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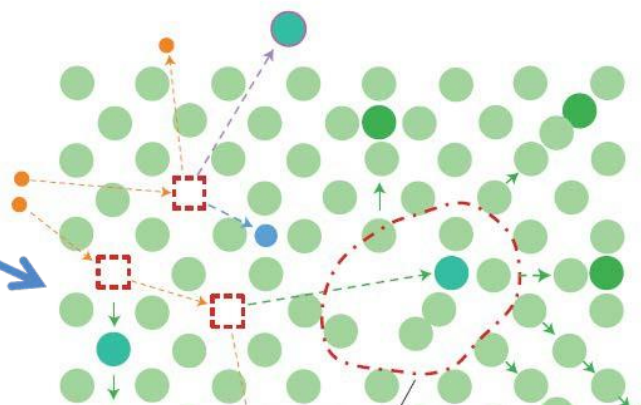
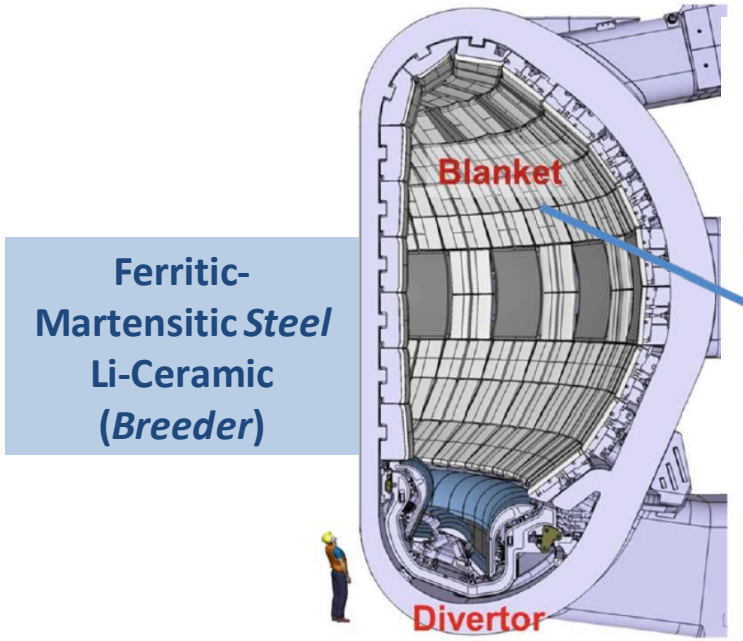
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Qualification of EUROFER97 for TBM: contribution of the EUROfusion project within 2021-2025

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Qualification of EUROFER97: NEEDS & APPROACH



High temperature, mechanical loads and irradiation damage

Damage in materials

- Embrittlement
- Creep
- Fatigue
- Combination of damage modes

Severity of irradiation damage measured by dpa

- ITER ~ 2 dpa
- DEMO 20-50 dpa



1. Qualification of EUROFER97 **to cover ITER TBM needs**: existing gaps, update RCC-MRx, validate Design Rules
2. Qualification of EUROFER97 **beyond ITER TBM needs**: high dpa, possible update/development of Design Rules

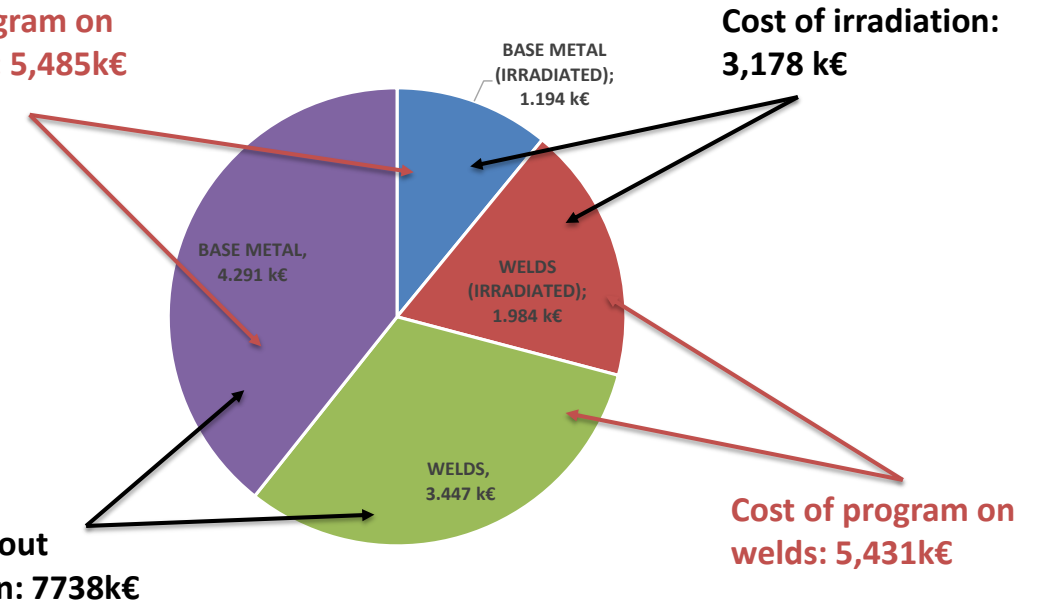
Scope/Cost/Time of TBM programme

- Objectives:**

Objective	Scope Description	Priority	Deadline
Start-up TBM	Mechanical properties for preliminary design of the two TBMs for ITER within normal operation*	Highest	DEC 2023
Full TBM	Extended characterization of base metal and welds (non-irr.) required to design and assess the operational domain of TBM outside normal operation	High	DEC 2025
Beyond ITER TBM	Extended integration of EUROFER97 in RCC-MRx for all damage modes (incl. irradiation). Possibly part of properties relevant to DEMO conditions	Medium	2029

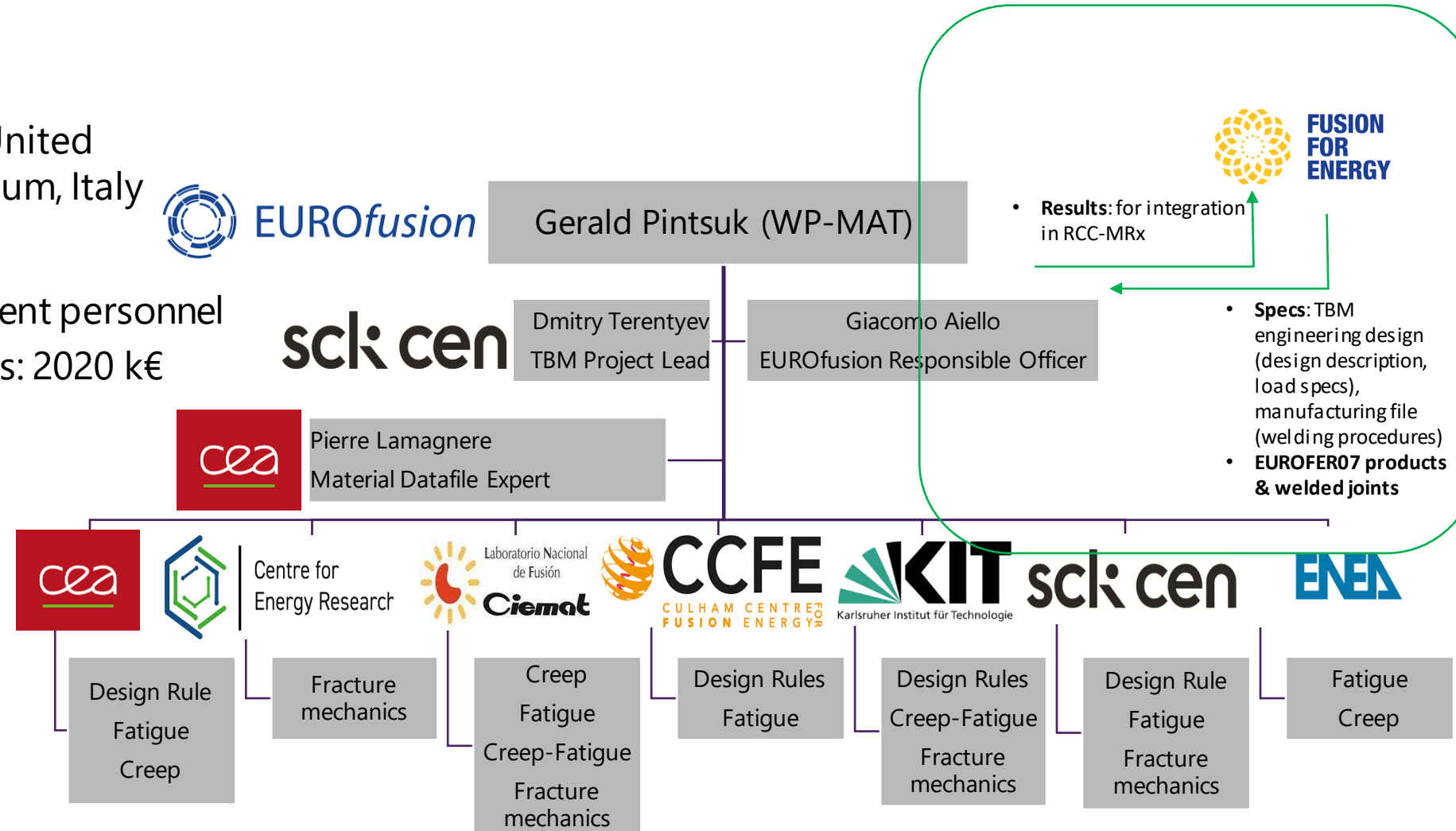
Completion for all TBMs design justification	Base metal	Weldments
Basic (non-irrad.) characterization	2019-2024 (except creep)	2023-2026
Neutron irradiation	2019-2023	2023-2026
Post-irradiation characterization	2021-2025	2026-2027

Cost of program on base metal: 5,485k€



Roles & Responsibilities within TBM programme (EUROFER97)

- Implementing Consortium:
 - France, Hungary, Spain, United Kingdom, Germany, Belgium, Italy
- Resources:
 - 873 PM Full Time Equivalent personnel
 - Hardware & Consumables: 2020 k€
 - Irradiation & PIE: 2350 k€
- F4E
 - Supply of EUROFER97
 - Review & Validation



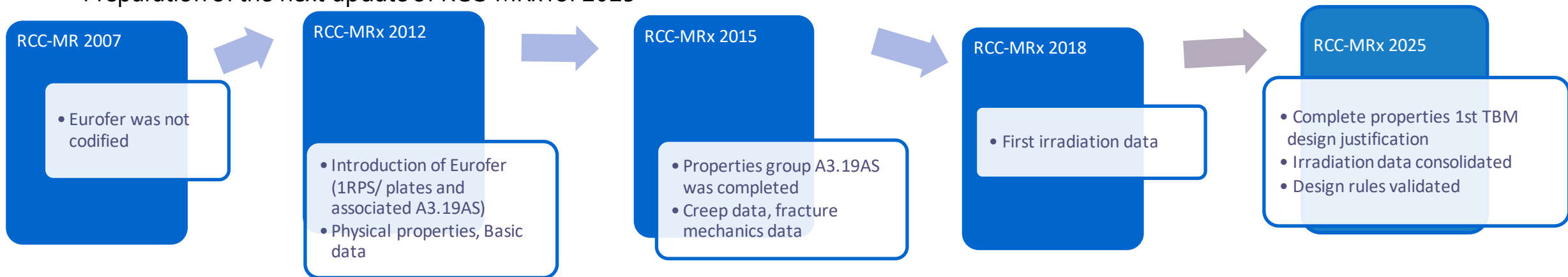
Current Status & Next Steps

Status on AUG 2022:

- Base metal characterization: Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) is defined, Material is distributed, Tests are ongoing, RCC-MRx update is planned for 2025
- Base metal irradiation: WBS is defined, irradiation programmes are launched (Belgium and Hungary), PIE is under preparation
- Weldments characterization: WBS is under preparation, Fabrication is in progress, Tests & Irradiation will be launched in 2023

Next Steps (for 2022-2025):

- Development of Fusion-dedicated standard for the Small Specimen Test Techniques (SSTT) → critical for mining material properties in irradiated state
- Preparation of the next update of RCC-MRx for 2025



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