



The RF Coordination Panel for the ESPP Accelerator R&D

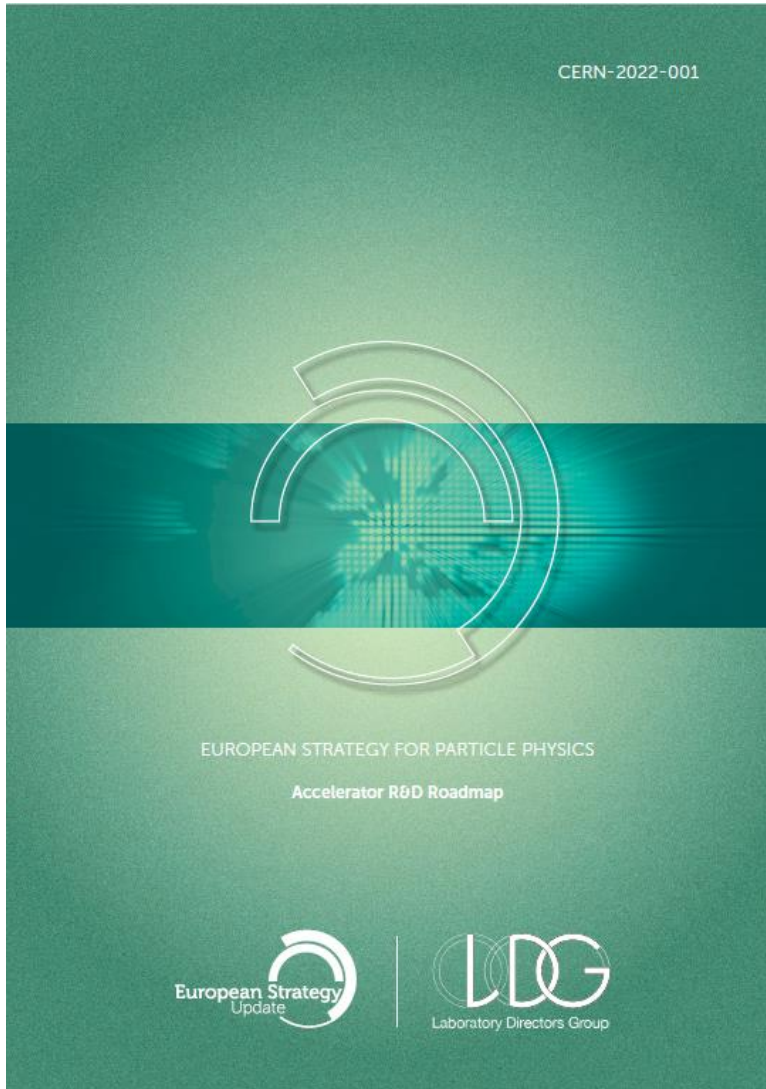
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for the LDG RF Coordination Panel





Outline

- What is the RFCP
 - RFCP Themes
- HEP R&D Priorities
- RF Implementation Evolution
- Next ESPP Opportunities for RF
- RFCP Development Perspectives



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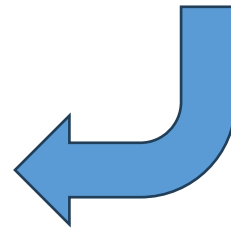
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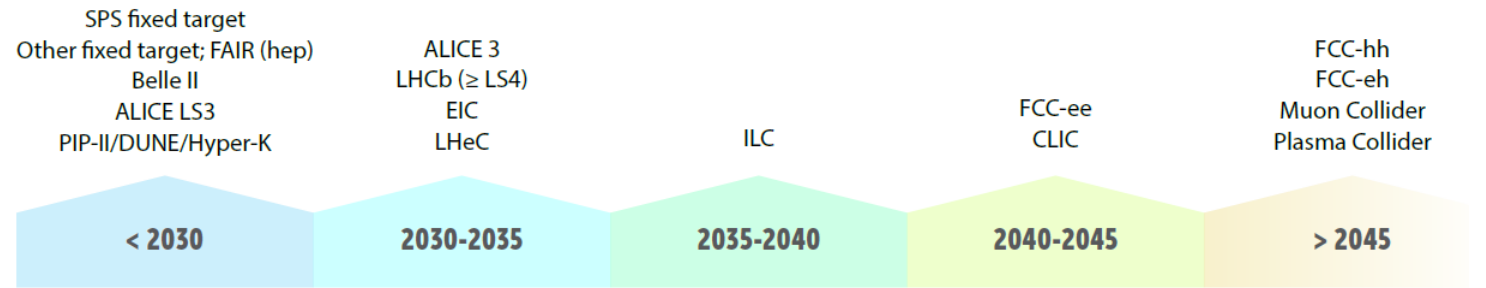
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Scope: Implementation of an **approved** R&D strategy



2020-2022: ESPP **Accelerator R&D Roadmap**, presented to CERN-SPC in **March 2022**

RF items by: S. Bousson (IJCLab), H. Weise (DESY), G. Burt (ULAN); G. Devanz, T. Prosl er (CEA); A. Gallo (INFN); F. Gerigk, A. Grudiev (CERN); D. Longuevergne (IJCLab); R. Ruber (Uppsala), + experts

- ✓ **Superconducting RF**: bulk niobium cavities, surface preparation, thin films
- ✓ **NC structures**: fundamental limitations, surface preparation, manufacturing techniques
- ✓ **High power RF sources**, accelerating structures **ancillaries** (couplers, tuners...), **LLRF** and **AI**



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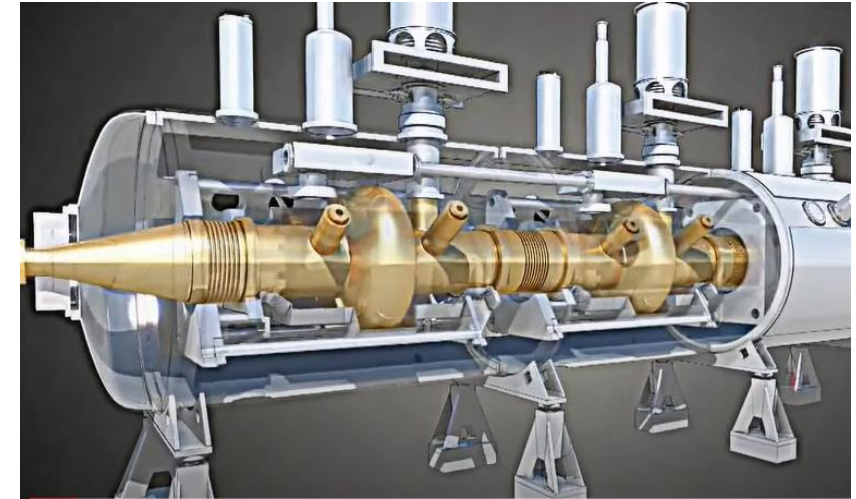
November 2022: RF Coordination Panel nominated, to follow the **concrete implementation of the roadmap recommendations**”:

FROM:

- ✓ **What R&D needs to be done**, priorities, time/resources, dependencies among activities, scope of demonstrators and intermediate outputs, what is applicable outside the PP scopes

TO:

- ✓ **Coordinate the plan of R&D for HEP accelerator** across national institutes and CERN, *albeit not prescriptive on actions or investments for countries, laboratories, or institutes*
- ✓ **Its implementation** must **serve the** anticipated **update of ESPP** on benefits, challenges, feasibility, risk and costs (construction, operation, environment) of each new development, with **top priorities to make needed technology jumps**.

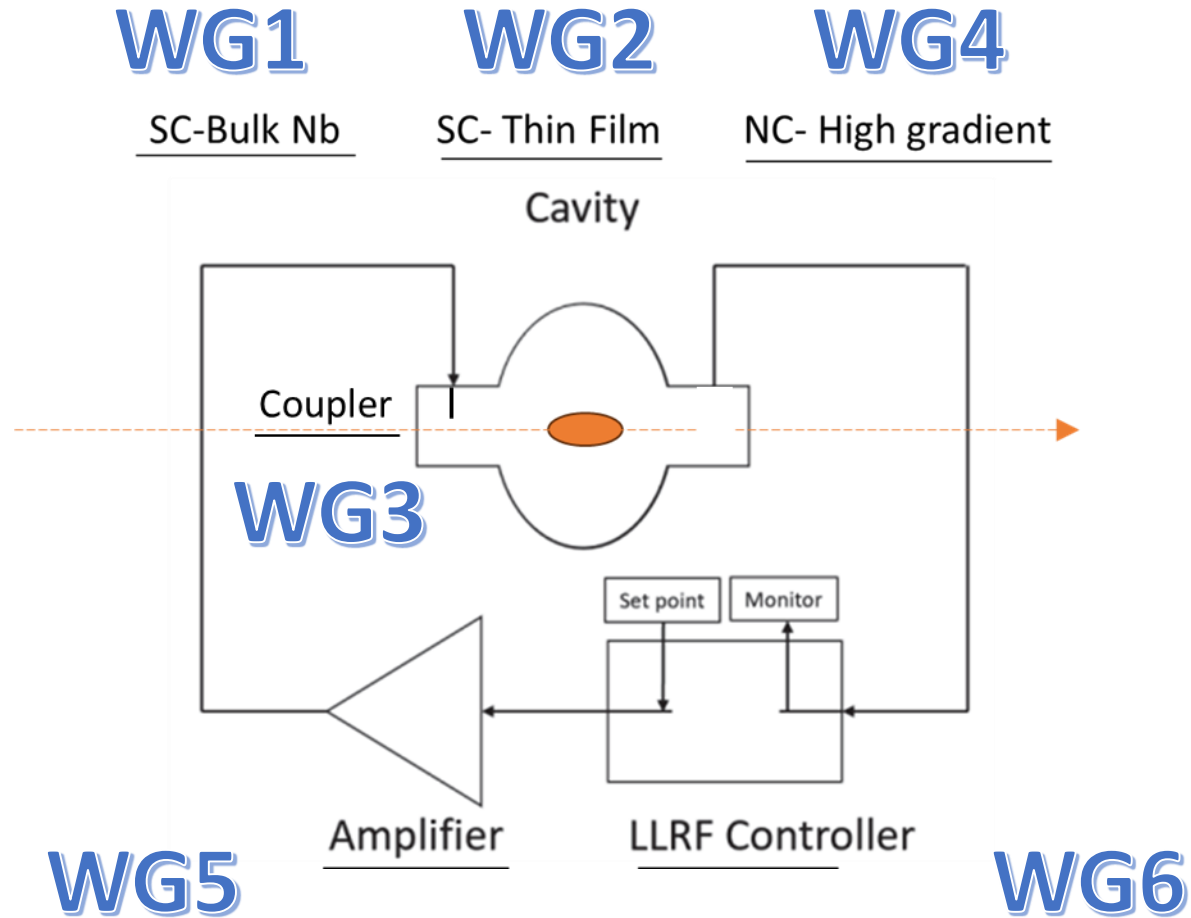


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WG2	Thin films	C. Antoine CEA-F, O. Malyshev STFC-UK
WG3	Couplers	F. Gerick CERN, E. Montesinos CERN, A. Neumann HZB-D
WG4	NC High gradient	W. Wunsch CERN, D. Alesini INFN-I
WG5	RF Power sources	I. Syratchev CERN, G. Burt STFC-UK, M. Jensen ESS-S
WG6	LLRF, AI, ML	Z. Geng PSI-CH, W. Cichalewski U-Lodz-P

RFCP is not funded and has no direct coordination responsibility – we drive RF HEP priorities through LDG for Europe!

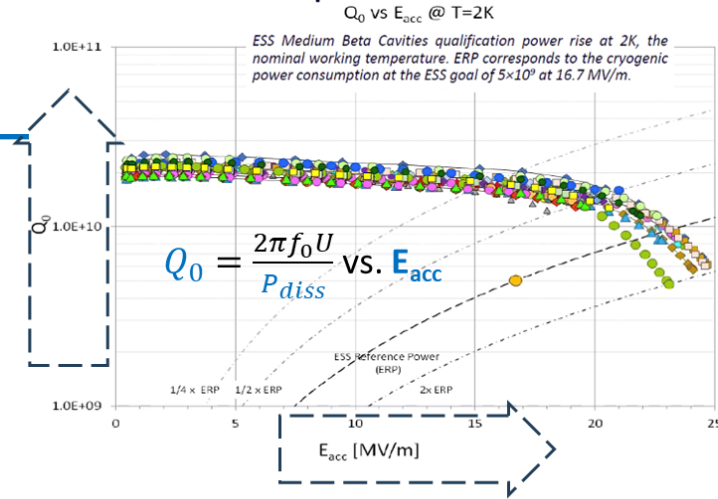


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WG1: Bulk Niobium



GOALS

1. Further increase Q and E_{acc}
2. Improve reproducibility of high-E_{acc} fields
3. Reduce the cost
4. Reduce risk of losing manufacturing capability?

WHO

CEA, CNRS-IJCLab, CERN, DESY, Uni-Hamburg, HZB, ESS, INFN-LASA, INFN-LNL, STFC

PR. REPORT

- Studies on MG and LG Nb; Eddy Current Scanning;
- FE mitigation R&D with novel infrastructures for CM assembly (candidate: **ESS**),
- Novel infrastructure for cobotization;
- Novel infrastructure for in-situ plasma processing (candidate: **CEA**)
- Additional ovens for cavity treatments (high temperature, candidate: **CEA**; single cell, candidate: **INFN-LASA**)
- Strategy to keep cavity-manufacturing capabilities in the labs

work in progress

ESPP Acc R&D **fresh funding** from **INFN**, on bulk-Nb preparation recipe; **CEA**: **budget request submitted**, for additional funding; **CERN**: collaborating with FNAL on 800 MHz developments (FCCee)

GOALS

High Q_0 @ 4.2K; much higher E_{acc} (Nb/Cu, Cu base surface preparation; novel materials; Nb₃Sn, multilayers; AM; ...)

WHO

CEA, CERN, DESY, Hamburg U, HZB, HZDR, INFN, IEE, Riga Technical U, STFC/CI and USI, (I.FAST-WP9) Jlab, MEPHI, PTI Minsk, ...

PR. REPORT

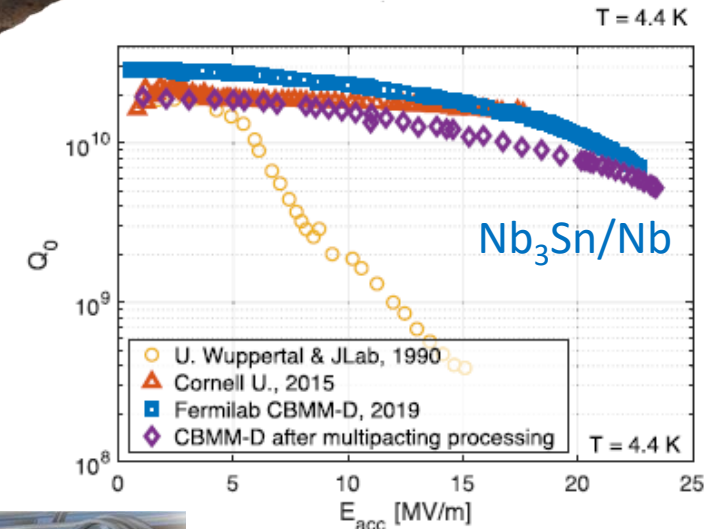
- Identify specific **initiatives**, which might be appealing for FCC (in pilot labs, to be identified, plus collaborators)
- Converge on **joint proposals of infrastructures**, on specific sites but that may be used by many? (in reference labs, e.g INFN-LASA, ...)
- Evolve from EuCard-2, ARIES and IFAST, to Identify priority actions for **I.FAST2** (from all existing partners)

work in progress

ESPP Acc R&D **fresh funding** from **INFN**, on Nb₃Sn/Cu cavities;

CERN: investing on R&D for Nb₃Sn/Cu, Nb/Cu, Nb₃Sn/Nb, multilayers, ... for 400 MHz, 800 MHz (FCCee);

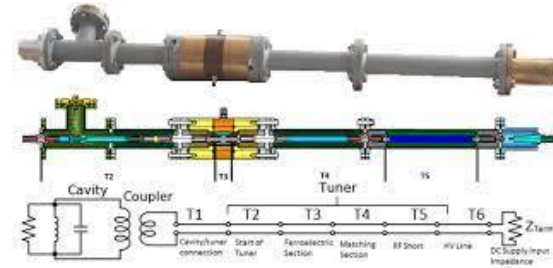
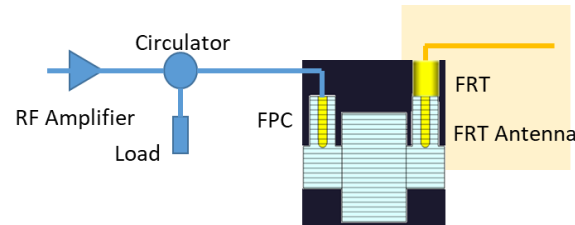
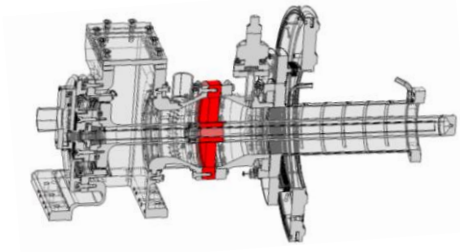
Room for R&D until 2040-2045 (t-tbar phase).



[TFSRF24 – 16 – 20 Sept, Université Paris-Saclay.](#)



WG3: Fundamental Power Couplers (FPC) and HOM



GOALS

FPC couplers - transmitting **hundreds of kW** (W's in the cold mass) reliably **through thin ceramic windows** (diameter ~ 5÷ 50 cm) into SRF cavities; **HOMs couplers**: R&D on 800, 1300 MHz multicell; **~ kW RF power out** of the cold mass

WHO

IJCLab/CNRS-Paris Saclay University, DESY, HZB, CERN

PR. REPORT

Identify interest for **FCC**, where contributions from other labs or industries can be made to converge (**CERN + other labs**)

EIC developments: maybe proposal from **CERN + other labs**, industry...

Any programme for investigating on **ceramic windows**, with several institutes involved, to obtain more funding (within or outside an I.FAST2 framework, identify actors)?

work in progress

On **FPC**: **CERN** collaboration searched at **PIP2, LCLS-II, iSAS** (but much lower power), **INFN and CERN on RF windows** (lobbying phase)

On **FRT** (compensates u-phonics and transient detuning): **CERN** contacts with **Lancaster, STFC** (their FEL applications), Jlab – **iSAS European programme** kicked off

GOALS

CLIC - HG (70 to 100 MV/m), X-Band with **very low breakdown rate** (cost, efficiency). **Good alignment**, mitigation of HG-beam dynamics interplay (wakefields).

Muon Collider - Muon capture, **HG cavities within high external magnetic fields**.

Synergistic with applications outside HEP

WHO

CERN, PSI, DESY, INFN, STFC, ULAN, IFIC, Uni-Uppsala, Uni1-Rome, Elettra, Uni-Tartu, Uni-Helsinki, Hebrew Uni-Jerusalem, TechUni-Eindhoven

PR. REPORT

Joint R&D programme on **high-gradient and high-average-power** capabilities, required by the **FCC**, that require further improvements (**CERN + other labs**)

The investment plans for the **MC test stands**: a collaborative effort from the many partners involved (**CEA, INFN, CERN, Cockroft, Uppsala, ...**)

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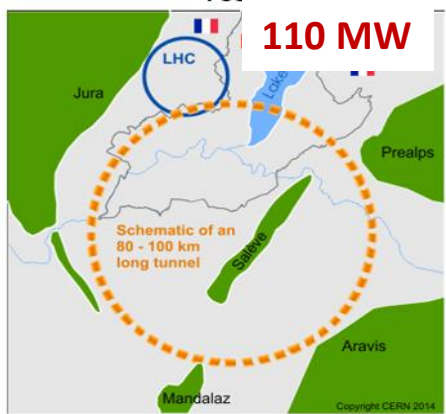
CLIC focus: **X-band structures** - also in linacs outside HEP, and high efficiency RF sources, to strengthen industrial base with limited new investments; **MC HG-in-High-B test stand**: community glad to join, very stimulating topic; **FCCee** ~18-20 GeV **electron injector**: they could contribute (but pending as potential Swiss contribution); **C³** – so far only US project – opportunity.



WG5: High Efficiency Amplifiers

GOALS

FCCee
380 kly
600 SSPAs



FCC^{ee}: CW, 0.4/0.8 GHz, P_{RF} total= 110 MW

- **High efficiency RF power sources** for future large-scale particle accelerators (**LHC** and **FCC_{ee}** first)
- **In collaboration with industry to secure** to ensure decades of industry support.

WHO

On **klystrons** CERN, ULAN , with Thales, CPI, Canon; on **SSPA**: Uppsala (L-band (1kW) IFAST); on **mm-wave sources**: KIT, Strathclyde, INFN, ULAN and CERN

PR. REPORT

Klystrons: a “real” project could involve labs beyond CERN for realisation/tests, more funding, in coll. with industry
SSPA: will they evolve under next European projects, on other frequencies? (beyond Uppsala, w/industry)

work in progress

FCC: kly/MB-IOT, 400-800 MHz, prot-2028, series (295) by 2035+, CERN and ULAN. **FCC booster**: IOT/SSPA, 800 MHz, prot-2029/2024, CERN and Uppsala. **MC**: kly 352/704 MHz, prot-2030+, series (100) 2040+, CERN ULAN from 2026

(industrial progress: focus where numbers are potentially high)



Canon E37117 – 25% improved efficiency!

WG6: RF Control – LLRF, ML and AI

GOALS

- **Standardised LLRF** system platform, HW, SW firmware
- Advanced **automation**/optimization algorithms for **RF** systems
- **ML** for SC cavity quench detection, RF faults classification
- **LLRF** high-level applications

WHO

Surveyed: Uni-Lodz, Poland National Centre for Nuclear Research, HZB, Freia Lab, Uni-Uppsala, DESY, IJCLab, STFC

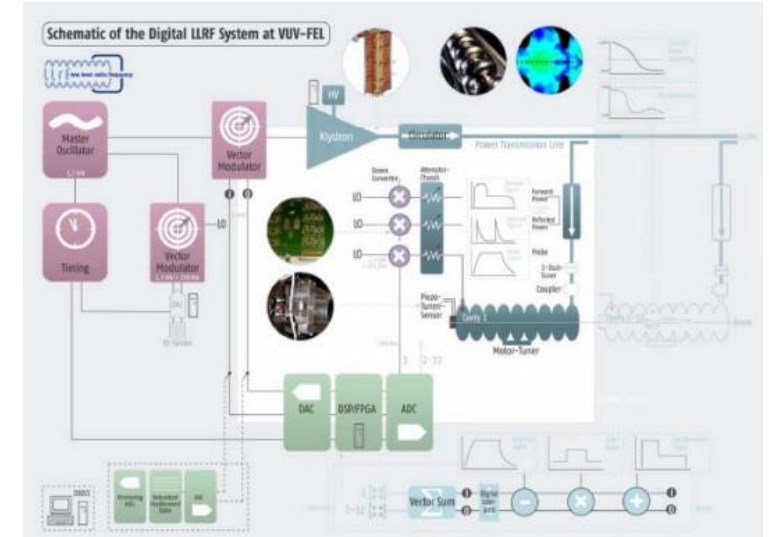
PR. REPORT

Standardization of LLRF hardware, firmware and software (**PSI**, new countries/institutions? plus industry)

LLRF high-level applications (**DESY**, new countries/institutions? plus industry)

work in progress

HEP not principal focus for targetted R&D, as stability/synchronisation performance demands for light sources (**synchrotrons and FELs**) are far more stringent.





Survey of the teams/Follow up of the Roadmap

The RF Coordination Panel has **surveyed all European teams** in the 6 Working Group (WG) theme areas.

Progress Report with:

1. **RF needs** of proposed future colliders;
2. **Activities/resources/collab./infrastr. of the teams** across Europe; main labs worldwide;
3. Main progress achieved since the Roadmap (2022), critical areas, needed infrastructures.

Light update **April 2024**, next one: Nov 2024)

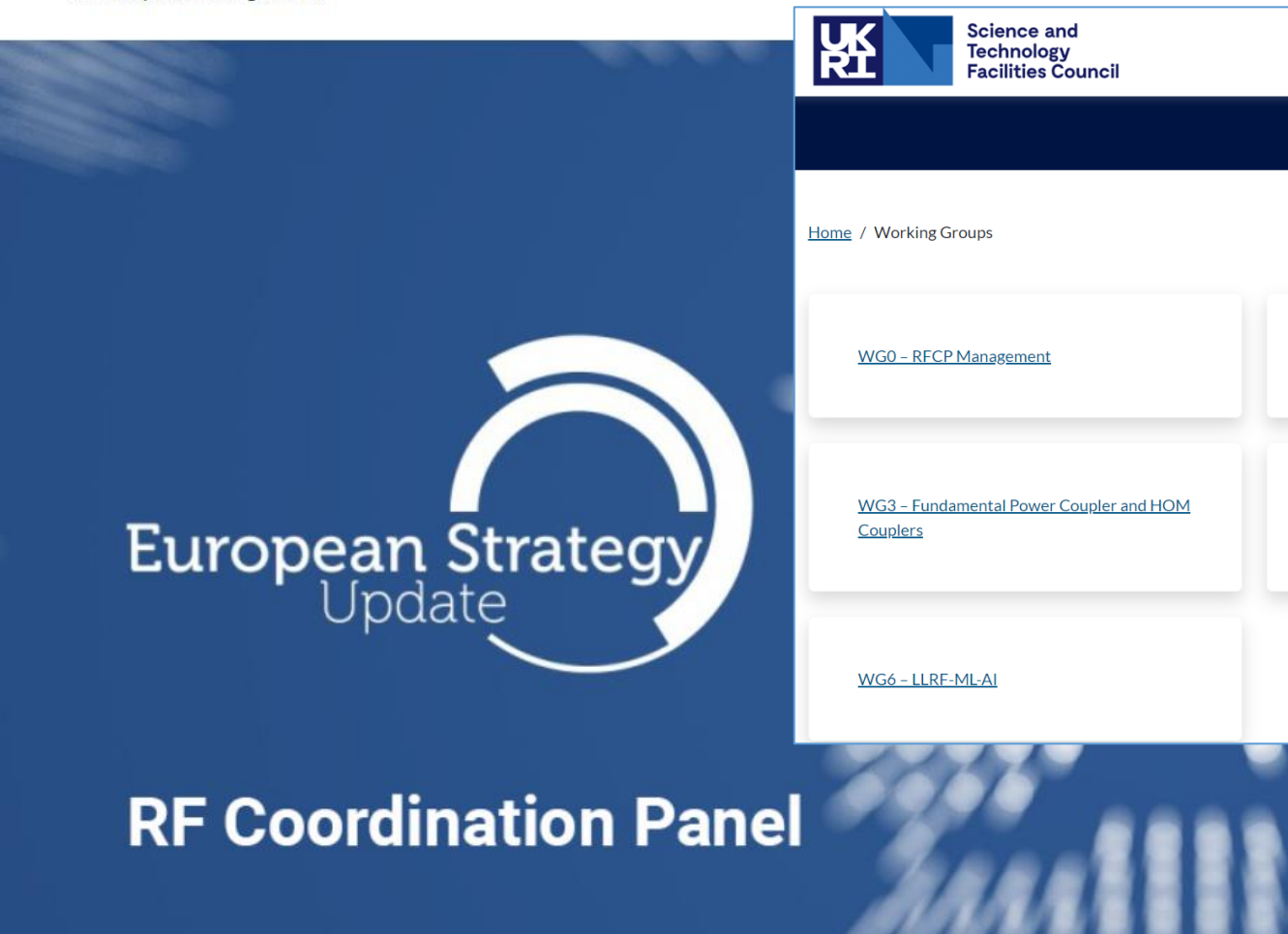
Report to the LDG and the CERN Council
by the RF Coordination Panel
November 2023

<https://ldg-rfcp.com/>

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The main goals driving the development of future accelerators are to lower the power losses (by increasing the quality factor $Q_0 - P_{loss} \propto 1/Q_0$) and increase the accelerating field (E_{acc}) in a reproducible way, to contain both capital and operational costs of future accelerators. Niobium (Nb) is widely recognized as the reference for bulk superconducting material of accelerating cavities, providing extremely high accelerating gradients with small losses (few Watts per cavity at 2 K). To increase Q_0 and E_{acc} , R&D efforts are pursued on Nb material: surface polishing with High Pressure Rinse (HPR), Buffered Chemical Polishing (BCP), ElectroPolishing (EP), surface treatment (Nitrogen doping and infusion) and heat treatments (low/mid/2-step baking, Hydrogen degassing).

In addition to pushing the limits of cavity performances, it is essential to confirm them in large series production by industry and to maintain them over time. Reproducibility is enabled by both reducing contamination during assembly, e.g. via cobots in clean room, and recovering from field emission with in-situ plasma processing.





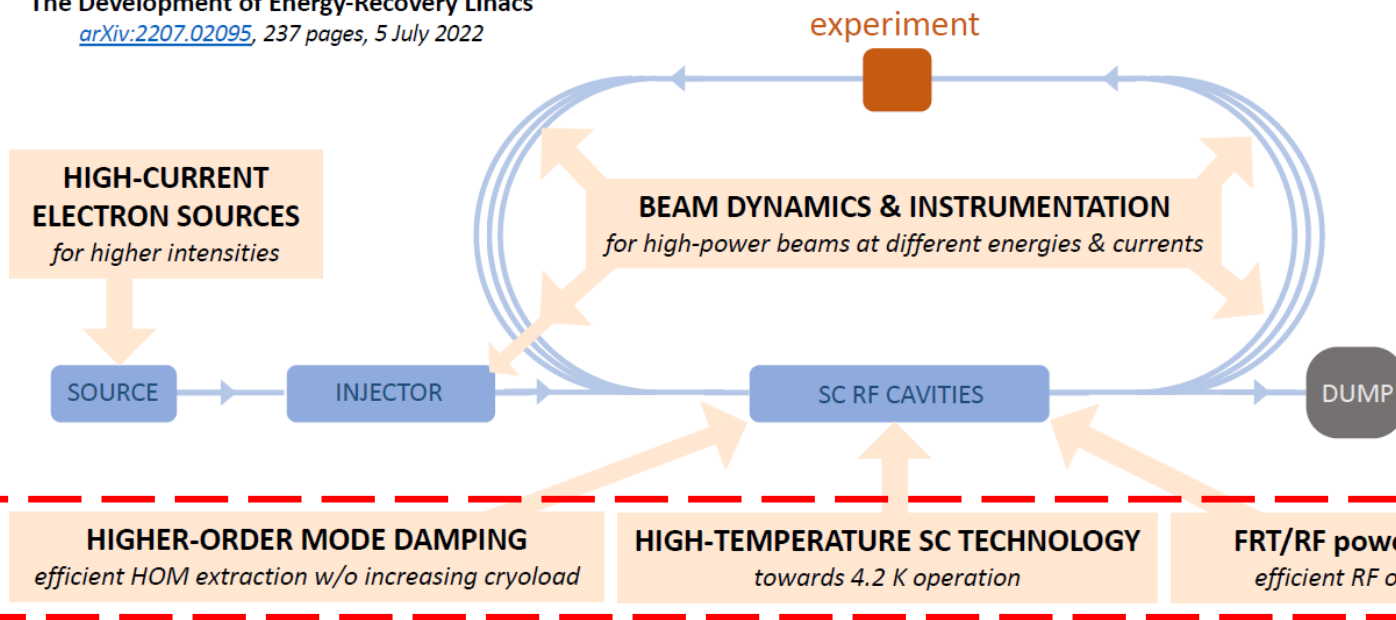
Link to the ERL Panel: RF topics

M. Baylac (CNRS)

ERL/RF Panel collaboration: iSAS project (kickoff meeting April 15-16, 2024):

Identified the key aspects for an Energy Recovery accelerator towards high-energy & high-intensity beams to be used at particle colliders

The Development of Energy-Recovery Linacs
[arXiv:2207.02095](https://arxiv.org/abs/2207.02095), 237 pages, 5 July 2022



		Integration Activities			
		WP5 Design new CM	WP6 Existing RIs	WP7 Industry	
Technology Areas	WP1 FE-FRT				Axel Neumann (HZB)
	WP2 LLRF				Holger Schlarb (DESY)
	WP3 4K Cavity				Cristian Pira (INFN)
	WP4 HOM & FPC				Yolanda Gomez-Martinez (CNRS)
		Nuno Elias (ESS)	Guillaume Oly (CNRS)	Industry Board Giorgio Keppel (INFN)	

CNRS, CERN, ESS, DESY, VUB, CEA, HZB, INFN, UKRI, ULAN, EPFL

Highly Sustainable RF Technology Demonstrator!

(WG2-Thin films, WG3-Couplers, WG5-Power Sources, WG6-LLRF, ML and AI)



European Programme Opportunities

Regarding next generation of scientific instrumentation, tools, methods and advanced digital solutions for RIs

- Support a preparatory action for common technology development in AS&T, with the aim of transitioning to a more integrated, long-term planning implementation of joint technology research.
- During the WP 2025-27, ready to advance on the **development of the technology roadmap**.
- **Willing to promote the coordination with other consolidated communities and application fields** to foster synergies.
(clarification: each technological cluster will develop its own strategic roadmap)
- **In favor of a program based on long-range JRA (Joint Research Action) projects, complemented with smaller dimension, targeted actions** to reply to specific technological RIs needs.
- For the selection of these long-range projects, open calls for the technology clusters to present **proposals under competitive basis** is foreseen as a viable mechanism.
- We consider **cascade funding ('internal projects')** as a **suitable internal instrument** to promote specific research and co-innovation sub-programs.

HEP Priorities

Integrated, long-term technology, common to several communities: consider whether to include in a common AS&T project or propose an independent one.



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Running and proposed EU projects with RF content

FCC-IS

Future Circular Collider
Innovation Study



H2020-INFRADEV-2019-3. Nov
2020 - Nov 2024; 7.4 (3) M€

HITRI+

Heavy Ion Therapy
Research Integration *plus*



H2020-INFRAIA-2020-1. April
2021 - Sept 2025; 5 (5) M€

MuCol

A Design Study for a
Muon Collider complex
at 10+ TeV center of mass



HORIZON-INFRA-2022-DEV-01.
March 2023 - Feb 2027, 7 (2.2) M€

RITIFI

Research
Infrastructure and
Technology
Infrastructure For
Impact

HORIZON-INFRA-2022-DEV-01.
April 2023 - Sept 2025, 1.5 (1.5)
M€

iFAST

Innovation Fostering in
Accelerator Science and
Technology



H2020-INFRAINNOV-2020-2.
May 2021 - April 2025; 10.6
(10.0) M€

EUROLABS

EUROpean Laboratories for
Accelerator Based Science



HORIZON-INFRA-2021-SERV-01.
Sept 2022 - Aug. 2026; 1.2 (0.9)
M€

ESSnuSB+

Study of the use of the ESS
facility to accurately measure
the neutrino cross-sections for
ESSnuSB leptonic CP violation
measurements and to perform
sterile neutrino searches and
astroparticle physics

HORIZON-INFRA-2022-DEV-01.
March 2023 - Feb 2027, 5 (2.2) M€

iSAS

Innovate for
Sustainable
Accelerating
Systems



HORIZON-INFRA-2023-
TECH-01-01. March 2024 -
Feb 2028, 12.6 (5) M€

IFIGENIA: linear accelerators
for novel methods/tools for RI
production for medical
applications

ARTIFACT: ARTificial
Intelligence For Accelerators,
user Communities and
associated Technologies

Including RF items

J.M. Perez-TIARA, at IFAST Annual meeting, Paris April 16-19, 2024



RFCP Development Perspectives

- Not always easy to identify a collective «RF HEP-collider community» beyond CERN, as the other European RF teams work for diverse R&D objectives.
- Very many RF items are in common to several applications (colliders, smaller-energy science machines, light sources, medical applications, neutron science, ...)
- Important to continue nurturing an attitude towards clustering RF communities serving different programmes, not only HEP, as it will positively affect all!
- European programmes may be used to foster a «network of RF disciplines for multiple goals»
 - Some RF programmes are included in I.FAST.
 - Stronger emphasis introduced for iSAS.
 - The specific collider goals may be better addressed through such a multi-disciplinary programme (~IFAST2, >2025).
 - The next «programme» (strategic plan 2025-2027 within Horizon Europe) is a challenge and an opportunity.
- **All driving the next ESPP Update in 2025/26 and future prioritised R&D for HEP.**



A word cloud of various languages expressing gratitude, centered around the English phrase "Thank You". The words are arranged in a circular pattern, with "Thank You" being the largest and most prominent. Other visible words include: **Köszönöm**, **Dankjewel**, **Mahalo**, **Takk**, **Terima Kasih**, **Mercé**, **ありがとう**, **Gracias**, **Rahmat**, **Misaotra**, **Efharisto**, **Kiasinin**, **Rahmat**, **Gracias**, **Kasih**, **Mahalo**, **Efharisto**, **Kiitos**, **Dankie**, **Takk**, **Mercé**, **Grazie**, **Toda**, **Tak**, **Matondo**, **Tak**, **Takk**, **Misaotra**, **Faleminderit**, **Sagolun**, **Merci**, **Mauruuru**, **Xiexie**, **Misaotra**, **Hvala**, **Kiitos**, **Obrigado**, **Danke**, **Kiitos**, **Toda**, **Thank You**, **Hvala**, **Merci**, **Mercé**, **شكر**, **Danke**, **Toda**, **Thank You**, **Xiexie**, **Hvala**, **Merci**, **Matondo**, **Dankjewel**, **Tak**, **Rahmat**, **Gracias**, **Xiexie**, **Danke**, **Matondo**, **Mercé**, **Tak**, **Efharisto**, **Sagolun**, **Gracias**, **Sagolun**, **Mercé**, **Tak**, **Thank You**, **Xiexie**, **Dankjewel**, **Dankjewel**, **Matondo**, **Efharisto**, **Takk**, **Obrigado**, **Mercé**, **Dankie**, **Kiitos**, **شكر**, **Matondo**, **Gracias**, **Tak**, **Toda**, **Hvala**, **Dankie**, **Kiitos**, **شكر**, **Misaotra**, **Danke**, **ありがとう**, **Matondo**, **Thank You**, **Xiexie**, **Matondo**, **Terima Kasih**, **Terima Kasih**, **Mauruuru**, **Mauruuru**, **Toda**, **Hvala**, **Dankie**, **Danke**, **ありがとう**, **Köszönöm**, **Mahalo**, **Thank You**, **Xiexie**, **Matondo**, **Terima Kasih**, **Terima Kasih**, **Mauruuru**, **Mauruuru**.