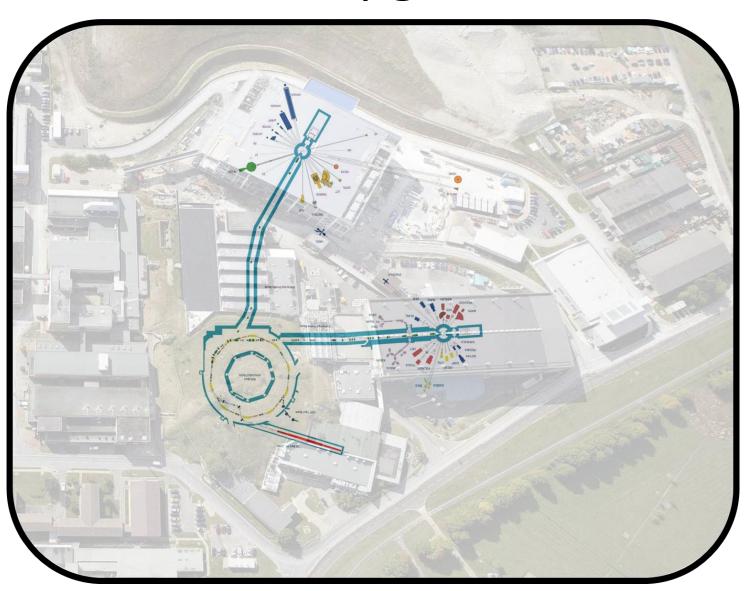
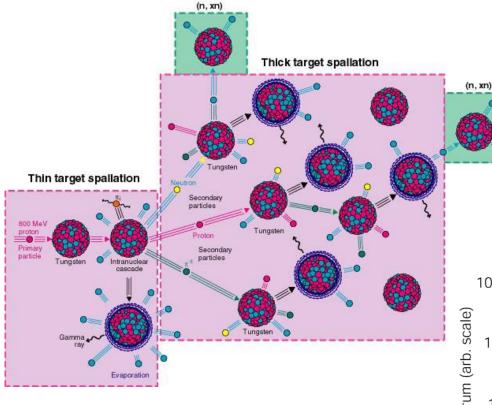
# TS1 upgrade

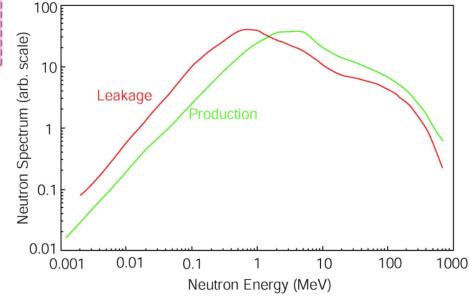


- Brief function of targets / moderators
  - Reminder why.....
- Brief description of TS1
- Challenges
- Importance of QA

## Target function

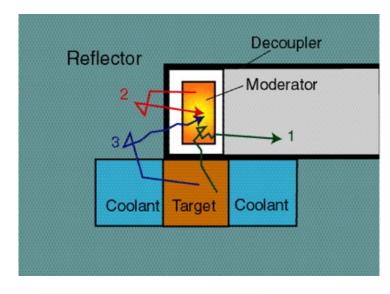


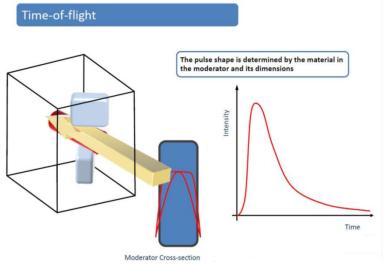
High energy protons (800MeV) create neutrons in all directions with varying energies below incoming energy



#### **Neutrons**

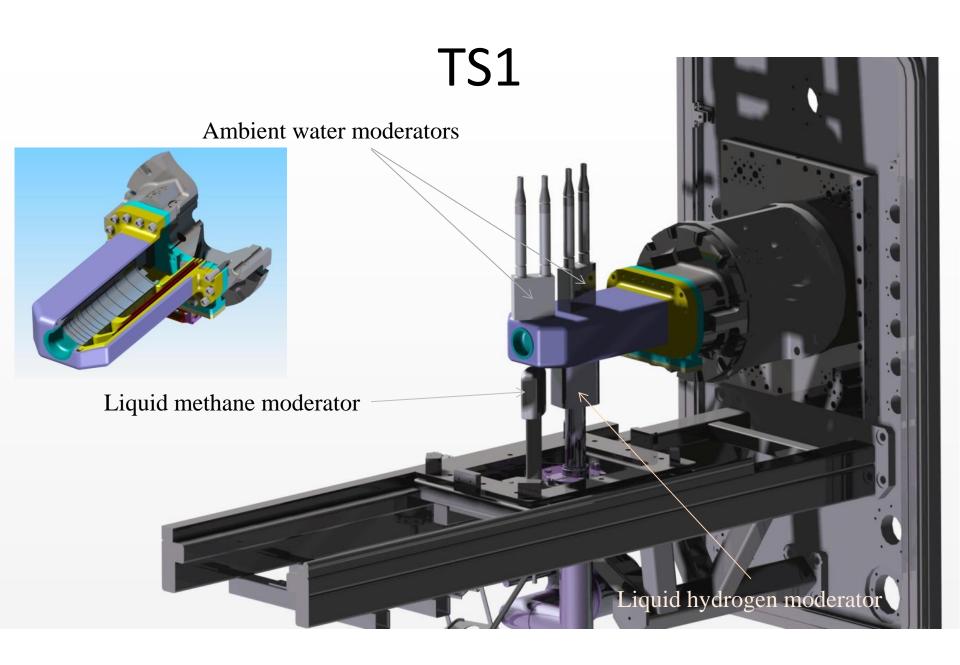
- Instruments want particular speed neutrons at the right time
- Moderators slow down the incoming neutrons
- Reflectors change the direction (also slow them down)





### **Useful Neutrons and Background**

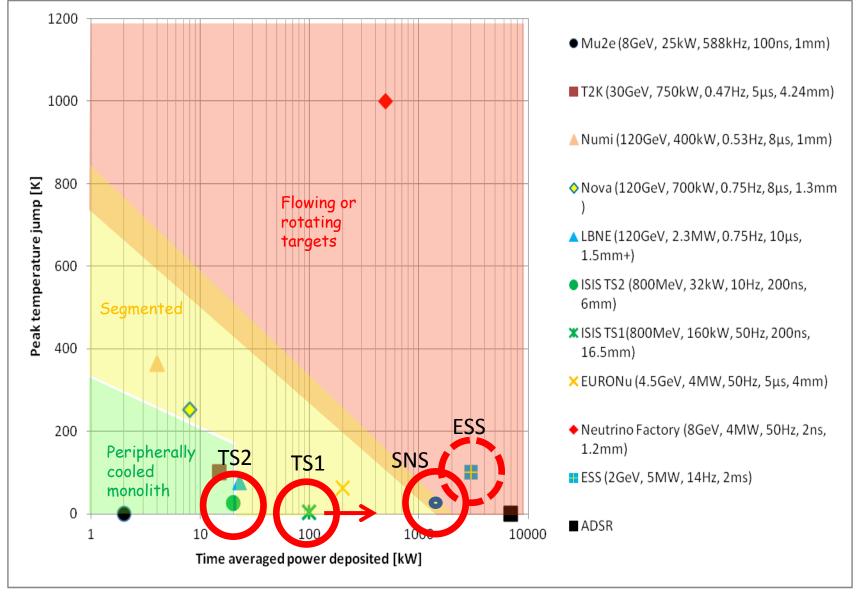
- A useful neutron is one where the wavelength is consistent with the arrival time at the detector.
- A background neutron is one where the wavelength is not consistent with the arrival time at the detector.
- (Gamma rays can also present background problems)
- Sources of Background:
  - Fast neutrons scattering in shielding and moderating near the instrument (Poor shield design)
  - Moderated neutrons drifting to the instrument (Collimator design)
  - Leakage from the TRAM down the beam channel
  - Delayed neutron production in the target



## Challenges

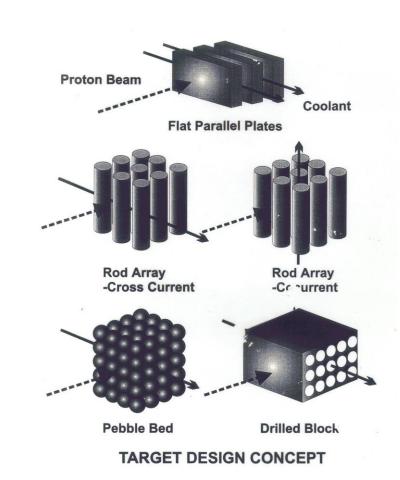
- Optimising performance
  - Engineering / neutronic / operation balance
- Developing on an operational machine

## Challenges ctd (Heat)



## Target Choice (Solid)

- High atomic weight for neutron yield
- High density for brightness
- High melting point
- High thermal conductivity
- Chemically inert
- Resistance to radiation damage
- Low resonance integral (absorption of keV neutrons)
- (Low absorption cross section for thermal neutrons)
- High scattering cross section (reflector)
  Candidates: Lead, Tantalum, Tungsten

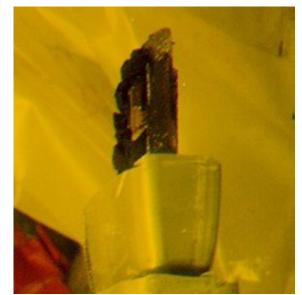


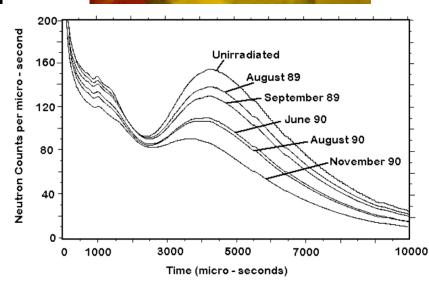
## Challenges ctd

- Material integrity in multiple dpa condition
  - Limited data engage with other facilities
- Instrumentation 'ready to accept beam'
- Fixed (or at least very inflexible) infrastructure
- Remote handling
- Robustness
- Operability
  - Monitoring / maintenance etc

## Challenges ctd

- Lifetime (component change)
- Cost E.g. targets circa £100k each to manufacture – Disposal £000's each
- Knowledge / experience of staff
- Investigation compromise to operations
- QA (manufacture)

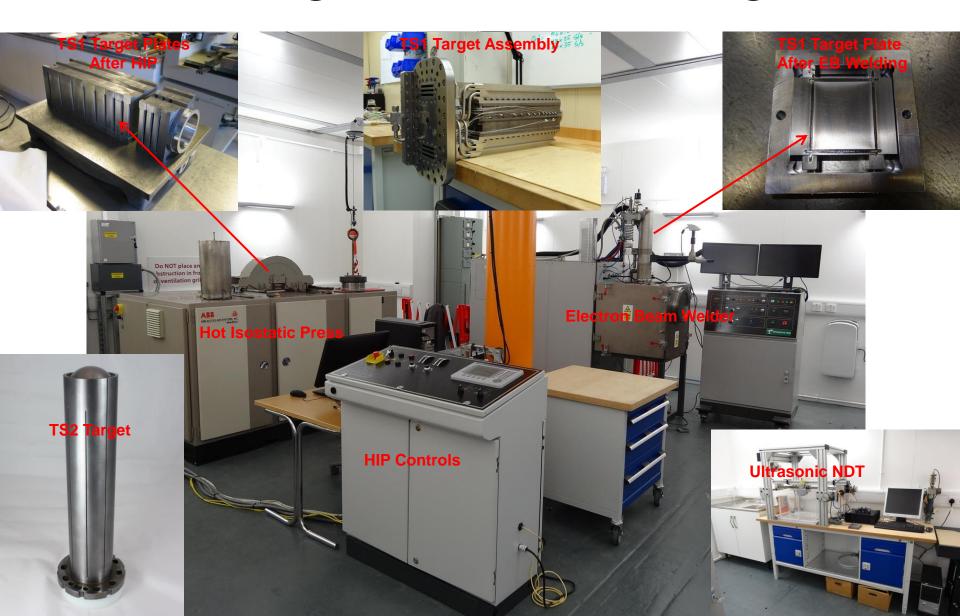




## **Quality Assurance**

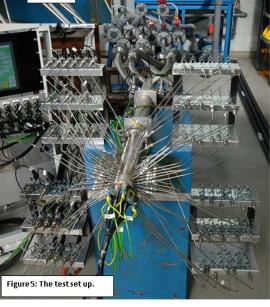
- Demanding requirements on the target in operation (likely to be at the edge)
- Costly
- Difficult to investigate after first operation
- Manufacture is complex
- When you do have a concern one of the first questions is about the manufacture and first test results

# Target Manufacturing



# **Target Testing**

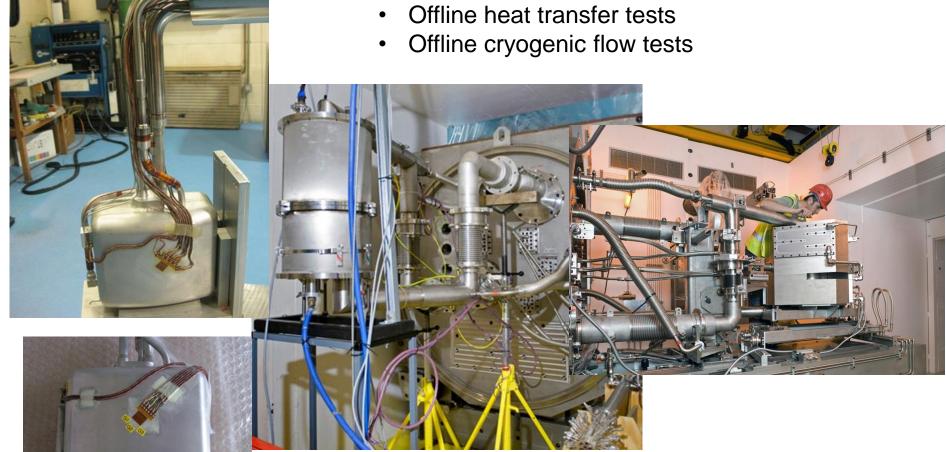
- Offline pressure tests
- Offline heat transfer tests
- Offline water flow tests



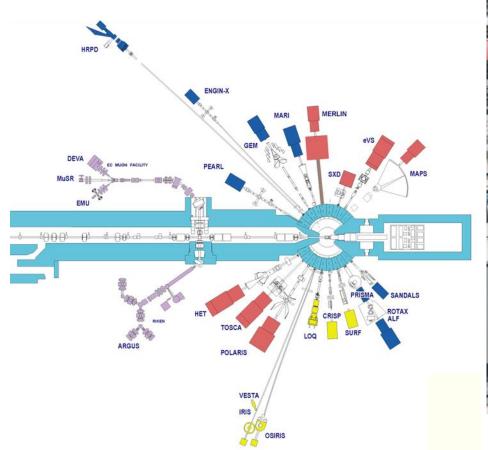


## Moderator testing

Offline instrumentation tests (strain gauges)



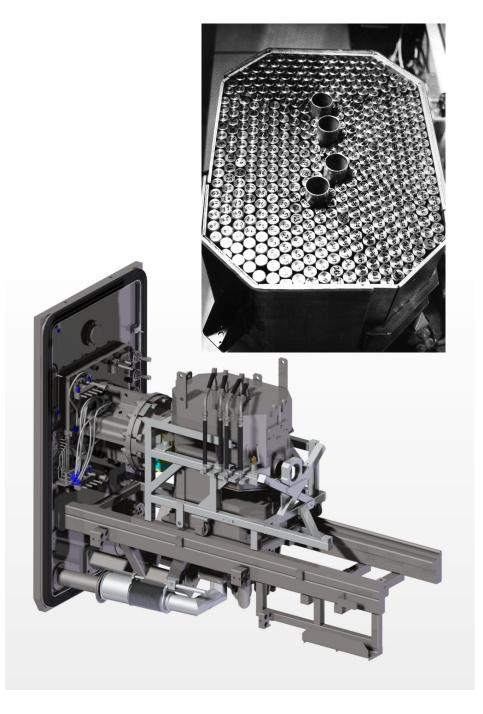
## TS1 Upgrade



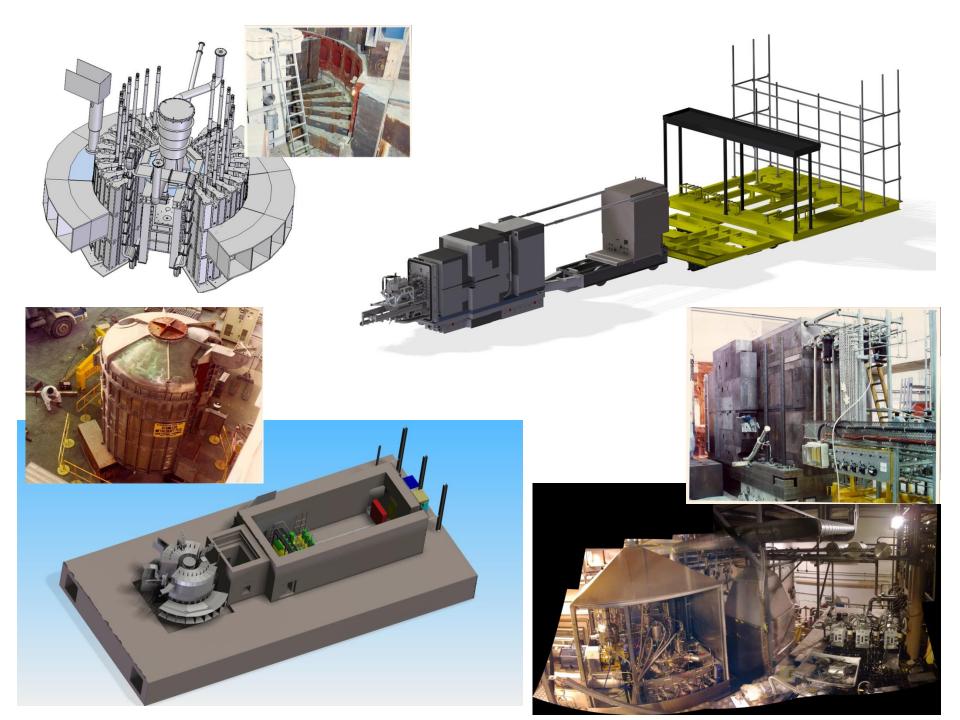


Hydrogen **Ambient Water** Methane Tungsten Block Transition Manifold Tantalum Cladding Thermocouples Water manifolds Target Plates Water Outlet Proton Beam Water Inlet Pressure

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## Performance (same protons)

#### Current says circa 5 times more flux

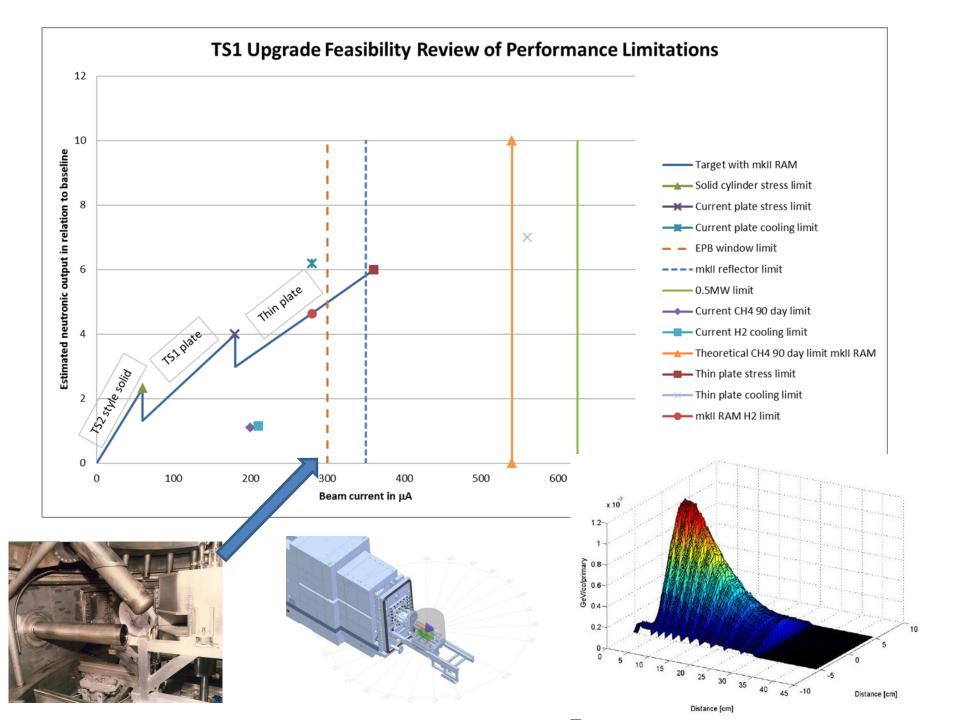
Goal – at least twice

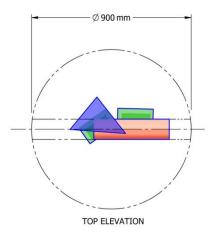
Suspect that with engineering reality this will drop

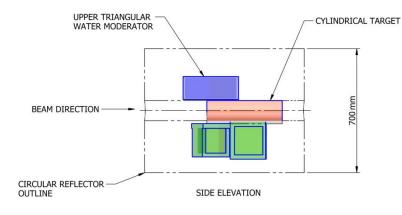
to circa 3 increase

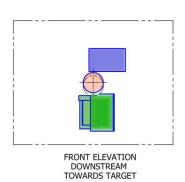
#### Moderator upgrades

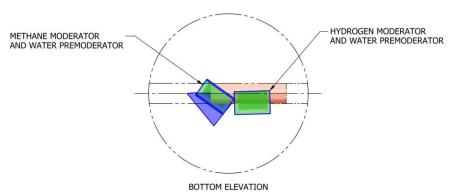
Target	Baseline model	Mark II model
Plates (current)	1	4
Cylindrical	1.10	7
Cylindrical with inner core	0.98-1.02	5
Thick plates	1.05	
Thin plates	0.95	
Split target**	1	7
Cannelloni	Model ready. Optimisation just started. Many parameters to vary	



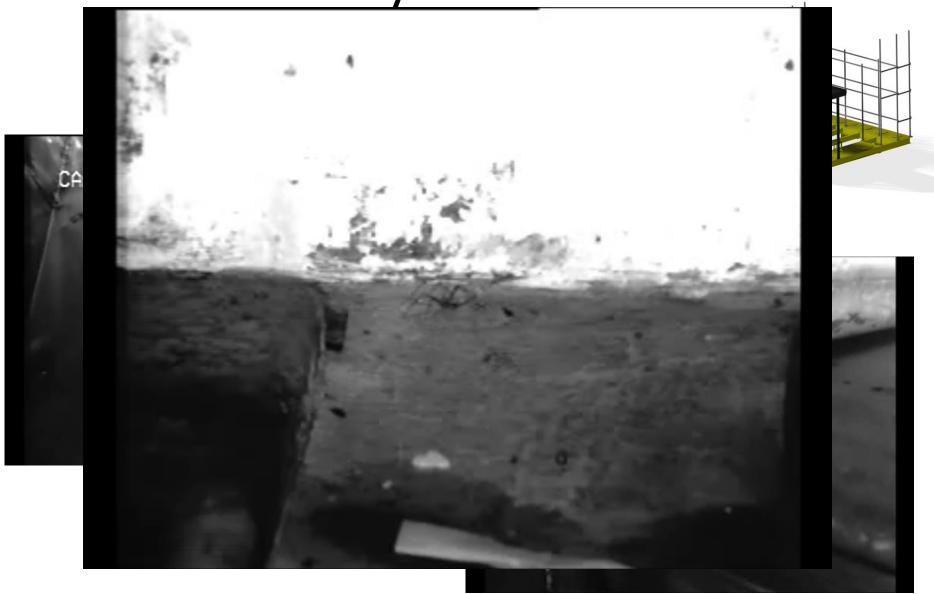




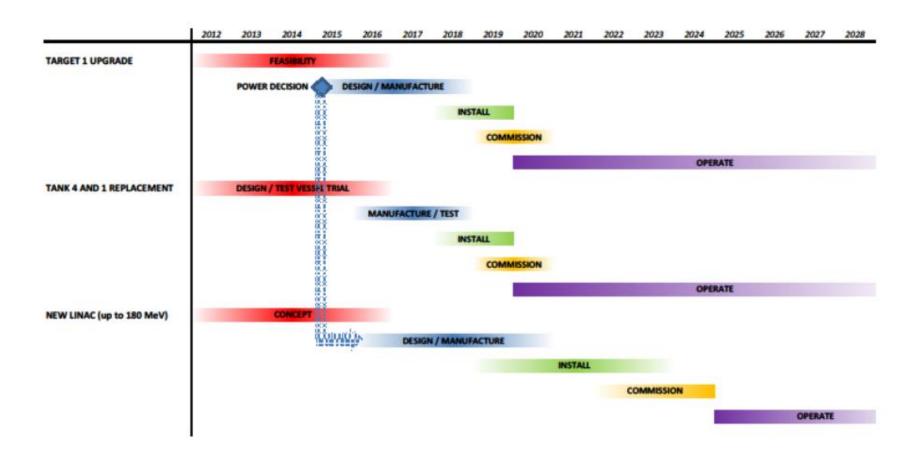




Trolley movement



### **Timeline**



## Current project challenges

- Creating a decent baseline
  - Neutronics of targets and instruments
  - Engineering analysis
  - Exact understanding of existing equipment
- Iterating through proposed concepts
- Communication and understanding
  - Helped by co-location
  - Momentum building

## Key points for TS1 Upgrade

- Operationally robust
- Low risk
- QA of design / manufacture
- Limited data for materials
  - Engagement with other facilities for data share
- Moderator upgrades in future possible
- Existing infrastructure constraints
  - Ensure don't build in any more than necessary

## Importance of the input

- Proton beam critical
- Not just the theoretical but the expected variation also

Over to Bryan Jones.....