

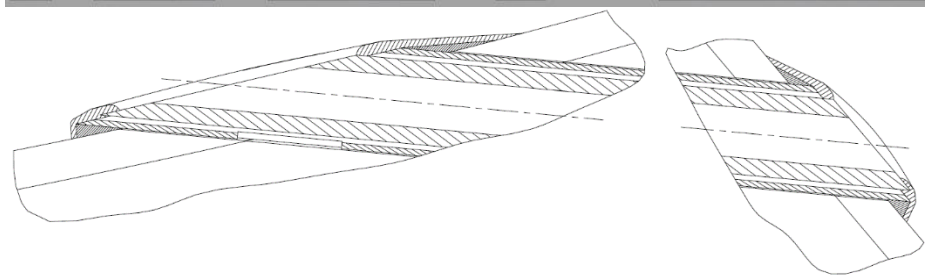


BLAYAIS NPP (FRANCE) DRAIN PIPE EVENT

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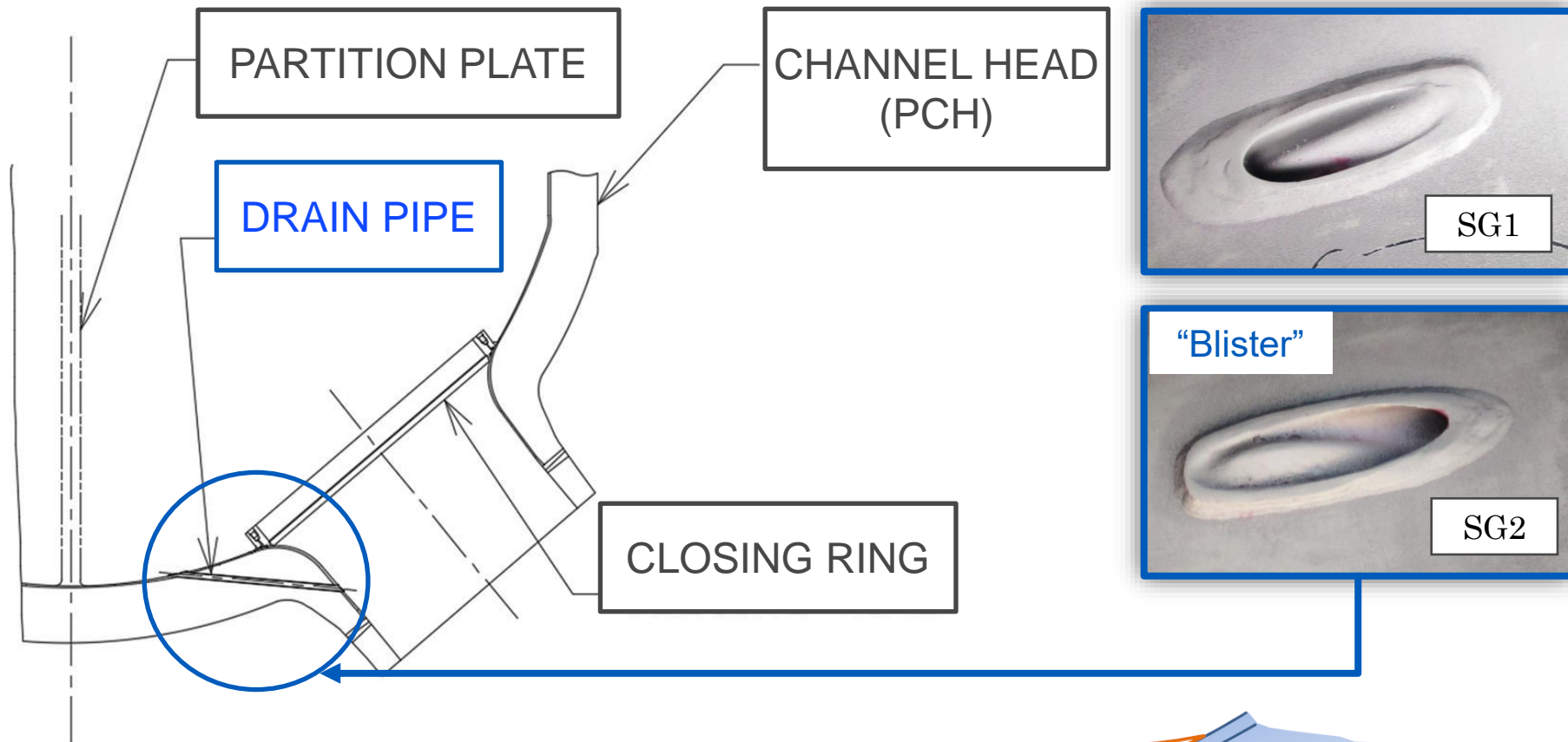


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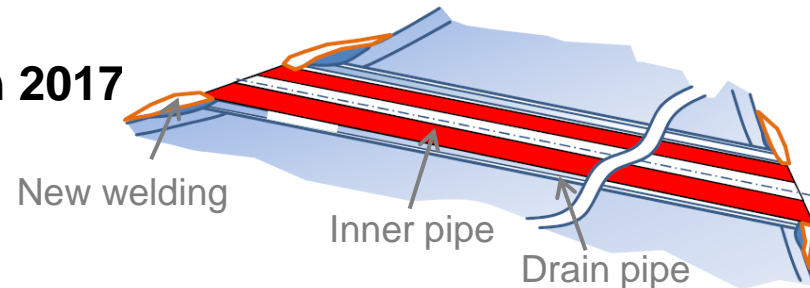
CONTEXT

- In 2015, important deformations observed of the drain pipes of BLAYAIS 2 SGs

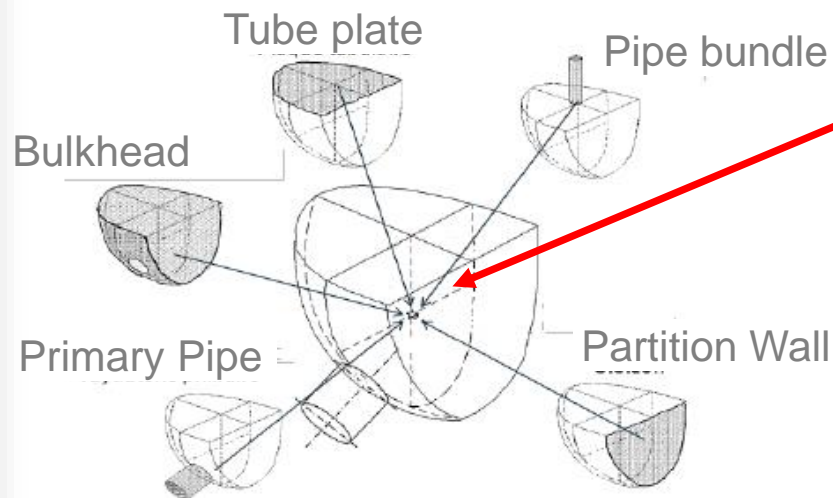
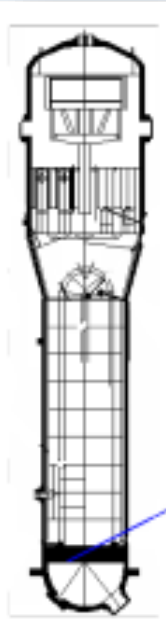


- The blister observed in 2015 had reached in 2017

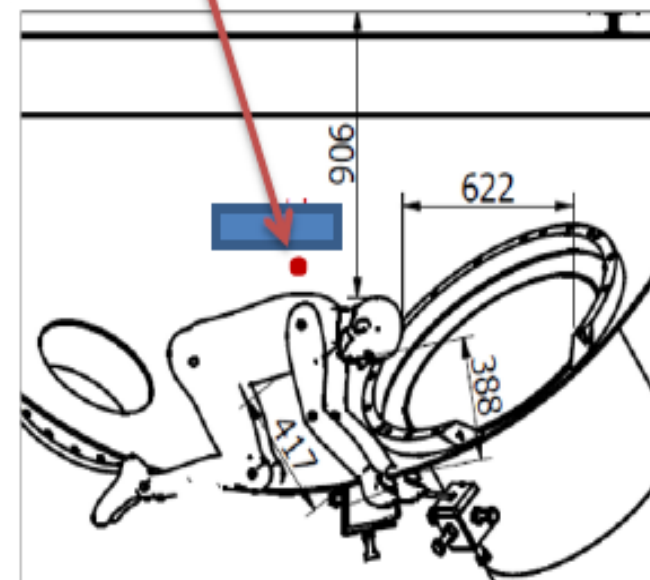
→ Décision to repair in 2018.



WORKSTATION : SOURCES CONTRIBUTIONS



Surrounding Dose rate



Channel head side work position

	EDF %
Total Tube plate	50
Total Bulkhead	28
Total Channel head	22
Total Primary piping	/

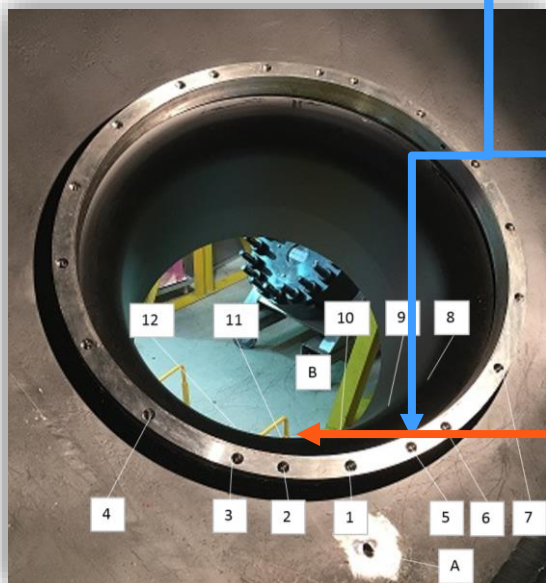
- The reference point called an surrounding point, located in the middle of the radius of the sphere, is in the perpendicular plane to the channel head bulkhead.
- Concerning the pipe bundle, the calculations show that only the first 15cm contribute to channel heads inner DER

RADIOLOGICAL CONTEXT

▪ Radiological context : Dose rates

Closing Ring

Contact : **30 to 60 mSv/h**
20 cm : **20 to 35 mSv/h**



Surrounding channel head

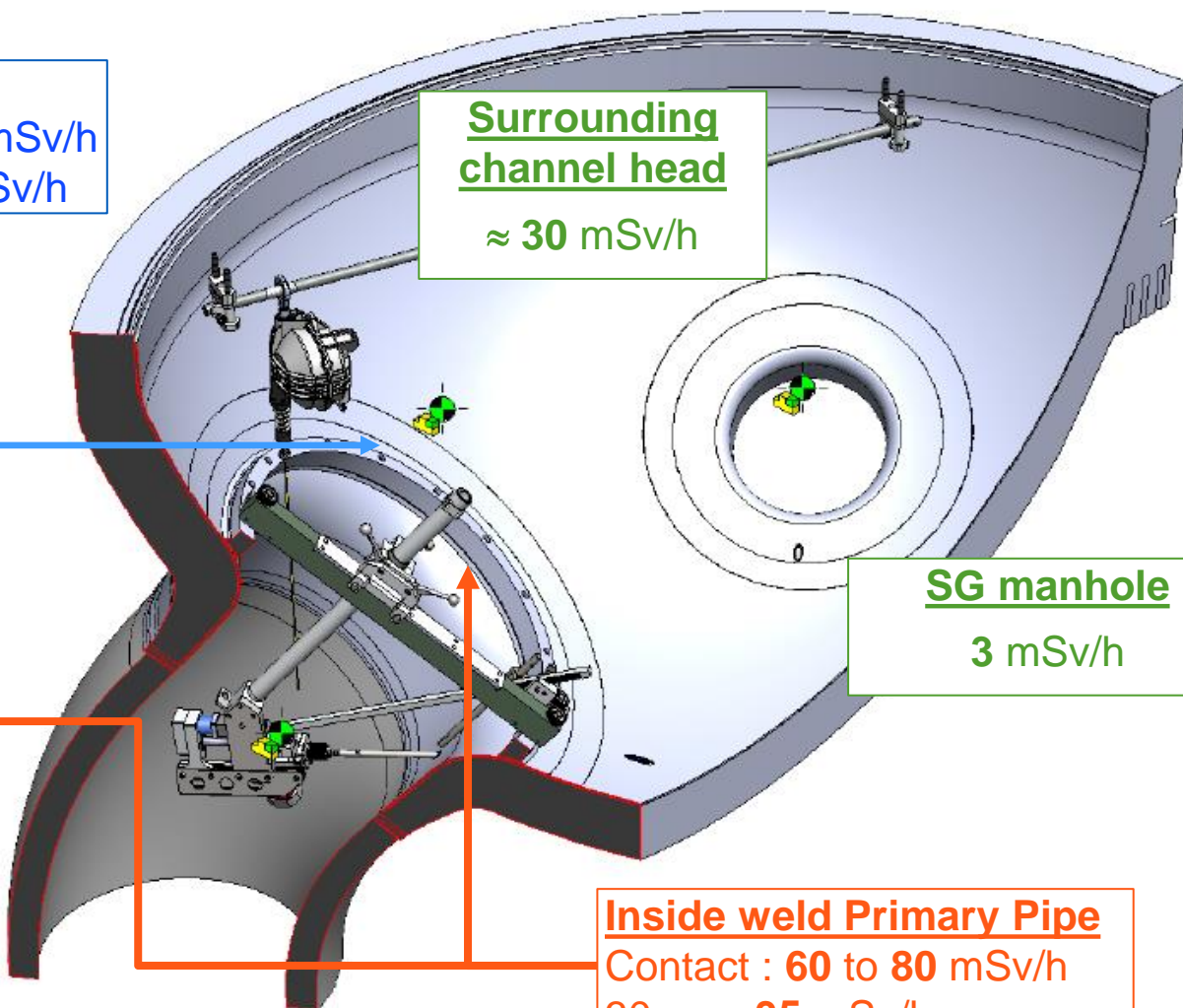
≈ 30 mSv/h

SG manhole

3 mSv/h

Inside weld Primary Pipe

Contact : **60 to 80 mSv/h**
30 cm : **35 mSv/h**

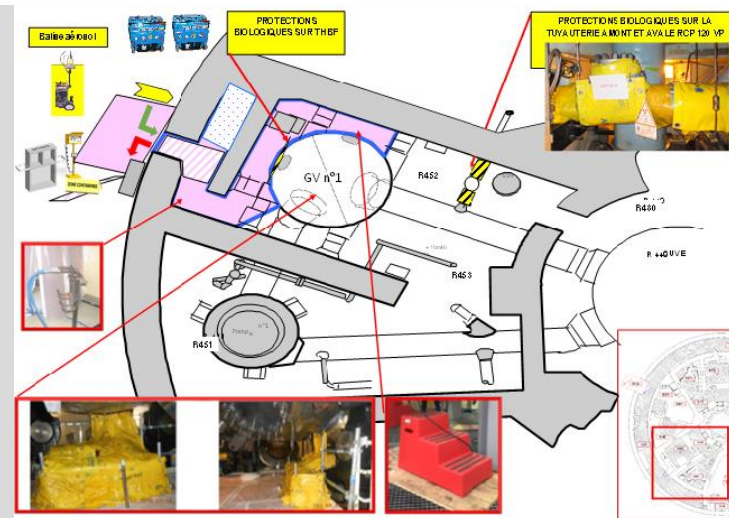


OPTIMISATIONS TO REDUCE THE DOSE

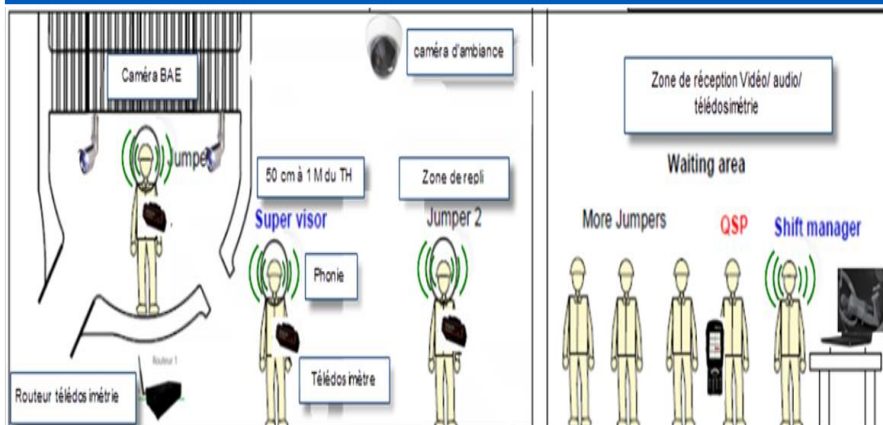
Training in a PCH mock-up



Biological shieldings



Follow-up methods



Studied but not selected optimisations

- Removal of an irradiant element
- Immersion of the circuits
- Decontamination process
- Biological shielding sarcophagus

HOT SPOTS OPTIMISATIONS

■ Decontamination of Hot Spots (cleaning wipe)

- Dosimetric cost : $\approx 0,87$ mSv
- Dosimetric gain : $\approx 3,4$ H.mSv

■ Design of biological shielding in T-FLEX

- Dosimetric cost : $\approx 0,35$ mSv
- Dosimetric gain : $\approx 3,3$ H.mSv

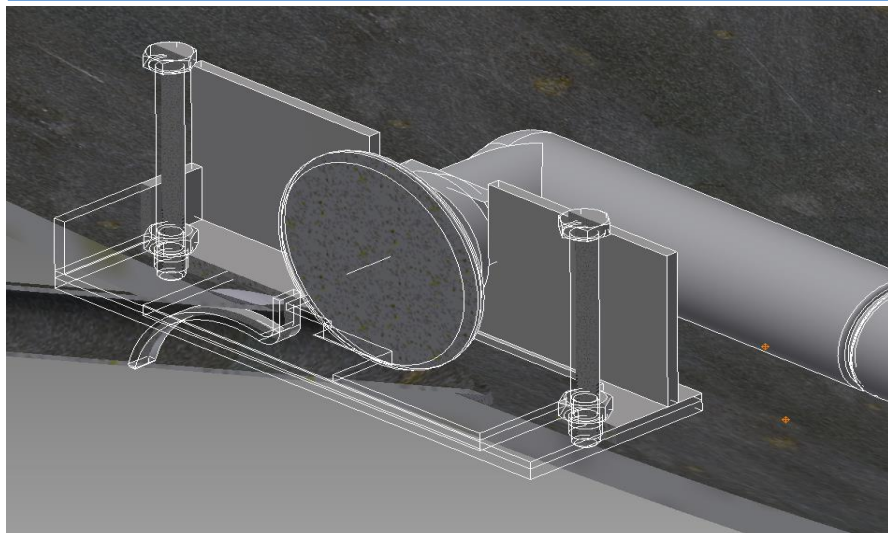
Measurements	DED (mSv/h)
Before optimization	[60 – 80]
After decontamination	[40 – 55]
After shielding	[23 – 30]



SPECIFIC TOOLS - AUTOMATISATION

- Two specific tools have been designed depending of the size of the blister

Little or no evolution of the size of the blister

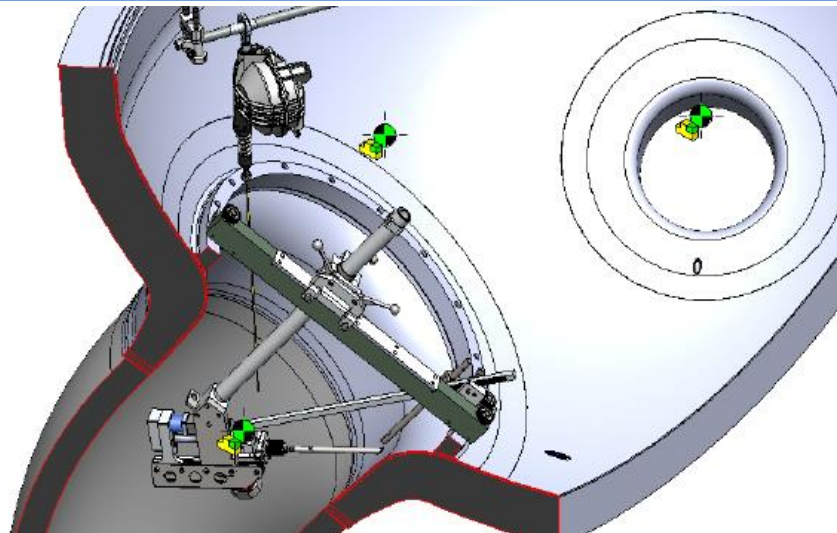


Dosimetric cost ≈ 3 H.mSv

Risk : limited use in the case of an significative evolution of the deformation, increase of the number of the jumps if difficulty during the process, increase of time inside the channel head : stress, confined nature of the work space, wearing of a ventilated hermetic suit

Advantage : simplicity and speed installation

Significative evolution of the size of the blister

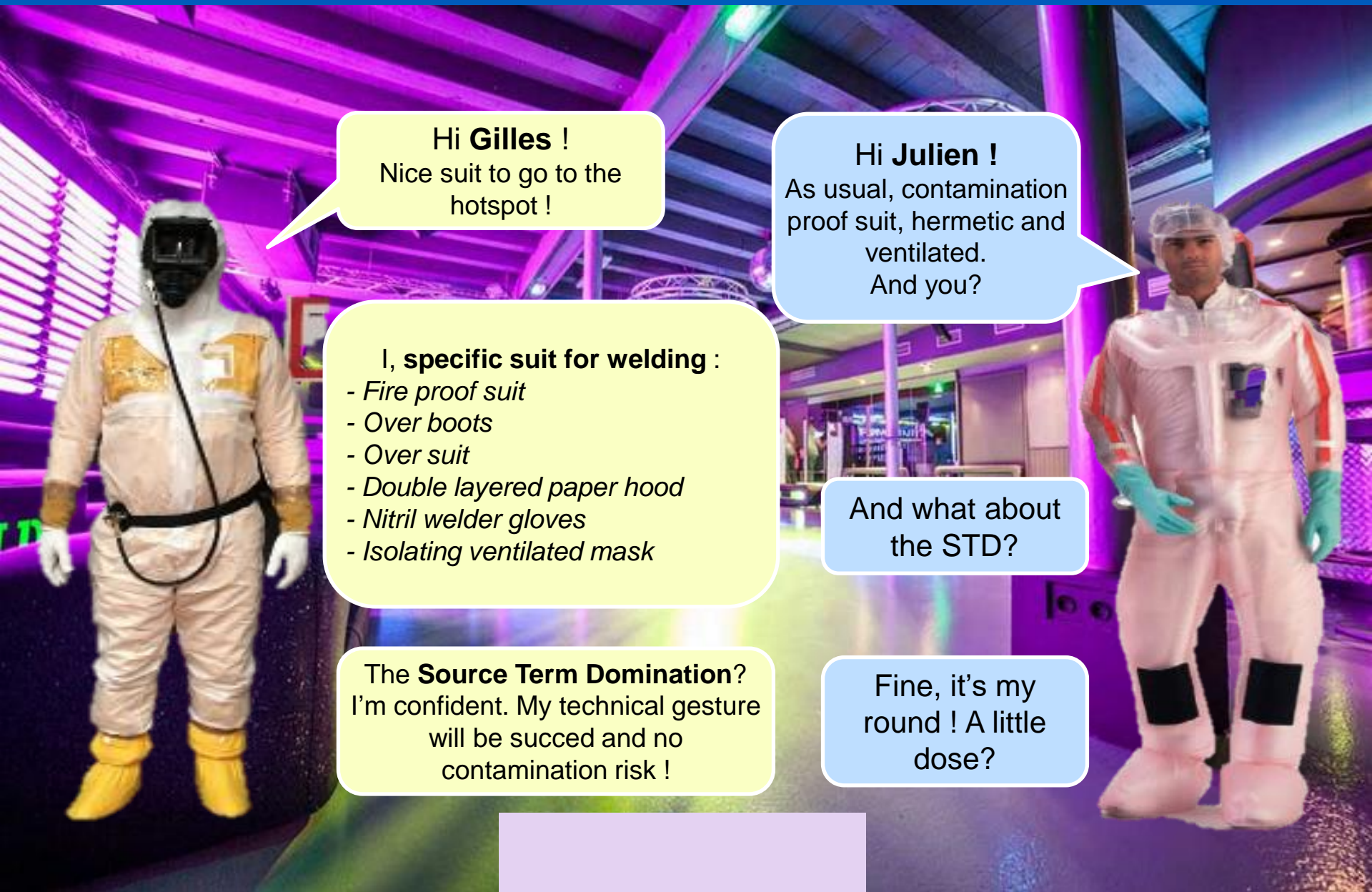


Dosimetric cost ≈ 5 H.mSv

Risk : production of irradiant shaving, dysfunction risk, 4 jumps for installation and 2 jumps for removal

Advantage : control of the dosimetric target in case of deformed evolutions

WHAT SUIT TO GO INTO THE CHANNEL HEAD



Hi **Gilles** !

Nice suit to go to the hotspot !

Hi **Julien** !

As usual, contamination proof suit, hermetic and ventilated.
And you?

I, **specific suit for welding** :

- *Fire proof suit*
- *Over boots*
- *Over suit*
- *Double layered paper hood*
- *Nitril welder gloves*
- *Isolating ventilated mask*

And what about the STD?

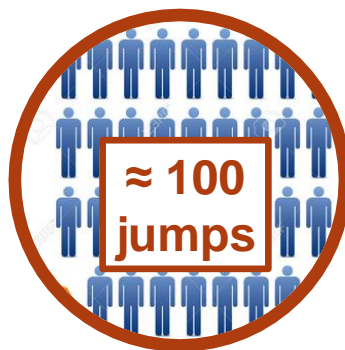
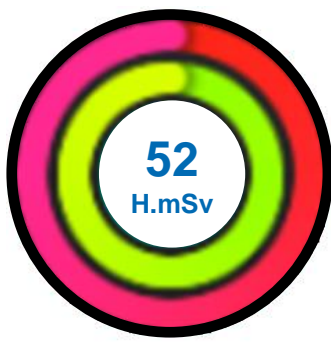
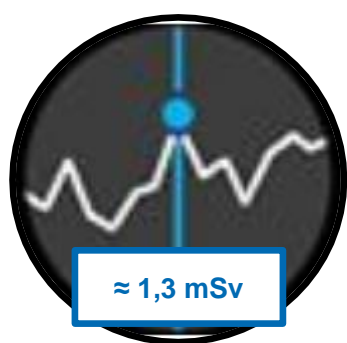
The **Source Term Domination**?
I'm confident. My technical gesture will be succed and no contamination risk !

Fine, it's my round ! A little dose?

RADIATION PROTECTION SUCCESS

DRAIN PIPE INTERVENTION	Initial Dose (Person.mSv)	Actualised Dose * (Person.mSv)	Realized Dose (Person.mSv)	Deviation Realized / Actualised (%)
SG1	32,7	26,8	21,2	-20,9%
SG2	42,7	35,5	30,5	-14,0%
Total	75,3	62,3	51,7	-17,0%

* The actualized dose is estimated dose with DER measured at the beginning of the intervention



Collaborative ALARA working group



- Preparation within one year
- Two ALARA Comitees and five ALARA working groups
- Common safety / RP approach

Workers Coaching
Safe zone
Precise DER Cartography
Biological Suspended screen
Training videos



Containment Airlock for training



Detailed breakdown operation



Anticipation of hasards



« S » hooks for air supply



Specific suit for welders



Phonic + video + teledosimétry



Additional « T-FLEX » shield



Expect two RP supervisors



Dressing/undressing activities



Slippery conditions inside PCH



Teledosimetry signal



Emergency electrical power supply

