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Scientific Advisory Committee

- **Akira Yamamoto (KEK)**, Head of Linear Collider Project Office at KEK, expert in applied superconductivity, already member of EuCARD2, ARIES and AMICI SAC.
- **Michiko Minty (BNL)**, Head of Accelerator Division at the BNL Collider Accelerator Department, with wide experience in accelerator design and beam optics.
- **Carsten Welsch (U. Liverpool)**, Head of Physics Department at U. Liverpool, has participated in many accelerator projects, with expertise in beam instrumentation and optics, science communication and outreach, etc.



The SAC: a) reports to the Governing Board on the **progress of the Project**; b) provides advice to the Coordinators on **elements to improve** in the progress of the project; and c) provides information and identifies possible **synergies with similar programmes** in US and Japan.

SAC members participate in the Annual Meetings. In the final session they provide an oral report and a few weeks later produce a written report with recommendations.



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Executive Summary (from April 2024 presentation)



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The iFAST Project continues to very impactfully enable the

- translation of accelerator technology across scientific fields and to society, and
- in the development of technologies for next generation particle accelerators.

Compared to one year ago, the objectives of the technical WPs are transitioning (or have already transitioned) from planning, conceptual designs, and prototypes to first articles.

Executive Summary, continued

Many tasks have achieved, or are close to achieving, their deliverables with outstanding results - to mention a few highlights: thin film coatings for superconducting (SC) cavities, high temperature superconducting magnets including novel material and manufacturing methods, high-power/high-efficiency klystrons and power amplifiers, advanced materials for high-power beams, high gradient guns, and much more.

i.FAST technology developments already having impact on:

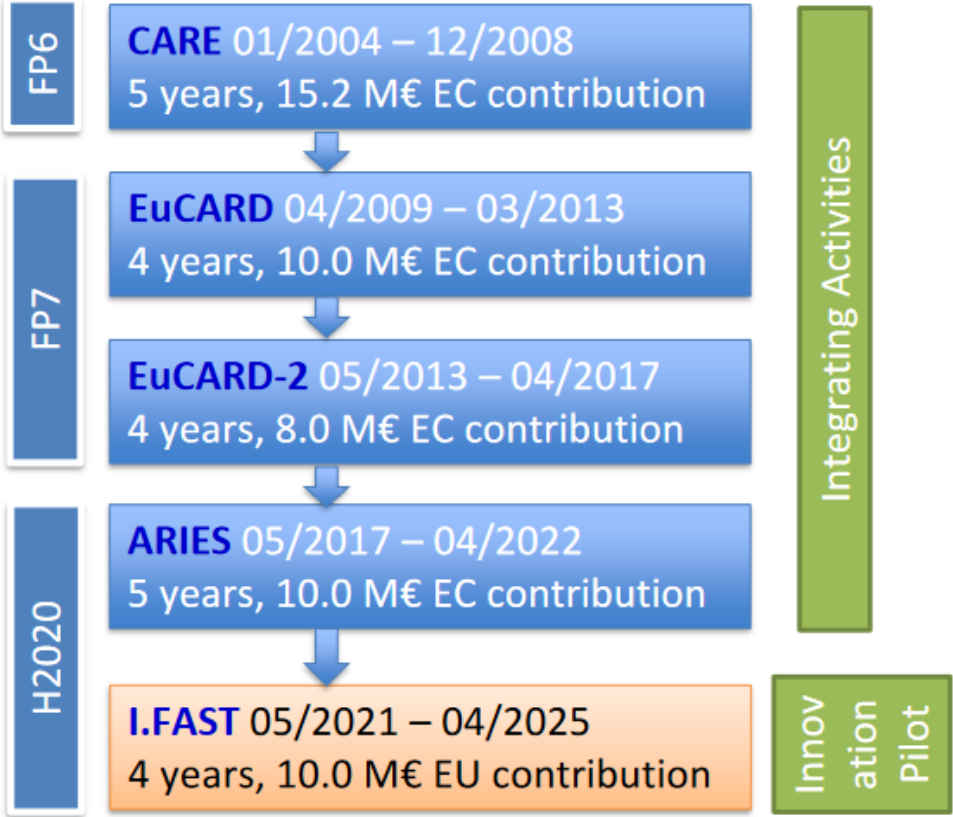
- future accelerators (e.g. HL-LHC, FCC-ee, etc)
- other scientific fields and society.

as promoted by i.FAST co-sponsorship of many workshops and conferences.

Since the inception of i.FAST and especially within the last year, collaborations between laboratories, universities, and industry appear to be strengthening.

Many examples of early and close interactions with industry were presented evidencing more manufacturable and cost-effective designs and foreseen accelerated “science-to-market”.

Executive Summary, continued



The i.FAST SAC very much appreciates the detailed and thorough responses to last year’s recommendations.

The SAC strongly encourages continued planning for support beyond i.FAST for future accelerator-based science and technology developments in coordination with supporting collaborations and co-innovation with Research Institutes and industry (technology clusters?).





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Highlights from Plenary Sessions

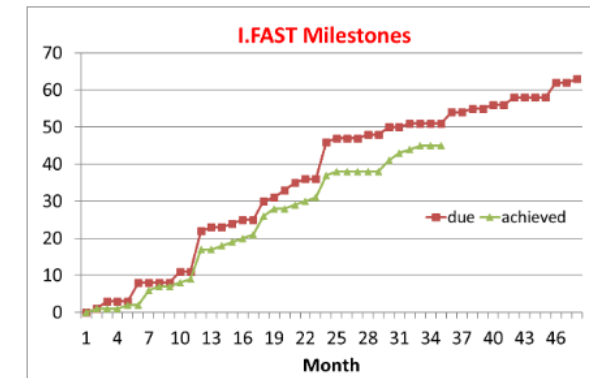


Session 1 - Introduction, Communication, Training, Applications

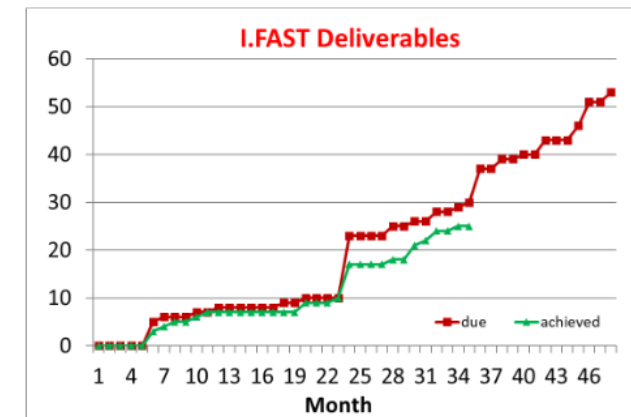
The schedules for achieving cumulative iFAST milestones and deliverables are not tracking the goals as closely compared to one year ago. Various reasons were cited, including for example vendor insolvency, availability of beam time, or availability of skilled personnel.

Affected iFAST task leaders are proactively reigning in their schedules and it appears that all milestones and all but maybe one or two deliverables will be achieved within the iFAST Project lifetime.

Status of Milestones



Status of Deliverables



Communication

- The SAC commends iFAST for maintaining clear **communication targets** and identified target groups. It is noted that these are on track after 3 years.
- There is a good link with established **communication outlets**, in particular *Accelerating News*. However, there have been only six articles over the past 12 months and the SAC would expect the number of articles to increase with project progress. Especially those WPs who had no or few news to date are encouraged to liaise with Antoine and the comms team.
- The SAC notes a clear lack of engagement with the **Zenodo** platform, a required reporting tool for the project. All project partners are urged to upload their documents as soon as possible and thus help the coordinator maintain this platform.
- There are still relatively few news stories on the iFAST website for a project of this size. We renew our recommendation of more publications in the area of high level project outcomes and other project-wide news. Several WPs have not been visible to the wider community.
- Further, the SAC recommends engaging the communication expertise and channels at partner organizations more fully.

Training

- The SAC considers **Challenge Based Innovation** (CBI) an excellent initiative for attracting the next generation of scientists and engineers into accelerator R&D. It connects particularly well with the aims and mission of the ESI.
- The SAC was pleased to see the detailed information about the diversity of applicants, and the good balance amongst the final (selected) participants.
- The iFAST **Academia-Industry Exchange Program** has successfully stimulated cross-sector collaboration and triggered several promising interdisciplinary R&D projects.

Session 2 - Industry

- The SAC thanks the speakers for the excellent overview of industry-driven innovation opportunities in this dedicated session. This promotes new ideas, allows knowledge sharing and triggering new collaborations.
- The SAC acknowledges the **industry survey** and detailed analysis of the impact of industry-related activities in response to last year's SAC suggestions.
- The good potential to **de-risk** developments through **co-innovation** and how iFAST support has been critical for this, was made clear.
- The **market potential** of specific innovations was not always made clear enough.

Session 3 - New Concepts

- Technology breakthroughs required in several areas incl. **plasma**, high power lasers and novel magnets; impressive progress was reported.
- iFAST helps develop a landscape for future accelerators; the events have informed strategic technology roadmaps.
- The SAC would like to commend the speakers for consolidating research and innovation in Europe through highly successful workshop series and by attracting additional funding.
- The SAC considers the continuation of collaborative workshops related to specific areas essential, and recommends that these be funded through the respective projects and consortia.

Session 4 - Accelerator Technologies

- The SAC recognizes and acknowledges that **iFAST activities are pioneering** and demonstrate innovative cutting-edge accelerator technology, focusing on:
 - **HTS** magnet, **thin-film SRF**, and **AM** (3D printing) technologies, as well as **advanced manufacturing** and **high efficiency klystron** technologies, well highlighted in the presentations.
 - If projects are foreseen to run late, the SAC advises to **consider a grant agreement amendment** to better reflect expectations.
- The SAC strongly encourages iFAST accelerator technology development to adopt good **sustainability** practices.

Session 5 - Light Sources / iFAST Highlights

- The SAC acknowledges the important successes in **light source development**. We are pleased to see that iFAST-supported events have helped drive innovation and leverage significant funding.
- Several promising **new technologies** were presented, including:
 - permanent and superconducting magnets with opportunities for more energy efficient accelerators,
 - advanced electron guns were successfully tested at high power,
 - machine learning models for which clear performance metrics should be developed as a next step.
- The SAC looks forward to future reports on **operational experience** with the innovations presented in this session.

Session 6 - Sustainability

- The SAC recognizes that “sustainability” is increasingly important and should be integrated into each and every i.FAST activity.
- EC guidance and recommendations including the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) with the scope for environmental footprint were much appreciated.
- LCA analyses were presented for the RUEDI Project and Linear Collider efforts. Developments within the iFAST program were also presented.
- The SAC recommends that iFAST promotes integration of sustainability within the existing project, and to convey the message more widely.

Final SAC Report

The final SAC report (25 pages, available at <https://indico.cern.ch/event/1357302/contributions/5854932/attachments/2841076/5077077/3rd-IFAST-Ann-Meeting,%20SAC-Report-240617-Final.pdf>) reports the considerations above, plus 20 pages of Comments and Suggestions, general and addressed to each Work Package.

The I.FAST team is extremely grateful to the SAC for their thorough analysis of the Project, for the many useful suggestions, and for the profitable dialogue established over the last 3 years.

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Thank you for your attention!



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