



WPAC Status Report

Physics Project Board | April 1st, 2025

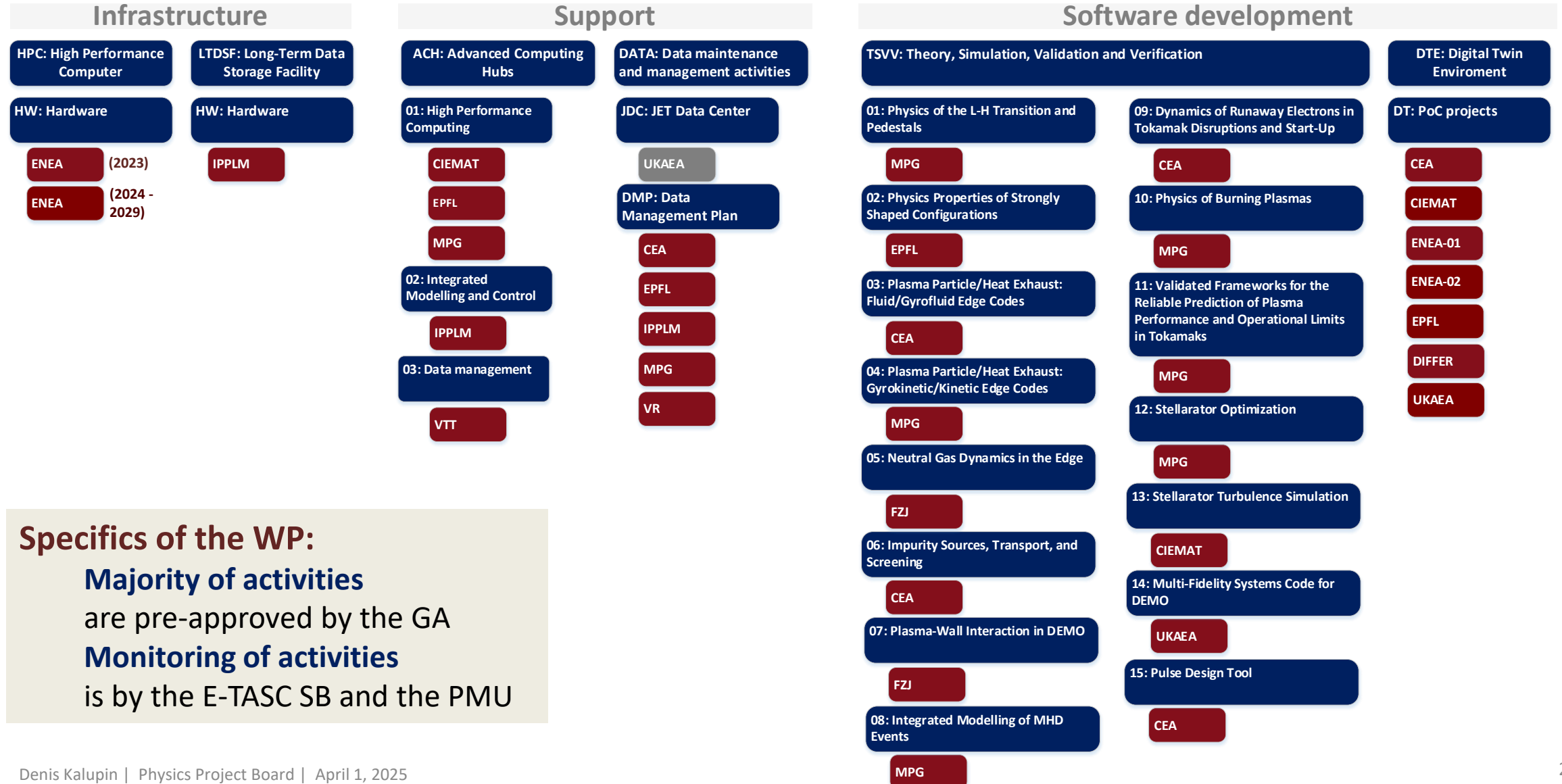
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WP AC: Advanced Computing



Specifics of the WP:

Majority of activities

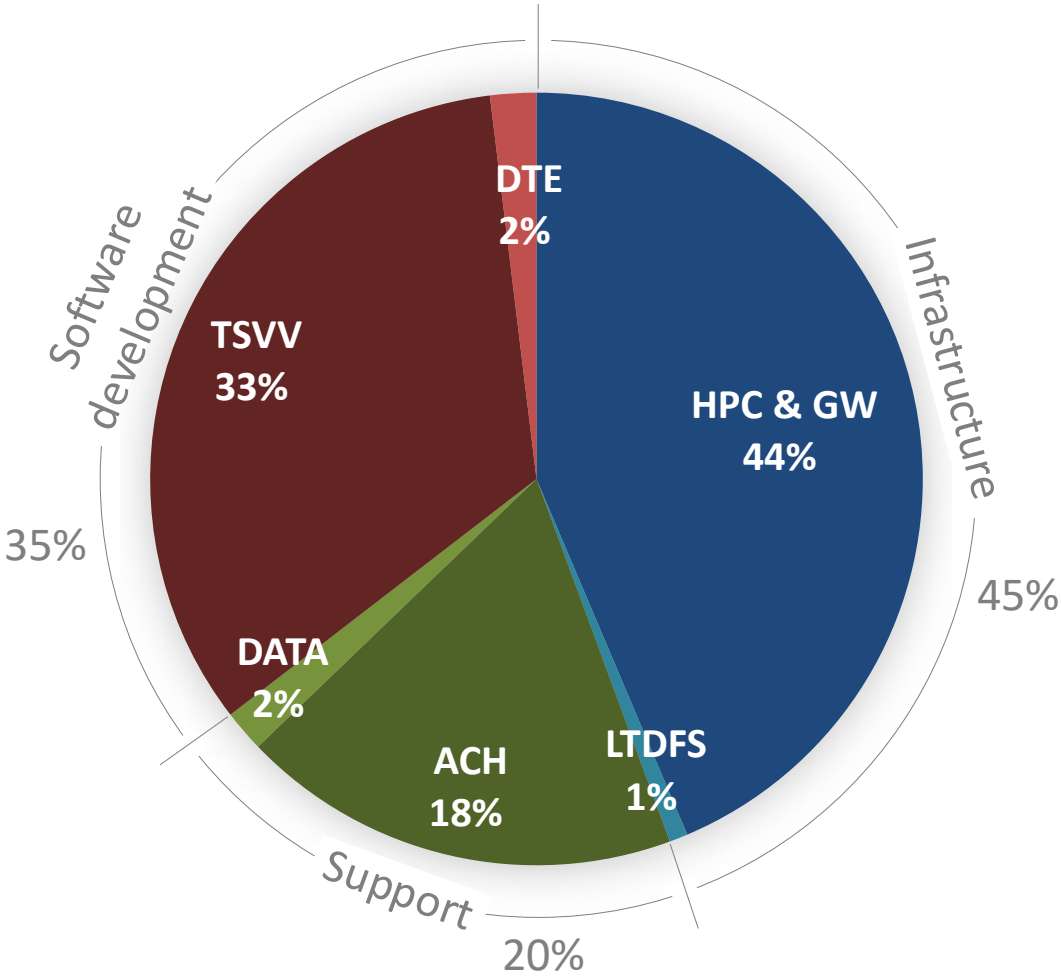
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Monitoring of activities

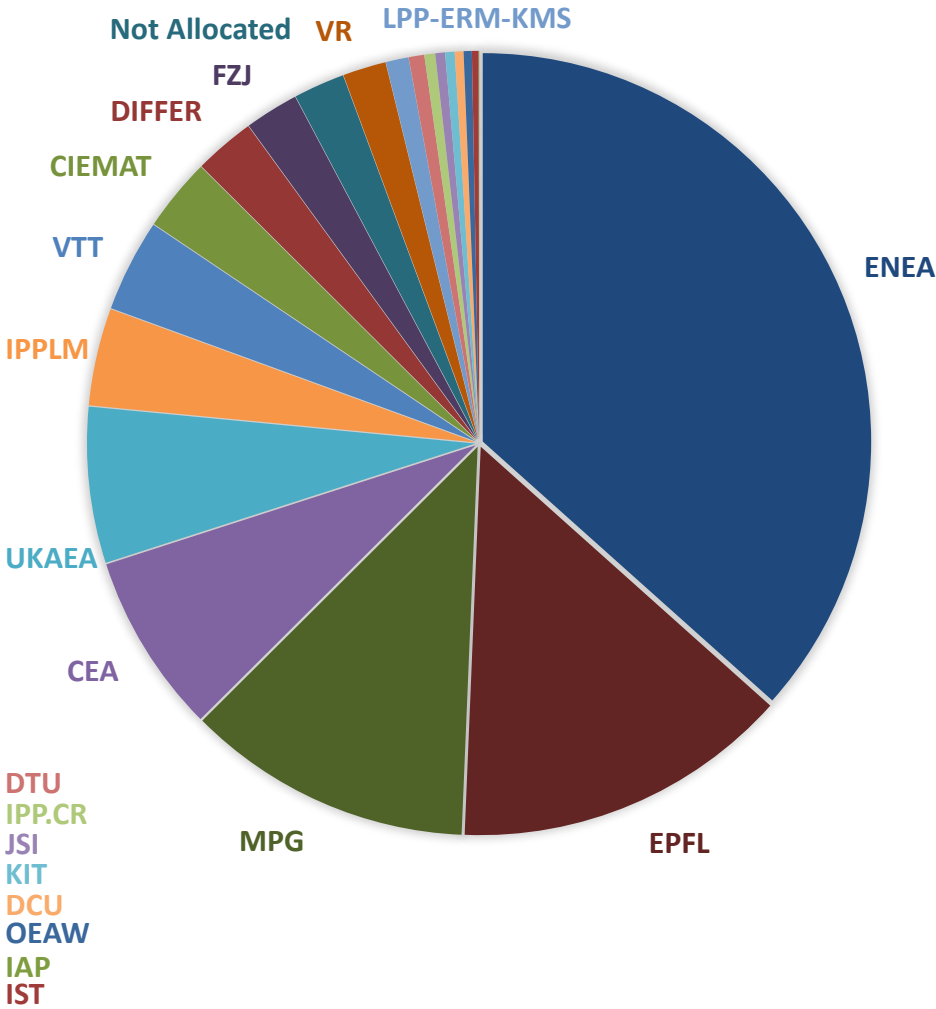
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Shares of activities based on Consortium Contribution



Contributions by beneficiaries based on Total Resources





Call for Project proposals: Spring 2020

**Detailed workplan with
timeline, milestones,
SMART deliverables, and risk
assessment (2021-2025)**



TSVV Task 1: Physics of the L-H Transition and Pedestals

Expected resources: Up to about 10 ppy per year (incl. about 30% for ACH personnel)

Background

Regarding the plasma core, present-day gyrokinetic (GK) simulations of turbulent transport may be characterized as relatively mature, allowing for quantitative comparisons with measurements on a regular basis. Meanwhile, an important new frontier of GK is to advance towards a comprehensive, self-consistent description of the pedestal/edge region, including the physics of the L-H transition. The time is ripe to address these outstanding challenges, building on years of preliminary work and exploiting the capabilities of emerging exascale supercomputers.

Initial applications of GK codes to the near-edge region of tokamak plasmas over the last decade or so have highlighted the importance of a range of physical effects, calling for global simulations in realistic magnetic geometries – involving electromagnetic effects, high-quality collision operators, and the ability to retain both sub-ion-scale fluctuations and relevant macroscopic (MHD-like) instabilities. Moreover, GK codes have demonstrated the capability to reproduce experimentally measured fluxes in near-edge L-mode plasmas and have been used to explore to some degree the residual turbulent transport in H-, QH-, and I-mode pedestals. In addition, full-f GK codes applicable to the edge and SOL are being developed (see TSVV Task 4), providing new ways to attack the L-H transition problem. Another key aspect of the present TSVV task is the development of validated and fast reduced transport models – on the basis of the GK simulations – to be used in integrated modelling codes.

Aims of the project

- Capability to carry out self-consistent, robust, and validated GK simulations of L-H transitions and to accurately predict the pedestal profiles; extension to QH-/I-mode discharges.
- Validated and fast reduced transport models which can be used for multi-channel core-edge predictive modelling.
- Applications of GK simulations and reduced models to (natural or controlled) small/no ELM regimes, studying their transferability to ITER and DEMO.

Key deliverables

1. Validated local and global (electromagnetic, collisional) GK simulations of ion-scale, electron-scale, and multi-scale turbulent transport in the H-, QH-, I-, and L-mode edge.
2. Extension of these simulations to self-consistently include relevant macroscopic (MHD-like) instabilities and the development of a radial electric field.
3. Consistent application of at least one edge GK code (developed in TSVV Task 4) – which is able to bridge the core, pedestal, and SOL regions and includes neutral physics – to the L-H transition problem.
4. An interpretative and predictive capability of L-H transitions (based on a sound validation strategy and ideally also including extensions to QH-/I-mode discharges) accurately capturing the observed edge plasma dynamics in various machines.
5. Reduced transport models for the pedestal on the basis of GK simulations, involving electron-scale, ion-scale, and macroscopic (MHD-like) instabilities; these can then be included in MHD and transport studies, exploiting synergies with TSVV Tasks 8 and 11.

Mid-term review of Theory Simulation Verification & Validation (TSVV) projects 2021-2025 by the E-TASC Scientific Board

Purpose of the review

2023

The goal of this review is to assess the TSVV projects' performance, the achievements in computational science and plasma physics, the efficiency of the project management, and the project's broader impacts on the EUROfusion programme and the wider scientific community.

The project achievements are considered, along with possible deviations from the original proposal. Specific challenges and opportunities are identified, and changes to project priorities, activities and objectives are proposed.

Furthermore, on a higher level, additional synergetic interactions between projects in EUROfusion and adjustments to the overall project portfolio are proposed.

Methodology

The review was carried out as a three-step process:

- Presentation of each TSVV project's achievements to date to a broad audience of EUROfusion scientists, focusing on the main scientific and technical highlights, briefly mentioning specific impacts (achieved or anticipated) on the WPs, and plans. All materials are available at <https://indico.eurofusion.org/event/2429/>

**E-TASC
General
Meeting**

2024

Annual reporting/monitoring (including Thrusts)



2021



2022



2023



2024



2025

**Final Review &
EUROfusion Science Meeting**



Scope

- The main identified challenge was the ITER re-baselining and the replacement of Be by W at the first wall → lead to small scope corrections by TSVV-06 and -07
- Otherwise, small extensions of scope to include additional tasks

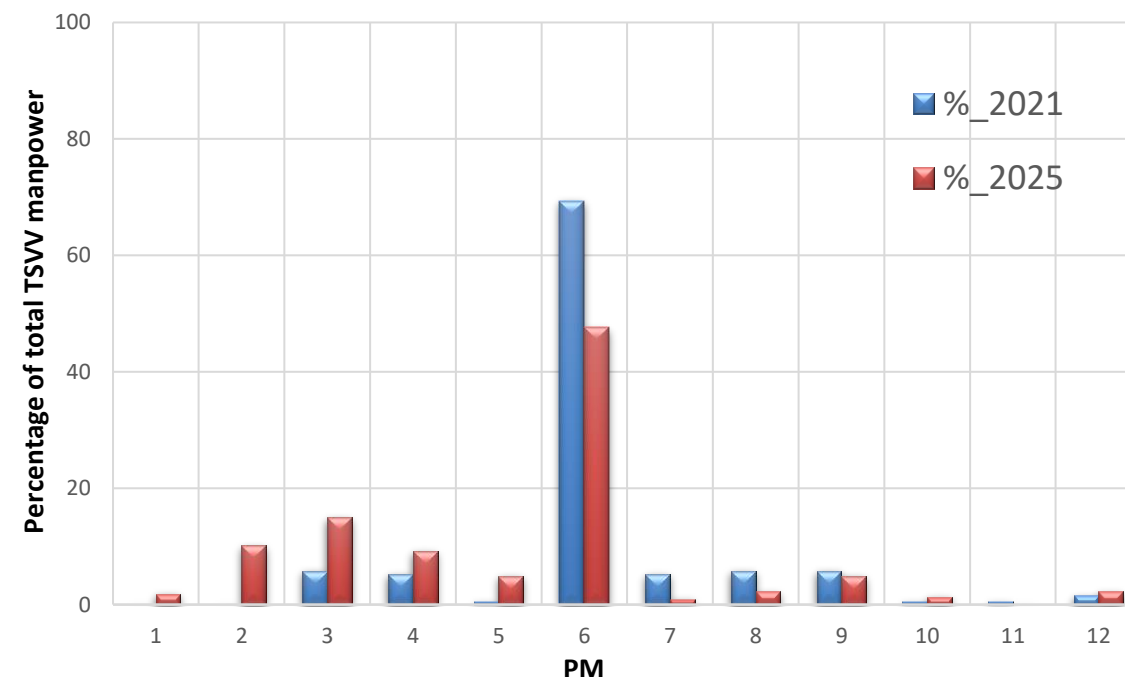
Most recent updates are available @:

- **E-TASC General Meeting** (<https://indico.euro-fusion.org/event/3034/>)
- **Annual reports 2024** (<https://idm.euro-fusion.org/default.aspx?uid=2P5FVJ>)

Personnel

- Normal fluctuation due to exchange of employers/tasks
- Project-oriented structure is preserved with the substantial fraction of >6PM commitments

Distribution of commitments by TSVV participants





Overall implementation is similar to TSVVs: **Call (2020) → Annual monitoring (2021-2025) + Review (2024)**

Specific:

- The Call aimed to establish **5 ACHs with competences in 3x HPC, 1x IM, 1x DB**
- Tasks for each ACH are defined through the **Call for projects (annual)** and approved by the **E-TASC SB**

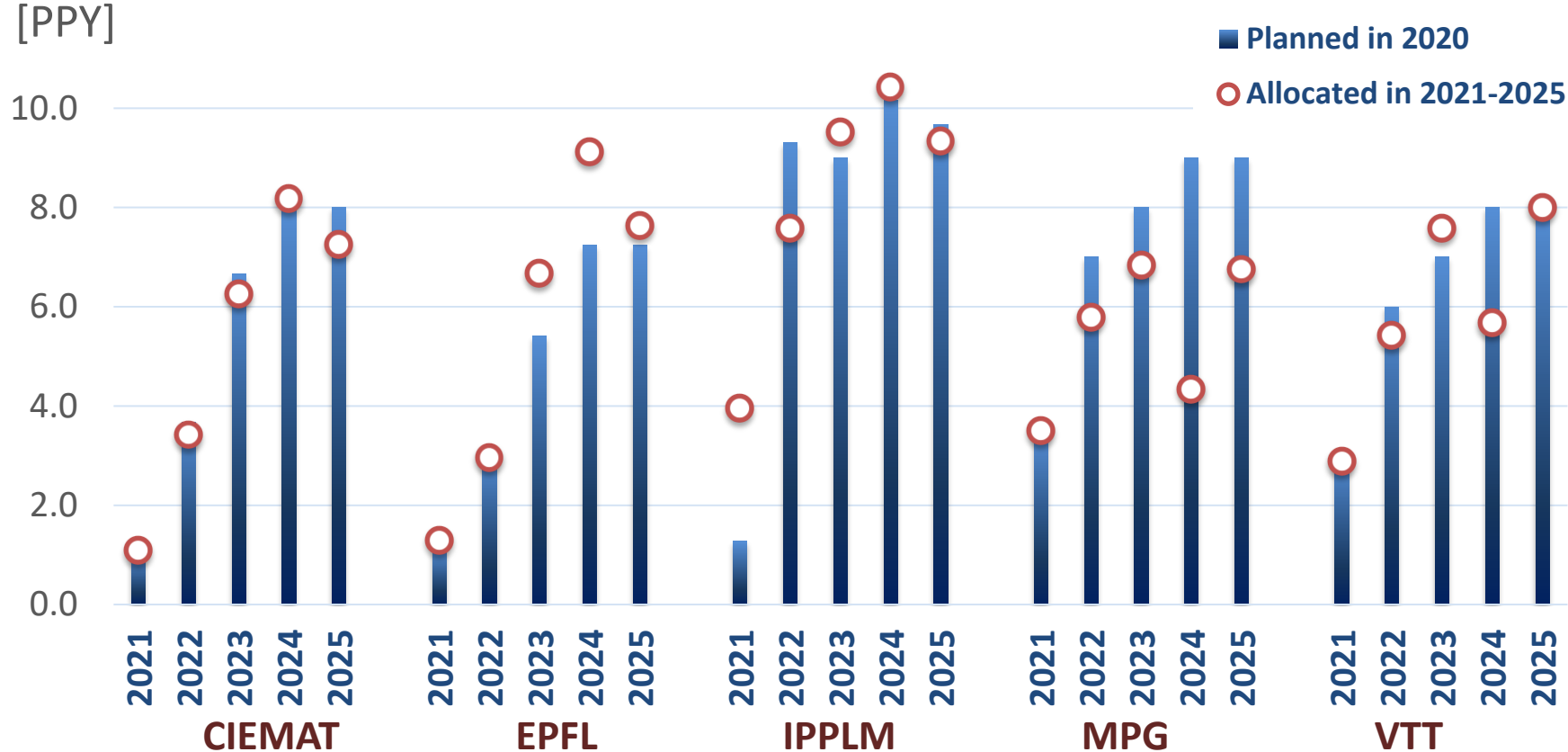
Reference for the request:

In this section, please provide the contact information for your request.

Request
Short Title for the request
Code Name
TSVV or Work Package behind the request
Criticality: Refers to the impact of the request on the timeline of your code (High/Medium/Low)
Code Coordinator (Developer)
Name
Institution
Contact (official) e-mail
Contact telephone (optional)
Code Development Team (optional)
Team member (name / email)
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Year	ACH	Customer Project/WP	Code	Project Coordinator	PM's request	PM's assigned	ACH team members	Tasks description	Comments
449 2025	CIEMAT	ACH	management	Mervi Mantsinen	3.0	3.0	M. Mantsinen	Management of ACH activities	rate agreed by the E-
450 2025	CIEMAT	ALL	CINCOMP	Denis Kalupin	3.0	3.0	X. Saez	Continued support for the CINCOMP project is expected. Therefore in 2025 we request.	
451 2025	CIEMAT	TE	SOLPS	David Coster	12.0	12.0	G. Saxena	After 2023 and 2024 work improving the OpenMP implementation in the SOLPS-ITER B2.5 plasma	Prolongation from 2024
452 2025	CIEMAT	TRED	ALYA	Ezequiel	8.0	10.0	A. Soba (2PM) + X. Saez (6PM) + M.	Alya neutron transport module NEUTRO can benefit from performance improvements of its own.	contribution to IFMF
453 2025	CIEMAT	TSVV-02	XTOR-K	Henrich Lujens	6.0	5.0	E. C. Flores	GPU Porting of XTOR-K	Prolongation from 2024
454 2025	CIEMAT	TSVV-04	GENE-X	David	6.0	6.0	E. C. Flores (3PM) + A. M. Silanes (3PM)	Regular benchmarks on Pegasus to help identify and resolve performance limiting issues	Prolongation from 2024
455 2025	CIEMAT	TSVV-04	GENE-X	Philipp Uhl	0.0	3.0	M. Garcia's team (1PM) & Fusion group	Implemented and tested the ability to access the unstructured computational grid in arbitrary	New tested files
456 2025	CIEMAT	TSVV-07	EROS-0	Juri Romazanov	3.0	6.0	A. M. Silanes	A full-functioning GPU version of the code (option choice at the complete step) with code	Prolongation from
457 2025	CIEMAT	TSVV-07	SPICE	Michael Komm	10.0	10.0	A. Soba	Optimisation of SPICE2 memory footprint and optimisation of collisional operators	Prolongation from
458 2025	CIEMAT	TSVV-08	JOREK	Matthias Hoeftz	12.0	12.0	F. Cipoletta	Find a way to limit the degrees of freedom on the side the walls when using the free boundary	Prolongation from
459 2025	CIEMAT	TSVV-12	GVEC	Florian	4.0	4.0	X. Saez (3PM) + M. Garcia-Gasulla	The 3D MHD equilibrium code GVEC has recently been extended to use a new plasma boundary	Original request for MPQ
460 2025	CIEMAT	TSVV-13	STELLA	Jose Manuel	6.0	5.0	M. Garcia-Gasulla (6PM)	Stella's implicit treatment of parallel streaming is made possible by a Green's function approach	Post-deadline request
461 2025	EPFL	ACH	management	Paolo Ricci	3.0	3.0	Paolo Ricci	management of ACH activities	
462 2025	EPFL	ALL	CINCOMP	Denis Kalupin	3.0	0.0			Depends on availability
463 2025	EPFL	PMU-COMM	EFRTD	TBD	12.0	12.0	Samy Mannane	Development of Digital Twin of EUROfusion fusion reactors	
464 2025	EPFL	PHO	DEFUSE	Alessandro Pau	3.0	3.0	Cristian Sommariva	Parallelization, optimization and modularity/portability enhancement of the DEFUSE code	
465 2025	EPFL	TE	MEQ	Antoine Merle	6.0	6.0	Alessandro Mari	Acceleration of equilibrium reconstruction in MEQ	
466 2025	EPFL	TSVV-01	GYSELA	Virginie	12.0	12.0	Emily Bourne + Mathieu Peybernes	Support for GPU porting of GYSELA	
467 2025	EPFL	TSVV-01	ORBS	Tobias Gortler	3.0	1.5	Florian Cabot	Visualisation tools of particle data for gyrokinetic and hybrid fluid-kinetic codes	LINE SPLIT
468 2025	EPFL	TSVV-02	GENE, ORBS, GBS,	Justin Ball	12.0		Alessandro Balestri	Experimental data for code validation of TSVV-02 codes	
469 2025	EPFL	TSVV-03	FELTOR	M. Wiesenberger	3.0	2.0	Nicola Varni	Show scalability of FELTOR for ITER sized simulations	
470 2025	EPFL	TSVV-03	GBS	Louis Stenger	12.0	12.0	Fernat Sindry	Implementation of uncertainty quantification estimate in GBS	
471 2025	EPFL	TSVV-03	GBS	Louis Stenger	6.0	4.0	Nicola Varni	Implementation of an implicit time stepping algorithm in GBS	
472 2025	EPFL	TSVV-03	GBS	Louis Stenger	2.0	2.0	Emmanuel Lantti	Implementation of low-rank approximation in GBS neutral solver	
473 2025	EPFL	TSVV-03	GRILLIX	Andreas	2.0	2.0	Nicola Varni	3D solver for GRILLIX	
474 2025	EPFL	TSVV-03	SOLEDE3X	Hugo Bufferand	6.0	5.0	Emily Bourne	Optimize GPU version of SOLEDE3X for production	
475 2025	EPFL	TSVV-03	SOLEDE3X	Hugo Bufferand	4.0	3.0	Pylush	Optimization of linear solvers in SOLEDE3X	
476 2025	EPFL	TSVV-03	SOLEDE3X	Hugo Bufferand	6.0	5.0	Mathieu Peybernes	Optimization of MPI communications in SOLEDE3X	
477 2025	EPFL	TSVV-04	GENE-X	Philipp Uhl	6.0	3.0	Piyush Panchal	Support for parallel I/O optimization of the GENE-X code	
478 2025	EPFL	TSVV-04	GYACOMO	Jacob Emil	4.0	2.0	Nicola Varni	Optimisation of the drift-kinetic and gyrokinetic coupling in the GYACOMO code	GENE-X
479 2025	EPFL	TSVV-09	JOREK	Matthias Hoeftz	2.0	2.0	Cristian Sommariva	Benchmark and optimisation of collision operators	
480 2025	EPFL	TSVV-10	ORBS	Thomas	12.0	5.0	Emmanuel Lantti	Modularization of ORBS	
481 2025	EPFL	TSVV-12	ASCOT5	Simpaa	5.0	3.0	Giles Fourastey	GPU porting of ASCOT5	
482 2025	EPFL	TSVV-12	SPEC	Christopher Berg	6.0	4.0	Emmanuel Lantti	Python bindings for the Stepped Pressure Equilibrium Code with refactoring and unit tests	
483 2025	IPPLM	ACH	ETS	Par Strand	12.0	12.0	Par Strand	ETS maintenance Continued Support and maintenance for ACH workflows (ETS, HCD, ...)	
484 2025	IPPLM	ACH	MIAS	Marcin Plocienik	21.0	21.0	Marcin Plocienik	MIAS Ecosystem Infrastructure support	
485 2025	IPPLM	ACH	management	Marcin Plocienik	3.0	3.0	Marcin Plocienik	management of ACH activities	
486 2025	IPPLM	PHO	DATABASES	Frasinetti	1.0	3.0	Agata Filipczak	REDESTAL DB	This activity may require
487 2025	IPPLM	PHO	DEFUSE	Alessandro Pau	2.0	4.0	Dmitry Yadykin	- Migration to new EUROfusion Gateway and long term maintenance (backup solution and	This activity may
488 2025	IPPLM	PHO	DRESS	Jacob Eriksson	2.0	2.0	Dmitry Yadykin	Integration of the DRESS synthetic neutron diagnostics into MIAS.	
489 2025	IPPLM	PHO	DYON	Hyun-Tae Kim	2.0	2.0	Dmitry Yadykin	DYON is a plasma initiation modeling code, that can predict the plasma breakdown phase.	
490 2025	IPPLM	PHO	MSST	Danielle Marocco	2.0	2.0	Dmitry Yadykin	Integration of the MSST synthetic neutron diagnostics into MIAS.	
491 2025	IPPLM	TSVV-01	GENE	Tobias Goertler	3.0	3.0	Dmitry Yadykin	Refine python-based MIAS interfaces for GENE and assess tighter coupling via GENE, i.e.	
492 2025	IPPLM	TSVV-01	GYSELA	Virginie	4.0	4.0	Ludovic Fleury		Running on HPC with
493 2025	IPPLM	TSVV-02	GENE-ORBS-GBS-	Justin Ball	3.0	3.0	Dmitry Yadykin	We seek to ensure the MIAS compatibility of the major codes used by TSVV-02 (GENE, ORBS,	
494 2025	IPPLM	TSVV-03	FELTOR	Patrick Tarnan	0.8	0.8	Krzysztof Galazka	Extend deployment of MIAS outputs in TSVV3 codes to a minimum set allowing the use of	LINE SPLIT
495 2025	IPPLM	TSVV-03	GBS	Patrick Tarnan	0.8	0.8	Krzysztof Galazka	Extend deployment of MIAS outputs in TSVV3 codes to a minimum set allowing the use of	LINE SPLIT
496 2025	IPPLM	TSVV-03	GRILLIX	Patrick Tarnan	0.8	0.8	Krzysztof Galazka	Extend deployment of MIAS outputs in TSVV3 codes to a minimum set allowing the use of	LINE SPLIT



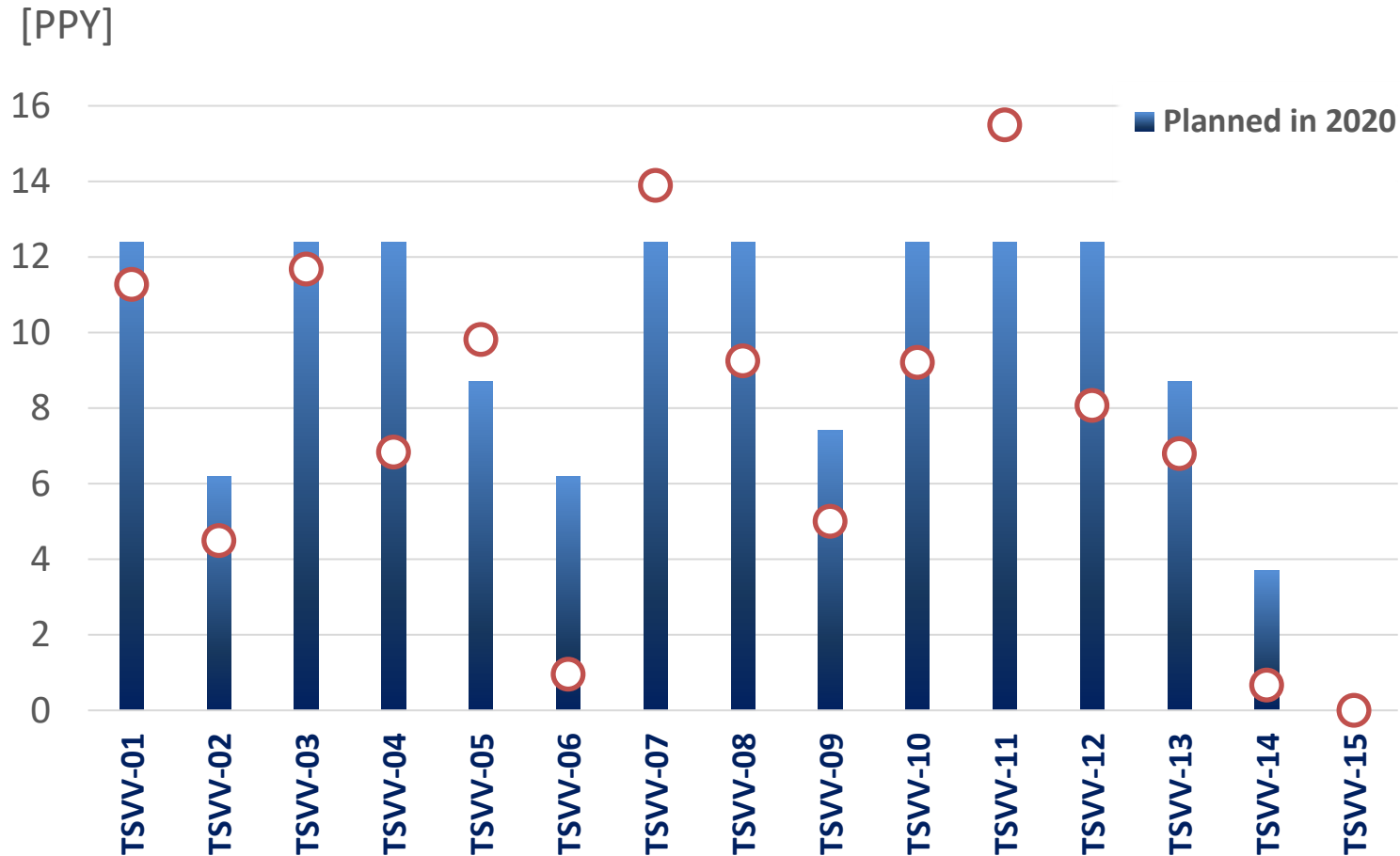
Competences

- Very few cases when ACH support couldn't be provided due to lack of competence
- Overbooking of IM-oriented hub is higher compared to others

Personnel

- Difficult to maintain due to industry demand on IT
- New team members need several months learning
- Inter-operation between hubs helps, but can't cover all the gaps

Use of ACH resources by TSVVs



TSVVs

- All TSVVs are provided with the adequate level of support

Other WPs

- Received overall support
> 25 PPYs

HPC&GW

- Support level increases annually
5 PPYs



First published in the Call for projects (2020) → Discussed and revised after the General Meeting (2024)

The quality assurance framework for **EUROfusion Standard Software** is built on the following principles:

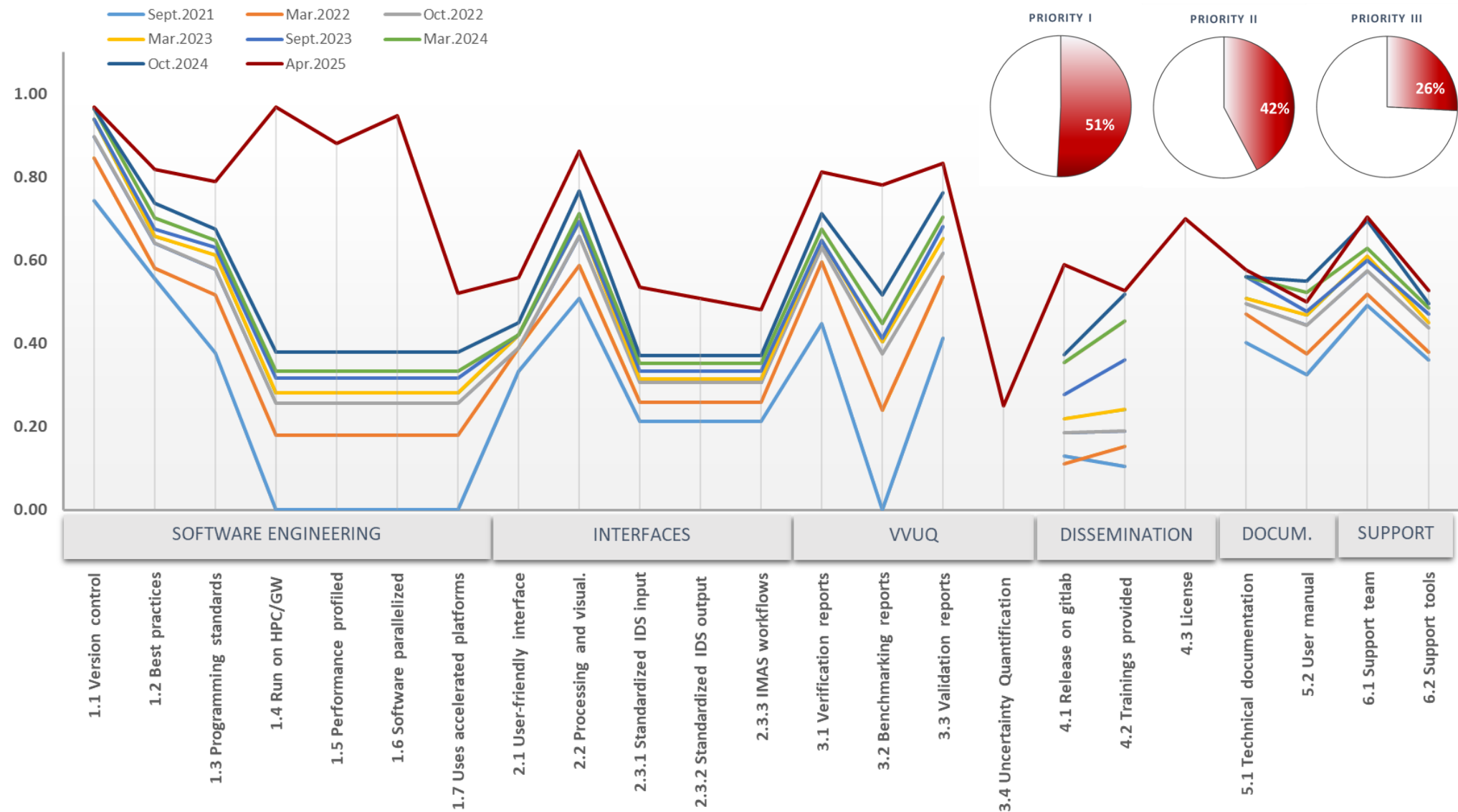
- **Free availability** (within EUROfusion) of an up-to-date release version of the source code used for production runs.
- **Best practices for software development**, including version control, regression/unit testing, and shared development rules.
- **Technical documentation**, including detailed user manuals and reference publications with descriptions of the underlying models.
- **User support**, providing assistance for users, co-developers, and support staff through designated contact points, mailing lists, issue trackers, and other tools.
- **Plans for software verification and validation**, involving third-party reviews and incorporating uncertainty quantification.
- **User-friendly interfaces and visualization/post-processing tools**, including intuitive designs and interfaces to the IMAS Data Dictionary (where applicable) to allow understanding and navigating through the application in an efficient way.
- **Specific plans for dissemination and user training** across EUROfusion.

**Endorsed by the E-TASC SB on
12.03.2025**

<https://idm.euro-fusion.org/?uid=2Q72WQ&version=v2.2>



Quantified progress of TSVV codes towards EUROfusion Standard Software





Goal is to provide FAIR based data for EUROfusion (related to Grant deliverable). Charge for 2025 is to

- **Provide a searchable catalogue/database** of metadata (waveforms) from the participating sites. (Scenario A)
- **Demonstrate direct data access** of a subset of experimental data for user applications to run on. (Prototyping Scenario B).
- **Investigate** (and pending available resources) develop the technology to integrate **modelling/simulation data** as a "facility" of its own

Activity is divided into Core services (PSNC) providing infrastructure and Sites (AUG, COMPASS/-U, JET, MAST/-U, TCV and WEST) providing data mappings and remote data access.

With the long-term data storage facility (LTDSF) and the ability to mint PID's we have the tools to support the longer-term vision towards a one stop facility for researching, accessing, processing, analysing, and sharing experimental and modelling data.



Infrastructure is in place!

- A UDA (UKAEA) based client/server installation is available and tested on all sites.
- Data ingestion and curation procedures and protocols have been tested for Scenario A data (metadata services) for all devices
- UDA has been updated and is being tested with new security enhancements to allow for Authentication and Authorisation (needed for Scenario B data releases)
- Performance issues with large data volumes has been resolved
- Future work is related to adaptation to user needs and further performance improvements.

Metadata - Waveforms, etc (Scenario A) is ready for production services

- Ready for production services: Will be launched on the new gateway (faster access to HW is being explored).
- EUROfusion users will initial have access to: AUG: (11,500 discharges), WEST (~1,200) , TCV: (“full catalogue”), JET (TBD: on request mapping tool), MAST-/U & Compass/-U (pending release agreement)
 - Some embargos and data restrictions may apply

Direct data access has been demonstrated for a number of use cases (scenario B):

- Remote access tools are available using UDA/IMAS
- A set of user needs representing different TSVVs needs have been defined and tested.
- Relevant data mappings are being developed and have been demonstrated for select devices.

Initial testing of integration with modelling/simulation data has started.

- Strategy is to use SimDB and integrate with UDA/IMAS access
- Allow users to log/share simulation results through the catalogue
- The availability of the long term data storage facility (LTDSF) is of key importance to this



Data Infrastructure: all kind high-quality data, (plasma, materials, machine components and actuators); standardised data formats and interfaces; FAIR data management; uncertainty quantification)

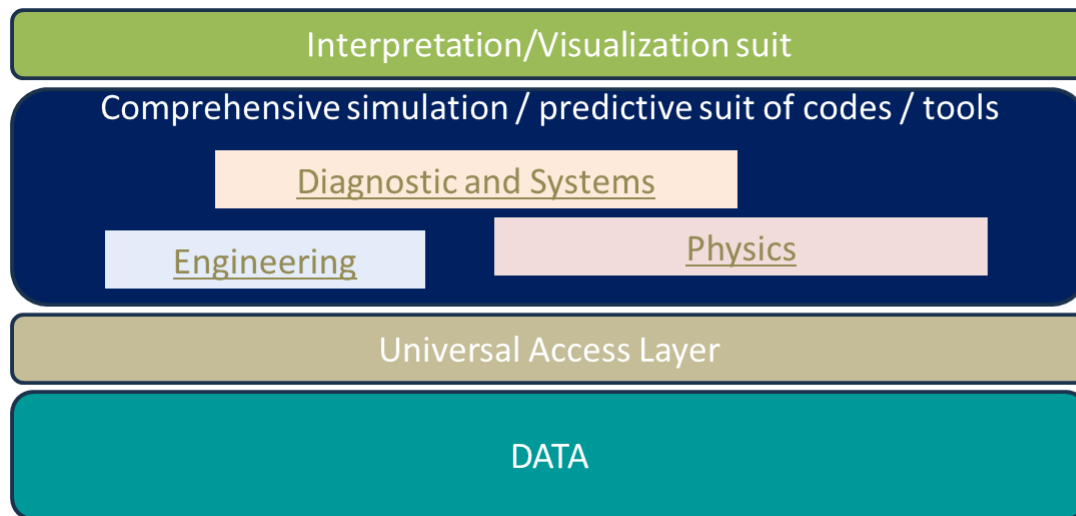
Predictive and Simulation Codes: Physics-Based models; AI/ML models; HPC Compatibility; frameworks to couple multiple simulation domains

Real-Time Feedback Systems: control algorithms; integration with real tokamak

Visualization Tools: friendly UIs, 3D visualisation, tools for evaluation of DTE predictions vs experiment

Benchmarking and Validation: accuracy and reliability of DTE

Computing and storage resources



Computational and
storage resources



Aim of DT activities:

Various essential elements for DTE development are **already embedded within the DSD work programme.**

PoC projects serve as key enablers, focusing on **integration with engineering software** to bridge the gap between physics and engineering models.



The aim is to address identified **gaps and opportunities** through targeted **Proof of Concept (PoC)** projects. **These projects shall link data from science and engineering** to build integrated solutions that meet current needs and advance future capabilities.

The following proposals scored exceptionally high and fall within the budget

Short Reference No	Principal Investigator	Title
CEA-02	Marie-Helene Aumeunier	Integrated Multi-Physics Analysis and Coupled Tools for fusion
CIEMAT-02	Carlos Moreno	Digital Twin Proof of Concept for the Breeding Blanket System
ENEA-01	Domenico Marzullo	Digital Twin platform for integrated design of tokamak components – pilot project on EU-DEMO divertor
ENEA-02	Alessandro Spagnuolo	Integrated Digital Twin Framework for Disruption Analysis, Tokamak Structural and Activation Product Transport
EPFL-01	Cristian Sommariva	Prototyping and assessment of a highly flexible infinitely scalable digital twin of fusion power plants using existing and commercial technologies
DIFFER-02	Thomas Morgan	Divertor digital twin for materials lifetime optimisation
UKAEA	Andrew Davis	MOOSE platform



- **Marconi-Fusion phased-out following flooding incident on 19 October 2024**
- **260 Leonardo CPU nodes provided as compensation as of January 30, 2025**
- **Gateway back in operation in the end of December 2024**

	CPU	GPU	Gateway		CPU	GPU	TOTAL
	# nodes	# nodes	# compute nodes		HPL (Pflops)	HPL (Pflops)	HPL (Pflops)
	Marconi	Leonardo	Gateway		Marconi	Leonardo	TOTAL
From August 3, 2023 until July 31 2024	2848	72	88		5.96	5.00	10.96
From August 1, 2024 until Oct. 19, 2024	1424	100	88		2.98	6.94	9.92
From Oct. 20, 2024 to January 29, 2005	0	100	0 (Oct. 20) 88 (Dec. 31)		0.00	6.94	6.94
	Leonardo-CPU	Leonardo-GPU	Gateway		Leonardo-CPU	Leonardo-GPU	TOTAL
From January 30, 2025	260	100	88		1.33	6.94	8.27



Fusion data volumes are growing exponentially, driven by increase diagnostic data, complex simulations and AI-driven analysis. To secure these and other data EUROfusion issued the **Call for offers for hosting LTDSF** (deadline 31.01.2025).

- **3 offers** were submitted in response
- Following the detailed assessment by the Technical Evaluation Panel – **LTDSF implementation is awarded to IPPLM (PSNC in Poznan)**
- Procurement and start of operation (provisional – **summer 2025**)
- Ensuring the maintenance of data for **10 yrs** (with the possibility of expansion to accommodate growing demands)

Technical Specification:

Long-Term Archival Storage (slow, disk storage): **10PB**

Immediate Data Access (SSD high-speed storage): **1PB**

Data Transfer Link: Fast connection to CINECA HPC (Pitagora) in Bologna.

Bandwidth (sustained): **40 GBit/s**

External Network (bandwidth): **20 GBit/s** with a back-up at similar speed



- **Summary from 1st E-TASC General Meeting (11-15 Nov. 2024, Garching):**
https://idm.euro-fusion.org/?uid=2S53YT&action=get_document
- **Materials from the 1st E-TASC General Meeting:**
<https://indico.euro-fusion.org/event/3034/>
- **EUROfusion Standard Software:**
<https://idm.euro-fusion.org/?uid=2Q72WQ&version=v2.2>
- **Review of Advanced Computing Hubs (ACHs) – 2024:**
<https://idm.euro-fusion.org/Portal/Pages/ContentView.aspx?uid=2RHUC2>
- **Mid-Term Review of TSVV projects (2023):**
<https://idm.euro-fusion.org/Portal/Pages/ContentView.aspx?uid=2P9MS8>
- **WPAC reporting:**
<https://idm.euro-fusion.org/default.aspx?uid=2PMTS8>
- **WPAC Presentation at the last Physics Project Board:**
<https://indico.euro-fusion.org/event/3244/contributions/13043/attachments/6235/10996/DSD-WPAC-Oct2024.pdf>