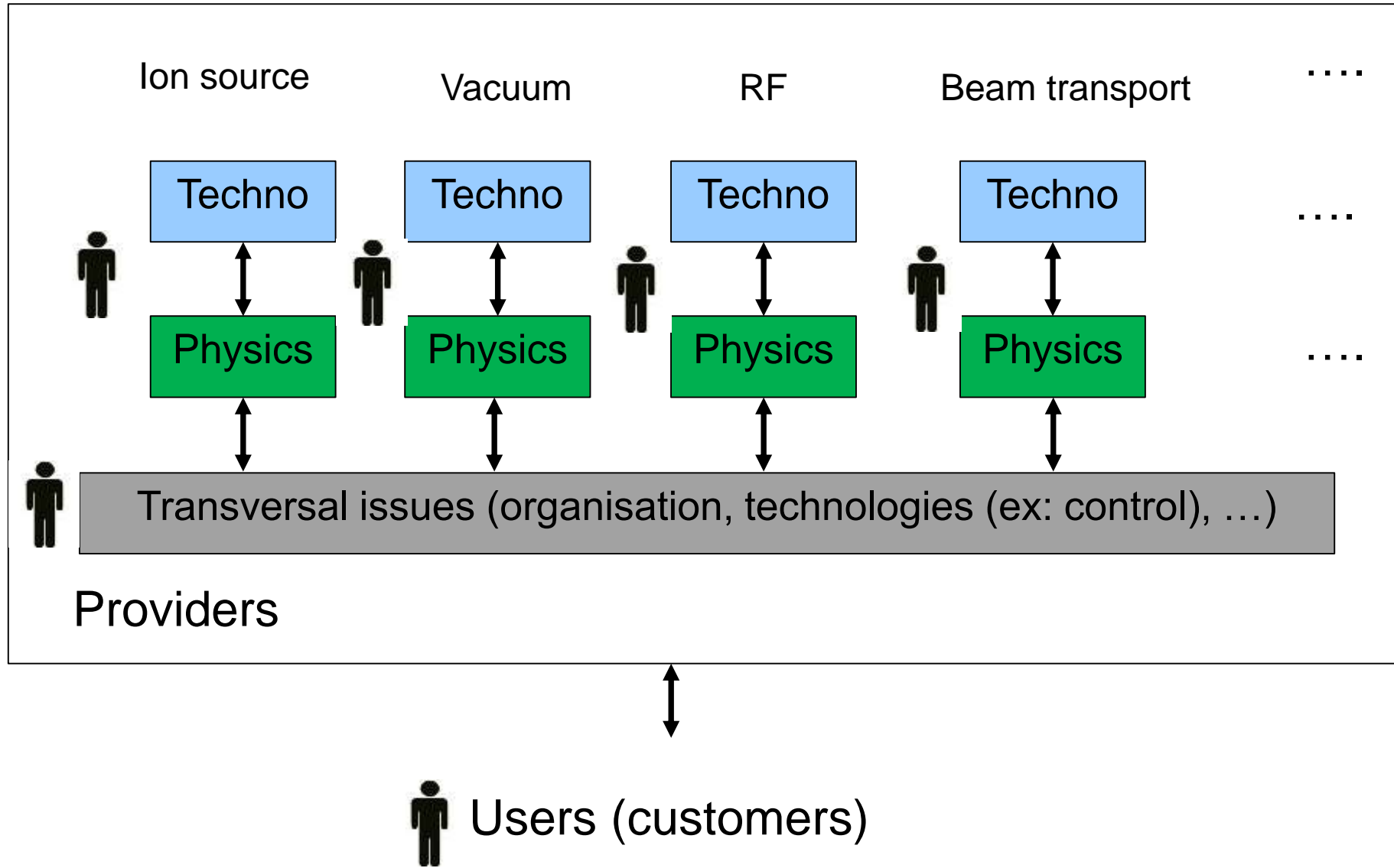
# Control room (ex: PSI): the main place to operate

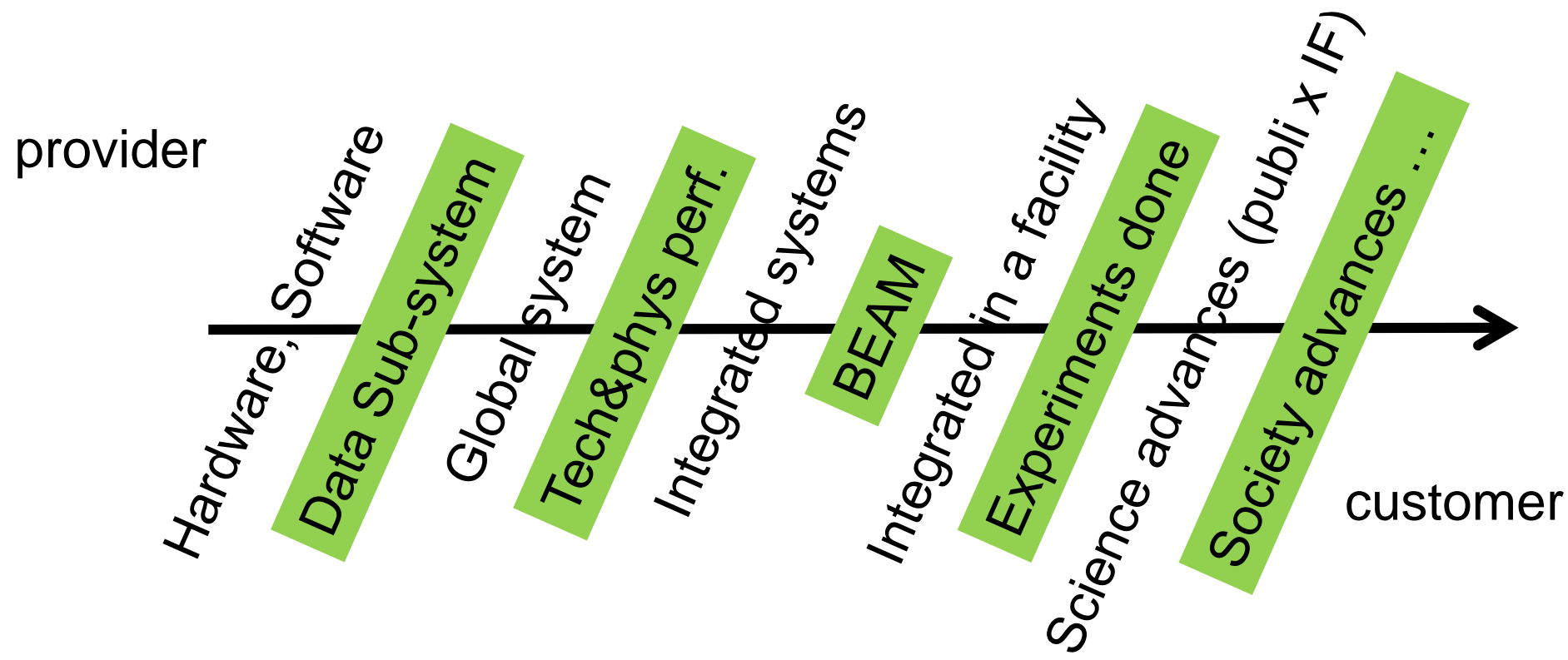






# Different kinds of users





provider

Hardware, Software  
Data Sub-system

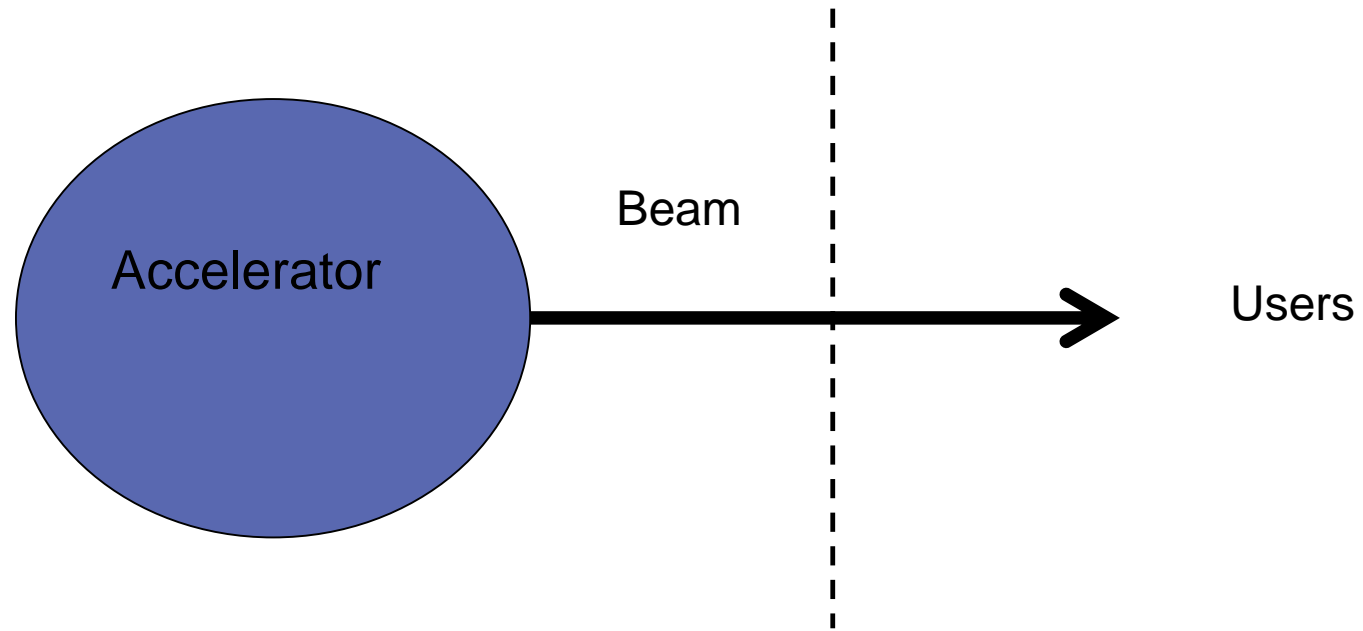
Global system  
Tech&phys perf.

Integrated systems  
BEAM

Integrated in a facility  
Experiments done

Science advances (publi x IF)  
Society advances ...

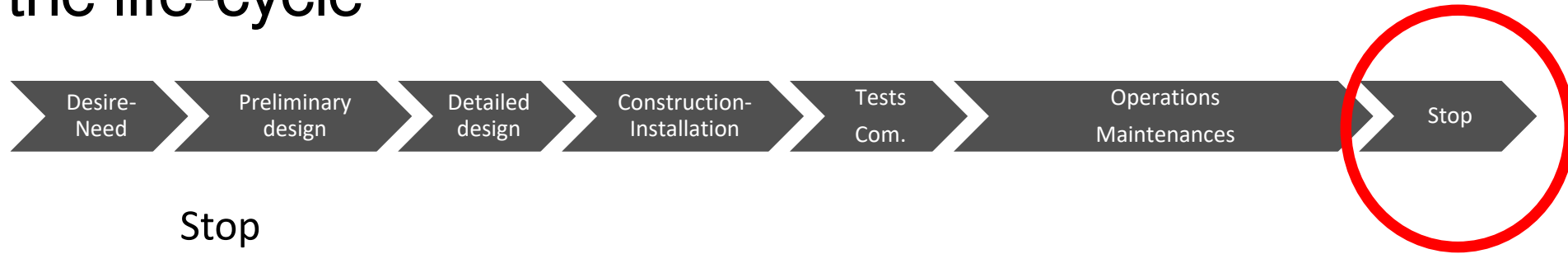
customer



What is the **product (service)** delivered ?

What is the expected **quality** defined ?

# End of the life-cycle



Consignate

Lock-out all the networks and clearances

“Decommissioning” and or “Dismantling”

The process by which the facility is permanently taken out of operation at the end of the plant lifecycle with adequate regard for the health and safety of workers and the public, and protection of the environment.

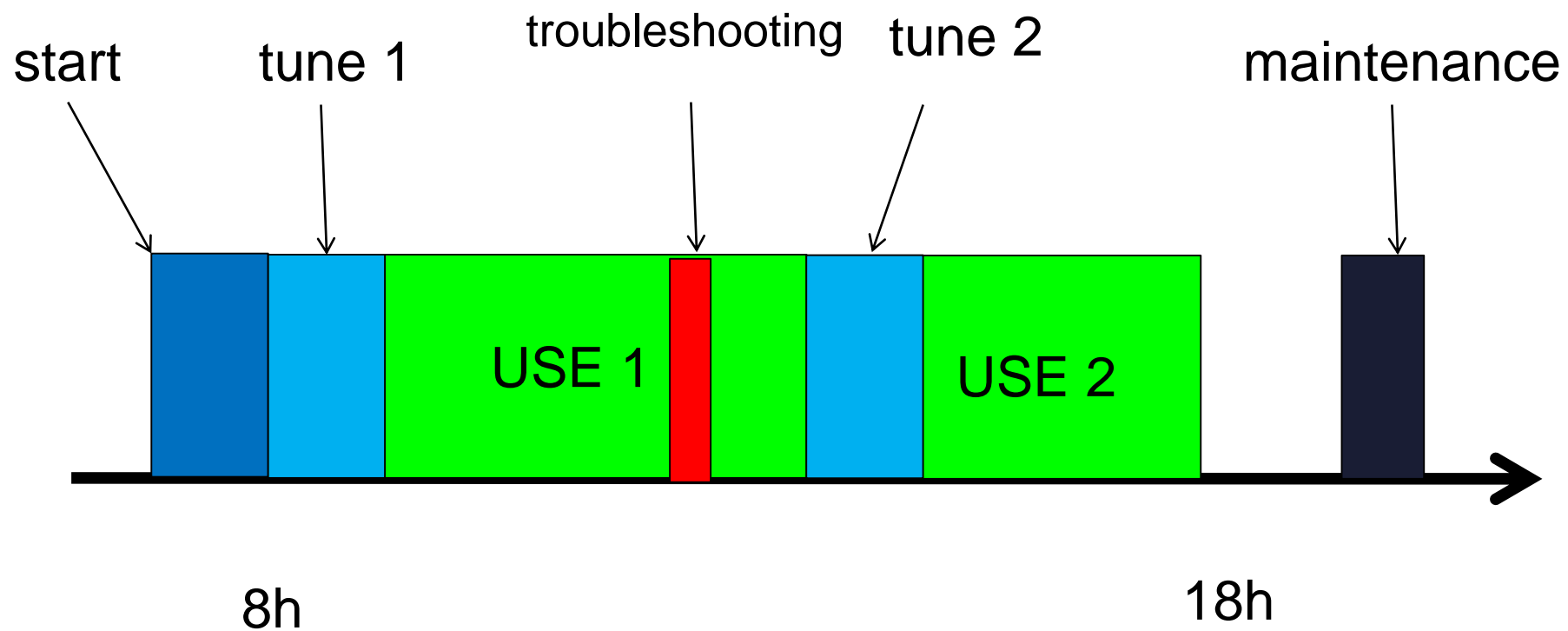


# Why dismantling is difficult ?

- It's complex (technics & physics & regulations) % measurement % simulations
- It's expensive (without benefits)
- All the knowledge of the history of the facility is required
- The target is to leave ... nothing

POLL # 1

# In the real world



Collective exercise (and challenge !)



The logo for the Accelerator Reliability Workshop 2024. It features the text "ARW" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font, followed by a stylized blue icon of an accelerator or particle detector, and then "2024" in the same font. Below this, the full name "Accelerator Reliability Workshop" is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a light beige background with a subtle image of people.

**Panel organized by Benjamin TODD - CERN**

1. Choose the person/facility that you find the more « interesting » (5 min. max)  
position your name on the google sheet
  
2. In each group you prepare a short presentation of 3 minutes max (15 min)
  - About the facility and the physics done
  - What are the challenges to obtain high availability
  - What do you find interesting-relevant in the person
  
3. Then 3 persons from each group will present (3 minutes max/group)

And we will vote for the best presentation