

Project-oriented education : from engineering school to engineering jobs

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EPF Presentation

A UNIQUE HISTORY

- Founded in 1925 by Marie-Louise Paris, as **Ecole Polytechnique Féminine**,
- **EPF was one of the first engineering schools in France to train women.**
- It has been co-educational since 1994,
 - EPF is still an active advocate for gender equality policies and remains one of the schools with the highest rate of female students (35% against 25% on average in other French engineering schools).

Focused on academic excellence, professional training and innovative teaching methods, EPF also plays a **pioneering role in the promotion of diversity and equal opportunity in higher education**

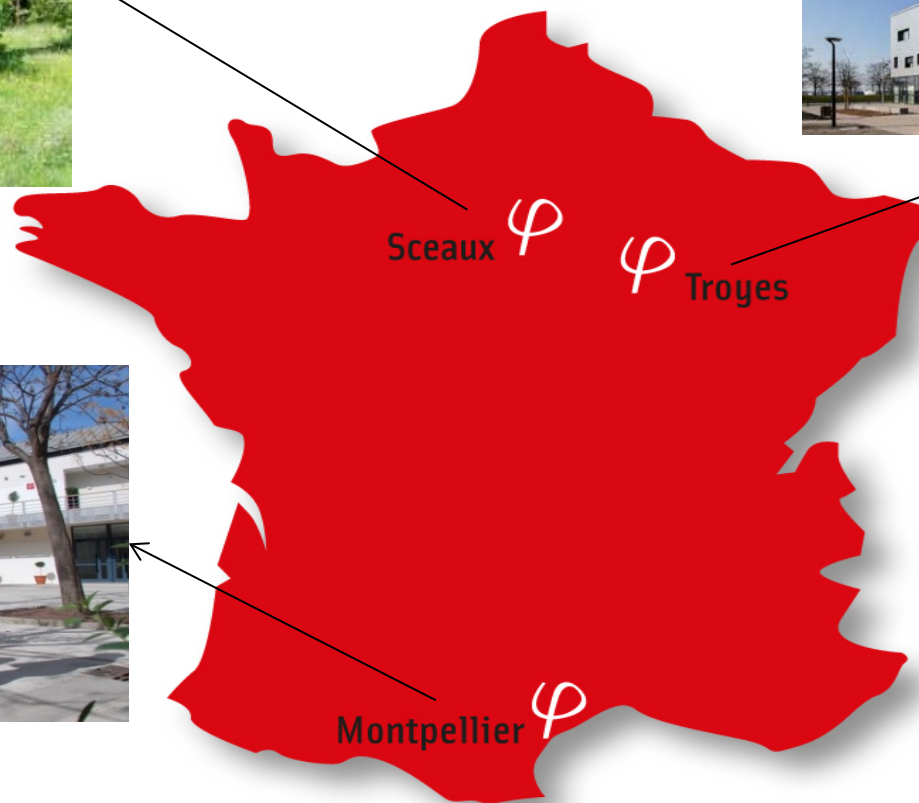


Three dynamic & innovative campuses, one unique school

- 20 minutes away from Paris City centre
- 1200 students



- In the city centre
- 500 students



- In Champagne, beautiful historical region (1h30 from Paris)
- 300 students

■ Tech Lab on each campus

DIPLOMAS & PROGRAMMES

EPF delivers 4 diplomas :

- **Polytechnic generalist engineer diploma**
- Digital & industrial systems engineer diploma (Apprenticeship training in Sceaux)
- Digital & industrial systems engineer diploma (Apprenticeship training in Montpellier)
- Franco-German production & automatisisation engineer diploma (Joint programme with Munich Hochschule)

All programmes lead to a **5-year degree (Master's Degree)**

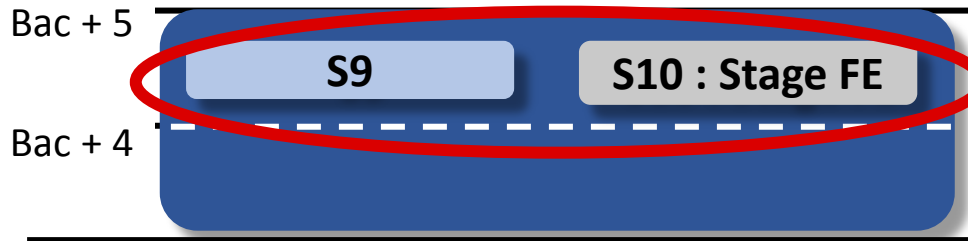
All diplomas are **accredited by the CTI** (French Commission for engineering qualifications)



GRADUATE STUDIES

▪ Polytechnic generalist engineer diploma

Substitution of the 5th Year



Master 2nd year (partner university)

English Tracks

MASTER CYCLE 2 YEARS Professionalising Majors

PROJECT-BASED EDUCATION



MAJORS

CAMPUS

AERONAUTICS AND SPACE	SCEAUX
STRUCTURES & MATERIALS	SCEAUX
ENGINEERING & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES	SCEAUX
ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT	SCEAUX
ENGINEERING & HEALTH	SCEAUX
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	MONTPELLIER
BUILDINGS & ECO CITIES	TROYES
MSc Innovation, Creation & Entrepreneurship (100% in English)	TROYES

INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODS

EPF has recently created a working group on 'Digital & Teaching Methods Innovations'

Our students are actors of their own education through :

- Serious game
- Inverted classes
- Blended learning
- Self-teaching on collaborative platforms
- Project-based education



The goal is to train **responsible, adaptable and multi-skilled engineers**

- ✓ Relational capacity and collaborative skills
- ✓ Ability to 'learn how to learn' throughout their whole career





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Target Jobs

Jobs

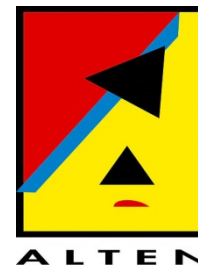
- Business Engineer
- System Engineer / System Architect
- Design Engineer (Structure, Electrical System, Control)
- R&D Engineer (..., Aerodynamics, ...)
- Integration / Test Engineer
- **Industrialisation Engineer**
- **Production Engineer**
- Operations Engineer (Space)
- Exploitation Engineer (Aeronautics)
- Exploitation Engineer (Space)
- Maintenance Engineer
- Quality Engineer

5th Year Tracks

R&D
Design/Sizing
(Track 1)

**Industrialisation
Production**
(Track 2)

Operation
Maintenance
(Track 3)





Project Presentation

Aims and stakes of the project

- Aims :
 - Design of a drone in response to a preliminary statement of needs*
 - Realization of a demonstrator of it
- Stakes :
 - Cost price → increase of the distributor profitability
 - Ease of use → attract customer
 - Respect of the safety and regulatory aspects → compulsory

*handling in hostile environment

*zone observation with a large autonomy

*gutters surveillance

*detection of crack and quality issues in manufacturing & maintenance

*manutention in a warehouse

*drop of lifebuoys at sea to assist cost lifeguards

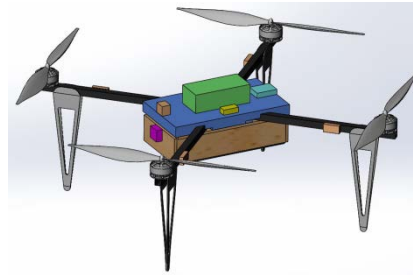
Project deliverables

- At the end of 1st semester (February → June):

- A design dossier

Elements of technical definition

- Geometry
- Materials
- Method of production or suppliers



- A design justification dossier

→ Every choice should be justified

- An economic dossier

- Cost price breakdown

ALM

Respect of the given budget

- At the end of 2nd semester (September → January) :

- A « demonstrator » that should demonstrate the drone abilities to achieve the mission



SYSTEMS ENGINEERING

In real-life situation



Full scale practice
Technical project management

Familiarisation
Aeronautic design

As a Real Study
Design & Integration phases

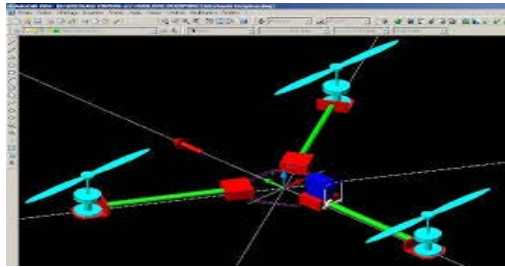
Realization
Demonstrator

As a Professional Project
Conditions of a response to a call for tenders

Drone Project

Use of Digital Tools
Modeling and Prototyping

Professional Engineering Process
Design/Validation of flying systems



- MATLAB/SIMULINK
- AMESIM
- CATIA
- ABAQUS



Application of company rules

- Same level of requirements (work and behaviour)
 - Deliverables
 - Reviews
 - Engagement
- As well as in a company, a member may be excluded from the project team by a company manager (Programme Director or Technical Director)

In a professional situation

Project Owner



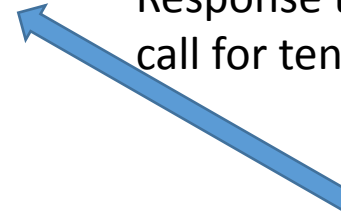
Customer

- Contract of Objectives
- Final deliverables

Call for tenders



Response to a call for tenders



Main contractor

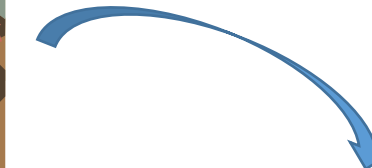


Engineering consultants



Programme Director

- Progress of the project
- Holding of the internal objectives



Technical Director

- Respect of technological rules
- Pertinence of arbitrations
- Relevance of the technological solutions

Role playing



Customer representatives :
*Internal professors acting as
/ Forward real companies*



Programme Director
*Internal Professor with a Professional expertise
as Design Engineer ,
and as Systems Engineering Consultant*



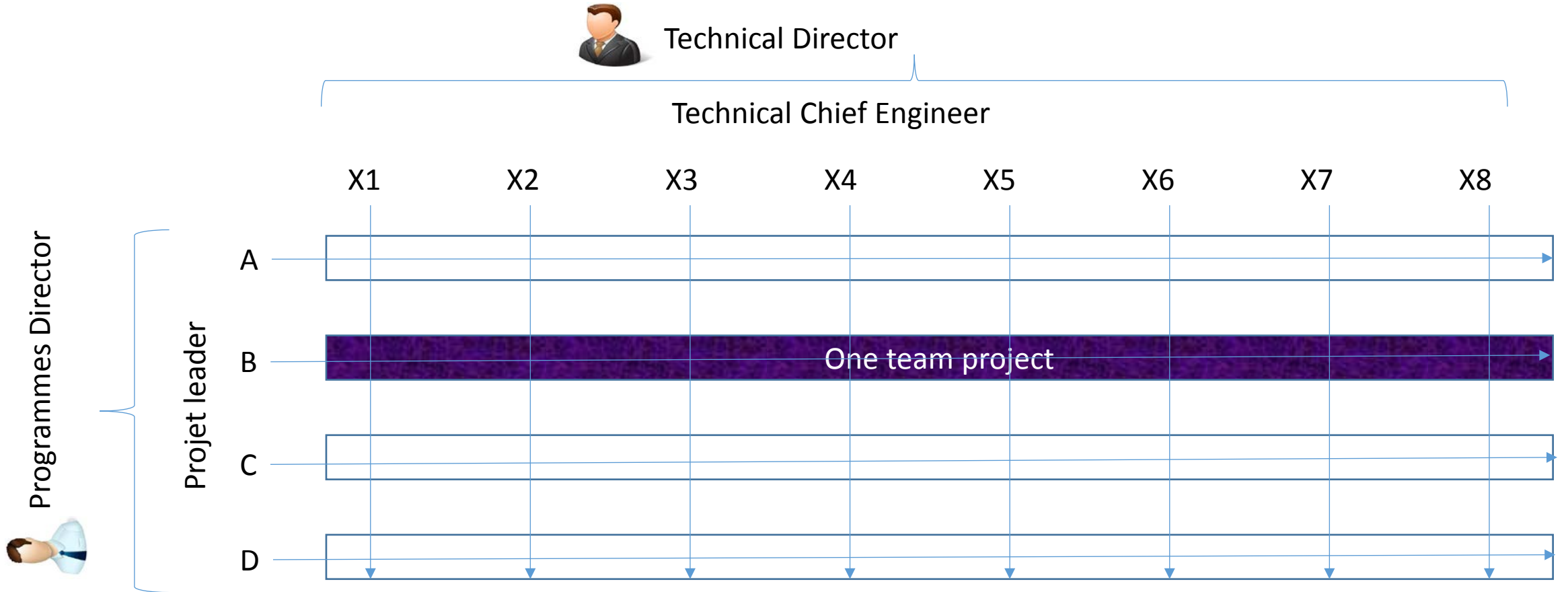
Technical Director
*External Professor with a Professional expertise
in Aeronautic industry as Test Means Engineer*

Call for tenders :
the design of a drone with
preliminary statement of
needs



Engineering consultants (Flying vehicles)
- *5 Students teams / call for tenders*
- *Teams in competition*

Teams organisation



In-flight tests / Customer tests

Given to students :

- Test scenarii
- For each scenario :
 - Acceptance criteria
 - Performance criteria

”multi-copters”
In a gymnasium

”flying wing”
In an open area : a civil drone cluster
(former military air base)

Acceptance and Performances criteria

- Acceptance
 - Compliance to the current legislation
 - Respect of size
 - Respect of scenario
 - No « eliminatory » incident
 - Contact with one environmental element (in particular the ground)
 - Lost of flight control
 - Disability to stay in a flight corridor
- Performances
 - Time needed from A→B
 - Time needed from B→A
 - Energy consumption

Teaching Methods

Students → *Professionals*

- Courses :
 - Project Management
 - Systems Engineering
- Tutoring :
 - Project Management
 - Systems Engineering
 - Technical
- Videos :
 - Review preparation

- Project Reviews



- Contract documents



Project Reviews

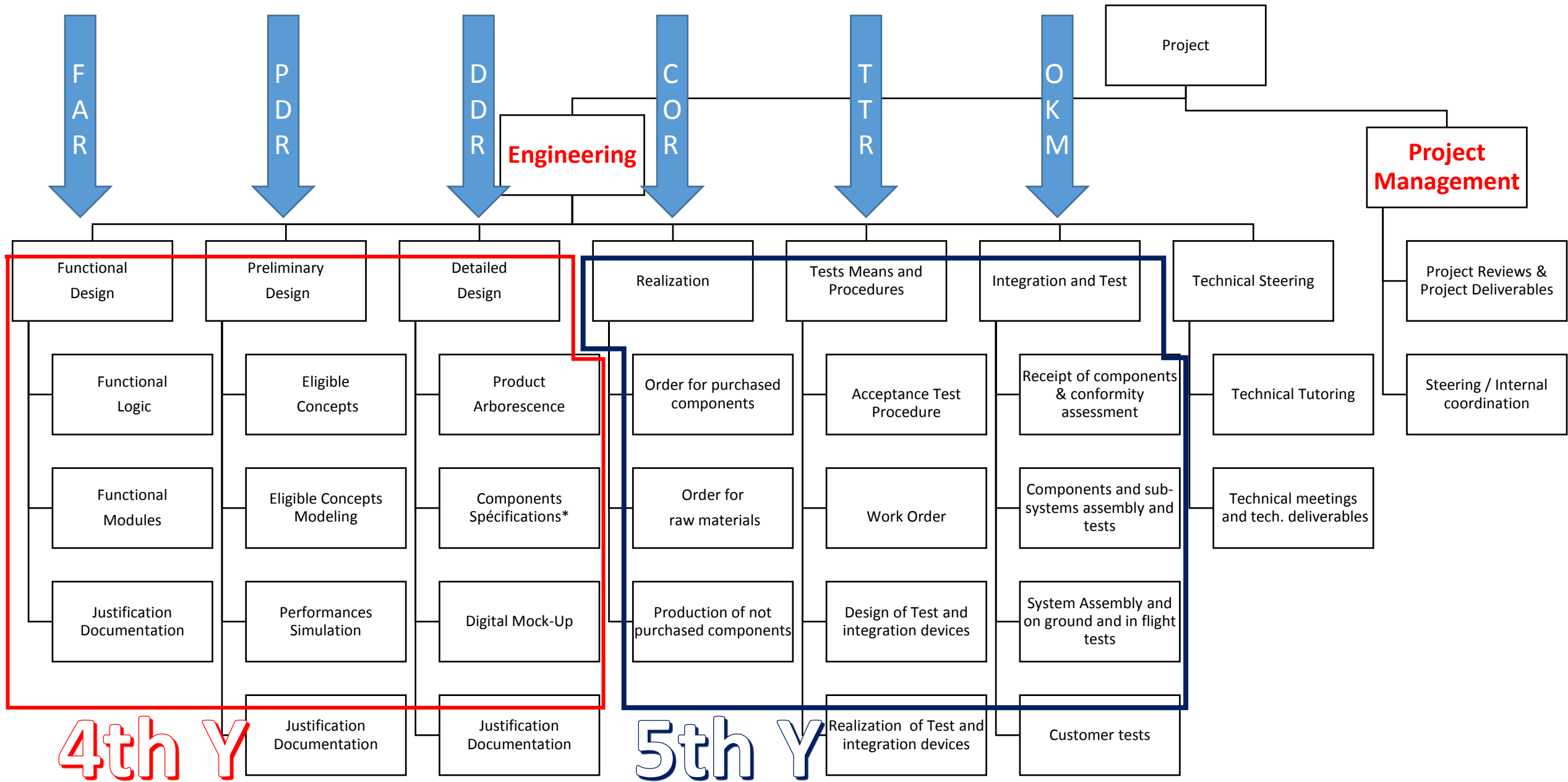
- Kick-Off Meeting [KOM]
- Functional Architecture Review [FAR]
- Preliminary Design Review [PDR]
- Detailed Design Review [DDR]
- Critical Design Review [CDR]
- Critical Orders Review [COR]
- Test Readiness Review [TRR]
- Final Acceptance Review [OKM]

4 A

5 A



Same teams throughout the project (4A and 5A)



* or suppliers references for ordered components

Conclusion

- Systems Engineering
- Multi-disciplinarity
- Innovation
- Professional (contract, deadlines, deliverables, budget, competitors, ...)
- A large resonance with Studies Final Internship offers

<http://www.epf.fr/en/studies/majors/aeronautics-space> archived as <http://archive.is/lzcGO>



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