HIGHEST: high-gradient, high-temperature superconductors

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Sergio Calatroni, on behalf of the Collaboration.

A view on Linear Colliders

The Compact Linear Collider (CLIC)

Accelerating structure prototype for CLIC: 12 GHz (L~25 cm)

The CLIC accelerator studies are mature:

- Optimised design for cost and power
- Many tests in CTF3, FELs, light-sources and test-stands
- Technical developments of "all" key elements

From: Steinar Stapnes

- **Timeline:** Electron-positron linear collider at CERN for the era beyond HL-LHC
- **Compact:** Novel and unique two-beam accelerating technique with highgradient room temperature RF cavities (~20'500 structures at 380 GeV), ~11km in its initial phase
- **Expandable:** Staged programme with collision energies from 380 GeV (Higgs/top) up to 3 TeV (Energy Frontier)
- CDR in 2012 with focus on 3 TeV. Updated project overview documents in 2018 (Project Implementation Plan) with focus 380 GeV for Higgs and top.

The ILC250 accelerator facility

Recent talks: [eeFACT-I1](https://agenda.infn.it/event/21199/contributions/168888/attachments/96229/132492/ILC_AFG_v1.pdf) and [eeFACTI2](https://agenda.infn.it/event/21199/contributions/178820/attachments/96634/133146/eeFACT_ILC-Power_List_220916.pptx)

From JoAnne Hewett, FCC week 2024

e⁺e⁻ machine comparison: Physics potential

- Roughly equal number of \bullet Higgs produced for circular vs linear run plans
- Circular option enables \bullet precision EW Z and WW physics program
- Linear option enables \bullet extension to higher energies for Higgs self-coupling

Which is best?

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Power and energy: future colliders

Linear collider studies predict roughly similar power consumption for equivalent machines (ILC vs CLIC)

From: Steinar Stapnes

How can SC and NC have the same power consumption?

• Linear collider RF systems fall in two categories

SC niobium, $Q_0 \approx 10^{10}$, 35 MV/m, CW

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R_s \propto 1/Q_0 \qquad P = \frac{1}{2} R_s H^2
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 $R_s \propto 1/Q_0$ $P = \frac{1}{2} R_s H^2$ NC copper, Q₀≈10⁴, 100 MV/m, pulsed

- Despite the \sim 10⁶ difference in quality factor, (\sim 10³ considering cryo efficiency), pulsing at low duty factor allows reducing the average consumption for NC accelerating structures down to the SC level – which cannot be effectively be pulsed
- We want to verify whether HTS in pulsed RF mode allows a further power gain compared to both Nb and Cu

Cold Copper

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- \bullet Material strength is key factor ●
- Improved conductivity reduces material stress ●
- Increases rf efficiency ●

Operation at 77 K with liquid nitrogen is simple and practical

- ● Large-scale production, large heat capacity, simple handling
- ●Small impact on electrical efficiency*

 $\eta_{cp} = LN$ Cryoplant η_{cs} = Cryogenic Structure $\eta_k = RF$ Source

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\frac{\eta_{cs}}{\eta_k}\eta_{cp}\approx \frac{2.5}{0.5}\big[0.15\big]\approx 0.75
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*Assumes long pulse regime, no rf compression

Improvements in Q factor compared to copper could pave the way for energy savings

8 From: Emilio Nanni

Background of HIGHEST

HTS for the FCC-hh beam screen

- FCC-hh, a proposed 100 TeV p-p collider at CERN, with 16 T dipoles operated at 1.9 K
- A beam screen held at 50 K, to protect the dipoles from synchrotron radiation \sim 30 W/m/beam (LHC $<$ 0.2 W/m)
- HTS materials instead of copper in the FCC-hh beam screen, to improve beam stability (-> impedance) at 50 K
- Bunched particle beams produces RF fields, up to \sim 1 GHz
- **Extremely challenging requirements:**
	- o HTS must operate at 50 K and 16 T
	- o Critical fields \rm{Hc}_{2} , $\rm{H_{irr}} >> 16T$
	- $J_c > 25$ kA/cm² (2.5x10⁸ A/m²)
	- \circ Surface resistance R_s better than for copper
	- Compatible with accelerator environment
		- o Minimize dipole field distortion due to persistent currents
		- o UHV compatible, low SEY, lifecycle assessment, etc..

16 Tesla !

Calatroni, IEEE TAS 26, 3500204 (2016) Calatroni et al, SuST 30, 075002 (2017)

Two material choices

Manufacture the screen using REBCO tapes soldered to the screen

Coat the inside of the screen with Tl-1223 films

EASITrain

Development of soldering technology

Sn / Pb / Cu / Bi & In temperatures < 220ºC

Validation of RF performance (UPC - ICMAB)

In house developed 8.05 GHz cavity resonator compatible with 25mm bore 9 T magnet at ICMAB

REBCO CCs outperform Cu at 50K and up to 9T R ^S is microstructure dependent

Puig et al, SuST 32, 094006 (2019)

Figure 3. Magnetic field dependence of the surface resistance at 8 GHz and 50 K. Up to 9 T, CCs' R, outperforms that of copper.

Surface currents equivalent to 0.1 MV/m of a typical accelerating cavity

First real cavity, $f \approx 9$ GHz

We have developed a technology for applying 2D HTS tapes to 3D RF "RADES" cavities demonstrating the potential of HTS for RF applications [J. Golm et al., IEEE TAS, Vol. 32, No. 4, \(2022\) 1500605](https://doi.org/10.1109/TASC.2022.3147741)

RADES cavity for axion searches

Magnetic field B (T)

First published physics results with an HTS coated cavity

[arXiv:2403.07790](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.07790)

Other results from CAPP

CERN)

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18TH PATRAS WORKSHOP

CINFN (1bS)

From: D. Ahn, CAPP. More info at [Patras Workshop](https://agenda.infn.it/event/34455/)

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Goals of HIGHEST

ICMAB – UPC: testing at higher RF power

HTS coated conductors at 8 GHz (dielectric resonator) and 50 K

Patrick Krkotic, PhD dissertation, UPC Barcelona 2022

There are very few measurements on HTS at high RF currents (mostly microstrip resonators). But physics is proven.

 \sim 10¹¹ A/m² RF current (microstrip resonator, 200 µm, 350 nm thick, 8 GHz)

Powell et al. [Journal of Applied Physics 86, 2137 \(1999\)](https://aip.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/1.371021)

For 1 µm thickness this is equivalent to 10^5 A/m (\approx 0.1 T \approx 25 MV/m) Entering the "high-gradient" range

Fig. 4.1. Temperature dependence at 19 GHz (left part) of the surface resistance a \varnothing 2" laser-ablated film (diamonds, "L49", [23]) and a \varnothing 1" DC-sputtered film (circles, "S145", [24]). The right part displays the field dependences $R_s(B_s)$ of both films at the temperatures indicated by arrows in the left part. Filled (open) symbols refer to the laser-ablated (sputtered) films.

- 23. T. Kaiser: Dissertation, University of Wuppertal, Report WUB-DIS 98-13 $(1998).$
- 24. T. Bollmeier, W. Biegel, B. Schey, B. Stritzker, W. Diete, T. Kaiser, G. Müller:

Fig. 4.31. Anomalous microwave field dependences $R_s(B_s)$ at 19 GHz for the two DC-sputtered films S178 (T = 77 K, circles) and S373 (T = 4.2 K (squares), 30 K $(triangles)$ and 50 K $(diamond)$ [23].

From: M. Hein, "High-Temperature-Superconductor Thin Films at Microwave Frequencies" (Springer Tracts in Modern Physics, 155)

High-gradient testing at SLAC – supported by I.FAST IIF

- "Mushroom" cavity. Can achieve H_{peak} of about 360 mT 2.9x10⁵ A/m (equivalent to ~80 MV/m in a standard accelerating cavity) using 50 MW XL-4 Klystron at 11.4 GHz.
- Zero E-field on the sample
- Maximum H-field on the sample
- Sample accounts for ⅓ of total cavity loss

Goal: demonstrate and qualify high-gradient pulsed operation of HTS, at cryo-temperatures

Work plan from 4/2023 to 4/2025

Segmented cavities

CERN Segmented cavity for axion detection

SLAC Segmented cavity for RF pulse compressor

Industrial application prospect

- At the end of this study, we aim at consolidating TRL4.
- Prototype pulse compressor with SLAC will demonstrate TRL6.
	- Timescale: 2-3 years after completion of this study
	- Need a further round of funding
	- This will include the design, fabrication and coating, and its validation in a high-power RF bench test bench.
- Future accelerator projects will drive achieving further TRLs and drive commercialization.
	- Industry will be involved for construction of devices
	- Other companies may be involved for hardware manufacturing

Addressing the European Green Deal

➢ New-generation collider linacs are expected to use hundreds of MW of electricity

➢Energy savings from HTS are in line with current policies of societal impact minimization

Resources and budget

• CERN:

- Provided resources: two senior physicist (scientific coordination, 0.2 FTE) and one senior Fellow (follow up, measurements, 0.5 FTE)
- Requested resources: 10 kEUR (sample manufacturing)
- KCT:
	- Provided resources: one senior scientist (design, procurement, coating, 1 FTE)
	- Requested resources: 100 kEUR (80 kEUR manpower for coating operations, 20 kEUR sample holder manufacturing)
- CSIC-ICMAB:
	- Provided resources: one senior scientist (0.2 FTE), and one PhD student (0.5 FTE)
	- Requested resources: 50 kEUR (40 kEUR PhD student and manpower for coating and characterization work, 10 kEUR consumable)

Ratio for the requested IIF funds: 120 kEUR personnel and labour / 40 kEUR material

• Final deliverable is a report on the demonstrated achieved performance, and on the prospects for scalability to accelerator-scale RF devices.

Budget table

A possible future?

Muon Collider

- Muon collider \rightarrow potential short cut to п the energy frontier
	- Multi-TeV collisions in next generation facility
	- Combine precision potential of п e'e' with discovery potential of pp
	- High-flux, TeV-scale neutrino ٠ beams for nuclear & BSM physics
- Bright muon beams are required п
	- Protons onto a target to make \blacksquare pions
	- Pions are captured and decay to \blacksquare muons
	- Muon beam is cooled to get to high brightness
- Cooling time must be competitive with muon lifetime
	- lonisation cooling

From: Chris Rogers

Muon collider

• Muon cooling system requires RF cavities operating at high-gradient AND in a strong magnetic field.

- Normal conducting copper, possibly cryo: baseline option
- A dream: High-Temperature Superconductors ?

- No data exist for modern HTS at high-gradient RF (either samples or cavities): experiments needed
- Fabrication technologies for real cavities must be developed: wider soldered tapes within the iFAST collaboration "HIGHEST"
- Eventually, develop a direct HTS coating technique on copper

High-temperature Superconductors

Superconductors zoo

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Zoo of superconductors

 J_c may vary of orders of magnitude. H_{c2} has much smaller variation.

YBCO most promising candidate

NbTi – NbTiN possible candidates at B < 10T

 $Nb₃$ Sn for B < 15 T

<https://nationalmaglab.org/magnet-development/applied-superconductivity-center/plots>

Zoo of superconductors

Pinning force

<https://nationalmaglab.org/magnet-development/applied-superconductivity-center/plots>

J_c decrease is guiding the development of Nb/Cu films

Rationale:

- Results from HIE-ISOLDE and bulk Nb
- Modelling of losses as hysteretic losses from RF fluxons penetration

Existing HTS Coated Conductors might not be the best choice at high-gradient RF, being optimized for flux pinning

From: Carlota Pereira Carlos

REBCO coated conductors

Scheme of Coated Conductor (CC)

- Buffer layers allow biaxial epitaxial REBCO growth
- Metallic substrate makes tape ductile

REBCO crystal structure

Electronic features:

- Charge transport in $CuO₂$ planes
- High anisotropy
- Extreme sensitivity to oxygen content
- Large $\lambda_L(0K) \approx 150$ *nm* and small $\xi(0K) \approx 2$ *nm*

Vortex in type II SC

Abrikosov lattice

Distribution into hexagonal lattice in homogenous material.

Characterized by mixed phase with vortex penetration.

Vortex pinning

Lorentz-like force provokes vortex movement Defects: Strategy to pin vortices

Scales with current density and magnetic field:

 $\vec{F}_L = \vec{J} \times \vec{B}$

Critical current density \vec{J}_c :

 $\vec{F}_P = \vec{J}_c \times \vec{B}$

The maximum value of J without moving the lattice, without presenting resistance.

Defect landscape:

- 0D: Impurity atoms, interchanged atoms
- 1D: Dislocations, columnar defects
- 2D: Twin boundaries, grain boundaries
- 3D: Nanoparticles, associated strained regions

Various producers of CCs

CCs differ in architecture and REBCO microstructure.

Patrick Krkotic, PhD dissertation, UPC Barcelona 2022

Some theory background: fluxon motion in RF

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Gittleman and Rosenblum: Phys Rev. Lett. 16, 734 (1966) Calatroni and Vaglio, IEEE Trans. Appl. Supercond. 27 (2017) 3500506 Coffey, Clem PRL 67, 386 (1991) Brandt PRL 67 2219 (1991) Silva et al, PRB 78, 094503 (2008)

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 $B_{c2} f_0^2$

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RF when an external magnetic field is present

- Vortex lattice
	- o cylindrical normal conducting regions
		- ≈ tens of nm diameter
	- o Each vortex carries one flux quantum
- Apply RF Current
	- \circ Motion of vortices \rightarrow dissipation
		- $m\ddot{x} + \eta \dot{x} + kx = J_{RF} \Phi_{\alpha}$
		- − The motion of the rigid vortex lattice behaves as an harmonic damped oscillator with quadratic potential

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\eta = \frac{\phi_o B_{c2}}{\rho_n} \qquad k = \frac{2\pi J_c \phi_0}{d} \qquad \omega_o = \frac{k}{\eta}
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• Vortex pinning

Simplified model valid for estimates and scaling

Coating process I

**FUTURE
CIRCULAR COLLIDER**

Developed in the context of FCC-hh impedance reduction by coating the beam screen with HTS tapes

Coating process II

REBCO scaled to 1 GHz at 50 K

Romanov et al, SciRep 10:12325 (2020)

For HTS Rs scales as f^2 For Cu Rs scales as $f^{1/2}$

A parallel-plate resonator is being commissioned to test samples at ~1 GHz

GHz

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Will demonstrate real experimental frequency scaling on samples

Surface impedance: the key

 τ Risetime of beam instabilities

$\frac{1}{\tau} \propto -\text{Im} \Delta \omega \propto \frac{I_b M_c}{EL} \text{Re}(Z_\tau)$	$\text{Re}(Z_\tau) \Rightarrow \frac{R c}{\pi b^3 f} R_s = \frac{R c}{\pi b^3 f} (\rho \mu_b \pi f)$
Z_T Transverse impedance (property of the beam)	
R_s Surface resistance (property of the surface)	
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$\Delta \omega$: betaton tune-shift	
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New kid on the blocks: the C3 study @ SLAC

[More info here](https://indico.classe.cornell.edu/event/2283/overview)

8 km footprint for 250/550 GeV CoM \Rightarrow 70/120 MeV/m

Large portions of accelerator complex compatible between LC technologies

- Beam delivery / IP modified from ILC (1.5 km for 550 GeV CoM), compatible w/ ILC-like detector
- Damping rings and injectors to be optimized with CLIC as baseline
- Cryogenically cooled 77 K (liquid nitrogen)

C³ Parameters

C³ - 8 km Footprint for 250/550 GeV (to scale) 275 Gel (Ralqueter) Reliqueter 1.5 km Trains repeat at 120 Hz ir Separatio
Unit $--- 10 GeV$ **Pulse Format** 3 GeV RF envelope BC₁ 133 1 nC bunches spaced by 700 ns 3 GeV 30 RF periods (5.25 ns) 3 GeV circumference (900 m)

Cooling allows for increase in accelerating gradient, and savings in RF power infrastructure

From: Emilio Nanni

Flux pinnining

• Typical SRF accelerator cavities are made of niobium

Strong magnetic shielding needed Limited or no magnetic shielding

- Effect of external magnetic field on SRF accelerating cavities is mostly due to flux pinning, weak pinning in bulk Nb and strong in Nb/Cu
- Earth magnetic field should not be an issue for HTS (to be verified)

HTS tape at 8 GHz (dielectric resonator) and 50 K

Patrick Krkotic, PhD dissertation, UPC Barcelona 2022

Effect of magnetic field: fluxon losses in RF

Surface resistance, reactance due to vortex motion

Case $f < f_o$

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R_{f} = \frac{\rho_{n}}{2\lambda} \frac{B_{o}}{B_{c2}} \frac{f^{2}}{f_{0}^{2}} \qquad B_{0} \Box B_{c2}
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R_{f} = \frac{R_{n}}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{\frac{B_{o}}{B_{c2}} \left(\frac{f}{f_{0}}\right)^{3/2}} \qquad B_{0} \Box B_{c2}
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f_o(B_o) = \frac{\omega_o(B_o)}{2\pi} = \frac{\rho_n \sqrt{B_o} J_c(B_o)}{\sqrt{\varphi_o} B_{c2}}
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 $\frac{B_{o}}{B_{o}} = \frac{\rho_{n} \sqrt{B_{o} J_{c}(B_{o})}}{B_{o}}$ To maximize f₀ and minimize fluxon $\left|B_{c2}\right\rangle$ **c** losses we need high $\mathsf{J_c}$ materials

Predicted surface resistance of HTS in 16 T field

Cryogenic losses: SRF aimed at energy saving compared to NRF

Thanks to T. Koettig, CERN

Low-power RF measurements

An improvement larger than $x10$ compared to copper (Rs=8m Ω) has been measured on samples of tapes (8 GHz) at low RF power

Adapted from Romanov et al, [Sci. Rep. \(2020\) 10:12325](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-020-69004-z)

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First results at SLAC, at low gradient

Two HTS measurements, after calibration measurements with Cu and Nb

Soldered REBCO-CCs on copper (Fujikura by CSIC-ICMAB)

Directly grown REBCO on MgO and on copper+MgO (CERACO)

Preliminary SLAC results at high-gradient I

From: Mitch Schneider

Preliminary SLAC results at high-gradient II

Measurements of YBCO on MgO

Tested YBCO on MgO sample for comparison, appeared to reach quench limit sooner

Shaded area: change from 100 W to 1.6 kW of forward power**SLAC** $\boldsymbol{\mu}$

From: Ankur Dhar

First device validation – supported by I.FAST Innovation Fund

- Next goals: develop large-size tapes (50 mm wide) in collaboration with KCT, to be first tested on discs at SLAC. Two-years plan funded by IIF
- (Ideally: REBCO coating directly on 3D objects)
- Device validation: X-band pulse compressor (SLAC) as first "real" RF device

• Coating will be performed by CSIC-ICMAB

Axion cavity as earlier demonstrator

- Approach being validated also for axion detection cavities in RADES collaboration having a similar geometry
- Copper body manufactured at Mainz University, adapted to 12 mm wide coated conductors, coated by CSIC-ICMAB

Summary of milestones and deliverables: WP2 KCT

- M1 Design and fabrication of sample holder system (due 3/2024). Achieved well in advance
- D1 HTS coating of large samples (due 3/2025). On track and well under way, first 40 mm wide tape already coated (final goal is 50 mm, but 40 mm is enough for our final goal)

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40 mm wide HTS tape

for HTS tapes

Summary of milestones and deliverables: WP3 CSIC

- D1 Coating on discs and segmented cavities for benchmarking (small tapes) (due 3/2024). Achieved for discs, already high-power tested at SLAC (presented at EUCAS 2023 / IPAC 2024) waiting for readiness of segmented cavity
- D2 Measurement of superconducting properties of large size tapes (due 3/2025). On track and well under way, first 40 mm wide tape already characterized

Copper disc coated with 12 mm tapes

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First tests of 40 mm tape

Possible practical implementation of HTS tape-coated cavities

• How could a future cavity look like? Bimetallic cavities

Joints at low-current regions are standard practice even in SRF cavities (ie QWRs) Segmentation at zero-current region is possible, see device being designed at SLAC

