

# UK accelerator programme



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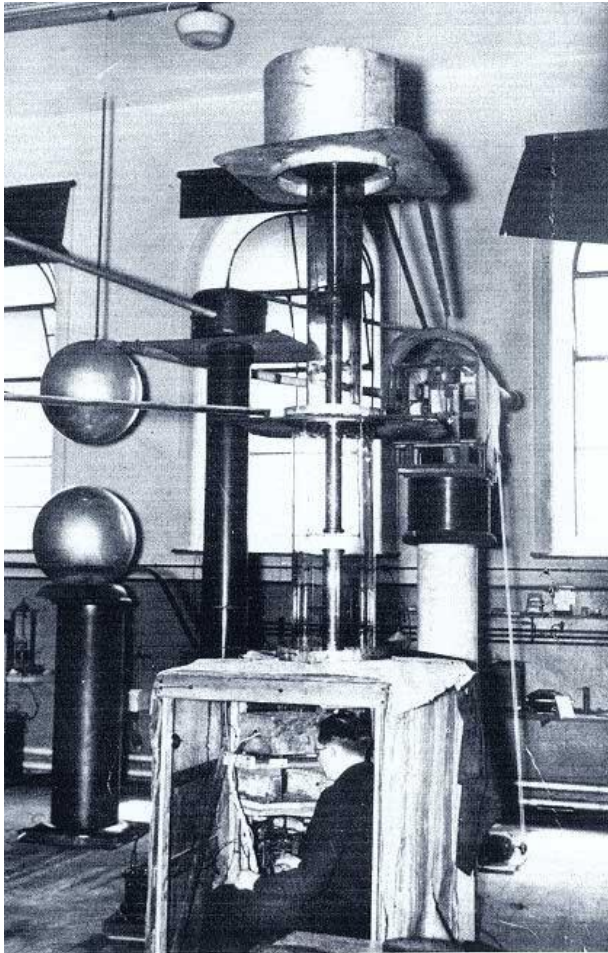
**On behalf of  
The UK accelerator community**

# Outline

- **History + context**
- **National facilities**
- **Contributions to overseas Particle Physics facilities**
- **Future colliders**
- **Summary**

# History

UK pioneered accelerator development from the very beginning



**Cockcroft-Walton: 800kV**



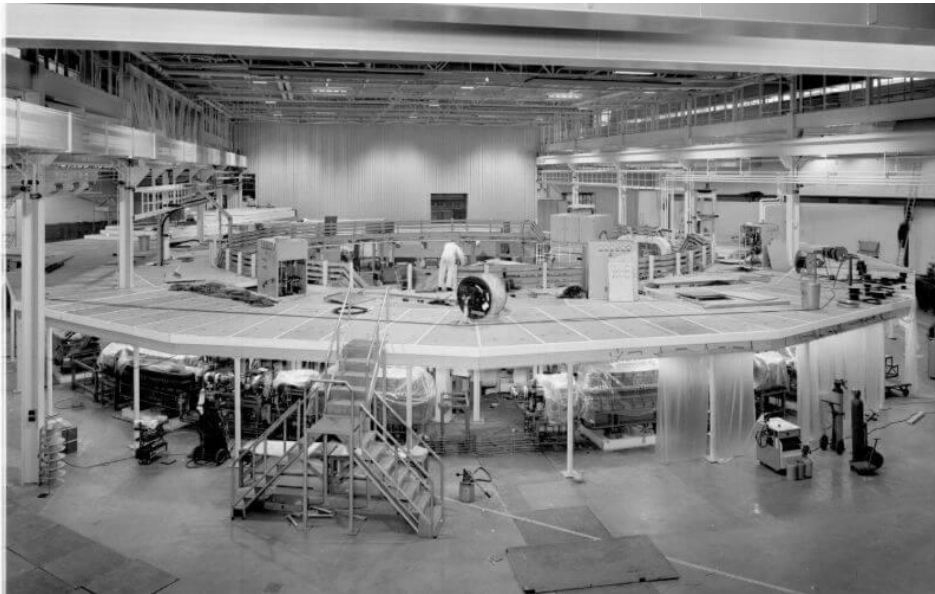
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Van de Graaff  
(Oxford): 20MV**

**Tandem  
Van de Graaff  
(Daresbury): 20MV**



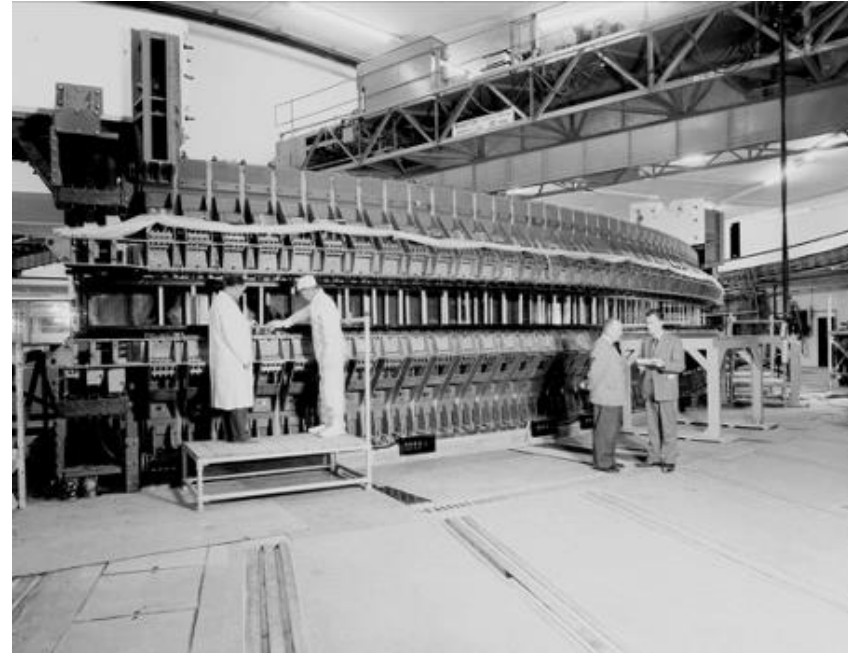
# UK PP accelerators

UK operated particle-physics accelerators until late 1970s:



**NINA: 4-6 GeV e- synchrotron  
1966-77**

**Daresbury Laboratory**



**NIMROD: 7 GeV p synchrotron  
1964-78**

**Rutherford-Appleton Laboratory**

# Today's large accelerators



**ISIS  
spallation  
neutron  
source:**

**800 MeV  
p linac +  
synchrotron**

**Diamond  
Light  
Source:**

**3 GeV e-  
synchrotron**

# UK accelerator landscape

## National facilities:

- Diamond Light Source – upgrade approved
- ISIS – upgrade planning
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## International PP facilities

**LHC + HL-LHC**

**AWAKE**

**FNAL/PIP-II**

**KEK/ATF2**

**CLEAR**

*Physics Beyond Colliders*

*KEK/JPARC*

*DESY/FLASHforward*

*Electron Ion Collider (EIC)*

## Future:

**ILC, CLIC, FCC, CEPC**

**HALHF**

**Muon collider**

# Diamond + Diamond-II

<https://www.diamond.ac.uk/Home.html>



**New storage ring optimised for higher brightness photon beams ('4<sup>th</sup> generation')**

**£500M project**

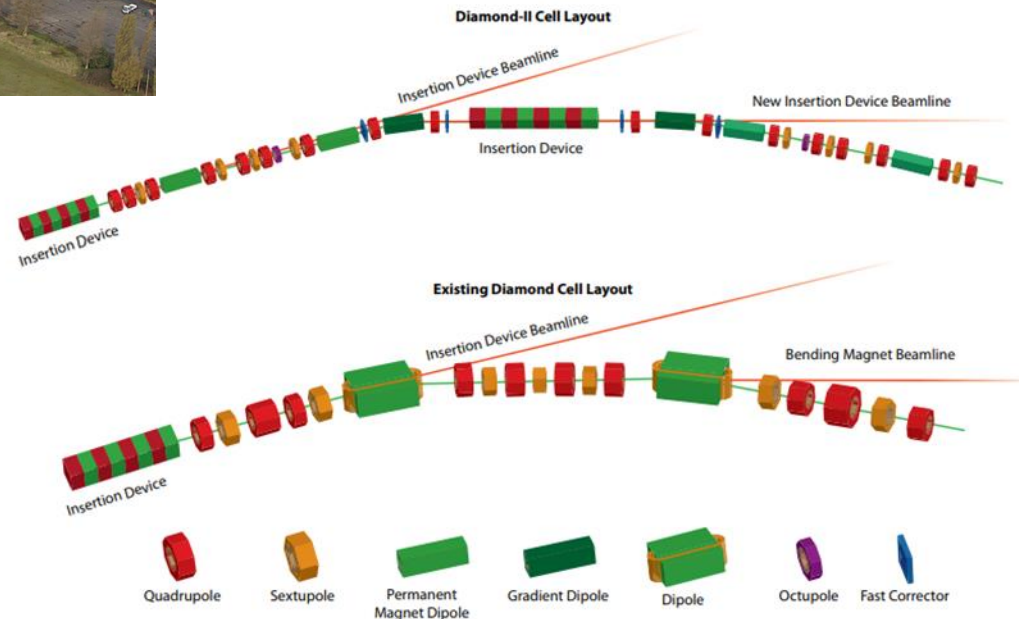
**e- energy → 3.5 GeV**

**Double triple-bend achromats**

**1000x increase in hard X-rays**

**24 straights for Insertion Devices**

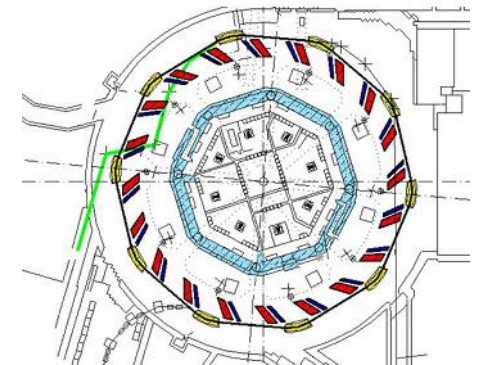
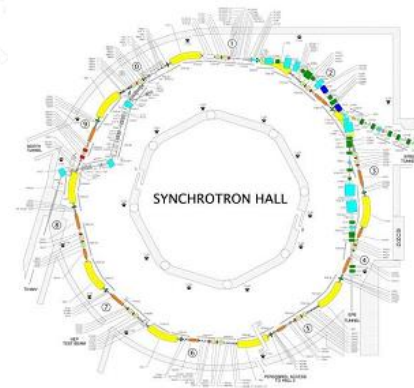
**Operating from Sept. 2029**



# ISIS + ISIS2

<https://www.isis.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/ISIS-II-webinar-13-March-2024.aspx>

**New accelerator with  
capability to produce  
neutrons via MW proton  
beams on target**



**O(£B) project**

**p energy → 1.2 GeV**

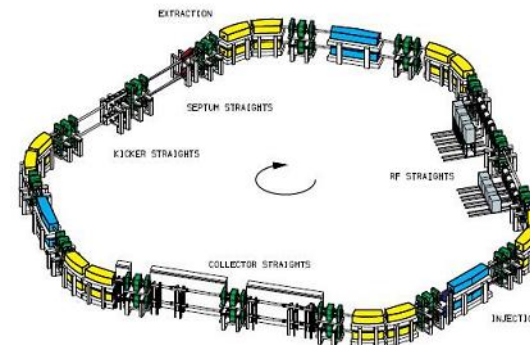
**3 options under consideration**

**Rapid-cycling synchrotron (RCS)**

**Fixed-field alternating gradient (FFA)**

**High-energy linac + accumulator ring (AR)**

**Operations from 2040**





# UK X-FEL

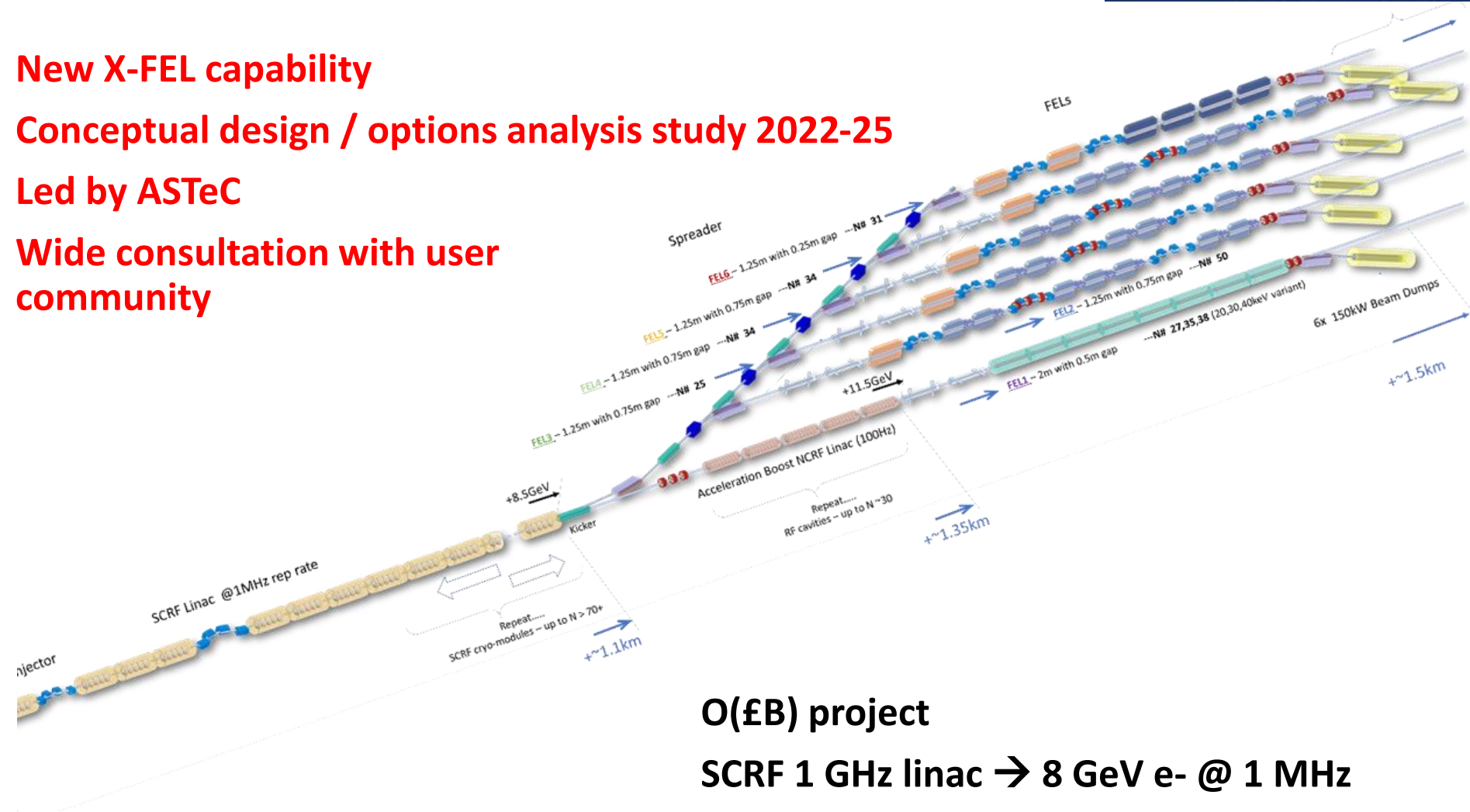
<https://xfel.ac.uk/>

New X-FEL capability

Conceptual design / options analysis study 2022-25

Led by ASTeC

Wide consultation with user community



O(£B) project

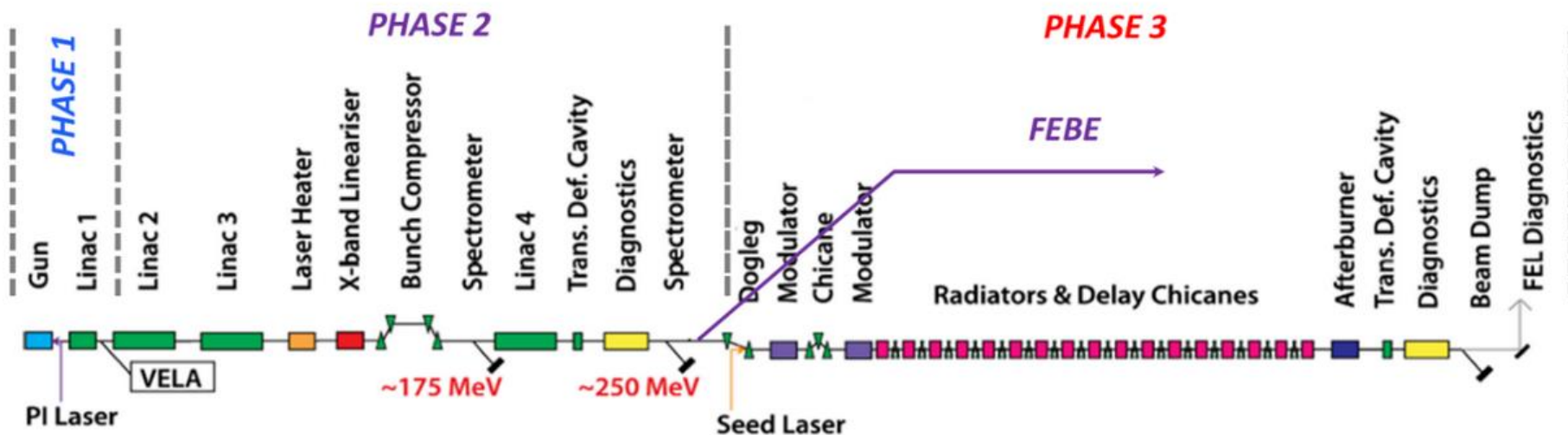
SCRF 1 GHz linac → 8 GeV e<sup>-</sup> @ 1 MHz

6 FEL beamlines of different wavelengths

CDR in preparation

# Compact Linear Accelerator for Research and Applications (CLARA) / Full Energy Beam Exploitation (FEBE)

<https://www.astec.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/CLARA.aspx>



**FEL-quality 250 MeV beam @ 100Hz**

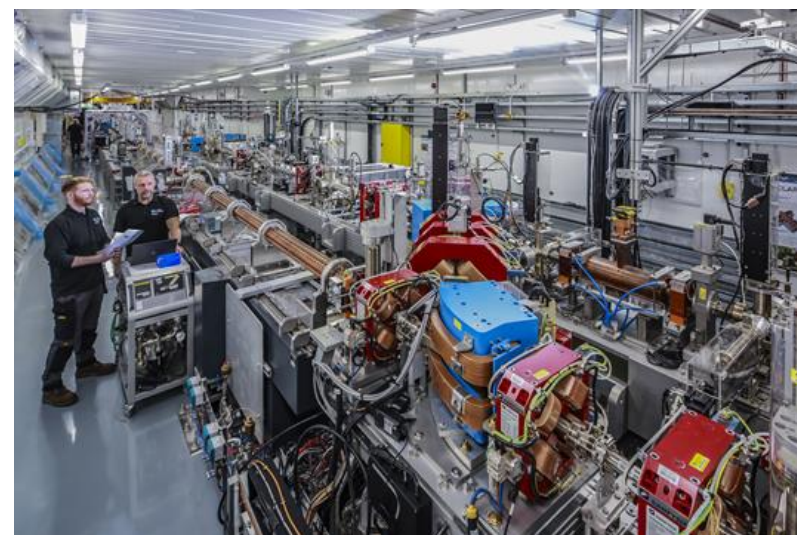
**+ 120TW laser system**

**test capability for UK XFEL**

**opportunity for wakefield acceleration tests**

**instrumentation development**

**medical applications (VHEE/FLASH)**



# Central Laser Facility: Extreme Photonics Applications Centre

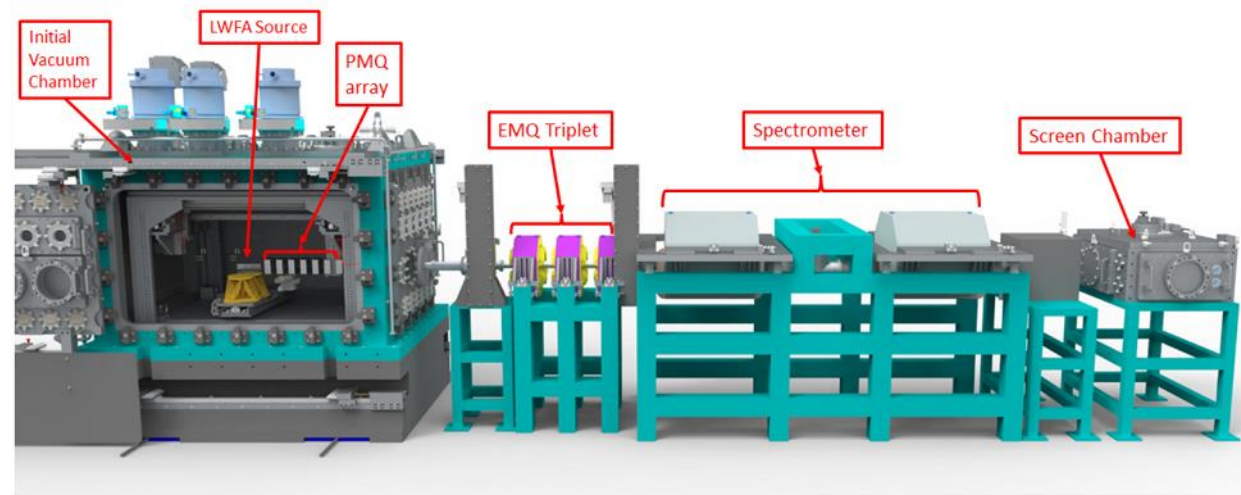
<https://www.clf.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/EPAC-introduction-page.aspx#>



**New laser facility with a dedicated experimental area for laser-wakefield acceleration**

**Supported by UK wakefield community**

**10 Hz PW laser**  
**1-10 GeV e- beams**  
**Operations from 2025**  
**Candidate for EuPRAXIA LWFA site**



# Particle physics possibilities

## ISIS-II:

**Beamlines for muon + flavour physics (eg. PSI)**

## UK X-FEL:

**Light dark matter (LDM) searches via 'dark bremsstrahlung' (eg. SLAC/LDMX)**

## CLARA, EPAC, UK XFEL:

**Strong-field QED tests (eg. DESY/LUXE)**

# Accelerator technology synergies with Particle Physics machines

## ISIS/ISIS-II:

- High-power targets and beam dumps (**JPARC, PIP-II, ILC, muon collider ...** )
- Novel ring design (**NuStorm, muon collider ...** )

## Diamond/Diamond-2:

- Low-emittance ring design (**ILC, CLIC, FCCee ...** )
- Magnets (**ILC, CLIC ...** )
- Beam position monitors (**FCCee**)
- Damping ring injection/extraction kickers (**ILC**)

## UK XFEL:

- RF, beam instrumentation, feedback + control (**ILC, CLIC ...** )

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**‘Phase 2’: £26M project 2020-26**

**STFC, John Adams, Cockcroft, Dundee,  
Southampton, CERN**

**Beam dynamics**

**Crab cavity cryomodules**

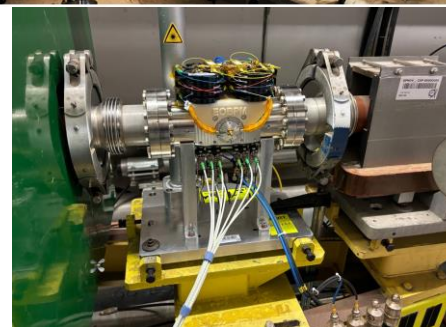
**Beam diagnostics**

**Cold powering distribution feedboxes**

**Laser engineered surface structures**

**Discussion of ‘phase 3’ started with STFC**

**Also work on LHC optics + BPMs  
(JAI/Oxford)**



**‘Phase 2’: £4M project 2020-25**

**STFC, John Adams, Cockcroft, Strathclyde**

**Design + optimisation of witness e- bunch**

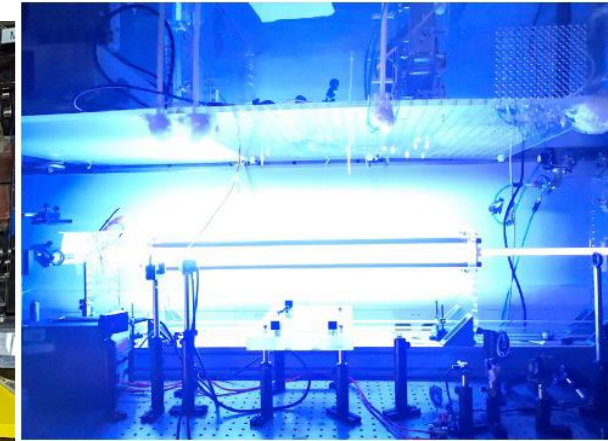
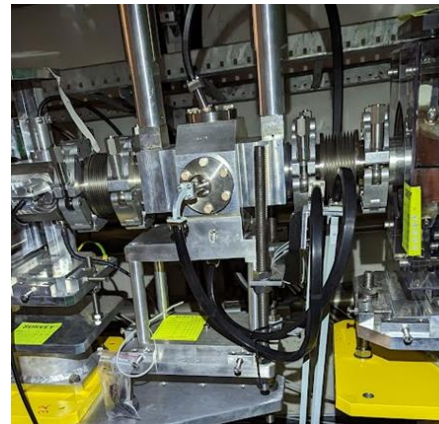
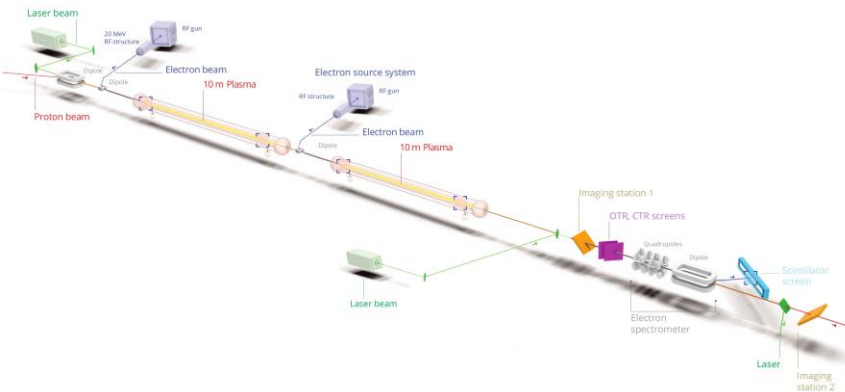
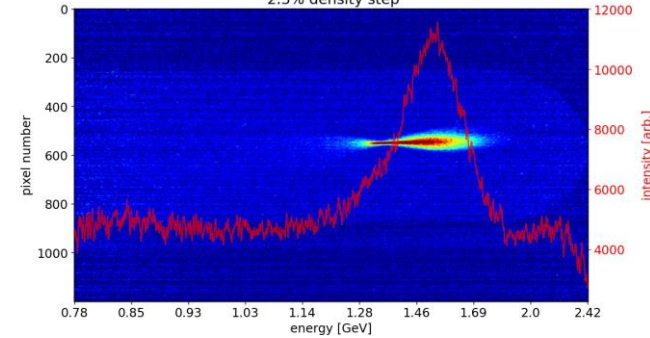
**Measuring e- bunch properties**

**Scalable plasma cell + diagnostics**

**Discussion of ‘phase 3’ (Runs 2c,d) started with STFC**



Electron acceleration with plasma density  $6 \times 10^{14} \text{cm}^{-3}$   
2.3% density step







# PIP-II

<https://www.astec.stfc.ac.uk/Pages/UK-US-PIP-II-Collaboration.aspx>



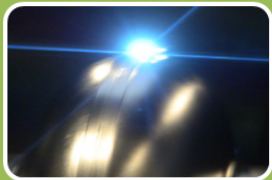
**Key element of UK £79M DUNE/LBNF project**  
**Builds on ESS + ELI/NP SRF projects**  
**→ SRF capability @ Daresbury Lab**  
**Synergies with SRF for UK-XFEL, ILC, FCCee ...**



## WP1 SRF Infrastructure

**Provision of all preparation, test and assembly facilities.**

Modify existing SRF facilities and provision of new cleanroom.  
Implementation of new cryomodule vessel assembly fixtures.



## WP2 UK Industry Development

**Demonstration of UK PIP-II cavity fabrication.**

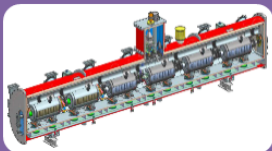
Development of EBW processes for Nb material.  
Provision of all SRF cavity fabrication facilities.



## WP3 Cavity Qualification

**Qualification of 18 (+2) x HB650 cavities.**

Procurement of Nb material and cavity fabrication from industry.  
Integration into testing infrastructure and validate.



## WP4 Cryomodule Integration

**Assembly of 3 x HB650 cryomodules.**

Prepare HB650 cavities and assemble cavity string in cleanroom.  
Integrate cavity string into HB650 cryomodule vessel.  
Transport integrated cryomodules to FNAL and acceptance test.



**2021-27**



pCM off-loading at Daresbury



# KEK/ATF2

<https://www-atf.kek.jp/atf/>



Final-focus 'nanobeam' test facility for future e+e- (linear) colliders

Strong investment (2005-10) from John Adams, Cockcroft, ASTeC:

Beam dynamics

Fast beam feedback/control (FONT)

Beam instrumentation

**Demonstrated 40nm beam = 7nm @ ILC**

Ongoing JAI programme via EAJADE:

Feedback optimisation (FONT)

Cavity BPMs

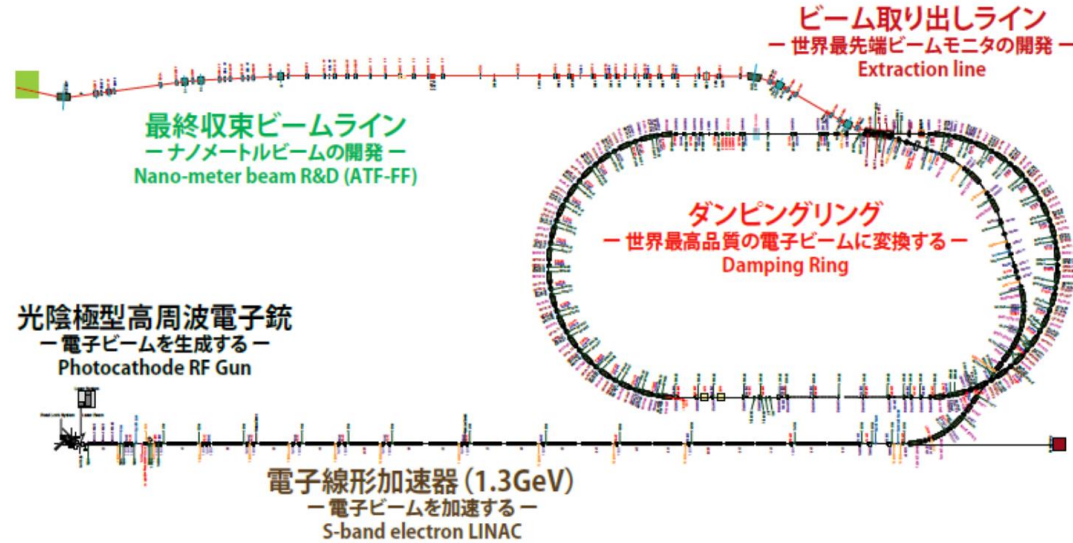
Automated:

Beam-based alignment

Dispersion-free steering

Wakefield-free steering

Development of ML techniques in Linac, Damping Ring, Beam Delivery System + Final Focus



**CLIC Test Facility (CTF3) →**

**CERN Linear Electron Accelerator for Research**

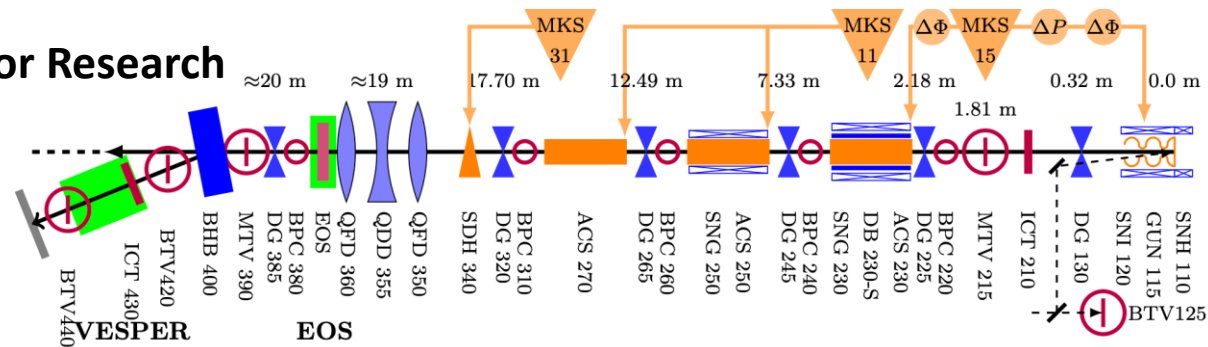
**Versatile user facility**

**200 MeV beam**

**20m experimental area**

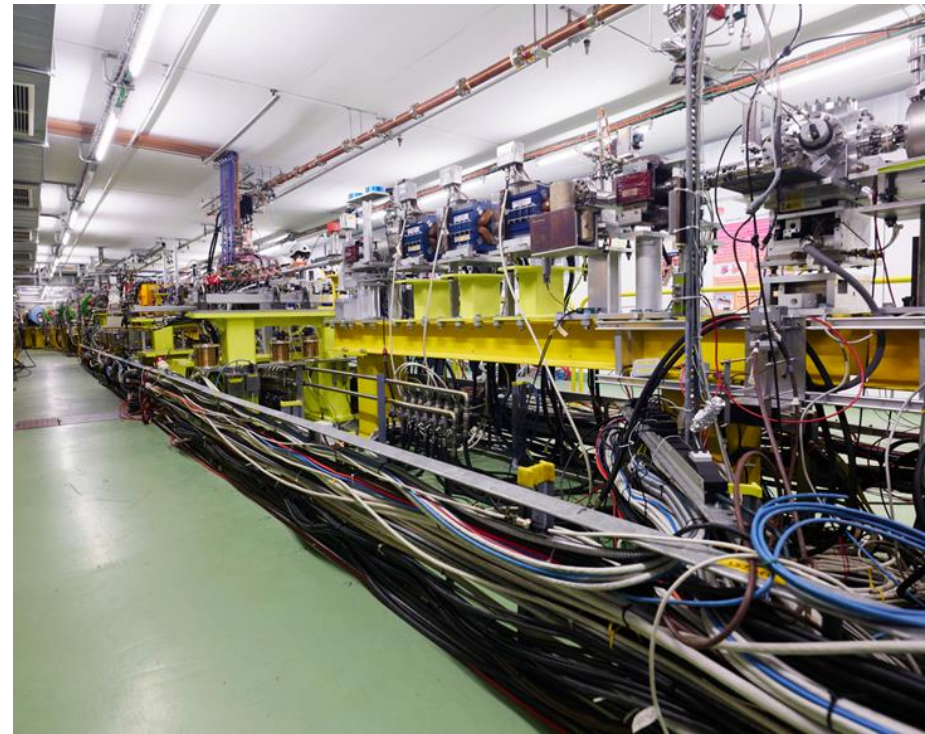
**flexible access**

**38 weeks operation (2023 + planned 2024)**



**Heavily used by UK accelerator groups:**  
**Manchester, Oxford, RHUL, Liverpool, Strathclyde, UCL**  
**Supports AWAKE, FCCee, CLIC, ILC ...**

**Operations directly supported by UK PDRAs + students @ CERN → unique training facility**  
**Vital electron capability/expertise @ CERN**



# Accelerator sustainability

## Exploring national Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Accelerators (CESA)

	Thin Film SRF cavity development	Fast reactive tuners for SRF cryomodules	High Efficiency Klystrons	Permanent Magnets for beamline magnets and klystrons	HTS Magnets	Machine Learning and AI applied to accelerators	High Efficiency Laser Wakefield Accelerators
Cost	6 money bags	1 money bag	2 money bags	1 money bag	4 money bags	1 money bag	3 money bags
Lab space	8 buildings	1 building	2 buildings	4 buildings	?	(none)	?
CO <sub>2</sub> and opex savings	6 clouds	1 cloud	6 clouds	2 clouds	3 clouds	2 clouds	?
Other benefits*	Factory and person	Factory and gear	Factory	Factory, person, and lightbulb	Factory and gear	Person	Factory and gear

\* partnership with industry; skills development; development/exploitation of IP; enabler for other green technologies

**R&D in key sustainability technologies**

**Tools, expertise and support of UKRI's Net Zero 2040 target**

**Strong international collaborations with accelerator institutes and industrial partners**

**Training in sustainable design + knowledge sharing**

**Education and outreach on sustainable accelerator technology**

**Strong community support**

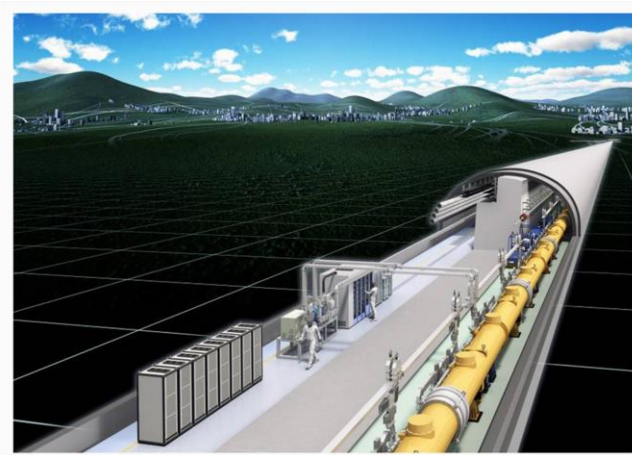
**Options analysis in progress with STFC**

**STFC/CERN agreement signed 22/3/24**



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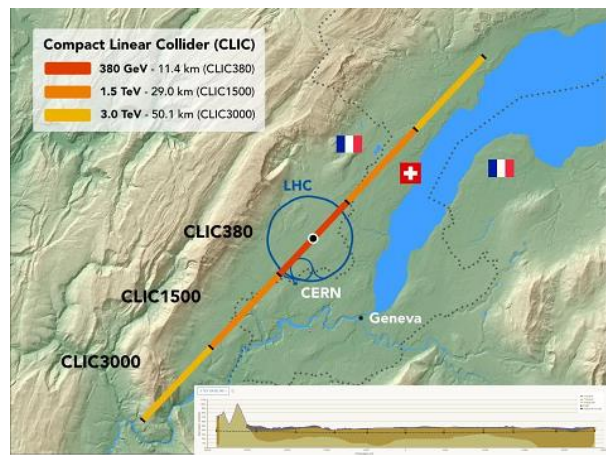
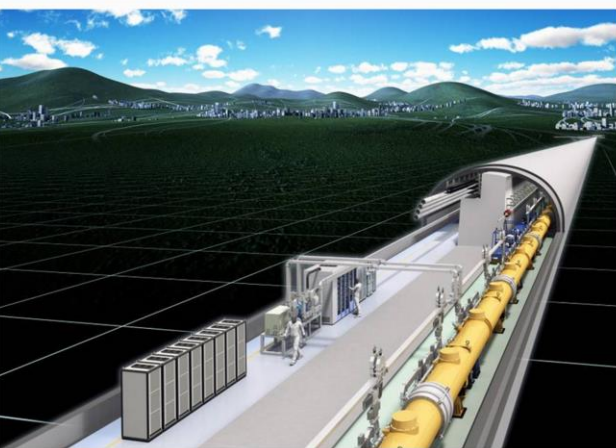
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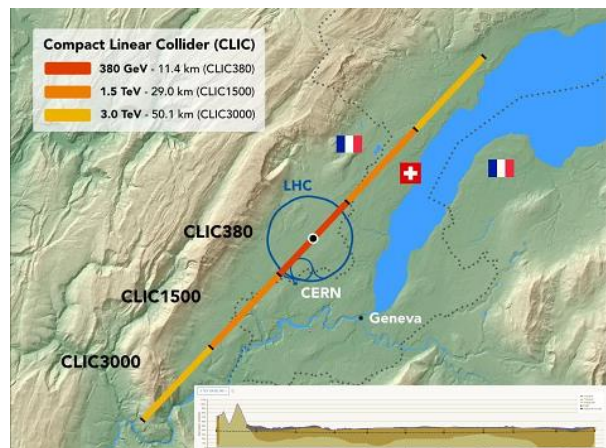
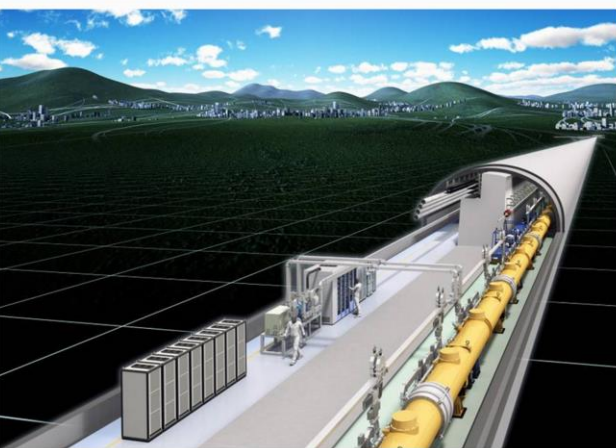
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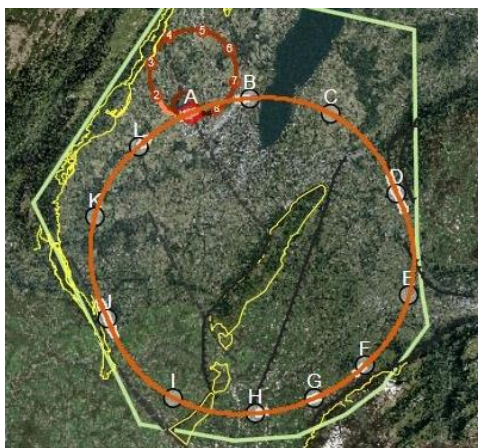
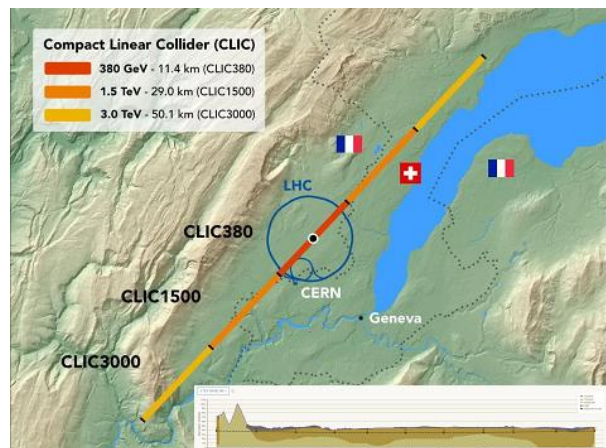
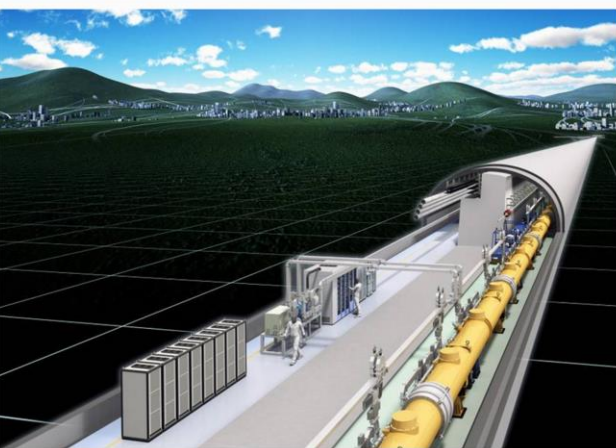
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**2015-19: EuroCircol: Beam dynamics + lattice design**

**2021-25: FCCIS**

**Feasibility study:**

**JAI students working on main ring BPMs and collision feedback**

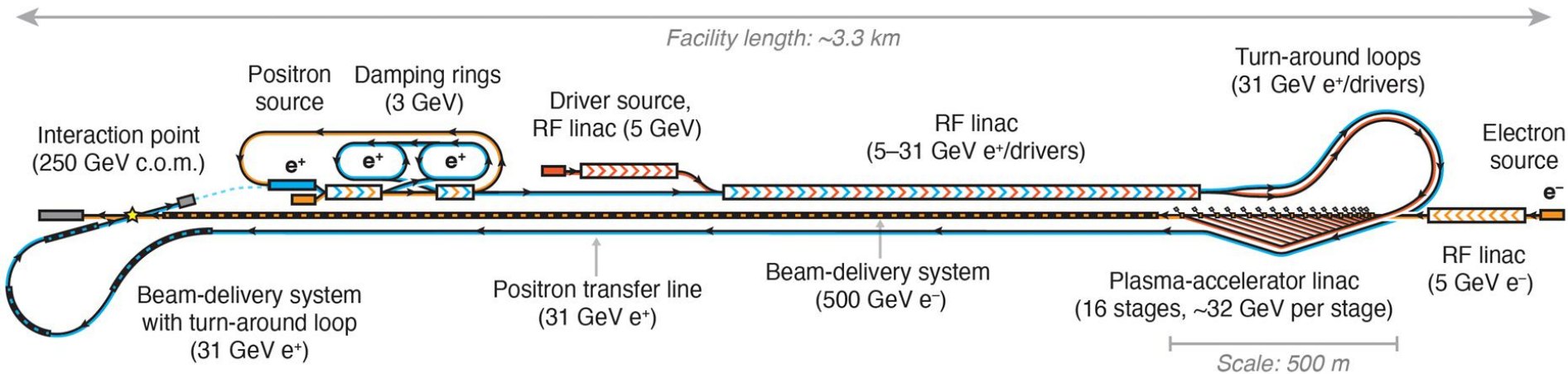


# Future colliders (2)

## Hybrid Asymmetric Linear Higgs Factory (HALHF)

[Foster, D'Arcy and Lindstrøm, New J. Phys. 25, 093037 \(2023\)](#)

[Lindstrøm, D'Arcy and Foster, arXiv:2312.04975](#)

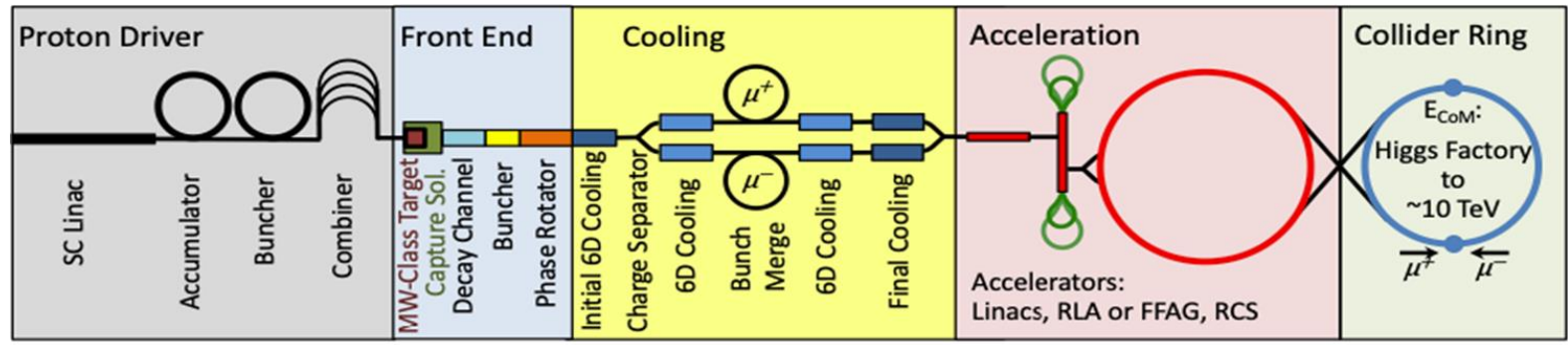


**Directly capitalises on UK expertise in wakefield acceleration and linear collider systems**

**(Currently no direct funding)**

# Future colliders (3)

## Muon Collider



UK expertise in intense beams (ISIS) + high-power targets

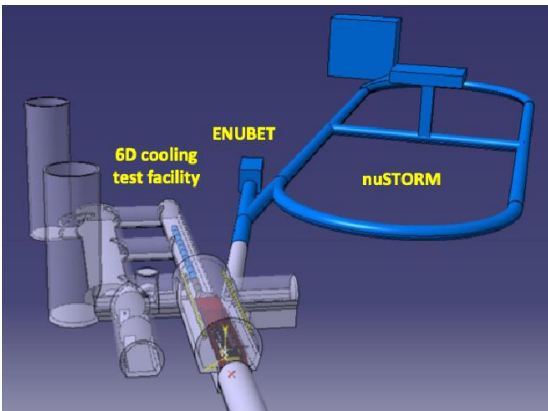
ISIS muon beam → Muon Ionisation & Cooling Experiment (MICE)

I.FAST: horn pion capture

MuCol: p driver,  
6D cooling

Target  
Muon accelerator

NuStorm



# Laboratory Directors' Group



## LDG Composition

### ▶ Laboratory representatives

- ▶ S. Bentvelsen (NIKHEF)
  - ▶ Will be replaced during 2024
- ▶ F. Bossi (LNF)
  - ▶ -> Paola Gianotti from August 2024
- ▶ J. Clarke (DL)
- ▶ N. Colino (CIEMAT)
- ▶ F. Gianotti (CERN)
- ▶ B. Heinemann (DESY)
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- ▶ D. Newbold (RAL)
  - ▶ -> Sinead Farrington from January 2025
- ▶ E. Previtali (LNGS)
- ▶ F. Sabatie (IRFU)
- ▶ M. Seidel (PSI)
- ▶ A. Stocchi (IJCLab)

### ▶ Standing observers

- ▶ P. Sphicas (ECFA Chair)
- ▶ M. Lamont (CERN Directorate)
- ▶ J. Mnich (CERN Directorate)
- ▶ H. Montgomery (SPC Chair)

### ▶ Secretary

- ▶ E. Tsemelis (CERN)

### ▶ Extended LDG members

- ▶ G. Bisoffi (RF) + P. Macintosh
- ▶ W. Leemans (LPA) + R. Patahill
- ▶ S. Stapnes (Muons) + D. Schulte
- ▶ J. D'Hondt (ERL) + M. Klein
- ▶ P. Vedrine (HFM)
- ▶ C. Bloise + M. Titov (Sust. panel)

# Max Klein (1951-2024)



# Summary – needs work!

**UK has strong history of accelerator development**

**World-leading national user facilities for synchrotron radiation (Diamond) and neutron production (ISIS):**

**upgrades are approved (Diamond-2) and in planning (ISIS-II)**

**UK-XFEL in consideration, CLARA/FEBE in commissioning**

**Particle Physics: strong contributions to overseas facilities @ CERN, FNAL, KEK ...**

**Two national academic centres: John Adams Institute + Cockcroft Institute  
train PhD students + postdocs, research @ national/overseas facilities**

**Accelerator R&D community is small:**

**ASTeC + JAI + CI + universities: 400 (including students)**

**Resources are limited:**

**STFC Programmes accelerator R&D line ~ £11M/year (CHECK):**

**→ core funding for JAI, CI + ASTeC**

**→ HL-LHC, AWAKE projects (H3+Beams due to start)**

**Benefit greatly from EU project funding via Horizon Europe**

# Thanks to UK colleagues

**Jim Clarke, Stewart Boogert, Stephen Gibson, Dave Newbold**

# Extra material

# EU projects

<https://www.awake-uk.org/>



**ARIES**

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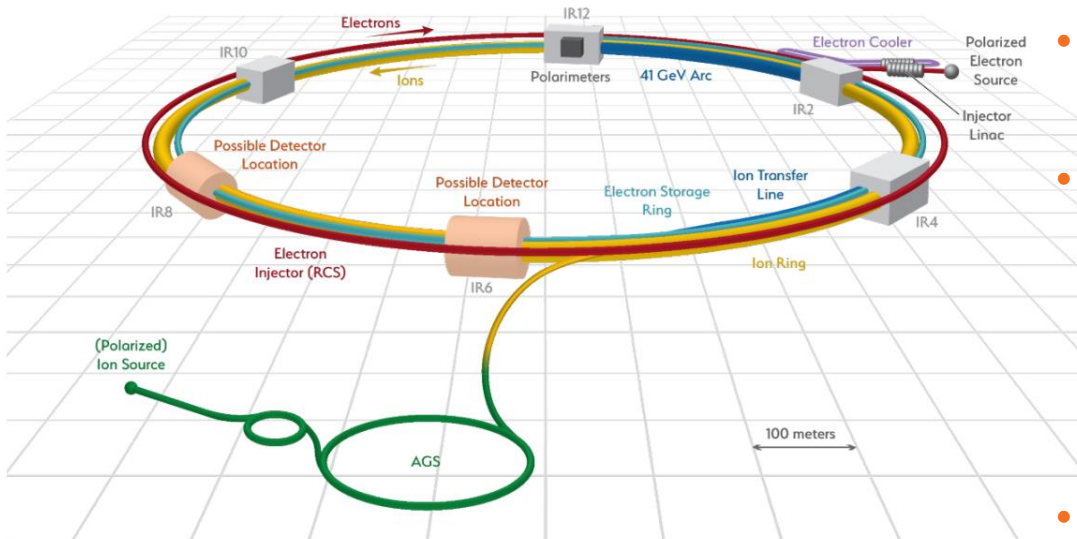
**EUROLabs**

**MuCol**

**PACRI**



# Electron Ion Collider



- UK expertise is directly applicable at EIC
- UK EIC proposal submitted to UKRI:
  - Combined proposals from detector and accelerator communities
  - Detector + crab cavity work funding recently announced, £59M
- UK EIC accelerator consortium formed with potential for future contributions:
  - **Diagnostics:** Electro-optical techniques developed at HL-LHC
  - **Fast timing** expertise developed at FONT