

Remarks

- The current budget **cannot effectively support** 11 projects. Funds are spread too thin, especially taking into account current obligations.
- FY18 will see the same budget as FY17. An increase in number of projects is simply not possible.
- Many projects run since 2011. We **need to start closing mature R&D projects** even at the expense of missing out some fine tuning steps. It is time for second generation R&D to step up (e.g. Si) but also need substantial support for critical components where no satisfactory solution exist yet (PID).
- Projects that are shelved can be revived for fine tuning and enter PED once the funding improves.

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- We need to move from generic to more *directed* R&D. Projects need to show that their R&D is directly benefiting the EIC program (that often means initial simulations) or address real shortcomings in available technologies to do the physics.
- We also need the consortia to prioritize and propose *realistic* funding profiles. For July we will require that the proposals take different funding scenarios into account
- the EIC R&D was and is meant to start an R&D effort *directed* at an EIC. It is expected that projects try to obtain base funding over time. To a large extent, this has not happened. This program is not a substitute for base funding.