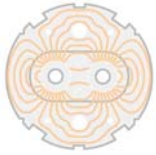
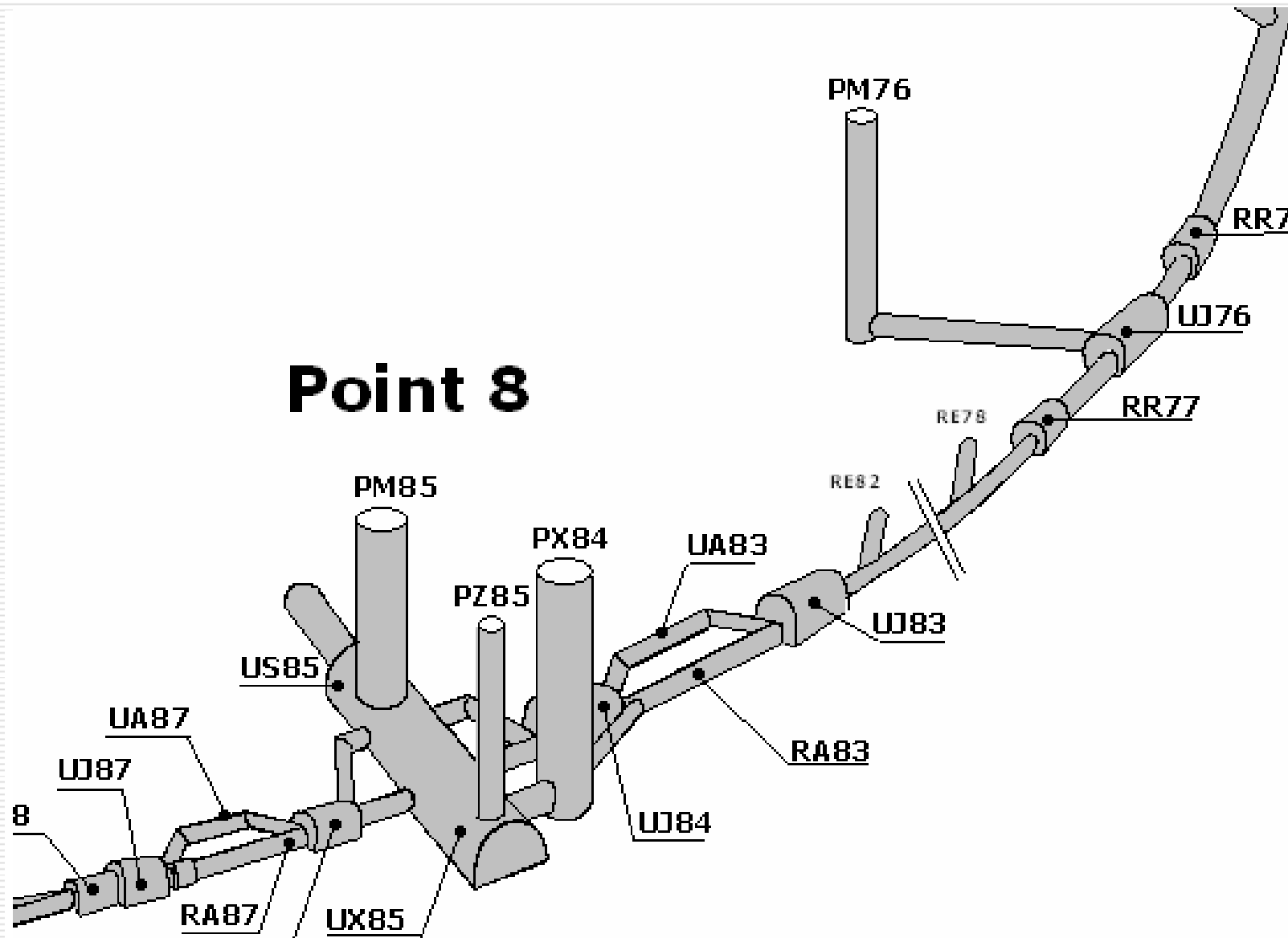

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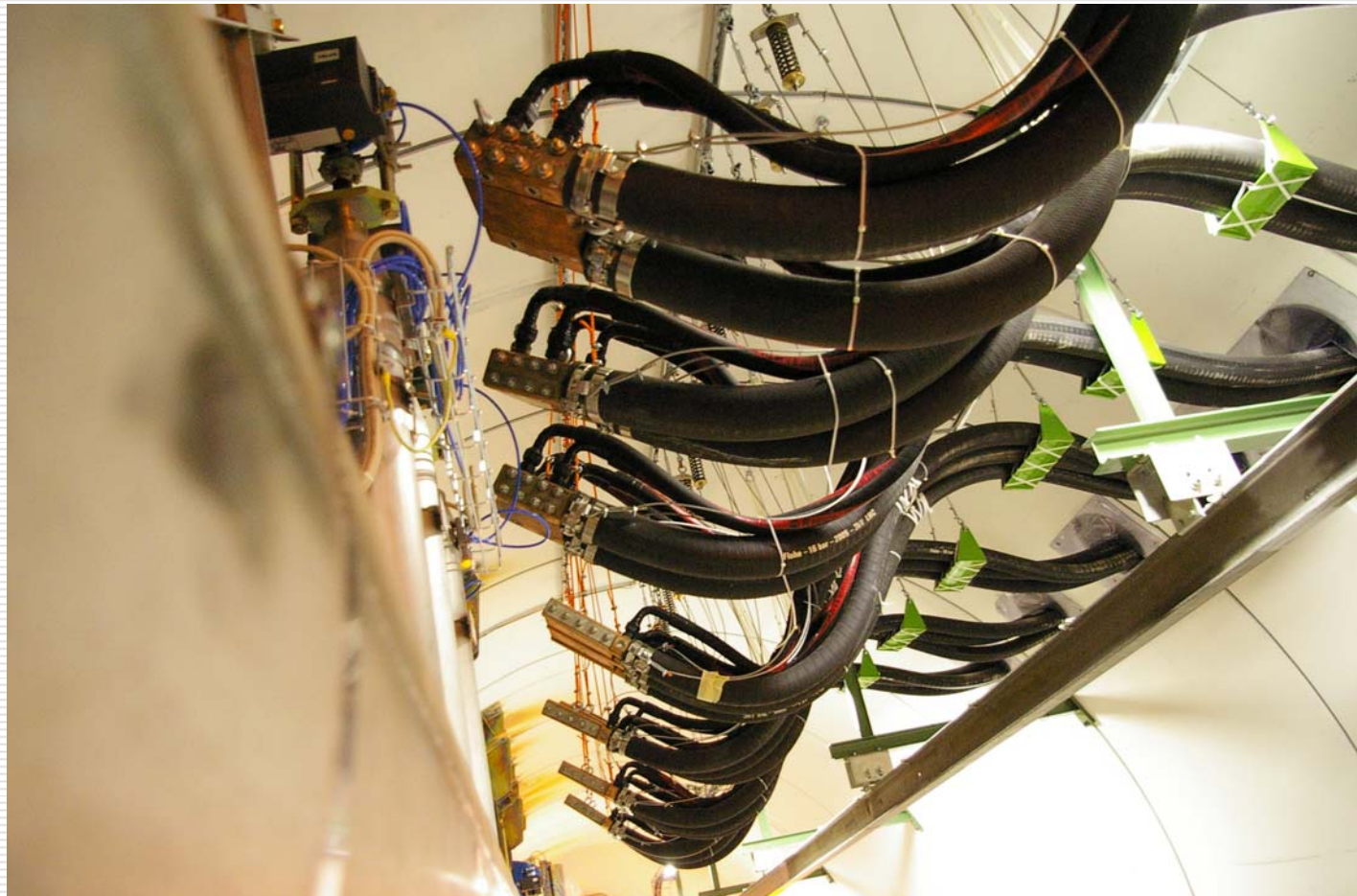
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Commissioning of a SC Circuit

1. Individual System Tests
2. Short-Circuit Tests





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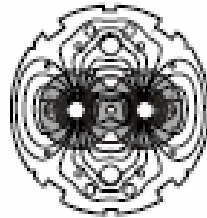
1. Individual System Tests
2. Short-Circuit Tests
3. Software Control Tests
 - Control software (Sequencer) debugging
 - PIC – Power converter – QPS Communication
 - Post-Mortem data transmission and analysis
 - Study of parallelisms and interferences between tests
 - Validation of the estimated testing times



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Hardware Commissioning Procedure

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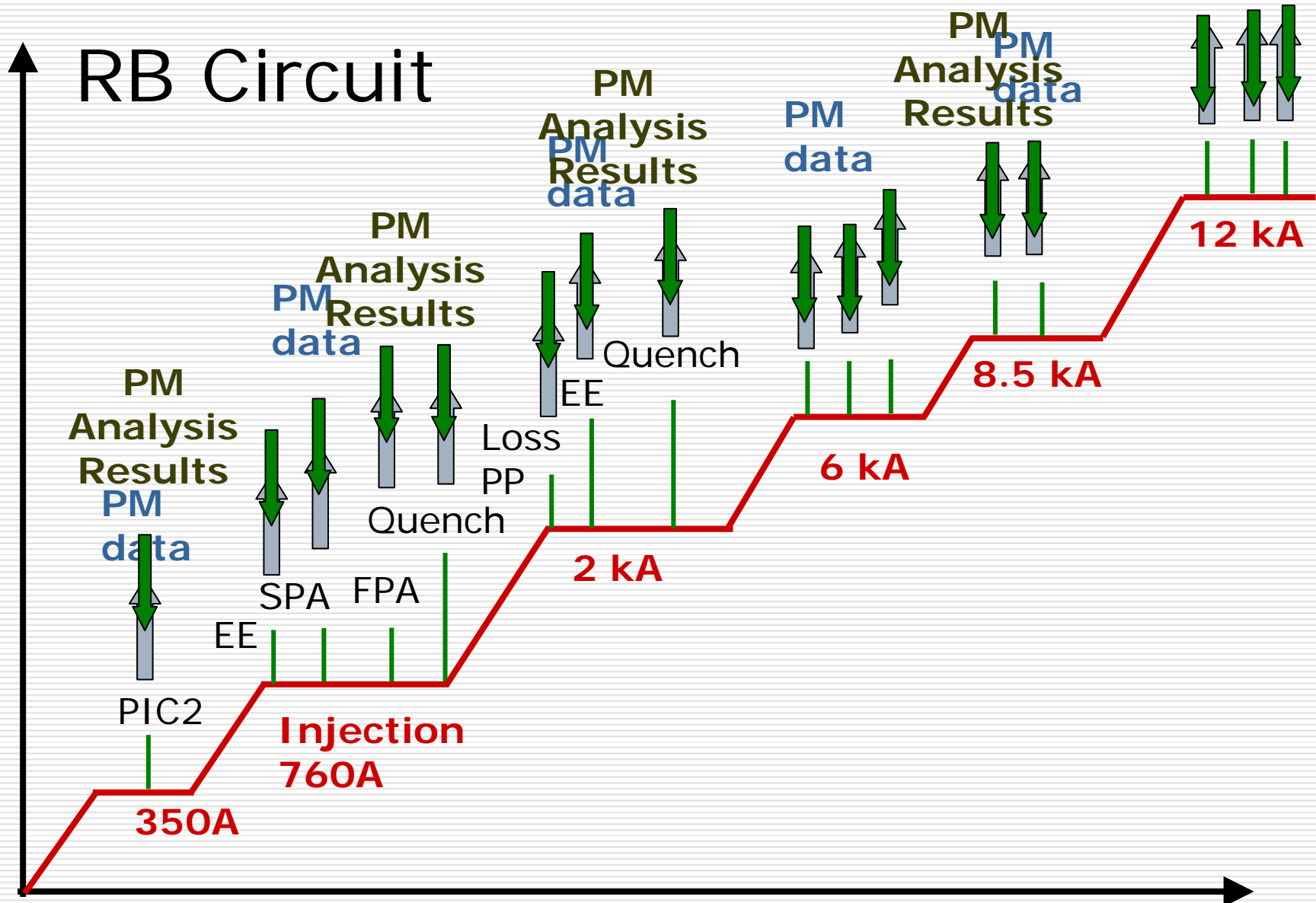
POWERING OF THE SUPERCONDUCTING CIRCUITS OF A SECTOR UP TO NOMINAL CURRENT

Abstract

This document describes the sequence of the steps which lead to the powering of the superconducting circuits of a sector to nominal current. It covers the phases after the electrical connection of the power cables to the current leads up to the powering in unison of all the circuits of a sector to nominal current.



Single Circuit Powering Test





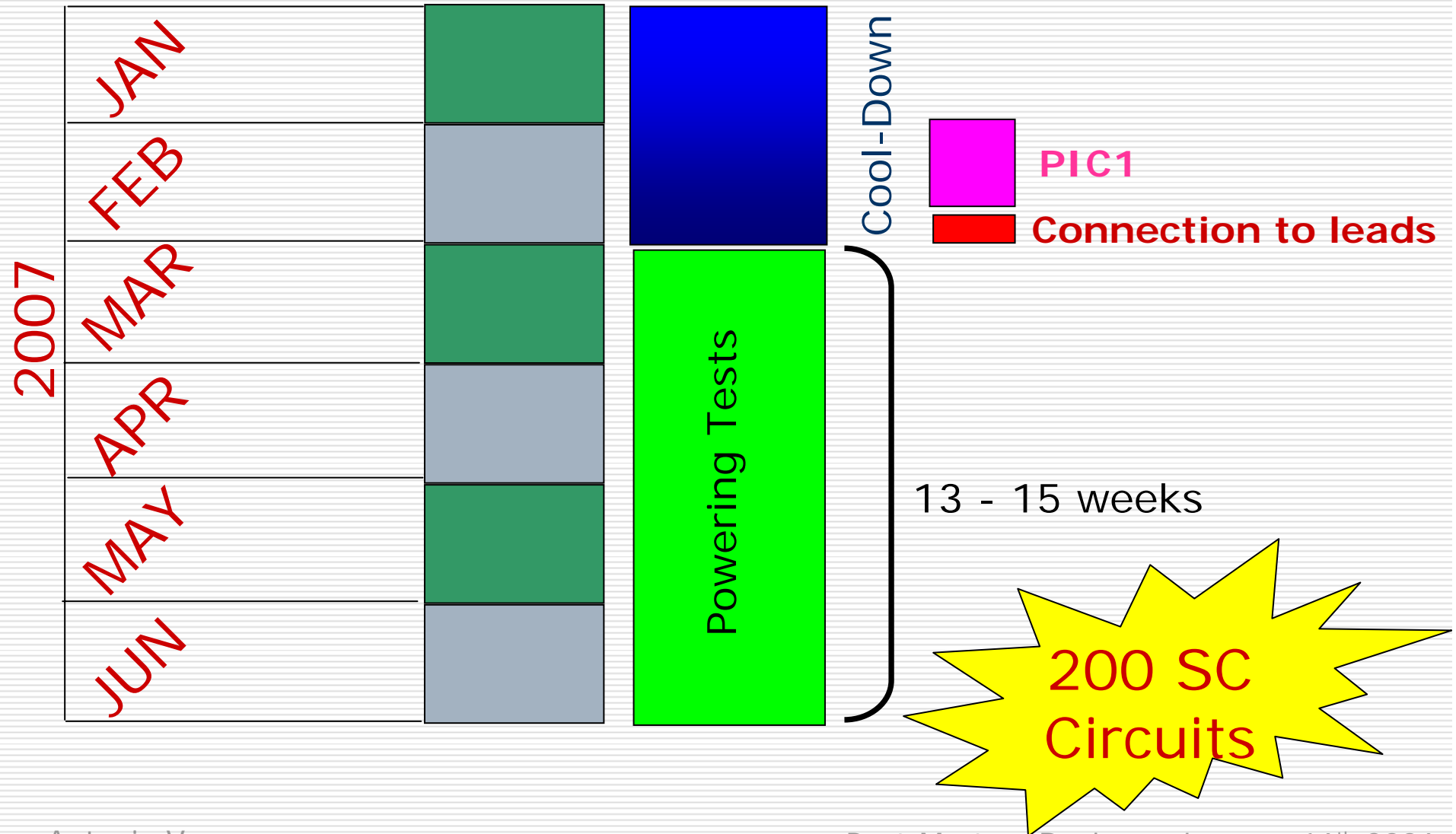
Circuit Types and Circuit Tests

		PIC2	PCS	PL1							PL2						PL3				PL4		PNO							PSQ	PAC
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	4	1	2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
13kA Main																															
IP Q&D																															
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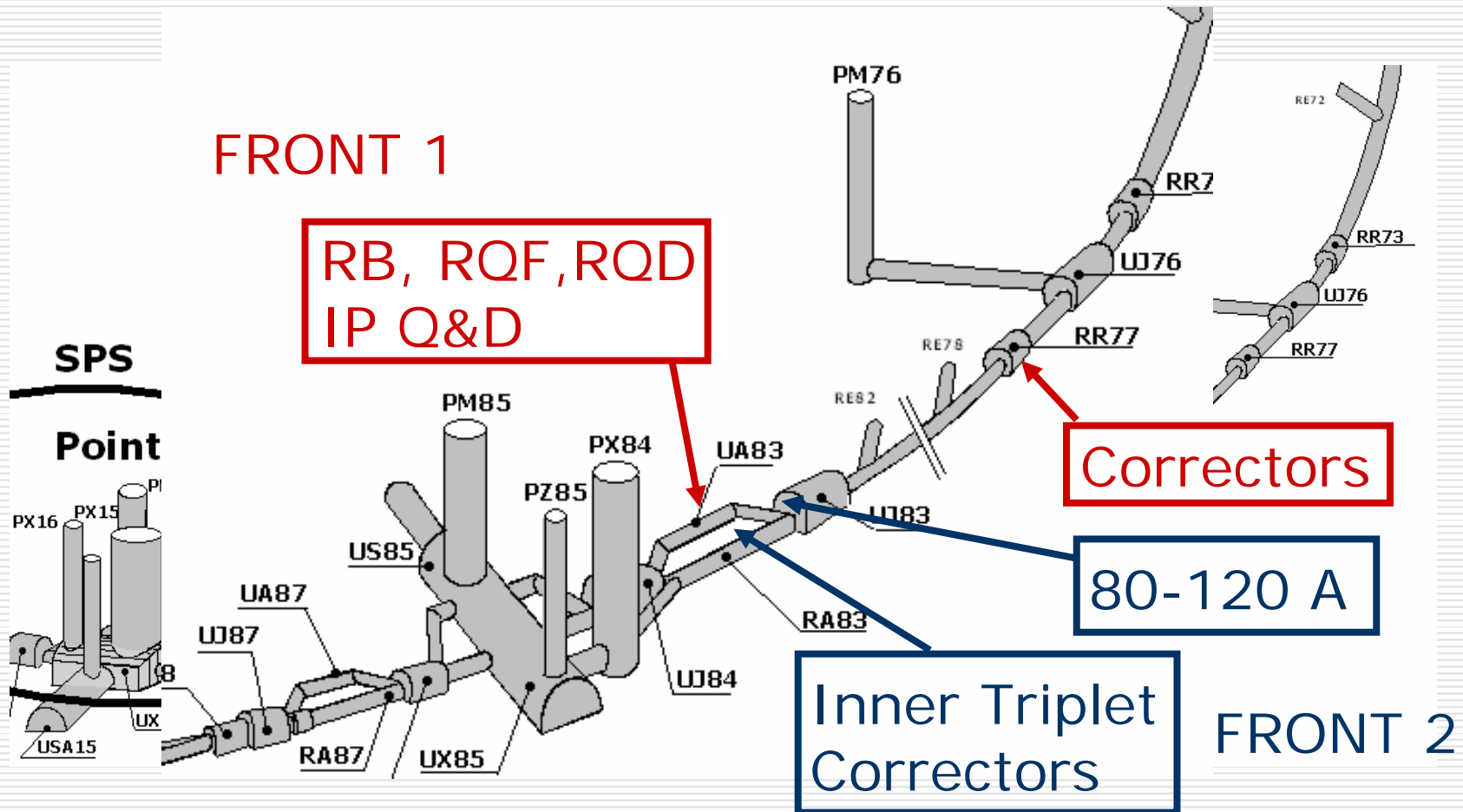
The Commissioning Scenario: Schedule

SECTOR 7-8





The Commissioning Scenario





Parallelisms and Constraints

- The 3 types of parallelisms:
 - Parallelisms between sectors
 - Parallelisms between fronts
 - Parallelisms between circuits – SOC

SOC: Set Of Circuits.
Battery of circuits
commissioned in parallel
by the same front



- The 3 types of parallelisms:
 - Parallelisms between sectors
 - Parallelisms between fronts
 - Parallelisms between circuits – Battery

- General Constraints:
 - One Front can commission only one circuit or one battery at a time
 - Tests carried out by one Front should be transparent to the other ones



Constraints on Parallel Commissioning

1. Two **sectors** cannot test simultaneously
 - i. Two or more 13kA circuits
2. Two **fronts** cannot test simultaneously
 - i. Circuits in the same powering subsector
 - ii. Circuits in the same DFB
3. A **SOC (battery)** cannot
 - i. Include circuits above 600A
 - ii. Imply more than one DFB
 - iii. Imply more than two DFB chimenys
 - iv. Include circuits sharing the same QPS controller
 - v. Include circuits from different circuit type (?)
 - vi. Include circuits from different powering subsectors



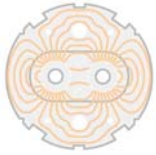
Developed Tools

- ❑ The Sequencer
- ❑ Reference and LSA Databases
- ❑ Individual Supervision Systems
- ❑ Alarms – Laser, Logging
- ❑ Test Management Software: SOC Editor
- ❑ Post-Mortem Local Analysis Tools
- ❑ Post-Mortem Global Analysis Tool
- ❑ MTF



What do we need from the Post-Mortem?

- The Post-Mortem data analysis tools should provide to the different experts (MPP, individual equipment experts, Mr Circuit, HCC, etc.):
 - Fast and reliable tools to analyse the behaviour of the different equipment after each commissioning step
 - Information automatically extracted from the Post-Mortem data after each provoked or natural event
 - Both a local and global overview of the systems under test reliable and clear enough to allow the go / no go for the next commissioning step.



The Post-Mortem analysis is an essential tool, not only for a reliable and safe operation of the LHC, but also for achieving proper commissioning of the LHC super-conducting circuits respecting the current LHC project milestones.

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