# Documentation and Progress Tracking of Installation Activities

**Examples and Lessons Learned from the European XFEL Project** 

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- Concept and Objectives
- Interim: XM Assembly
- What: Product Structure
- How: Installation Process
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# **Documentation for Installation Support & Progress Tracking**

**Inventory**: Which parts are present in the tunnel, how are they id'ed & labelled?



**Structure**: Which parts have to be installed in the tunnel, how are they assembled?

| evel | Serial Nr     | Desicription                 |  |
|------|---------------|------------------------------|--|
|      | L1            | L1 Instrumented Cryosection  |  |
| 2    | CS1           | CSS Cryostring Short         | Planning -   |
| 3    | XLST1FC1-IF   | FCIF: Feed Cap Interface     | Strate and ALLI Strate ap Strate ap Strate               |
| 3    | A2.1.L1       | MAML: Mounted Accelerator    | Reserved   |
| 4    | XM5W          | AMWDL: Accelerator Module    | Occupied   |
| 5    | XM5           | XM: XFEL Cryomodule          | •  |
| 5    | WD_003        | WDL: Waveguide Distributio   | Aligned  |
| 4    | 1311/1312     | CFF: Module Ceiling Frame v  | Completed  |
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| 3    | A2.4.L1       | MAMR: Mounted Accelerato     | ,  |
| 3    | MC_A2.3-A2.4  | MC: Module Connection        | Connected (Vacuun  |
| 3    | MC_A2.4-CTB   | MC: Module/Cap/SCB Conne     | Connected (Cryo 2)                                       |
| 3    | XLST1EC1LP-IF | ECIF: End Cap Interface      | ,  |
| 2    | FC1.L1        | MFC: Mounted Feed Cap        | Completed  |
| 2    | EC1.L1        | MEC: Mounted End Cap         | Occumentation in XFEL Installation   14.06.2017   Page 3 |
|      |               |                              | Tago o   |

Process: Which intermediate states shall be tracked for each part?



**Planning** Aligned Connected (Cryo 1) Connected (Vacuum) Connected (Cryo 2) Completed

# **Objectives**

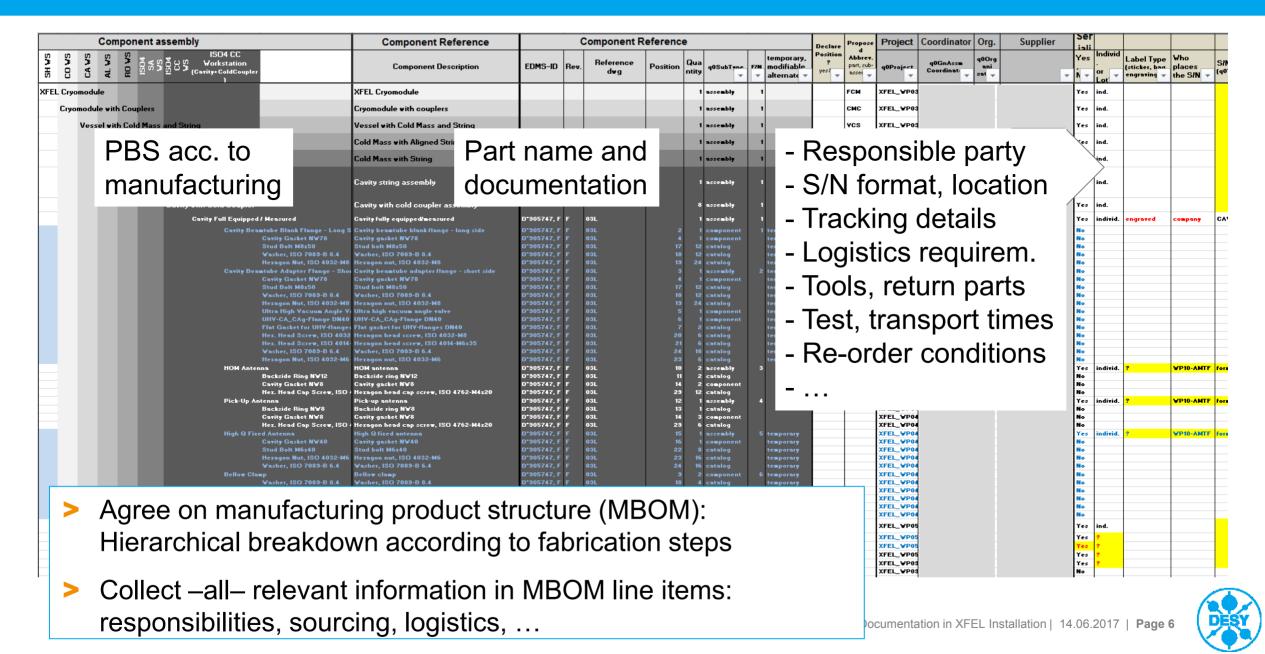
- Technical Documentation shall be created for a purpose
- Planning the intended result and the necessary work
- Organizing the teams and their activities
- Monitoring progress and handling exceptions
- Informing about decisions, instructions, technical properties, history ...



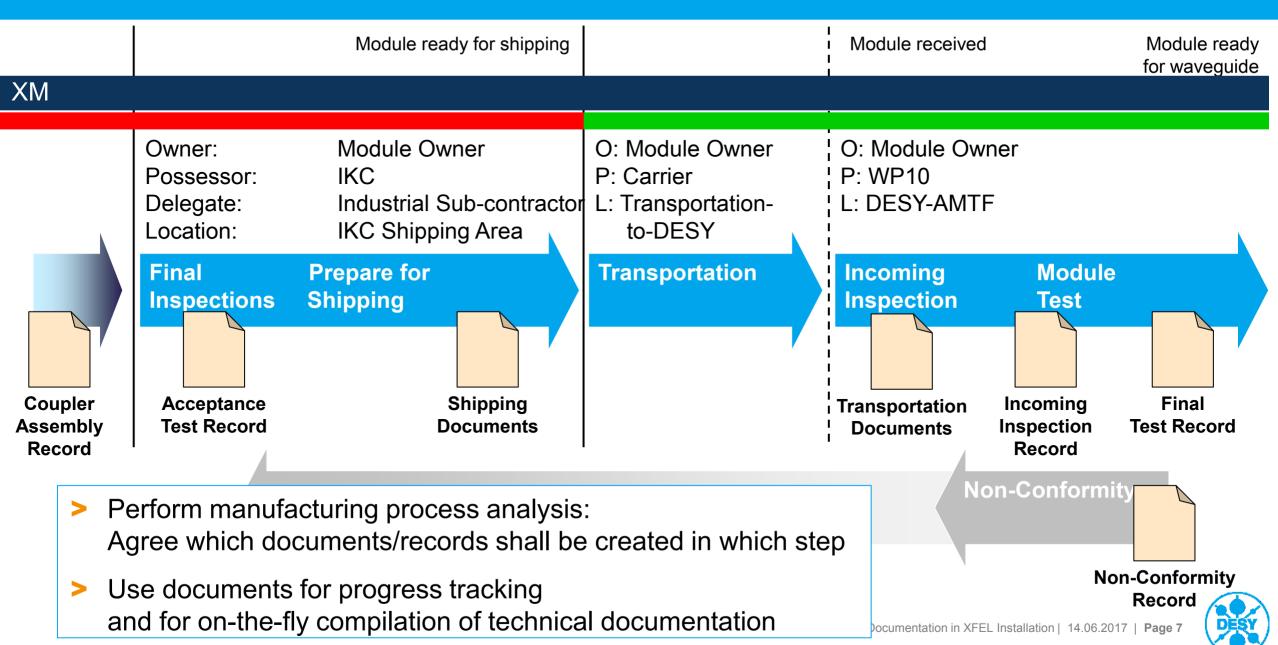
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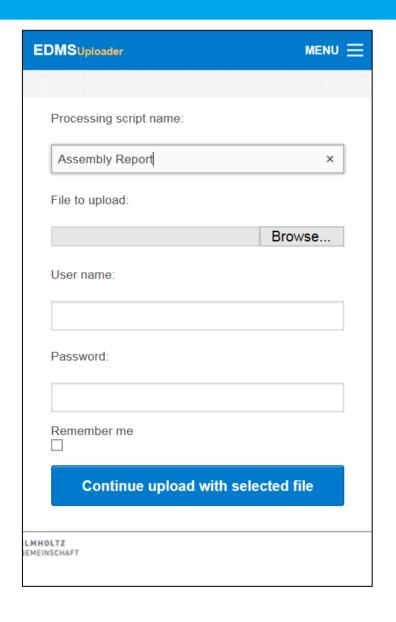
# What: Product-Structure-Based Fabrication Planning

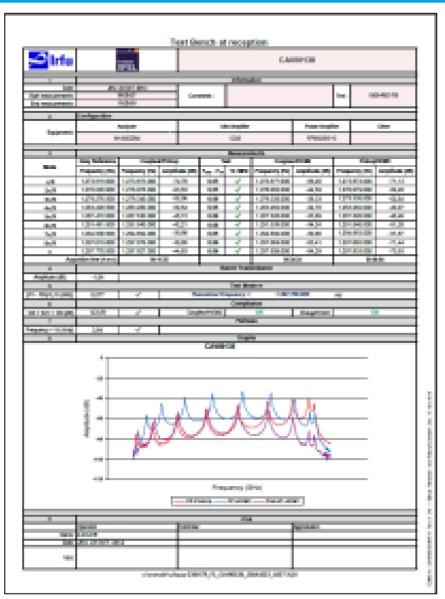


# **How: Manufacturing Process and Acceptance Testing**



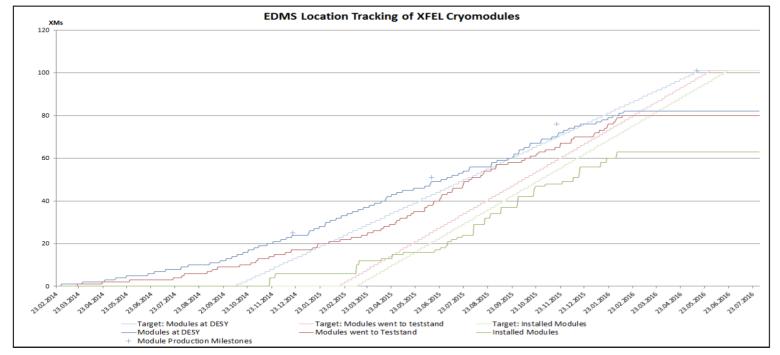
# **Tools: Capture Documents – Anywhere, Anytime, Anyhow**





- Excel-based work record→ easy to use:
- Work instructions for standardizing activities
  - Can be updated by users, e.g. add instructions, pictures
- Checklist & color-coding for recording results
- Automatic postprocessing in EDMS
  - Update part status, location ...
  - Forward to downstream database, application

# **Reporting and Analysis**



| 1                     | d  | As-Built                   |                  |                    |                       |                         |           |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Fabrication Part      | Name                                     | Parent<br>Fabrication Part | Serial<br>Number | Lot Number         | Physical Part         | Parent Physical<br>Part | Status    |
| D00000000572667,A,1,1 | Gate Valve<br>Assembly<br>Set            | D00000000572107,A,1,1      |                  | VGV Assy Set Lot E | D00000012035389,A,1,1 | D00000012041229,A,1,1   | Alternate |
| D00000000585947,A,1,1 | BPMC:<br>Button BPM<br>for<br>Croymodule | D000000005/249/,A,1,1      | BPMR-002         |                    | D00000010857259,A,1,1 | D00000011515569,A,1,1   | Alternate |
| D00000000573307,A,1,1 | Cab-BPMC:<br>BPM1 Cable                  | D00000000572087,A,1,1      | 05-BPMR          |                    | D00000010758619,A,1,1 | D00000012064889,B,1,2   | Alternate |
| D00000000575127,A,1,1 | Capacitor                                | D00000000572067,A,1,1      |                  |                    |                       | D00000011262619,B,1,2   | Deficient |

#### NCRs in Physical Part S

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EDMS ID

D00000011262619,B,1,2 XM: XFEL Cryomodule

Name

#### Non-Conformity-Reports and affe

| Non-Conformity-Report |                                 |  |                 |        | Affect |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------|--------|--------|
| EDMS ID               | Name                            | Description  | Dispos.<br>Code | Status | EDMS   |
| D00000001116015,A,1,1 | CEA-<br>XFEL-<br>RNC-<br>15-516 | THRI-WP-419:<br>Wrong type of<br>DN100 seal<br>mounted on<br>THRI-WP-419 | Repair          | Closed | D00000 |
| D00000001116035,A,1,1 | CEA-<br>XFEL-<br>RNC-<br>15-547 | THRI-WP-485:<br>Wrong type of<br>DN100 seal<br>mounted on<br>THRI-WP-485 | Repair          | Closed | D00000 |
| D00000001128675,A,1,1 | CEA-<br>XFEL-<br>RNC-<br>15-517 | XM25_CPL: Two<br>clamps with<br>stud are<br>defective                    | Return          | Closed | D00000 |
| D00000001116005,A,1,1 | CEA-<br>XFEL-<br>RNC-<br>15-512 | EZ015: Dirt on<br>Cold Mass<br>EZ015                                     | Use As Is       | Closed | D00000 |
|                       | CEA-                            |  |                 |        |        |



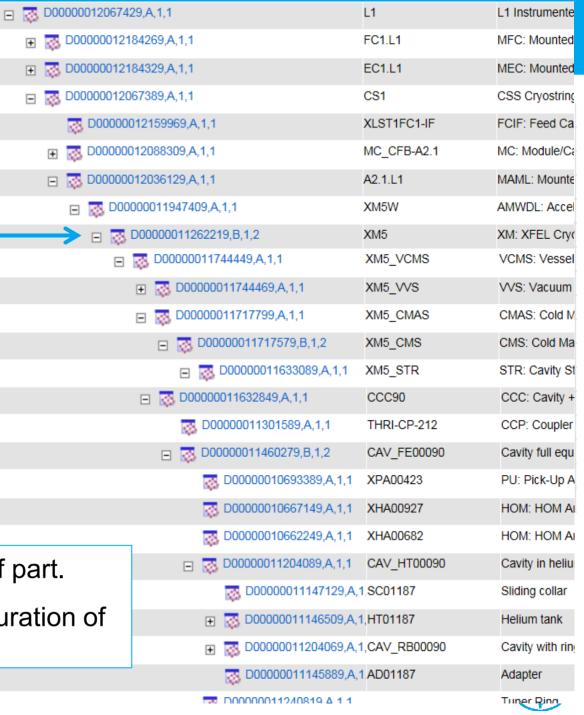
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# **Installation MBOM & Inventory**

| EDMS-ID         | Name   |
|-----------------|--|
| D0000000680647  | L1 Instrumented Cryosection                            |
| D0000000677627  | CSS Cryostring Short                                   |
| D0000000677247  | MAML: Mounted Accelerator Module Left                  |
| D0000000676627  | AMWDL: Accelerator Module with Waveguide Distribution  |
| D0000000676507  | AM: Accelerator Module                                 |
| D0000000676907  | WDL: Waveguide Distribution Left                       |
| D0000000681517  | AMC: Accelerator Module Cabling                        |
| D0000000677487  | CFL: Module Ceiling Frame with Suspension, Loose point |
| D0000000679787  | CFF: Module Ceiling Frame with Suspension, Fixed point |
| D0000000677367  | MAMR: Mounted Accelerator Module Right                 |
| D0000000663977  | MC: Module Connection                                  |
| D0000000680037  | MC: Module/Cap/SCB Connection                          |
| D0000000682247  | CIFF: Connection Box Half (Interface Feed)             |
| D0000000682417  | CIFE: Connection Box Half (Interface End)              |
| D00000000681157 | MFC: Mounted Feed Cap                                  |
| D00000000681047 | MEC: Mounted End Cap                                   |

- Installation MBOM lists "Accelerator Module" as leaf part.
- After installation, physical inventory contains configuration of installed module "down to cavities and Nb sheets"



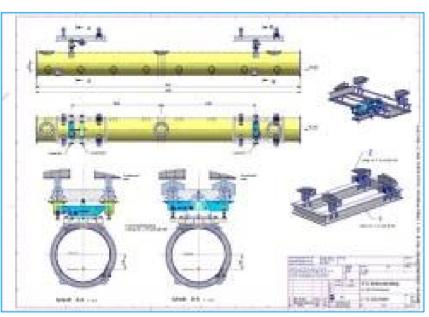
# **Documents and Reports**

- Same approach as in production:
   MBOM → documents → reports
- Different types of documents and different reports, but same technical solution.









|        | Name                          | Sections    |                                    |                                |  |   |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Part   |                               | Cryostrings |                                    |                                |  |   |
|        |                               | RF-Stations |                                    |                                | RFS-Linac-RF-Stati                     | on08-00 not f   |
|        | Work Progress                 |             |                                    |                                |  |   |
|        |                               |             |                                    |                                |  |   |
|        | Cryostrings                   |             |                                    |                                |  |   |
|        |                               |             |                                    |                                |  | 10 to |
| MAML/R | Mounted Module                |             |                                    | <u>A9.1.L3</u><br>Pre-Aligned  | <u>A9.2.L3</u><br>Pre-Aligned          | <u>A9.3.L3</u><br>Pre-Aligned   |
| CFL    | Support Frame Loose End       | тс          |                                    | 982/983<br>Completed           | 974/975<br>Completed                   | 966/967<br>Completed  |
| CFF    | Support Frame Fixed End       | тс          |                                    | 977/978<br>Completed           | 969/970<br>Completed                   | 961/962<br>Completed  |
| MWDL/R | Cryomodule                    | мо          |                                    | XM31<br>Released               | XM28<br>Released                       | XM34<br>Released  |
| МС     | Module Connection             | WP03        |                                    | MC_A9.1-A9.2<br>Released       | MC_A9.2-A9.3<br>Released               | MC_A9.3-A9.<br>Released   |
|        | Cryo-Box                      | WP13        | XLST3SC1LP/XLST4SC1JV<br>Completed |                                |  |   |
|        | Cryo-Box Connection           | WP13        | MC_CSC-A9.1<br>Released            |                                |  |   |
|        | RF-Stations                   |             |                                    |                                |  |   |
|        |                               |             |                                    | τ                              |  |   |
|        |                               |             |                                    |                                | Į                                      | -   |
|        |                               |             |                                    | Connecting WD                  | Klystron WD                            | Khistian  |
|        |                               | WP01        |                                    | Not occupied                   | Not occupied                           | Klystron<br>Not occupied  |
|        | Racks                         |             |                                    |                                |  |   |
|        |                               |             |                                    |                                | ************************************** |   |
|        |                               |             | Cryo                               | LLRF I                         | RF                                     | LLRF II   |
|        | Cabinet                       | тс          | XTL_L3.A9_R01<br>Completed         | XTL_L3.A9_R07<br>Completed     | XTL_L3.A9_R15<br>not found             | XTL_L3.A9_R<br>Completed  |
|        | Equipped Rack (Generic)       | тс          | XTL_L3.A9_R01.1<br>Released        | XTL_L3.A9_R07.1<br>Released    | Not occupied                           | XTL_L3,A9_R3<br>Released  |
|        | Equipped Rack (Generic)       | тс          | XTL_L3.A9_R01.2<br>Released        | XTL_L3.A9_R07.2<br>Released    | Not occupied                           | XTL_L3.A9_R3<br>Planning  |
|        | Equipped Rack (Generic)       | тс          | XTL_L3.A9_R01.3<br>Released        | XTL_L3.A9_R07.3<br>Released    | Not occupied                           | XTL_L3.A9_R3<br>Released  |
|        | Rack Monitoring Unit          | тс          | XTL_L3.A9_R01.RMU<br>Released      | XTL_L3.A9_R07.RMU<br>Released  | Not occupied                           | XTL_L3.A9_R37.<br>Released  |
|        | Rack Fire Extinguishing Unit  | WP36        | XTL_L3.A9_R01.RFEU<br>Released     | XTL_L3.A9_R07.RFEU<br>Released | Not occupied                           | XTL_L3.A9_R37.<br>Released  |
|        | Rack Power Supply Unit        | тс          | XTL_L3.A9_R01.RPSU<br>Released     | XTL_L3.A9_R07.RPSU<br>Released | Not occupied                           | XTL_L3.A9_R37.<br>Released  |
|        | Rack Cooling Unit             | тс          | XTL_L3.A9_R01.RCU<br>Released      | XTL_L3.A9_R07.RCU<br>Released  | Not occupied                           | XTL_L3.A9_R37.<br>Released  |
|        | Rack Network Unit             | WP34        | XTL L3.A9 R01.RNU<br>Released      | XTL_L3.A9_R07.RNU<br>Released  | Not occupied                           | XTL L3.A9 R37<br>Released   |
|        | Rack Fibre Network Connection | WP34        | XTL L3.A9 R01.RFNC<br>Released     | XTL L3.A9 R07.RFNC<br>Released | Not occupied                           | XTL L3.A9 R37.<br>Released  |

#### **Further Beamlines**

| EDMS-ID         | Name                                  | Quantity            | Work Status                        | F/N                 | Serialized?    | Coordinator  |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| D00000000725247 | T2: Section XTD2 Transport Line       |                     | Released                           |                     | TRUE           | Proj A-ZZ A-FE-HIA                                 |
| D00000000717767 | BPMA: Mounted Beam Position Monitor A | 11                  | Released                           | 1                   | TRUE           | Proj   |
| D00000000717787 | BPME: Mounted Beam Position Monitor E | 2                   | Released                           | 2                   | TRUE           | Proj   |
| D00000000721677 | OTRB: Mounted Screen OTR-B            | 3                   | Released                           | 3                   | TRUE           | Proj   |
| D00000000707977 | TORA: Toroid A with RF screen         | 1                   | Released                           | 4                   | TRUE           | Proj   |
| D00000000717857 | BLM: Mounted Beam Loss Monitor        | 9                   | Released                           | 5                   | TRUE           | Proj   |
| D00000000717447 | BD: Mounted XBD-H Dipole              | 1                   | Released                           | 6                   | TRUE           | Proj   |
| D00000000717347 | CEX: Mounted XCE-H Corrector          | 2                   | Released                           | 7                   | TRUE           | Proj   |
| D00000000717367 | CFX: Mounted XCF-H Corrector          | 6                   | Released                           | 8                   | TRUE           | Project: XFEL_TC_Installation                      |
| D00000000717377 | CFY: Mounted XCF-V Corrector          | © Pat               | eloation Part , D00000000725247,A, | A,A , Riem Info : 6 | Summery        | 104. HORES & SKILLER DE 1910.                      |
| D00000000721197 | CNY: Mounted XCN-V Corrector          | Russian<br>Paramode | MISOM Properties.                  | Helsted Book        | Films Next May | is Cassification Documence Configuration Positions |

Example MBOM for warm beamline section

D0000000724687 BSECT: Mounted Safety Permanent Dipole for T1/2

D0000000717217 QA: Mounted XQA Quadrupole

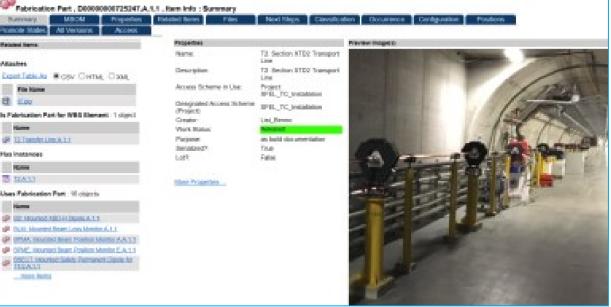
D0000000717247 QF: Mounted XQF Quadrupole

D0000000725587 | T2-VAC: T1 Vacuum System

D0000000725187 U40S: Mounted Sacrificial Undulator

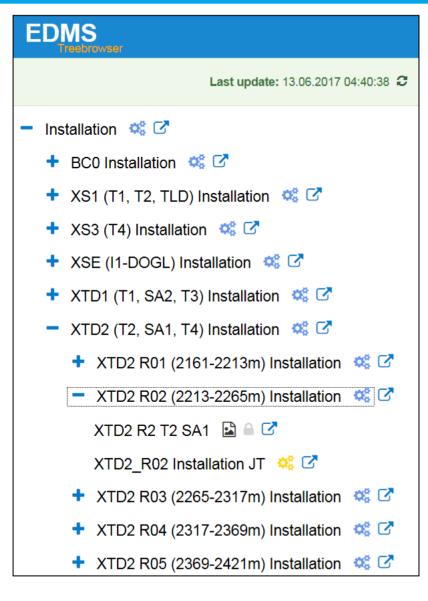
D0000000725257 T2-MEC: T1 Mechanics and Support

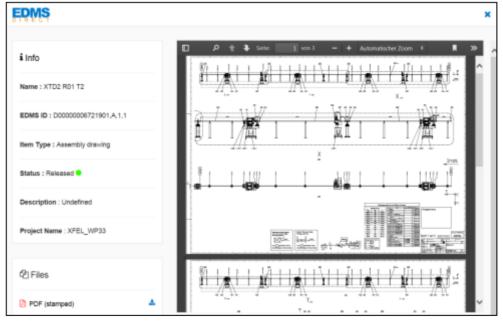
➤ Beamlines are "individual products" → preparation effort for every section, different from series production of components

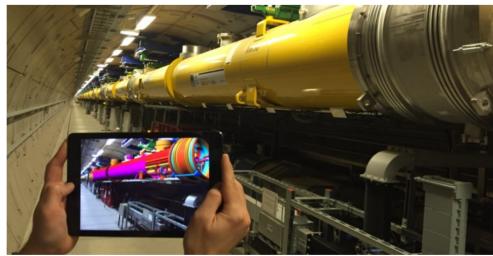




## **Mobile Access and Updates in the Tunnel**







- Access installation drawings on tablets in the tunnel
  - navigate MBOM to tunnel location
- Request updates if add'l info needed
  - measurement, note, view ...
  - Response time "in minutes", full release control observed



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# **Installation Process Analysis**

- Objective: Establish commonly agreed installation procedure
- Collect installation activities per group
- Develop sequence of activities
- Color code similar types of work
- Iterate with groups, identify potential for optimization
- Obtain approval from project management

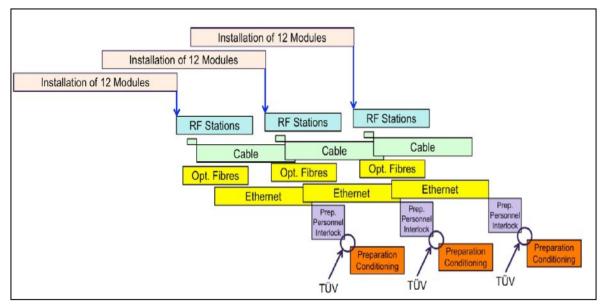


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# **Installation Process Analysis (2)**

#### Sequencing and Optimization



Re-shuffle and parallelize activities, minimize frictions

#### High acceptance:

- Installation teams personally involved
- The right language (tasks, to-do's)
- Visualization

In-situ progress monitoring



Weekly meetings collect status updates, review and confirm upcoming activities



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#### Installation Process and Product Structure

**Process**: Which activities have to be performed in XTL, which parts do they affect?

mapping



**Project**: Project plan combines assignment of activities (scheduling) and completion of assemblies (milestones)

**Structure**: Which parts have to be installed in the tunnel, how are they assembled?

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| 3     | MC_A2.4-CTB   | MC: Module/Cap/SCB Conne     |
| 3     | XLST1EC1LP-IF | ECIF: End Cap Interface      |
| 2     | FC1.L1        | MFC: Mounted Feed Cap        |
| 2     | EC1.L1        | MEC: Mounted End Cap         |



# **Mapping Product Structure and Process**

- Activity
- Parts handled in by activity
- Parts get installed?
- 4 Parts get processed?
- New part status after processing

- Every step to result in part status change
- Every part to be accounted for in process

|              | 2                  | 3              | 4             | 5        |
|--------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|----------|
|              |                    |                | Promote state | Promote  |
| Process step | Corresponding part | Part installed | altered       | the step |

| Process step   | Corresponding part                          | Part installed |         | Promote state after the step |
|--|---|----------------|---------|------------------------------|
| 1. Stahlbodenplatten installieren  | corresponding part                          | Faitmstance    | JITTE G | the step                     |
| 2. Modulrahmen anbringen und lackieren   | CFL, CFF, LCFL, LCFF (ECF?, FCF?)           | ×              |         |                              |
| 3. Aufhängungen anreißen   |   |                |         |                              |
| 4. Hohlleiter montieren  | Waveguide                                   | x              |         |                              |
| 5. Module aufhängen und festziehen (Hytroc)  | AMWDL/R                                     | x              |         |                              |
| \$6 %e 9,000   | MAML/R                                      |                | ×       | Occupied                     |
| 6. ggf. Cryo-Box aufhängen   | FC, EC, SCB                                 | x              |         |                              |
| oteo) sir  | MFC, MEC, MSCB                              |                | x       | Occupied                     |
|  | CIFF, CIFE (connection box intreface parts) |                | X       | Occupied                     |
| 7. Module und Cryo-Box justieren   | MAML/R                                      |                | x       | Pre-Aligned                  |
|  | MFC, MEC                                    |                | x       | Pre-Aligned                  |
| 8. Strahlvakuum - Übergang warme Sektion   | CWT: Cold Warm Transition                   |                |         | attitac                      |
| 9. Stahlvakuum - Vorläufige Überwachung Strahlvakuum   |   |                |         |                              |
| 10. Pulstrafo aufstellen und anschließen (WP01,WP33)   | Pulse Transformer Unit                      | x              | x       | Connected                    |
| 11. Schweißen der Leitungen des 2K-Kreises und 8K-Rücklauf   | MC  |                | x       | Connected (Cryo 1)           |
| 12. Strahlrohrverbindung (BLAMontage)  | MC  |                | x       | Connected (Vacuum)           |
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# **Think in Lifecycles**

- ➤ Every lifecycle phase conducts processes based on initial product definition, yields updated product documentation → Lifecycle contains BOMs and processes
  - Product Structure (BOM) ~ Product Definition = Agreement what to build; spec



- > Product structures (BOMs) can be preserved and propagated along lifecycle, while processes are used up and to be newly analyzed at every stage → new teams, new reasoning
  - Ideally, BOM ~ BOM' ~ BOM'' ~ BOM'''
  - Failing to create one of the BOMs delays all further documentation activities



### **PowerPoint and Friends**

> Technical documentation in PowerPoint, Confluence, Wikis, Web pages is very efficient ...





# **Power Point is no Documentation**



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#### ENGINEERING BY VIEWGRAPHS

The Debris Assessment Team presented its analysis in a formal briefing to the Mission Evaluation Room that relied on Power-Point slides from Boeing. When engineering analyses and risk assessments are condensed to fit on a standard form or overhead side, information is inevitably lost. In the process, the priority assigned to information can be easily misrepresented by its placement on a chart and the language that is used. Dr. Edward Tutle of Yale University, an expert in information presentation who also researched communications failures in the Challenger accident, studied how the slides used by the Debris Assessment Team in their briefing to the Mission Evaluation Room misrepresented lew information. 30

The slide created six levels of hierarchy, signified by the title and the symbols to the left of each line. These levels prioritized information that was already contained in II simple sentences. Tufte also notes that the title is confusing. "Review of Test Data Indicates Conservatism" refers not to the predicted the damage, but to the choice of test models used to predict the damage.

Only at the bottom of the slide do engineers state a key piece of information: that one estimate of the debris that struck Columbia was 640 times larger than the data used to calibrate the model on which engineers based their damage assessments. (Later analysis showed that the debris object was actually 400 times larger). This difference led Tufte to suggest that a more appropriate headline would be "Review of Test Data Indicates Irrelevance of Two Models." 39

Review Of Test Data Indicates Conservatism for Tile -Penetration

 The existing SOFI on tile test data used to create Crater was reviewed along with STS-107 Southwest Research data – Crater overpredicted penetration of tile coating

Initial negetration to described by normal velocity.

to penetrate the relatively hard tile coating

Test results do show that the potsible at sufficient mass

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Sand variables in use energy upon personal even can cause significant lie damage
 Flight condition is significantly outside of test database
 Volume of ramp is 1520cu in vs 3 cu in for test

Varies with volume/mass of projectile(e.g., 2008) sec for

et energy is required for the softer SOFI gartiele

Tufte also criticized the sloppy language on the slide. "The vaguely quantitative words 'significant' and 'significantly' are used 5 times on this slide "he notes, "with de facto meanings ranging from 'detectable in largely irrelevant calibration castudy' to 'an amount of damage so that everyone dies' to ference of 640-fold." "40 Another example of slopping "cubic inches" is written inconsistently: "3cu. In and "3 cu in." While such inconsistencies mig highly technical fields like aerospace engi ne a misplaced decimal point or mistaken unit of ement can easily engender inconsistencies and inac ies. In another phrase "Test results do show that it is ble at sufficient mass and

velocity" the word "it"

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The analysis by Dr. Edward Tufte of the slide from the Debris Assessment Team briefing. [SOFI=Spray-On Foam Insulation]

See Report of Columbia Accident Investigation Board, vol I, p. 191 at http://caib.nasa.gov/news/report/volume1/default.html

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#### PowerPoint Makes You Dumb

By CLIVE THOMPSON Published: December 14, 2003

In August, the Columbia Accident Investigation Board at NASA released Volume 1 of its report on why the space shuttle crashed. As expected, the ship's foam insulation was the main cause of the disaster. But the board also fingered another unusual culprit: PowerPoint, Microsoft's well-known "slideware" program.

NASA, the board argued, had become too reliant on presenting complex information via PowerPoint, instead of by means of traditional ink-and-paper technical reports. When NASA engineers assessed possible wing damage during the mission, they presented the findings in a confusing PowerPoint slide -- so crammed with nested bullet points and irregular short forms that it was nearly impossible to untangle. "It is easy to understand how a senior manager might read this PowerPoint slide and not realize that it addresses a life-threatening situation," the board sternly noted.

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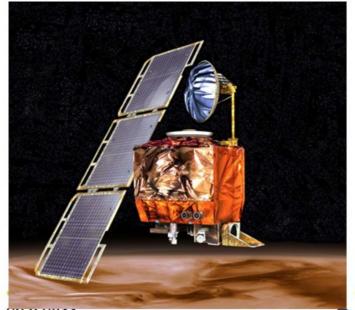


# Incomplete Specifications/Reviews Cost Money



The MCO MIB has determined that the root cause for the loss of the MCO spacecraft was the failure to use metric units in the coding of a ground software file, "Small Forces," used in trajectory models. Specifically, thruster performance data in English units instead of metric units was used in the software application code titled SM\_FORCES (small forces). A file called Angular Momentum Desaturation (AMD) contained the output data from the SM\_FORCES software. The data in the AMD file was required to be in metric units per existing software interface documentation, and the trajectory modelers assumed the data was provided in metric units per the requirements.

Mars Climate Orbiter Mishap INverstigation Board: Executive summary ftp://ftp.hq.nasa.gov/pub/pao/reports/1999/MCO\_report.pdf



Mars Climate Orbiter \*1998 +1999

Project Cost: 655M\$

Project Result: A new crater on Mars

Reason: Incomplete specs

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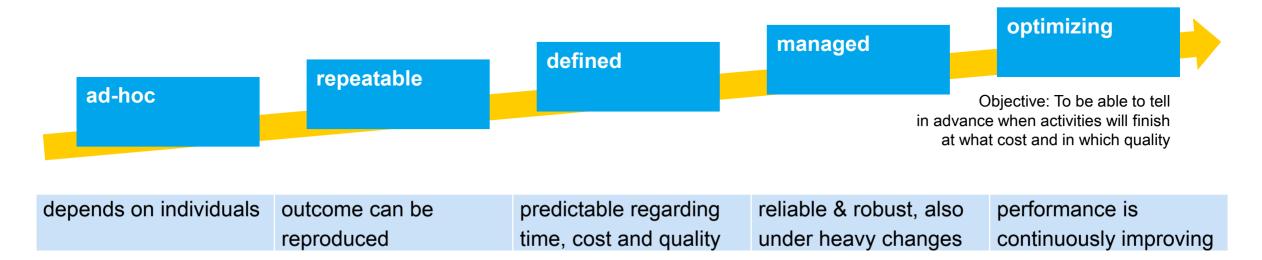
#### PowerPoint and Friends is not Technical Documentation

- Technical documentation in PowerPoint, Confluence, Wikis, Web pages is very efficient ... but not effective:
  - Arbitrary: Level of detail, careful preparation, reviewed/controlled, focus/mix of topics ...
  - Reassures authors (and readers) that extensive documentation is available when it's not.
  - Can be dangerously misleading due to lack of precision
- "The magical 15 minutes": Technical information taking more than 15 minutes to follow-up ...
  - is of longer-term relevance, will often see interrupts and staff changes when worked with,
  - should be prepared & managed adequately: proper documents, metadata/status, long-term availability
  - Anything of less than 15 minutes value can be kept in mails, presentations and wikis
- Or: Would you want to conduct a technical review on slides and wikis?



# **Maturity Model**

Maturity: Qualitative assessment of organization's capability to deliver the required services

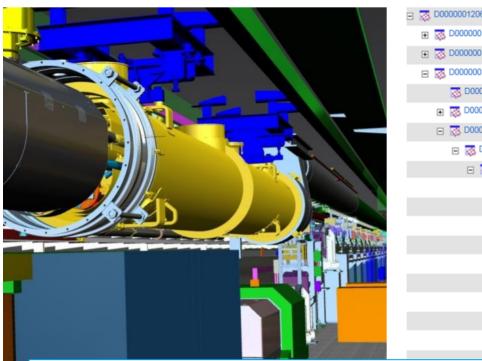


- > Higher levels of maturity achieved by presence of e.g. procedures, instructions and reference documentation, continuously trained staff, regular comprehensive status reporting, standards ...
- Methods and tools may evolve on-demand and bottom up, but maturity needs to be planned for and established top down.

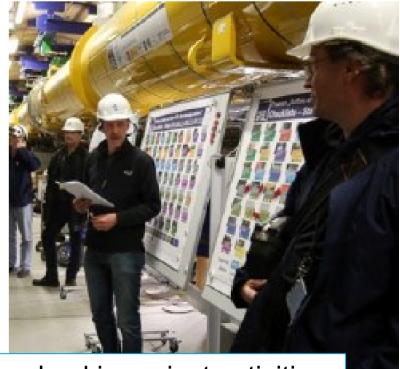


# **Finally**

Many major obstacles in XFEL project were solved by process analysis and visualization



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Central activities were successful when performed by teams involved in project activities

- → Provide central <u>services</u>\*) (in a collaborative spirit and with local infrastructure)
- Will receive acceptance
- Will allow to seamlessly introduce methods and tools



<sup>\*)</sup> read: contribute by doing real work