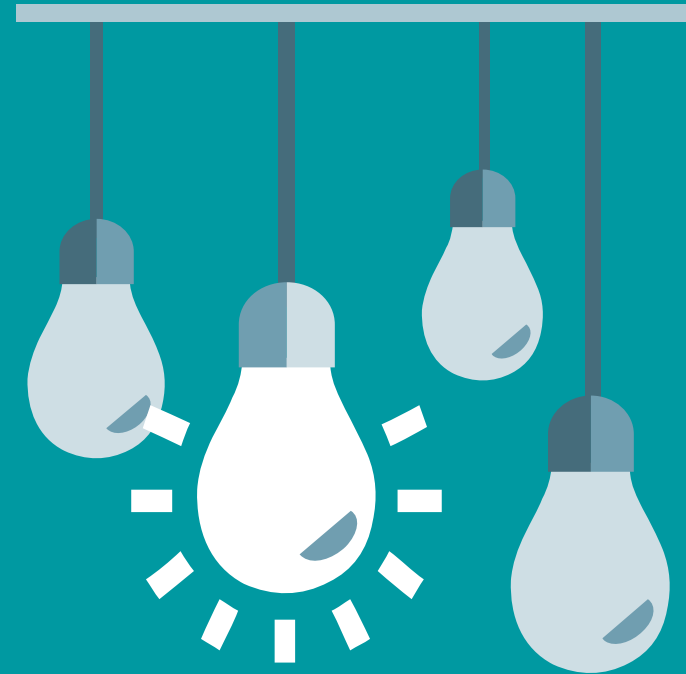


# Innovation and Development Strategies

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## Part III

### Innovation culture

Motivation

Leadership

Change Management

### Strategic innovation management

Innovation  
strategy

Technology  
strategy

Knowledge  
management

IP  
management

Innovation  
controlling

Resource  
management

Innovation  
organisation

### Innovation process

#### Idea management

Scouting &  
screening

Ideation /  
idea  
generation

Idea  
evaluation &  
selection

#### Realization

Planing

R&D

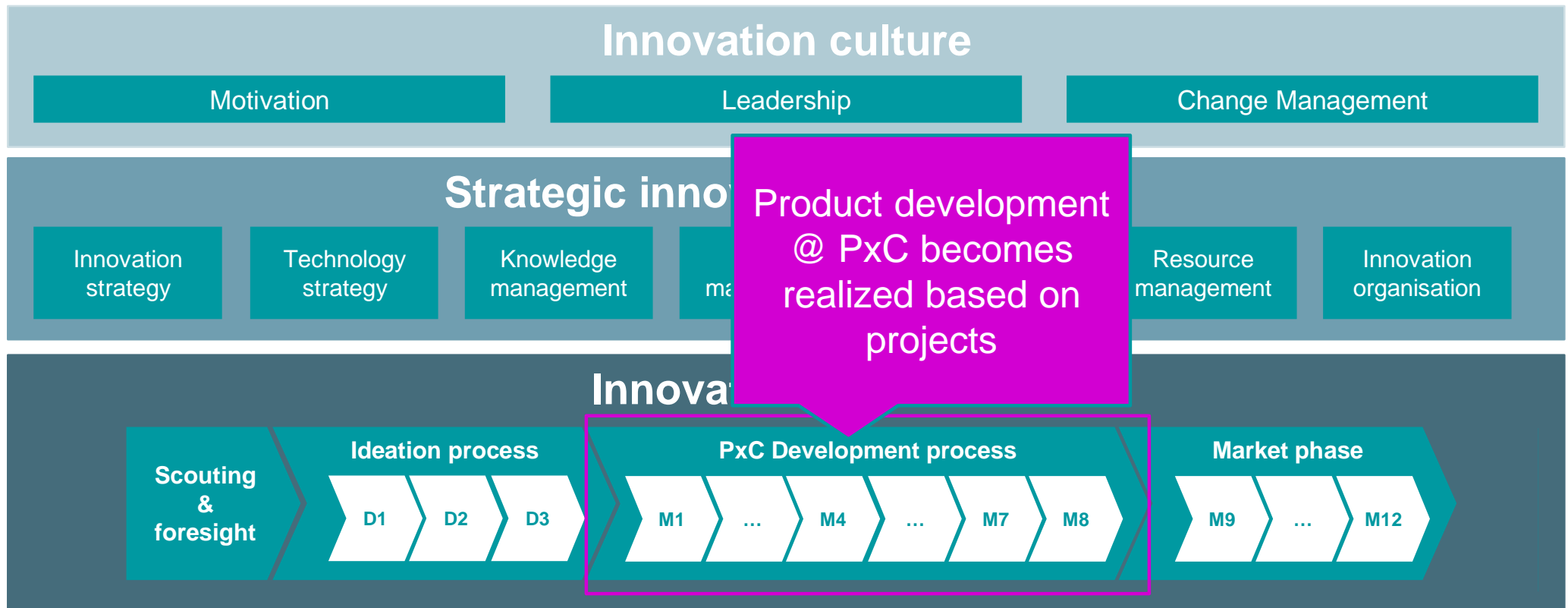
#### Commercialization

Market  
launch

Optimization

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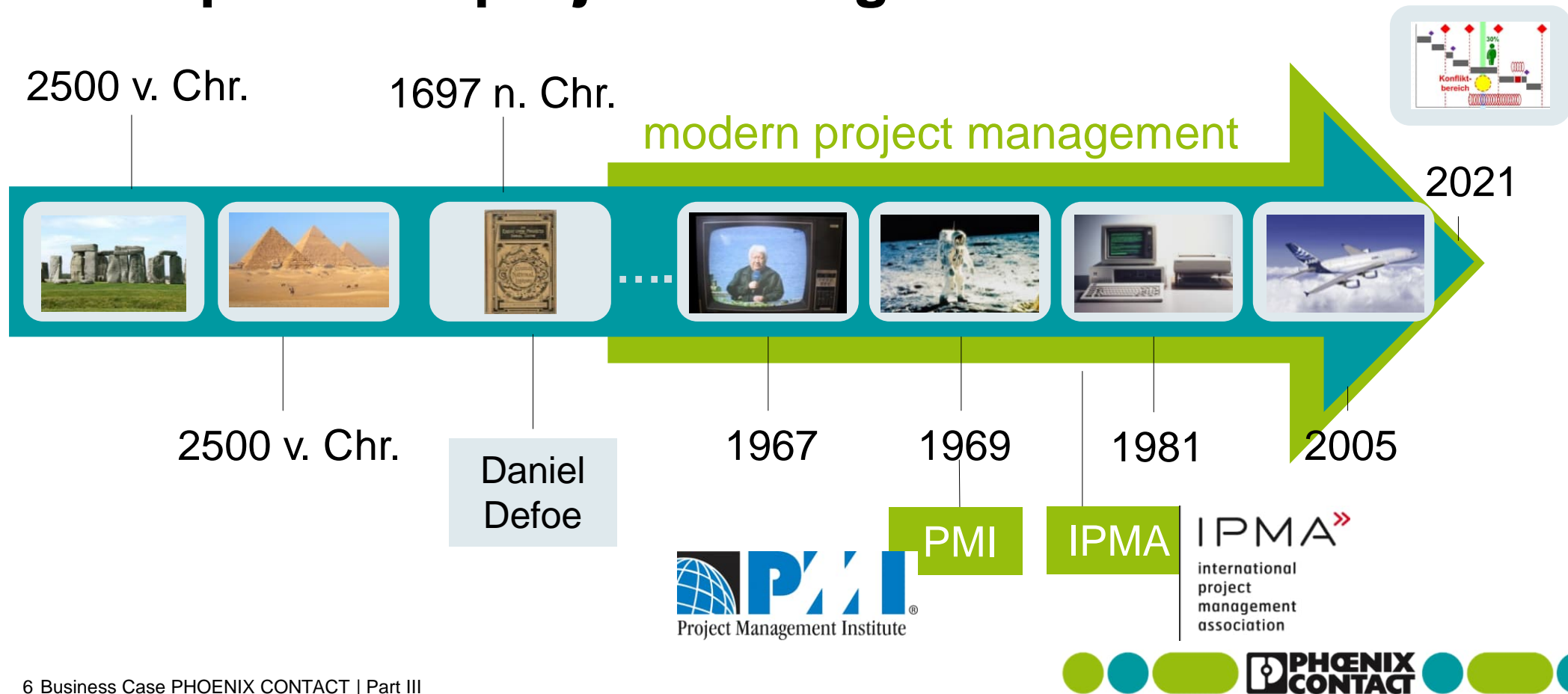
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- Project management
- Product development process

**Why is project management required?  
When is the implementation of project management  
useful (when not)?**

# Development of project management



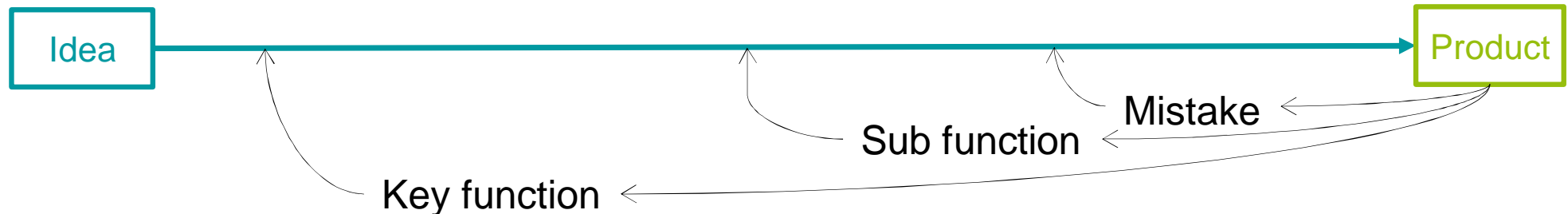
## Development of project management

However, an honorable **project maker** is one who adequately commits his idea to the clear **principles of common sense**, honesty and prudence.

*analogous to Daniel Defoe (1697)*

## Why project management? - path from idea to product

→ The „fast way“



High level of **risks**:

- Problems are detected at the end of the development with all the bad consequences (time, money, ...)
- There is no defined “setback”

→ not calculable

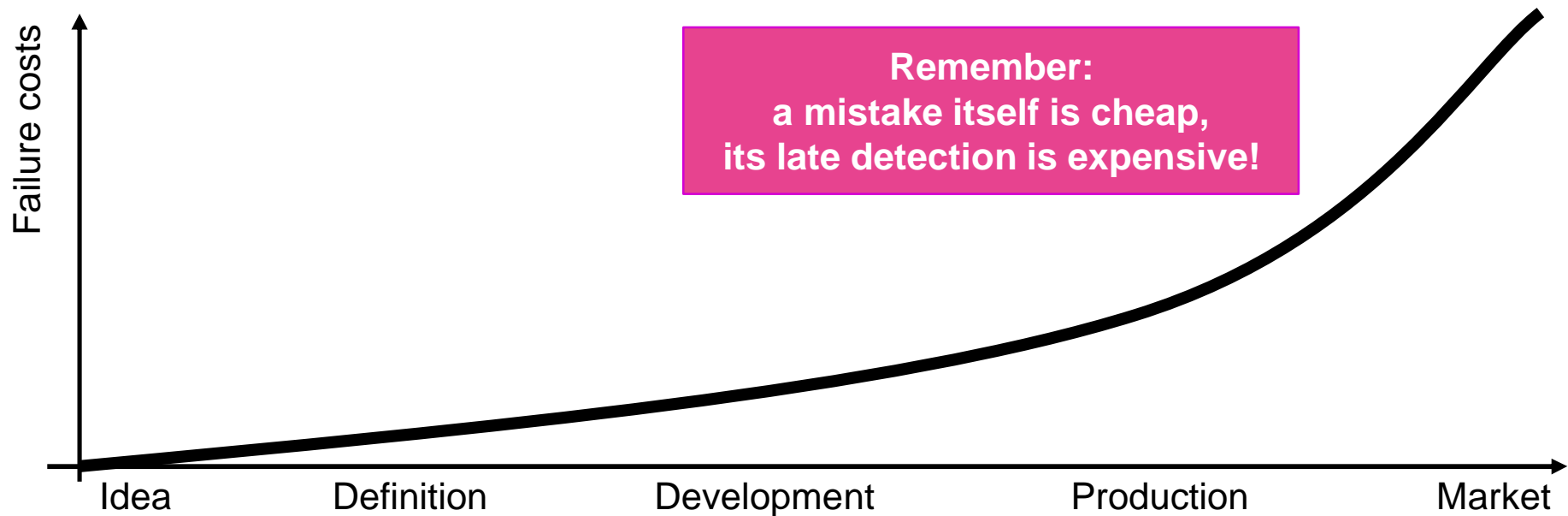


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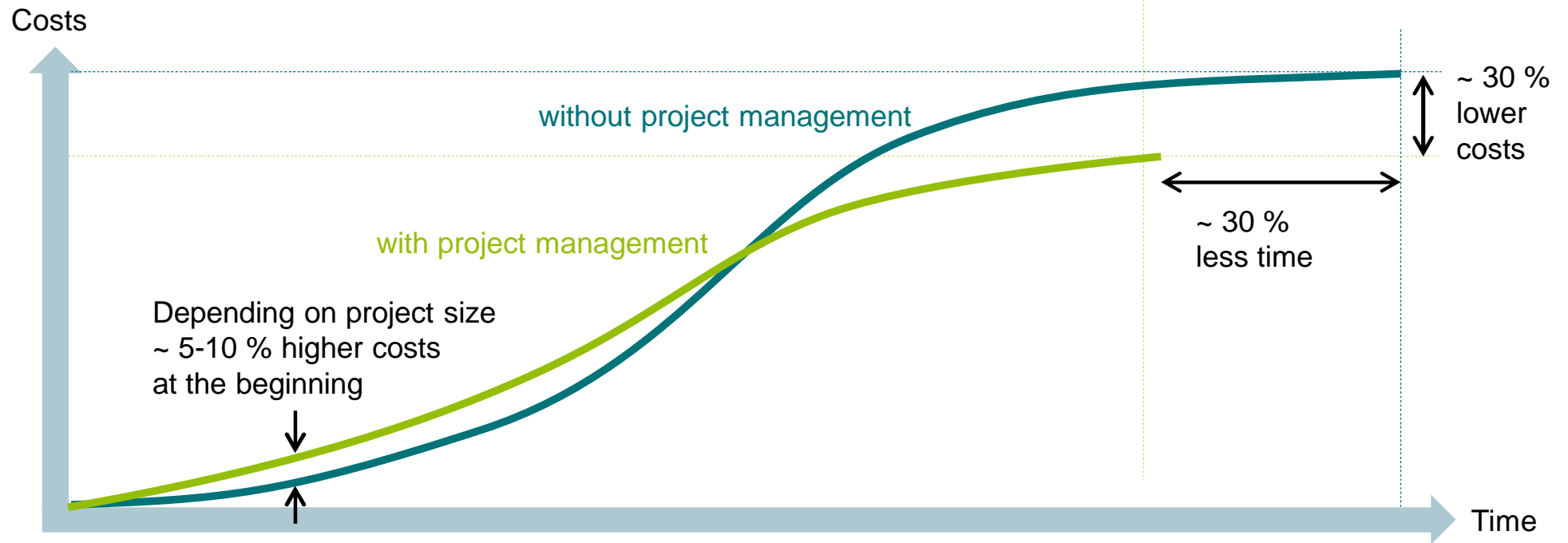
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→ What goes wrong at the beginning will be costly in the end when detected lately

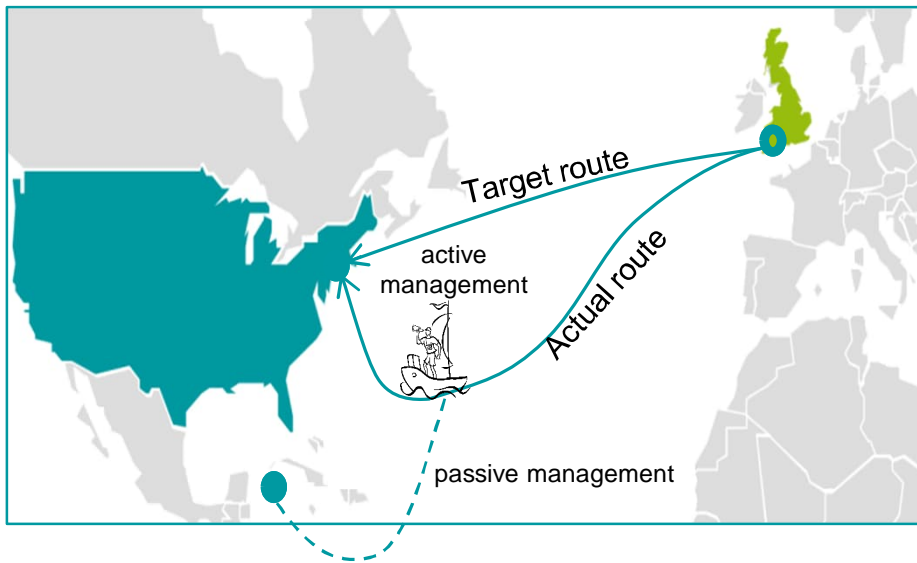
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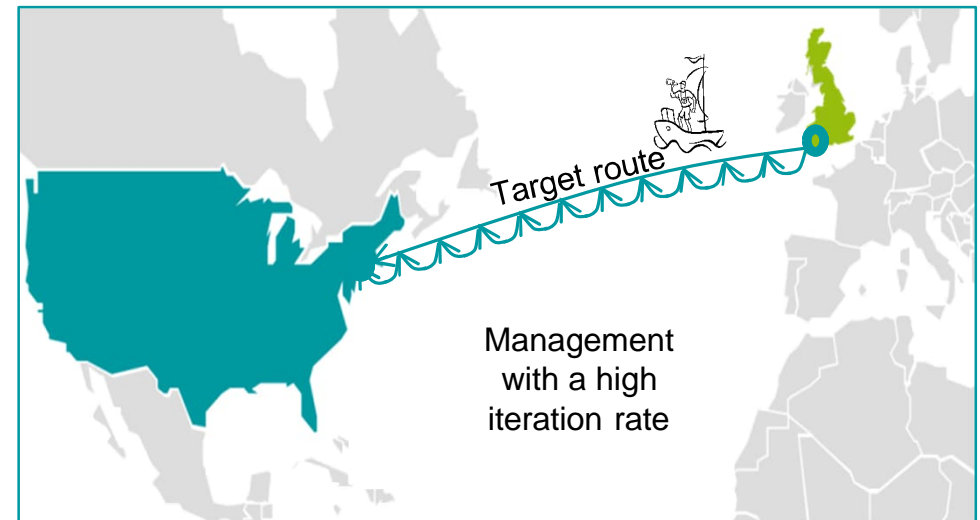
→ Project management helps to reduce time and costs

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# Project management: reducing risk & required time

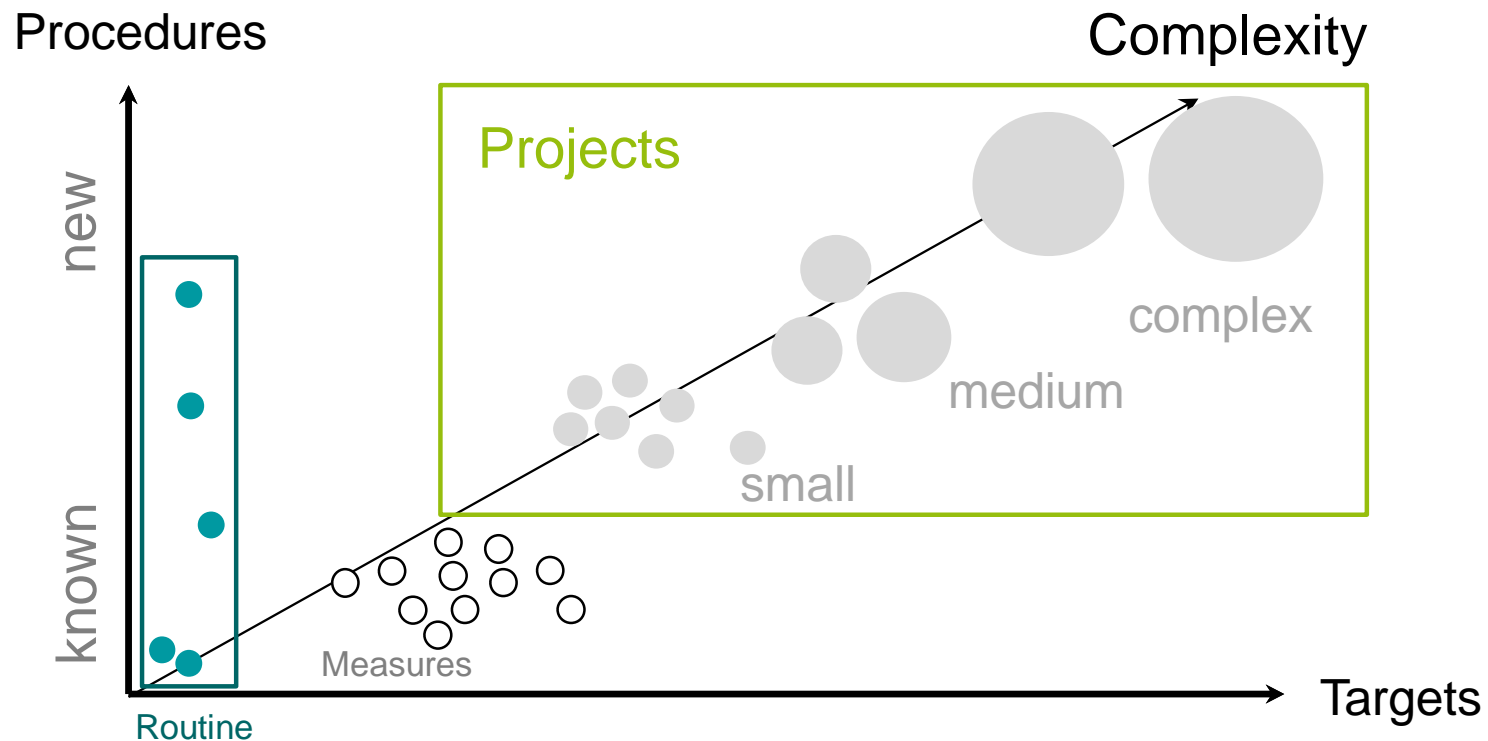


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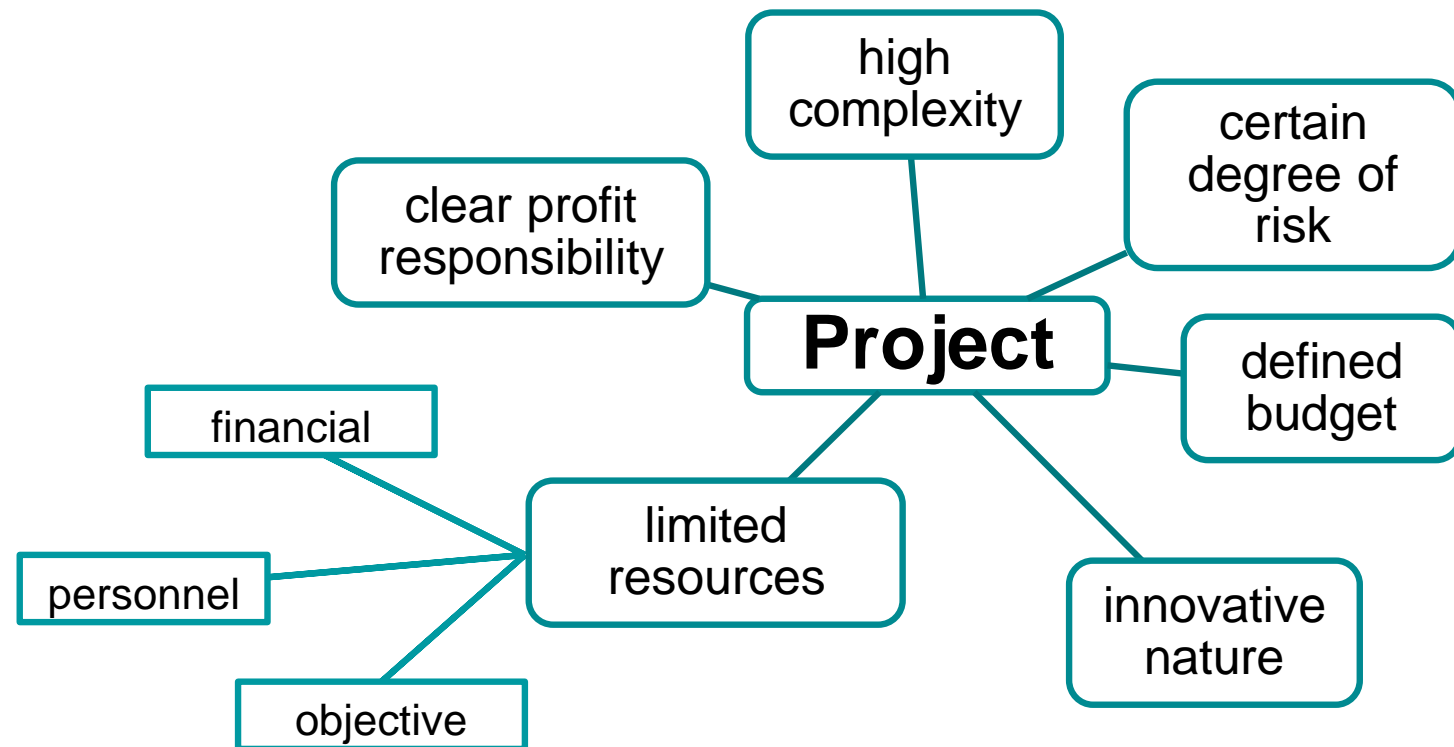
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## When is project management applied?



## Characteristics of a projects

What  
characterizes  
a project?



# The „magical triangle“ of projects

## Scope

- What does the project need in order to achieve the quality in terms of technology, budget and personnel?

## Time

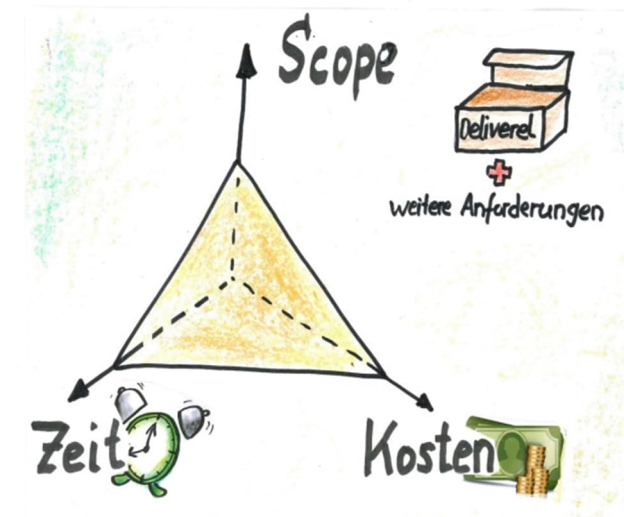
- Which final date and which intermediate dates (milestones) do you want to reach?

## Budget

- What budget do you need if you want to meet the required deadline and the quality should meet your expectations?

## Resources

- How many human resources do you need for this project?



## Project organization: matrix team

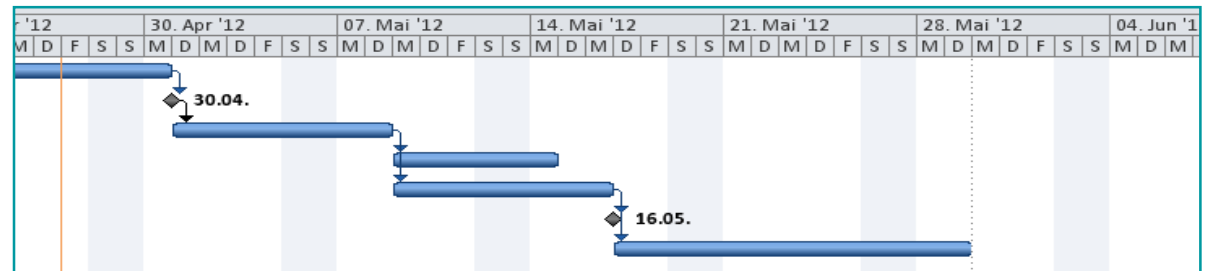




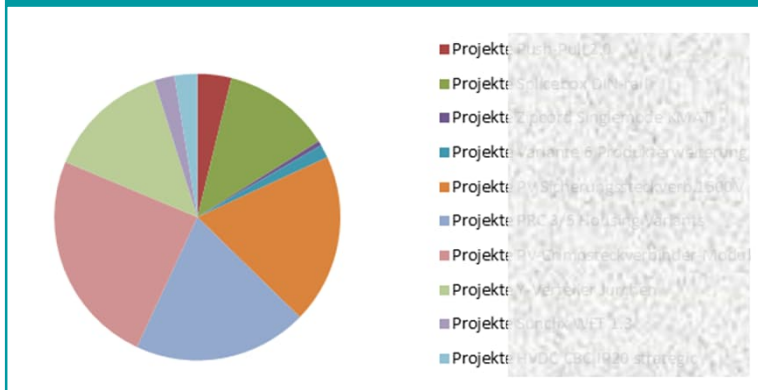
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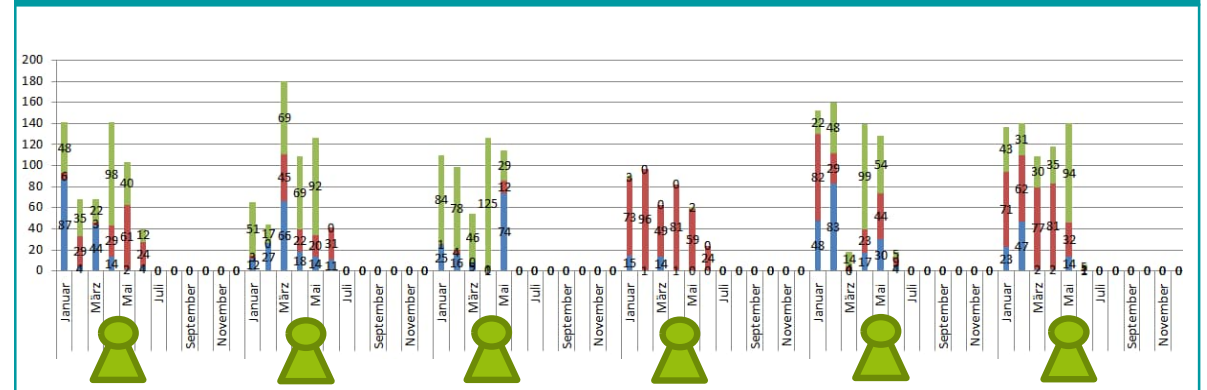
Human resource staffing  
at project start



Hours booked on projects

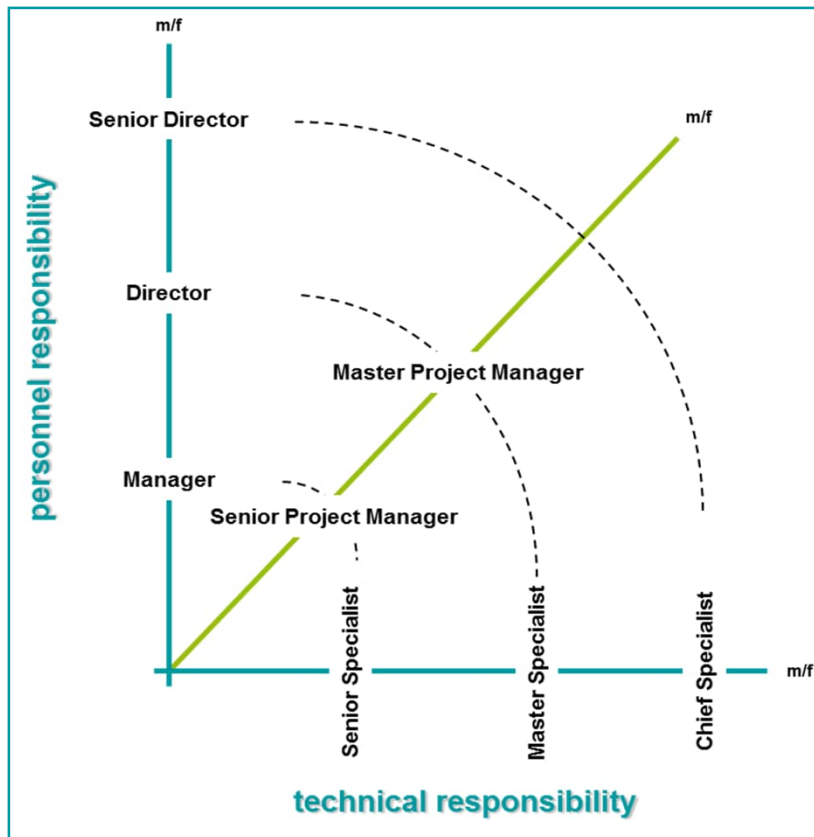


Staff: capacity utilization per employee



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# Phoenix Contact: career model



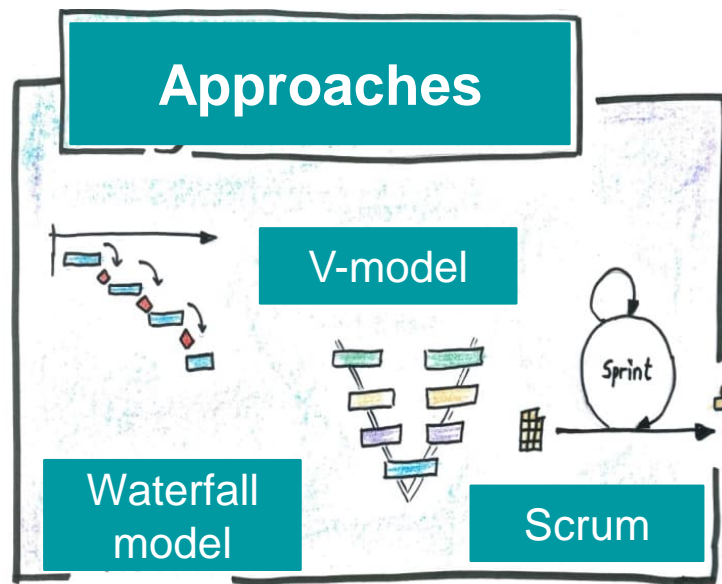
- A project-oriented company needs the job title "project manager" for the personnel development concept in addition to the classic specialist or management career path.
- Project managers are systematically qualified and supported. The project manager will be ranked according to his experience in the company's career model.
- Depending on interest and inclination, the project manager can later change to one or the other classic path.

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# Phoenix Contact: Internal training concept



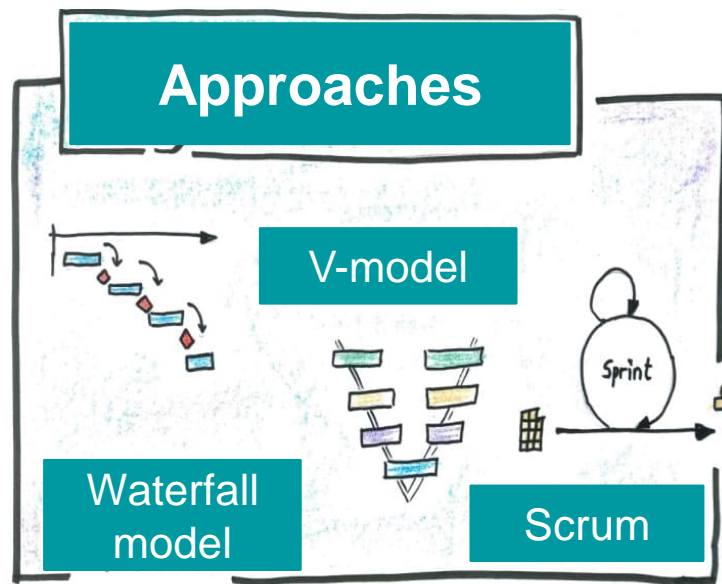
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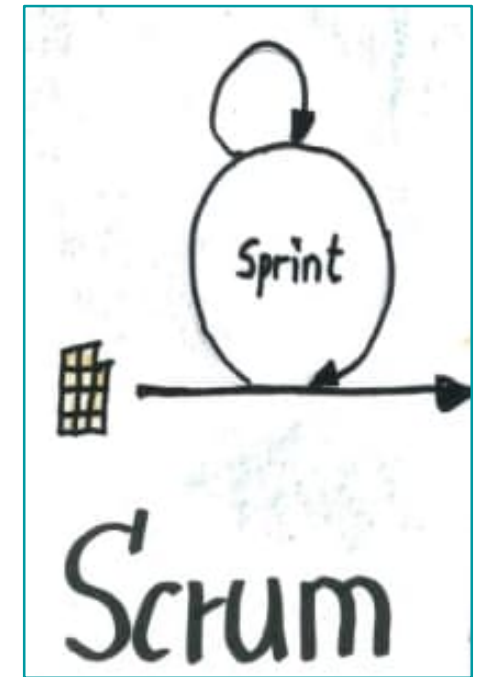
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# Definition of agile project mangement

**Agile project management** is a **generic term for various process** models in software development such as "Scrum" or "Extreme Programming".

It is also increasingly used as a term for a **new way of thinking in project management** as opposed to traditional, planning-oriented project management.

With the adjective "agile" the representatives of the "agile" processes and the "agile project management" want to express that they want to make the management and control of projects and processes **very dynamic and flexible**. "Agile" is the successor term of "light" or "lightweight" and should highlight the positive aspects of low planning and leadership intensity more clearly.



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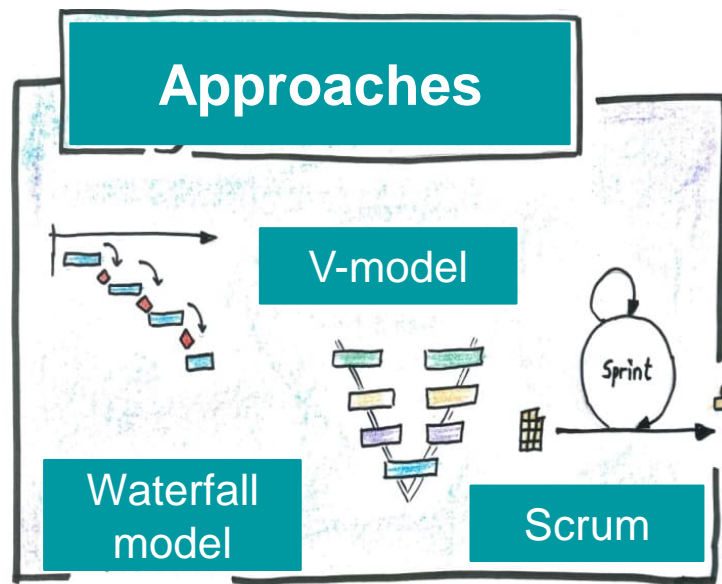
# The agile manifest

“We are looking for better ways to develop products by practicing it ourselves and helping others to do so.”

- **Individuals and interactions** take precedent over processes and tools.
- **Functional products** have priority over extensive documentation.
- **Cooperation with the customer** takes precedent over contract negotiations.
- Addressing **changes has priority** over strict schedule tracking

→ Agile project management is becoming more and more relevant & established by Phoenix Contact.

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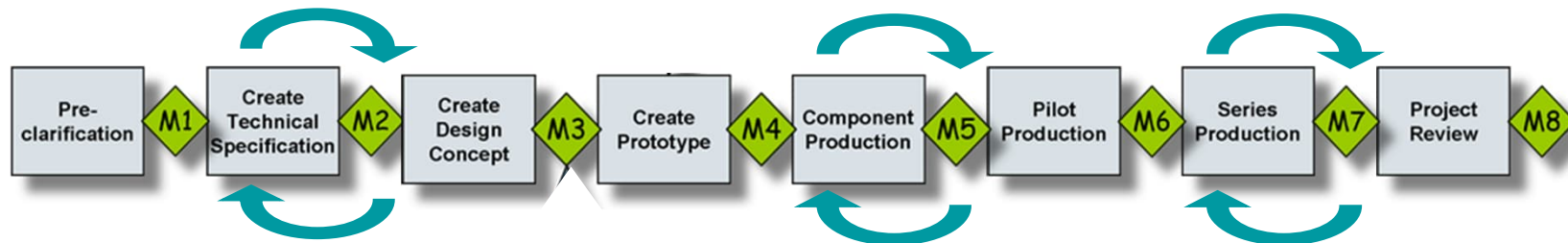


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## Waterfall: Stage-Gate<sup>®</sup> Milestone Process



...allows to shorten the “time to market” thanks to the early detection of problems and the avoidance of setbacks in the development process and...

**... makes the project more calculable & safe**

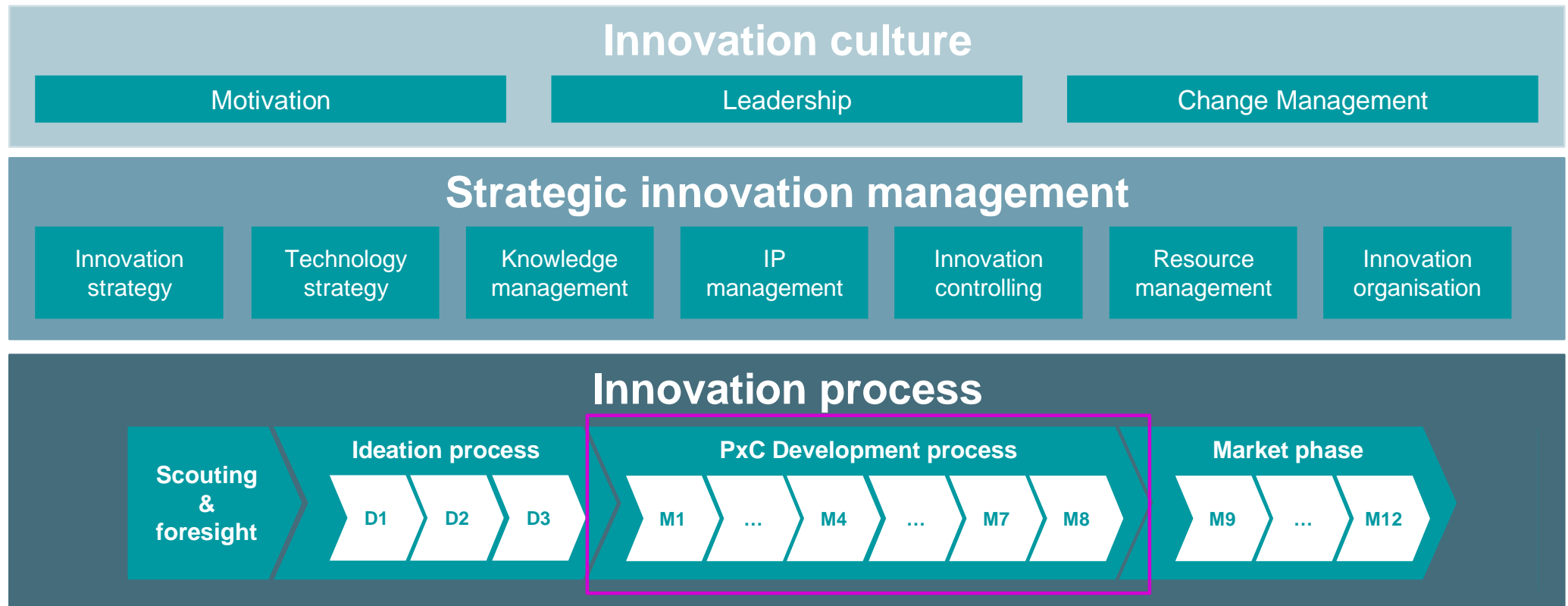
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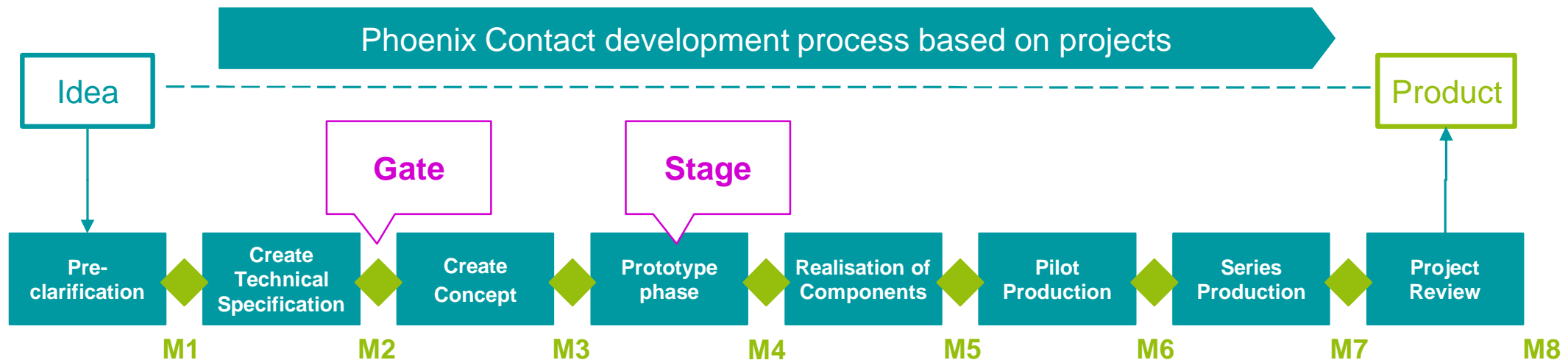
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# Reminder: Innovation process



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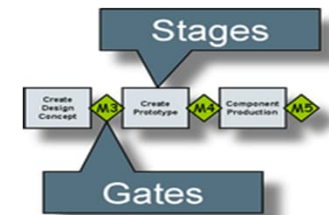
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## Product development @ PxC: Milestone Process

### The stages

- In each stage, the team deals with a set of specified activities that are based on the “Best Practices” of Product Development.
- Each stage has to be completed successfully before approval (from management) is granted and the next stage of the product development can be tackled.
- All stages are interdisciplinary – several departments of a company are involved.
- Prior to each stage, there is a decision or “gate”.



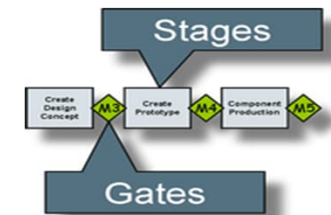
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## The gates

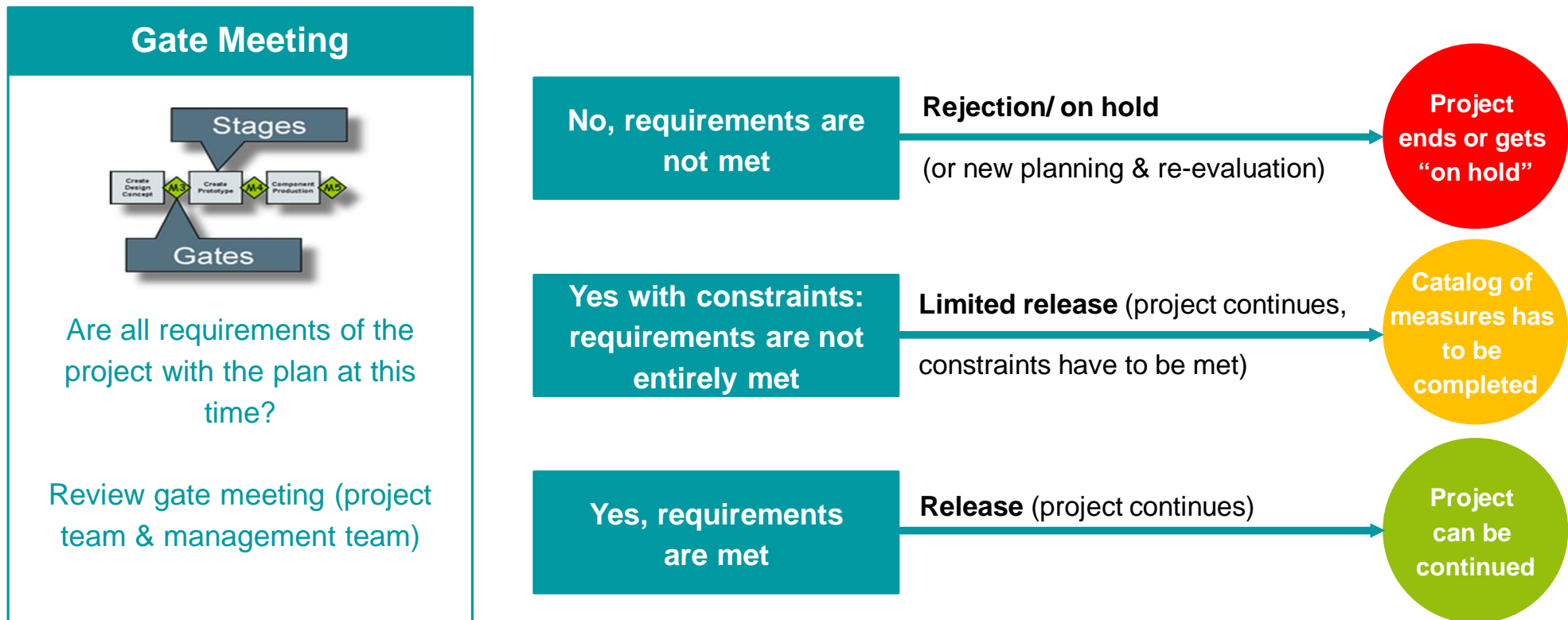
There is a gate prior to every stage...

- In the Gate Review Meeting, the results of the activities of the previous stages (“deliverables”) are measured by means of specific criteria.
- Quality assurance of the project: Has the previous stage been carried out in sufficient quality?
- The criteria are stated in the form of checklists
- The results of the Review Meeting provide decisions in the form of “Go”, “Hold”, “Recycle” or “Kill”

...which determines whether and how the next stage is started.

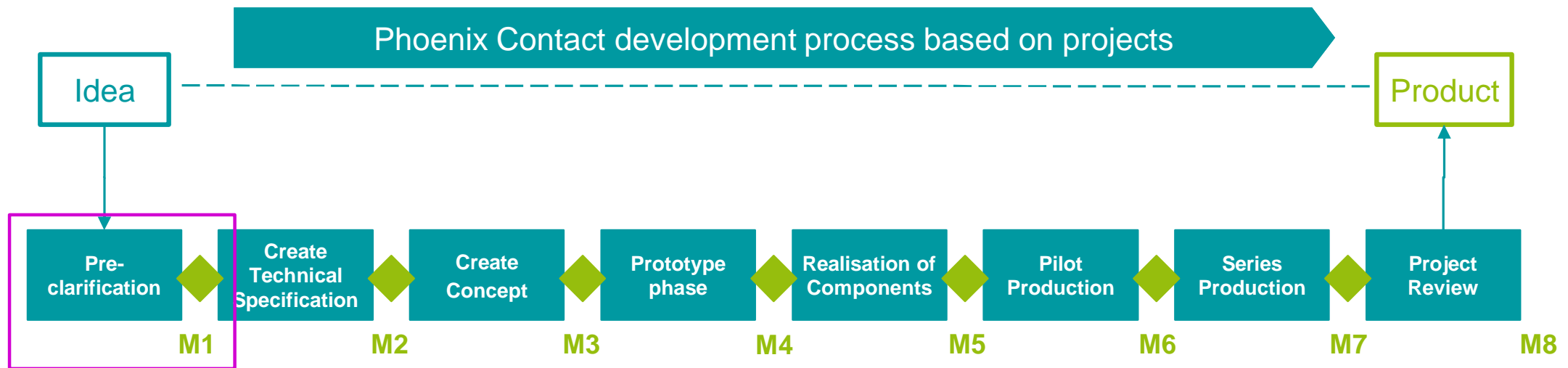


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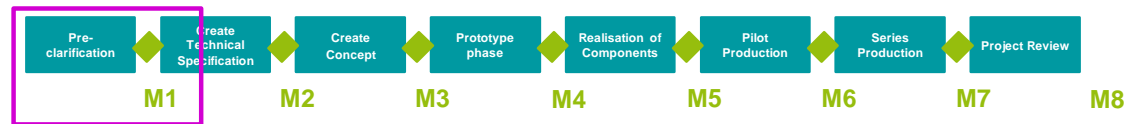




# Product development @ PxC: Milestone Process

## What is required?

Pre-clarification / M1



→ M1 gate meeting: release of requirement specifications

- Target: Marketing/Sales have described a product that contributes to the success of the company
- Criteria:
  - Functions have been accepted by the customer or comply with the market requirements
  - Compliance with the Strategic Development Plan (SDP)
  - Importance and priority of the product have been coordinated
  - A project leader and a team have been named for the functional specifications stage
  - The resources are available

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# Example SUNCLIX: analysis of competitive products

Analysis of competitive products in order to identify strenght & weaknesses and potentials for USPs



### Analysis in terms of...

#### Competitor products:

- Amphenol Helios H4
- Kostal KSK4
- Lapp EPIC® SOLAR 4
- Multi-Contact MC4
- QC Solar QC4.10
- Yamaichi Y-Sol4 F.A.T.
- Weidmüller WM4
- Weidmüller PV-Stick

- Extended temperature shocks
- Thermal tests
- Climatic tests
- Mechanical tests
- Life tests
- Mounting comparison
- Life cycle costs

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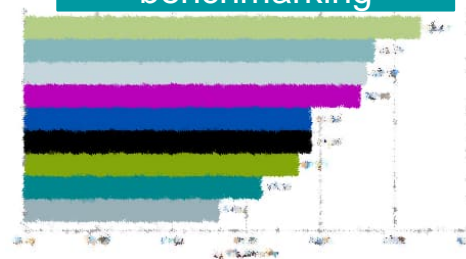
# Example: SUNCLIX benchmarking against competition

### Endurance test



### Assembly test

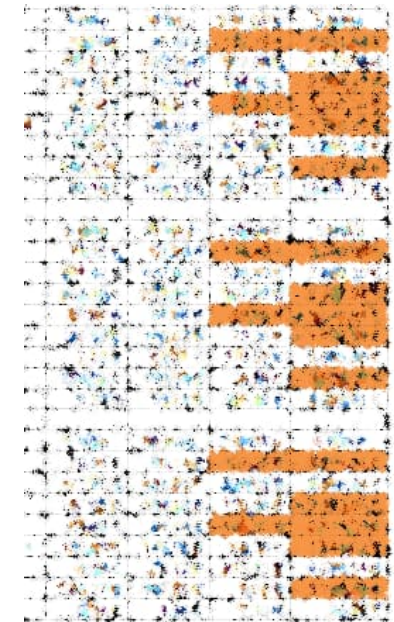
#### Installation time benchmarking



#### Handling & instruction evaluation

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### Economic evaluation

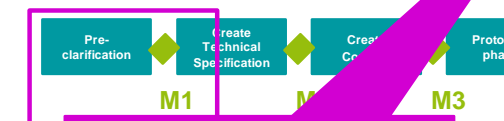


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## Product development

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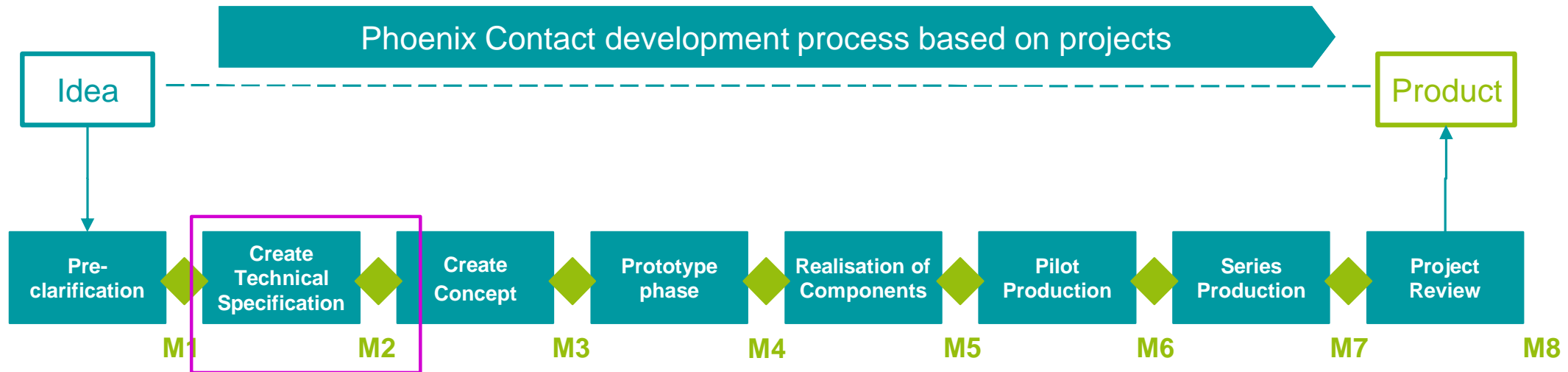
Part of the SUNCLIX requirement specifications document

- Importance and priority
- A project leader and a team
- The resources are available

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## Product development @ PxC: Milestone Process



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# Product development @ PxC: Milestone Process

Translation of  
requirements  
into  
technical  
specifications

Create  
Technical  
Specification /  
M2



→ M2 gate meeting: technical specs are created

Criteria:

- The requirement specification is transferred to the technical specification. The specifications for development and implementation are agreed and documented in the technical specification. The realization concept is agreed by all departments involved.
- The project manager is appointed and has taken over the project order.

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Project Number  
Project Name

3. Pflichten (Obligations)  
3.1. Ausfüllanleitung (Instructions for completion)  
Die Nummerierung der Pflichten erfolgt nachfolgenden Schlüssel:  
P010-00 ... P990-00 (The obligations are numbered as follows: (P010-00 ... P990-00))

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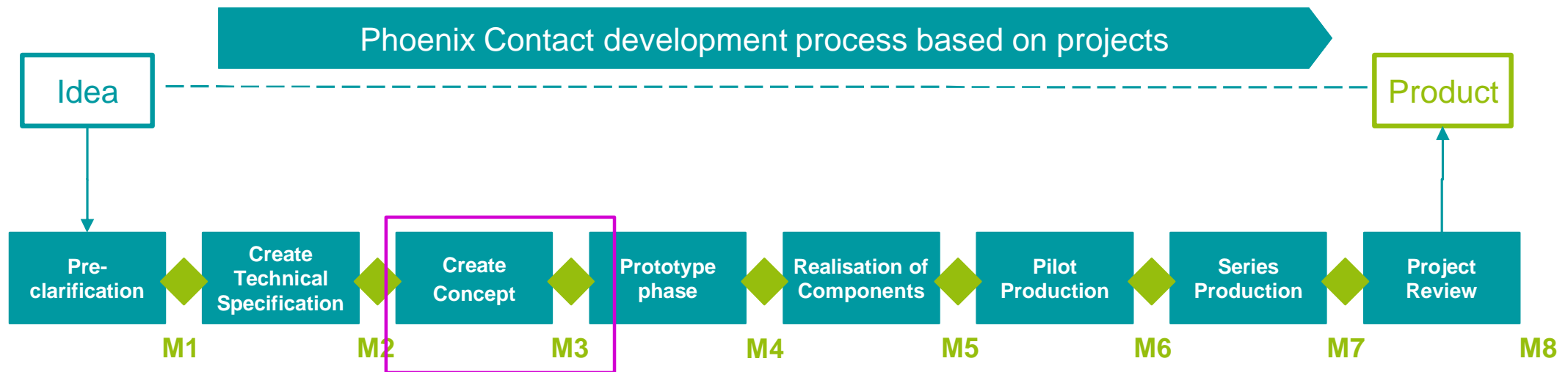
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## Design concept phase

### Definition of product concepts/ M3



→ **M3 gate meeting:** The concept and the steps to realization of the product are known to all involved in the project. They serve as basis for further ascertainment of the product.

#### Criteria:

- If mechanical components are created during the project, a CAD 3-D model must exist. If necessary, the order for production of a rapid prototype is issued or procurement of samples (components, standard parts etc.) is initiated.
- Development has reach a level of maturity that supplies meaningful results during tests on 3D models/ rapid prototypes The project manager is appointed and has taken over the project order.
- In the case of electronics: the function blocks for realization of the product are determined and the division between hardware, firmware and software took place.
- Depending on the risk assessment, a product FMEA must be available.



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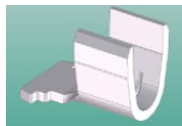
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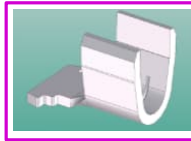
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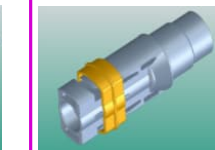
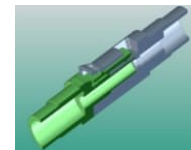
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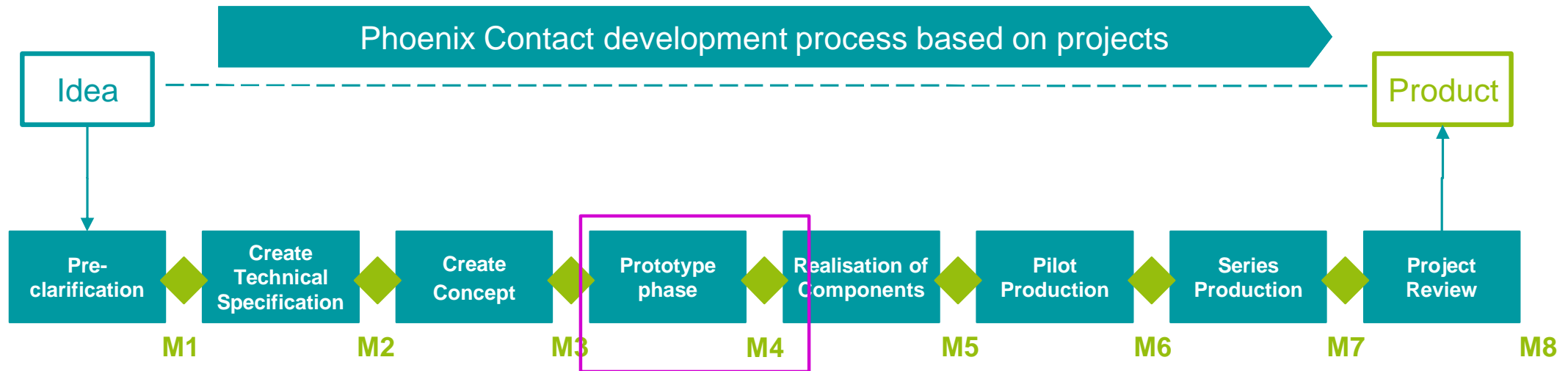


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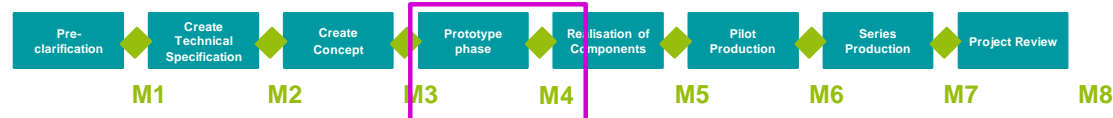
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## Prototype phase

Prototype approval/  
M4



→ **M4 gate meeting:** The development concept has been verified. All construction elements are available. The production of tools and equipment can be initiated

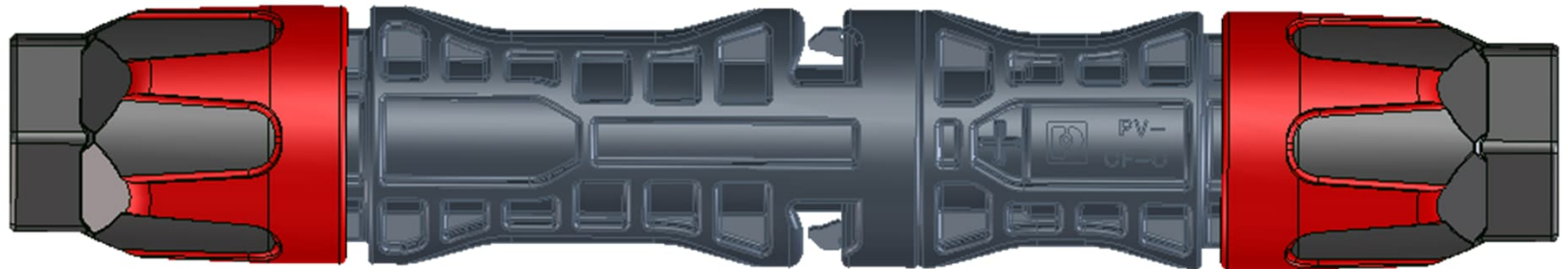
Criteria:

- Tested rapid prototypes or development samples and/or 3D models are available
- The manufacturing costs are calculated and do not exceed the costs
- The manufacturing process can be realized with known methods
- The availability of all purchased parts is secured
- A requirement specification is available for the pending production equipment
- A process FMEA was performed

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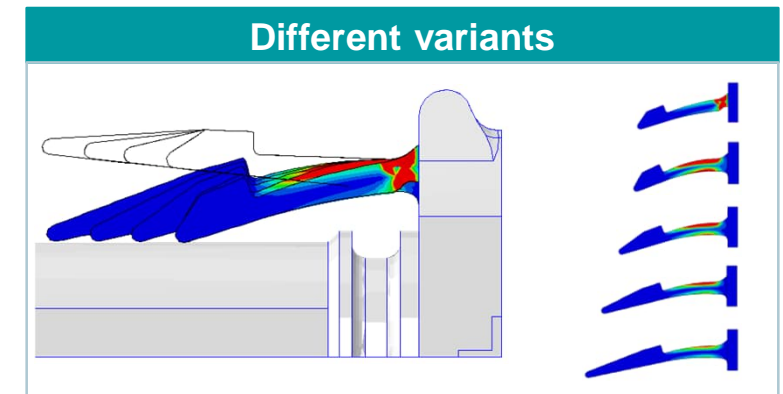
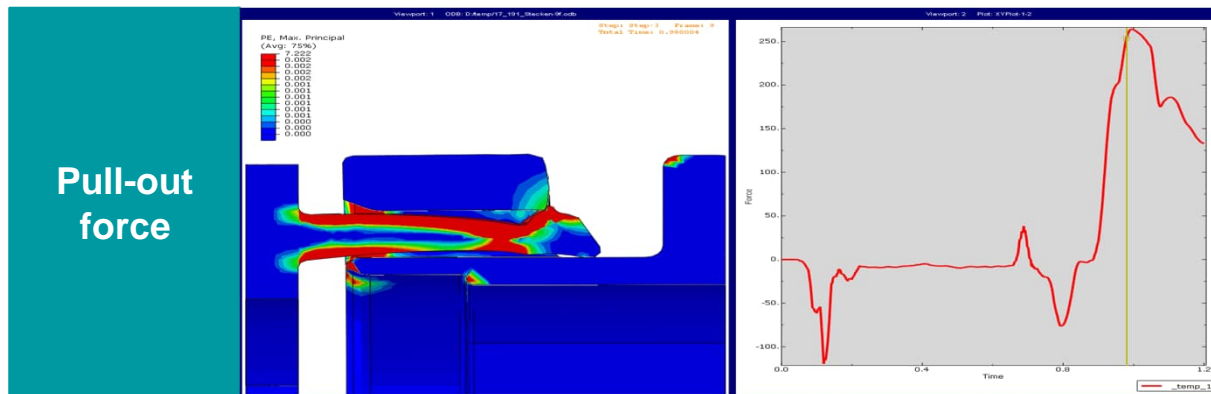
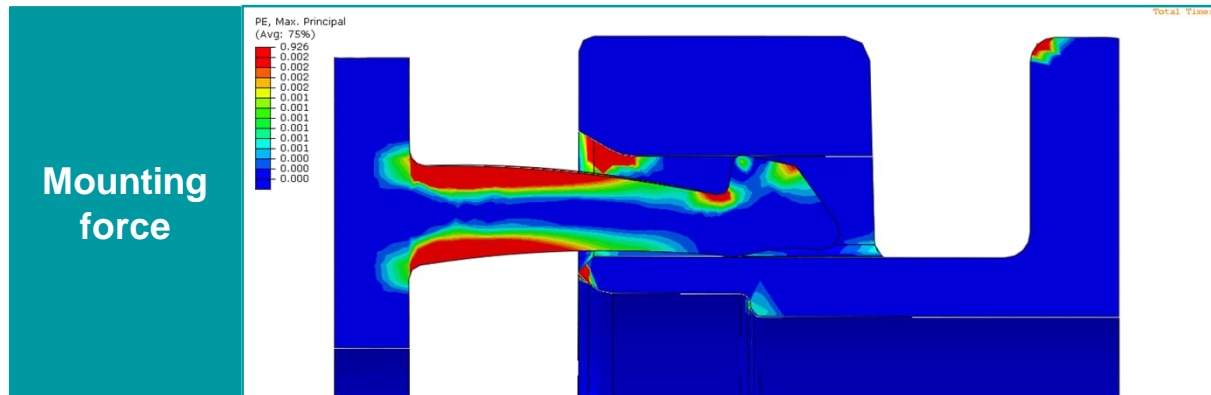
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3D CAD  
model



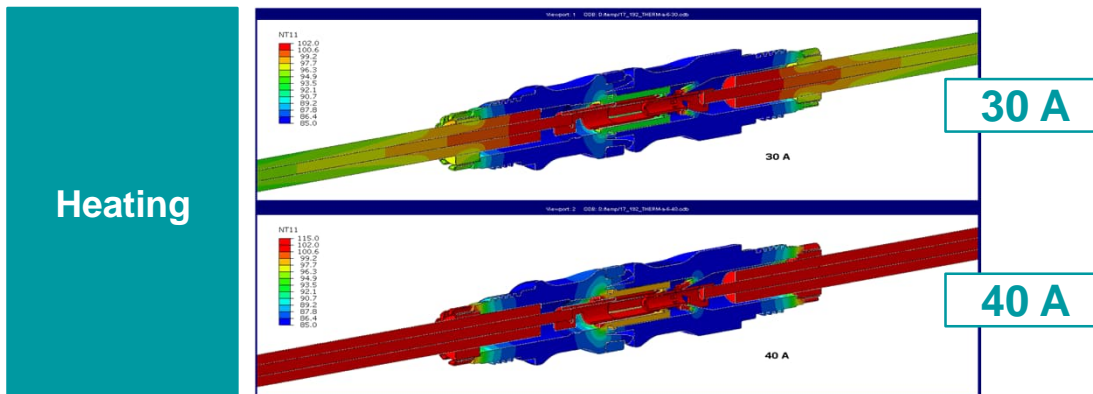
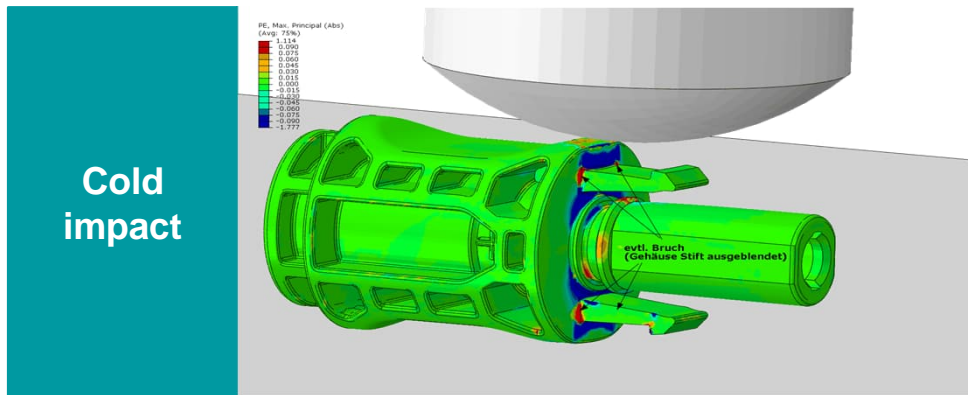
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# Example: SUNCLIX – FEM analysis



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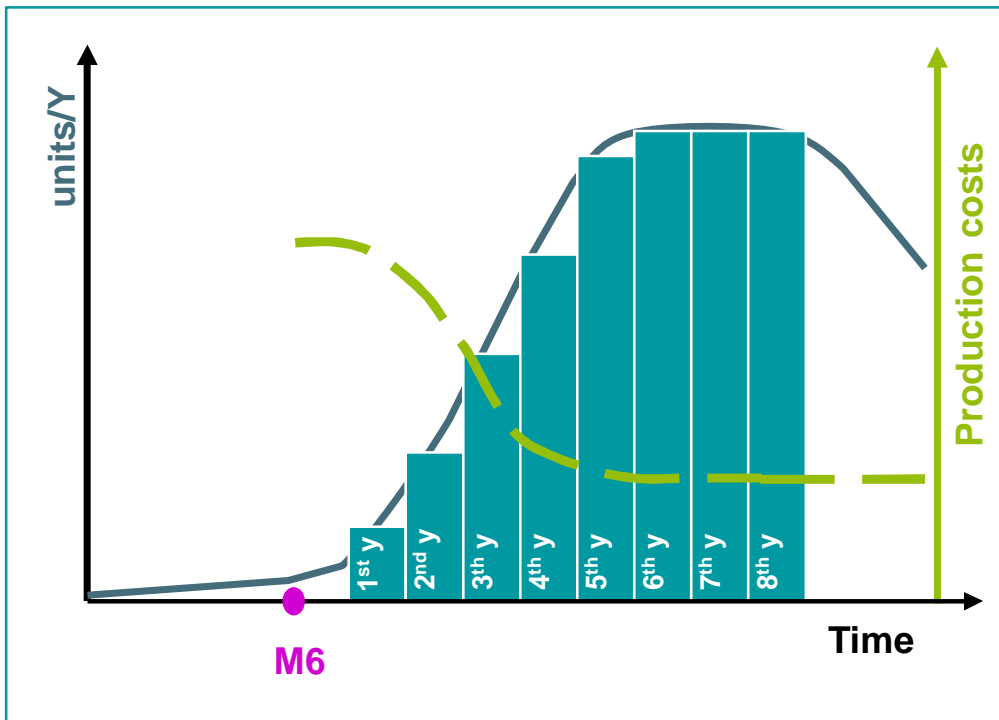
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# M4 evaluation: profitability assessment

Forecast of costs & units sold over 8 years



Accumulated returns vs. costs



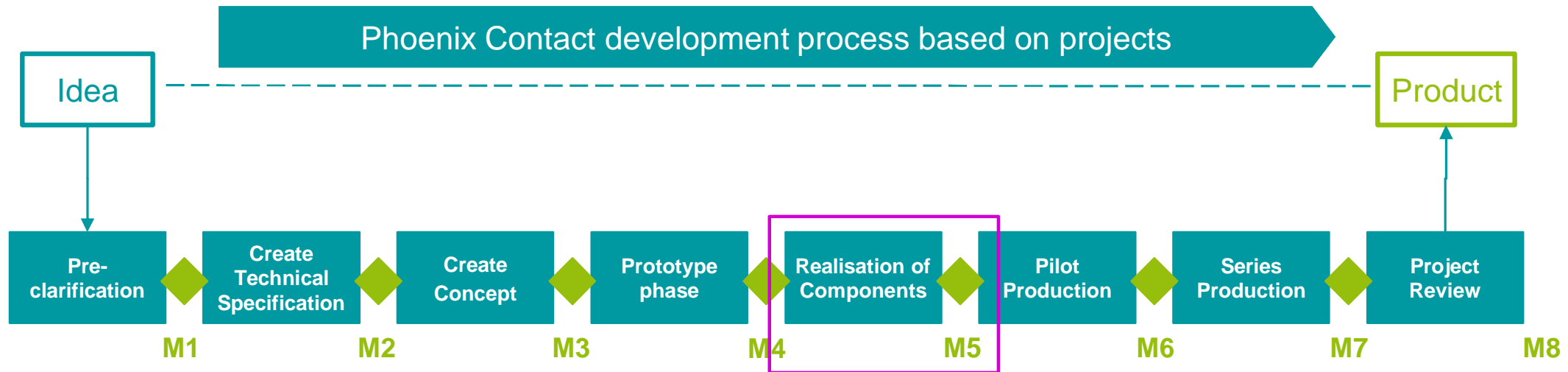
Overall turnover 17,272,600 €  
 PC for total quantity 7,390,100 €  
 Traffic light to estimate profitability





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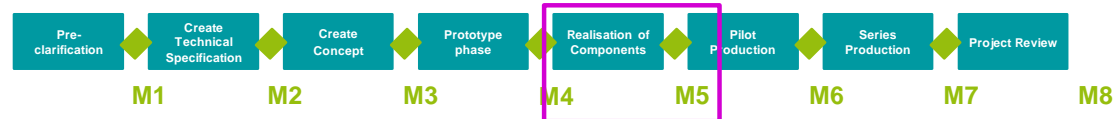
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## Release of individual parts

pre-series with individual parts  
/  
M5



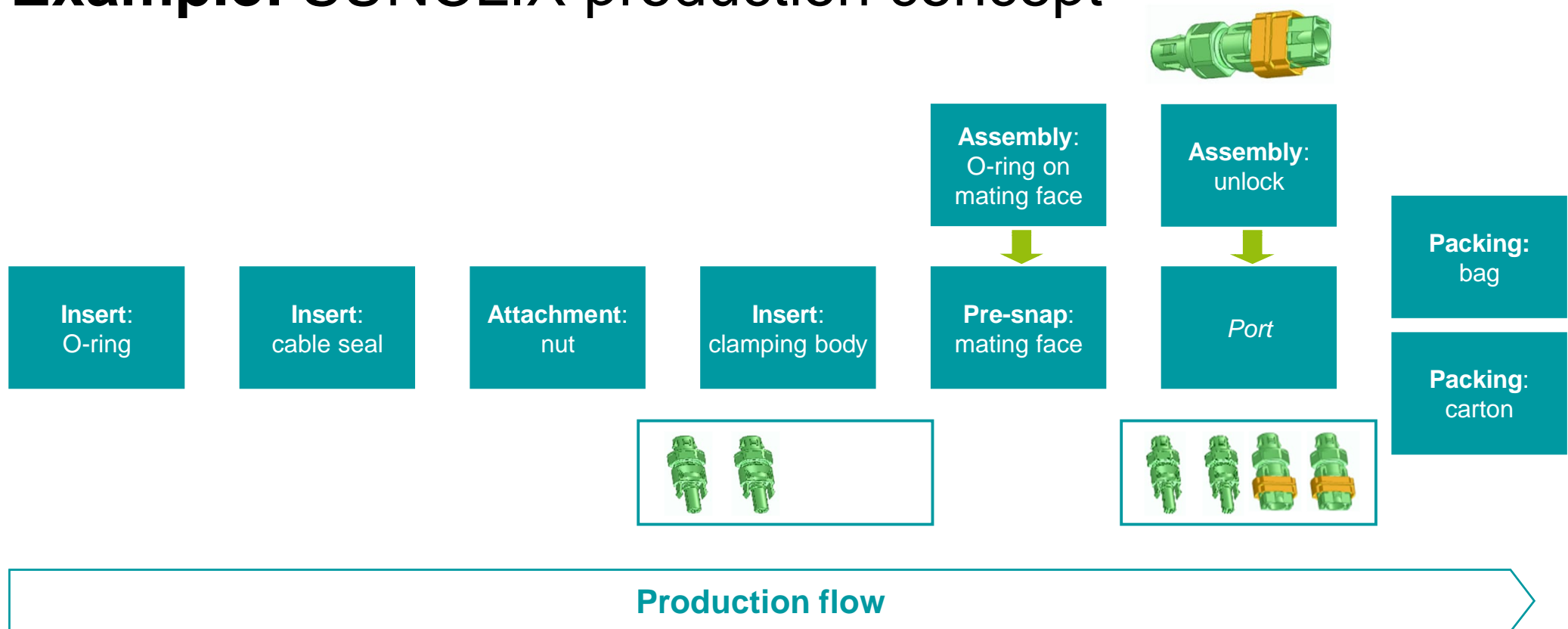
→ M5 gate meeting: The coordinated move onto pre-series with individual parts that correspond to the requirements of the technical specification took place.

Criteria:

- Samples of all drawing-based individual parts are available and are measured. They correspond to the current valid drawings and are approved for pre-series.
- Product documents for production of the pre-series are available

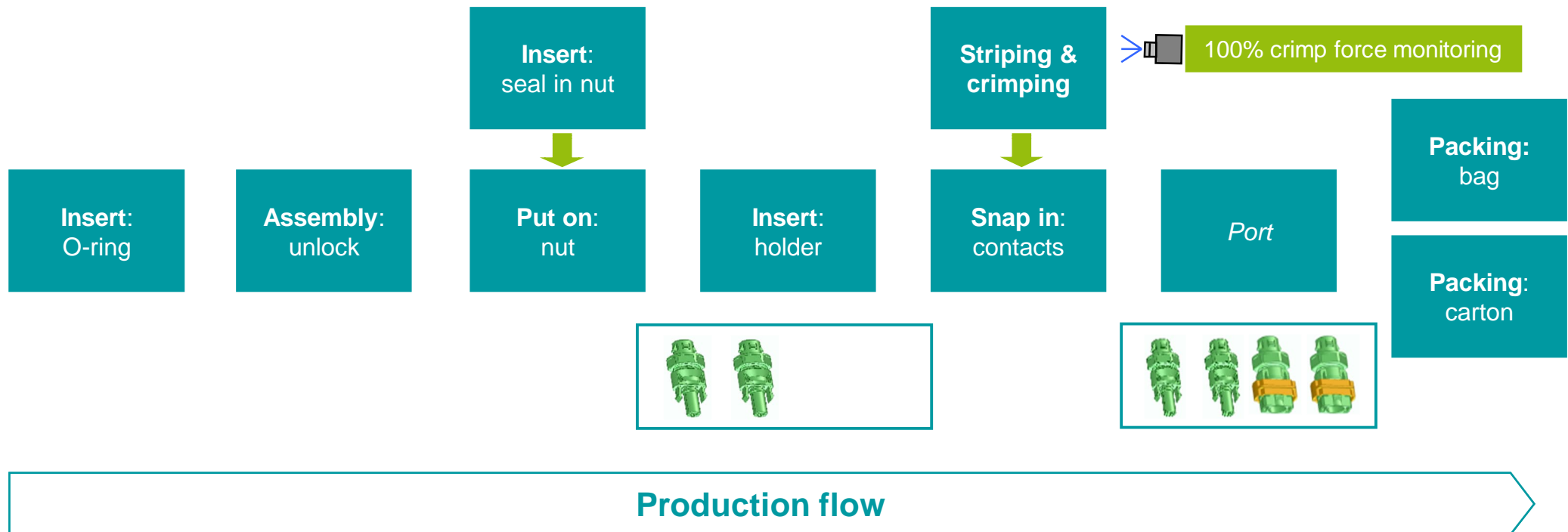
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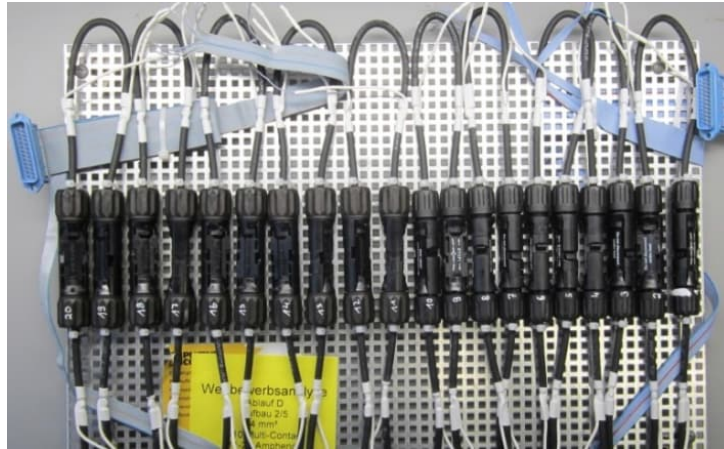


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# Example: SUNCLIX laboratory tests

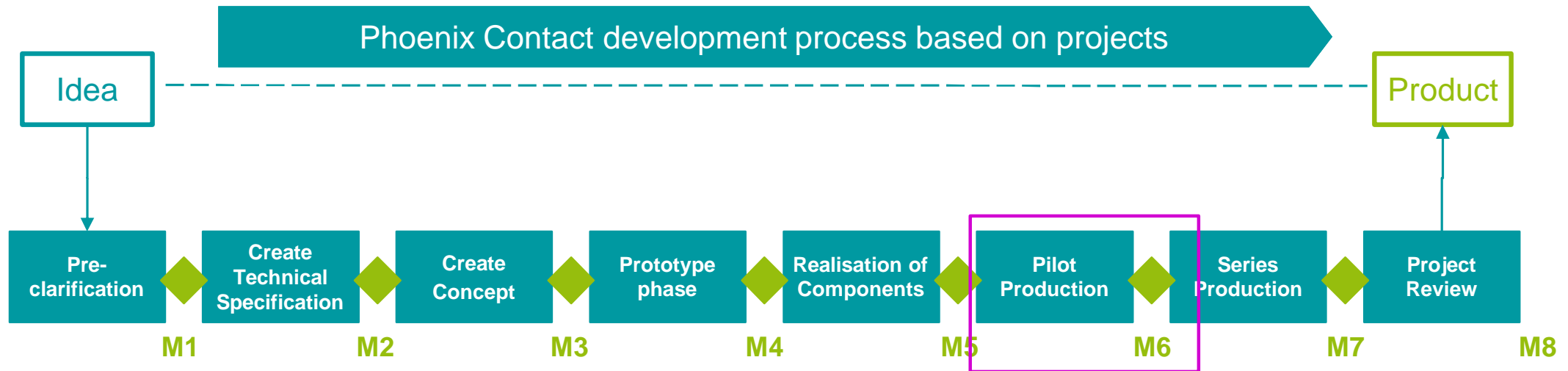
### Lab tests

- Temperature shocks + 85°C / - 40°C (200 times)
- Storage in damp heat 1.000h / +85°C / 85% humidity
- Storage in the heat 1.000h / +105°C
- Withstand voltage 2.000V + 4x rated voltage for 60s
- Mechanical stress tests
- ...



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### Production pilot

Pre series phase/  
M6



→ **M6 gate meeting:** The development is completed. A pre-series was produced. The product was released and can be supplied without sample designation.

Criteria I:

- FSTR Release for all components is completed. The requirements according to the technical specification are achieved. The client has approved the product.
- The results of the release test are documented
- The producibility is ensured. The availability of single parts and end product is given
- The production process is released
- Assembly instructions, Test instruction and Packaging instruction are available



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# Example: SUNCLIX production sites

**Production hall 7**  
completion in January 2010



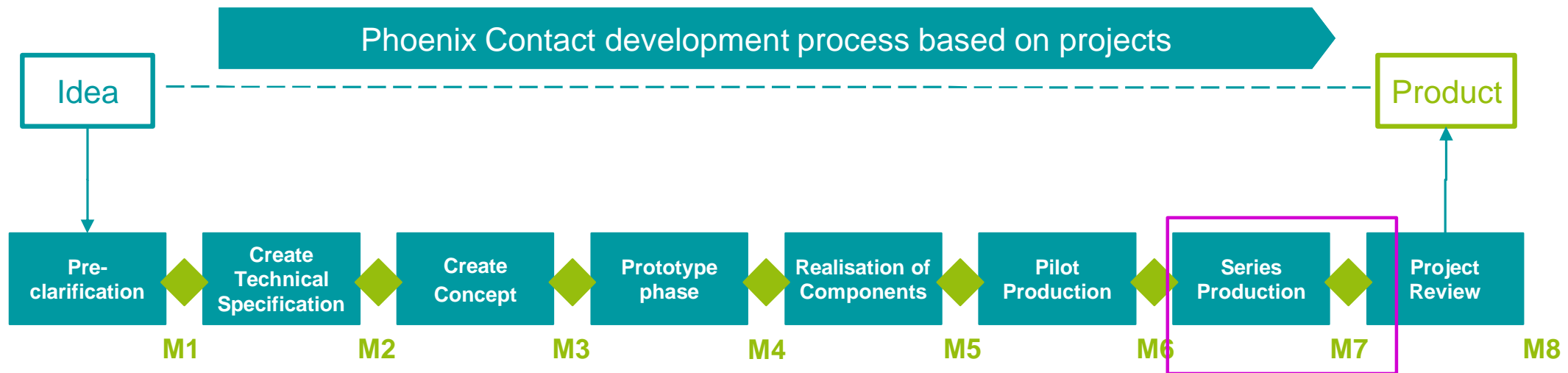
**Production hall 32**  
completion in July 2010





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→ **M7 gate meeting:** The Supply capability according to agreed series startup planning is secured. The product can be sold

Criteria I:

- The new products were transferred to sales
- An availability date for the product is available
- Orders can be acquired from the named availability date
- The required series quantity in the series startup phase can be manufactured safely
- The required stock was set up
- Dispatch data is available

**Sales  
release**

Series phase/  
M7

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# Example: SUNCLIX – joint market launch



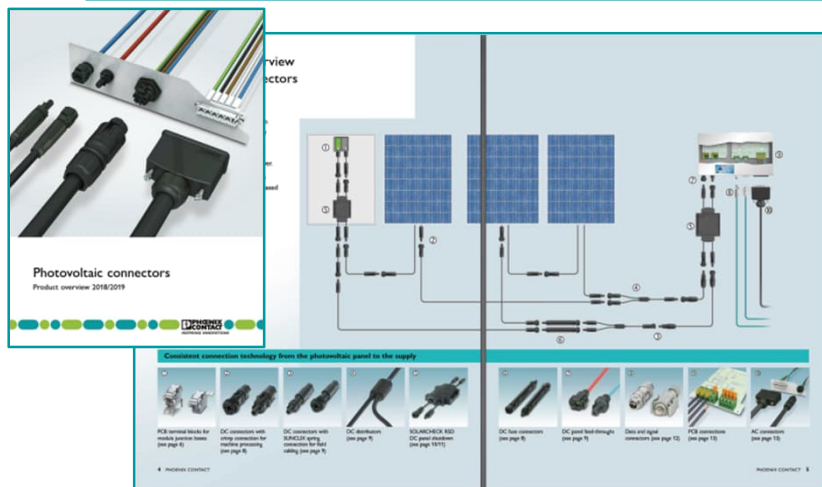
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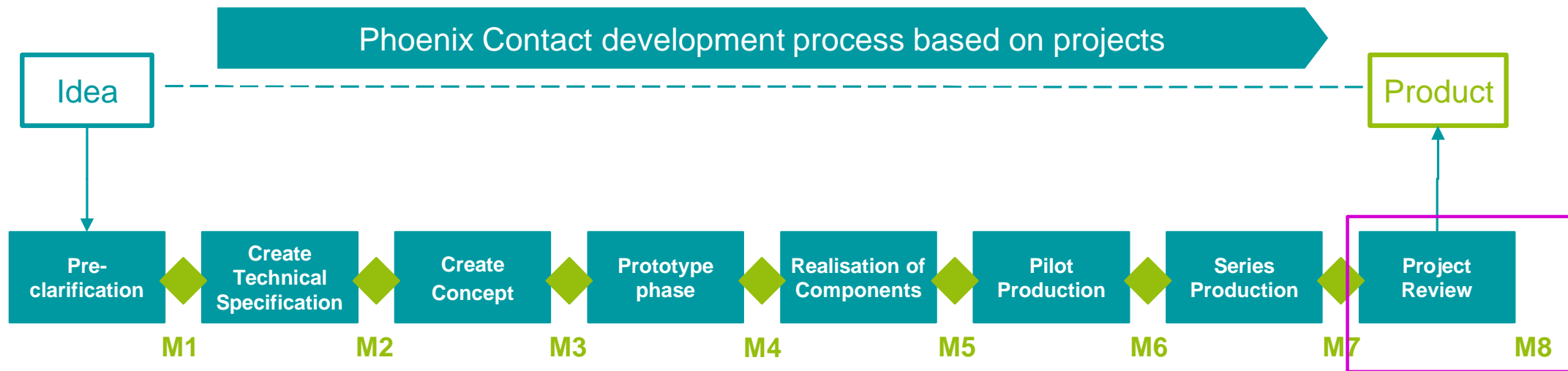
# Example: SUNCLIX – sales promotion

Supporting market launch & sales: promotion videos / brochures / sample kits / ...

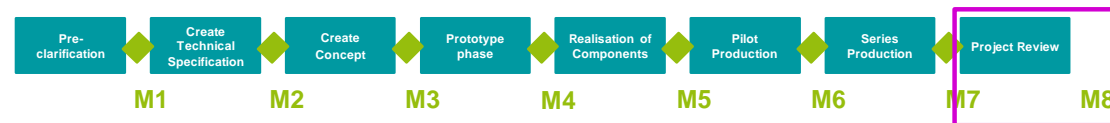


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→ M8 gate meeting: The responsibility for supply is transferred entirely to production.

Criteria:

- The product is released for unlimited series production. The required production capacity within the framework of sales planning is available
- The target manufacturing costs are not exceeded at forecasted quantities.
- Sales planning corresponds to the current status and is in the continuous sales planning
- All required approvals in the technical specification are available
- A final product report is available.
- The project team disbands.

**Project  
review**

**M8**

**Many thanks for your attention.**