

Schedule comments

- Slippage over the last 3 months has been very serious – *>3 months!*
- Possible reasons:
 - Philosophy of unified designs (*common modules and components*) has led to improved system, but has taken much longer to get agreed specifications
 - Designing prototypes “to Module 0 specification” was very challenging – extra time needed for the detailed designs
 - Tendency to under-estimate times!
- There are reasons still to be optimistic – once the designs are complete, time estimates are much more predictable (*layout, manufacture, assembly*)
- **HOWEVER** – the duration of the various stages of the test programme is very unclear
- Is 3 months realistic for pre-HD sub-system tests? – remember the long duration of the ROD tests